

Overview of recent lattice QCD results: phase diagram, fluctuations and strangeness

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- ① Lattice QCD
- ② The phase diagram
- ③ Fluctuations
- ④ Equation of state

Not in this talk

LQCD with magnetic field:

Review:

- [Guenther:2021lrv]

Recent works:

- [Bali:2020bcn]
- [Ding:2020inp]
- [Tomiya:2019nym]
- [Xu:2020yag]
- [Endrodi:2019zrl]
- [DElia:2018xwo]
- ...



LQCD with unphysical quark masses/Columbia plot:



Review:

- [Philipsen:2019rjq]
- [Guenther:2021lrv]

Recent works:

- [Philipsen:2020exx]
- [Kuramashi:2020meg]
- [Bazavov:2017xul]
- [Cuteri:2017gci]
- [Clarke:2020htu]
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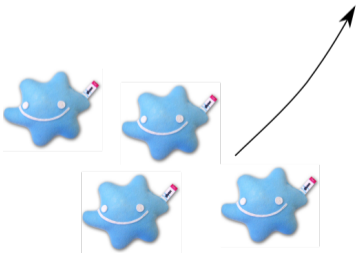
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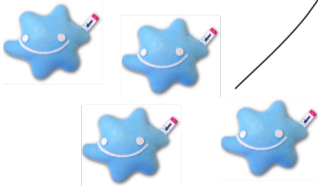
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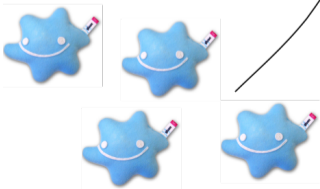
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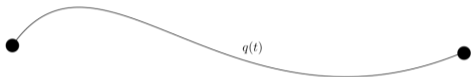


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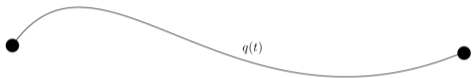
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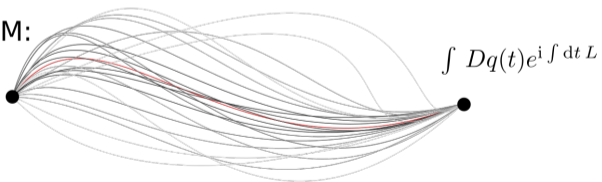


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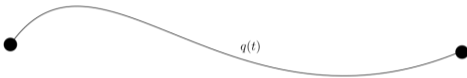


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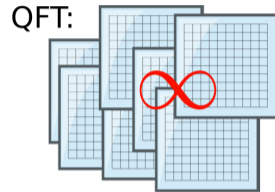
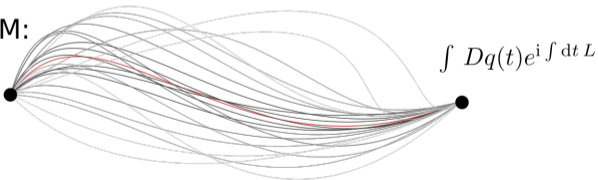


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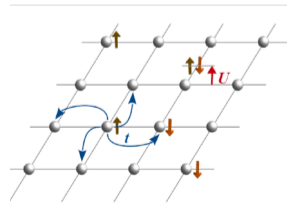
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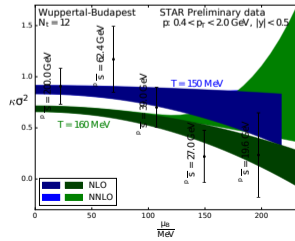


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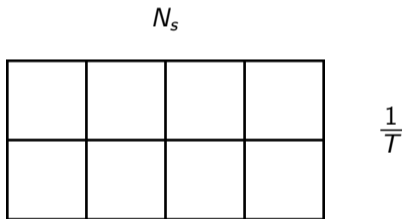


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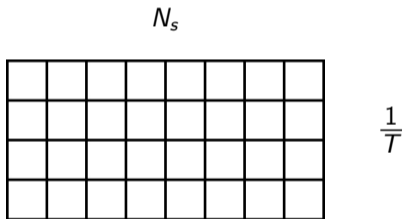
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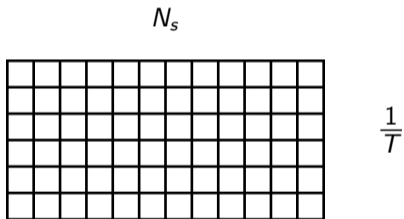
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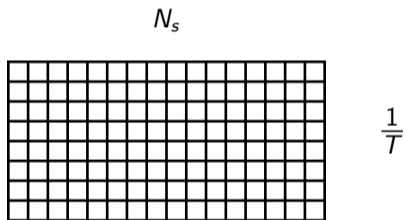
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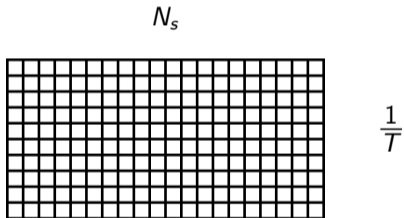
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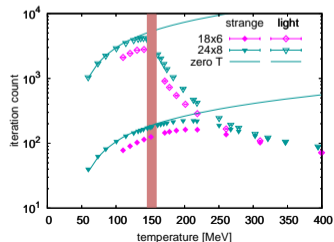
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 N_s  $\frac{1}{T}$ 

Why aren't we finished yet?

- Simulations take a lot of computer time
- Not everything can be calculated directly. For example:
 - Only thermal equilibrium
 - Only simulations at $\mu_B = 0 \Rightarrow \langle n_B \rangle = 0$  heavy ion collision experiments

1000 configurations on a $64^3 \times 16$ lattice cost about 1 million core hours



