

Bulk thermodynamics of $SU(N)$ lattice gauge theories at large- N

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I. Outline of the talk

- II. Sketch the motivation - what is the pressure deficit at large- N ? .
- III. Describe the integral method (briefly).
- IV. “Reduction at large- N ”, or are these volumes large enough ? .
- V. Results: method of presentation
- VI. Results for p , and Δ .
- VII. Summary and implications.

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 - Small viscosity in pure $SU(3)$ Nakamura et al. '98, '04.
 - Survival of heavy quarkonia states up to $\sim 1.5 - 1.7T_c$. Petreczky '04 (Lattice04 review)

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large- N numerical study can test/constrain these and point to their important ingredients.

The study of large- N is too vast to review here .

1. Loop models Daamgard and Patkos '86, Pisarksi '00, Dumitru et al. '04, Eguchi-Kawai inspired models Billo et al. '94,

Small volumes Aharony et al. '03, '05.

→ these become soluble at large- N .

2. $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUSY with large- N , and $g^2 N \gg 1$, where behaviour is reminiscent of QCD's Gusber et al. '98, Policastro et al. '01.

3. Have accurate numerical results of deconfinement in $4d$ pure gauge with $N \leq 8$ by

Teper and Lucini '02, Del Debbio et al. '04, Lucini, Teper and Wenger '05, BB and Teper, '05, Bursa and Teper '05 $[T_c, \xi(T_c), L_h, \dots]$.

→ Good starting point for an accurate calculations.



We numerically calculate bulk thermodynamics of pure lattice gauge theories for $N > 3$.

III. The integral method Boyd et al '96

Want to evaluate the free energy $F(T, V) = -T \log Z$

When $V = \infty$, then $F = V f(T)$, and $p(T) = \frac{T}{V} \log Z = \frac{1}{L_s^3 L_t a^4} \log Z$.

Useful to define $\Delta/T^4 = \frac{\partial(p/T^4)}{\partial \log T} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \epsilon = \Delta + 3p \\ s T = \Delta + 4p \end{cases}$

On the lattice: express p, Δ in terms of MC averages.

1. “Differential” but larger $N \rightarrow$ smaller L_t
 $\rightarrow a^{-1} \simeq 1.3 \text{ GeV near } T_c \rightarrow$ can get $p(T_c) < 0$ Svetitsky and Fucito, '83
2. Direct evaluation of density of states \rightarrow modern methods Wang and Landau '01.
But, preliminary checks did not converge.
3. “Integral method” Boyd et al. '96 (for pure $SU(3)$),
Engels et al. '90

We choose the integral method :

$$p(T) = \frac{1}{a^4(\beta)L_t L_s^3} \log Z = \frac{1}{a^4(\beta)L_t L_s^3} \int_{\beta_0}^{\beta} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \log Z}{\partial \beta'}}_{6L_s^3 L_t u_p(\beta')} d\beta' = \frac{6}{a^4} \int_{\beta_0}^{\beta} u_p(\beta') d\beta'$$

Conventional regularization : $p(T; \beta) \rightarrow p(T; \beta) - p(0; \beta) \Rightarrow p(T=0) \equiv 0$.

$$u_p \rightarrow \delta u_p \equiv u_p(L_s^3 L_t) - u_p(L_s^4)$$

$$p/T^4 = 6L_t^4 \int_{\beta_0}^{\beta} \delta u_p(\beta') d\beta' \quad [+ p/T^4]_{T_0}; \quad \Delta/T^4 = 6 \delta u_p(\beta) \times \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial \log a^{-1}}.$$

To conclude: Need 2 MC sets on an L_s^4 , and an $L_s^3 L_t$ for each $\beta \in [\beta_0, \beta_{\max}]$. Also choose $\beta_0 < \beta_c$ (then $\delta u_p(\beta_0) \simeq 0 \rightarrow (p/T^4)_{T_0} \simeq 0$).

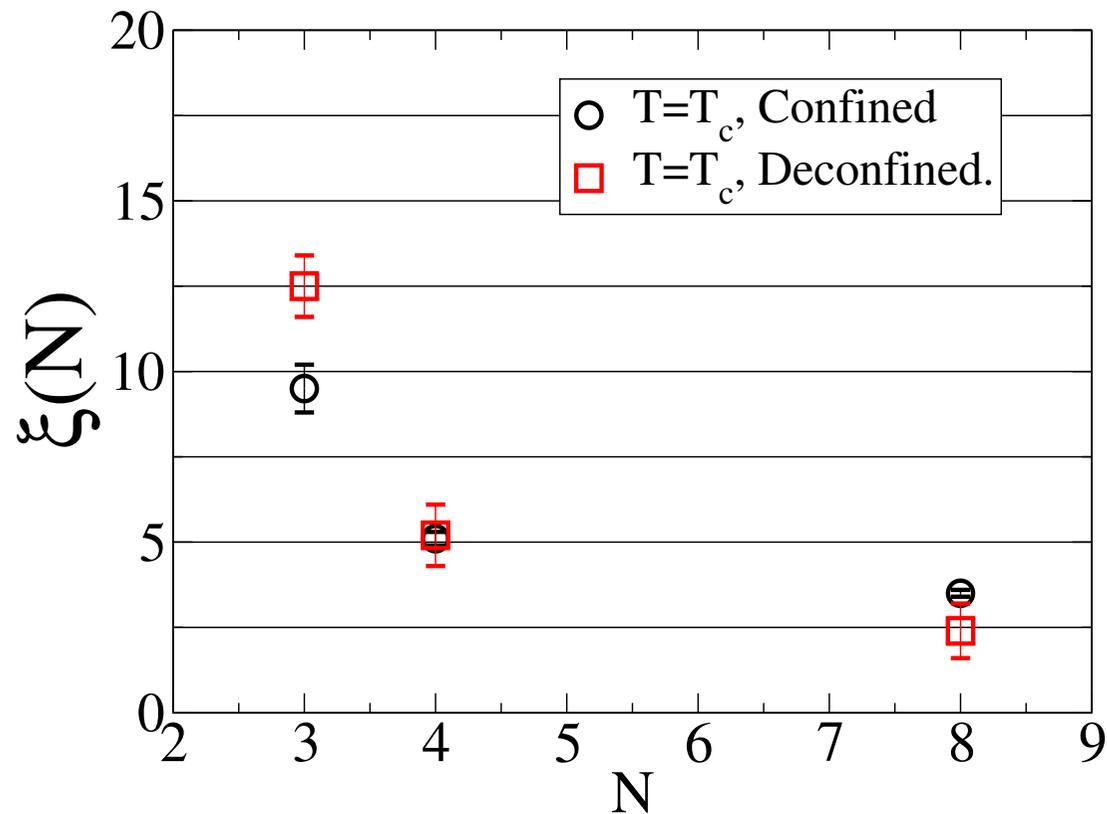
MC's info : Pure gauge with $L_t = 5$: $SU(4)$ on $16^3 5$, $SU(8)$ on $8^3 5$, Compare with $SU(3)$ of Boyd et al. '96, where $L_t = 4, 6, 8$, \rightarrow supplement for $SU(3)$ on $20^3 5$.

