

# On the QCD phase structure from functional methods

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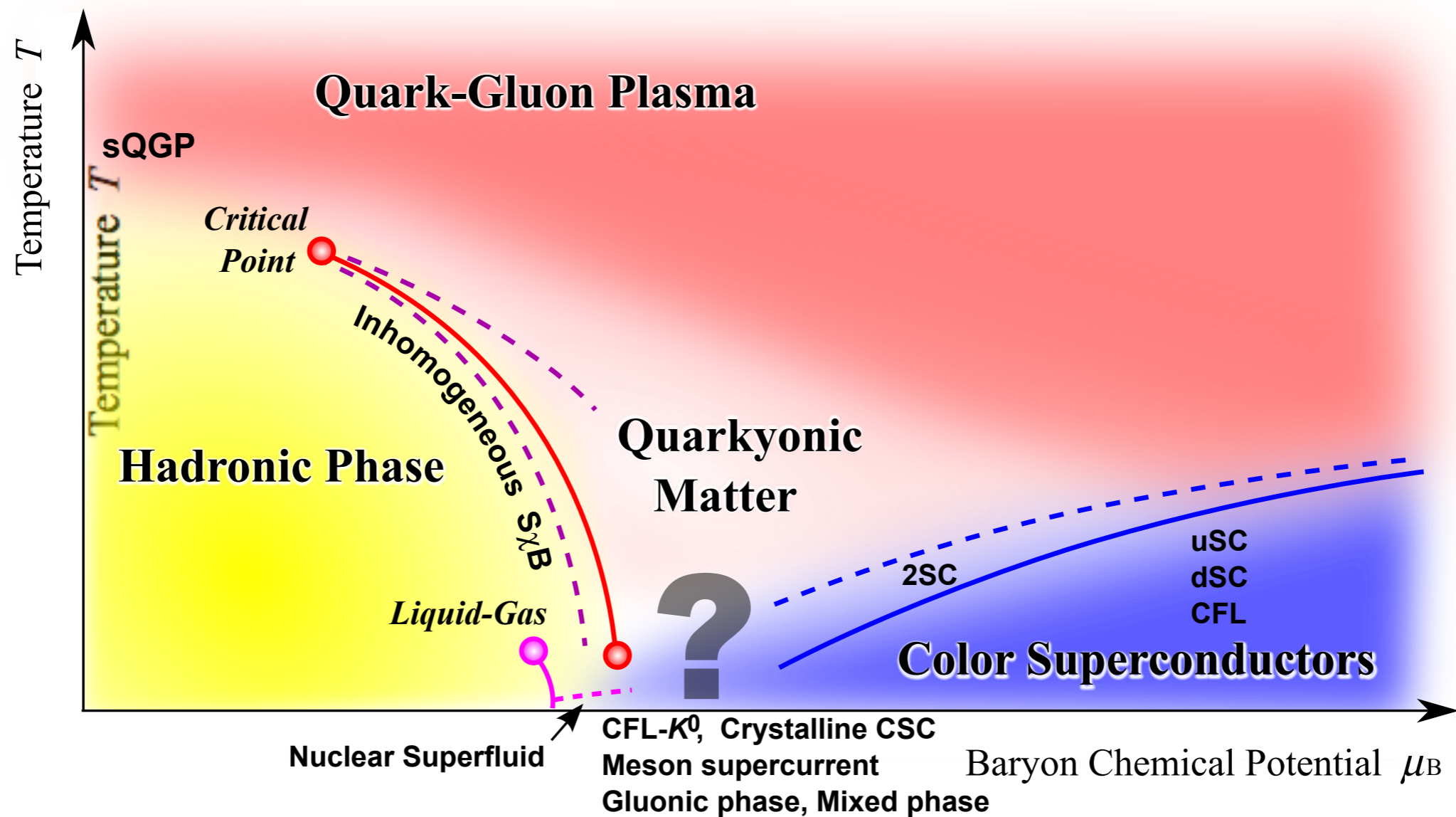
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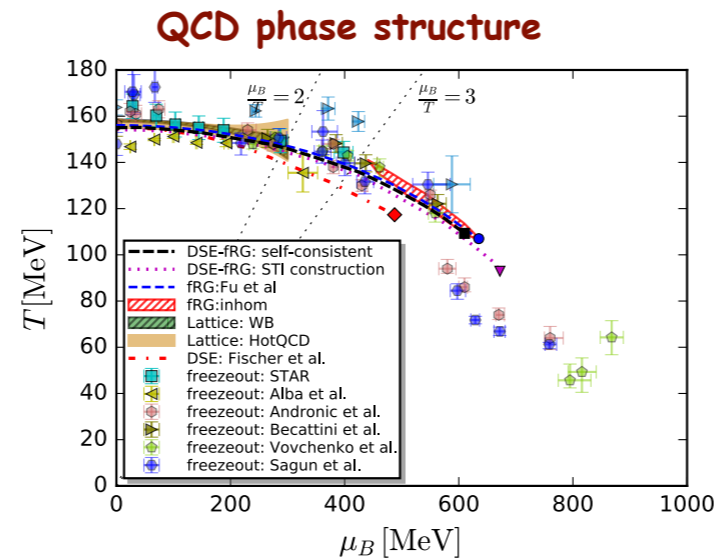
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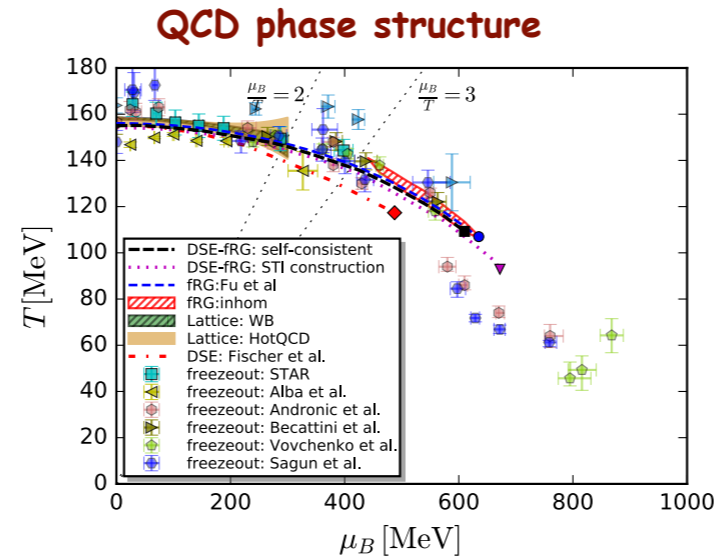
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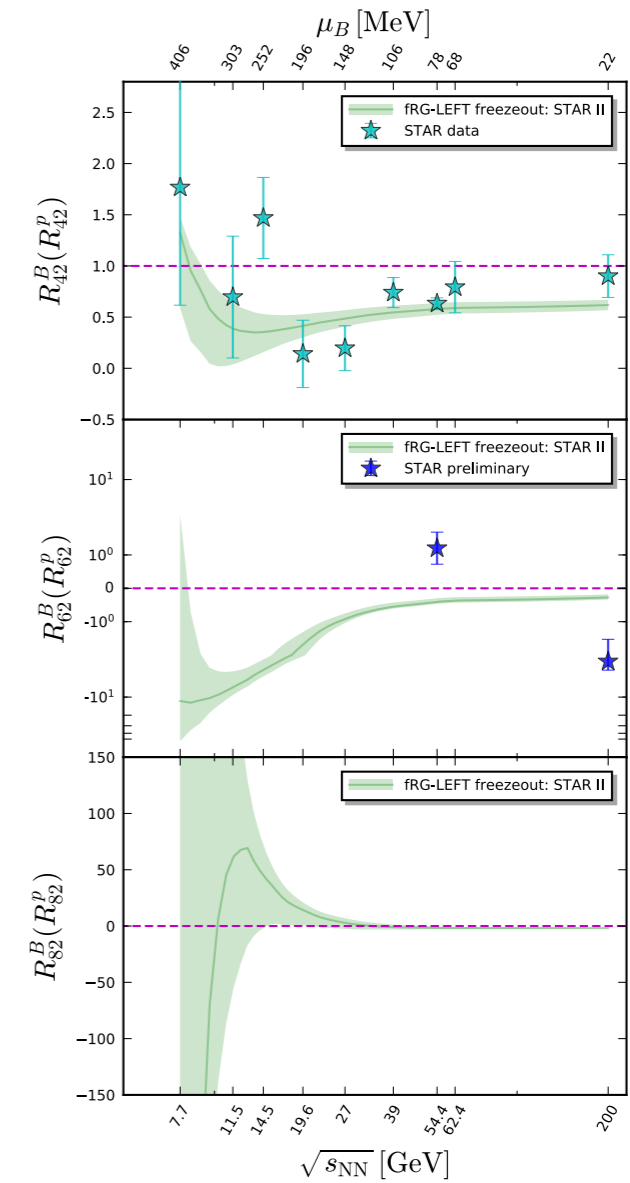


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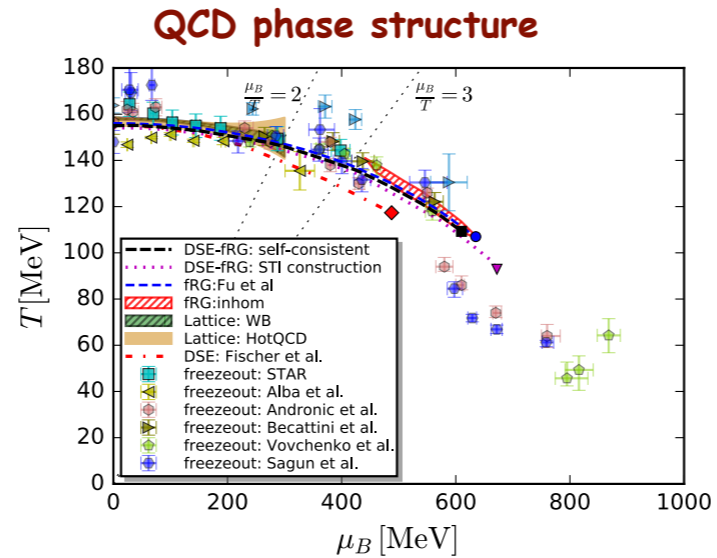


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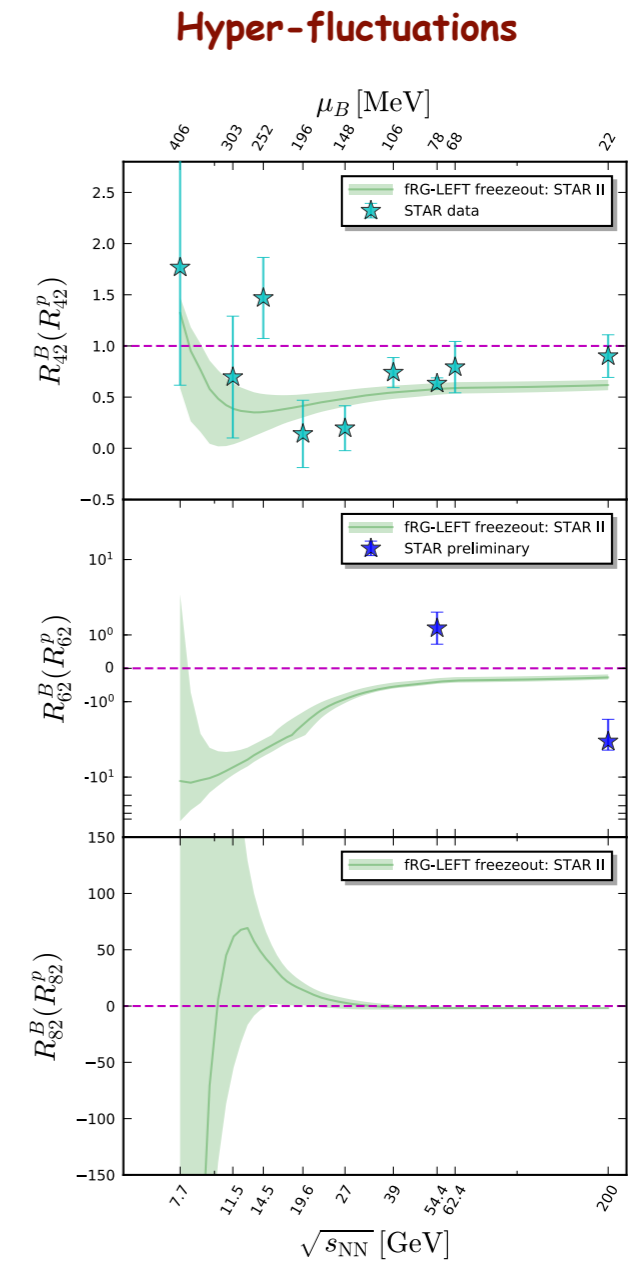
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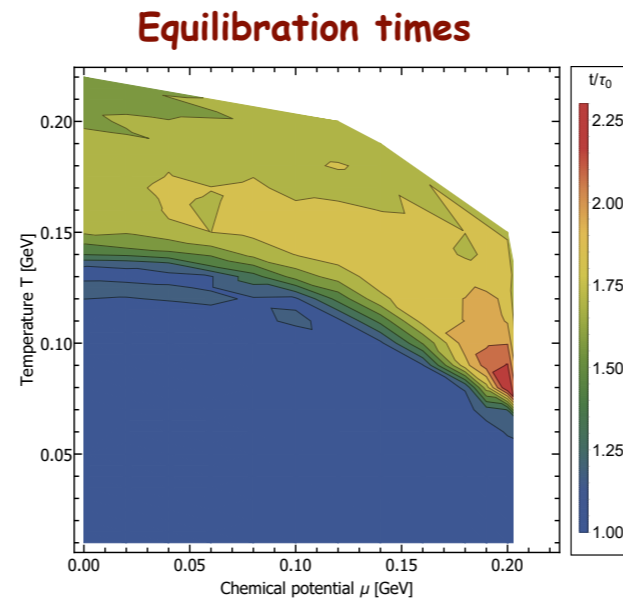
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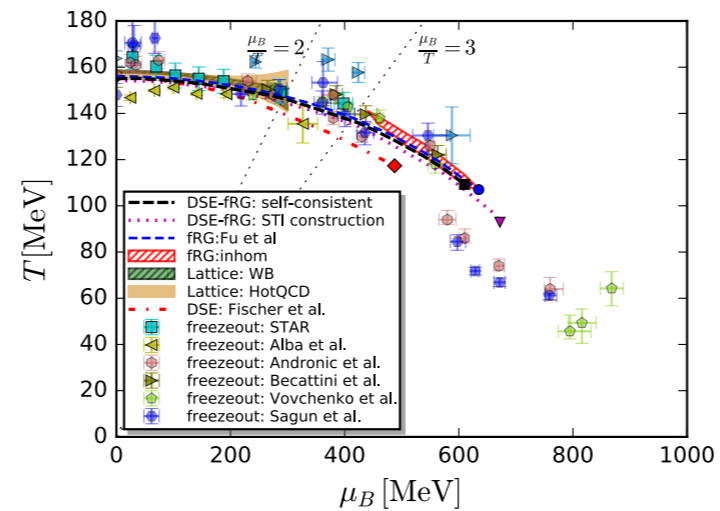
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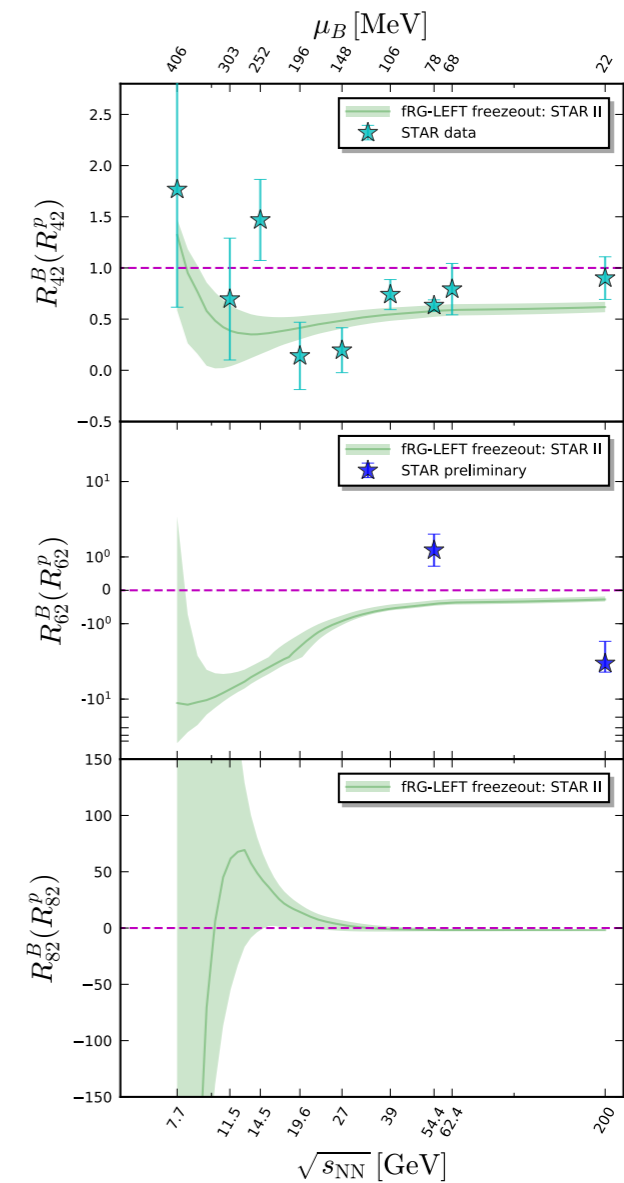
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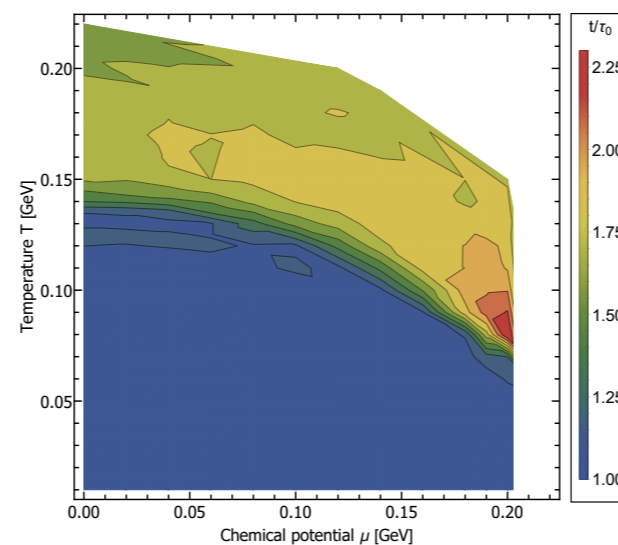
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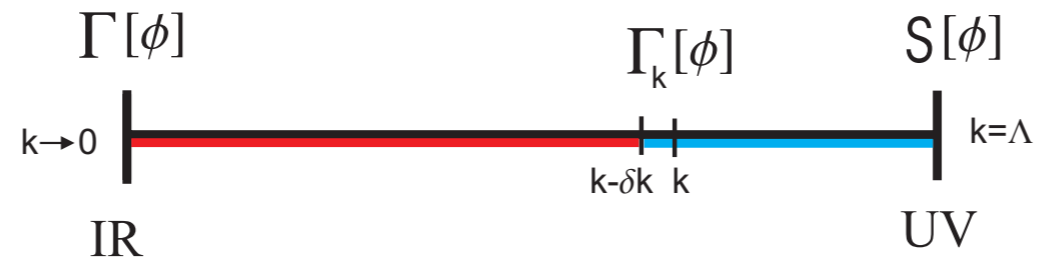
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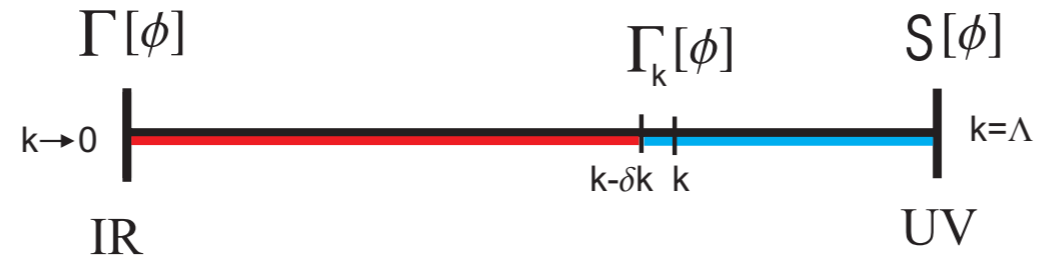
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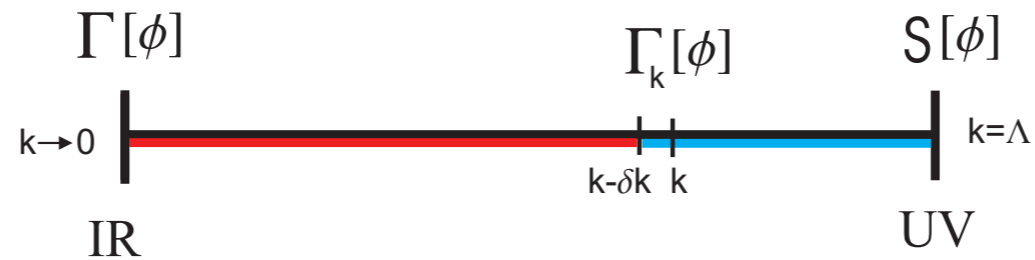
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where

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \vec{p}_1 \\ \vec{p}_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{---} \left. \begin{array}{c} \vec{p}_4 \\ \vec{p}_3 \end{array} \right\} (\phi) = 0$$

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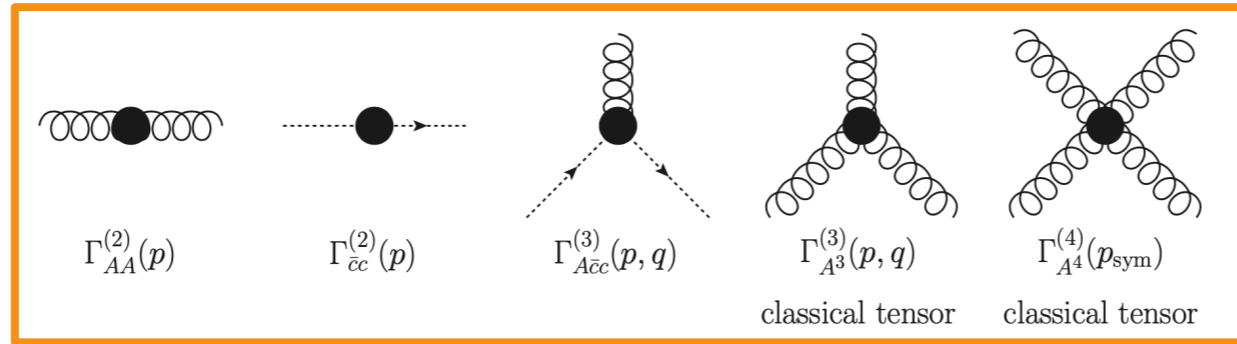
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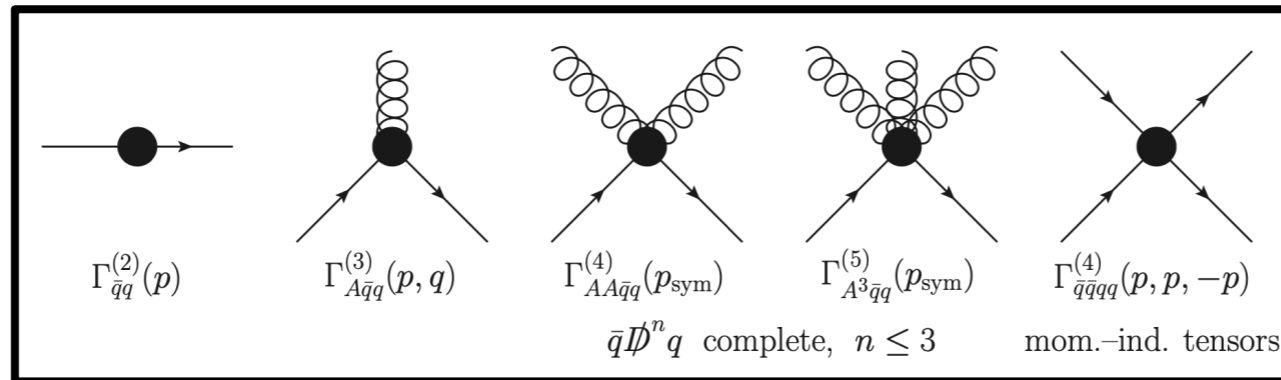
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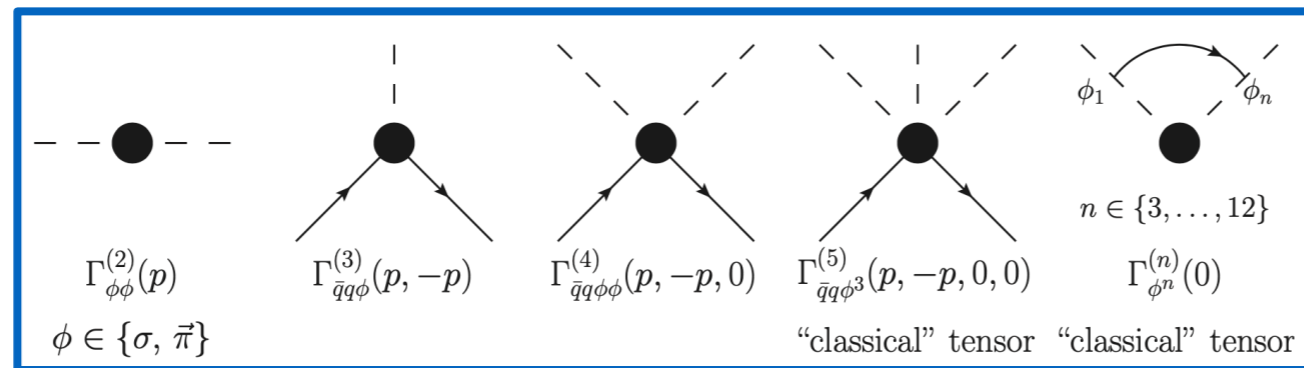
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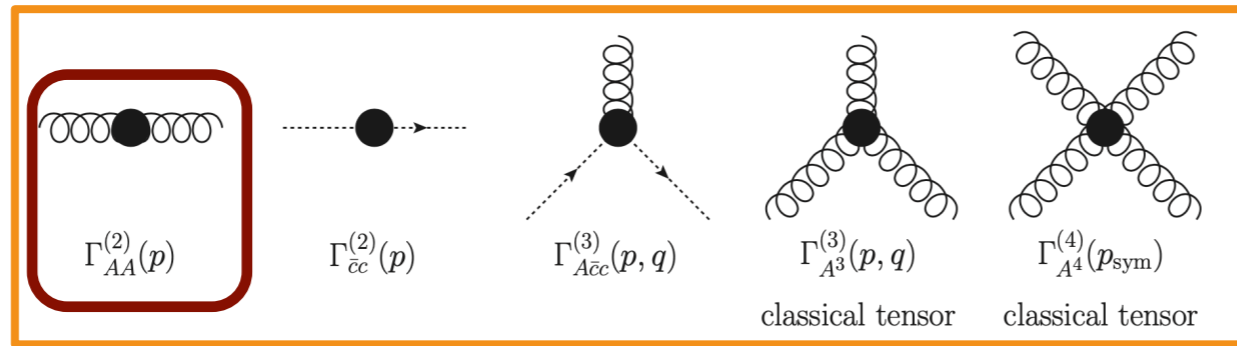
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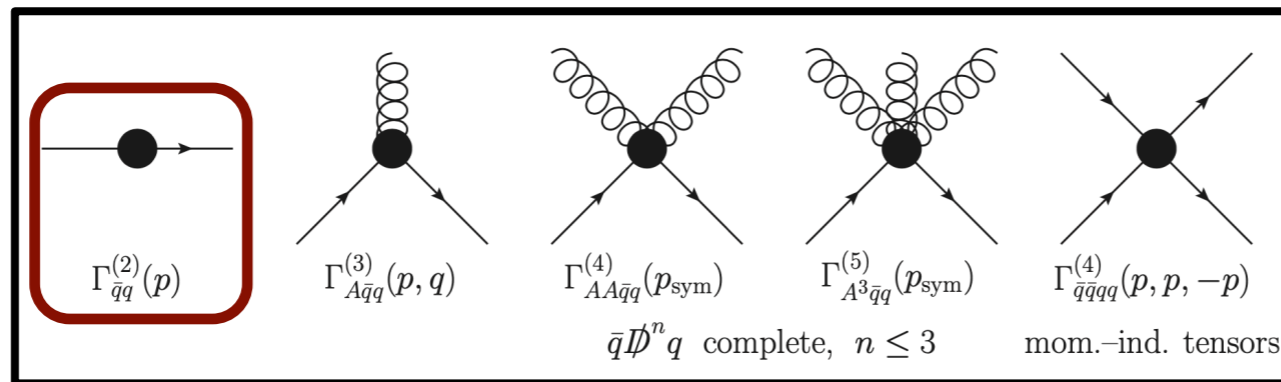
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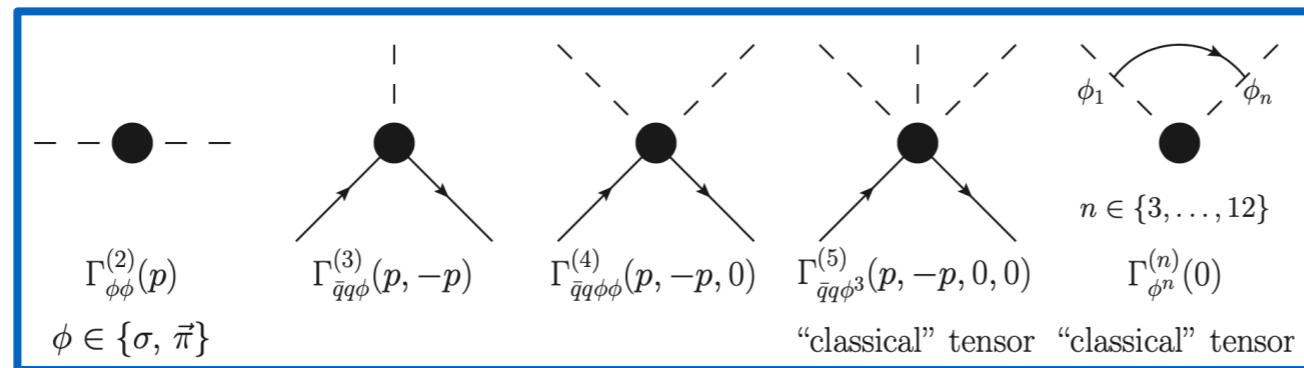
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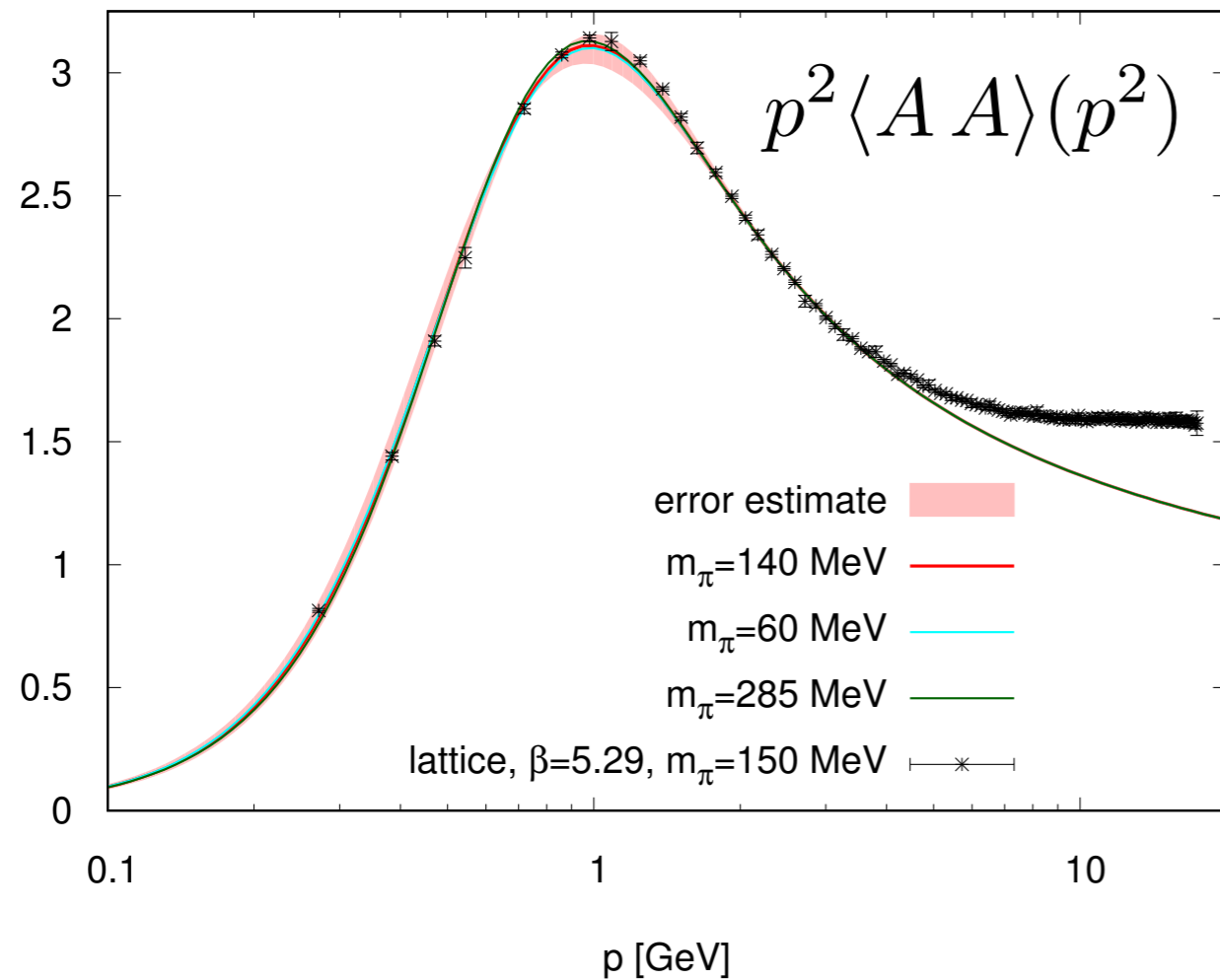
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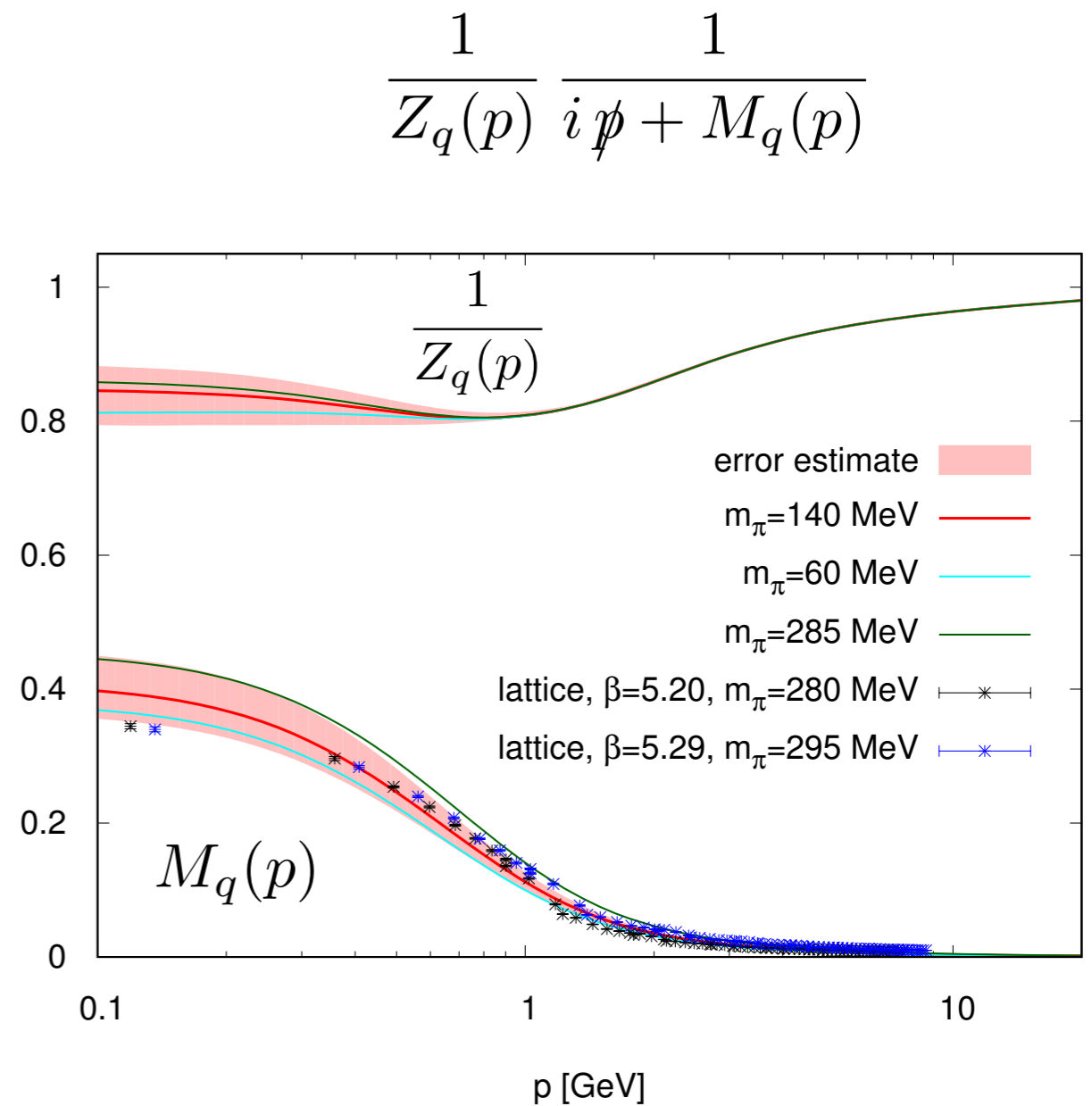
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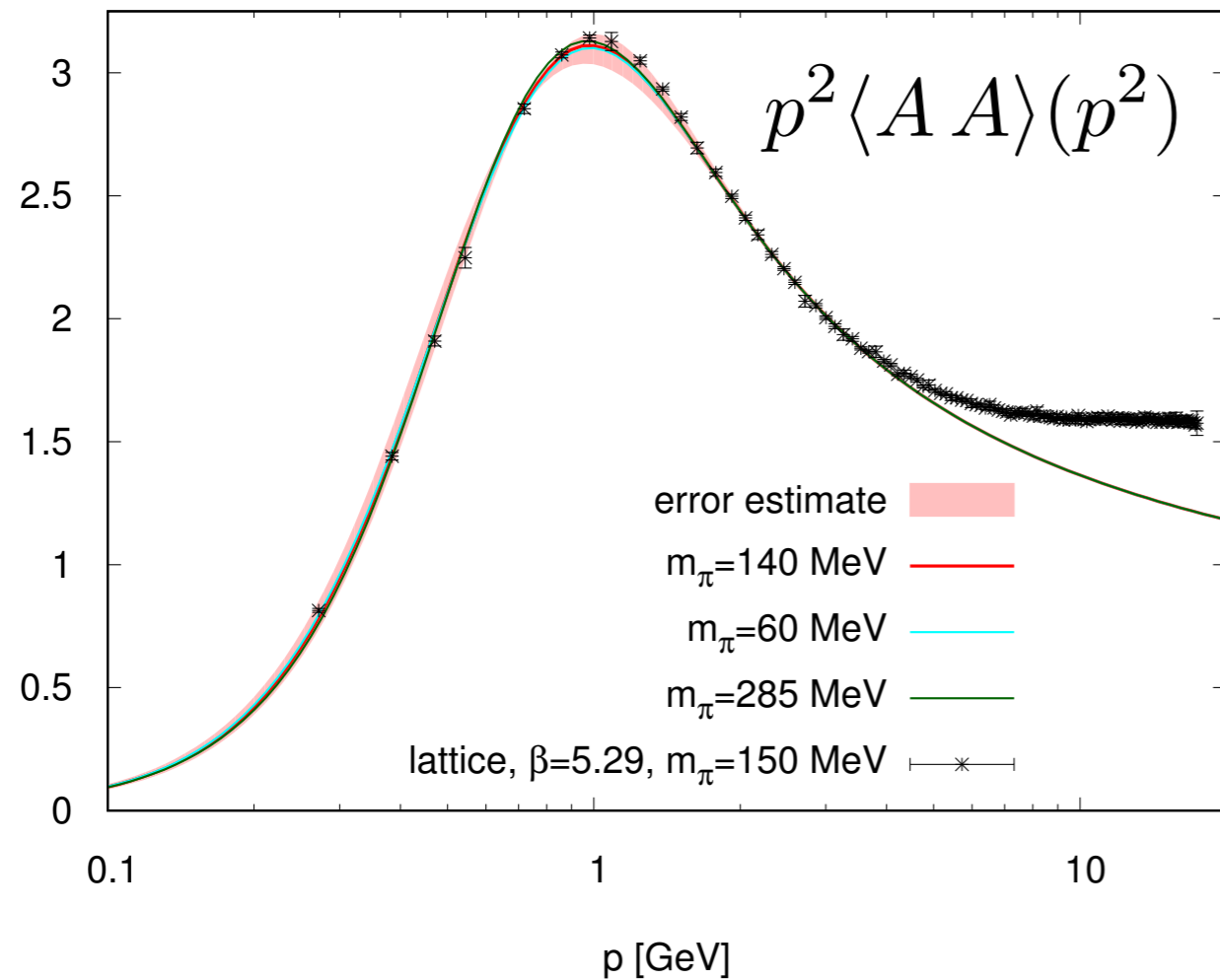


