

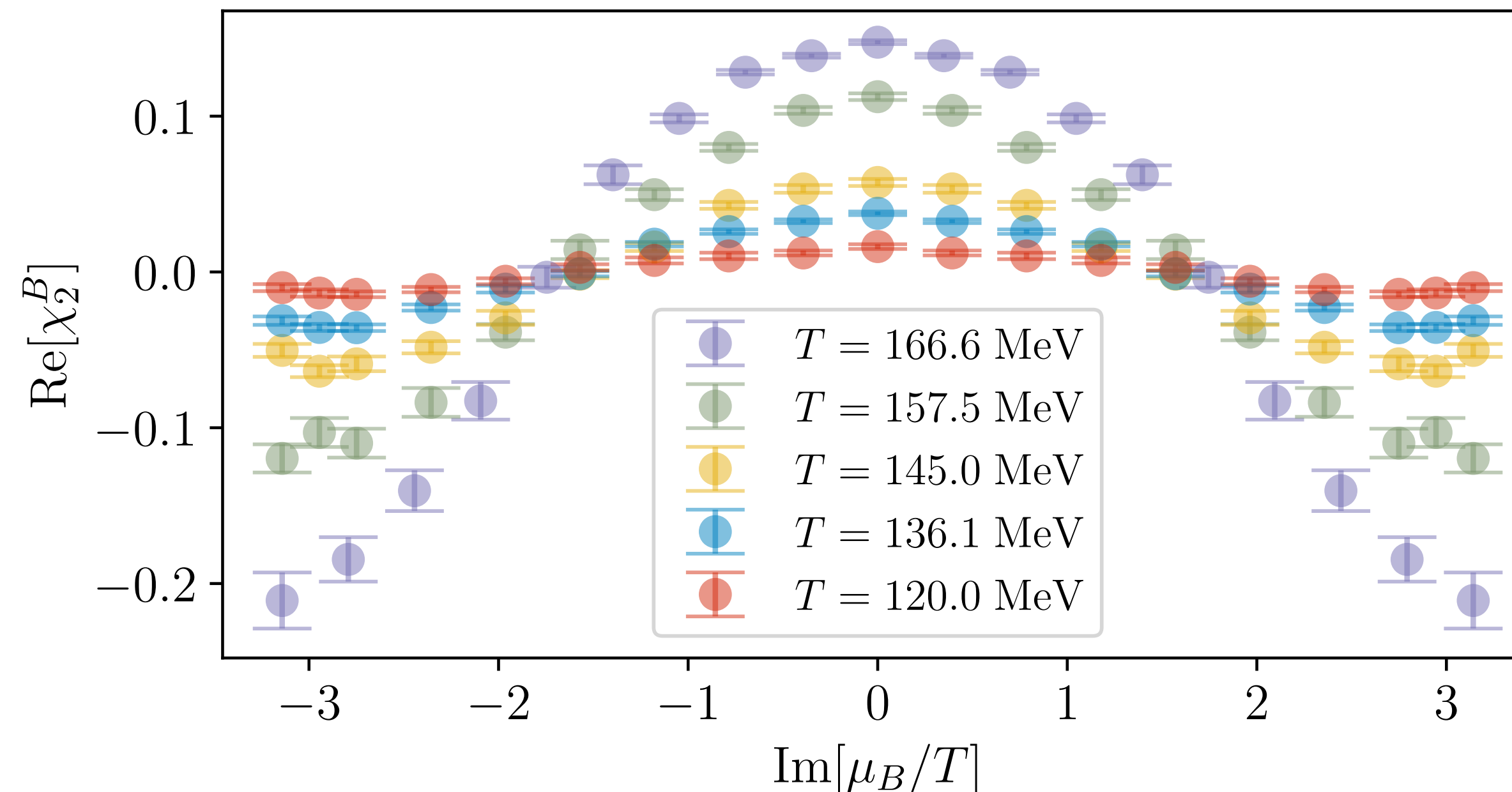
Yang-Lee zeros from the quark number density and the analytic structure of the universal scaling function

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- ❖ The analytic structure of the universal scaling function using the Schofield parameterization → **Karsch, Schmidt, Singh, PRD 109 (2024) 1**
- ❖ Learning the quark number density with complex valued periodic neural networks (sinh-net) → **Brandt, Schmidt (work in progress)**
 - ➔ Fourier coefficients of the density and their asymptotic behaviour from universal scaling → **Bryant, Schmidt, Skokov, PRD 109 (2024) 7**
 - ➔ Canonical partition functions and the fugacity representation of the grand canonical partition function → **Outlook**

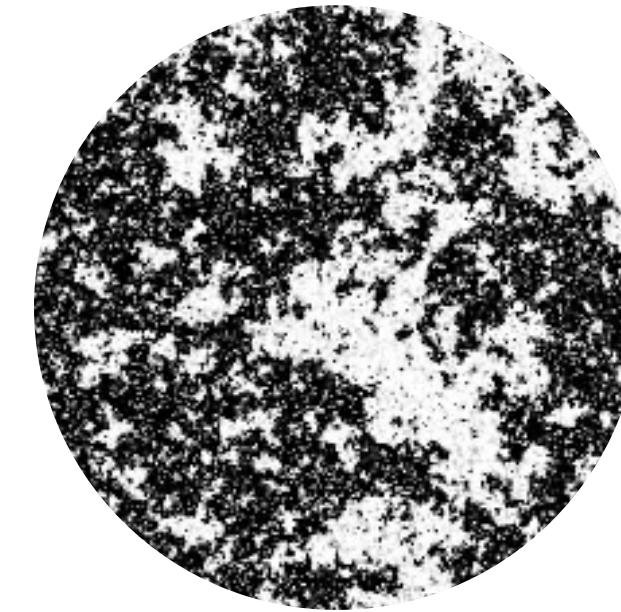


Data from:
**Clarke, Dimopoulos, Di Renzo,
 Goswami, Schmidt, Singh,
 Zambello, arXiv: 24.0510196**

Scaling hypotheses:

Free energy:

$$f_s(t, h, L) = b^{-d} f_s(b^{y_t} t, b^{y_h} h, L^{-1} b)$$

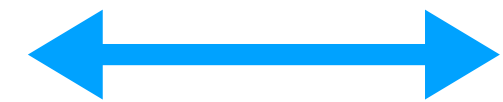


Effective model O(4)/O(2)/Z(2):

Scaling fields

t reduced temperature
 h reduced symmetry breaking field
 L^{-1} inverse system size

map QCD to the
effective model



controlled by
non-universal
parameters:

$$t_0, h_0, l_0$$

$$T_c, H_c$$

(2+1)-flavor QCD:

Scaling fields

$$t = \frac{1}{t_0} (\Delta T + \kappa_2^l \hat{\mu}_l^2 + \kappa_2^s \hat{\mu}_s^2 + 2\kappa_{11}^{ls} \hat{\mu}_l \hat{\mu}_s)$$

$\Delta T = \frac{T - T_c}{T_c}$

$$h = \frac{1}{h_0} (H - H_c), \quad H = \frac{m_l}{m_s}$$

$$l = l_0 L^{-1}$$

- ❖ Establish universal scaling is important for locating and classifying critical points.
- ❖ Determinations of the non-universal parameters, including $\kappa_2^l, \kappa_2^s, \kappa_{11}^{ls}$ are available

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Order parameter and (infinite size) scaling functions

Ansatz for the free energy density

$$\frac{f(T, H)}{T} \equiv -\frac{1}{V} \ln Z(T, H) = H_0 h^{1+1/\delta} f_f(z) + \text{reg.}$$

$$\text{with } z = \frac{t}{h^{1/\beta\delta}}, \quad h \equiv H/H_0, \quad t = t_0^{-1} \frac{T - T_c}{T_c}$$

Order parameter

$$M = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial H} \equiv h^{1/\delta} f_G(z)$$

$$\text{with } f_G(z) = -\left(1 + \frac{1}{\delta}\right) f_f(z) + \frac{z}{\beta\delta} f'_f(z)$$

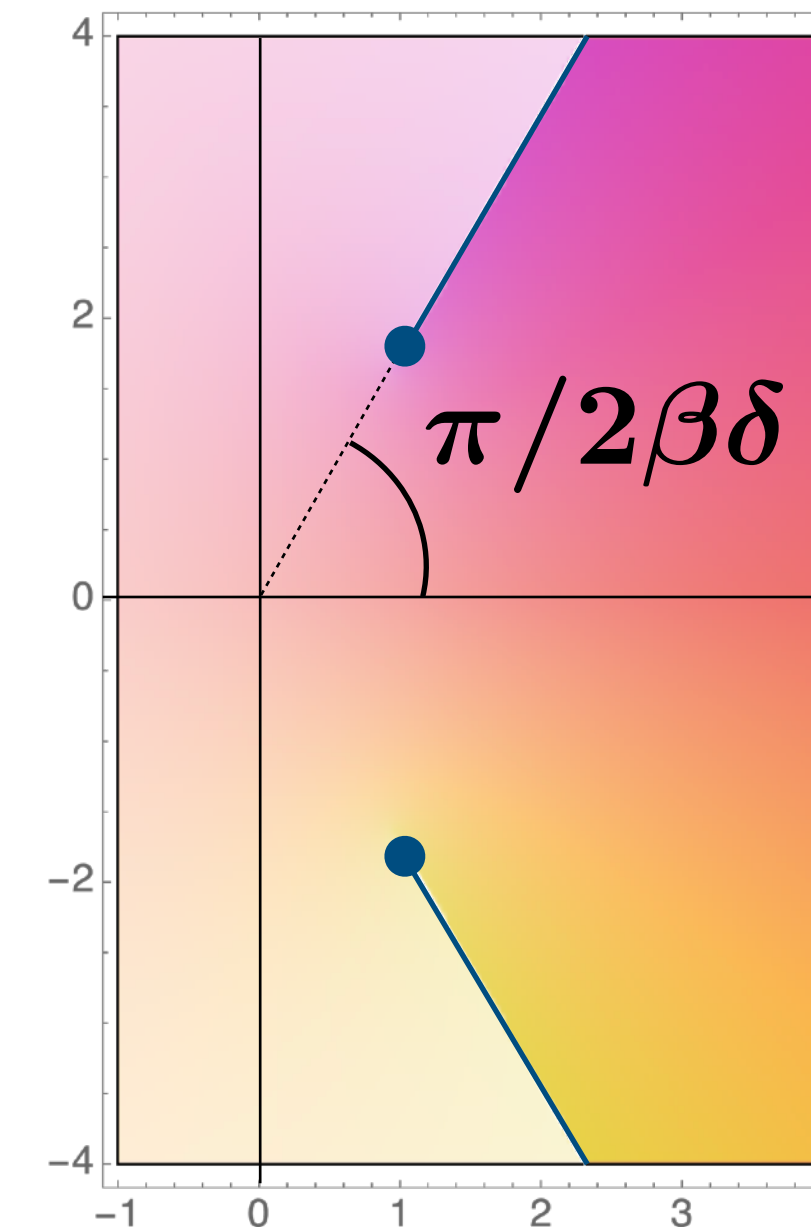
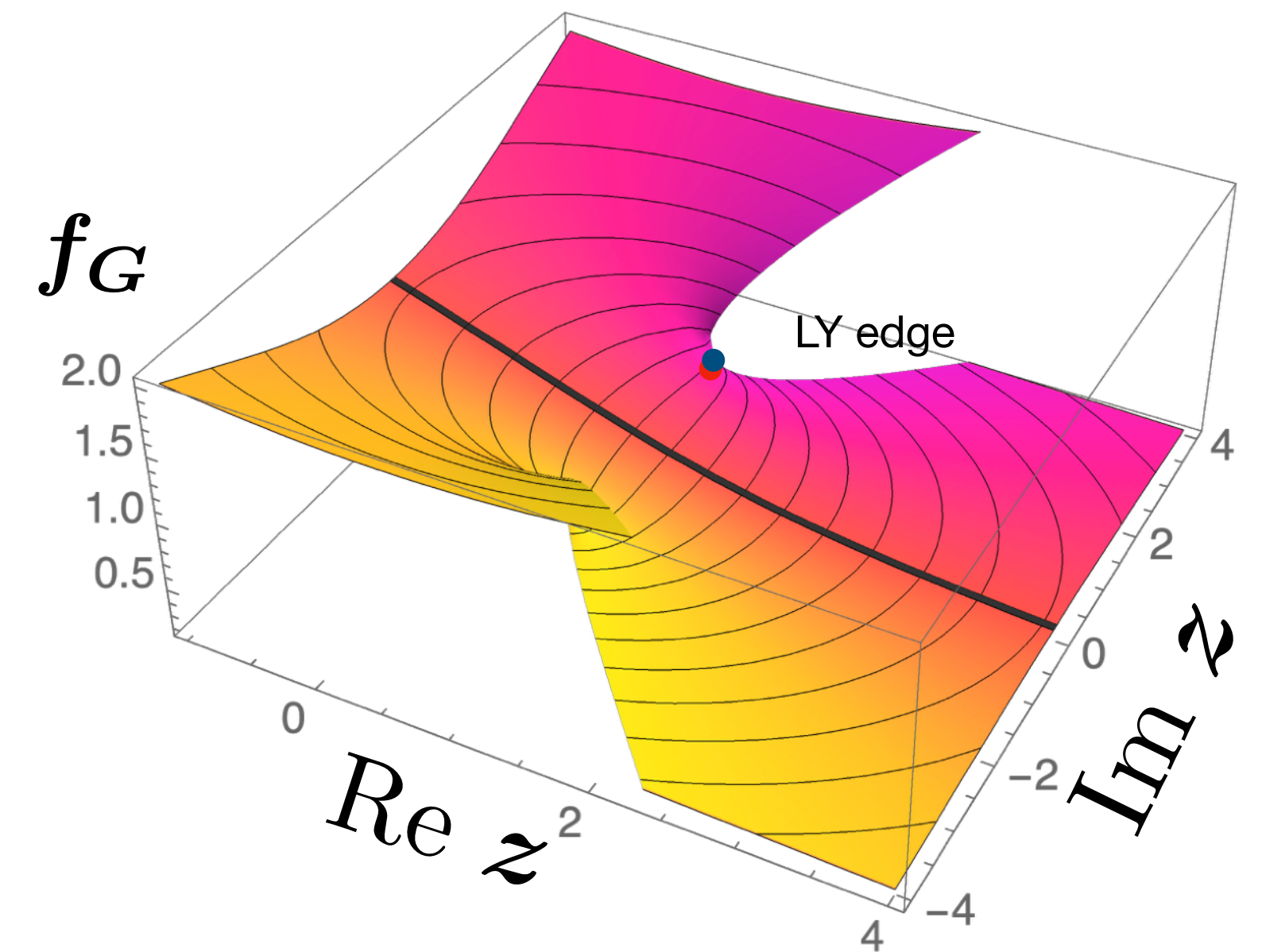
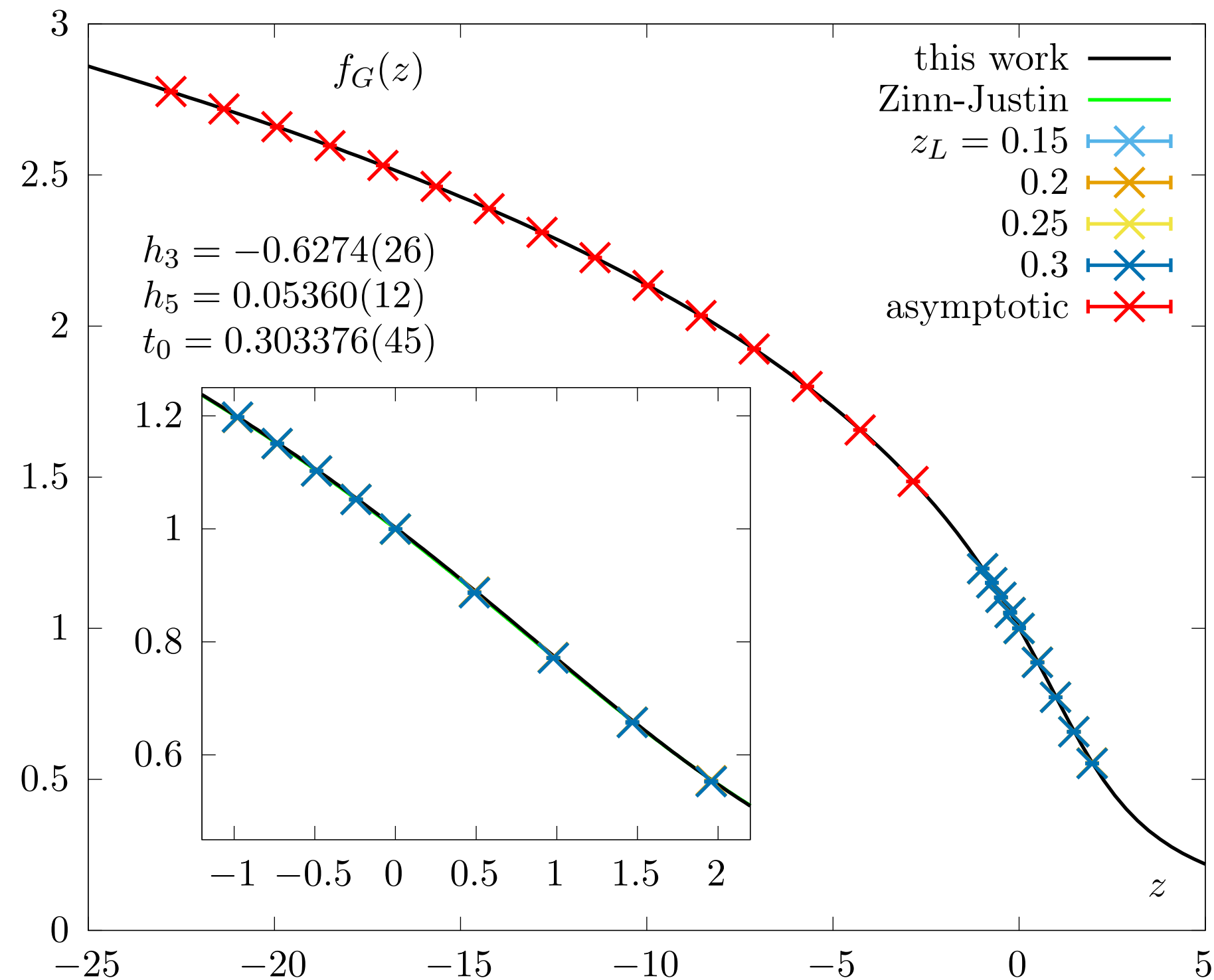


Fig: complex scaling function $f_G(z)$ over the complex z plane, courtesy to V. Skokov



[Karsch et al. PRD 108 (2023) 014505]

An alternative coordinate frame introduced by Schofield:

$$(t, h) \rightarrow (R, \theta)$$

$$M = m_0 R^\beta \theta$$

$$t = R(1 - \theta^2)$$

$$h = h_0 R^{\beta\delta} h(\theta)$$

$$f_G(z) \equiv f_G(\theta(z)) = \theta \left(\frac{h(\theta)}{h(1)} \right)^{-1/\delta}$$

$$z(\theta) = \frac{1-\theta^2}{\theta_0^2-1} \theta_0^{1/\beta} \left(\frac{h(\theta)}{h(1)} \right)^{-1/\beta\delta}$$

❖ f_G of $O(N)$ models has been determined analytically (ϵ -expansion for $N = 1$ and $N = \infty$) and by Monte Carlo simulations.

