

The speed of sound peak of isospin-asymmetric **QCD**

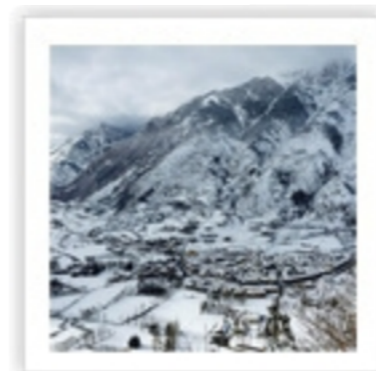


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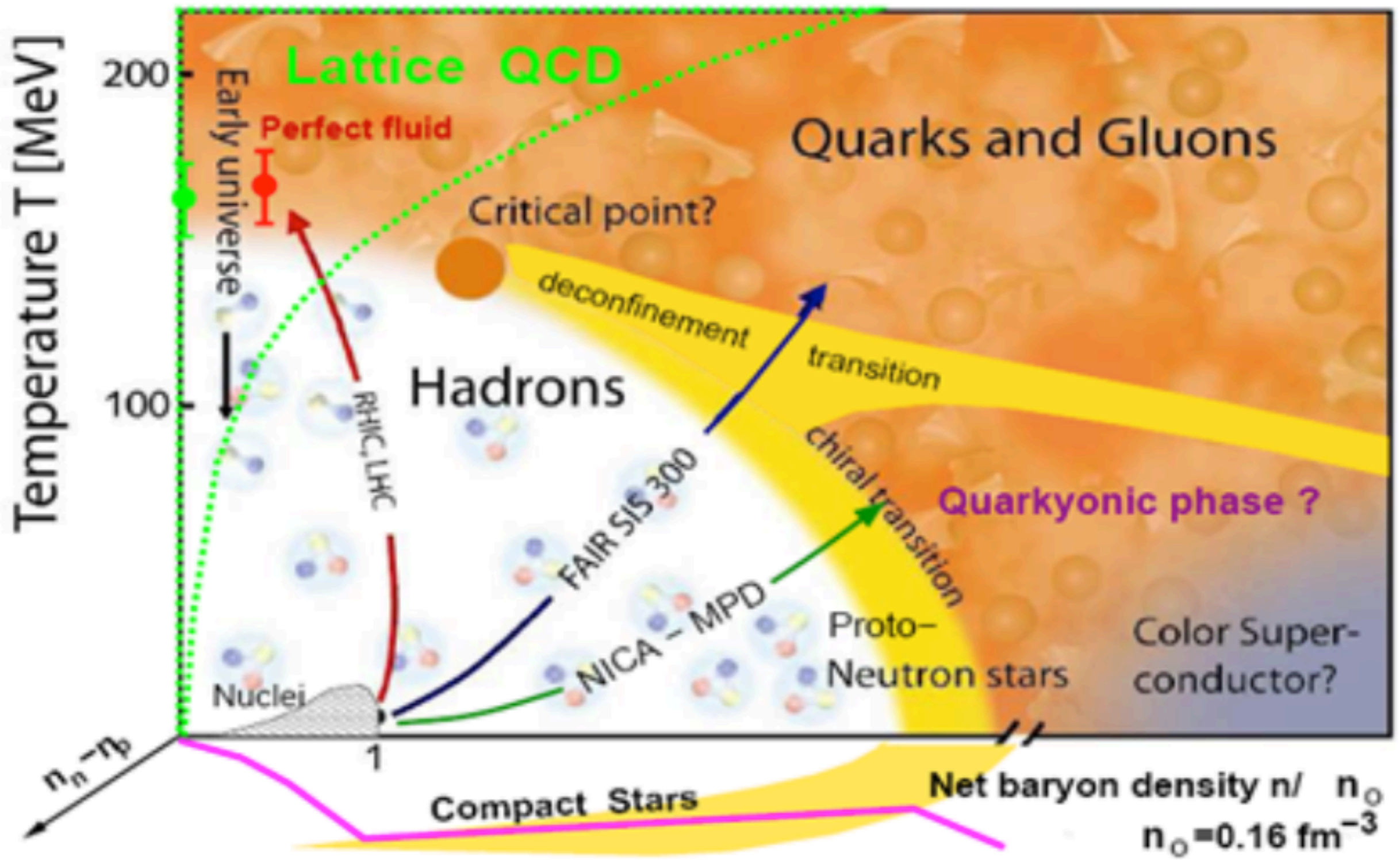
Outline

- Motivation
- i) How a isospin asymmetry can influence the phase diagram of **QCD**?
- ii) Effective models of **QCD** under extreme conditions X LQCD.
- iii) Role of the medium dependent coupling constants.
- Conclusions and perspectives

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QCD Phase Diagram



NICA - Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility

FAIR - Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research

Lattice Results $\mu \neq 0$: Sign Problem

- fermion determinant is complex

$$[\det M(\mu)]^* = \det M(-\mu^*) \in \mathbb{C}$$

- no positive weight in path integral

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_{YM}} \det M(\mu)$$

- standard lattice methods base on importance sampling cannot be used!

To make progress

QCD is nonperturbative at relevant scales!

- We use Quantum Field Theory (in medium)
- DSE (beyond RL truncation...)
- Lattice (limitations...)
- Large N
- Effective models (just a few degrees of freedom): NJL/PNJL, Linear σ model, MIT, Chiral perturbation theory...

QCD under extreme conditions

- Finite temperature T
- Finite magnetic field eB
- Chiral chemical potential μ_5
- Finite isospin chemical potential μ_I

NO

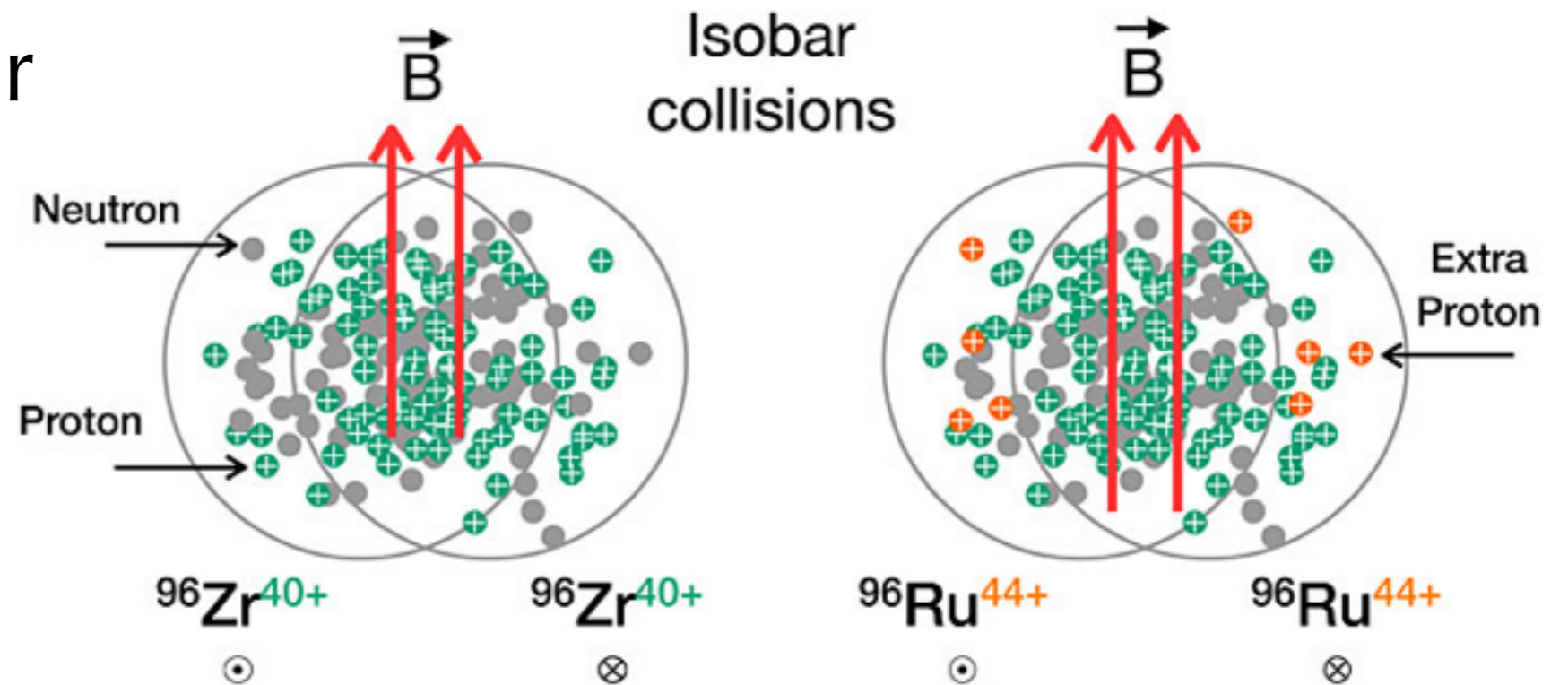
Sign Problem!

LQCD can be used as a benchmark platform for comparing different effective models used in the literature.

Motivation

Why relevant?

○ In RHIC isobar program



○ Excess of neutrons over protons

○ Excess of π^- over π^+

○ Neutron star interiors

$n_I < 0$

$$n_I = n_u - n_d$$

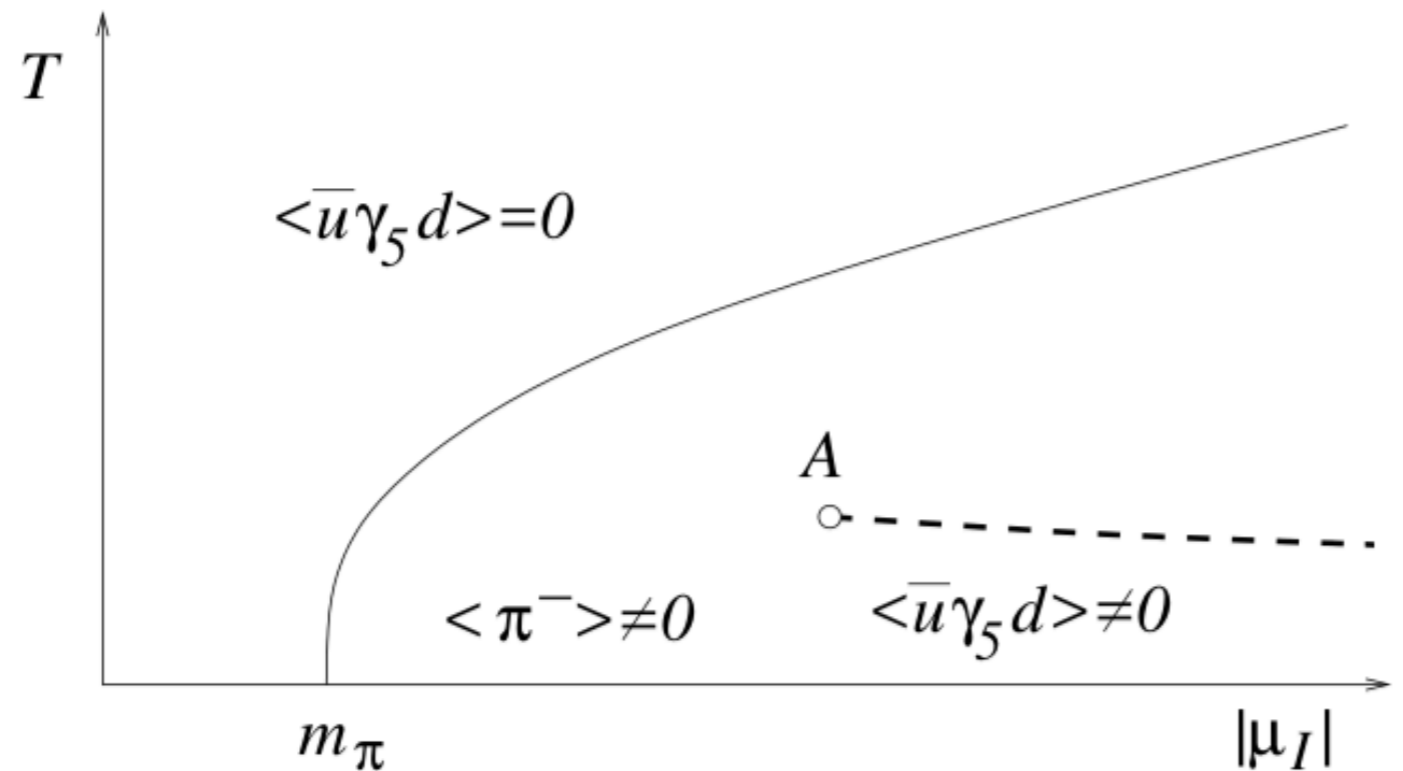
Pion Condensation

Low energy QCD: degrees of freedom \rightarrow pions

Chpt

Chemical potential for charged pions μ_π

At $T=0$ $\mu_\pi \leq m_\pi \rightarrow$ **Vacuum**
 $\mu_\pi \geq m_\pi \rightarrow$ **BEC**



Son and Stephanov,
 PRL 86, 592 (2001)

Isospin chemical potential

○ Grand canonical ensemble

○ Chemical potentials

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_u &= \frac{\mu_B}{3} + \mu_I \\ \mu_d &= \frac{\mu_B}{3} - \mu_I\end{aligned}$$

