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Phases of QCD and critical point from the lattice



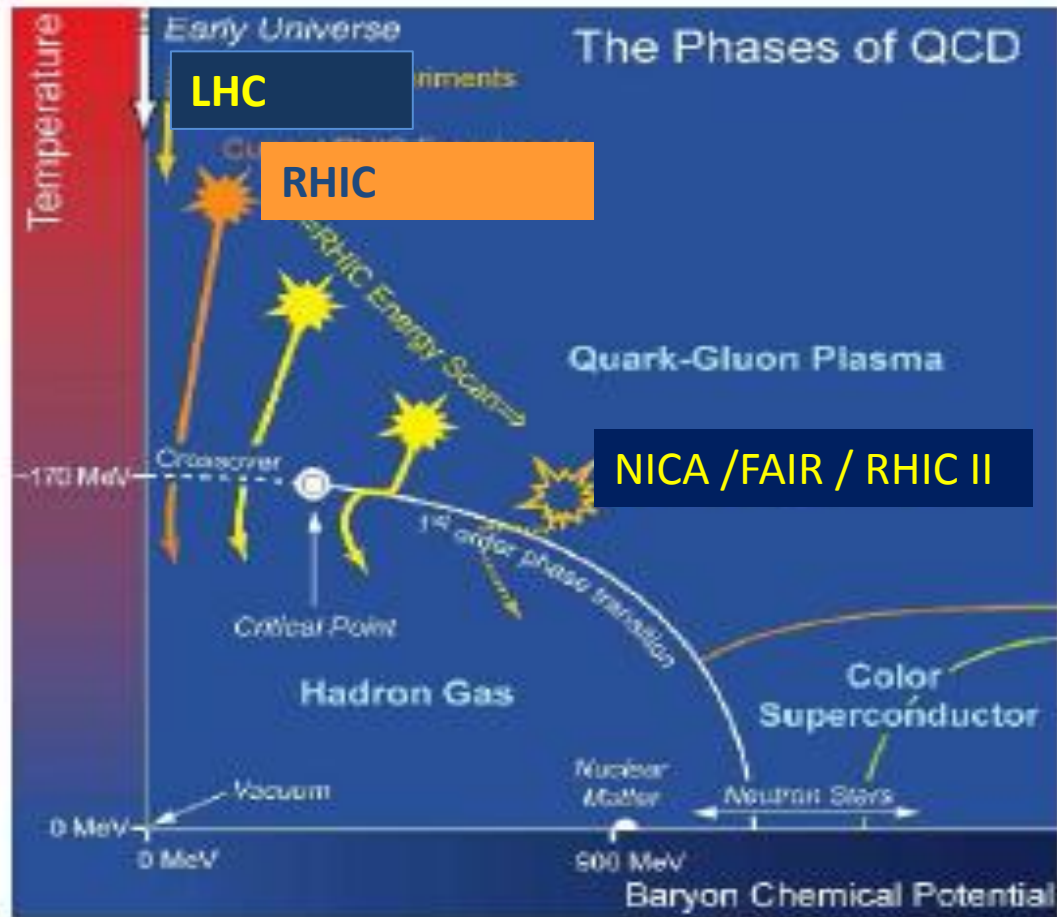
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The QCD Phase Diagram

First proposal:

