

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN STUDIES OF THE
QCD PHASE DIAGRAM

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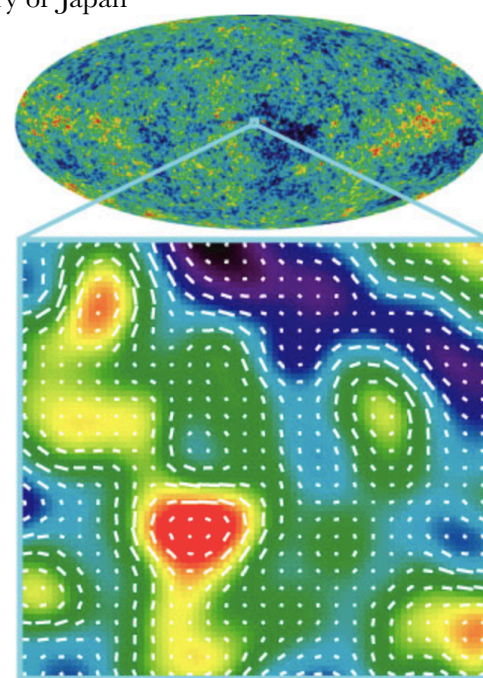
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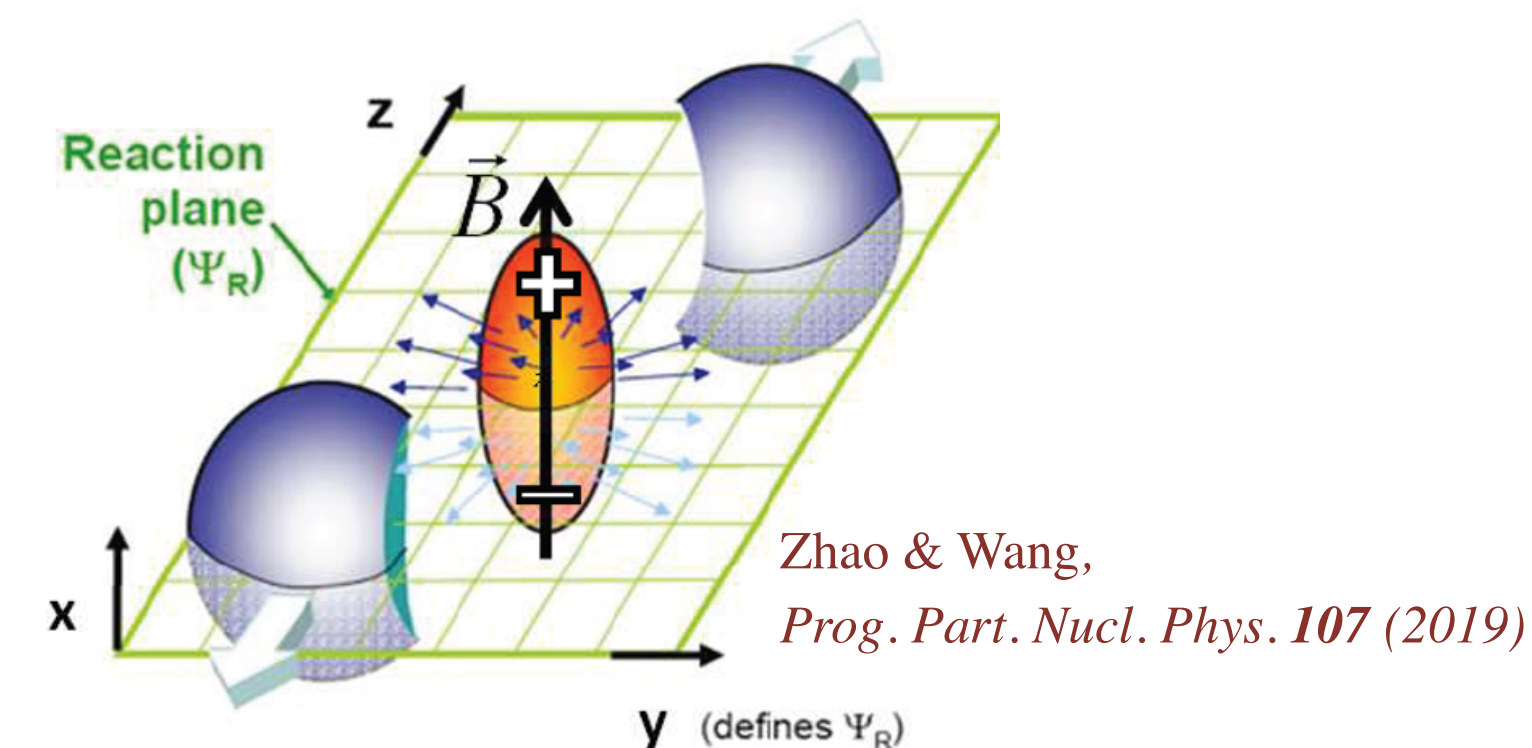


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EoS and interplay with magnetic fields is ubiquitous!

QCD EOS IN STRONG MAGNETIC FIELDS AND NON-ZERO BARYON DENSITY

- ★ Interest in rich QCD phase structure at finite T and non-zero μ !
- ★ Pressure Taylor expanded as fluctuations of conserved charges $\mathcal{C} \in \{B, Q, S\}$,

$$\hat{p}(T, eB, \hat{\mu}) \equiv \frac{p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln \mathcal{Z}_{\text{GC}}(T, eB, V, \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{C}})$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!j!k!} \chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} \hat{\mu}_{\text{B}}^i \hat{\mu}_{\text{Q}}^j \hat{\mu}_{\text{S}}^k$$

(Lattice computable, theory meets experiment)

$$\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} \equiv \chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}(T, eB) = \left. \frac{\partial^{i+j+k}}{\partial \hat{\mu}_{\text{B}}^i \partial \hat{\mu}_{\text{Q}}^j \partial \hat{\mu}_{\text{S}}^k} \hat{p}(T, eB, \hat{\mu}) \right|_{\hat{\mu}=0}$$

SIGN-PROBLEM



TAYLOR EXPAND

$$\mu_f \longleftrightarrow \mu_{\mathcal{C}} \quad \chi_{ijk}^{uds} \longleftrightarrow \chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}$$

(2+1) QCD

$$\mu_u = \frac{1}{3} \mu_{\text{B}} + \frac{2}{3} \mu_{\text{Q}}$$

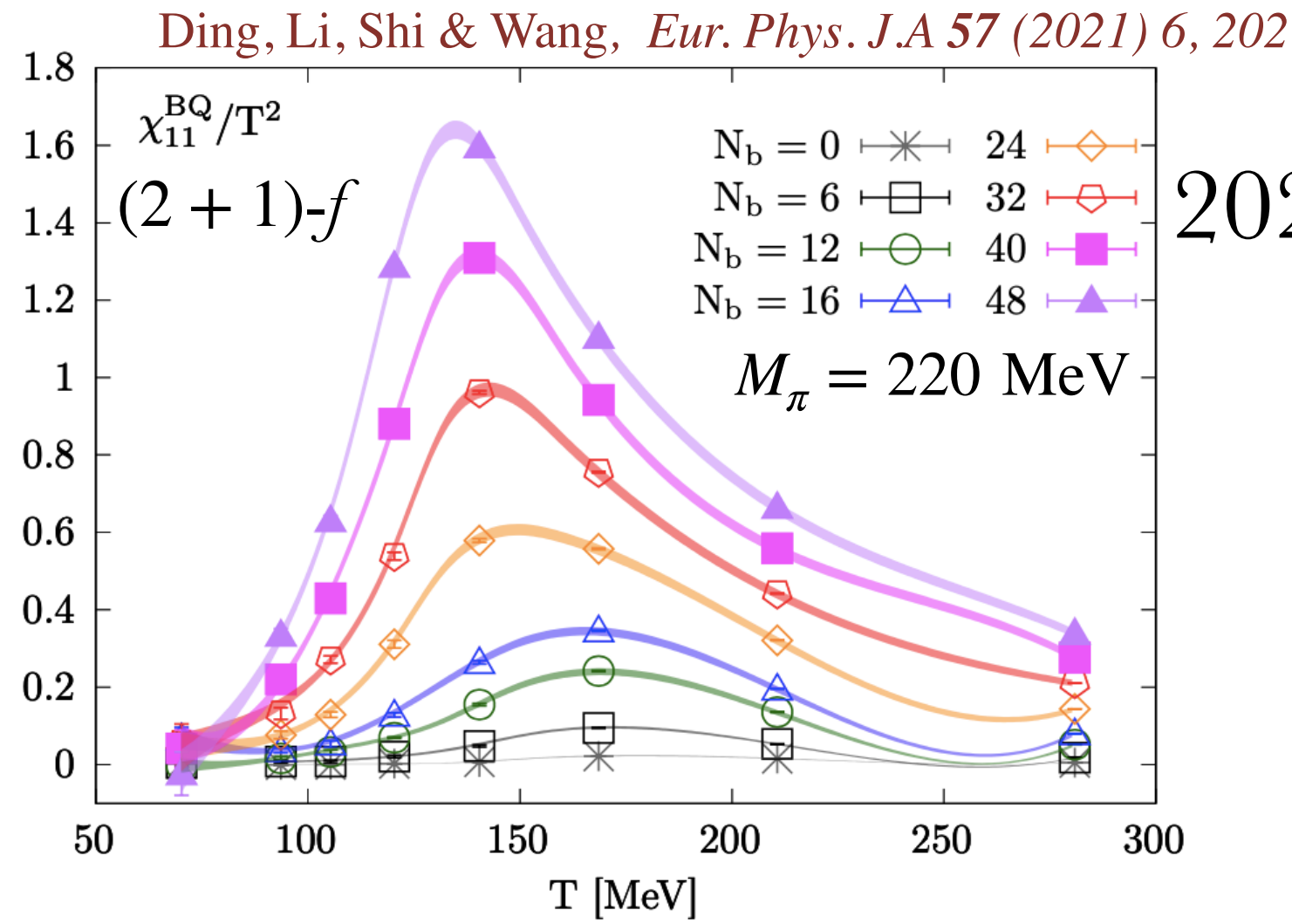
$$\mu_d = \frac{1}{3} \mu_{\text{B}} - \frac{1}{3} \mu_{\text{Q}}$$

$$\mu_s = \frac{1}{3} \mu_{\text{B}} - \frac{1}{3} \mu_{\text{Q}} - \mu_{\text{S}}$$

RECENT LATTICE WORKS:

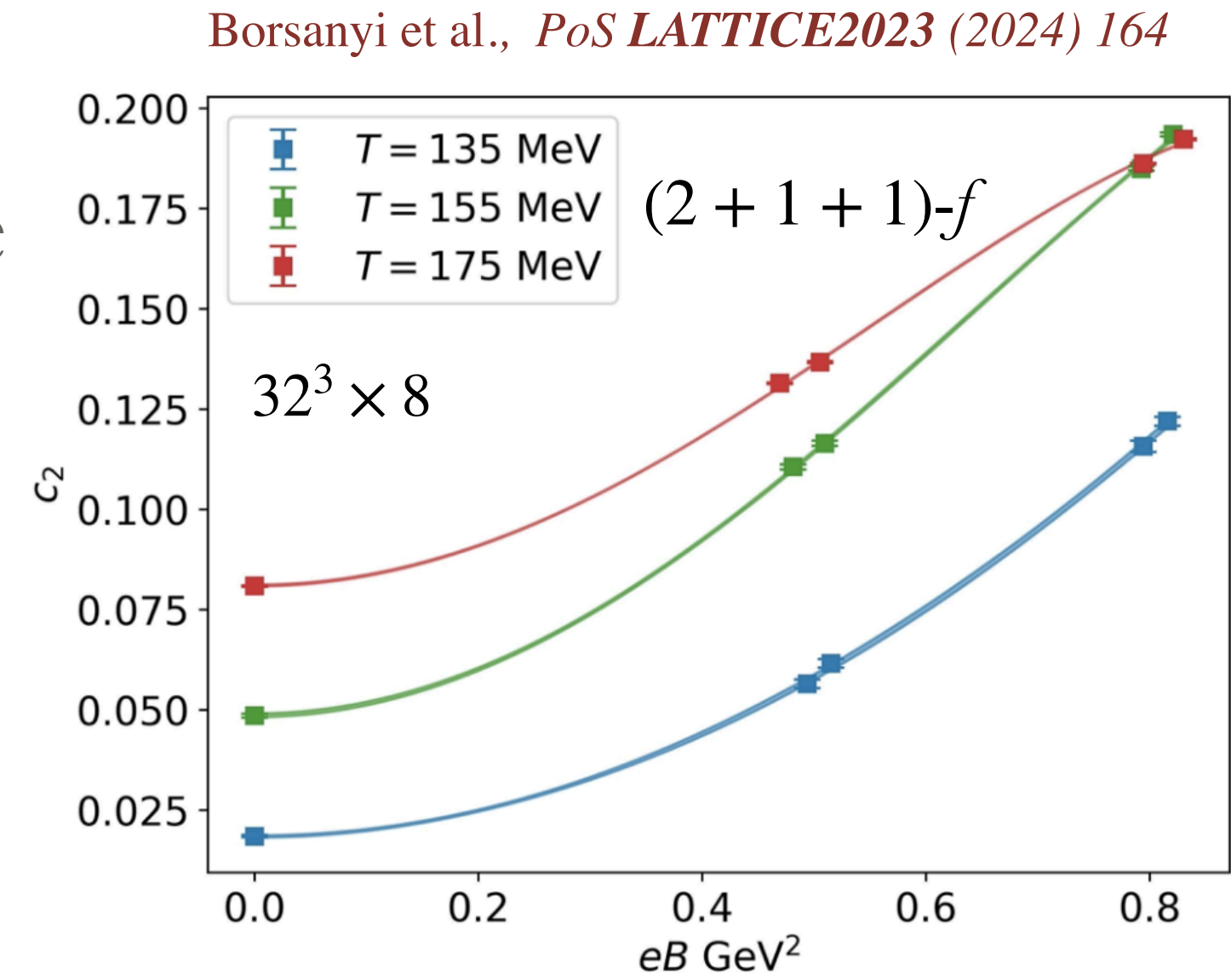
CONSERVED CHARGES IN MAGNETIC FIELDS

χ_{ijk}^{BQS}



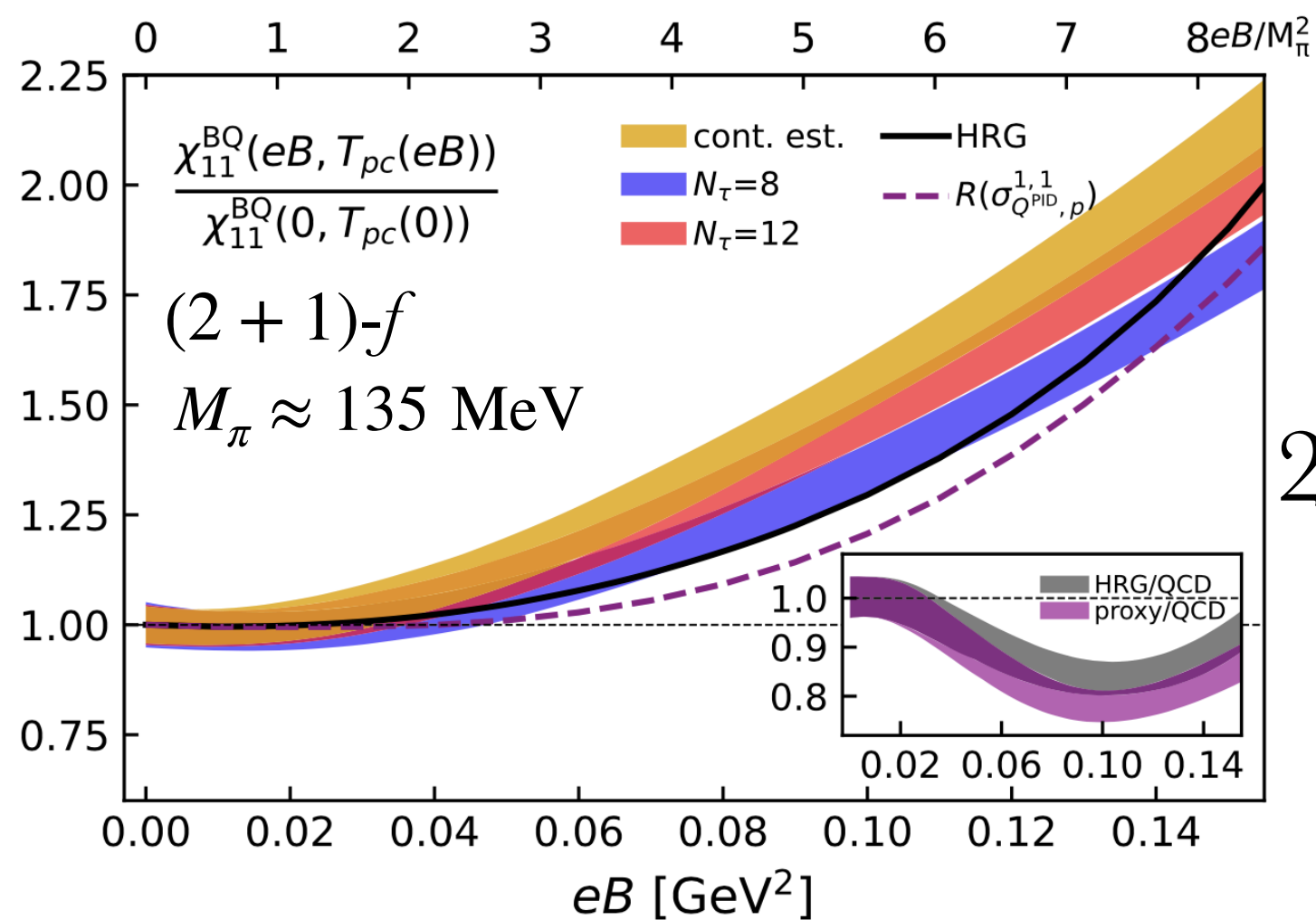
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EoS:
Pressure

