



QCD at finite temperature and density within functional renormalization group approach

Wei-jie Fu

Dalian University of Technology

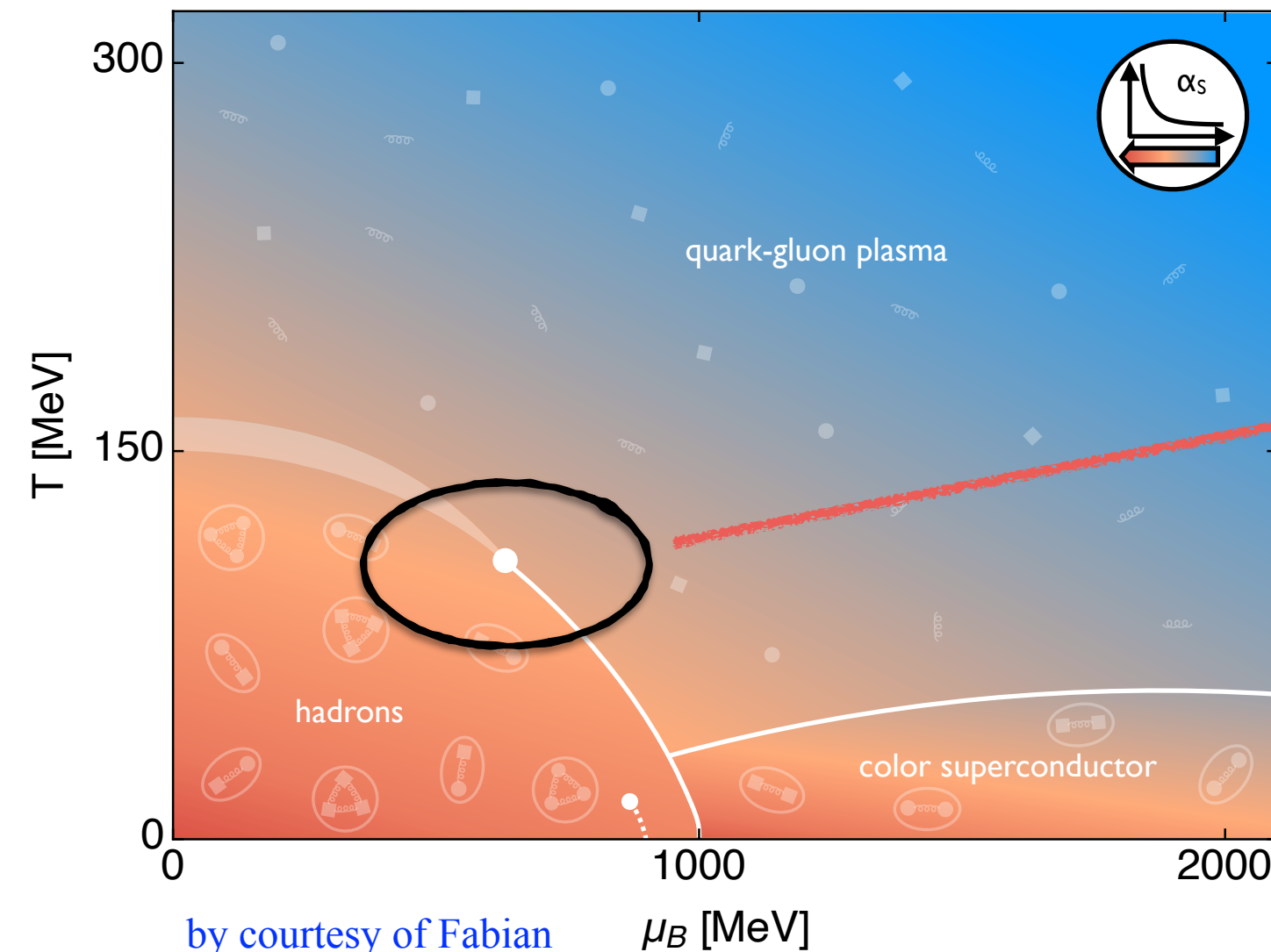
**中国格点QCD第一届年会
online, 2021年10月30日-11月2日**

fQCD collaboration:

J. Braun, Y.-r. Chen, WF, F. Gao, J. Horak, C. Huang, F. Ihssen, J. M. Pawłowski, F. Rennecke, D.

Rosenblüh, F. Sattler, B. Schallmo, C. Schneider, Y.-y. Tan, S. Töpfel, R. Wen, J. Wessely, N. Wink, S. Yin

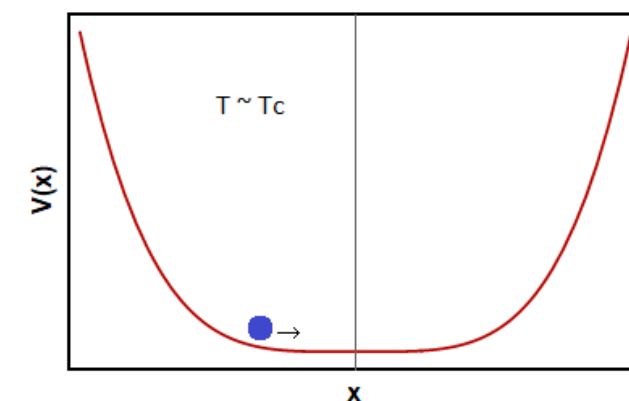
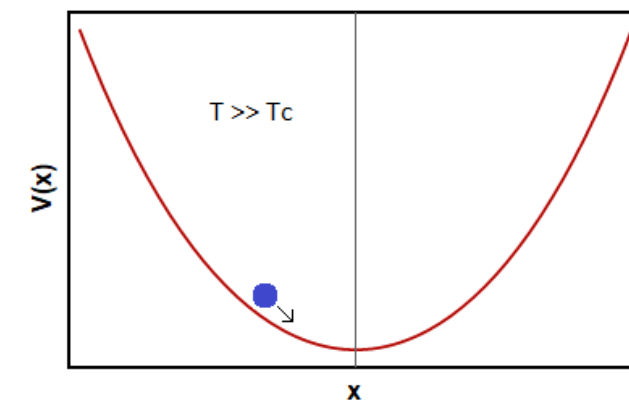
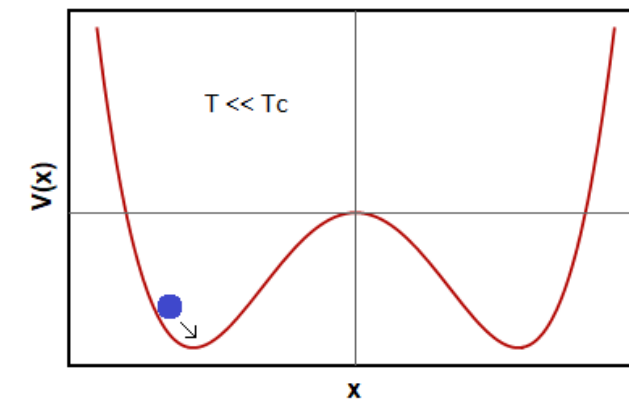
Critical end point in QCD phase diagram



cf. Hengtong Ding's talk

Calls for:

- Nonperturbative approach of QCD.
- Errors controllable at finite densities.
- Real-time description of strongly interacting systems.



Critical slowing down

$$\tau = \xi^z f(k\xi)$$

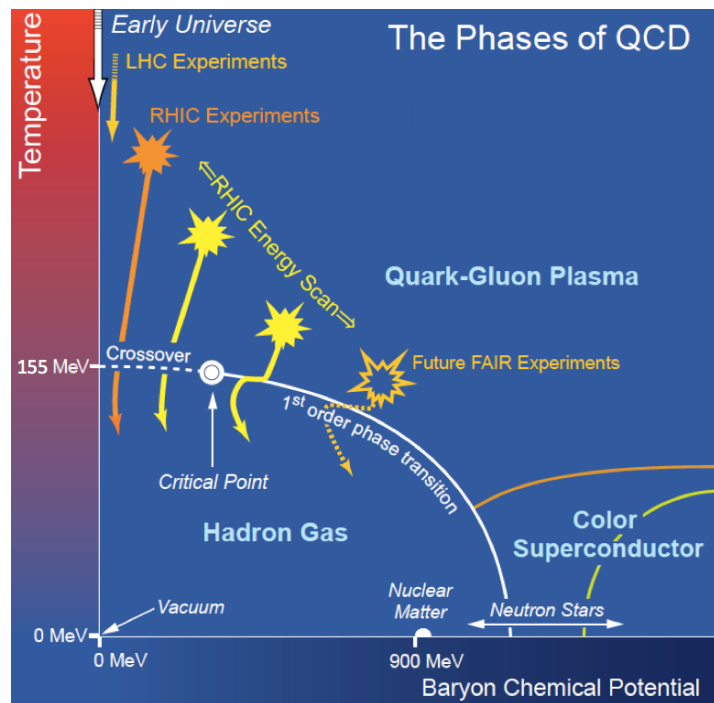
ξ : correlation length

τ : relaxation time

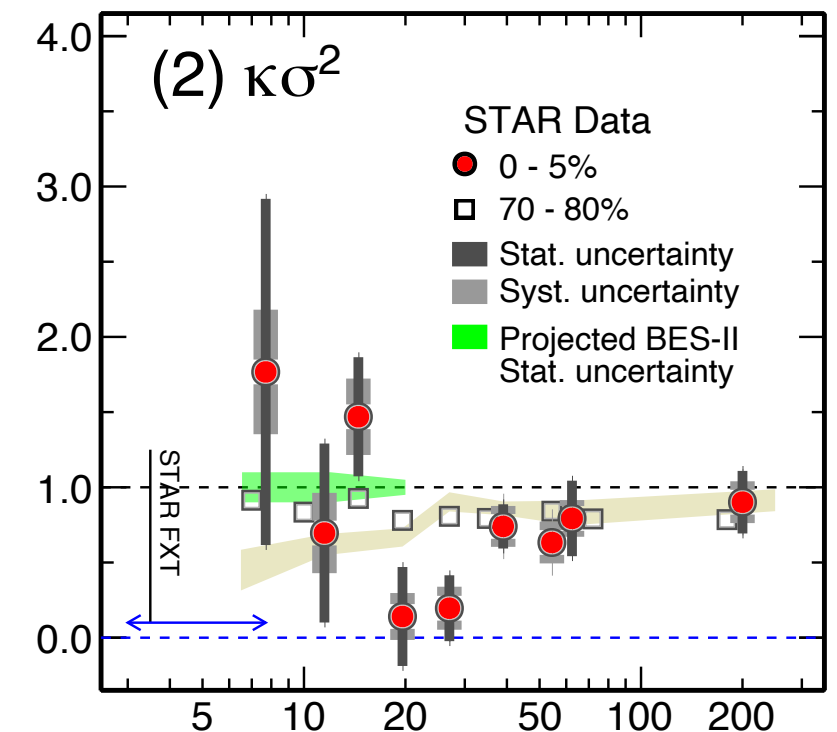
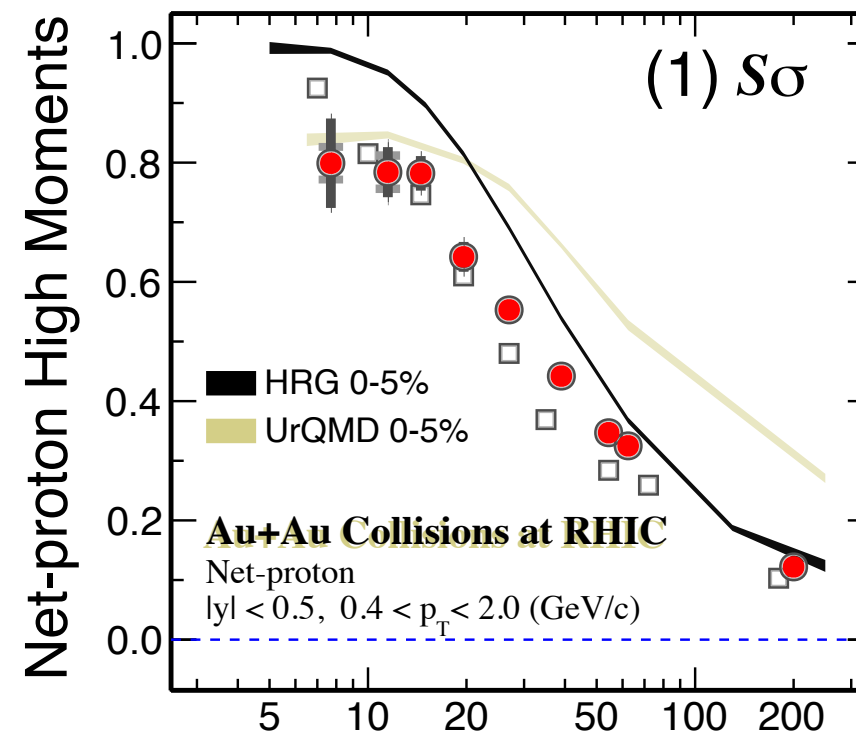
z : dynamical critical exponent

Recent experimental results at RHIC

Skewness and kurtosis of net-proton distributions:



The Hot QCD White Paper (2015)



J. Adam *et al.* (STAR), *PRL* 126 (2021), 092301;
M. Abdallah *et al.* (STAR), *PRC* 104 (2021), 024902.

- The non-monotonicity of the kurtosis is observed with 3.1σ significance.
- Hint of entering critical region?

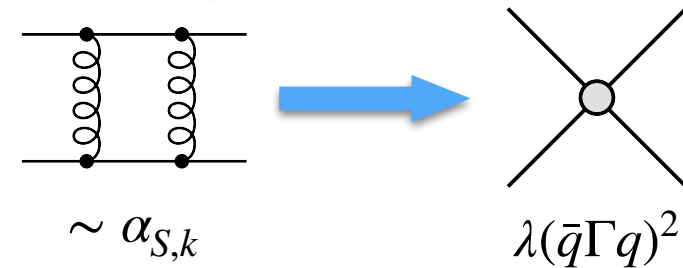
cf. Xiaofeng Luo's talk

Outline

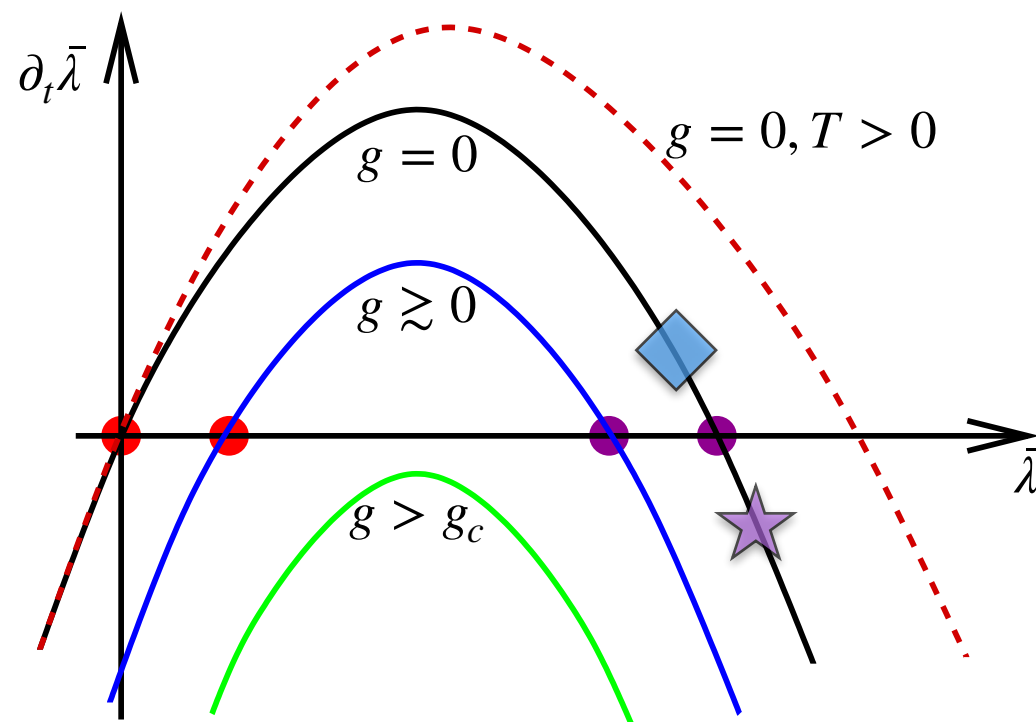
- * Introduction
- * Perspective from renormalization group
- * fRG approach to QCD
- * fRG Results for QCD at finite T and μ_B
- * Summary

Quark mass production in RG

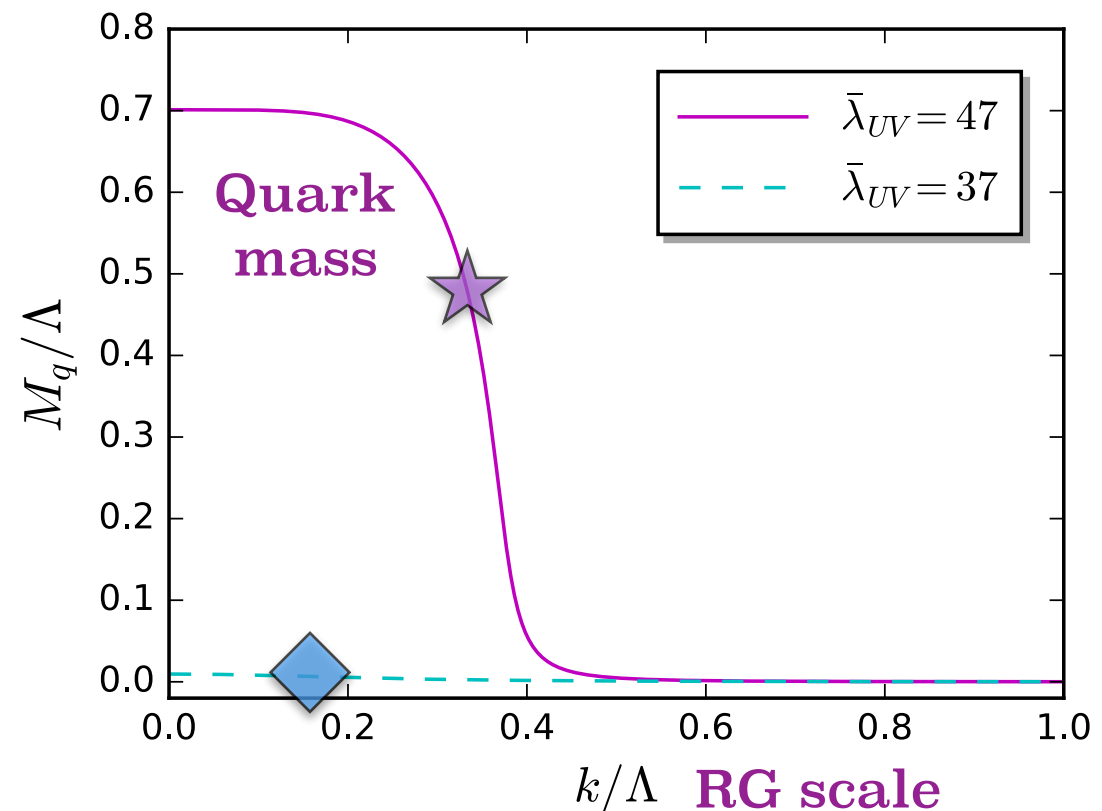
- Effective 4-quark coupling generated:



Flow of 4-quark coupling



Braun, Gies, *JHEP* 06 (2006) 024.



WF, Huang, Pawłowski, Tan, in preparation.

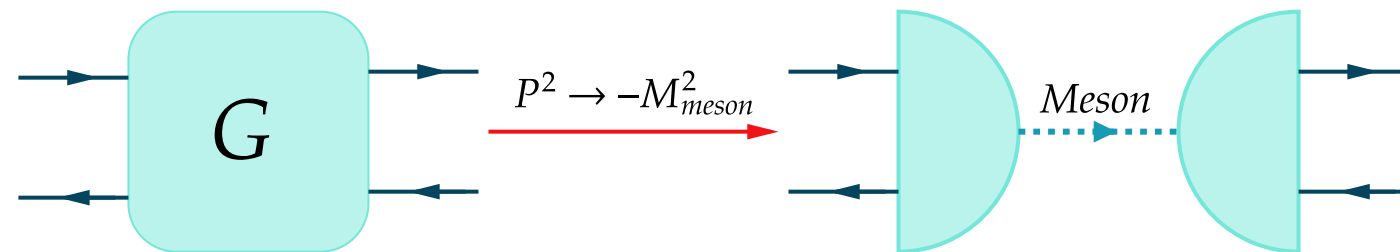
$$\partial_t \bar{\lambda} = (d-2)\bar{\lambda} - a\bar{\lambda}^2 - b\bar{\lambda}g^2 - cg^4,$$

$$\partial_t \text{quark line} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(\text{quark line with gluon loop} + \text{quark line with ghost loop} \right)$$

- Understanding quark mass production from the viewpoint of **phase transition**.
- Counterpart of **gap equation** in terms of RG flow.

Bound states in RG

- Bound states encoded in n -point correlation functions:

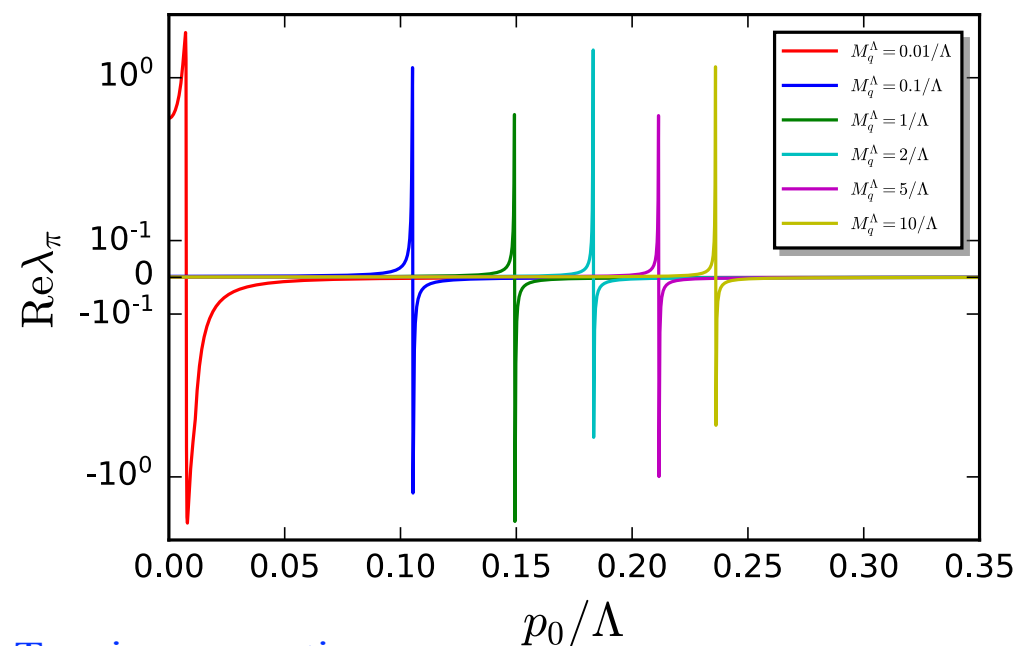
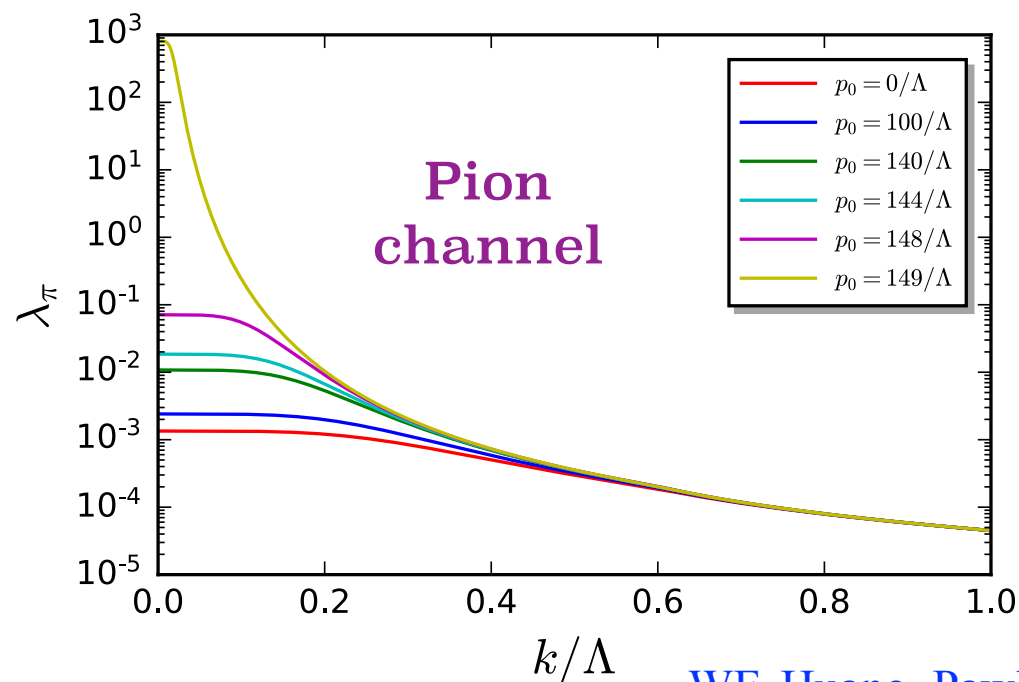


- Flow equation of 4-quark interaction:

$$\partial_t \left(\text{4-quark vertex} \right) = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(\text{meson exchange} + \text{gluon exchange} + \text{ghost exchange} \right)$$

Note: playing the same role as the **Bethe-Salpeter equation**.

cf. Lei Chang's talk



WF, Huang, Pawlowski, Tan, in preparation.

Functional renormalization group

Introduce a IR suppression regulator:

$$W_k[J] = \ln \int [d\varphi] \exp \left\{ -S[\varphi] - \Delta S_k[\varphi] + J\varphi \right\}$$

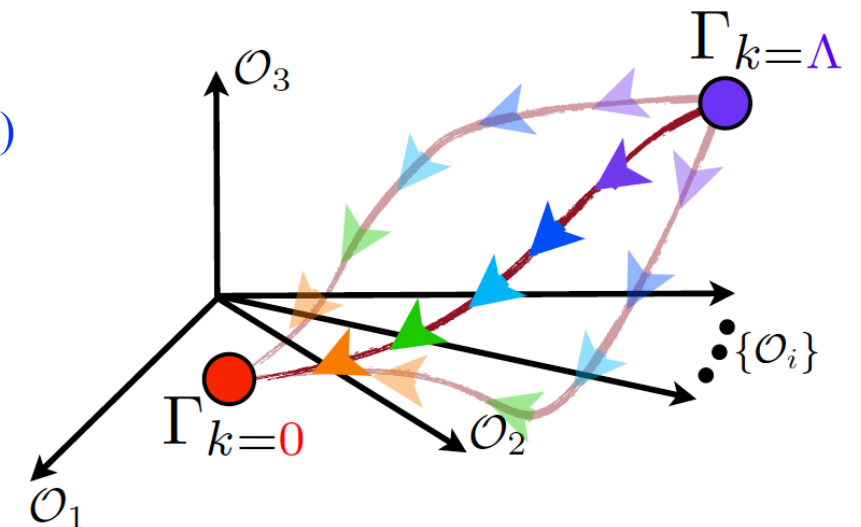
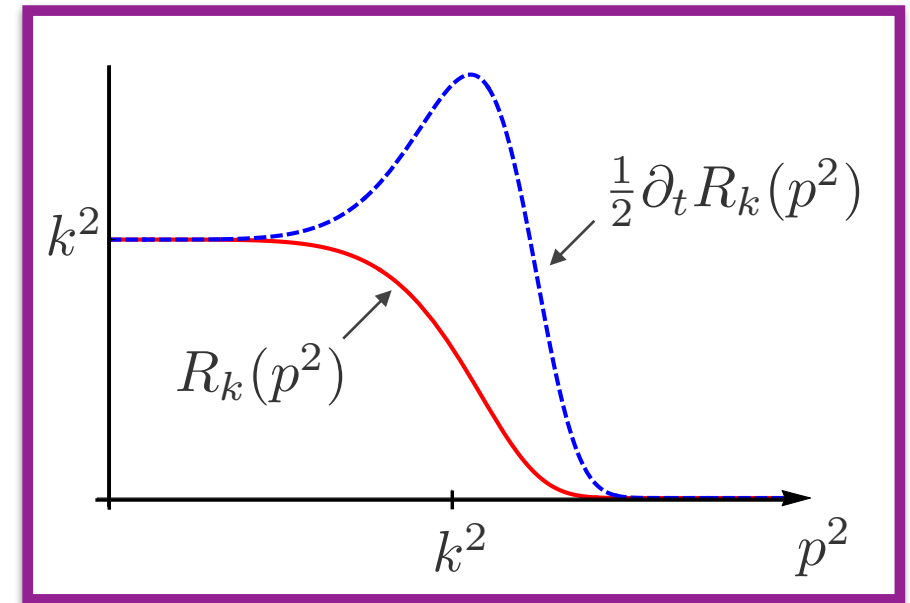
$$\Delta S_k[\varphi] = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \varphi(-q) \mathbf{R}_k(q) \varphi(q)$$

Scale dependent effective action:

$$\Gamma_k[\phi] = -W_k[J] + J\phi - \Delta S_k[\phi]$$

Evolution of the action: C. Wetterich, *PLB*, 301, 90 (1993)

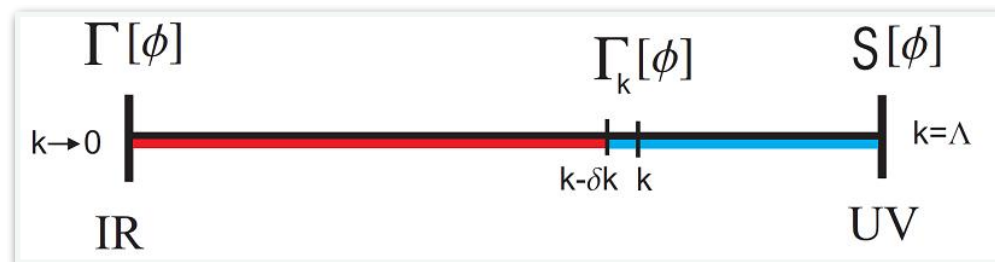
$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\Phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{STr} \left[\partial_t R_k \cdot (\Gamma_k^{(2)}[\phi] + R_k)^{-1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (loop diagram) }$$



- Evolution in different hierarchies of scales: connecting QCD with LEFTs.
- No sign problem: accessible to finite density and real time.
- Infinite tower of coupled functional ODEs: truncation necessary.

