Bayesian inference of the critical endpoint in 2+1-flavor system from holographic QCD

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Introduction and motivation

Unraveling the Fundamental Composition and Interactions of Matter

Exploring the Nature of Strong Interactions

Simulating Extreme Conditions of the Early Universe

Exploring Mechanisms of Phase Transitions in Matter

Non-perturbative methods:

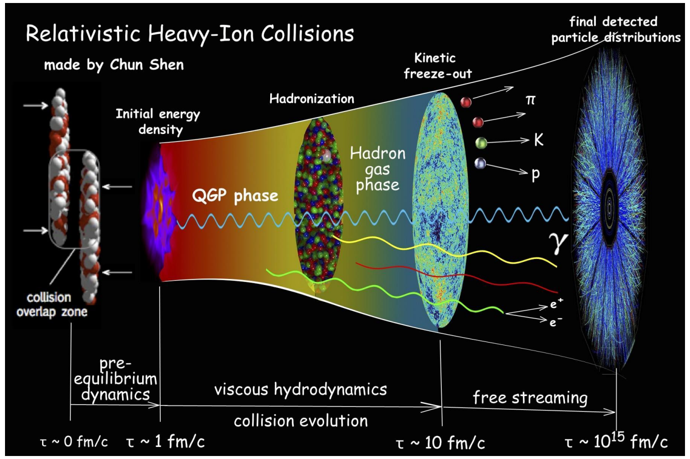
Lattice simulation

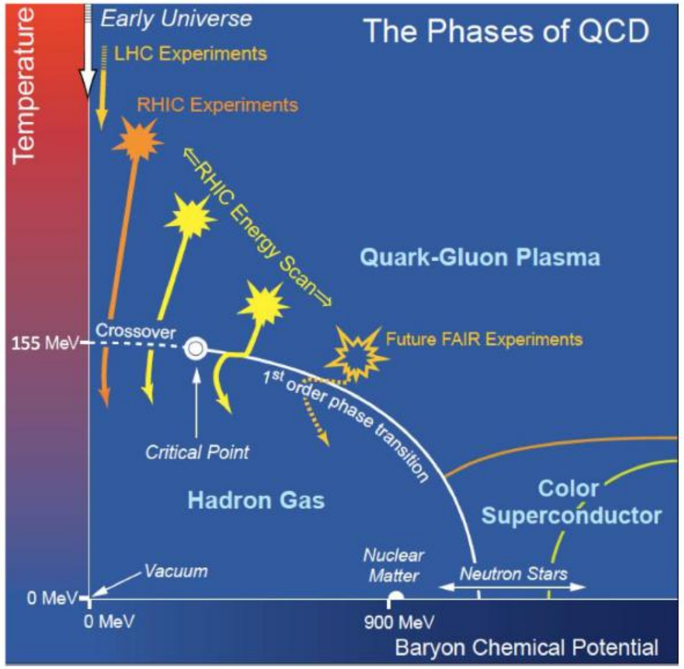
Holography: gauge/gravity dual or

AdS/QCD correspondence

Other low energy effective model. eg.

HRG, NJL , PNJL, fRG, ...





Einstein-Maxwell-Dilaton (EMD) model

The Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton(EMD) action :

$$S_b=\frac{1}{16\pi G_5}\int d^5x\sqrt{-g^s}\,e^{-2\phi_s}\left[R_s-\frac{f_s(\phi_s)}{4}F^2+4\partial_\mu\phi_s\partial^\mu\phi_s-V_s(\phi_s)\right] \qquad f(z)=e^{cz^2-A(z)+k}$$

chemical potential **dilaton field: breaking conformal invariance**

The metric :

$$ds^2=\frac{L^2e^{2A(z)}}{z^2}\left[-g(z)dt^2+\frac{dz^2}{g(z)}+d\vec{x}^2\right] \qquad A(z)=d\ln(az^2+1)+d\ln(bz^4+1)$$

Dilaton field :

$$\phi'(z)=\sqrt{6(A'^2-A''-2A')}$$

Xun Chen, Mei Huang,Flavor dependent critical endpoint from holographic QCD through machine learning, JHEP 02 (2025) 123.

Einstein-Maxwell-Dilaton (EMD) model

The Hawking temperature and entropy :

$$T = \frac{z_h^3 e^{-3A(z_h)}}{4\pi \int_0^{z_h} dy\, y^3 e^{-3A(y)}}\left[1 + \frac{2c\mu^2 e^k \left(e^{-cz_h^2}\int_0^{z_h} dy\, y^3 e^{-3A(y)} - \int_0^{z_h} dy\, y^3 e^{-3A(y)}\left(1 - e^{-cy^2}\right)\right)}{\left(1 - e^{-cz_h^2}\right)^2}\right]$$

