

New developments in studies of the QCD phase diagram

# Strangeness neutrality and QCD phase structure from functional renormalization group

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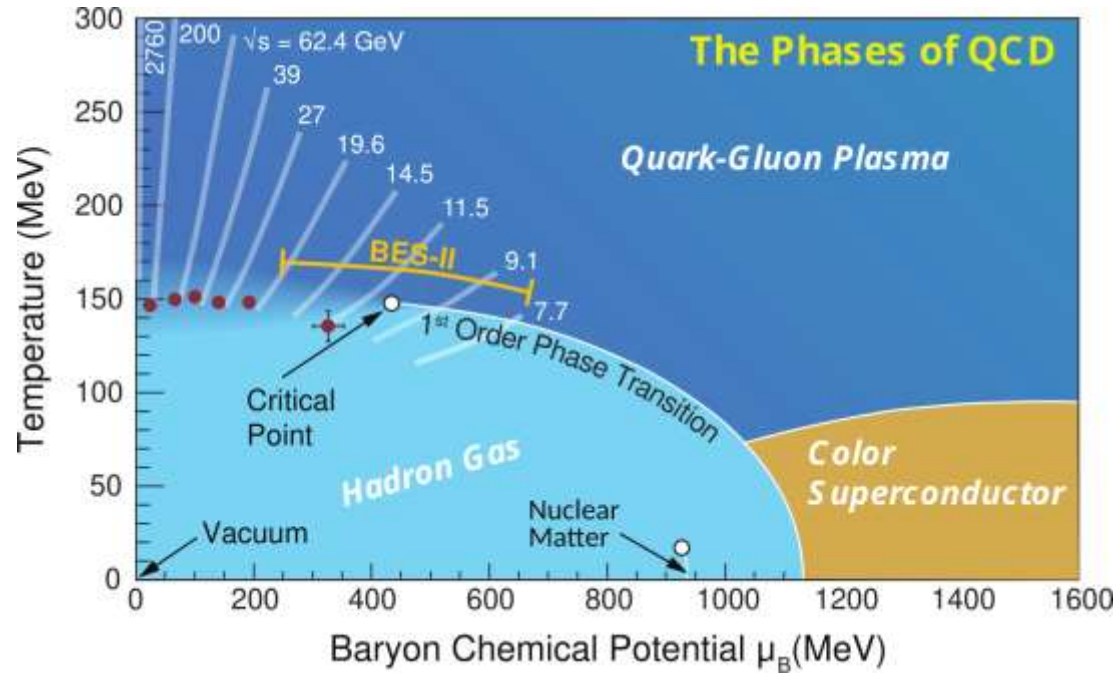
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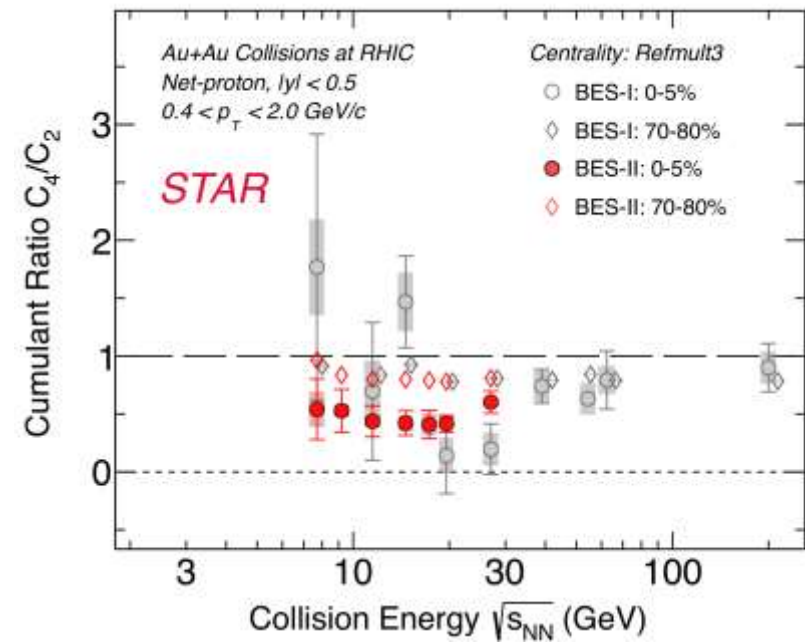
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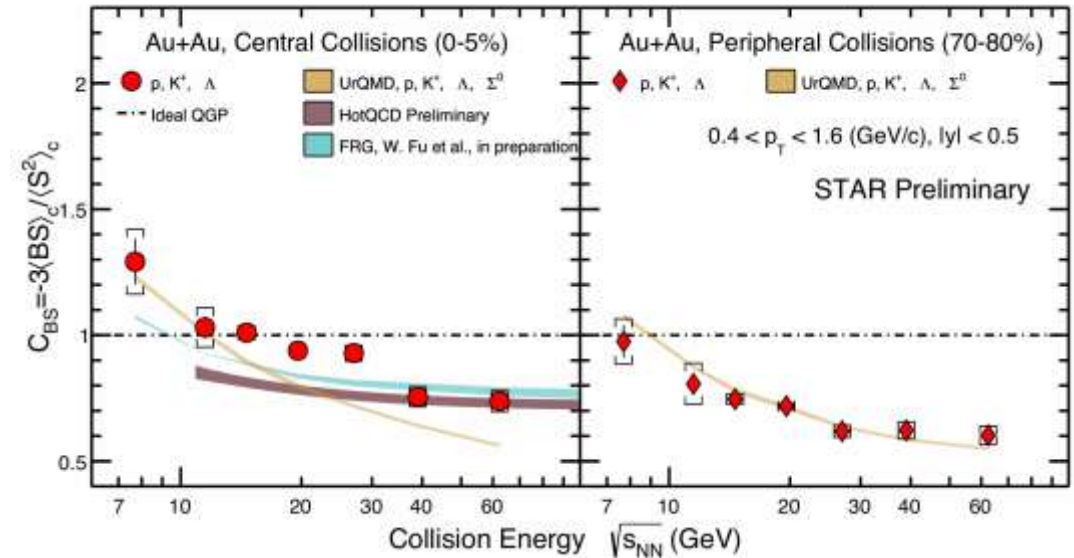
# Introduction



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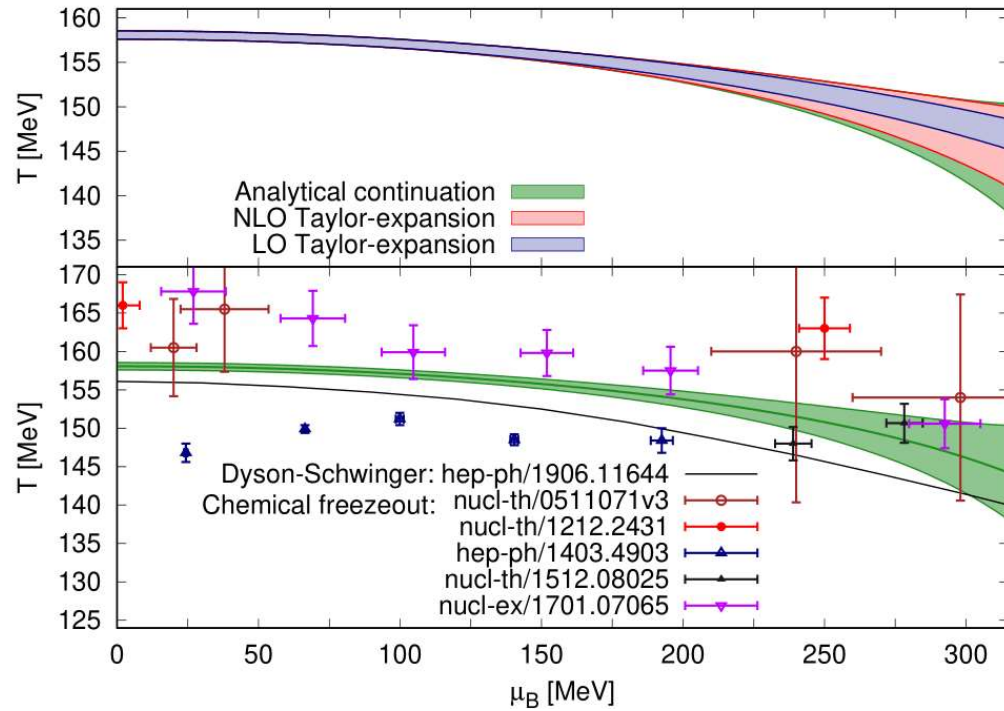


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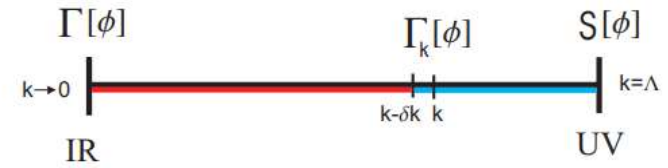


