

# Potts models with long-range interactions

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## Outline:

1. Universality and range of interaction
2. Simulation of long-range models
3. The long-range Potts model

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## Ising models with variable range:

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{i,j} K(|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|) s_i s_j$$

where

$\mathcal{H}$  specifies energy

$i, j, \dots$  label lattice sites

$K(r)$  is coupling for sites at distance  $r$

$s_i = \pm 1$  are Ising variables

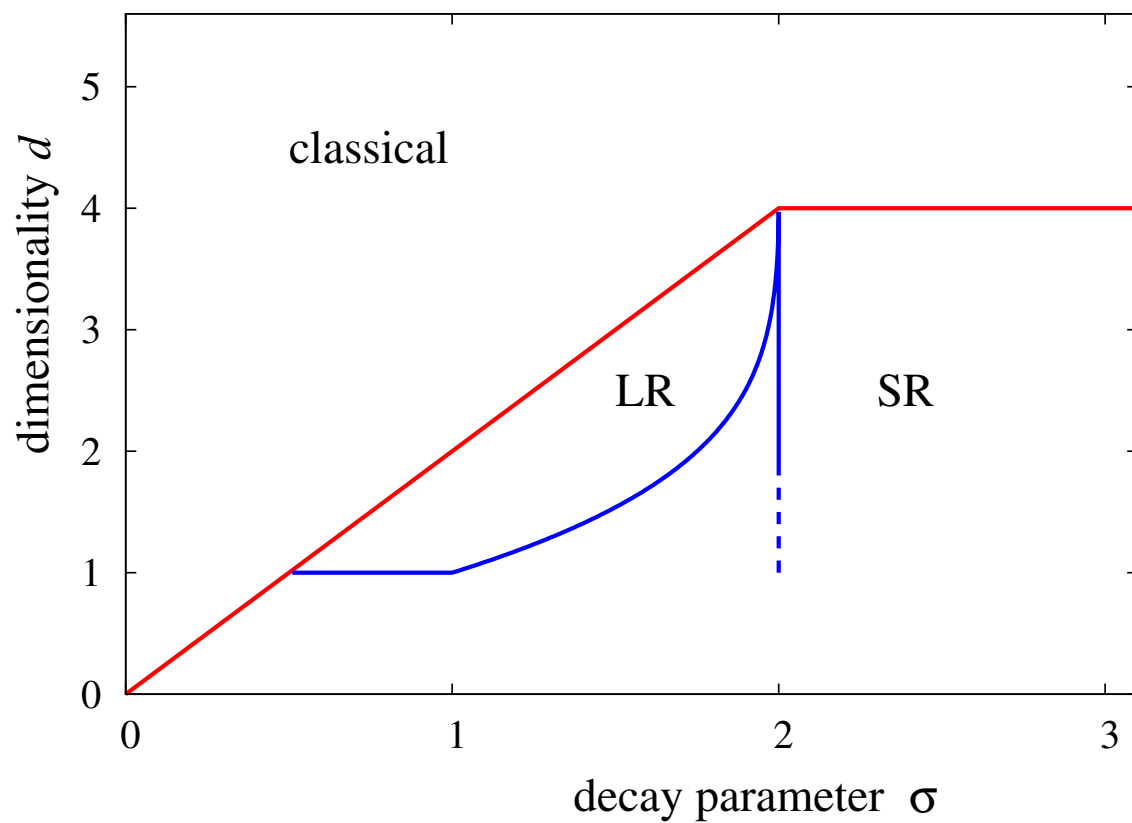
Two ways to vary range of interaction

1.  $K(r) = K\theta(R - r)$       equivalent-neighbor model
2.  $K(r) = Kr^{-(d+\sigma)}$       power-law decay with distance

Theories available!

Theory for models with power-law decay of interaction:

M.E. Fisher, S.-k. Ma and B.G. Nickel, Phys. Rev. Lett. 29, 917 (1972).



## 2. Simulation of long-range models

Accurate numerical tests of theory took over 20 years  
Numerical verification by Metropolis method almost impossible  
Time needed to generate independent configuration:

$$t_{\text{relax}} = N_{\text{sw}} N_{\text{sp}} t_{1\text{sp}}$$

with

$N_{\text{sw}} \simeq L^z$  critical slowing down,  $z \approx 2$ .

$N_{\text{sp}} \simeq L^d$  # spins per sweep

$t_{1\text{sp}} \simeq L^d$  if every spin interacts with every other spin

$$t_{\text{relax}} \simeq L^{2d+z} .$$

Cluster simulation reduces critical slowing down  
Even larger reduction is possible!



Algorithm for FM Ising model with long-range interactions:

Cluster formation is percolation process

Probability to include an interacting neighbor  $s_j$  of spin  $s_i$  in cluster is

$$\delta_{s_i, s_j} (1 - e^{-K_{ij}})$$

Usual procedure: run over all neighbors  $s_j$  and check if

$$s_i = s_j \quad \text{AND} \quad R < 1 - e^{-K_{ij}}$$

For small  $K$  probability is small: procedure inefficient.

Better procedure: E. Luijten and H.B., Int. J. Mod. Phys. **C6** 359 (1995):

Neighbor selection in 2 rounds:

1. select candidate with probability  $p_{i,j} \equiv 1 - e^{-K_{ij}}$
2. accept in cluster with probability  $\delta_{s_i, s_j}$

For step 1, transform probabilities as

$$P_{i,j} \equiv p_{i,j} \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} (1 - p_{i,k}),$$

that  $s_j$  is the *first* neighbor that is selected by step 1.