QCD within the fRG approach

FRG



Flow equation:

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\Phi] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\text{glue sector} - \text{matter sector} \right]$$

↑
↑

glue sector
matter sector

Rebosonized QCD Effective action:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_k = \int_x \bigg\{ & \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + Z_c (\partial_\mu \bar{c}^a) D_\mu^{ab} c^b + \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A_\mu^a)^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_p A_\mu^a(-p) \left(\Gamma_{AA\mu\nu}^{(2)ab}(p) - Z_A \Pi_{\mu\nu}^\perp \delta^{ab} p^2 \right) A_\nu^b(p) \\ & + \bar{q} \left[Z_q (\gamma_\mu D_\mu - \gamma_0 \hat{\mu}) + m_s(\sigma_s) \right] q \\ & - \lambda_q \left[(\bar{q} \tau^0 q)^2 + (\bar{q} \vec{\tau} q)^2 \right] + h \bar{q} (\tau^0 \sigma + \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi}) q \\ & + \frac{1}{2} Z_\phi (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V_k(\rho, A_0) - c_\sigma \sigma - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_{\sigma_s} \sigma_s \bigg\}, \end{aligned}$$

Propagators and anomalous dimensions

Flow equation:

$$\partial_t \longrightarrow^{-1} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(\text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} \right)$$

$$\partial_t \text{gluon}^{-1} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(\text{diagram 3} - \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram 4} - \text{diagram 5} - \text{diagram 6} \right)$$

$$\partial_t \text{ghost}^{-1} = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(- \text{diagram 7} + \text{diagram 8} - \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram 9} \right)$$

Glue sector:

$$\eta_A = \eta_{A,\text{vac}}^{\text{QCD}} + \Delta\eta_A^{\text{glue}} + \Delta\eta_A^q$$

Quark anomalous dimension:

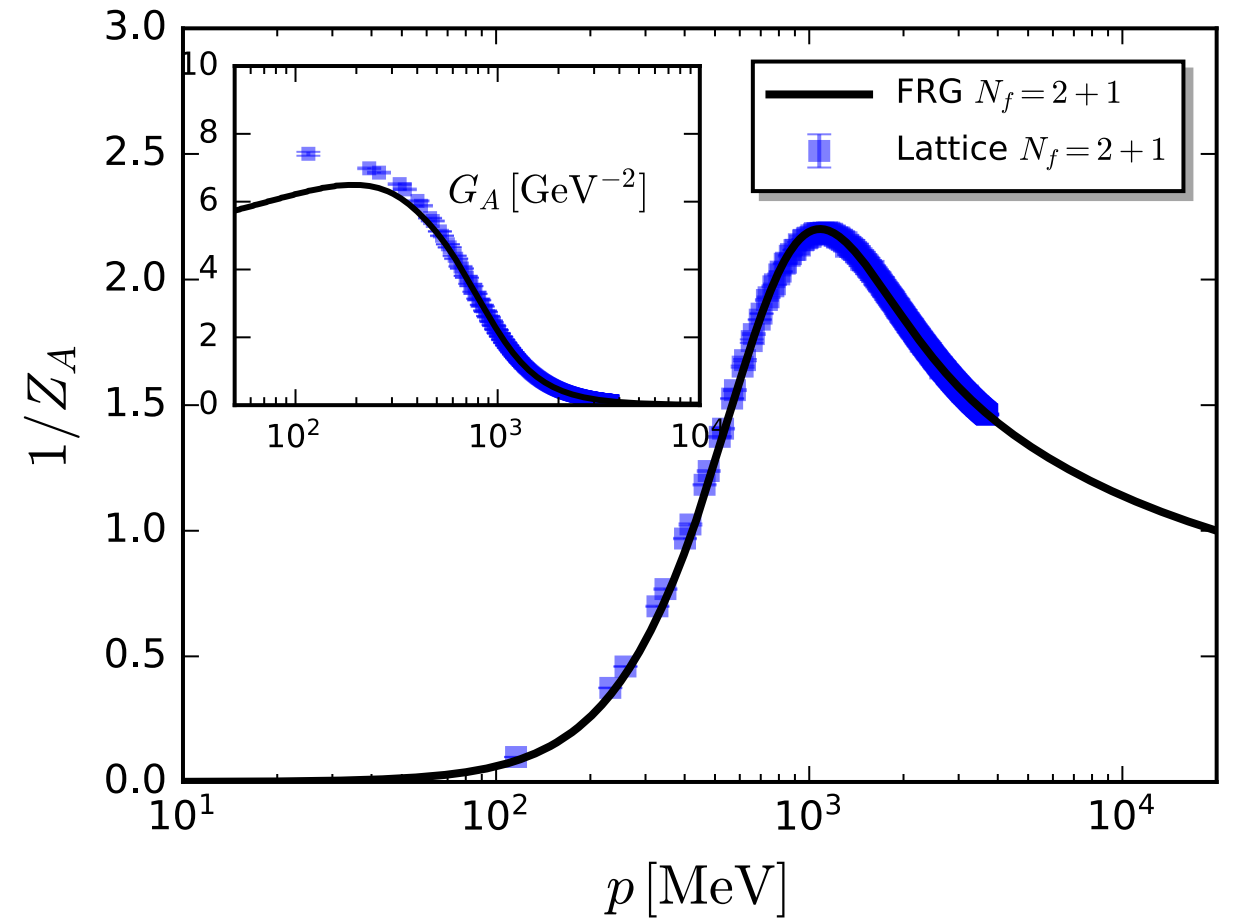
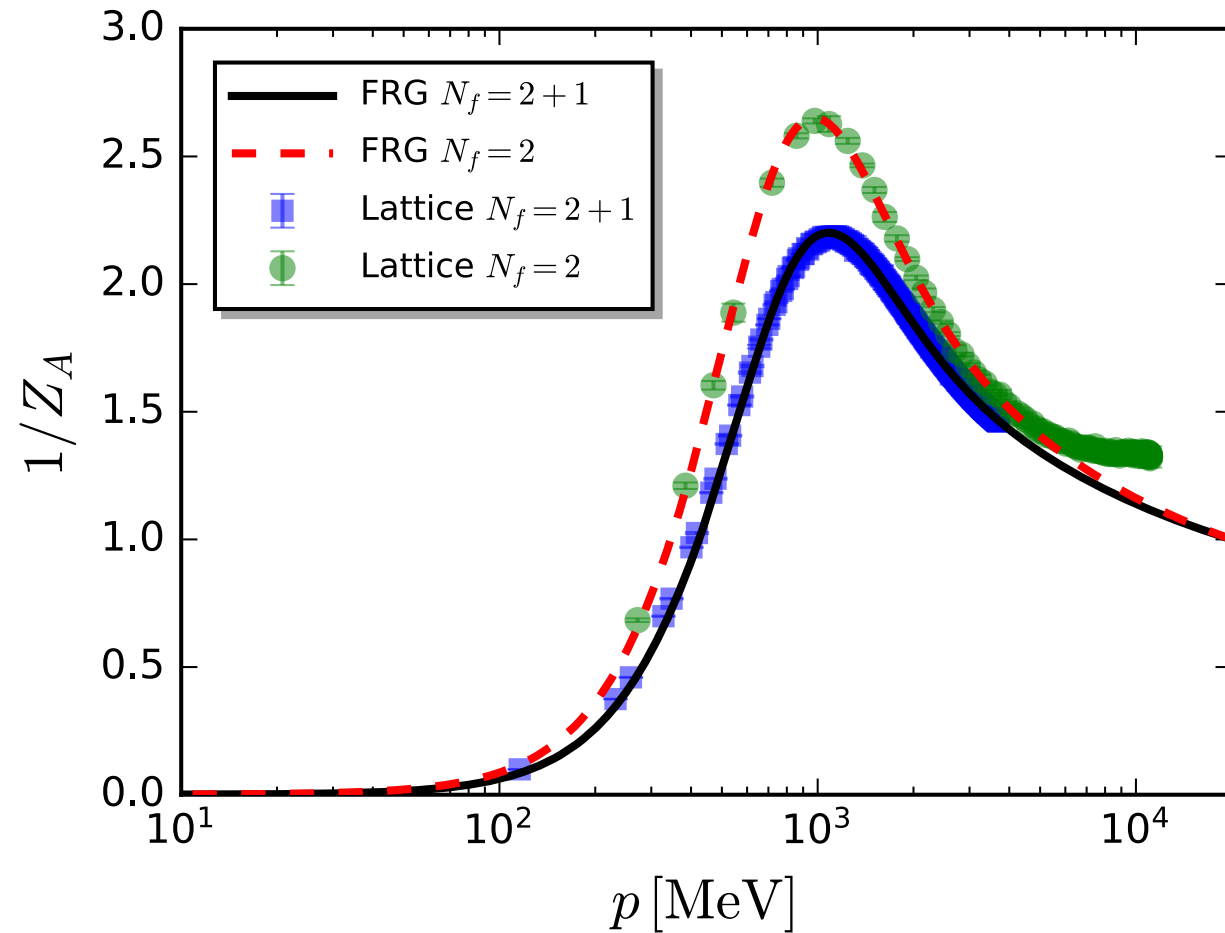
$$\eta_{q,k}(p_0, \vec{p}) = \frac{1}{4Z_{q,k}(p_0, \vec{p})} \times \text{Re} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial(|\vec{p}|^2)} \text{tr} \left(i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} \left(-\frac{\delta^2}{\delta\bar{q}(p)\delta q(p)} \partial_t \Gamma_k \right) \right) \right],$$

Meson anomalous dimension:

$$\eta_{\phi,k}(p_0, \vec{p}) = -\frac{1}{Z_{\phi,k}} \frac{1}{\delta_{ij}} \frac{\partial}{\partial(|\vec{p}|^2)} \frac{\delta^2 \partial_t \Gamma_k}{\delta\pi_i(-p)\delta\pi_j(p)},$$

Gluon dressing function

fRG: WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032



fRG $N_f = 2$: Cyrol, Mitter, Pawłowski, Strodthoff, *PRD* 97 (2018), 054006

Lattice $N_f = 2$: Sternbeck *et al.*, *PoS* (2012) LATTICE2012, 243

Lattice $N_f = 2 + 1$: Boucaud *et al.*, *PRD* 98 (2018), 114515

For the moment we adopt:

$$\eta_A = \eta_{A,\text{vac}}^{\text{QCD}} + \Delta\eta_A^{\text{glue}} + \Delta\eta_A^q$$

$$\eta_{A,\text{vac}}^{\text{QCD}} = \eta_{A,\text{vac}}^{\text{QCD}} \Big|_{N_f=2} + \eta_{A,\text{vac}}^s,$$

Thermal quark loop:

$$\Delta\eta_{A,T}^q = - \frac{1}{2(N_c^2 - 1)} \delta_{ab} \Pi_{\mu\nu}^M(p) \left(\left[\overline{\text{Flow}}_{AA\mu\nu}^{(2)ab}(p) \right]_T^{(q)} - \left[\overline{\text{Flow}}_{AA\mu\nu}^{(2)ab}(p) \right]_{T=0}^{(q)} \right) \Big|_{\substack{p_0=0 \\ |\vec{p}|=k}},$$

Vacuum QCD within fRG

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

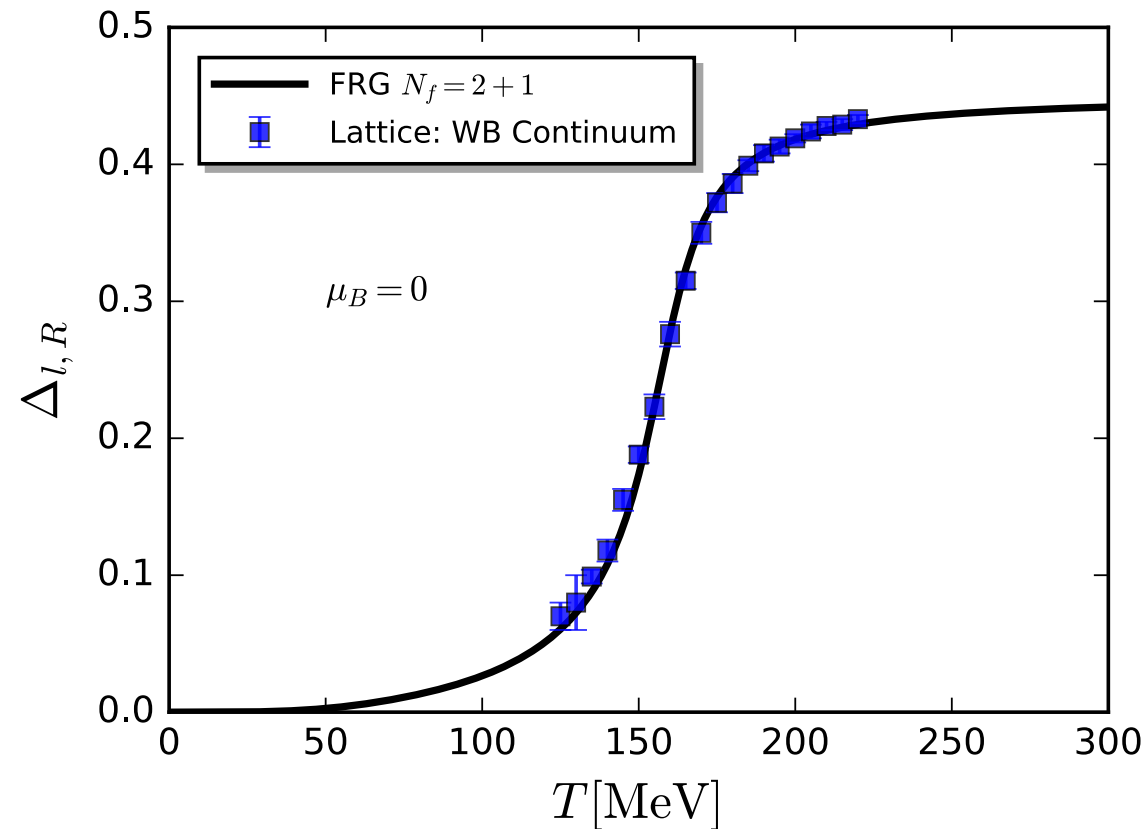
2-flavor QCD

- $\alpha_{s,k=\Lambda}$
- $m_{u,k=\Lambda} = m_{d,k=\Lambda} = m_{l,k=\Lambda}(m_\pi) \quad m_\pi = 138 \text{ MeV}$

2+1-flavor QCD

- $\alpha_{s,k=\Lambda}$
- $m_{u,k=\Lambda} = m_{d,k=\Lambda} = m_{l,k=\Lambda}(m_\pi) \quad m_\pi = 138 \text{ MeV}$
- $\frac{m_{s,k=\Lambda}}{m_{l,k=\Lambda}} = 27 \quad m_K = 498 \text{ MeV}$

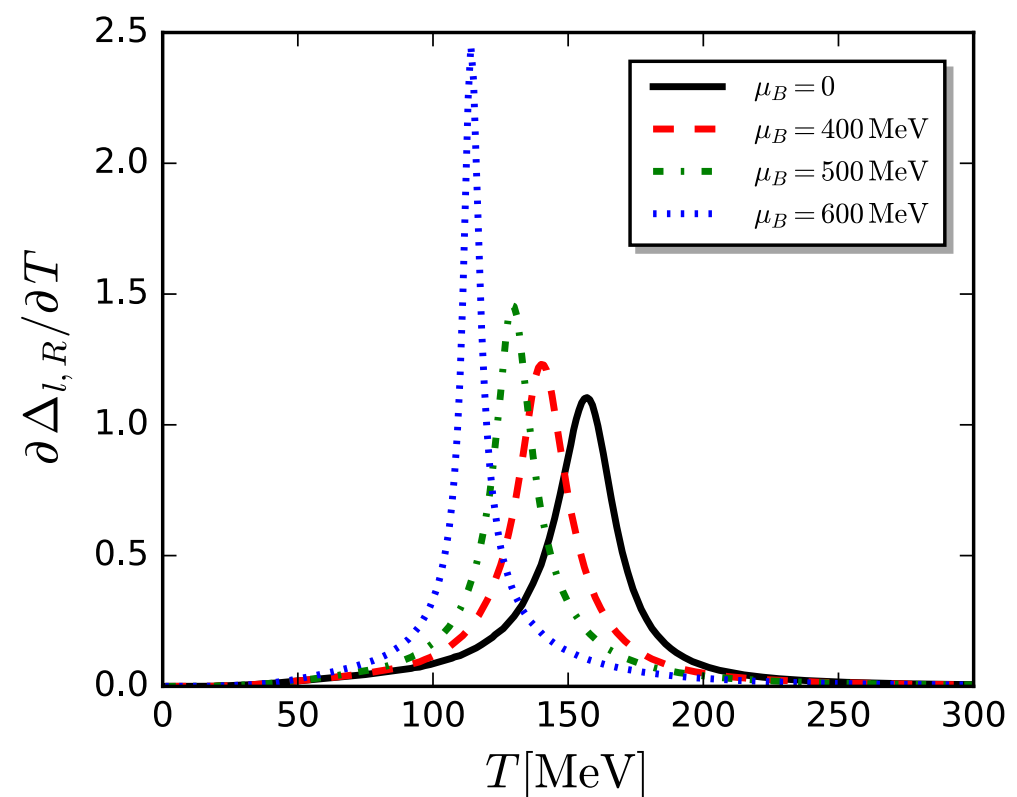
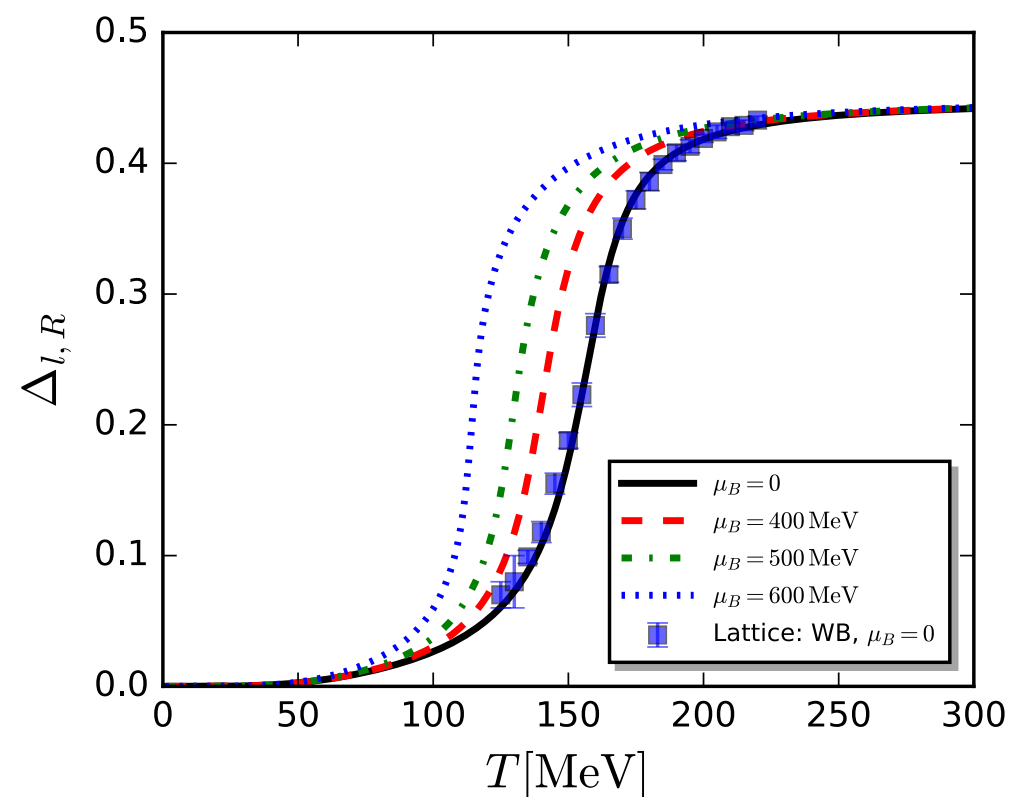
Renormalized light quark condensate



$$\Delta_{q_i} \simeq -m_{q_i}^0 T \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \text{tr} G_{q_i \bar{q}_i}(q) .$$

$$\Delta_{q_i,R} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_R} [\Delta_{q_i}(T, \mu_q) - \Delta_{q_i}(0, 0)] .$$

WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032



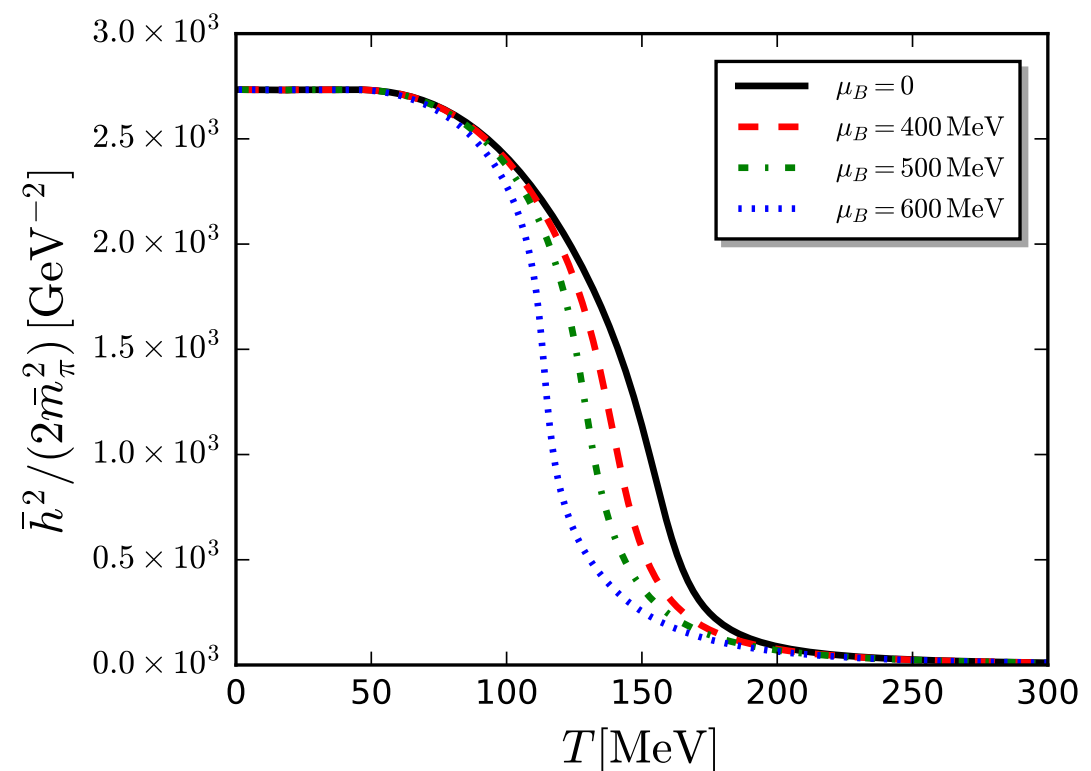
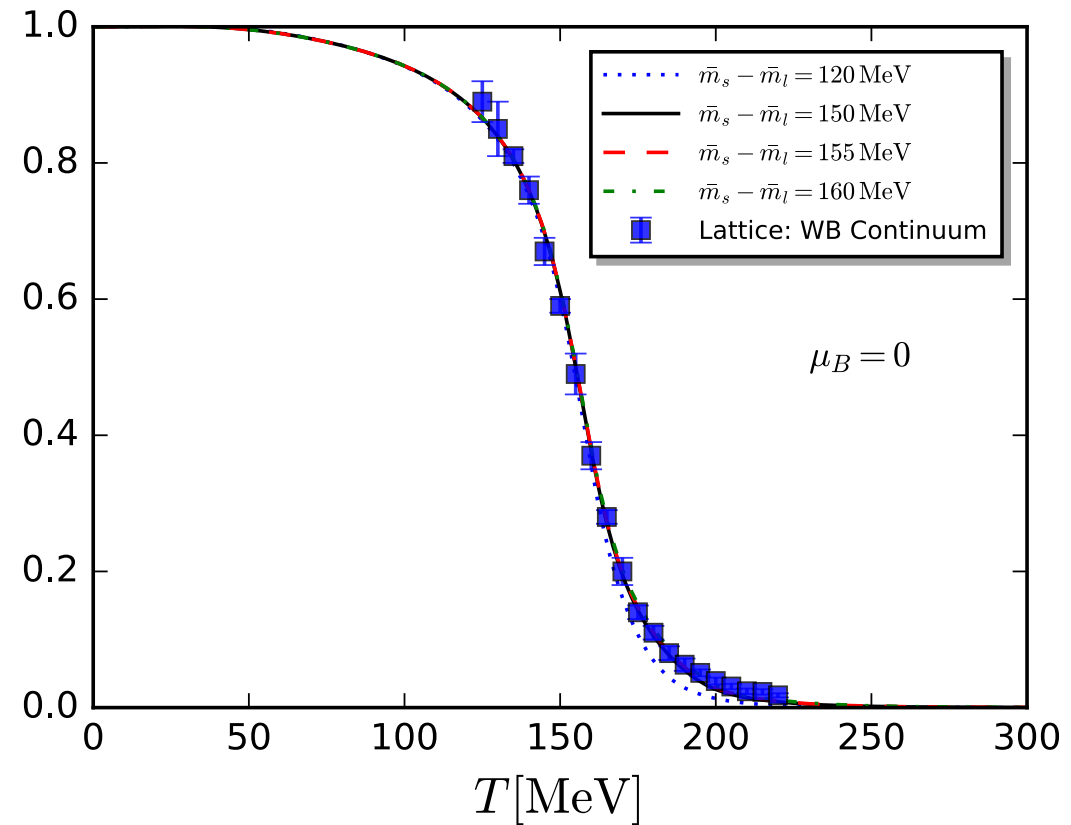
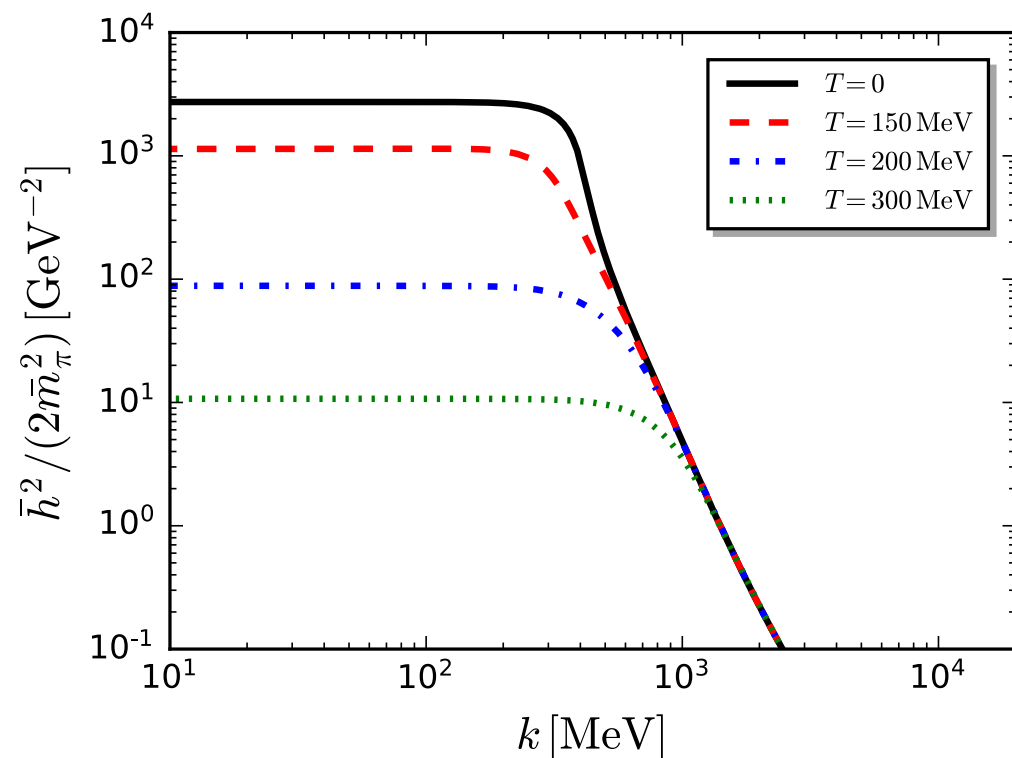
Other fermionic observables

Reduced condensate:

$$\Delta_{l,s} = \frac{\Delta_l(T, \mu_q) - \left(\frac{m_l^0}{m_s^0}\right)^2 \Delta_s(T, \mu_Q)}{\Delta_l(0, 0) - \left(\frac{m_l^0}{m_s^0}\right)^2 \Delta_s(0, 0)} \cdot \Delta_{l,s}$$

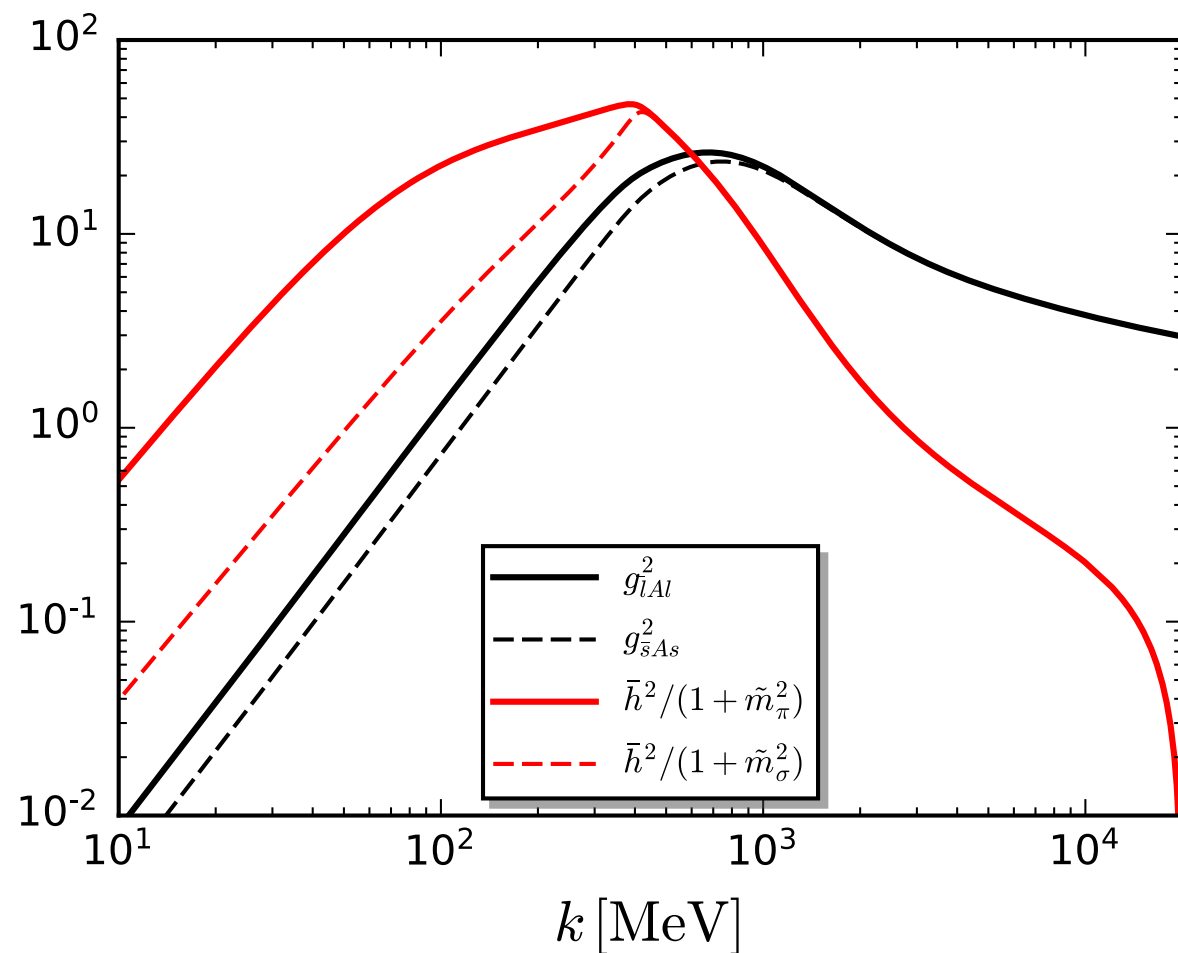
WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032

