

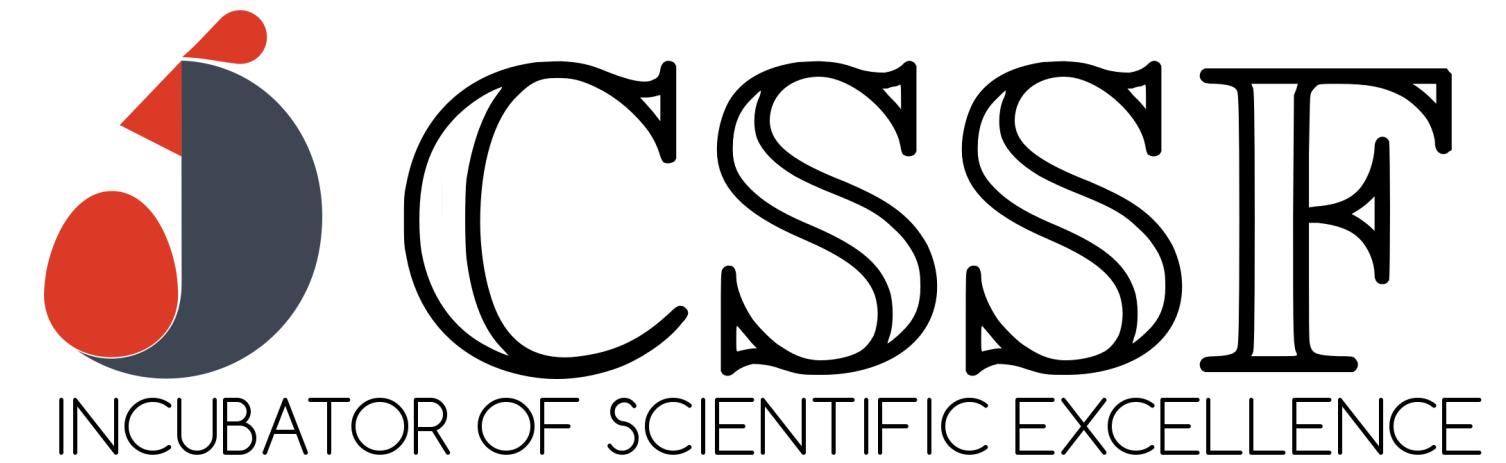
# Anatomy of Critical Fluctuations in Hadronic Matter

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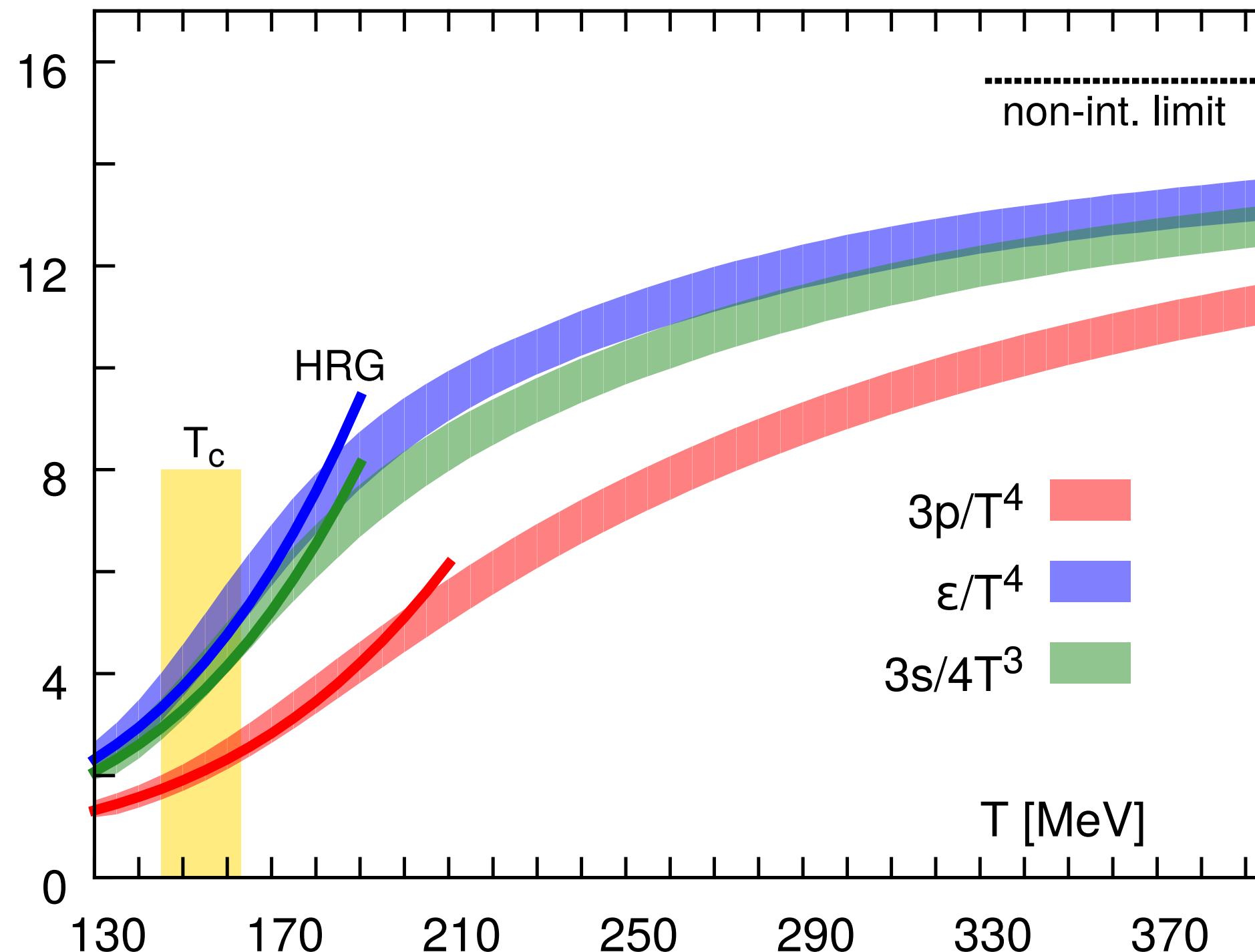


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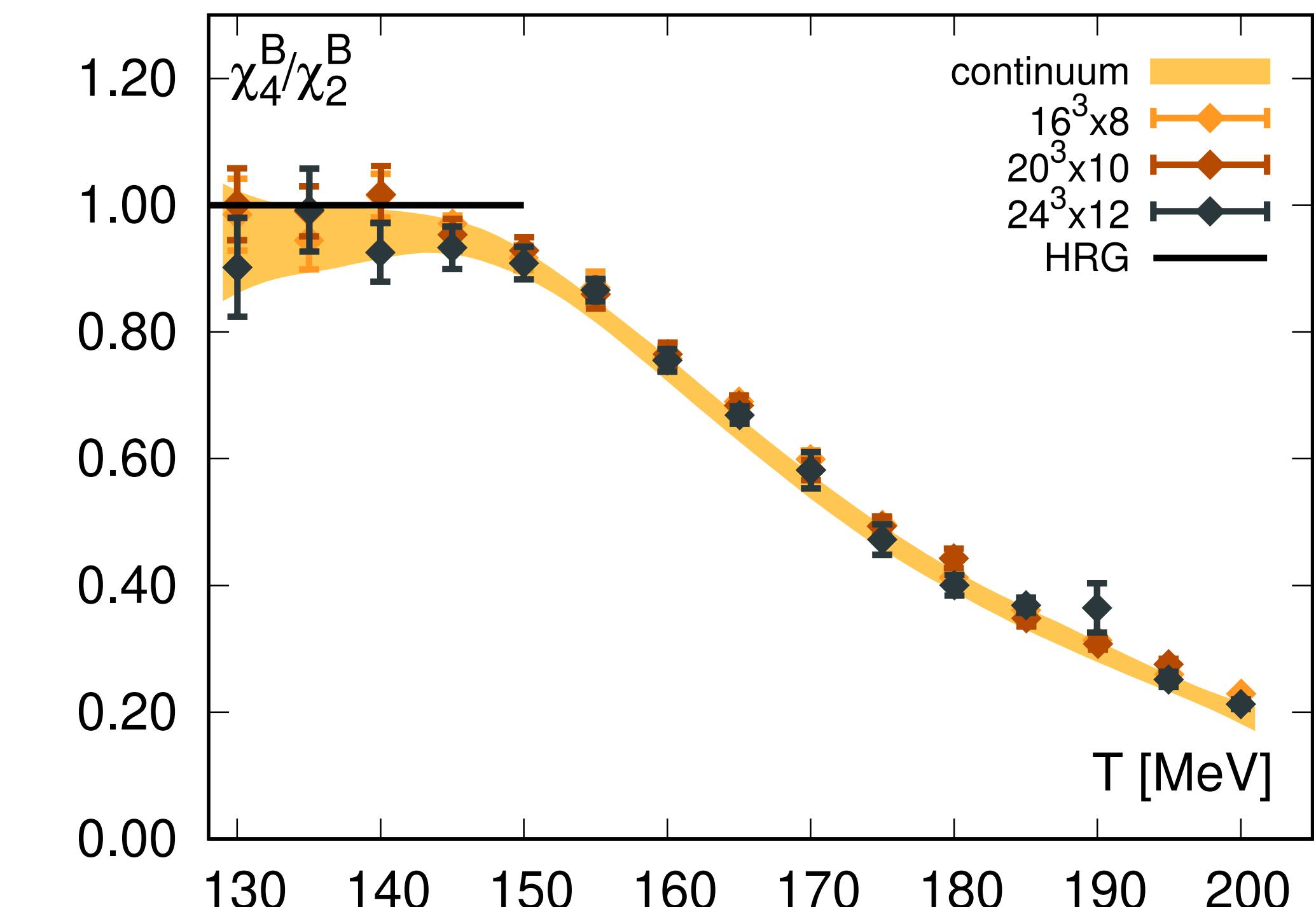
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# Lattice QCD vs Hadron Resonance Gas

Bazavov et al, 2014



Borsányi et al, 2023



Pressure in the HRG model

$$P^{\text{HRG}} = \sum_{i \in \text{had}} P^{\text{id}}(T, \mu_i; m_i)$$

Agreement with LQCD EoS up to  $\simeq T_c$

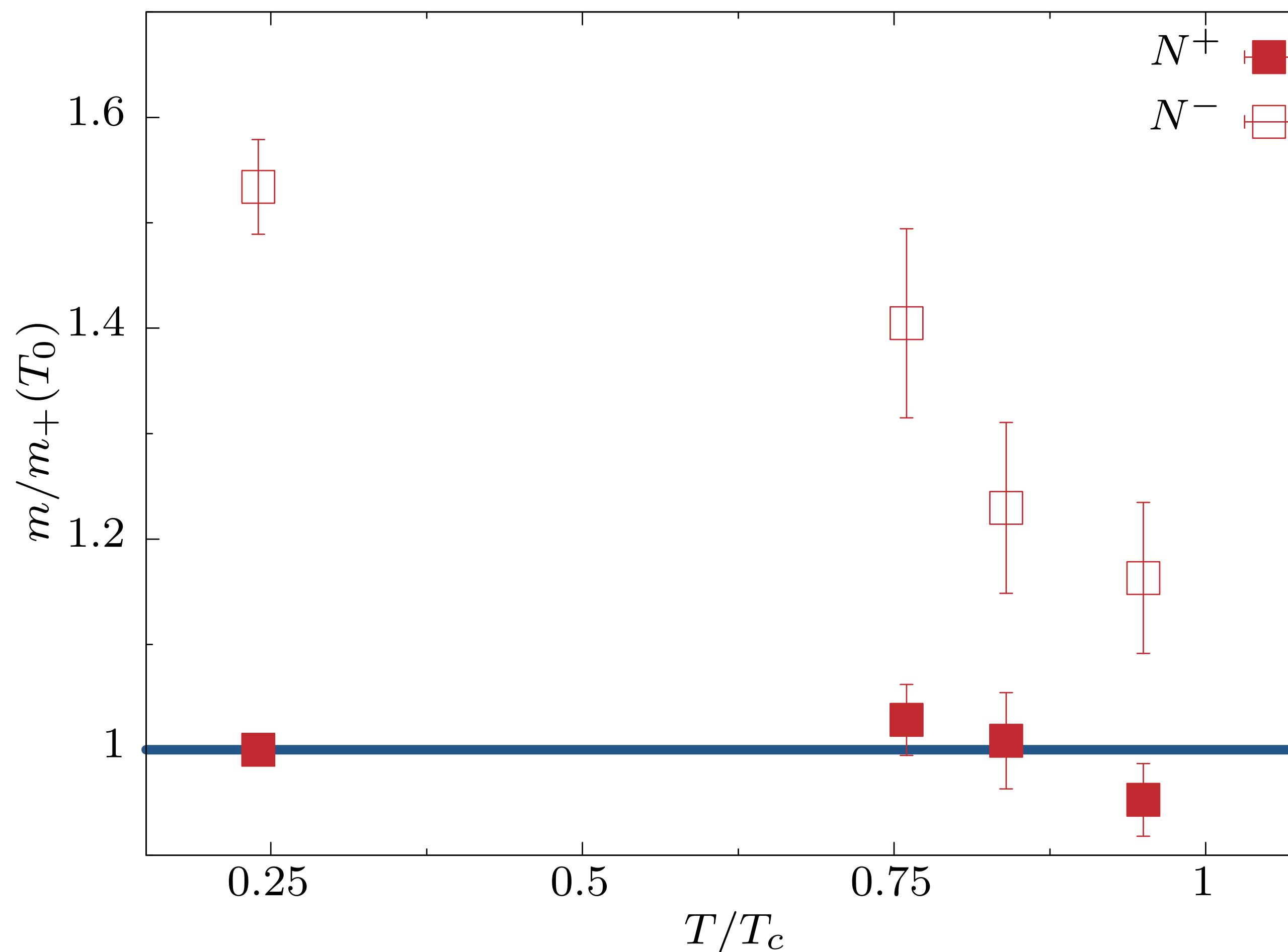
Taylor expansion of LQCD EoS

$$\frac{P}{T^4} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^k \frac{\chi_k^B}{k!}, \text{ where } \chi_k^B = \frac{\partial^k P/T^4}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^k}$$

Kurtosis:  $\frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \sim B^2$ : breakdown  $\sim T_c$ : changeover to QGP

# Parity Doubling in Lattice QCD

Aarts et al, 2017, 2019



- $N^+$  nucleon stays nearly unchanged
- $N^-$  chiral partner drops mass towards  $T_c$
- Chiral partners  $N^\pm$  degenerate at  $T_c$
- Chiral parents stay massive
- Seen for octet and decouplet of baryons

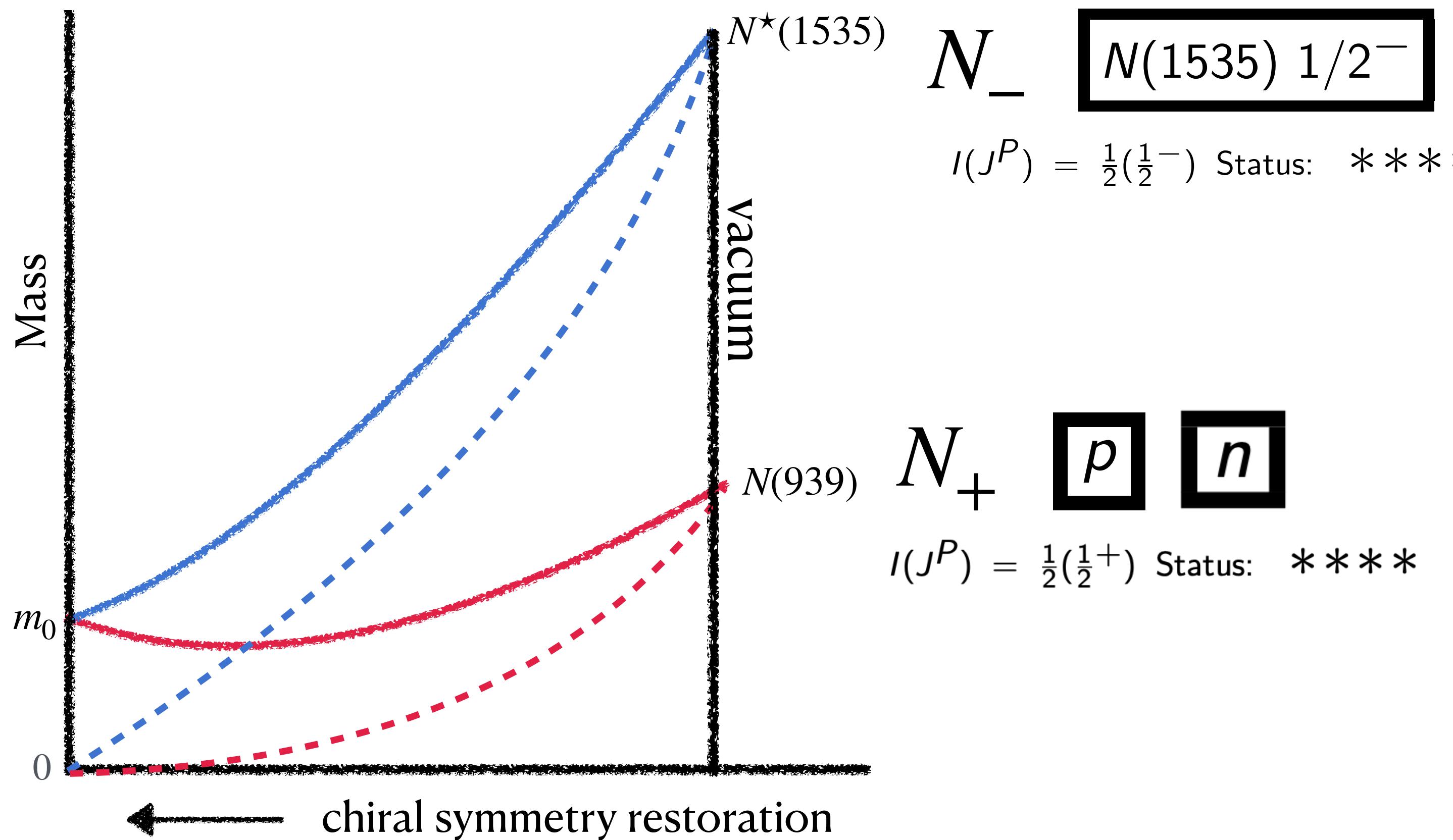
Imprint of chiral symmetry restoration in the baryonic sector

