

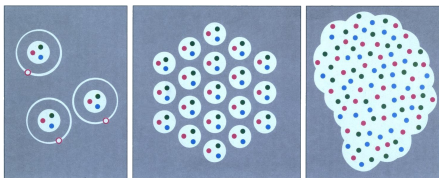
# Gauge Corrections to Strong Coupling LQCD on Anisotropic Lattices

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## Motivation:

- 1 **Anisotropic lattices:** necessary to study thermodynamics in strong coupling regime ( $\beta$  fixed)
- 2 Anisotropy has been studied in a dual formulation **in the strong coupling limit**, both for zero and non-zero quark mass
- 3 We extend these results to **finite  $\beta$**  (here: chiral limit)

## Content:

- 1 Lattice QCD in the **Dual Representation**, Role of Anisotropy
- 2 Results on Anisotropy and Continuous Time Limit
- 3 Some results on the **phase diagram**

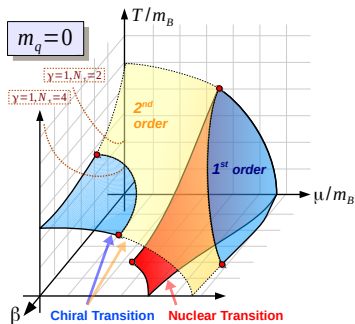
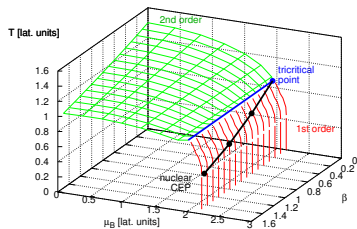
# Goal: What does the Phase Diagram including $\beta$ look like?

Phase Diagram in the Strong Coupling Regime:

- obtained via reweighting  
[Langelage, de Forcrand, Philipsen & U., *PRL* 113 (2014)]
- important question: what happens to the chiral (tri)-critical point?

One of several **possible scenarios** for the extension to the continuum:

- back plane: strong coupling phase diagram ( $\beta = 0$ ,  $a$  large),  $N_f = 1$  (doublers decouple)
- front plane: continuum phase diagram ( $\beta = \infty$ ,  $a = 0$ ),  $N_f = 4$  (no rooting)
- number of Goldstone bosons matter, between 1 at strong coupling and 15 in continuum.
- **anisotropy  $\gamma \neq 1$  crucial**



# Why Lattice QCD in a Dual Formulation?

**1** **Dual representation:** color singlets (integers) as dual variables

- all gauge fields  $U_\mu(x)$  are integrated out
- at strong coupling: link states are **mesons** and **baryons**  
[Kawamoto & Smit '81], [Rossi & Wolff' 84], [Karsch & Mütter '89]
- at  $\beta > 0$ : color singlets, triplets, ... which can include **gluon contributions**

**2** "Solution" to a sign problem:

- $Z = \sum_{\{C\}} w(C)$  has negative/complex weights  $w(C)$ ,
- sampling with "wrong" weight exponentially hard  $\langle e^{i\phi} \rangle_{||} = e^{-\frac{V}{T} \Delta f}$
- find a **new representation**  $\{C'\}$  such that  $\tilde{w}(C') \geq 0$   
(or a representation  $\{C'\}$  where  $\Delta f$  small enough for practical purposes)

**3** Sign problem in strong coupling regime  $\beta = \frac{6}{g^2} \lesssim 1$  **mild enough**  
to study full phase diagram:

- baryons are heavy:  $\Delta_f \simeq 10^{-5} \rightarrow$  **reweighting** of the sign feasible
- **resummations** of world-lines possible to reduce the sign problem further
- color singlets (hadrons) closer to **physical states** than colored gauge links

Note: Dual/worldline formulations also useful in many other lattice field theories,  
see also talks by [Christopf Gattringer],[Maria Anosova], [Daniel Göschl], [Oliver Orasch]

# Chiral Transition and Nuclear Transition

**Chiral symmetry** in SC-LQCD with **staggered fermions** for  $N_f = 1$ :

$$U(1)_V \times U(1)_{55} : \quad \chi(x) \mapsto e^{i\epsilon(x)\theta_A + i\theta_V} \chi(x), \quad \epsilon(x) = (-1)^{x_1+x_2+x_3+x_4}$$