Thus, if

$$\sum_{m=1}^N P_{i,m} > R$$

no neighbor spin is included, and if

$$\sum_{m=1}^{j-1} P_{i,m} < R < \sum_{m=1}^j P_{i,m},$$

then, if  $s_i = s_j$ ,  $s_j$  is included in the cluster.

If  $j < N$ , work remains.

The probability that  $s_l$  is the *next* neighbor that is selected by step 1, is

$$p_{i,l} \prod_{k=j+1}^{l-1} (1 - p_{i,k}) = \frac{P_{i,l}}{\prod_{k=1}^j (1 - p_{i,k})} ,$$

Thus, draw another  $R$  and check for  $s_l$  with  $j < l \leq N$ :

$$\sum_{m=1}^{l-1} P_{i,m} < R \prod_{k=1}^j (1 - p_{i,k}) < \sum_{m=1}^l P_{i,m} ,$$

This finds next neighbor  $s_l$  selected by step 1.

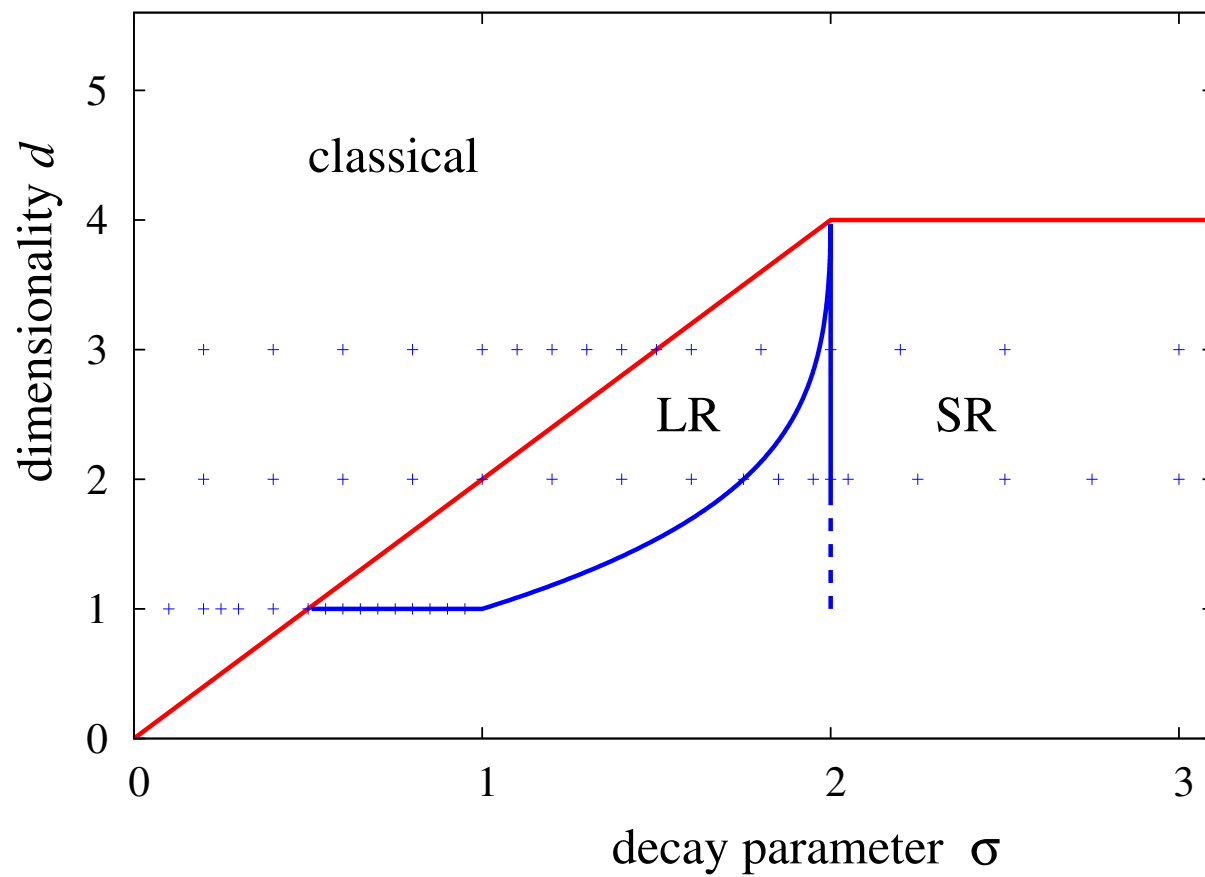
And so on.

Remarks:

1. The  $P_{i,j}$  can be rewritten  $\tilde{P}(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$ , so can the partial sums: only  $N$  numbers.
2. Same for  $\prod_{k=1}^j (1 - p_{i,k})$
3. These  $2N$  numbers can be stored in a look-up table.

Result: time  $t_{\text{relax}}$  needed to generate independent configuration reduces roughly from order  $L^{2d+2}$  to order  $L^d$  !

