

# On the phase structure of QCD

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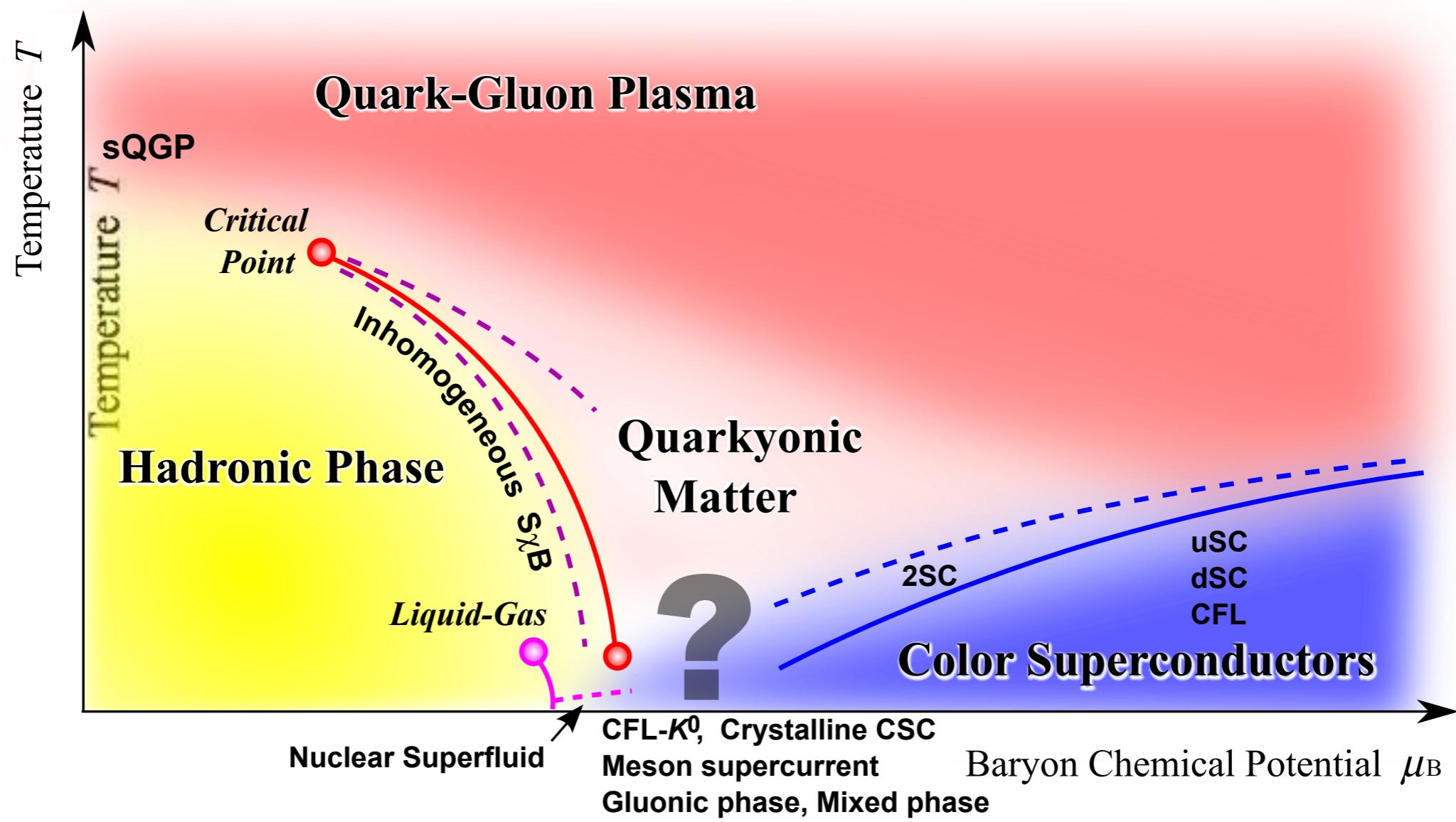


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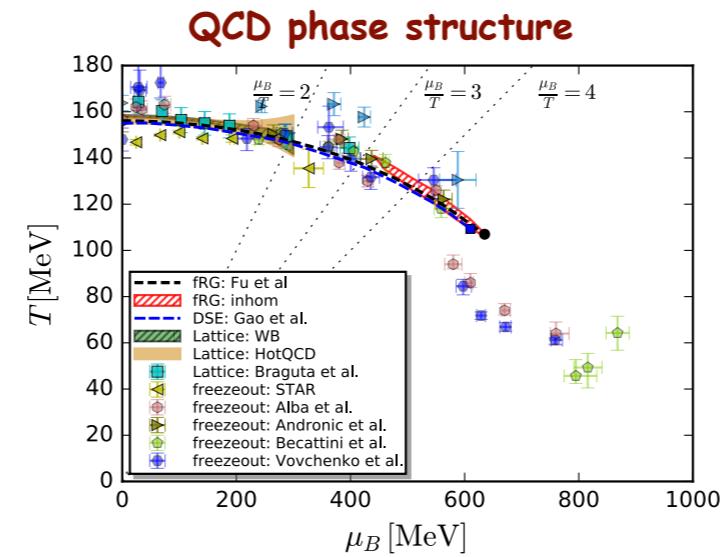
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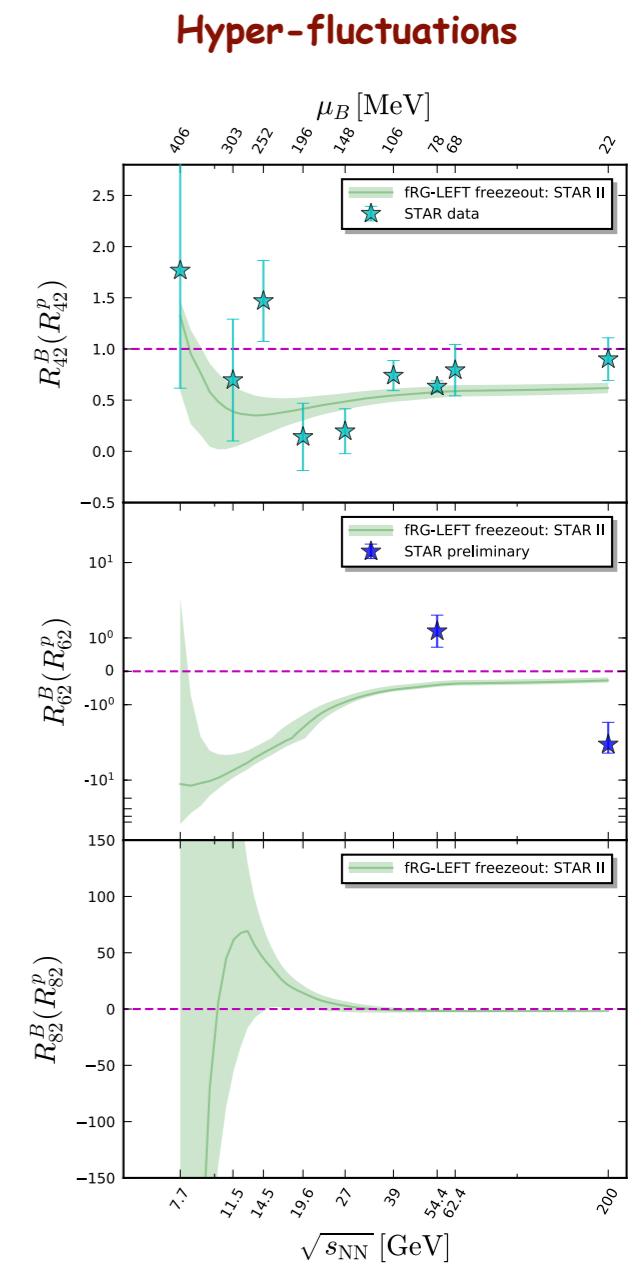
# Outline

## ● QCD from functional methods

## ● QCD phase structure



## ● Fluctuations of conserved charges



## ● Summary & outlook

# Functional Methods for QCD

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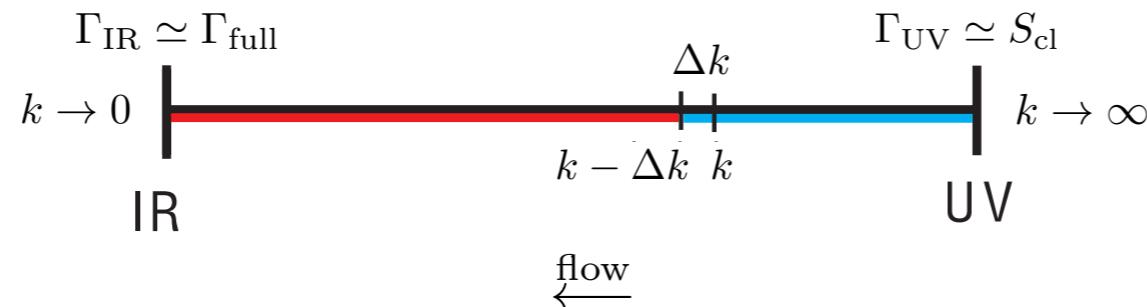
JMP, NPA 931 (2014) 113

Dupuis et al, Phys.Rept. 910 (2021) 1

DSE:

Fischer, PPNP 105 (2019) 1

free energy at momentum scale  $k$



**ab initio**

functional RG:

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{free energy/ grand potential} - \text{glue quantum fluctuations} - \text{hadronic quantum fluctuations} + \frac{1}{2} \text{quark quantum fluctuations}$$

RG-scale  $k$ :  $t = \ln k$

**closed form**

functional DSE :

$$\frac{\delta (\Gamma - S)}{\delta A_0} = \frac{1}{2} A_0 : \text{background field} - \text{loop diagram 1} - \text{loop diagram 2} - \frac{1}{6} \text{loop diagram 3} + \text{loop diagram 4}$$

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## Correlation functions

gluon propagator

$$\langle A_\mu A_\nu \rangle(p)$$

Pure glue

$$\partial_t \cdots \cdots^{-1} = \cdots \cdots \otimes \cdots \cdots + \cdots \cdots$$

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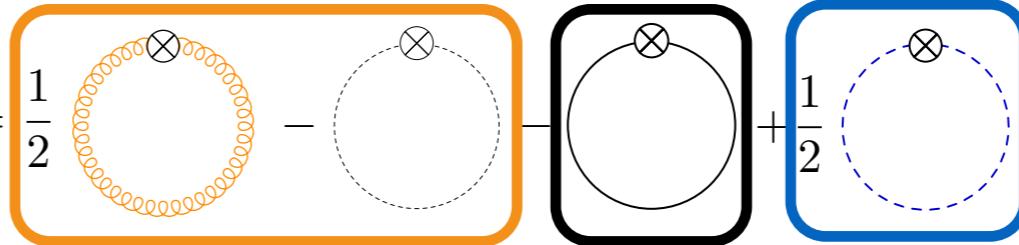
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+ matter loops

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Eight transverse tensor structures

$$\partial_t \rightarrow^{-1} = \begin{array}{l} \text{diagram 1} \\ + \text{diagram 2} + \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram 3} \\ + \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5} - \text{diagram 6} \end{array}$$

$$\partial_t \text{diagram 1} = \begin{array}{l} \text{diagram 7} \\ - \text{diagram 8} - \text{diagram 9} - \text{diagram 10} - \text{diagram 11} - \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram 12} \\ + 2 \text{diagram 13} - \text{diagram 14} + \text{perm.} \end{array}$$

$$\partial_t \text{diagram 2} = \begin{array}{l} \text{diagram 15} \\ - \text{diagram 16} - \text{diagram 17} - \text{diagram 18} - \text{diagram 19} \\ - \text{diagram 20} - \text{diagram 21} + \text{perm.} \end{array}$$

## Dynamical hadronisation

$$\text{diagram 1} = \text{diagram 2} - \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4}$$

where

$$\text{diagram 4} \Big|_{\begin{array}{l} (p_1 + p_3)^2 = 0 \\ (p_2 + p_4)^2 = 0 \end{array}} = 0$$

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$$\partial_t \text{ (cross)} = \begin{array}{c} 2 \text{diagrams with wavy line and cross} \\ - \text{diagram with wavy line and cross} \\ + \text{perm.} \end{array}$$

## Dynamical hadronisation

$$\partial_t \text{ (dashed line)} \longrightarrow^{-1} = -2 \text{diagrams with dashed line and cross} + \text{diagram with dashed line and cross} + \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram with dashed line and cross}$$

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Input: fundamental parameters of QCD at a large momentum scale:  $\Lambda = 20 \text{ GeV}$

## 2-flavour QCD

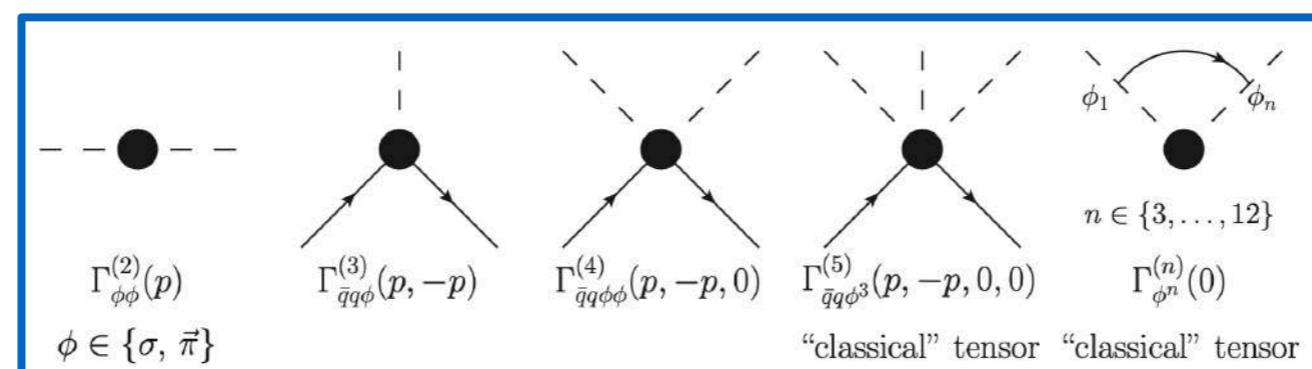
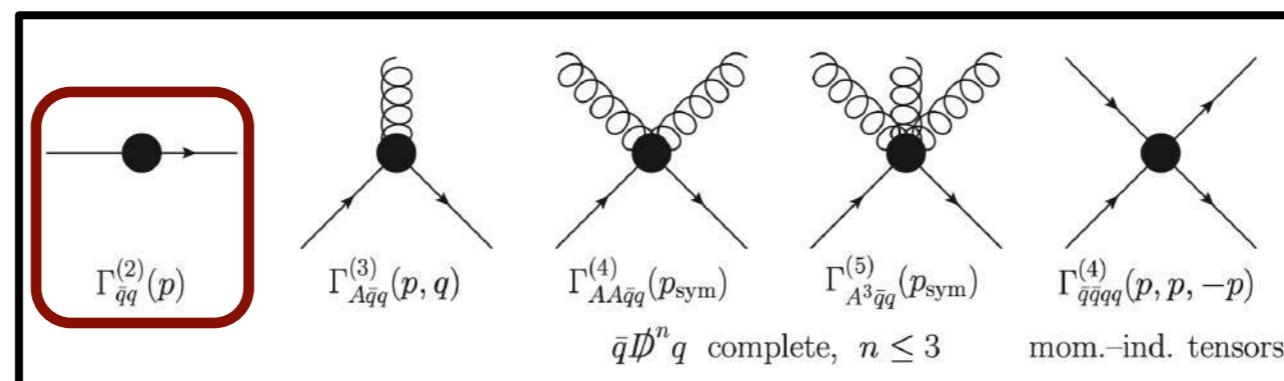
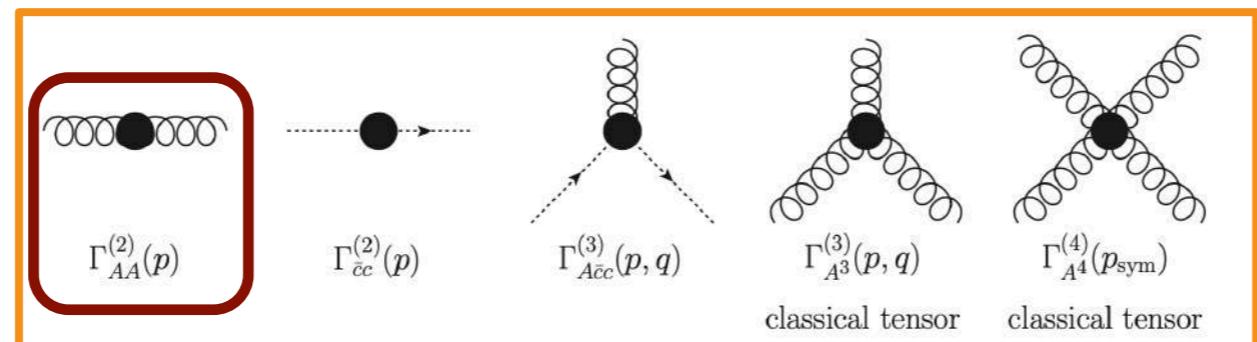
- (i)  $\alpha_{s,\Lambda}$
- (ii)  $m_{u,\Lambda} = m_{d,\Lambda} = m_{l,\Lambda}(m_\pi)$   $m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$

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- (iii)  $\frac{m_{l,\Lambda}}{m_{s,\Lambda}} = 27$

# vacuum fQCD: current set of correlation functions

**FRG**



Aiming at apparent convergence

Extension, work in progress:

Fu, Huang, Ihssen, JMP, Sattler, Schneider, Tan, Wink

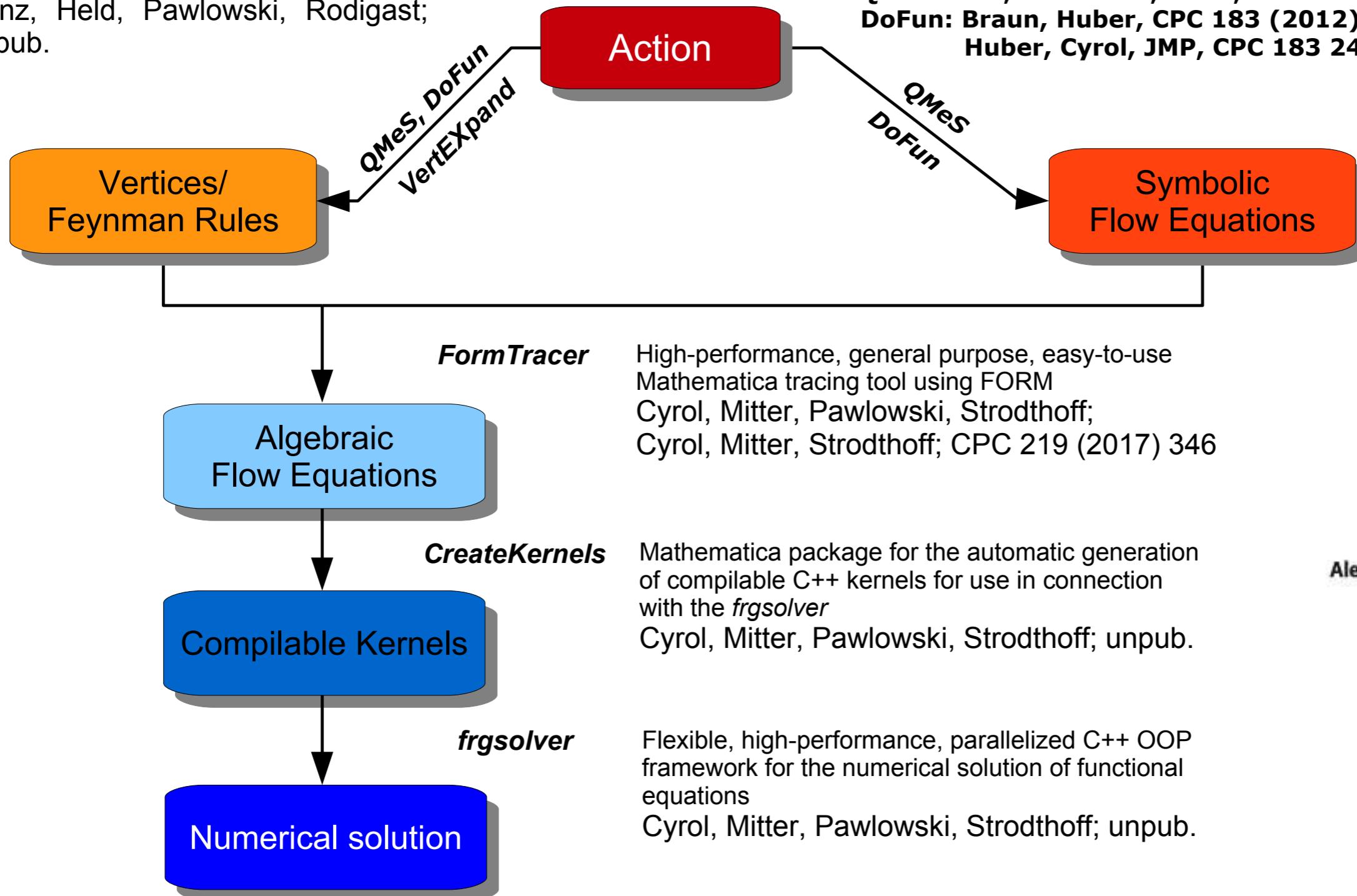
# fOCD: workflow

## **VertExpand**

Mathematica package for the derivation of vertices from a given action using FORM  
Denz, Held, Pawłowski, Rodigast;  
unpub.

## **QMeS, DoFun**

Mathematica package for the derivation of functional equations  
**QMeS:** JMP, Schneider, Wink, arXiv:2102.01410  
**DoFun:** Braun, Huber, CPC 183 (2012) 1290  
Huber, Cyrol, JMP, CPC 183 248 (2020) 107058



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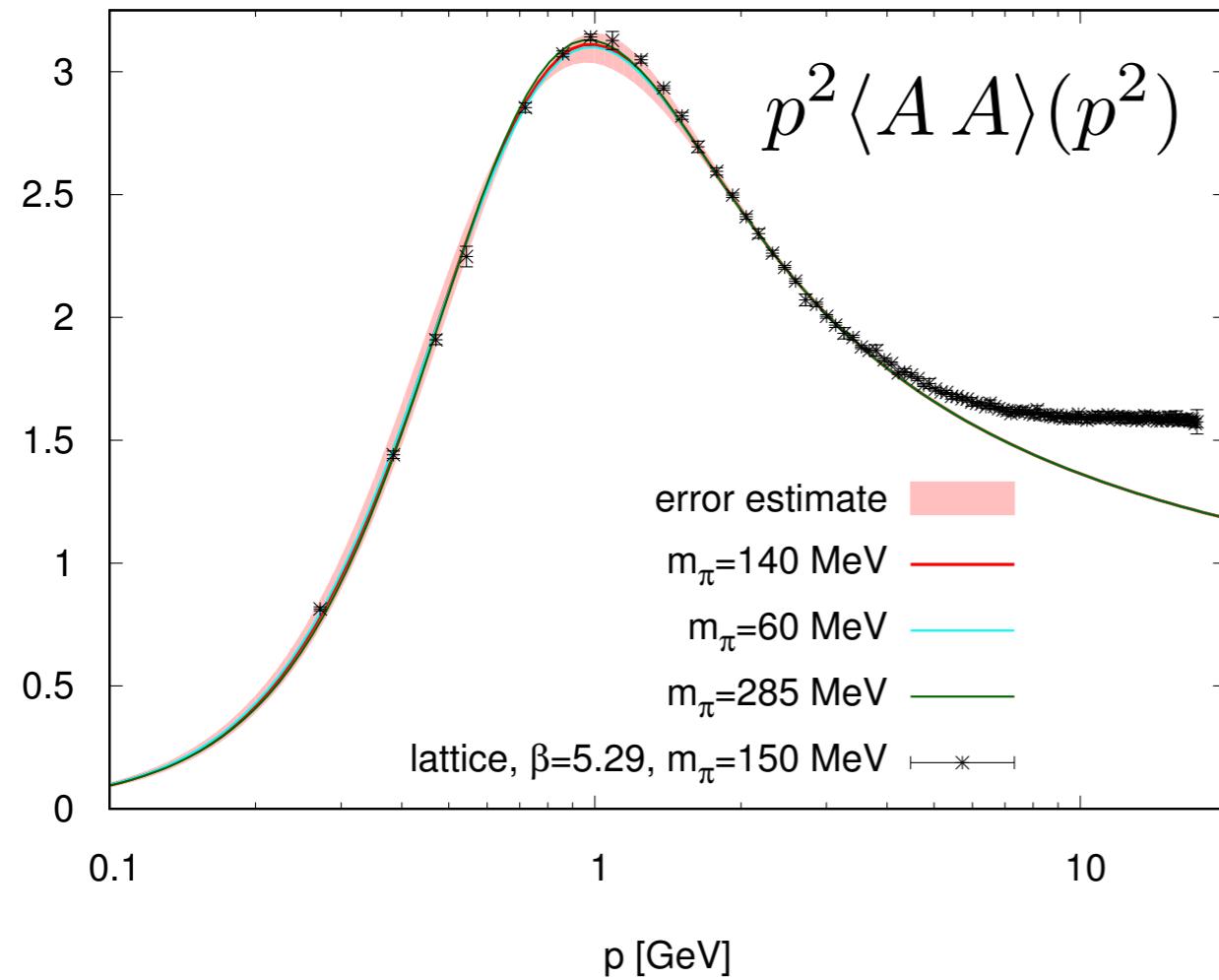


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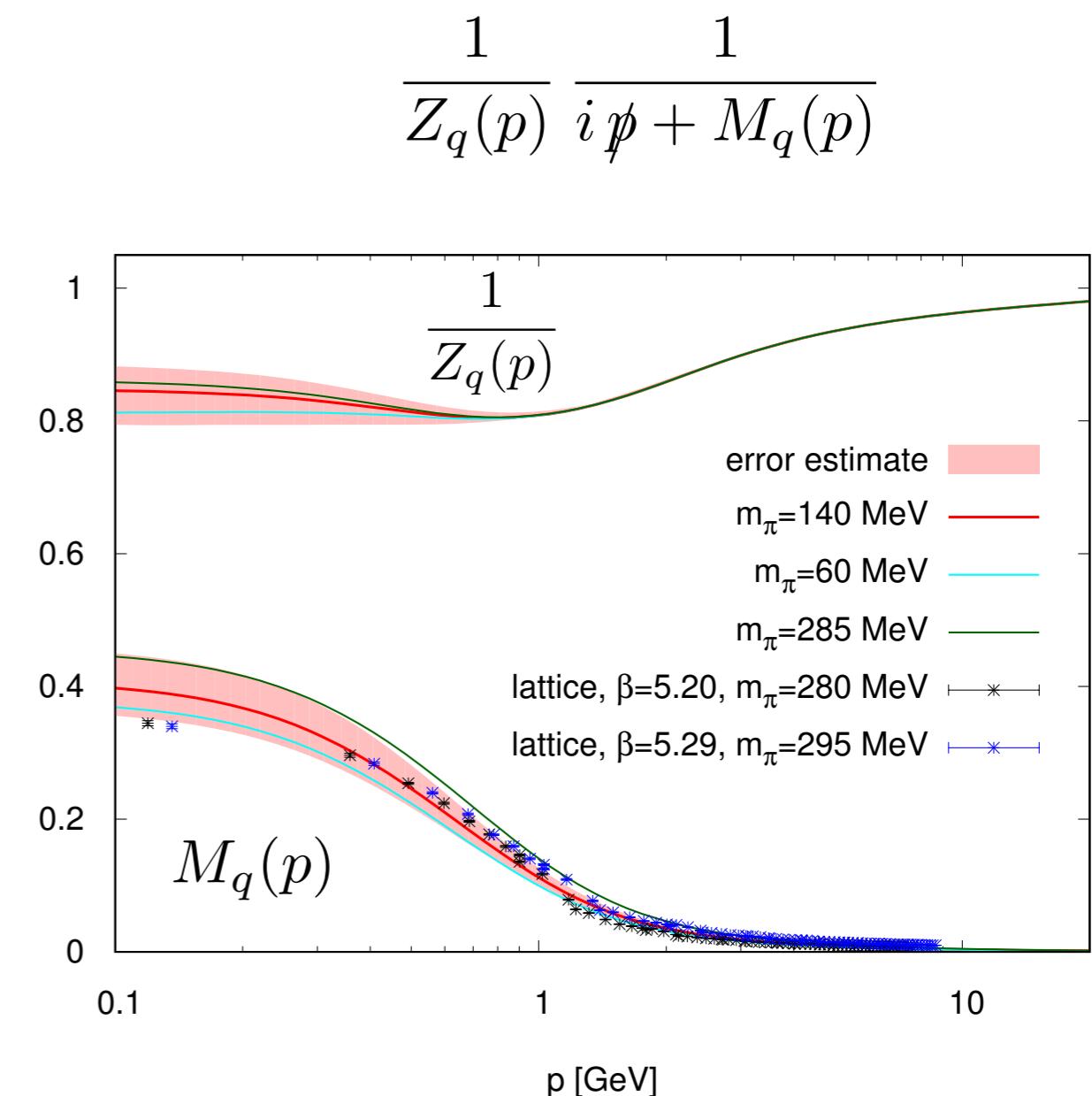
# vacuum QCD: Euclidean propagators