❖ Asymptotic behaviour of f_G by construction

❖ All non-trivial information in $h(\theta)$

Find singular points of magnetic susceptibility

$$\chi_h = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H} = \frac{h^{1/\delta-1}}{H_0} f_\chi(z)$$

$$f_\chi(z) = \frac{1}{\delta} \left(f_G(z) - \frac{z}{\beta} f'_G(z) \right)$$

using Schofield's parametrisation

$$f_\chi(z) = \frac{((2\beta-1)\theta^2+1)h(1)}{2\beta\delta\theta h(\theta) - (\theta^2-1)h'(\theta)} \left(\frac{h(\theta)}{h(1)} \right)^{1-1/\delta}$$

Condition for singular points:

$$0 = 2\beta\delta\theta h(\theta) - (\theta^2 - 1) h'(\theta)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = \frac{dz(\theta)}{d\theta}$$

Form of $h(\theta)$ in the LPM approximation:

- ❖ $h(\theta)$ is an odd function of θ
- ❖ $h(\theta)$ has roots at 0, 1, θ_0
- ❖ (Generalised) linear parametric model approximation:

$$h(\theta) = \theta(1 - (\theta/\theta_0)^2)^g, \quad g = 1, 2$$

$$\text{with } g = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{mean - field} \\ 2, & N = \infty \end{cases}$$

- ❖ LPM approximation is kept exact for epsilon expansion up to $O(\epsilon^2)$
- ❖ Beyond LPM we define

$$\begin{aligned} h(\theta) &= \theta \left(1 - \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta_0} \right)^2 \right)^g (1 + c_2\theta^2 + c_4\theta^4 + \mathcal{O}(\theta^6)) \\ &\equiv \theta(1 + h_3\theta^2 + h_5\theta^4 + h_7\theta^6 + \mathcal{O}(\theta^8)) \end{aligned}$$

Eos:

$$f_G(z + f_G^2)^g = 1$$

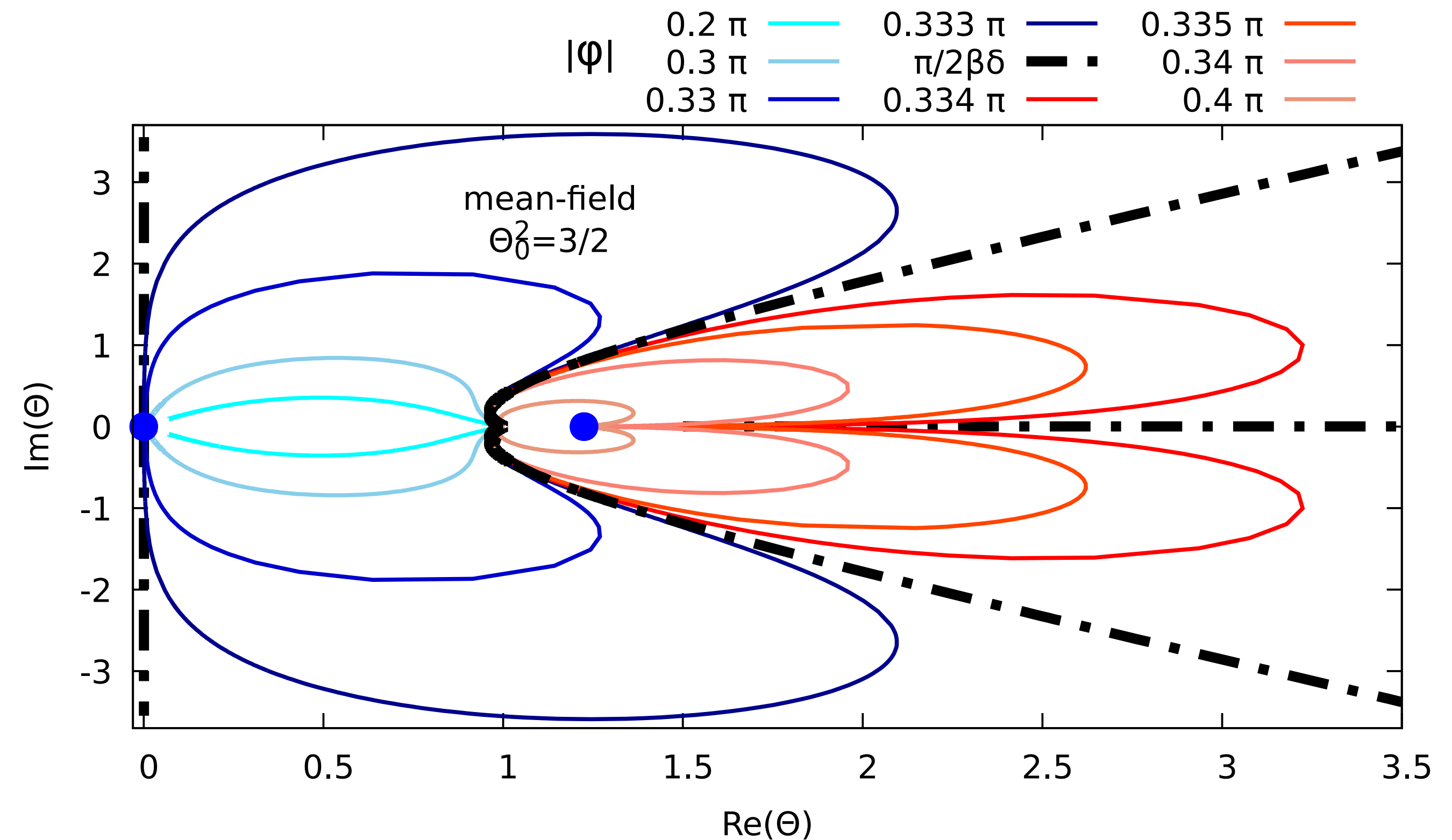
Critical exponents:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \delta = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{mean - field} \\ 5, & N = \infty \end{cases}$$

YLE

$$z_{LY} = \begin{cases} 3 \cdot 2^{-2/3} e^{\pm i\pi/3}, & \text{mean - field} \\ 5 \cdot 2^{-8/5} e^{\pm i\pi/5}, & N = \infty \end{cases}$$

Lines of constant $\arg(z)$ for a particular choice of $z(\theta)$ in the mean – field case



❖ θ_{LY} is θ_0 dependent

❖ For $\theta_0 = 3/2$ we have $z(\theta) : \mathbb{C}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\theta_{LY} = \infty$

❖ LPM approximation is kept exact
for epsilon expansion up to $O(\epsilon^2)$

Critical exponents:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\epsilon + \frac{1}{162}\epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

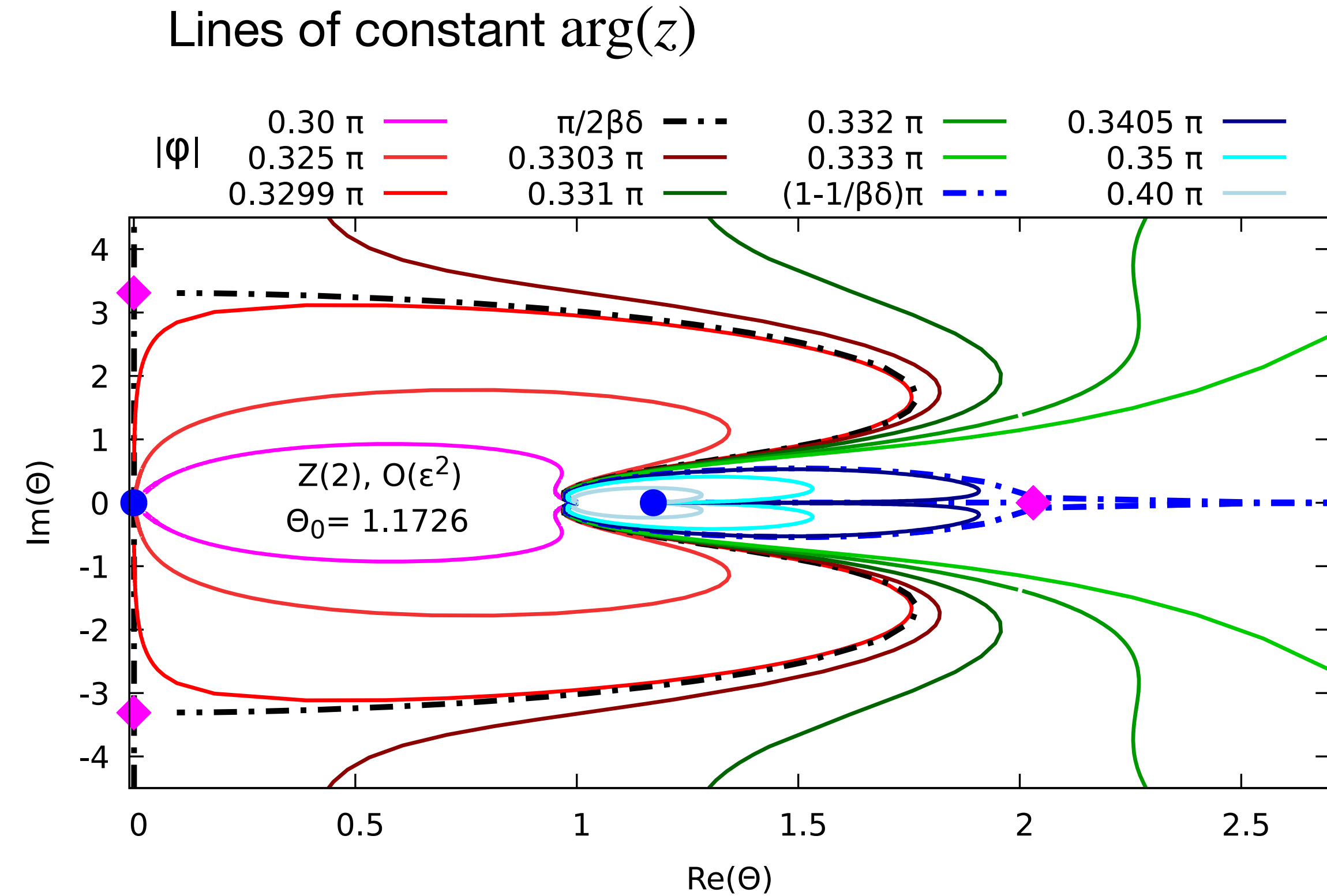
$$\delta = 3 + \epsilon + \frac{25}{54}\epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

$$\beta\delta = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{12}\epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

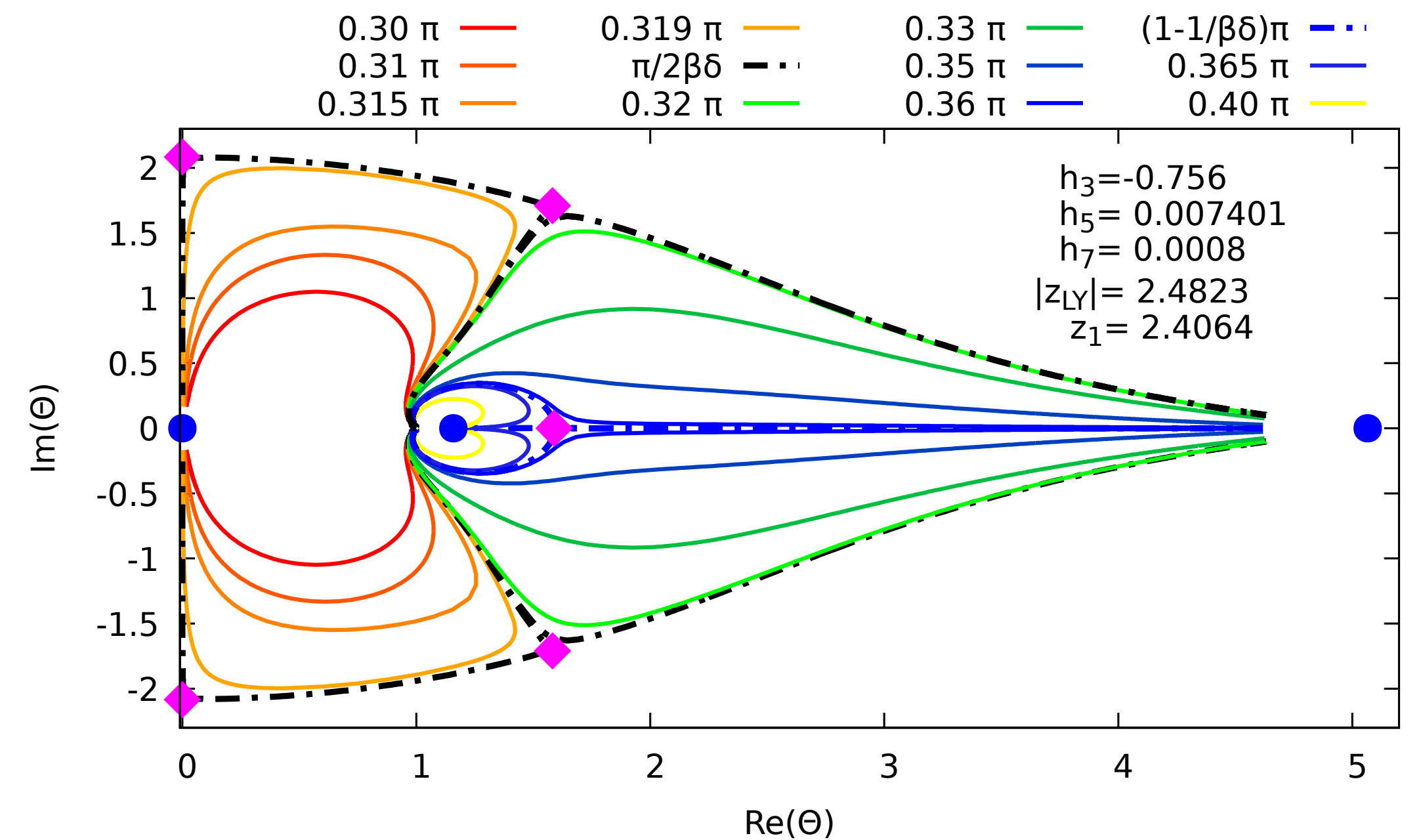
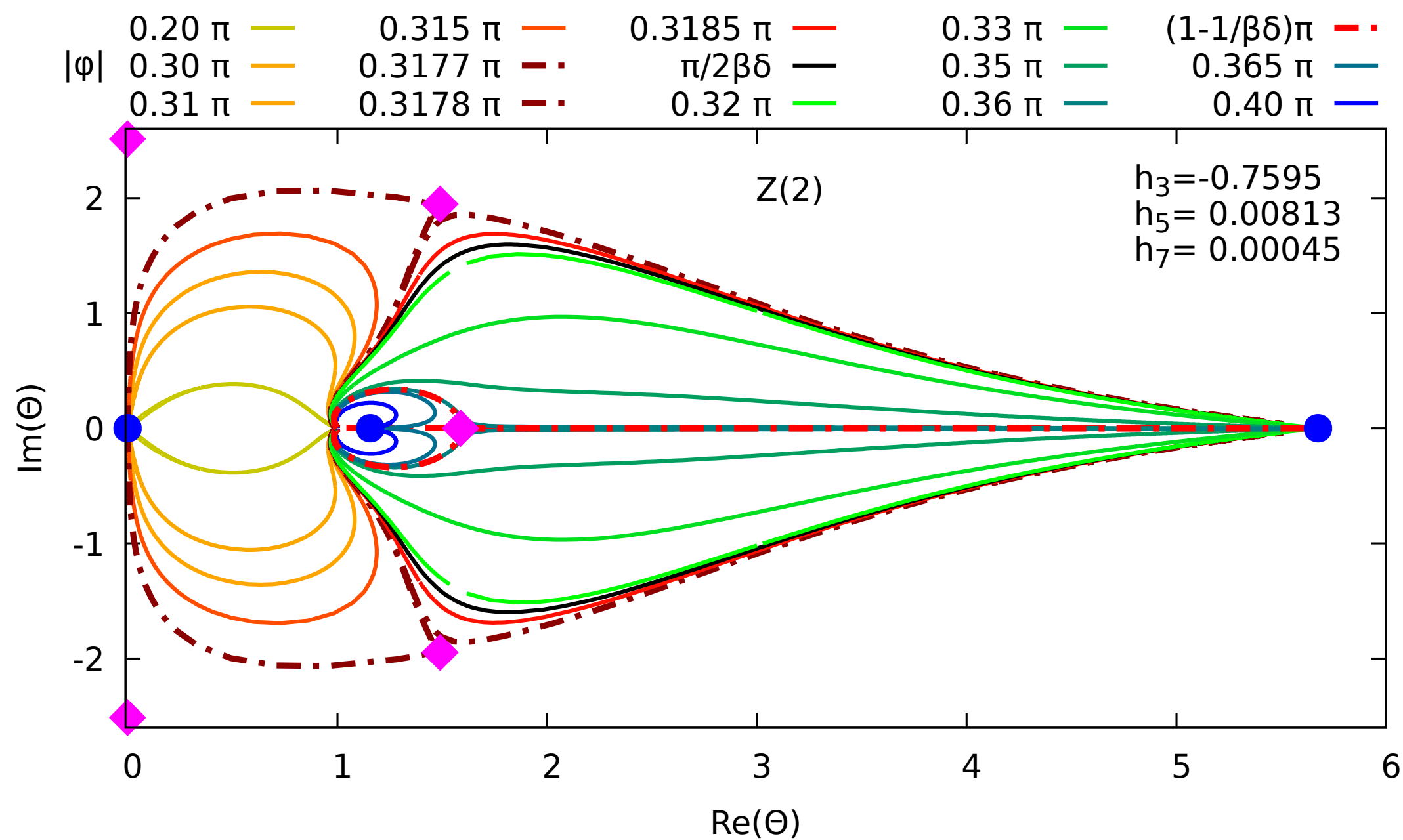
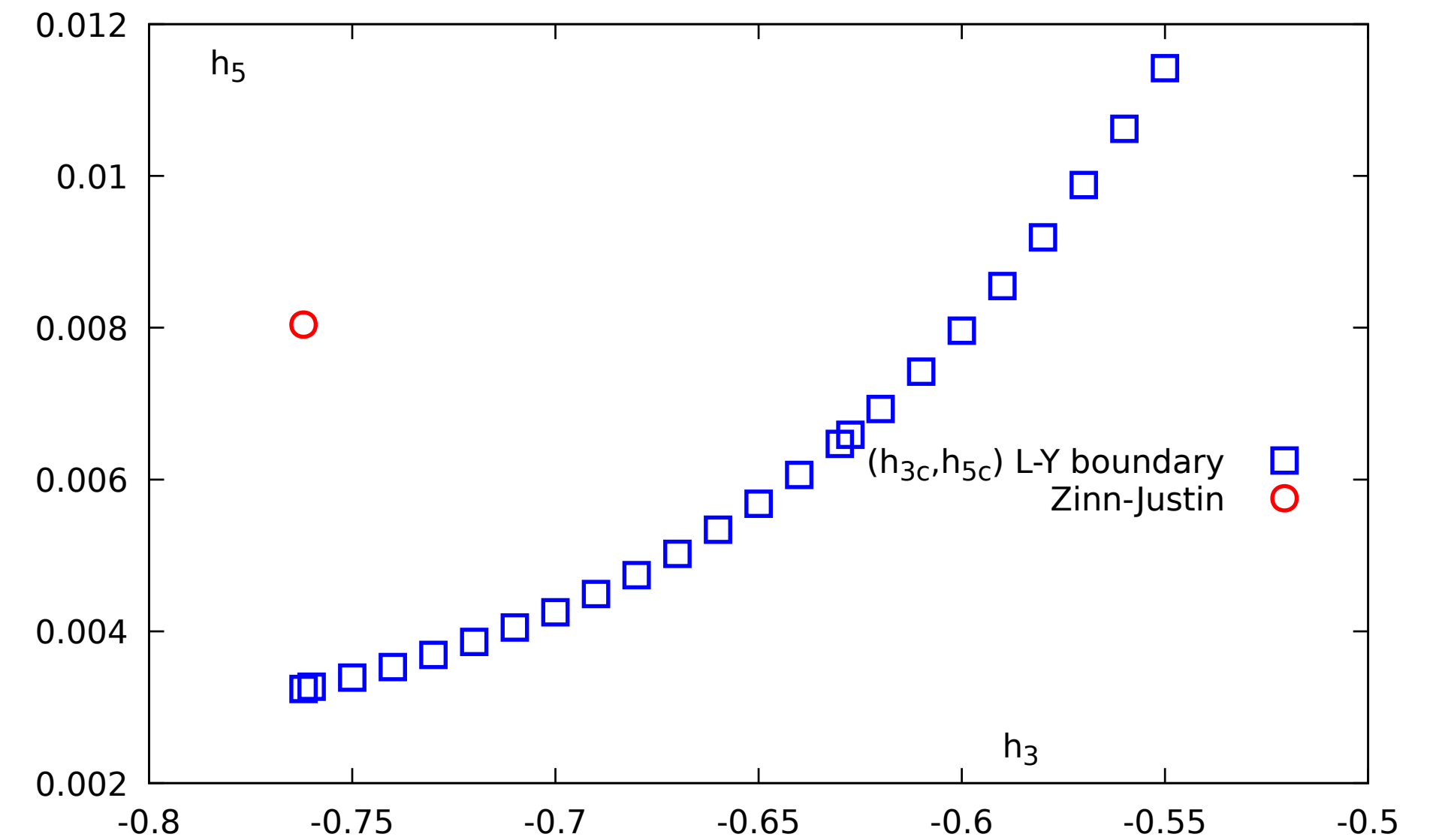
YLE

$$\theta_{Lan,+} = 2.03038, \quad z_{Lan} = 2.24047 e^{i\pi(1-1/\beta\delta)}$$

$$\theta_{LY,\pm} = \pm 3.31198 i, \quad z_{LY,\pm} = 2.30674 e^{\pm i\pi/2\beta\delta}$$



- ❖ Perturbative estimate of h_3, h_5, h_7 by Zinn-Justin, Phys.Rept.344:159-178,2001
- ❖ Only finite region of the θ -plane is mapped to the z -plane.
- ❖ Find that the LYE has wrong phase
- ❖ Parameters can be tuned to correct phase