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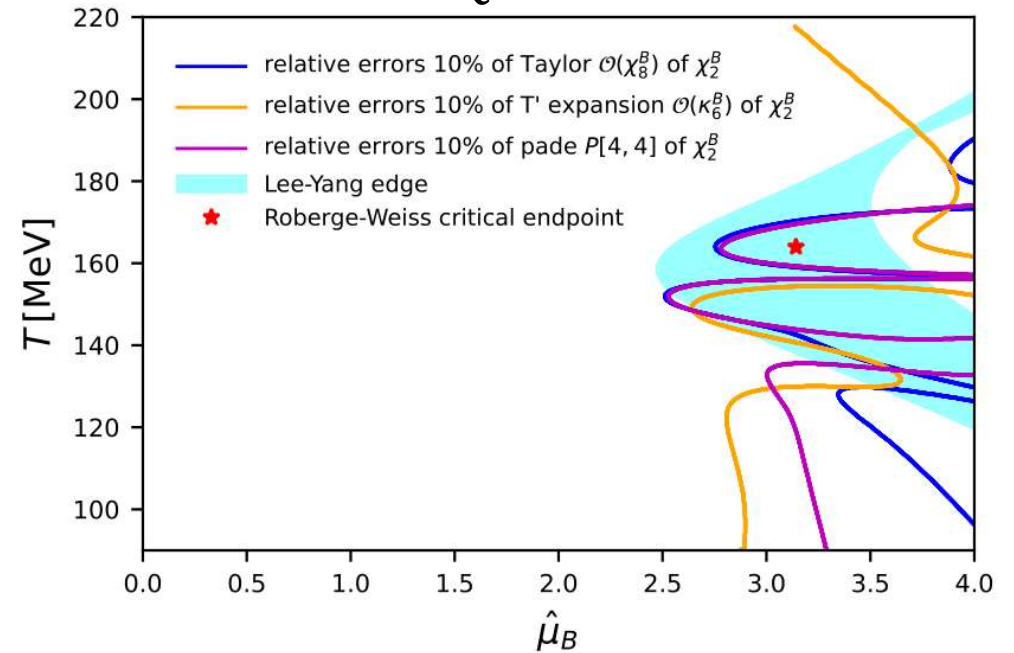
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The Wetterich equation

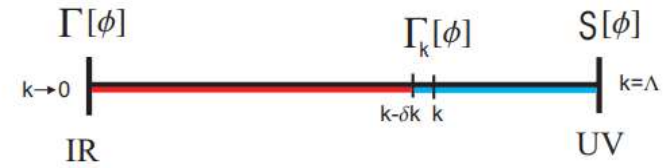
$$\partial_t \text{ (grey circle) } = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (white circle with cross) }$$

PQM model



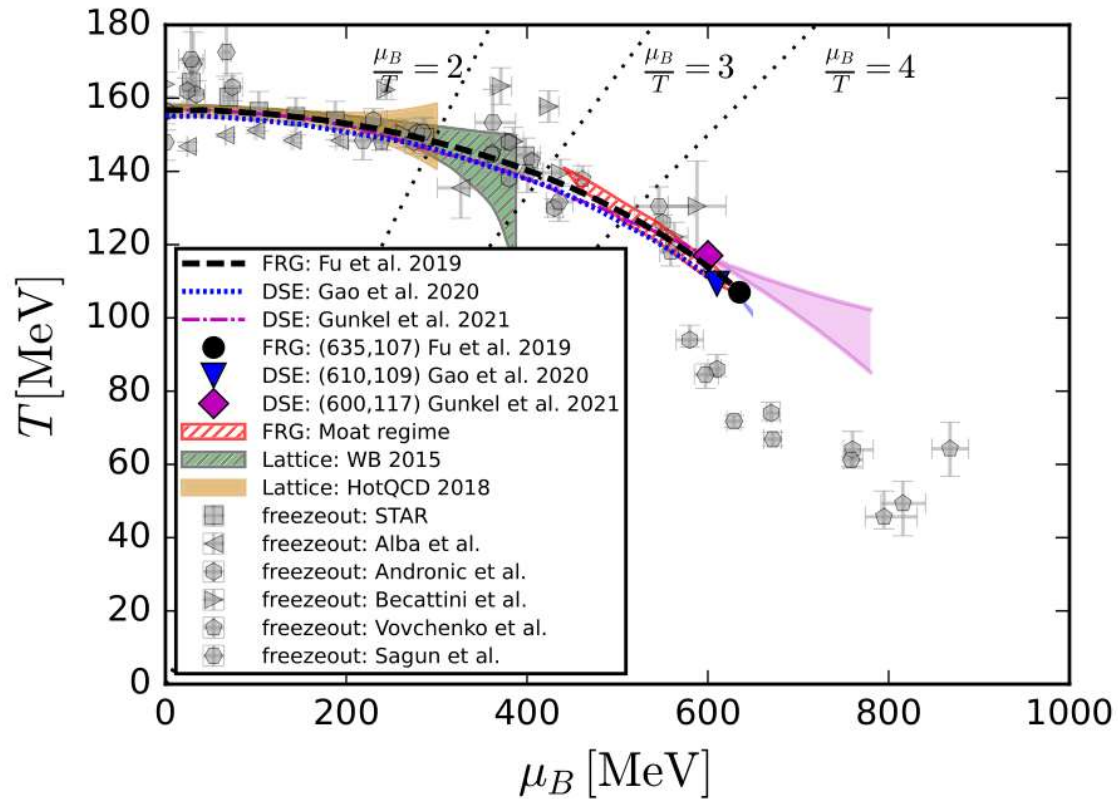
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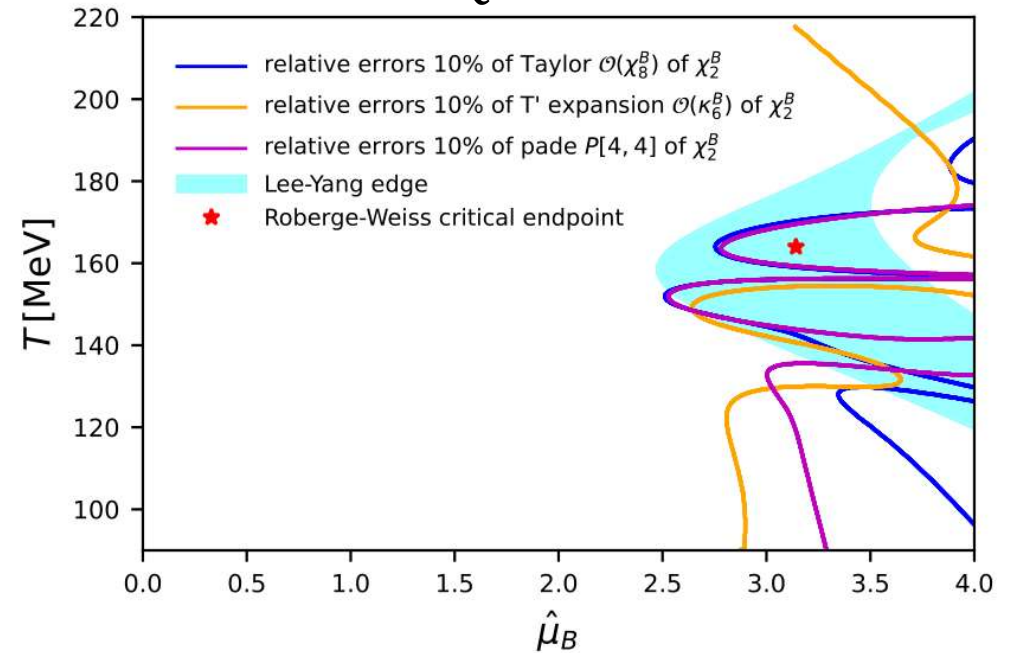


The Wetterich equation

$$\partial_t \text{circle} = \frac{1}{2} \text{circle with cross}$$



PQM model



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# The 2+1 flavor QCD Theory within FRG

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\Phi] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{Glue sector} \right] - \left[ \text{Matter sector} \right]$$

