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# Baryon electric charge correlation as a magnetometer of QCD

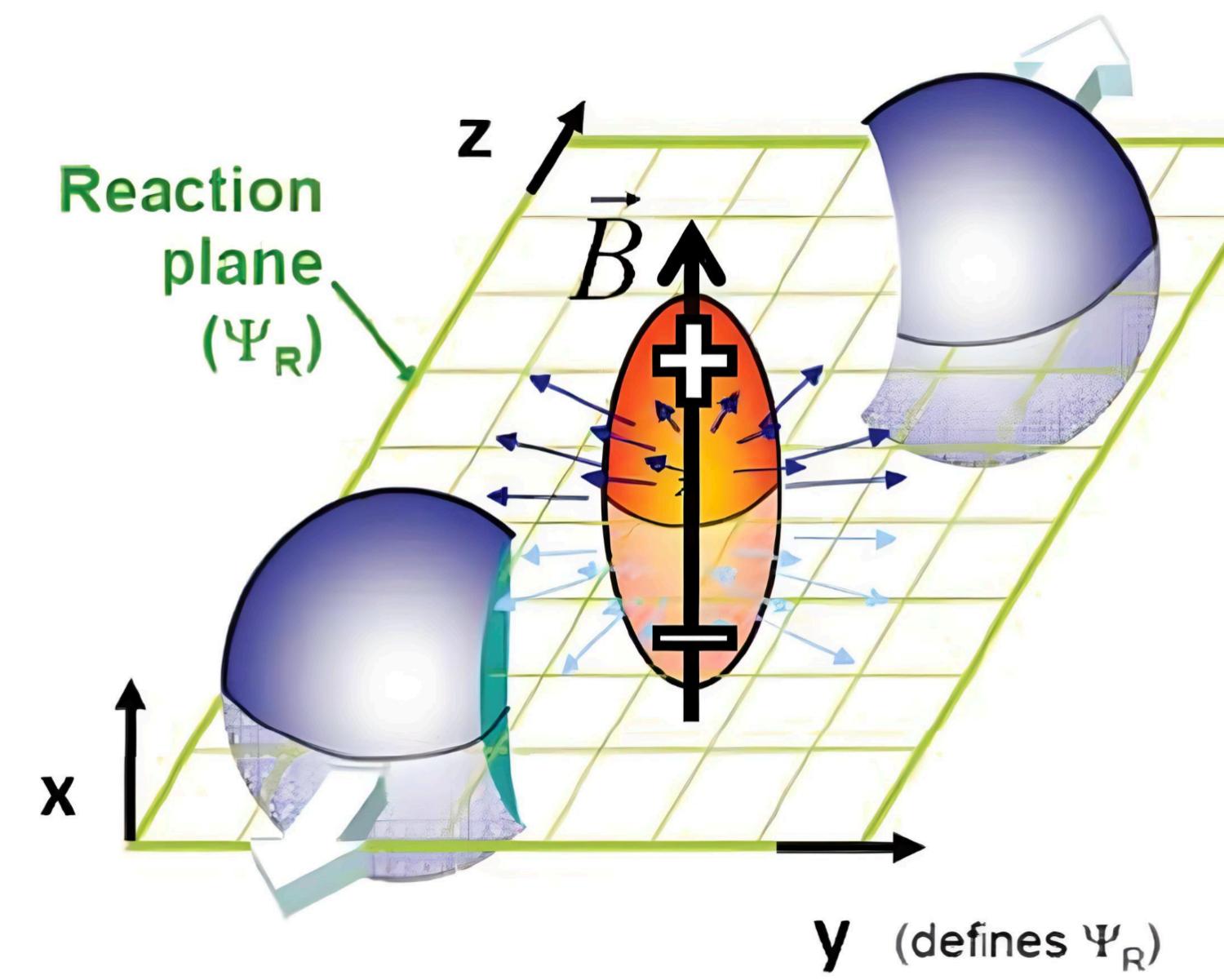
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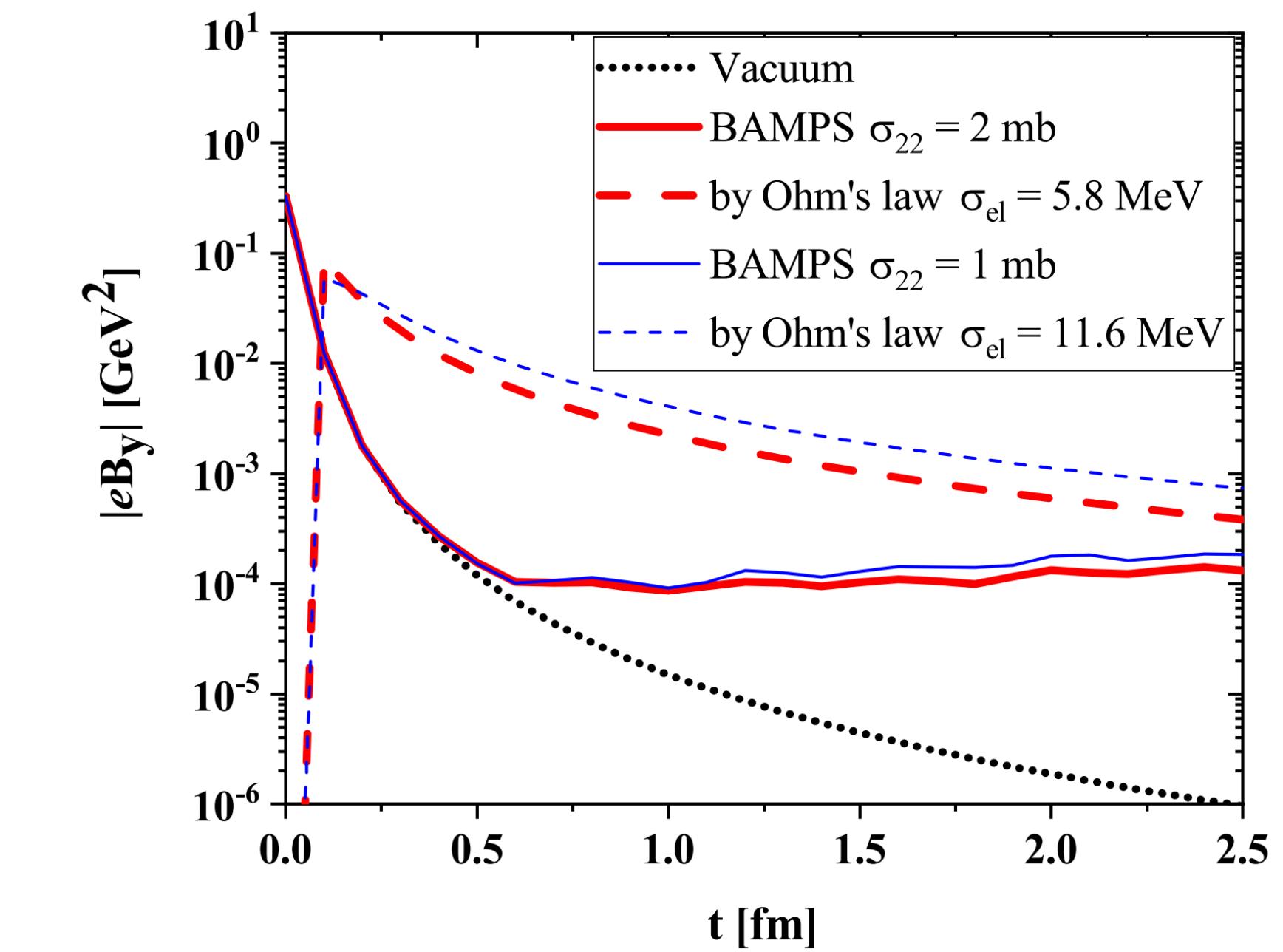
Based on Phys. Rev. Lett. **132**, 201903 (2024) and work in progress

In collaboration with H.-T. Ding, A. Kumar, S.-T. Li and J.-H. Liu

# Strong magnetic fields in heavy-ion collisions



W.-T. Deng et al. Phys.Rev.C 85 (2012) 044907



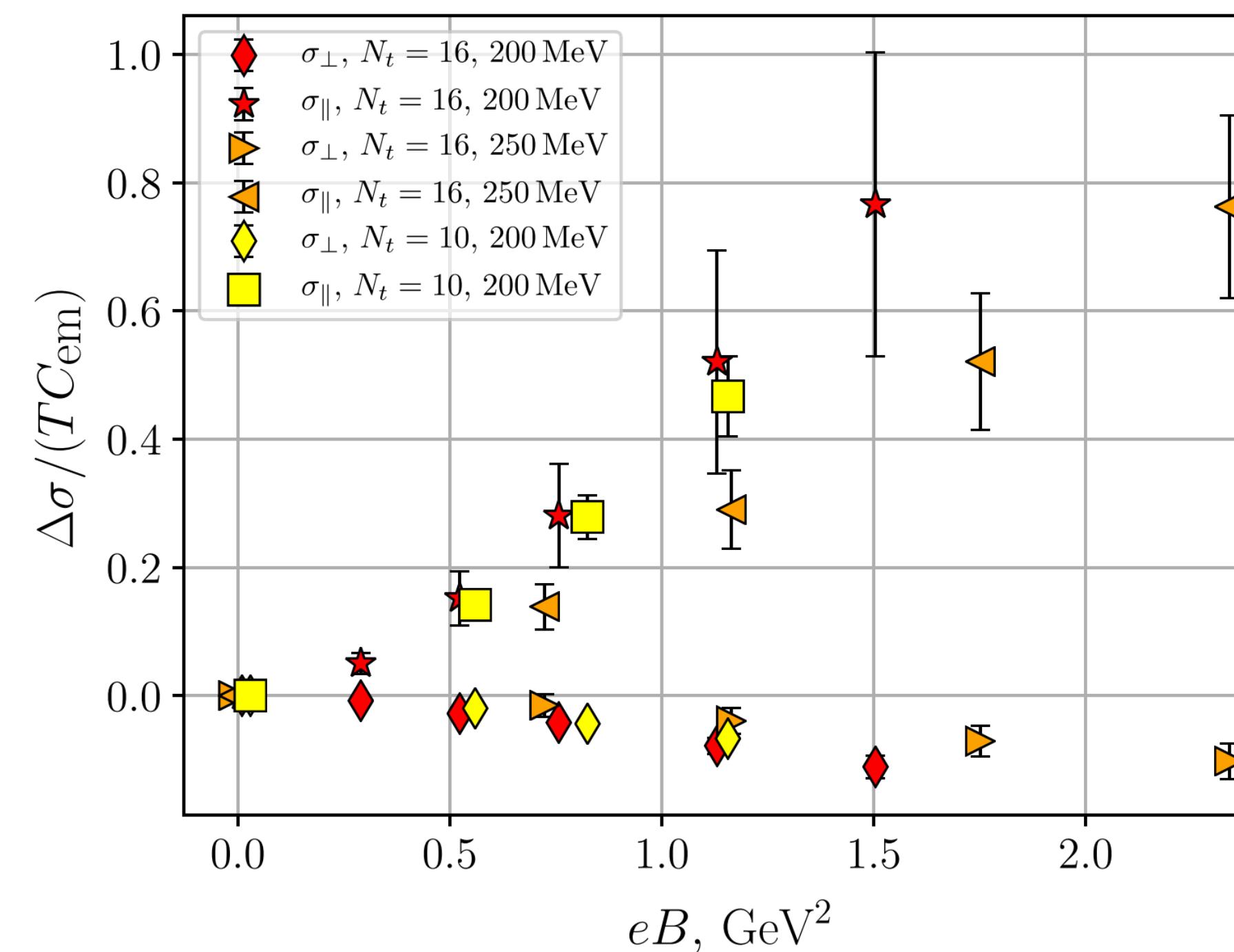
Z. Wang et al. Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022) L041901

$$eB_{\tau=0} \sim 5 M_\pi^2 \text{ in RHIC} \quad eB_{\tau=0} \sim 70 M_\pi^2 \text{ in LHC}$$

Whether strongly decaying magnetic field has impact on the final state of the collision?

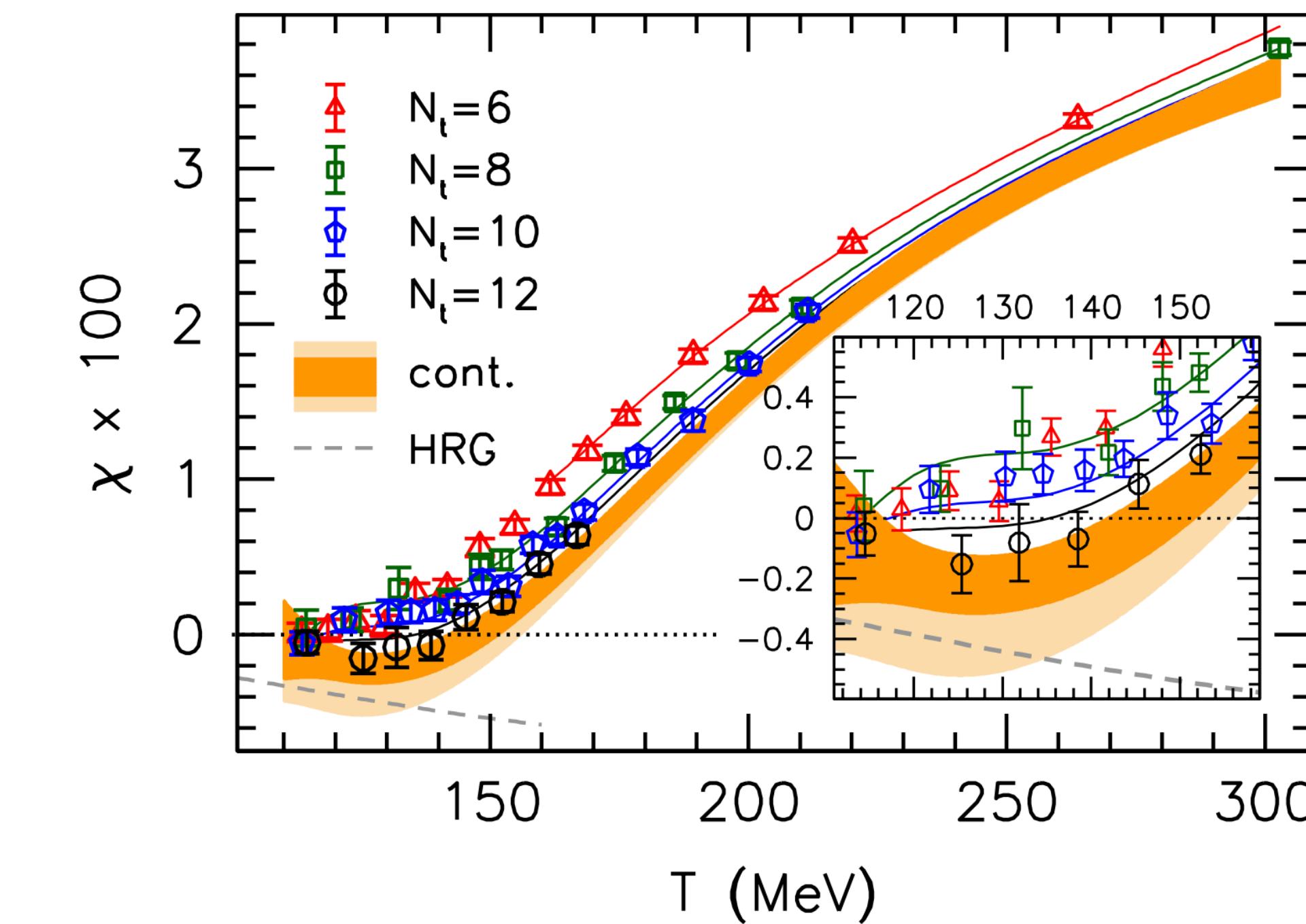
# Electromagnetic conductivity and type of magnetism of QGP