Cabibbo and Parisi, 1975

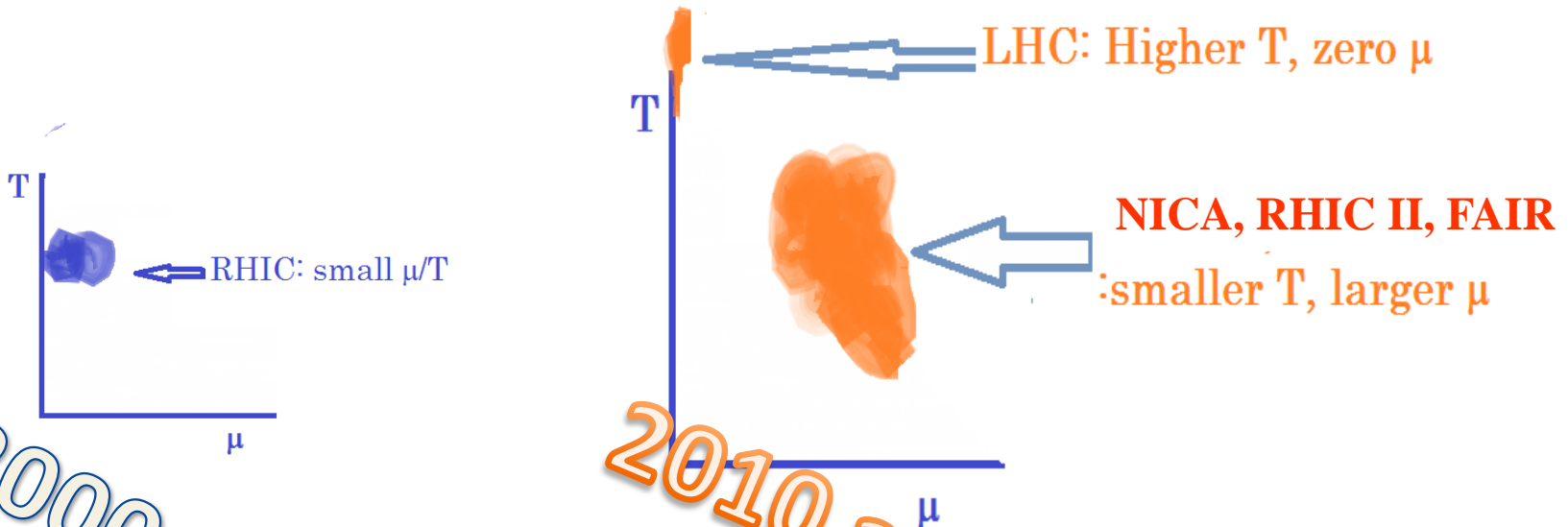




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Phases of QCD: shift of the focus at the turn of the decade



2000 2010

2010 and beyond

THE THEORETICAL APPARATUS: QCD, THE FIELD THEORY OF STRONG INTERACTIONS

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{YM} + \bar{\psi}(i\gamma_{\mu}D_{\mu} + m + \mu\gamma_0)\psi$$

LATTICE QCD ALLOWS FIRST PRINCIPLES CALCULATIONS FROM THE QCD LAGRANGIAN

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{YM} + \bar{\psi}(i\gamma_{\mu}D_{\mu} + m + \mu\gamma_0)\psi$$

We can tune physical parameter, as in real experiments: baryon chemical potential, temperature, isospin chemical potential, strangeness,...

We can also play with number of color and number of flavor.

We can address phenomenological issues as well as theoretical questions.

Outline

Lattice discretization, continuum limit

Application I : The (pseudo)critical temperature

Importance sampling and the sign problem

Application II: The (pseudo)critical line

Application III: The Endpoint of QCD

Discussion: Better control over the endpoint?

The phase diagram for a complex chemical potential, and the sQGP

Application IV: Quarkyonic phase

Discussion: Lattice analysis of the freezeout region?

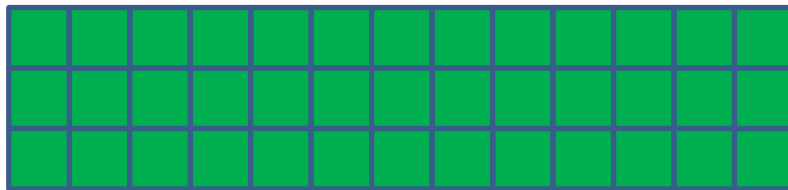
Mesoscopic analysis of the phase diagram: towards the solution of the sign problem?

