

Can we make a statement on the QCD critical point by lattice data from just one temperature?

Probabilities in certain rings in the complex plane

Region \mathcal{R} (MeV)	$P(\mathcal{R})$	
	lattice	HRG mock
387–502	8.8%	9.7%
420–750	1.9%	4.6%
420–632	1.3%	4.1%
540.0–664.2	0.41%	0.49%

With y_c about zero, $|y_c| \leq 0.1$ MeV: $P_{\text{LAT}} = 0$

Our analyses provide direct evidence for
smooth, analytic thermodynamics at $T=108$ MeV

What is the best trial fit function for the analysis of the low temperature small-volume QCD data?

Analyses using critical ansatz in the complex plane

Critical ansatz: Ansatz III: $f(\mu_B) = A \cosh(\mu_B) + C(|\mu_B - \mu_{B,c}|^\alpha + |\mu_B + \mu_{B,c}|^\alpha)$

$$\alpha = 1 + \sigma_{\text{LYE}} = 1.085$$

In the complex plane to fit the LQCD data:

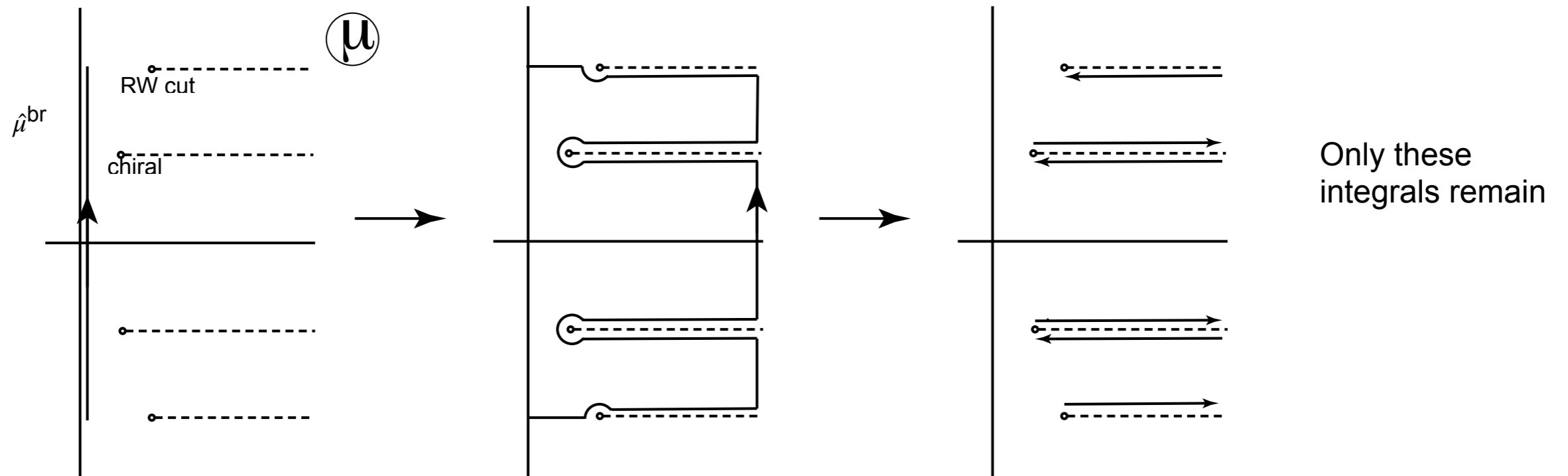
Gliozzi and Rago, JHEP 10 (2014) 042 [1403.6003]

$$f(i\theta_B) = A(T) \cos(\theta_B) + C \left[(x_c^2 + (\theta_B - y_c)^2)^{\alpha/2} + (x_c^2 + (\theta_B + y_c)^2)^{\alpha/2} \right]$$

- Lee-Yang edge singularity (x_c, y_c)
- Radius of convergence $|\mu_{B,c}|_{\min} = \left(\sqrt{x_c^2 + y_c^2} \right)_{\min}$

Do we know anything about LYZ beyond YLE and RW?