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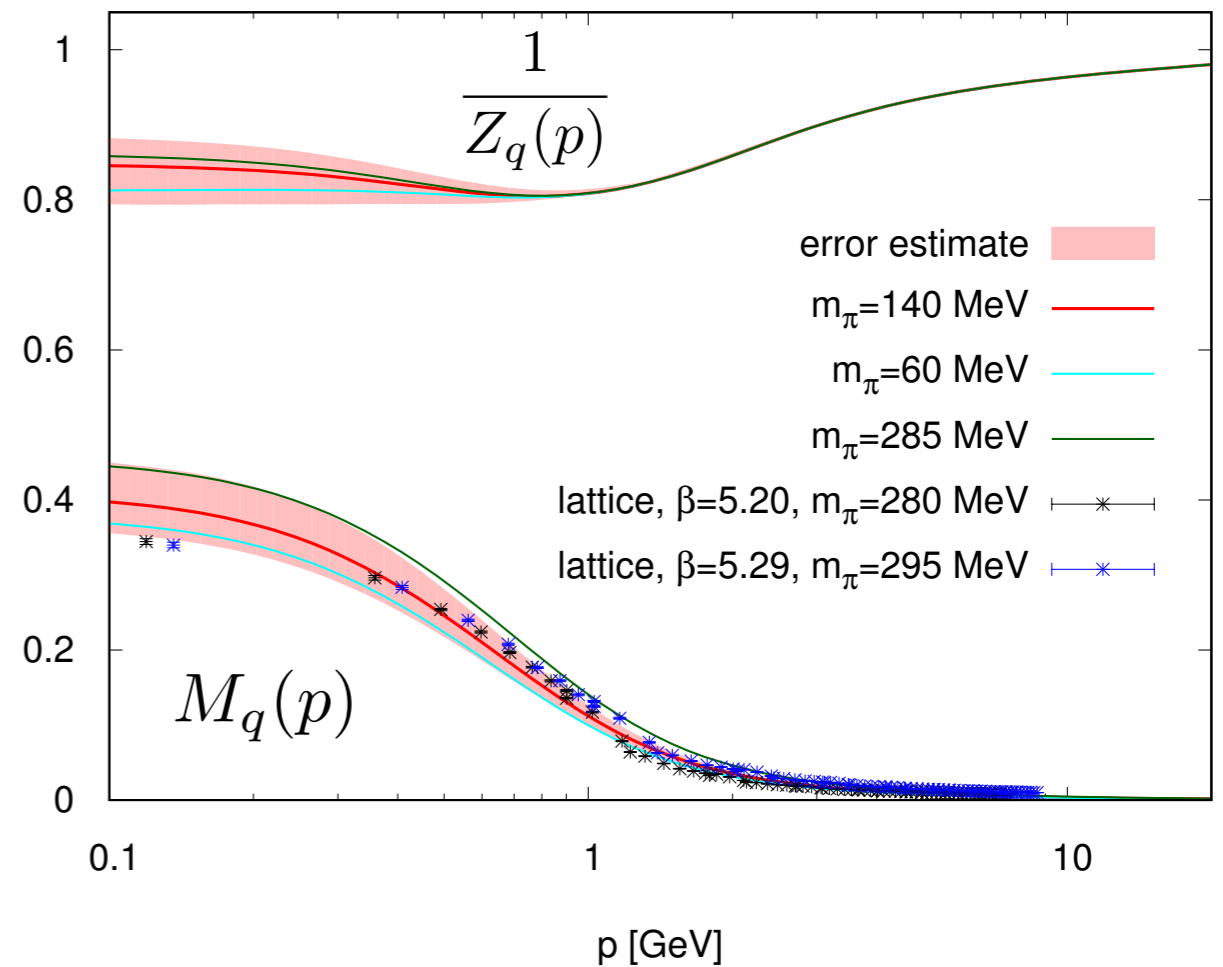


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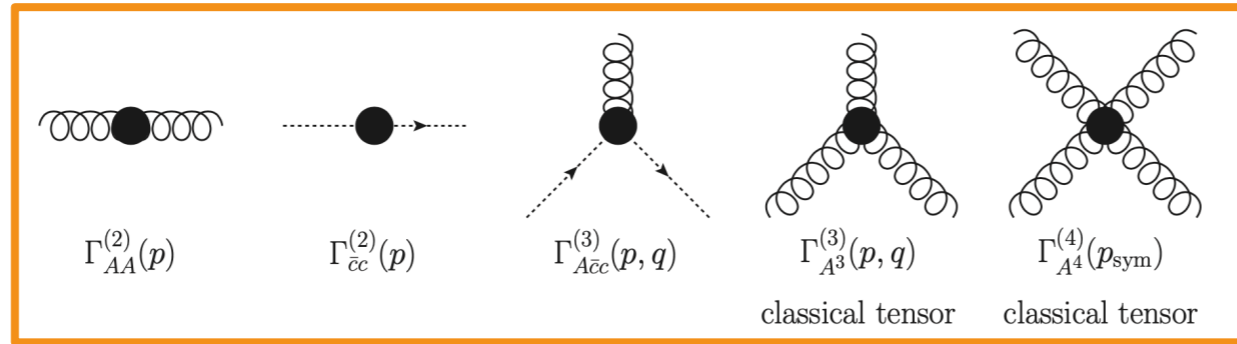


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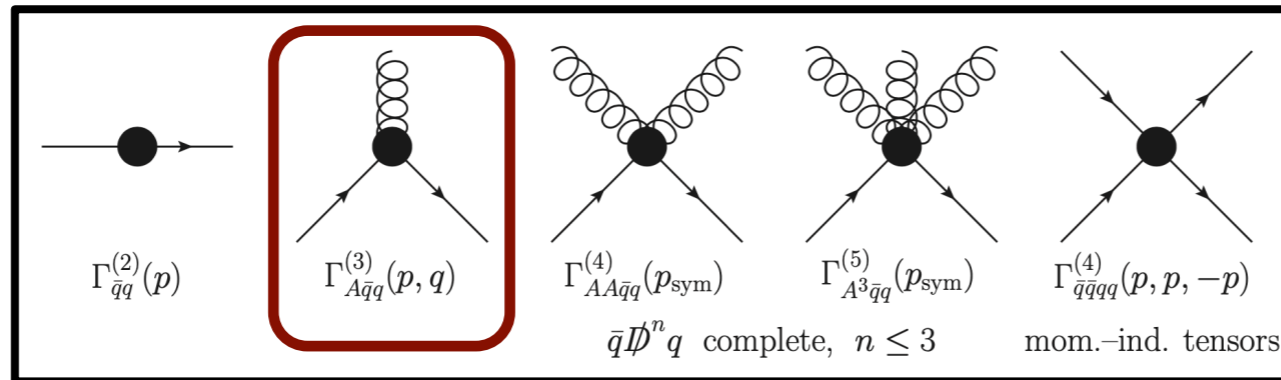
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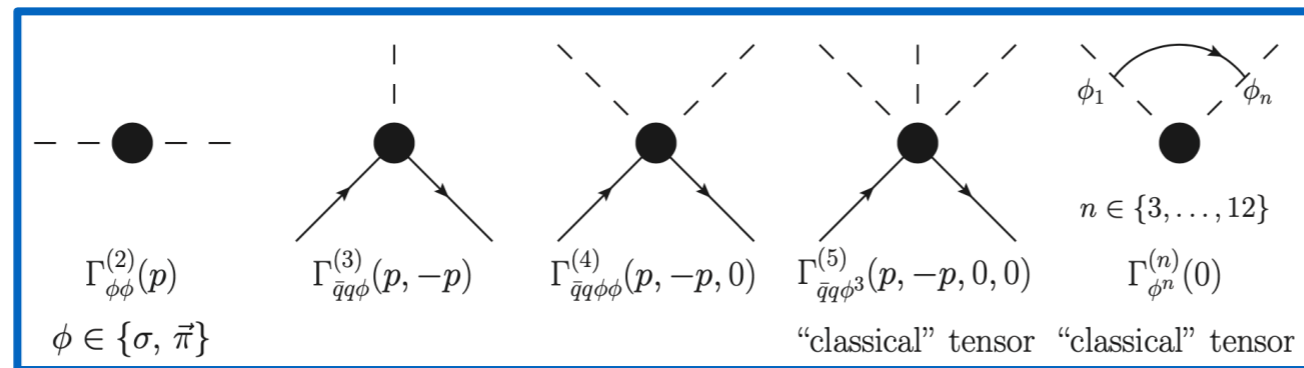


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$$\left[ \Gamma_{\bar{q}qA}^{(3)} \right]_{\mu}^a(p, q) = 1_{2 \times 2}^{\text{flav}} T^a \sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i(p, q) \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(i)} \right]_{\mu}(p, q)$$

## covariant expansion scheme

$$\bar{q}\not{D}q : \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(1)} \right]_{\mu}(p, q) = -i \gamma_{\mu}$$

$$\bar{q}\not{D}^2q : \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(2)} \right]_{\mu}(p, q) = (p - q)_{\mu} 1_{4 \times 4}$$

$$\bar{q}\not{D}^3q : \left[ \mathcal{T}_{\bar{q}qA}^{(5)} \right]_{\mu}(p, q) = i (\not{p} + \not{q})(p - q)_{\mu}$$

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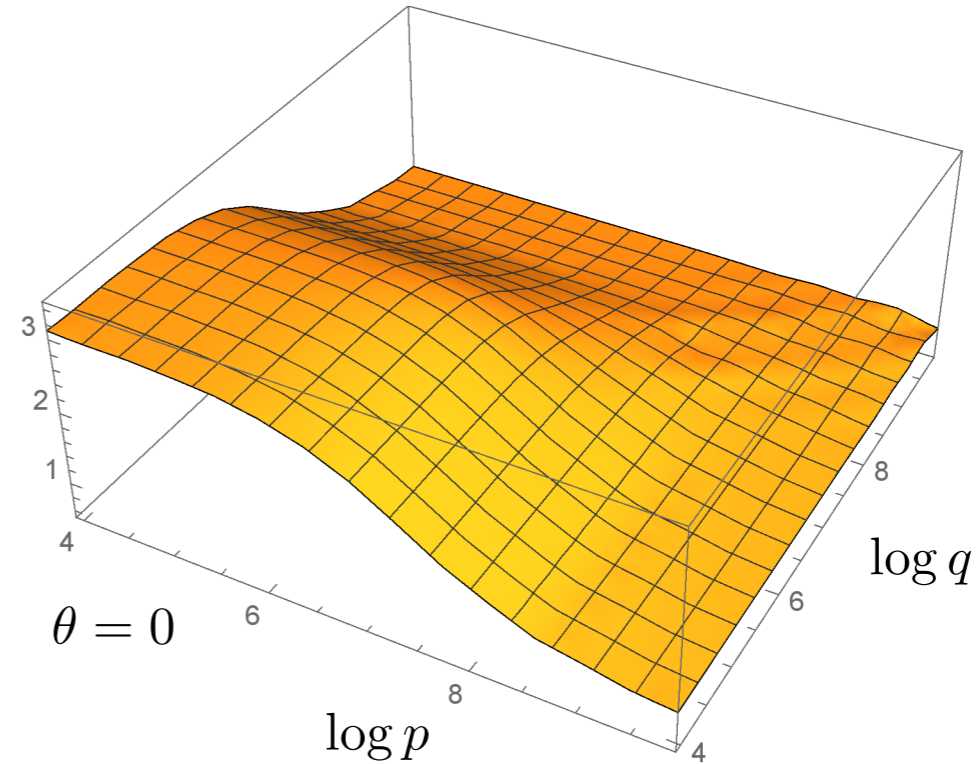
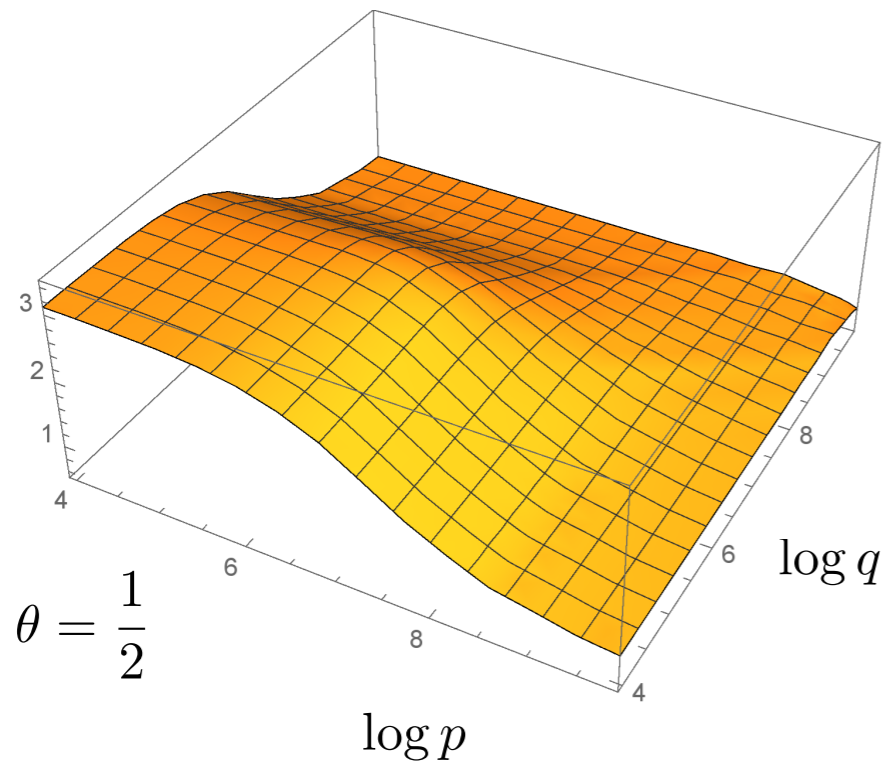
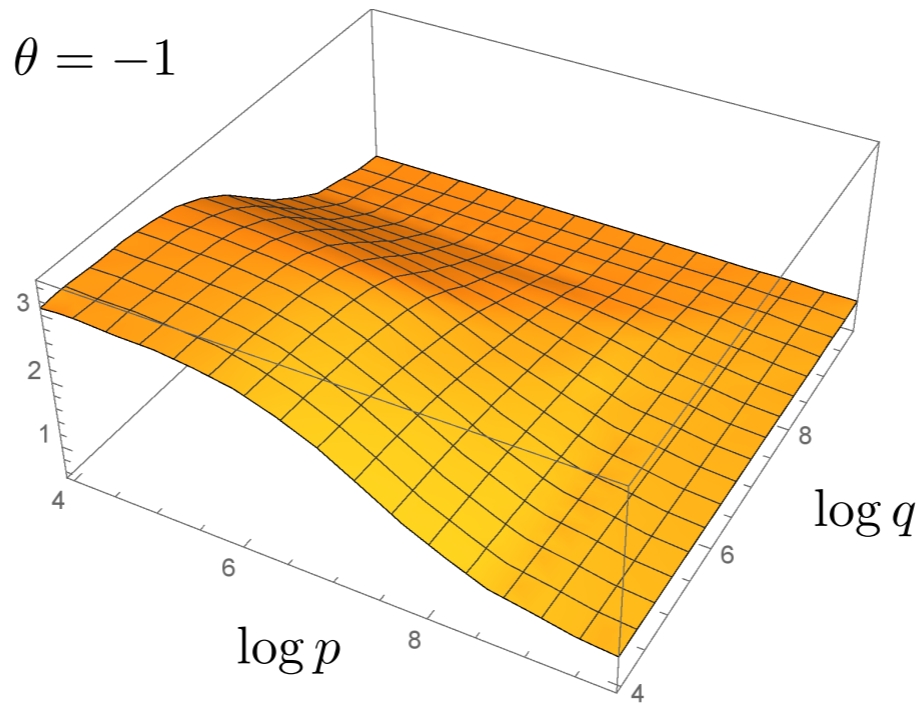
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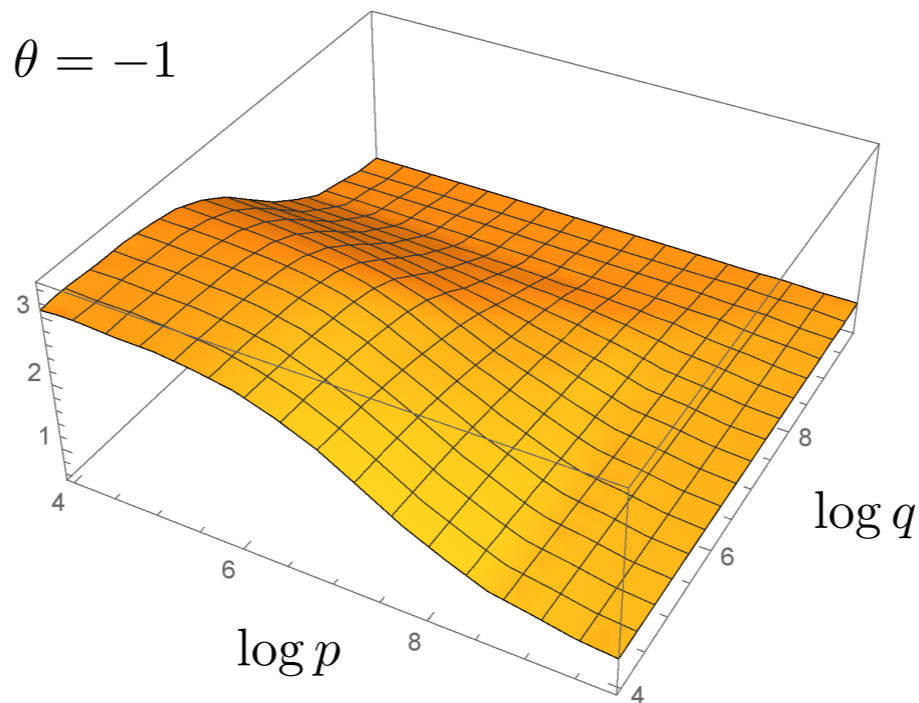
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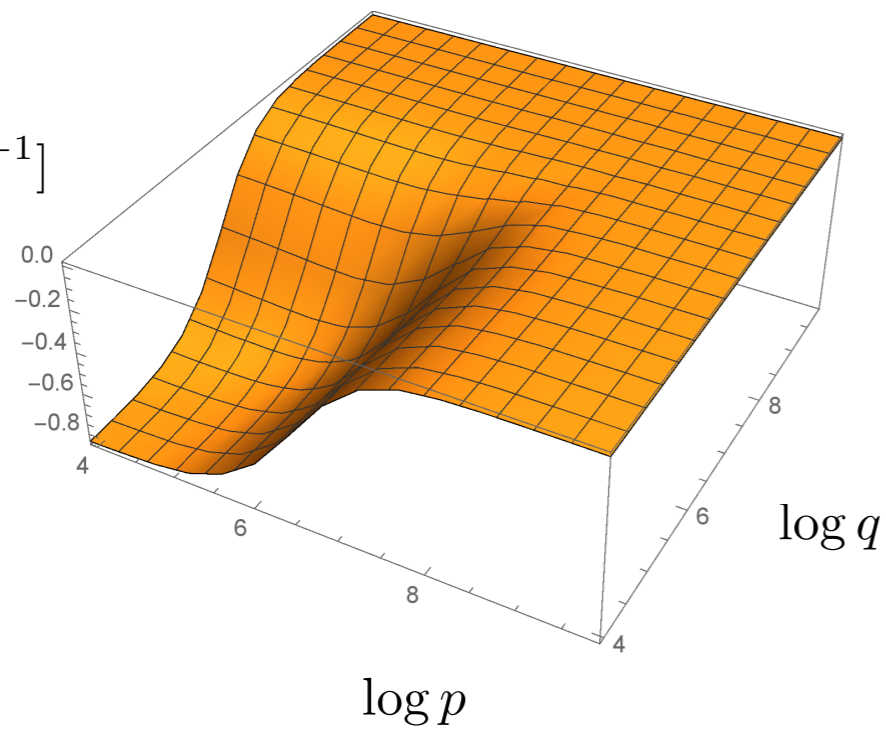
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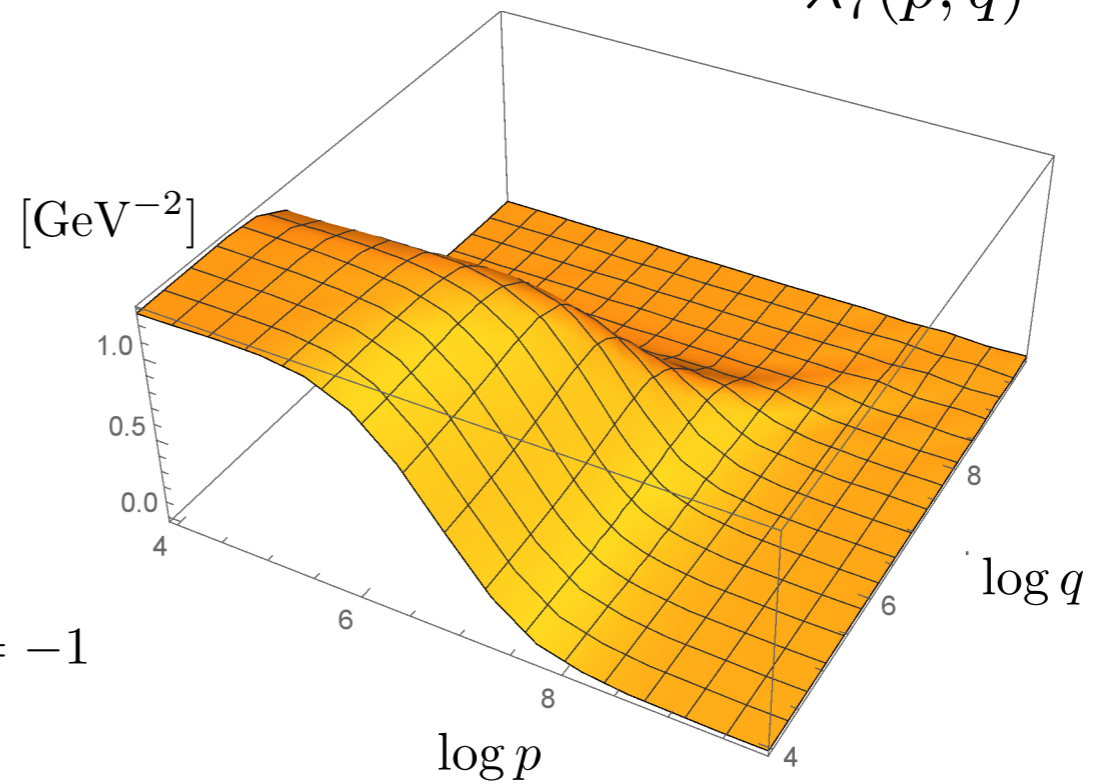
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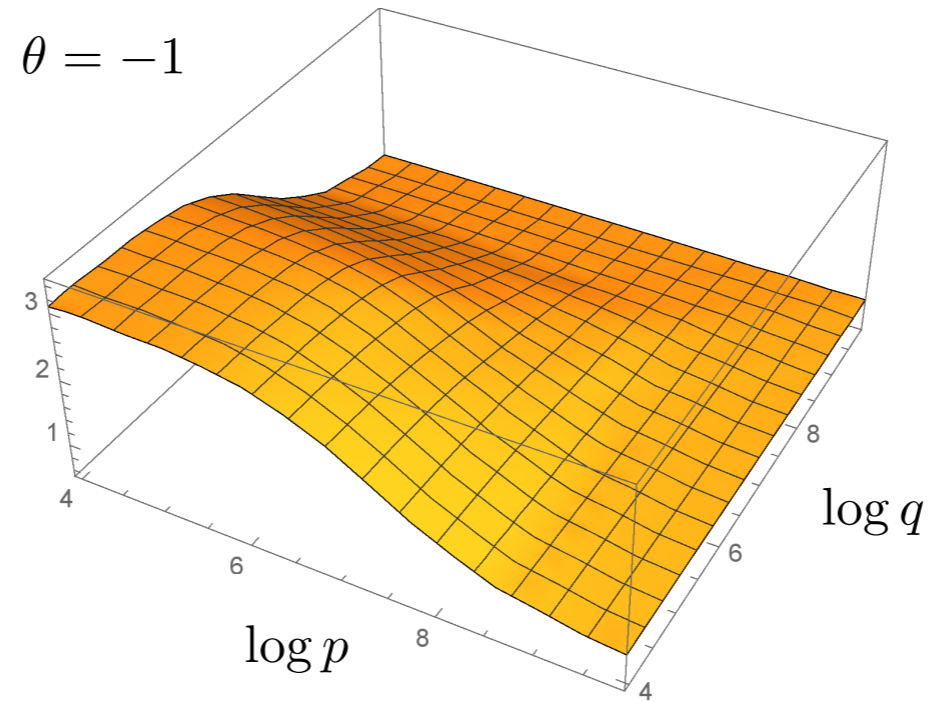


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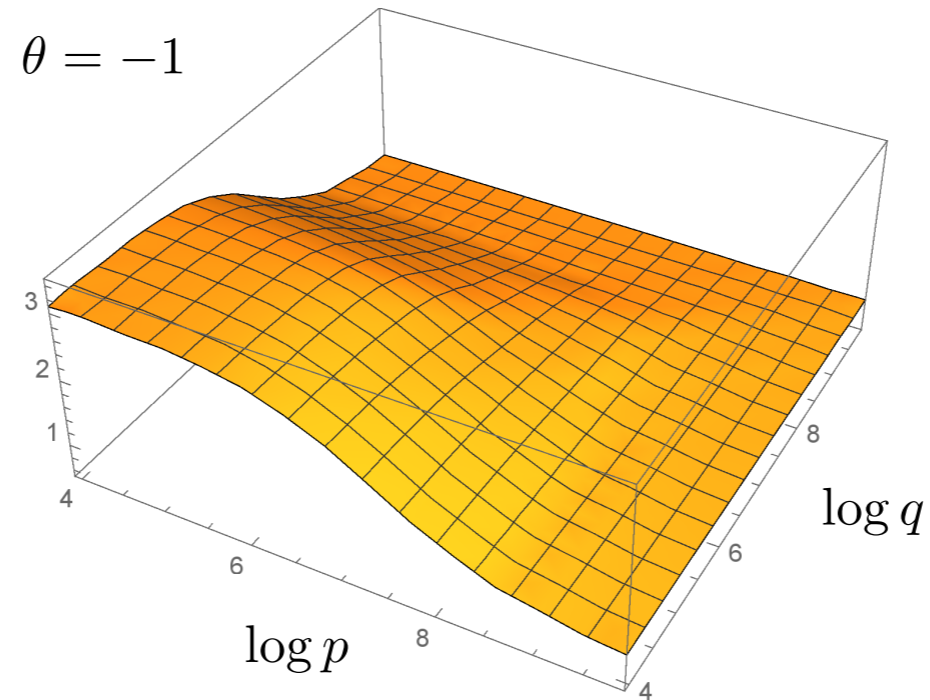
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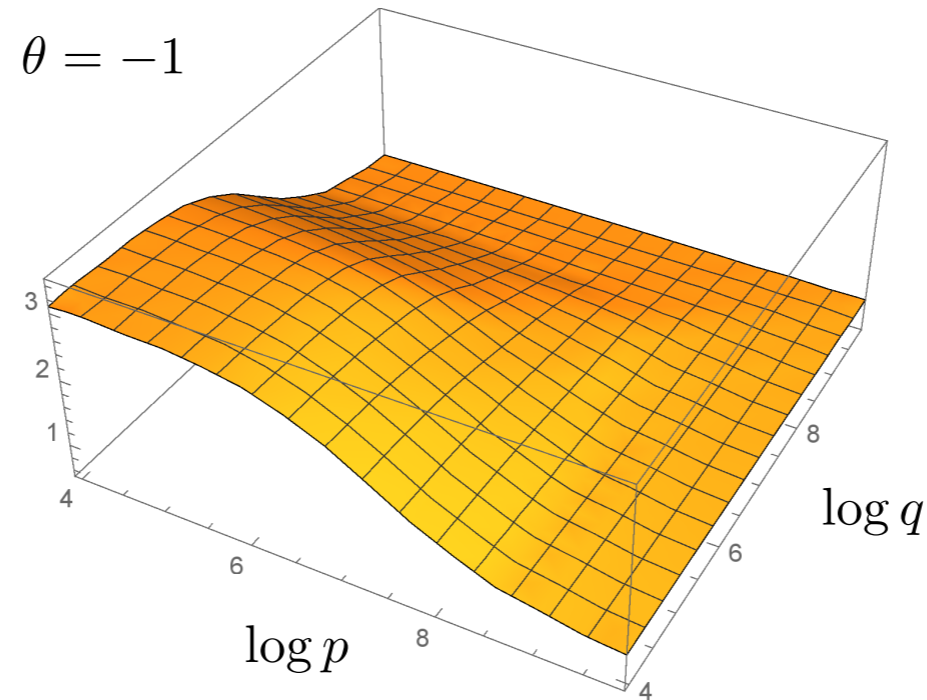
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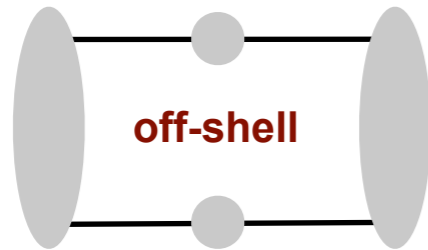
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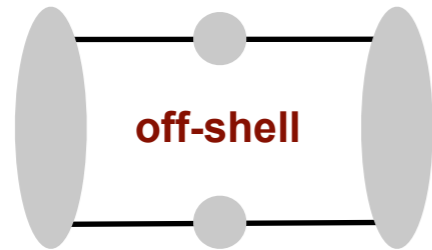


