

# Chiral and deconfinement aspects of QCD transition at finite temperature and the equation of state

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How does chiral symmetry restoration happens at high  $T$  ?

What is the interplay between chiral symmetry restoration and axial ( $U_A(1)$ ) anomaly?

How does EoS changes with increasing temperatures

How do we understand deconfinement in QCD with light quarks (absence of order parameter) ?

Is there is an interplay between chiral transition and deconfinement transition ?

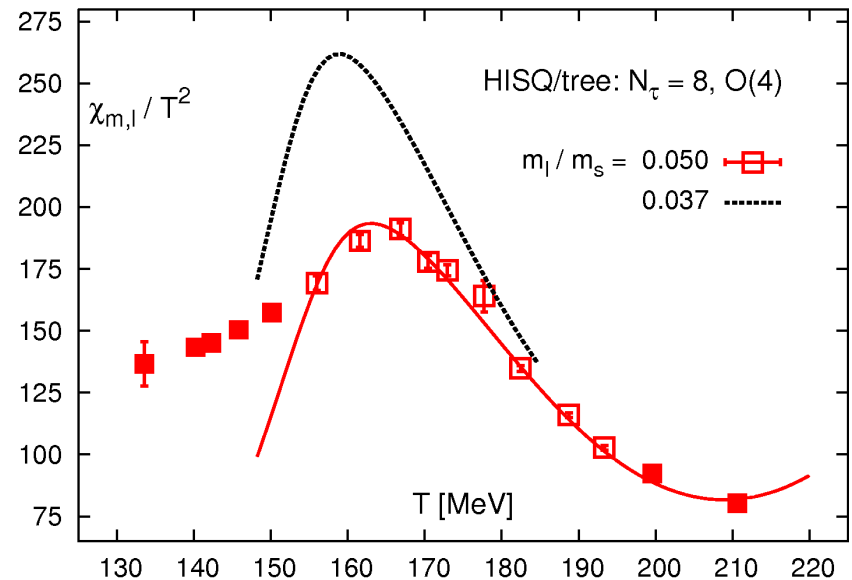
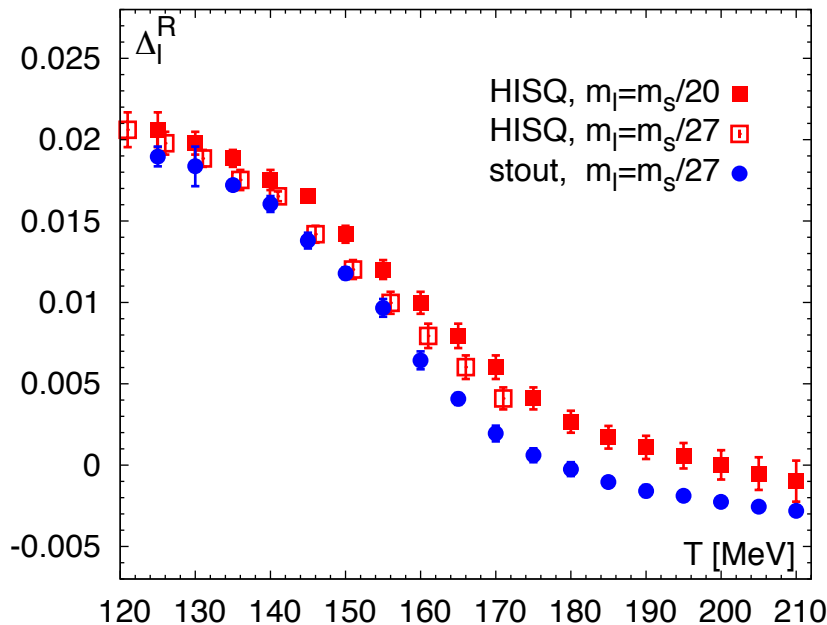
# The temperature dependence of chiral condensate

Renormalized chiral condensate introduced by Budapest-Wuppertal collaboration

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_q \Rightarrow \Delta_q^R(T) = m_s r_1^4 \left( \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{q,T} - \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{q,T=0} \right) + d, \quad q = l, s$$

with our choice :  $d = \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{m_q=0}^{T=0}$

HotQCD : Phys. Rev. D85 (2012) 054503;  
Bazavov, PP, RRD 87(2013) 094505



The chiral transition temperature in the continuum limit at physical point:

$$T_c = (154 \pm 8 \pm 1(\text{scale}))\text{MeV}$$

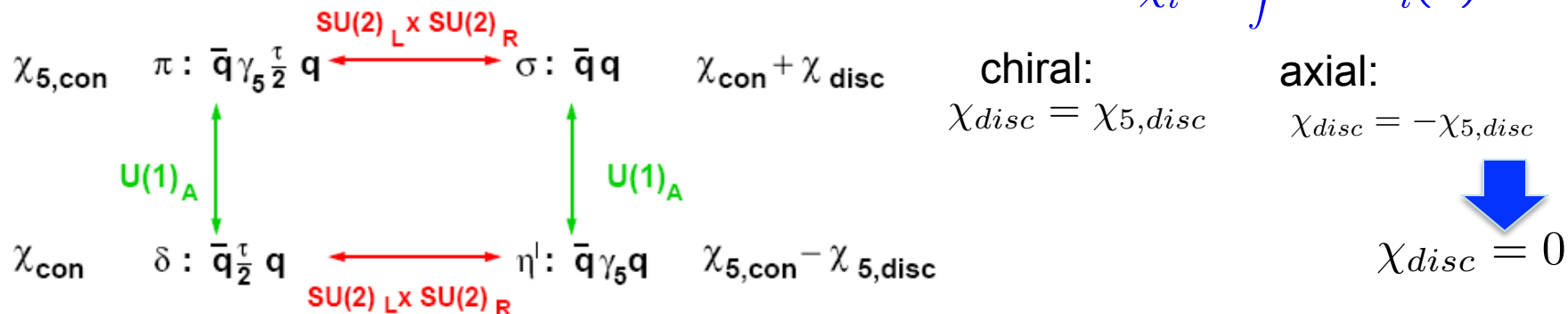
The chiral transition is compatible with  $O(N)$  scaling and thus with 2<sup>nd</sup> order transition for  $m_l=0$

**Problem:** staggered fermions

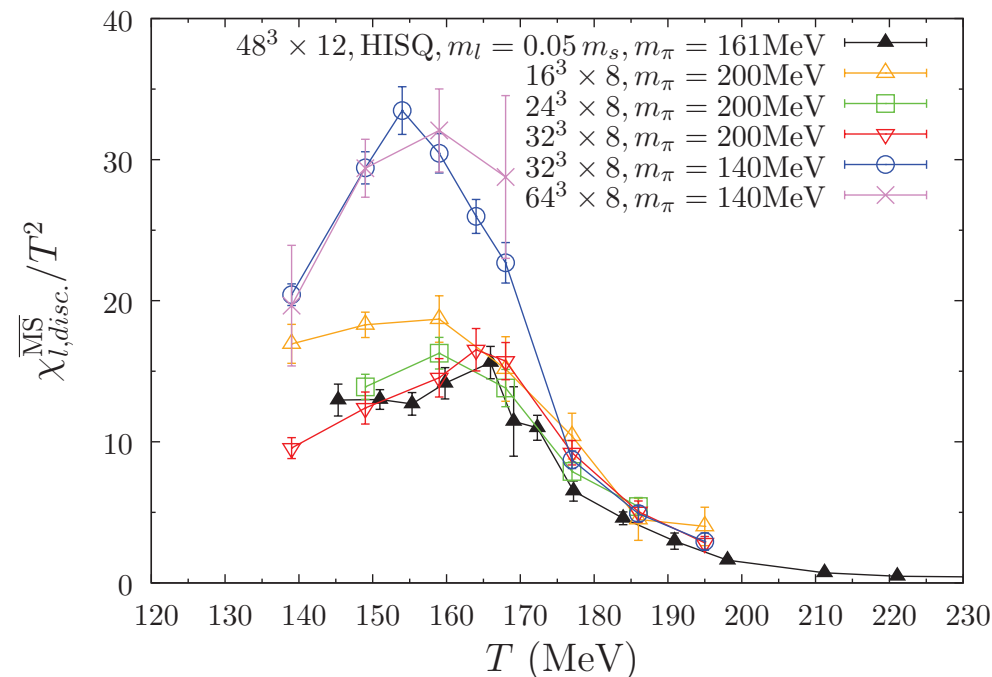
# Chiral and transitions with Domain Wall Fermions

1<sup>st</sup> order chiral in QCD restoration if  $U_A(1)$  is restored at  $T_c$