$$S = \frac{e^{3A(z_h)}}{4\pi G_5 z_h^3}$$

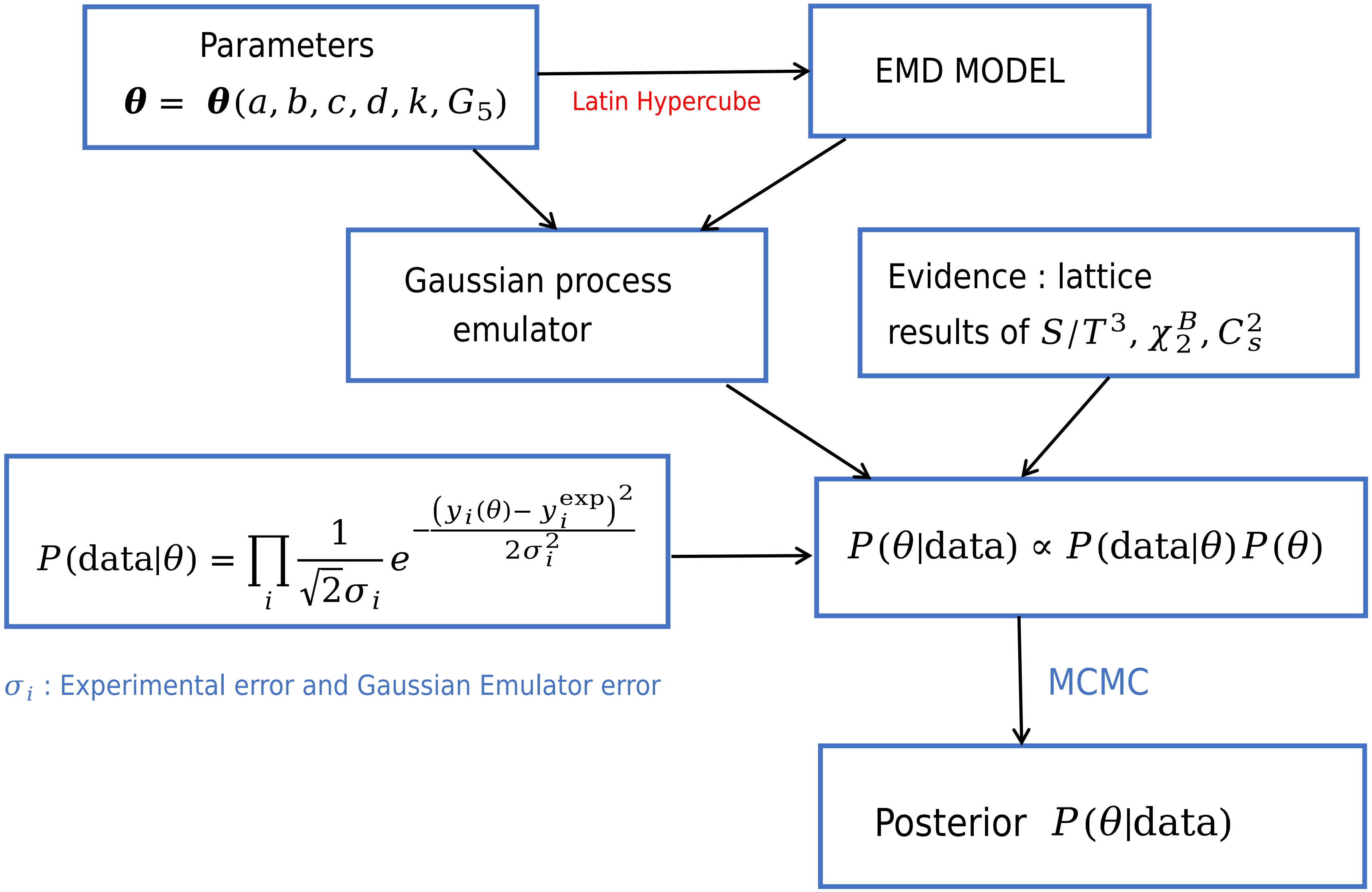
The squared speed of sound :

$$C_s^2 = \frac{s}{T\left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial T}\right)_\mu + \mu\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\rho T}\right)_\mu}$$

The second-order baryon susceptibility :

$$\chi_2^B = \frac{1}{T^2}\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu}$$

Bayesian Inference Process



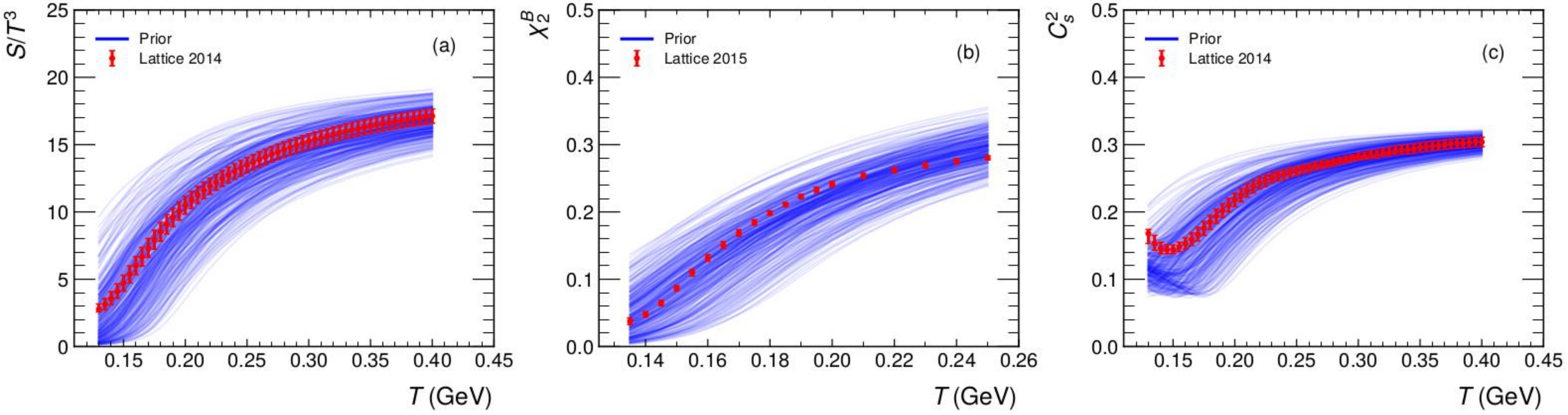
The prior to lattice data with EMD model

