

# Finite temperature lattice QCD

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In this review

$$T > 0$$

$$\mu = 0$$

$$B = 0$$

## Outline

- Determinations of  $T_c$
- Equation of state
- Cosmological application: axion

## Determinations of $T_c$ from $\chi_{\bar{\psi}\psi}$ peak

$m_{phys}$ , continuum

- stout staggered:  $T_c = 151(3)(3) \text{ MeV}$  (WB hep-lat/0609068)
- HISQ staggered:  $T_c = 154(9) \text{ MeV}$  (HotQCD 1111.1710)

$m_{phys}$ ,  $N_t = 8$

- domain wall:  $T_c = 155(1)(8) \text{ MeV}$  (HotQCD 1402.5175)

Note:  $T_c$  from Polyakov loop and/or  $\chi_s \sim 20 - 25 \text{ MeV}$  higher

Determinations of  $T_c$

Full agreement among different staggered discretizations

Lessons: fully controlled continuum limit, physical quark masses, balance between  $T = 0$  and  $T > 0$

Huge success of lattice QCD!

Note 1: Continuum Wilson results available but  $m > m_{phys}$

Note 2: Domain wall  $m = m_{phys}$  but single lattice spacing

Note 3: Flavor content is  $2 + 1$  (okay around  $T_c$ )

Equation of state

Important input to hydrodynamical models of quark-gluon plasma  
→ used by experimentalists/phenomenologists

Energy momentum tensor:  $T_{\mu\nu}$

$$\frac{T_{\mu\mu}(T)}{T^4} = \frac{I(T)}{T^4} = \frac{\varepsilon - 3p}{T^4} = T \frac{d}{dT} \left( \frac{p}{T^4} \right)$$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{dp}{d\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{s}{T^3} = \frac{\varepsilon + p}{T^4}$$

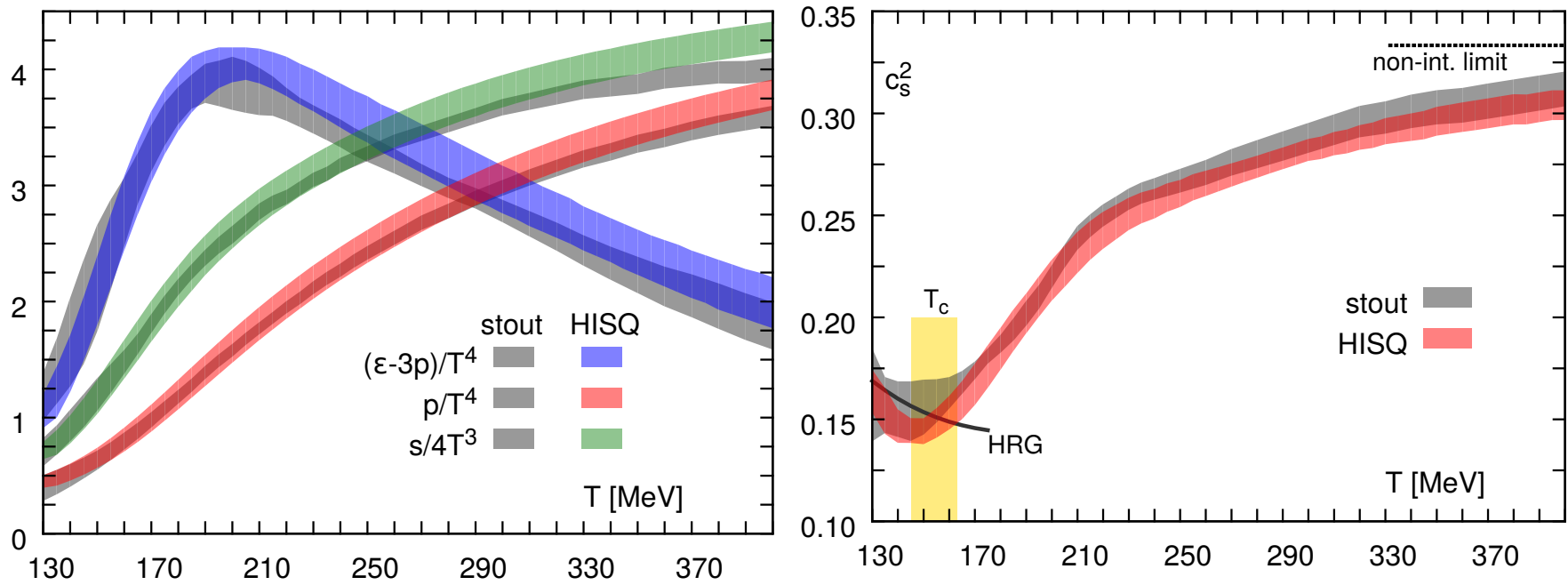
Equation of state

Typically calculated up to  $2T_c$ ,  $3T_c$ ,  $4T_c$ , ...

Flavor content  $2 + 1$  or rather  $2 + 1 + 1$

$m_{phys}$  and continuum results are available

# Equation of state, 2 + 1



Soltz DeTar Karsch Mukherjee Vranas 1502.02296

WB: 1309.5258

HotQCD: 1407.6387



Equation of state

Agreement another huge success of lattice QCD!

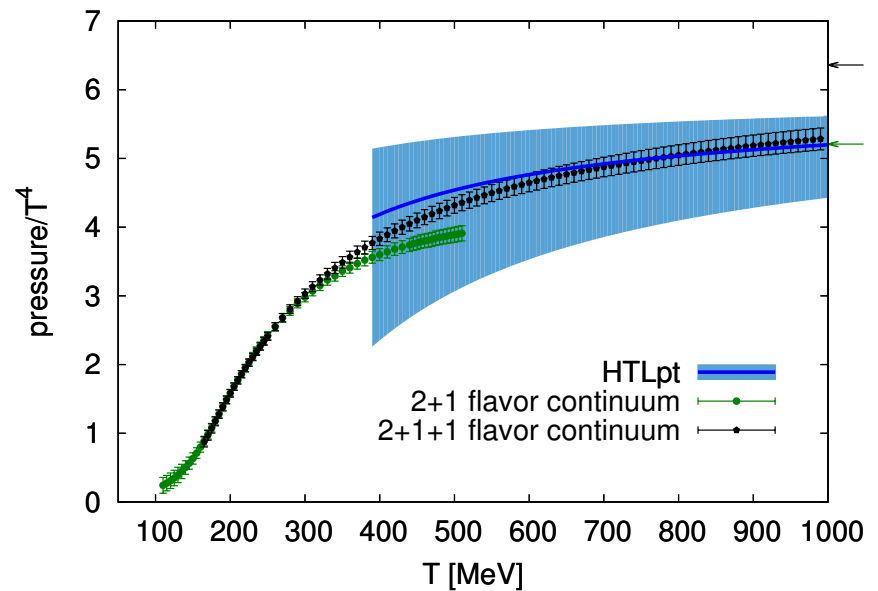
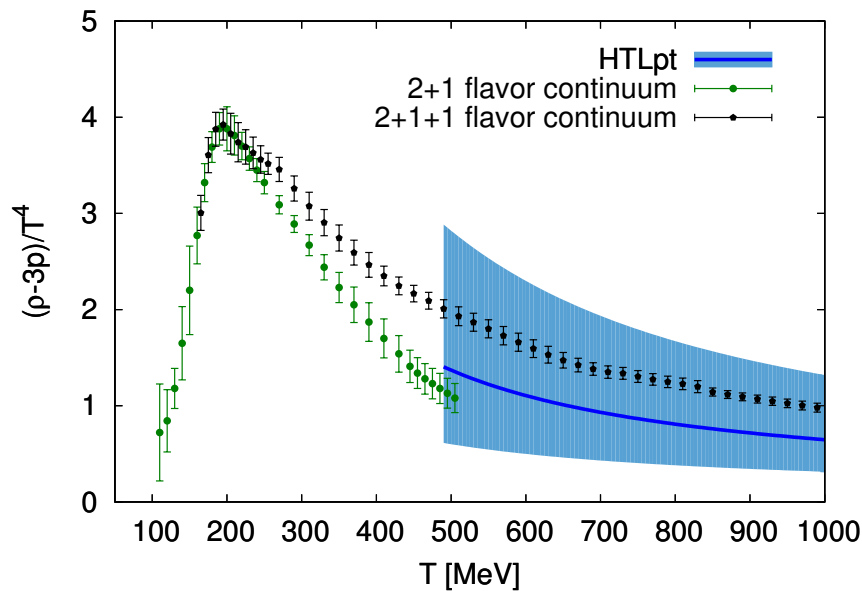
Note 1: Only staggered (but different) discretizations so far

Note 2: These are 2 + 1 flavor, but  $m_c = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$