## Two-flavour QCD

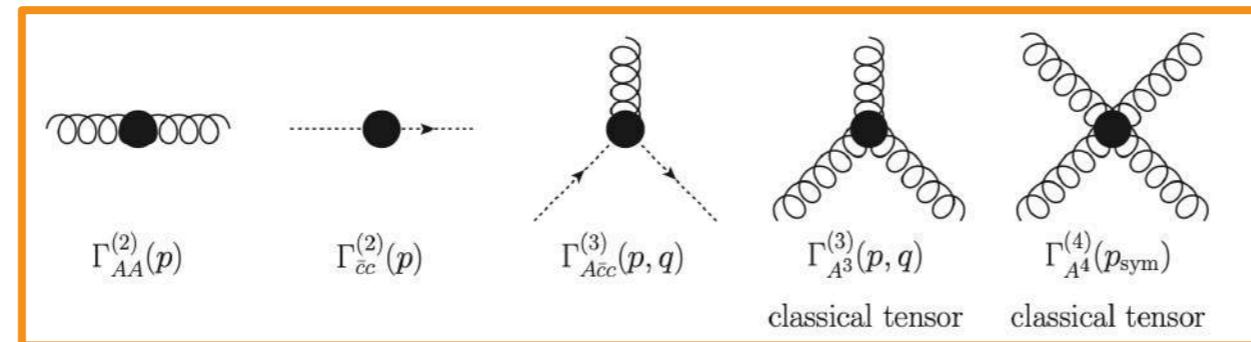


**lattice, e.g.: Oliviera et al, Acta Phys.Polon.Supp. 9 (2016) 363  
 Sternbeck et al, PoS LATTICE2016 (2017)  
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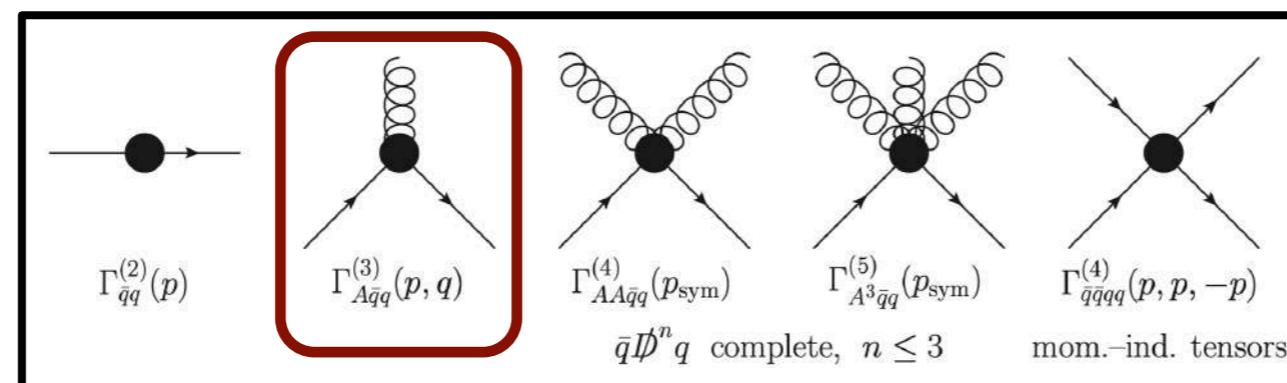
simple correlations



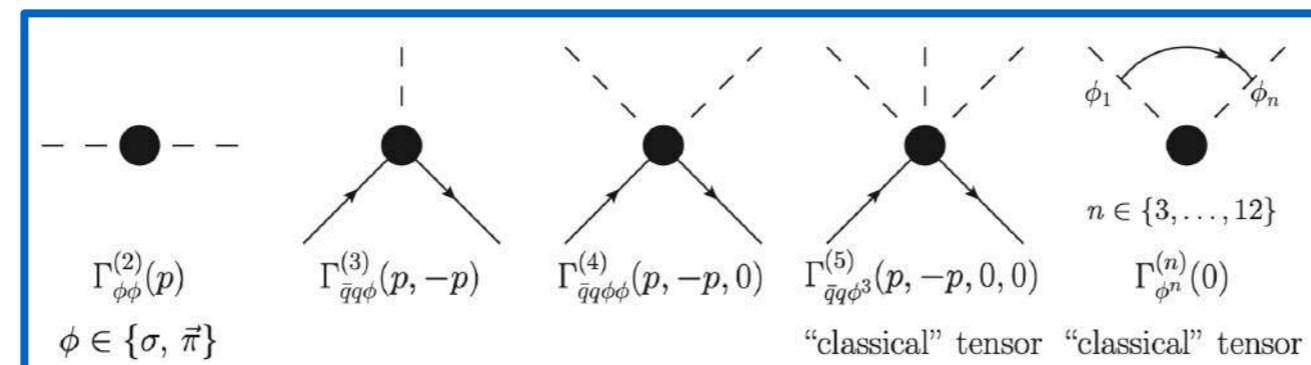
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FRG



Eight transverse tensor structures



Aiming at apparent convergence

Cyrol, Mitter, JMP, Strodthoff, PRD 97 (2018) 054006,  
PRD 97 (2018) 054015

Cyrol, Fister, Mitter, JMP, Strodthoff, PRD 94 (2016) 054005

# Quark-gluon vertex

$$\left[ \Gamma_{\bar{q}qA}^{(3)} \right]_\mu^a (p, q) = 1_{2 \times 2}^{\text{flav}} T^a \sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i(p, q) \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(i)} \right]_\mu (p, q)$$

## covariant expansion scheme

$$\bar{q}D^\mu q : \quad \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(1)} \right]_\mu (p, q) = -i \gamma_\mu$$

$$\bar{q}D^\mu D^\nu q : \quad \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(2)} \right]_\mu (p, q) = (p - q)_\mu 1_{4 \times 4}$$

$$\bar{q}D^\mu D^\nu D^\rho q : \quad \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(5)} \right]_\mu (p, q) = i (\not{p} + \not{q})(p - q)_\mu$$

$$\left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(3)} \right]_\mu (p, q) = (\not{p} - \not{q})\gamma_\mu$$

$$\left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(6)} \right]_\mu (p, q) = i (\not{p} - \not{q})(p - q)_\mu$$

$$\left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(4)} \right]_\mu (p, q) = (\not{p} + \not{q})\gamma_\mu$$

$$\left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(7)} \right]_\mu (p, q) = \frac{i}{2} [\not{p}, \not{q}] \gamma_\mu$$

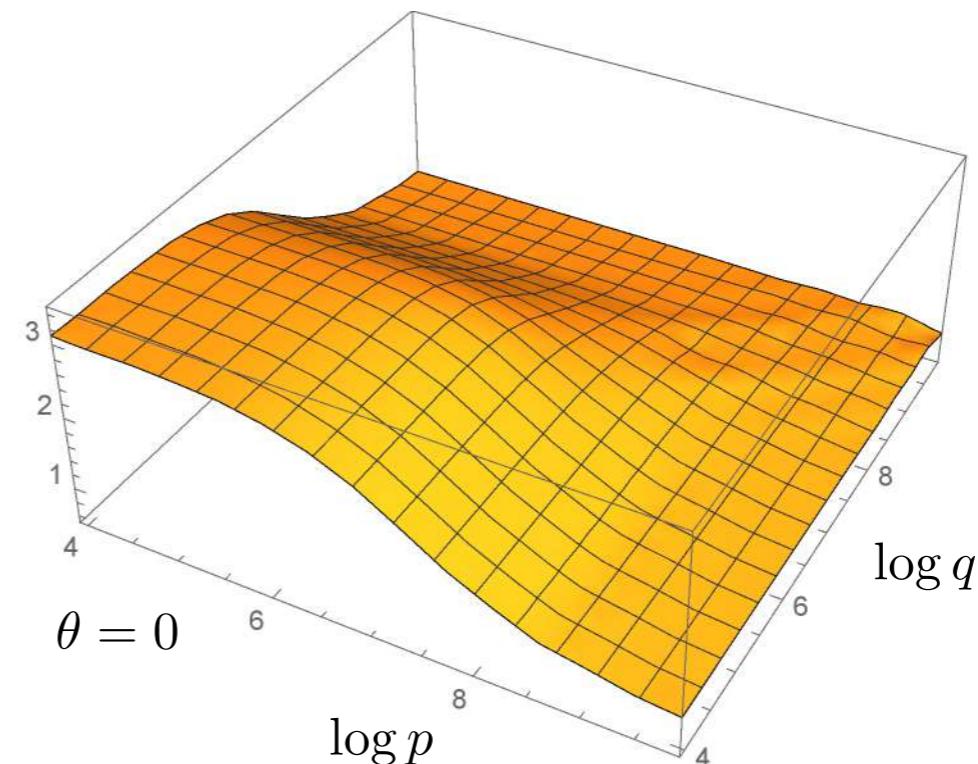
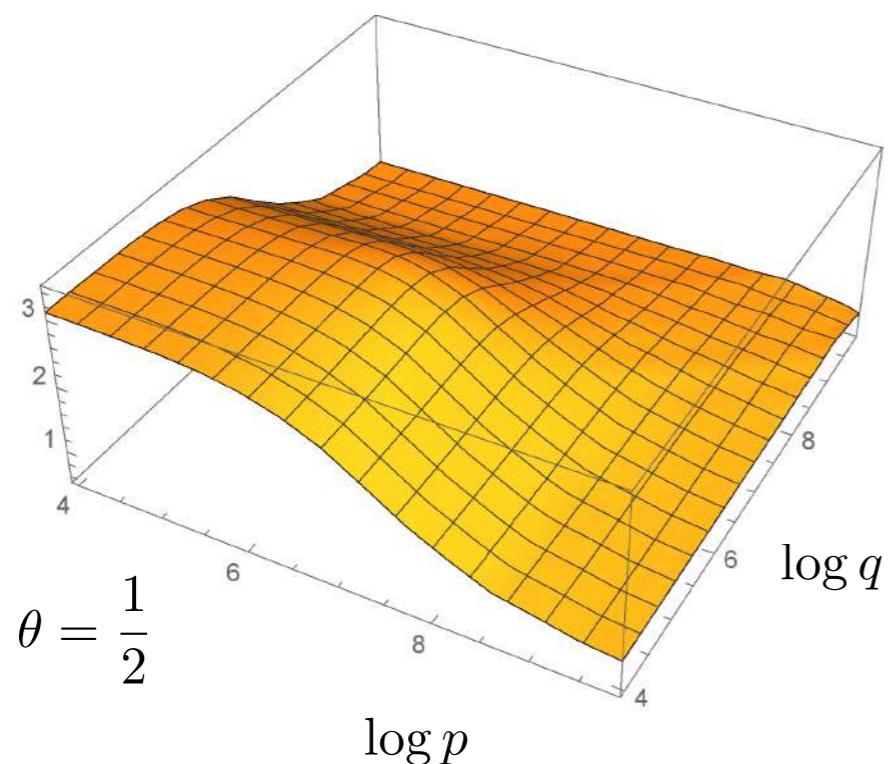
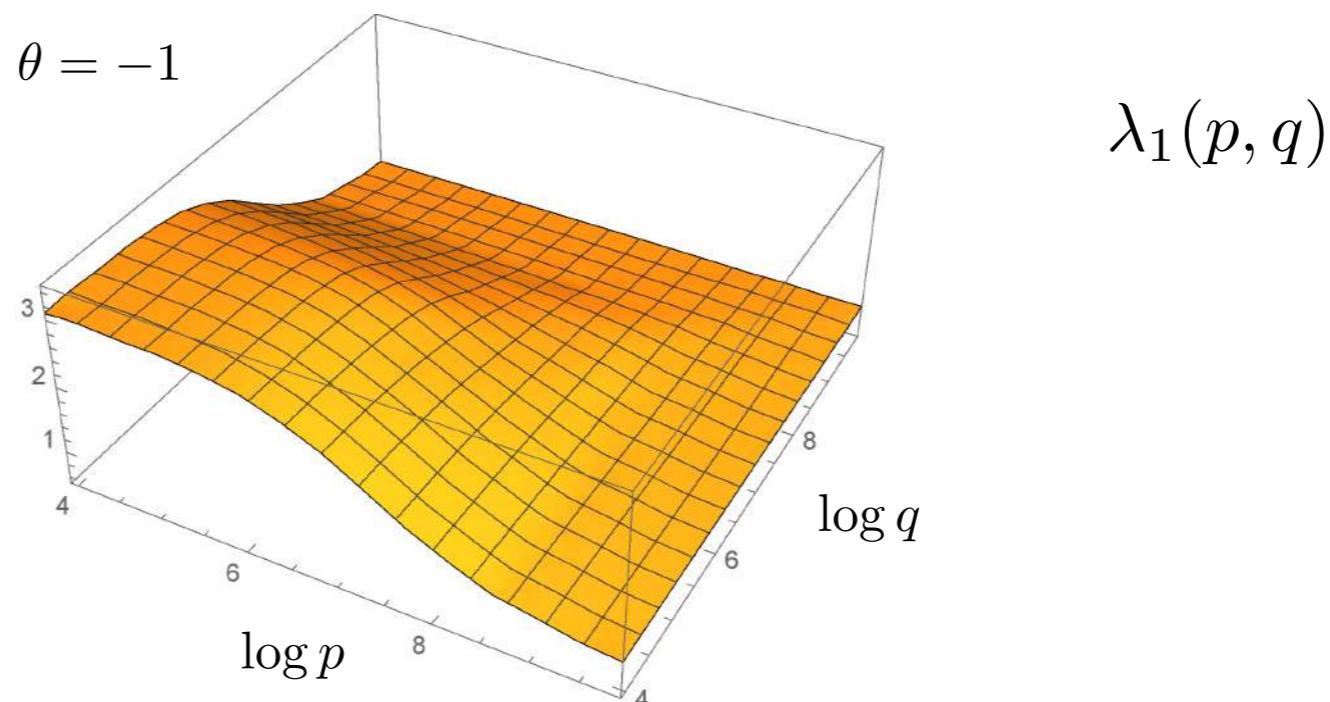
**Aiming at apparent convergence**

quenched: Mitter, JMP, Strodthoff, PRD 91 (2015) 054035

# Quark-gluon vertex

$$\theta = \frac{p \cdot q}{\sqrt{p^2 q^2}}$$

p,q in MeV

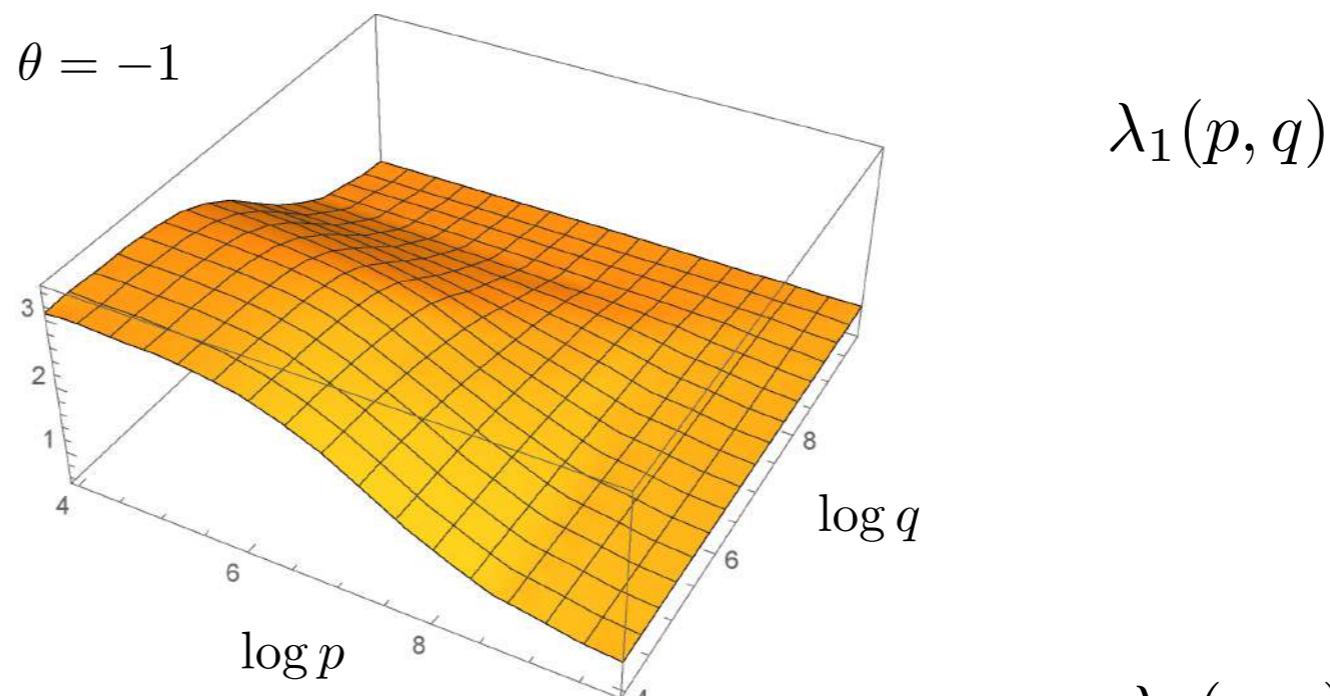


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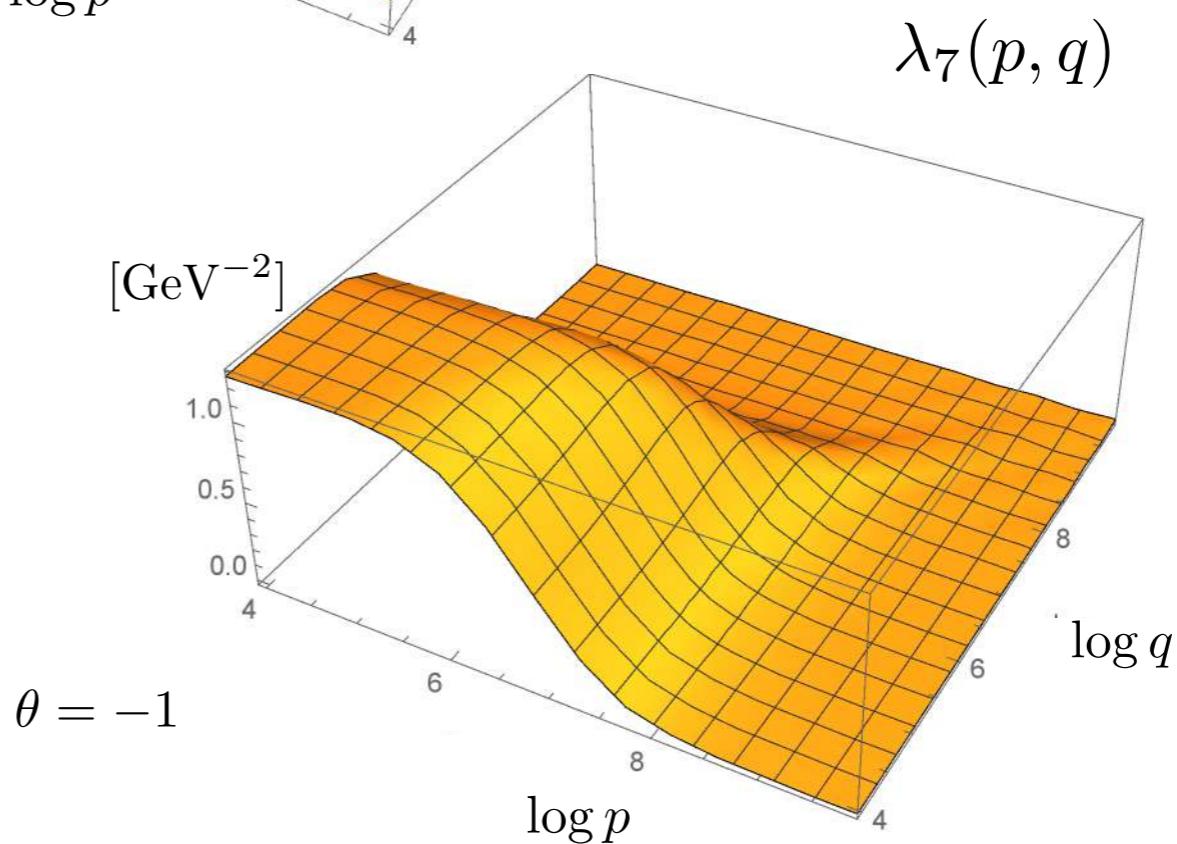
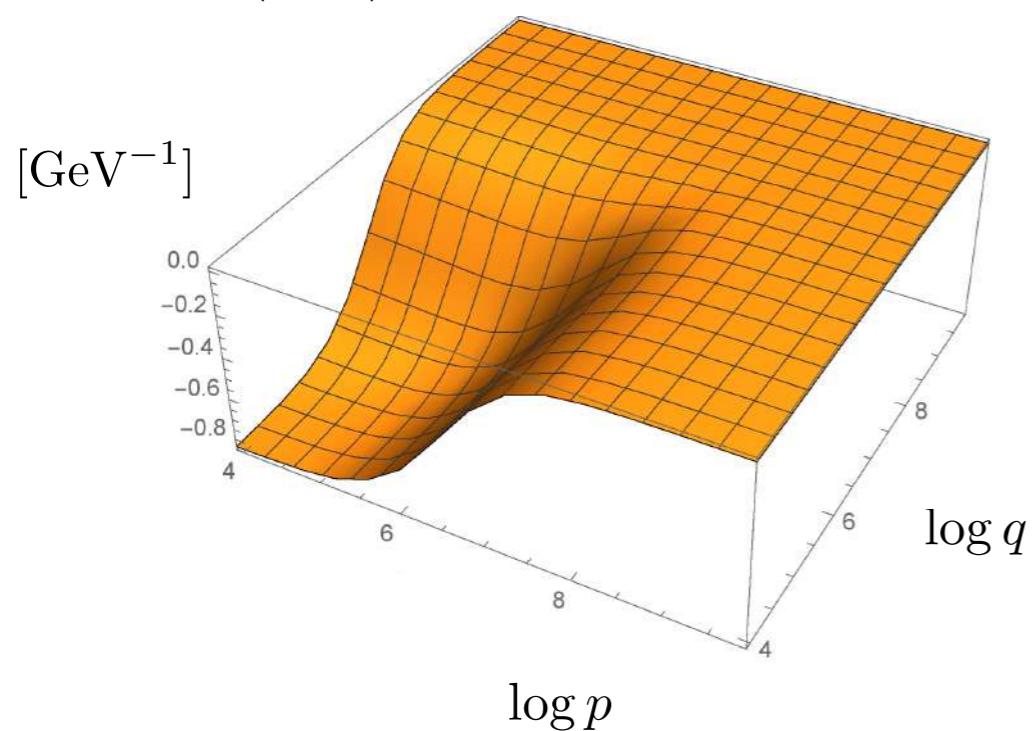
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$\lambda_4(p, q)$



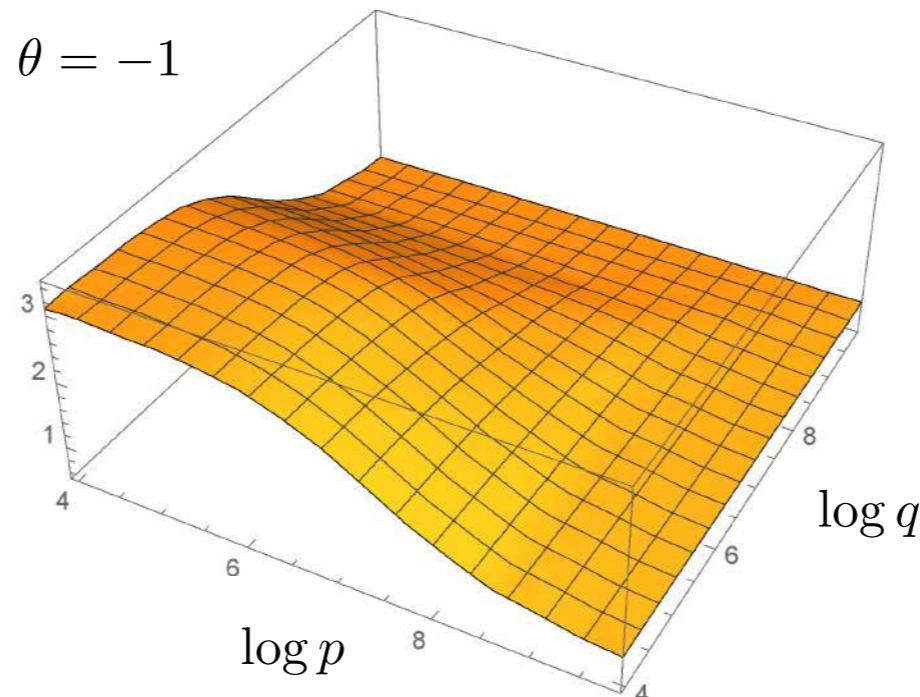
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# vacuum QCD: Quark-gluon vertex

## Two-flavour QCD

$$\theta = \frac{p \cdot q}{\sqrt{p^2 q^2}}$$

p,q in MeV



$\lambda_1(p, q)$

All (eight) tensor structures!

simple correlations

up-to-date 1st principles works:

**FunMethods:** Mitter, JMP, Strodthoff, PRD 91 (2015) 054035  
Gao, Papavassiliou, JMP, 2102.13053

Williams, EPJ A51 (2015) 57  
Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, PLB 749 (2015) 592  
Williams, Fischer, Heupel, PRD 93 (2016) 034026  
Contant, Huber, Fischer, Welzbacher, Williams, APP.Supp. 11 (2018) 483

Aguilar, Binosi, Ibanez, Papavassiliou, PRD 89 (2014) 065027  
Binosi, Chang, Papavassiliou, Qin, Roberts, PRD 95 (2017) 031501  
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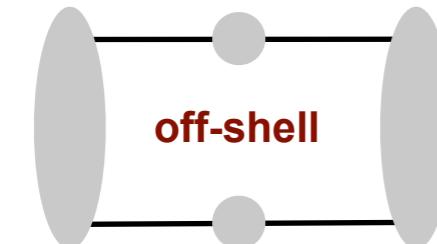
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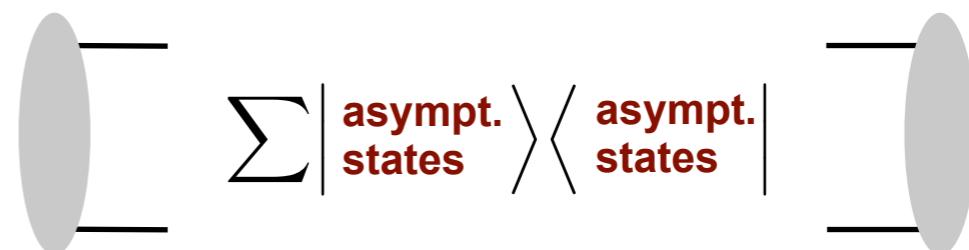
# Three remarks on Functional Methods for QCD

- off-shell representation of thermodynamic observables

e.g.  $\text{Tr} \langle q(x) \bar{q}(x) \rangle$



pressure, trace anomaly,  
fluctuations, volume flucs., ...



e.g. hadron resonances

- gauge fixing = parameterisation

$$\langle q(x_1) \cdots \bar{q}(x_{2n}) A_\mu(y_1) \cdots A_\mu(y_m) h(z_1) \cdots h(z_l) \rangle$$

## Consequences

I: simple correlations

II: Difficult access to some observables

'No free lunch theorem'

- 'Your mean field is not my mean field'

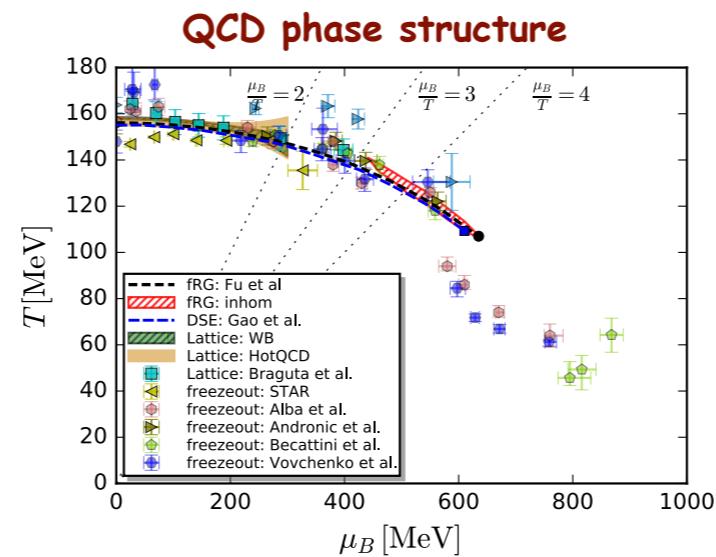
$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{cl}}[\phi]}{\delta \phi} \Big|_{\phi=\bar{\phi}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma[\phi]}{\delta \phi} \Big|_{\phi=\bar{\phi}_{\text{quant}}} = 0$$

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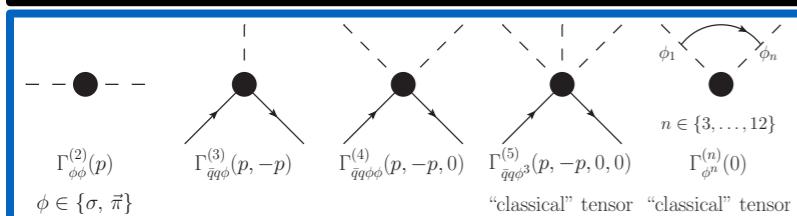
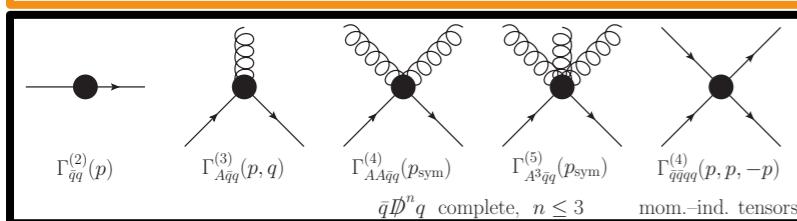
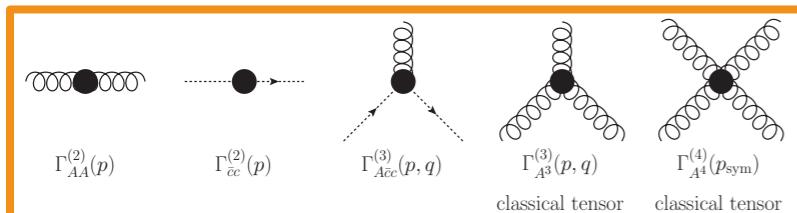
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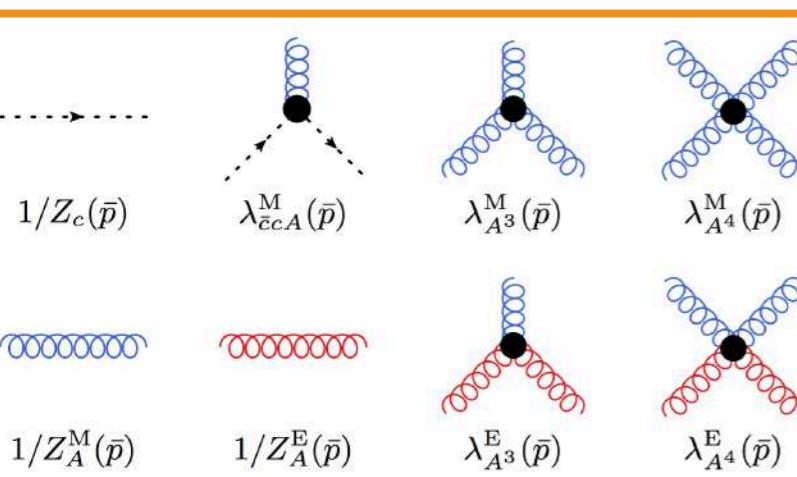
## Approximation scheme