Case 1 : S/T^3 and χ_2^B as Prior

Case 2 : S/T^3 , χ_2^B and C_S^2 as Prior

Prior		
Parameter	min	max
a	0.110	0.310
b	0.005	0.031
c	-0.280	-0.205
d	-0.240	-0.110
k	-0.910	-0.770
G_5	0.375	0.430

300 sets of θ for prior calculation:



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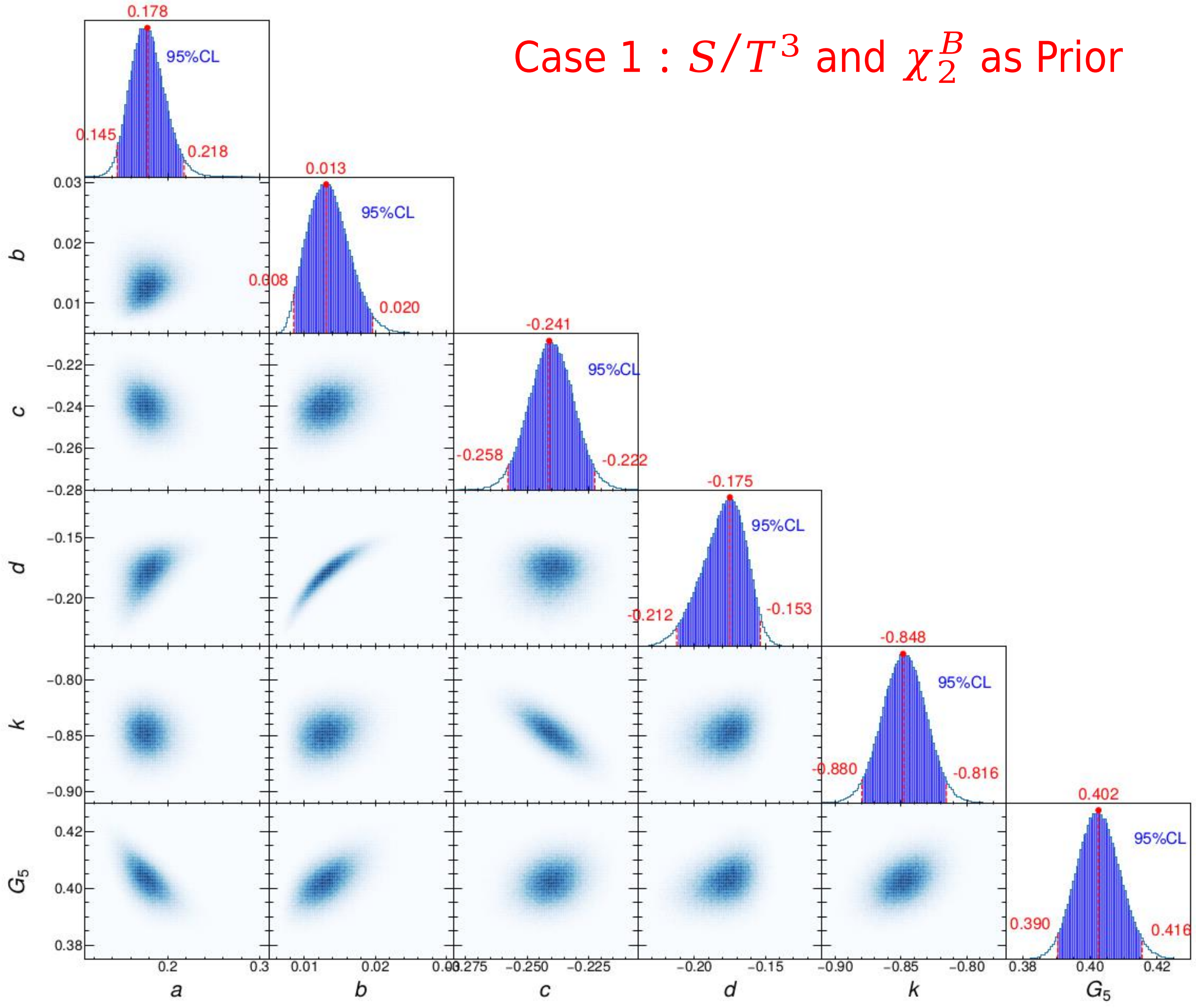
Posterior distributions of the EMD model parameters