❖ In O(2) and O(4) models the coefficients for h_3, h_5, h_7 are obtained from MC calculations
[Karsch et al. PRD 108 (2023) 014505]

❖ Again, coefficients can be tuned for the correct LY phase

❖ Universal z_{LY} for Z(2) and O(2) are in agreement with FRG calculations
[Johnson, Rennecke, Skokov, PRD 107, 116013 (2023)]

	$Z(2): \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$	$Z(2)$	$O(2)$	$O(4)$
$ z_{LY,b} $	—	—	2.281(72)	1.977(73)
$ z_{Lan} $	2.240	2.374(36)	—	—
$ z_{LY} $	2.307	2.429(56)	1.95(7)	1.47(3)
$ z_{LY} [FRG]$		2.43(4)	2.04(8)	1.69(3)

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Definition:

$$b_k(T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_B \operatorname{Im} \chi_1^B(T, i\theta_B) \sin(k\theta_B)$$

$\mu_B/T = i\theta_B$, with $\theta_B \in \mathbb{R}$

A Fourier interpolation of the data is periodic by construction!

highly oscillatory for large k

Data only defined on a discrete set of points

Method:

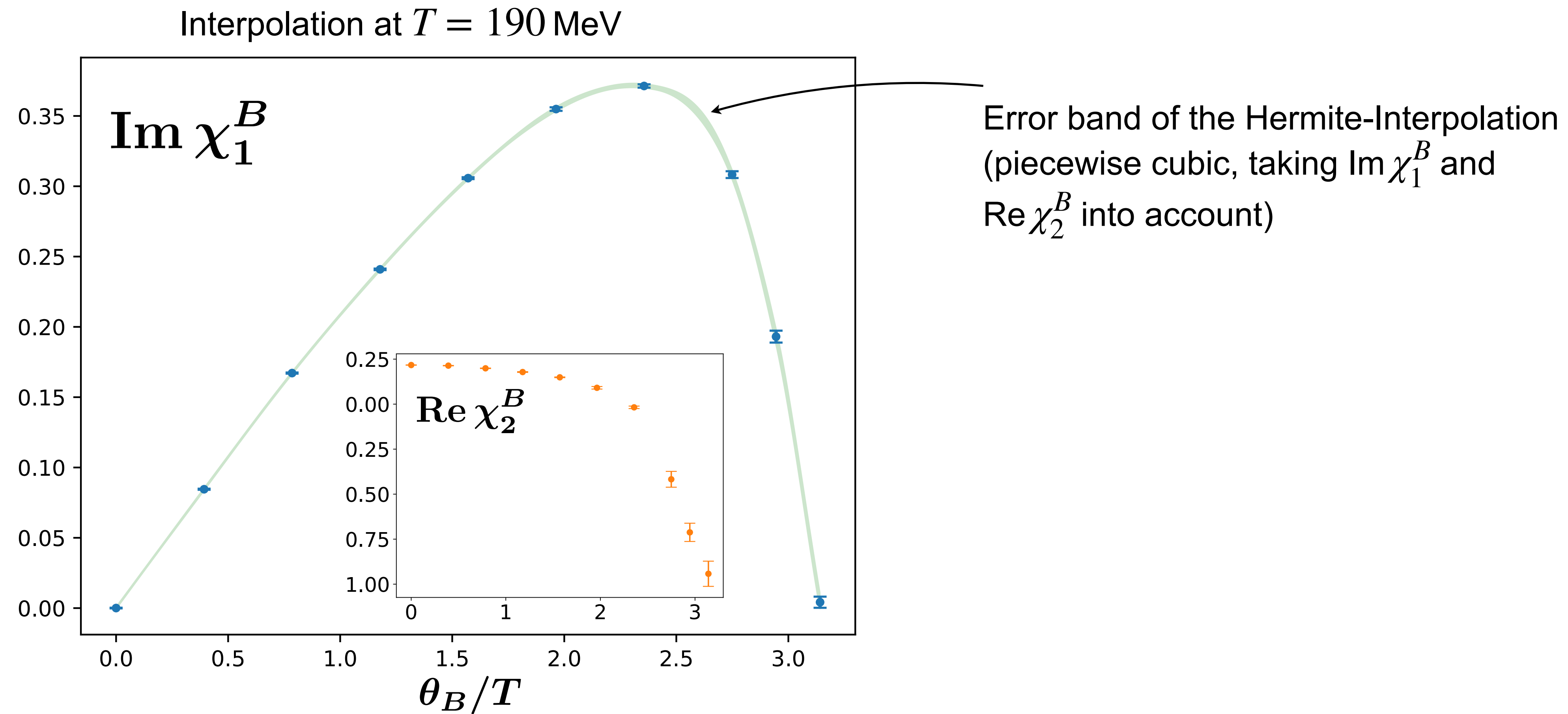
- Interpolate $\operatorname{Im} \chi_1^B$, take also its derivative $\operatorname{Re} \chi_2^B$ and eventually higher derivatives up to order s into account
→ Hermite-interpolation (spline)

- Piecewise integration can be done analytically

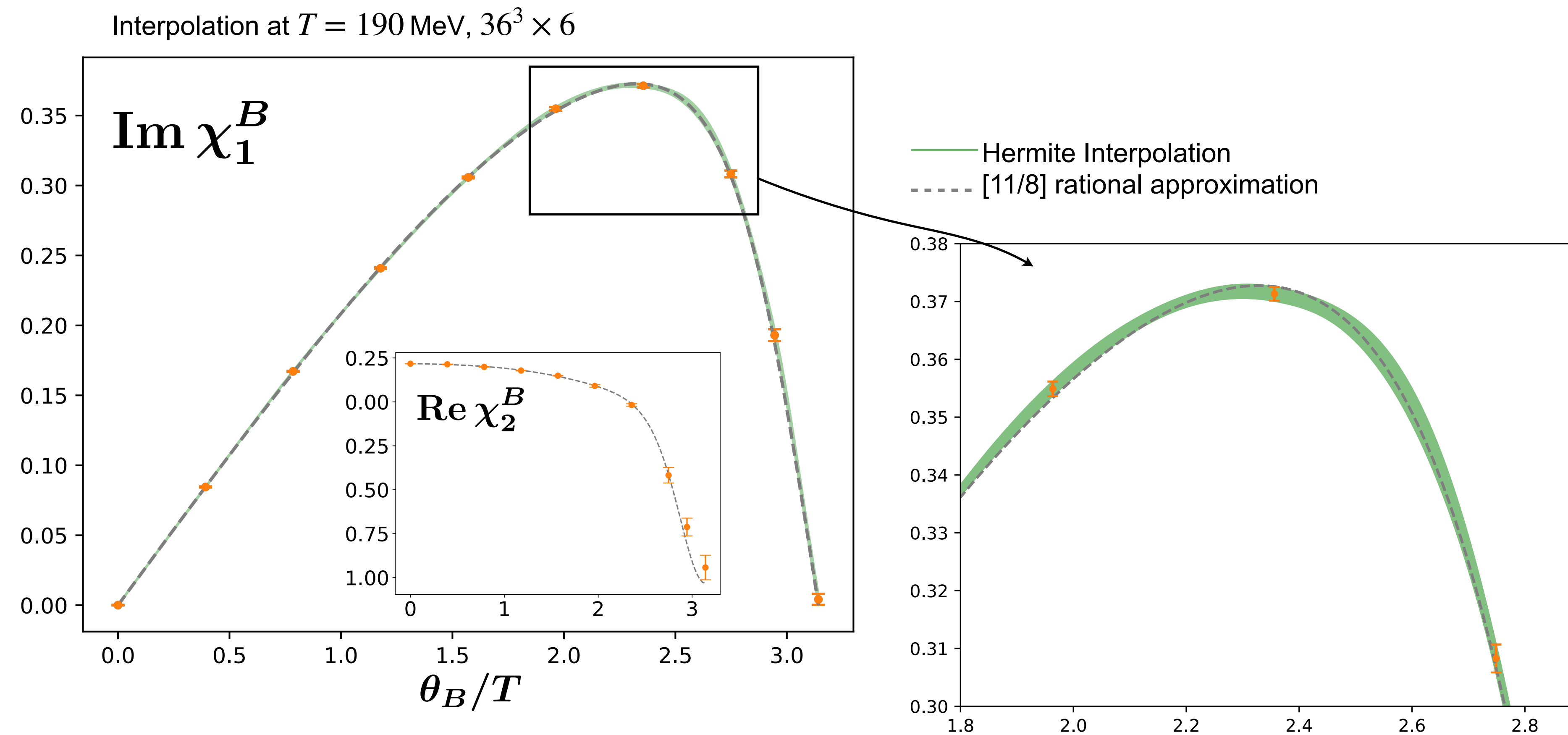
$$b_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \int_{\theta_B^{(i)}}^{\theta_B^{(i+1)}} d\theta_B p(\theta_B) \sin(k\theta_B) \quad \text{with} \quad 0 = \theta_B^{(0)} < \theta_B^{(1)} < \dots < \theta_B^{(N)} = \pi$$

→ variant of a Filon-type quadrature: error decreases as $\mathcal{O}(k^{-s-2})$ (for exact data)

- Statistical error is estimated by bootstrapping over the error of $\operatorname{Im} \chi_1^B$ and $\operatorname{Re} \chi_2^B$.

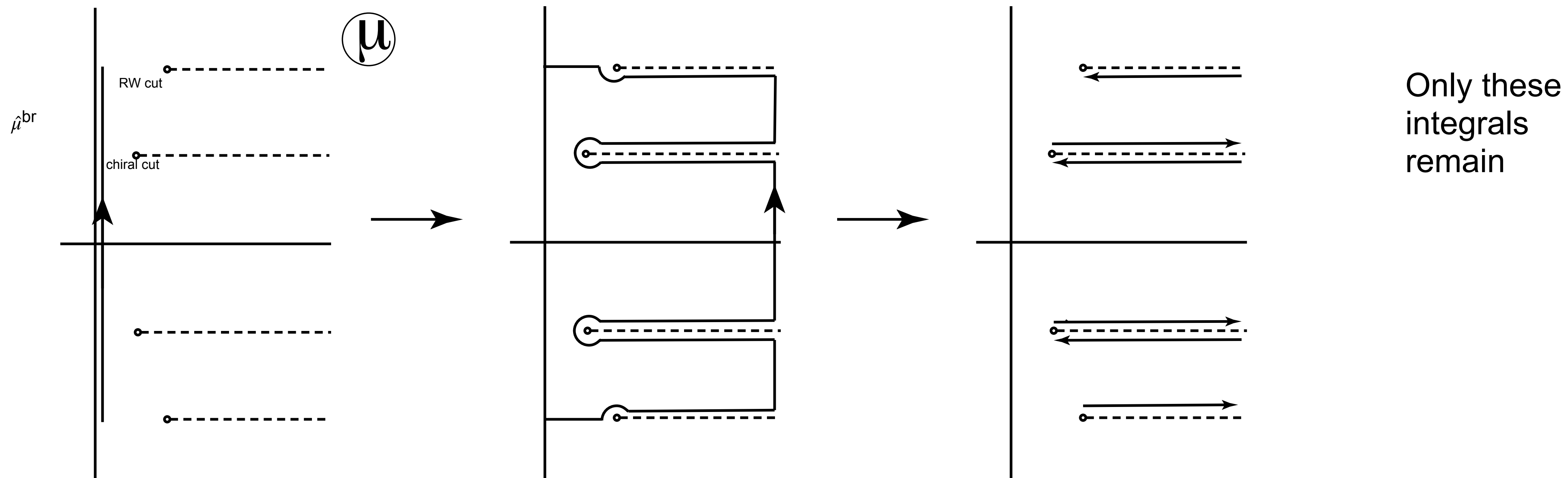


- Note asymmetry of the data, w.r.t a sin function: data can be described by $\mathcal{O}(10)$ Fourier-coefficients



- Note asymmetry of the data, w.r.t a sin function: need $\mathcal{O}(10)$ Fourier-coefficients to describe the data
- Both interpolations agree within error.

- We can deform the integration contour to integrate along the cuts



- Assume that we can express the density along the cuts as

$$n_B(\hat{\mu}) = \underbrace{A(\hat{\mu} - \hat{\mu}^{\text{br}})^{\sigma}}_{\text{Leading order non-analytic part}} (1 + B(\hat{\mu} - \hat{\mu}^{\text{br}})^{\theta_c} + \dots) + \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (\hat{\mu} - \hat{\mu}^{\text{br}})^n}_{\text{analytic part}}$$

edge coefficient, $\sigma > -1$

- The final result for one cut is

$$b_k = \frac{e^{-\mu^{\text{br}} k}}{i\pi} A \frac{\Gamma(1 + \sigma)}{k^{1+\sigma}} \left(1 - e^{i2\pi\sigma} + \frac{B}{k^{\theta_c}} \left[1 - e^{i2\pi(\sigma + \theta_c)} \right] \frac{\Gamma(1 + \sigma + \theta_c)}{\Gamma(1 + \sigma)} + \dots \right)$$

Absorbing k -independent factors into A and B we get

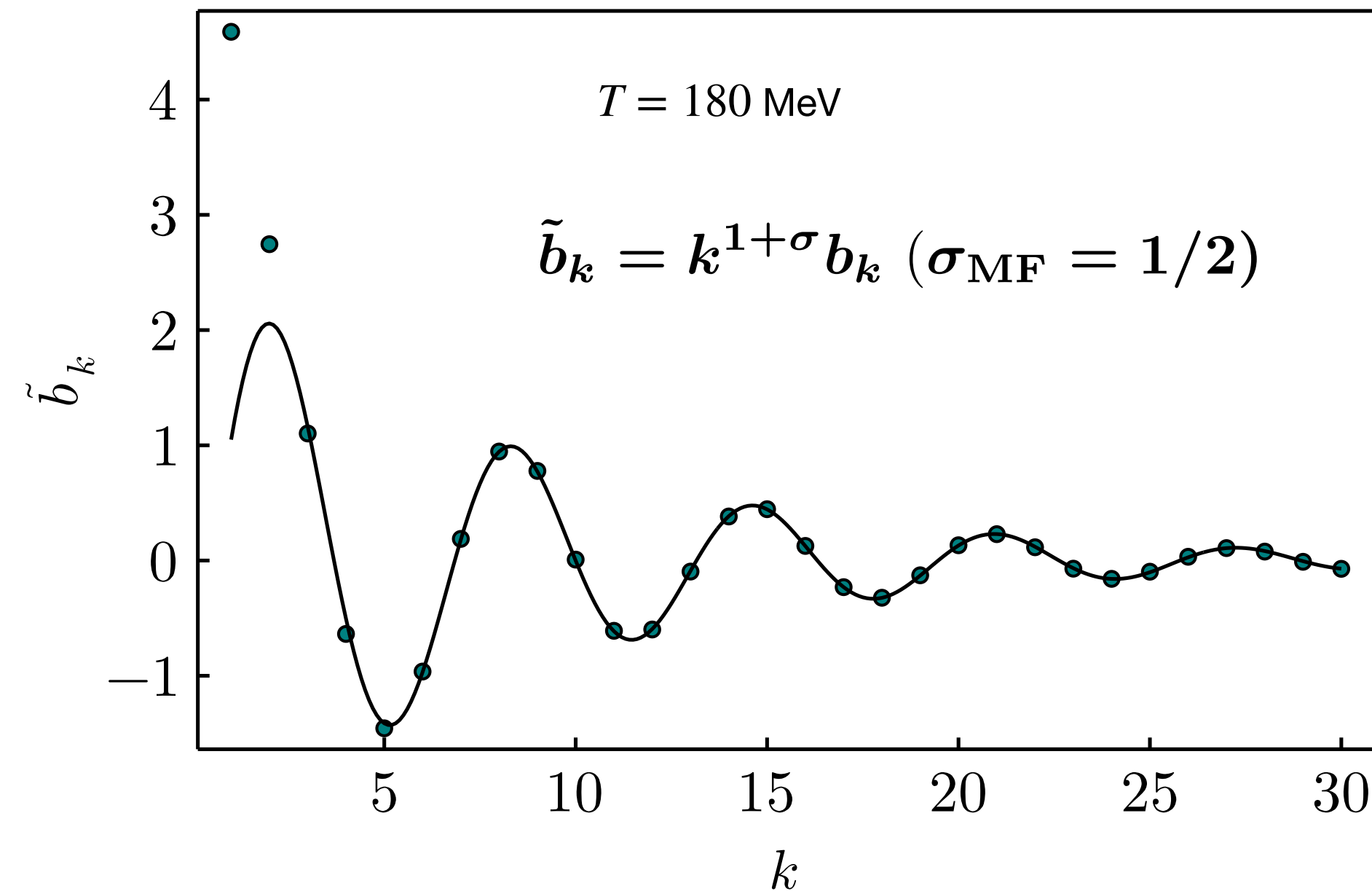
$$b_k = \tilde{A} \frac{e^{-\hat{\mu}^{\text{br}} k}}{k^{1+\sigma}} \left(1 + \frac{\tilde{B}}{k^{\theta_c}} + \dots \right) \quad \text{Note that the regular part cancels completely}$$

- The final result for both cuts is (dropping NLO)

$$b_k = |\tilde{A}_{\text{YLE}}| \frac{e^{-\hat{\mu}_r^{\text{YLE}} k}}{k^{1+\sigma}} \cos(\hat{\mu}_i^{\text{YLE}} k + \phi_a^{\text{YLE}}) + |\hat{A}_{\text{RW}}| (-1)^k \frac{e^{-\hat{\mu}_r^{\text{RW}} k}}{k^{1+\sigma}}$$

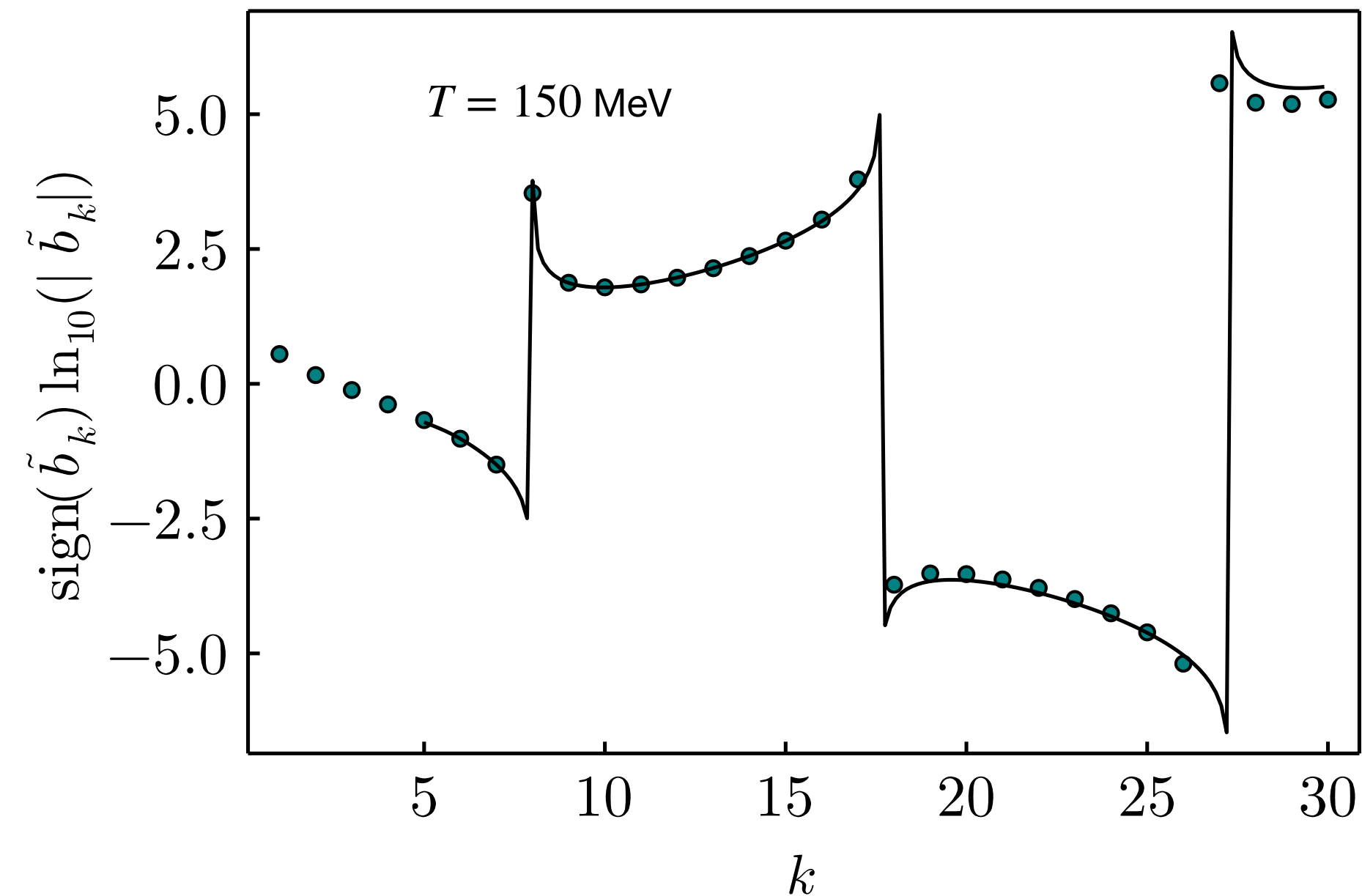
$$\hat{\mu}_i^{\text{RW}} = \pi$$

- The analytic form fits the Fourier coefficients from the quark-meson model well. Details of the Model can be found here [\[Skokov et al., PRD 82 \(2010\) 034029\]](#)
- In Mean-Field and LPA approximation fits to the Fourier coefficients reproduce the correct location of the LY edge up to (5 – 7)%.



