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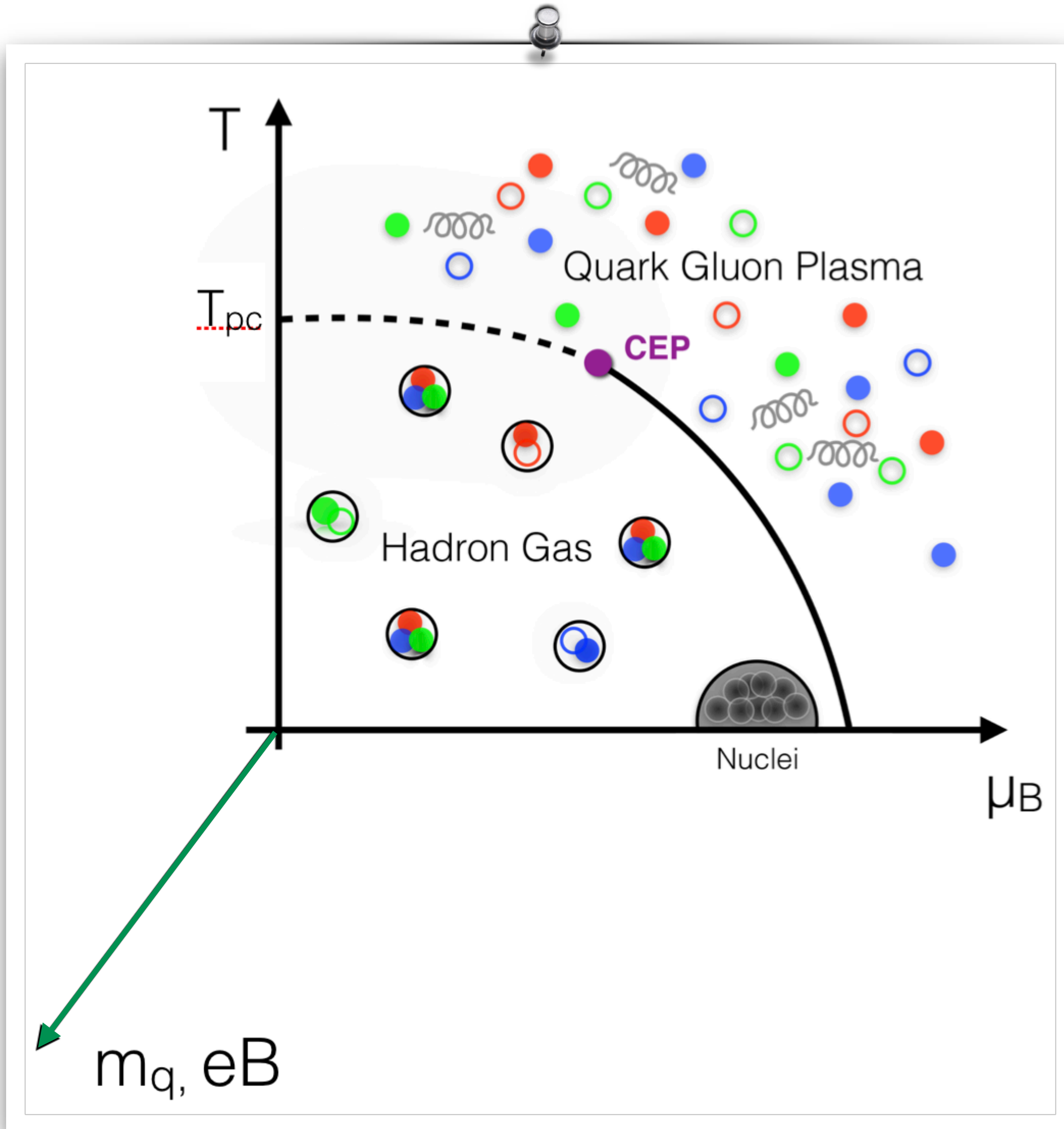
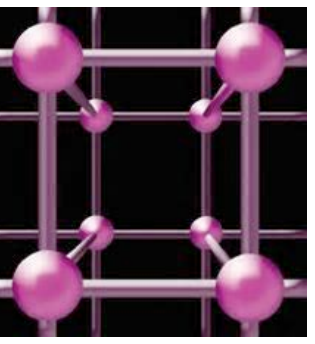
QCD phase structure from lattice QCD

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📌 QCD transition in external magnetic field

HTD, S.-T. Li, A. Tomiya, X.-D. Wang & Y. Zhang,
arXiv:2008.00493 & work in progress

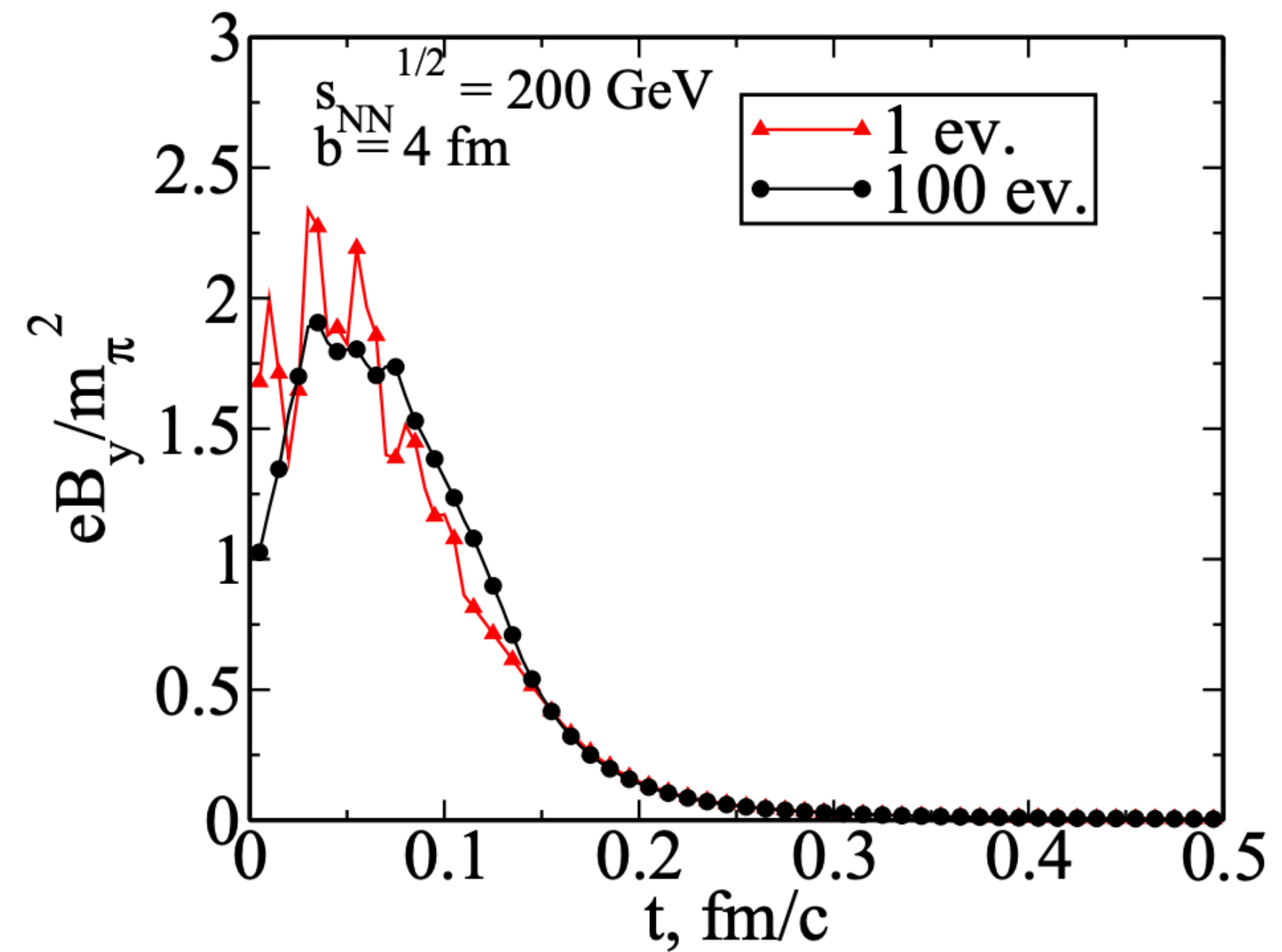
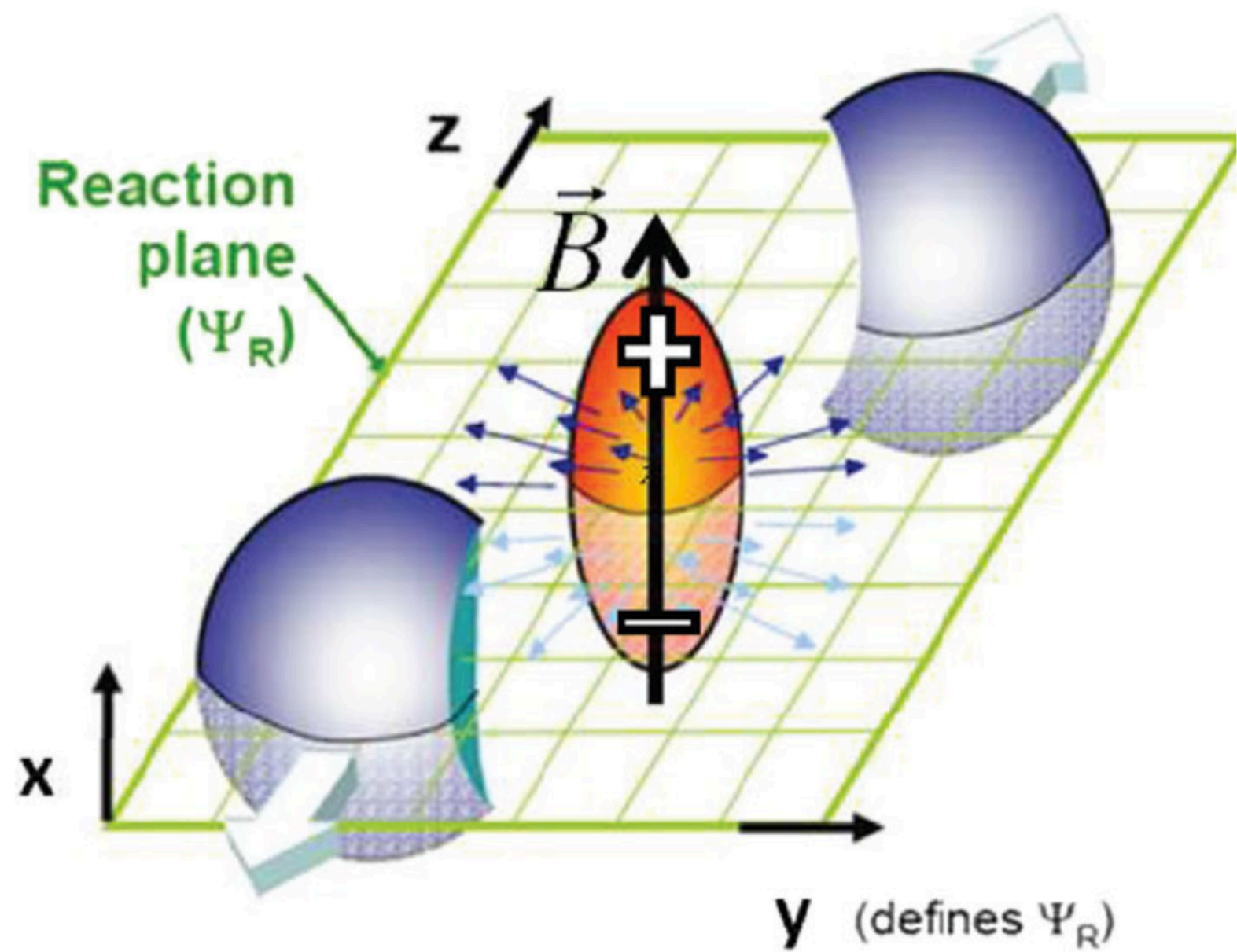
📌 Chiral crossover and chiral phase transition T

HTD, P. Hegde, O. Kaczmarek et al., [HotQCD], PRL 123 (2019) 062002
A. Bazavov, HTD, P. Hegde et al., [HotQCD], PLB795 (2019) 15

📌 LQCD meet experiments—Fluctuations of conserved charges

A. Bazavov, D. Bollweg, HTD et al., [HotQCD],
PRD101 (2020) 074502, PRD96 (2017) 074510

Magnetic fields created in HIC

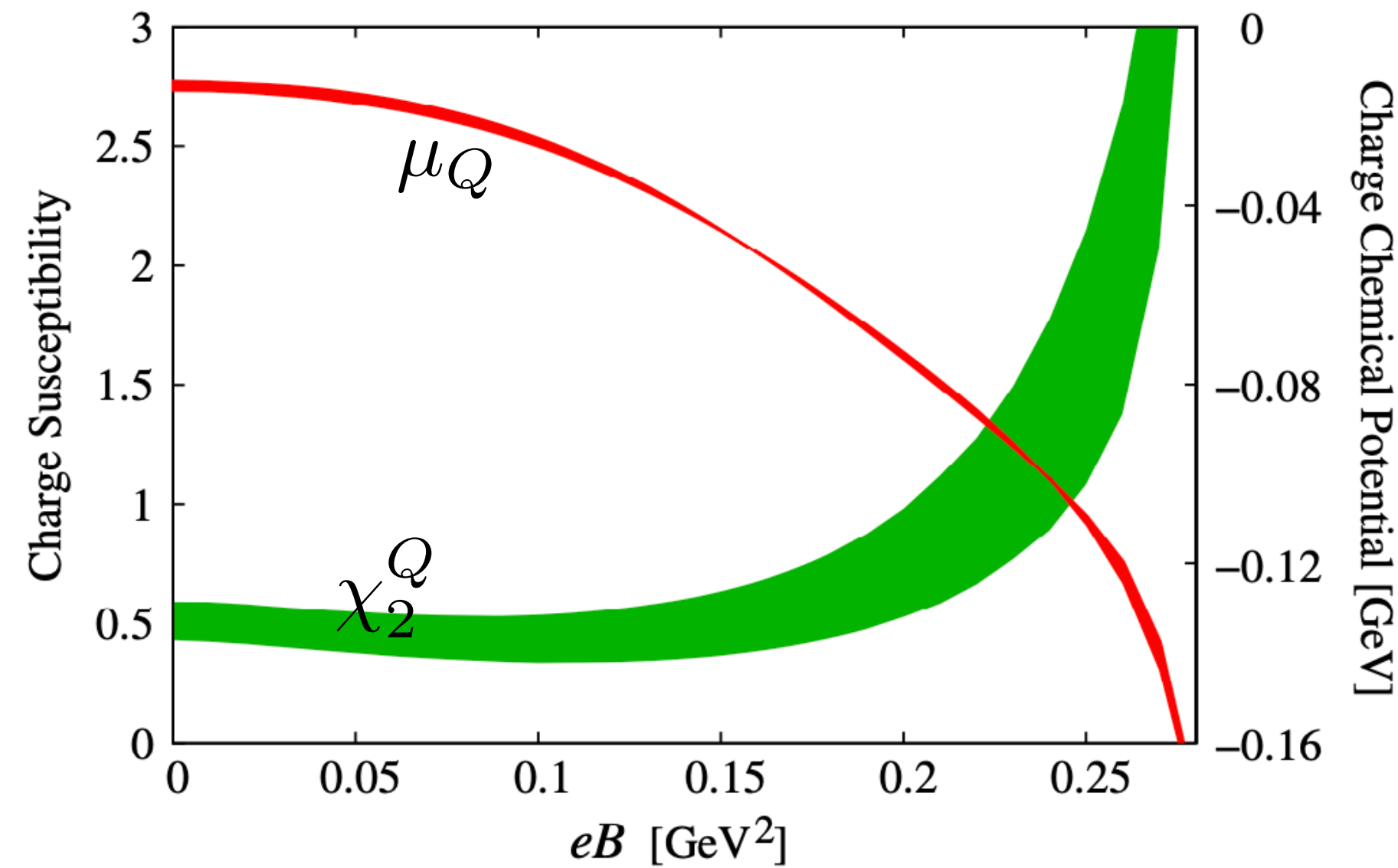


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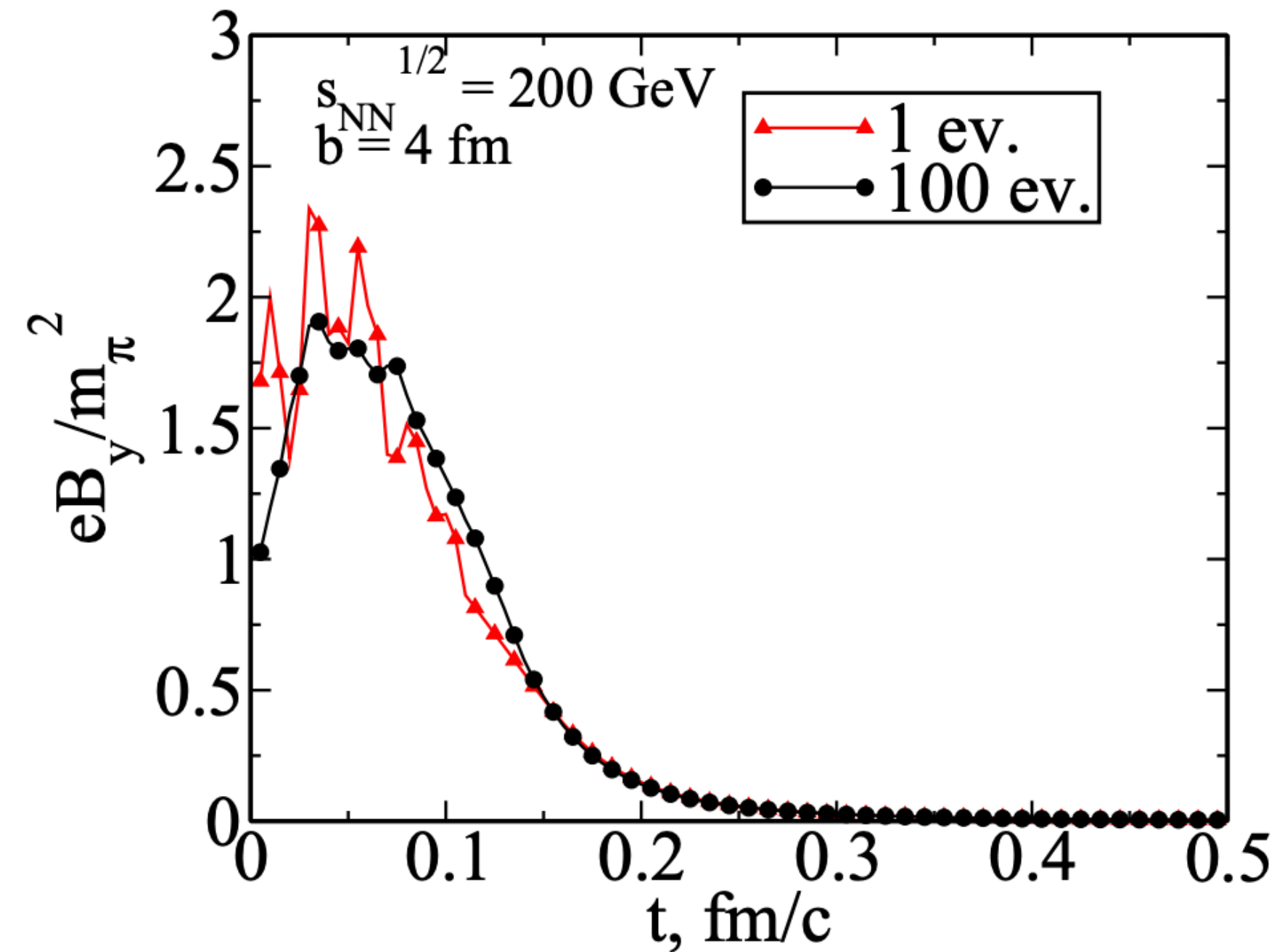
$$\quad \quad \quad \text{LHC: } eB \sim 15m_\pi^2$$

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Fukushima & Hidaka, PRL 117, 102301 (2016)

Based on HRG with $\mu_B=0.6$ GeV,
 detect eB by comparing 2nd order
 electrical charge fluctuation in
 peripheral to central collisions

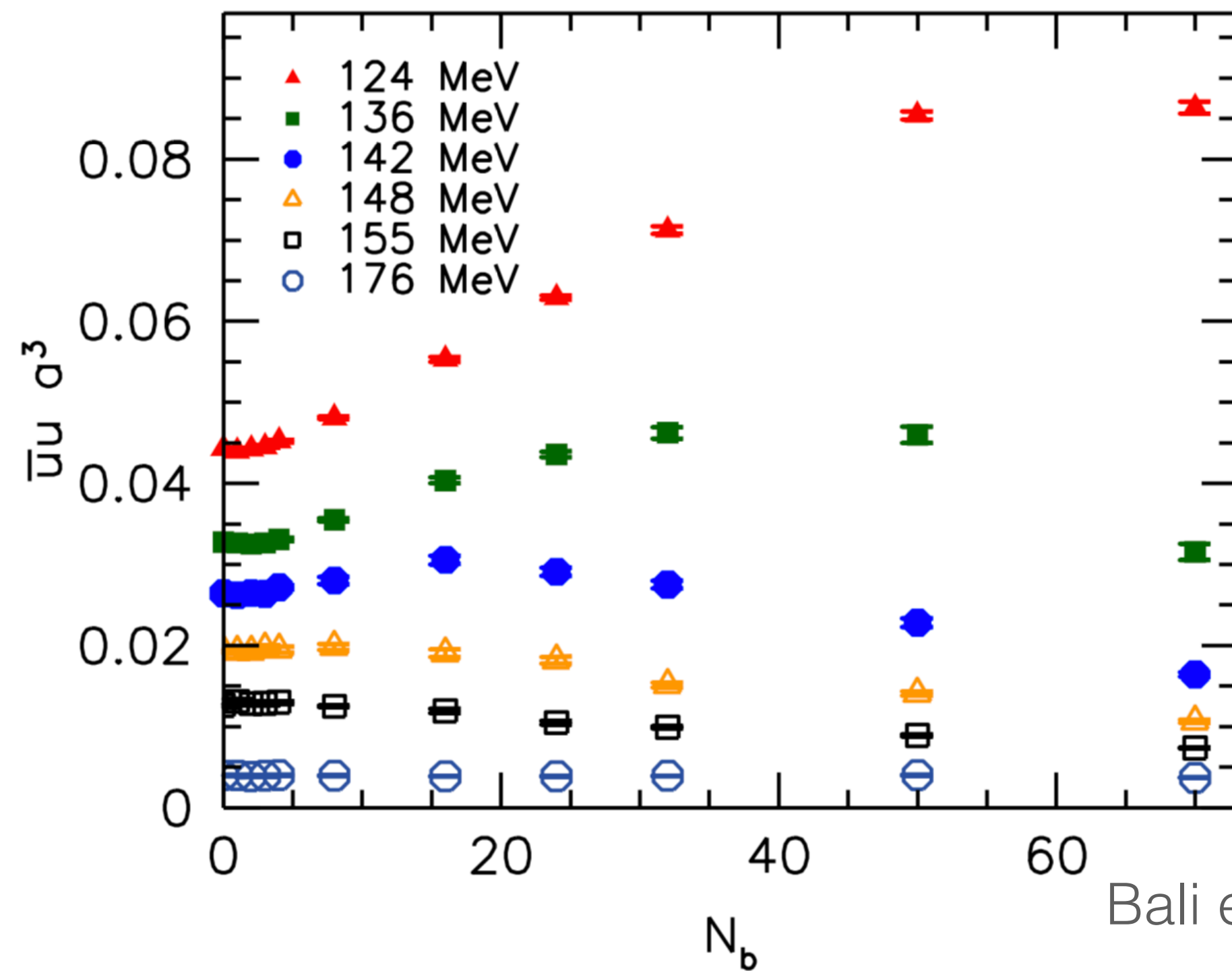


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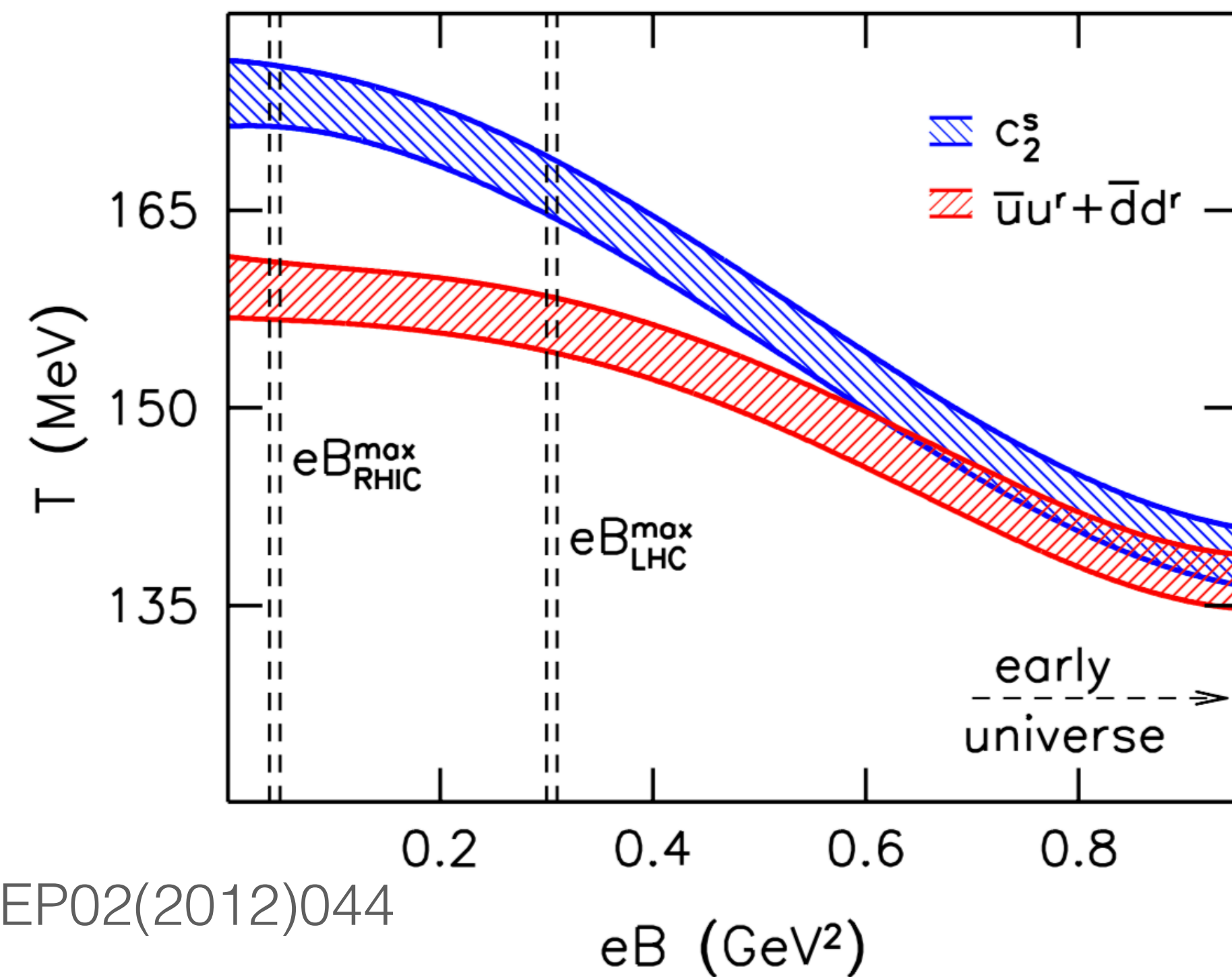
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(Inverse) magnetic catalyses v.s. reduction of T_{pc}
in a background magnetic field



Bali et al., JHEP02(2012)044

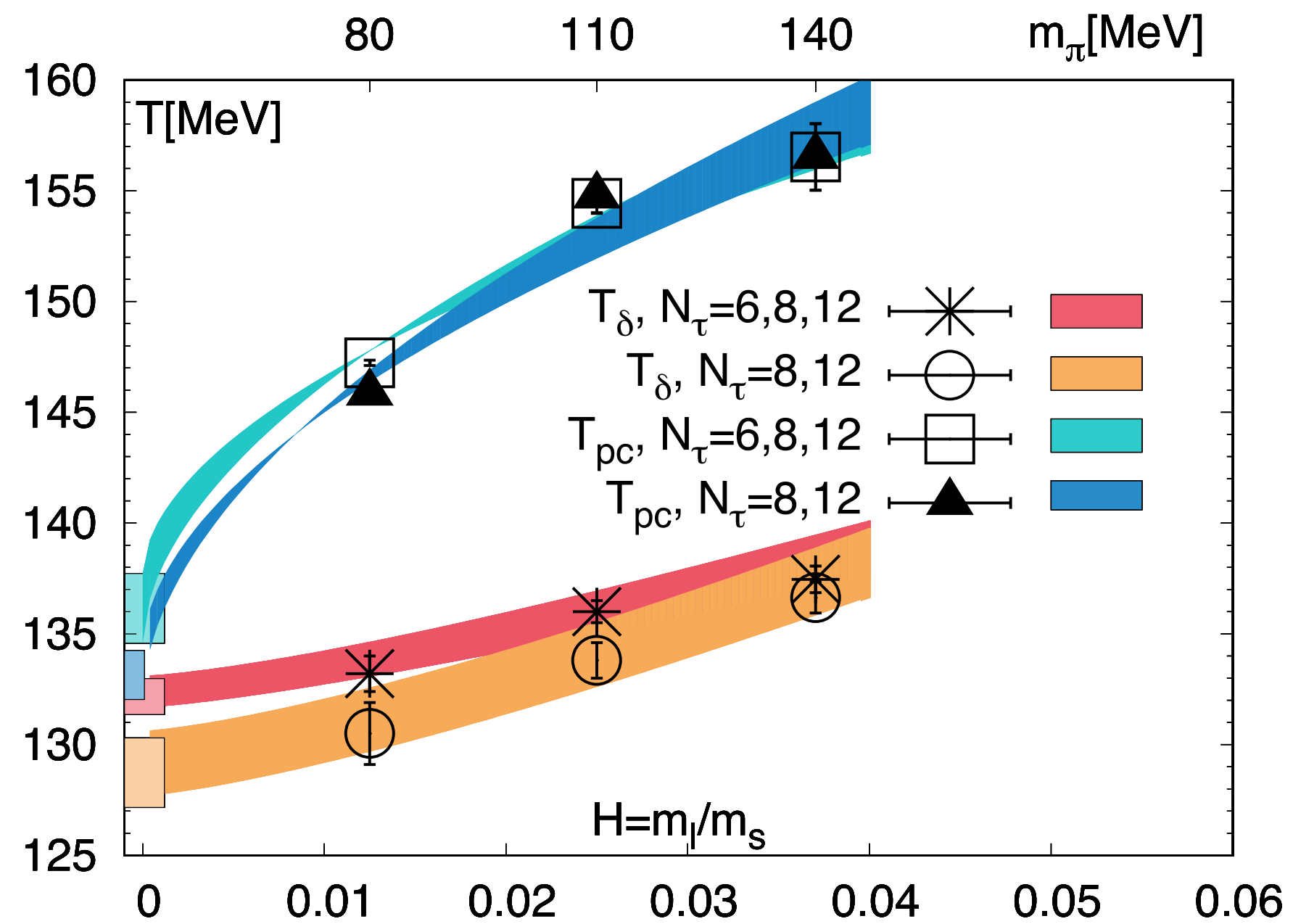


Chiral condensate always increases as eB at $T \ll T_{pc}$

Its connection to the reduction of T_{pc} is highly non-trivial

Reduction of T_{pc} v.s. lighter pion

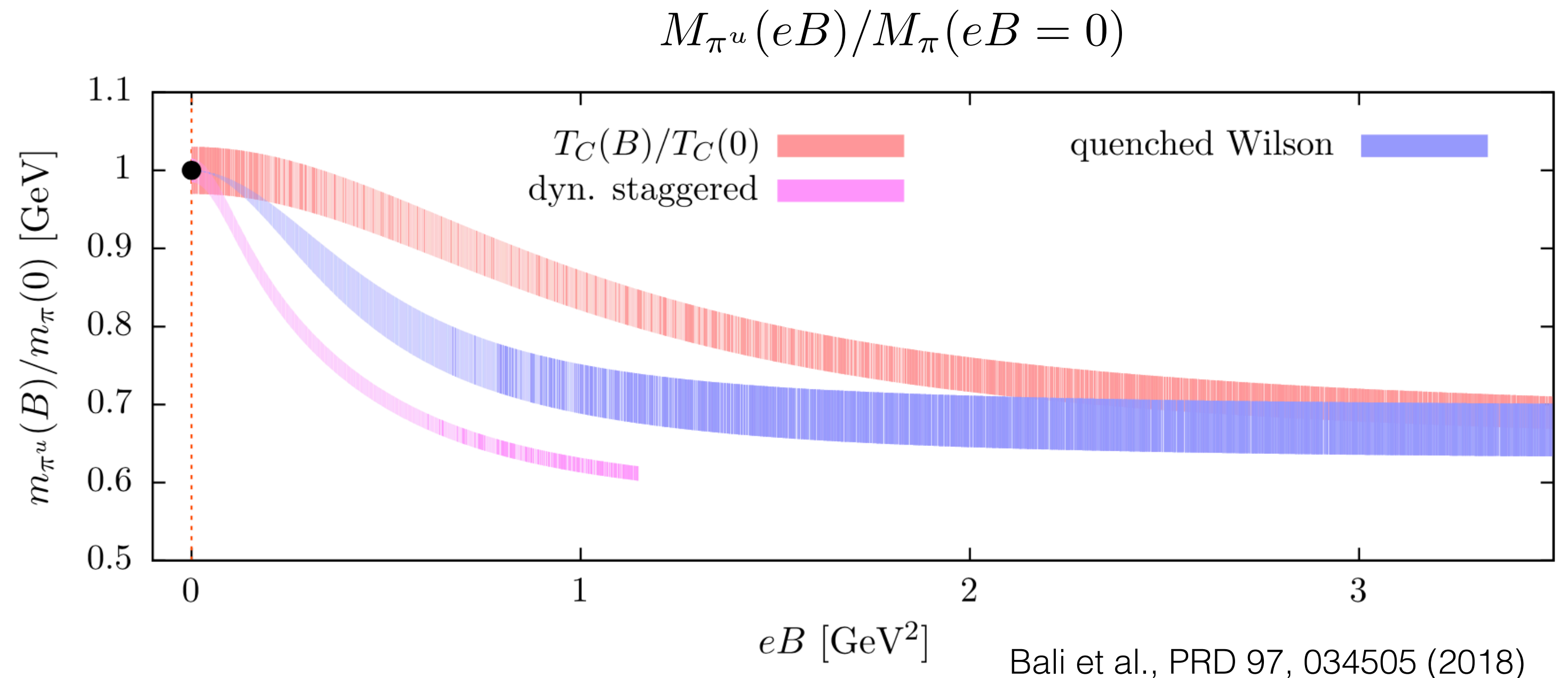
$eB=0$



HTD, P. Hegde, O. Kaczmarek et al. [HotQCD],
Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 062002

HTD, arXiv:2002.11957

$eB \neq 0$



Is (neutral) pion still a
Goldstone boson at $eB \neq 0$?

Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation

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Explicit chiral symmetry breaking \rightarrow $(m_u + m_d)$ $(\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_u + \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_d) = 2f_\pi^2 M_\pi^2 (1 - \delta_\pi)$

Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking \uparrow

At physical pion mass $\delta_\pi \sim 6\%$

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Lattice setup

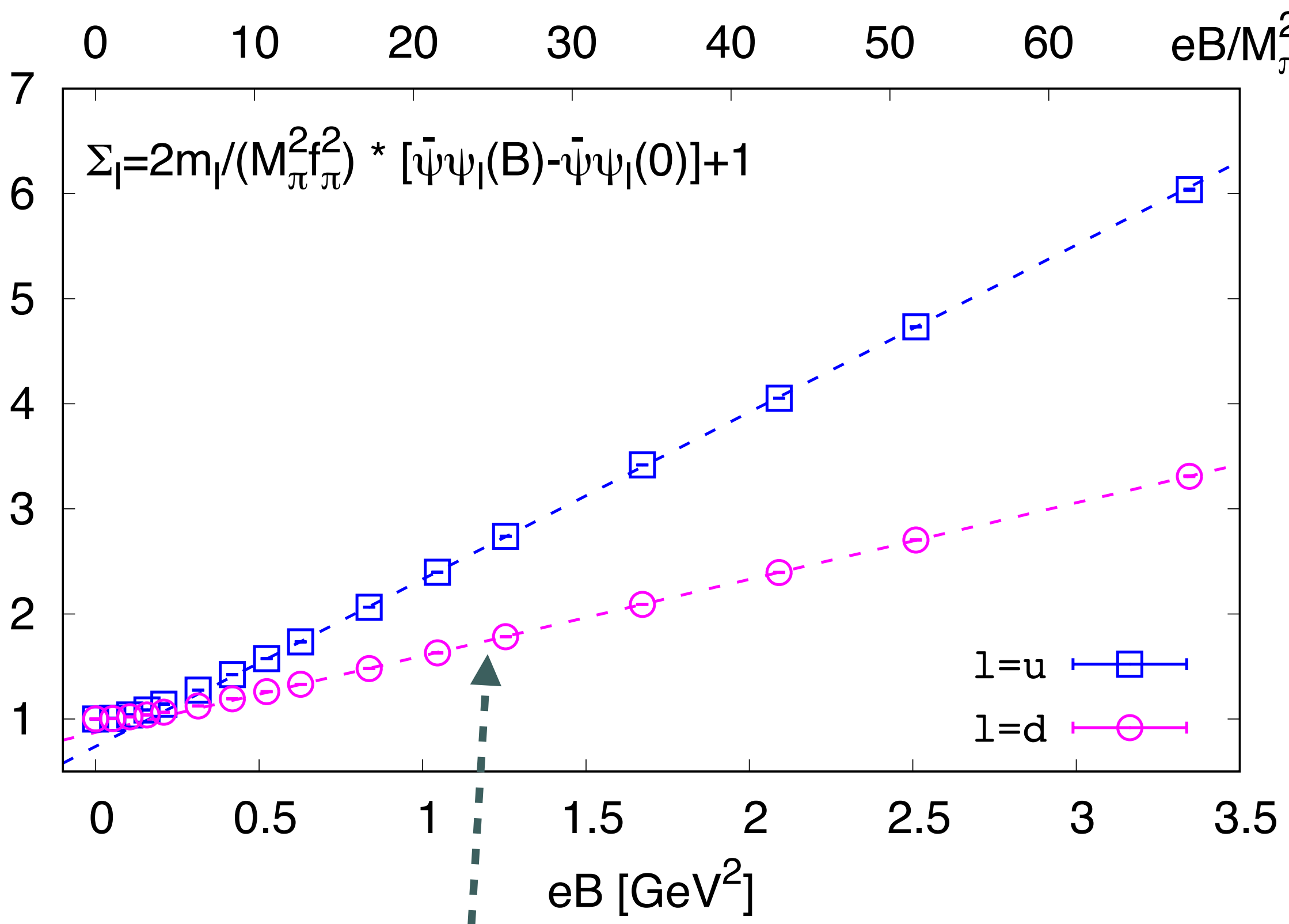
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- Symanzik-improved gauge action with HISQ fermions
- $32^3 \times 96$ lattices, with $a=0.117$ fm ($a^{-1}=0.17$ GeV), $m_l/m_s = 1/10$ ($M_\pi = 220$ MeV)
- In our setup $f_\pi = 96.93(2)$ MeV, $f_K = 112.50(2)$ MeV, $f_K/f_\pi = 1.1606(3)$

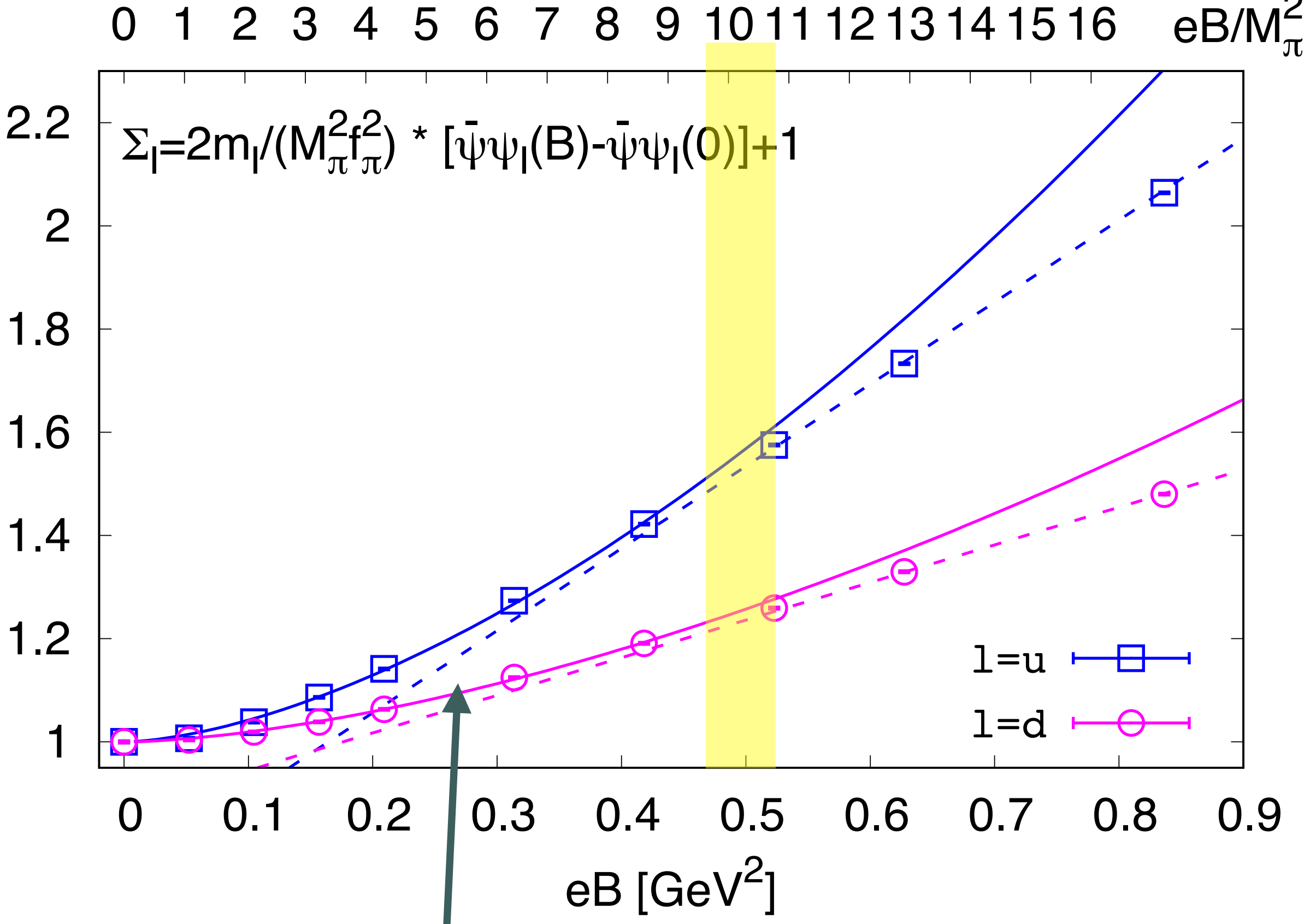
FLAG 2019: At physical mass point $f_\pi = 92.1(6)$ MeV, $f_K = 110.1(5)$ MeV, $f_K/f_\pi = 1.1917(37)$

- ◆ Magnetic field is quantized as $eB = \frac{6\pi N_b}{N_x N_y} a^{-2}$
- ◆ Magnetic flux: $N_b = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 32, 48$ & 64
- ◆ $0 \leq eB \leq 3.35$ GeV² ($\sim 70 M_\pi^2$)
- ◆ Fixed scale approach to nonzero T

Magnetic catalysis at T=0



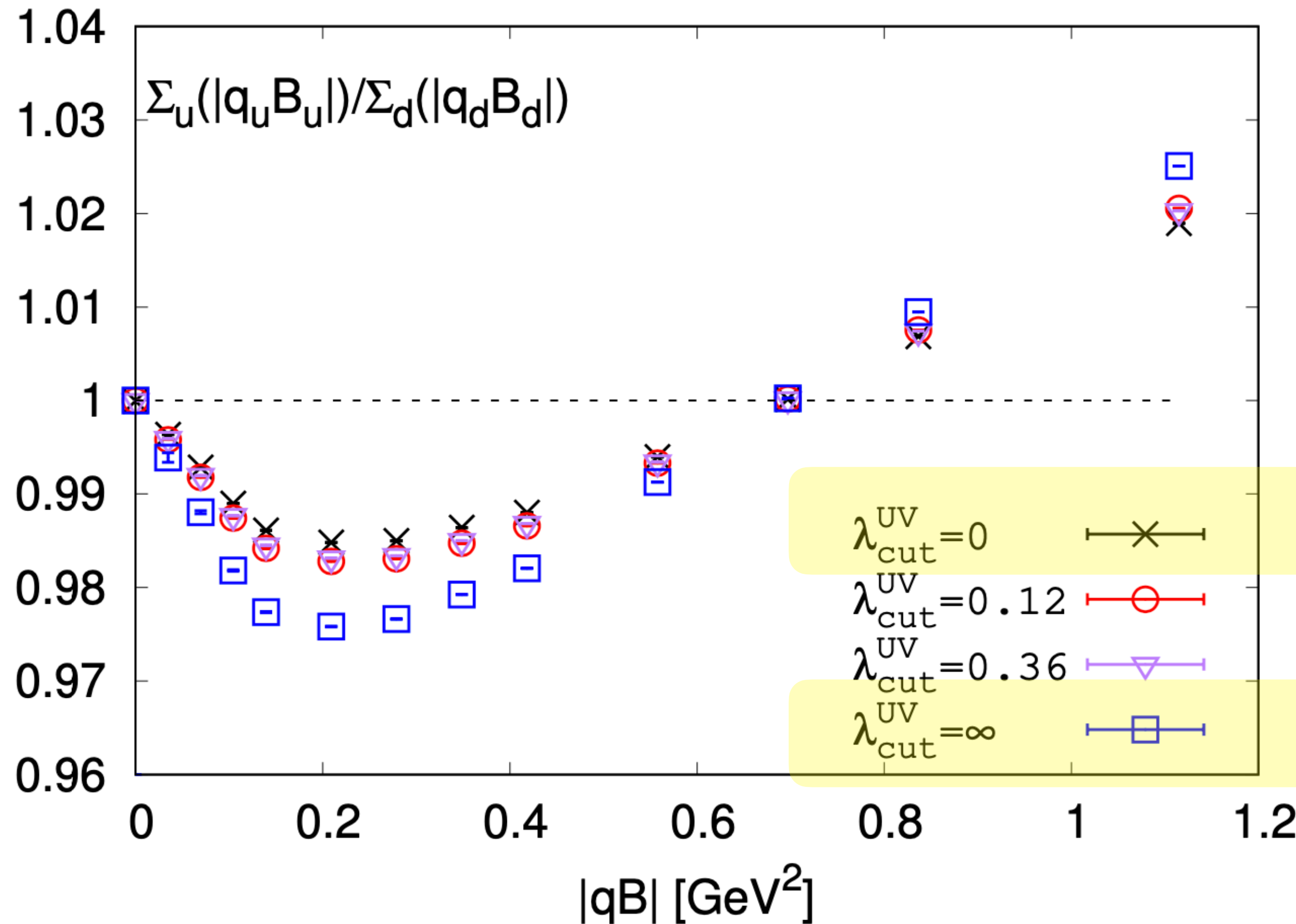
Linear in eB at large eB $\gtrsim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$



Power law in eB at small eB $\lesssim 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

qB scaling of light quark chiral condensate at T=0

$$q_u=2/3e, q_d=-1/3e$$

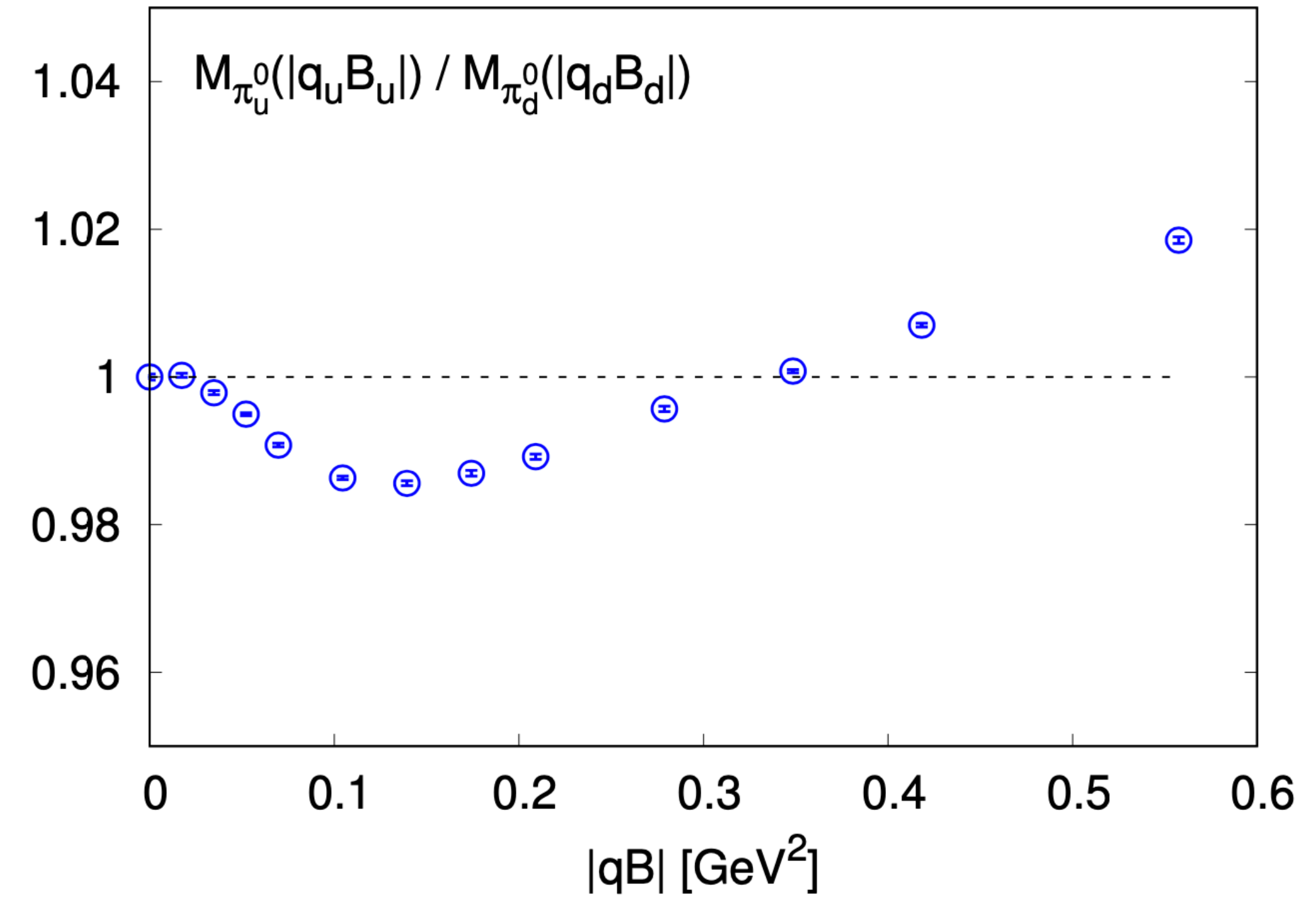
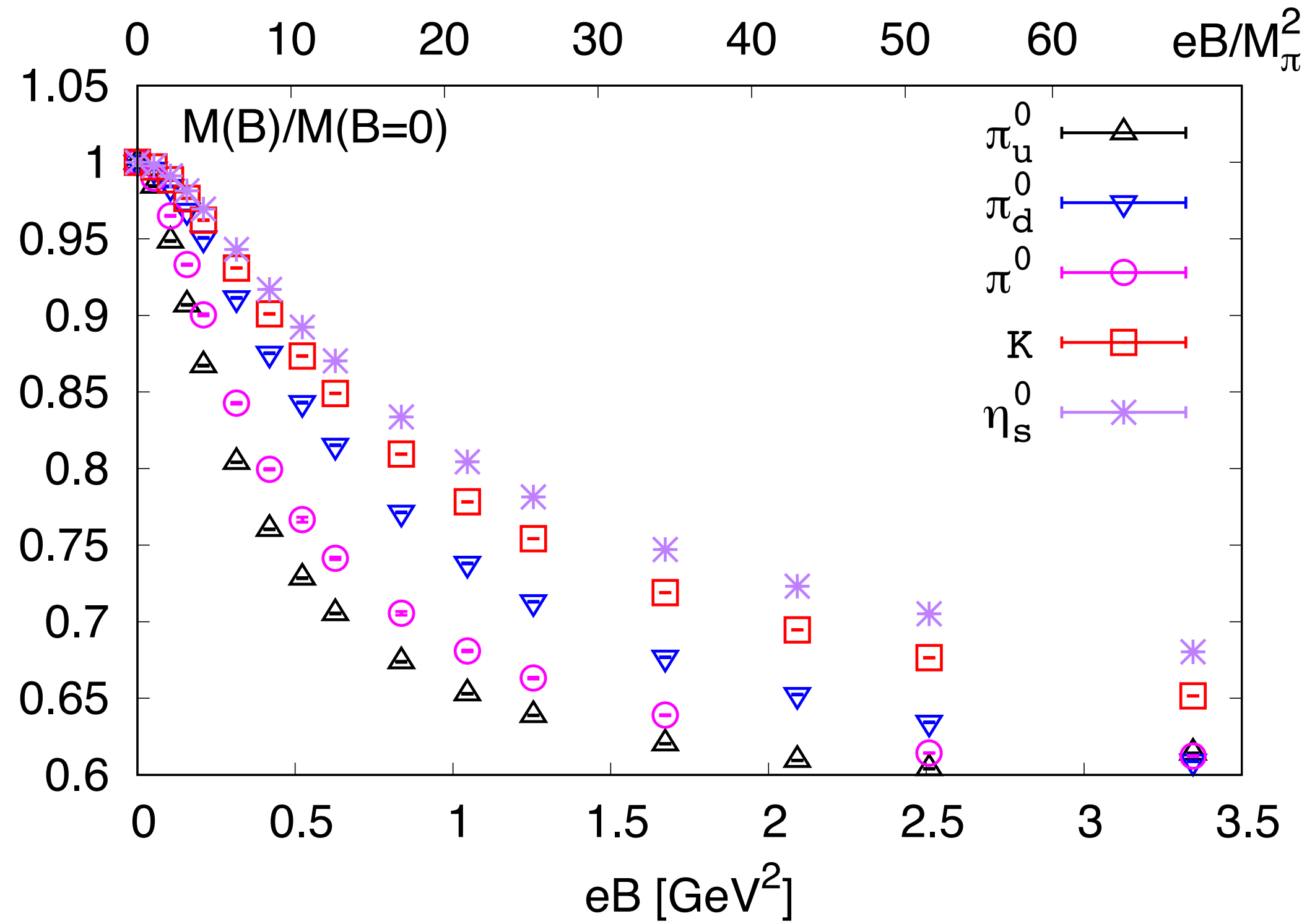


$\lambda_{\text{cut}}^{\text{UV}}$: different estimates of UV divergence in the chiral condensate are removed

Chiral condensate at T=0&B=0 is subtracted

No subtraction

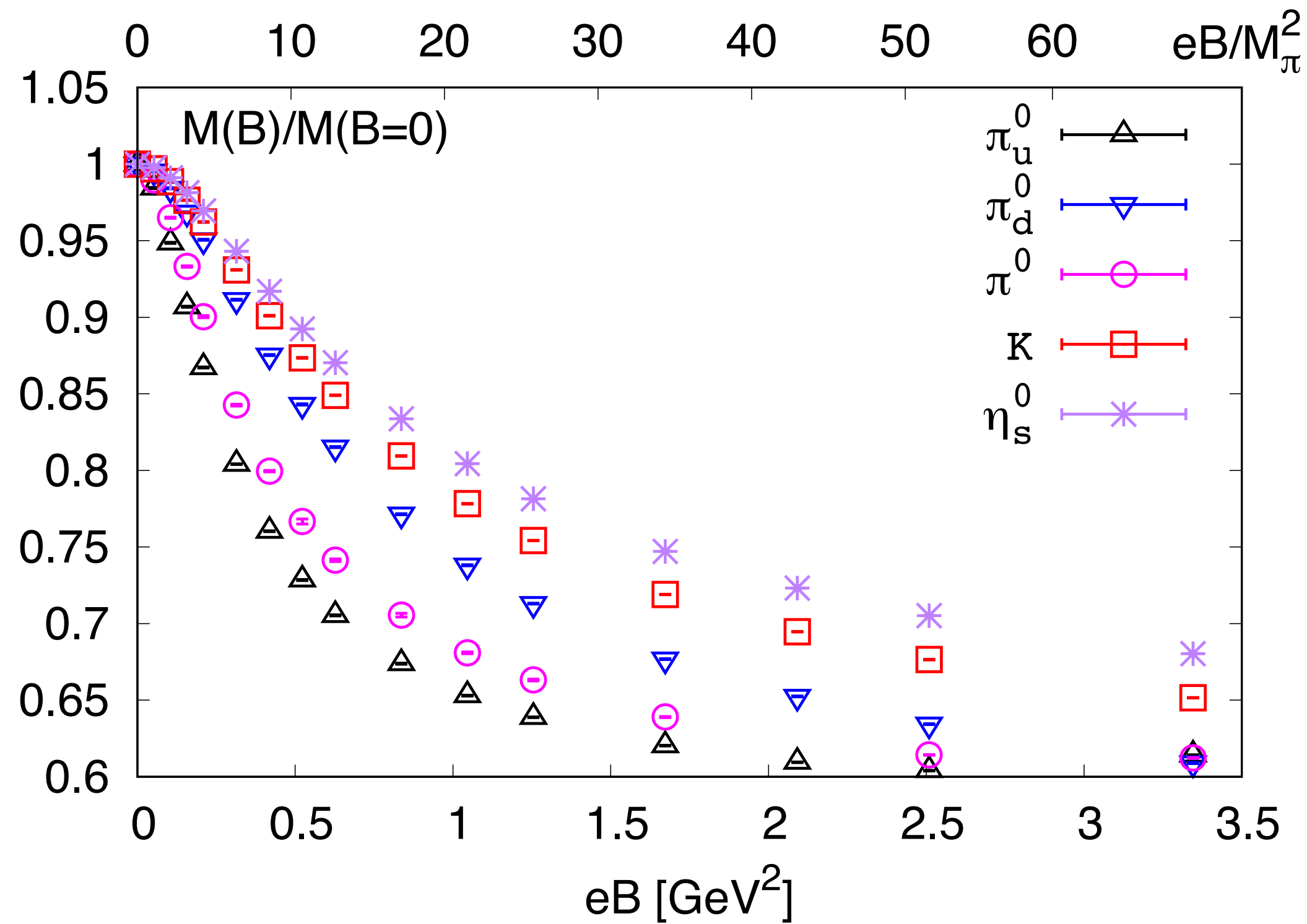
Masses of neutral and charged pseudo scalar mesons



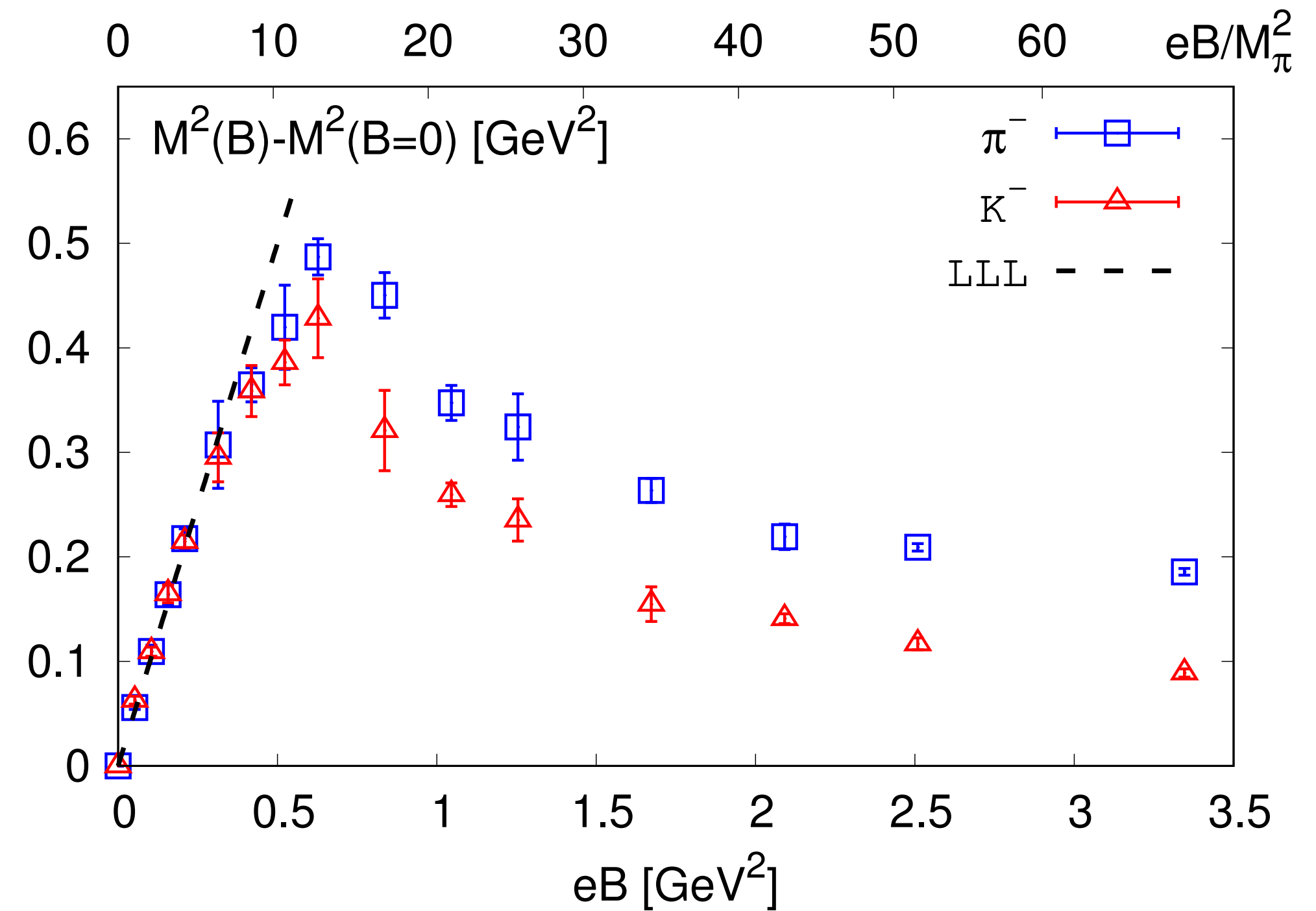
Mass of neutral pseudo scalar meson decreases with eB

$|\pi^0\rangle = \alpha|u\gamma_5\bar{u}\rangle - \beta|d\gamma_5\bar{d}\rangle$
 qB scaling observed in the **up** and **down** quark flavor components of neutral pion mass

Masses of neutral and charged pseudo scalar mesons

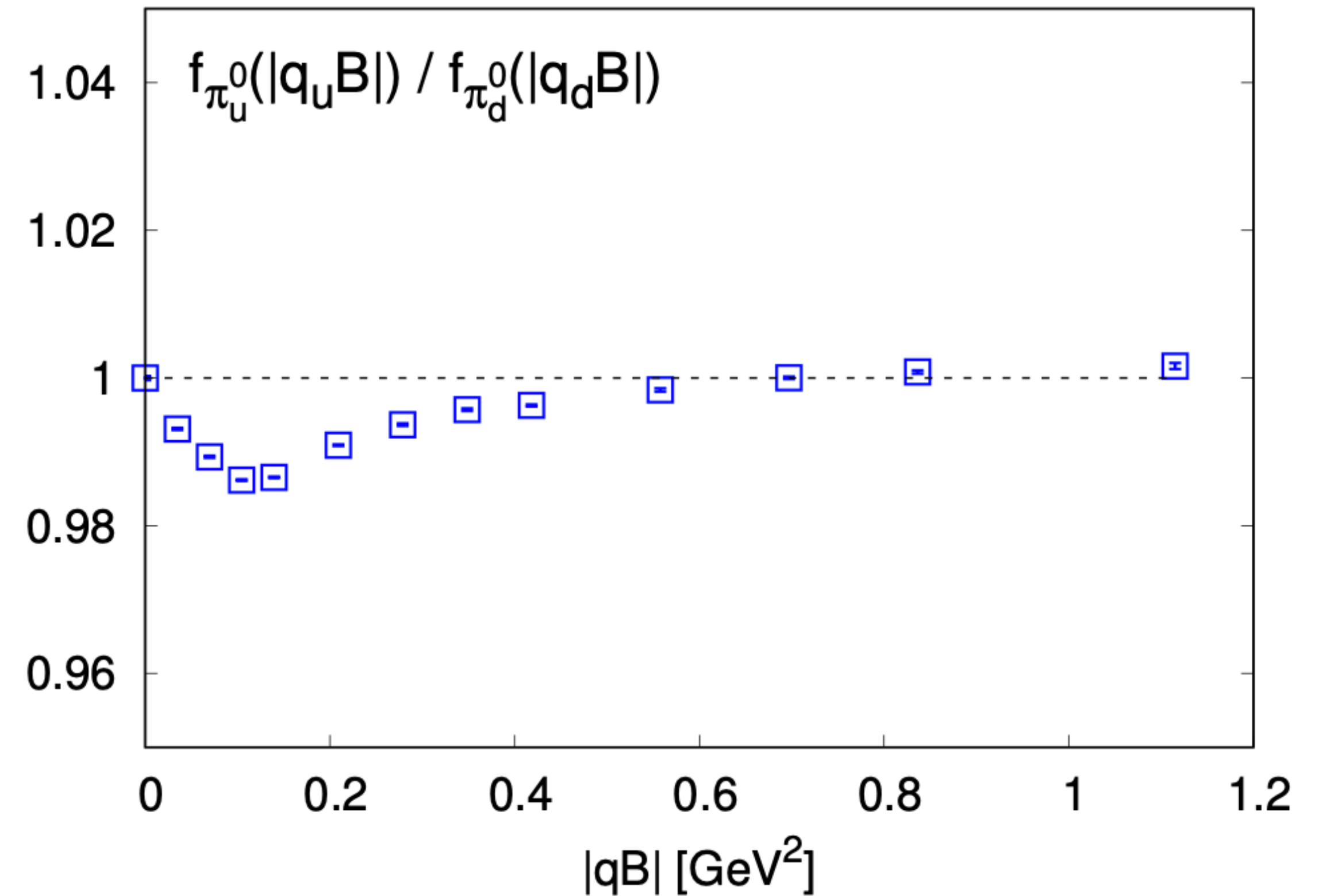
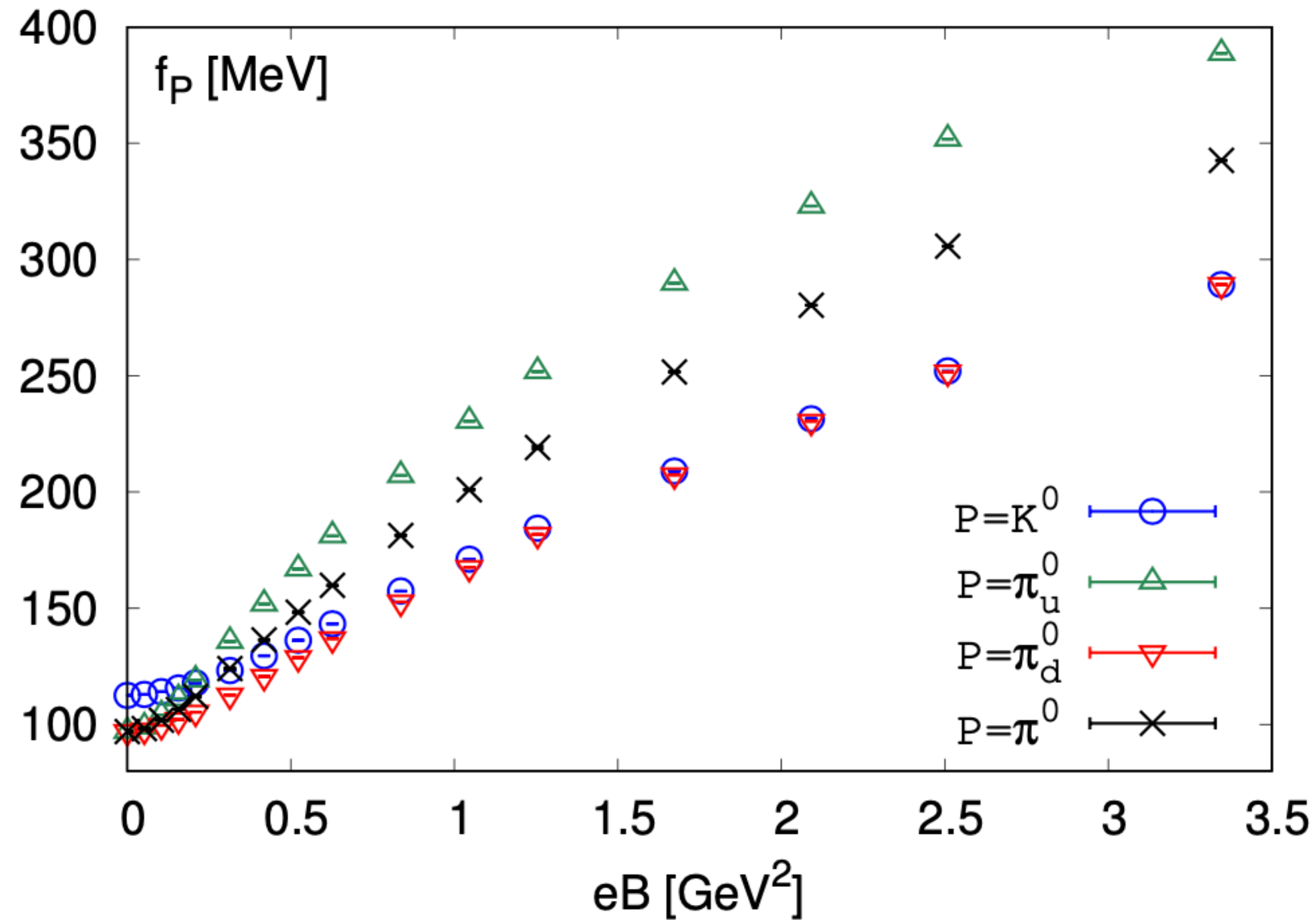


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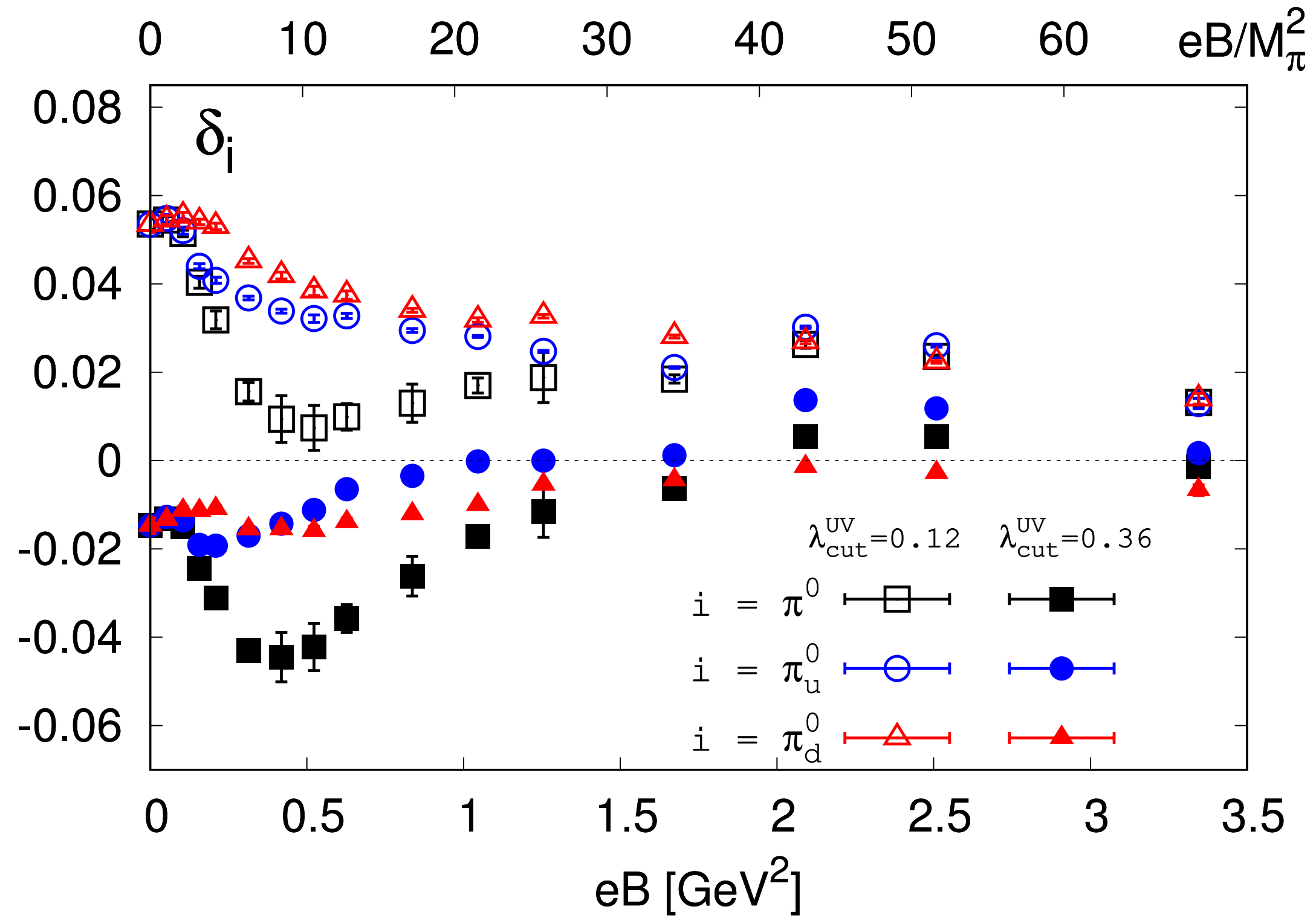
Mass of charged pseudo scalar mesons firstly increases and then decreases with eB