LQCD results still obtained with heavy  $m_\pi$  far from continuum limit

# Parity Doublet Model a'la DeTar, Kunihiro 1989

- SU(2) chiral transformation of 2 nucleons → how to assign 2 independent rotation to them?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} \sim m_0 (\bar{\psi}_1 \gamma_5 \psi_2 + \bar{\psi}_2 \gamma_5 \psi_1) \implies M_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{4m_0^2 + a^2 \sigma^2} \mp b\sigma \right) \xrightarrow{\sigma \rightarrow 0} m_0$$



## Caution

- N(1535): the lower-lying resonance
  - $\pi N$  &  $\eta N$  interactions
  - similar to  $f_0(500)$  vs  $\sigma$  in LSMA

For multiplicity  $N_B = N_+ + N_-$

Net-baryon number:  $\langle N_B \rangle = \langle N_+ \rangle + \langle N_- \rangle$

Second-order fluctuations of the net-baryon number:

$$\langle \delta N_B \delta N_B \rangle = \langle (\delta N_+)^2 \rangle + \langle (\delta N_-)^2 \rangle + 2 \langle \delta N_+ \delta N_- \rangle$$

$$\langle \delta N_\alpha \delta N_\beta \rangle = VT^3 \chi_n^{\alpha\beta} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \chi_2^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{d^2 P / T^4}{d(\mu_\alpha / T) d(\mu_\beta / T)}$$

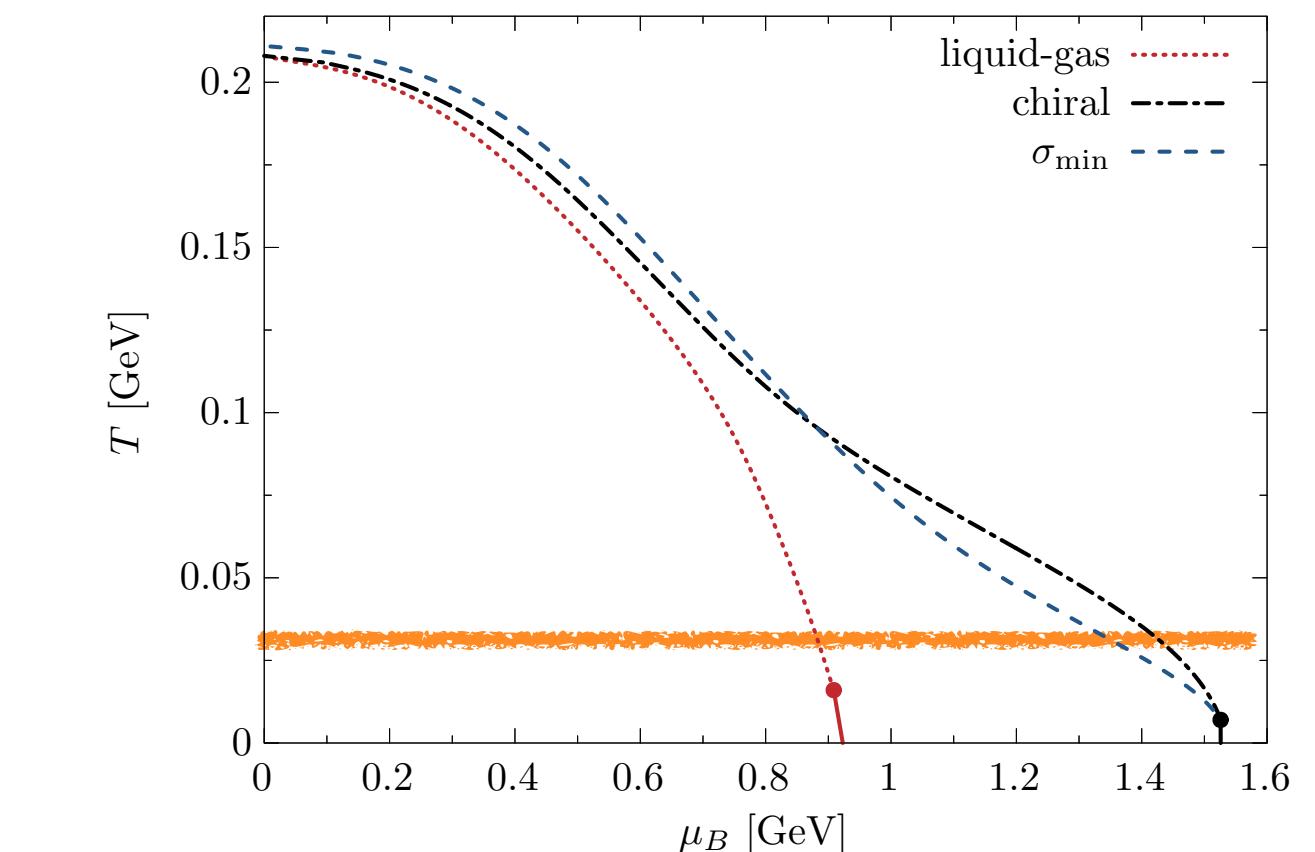
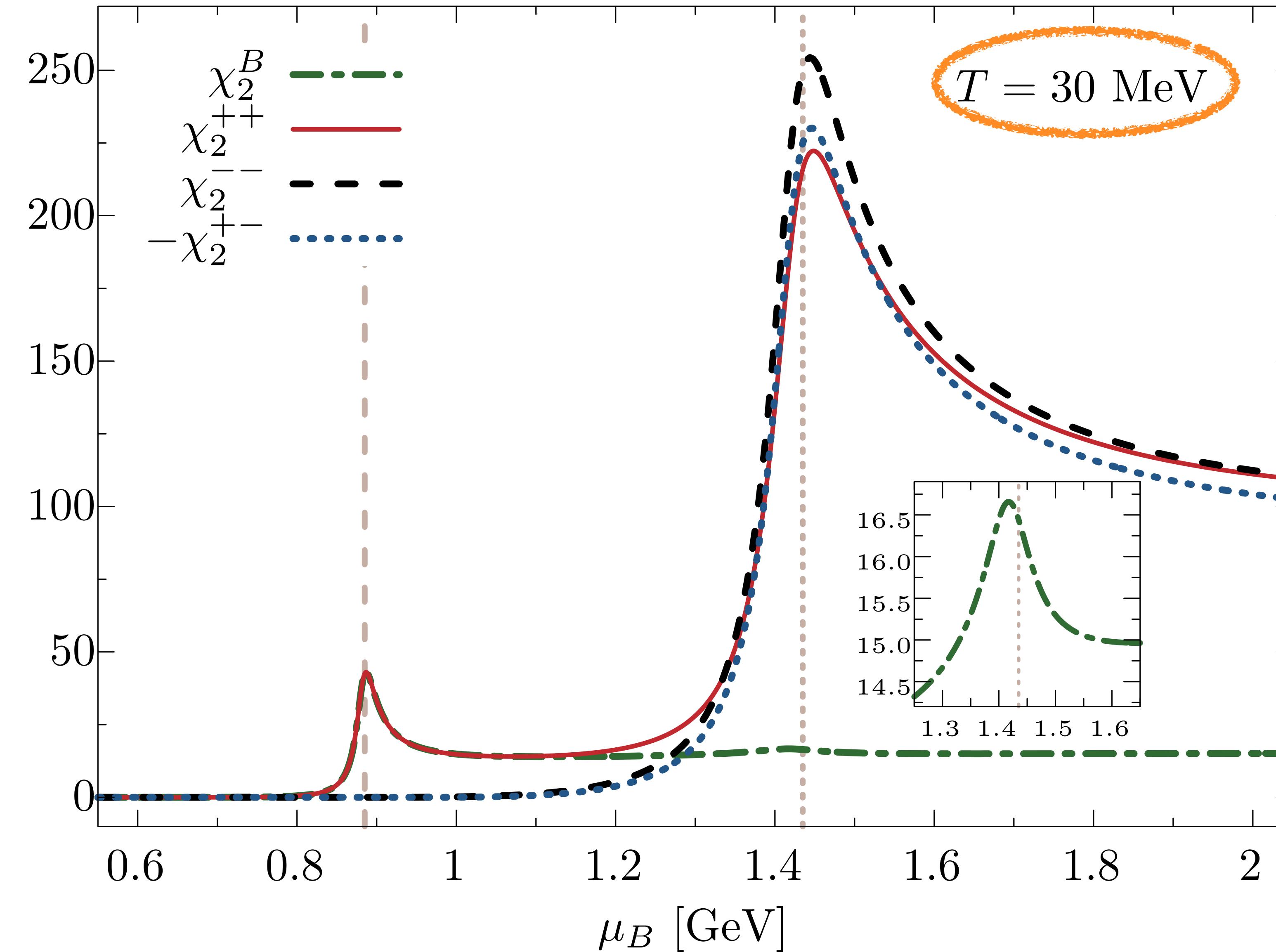
$$\chi_2^B = \chi_2^{++} + \chi_2^{--} + 2\chi_2^{+-}$$

- What are the individual contributions of parity partners  $N_+$  and  $N_-$ ?
- What is the strength and sign of the correlation  $\chi_2^{+-}$ ?
- Is net-proton a good proxy for net-baryon fluctuations?  $\chi_2^B = \cancel{\chi_2^{++} + \chi_2^{--} + 2\chi_2^{+-}}$

# Fluctuations at liquid-gas and chiral transitions

Liquid-Gas

Chiral

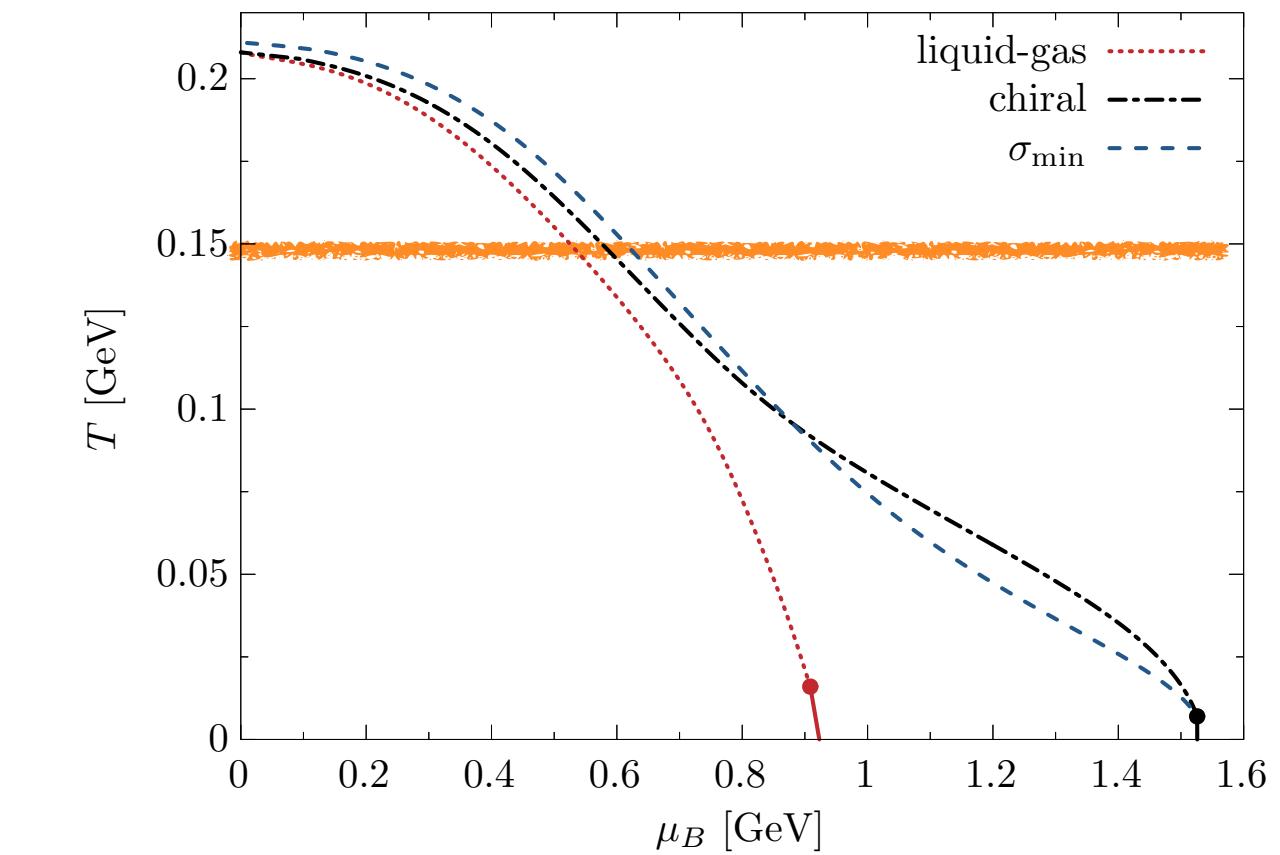
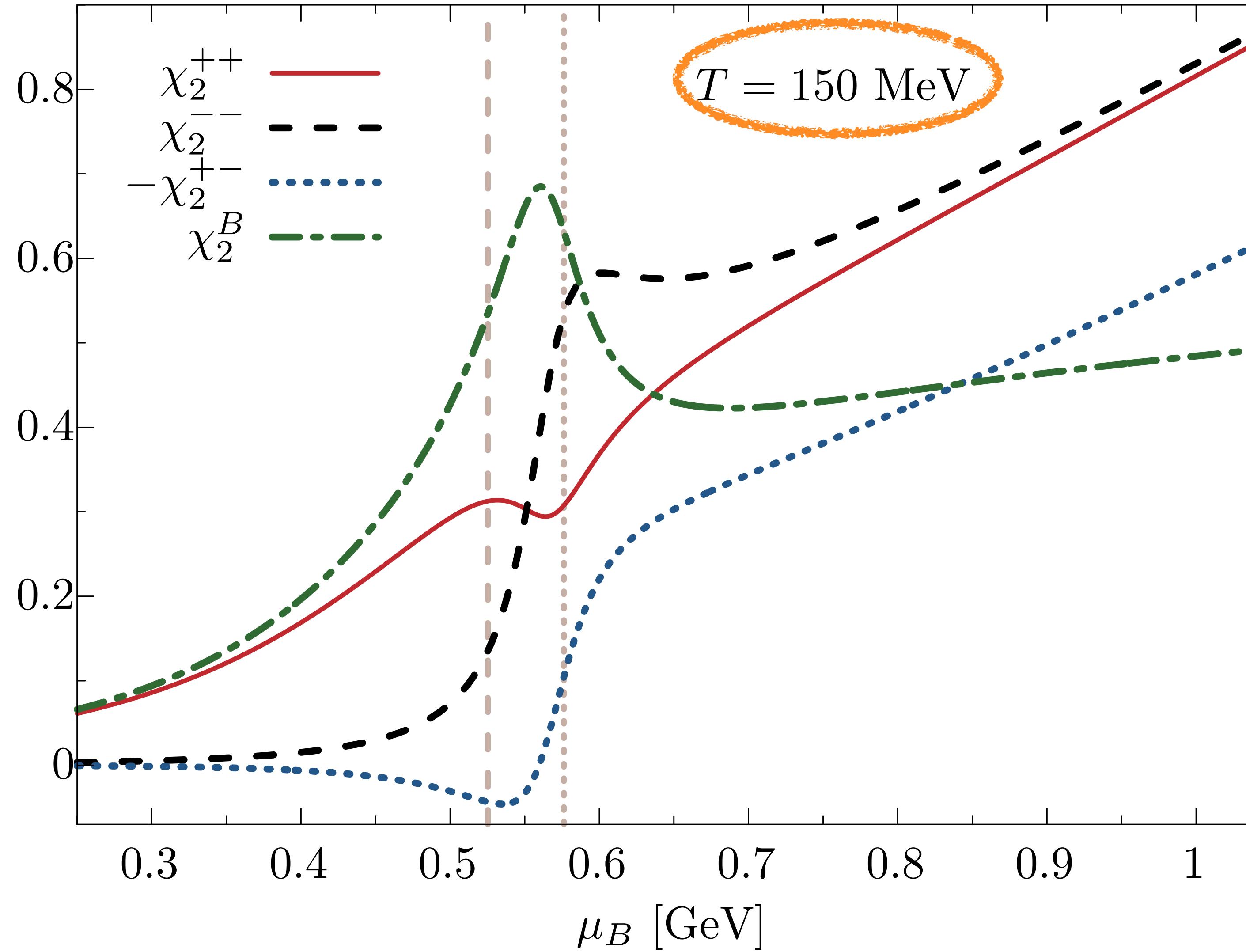