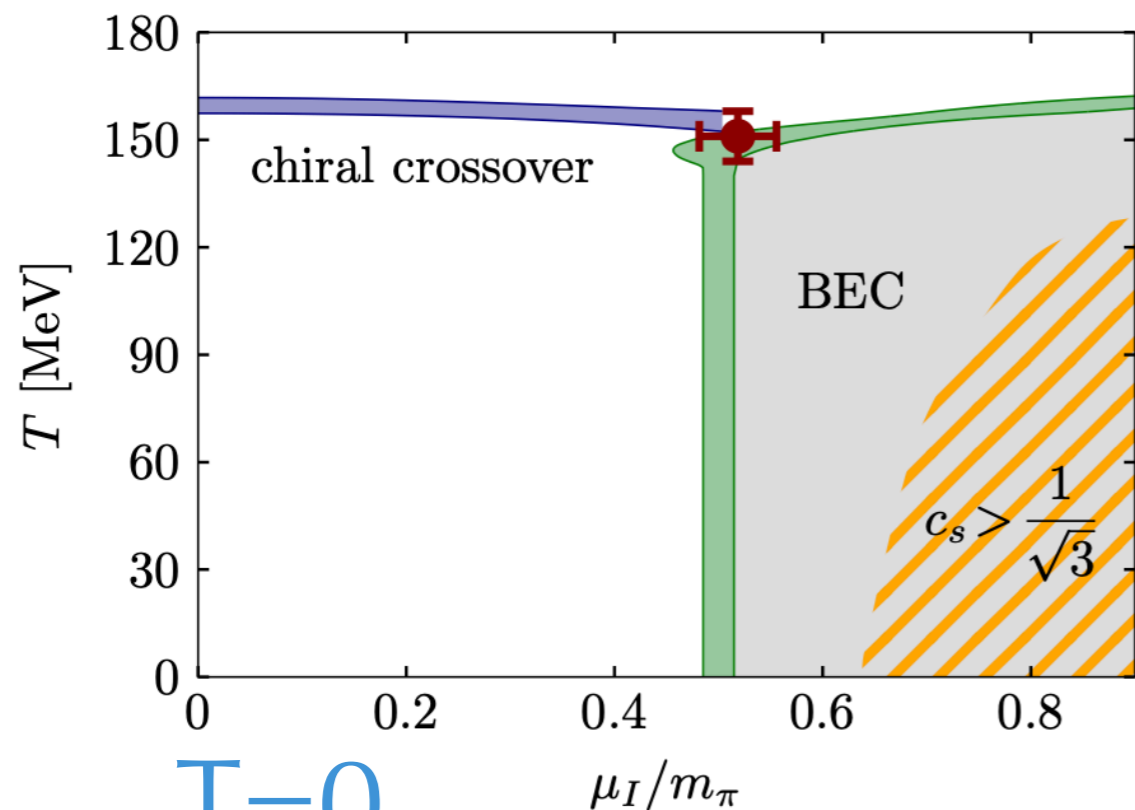
○ Zero baryon number:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_u &= \mu_I \\ \mu_d &= -\mu_I\end{aligned}$$

○ Pion chemical potential: $\mu_\pi = \mu_u - \mu_d = 2\mu_I$

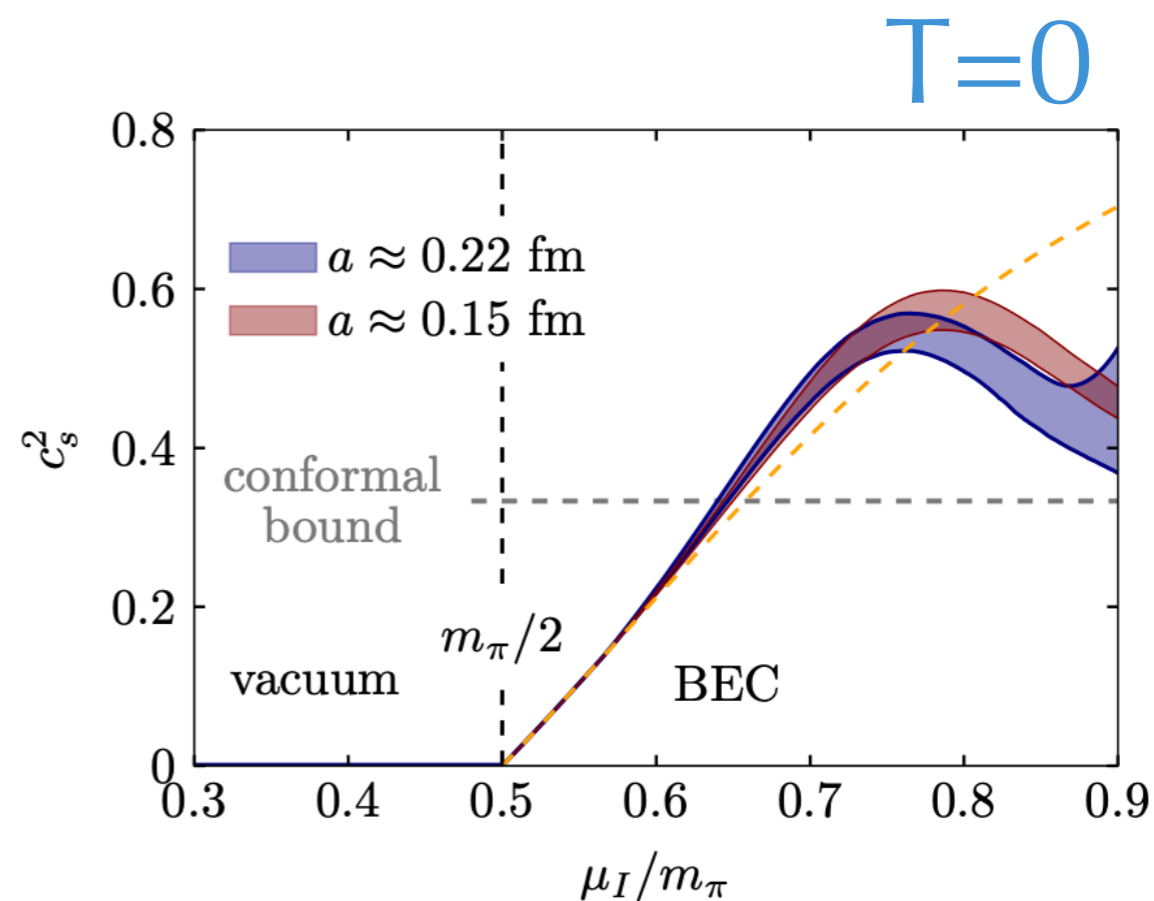
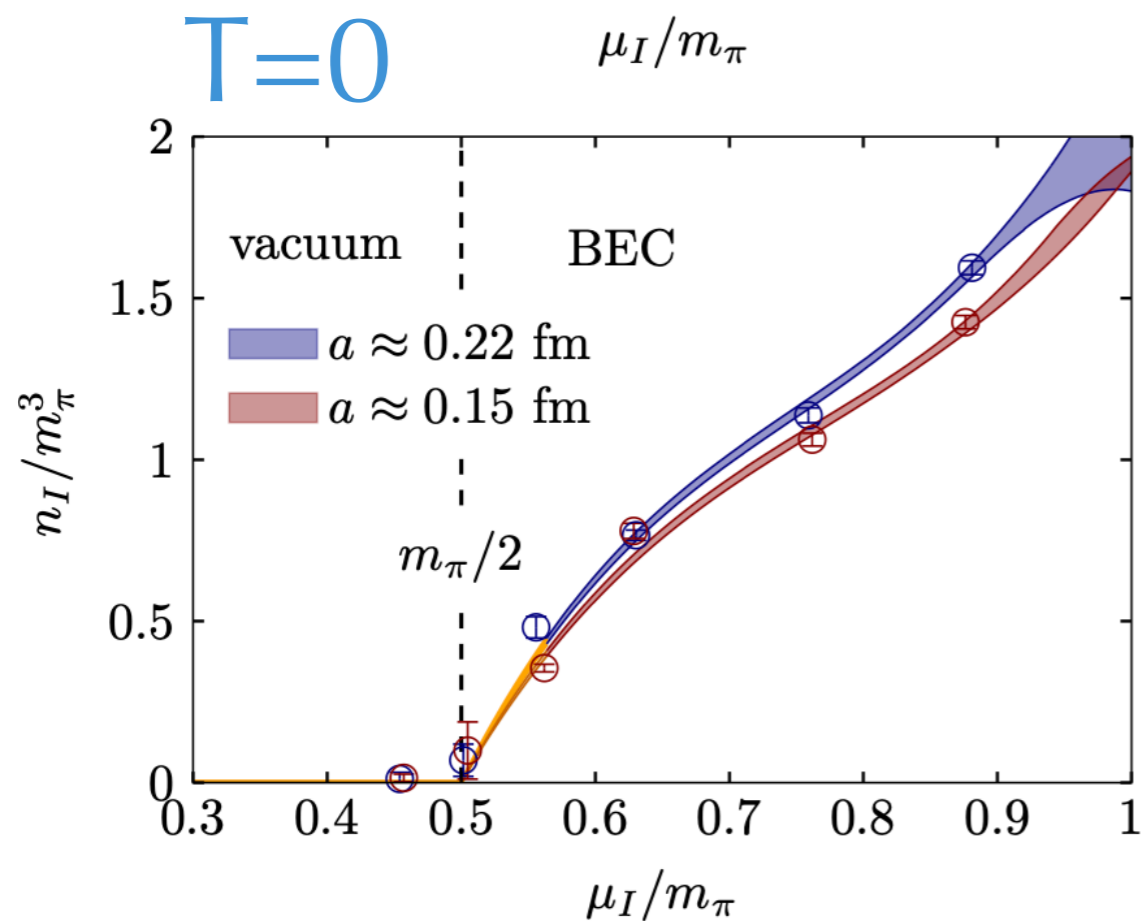
$$n_I = n_u - n_d$$

Recent LQCD results

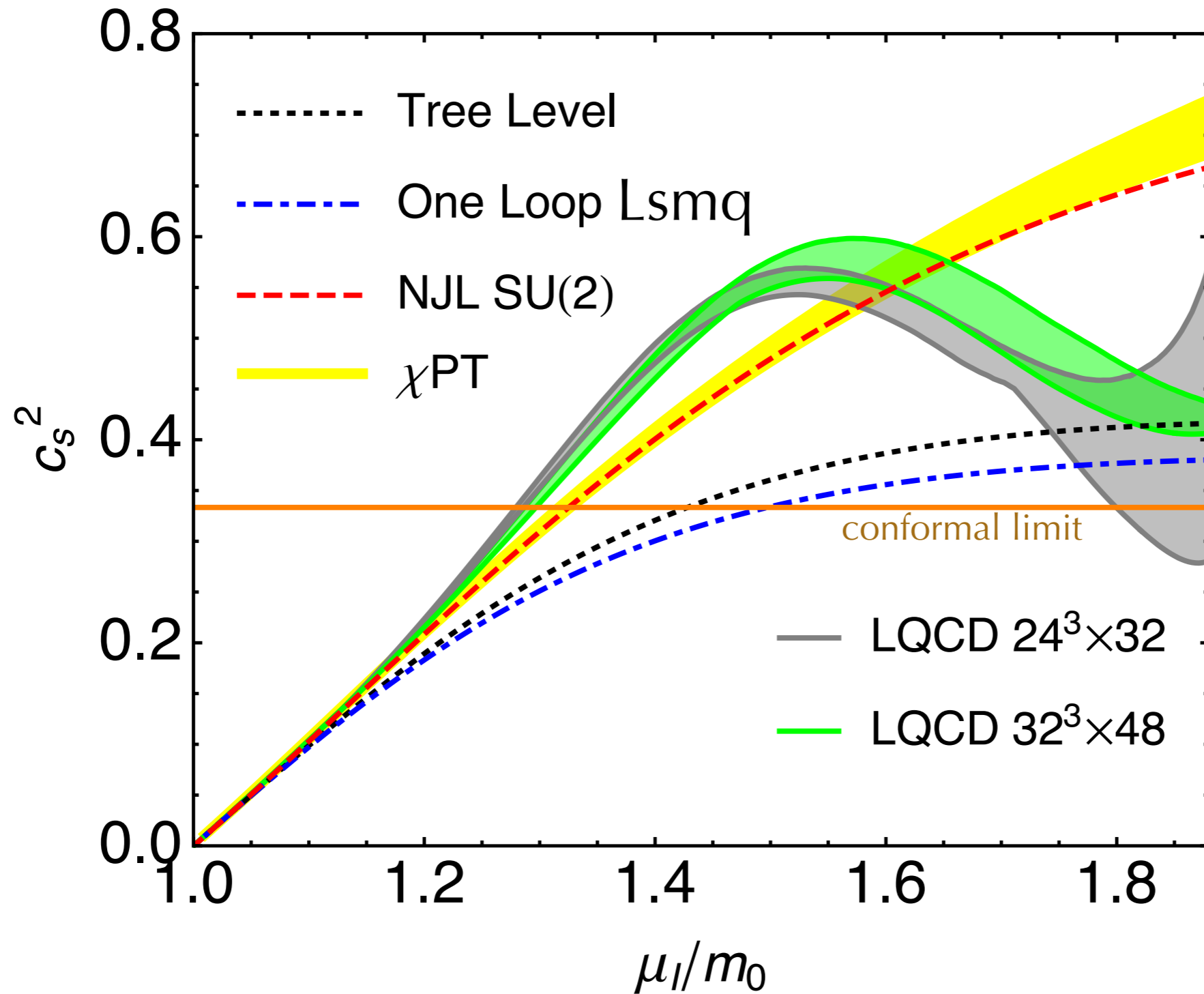


$$\epsilon = -P + \mu_I n_I$$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \epsilon}$$



Motivation



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SU(2) NJL model

$$\mathcal{L}_{NJL} = \bar{\psi} (i\partial_\mu \gamma^\mu - m) \psi + G \left[(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau_3\psi)^2 + 2 (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau_+\psi) (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau_-\psi) \right]$$

τ 's are the generator matrices for the pseudoscalar interactions, which corresponds to the pionic excitations π_1, π_2, π_3 or equivalently π_+, π_-, π_3 , with $\tau_\pm = (\tau_1 \pm \tau_2)/\sqrt{2}$.

Now we can introduce the chiral condensate $\sigma = -2G\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle$ and pion condensates

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2}\pi_+ &= -2\sqrt{2}G\langle\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau_+\psi\rangle = \Delta e^{i\theta}, \\ \sqrt{2}\pi_- &= -2\sqrt{2}G\langle\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau_-\psi\rangle = \Delta e^{-i\theta}, \end{aligned}$$

where the phase factor θ indicates the direction of the $U_I(1)$ symmetry breaking.