Decay constants of neutral pion and kaon



- All the decay constants increase with eB
- qB scaling observed in u and d quark flavor components of f_π

Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation



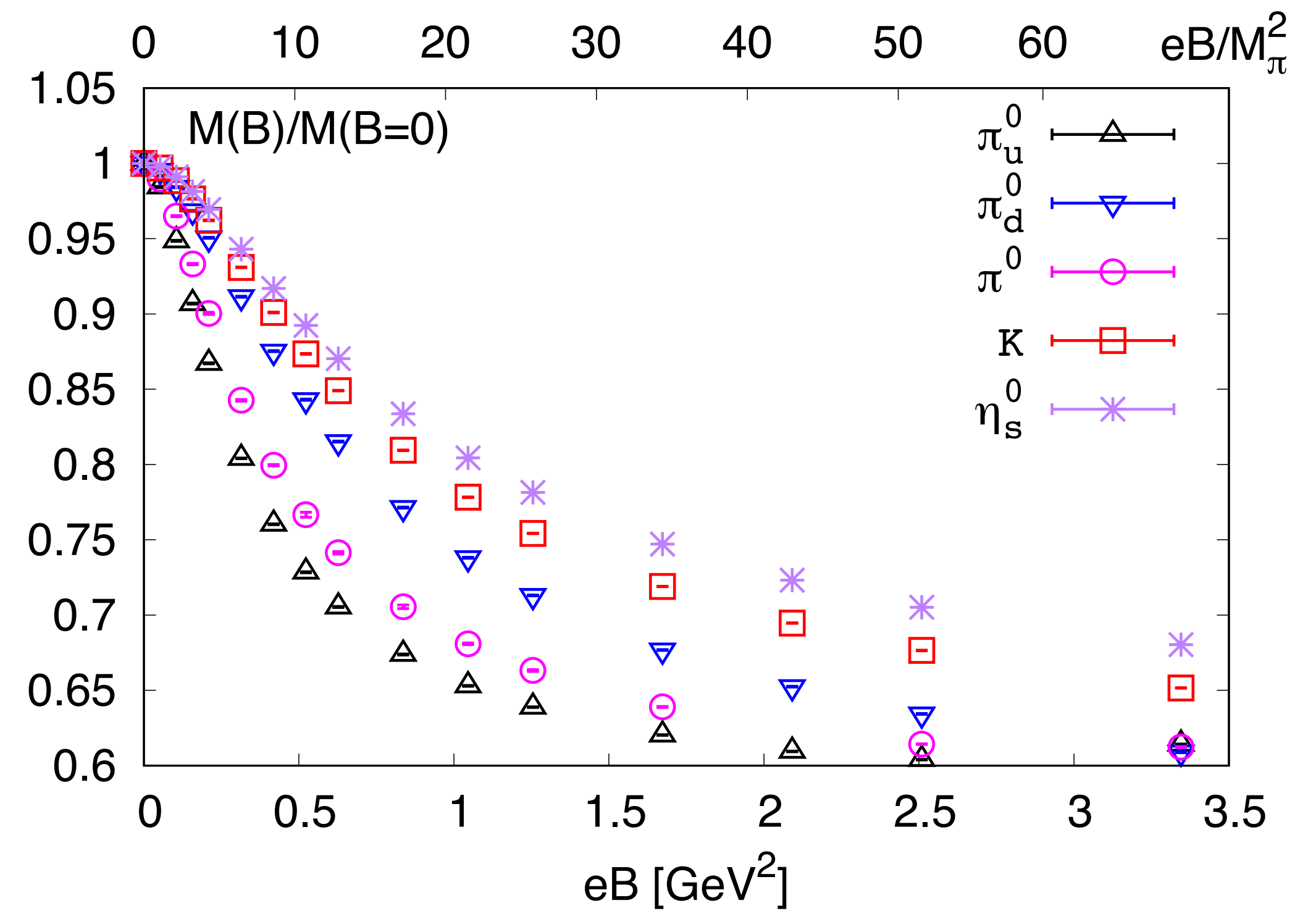
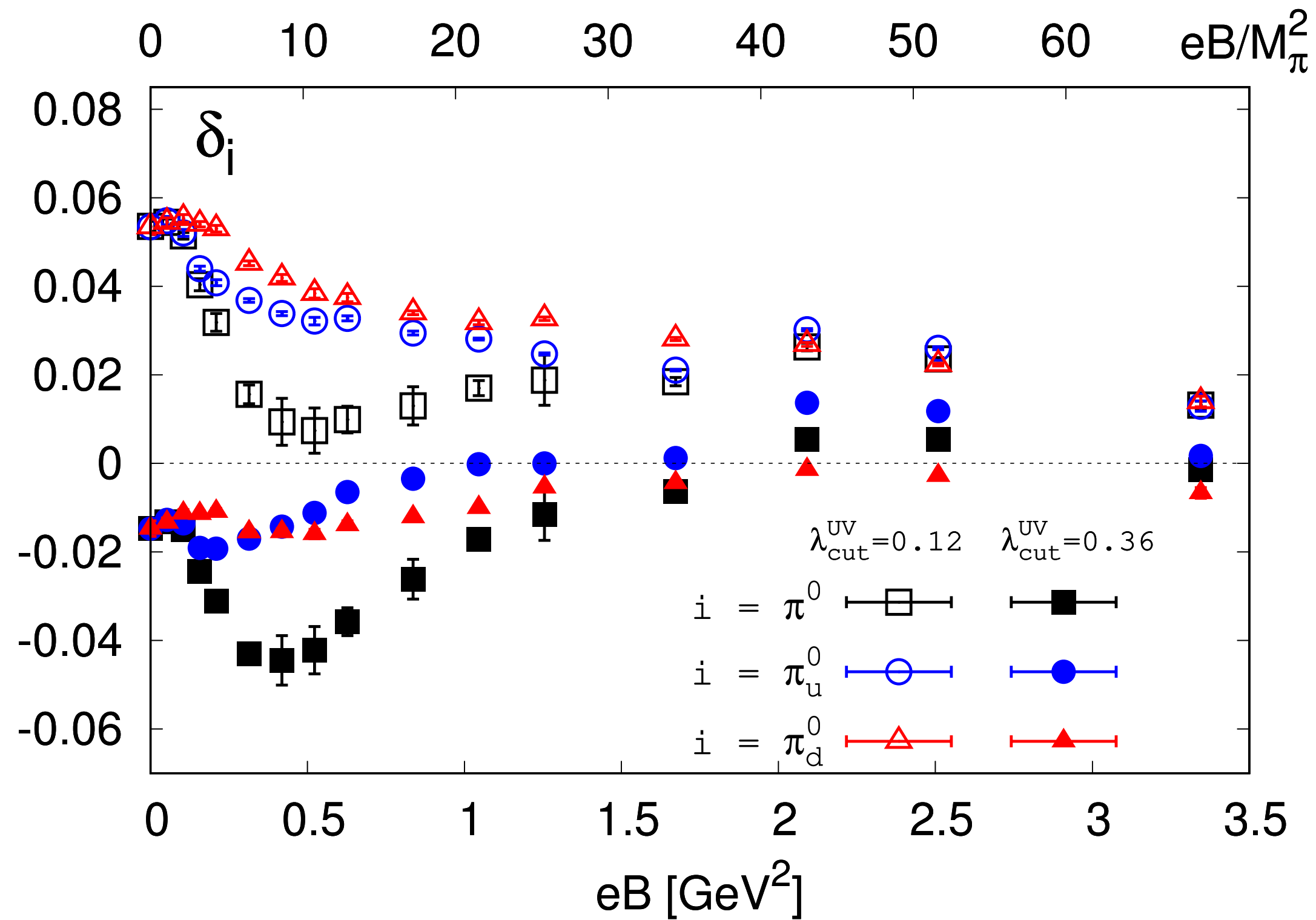
$$4m_u \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_u = 2f_{\pi_u^0}^2 M_{\pi_u^0}^2 (1 - \delta_{\pi_u^0})$$

$$4m_d \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_d = 2f_{\pi_d^0}^2 M_{\pi_d^0}^2 (1 - \delta_{\pi_d^0}) .$$

$$(m_u + m_d) (\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_u + \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_d) = 2f_{\pi}^2 M_{\pi}^2 (1 - \delta_{\pi})$$

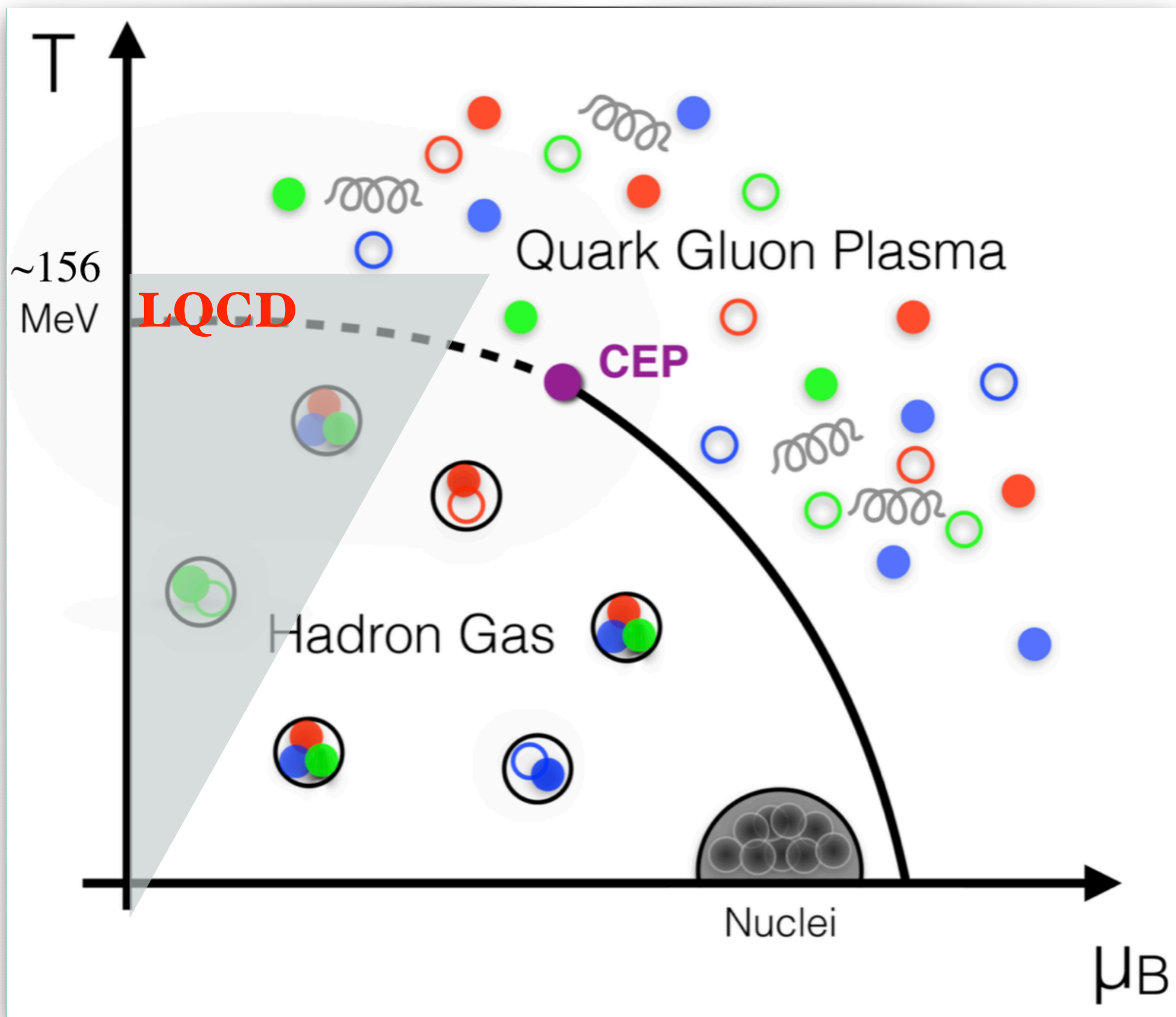
neutral pion remains as a Goldstone boson with eB up to $\sim 3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation



T_{pc} decreases with eB regardless of (inverse) magnetic catalysis

Fluctuations of conserved charges



HTD, F. Karsch, S. Mukherjee,
arXiv:1504.05274

Taylor expansion of the **QCD** pressure:

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

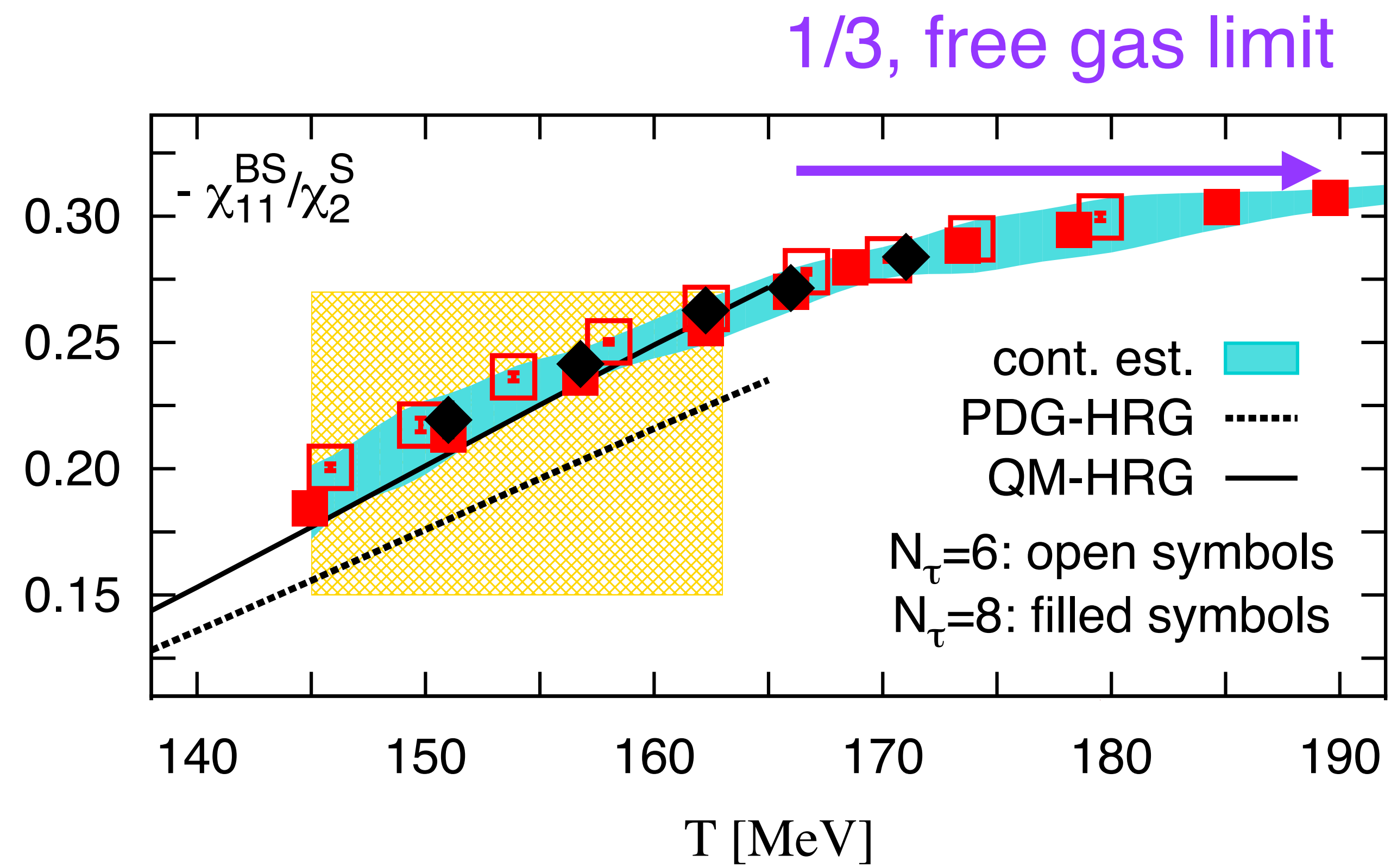
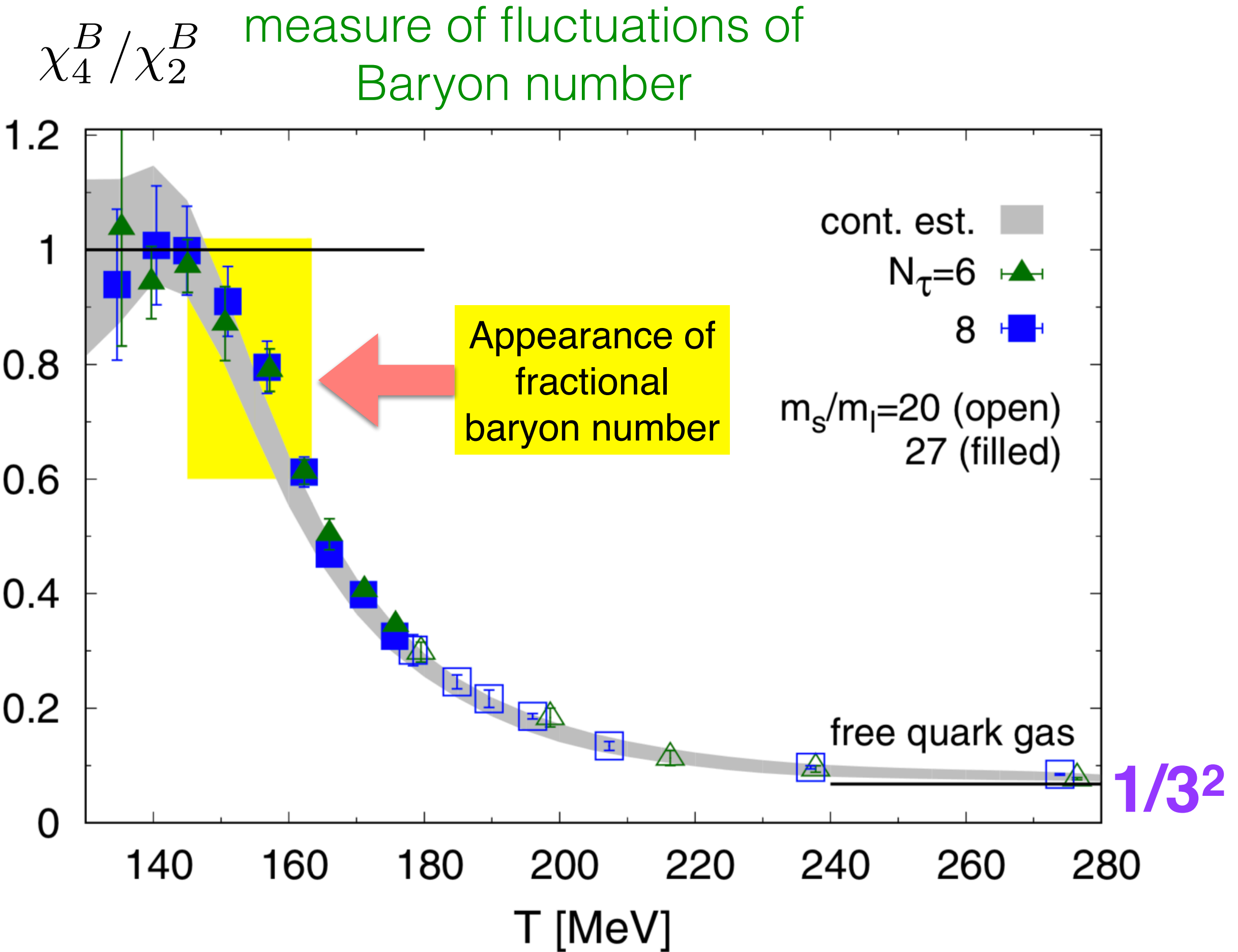
$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln \mathcal{Z}(T, V, \hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\mu}_d, \hat{\mu}_s) = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{ijk}^{BQS}}{i!j!k!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$

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

fluctuations of conserved charges:

$$\chi_{ijk}^{BQS} \equiv \chi_{ijk}^{BQS}(T) = \frac{1}{VT^3} \frac{\partial^{i+j+k} P(T, \mu)/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^i \partial \hat{\mu}_Q^j \partial \hat{\mu}_S^k} \Big|_{\hat{\mu}_{B,Q,S}=0}$$

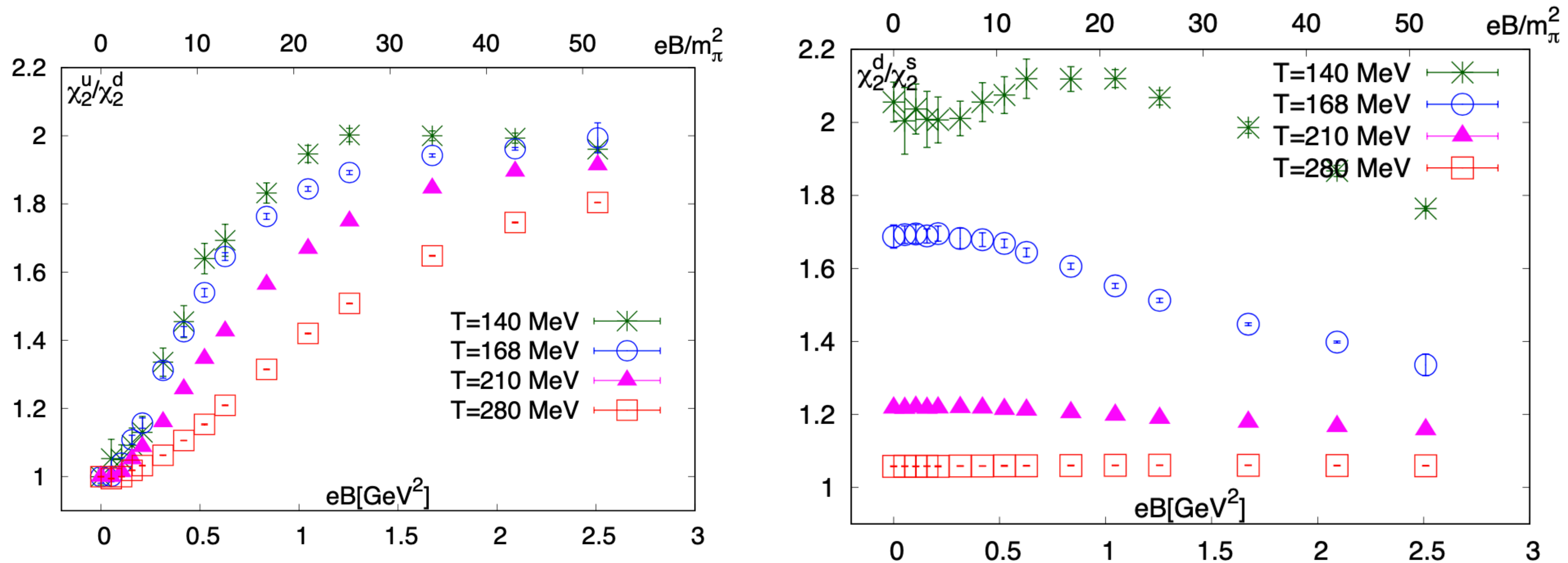
Change of degree of freedom in thermal QCD



HotQCD: PRL 111(2013) 082301,
 HTD, F. Karsch, S. Mukherjee, arXiv: 1504.05274

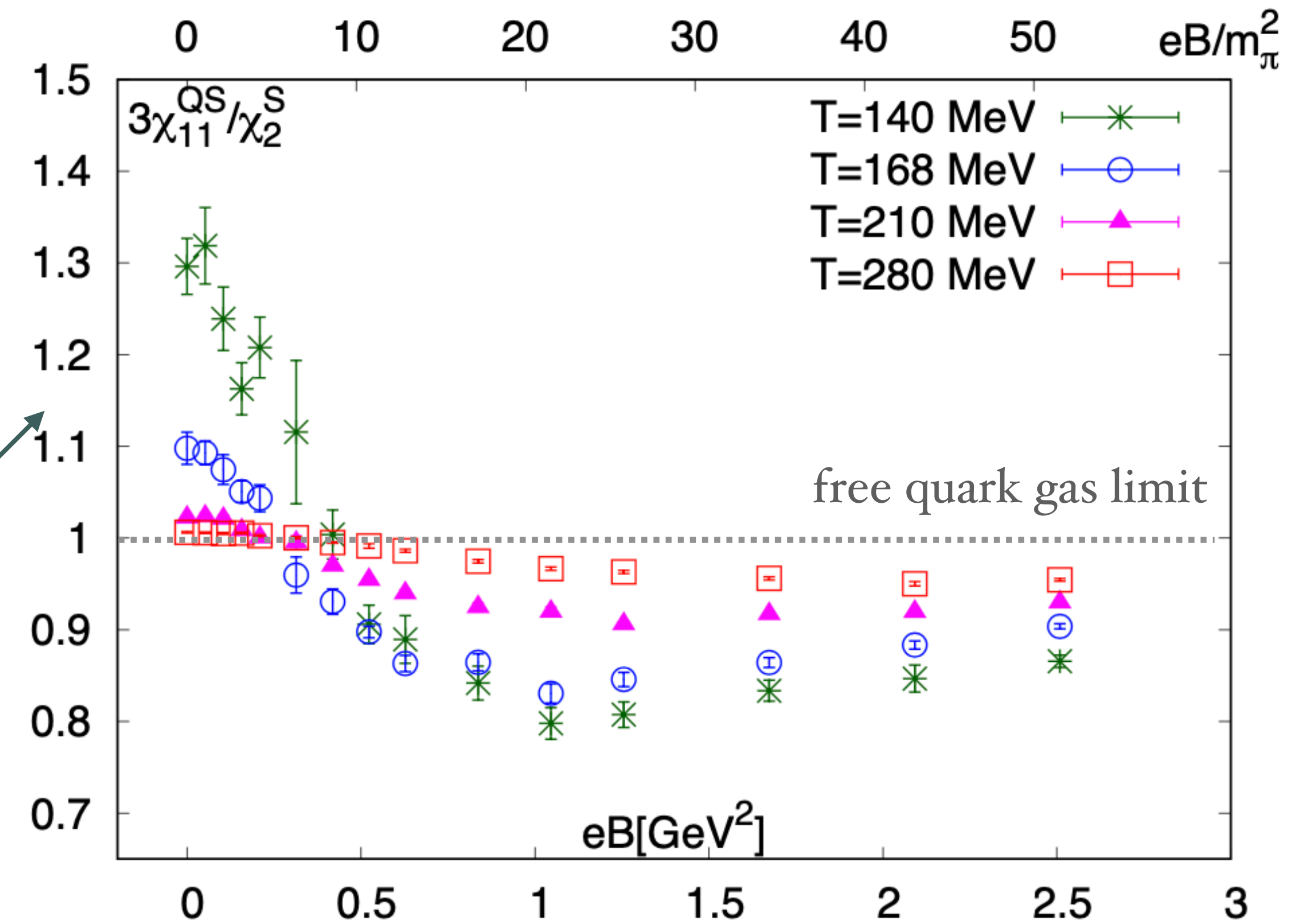
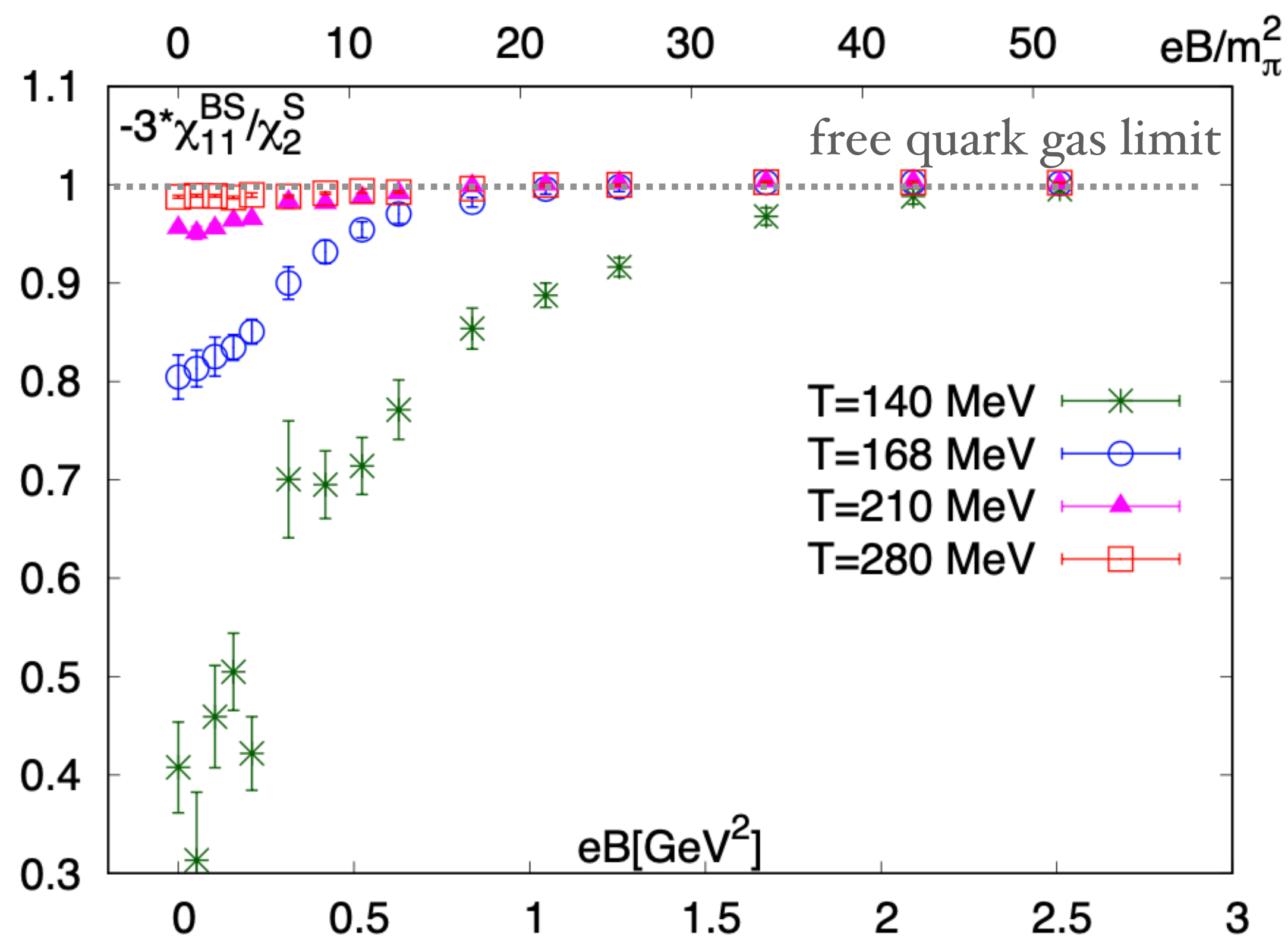
Bielefeld-BNL-CCNU, PRL 113 (2014) 072001
 V. Koch, A. Majumder, and J. Randrup, PRL95 (2005) 182301

Quark number susceptibilities in nonzero magnetic field



- Up and down quark sus. are degenerate at $eB=0$ and start to deviate at $eB \neq 0$
- Ratio for down to strange quark sus. is independent on eB at high T , while decreases at two low temperatures

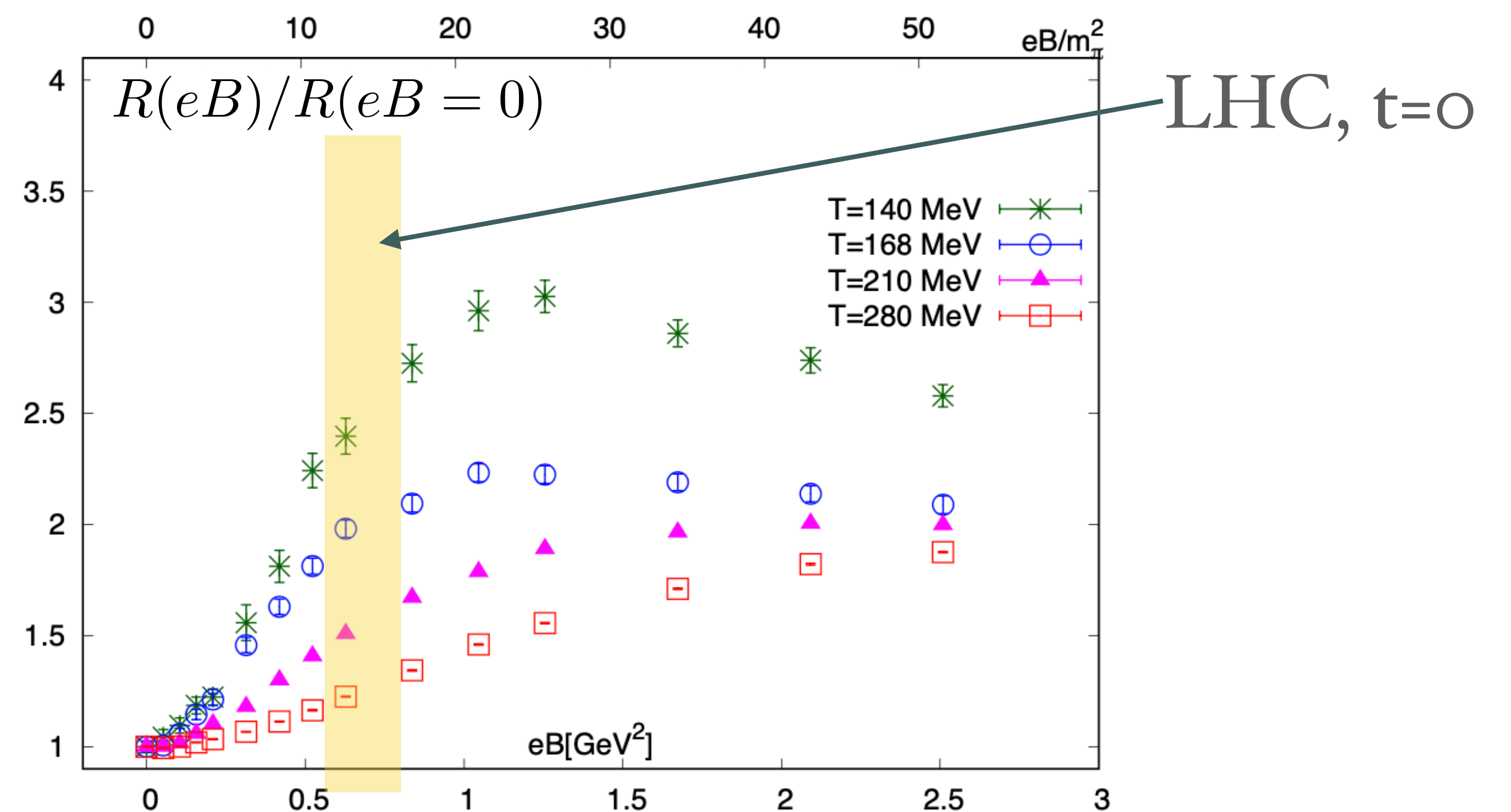
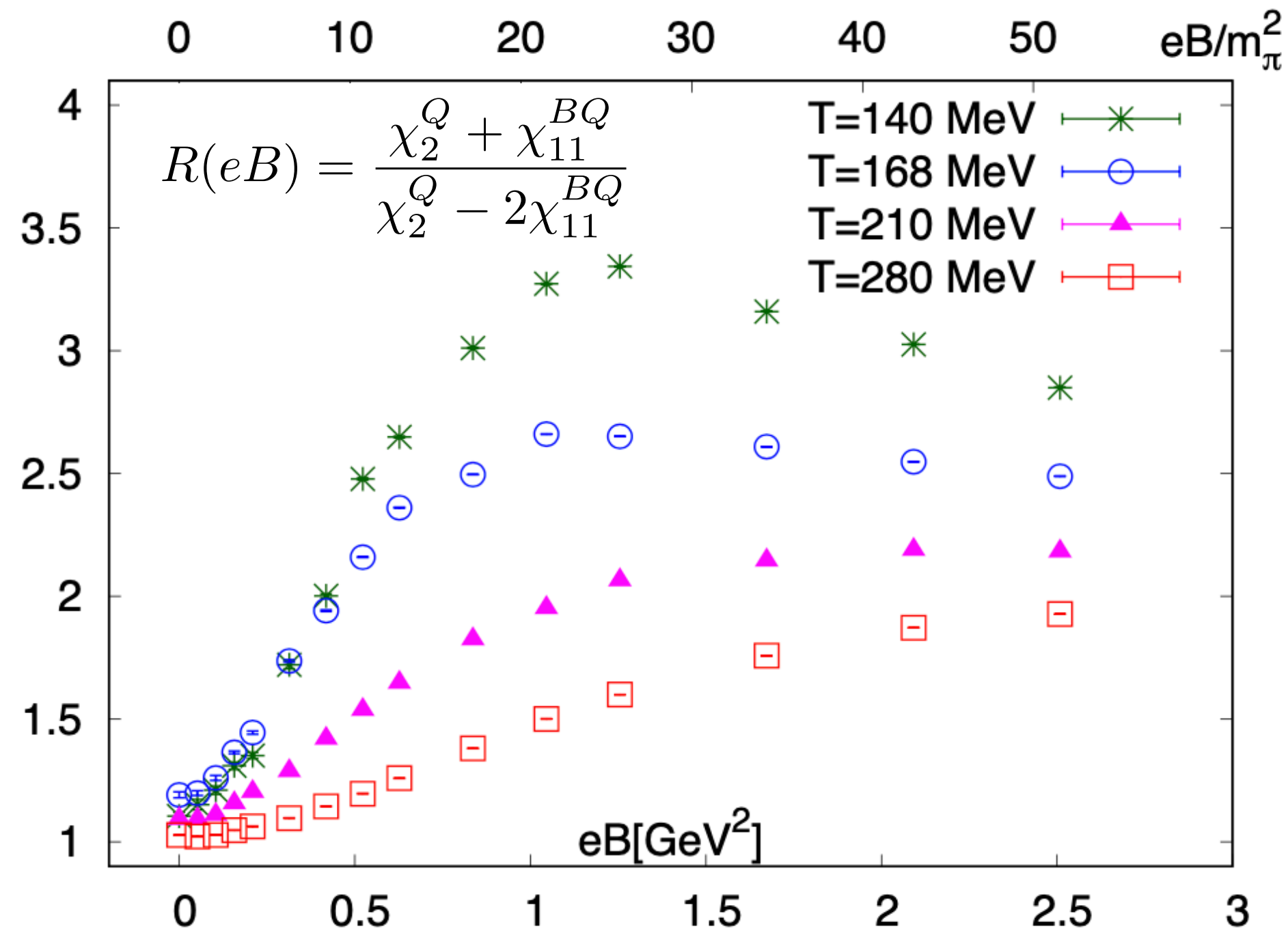
Fluctuations of conserved charges in strong magnetic field