Equation of state, 2 + 1 + 1

Perturbative expectation: at around 300  $MeV$  charm becomes non-negligible

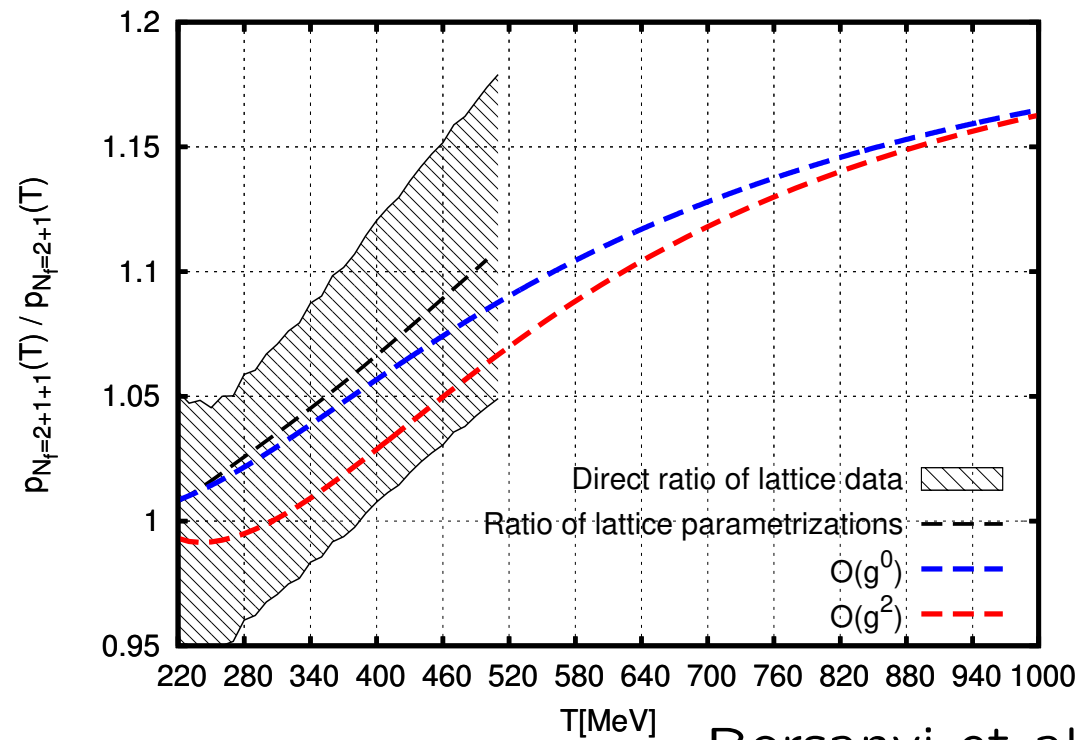
Borsanyi Fodor Kampert Katz Kawanai Kovacs Mages Pasztor Pittler Redondo Ringwald Szabo 1606.07494 ( $m_{phys}$ , continuum)



HTL: 2 + 1 + 1 flavor NNLO

Equation of state, 2 + 1 + 1

Apparently, charm contribution for ratio is well-described by leading order perturbation theory



Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494

$$\frac{p(2+1+1)(T)}{p(2+1)(T)} = \frac{SB(3) + F(m_c/T)}{SB(3)}$$

Equation of state,  $2 + 1 + 1 + 1$ ?

Bottom threshold: 2 additional steps

- Bottom mass dependence from leading order ratio

$$\frac{p_{(2+1+1+1)}(T)}{p_{(2+1+1)}(T)} = \frac{SB(4) + F(m_b/T)}{SB(4)}$$

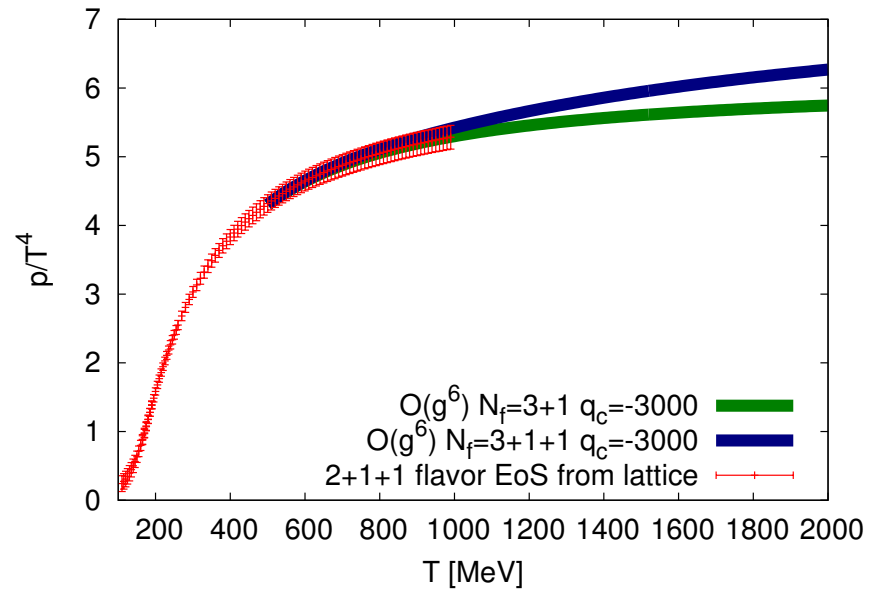
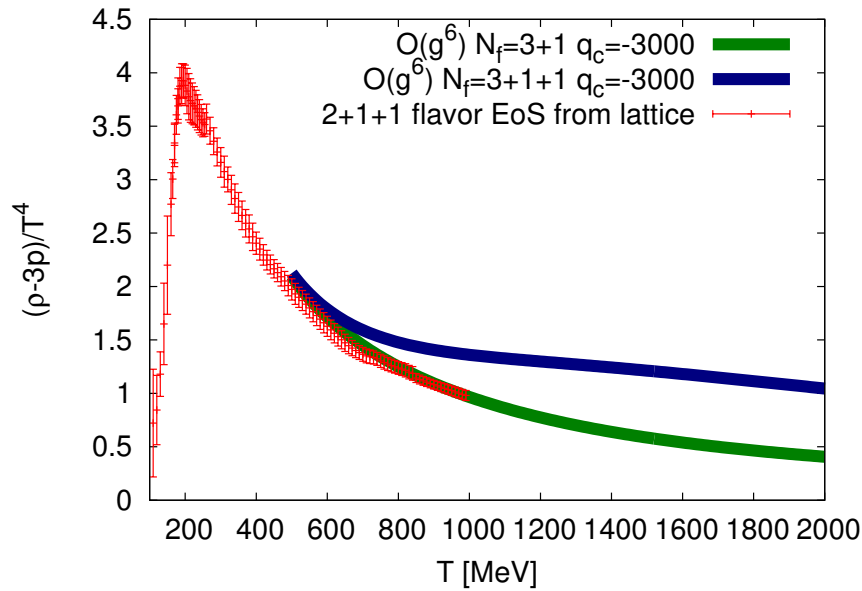
Hindmarsh Philipsen hep-ph/0501232

Laine Schroder hep-ph/0603048

- Use  $2 + 1 + 1$ ,  $O(g^6)$  perturbative formula, fit unknown coefficient  $q_c$  on 500...1000 MeV directly from continuum extrapolated lattice data

