

# Exploring the Microscopic origins of QCD phase transition

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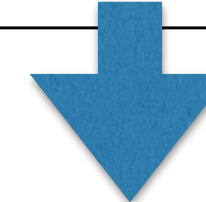
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# Symmetries of QCD in vacuum

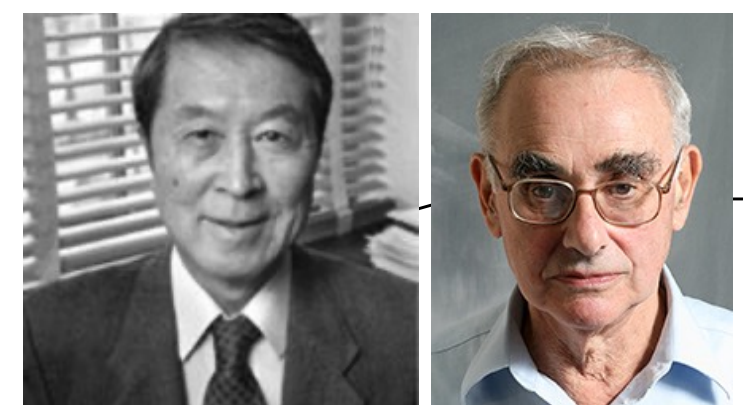
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} \bar{q} \left[ i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - igA_\mu) - m_q \right] q$$

Classical QCD symmetry ( $m_q=0$ )

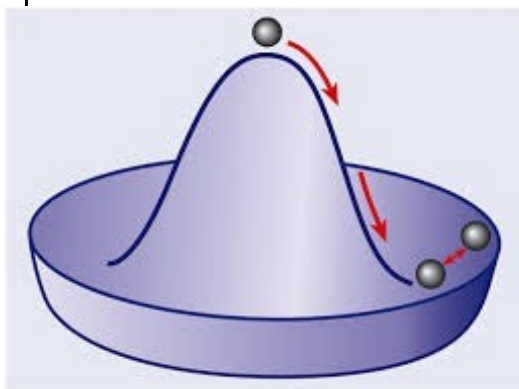
$$SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \times U(1)_V \times U(1)_A$$



Quantum QCD vacuum ( $m_q=0$ )



Chiral condensate:  
spontaneous mass generation



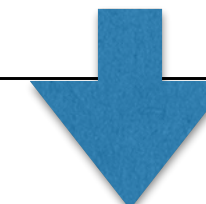
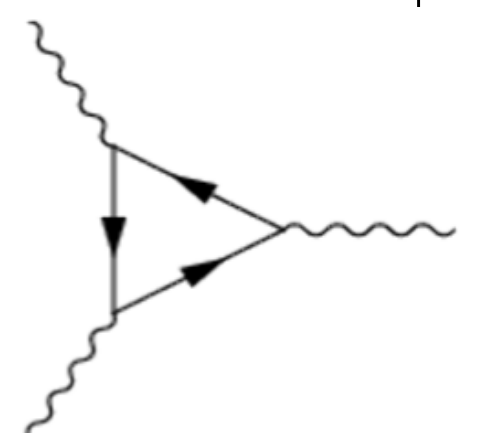
$$\langle \bar{q}_R q_L \rangle \neq 0$$

U(1) problem

$$\partial_\mu j_5^\mu = \frac{g^2 N_f}{16\pi^2} \text{tr}(\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

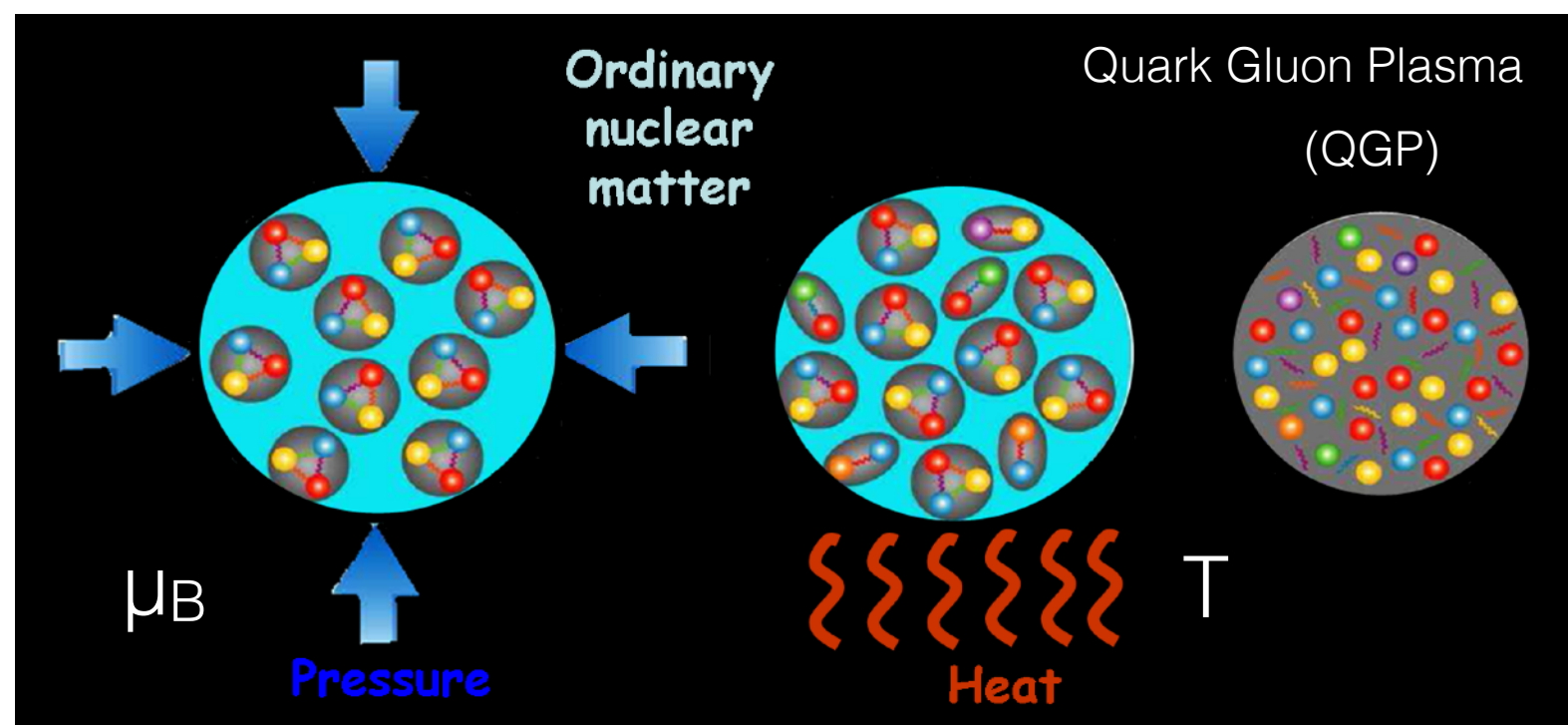
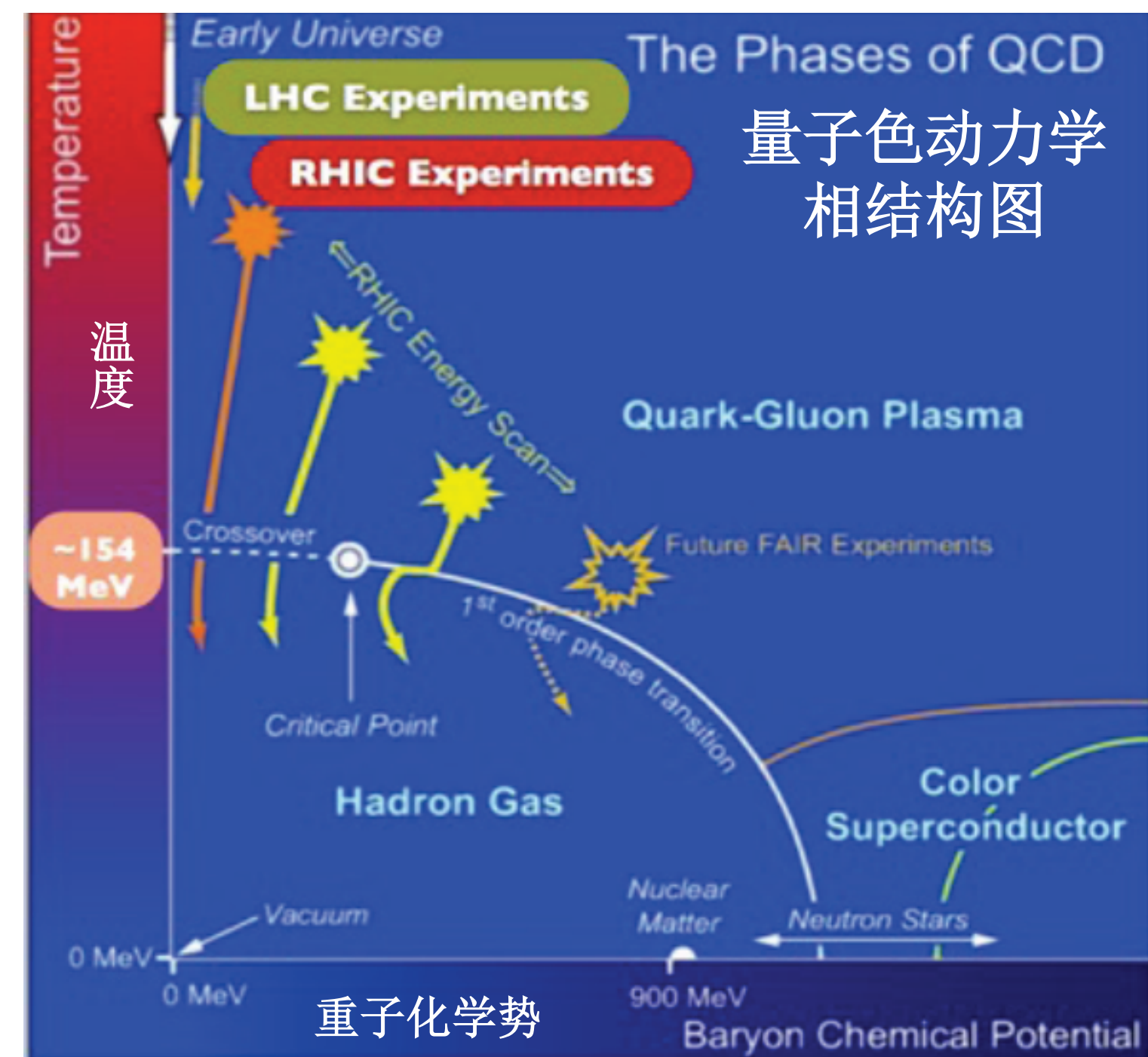
Axial anomaly:  
quantum violation of  $U(1)_A$

ABJ...



$$SU(N_f)_V \times U(1)_V$$

# Missing symmetries & Vacuum excitation



“The whole is more than sum of its parts.”  
Aristotle, *Metaphysica* 10f-1045a

从还原论到整体论

“核子重如牛，对撞生新态。”

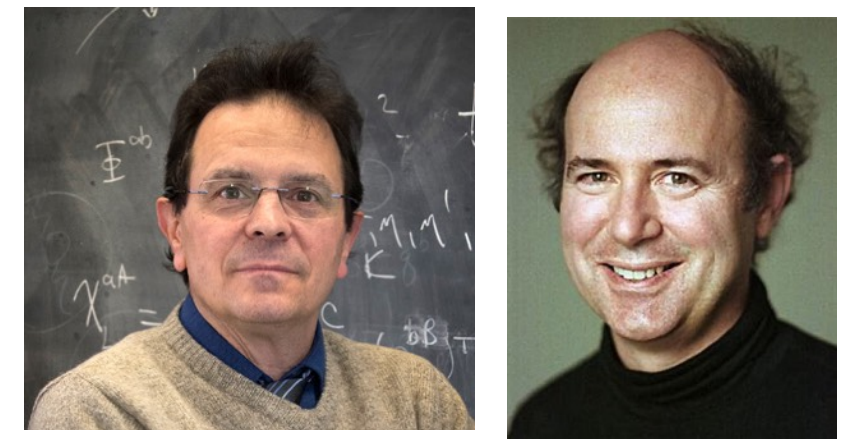
Ink painting masterpiece 1986:  
"Nuclei as Heavy as Bulls, Through Collision  
Generate New States of Matter",  
by Li Keran,  
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T. D. Lee.



How do symmetries  
manifest themselves in  
QCD phase structure?

$$\partial_\mu j_5^\mu = \frac{g^2 N_f}{16\pi^2} \text{tr}(\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu})$$

# Landau functional of QCD

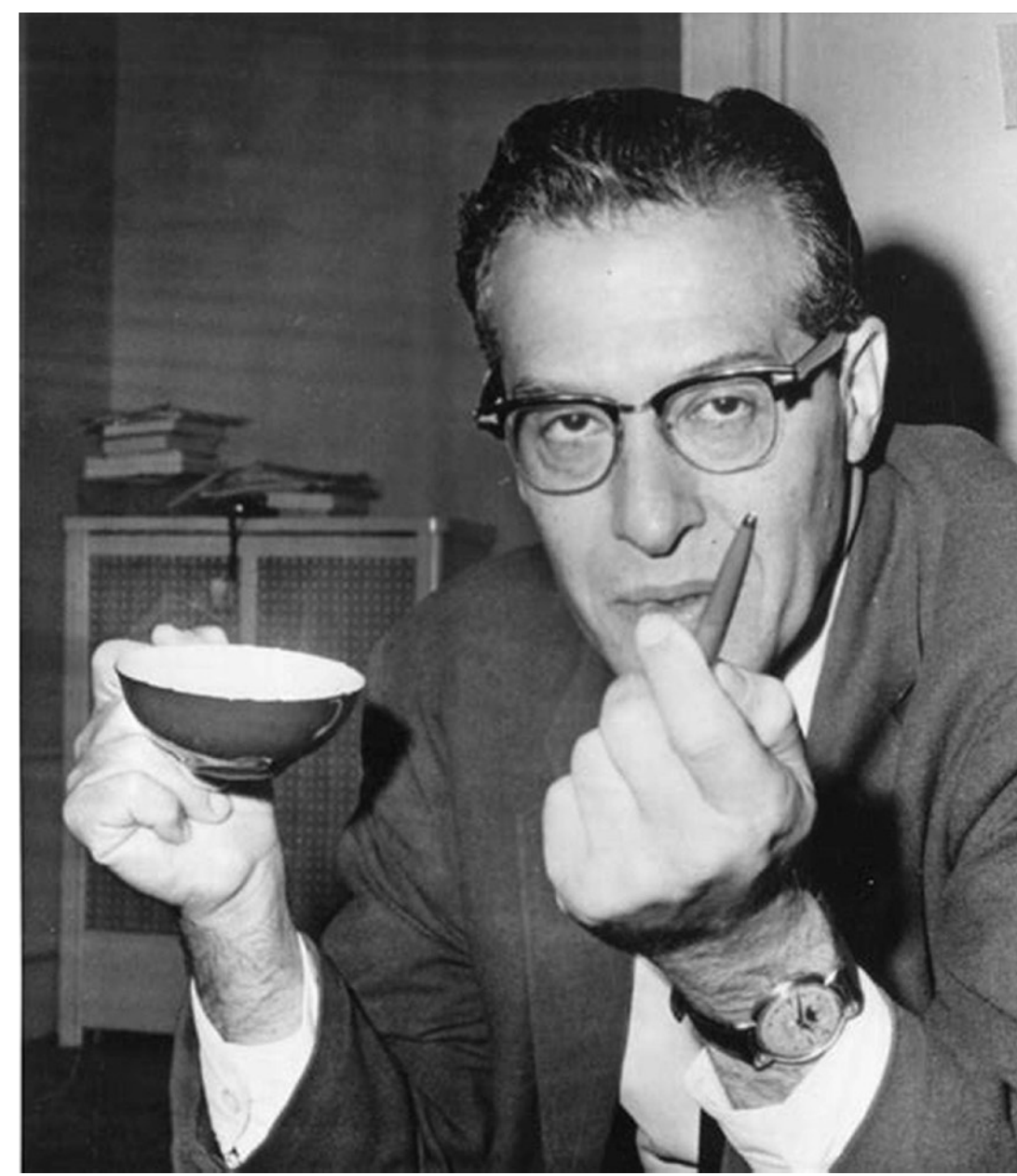


Pisarski & Wilczek,  
PRD 84'

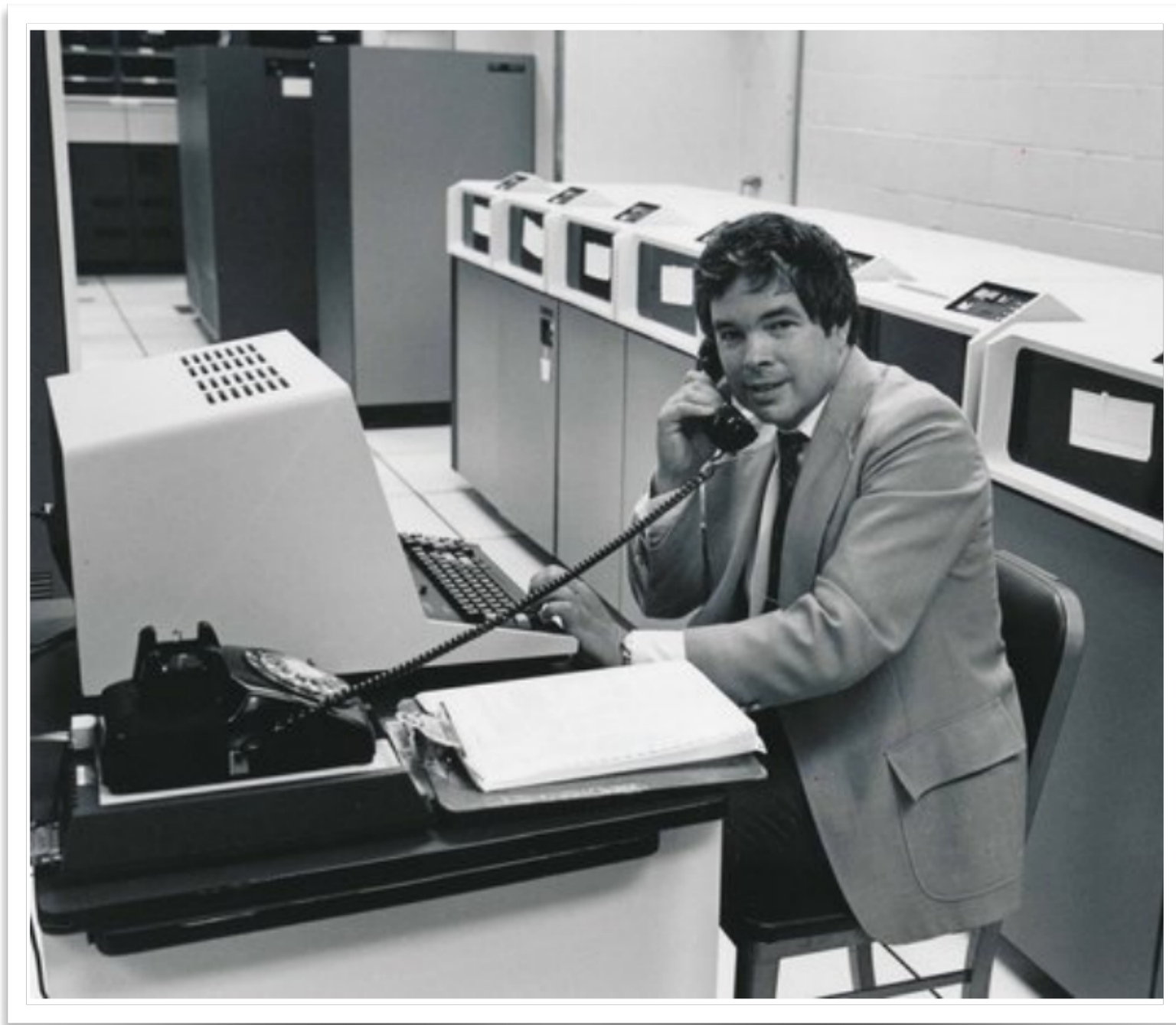
Symmetry:  $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \times U(1)_V \times U(1)_A$

Chiral field:  $\Phi_{ij} \sim \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j (1 - \gamma_5) q^i = \bar{q}_R^j q_L^i$       Chiral transformation:  $\Phi \rightarrow e^{-2i\alpha_A} V_L \Phi V_R^\dagger$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{eff} = & \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \partial\Phi^\dagger \partial\Phi + \frac{a}{2} \text{tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi \\ & + \frac{b_1}{4!} (\text{tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + \frac{b_2}{4!} \text{tr} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \times U(1)_A \\ & - \frac{c}{2} (\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger) \quad \rightarrow SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \\ & - \frac{d}{2} \text{tr} h (\Phi + \Phi^\dagger) \quad \rightarrow \text{Quark mass term} \end{aligned}$$



Julian Schwinger:  
 “physicist who only needs  
 pencil and paper to do physics”  
 (and coffee)



Kenneth G. Wilson  
 Lattice field theory

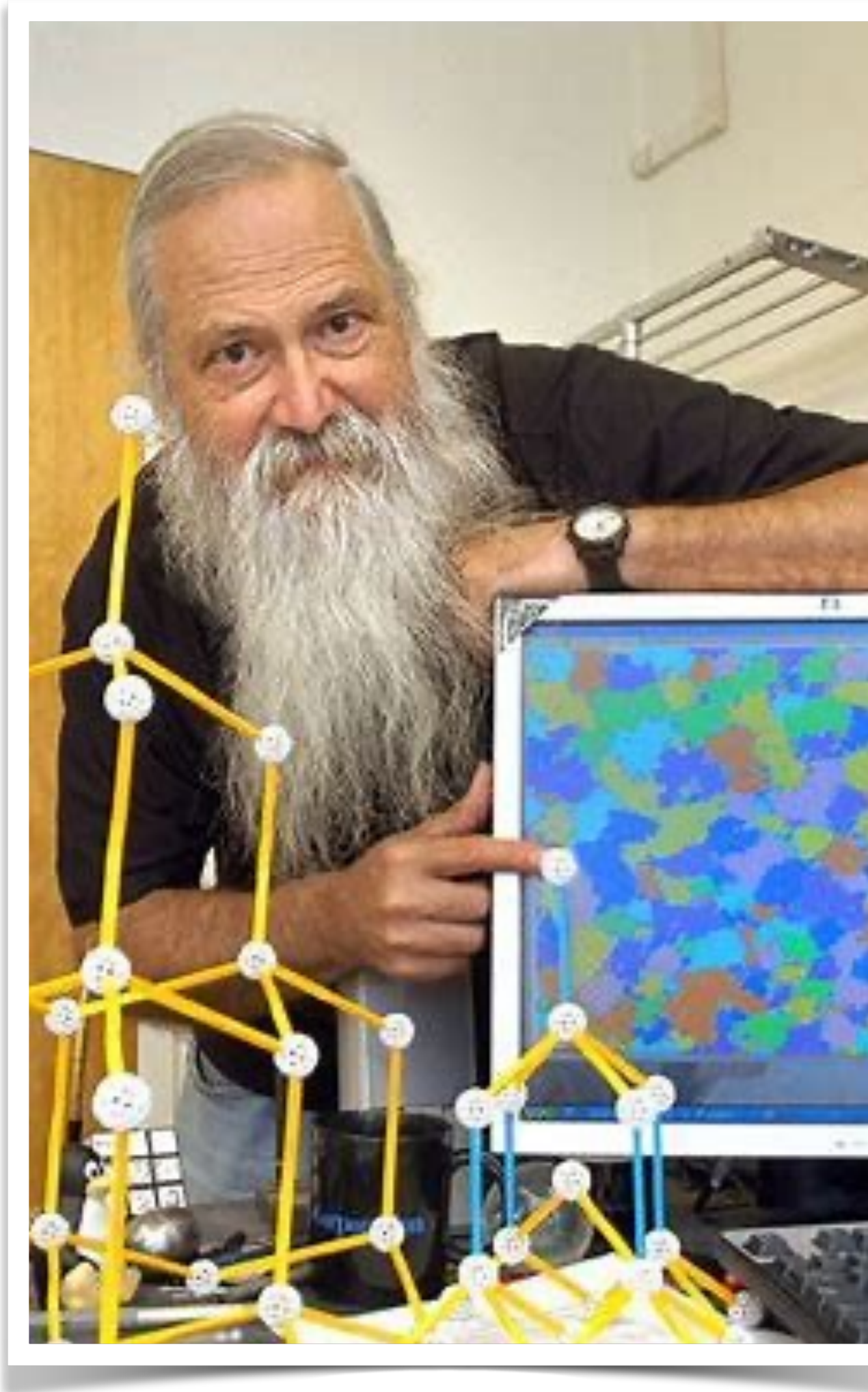
QCD Lagrangian

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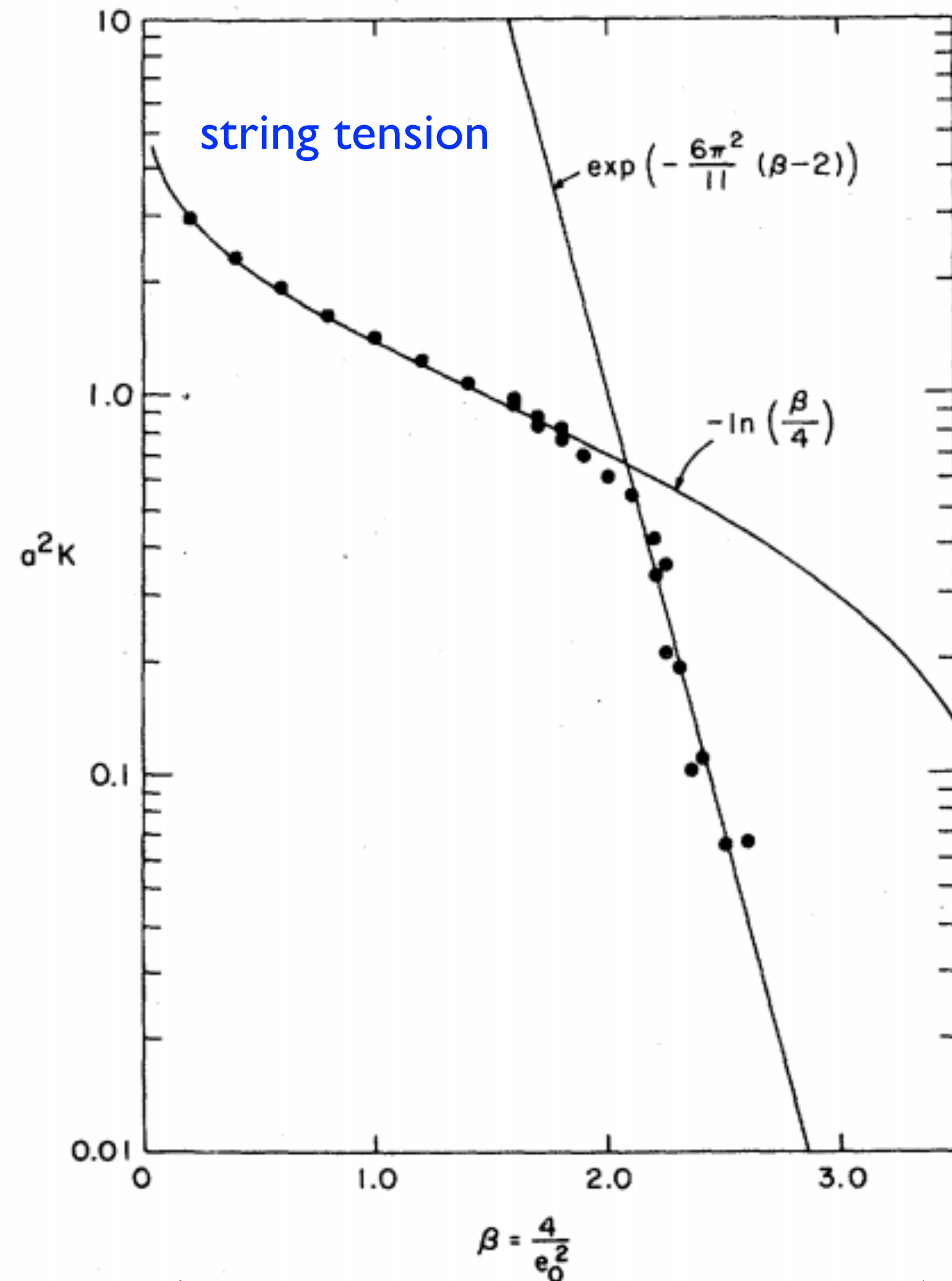
● quark ▲ gluon