Case 1 : S/T^3 and χ_2^B as Prior

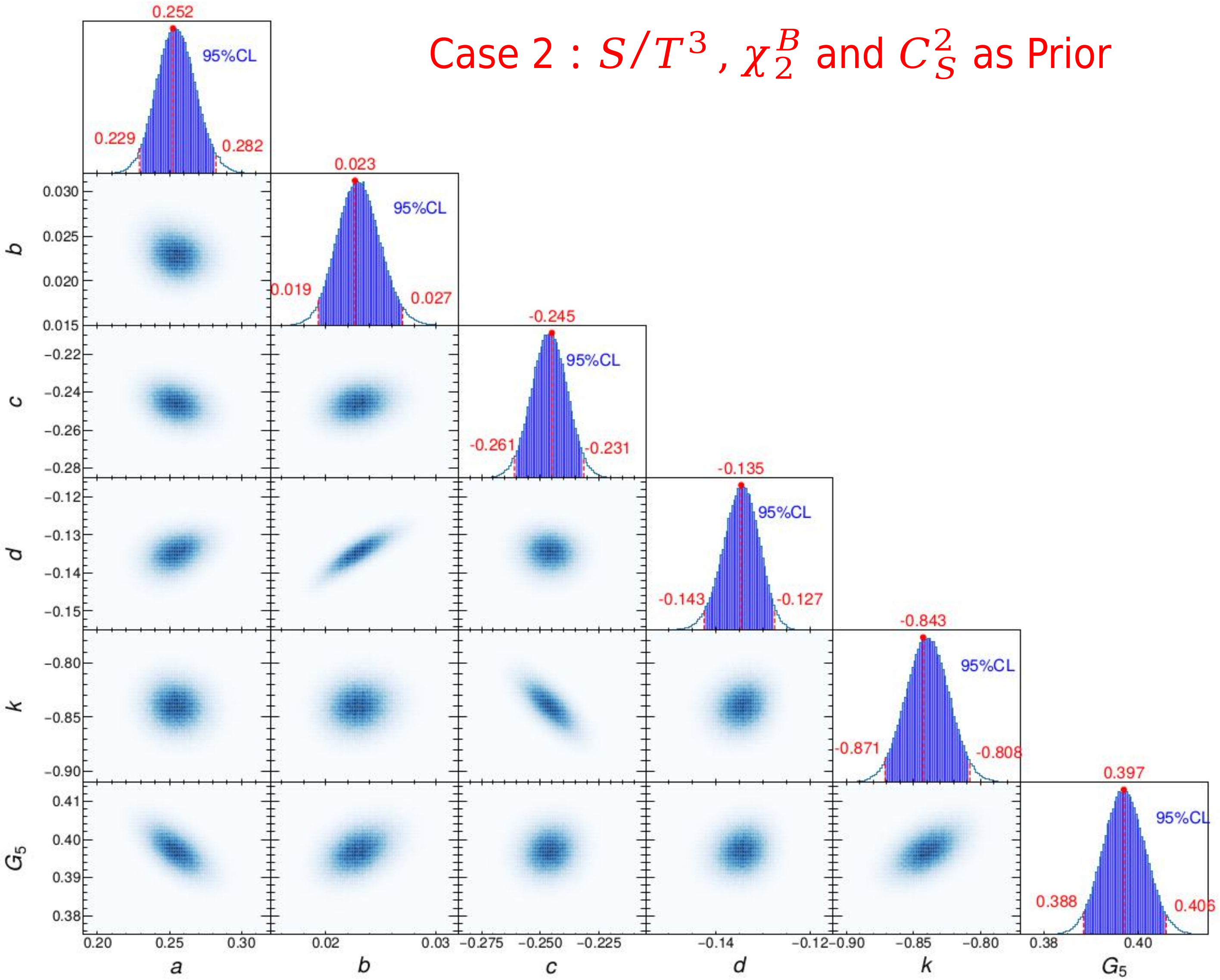
Posterior distributions of the model parameters(diagonal panels), together with their correlations (off-diagonal panels).

Maximum a posteriori (MAP)

Posterior 95% CL			
Parameter	min	max	MAP
a	0.145	0.218	0.178
b	0.008	0.020	0.013
c	-0.258	-0.222	-0.241
d	-0.212	-0.153	-0.175
k	-0.880	-0.816	-0.848
G_5	0.390	0.416	0.402