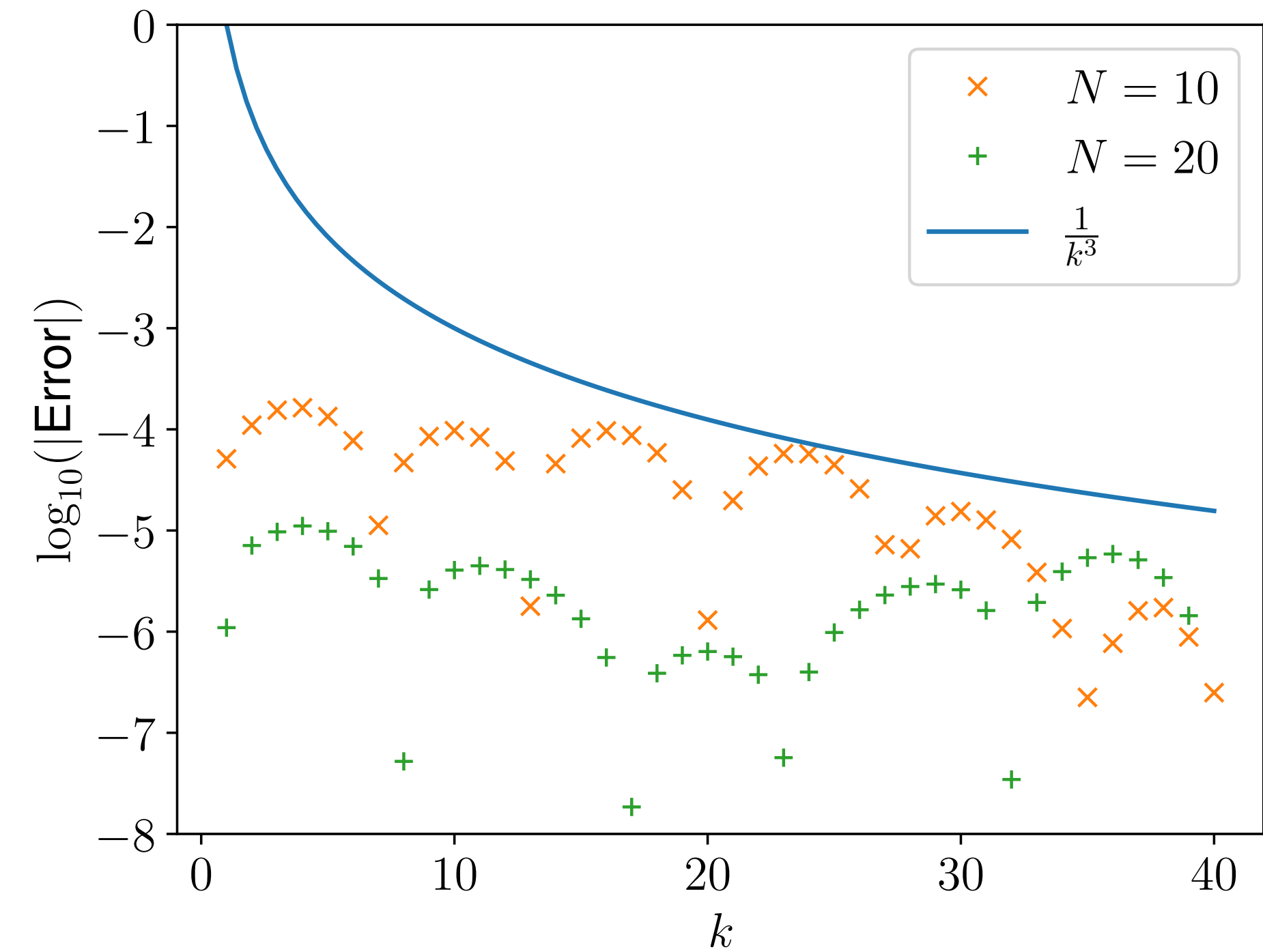
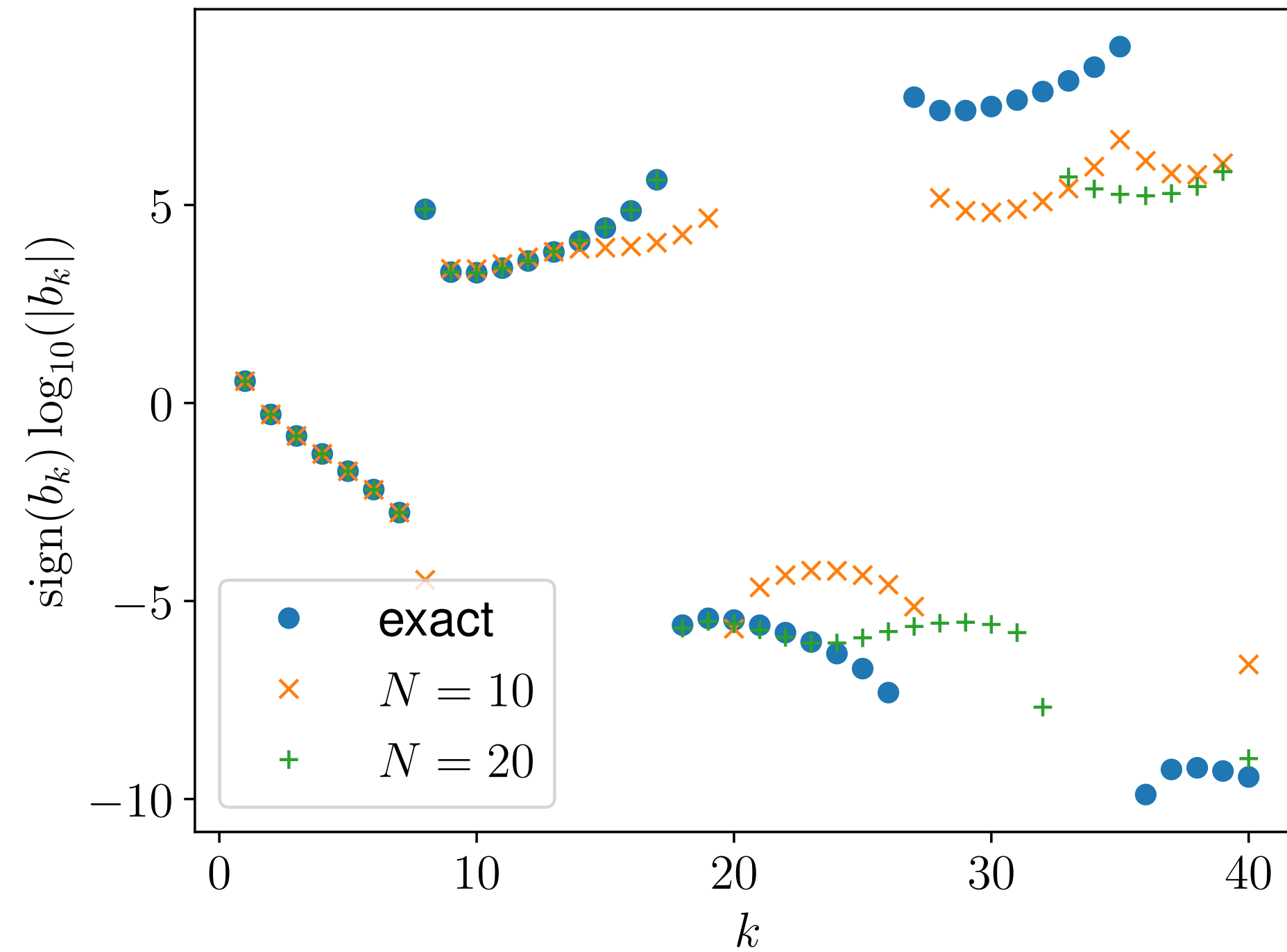
$$\hat{\mu}_{\text{YLE}}^{\text{fit}} = 0.1156(6) + i 0.9952(5)$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{\text{YLE}} = 0.118657 + i 1.00256$$



$$\hat{\mu}_{\text{YLE}}^{\text{fit}} = 0.441(2) + i 0.325(3)$$

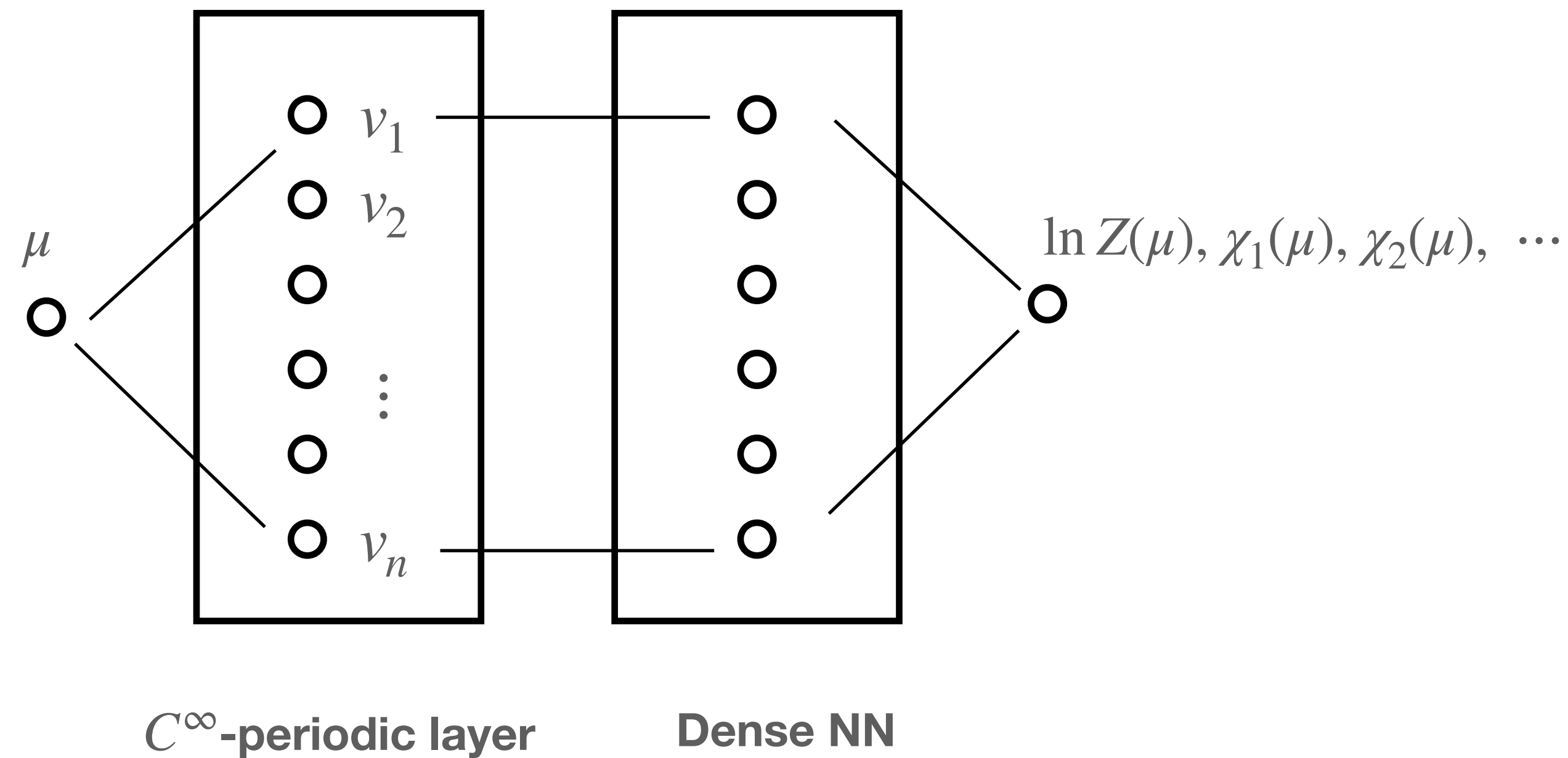
$$\hat{\mu}_{\text{YLE}} = 0.412884 + i 0.342187$$



- Determination of Fourier coefficients from lattice data is very hard
- Need precision of $10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$ for $\text{Im}[\chi_1]$
- Need to calculate $\gtrsim 30$ coefficients, i.e. $\gtrsim 30$ μ -values when using FFT

Idea:

- Use complex ML model with build in periodicity for $\ln Z$
- Use automatic differentiation to learn from $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \dots$

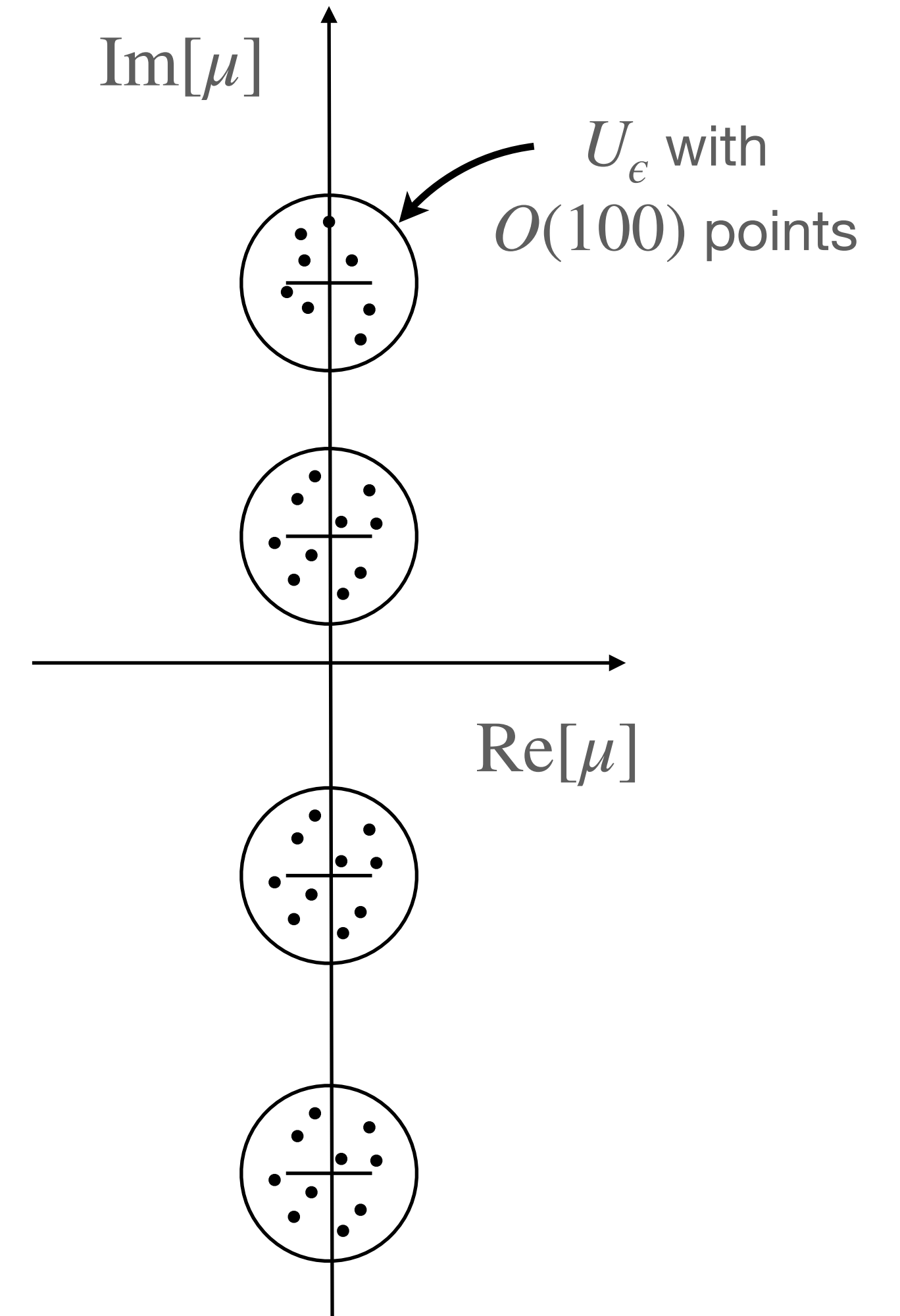
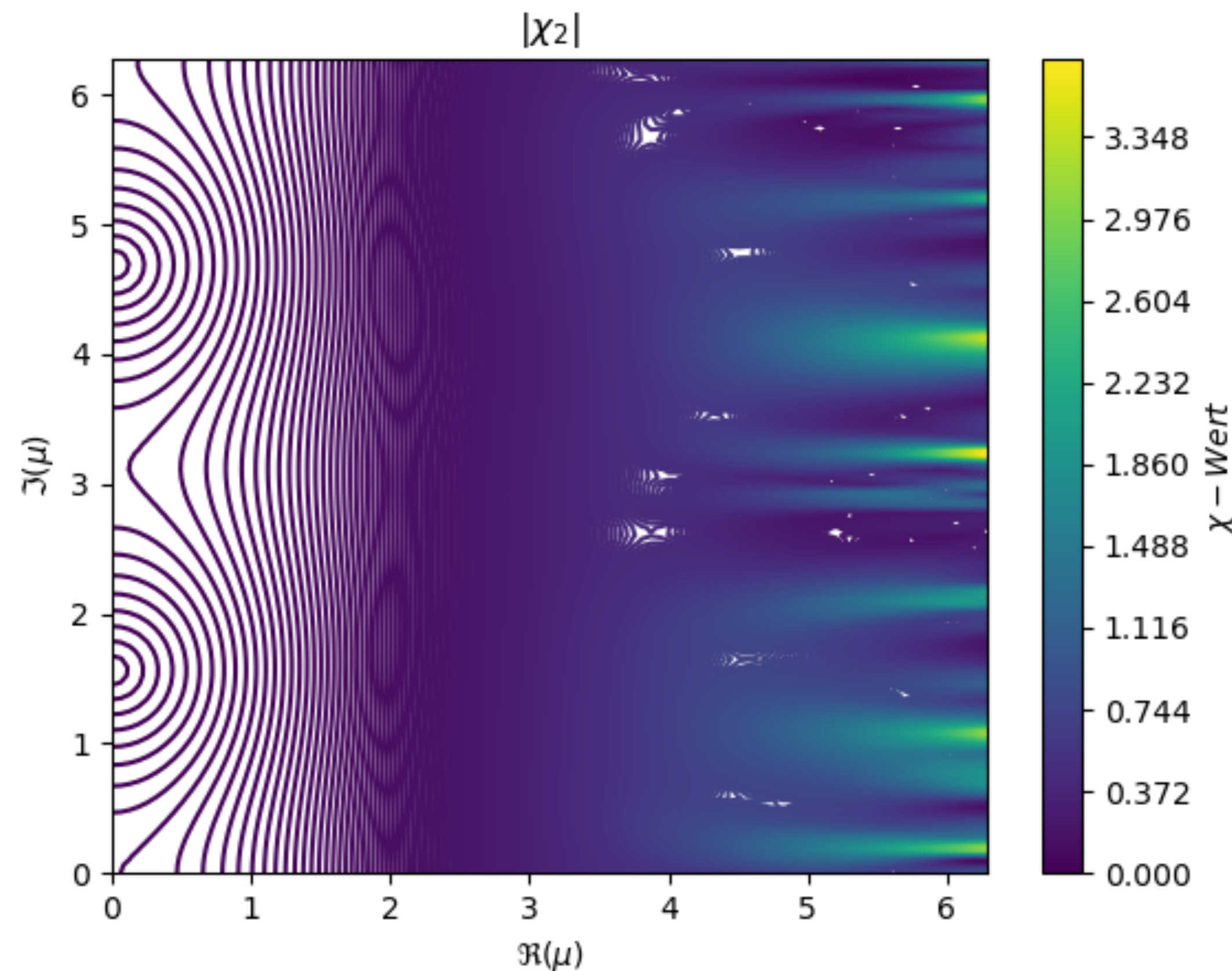


$$v_k = \sigma(A_k \cosh(\omega\mu + \phi_k) + c_k), \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{L} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v^{(n)}(\mu) = v^{(n)}(\mu + L)$$

- Non-linear activation function generates higher harmonics
- We generalise the C^∞ -periodic layer from [\[Dong, Ni, J. Comp. Phys 435 \(2021\) 110242\]](#) to complex numbers and replace cos by cosh functions.