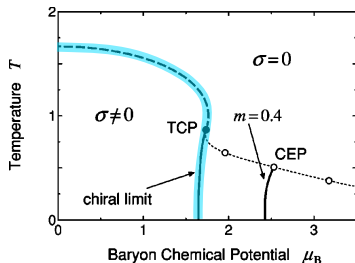
- $U(1)_V$  baryon number conserved
- $U(1)_{55}$  chiral symmetry spontaneously broken at low temperatures/densities
- expected to be O(2) 2nd order ( $\mu = 0$ )
- note: no chiral anomaly at  $\beta = 0$

Nuclear Transition ( $T=0$ ):

- **baryon crystal** forms (Pauli saturation)
- chiral symmetry restored
- expected to be 1st order

Existence of a **Tricritical Point**:

- chiral TCP and nuclear CEP coincide



Strong coupling phase diagram via mean field: [Nishida, PRD 69 (2004)]

For gauge corrections in MF see also [Nakano, Miura, Ohnishi, PRD 83 (2010)]

## Dual Formulation: monomers+dimers+worldlines+worksheets

$$Z(m_q, \mu) = \sum_{\{k, n, \ell, n_p\}} \prod_{b=(x, \mu)} \underbrace{\frac{(N_c - k_b)!}{N_c! (k_b - |f_b|)!}}_{\text{singlet hoppings } M_x M_y} \prod_x \underbrace{\frac{N_c!}{n_x!} (2am_q)^{n_x}}_{\text{chiral condensate } \bar{\psi} \psi} \prod_{\ell_3} \underbrace{w(\ell_3, \mu)}_{\text{triplet hoppings } \bar{B}_x B_y} \prod_{\ell_f} \underbrace{\tilde{w}(\ell_f, \mu)}_{\text{weight modifications}} \prod_P \underbrace{\frac{\left(\frac{\beta}{2N_c}\right)^{n_P + \bar{n}_P}}{n_P! \bar{n}_P!}}_{\text{gluon propagation}}$$

$k_b \in \{0, \dots, N_c\}$ ,  $n_x \in \{0, \dots, N_c\}$ ,  $\ell_b \in \{0, \pm 1\}$ ,  $f_b = \partial n_p$ ,  $f_x = \frac{1}{2} \sum_b |f_b|$

[G. Gagliardi, Kim & U. arXiv:1710.07564]

- color constraint:

$$n_x + \sum_{\hat{\nu}=\pm\hat{0}, \dots, \pm\hat{d}} \left( k_{\hat{\nu}}(x) + \frac{N_c}{2} |\ell_{\hat{\nu}}(x)| \right) = N_c + f_x$$

- 3-flux weight  $\tilde{w}(\ell_f)$  involves additional **site weights**  $v_x$  and **link weights**  $w_b(B)$

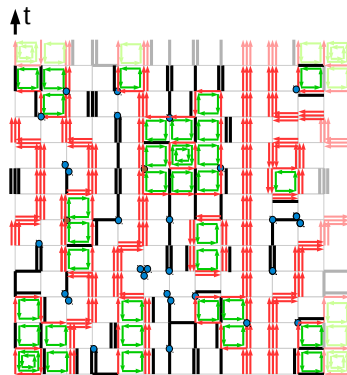
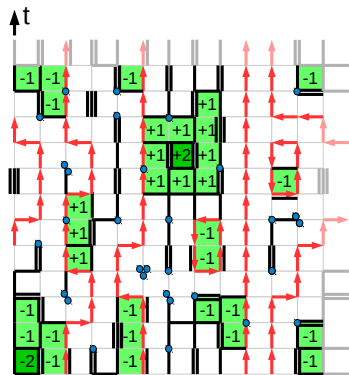
Sign of a configuration factorizes in **3-flux sign** and **gauge flux sign!**

$$\sigma(C) = \prod_{\ell_f} \sigma(\ell_f) \prod_{\ell_3} \sigma(\ell_3), \quad \sigma(\ell) = (-1)^{1+w(\ell)+N-(\ell)} \prod_{\tilde{\ell}} \eta_{\mu}(x)$$

- -1 for each fermion loop, for each backward hopping (spatial or temporal) for each winding number (antiperiodic bc), and product of staggered phases

# Typical Configurations

- 2-dimensional illustration at finite temperature, finite chemical potential, finite quark mass, finite gauge coupling
- simulations run in 3+1 dimensions



Dual variables used for Monte Carlo

Representation in terms of quark lines

# Strong Coupling LQCD at Finite Temperature

How to vary the temperature?