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Eguchi and Kawai '82,

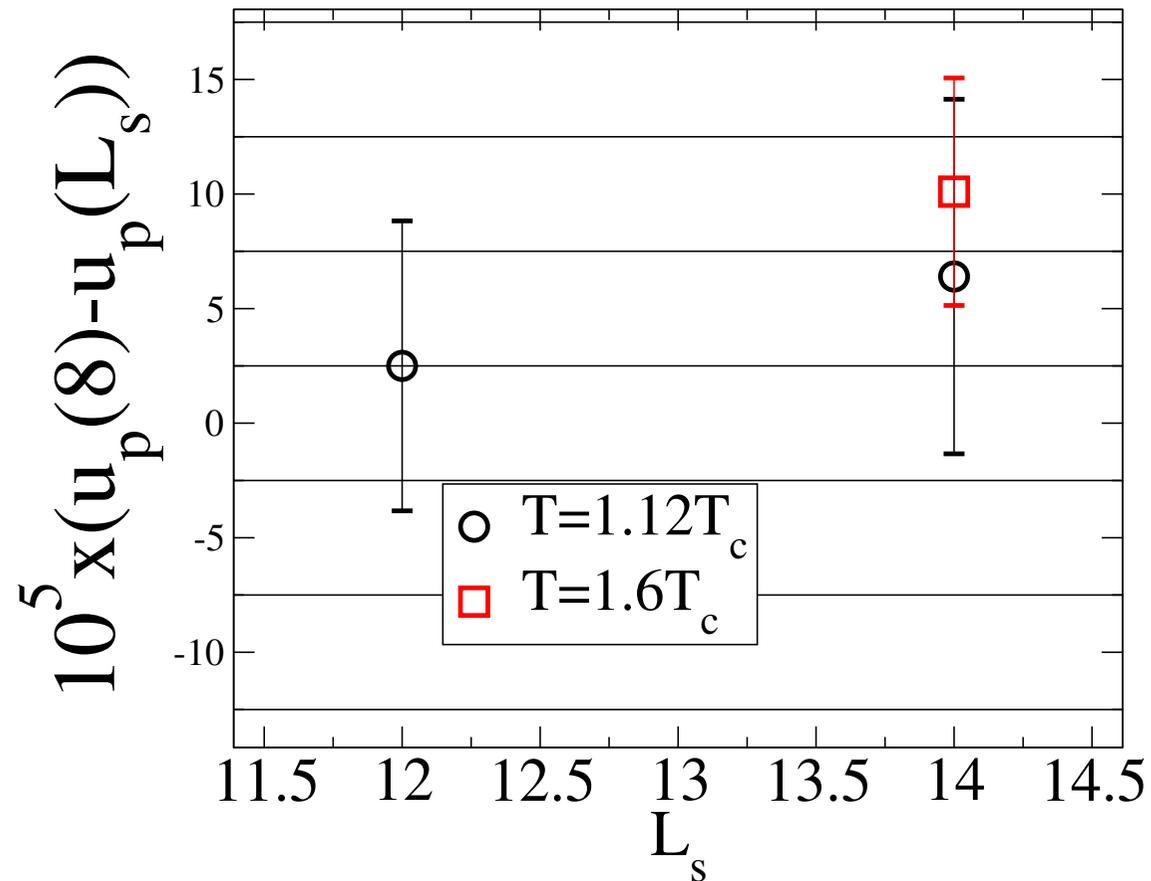
Reduction : recently- Neuberger and Narayanan '03 suggests fast approach to $V = \infty$ at large- N .

- Indeed: ξ decreases with N (and decreases from T_c) Lucini et al. '05.



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Asymmetric lattices, $T \neq 0$: our choices of L_s are **OK** when studying $u_p(L_s)$.
At most 2σ variations.