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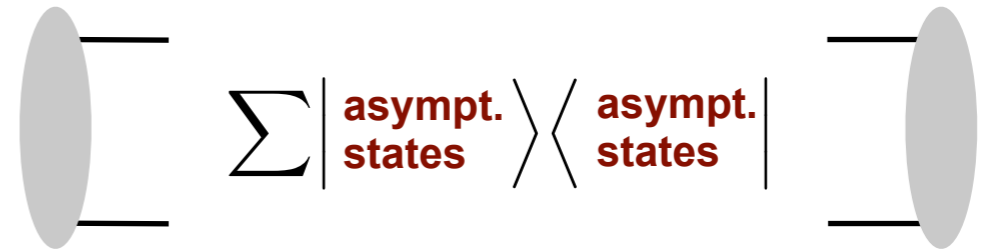
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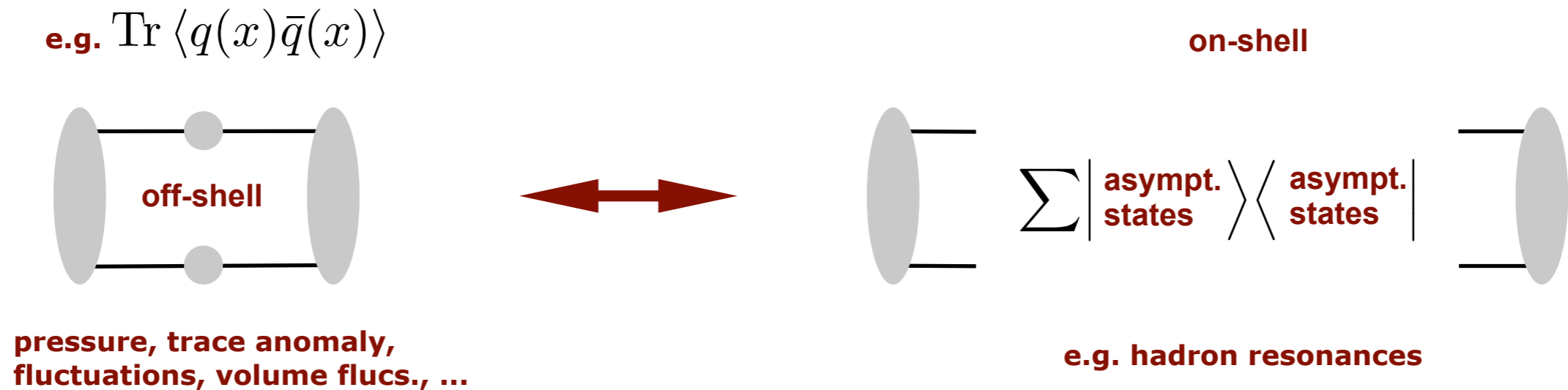
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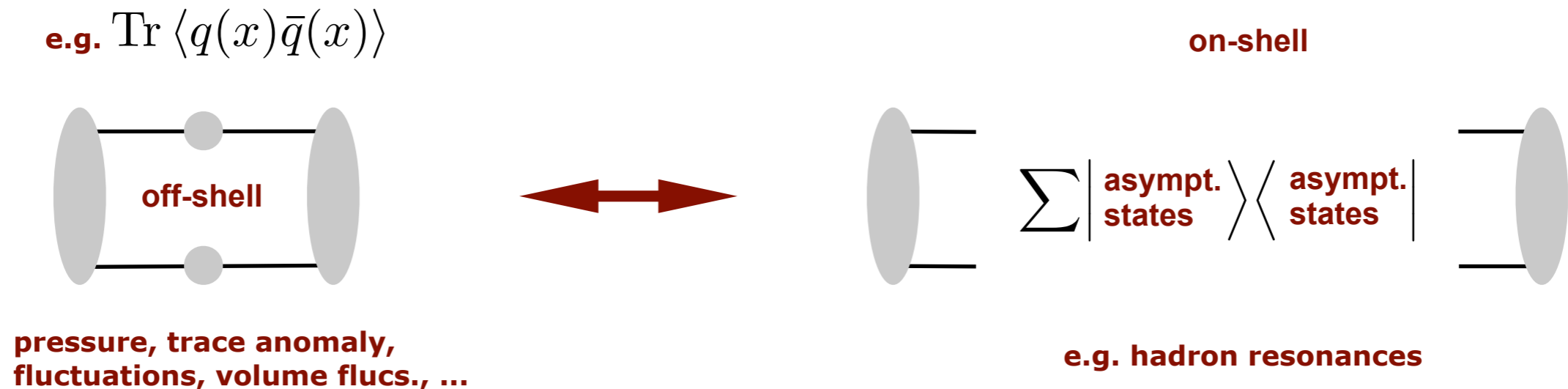
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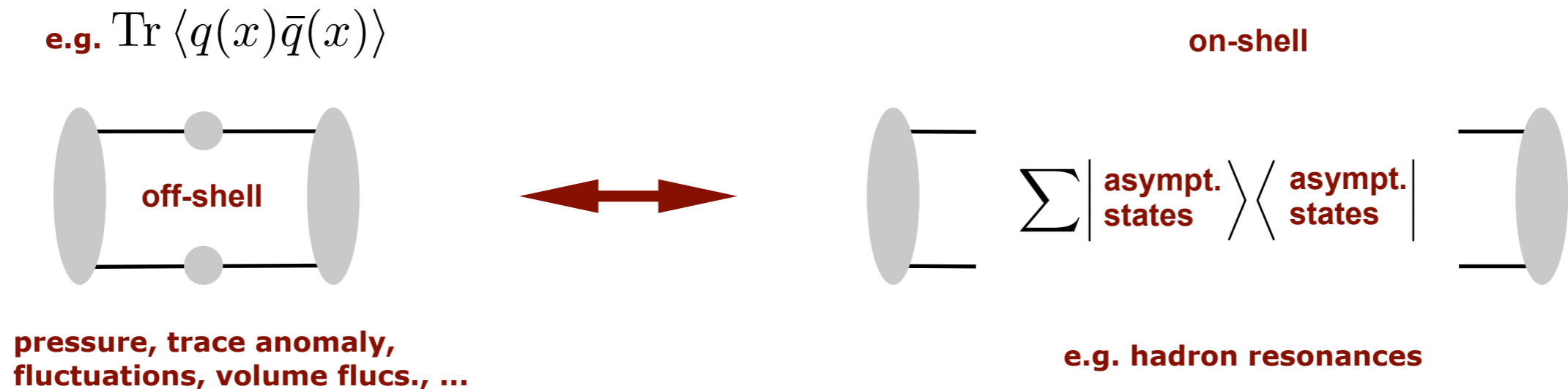
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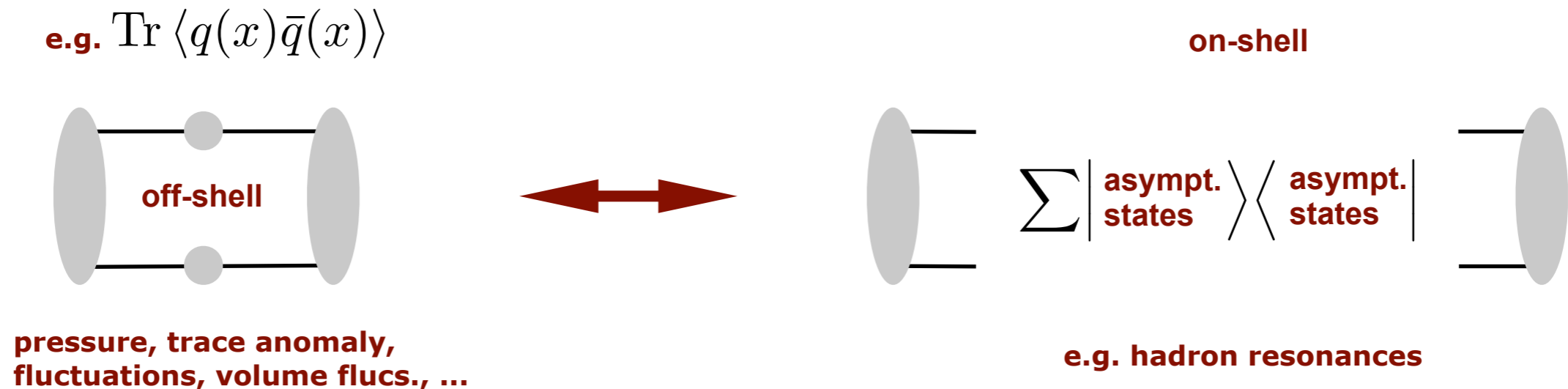
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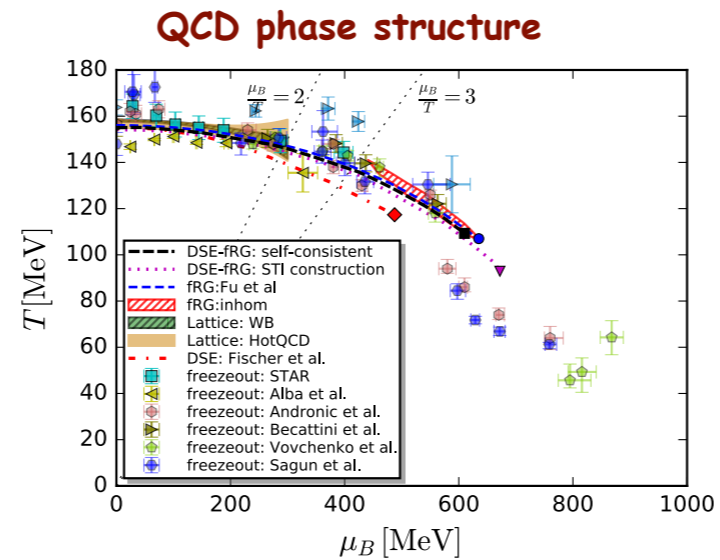
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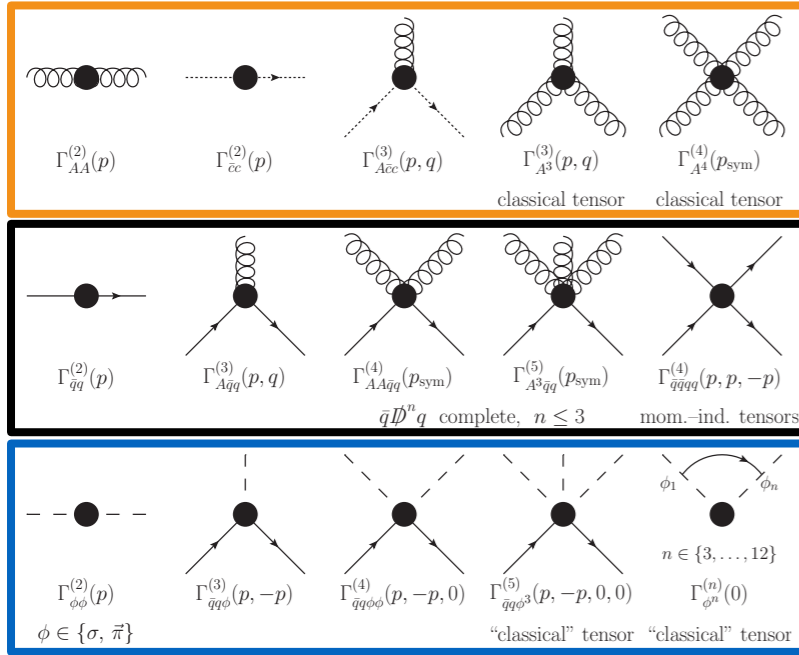
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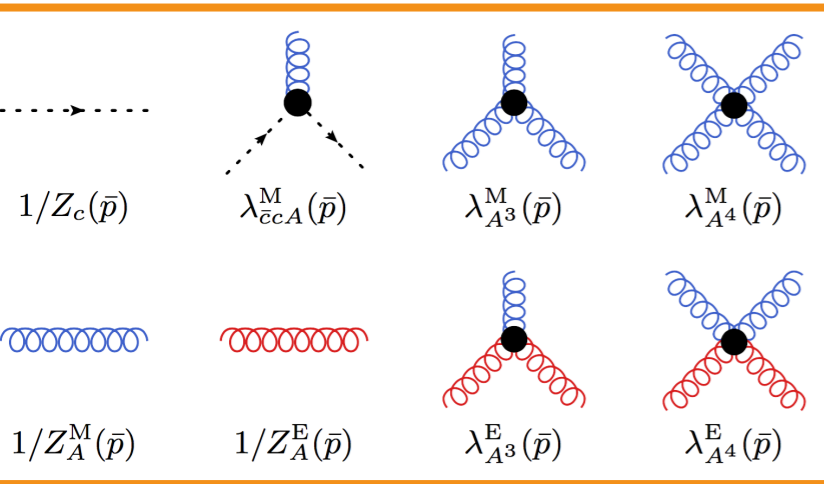
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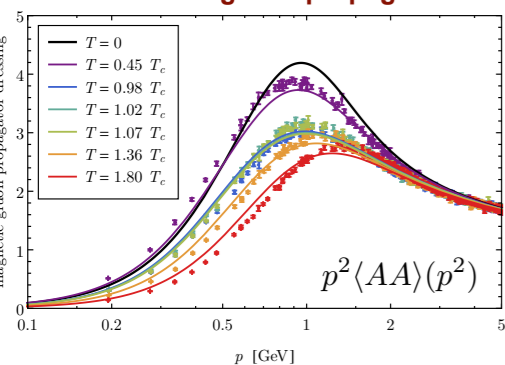
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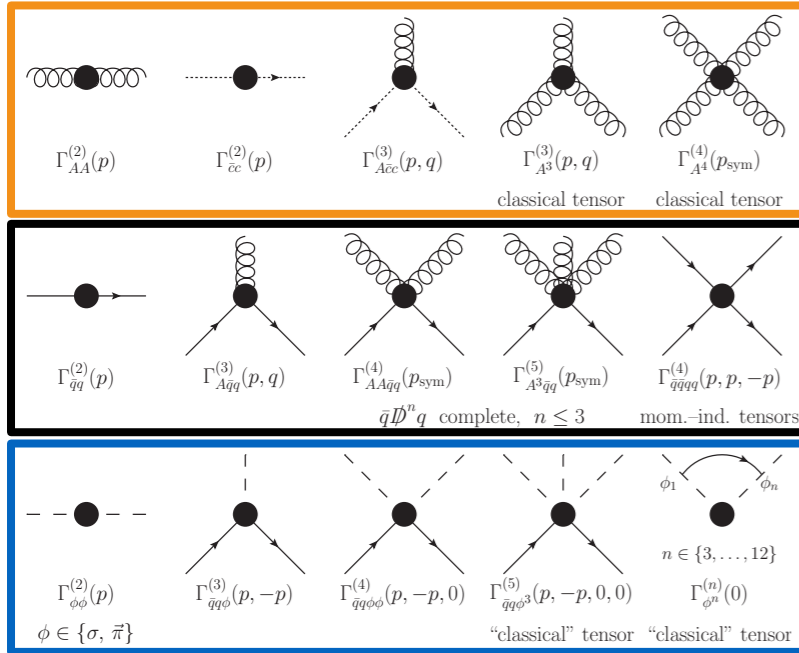
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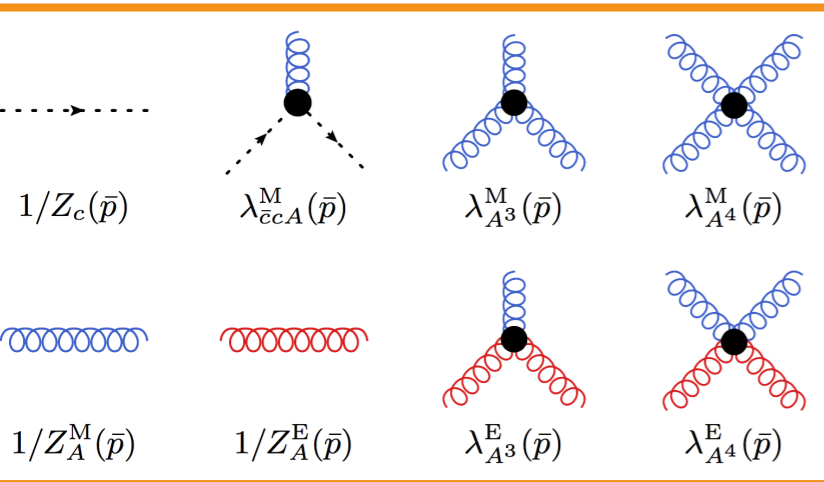
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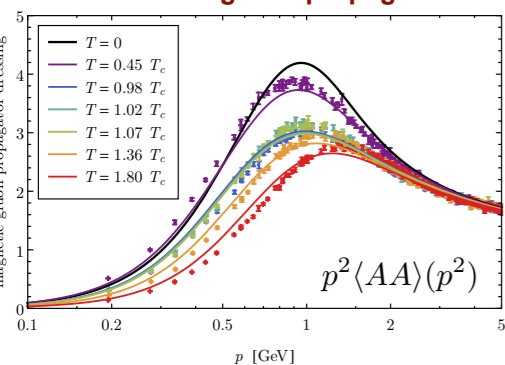
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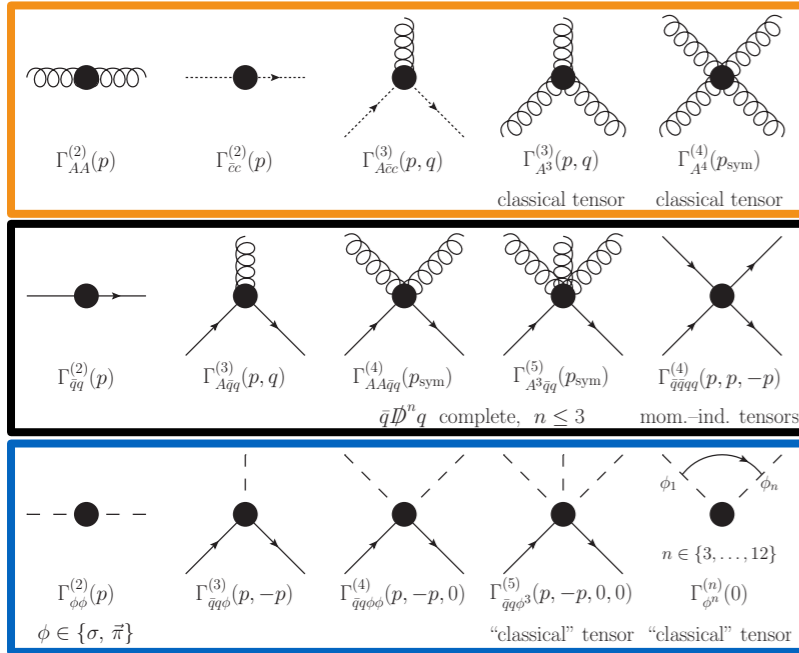
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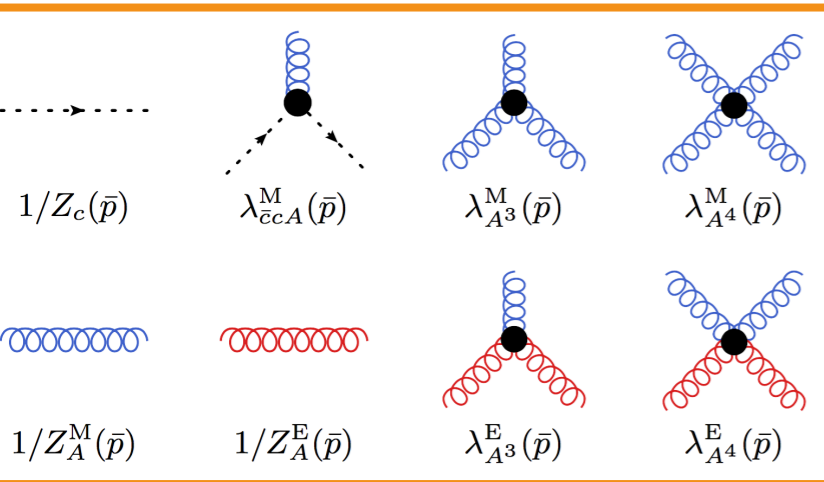
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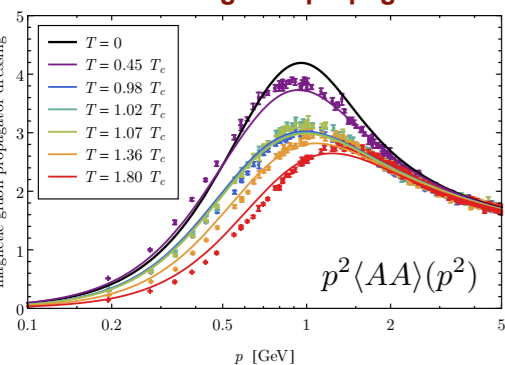
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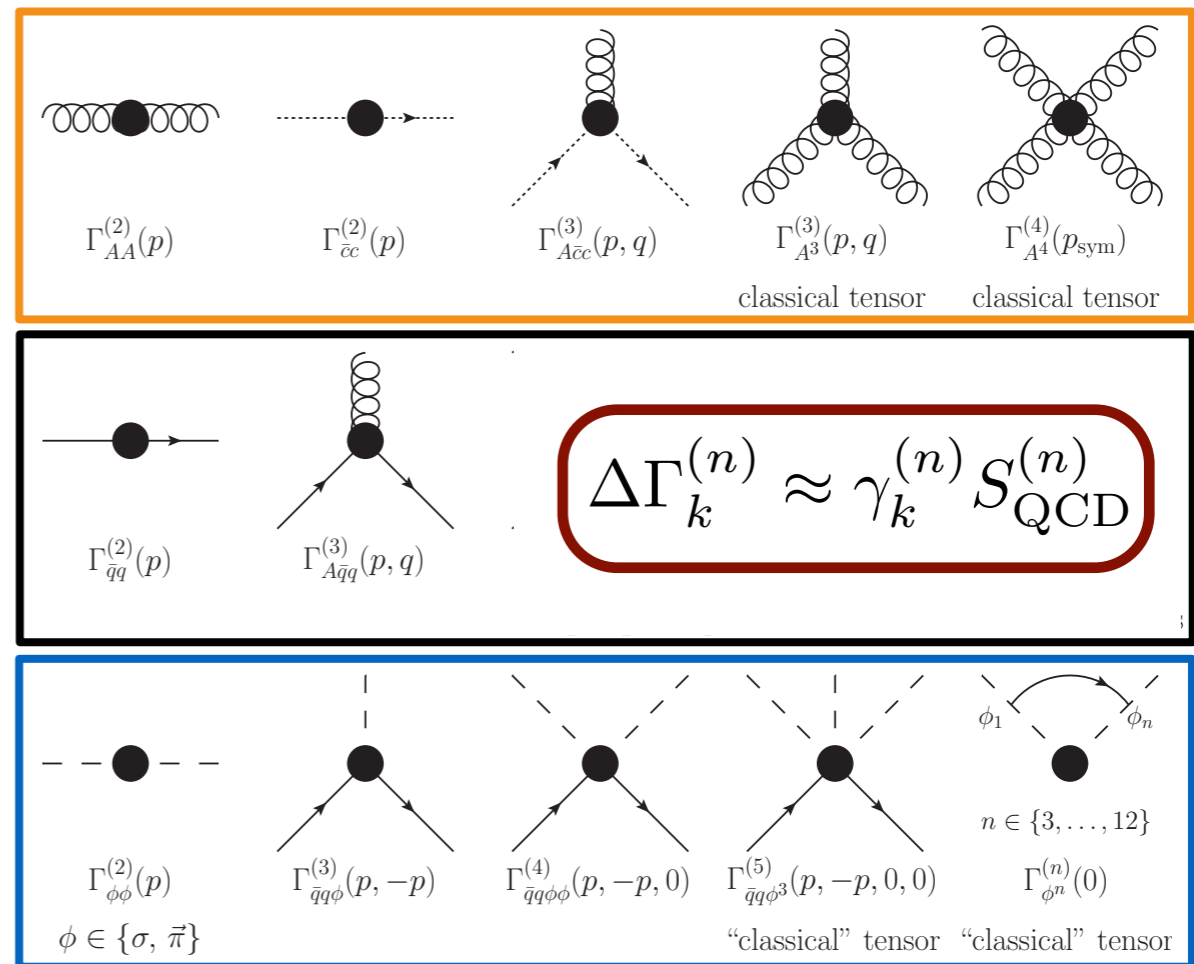
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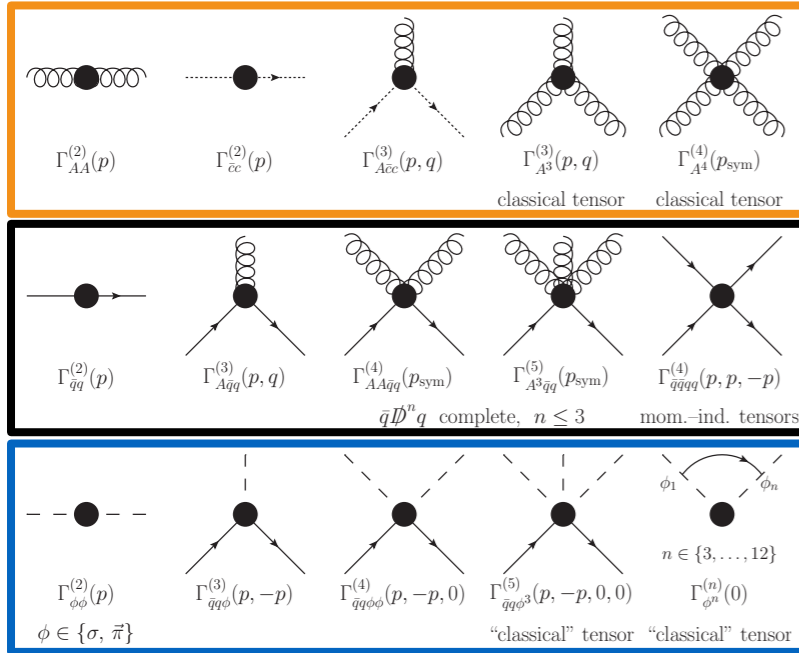
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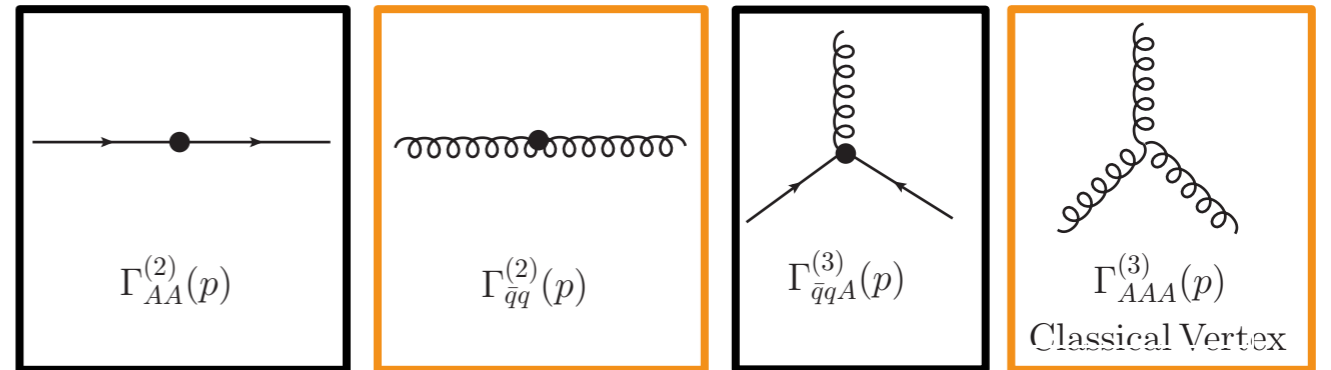
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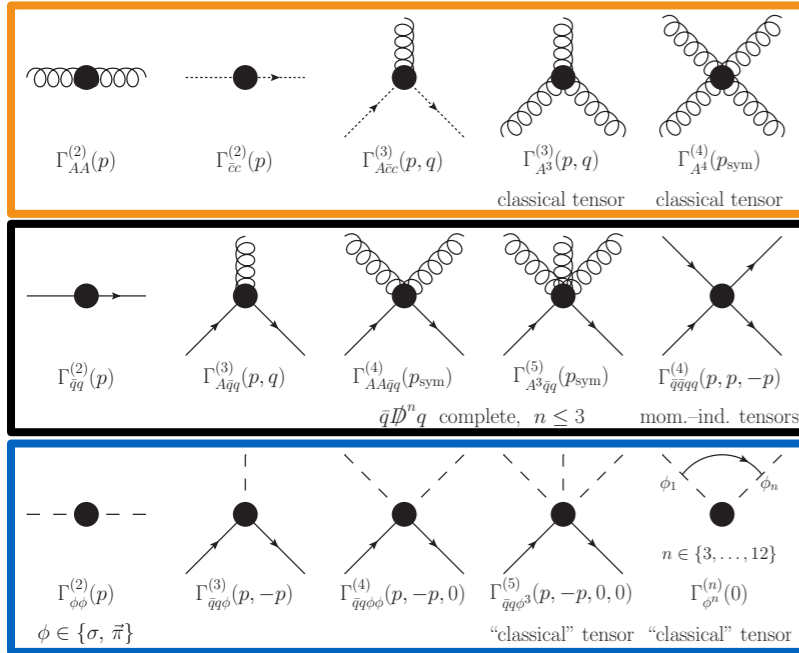


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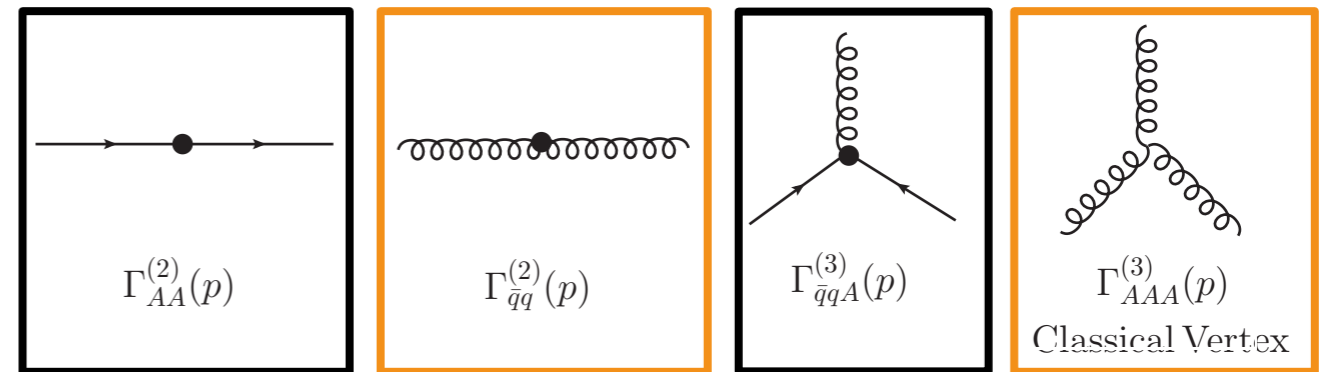
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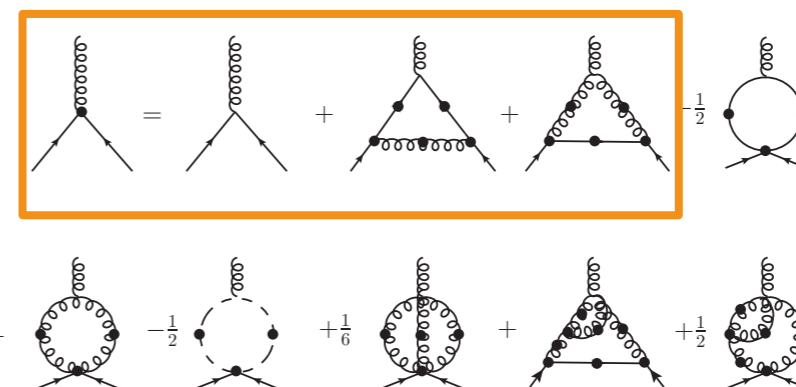
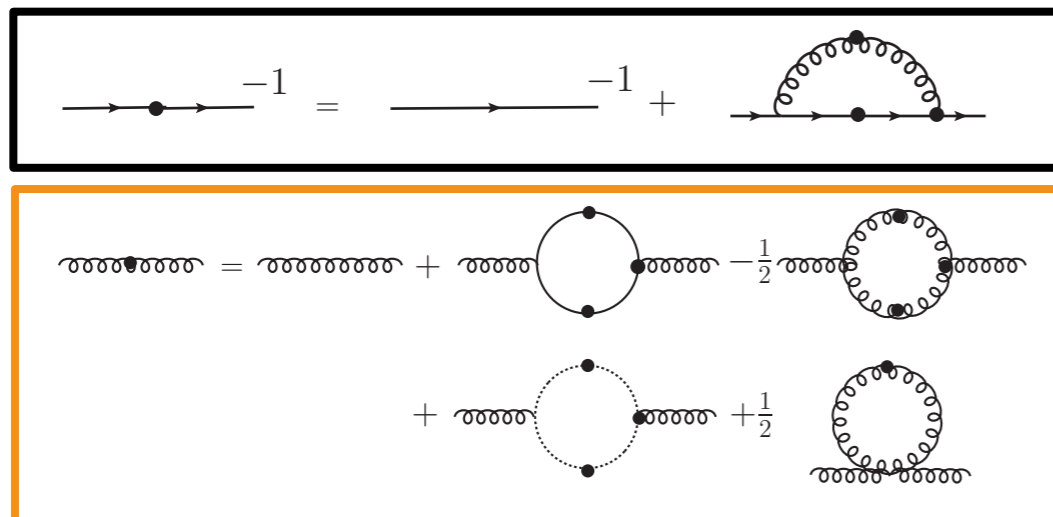
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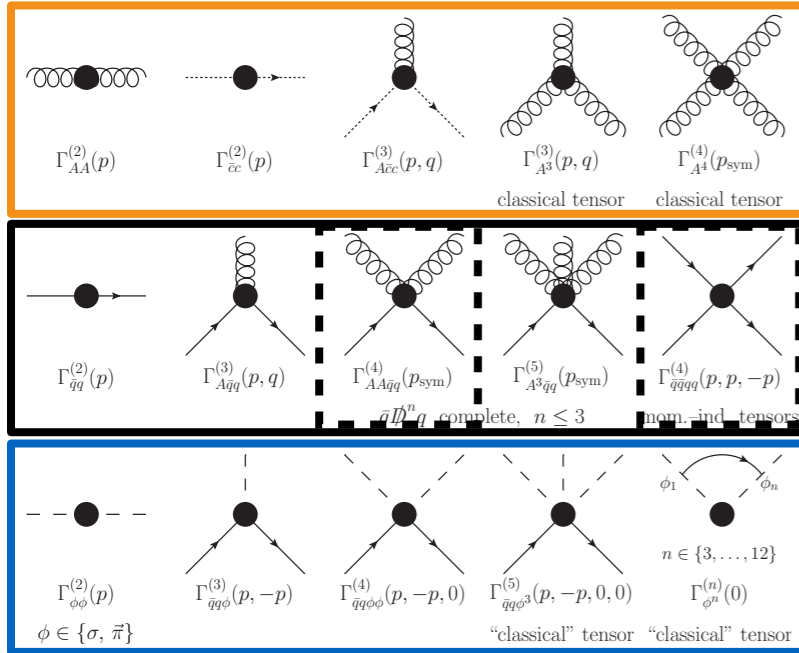
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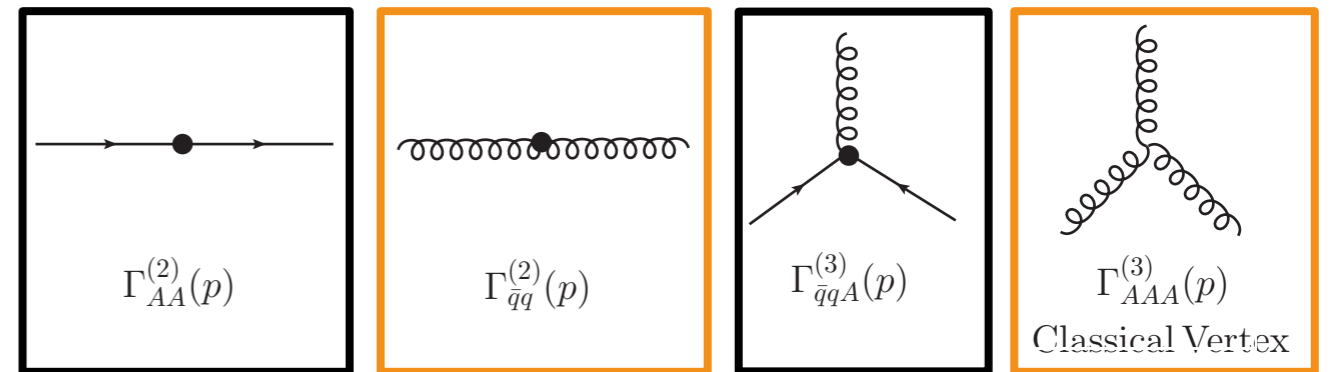
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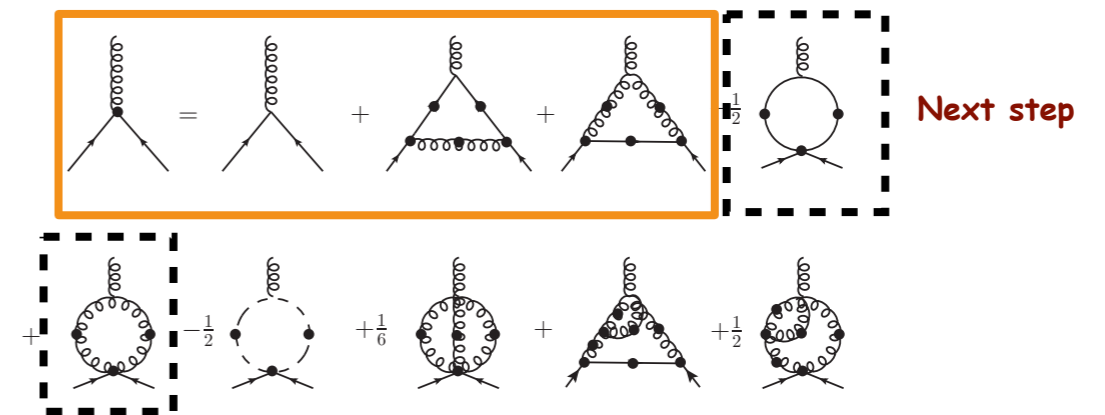
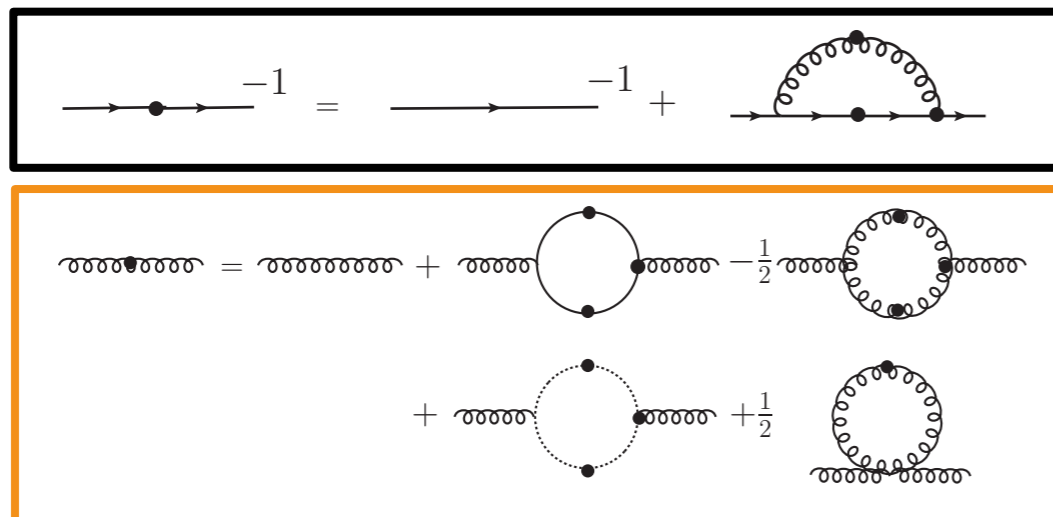
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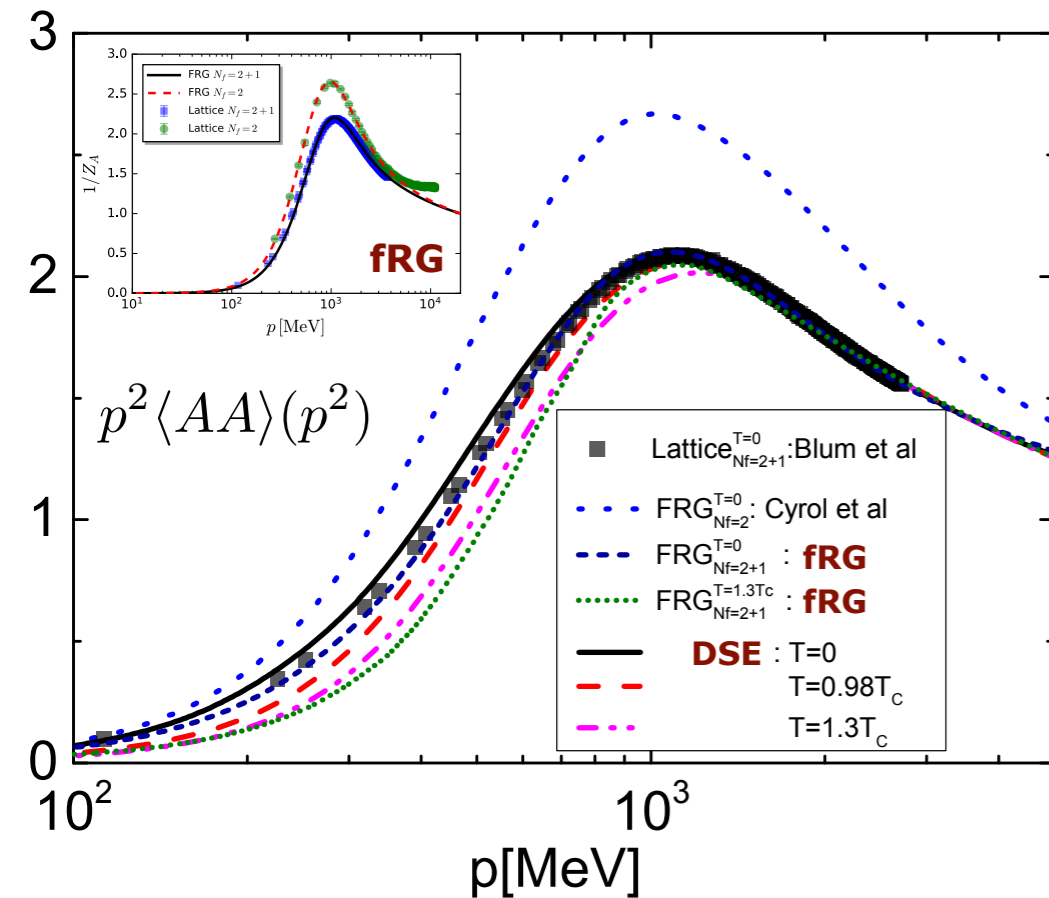
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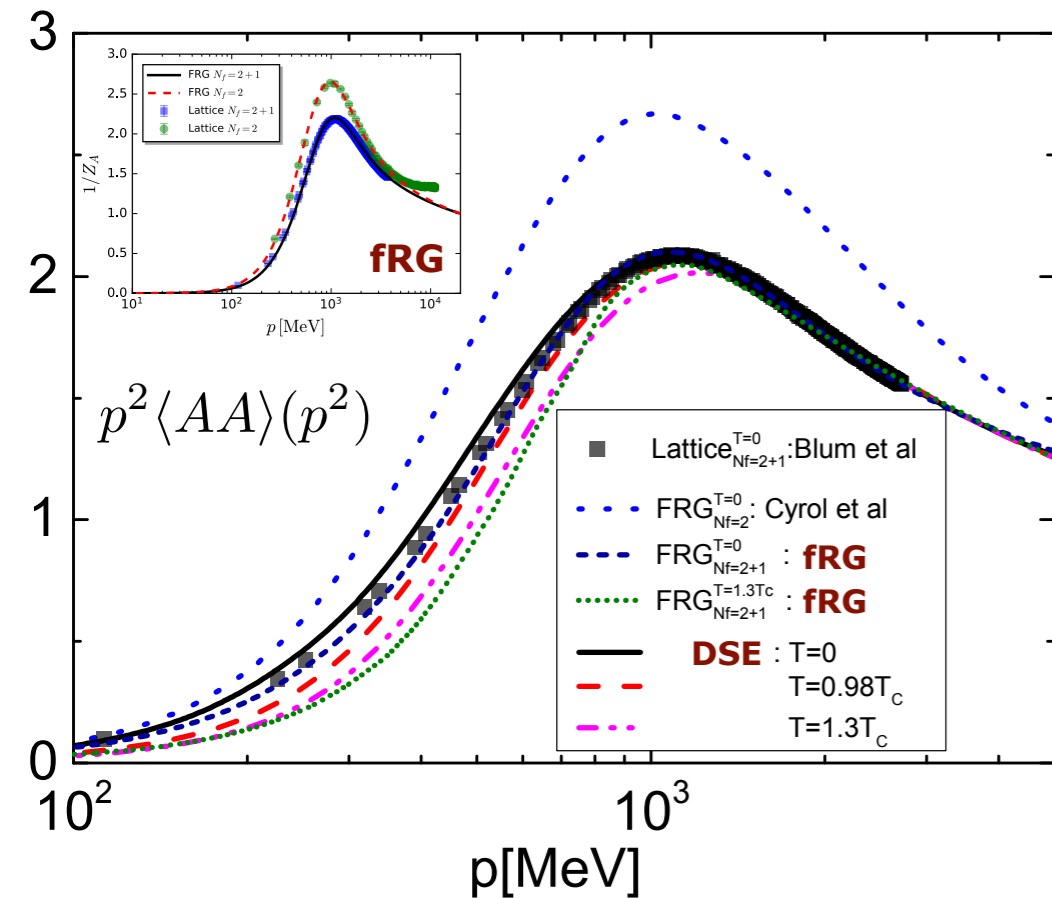
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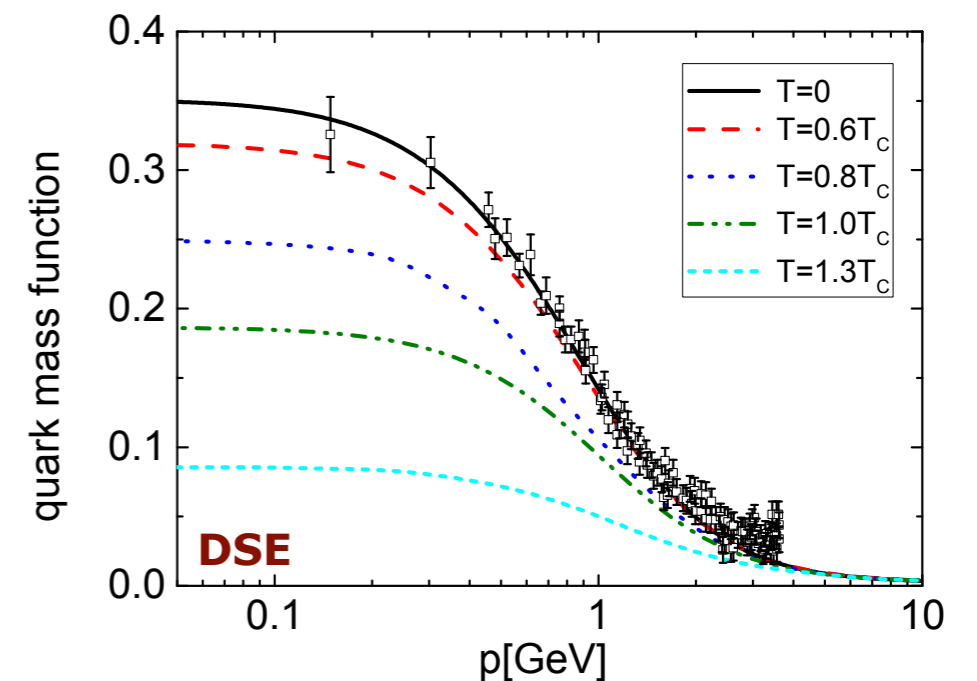
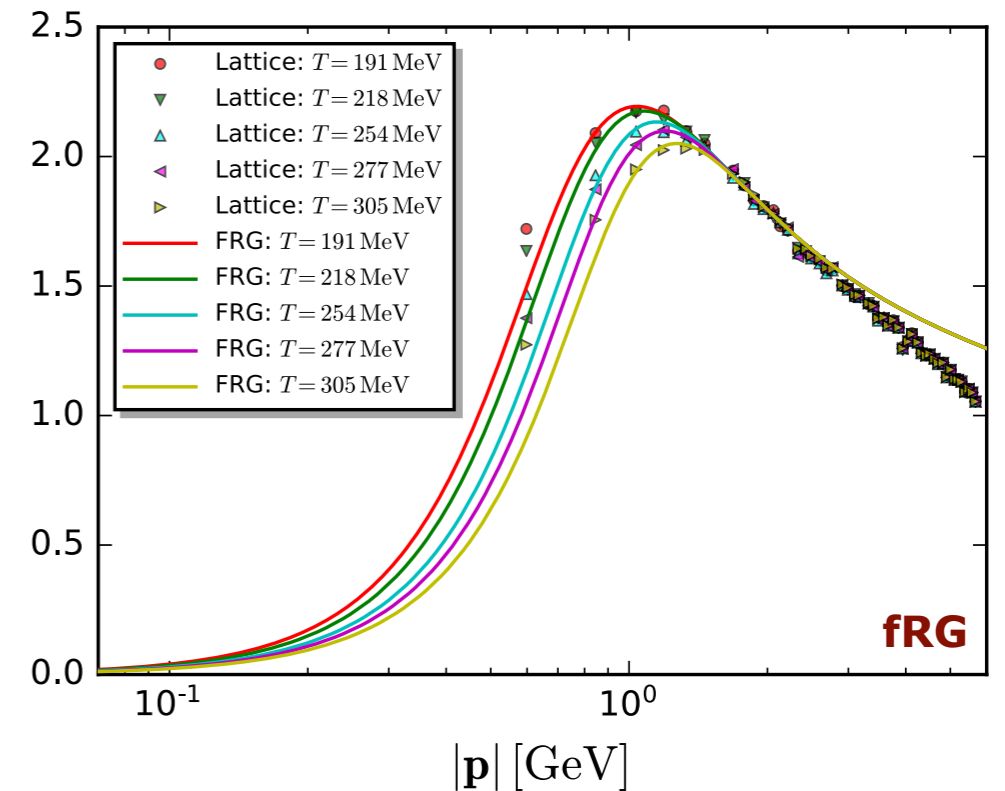
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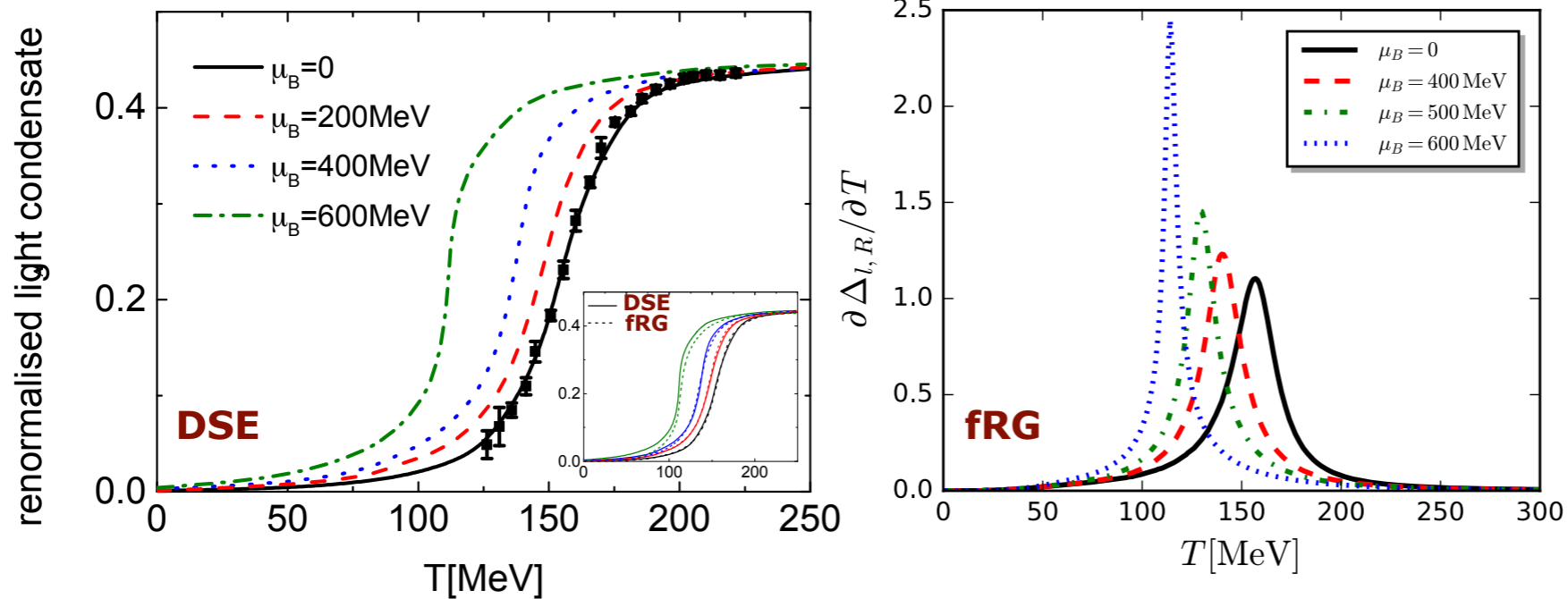
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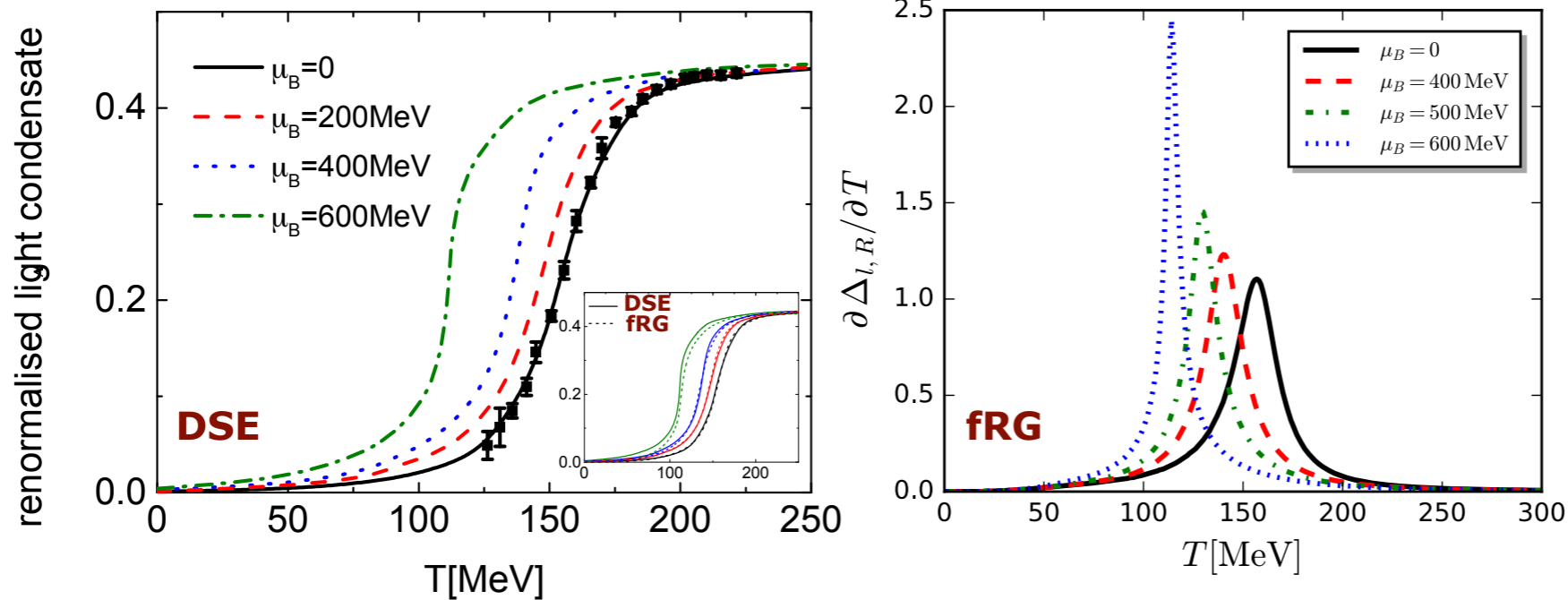
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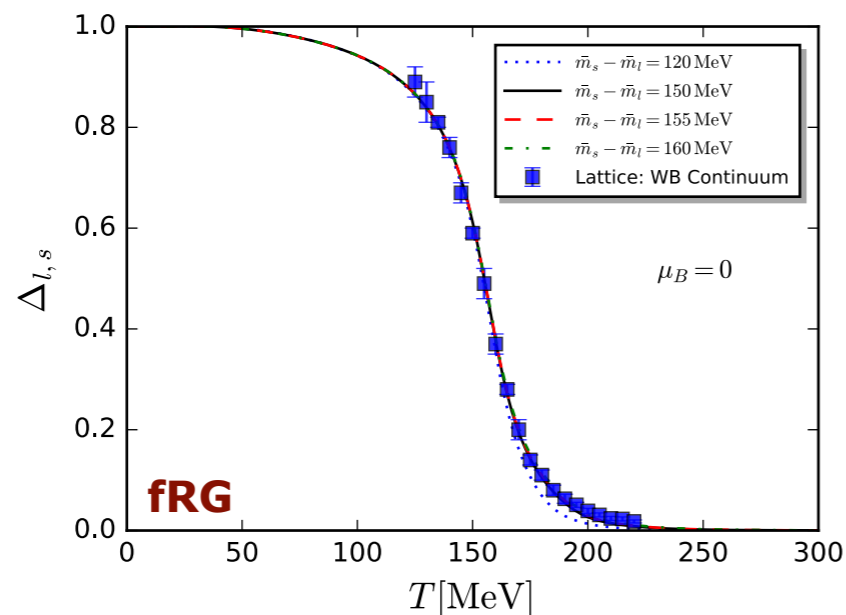