## Electromagnetic conductivities at non-zero magnetic fields



N. Astrakhantsev et al., PRD 102 (2020) 054516

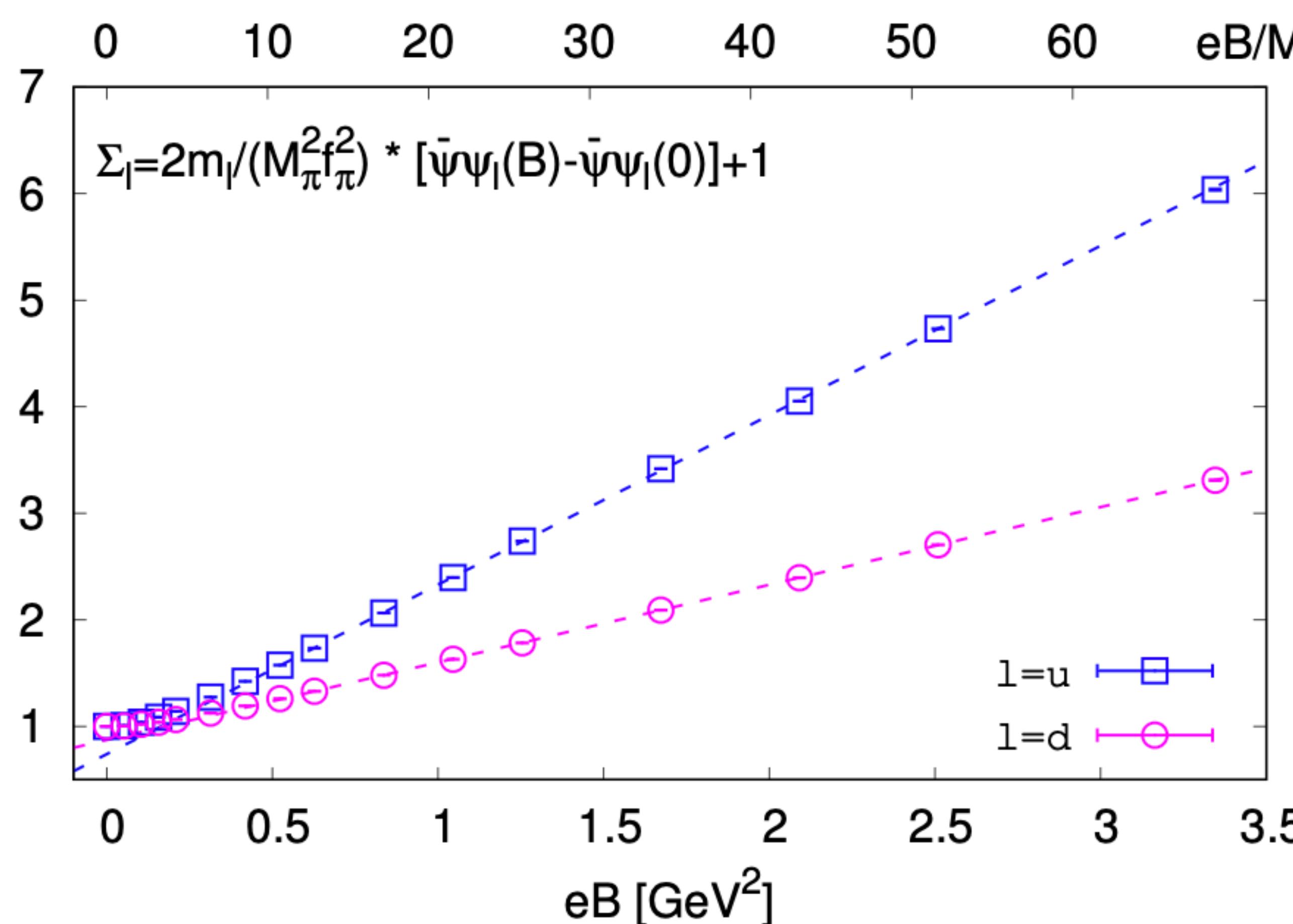
## Magnetic susceptibility at non-zero magnetic fields



G. Bali et al., JHEP 07 (2020) 183

**Questions:** What observables are suitable as probes for magnetic fields in HIC?

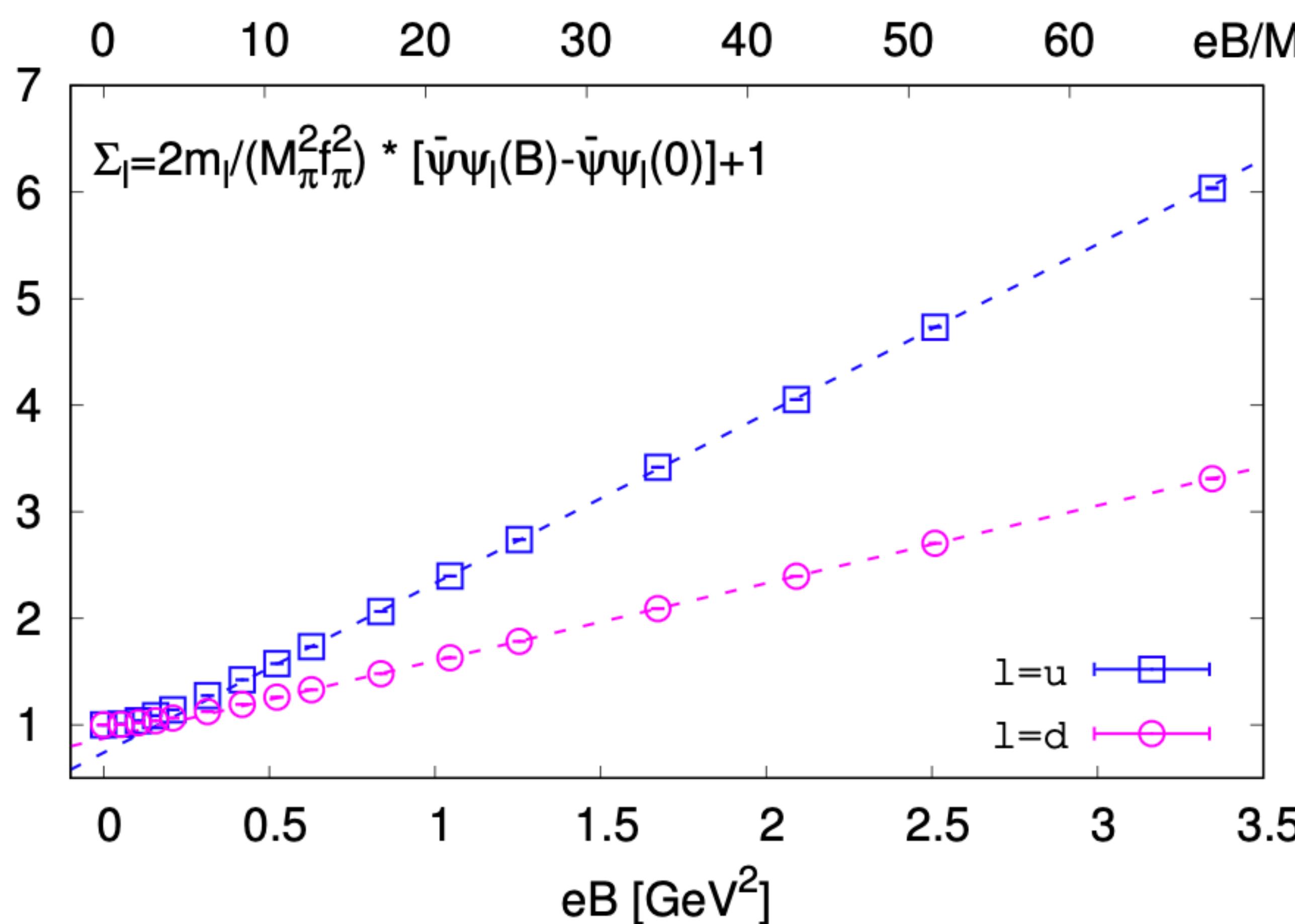
# Isospin symmetry breaking at $eB \neq 0$ manifested in chiral condensates



- ▶  $u$  quarks and  $d$  quarks condensates are clearly different in strong magnetic fields
- ▶ Signal of isospin symmetry breaking

H.-T.Ding, S.-T. Li, A. Tomiya, X.-D. Wang and Y. Zhang, Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 1, 014505

# Isospin symmetry breaking at $eB \neq 0$ manifested in chiral condensates



A clear effect but Not  
accessible in HIC  
experiments!

H.-T.Ding, S.-T. Li, A. Tomiya, X.-D. Wang and Y. Zhang, Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 1, 014505

# Fluctuations of net baryon number, electric charge and strangeness

Taylor expansion of the QCD pressure:

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

C. Allton et al., Phys. Rev. D 66 (2002) 074507

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

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

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

$$\mu_u = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B + \frac{2}{3}\mu_Q$$

$$\mu_d = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q$$

$$\mu_s = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q - \mu_S$$

LQCD: H.-T.Ding, 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

$\mu_Q$  and  $\mu_S$  can expanded as,  $\hat{\mu}_Q = q_1 \hat{\mu}_B + q_3 \hat{\mu}_B^3 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^5)$

$$\hat{\mu}_S = s_1 \hat{\mu}_B + s_3 \hat{\mu}_B^3 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^5)$$

with  $n_Q/n_B = \text{constant}$  and  $n_S = 0$

Pressure caused by  $\mu_B \neq 0$  at  $eB \neq 0$ :  $\frac{\Delta P}{T^4} = \frac{P(T, eB, \hat{\mu}_B) - P(T, eB, 0)}{T^4} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{2k}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$

A. Bazavov et al. Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 054504

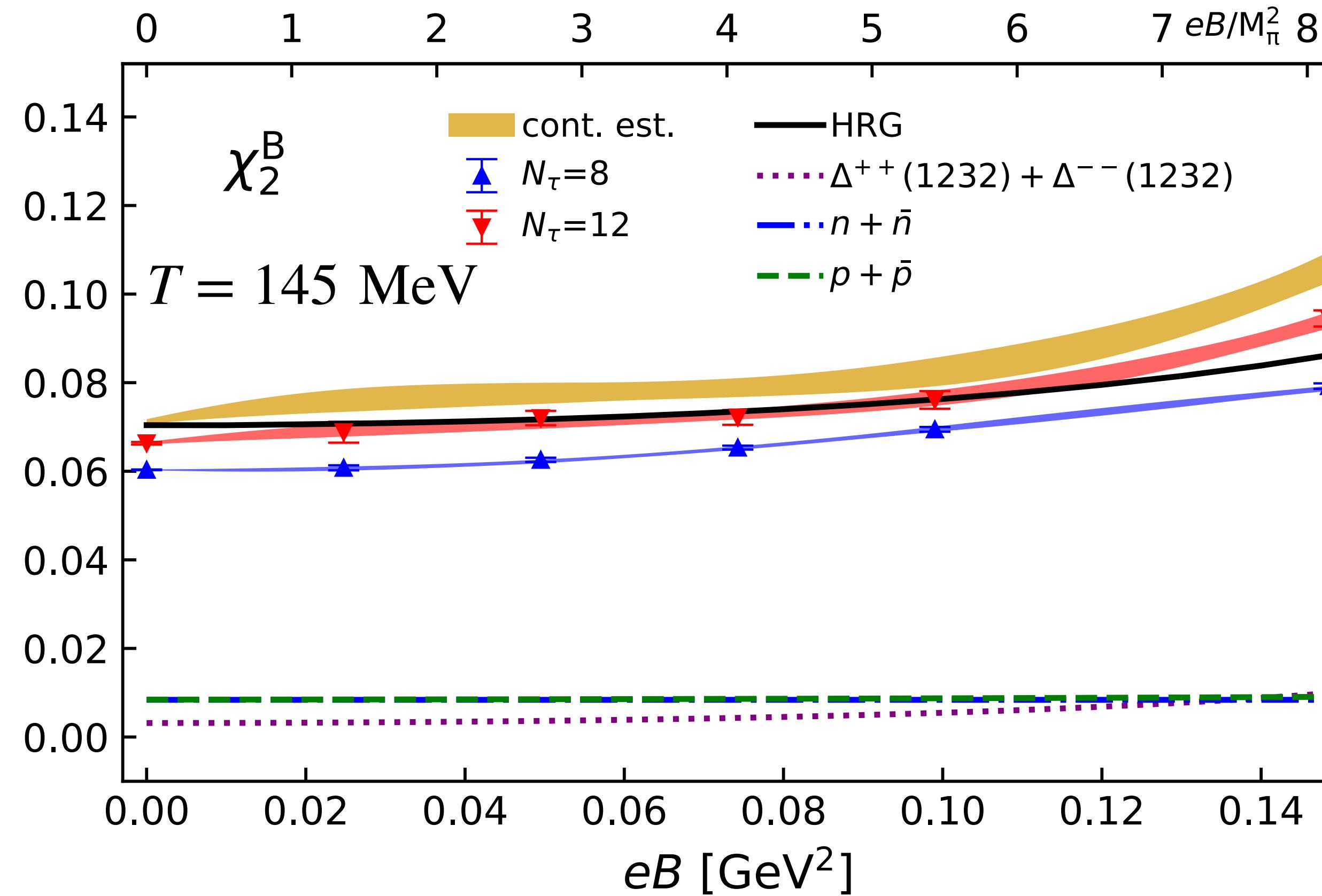
# Lattice Setup

- ◆ Highly improved staggered fermions and a tree-level improved Symanzik gauge action
- ◆  $N_f = 2 + 1$
- ◆ Lattice sizes :  $32^3 \times 8$ ,  $48^3 \times 12$
- ◆  $m_s^{\text{phy}}/m_l = 27$ ,  $M_\pi \approx 135$  MeV
- ◆  $T$  window : (144 MeV, 165 MeV), i.e.  $(0.9T_{pc}, 1.1T_{pc})$
- ◆  $eB$  window:  $0 \leq eB < 45M_\pi^2$

