

# **Non-equilibrium critical dynamics and its application**

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# Non-equilibrium critical dynamics

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## Non-equilibrium critical dynamics

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# Relevant topics

- Spin-glass phase transition and dynamics
- Interface and surface growth dynamics
- Phase ordering dynamics and spinodal decomposition dynamics
- Damage spreading and dislocation dynamics

# **Contents**

**I Second-order phase transitions**

**II Weak First-order phase transitions**

**III Kosterlitz-Thouless phase transitions**

# Ising model and phase transitions

$$-H / kT = K \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} s_i s_j + h \sum_i s_i \quad s_i = \pm 1$$

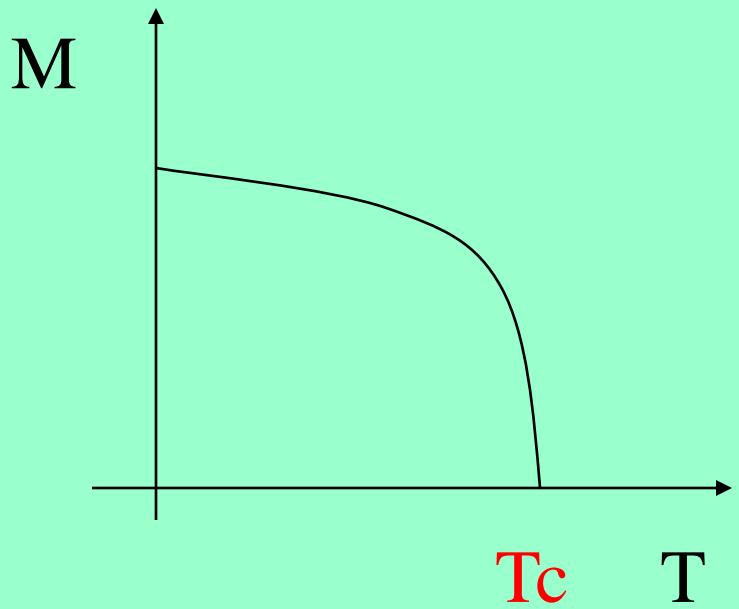
$$M \equiv \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\{s_i\}} \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_i s_i e^{-H/kT}$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{s_i\}} e^{-H/kT}$$

$$h = 0$$

$$M = \begin{cases} 0 & T \geq T_C \\ (-\tau)^\beta & T < T_C \end{cases}$$

$$\tau = (T - T_C) / T_C$$



# Features of second order transitions

- \* Scaling form

$$M(\tau) = b^{-\beta/\nu} M(b^{1/\nu} \tau) \Rightarrow \text{power law}$$

It represents self-similarity

$\beta, \nu$  are critical exponents

- \* Universality

Scaling functions and critical exponents  
depend only on symmetry and spatial dim.

## Physical origin

divergent spatial correlation length and  
fluctuations

# How to simulate phase transitions and determine $T_c$ and critical exponents ?

- \* Direct measurement of magnetization?
- \* Finite size scaling form

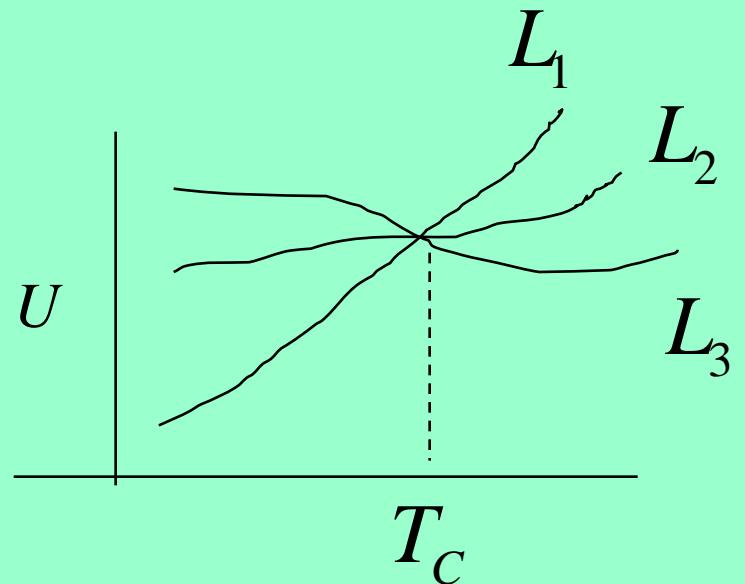
$$M^{(k)}(\tau, L) = b^{-k\beta/\nu} M^{(k)}(b^{1/\nu} \tau, b^{-1} L)$$

## Binder cumulant

$$U = 1 - \frac{M^{(4)}}{3(M^{(2)})^2}$$

# Scaling behavior of $U$

$$\begin{aligned} U(\tau, L) &= U(b^{1/\nu} \tau, b^{-1} L) \\ &= U(L^{1/\nu} \tau, 1) \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{\partial U(\tau, L)}{\partial \tau} \Big|_{\tau=0} = L^{1/\nu} \frac{\partial U(\tau', 1)}{\partial \tau'} \Big|_{\tau'=0}$$

**From  $M^{(2)}(0, L) = L^{-2\beta/\nu} M^{(2)}(0, 1)$ , one obtains  $\beta/\nu$**

## Dynamic fluctuations in equilibrium

For sufficient large lattice, large time  $t$ ,  
the auto-correlation function

$$A(t) \equiv \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{t'} \langle S_i(t') S_i(t'+t) \rangle \sim t^{-\lambda}$$

For a finite lattice, large time  $t$

$$A(t) \sim \exp(-t/\tau) \quad \tau \sim L^z$$

$z$  is the dynamic exponent, i.e., the correlating time is divergent, and this is the so-called critical slowing down

# **How to overcome critical slowing down?**

## **Cluster algorithms**

- \* **Swendsen-Wang algorithm**
- \* **Wolff algorithm**

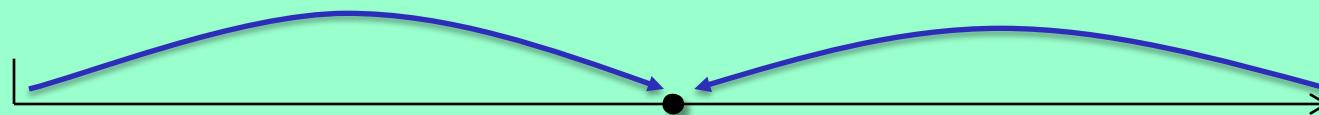
**$z$  is small, but accurate values are unknown**

- the algorithms are not ‘universal’
- do not apply to study the local dynamics

## Our motivation

- \* **Critical dynamics far from equilibrium**
- \* **Overcome critical slowing down**

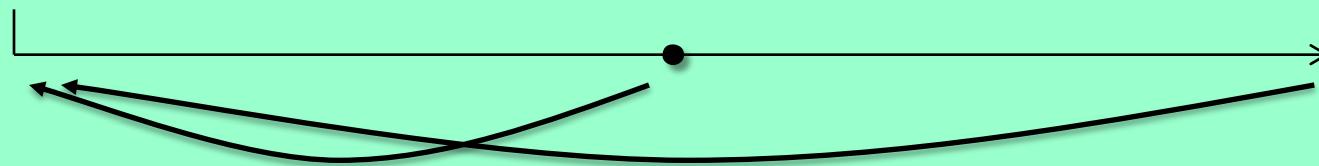
# Critical dynamic relaxation



$T = 0$

$T = T_c$

$T = \infty$



## Phase ordering dynamics

## Dynamic process **far from equilibrium**

e.g.  $t = 0$ ,  $T = \infty$ ; a small  $m_0$

$t > 0$ ,  $T = T_c$

### Monte Carlo dynamics

## Dynamic scaling form in the short-time regime

$$M(t, \tau, m_0) = b^{-\beta/\nu} M(b^{-z}t, b^{1/\nu}\tau, b^{x_0}m_0)$$

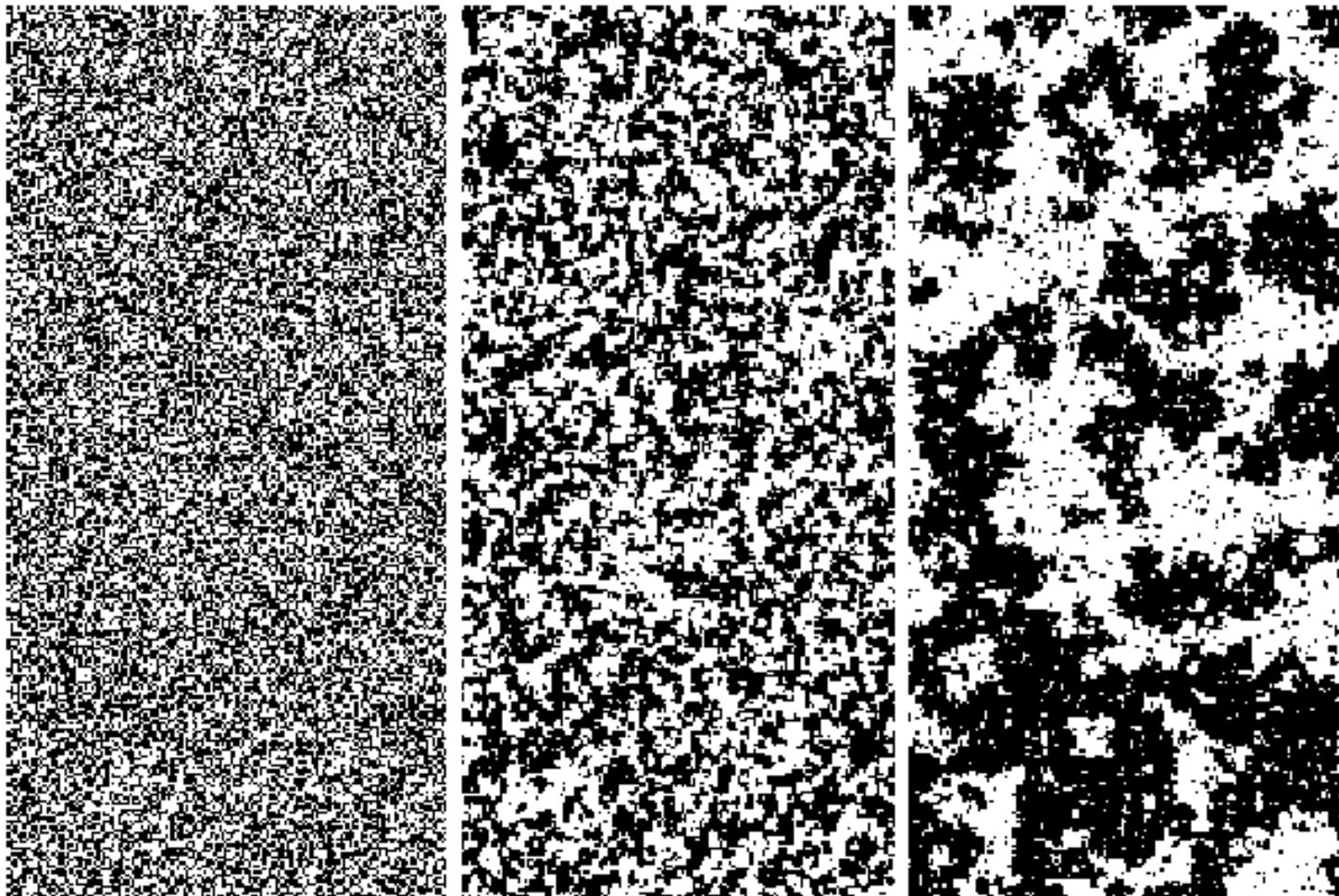
$x_0$  : a “new” critical exponent

**Origin:** divergent correlating time

## **Important**

- \* Distinguish **microscopic and macroscopic time scales and spatial scales**
- \* **Comparison: surface critical phenomena**