Posterior distributions of the model parameters

Case 2 : S/T^3 , χ_2^B and C_S^2 as Prior

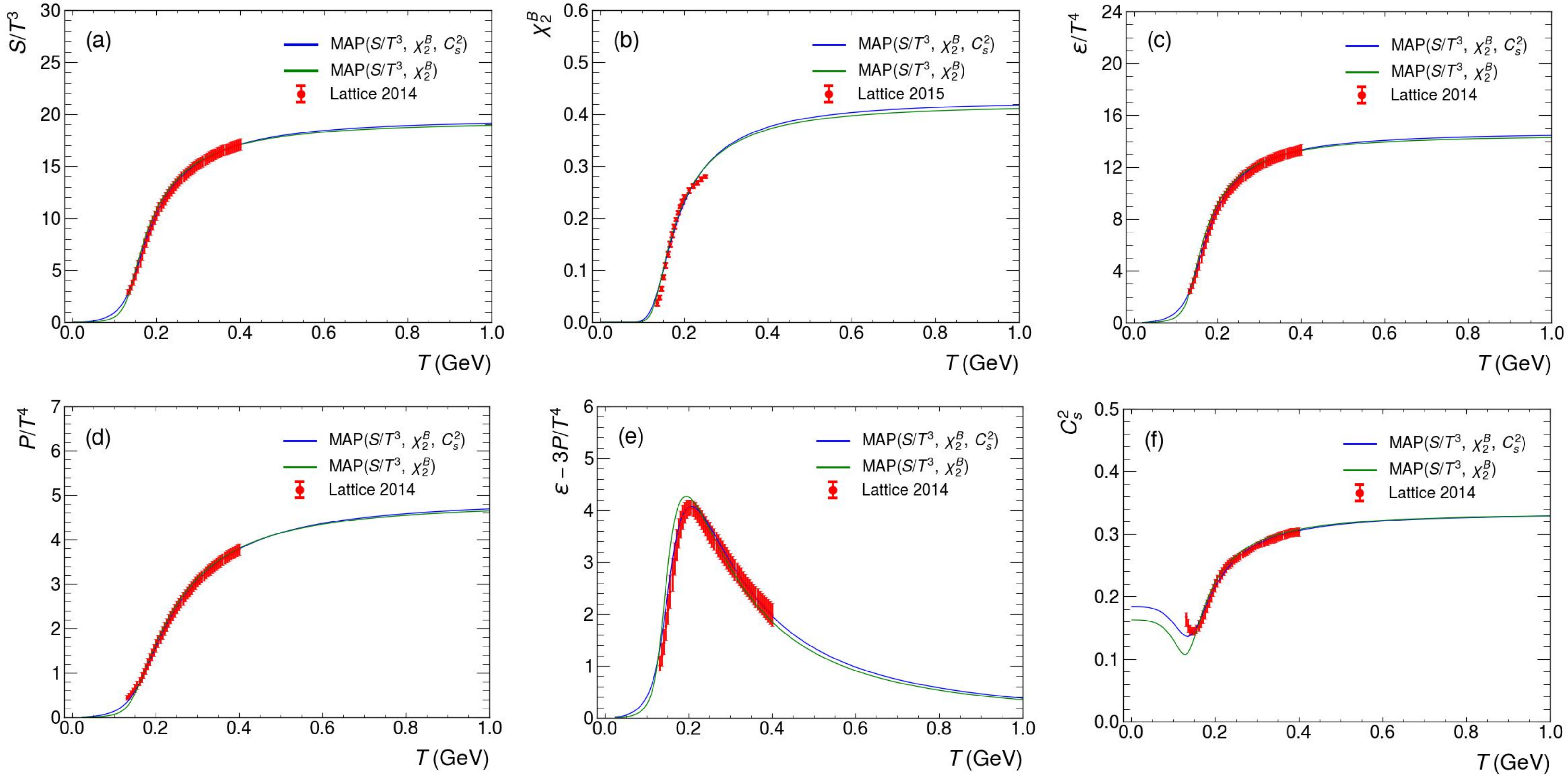


Posterior distributions of the model parameters(diagonal panels), together with their correlations (off-diagonal panels).

Maximum a posteriori (MAP)

Posterior 95% CL			
Parameter	min	max	MAP
a	0.229	0.282	0.252
b	0.019	0.027	0.023
c	-0.261	-0.231	-0.246
d	-0.143	-0.127	-0.135
k	-0.871	-0.808	-0.843
G_5	0.388	0.406	0.397