- $aT = 1/N_t$  is discrete with  $N_t$  even
- $aT_c \simeq 1.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad$  we cannot address the phase transition!

**Solution:** introduce an **anisotropy**  $\gamma$  in the Dirac couplings such that  $a_t \neq a_s = a$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_F = \sum_{\mu} \frac{\gamma^{\delta_{\mu 0}}}{2} \eta_{\nu}(x) \left( e^{\mu \delta_{\mu 0}} \bar{\chi}(x) U_{\nu}(x) \chi(x + \hat{\mu}) - e^{-\mu \delta_{\mu 0}} \bar{\chi}(x + \hat{\mu}) U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(x) \chi(x) \right)$$
$$Z_F(m_q, \mu, \gamma) = \sum_{\{k, n, \ell\}} \prod_{b=(x, \mu)} \frac{(N_c - k_b)!}{N_c! k_b!} \gamma^{2k_b \delta_{\mu 0}} \prod_x \frac{N_c!}{n_x!} (2am_q)^{n_x} \prod_{\ell} w(\ell, \mu)$$

- Meanfield at strong coupling:  $\frac{a_s}{a_t} \equiv \xi(\gamma) = \gamma^2$ , since  $\gamma_c^2 = N_t \frac{(d-1)(N_c+1)(N_c+2)}{6(N_c+3)}$

$\Rightarrow$  definition of the temperature:  $aT = \frac{\xi(\gamma)}{N_t}$

However:

Need to know the **precise correspondence between**  $\xi \equiv a_s/a_t$  **and**  $\gamma$

- Nonperturbative result:  $\xi(\gamma) \approx \kappa \gamma^2 + \frac{\gamma^2}{1 + \lambda \gamma^4}, \quad \kappa = 0.781(1)$



# Status of SC-QCD on Anisotropic Lattices

Anisotropic Lattices:  $\xi \equiv \frac{a_s}{a_t} > 1$

- idea of **anisotropy calibration**: determine  $\gamma$  such that  $N_s a_s \stackrel{!}{=} N_t a_t \Rightarrow \xi = \frac{N_t}{N_s}$
- use conserved current related to pion:

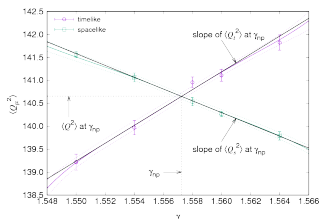
$$j_\mu(x) = \sigma(x) \left( k_\mu(x) - \frac{3}{2} |b_{x,\mu}| \right)$$

[Chandrasekharan & Jiang '03]

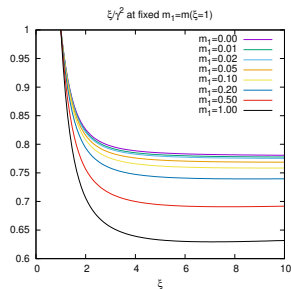
- relation  $\xi \leftrightarrow \gamma$  has been studied for  $m_q = 0$ ,  $\beta = 0$ , defines unambiguously the **continuous time limit**:  $a_t \rightarrow 0$  ( $N_t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$  at fixed  $aT = \frac{\xi}{N_t}$ )
- calibration of  $\gamma$  extended to finite  $m_q$ , **non-perturbative correction factor**  $\kappa(m_q) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\xi}{\gamma^2}$  has simple mass dependence
- temperature and chemical potential defined as  $aT = \kappa(m_1)[aT]_{mf}$ ,  $a\mu_B = \kappa(\hat{m})[a\mu_B]_{mf}$

To be addressed here:

- calibration of  $\gamma$  extended to **finite  $\beta$** :  $\xi(\gamma, \beta)$

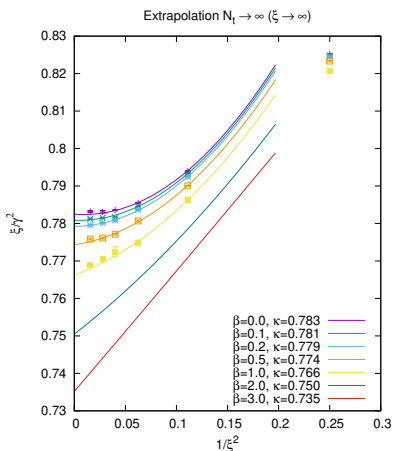
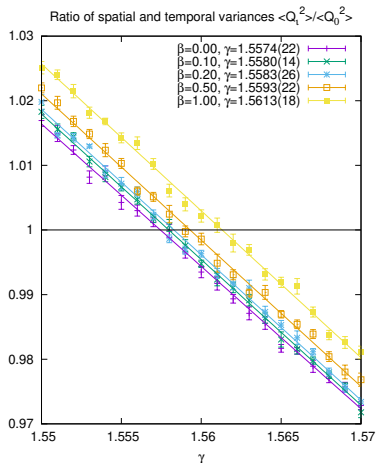