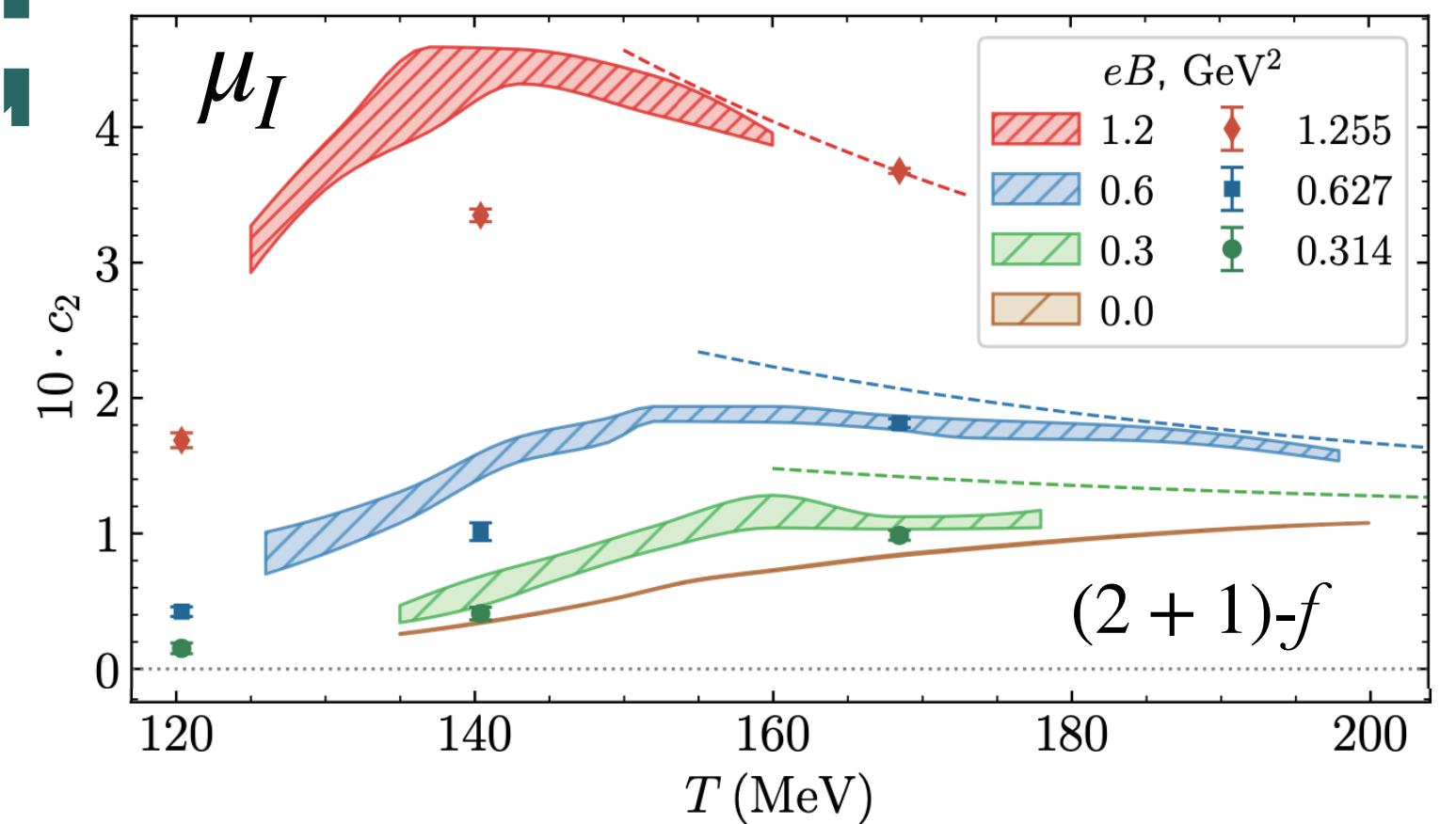


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★ Recent review article:
 “QCD with background electromagnetic fields on the lattice: a review”
 Endrodi, arXiv:2406.19780



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(2+1)-FLAVOR QCD LATTICE

INGREDIENTS

- HISQ & tree-level improved Symanzik gauge action
- Lattice: $N_\sigma/N_\tau = 4$ and $N_\tau = 8, 12 \rightarrow$ cont. est. (one additional $N_\tau = 16$)
- Physical pion mass: $m_s^{\text{phy}}/m_{\text{uld}} = 27$,
 $M_\pi \approx 135$ MeV
- Non-zero μ and T : Taylor expansion, around T_{pc}
 $T \equiv [145 - 166)$ MeV
- Magnetic field: $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$: no sign-problem!
 B_z : Landau gauge. Stokes theorem implies quantization:

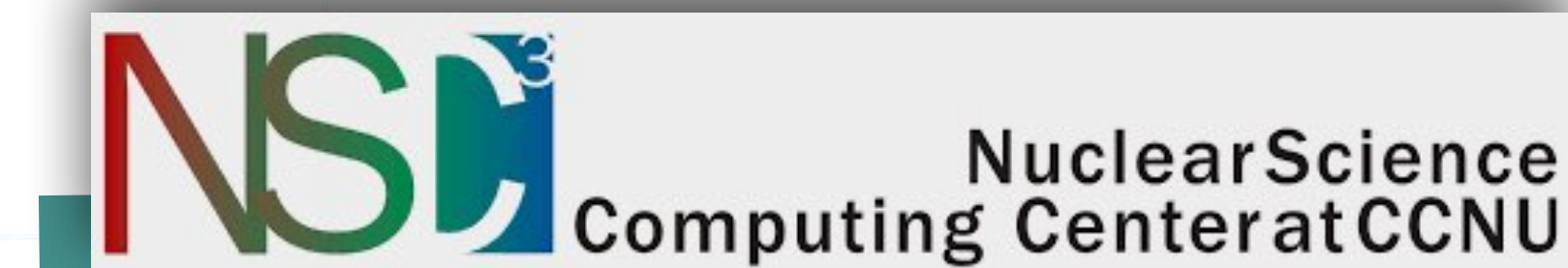
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$$eB = 6\pi N_b a^{-2} N_\sigma^{-2}$$

Fixed U(1) factor to links. PBC : constrains flux:

$$N_b = [1 - 32]$$

$$eB \equiv [M_\pi^2 - 45M_\pi^2) \sim [0.02 - 0.8) \text{ GeV}^2$$



TALK BY JIN-BIAO

$$\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}$$

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Baryon Electric Charge Correlation as a Magnetometer of QCD

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THERMODYNAMICS

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OBSERVABLES OF INTEREST $\mathcal{O}(T, eB, \hat{\mu})$

PRESSURE

$$\hat{p} = \sum_{ijk} \frac{1}{i!j!k!} \chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} \hat{\mu}_B^i \hat{\mu}_Q^j \hat{\mu}_S^k$$

$$\hat{p}_{\text{LO}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu}^T \chi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BQS}} \hat{\mu}$$

$$\hat{\mu} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mu}_B \\ \hat{\mu}_Q \\ \hat{\mu}_S \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BQS}} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \chi_2^{\text{B}} & \chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}} & \chi_{11}^{\text{BS}} \\ \chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}} & \chi_2^{\text{Q}} & \chi_{11}^{\text{QS}} \\ \chi_{11}^{\text{BS}} & \chi_{11}^{\text{QS}} & \chi_2^{\text{S}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{LO} : i + j + k = 2$$

$$\Xi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BQS}} \equiv T \frac{\partial \chi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BQS}}}{\partial T}$$

NUMBER DENSITY

$$\hat{n}^{\mathcal{E}} \equiv \frac{n_{\mathcal{E}}}{T^3} = \frac{\partial \hat{p}}{\partial \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{E}}} = \sum_{ijk} \frac{\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}}{i!j!k!} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_{\mathcal{E}}} \left(\hat{\mu}_B^i \hat{\mu}_Q^j \hat{\mu}_S^k \right)$$

$$\hat{n}_{\text{LO}}^{\mathcal{E}} \equiv \chi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BQS}} \hat{\mu}$$

ENERGY AND ENTROPY DENSITY

Trace Anomaly $\hat{\Delta} \equiv \frac{\epsilon - 3P}{T^4} = T \frac{\partial \hat{p}}{\partial T} = \sum_{ijk} \frac{\Xi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}}{i!j!k!} \hat{\mu}_B^i \hat{\mu}_Q^j \hat{\mu}_S^k$

$$\hat{e} \equiv \hat{\Delta} + 3\hat{p} = \sum_{ijk} \frac{\Xi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} + 3\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}}{i!j!k!} \hat{\mu}_B^i \hat{\mu}_Q^j \hat{\mu}_S^k$$

$$\hat{\sigma} \equiv \hat{e} + \hat{p} - \sum_{\mathcal{E}} \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{E}} \hat{n}^{\mathcal{E}}$$

$$= \sum_{ijk} \frac{\Xi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} + [4 - (i + j + k)] \chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}}{i!j!k!} \hat{\mu}_B^i \hat{\mu}_Q^j \hat{\mu}_S^k$$

$$\hat{e}_{\text{LO}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mu}^T \left(\Xi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BQS}} + 3\chi_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BQS}} \right) \hat{\mu}$$

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INITIAL NUCLEI CONDITIONS

$$\hat{p}(T, eB, \hat{\mu}) = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!j!k!} \chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} \hat{\mu}_B^i \hat{\mu}_Q^j \hat{\mu}_S^k \rightarrow \hat{\mu}_B^{i+j+k}$$

Strangeness neutrality : $n^S = 0$

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Isospin symmetry : $n^Q/n^B = r$

$$\hat{\mu}_{Q/S} \equiv \hat{\mu}_{Q/S}(T, eB, \hat{\mu}_B)$$

q_{2k-1}, s_{2k-1}

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

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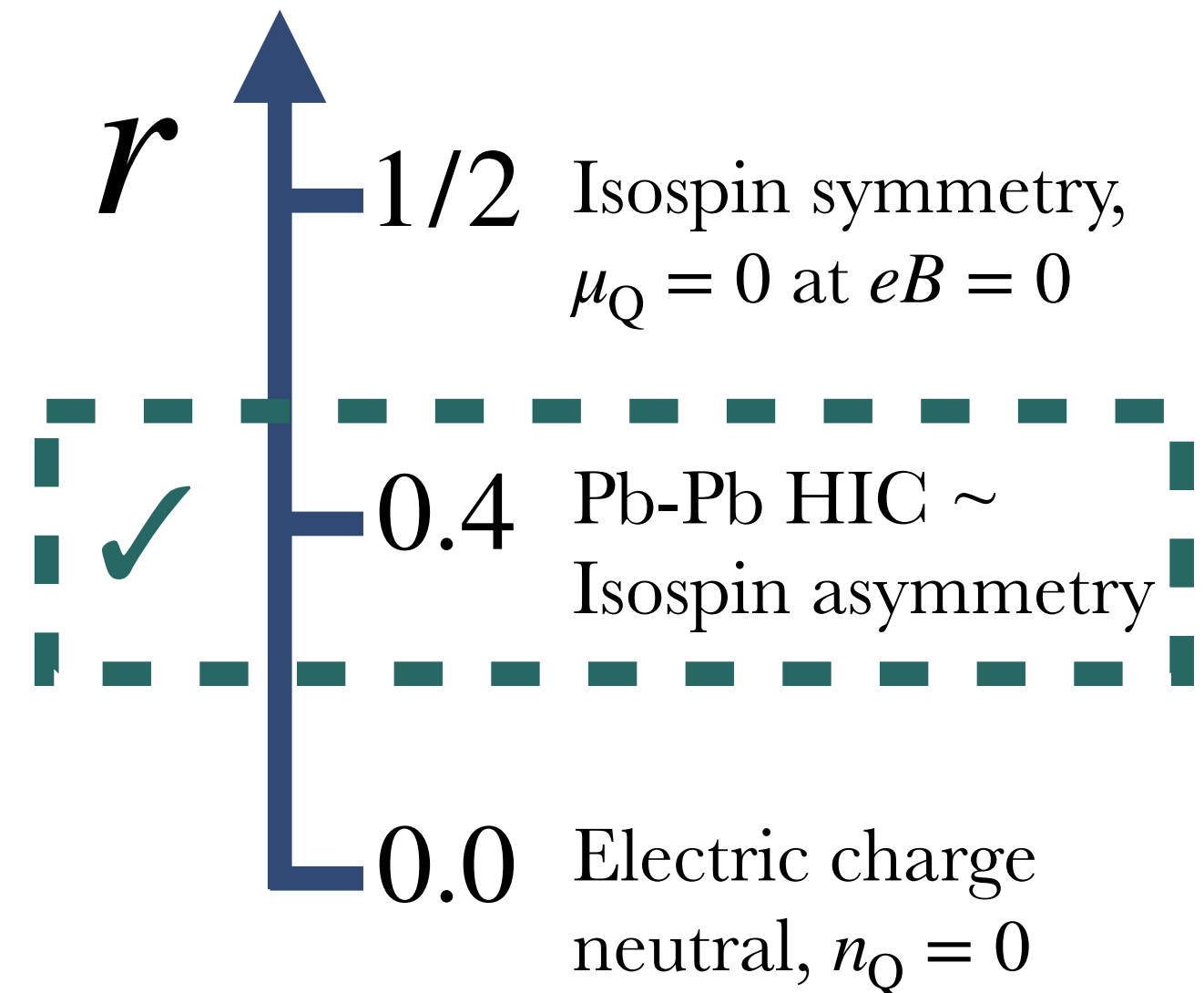
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$$\star P_2 \equiv f(\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}, q_1, s_1)$$

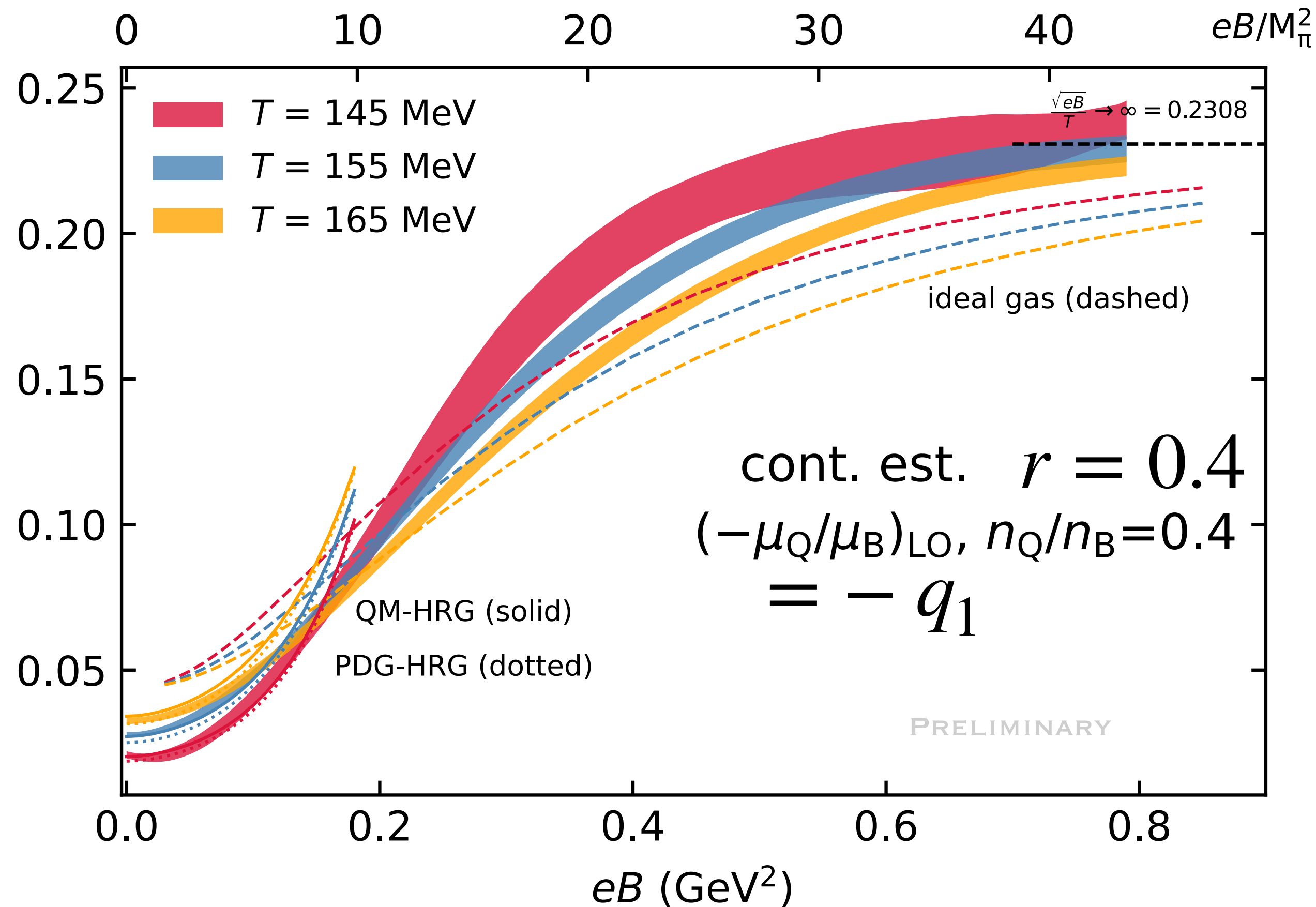
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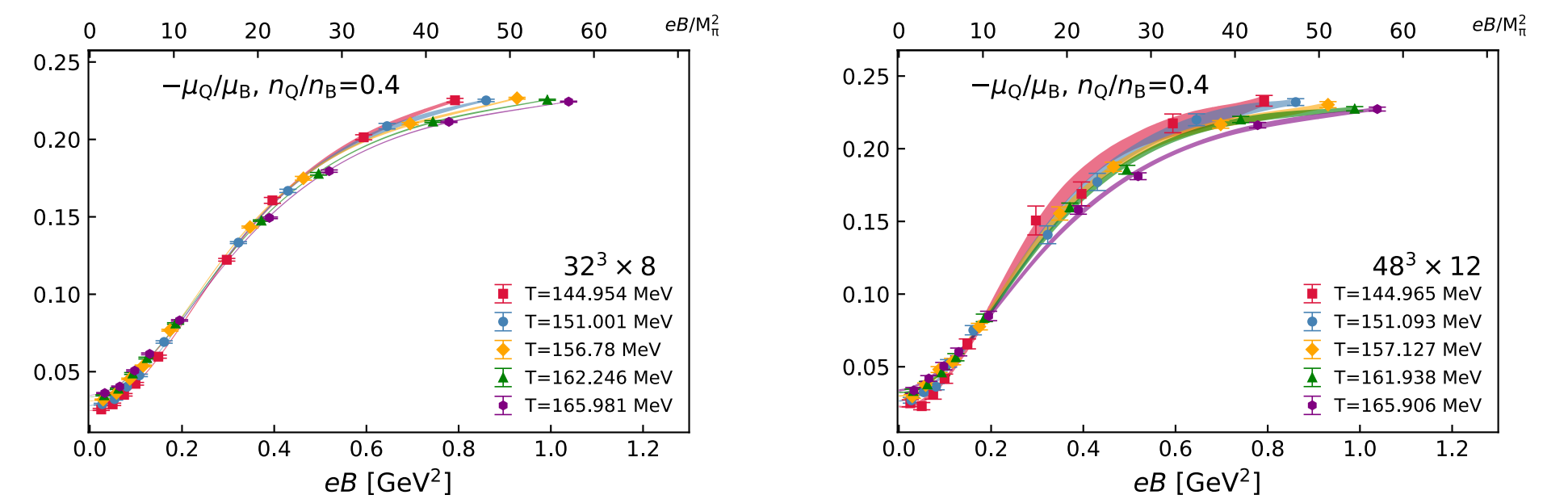