Glue sector
Matter sector

$\pi, \sigma$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\pi, K, \eta, \eta'$   
 $a_0, \sigma, \kappa, f_0$

$$\Gamma_k = \int_x \left\{ \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + Z_c (\partial_\mu \bar{c}^a) D_\mu^{ab} c^b + \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial_\mu A_\mu^a)^2 \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{2} \int_p A_\mu^a(-p) \left( \Gamma_{AA\mu\nu}^{(2)ab}(p) - Z_A \Pi_{\mu\nu}^\perp \delta^{ab} p^2 \right) A_\nu^b(p) \right.$$

$$\left. + \bar{q} [Z_q (\gamma_\mu D_\mu - \gamma_0 \hat{\mu}) + m_s(\sigma_s)] q \right.$$

$$\left. - \lambda_q [(\bar{q} \tau^0 q)^2 + (\bar{q} \boldsymbol{\tau} q)^2] + h \bar{q} (\tau^0 \sigma + \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi}) q \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{2} Z_\phi (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V_k(\rho, A_0) - c_\sigma \sigma - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_{\sigma_s} \sigma_s \right\},$$

$$q = (l, l, s)^T$$

$$\left. + \bar{q} [Z_q (\gamma_\mu D_\mu - \gamma_0 (\hat{\mu} + ig A_0))] q \right.$$

$$\left. - \lambda_q \sum_{a=0}^8 [(\bar{q} T_a q)^2 + (\bar{q} i \gamma_5 T_a q)^2] \right.$$

$$\left. + \bar{q} h^{1/2} \cdot \Sigma_5 \cdot h^{1/2} q + \text{tr} (Z_\Sigma^{1/2} \cdot \bar{D}_\mu \Sigma \cdot Z_\Sigma^{1/2} \cdot \bar{D}_\mu \Sigma^\dagger) \right.$$

$$\left. + \tilde{U}_k(\Sigma, \Sigma^\dagger) + V_{glue}(L, \bar{L}) \right\},$$

$$\tilde{U}_k(\Sigma, \Sigma^\dagger) = U_k(\{\tilde{\rho}_i\}) - c_A \xi - c_l \sigma_l - c_s \sigma_s / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\xi = \det(\Sigma) + \det(\Sigma^\dagger).$$

# The flow equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \left( \text{circle with two arrows} \right) &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{circle with two arrows and a wavy loop} + \text{circle with two arrows and a dashed loop} \right) \\
 \partial_t \left( \text{circle with two dashed lines} \right) &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{circle with two dashed lines and a solid loop} + \text{circle with two dashed lines and a dashed loop} - \frac{1}{2} \text{circle with two dashed lines and a dashed loop} \right) \\
 \partial_t \left( \text{circle with two wavy lines} \right) &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{circle with two wavy lines and a wavy loop} - \frac{1}{2} \text{circle with two wavy lines and a wavy loop} - \text{circle with two wavy lines and a dashed loop} - \text{circle with two wavy lines and a solid loop} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_t \left( \text{triangle with wavy lines} \right) = \tilde{\partial}_t \left( - \text{triangle with wavy lines} - \text{triangle with wavy lines} + \text{triangle with wavy lines} + \text{triangle with wavy lines} \right)$$

$$\partial_t \left( \text{triangle with solid lines} \right) = \tilde{\partial}_t \left( - \text{triangle with solid lines} - \text{triangle with solid lines} - \text{triangle with solid lines} \right)$$

$$\partial_t \left( \text{triangle with dashed lines} \right) = \tilde{\partial}_t \left( - \text{triangle with dashed lines} - \text{triangle with dashed lines} - \text{triangle with dashed lines} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \left( \text{cross} \right) &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{cross with wavy lines} + \text{cross with dashed lines} + \text{u-channel} \right) \\
 &+ \text{cross with wavy lines} + \text{cross with dashed lines} + \text{u-channel} \\
 &+ 2 \text{cross with wavy lines} + 2 \text{cross with dashed lines} + \text{u-channel}
 \end{aligned}$$

# The flow equations

propagators :

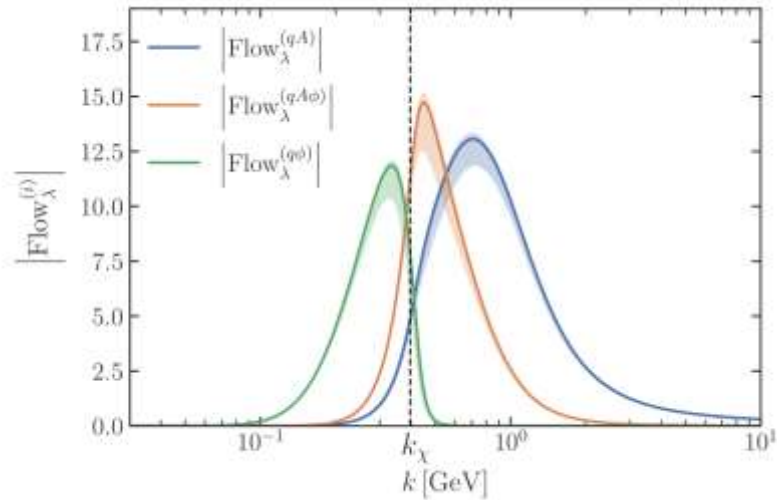
$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \text{---} \bullet \text{---} &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{---} \bullet \text{---} &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{---} \bullet \text{---} &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

vertices:

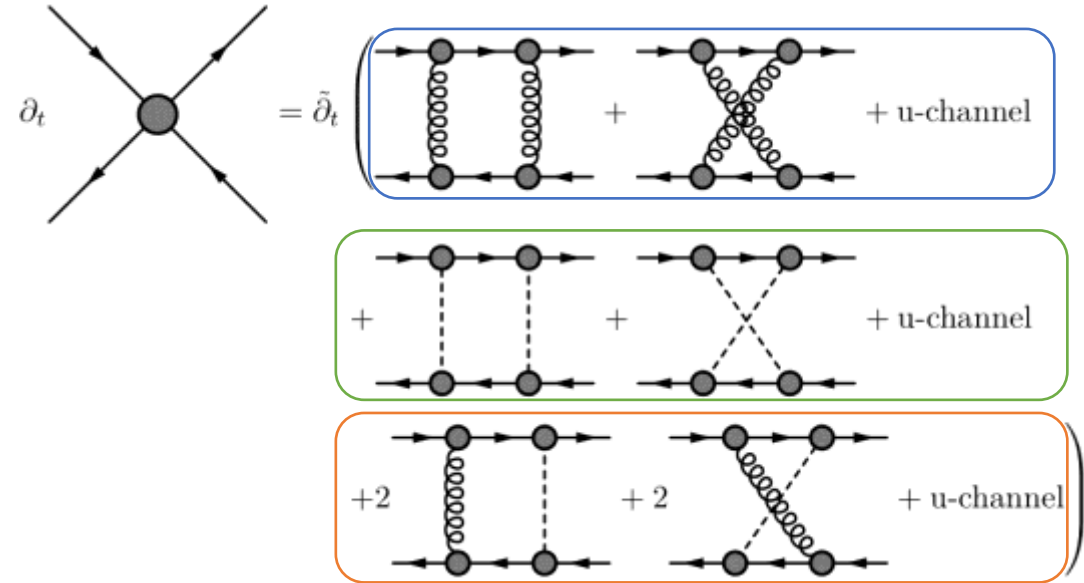
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 \partial_t \text{---} \bullet \text{---} &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right) \\
 \partial_t \text{---} \bullet \text{---} &= \tilde{\partial}_t \left( \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} - \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



# Four-quark vertex



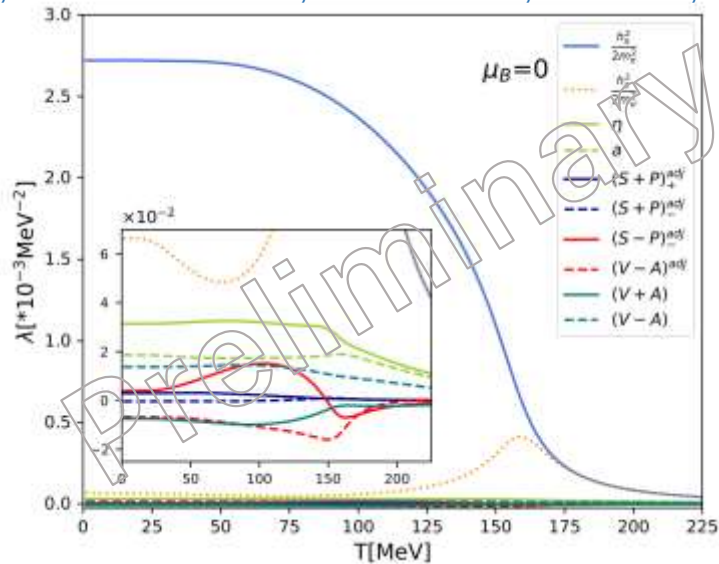
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Ignore the mixed quark-gluon-meson box