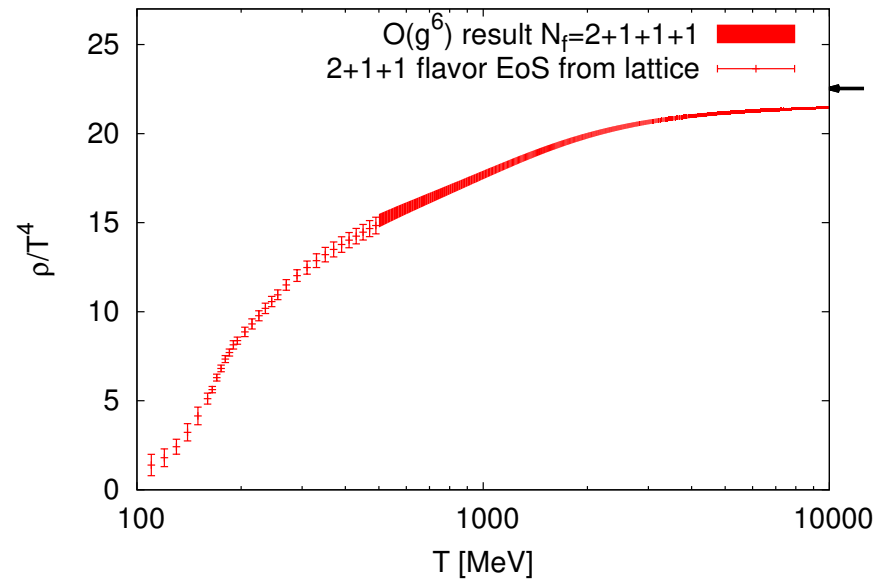
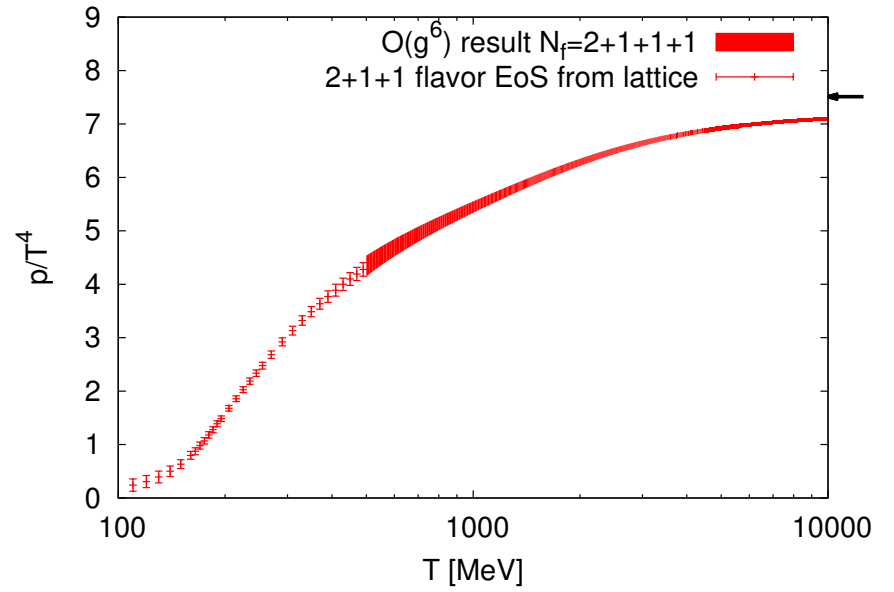
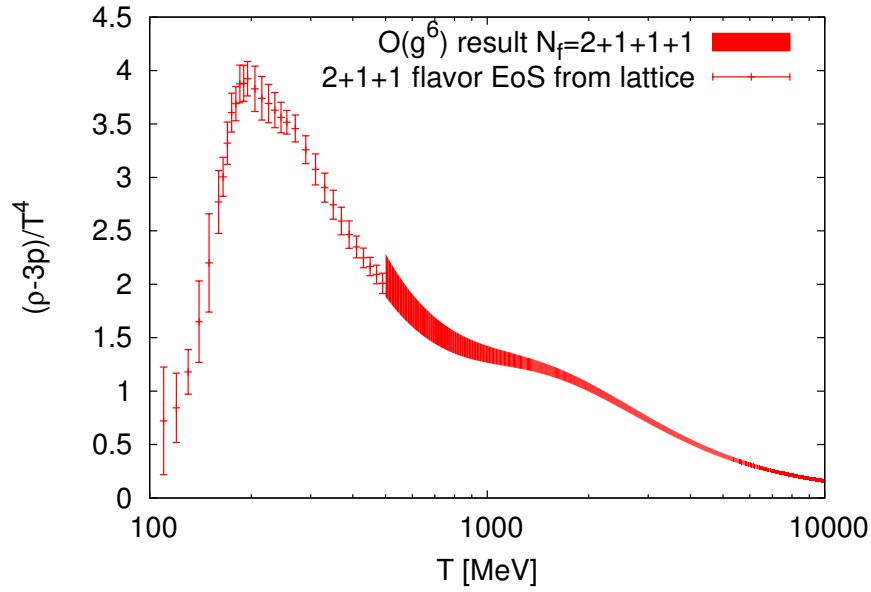
Combine the 2 steps: extend EoS to include bottom up to 10 GeV

# Equation of state, 2 + 1 + 1 + 1



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# Equation of state, $2 + 1 + 1 + 1$ , up to $T \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$



Equation of state,  $2 + 1 + 1 + 1$ , up to  $T \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$

All very nice, would be even nicer:

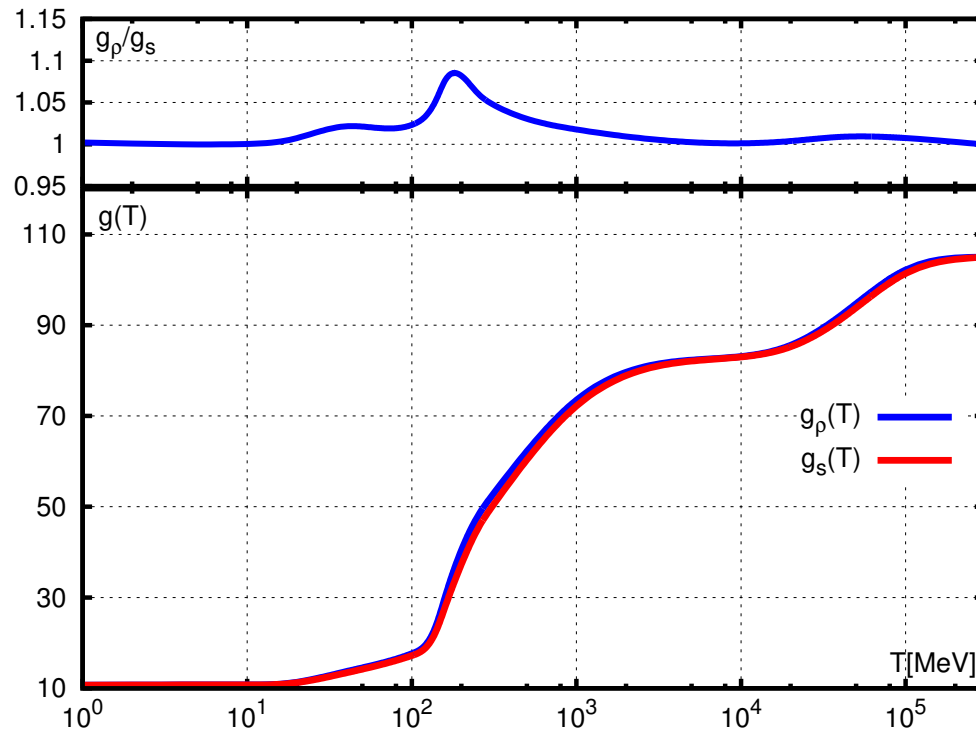
Independent cross-check of  $2 + 1 + 1$  continuum  $m_{phys}$  EoS  
with different discretization

Twisted mass 1510.02262 (gluonic contribution only)

Equation of state, up to  $T \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$

Rest of the Standard Model: added as before, Laine Schroder  
hep-ph/0603048, Laine Meyer 1503.04935

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{T^4} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_\rho \qquad \frac{s}{T^3} = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_s$$





Cosmological applications: axion

Axion physics (very) briefly

Peccei-Quinn: solution to strong CP-problem

KSVZ variant:

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi, \Psi) = \partial_\mu \phi^* \partial_\mu \phi + V(\phi^* \phi) + \phi \bar{\Psi}_L \Psi_R + \phi^* \bar{\Psi}_R \Psi_L + \bar{\Psi} D(A) \Psi + \mathcal{L}_{QCD}(A)$$

$V$ : Mexican hat, SSB,  $\text{vev} = f_A$ ,  $\phi = f_A e^{i\theta}$ ,  $f_A \theta$ : axion

Chiral rotation of  $\Psi$  and  $U(1)$  rotation of  $\phi$  by  $\theta(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & f_A^2 \partial_\mu \theta \partial_\mu \theta + \partial_\mu f_A \partial_\mu f_A + V(f_A^2) + f_A \bar{\Psi} \Psi + \bar{\Psi} D(A) \Psi + \\ & + \theta q(x) + \partial_\mu \theta \bar{\Psi} \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \Psi + \mathcal{L}_{QCD}(A) \end{aligned}$$

## Axion

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$f_A$  assumed to be large  $\rightarrow$  radial excitation,  $\Psi$  can be integrated out, at low energy only  $\theta + \text{QCD}$

Low energy Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = f_A^2 \partial_\mu \theta \partial_\mu \theta + i\theta q + \partial_\mu \theta \cdot (\dots) + \mathcal{L}_{QCD}$$

If originally  $\theta_{QCD}$  present,  $\theta \rightarrow \theta + \theta_{QCD}$

Effective potential is generated for constant  $\theta$

## Axion

Effective potential is generated for constant  $\theta$

$$e^{-V_4 V_{eff}(\theta)} = \langle e^{iQ\theta} \rangle$$

At high temperature  $V_{eff}(\theta, T) = \chi(T)(1 - \cos(\theta))$

Axion mass:  $f_A^2 m_A^2(T) = \chi(T)$ , purely QCD quantity

Mexican hat tilted by  $V_{eff}$ , degeneracy lifted, new minimum at  $\theta = 0 \rightarrow$  misalignment or realignment

$\rightarrow$  Strong CP solved

## Axion

Key assumption:  $\theta = \text{const}$ , no axion strings, domain walls, etc.