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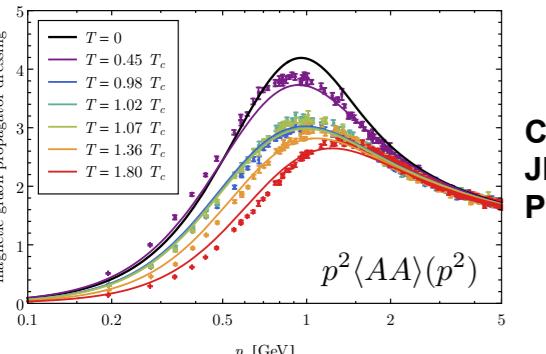
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#### finite T Yang-Mills



#### chromo-magnetic propagator



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### Output

$$\partial_t \Delta \Gamma^{(n)} = \left[ \partial_t \Gamma^{(n)} \right]_{\text{Input}} + \Delta \text{Flow}^{(n)} \left[ \left\{ \left[ \Gamma^{(m)} \right]_{\text{Input}} \right\}, \left\{ \Delta \Gamma^{(m)} \right\} \right]$$

vacuum: Braun, Fister, Pawłowski, Rennecke, PRD 94, 034016 (2016)

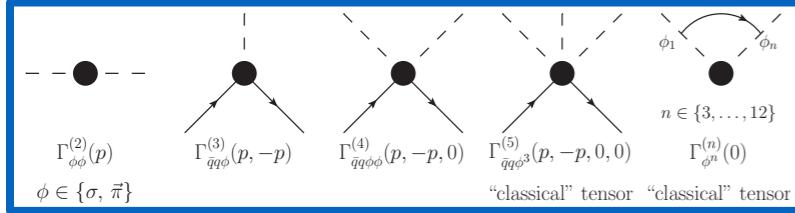
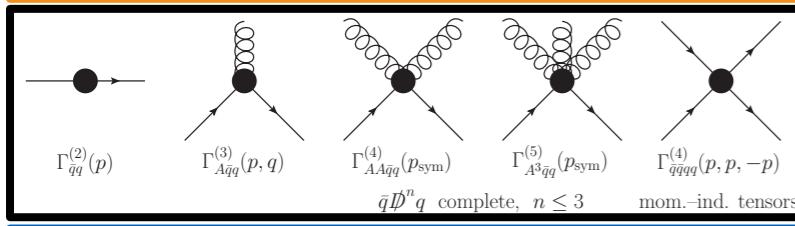
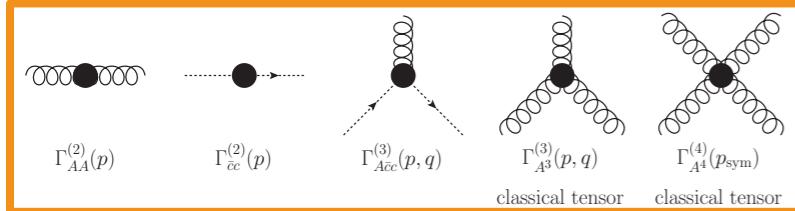
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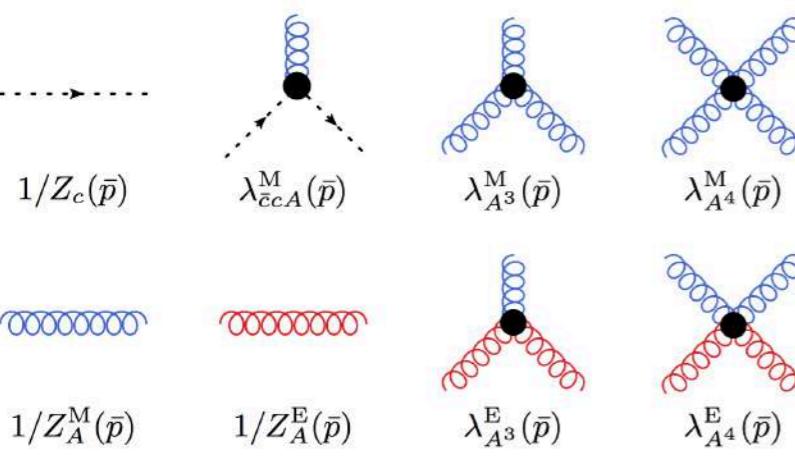
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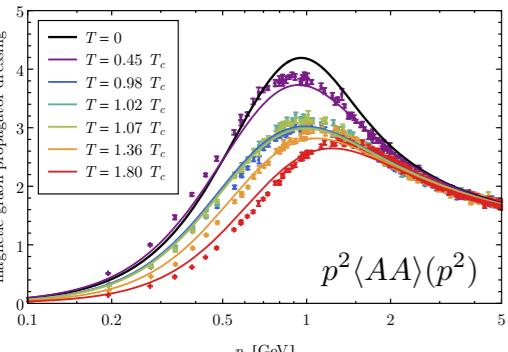
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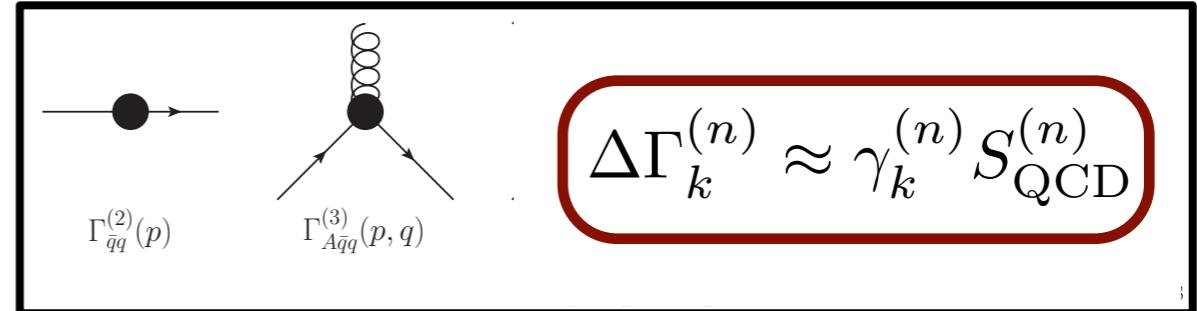
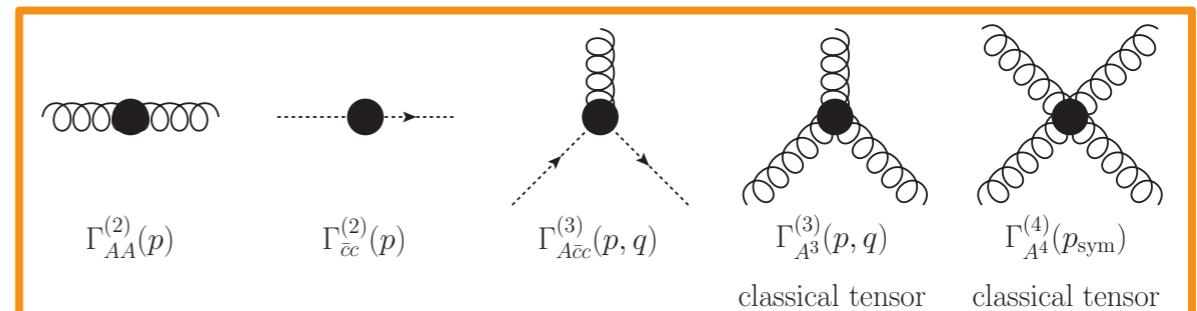
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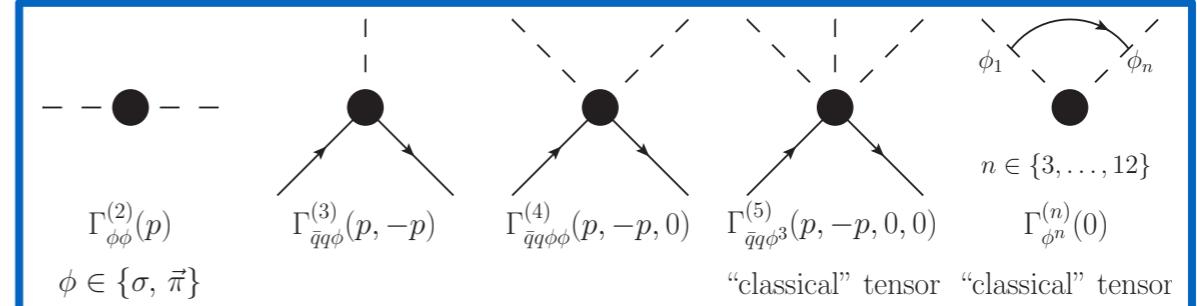
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vacuum: Braun, Fister, Pawłowski, Rennecke, PRD 94, 034016 (2016)

#### 2+1 flavour QCD at finite T & mu



$$\Delta \Gamma_k^{(n)} \approx \gamma_k^{(n)} S_{\text{QCD}}^{(n)}$$

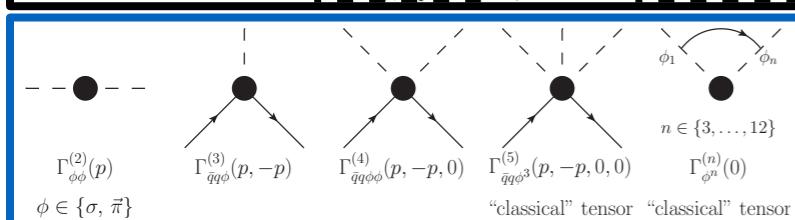
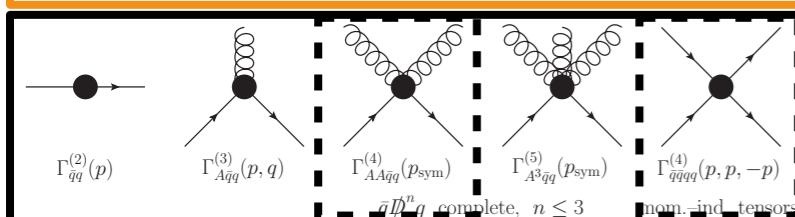
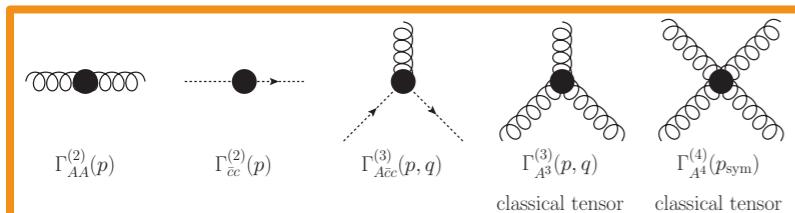


# QCD at finite density

Approximation scheme

Input

two flavour vacuum QCD

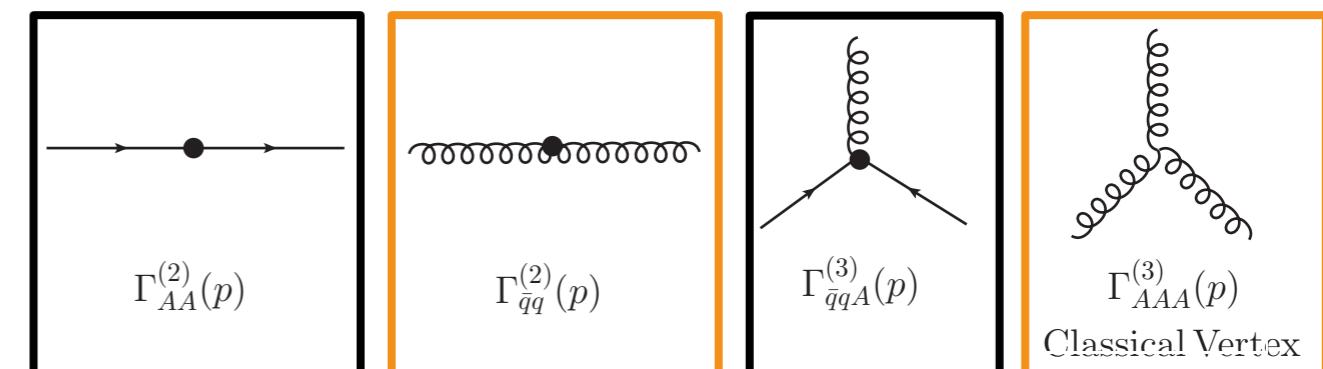


Cyrol, Mitter, JMP, Strodthoff, PRD 97 (2018) 054006

$$\Delta\Gamma^{(n)} = [\Gamma^{(n)}]_{\text{Input}} + \Delta\text{DSE}^{(n)} \left[ \left\{ [\Gamma^{(m)}]_{\text{Input}} \right\}, \left\{ \Delta\Gamma^{(m)} \right\} \right]$$

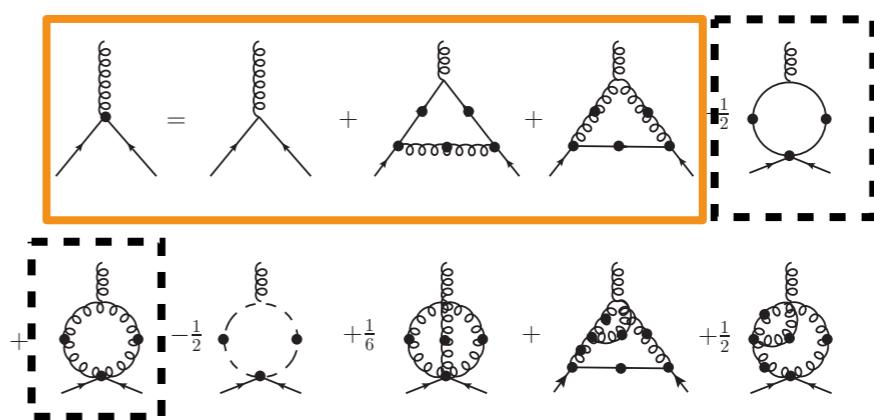
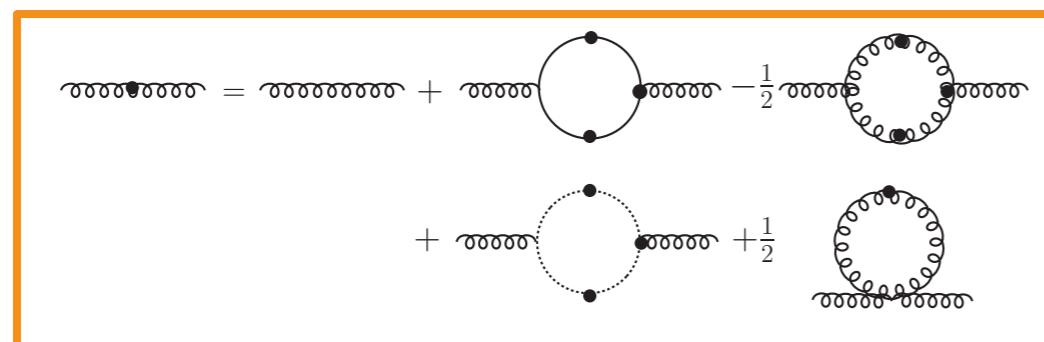
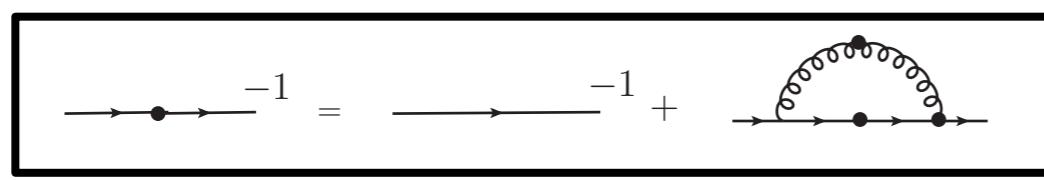
fRG-assisted DSE

2+1 flavour QCD at finite T & mu



New: all eight tensor structures

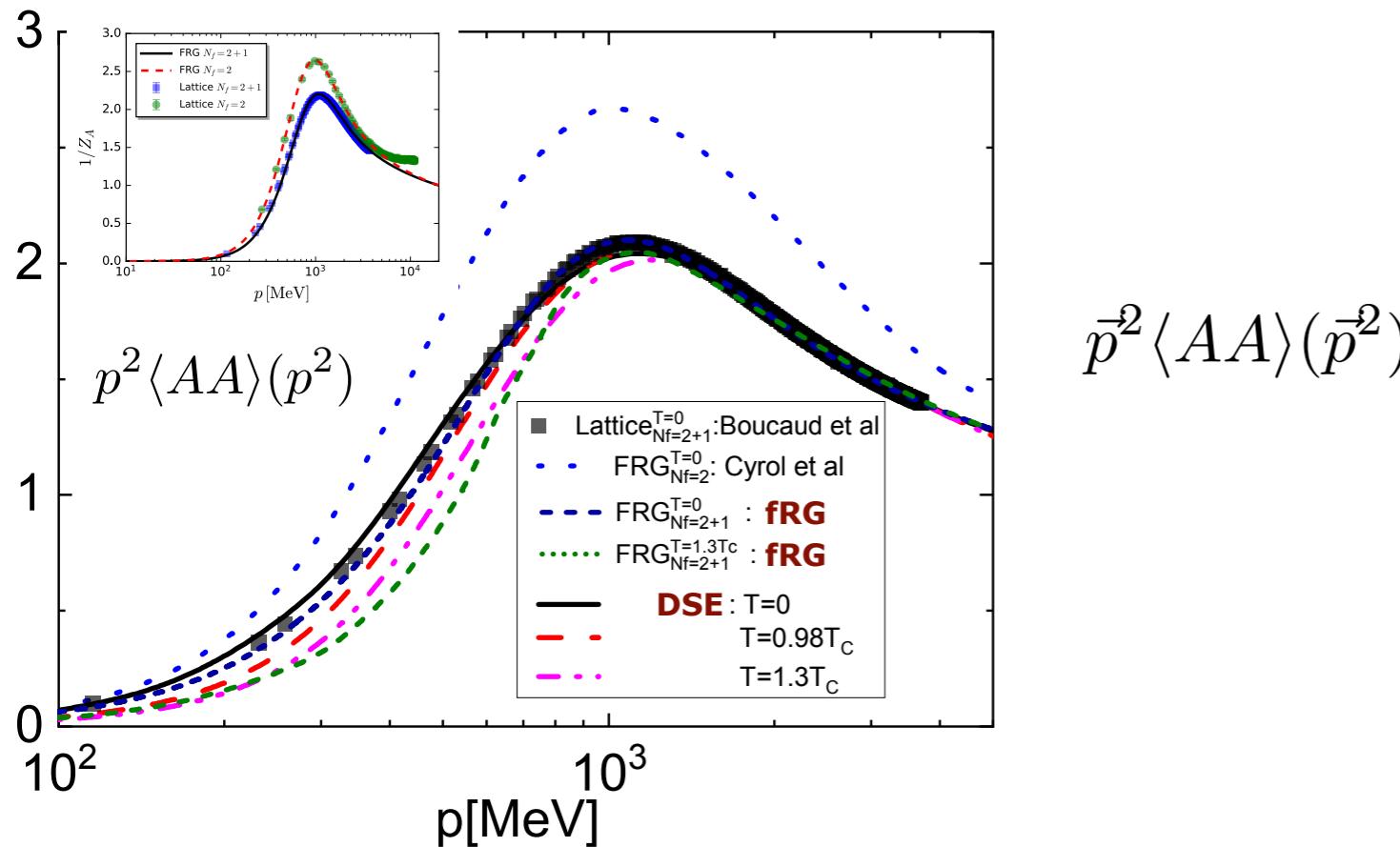
System of DSEs



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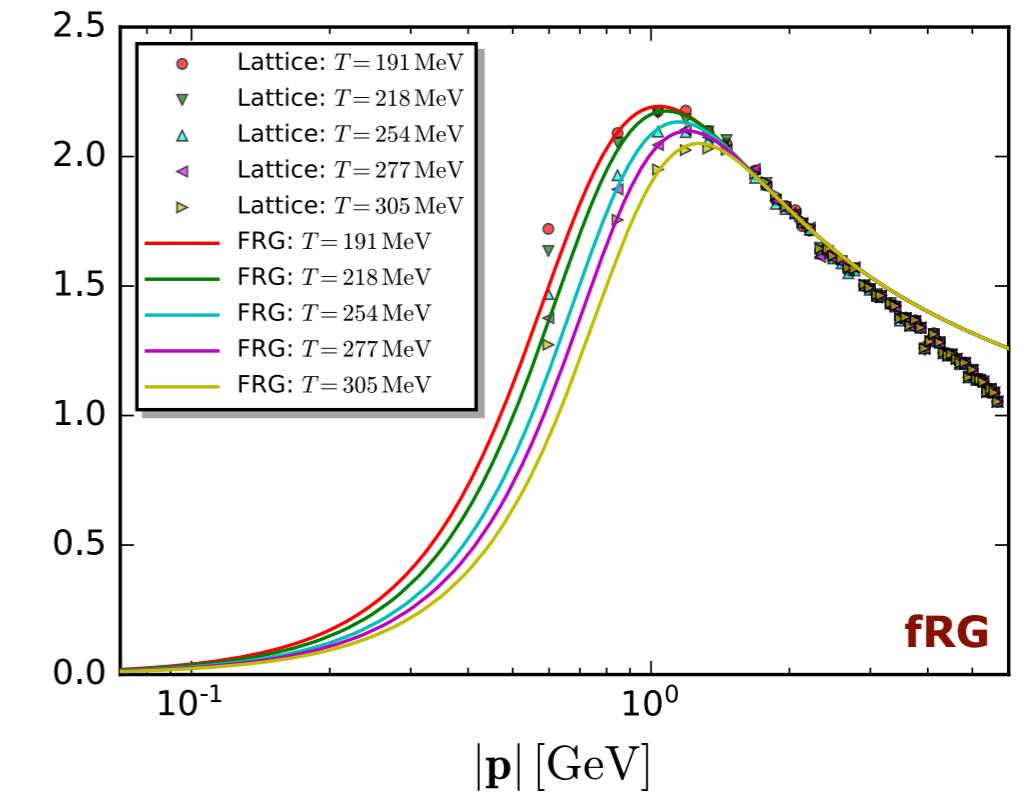
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Nf=2+1 Gluon and quark benchmark results in the vacuum and at finite T



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**DSE:** vacuum & finite T

Fischer, Luecker, PLB 718 (2013) 1036

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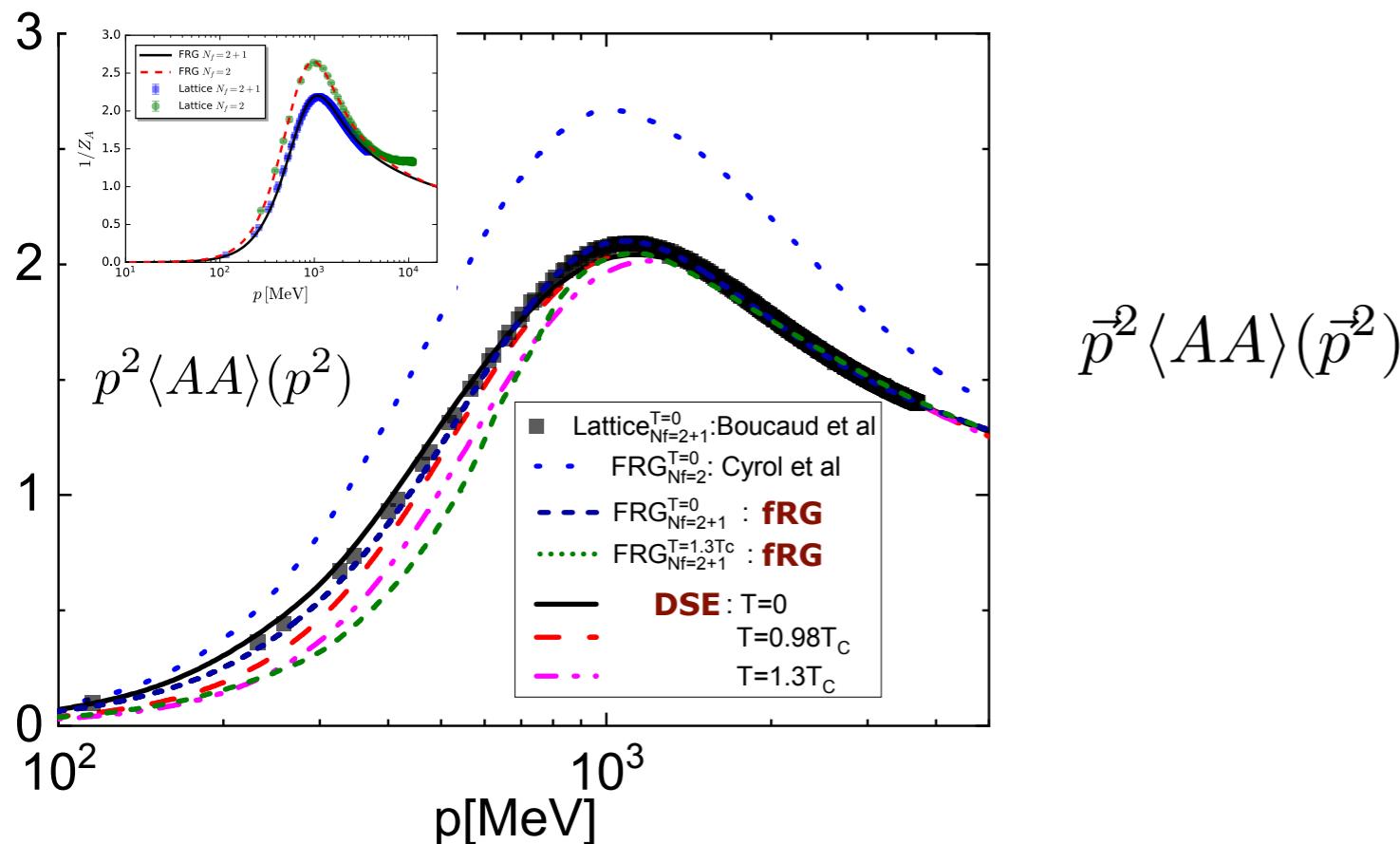
**lattice:** Nf=2: Sternbeck, Maltman, Müller-Preussker,  
von Smekal, PoS LATTICE2012, 243 (2012)

Nf=2+1: Aguilar, De Soto, Ferreira, Papavassiliou, Rodriguez-Quintero,  
Zafeiropoulos, EPJC 80 (2020) 2, 154,  
Boucaud, De Soto, Raya, Rodriguez-Quintero,  
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Finite T: Ilgenfritz, JMP, Rothkopf, Trunin, EPJ C78, 127 (2011)  
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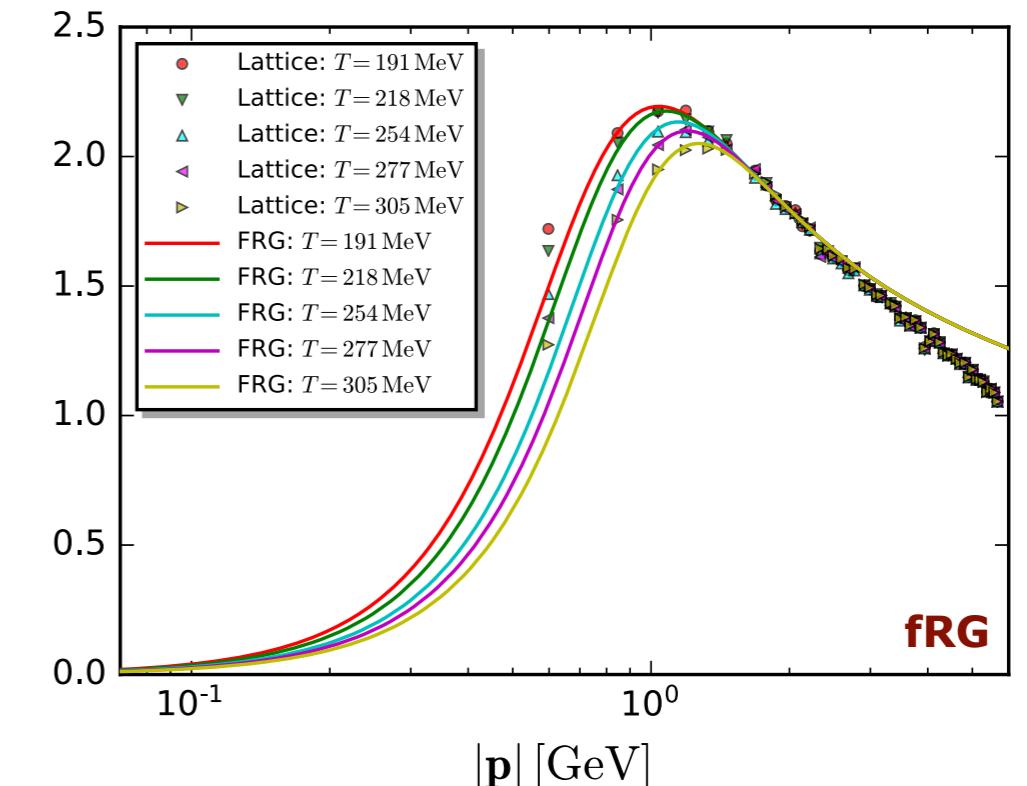
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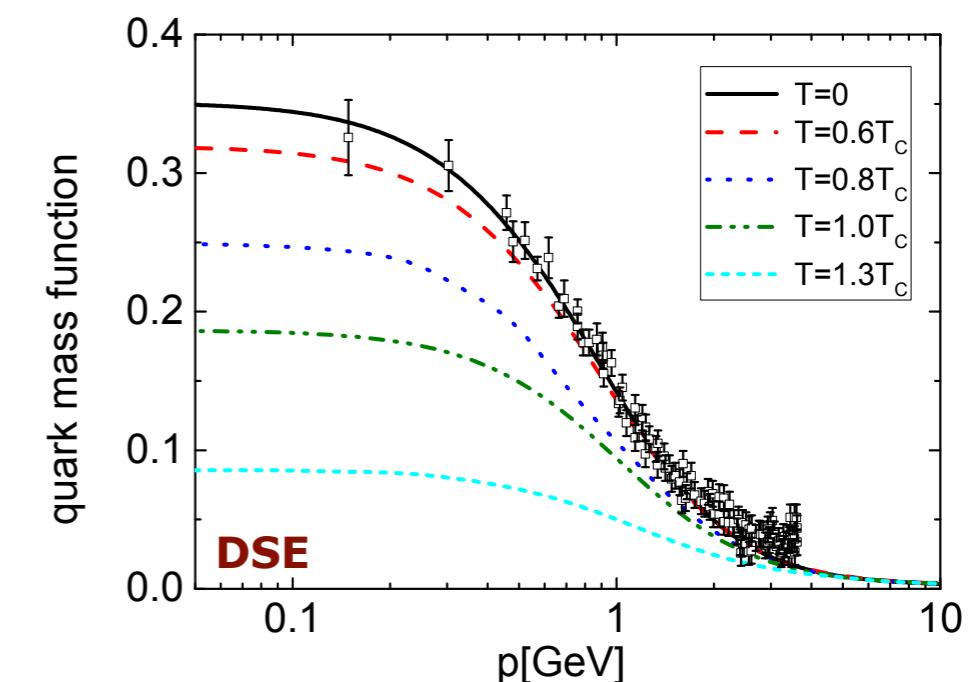
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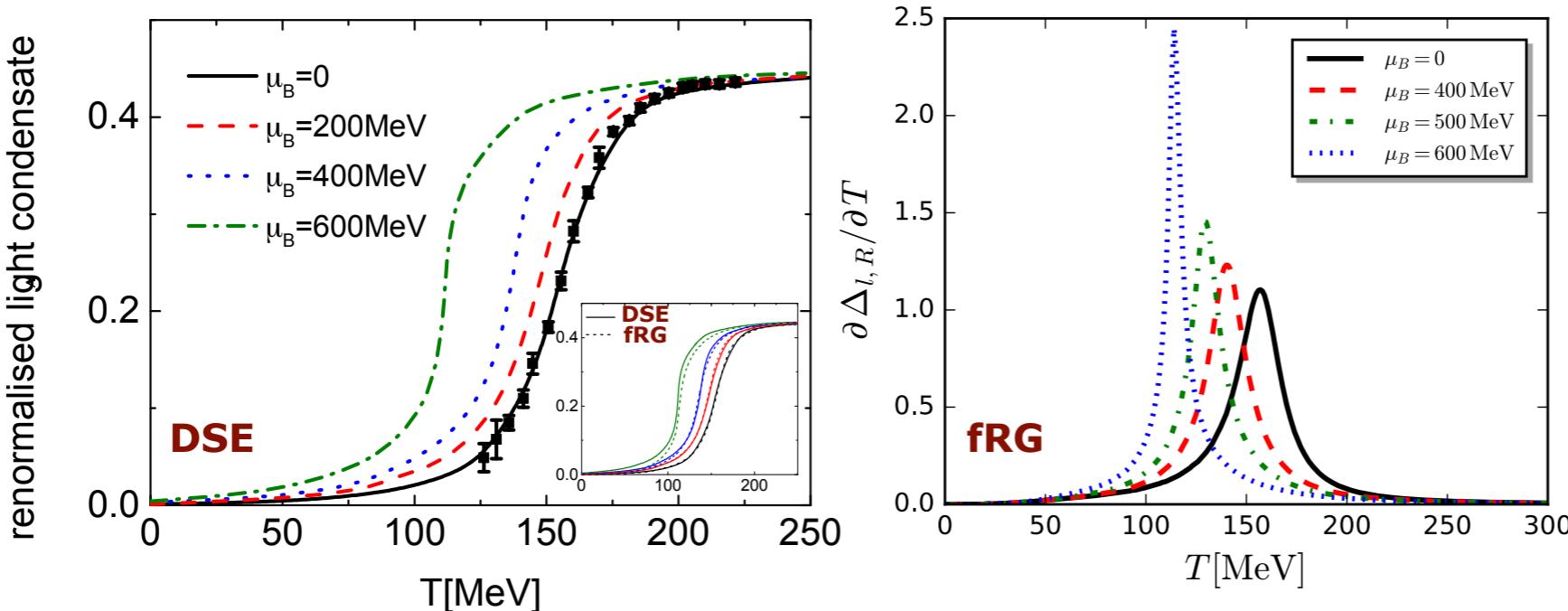
**fRG**