Effective four-quark coupling:

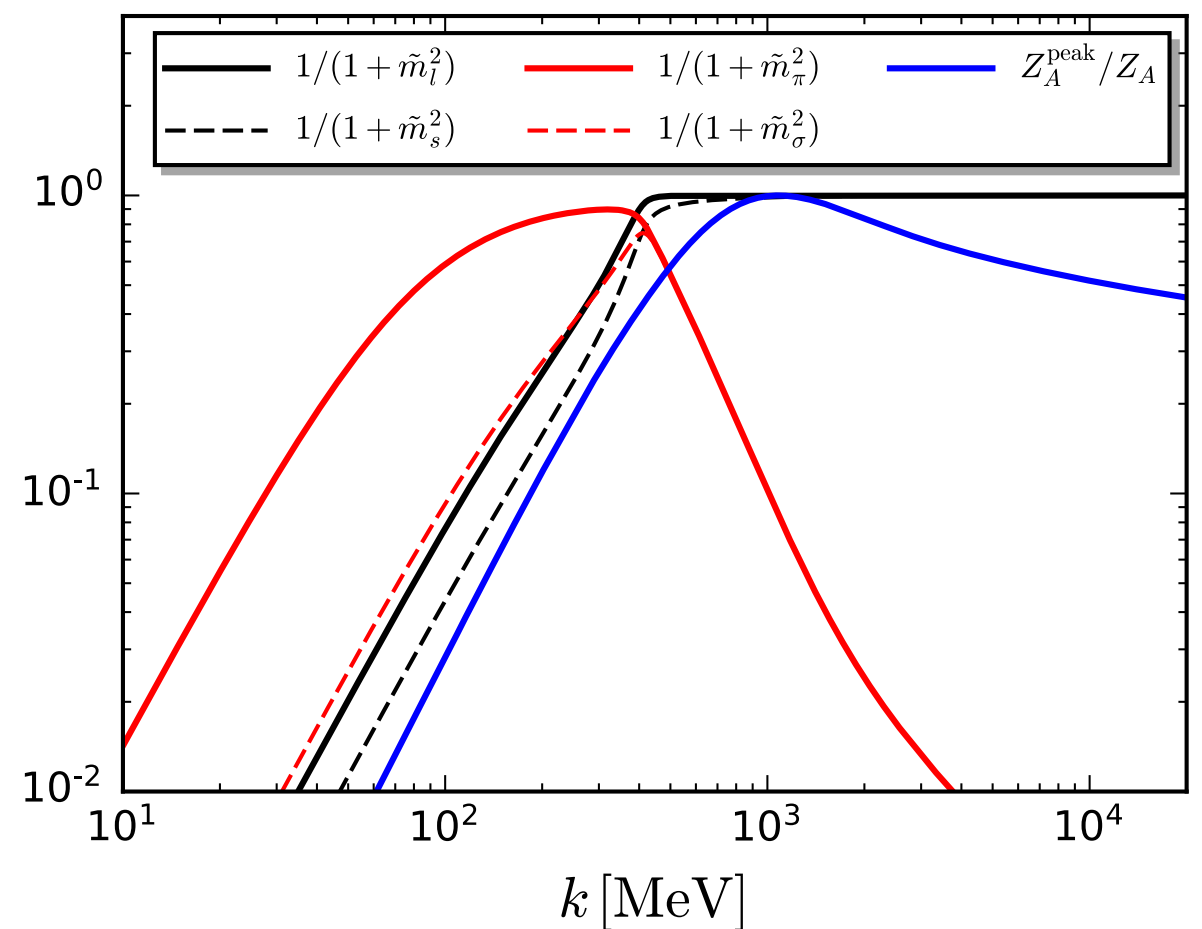


Sequential decoupling and natural emergence of low energy effective theories

Exchange couplings

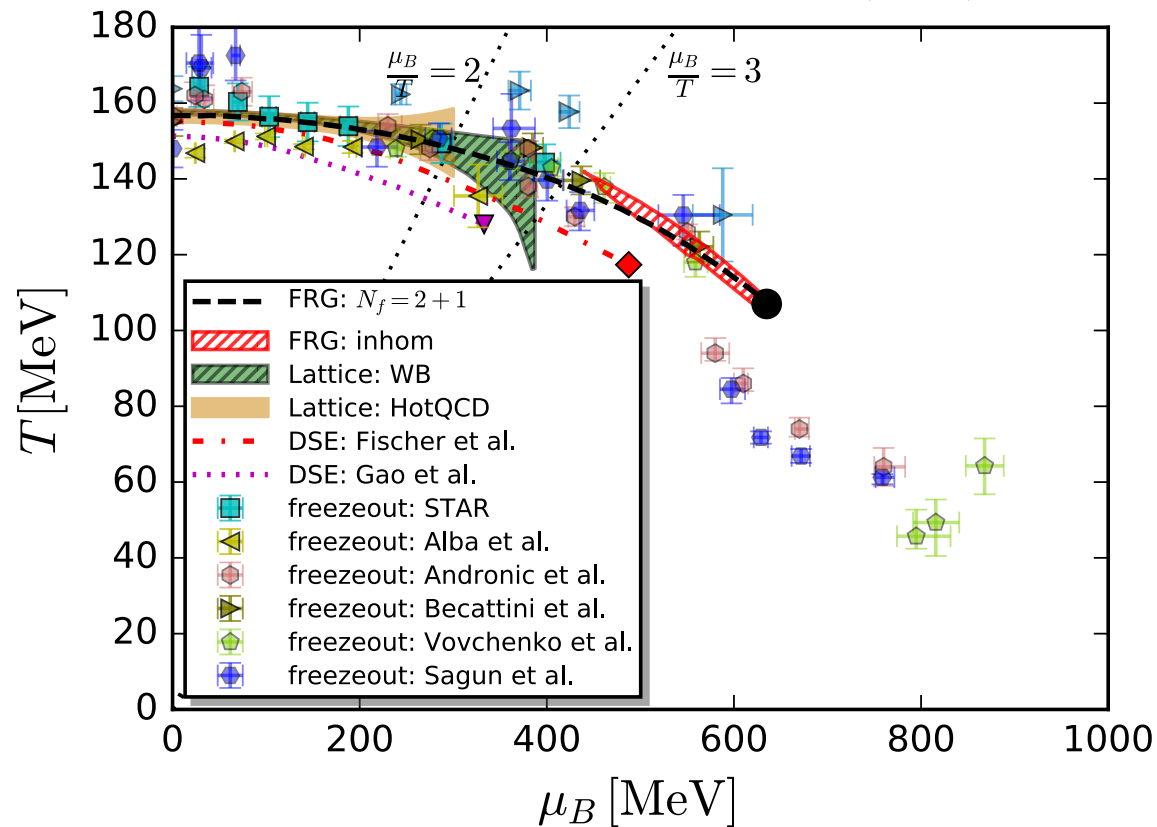


Propagator gapping



Phase diagram and curvature

WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032



CEP:

$$(T_{\text{CEP}}, \mu_{B,\text{CEP}})_{N_f=2+1} = (107 \text{ MeV}, 635 \text{ MeV}),$$

$$(T_{\text{CEP}}, \mu_{B,\text{CEP}})_{N_f=2} = (117 \text{ MeV}, 630 \text{ MeV}),$$

FRG curvature of the phase boundary:

$$\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c} = 1 - \kappa \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c} \right)^2 + \lambda \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c} \right)^4 + \dots,$$

$$\kappa_{N_f=2+1} = 0.0142(2)$$

$$\kappa_{N_f=2} = 0.0176(1)$$

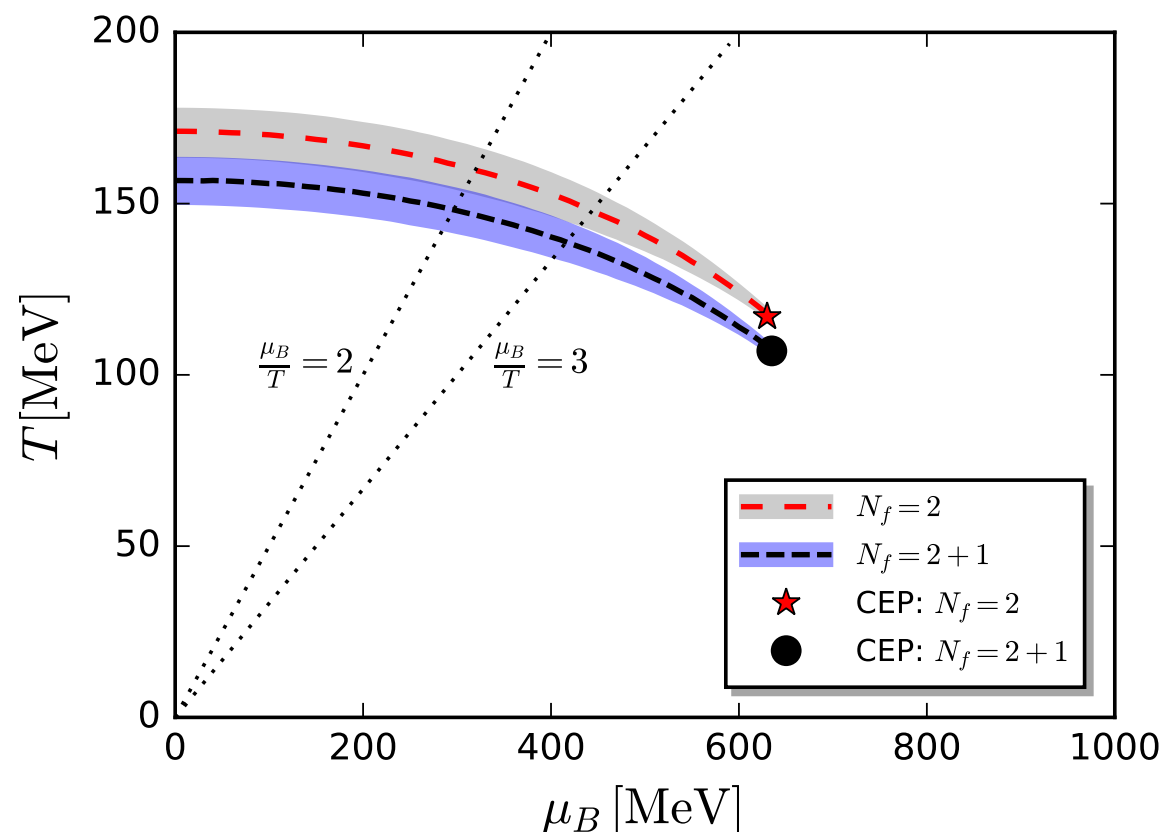
Lattice result:

$$\kappa = 0.0149 \pm 0.0021$$

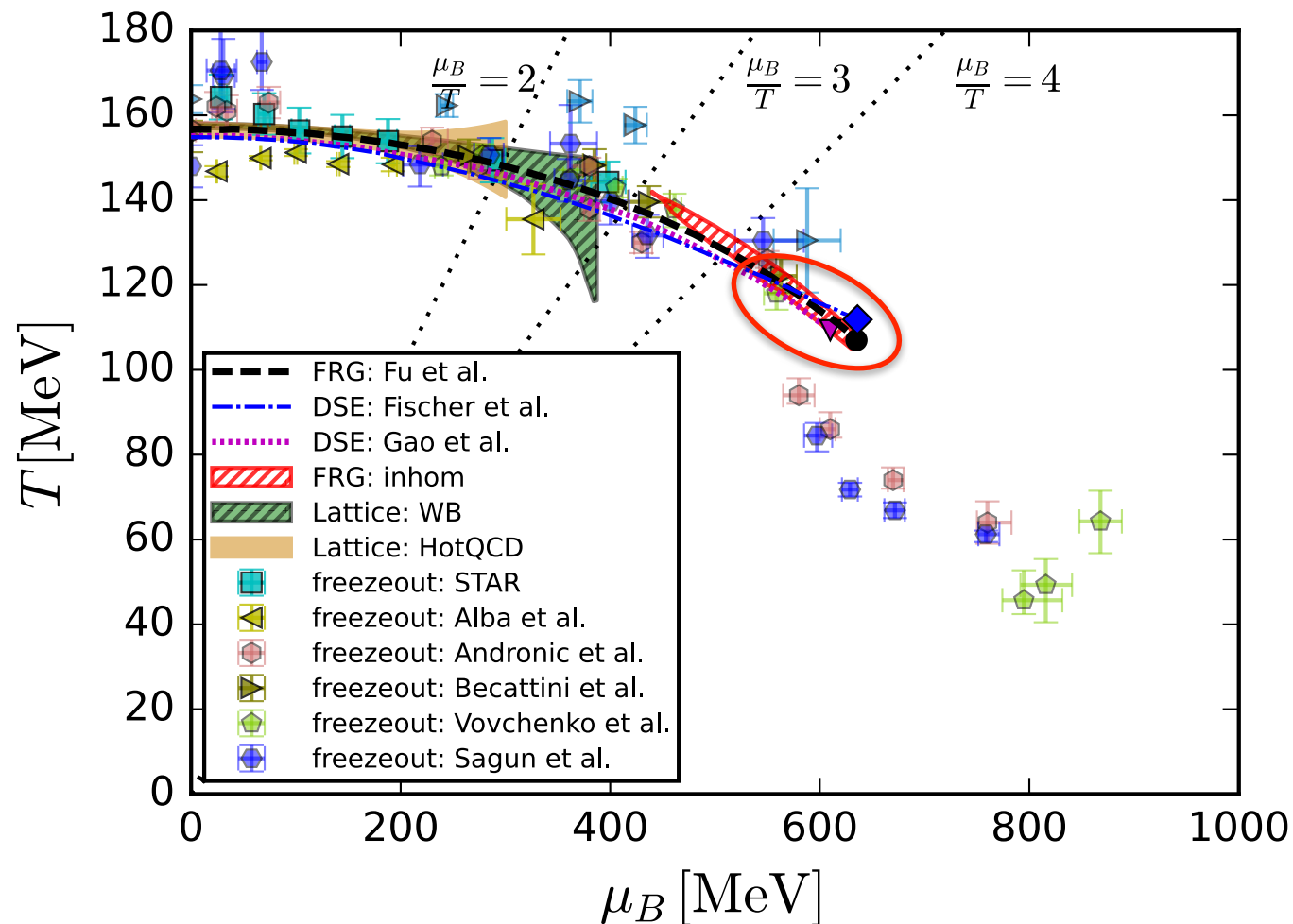
Bellwied *et al.* (WB), *PLB* 751 (2015) 559.

$$\kappa = 0.015 \pm 0.004$$

Bazavov *et al.* (HotQCD), *PLB* 795 (2019) 15.



QCD phase structure



Prediction of location of CEP from functional QCD

fRG:

$$(T, \mu_B)_{\text{CEP}} = (107, 635) \text{ MeV}$$

WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032

DSE:

$$(T, \mu_B)_{\text{CEP}} = (109, 610) \text{ MeV}$$

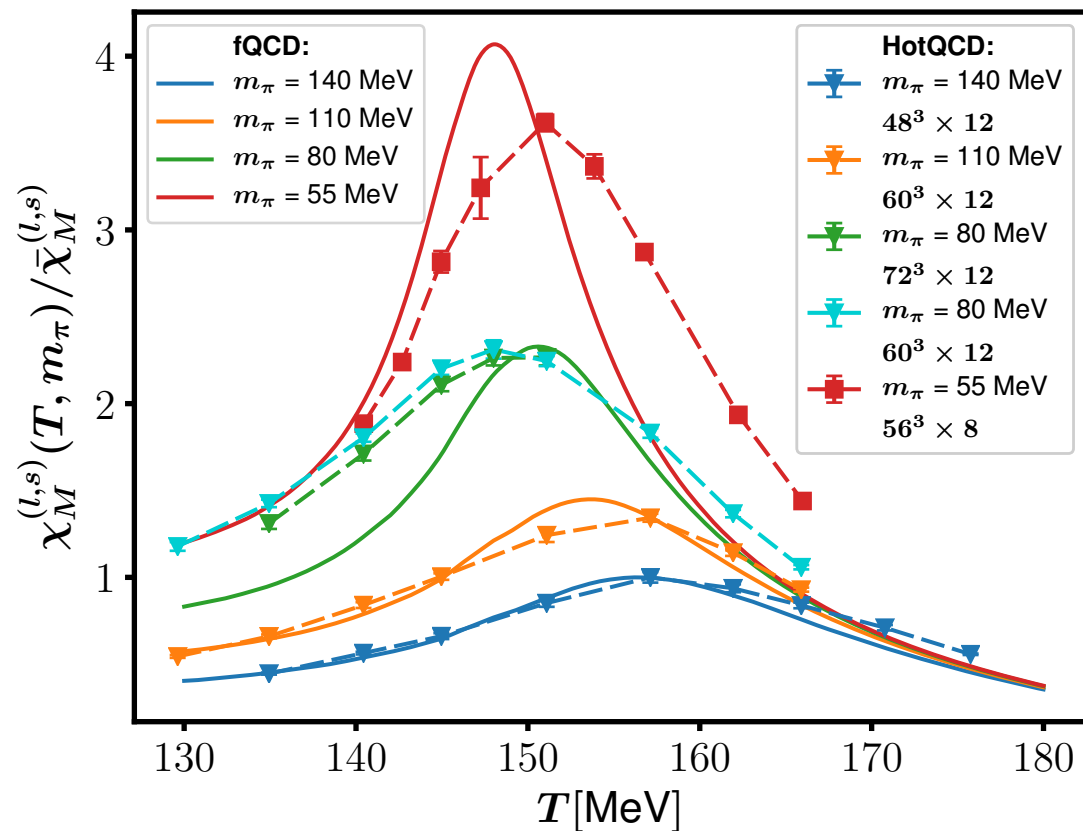
Gao, Pawłowski, *PLB* 820 (2021) 136584

$$(T, \mu_B)_{\text{CEP}} = (112, 636) \text{ MeV}$$

Gunkel, Fischer, *PRD* 104 (2021) 5, 054022

- Recent studies of QCD phase structure from both fRG and DSE have shown convergent prediction for the location of CEP.
- Considering relatively larger errors when $\mu_B/T \gtrsim 4$, one arrives at a reasonable estimation : $450 \text{ MeV} \lesssim \mu_{B\text{CEP}} \lesssim 650 \text{ MeV}$.

Critical temperature in the chiral limit



Braun, WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, Rosenblüh, Yin, *PRD* 102 (2020), 056010.

Lattice (HotQCD):

$$T_c^{\text{lattice}} = 132_{-6}^{+3} \text{ MeV},$$

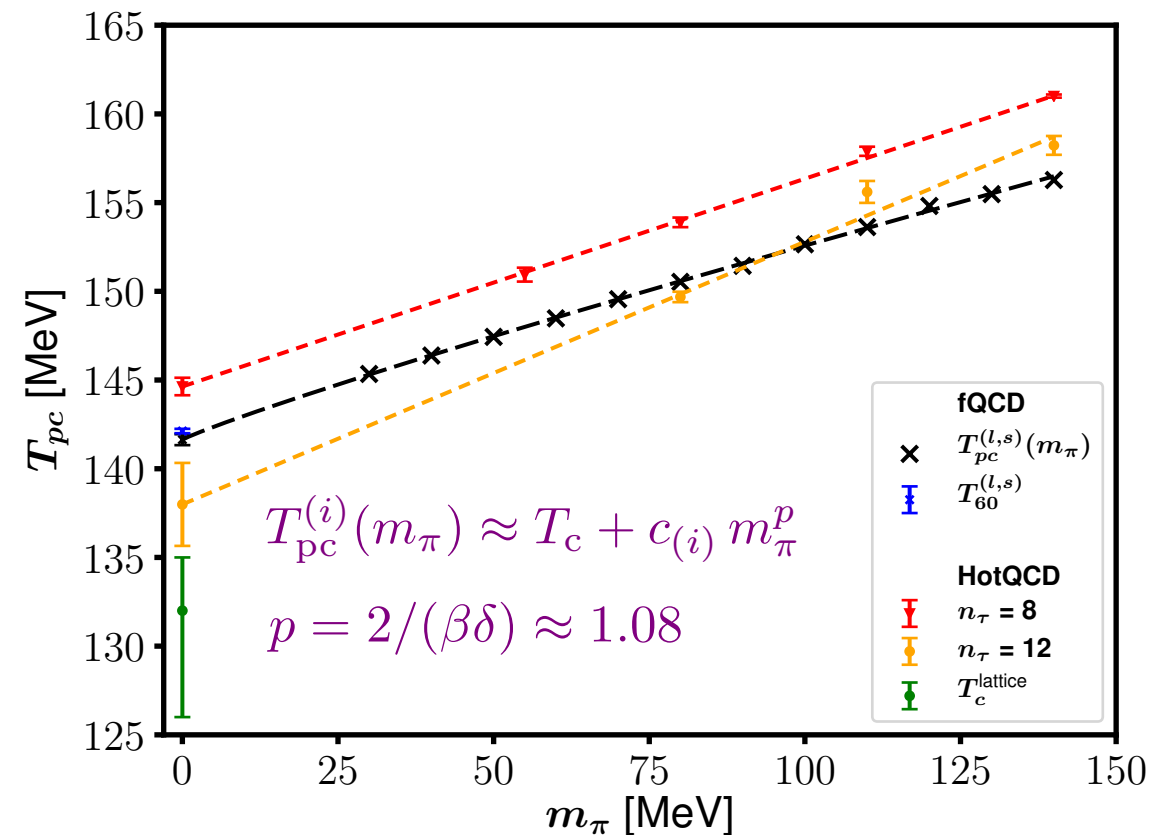
fRG:

$$T_c^{\text{fRG}} \approx 142 \text{ MeV},$$

DSE:

$$T_c^{\text{DSE}} = 142.8 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV},$$

$$T_c^{\text{DSE}} \approx 141 \text{ MeV},$$



Ding *et al.*, *PRL* 123 (2019), 062002.

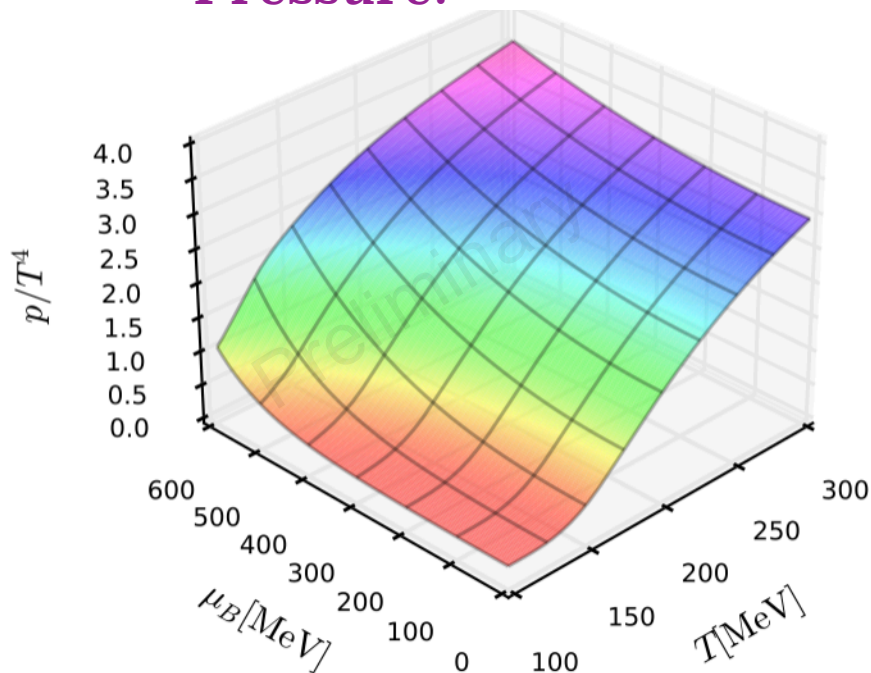
Braun, WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, Rosenblüh, Yin, *PRD* 102 (2020), 056010.

Bai, Chang, Chao, Gao, Liu, *PRD* 104 (2021), 014005.

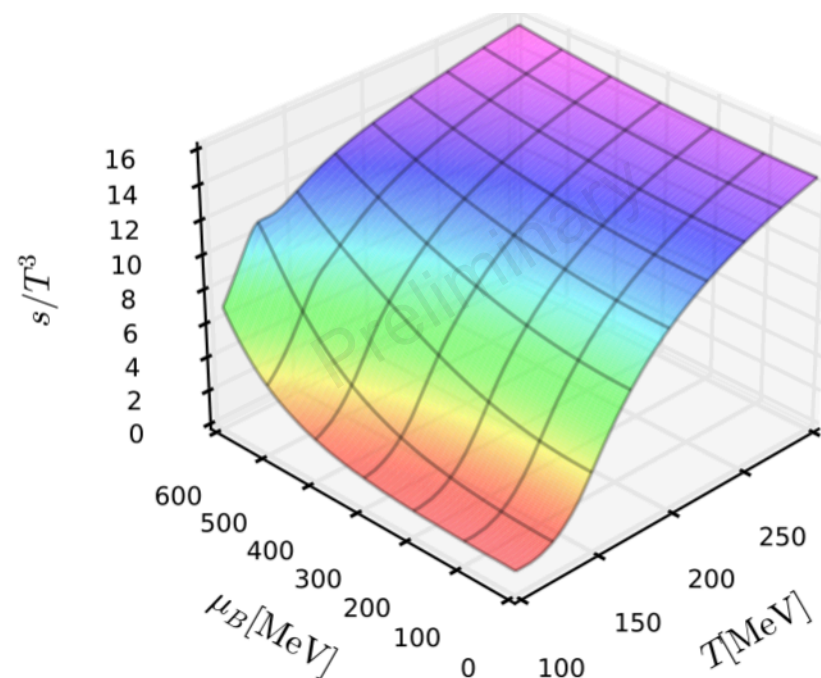
Gao, Pawłowski, in preparation.