$a \rightarrow 0$  recovers QCD

# Nonzero T: First numerical lattice simulations



Michale Creutz  
@BNL



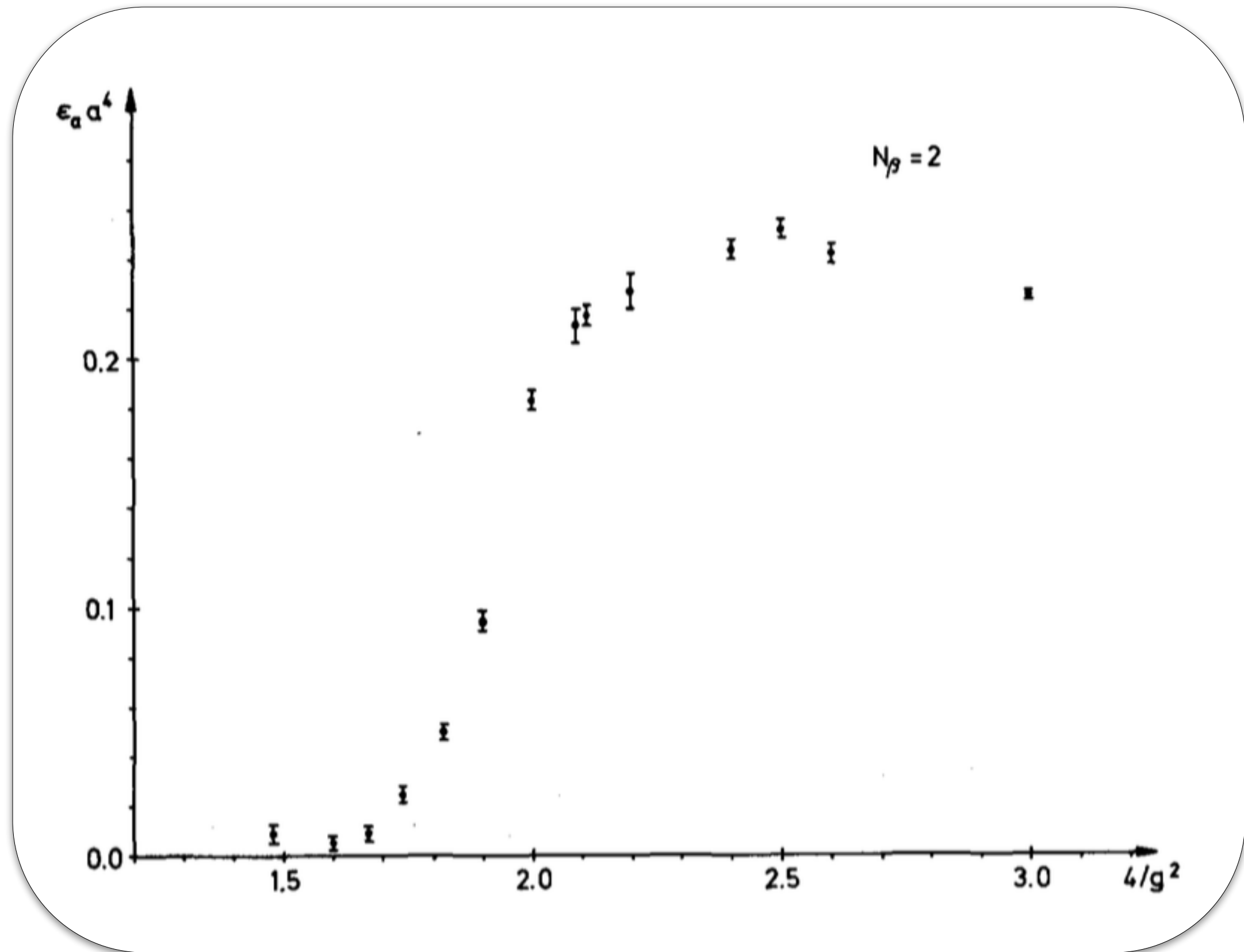
Spawned  
golden age  
in lattice QCD

Michale Creutz  
on the beach

<https://journals.aps.org/collections/50-years-QCD>  
PRD 1980, cited by 1181 records

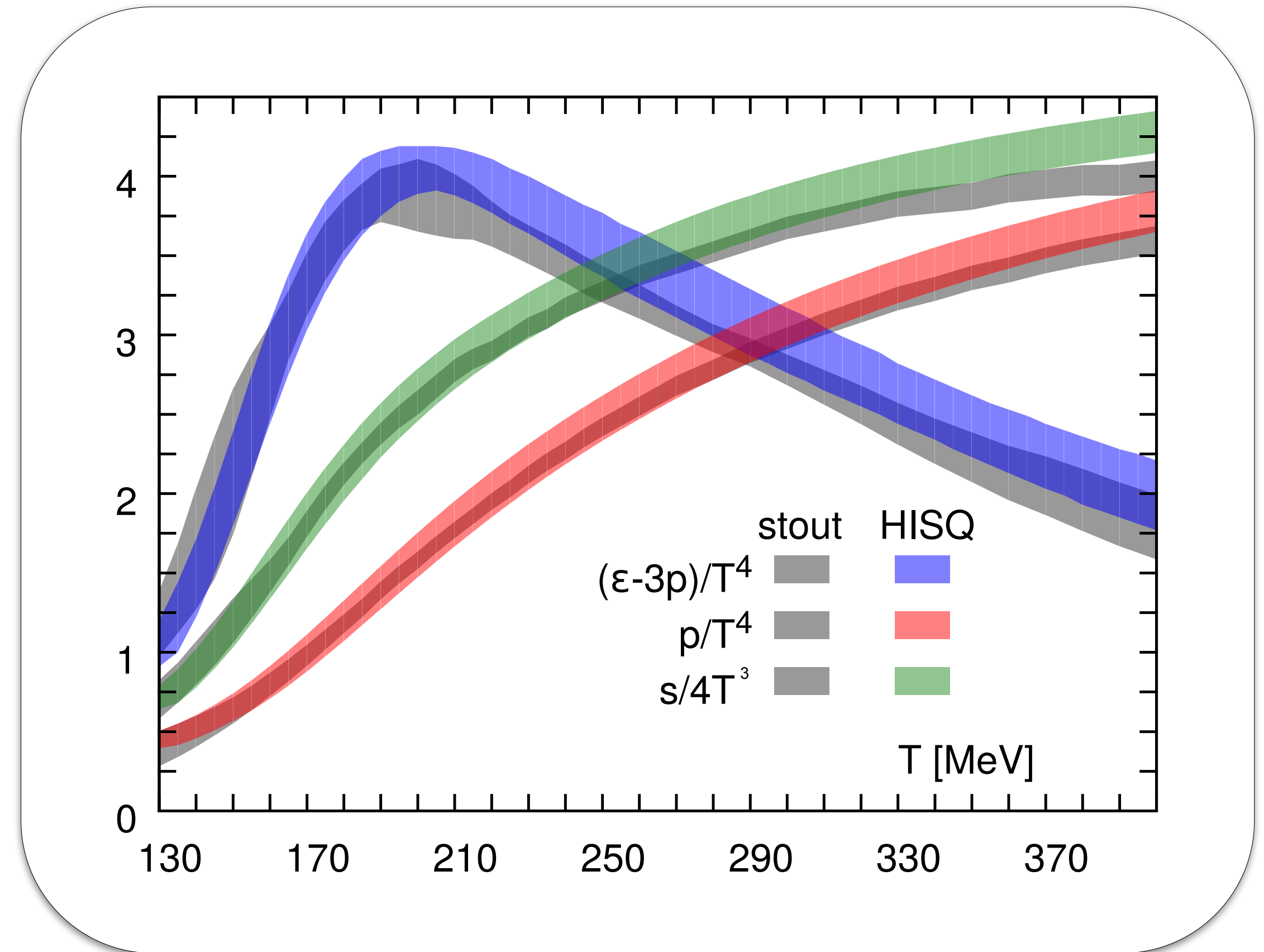
# Lattice QCD calculation of EoS at $\mu_B = 0$

SU(2) pure gauge; Quenched QCD  
at a finite lattice cutoff of  $Nt=2$



J. Engels, F. Karsch, H. Satz, I. Montvay [Bielefeld]  
Phys. Lett. B 101 (1981) 89-94

$N_f=2+1$ , physical point  
continuum extrapolated



HotQCD, PRD 90 (2014) 094503

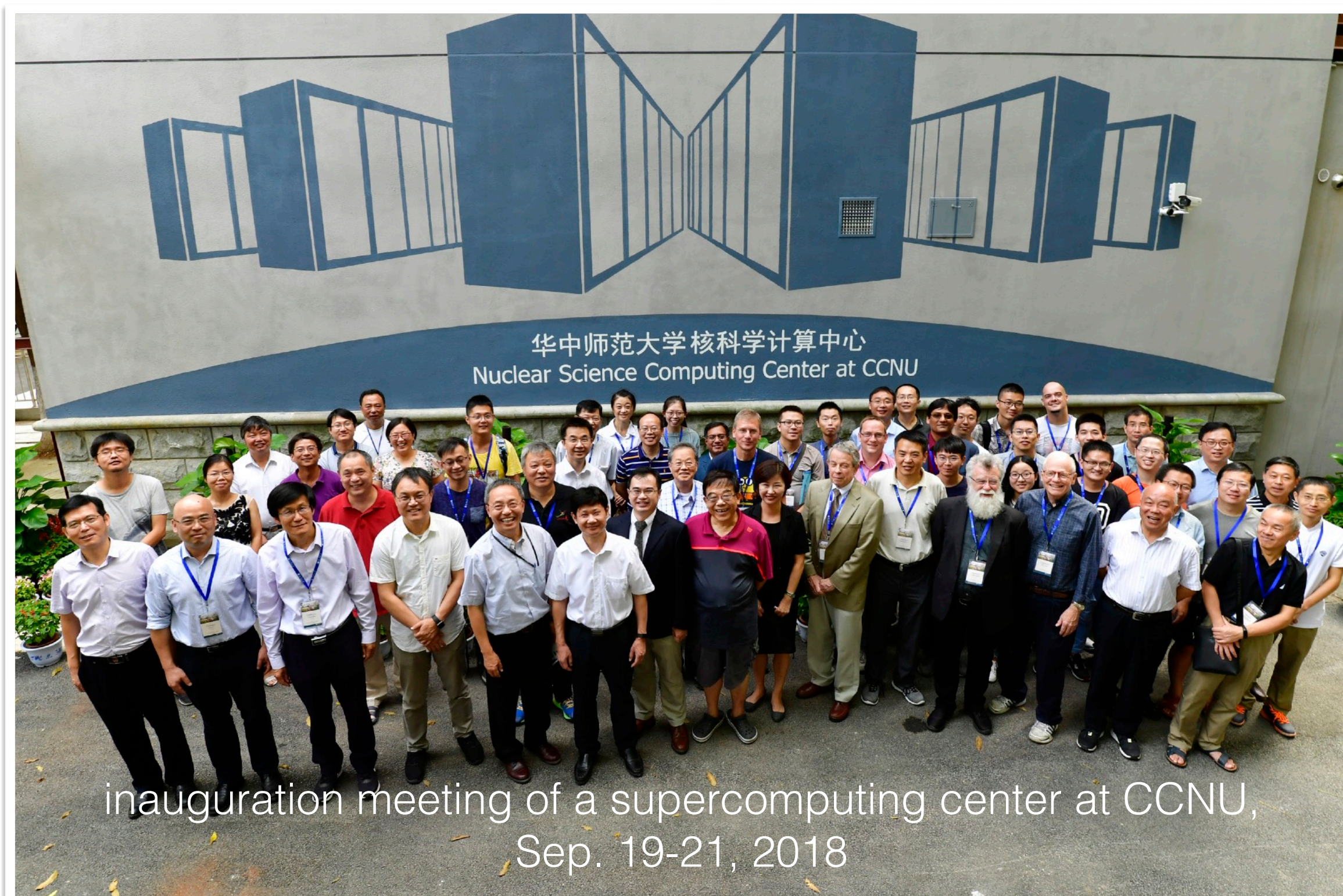
# **NSC<sup>3</sup>** 华中师范大学核科学计算中心 Nuclear Science Computing Center at CCNU



**N:** Nuclear    **S:** Science    **C<sup>3</sup>:** Color 3 -> QCD

“道生一，一生二，二生三，三生万物。” — 《道德经》老子 600 BC

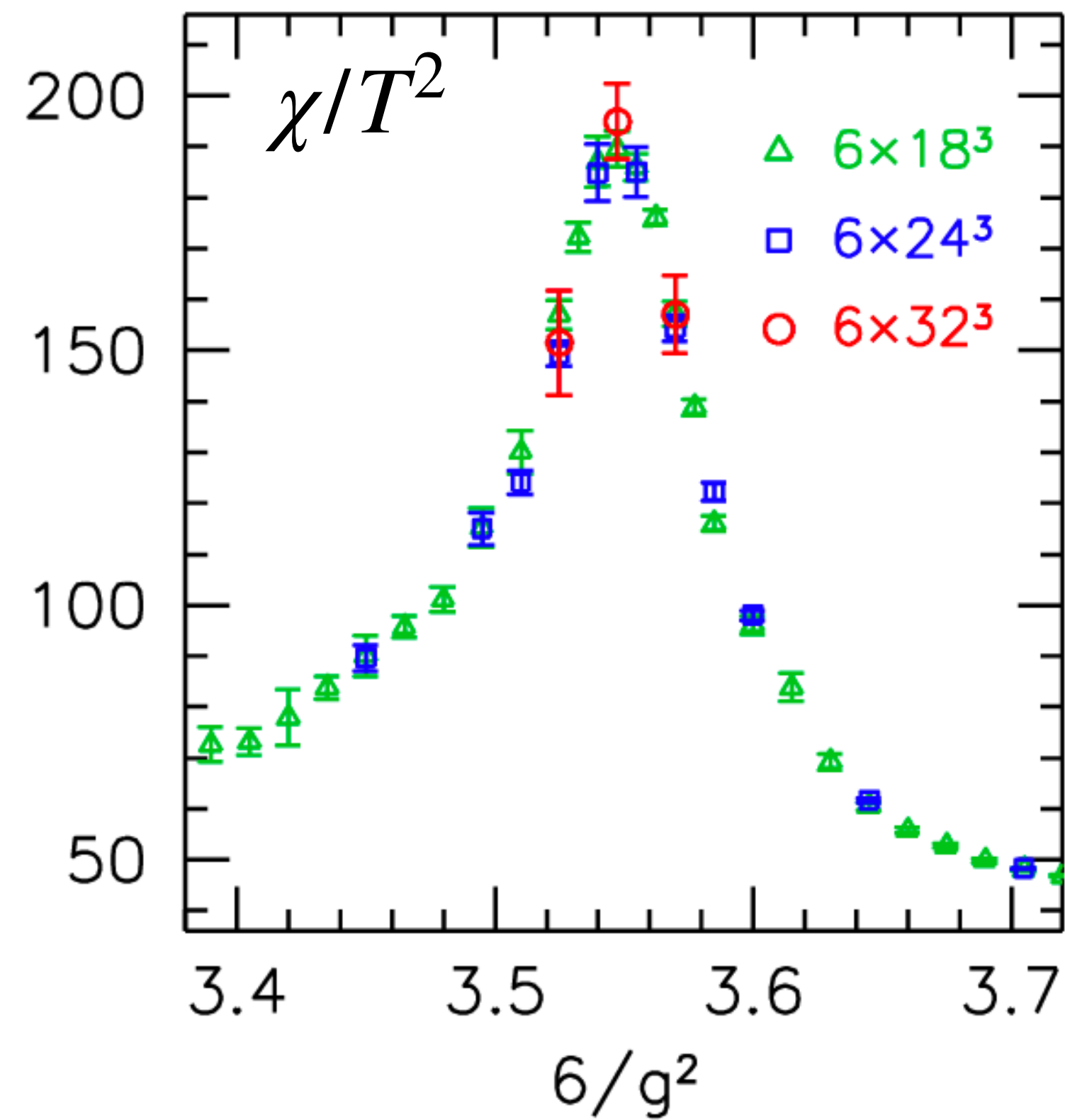
Founded in 2018, 4.7PFlops/s (304 V100 + 216 A800 GPU), 16 PB





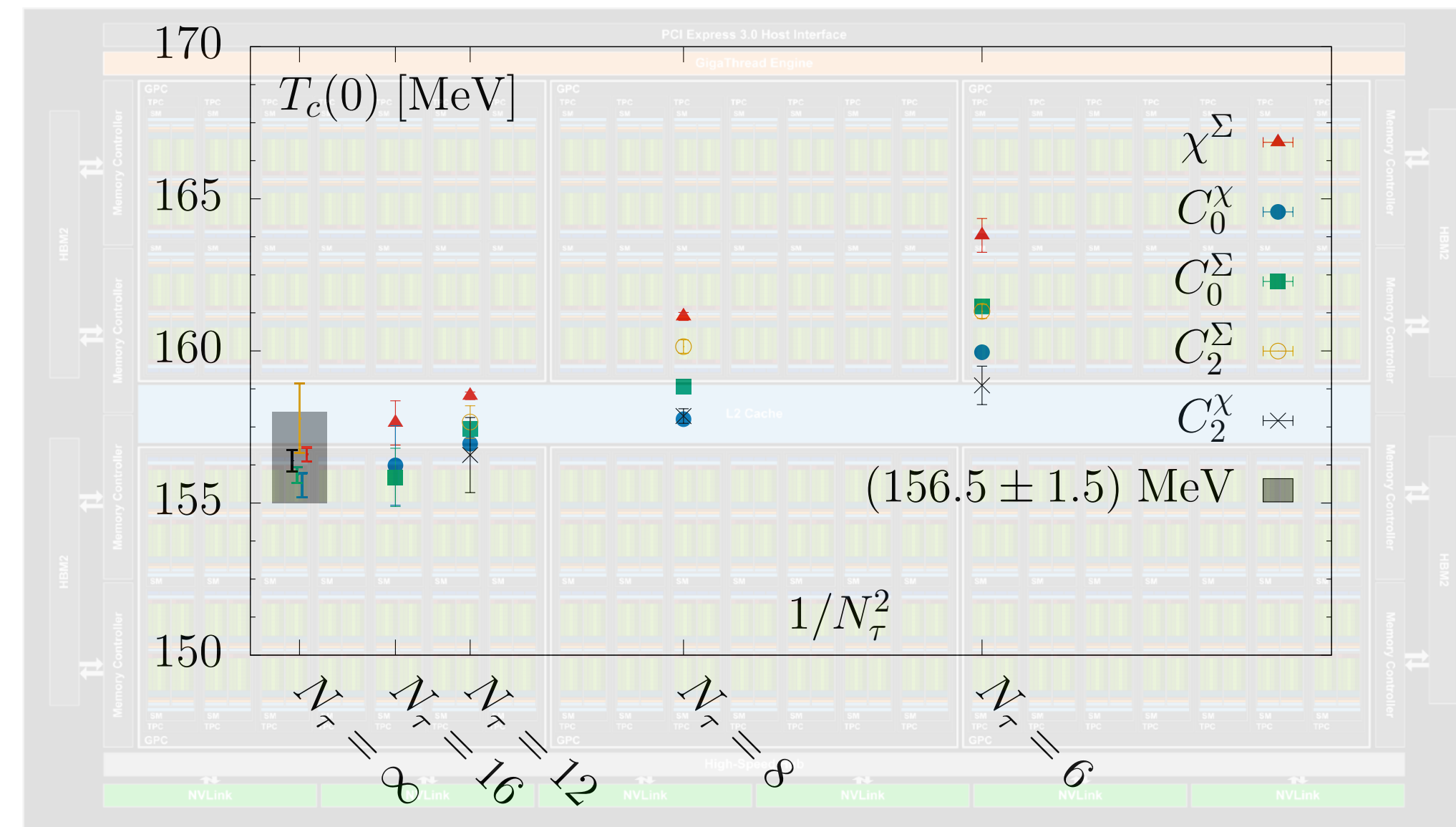
# QCD transition at $\mu_B=0$ in Nature

Not a true phase transition but a rapid crossover



Y. Aoki et al., Nature 443 (2006) 675-678

$T_{pc}(0) = 156.5(1.5) \text{ MeV} \sim 1.8 \times 10^{12} \text{ K}$



0 ← a

A. Bazavov, HTD, P. Hegde et al. [HotQCD], Phys. Lett. B795 (2019) 15

Made in  
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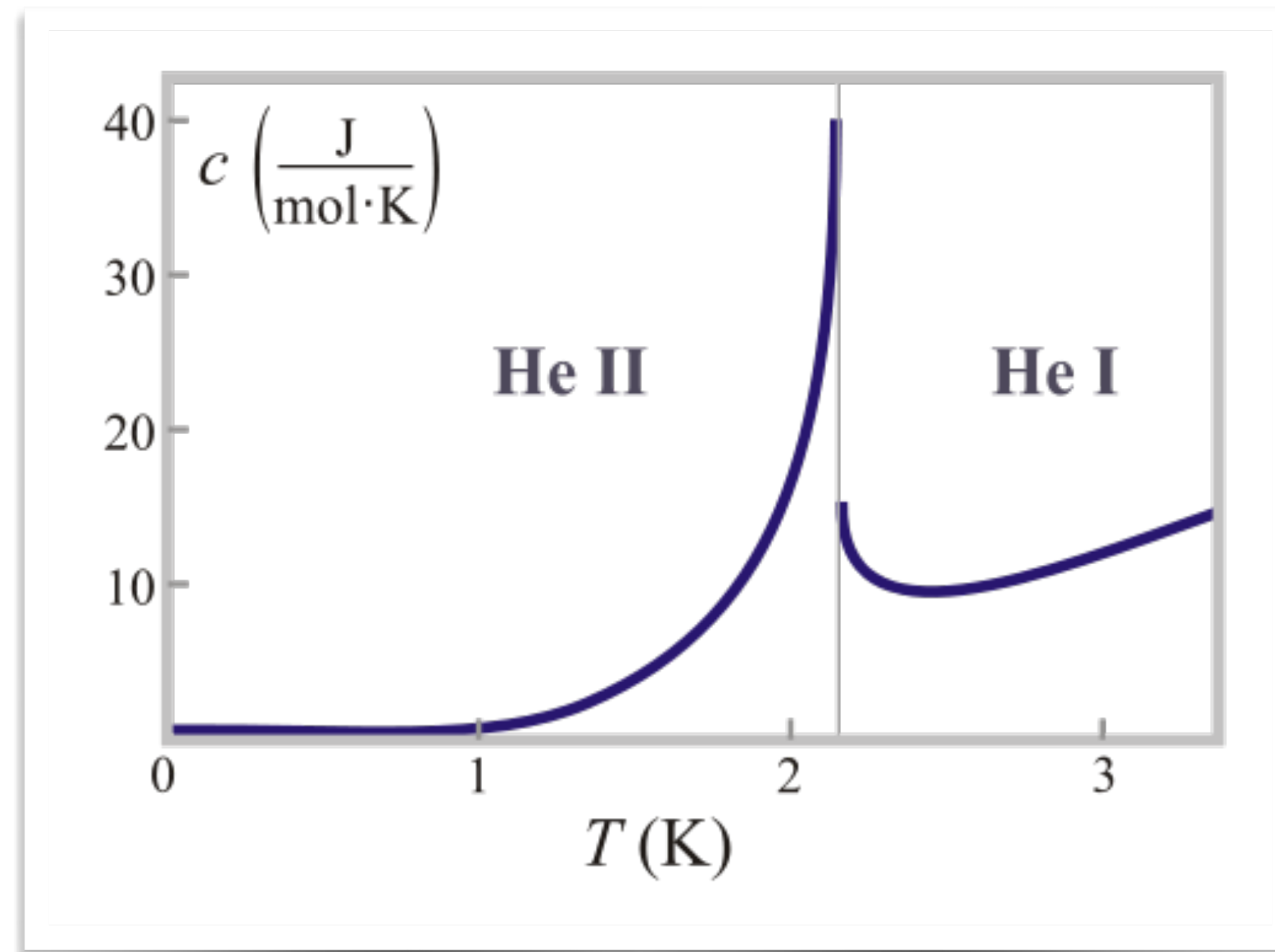
# Critical phenomena and universality class

1822: discovered the **critical point** of a substance in his gun barrel experiments

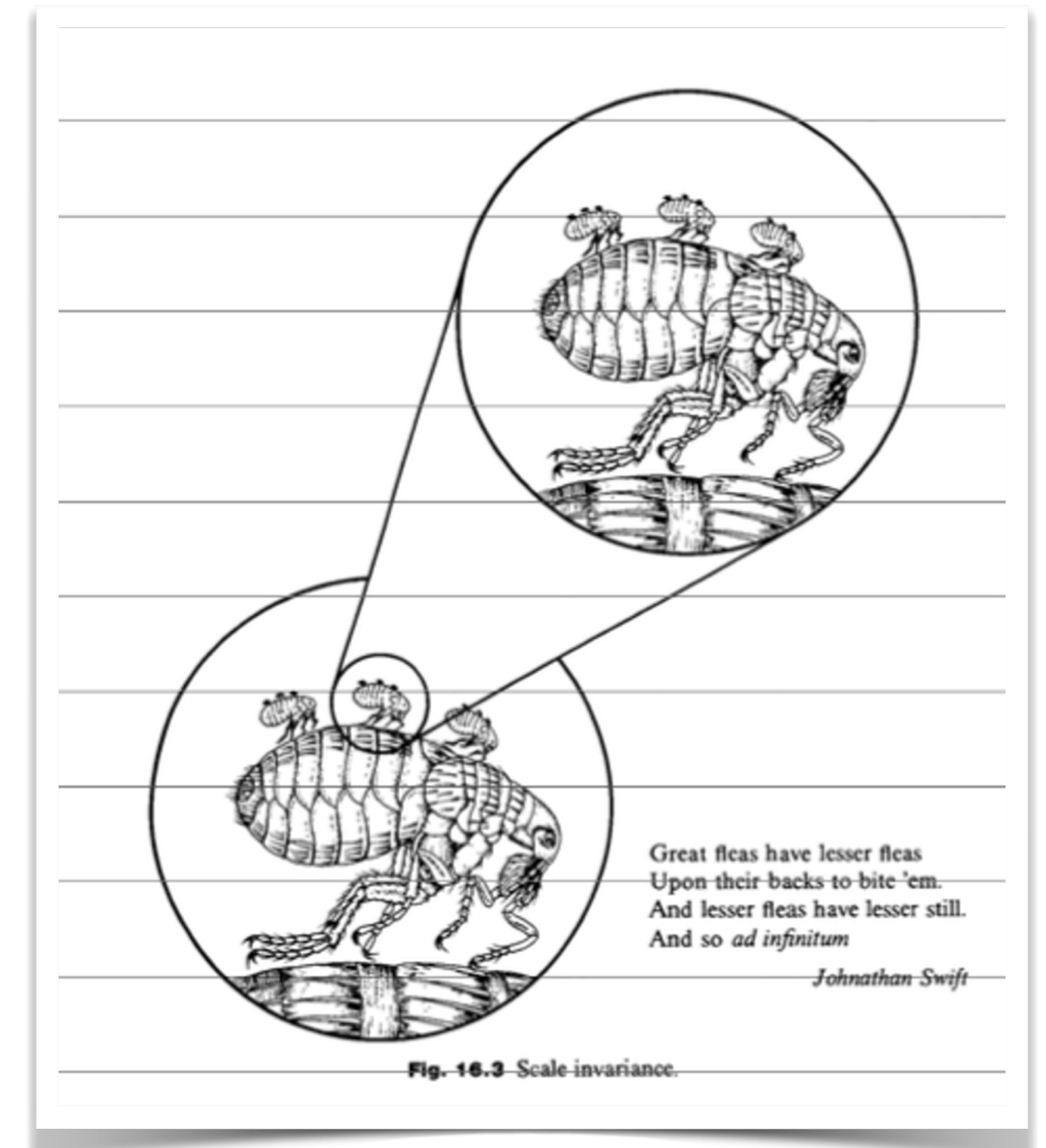


Charles Cagniard de la Tour  
1777-1859

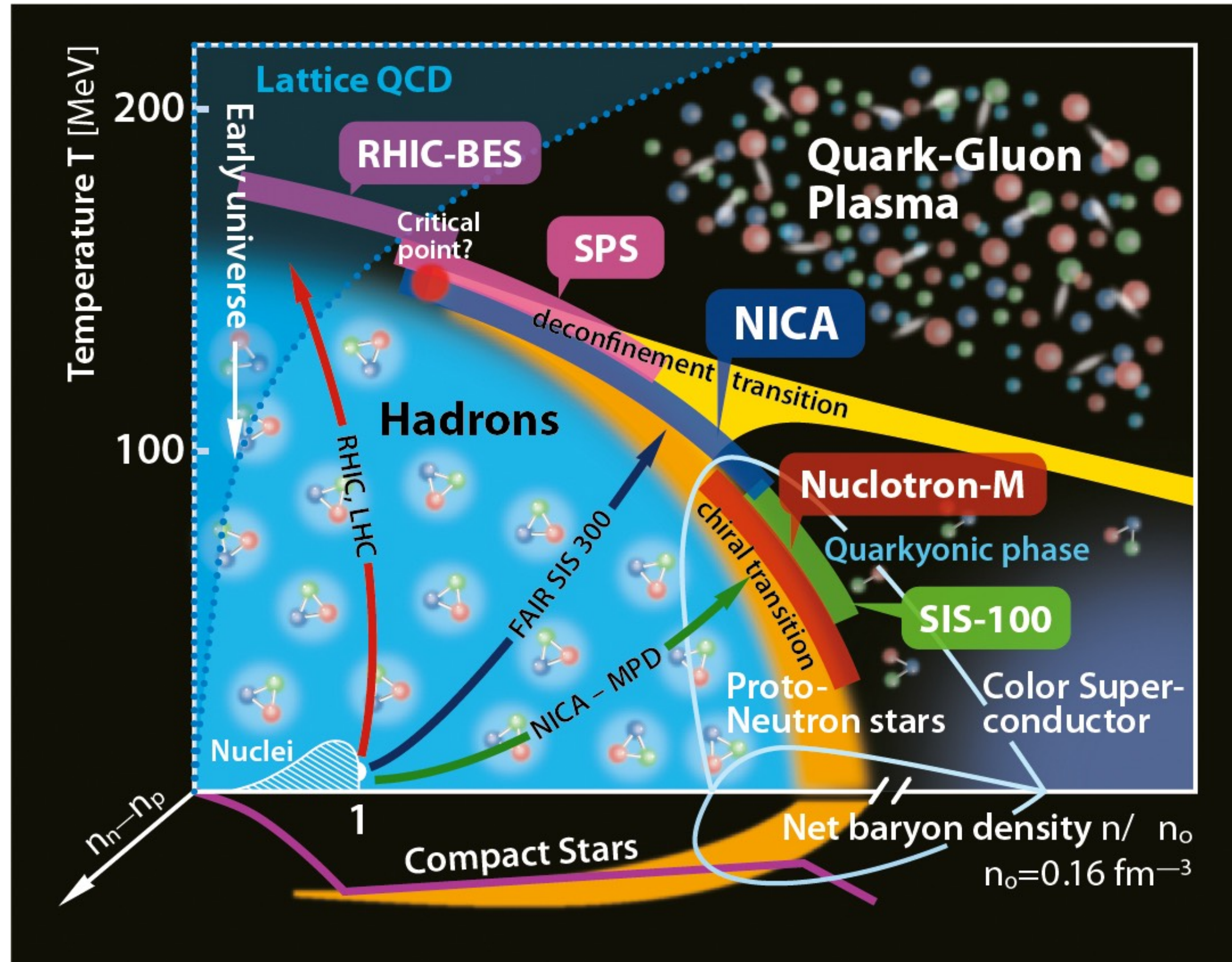
Superfluid transition:  $\lambda$  point  
 $O(2)$  universality class