- Learning data: $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \dots$
- In order to break the symmetry we generate a number of complex points, normal distributed around the simulations points Taylor expand the data to that points

- Analytic continuation of χ_2 , can we identify LYZ?
- Work in progress: use $\ln Z$ to calculate canonical partition functions

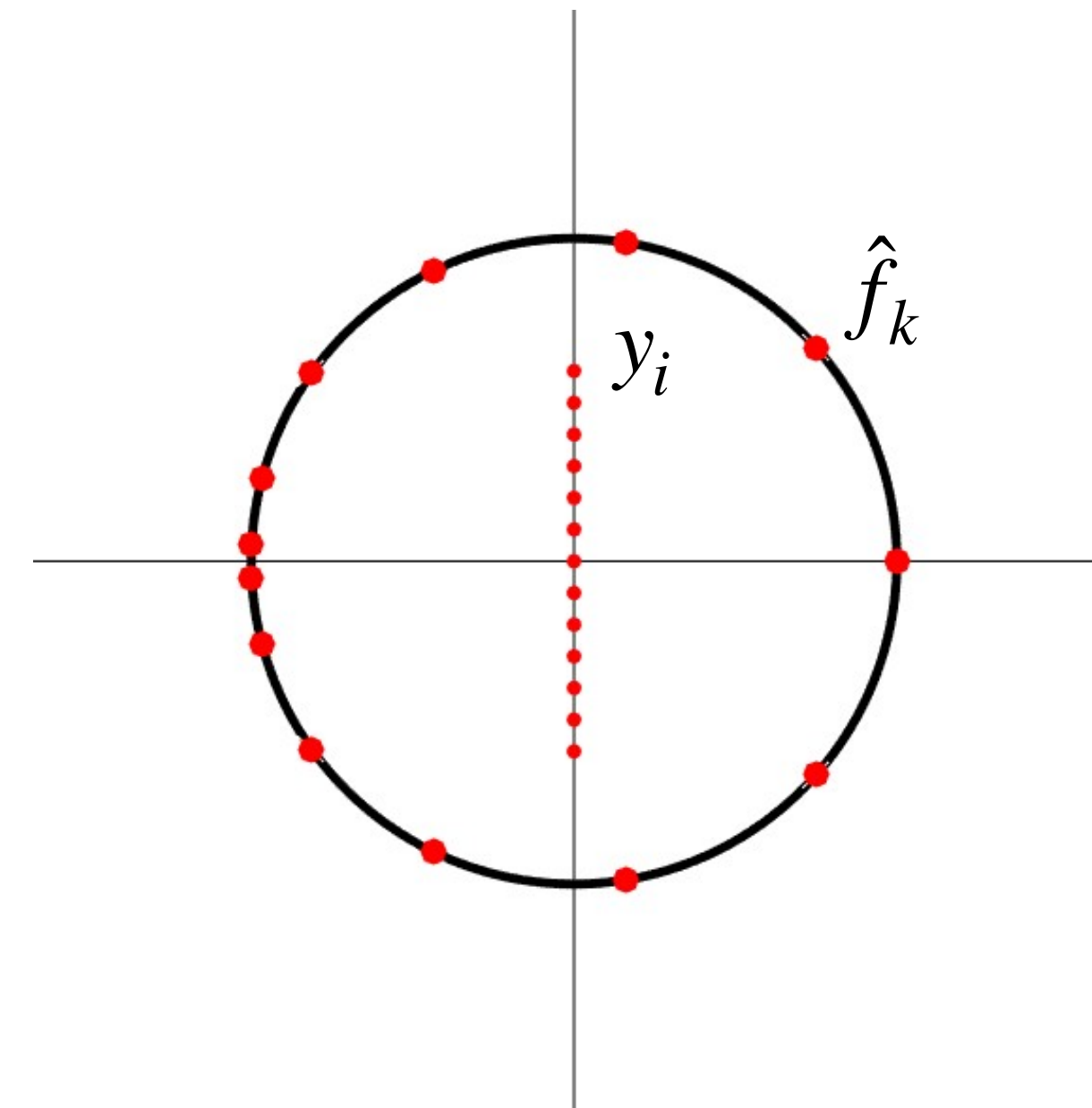


➔ Talk by F. Di Renzo on Friday on analytic continuations from imaginary μ data

- ❖ New method to calculate Taylor coefficients and analytic continuations from discrete data at imaginary μ , based on Cauchy's formula

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz$$

- ❖ Once the function on the contour is known, every point in the interior is known
 - ➔ Replace the integral by a Quadrature rule
 - ➔ Use Legendre weights
 - ➔ Set up a linear system and solve for the function values on the contour

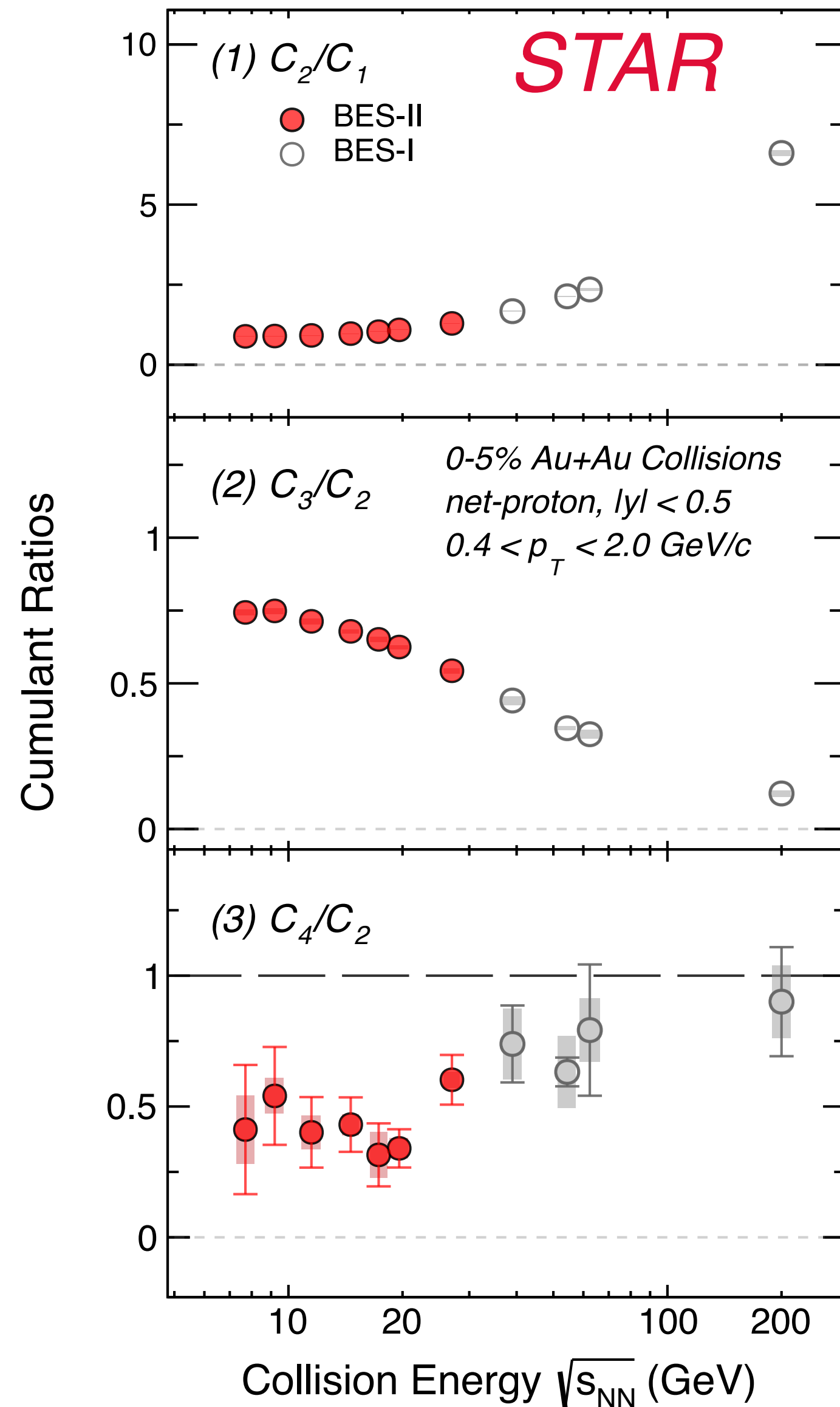


$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(R e^{i\theta}) R e^{i\theta}}{R e^{i\theta} - z_0} d\theta \simeq \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n w_k \frac{f(R e^{i\theta_k}) R e^{i\theta_k}}{R e^{i\theta_k} - z_0}$$

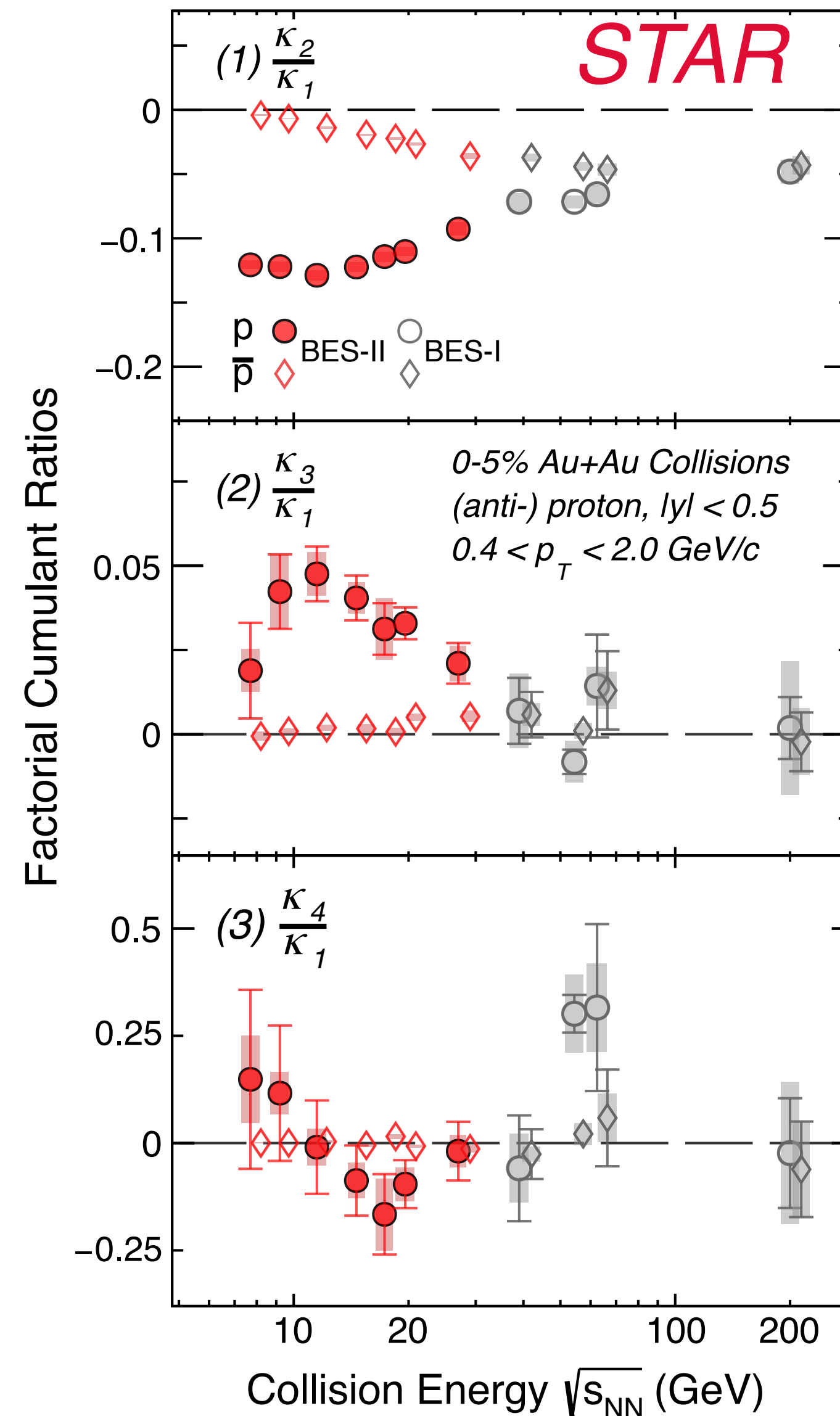
$$y_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n w_k \frac{R e^{i\theta_k}}{R e^{i\theta_k} - z_i} \hat{f}_k, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- ❖ Need to understand the analytic structure of the universal scaling function better. Identify features to that are most sensitive to LYE
- ❖ Need more precise data on the imaginary quark number density
 - ⇒ Develop new stable numerical methods to calculate Fourier coefficients
 - ⇒ Possibly explore power of AI for analytic continuation and Fourier transformation

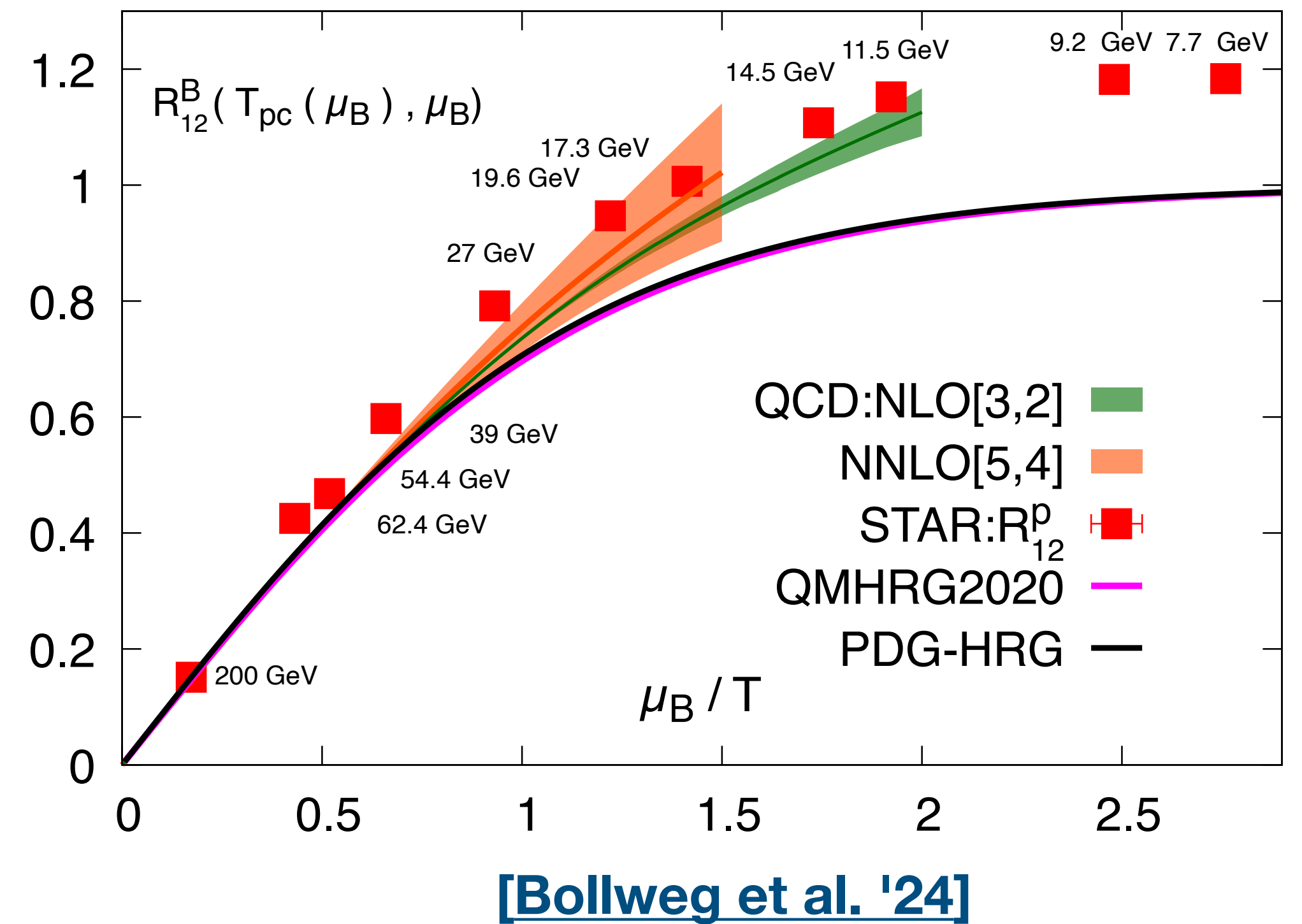
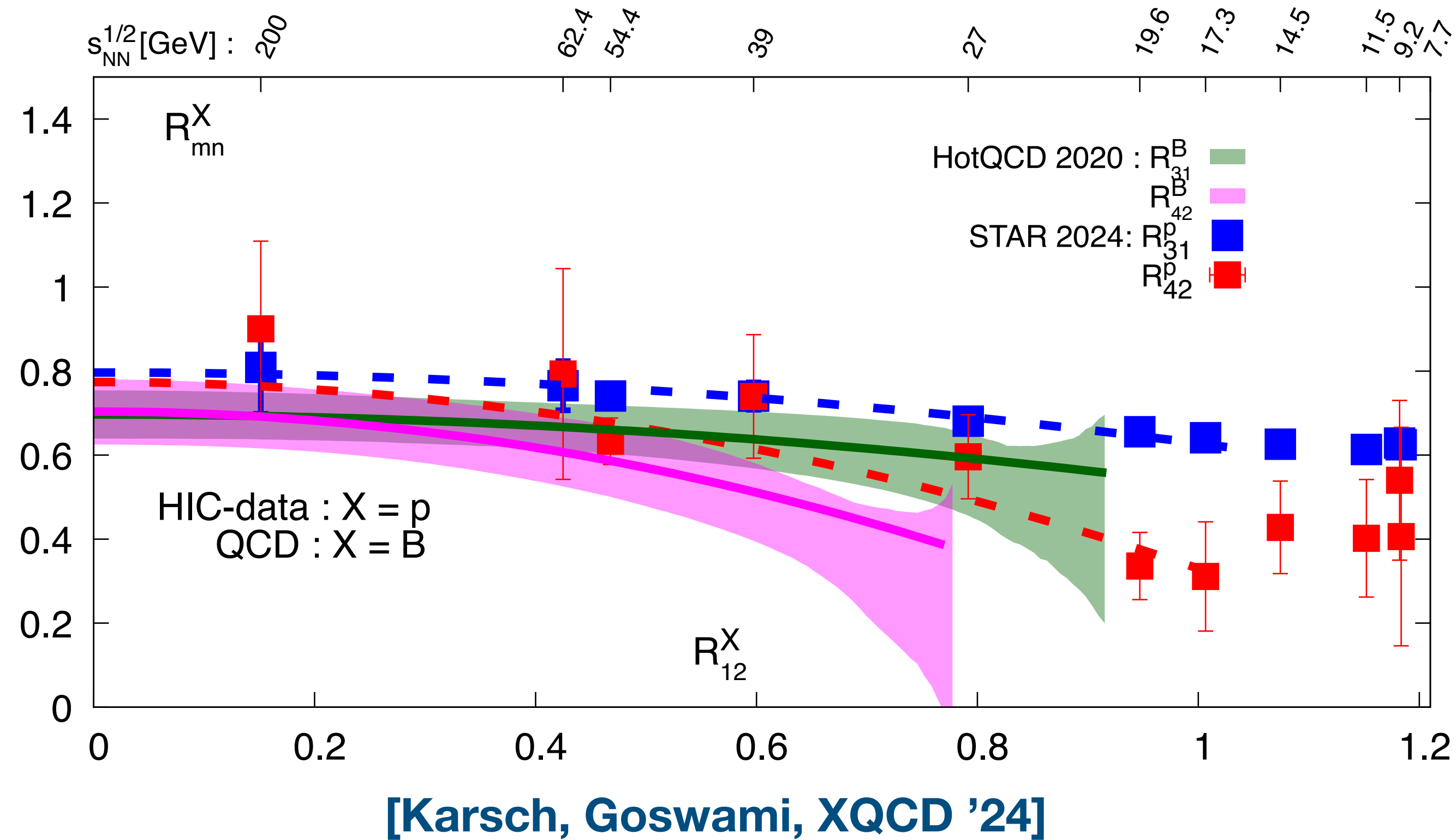
Net-proton cumulant ratios