For cosmological evolution:  $\varepsilon(T)$  and  $s(T)$  needed, beside  $\chi(T)$

All 3 are purely QCD quantities

Axion, topological susceptibility

Expectation from 1-instanton

$$\chi(T) \sim \frac{1}{T^b}$$

$$b = 11 - 2/3N_f - 4 + N_f$$

$11 - 2/3N_f$ : from  $\beta$ -function

4: dimension 4

$N_f$ : from determinant with light non-zero mass

Expected to work at high temperature, corrections from DIGA  
 $\rightarrow b(T)$

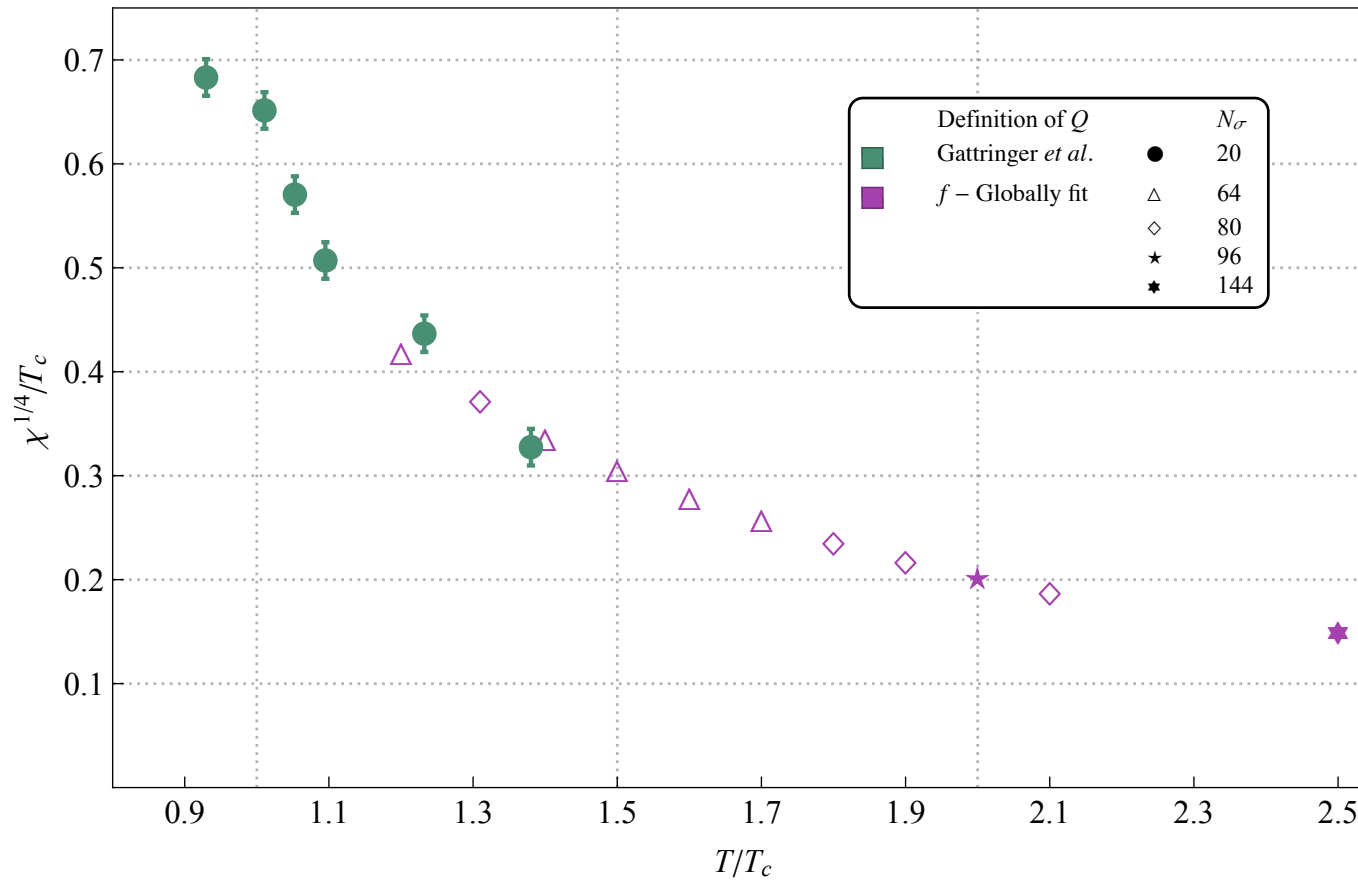
Axion, topological susceptibility

Even in pure gauge very difficult:  $\chi(T)$  for high  $T$

Because  $\chi(T) = T \frac{\langle Q^2 \rangle}{V_3}$  is tiny and  $Q$  integer