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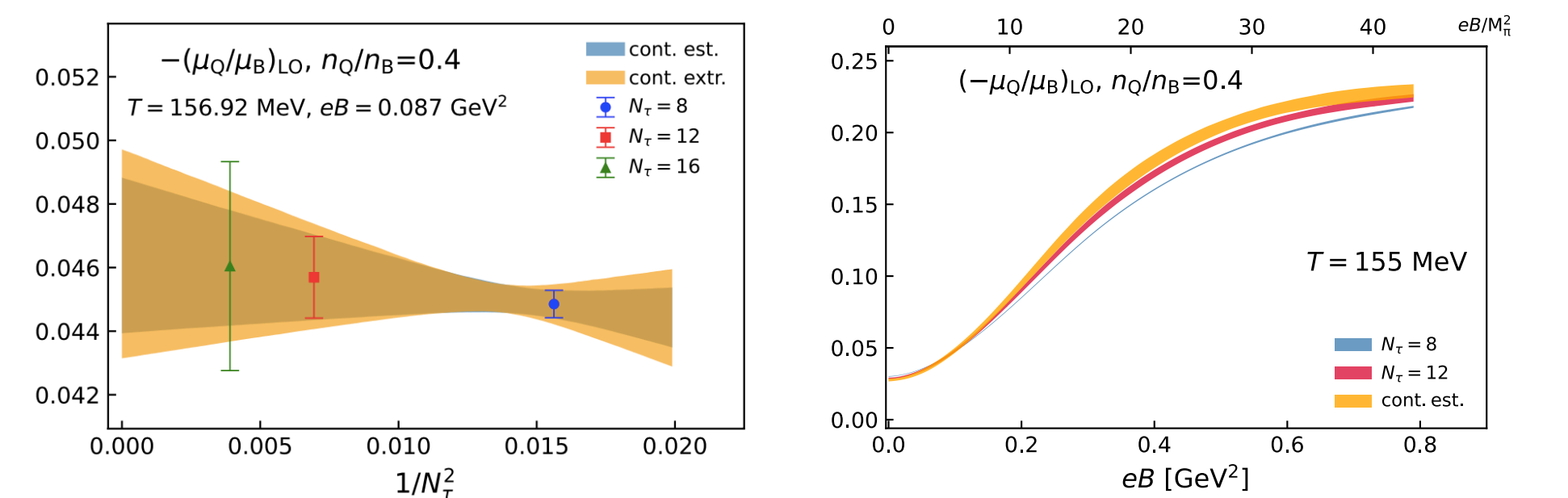
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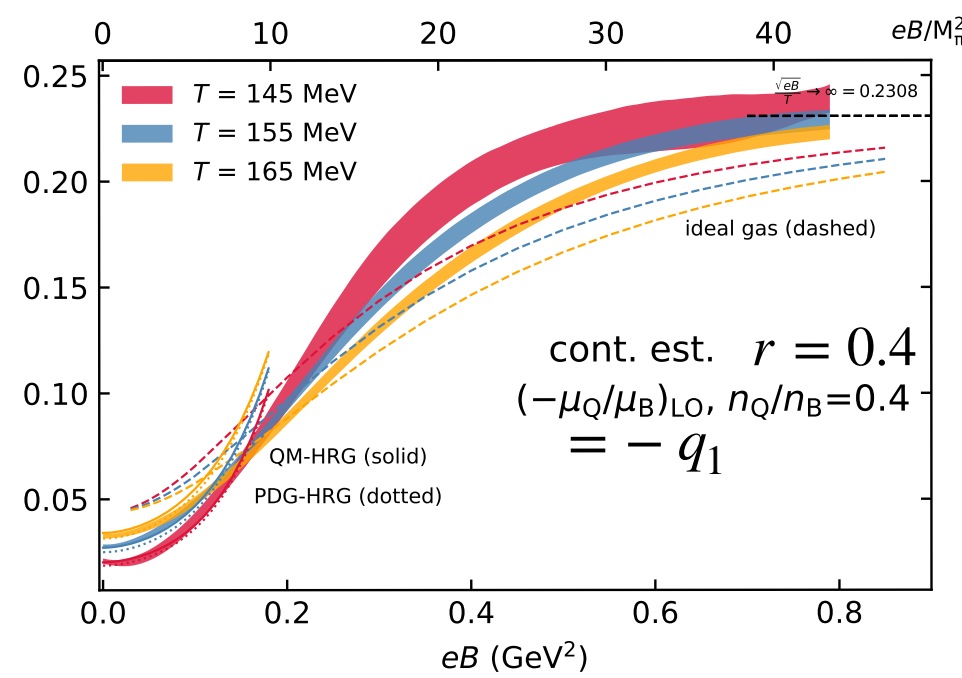


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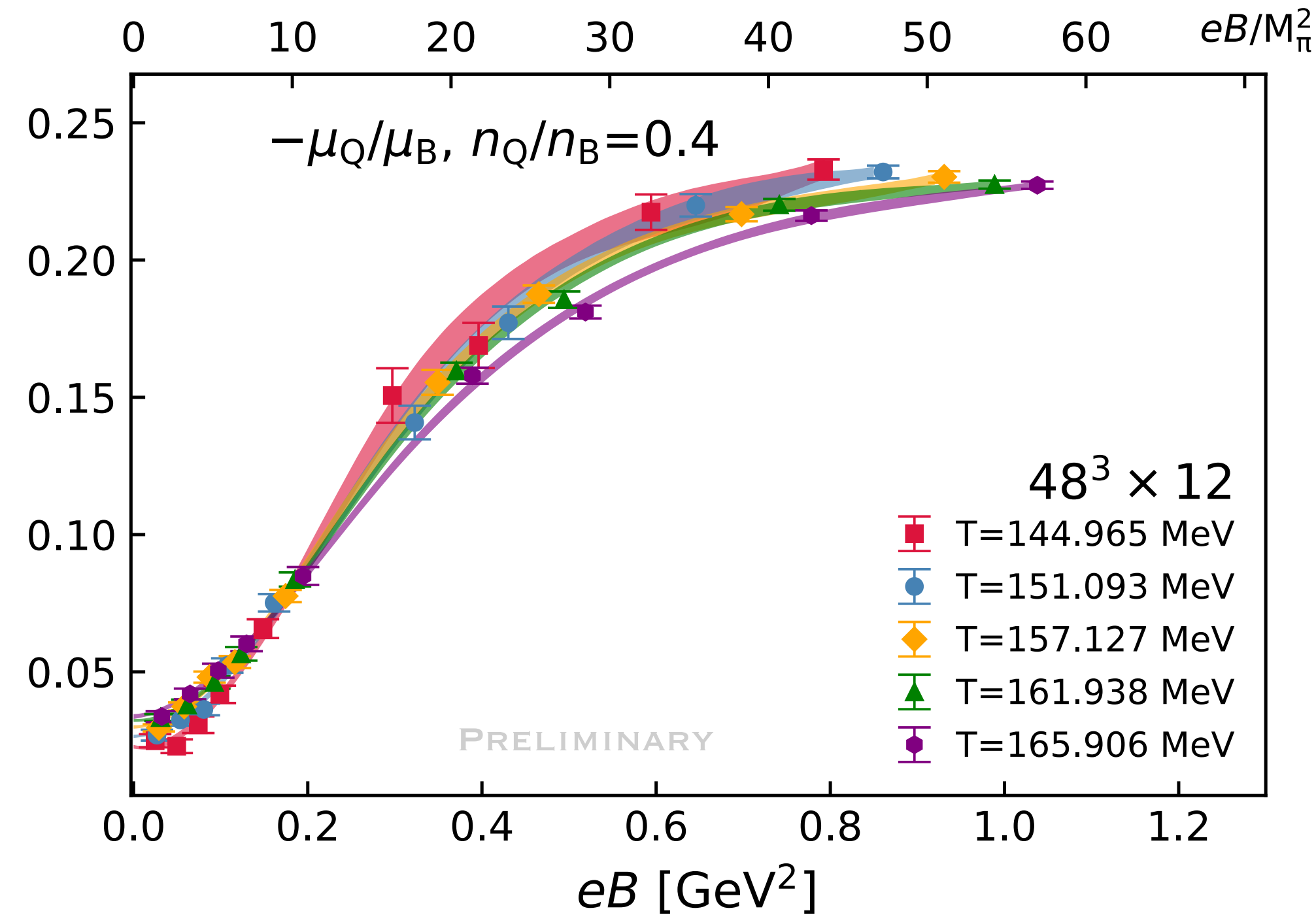
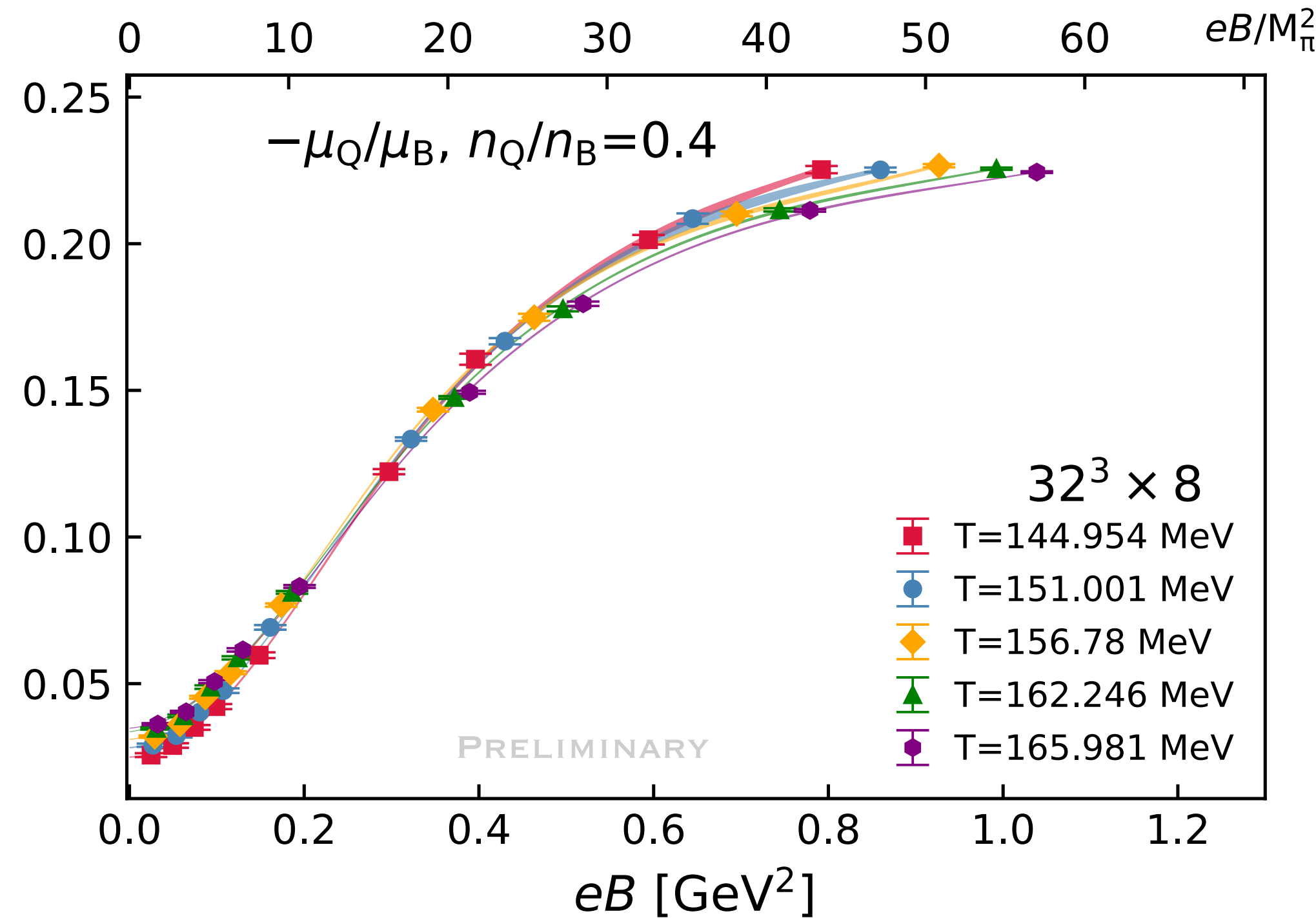
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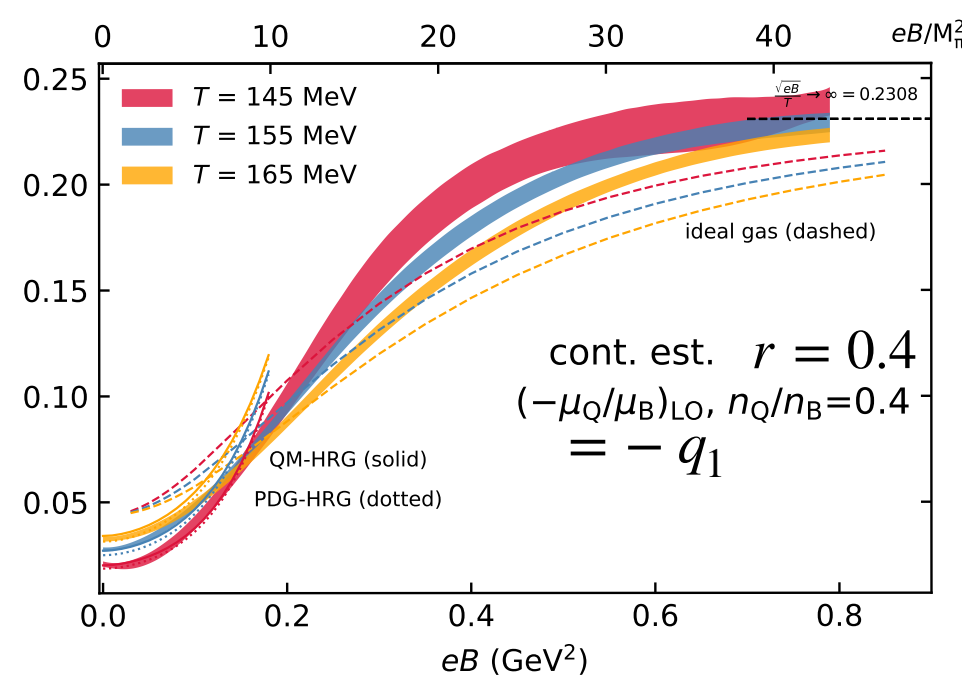
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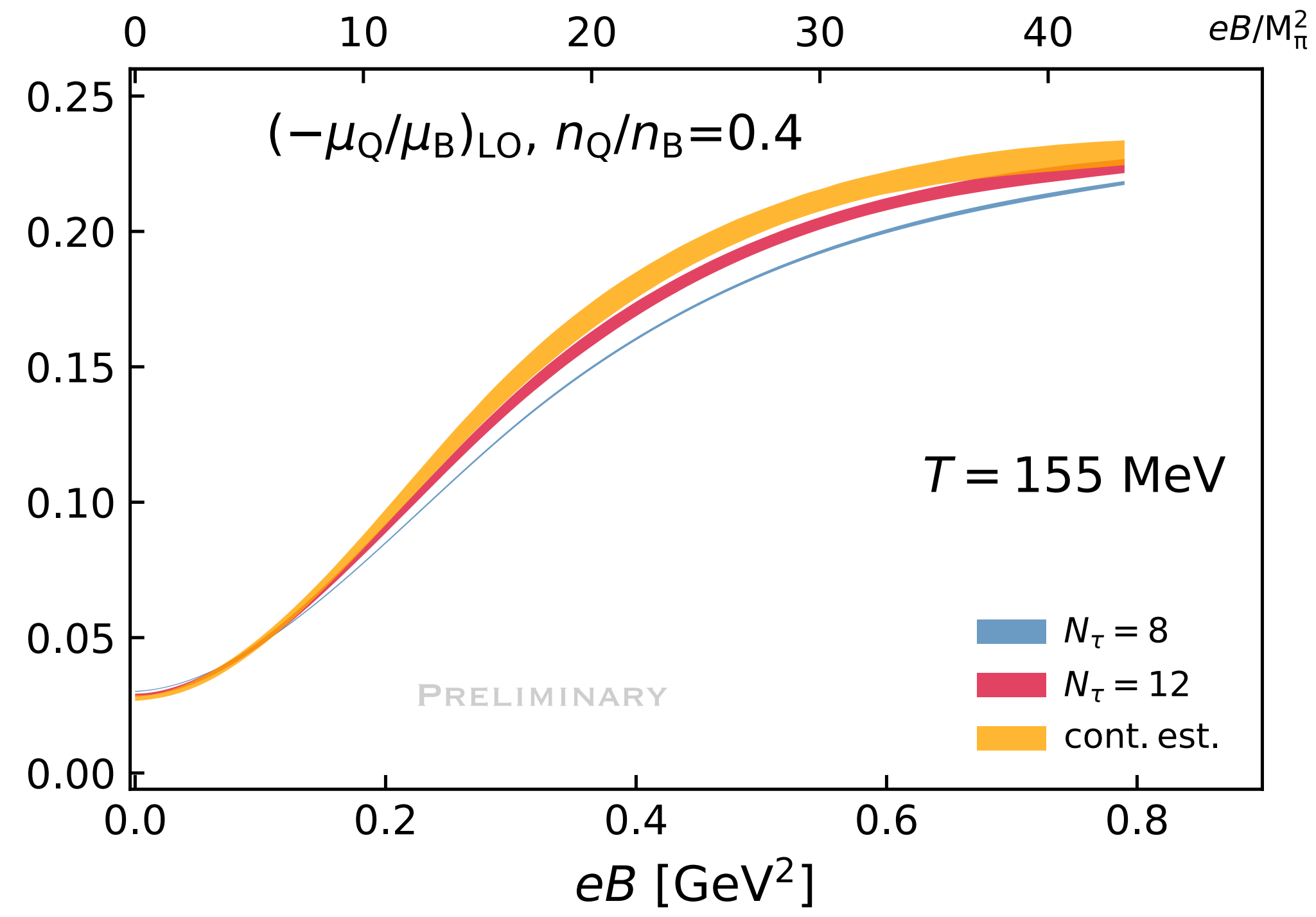
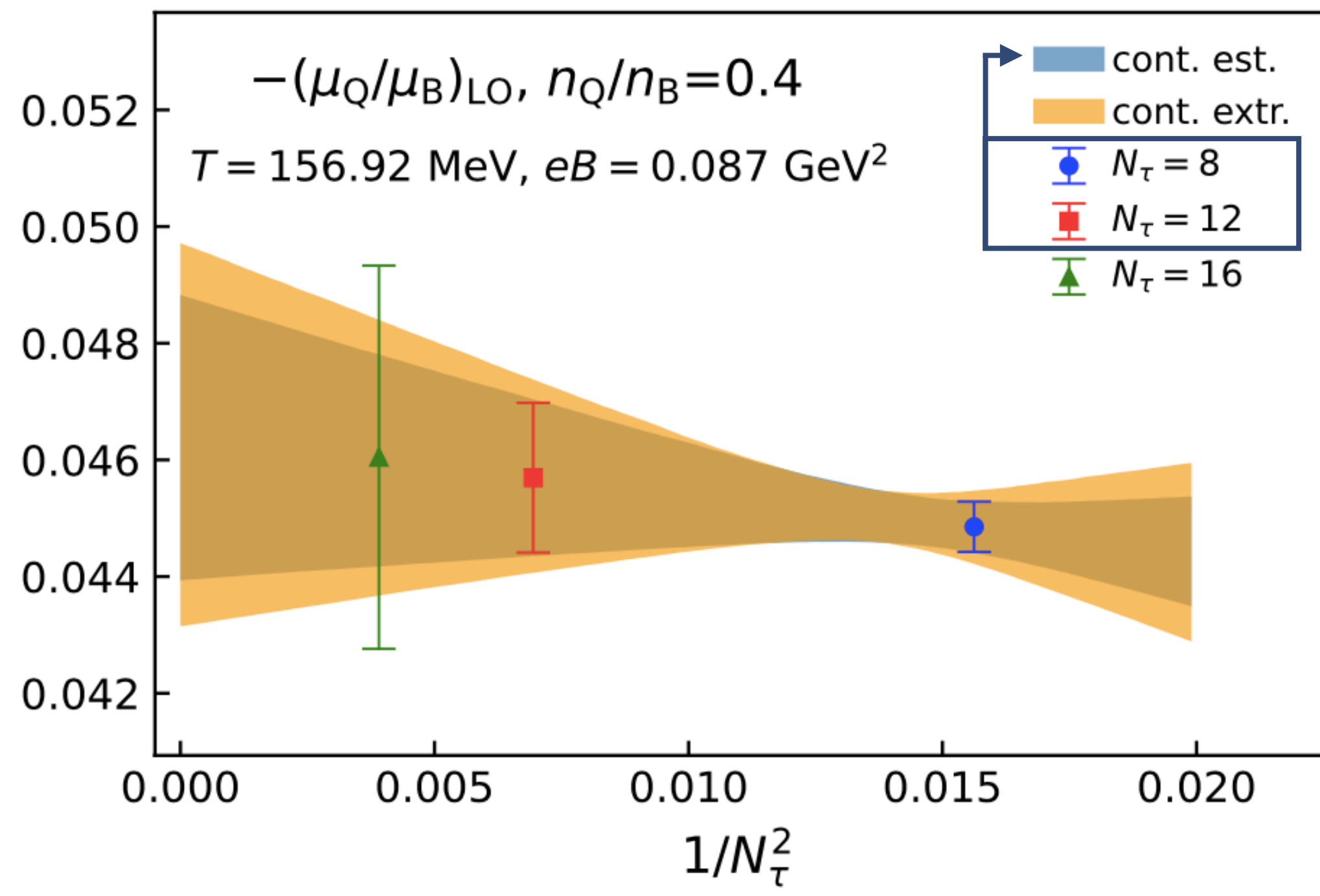
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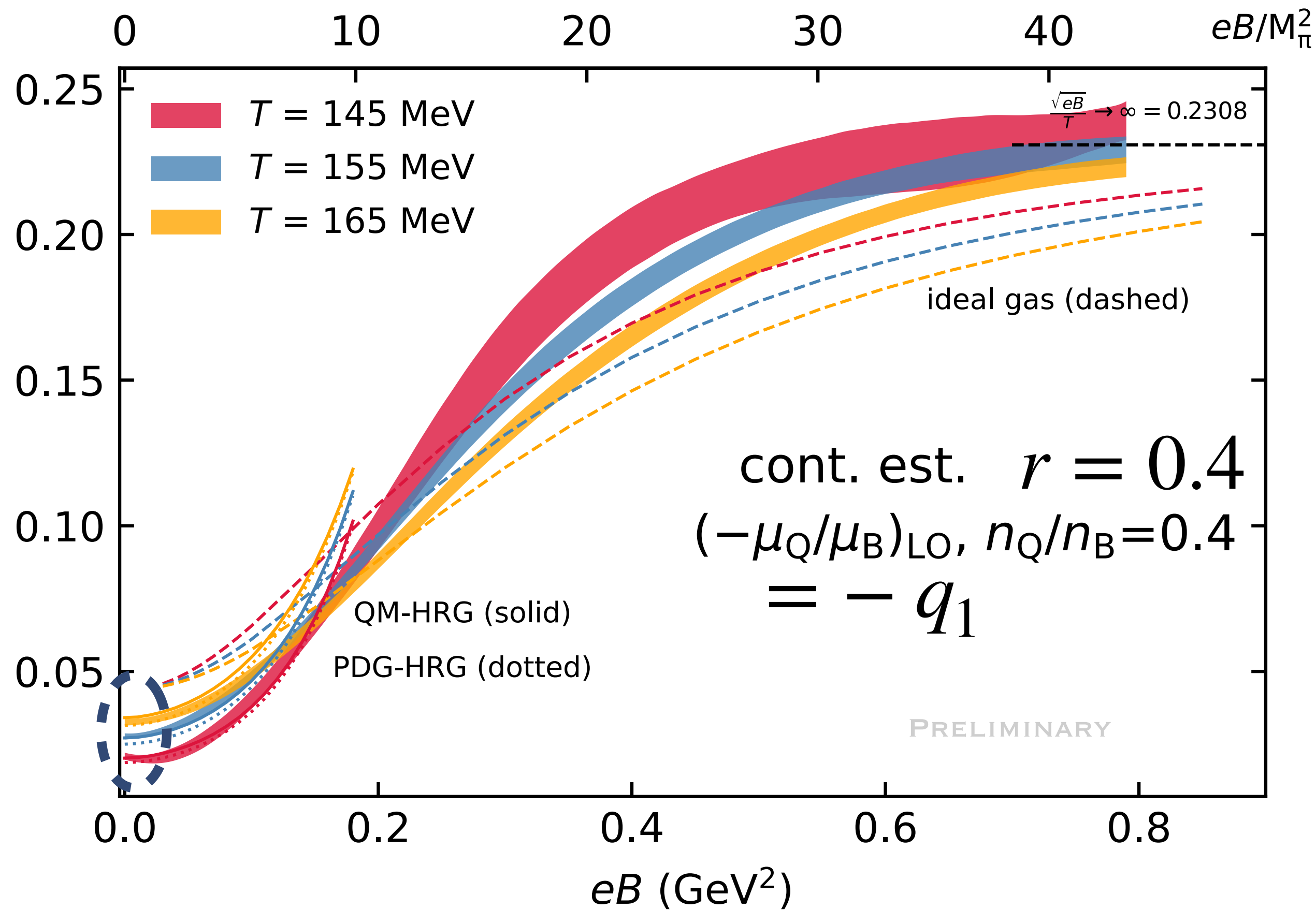
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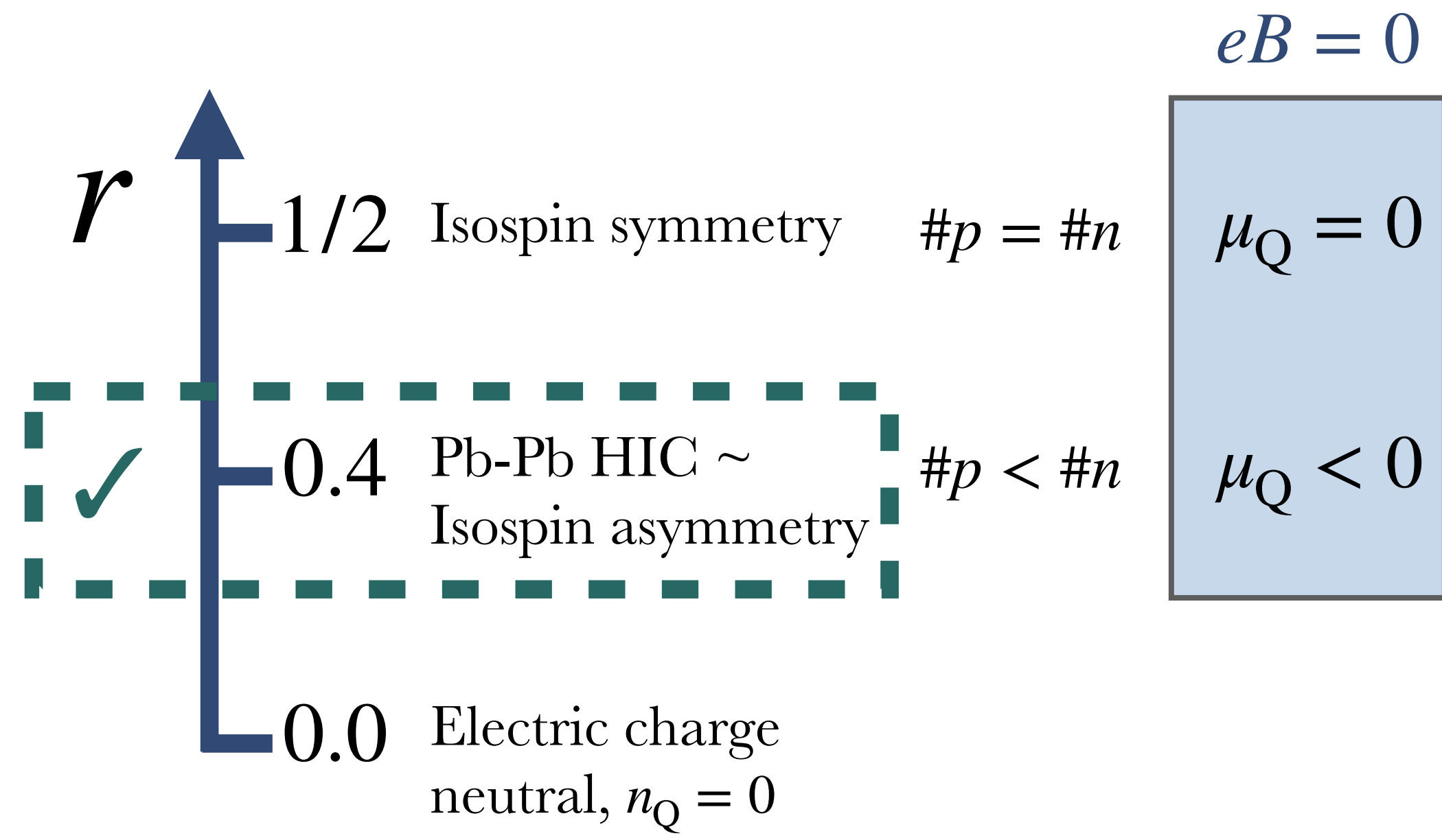