Proton/antiproton factorial cumulant ratios



- ❖ Final BES-II data on proton number cumulants (in collider mode) was presented in CPOD '24 [[A. Pandav, CPOD '24](#)]
- ❖ Error is significant reduced compared to the BES-I results
- ❖ Non-monotonic behaviour in C_4/C_2 is considered a signal for the QCD critical point [[Stephanov et al. '99](#)]
- ❖ Significance of non-monotonicity still needs to be estimated
- ❖ General structure is in agreement with the expectation: first a dip then a bump [[Stephanov '11](#)]

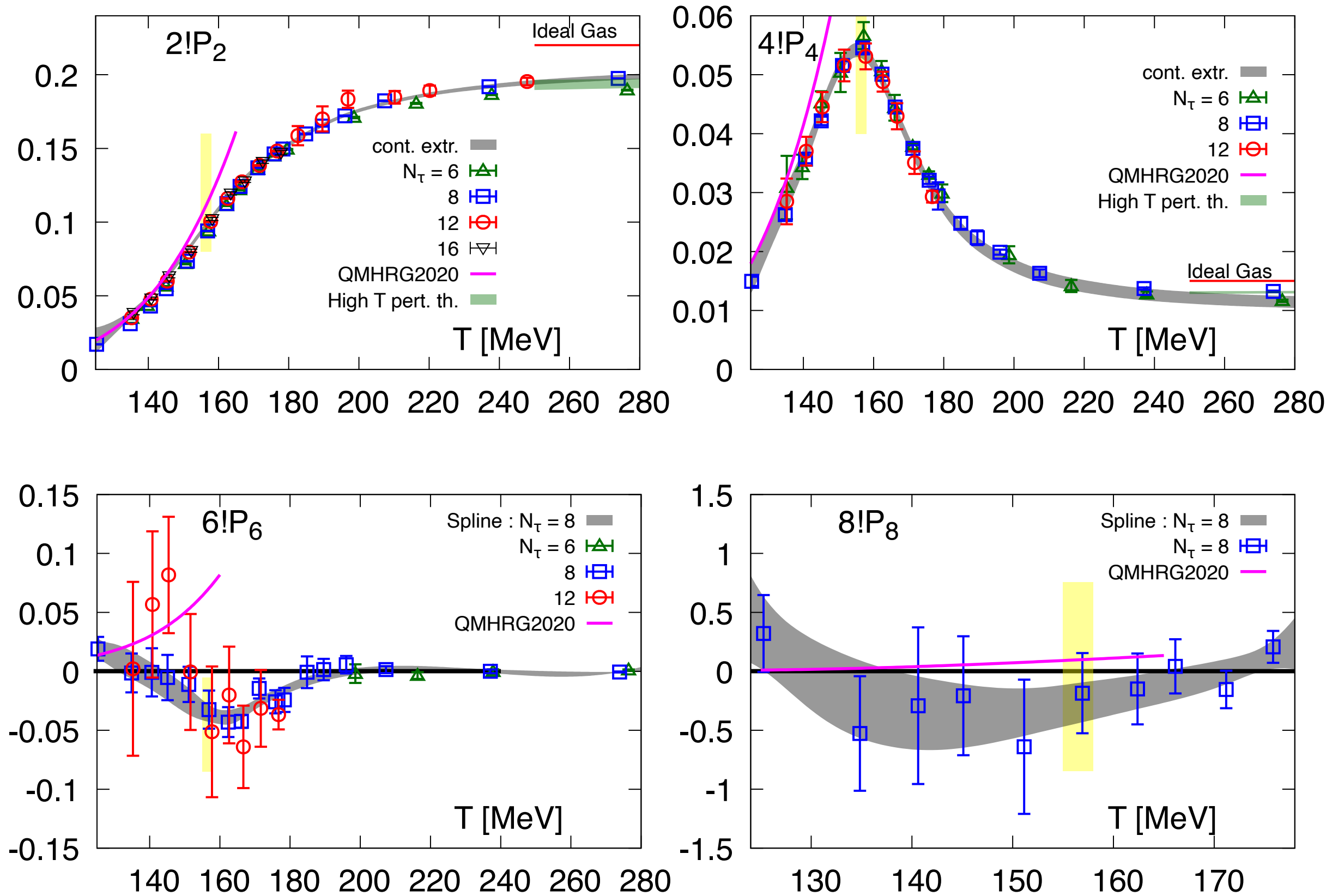


- ❖ QCD and STAR results are in good agreement for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 19.6 \text{ GeV}$
- ❖ Slight vertical shift might suggest that freeze-out temperature is slightly below T_{pc}

- ❖ HRG model calculations based on noninteracting, point-like hadrons will always lead to $R_{12}^B < 1$
 ➔ HRG can not reproduce STAR data

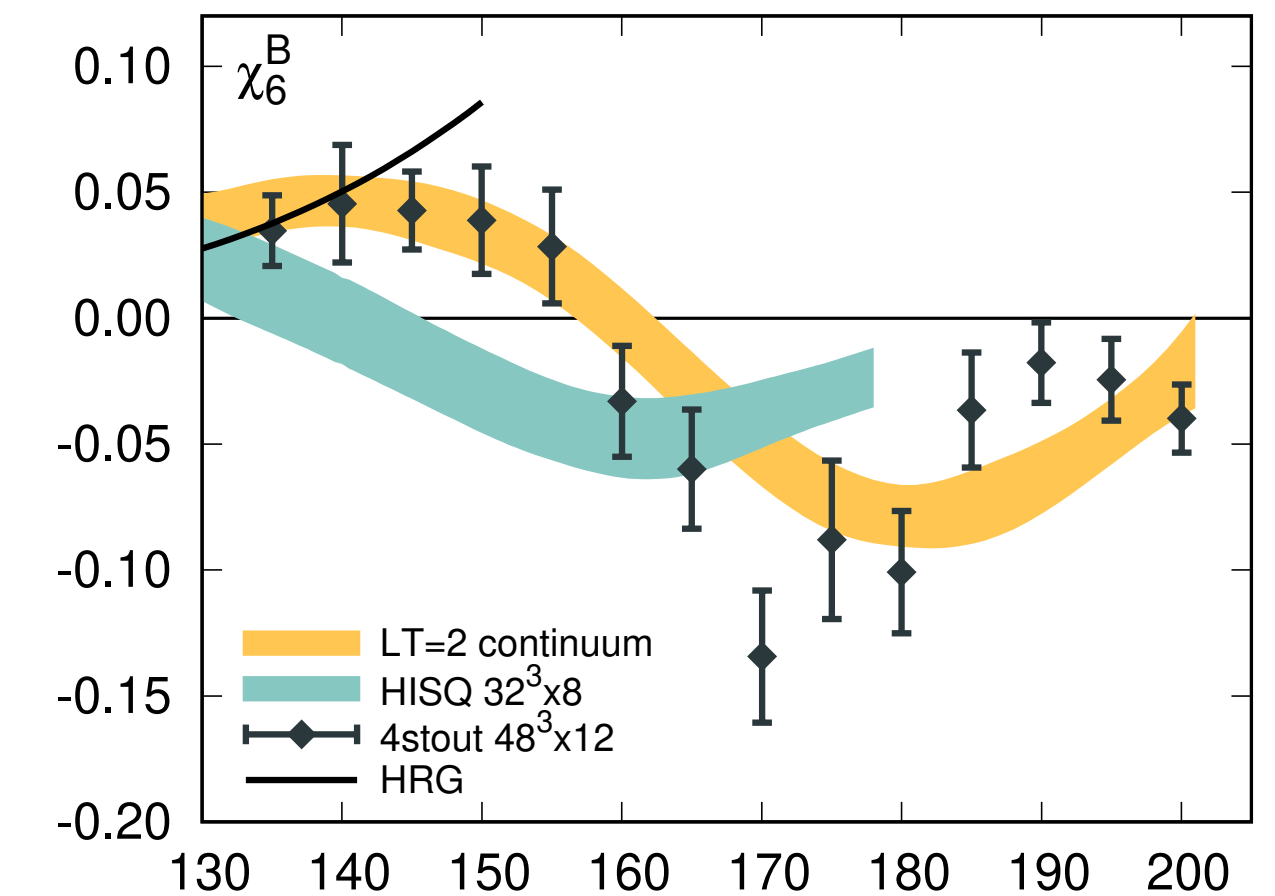
- ❖ Detecting phase transitions via Padé and post-Padé approximants has a long history in statistical and high energy physics
- ❖ They are often used in combination with perturbation theory
- ❖ QCD is non-perturbative in the vicinity of the phase
- ❖ The numerical calculation of the pressure series in μ_B is difficult

$$\Delta\hat{p} \equiv \frac{p(T, \mu_B)}{T^4} - \frac{p(T, 0)}{T^4} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{2k}(T) \hat{\mu}_B^{2k}$$



[HotQCD, PRD 108 (2023) 1, 014510, arXiv: [2212.09043](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.09043)]

➔ [Talk by J. Guenther](#) on continuum extrapolated χ_6^B and χ_8^B at LT=2



[[Borsanyi et al. '24](#)]

- ❖ Discrepancy between HotQCD and BW of unclear origin

➔ [Talk by L. Pirelli](#) on finite volume effects of chiral and deconfinement observables

➔ [Talk by J. Goswami](#) on electric charge fluctuations with MDWF

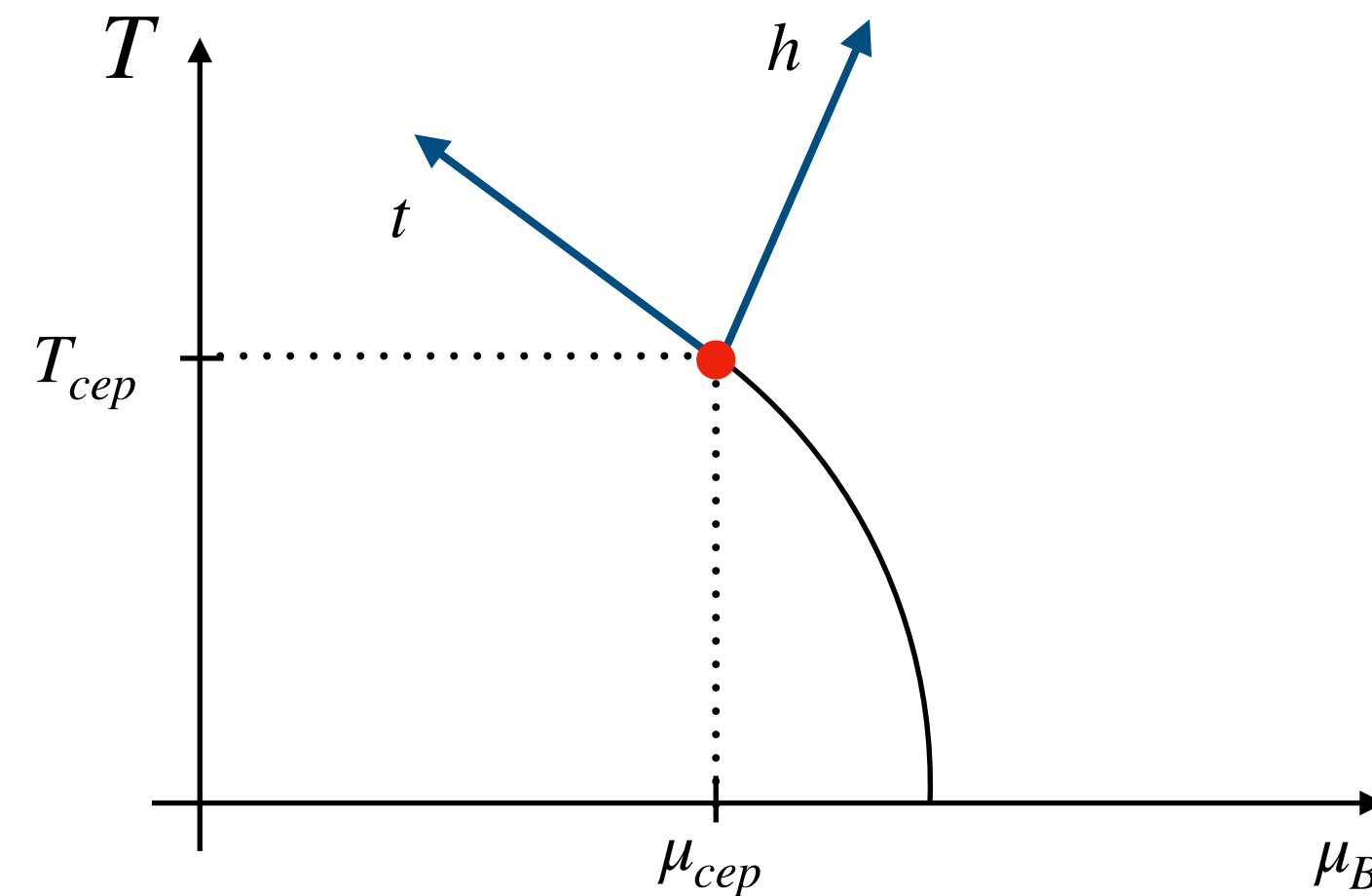
Mixing of scaling fields:

- Scaling fields are unknown, a frequently used ansatz is given by a linear mixing of T, μ_B

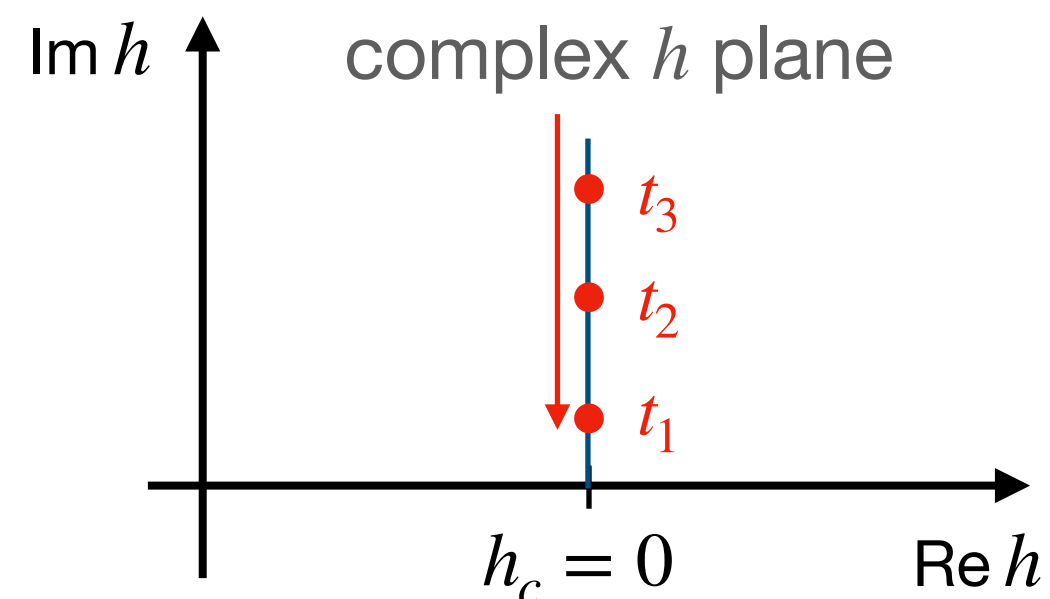
$$t = A_t \Delta T + B_t \Delta \mu_B,$$

$$h = A_h \Delta T + B_h \Delta \mu_B,$$

with $\Delta T = T - T^{\text{CEP}}$ and $\Delta \mu_B = \mu_B - \mu_B^{\text{CEP}}$



Lee-Yang edge:



- Poles approach critical point along imaginary h -axis **[Yang, Lee'59]**
- $t/h^{1/\beta\delta} = z_c$ is const. and universal

Fit Ansatz:

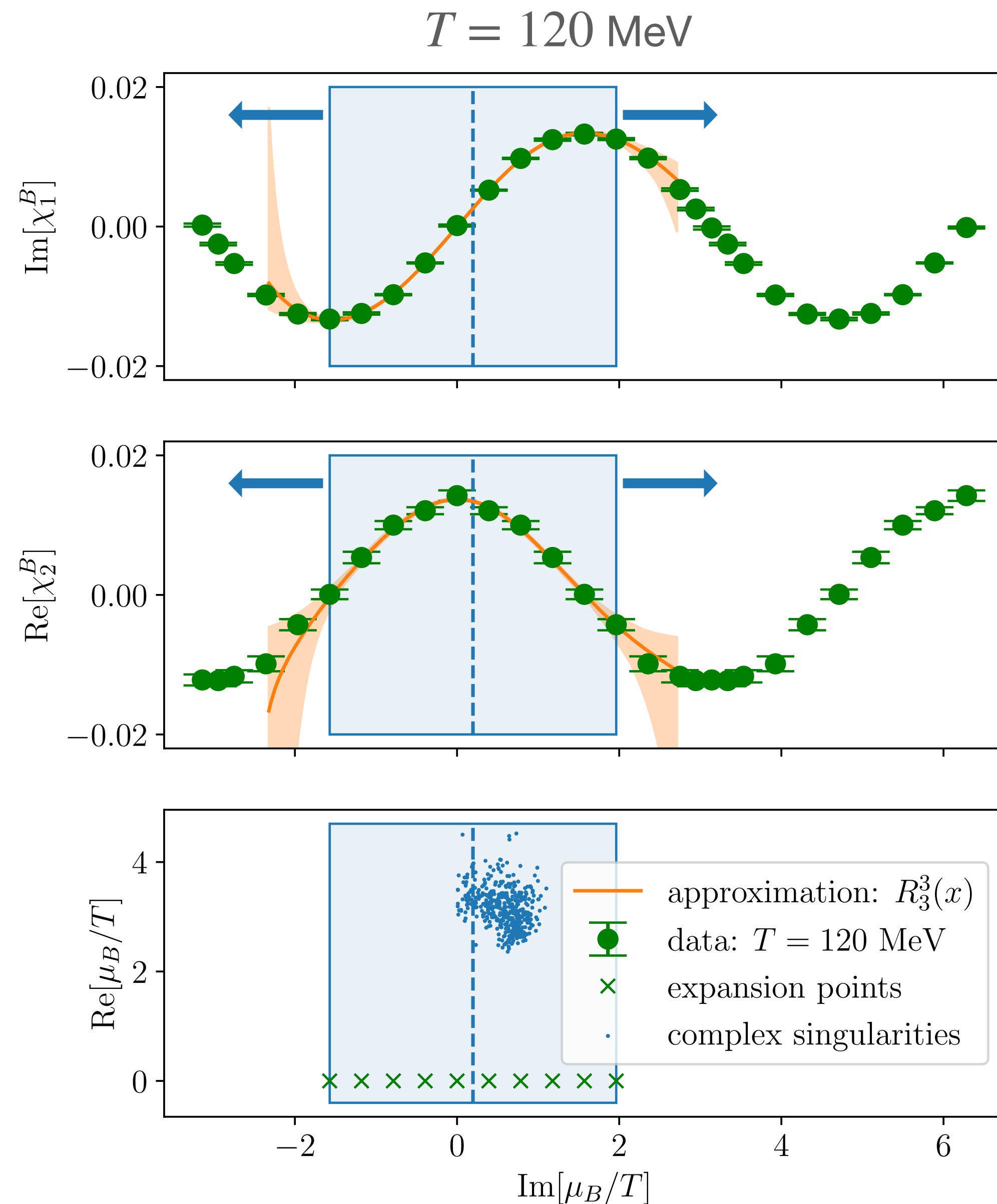
- For a constant $z = z_c$ we obtain

$$\text{Re}[\mu_{\text{LYE}}] = \mu_B^{\text{CEP}} + c_1 \Delta T + c_2 \Delta T^2 + O(\Delta T^3)$$

$$\text{Im}[\mu_{\text{LYE}}] = c_3 \Delta T^{\beta\delta},$$

[Stephanov, Phys. Rev. D, 73.9, 094508 (2006)]

- The fit parameter c_1 gives the (inverse) slope of the 1st order line at the critical point: $c_1 = -A_h/B_h$