Axion, topological susceptibility, pure gauge

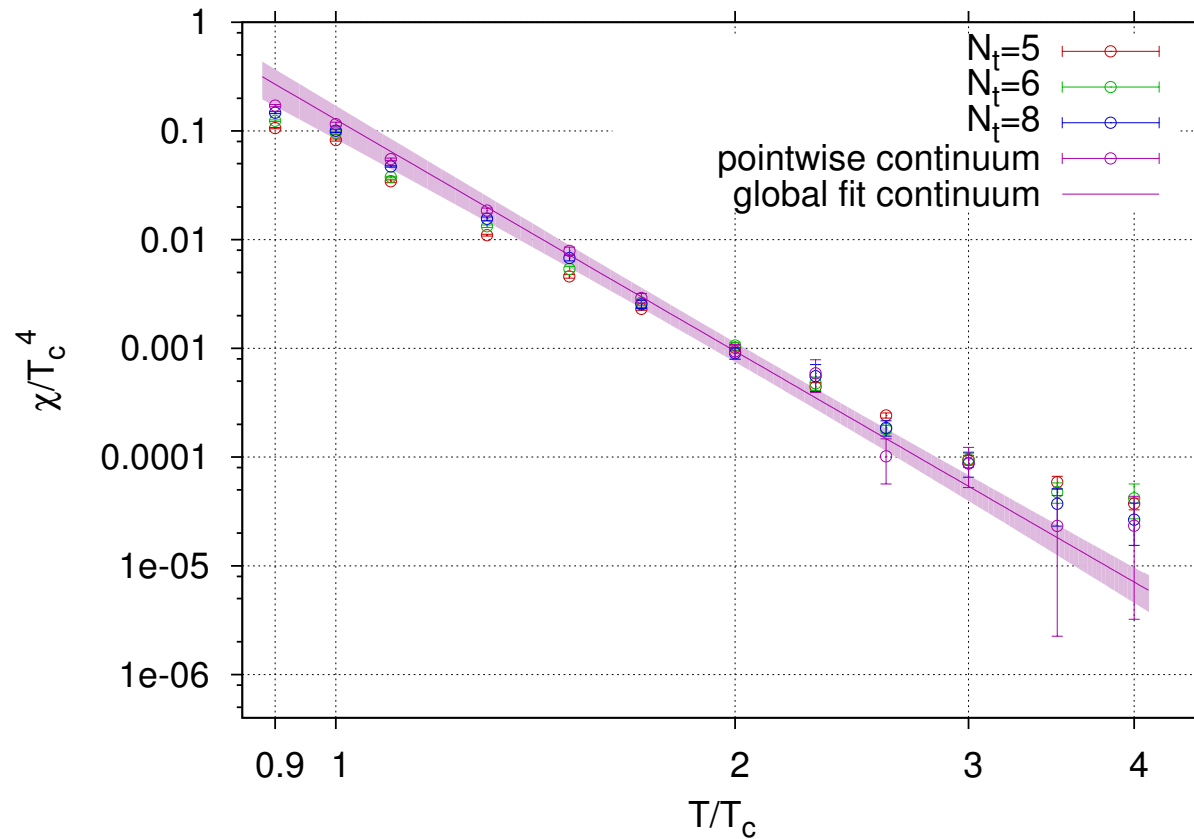
Berkowitz Buchoff Rinaldi 1505.07455



$N_t = 6$ ,  $b = 5.64(4)$ , no systematic errors,  $T \sim 2.5T_c$

# Axion, topological susceptibility, pure gauge

Borsanyi Dierigl Fodor Katz Mages N Redondo Ringwald Szabo  
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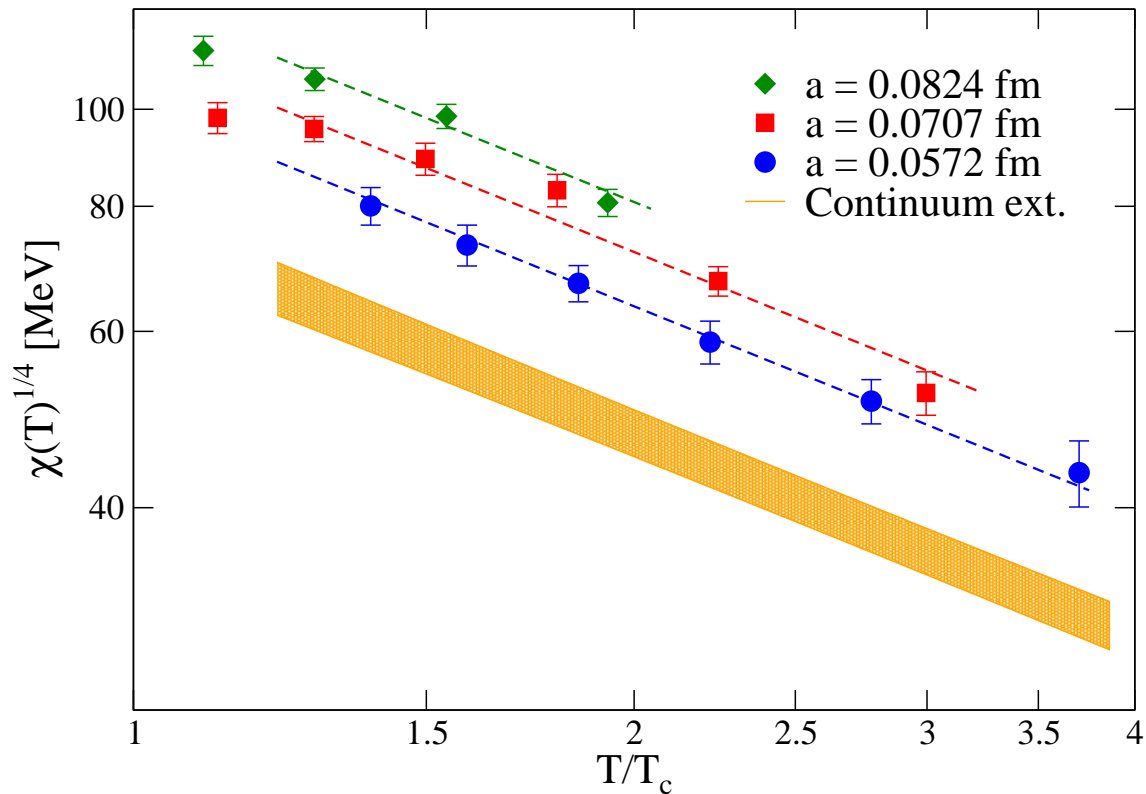
Continuum from  $N_t = 5, 6, 8$ ,  $b = 7.1(4)(2)$ ,  $T \sim 4T_c$ , over-all factor mismatch with DIGA



# Axion, topological susceptibility

First 2 + 1 dynamical result (staggered, stout,  $m_{phys}$ )

Bonati D'Elia Mariti Martinelli Mesiti Negro Sanfilippo Villadoro  
1512.06746



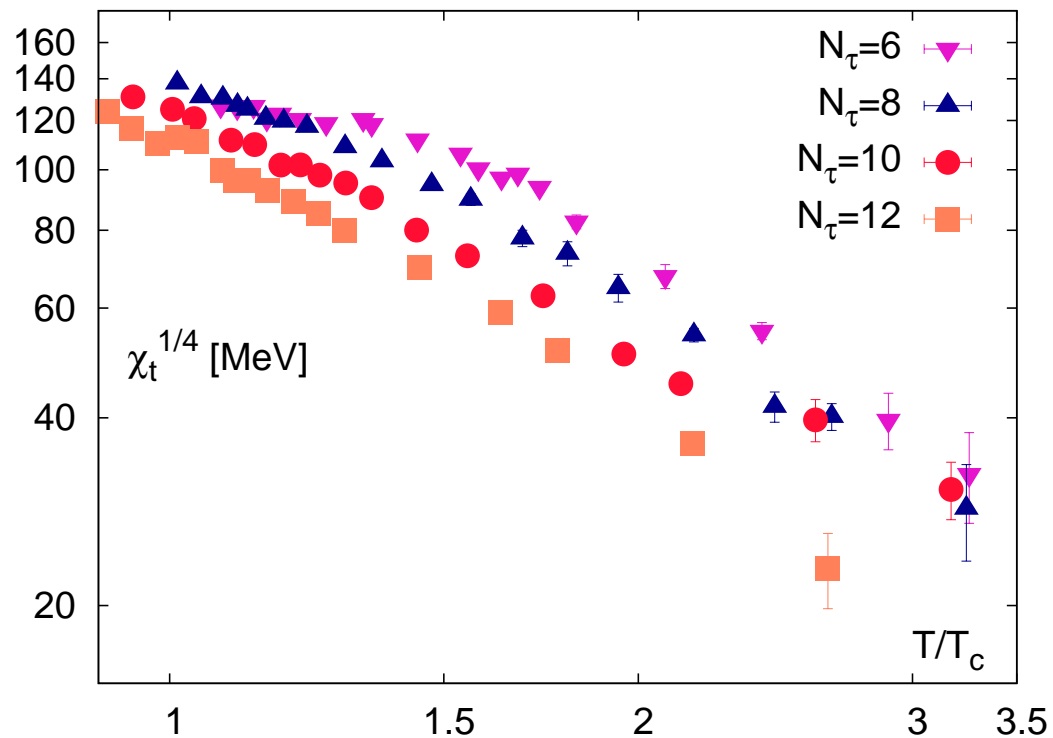
Fixed scale approach,  $b = 2.90(65) \ll 8$ ,  $T \sim 3.5T_c$

Note: cut-off effects large

# Axion, topological susceptibility

Another 2 + 1 dynamical staggered result (HISQ,  $m_\pi = 160 \text{ MeV}$ )

Petreczky Schadler Sharma 1606.03145

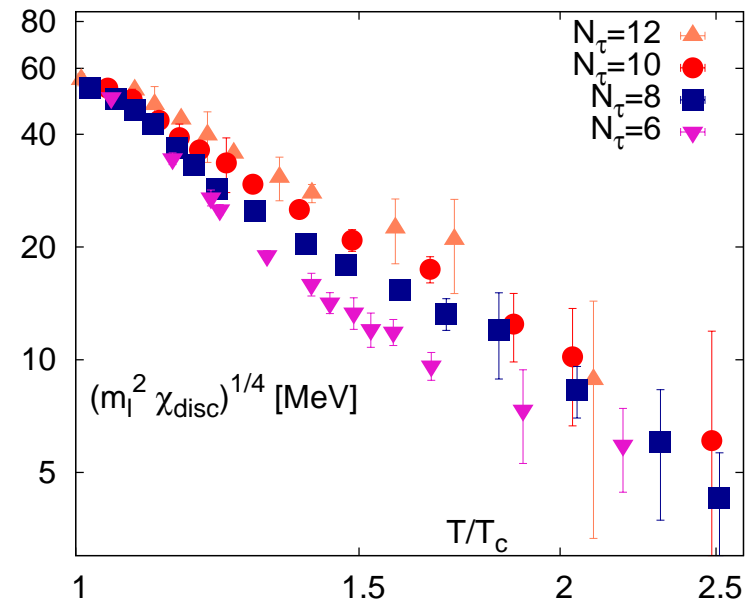
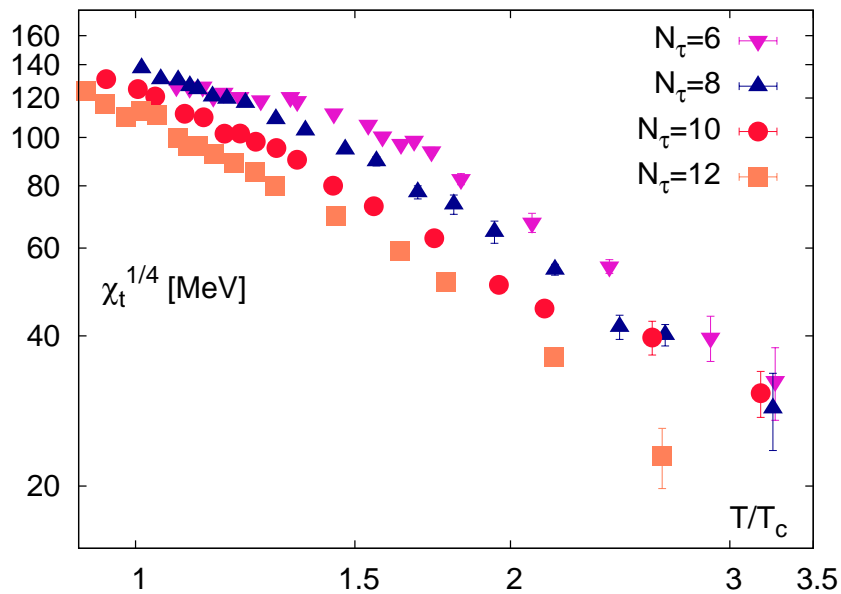


Note: cut-off effects large, gluonic definition for  $Q$  (as everybody else)