[de Forcrand, U., Vairinhos *PRD* 97 (2018)]



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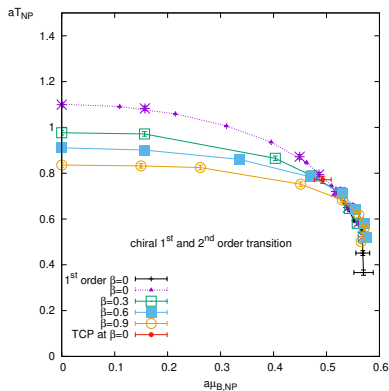
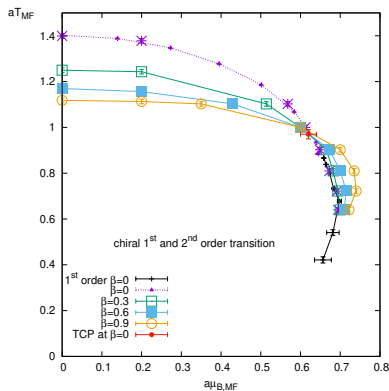
# Anisotropy Calibration at finite $\beta$



- *Left:* determination of  $\gamma$  for various  $\beta$  by requiring the ratio of charge fluctuations to be the same. *Right:* extrapolation of the correction factor  $\xi/\gamma^2$  towards continuous time.

# Phase Diagram in the Strong Coupling Regime

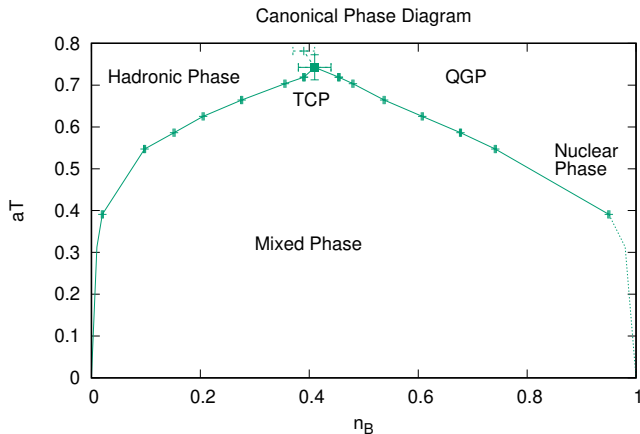
Preliminary result before (left) and after (right) taking into account the non-perturbative anisotropy  $\xi(\gamma, \beta)$ :



- **backbending vanished**
- Tri-critical point no longer at intersection
- need detailed analysis of whether the TCP is  $\beta$ -dependent

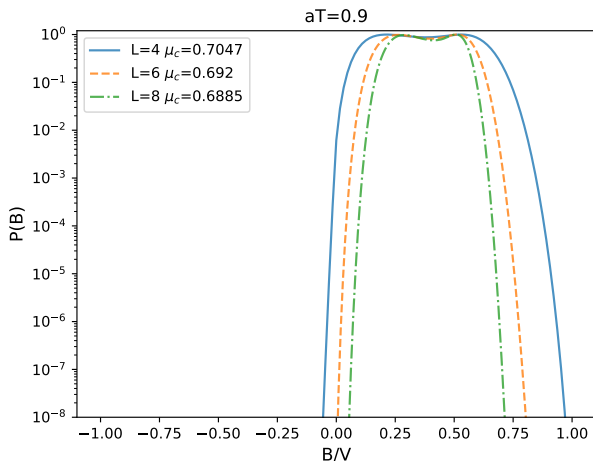
# Canonical Phase Diagram

- canonical phase diagram:  $n_B - T$  plane instead  $\mu_B - T$  plane
- obtained via the **Wang-Landau method**
- mixed phase ends in tri-critical point (chiral limit)
- to do: extended to  $\beta > 0$