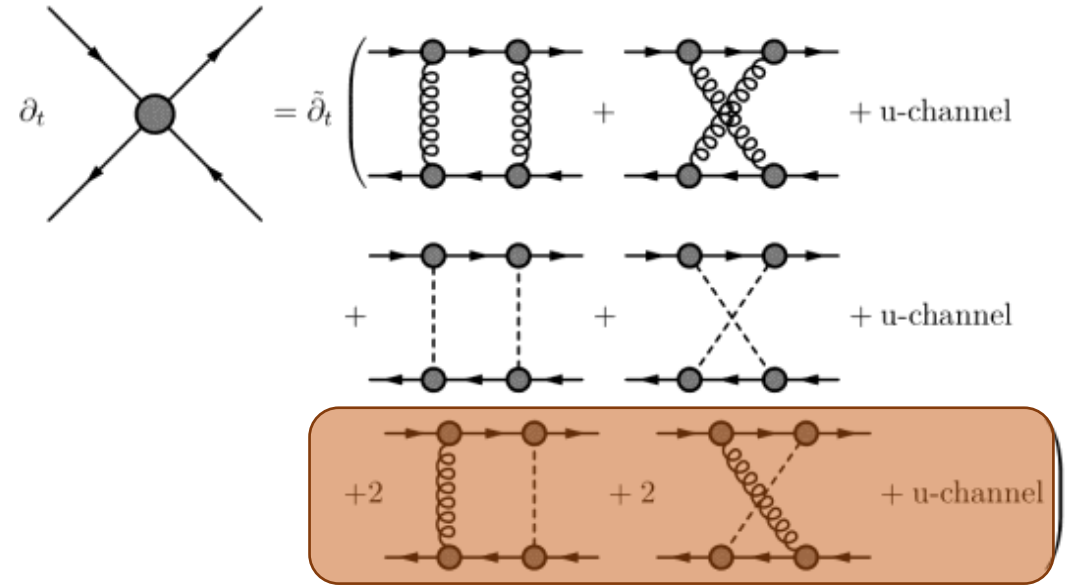
The scalar and pseudoscalar channel

Fierz-complete



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# Dynamical hadronization



The scale dependent meson fields:

$$\langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_k \rangle = [(\bar{q} \dot{A}_k^{\frac{1}{2}} T_a \dot{A}_k^{\frac{1}{2}} q) + (\bar{q} \dot{A}_k^{\frac{1}{2}} i \gamma_5 T_a \dot{A}_k^{\frac{1}{2}} q)] + \dot{B}_k \Sigma$$

$$\dot{A}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{A}_{l,k} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dot{A}_{l,k} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dot{A}_{s,k} \end{pmatrix}$$

The Wetterich equation with dynamical hadronization:

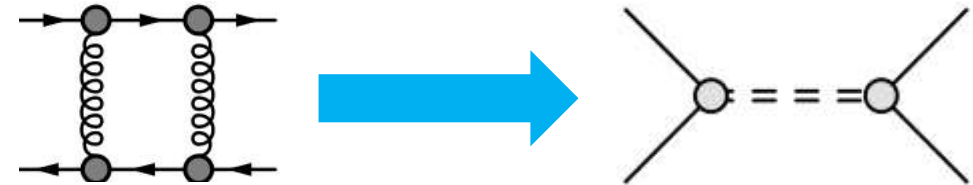
$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \Gamma_k[\Phi] + \int \langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_{k,i} \rangle \left( \frac{\delta \Gamma_k[\Phi]}{\delta \phi_i} + c_\sigma \delta_{i\sigma} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(G_k[\Phi] \partial_t R_k) + \text{Tr} \left( G_{\phi\Phi_j}[\Phi] \frac{\delta \langle \partial_t \hat{\phi}_k \rangle}{\delta \Phi_j} R_\phi \right) \end{aligned}$$

With the fully hadronized condition:

$$\lambda_q \equiv 0, \quad \forall k$$

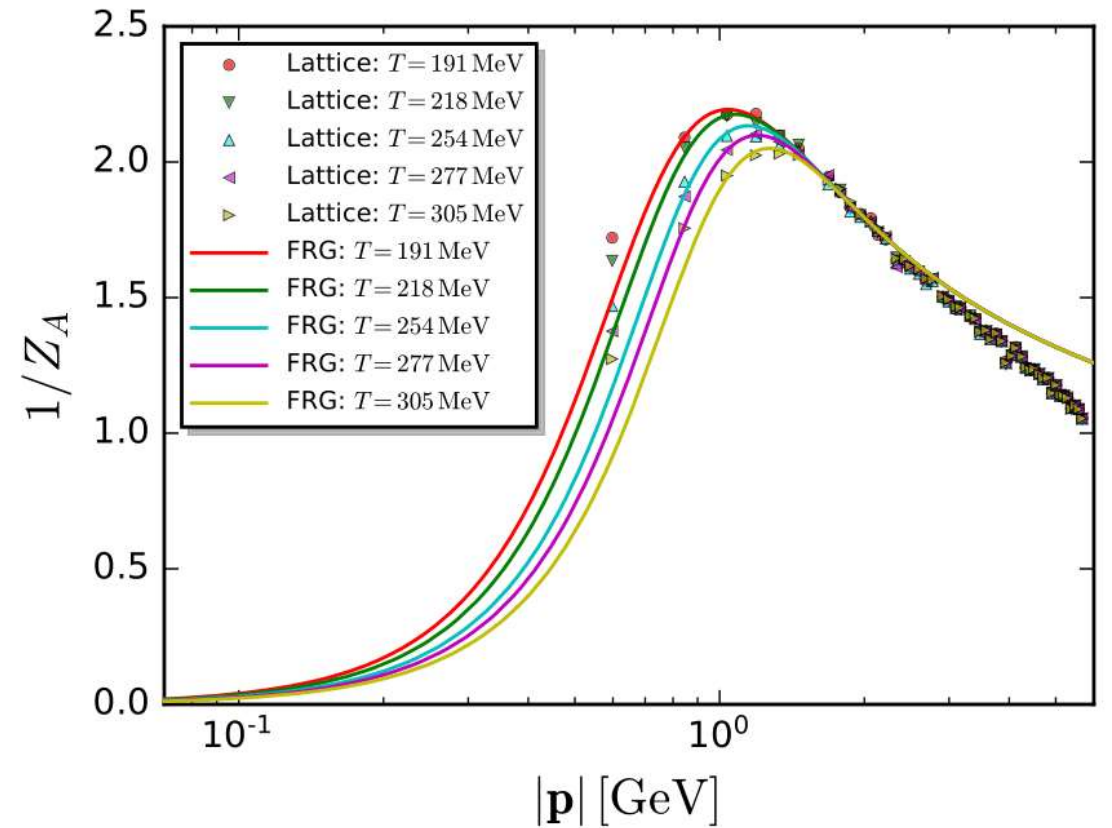
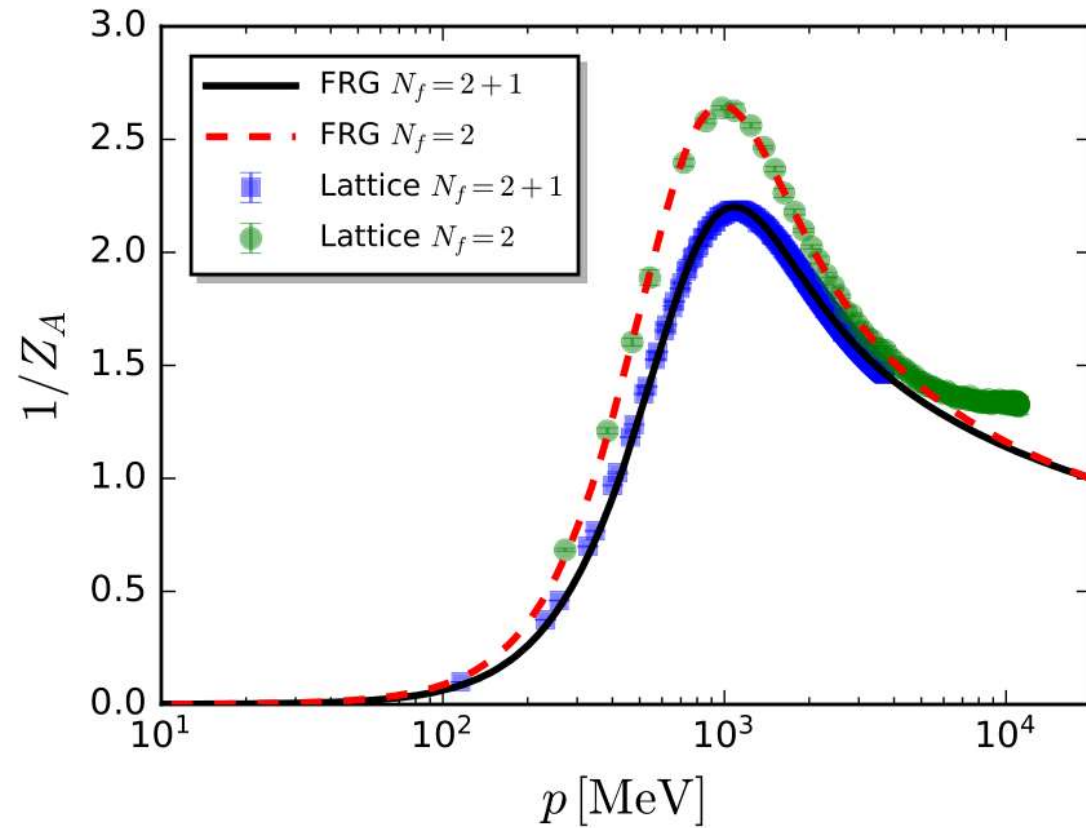
We get the hadronization functions :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{A}_{l,k} &= -\frac{1}{h_{l,k}} \text{Flow}_{(\bar{q} T^L q)(\bar{q} T^L q)}^{(4)} \\ \dot{A}_{s,k} &= -\frac{1}{h_{s,k}} \text{Flow}_{(\bar{q} T^S q)(\bar{q} T^S q)}^{(4)} \\ \partial_t h_{l,k} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_l} \frac{\delta \tilde{U}(\Sigma)}{\delta \sigma_l} \dot{A}_{l,k} + \frac{1}{\sigma_l} \text{Re}(\text{Flow}_{(\bar{q} T^L q)}^{(2)}), \\ \partial_t h_{s,k} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_s} \frac{\delta \tilde{U}(\Sigma)}{\delta \sigma_s} \dot{A}_{s,k} + \frac{1}{\sigma_s} \text{Re}(\text{Flow}_{(\bar{q} T^S q)}^{(2)}). \end{aligned}$$