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## Chiral order parameter benchmark results at finite T

renormalised condensate



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## DSE: quark condensates

### See also

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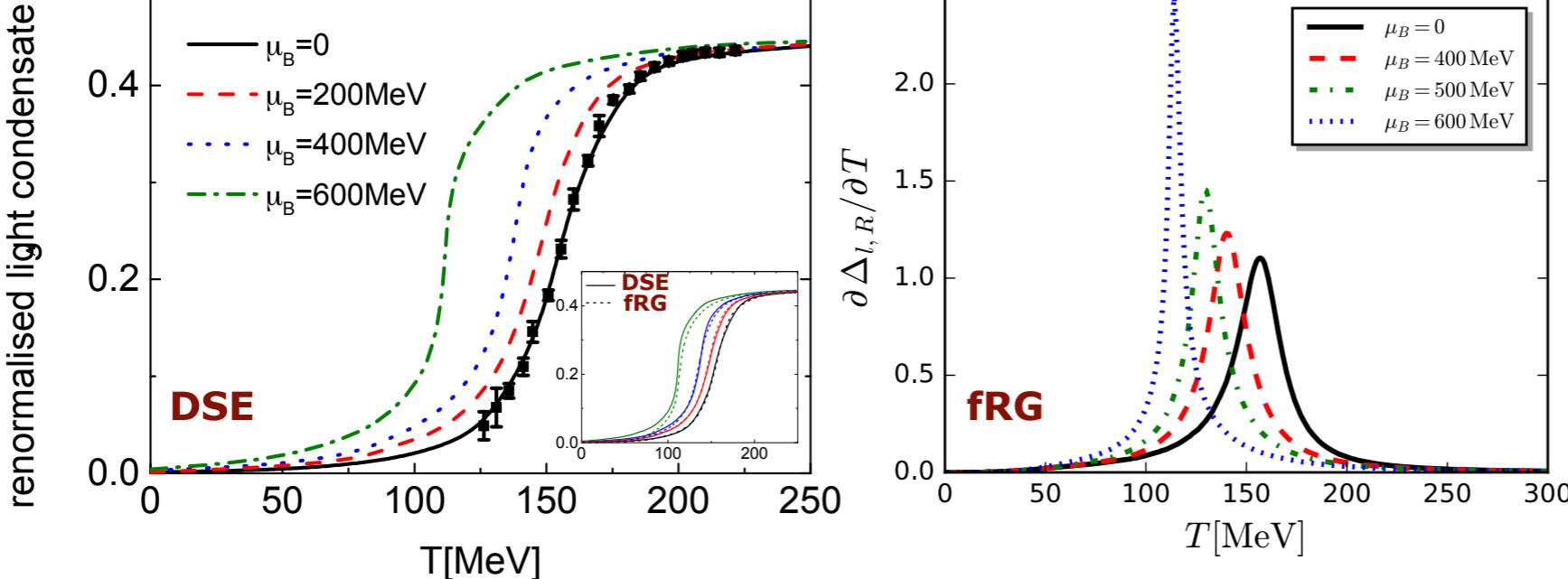
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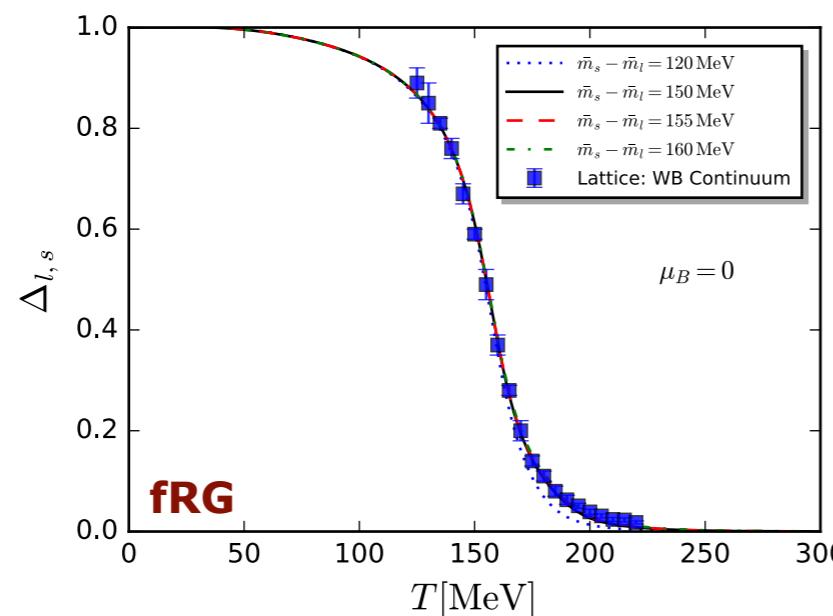
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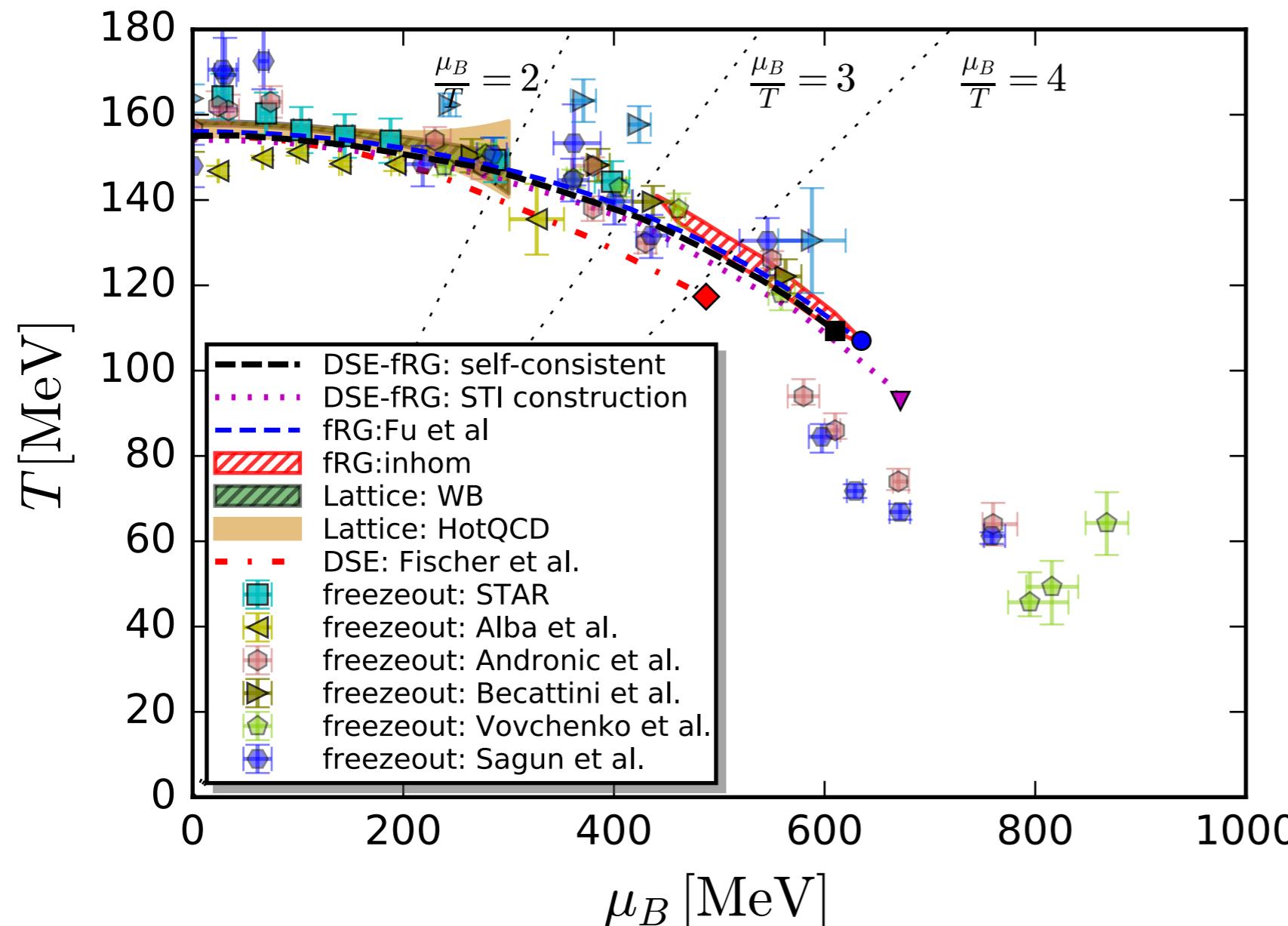


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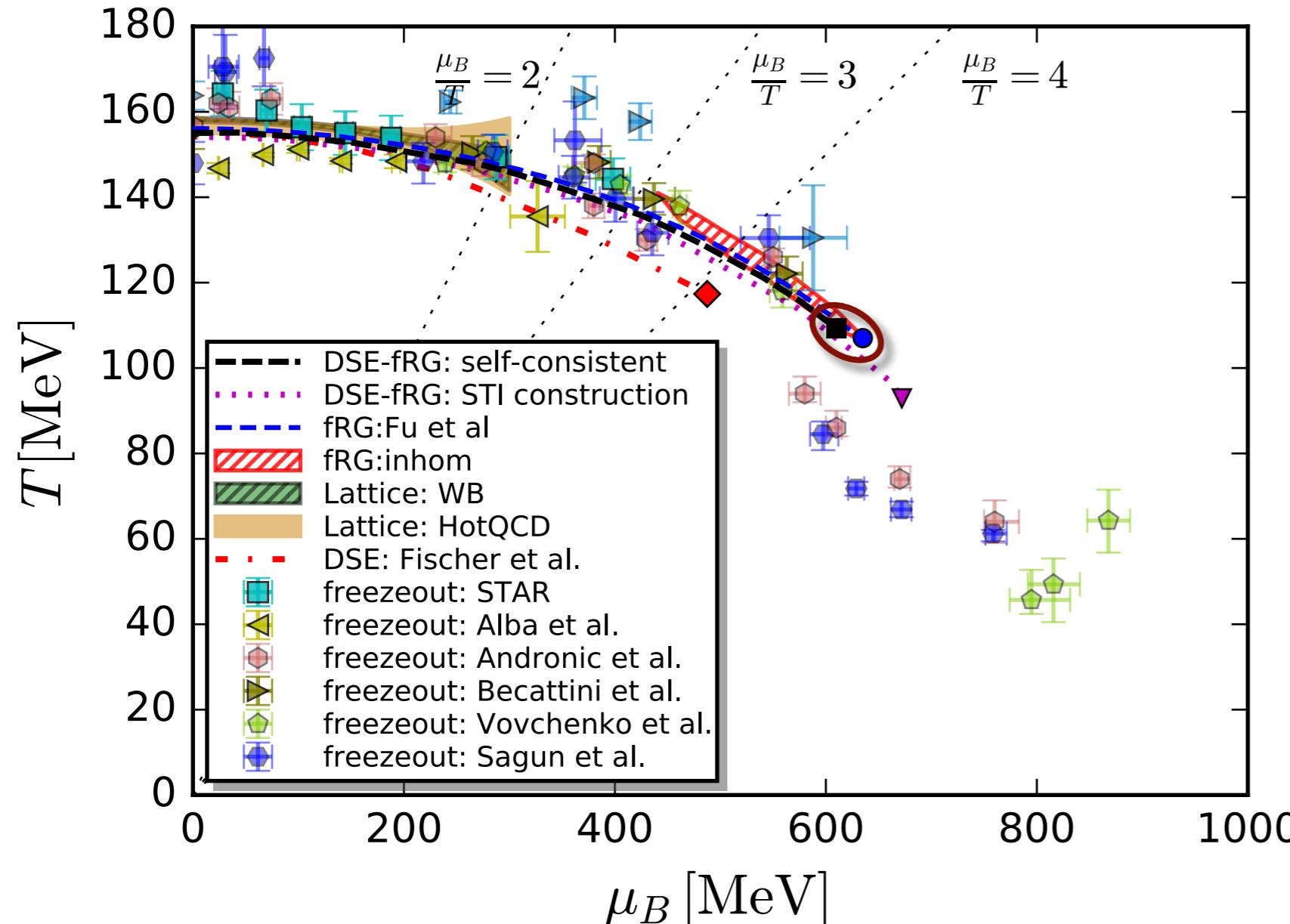


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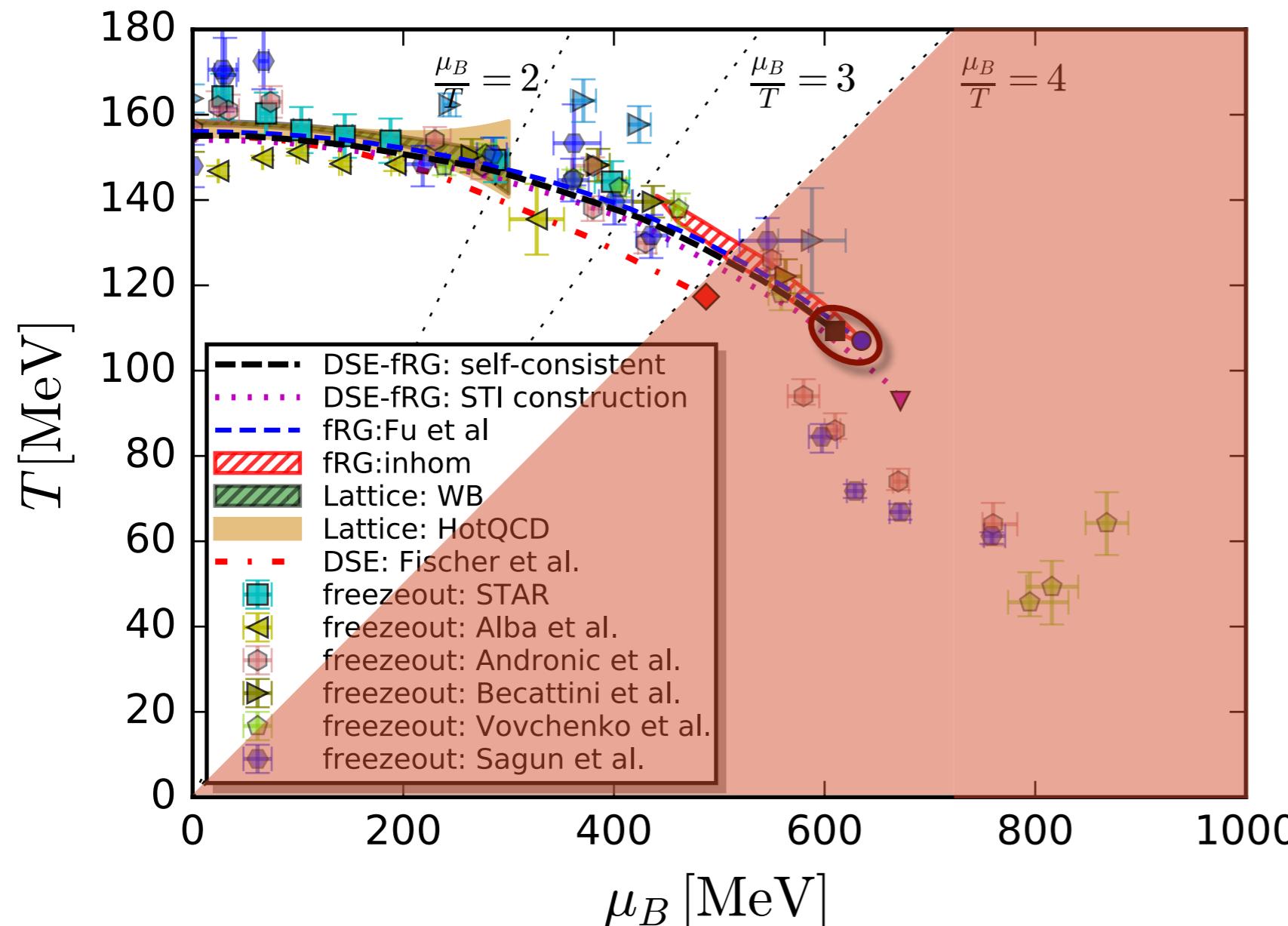


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**curvature fRG-DSE**

$$\kappa_{\text{FRG}} = 0.0142(2)$$

$$\kappa_{\text{DSE}} = 0.0147(5)$$

**curvature lattice**

$$\kappa_{\text{WB}} = 0.0149(21)$$

WB, PLB 751 (2015) 559

$$\kappa_{\text{hotQCD}} = 0.015(4)$$

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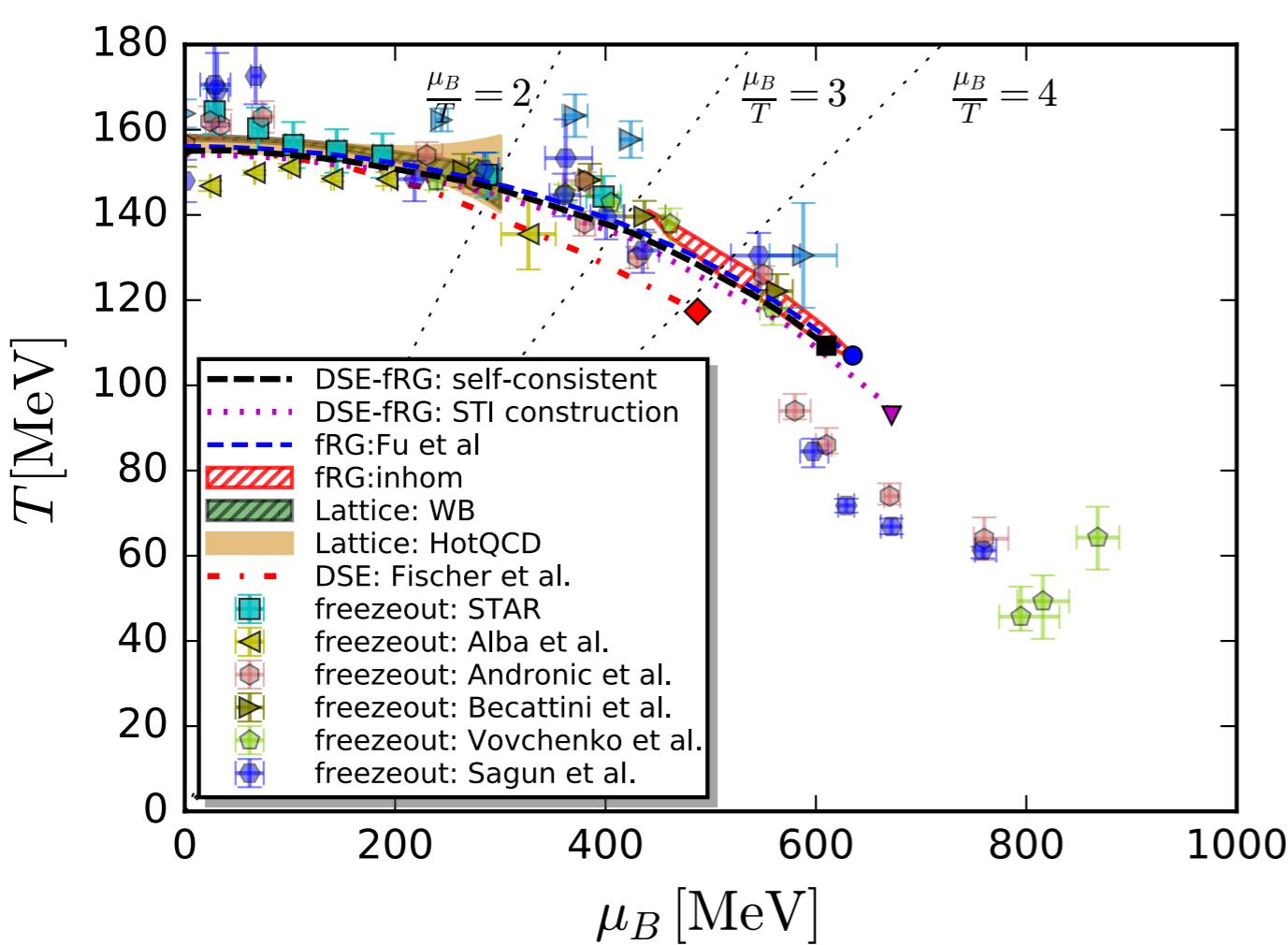
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**area beyond quantitative reliability bound**

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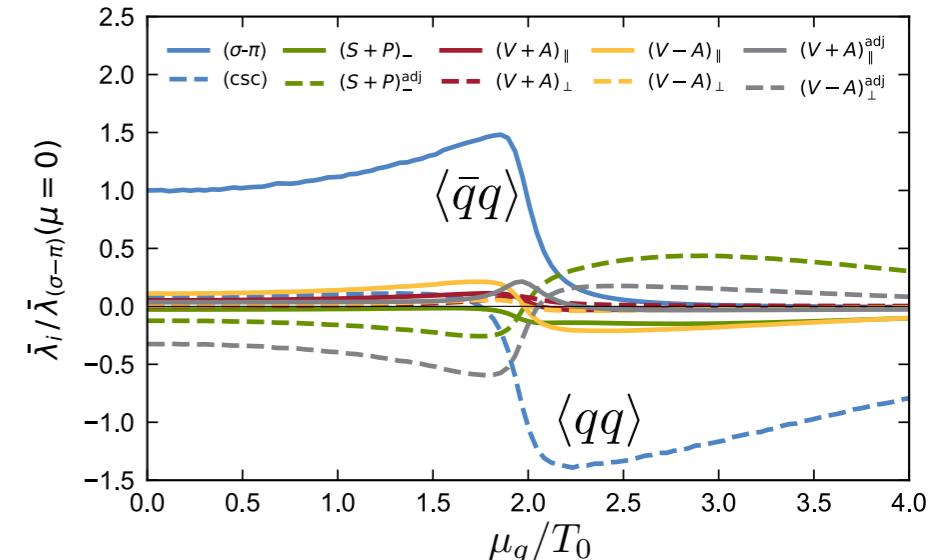
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**|+|| → Fierz-complete computation**

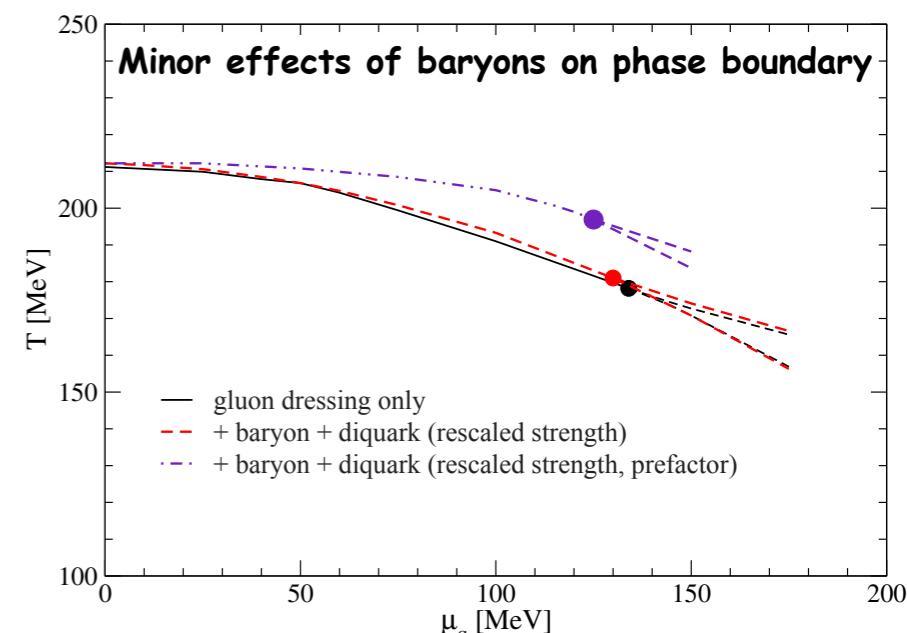
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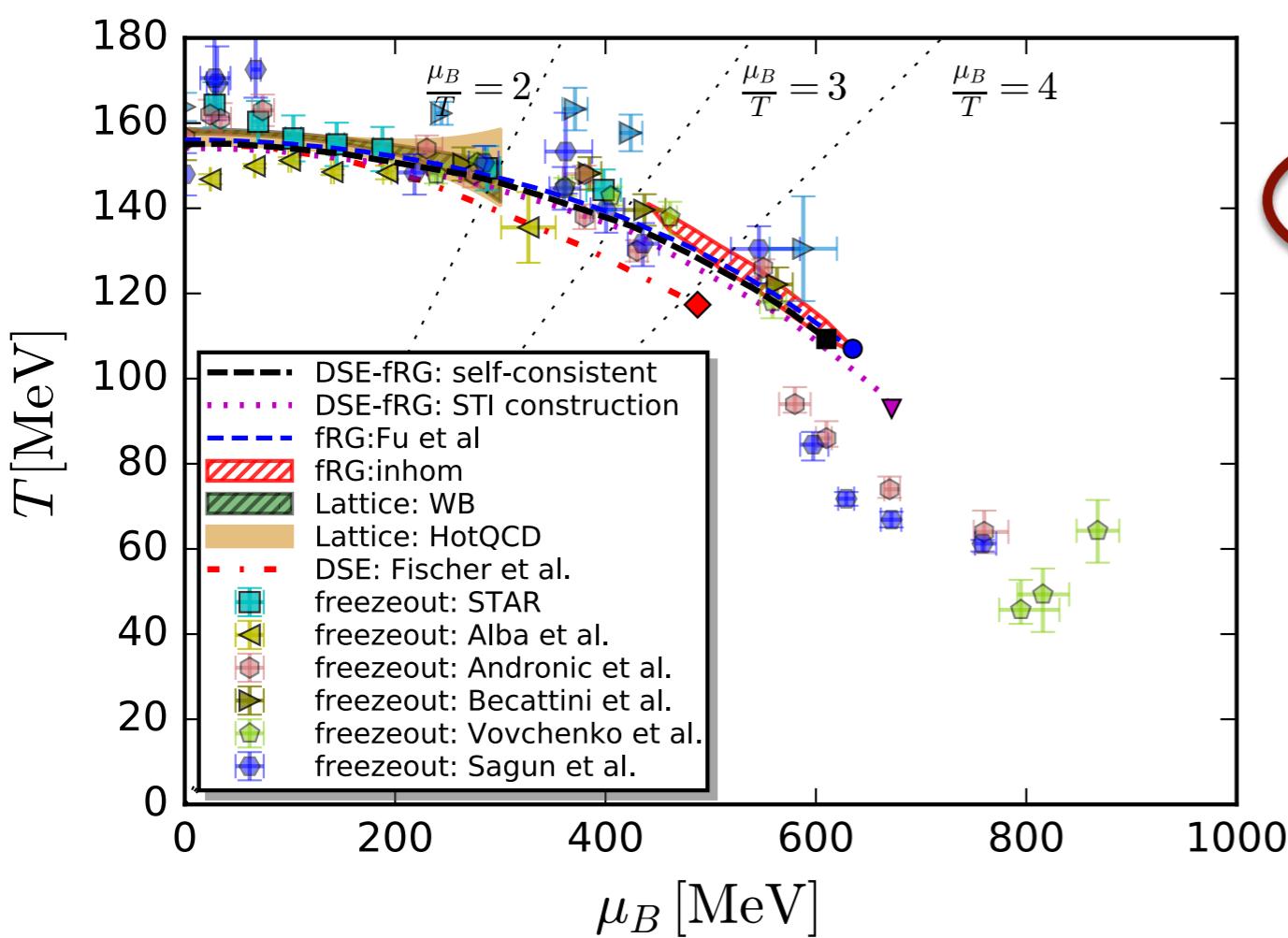
Minor effects of mesons: Gunkel, Fischer, 2106.08356