$$eB = \frac{6\pi N_b}{N_x N_y} a^{-2}, \quad N_b = [0, 32]$$

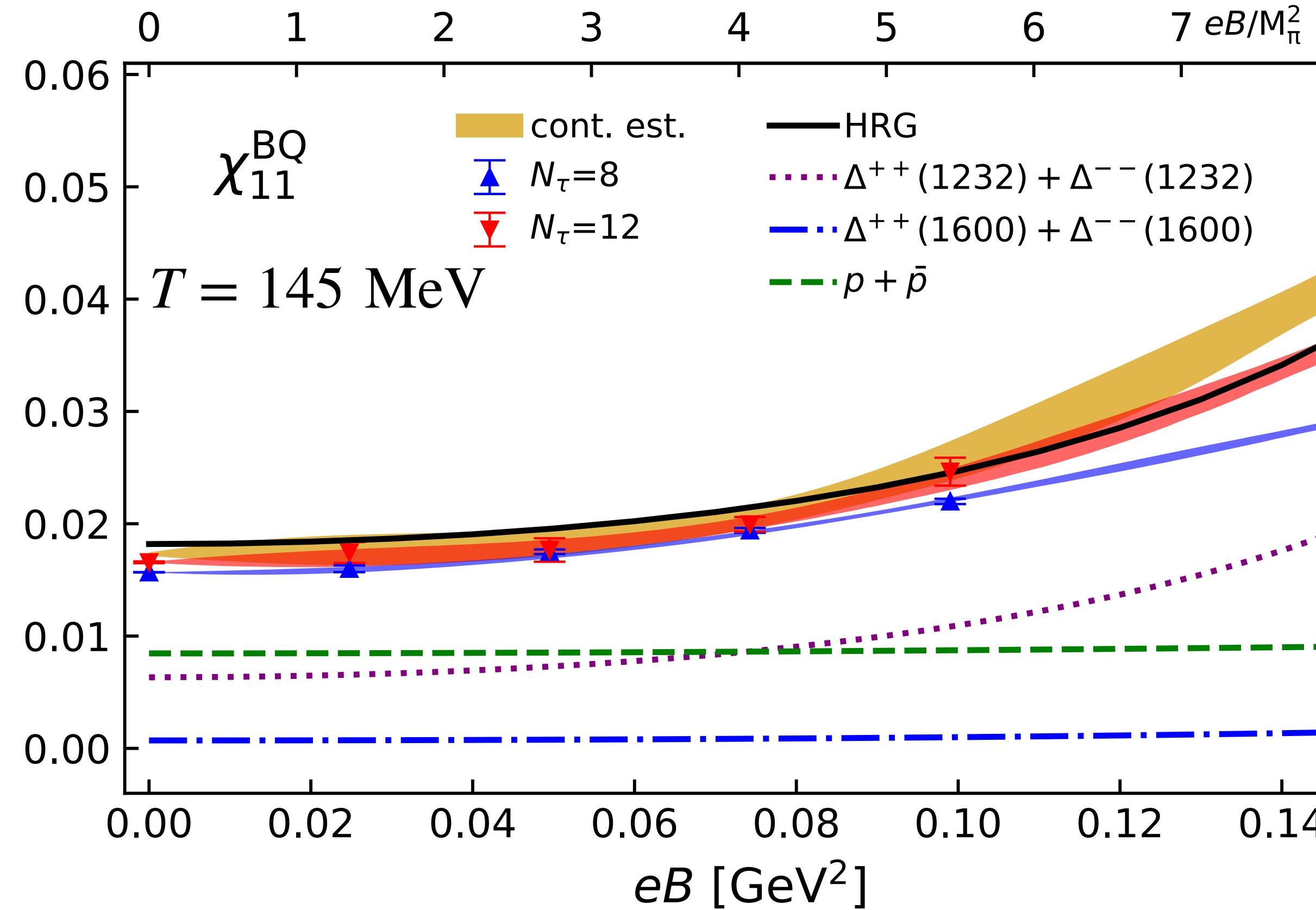


# Baryon number fluctuations at $T = 145$ MeV



H.-T. Ding, J.-B. Gu et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 132, 201903 (2024)

# Baryon electric charge correlation at $T = 145$ MeV



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- ◆  $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$  increases  $\sim 140\%$  at  $eB \sim 8M_\pi^2$
- ◆ The results of HRG model are consistent with LQCD up to  $eB \sim 6M_\pi^2$
- ◆  $\Delta^{++}(1232)$  and  $\Delta^{--}(1232)$  give most of the contributions of magnetic field dependence of  $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$
- ◆  $\Delta^{++}(1232)$  and  $\Delta^{--}(1232)$  are not measurable in HIC experiments

# Proxy construction based on the HRG

$\Delta^{++}(1232) \rightarrow p + \pi^+$  : branching ratio almost **100%** !

HRG: Fluctuations expressed in terms of stable hadronic states:

$$\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}(T, \hat{\mu}_B, \hat{\mu}_Q, \hat{\mu}_S) = \sum_R B_R^i Q_R^j S_R^k \frac{\partial^l p_R/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^l}$$

net- B :	$\tilde{p} + \tilde{n} + \tilde{\Lambda} + \tilde{\Sigma}^+ + \tilde{\Sigma}^- + \tilde{\Xi}^0 + \tilde{\Xi}^- + \tilde{\Omega}^-$
net- Q :	$\tilde{\pi}^+ + \tilde{K}^+ + \tilde{p} + \tilde{\Sigma}^+ - \tilde{\Sigma}^- - \tilde{\Xi}^- - \tilde{\Omega}^-$
net- S :	$\tilde{K}^+ + \tilde{K}^0 - \tilde{\Lambda} - \tilde{\Sigma}^+ - \tilde{\Sigma}^- - 2\tilde{\Xi}^0 - 2\tilde{\Xi}^- - 3\tilde{\Omega}^-$

$B_R, Q_R, S_R$  are the baryon number, electric charge and strangeness of the species  $R$

*R. Bellwied et al., Phys. Rev. D 101, 034506 (2020)*

In HIC, fluctuations are related to the variance or covariance of net-multiplicity for Identified  $\pi, K, p$

*STAR, Phys. Rev. C 100 (2019) 1, 014902 ; STAR, Phys. Rev. C 105 (2019) 2, 029901*

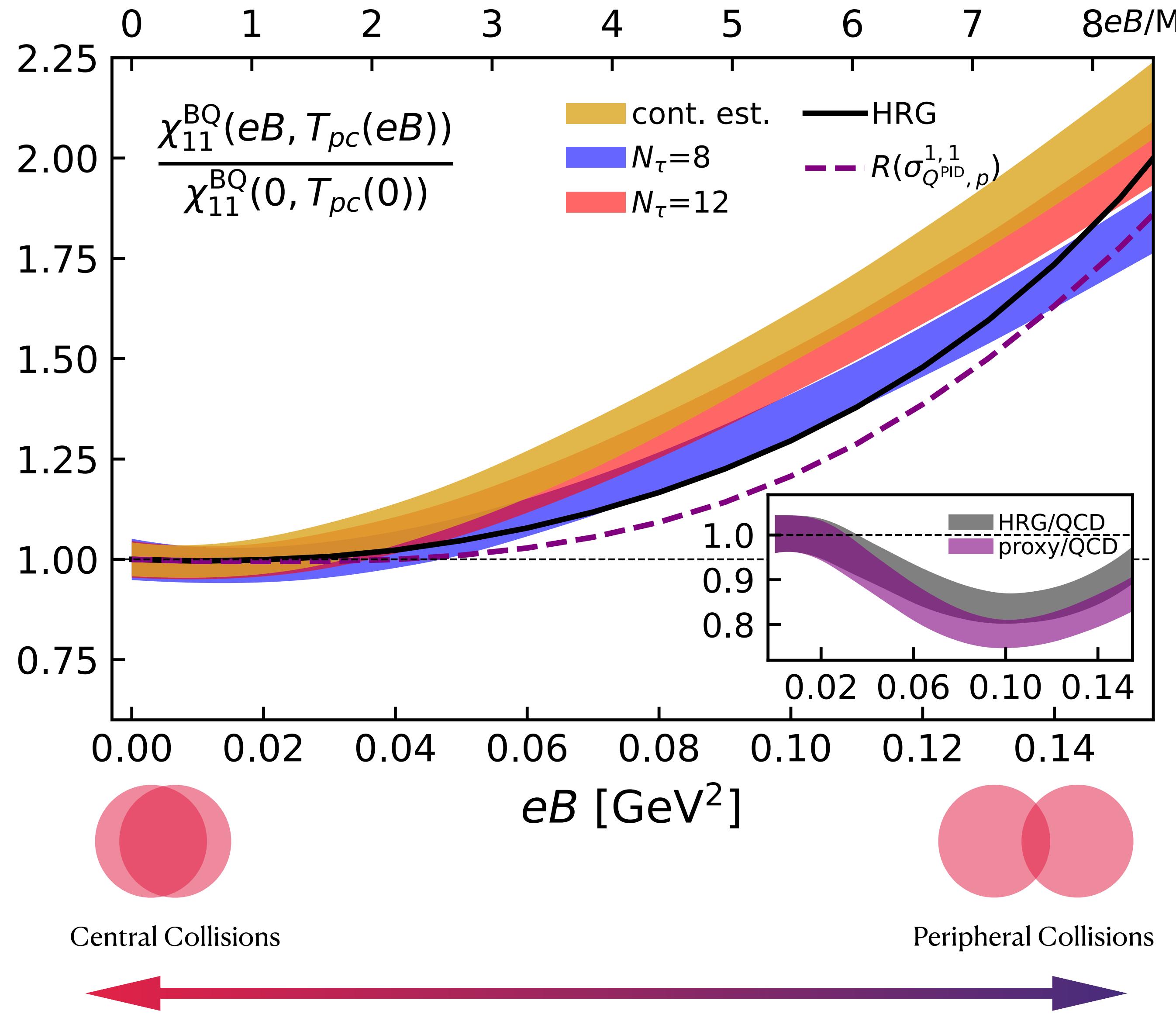
$\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1}$  as proxy for  $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$ :

$$\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1} = \sum_R \left( P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \left( P_{R \rightarrow Q^{\text{PID}}} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p_R/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p_{\tilde{p}}/T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_{\tilde{p}}^2}$$

where  $P_{R \rightarrow i}$  represents number of particle  $i$  produced by particle  $R$  after the **entire decay chain**,  
 $Q^{\text{PID}} : \tilde{\pi}^+, \tilde{K}^+, \tilde{p}$

In proxy, contributions from all resonance decays are considered!

# Proxy for $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$ along the transition line



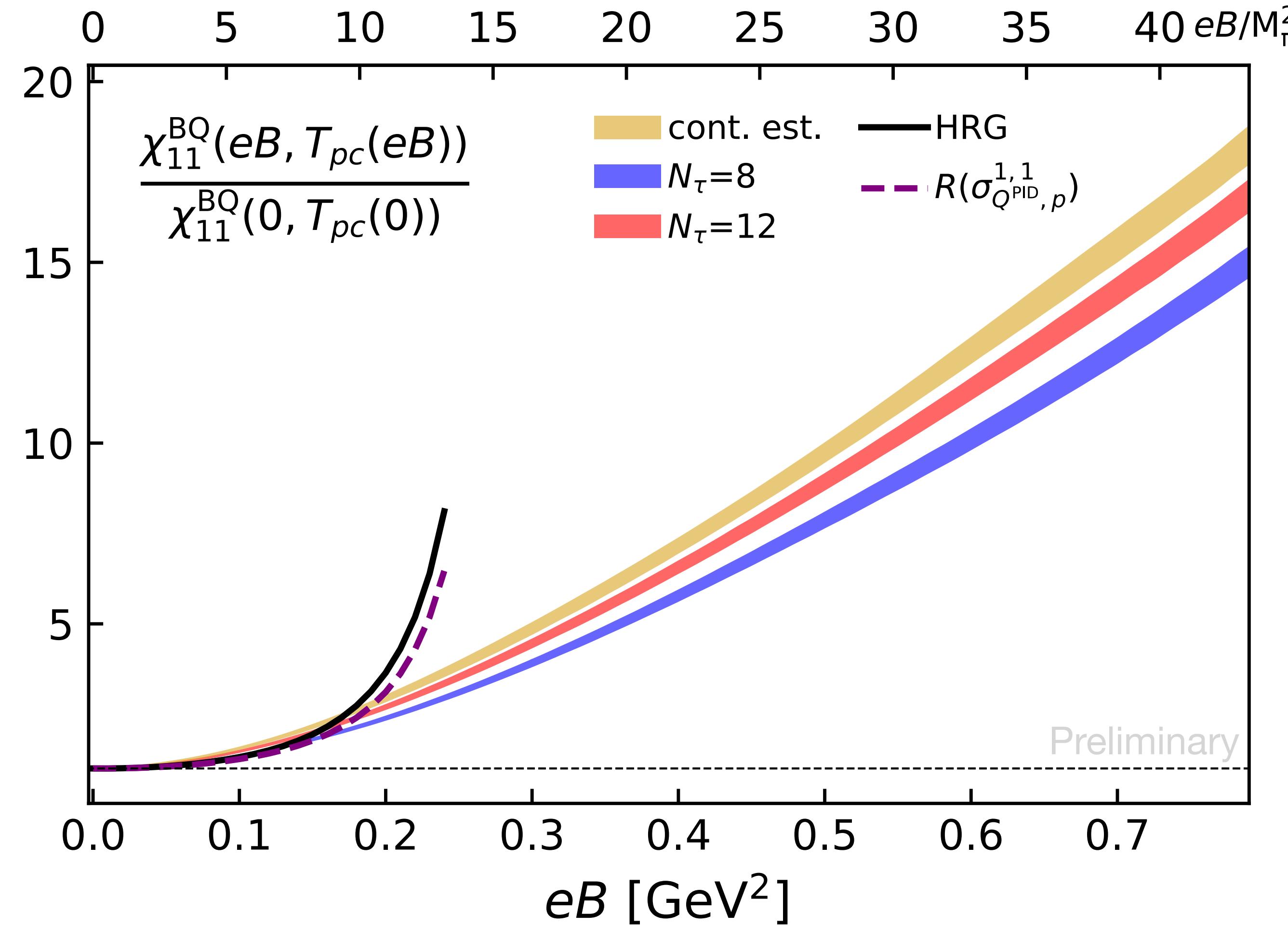
◆ At  $eB \simeq 8M_\pi^2$ , ratio of  $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}} \sim 2.1$

$$R(\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1}) = \sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1}(eB)/\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1}(eB = 0)$$

◆ The proxy  $R(\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1})$  can represent 80~85% of the LQCD results

◆  $R(\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1})$  is a reasonable proxy for  $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$