Prior selection and thermodynamic consistency—Case 1 VS Case 2



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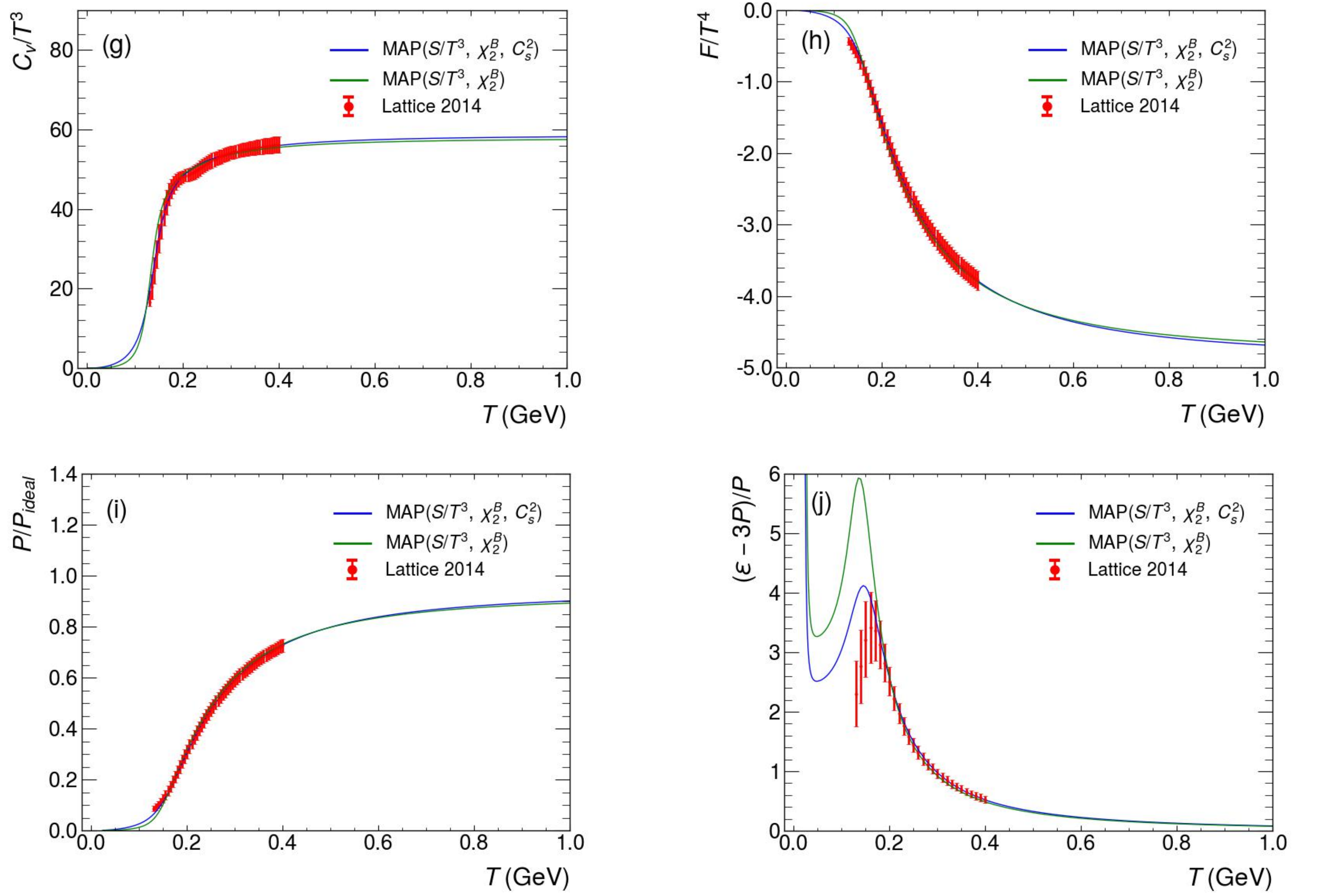
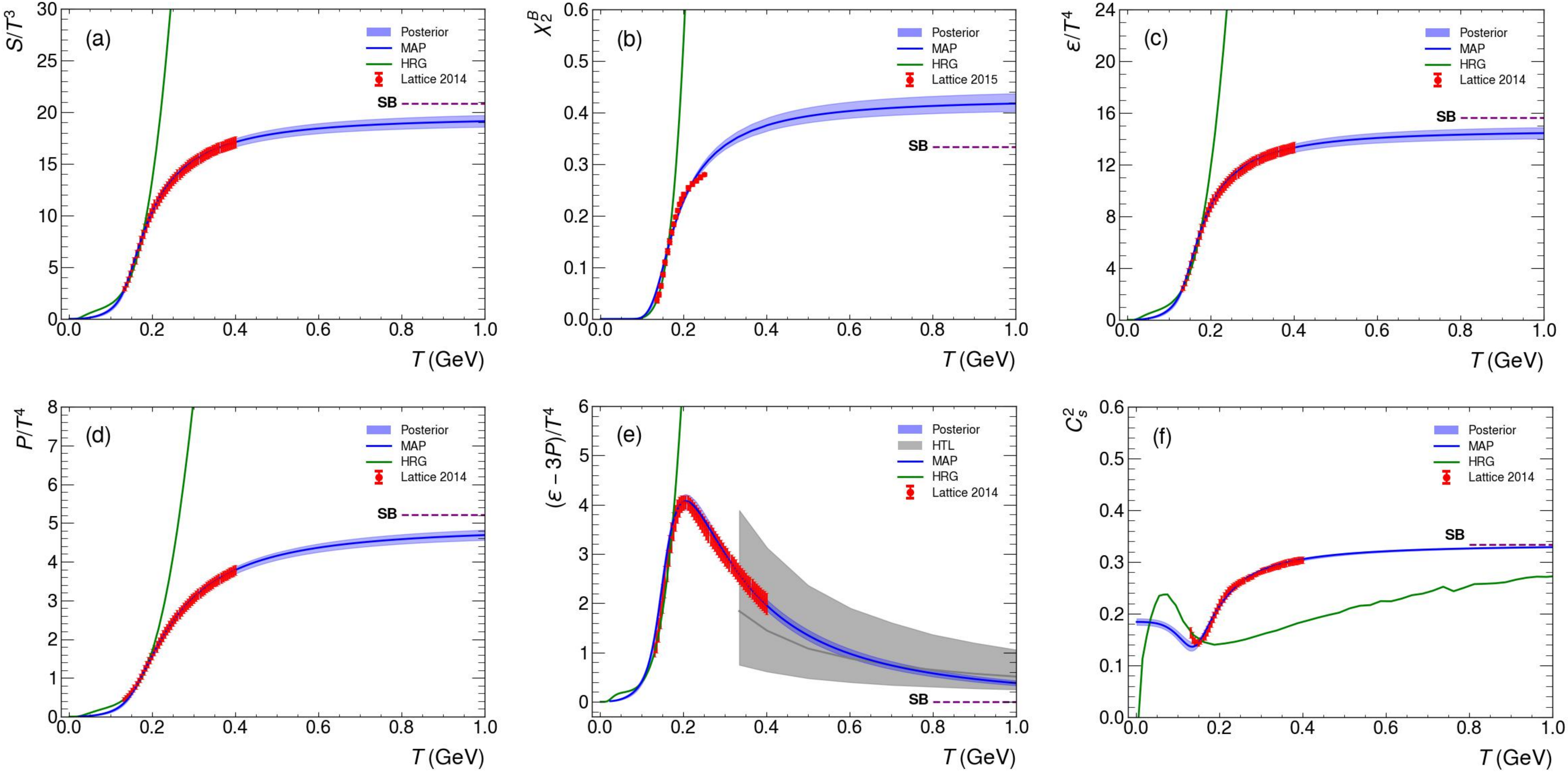