Calculations for following systems:

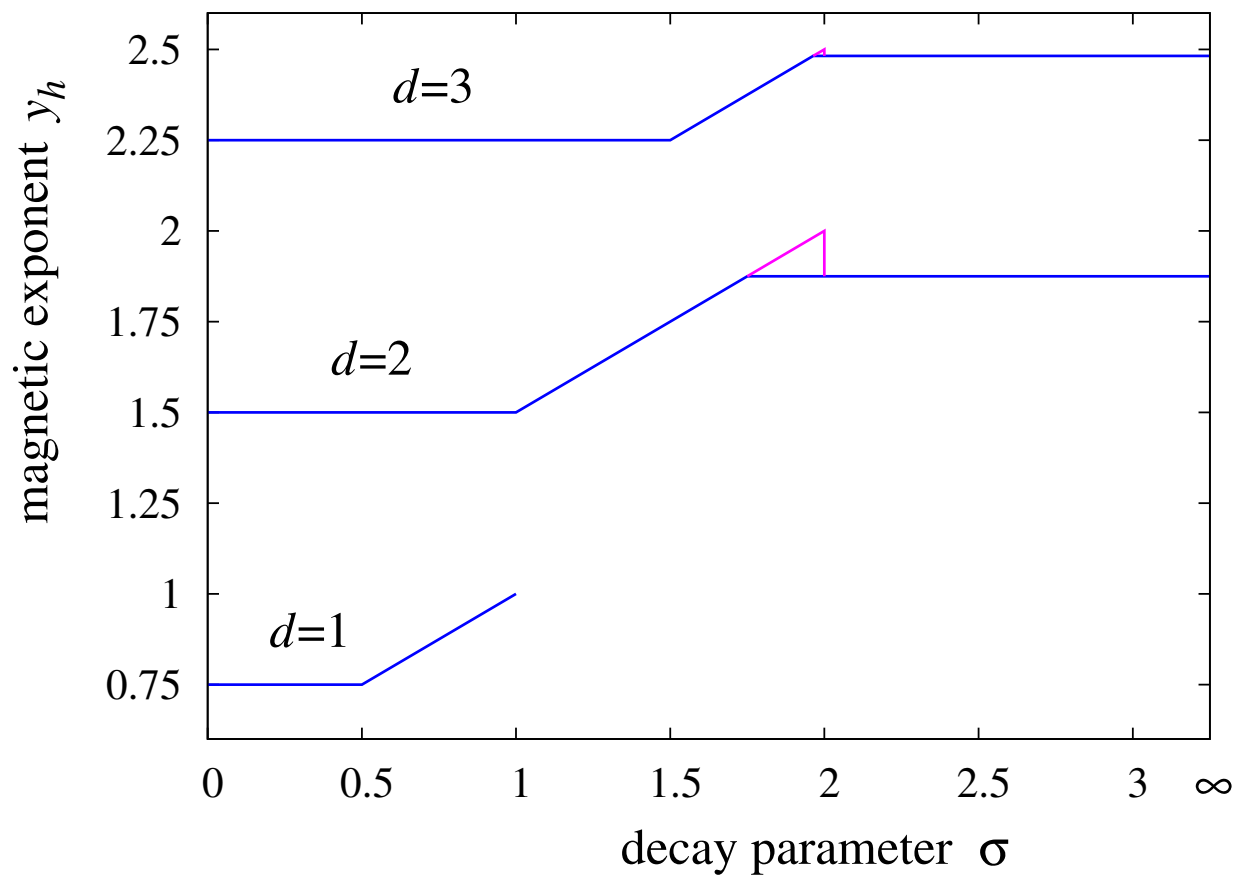


Theory due to:

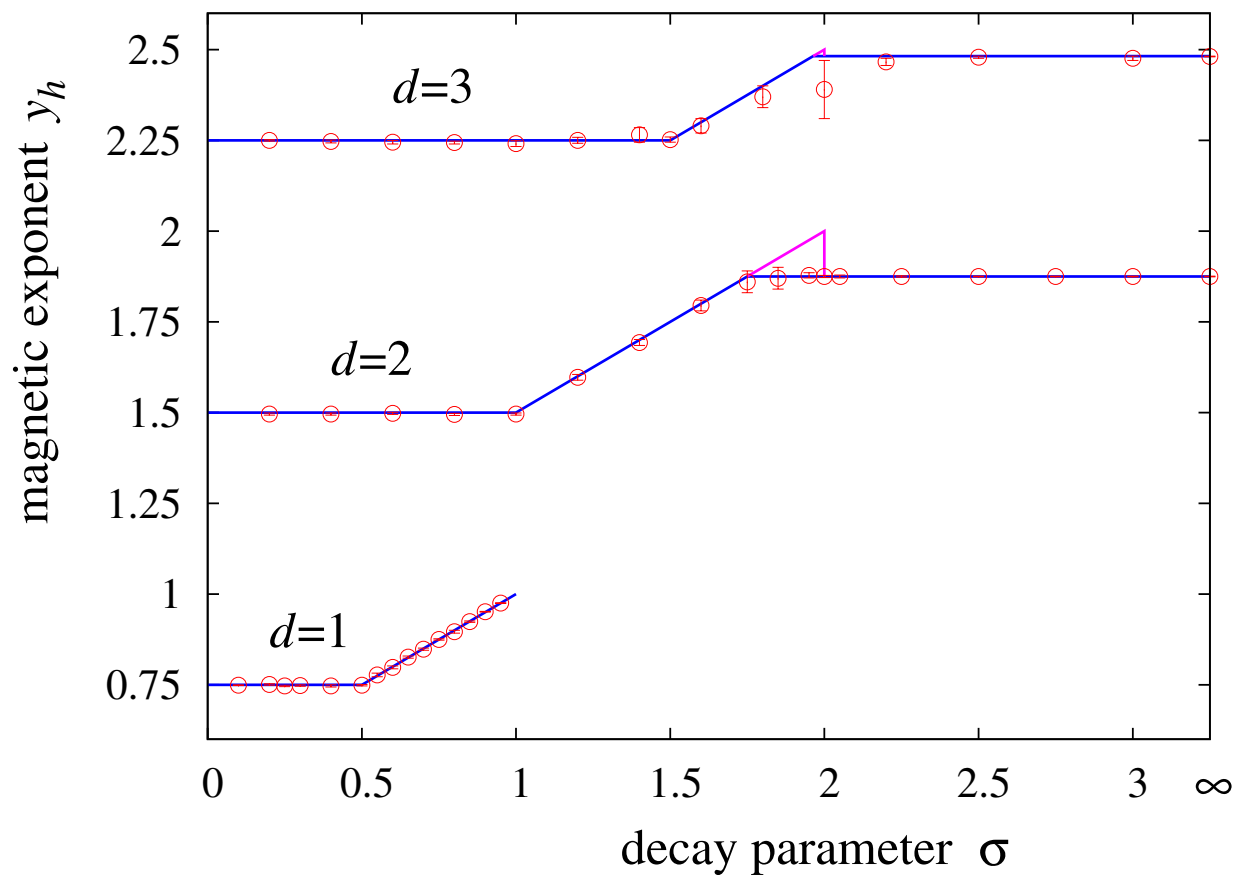
Fisher, Ma and Nickel, Phys. Rev. Lett. [29](#), 917 (1972),