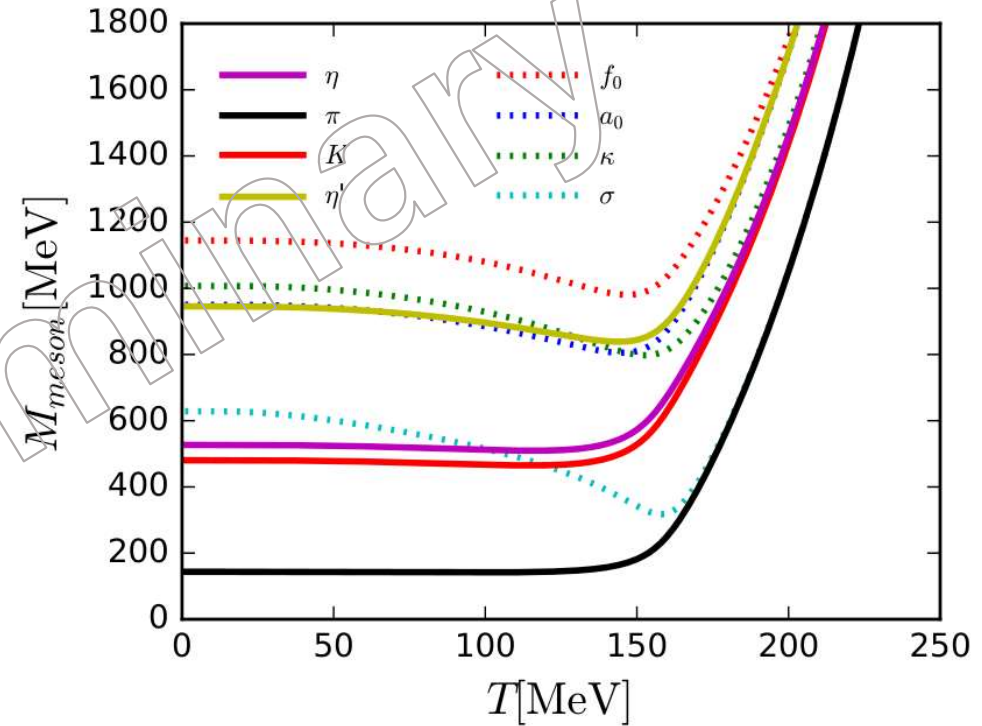
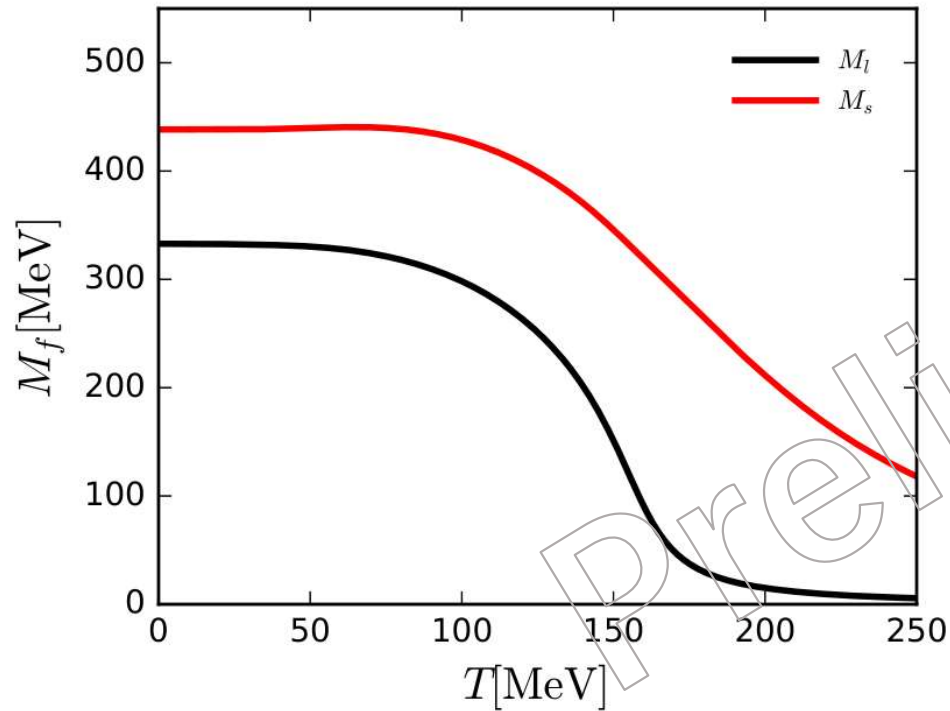


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# The Gluon Propagator at $T=0$ and Finite $T$



# Quarks and Mesons Masses



$$\Lambda = 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_u = m_d = m_l$$

$$m_{s,k=\Lambda} / m_{l,k=\Lambda} = 27.4$$

$$m_{l,k=IR} = 333 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{s,k=IR} = 438 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\pi = 142 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_K = 481 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\sigma = 628 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\eta = 527 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\eta'} = 946 \text{ MeV}$$

# The mixing angles between light-strange (LS) basis and physical basis

Hessian matrix

$$H_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{U}_k(\Sigma, \Sigma^\dagger)}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j}$$

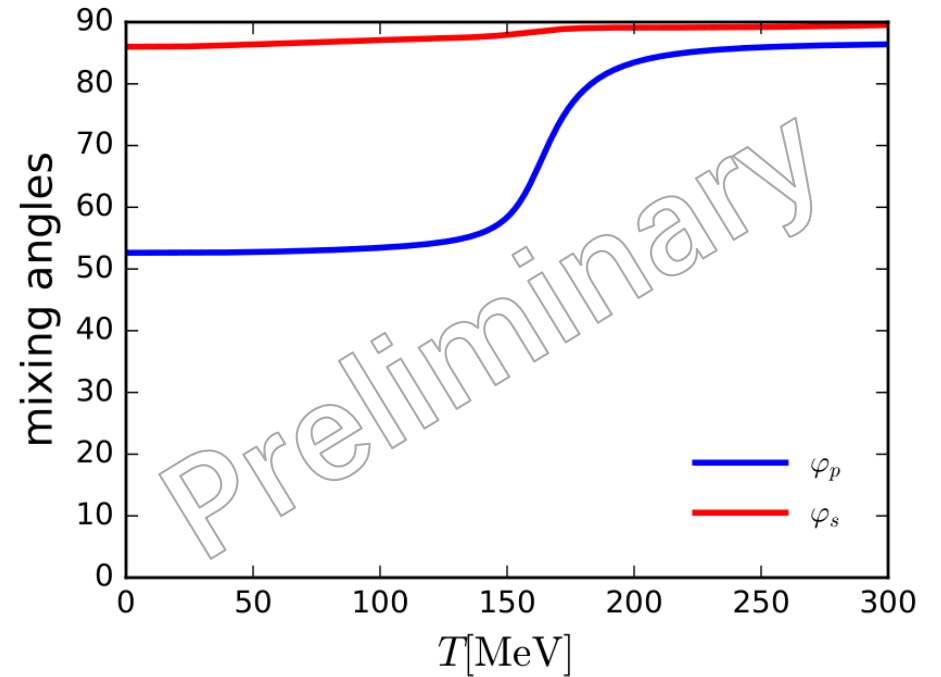
Because the nonvanishing nondiagonal element  $H_{s/p,ls}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_0 \\ \sigma \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi_s & -\sin \varphi_s \\ \sin \varphi_s & \cos \varphi_s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_l \\ \sigma_s \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta \\ \eta' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi_p & -\sin \varphi_p \\ \sin \varphi_p & \cos \varphi_p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_l \\ \eta_s \end{pmatrix}$$