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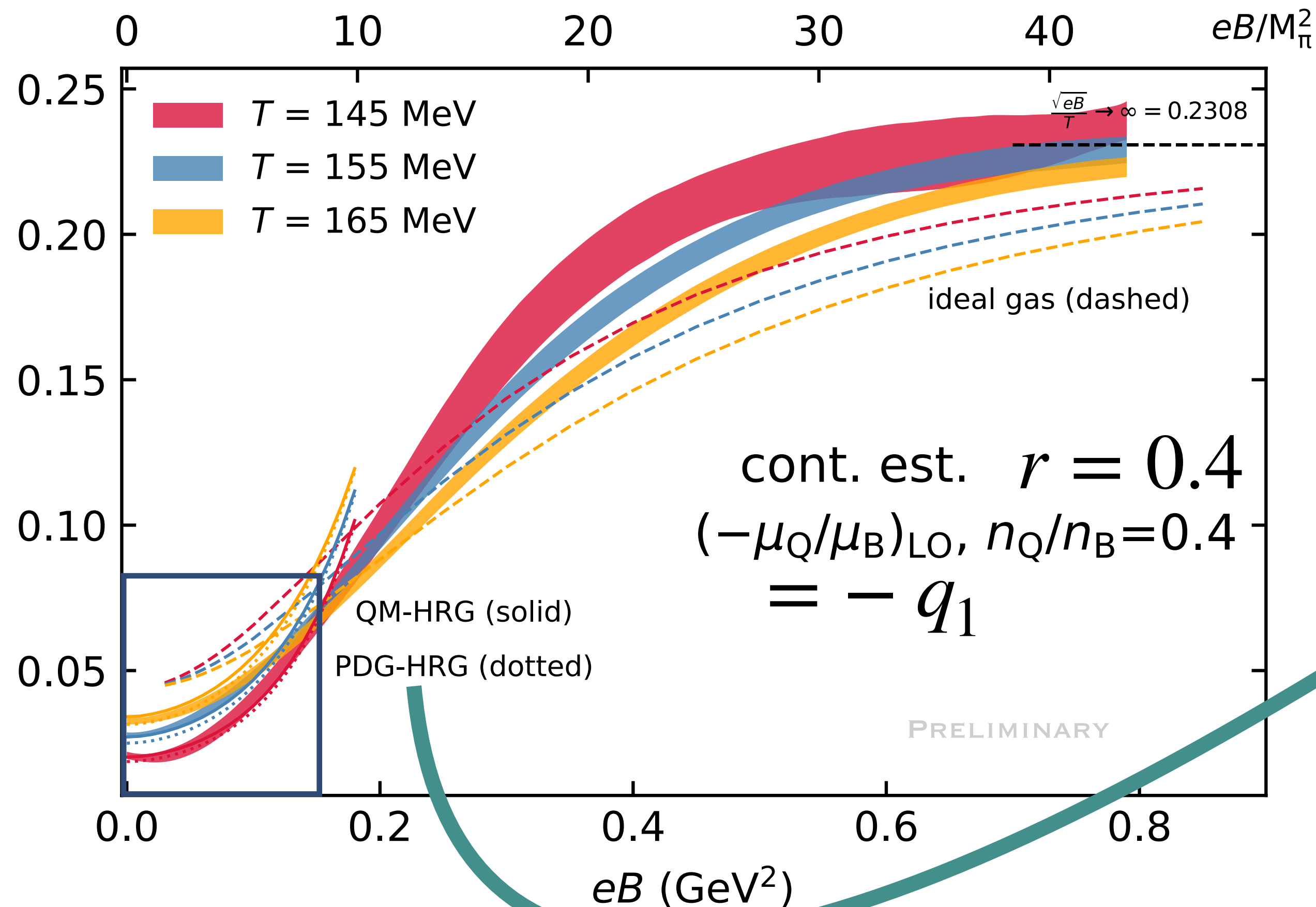


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$$\frac{p_{\text{HRG}}^c}{T^4} = \frac{|q_i| B}{2\pi^2 T^3} \sum_{s_z=-s_i}^{s_i} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \epsilon_0 \times \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\pm 1)^{k+1} \frac{e^{k\mu_i/T}}{k} K_1 \left(\frac{k\epsilon_0}{T} \right)$$

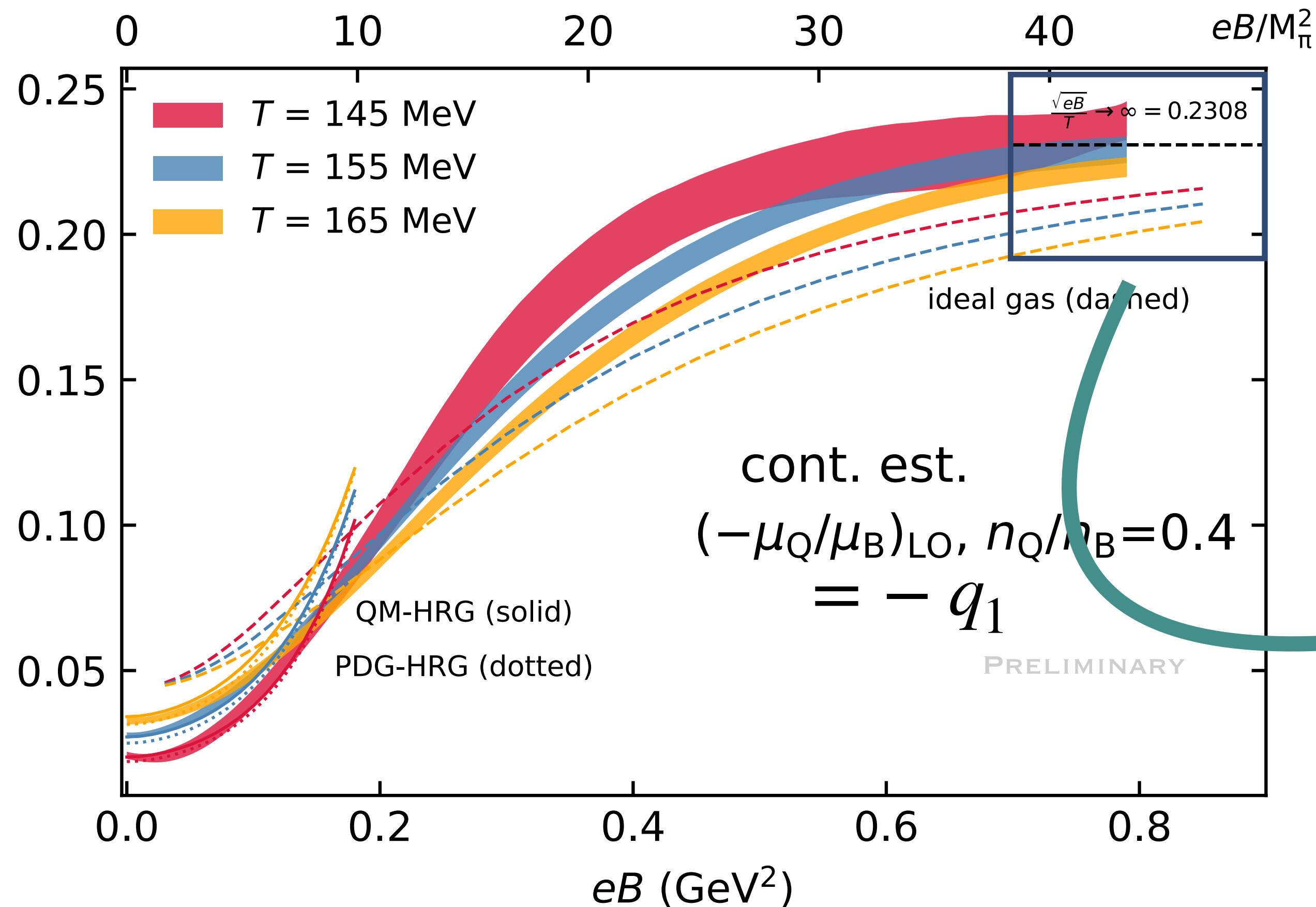
where $\epsilon_0 = \sqrt{m_i^2 + 2|q_i|B(l + 1/2 - s_z)}$