J. Sak, Phys. Rev. B [8](#), 281 (1973),

Gusmão and Theumann, Phys. Rev. B [28](#), 6545 (1983).



Comparison with Monte Carlo results:



### 3. The long-range Potts model

Equivalent-neighbor interactions in two dimensions:

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{i,j} K(|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|) \delta_{s_i s_j}$$

where

$s_k = 1, 2, \dots, q$  are  $q$ -state Potts spins

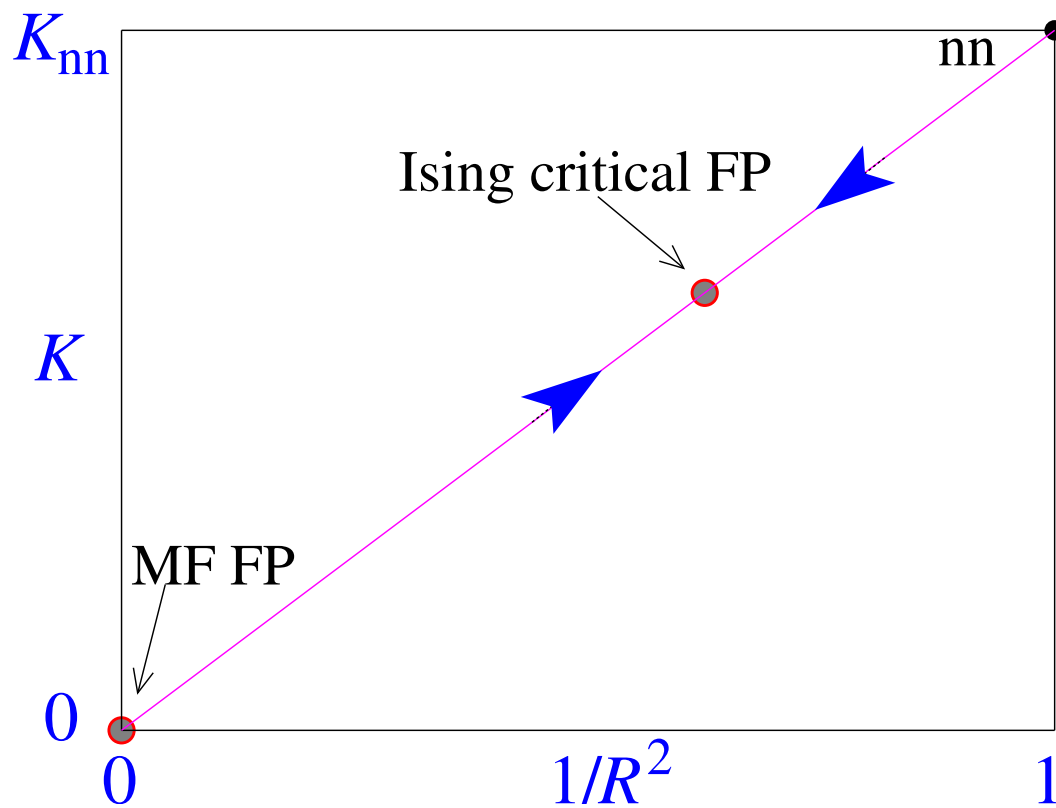
$K(r) = K\theta(R - r)$ : equivalent-neighbor model

For nn model, critical exponents depend “continuously” on  $q$ .

What happens when the range  $R$  increases?



$q = 2$ : RG flow displays MF-Ising crossover



Mean-field limit  $R \rightarrow \infty$  exactly solvable

1.  $q < 2$ : continuous transition,  $\beta = 1$ .
2.  $q = 2$ : continuous transition,  $\beta = 2$ .
3.  $q > 2$ : first-order transition.