Equation of state at $\mu_B \neq 0$

Pressure:



Entropy:



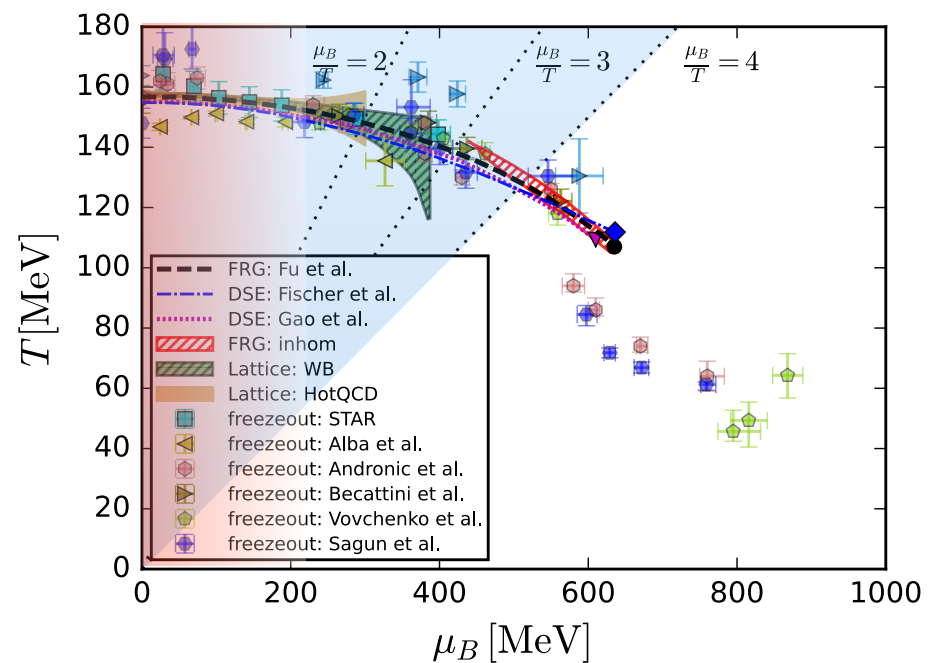
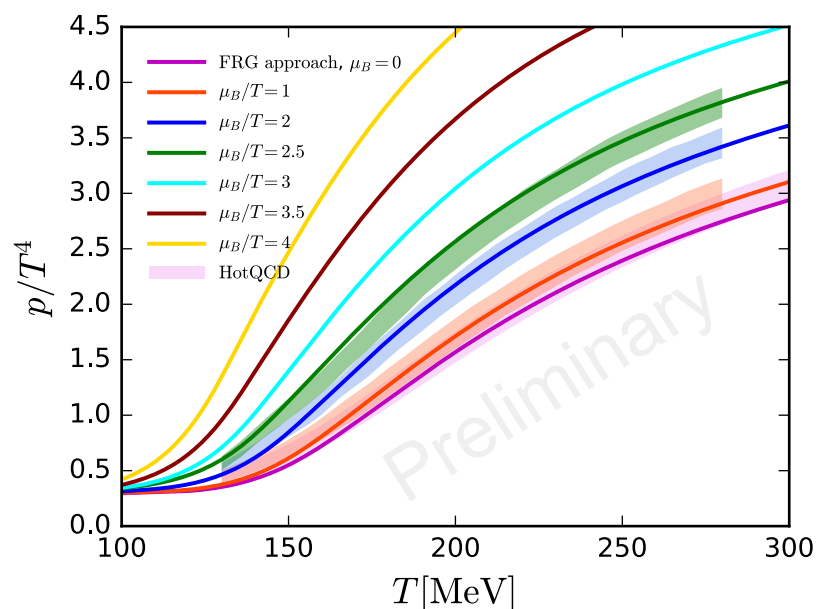
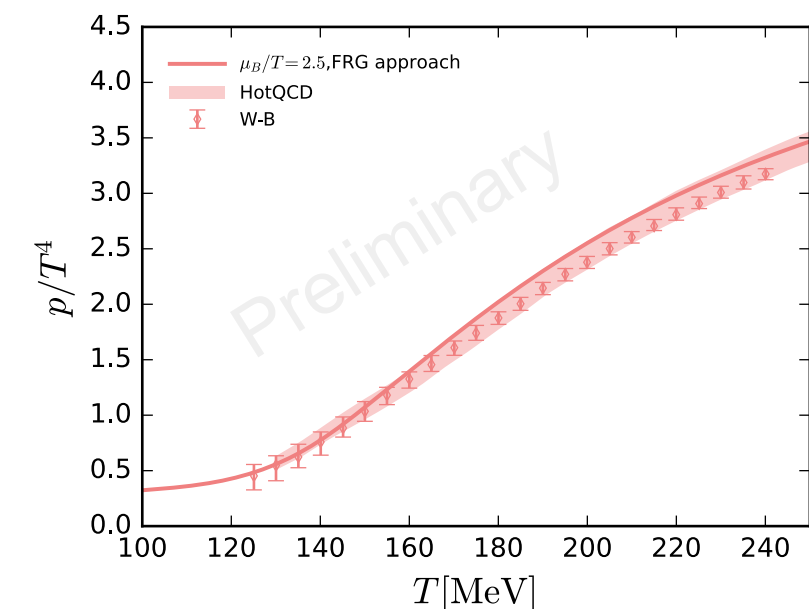
- Self-consistent truncations to functional relations define 'analytic' functions in μ_B :

$$\partial_t \langle q(x) \bar{q}(x) \rangle(\mu_B) = \text{Flow}[\langle q(x) \bar{q}(x) \rangle(\mu_B), \langle q(x) A_\mu \bar{q}(x) \rangle(\mu_B), \dots; \mu_B]$$

WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, Wen, Yin, in preparation

Comparison to lattice:

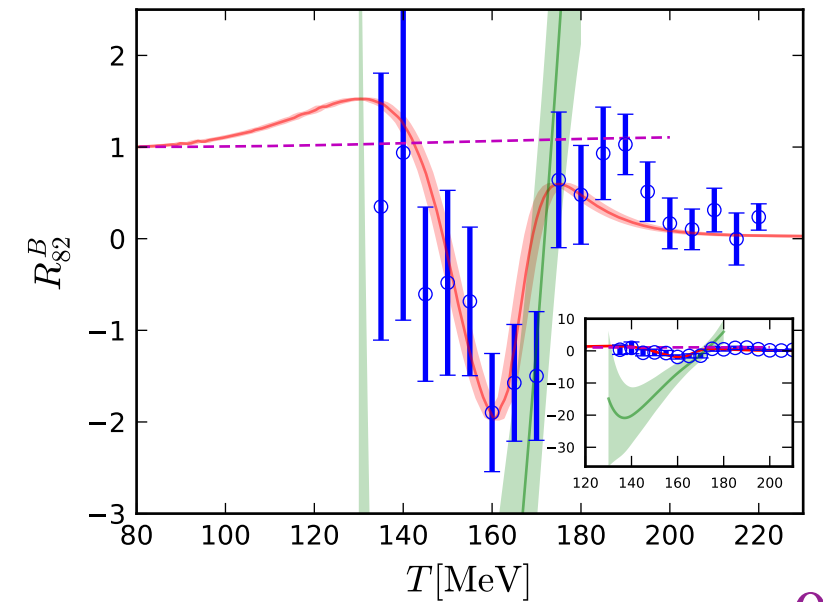
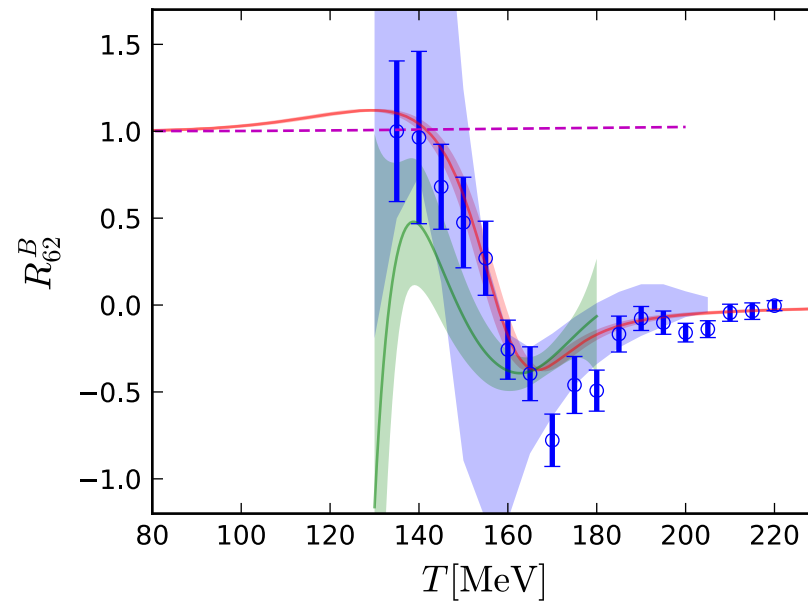
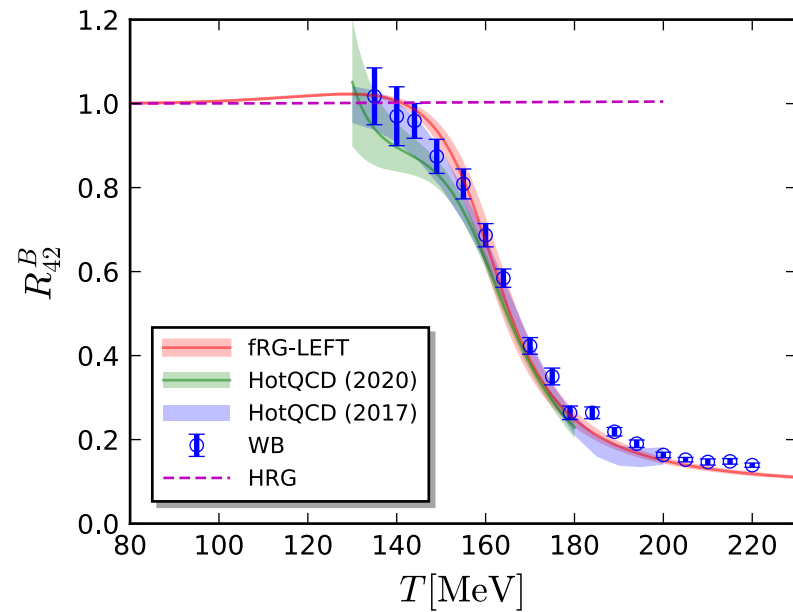
$\mu_B \neq 0$



Passing lattice benchmark tests at vanishing μ_B .

Regime of reliability of current best truncation.

Baryon number fluctuations



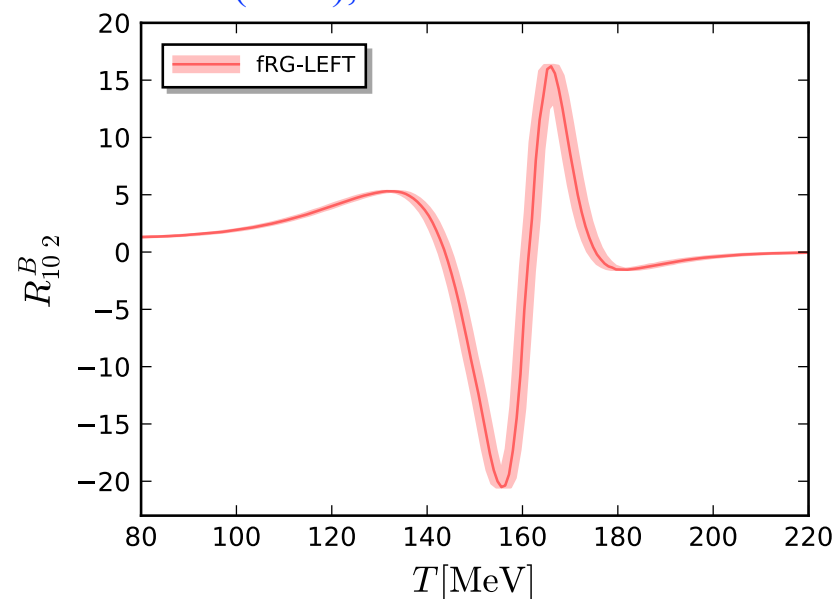
in comparison to lattice results and HRG

fRG: WF, Luo, Pawłowski, Rennecke, Wen, Yin, arXiv:2101.06035

HotQCD: A. Bazavov *et al.*, arXiv: PRD 95 (2017), 054504; PRD 101 (2020), 074502

WB: S. Borsanyi *et al.*, arXiv: JHEP 10 (2018) 205

$\mu_B = 0$



baryon number fluctuations

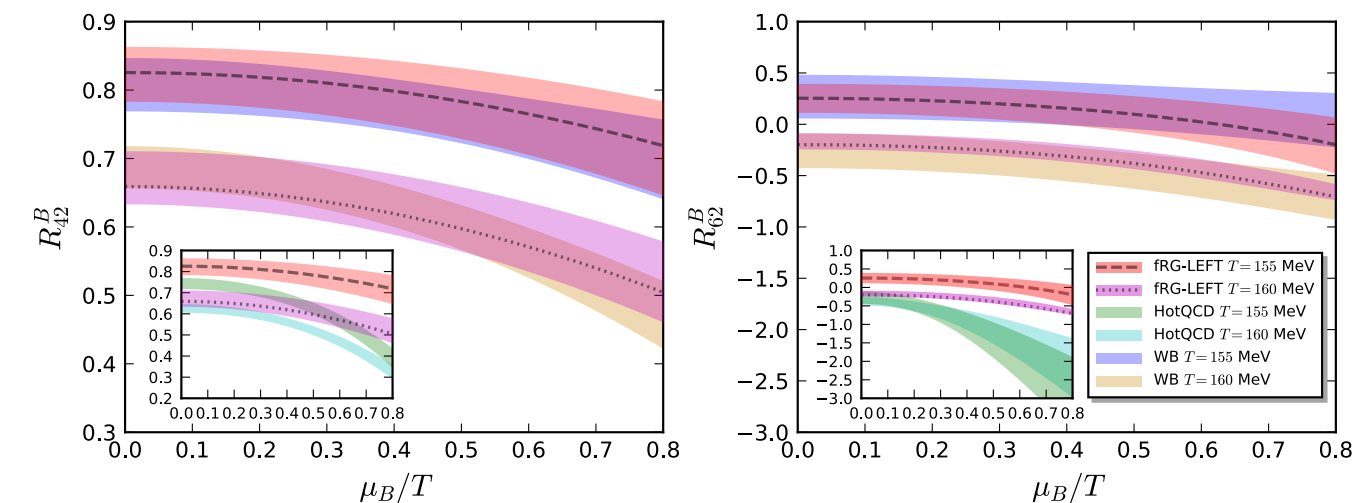
$$\chi_n^B = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial(\mu_B/T)^n} \frac{p}{T^4}, \quad R_{nm}^B = \frac{\chi_n^B}{\chi_m^B}$$

relation to the cumulants

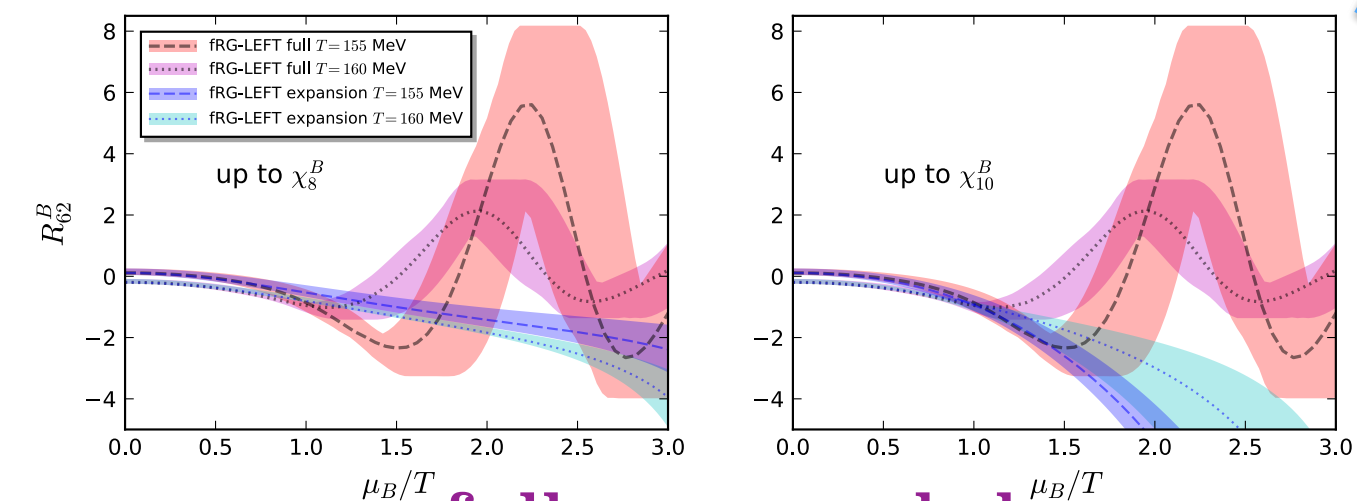
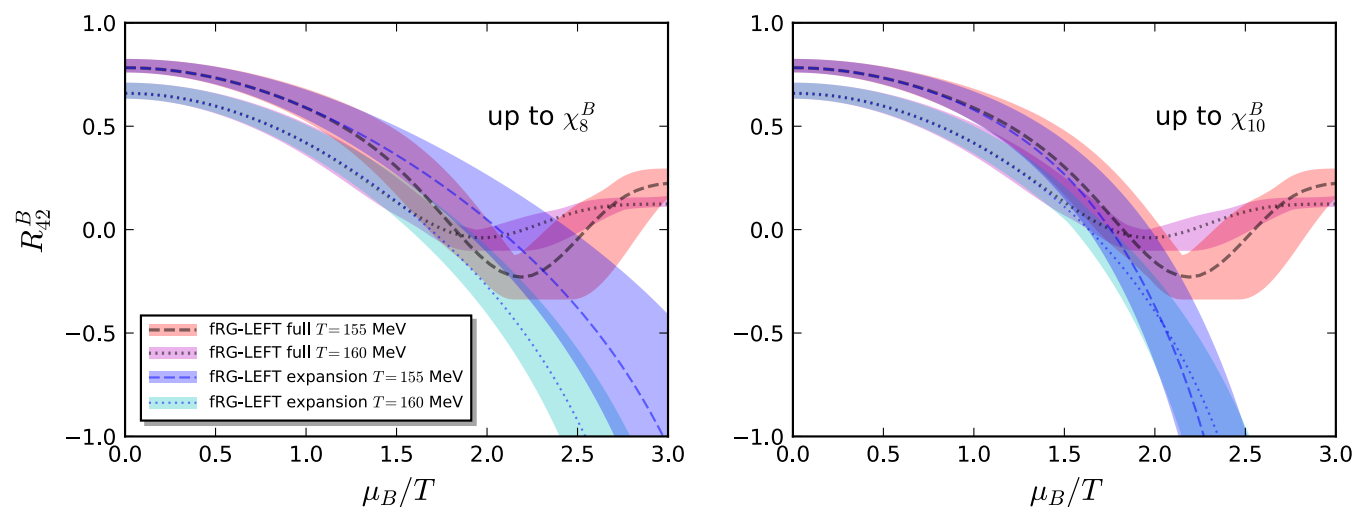
$$M = VT^3 \chi_1^B, \quad \sigma^2 = VT^3 \chi_2^B$$

$$S = \chi_3^B / (\chi_2^B \sigma), \quad \kappa = \chi_4^B / (\chi_2^B \sigma^2)$$

Convergence radius of Taylor expansion?



$\mu_B \neq 0$ LEFT vs Lattice



full vs expanded

expanding the pressure at $\mu_B = 0$

$$\frac{p(\mu_B)}{T^4} = \frac{p(0)}{T^4} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{2i}^B(0)}{(2i)!} \hat{\mu}_B^{2i}$$

expanded fluctuations

$$\chi_2^B(\mu_B) \simeq \chi_2^B(0) + \frac{\chi_4^B(0)}{2!} \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \frac{\chi_6^B(0)}{4!} \hat{\mu}_B^4 + \frac{\chi_8^B(0)}{6!} \hat{\mu}_B^6,$$

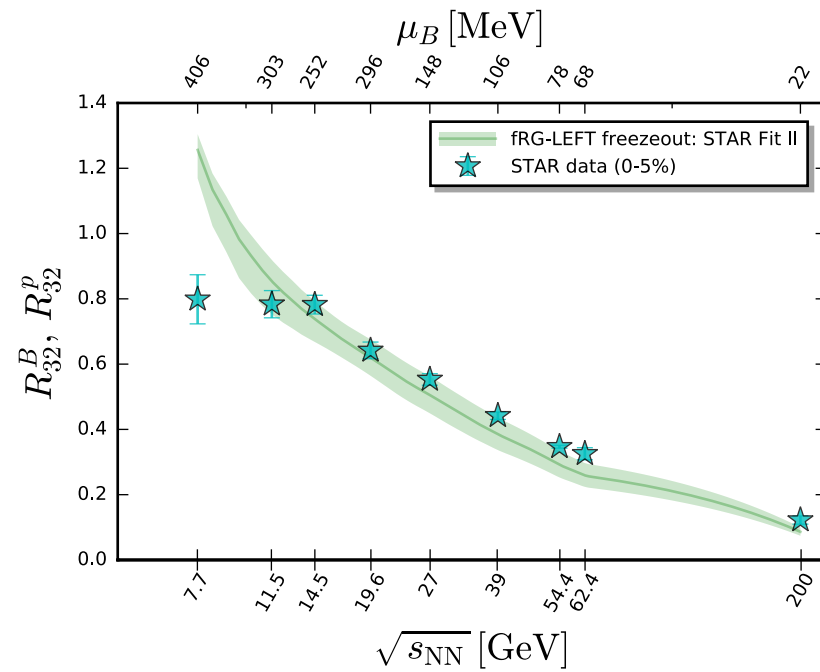
$$\chi_4^B(\mu_B) \simeq \chi_4^B(0) + \frac{\chi_6^B(0)}{2!} \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \frac{\chi_8^B(0)}{4!} \hat{\mu}_B^4,$$

$$\chi_6^B(\mu_B) \simeq \chi_6^B(0) + \frac{\chi_8^B(0)}{2!} \hat{\mu}_B^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} T = 155 \text{ MeV} : \quad [\mu_B/T]_{\text{Max}} &\approx 1.5, \\ T = 160 \text{ MeV} : \quad [\mu_B/T]_{\text{Max}} &\approx 1.2 \end{aligned}$$

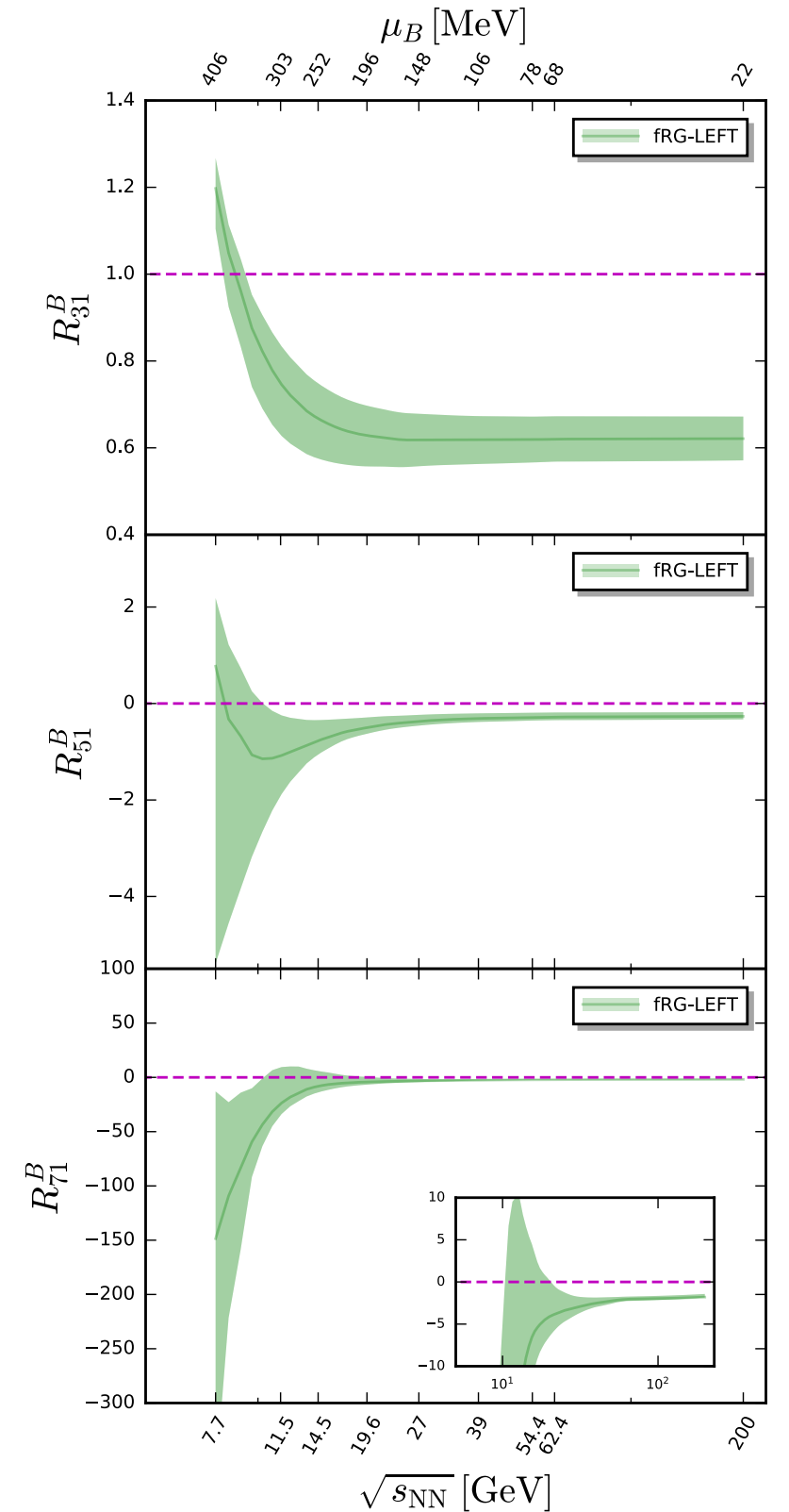
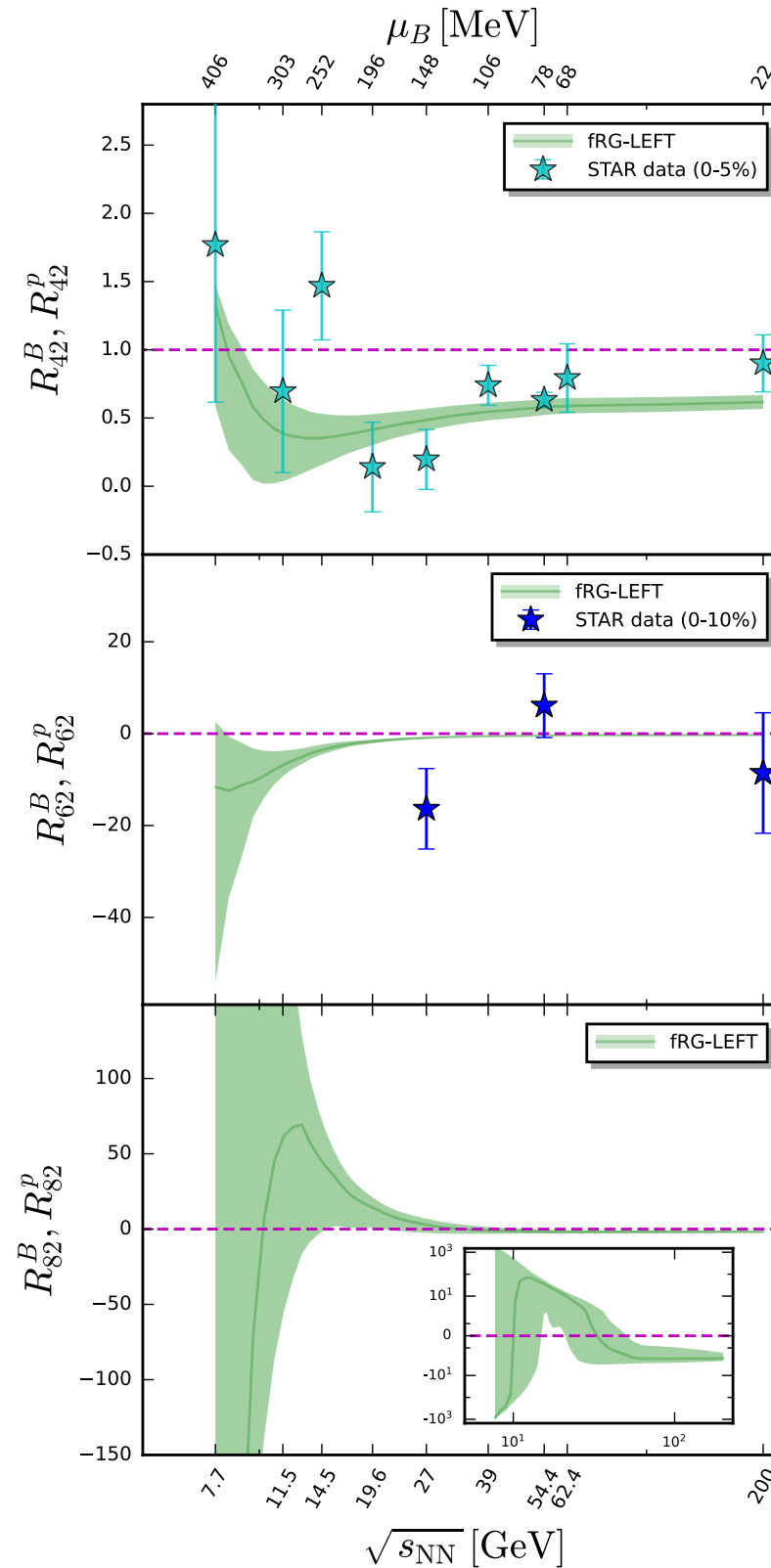
Yang-Lee edge singularity?

Fluctuations on the freeze-out curve



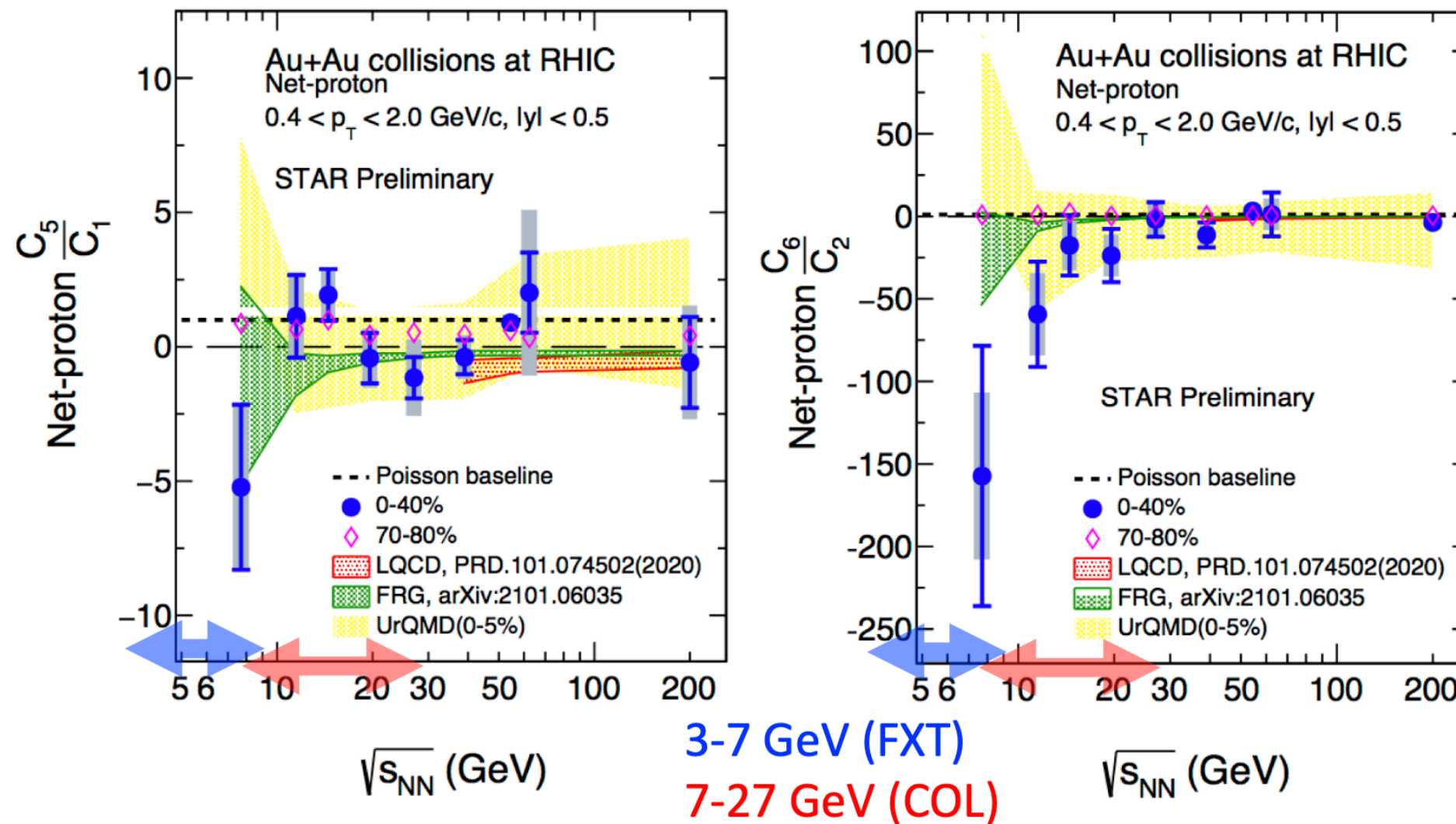
WF, Luo, Pawlowski, Rennecke, Wen, Yin,
arXiv:2101.06035.