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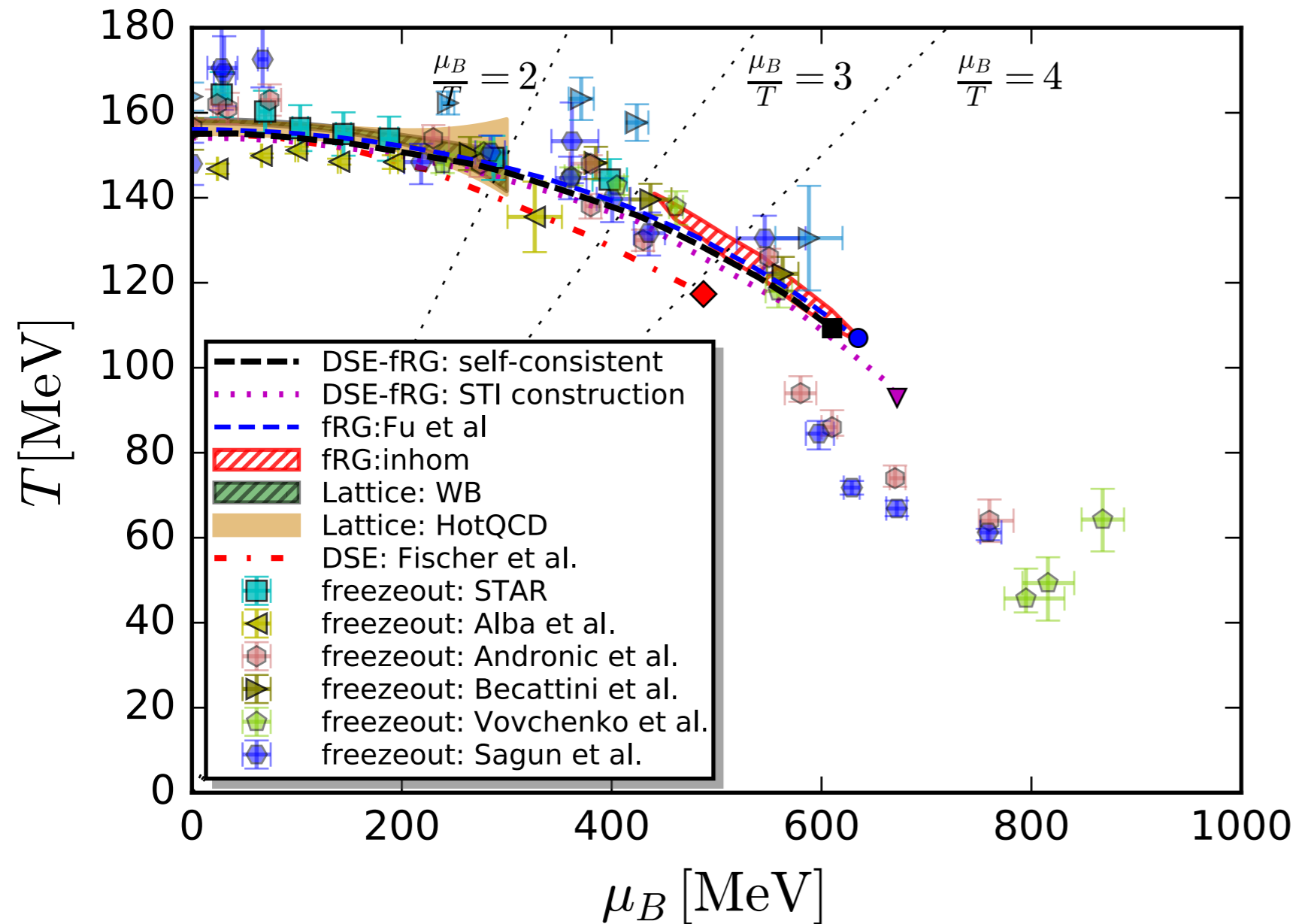


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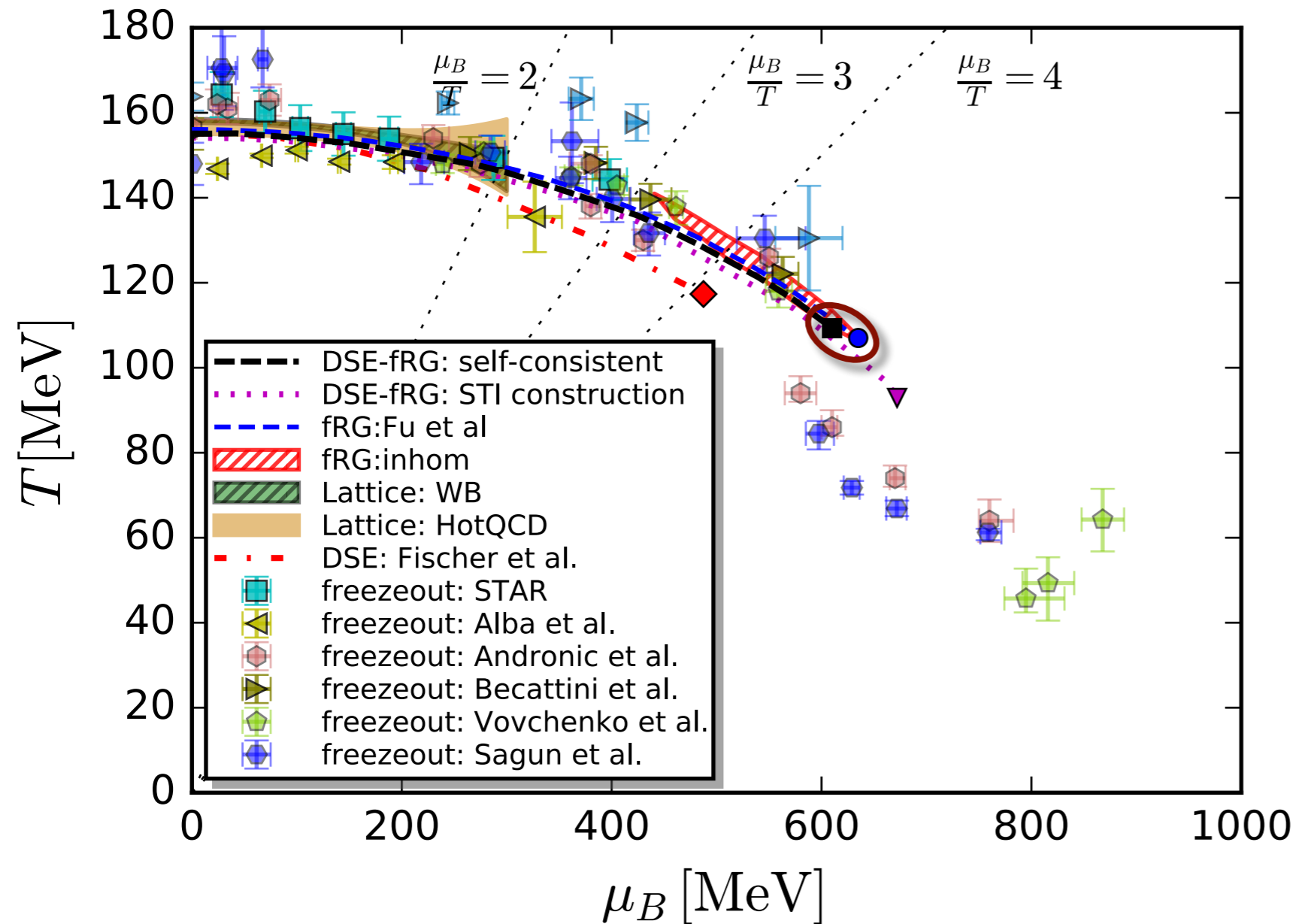
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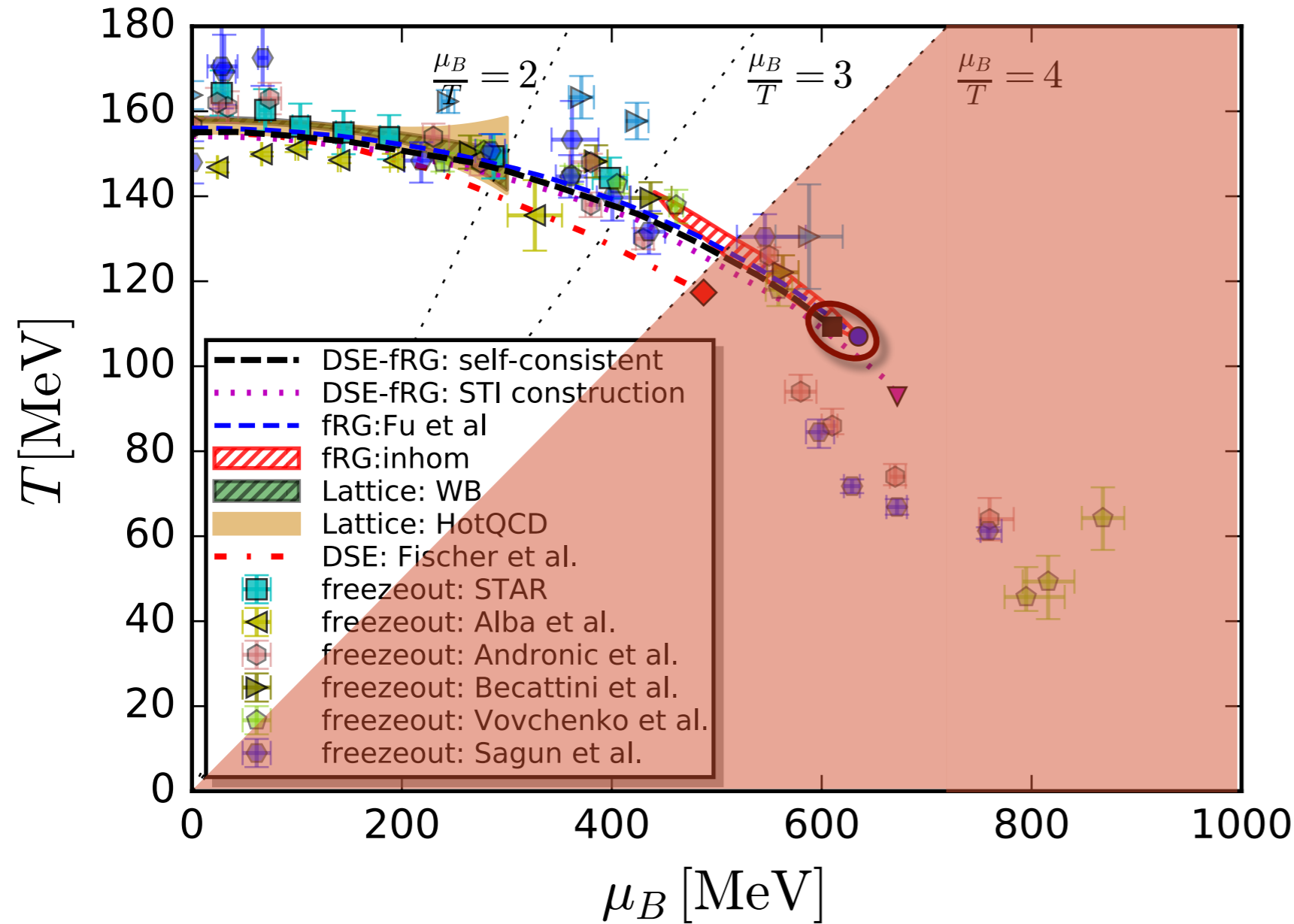


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**curvature lattice**

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WB, PLB 751 (2015) 559

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area beyond quantitative reliability bound

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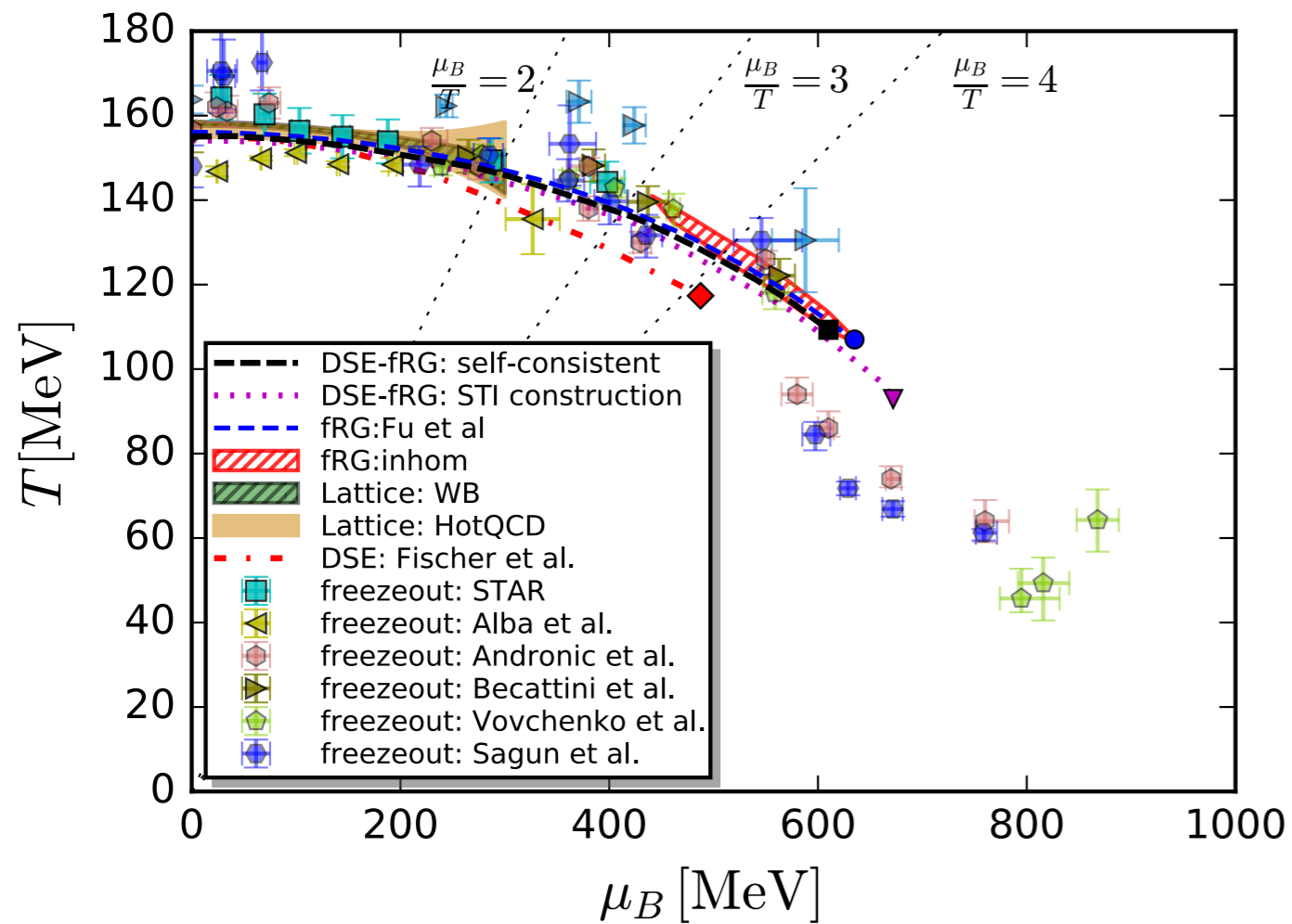
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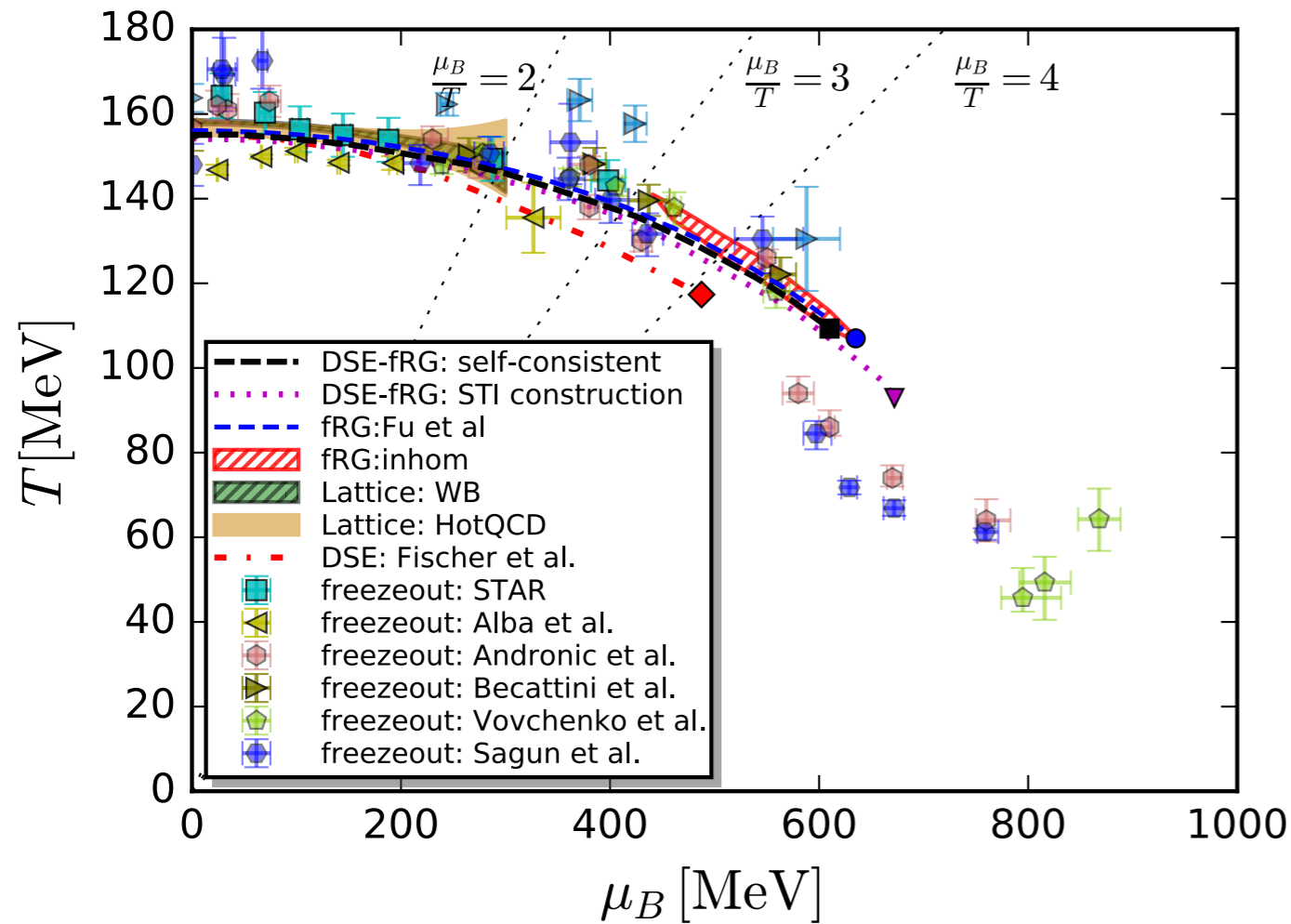
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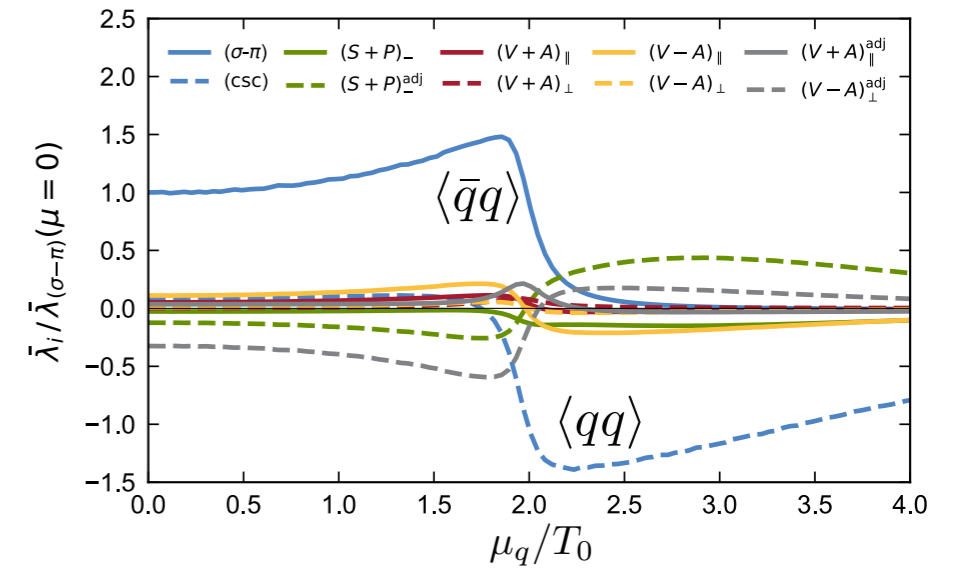
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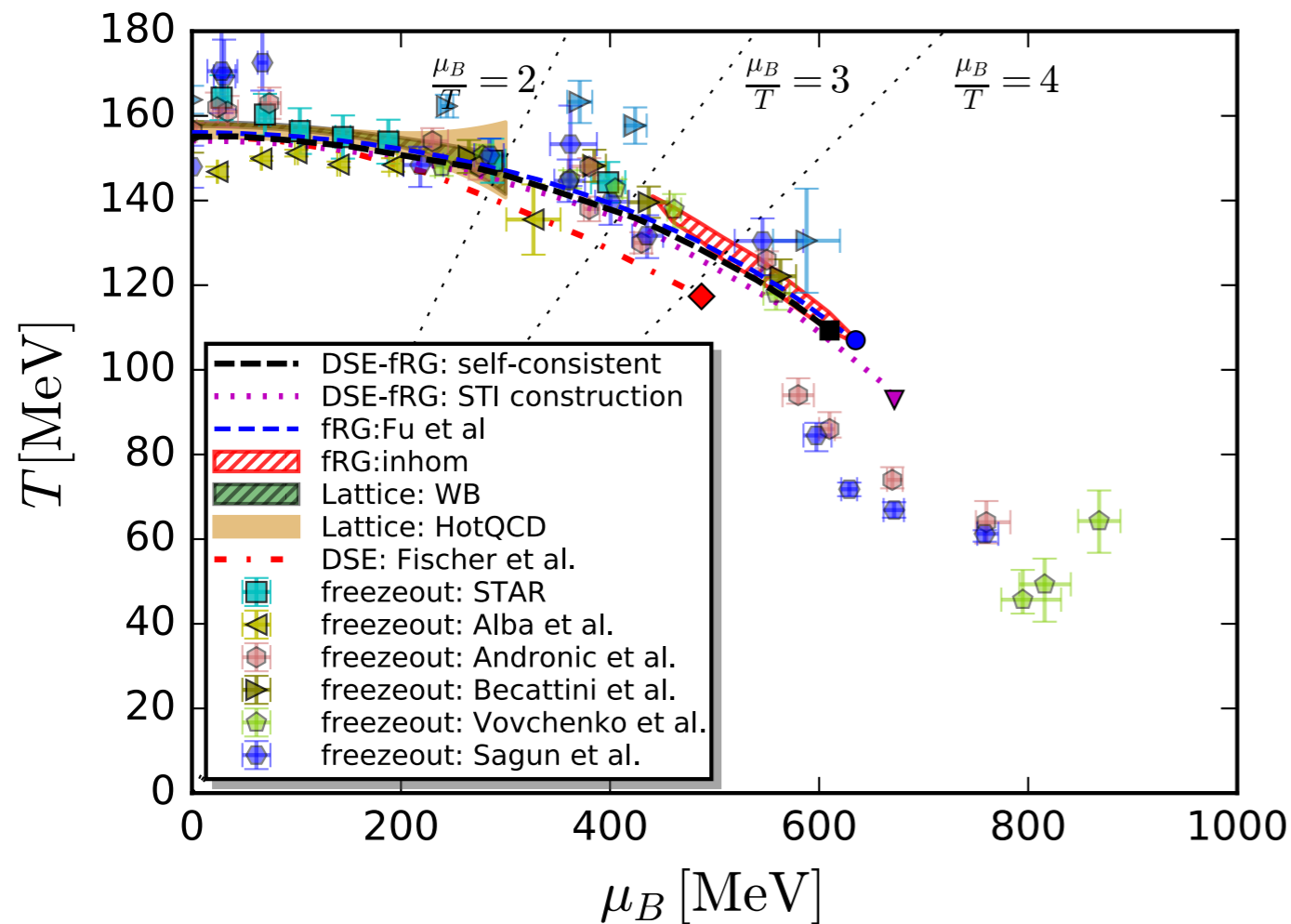
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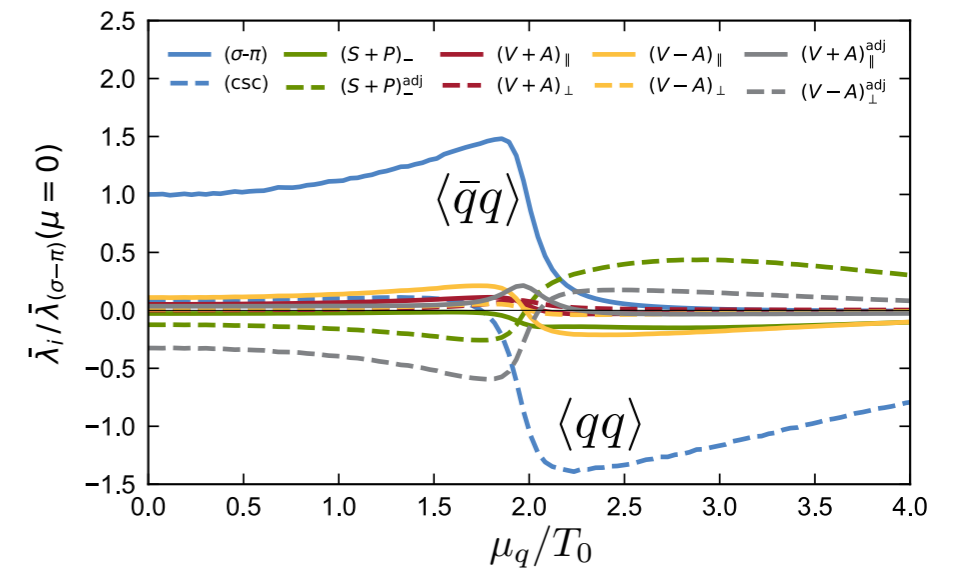
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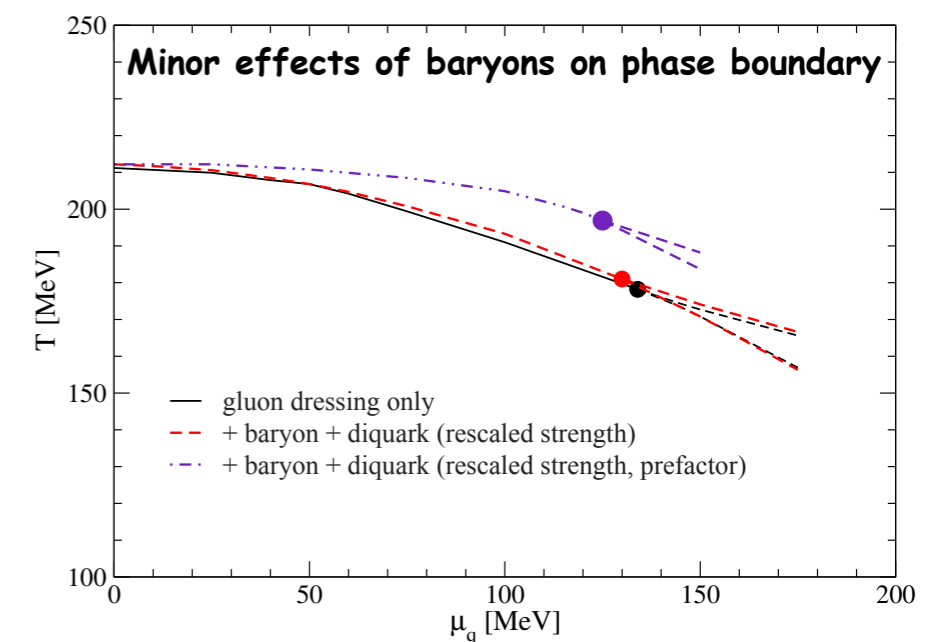
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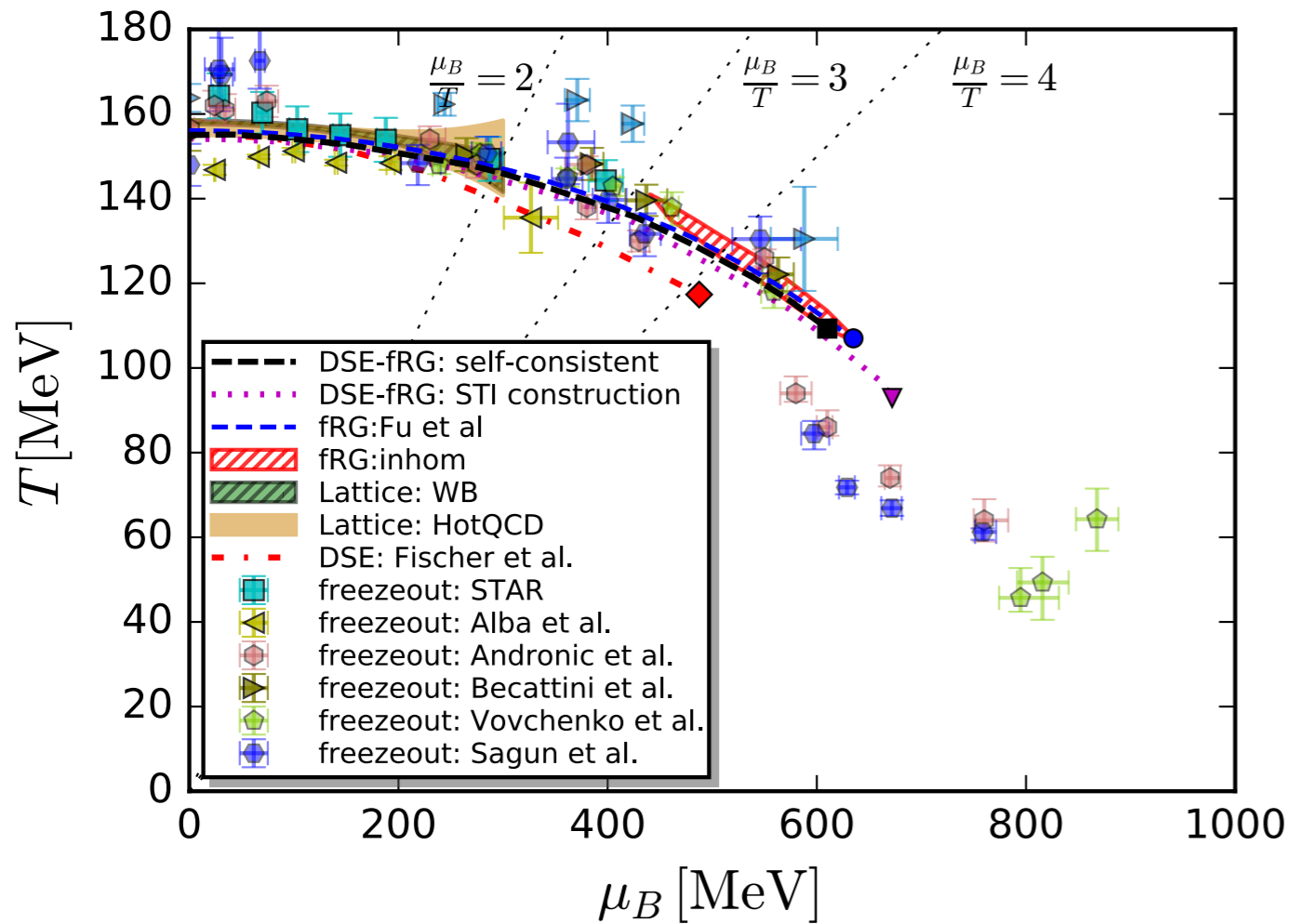
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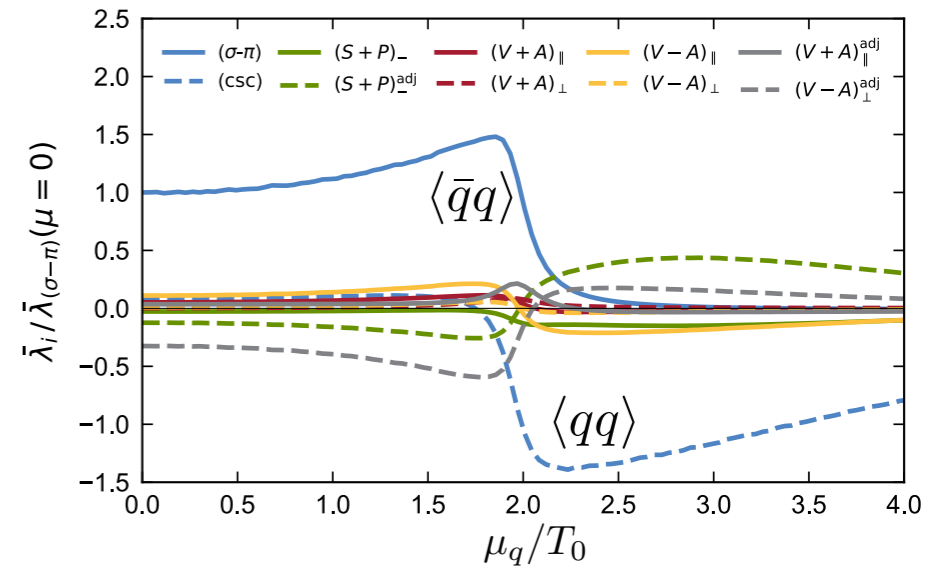
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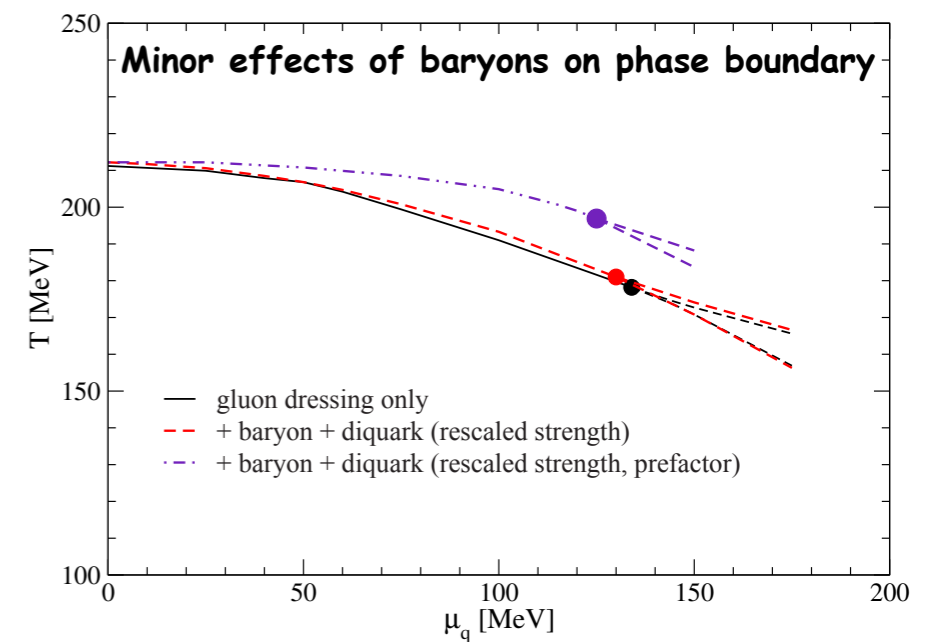
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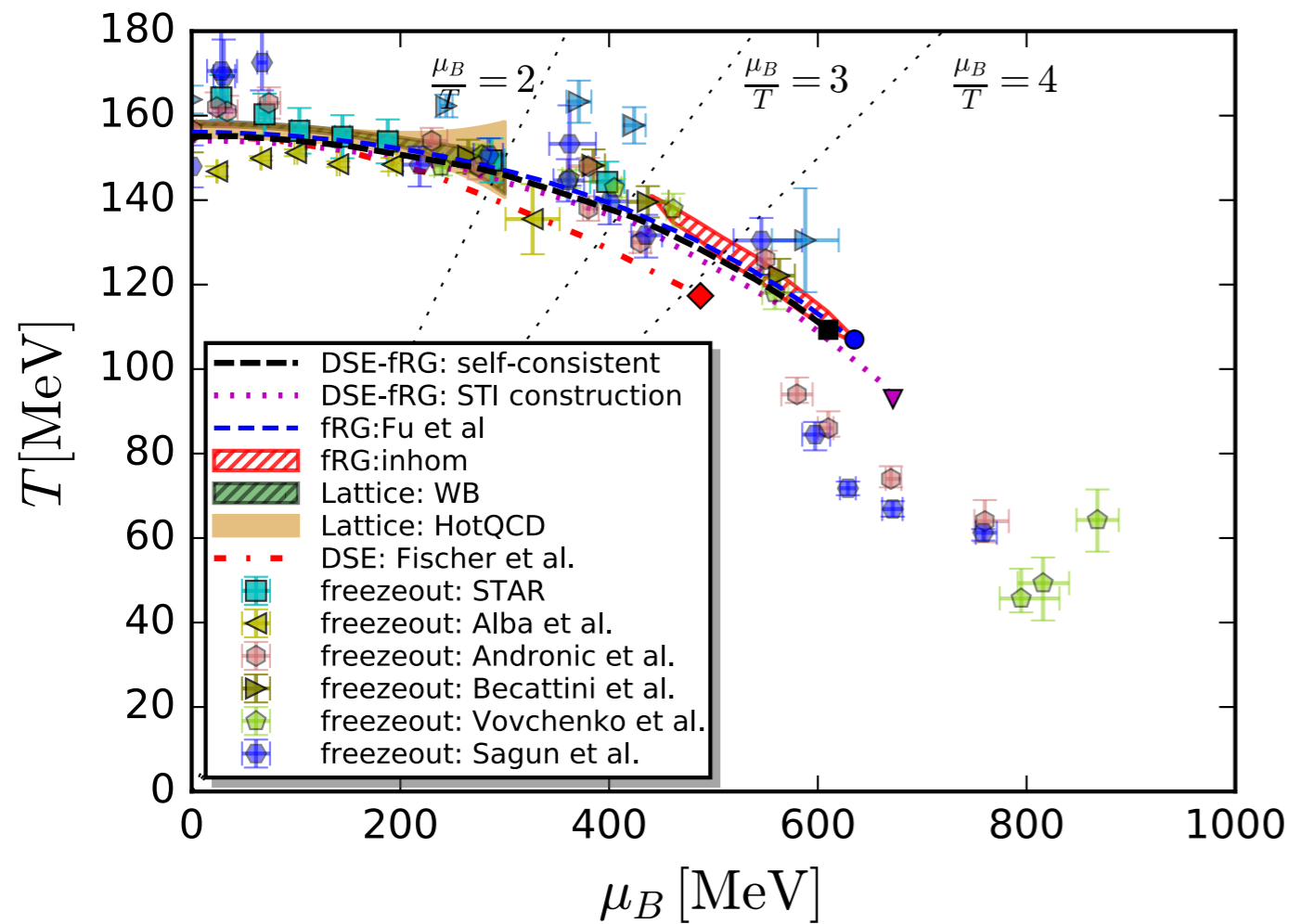
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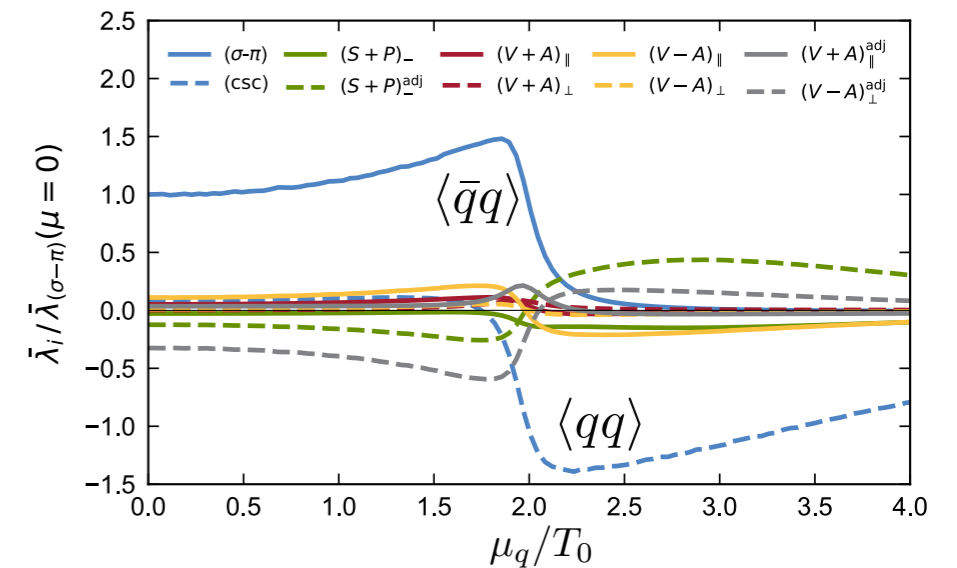