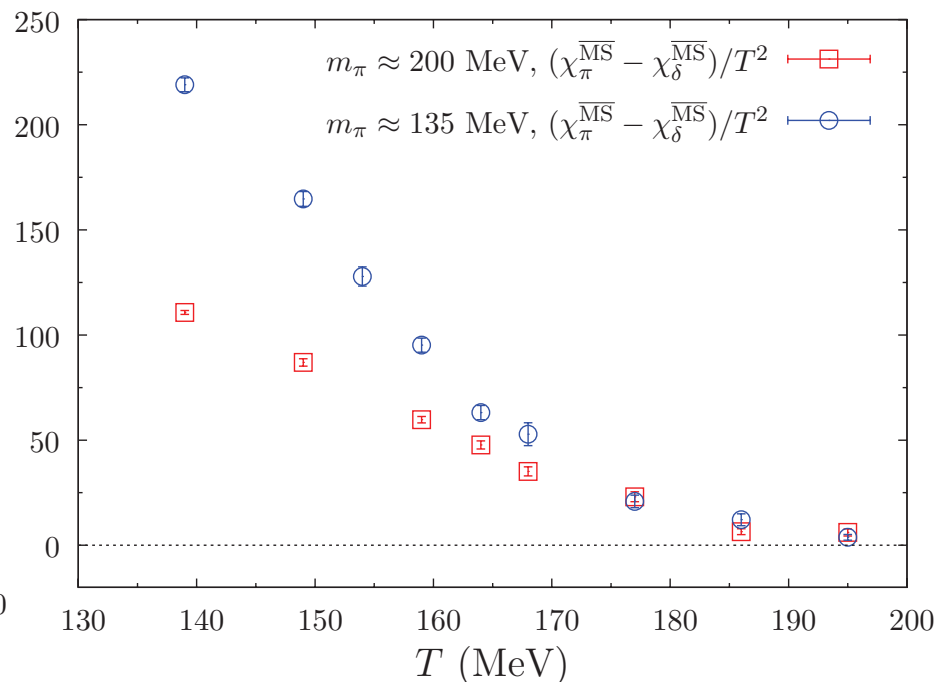
$$\chi_i = \int d^4x G_i(x)$$



Bhattacharya et al (HotQCD) PRL 113 (2014) 082001

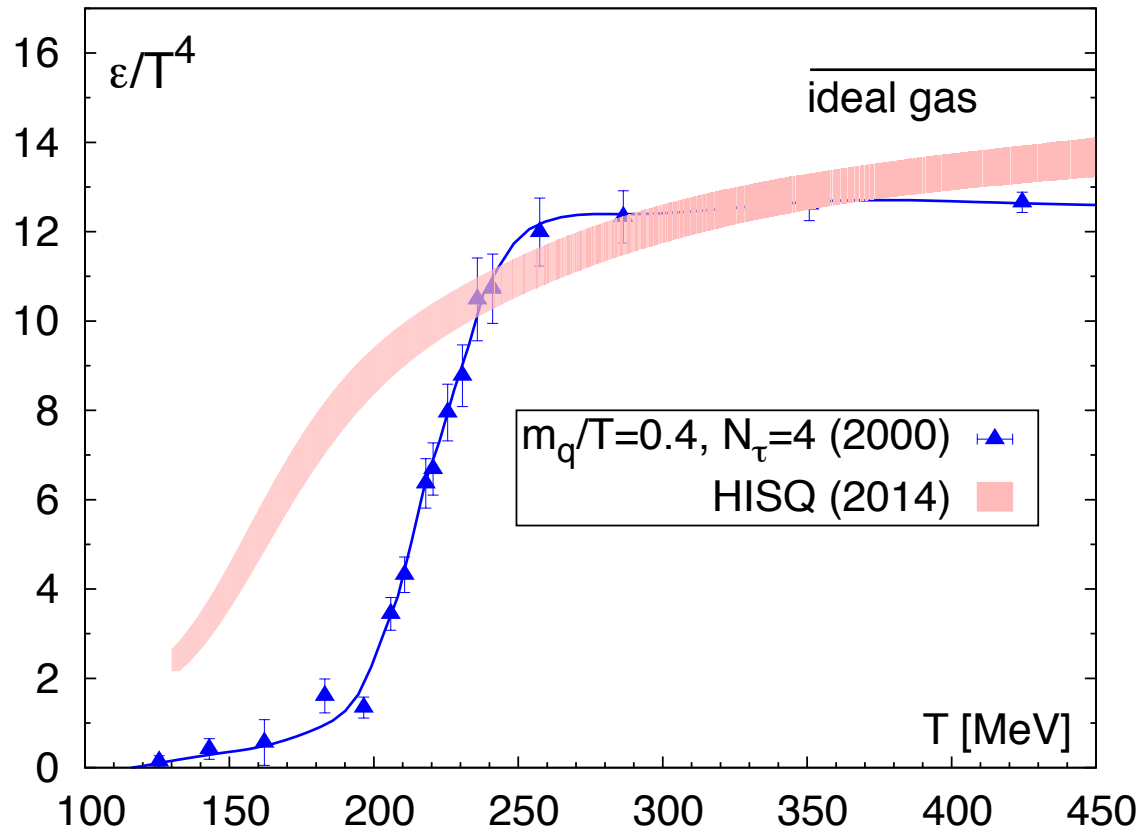


Peak position roughly agrees with staggered results,  $T_c = 155(1)(8)$  MeV



axial symmetry is effectively restored  $T > 200$  MeV !

## How Equation of state changed since 2000



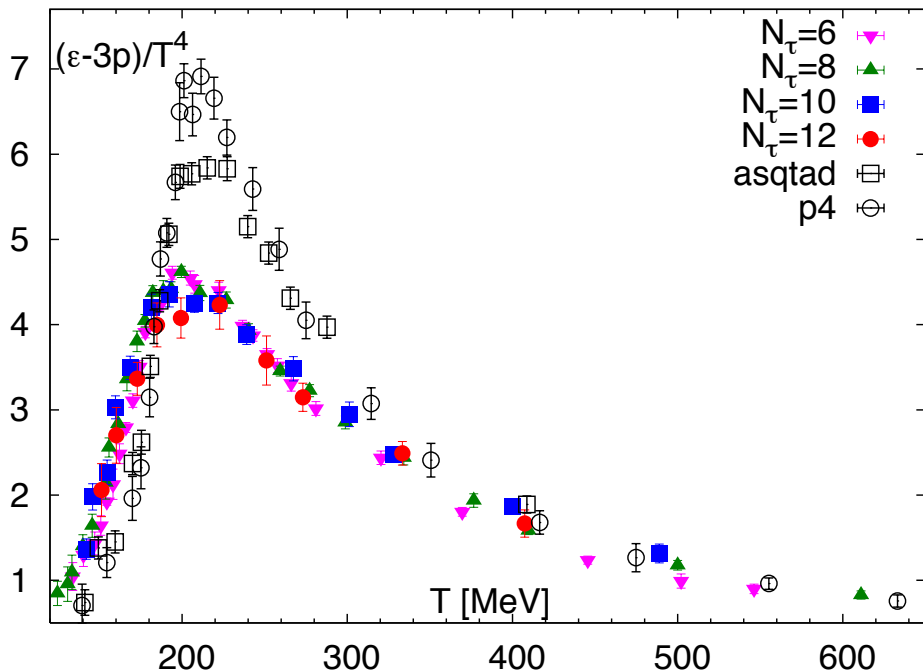
- Much smoother transition to QGP
- The energy density keeps increasing up to 450 MeV instead of flattening

# Trace anomaly and the integral method

$$\frac{\Theta^{\mu\mu}(T)}{T^4} = \frac{\varepsilon - 3p}{T^4} = T \frac{d}{dT} \left( \frac{p}{T^4} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{p(T)}{T^4} - \frac{p(T_0)}{T_0^4} = \int_{T_0}^T dT' \frac{\Theta^{\mu\mu}(T')}{T'^5},$$

$$\frac{\Theta^{\mu\mu}(T)}{T^4} = \frac{\varepsilon - 3p}{T^4} = R_\beta \{ \langle S_G \rangle_0 - \langle S_G \rangle_T \} - R_\beta R_m \{ 2m_l (\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle) + m_s (\langle \bar{s}s \rangle_0 - \langle \bar{s}s \rangle_T) \}$$

$$R_\beta(\beta) = -a \frac{d\beta}{da}, \quad R_m = \frac{1}{m_q(\beta)} \frac{dm_q(\beta)}{d\beta}, \quad \beta = 10/g^2$$



Bazavov et al, PRD90 (2014) 094503

The peak height is much reduced compared to the asqtad and p4  $N_\tau=8$  calculations

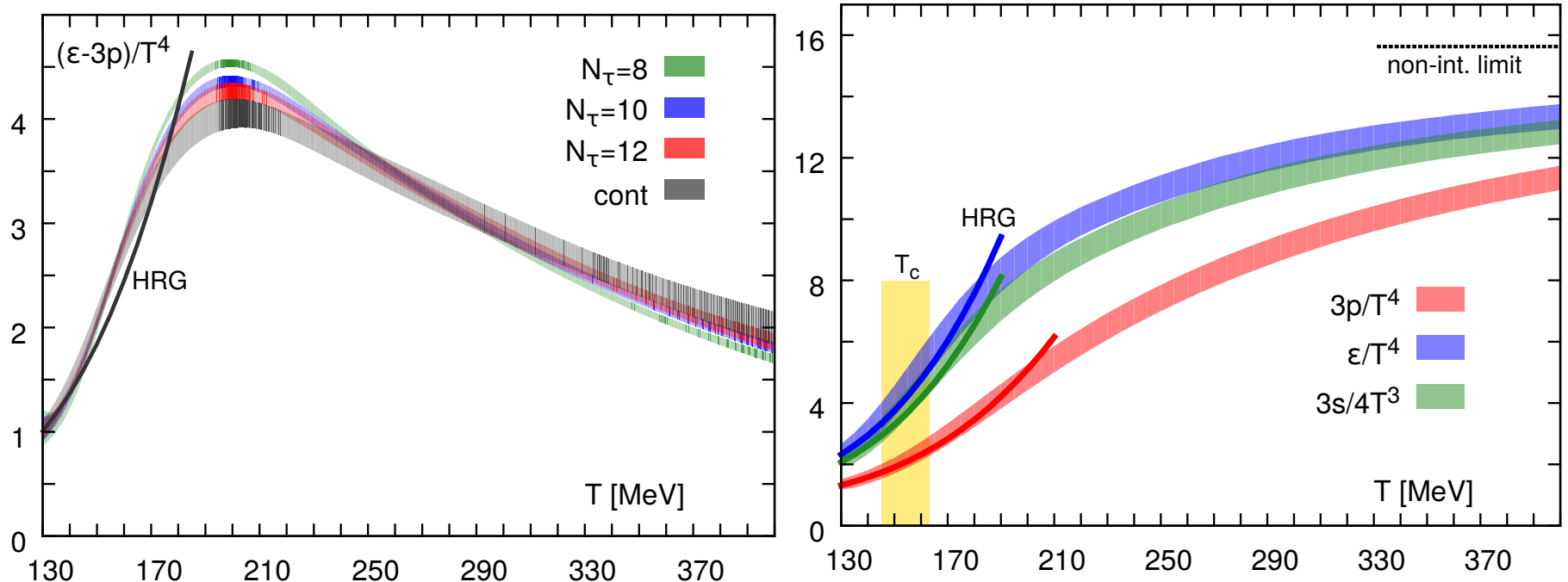
Agreement with p4 and asqtad calculations for  $T > 350$  MeV

Small cutoff effects for HISQ except for  $N_\tau=6$

# Equation of state in the continuum limit

Perform spline interpolation of all the  $N_\tau > 6$  data with spline coefficients of the form  $a + b/N_\tau^2$ , stabilize the spline demanding that  $\epsilon - 3p$  is given by HRG at  $T = 130$  MeV  
 Set the lower integration limit to  $T_0 = 130$  MeV and take  $p_0 = p^{HRG}(T = 130 \text{ MeV}) \rightarrow p(T)$

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Hadron resonance gas (HRG):  
 Interacting gas of hadrons = non-interacting  
 gas of hadrons and hadron resonances  
 ( virial expansion, Prakash & Venugopalan )