J. Adam *et al.* (STAR), *PRL* 126 (2021), 092301
M. Abdallah *et al.* (STAR), arXiv:2105.14698.



New data of R_{51} and R_{62} from RHIC

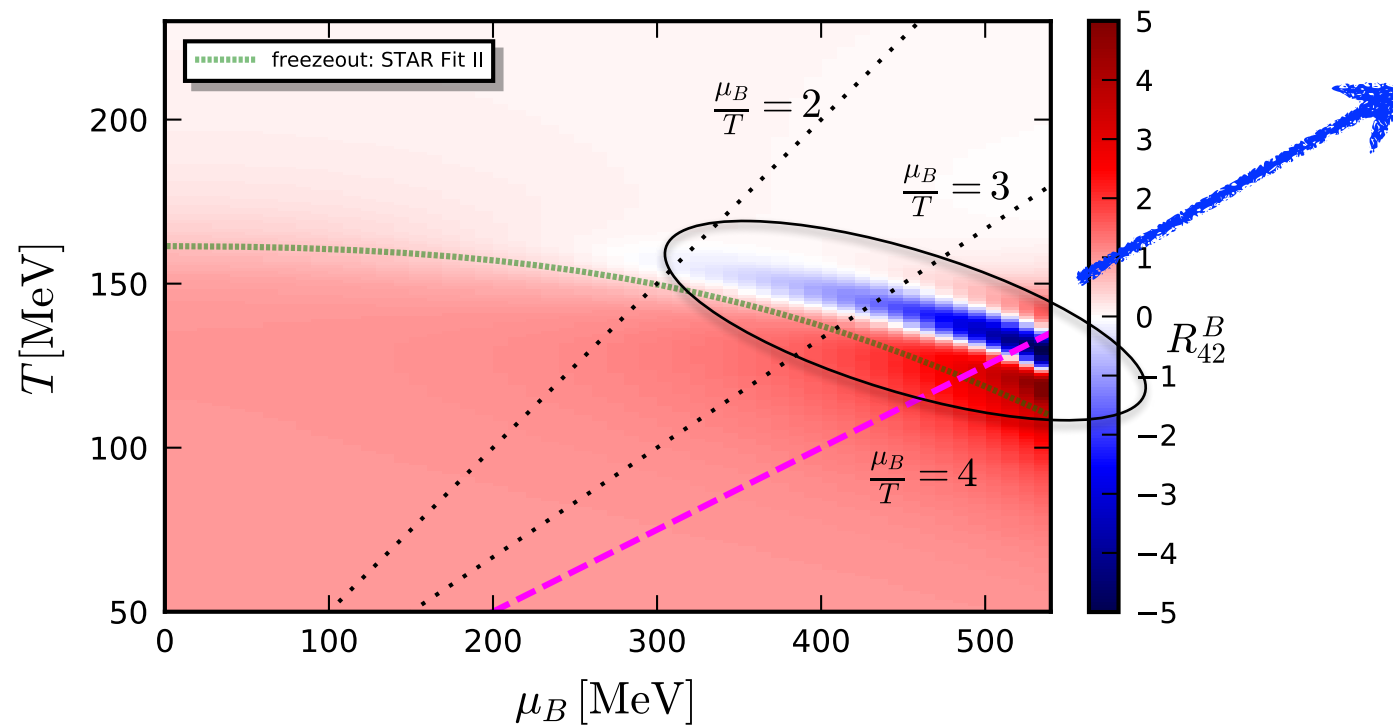
New data of net-proton C_5 , C_6 at BES-I
will be shown by Ashish P.



from ShinIchi Esumi's talk at CPOD2021 on behalf of the STAR
Collaboration

Crossover vs critical scaling

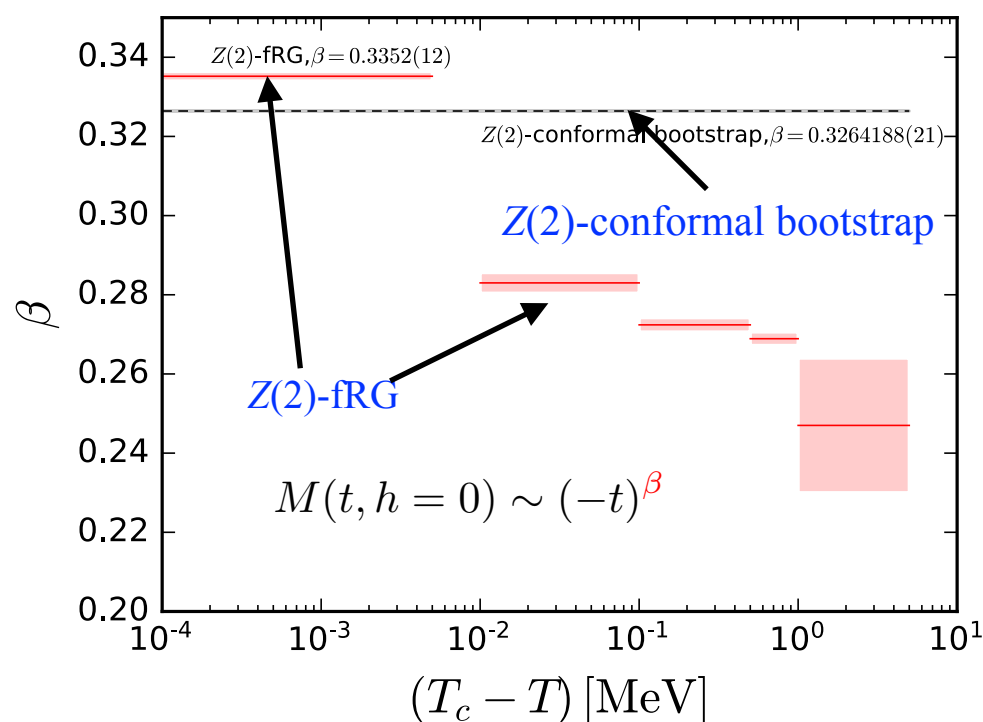
R_{42}^B on the phase diagram



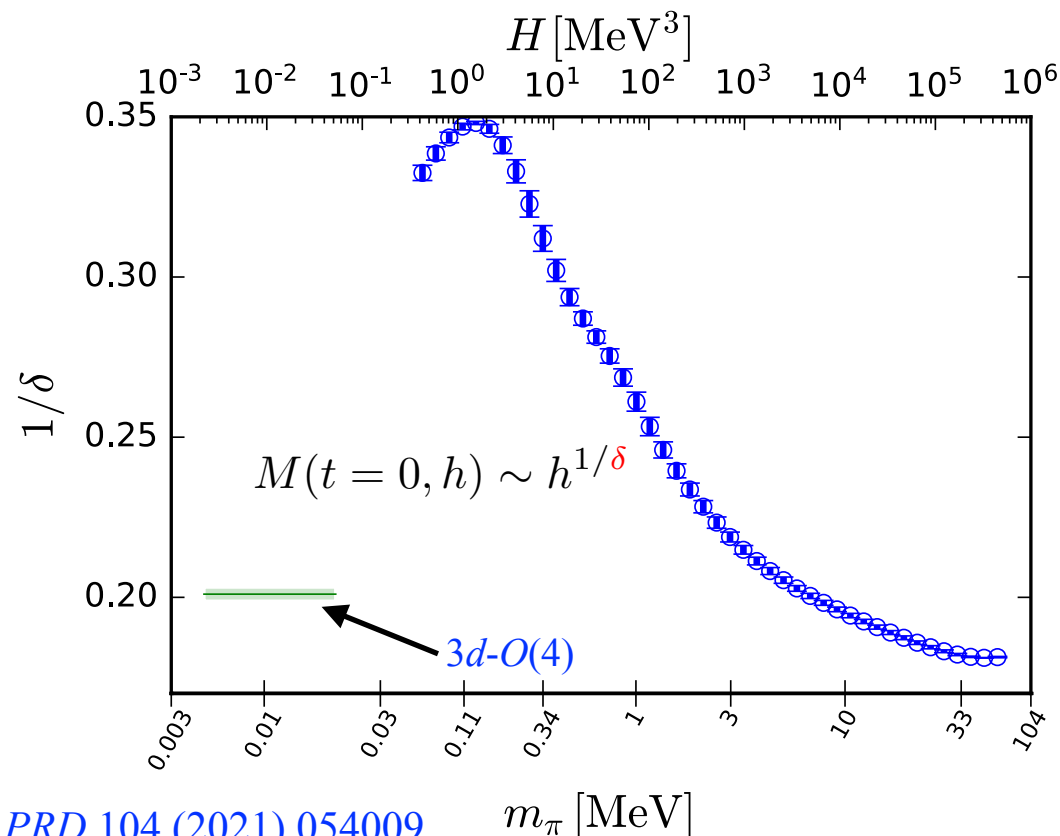
Note: this is a region of increasingly sharp crossover, not a critical scaling in this LEFT

For the moment, most of calculations in effective theories indicate that **the region of critical scaling is extremely small.**

Schaefer, Wambach, *PRD* 75 (2007) 085015;
 Braun, Klein, *PRD* 77 (2008) 096008;
 Braun, Klein, Piasecki, *EPJC* 71 (2011) 1576.

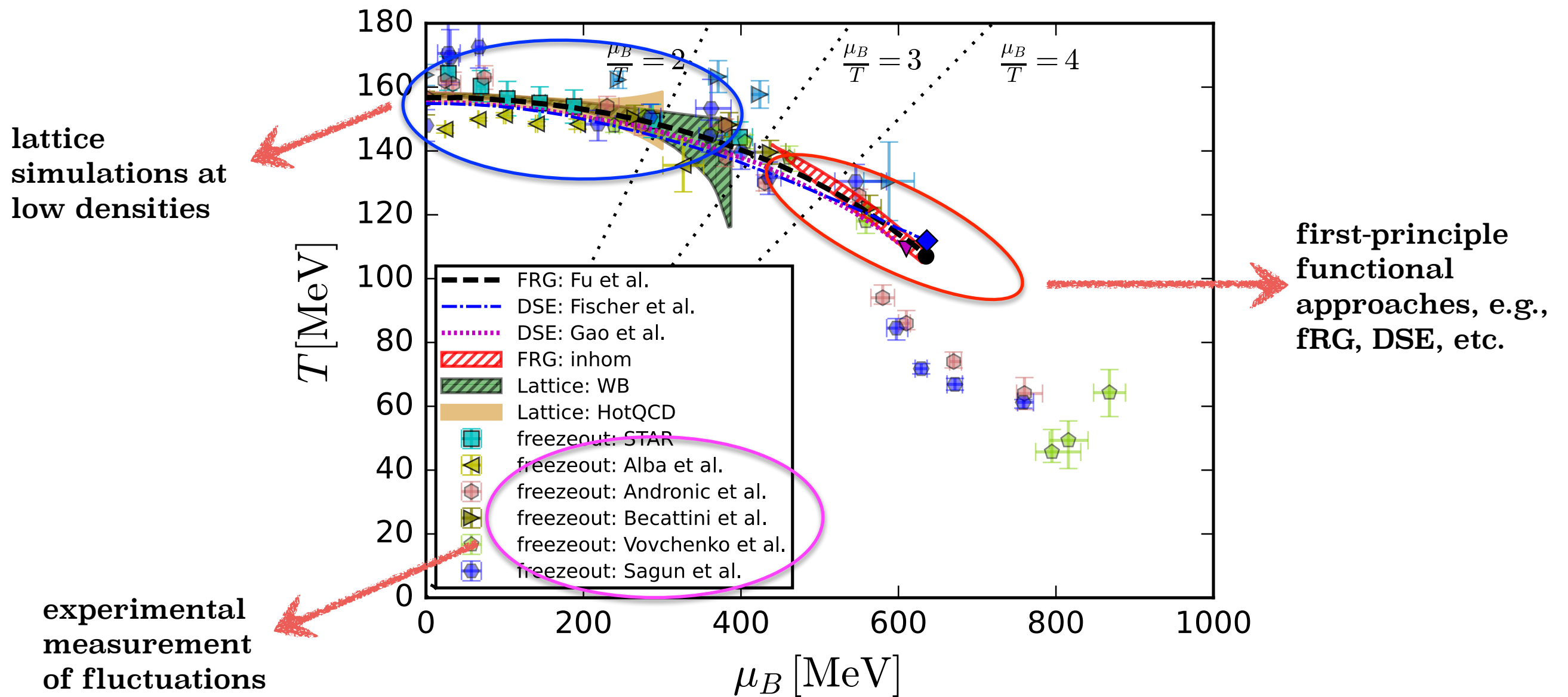


Chen, Wen, WF, *PRD* 104 (2021) 054009.



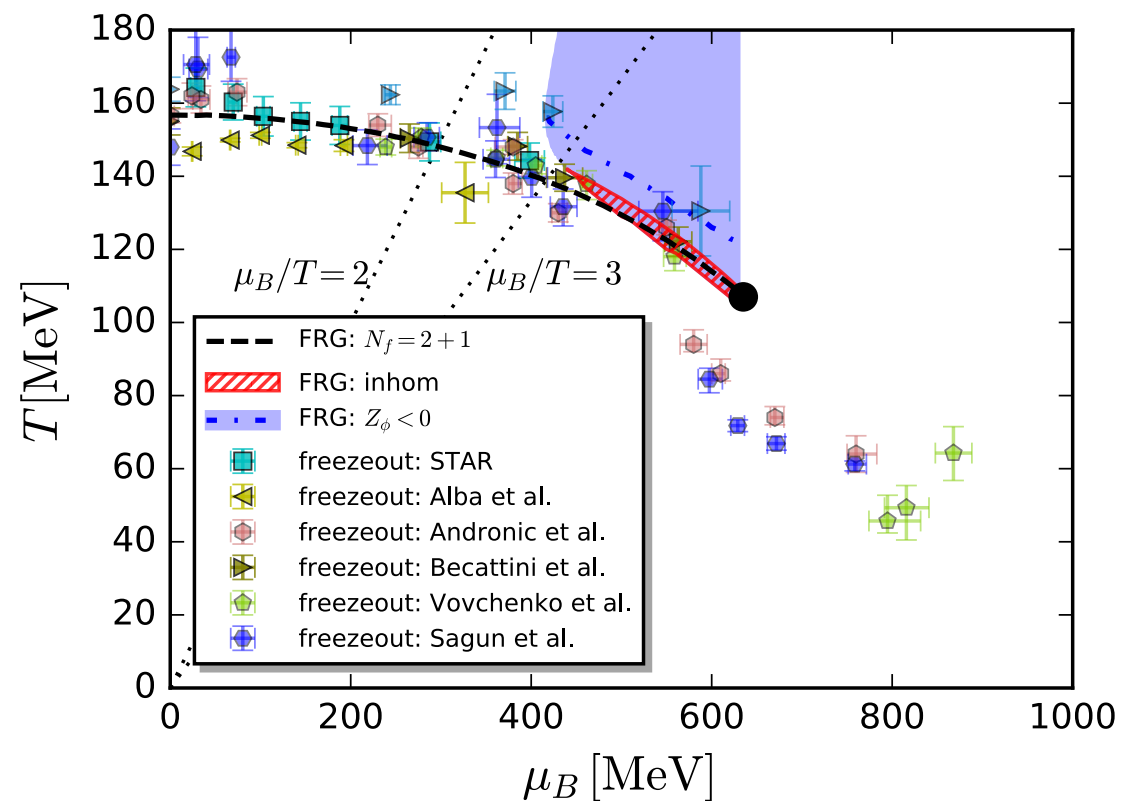
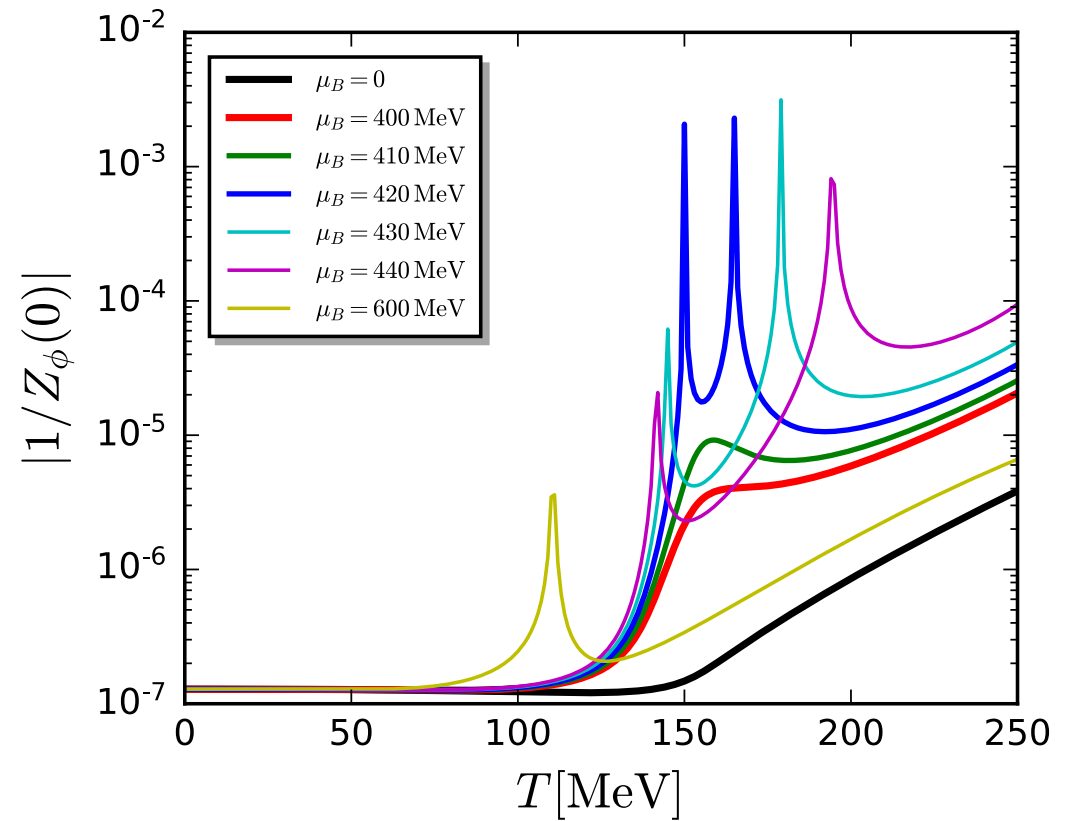
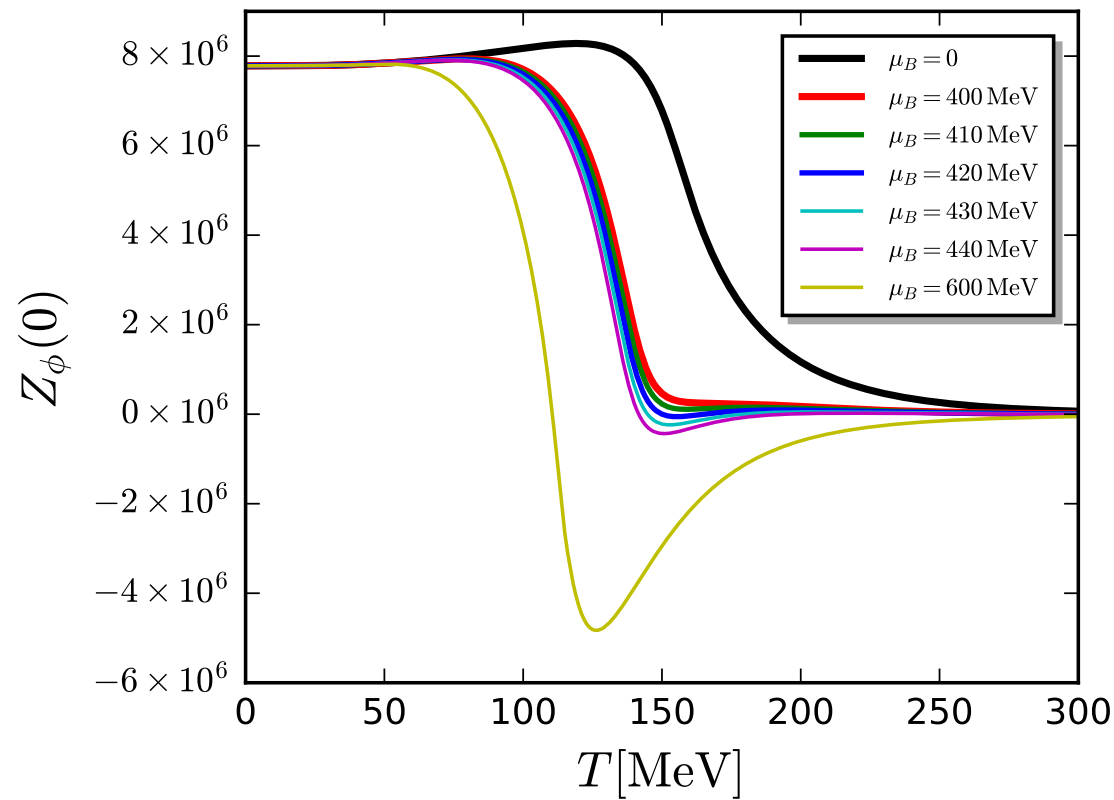
The critical region is very small
 $(\Delta T, \Delta m_\pi \ll 1 \text{ MeV})!$

Prospect for the search of CEP



- lattice and functional methods provide predication of $\text{Loc}_{\text{CEP}}(R_{nm})$
- experiments provide fluctuation observables R_{nm} as input

Inhomogeneous phase?



Two point function
for the meson:

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^{(2)}(p) = Z_{\phi}(p^2) p^2 + m_{\phi}^2,$$

WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032

[illegible]

$$\partial_t Z_{\sigma,k}(p) = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(\text{dotted circle} + \text{dashed circle} - 2 \text{ solid circle} - (p=0 \text{ terms}) \right) / p^2$$



WF, Pawłowski, Pisarski, Rennecke,
Wen, Yin, in preparation.

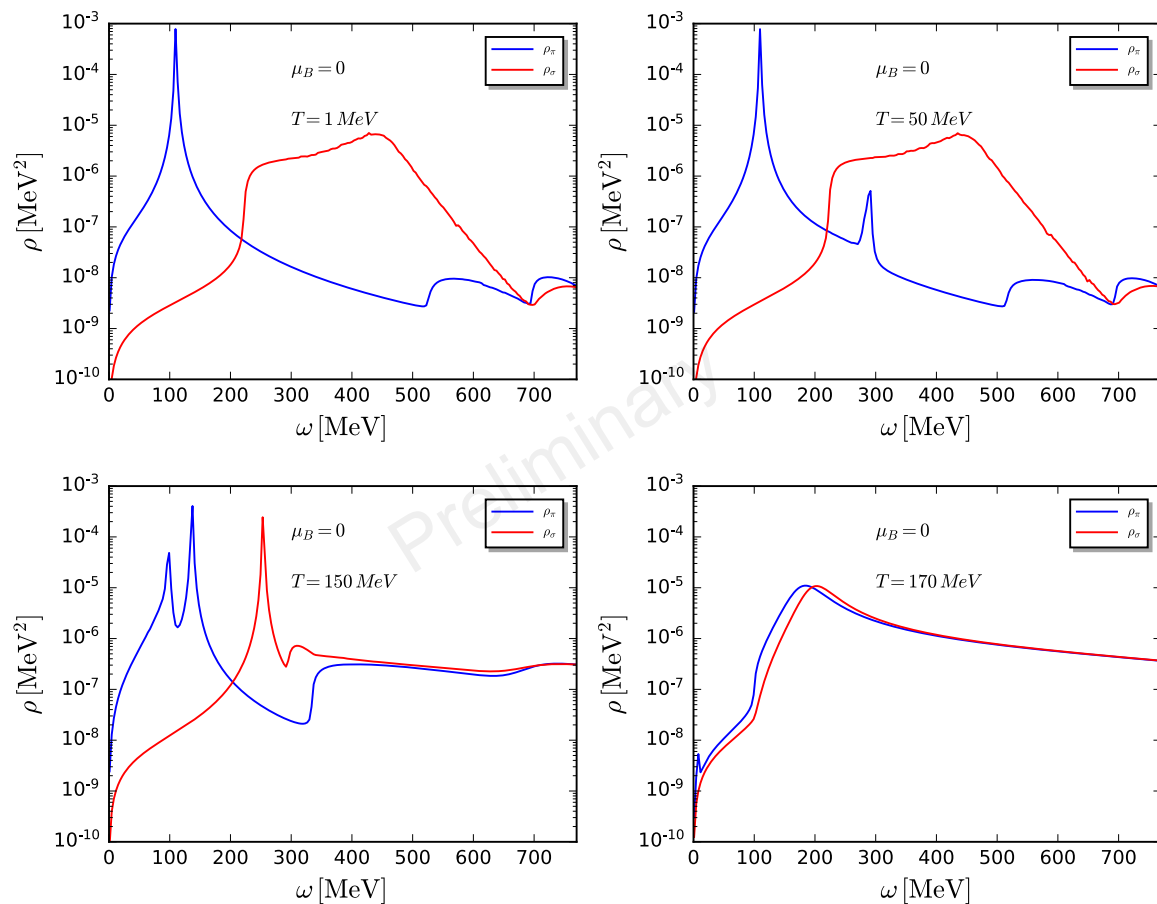
Spectral functions for mesons

Analytic continuation:

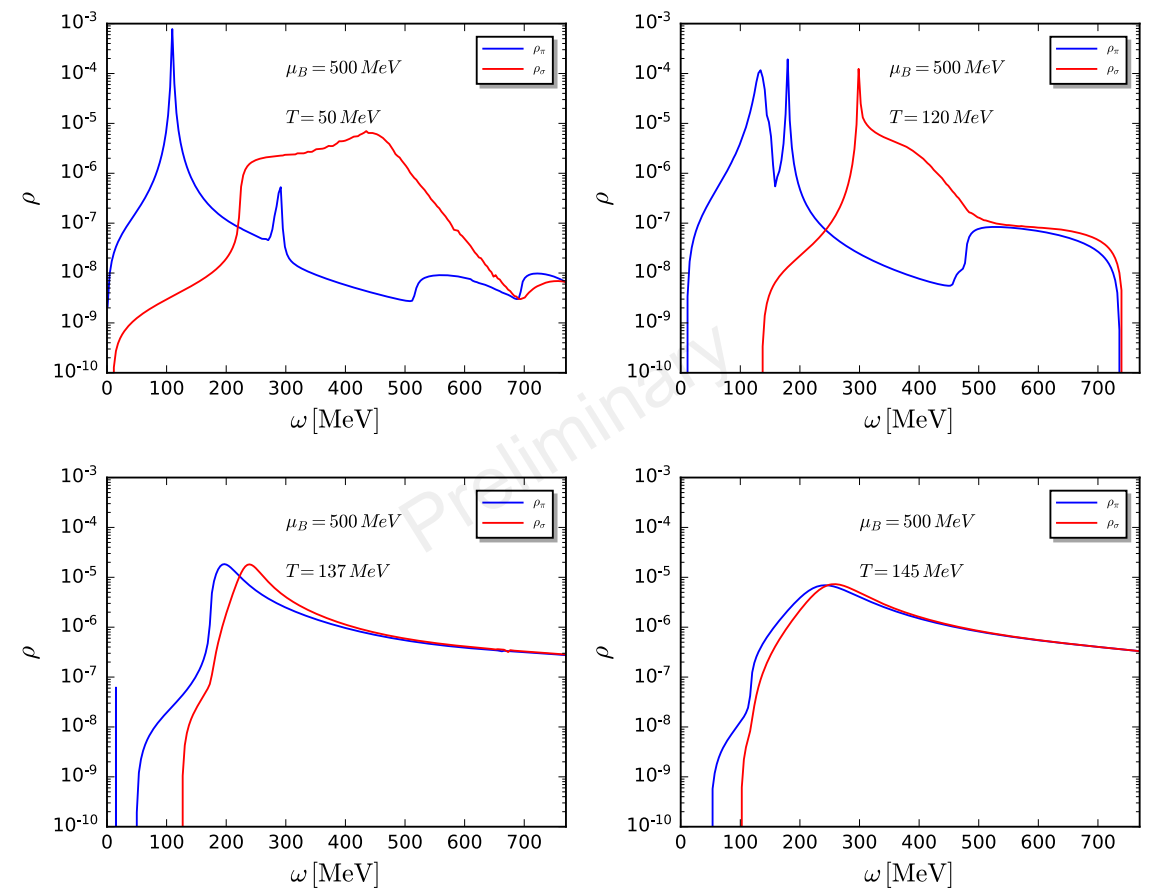
$$\Gamma_k^{(2),R}(\omega) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \Gamma_k^{(2),E}(-i(\omega + i\epsilon), \vec{p}).$$

Spectral function:

$$\rho(\omega, \vec{p}) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im}\Gamma^{(2),R}(\omega, \vec{p})}{(\text{Re}\Gamma^{(2),R}(\omega, \vec{p}))^2 + (\text{Im}\Gamma^{(2),R}(\omega, \vec{p}))^2}.$$



$\mu_B = 0$



$\mu_B = 500 \text{ MeV}$

fRG in Keldysh path integral

- Implement the formalism of fRG in the two time branches :

$$Z_k[J_c, J_q] = \int (\mathcal{D}\varphi_c \mathcal{D}\varphi_q) \exp \left\{ i \left(S[\varphi] + \Delta S_k[\varphi] + (J_q^i \varphi_{i,c} + J_c^i \varphi_{i,q}) \right) \right\},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_k[\varphi] &= \frac{1}{2} (\varphi_{i,c}, \varphi_{i,q}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & R_k^{ij} \\ (R_k^{ij})^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{j,c} \\ \varphi_{j,q} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\varphi_{i,c} R_k^{ij} \varphi_{j,q} + \varphi_{i,q} (R_k^{ij})^* \varphi_{j,c} \right), \end{aligned}$$

Keldysh rotation:

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_{i,+} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varphi_{i,c} + \varphi_{i,q}), \\ \varphi_{i,-} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varphi_{i,c} - \varphi_{i,q}), \end{cases}$$

- Then we derive the flow equation in the closed time path:

$$\partial_\tau \Gamma_k[\Phi] = \frac{i}{2} \text{STr} \left[(\partial_\tau R_k^*) G_k \right], \quad R_k^{ab} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & R_k^{ij} \\ (R_k^{ij})^* & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$iG(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} iG^K(x, y) & iG^R(x, y) \\ iG^A(x, y) & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} iG^R(x, y) &= \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle [\phi(x), \phi^*(y)] \rangle, \\ iG^A(x, y) &= \theta(y^0 - x^0) \langle [\phi^*(y), \phi(x)] \rangle, \\ iG^K(x, y) &= \langle \{ \phi(x), \phi^*(y) \} \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

Dynamical critical exponent

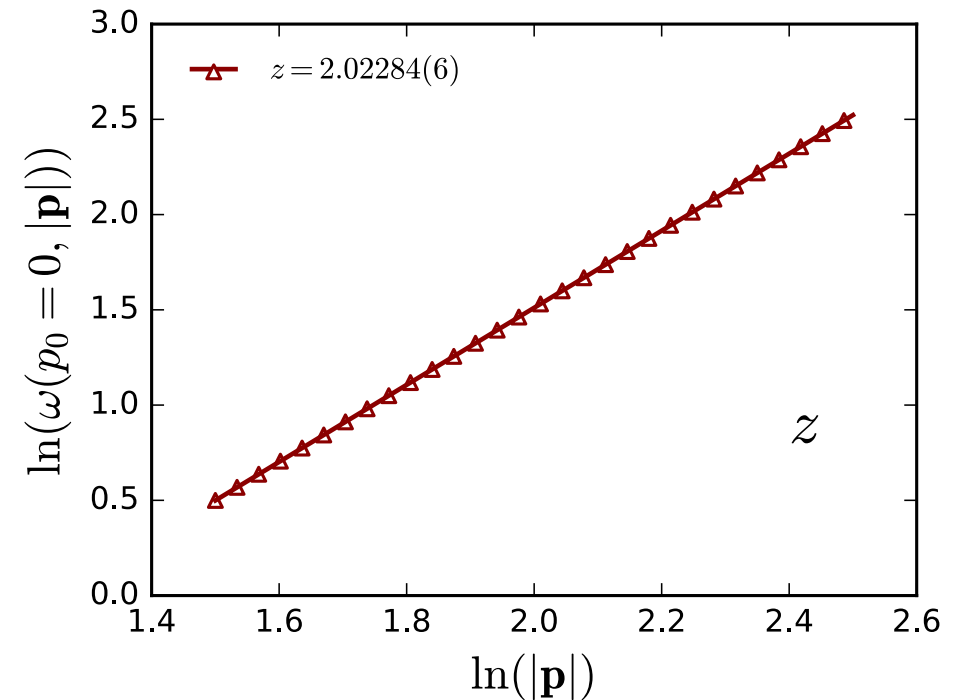
- Kinetic coefficient:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(|\vec{p}|)} = -i \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0, |\vec{p}|)}{\partial p_0} \Big|_{p_0=0} = \frac{\partial \Im \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0, |\vec{p}|)}{\partial p_0} \Big|_{p_0=0},$$