# $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$ along the transition line in the large magnetic field range

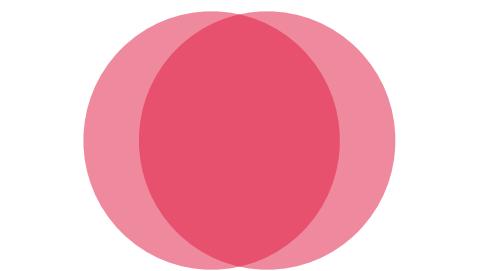
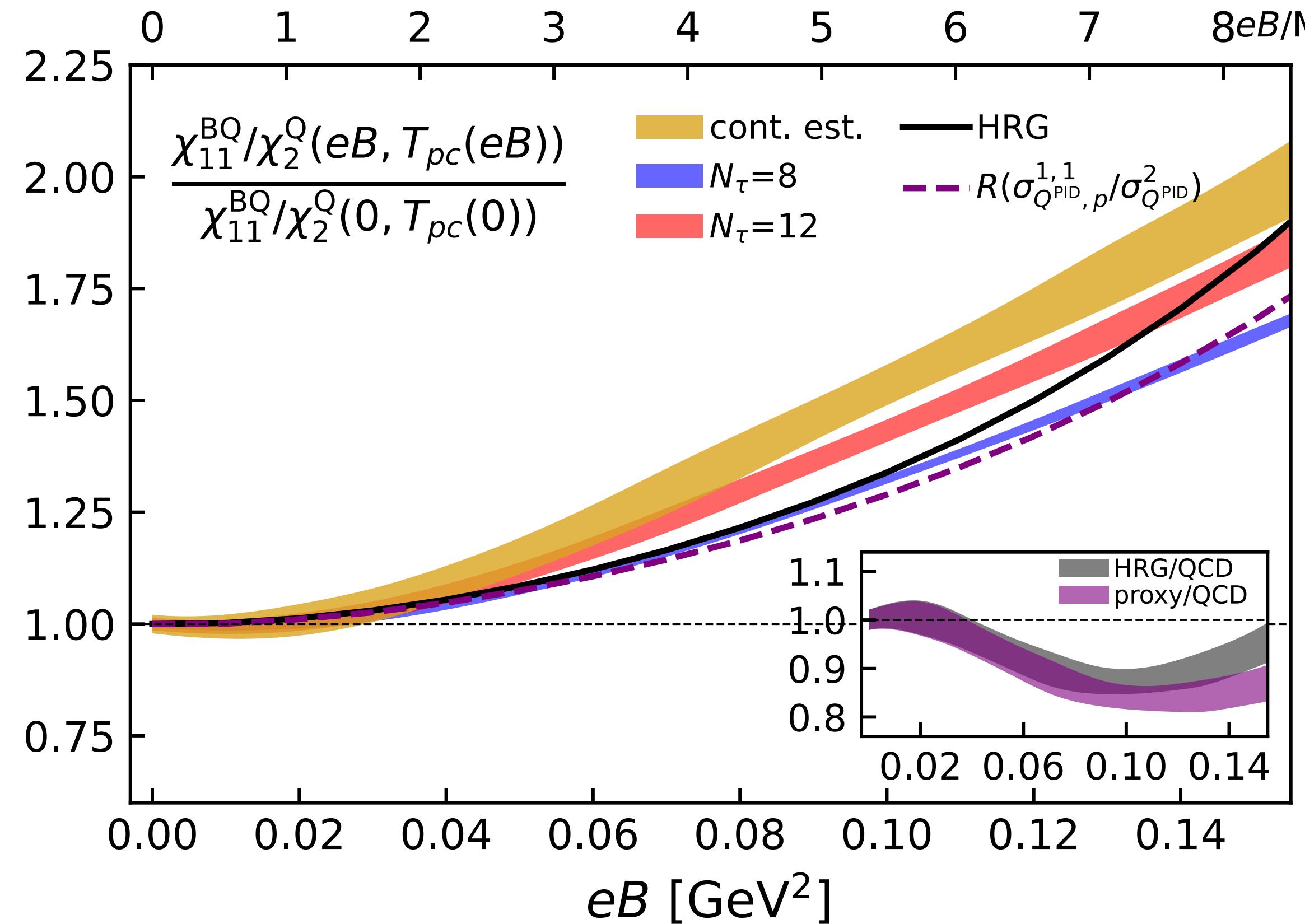


◆ At  $eB \simeq 40M_\pi^2$ , ratio of  $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}} \sim 17$

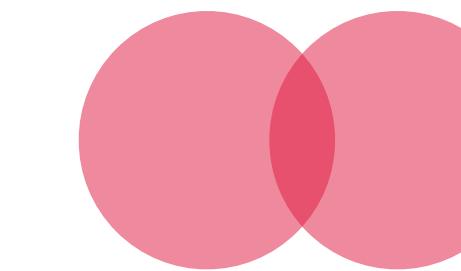
$$R(\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1}) = \sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1}(eB) / \sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1}(eB = 0)$$

◆ At  $eB > 10M_\pi^2$ , the HRG and proxy are breaking down

# Proxy for $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}/\chi_2^{\text{Q}}$ along the transition line



Central Collisions

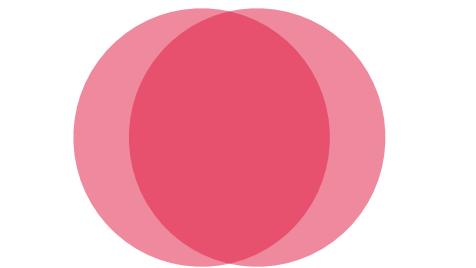
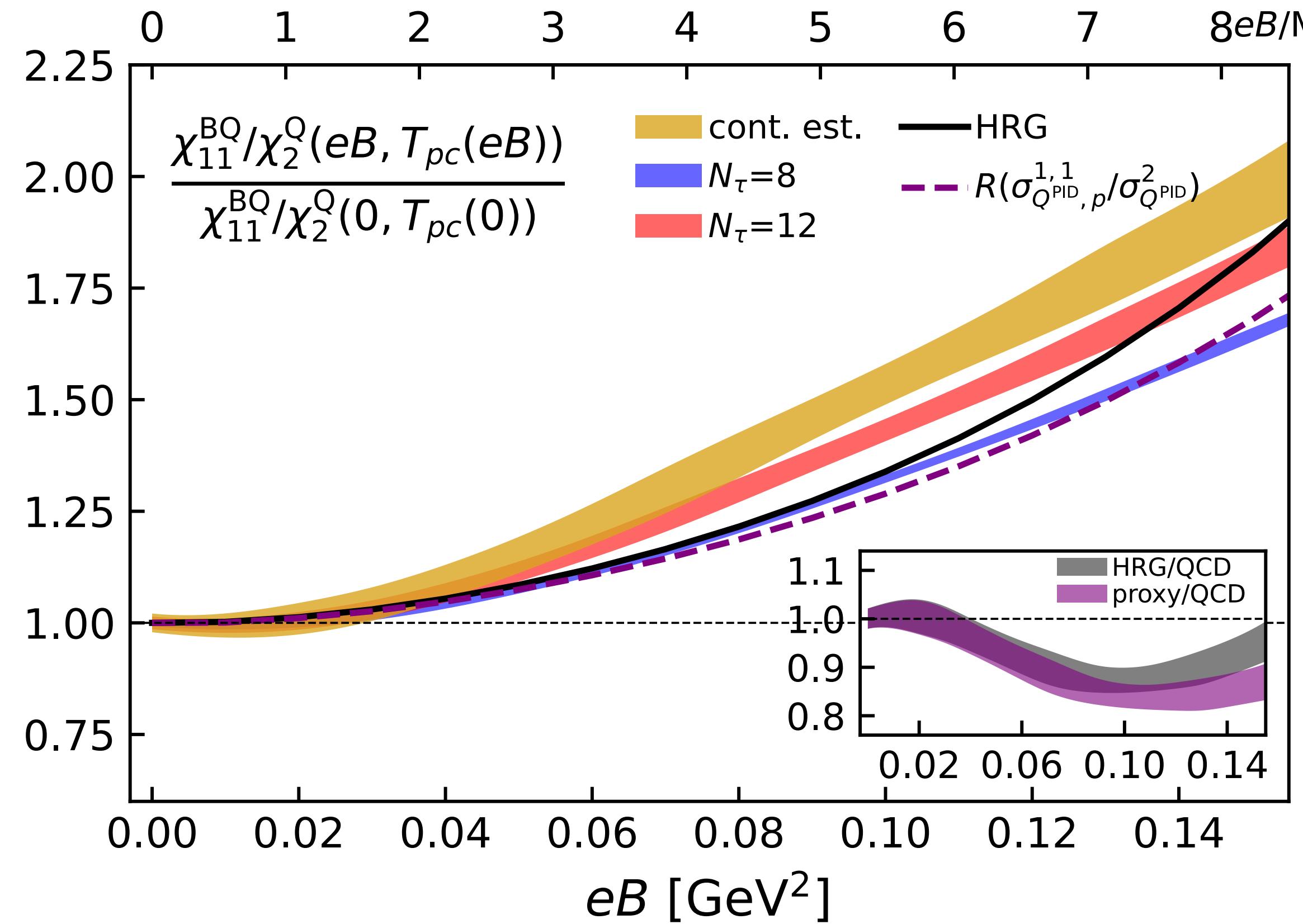


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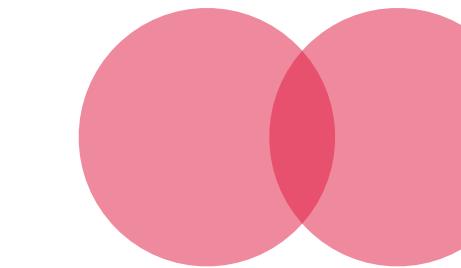
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# Proxy for $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}/\chi_2^{\text{Q}}$ compare with experiments



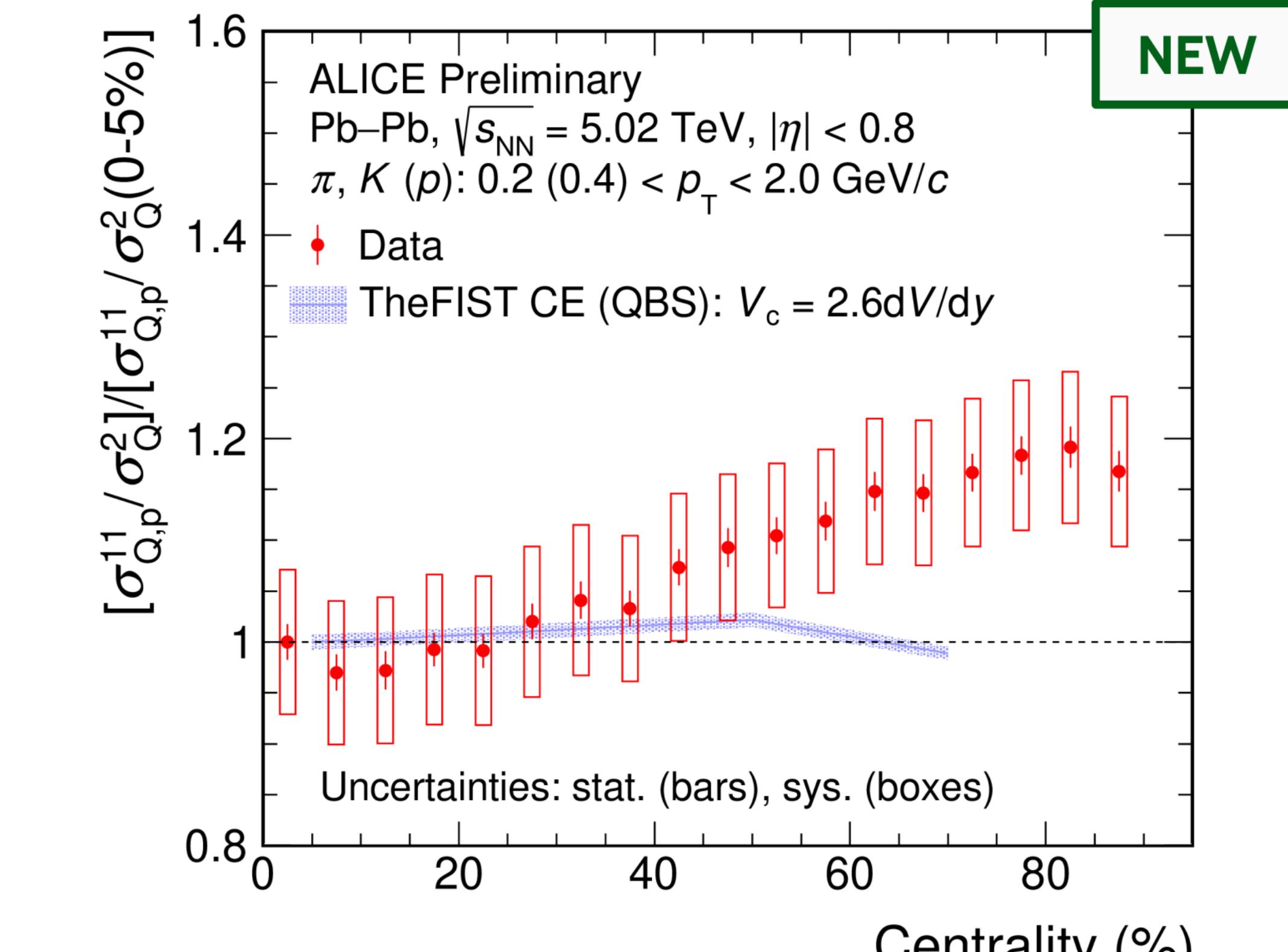
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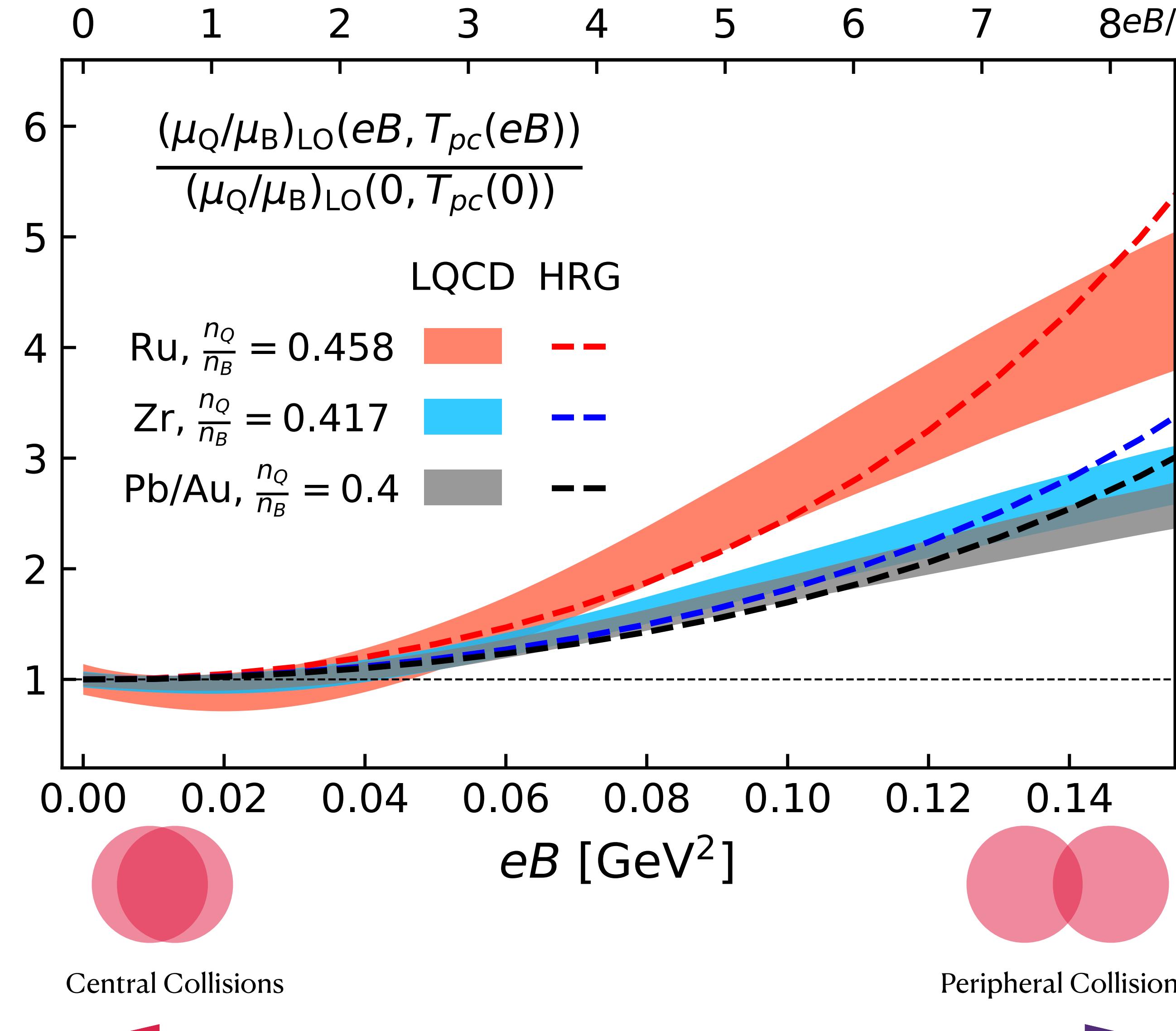
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S. Saha et al. (ALICE Collaboration) @ SQM 2024