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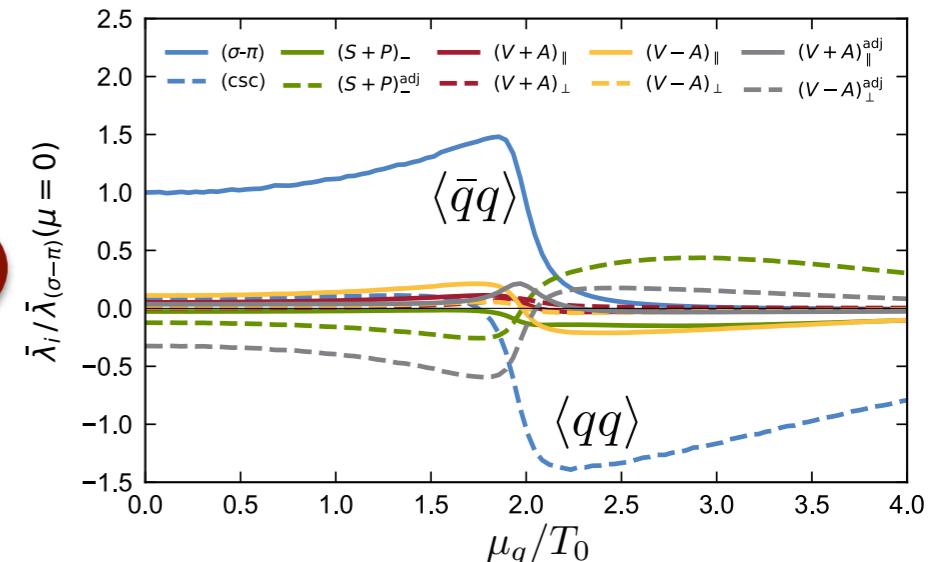
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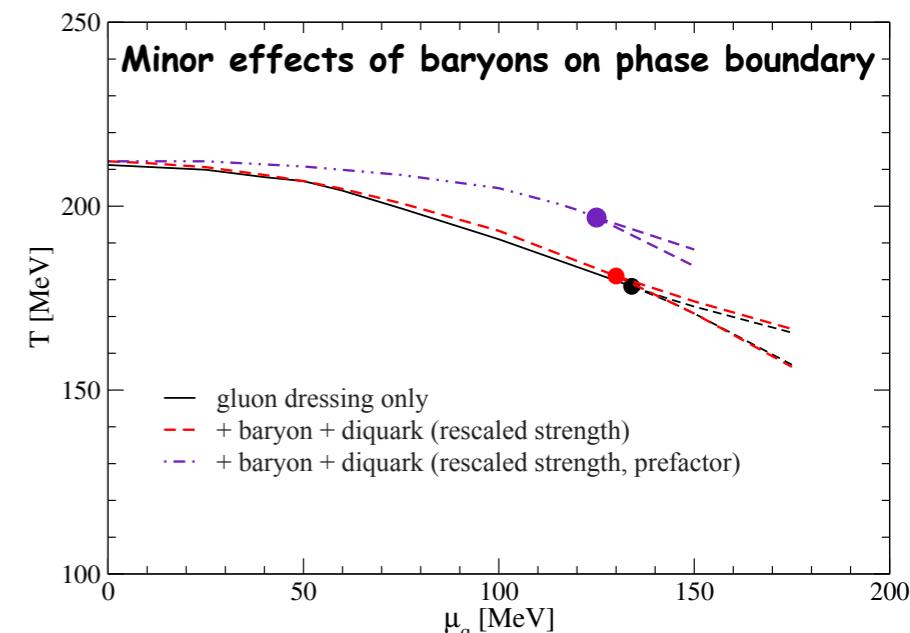
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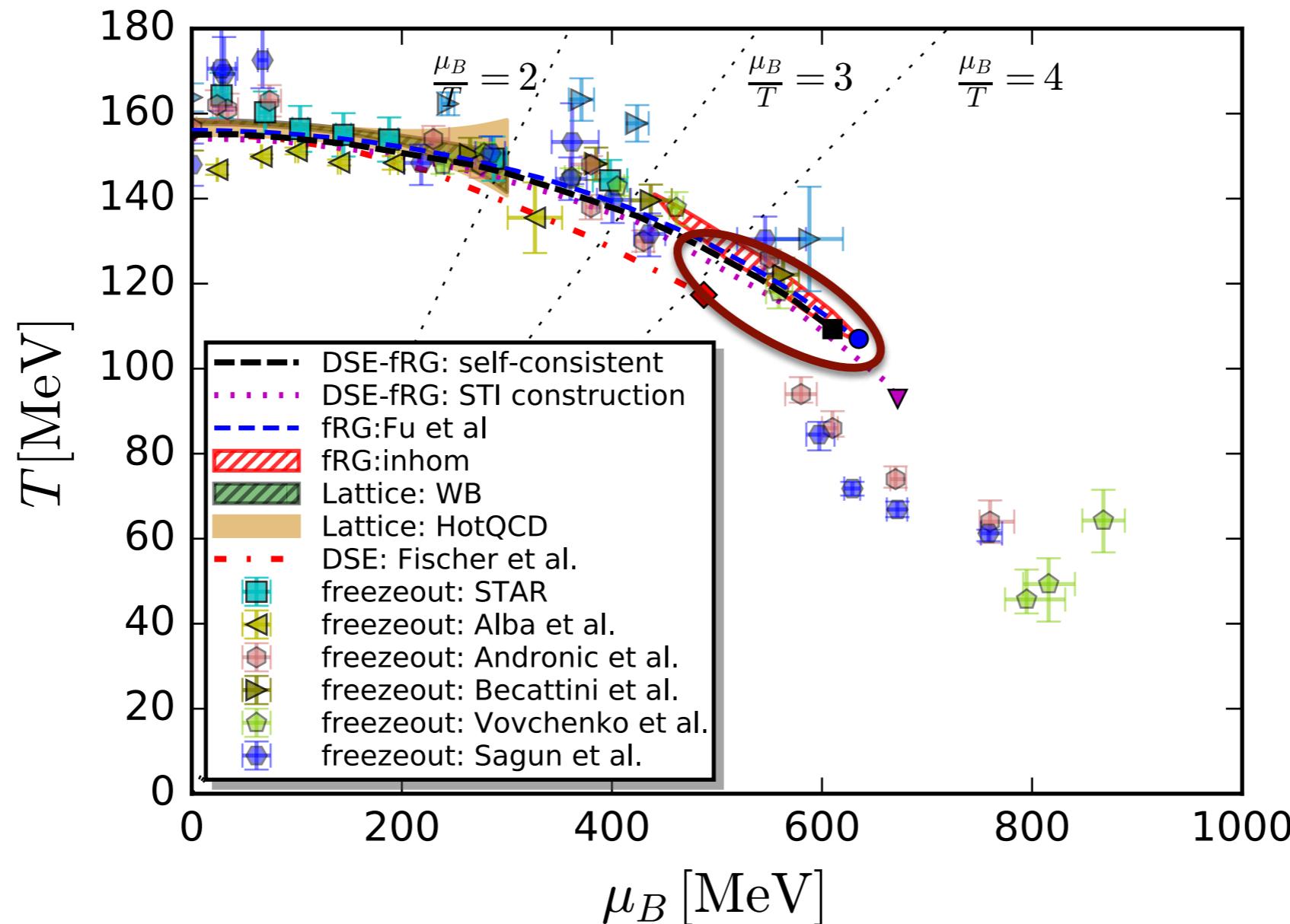
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Estimate for CEP



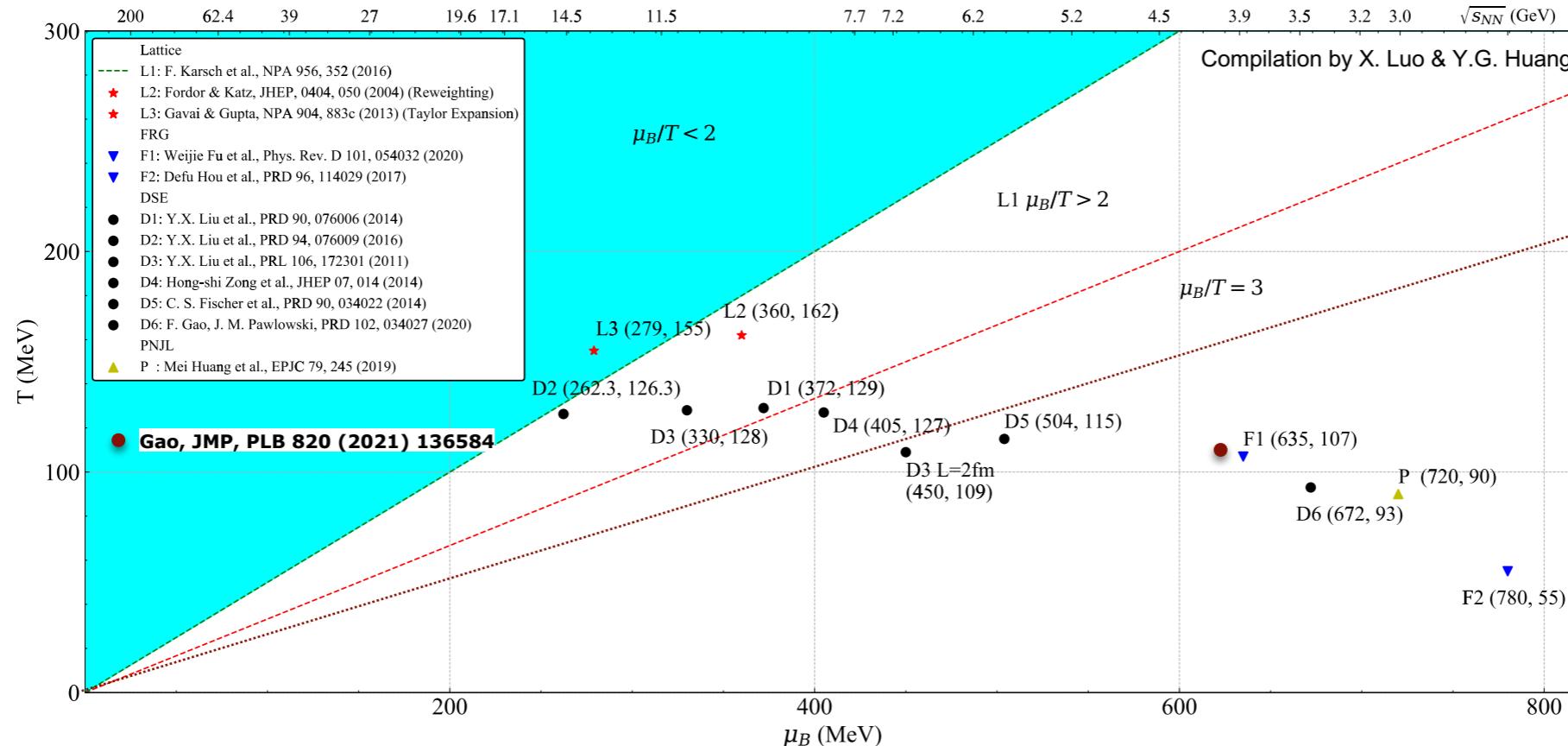
CEP-estimate fRG-DSE

$$(135, 450) \text{ MeV} \lesssim (T_{\text{CEP}}, \mu_{B_{\text{CEP}}}) \lesssim (100, 650) \text{ MeV}$$



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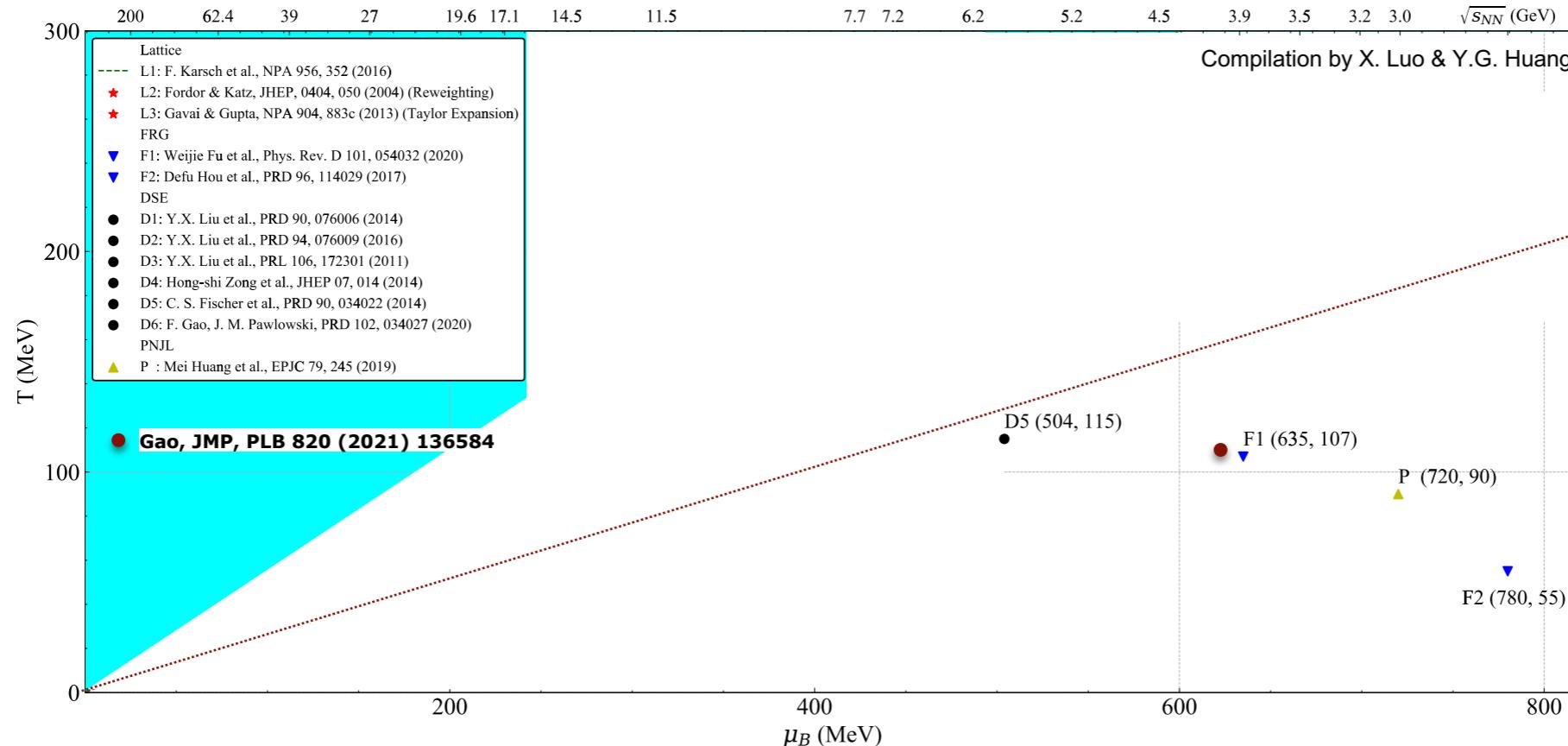
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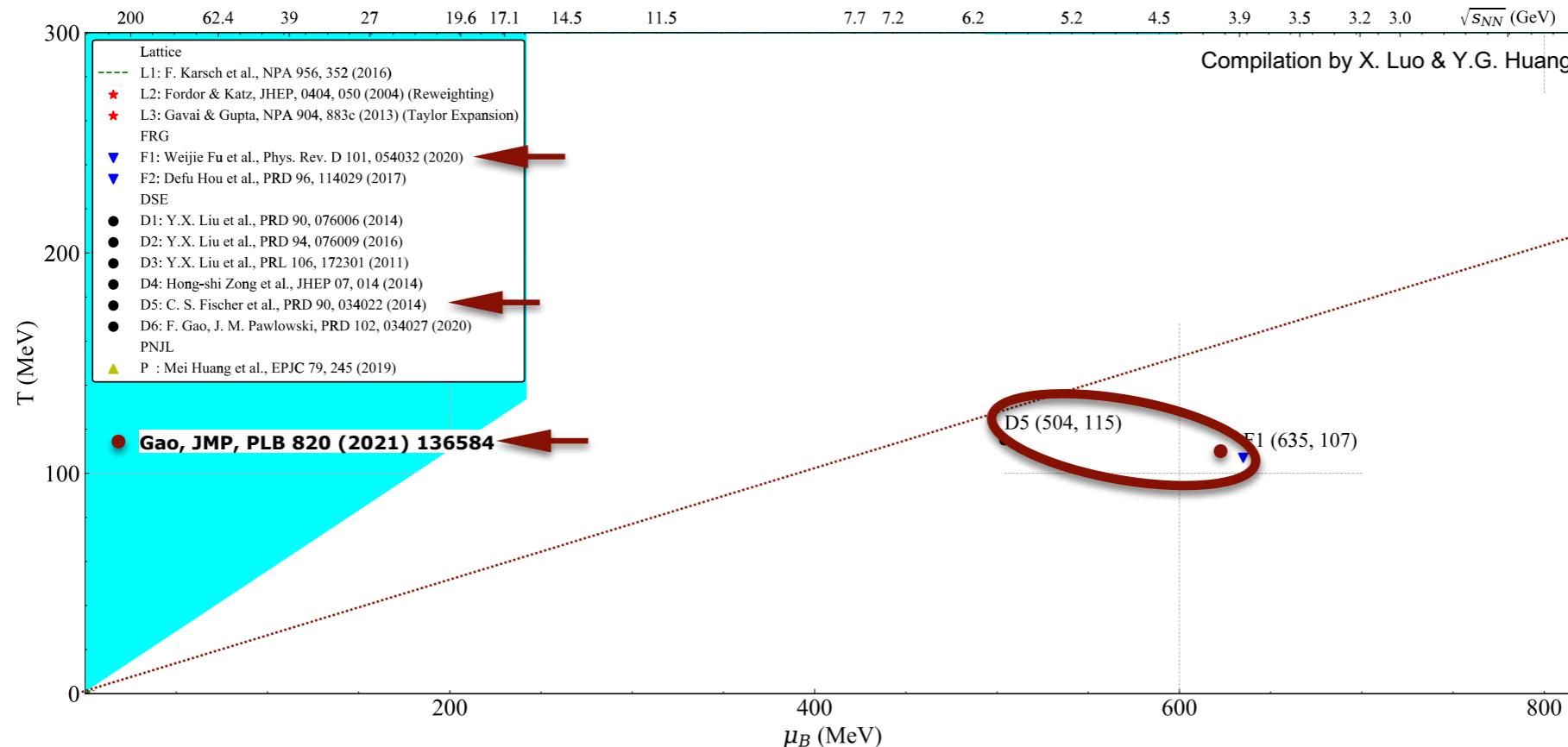
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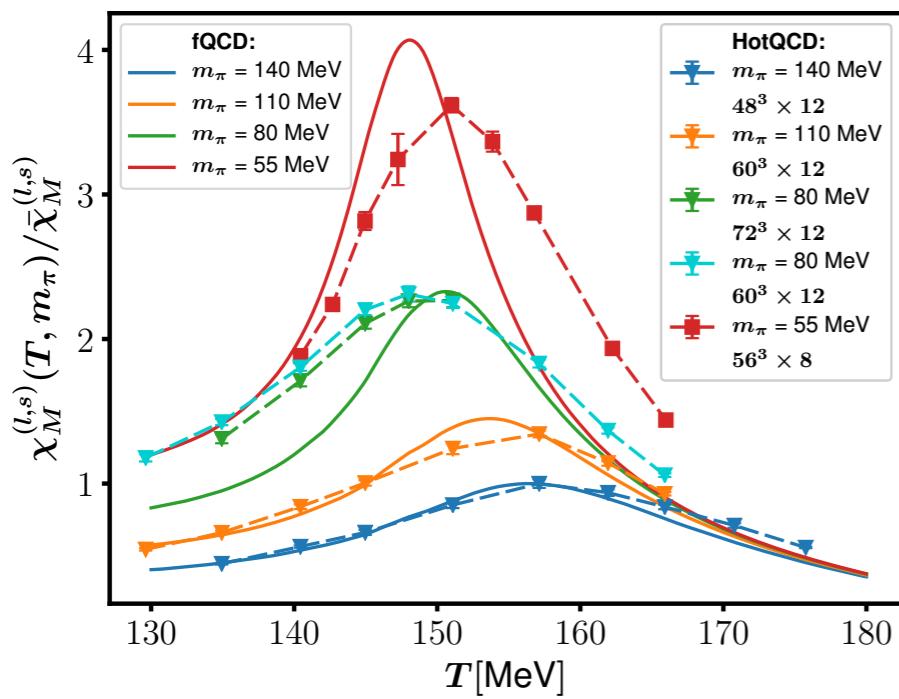
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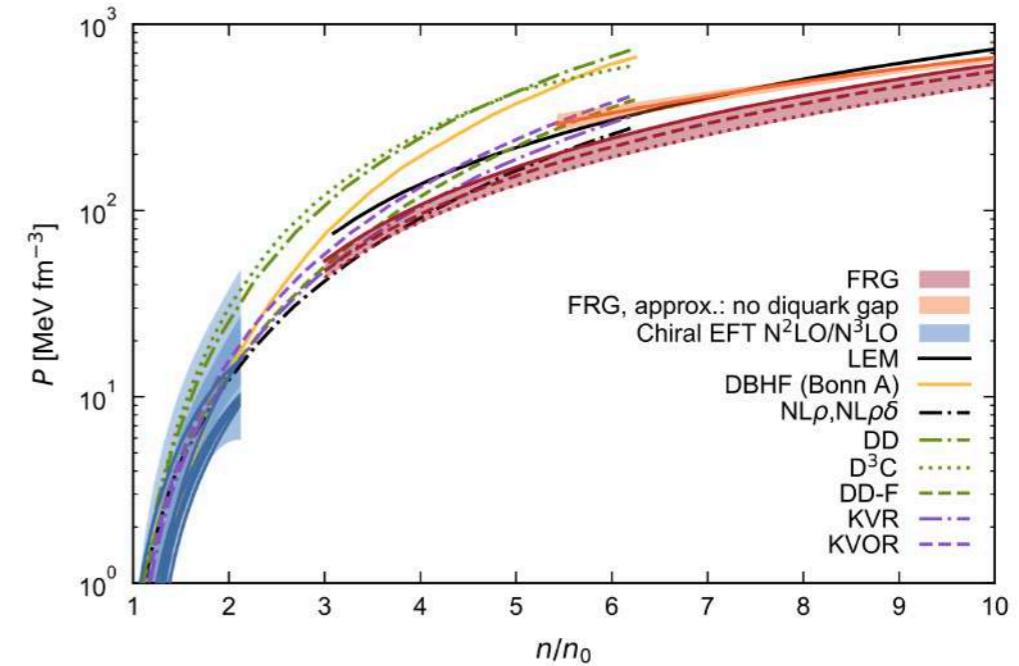
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# Some applications (fQCD)

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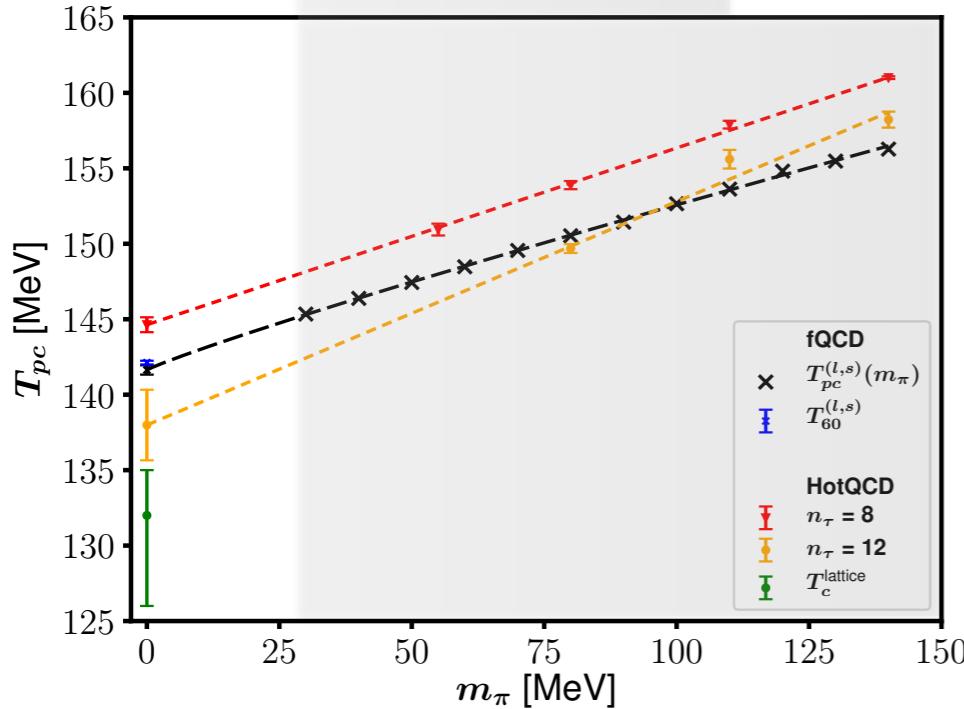


## EoS of symmetric nuclear matter

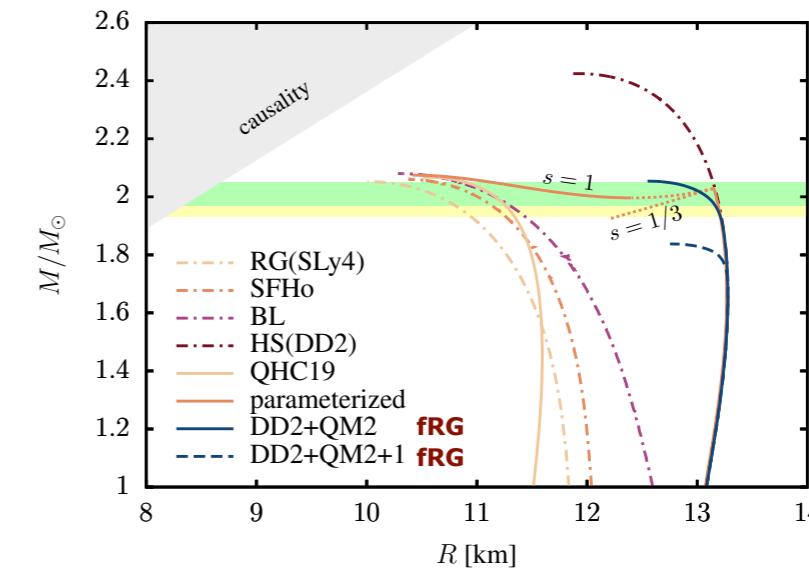


Leonhardt, Pospiech, Schallmo, Braun, Drischler, Hebeler, Schwenk, PRL 125 (2020) 142502

## No critical scaling



## Recent fRG work on EoS in cold and dense matter



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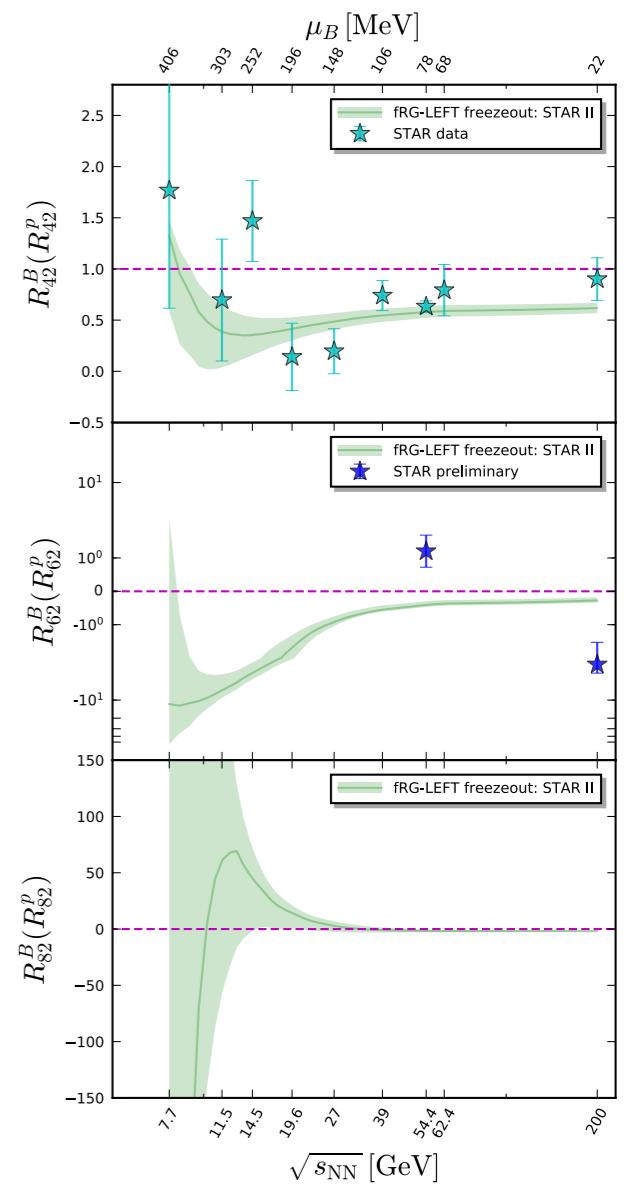
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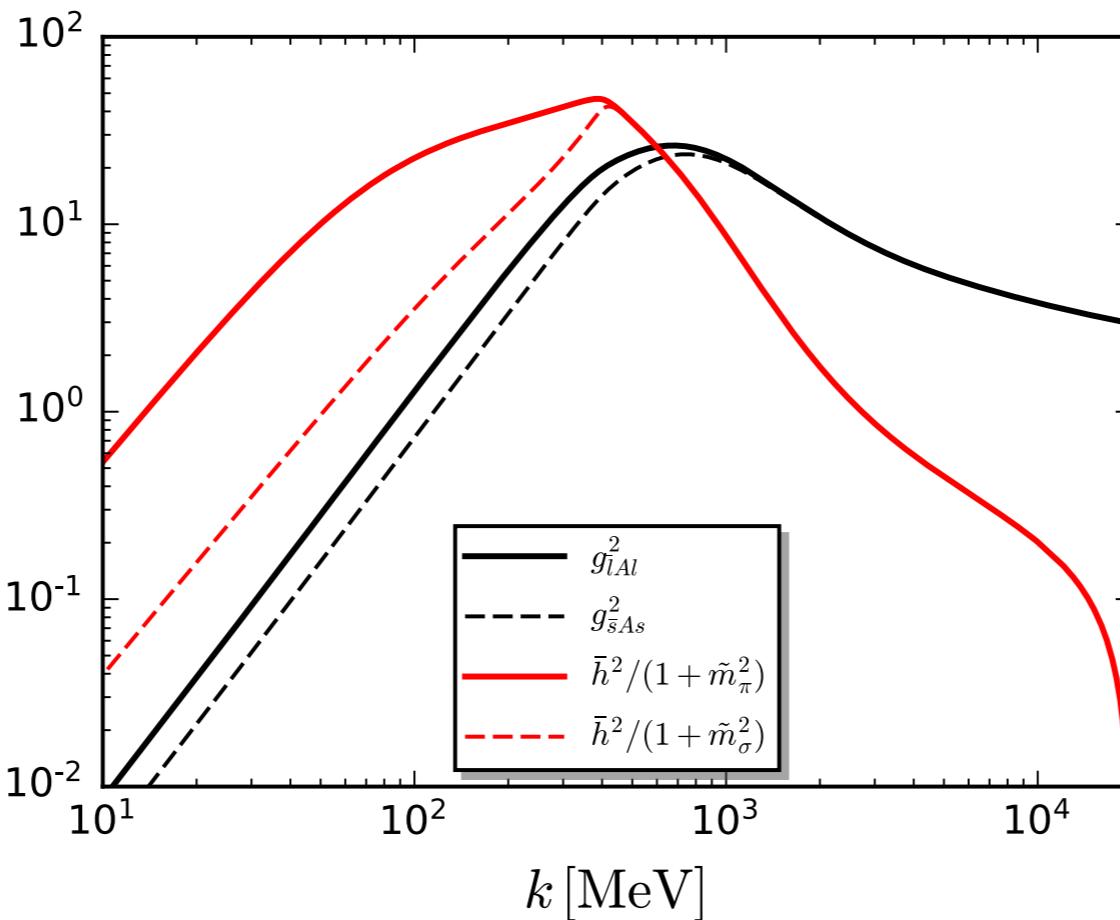
Hyper-fluctuations