The mixing angles

$$\varphi_{s/p} = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \left( \frac{2H_{s/p,ls}}{H_{s/p,ss} - H_{s/p,ll}} \right)$$



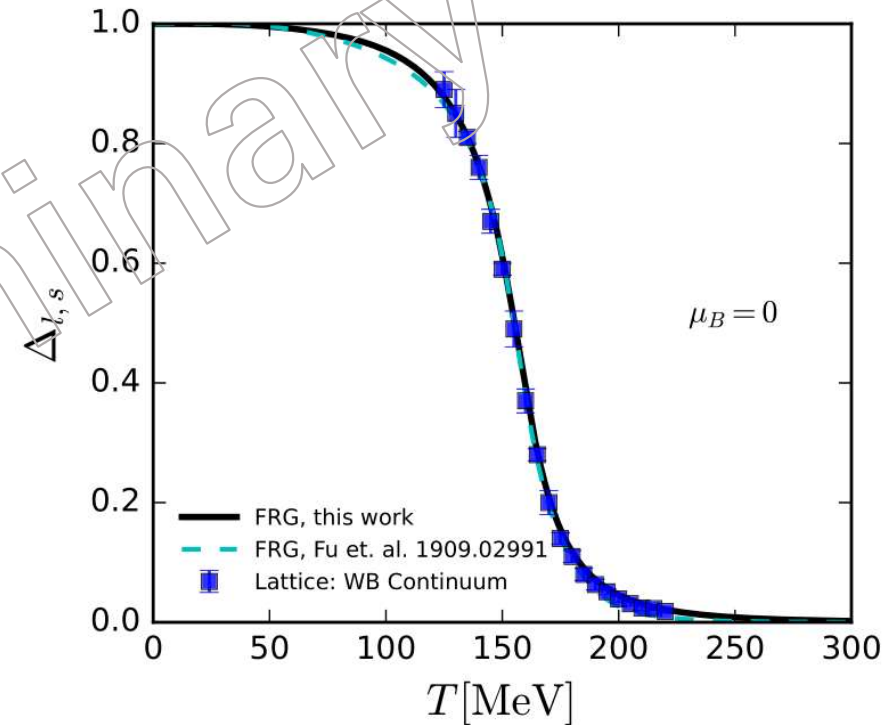
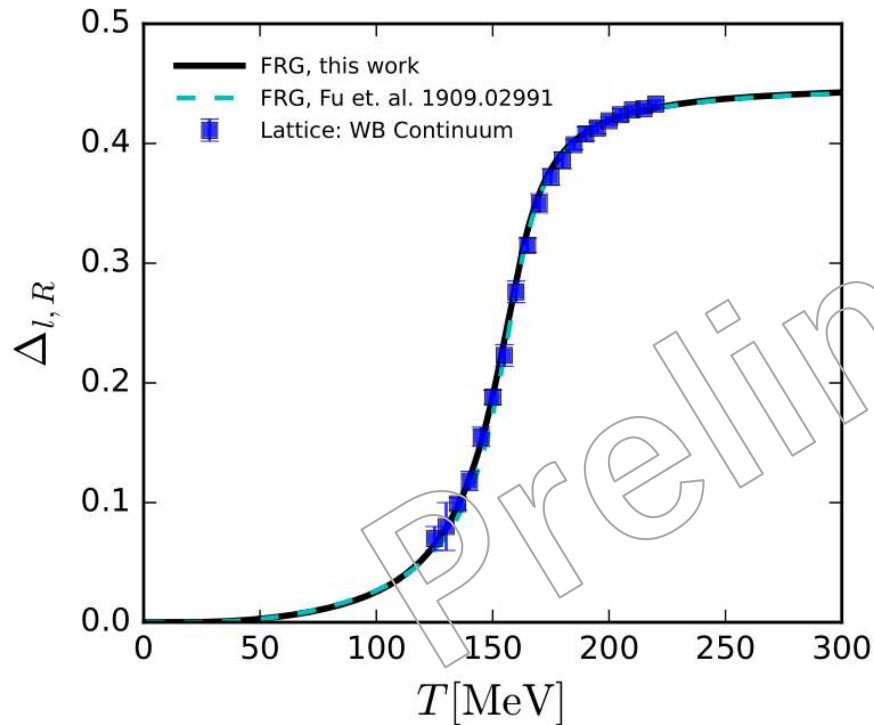


# The light and reduced chiral condensate

$$\Delta_{q_i} = m_{q_i}^0 \frac{T}{\mathcal{V}} \int_x \langle \bar{q}_i(x) q_i(x) \rangle$$

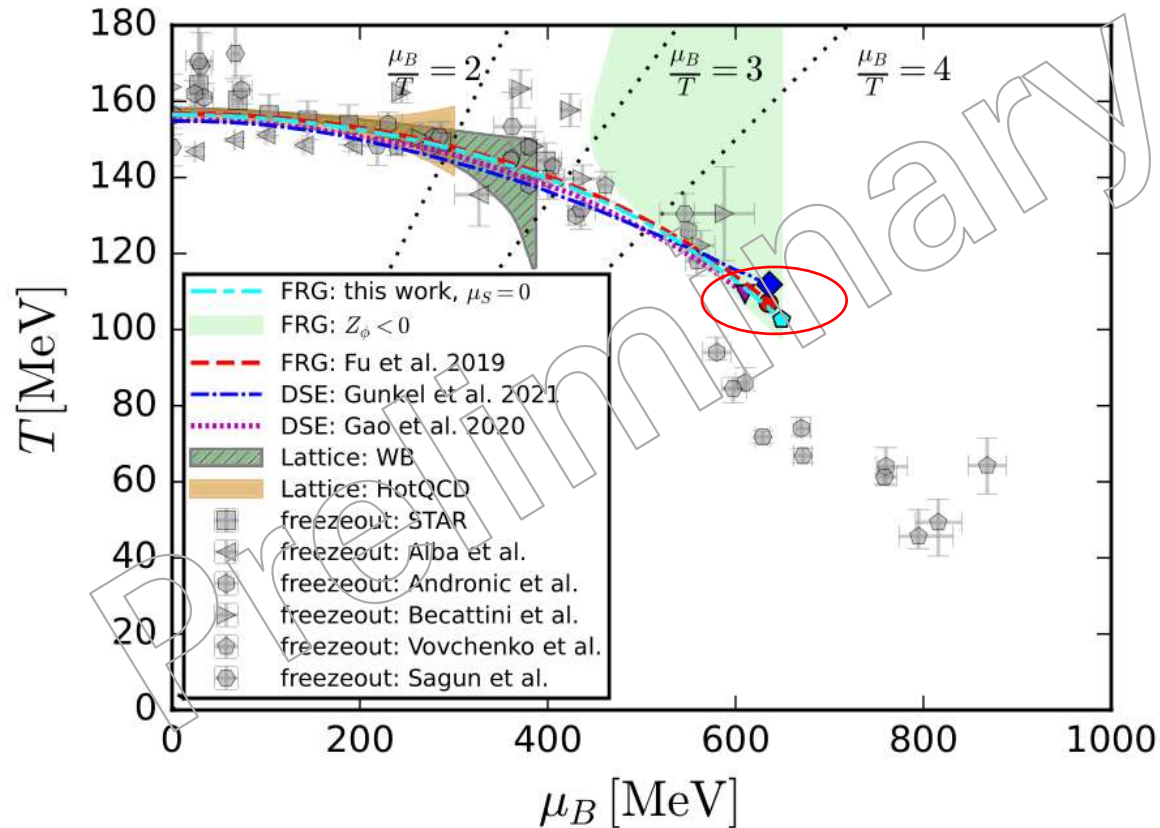
$$\Delta_{q_i,R} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_R} [\Delta_{q_i}(T, \mu_q) - \Delta_{q_i}(0, 0)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{l,s} &\equiv \frac{\Delta_l(T, \mu_B) - \left(\frac{m_l^0}{m_s^0}\right)^2 \Delta_s(T, \mu_B)}{\Delta_l(0, 0) - \left(\frac{m_l^0}{m_s^0}\right)^2 \Delta_s(0, 0)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_l(T, \mu_B) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}c_l}{c_s}\right)\sigma_s(T, \mu_B)}{\sigma_l(0, 0) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}c_l}{c_s}\right)\sigma_s(0, 0)}. \end{aligned}$$