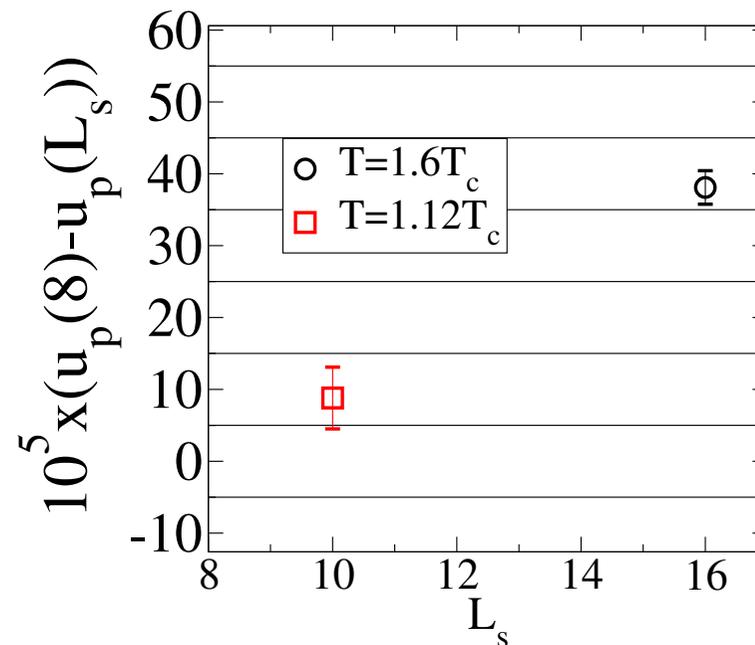


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Investigating $u_p(L_s)$ we find **a huge 16σ deviation for $SU(8)$** .



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- **For $N = 8$, 8^4 is too small** \rightarrow We use (Lucini et al. '05)'s $u_p(L_s)$ from $L_s \leq 16$, to fit $u_p^0(\beta)$:

$$u_p(\beta) = u_p^{PT}(\beta) + \frac{\pi^2 G_2}{12 N} a^4(\beta) + c_4 g^8 + c_5 g^{10}$$
$$\hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}(g^6) \text{ Alles et al. '98}$$

Finally: separate phases with $\beta_c(V = \infty)$ Lucini et al. '05:

\rightarrow Only when $T \simeq T_c$ for $SU(4)$, and $SU(8)$.

\rightarrow For $N = 3$ the volume is too small to separate.

Another aspect of reduction at large- N

Reduction a lá Eguchi-Kawai: at $N = \infty$

- Nothing depends on T if $T < T_c$ Gocksch and Neri '84.
- Nothing depends on V if $V > V_c$ at $T = 0$ Recent Neuberger et al. '03-'04.

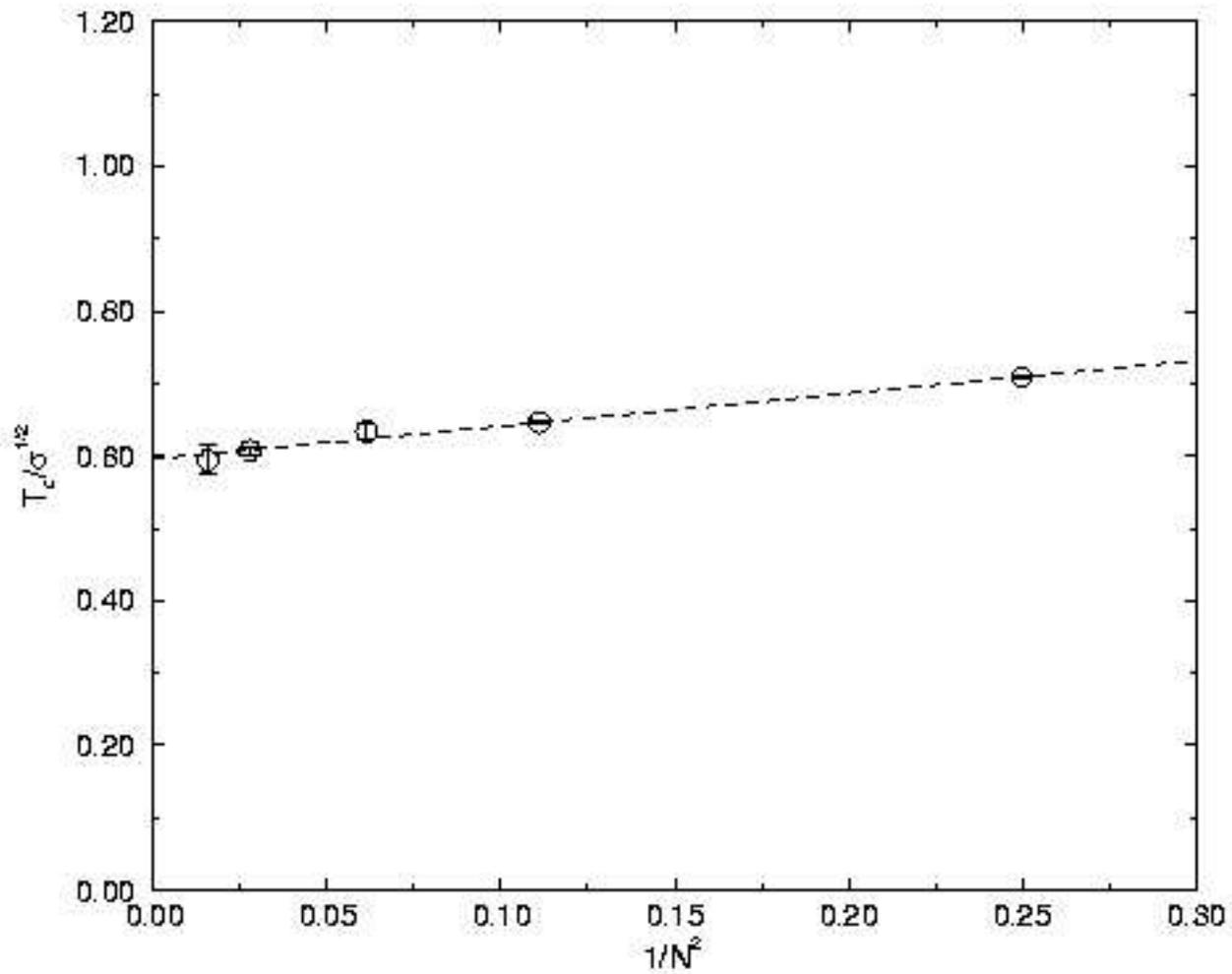
Is $u_p(T_c^-) = u_p(0)$? :

- $SU(3)$: 15σ ✗. data from Boyd et al. '96
- $SU(4)$: 1.7σ ✓.
- $SU(8)$: 2.1σ ✓.