# Dependence of $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$ on the magnetic field



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

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

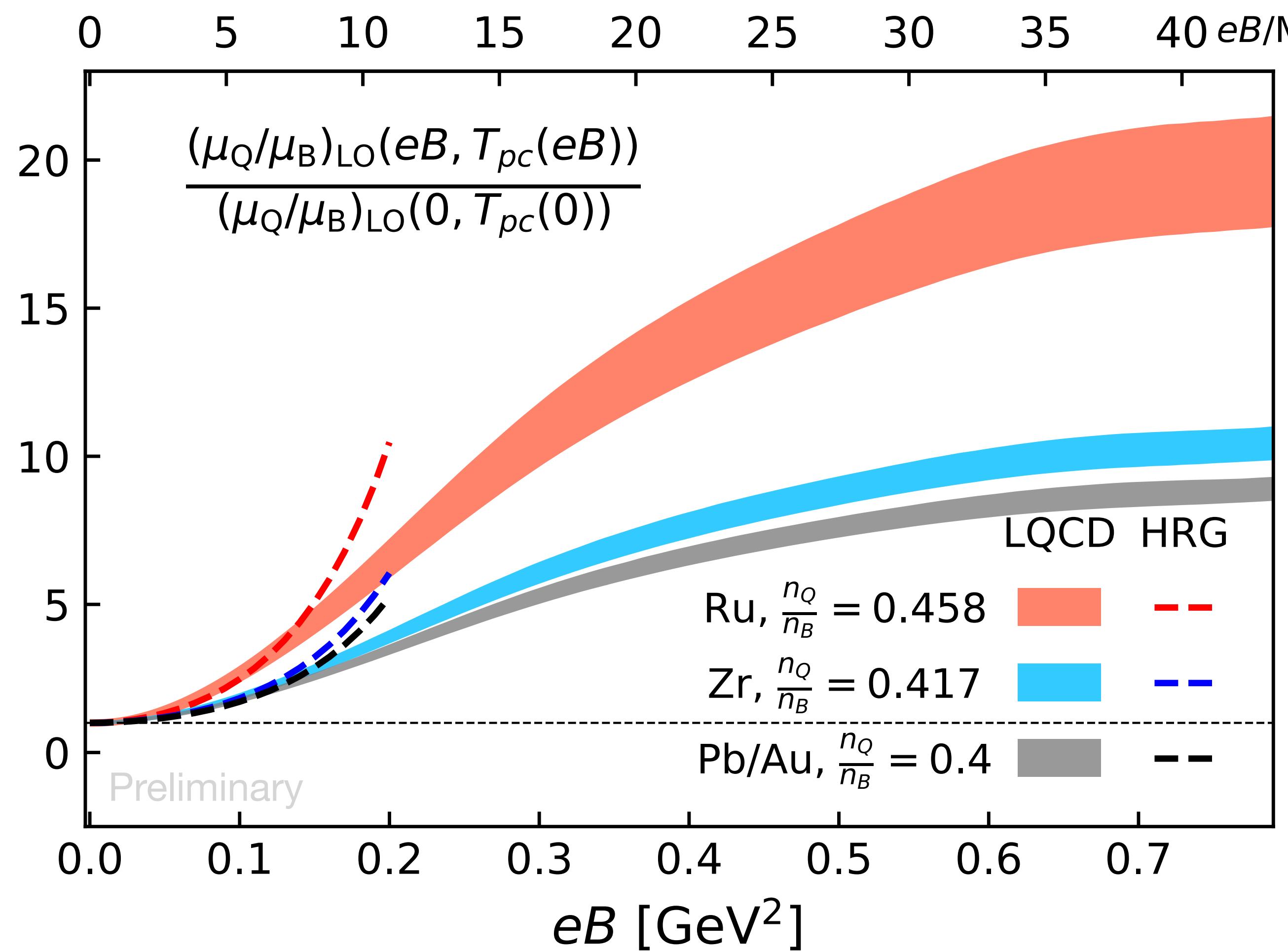
$$r = n_Q/n_B$$

◆ At  $eB \simeq 8M_\pi^2$ ,

Ratio of  $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$  for Pb, Au, Zr  $\sim 2.4$

Ratio of  $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$  for Ru  $\sim 4$

# Dependence of $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$ on the magnetic field in the large magnetic field range



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

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

$$r = n_Q/n_B$$

◆ At  $eB \simeq 40M_\pi^2$ ,

Ratio of  $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$  for Pb, Au, Zr  $\sim 9$

Ratio of  $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$  for Ru  $\sim 20$

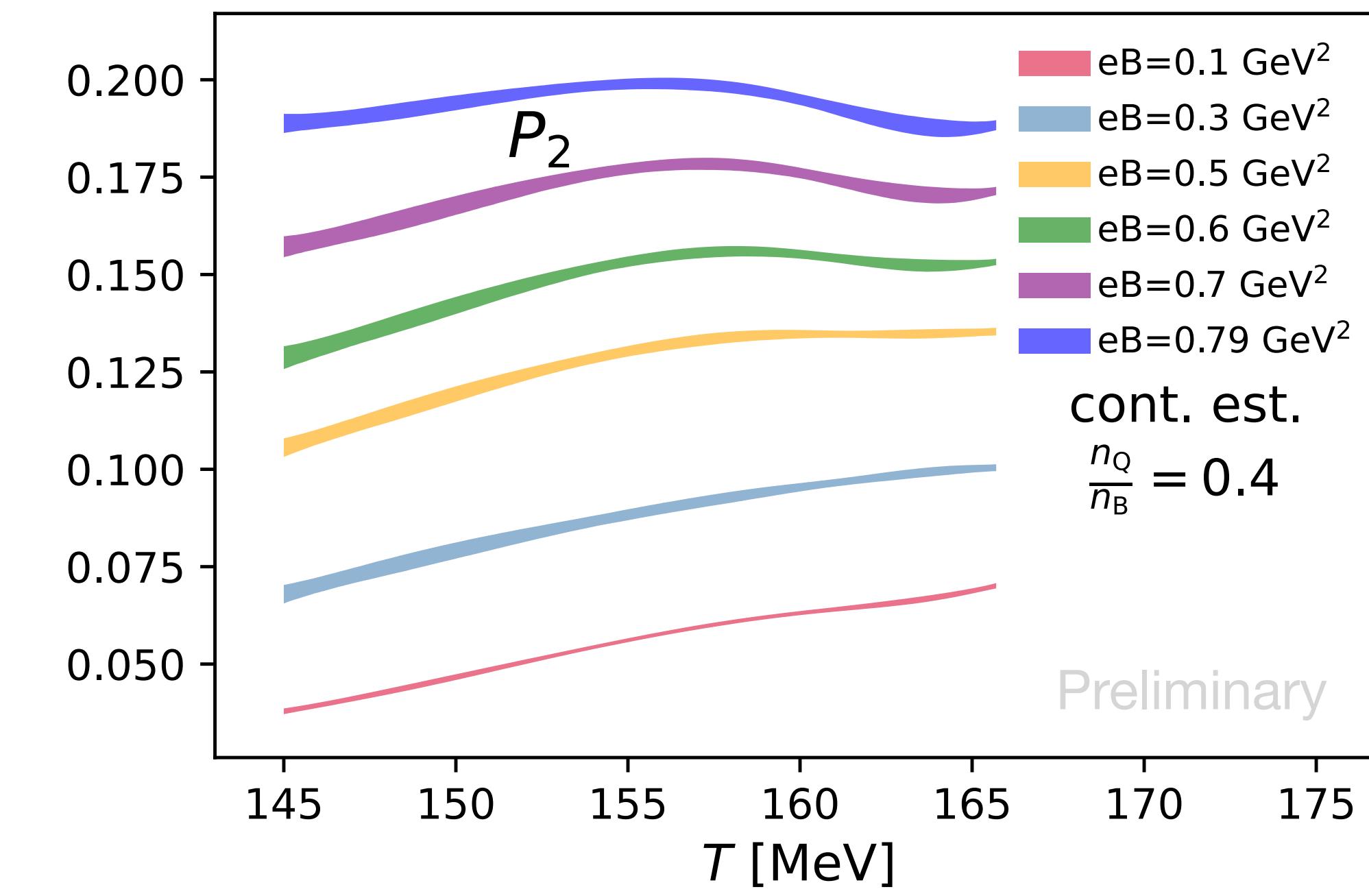
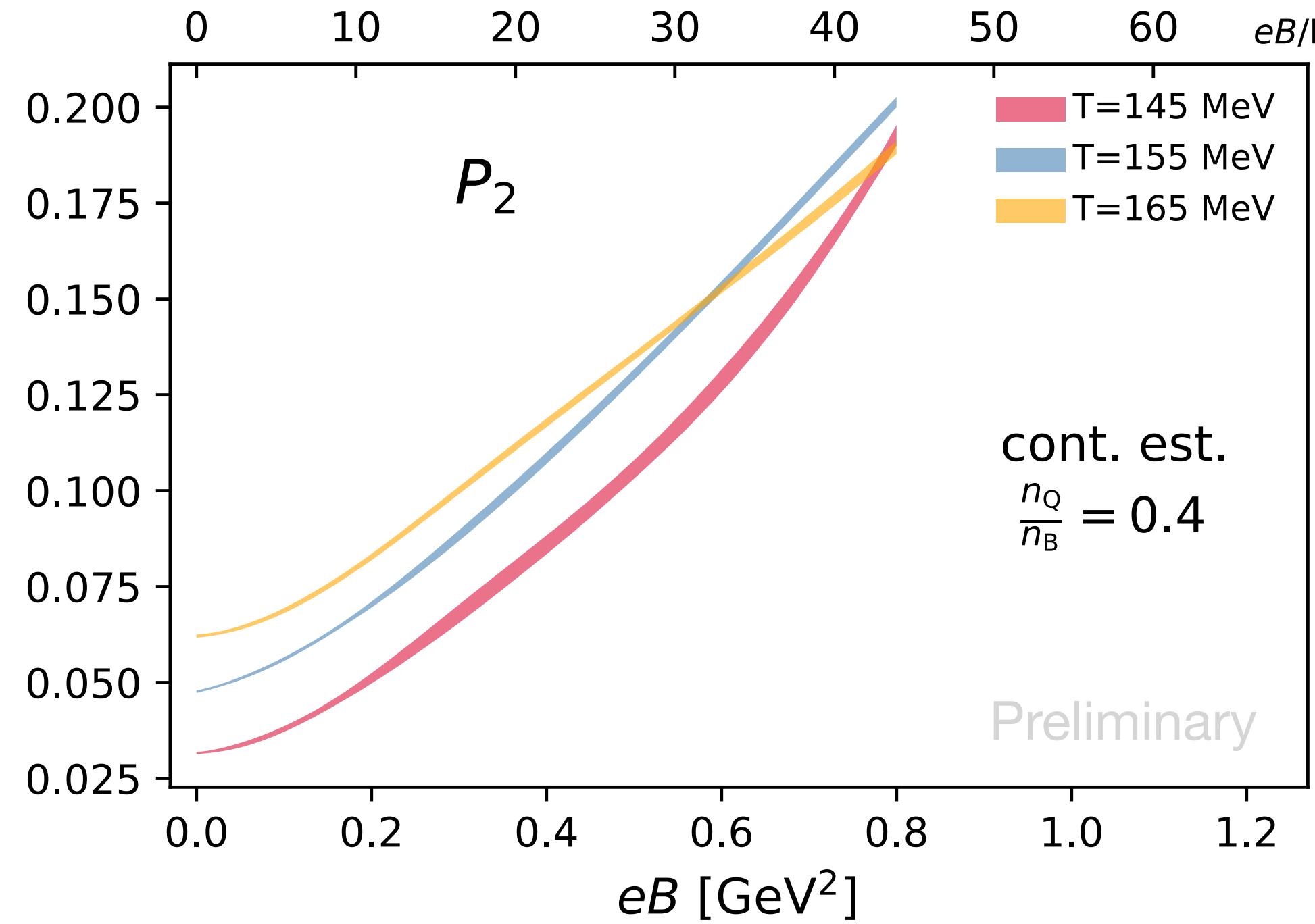
# Equation of State at non-zero magnetic fields

QCD Pressure:  $\frac{\Delta P}{T^4} = \frac{P(T, eB, \hat{\mu}_B) - P(T, eB, 0)}{T^4} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{2k}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$

$$\hat{\mu}_Q/\hat{\mu}_B = q_1 + q_3 \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^4)$$

Leading order:  $P_2 = \frac{1}{2!} \left( \chi_2^B + \chi_2^Q q_1^2 + \chi_2^S s_1^2 \right) + \chi_{11}^{BQ} q_1 + \chi_{11}^{BS} s_1 + \chi_{11}^{QS} q_1 s_1$

$$\hat{\mu}_S/\hat{\mu}_B = s_1 + s_3 \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^4)$$



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See also poster presented by A. Kumar

# Leading order Taylor series for energy and entropy densities

Energy densities:

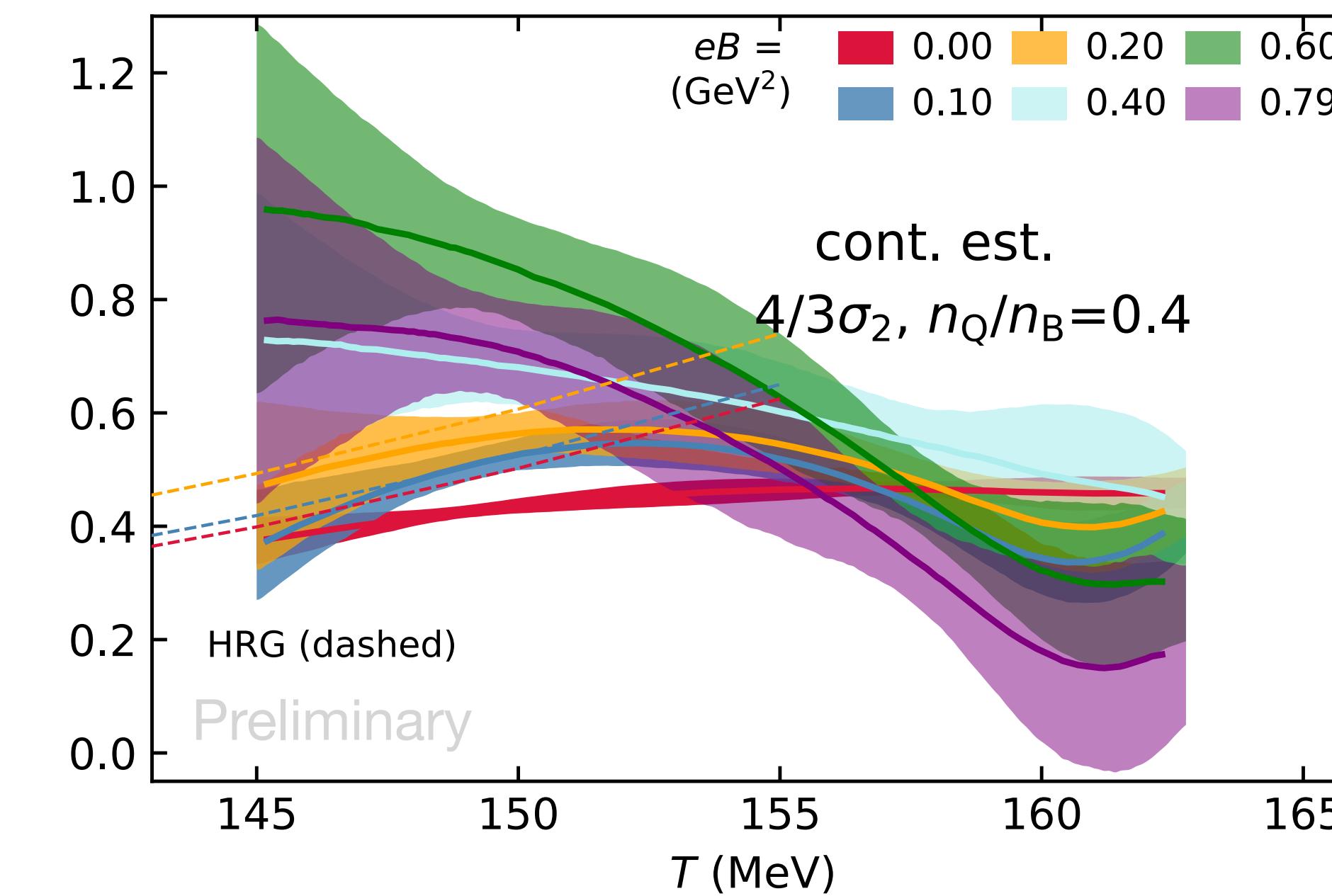
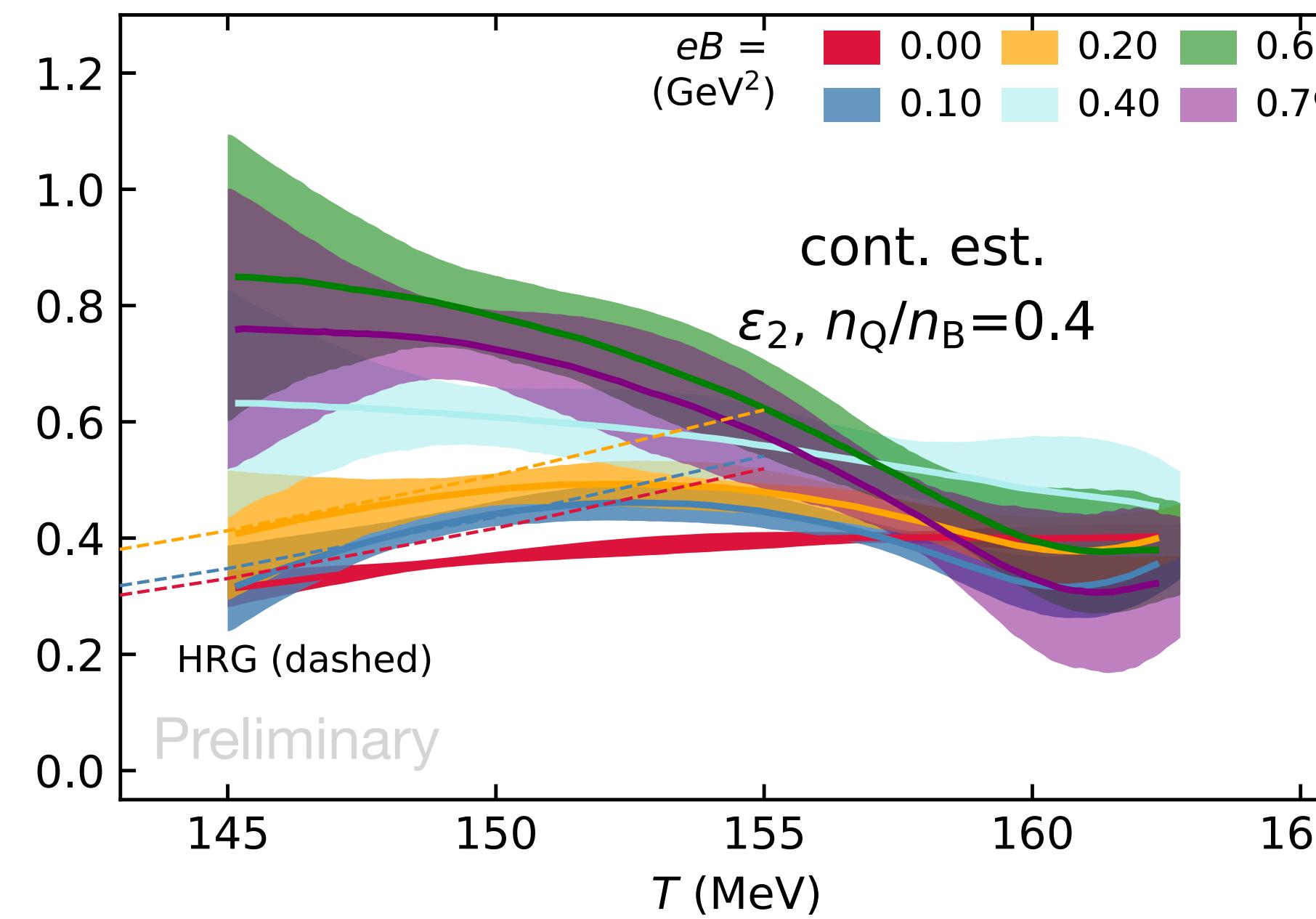
$$\frac{\epsilon(T, eB, \mu_B) - \epsilon(T, eB, 0)}{T^4} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_{2k}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$$

Leading order:  $\epsilon_2(T) = 3P_2 + TP'_2 - rTq'_1 N_1^B$

Entropy densities:

$$\frac{\sigma(T, eB, \mu_B) - \sigma(T, eB, 0)}{T^3} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2k}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \epsilon_2 + P_2 + TP'_2 - (1 + rq_1) N_1^B$$

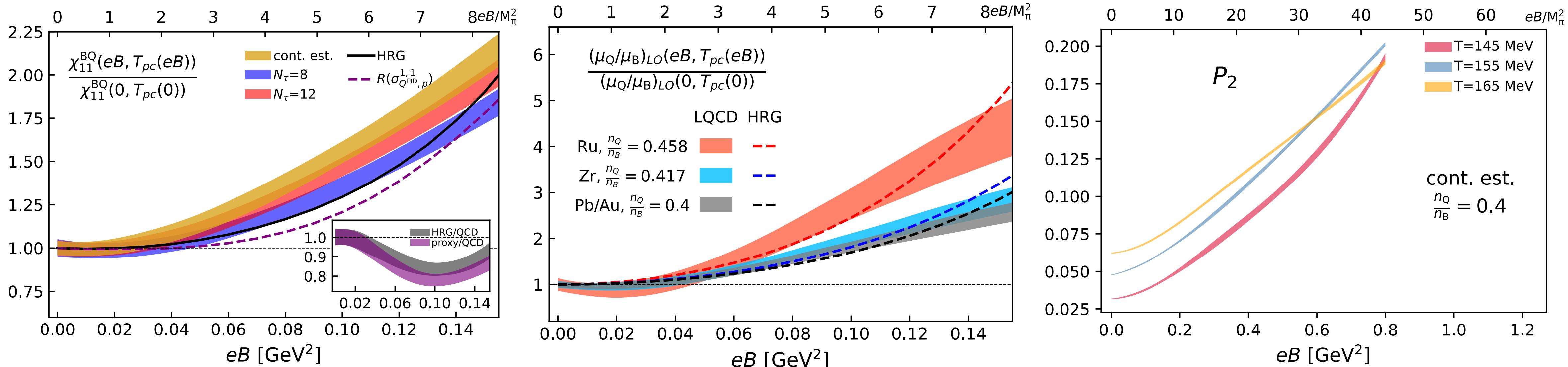


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# Summary

- QCD benchmarks are provided for the 2nd order fluctuations of conserved charges based on LQCD computation on  $N_\tau = 8$  and 12 lattices
- $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}$  is strongly affected by  $eB$ , and a reasonable proxy is provided for measurement in HIC
- The  $\mu_Q/\mu_B$  show a significant dependence on the magnetic field and is sensitive to the initial  $n_Q/n_B$
- The results of the EoS in the magnetic field at nonzero  $\mu_B$  in leading order are provided



# Backup

# Lattice QCD in strong magnetic fields

$B$  pointing along the  $z$  direction

$$u_x(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = \begin{cases} \exp[-iqa^2BN_xn_y] & (n_x = N_x - 1) \\ 1 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$$

$$u_y(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = \exp[iqa^2Bn_x]$$

$$u_z(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = u_t(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = 1$$

Quantization of the magnetic field

$a$  is changed to get the targeted  $T$ ,  $T = \frac{1}{aN_\tau}$

- ◆ Statistics( $eB \neq 0$ ):  $N_\tau=8$ :  $\sim 40000$  ( $\#N_{\text{rv}}$  : 603)  
 $N_\tau=12$ :  $\sim 5000$  ( $\#N_{\text{rv}}$  : 102 ~ 705)

$$\begin{aligned} q_u &= 2/3 e \\ q_d &= -1/3 e \\ q_s &= -1/3 e \end{aligned}$$

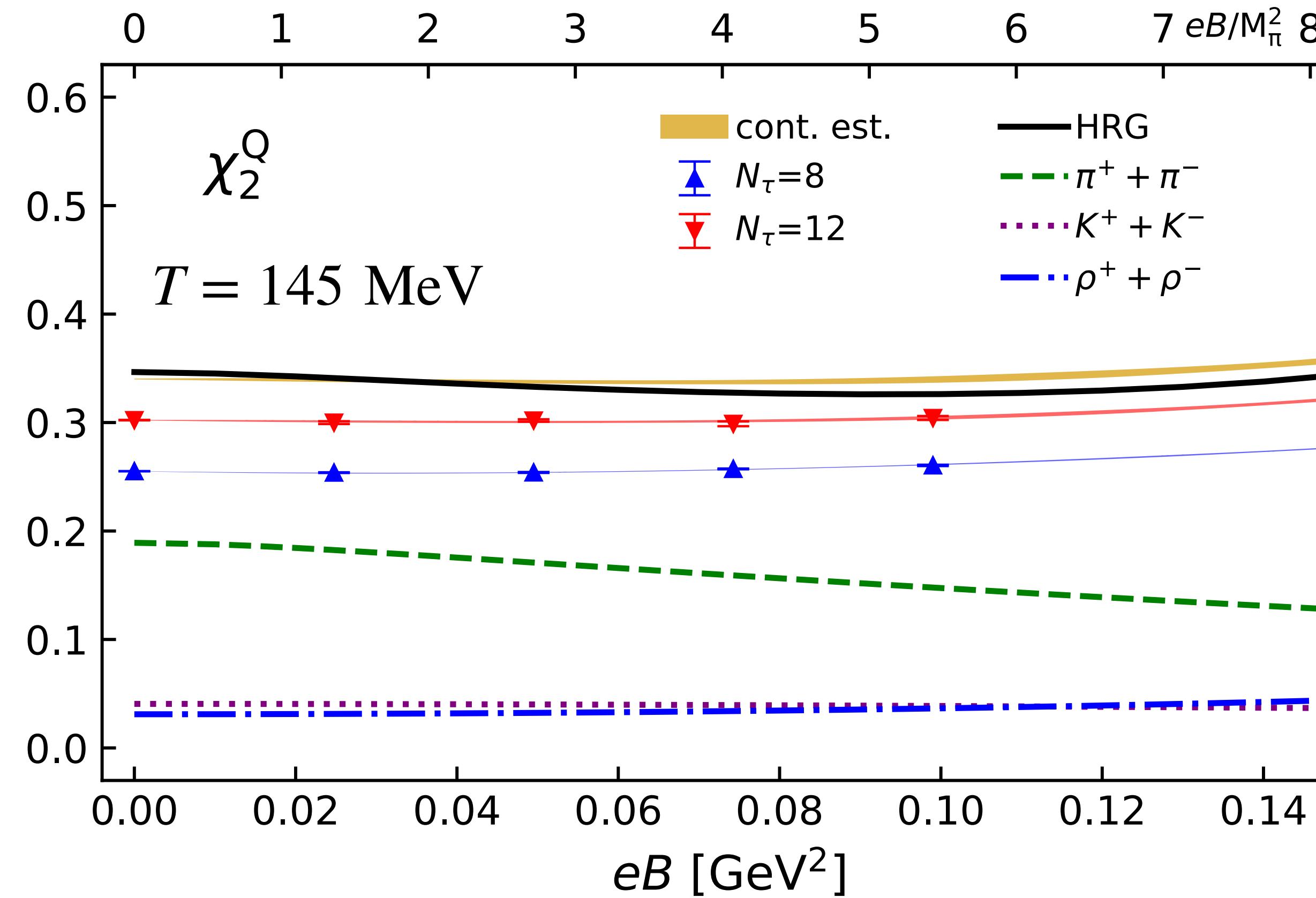


$$eB = \frac{6\pi N_b}{N_x N_y} a^{-2}$$

Landau gauge

G.S. Bali, F. Bruckmann, G. Endrodi, Z. Fodor, S.D. Katz,  
S. Krieg et al., JHEP 02 (2012) 044.