# Self-similarity in time direction, Ising model



$t = 0$

$t = 2$

$t = 100 \text{ (MCS)}$

# Auto-correlation

$$\tau = 0, \quad m_0 = 0$$

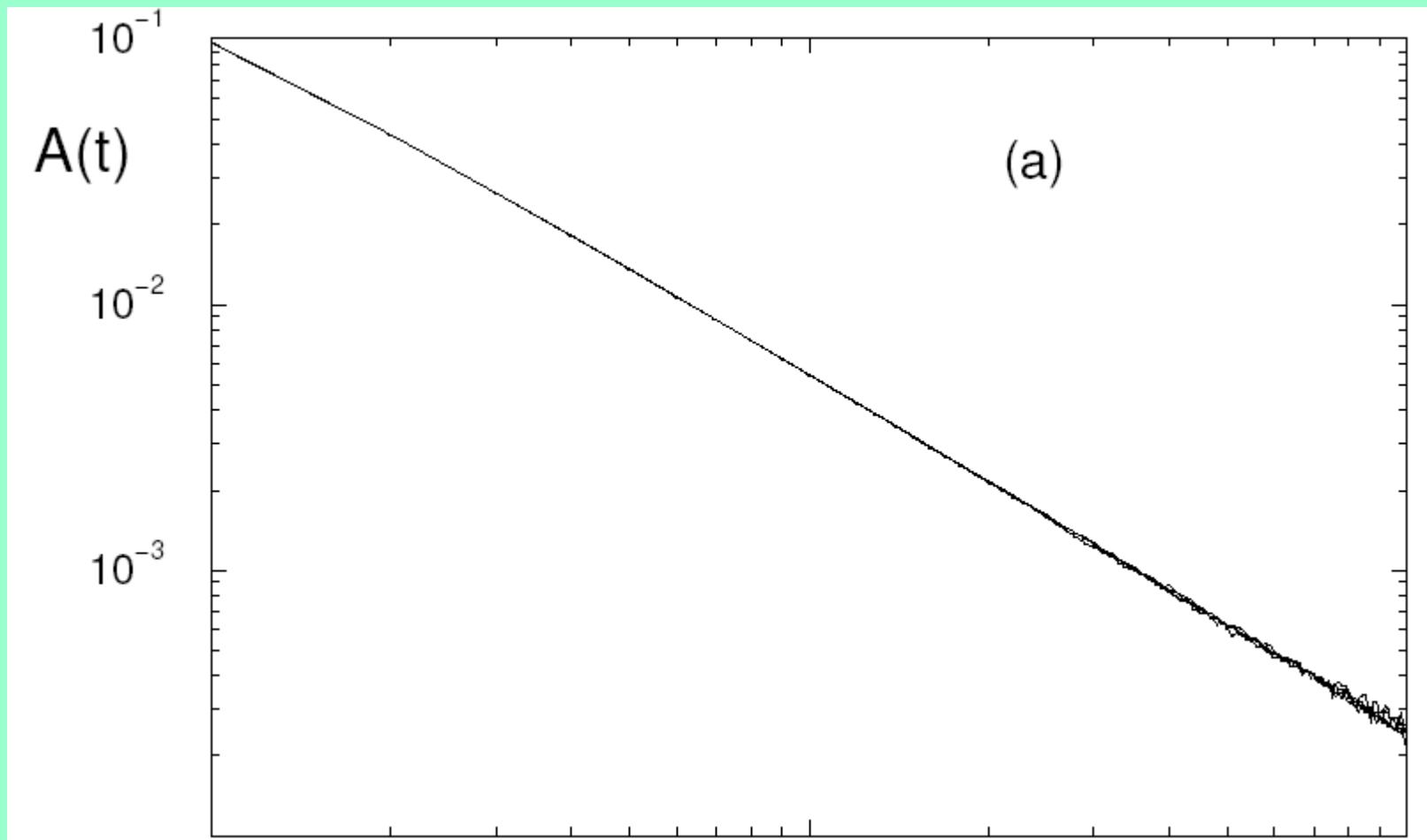
$$A(t) \equiv \frac{1}{L^d} \sum \langle S_i(0) S_i(t) \rangle \sim t^{-d/z+\theta}$$

**Even if  $m_0 = 0$ ,  $\theta$  enters dynamic behavior**

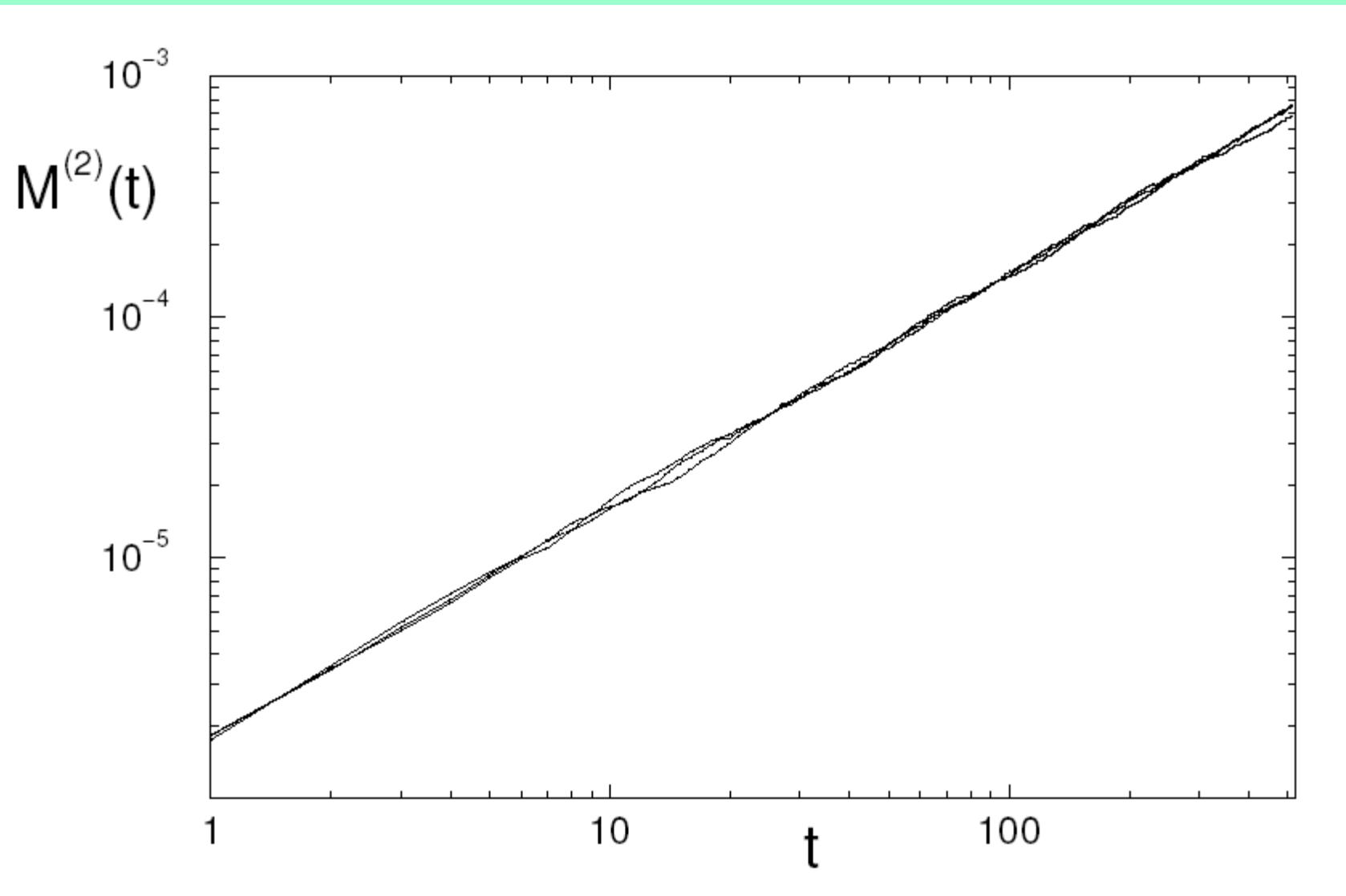
# Second moment

$$M^{(2)}(t) \equiv \frac{1}{L^{2d}} \left\langle \left( \sum_i S_i(t) \right)^2 \right\rangle \sim t^c \quad c = (d - 2\beta/\nu)/z$$

# 3D Ising Model J. Phys. A (1999)



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# Summary

- \* **Short-time dynamic scaling  
a new exponent**
- \* **Scaling form** ==>  $\theta$ , z  
==> **static exponents**

Zheng, IJMPB (98), review

Zheng, PRL(98,99)

**Conceptually interesting and important**  
**Dynamic approach does not suffer from**  
**critical slowing down**

**Compared with cluster algorithms,**  
**it applies to local dynamics**

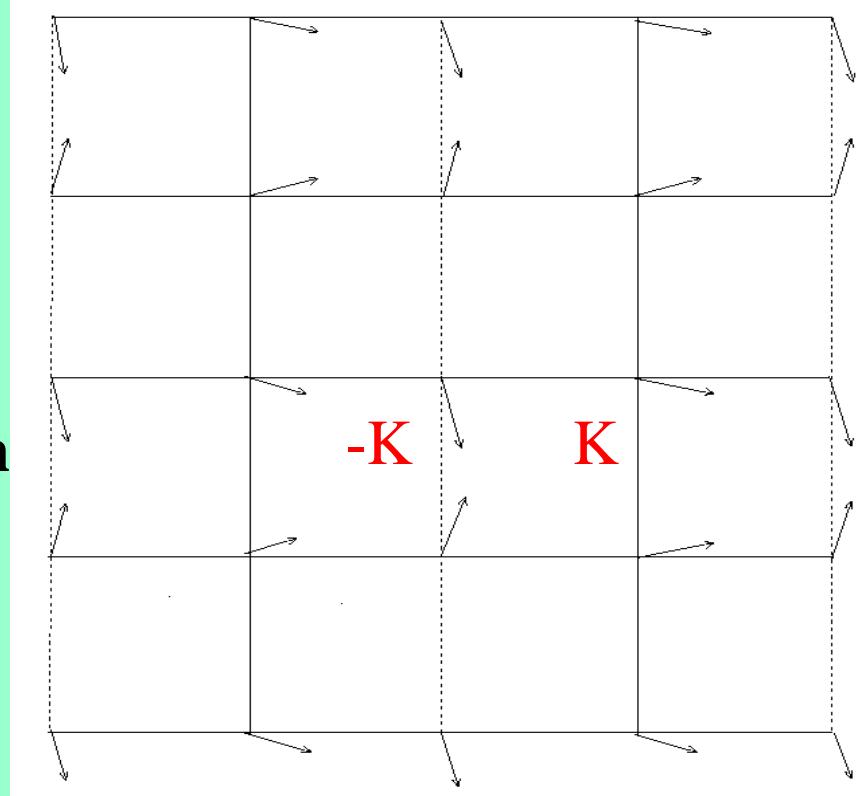
# 2D FFXY model

$$-H/kT = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} K_{ij} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