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lambda\\_point](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lambda_point)

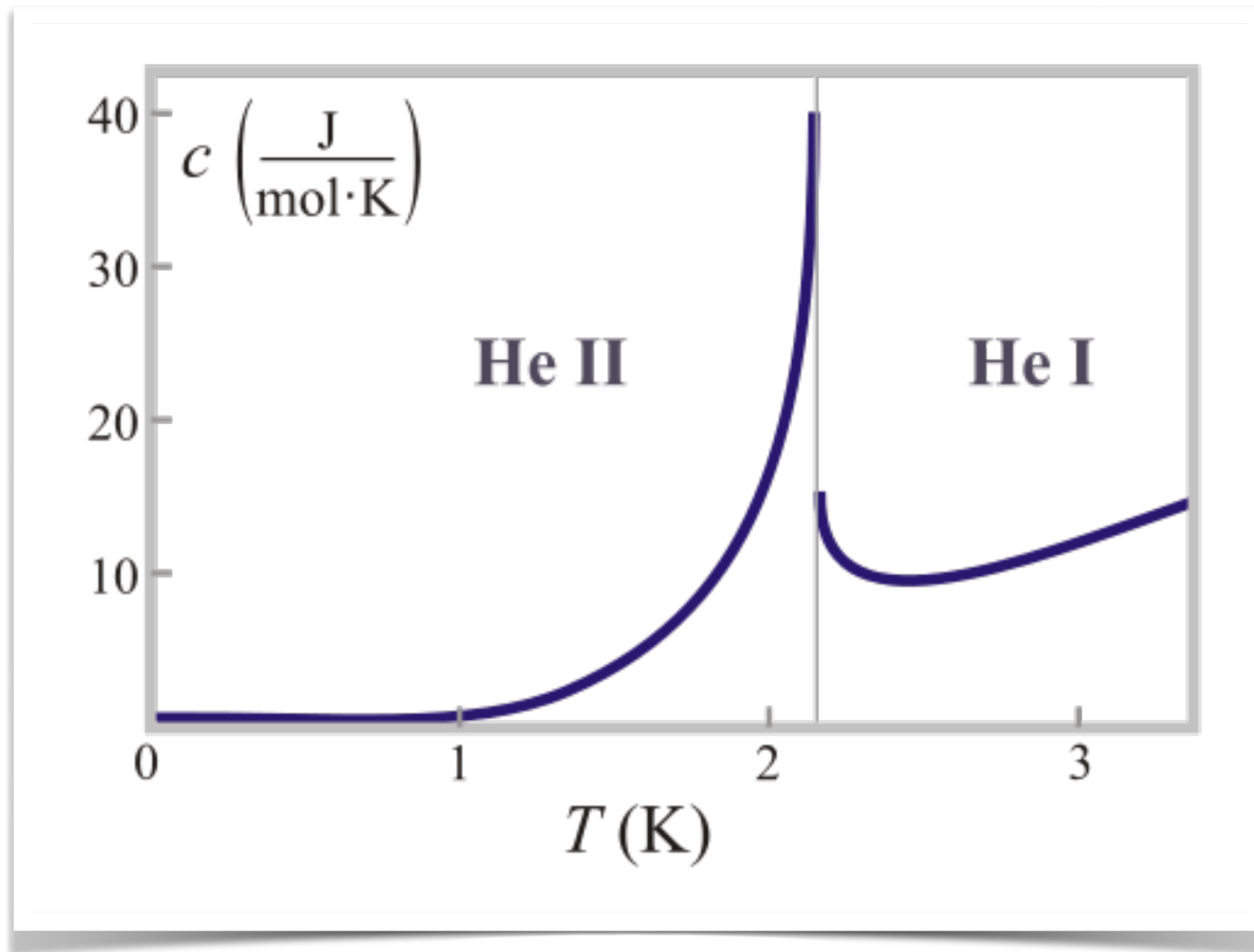


Kerson Huang,  
Statistical mechanics



Even if those signatures of criticality are observed an ultimate scientific question will still remain unanswered

How do these universal behaviors at the macroscale arise from the microscopic degrees of freedom, quarks and gluons?



Can we understand the  
superfluid transition of

Helium4

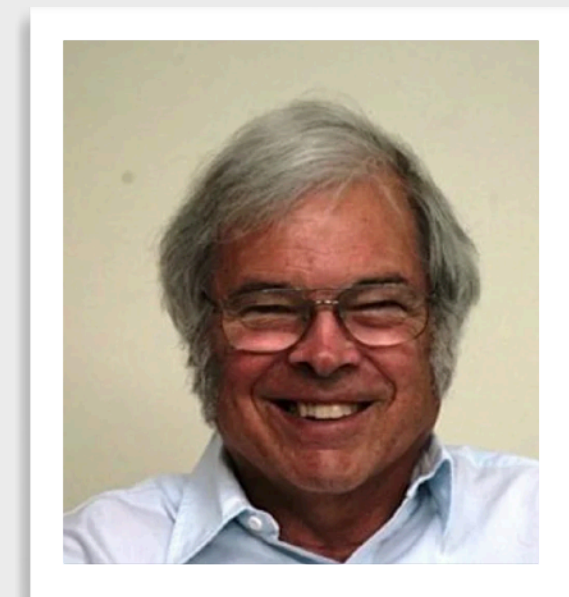
based on photons and  
electrons ?



Effective theory: roton, phonon

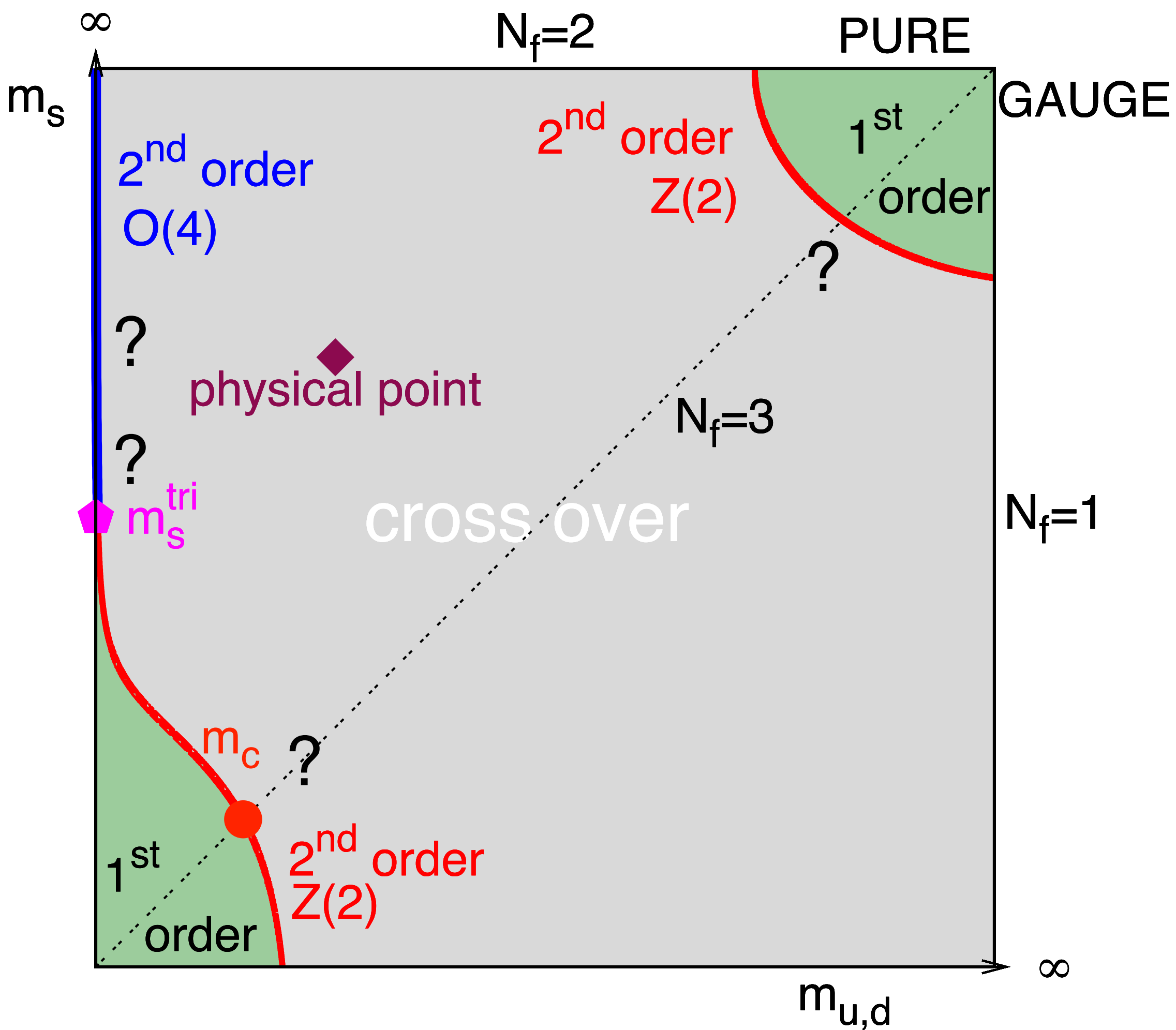
Can we understand the QCD transition based on quarks and gluons?

Lattice QCD:  
first principle, starting from the basic d.o.f. of QCD



# QCD criticality at $\mu_B=0$

Columbia plot:  
QCD phase diagram in quark mass plane



RG arguments: Pisarski & Wilczek, PRD29 (1984) 338

- $m_q=0$  or  $\infty$  with  $N_f=3$ : a first order phase transition

- Critical lines of 2nd order transition
  - $N_f=2$ :  $O(4)$  universality class (K. Rajagopal & F. Wilczek, NPB 399 (1993) 395)
  - $N_f=3$ :  $Z(2)$  universality class (Gavin, Gocksch & Pisarski, PRD 49 (1994) 3079)

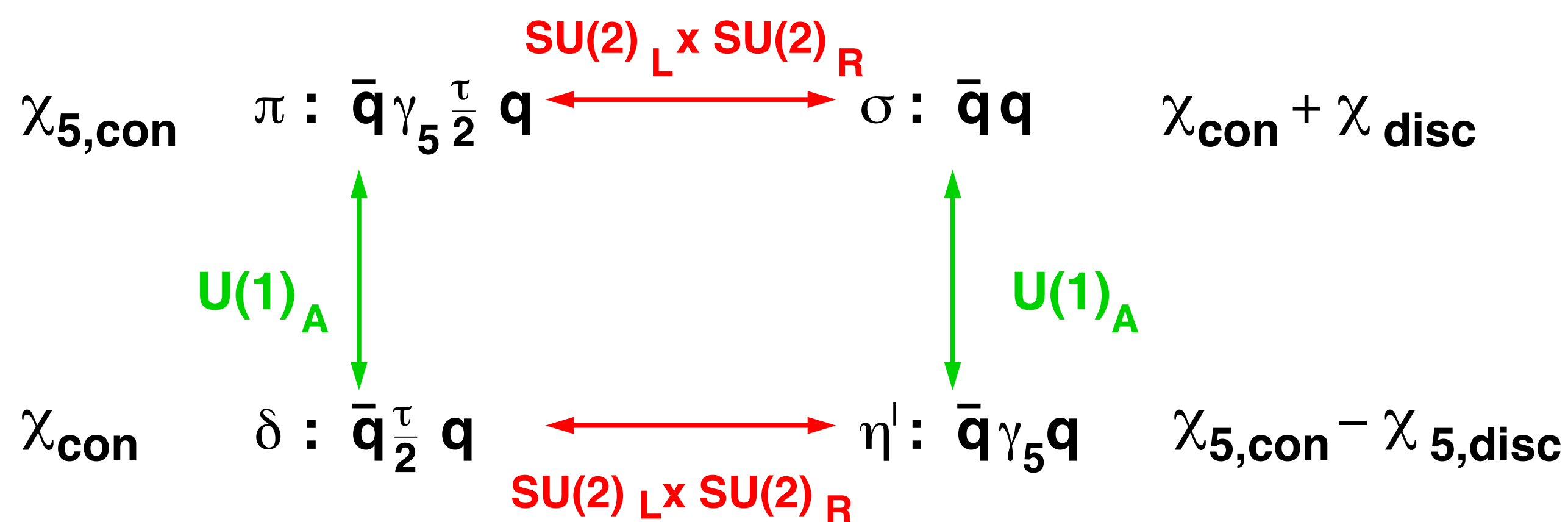
F. Wilczek  
IJMPA 7(1992) 3911

- Axial  $U(1)$  anomaly in  $N_f=2$  QCD
  - If manifested at  $T_c$ : 2nd order  $O(4)$
  - If not: 1st order or 2nd order ( $U(2)_L \otimes U(2)_R / U(2)_V$ )

Butti, Pelissetto and Vicari, JHEP 08 (2003) 029  
Pelissetto & Vicari, PRD 88 (2013) 105018  
Grahl, PRD 90 (2014) 117904

# Signatures of symmetry restorations

•  $\mathfrak{S}$  Susceptibilities defined as integrated two point correlation functions of the local operators, e.g.  $\chi_\pi = \int d^4x \langle \pi^i(x) \pi^i(0) \rangle$  with  $\pi^i(x) = i\bar{\psi}_l(x) \gamma_5 \tau^i \psi_l(x)$



$$\chi_{\text{disc}} = \frac{T}{V} \int d^4x \left\langle \left[ \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) - \langle \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x) \rangle \right]^2 \right\rangle$$

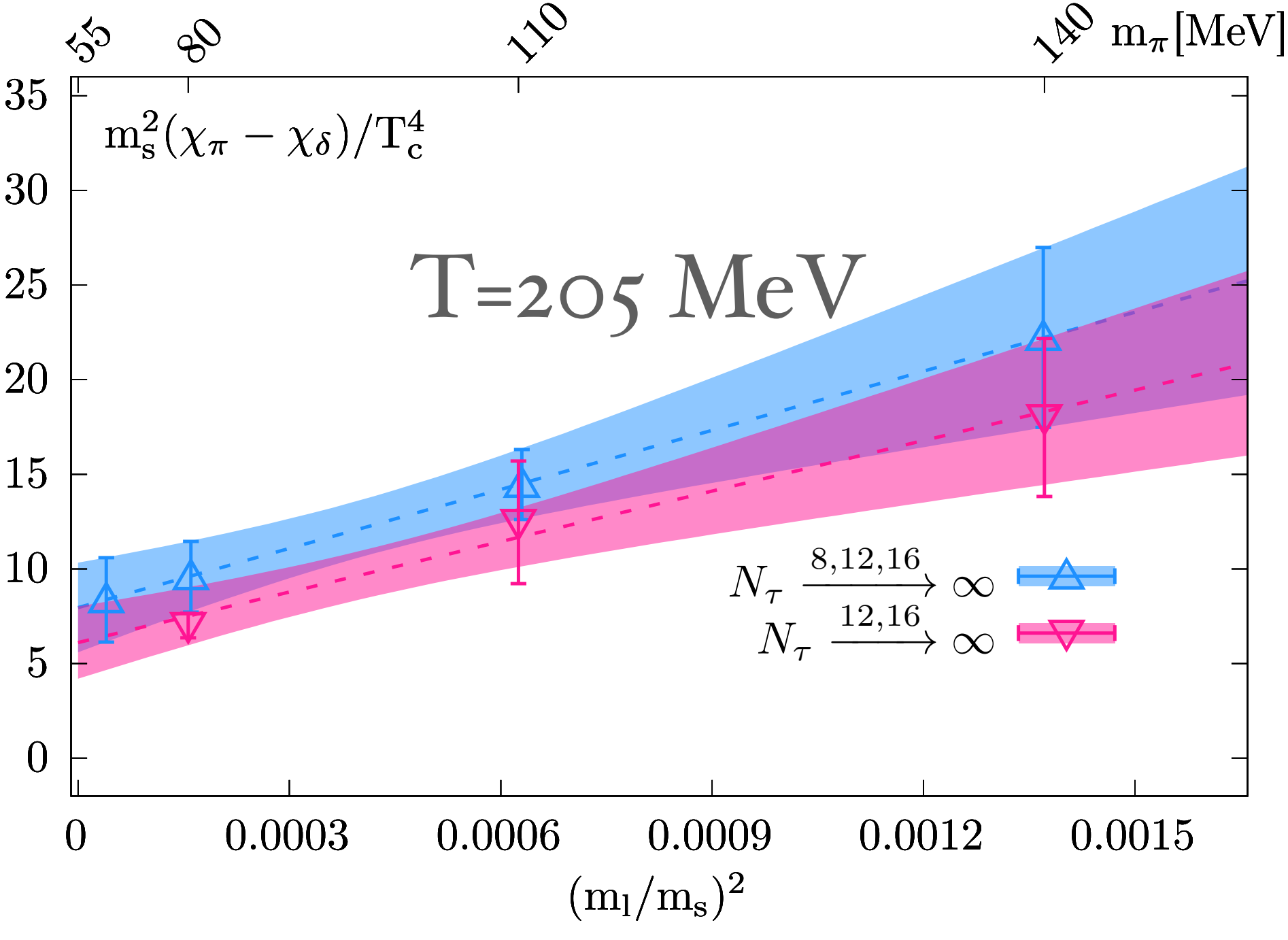
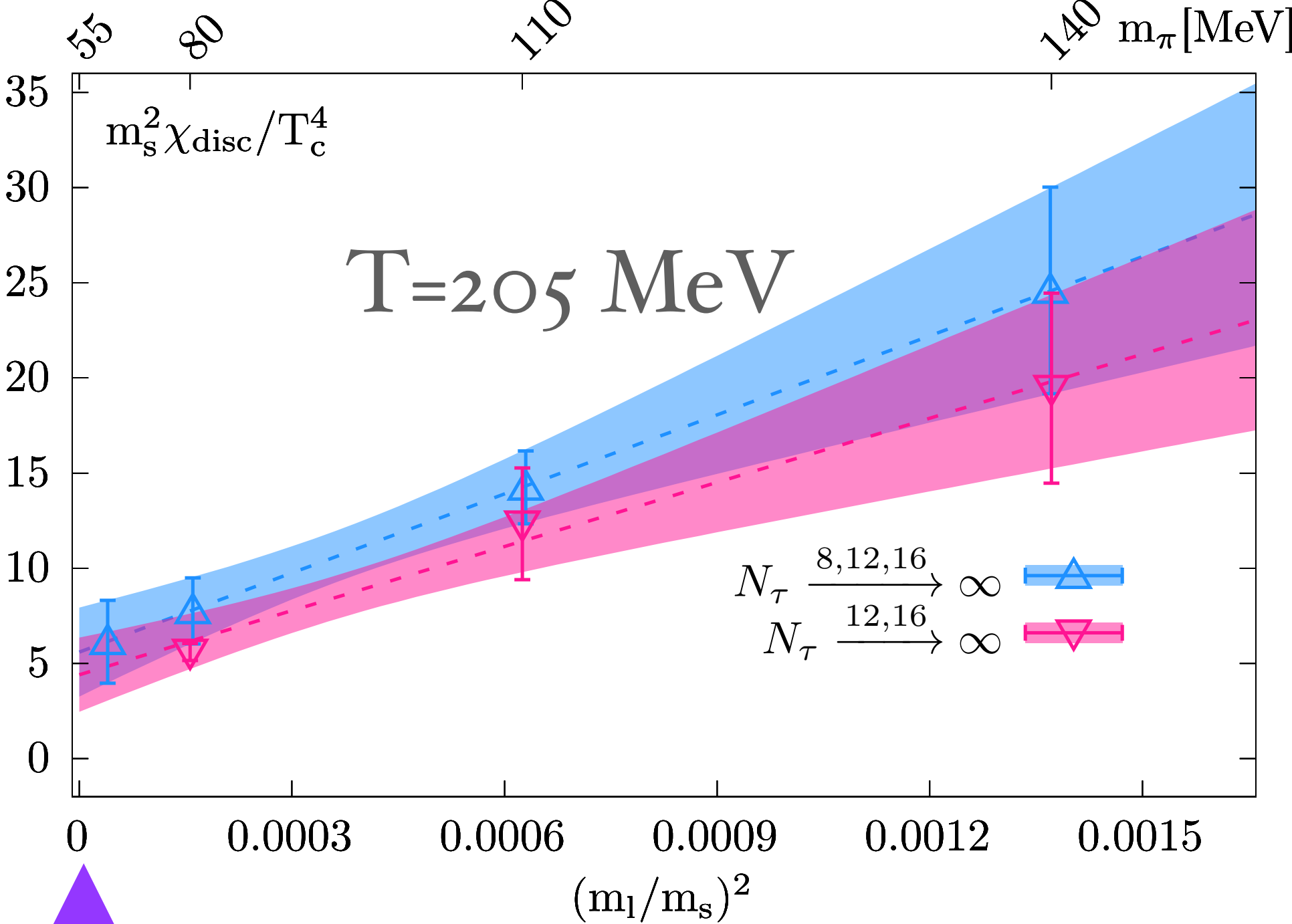
Restoration of  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\pi - \chi_\sigma &= 0 \\ \chi_\delta - \chi_{\eta'} &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \chi_\pi - \chi_\delta = \chi_{\text{disc}} = \chi_{5,\text{disc}}$$

Effective restoration of  $U(1)_A$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_\pi - \chi_\delta &= 0 \\ \chi_\sigma - \chi_{\eta'} &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \chi_\pi - \chi_\delta = \chi_{\text{disc}} = \chi_{5,\text{disc}} = 0$$

# Continuum and chiral extrapolations of two $U_A(1)$ measures



chiral limit

Axial anomaly remains manifested in the two  $U(1)_A$  measures at a 2-3 sigma level

Chiral phase transition should be 2nd order belonging to  $O(4)$  universality class



# Energy levels of quarks: Dirac eigenvalue spectrum $\rho$

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \int_0^\infty \frac{4m_l \rho}{\lambda^2 + m_l^2} d\lambda, \quad \chi_\pi - \chi_\delta = \int_0^\infty d\lambda \frac{8m_l^2 \rho}{(\lambda^2 + m_l^2)^2}$$

📌 Restoration of  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  symmetry:  $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = 0$

📌 Effective restoration of  $U(1)_A$  symmetry:  $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} (\chi_\pi - \chi_\delta) = 0$

📌 Possible forms of  $\rho$ :  $\rho(\lambda, m) = c_0 + c_1 \lambda + c_2 m^2 \delta(\lambda) + c_3 m + c_4 m^2 + O(\lambda, m)$

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = 2c_0\pi - 4c_1 m \ln(m) + 2c_2 m + 2\pi c_3 m + 2\pi c_4 m^2$$

$$\chi_\pi - \chi_\delta = 2c_0\pi/m + 4c_1 + 4c_2 + 2\pi c_3 + 2\pi c_4 m$$

In the chiral limit of  $m \rightarrow 0$

The  $c_2$  term restores  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  symmetry but breaks  $U(1)_A$  symmetry

# Novel method to probe the quark mass dependence of $\rho(\lambda)$



$$\frac{\partial \rho(\lambda, m_l)}{\partial m_l} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho(\lambda, m_l + \epsilon) - \rho(\lambda, m_l)}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\rho_U(\lambda) = \sum_j \delta(\lambda - \lambda_j)$$



$$\rho(\lambda, m_l) = \frac{T}{V Z[\mathcal{U}]} \int \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{U}] e^{-S_G[\mathcal{U}]} \det [\not{D}[\mathcal{U}] + m_s] (\det [\not{D}[\mathcal{U}] + m_l])^2 \rho_U(\lambda)$$

Partition function:  $Z[\mathcal{U}] = \int \mathcal{D}[\mathcal{U}] e^{-S_G[\mathcal{U}]} \det [\not{D}[\mathcal{U}] + m_s] (\det [\not{D}[\mathcal{U}] + m_l])^2$

$$\det [\not{D}[\mathcal{U}] + m_l] = \prod_j (+i \lambda_j + m_l)(-i \lambda_j + m_l) = \exp \left( \int_0^\infty d\lambda \rho_U(\lambda) \ln [\lambda^2 + m_l^2] \right)$$



$$\frac{V}{T} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial m_l} = \int_0^\infty d\lambda_2 \frac{4m_l C_2}{\lambda_2^2 + m_l^2}, \quad C_2(\lambda, \lambda_2) = \langle \rho_U(\lambda) \rho_U(\lambda_2) \rangle - \langle \rho_U(\lambda) \rangle \langle \rho_U(\lambda_2) \rangle$$

Computation of  $\frac{\partial \rho(\lambda, m_l)}{\partial m_l}$  now: No need of additional LQCD simulations with  $m_l + \epsilon$  etc

# Relation between $\rho$ derivatives and $C_{n+1}$

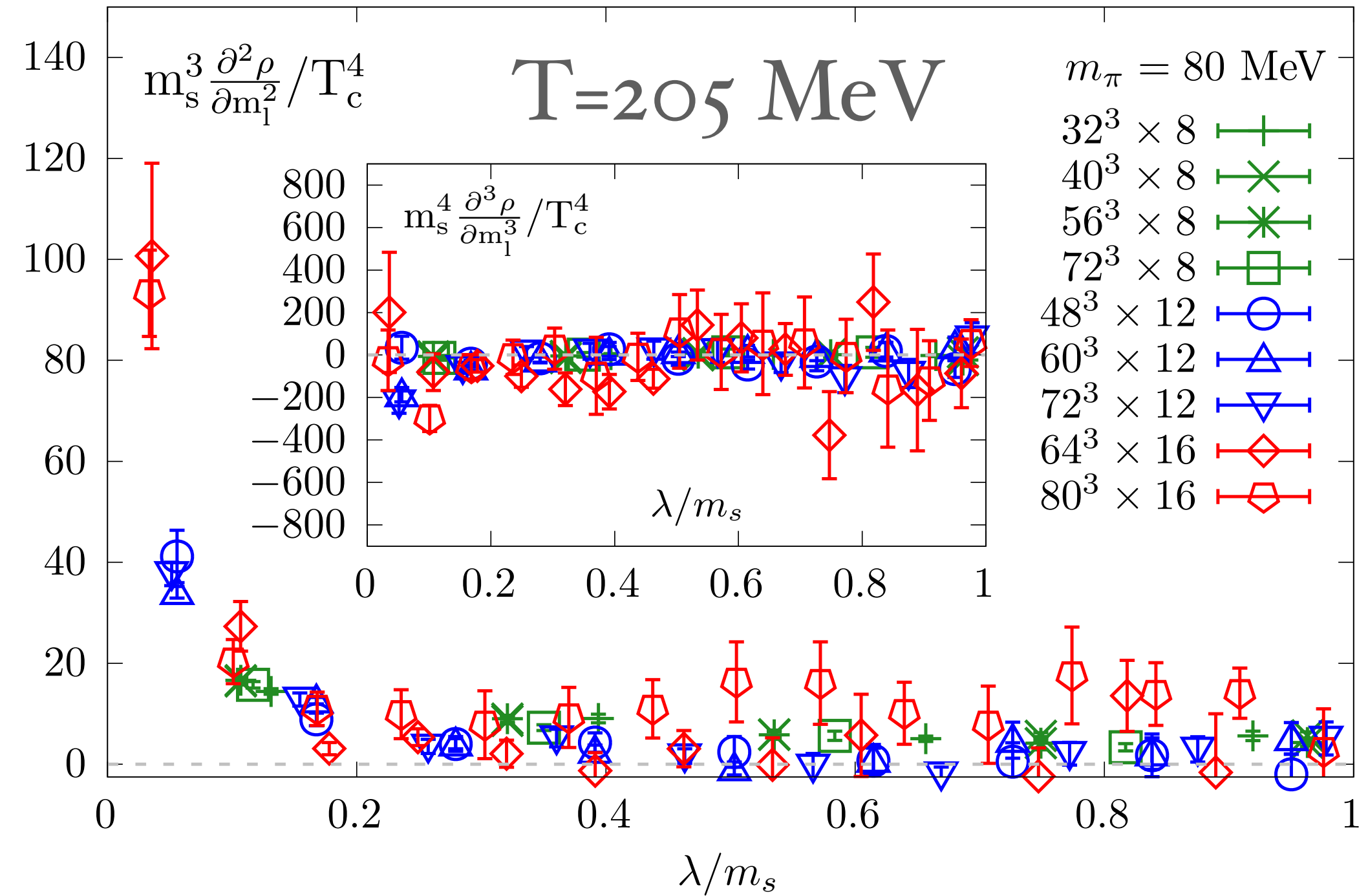
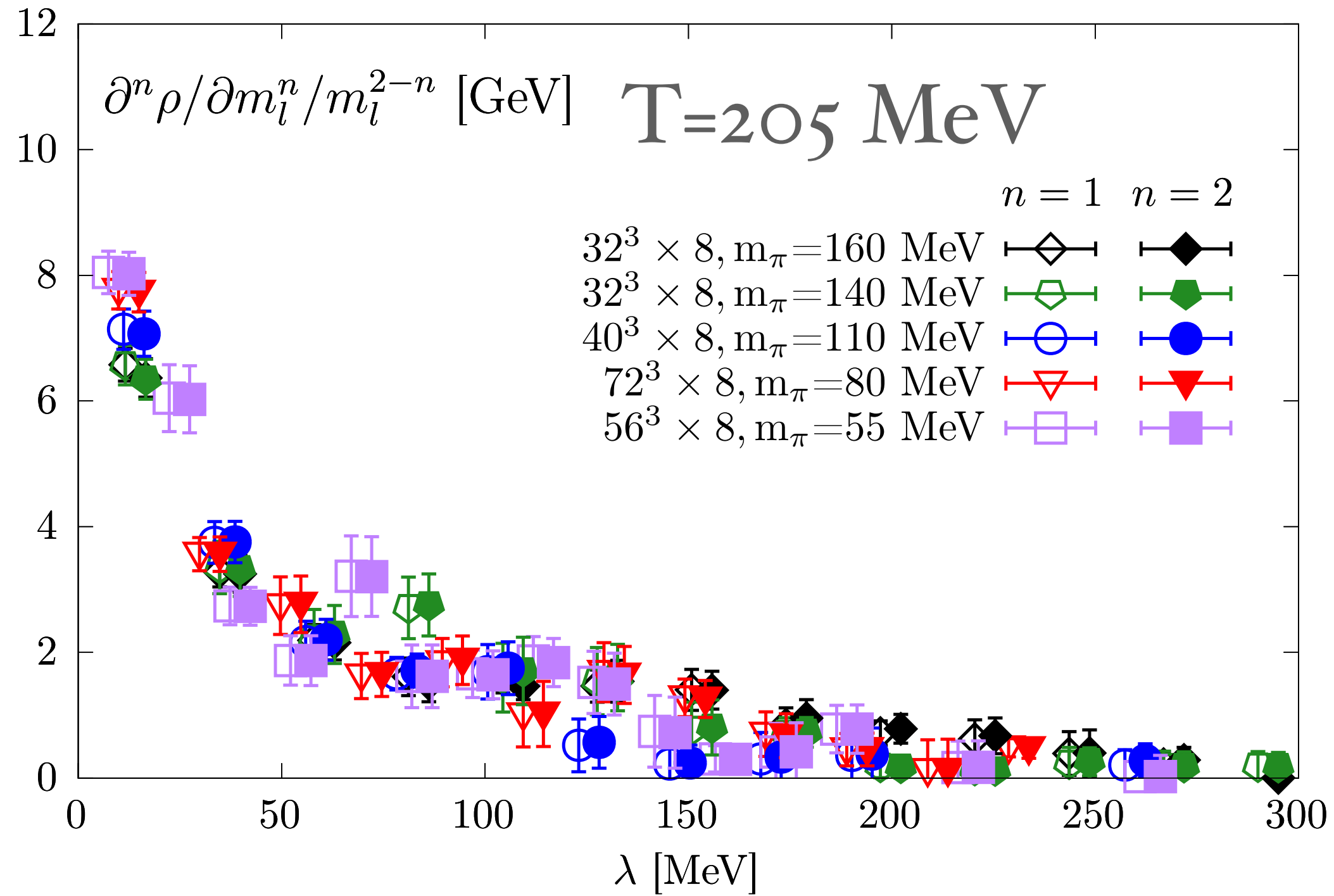
$$\frac{V}{T} \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial m_l^2} = \int_0^\infty d\lambda_2 \frac{4(\lambda_2^2 - m_l^2) C_2}{(\lambda_2^2 + m_l^2)^2} + \int_0^\infty d\lambda_2 d\lambda_3 \frac{(4m_l)^2 C_3}{(\lambda_2^2 + m_l^2)(\lambda_3^2 + m_l^2)}$$