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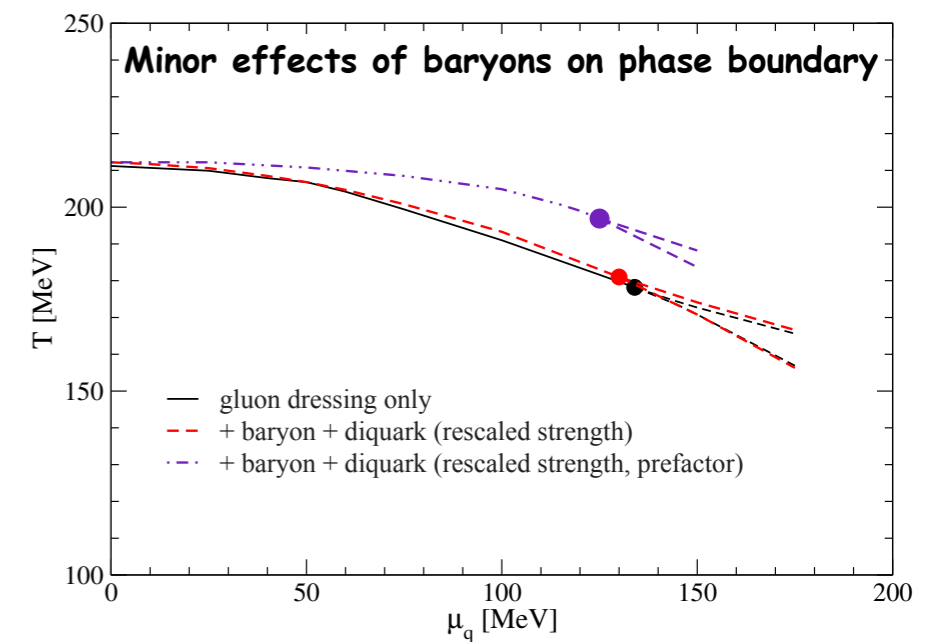
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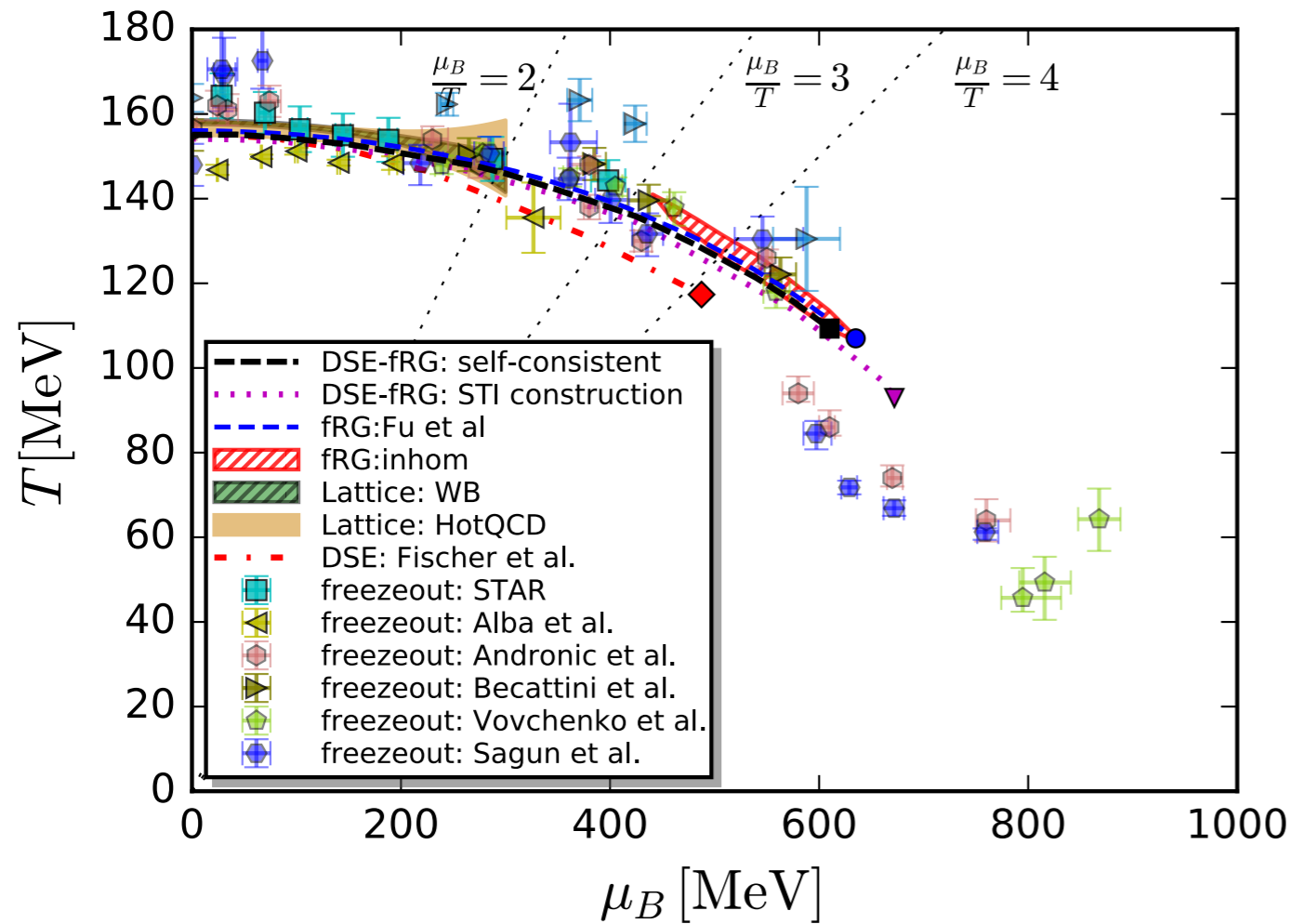
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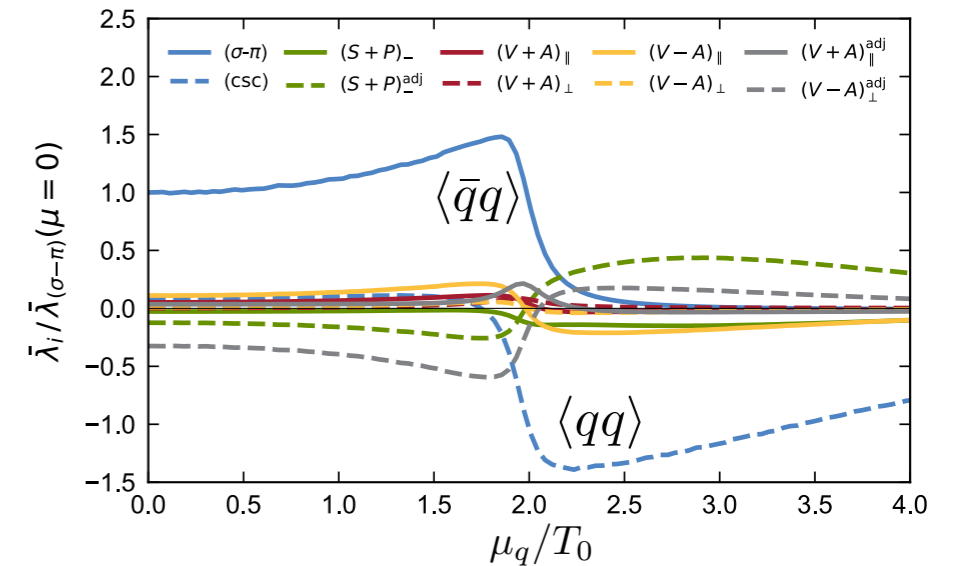
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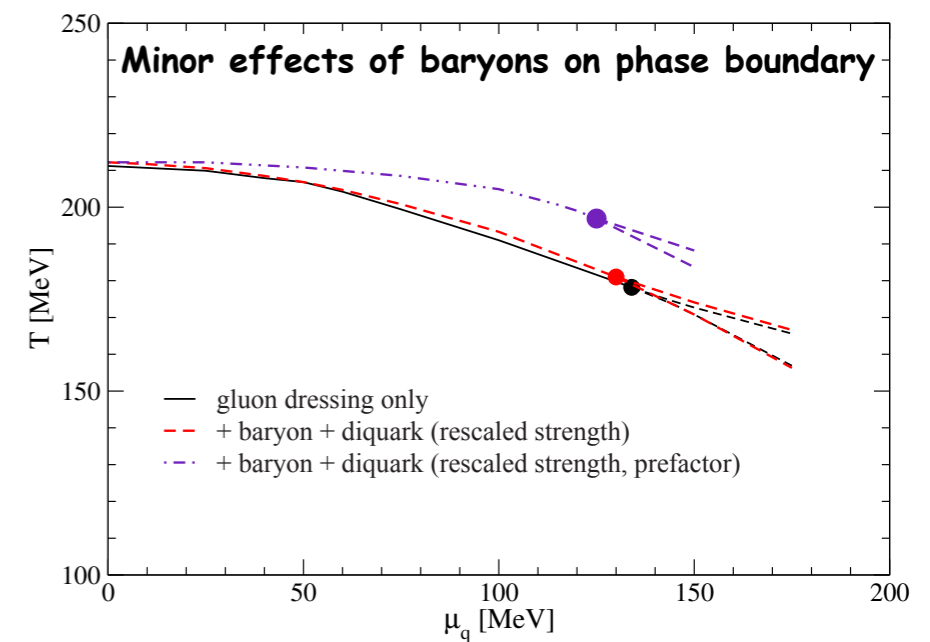
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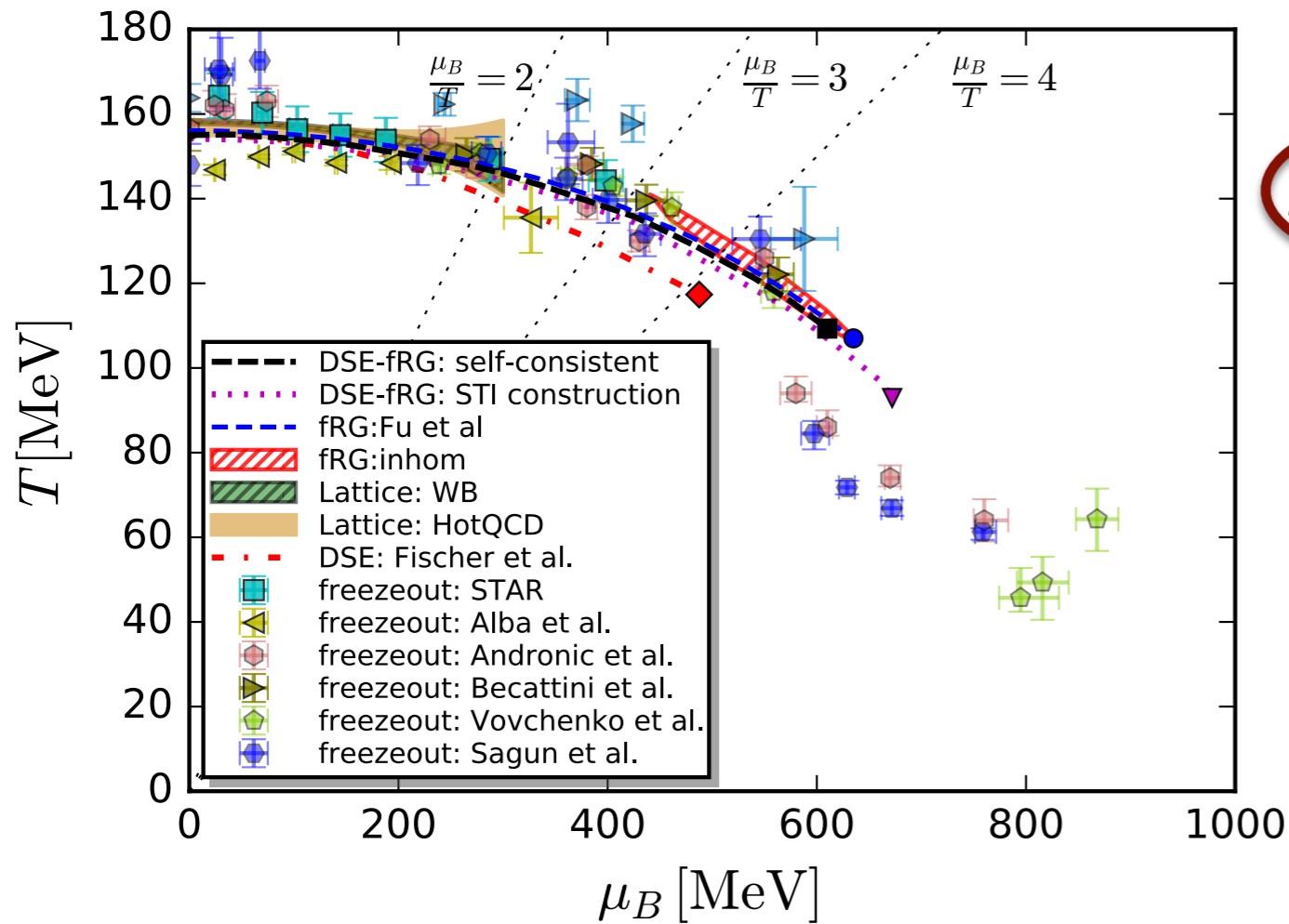


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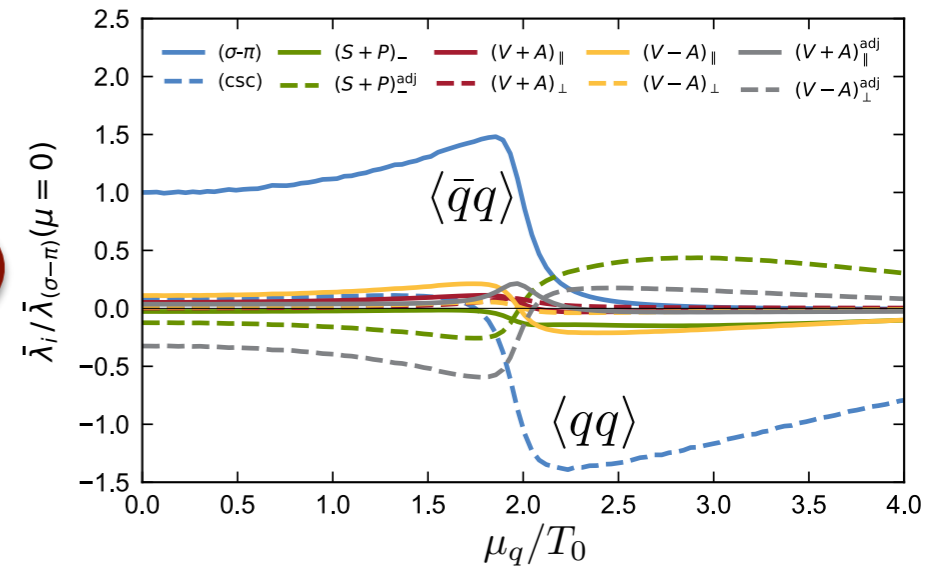
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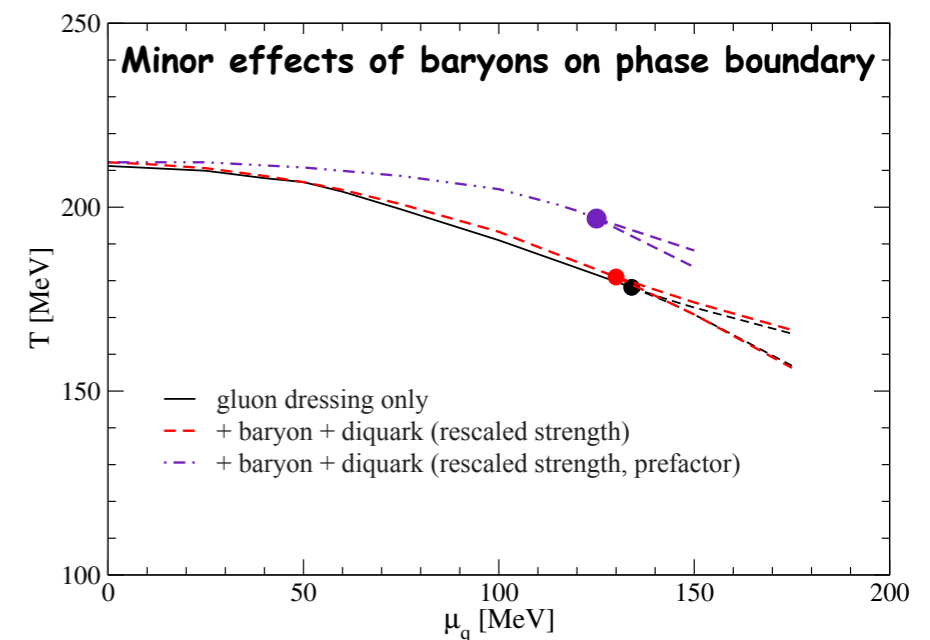
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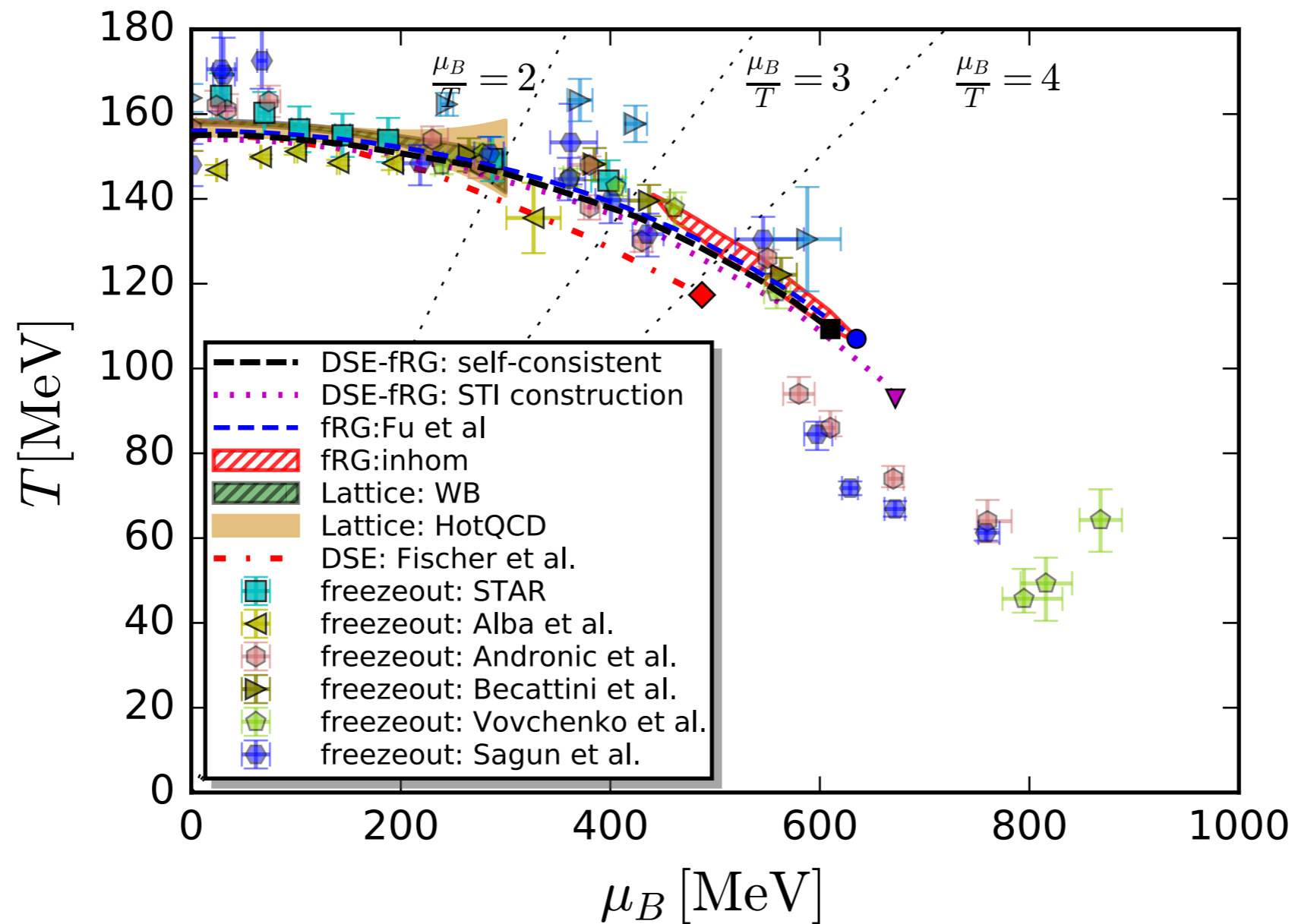