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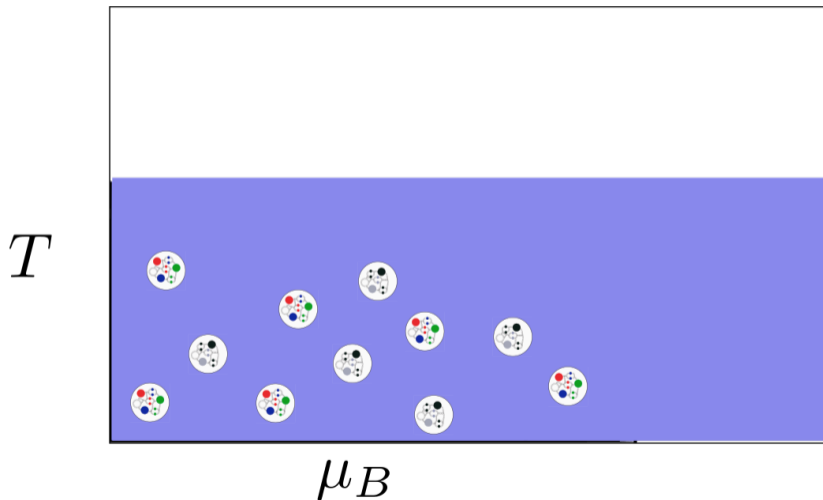
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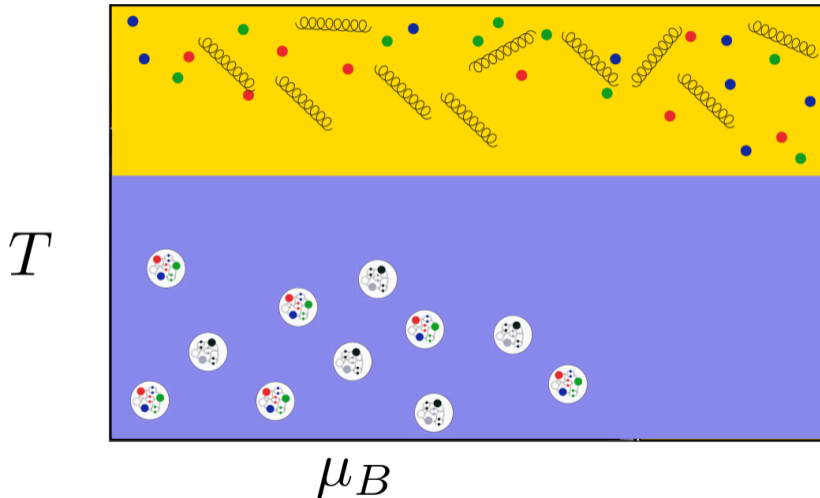
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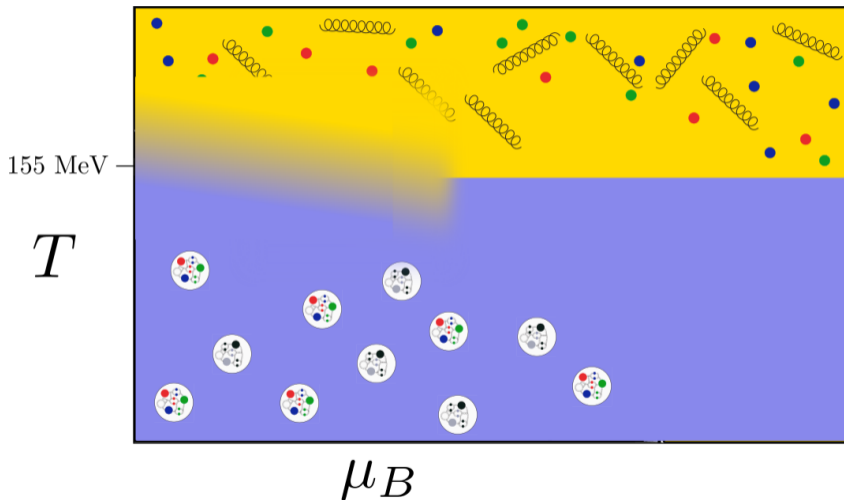
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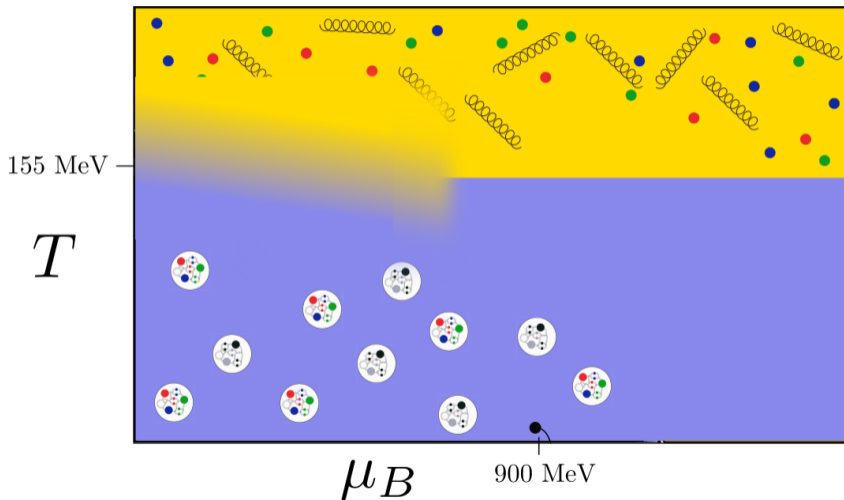
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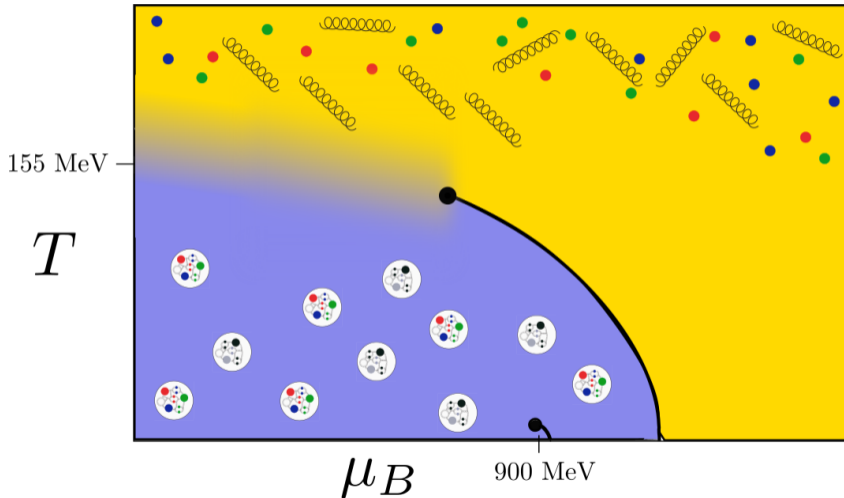
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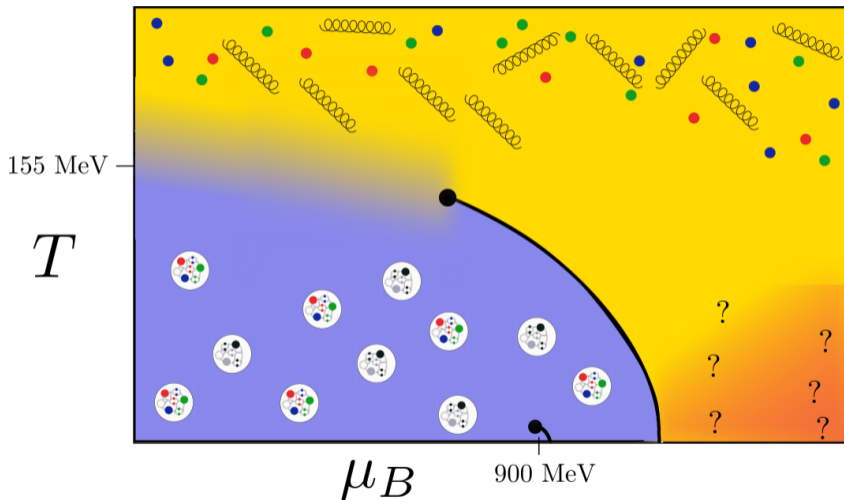
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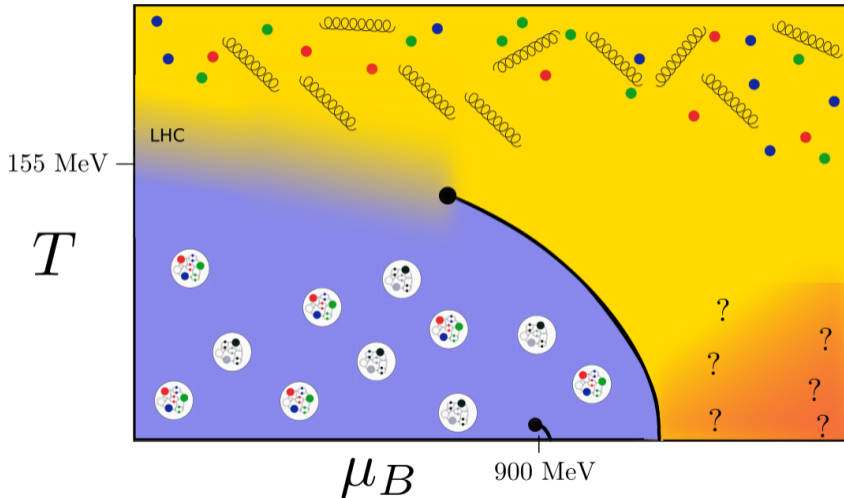
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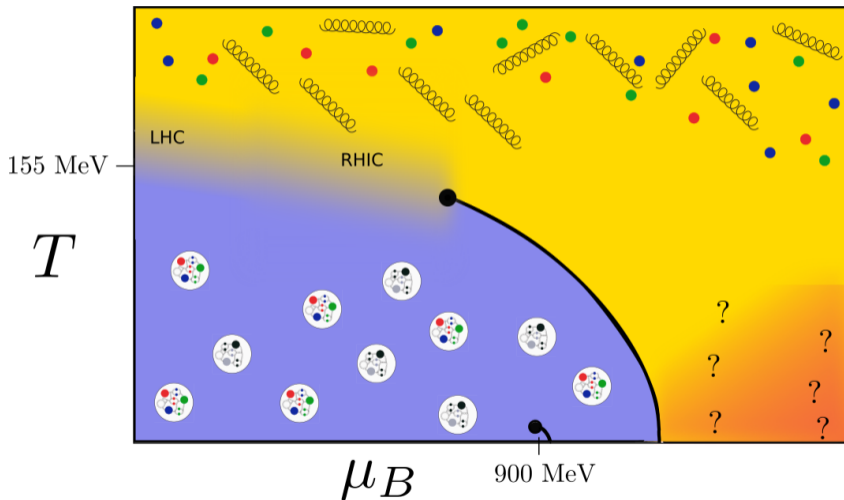
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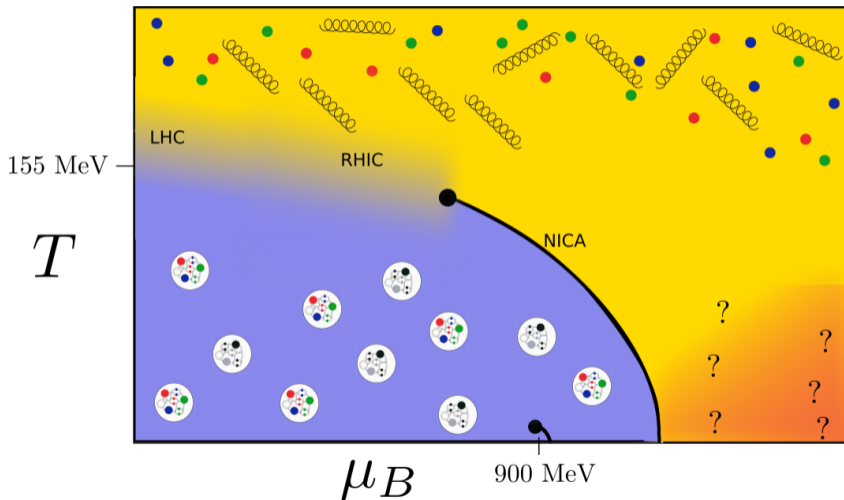
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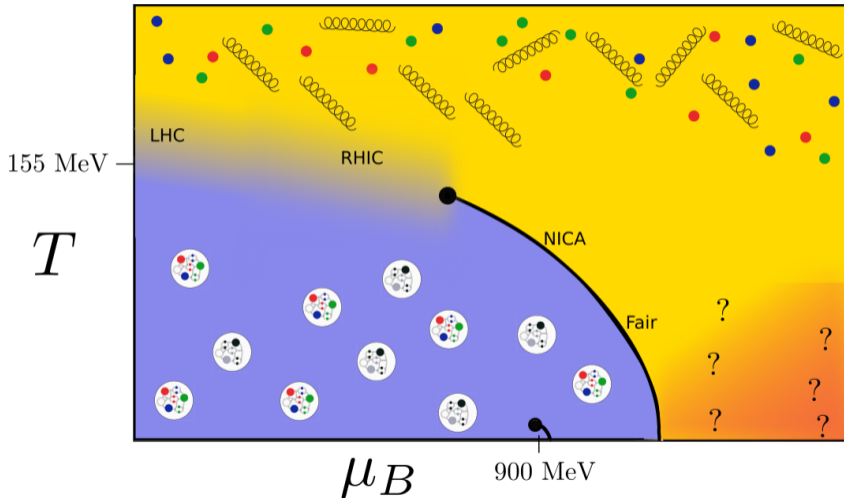
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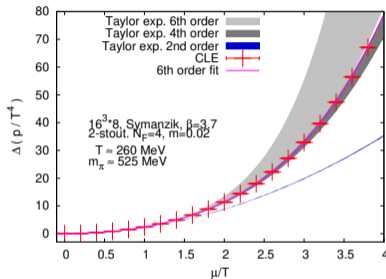
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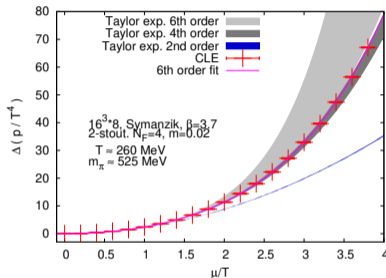
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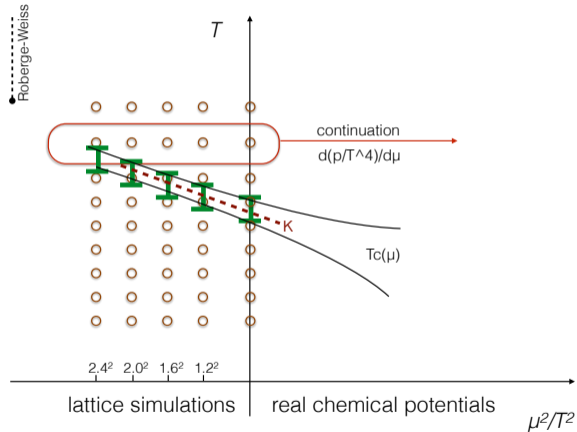
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- (Taylor) expansion → J. Goswami: Tue 11:50, D. Bollweg: Thu. 9:50
- Imaginary μ → P. Parotto: Thu. 9:30