- Dissipative characteristic frequency:

$$\omega(|\vec{p}|) = \Gamma(|\vec{p}|) \left(-\Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0 = 0, |\vec{p}|) \right) = -\Gamma(|\vec{p}|) \Re \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0 = 0, |\vec{p}|).$$

$\omega(|\vec{p}|) \propto |\vec{p}|^z \quad z \simeq 2.023$



where we have used

$$\Re \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(-p_0, |\vec{p}|) = \Re \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0, |\vec{p}|),$$

$$\Im \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(-p_0, |\vec{p}|) = -\Im \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0, |\vec{p}|).$$

O(3):

$$z \simeq 2.025,$$

[Duclut, Delamotte, PRE 95 \(2017\) 1, 012107.](#)

Model A:

real-time classical-statistical lattice simulations

$$z = 1.92(11), \quad \text{Schweitzer, Schlichting, von Smekal, NPB 960 (2020) 115165.}$$

Model G:

Relativistic O(4) should belong to Model G

$$z = 3/2, \quad \text{Rajagopal and Wilczek, NPB 399 (1993) 395.}$$

O(4):

real-time classical-statistical lattice simulations

$$z \sim 2, \quad \text{Schlichting, Smith, L. von Smekal, NPB 950 (2020) 114868.}$$

[Y.-y. Tan, Y.-r. Chen, WF, arXiv: 2107.06482](#)

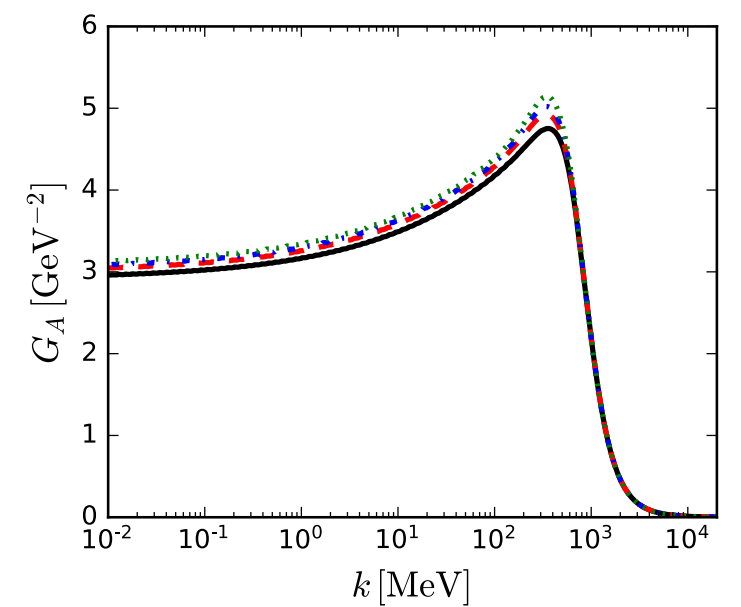
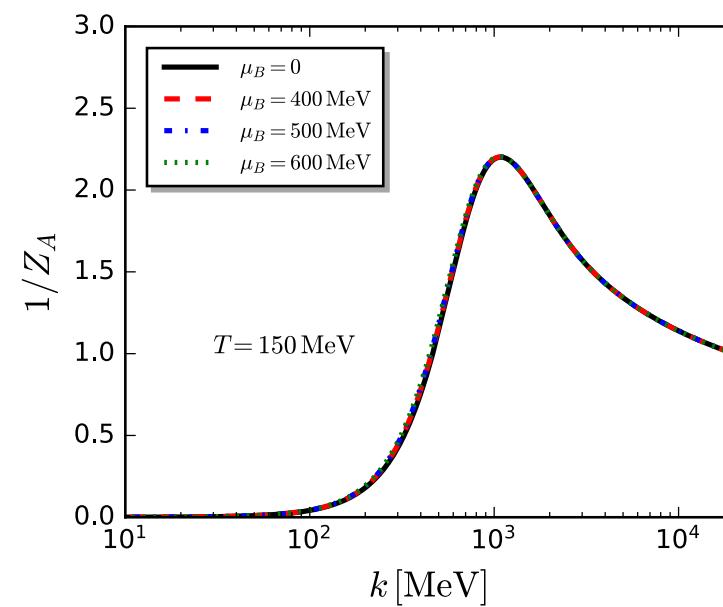
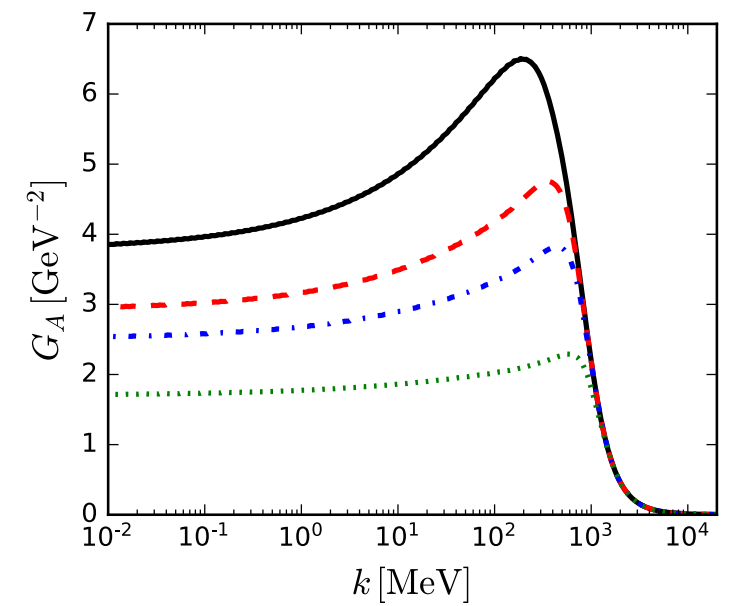
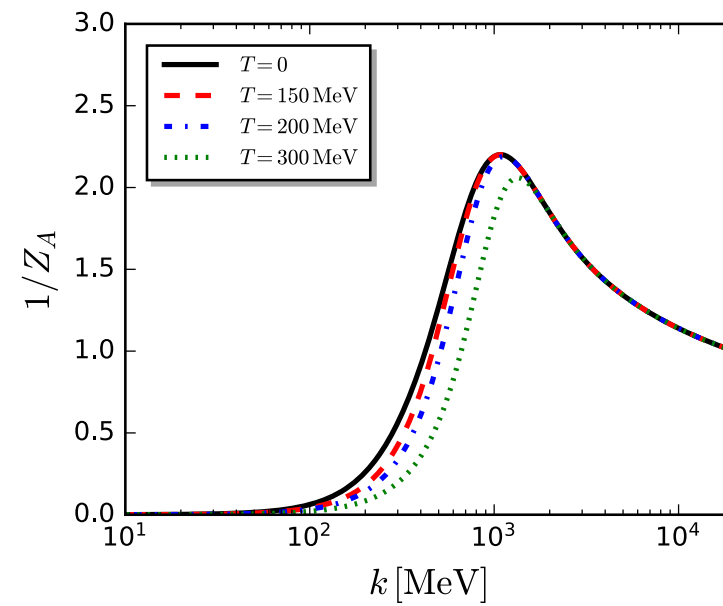
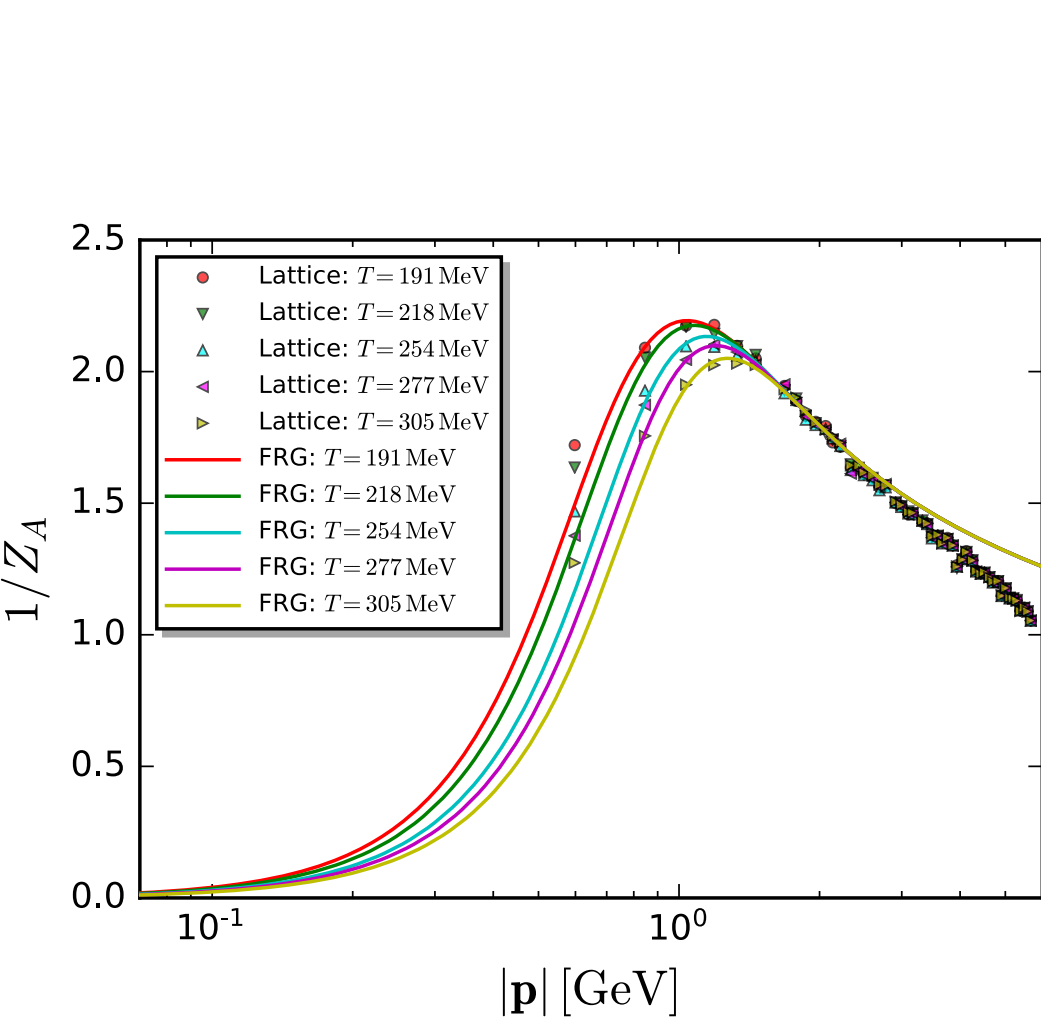
Summary

- ★ Functional renormalization group (fRG) is a nonperturbative continuum field approach, which is complementary to other approaches, e.g., lattice, DSE, etc.
- ★ Recent years have seen significant progresses in studies of QCD phase structure, static and dynamical properties of QCD matter in heavy-ion collisions within the fRG approach.

祝中国格点QCD蓬勃发展、蒸蒸日上!

Backup

Gluon propagator at finite T and μ_B



WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032

Dynamical hadronization

Introduce a scale-dependent meson field:

$$\langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_k \rangle = \dot{A}_k \bar{q} \tau q + \dot{B}_k \phi + \dot{C}_k \hat{e}_\sigma ,$$

Gies, Wetterich , *PRD* 65, 065001 (2002); 69, 025001 (2004)

Pawlowski, *AP* 322, 2831 (2007)

Flörchinger, Wetterich, *PLB* 680, 371 (2009)

The four-fermion couplings:

$$\partial_t \bar{\lambda}_q - 2(1 + \eta_q) \bar{\lambda}_q - \bar{h} \dot{A} = \frac{1}{4} \overline{\text{Flow}}_{(\bar{q}q)(\bar{q}q)}^{(4)} ,$$

Demanding

$$\bar{\lambda}_q \equiv 0 , \quad \forall k .$$

The hadronization function reads

$$\dot{A} = -\frac{1}{\bar{h}} \overline{\text{Flow}}_{(\bar{q}q)(\bar{q}q)/4}^{(4)} .$$

4-fermion interaction encoded in Yukawa coupling:

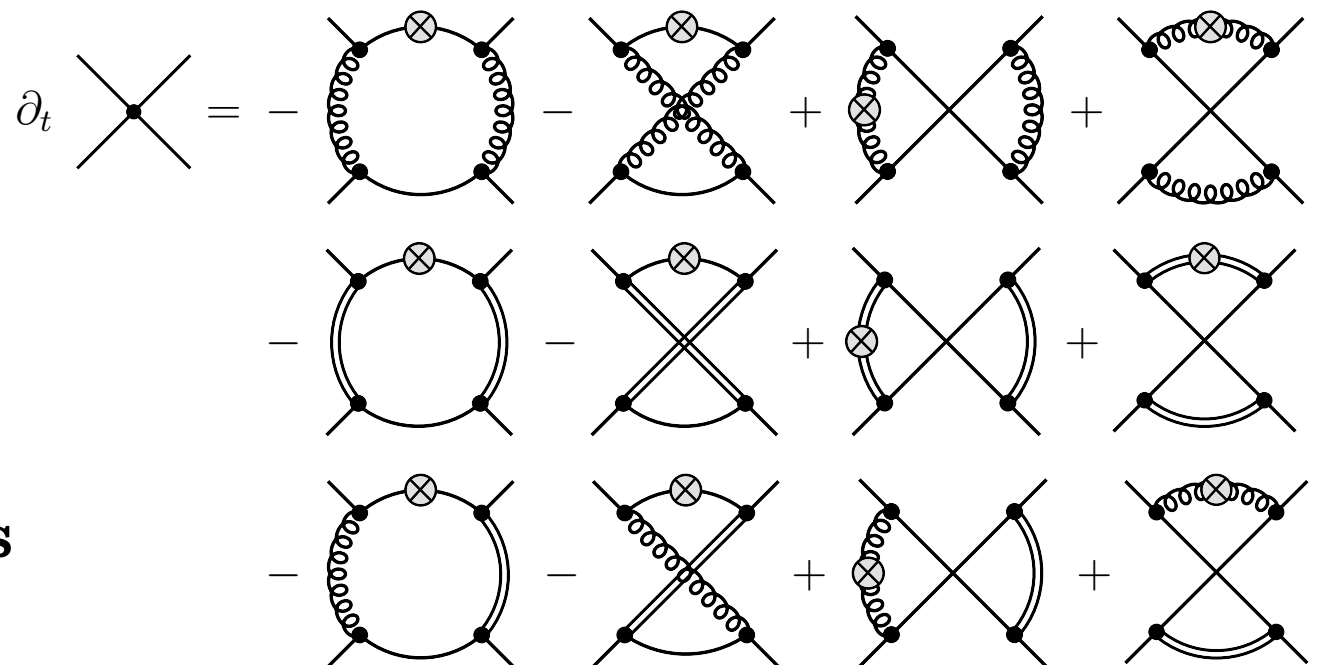
The Wetterich equation is modified:

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\Phi]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{STr}(G_k[\Phi] \partial_t R_k) + \text{Tr} \left(G_{\phi\Phi_j}[\Phi] \frac{\delta \langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_k \rangle}{\delta \Phi_j} R_\phi \right)$$

$$- \int \langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_{k,i} \rangle \left(\frac{\delta \Gamma_k[\Phi]}{\delta \phi_i} + c_\sigma \delta_{i\sigma} \right) ,$$

WF, Pawlowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032

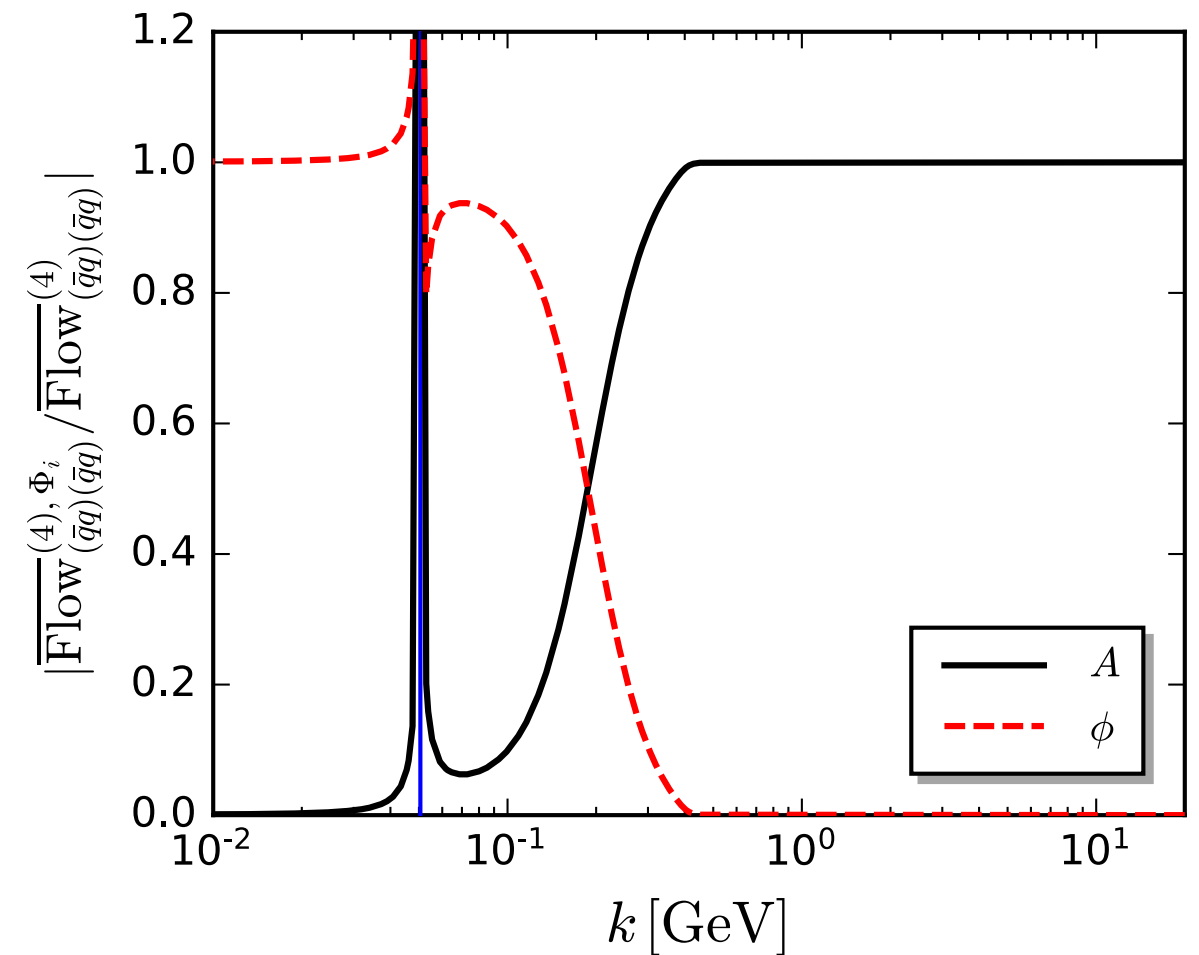
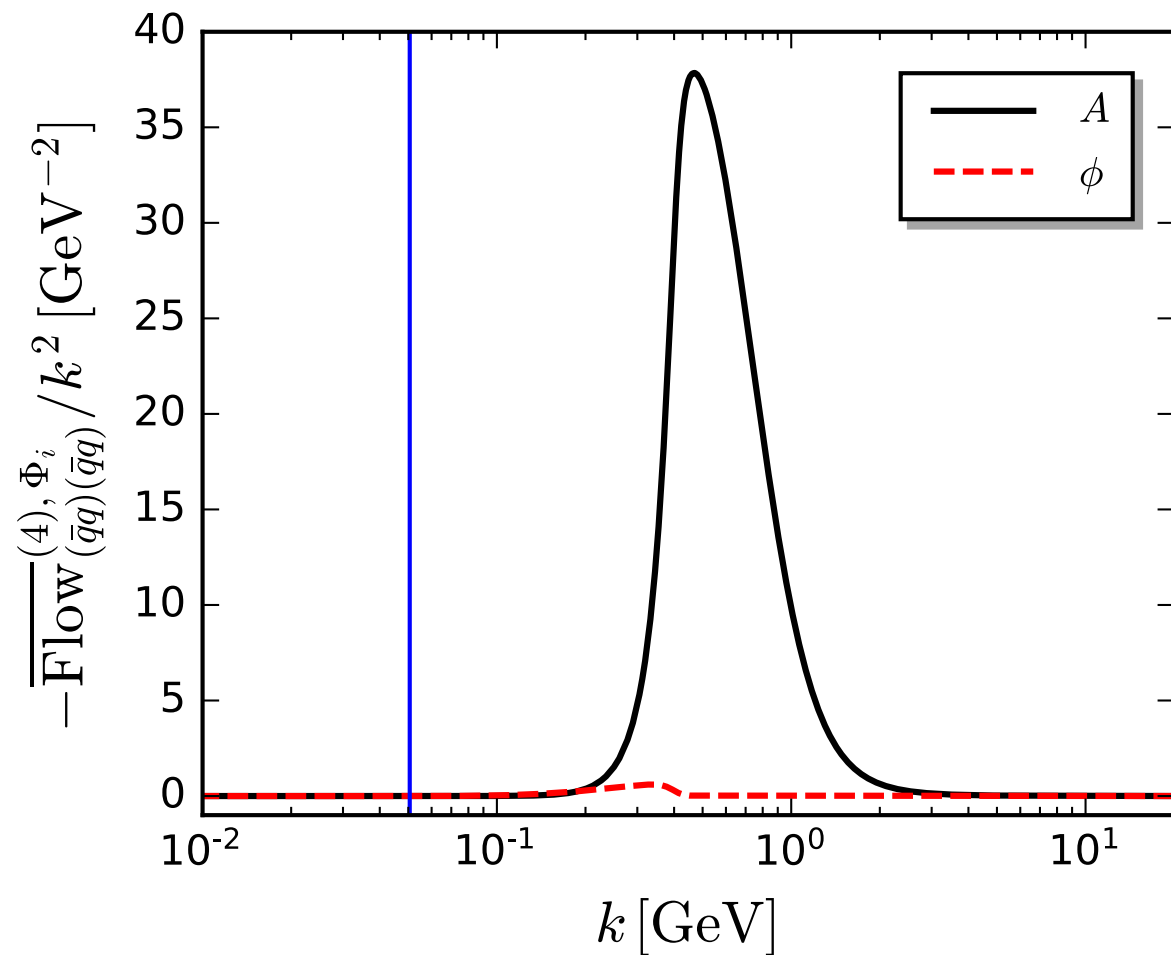


+ (gluons $\leftrightarrow$ mesons)

+ (permutations of the regulator insertions)



Flow of 4-quark coupling—gluon versus meson

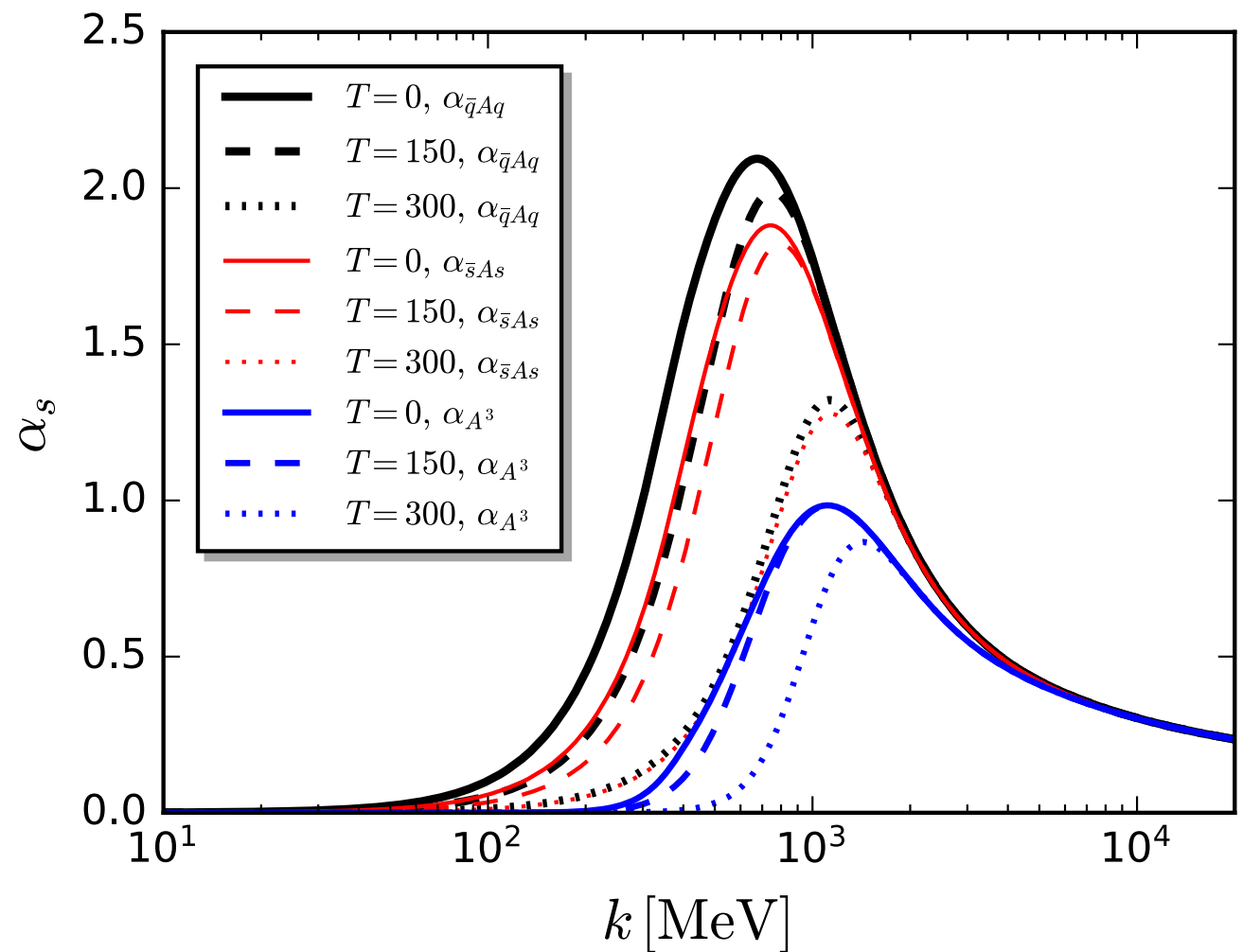


WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032

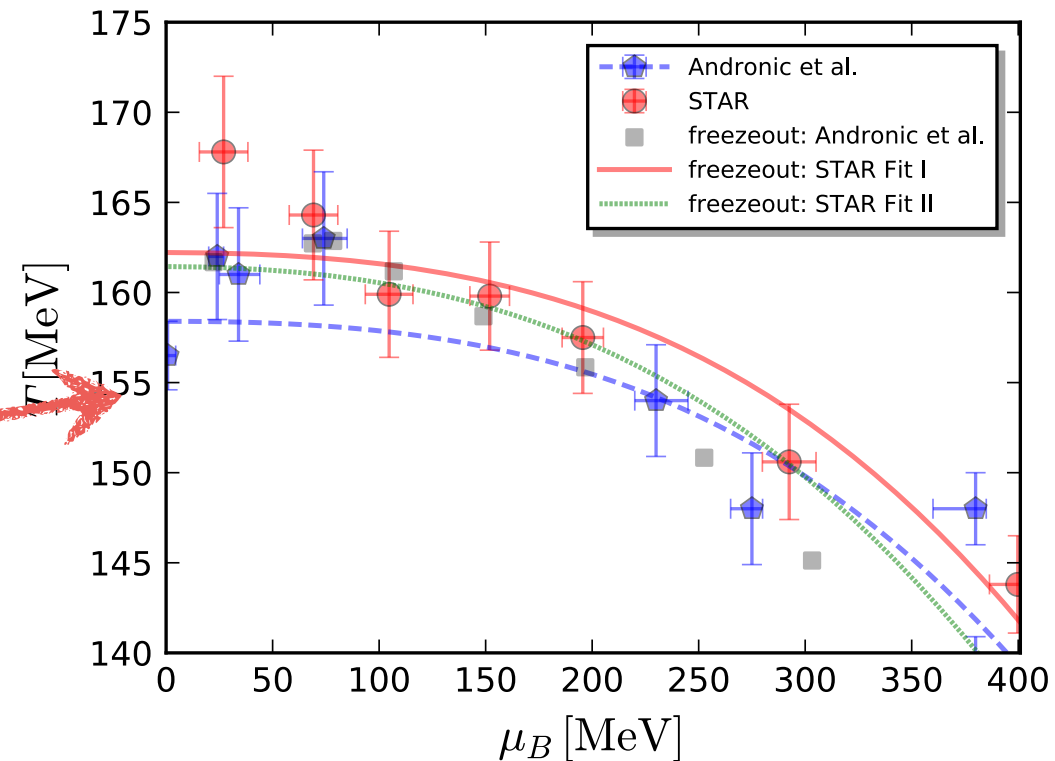
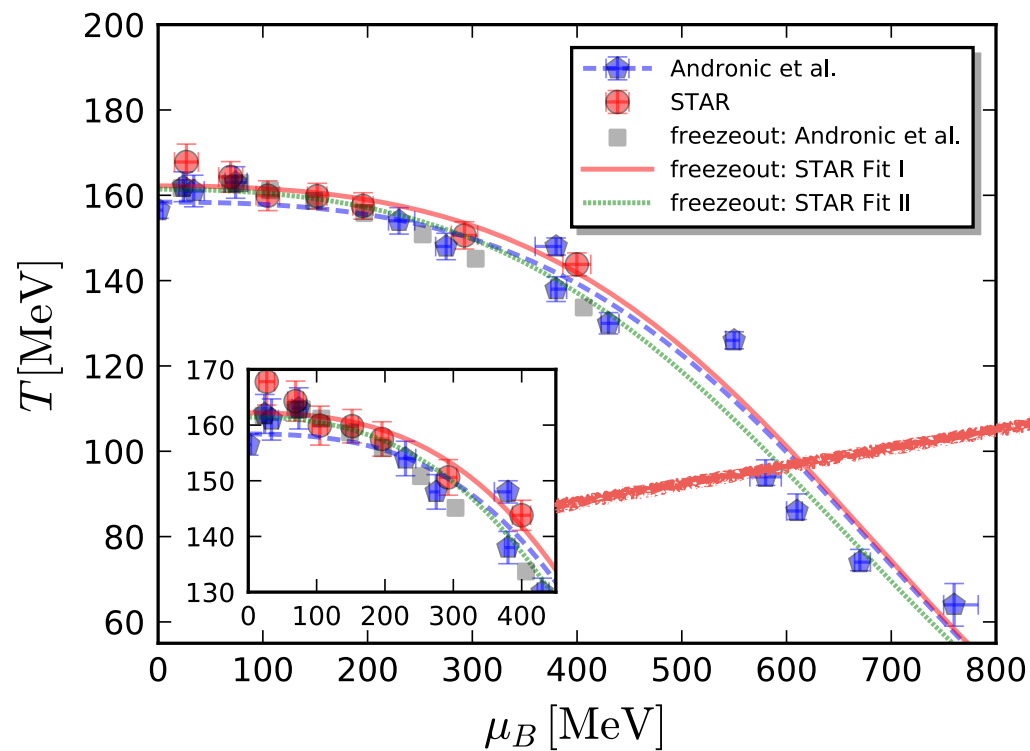
QCD strong couplings among quarks and gluons