HRG agrees with the lattice for  $T < 145$  MeV

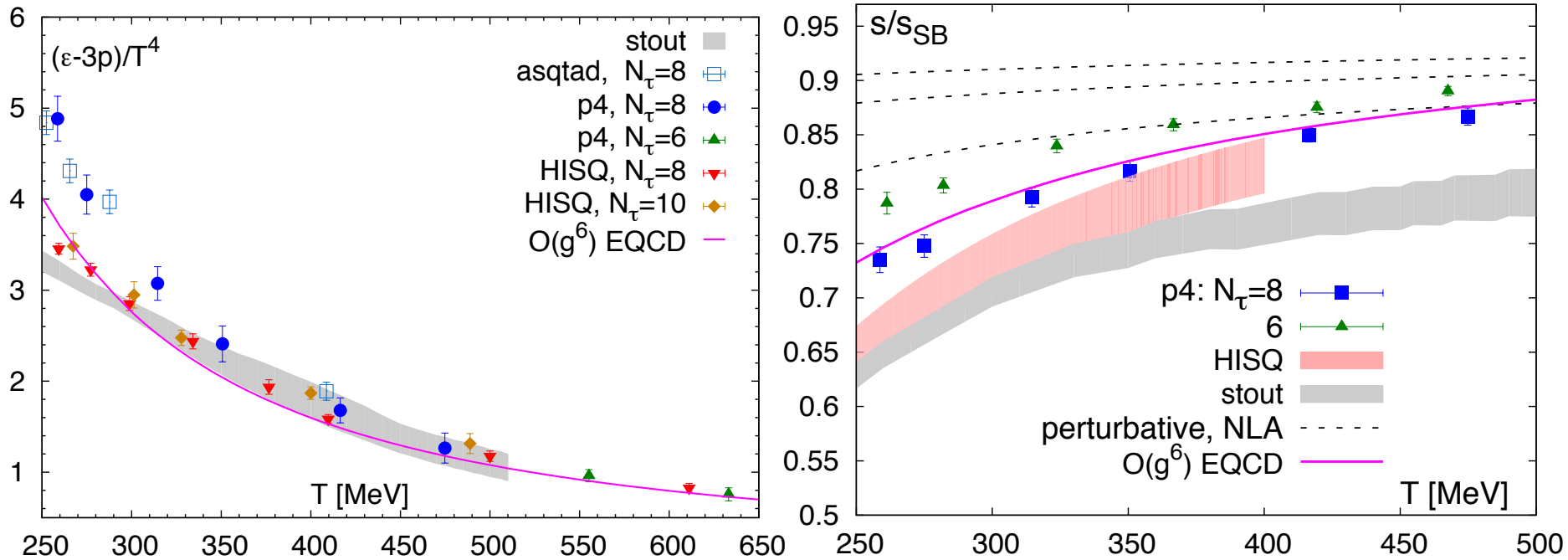
$$T_c = (154 \pm 9) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\epsilon_c \simeq 300 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$$

$$\epsilon_{low} \simeq 180 \text{ MeV/fm}^3 \leftrightarrow \epsilon_{nucl} \simeq 150 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$$

$$\epsilon_{high} \simeq 500 \text{ MeV/fm}^3 \leftrightarrow \epsilon_{proton} \simeq 450 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$$

# Equation of State on the lattice and in the weak coupling



The high temperature behavior of the trace anomaly is not inconsistent with weak coupling calculations (EQCD) for  $T > 300$  MeV

For the entropy density the continuum lattice results are below the weak coupling calculations  
For  $T < 500$  MeV

At what temperature can one see good agreement between the lattice and the weak coupling results ?

# QCD thermodynamics at non-zero chemical potential

Taylor expansion :

$$\frac{p(T, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S)}{T^4} = \sum_{i,j,k} \frac{1}{i!j!k!} \chi_{ijk}^{BQS} \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k \quad \text{hadronic}$$

$$\frac{p(T, \mu_u, \mu_d, \mu_s)}{T^4} = \sum_{i,j,k} \frac{1}{i!j!k!} \chi_{ijk}^{uds} \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_u}{T}\right)^i \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_d}{T}\right)^j \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_s}{T}\right)^k \quad \text{quark}$$

$$\chi_{ijk}^{abc} = T^{i+j+k} \frac{\partial^i}{\partial \mu_a^i} \frac{\partial^j}{\partial \mu_b^j} \frac{\partial^k}{\partial \mu_c^k} \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln Z(T, V, \mu_a, \mu_b, \mu_c) \Big|_{\mu_a=\mu_b=\mu_c=0}$$

Taylor expansion coefficients give the fluctuations and correlations of conserved charges, e.g.

$$\chi_2^X = \chi_X = \frac{1}{VT^3} (\langle X^2 \rangle - \langle X \rangle^2) \qquad \chi_{11}^{XY} = \frac{1}{VT^3} (\langle XY \rangle - \langle X \rangle \langle Y \rangle)$$



information about carriers of the conserved charges ( hadrons or quarks )



probes of deconfinement



# Deconfinement : fluctuations of conserved charges

$$\chi_B^{SB} = \frac{1}{VT^3}(\langle B^2 \rangle - \langle B \rangle^2)$$

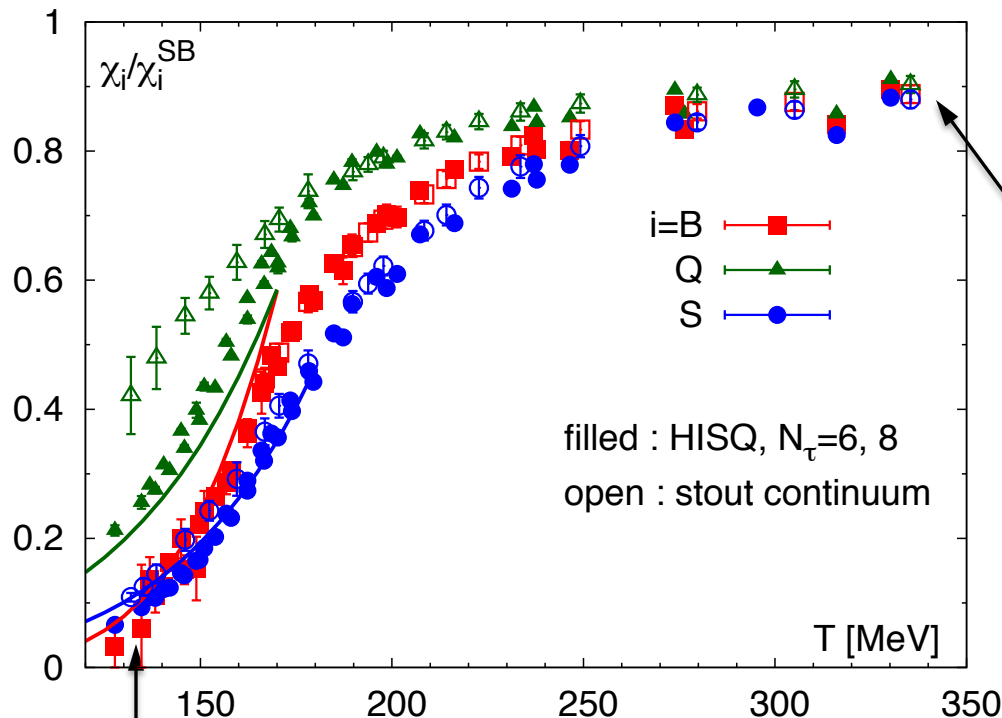
baryon number

$$\chi_Q^{SB} = \frac{1}{VT^3}(\langle Q^2 \rangle - \langle Q \rangle^2)$$

electric charge

$$\chi_S^{SB} = \frac{1}{VT^3}(\langle S^2 \rangle - \langle S \rangle^2)$$

strangeness



Ideal gas of massless quarks :

$$\chi_B^{SB} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \chi_Q^{SB} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\chi_S^{SB} = 1$$

conserved charges carried by light quarks

HotQCD: PRD86 (2012) 034509

BW: JHEP 1201 (2012) 138,

conserved charges are carried by massive hadrons

# Deconfinement : fluctuations of conserved charges

$$\chi_4^B = \frac{1}{VT^3}(\langle B^4 \rangle - 3\langle B^2 \rangle^2)$$

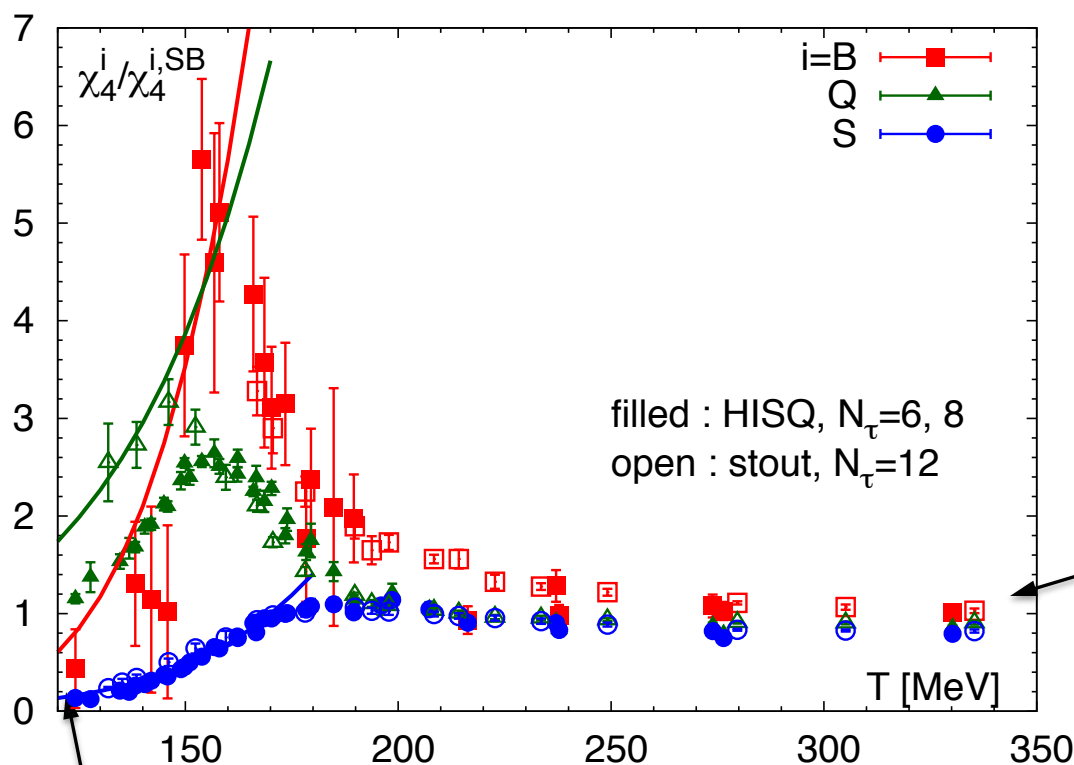
baryon number

$$\chi_4^Q = \frac{1}{VT^3}(\langle Q^4 \rangle - 3\langle Q^2 \rangle^2)$$

electric charge

$$\chi_4^S = \frac{1}{VT^3}(\langle S^4 \rangle - 3\langle S^2 \rangle^2)$$

strangeness



Ideal gas of massless quarks :

$$\chi_{4 \text{ SB}}^B = \frac{2}{9\pi^2} \quad \chi_{4 \text{ SB}}^Q = \frac{4}{3\pi^2}$$

$$\chi_{4 \text{ SB}}^S = \frac{6}{\pi^2}$$

conserved charges carried  
by light quarks

conserved charges are carried by massive hadrons

BNL-Bielefeld : talk by C. Schmidt  
BW: talk by Borsanyi  
@ Confinement X conference