# Phase diagram with $\mu_s = 0$



$$T_{pc} = 156 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c(\mu_B = 0)} = 1 - \kappa_2 \left[ \frac{\mu_B}{T_c(\mu_B)} \right]^2 - \kappa_4 \left[ \frac{\mu_B}{T_c(\mu_B)} \right]^4 \dots$$

$$\kappa_2(\mu_s = 0) = 0.0148(2)$$

$$\kappa_2 = 0.015(1)$$

H. T. Ding, et.al. arXiv:2403.09390

$$\kappa_2 = 0.0153 \pm 0.0018$$

S. Borsanyi, et.al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 052001 (2020),

$$(T_{CEP} = 102 \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 649 \text{ MeV}), \mu_s = 0$$

$$(T, \mu_B)_{CEP} = (107, 635) \text{ MeV}$$

fRG: W-j Fu, Pawłowski, Rennecke, PRD 101 (2020), 054032

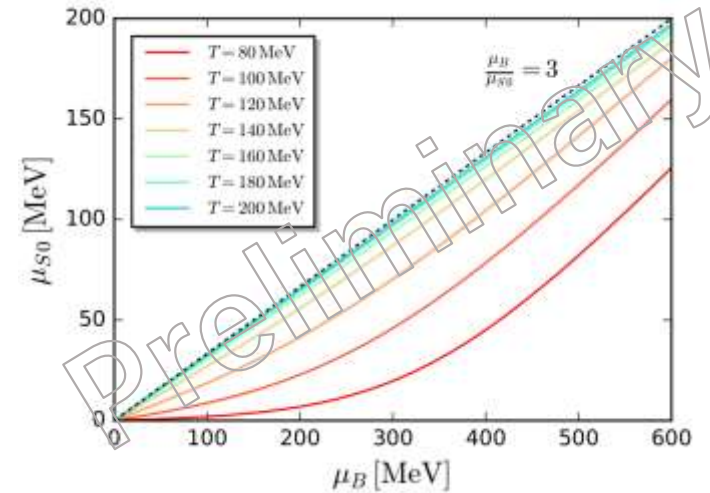
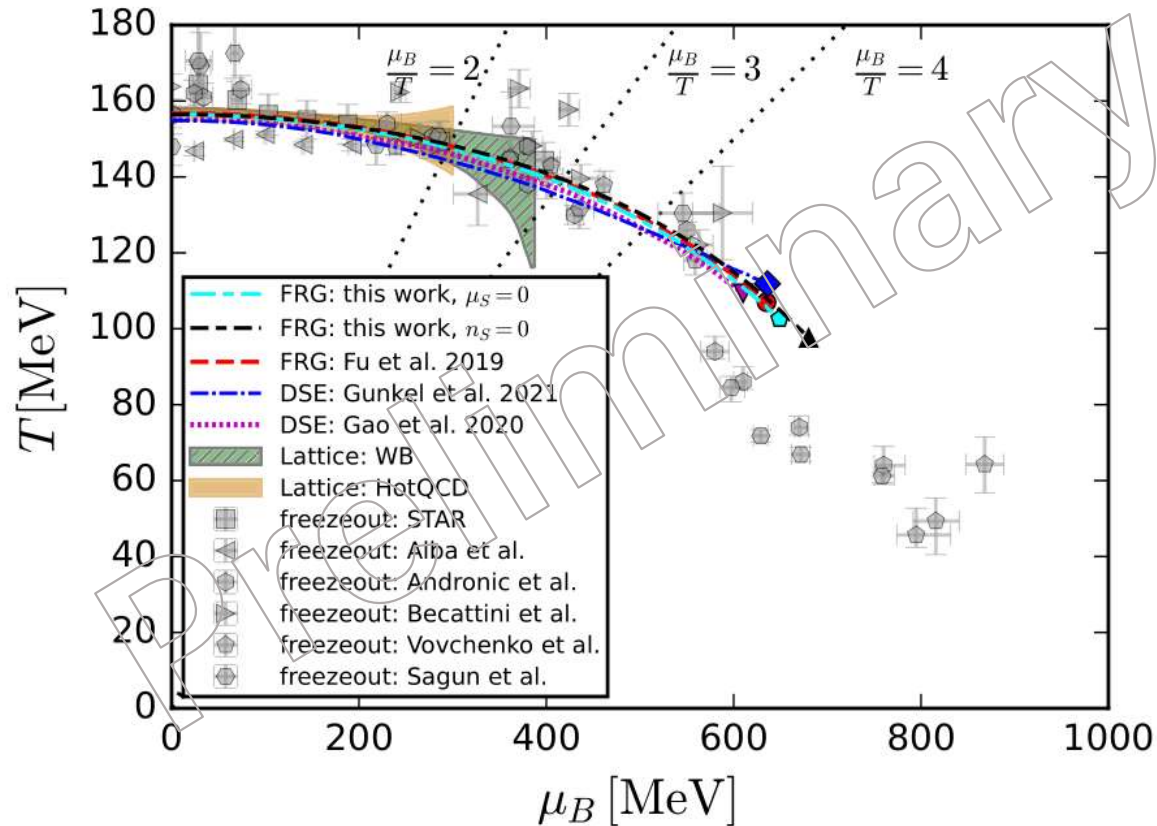
$$(T, \mu_B)_{CEP} = (109, 610) \text{ MeV}$$

DSE (fRG): Gao, Pawłowski, PLB 820 (2021) 136584

$$(T, \mu_B)_{CEP} = (112, 636) \text{ MeV}$$

DSE: Gunkel, Fischer, PRD 104 (2021) 5, 054022

# Phase diagram with $\mu_s = 0$ and $n_s = 0$



$$\kappa_2(\mu_s = 0) = 0.0148(2)$$

$$\kappa_2(n_s = 0) = 0.0134(2)$$

$$\kappa_2(n_s = 0) / \kappa_2(\mu_s = 0) = 0.91(2)$$

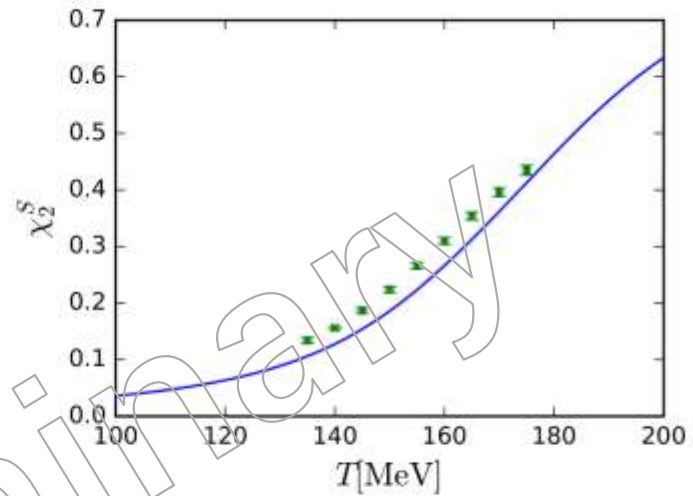
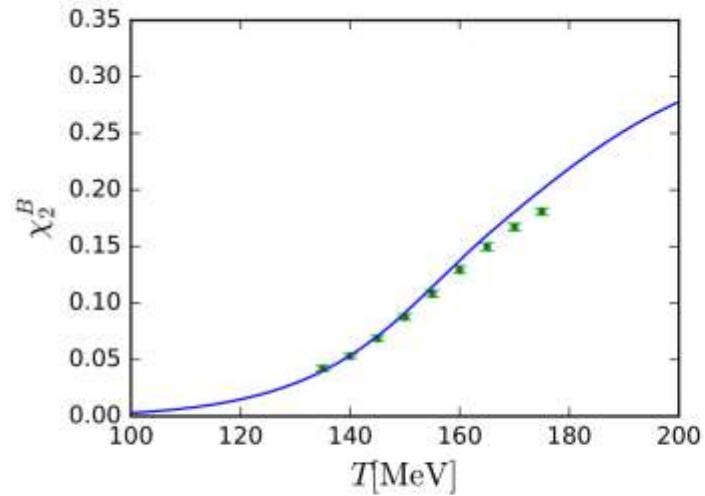
$$(T_{CEP} = 102 \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 649 \text{ MeV}), \mu_s = 0$$