SU(2) NJL model

In the mean-field approximation, the thermodynamic potential is given by

$$\Omega_{\text{NJL}} = \frac{\sigma^2 + \Delta^2}{4G} - 2N_c \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} (E_k^+ + E_k^-)$$

where $E_k^{\pm} = \sqrt{(E_k \pm \frac{\mu_I}{2})^2 + \Delta^2}$, $E_k = \sqrt{k^2 + M^2}$

From these equations we obtain

$$\sigma = 4GN_c M I_{\sigma}$$

$$\Delta = 4GN_c \Delta I_{\Delta}$$

with the definitions

$$I_{\sigma} = \sum_{s=\pm 1} \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{E_k} \frac{E_k + s\mu_I}{\sqrt{(E_k + s\mu_I)^2 + \Delta^2}}$$

$$I_{\Delta} = \sum_{s=\pm 1} \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(E_k + s\mu_I)^2 + \Delta^2}}$$

**TRS
scheme**

Medium Separation Scheme

$$I_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{j=\pm 1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{x^2 + (E_k + j\mu_I)^2 + \Delta^2}$$

Using the identity

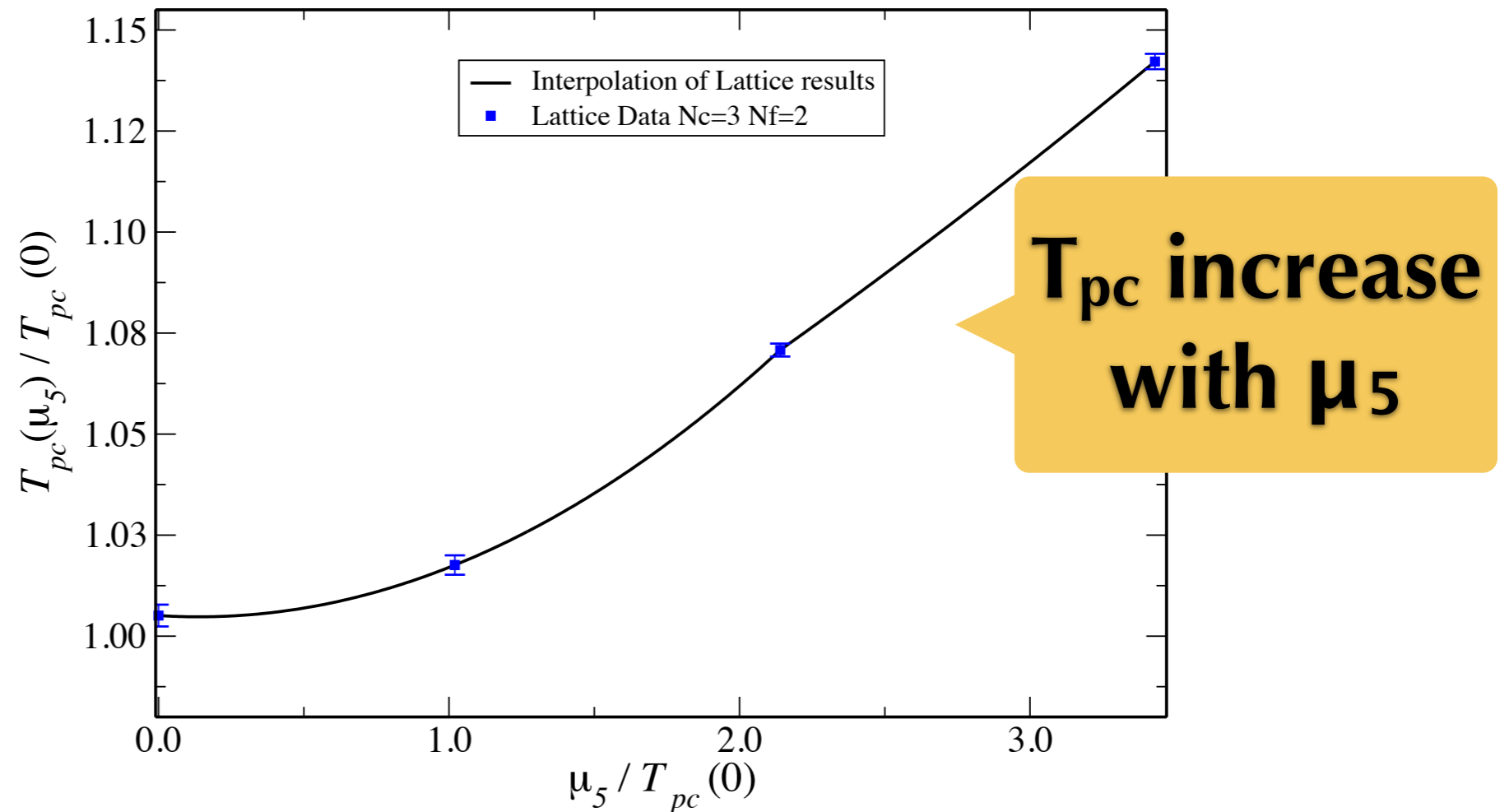
$$\frac{1}{x^2 + (E_k + j\mu_I)^2 + \Delta^2} = \frac{1}{x^2 + k^2 + M_0^2} + \frac{M_0^2 - \Delta^2 - \mu_I^2 - M^2 - 2j\mu_I E_k}{(x^2 + k^2 + M_0^2)[x^2 + (E_k + j\mu_I)^2 + \Delta^2]}$$



M_0 is the vacuum quark mass!

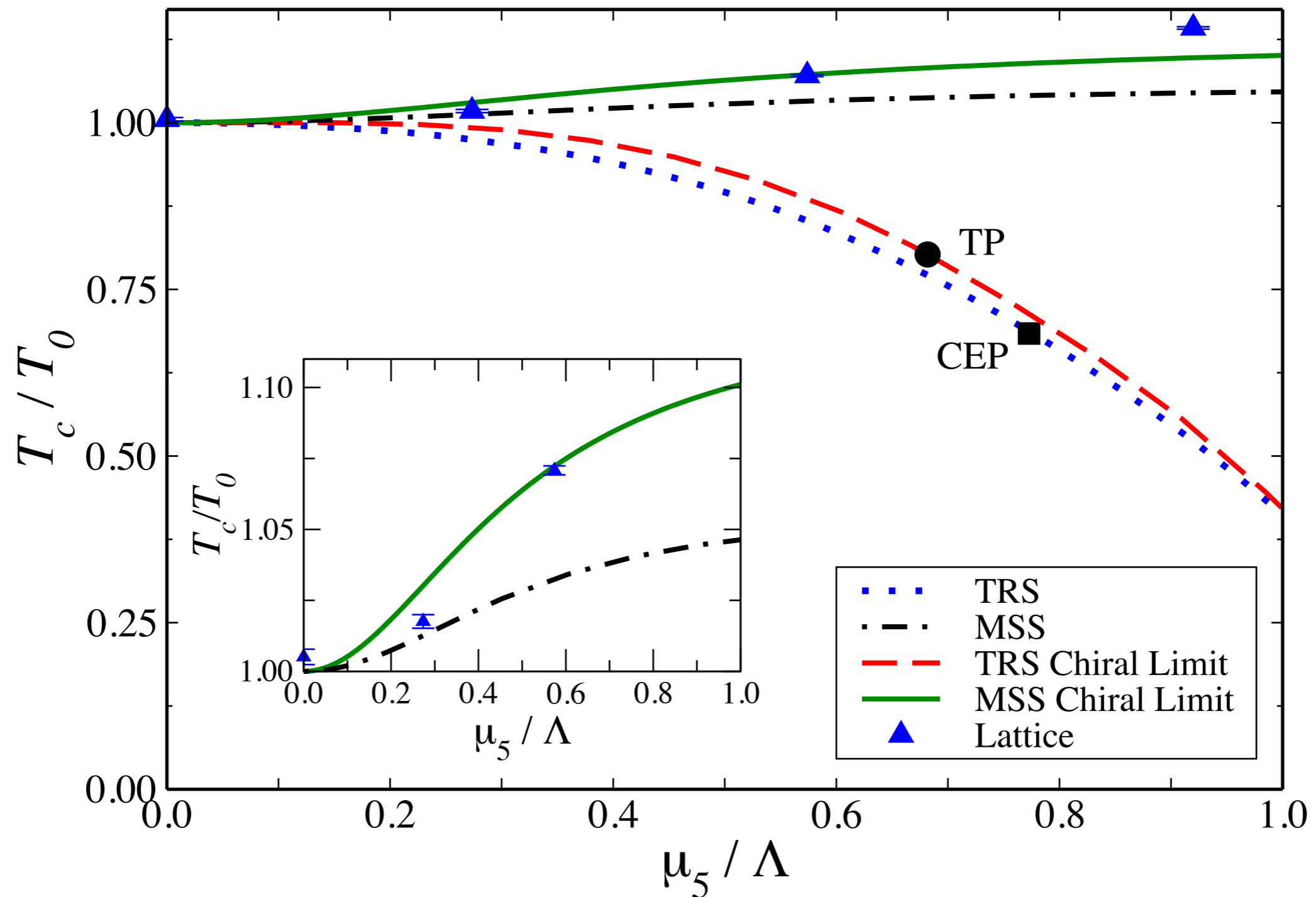
MSS Applications:

Lattice Results: $N_c=3$ and $N_f=2$

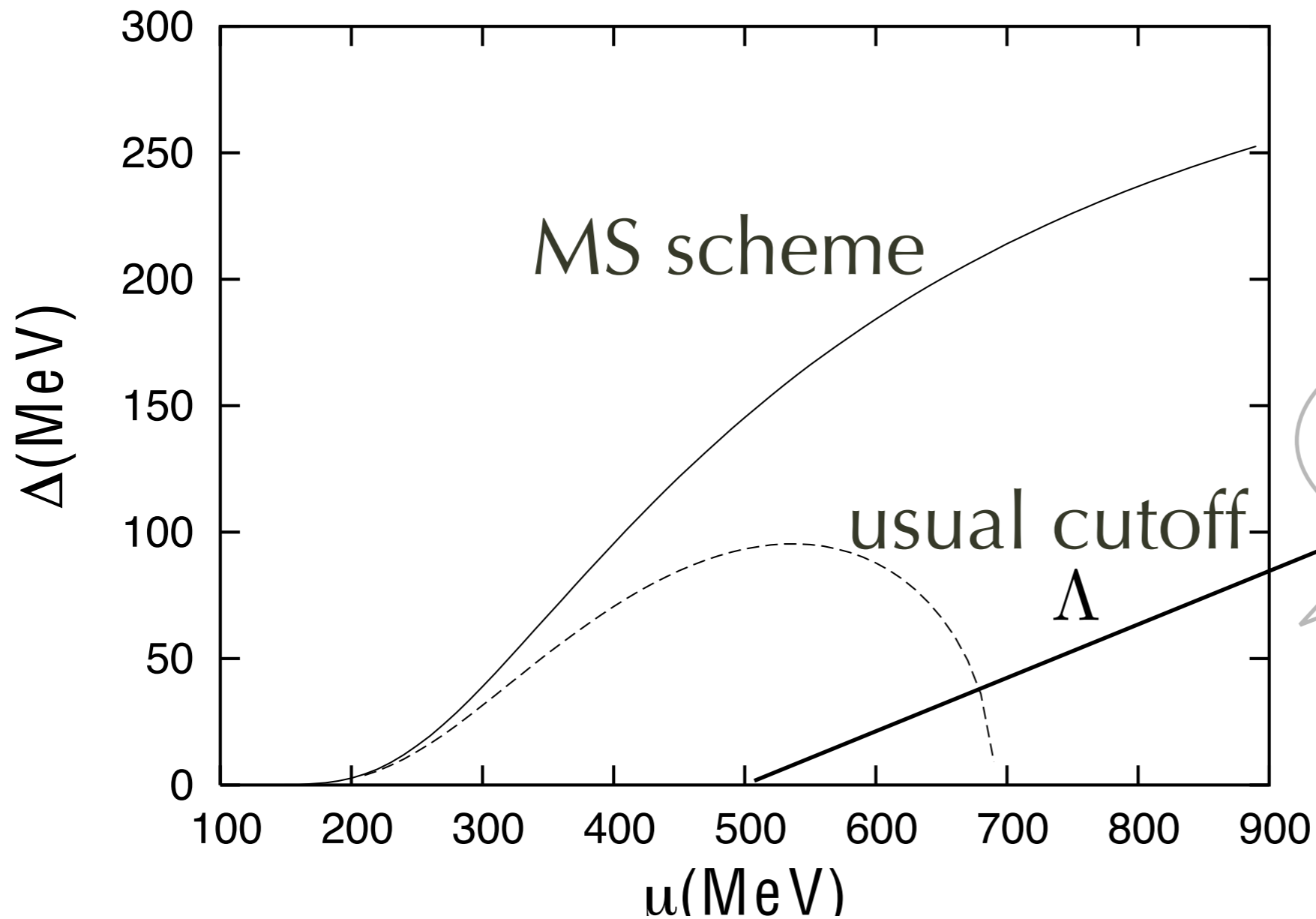


- No CP
- Always crossover transition!