$$\chi_2^B = \cancel{\chi_2^{++}} + \chi_2^{--} + 2\cancel{\chi_2^{+-}}$$

Increasing  $T$  

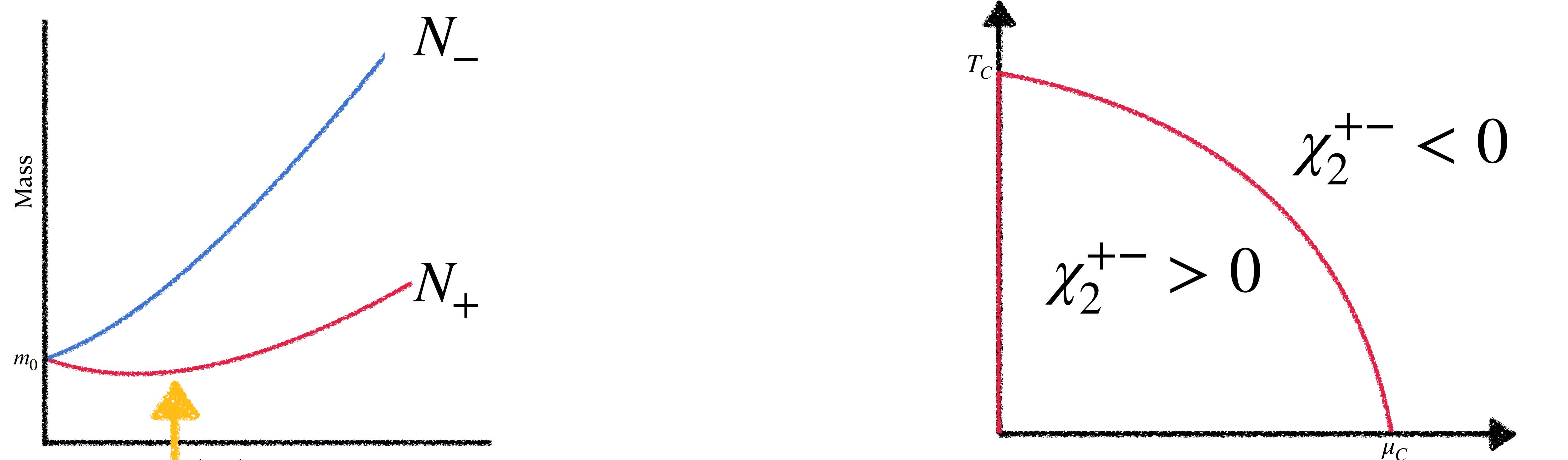
peaks get closer

Liquid-Gas Chiral



- Qualitative difference of  $\chi_2^{++}$  and  $\chi_2^{--}$
- Stronger signal left in  $\chi_2^B$

# Idealized behavior of the $\chi_2^{+-}$ -correlator $\rightarrow$ no repulsive forces



$$\chi_2^{+-} \sim \frac{\partial m_+}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial m_-}{\partial \sigma}$$

but also repulsion

Correlations of between different baryon species e.g.,  $N^\pm \Delta^\mp$ , behave similarly

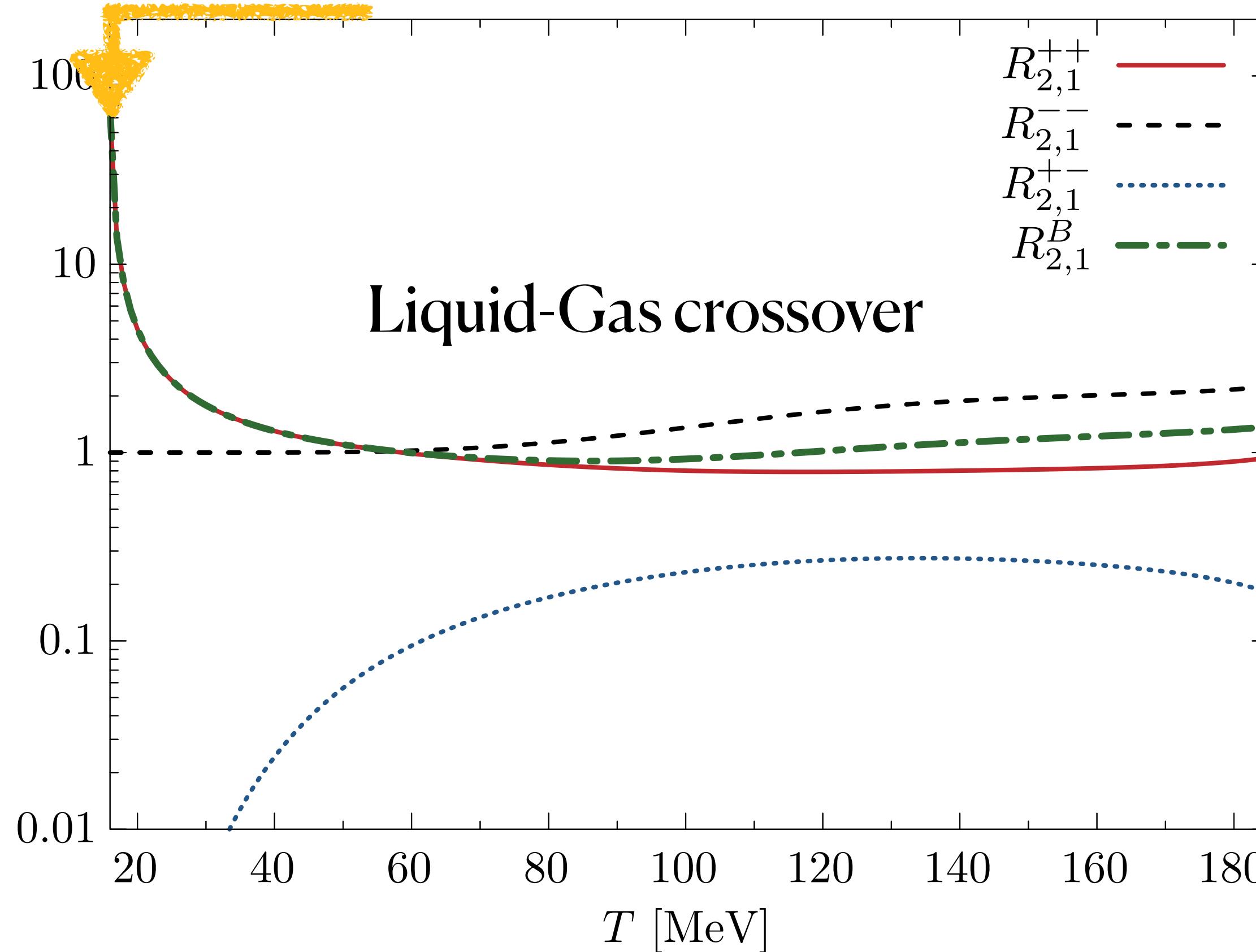
Change of the sign of  $\chi_2^{+-}$  linked to the chiral phase boundary



interesting quantity to calculate in LQCD

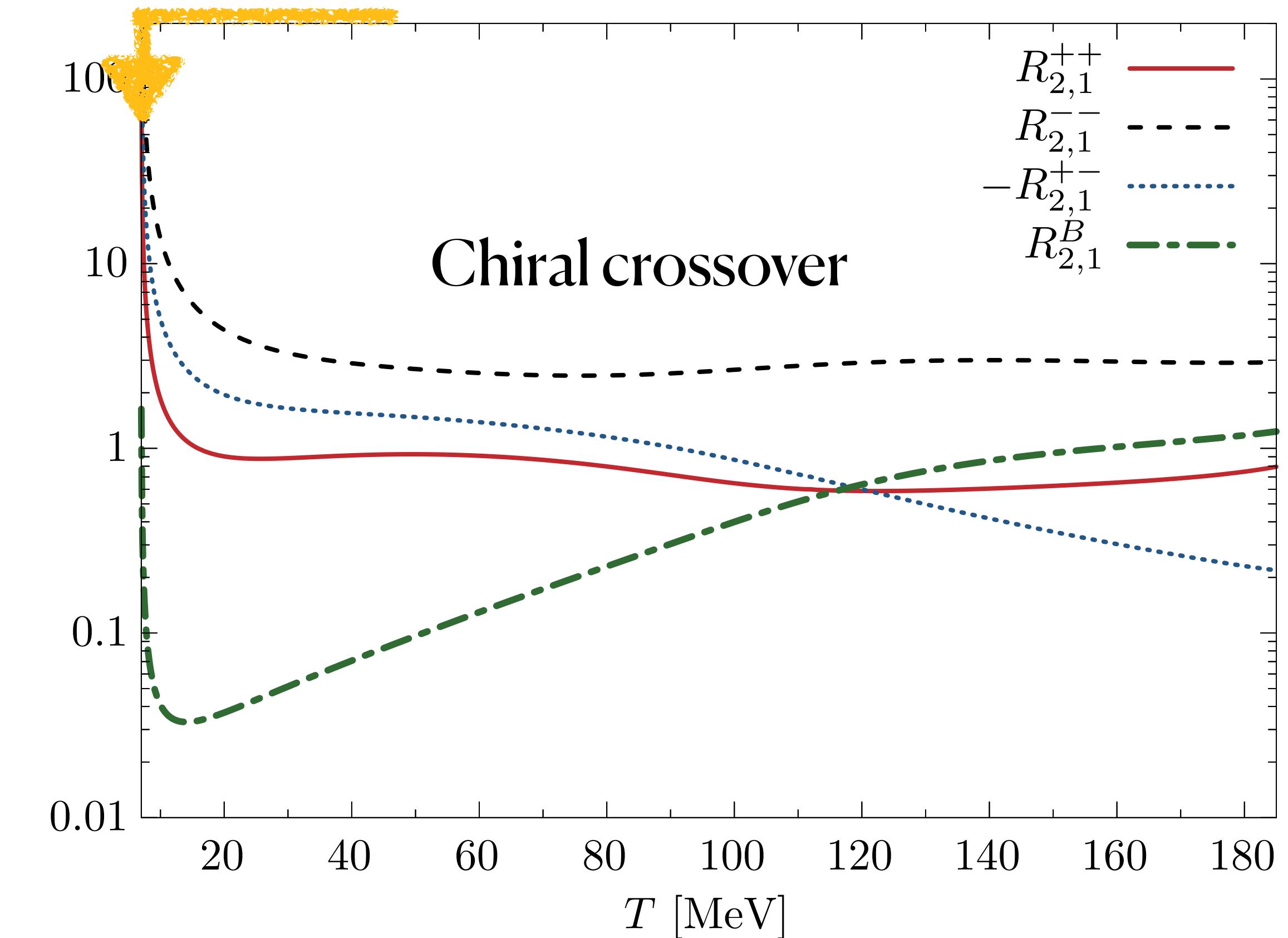
# $R_{2,1} = \chi_2/\chi_1$ along phase boundary

Liquid-Gas CP



Liquid-Gas crossover

Chiral CP



Chiral crossover

Fluctuations dominated by positive parity



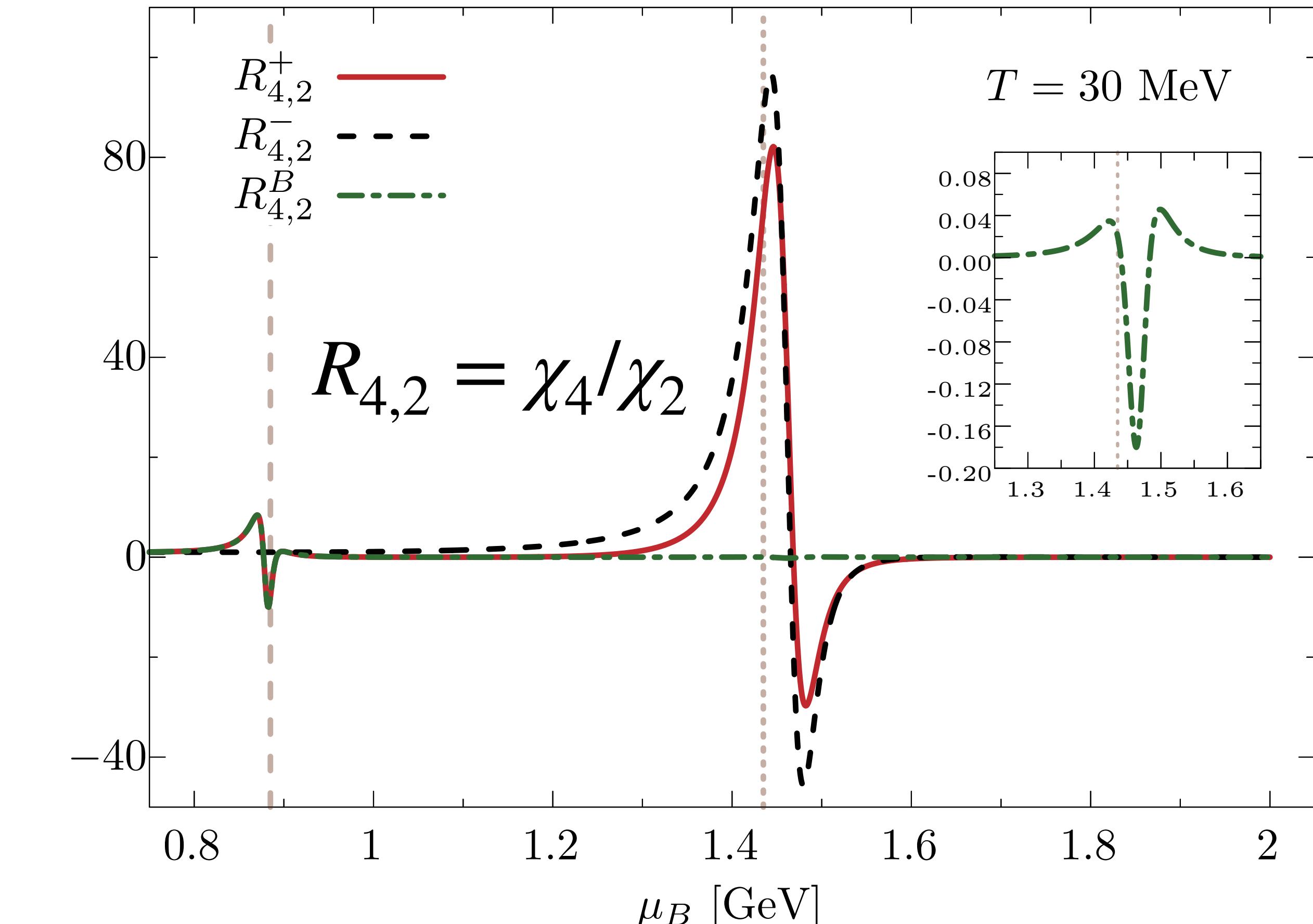
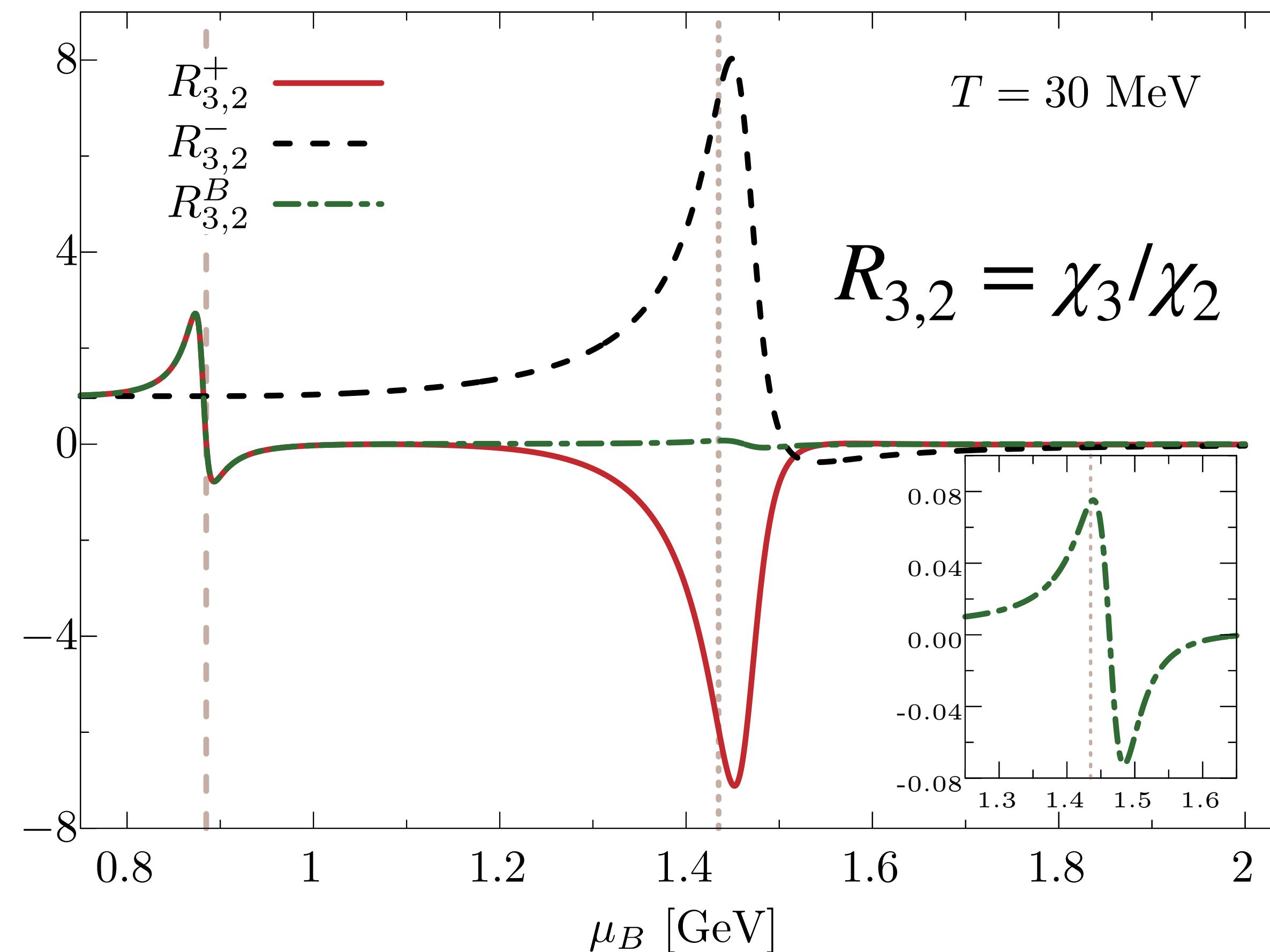
Net-baryon  $\sim$  Net-nucleon