# Axion, topological susceptibility

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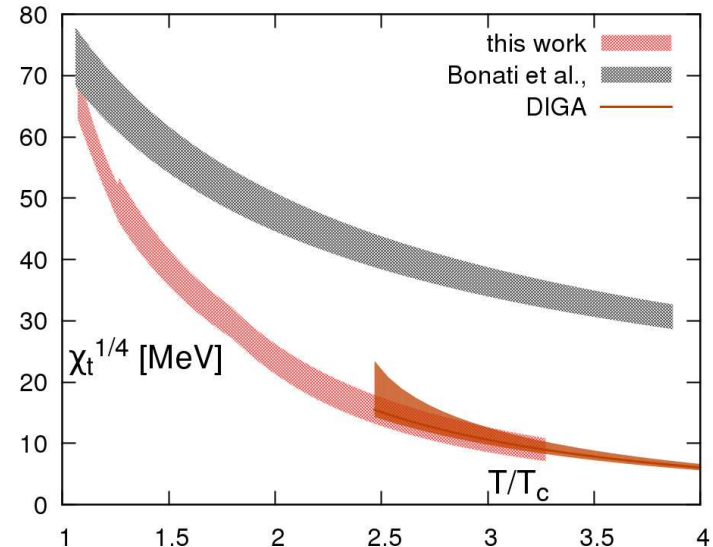
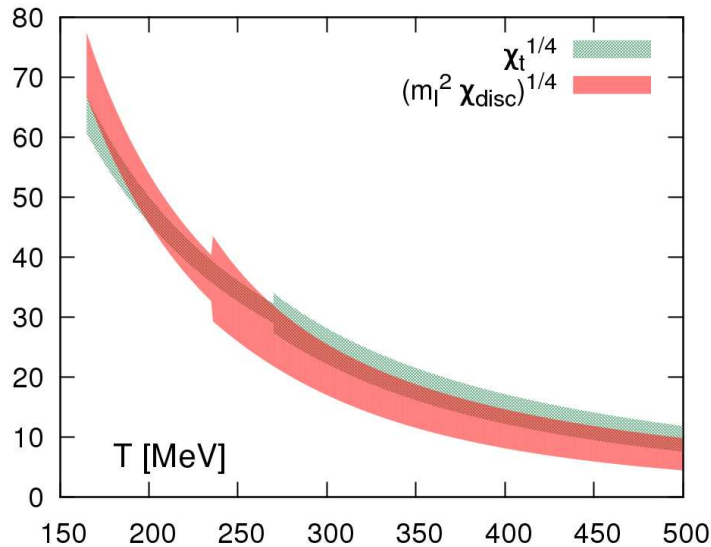
Use fermionic definition  $Q = m \text{Tr} D^{-1} \gamma_5 \rightarrow \chi = m^2 \chi_{5,disc}$



Note: direction of continuum limit opposite (good!) but still large

# Axion, topological susceptibility

Petreczky Schadler Sharma 1606.03145



Note 1:  $b = 7.4(6)$  for  $T > 1.5T_c$

Note 2: Bonati et al. reproduced from  $N_t = 6, 8$

Due to large cut-off effects, final result has large errors, even for  $\chi^{1/4}$

Axion, topological susceptibility

Q1: Why are there so large cut-off effects on fine lattices with staggered fermions?

Q2: Is there a more efficient way of calculating  $\chi$  at high  $T$  in general?

A1: Due to lack of exact zero-modes  $\rightarrow$  not sufficient suppression of  $Q \neq 0$  sectors  $\rightarrow$  measured  $Q^2$  too large  $\rightarrow$  measured  $b$  too small (Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494)

A2: Integral method at fixed- $Q$  (pure gauge: Frison Kitano Matsu-furu Mori Yamada 1606.07175, dynamical: Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494, same day submission to arXiv)

See Julien Frison's poster!

Axion, topological susceptibility

Q1: Why are there so large cut-off effects on fine lattices (high  $T$ ) with staggered fermions?

Related: How to get smaller errors at high  $T$ ?

Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494

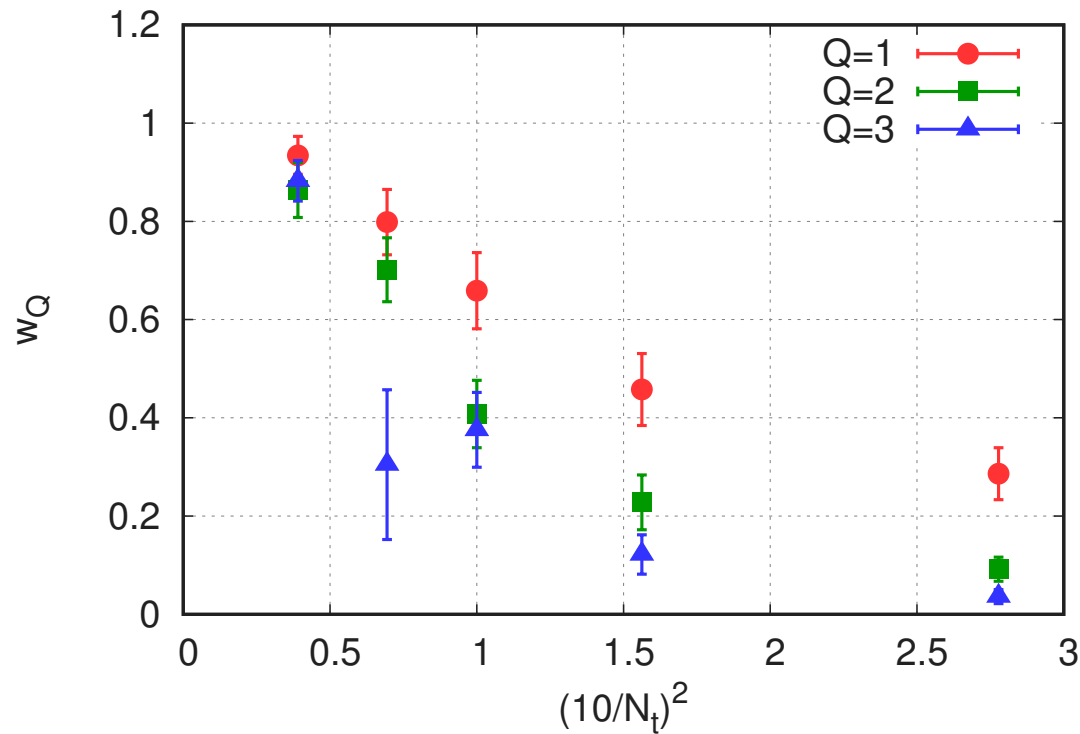
- Fix definition of  $Q$  (e.g. gradient flow)
- Look at lowest  $Q$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_i(U) + m$ ,  $\lambda_i(U) \neq 0$
- Should be (in continuum)  $m$  only
- Reweight for each flavor

$$w(U) = \prod_i \frac{m}{\lambda_i(U) + m}$$

## Axion, topological susceptibility

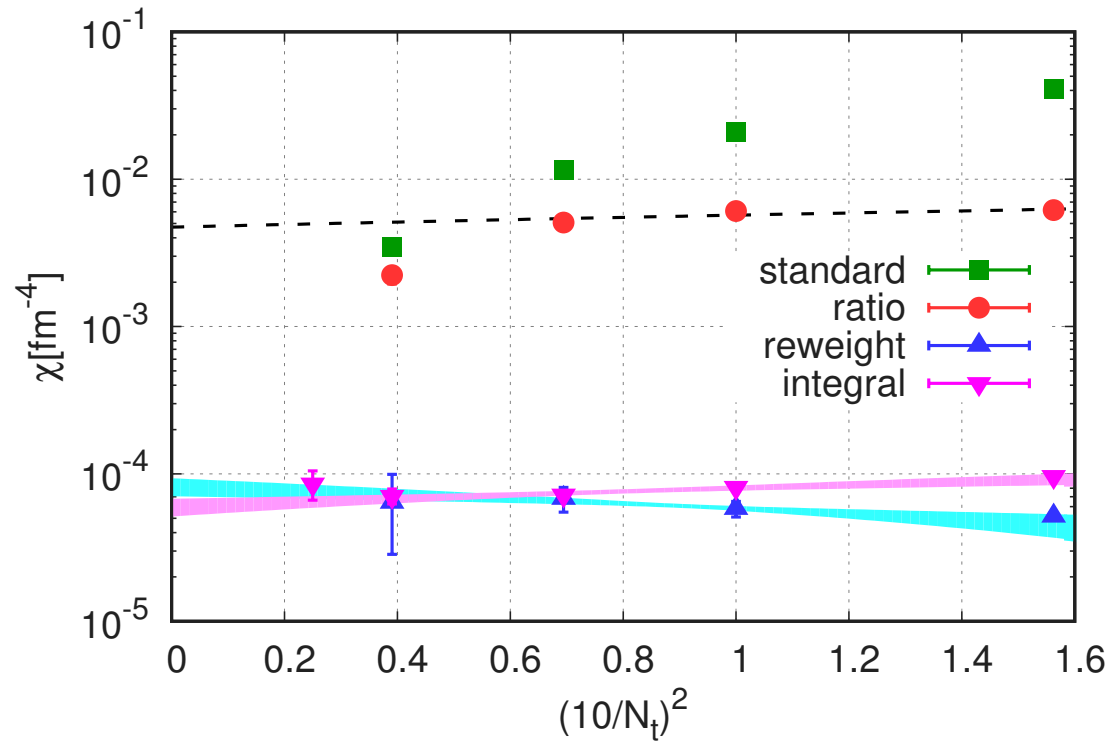
Q1: Why are there so large cut-off effects on fine lattices (high  $T$ ) with staggered fermions?