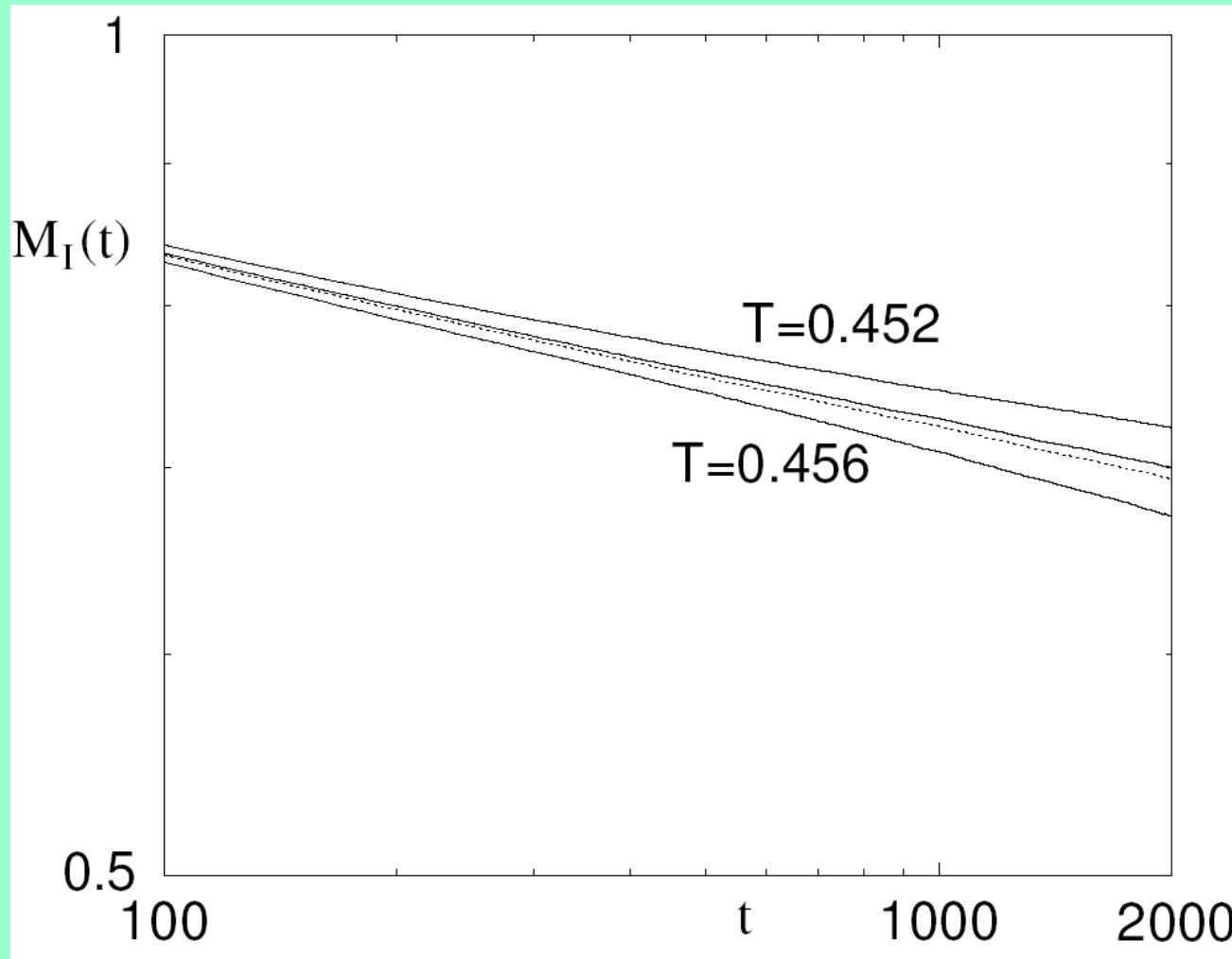
**Chiral degree of freedom**

**Order parameter:**

**Project of the spin-configuration  
onto the ground state**



# 2D FFXY model, Chiral degree of freedom





# 2D FFFXY model, Chiral degree of freedom

Luo,Schuelke,Zheng, PRL (98)

	Tc	$\theta$	Z	$2\beta/\nu$	$\nu$
93	.454(3)			.38(2)	.80(5)
94	.454(2)			.22(2)	.813(5)
95	.452(1)				1
96	.451(1)				.898(3)
OURS (98)	.4545(2)	.202(3)	2.17(4)	.261(5)	.81(2)
Ising		.191(3)	2.165(10)	.25	1

Ozeki, Ito PRE, PRB (2003)

# Deterministic dynamics

Now it is **NOT** traditional ‘statistical physics’,  
rather molecular dynamics based on fundamental  
equations of motion

$\Phi^4$  theory, isolated

$$H = \sum_i \left( \frac{1}{2} \pi_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} (\Phi_{i+\mu} - \Phi_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Phi_i^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \lambda \Phi_i^4 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\Phi}_i = \sum_{\mu} (\Phi_{i+\mu} + \Phi_{i-\mu} - 2\Phi_i) + m^2 \Phi_i - \frac{1}{3!} \lambda \Phi_i^3$$

**Zheng, Trimper, Schulz, PRL (99)**

	$\theta$	$Z$	$2\beta/\nu$	$\nu$
$\Phi^4$	.176(7)	2.148(20)	.24(3)	.95(5)
Ising	.191(1)	2.165(10)	.25	1

$\Phi^4$  theory does describe both statics and dynamics around phase transition

Macroscopic initial condition violate Lorentz invariance

# Other progress

- \* **Disordered systems**
- \* **Aging phenomena**
- \* **Dynamic and irreversible phase transitions**
- \* **Melting transitions**
- \* **Self-organized criticality**

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# How to distinguish weak first order phase transitions from second order or KT phase transitions?

e.g. 2-dimensional melting transitions

traditionally: weak first order

recently: possibly TWO KT transitions

**Experiments:** Phys.Rev.Lett. 82 (1999) 2721

85 (2000) 3656

**Methods:** dynamic approach

(in equilibrium)

**First effort:**

**distinguish weak first order transitions from  
second order transitions**

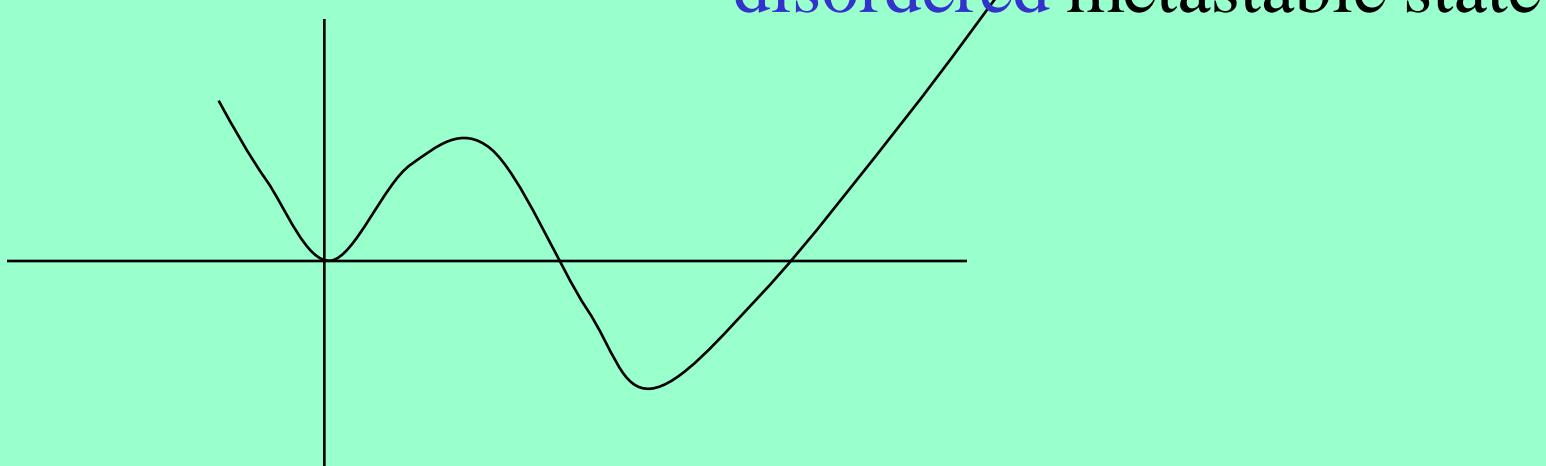
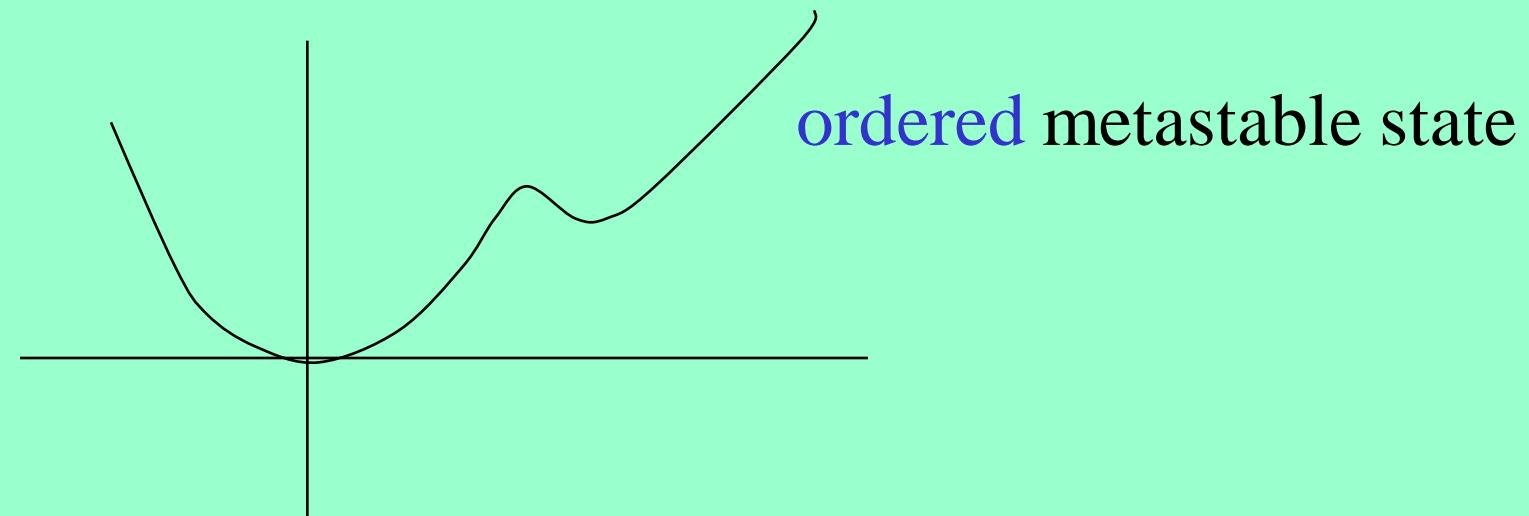
**Methods:**

**Non-equilibrium dynamic approach:**

**for a 2nd order transition:** at  $K_c$  ( $\sim 1/T_c$ )  
**there is power law behavior**

**for a weak 1<sup>st</sup> order transition:** at  $K_c$   
**there is NO power law behavior**

**However, there exist **pseudo critical points!****



disordered metastable state  $\rightarrow K^* > K_c$

$$M(0)=0 \quad M^{(2)}(t) \sim t^{(d-2\beta/\nu)/z}$$

ordered metastable state  $\rightarrow K^{**} < K_c$

$$M(0)=1 \quad M(t) \sim t^{-\beta/\nu z}$$

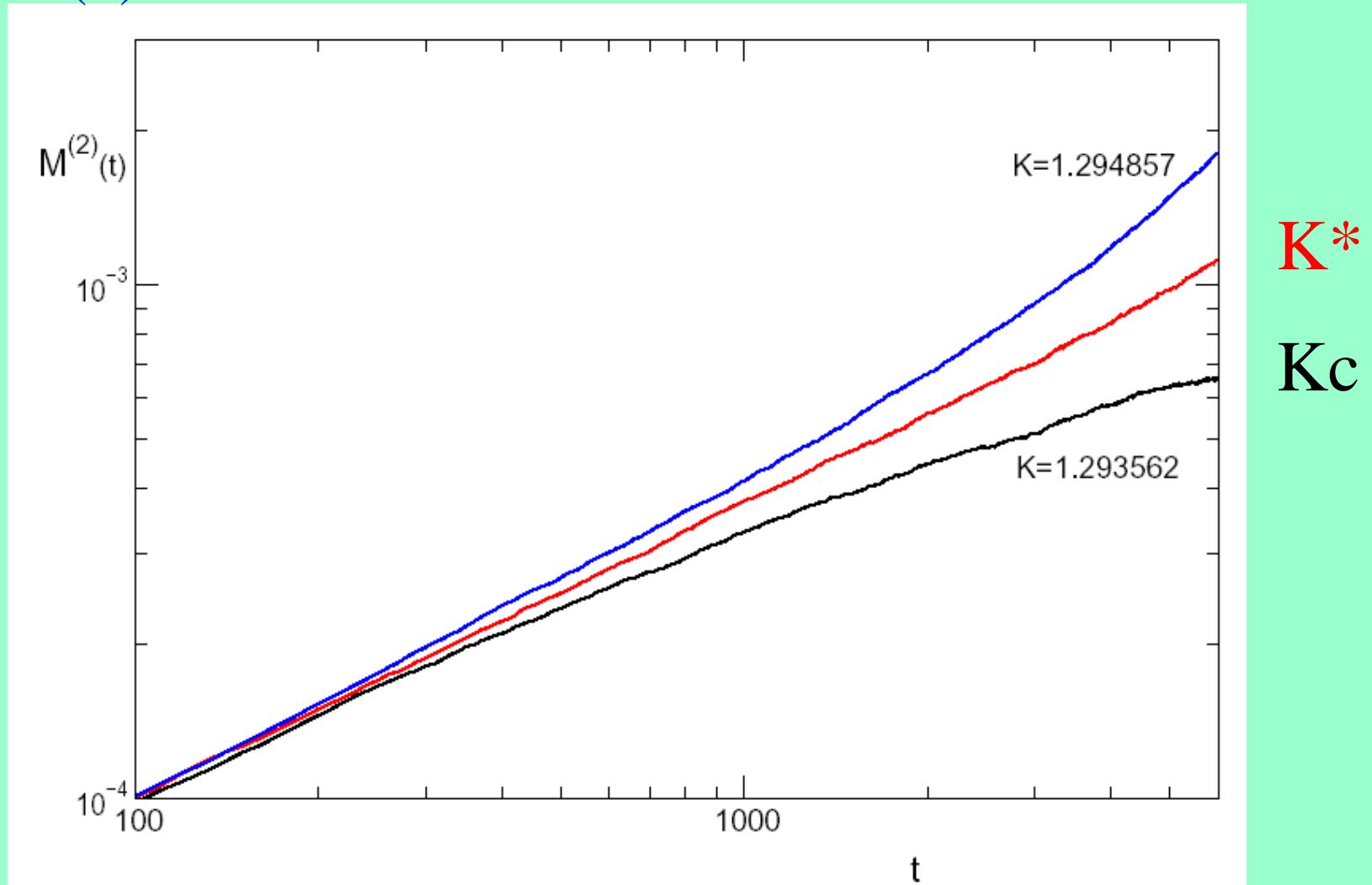
For a 2nd order transition,  $K^* = K^{**}$