# Electric charge fluctuations at $T = 145$ MeV



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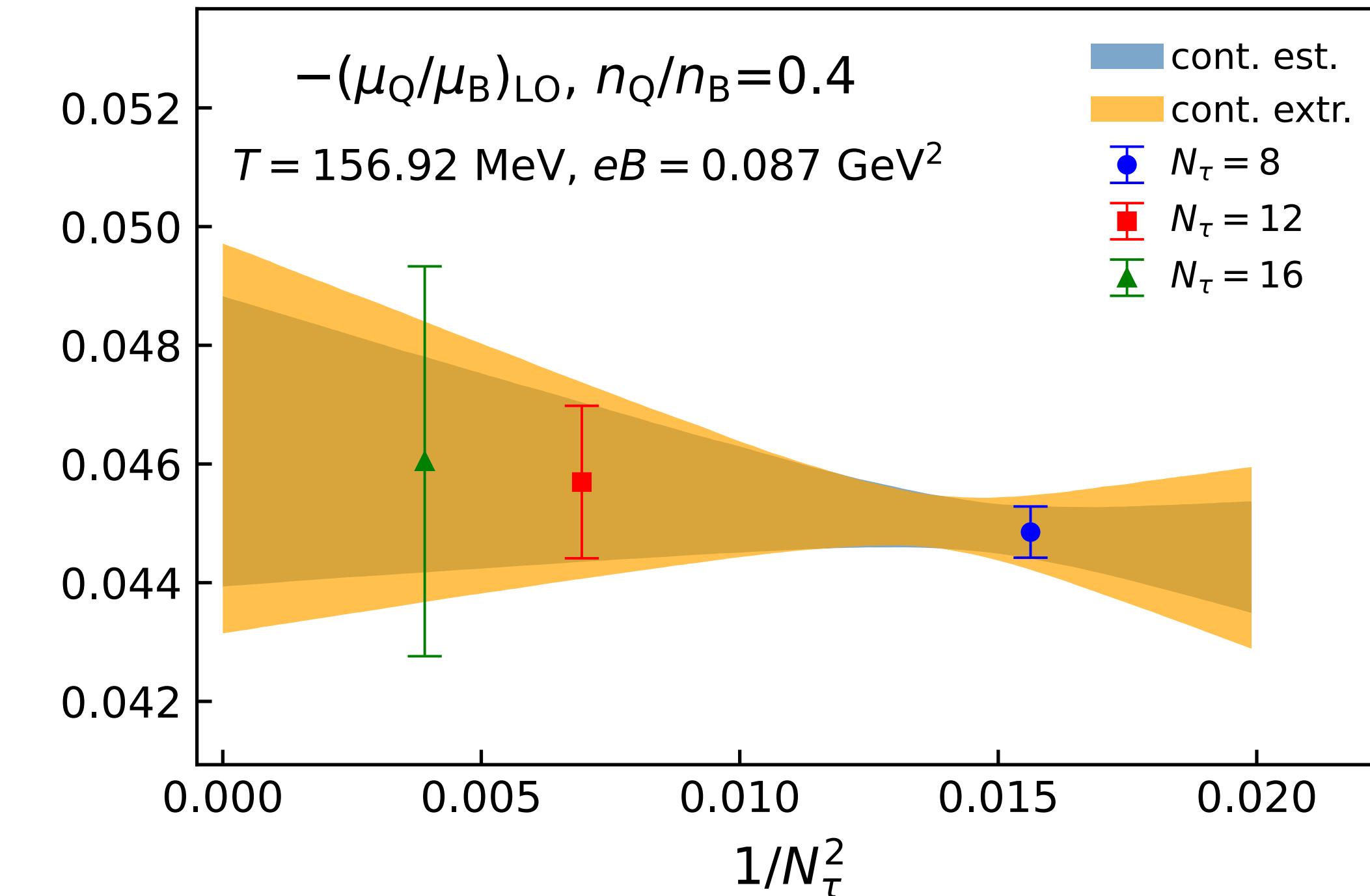
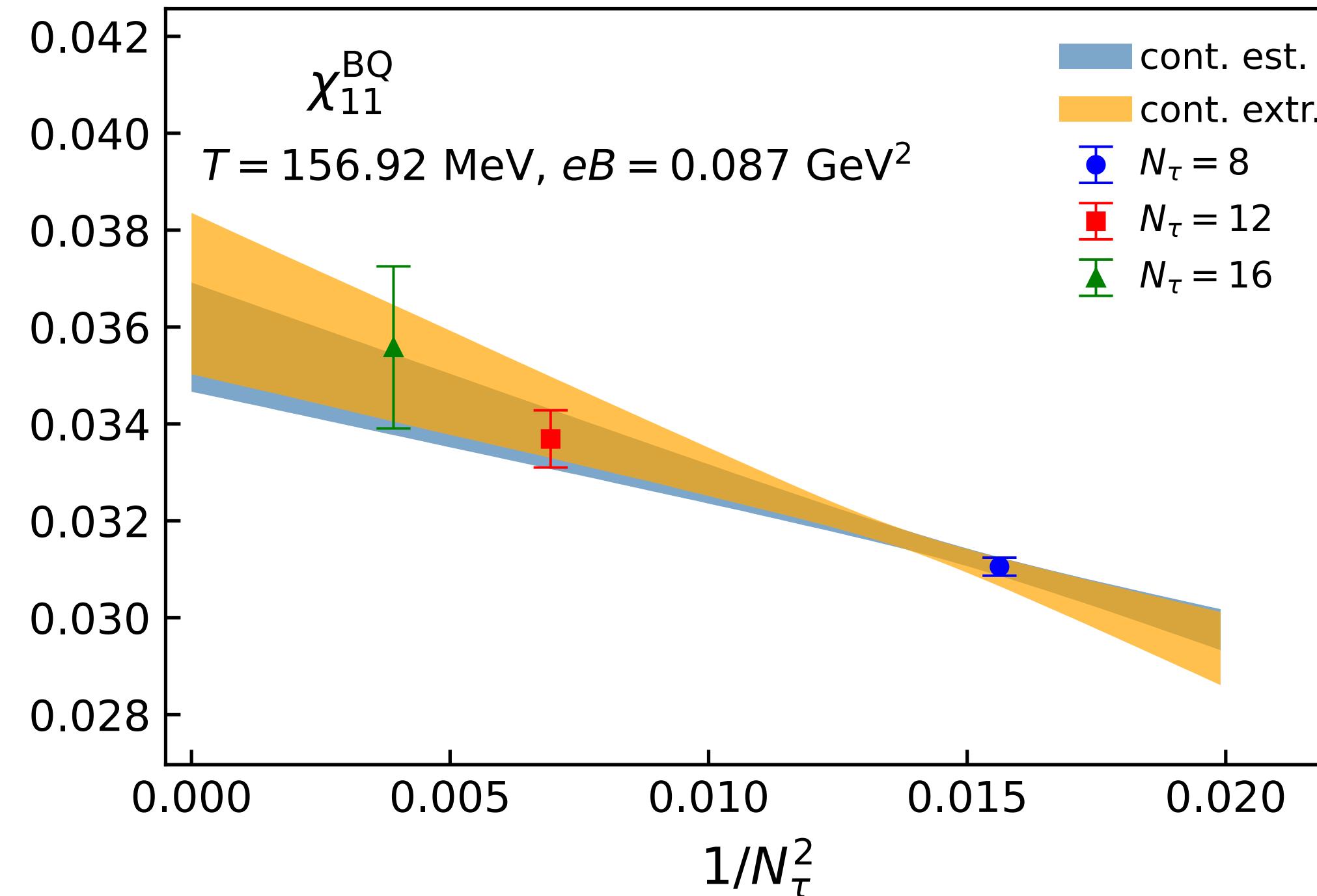
◆  $\chi_2^Q$  almost independent on  $eB$

◆ Hadron Resonance Gas model (HRG):  
Pressure arising from charged hadrons  
( $eB \neq 0$ ):

$$\frac{p_c^{M/B}}{T^4} = \frac{|q_i| B}{2\pi^2 T^3} \sum_{s_z=-s_i}^{s_i} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\pm 1)^{n+1} \frac{e^{n\mu_i/T}}{n} K_1 \left( \frac{n\varepsilon_0}{T} \right)$$

where  $\varepsilon_0 = \sqrt{m_i^2 + 2 |q_i| B (l + 1/2 - s_z)}$ ,  
 $K_1$  is the first-order modified Bessel function

# Continuum estimate and extrapolation

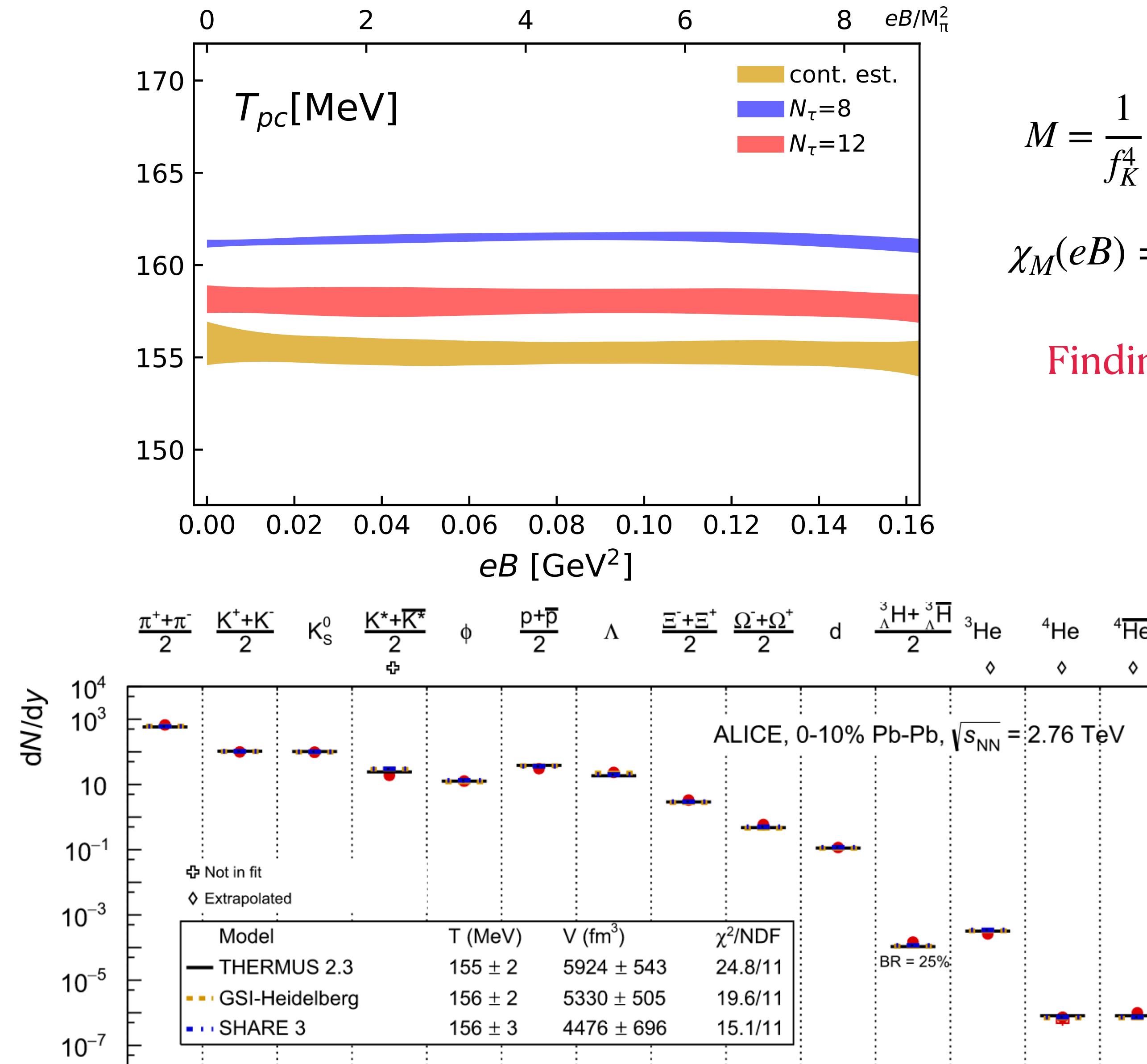


About 3000 additional configurations for  $eB = 0.087 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $T = 156.92 \text{ MeV}$  at  $64^3 \times 16$

Ansatz:  $1/N_\tau^2$

$$\mathcal{O}(T, eB, N_\tau) = \mathcal{O}(T, eB) + \frac{c}{N_\tau^2}$$

# Transition line on $T - eB$ plane and $T_{\text{ch}}$ in experiment



$$M = \frac{1}{f_K^4} \left[ m_s (\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_u + \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_d) - (m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_s \right]$$

$$\chi_M(eB) = \frac{m_s}{f_K^4} \left[ m_s \chi_l(eB) - 2 \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_s(eB = 0) - 4 m_l \chi_{su}(eB = 0) \right]$$

Finding the peak location of  $\chi_M$  at each  $eB$  value  
to determine  $T_{pc}(eB)$

$$T_{\text{ch}} \approx 156 \text{ MeV}$$

ALICE, Nucl.Phys.A 971 (2018) 1–20

# Proxy in experiment

♦ Conserved charges susceptibilities in experiment:

$$\chi_{\alpha}^2 = \frac{1}{VT^3} \kappa_{\alpha}^2, \quad \chi_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \kappa_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1}$$

the second-order cumulants( $\kappa$ ) are the variance or covariance( $\sigma$ ) of the net-multiplicity  $N$ :

$$\kappa_{\alpha}^2 = \sigma_{\alpha}^2 = \langle (\delta N_{\alpha} - \langle \delta N_{\alpha} \rangle)^2 \rangle$$

$$\kappa_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1} = \sigma_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1} = \langle (\delta N_{\alpha} - \langle \delta N_{\alpha} \rangle)(\delta N_{\beta} - \langle \delta N_{\beta} \rangle) \rangle$$

with  $\delta N_{\alpha} = N_{\alpha^+} - N_{\alpha^-}$  and  $\alpha, \beta = p, Q^{\text{PID}}, k$

- $p$ : a proxy for the net-baryon
- $k$ : a proxy for the net-strangeness
- $Q^{\text{PID}}$ : identified  $\pi, k$  and  $p$

$$\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}},p}^{1,1} = \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_{p,\pi}^{1,1} + \sigma_{p,K}^{1,1}$$

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$$\sigma_p^2 = \sum_R \left( P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \left( P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p_R / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^2}$$

$$\sigma_{p,\pi}^{1,1} = \sum_R \left( P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \left( P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}^+} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p_R / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^2}$$