For  $R < \infty$ , MC simulations:

### Parameters

$R$  range of interactions  
 $q$  number of Potts states  
 $L$  system size  
 $K$  strength of couplings

### Sampled quantities

$\rho_i$  density of variables in state  $i$   
 $n_c$  number of clusters in configuration  
 $c_j$  size of  $j$ -th cluster

Squared magnetization follows as

$$\langle m^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{q-1} \sum_{i=1}^{q-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^q \langle (\rho_i - \rho_j)^2 \rangle$$

which can, for integers  $q > 1$ , be expressed in terms of cluster sizes:

$$\langle m^2 \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i^2 \right\rangle$$

and fourth moment of  $m$  is

$$\langle m^4 \rangle = \frac{q+1}{q-1} \left\langle \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i^2 \right)^2 \right\rangle - \frac{2}{q-1} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i^4 \right\rangle$$

Then form Binder ratio

$$Q \equiv \frac{\langle m^2 \rangle^2}{\langle m^2 \rangle^4}$$

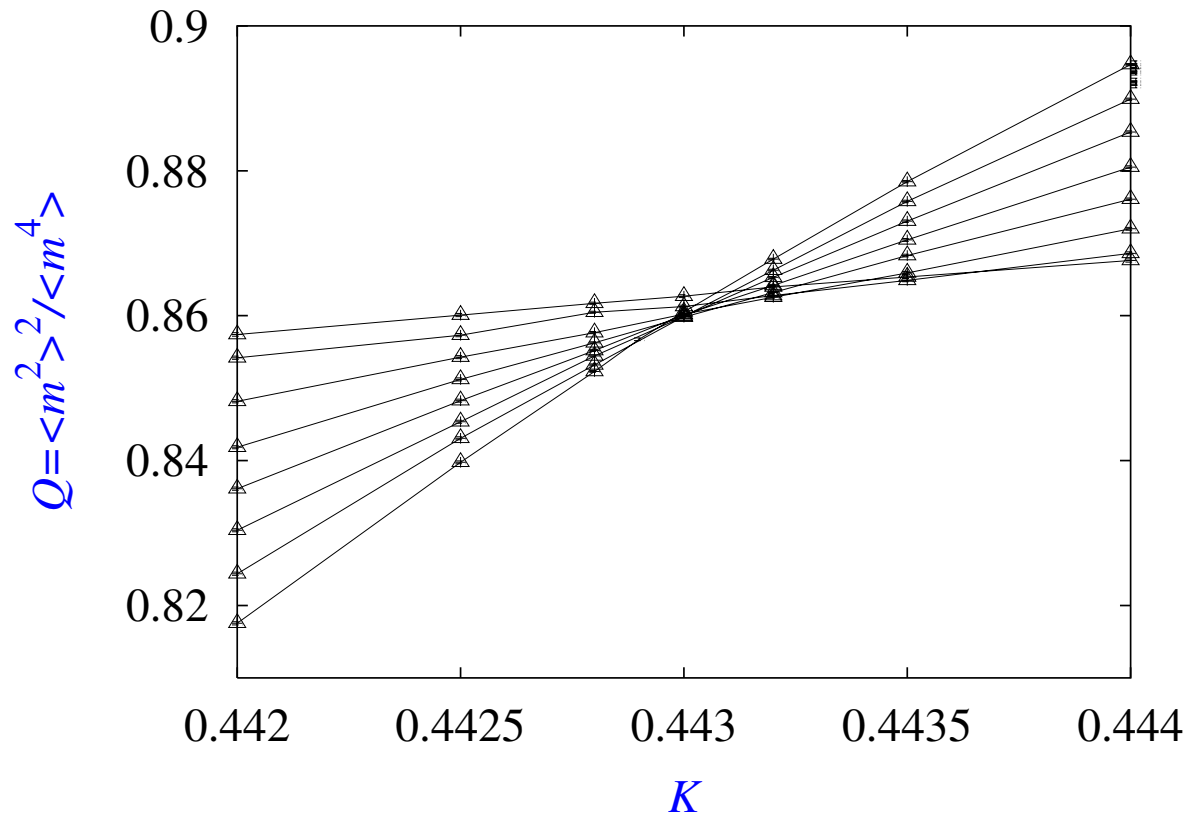
which, near a critical point  $K = K_c$ , behaves as

$$Q \simeq Q_c + a_1(K - K_c)L^{y_t} + bL^{y_i} + \dots$$

where

- $Q_c$  is a universal constant
- $y_t > 0$  is the temperature exponent
- $y_i < 0$  is the irrelevant exponent

Example for  $q = 3$ ,  $R = \sqrt{2}$  ( $z = 8$  equivalent neighbors)



system sizes  $L = 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 30, 36, 42$  and  $48$ .

Differentiation of scaling formula for  $Q$ :

$$\left. \frac{dQ}{dK} \right|_{K=K_c} = L^{y_t} (a_1 + cL^{y_i} + \dots),$$

where  $a_1$  is the leading amplitude.