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$$C_n(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n; m_l) = \left\langle \prod_{i=1}^n [\rho_U(\lambda_i) - \langle \rho_U(\lambda_i) \rangle] \right\rangle$$

# Microscopic origin of the axial anomaly from $\partial^n \rho / \partial m^n$ for $n=1, 2$ & 3



$$m_l^{-1} \partial \rho / \partial m_l \approx \partial^2 \rho / \partial m_l^2$$

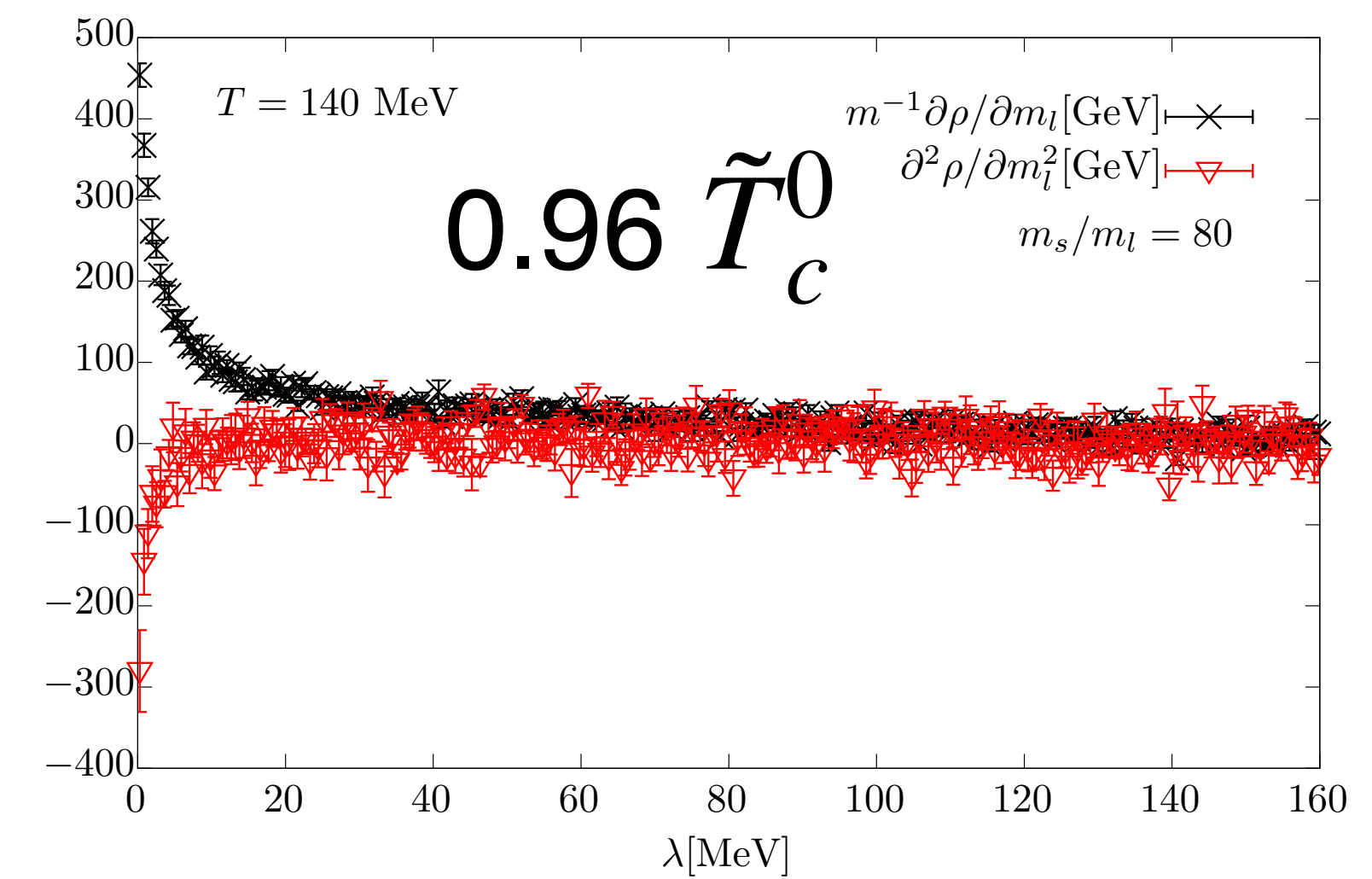
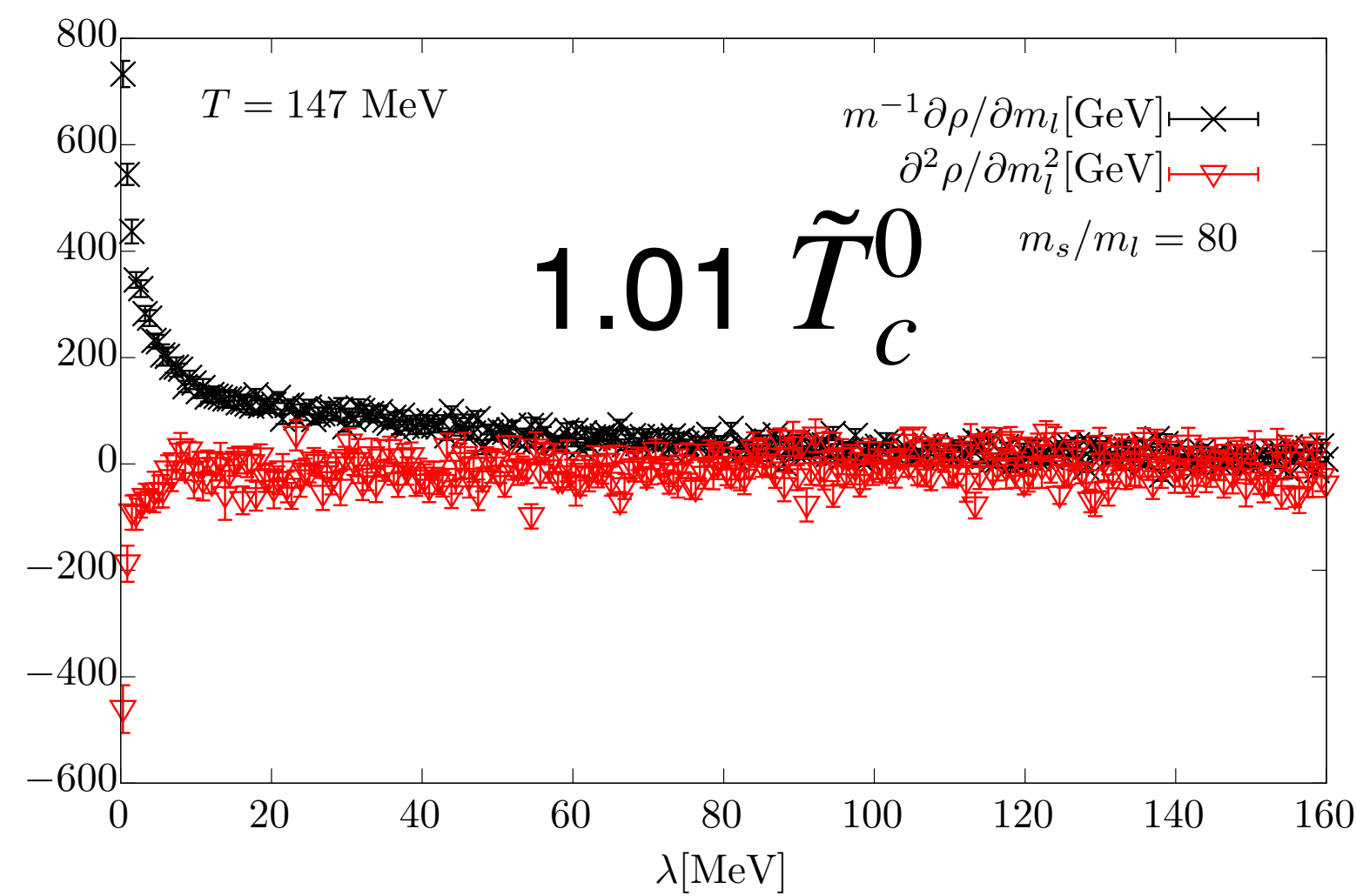
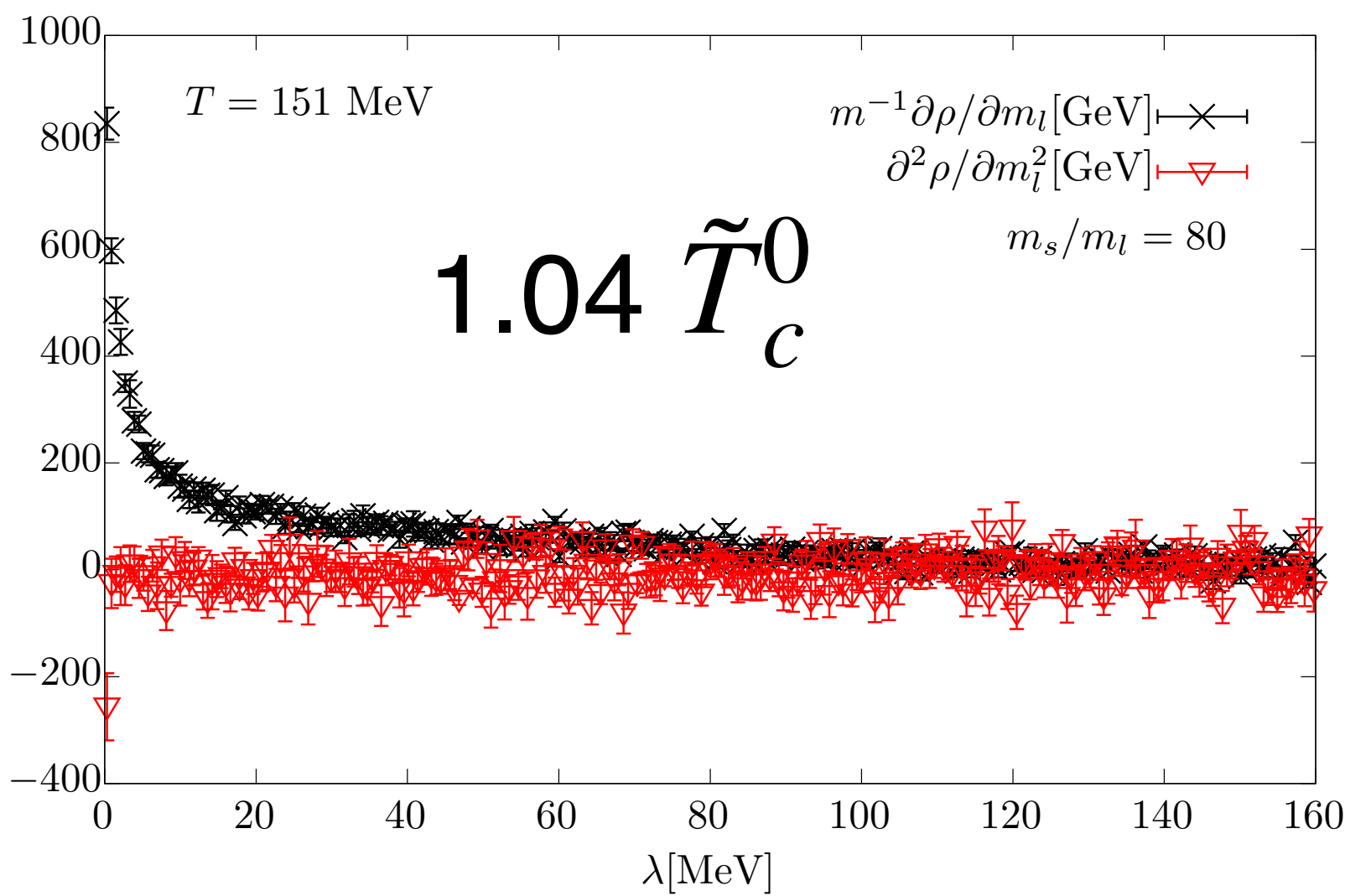
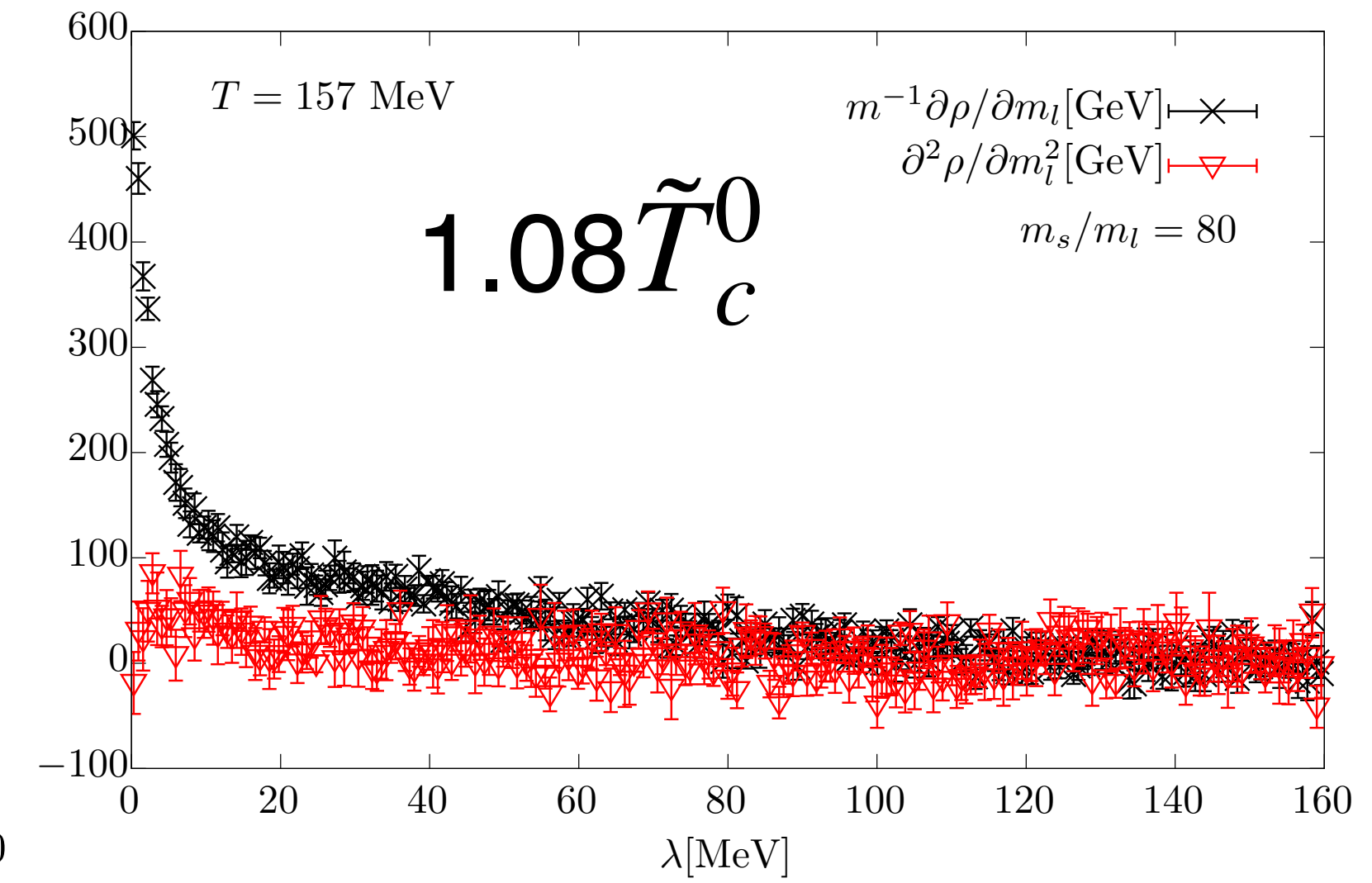
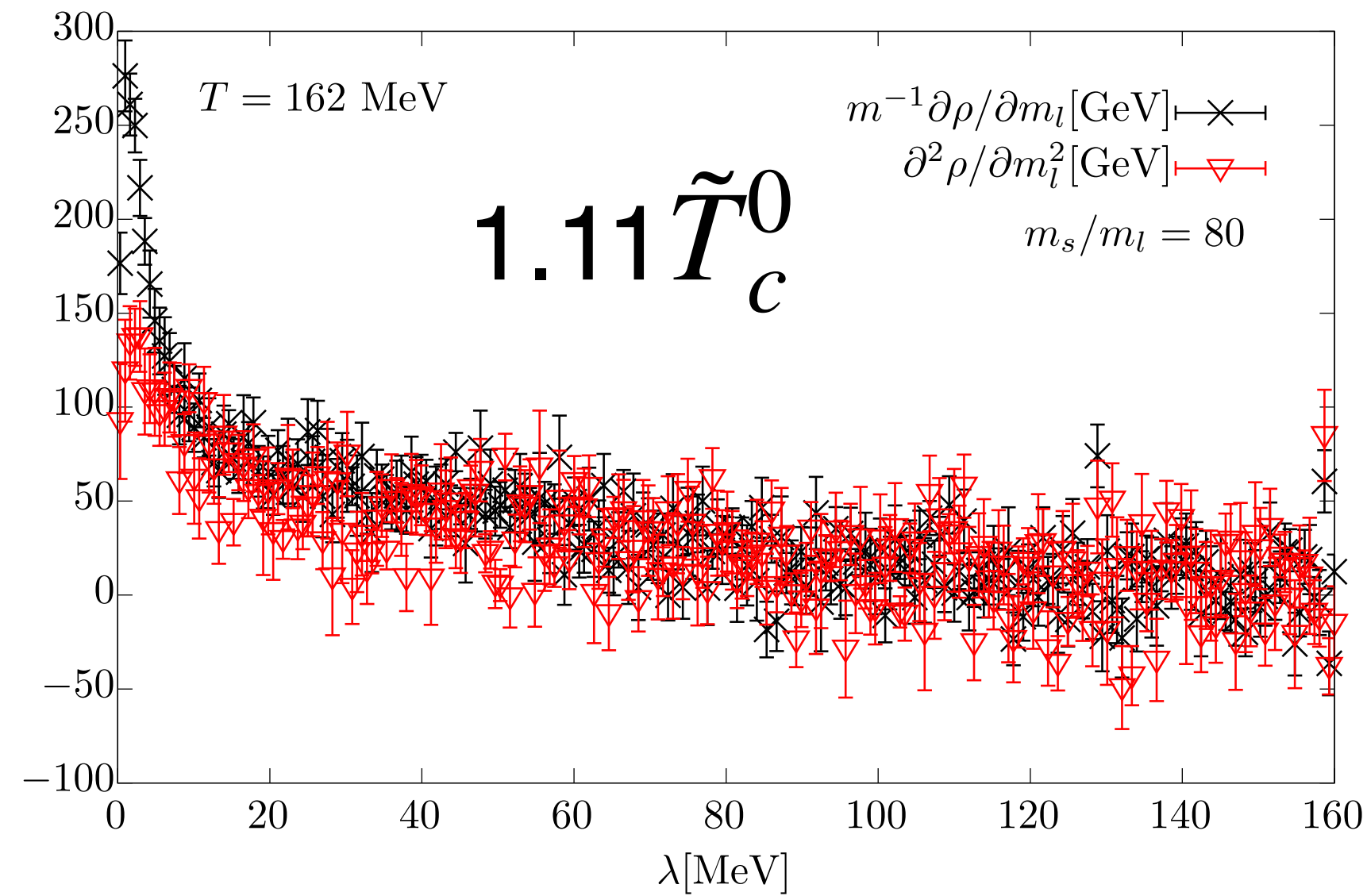
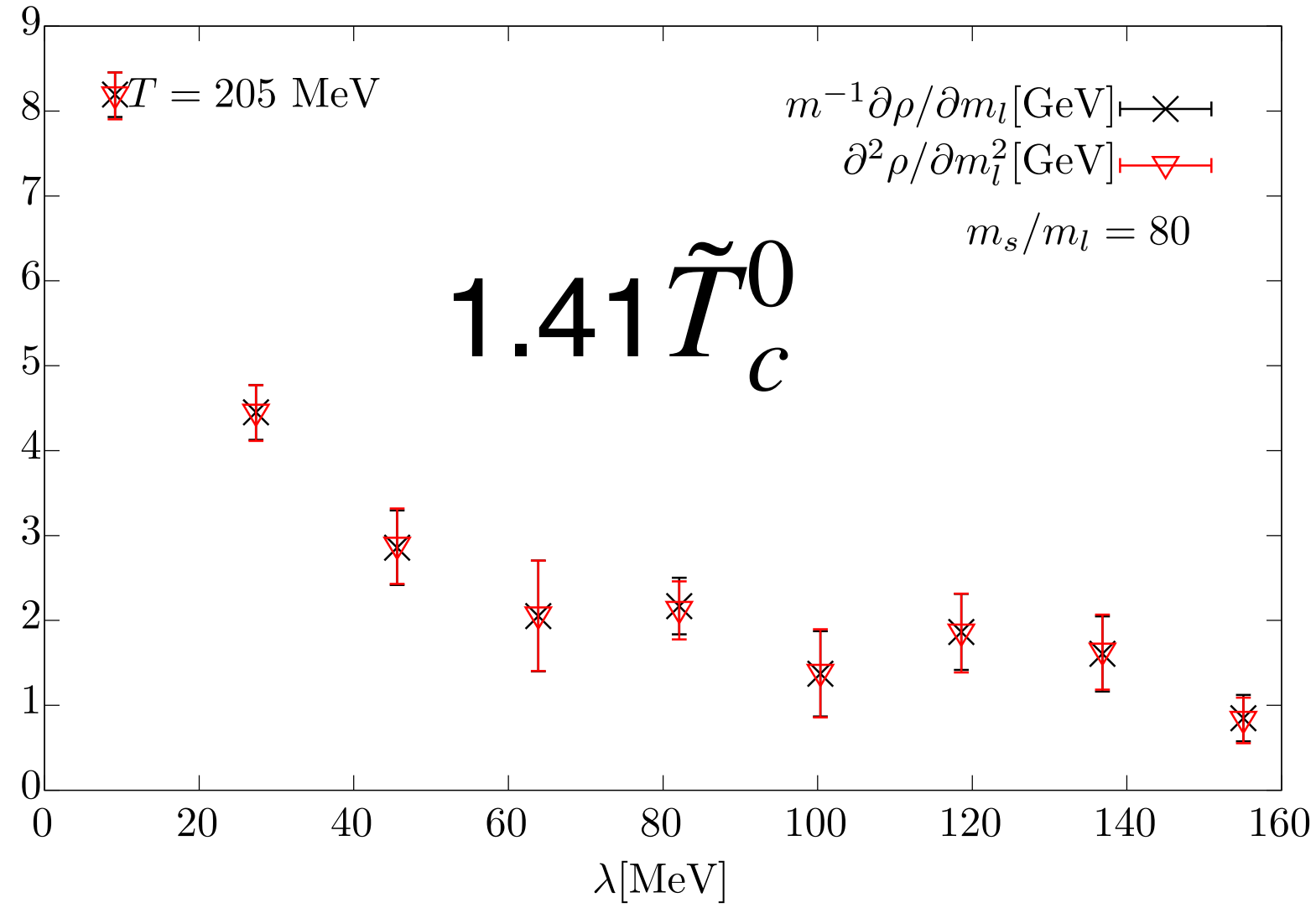
$$\partial^3 \rho / \partial m_l^3 \approx 0$$

$\rho(\lambda \rightarrow 0, m_l \rightarrow 0) \propto m_l^2 \delta(\lambda)$  Consistent with dilute instanton gas approximation