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



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

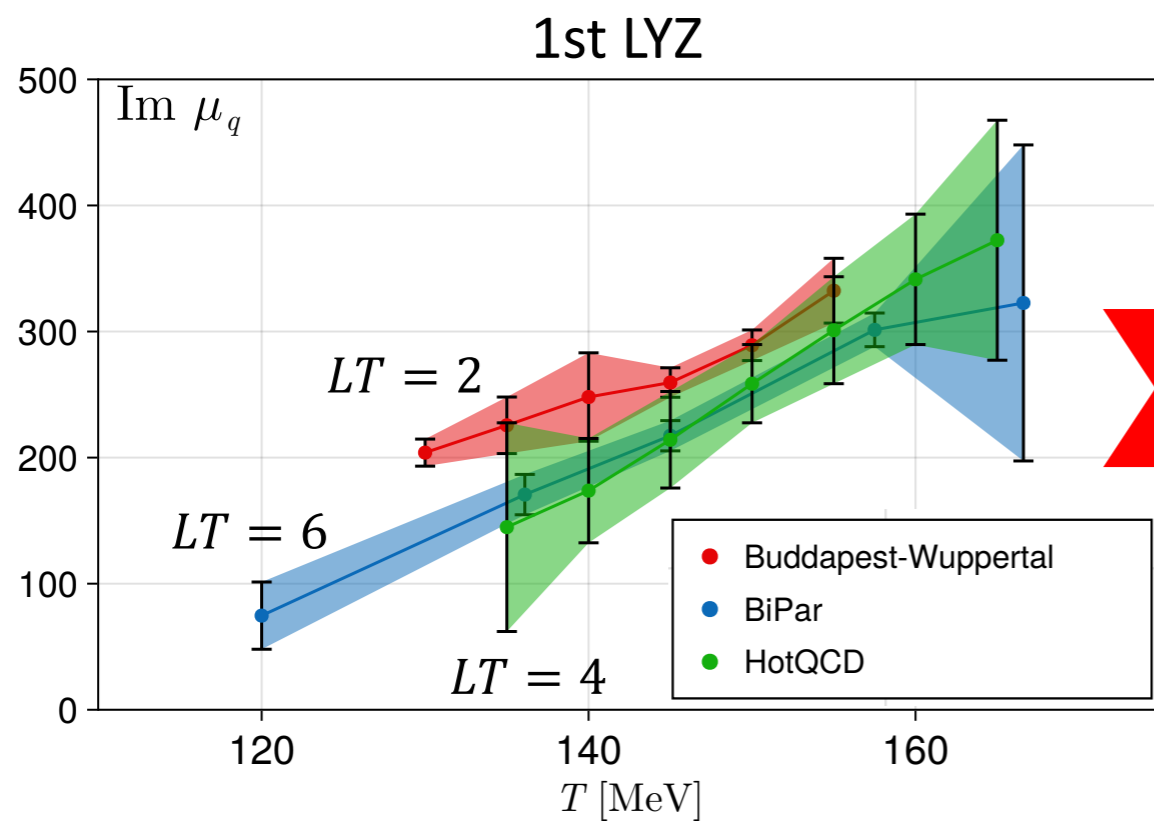
$$n_B(\hat{\mu}) = \underbrace{A(\hat{\mu} - \hat{\mu}^{\text{br}})^\sigma}_{\text{Leading order non-analytic part}} \overset{\text{edge coefficient, } \sigma > -1}{(1 + B(\hat{\mu} - \hat{\mu}^{\text{br}})^{\theta_c} + \dots)} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(\hat{\mu} - \hat{\mu}^{\text{br}})^n}_{\text{analytic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

Can we perform Wada/Kitazawa analysis of LYZ in QCD?