Presence of chiral partners + correlations



Net-baryon  $\ll$  Net-nucleon

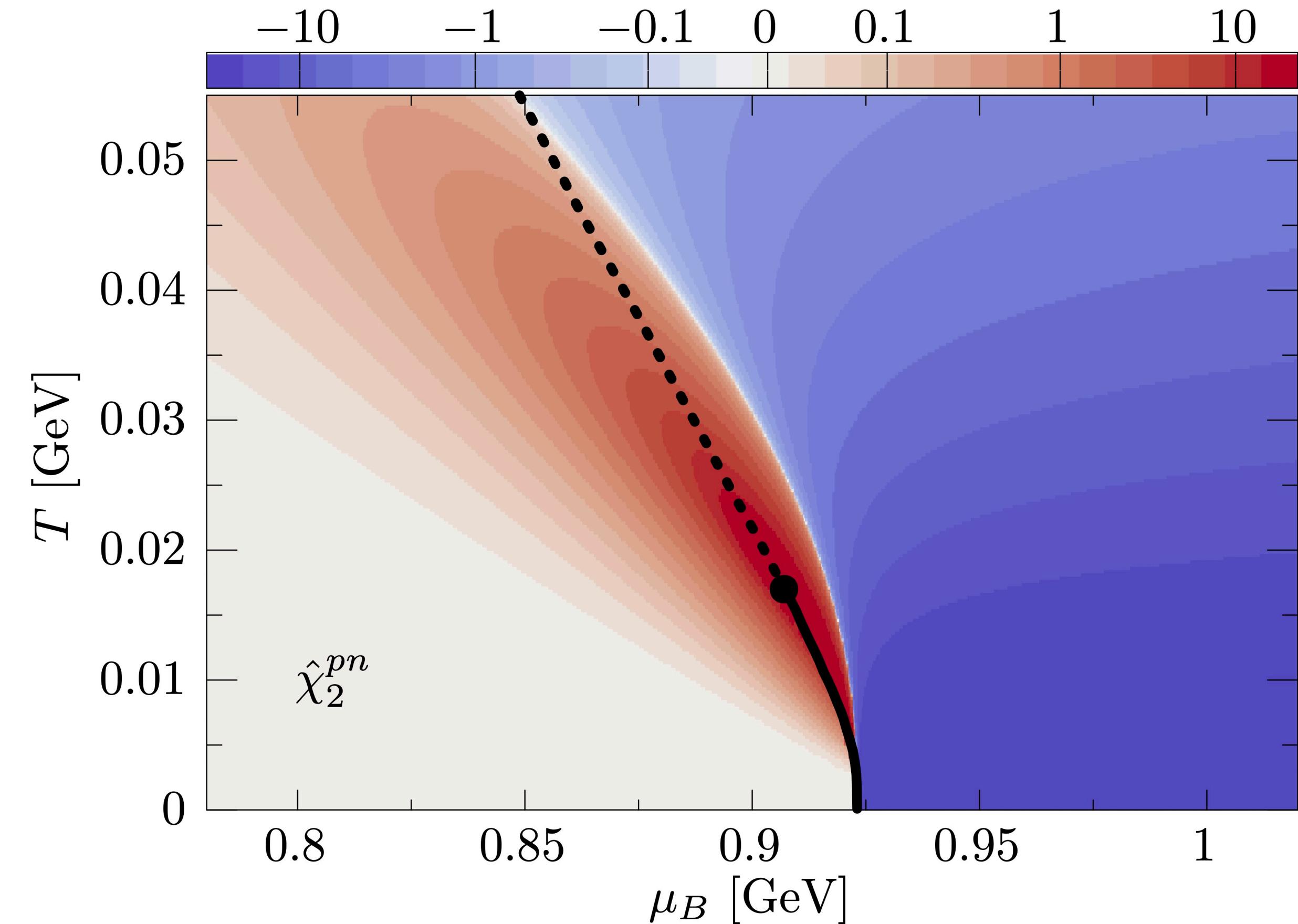
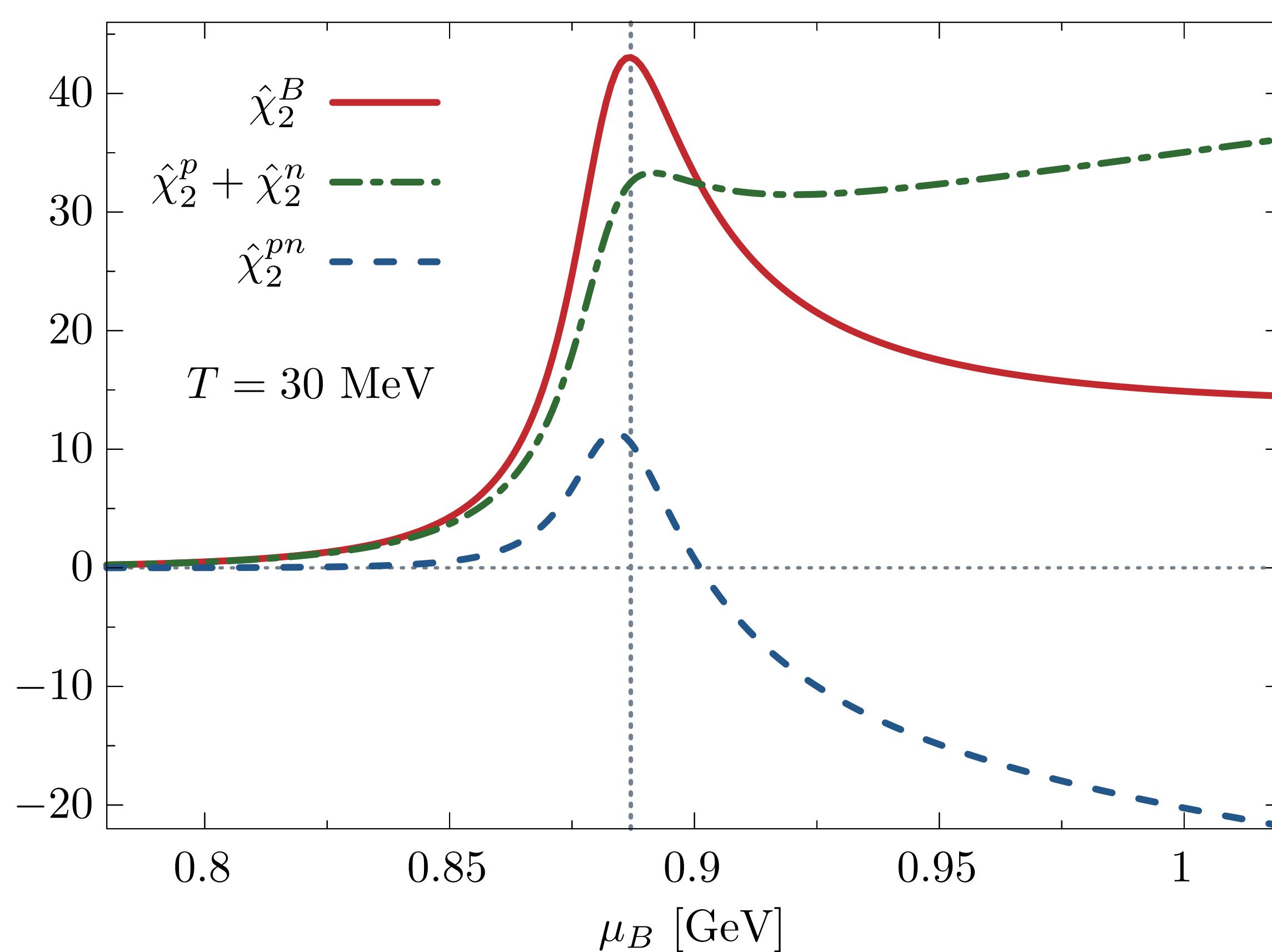
# Higher-Order Fluctuations of Parity Partners



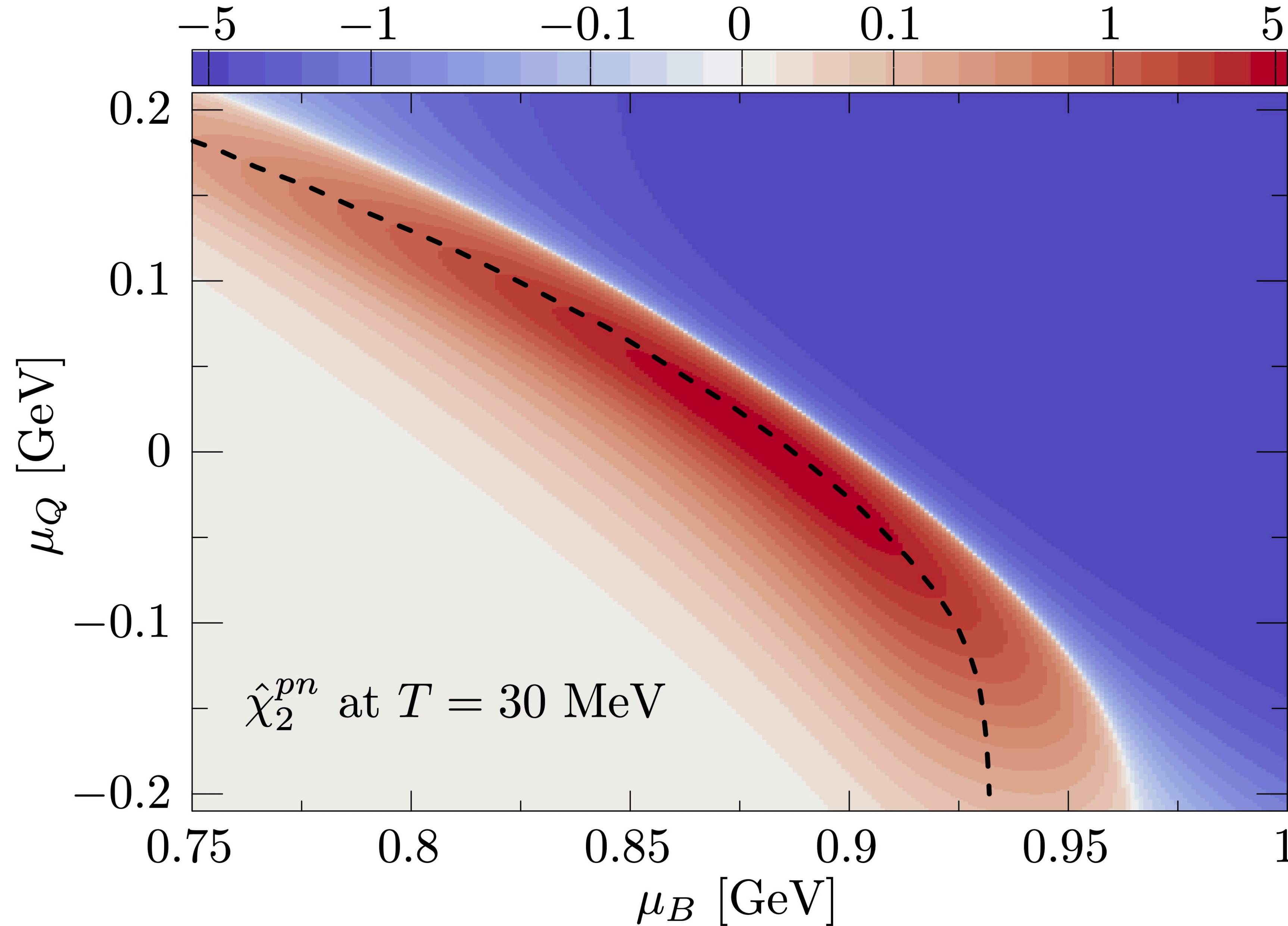
The net-proton fluctuations do not necessarily reflect the net-baryon fluctuations at the chiral phase boundary

# Isospin Correlations Near the Liquid-Gas Transition

$$\hat{\chi}_2^B = \hat{\chi}_2^{++} + \dots \simeq \hat{\chi}_2^p + \hat{\chi}_2^n + \hat{\chi}_2^{pn} \neq 2\hat{\chi}_2^p$$