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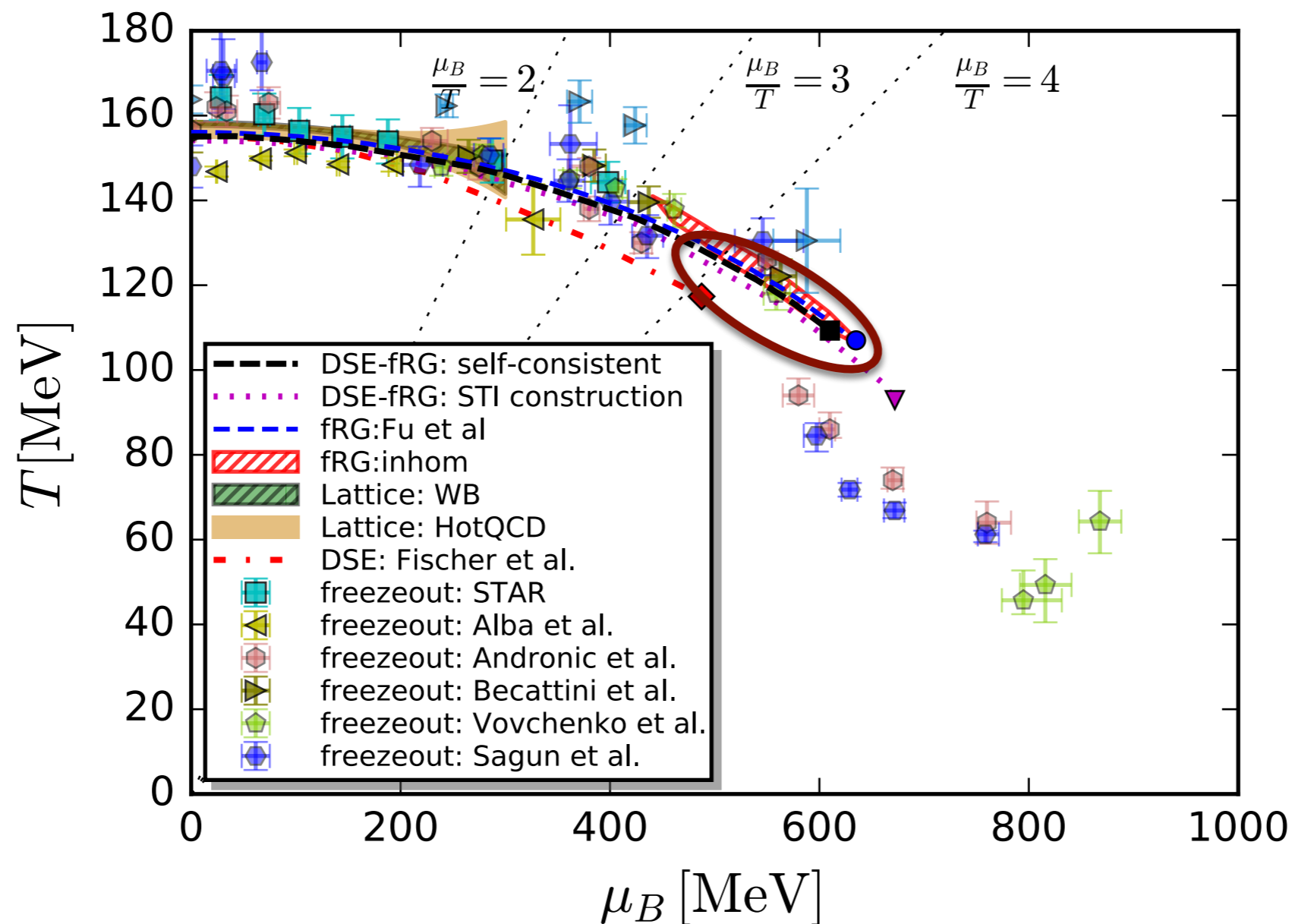
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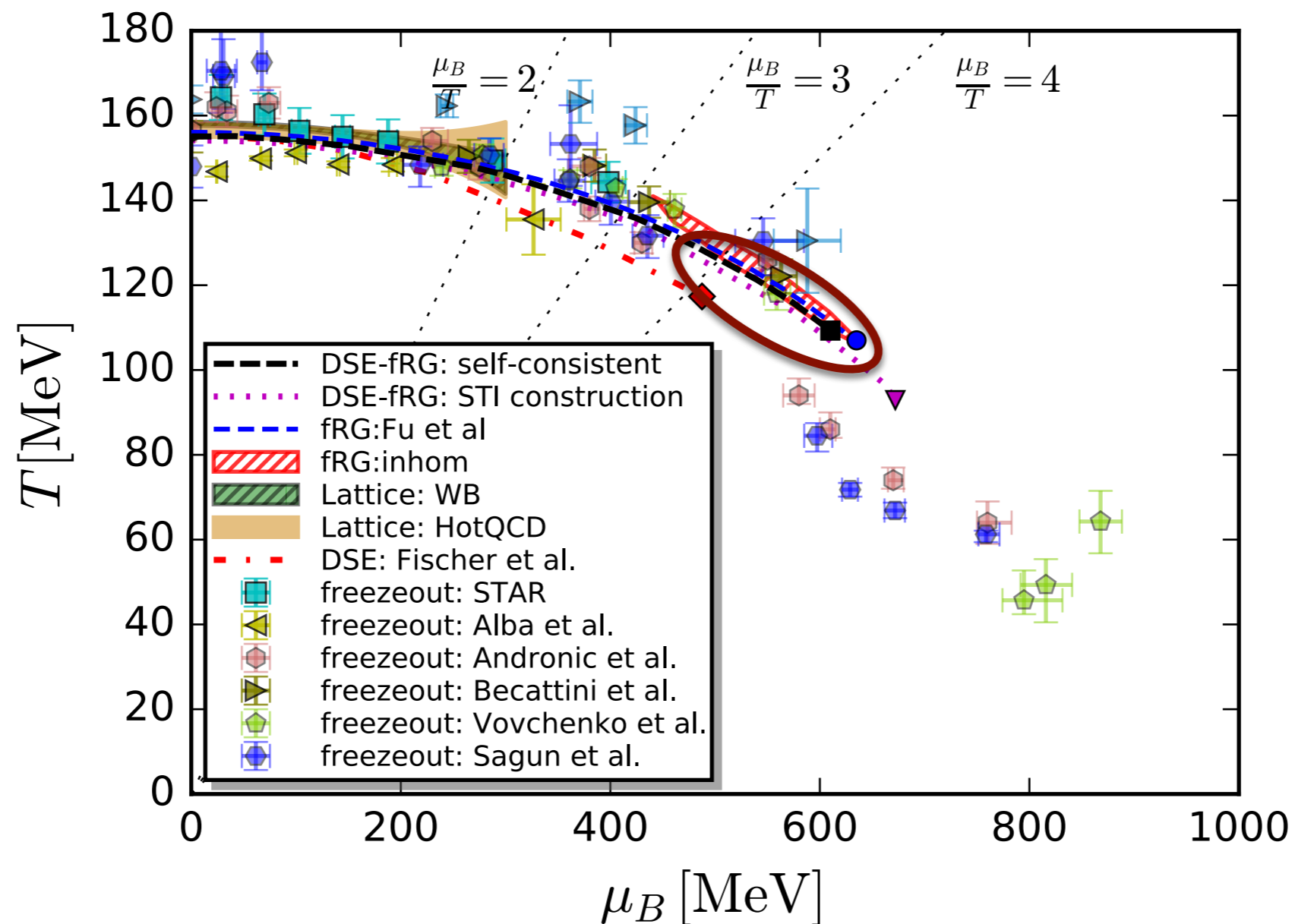
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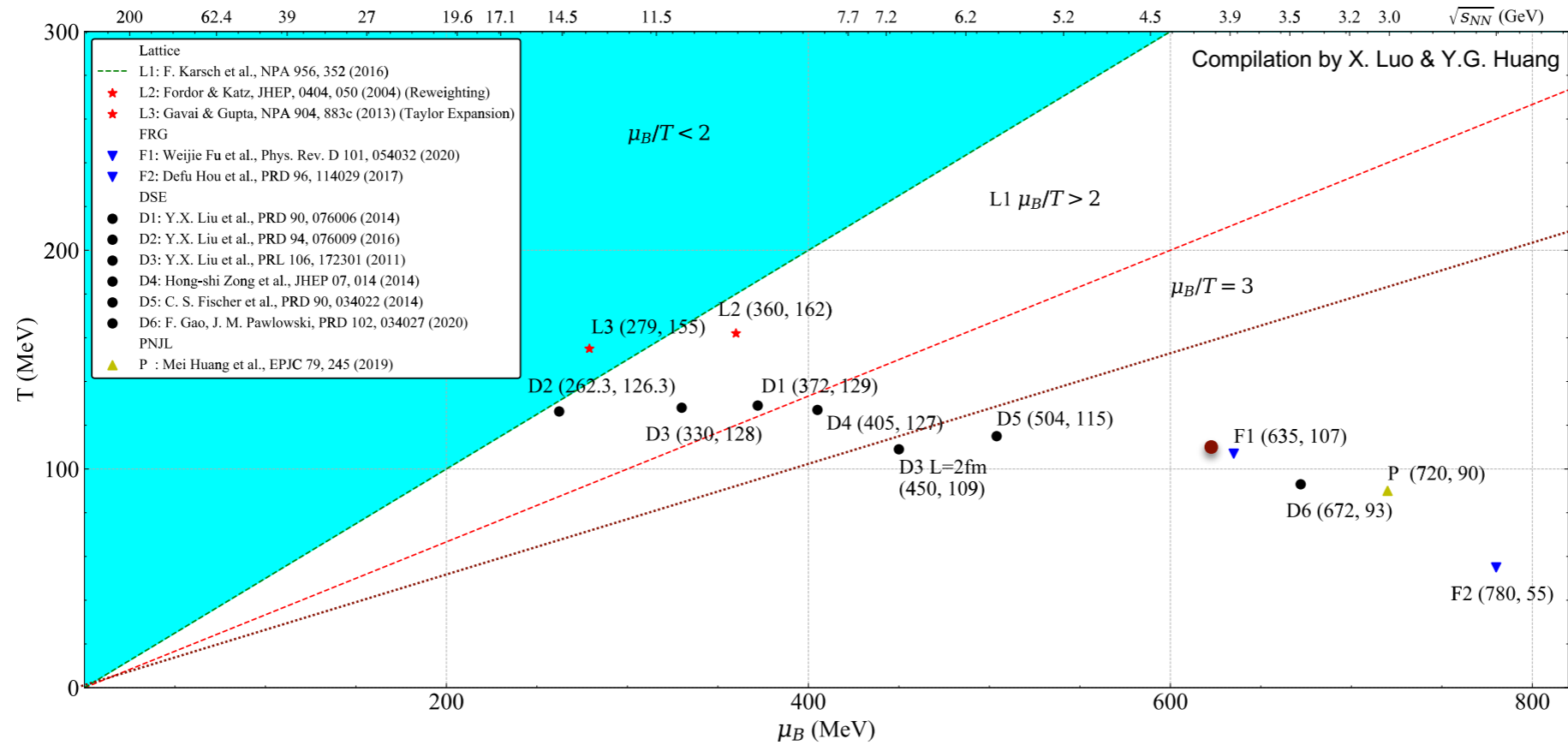
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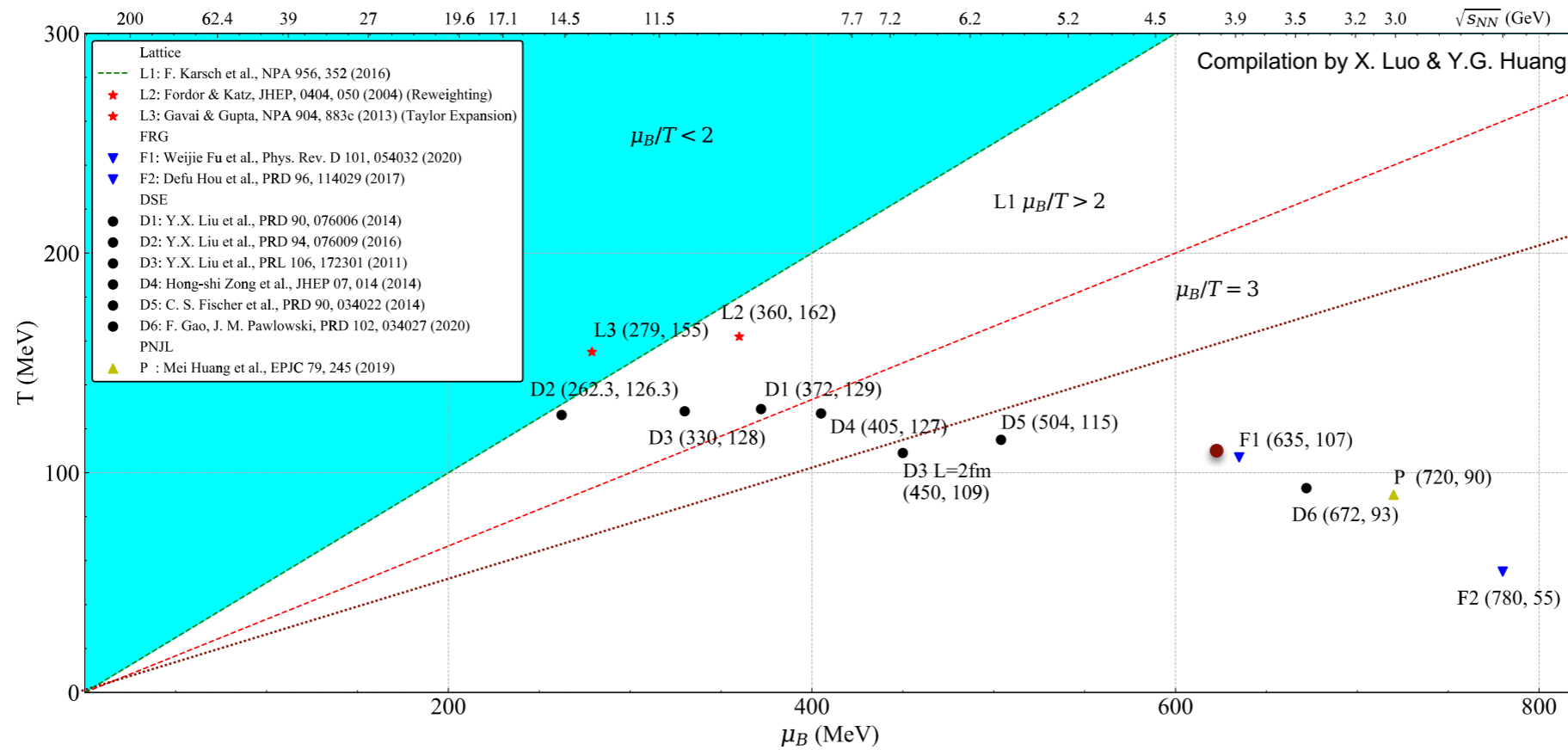


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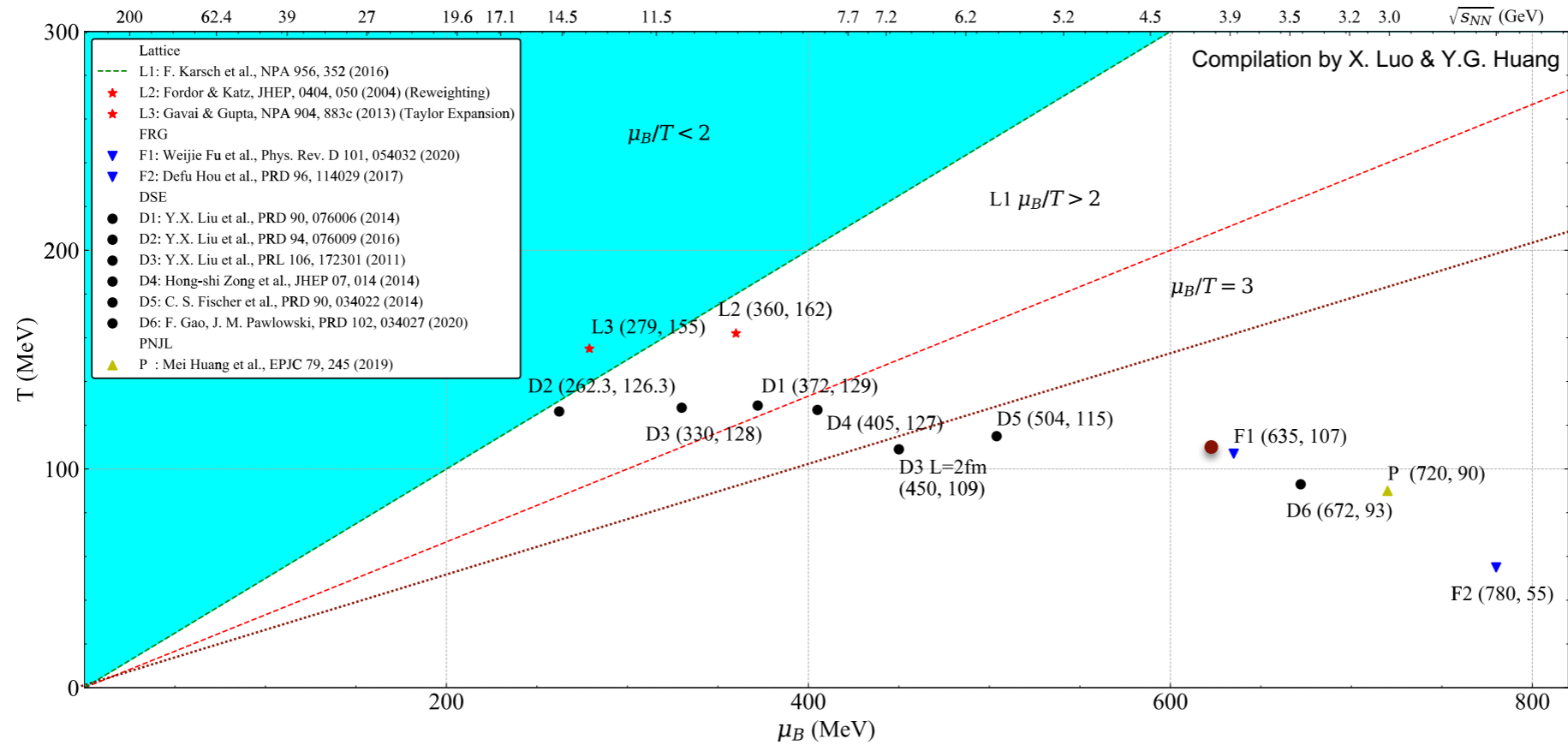
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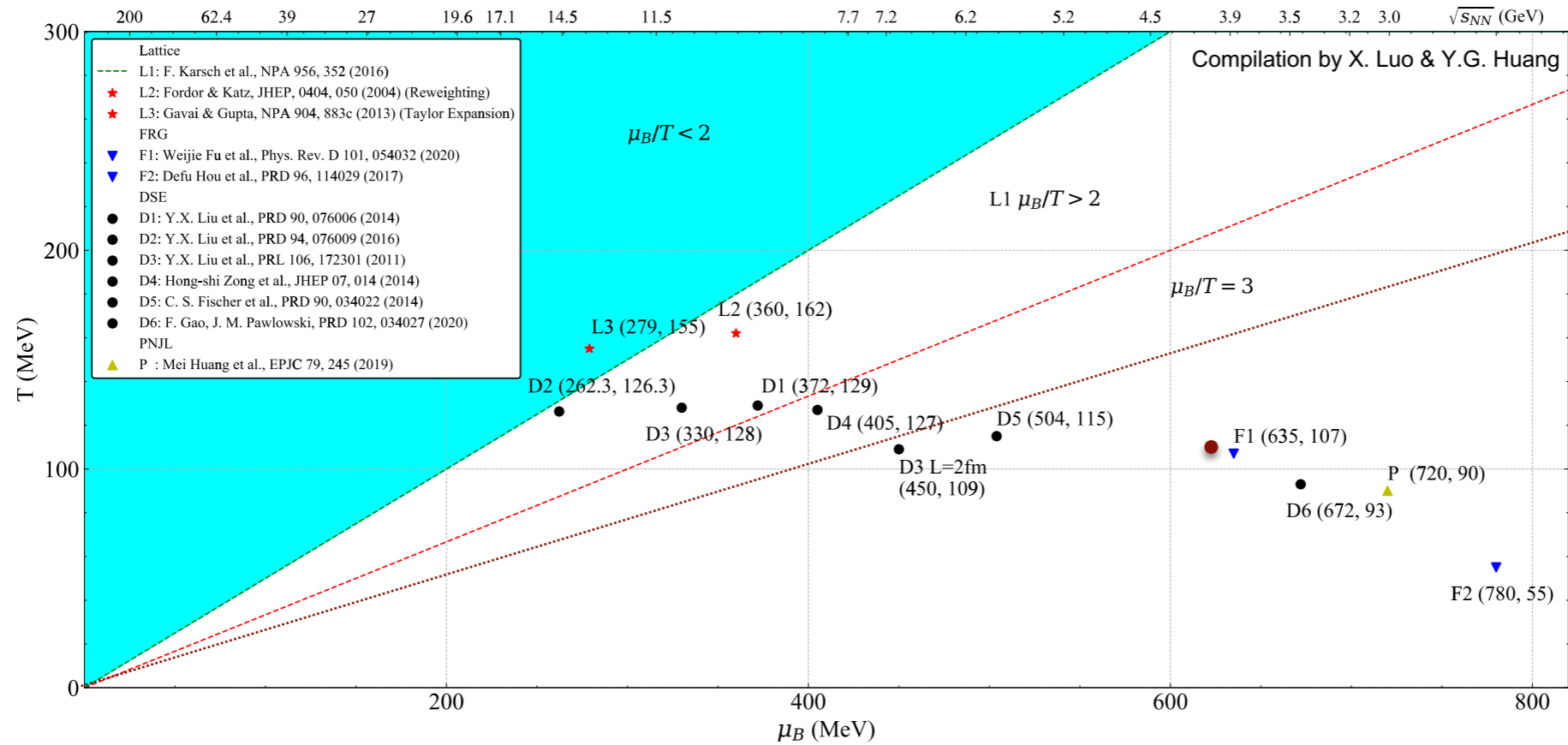
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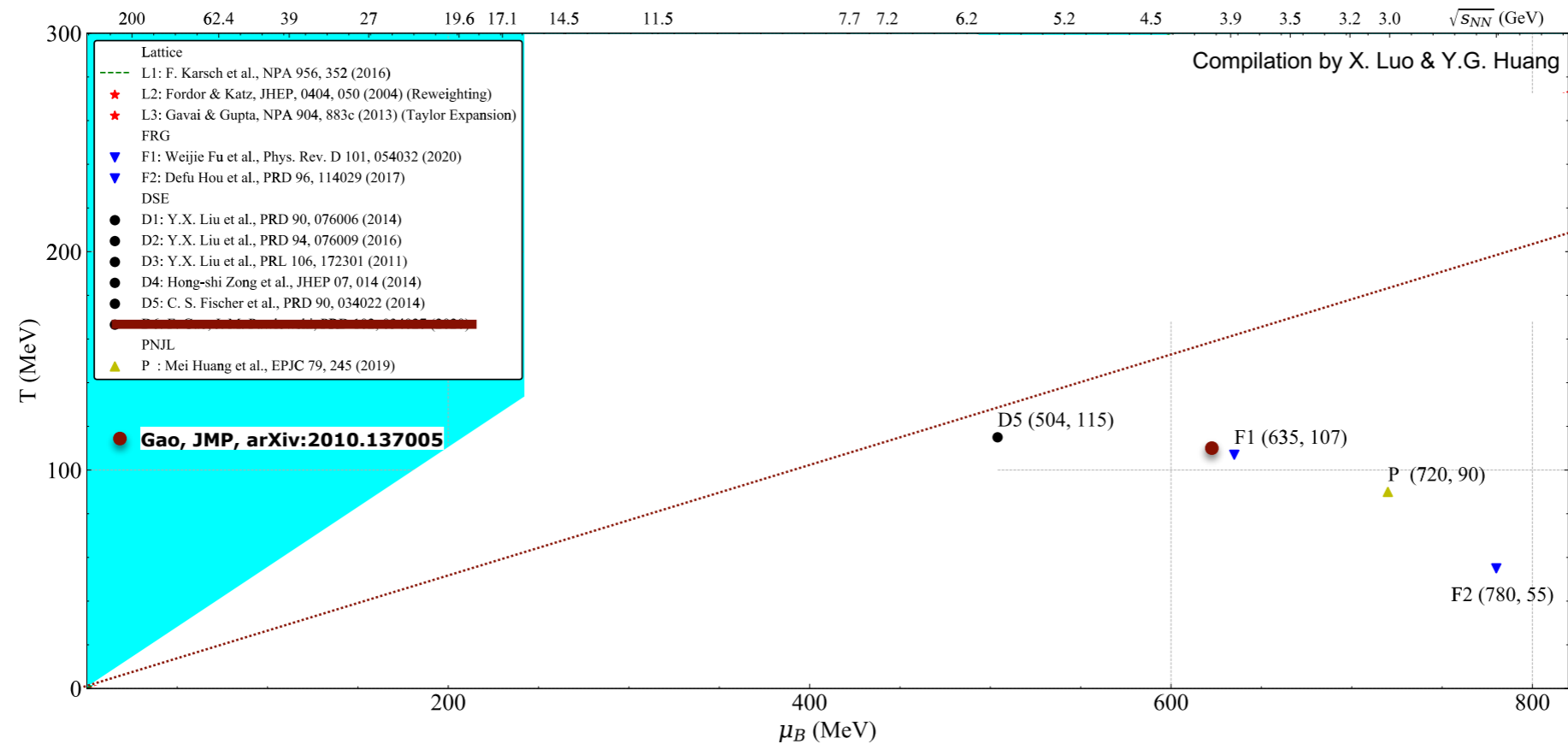
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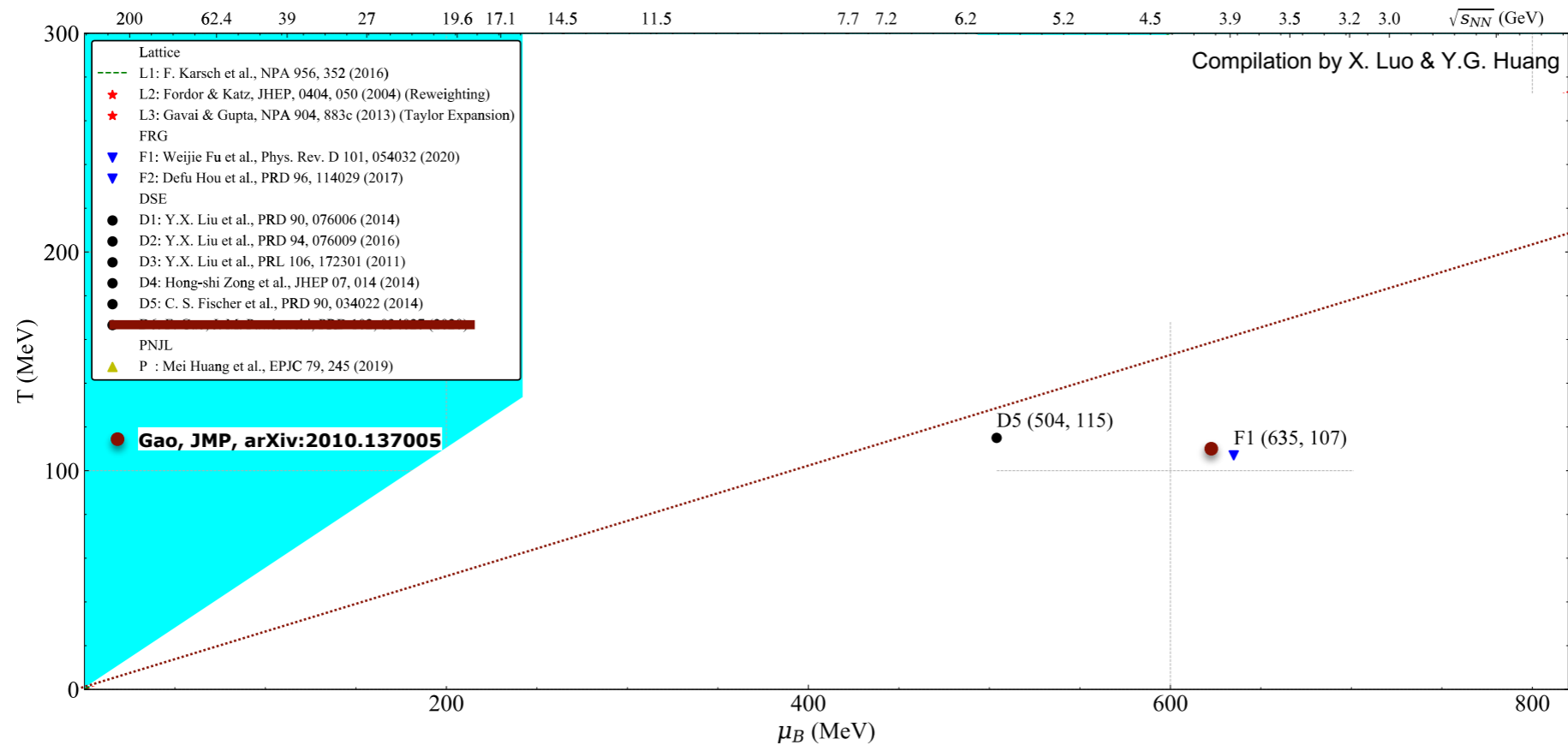
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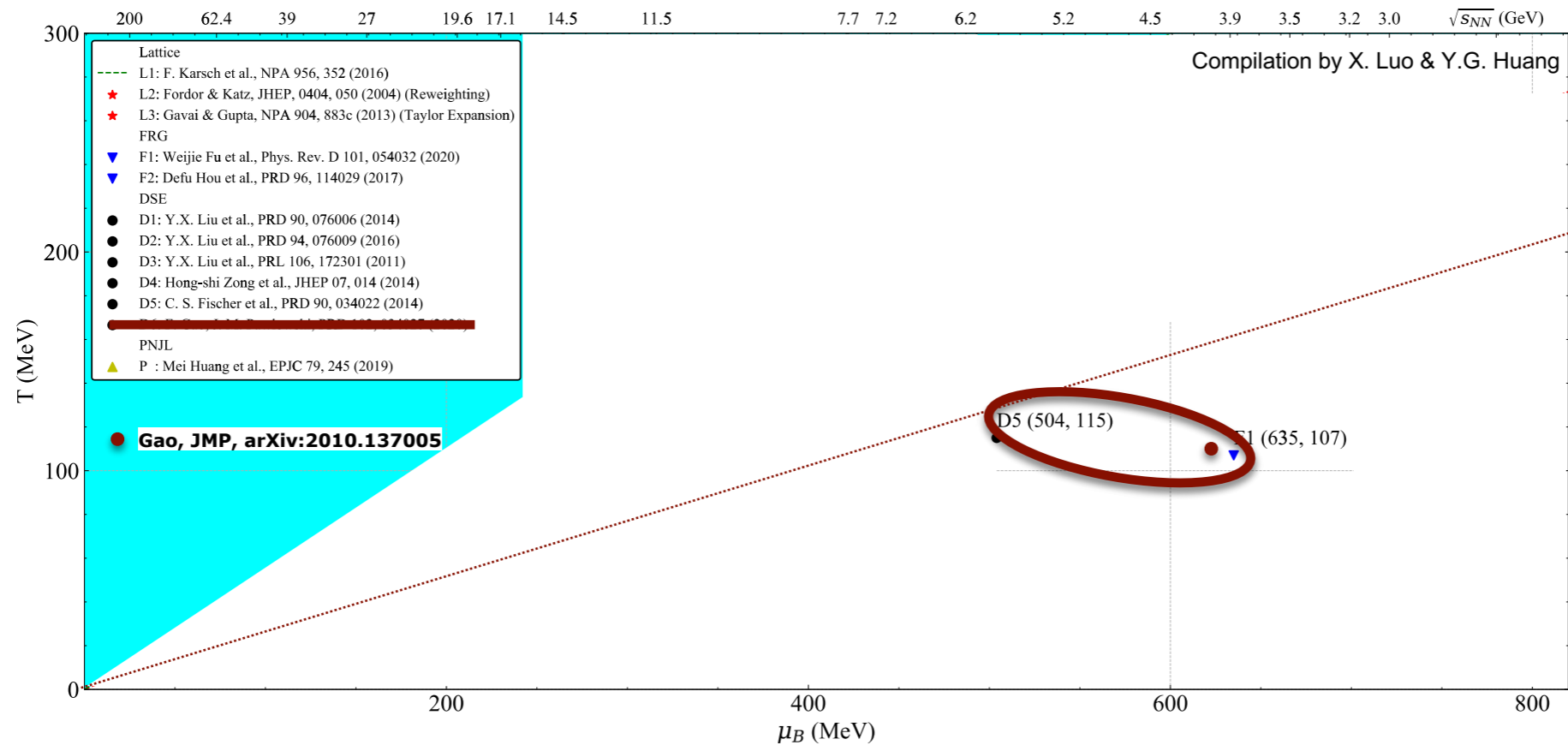
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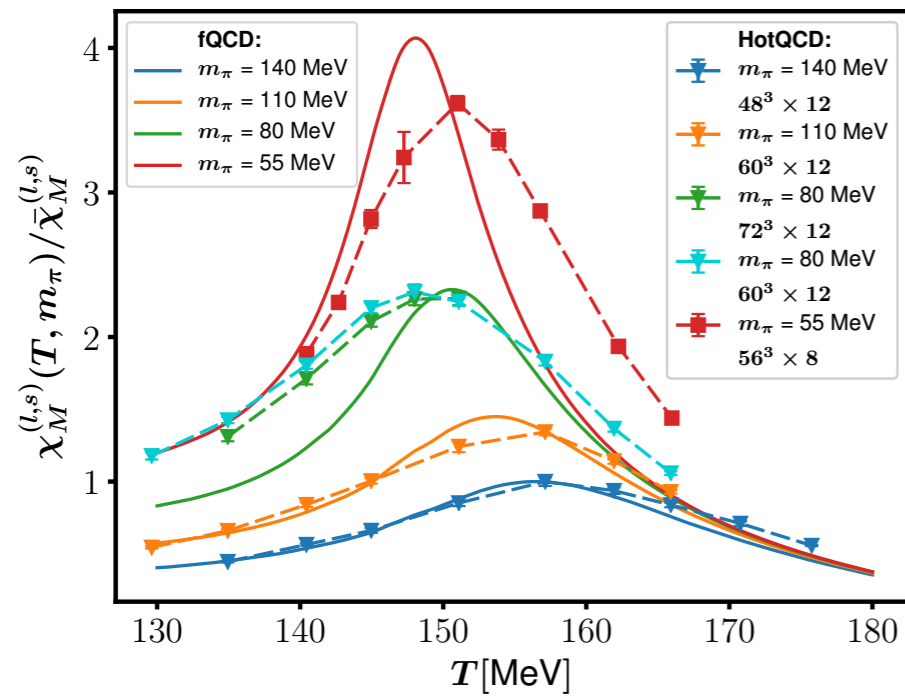
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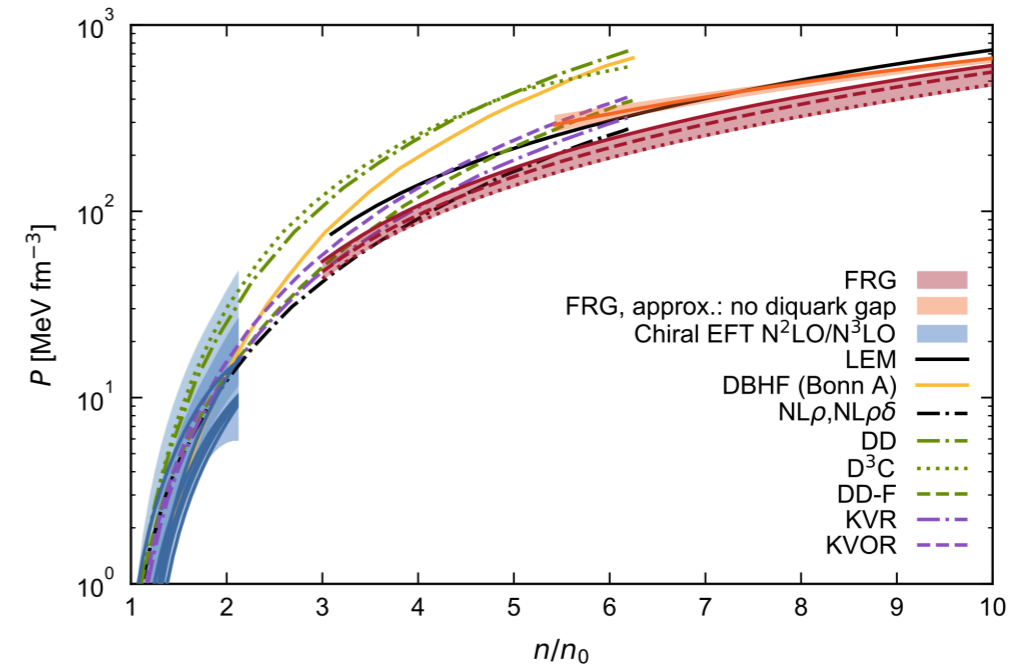


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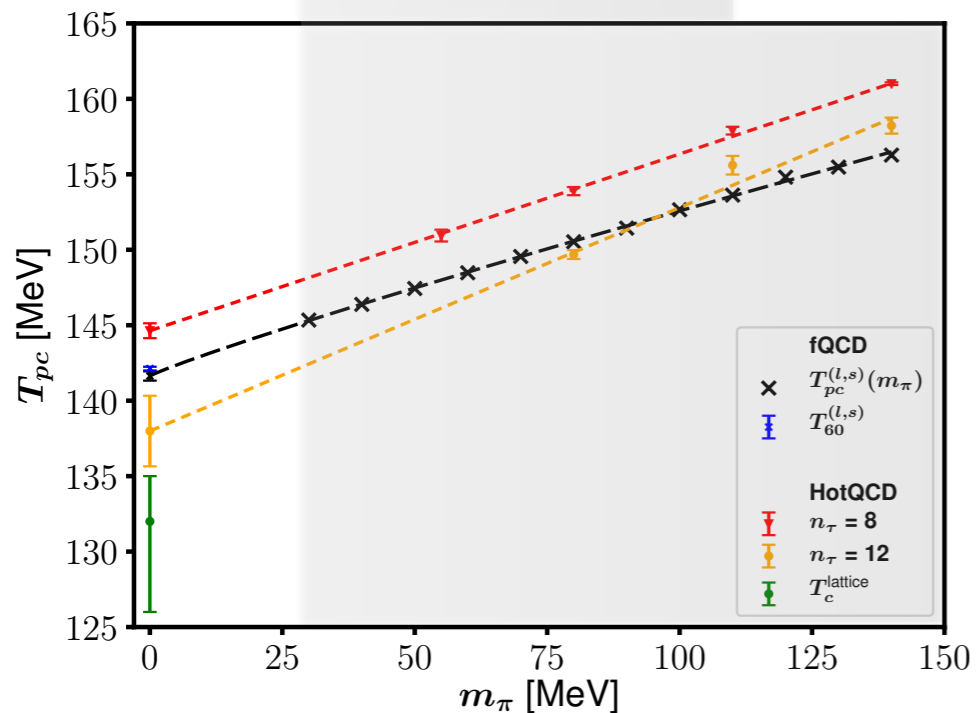


## EoS of symmetric nuclear matter



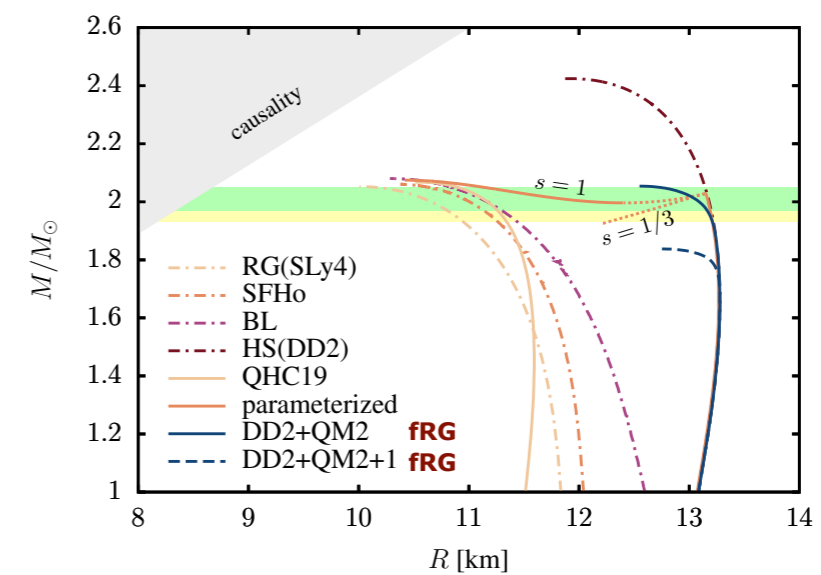
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## No critical scaling