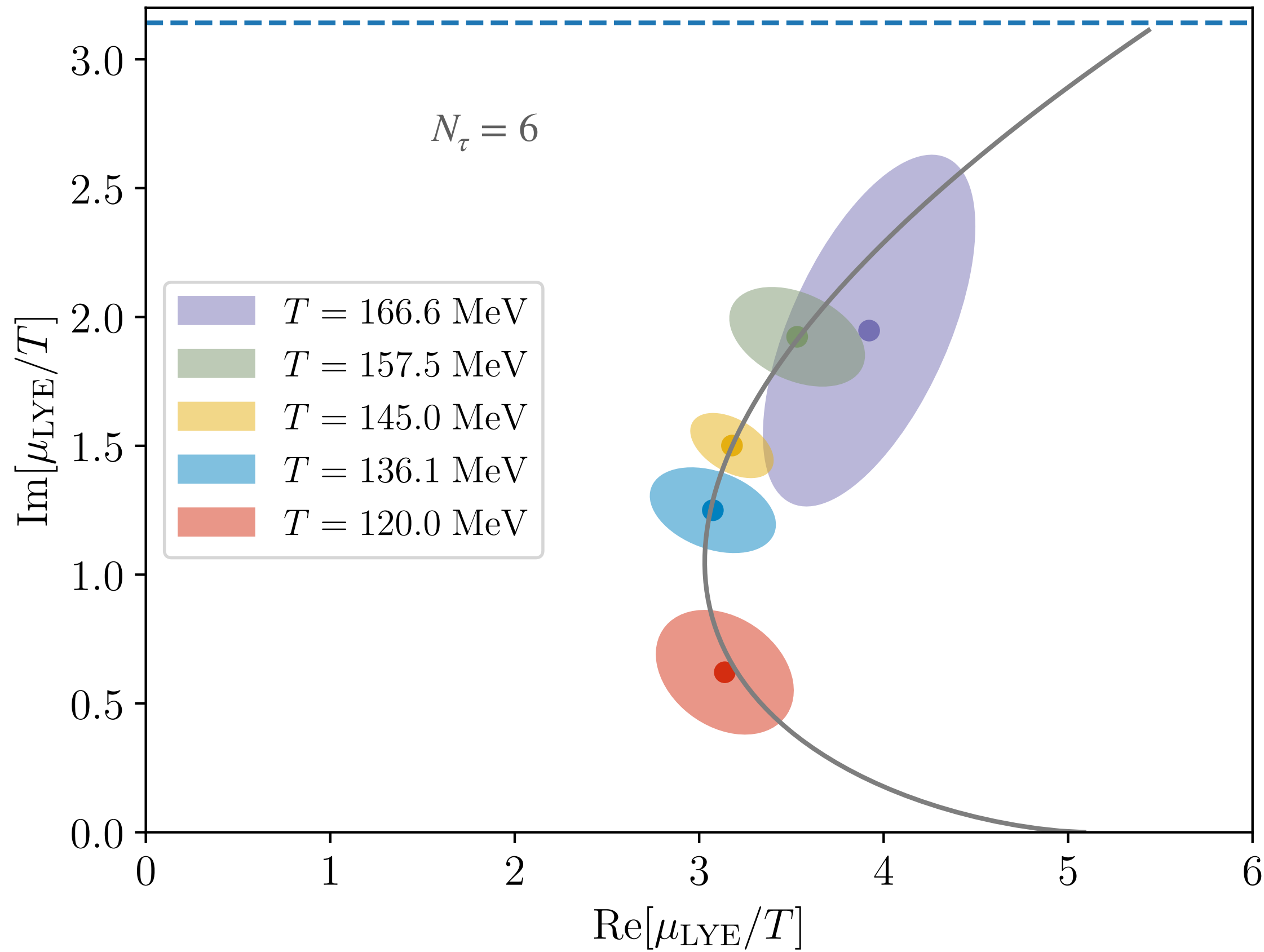


[Clark et al. (BiePar), arXiv: [2405.10196](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.10196)]

Procedure:

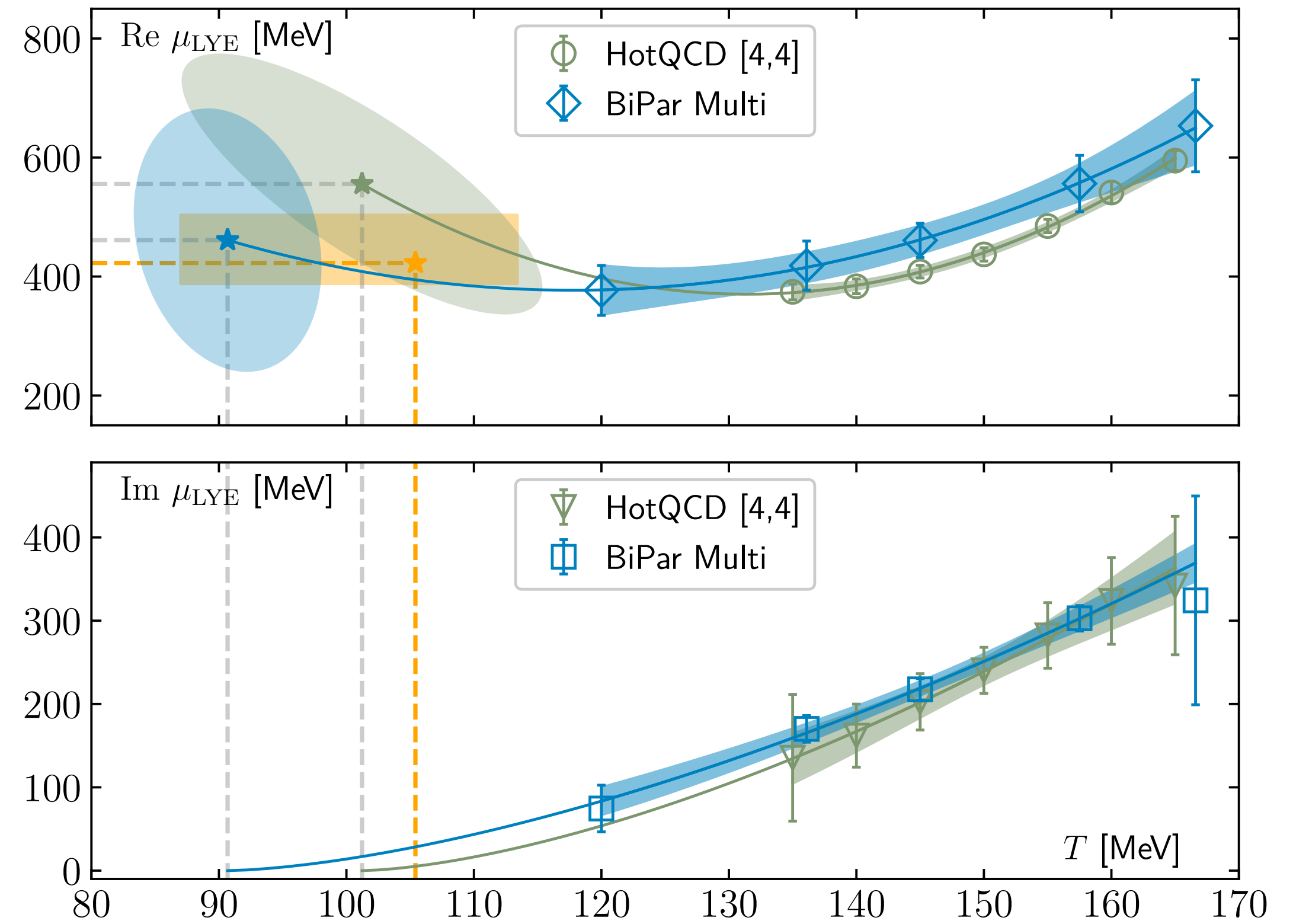
- ❖ Perform simultaneous fits to χ_1^B and χ_2^B for each temperature
- ❖ Use [3,3]-Padé
- ❖ Vary length of the fit interval in $[\pi, 2\pi]$ and the center of the interval in $[-\pi/2, +\pi/2]$
- ❖ bootstrap over the data by assuming independent and normal distributed errors
- ❖ Calculate roots of the denominator and keep only roots in the first quadrant
- ❖ Collect all the results for Lee-Yang scaling fits. We have 55 different intervals per temperature.

❖ Perform one fit for $N_\tau = 8$ (LT=4) and $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$ fits for $N_\tau = 6$ (LT=6)



❖ Ellipses show 1σ confidence region, using the Pearson correlation coefficient

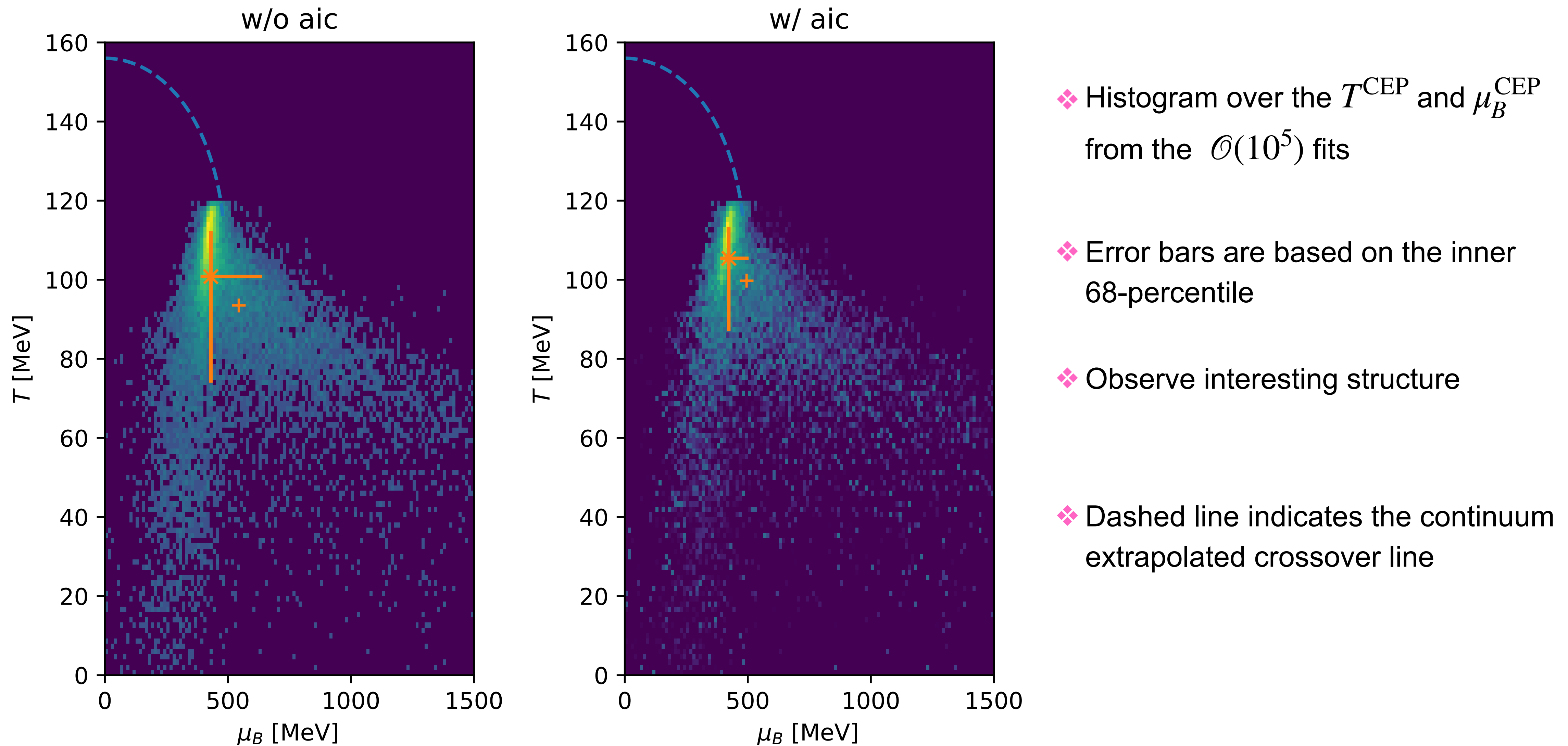
❖ $N_\tau = 6$ singularities shown here are chosen on the basis of the χ^2 of the scaling fit (“best fit”)

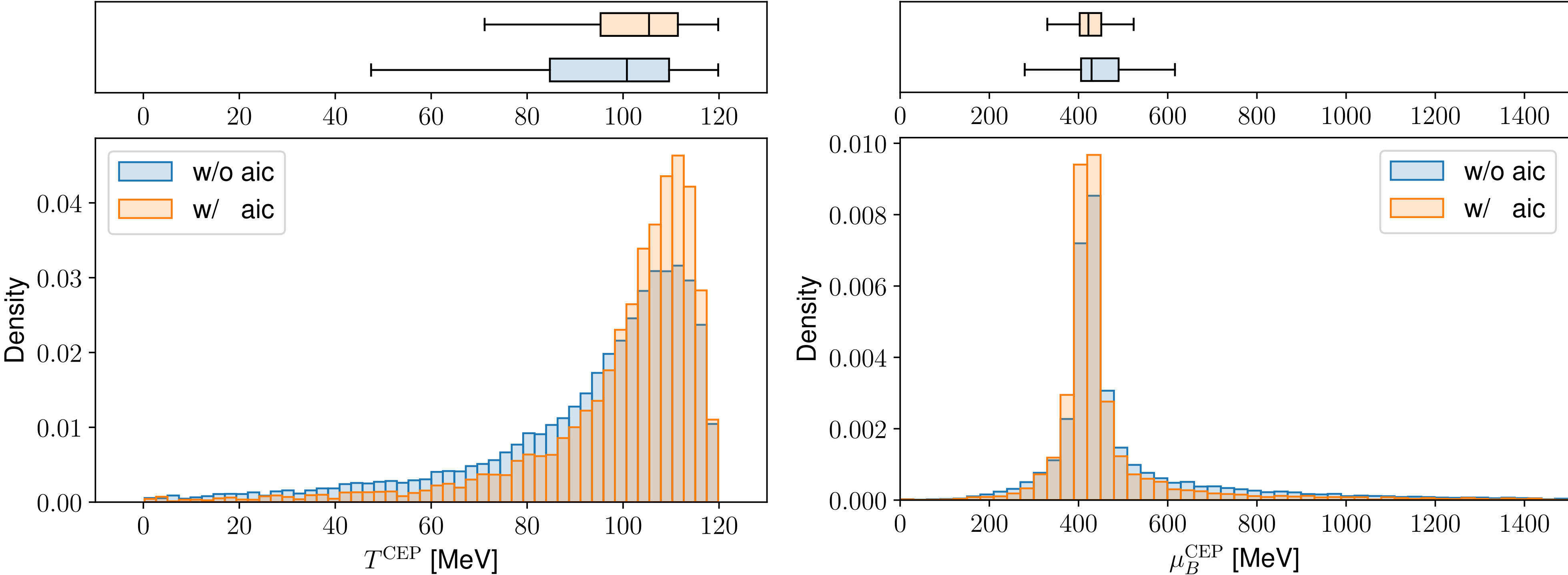


$$\text{Re}[\mu_{\text{LYE}}] = \mu_B^{\text{CEP}} + c_1 \Delta T + c_2 \Delta T^2$$

$$\text{Im}[\mu_{\text{LYE}}] = c_3 \Delta T^{\beta\delta},$$

❖ Orange box shows the AIC weighted result for $N_\tau = 6$, based on $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$ scaling fits





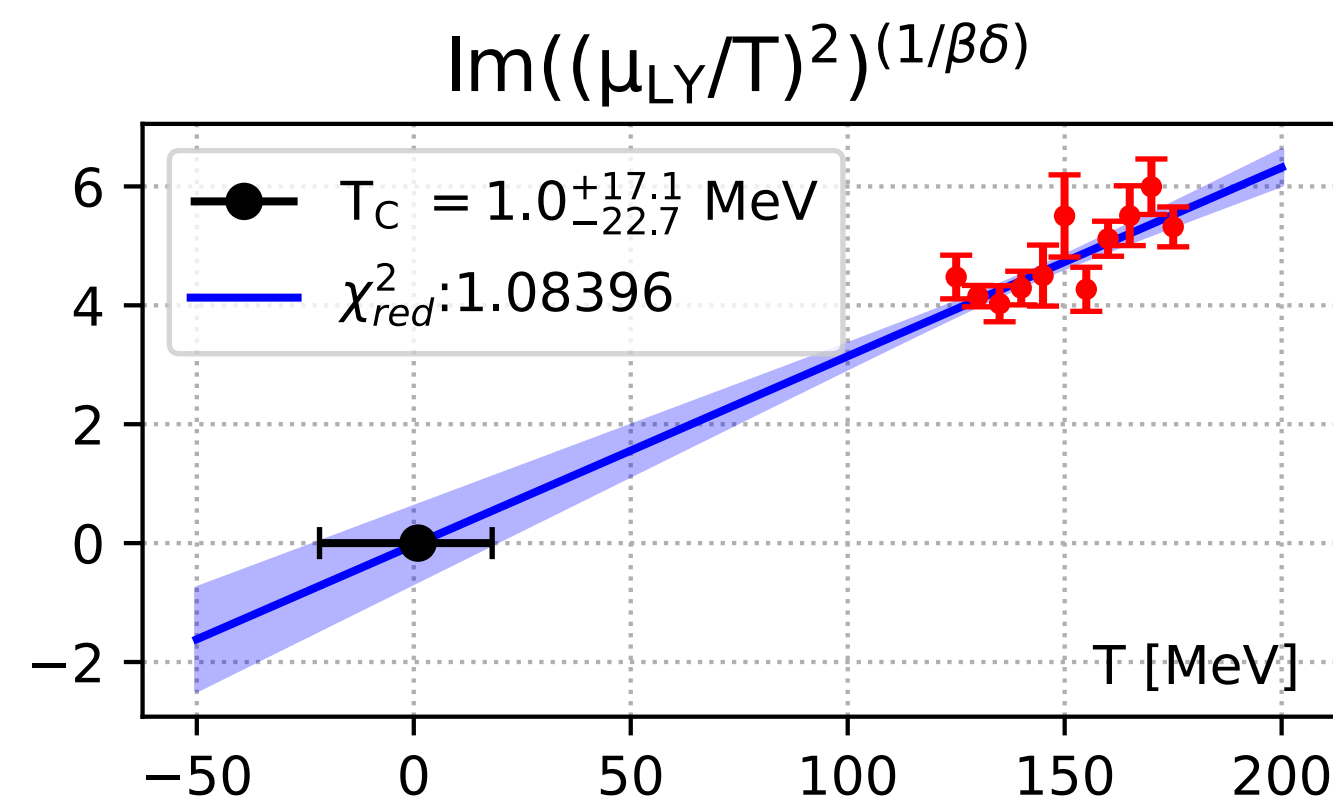
	$N_\tau = 6$ multi-point Padé			$N_\tau = 8$ [4,4]-Padé		
	T^{CEP} [MeV]	μ_B^{CEP} [MeV]	μ_B/T	T^{CEP} [MeV]	μ_B^{CEP} [MeV]	μ_B/T
best fit	90.7 ± 7.7	461.2 ± 220	5.09 ± 0.68	101 ± 15	560 ± 140	5.5 ± 1.7
weight-1	$105.4 + 8.0 - 18.4$	$422.9 + 80.5 - 34.9$	$3.92 + 1.52 - 0.24$			
weight-2	$100.8 + 11.6 - 26.8$	$430.9 + 208.2 - 42.2$	$4.20 + 4.13 - 0.47$			
	c_1	c_2	c_3	c_1	c_2	c_3
best fit	-6.2 ± 9.2	0.115 ± 0.090	0.424 ± 0.086	-12.3 ± 8.1	0.203 ± 0.059	0.55 ± 0.25

❖ For $N_\tau = 8$: similar results by Basar, based on the same HotQCD data [\[Basar, arXiv: 2312.06952\]](#)