Analytic continuation from imaginary chemical potential



Common technique:

- [deForcrand:2002hgr]
- [Bonati:2015bha]
- [Cea:2015cya]
- [DElia:2016jqh]
- [Bonati:2018nut]
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Expansion from $\mu = 0$ **Taylor expansion**

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- often the expansion is done for a specific choice of μ_S

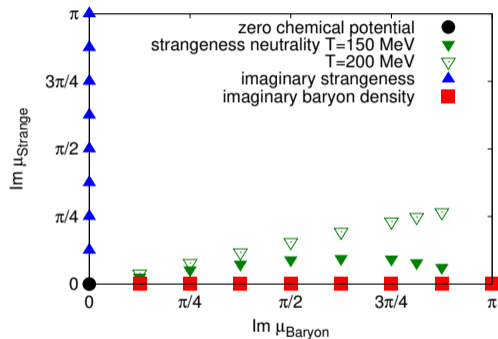
Two common choices for μ_S

$$\mu_S = 0$$

- less terms in expansion
- less parameters in simulations

$$\langle n_S \rangle = 0$$

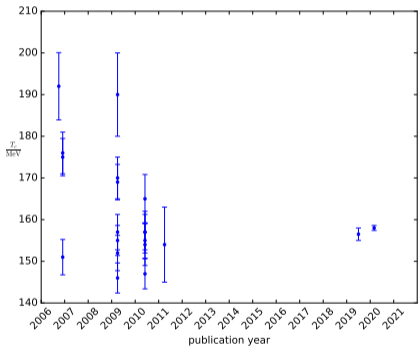
- matches heavy ion collision experiments