2D q-state Potts model

$$H = -K \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j}$$

# 2D 7-state Potts model, heat-bath algorithm

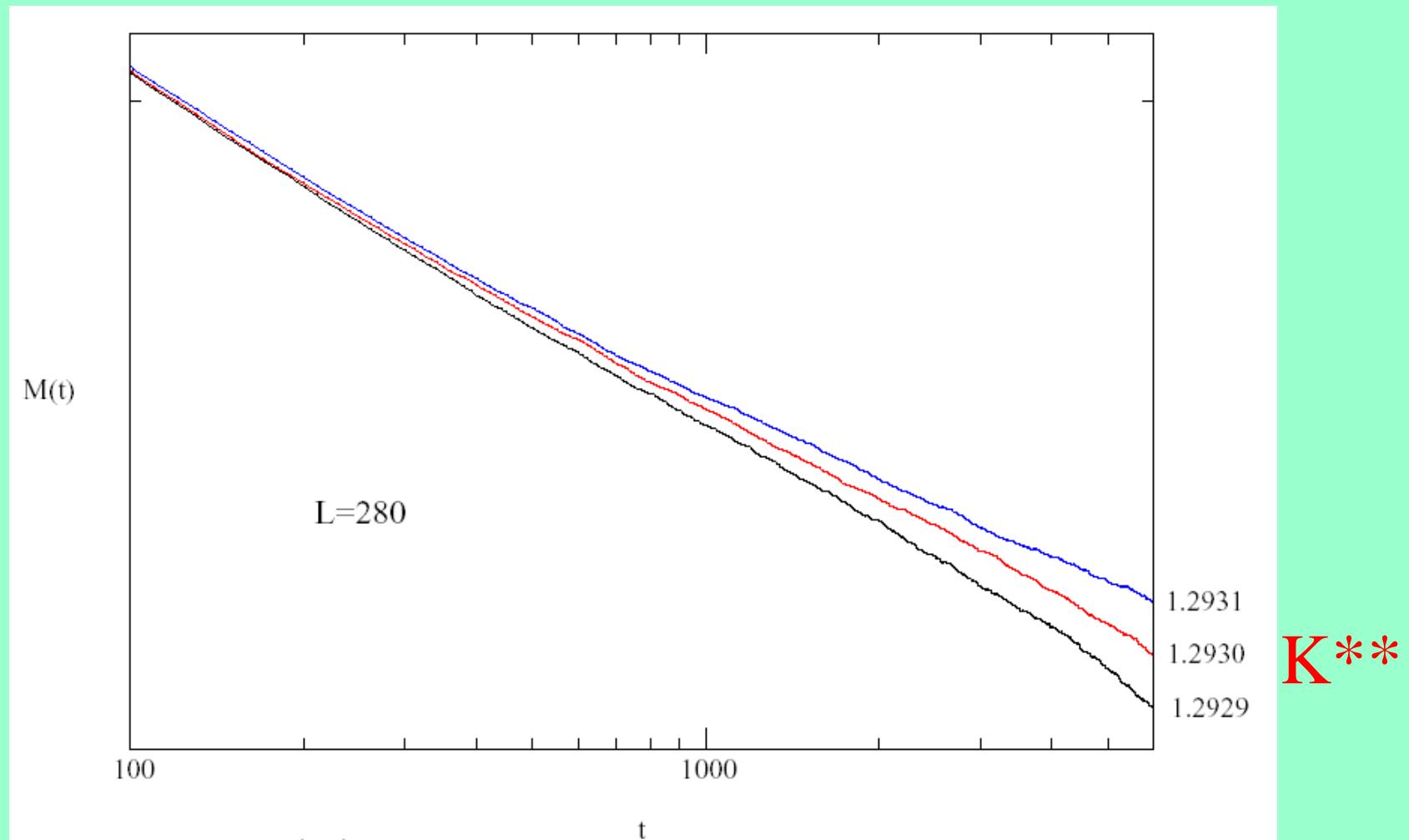
$M(0)=0$



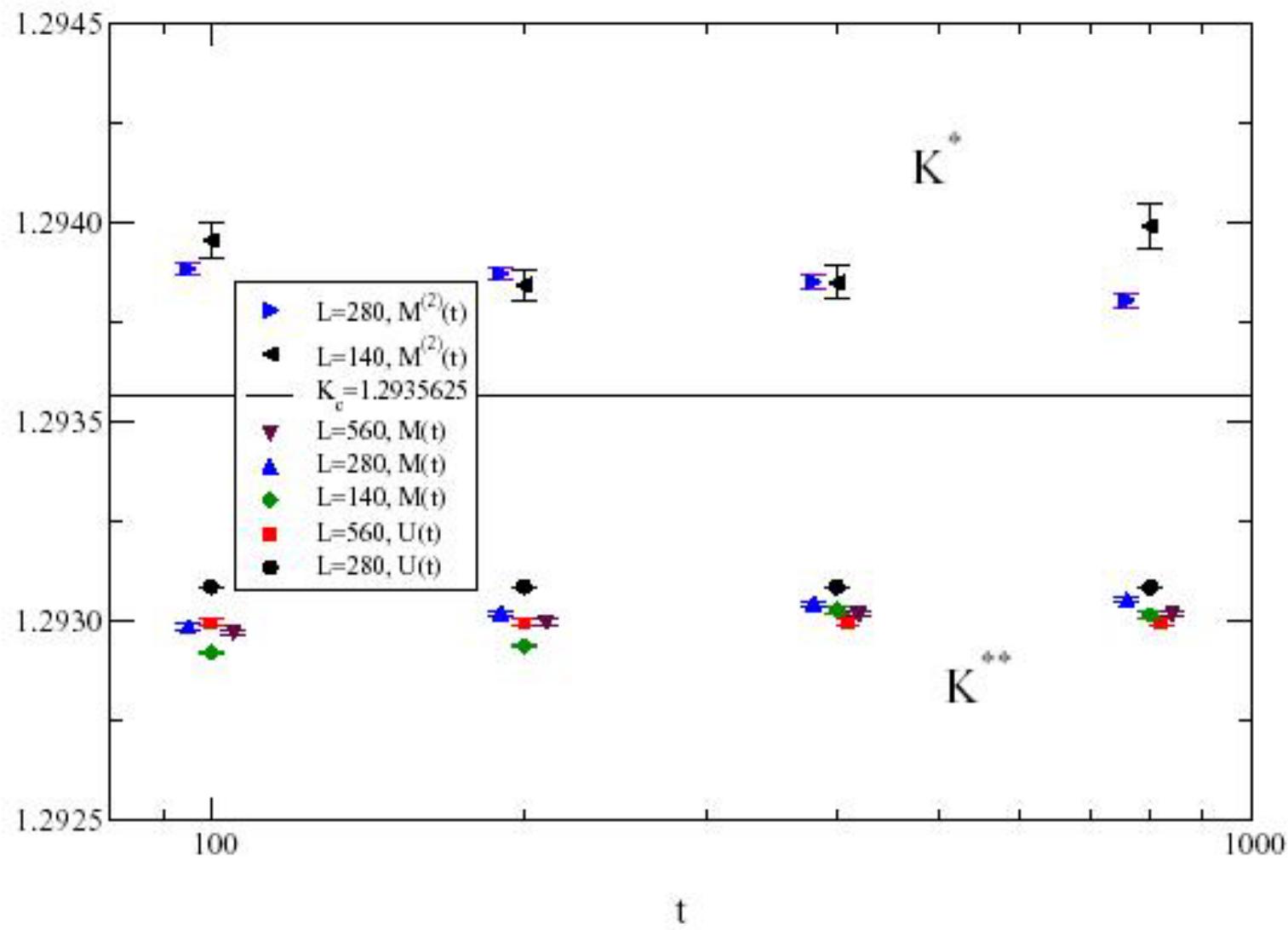
$K^*$   
 $K_c$

# 2D 7-state Potts model, heat-bath algorithm

$M(0)=1$



## 7-s Potts Model



## 2D Potts models

Schulke, Zheng, PRE(2000)

	$K^{**}$	$K_c$	$K^*$
$q = 5$	1.174322(2)	1.174359	1.174404(7)
$q = 7$	1.293008(7)	1.293562	1.293854(29)

# The random-bond Potts model

(Yin and Zheng, PRE 2004, 05)

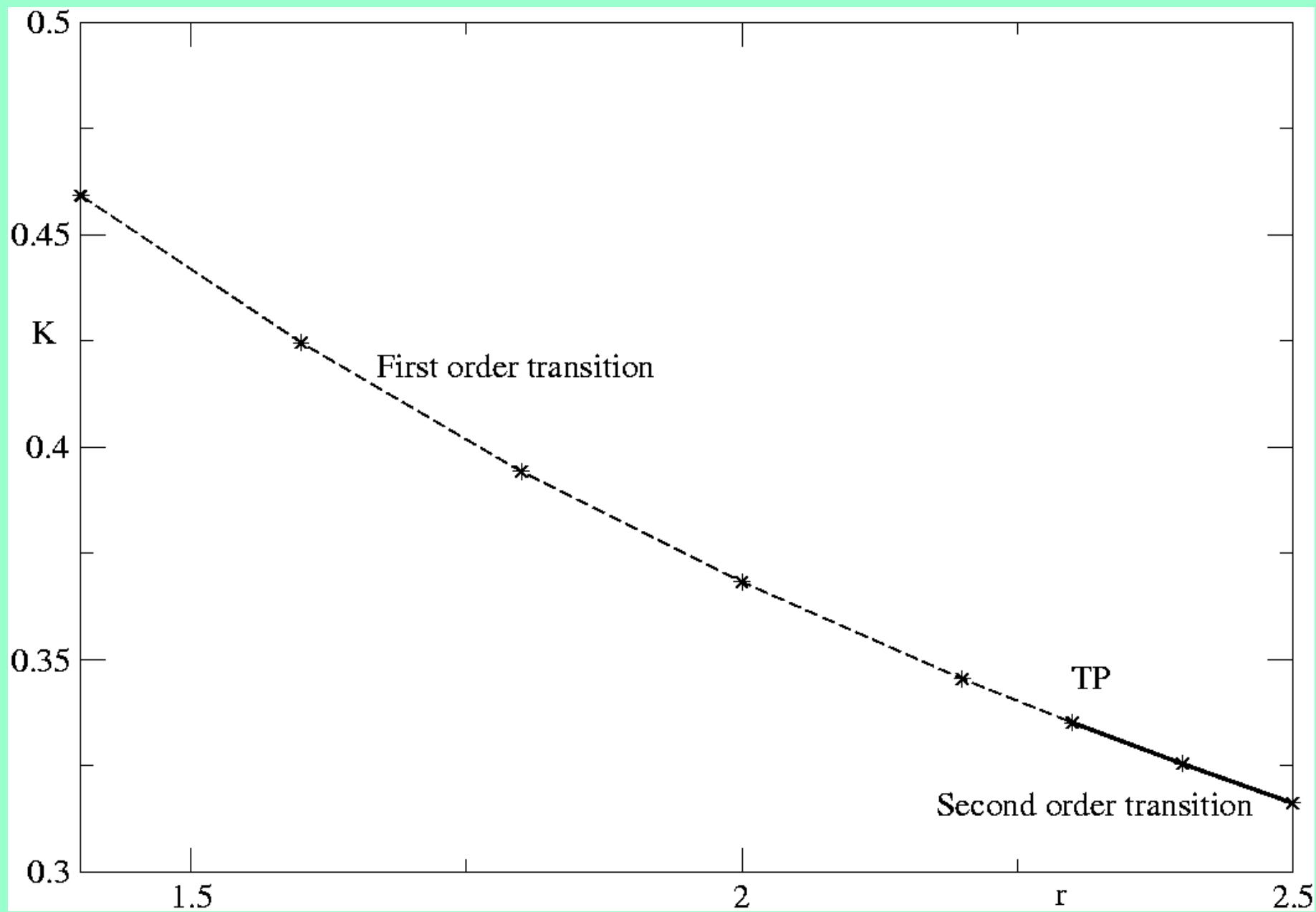
$$-\frac{1}{kT} H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} K_{ij} \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j} \quad K_{ij} > 0$$