# Dilute instanton gas approximation does not hold towards $T_c$

$$\partial^2 \rho / \partial m_l \neq m_l^{-1} \partial \rho / \partial m$$

$$\tilde{T}_c^0 \equiv T_c^0(N_\tau = 8) \approx 145.6 \text{ MeV}$$



# Chiral phase transition and universality class

Behavior of the free energy close to critical lines

$$f(m, T) = f_s(z) + f_{\text{reg}},$$

$$z = t/h^{1/\beta\delta}$$

$$h = \frac{|m_l|}{h_0 m_s}$$

$$t = \frac{T - T_c}{T_0}$$

Universality scaling behavior of

Order parameter:

$$M = -\partial f_s(t, h) / \partial H = h^{1/\delta} f_1(z)$$

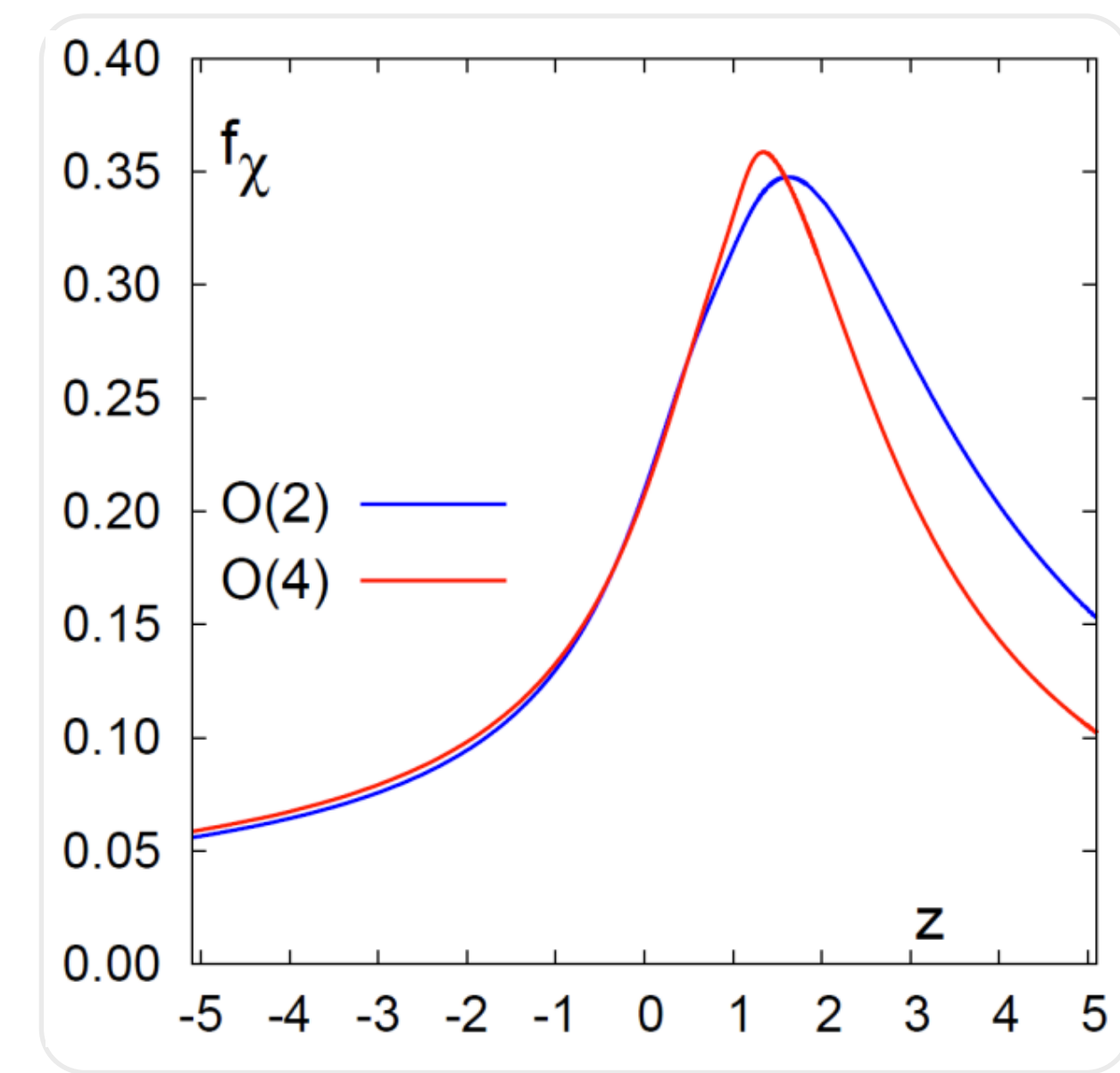
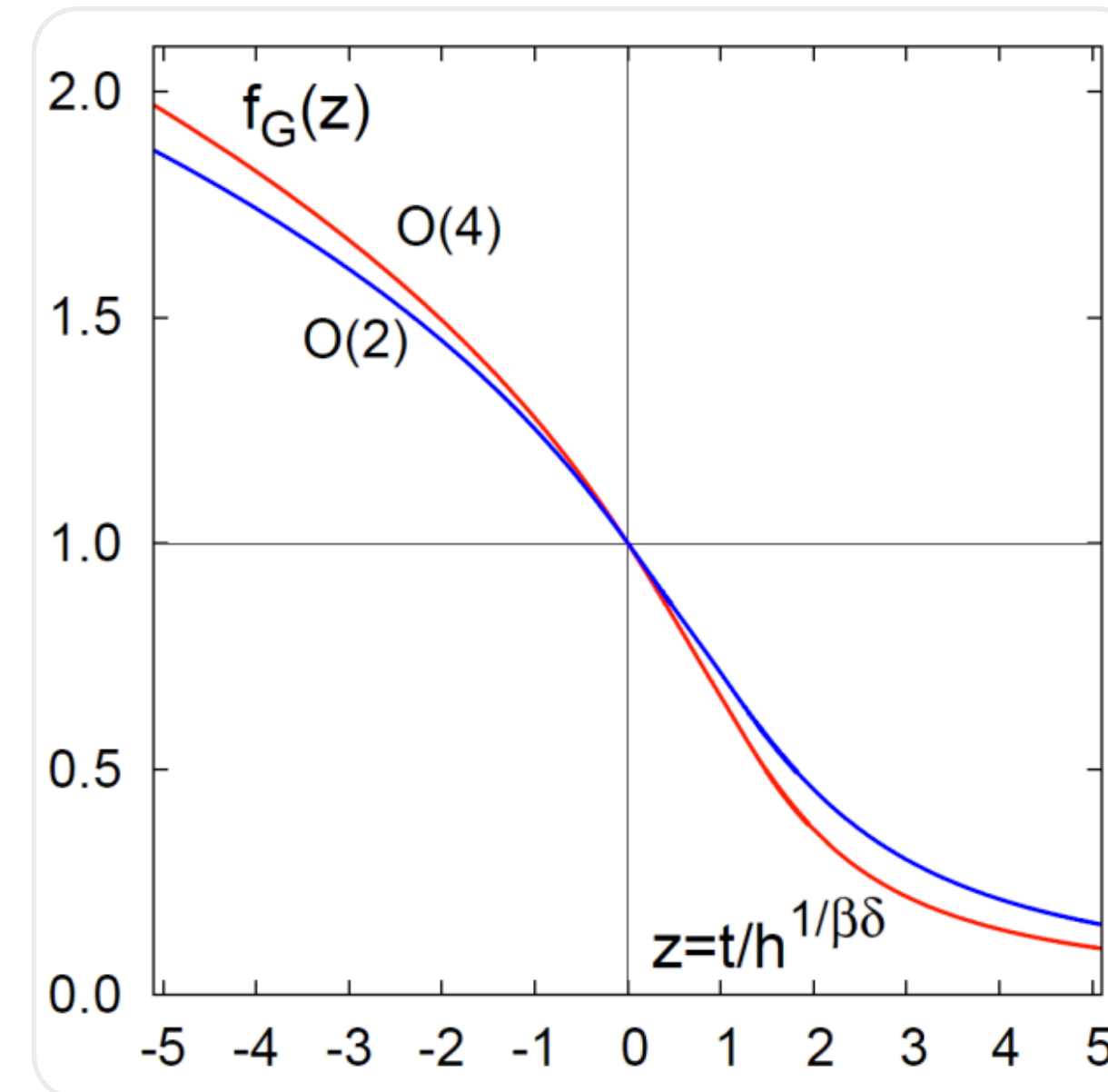
Order parameter susceptibility:

$$\chi_M = -\partial M / \partial H = \frac{1}{h_0} h^{1/\delta - 1} f_2(z)$$

n-th order susceptibility:

$$\chi_M^n = -\partial^n M / \partial H^n = \frac{1}{h_0} h^{1/\delta - n + 1} f_n(z)$$

Universal scaling functions



# Cumulants of order parameter

📌 n-th order cumulant of chiral condensate:

$$\mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) = \frac{T}{V} (-1)^n \frac{\partial^n \mathbb{G}(m_l; \epsilon)}{\partial m_l^n} \Big|_{\epsilon=m_l}$$

$$\mathbb{G}(m_l; \epsilon) = \ln \left\langle \exp \left\{ -m_l \bar{\psi}\psi(\epsilon) \right\} \right\rangle_0$$

$$\bar{\psi}\psi(\epsilon) = 2 \operatorname{Tr} (\not{D}(U) + \epsilon)^{-1} \equiv \frac{4\epsilon}{\lambda^2 + \epsilon^2}$$

$$\mathbb{K}_1[\bar{\psi}\psi] = \frac{T}{V} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi(m_l) \rangle, \quad \mathbb{K}_2[\bar{\psi}\psi] = \frac{T}{V} \left\langle \left( \bar{\psi}\psi(m_l) - \langle \bar{\psi}\psi(m_l) \rangle \right)^2 \right\rangle, \dots$$

📌 Connection to correlation of Dirac Eigenvalues

$$\rho_U(\lambda) = \sum_j \delta(\lambda - \lambda_j), \quad P_U(\lambda; \epsilon) = \frac{4\epsilon \rho_U(\lambda)}{\lambda^2 + \epsilon^2}$$



$$\mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) = \int_0^\infty P_n(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$n = 1, P_1(\lambda) = K_1[P_U(\lambda, m_l)]$$

$$n \geq 2, P_n(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty K_1[P_U(\lambda; m_l), P_U(\lambda_2; m_l), \dots, P_U(\lambda_n; m_l)] \prod_{i=2}^n d\lambda_i$$

A generalized Banks-Casher relation:  $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) = (2\pi)^n \mathbb{K}_n[\rho_U(0)]$

# Scaling behavior of $\mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi)$

In the proximity of  $T_c$

📌 n-th order susceptibility of chiral order parameter:

$$\chi_M^n = -\partial^n M / \partial H^n = \frac{1}{h_0} m^{1/\delta - n + 1} f_n(z) = \mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) + \text{other singular parts}$$

$f_n(z)$ : scaling function,  $z = z_0(T - T_c)/T_c H^{-1/\beta\delta}$ : scaling variable

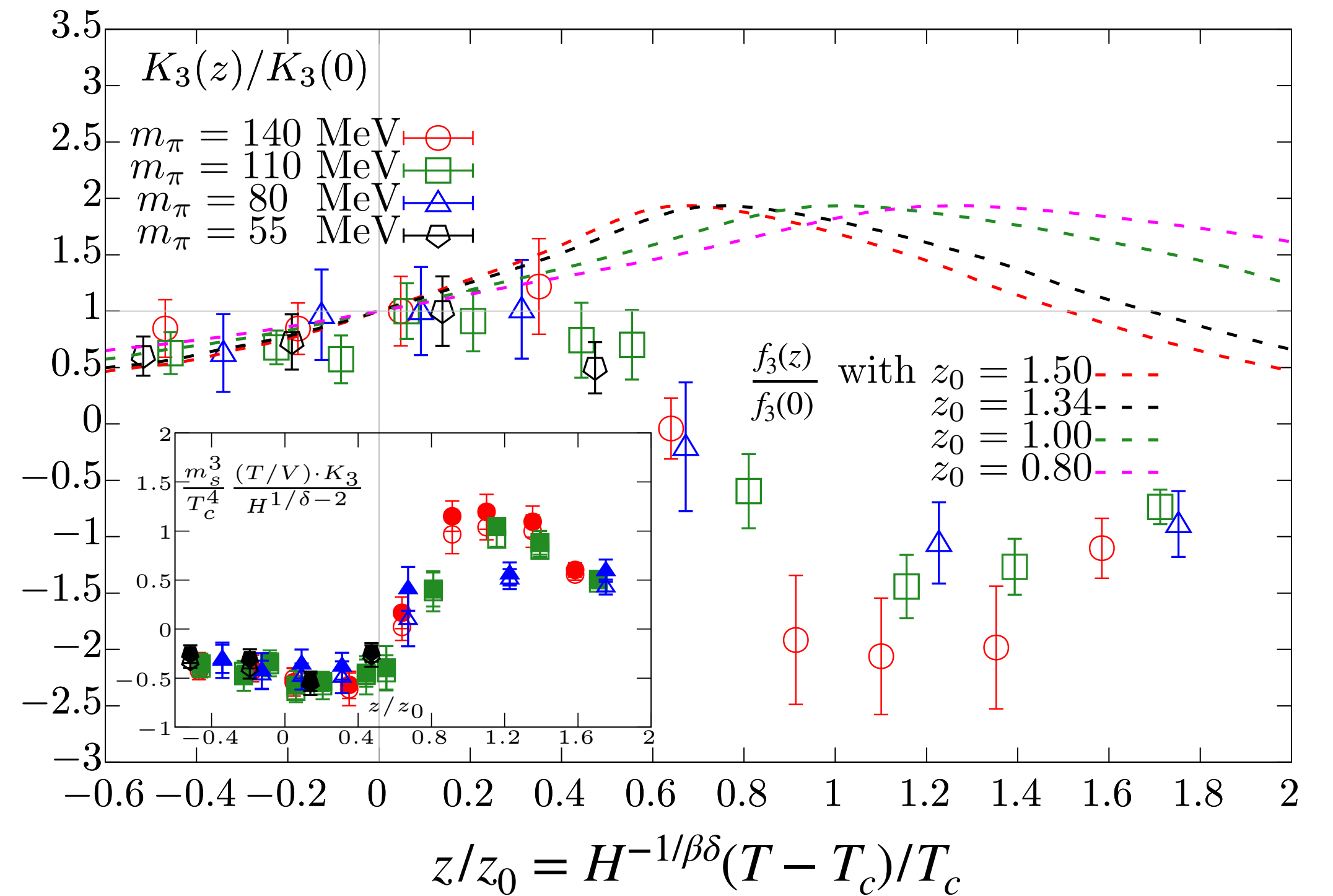
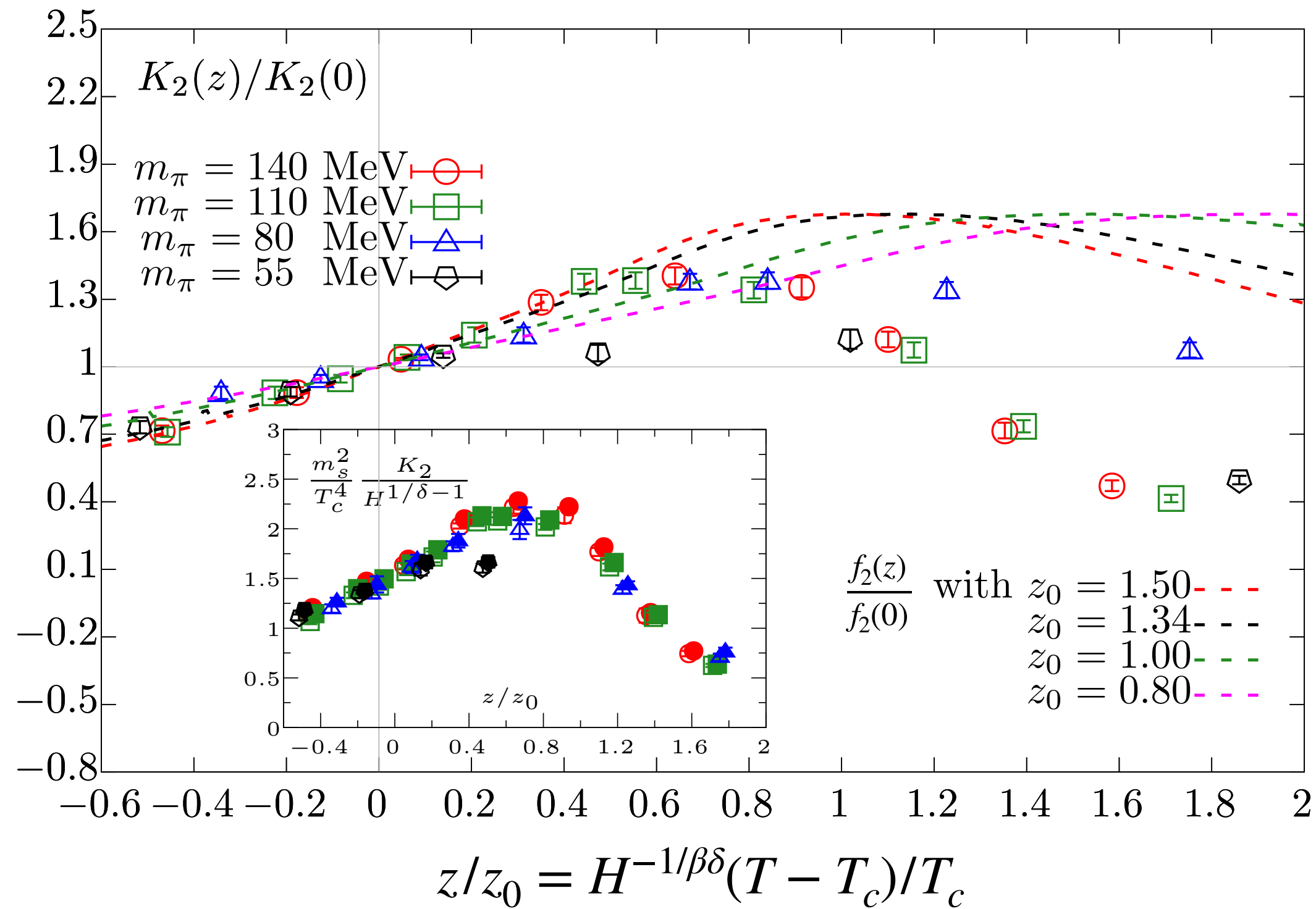
📌 n-th order cumulant of chiral condensate:

$$\mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) = \int_0^\infty P_n(\lambda) d\lambda \sim m^{1/\delta - n + 1} f_n(z) ?$$



# Scaling behavior of $\mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi)$

HISQ, Nt=8, pion mass ranging from 140 to 55 MeV



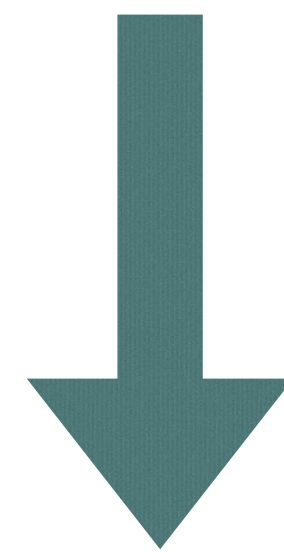
$$\mathbb{K}_2(\bar{\psi}\psi) \sim m_l^{1/\delta-1} f_2(z)$$

$$\mathbb{K}_3(\bar{\psi}\psi) \sim m_l^{1/\delta-2} f_3(z)$$

$$\mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) = \int_0^\infty P_n(\lambda) d\lambda \sim m^{1/\delta-n+1} f_n(z) !$$

# Microscopic encoding of Macroscopic criticality

$$\mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) = \int_0^\infty P_n(\lambda) d\lambda \sim m^{1/\delta-n+1} f_n(z)$$

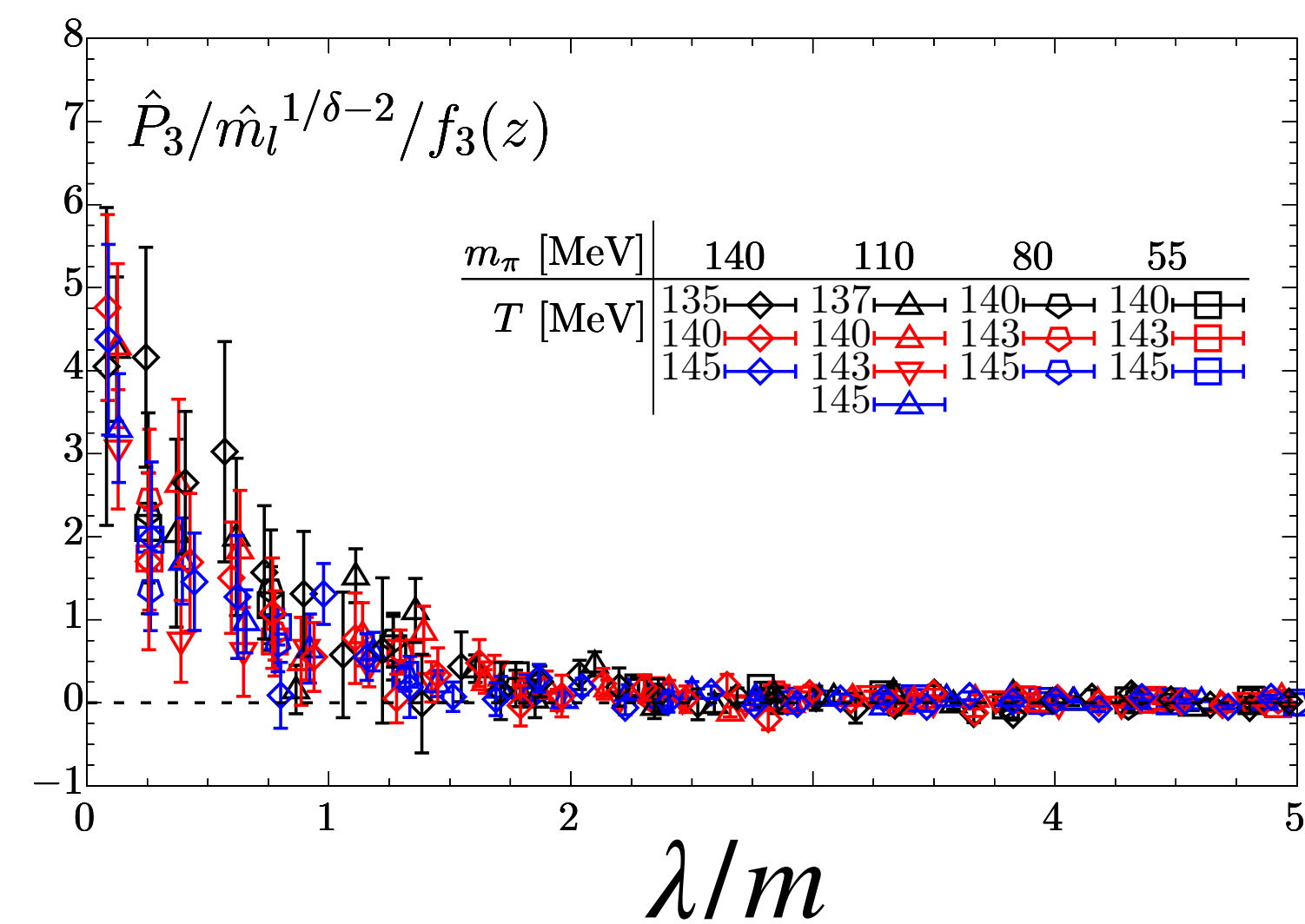
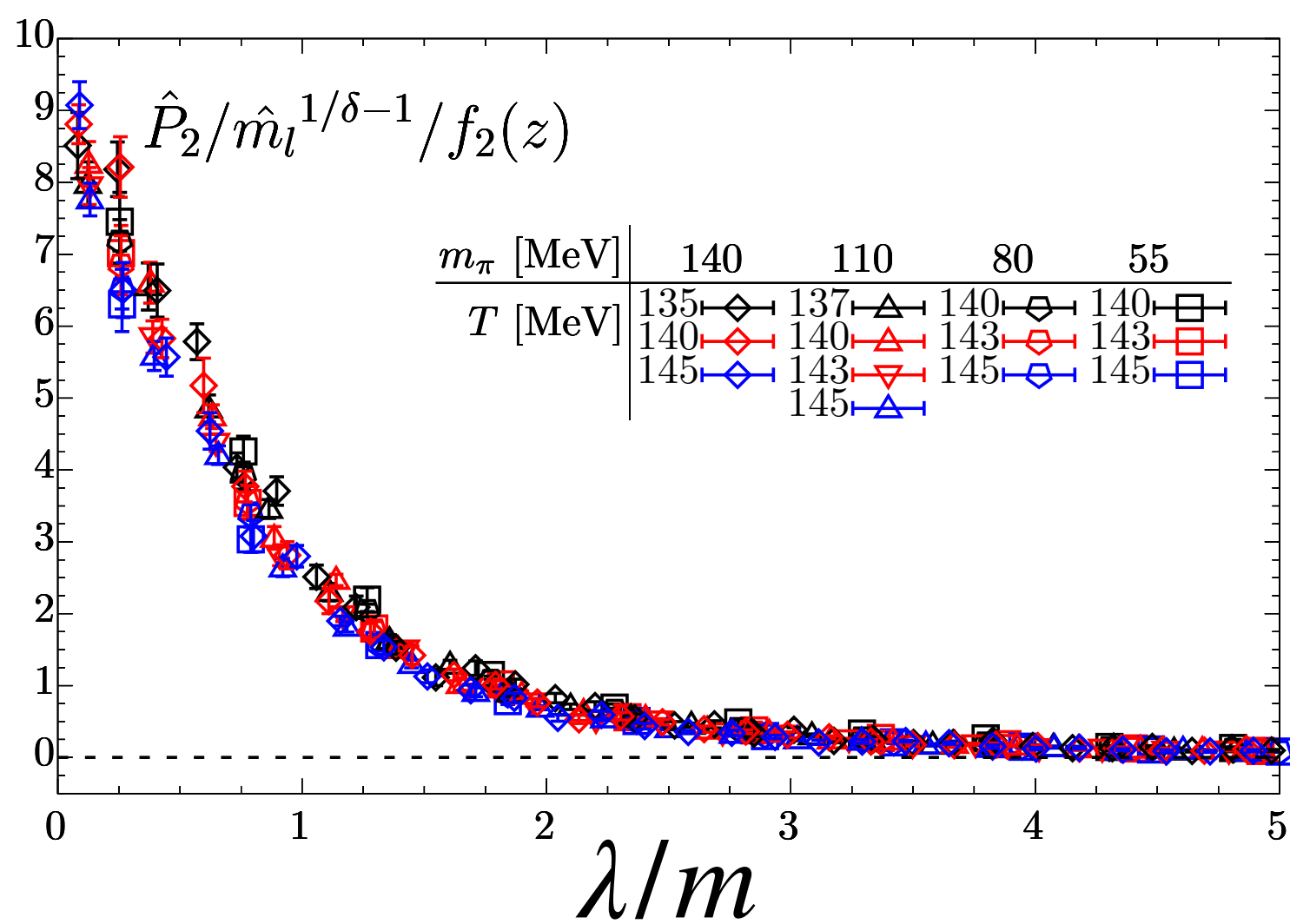
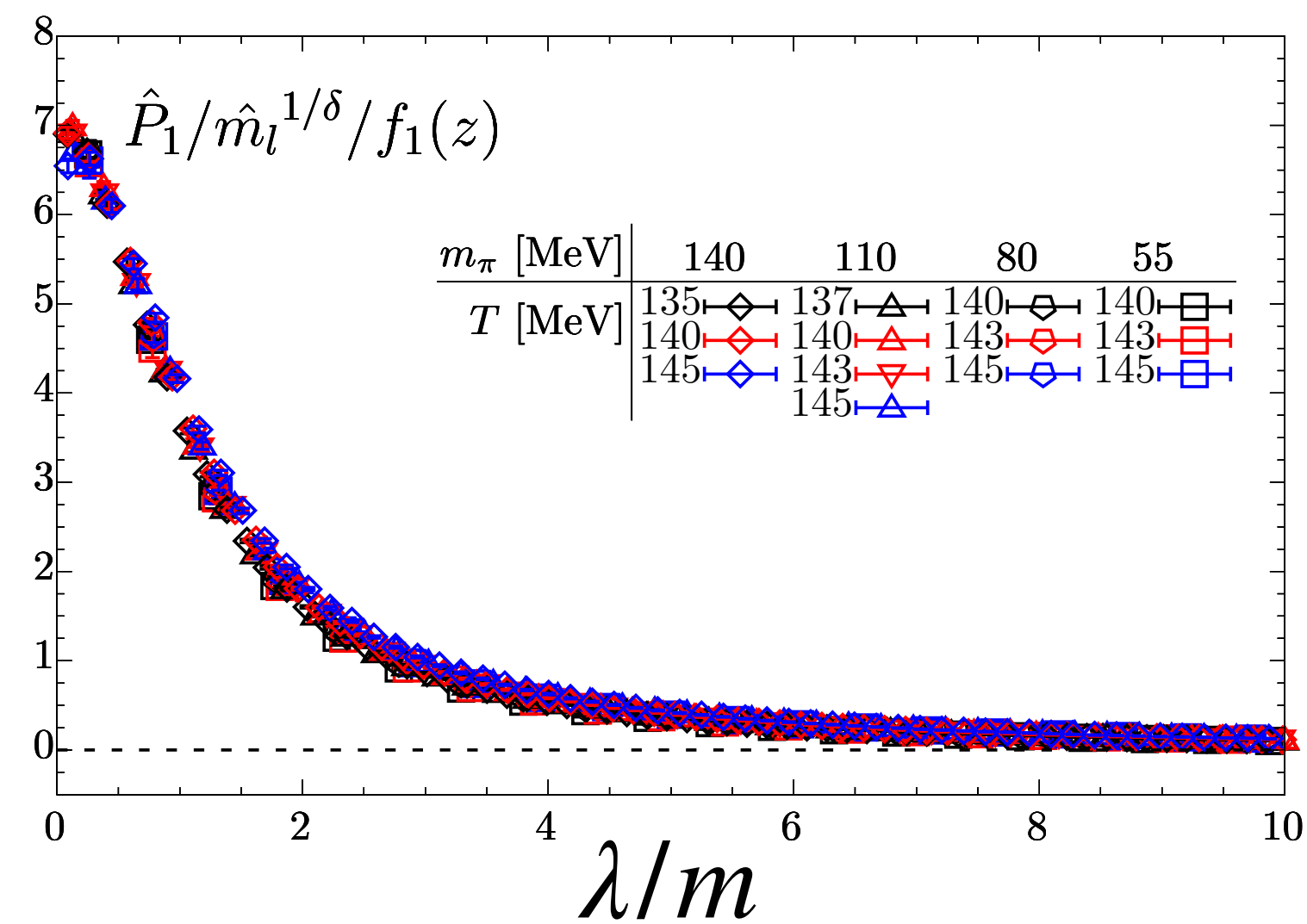
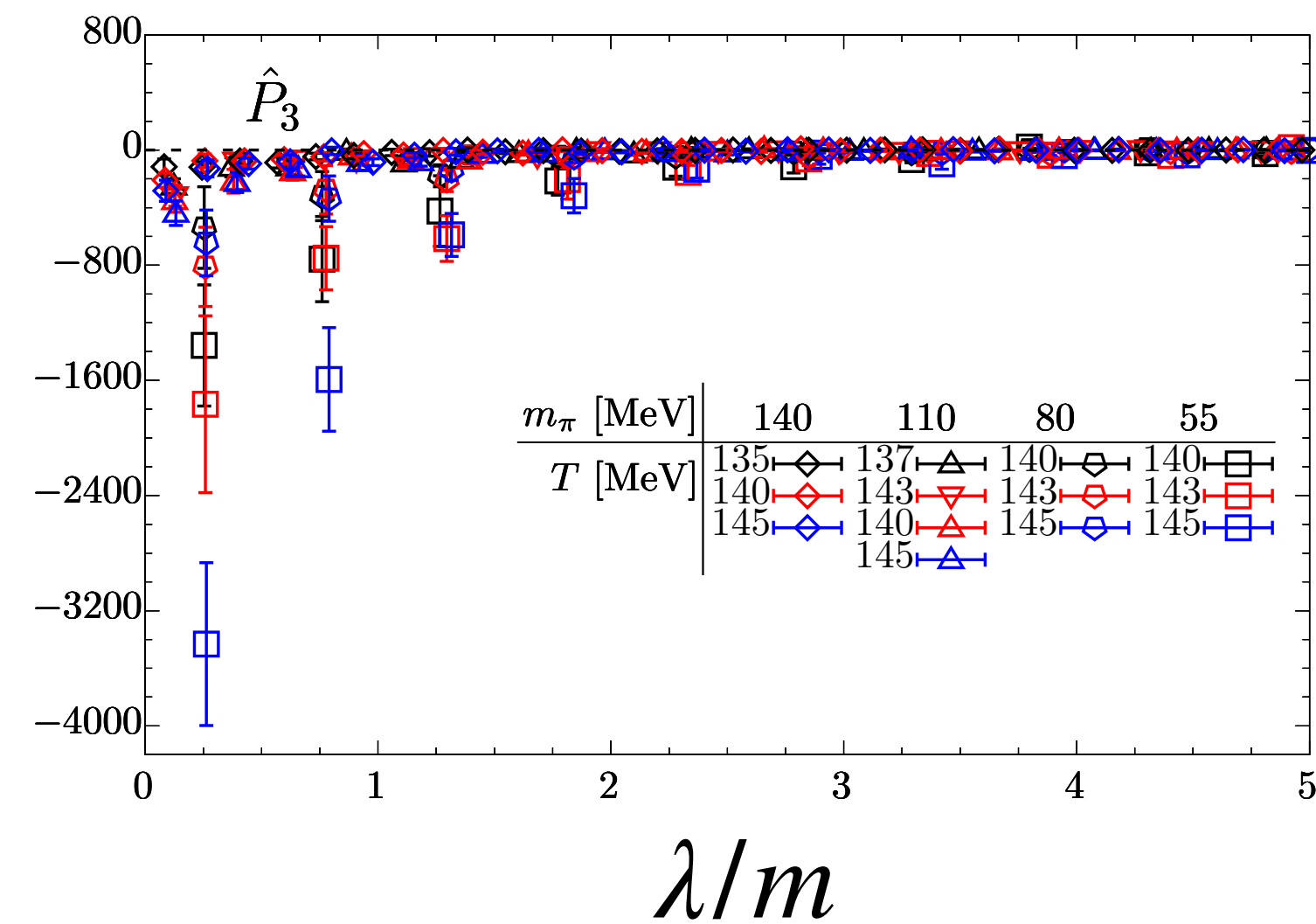
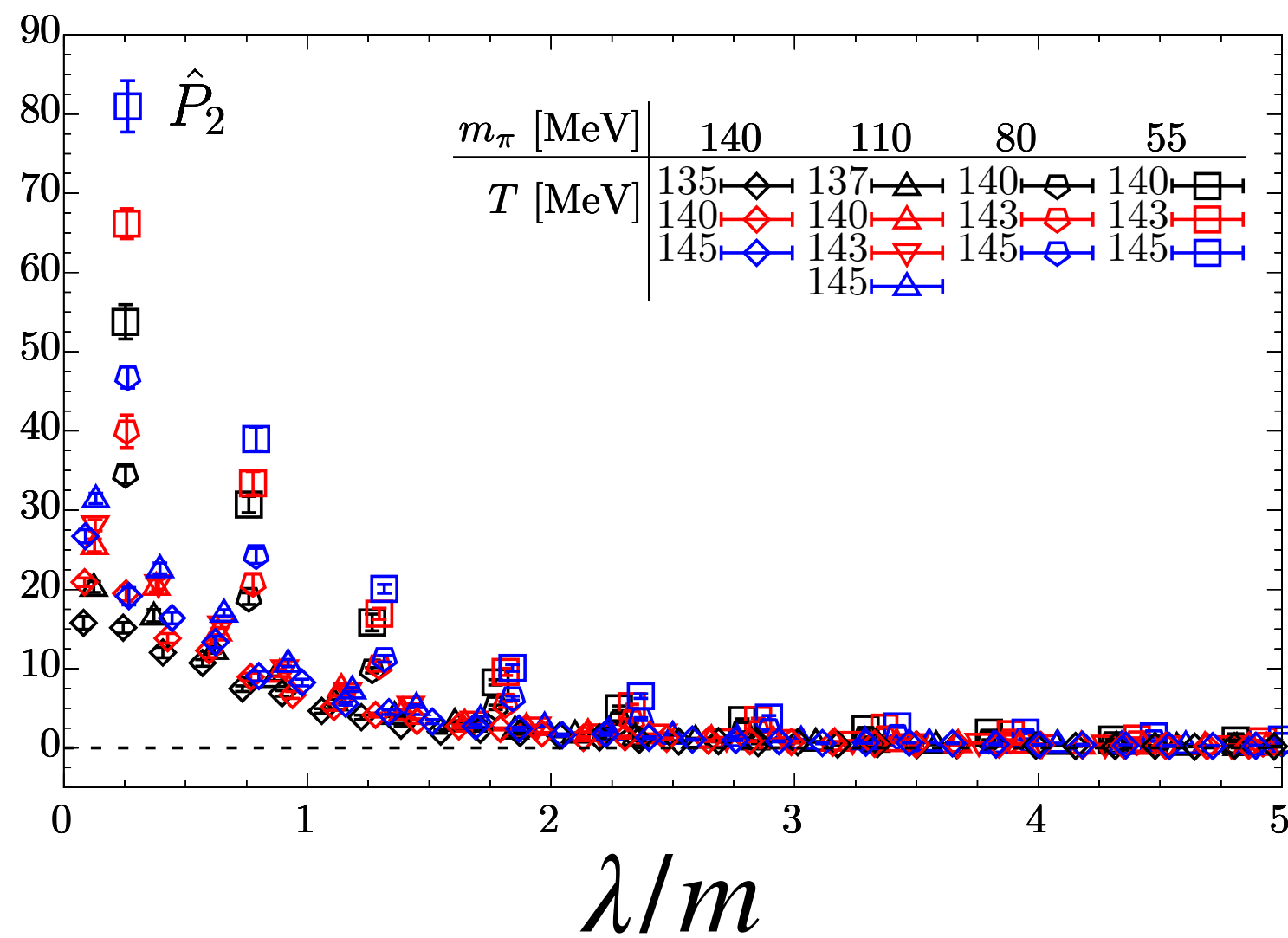
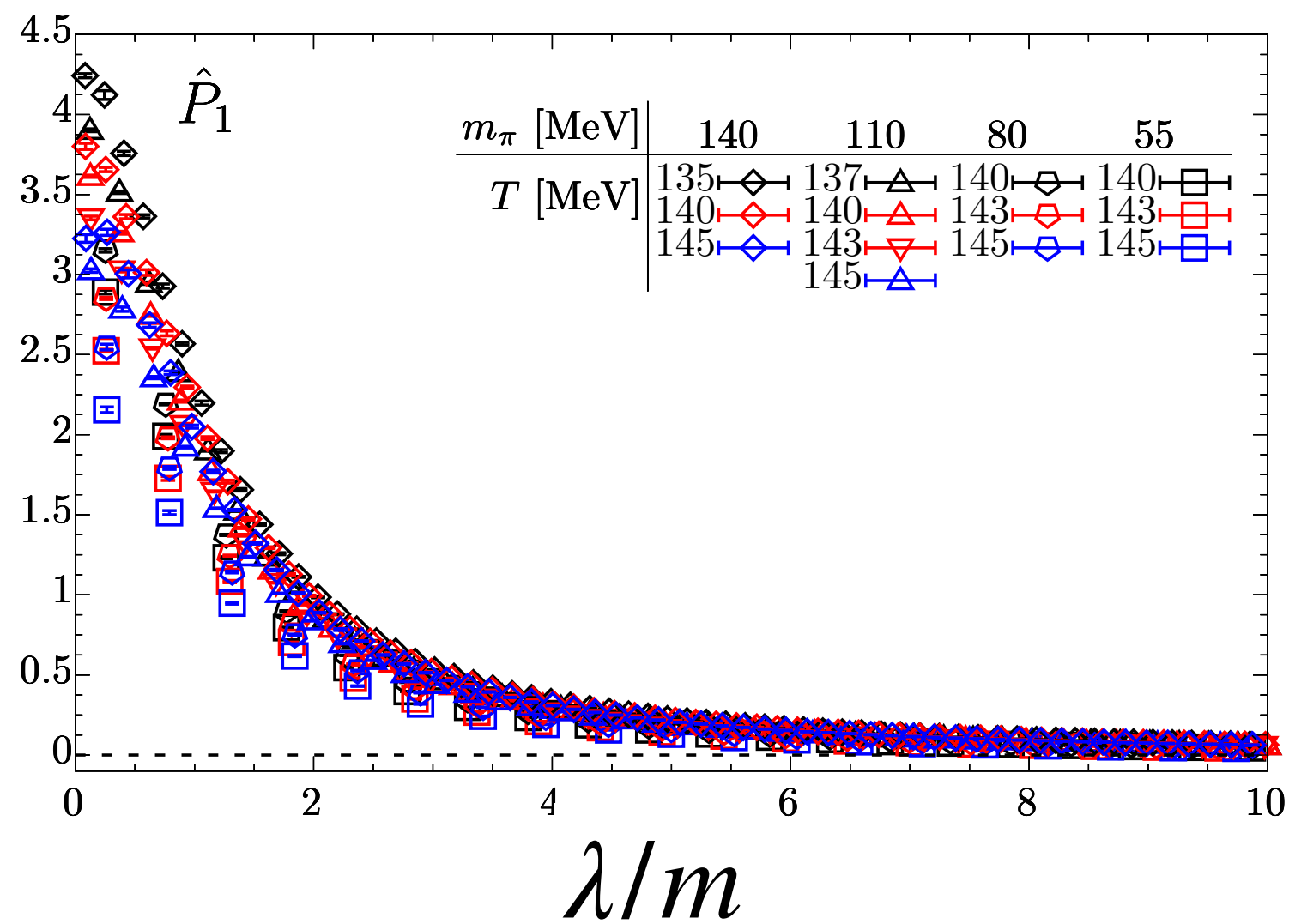