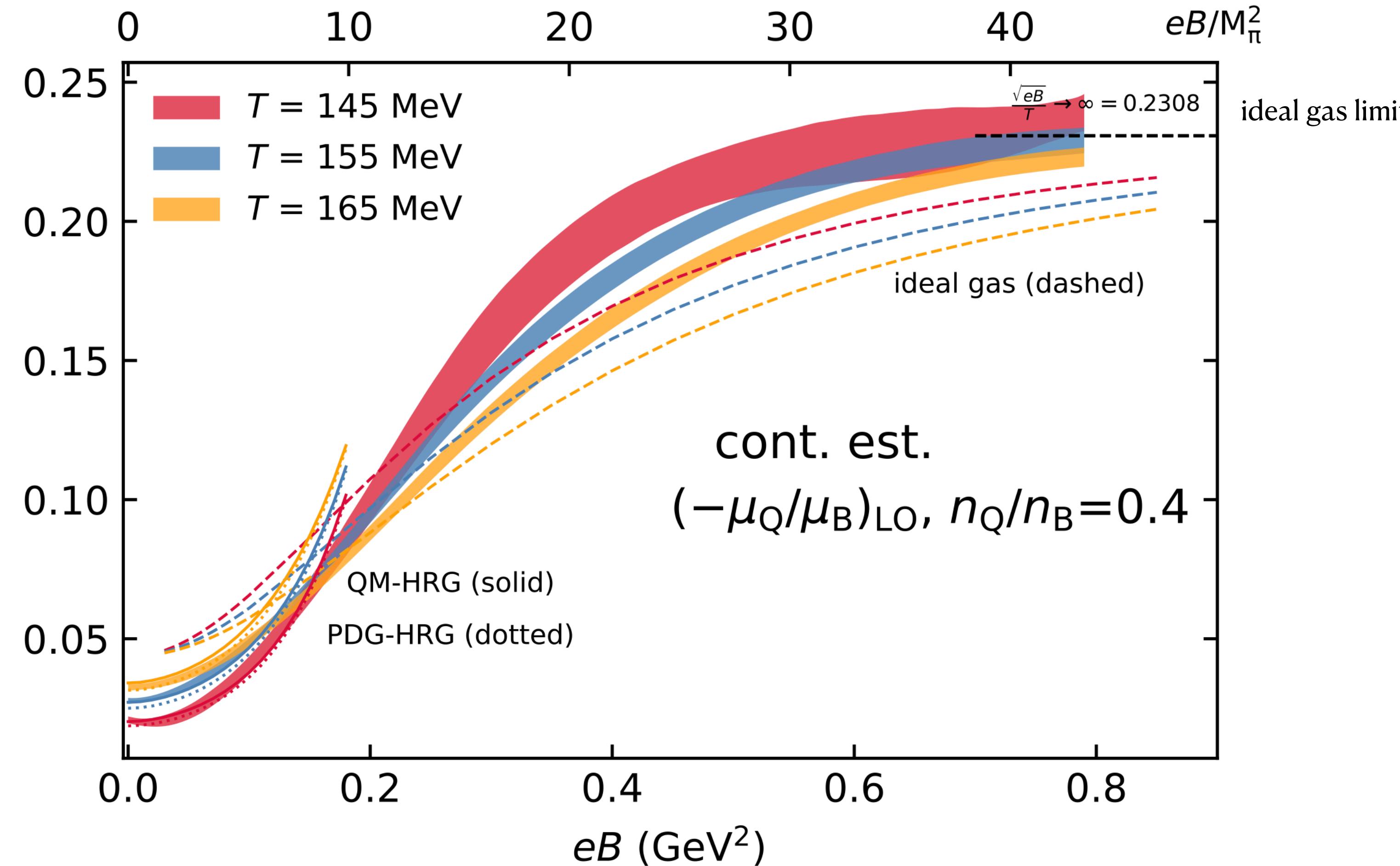
$$\sigma_{p,K}^{1,1} = \sum_R \left( P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \left( P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{K}^+} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p_R / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^2}$$

$$\text{where } P_{R \rightarrow i} = \sum_{\alpha} N_{R \rightarrow i}^{\alpha} n_{i,\alpha}^R$$

$n_{i,\alpha}^R$ : numbers of  $i$  produced by  $R$  in decay channel  $\alpha$

$N_{R \rightarrow i}^{\alpha}$ : Branching ratio of channel  $\alpha$

# $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{\text{LO}}$ at different temperature

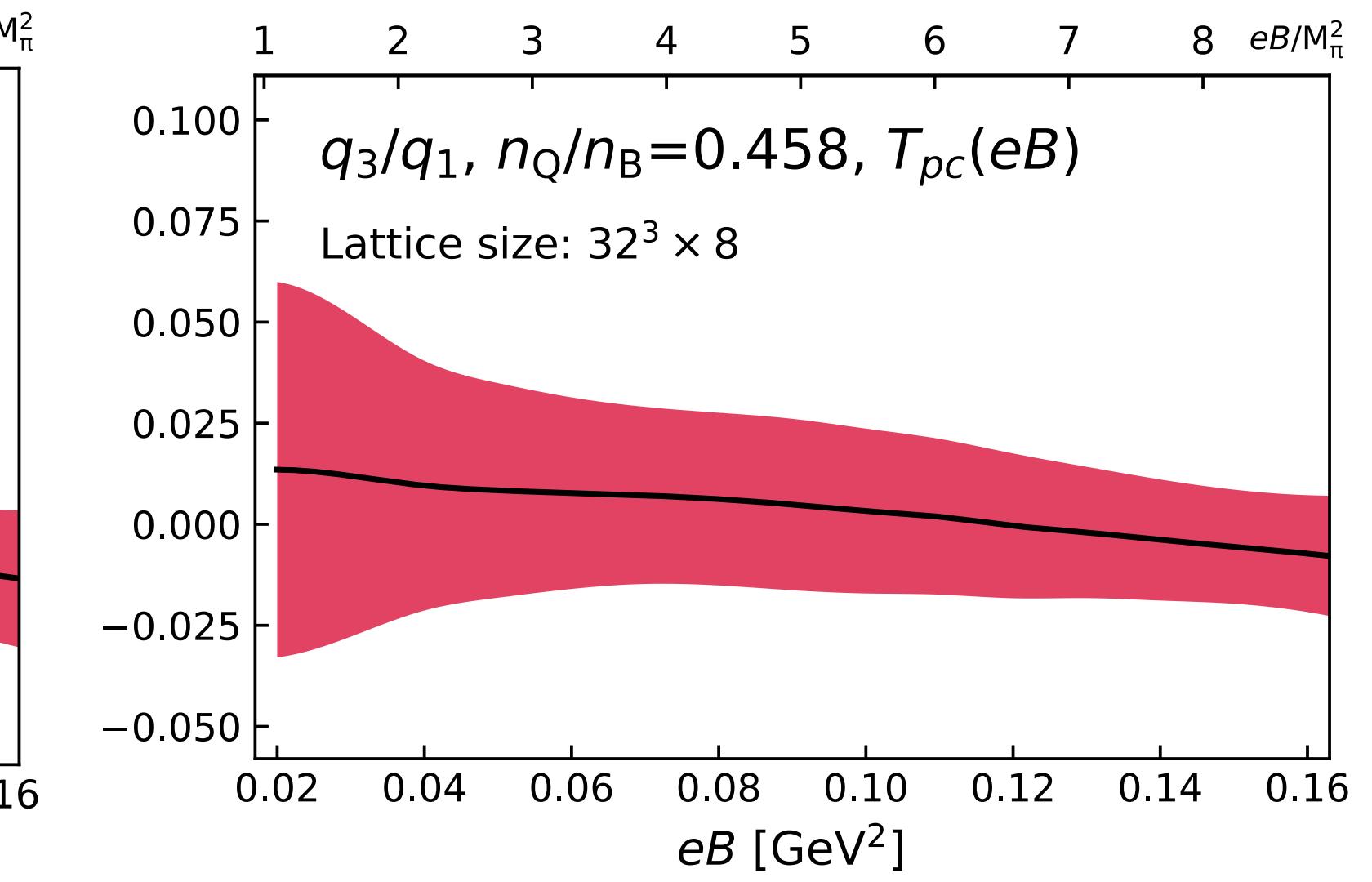
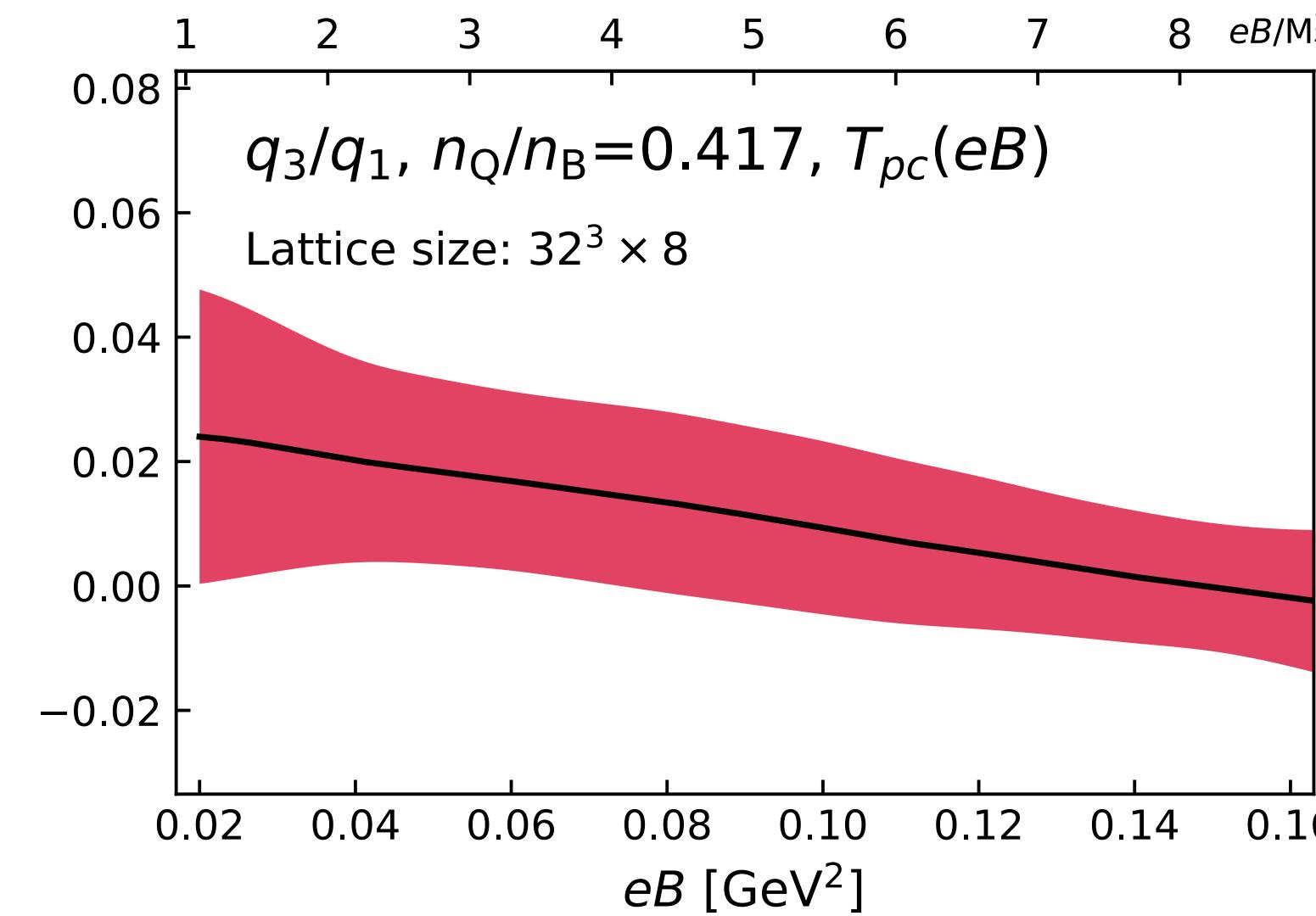
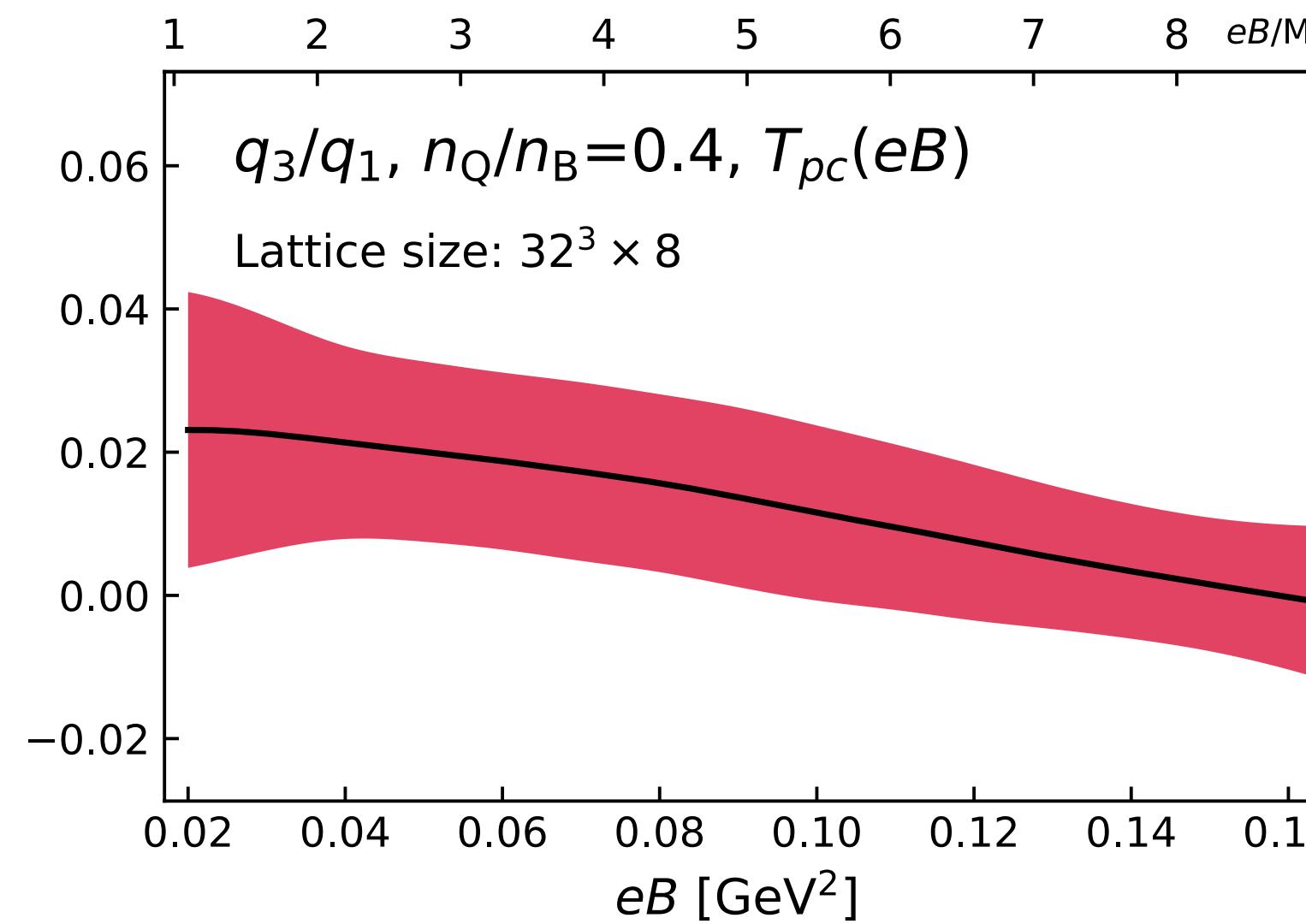


See also poster presented by A. Kumar

# Dependence of $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{\text{NLO}}$ on the magnetic field

$$\hat{\mu}_Q/\hat{\mu}_B = q_1 + \boxed{q_3} \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^4)$$

$$\hat{\mu}_B = \mu_B/T$$



$q_3/q_1$  in all cases remains within 2%

The next-to-leading order correction is negligible!