Medium Separation Scheme X TRS



SU(2) NJL + Color Superconductivity



RLSF, G. Krein, et al
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neutron star
densities!

$$\Delta \sim \frac{\mu}{g^5} \exp\left(-\frac{3\pi^2}{\sqrt{2}g}\right)$$

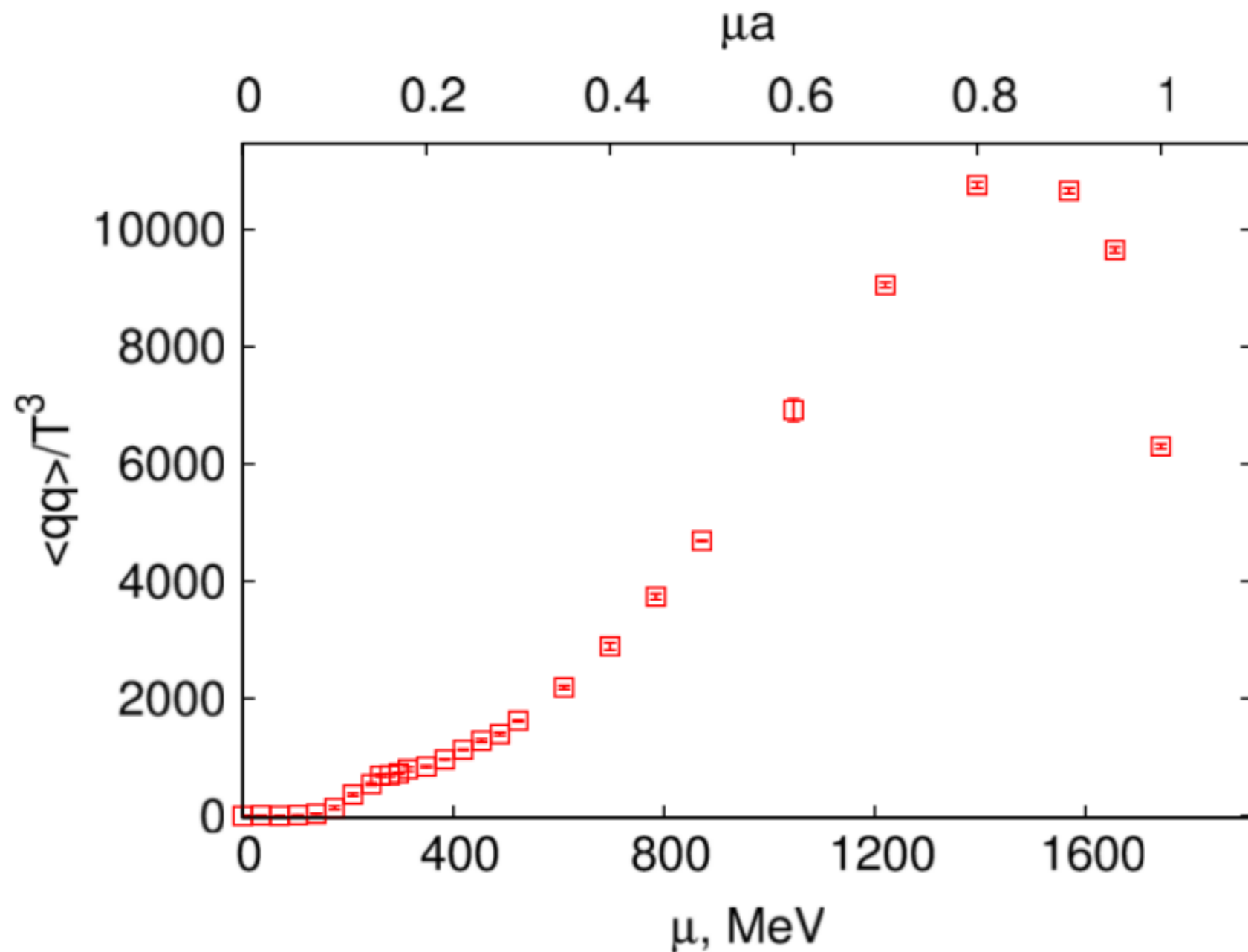
Superconductivity by long-range color magnetic interaction in high-density quark matter

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Phys. Rev. D **59**, 094019 – Published 6 April 1999

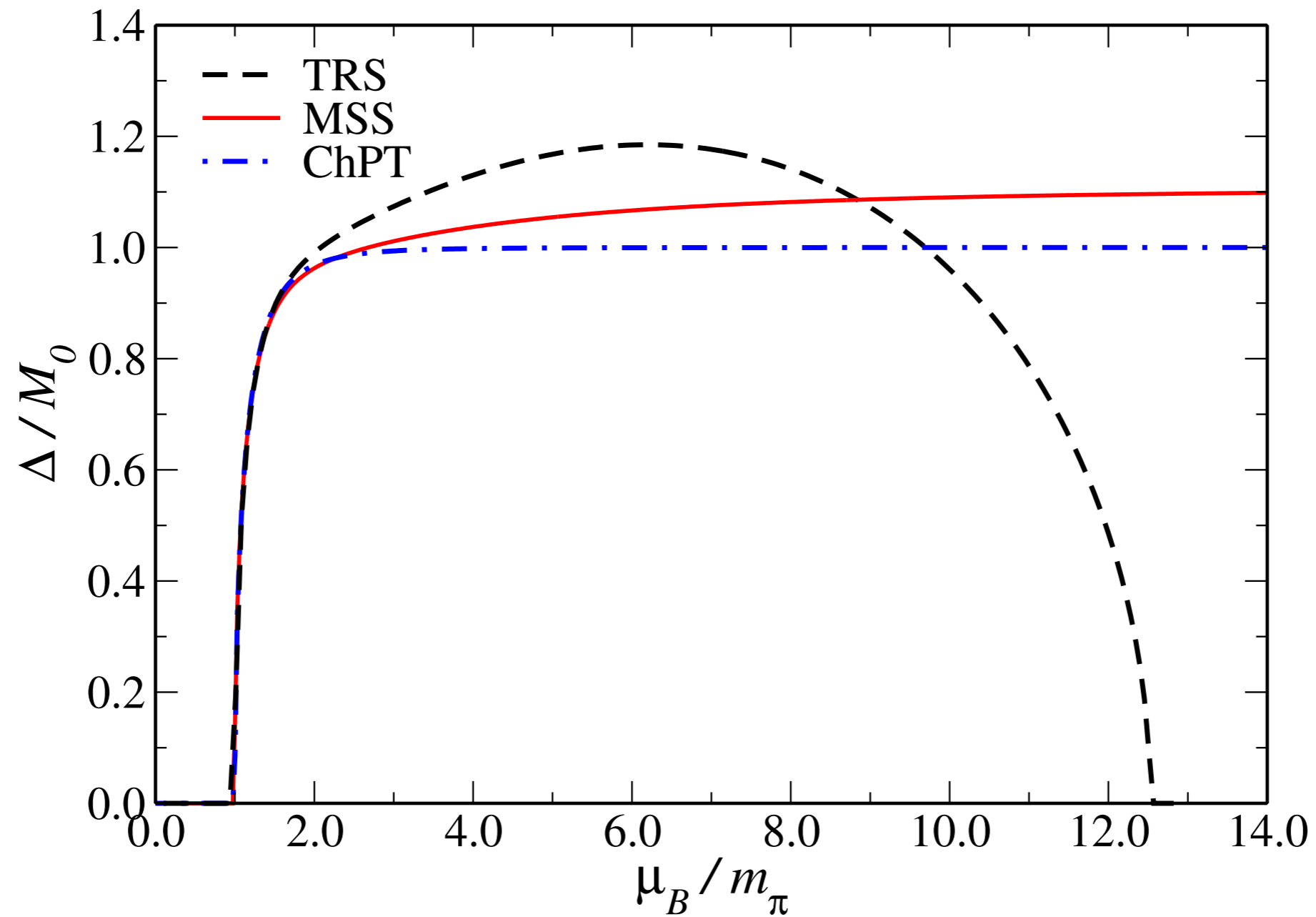
$N_c=2$ no signal problem!

Study of the phase diagram of dense two-color QCD within lattice simulation

V. V. Braguta, E.-M. Ilgenfritz, A. Yu. Kotov, A. V. Molochkov, and A. A. Nikolaev
Phys. Rev. D **94**, 114510 – Published 15 December 2016



$N_c=2$ NJL + MSS



RLSF, D.C. Duarte and R.O.Ramos, PRD 99, 016065 (2019)

gapless 2SC



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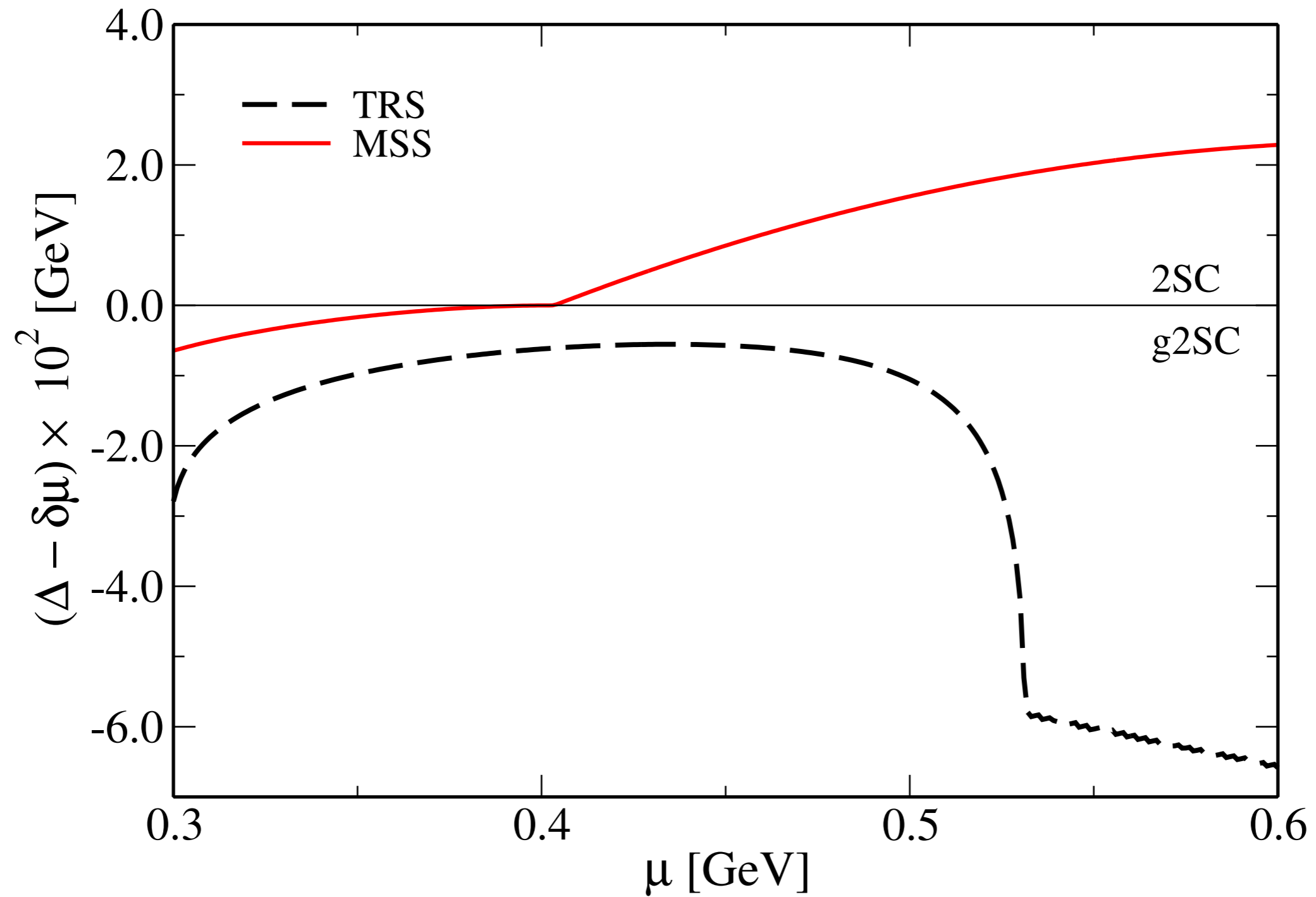
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Abstract

A new, stable gapless two-flavor color superconducting phase that appears under conditions of local charge neutrality and β -equilibrium is revealed. In this phase, the symmetry of the ground state is the same as in the conventional two-flavor color superconductor. In the low-energy spectrum of this phase, however, there are only two gapped fermionic quasiparticles, and the other four quasiparticles are gapless. The origin and the basic properties of the gapless two-flavor color superconductor are discussed. This phase is a natural candidate for quark matter in cores of compact stars.