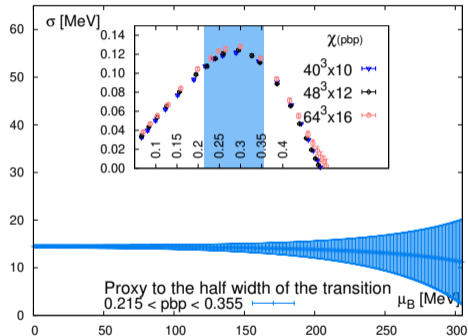
Simulation parameters of the
WB collaboration

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The transition temperature



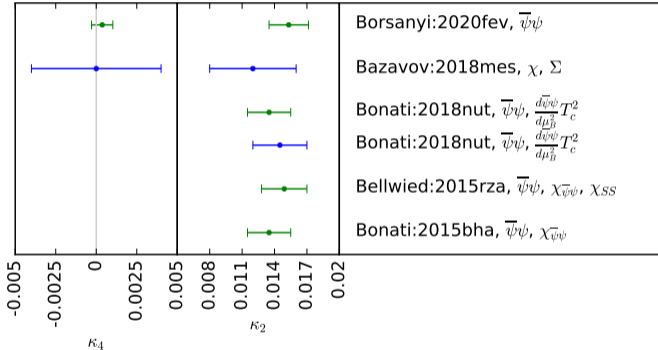
[Cheng:2006qk], [Aoki:2006br], [Aoki:2009sc], [Bazavov:2009zn],
 [Borsanyi:2010bp], [Bazavov:2011nk], [Bazavov:2018mes], [Borsanyi:2020fev]



Proxy to the half width of the transition
 $0.215 < \text{pbp} < 0.355$

[Borsanyi:2020fev]

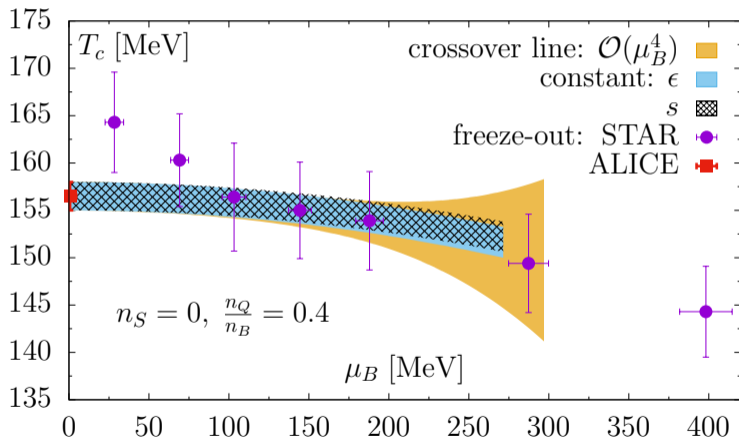
Curvature of the transition temperature



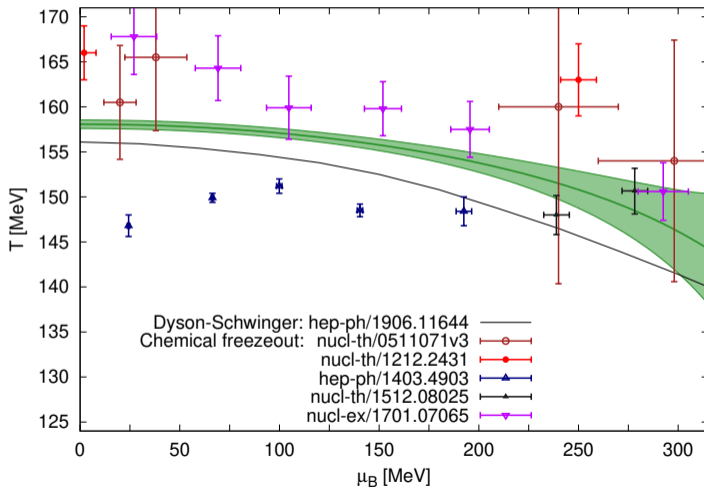
$$\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - \kappa_2 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c} \right)^2 - \kappa_4 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_c} \right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(\mu_B^6)$$



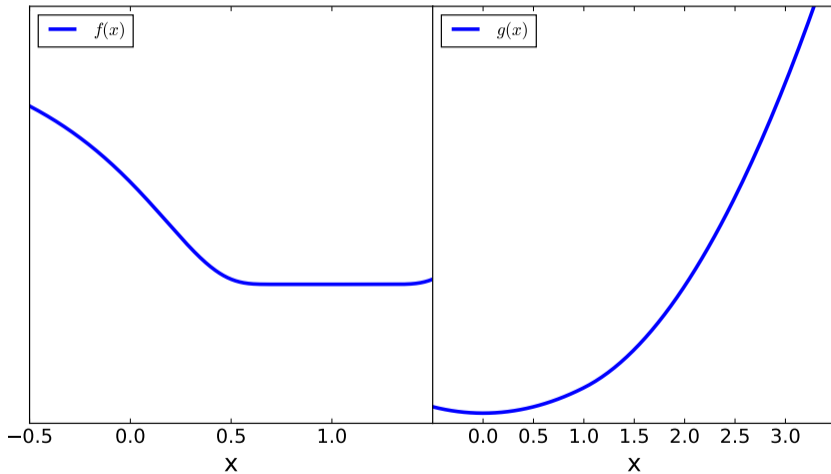
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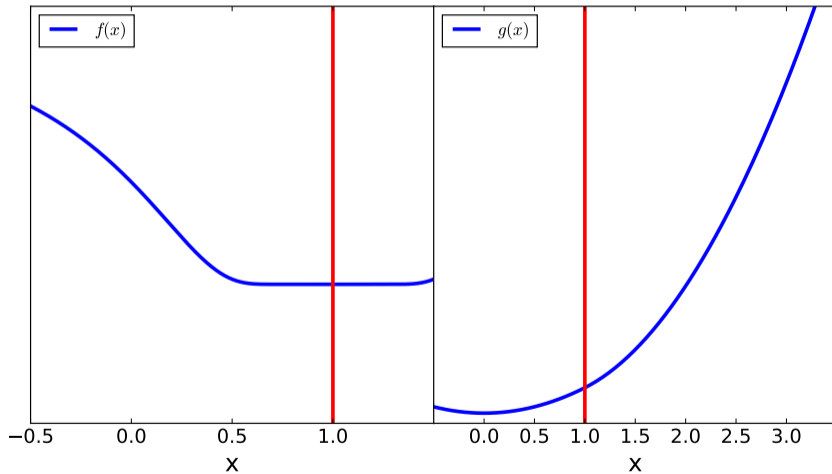
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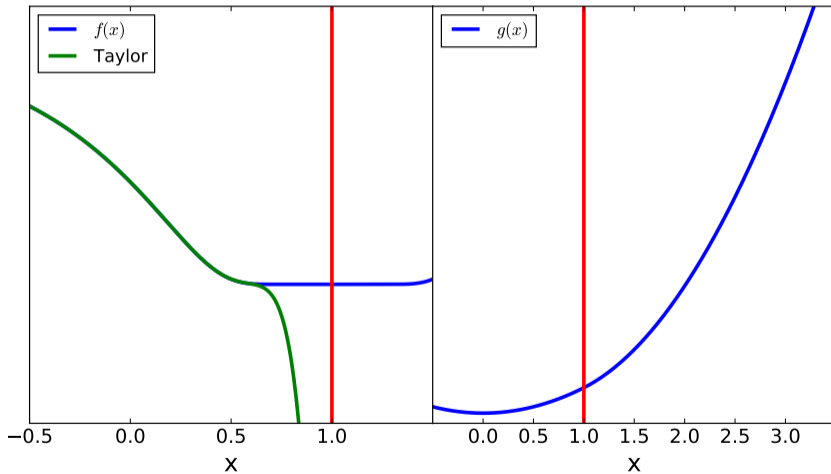
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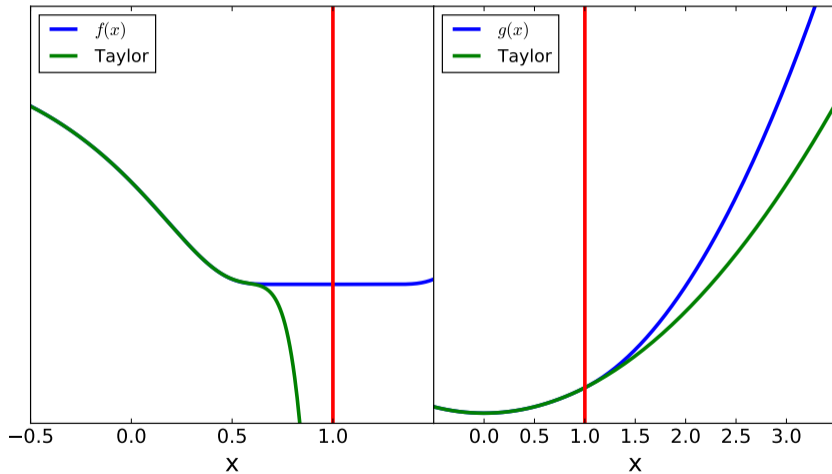
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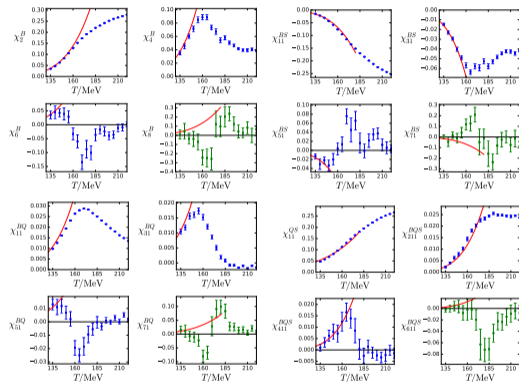