Which means that $[p/T^4]_{T < T_c} = 0$ for larger $N \rightarrow$ very small systematic error from integration for larger N .

V. The physical scale, what is $T/T_c(\beta) = ?$

The value of $T_c/\sqrt{\sigma}$ Lucini et al. '03,'05 ($a \rightarrow 0, V \rightarrow \infty$)



The most natural scale here is T_c .

→ this requires $\beta_c(L_t, L_s) \rightarrow$ a very large-scale project (need many L_t, L_s).

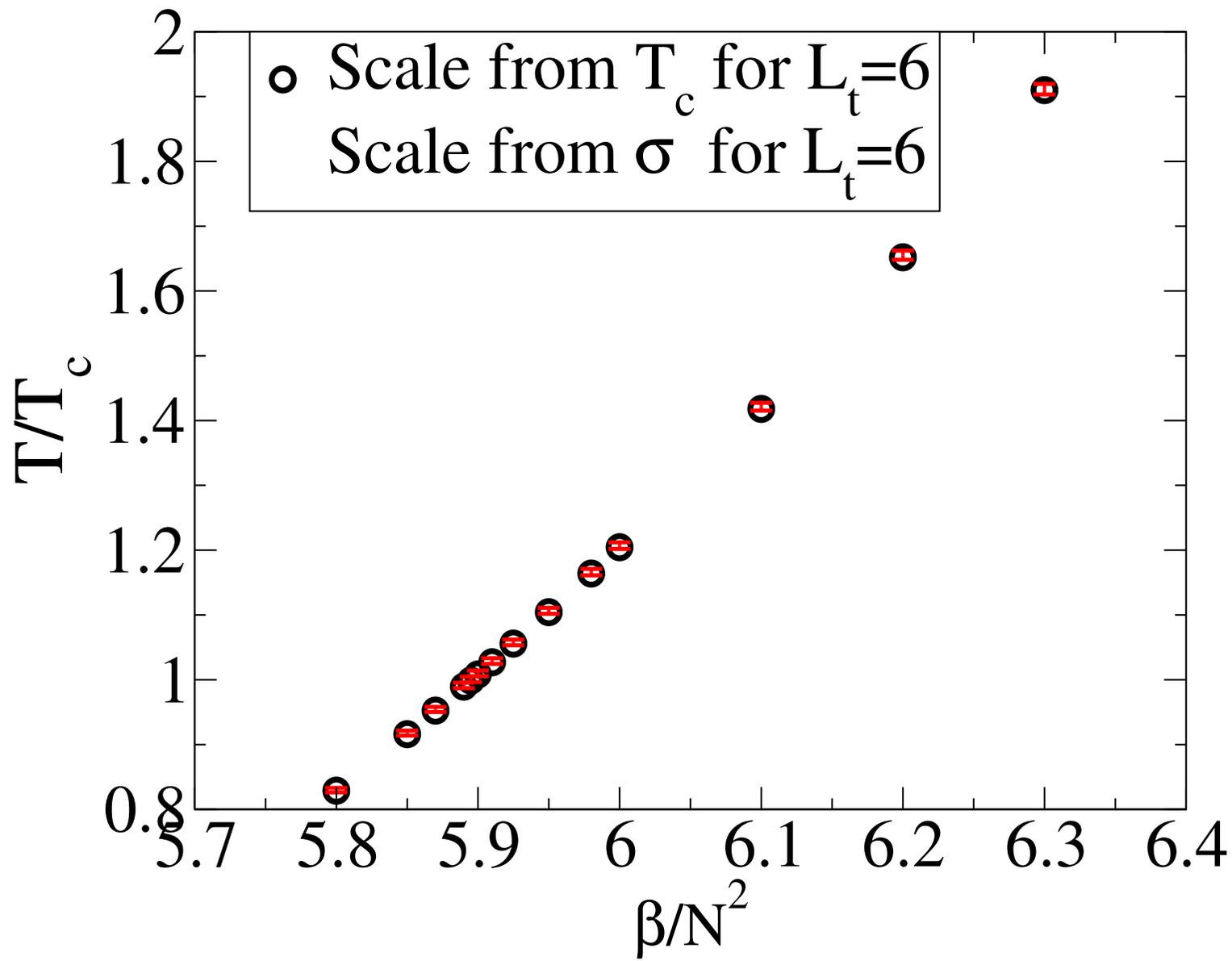
One can also fix the scale with $\sqrt{\sigma}$ using the $(a\sqrt{\sigma})_\beta$ interpolation of [Lucini et al. '05](#)

Possible differences are due to $\mathcal{O}(a^2)$ corrections to $\frac{T_c}{\sqrt{\sigma}}$, and

- For $SU(3), SU(8)$: $\frac{T_c}{\sqrt{\sigma}}$ at $a = 1/5T_c, 1/8T_c$ are the same with errors.
- For $SU(4)$: there is a 5σ difference between $a = 1/5T_c, 1/8T_c$,
which is however only $\sim 2\%$ → a small overestimate of T/T_c when $T/T_c \simeq 8/5$.