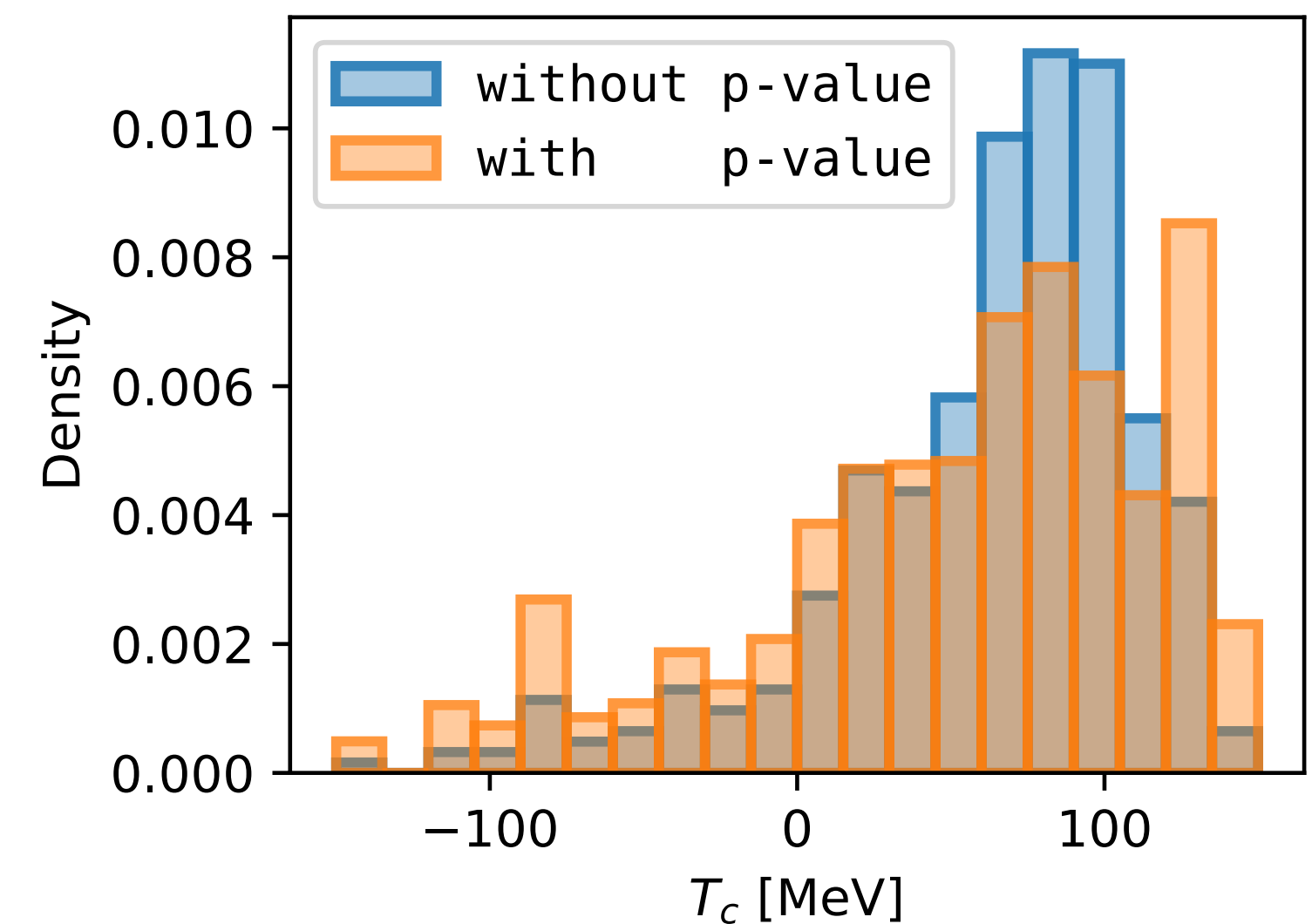
➔ Talk by A. Adam@Lattice24: single point Padé approximation of the pressure based on $\chi_2^B, \chi_4^B, \chi_6^B, \chi_8^B$ (LT=2)

- ❖ Interesting to check results with the Budapest-Wuppertal data
- ❖ Preliminary results for single Point Padé analysis on $16^3 \times 8$ lattices, multi-Point is work in progress
- ❖ Preliminary result on the transition temperature based on extrapolations 432 on different approximations and fit ranges
- ❖ T^{CEP} around 90 MeV, in agreement with [\[BiePar, 2405.10196\]](#)
- ❖ Results are very sensitiv to noise

One example of the extrapolations

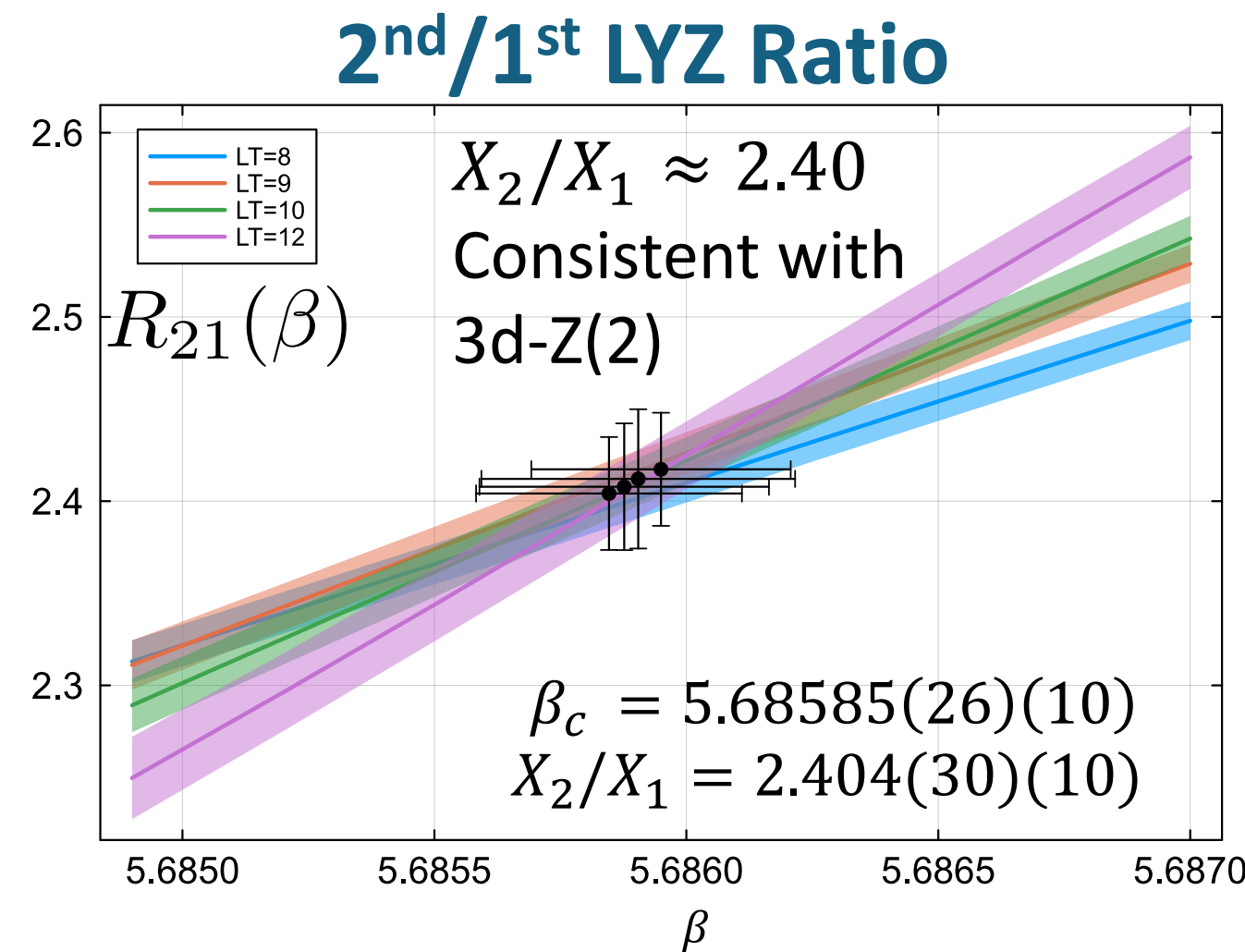


Histogram of the T^{CEP} results



➔ Talk by T. Wada: Finite size scaling of Lee-Yang zeros in 3d Pots model and heavy-quark QCD

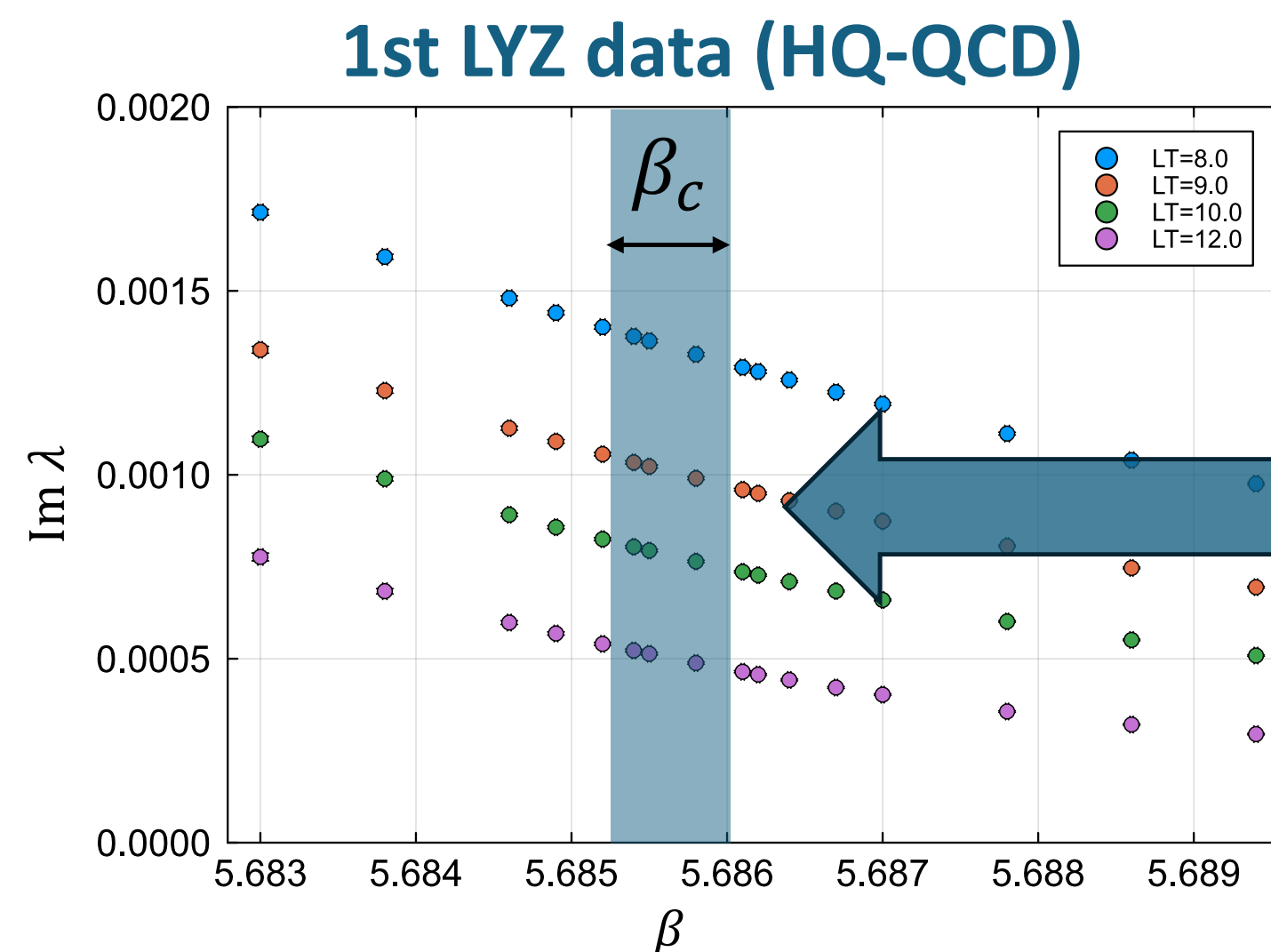
- ❖ Construct ratios of the LYZ locations
- ❖ Scaling is in accordance with a ratio of scaling function: non-universal pre-factors cancel, intersection point of different volumes is universal.
- ❖ Ratios show reduced corrections to scaling and regular parts
- ❖ T^{CEP} is shifted to higher values, results from extrapolation of first LYZ can serve as a lower bound



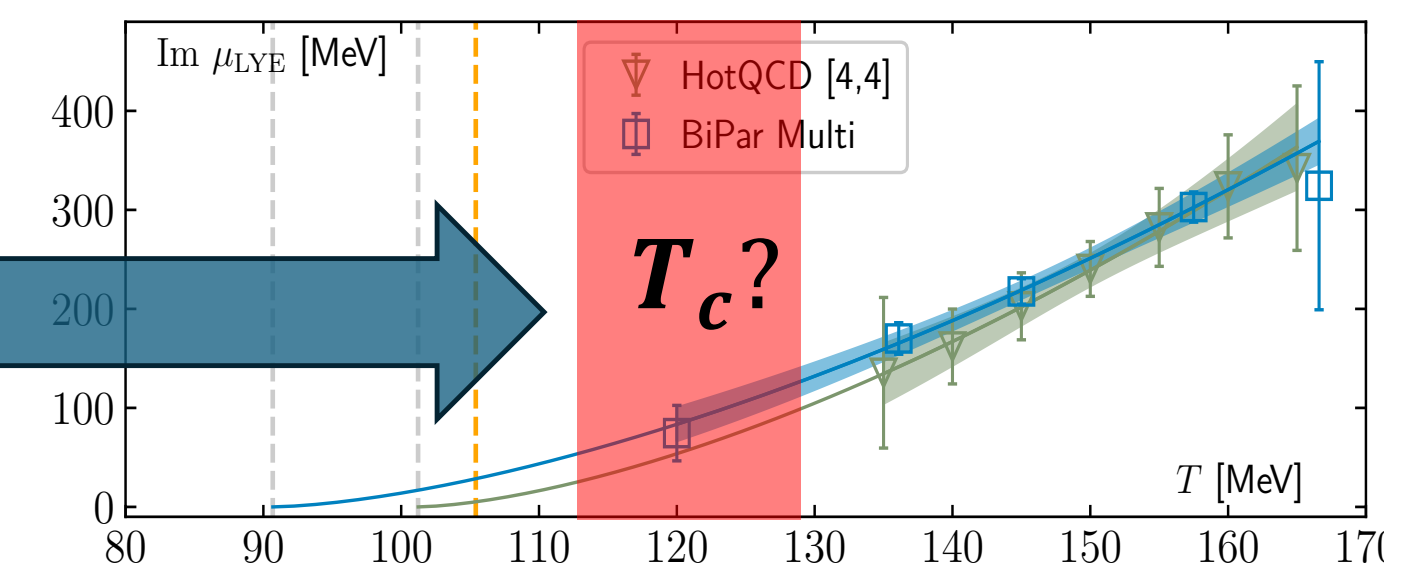
$$R_{12}(t) = \frac{h_{LY}^{(2)}(t)}{h_{LY}^{(1)}(t)}$$

$$= \frac{X_1}{X_2} (1 + C(tL^{y_t})) \underbrace{(1 + D(tL^{2(y_t - y_h)}))}_{\text{mixing with temperature like}}$$

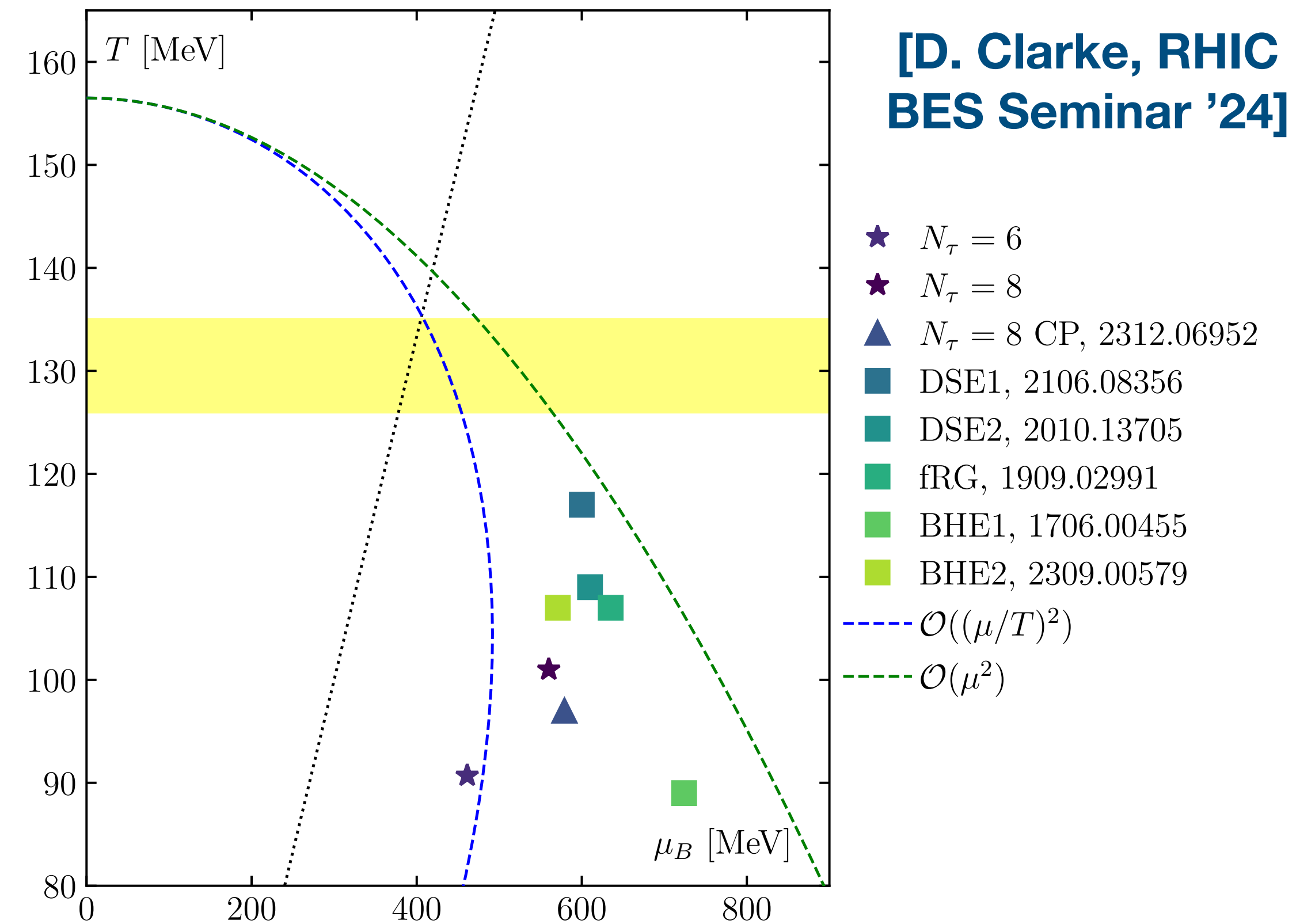
+ higher orders



$N_f = 2 + 1$ (Clarke, *et al.*)



- ❖ No continuum estimate of the Lee-Yang zero extrapolation yet (possible large systematic errors)
 - ➔ Finite volume and finite cut-off effects will increase both T^{CEP} and μ_B^{CEP}
- ❖ Results from other approaches seem to cluster in a narrow region (DSE, fRG, BHE)



Parametrizations of the crossover line:

$$1.) \quad T_{pc}(\mu_B) = T_{pc}(0) \left[1 + \kappa_2^B \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 + \kappa_4^B \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^4 \right]$$

$$2.) \quad T_{pc}(\mu_B) = T_{pc}(0) \left[1 + \bar{\kappa}_2^B \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_{pc}(0)} \right)^2 + \bar{\kappa}_4^B \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T_{pc}(0)} \right)^4 \right]$$

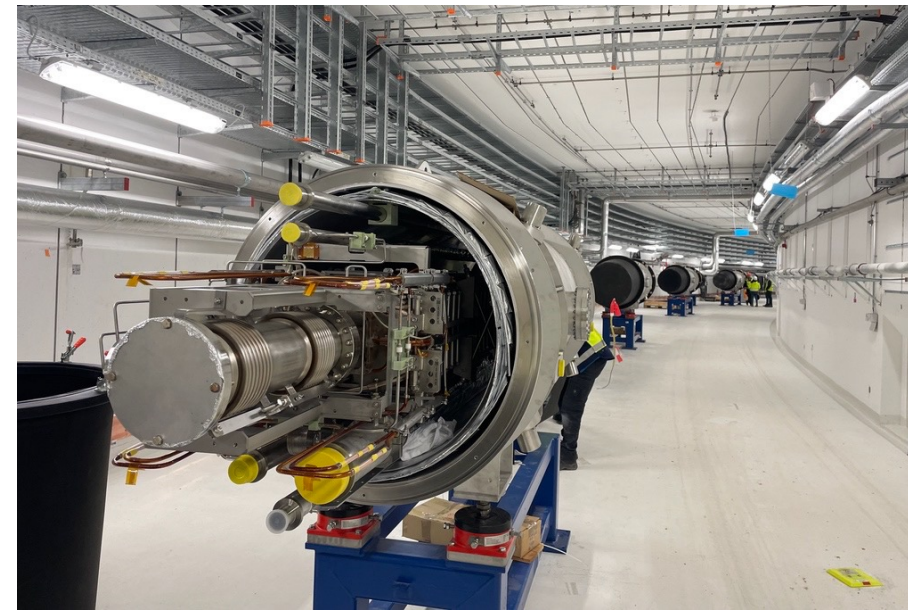
$$\kappa_2 = \bar{\kappa}_2 = -0.015(1)$$

[HotQCD. 2403.09390]

- ❖ Many results seem to favour a small $\bar{\kappa}_4 \approx -0.0002(1)$

- ❖ New experimental results are expected to arrive BES-II (fixed target), CMB@FAIR, ...,
- ❖ We start to calculate multi-dimensional phase diagrams
- ❖ Universal scaling and Lee-Yang zeros are powerful tools to explore the QCD phase diagram
 - ➡ New techniques are still being designed
- ❖ However, for finite μ_B we still rely on extrapolatory methods
 - ➡ we will need very precise data

installation of SIS100 dipoles Apr'24



CBM subsystems are on the verge of series production 2028 – ready for beam



CBM cave, Jun'24



**[T. Galatyu,
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Apologies to all speakers of the finite temperature and finite density sessions, how's talks I could not highlight

Thank you for your attention!