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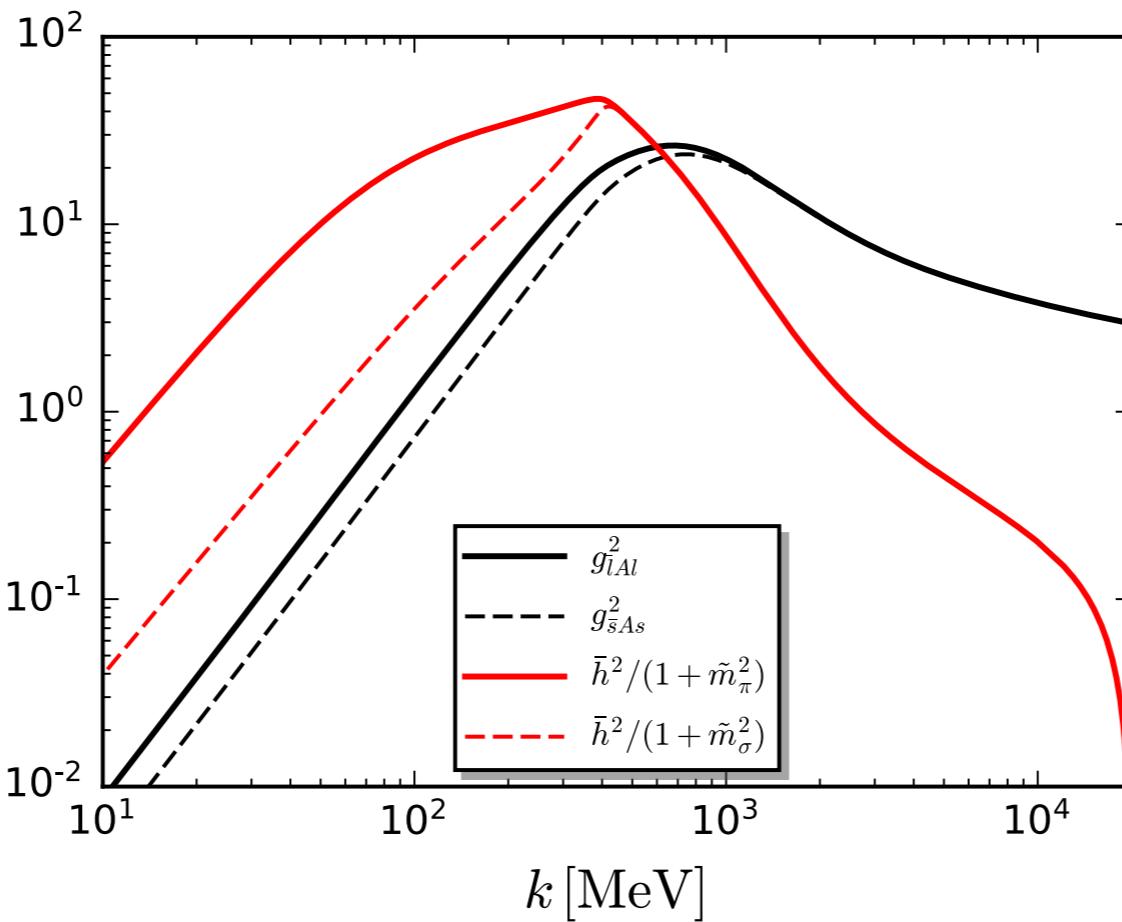
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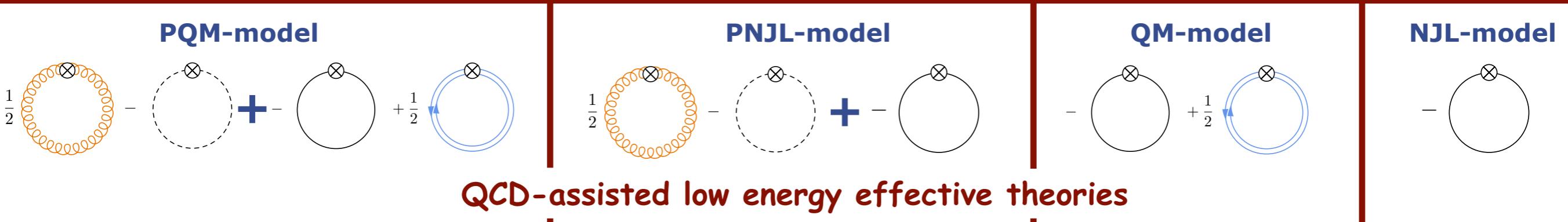
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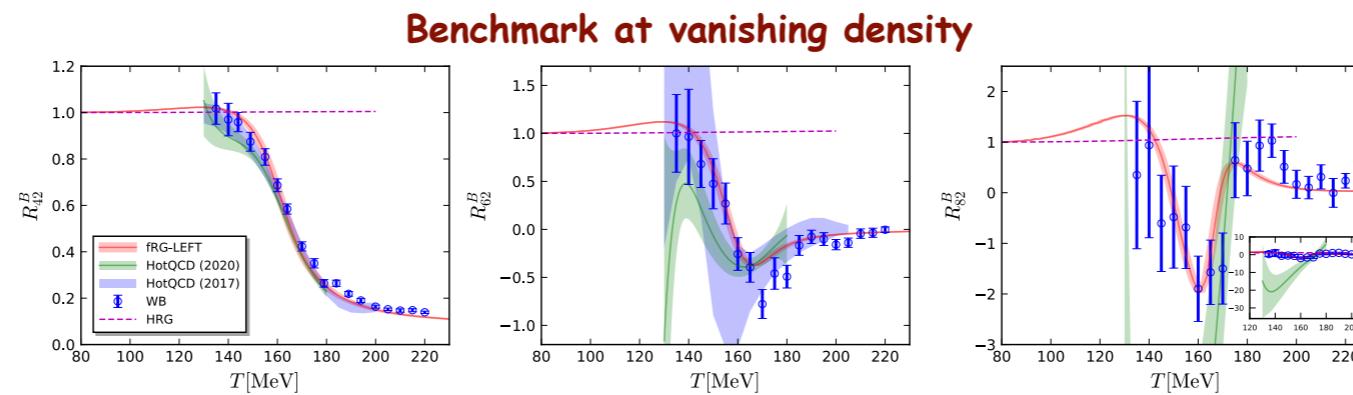


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# Fluctuations of conserved charges

QCD-assisted LEFT



Builds on

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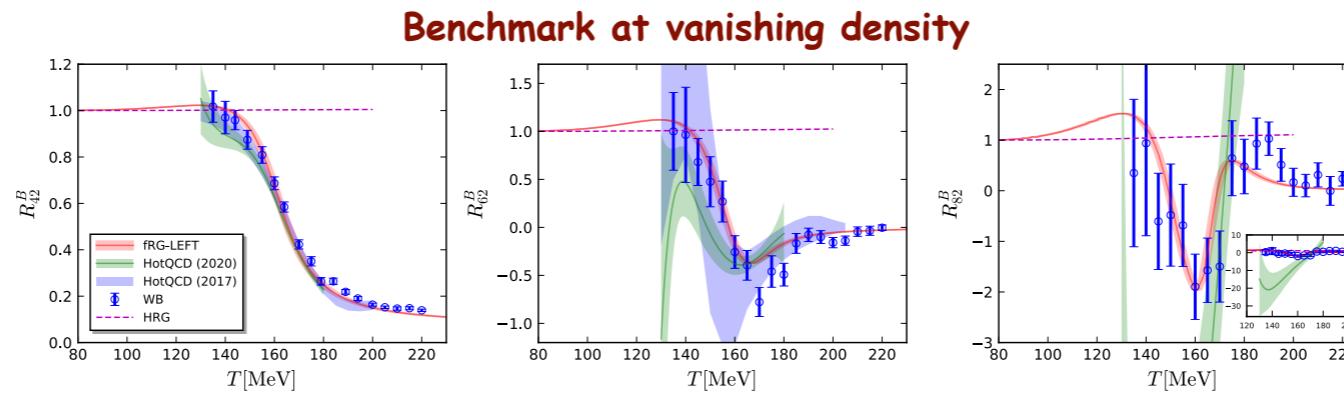
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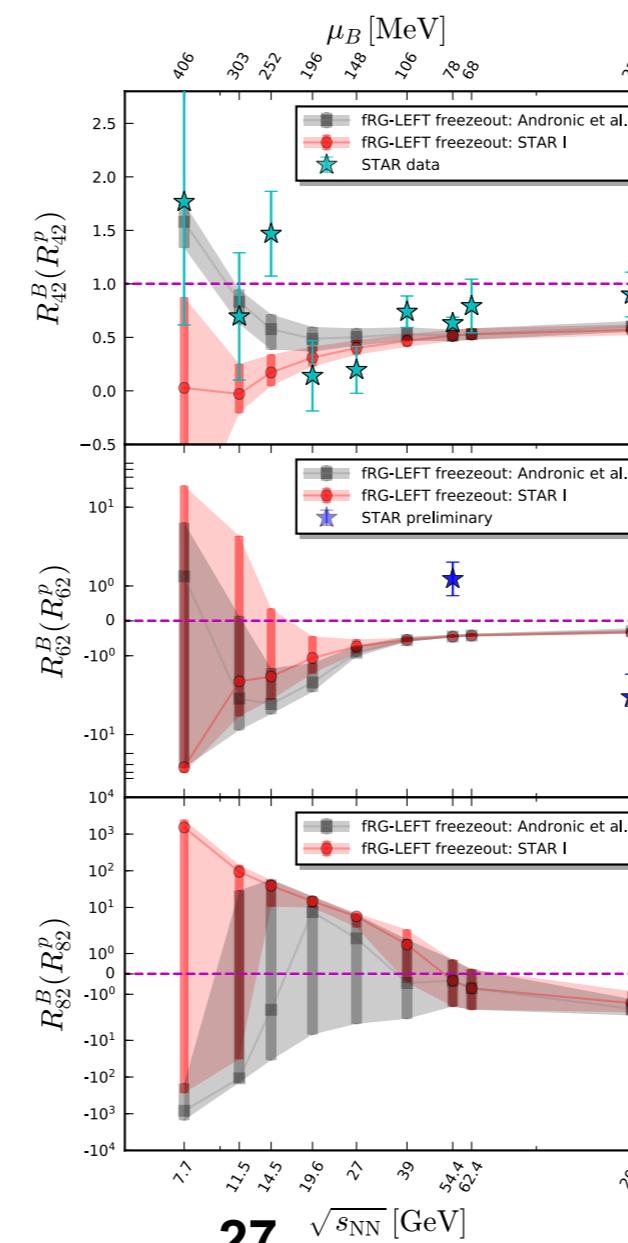
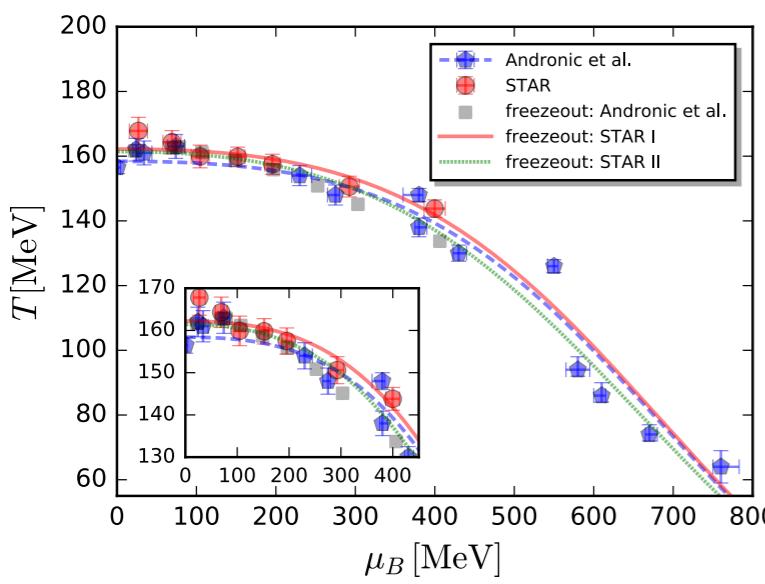
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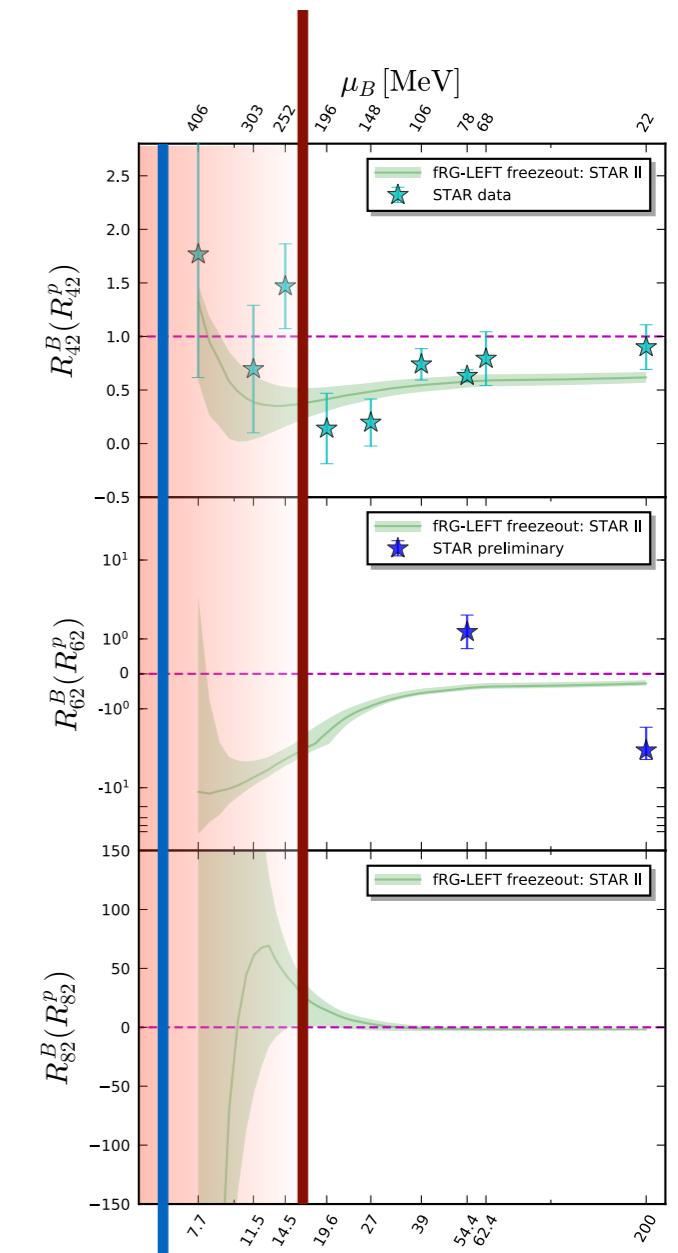
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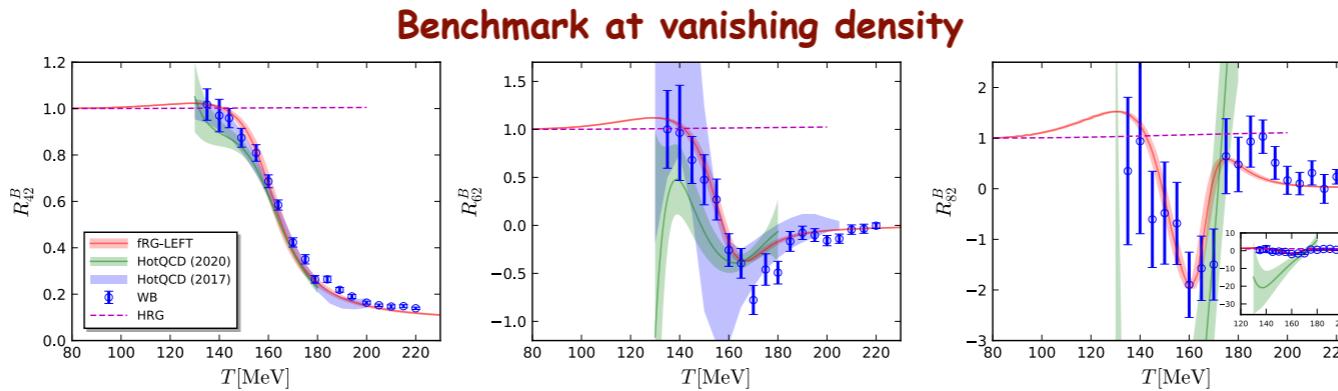


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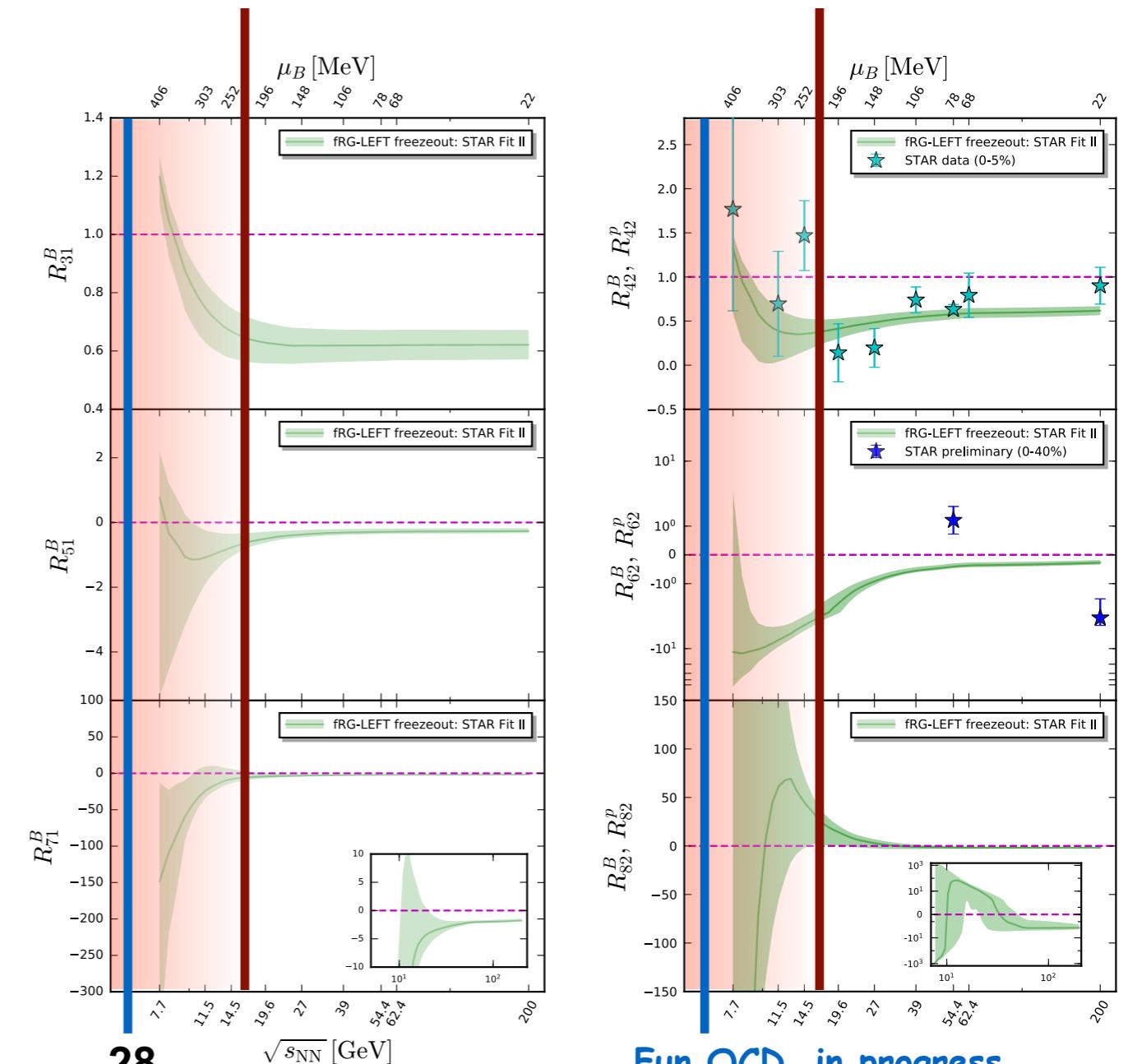
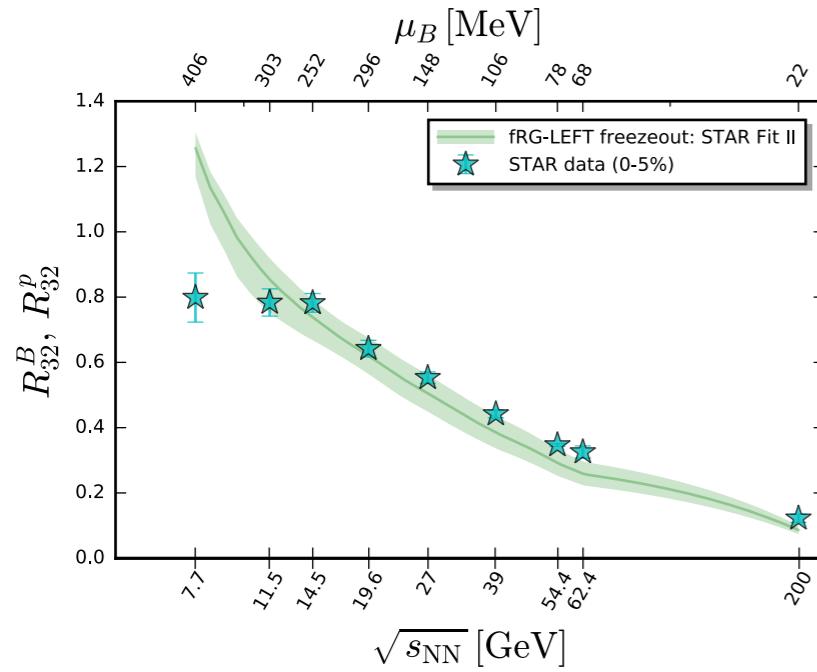


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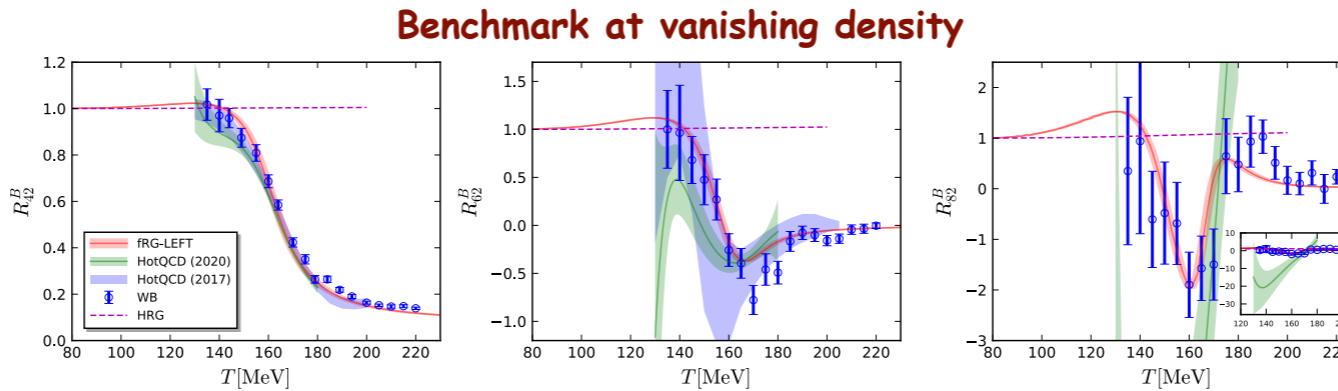


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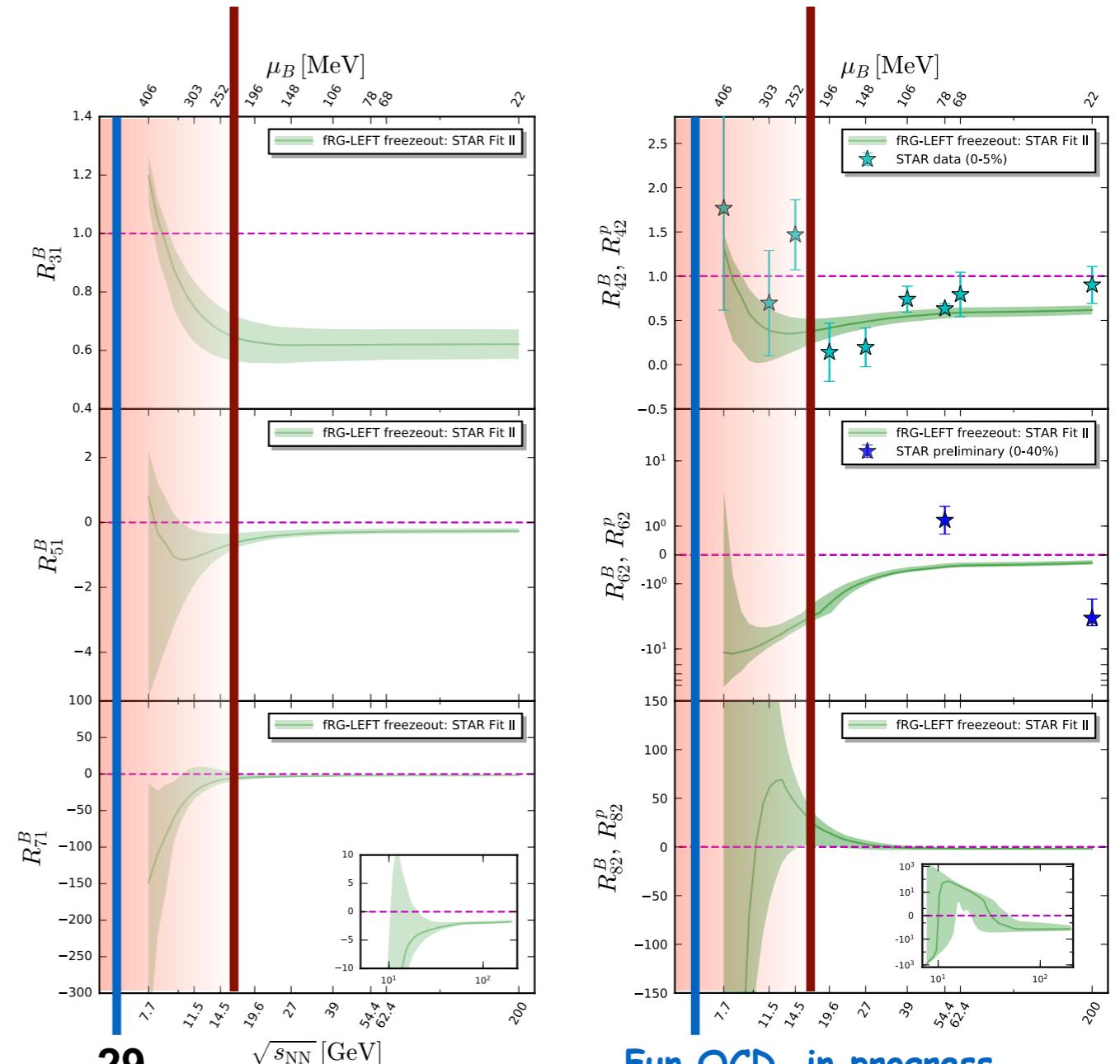