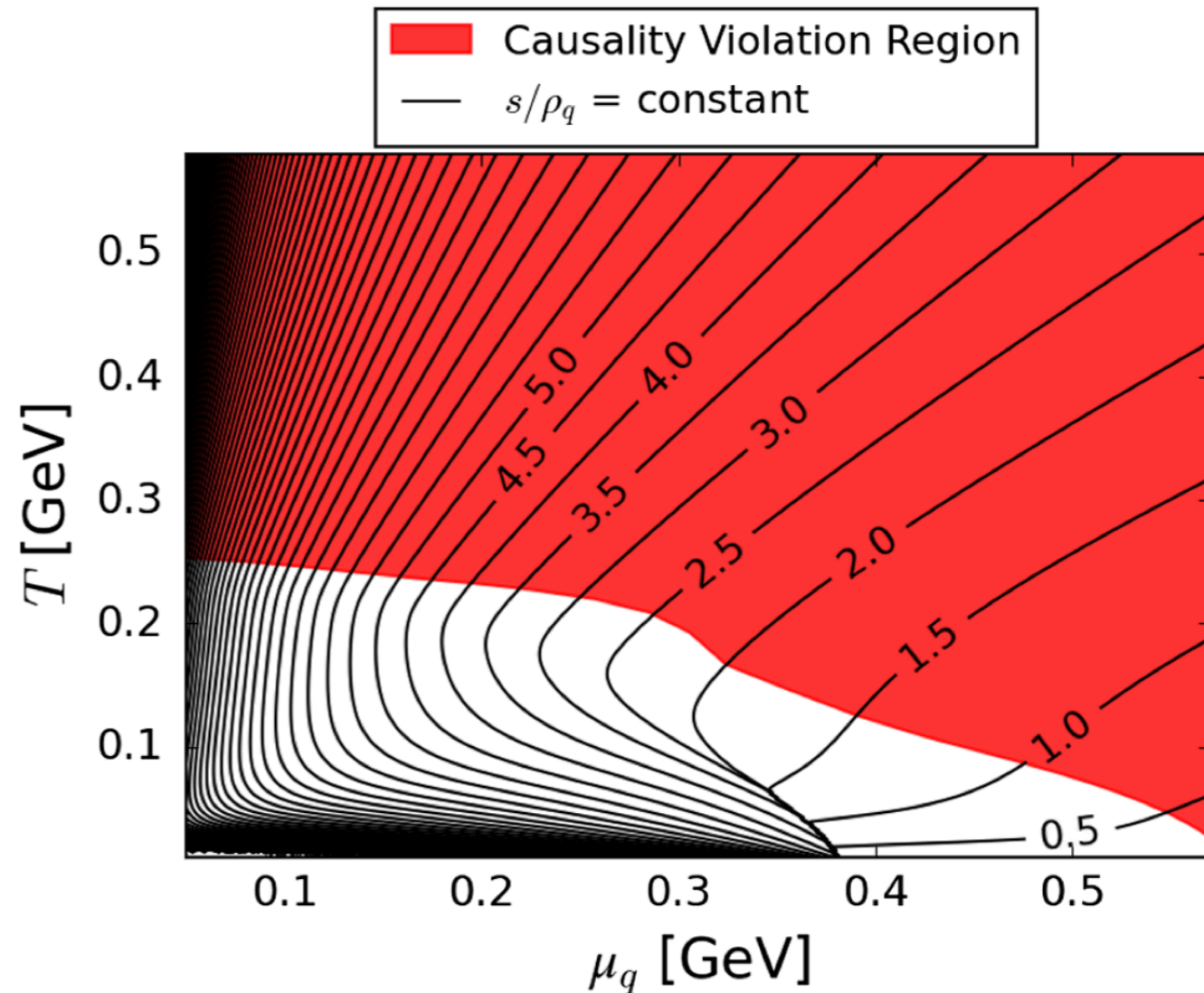
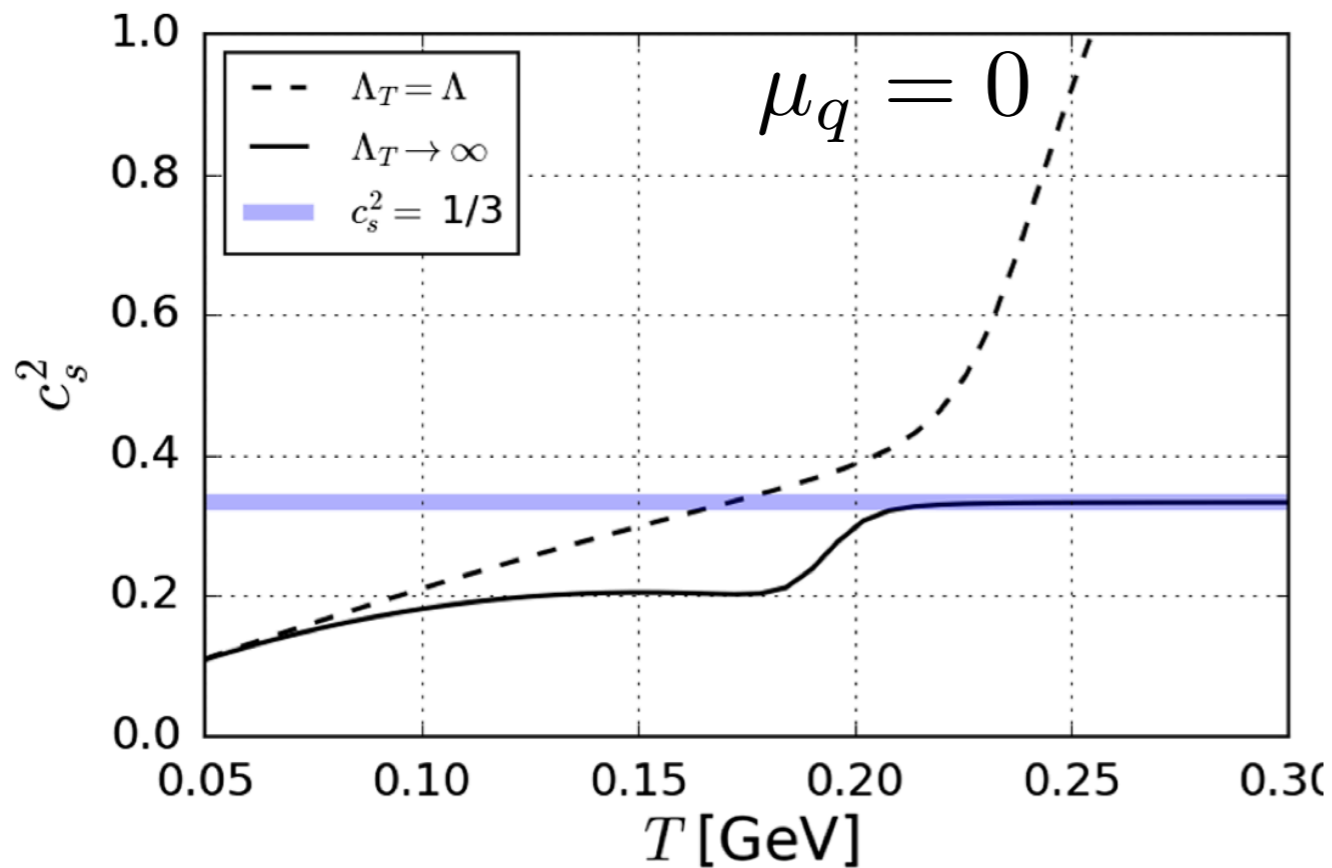
g2SC X 2SC



Causality violation

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(T, \mu_q) &= \frac{(M - m_0)}{4G} - 2N_c N_f \int_{\Lambda} \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \omega(k) \\ &\quad - 4N_c N_f T \int_{\Lambda_T} \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[\log \left(1 + e^{-(\omega(k) + \mu_q)/T} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \log \left(1 + e^{-(\omega(k) - \mu_q)/T} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

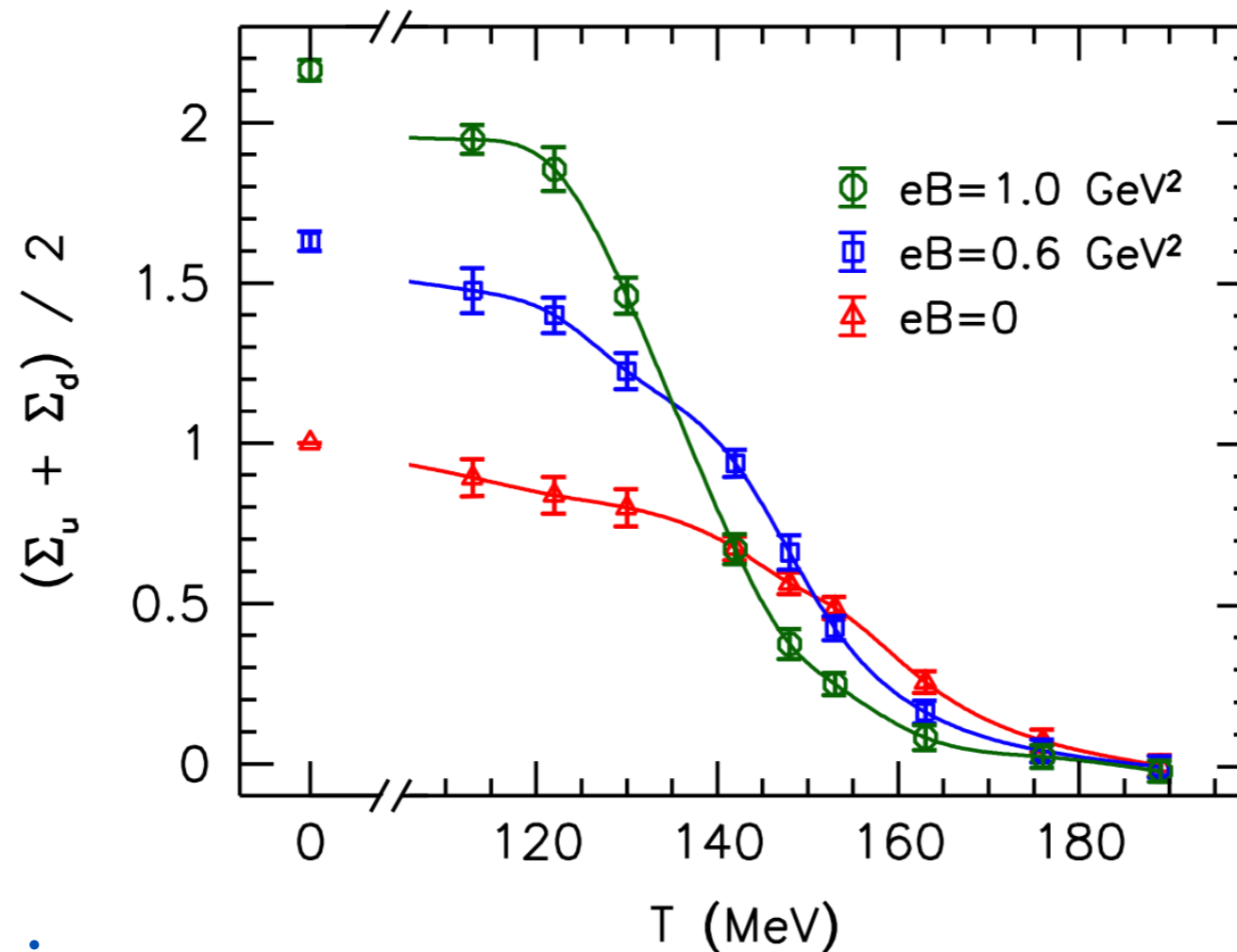
where $\omega(k) = (k^2 + M^2)^{1/2}$



Medium dependent coupling constants

B Effects on QCD phase transitions

$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \sim (200 \text{ MeV})^2 \sim 2 \times 10^{18} \text{ G}$$



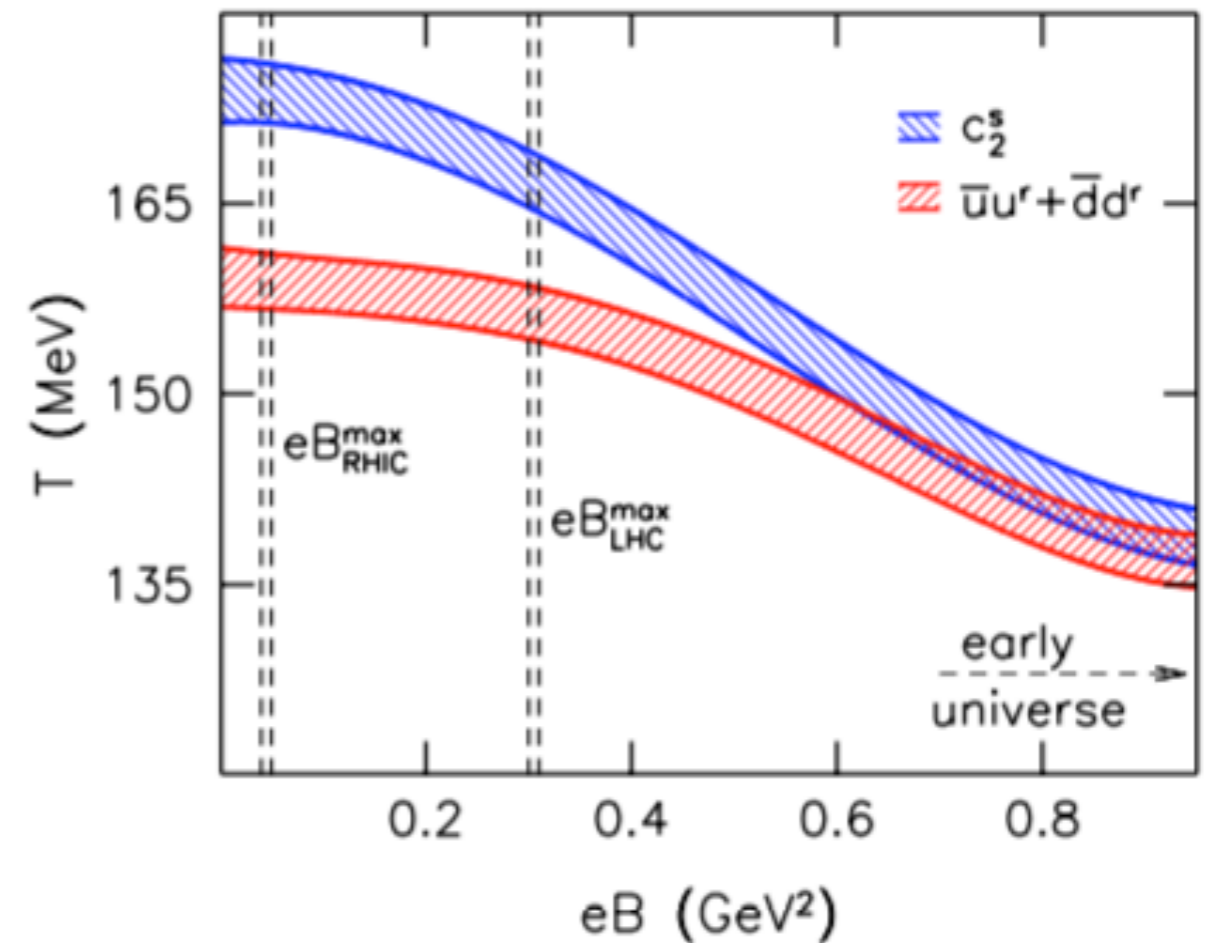
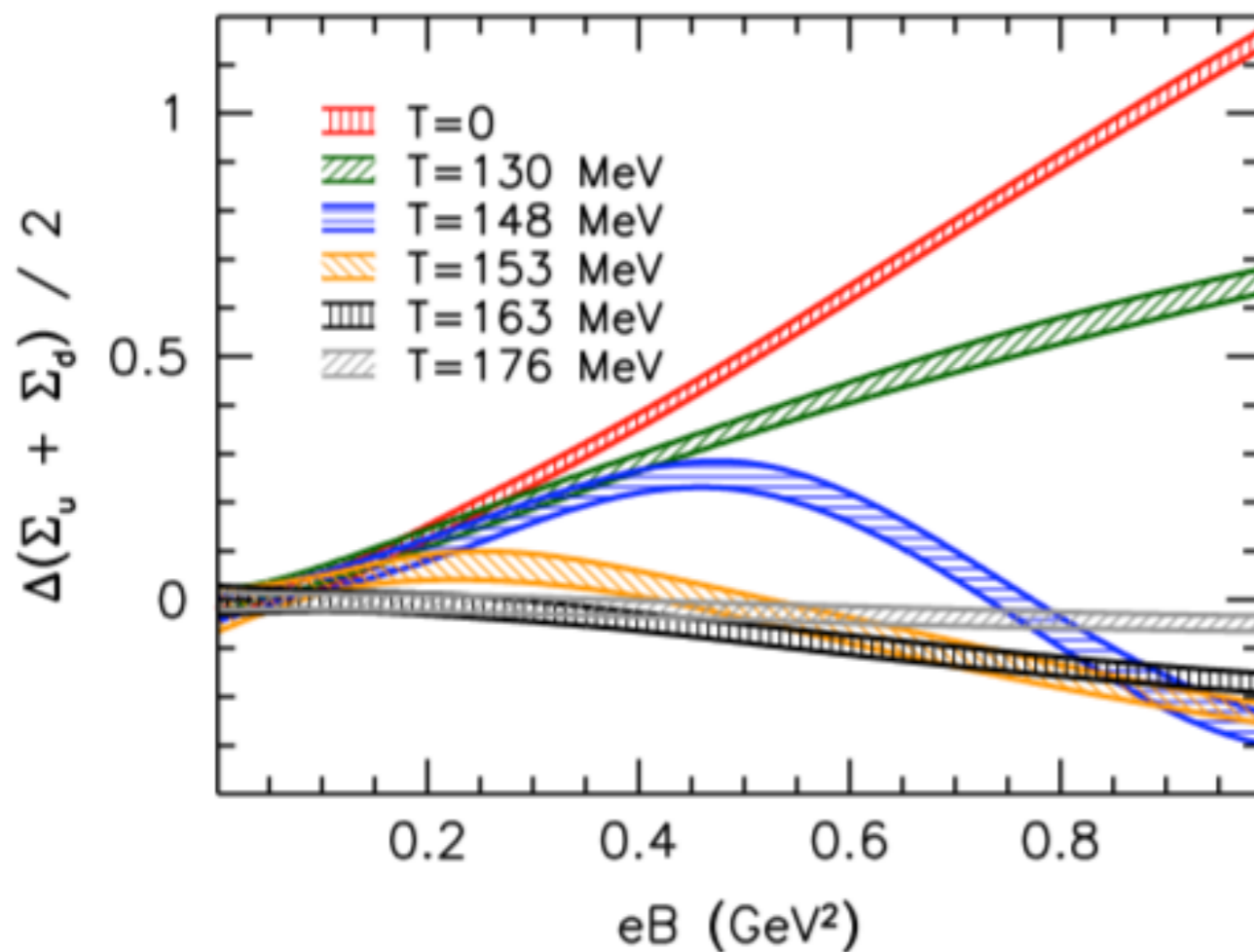
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**MC: V.P. Gusynin,
V.A. Miransky,
I.A. Shovkovy,
Nucl. Phys. B 462 249 (1996)**

$$\Sigma_f(B, T) = \frac{2m_f}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \left[\langle \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f \rangle - \langle \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f \rangle_0 \right] + 1$$