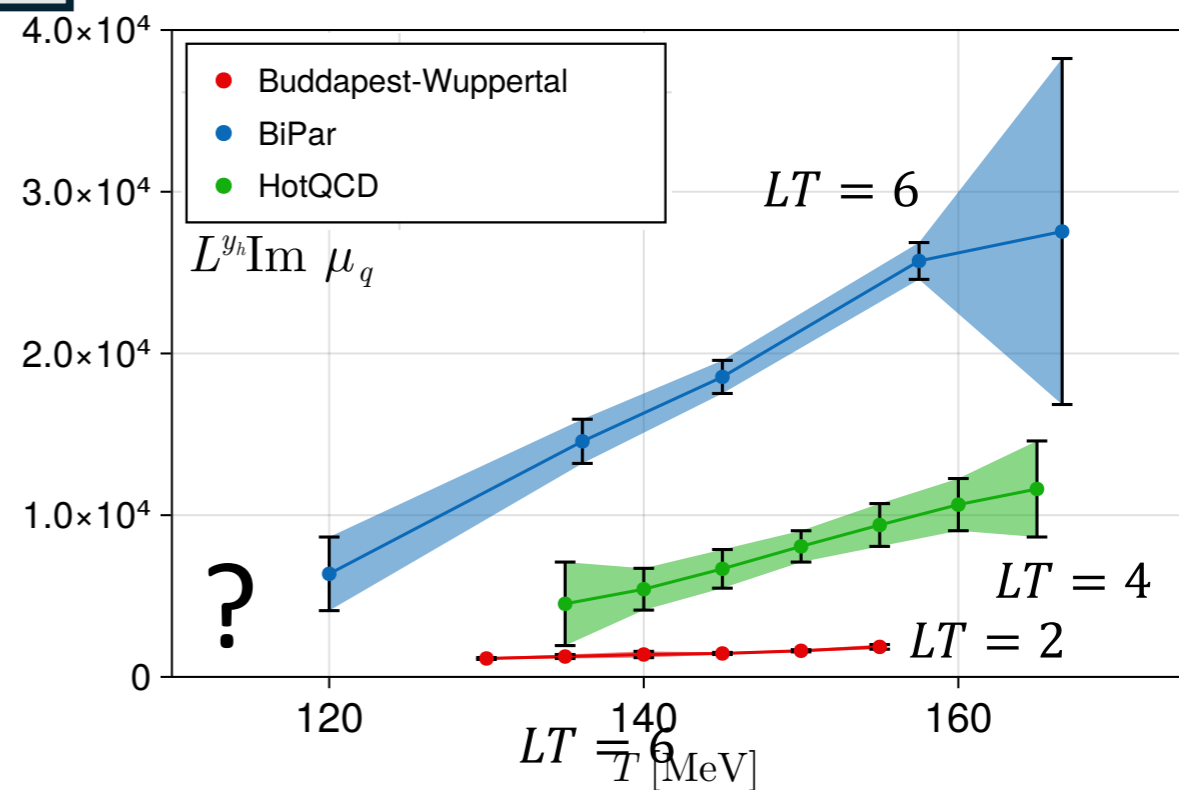
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Single LYZ method in $N_f=2+1$ QCD

$$L^{y_h} h_{LY}^{(n)}(L^{y_t} t) = X_n + Y_n L^{y_t} t + \mathcal{O}(t^2)$$



Pure imaginary chemical potential
+ Pade approximation



Lattice result is still high temperature.
 $T_c = 90 - 100$ MeV?

What is the size of the scaling region? Is there a mean-field region?

YLE OF THE CEP

Sometimes (e.g. for lattice and experiment) $(T_{\text{CEP}}, \mu_{\text{CEP}})$ not directly accessible. Then:

- reconstruct YLE location for available T and μ
- extrapolate to $\text{Im } \mu_{\text{YLE}} = 0$ to locate CEP
(see talks of Adam, Basar, Goswami, Schmidt, Zambello, ...)

How to extrapolate?

- if data is in scaling region of CEP: use universality
- but how large is scaling region?

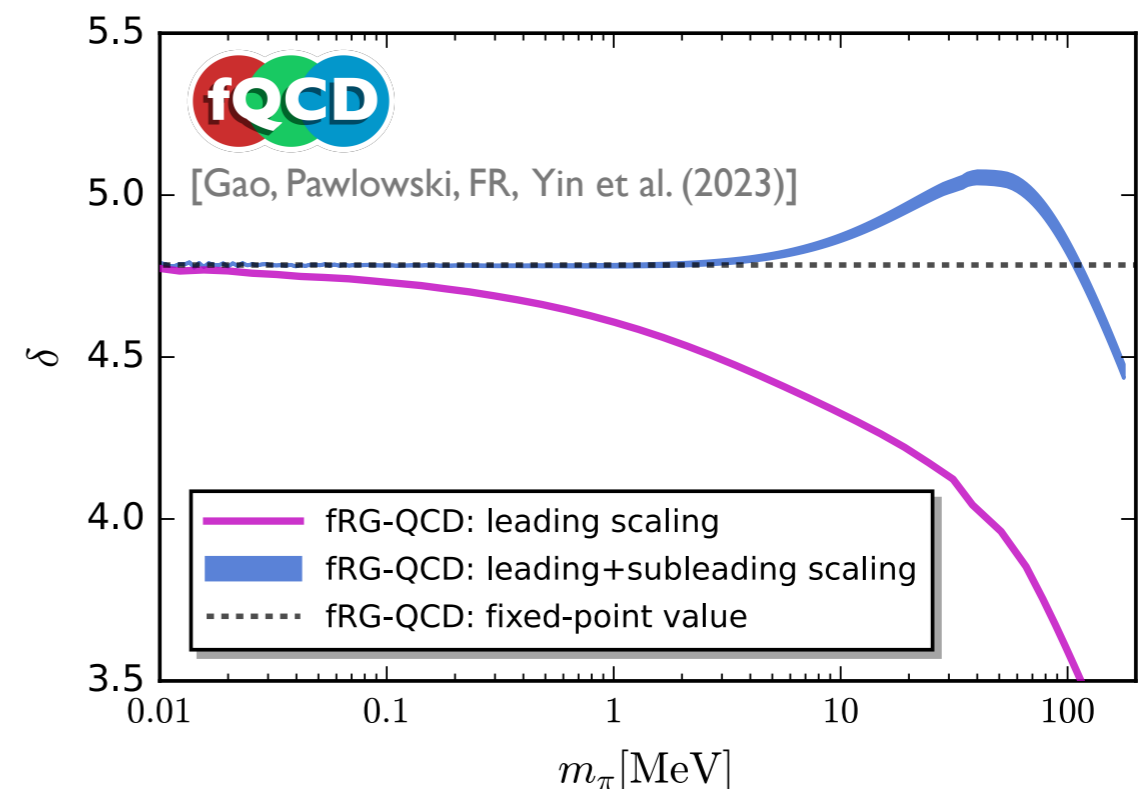
$O(4)$ -scaling of light chiral limit (physical m_s):