LATTICE DISCRETIZATION

Lattice QCD Thermodynamics at a Glance

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{QCD} &= \frac{6}{g^2} \text{Tr} U_{n,\mu} U_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu} U_{n+\hat{\nu},\mu}^\dagger U_{n,\nu}^\dagger \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^3 (\bar{\psi}_x \gamma_i U_i(x) \psi_{x+\hat{i}} - \bar{\psi}_{x+\hat{i}} \gamma_i U_i^\dagger(x) \psi_x) \\ &+ \bar{\psi}_x \gamma_0 e^\mu U_0(x) \psi_{x+\hat{0}} - \bar{\psi}_{x+\hat{0}} \gamma_0 e^{-\mu} U_0^\dagger(x) \psi_x \\ &+ m \bar{\psi} \psi\end{aligned}$$

Imaginary time
and
Inverse
Temperature

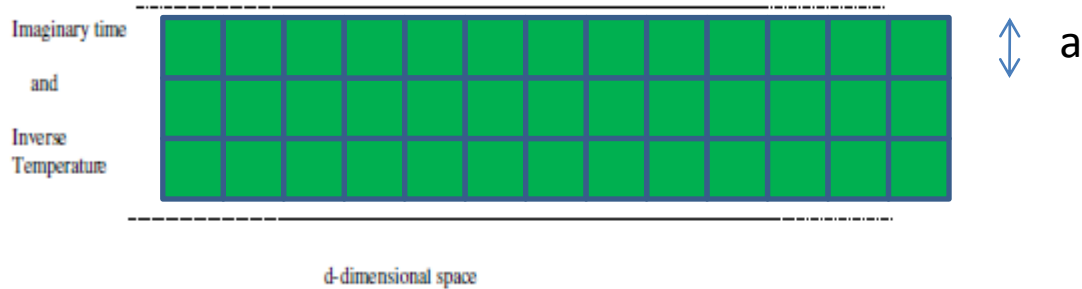


d-dimensional space



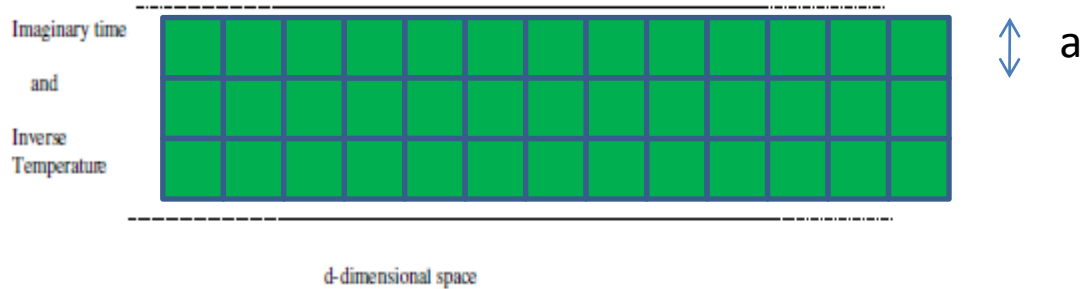
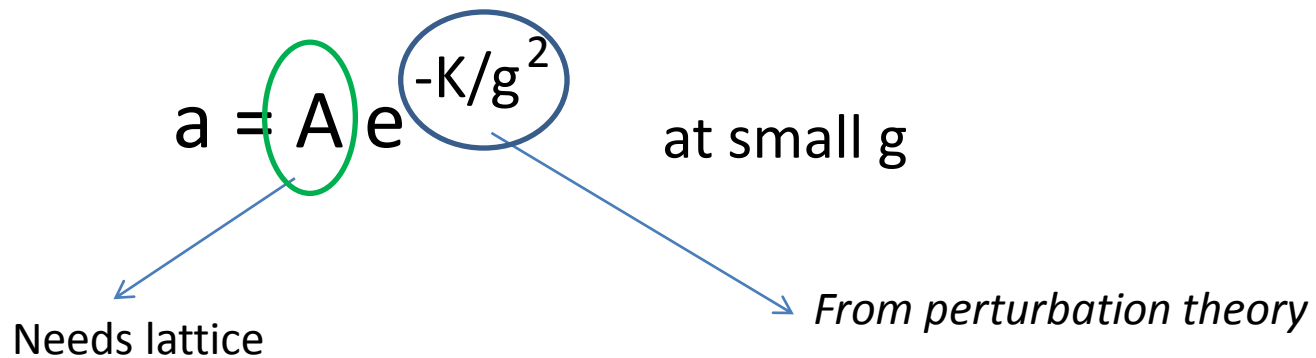
LATTICE DISCRETIZATION:A CONTROLLED APPROXIMATION