B Effects on QCD phase transitions

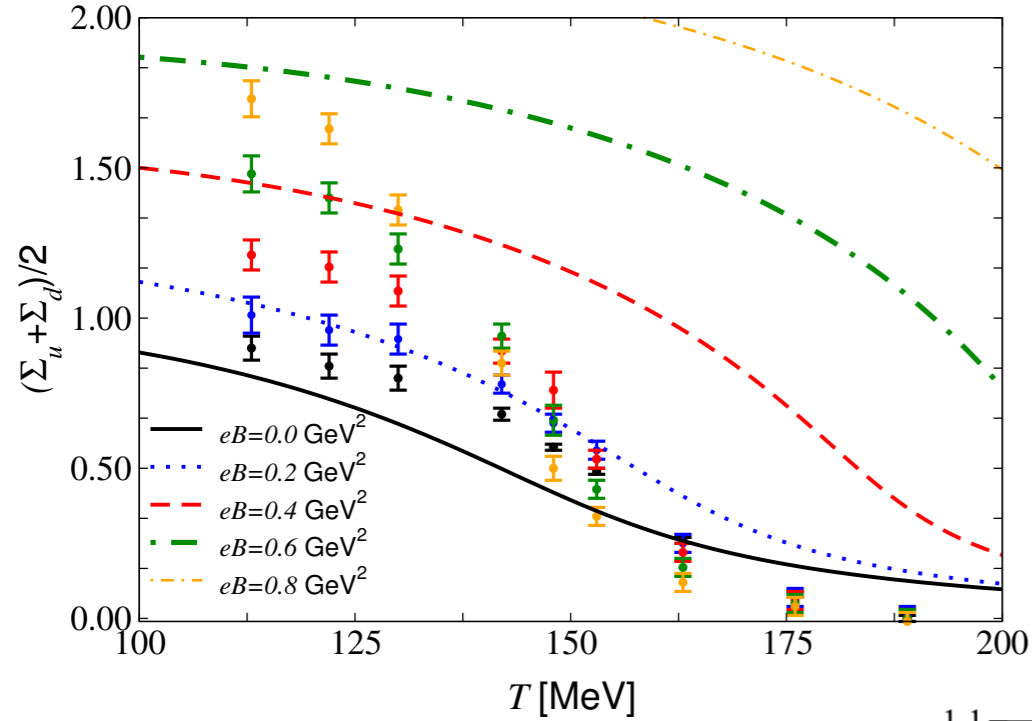
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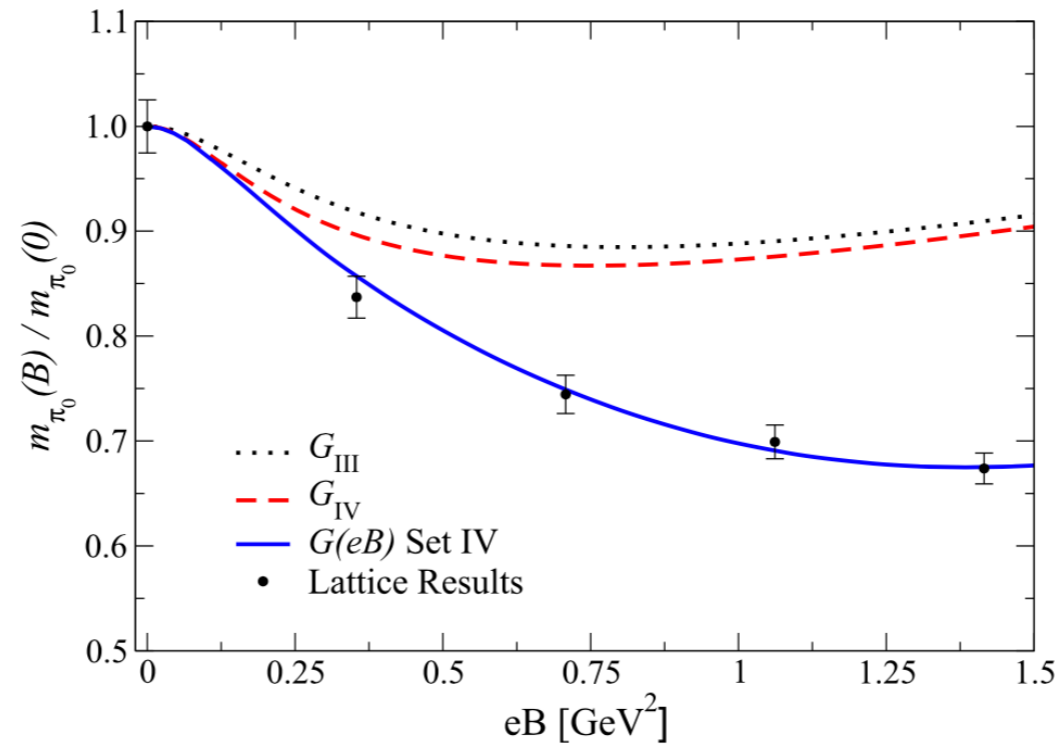
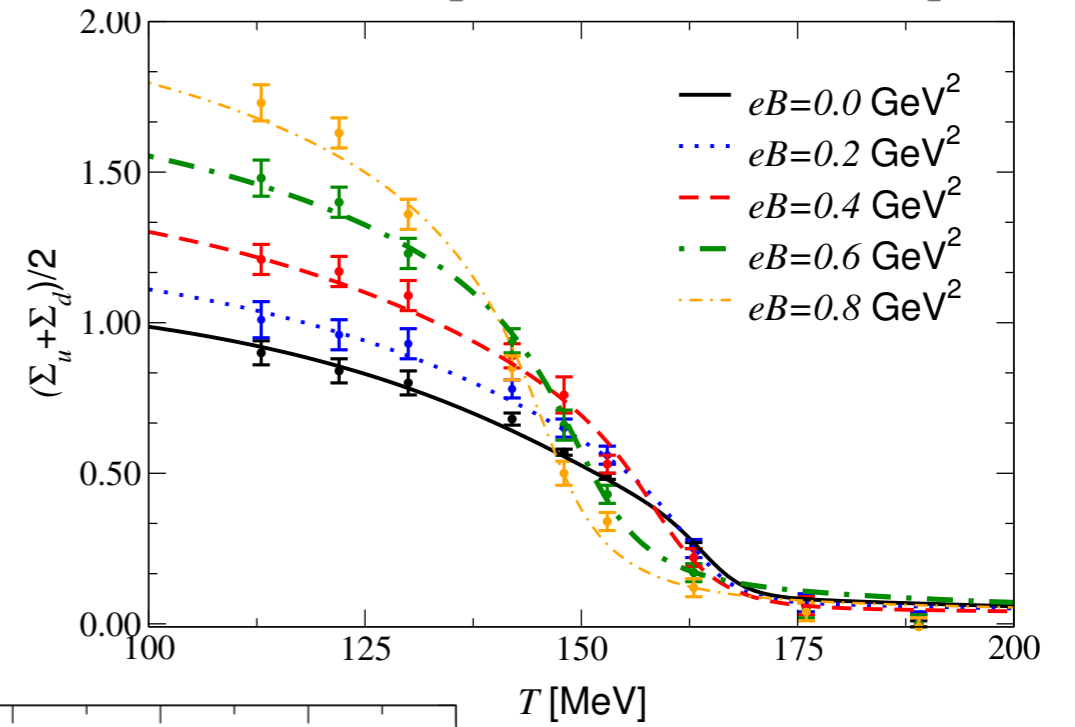
Failure of ALL effective models in providing inverse magnetic catalysis!

SU(2) NJL + Thermo-Magnetic effects $G(B,T)$

$G(0,0)$



$$G(B,T) = c(B) \left[1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(B)[T_a(B)-T]}} \right] + s(B).$$

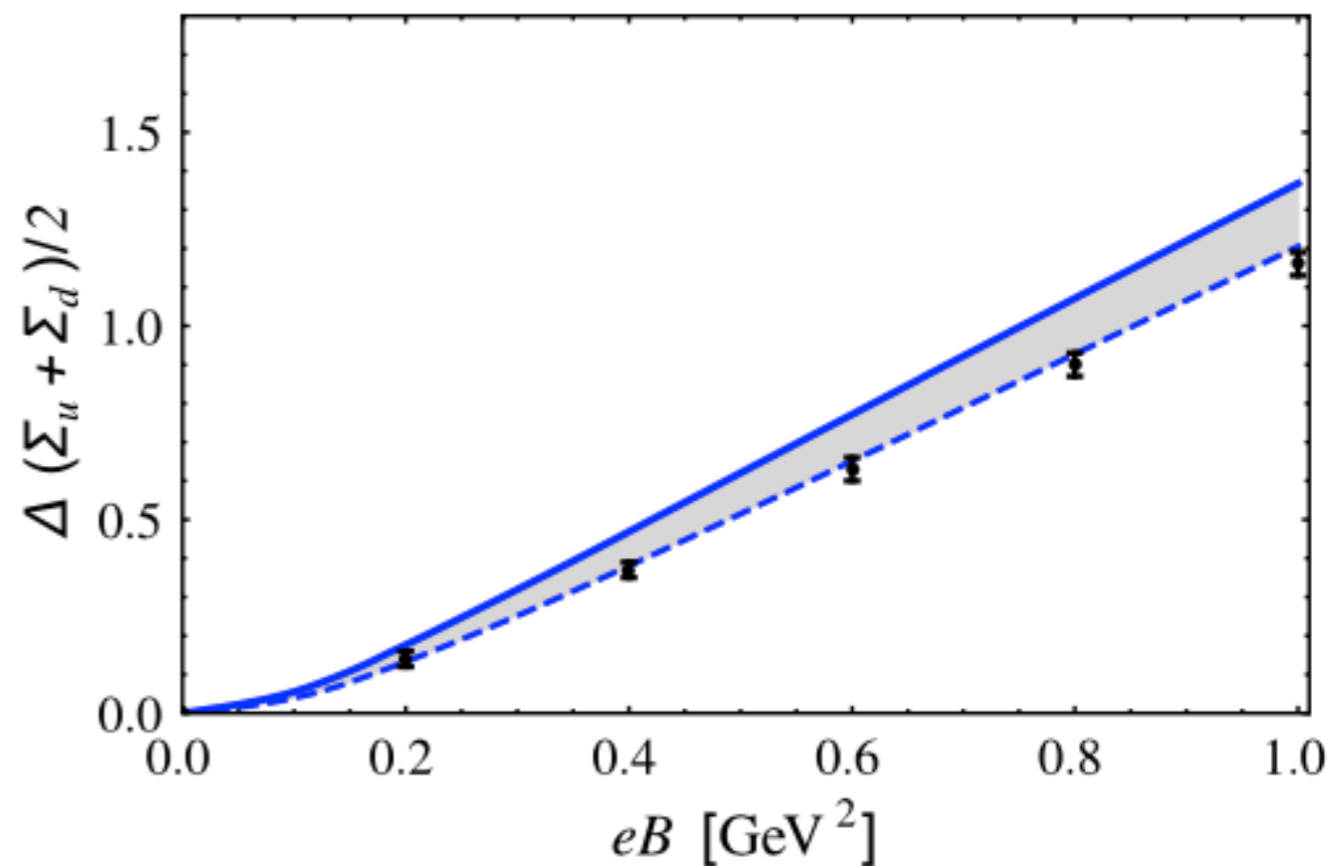
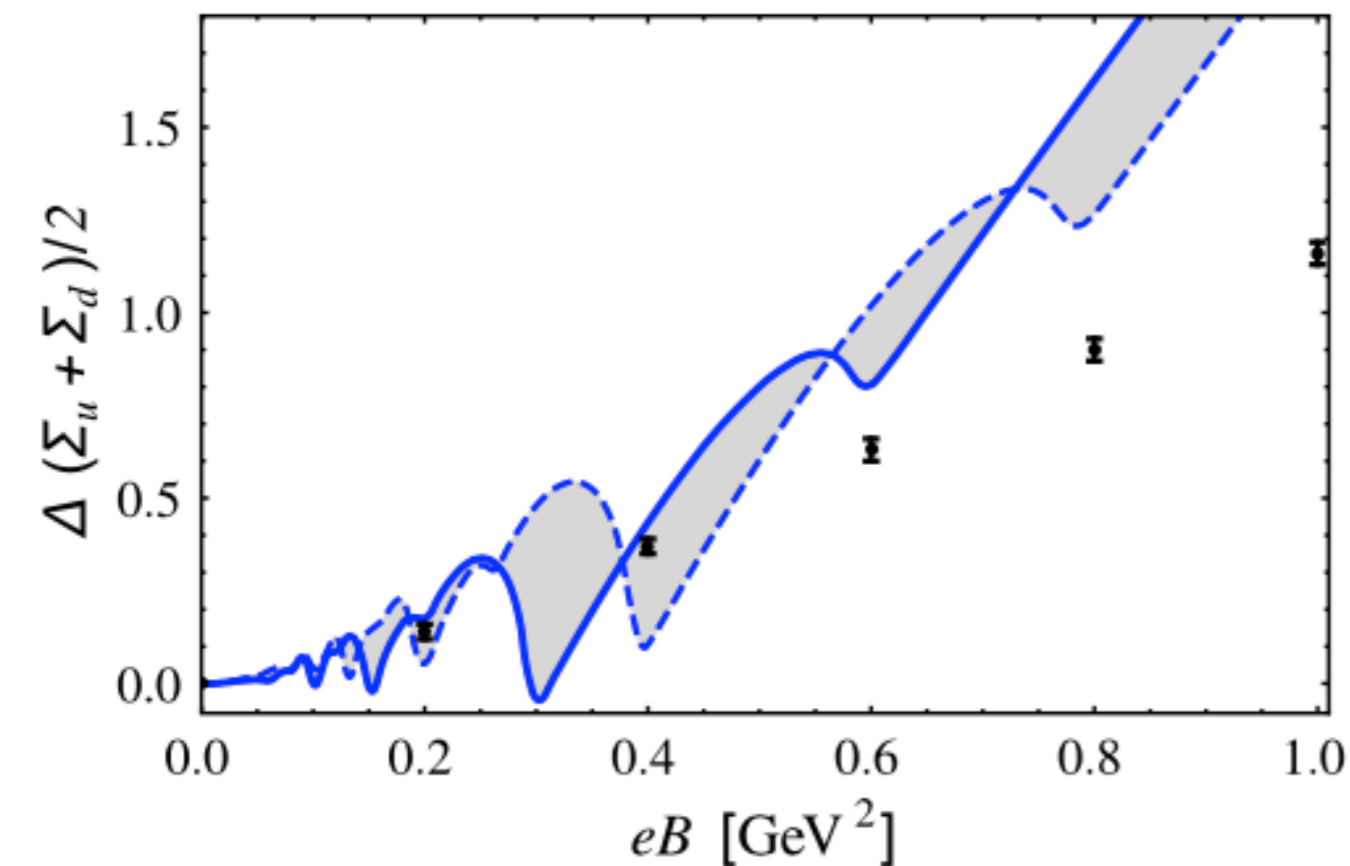