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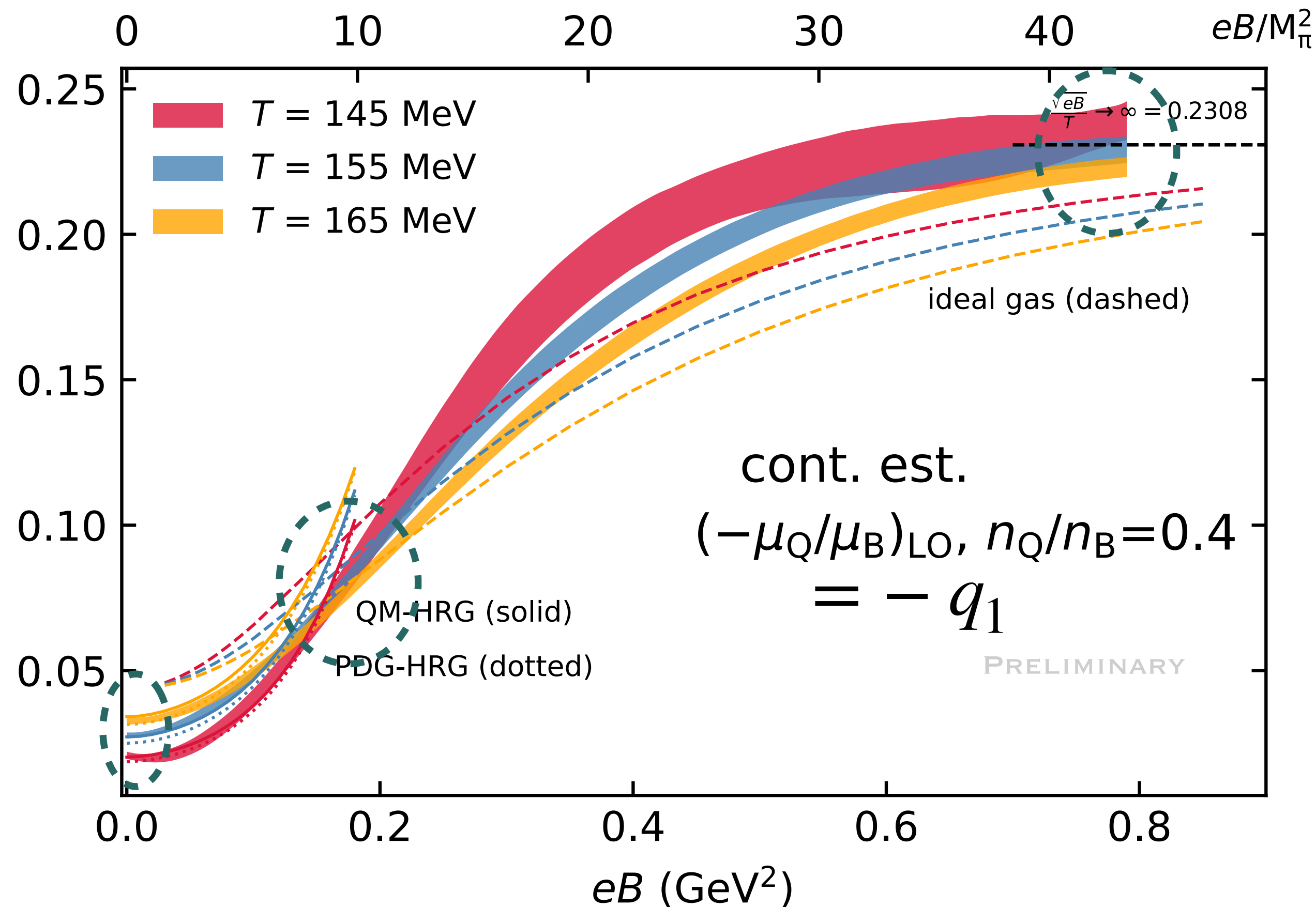


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$$\frac{p_{\text{ideal}}}{T^4} = \frac{8\pi^2}{45} + \sum_f \frac{3|q_f|B}{\pi^2 T^2} \left[\frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{\hat{\mu}_f^2}{4} + p_f^{ll}(B) \right]$$

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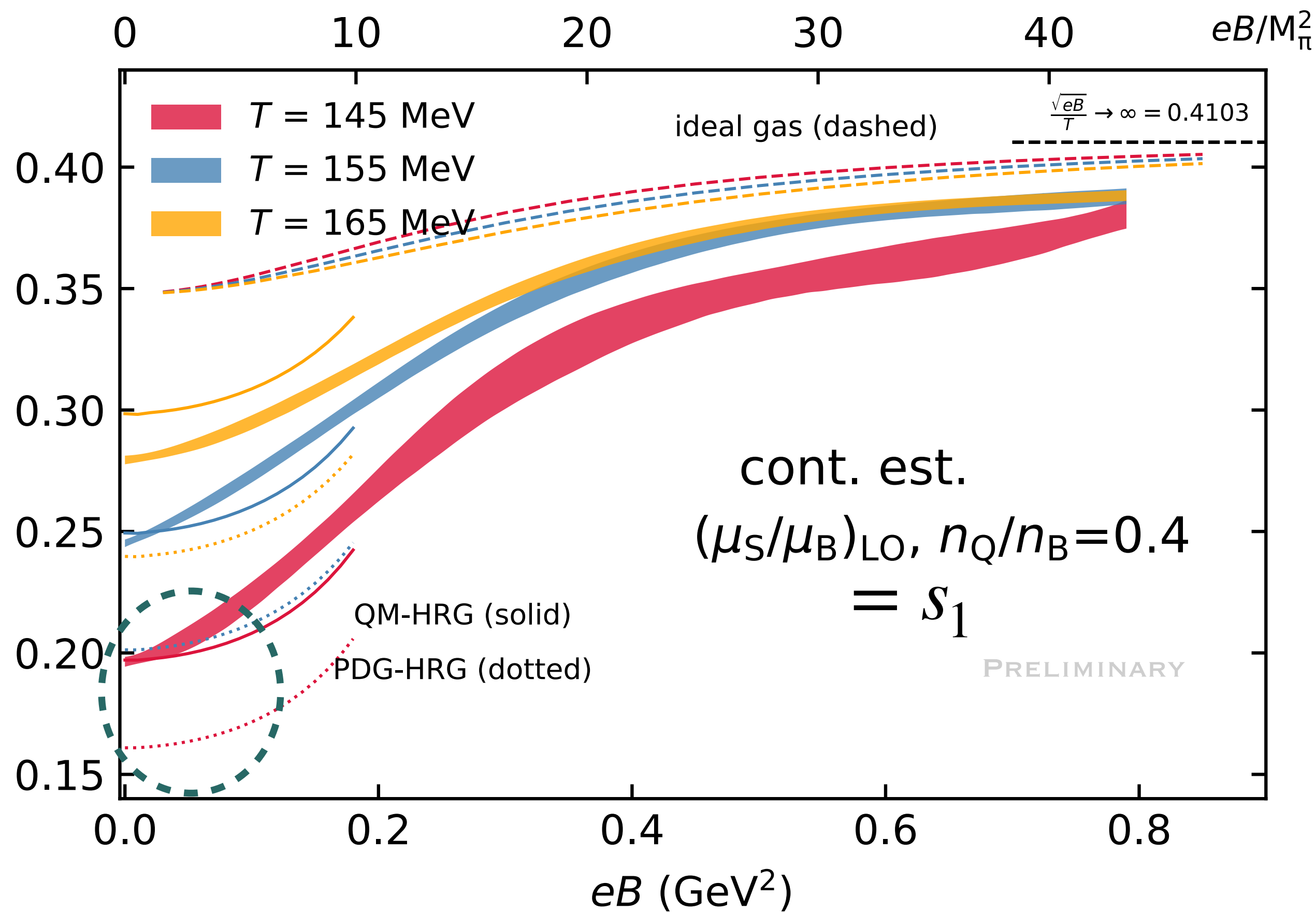
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- D. Crossing in T & sign of slope changes at strong enough eB
near HRG: low $T \rightarrow$ small q_1
near ideal: low $T \rightarrow$ large q_1

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★ Lattice results better agreement with QM-HRG than PDG-HRG

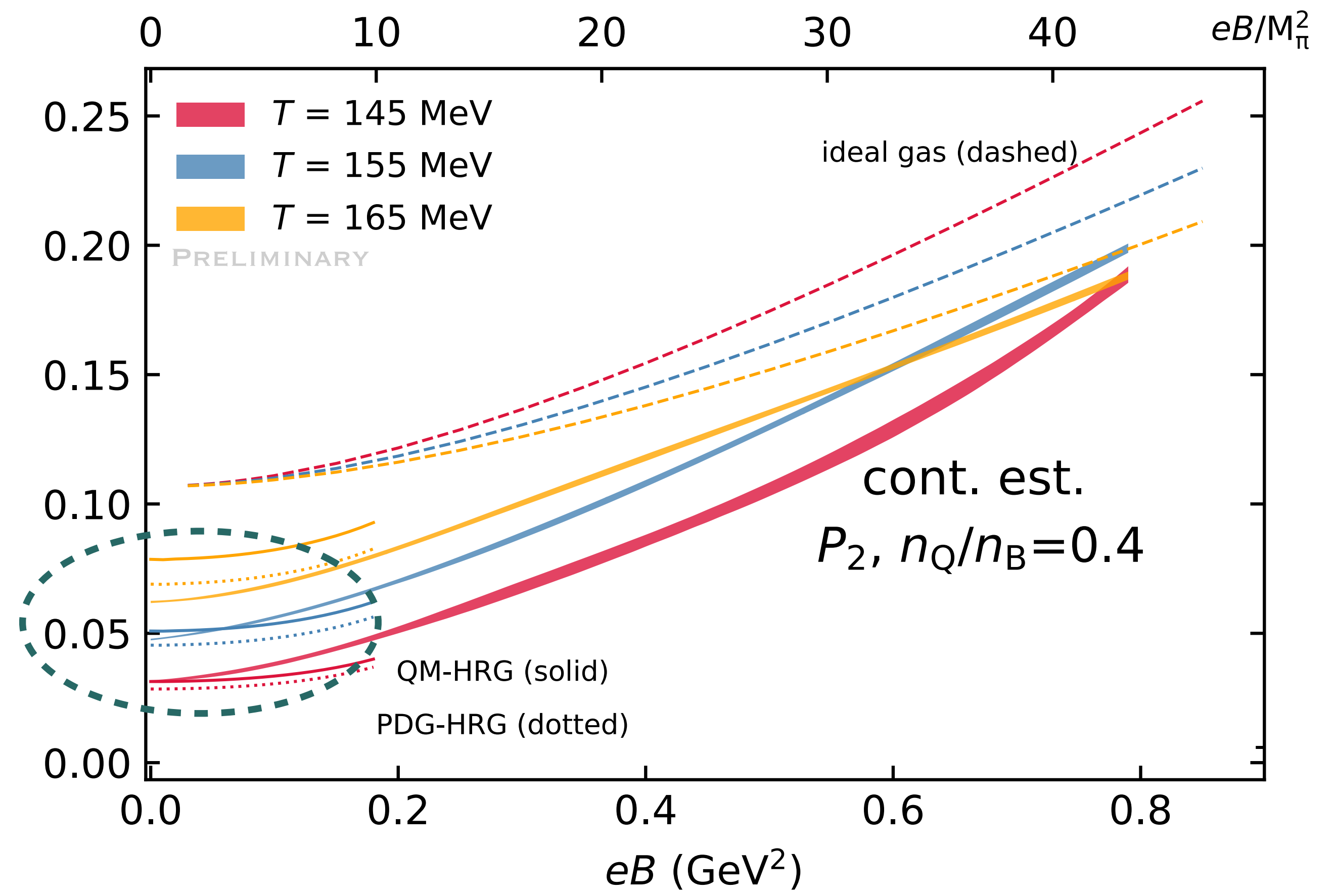
MAGNETIC EOS: PRESSURE

$$\Delta\hat{p} \equiv \hat{p}(T, eB, \mu_B) - \hat{p}(T, eB, 0) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{2k}(T, eB) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$$

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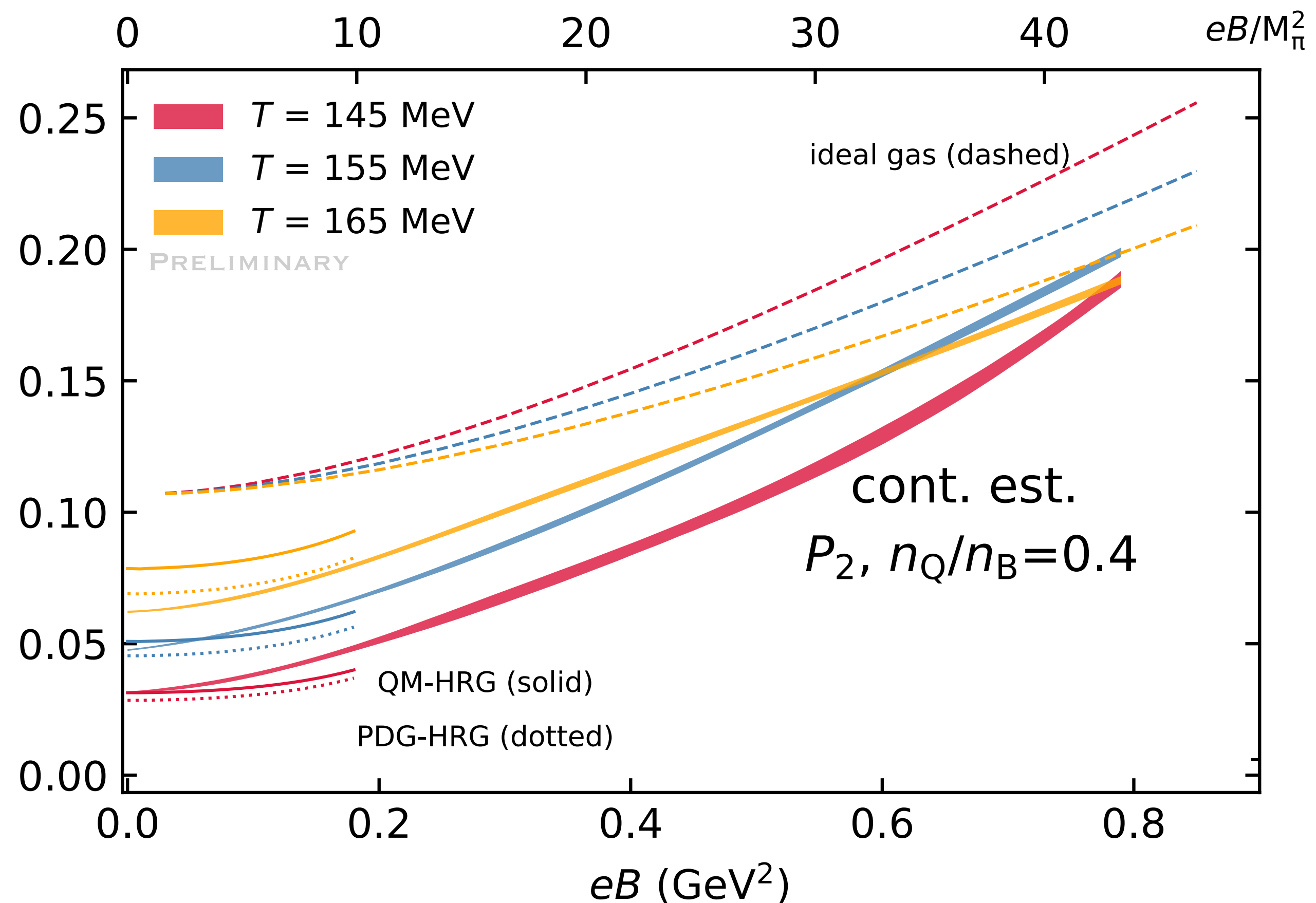
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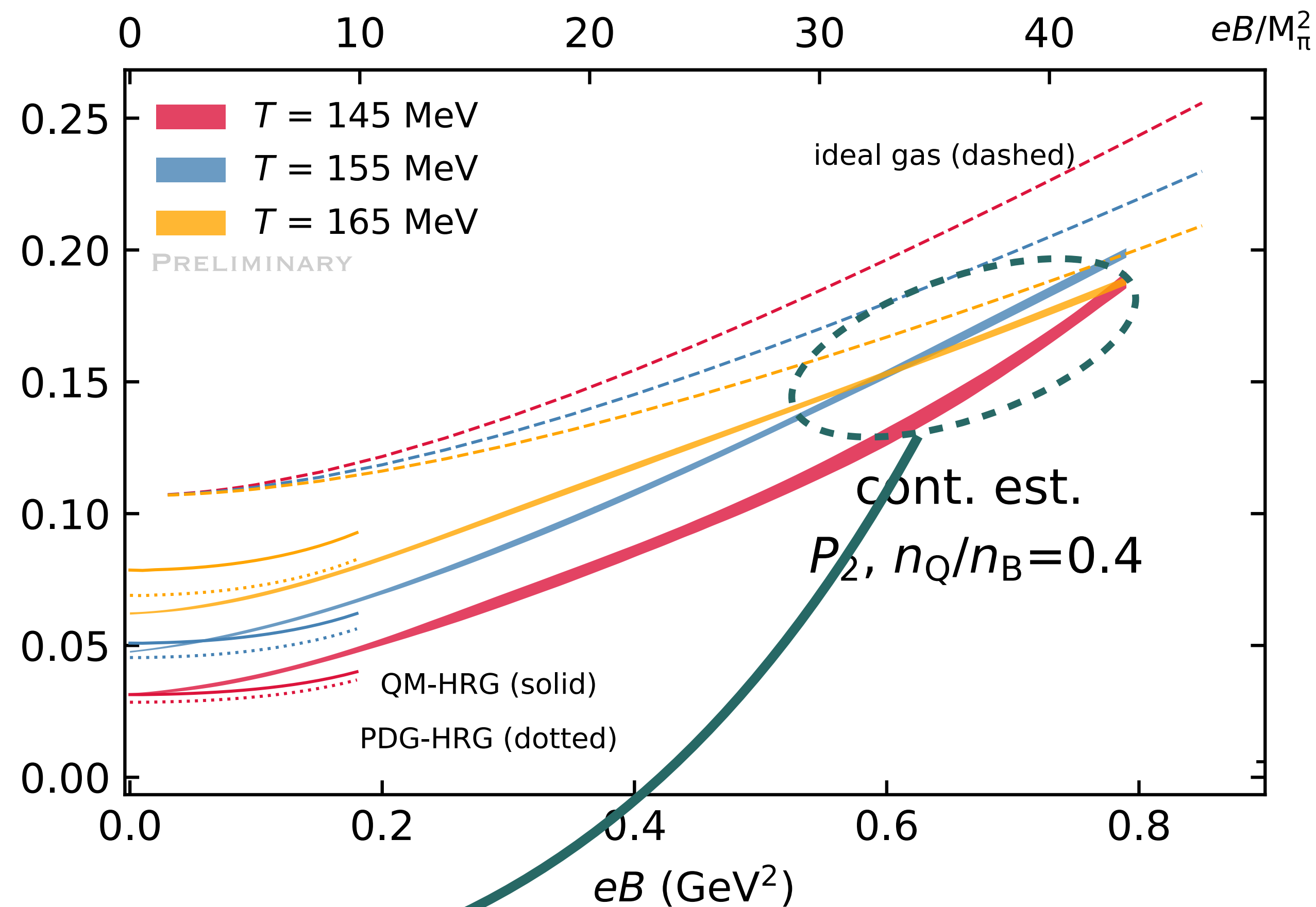
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C. After $eB \sim 0.6 \text{ GeV}^2$, signs of T crossing