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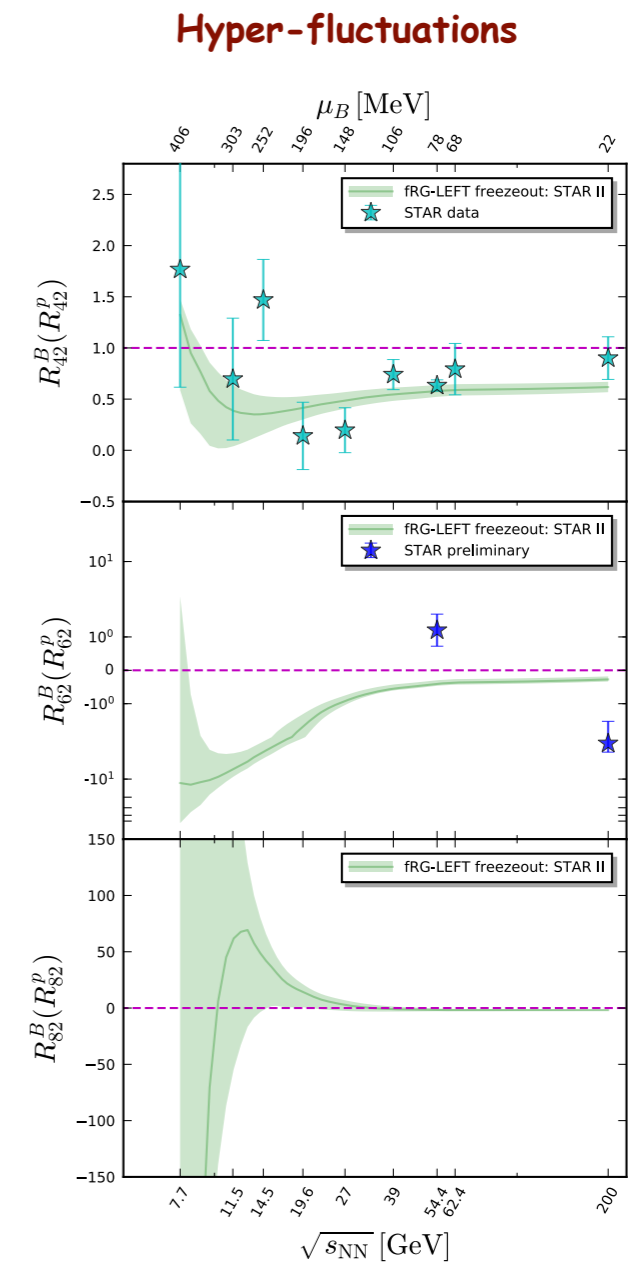
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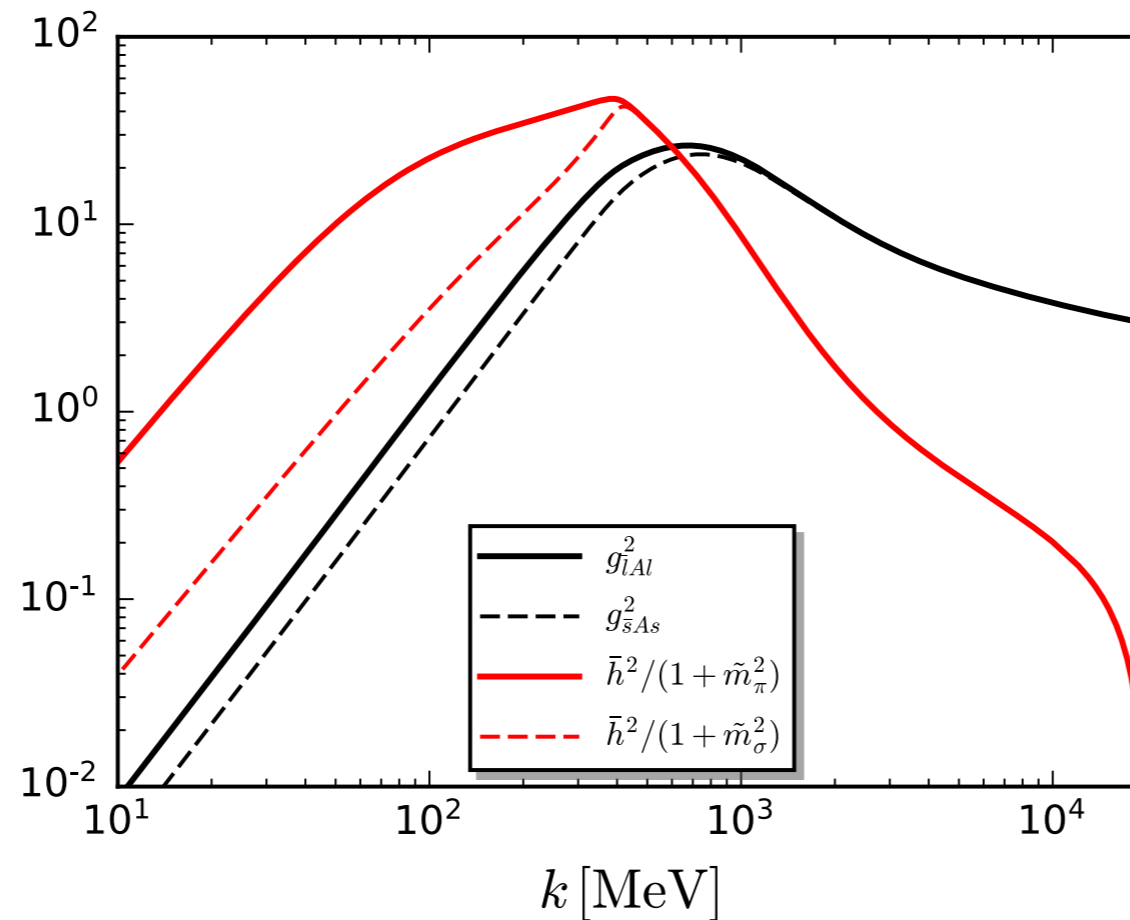
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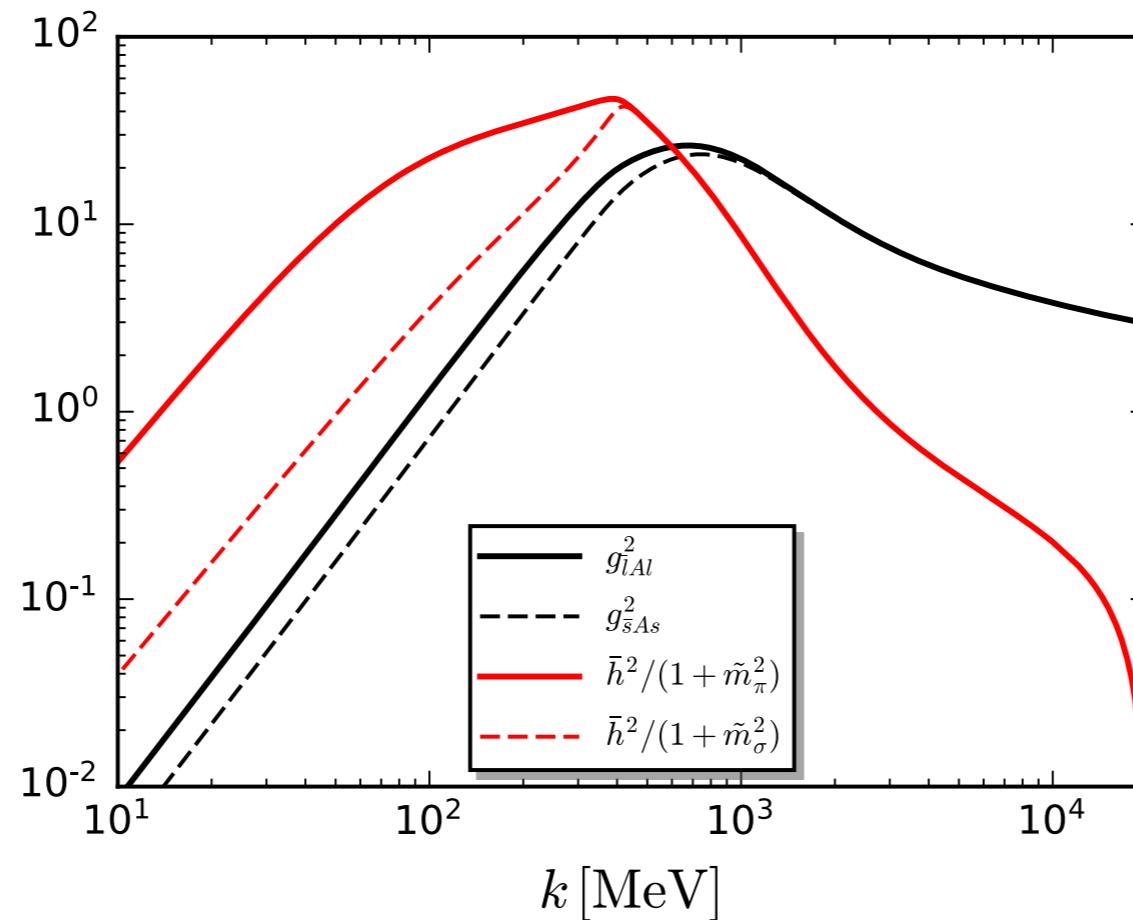
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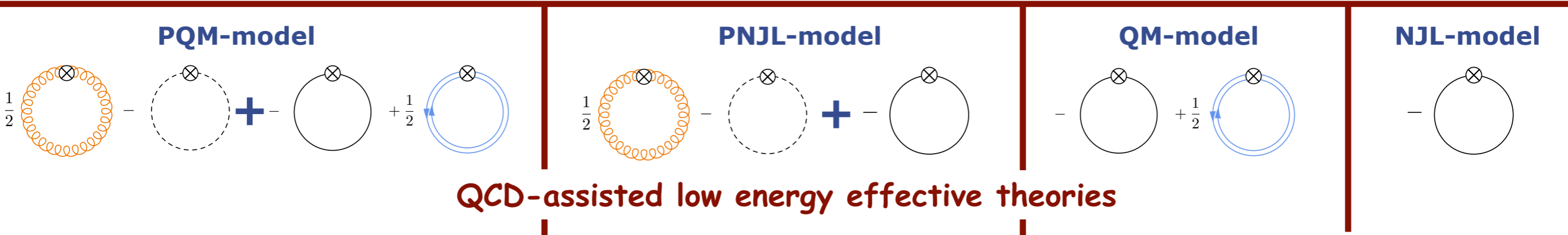
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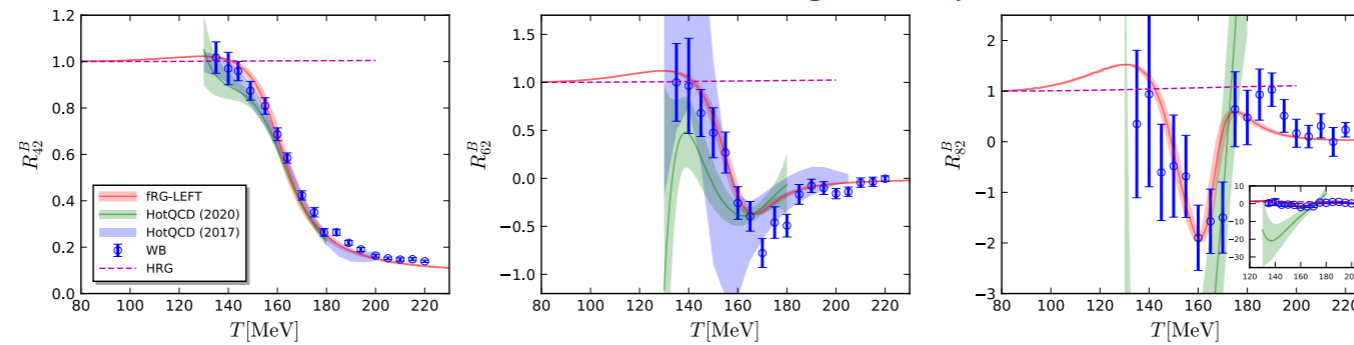


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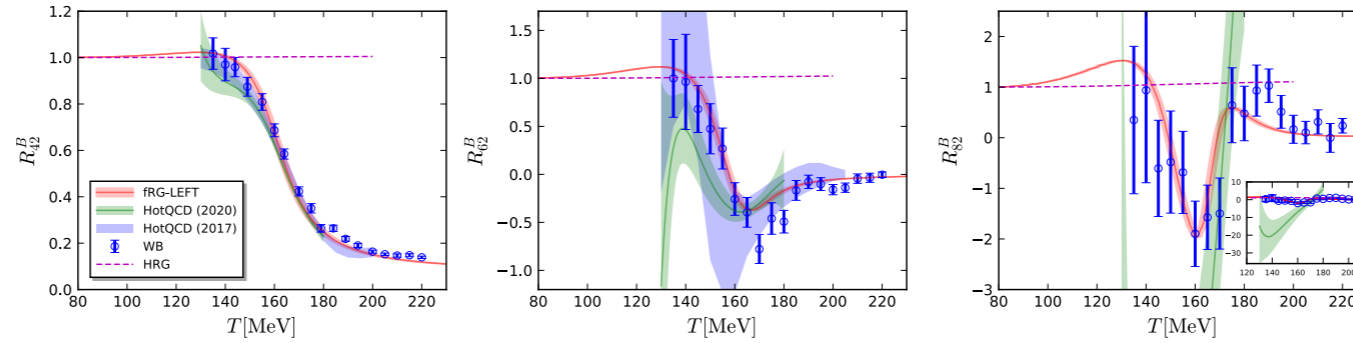
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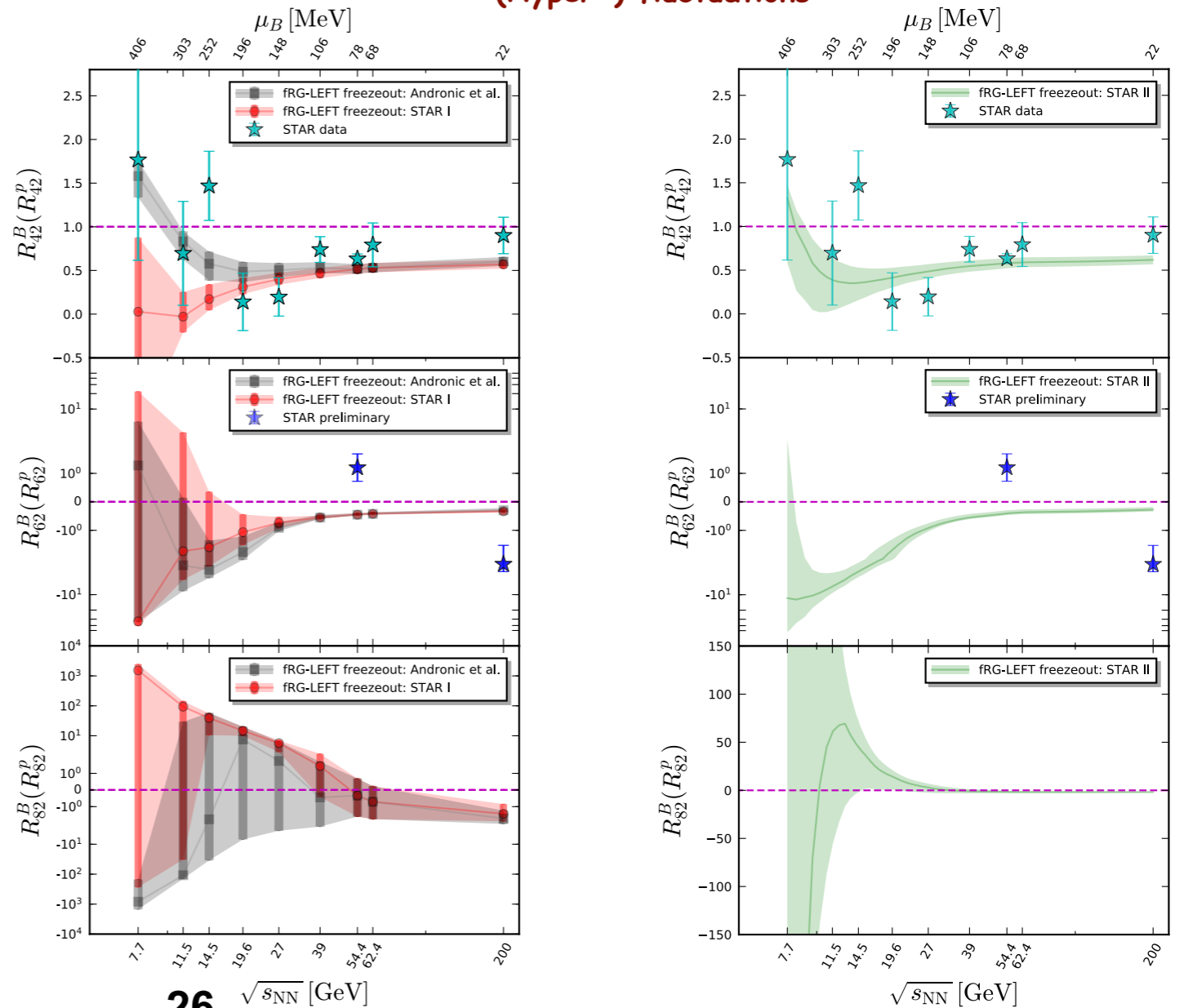
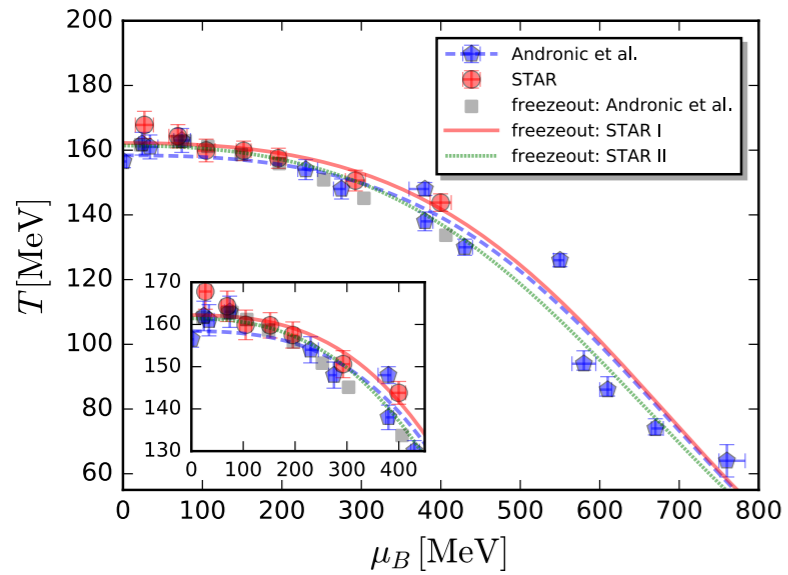
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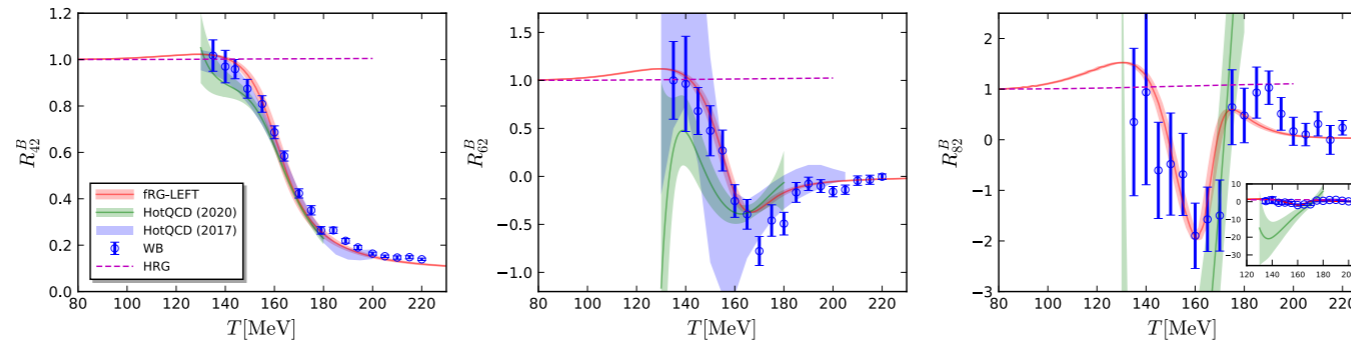


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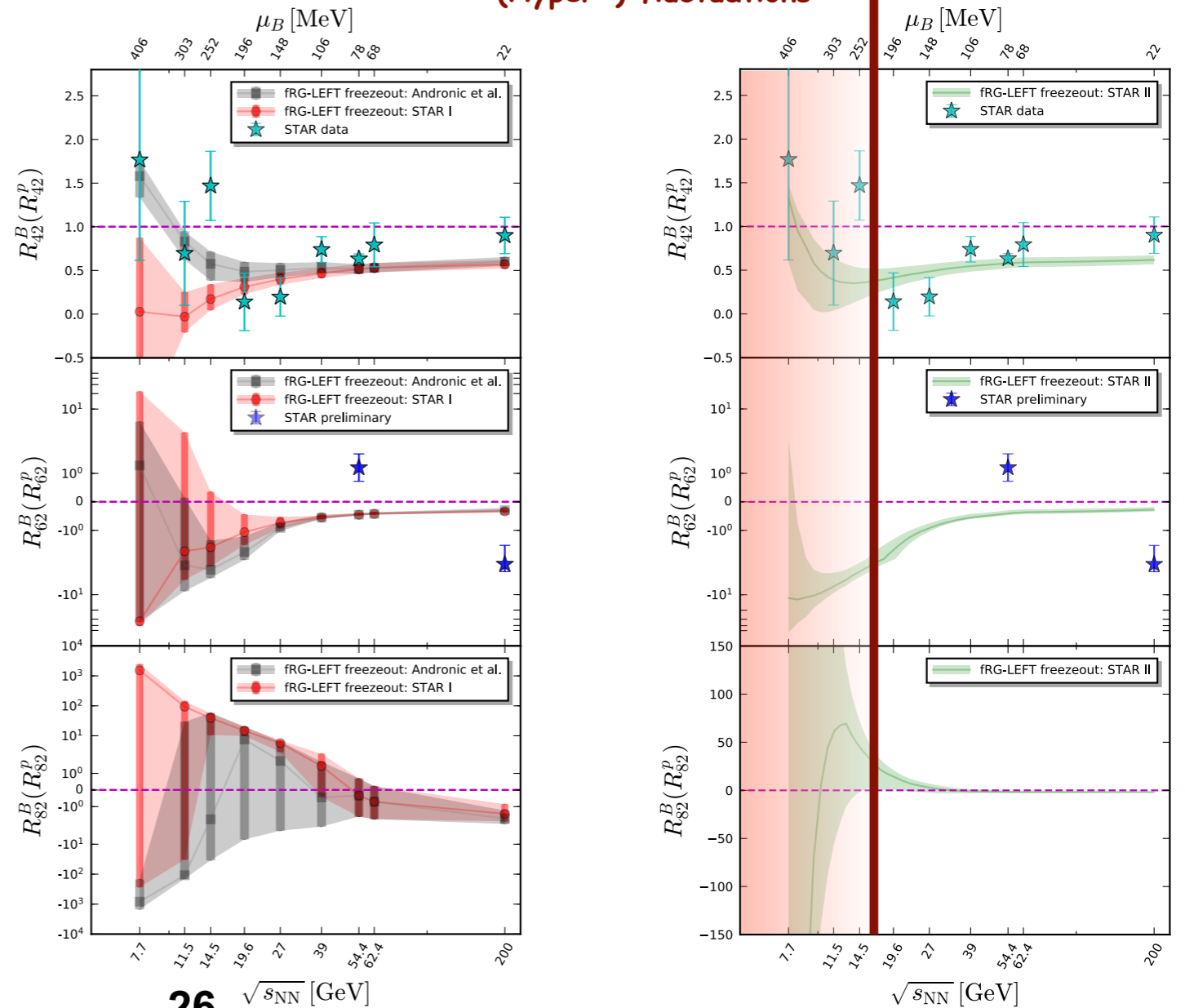
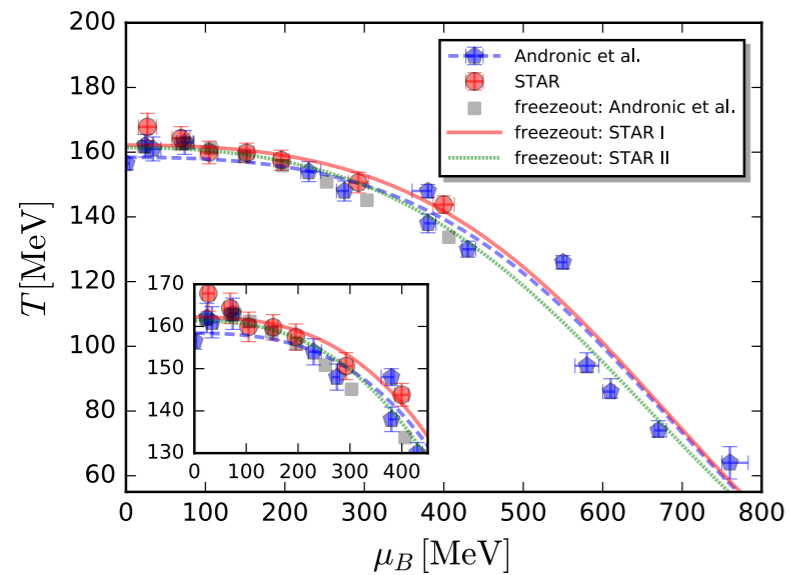
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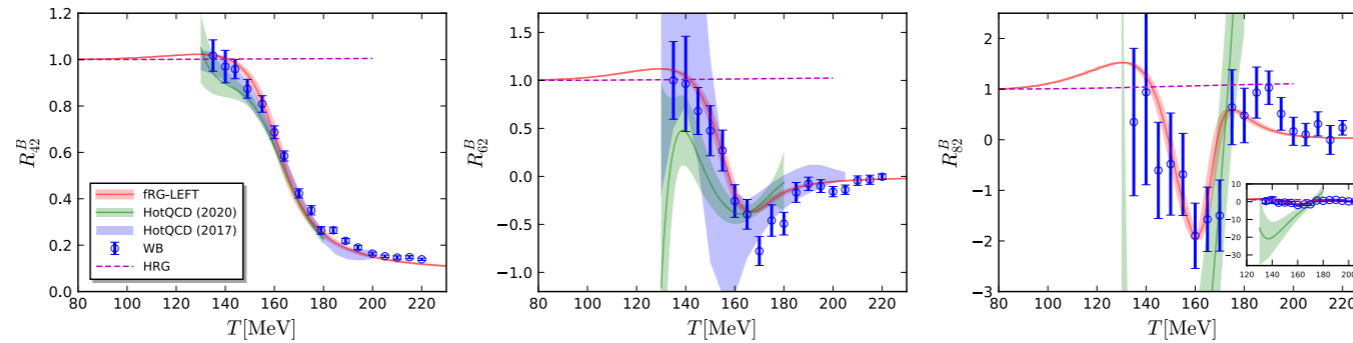


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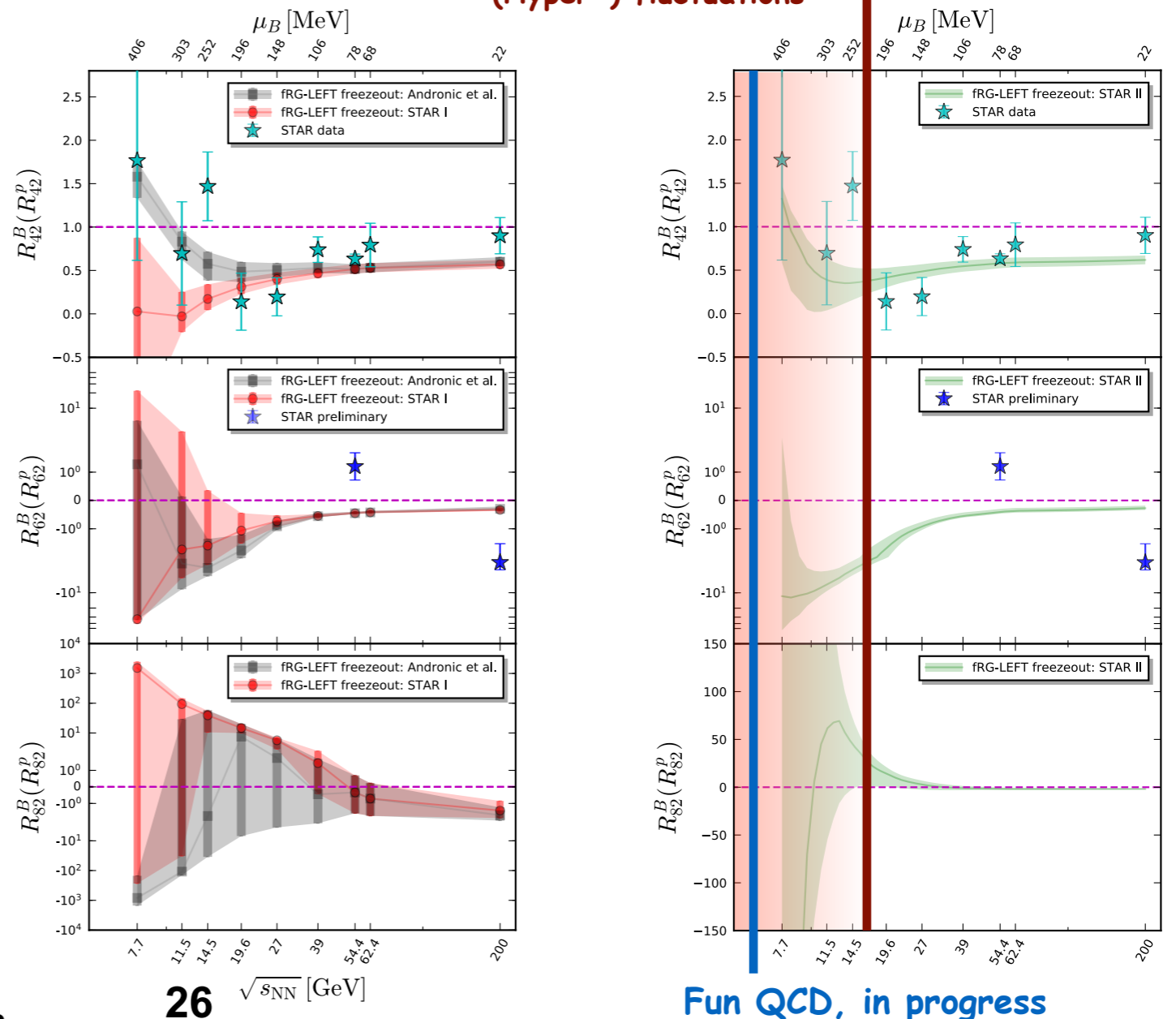
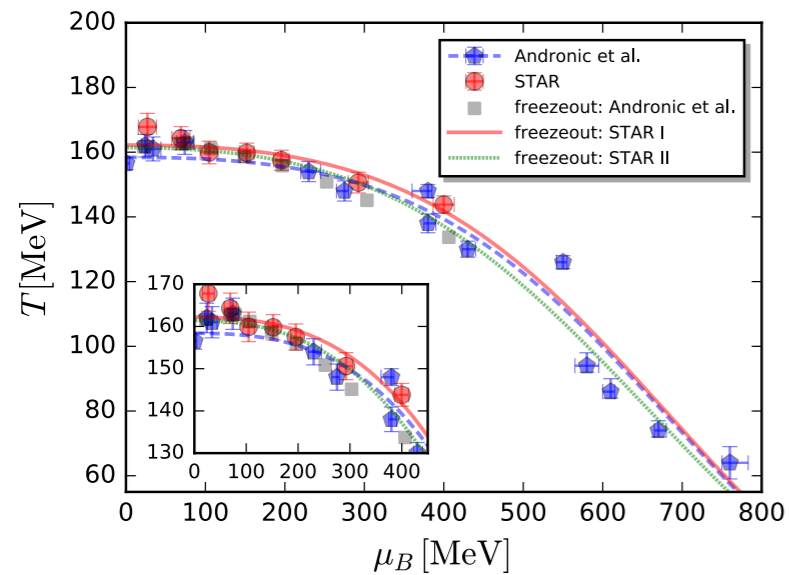
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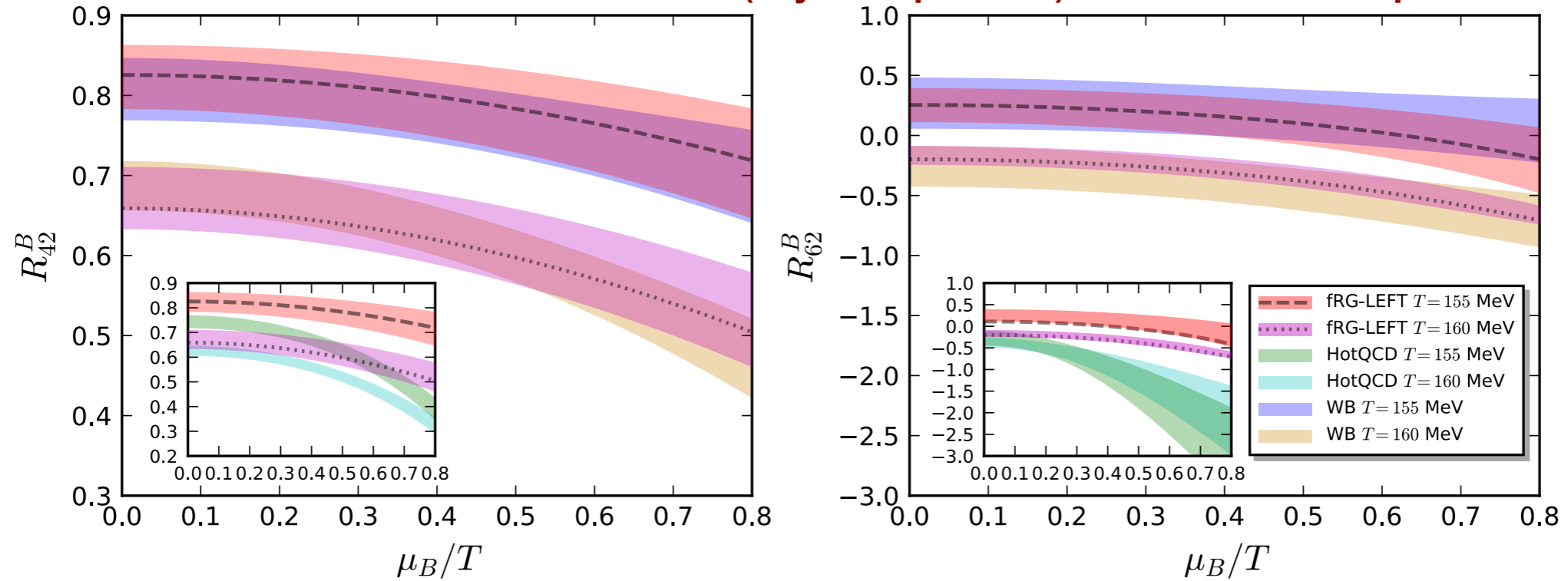




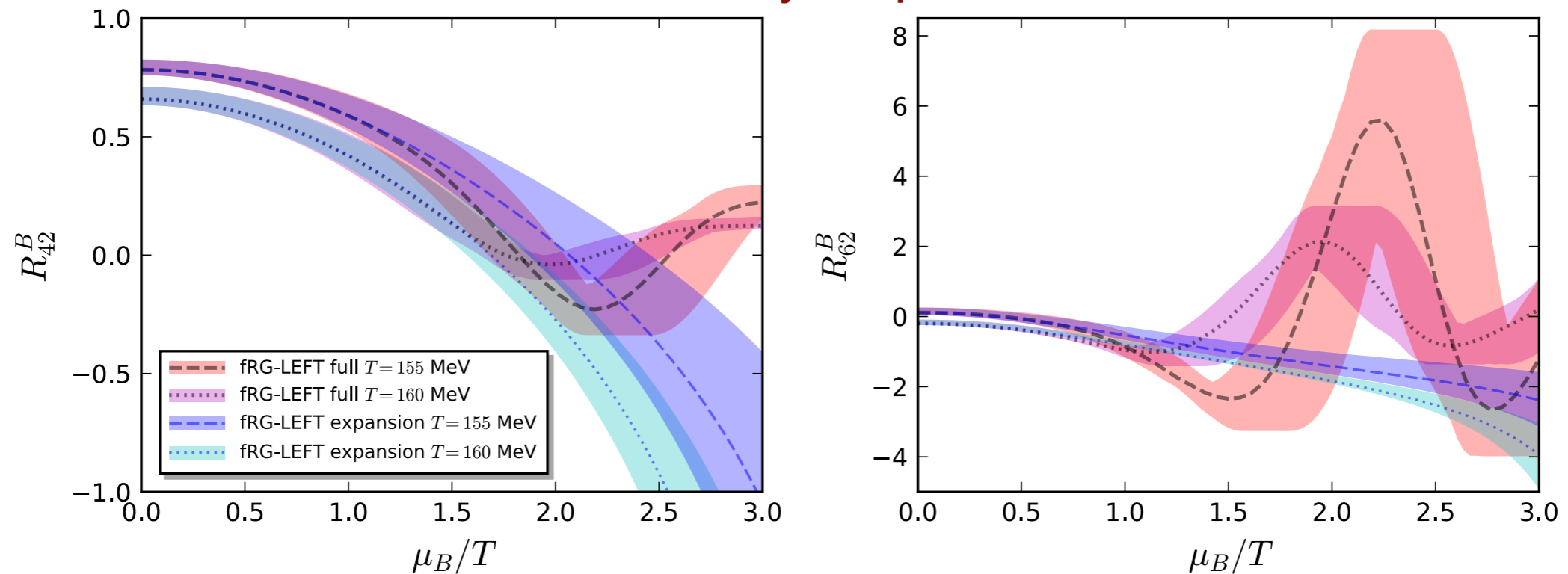
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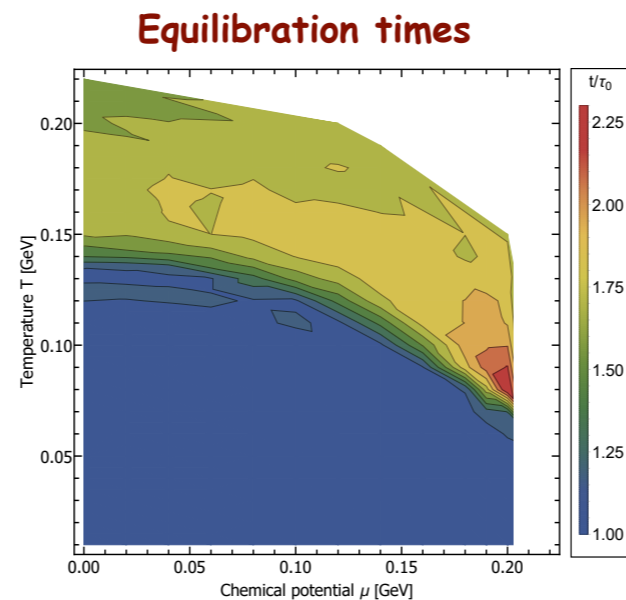
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Extension of mean-field version