Magnetic field accelerates the transition from hadronic matter to QGP

Fluctuations of conserved charges

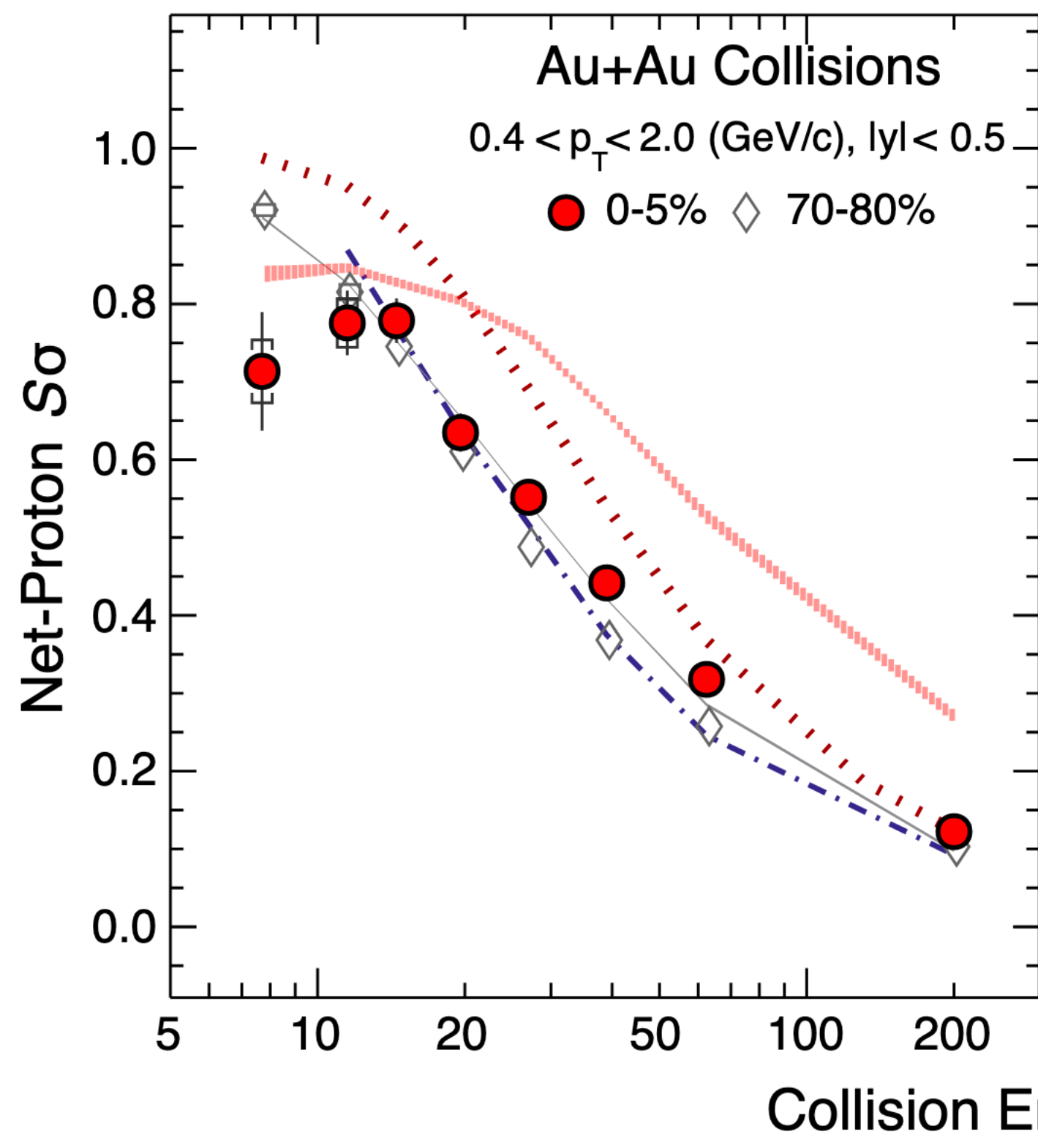
Quantities that probes χ_2^u / χ_2^d at high T at $eB \neq 0$



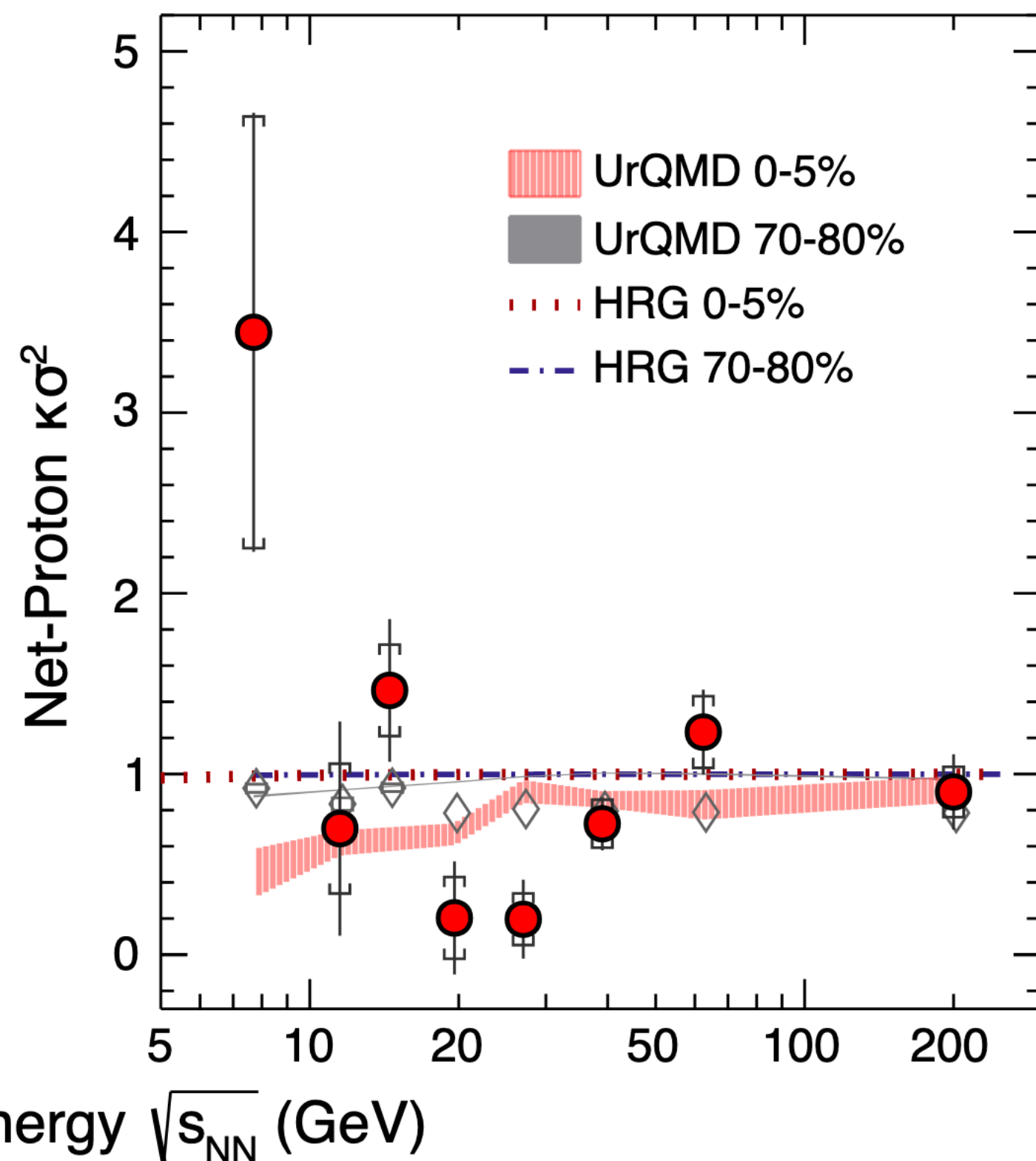
- Comparison between fluctuations in peripheral and central collisions to check the impact of the magnetic field ?
- ...

Search for Criticality

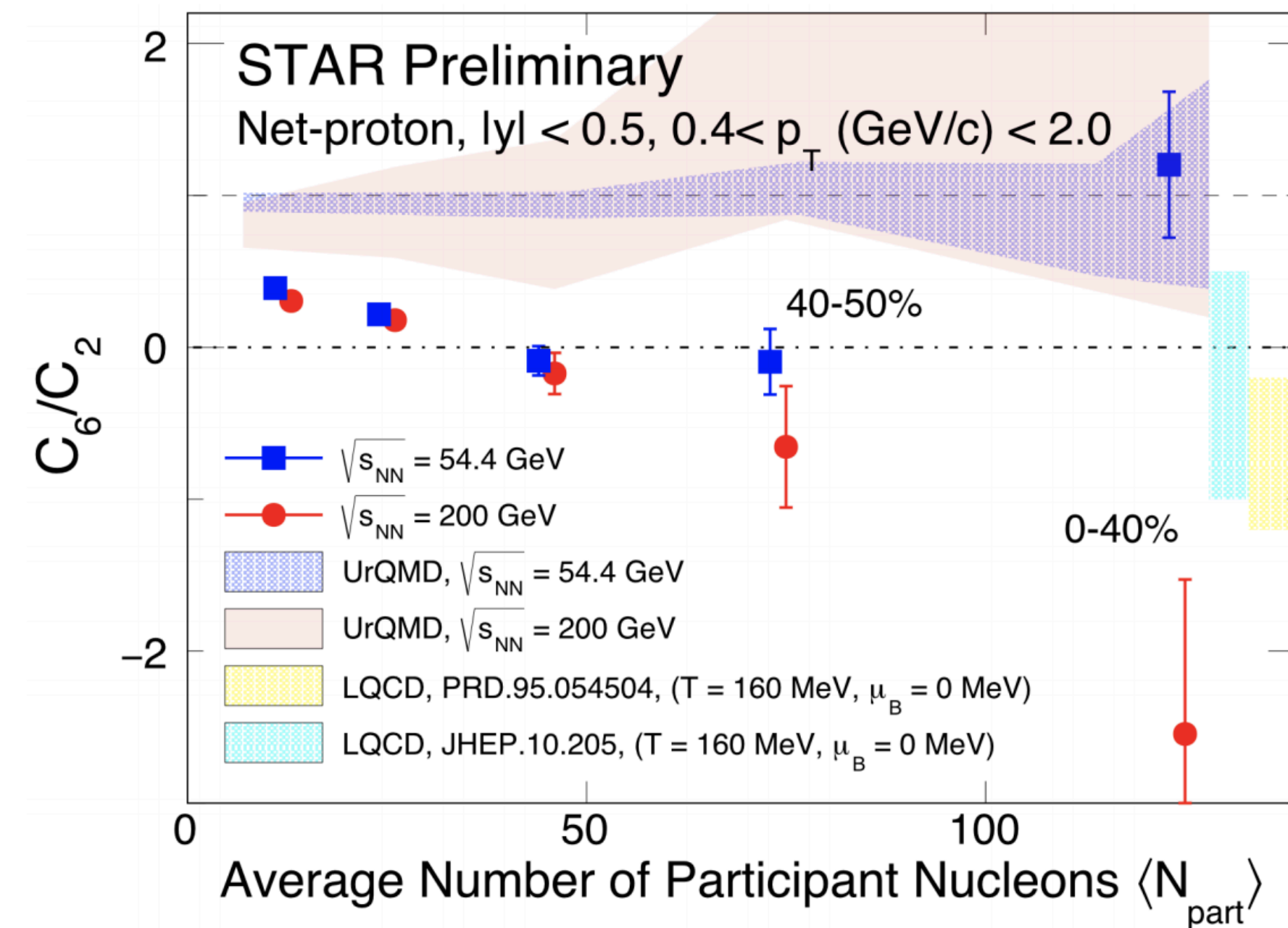
3rd to 1st order cumulant ratio



4th to 2nd order cumulant ratio



6th to 2nd order cumulant ratio



Toshihiro Nonaka, arXiv:2002.12505
 Ashish Pandav, arXiv:2005.13398

STAR, arXiv: 2001.02852

Ginzburg-Landau-Wilson approach

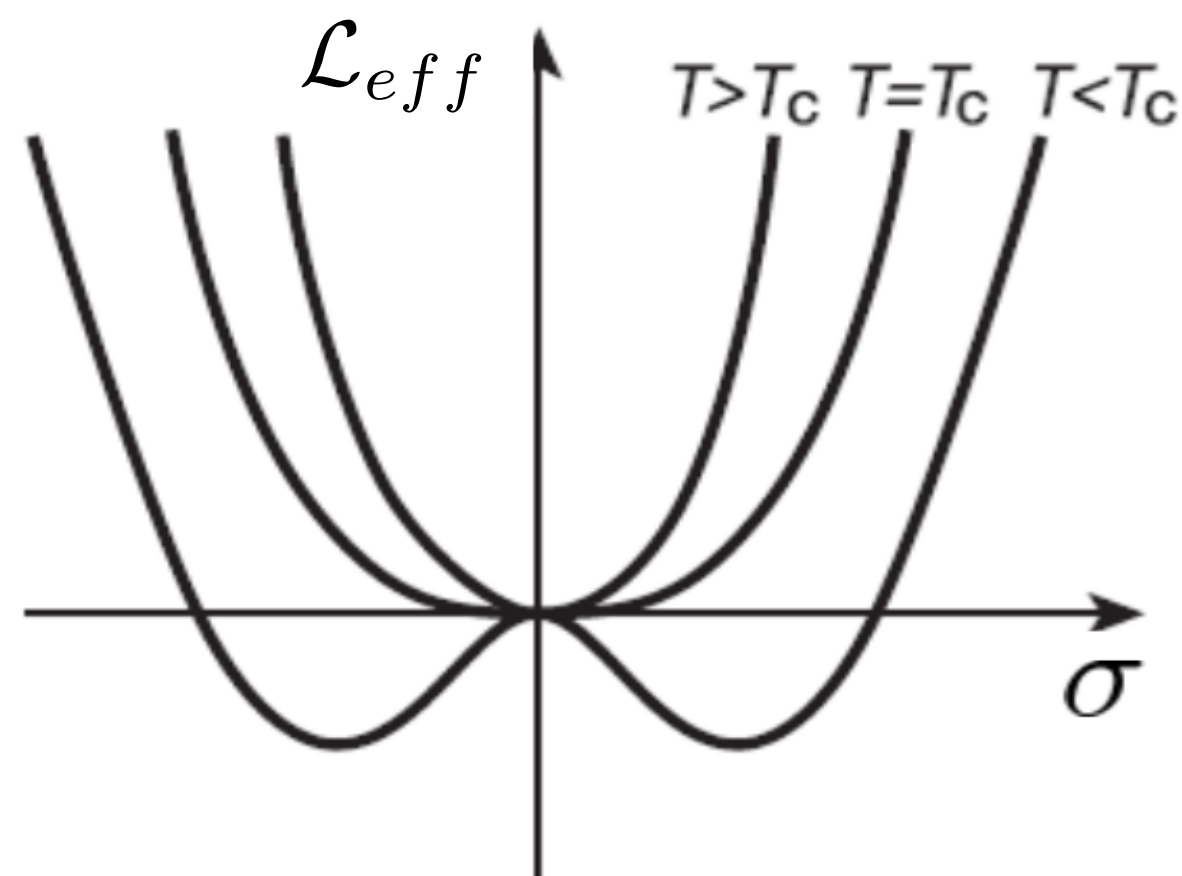
Partition function: $Z = \int [d\sigma] \exp \left(- \int dx \mathcal{L}_{eff} (\sigma(x); K) \right)$

Landau function: $\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\sigma)^2 + \sum_n a_n(K) \sigma^n$ Same symmetry with the underlying theory
 $\sigma(x)$: order parameter field;
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2nd order phase transition

Z(2) Ising model, Nf=2 QCD

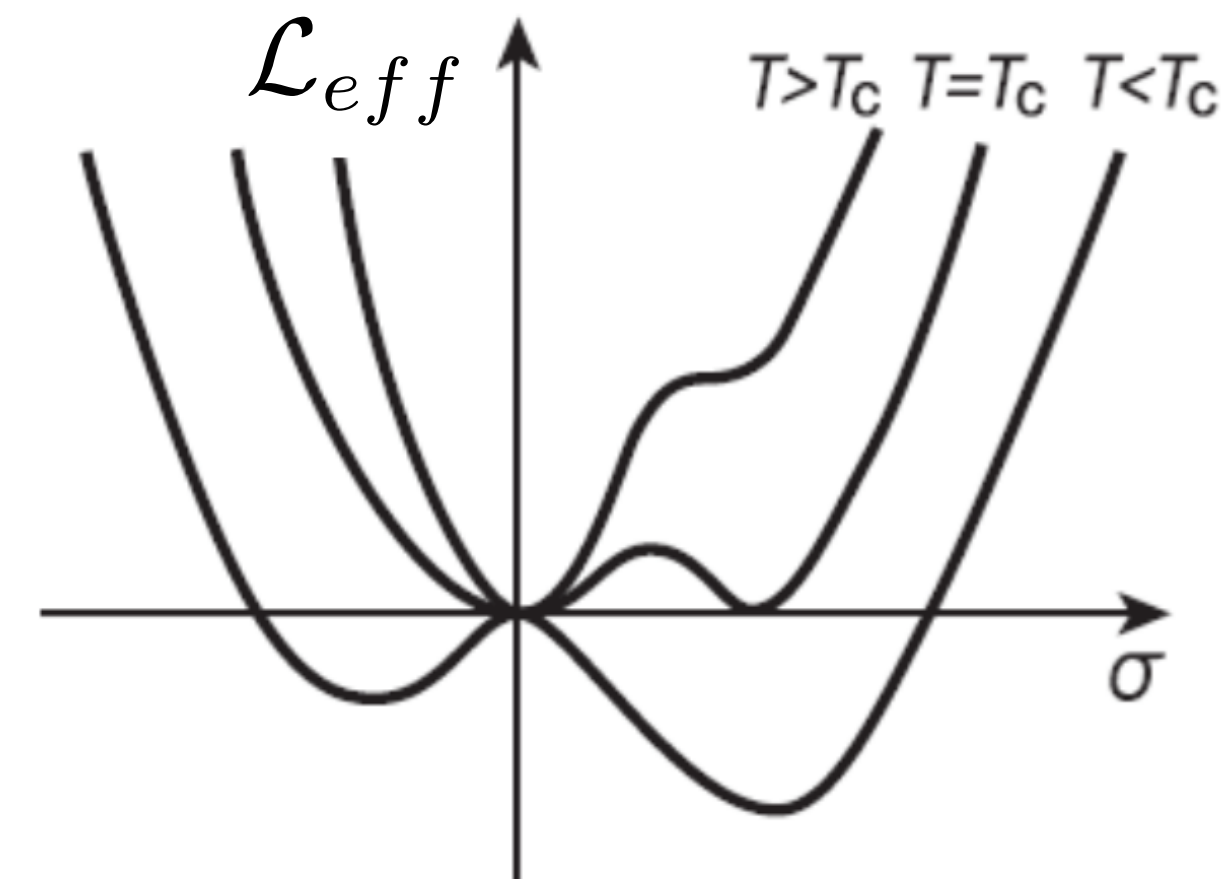
$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{2} a \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{4} b \sigma^4$$



1st order phase transition

Z(3) Potts model, Nf=3 QCD

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{2} a \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{3} c \sigma^3 + \frac{1}{4} b \sigma^4$$



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2nd order phase transition

order parameter M:
continuous in T

fluctuations of M:

$$\chi(T) = \frac{T}{V} (\langle M^2 \rangle - \langle M \rangle^2)$$

$$\chi(T_c) \sim V^{(2-\eta)/3}$$

1st order phase transition

M:
discontinuous in T

fluctuations of M:

$$\chi(T_c) \sim V$$

Landau functional of QCD

Pisarski & Wilczek, PRD 84'

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

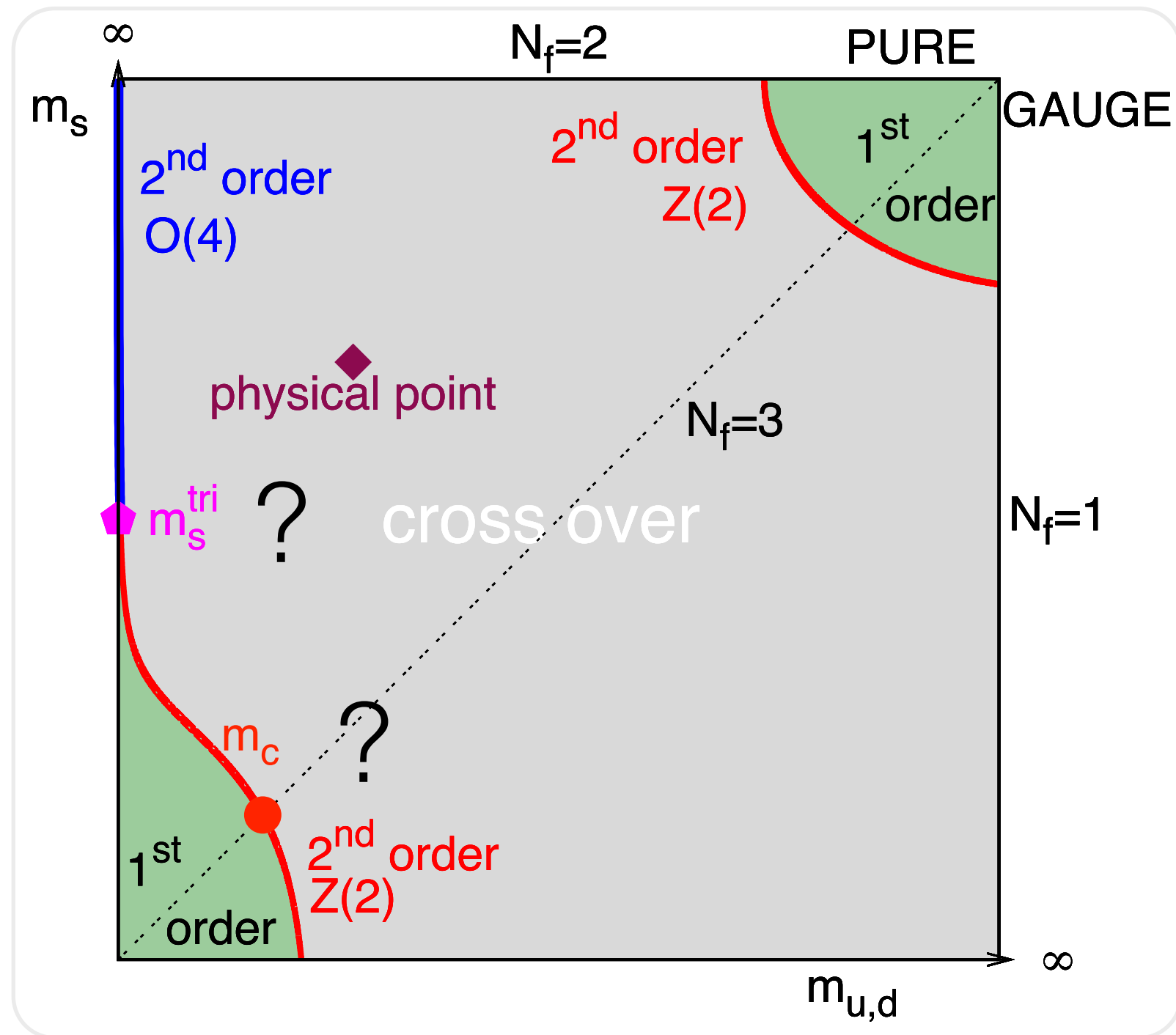
Chiral field: $\Phi_{ij} \sim \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j (1 - \gamma_5) q^i = \bar{q}_R^j q_L^i$ Chiral transformation: $\Phi \rightarrow e^{-2i\alpha_A} V_L \Phi V_R^\dagger$

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

Results on phase transitions should be eventually checked by Lattice QCD

QCD criticality relevant to the real world

Columbia plot:
QCD phase diagram in quark mass plane



At physical point: crossover type transition

[HotQCD] PRL, 113(2014)082001, PRD 85(2012)054503
[Wuppertal-Budapest], JHEP 1009 (2010) 073

Critical lines of second order transition

$N_f=2$: $O(4)$ universality class

Pisarski & Wilczek PRD '84, Kogut & Sinclair, PRD '06 ...

$N_f=3$: Ising universality class

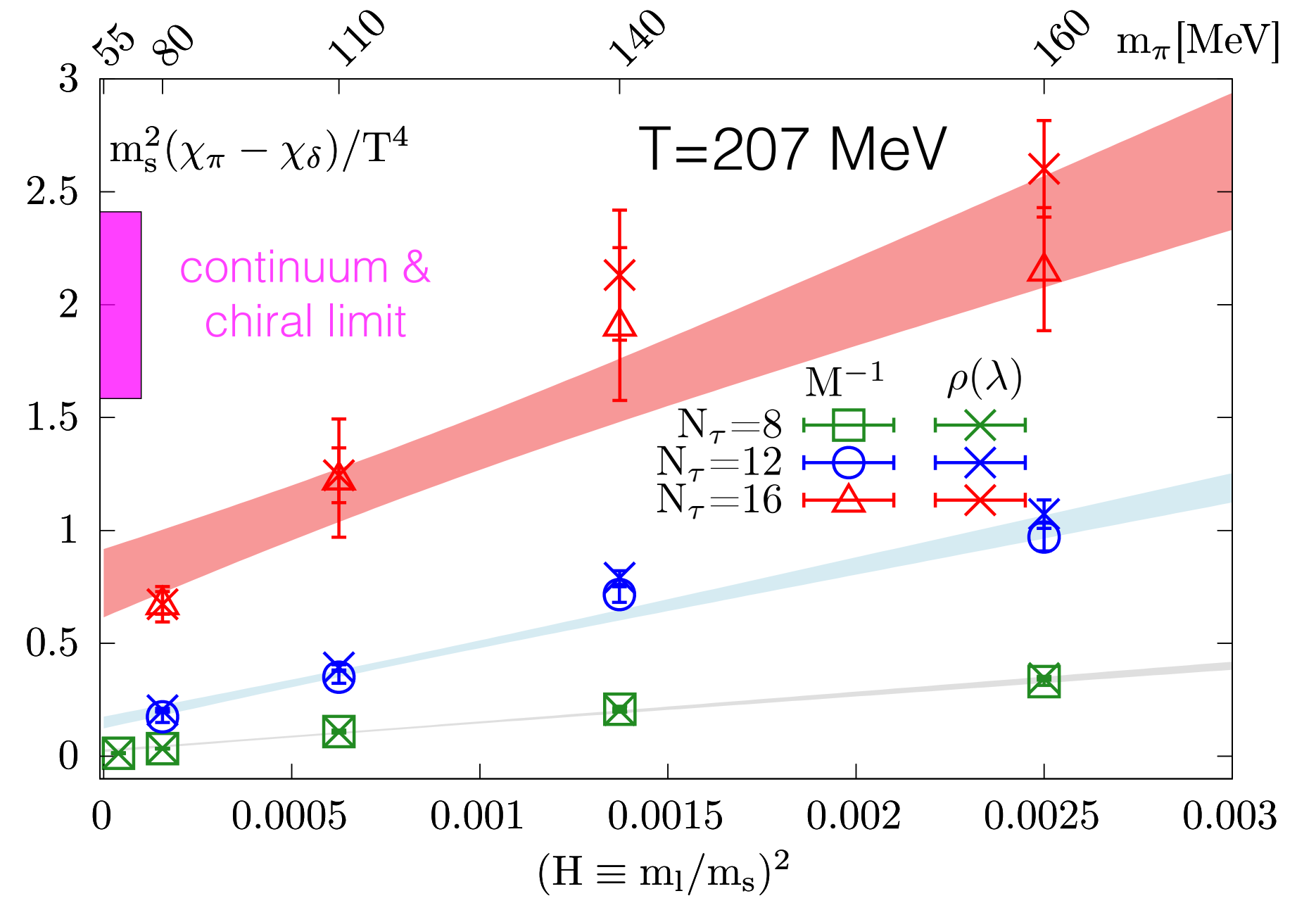
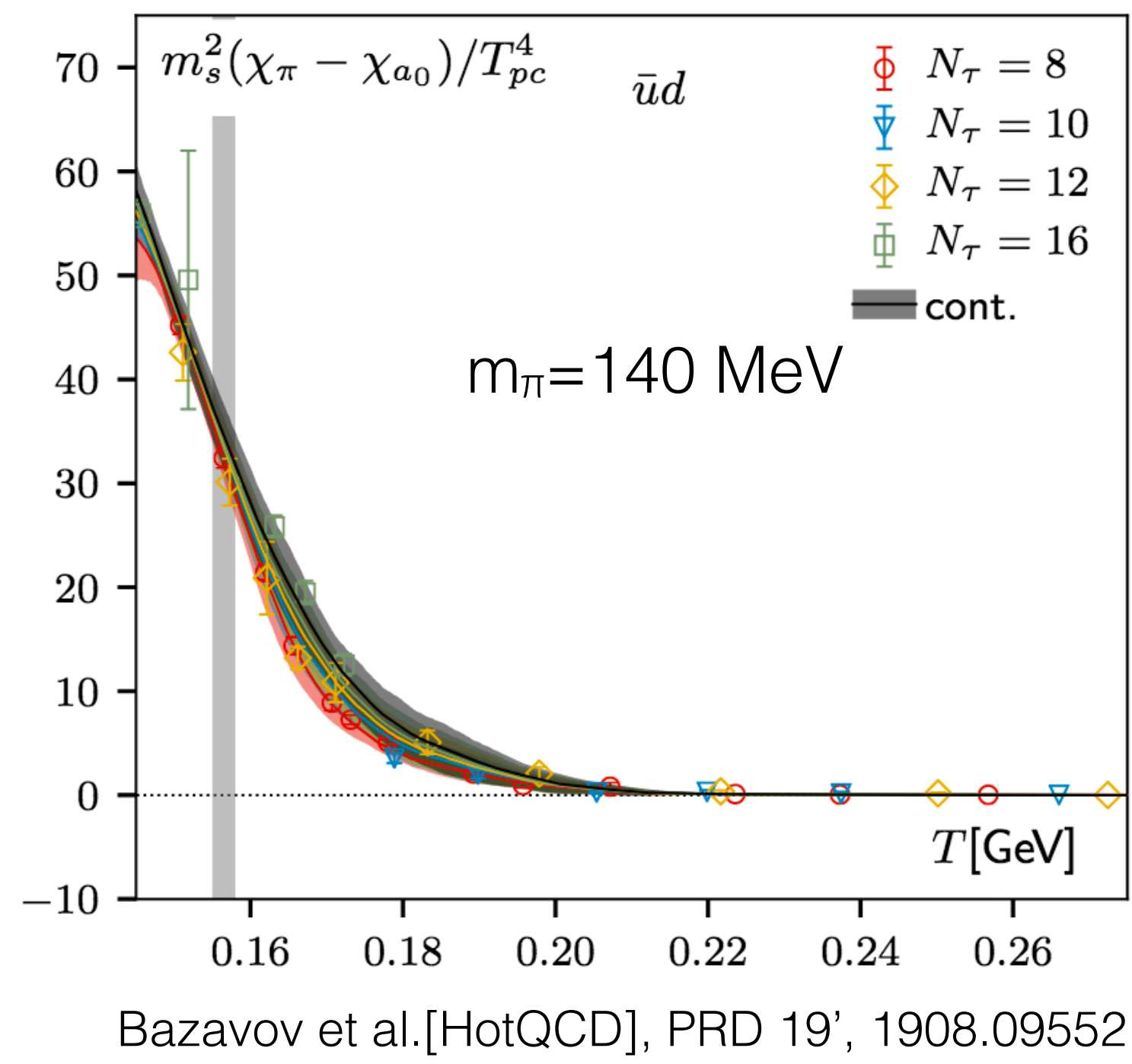
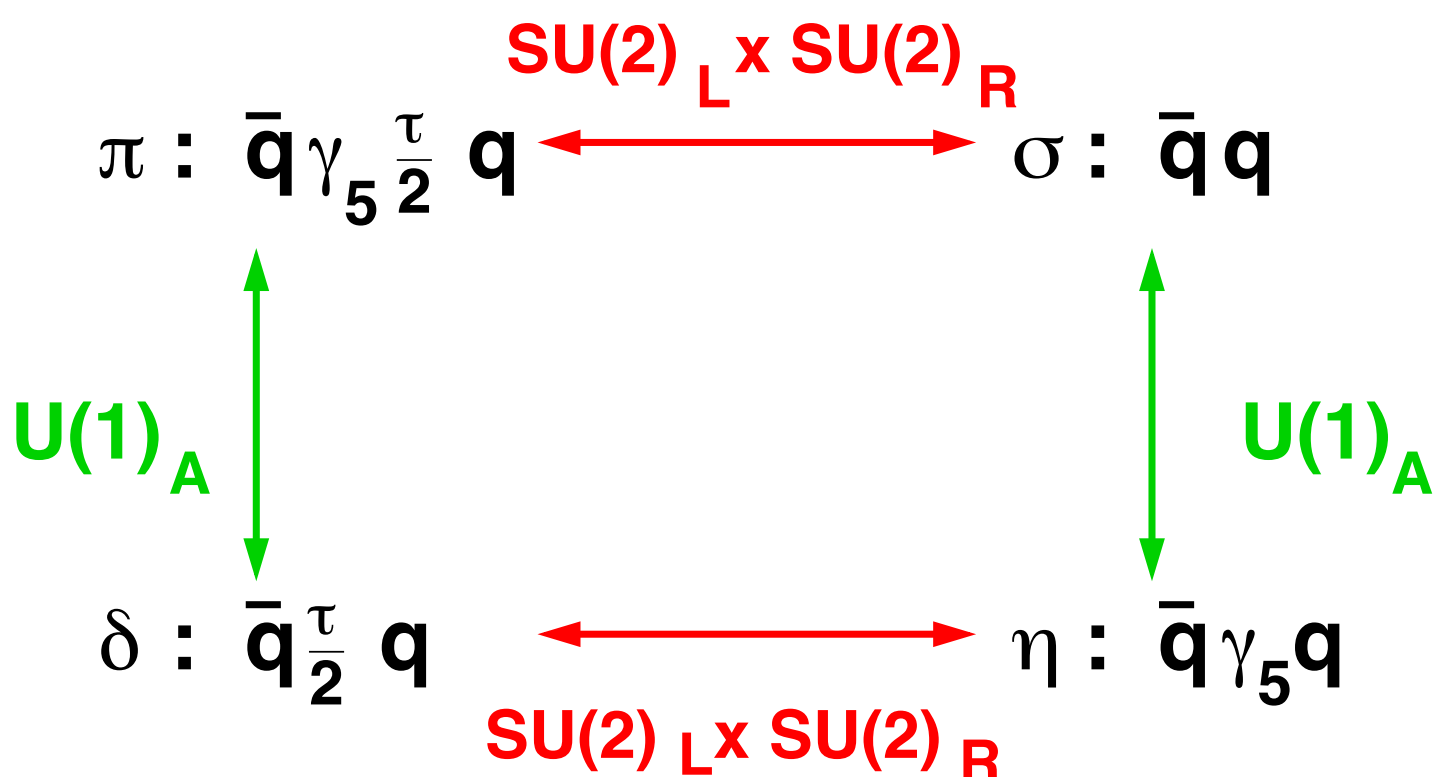
Karsch, Laermann, Schmidt PLB '04, ...

$N_f=2+1$ QCD: fate of axial $U(1)$ symmetry? $O(4)$ or 1^{st} order?

Criticalities that are relevant to QCD thermodynamics at the physical point?

Fundamental scale of QCD: chiral T_c^0 ?