# Deconfinement of strangeness

Partial pressure of strange hadrons in uncorrelated hadron gas:

$$P_S = \frac{p(T) - p_{S=0}(T)}{T^4} = M(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right) +$$

$$B_{S=1}(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_B - \mu_S}{T}\right) + B_{S=2}(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_B - 2\mu_S}{T}\right) + B_{S=3}(T) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_B - 3\mu_S}{T}\right)$$



$$v_1 = \chi_{31}^{BS} - \chi_{11}^{BS}$$

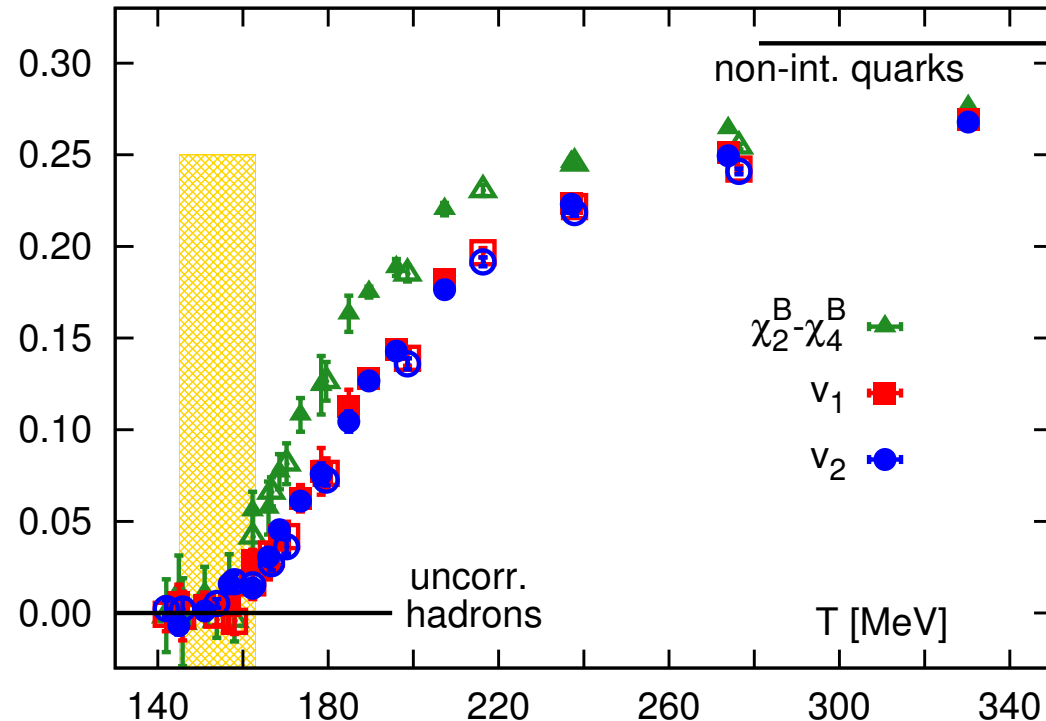
$$v_2 = \frac{1}{3} (\chi_4^S - \chi_2^S) - 2\chi_{13}^{BS} - 4\chi_{22}^{BS} - 2\chi_{31}^{BS}$$

should vanish !

- $v_1$  and  $v_2$  do vanish within errors at low  $T$

- $v_1$  and  $v_2$  rapidly increase above the transition region, eventually reaching non-interacting quark gas values

Bazavov et al, PRL 111 (2013) 082301



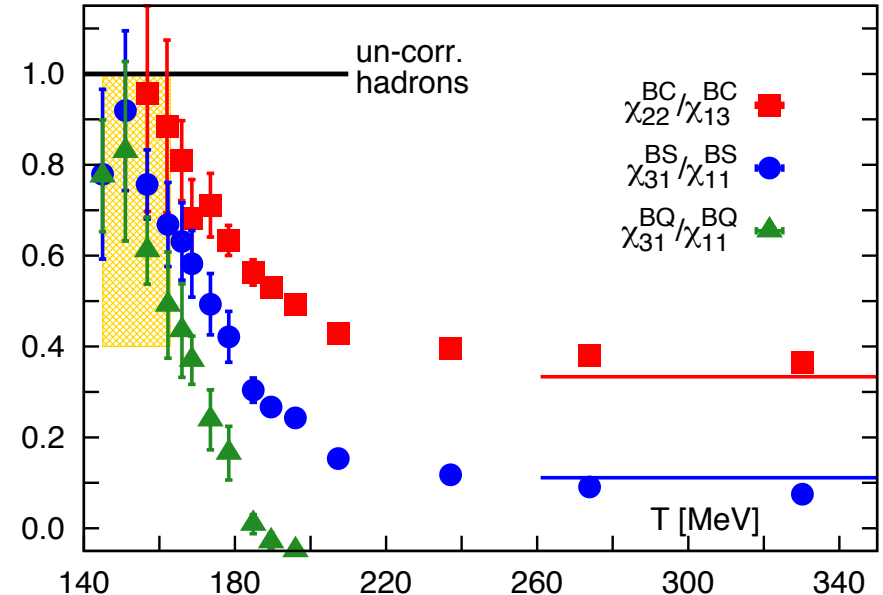
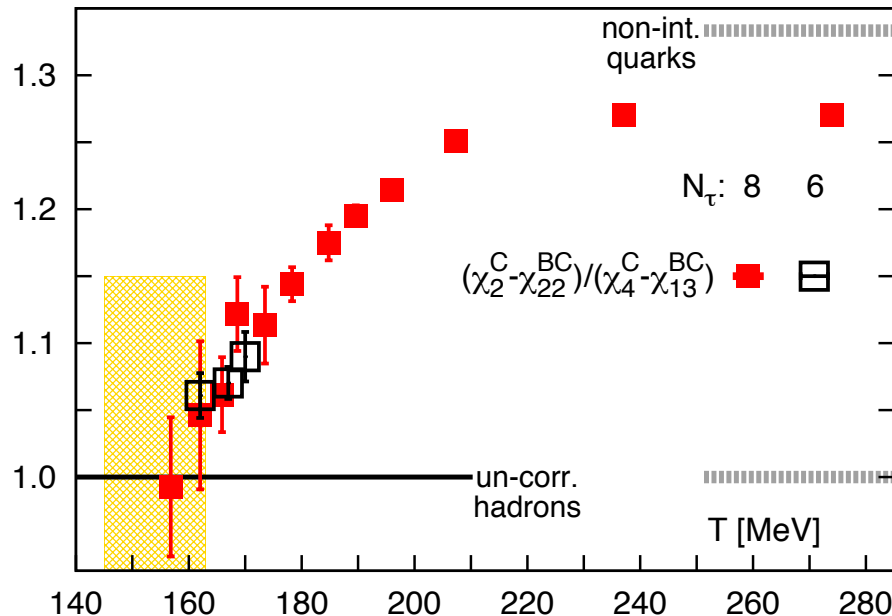
# What about charm hadrons ?

We could introduce chemical potential for charm quarks and study the derivatives of the pressure with respect to the charm chemical potential

Bazavov et al, PLB737 (2014) 210

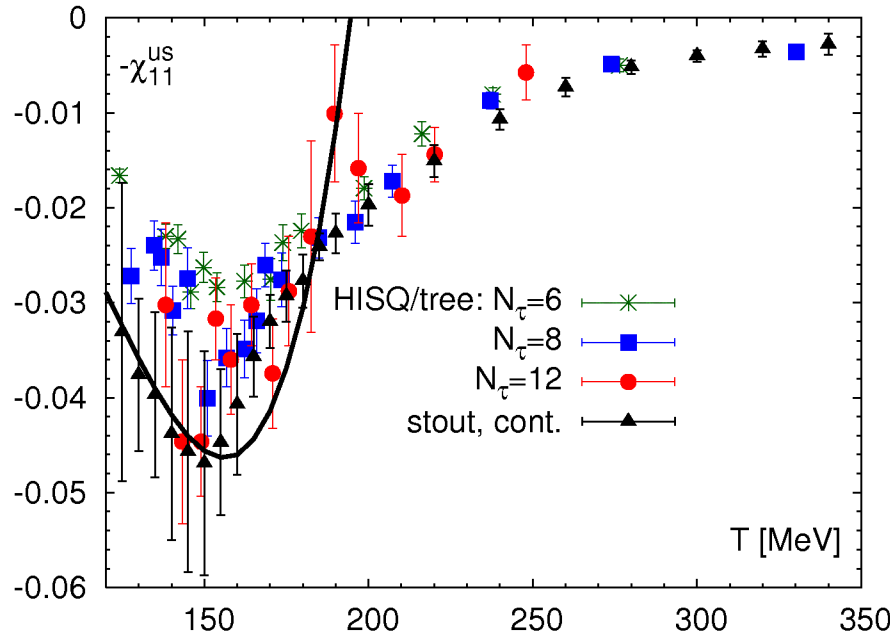
$m_c \gg T \Rightarrow$  only  $|C|=1$  sector contributes

In the hadronic phase all  $BC$ -correlations are the same !