Reweighting: replaces the “wrong” low eigenvalues with the “correct” ones



# Axion, topological susceptibility

## Zero mode reweighting



Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494

$T = 300 \text{ MeV}$ , Ratio:  $\chi(T)/\chi(0)$



Axion, topological susceptibility

Q2: Is there a more efficient way of calculating  $\chi$  at high  $T$  in general?

Fix definition of  $Q$ ,  $Z_Q$ : partition function in sector  $Q$

At high  $T$  only  $|Q| = 1$  relevant,  $Z_{-1} = Z_1$

$$\langle Q^2 \rangle = \frac{2Z_1}{Z_0}$$

Take derivatives:  $b_1 = T \frac{d \log(Z_1/Z_0)}{dT}$

Get  $Z_1/Z_0$  by integrating  $b_1$  in  $T$

Axion, topological susceptibility

Fix-Q integral method

pure gauge: Frison Kitano Matsufuru Mori Yamada 1606.07175

Julien's poster

dynamical: Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494

On the lattice in pure gauge:

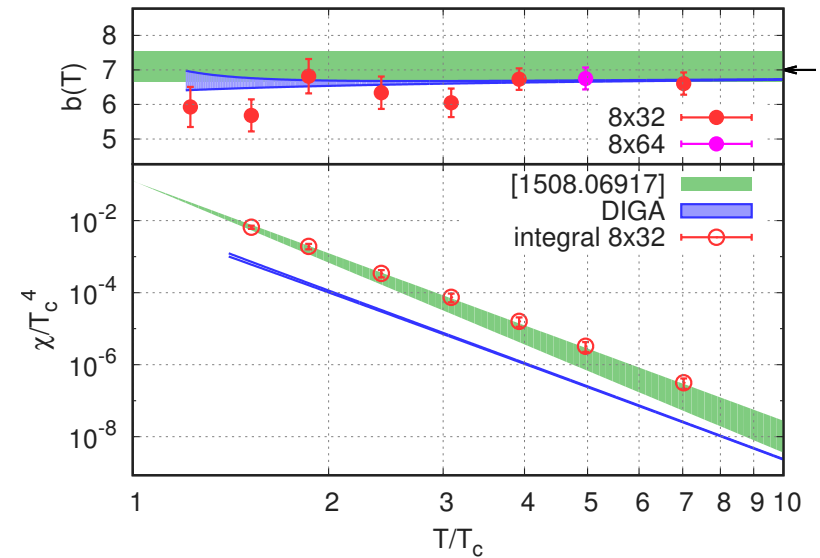
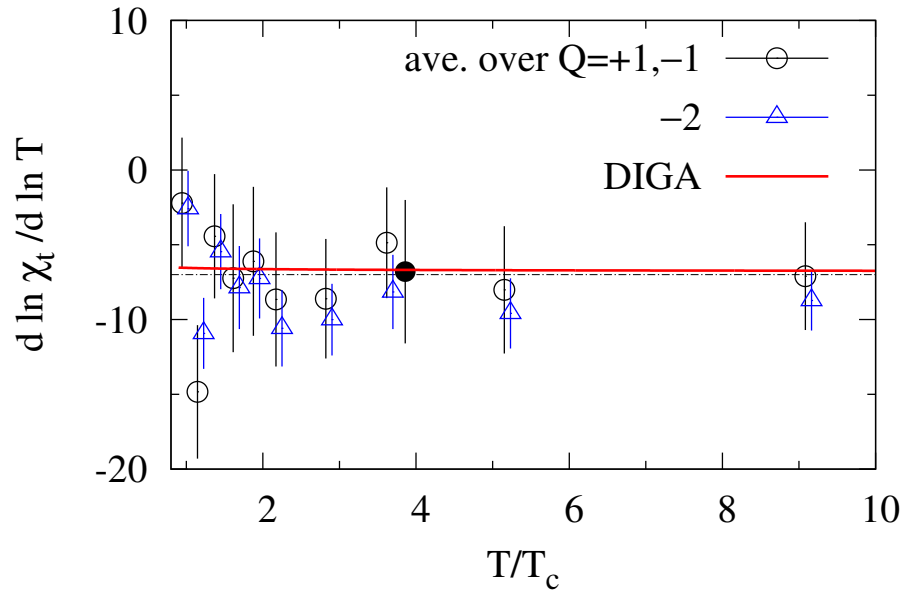
$$b_1 = a \frac{d\beta}{da} \langle S_g \rangle_{1-0}$$

Need to measure  $\langle S_g \rangle_{1-0} = \langle S_g \rangle_1 - \langle S_g \rangle_0$  in fixed-Q simulations and need scale  $\beta(a)$

Important: difficulty does not grow with  $T$

# Axion, topological susceptibility

## Fix-Q integral method in pure gauge



Left: Frison Kitano Matsufuru Mori Yamada 1606.07175

Right: Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494, pink:  $Q = 8$  (less statistics needed)

Note: over-all factor mismatch with DIGA, as before

Axion, topological susceptibility

Fix-Q integral method with staggered dynamical fermions  
Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494

$$b_1 = a \frac{d\beta}{da} \langle S_g \rangle_{1-0} + \sum_f \frac{d \log m_f}{d \log a} m_f \langle \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f \rangle_{1-0}$$

Line of constant physics enters in fermionic contribution

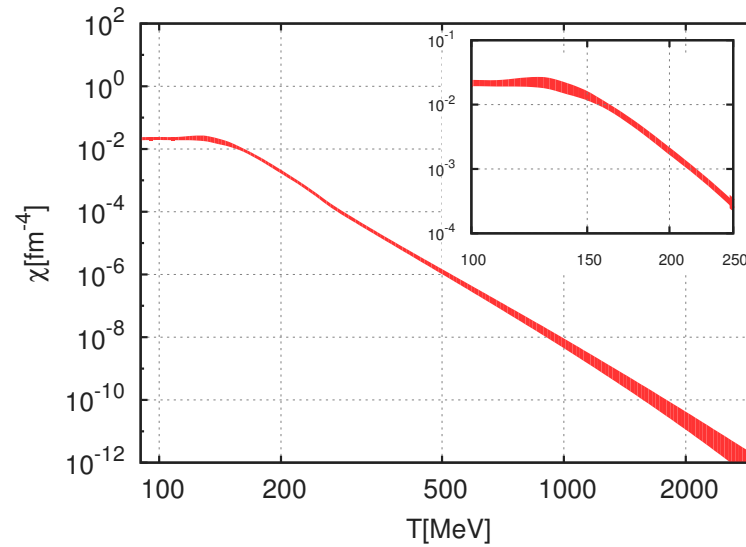
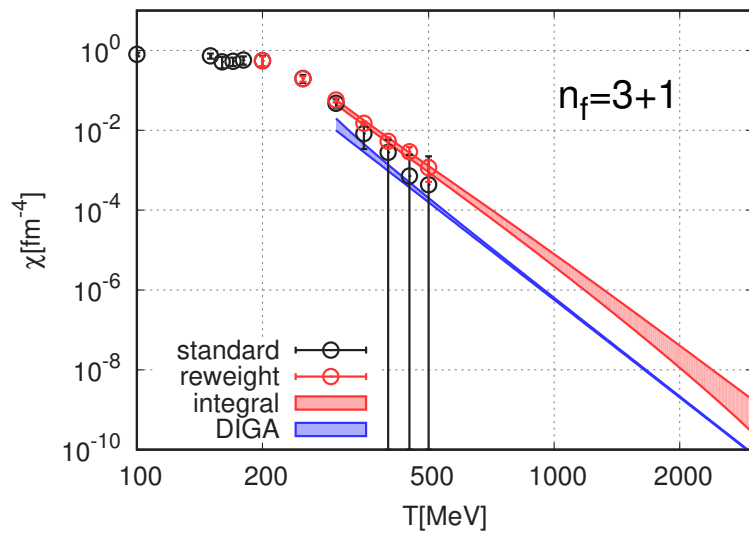
Integration in both  $\beta$  and  $m$

Note 1:  $m_f \langle \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f \rangle_{1-0}$  finite  $\rightarrow$  can integrate in  $m$  separately, using staggered or overlap fermions

Note 2: zero mode reweighting  $w(U)$  has  $m$ -dependence

# Axion, topological susceptibility

Fix-Q integral method with staggered/overlap dynamical fermions  
Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494



Left: 3 + 1

Right: 2 + 1 + 1 integrating with overlap in mass

Continuum,  $m_{phys}$

## Axion cosmology

Once  $\chi(T) = f_A^2 m_A^2(T)$ ,  $\varepsilon(T)$ ,  $s(T)$  available:

Axion equations of motion + Einstein equations

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + 3H(T)\frac{d\theta}{dt} + m_A^2(T)\frac{d}{d\theta}(1 - \cos\theta) = 0$$

$$H^2(T) = \frac{8\pi}{3M_{pl}^2}\varepsilon(T)$$

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = -3H(T)s(T)T$$

Key assumption:  $\theta(x) = \theta(t)$  spatially constant  $\rightarrow$   
no strings, domain walls, etc