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Fluctuations on the lattice

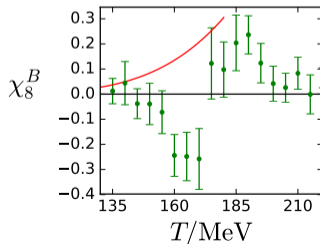
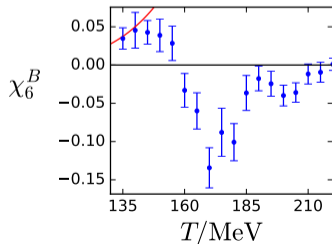
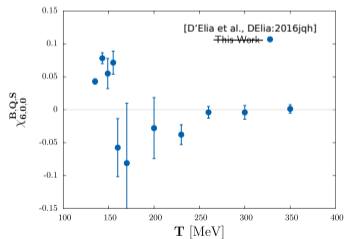
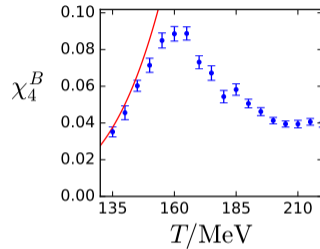
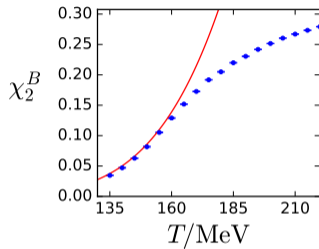
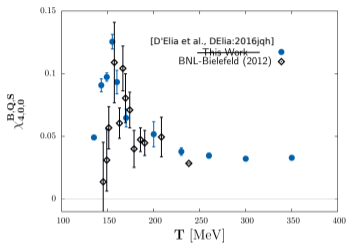
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- can be calculated on the lattice
- can be compared to various models
- can be compared to experiment
- can be used as building blocks for various observables



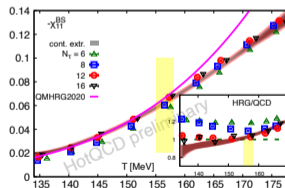
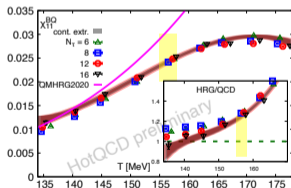
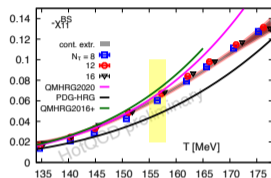
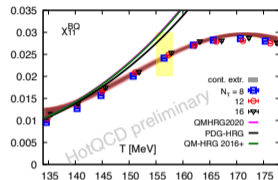
[Borsanyi:2018grb]

χ_2^B , χ_4^B , χ_6^B and χ_8^B on finite lattices



[DElia:2016jqh], [Borsanyi:2018grb], see also [Bazavov:2017dus]

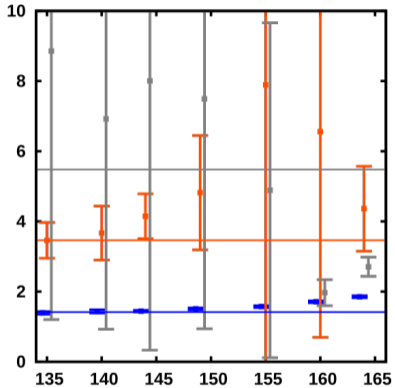
Update on 2nd order fluctuations



- continuum from $N_t = 6 - 16$
- good agreement with HRG at $T < 150$ MeV
- addition of QM states without double counting
- comparison with excluded volume model and viral expansion/S-matrix calculations

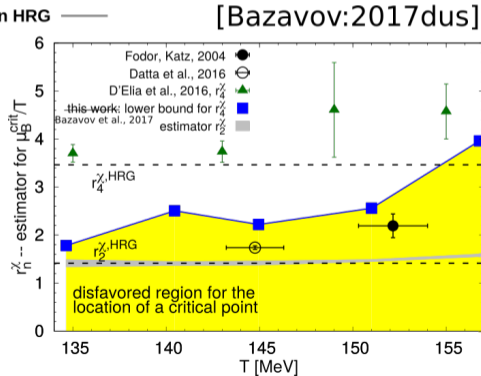
More details by J. Goswami on Tue at 11:50.

Ratios for the radius of convergence



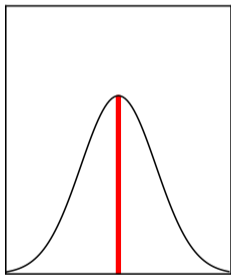
[Fodor:2018wul]

- r_2^{χ} at $N_t=12$ (blue square)
- r_4^{χ} at $N_t=12$ (orange square)
- r_6^{χ} at $N_t=12$ (grey square)
- r_2^{χ} in HRG (blue line)
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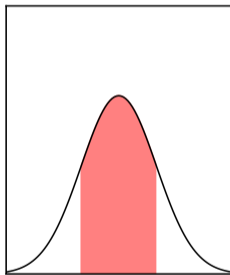


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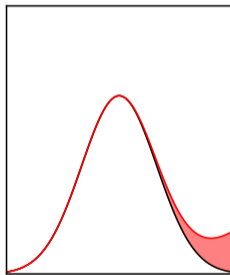
Cumulants of the net baryon number distributions:



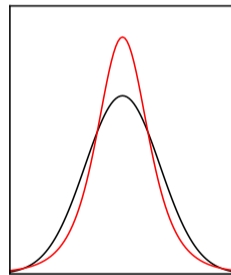
- mean M_B



- variance σ_B^2



- skewness S_B :
asymmetry of
the distribution

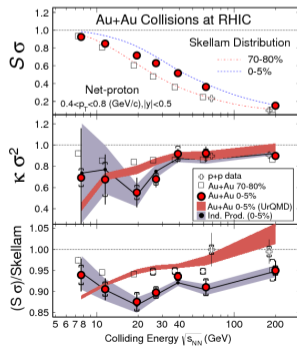
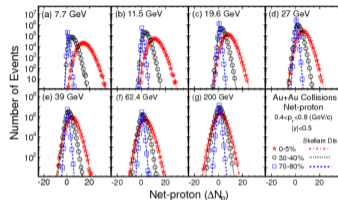