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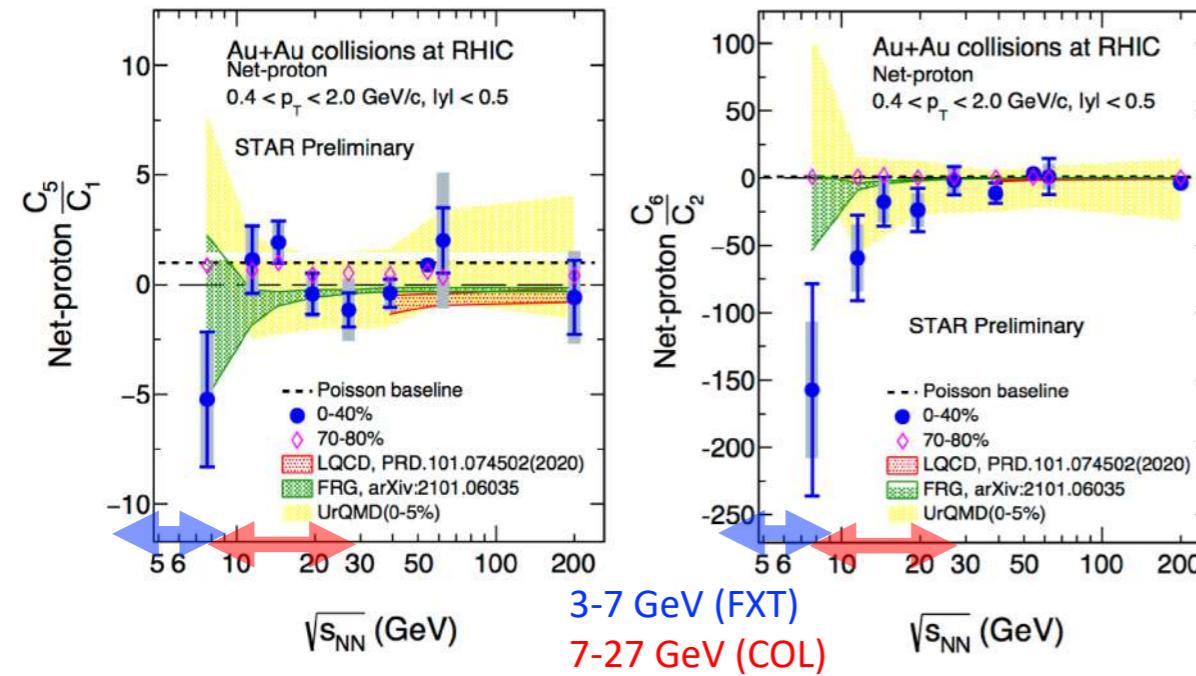
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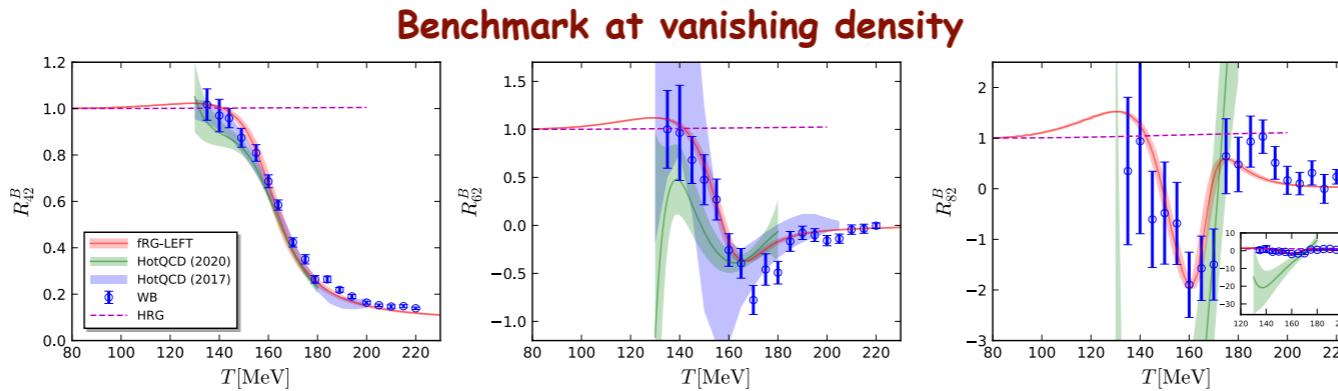


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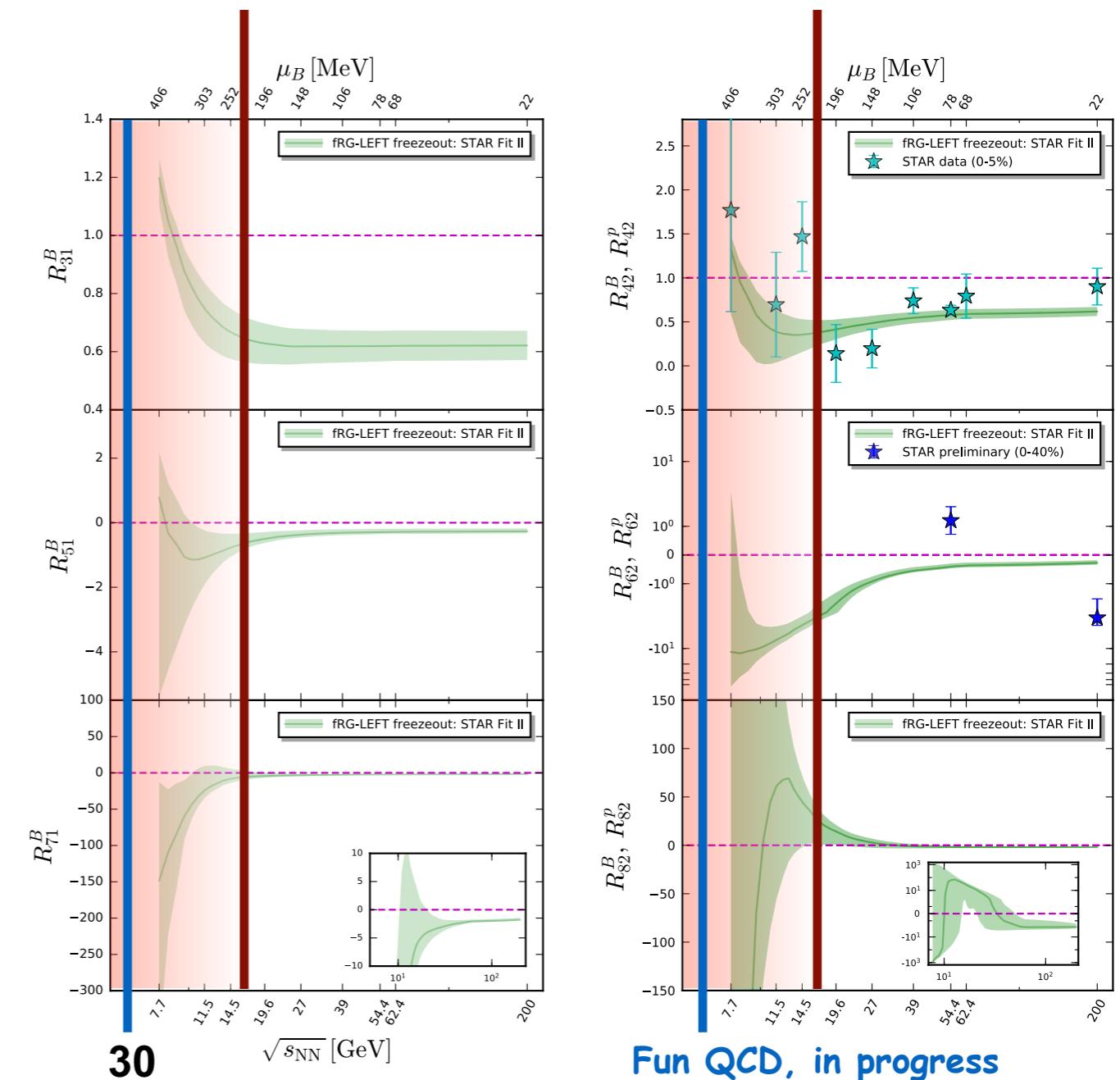
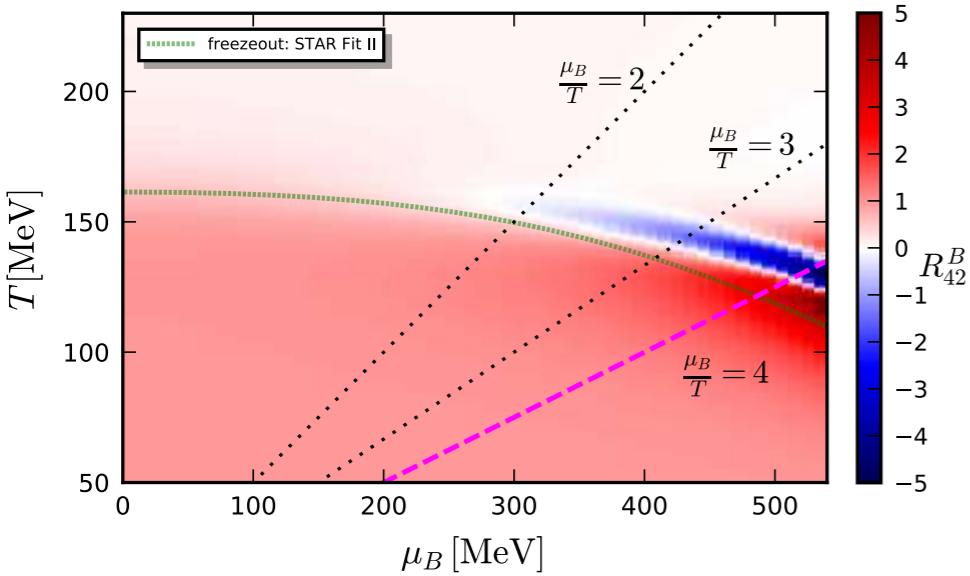
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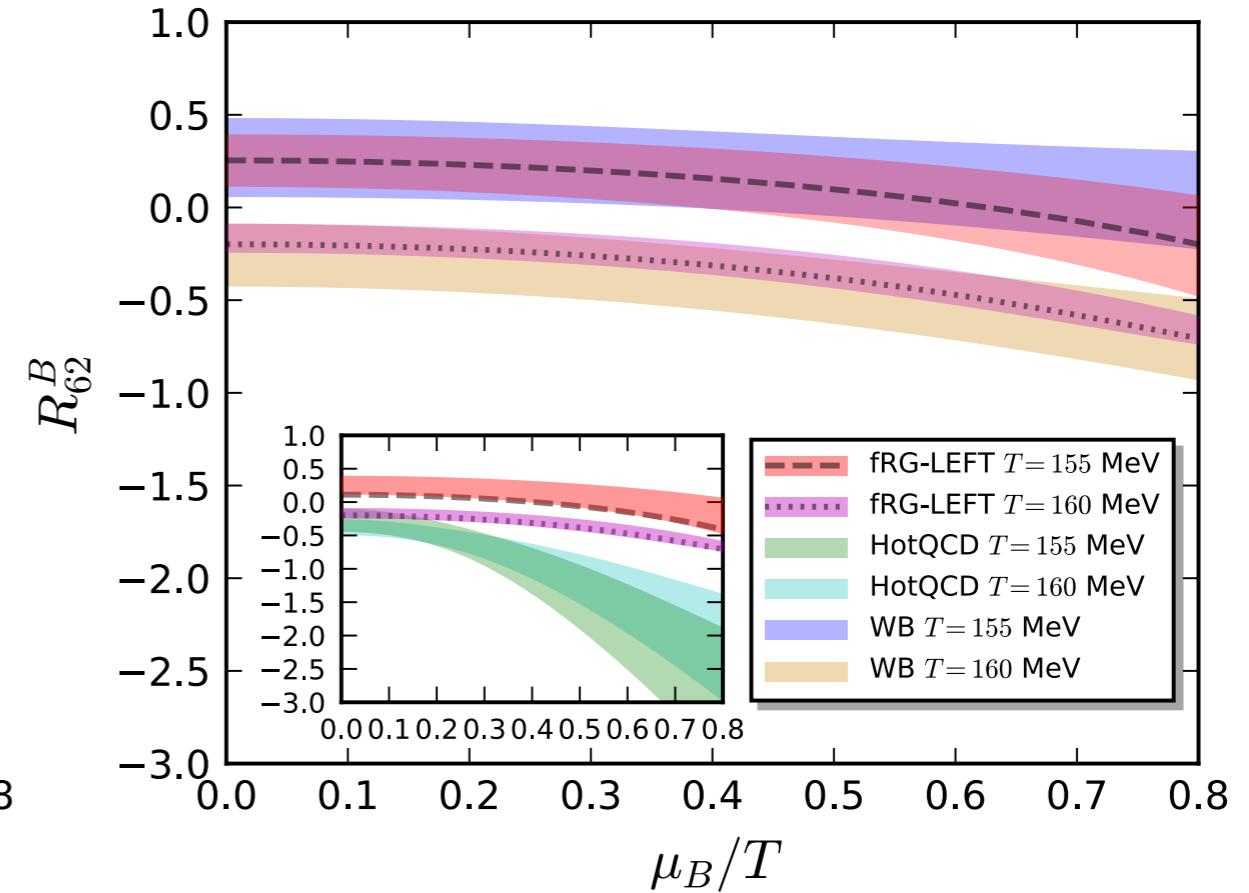
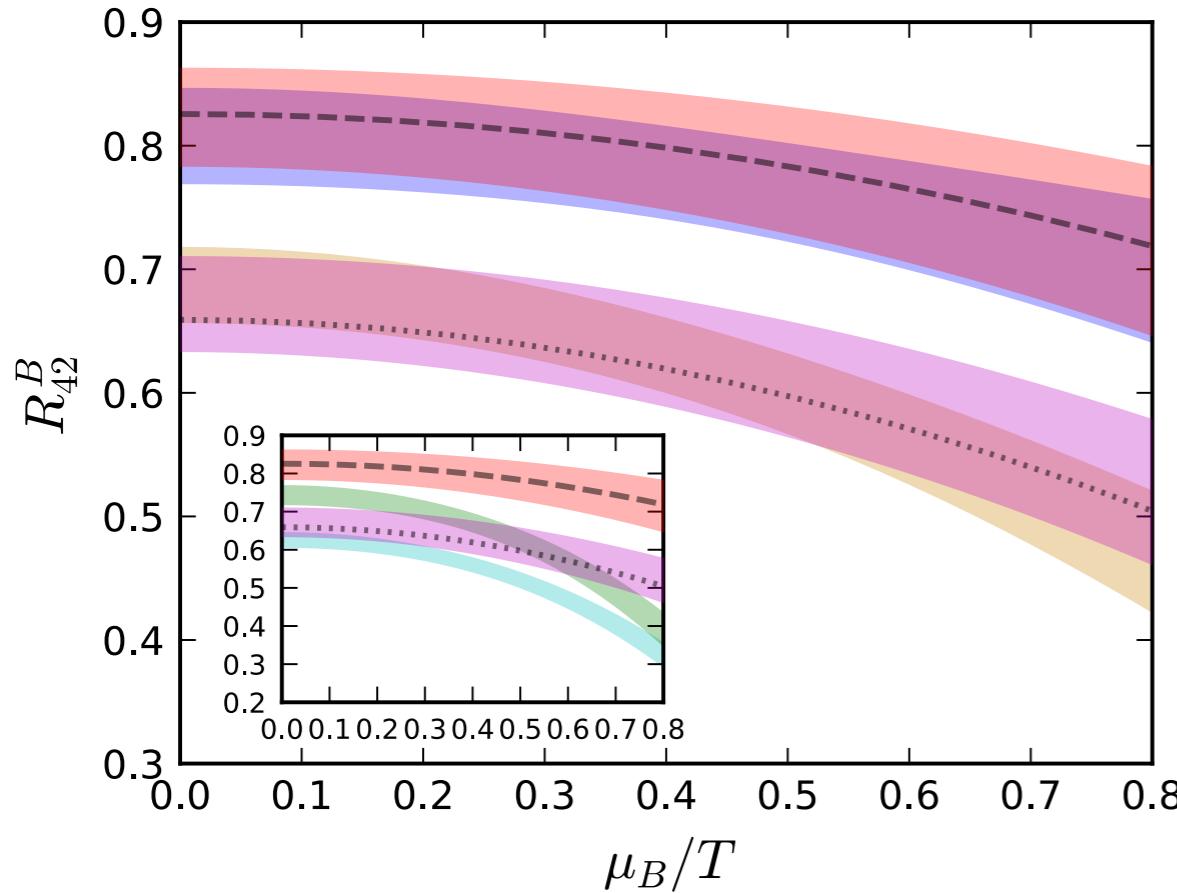


**Fun QCD, in progress**

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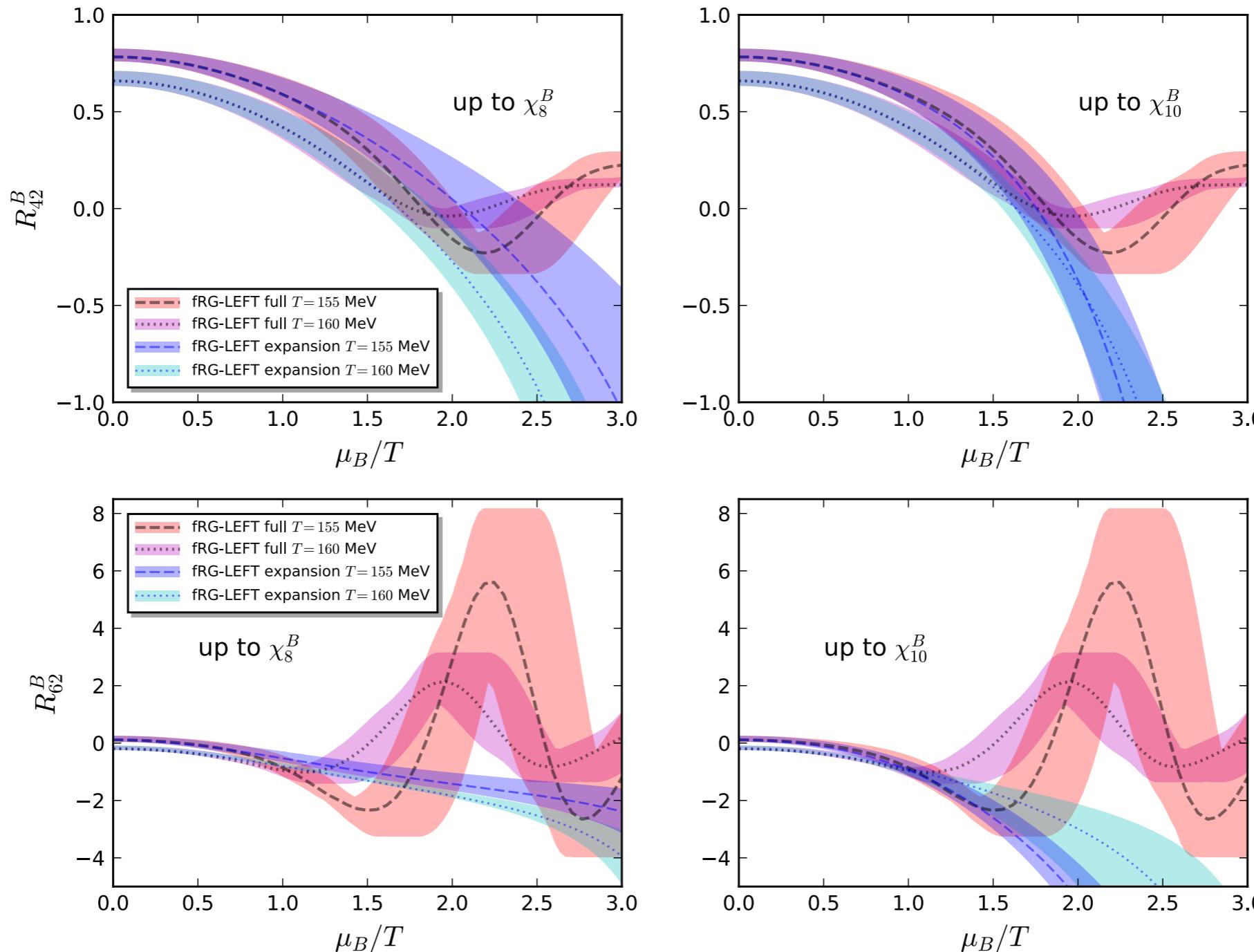
QCD-assisted LEFT vs lattice results (Taylor expansion) at small chemical potential



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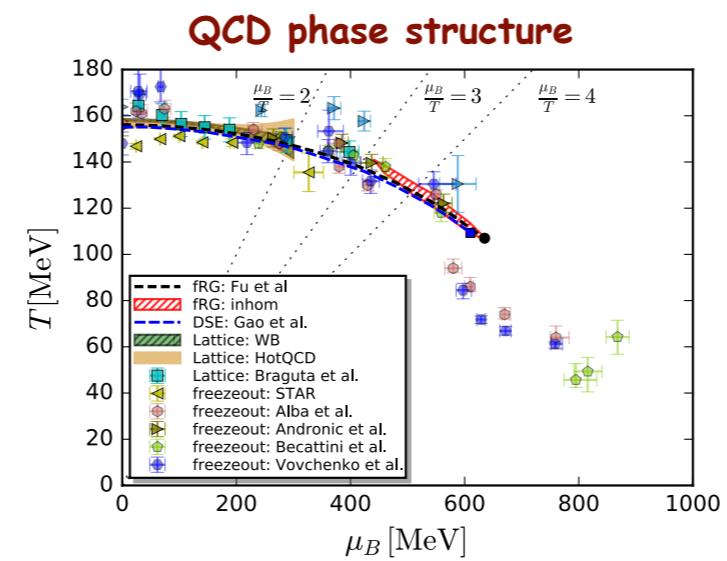
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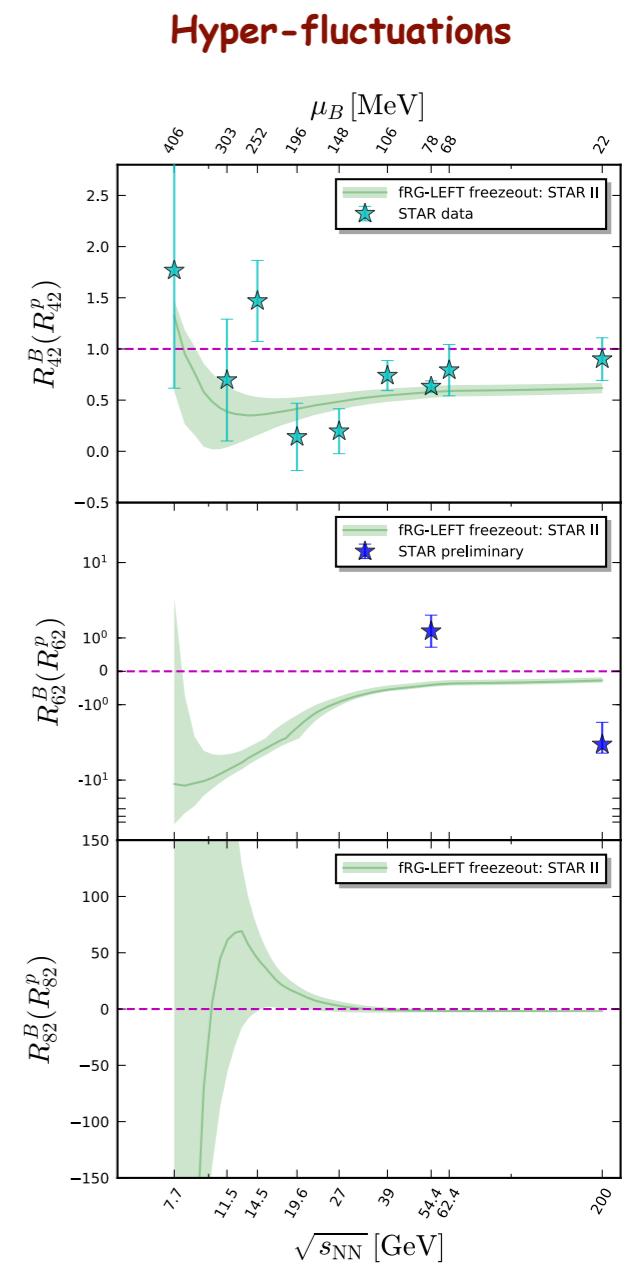
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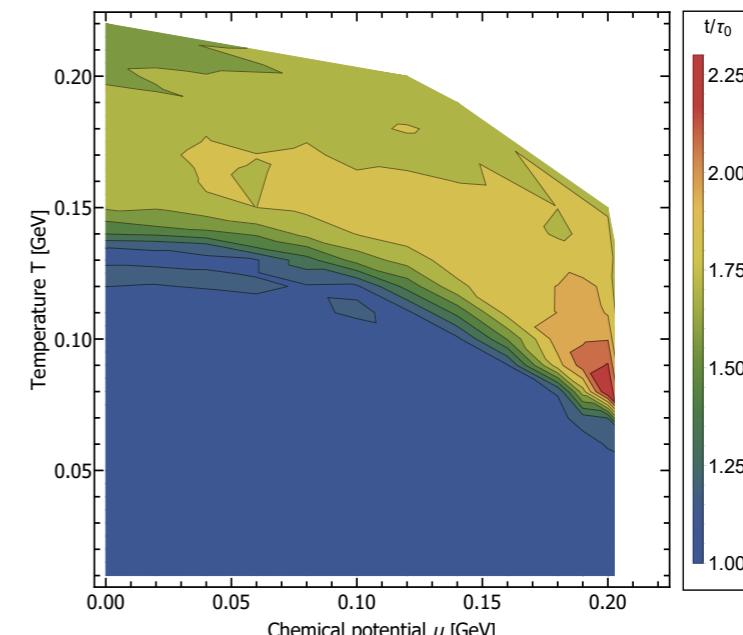
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# Summary & Outlook

- Towards apparent convergence in functional approaches to QCD
- Results & predictive power for the phase structure of QCD
  - Observables: quark condensates, fluctuations of conserved charges
- Towards quantitative precision at high densities
  - Systematic improvements under way for  $\mu_B/T \gtrsim 4$
- Transport, hydro, and critical region
  - Real-time correlation functions
  - Transport at finite  $\mu$  &  $T$
  - Transport coefficients



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## Extension of mean-field version

Nahrgang, Leupold, Herold, Bleicher PRC84 (2011)

#### **see also**

**Stephanov, Rajagopal, Shuryak PRL 81 (1998) 4816**

Mukherjee, Venugopalan, Yin PRC 92 (2015) 034912

**Herold, Nahrgang, Yan, Kobdaj PRC 93 93 (2016) 021902**

Nahrgang, Bluhm, Schäfer, Bass PRD 99 (2019) 116015

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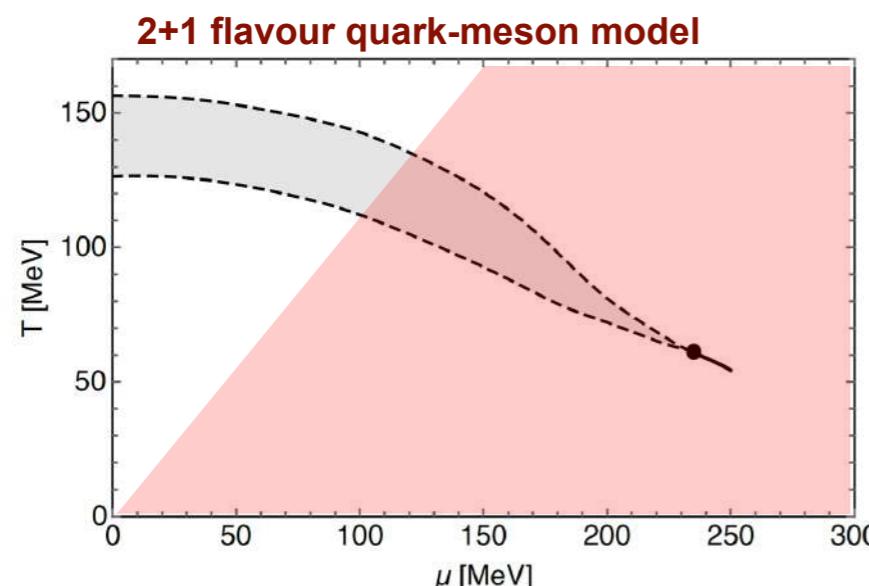
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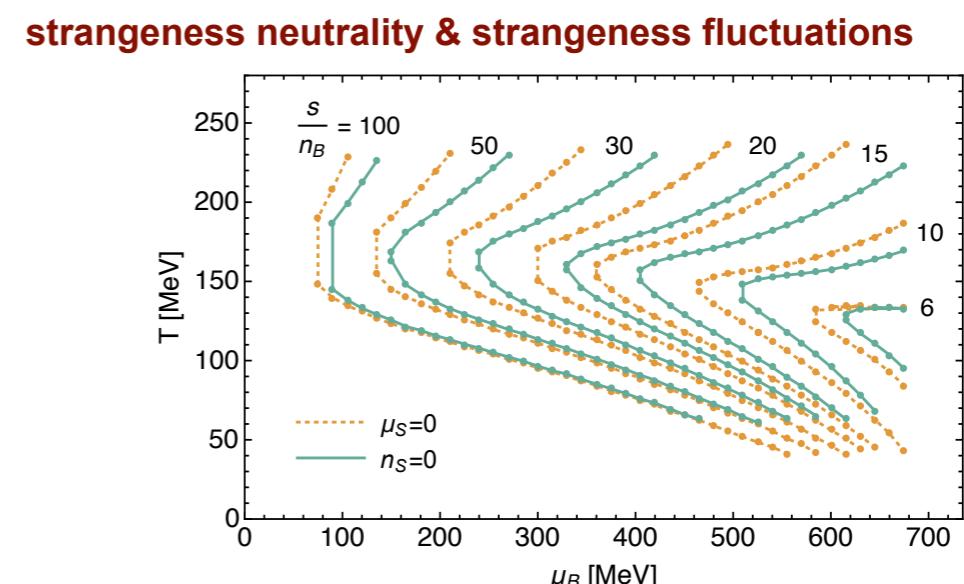
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Fu, JMP, Rennecke, SciPost Core 002 (2020), PRD 100 (2019) 111501