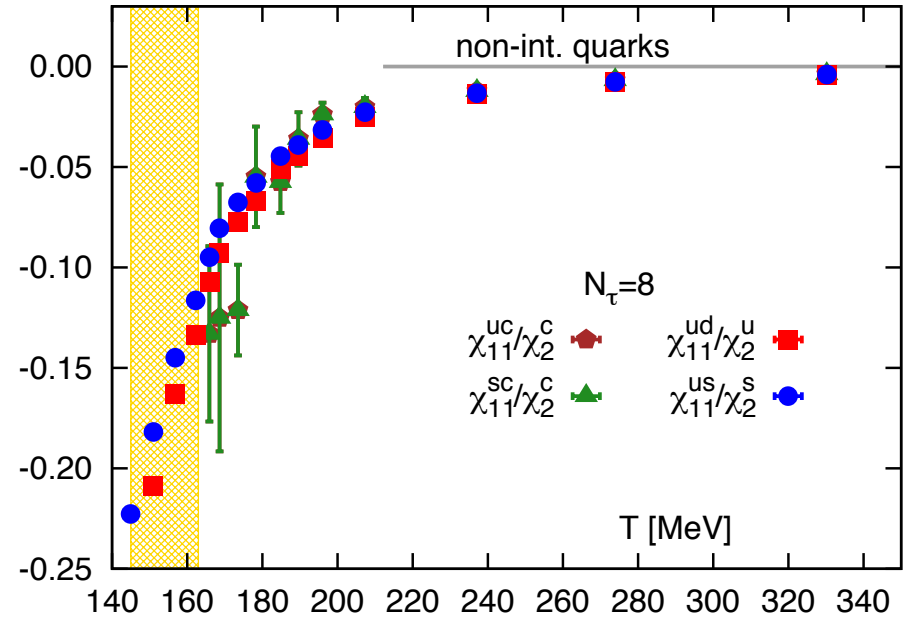


Hadronic description breaks down just above  $T_c$   
 $\Rightarrow$  open charm deconfines above  $T_c$

# Quark number correlations



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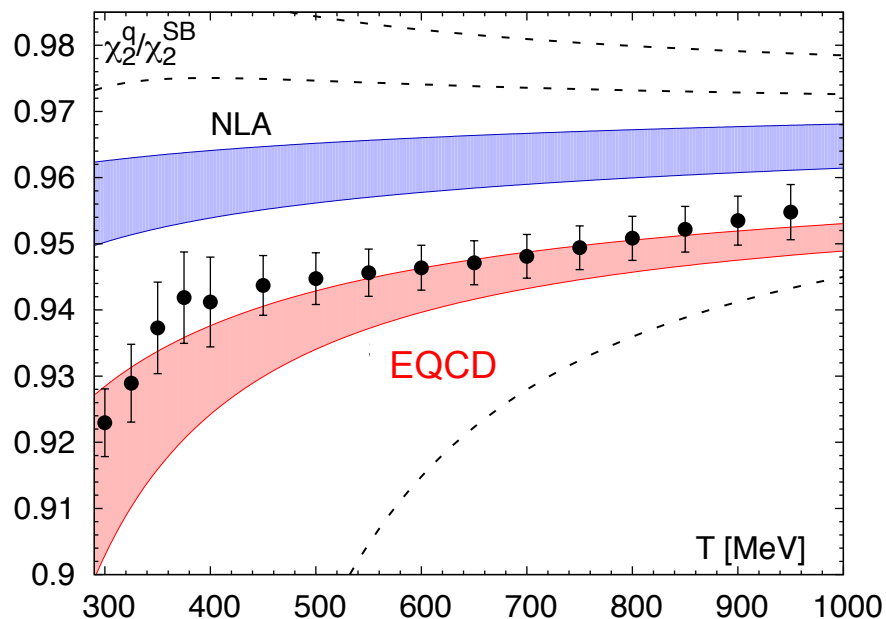
Courtesy of S. Mukherjee

- Correlations between strange and light quarks at low  $T$  are due to the fact that strange hadrons contain both strange and light quarks but very small at high  $T$  ( $>250$  MeV) weakly interacting quark gas  $\chi_{11}^{us} \sim \alpha_s^6$  ?
- Quark number correlations are flavor independent, correlations are unlikely due to bound states
- The transition region where degrees of freedom change from hadronic to quark-like is broad  $\sim (100-150)$  MeV

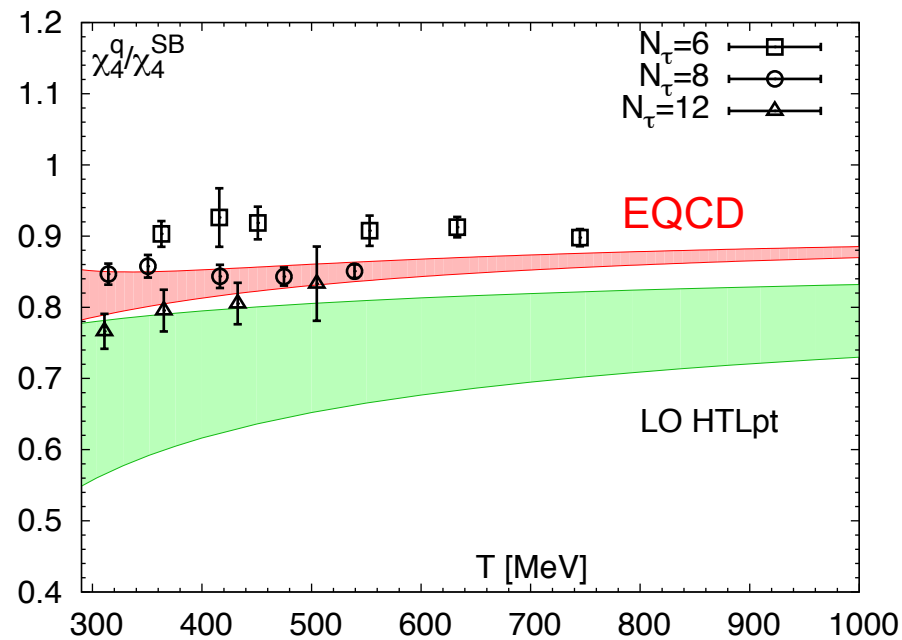
# Quark number fluctuations at high T

At high temperatures quark number fluctuations can be described by weak coupling approach due to asymptotic freedom of QCD

2<sup>nd</sup> order quark number fluctuations



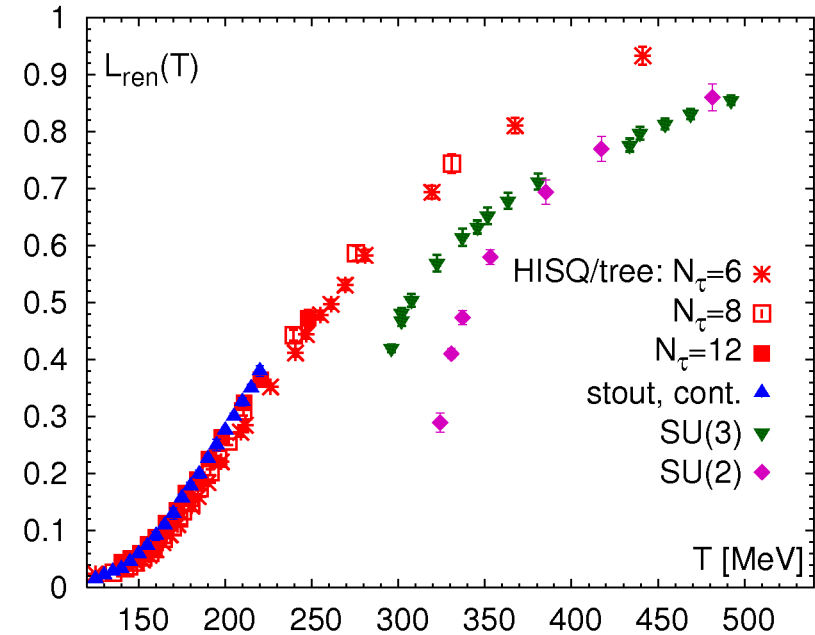
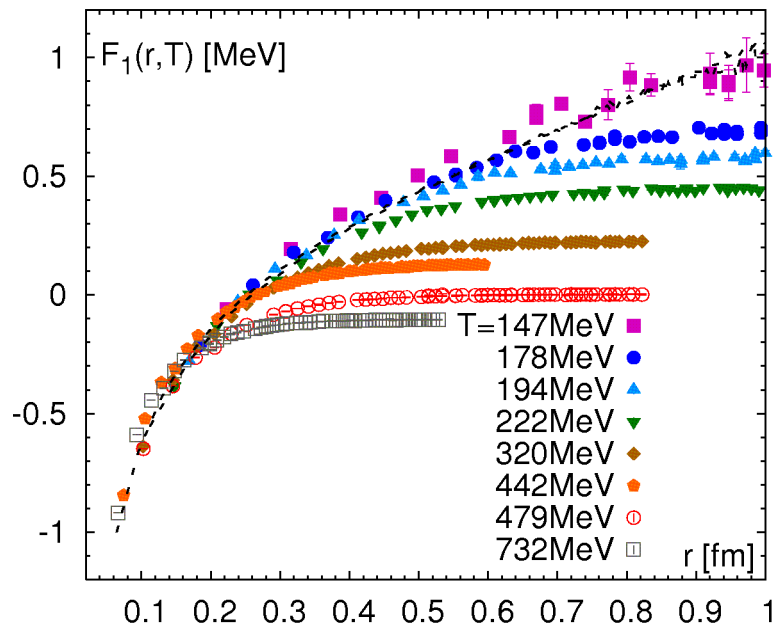
4<sup>th</sup> order quark number fluctuations



Bazavov et al, PRD88 (2013) 094021

- Lattice results converge as the continuum limit is approached
- Good agreement between lattice and the weak coupling approach for 2<sup>nd</sup> order quark number fluctuations
- For 4<sup>th</sup> order the weak coupling results are in reasonable agreement with lattice

# Deconfinement and color screening



free energy of static quark anti-quark pair shows Debye screening at high temperatures

$$L = \text{tr} \mathcal{P} e^{ig \int_0^{1/T} d\tau A_0(\tau, \vec{x})} \Rightarrow L_{\text{ren}} = \exp(-F_Q(T)/T)$$

Pure glue  $\neq$  QCD !