- kurtosis κ_B :
“tailedness” of
the distribution

Calculating observables

We have derivatives with respect to $\hat{\mu}_B$, $\hat{\mu}_Q$ and $\hat{\mu}_S$ of the pressure at $\mu_S = \mu_Q = 0$. Notation:

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We want ratios of the cumulants that are approximately independent of the volume at $\mu_B > 0$, $\langle n_S \rangle = 0$ and $\langle n_Q \rangle = 0.4\langle n_B \rangle$:

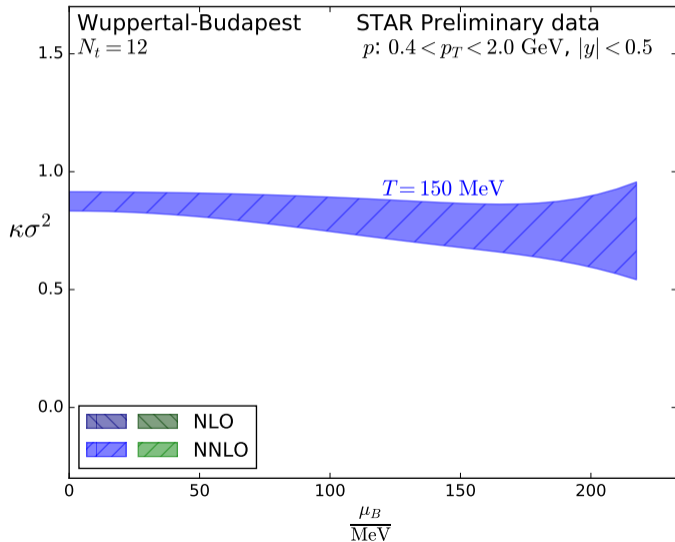
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[Bazavov:2017dus], [Karsch:2017zzw], figs: [STAR, Adamczyk:2013dal]

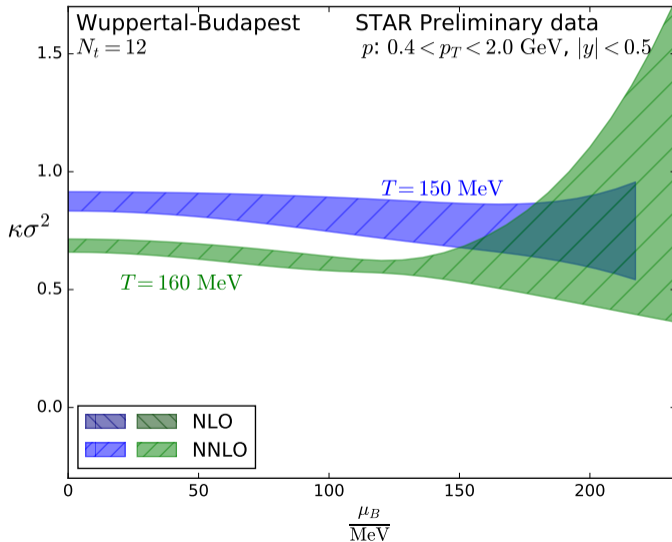
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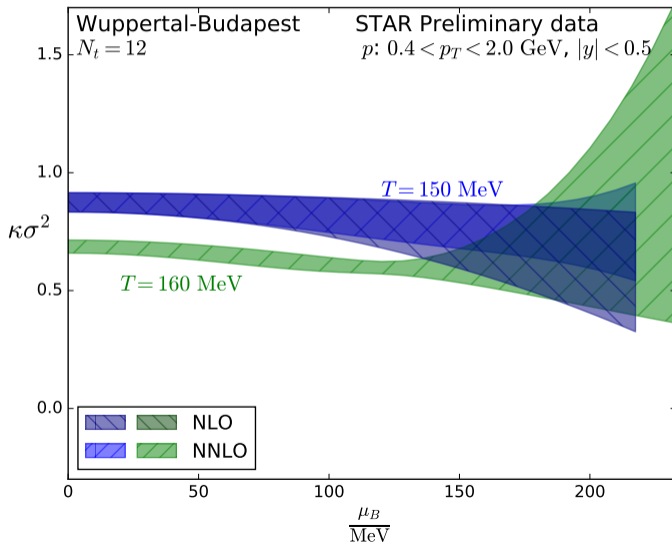
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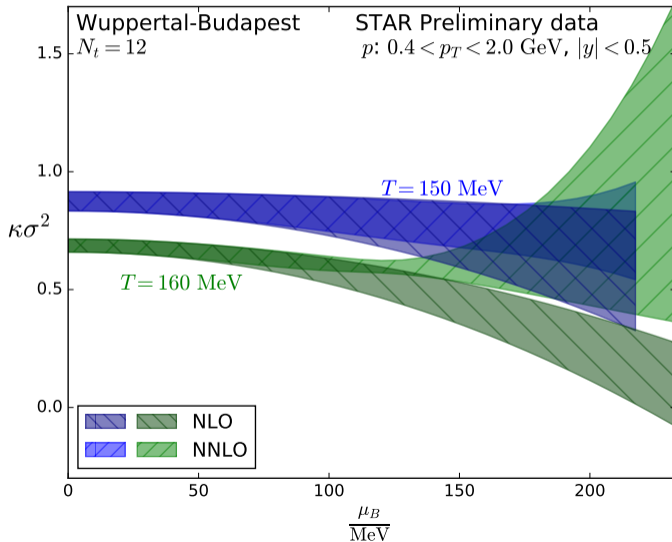
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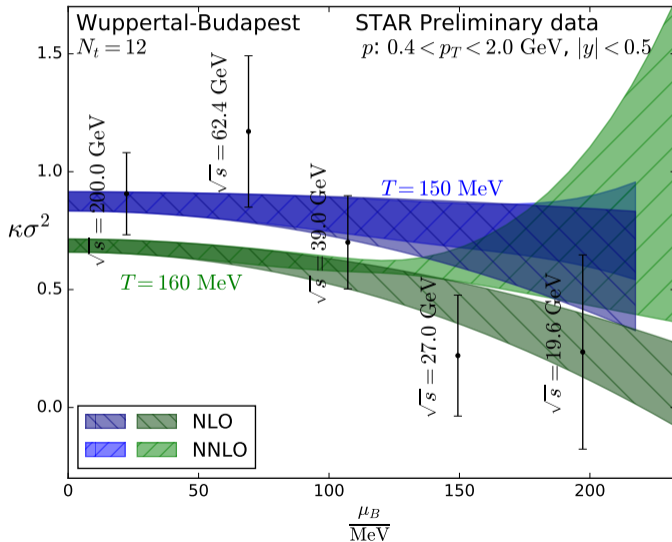
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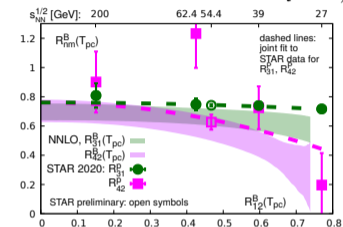


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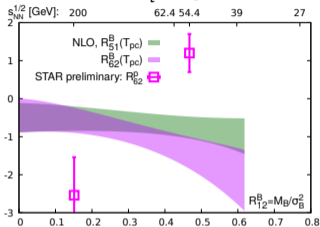
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Results from [Bazavov:2020bjn]

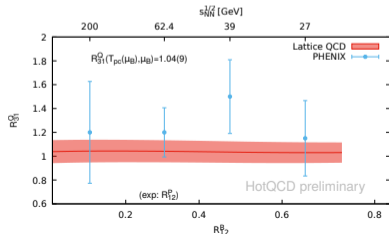
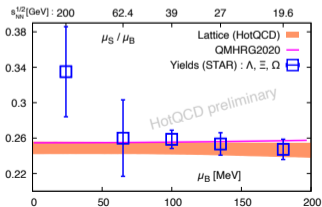
Continuum estimate from $N_t = 8, 12$



$N_t = 8$



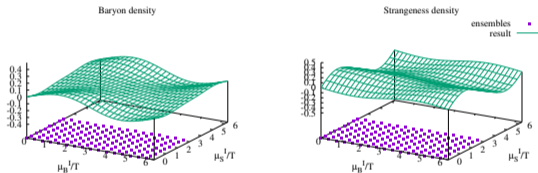
Here the extrapolation is done along the transition line.