Fate of axial U(1) symmetry at T=/=0



$\chi_\pi - \chi_\delta = 0 \rightarrow$ Effective restoration of $U_A(1)$ symmetry

- Axial U(1) symmetry remains broken at $T_{\chi SB}$ see more in H. Fukaya EPJ Web Conf. 175 (2018) 01012,
- In the chiral limit of Nf=2 QCD the transition is most likely 2nd order belonging to O(4) universality class

Critical behavior in QCD

Close to the critical window QCD transition is governed by the universal singular behavior

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln Z(V, T, \vec{\mu}) = \underbrace{-h^{(2-\alpha)/\beta\delta} f_s(t/h^{1/\beta\delta})}_{\text{singular}} - \underbrace{f_r(V, T, \vec{\mu})}_{\text{regular}}$$

“Magnetic coupling”: $h \sim m_q$ “Thermal coupling”: $t \sim \frac{T - T_c}{T_c} + \kappa_2 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2$

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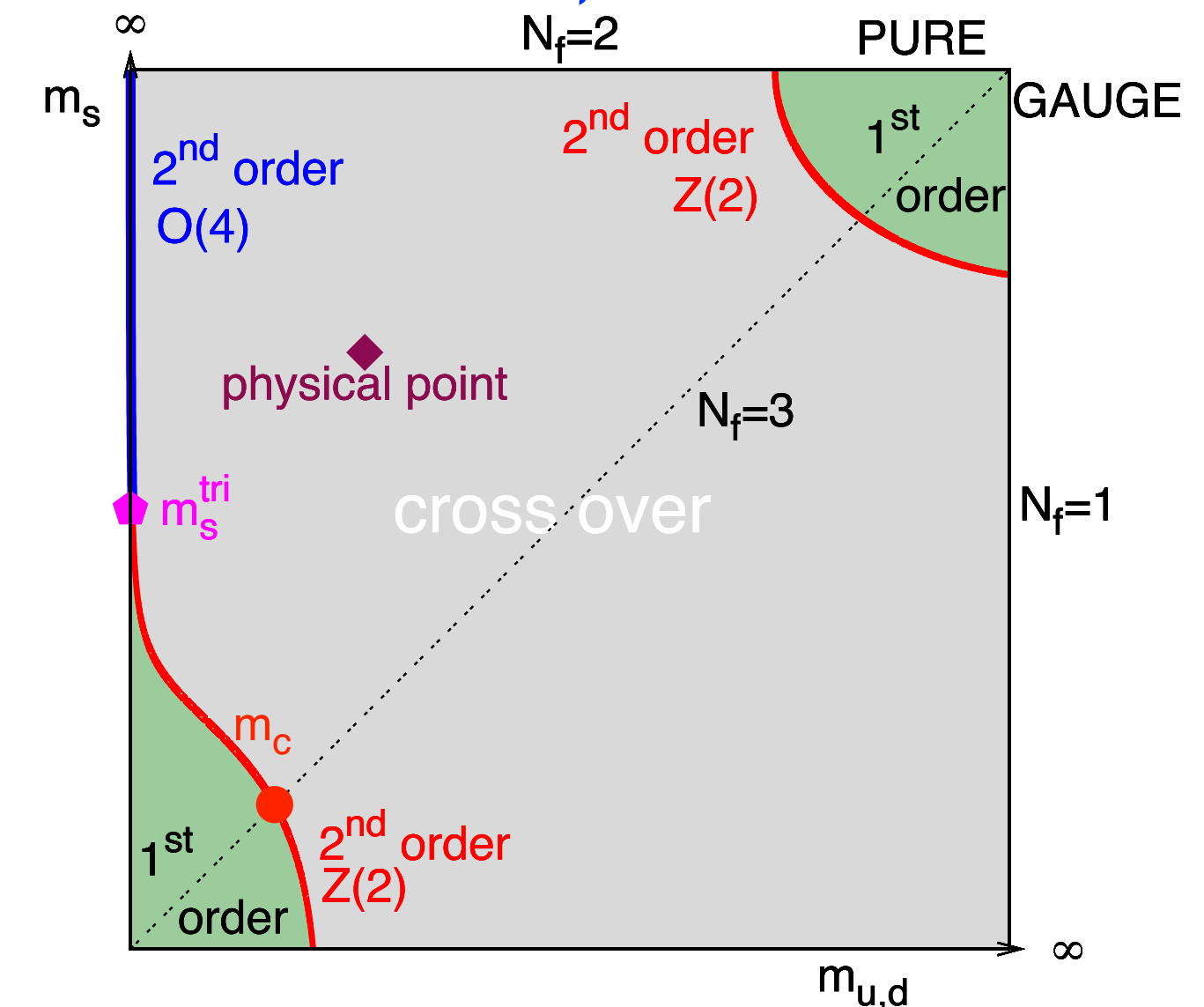
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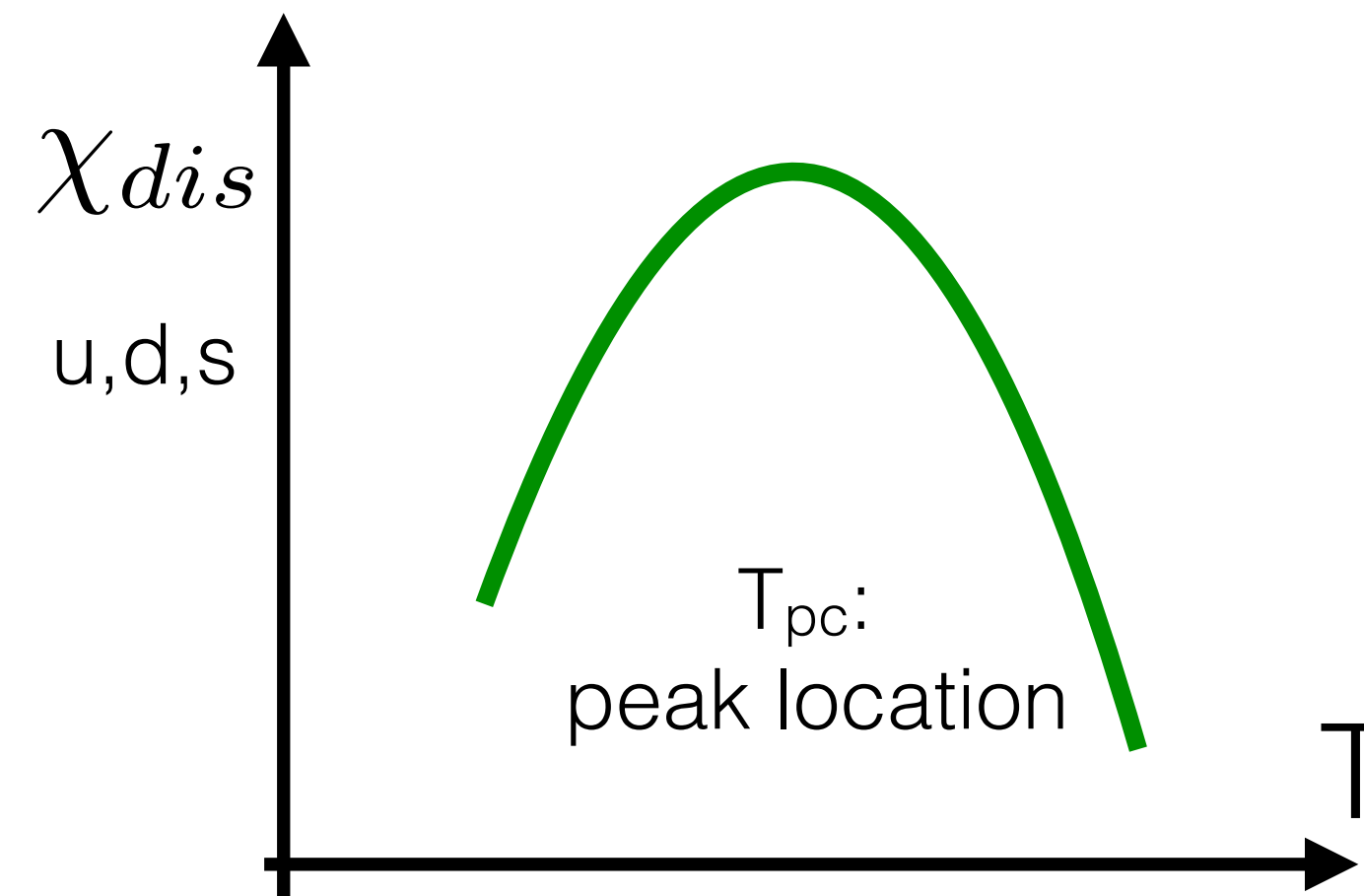
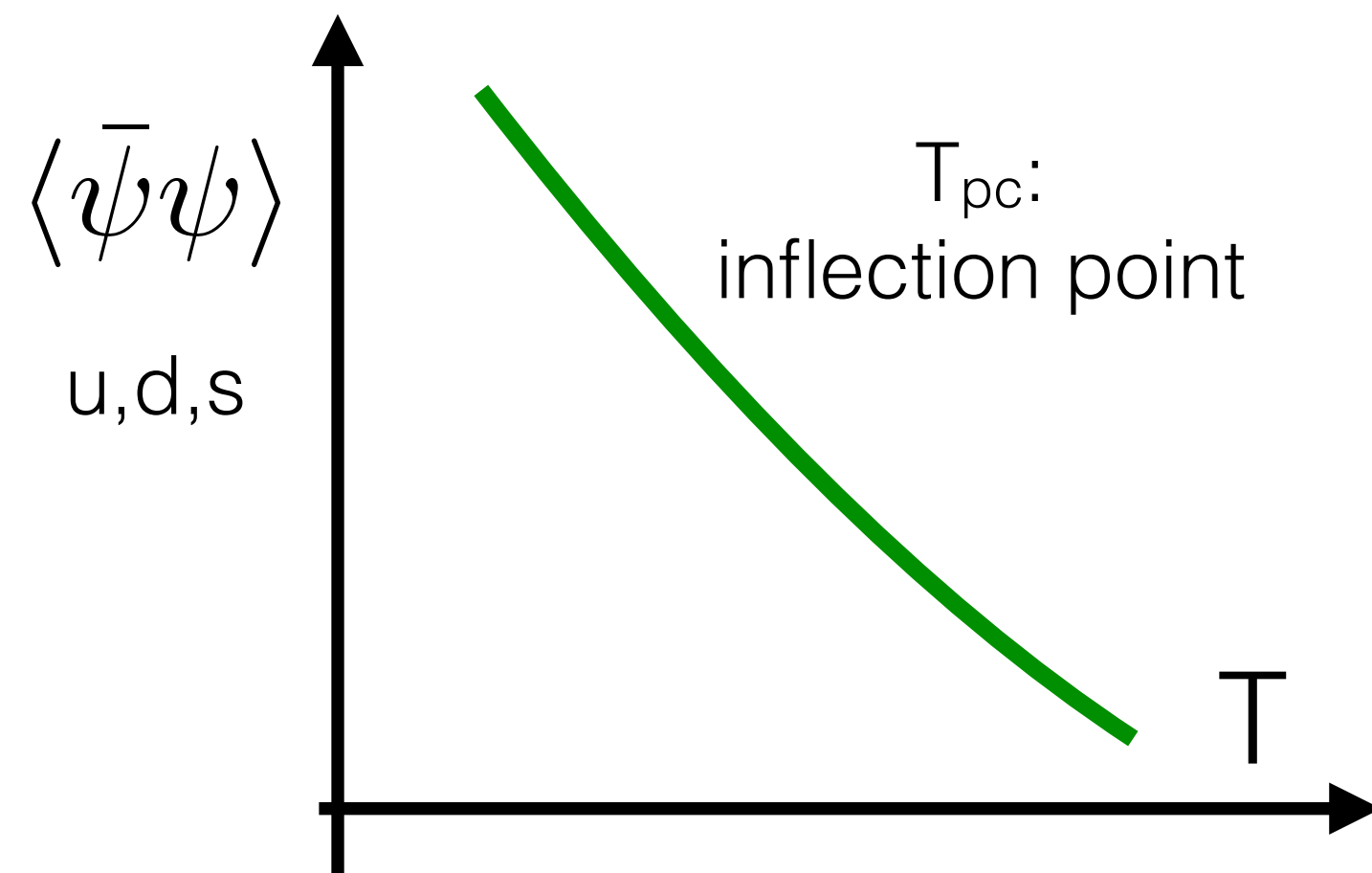
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Crossover transition temperature T_{pc} in the real world

📌 Crossover nature of the transition



📌 Chiral phase transition: most likely 2nd order, 3d $O(4)$

Ejiri et al., PRD 80(2009)094505,
HTD et al. [HotQCD], arXiv:1903.04801...

📌 A well-defined **chiral crossover transition temperature:**
based on scaling properties of QCD

HotQCD, Phys. Lett. B795 (2019) 15

Scaling behavior of chiral observables

chiral condensate:

$$\Sigma(T, \mu_B) \sim m^{1/\delta} f_G$$

chiral susceptibility:

$$\chi^\Sigma(T, \mu_B) \sim m^{1/\delta-1} f_\chi$$

Taylor expansions:

$$\Sigma(T, \mu_X) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{2n}^\Sigma(T)}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{\mu_X}{T}\right)^{2n}$$

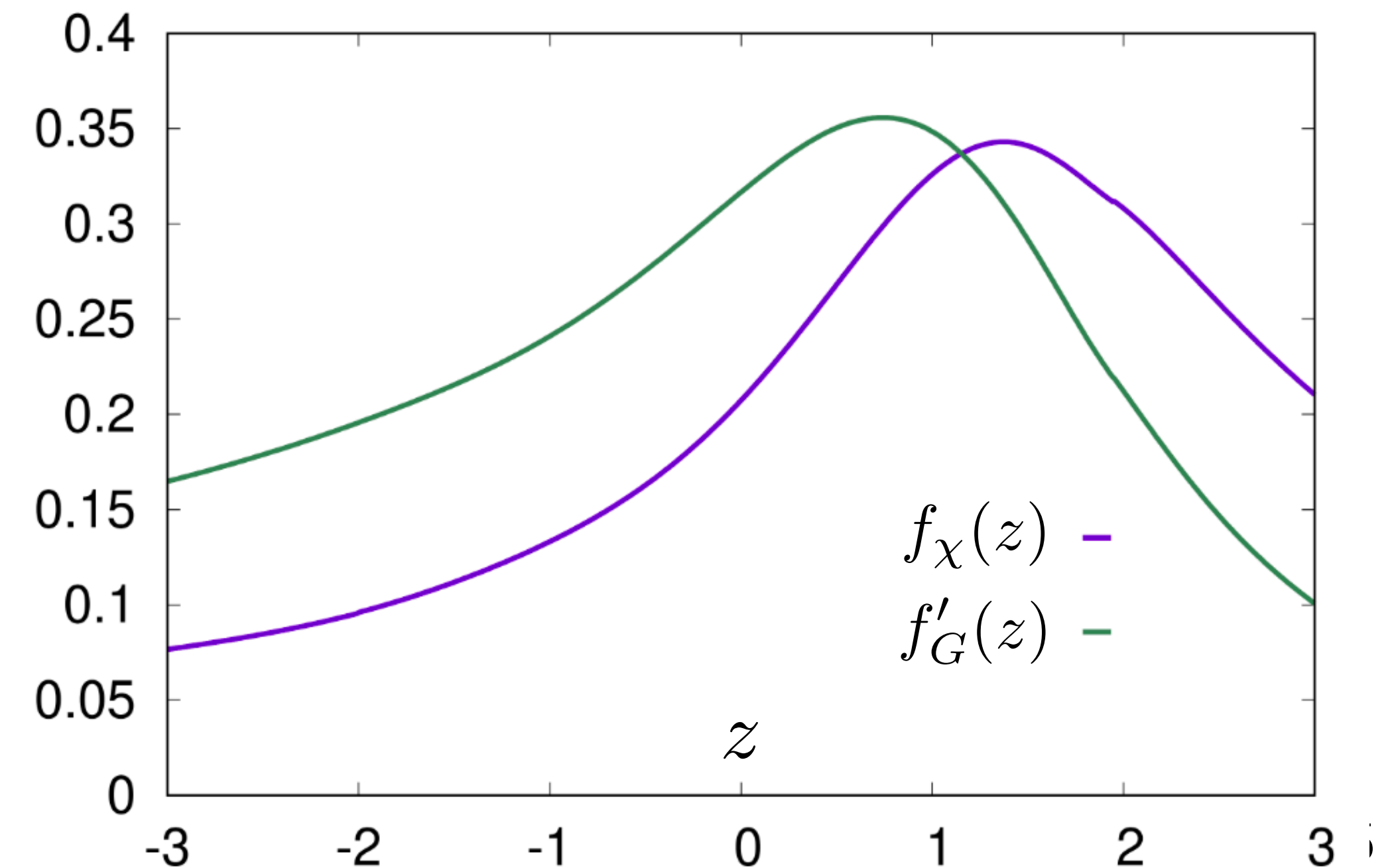
$$\frac{\partial f_\chi}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial f_\chi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial T} \equiv f'_\chi m^{-1/\beta\delta}$$

$$z \sim ((T - T_c^0)/T_c^0 + K(\mu_B/T)^2) / m^{1/\beta\delta}$$

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Well-defined notation of chiral crossover transition T

5 conditions to extract T_c : maxima of f_χ and f'_G

$$\partial_T \chi^\Sigma(T) = 0 \quad \partial_T C_0^\chi(T) = 0 \quad C_2^\chi(T) = 0 \quad \partial_T^2 C_0^\Sigma(T) = 0 \quad \partial_T C_2^\Sigma(T) = 0$$

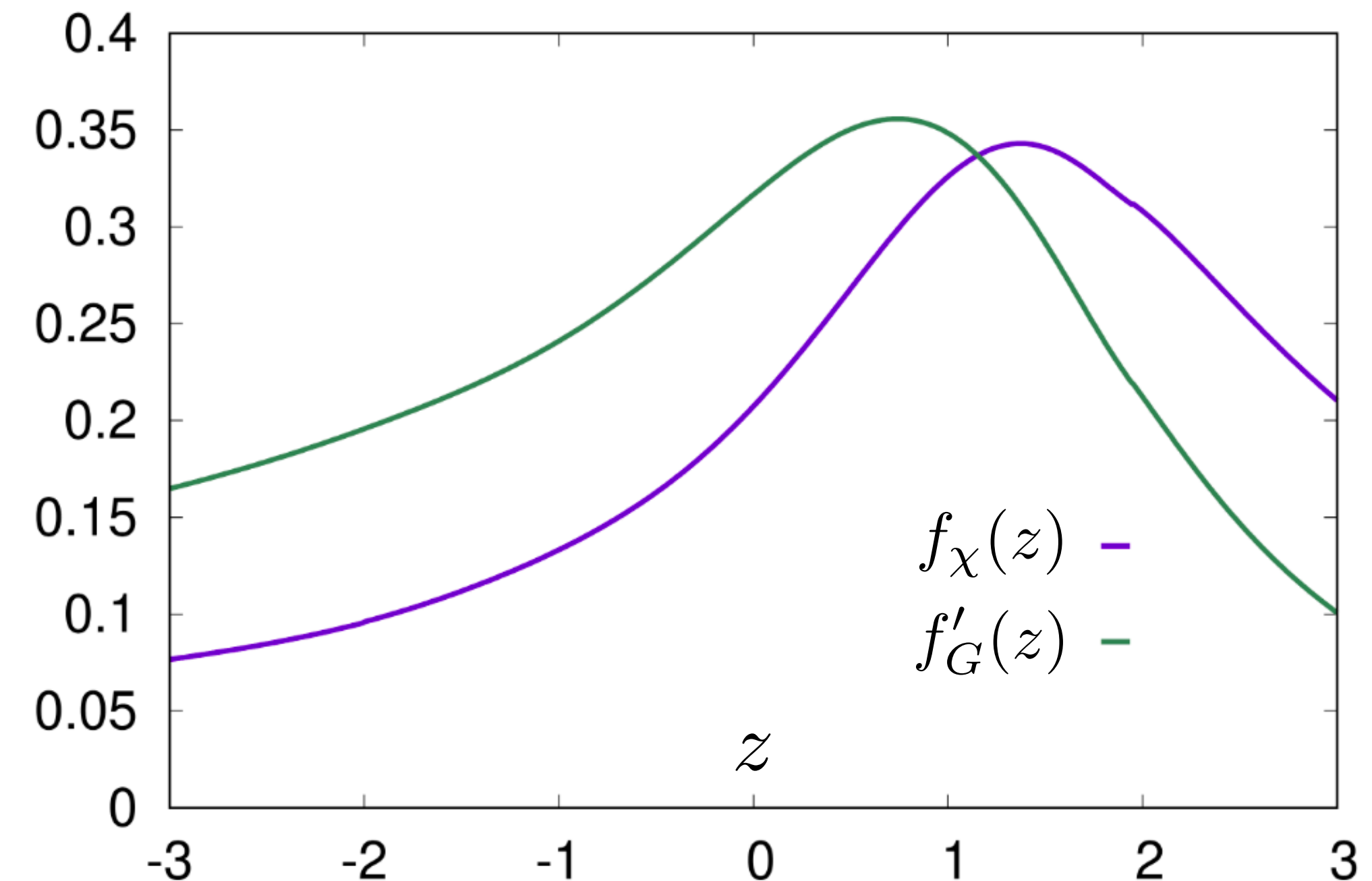
$m=0$: all these susceptibilities diverge at a unique T

$m \neq 0$: non-unique temperatures, crossover

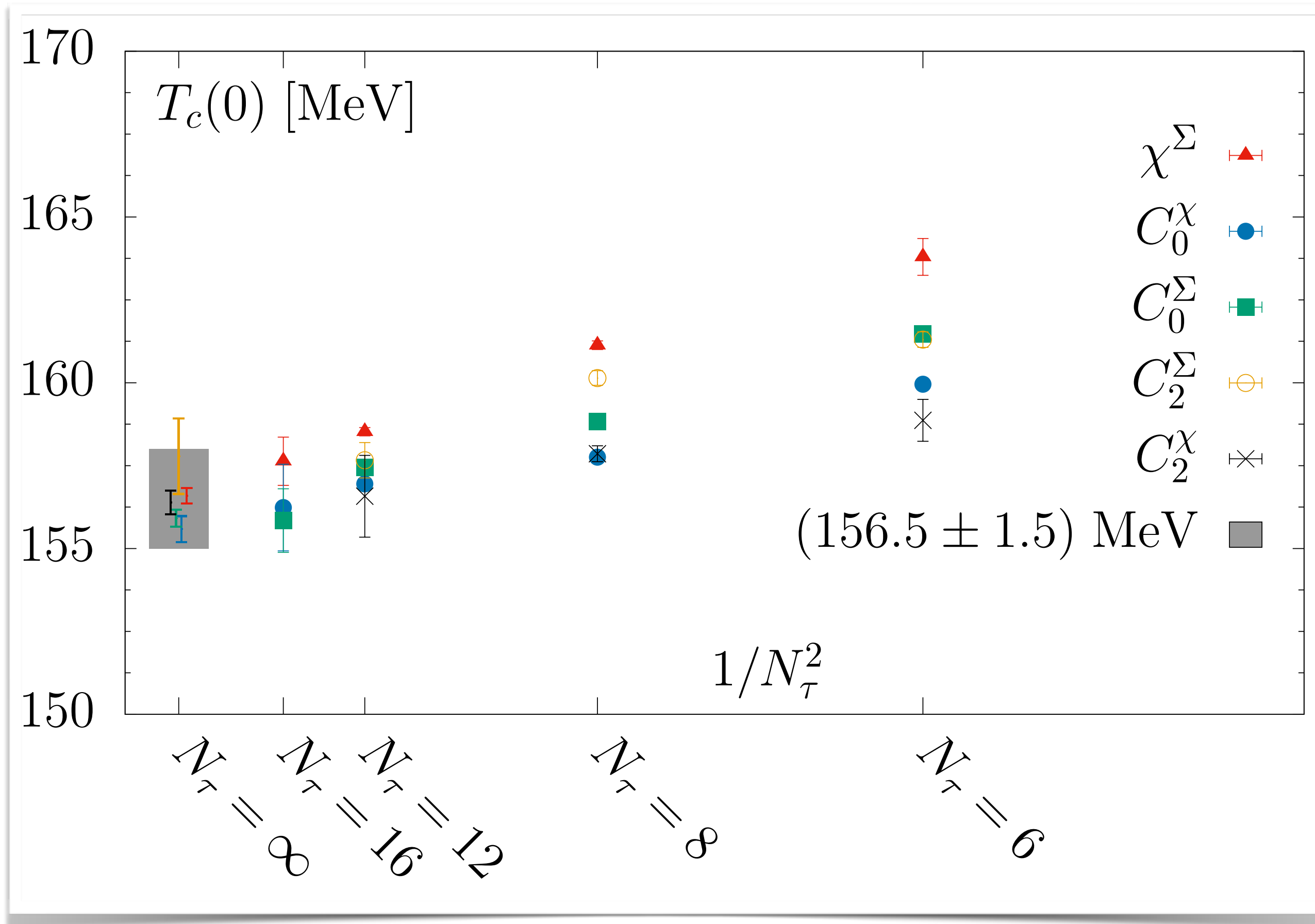
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QCD chiral crossover transition temperature with $m_\pi = 140$ MeV



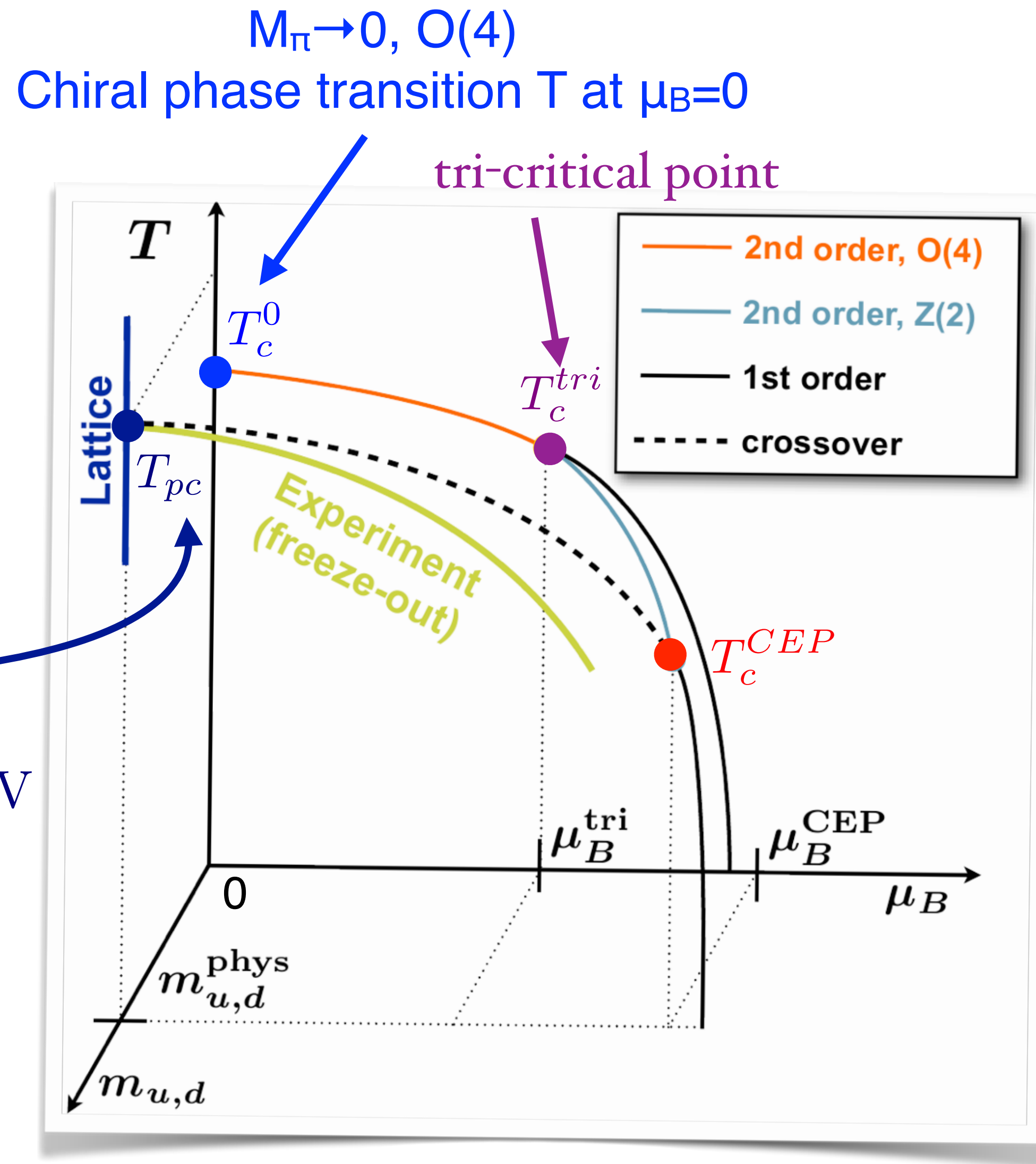
Chiral crossover temperature
in the continuum limit:

$$T_{pc} = 156.5(1.5) \text{ MeV}$$

Consistent results from Wuppertal-Budapest
arXiv:2002.02821

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

QCD phase diagram in 3D: quark mass, μ_B , T



Chiral crossover transition T at $\mu_B=0$ and $M_\pi=140$ MeV
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$T_c^0(\mu_B)$ decreases as μ_B up to NLO from LQCD

P. Hegde & HTD, PoS LATTICE2015 (2016) 141
 O. Kaczmarek et al., PRD83 (2011) 014504

Random Matrix Model & NJL

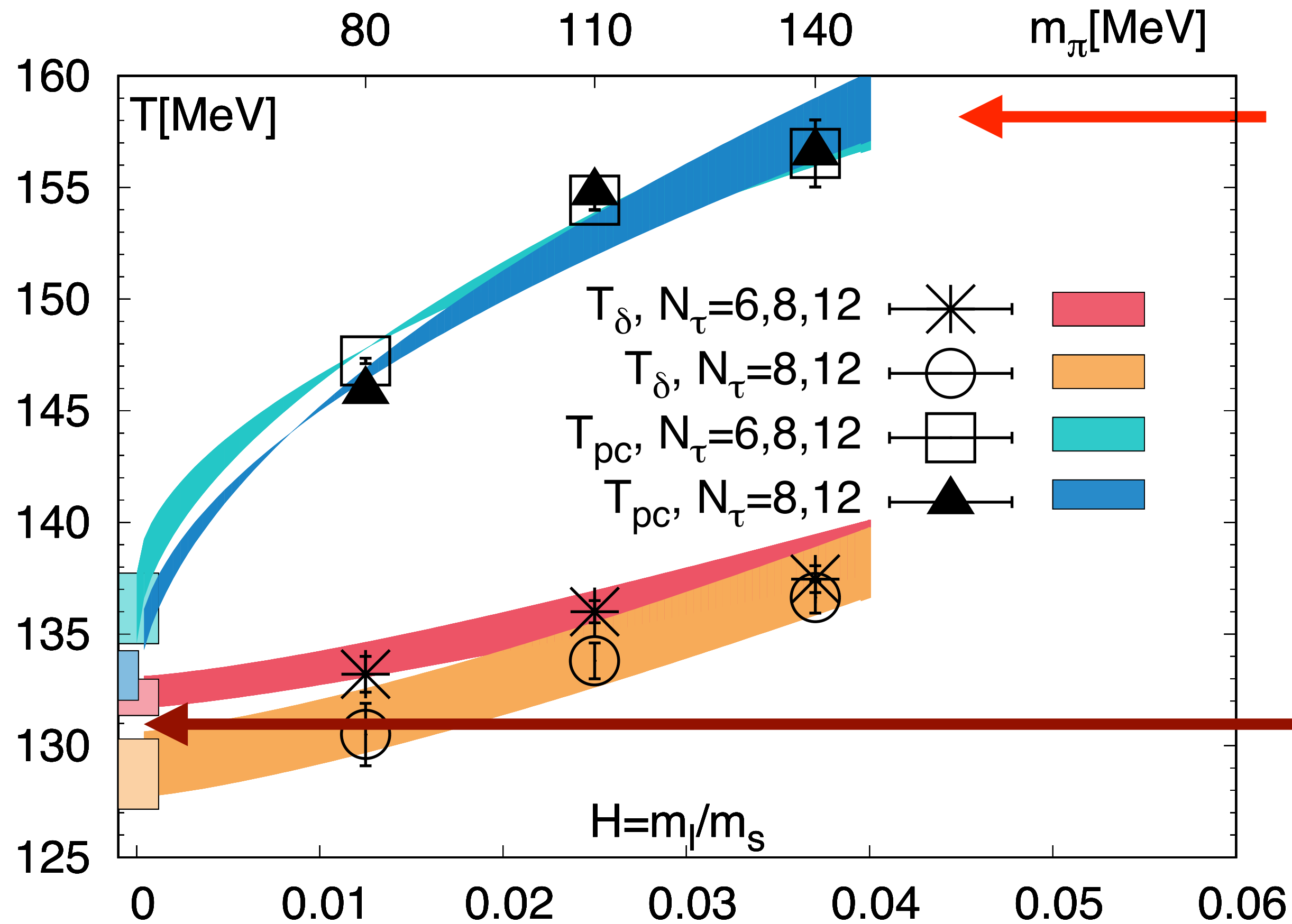
suggests:

M. A. Halasz et al, PRD 58 (1998) 096007
 M. Buballa, S. Carignano, PLB791(2019)361
 Y. Hatta & T. Ikeda, PRD67 (2003) 014028

$$T_c^{tri} - T_c^{CEP}(m_q) \propto m_q^{2/5}$$

Indications:

$$T_{pc}^{phys} > T_c^0 > T_c^{tri} > T_c^{CEP}$$



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$$T_{pc}(H) = T_c^0 \left(1 + \frac{z_p}{z_0} H^{\frac{1}{\beta\delta}} \right)$$

Chiral phase transition T

$$T_c^0 = 132_{-6}^{+3} \text{ MeV}$$

HTD, P. Hegde, O. Kaczmarek et al. [HotQCD], PRL 123 (2019) 062002

HTD, arXiv:2002.11957

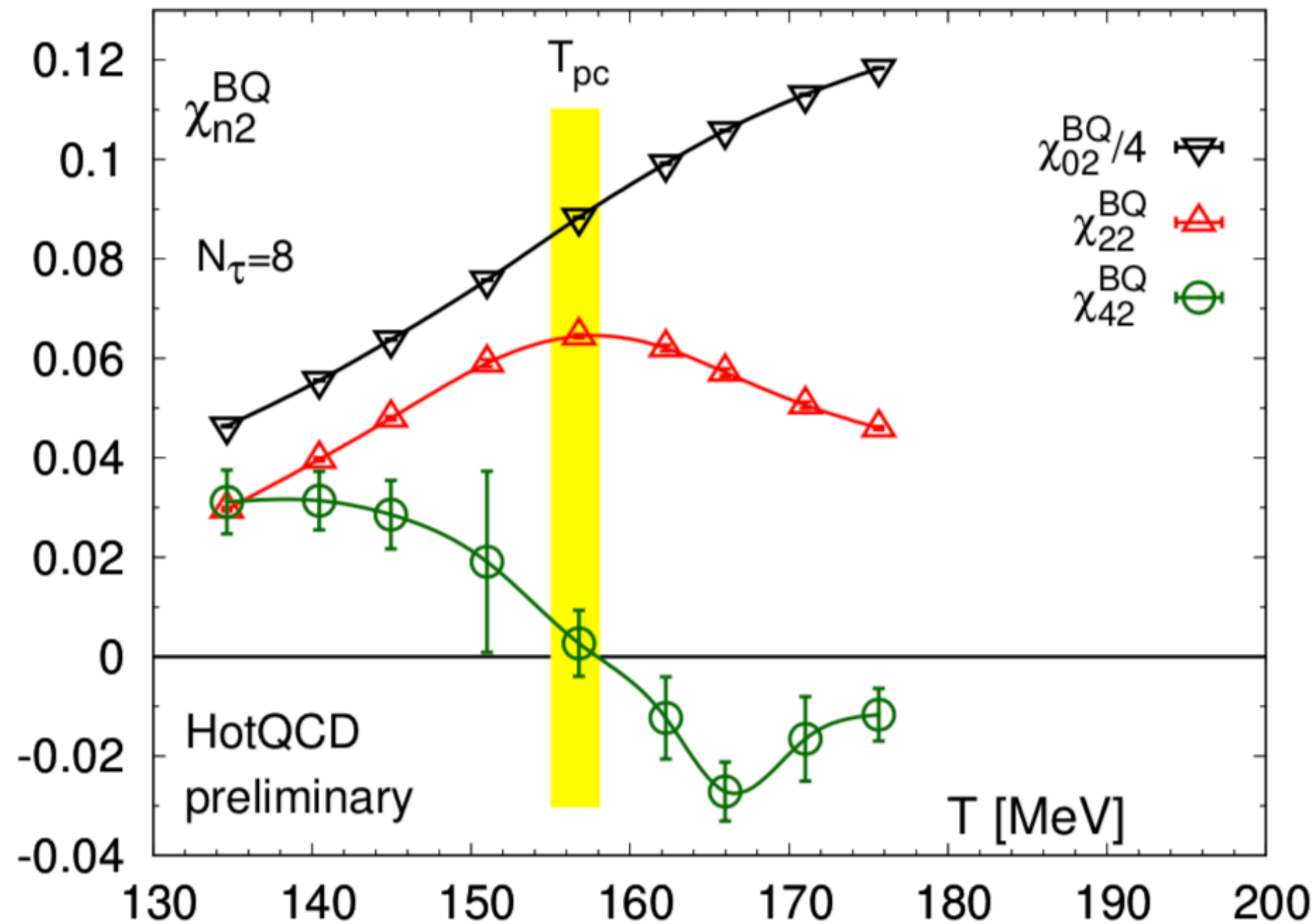
See also in QCD-inspired model calculations:

e.g. J. Berges, D. U. Jungnickel and C. Wetterich, Phys. Rev. D 59, 034010 (1999)