$$(T_{CEP} = 97 \text{ MeV}, \mu_B = 680 \text{ MeV}), n_s = 0$$

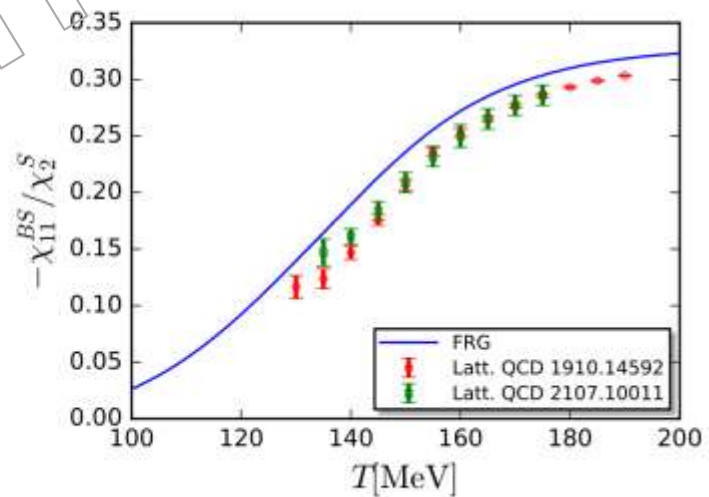
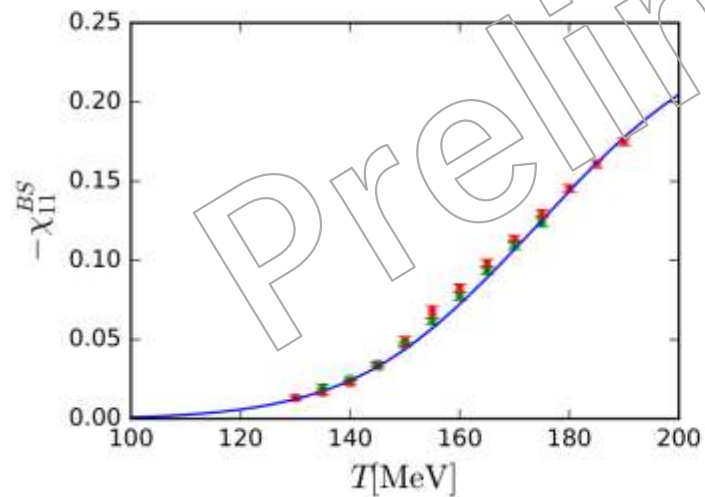
$$\kappa_2^B(n_s = 0) / \kappa_2^B(\mu_s = 0) = 0.893(35)$$

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# The 2nd order susceptibilities

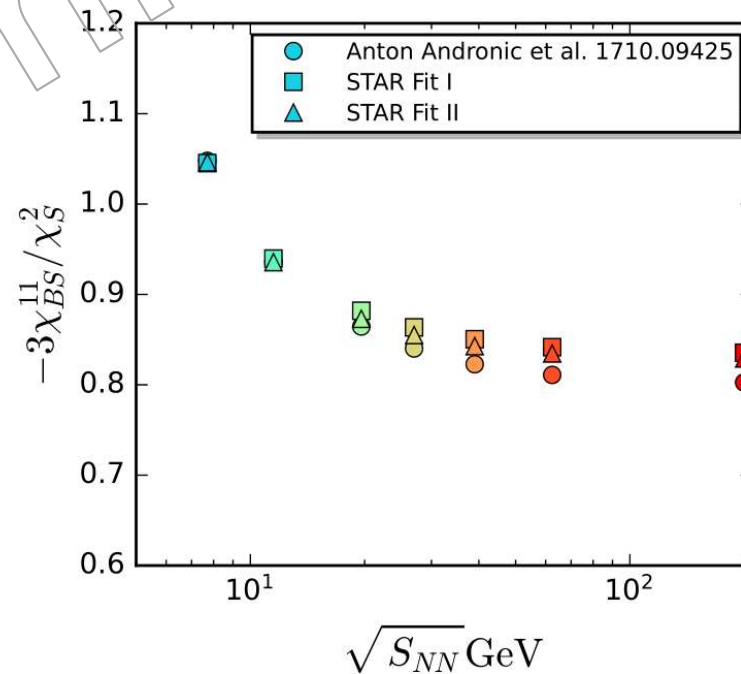
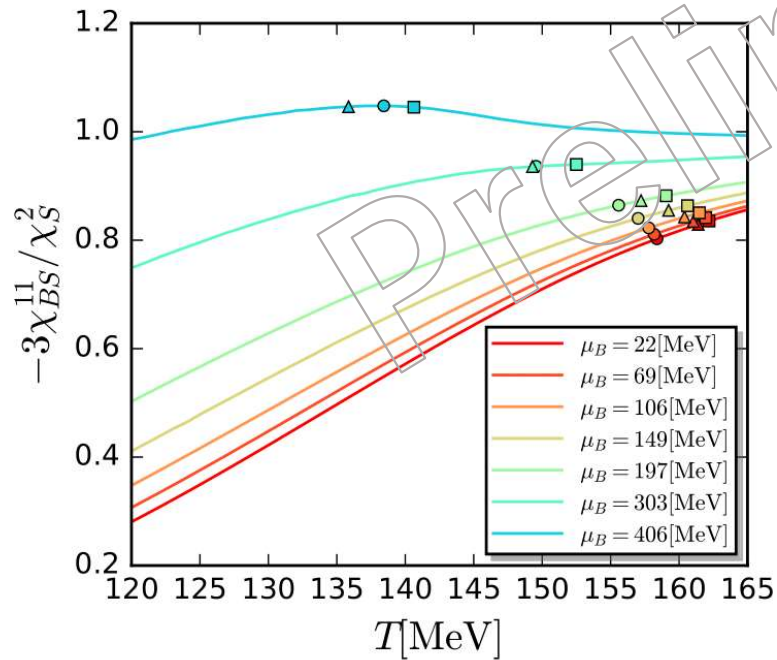
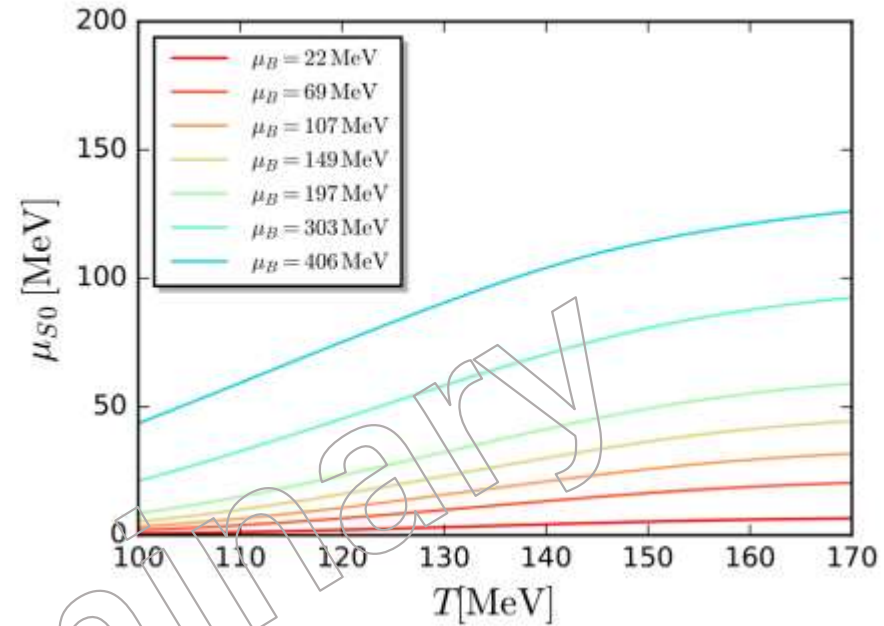
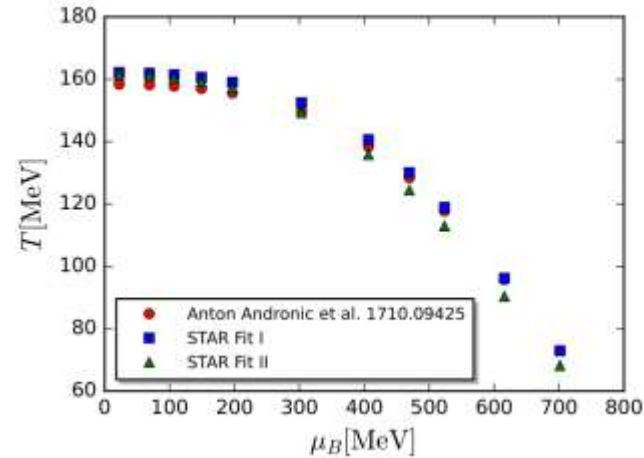


$$\chi_{ijk}^{BQS} = \frac{\partial^{i+j+k}}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^i \partial \hat{\mu}_Q^j \partial \hat{\mu}_S^k} \frac{p}{T^4}$$



# B-S Correlation

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# Summary

- We build the 2+1 flavor QCD theory within FRG approach. The light and reduced chiral condensate are in good agreement with the Lattice results.
- The curvature of the phase boundary
$$\kappa_2(n_S = 0)/\kappa_2(\mu_S = 0) = 0.91(2)$$
and the  $\mu_{B,CEP}(n_S = 0)$  is slightly larger than  $\mu_{B,CEP}(\mu_S = 0)$ .
- The 2nd order baryon-strangeness correlation functions are monotonic changed with the collision energy.

Thanks for your attention