→ We fix the scale with $\sqrt{\sigma}$

As a consistency check : compare $T/T_c(\beta)$ from [Boyd et al. '96](#) made with T_c for $SU(3)$,
and



VI. Results

We work at fix lattice spacing $a \simeq 1/5T$:

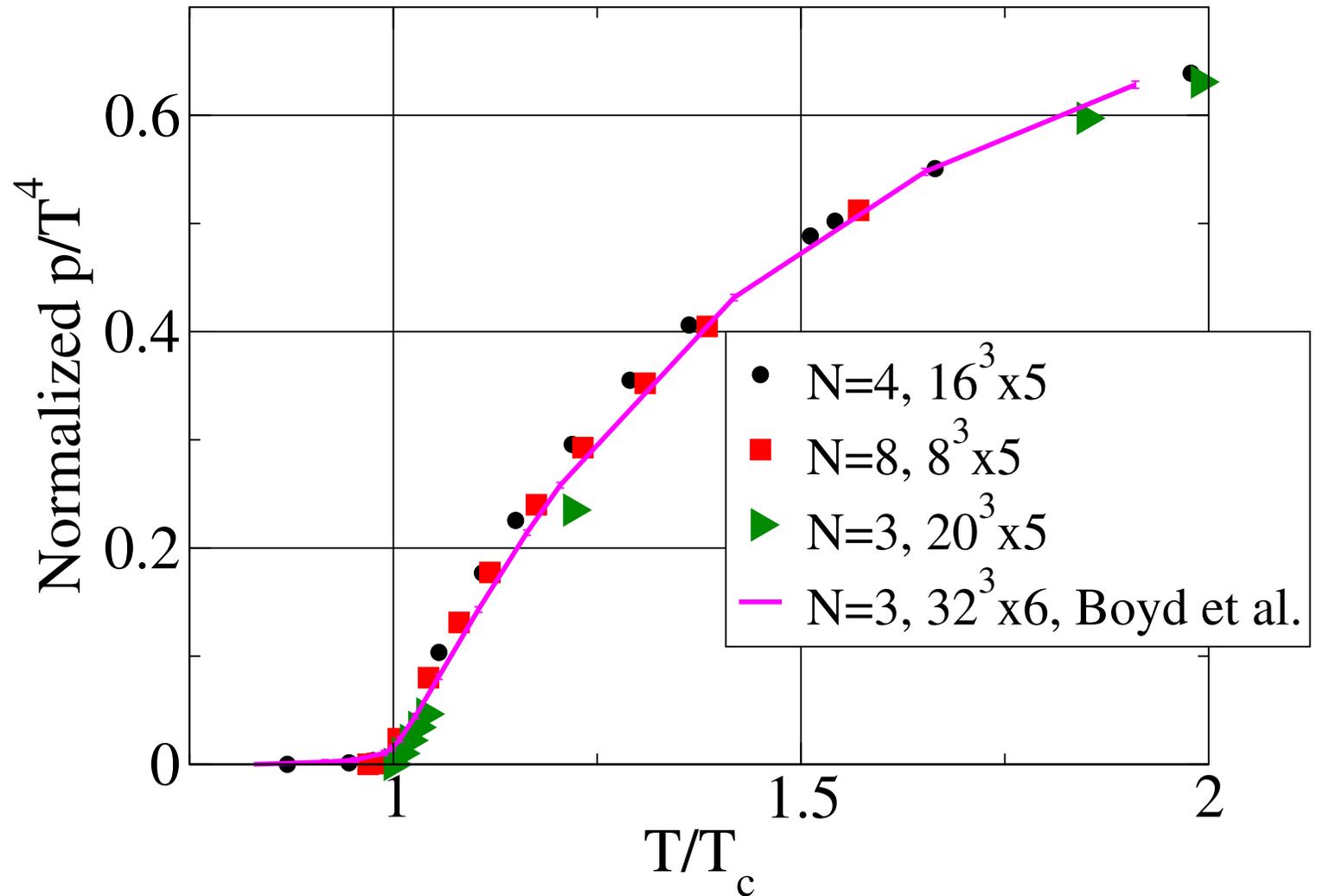
- Have $\mathcal{O}(1/L_t^2)$ to the free-gas [Engels et al. '99](#). If $L_s \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$p_{\text{free}}/T^4 = (N^2 - 1) \frac{\pi^2}{45} \left[1 + \underbrace{\frac{8}{21} \left(\frac{\pi}{L_t}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{21} \left(\frac{\pi}{L_t}\right)^4}_{\sim 19\% \text{ for } L_t = 5} + \mathcal{O}(L_t^{-6}) \right].$$

We normalize to the lattice free gas, to get $p/T^4 \rightarrow 1$, $\epsilon/T^4 \rightarrow 3$, $s/T^3 \rightarrow 4$, and therefore we normalize Δ/T^4 accordingly.