J. Braun, B. Klein, H.-J. Pirner and A. H. Rezaeian, Phys. Rev. D 73, 074010 (2006)

Indication of $T_{CEP} \approx 132 \text{ MeV}$

Critical behavior and higher order cumulants



$$\chi_{ijk}^{BQS}(T) = \left. \frac{\partial^{i+j+k} P(T, \hat{\mu}) / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^i \partial \hat{\mu}_Q^j \partial \hat{\mu}_S^k} \right|_{\hat{\mu}=0}$$

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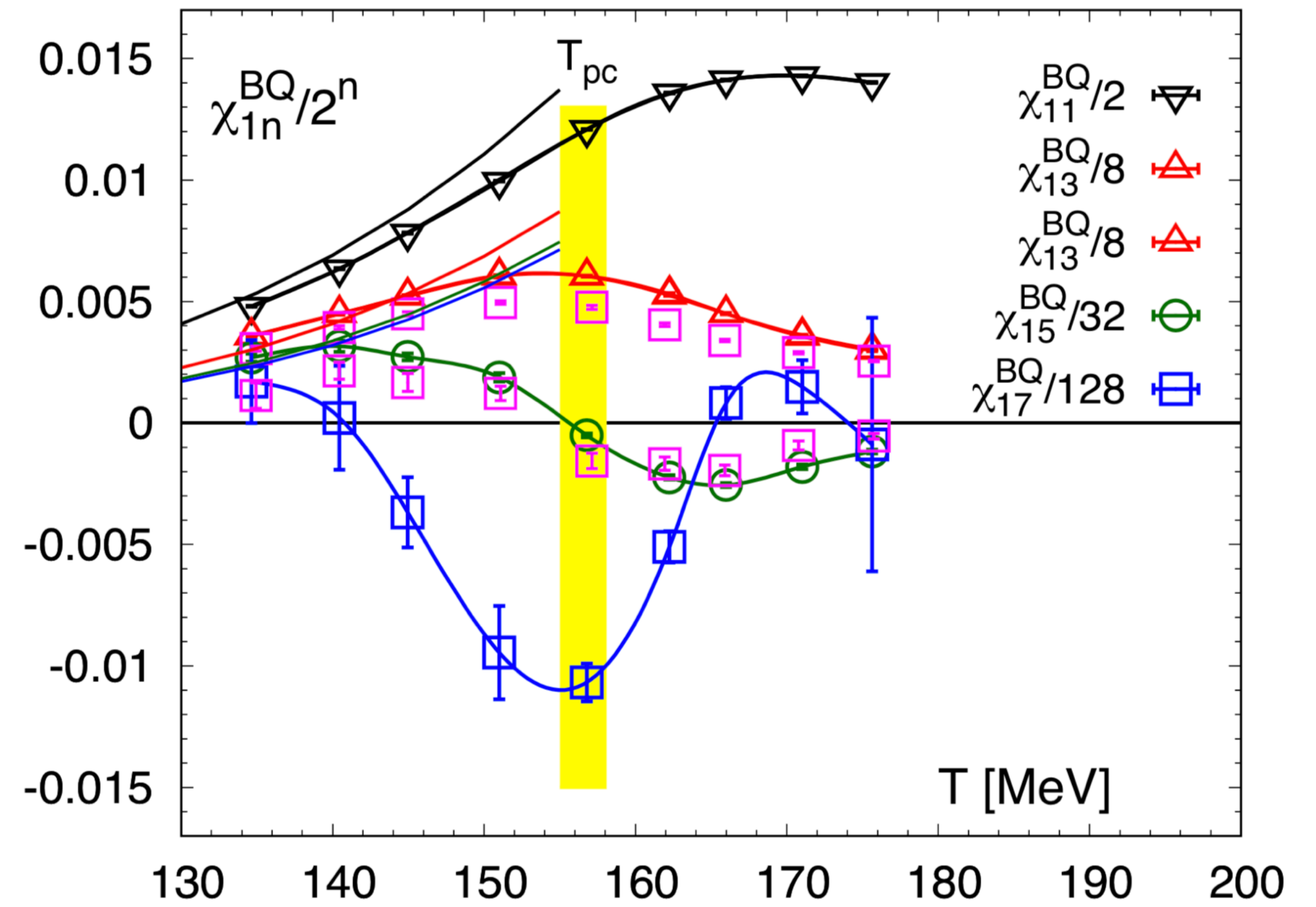
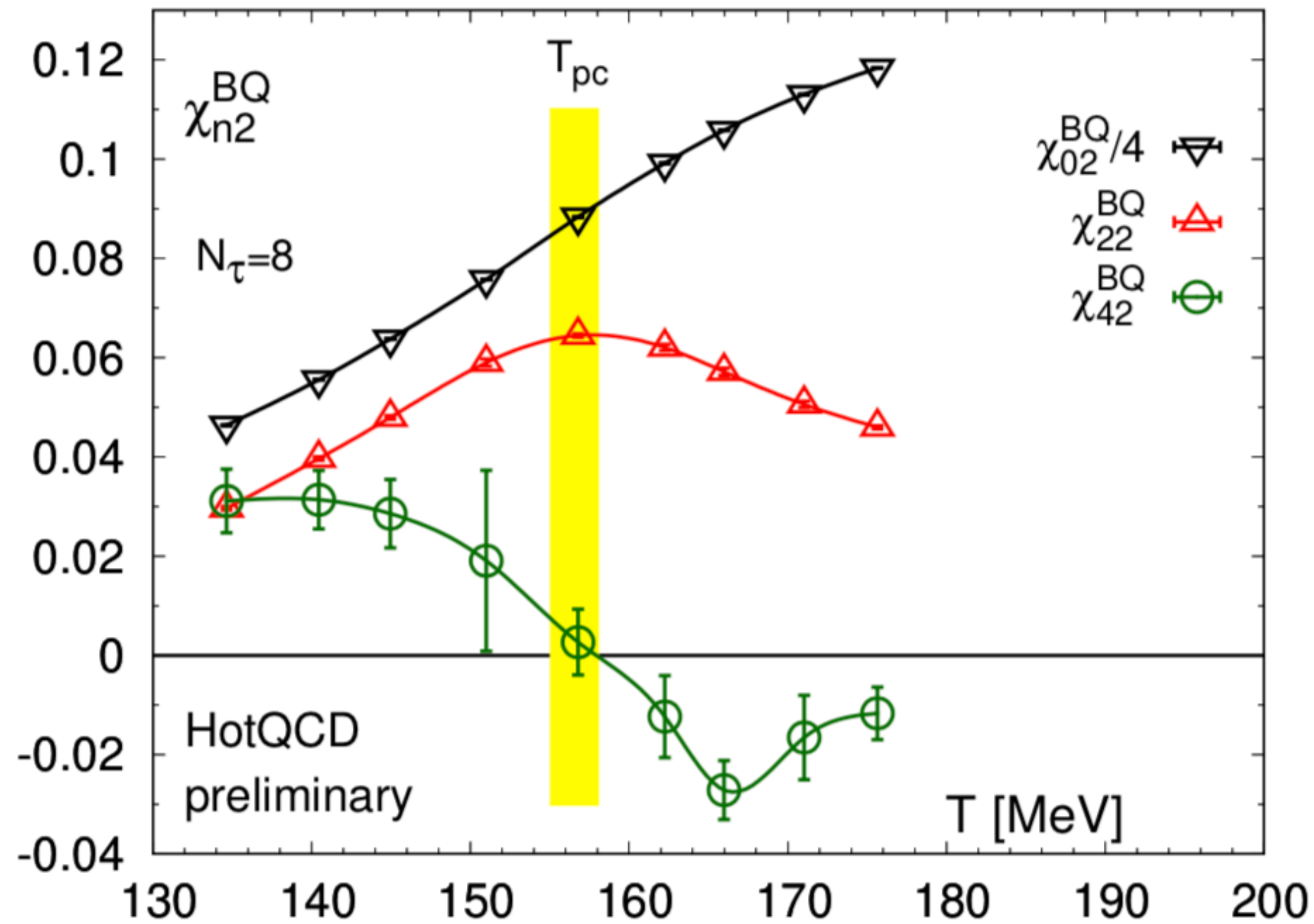
In the scaling regime:

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Irregular sign change seen at $T > T_{pc}$ in χ_{42}^{BQ}

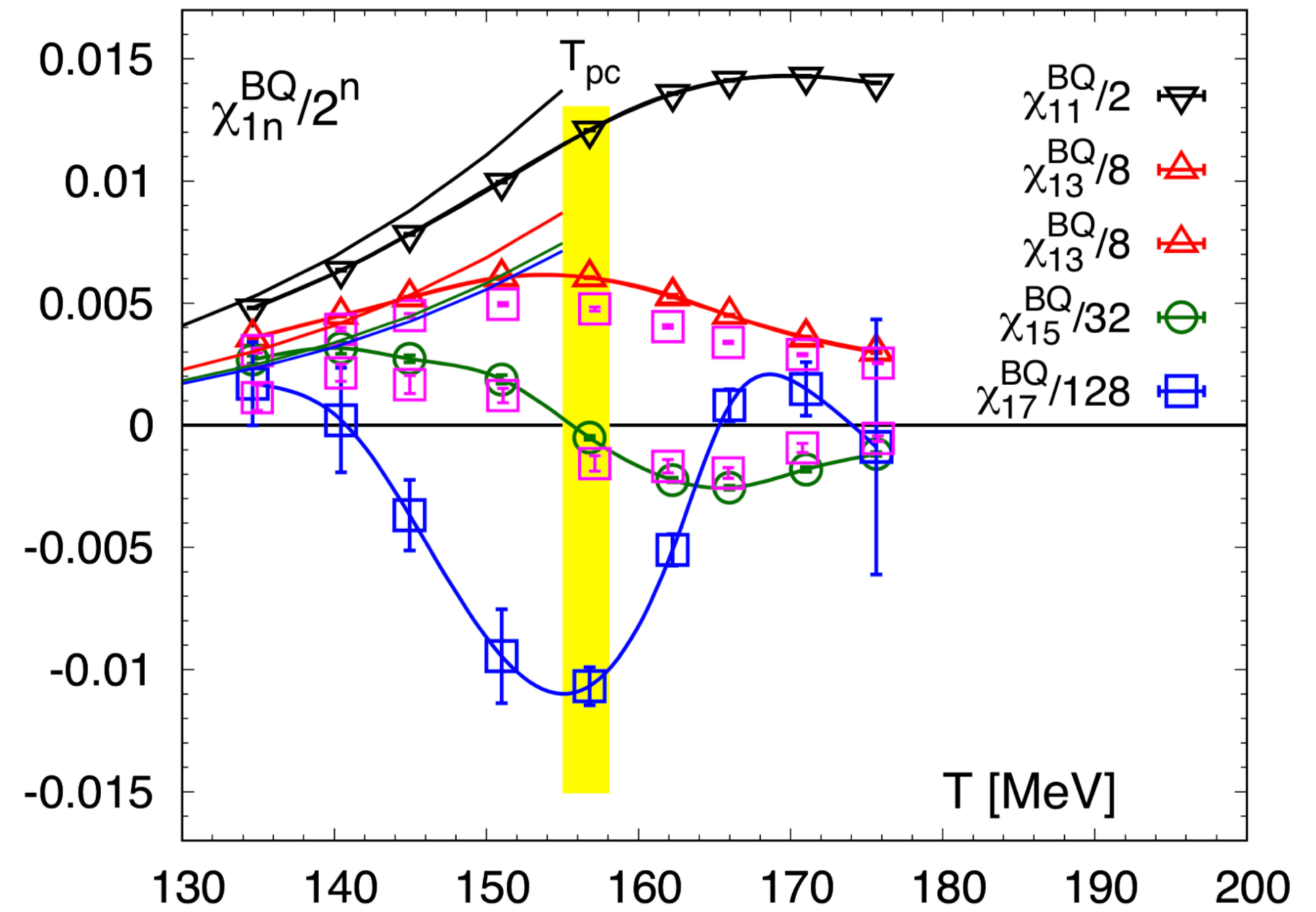
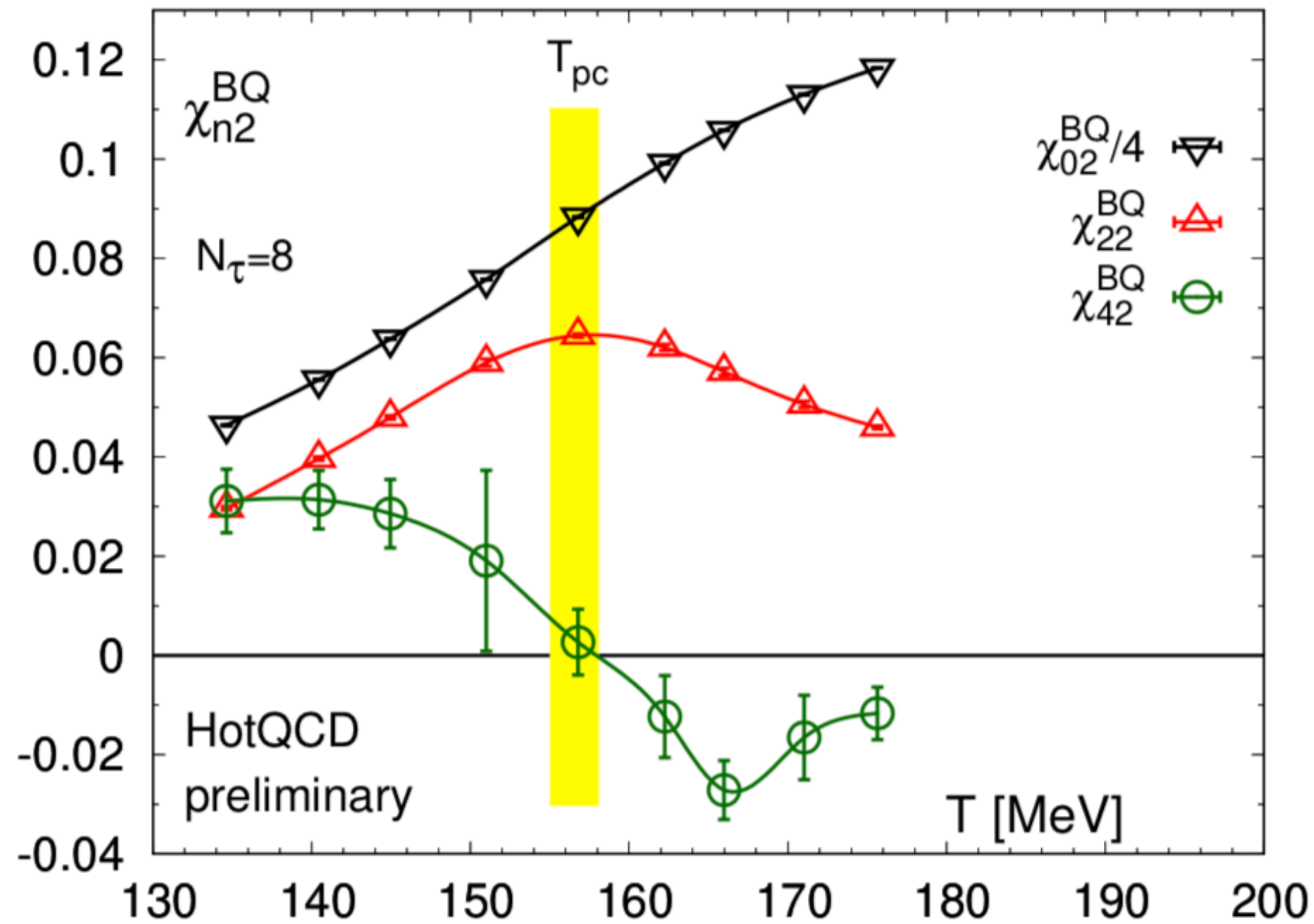
Irregular sign change expected at $T \gtrsim 135$ MeV in χ_{62}^{BQ}

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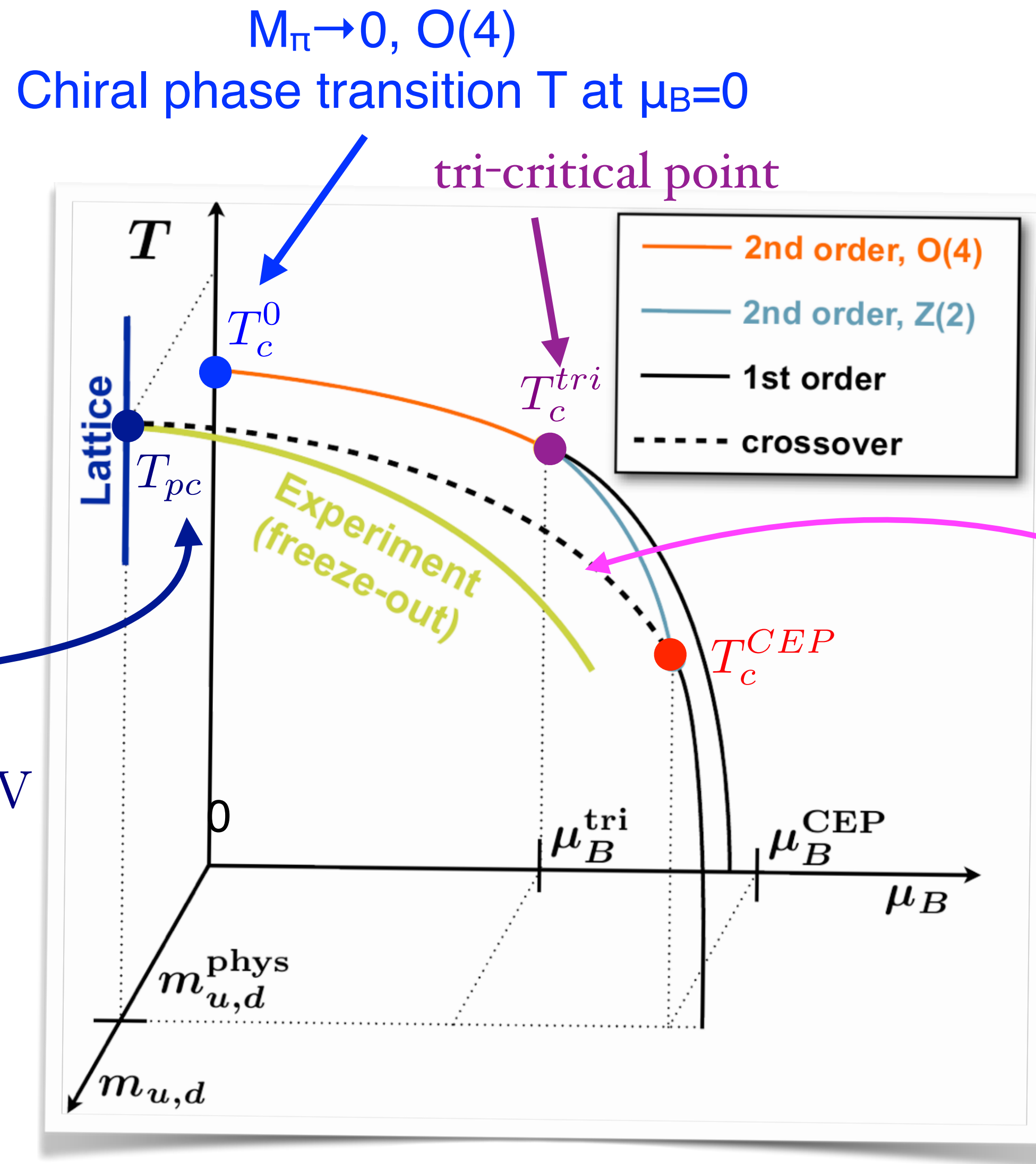


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Suggests singularity in the complex plane at $T > 135\text{-}140$ MeV

More support for $T_{\text{CEP}} < T_c^0$

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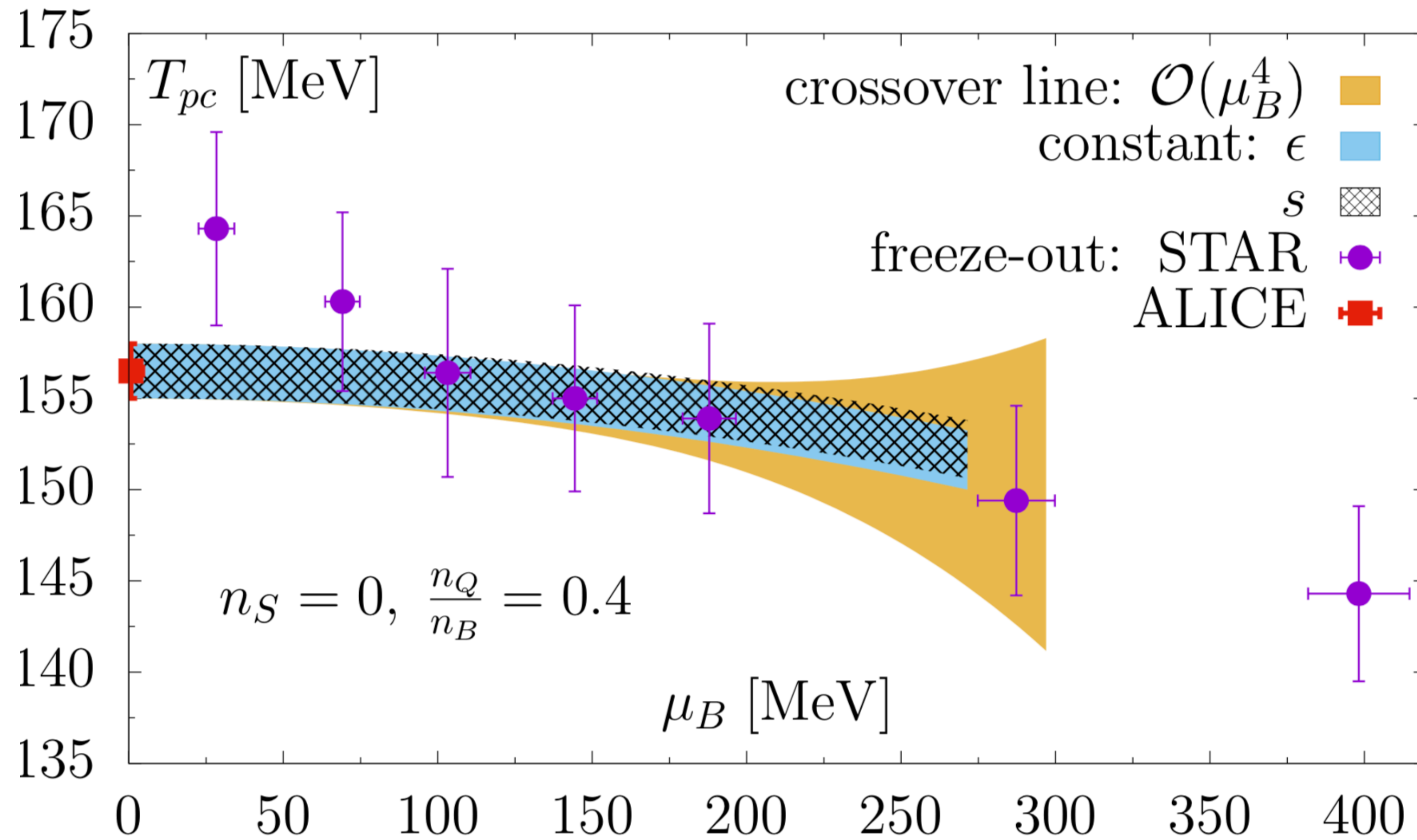
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How about the strength of transition along the crossover transition line?

Chiral crossover line: $T_{pc}(\mu_B) = T_{pc}(0) \left(1 - \kappa_2 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 - \kappa_4 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^4 \right)$



ALICE data point:

$$T_f = 156.5(1.5) \text{ MeV}$$

Andronic et al, Nature 561 (7723) (2018) 321

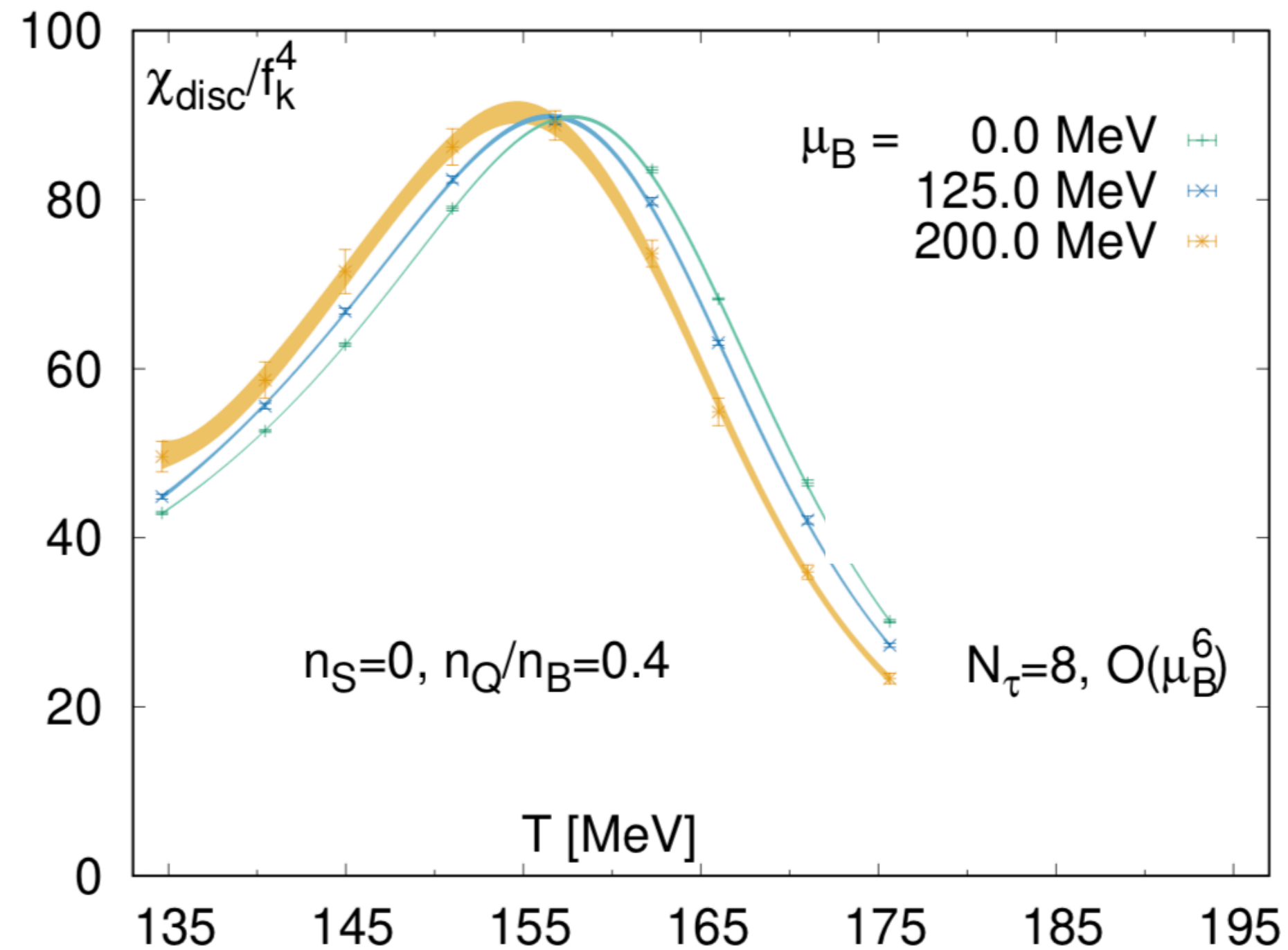
STAR data points:

Adamczyk et al., Phys. Rev. C 96 (4) (2017) 044904

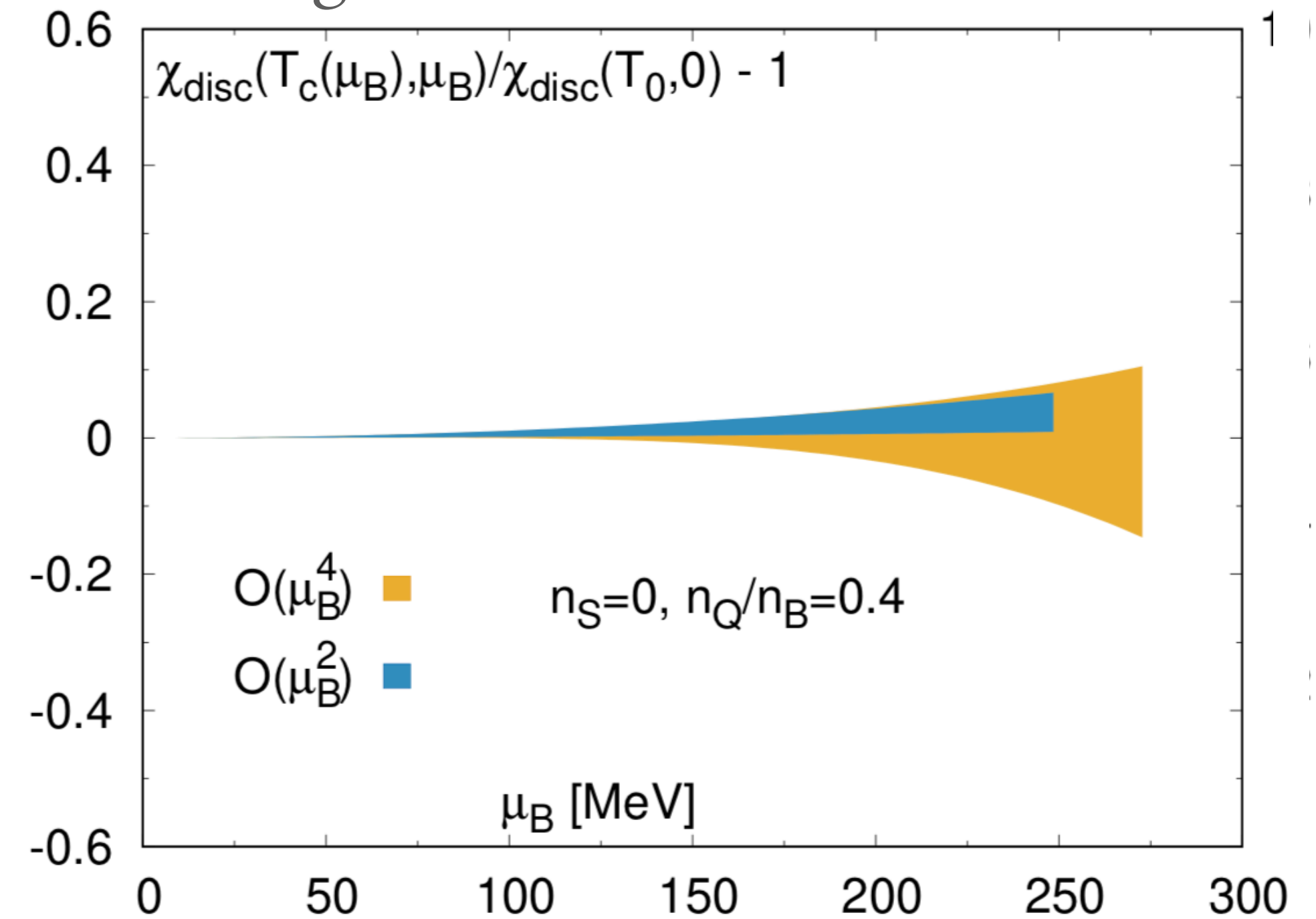
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Strength of QCD transition at $\mu_B \approx 300$ MeV