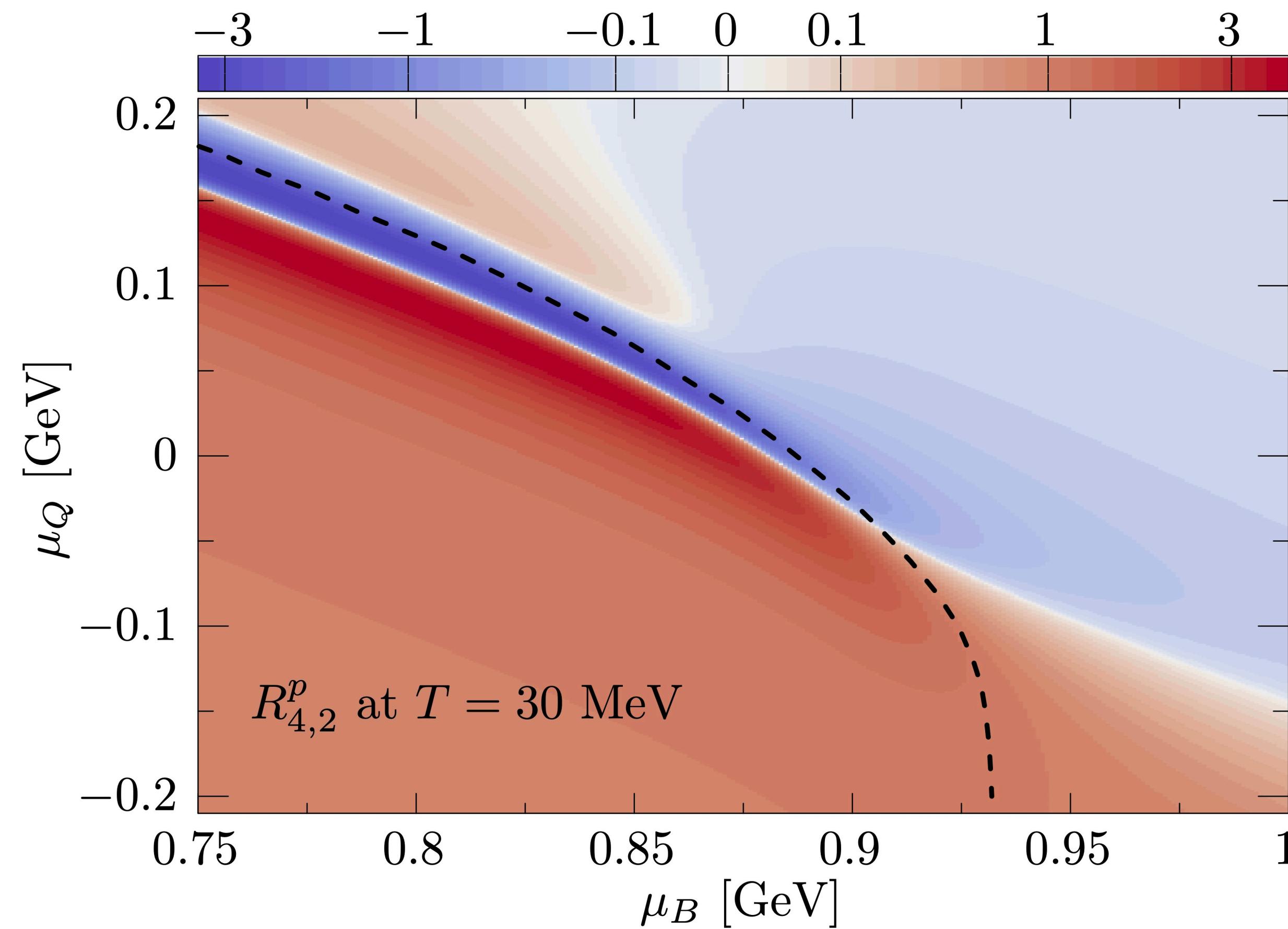


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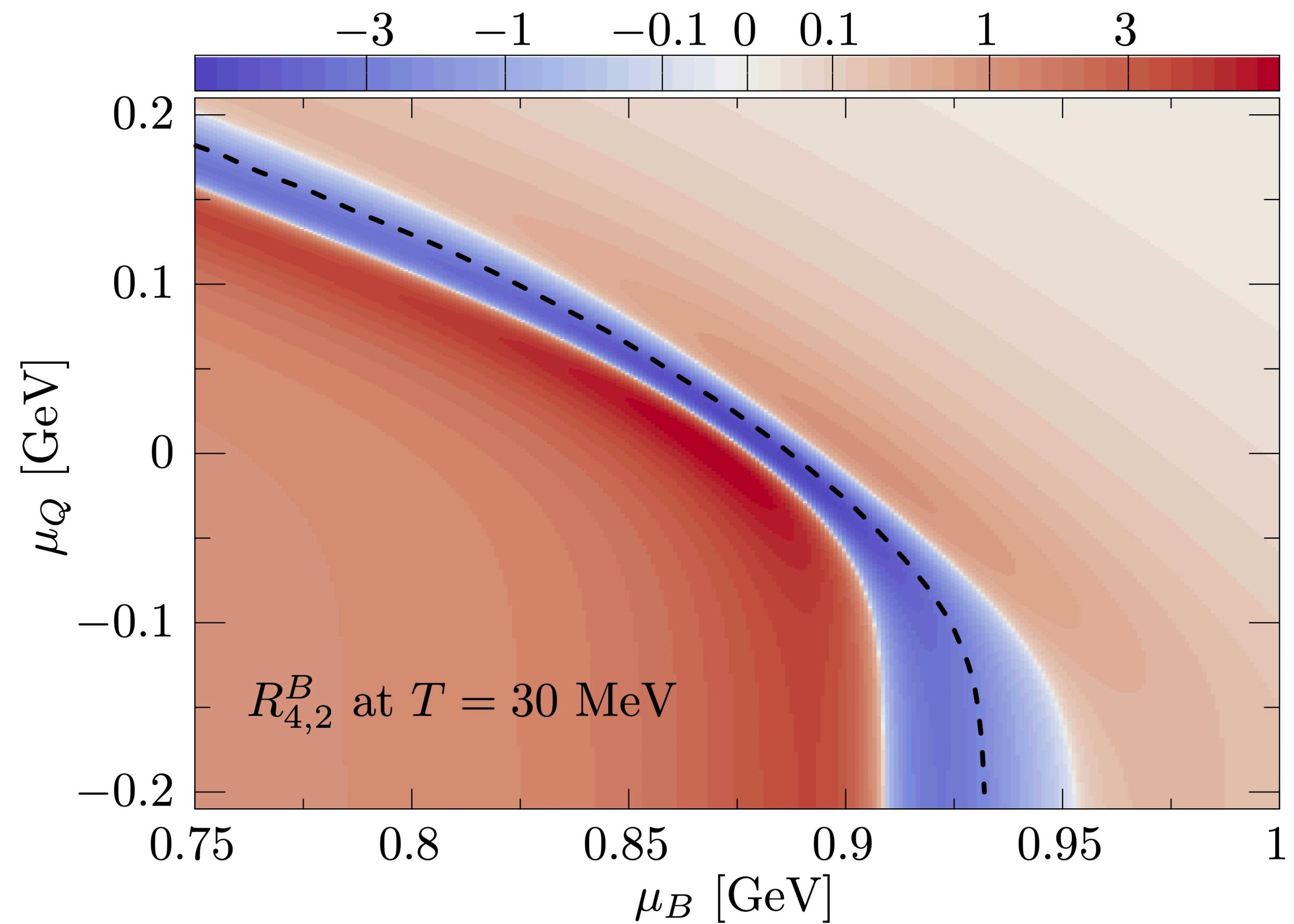


# Isospin Correlations Near the Liquid-Gas Transition

$$R_{4,2}^p = \chi_4^p / \chi_2^p$$



$$R_{4,2}^B = \chi_4^B / \chi_2^B$$



# Summary

Non-trivial correlations between baryonic chiral partners

$\chi_2^{\text{proton}}$  may not reflect  $\chi_2^B$  at the chiral or LG phase boundary

Interesting to calculate  $\chi_2^{+-}$  in other non-perturbative approaches

Thank You

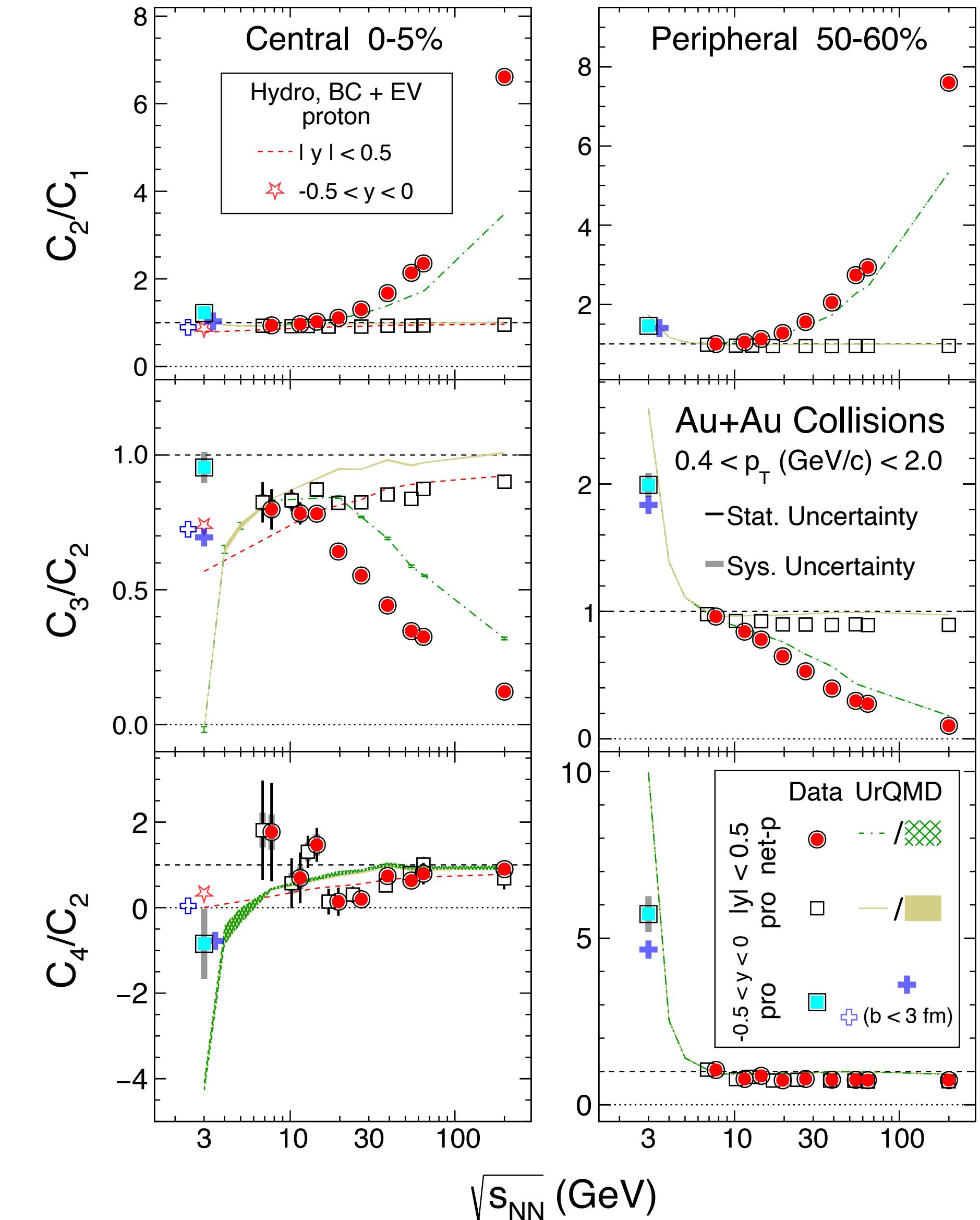
# Cumulants vs Susceptibilities

Mean: M	$\langle N_B \rangle$	$C_1$
Variance: $\sigma^2$	$\langle (\delta N_B)^2 \rangle$	$C_2$
Skewness: $S$	$\langle (\delta N_B)^3 \rangle / \sigma^3$	$C_3/C_2^{3/2}$
Kurtosis: $K$	$\langle (\delta N_B)^4 \rangle / \sigma^3 - 3$	$C_4/C_2^2$

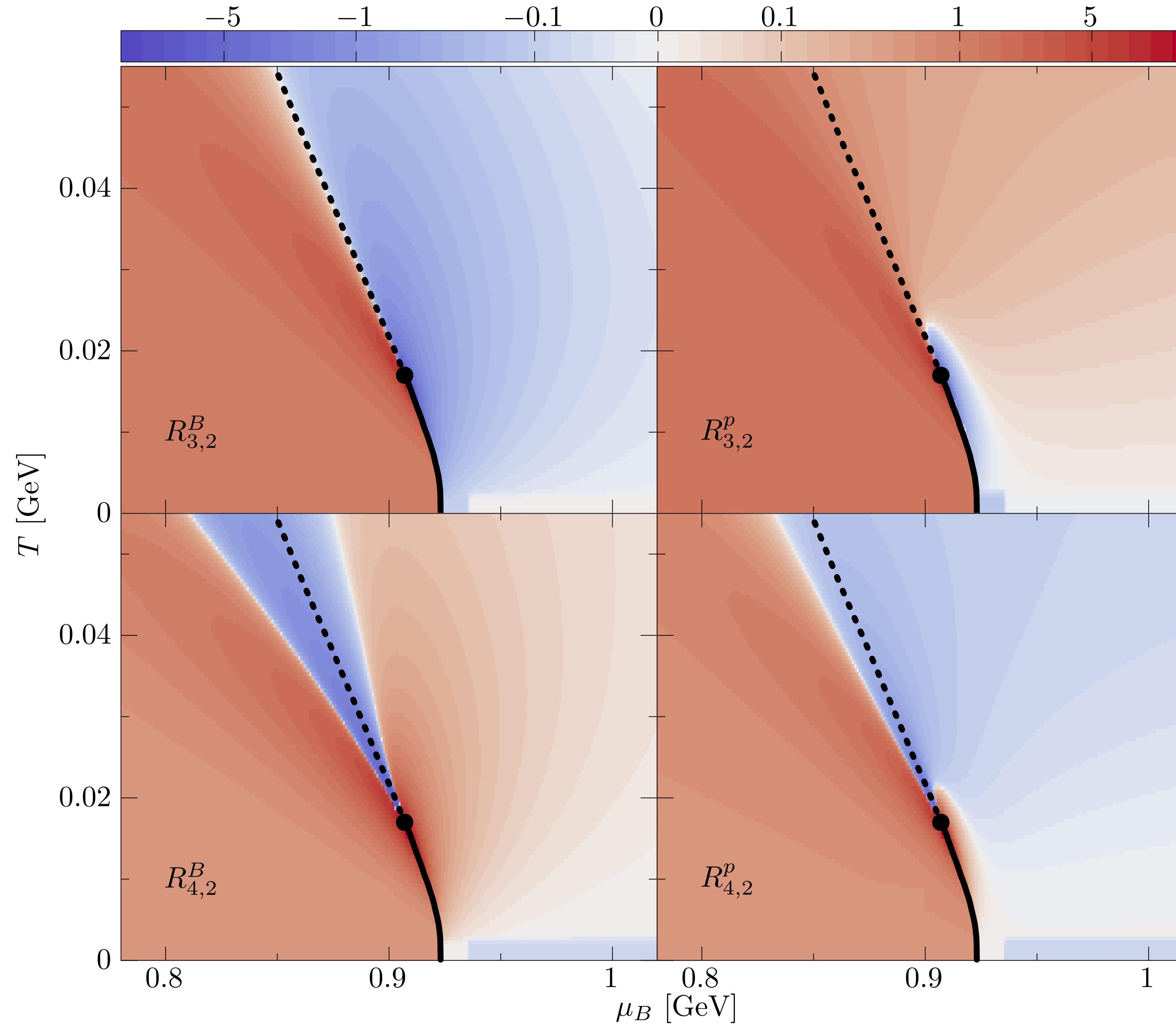
$$C_n \equiv VT^3 \frac{d^n P/T^4}{d(\mu_B/T)^n} \Bigg|_T \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \chi_n^B \equiv \frac{d^n P/T^4}{d(\mu_B/T)^n} \Bigg|_T$$

$$C_n = VT^3 \chi_n^B$$

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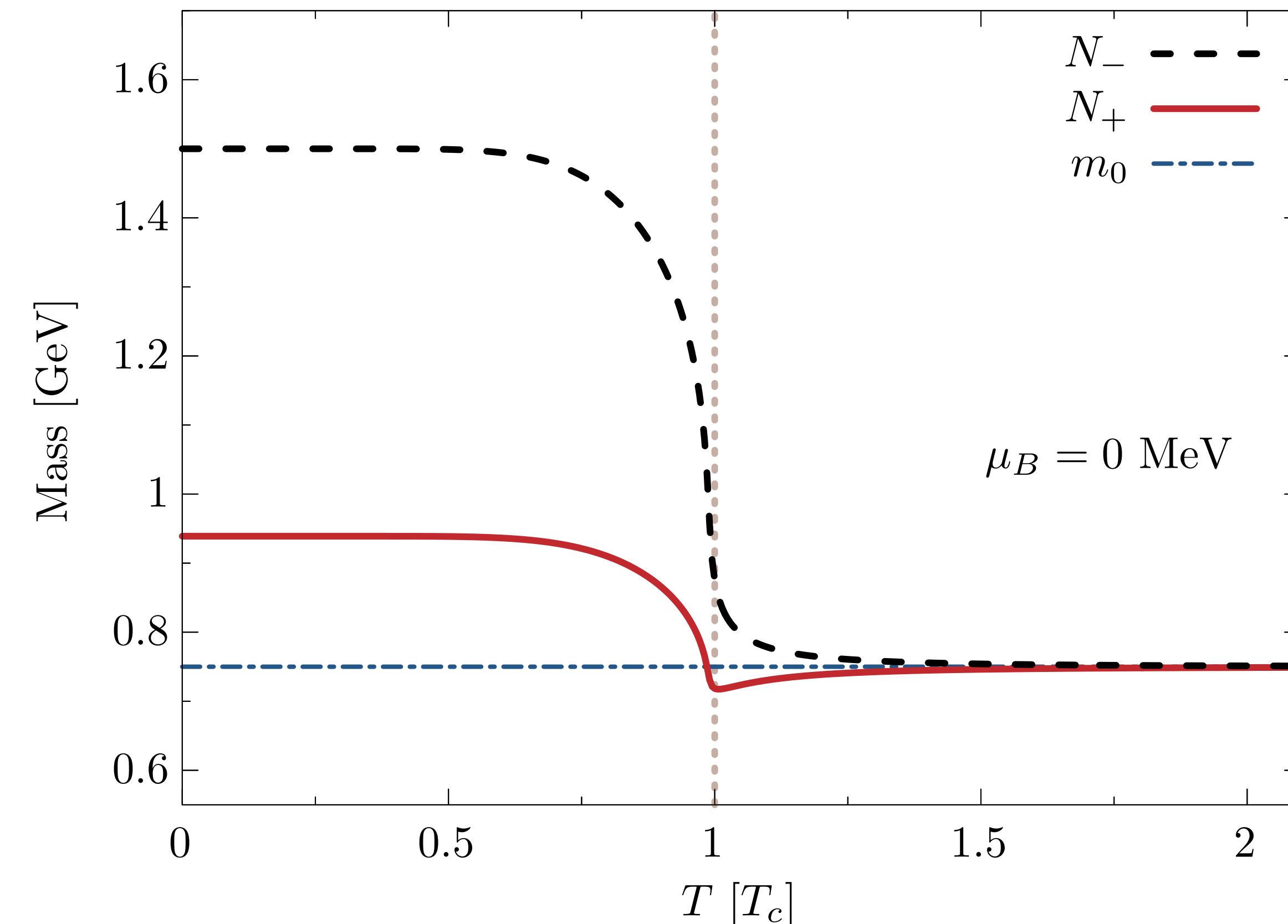