Nahrgang, Leupold, Herold, Bleicher PRC84 (2011)

see also

Stephanov, Rajagopal, Shuryak PRL 81 (1998) 4816

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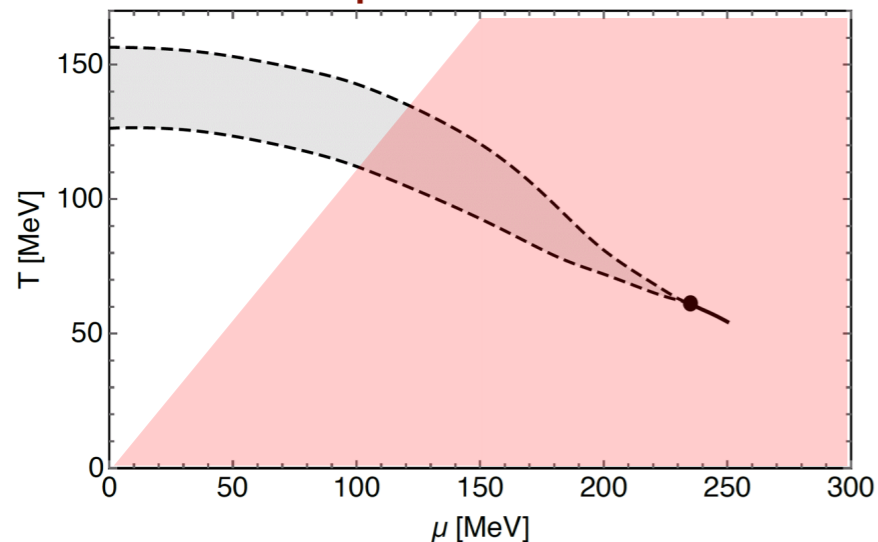
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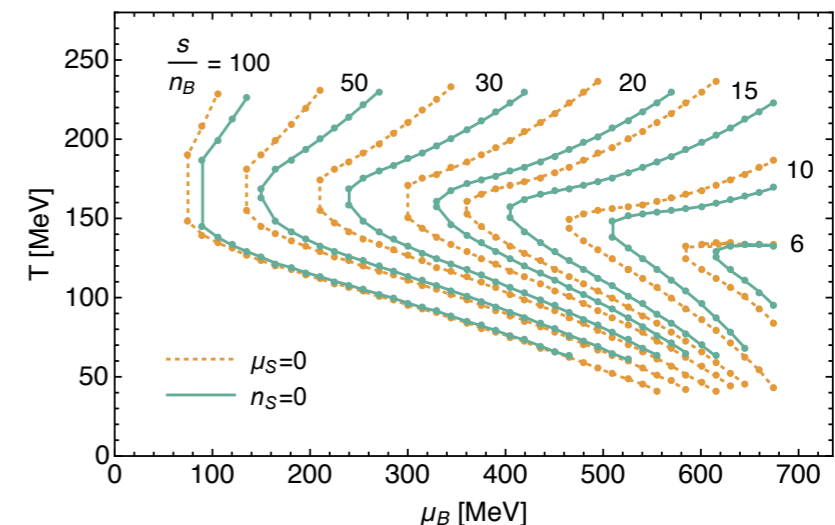
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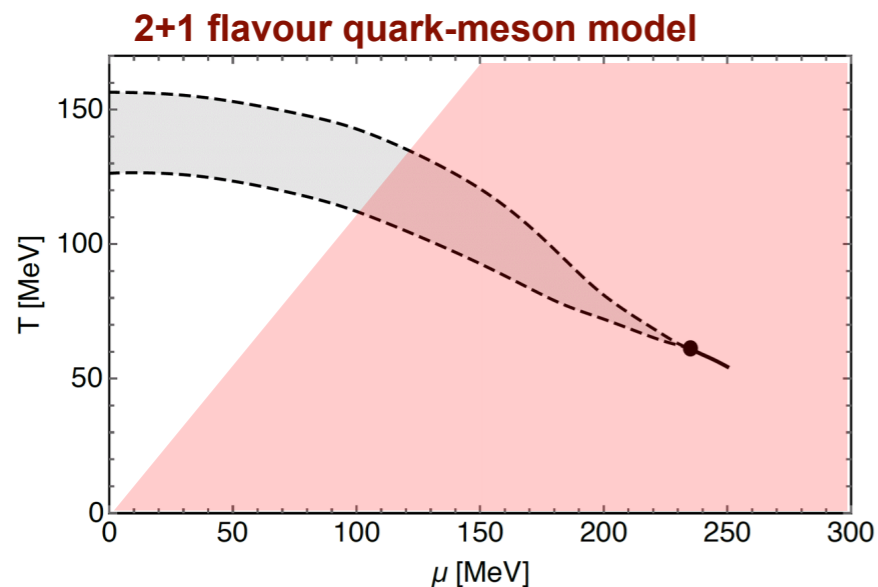
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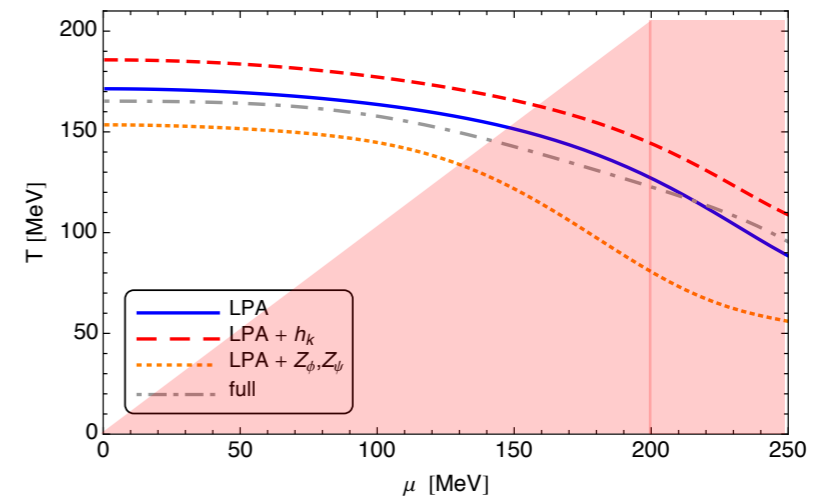
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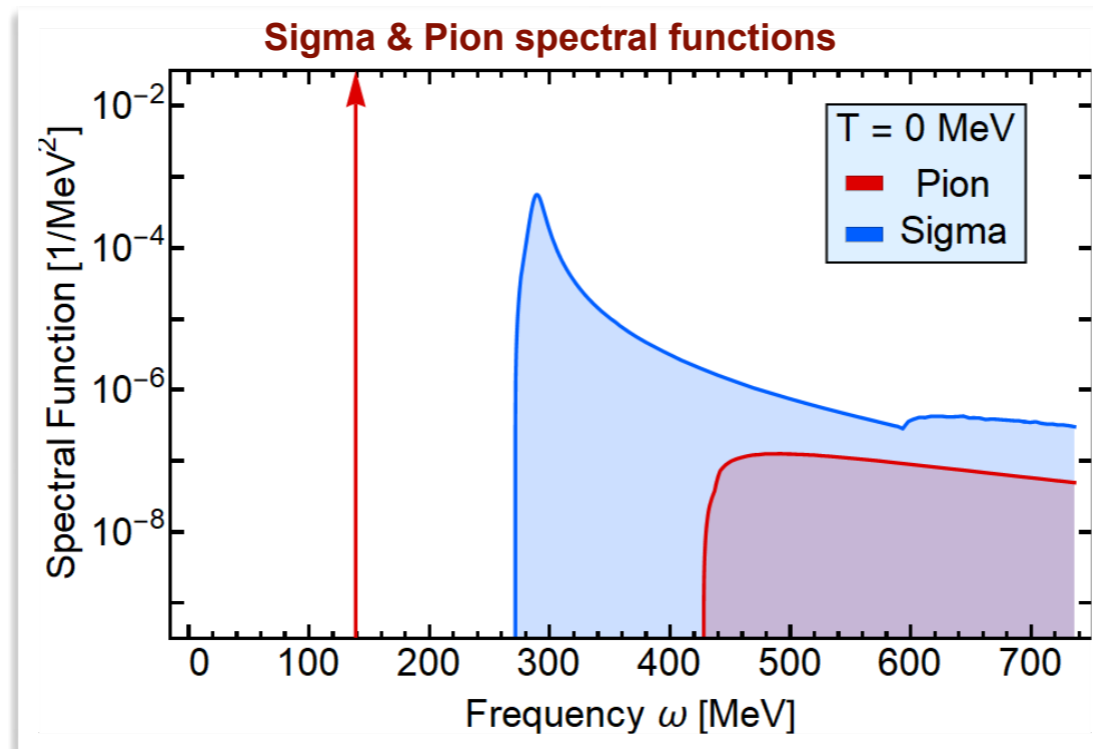
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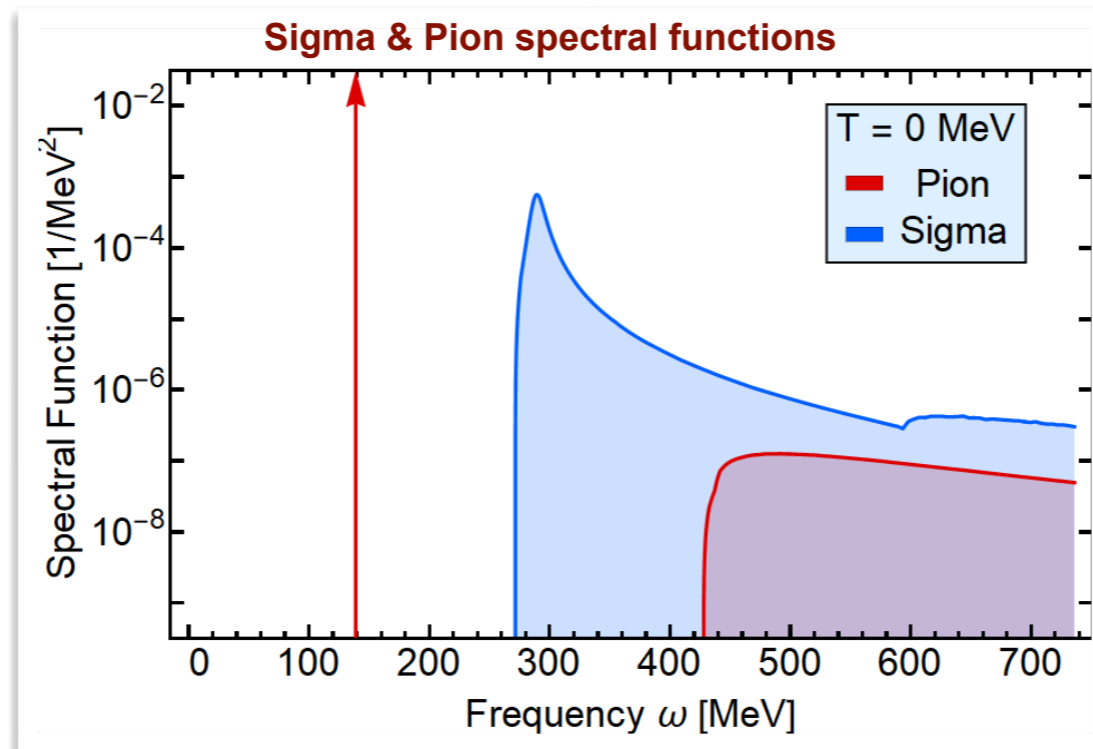
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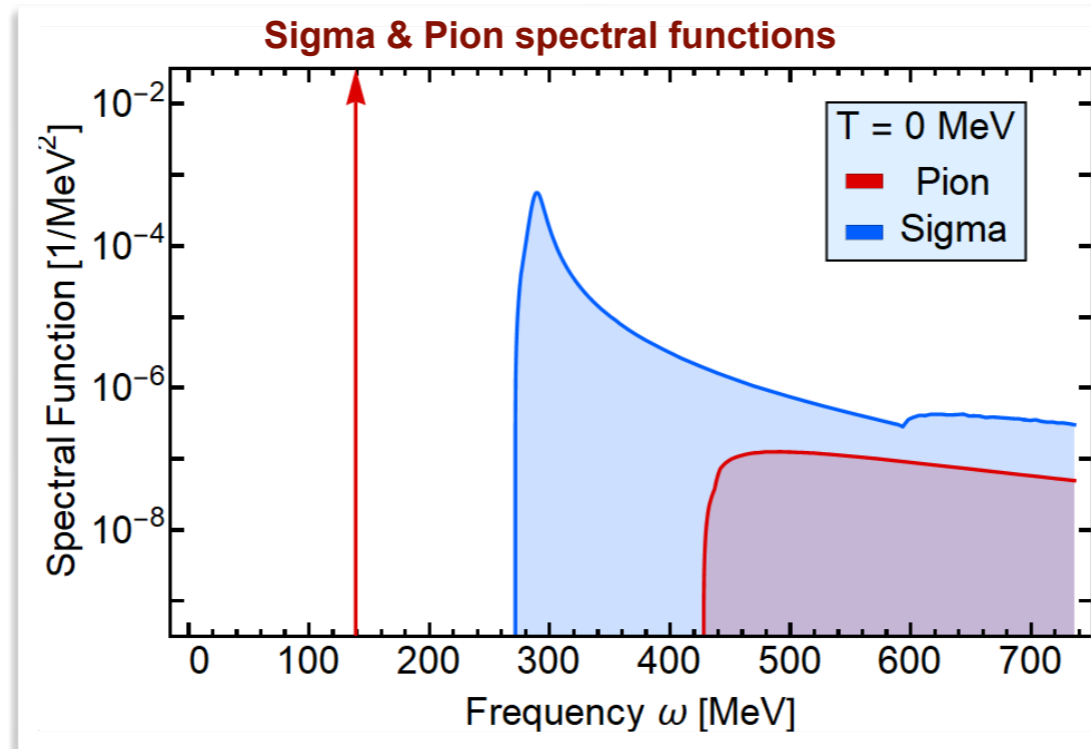
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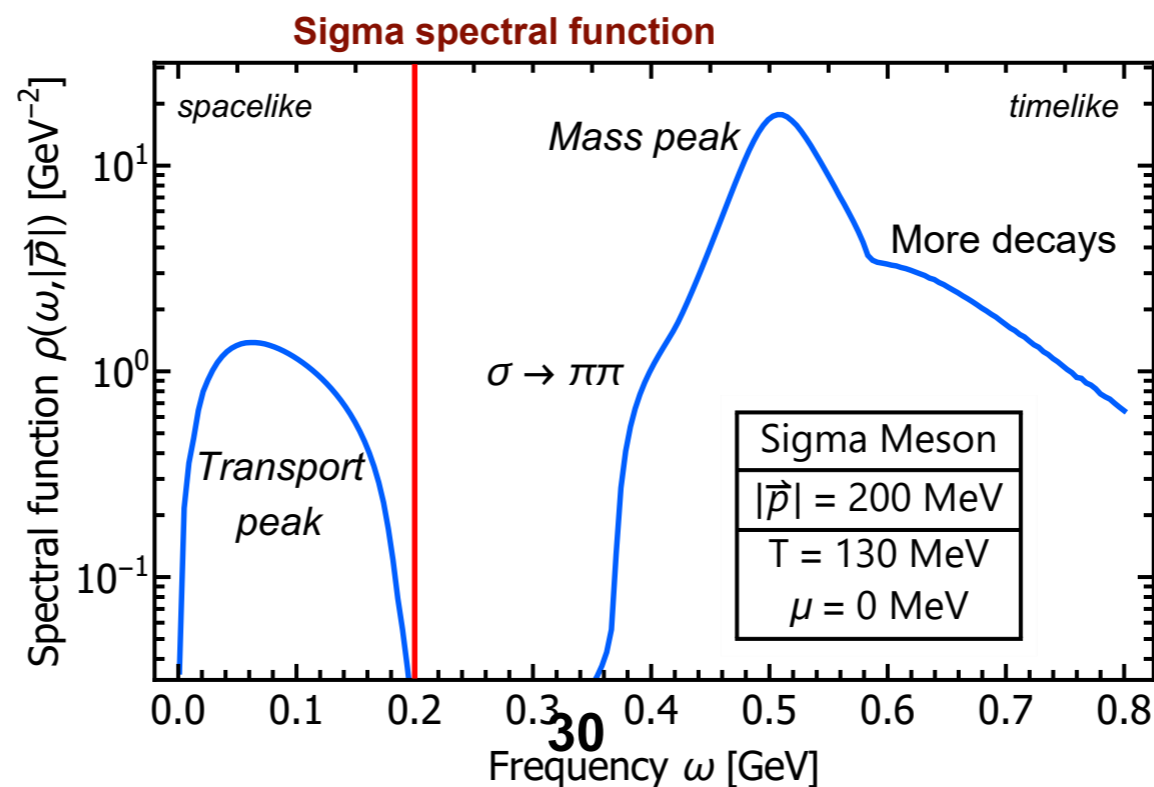
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Show case in linear sigma model



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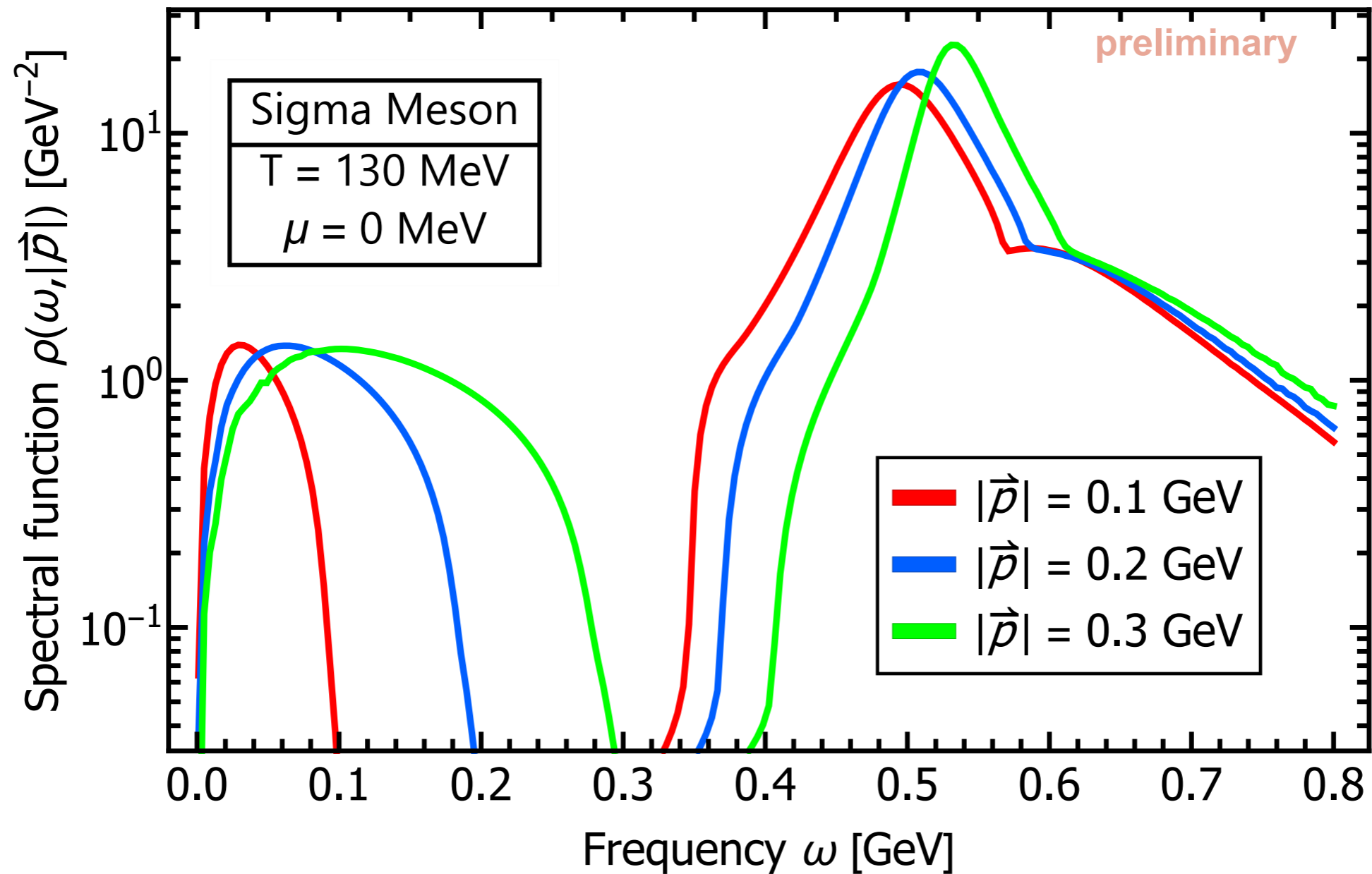


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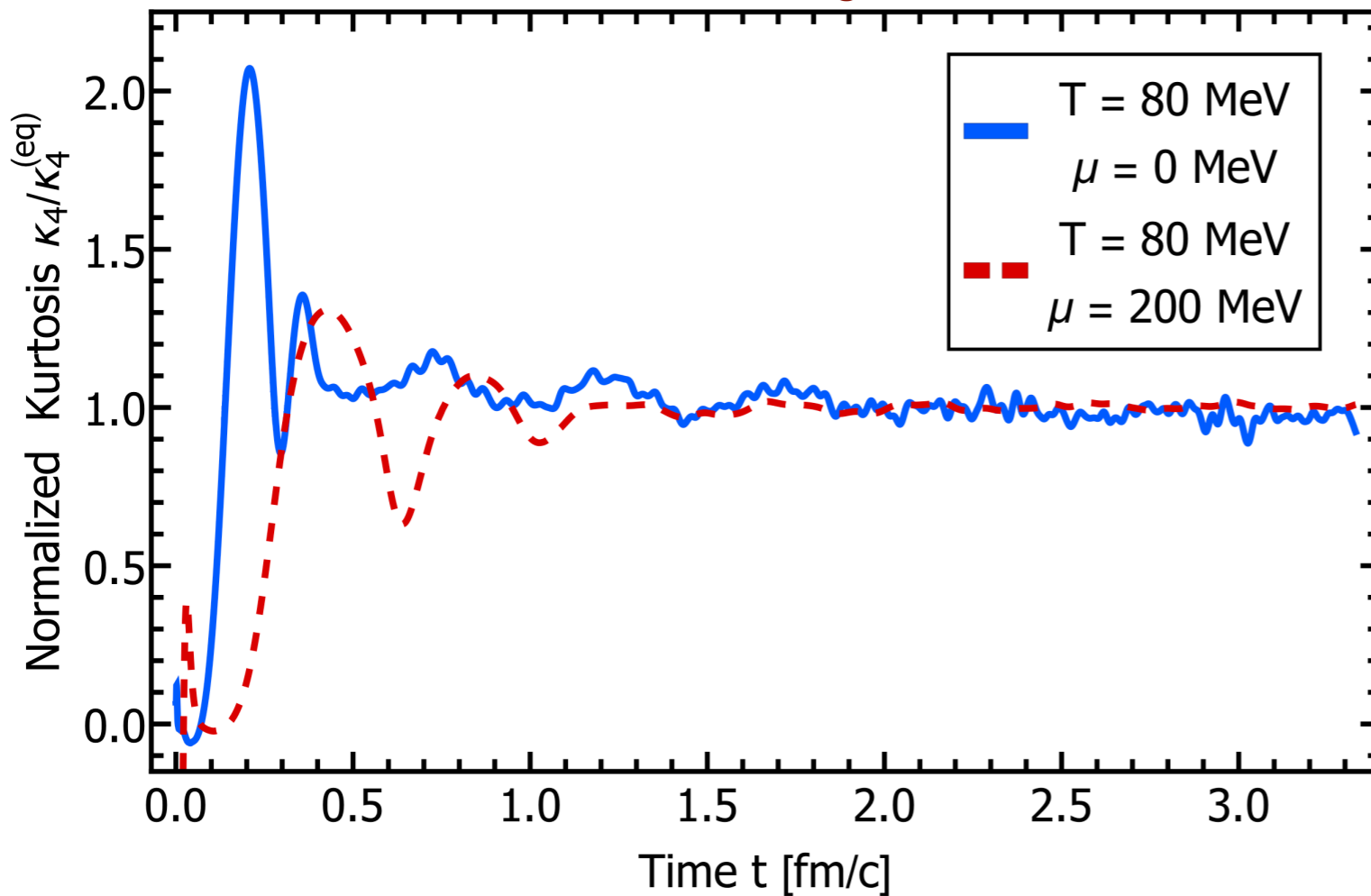
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Time evolution of sigma-kurtosis



Time evolution of the critical (scalar)  $\sigma$ - mode

$$\frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta\sigma} = \xi$$

quantum equation of motion

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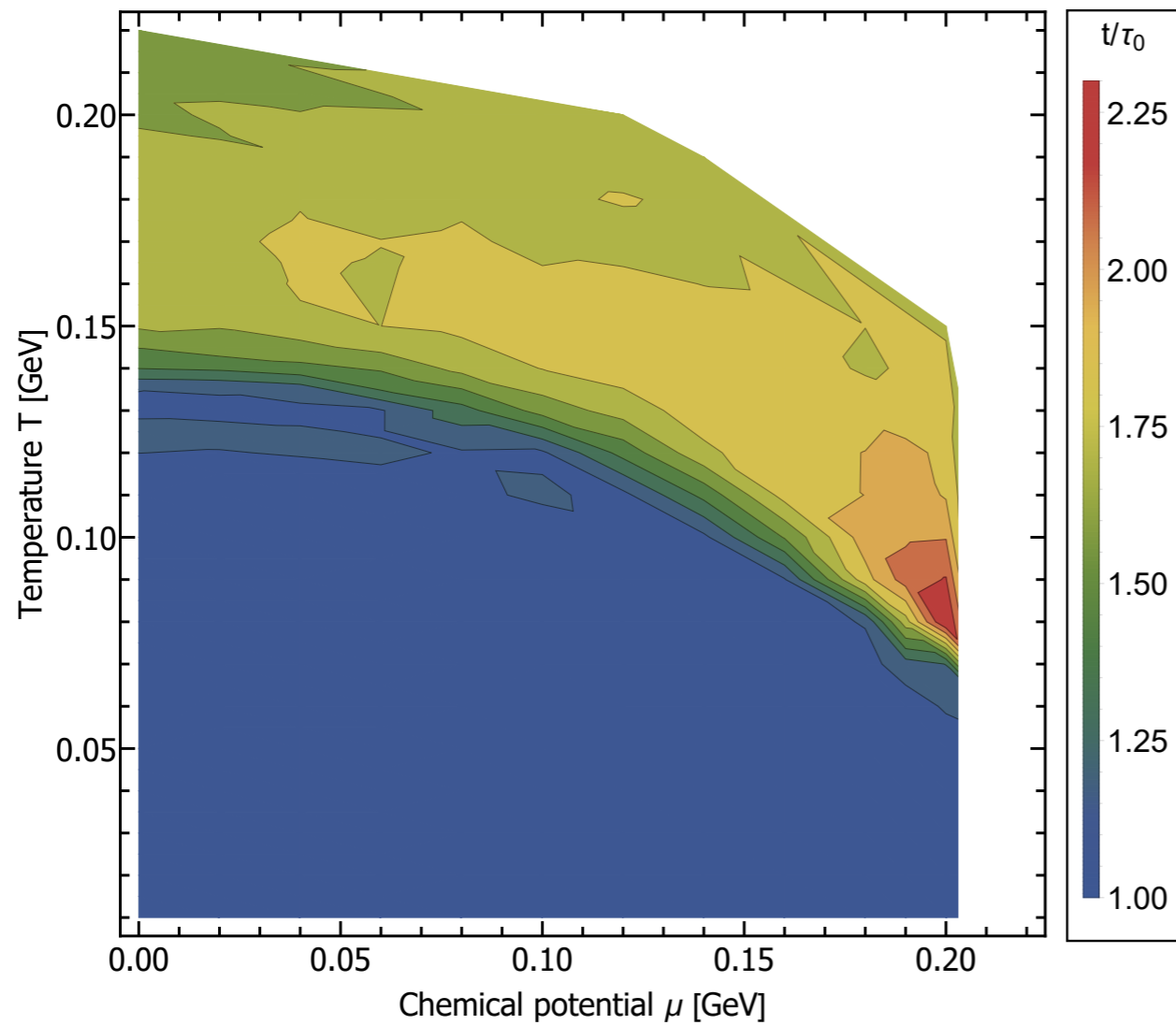
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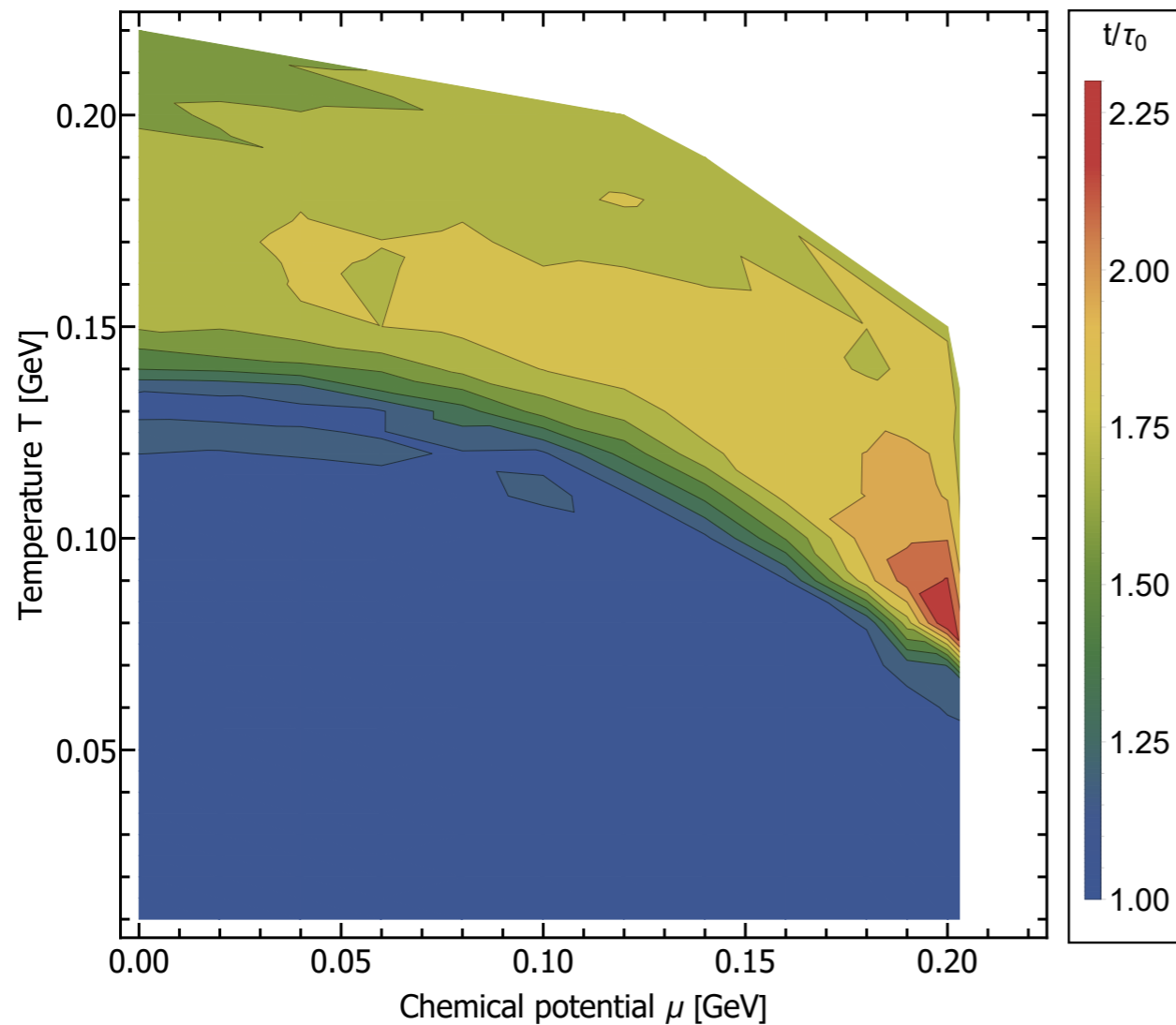
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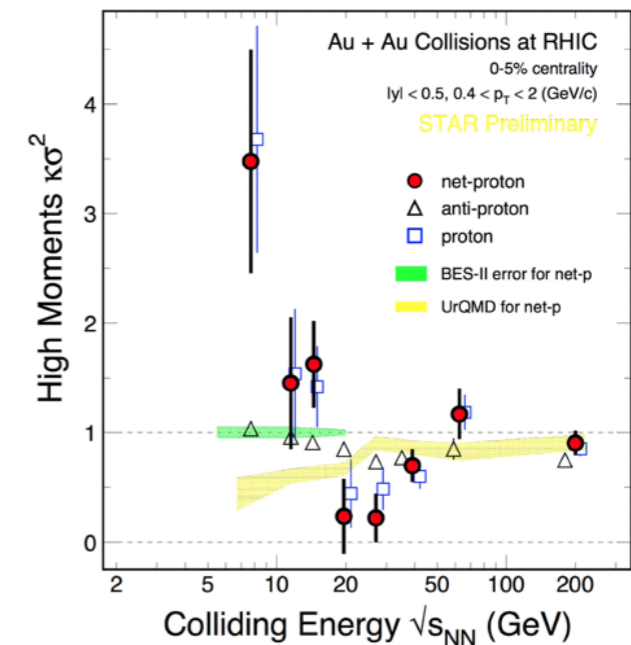
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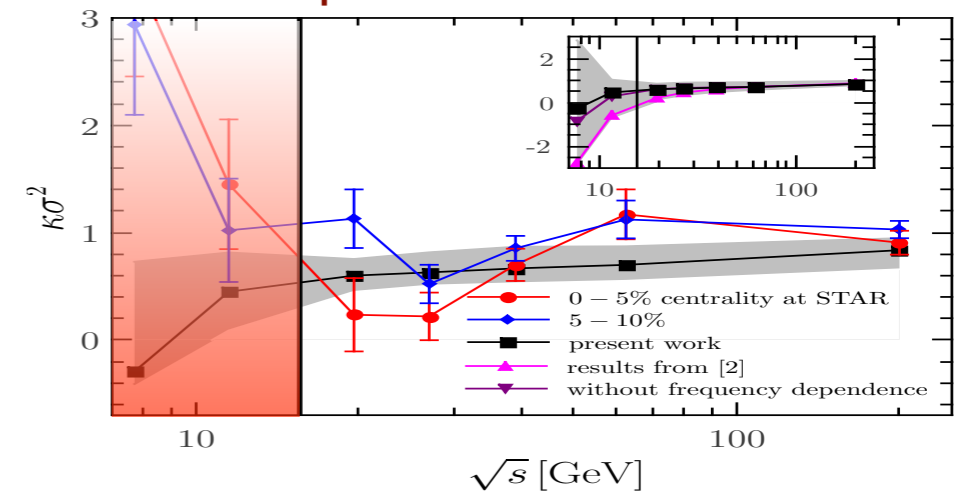


## kurtosis of baryon number fluctuations



Luo, Cu, NST 28 (2017)

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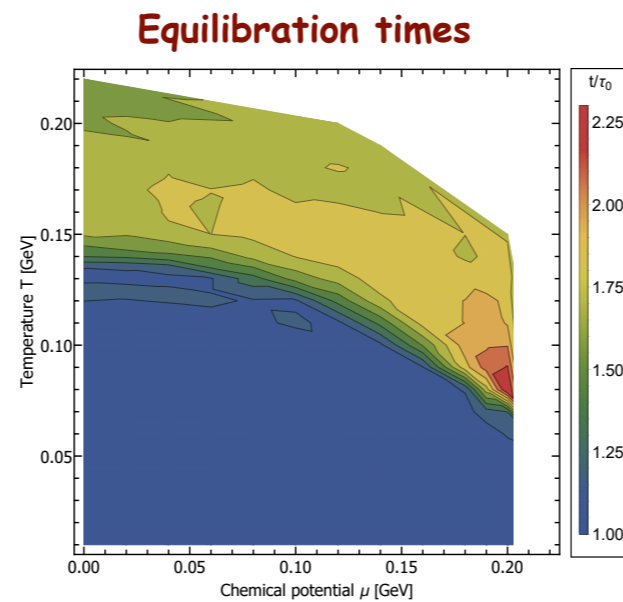
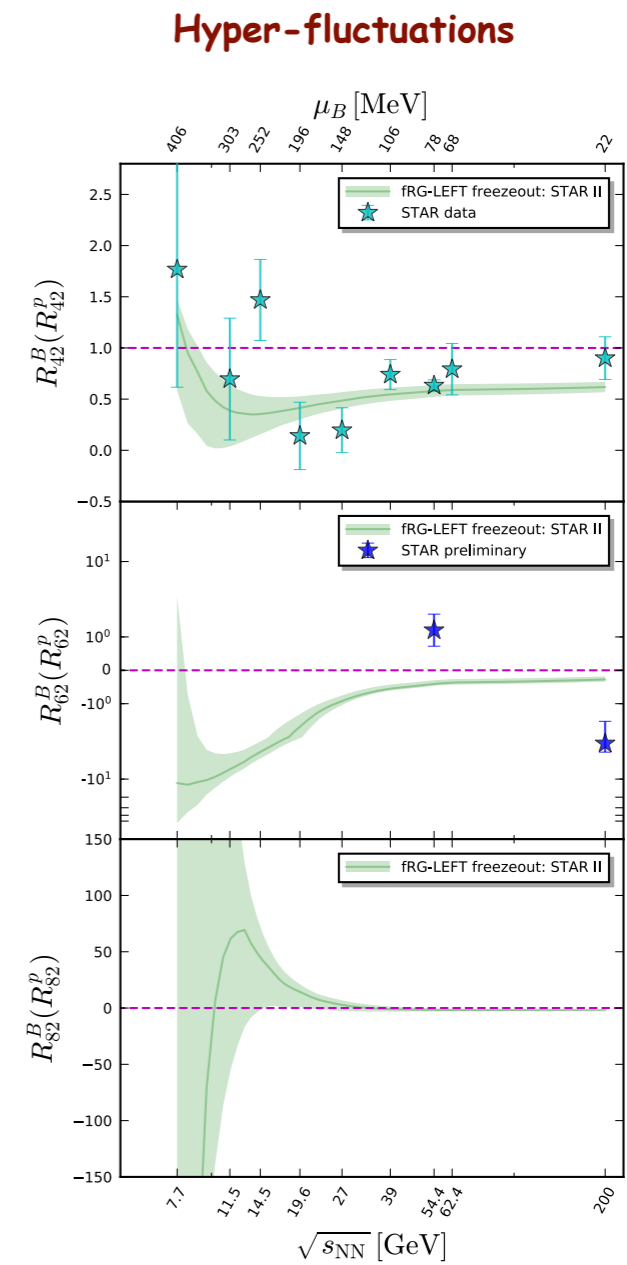
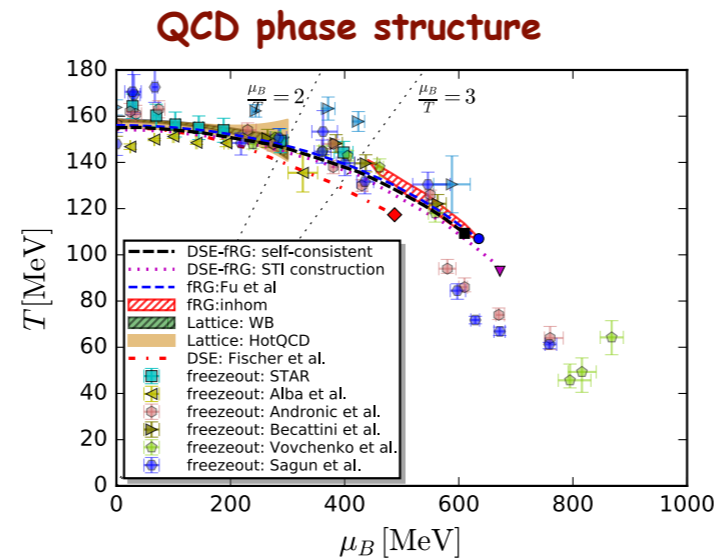
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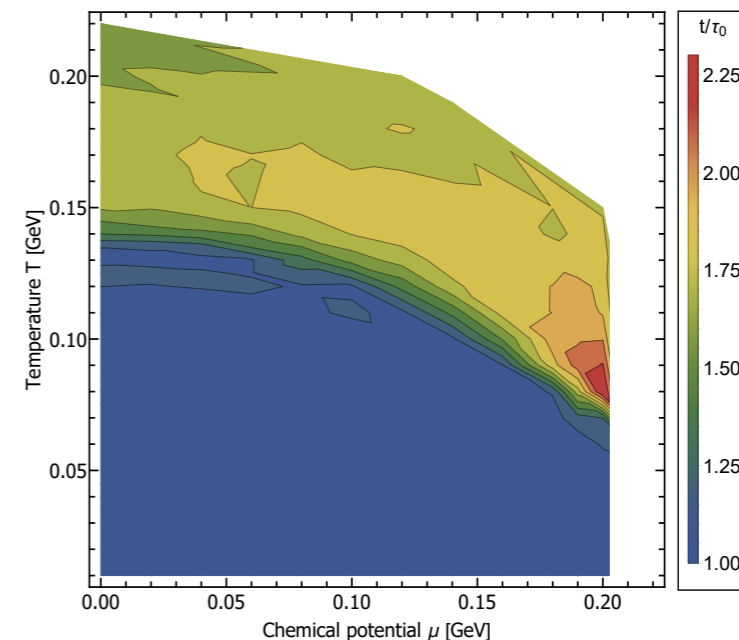


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