disconnected susceptibility



Along the crossover transition line

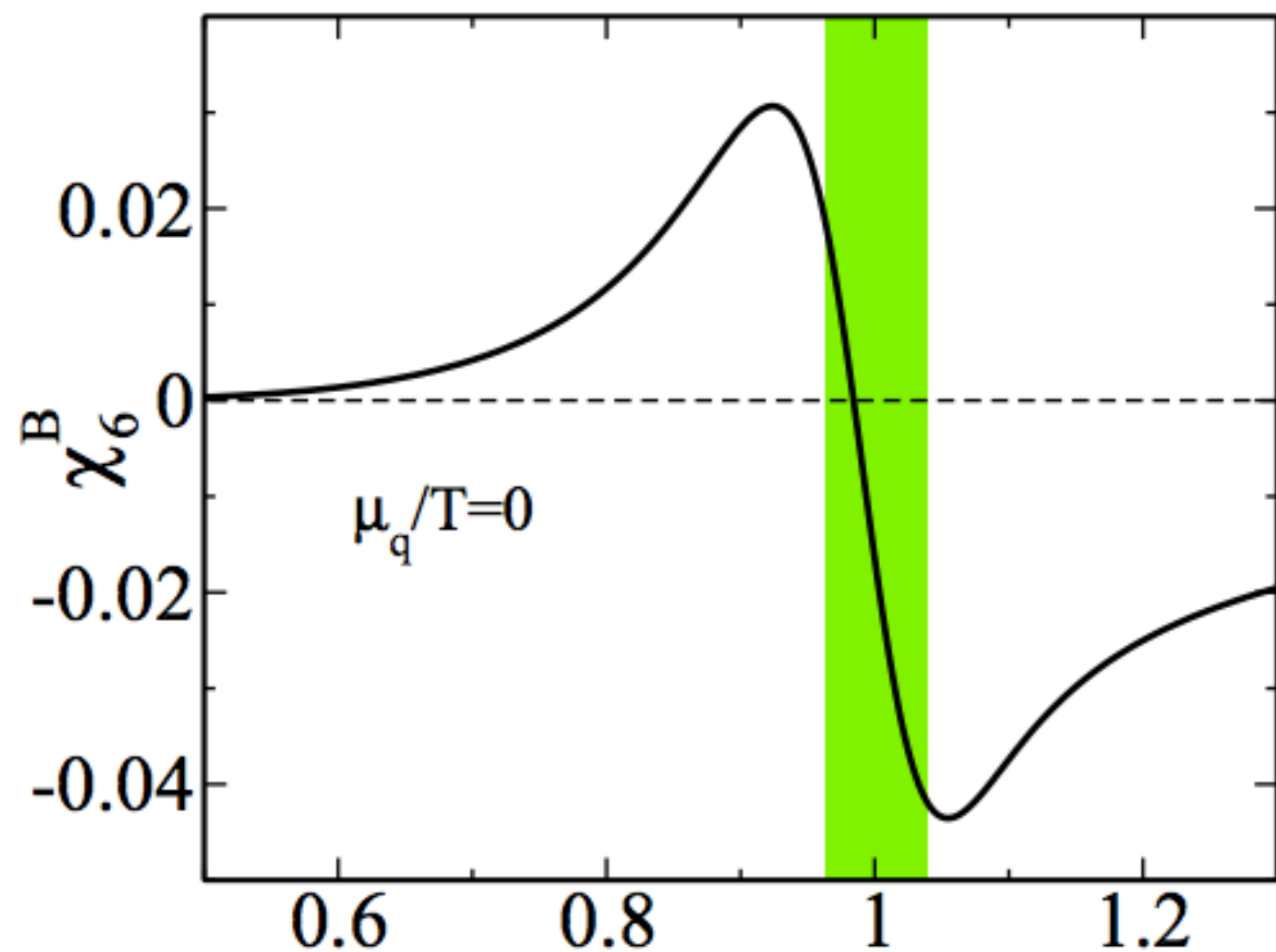


Lattice data suggests

$$T_c^{CEP} < 135 - 140 \text{ MeV}, \quad \mu_B^{CEP} > 300 \text{ MeV}$$

Baryon number fluctuations according to 3-d O(4) universality class

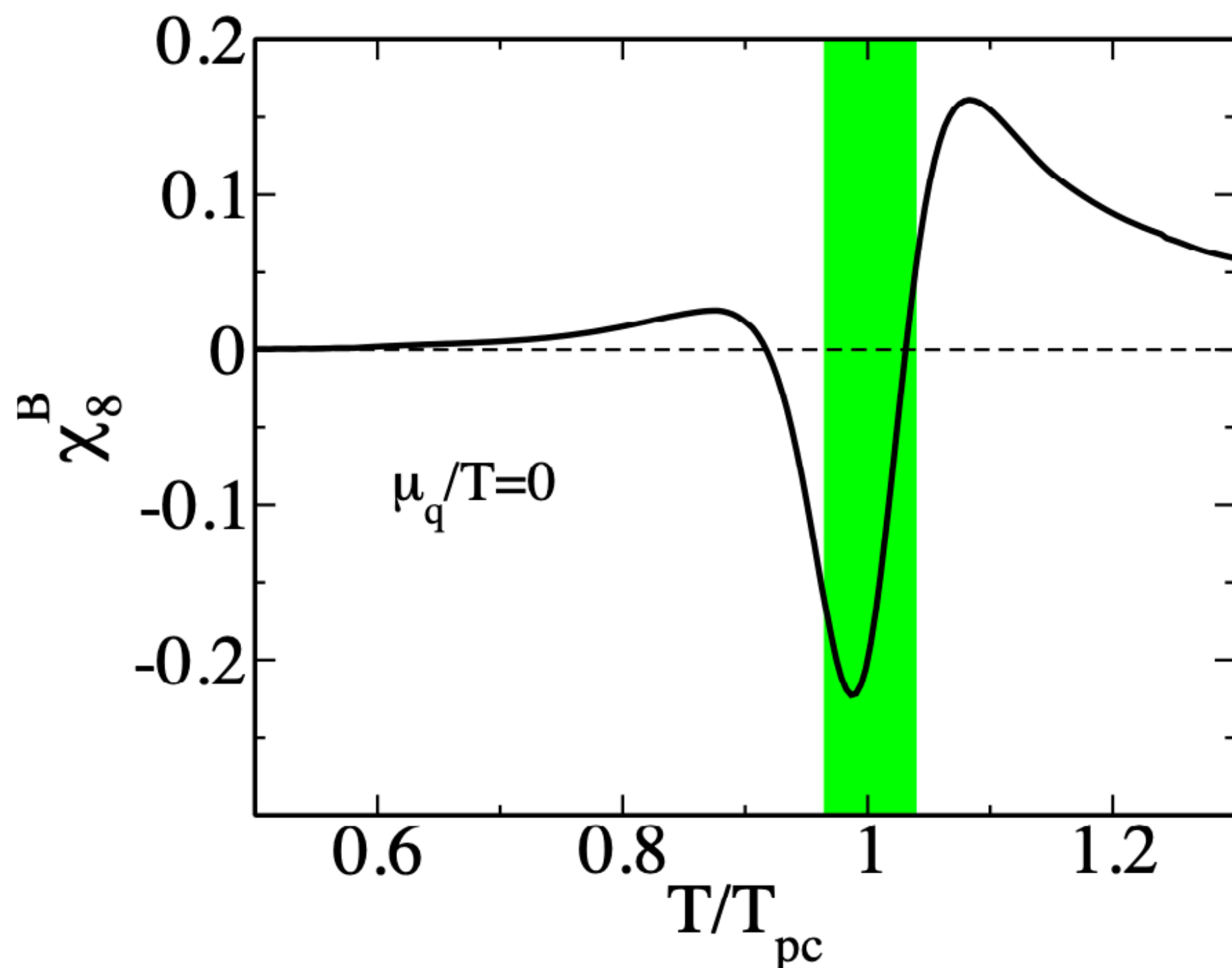
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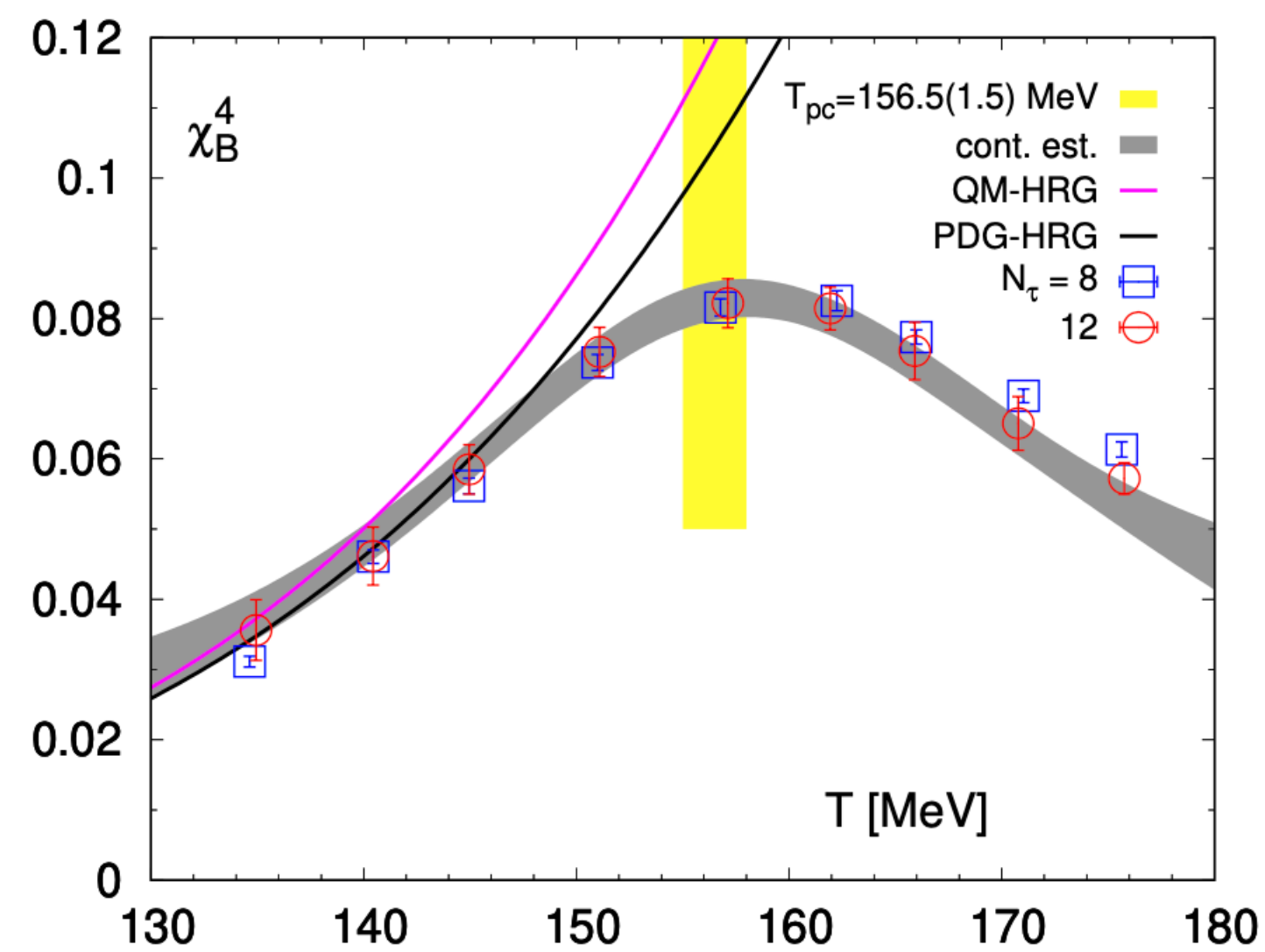
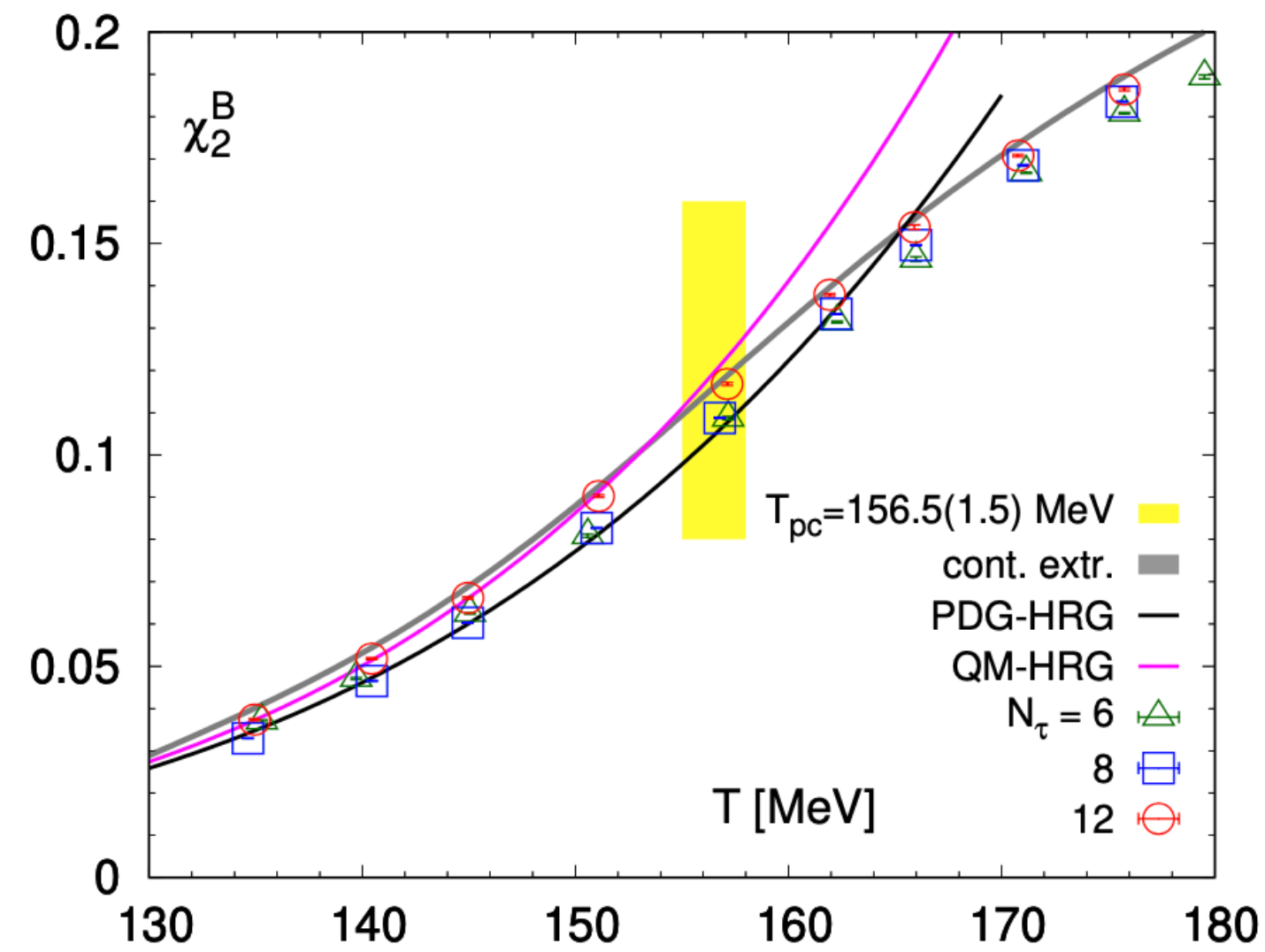


$$\chi_n^B \sim \begin{cases} -(2\kappa_q)^{n/2} |t|^{2-\alpha-n/2} f_{\pm}^{(n/2)} & , \text{ for } \mu_q/T = 0, \text{ and } n \text{ even} \\ -(2\kappa_q)^n \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T}\right)^n |t|^{2-\alpha-n} f_{\pm}^{(n)} & , \text{ for } \mu_q/T > 0, \end{cases}$$

3-d O(4) : $\alpha = -0.21$,

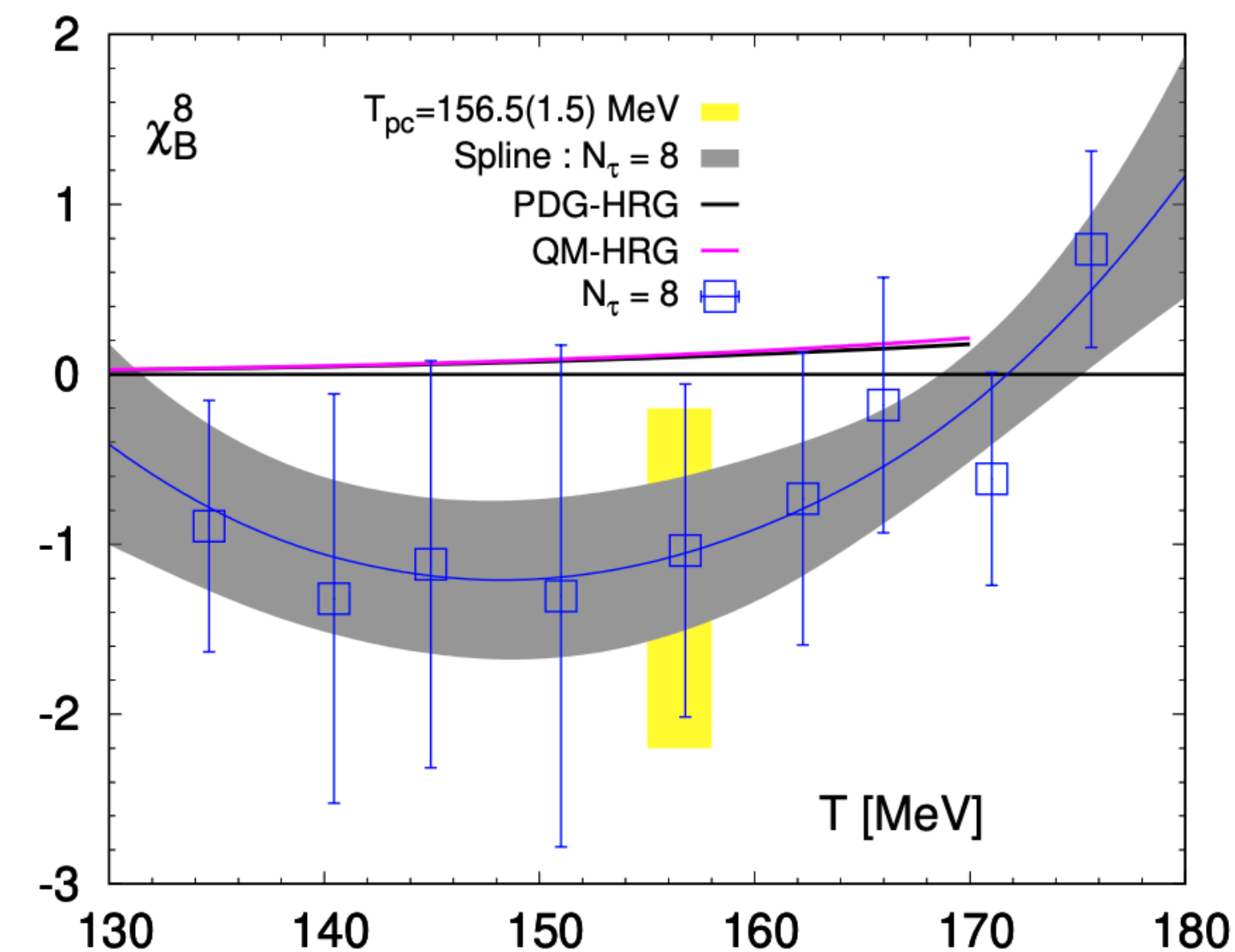
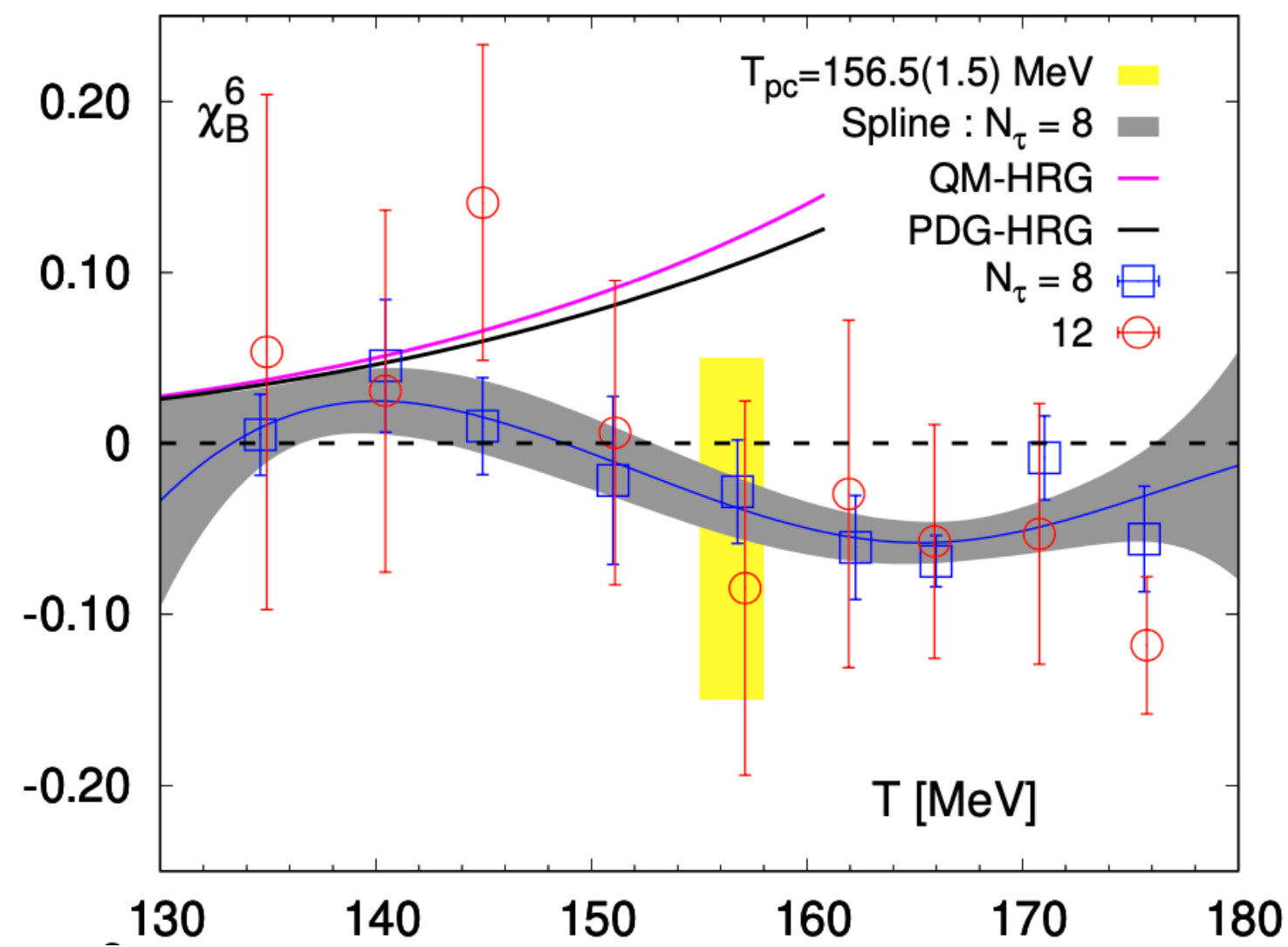
The exponent of t : $2 - \alpha - n/2$
becomes negative only with $n \geq 4$





Taylor expansion coefficients at $\mu_B=0$

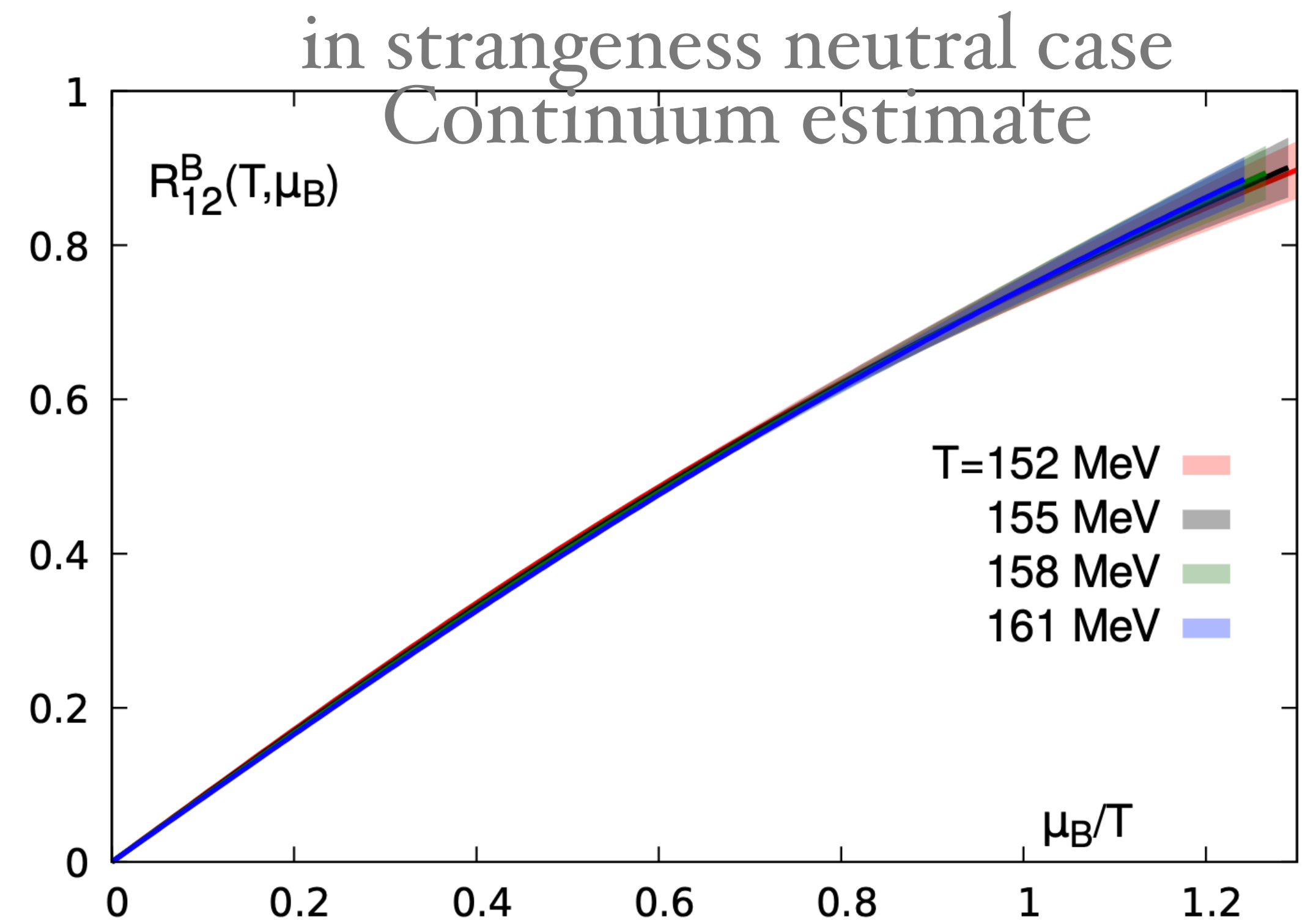
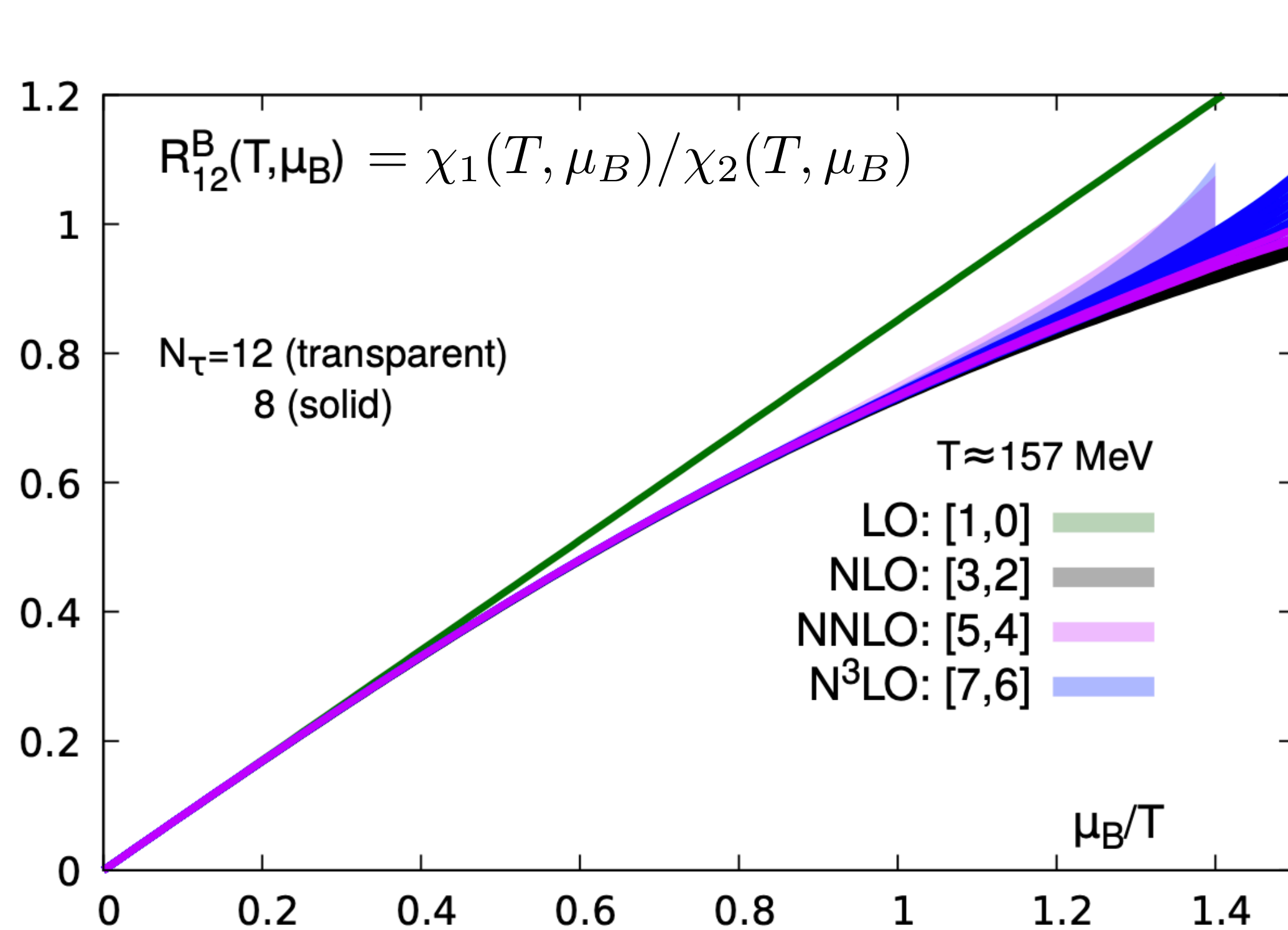
$$\chi_n^B(T) = \left. \frac{\partial^n P(T, \mu_B)/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^n} \right|_{\hat{\mu}_B=0}$$



Fluctuations of baryon numbers at $\mu_B \neq 0$

$$\chi_n^B(T, \mu_B) = \sum_{k=0}^{k_{max}} \tilde{\chi}_n^{B,k}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^k$$

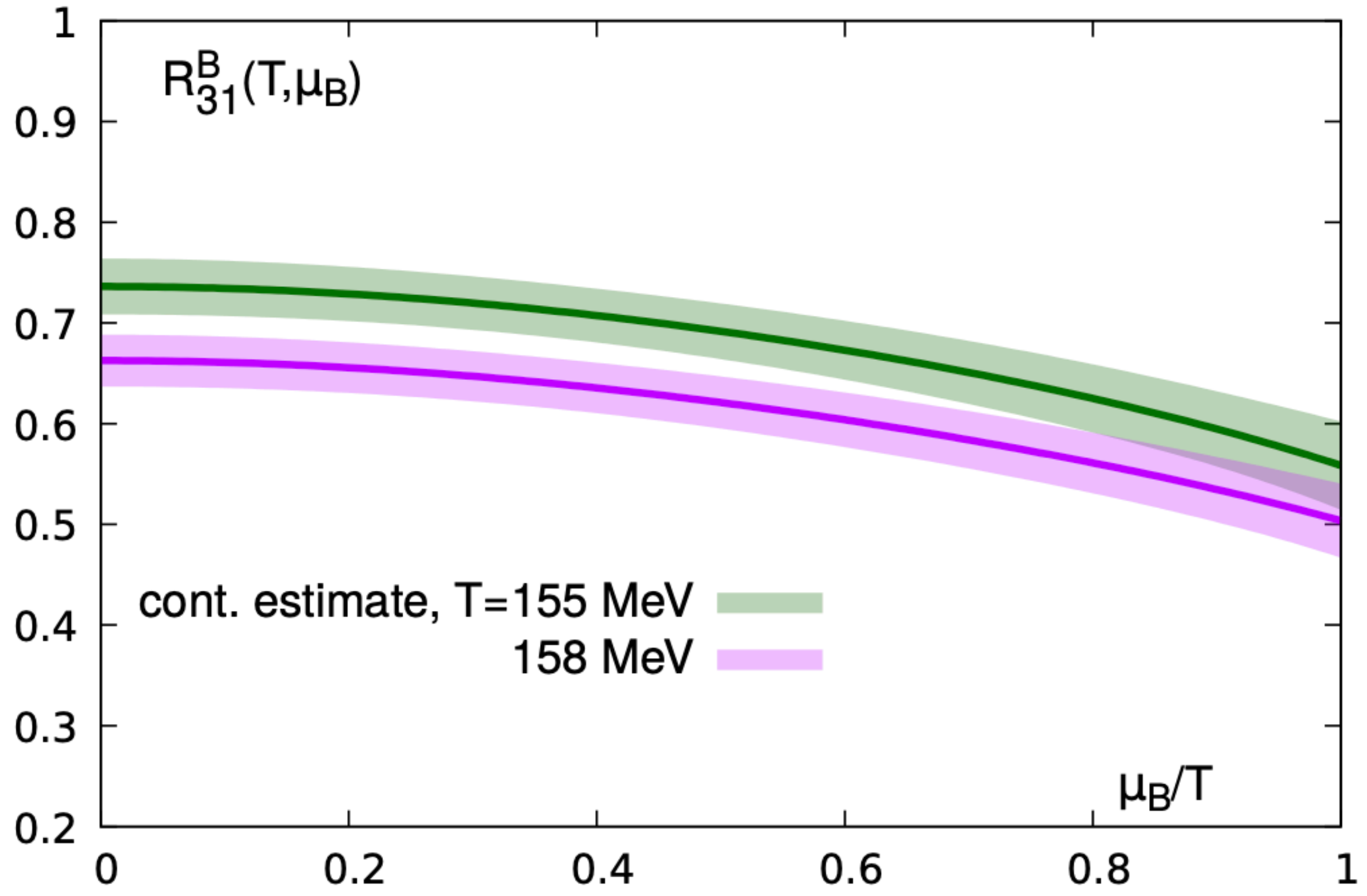
$$R_{nm}^B = \frac{\chi_n^B(T, \mu_B)}{\chi_m^B(T, \mu_B)} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{k_{max}} \tilde{\chi}_n^{B,k}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^k}{\sum_{l=1}^{l_{max}} \tilde{\chi}_m^{B,l}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^l}$$



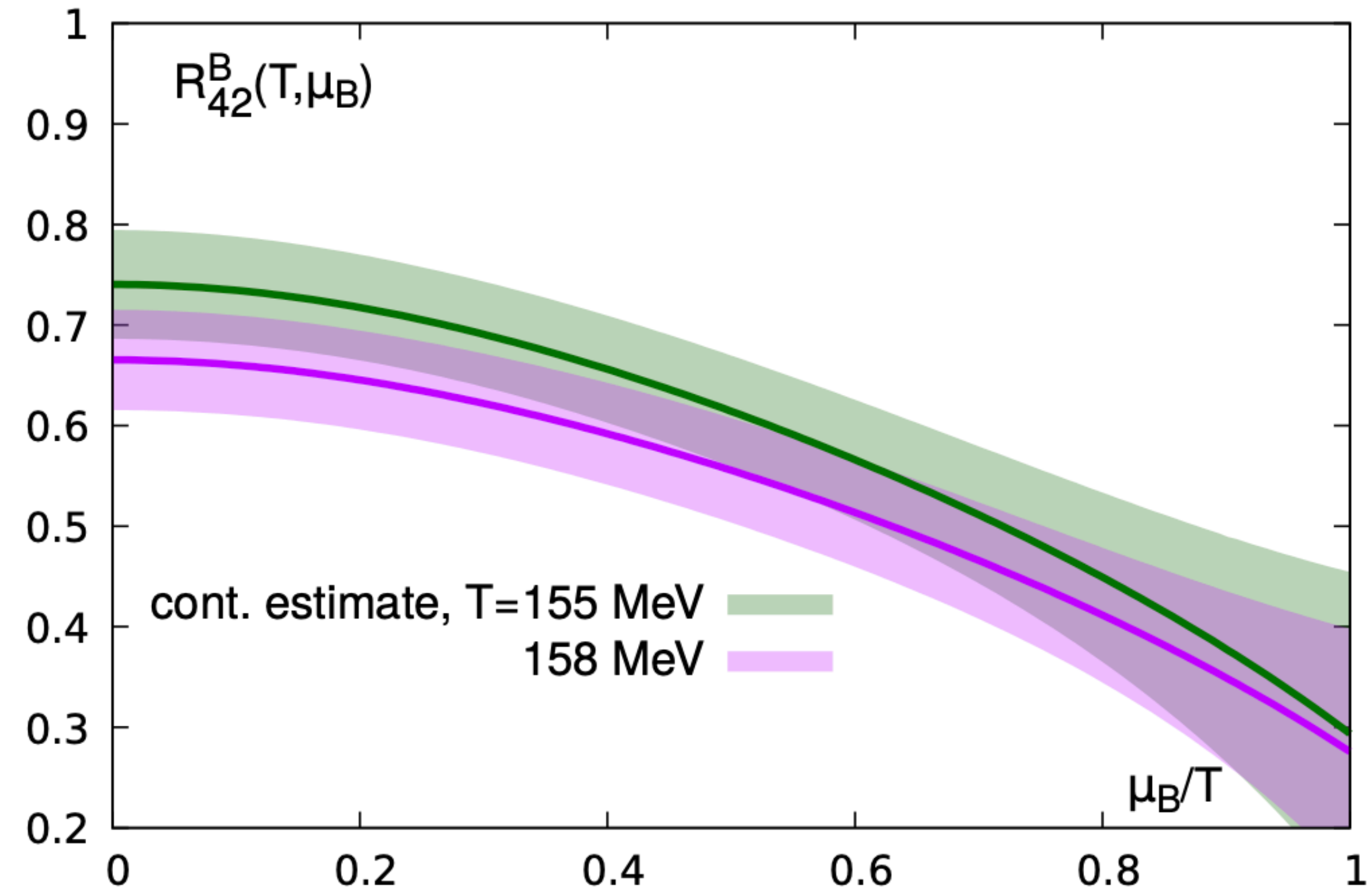
$R_{12}(\mu_B/T)$ is almost independent on T and will be used to convert μ_B to $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

Continuum estimates for skewness and kurtosis ratios in NNLO

Skewness ratio

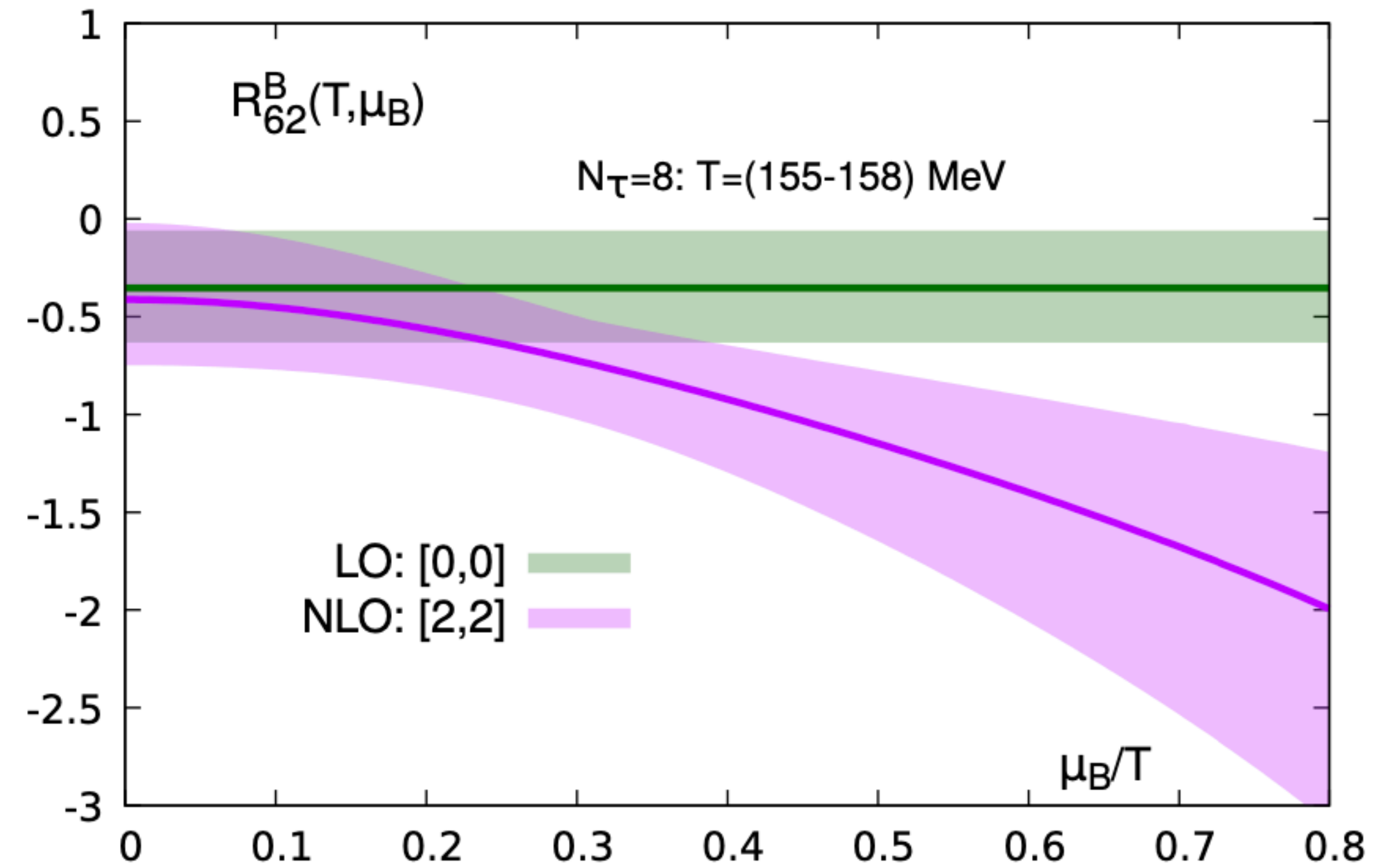
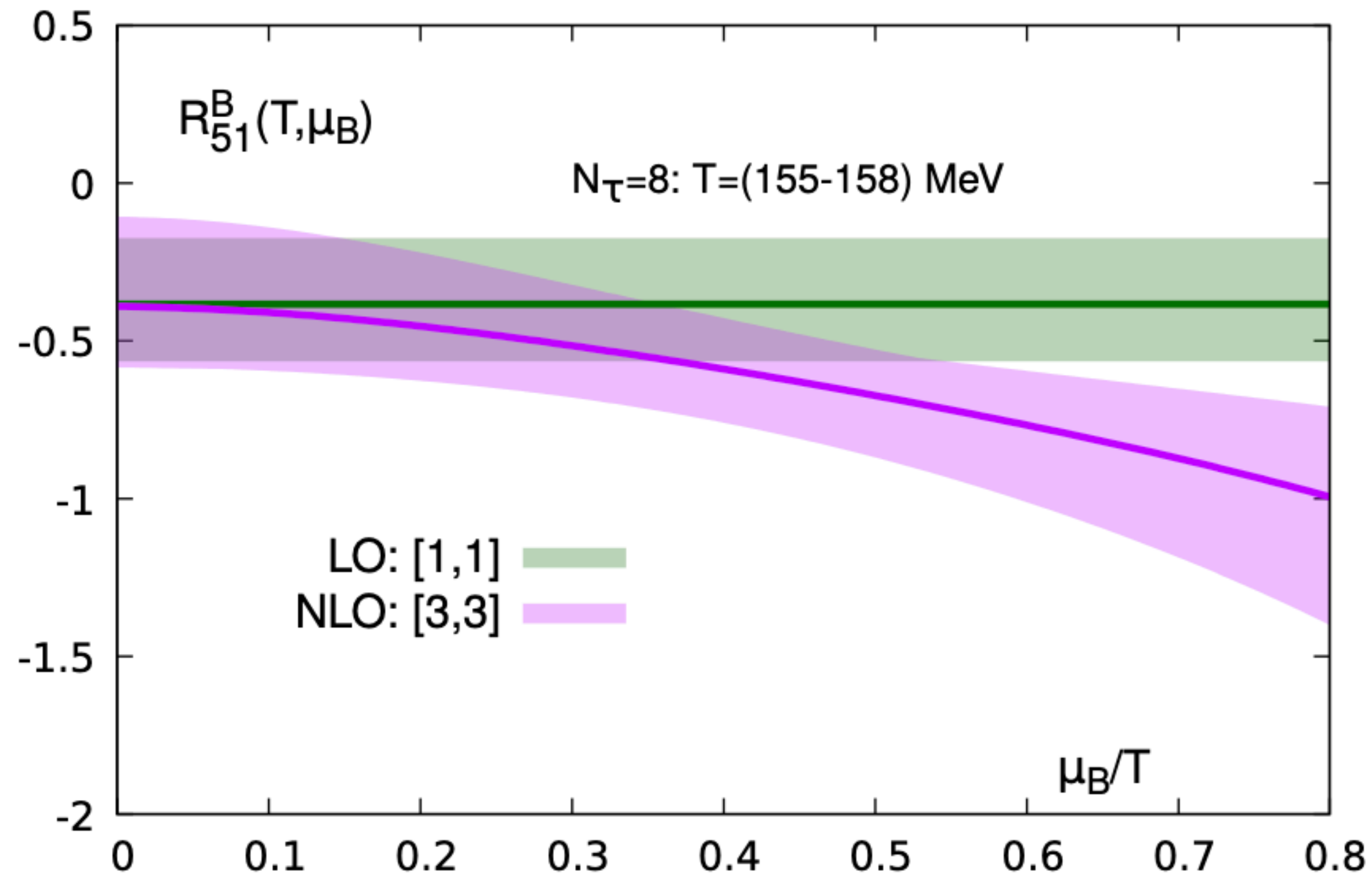


Kurtosis ratio



Both ratios decrease with μ_B/T and becomes larger at smaller T

hyper-skewness and hyper-kurtosis ratios



Both C_5/C_1 & C_6/C_2 are negative in NLO!