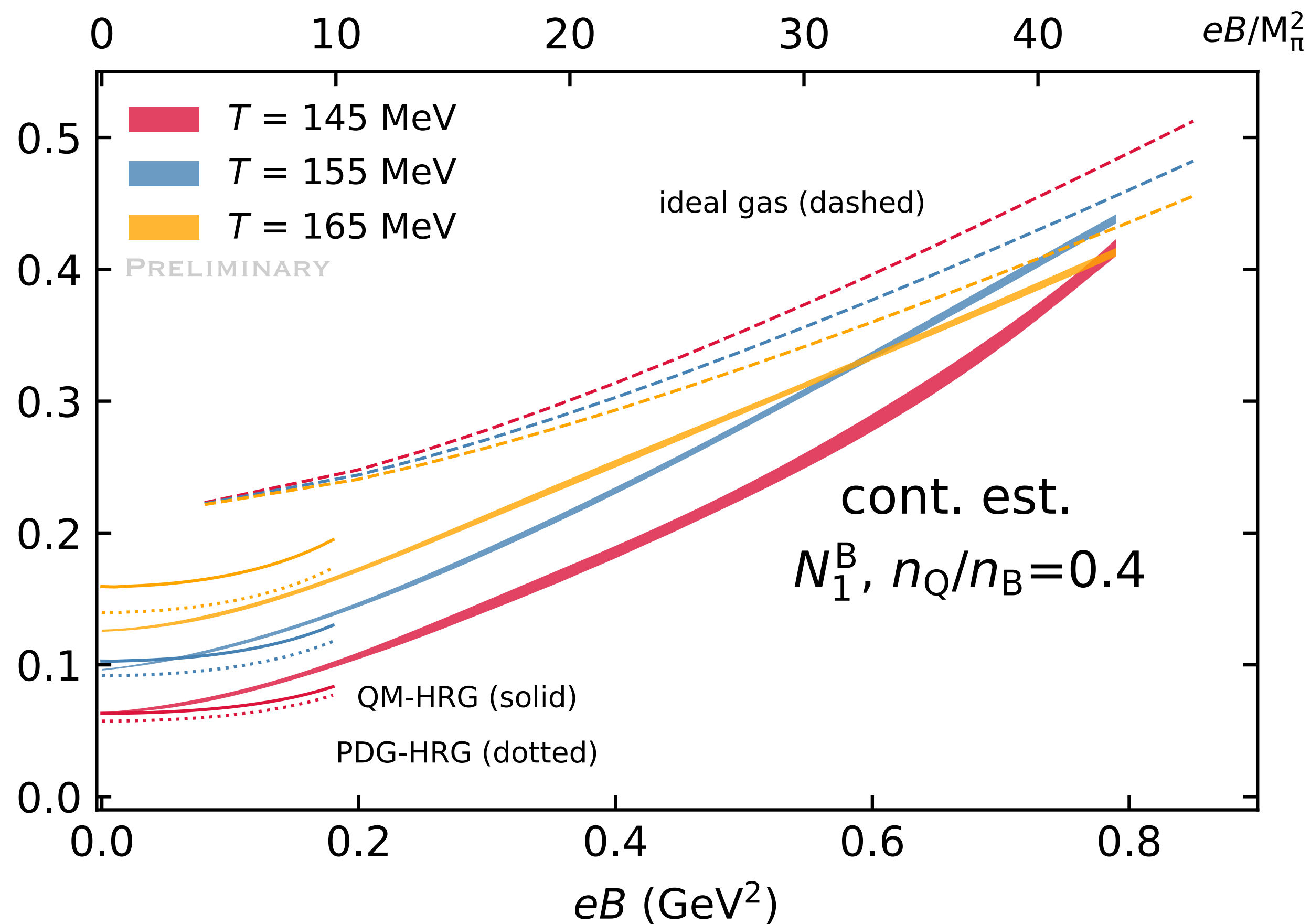


MAGNETIC EOS: BARYON DENSITY

$$\hat{n}^{\mathcal{C}} \equiv \partial_{\hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{C}}} \hat{P} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} N_{2k-1}^{\mathcal{C}}(T, eB) \hat{\mu}_{\mathcal{B}}^{2k-1}$$

$$N_1^B(T, eB) = \chi_2^B + q_1 \chi_{11}^{BQ} + s_1 \chi_{11}^{BS}$$

- ★ Similar eB and T dependence as pressure
- ★ Magnitude appears to be shifted from $2P_2$

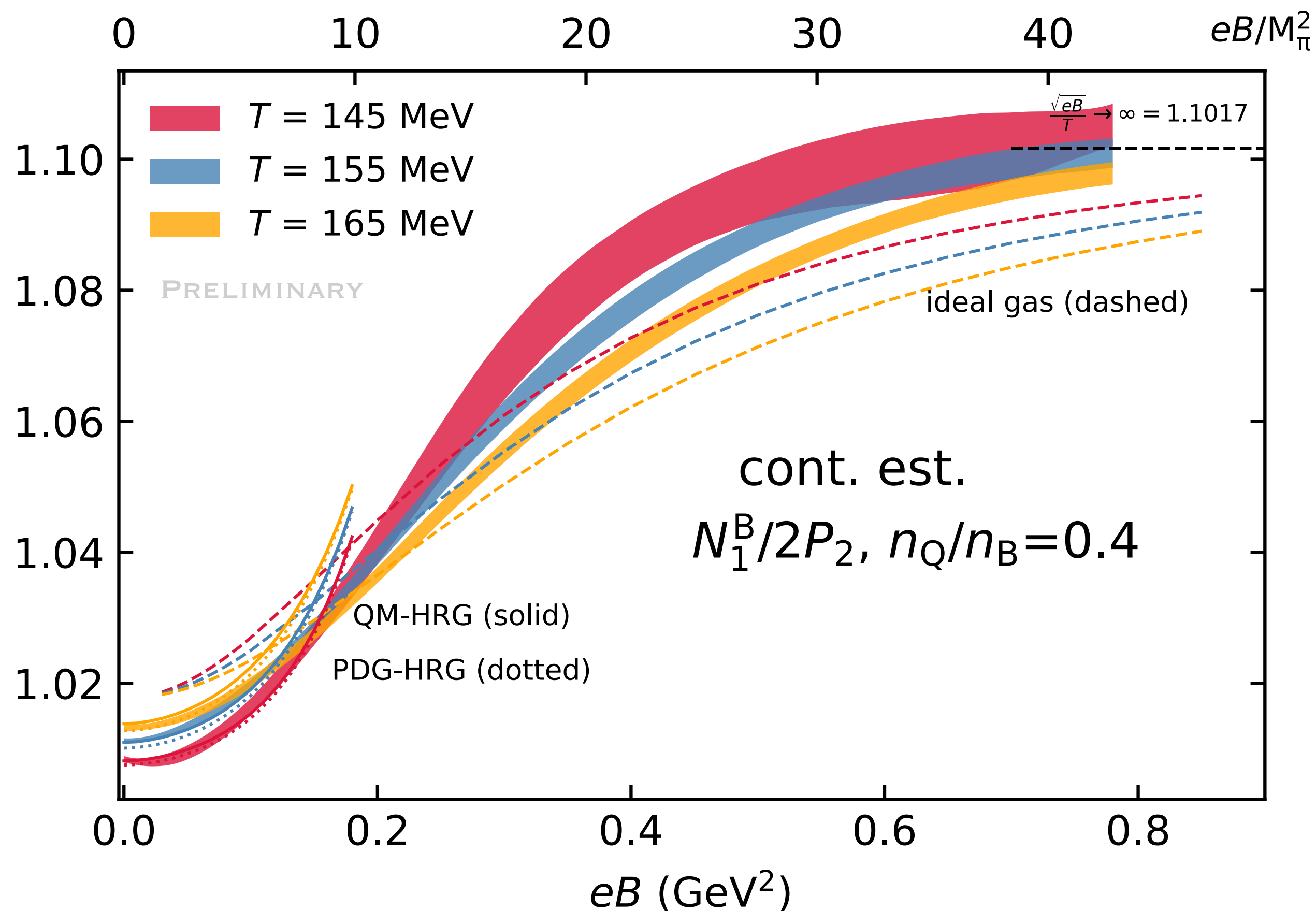


MAGNETIC EOS: BARYON DENSITY TO PRESSURE

$$2mP_{2m} = N_{2m-1}^B + r \sum_{j=1}^m (2j-1) q_{2j-1} N_{2m-2j+1}^B$$

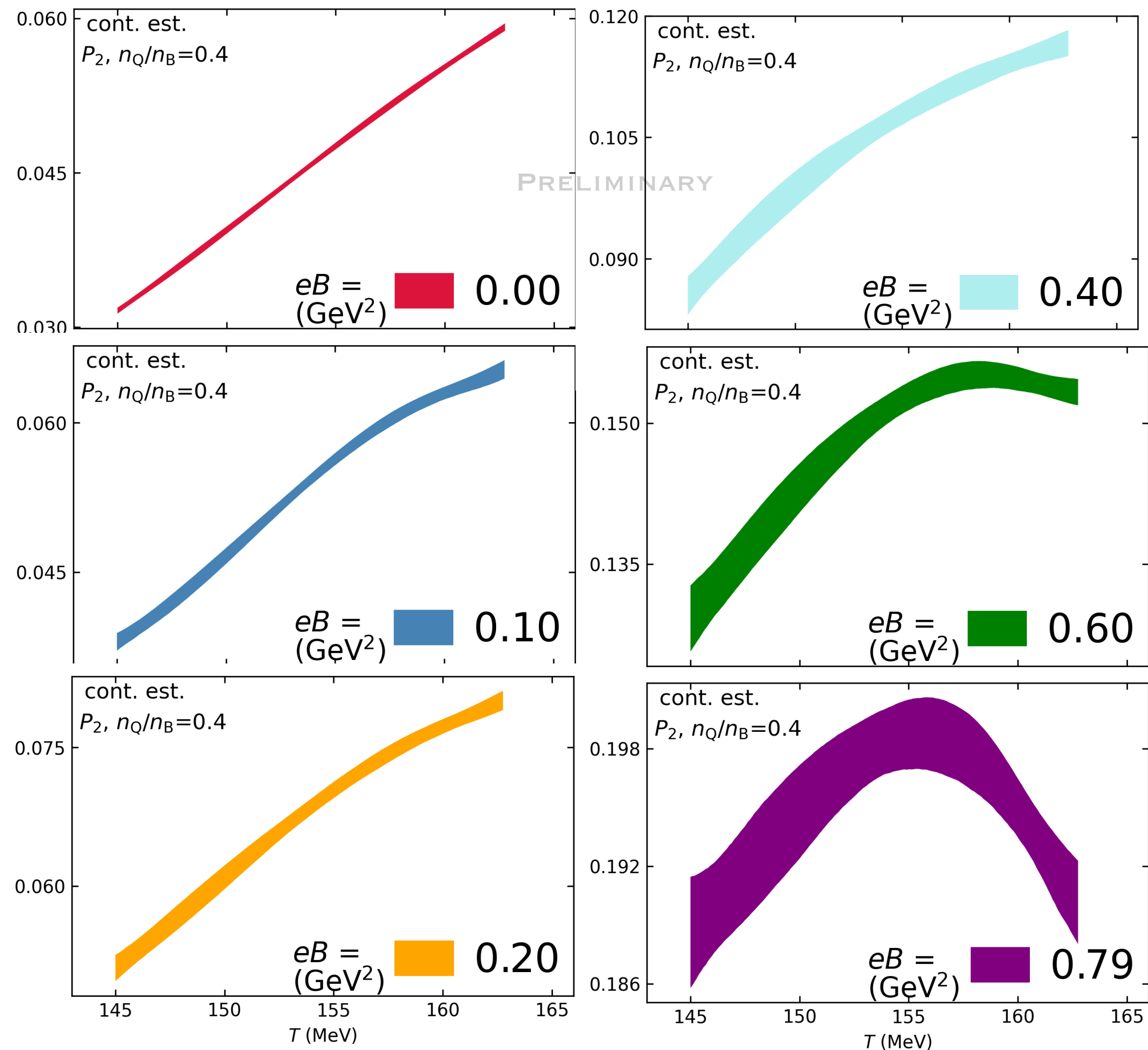
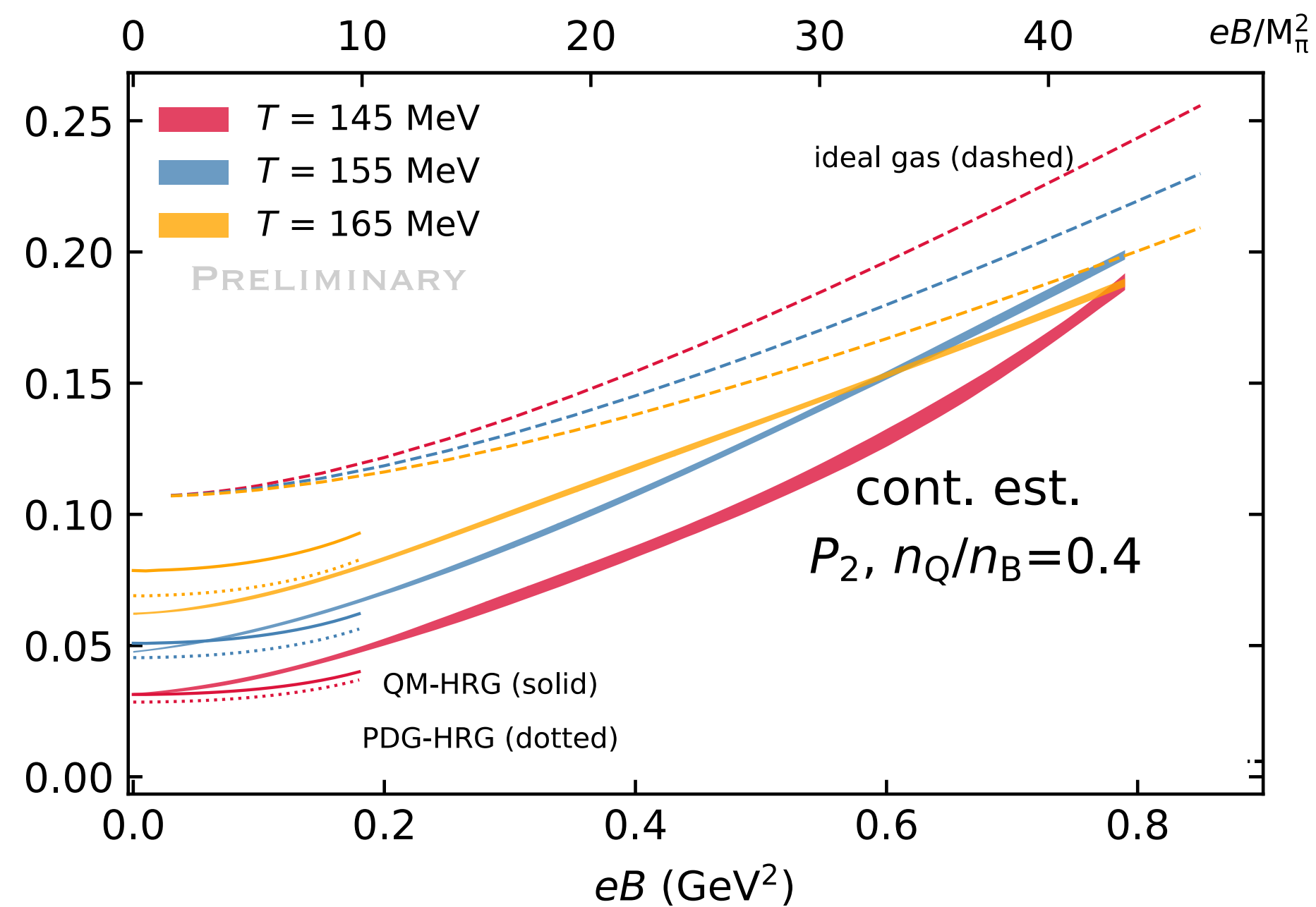
$$\frac{N_1^B}{2P_2} = \frac{1}{1 + rq_1}$$

- ★ Deviation from unity, reflects isospin symmetry breaking by rq_1 factor
- ★ $N_1^B/2P_2$ saturates at very strong eB



MAGNETIC EOS: PRESSURE VS T

- ★ Mild peak structure forms in P_2 and appears to have shifted towards low T as eB grows.
- ★ Hints of T_{pc} lowering!