$$F_1(r) = -\frac{4\alpha_s}{3r} \exp(-m_D r) + 2F_Q(T), \quad m_D \sim T$$

$$F_Q(T) \simeq \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} - C_F \alpha_s m_D$$

melting of bound states of heavy quarks  $\Rightarrow$  quarkonium suppression at RHIC:  $r_{\text{bound}} > 1/m_D$

infinite in the pure glue theory or large in the “hadronic” phase  $\sim 600\text{MeV}$

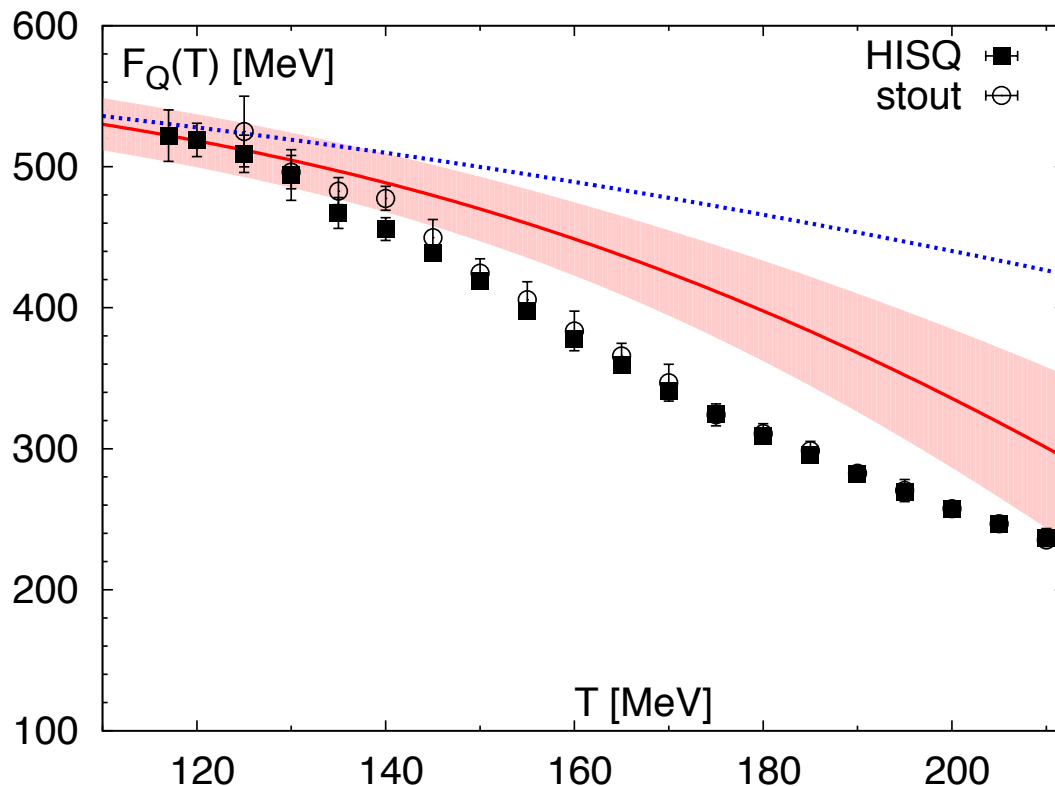
Decreases in the deconfined phase

# Polyakov and gas of static-light hadrons

$$Z_{Q\bar{Q}}(T)/Z(T) = \sum_n \exp(-E_n^{Q\bar{Q}}(r \rightarrow \infty)/T)$$

Energies of static-light mesons:  $E_n^{Q\bar{Q}}(r \rightarrow \infty) = M_n - m_Q$

Free energy of an isolated static quark:  $F_Q(T) = -\frac{1}{2}(T \ln Z_{Q\bar{Q}}(T) - T \ln Z(T))$



Megias, Arriola, Salcedo,  
PRL 109 (12) 151601

Bazavov, PP, PRD 87 (2013) 094505

Ground state and first excited states  
are from lattice QCD

Michael, Shindler, Wagner,  
arXiv1004.4235

Wagner, Wiese,  
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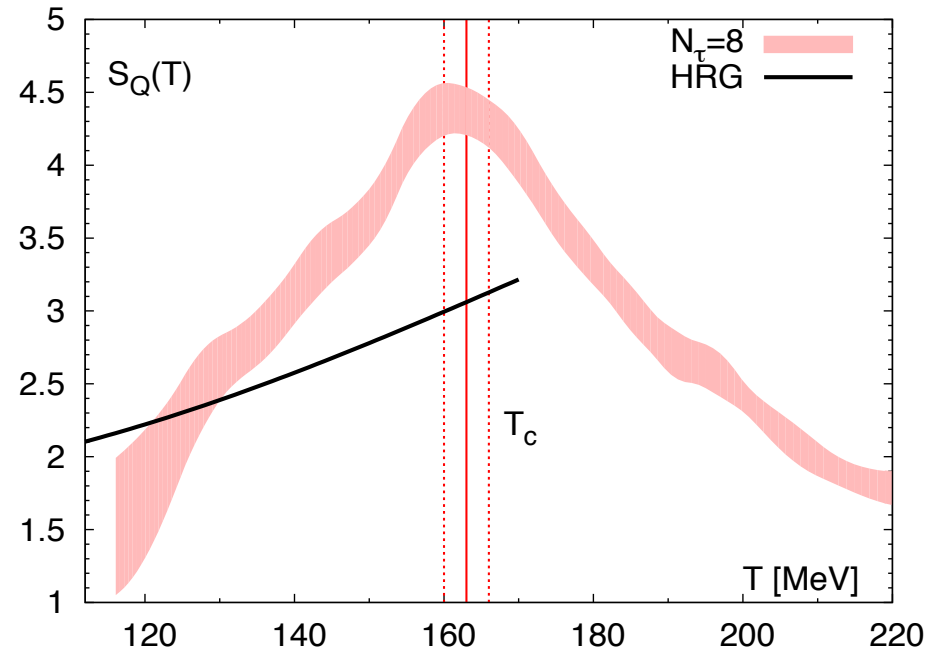
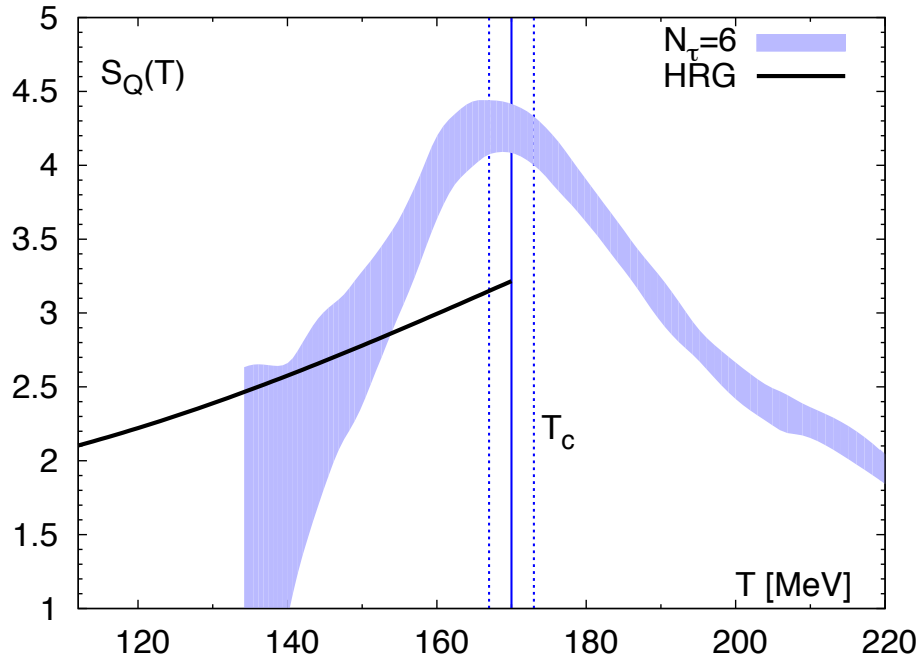
Higher excited state energies  
are estimated from potential model

Gas of static-light mesons  
only works for  $T < 145$  MeV



# The entropy of static quark

$$S_Q = -\frac{\partial F_Q}{\partial T}$$



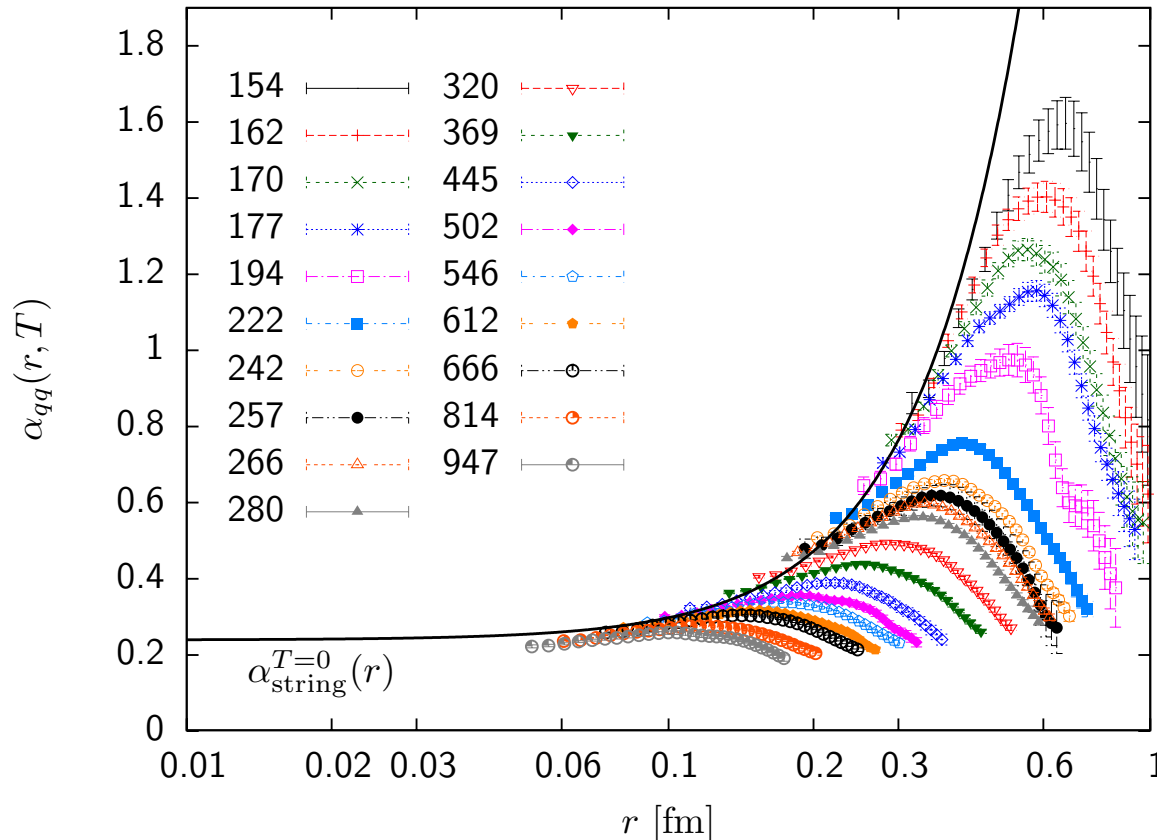
At low  $T$  the entropy  $S_Q$  increases reflecting the increase of states the heavy quark can be coupled to