$$P(K) = p\delta(K - K_1) + (1-p)\delta(K - K_2)$$

$$r = K_2 / K_1$$

**$p=1/2$ , in TWO dimensions**

$$(e^{K_{1c}} - 1)(e^{K_{2c}} - 1) = q$$



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# Kosterlitz-thouless transitions

e.g. 2D Clock model, 2D XY model, 2D FFFXY model, ...

2D Josephson junction array,...

2D Hard disk model,...

## Logarithmic divergence of correlation length above $T_c$

$$\xi(\tau) = a \exp(b\tau^{-\nu})$$

## Remains critical below $T_c$

## Critical slowing down is severer!

# Non-equilibrium dynamics

Logarithmic corrections to the scaling

for a random start

Bray PRL(00)

Auto-correlation

$$A(t) \sim [t / \ln(t / t_0)]^{-d/z+\theta}$$

Second moment

$$M^{(2)}(t) \sim [t / \ln(t / t_0)]^c$$

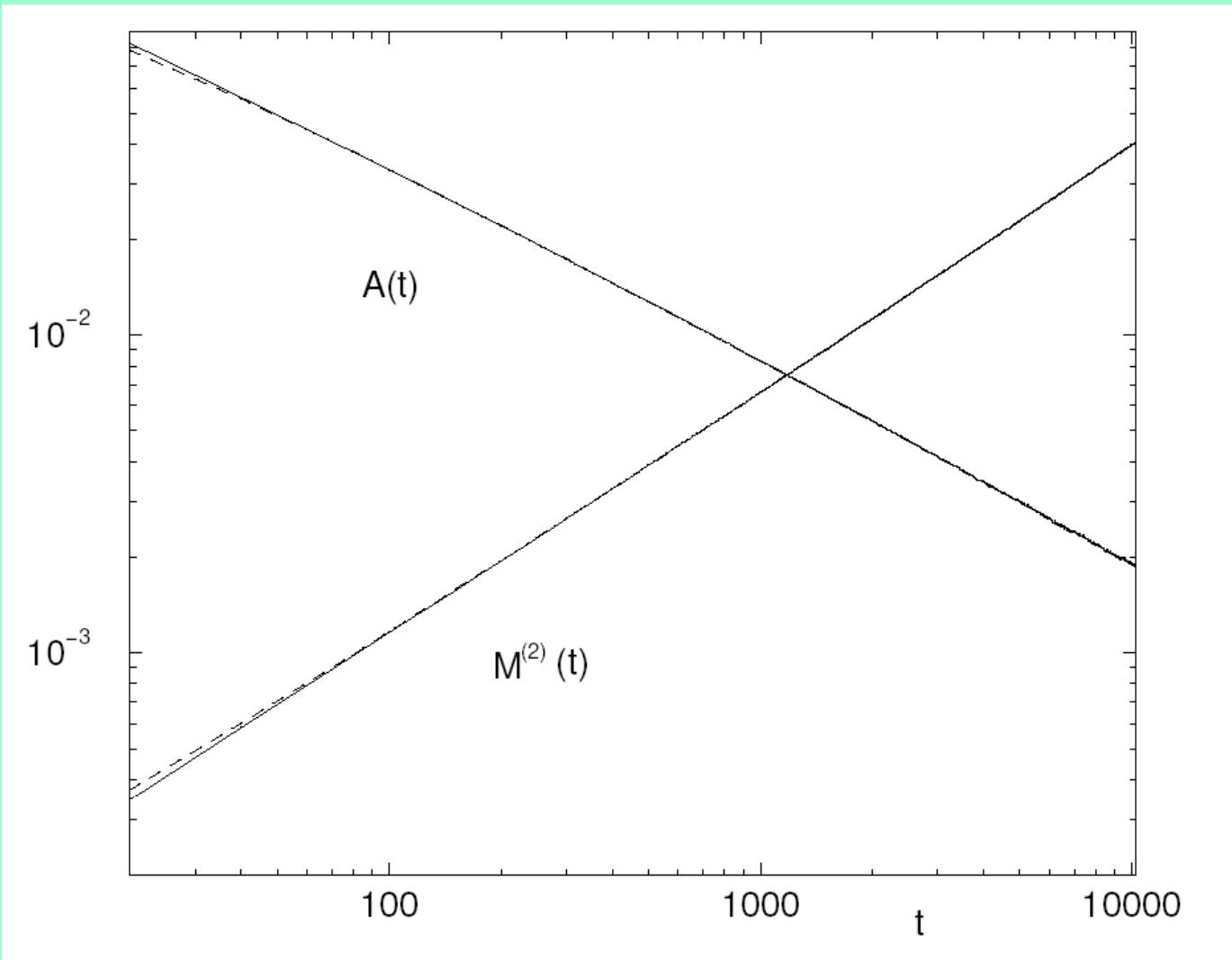
Only power law corrections for an ordered start

Zheng, Ren PRE (2003)

**2D XY model,**

**random initial state,**

**Ying, Zheng et al PRE(01)**



2D XY model      Zheng, Ren PRE (2003)

		T=0.90	0.89	0.80	0.70
<b>m0=1</b>					
U(t)	d/z	<b>1.000(10)</b>	<b>0.995(5)</b>	<b>0.999(4)</b>	<b>0.995(5)</b>
	z1	<b>2.00(2)</b>	<b>2.01(1)</b>	<b>2.00(1)</b>	<b>2.01(1)</b>
M(t)	$\eta /2z$	<b>0.0614(4)</b>	<b>0.0581(2)</b>	<b>0.0441(3)</b>	<b>0.0358(2)</b>
	$\eta$	<b>0.246(3)</b>	<b>0.234(2)</b>	<b>0.176(2)</b>	<b>0.144(1)</b>
Gup92	$\eta$	<b>0.239</b>	<b>0.229</b>	<b>0.179</b>	<b>0.146</b>
<b>m0=0</b>					
M2(t)	z2	<b>2.04(3)</b>	<b>2.01(2)</b>	<b>2.03(2)</b>	<b>2.02(2)</b>
A(t)	z3	<b>2.01(2)</b>	<b>2.02(2)</b>	<b>2.05(2)</b>	<b>2.05(2)</b>

# Extracting correlation length, for $T > T_c$

The scaling form

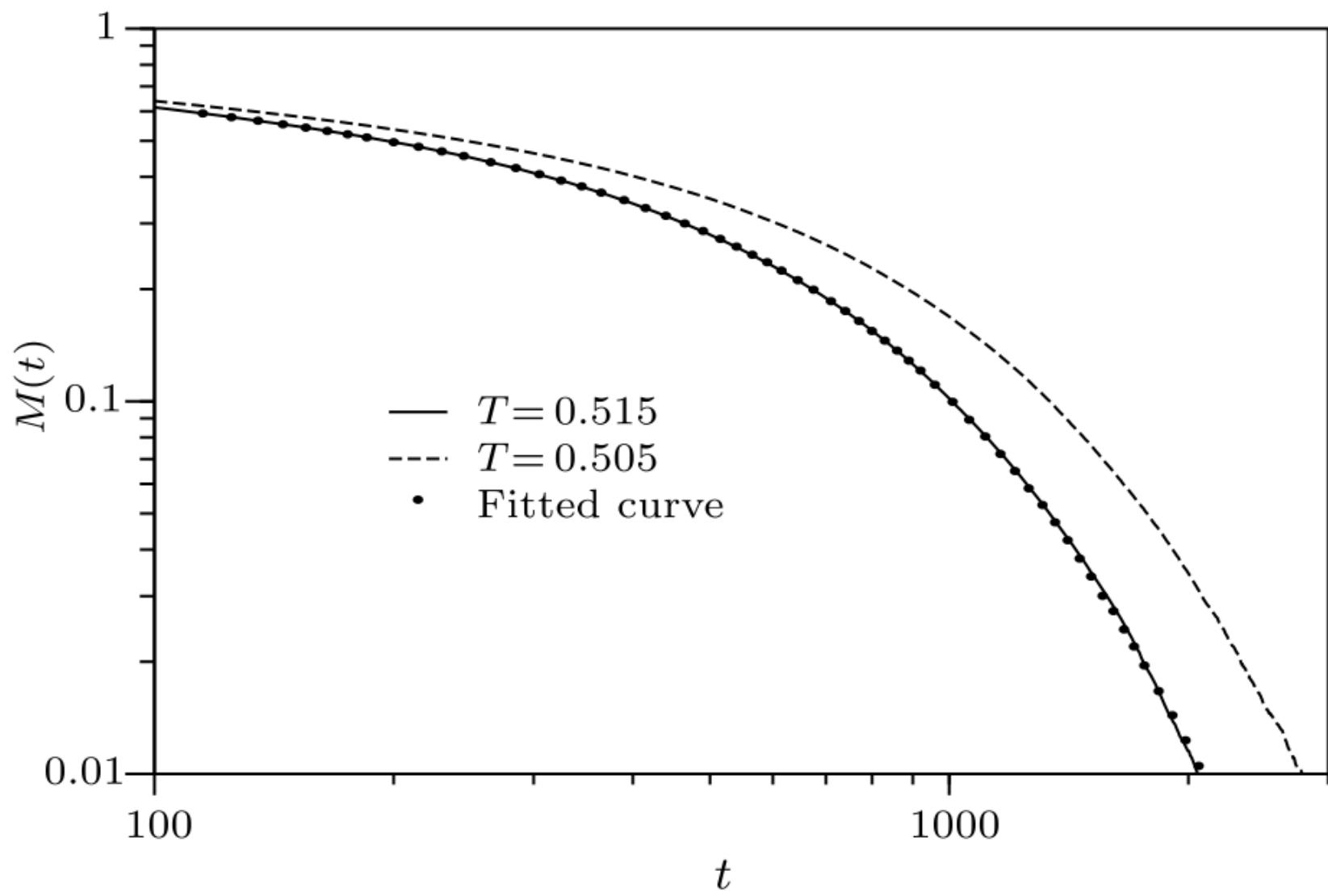
$$M^{(k)}(t, \xi) = b^{-k\eta/2} M^{(k)}(b^{-z}t, b^{-1}\xi), \quad k = 1, 2$$