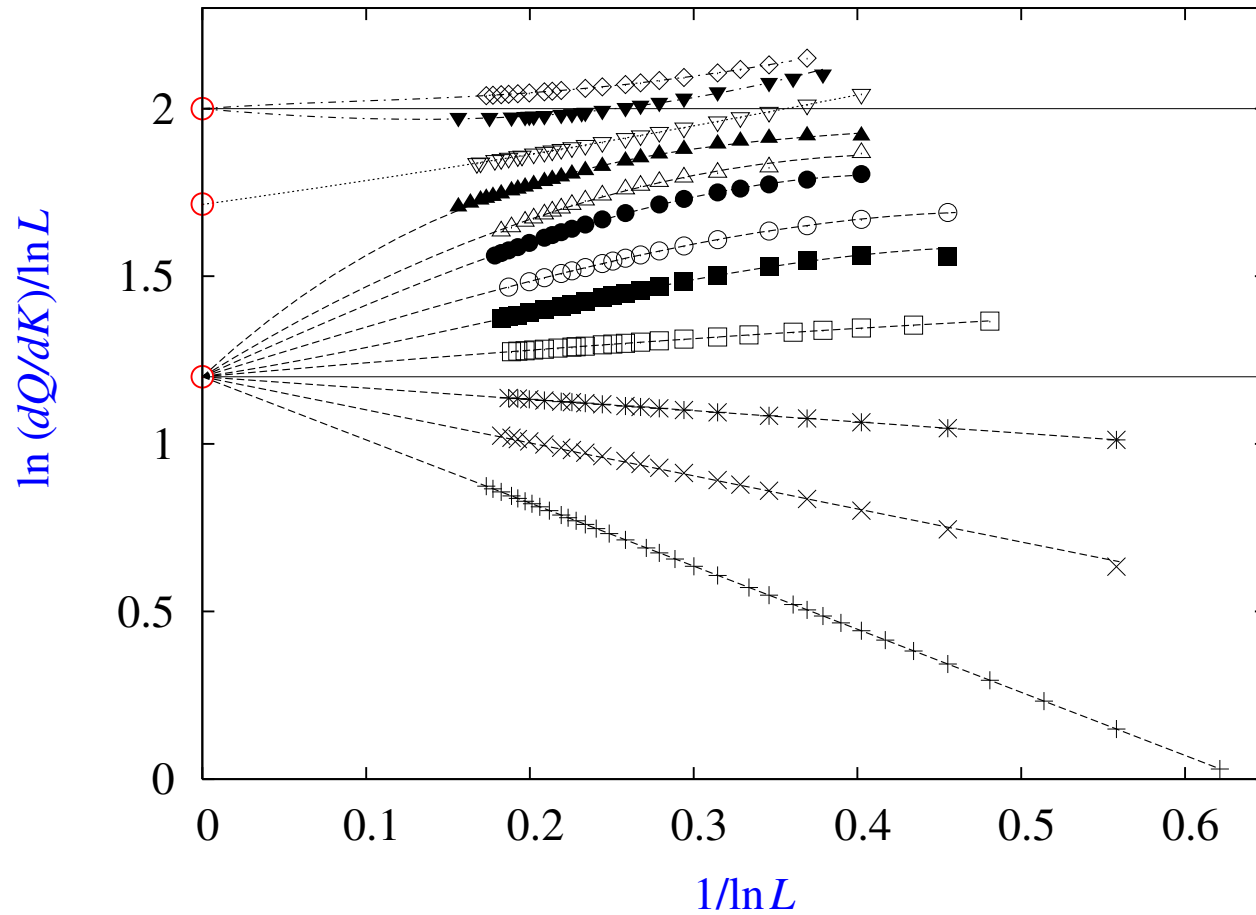
Other contributions relatively unimportant for  $L \rightarrow \infty$ .

Data analysis uses quantity

$$\frac{\ln(dQ/dK)}{\ln L} = y_t + \frac{\ln a_1 + (c/a_1)L^{y_i} + \dots}{\ln L}$$

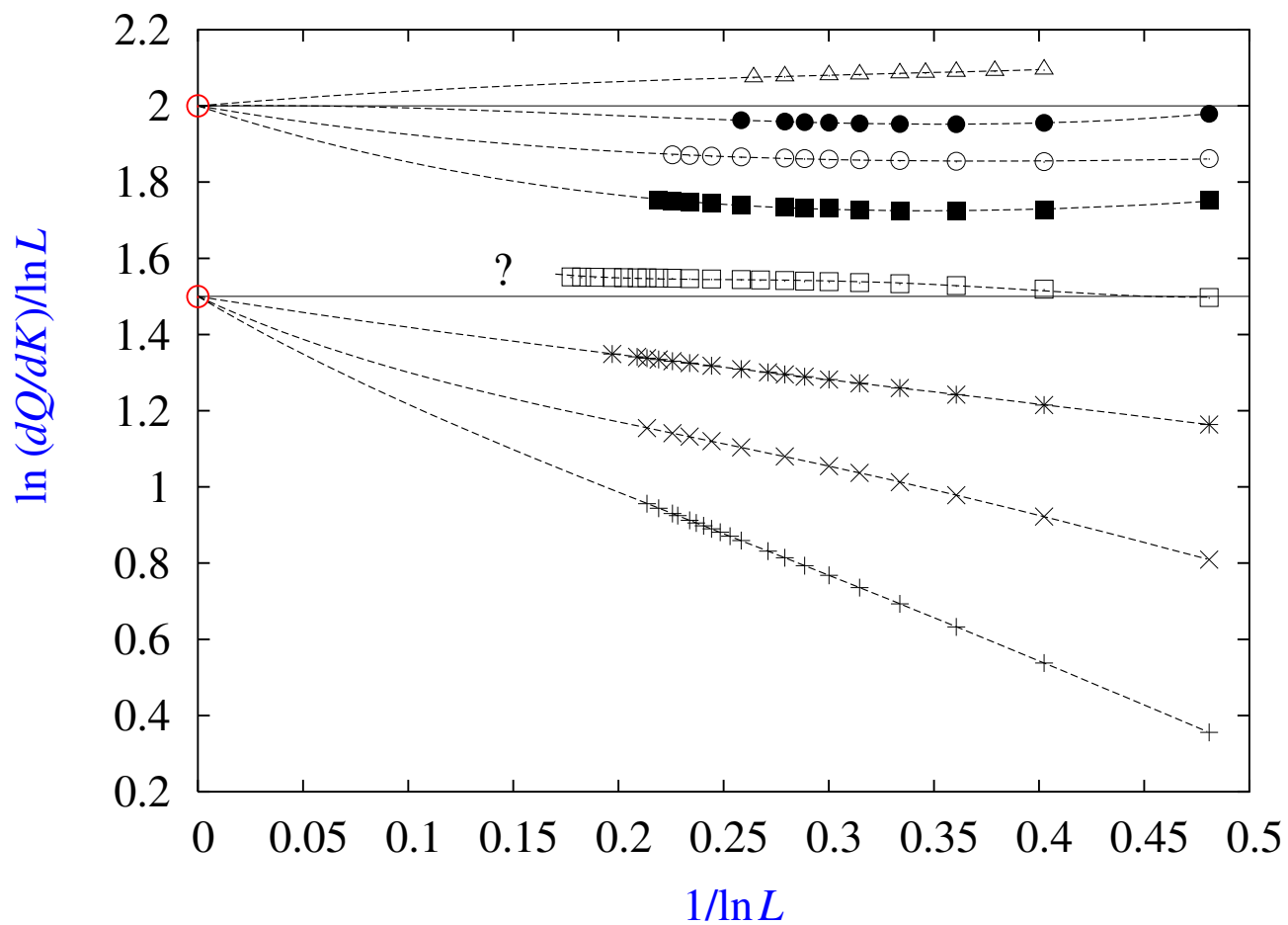
which will reveal  $y_t$  for sufficiently large  $L$ .