The posteiror comparison to HRG ,HTL and Lattice—Case 2



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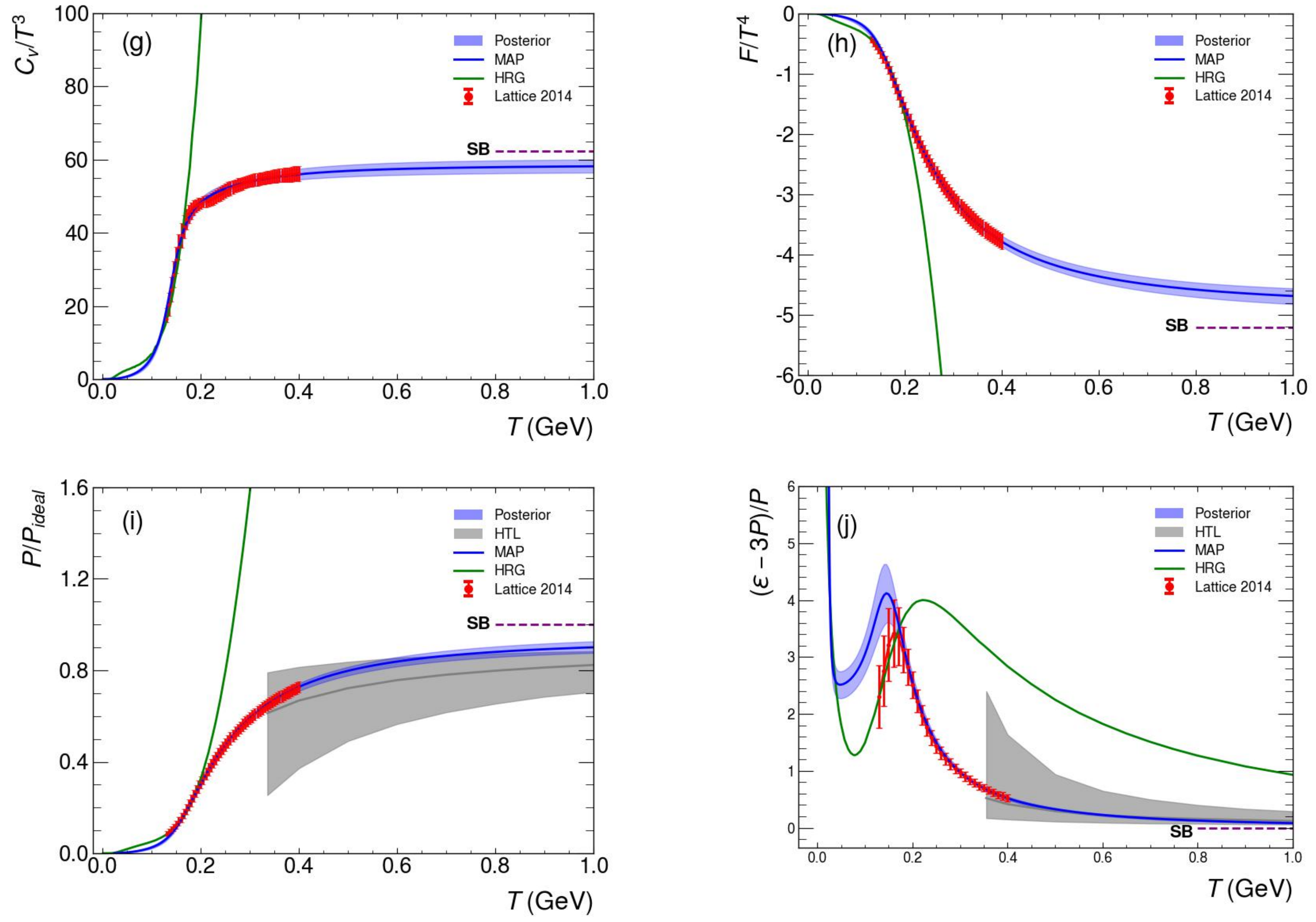
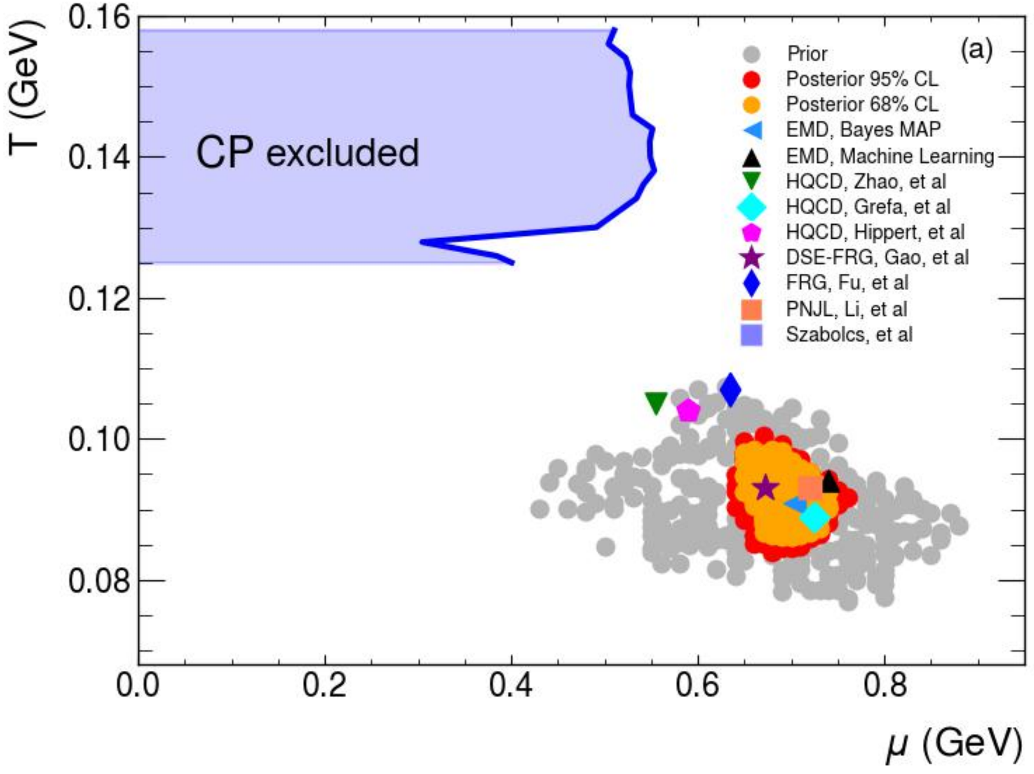