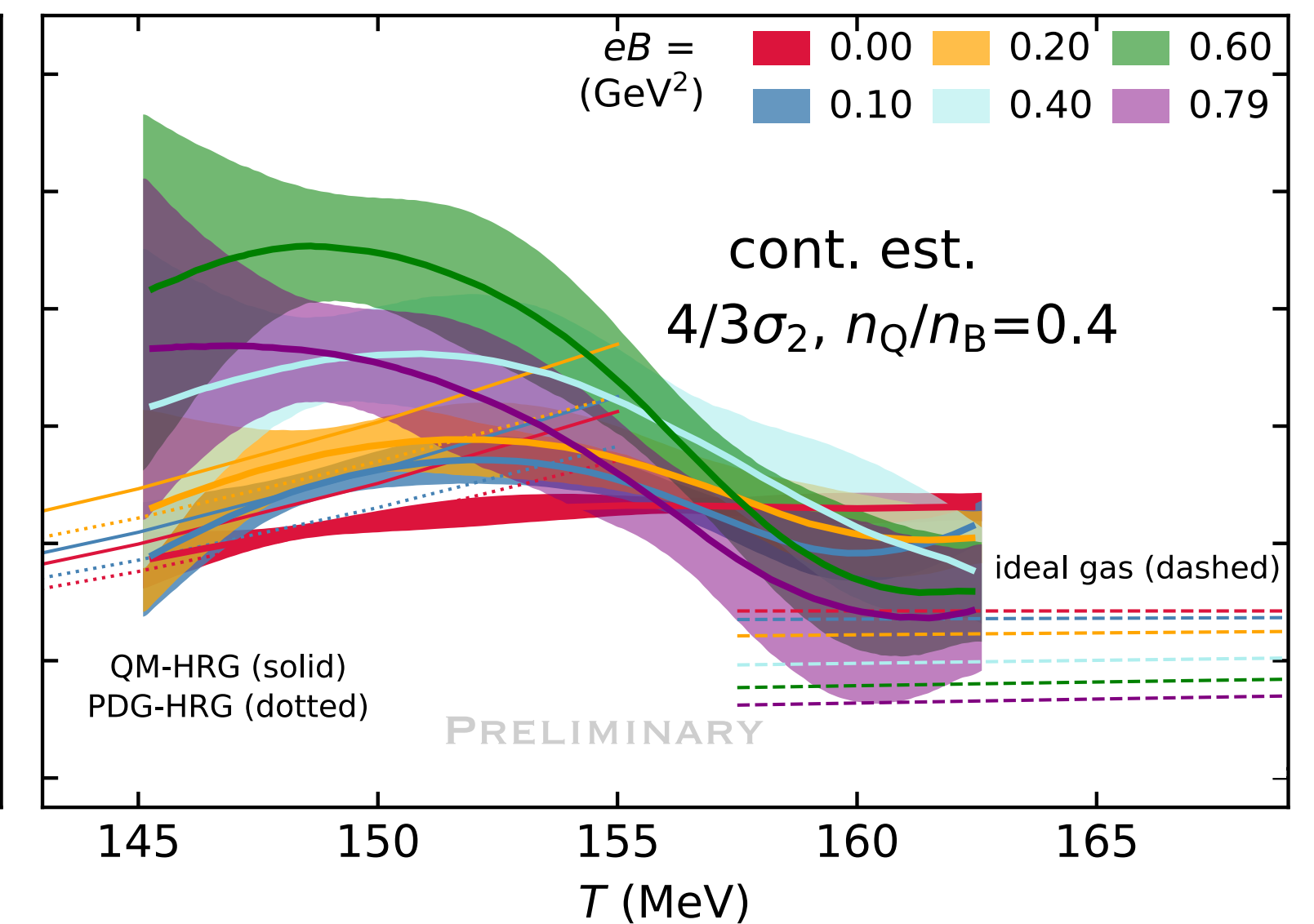
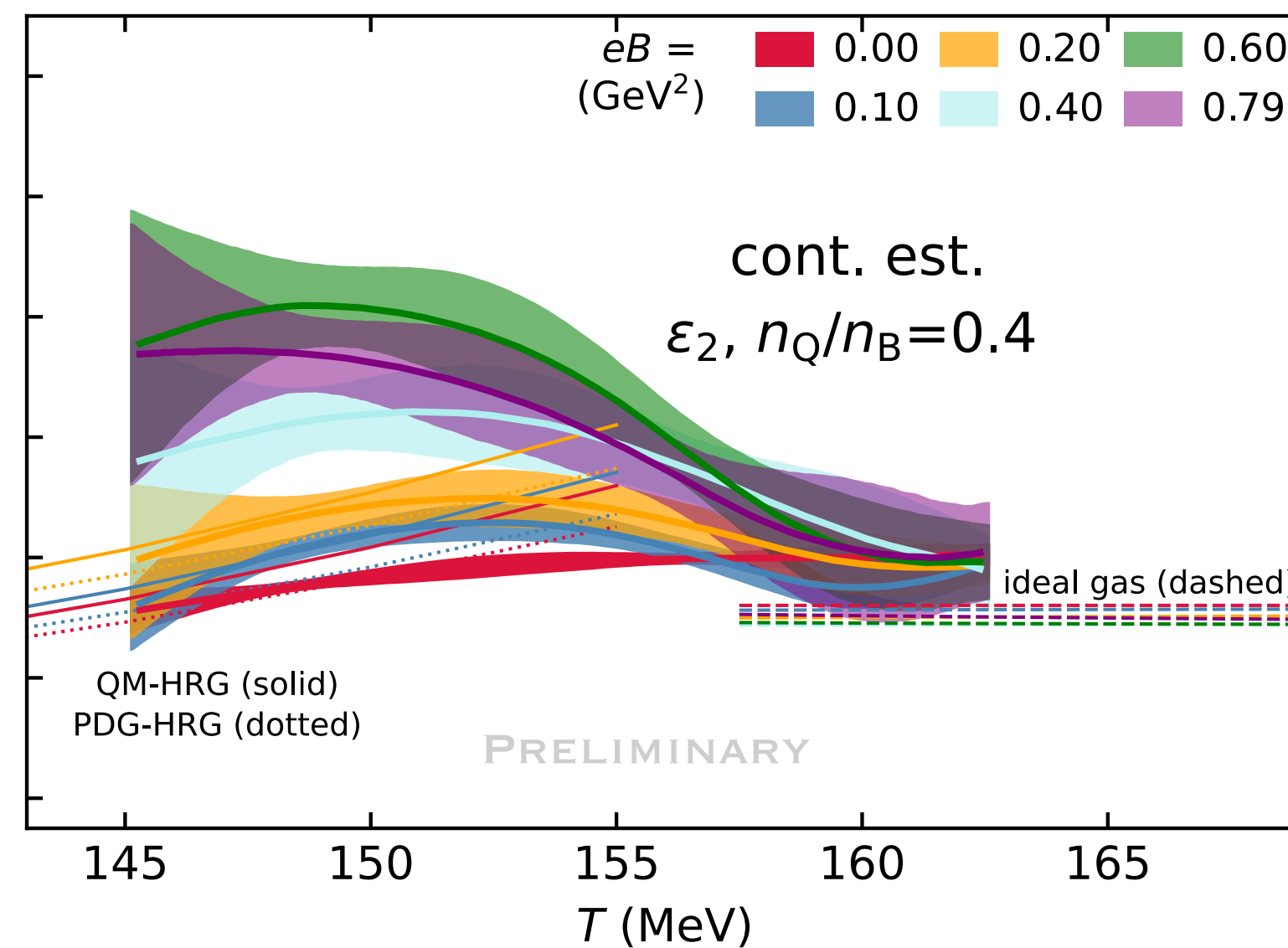
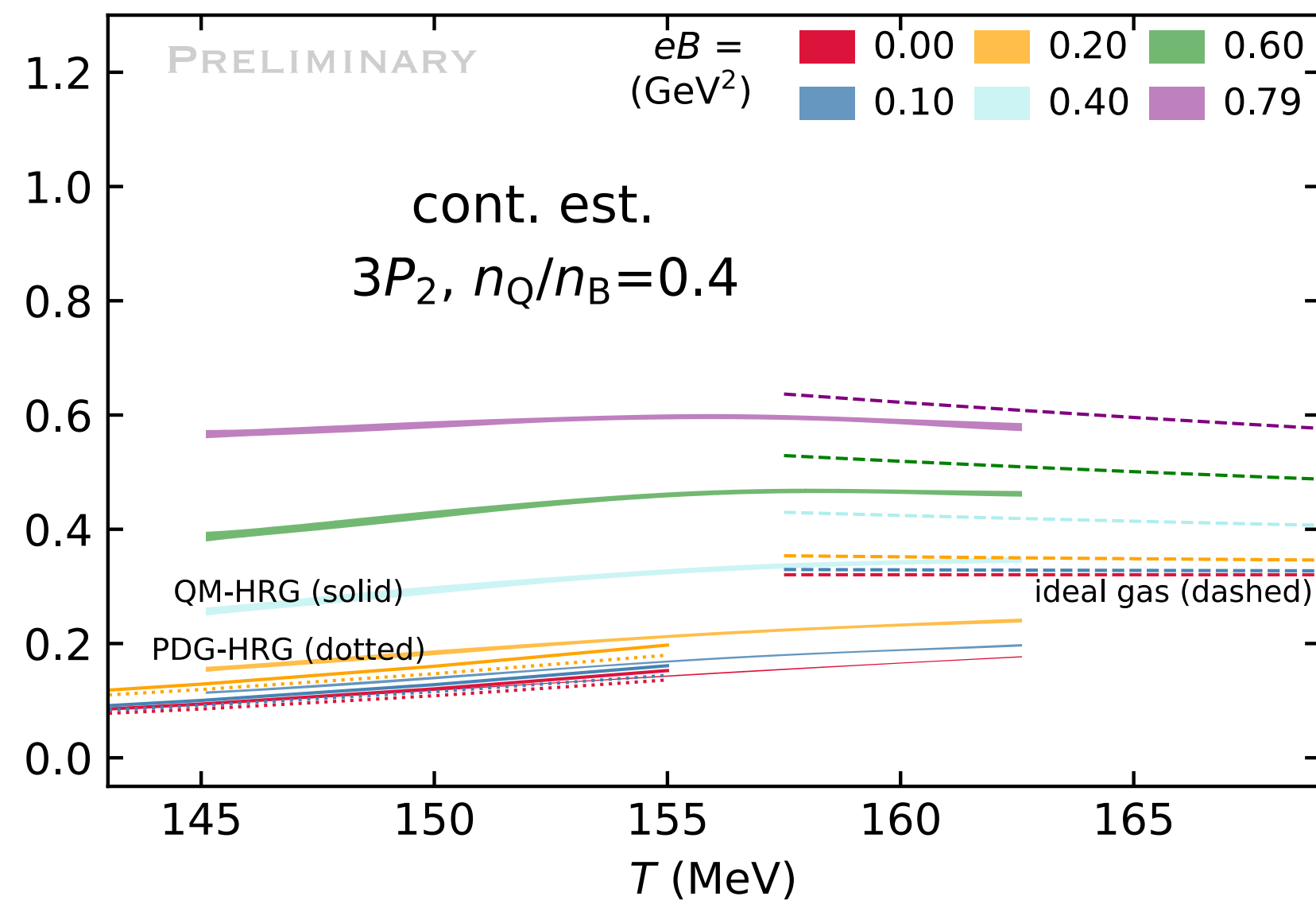
MAGNETIC EOS: ENERGY AND ENTROPY DENSITY

$$\Delta \hat{\epsilon} \equiv \hat{\epsilon}(T, \mu_B) - \hat{\epsilon}(T, 0) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_{2k}(T, eB) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k} \quad \& \quad \Delta \hat{\sigma} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{2k}(T, eB) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$$

$$\epsilon_2(T, eB) = 3P_2 + TP'_2 - rTq'_1 N_1^B$$

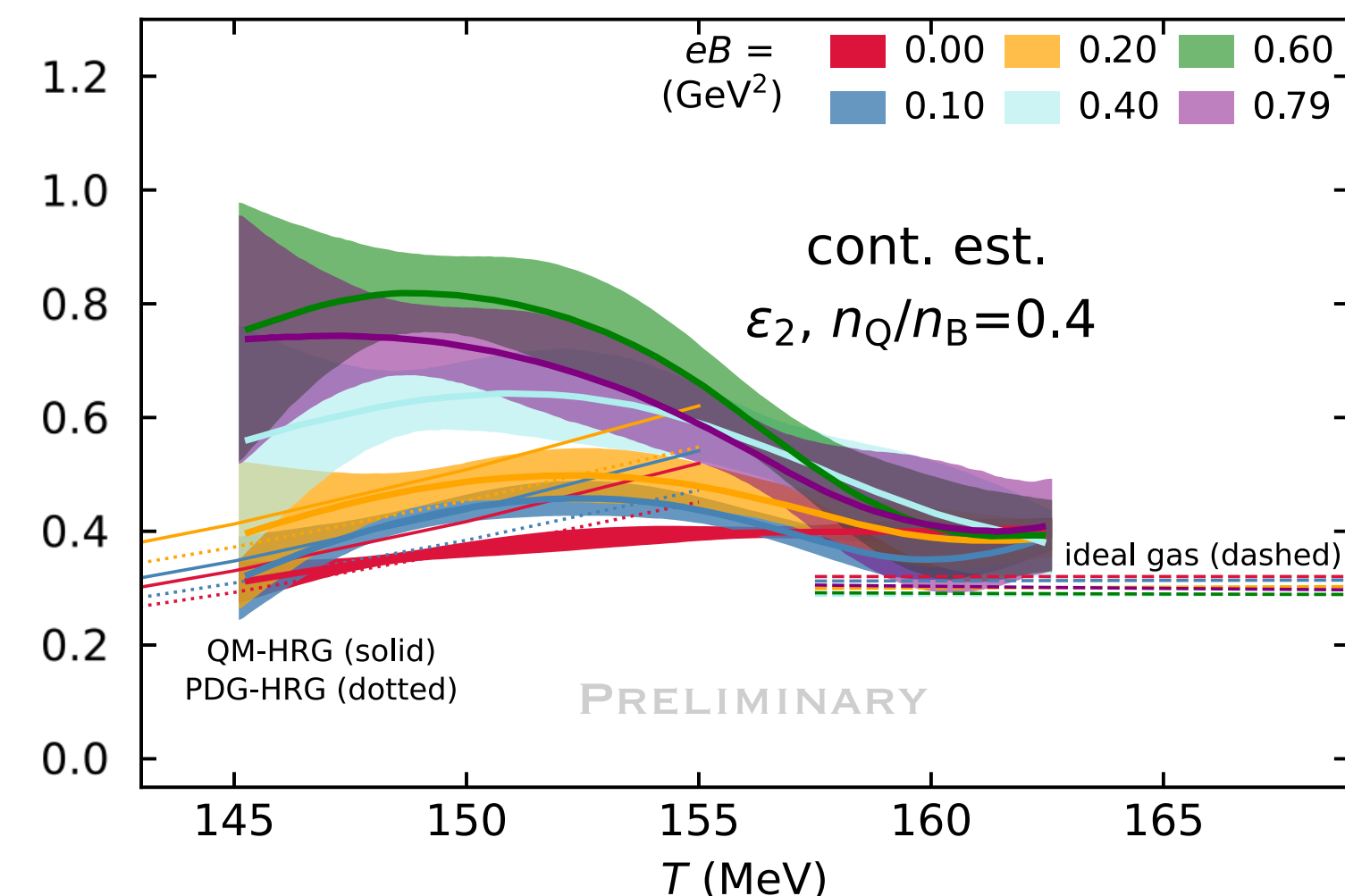
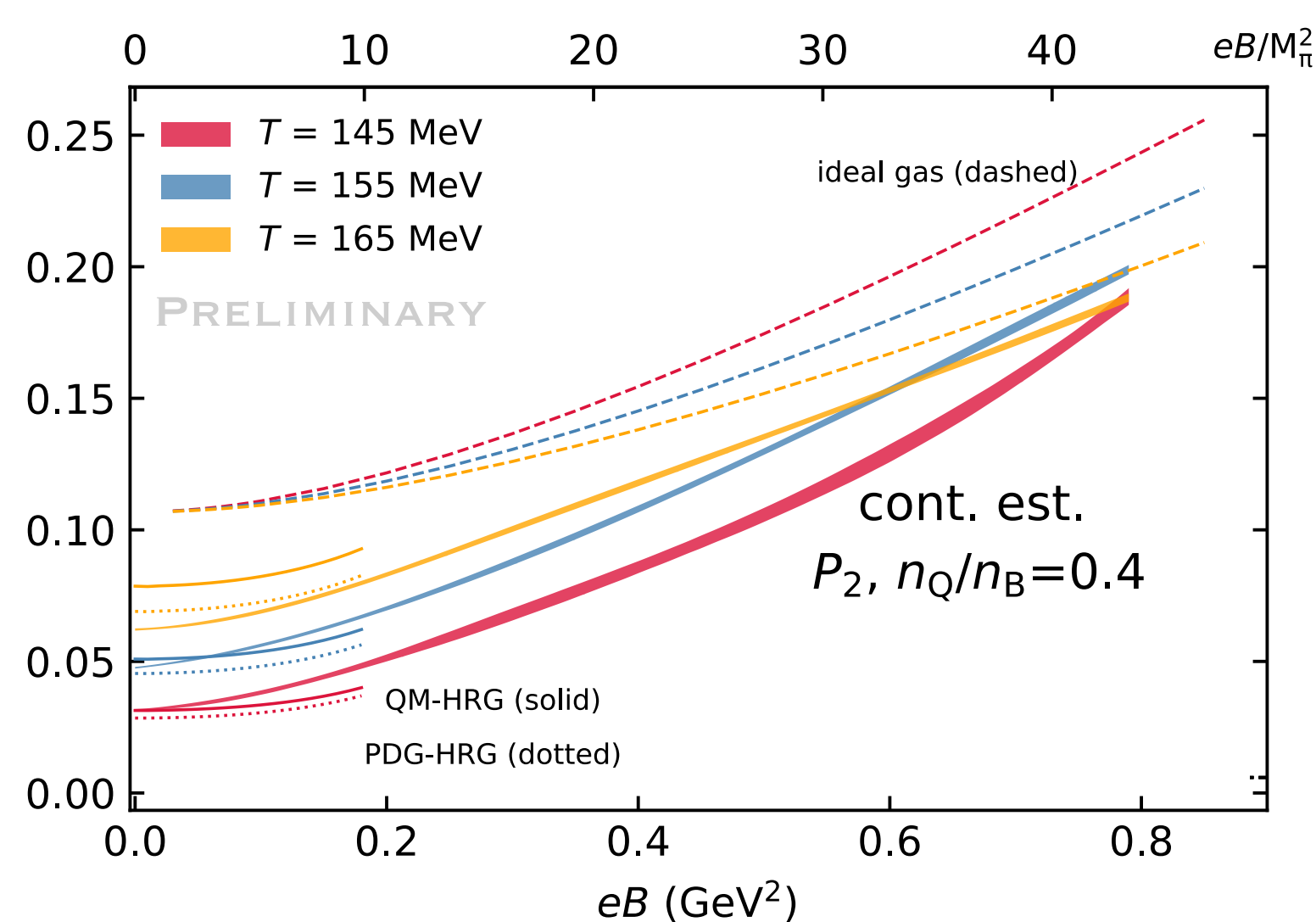
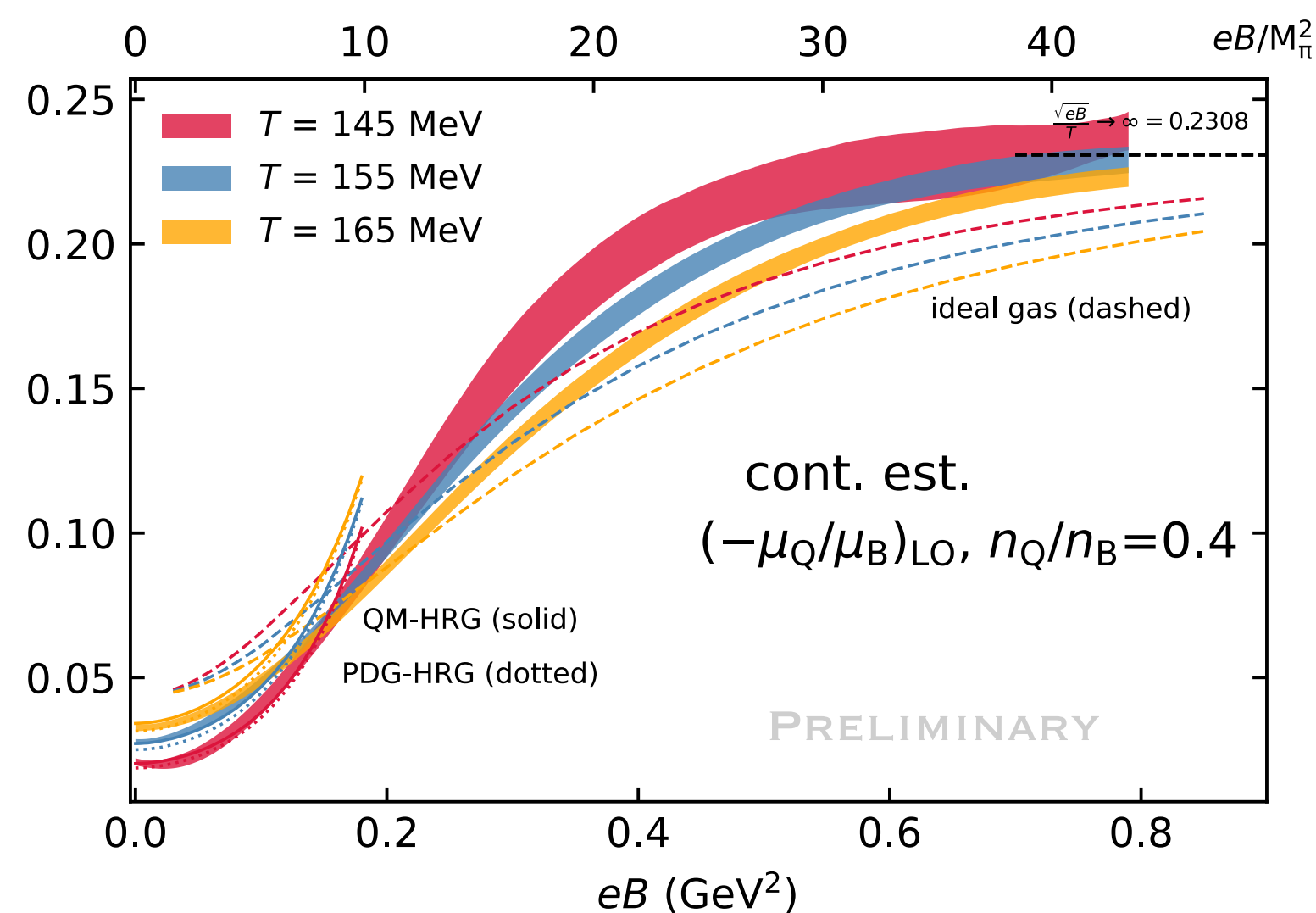
$$\sigma_2(T, eB) = \epsilon_2 + P_2 + TP'_2 - (1 + rq_1) N_1^B$$