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Fermi-Dirac Form Factor

$$U_{\Lambda}^{\text{FD}}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \tanh \left(\frac{\frac{x}{\Lambda} - 1}{\alpha} \right) \right]$$

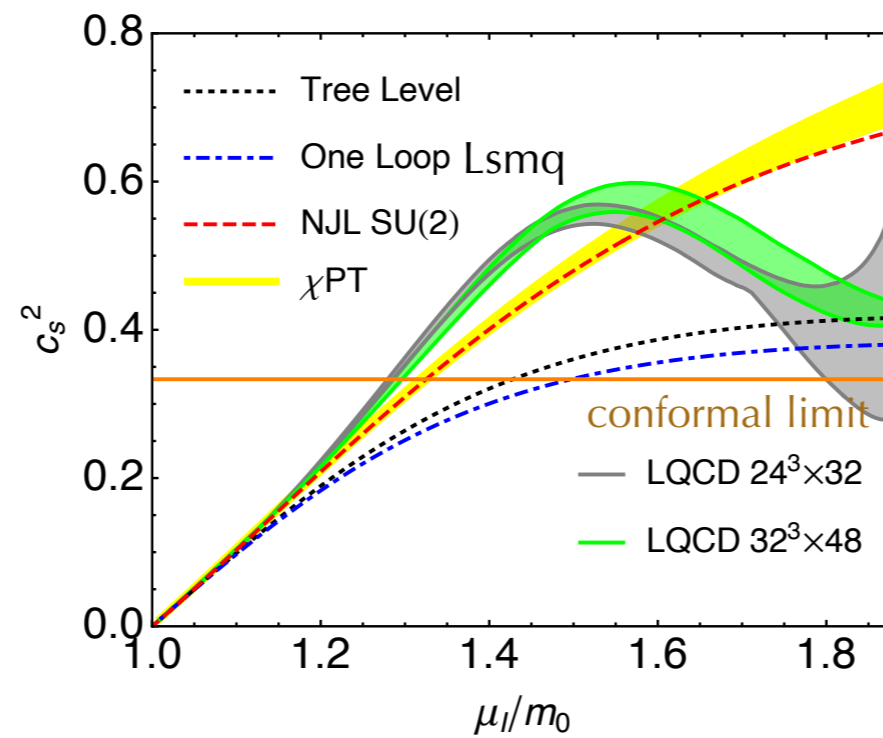
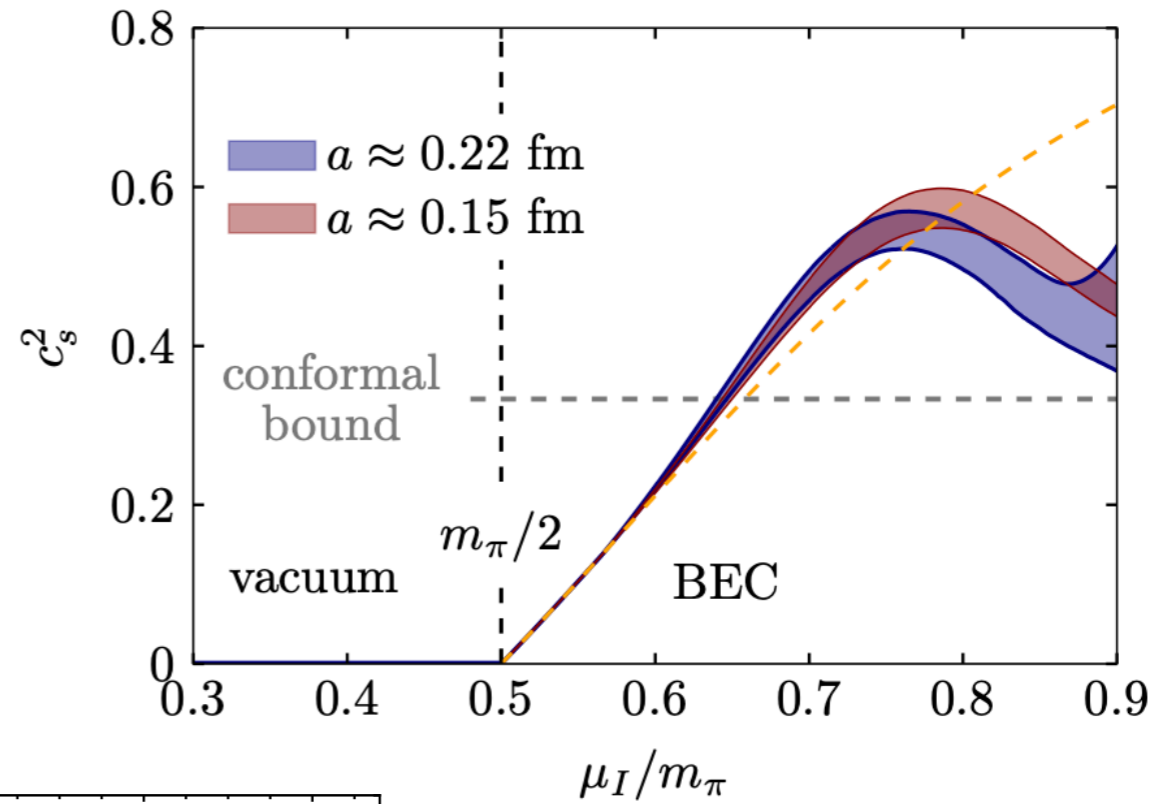
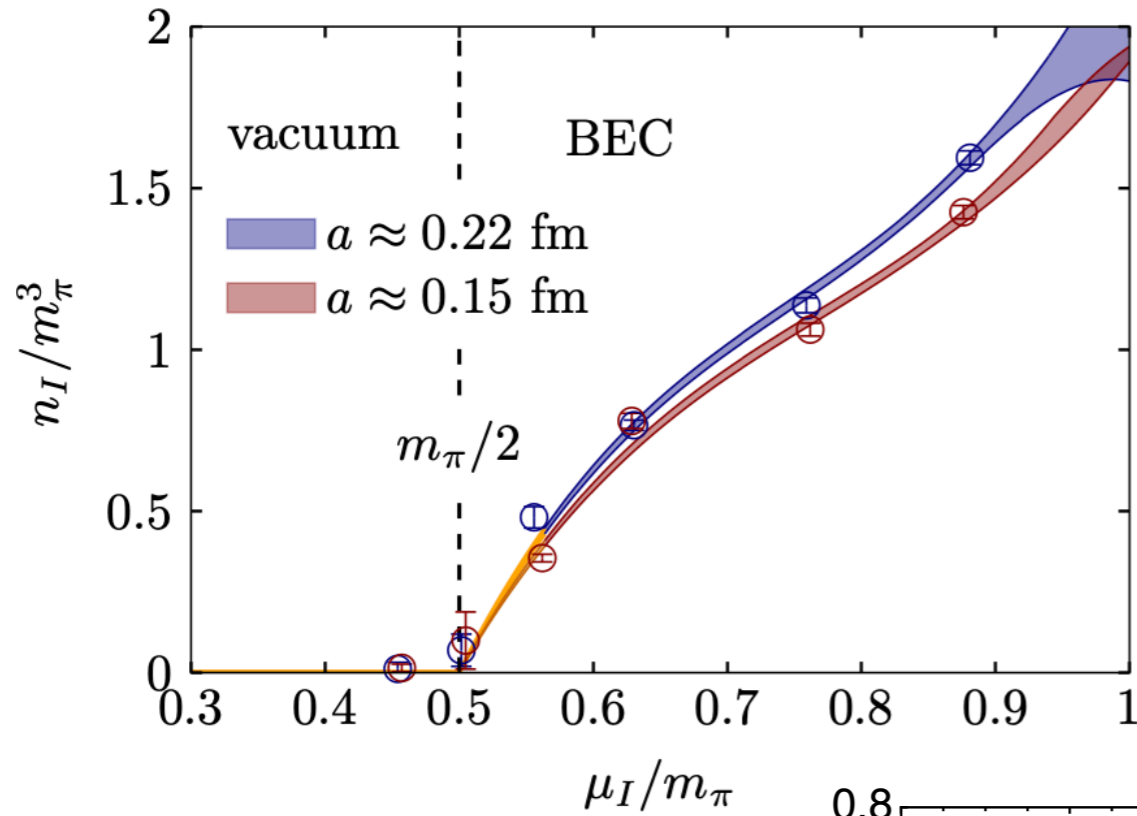
$$245 \text{ MeV} < -\bar{\Phi}_0^{1/3} < 260 \text{ MeV}$$



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Effective Models X LQCD



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Thermodynamic Consistency

$$\begin{aligned}P(T, \mu) &= \frac{T}{V} \ln \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta(H - \mu N)} \right], \\ \varepsilon(T, \mu) &= \frac{1}{V} \frac{1}{Z(T, \mu, V)} \text{Tr} \left[H e^{-\beta(H - \mu N)} \right], \\ n(T, \mu) &= \frac{1}{V} \frac{1}{Z(T, \mu, V)} \text{Tr} \left[N e^{-\beta(H - \mu N)} \right],\end{aligned}$$

When in a model represented by H a given parameter, say a coupling constant G , depends on the chemical potential, namely $G = G(\mu)$, then $H \rightarrow H(\mu)$ and the number density, obtained by means of the thermodynamic relation