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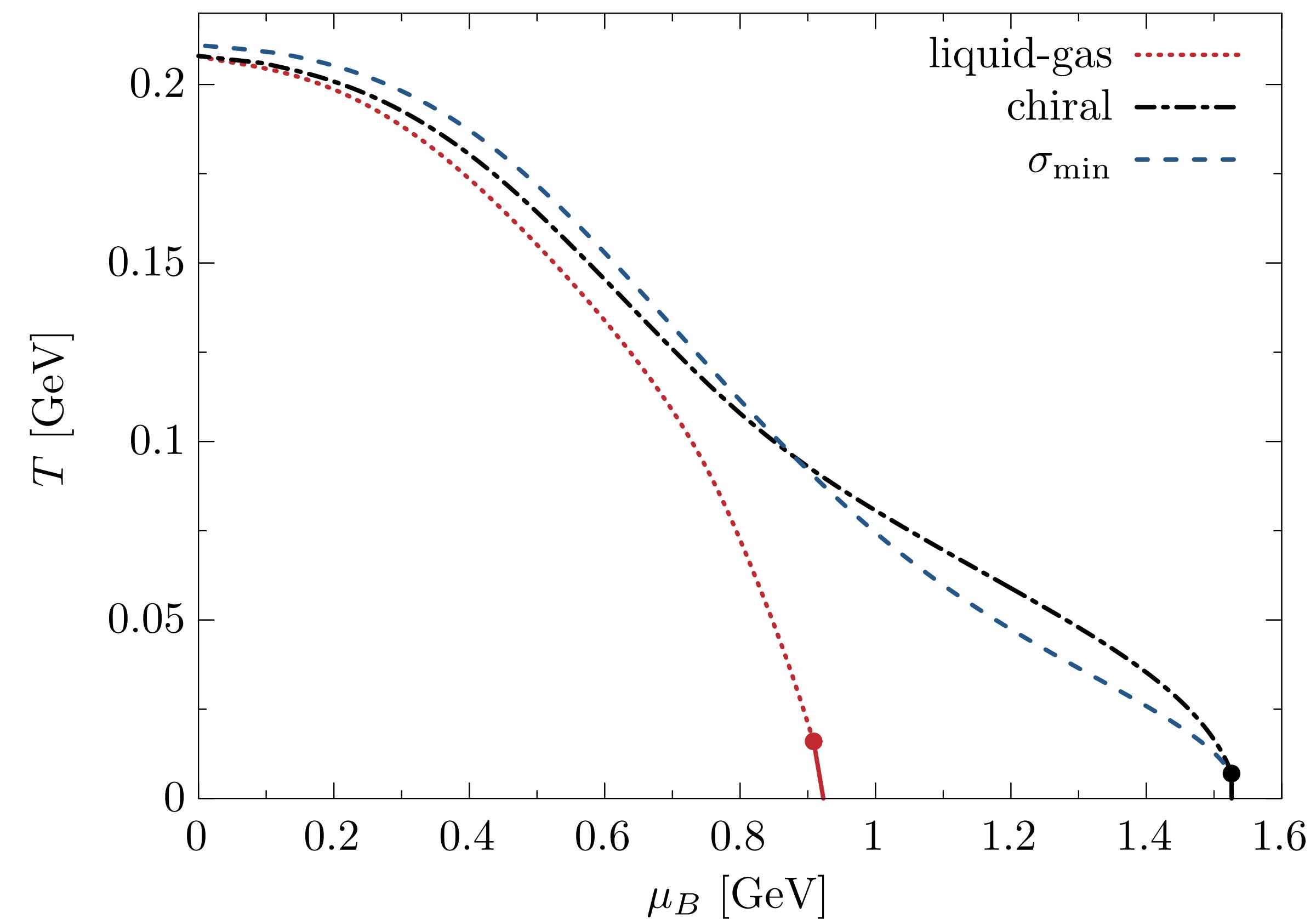


# Chiral Criticality in Parity Doubling Model

In-medium masses

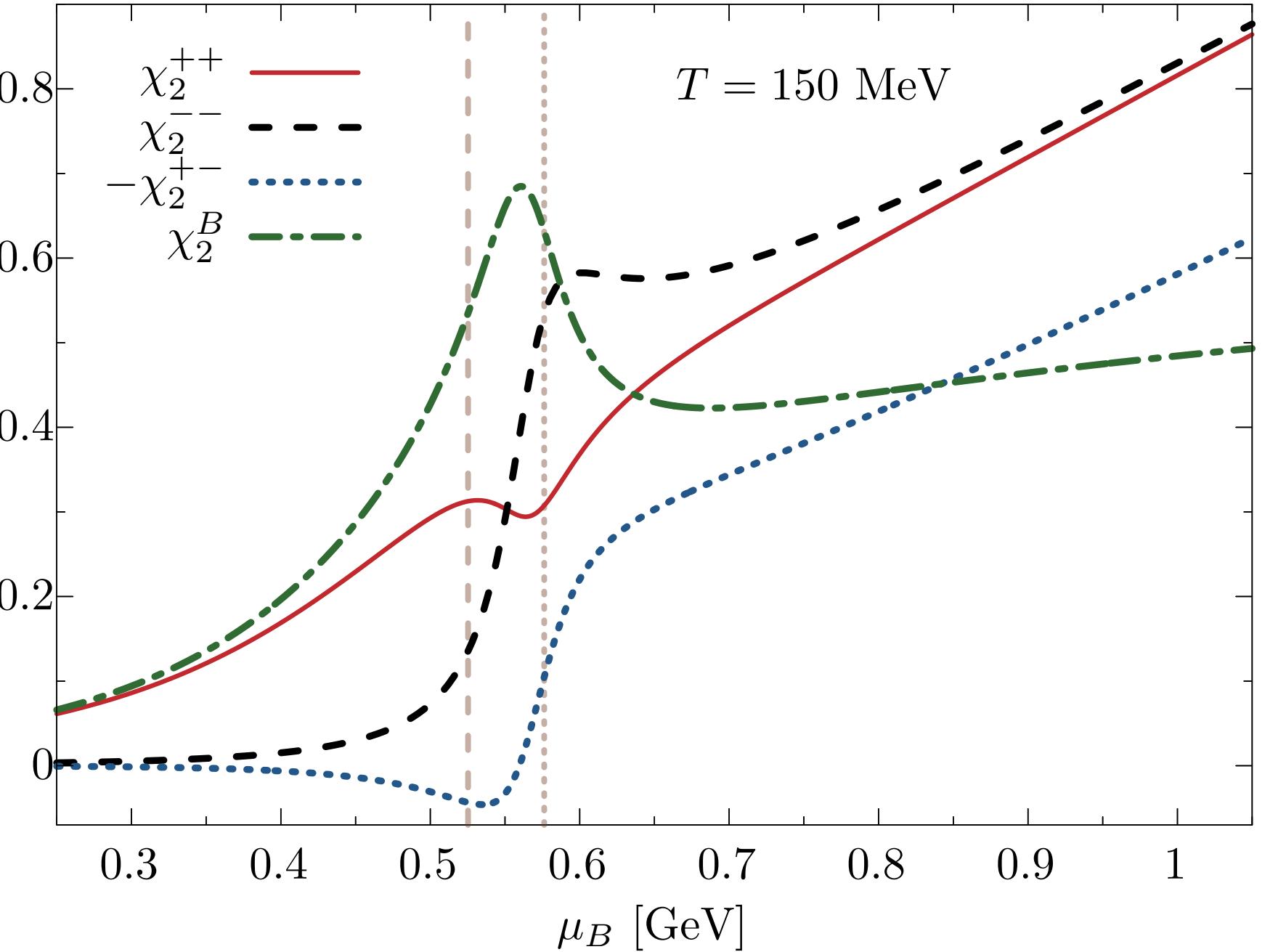
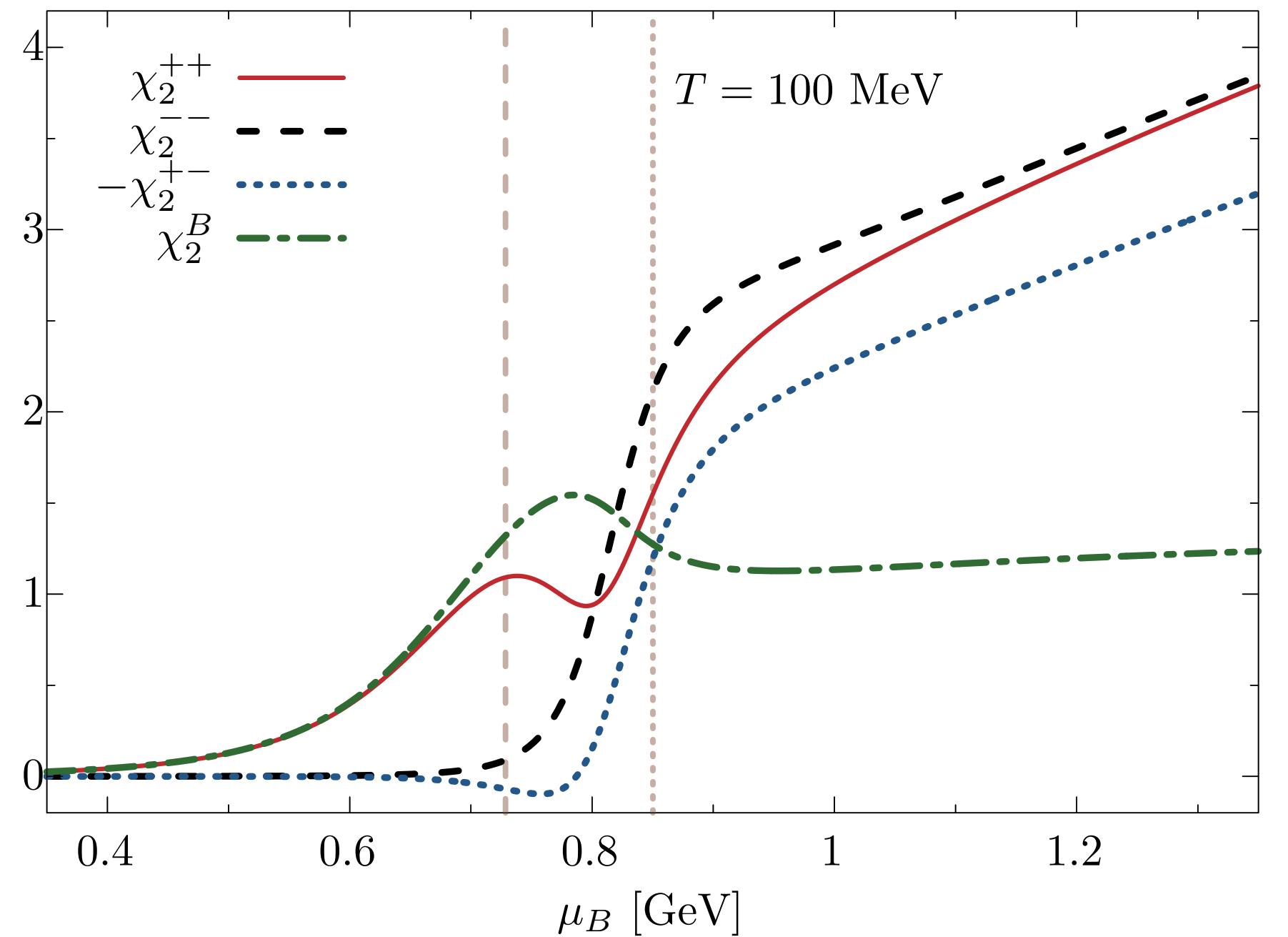
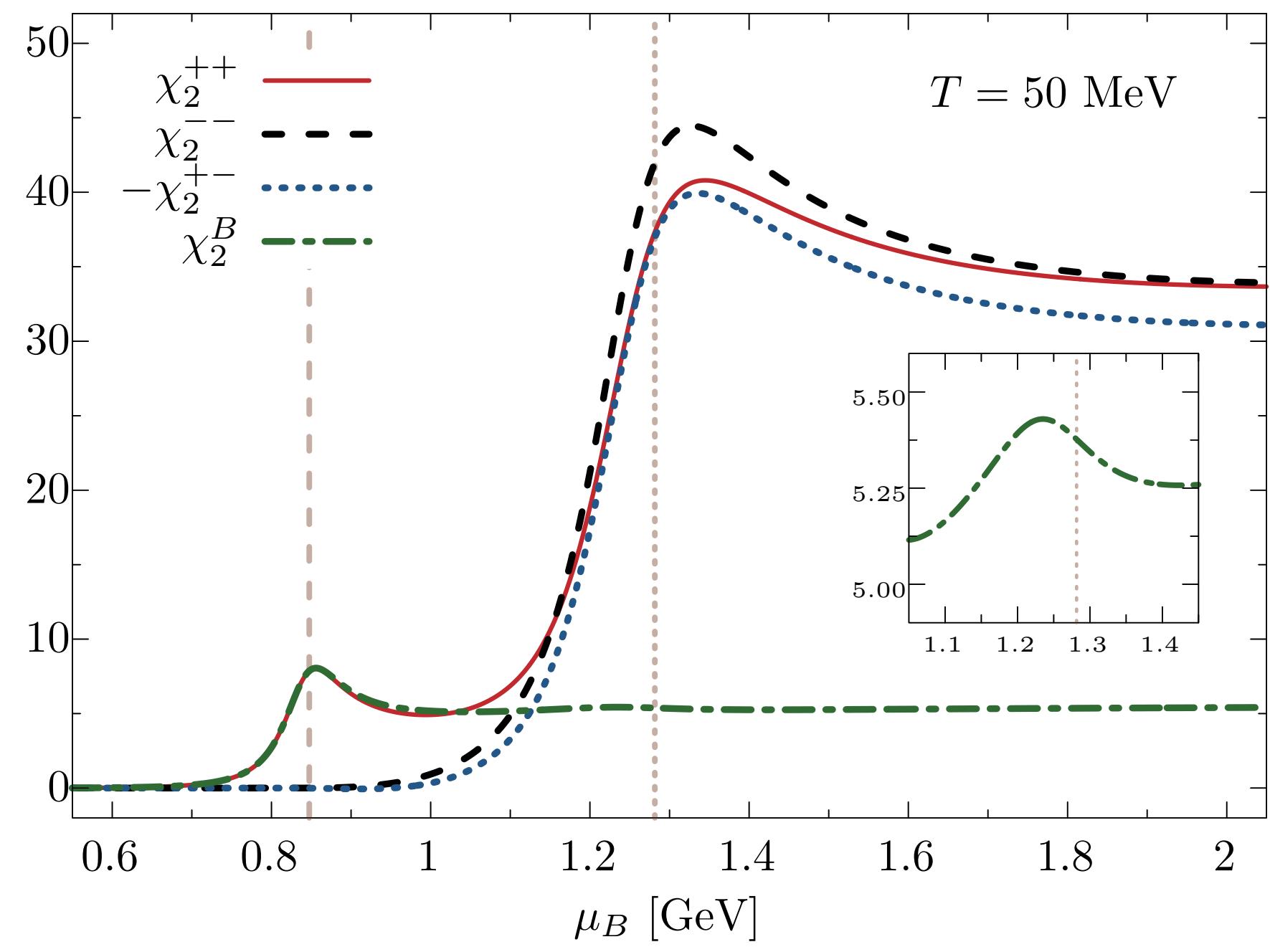
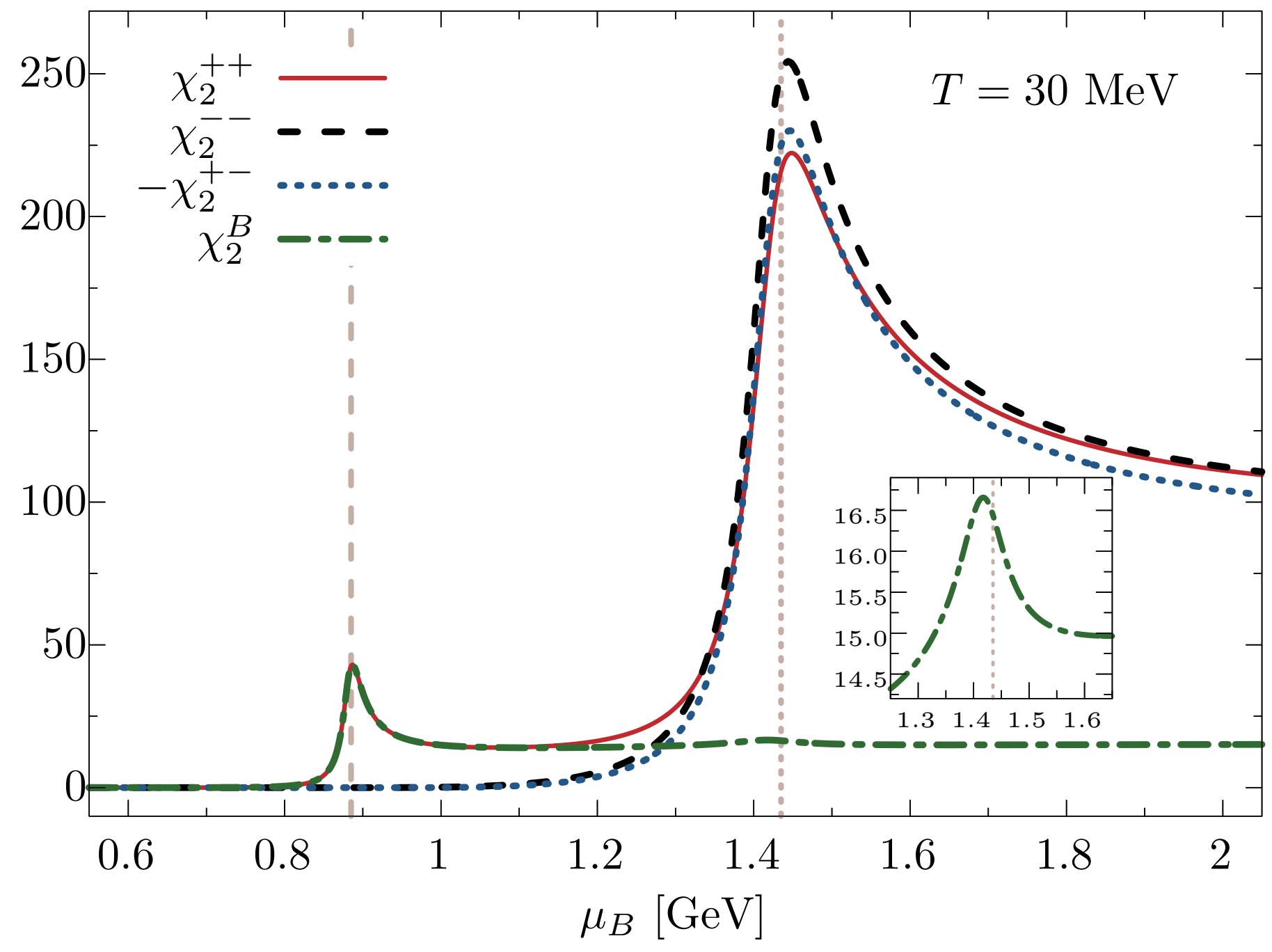