$q = 3$ :



Results (from bottom to top) for  $z = 4, 8, 12, 20, 28, 36, 48, 56, 68, 80, 100$  and  $120$ .

$q = 4$ :



Results (from bottom to top) for  $z = 4, 8, 12, 20, 28, 36, 44$  and  $60$ .



Interpretation for  $q = 3$ :

For  $z \lesssim 80$  convergence to  $y_t = 6/5$  for critical  $q = 3$  Potts model;  
for  $z \approx 80$  convergence to  $y_t = 12/7$  for tricritical  $q = 3$  Potts model;  
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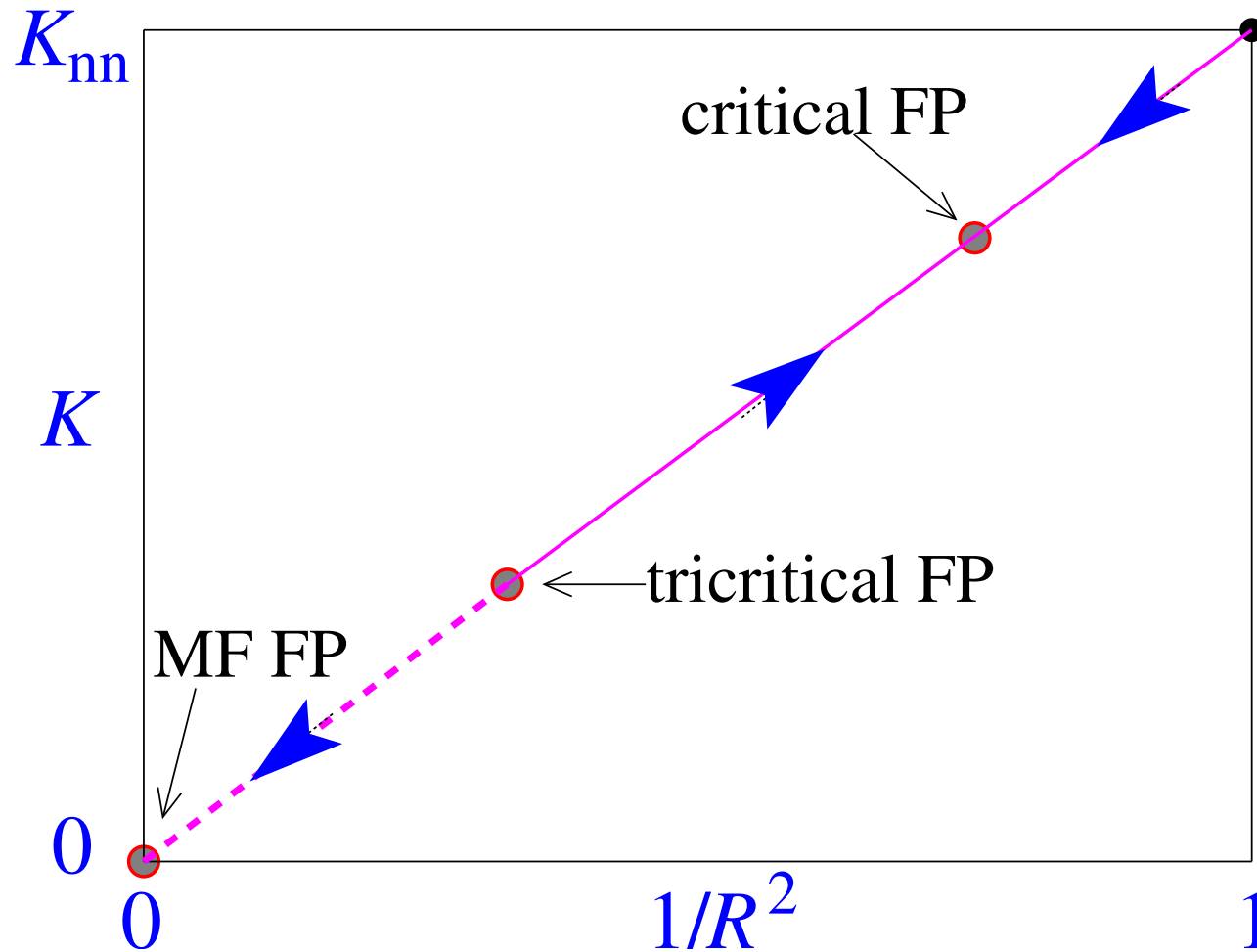
Interpretation for  $q = 4$ :