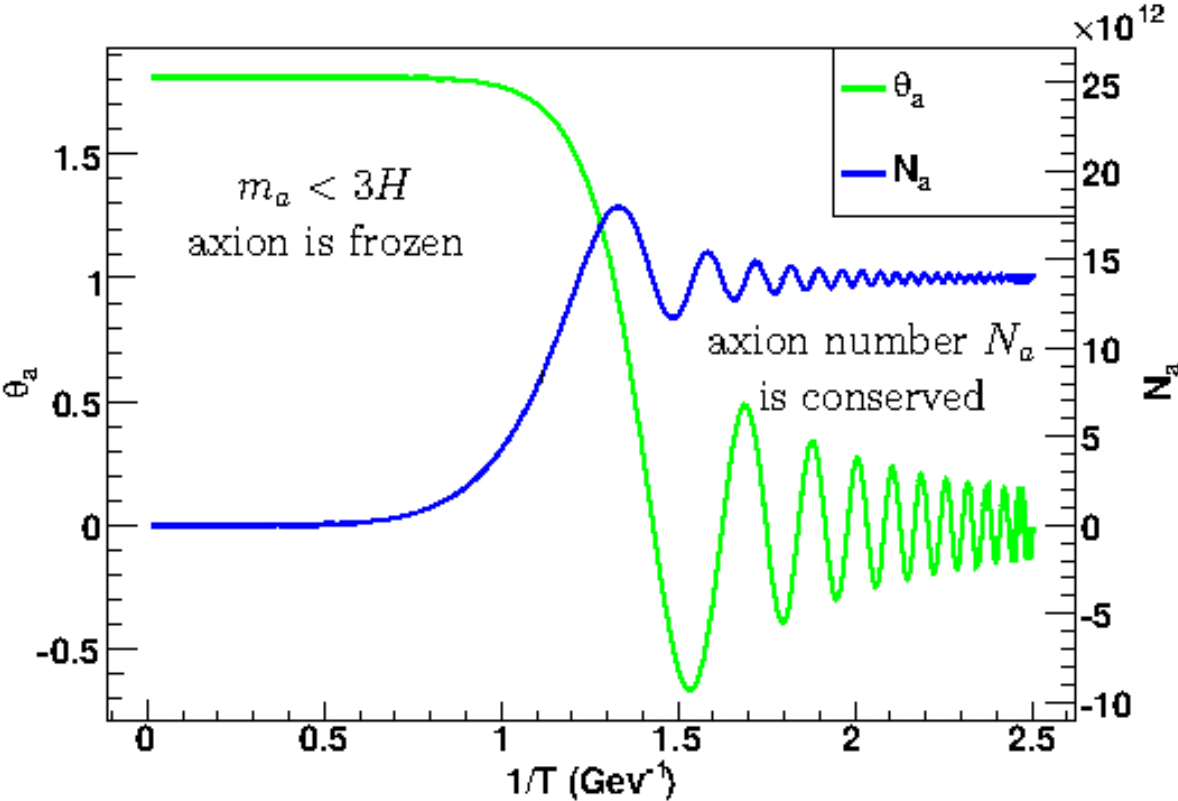
## Axion cosmology

Numerical integration straightforward from initial  $\theta_0 \rightarrow \theta(T, \theta_0, m_A)$

Qualitatively:

- Initially,  $3H(T) \gg m_A(T)$ , axion massless, number density  $n_A = 0$
- Later,  $m_A(T)$  increases,  $H(T)$  decreases,  $\theta$  goes towards zero
- At some point  $3H(T) = m_A(T)$ , oscillations,  $n_A$  jumps to non-zero value

Axion cosmology



Wantz Shellard 0910.1066



## Axion cosmology

- Decaying oscillations,  $\theta$  settles
- $N_A$  conserved afterwards,  $S$  also (adiabatic)  $\rightarrow n_A/s$  also
- $n_A(\text{today}) = n_A(T)/s(T)s(\text{today})$
- $s(\text{today}) = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} \frac{43}{11} T_{CMB}^3$ ,  $T_{CMB} = 2.725K$  (neutrinos, photons)
- $\rightarrow \varepsilon_A(\text{today}) = m_A n_A(\text{today})$  energy density of axions today

From the numerical integration:  $\rightarrow \varepsilon_A(\text{today}, m_A, \theta_0)$

## Axion cosmology

From the numerical integration:  $\rightarrow \varepsilon_A(\text{today}, m_A, \theta_0)$

Interpretation depends on whether symmetry breaking (scale  $f_A$ ) before or after inflation

- pre-inflation scenario: single  $\theta_0$  (we are in one domain)
- post-inflation scenario: all  $\theta_0$  visible  $\rightarrow$  average over them

$R_A$ : axion component of dark matter

$$\Omega_A = \frac{\varepsilon_A(\text{today})}{\varepsilon_{crit}}$$

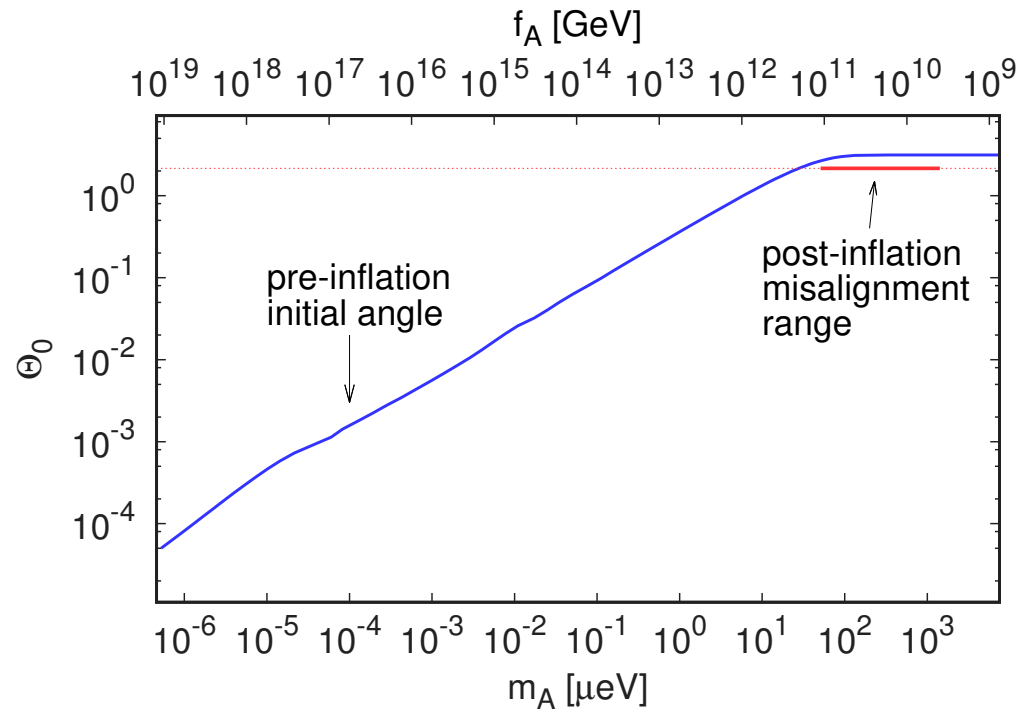
$$R_A = \frac{\Omega_A}{\Omega_{DM}}$$

## Axion cosmology

Pre-inflation scenario:  $R = R(\theta_0, m_A)$ , assuming a fix  $R$  value gives an implicit relation between  $\theta_0$  and  $m_A$ , for example  $R = 1$ . Measuring  $m_A$  in the future  $\rightarrow$  initial condition of the Universe ( $\theta_0$ ), defects inflated away, less important

Post-inflation scenario:  $\bar{R} = \bar{R}(m_A)$ , assuming a fix  $\bar{R}$  gives  $m_A$  directly. For example varying  $\bar{R}$  between 1% and 50%  $\rightarrow$  most plausible  $m_A$ -range, defects may be important

## Axion cosmology, mass bounds



Borsanyi et al. 1606.07494

Only realignment:  $m_A = 28(2)\mu\text{eV}$

50% realignment:  $m_A = 50(4)\mu\text{eV}$

1% realignment:  $m_A \sim 1500\mu\text{eV}$

Rest from defects (strings, domain walls, etc) within axion picture, potentially more types of DM also

## Summary, continuum $m_{phys}$ results

- $T_c$  very mature from lattice QCD
- $2 + 1$  EoS also
- $2 + 1 + 1$  EoS available with stout staggered
- $\chi(T)$  available up to more than  $10T_c$
- Solid axion mass bounds from QCD

## Haven't talked about lots of interesting developments

- Renormalization of energy momentum tensor  $\rightarrow$  gradient flow (Monday 15:15 Yusuke Taniguchi)
- Correlators, transport coefficients (Monday 14:50 Victor Braguta)
- Finite density (Tuesday)
- Fluctuations of conserved charges at  $\mu = 0$  (today Christian Schmidt)
- QCD on non-orientable manifolds,  $\chi$
- Shifted boundary conditions (pure gauge EoS high precision)
- etc.

Thank you for your attention!