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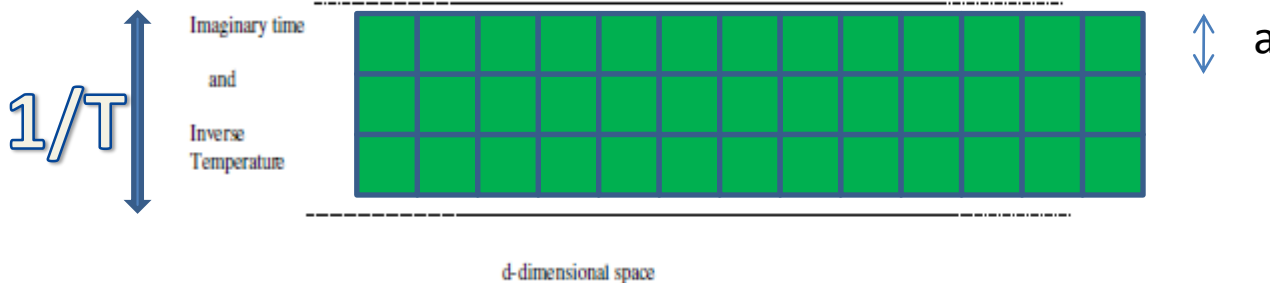


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Needs lattice \swarrow \searrow From perturbation theory



Finite temperature continuum limit: need constant $1/T$ and smaller a :
Increase number of points in time directions

More on The Lattice (digression)

Path integral is a regulated on a four dimensional lattice

- Gauge fields: link variables $U_\mu(x)$ for parallel transport of field \mathcal{A} from x to $x + \hat{\mu}a$

$$x \xrightarrow{U_\mu(x)} x + \hat{\mu}a$$

$$U_{x,\mu} = \text{P exp} \left(ig \int_x^{x+\hat{\mu}a} dx^\mu A_\mu(x) \right)$$

- Gauge invariants and Yang Mill Action:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{n,\mu\nu}^{(1,1)} &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} \text{Re} \left[\text{Diagram} \right]_{n,\mu\nu} \\ &= \text{Re Tr } U_{n,\mu} U_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu} U_{n+\hat{\nu},\mu}^\dagger U_{n,\nu}^\dagger \\ &= \frac{g^2 a^4}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + \mathcal{O}(a^6) \end{aligned}$$

- Lattice Yang Mill Action

$$\beta S_G = \beta \sum_{\substack{n \\ 0 \leq \mu < \nu \leq 3}} W_{n,\mu\nu}^{(1,1)} \rightarrow \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{YM} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

$$\beta = 6/g(a)^2.$$

- Lattice fermions

Simply:

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi(n) !$$

$$\partial_\mu \psi_f(x) = (\psi(n + \hat{\mu}) - \psi(n - \hat{\mu}))/2a,$$

[doubling problem and chiral symmetry: staggered fermions, Wilson fermions, chiral fermions]

$\bar{\mu} \bar{\psi} \gamma_0 \psi$ on the lattice

Naive discretisation:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{LATT}(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) &= \phi(n_1 a, n_2 a, n_3 a, n_4 a) \\ \Delta_\mu \phi_{LATT}(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) &= \\ (\phi(n_1 a, (n_\mu + 1)a, n_3 a, n_4 a) &- \phi(n_1 a, (n_\mu - 1)a, n_3 a, n_4 a))/2a \end{aligned}$$