∂_t (quark-gluon vertex) = [diagrams] + (permutations of the regulator insertions)

∂_t (three-gluon vertex) = [diagrams] + (permutations of the regulator insertions)



Determination of the freeze-out curve



three freeze-out curves

1. freeze-out: Andronic *et al.*

Andronic, Braun-Munzinger, Redlich, *Nature* 561 (2018) 7723, 321

2. freeze-out: STAR Fit I

L. Adamczyk *et al.* (STAR), *PRC* 96 (2017), 044904

3. freeze-out: STAR Fit II

neglecting first two at low μ_B and the last one

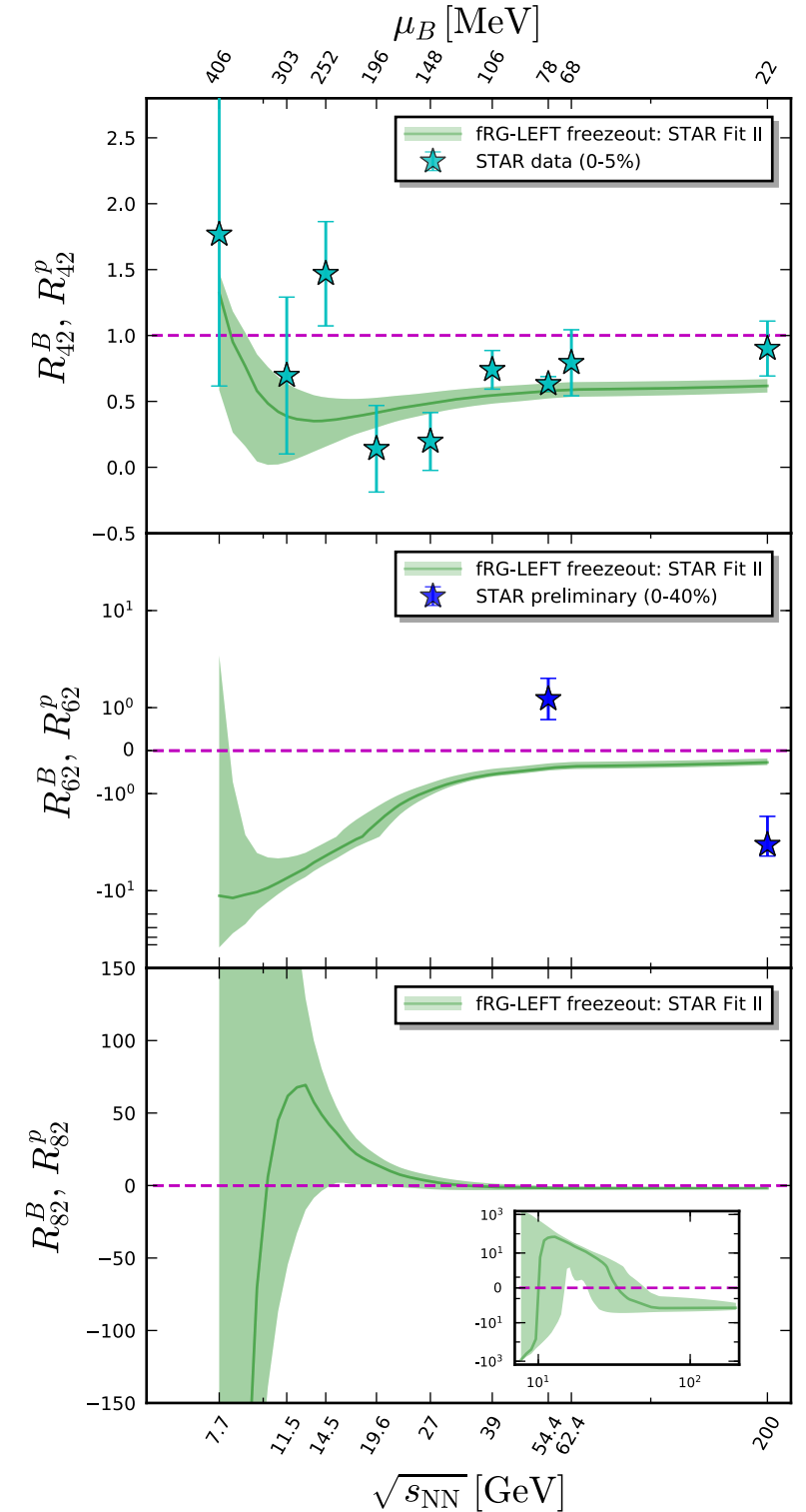
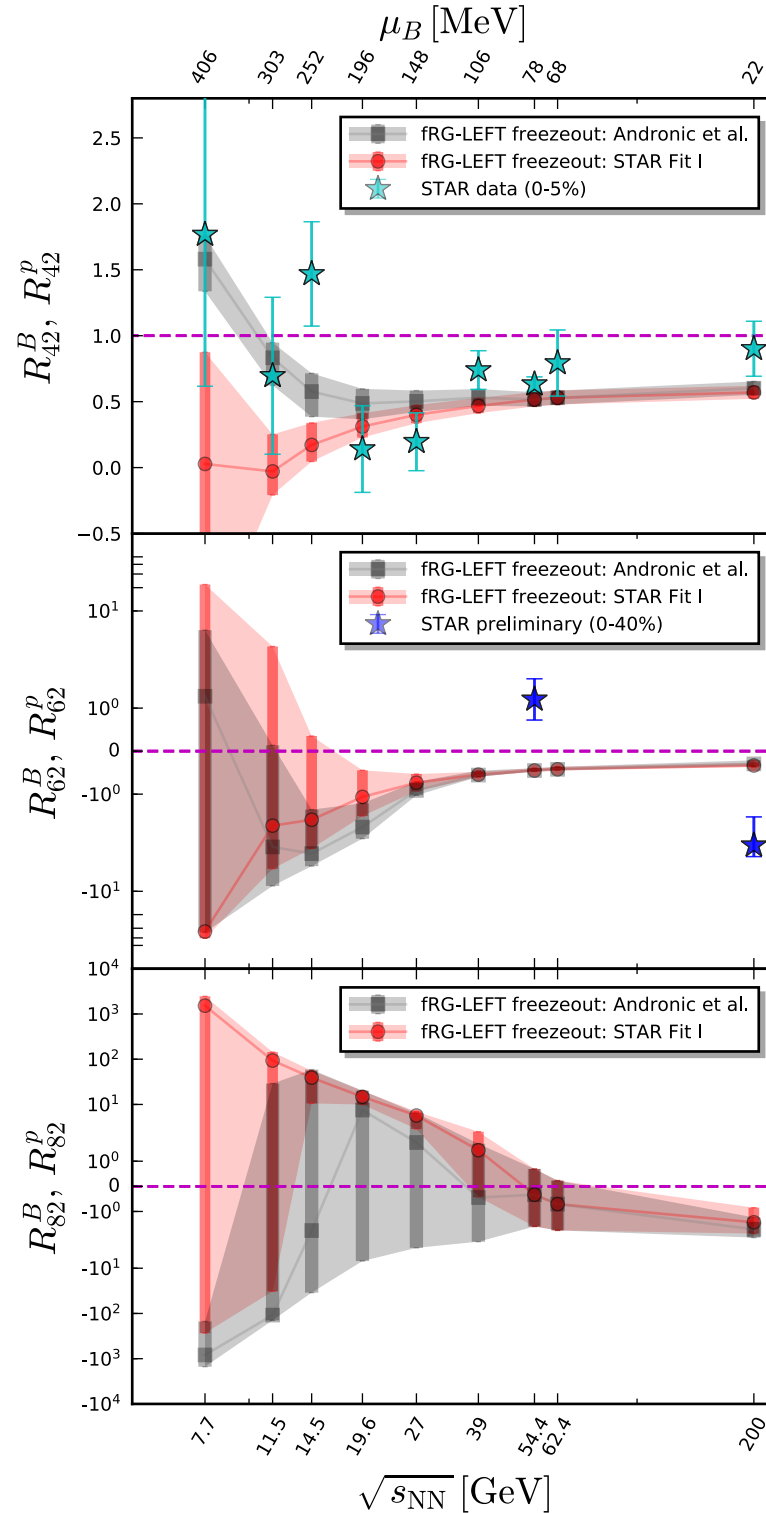
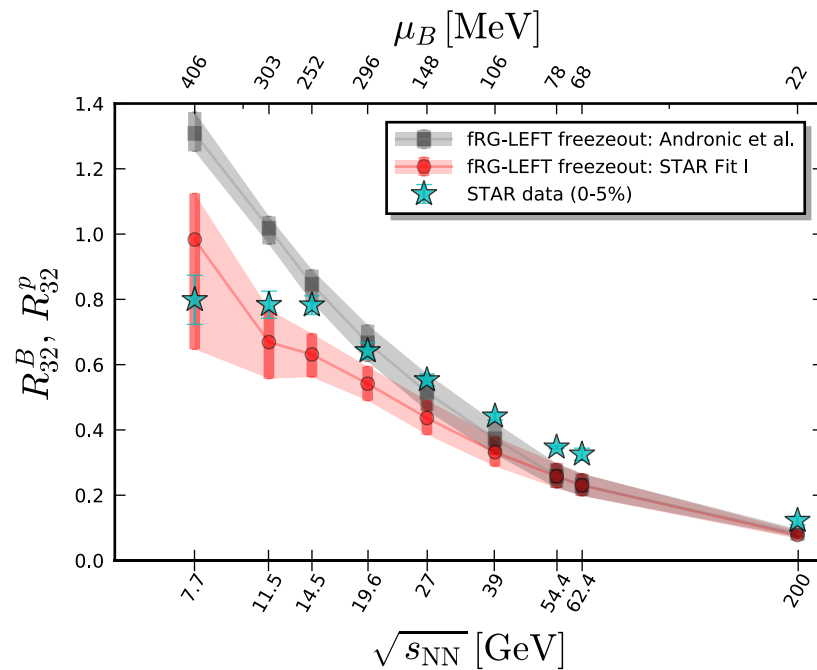
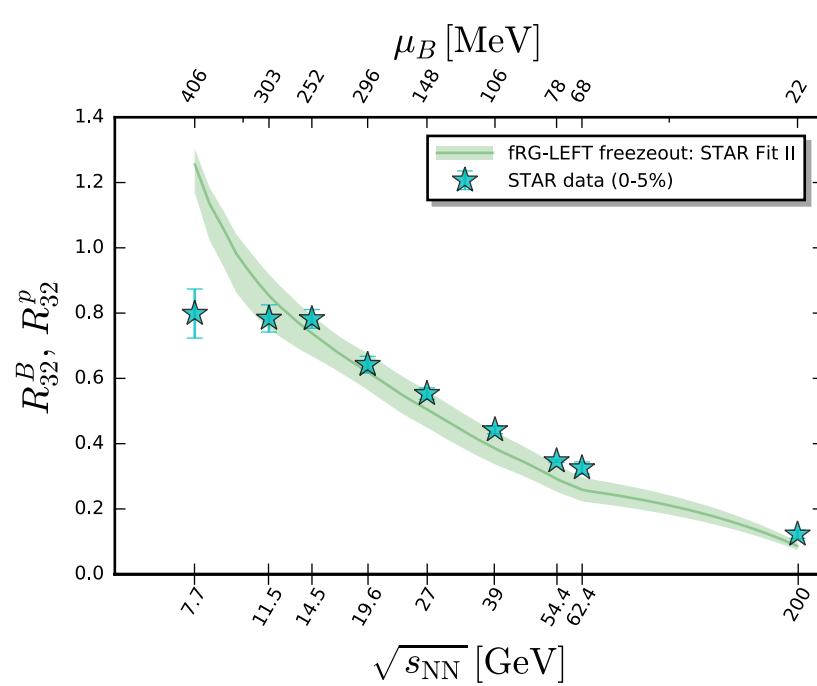
$$\mu_{B\text{CF}} = \frac{a}{1 + 0.288\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}},$$

$$T_{\text{CF}} = \frac{T_{\text{CF}}^{(0)}}{1 + \exp(2.60 - \ln(\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}})/0.45)}$$

all data points

- freeze-out curve should not rise with μ_B
- convexity of the freeze-out curve

Fluctuations on the freeze-out curve

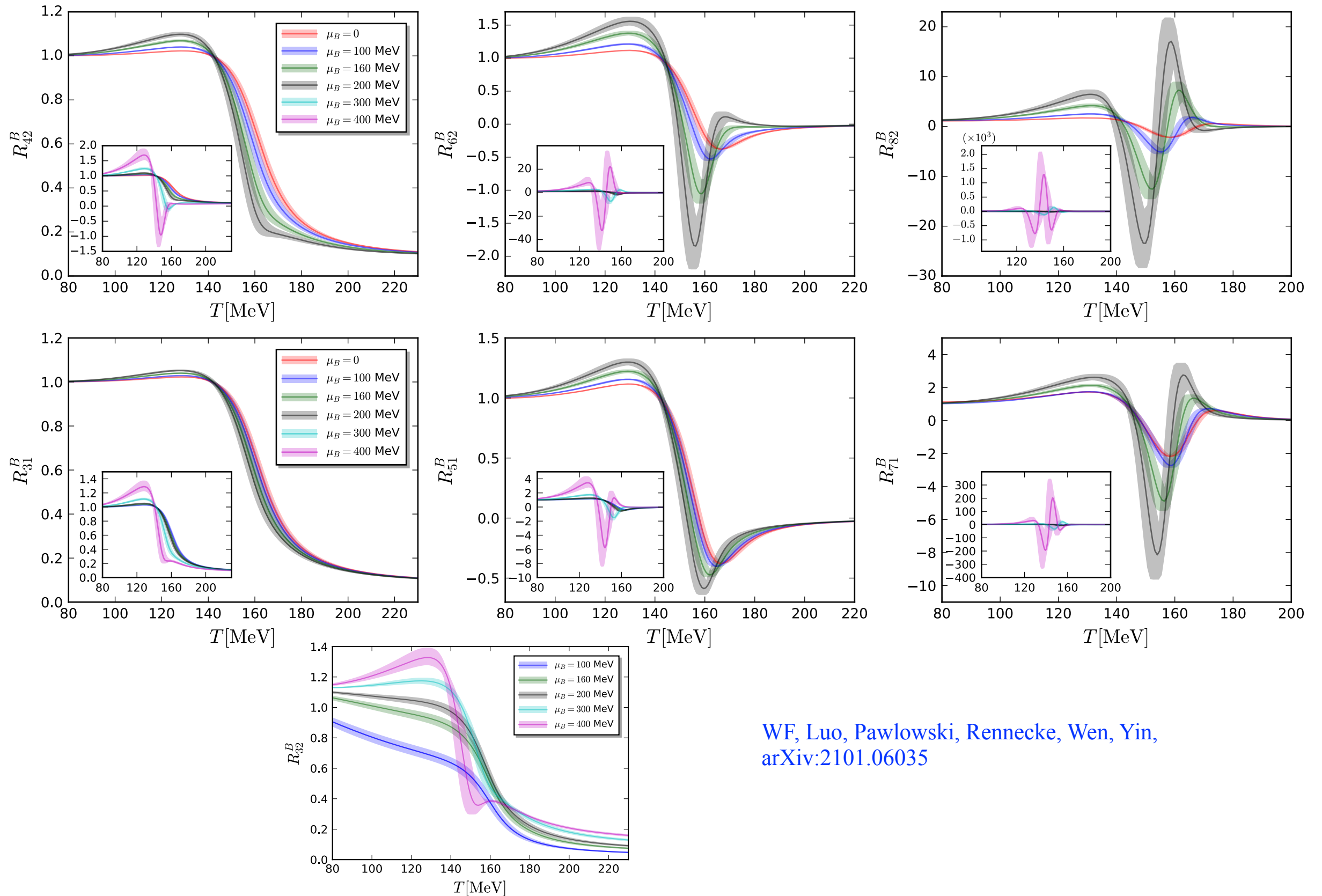


WF, Luo, Pawlowski, Rennecke, Wen, Yin,
arXiv:2101.06035

J. Adam *et al.* (STAR), *PRL* 126 (2021), 092301
M. Abdallah *et al.* (STAR), arXiv:2101.12413

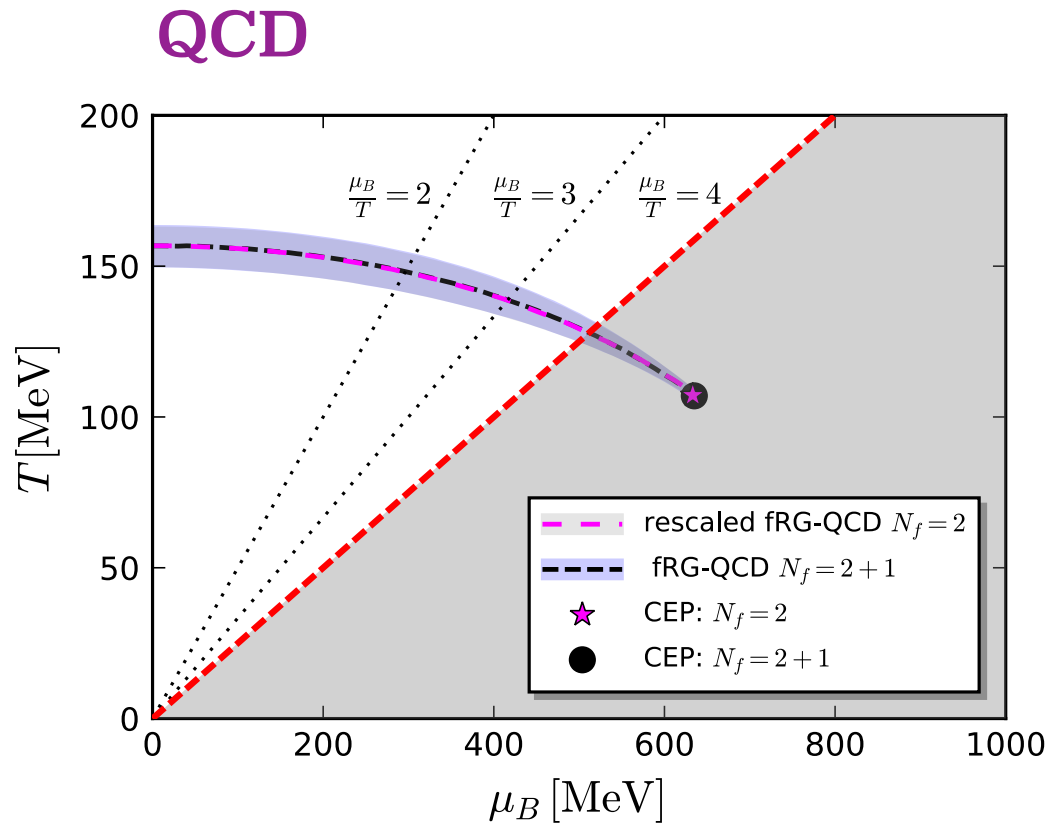
T. Nonaka (STAR), *NPA* 1005 (2021) 121882; A. Pandav (STAR), arXiv: *NPA* 1005 (2021) 121936

Fluctuations at finite chemical potential



WF, Luo, Pawłowski, Rennecke, Wen, Yin,
arXiv:2101.06035

2- to 2+1-flavour scale-matching in QCD and LEFTs

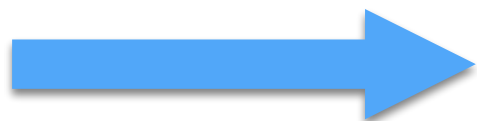


Data from: WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, *PRD* 101 (2020), 054032

linear scale-matching

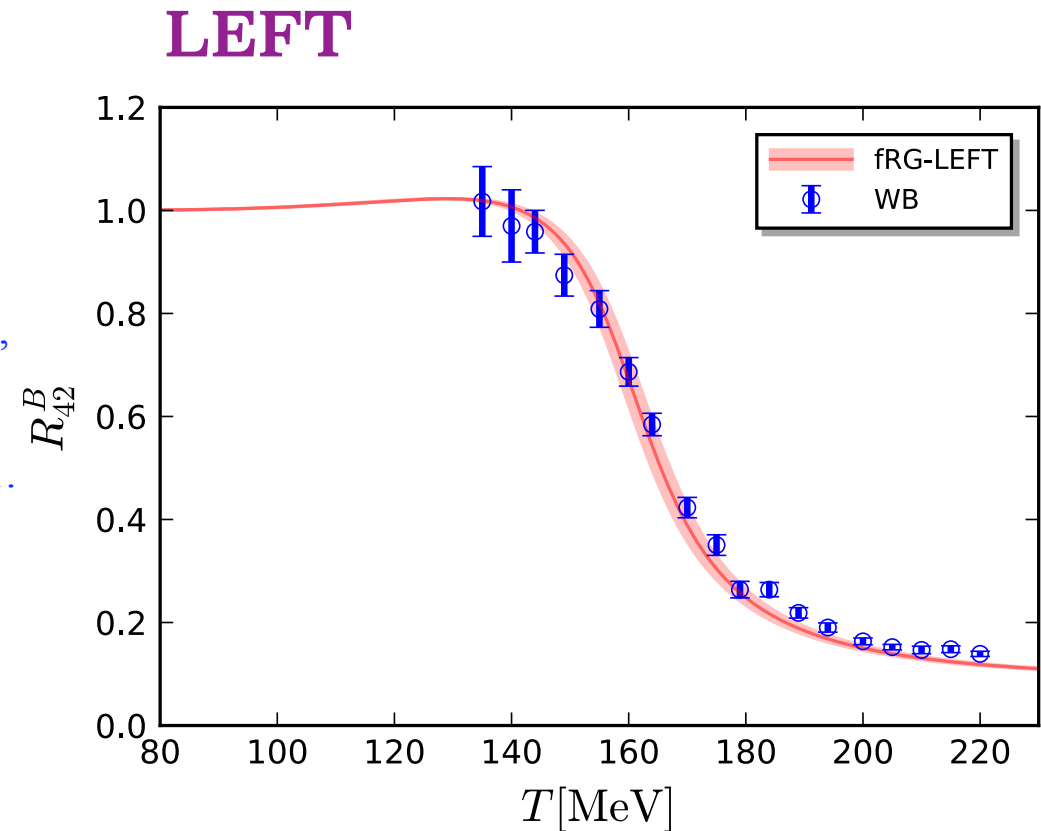
$$T^{(N_f=2)} = c_T T^{(N_f=2+1)}$$

$$\mu_B^{(N_f=2)} = c_{\mu_B} \mu_B^{(N_f=2+1)}$$



$$c_T = 1.247(12), \quad c_{\mu_B} = c_T \left(\frac{\kappa^{N_f=(2+1)}}{\kappa_{\text{LEFT}}} \right)^{1/2} = 1.110(66)$$

WF, Luo,
Pawłowski,
Rennecke,
Wen, Yin,
arXiv:2101.
06035



curvature of the phase boundary

$$\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c} = 1 - \kappa \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c} \right)^2 + \lambda \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c} \right)^4 + \dots$$

Yukawa Coupling

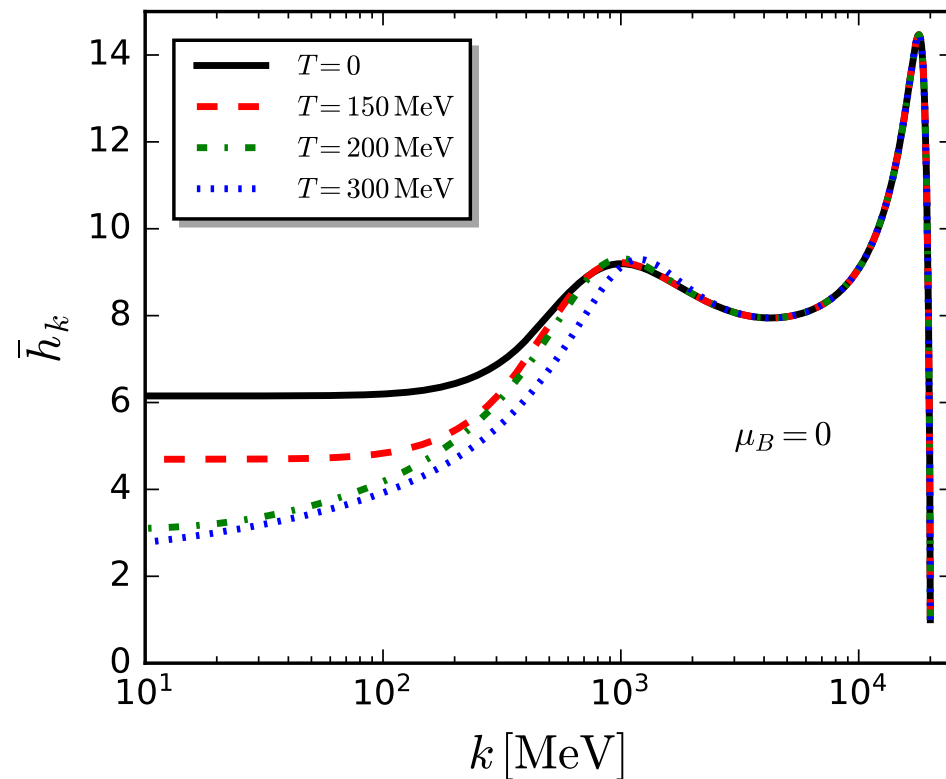
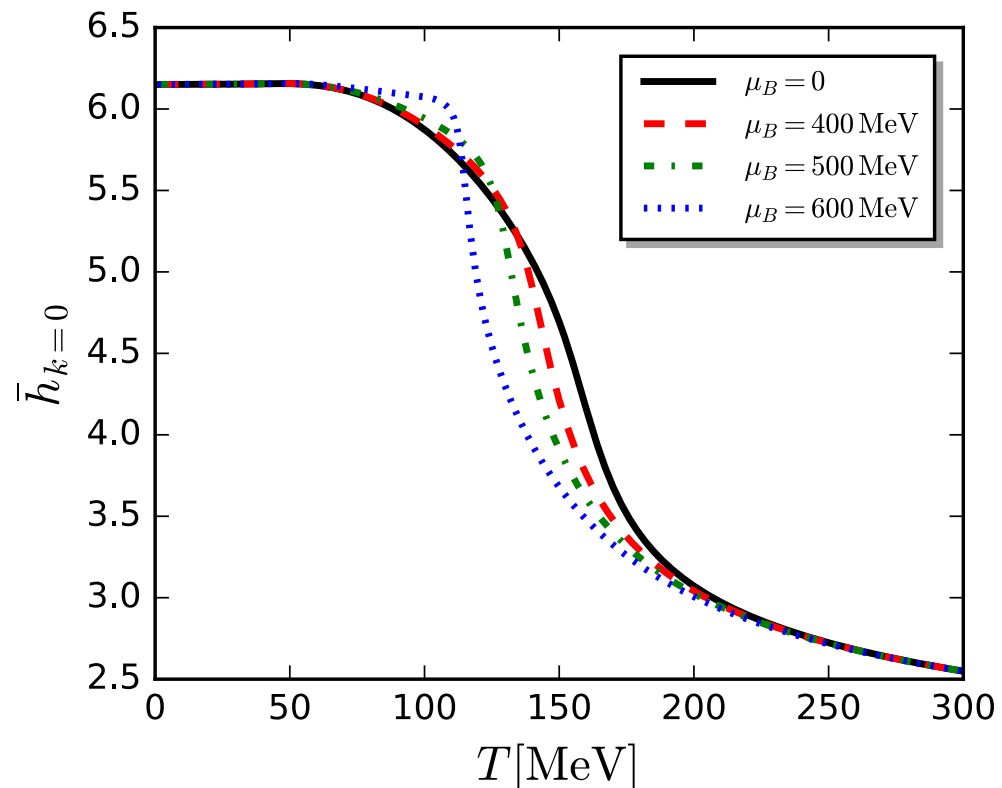
Two different Yukawa coupling:

$$h_\pi = h(\rho_0) = \Gamma_{(\bar{q}\vec{\tau}q)\vec{\pi}}^{(3)}[\Phi_0],$$

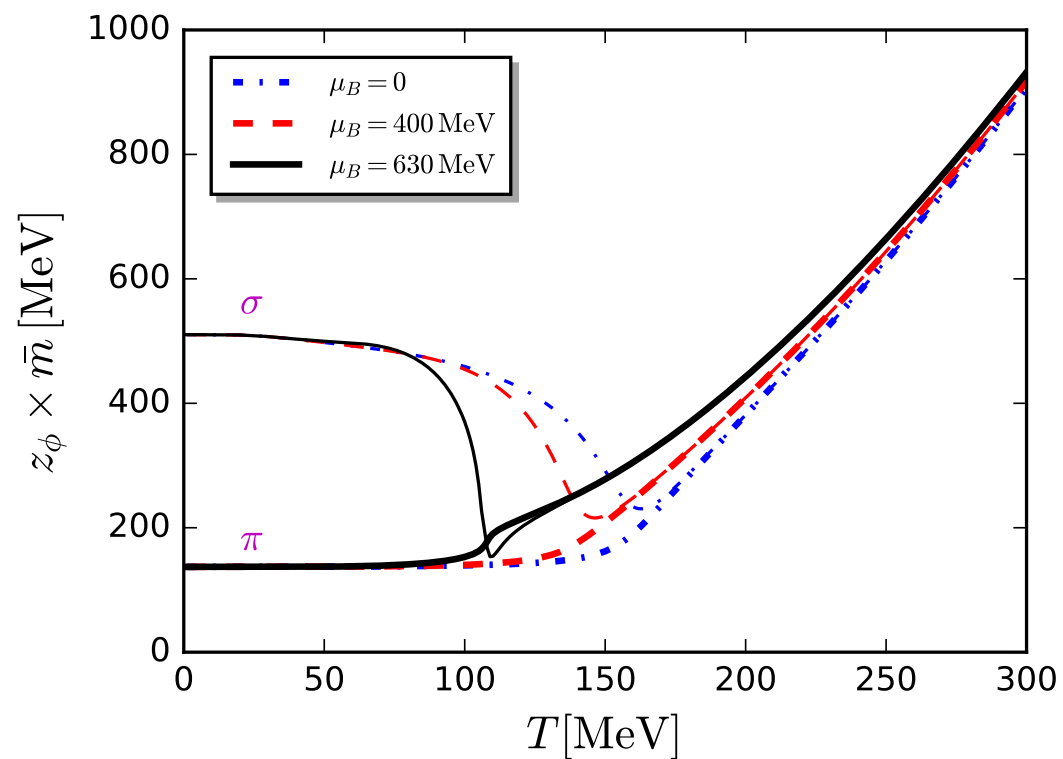
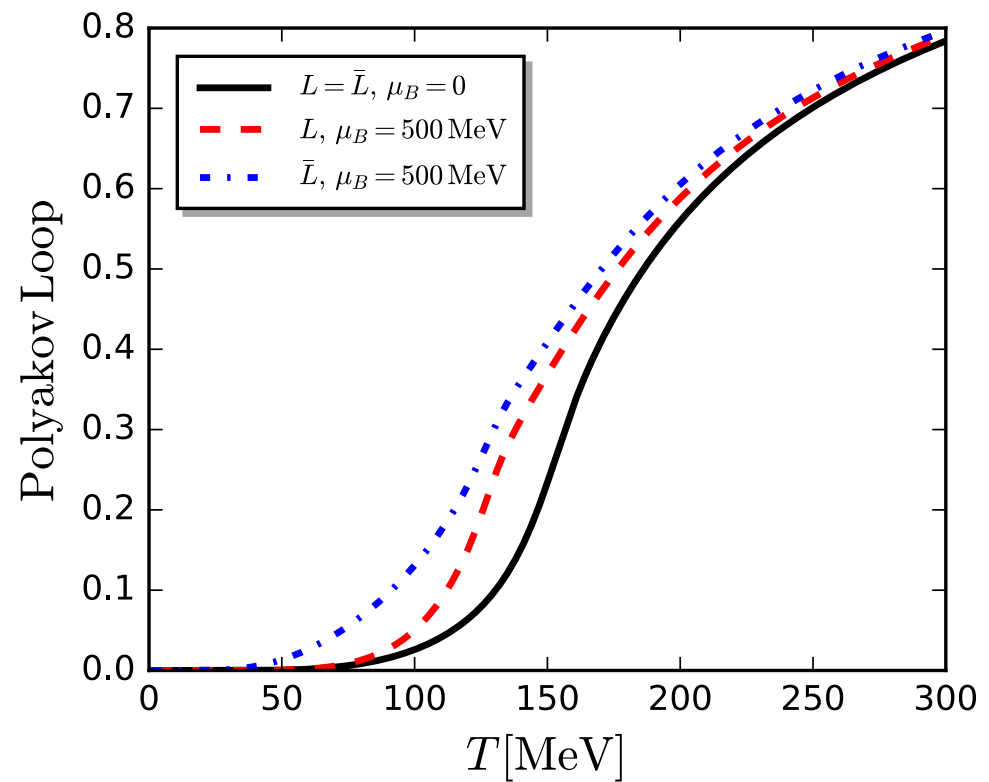
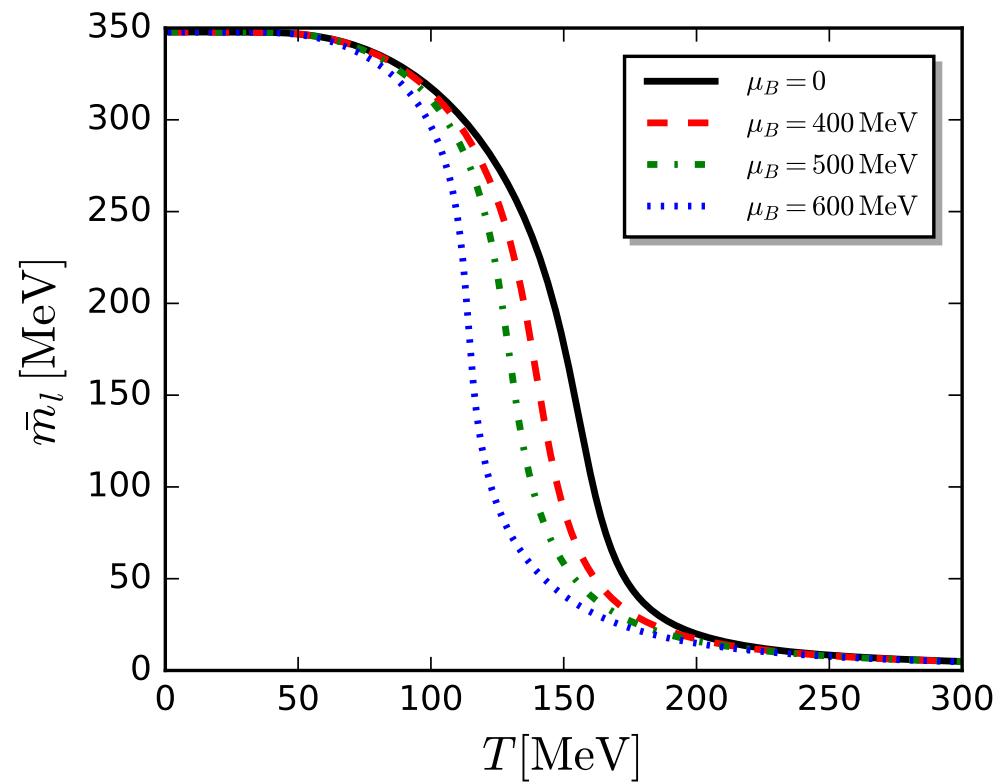
$$h_\sigma = h(\rho_0) + \rho h'(\rho_0) = \Gamma_{(\bar{q}\tau^0 q)\sigma}^{(3)}[\Phi_0].$$

The flow equation:

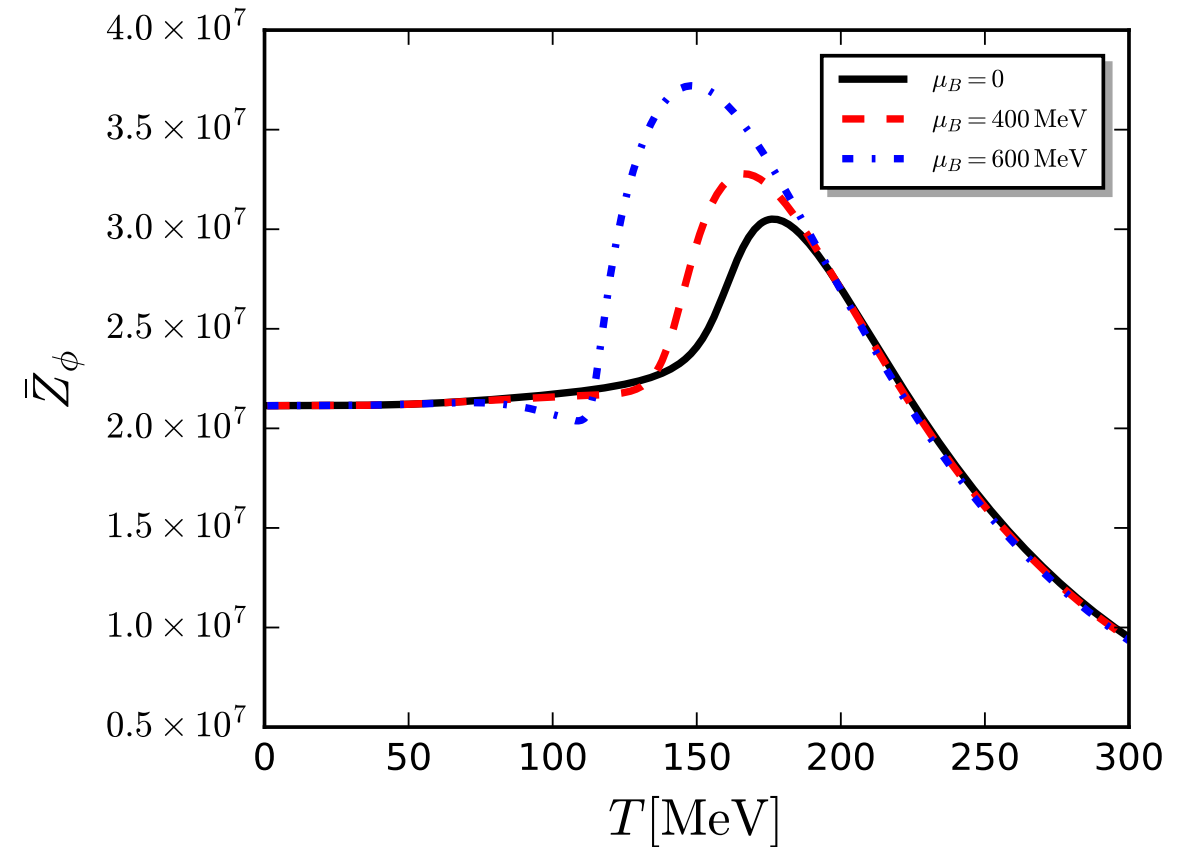
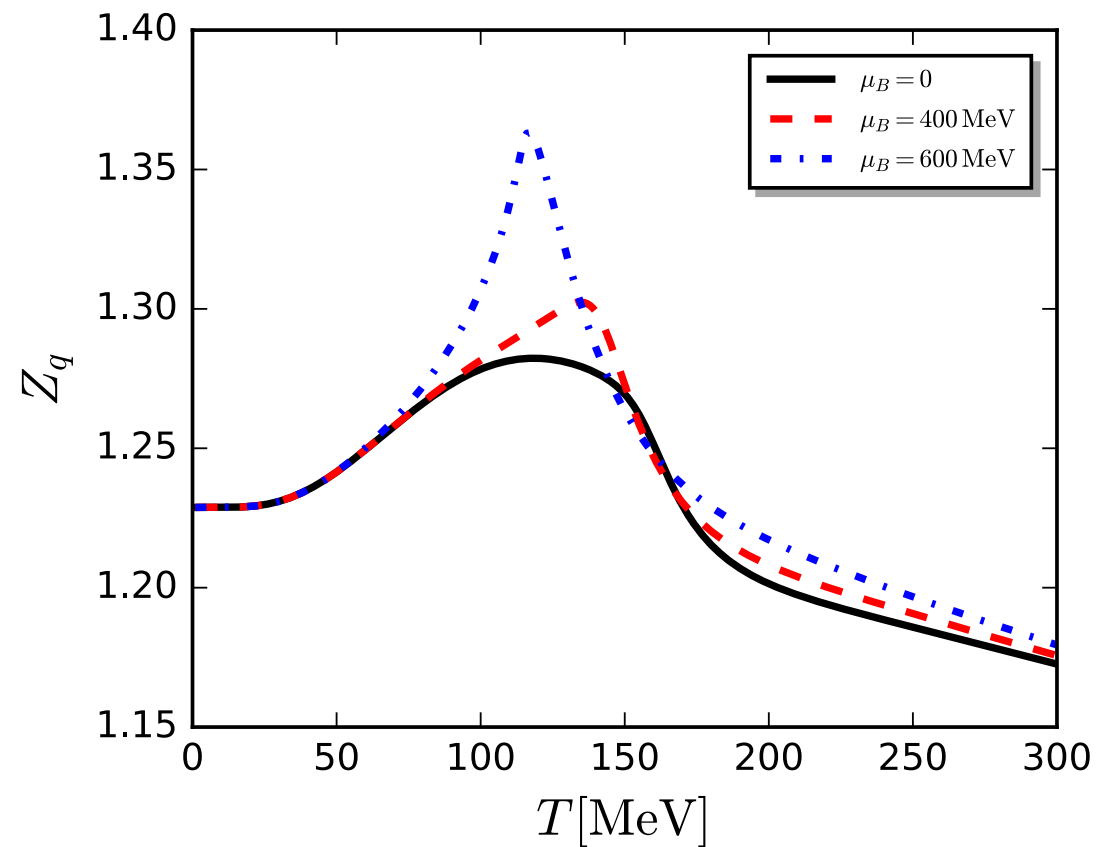
$$\partial_t \bar{h} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \eta_{\phi,k} + \eta_{q,k} \right) \bar{h} - \bar{m}_\pi^2 \dot{A} + \frac{1}{\bar{\sigma}} \text{Re} \overline{\text{Flow}}_{(\bar{q}\tau^0 q)}^{(2)},$$



Quark, Meson Mass and Polyakov loop

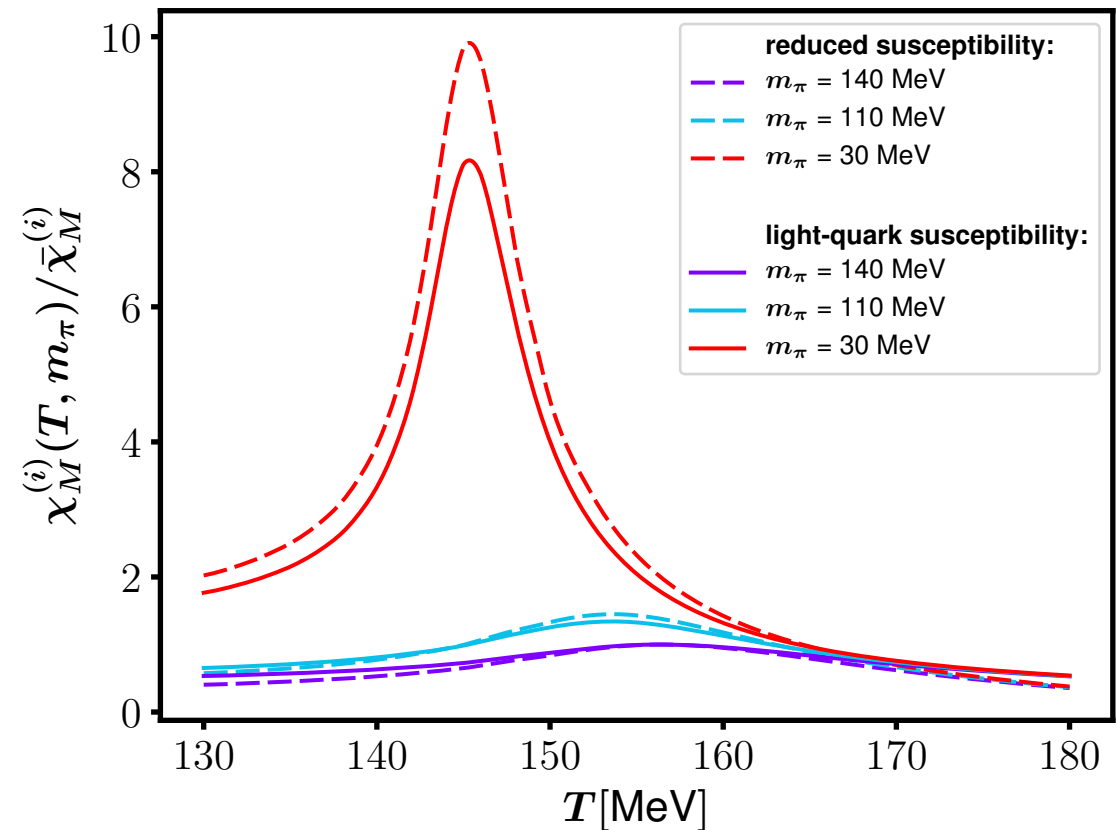
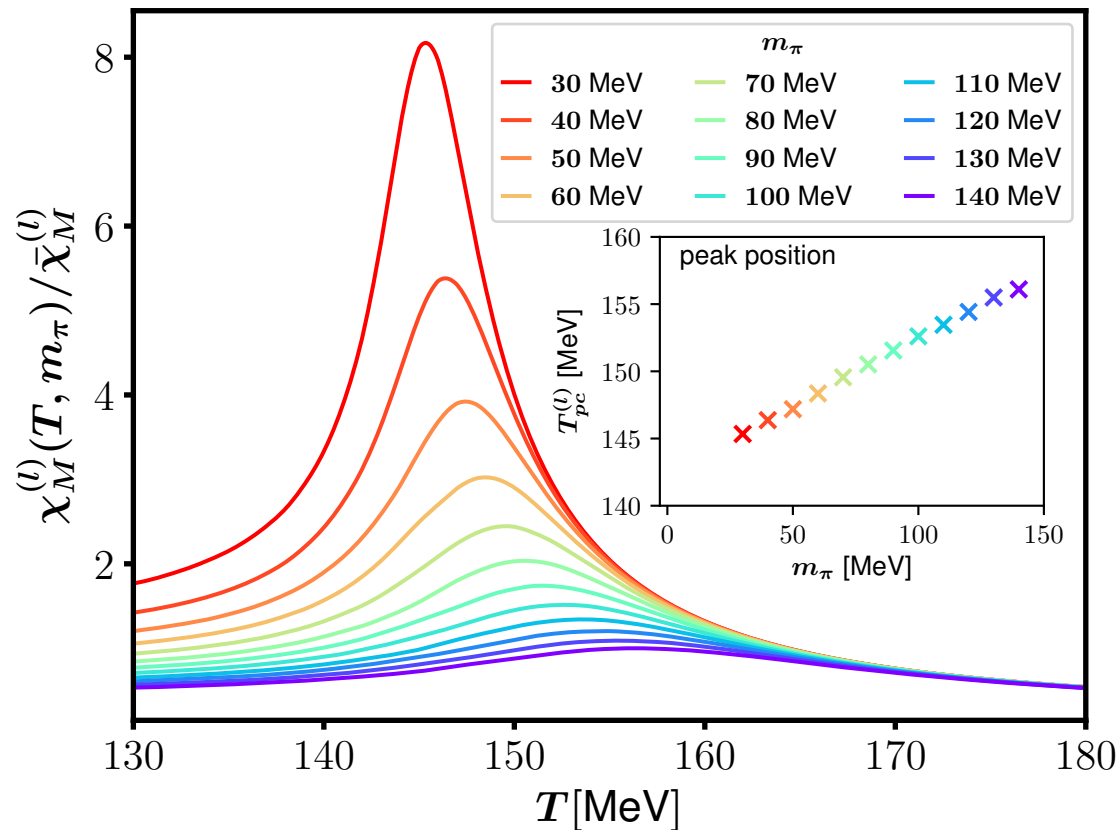


Quark and Meson Wave Function Renormalization



WF, J.M. Pawłowski, F. Rennecke, arXiv:1909.02991

Chiral susceptibility for different pion masses



Light quark condensate:

$$\Delta_{q_i} \simeq -m_{q_i}^0 T \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \text{tr} G_{q_i \bar{q}_i}(q).$$

Susceptibility:

$$\chi_M^{(i)}(T) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial m_l^0} \left(\frac{\Delta_i(T)}{m_l^0} \right),$$

Reduced condensate:

$$\Delta_{l,s} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_{l,s}} \left(\Delta_l(T) - \left(\frac{m_l^0}{m_s^0} \right)^2 \Delta_s(T) \right),$$

Braun, WF, Pawłowski, Rennecke, Rosenblüh, Yin, *PRD* 102 (2020), 056010.

Schwinger-Keldysh path integral

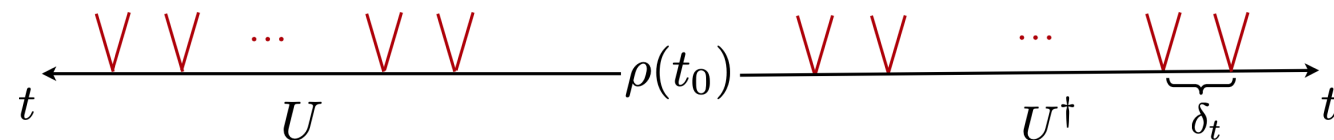
- Schrödinger equation:



$$U(t, t_0) = e^{-iH(t-t_0)}$$

$$i\partial_t|\psi(t)\rangle = H|\psi(t)\rangle \longrightarrow |\psi(t)\rangle = U(t, t_0)|\psi(t_0)\rangle,$$

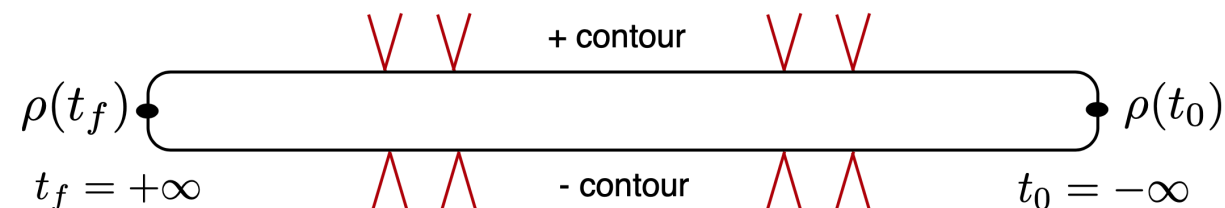
- von Neumann equation:



$$\partial_t\rho(t) = -i[H, \rho(t)] \longrightarrow \rho(t) = U(t, t_0)\rho(t_0)U^\dagger(t, t_0),$$

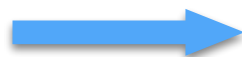
- Keldysh partition function:

$$Z = \text{tr} \rho(t),$$



- two-point closed time-path Green's function:

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, y) &\equiv -i\text{tr}\{T_p(\phi(x)\phi^\dagger(y)\rho)\} \\ &\equiv -i\langle T_p(\phi(x)\phi^\dagger(y)) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} G(x, y) &= \begin{pmatrix} G_{++} & G_{+-} \\ G_{-+} & G_{--} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} G_F & G_+ \\ G_- & G_{\tilde{F}} \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

$$G_F(x, y) \equiv -i\langle T(\phi(x)\phi^\dagger(y)) \rangle,$$

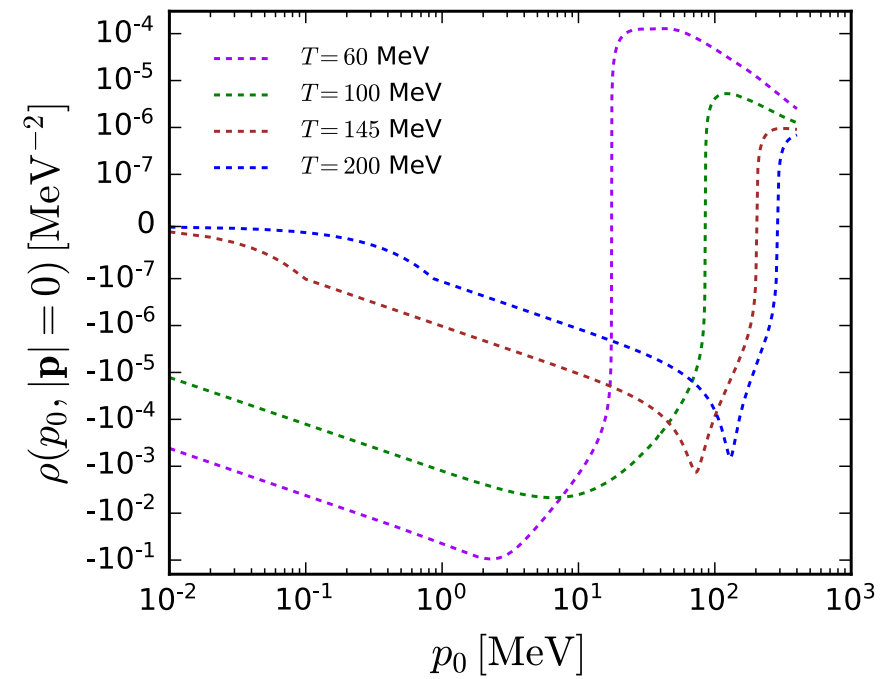
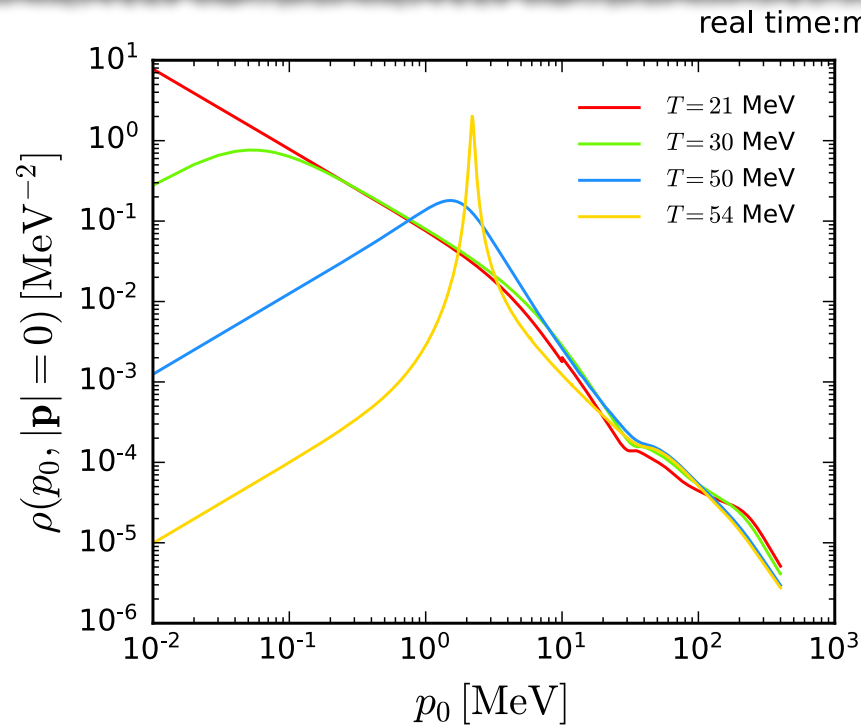
$$G_+(x, y) \equiv -i\langle \phi^\dagger(y)\phi(x) \rangle,$$

$$G_-(x, y) \equiv -i\langle \phi(x)\phi^\dagger(y) \rangle,$$

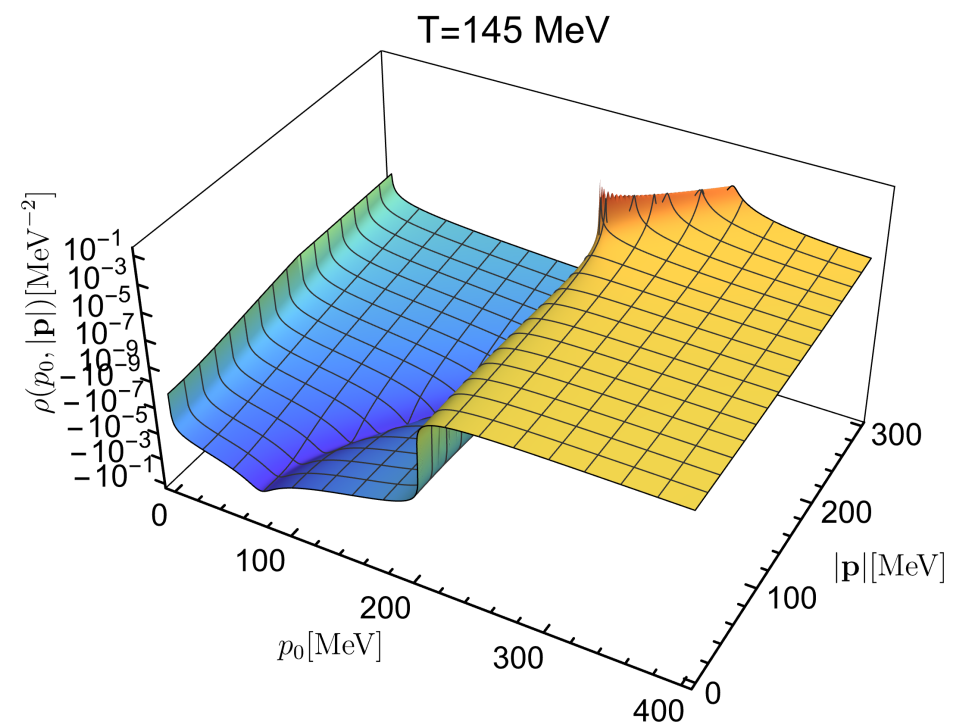
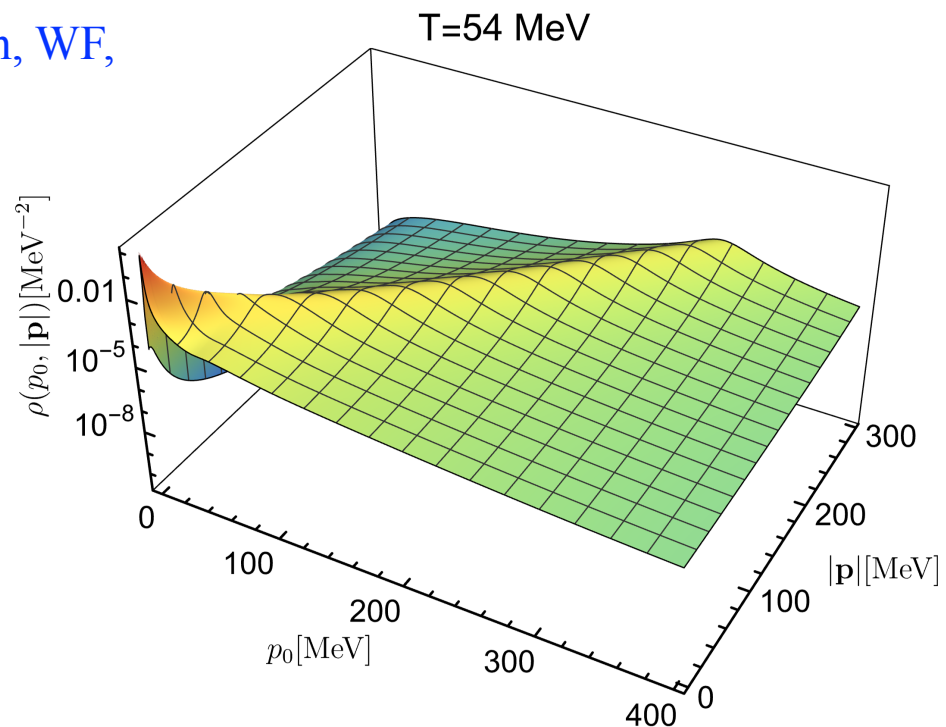
$$G_{\tilde{F}}(x, y) \equiv -i\langle \tilde{T}(\phi(x)\phi^\dagger(y)) \rangle,$$

Schwinger, J. Math. Phys. 2, 407 (1961);
Keldysh, Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 47, 1515 (1964);
Chou, Su, Hao, Yu, Phys. Rept. 118, 1 (1985).

Spectral functions



Y.-y. Tan, Y.-r. Chen, WF,
arXiv: 2107.06482



$$G_R(p_0, |\vec{p}|) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp'_0}{2\pi} \frac{\rho(p'_0, |\vec{p}|)}{p'_0 - (p_0 + i\epsilon)},$$

**Spectral
function:**

$$\rho(p_0, |\vec{p}|) = \frac{2\Im \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0, |\vec{p}|)}{\left[\Re \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0, |\vec{p}|) \right]^2 + \left[\Im \Gamma_{\phi_q \phi_c}^{(2)}(p_0, |\vec{p}|) \right]^2}.$$