More details and update with finer lattices and smaller T by D. Bollweg on Thu. at 9:50.

2d-Extrapolation: [Bellwied:2021nrt]

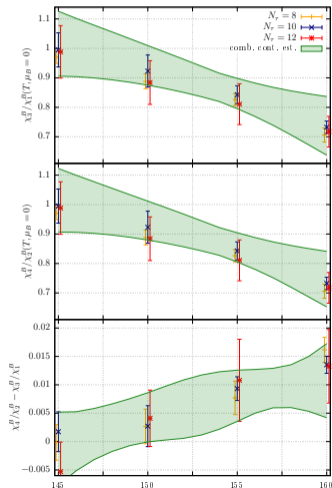
144 ensembles for each temperature and lattice
 Example at $T = 155$ MeV:



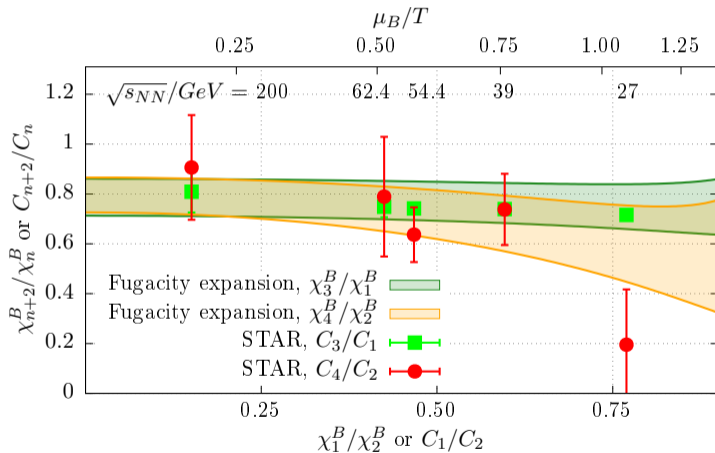
$$P(T, \hat{\mu}_B^I, \hat{\mu}_S^I) = \sum_{j,k} P_{jk}^{BS}(T) \cos(j\hat{\mu}_B^I - k\hat{\mu}_S^I).$$

$$-S = -1, 0, 1, 2, 3; \quad B = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

A surface is fitted on the baryon and strangeness densities, as well as on their susceptibilities.



Comparisons

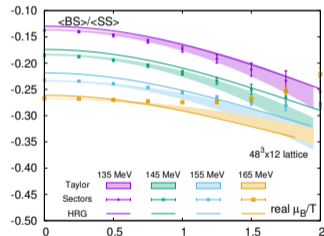
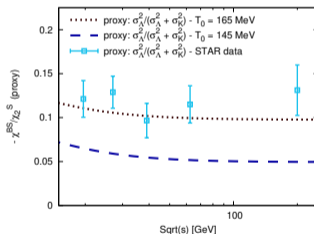
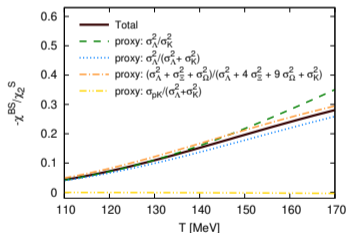


[Bellwied:2021nrt]

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Proxy for strange particle

Using the HRG to estimate how well an observable can be measured in experiment
[Bellwied:2019pxh]:

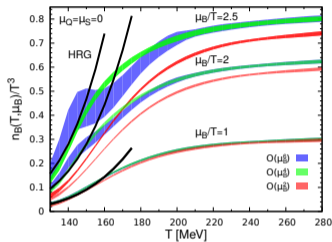
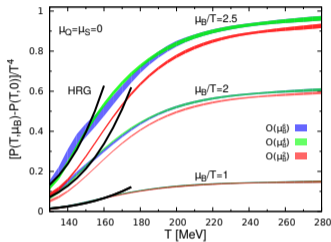


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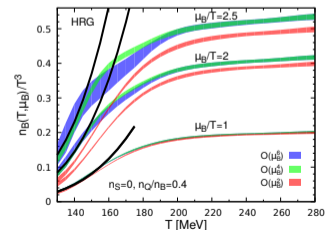
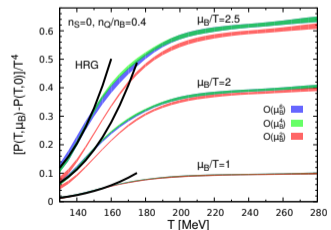
Equation of state [Bazavov:2017dus]

$$\mu_S = 0$$

Continuum limit for
2nd order
($N_t = 6, 8, 12, (16)$)

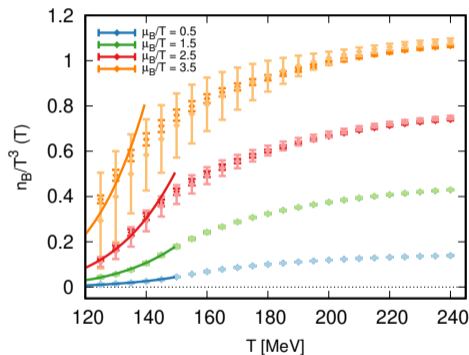
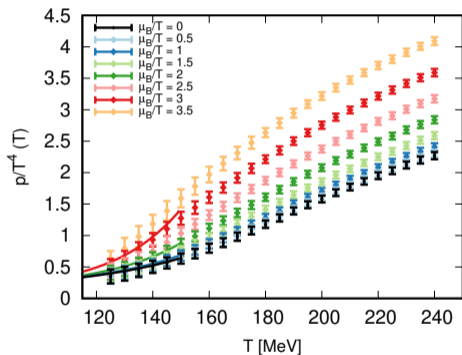


Continuum estimate
for 4th and 6th order
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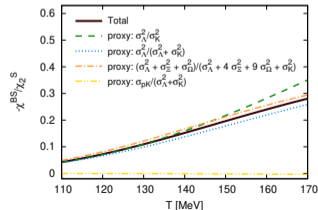
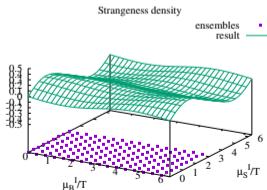
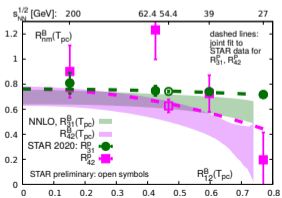
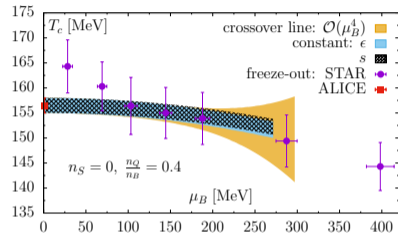
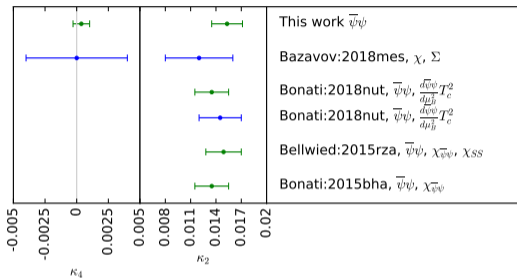
$$\langle n_S \rangle = 0$$