Problems with free fermions: the internal energy ϵ diverges in the continuum limit $a \rightarrow 0$

$$L = \bar{\psi}_x \gamma_\mu \psi_{x+\mu a} + m \bar{\psi}_x \psi_x + \mu \bar{\psi}_x \gamma_0 \psi_x$$

$$\epsilon \propto \frac{\mu^2}{a^2} \rightarrow_{a \rightarrow 0} \infty$$

Elegant solution : μ is an external field in the 0th direction

$$\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu A_\mu \psi \leftrightarrow i \mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_0 \psi$$

- External fields live on lattice link. (cfr. electrodynamics: $A \rightarrow \theta = e^{iA}$)

- $L(\mu) = \bar{\psi}_x \gamma_0 e^{\mu a} \psi_{x+\hat{0}} - \bar{\psi}_{x+\hat{0}} \gamma_0 e^{-\mu a} \psi_x$

- *Simple interpretation*

- *Time Forward propagation enhanced by $e^{\mu a}$*
- *Time Backward propagation discouraged by $e^{-\mu a}$*

Particles-antiparticle asymmetry!

- $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} J_0 = -\partial_\mu L = \bar{\psi}_x \gamma_0 e^{\mu a} \psi_{x+\hat{0}} + \bar{\psi}_{x+\hat{0}} \gamma_0 e^{-\mu a} \psi_x = \mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_0 \psi$

Via an unitary transformation for the field

$$L(\mu) = L(0)$$

+ *boundary conditions*

Explicit dependence on fugacity

Application I

THE (PSEUDO)CRITICAL TEMPERATURE

T_c

Disagreement among staggered groups:

stout

$N_F=2+1$, $N_t=6-10$, $m_l/m_s=0.11-0.37$: Y.Aoki et al. (Wu-Bu) PLB643('06)

$T_c = 151(3)(3)$ MeV chiral susceptibility
 $175(2)(4)$ strange quark number

at the physical point in the continuum limit.

$147(2)(3)$ $N_t=6-16$ Fodor (Mon)
 $165(5)(3)$ Borsányi et al. arXiv:1005.3508

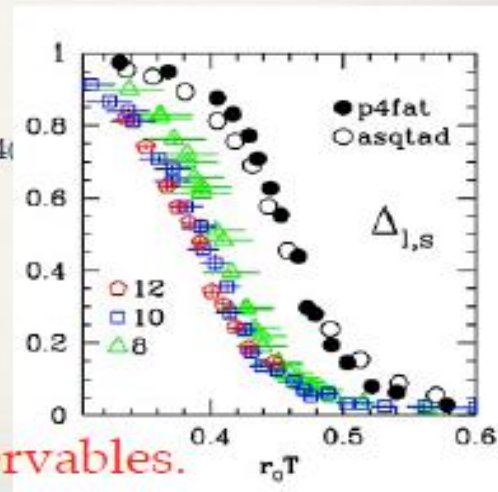
p4/asqtad

$N_F=2+1$, $N_t=4,6$, $m_l/m_s=0.05-0.5$, p4: Cheng et al. (RBC-Bi) PRD74('08)

$T_c = 192(4)(7)$ MeV chiral susceptibility + Polyakov loop
asqtad supports p4 (HotQCD) PRD77('08)

Crossover: value of T_c depends on the observables.
Ambiguities in scale setting, LCP definition etc.

Discrepancies remain even with the same observables.



K. Kanaya, plenary@Lattice2010

p4/asqtad

$N_F=2+1, N_t=6, m_l/m_s=0.1$: Cheng et al. (HotQCD)

[$T_c = 196(3)$ MeV @ $m_\pi^{PNG} \approx 220$ MeV] PRD77('08)

-(5-7) MeV from $N_t=6$ to $N_t=8$ @ $m_\pi^{PNG} \approx 220$ MeV PRD80('09)

-5 MeV from $m_\pi^{PNG} \approx 220$ MeV to 160 MeV p4, PRD81('10)

→ $N_t=12, m_l/m_s=0.05$ asqtad:
[Bazavov, Söldner \(Mon\)](#)
 $T_c = 164(6)$ MeV