- $m_\pi \lesssim 5 \text{ MeV}$ at $T = T_c$
- $T_c - T \lesssim 7 \text{ MeV}$ at $m_\pi = 0$

CEP scaling region probably also small

[Fu, Luo, Pawłowski, FR, Yin (2021, 2023)]

→ **non-universal information necessary**
(see talks of Gao and Pawłowski)

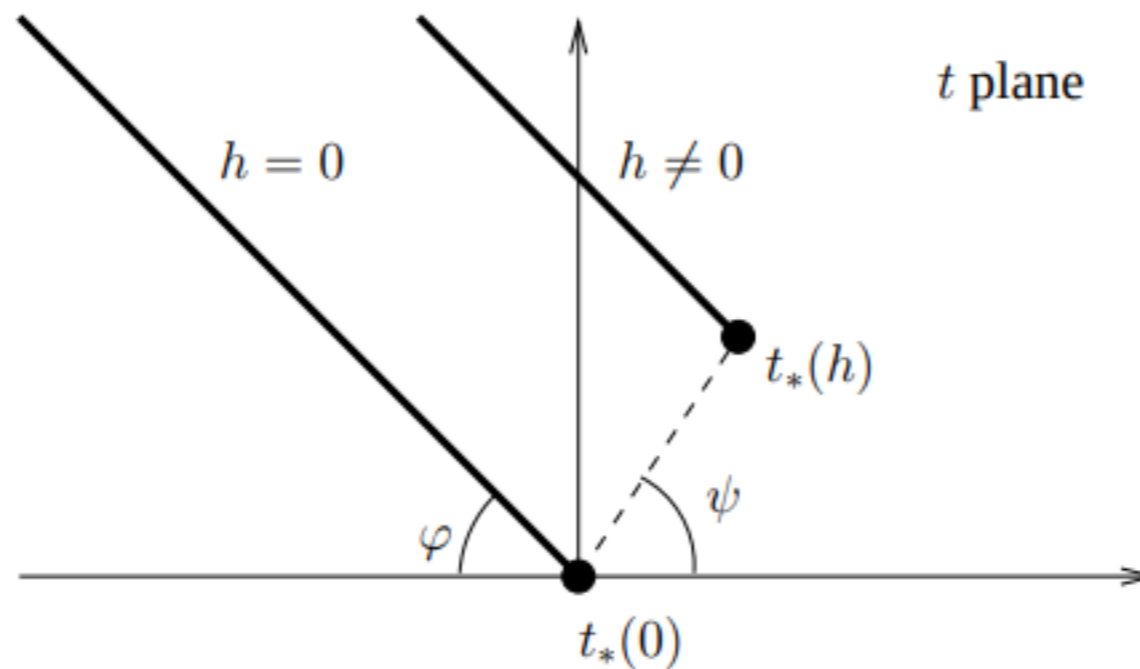


fits of the form

$$\bar{\Delta}_l(m_\pi) = B_c m_\pi^{2/\delta} (1 + a_m m_\pi^{2\theta_H}) + c_1 m_\pi^2 + c_2 m_\pi^4$$

break down for $m_\pi \gtrsim 25 \text{ MeV}$

See attached figure from the Misha's paper; is the line $h \neq 0$ parallel to the $h = 0$ line? The derivation for the angles φ and ψ is based on the continuity of Omega and is given by the critical properties of the underlying universality class. It does not seem to translate to $h \neq 0$. So do we actually know the direction of the cut?



M. Stephanov, *Phys.Rev.D* 73 (2006) 094508

How do we transition from the $\exp(-V)$ to power law in performing the extrapolation of the Taylor series expansion. We need factorial divergence of the coefficient. Do we see this in the data?