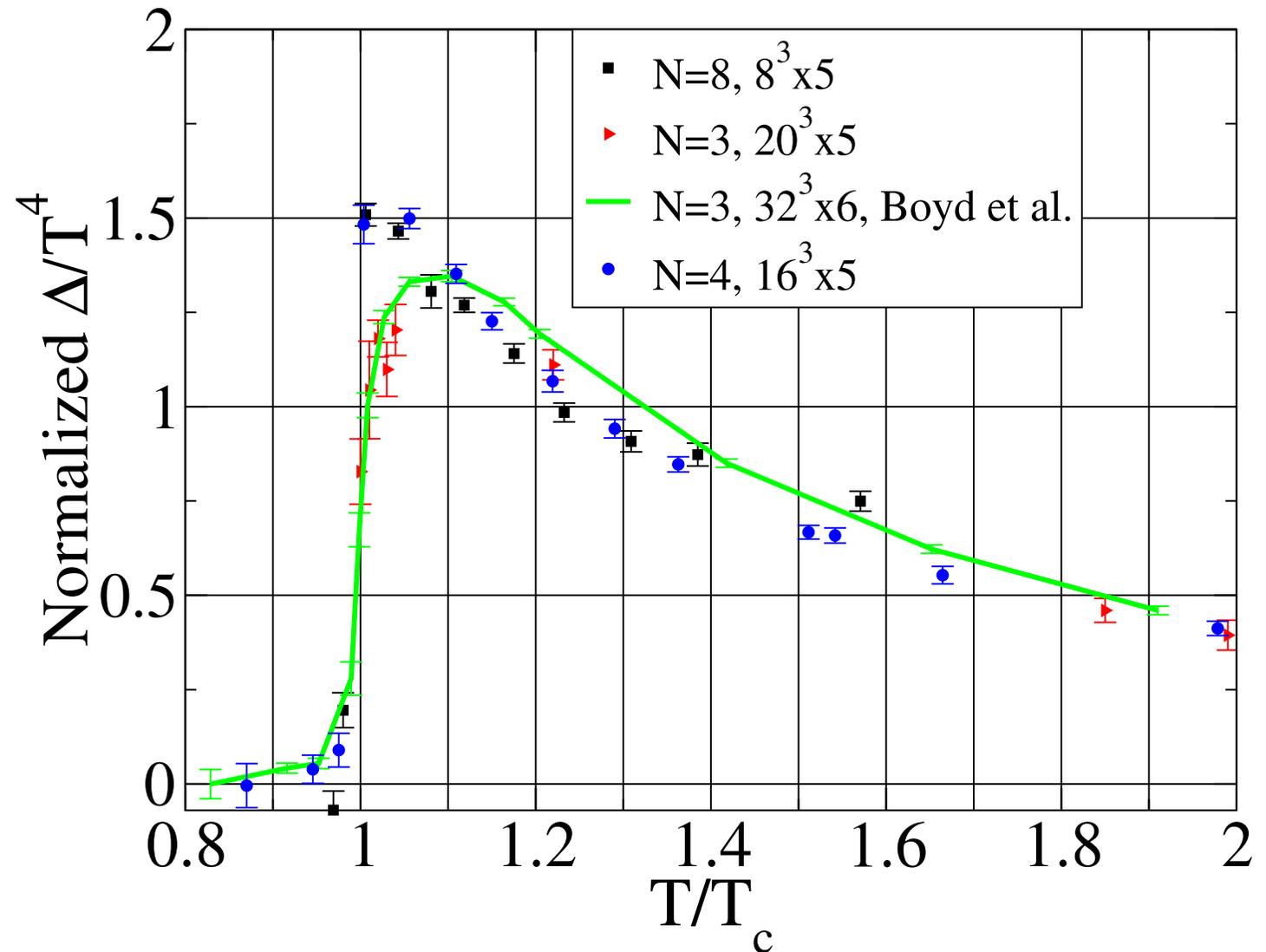
VII.a. Results-Normalized pressure (symbols' size=errors)

Pressure plots
lie almost on top
of each other.