Equation of State [Borsanyi:2021sxv]

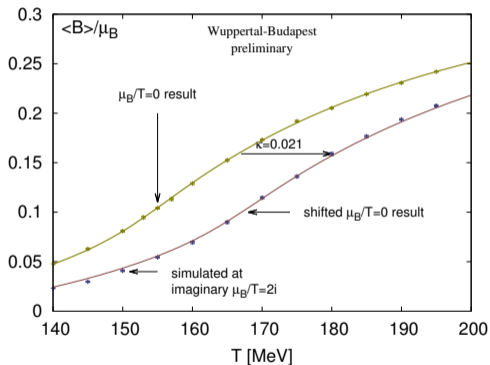


More details in the talk of P. Parotto at Thu. 9:30.

Summary



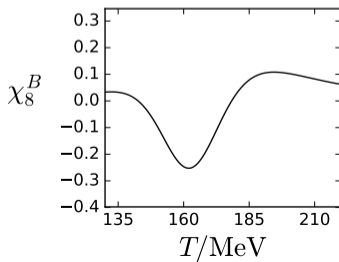
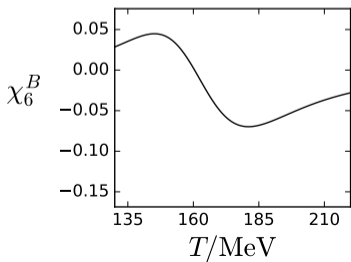
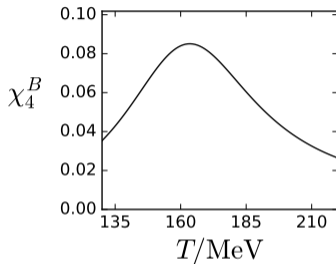
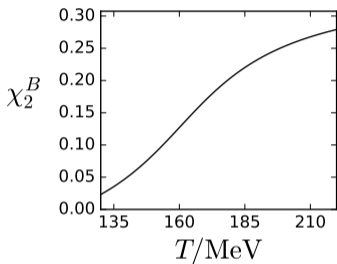
Toy model without critical endpoint



NOTE: The model assumes no criticality

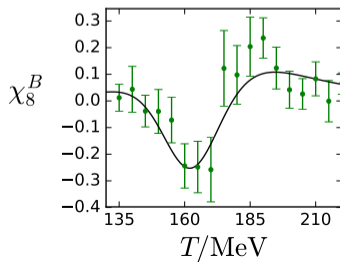
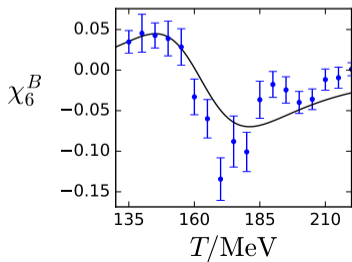
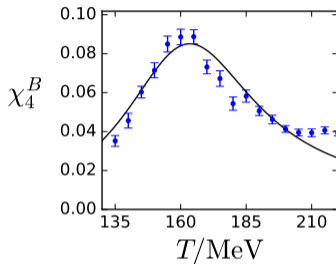
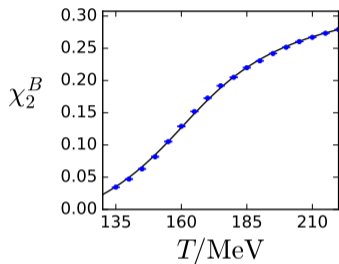
- Start with some parametrization of the curve χ_1^B / μ_B at $\mu = 0$
- Assume that the only difference in the physics at finite μ is a shift in this curve
- The inflection point of this curve is one possible definition of T_c , so shift the curve by using the κ values found in the literature
- You now have a model prediction of χ_1^B for any finite μ , differentiate it a few times at $\mu = 0$ to get estimates of χ_4^B , χ_6^B and χ_8^B

Fluctuations in the toy model



CURVE: The simple model described in the previous slide without criticality

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The sign problem

The QCD partition function:

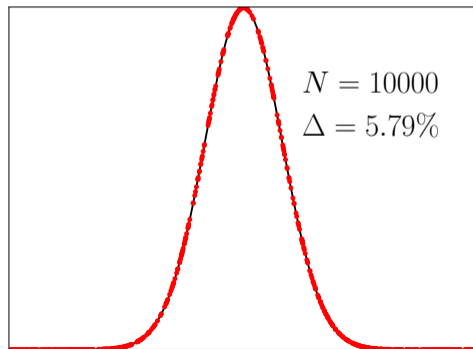
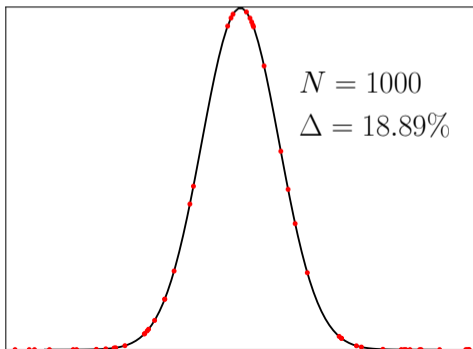
$$\begin{aligned} Z(V, T, \mu) &= \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{-S_F(U, \psi, \bar{\psi}) - \beta S_G(U)} \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U \det M(U) e^{-\beta S_G(U)} \end{aligned}$$

- For Monte Carlo simulations $\det M(U) e^{-\beta S_G(U)}$ is interpreted as Boltzmann weight
- If there is particle-antiparticle-symmetry $\det M(U)$ is real
- If $\mu^2 > 0$ $\det M(U)$ is complex

The sign problem

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (100 - x^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \approx \int_{-100}^{100} dx (100 - x^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \sum_{i=1}^N (100 - x_i^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_i^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{200}{N}$$

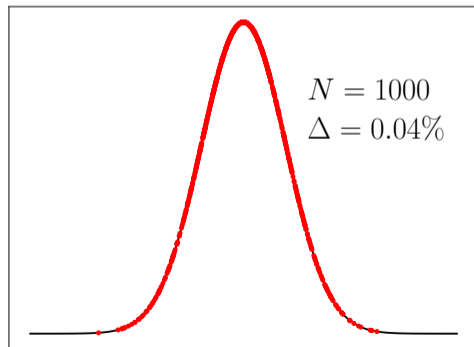
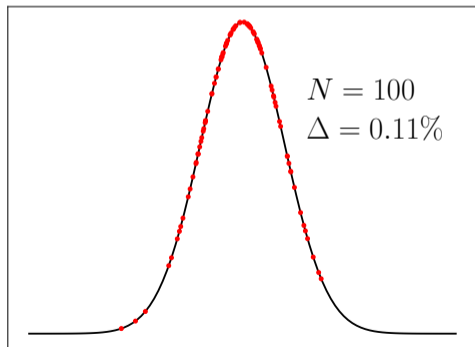
The x_i are drawn from a uniform distribution in the interval $[-100, 100]$



Importance sampling

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (100 - x^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \sum_{i=1}^N (100 - x_i^2) \cdot \frac{1}{N}$$

The x_i are drawn from a normal distribution



The sign problem

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (100 - x^2) \frac{e^{-\frac{i}{2}x^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