$$\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi) = (2\pi)^n \mathbb{K}_n[\rho_U(0)]$$

Critical behavior in  $\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{K}_n(\bar{\psi}\psi)$  : must arise from universal behaviors  
of  $\lambda$ -independent  $\mathbb{K}_n[\rho_U(0)]$

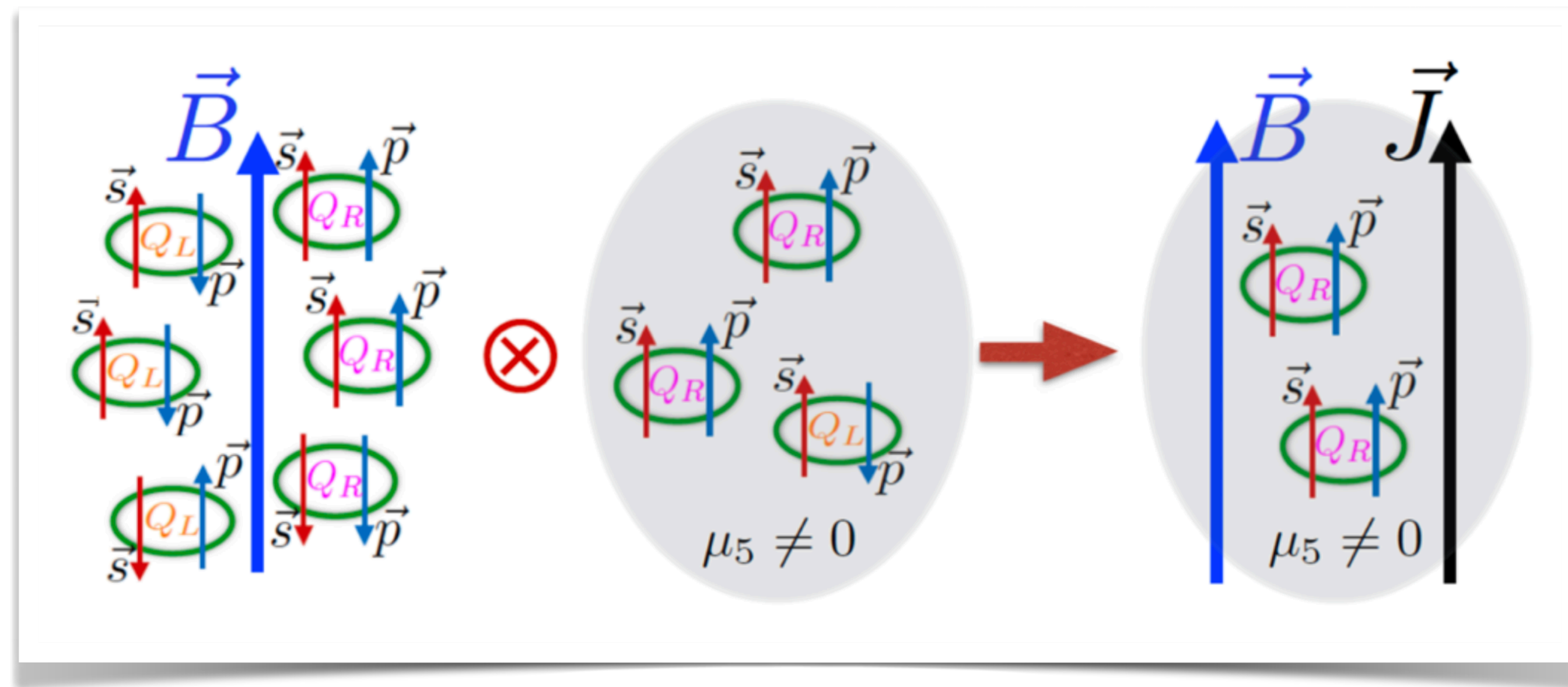
Conjecture:  $P_n(\lambda) = m^{1/\delta-n+1} f_n(z) g(\lambda/m)$

# Microscopic encoding of Macroscopic criticality



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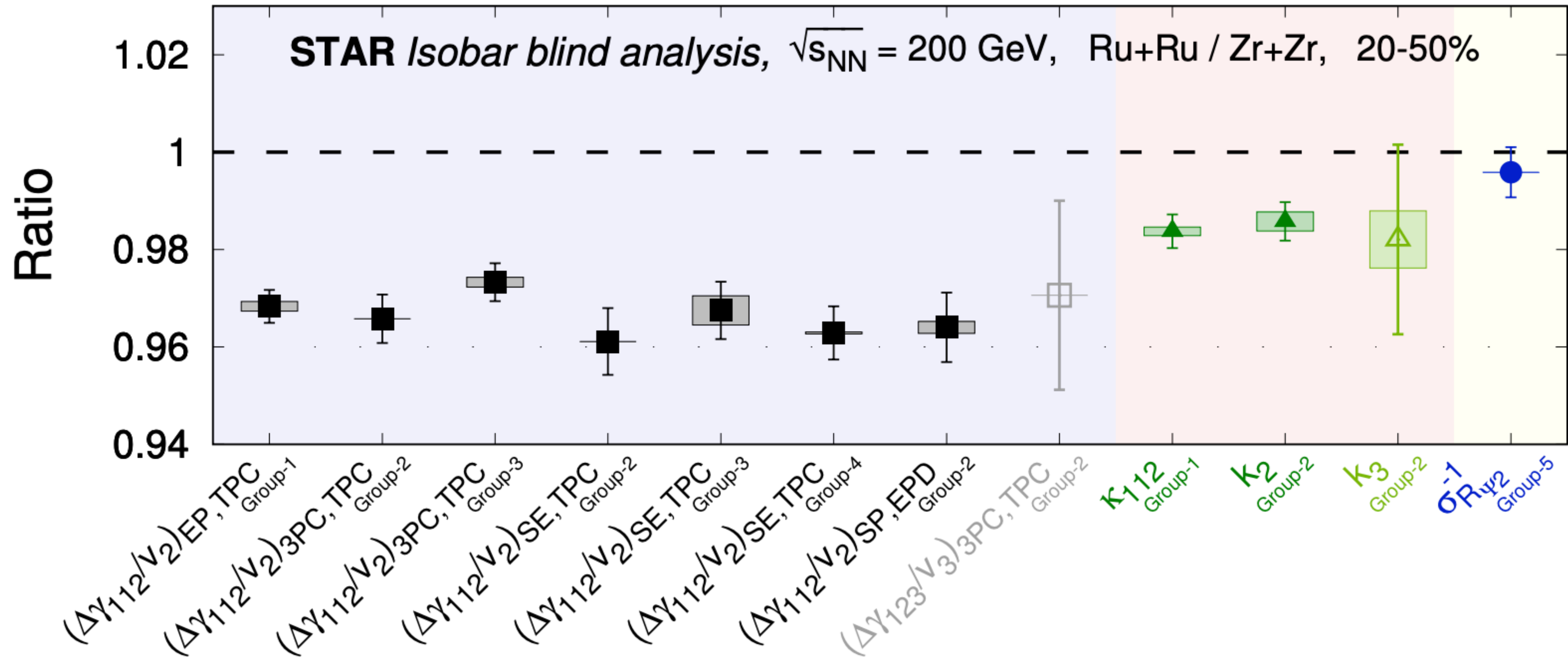
# Chiral magnetic effect



- Axial U(1) anomaly
- Strong magnetic field

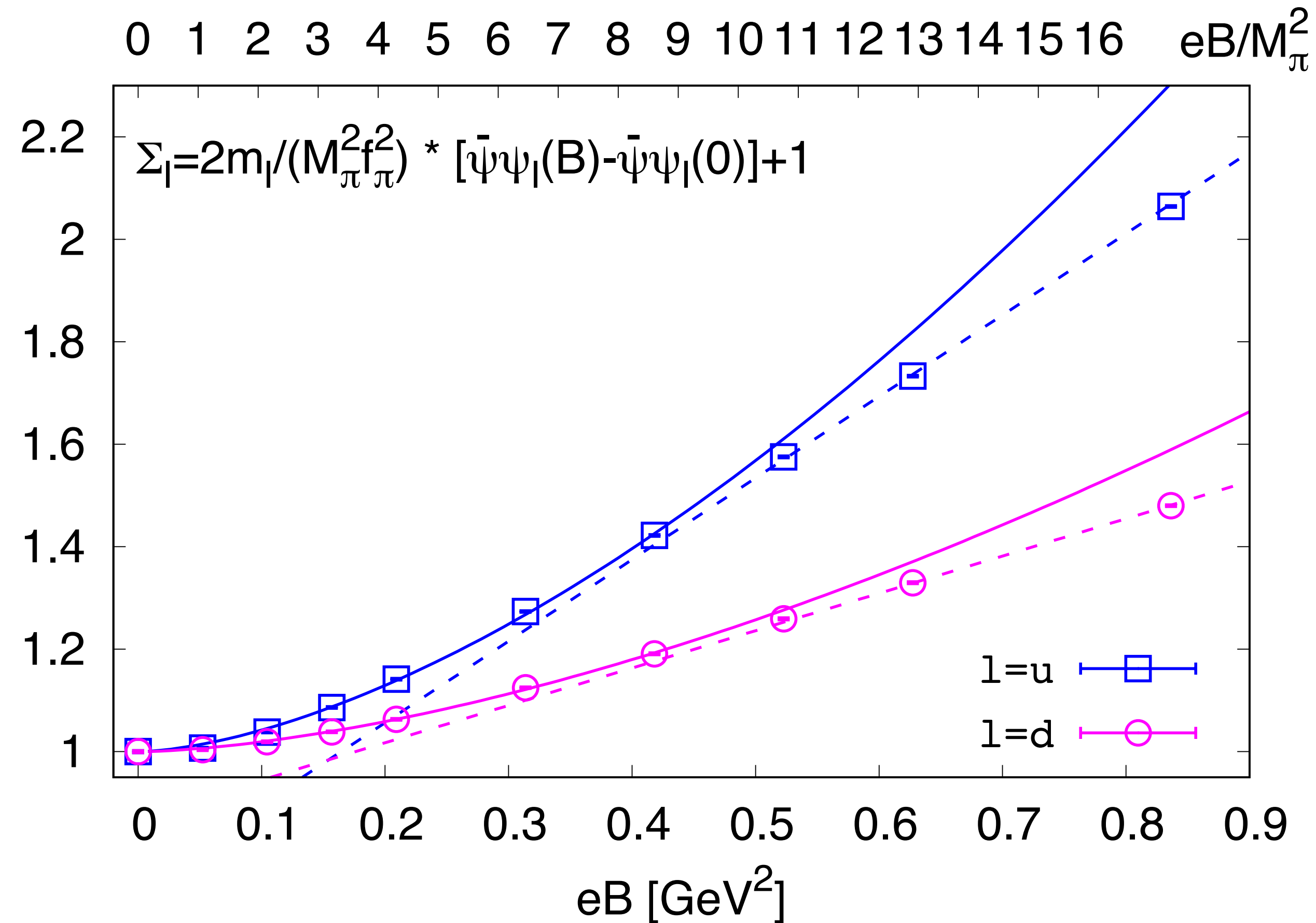
See recent reviews e.g.  
D.E. Kharzeev and J. Liao, Nature Rev. Phys. 3(2021)55

# Search for the Chiral Magnetic Effect with Isobar Collisions



STAR collaboration, *Phys.Rev.C* 105 (2022) 1, 014901

# Isospin symmetry breaking in strong magnetic fields



Not accessible in HIC experiments

HTD, S.-T. Li, A. Tomiya, X.-D. Wang and Y. Zhang, PRD 126 (2021) 082001

See also in reviews e.g. M. D'Elia, Lect.NotesPhys.871(2013)181

# Fluctuations of net baryon number, electric charge and strangeness

📌 Taylor expansion of the **QCD** pressure:

Allton et al., Phys.Rev. D66 (2002) 074507  
Gavai & Gupta et al., Phys.Rev. D68 (2003) 034506

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln \mathcal{Z}(T, V, \hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\mu}_d, \hat{\mu}_s) = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{ijk}^{BQS}}{i!j!k!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$

📌 Taylor expansion coefficients at  $\mu=0$  are computable in LQCD

See recent reviews:

LQCD: HTD, F. Karsch, S. Mukherjee, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E 24 (2015) no.10, 1530007

Exp.: X.-F. Luo & N. Xu, Nucl. Sci. Tech. 28 (2017) 112

$$\hat{\chi}_{ijk}^{uds} = \frac{\partial^{i+j+k} p/T^4}{\partial (\mu_u/T)^i \partial (\mu_d/T)^j \partial (\mu_s/T)^k} \Bigg|_{\mu_u, d, s=0}$$

$$\hat{\chi}_{ijk}^{BQS} = \frac{\partial^{i+j+k} p/T^4}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^i \partial (\mu_Q/T)^j \partial (\mu_S/T)^k} \Bigg|_{\mu_B, Q, S=0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_u &= \frac{1}{3}\mu_B + \frac{2}{3}\mu_Q, \\ \mu_d &= \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q, \\ \mu_s &= \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q - \mu_S. \end{aligned}$$

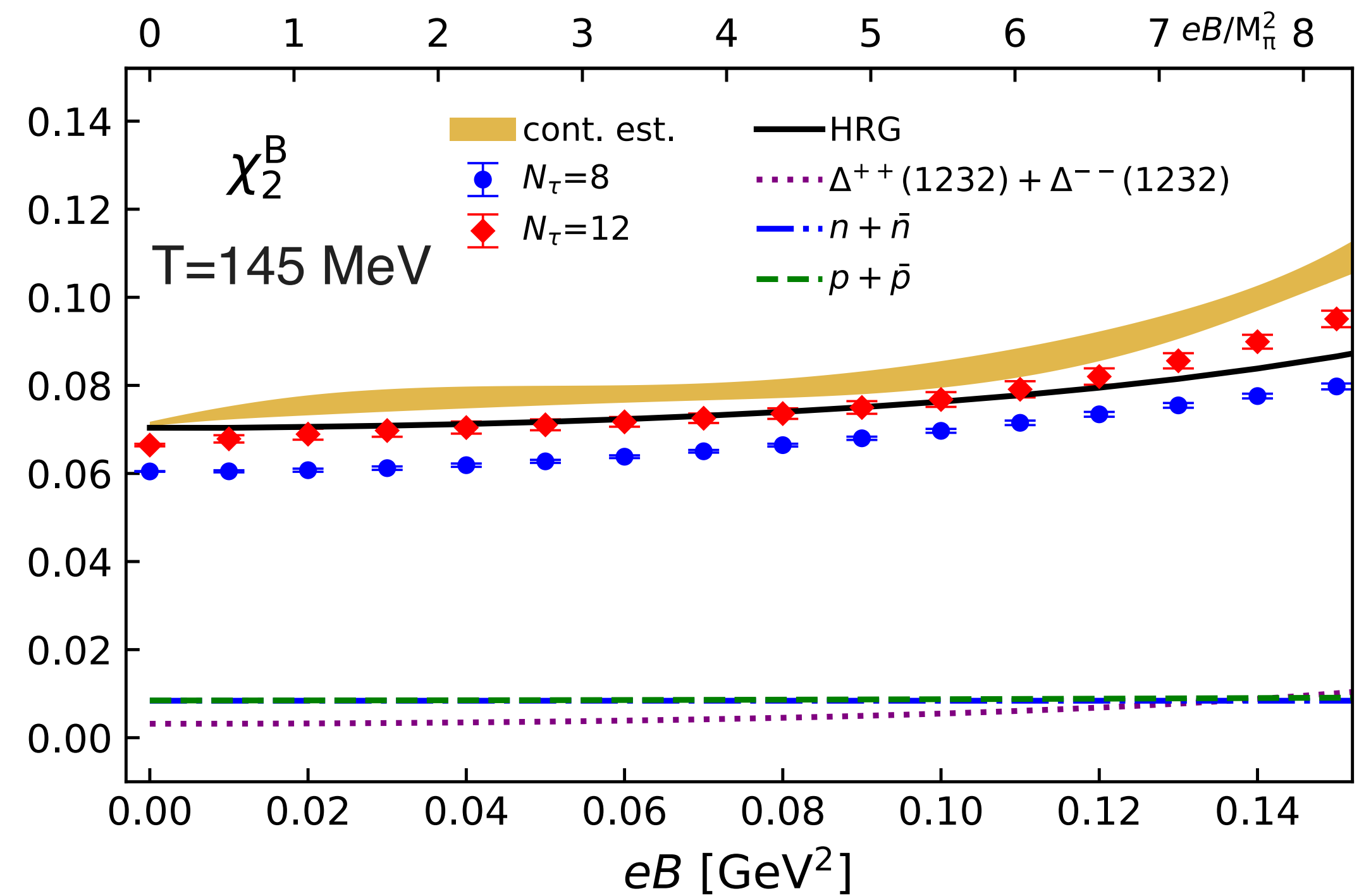
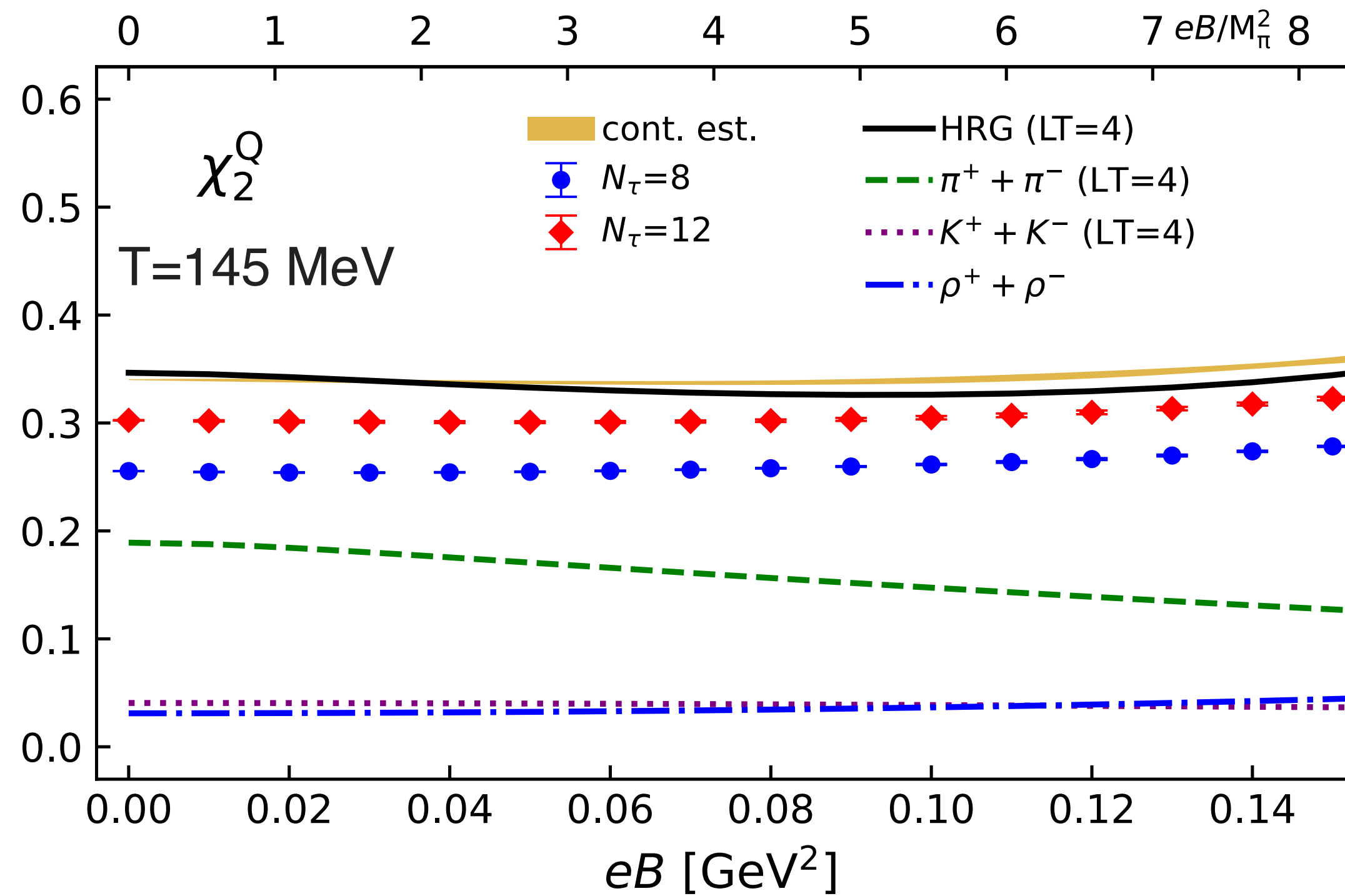
📌 At  $eB \neq 0$  a lot more need to be explored