At high temperature the static quark only “sees” the medium within a Debye radius, as  $T$  increases the Debye radius decreases and  $S_Q$  also decreases

The onset of screening corresponds to peak in  $S_Q$  and its position coincides with  $T_c$

# Color screening and strong coupling constant in QGP

Define a  $T$ -dependent effective running coupling constant



$$\alpha_{eff}(r, T) = \frac{3}{4} r^2 \frac{dF_1(r, T)}{dr}$$

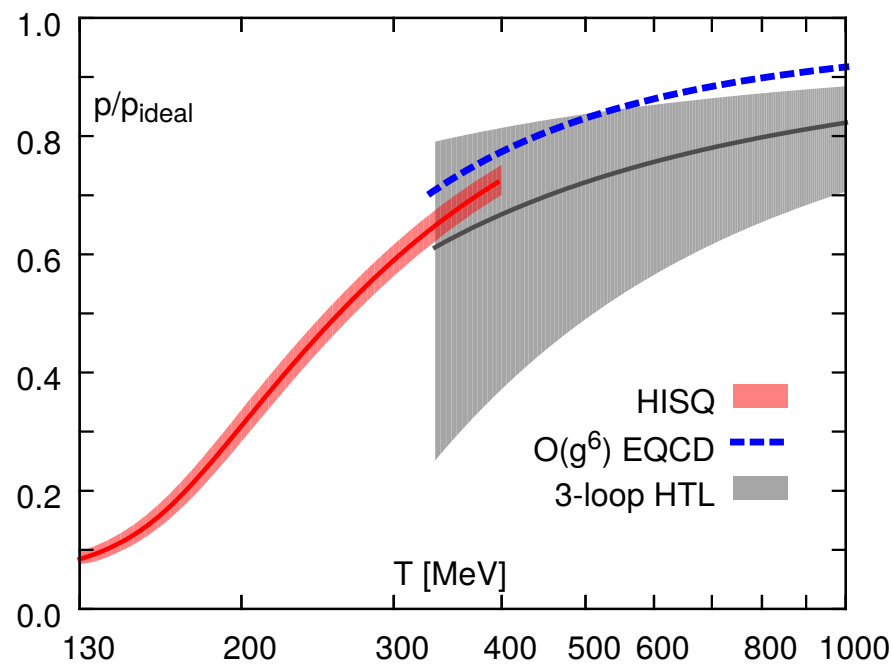
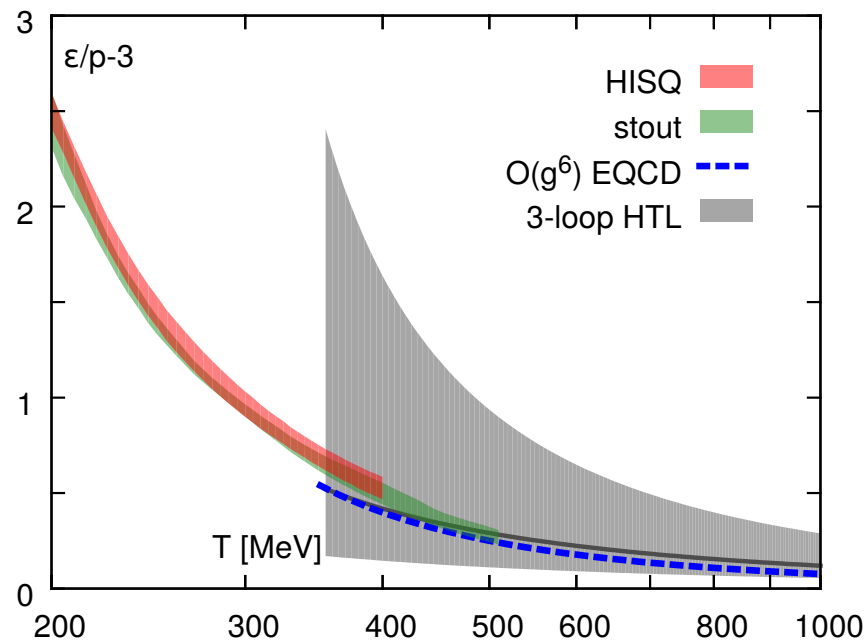
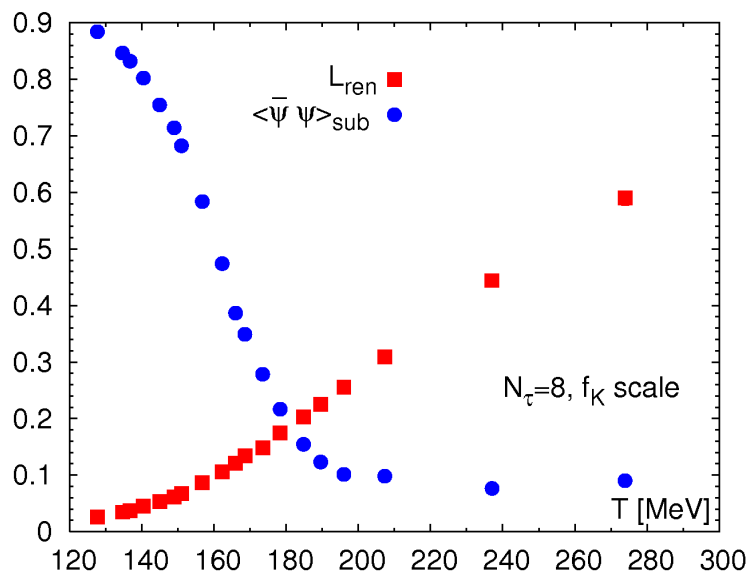
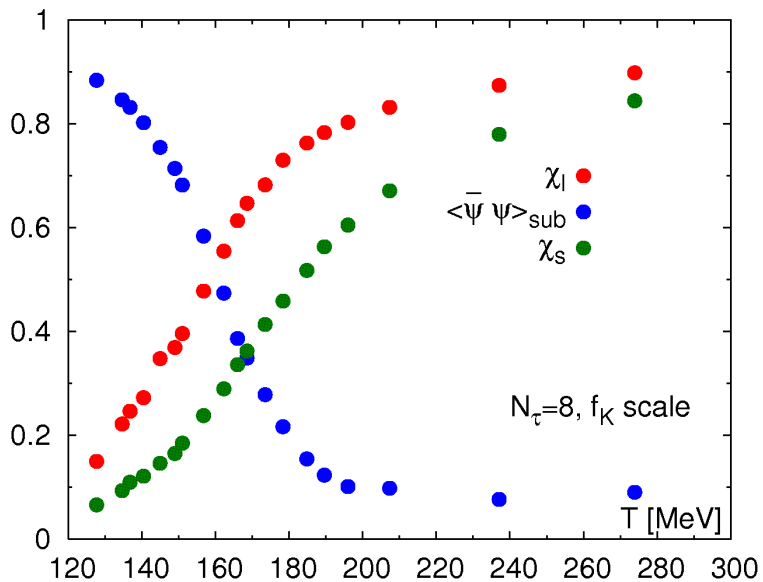
In collaboration  
with J. Webber

- For  $r < 0.5/T$  the coupling constant runs with the distance as at  $T=0$
- It reaches a maximum at  $r=r_{max} \approx 0.5/T$
- The maximal value of the  $\alpha_{eff}$  is about 1.6 at  $T_c$  and 0.5 at  $T=300 \text{ MeV}$