- ★ Clearly, very strong eB modifies the T dependence of P_2 , ϵ_2 and σ_2
- ★ Peak structure developed in P_2 , corresponds to decrease in magnitude of ϵ_2 and σ_2



TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- ★ Explored $(2 + 1)$ - f QCD magnetic EoS at non-zero density, upto leading order, from first principle lattice calculation using Taylor expansion
- ★ HRG breaks down in strong eB regime. For smaller eB , good agreement with QM-HRG subject to lower T
- ★ Different growth rates of bulk observables with eB . Crossing in T , and mild peak shift of P_2 towards low T as eB grows; T_{pc} lowering



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & ATTENTION!

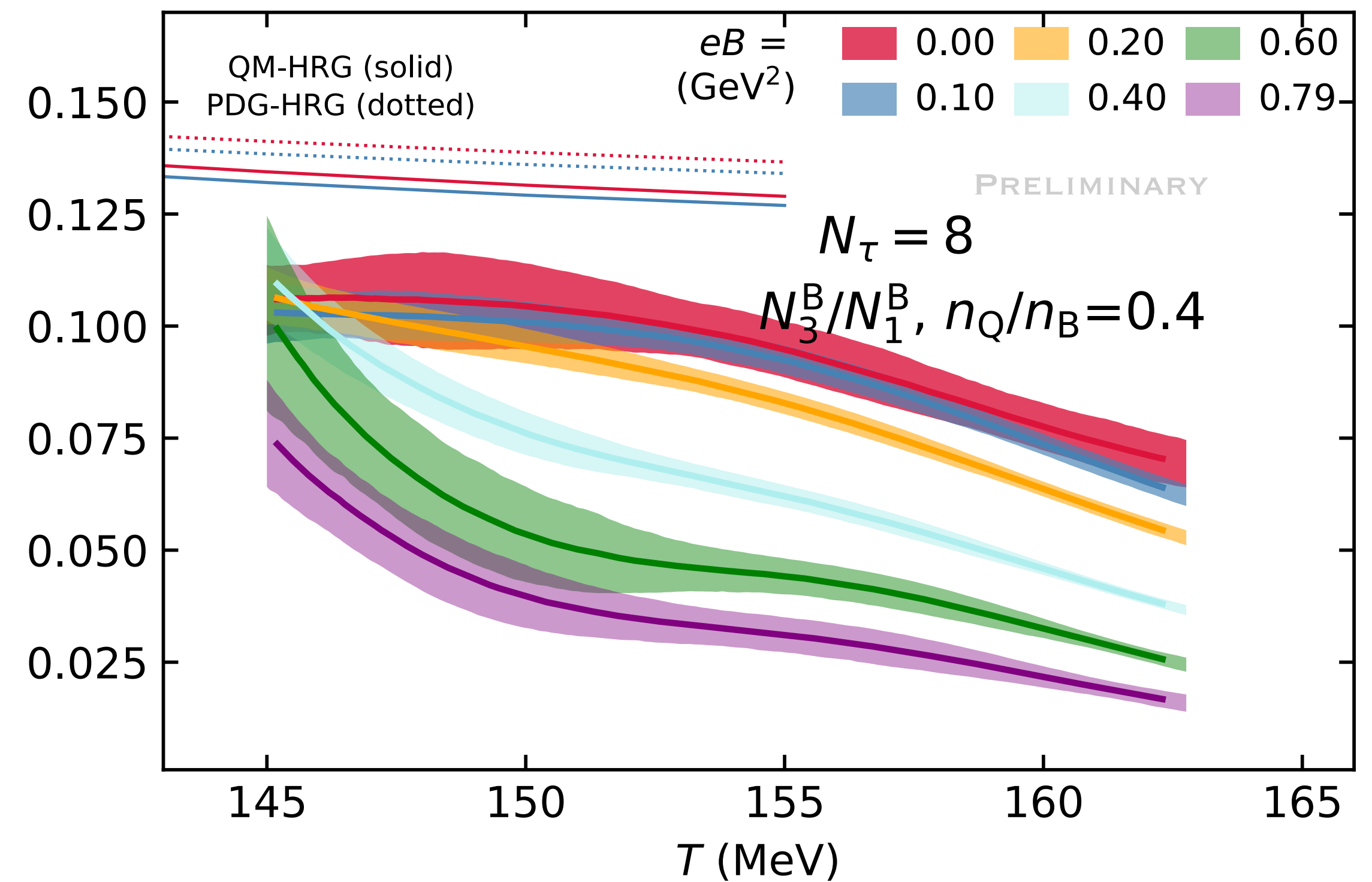


**SOME
BACKUPS!**

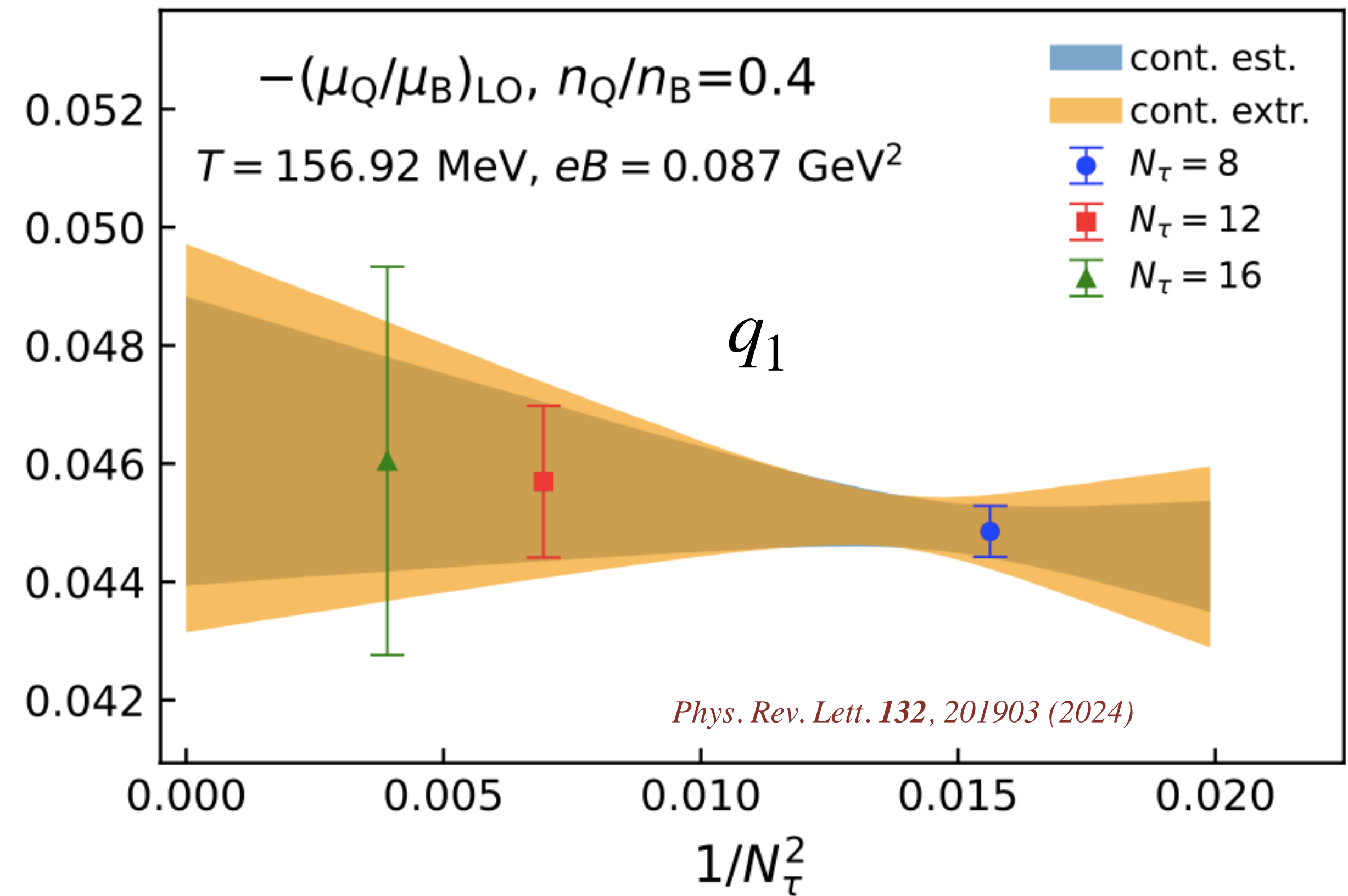
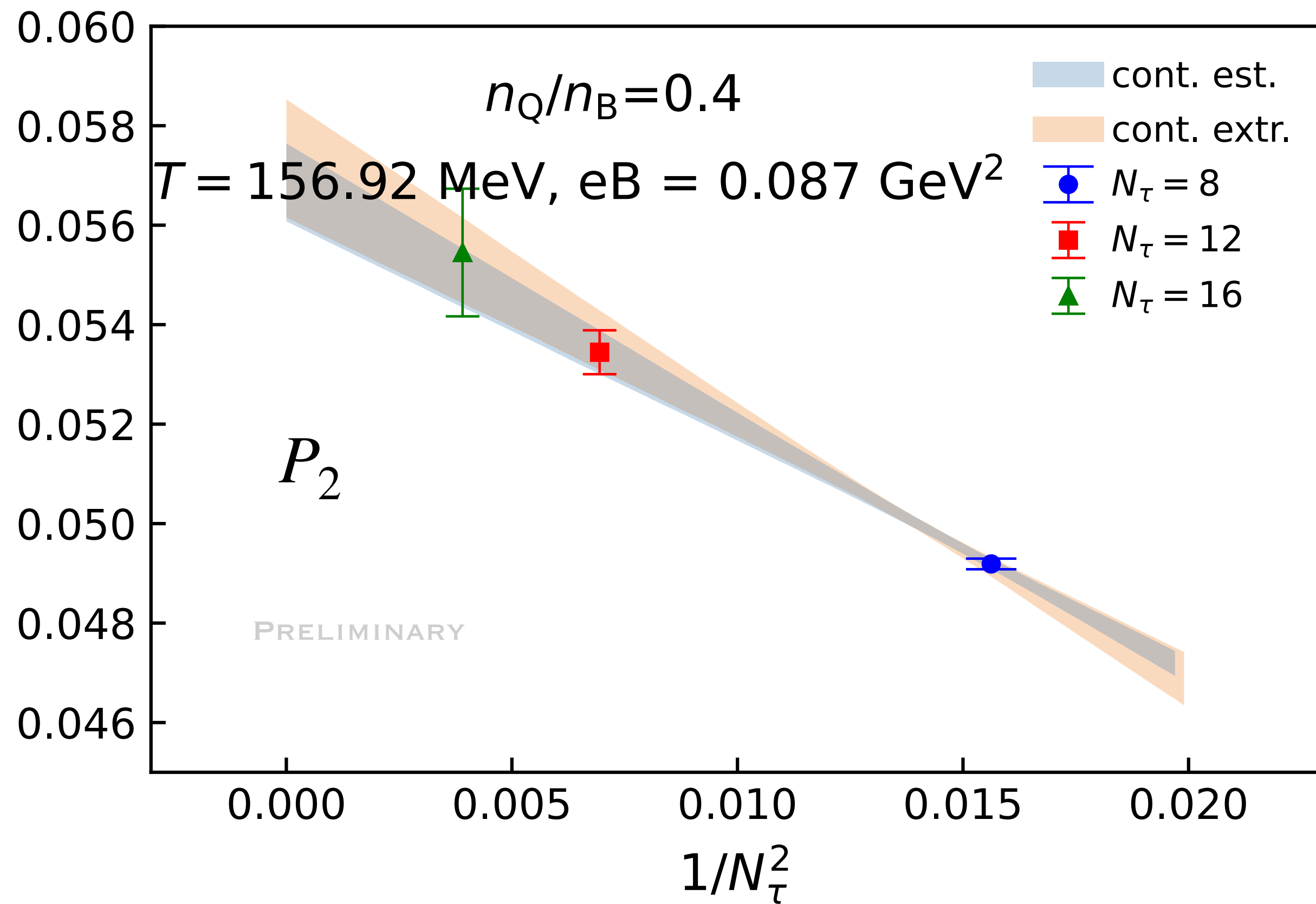


NEXT-TO-LEADING ORDER

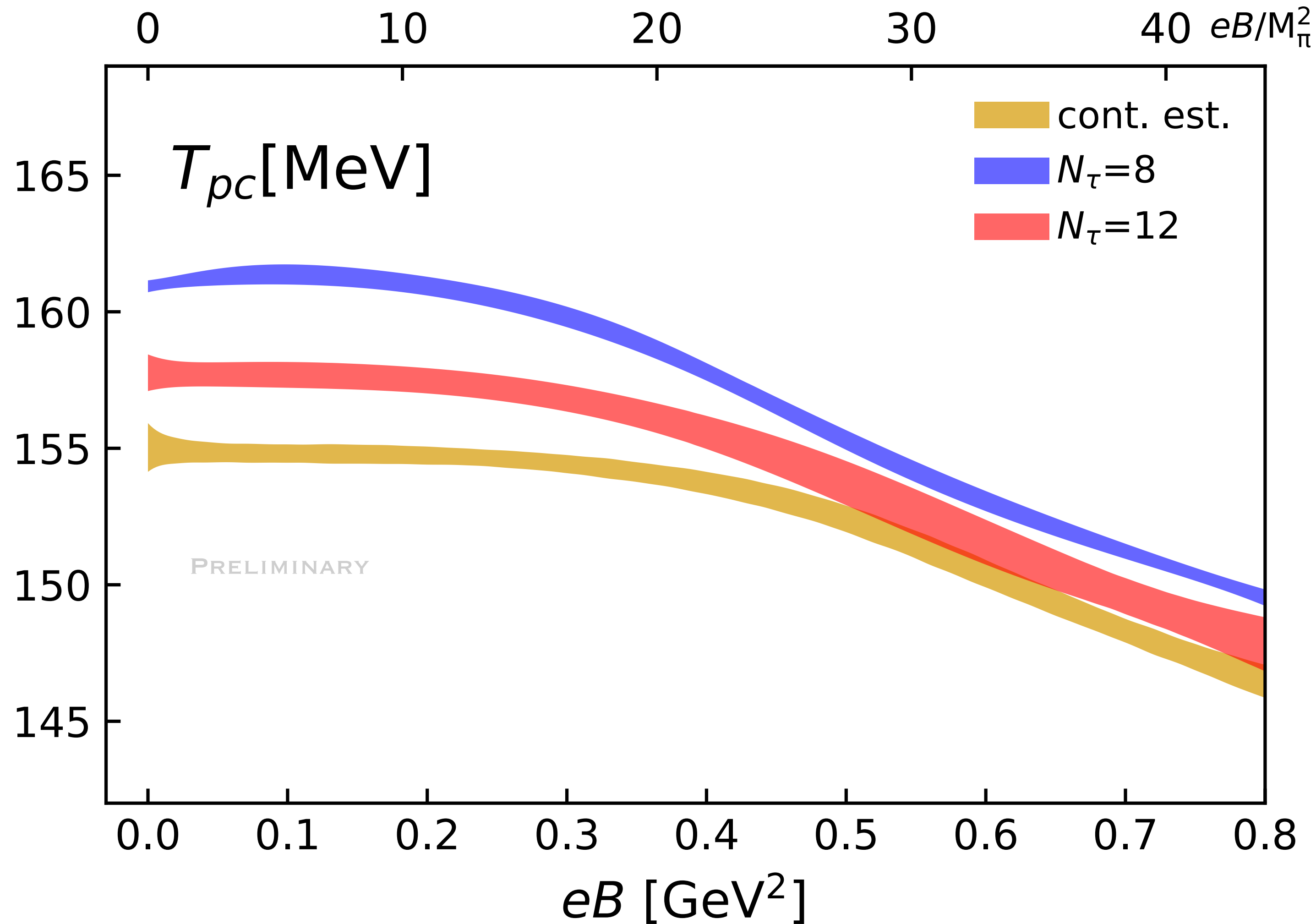
- ★ Ongoing work: insights on next-to-leading order contributions. n^B dominant to Δp (factor ~ 2), but interestingly as eB grows contributions reduce drastically.



CONTINUUM ESTIMATES VS EXTRAPOLATIONS



TRANSITION LINE AND CHIRAL SUSCEPTIBILITY



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

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

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