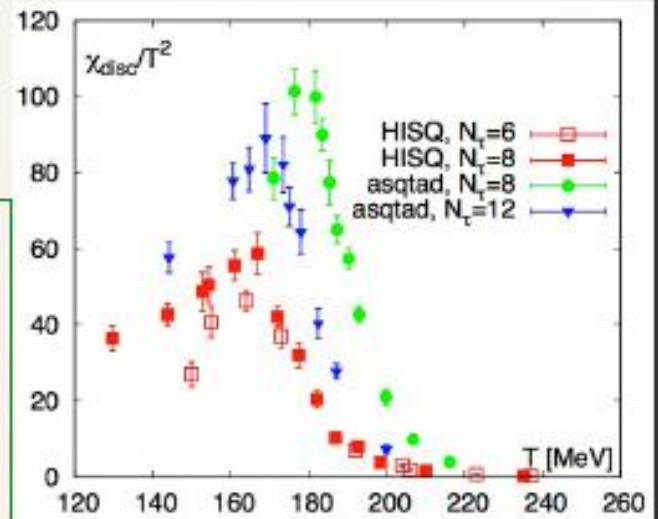
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$N_F=2+1, N_t=6,8, m_l/m_s=0.05$

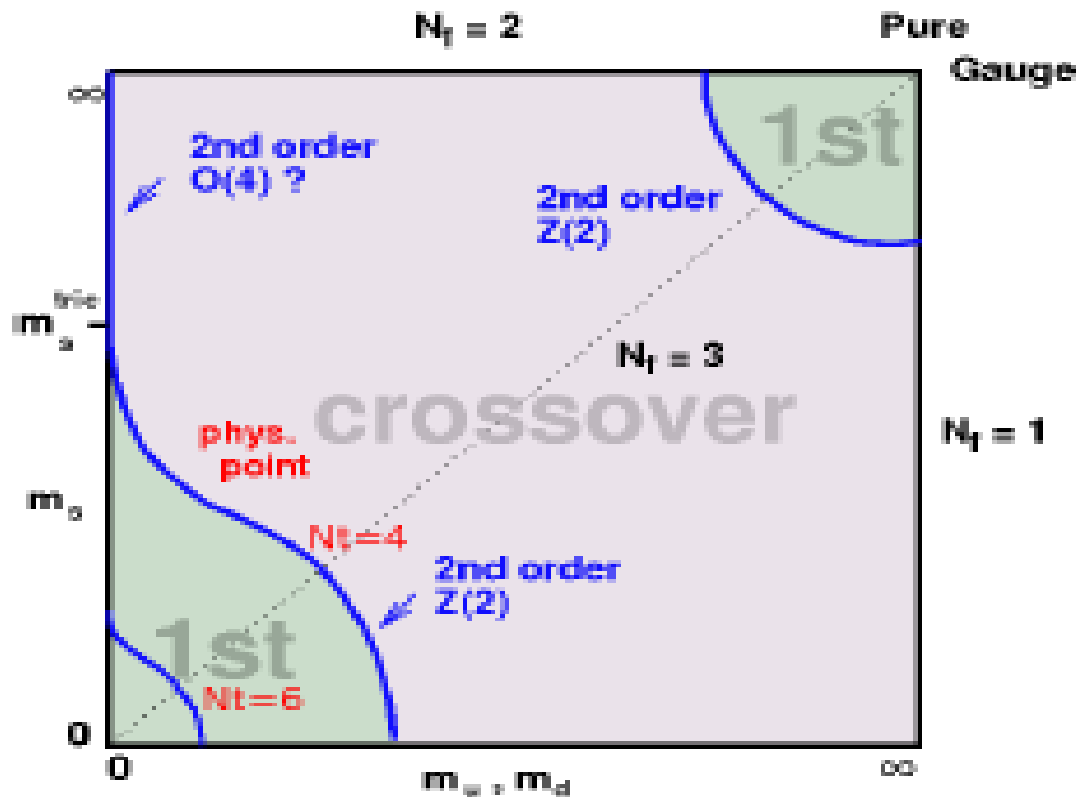
Bazavov, Petreczky (HotQCD) [ArXiv:1005.1131]

[Bazavov, Söldner \(Mon\)](#)

[$T_c \sim 170$ MeV @ $m_\pi^{PNG} \approx 160$ MeV] by chiral suscept.