## Summary

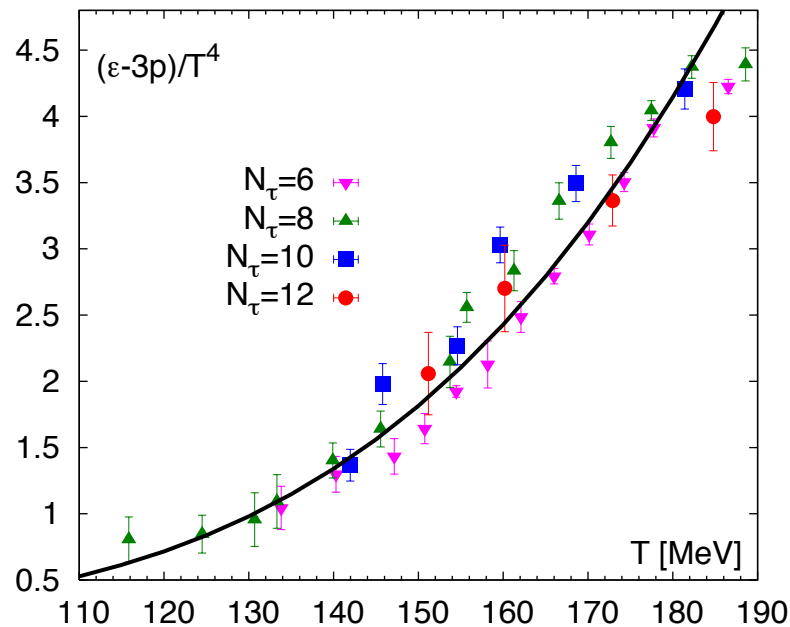
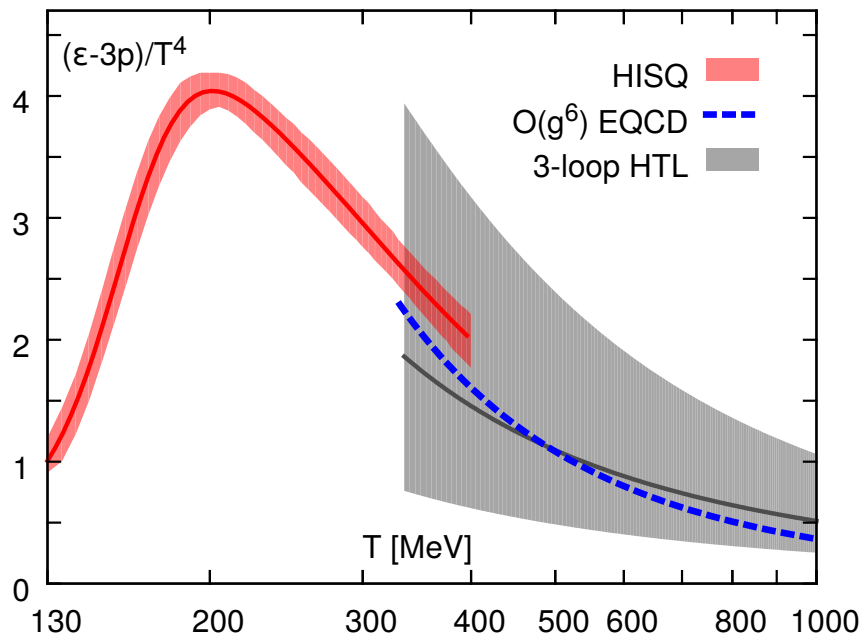
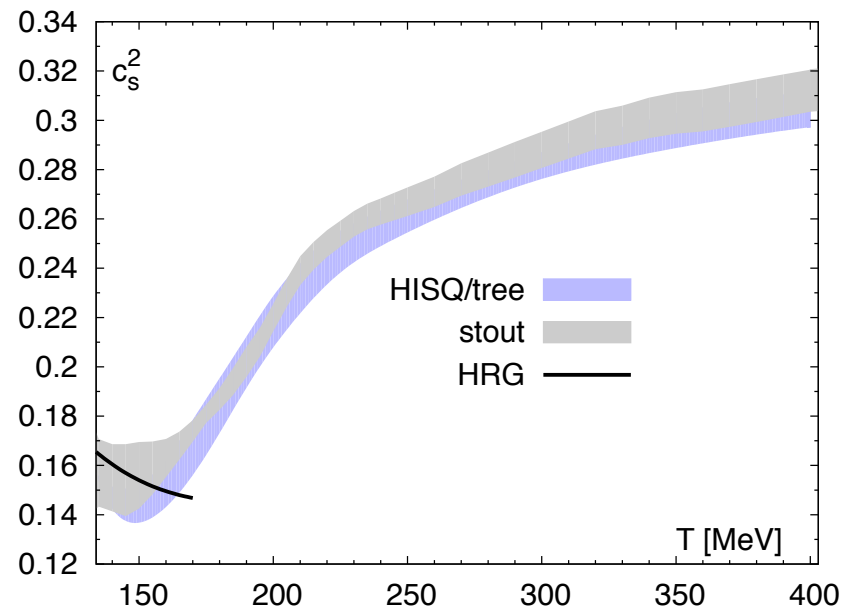
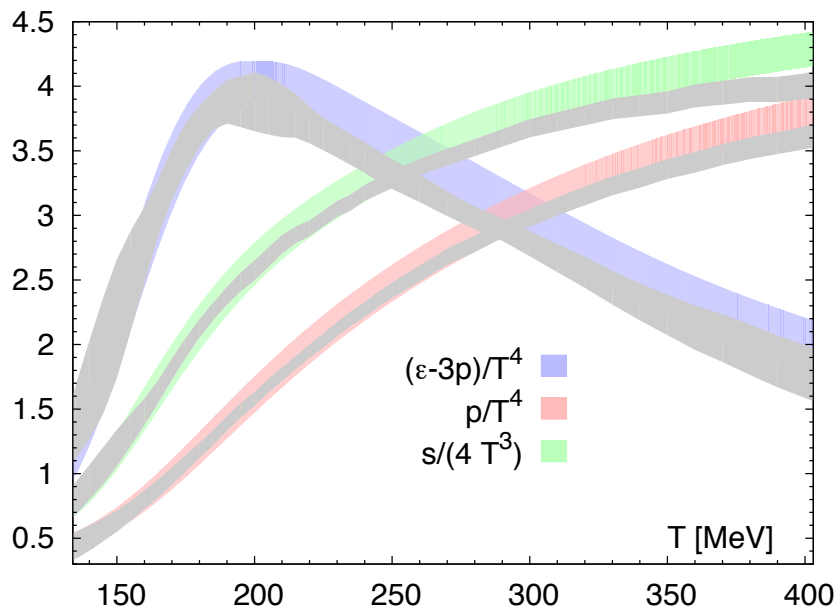
- The value chiral transition temperature is now well established in the continuum  
 $T_c=154(9) \text{ MeV}$
- $U_A(1)$  restoration happens above  $T_c$  and does not effect the chiral transition
- Equation of state is known in the continuum limit up to  $T=400 \text{ MeV}$
- Deconfinement transition can be studied in terms of fluctuations and correlations of conserved charges, it manifest itself as a abrupt breakdown of hadronic description that occurs around the chiral transition temperature
- Deconfinement in terms of color screening occurs at the chiral transition
- For  $T > (300-400) \text{ MeV}$  weak coupling expansion works well for certain quantities (e.g. quark number susceptibilities)

## Back-up I:



# HISQ action vs. stout action

Continuum results obtained with stout and HISQ action agree reasonably well given their errors



# Improved staggered calculations at finite temperature

low T region

$T < 200 \text{ MeV}$

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n (a\Lambda_{QCD})^2)$  errors

$a > 0.125 \text{ fm}$

hadronic degrees of freedom

improvement of the flavor  
symmetry is  $\rightarrow$  fat links  
important

cutoff effects are different in :

$$a = 1/(TN_\tau)$$

$$N_\tau = 8$$

for #flavors < 4  
rooting trick

$$\det D \rightarrow (\det D)^{\frac{n_f}{4}}$$

high-T region

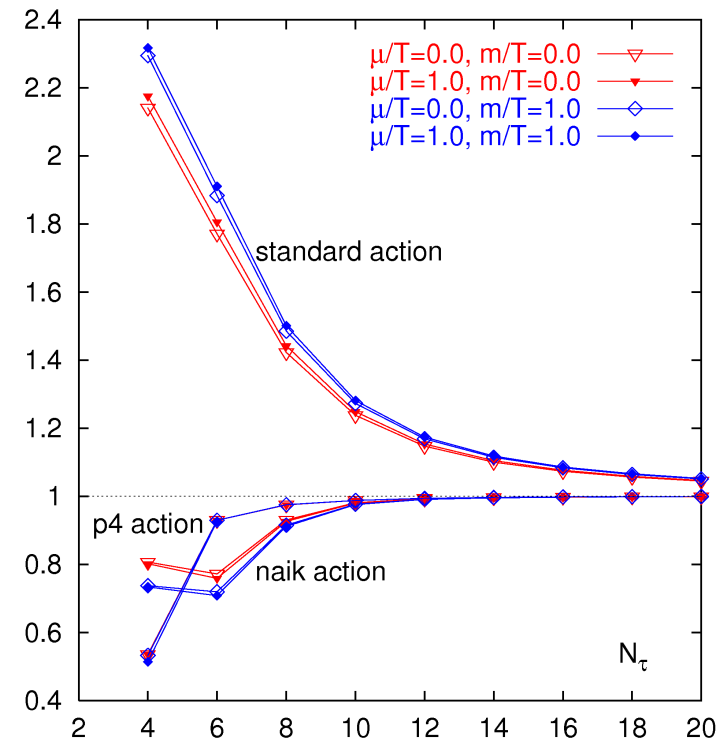
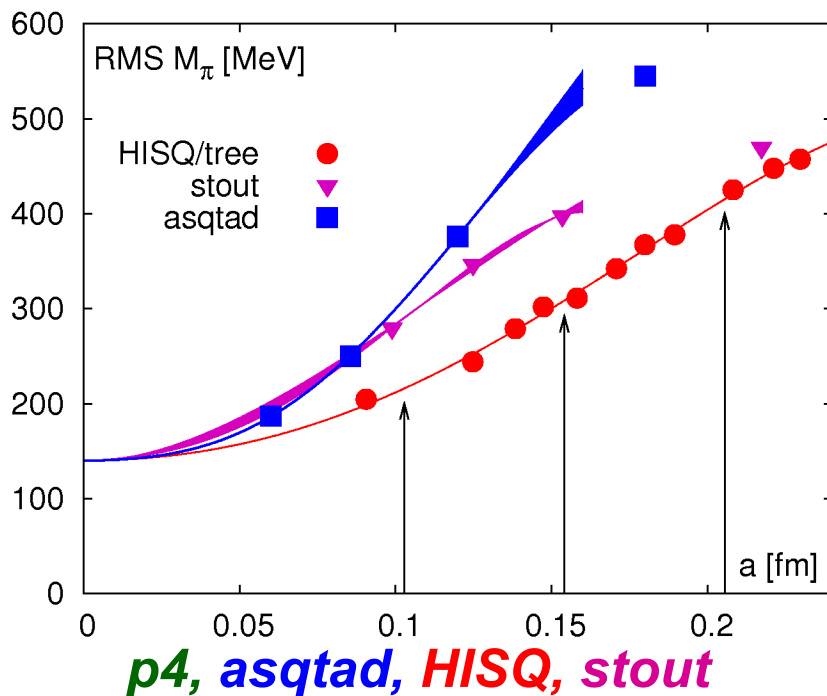
$T > 200 \text{ MeV}$

$\mathcal{O}((aT)^2)$  errors

$a < 0.125 \text{ fm}$

quark degrees of freedom

quark dispersion relation



# The Highly Improved Staggered Quark (HISQ) Action

## HISQ action

two levels of gauge field smearing with re-unitarization

Follana et al, PRD75 (07) 054502

Smearing level 1

$$U_\mu(x) = e^{igaA_\mu(x)} \rightarrow \text{Fat7 smearing} = U_\mu^{\text{fat7}} \rightarrow \tilde{U}_\mu = \frac{U_\mu^{\text{fat7}}}{\sqrt{U_\mu^{\text{fat7}} U_\mu^{\text{fat7}\dagger}}}$$

Smearing level 2

projection onto U(3) improves flavor symmetry  
Hasenfratz,  
arXiv:hep-lat/0211007

3-link (Naik) term to improve the quark dispersion relation + **asqtad smearing**