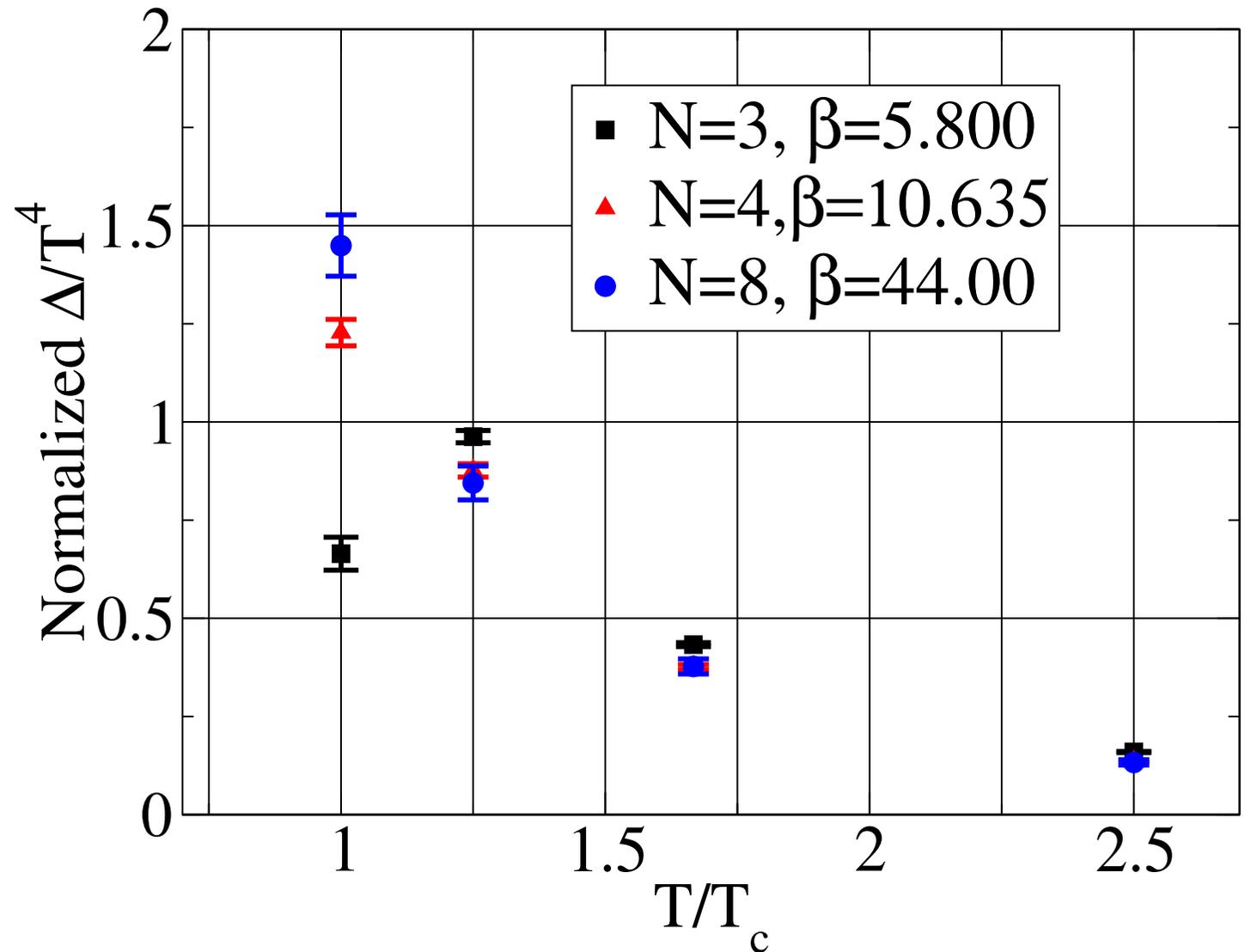
VII.b. Results-Normalized Δ

- (1) Δ has modest $O(1/N)$ corrections.
(2) At $T = T_c$ Δ is different, possibly due a weak 1st order in $SU(3)$.



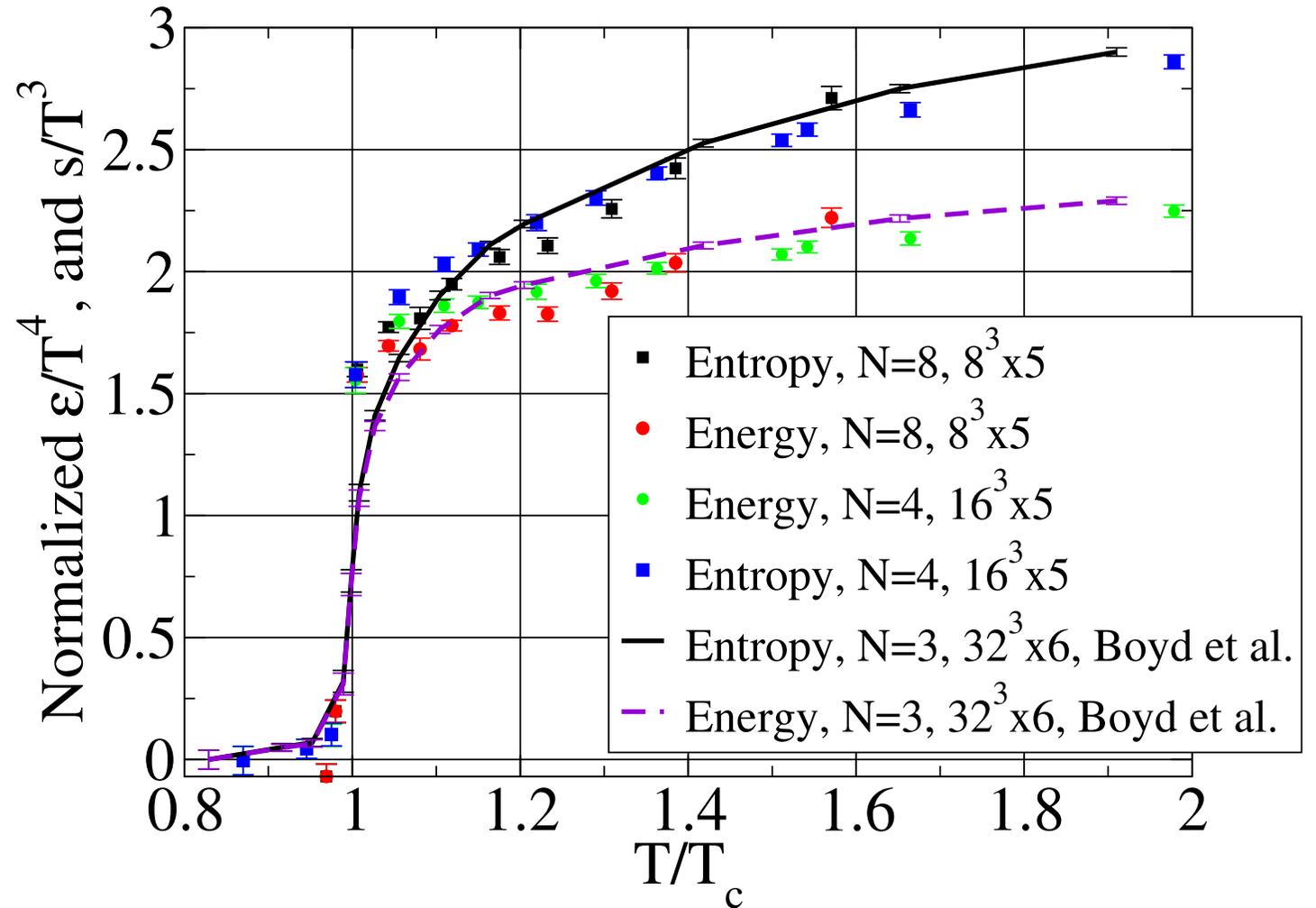
VII.d. Results-Normalized Δ , $L_t = 2, 3, 4, 5$ (higher temperatures.)

Here we see Δ up to $T = 2.5T_c$, again modest $O(1/N)$ corrections.