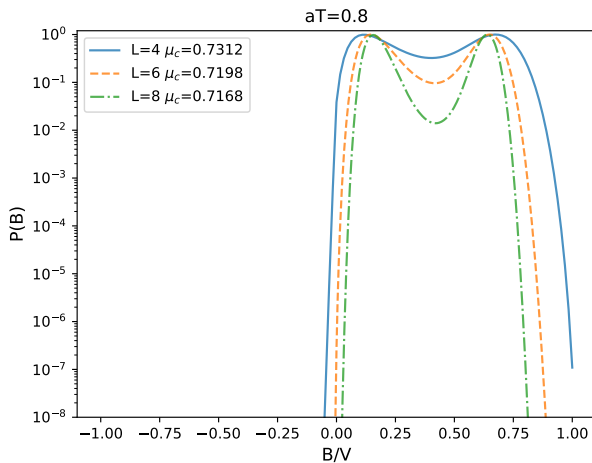
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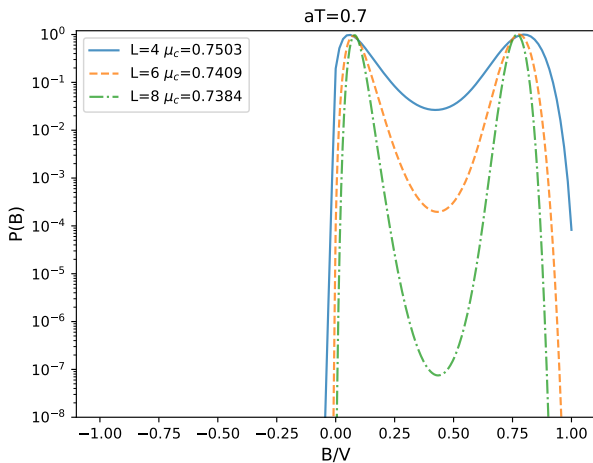
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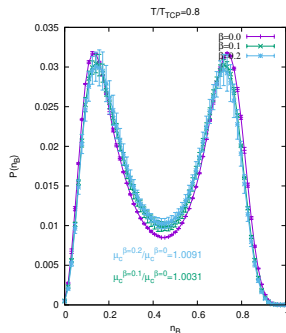
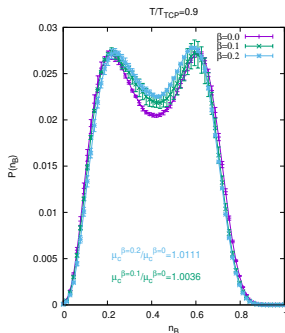
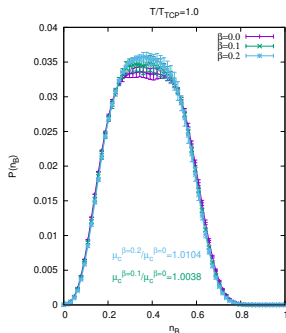
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## Probability Distribution: $\beta$ -dependence

- Wang-Landau method can be extended to finite  $\beta$
- the first order transition weakens with  $\beta$
- the critical chemical potential increases with  $\beta$





# Conclusions

## Results:

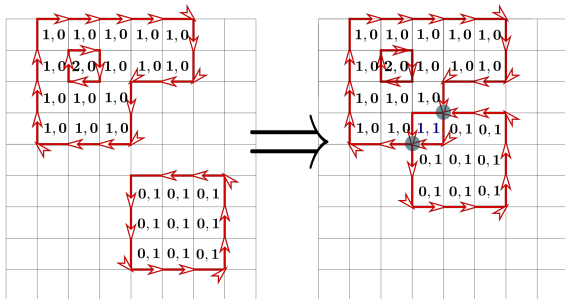
- anisotropy  $\frac{a}{a_t} \equiv \xi(\gamma, \beta)$  determined non-perturbatively for  $m_q = 0$
- allows to measure thermodynamical observables correctly
- allows **unambiguous identification of phase boundary**
- simulations in continuous time limit  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$  also well defined at  $\beta > 0$   
→ last talk by **Marc Klegrew**:  
“Continuous Time Simulations of SC-LQCD at Finite Baryon Density”
- extension to finite quark mass:  
→ talk by **Jangho Kim**:  
“ $\beta$  Dependence of the Nuclear Transition Points at Finite Quark Mass”
- first results for the **canonical phase diagram** for  $\beta > 0$

## Goals: **extend range of validity** to $\beta > 1$

- character expansion needed to reduce the sign problem further
- requires to solve more complicated Gauge- and Grassmann integrals  
→ tensor network, computationally demanding

## Higher order plaquette excitations

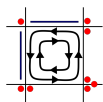
- So far simulations in the dual formulation **limited to plaquette worldsheets bounded by disconnected quark loops**.
- Intersection between surfaces generates contributions that require more sophisticated calculations (non-trivial polynomial integration over  $SU(N_c)$  + Grassman integration).