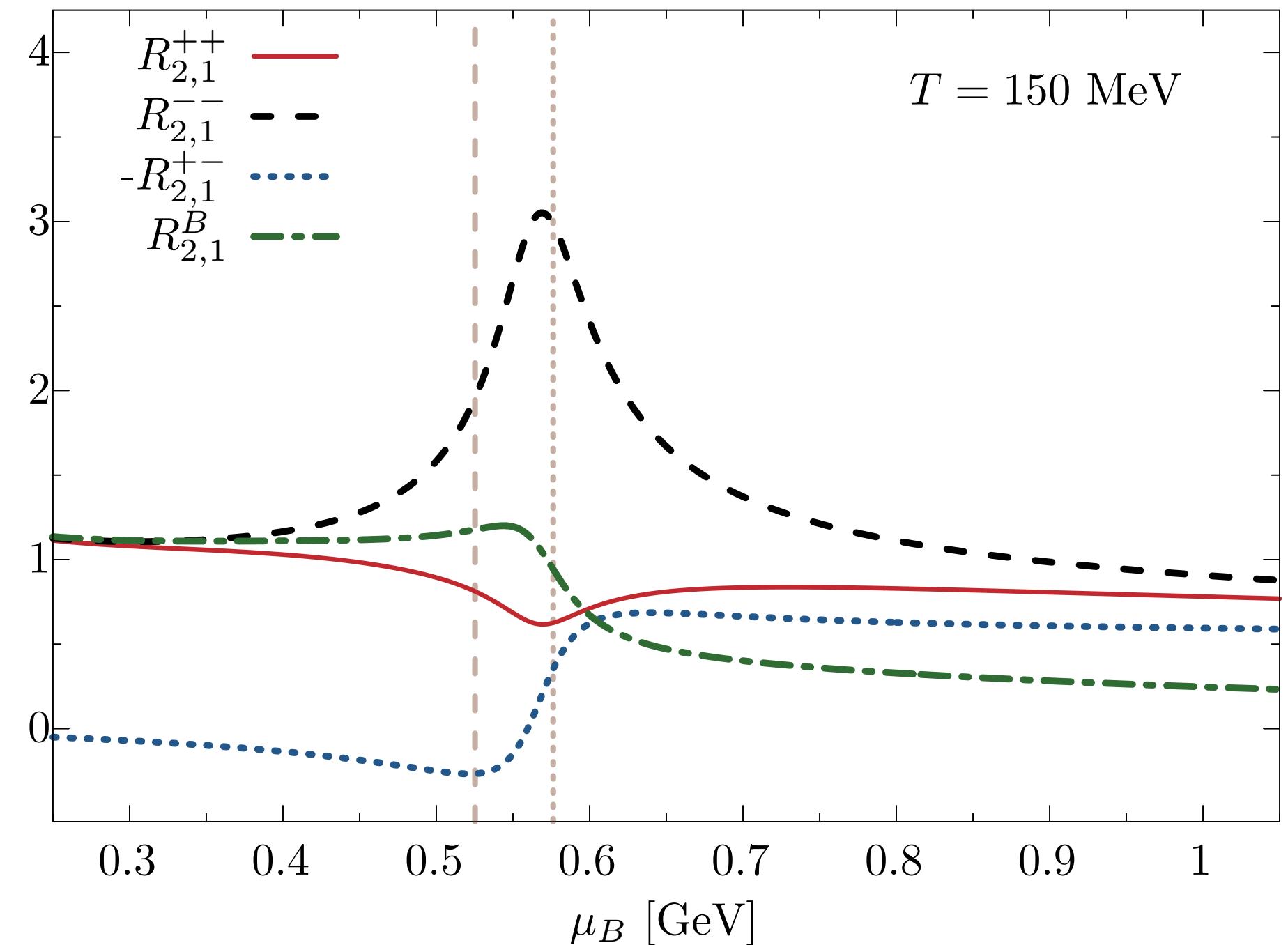
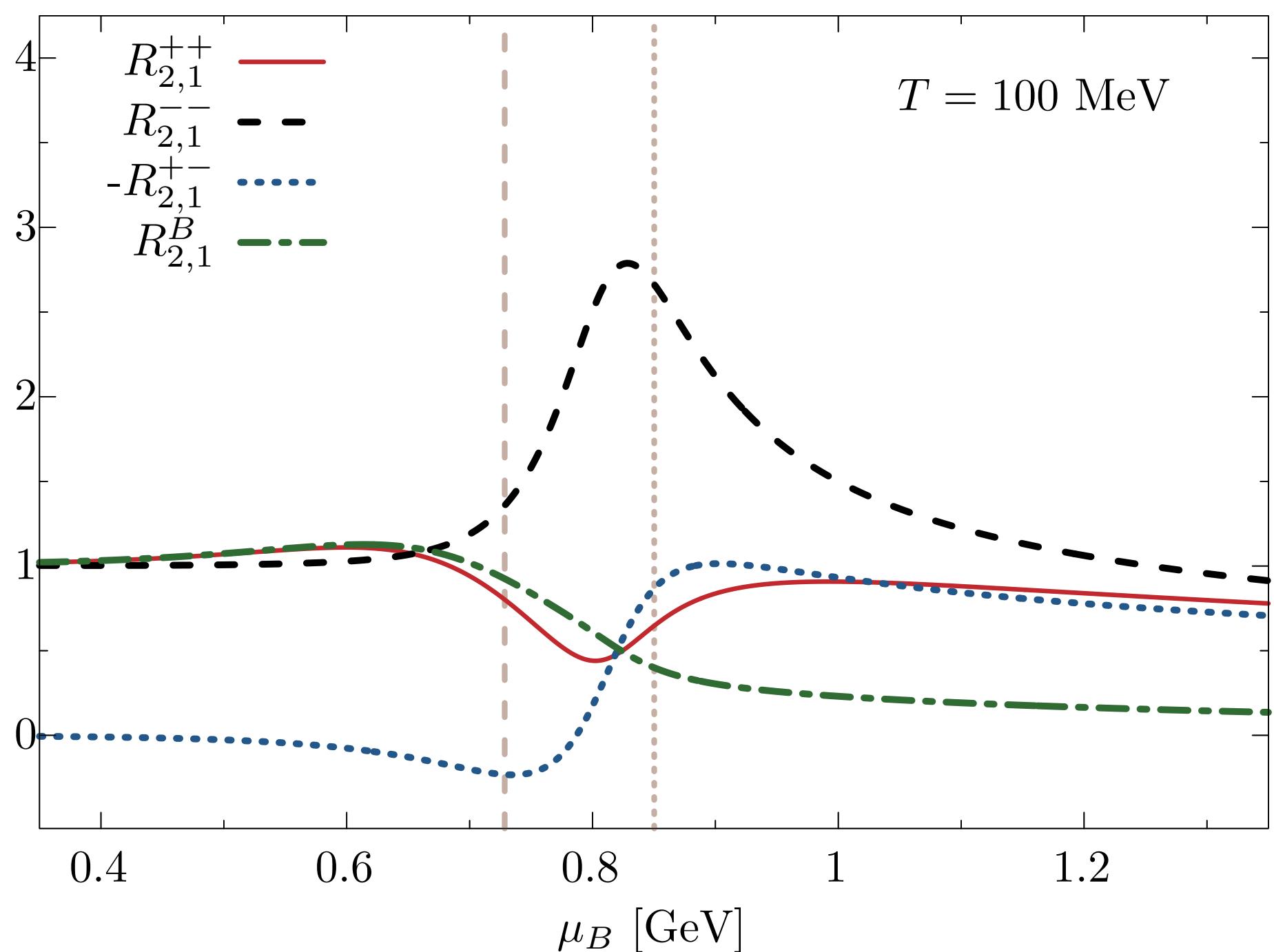
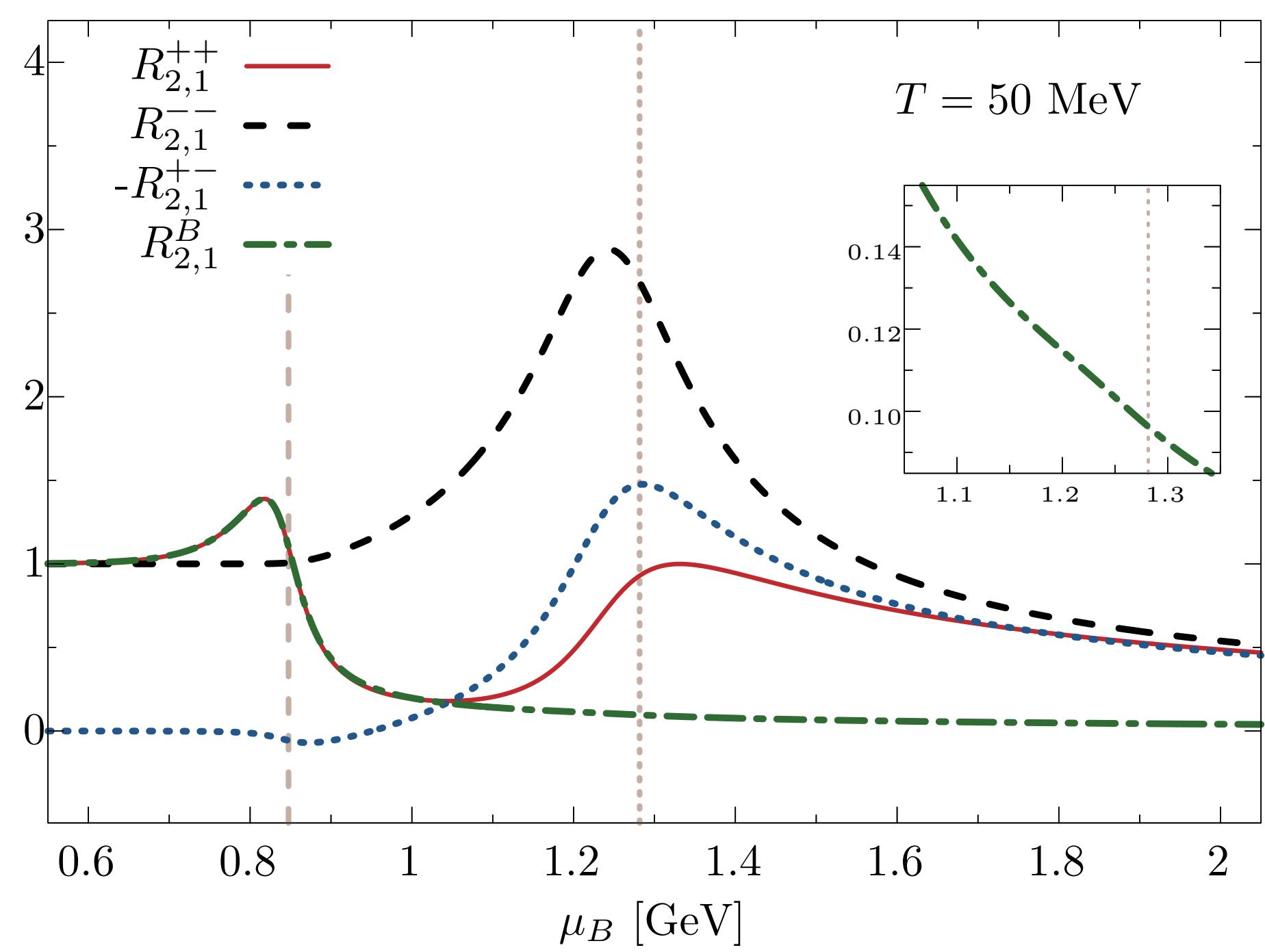
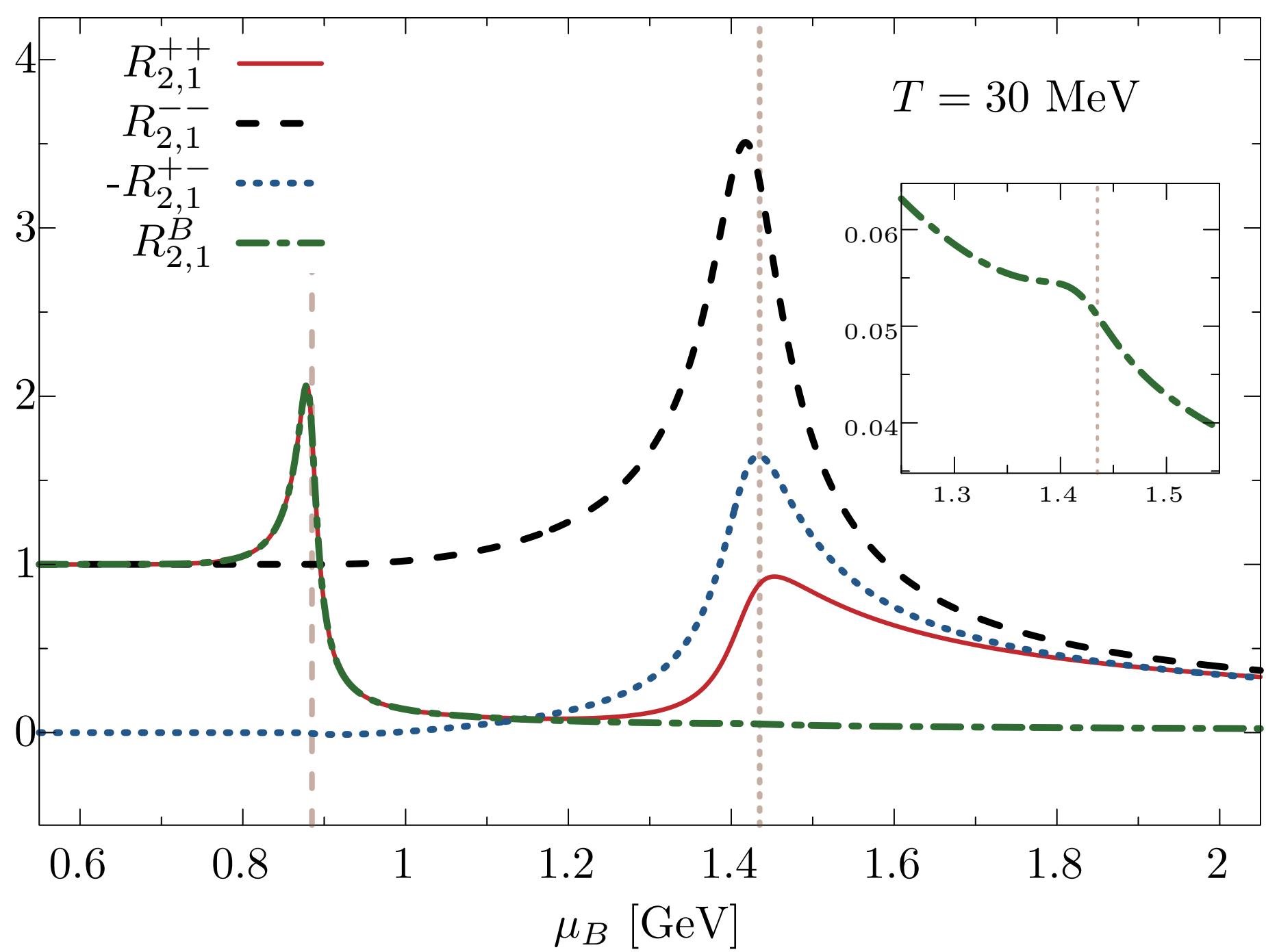
Phase diagram with liquid-gas and chiral PTs

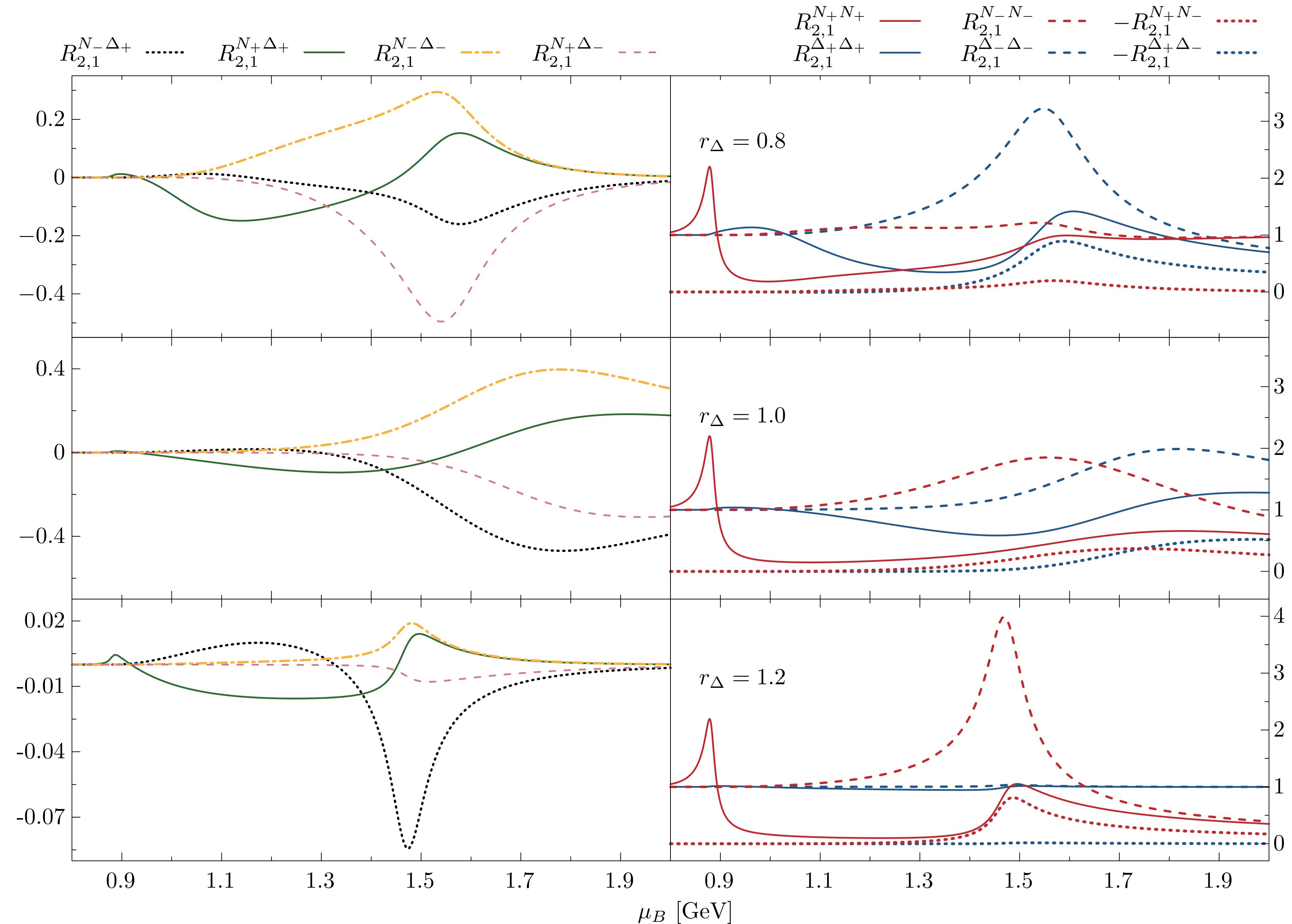


- $M_-$  decreases monotonically
- $M_+$  has a minimum at  $\sigma_{\min} = 2 \frac{b}{a} \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}$