The Universality issue and the continuum



1 Ongoing activities

$N_f=2$
Use different discretizations:
Staggered, Wilson,
Domain walls

Shape of the critical
line -> later

-1

THE IMPORTANCE SAMPLING AND THE SIGN PROBLEM

COMPUTATIONAL SCHEMES

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int d\phi d\bar{\psi} dU e^{-S(\phi, \bar{\psi}, U)}; S(\phi, \bar{\psi}, U) = \int_0^{1/T} dt \int d^d x \mathcal{L}(\phi, \bar{\psi}, U)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \mathcal{L}_{YM} + \bar{\psi}(i\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m)\psi + \mu\bar{\psi}\gamma_0\psi$$

Two options:

1. Integrate out gluons first:

$$\mathcal{Z}(T, \mu, \bar{\psi}, \psi, U) \simeq \mathcal{Z}(T, \mu, \bar{\psi}, \psi) \rightarrow$$

effective **approximate** fermion models

2. Integrate out fermions **exactly** as S is bilinear in $\psi, \bar{\psi}$

$$S = S_{YM}(U) + \bar{\psi}M(U)\psi$$

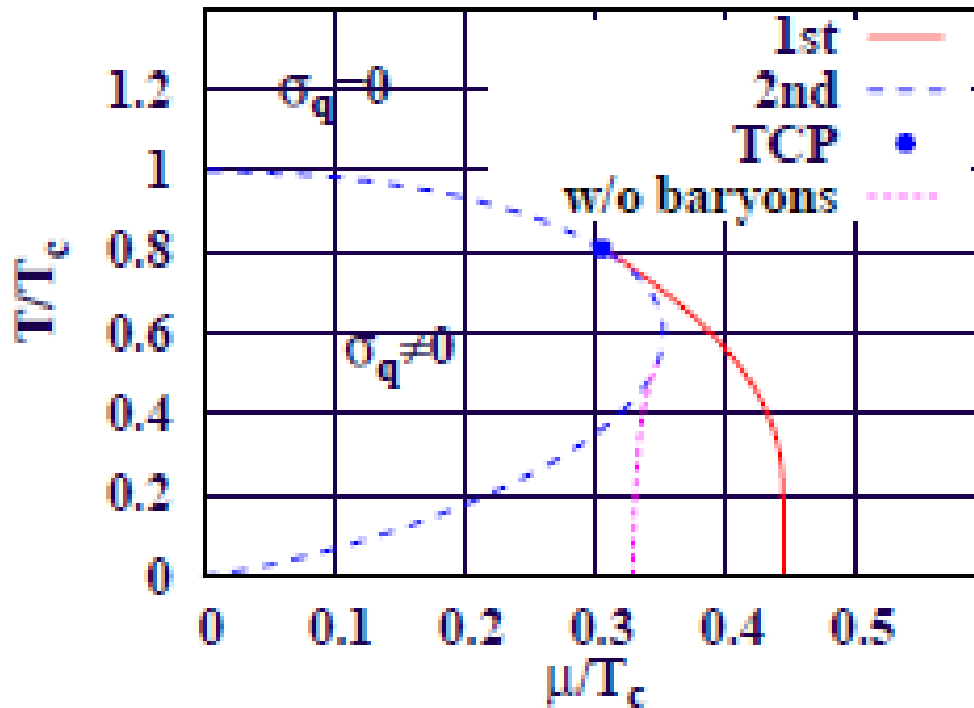
$$\mathcal{Z}(T, \mu, U) = \int dU e^{-(S_{YM}(U) - \log(\det M))} \rightarrow$$