VII.e. Results-Normalized $\epsilon, s, L_t = 5$

$s/T^3, \epsilon/T^4$ have
modest $O(1/N)$
corrections.



IX. Summary and Implications (very shortly)

We calculated p, Δ, ϵ, s at lattice spacing $a^{-1} = 5T$ with the integral method:

- $T \leq 2T_c$ for $SU(4)$.
- $T \leq 1.6T_c$ for $SU(8)$.

We calculated Δ for $SU(4)$ and $SU(8)$ $T_c \leq T \leq 2.5T_c$ at $a^{-1} = (2 - 5)T_c$.

We find that for all quantities the $\mathcal{O}(1/N)$ corrections are modest/small.

An exception is with Δ (and therefore also ϵ, s): where the discontinuity at T_c is sharper for $SU(4, 8)$ than for $SU(3)$.

Any calculation of p deficit, Δ must also survive the large- N limit which is easier to approach analytically.

Which means

Diagrammatic methods - Planar diagrams are most important.

→ Up to $\mathcal{O}(g^6)$ a lá Kajantie et al. '02 everything is planar ! Non-planar diag. maybe at $\mathcal{O}(g^7)$ or $\mathcal{O}(g^8)$ Schroder priv. comm.

Models (loops, quasi-particles, bound states)- **Models' parameters must have weak N -dependence.**

Singlet excitations have no role, as there are $\mathcal{O}(1)$ of them.

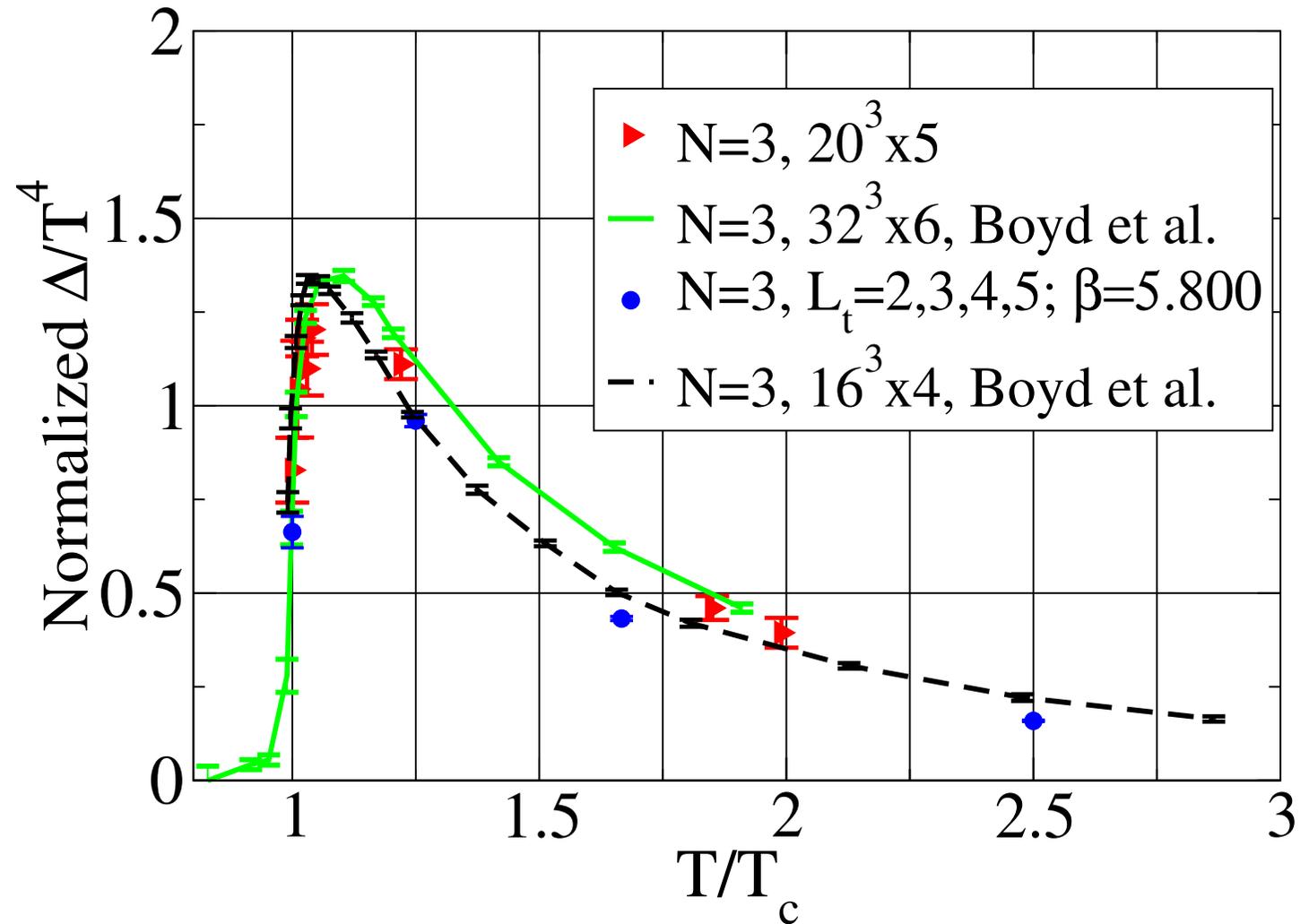
No role for topology: as at large- N and $T > T_c$ have no instantons Lucini et al. '04, Del Debbio et al. '04

QCD vs. large- N SUSY models.

→ the difference is not due to $\mathcal{O}(1/N)$ corrections.

→ Understanding what SUSY dynamics imply on nonSUSY gauge theory is sufficient in the large- N limit.

Appendix: Results-Normalized Δ for $SU(3)$, $L_t = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ dep.



See systematic L_t dep.