Bayesian location of the CEP—Case 1 VS Case 2

Case 1

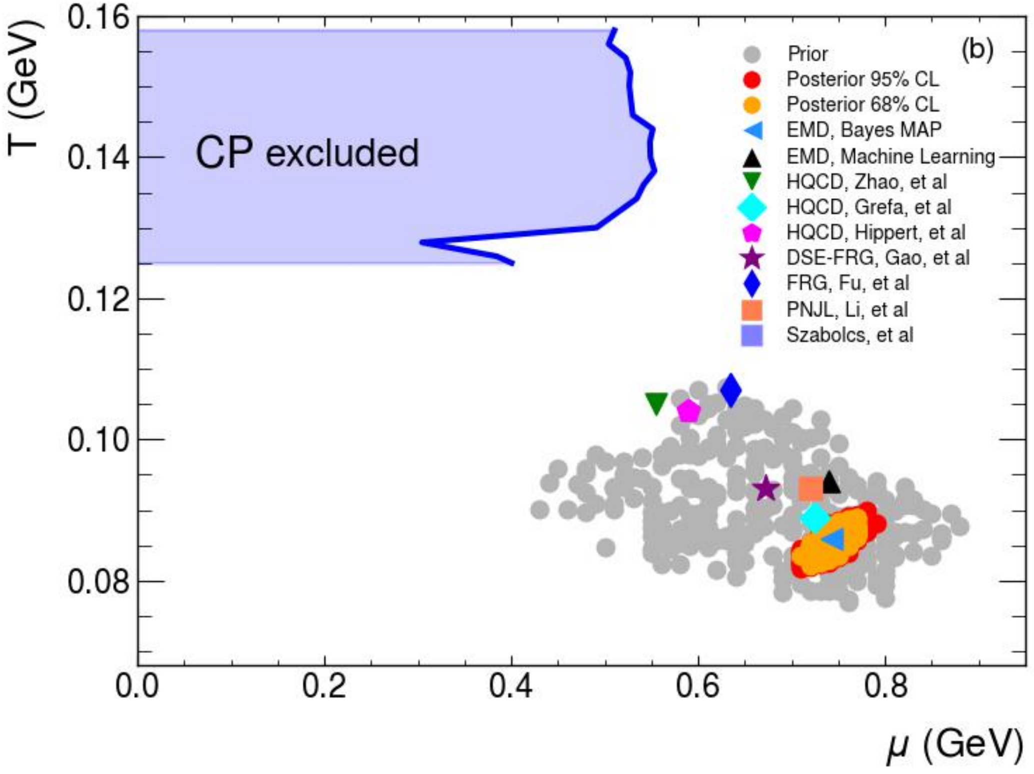


$$(T_c, \mu_B^c)_{\mathrm{MAP}} = (0.0909,\ 0.704)\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

$$(T_c, \mu_B^c)_{68\%} = (0.0861 - 0.0985,\ 0.65 - 0.74)\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

$$(T_c, \mu_B^c)_{95\%} = (0.0839 - 0.1003,\ 0.64 - 0.76)\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

Case 2



$$(T_c, \mu_B^c)_{\mathrm{MAP}} = (0.0859,\ 0.742)\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

$$(T_c, \mu_B^c)_{68\%} = (0.0822 - 0.0889,\ 0.71 - 0.77)\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

$$(T_c, \mu_B^c)_{95\%} = (0.0817 - 0.0898,\ 0.71 - 0.79)\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

Summary

We present a prediction of the critical endpoint location in the high-density phase of strongly interacting matter, which is obtained by using Bayesian inference together with lattice QCD data at zero chemical potential and the EMD model.

entropy, susceptibility as prior:

68% Confidence Interval (T_c: 0.0861 GeV~0.0985 GeV , μ_B^c: $0.65\ GeV$~0.74 GeV)

95% Confidence Interval (T_c: 0.0839 GeV~0.1003 GeV , μ_B^c: $0.64\ GeV$~0.76 GeV)

entropy, susceptibility, square of the speed of sound as prior:

68% Confidence Interval (T_c: 0.0822 GeV~0.0889 GeV , μ_B^c: $0.71\ GeV$~0.77 GeV)

95% Confidence Interval (T_c: 0.0817 GeV~0.0898 GeV , μ_B^c: $0.71\ GeV$~0.79 GeV)

Thank You !