**N<sub>f</sub> = 2 : Nakano, Schaefer, Stokic, Friman, Redlich, PLB 682 (2010) 401**

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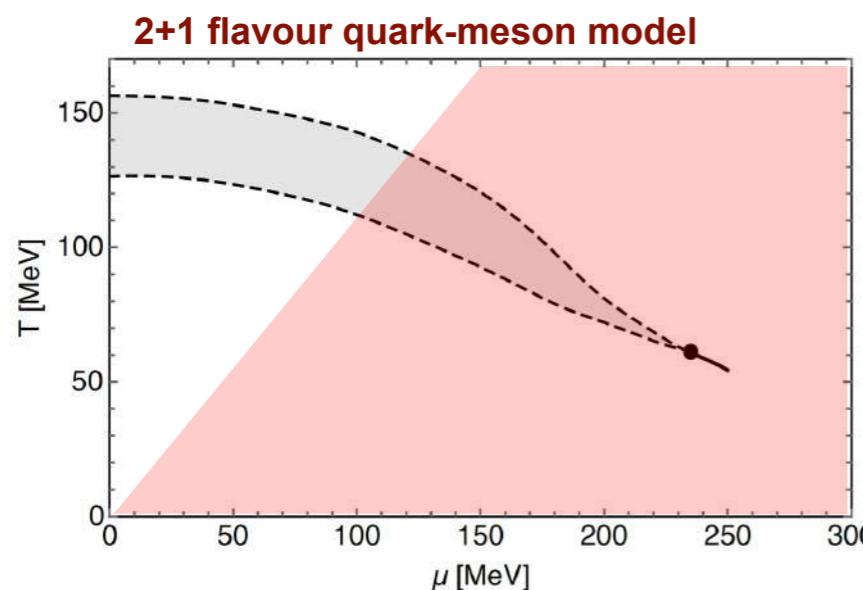
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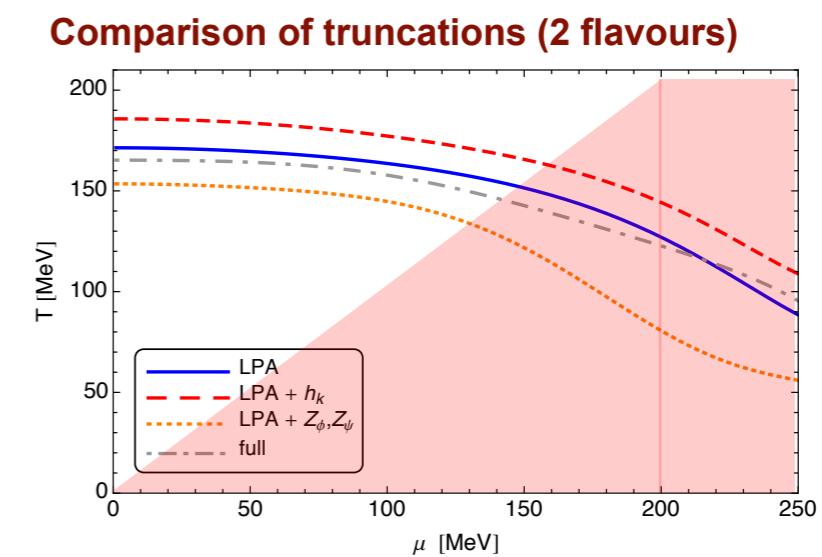
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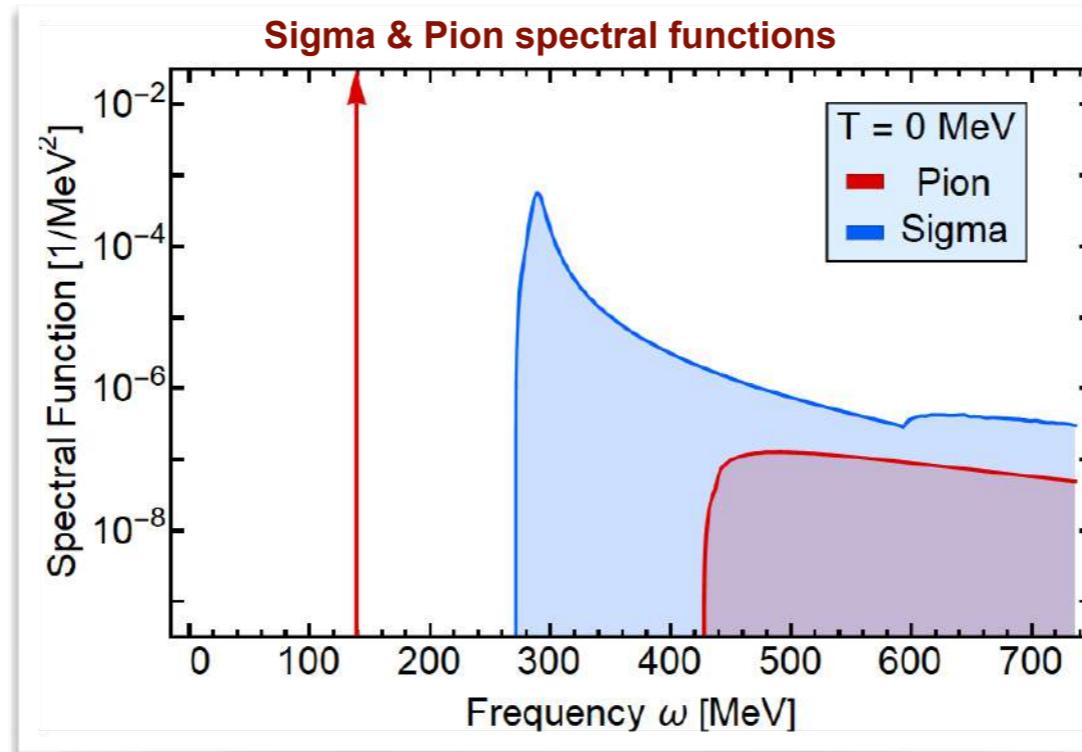
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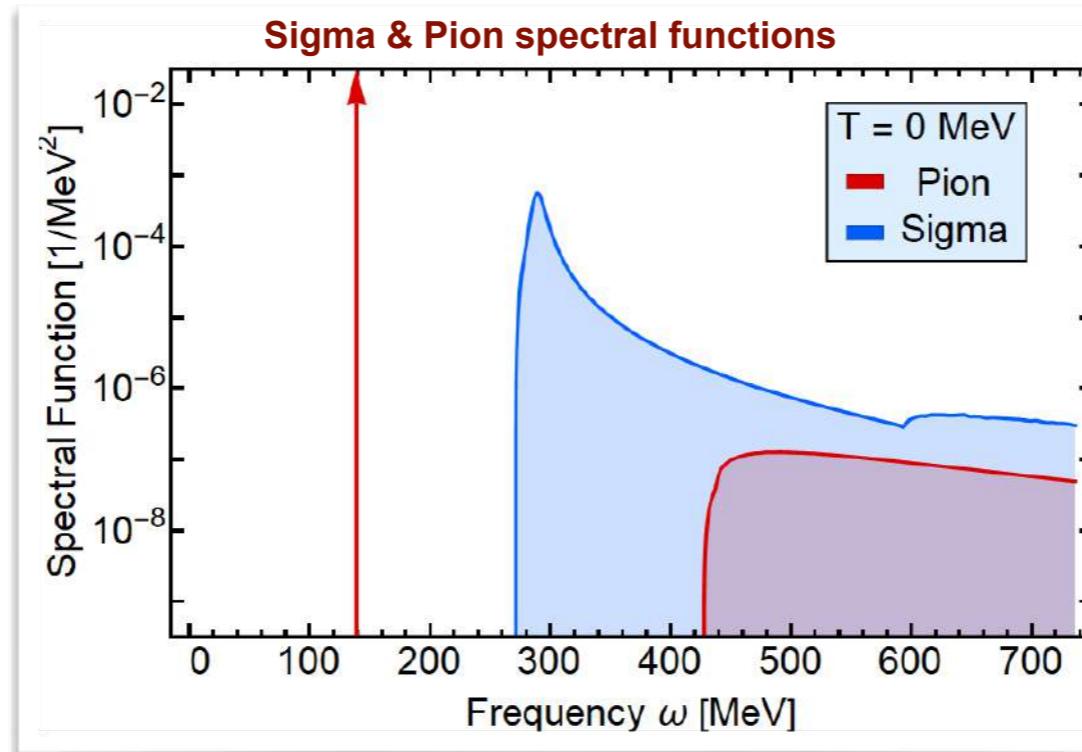
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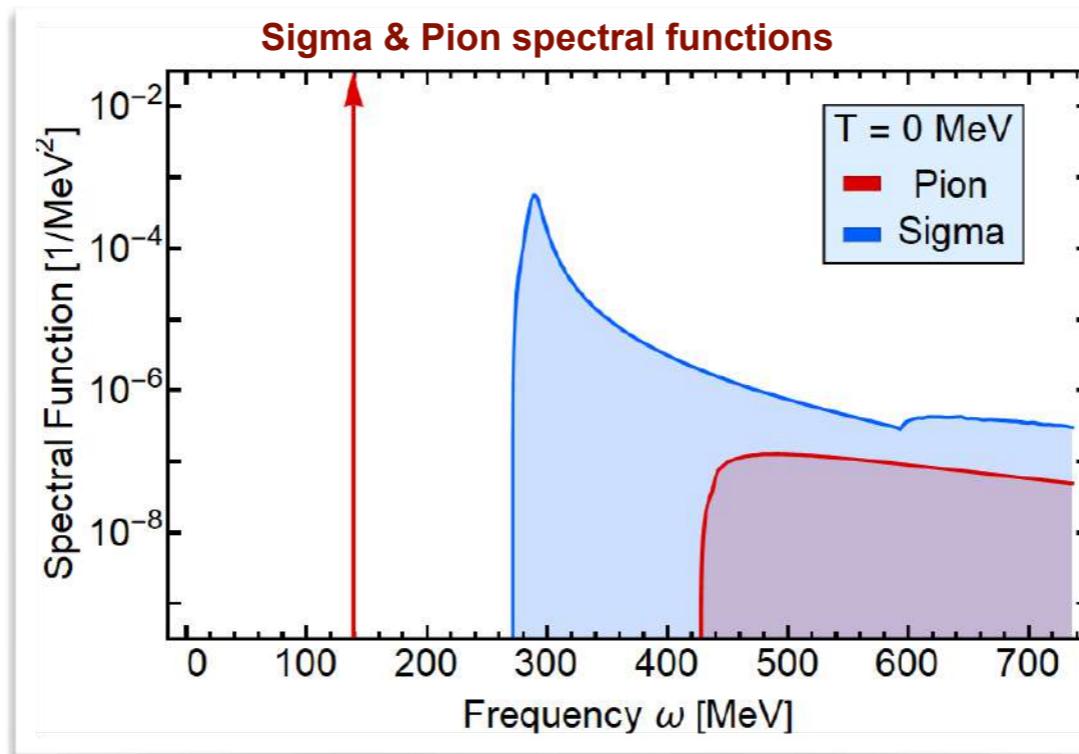
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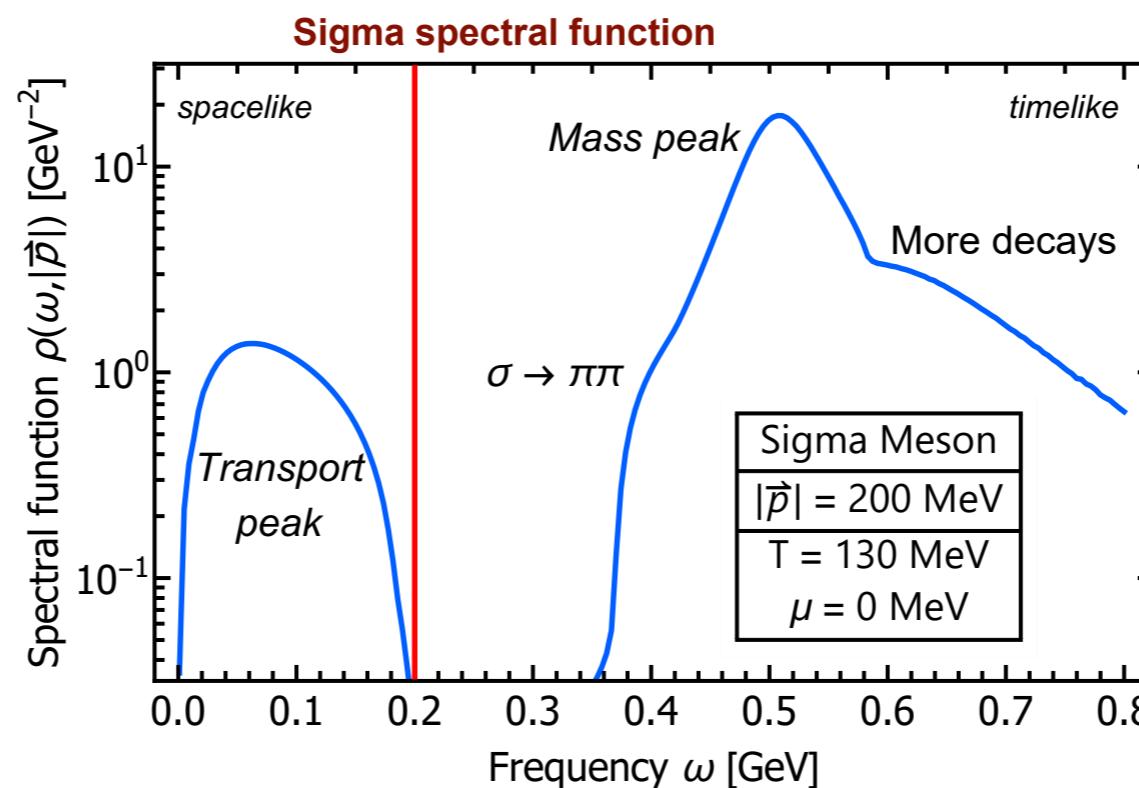
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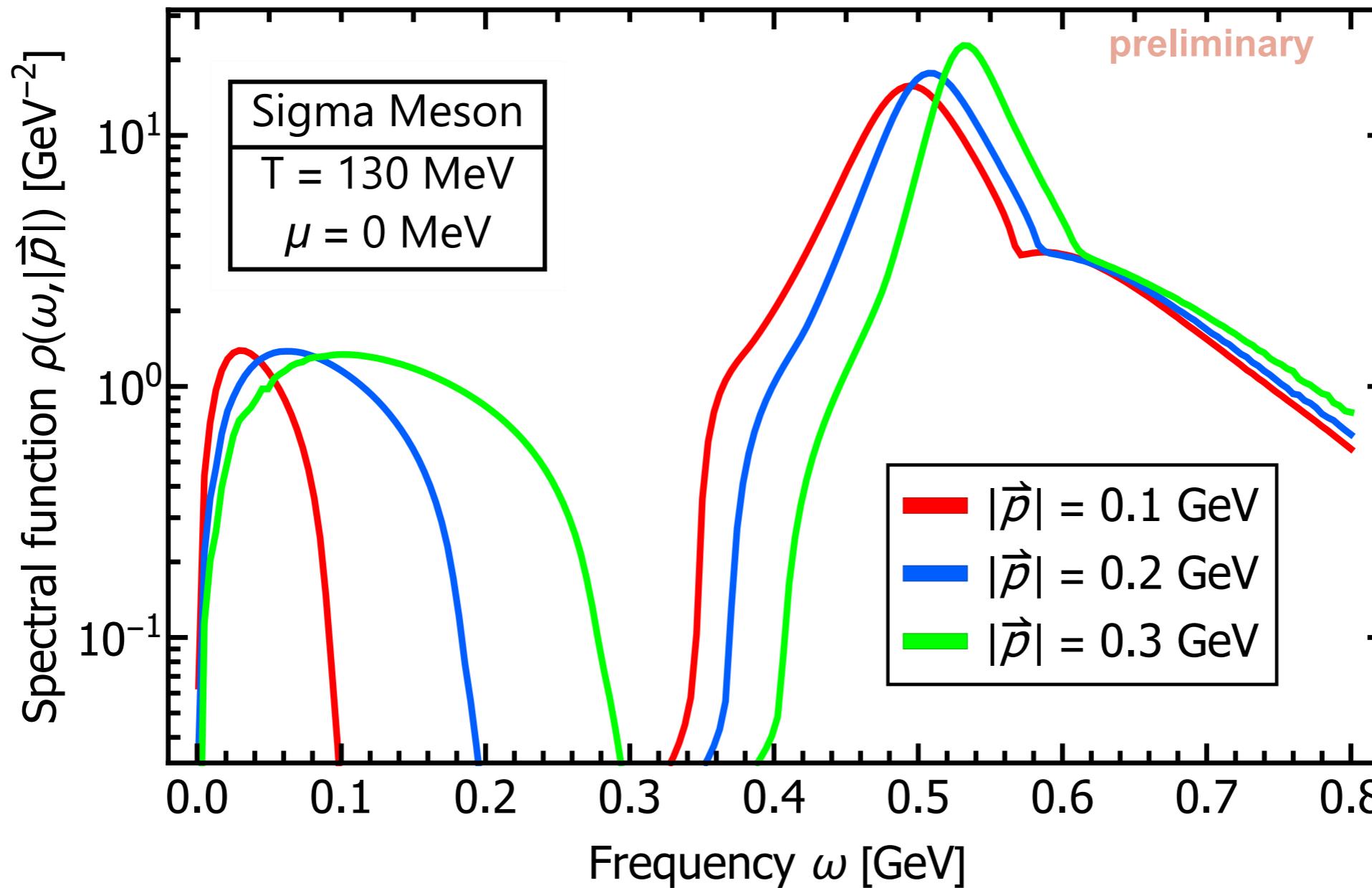
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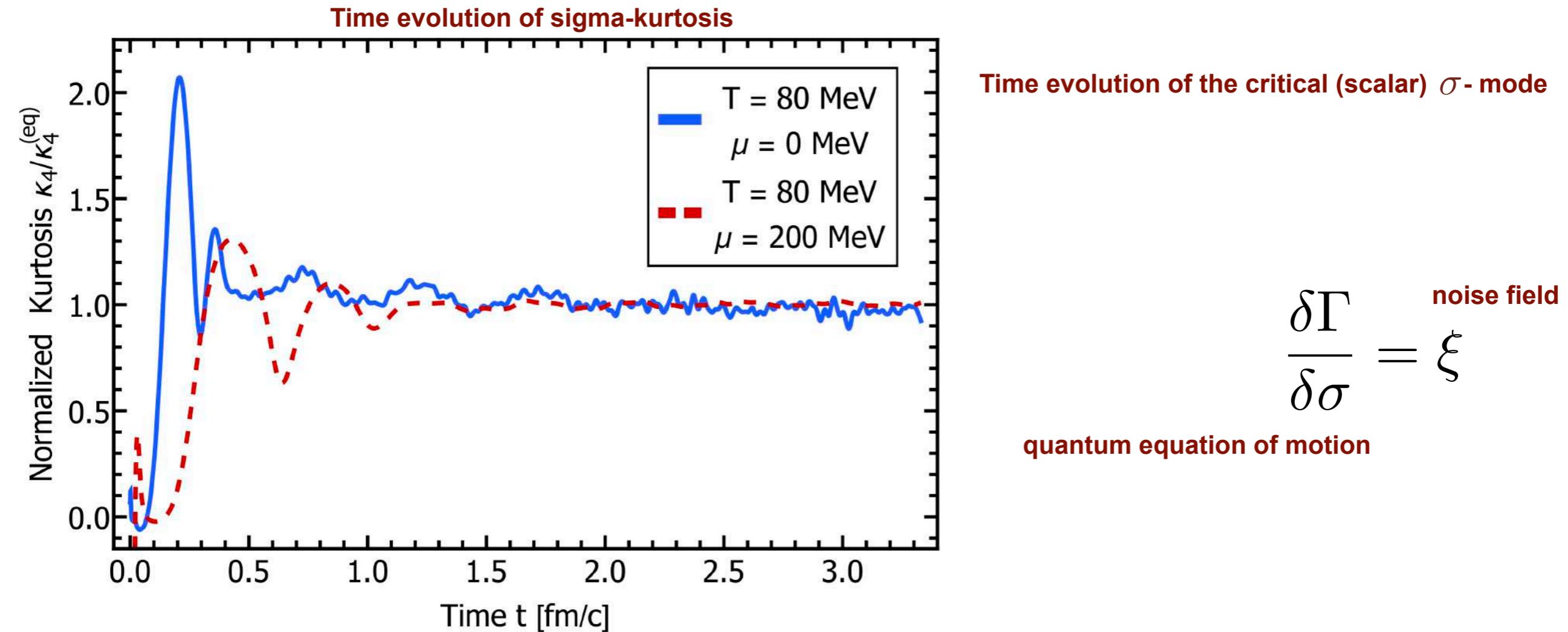
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# Time evolution of cumulants

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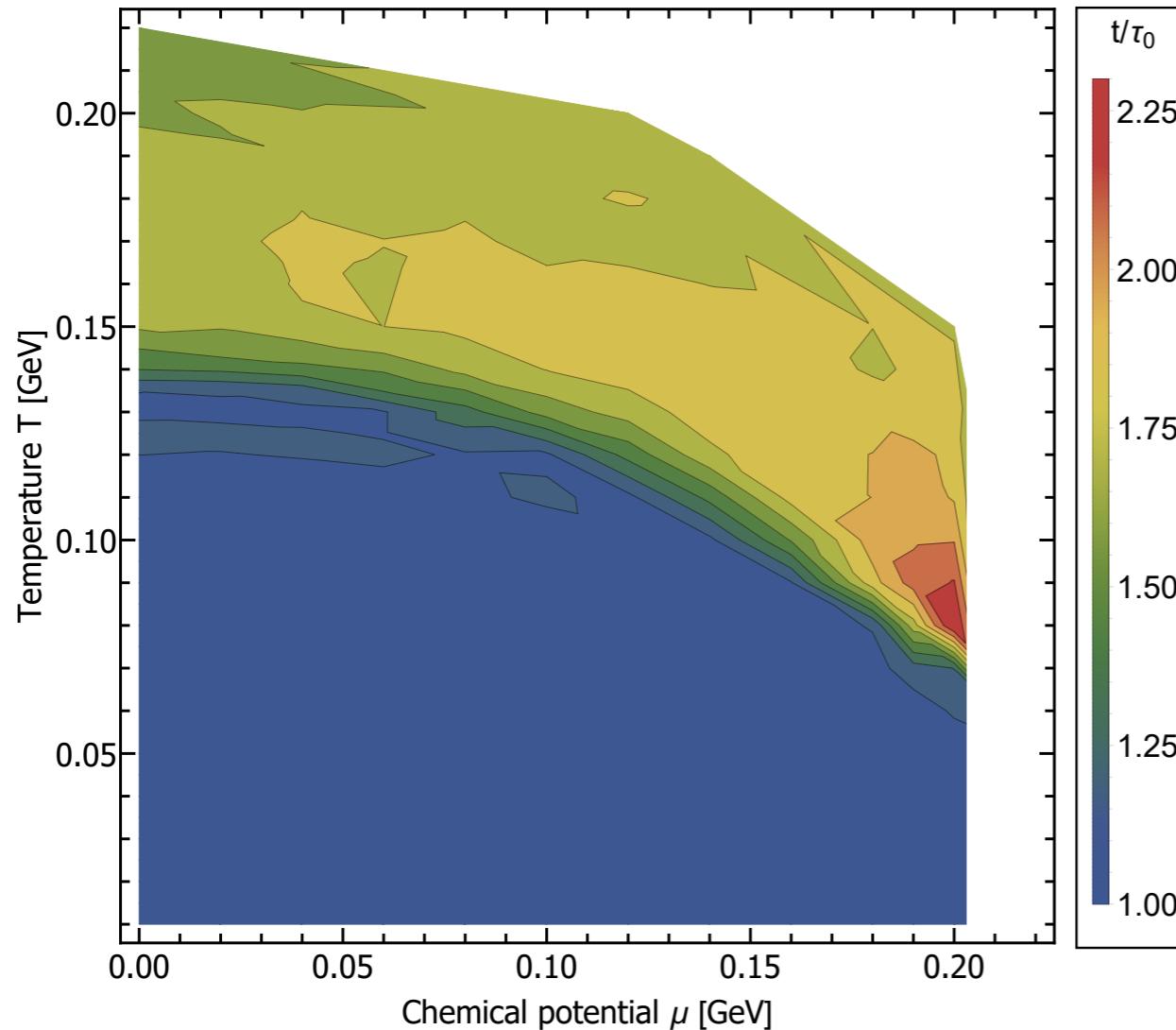
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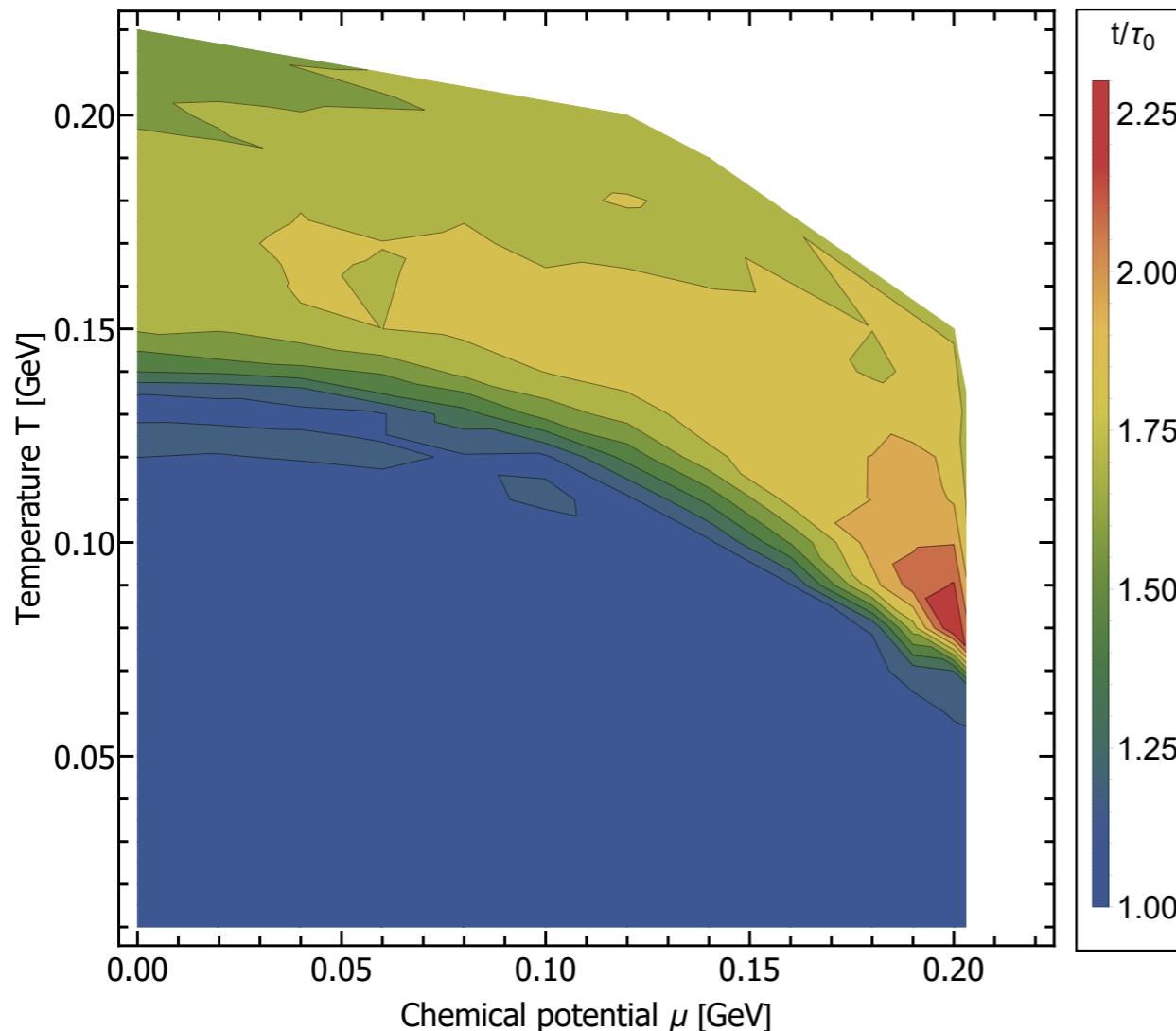
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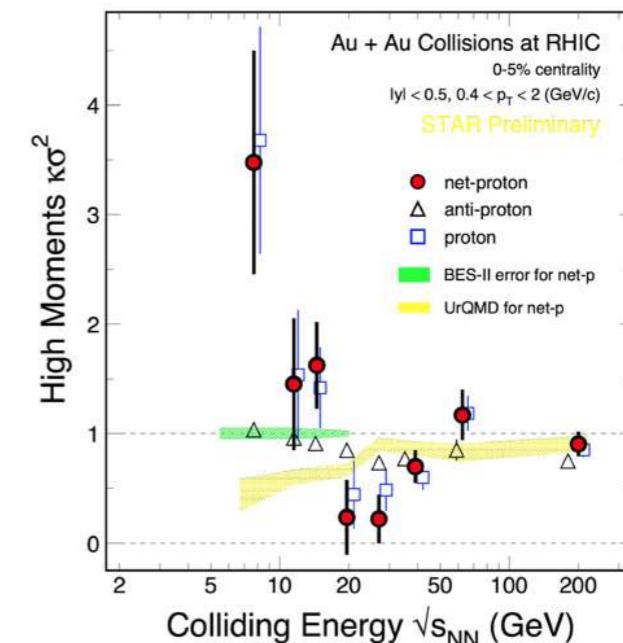
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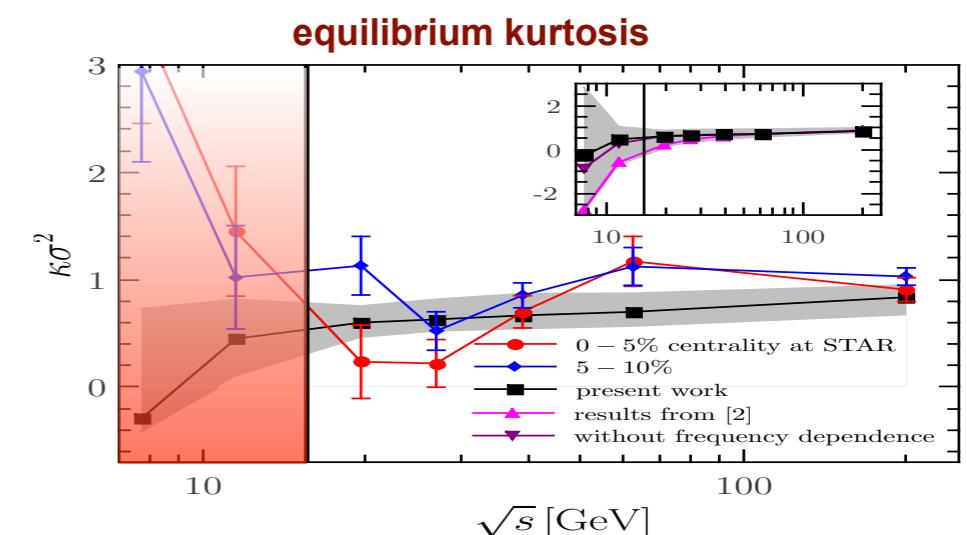
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kurtosis of baryon number fluctuations



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