**HRG:** G. Kadam et al., JPG 47 (2020) 125106, Ferreira et al., PRD 98(2018)034003, Fukushima and Hidaka, PRL117 (2016)102301  
Bhattacharyya et al., EPL115(2016)62003

**PNJL:** W.-J. Fu, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 014009

# Net baryon number and electric charge fluctuations at $T=145$ MeV at the physical point

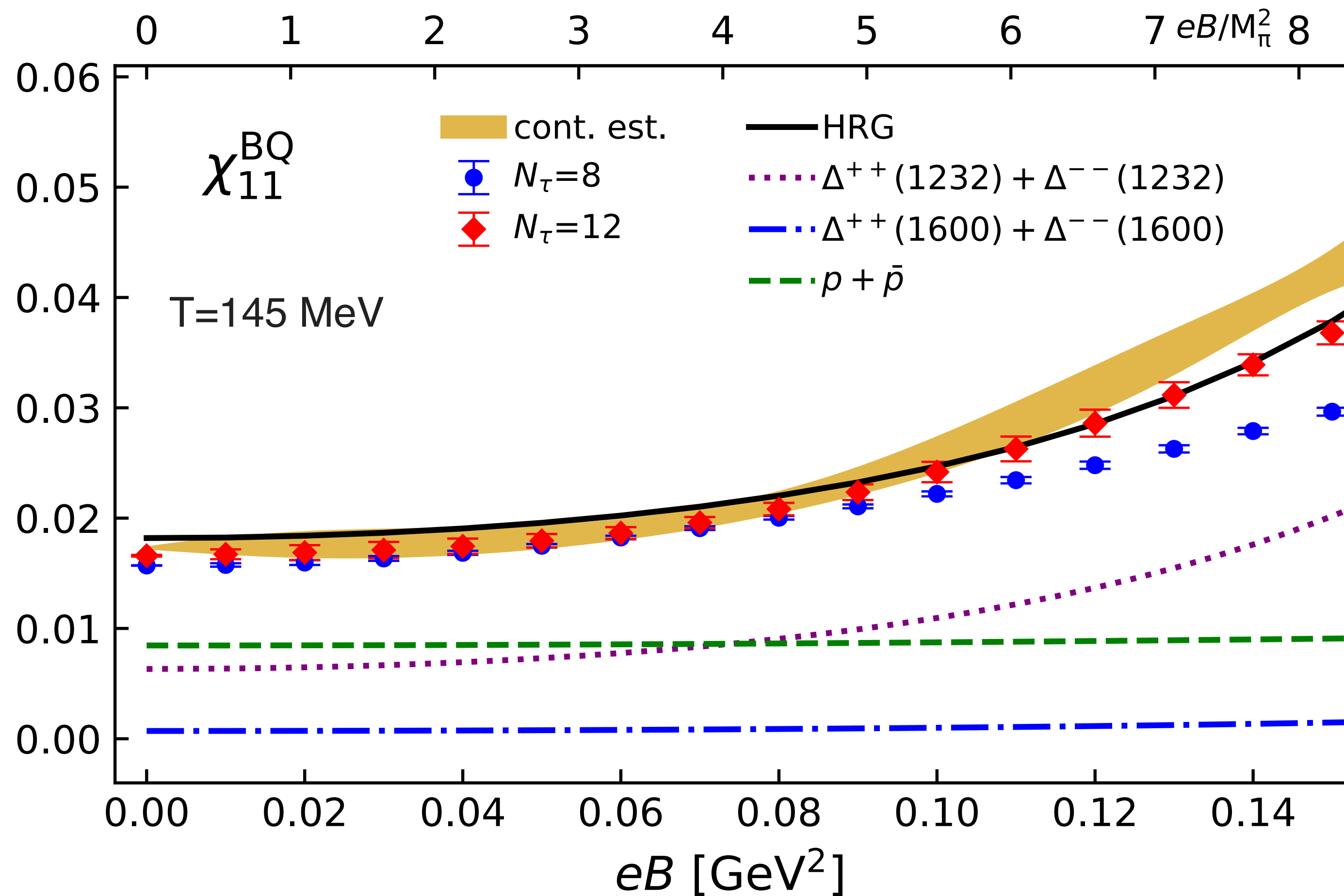
$N_f=2+1$  Lattice QCD,  $M_\pi(eB=0) = 135$  MeV



HTD, J.-B. Gu, A. Kumar, S.-T. Li, J.-H. Liu, arXiv:2312.08860



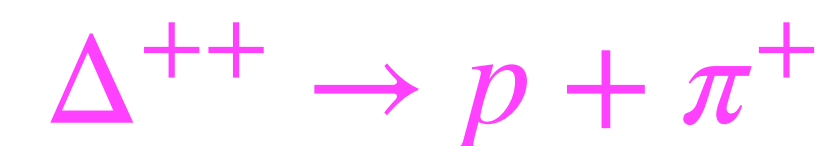
# Baryon electric charge correlation at $T=145$ MeV at the physical point



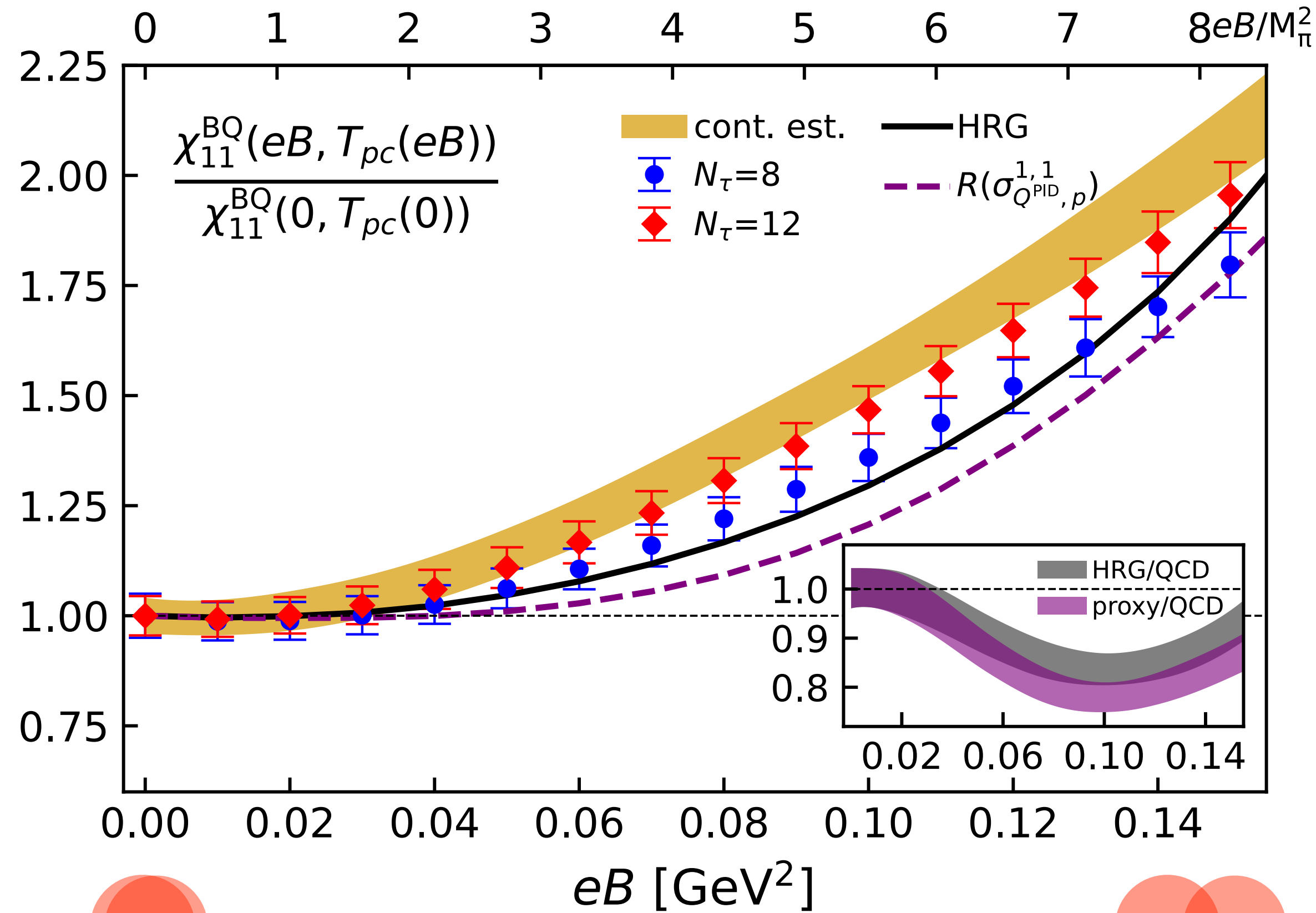
$\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$ : Magnetometer of QCD

Most of the  $eB$ -dependences  
comes from  
doubly charged Delta baryons

Delta baryons: not-measurable in  
HIC experiments



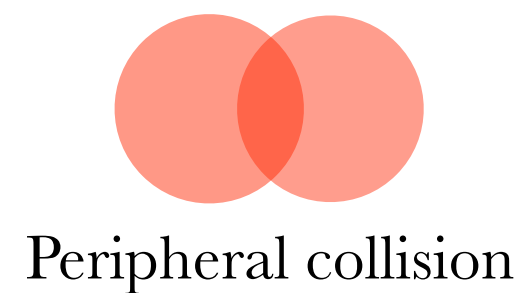
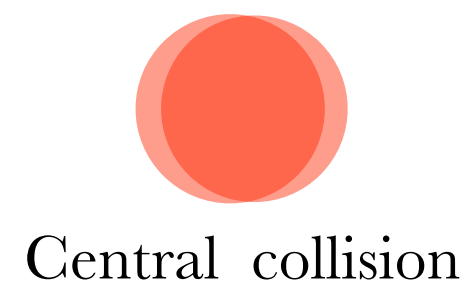
# Ratio $X(eB)/X(eB=0)$ for 2nd order diagonal fluctuations along the transition line



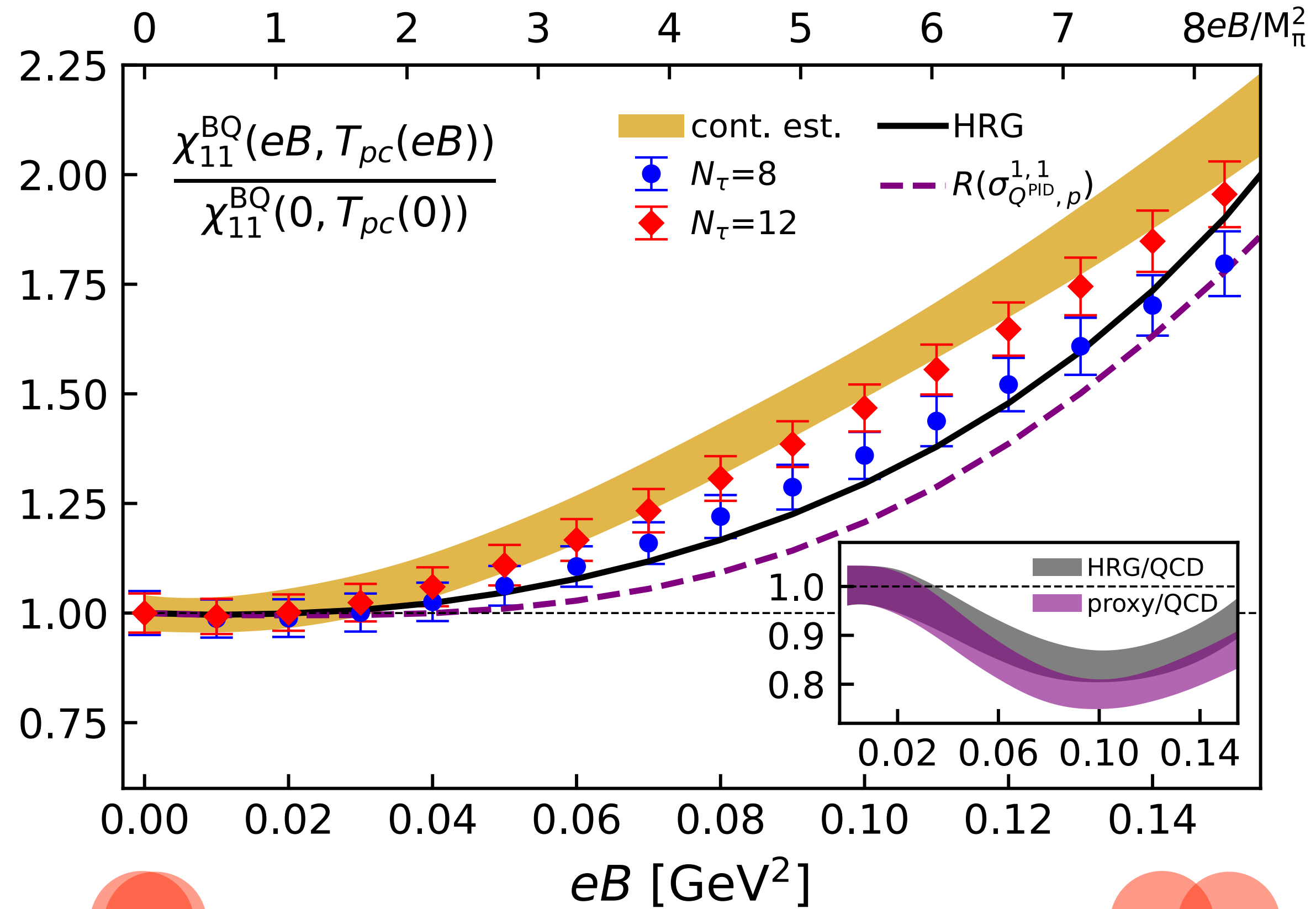
$X(eB)/X(eB=0)$  : Rcp like observable

At  $eB \lesssim M_\pi^2$ : consistent with unity

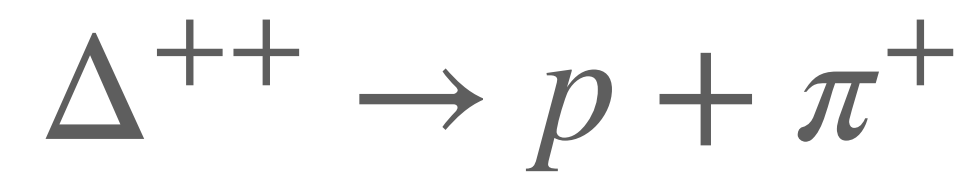
At  $eB \simeq 8M_\pi^2$ :  $\sim 2$  !



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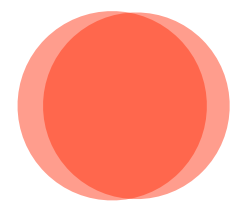
Memory carried by the decays of  $\Delta^{++}$ :



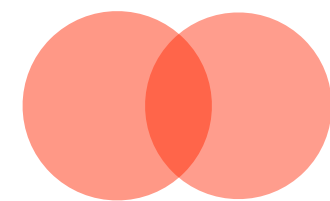
$$\sum_R B_R^l Q_R^m S_R^n I_p^R \rightarrow \sum_{i \in \text{stable}} \sum_R (P_{R \rightarrow i})^p B_i^l Q_i^m S_i^n I_p^R,$$

net-B approximated by  $Q^{PID}$ :  $\tilde{p}$

net-Q approximated by  $Q^{PID}$ :  $\tilde{\pi}^+, \tilde{K}^+, \tilde{p}$

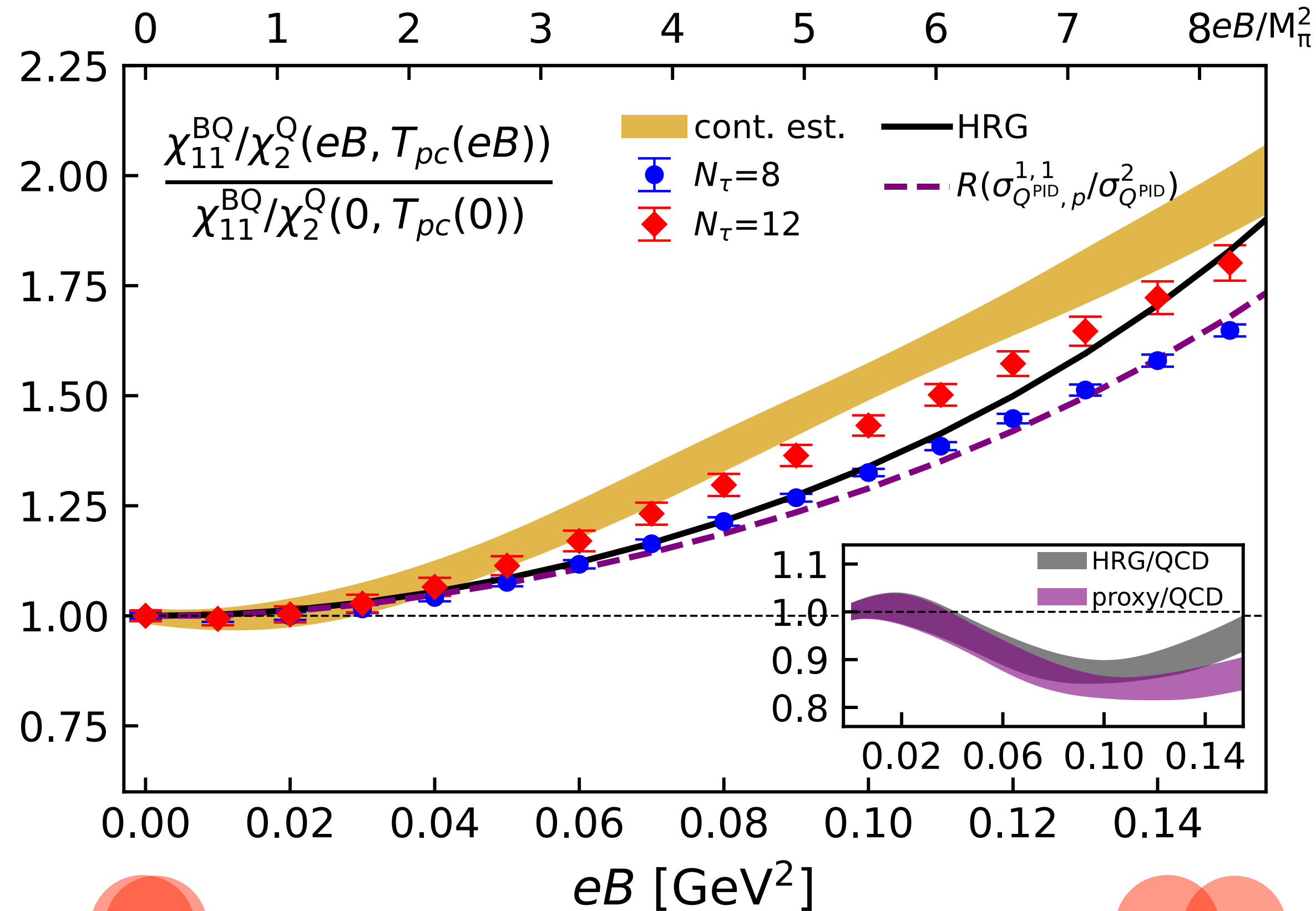


Central collision

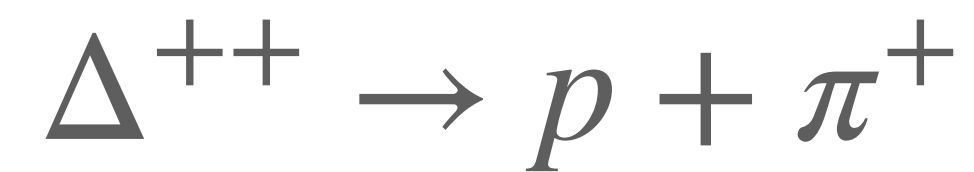


Peripheral collision

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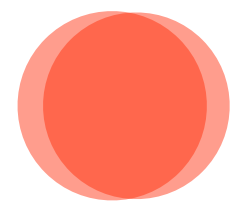
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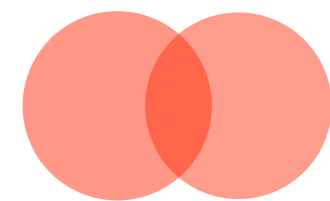
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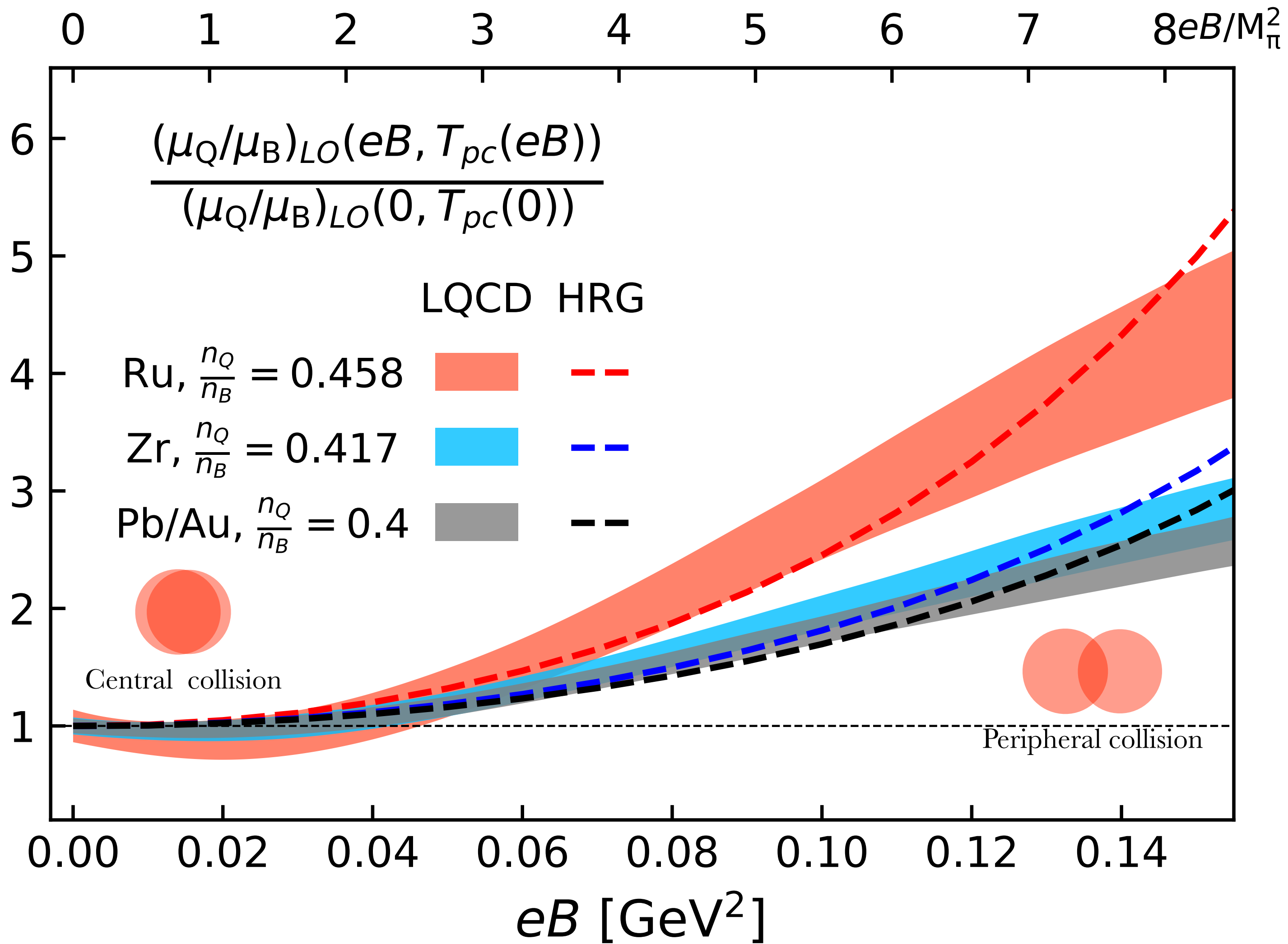


Central collision



Peripheral collision

# $\mu_Q/\mu_B$ in different collision systems



$$\mu_Q/\mu_B = q_1 + q_3\mu_B^2 + \mathcal{O}(\mu_B^4)$$

$$q_1 = \frac{r(\chi_2^B \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{BS}) - (\chi_{11}^{BQ} \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{QS})}{(\chi_2^Q \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{QS} \chi_{11}^{QS}) - r(\chi_{11}^{BQ} \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{QS})}$$