For  $z \lesssim 20$  convergence to  $y_t = 3/2$  for critical  $q = 4$  Potts model;  
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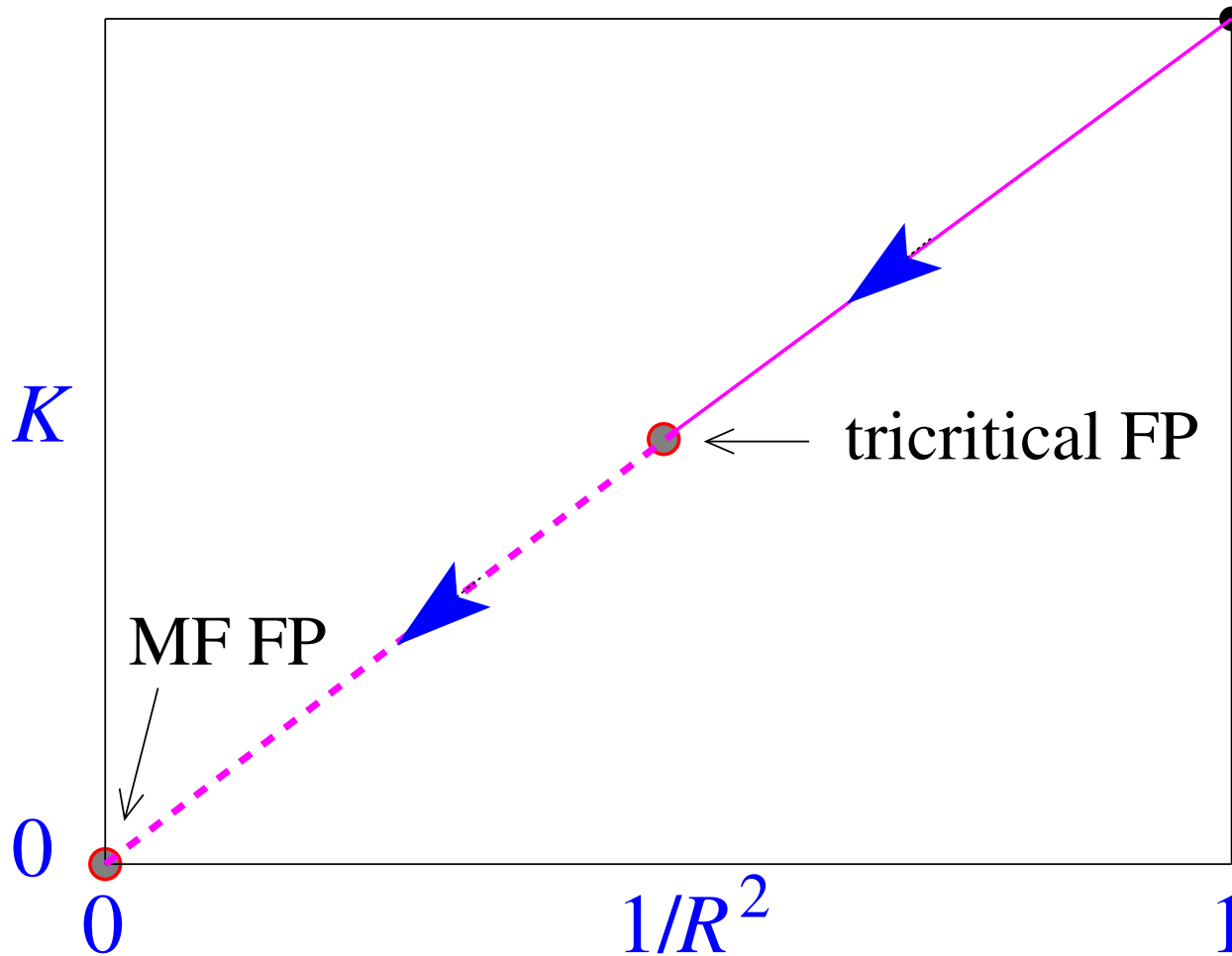
Conclusion:

MF to short-range crossover essentially different from Ising case.

RG and phase diagram for  $q = 3$



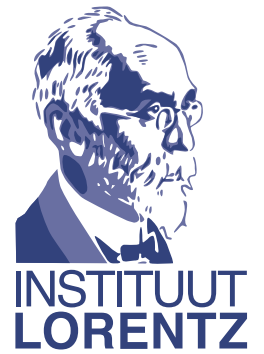
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