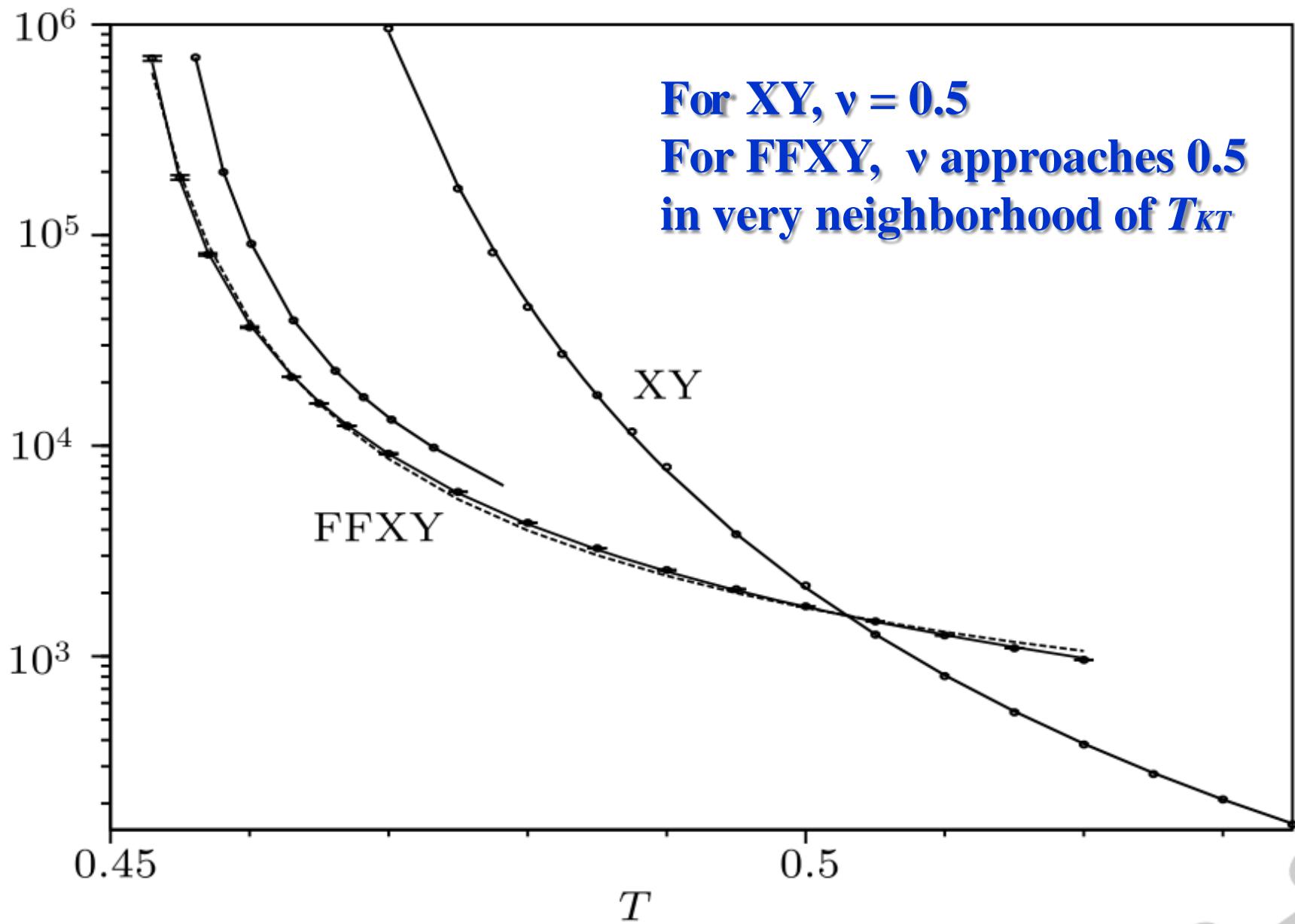
$$\xi^z(\tau) = a \exp(b\tau^{-\nu})$$

$$U(t, \xi) = b^d U(b^{-z}t, b^{-1}\xi)$$

From  $M(t)$ , we obtain  $\xi^z$  and  $\eta/2z$

From  $U(t)$ , we obtain  $\xi$  and  $z$





For XY,  $\nu = 0.5$

For FFXY,  $\nu$  approaches 0.5  
in very neighborhood of  $T_{KT}$

# Ageing phenomena in 2D XY model

Disordered initial state

logarithmic corrections to scaling

Ordered initial state

power-law corrections to scaling

Two-time correlation function at  $T_c$

$$\begin{aligned} A(t', t) &\equiv \langle \vec{S}_i(t') \cdot \vec{S}(t) \rangle \\ &= \xi(t')^{-\eta} F(\xi(t)/\xi(t')) \end{aligned}$$

$\xi(t)$  is the non-equilibrium spatial correlation length.

The spatial unit  $\xi(t')$  changes with time  $t'$

## For the Ising model

$$\xi(t) \propto t^{1/z}$$

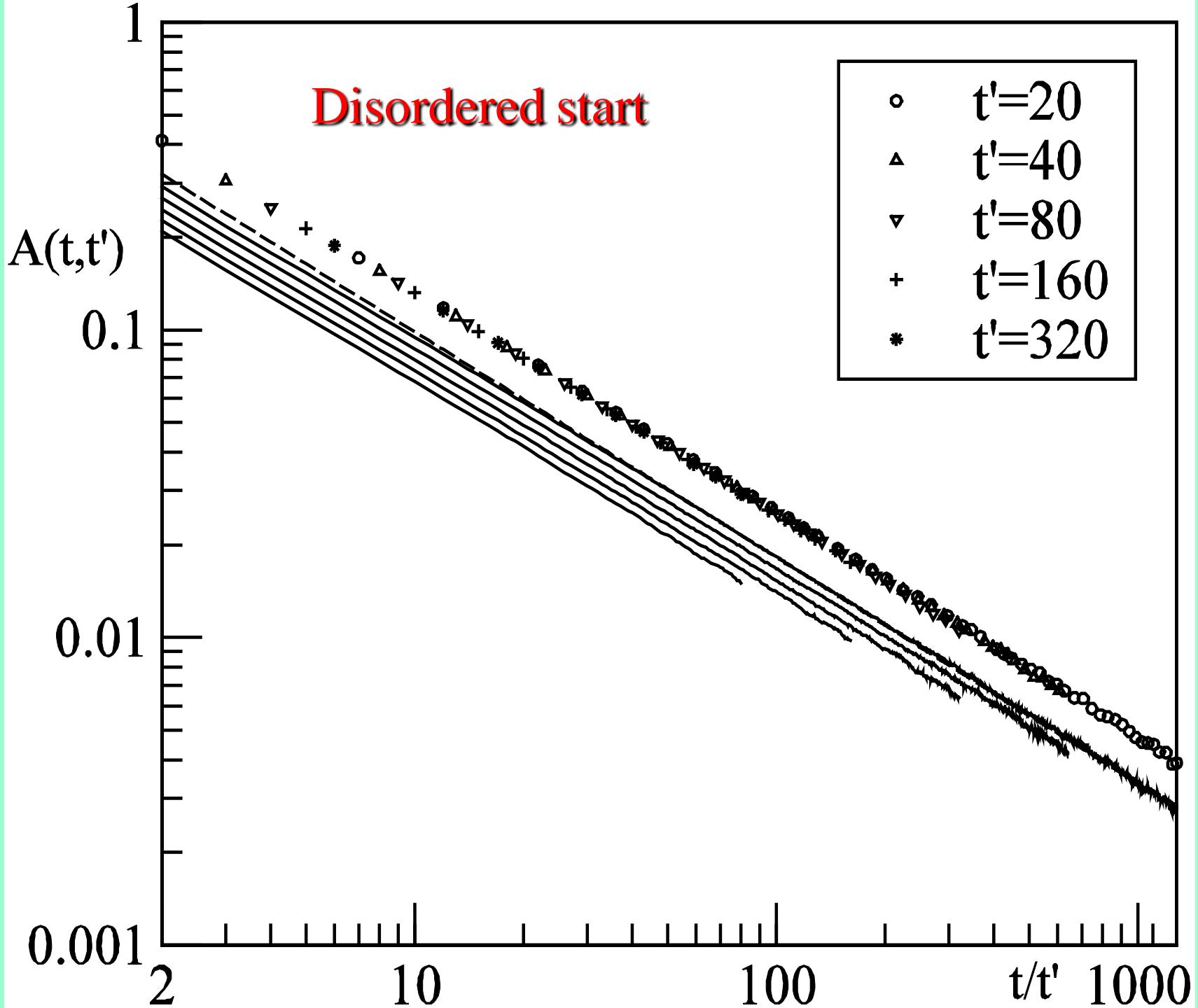
When  $\xi(t)/\xi(t') \rightarrow \infty$

**Disordered initial state**

$$F(x) \rightarrow x^{-\lambda}$$

**Ordered initial state**

$$F(x) \rightarrow x^{-\eta/2}$$



For the 2D XY model

**Disordered initial state**

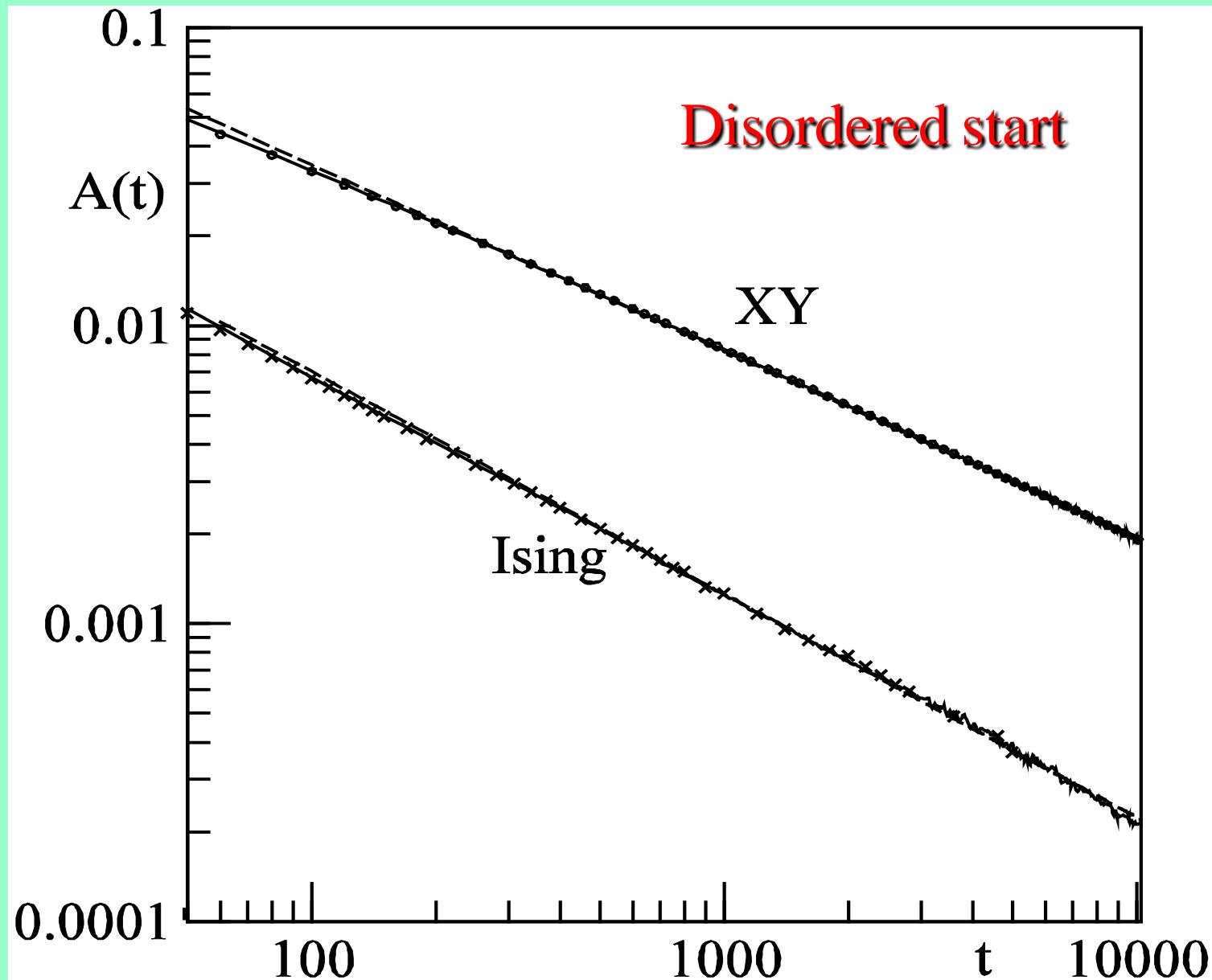
$$\xi(t) \propto (t / \ln(t / t_0))^{1/z}$$