Explore the QCD phase diagram through fluctuations of conserved charges $x=B, Q, S$

HIC

mean: M_x

variance: σ_x^2

skewness: S_x

kurtosis: κ_x

hyper-skewness: S_x^h

hyper-kurtosis: κ_x^h

Proxies:

proton, charge particles,
kaons

$$\frac{M_x(\sqrt{s})}{\sigma_x^2(\sqrt{s})} = \frac{\langle N_x \rangle}{\langle (\delta N_x)^2 \rangle} = \frac{\chi_1^x(T, \mu_B)}{\chi_2^x(T, \mu_B)} = R_{12}^x(T, \mu_B)$$

$$\frac{S_x(\sqrt{s}) \sigma_x^3(\sqrt{s})}{M_x(\sqrt{s})} = \frac{\langle (\delta N_x)^3 \rangle}{\langle N_x \rangle} = \frac{\chi_3^x(T, \mu_B)}{\chi_1^x(T, \mu_B)} = R_{31}^x(T, \mu_B)$$

$$\kappa_x(\sqrt{s}) \sigma_x^2(\sqrt{s}) = \frac{\langle (\delta N_x)^4 \rangle}{\langle (\delta N_x)^2 \rangle} = \frac{\chi_4^x(T, \mu_B)}{\chi_2^x(T, \mu_B)} = R_{42}^x(T, \mu_B)$$

$$\frac{S_x^h(\sqrt{s}) \sigma_x^5(\sqrt{s})}{M_x(\sqrt{s})} = \frac{\langle (\delta N_x)^5 \rangle}{\langle N_x \rangle} = \frac{\chi_5^x(T, \mu_B)}{\chi_1^x(T, \mu_B)} = R_{51}^x(T, \mu_B)$$

$$\kappa_x^h(\sqrt{s}) \sigma_x^4(\sqrt{s}) = \frac{\langle (\delta N_x)^6 \rangle}{\langle (\delta N_x)^2 \rangle} = \frac{\chi_6^x(T, \mu_B)}{\chi_2^x(T, \mu_B)} = R_{62}^x(T, \mu_B)$$

LQCD

generalized susceptibilities

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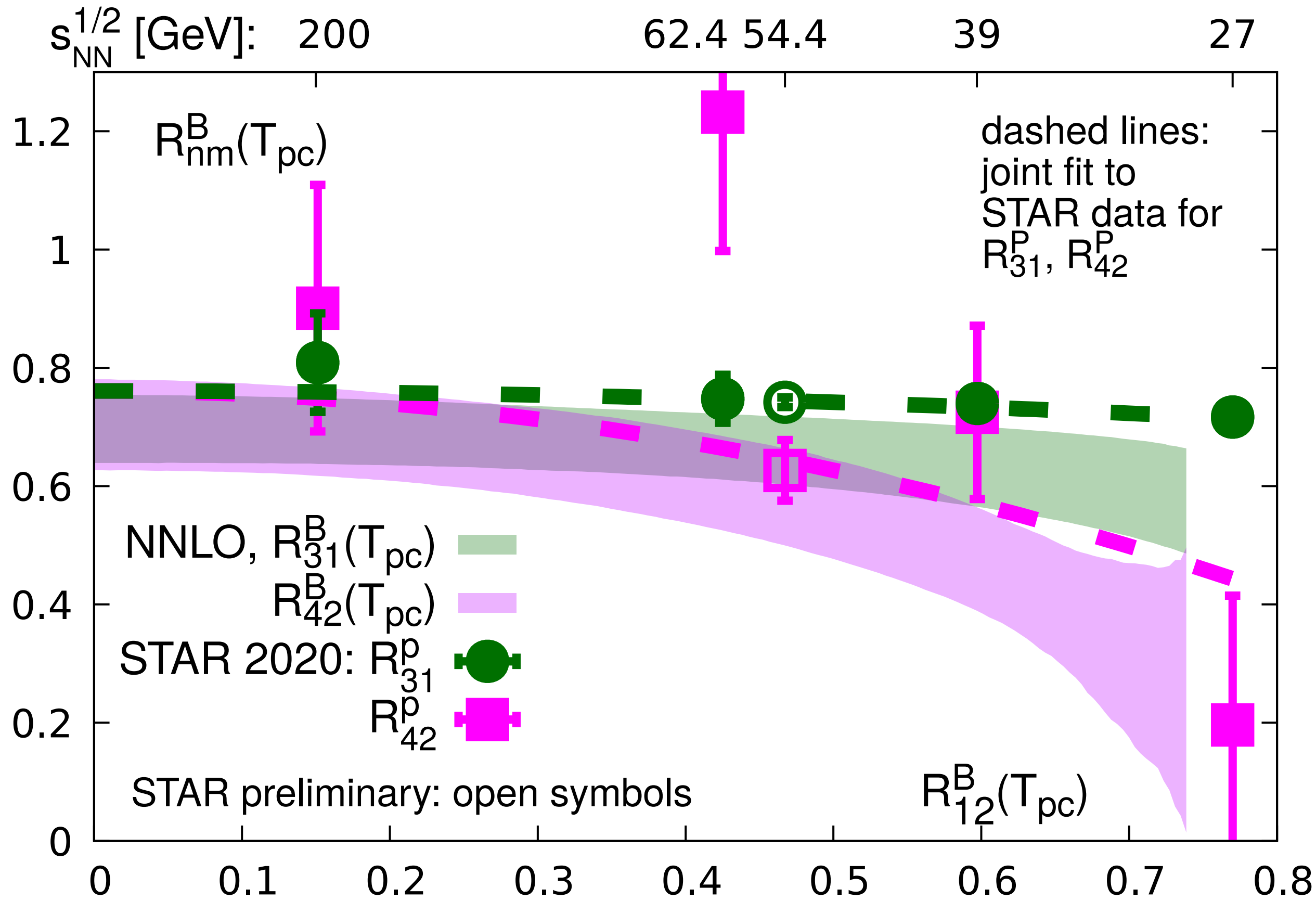
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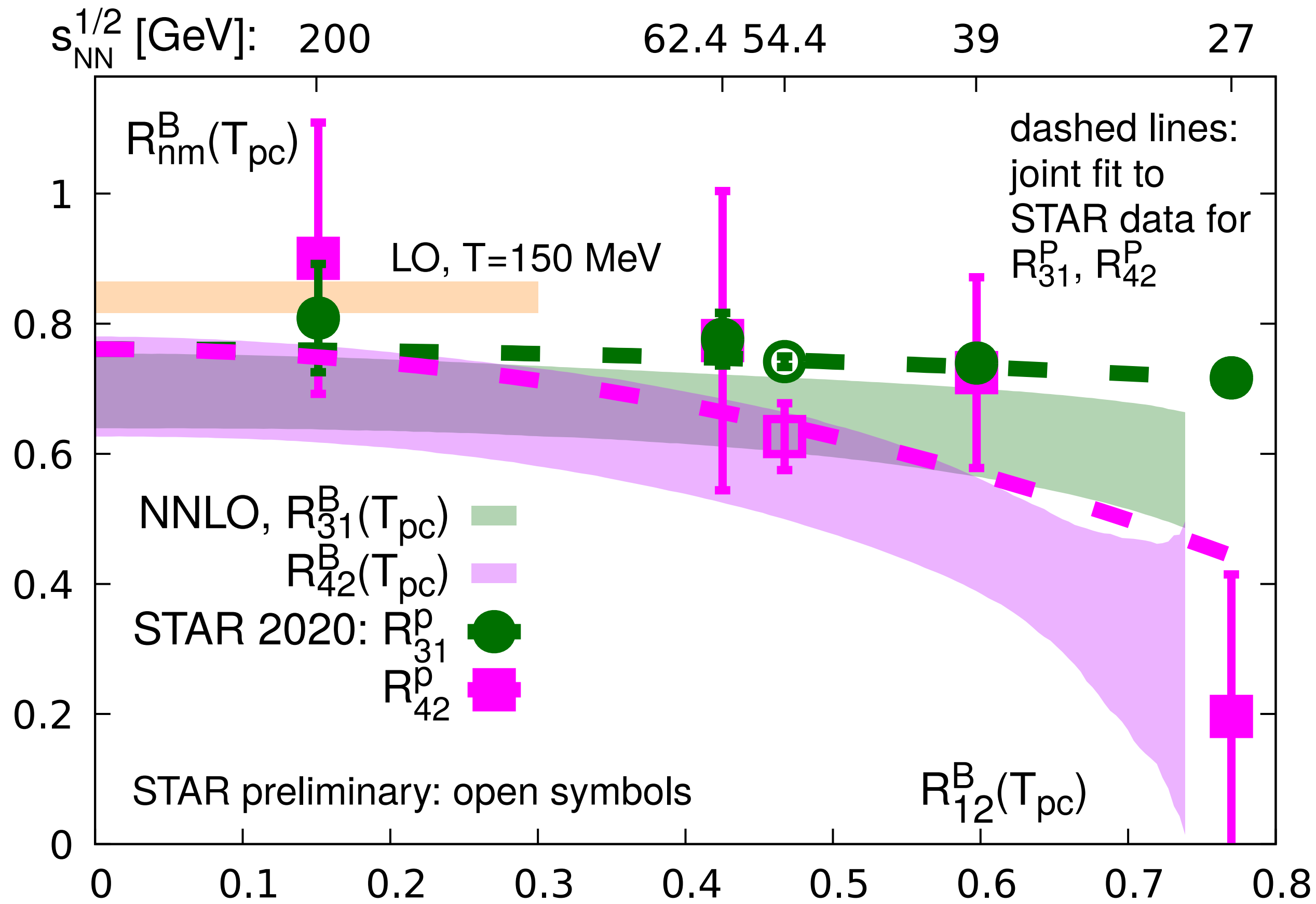
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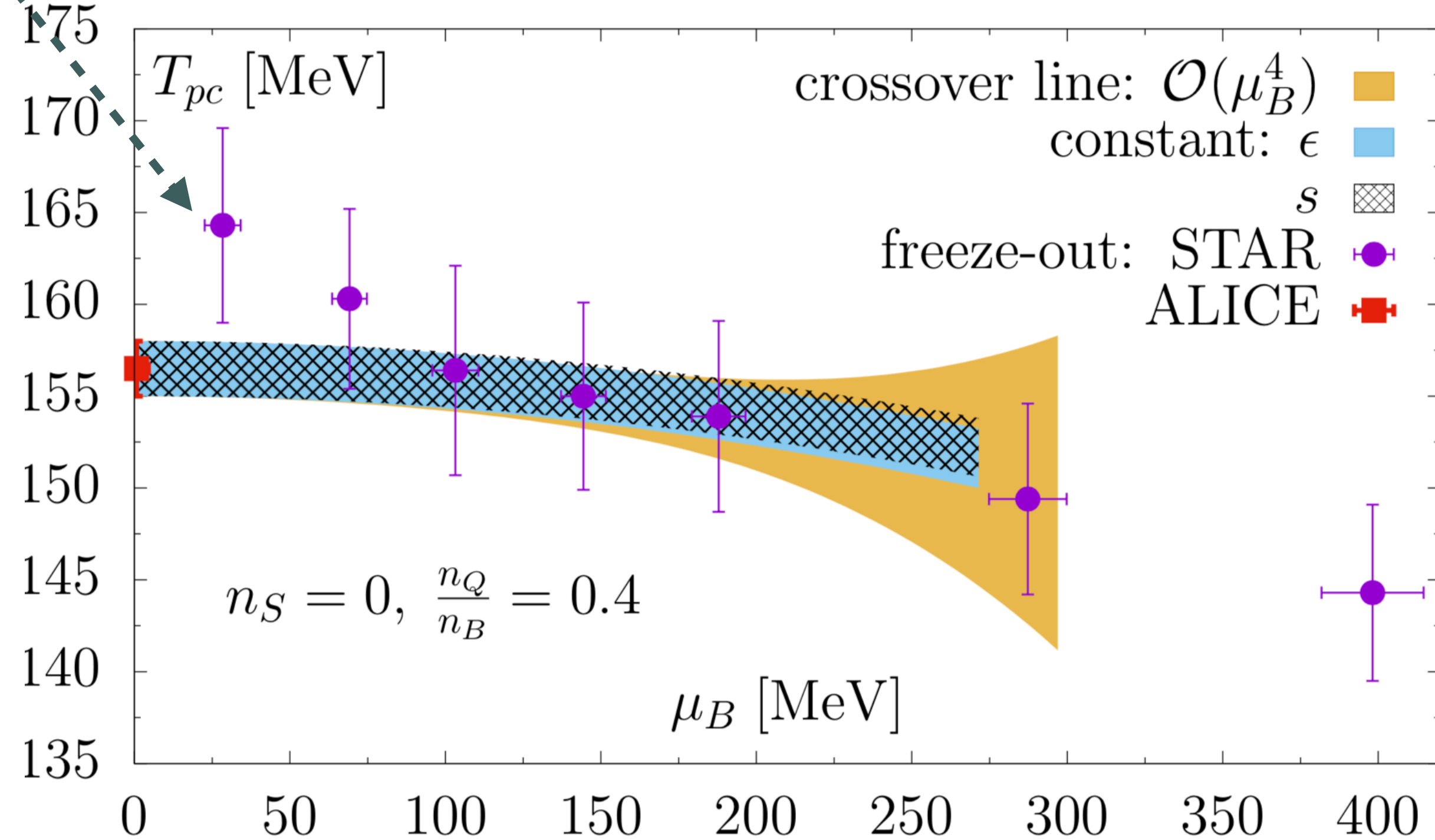
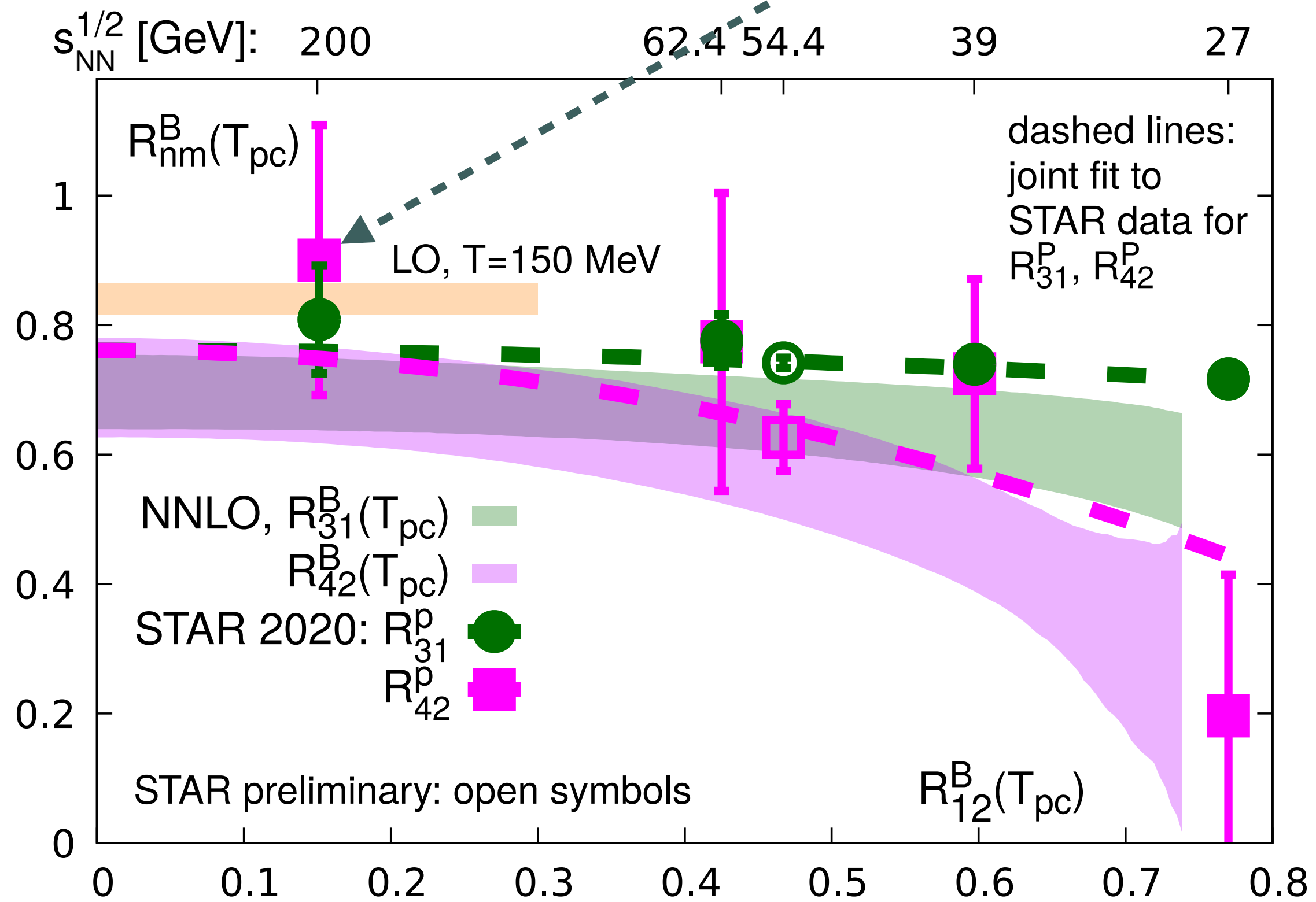
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62.4 GeV kurtosis data are now consistent with updated STAR data



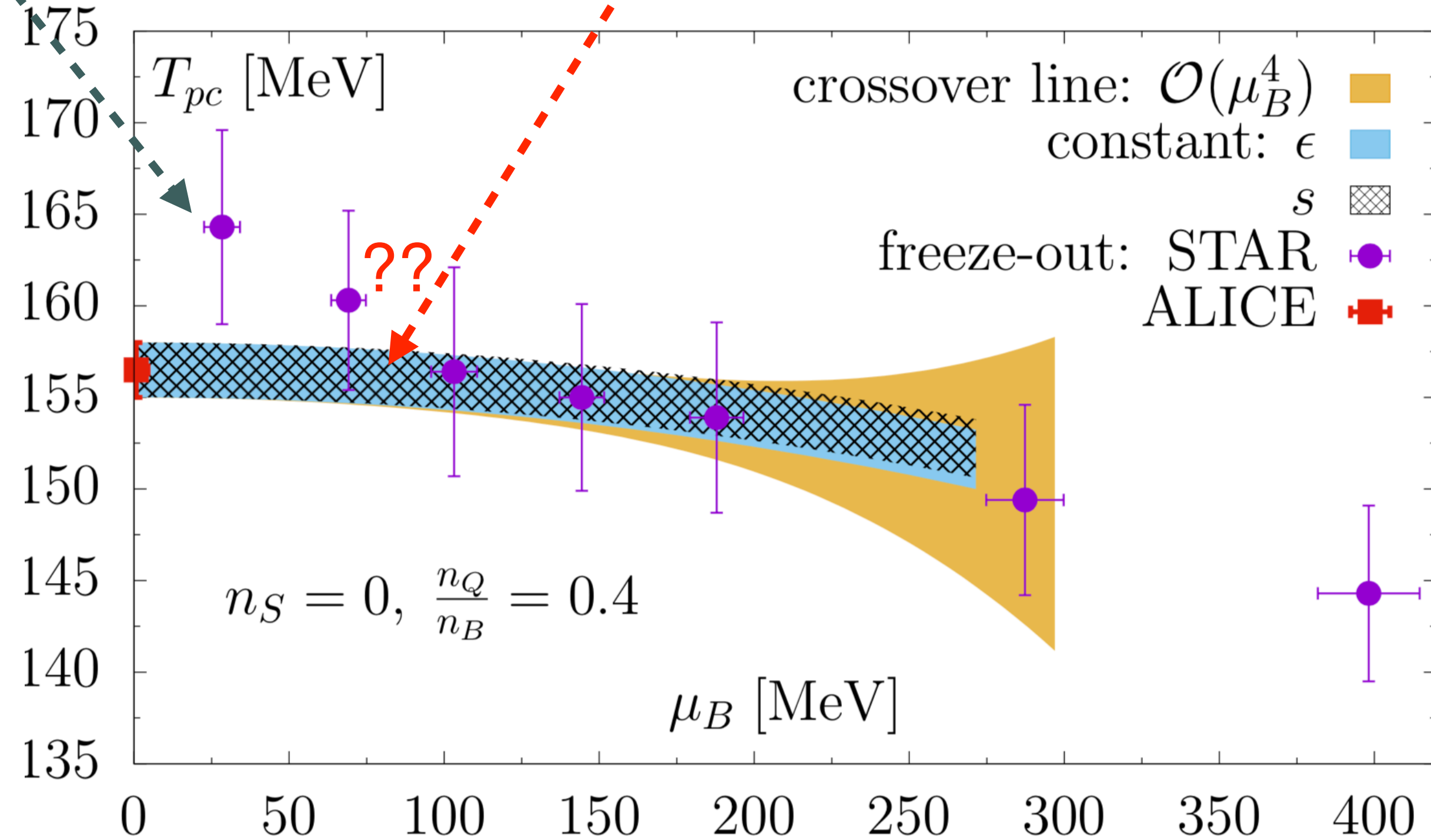
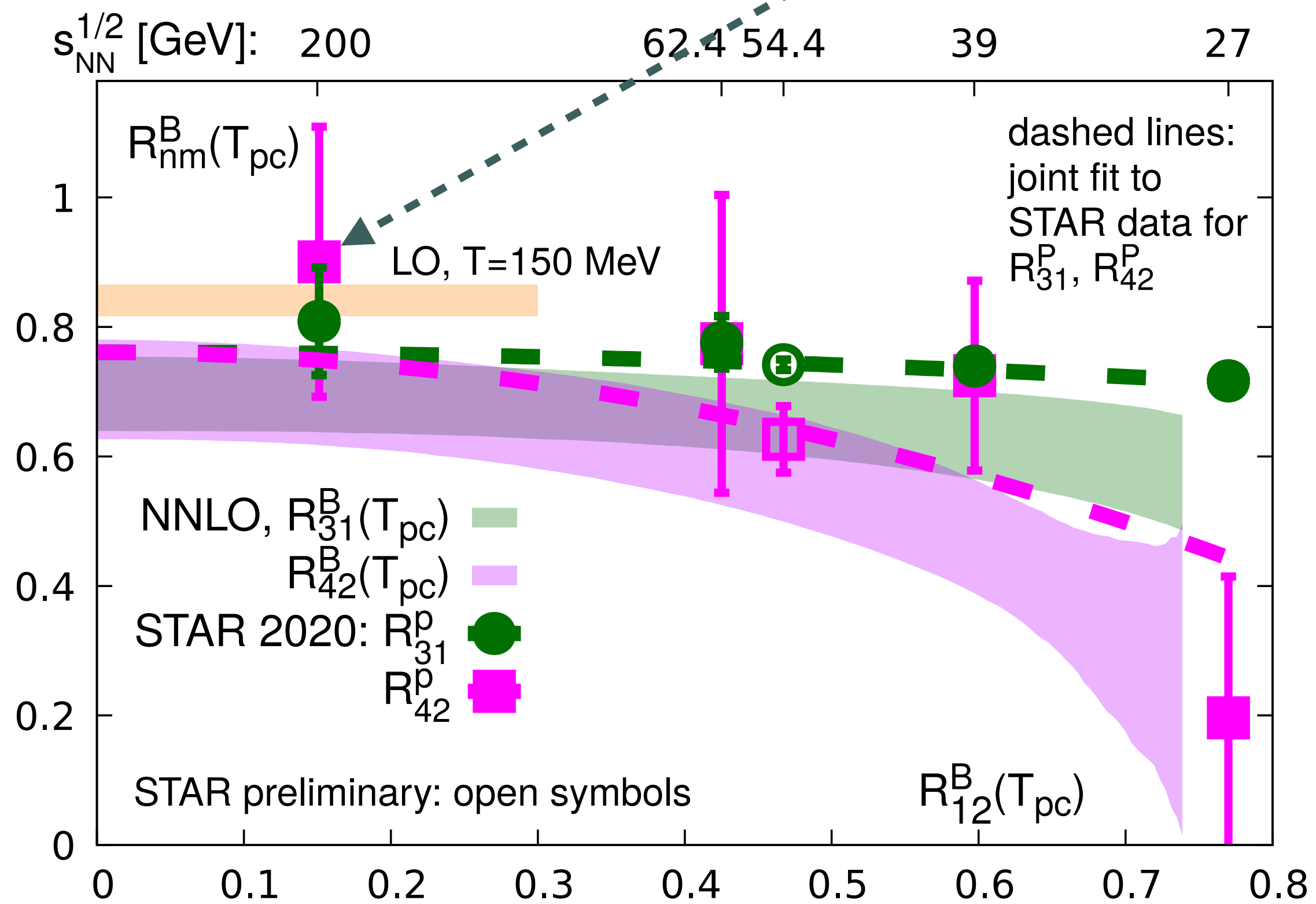
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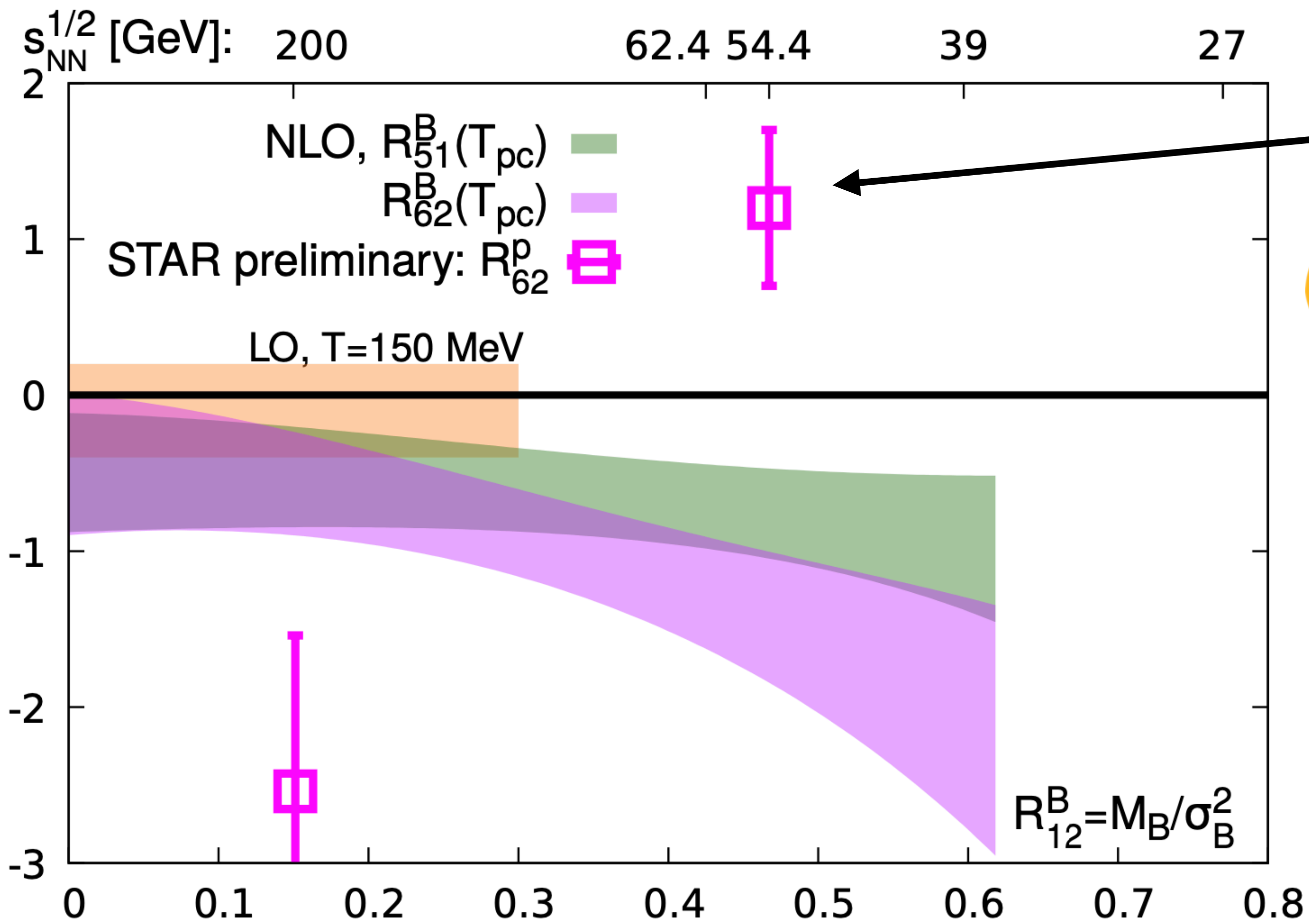




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$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 54.4$ GeV





Qualitatively different sign!!!

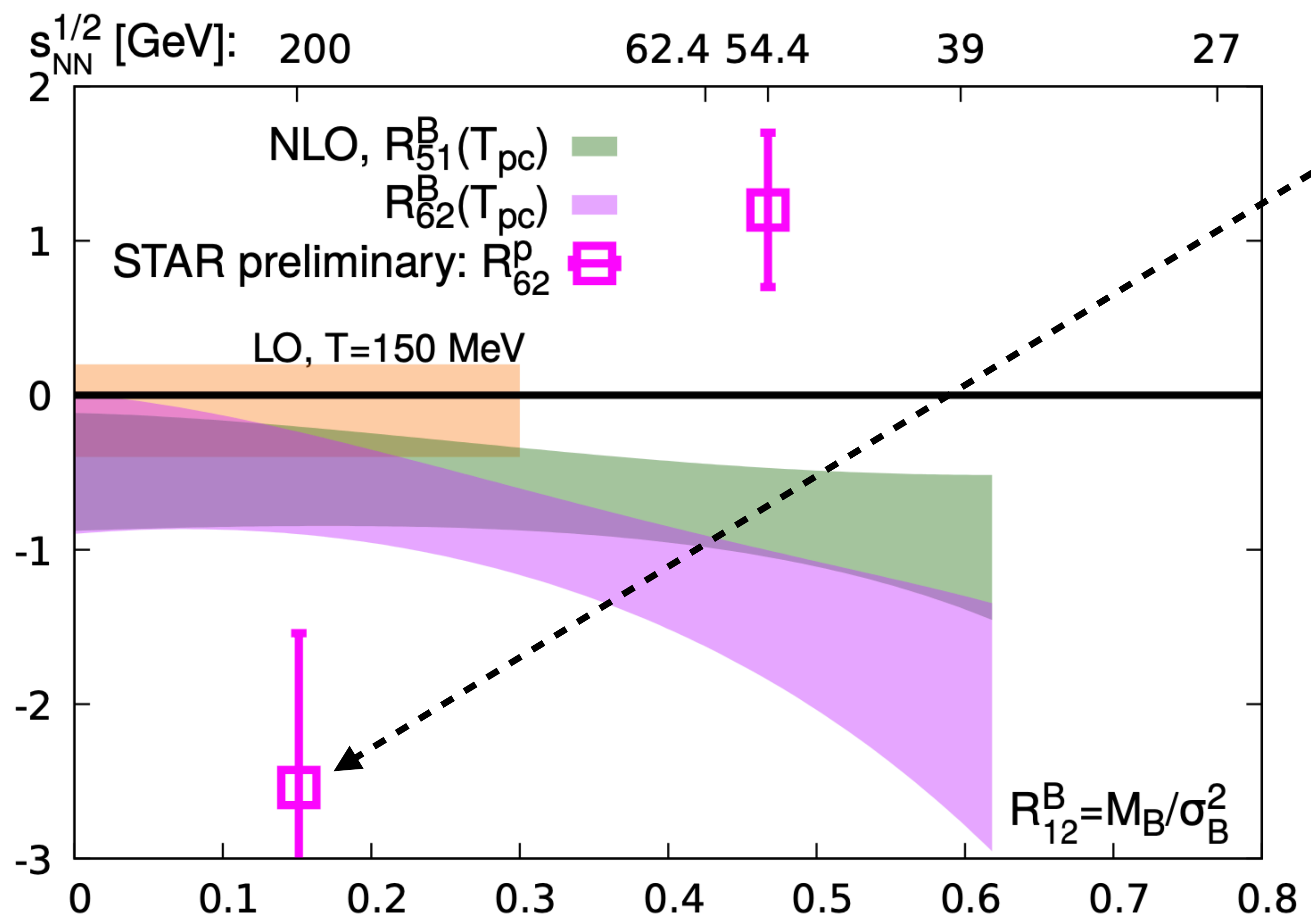


1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th order cumulant (ratios) at 54.4 GeV are consistent while $C6/C2$ is not

Statistics?

NNLO contributions in LQCD computations?
 Continuum extrapolation?
 Off equilibrium effects?

A large higher order (10th) Taylor expansion coefficient is needed to turn $C6/C2$ positive, however, such a large coefficient is not expected since 54.4 GeV is not expected to be close or in the critical region



LQCD and STAR data:
same sign



The LQCD results at 200 GeV is more reliable than that at 54.4 GeV, as the contribution from the higher expansion coefficients is more under control in the former case

Due to the agreement in C3/C1 & C4/C2 at 54.4 GeV, more statistics seems to be needed at 200 GeV to reconcile the conflict

STAR: C5/C1 ?

Summary

📌 Chiral and deconfinement properties in strong magnetic field: GMOR relation, 2nd order fluctuation and correlations of conserved charges

📌 Negative 6th and 8th order cumulants as well as $T_c^0 \approx 132 \text{ MeV}$ suggests a possible critical end point can be located only at

$$T_c^{CEP} < 135 - 140 \text{ MeV} \quad \mu_B^{CEP} > 300 \text{ MeV}$$

📌 Up to 6th order cumulants of net baryon number along the crossover line