$$r = n_Q/n_B$$

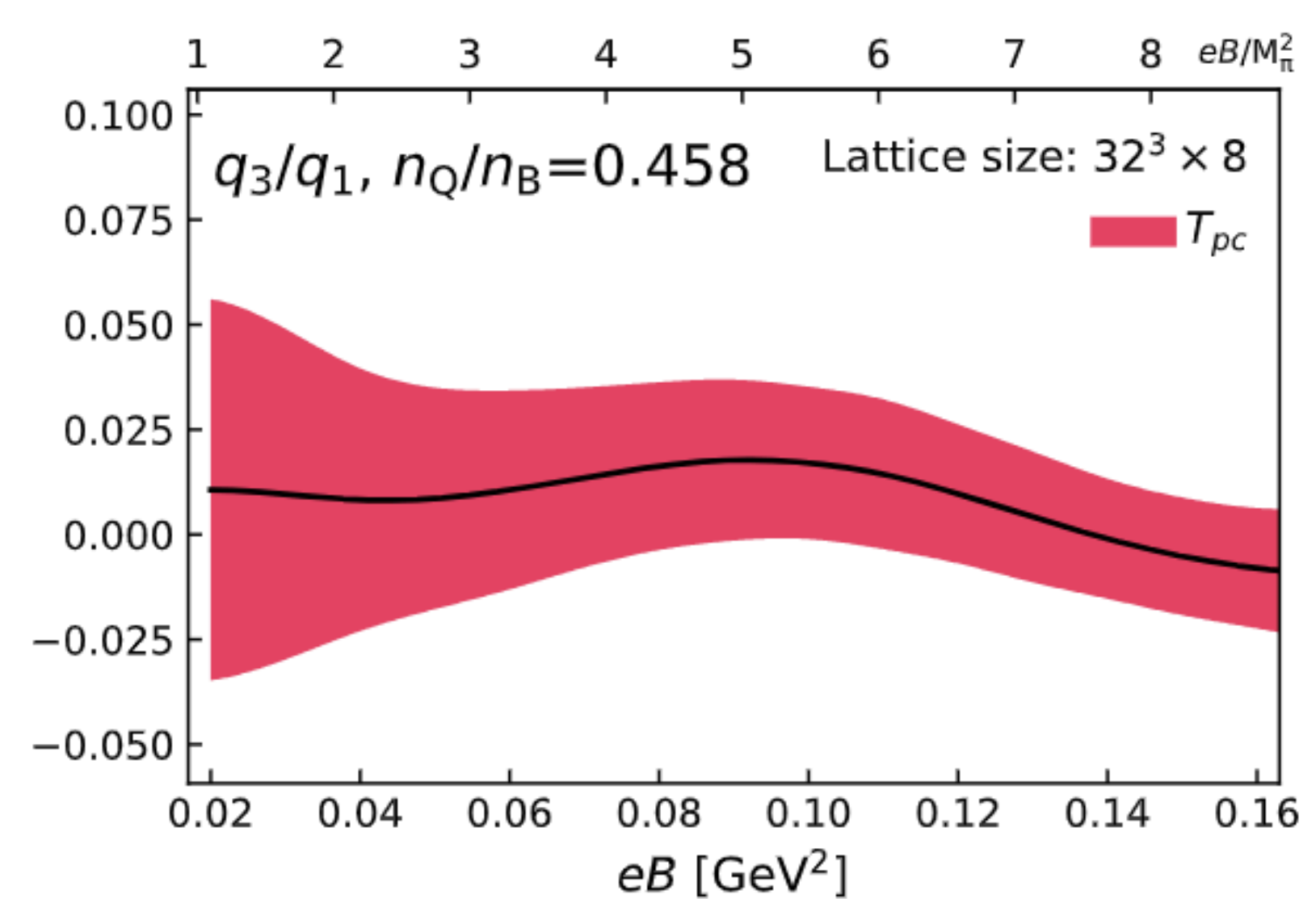
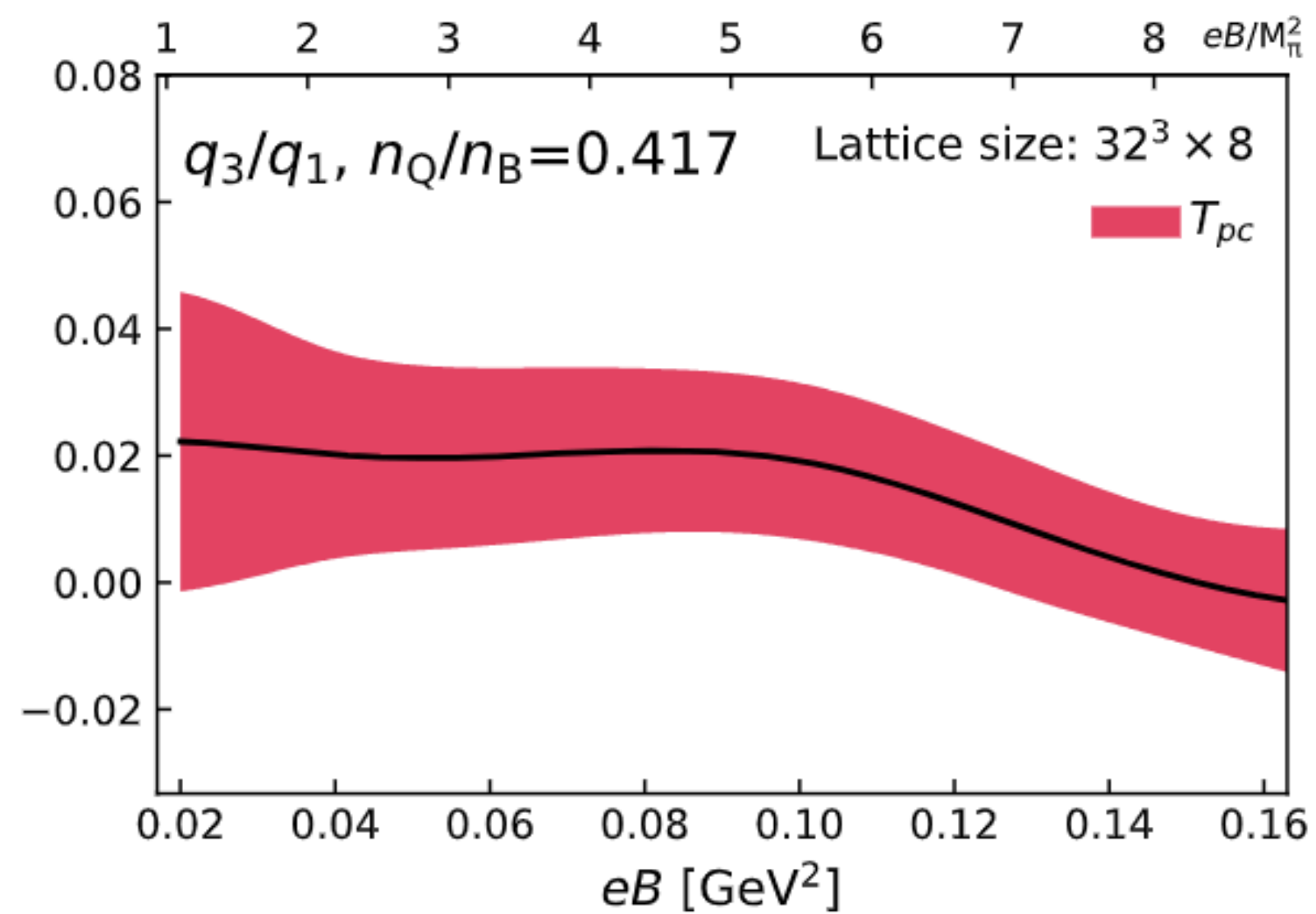
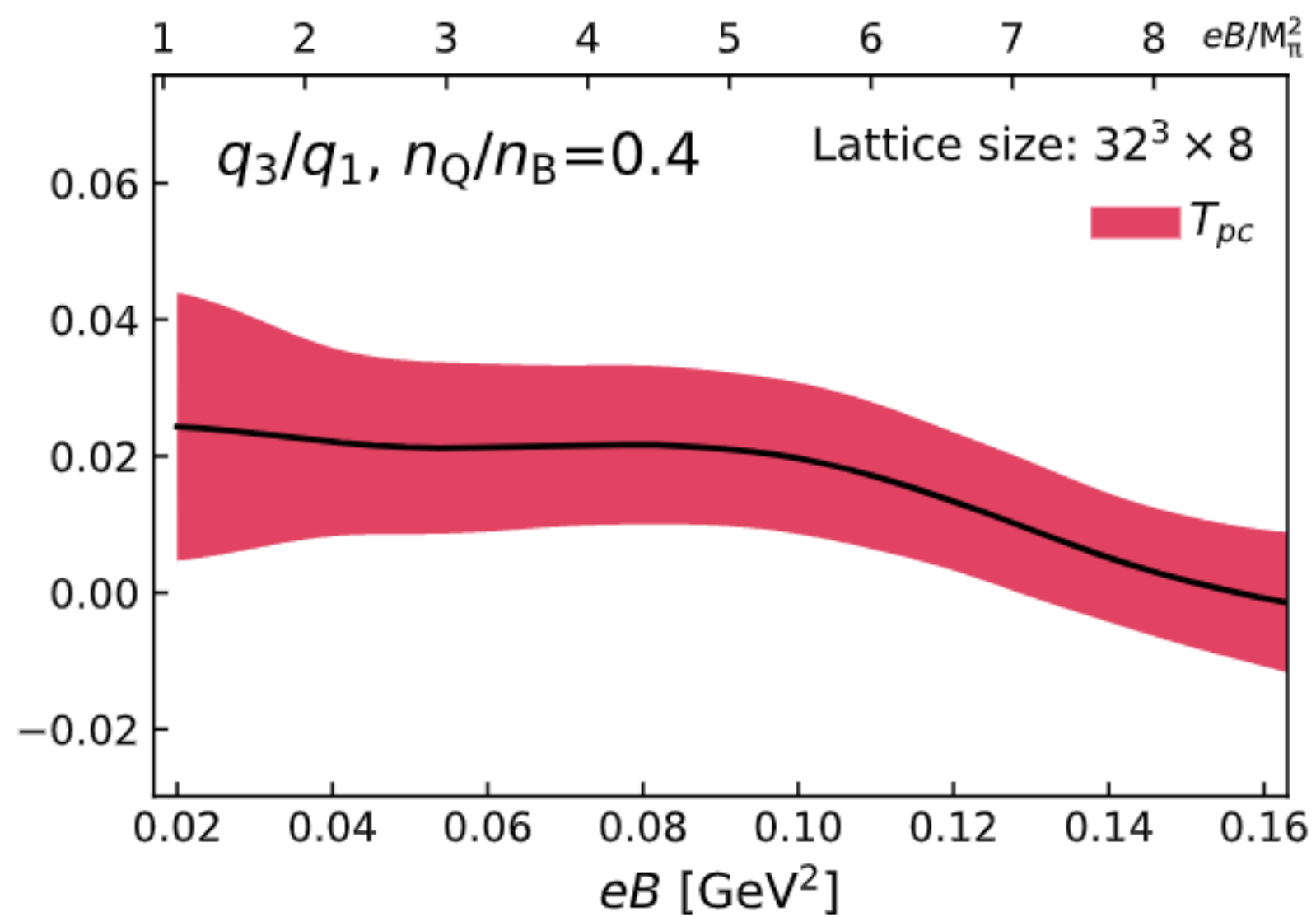
$${}^{96}_{44}\text{Ru} + {}^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}: r=0.458$$

$${}^{96}_{40}\text{Zr} + {}^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}: r=0.417$$

$${}^{208}_{82}\text{Pb} + {}^{208}_{82}\text{Pb}: r=0.4$$

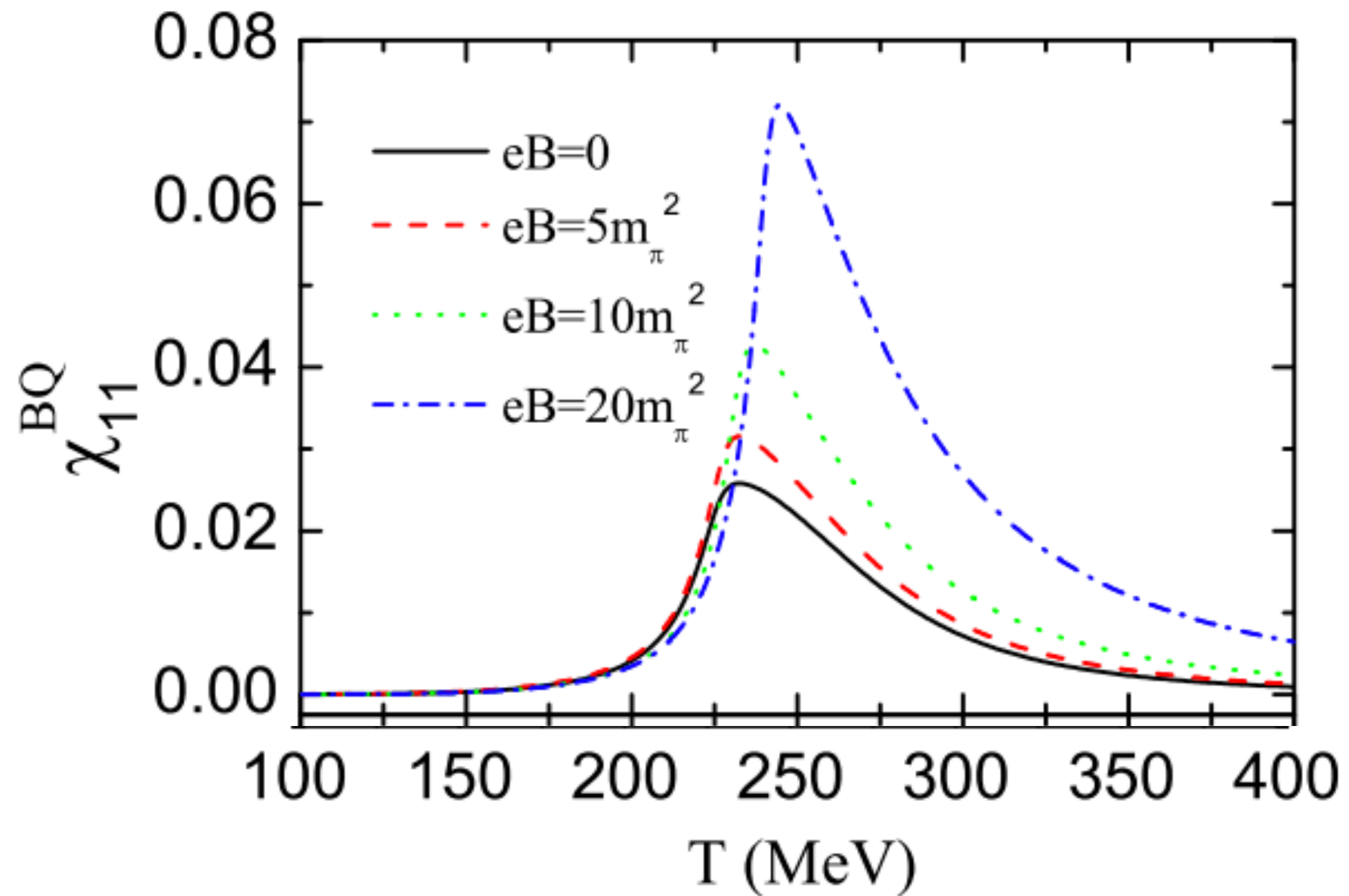
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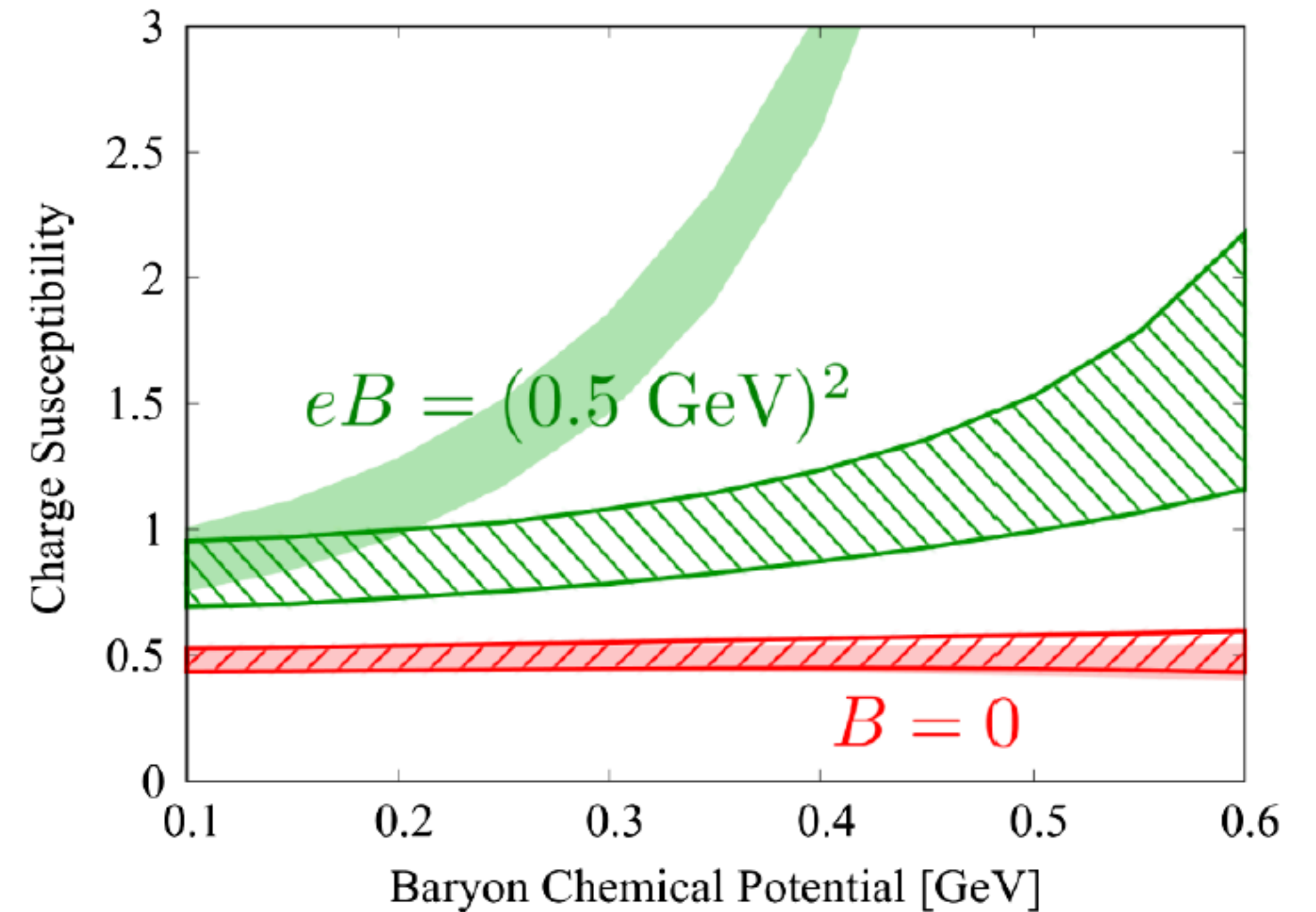
Negligible next-to-leading order correction

# Lattice QCD v.s. effective theory & model studies



Results obtained from PNJL from

W.-J. Fu, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 014009

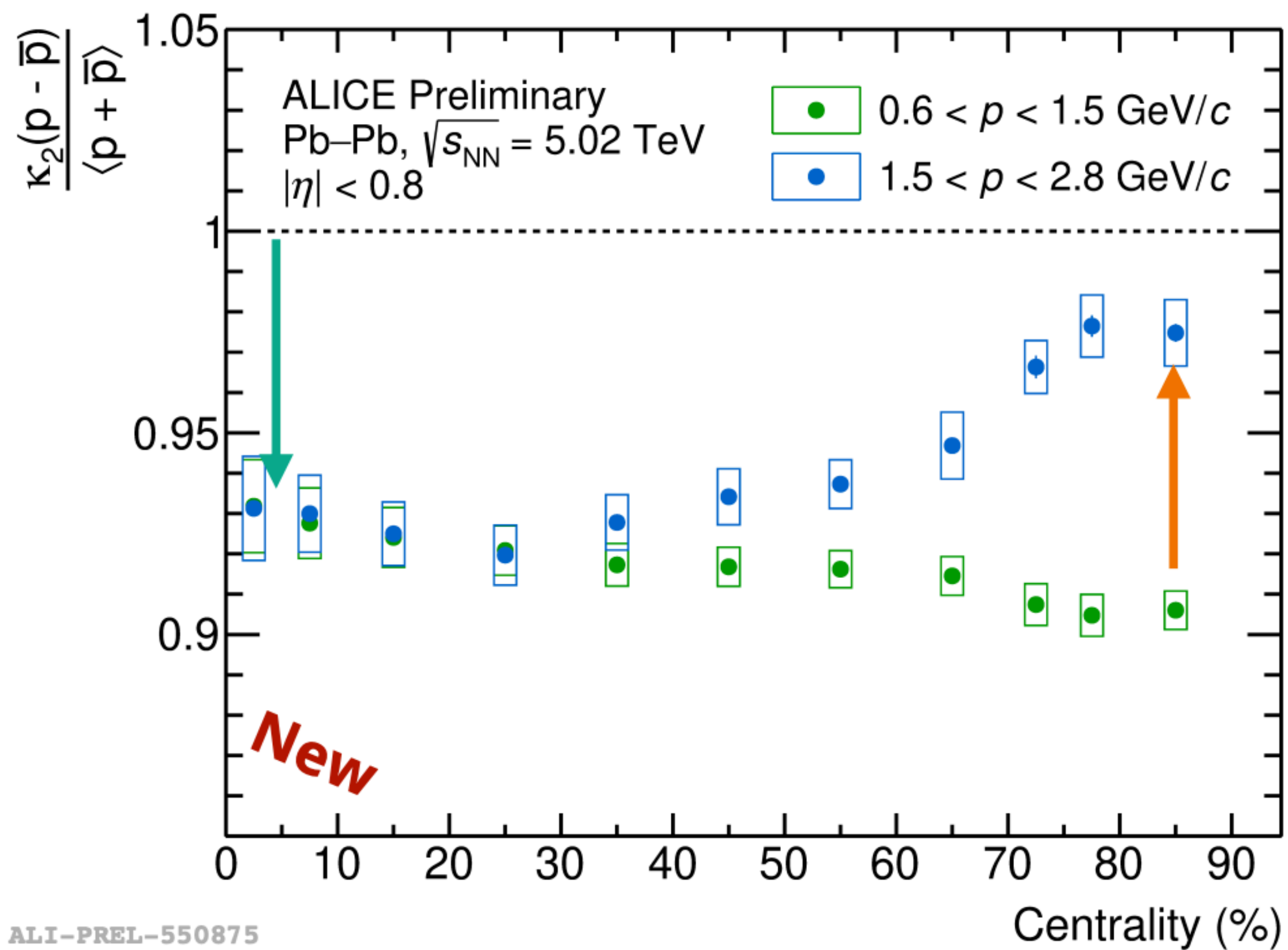


Results obtained from HRG model

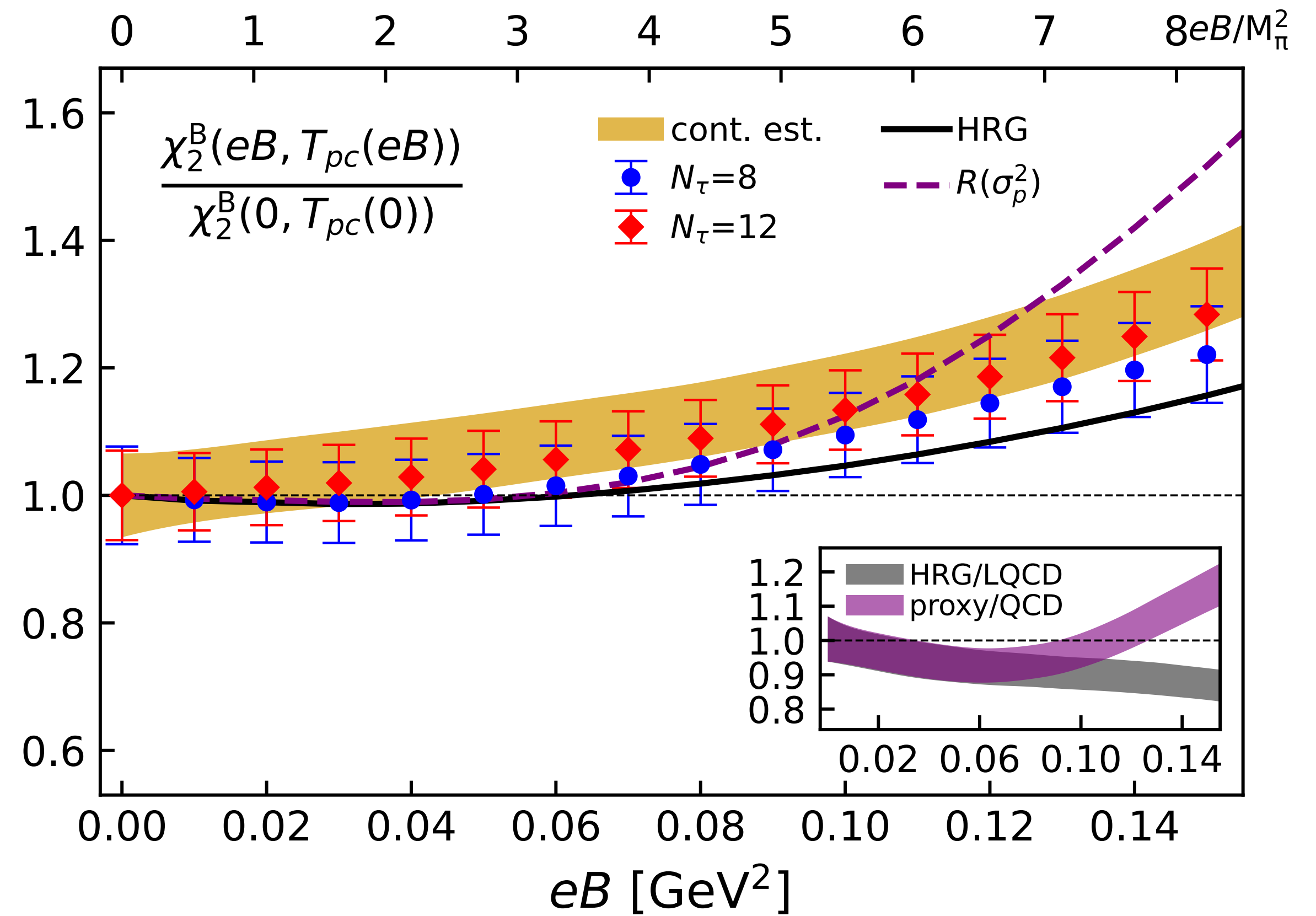
K. Fukushima and Y. Hidaka, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117 (2016) 102301

Both above two results are inconsistent with LQCD results!

# Lattice QCD v.s. experiments



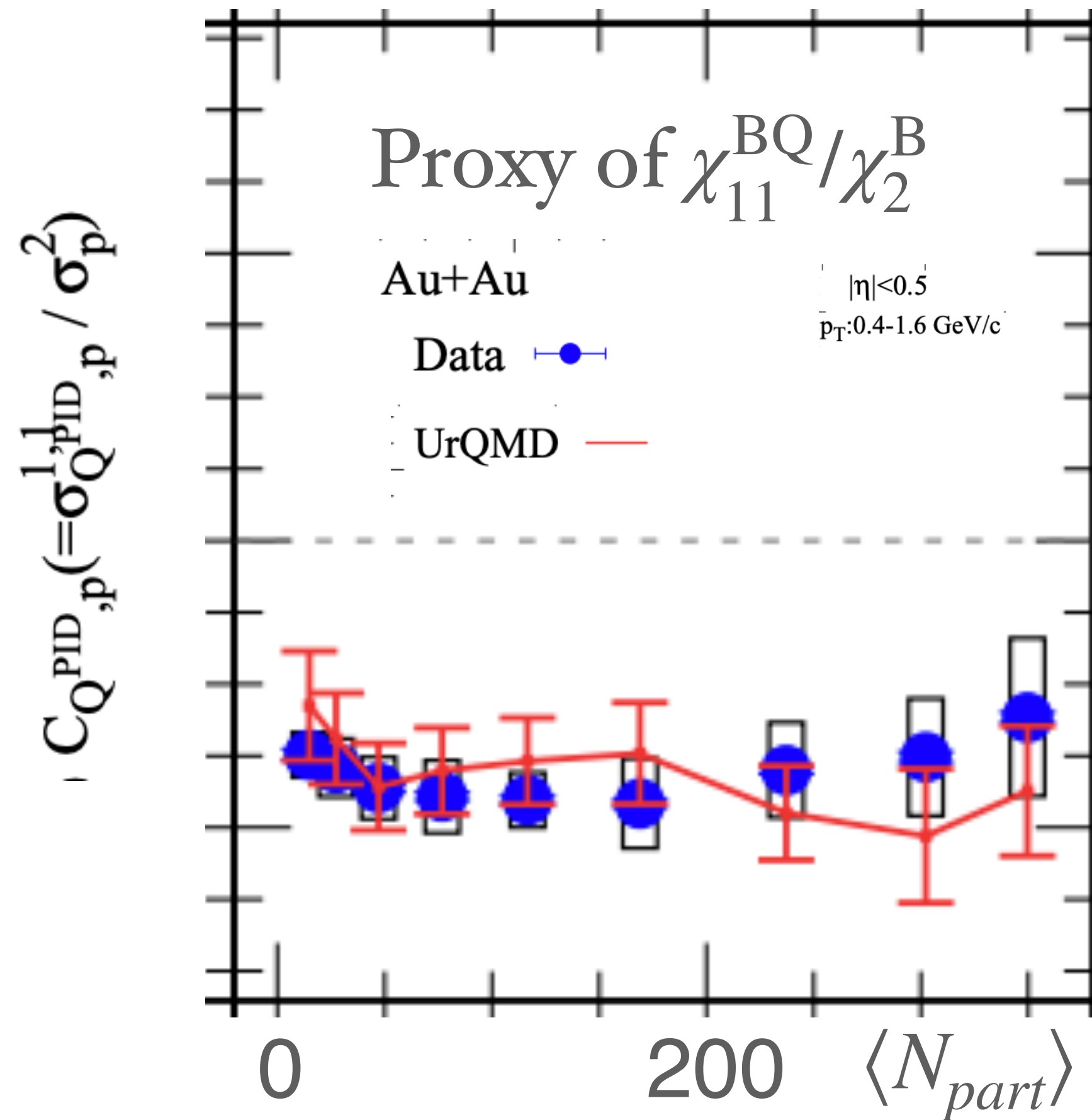
Ilya Fokin, ALICE, Quark Matter 2023



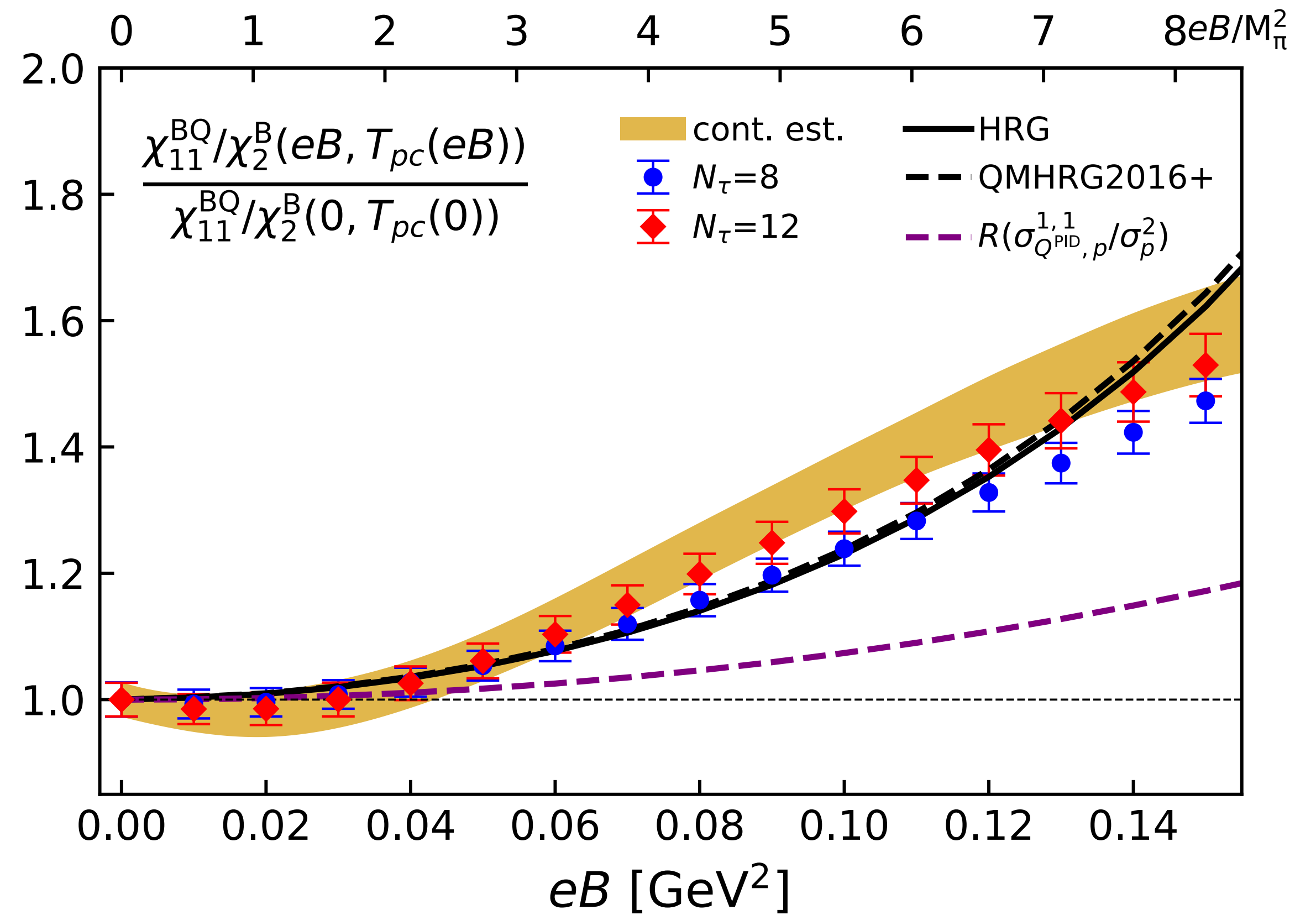
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# Summary & Conclusion