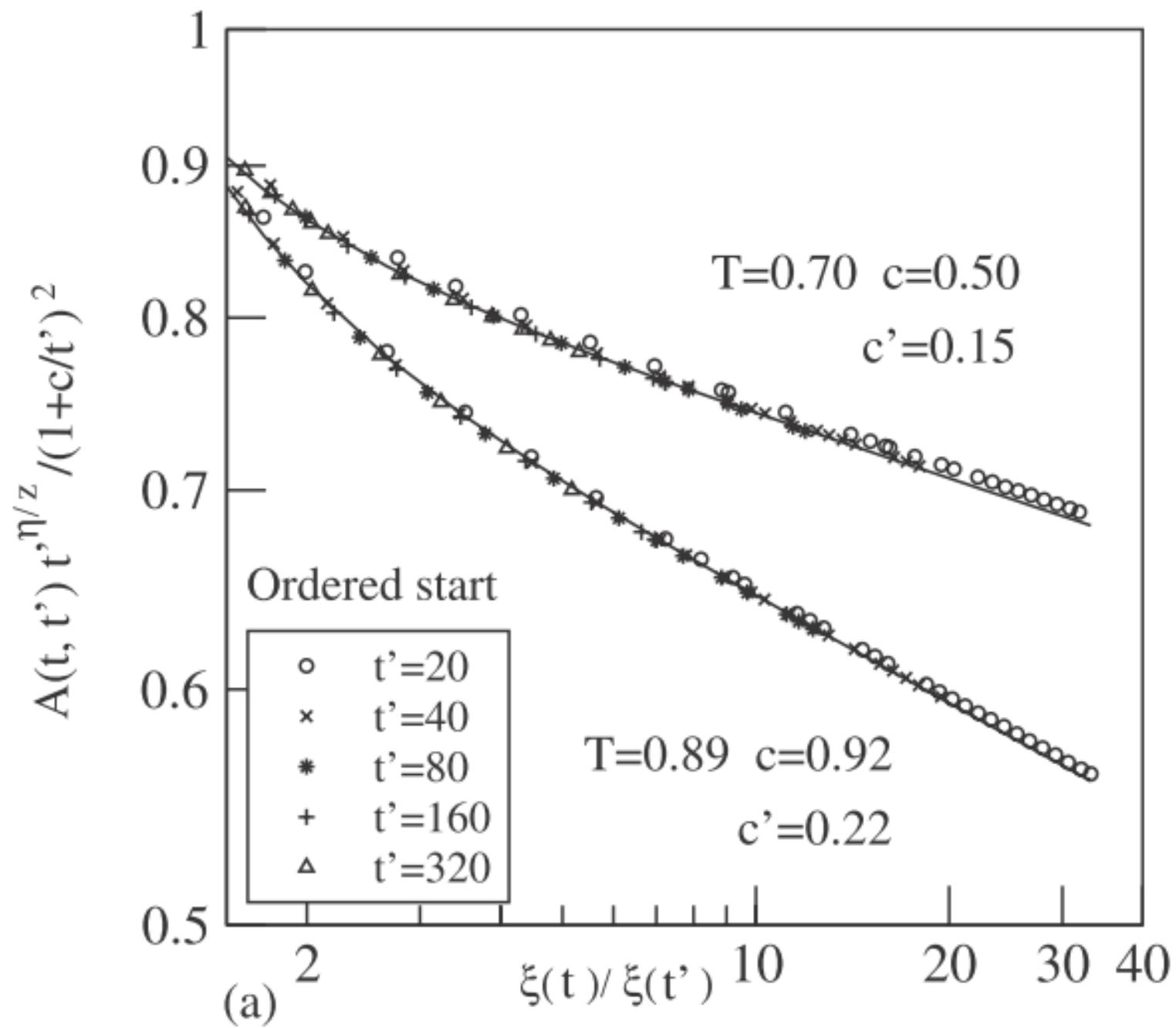
**Ordered initial state**

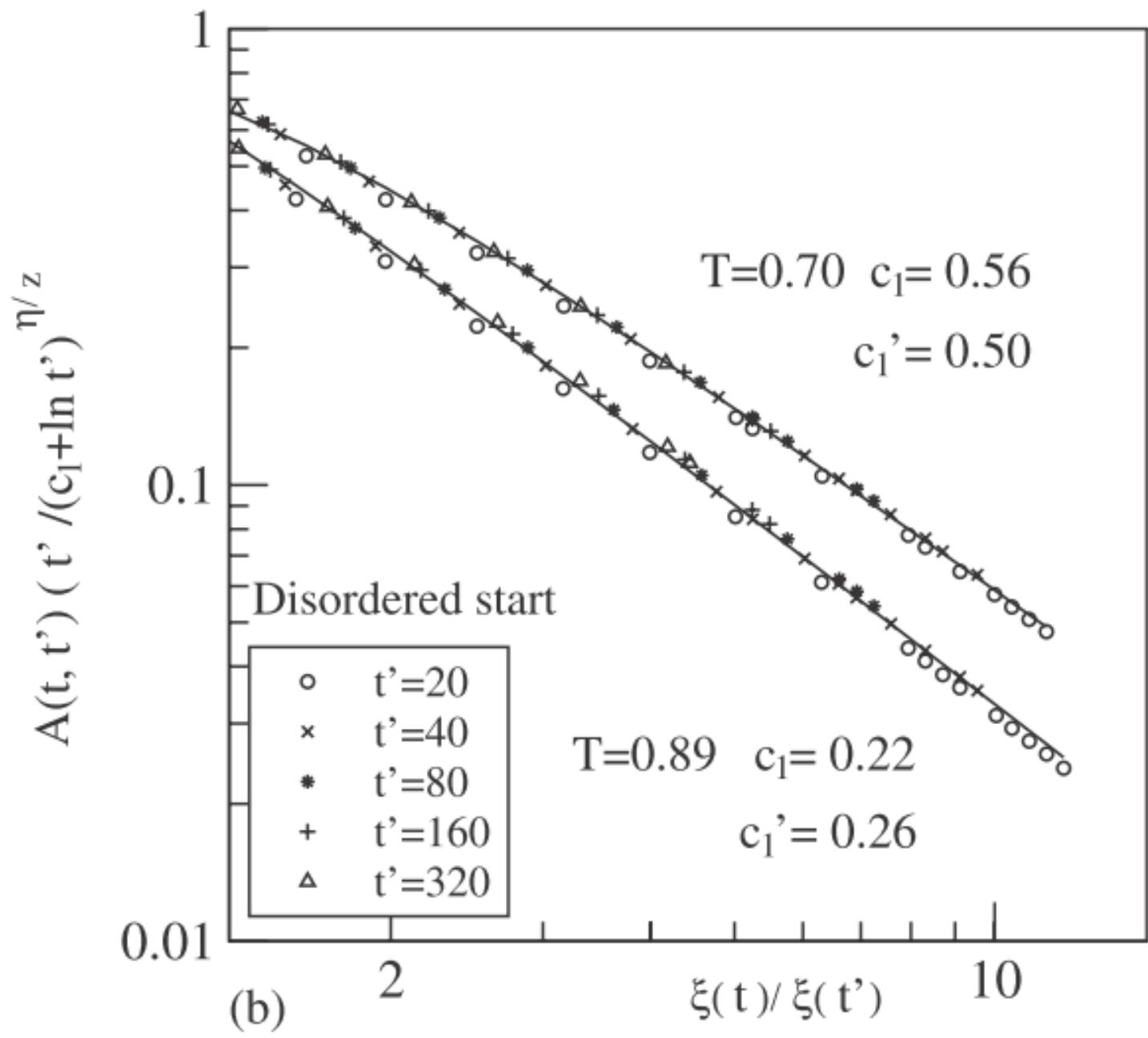
$$\xi(t) \propto (t / (1 + c / t^b))^{1/z}$$

**Two kinds of corrections mix up!**

When  $\xi(t) / \xi(t') \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $F(x)$  is dominated by power laws as for the Ising model. Therefore, **corrections to scaling can be determined from  $A(t',t)$  with  $t'=0$ , or 1.**







To explore  $F(x)$ , we assume  $x = \xi(t) / \xi(t')$  is large, but not too large.

**Ordered initial state**  $F(x) \rightarrow x^{-\eta/2} (1 + c' / x^{b'})$

$$\begin{aligned} A(t, t') &= t'^{-\eta/z} \cdot (1 + c / t'^b)^2 \cdot \frac{t^{-\eta/2z} \cdot (1 + c / t^b)}{t'^{-\eta/2z} \cdot (1 + c / t'^b)} (1 + c' / (t / t')^{b'}) \\ &= t'^{-\eta/z} \cdot (1 + c / t'^b) (t / t')^{-\eta/2z} \cdot (1 + c / t^b + c' / (t / t')^{b'}) \end{aligned}$$

Usually,  $b=1$ ,  $b'=1$ ,

$$A(t, t') = t'^{-\eta/z} \cdot (1 + c / t') (t / t')^{-\eta/2z} \cdot (1 + (c / t' + c') / (t / t'))$$

**Disordered initial state,**  $F(x) \rightarrow (x(1 + c'/\ln x))^{-\lambda}$

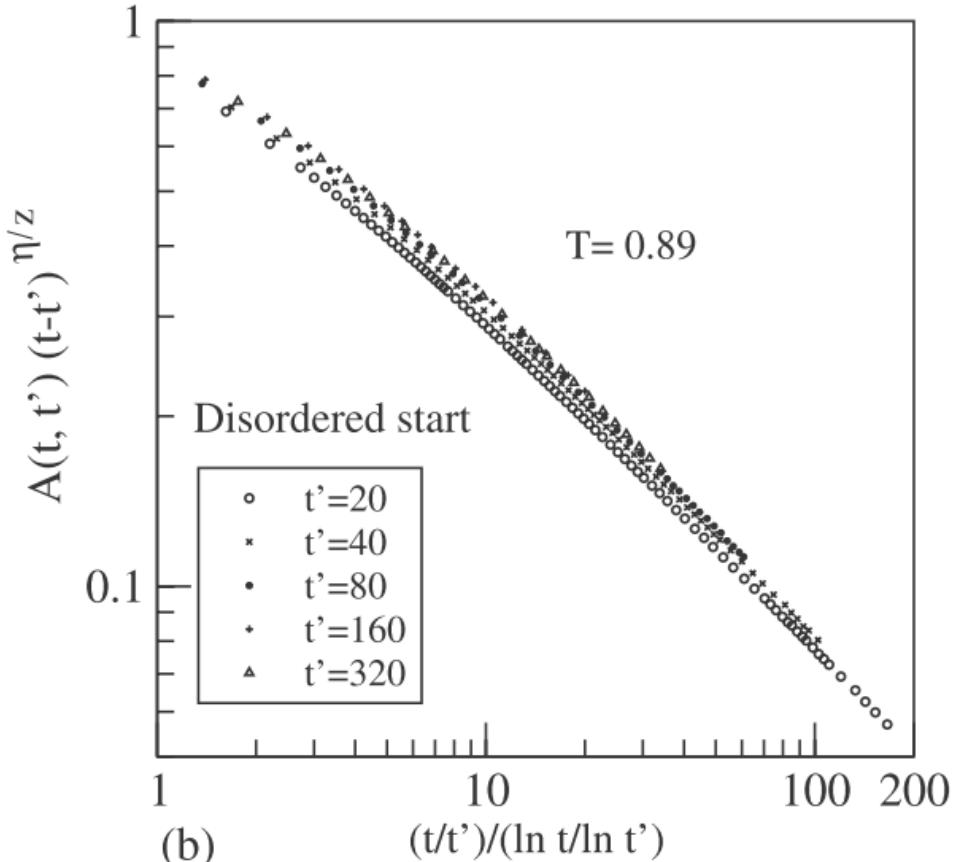
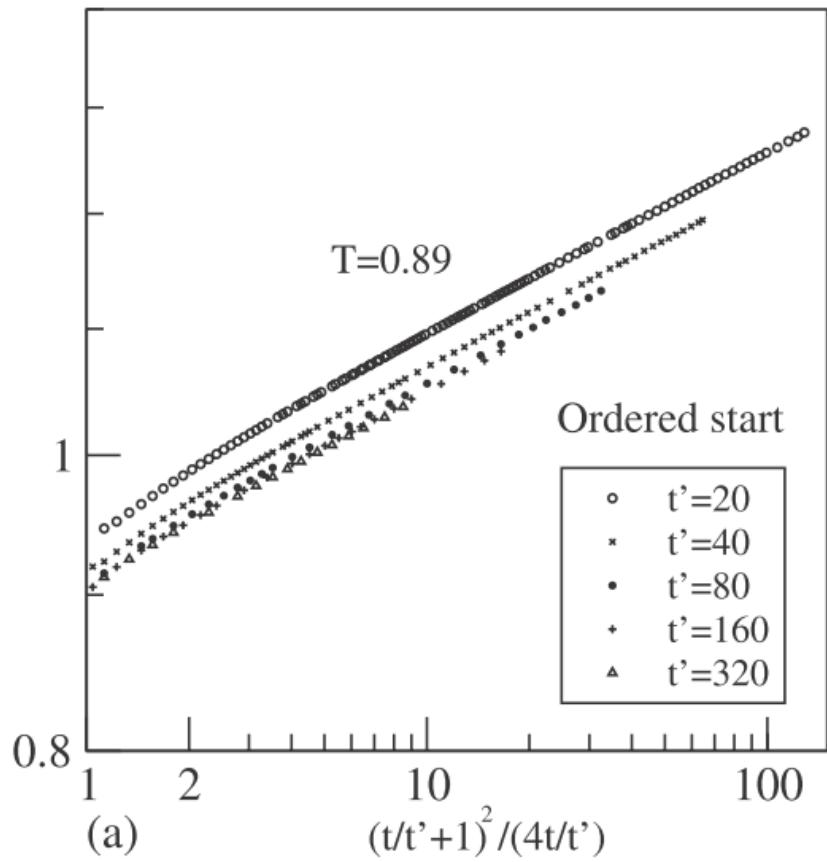
$$\begin{aligned} A(t, t') &= (t'/(1 + c \ln t'))^{-\eta/z} \frac{(t/(1 + c \ln t))^{\lambda}}{(t'/(1 + c \ln t'))^{\lambda}} (1 + c'/\ln(t/t'))^{-\lambda} \\ &= (t'/(1 + c \ln t'))^{-\eta/z} \cdot [(t/t')/(1 + (\tilde{c} + \tilde{c}')) \ln(t/t')]^{-\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{c} = c/(1 + c \ln t') \quad \tilde{c}' \text{ is const, related to } c'$$