- Position of  $\sigma_{\min}$  closely related to the chiral phase transition

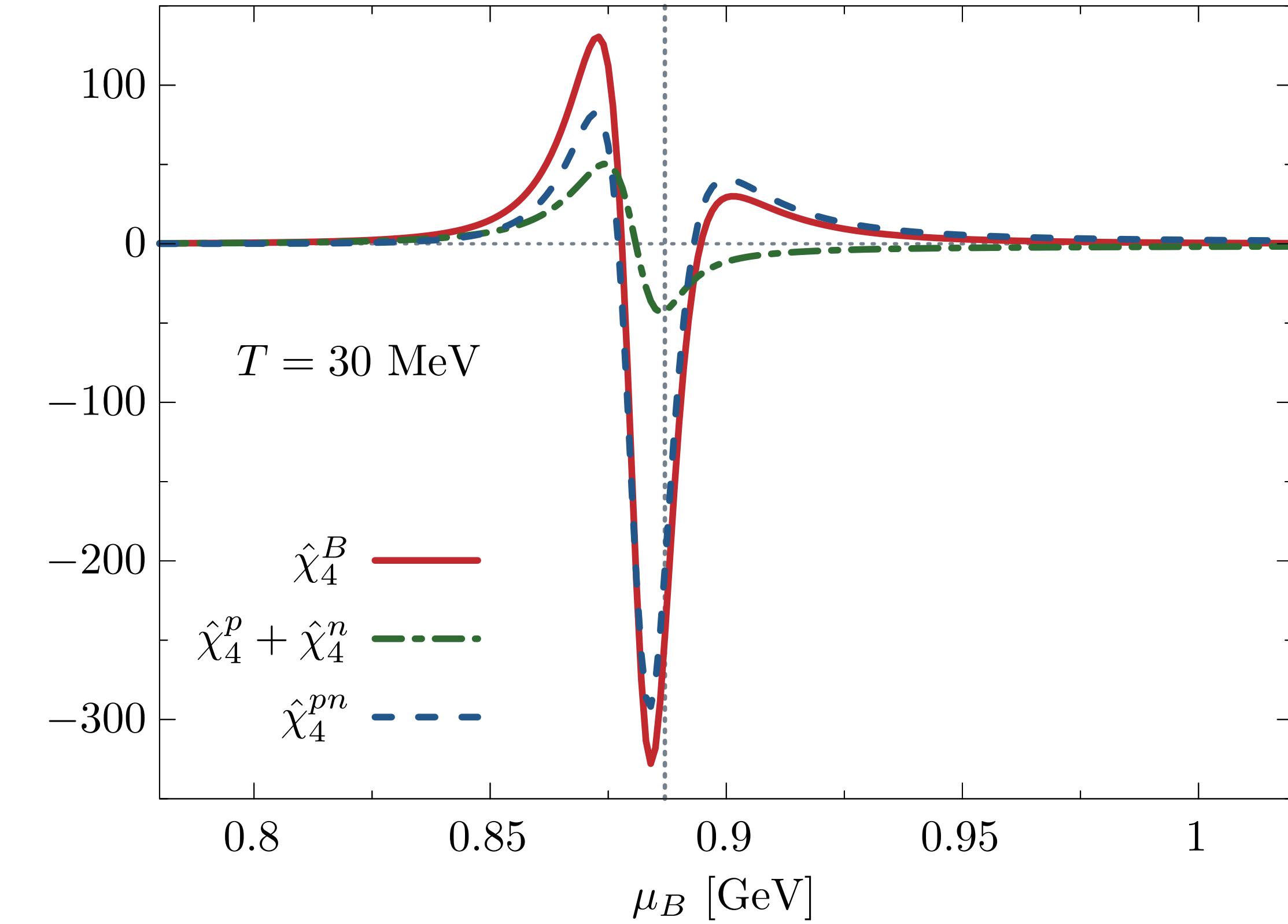
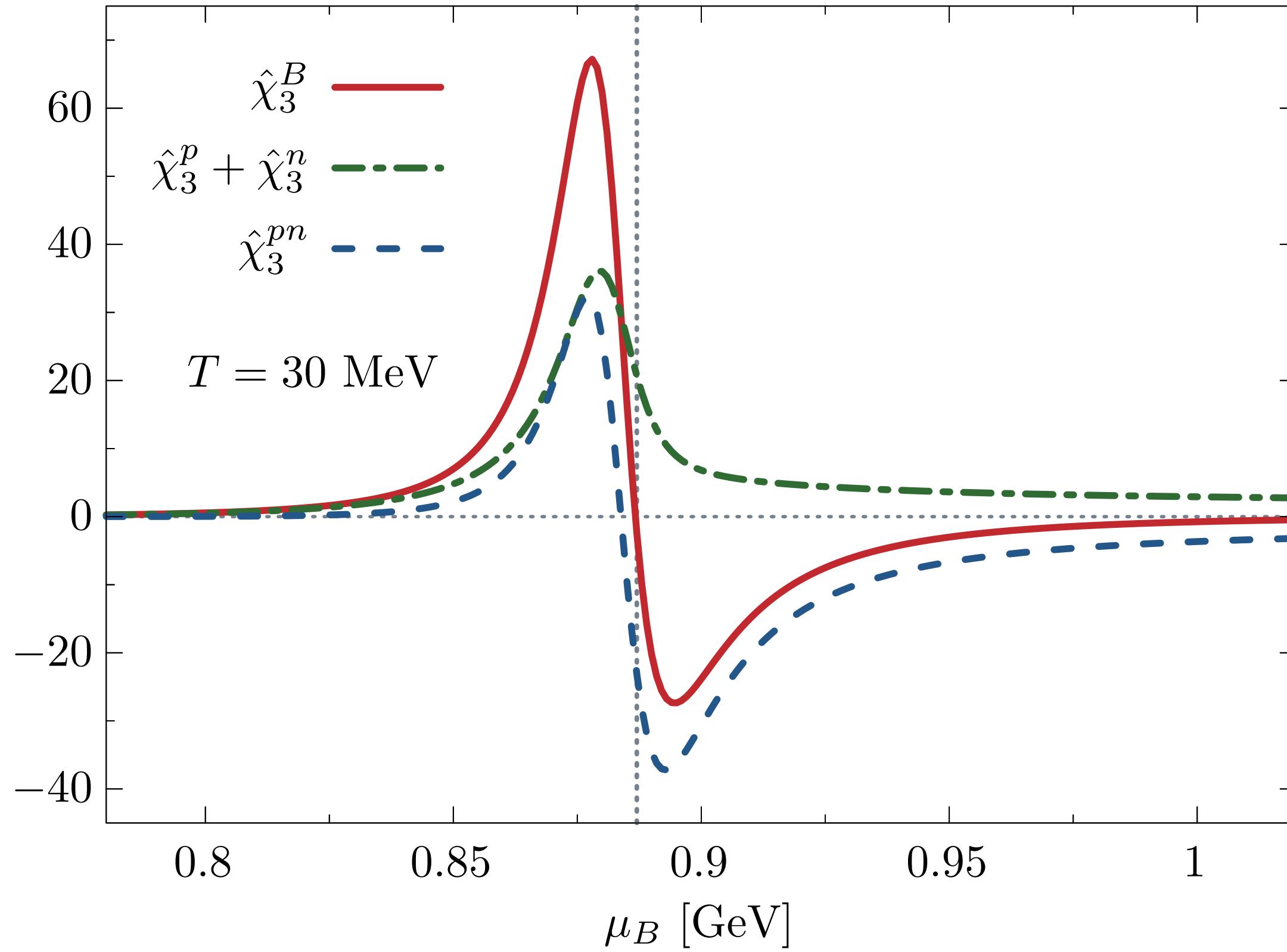






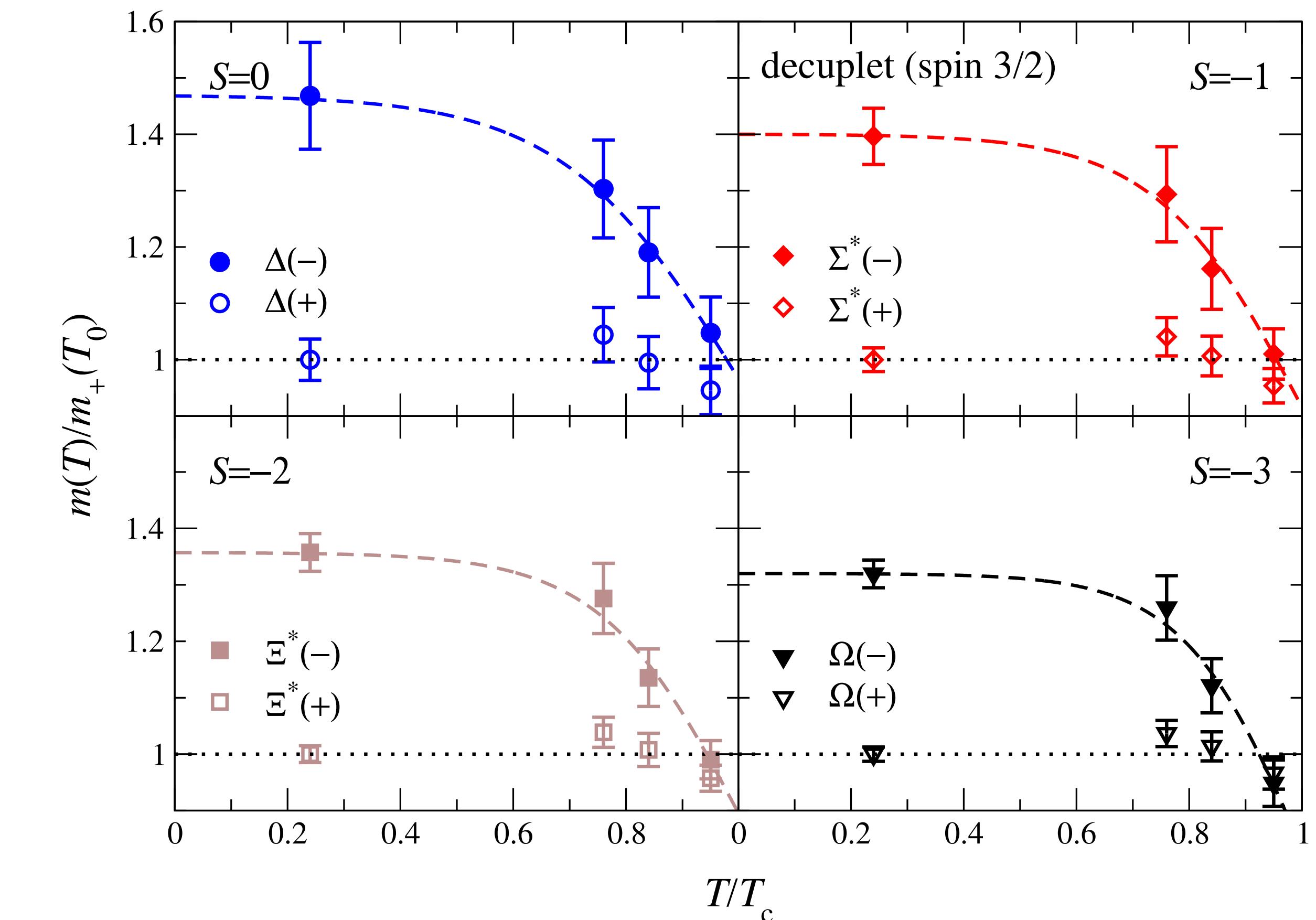
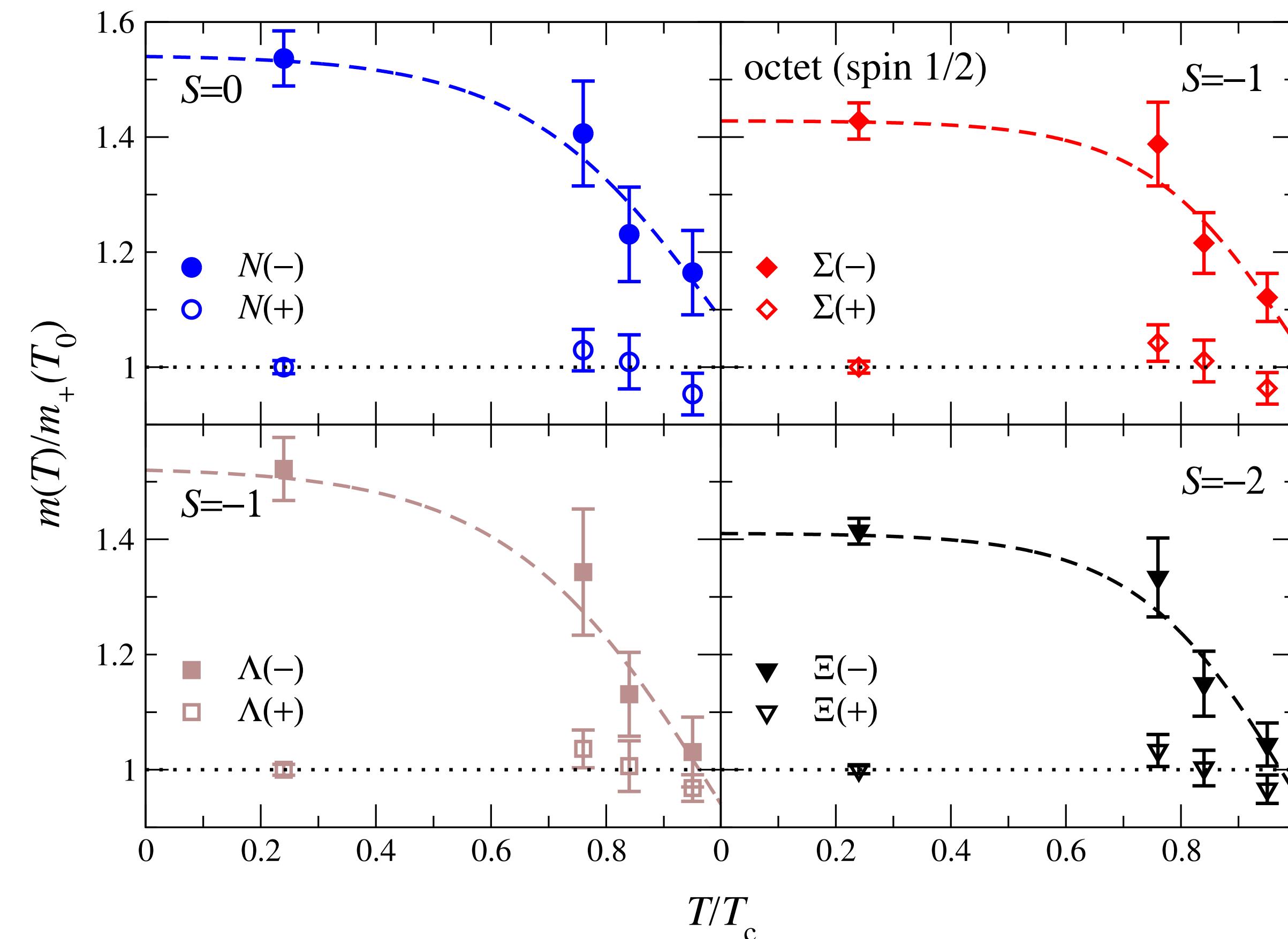
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# Imprint of chiral symmetry restoration in the baryonic sector

Aarts et al, 2019



Clear evidence for partial restoration of chiral symmetry in the strange baryon sector

# Influence of the strength of the repulsive interactions

- Clear suppression of fluctuations with increasing repulsive vector interactions
- Increase of fluctuations due to in-medium chiral masses is reduced via negative correlations
- With particular repulsion strength, fluctuations are pushed down to HRG results with vacuum masses