$$n = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu} \right)_T,$$

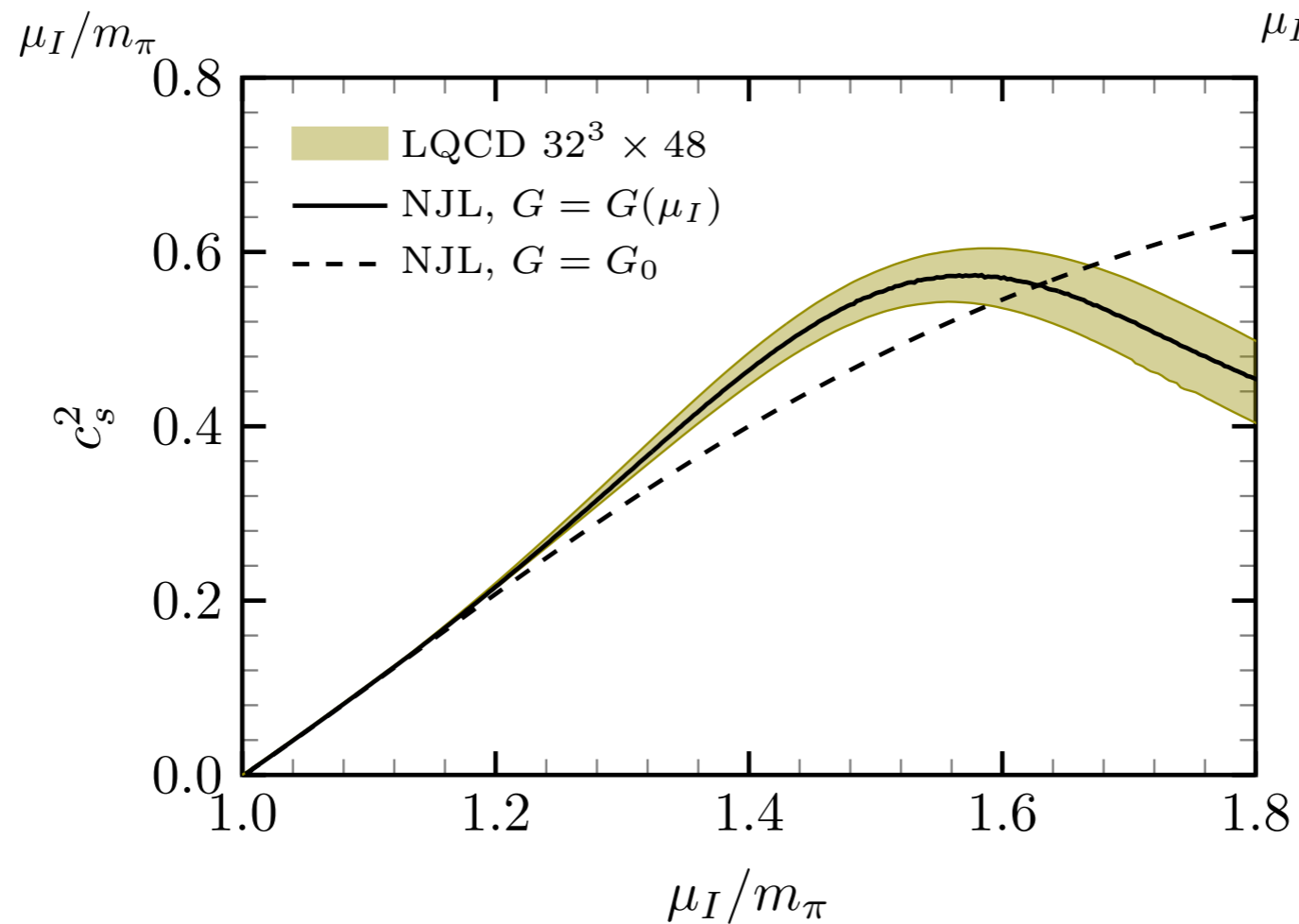
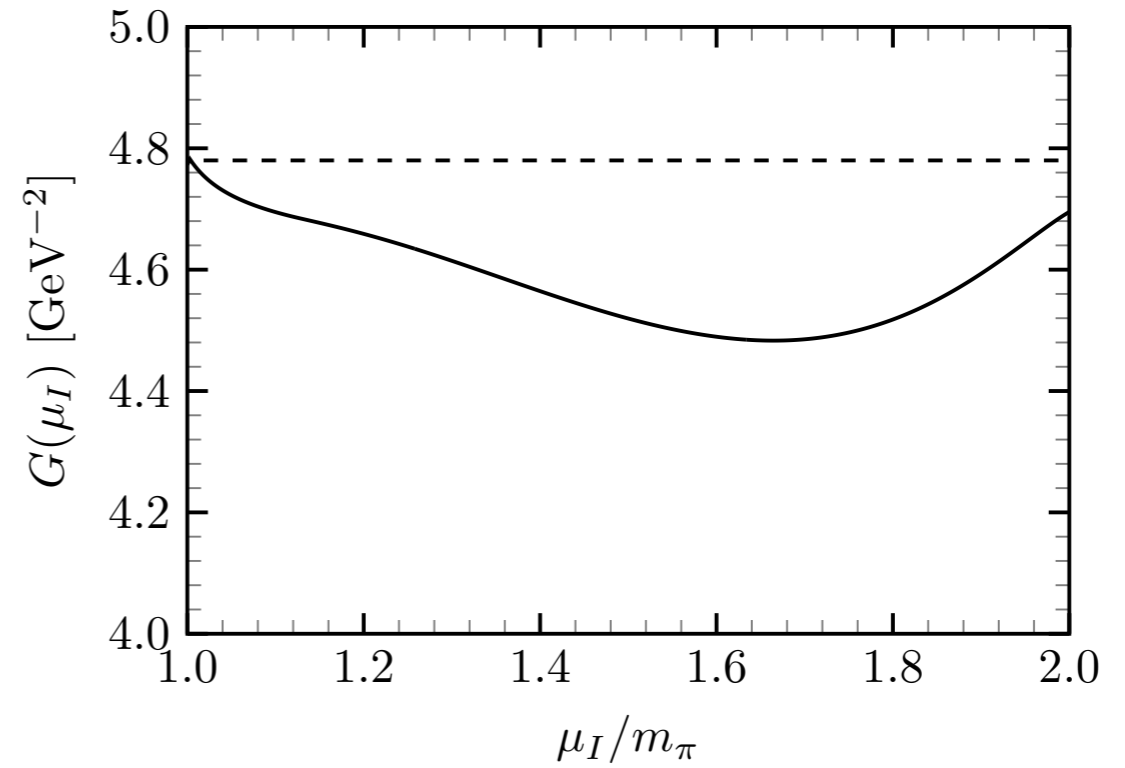
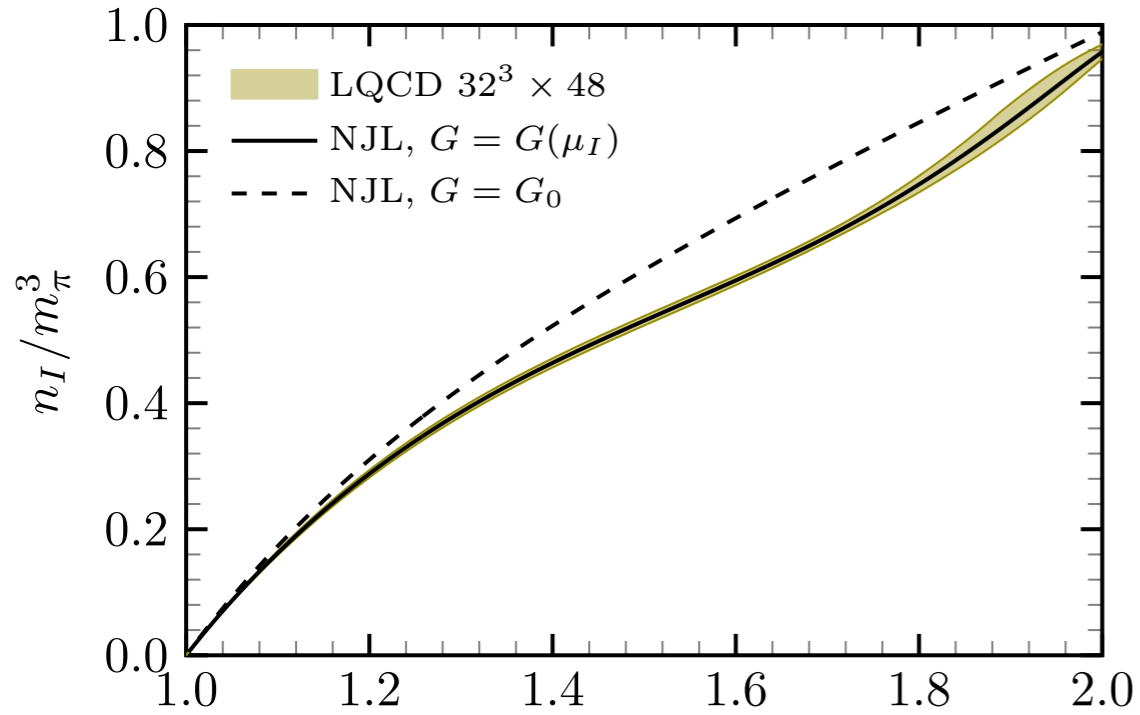
no longer coincides with the definition above.

We work at $T = 0$ but with $\mu_I \neq 0$. The dependence of G on μ_I is obtained by fitting the model to the LQCD for the isospin density to find the $G(\mu_I)$ that best describes the data.

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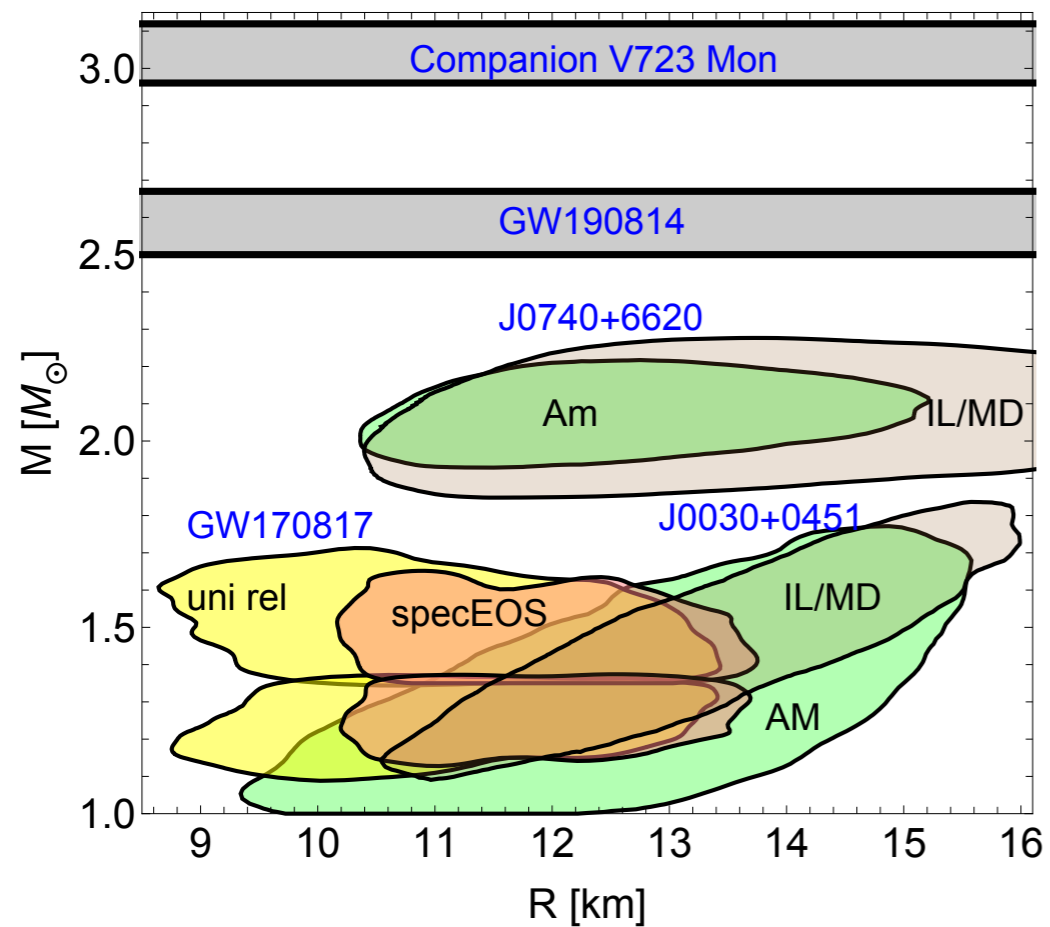
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NJL results



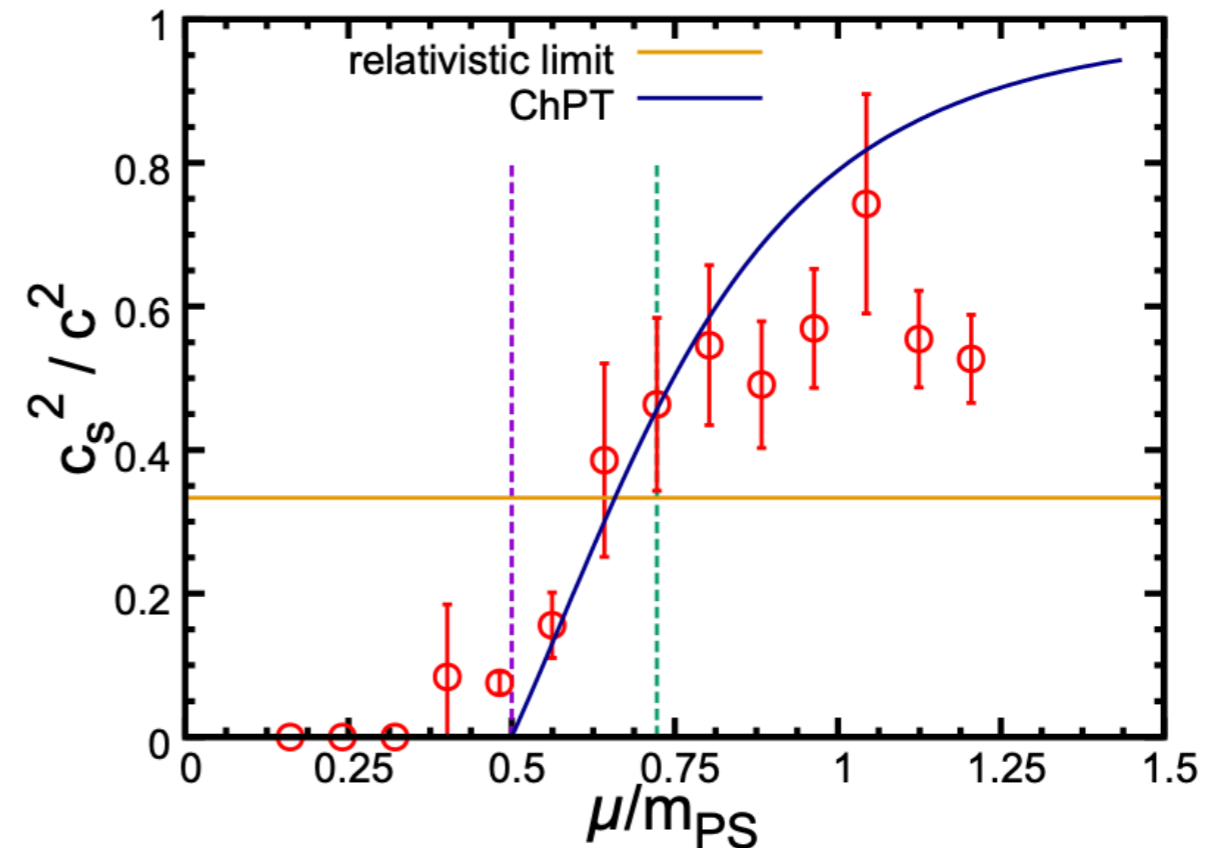
Finite baryon density ?

Observational constraints on the neutron star mass-radius plane from LIGO/Virgo and NICER data.



H. Tan, T.Dore, V.Dexheimer, J.Noronha-Hostler, and N. Yunes, *Phys. Rev. D* **105**, 023018 (2022).

$N_c = 2$ lattice simulations



Bump of sound velocity in dense

2-color QCD

Kei Lida and Etsuko Itou, *PTEP* 2022 (2022) 11, 111B01

Conclusions:

- We can use different lattice results to verify the predictions from effective models of QCD
- MSS and medium dependent coupling constants \rightarrow results in agreement with LQCD

Perspectives:

- Beyond mean field approximation (e.g. O. Ivanytskyi talk last Monday)
- Cross-talk between models
- Finite densities + confinement effects
- eE effects on the chiral symmetry restoration

Thank you for your attention!