**In literature, some forms of  $F(x)$  are derived with spin-wave approximations, but not valid at higher temperatures**

# Data collapse from literature

$A(t, t') (t-t')^{\eta/z}$



## Melting transition

In 2D, it is not of first order, but  
two KT transitions

Positional symmetry breaks first  
then orientational symmetry

**Experiments:** Phys.Rev.Lett. 82 (1999) 2721, 85 (2000) 3656

**Methods:** dynamic approach  
(but in equilibrium)

*Molecular dynamics simulations with  
dipole-dipole interactions*

*SZ Lin, B. Zheng and S. Trimper, PRE(2006)*

## Bond orientational order parameter

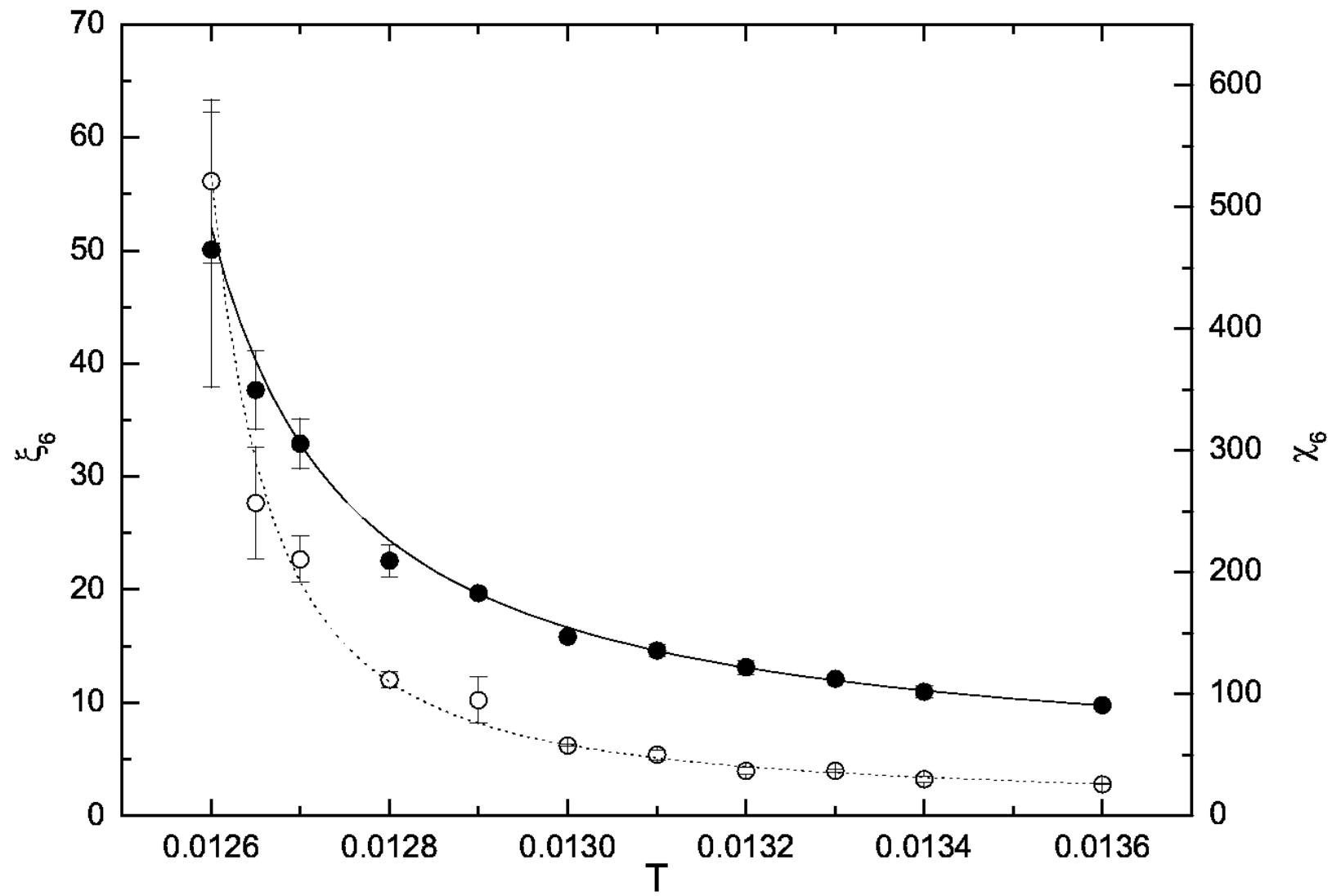
$$\Psi_6 = \left\langle \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \psi_{6,k} \right| \right\rangle, \quad \psi_{6,k} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_j \exp(i6\theta_{kj}).$$

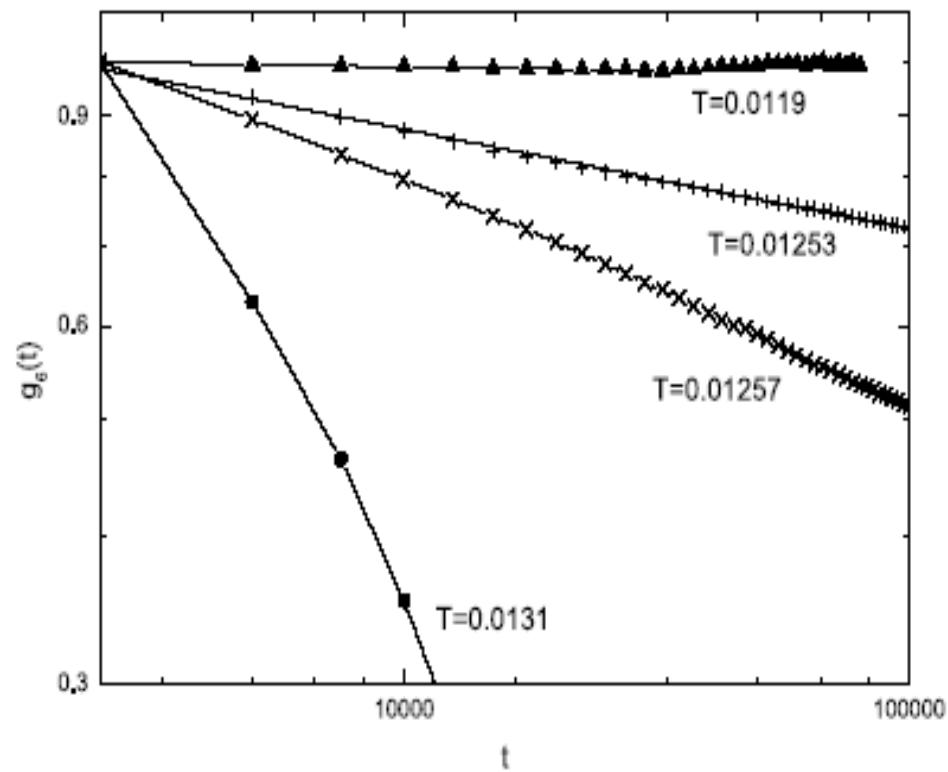
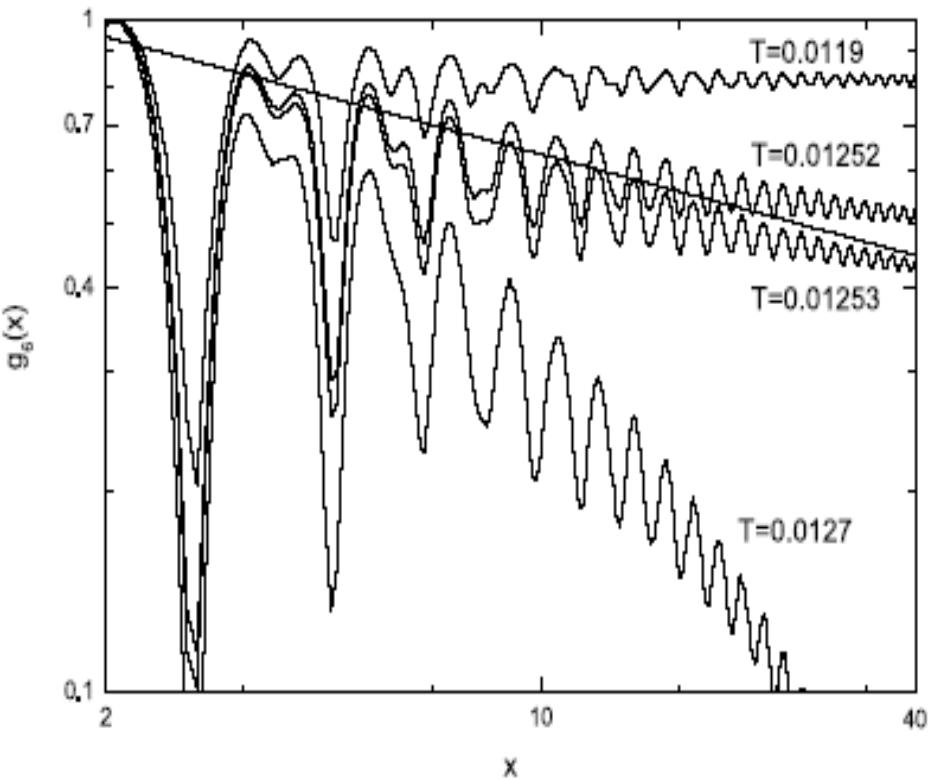
## Bond orientational correlation function

$$g_6(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) = \langle \psi_{6,k}^*(\vec{r}_1) \psi_{6,k}(\vec{r}_2) \rangle.$$

## Time correlation of bond orientational order

$$g_6(t) = \langle \psi_{6,k}^*(t_0) \psi_{6,k}(t_0 + t) \rangle$$





**The finite size effects and coexistence phase is excluded**

# **Concluding remarks**

**With Monte Carlo simulations and molecular dynamics simulations, we reveal the universal scaling behavior in critical dynamics far from equilibrium, in addition, we report**

- \* **Application to weak first order transitions**
- \* **Ageing phenomena around phase transitions**