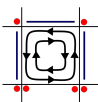


We developed analytic techniques to evaluate these **NLO**  $\beta$ -contributions.

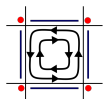
## Higher order $\beta$ -corrections

- depending on the quark content circulating on the lattice and the plaquette excitations, **several diagrams must be computed**
- example: for a single plaquette-antiplaquette excitation with  $n_p = \bar{n}_p = 1$  (genuine  $O(\beta^2)$  correction) we have several monomer-dimer coverings:

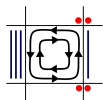


$$\rightarrow \frac{\beta^2}{(2N_c)^2} \frac{(2am_q)^8}{2!2!3!} (N_c!)^3 (N_c - 1)!$$


$$\rightarrow \frac{\beta^2}{(2N_c)^2} \frac{(2am_q)^6}{2!2!} (N_c!)^2 ((N_c - 1)!)^2$$



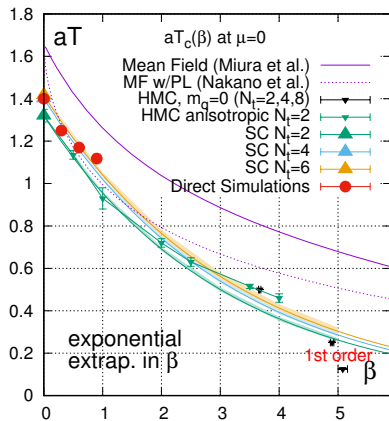
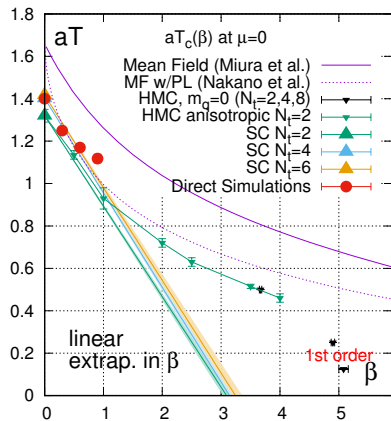
$$\rightarrow \frac{\beta^2}{(2N_c)^2} (2am_q)^4 \frac{N_c^8 - 4N_c^6 + 4N_c^4 + 2}{(N_c^2 - 1)^4} (N_c - 1)!^4$$



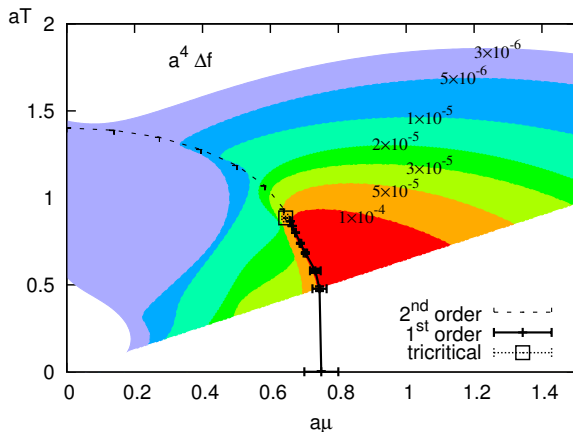
$$\rightarrow \frac{\beta^2}{(2N_c)^2} \frac{(2am_q)^4}{2!2!3!} \frac{N_c^2 + 3N_c + 2}{(N_c^2 - 1)(N_c^2 - 4)} N_c!^2 (N_c - 1)!^2$$

- however: **difficult to sample** (non-local weights)

# Hybrid Monte Carlo Crosschecks



## Residual Sign Problem in Dual Representation



- average sign:  $\langle \text{sign} \rangle \simeq e^{-\frac{V}{T} \Delta_f}$
- volumes  $32^3 \times N_t$  can be easily simulated at tricritical point
- sign problem more **severe at low temperatures**