starting point for numerical calculations



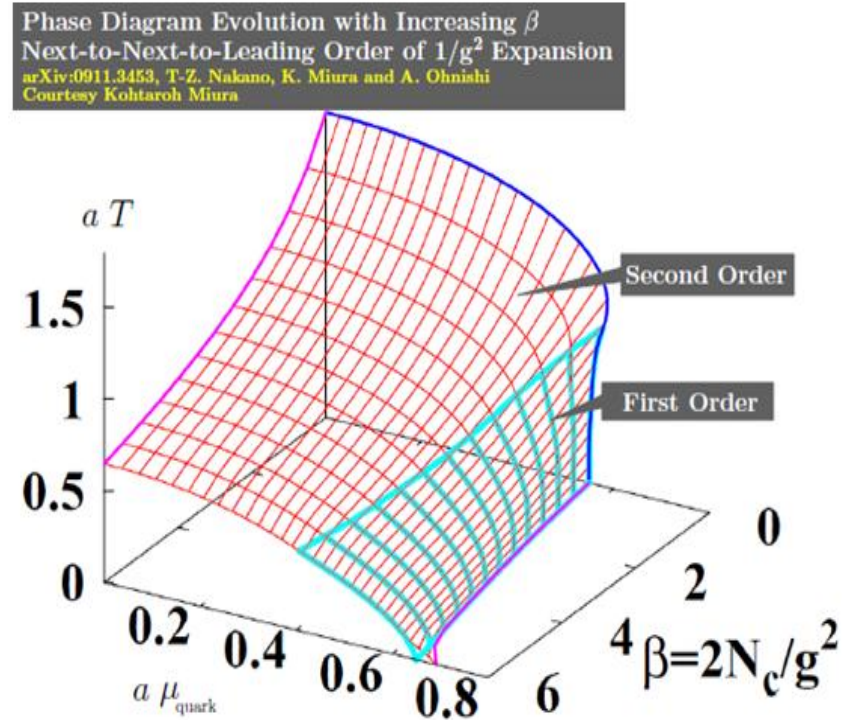
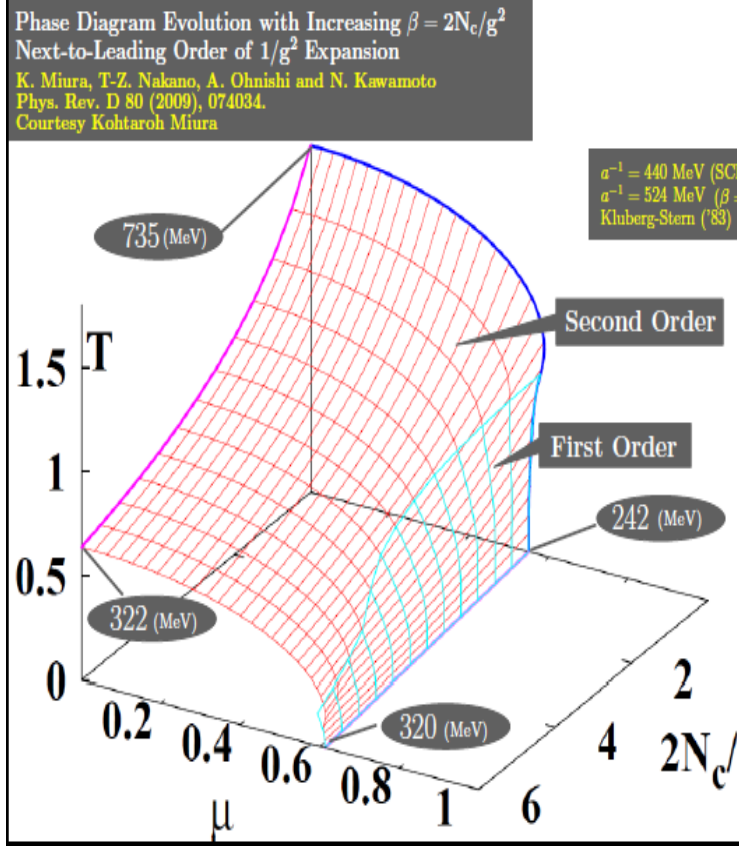
Option1: The strong coupling expansion

A long history..

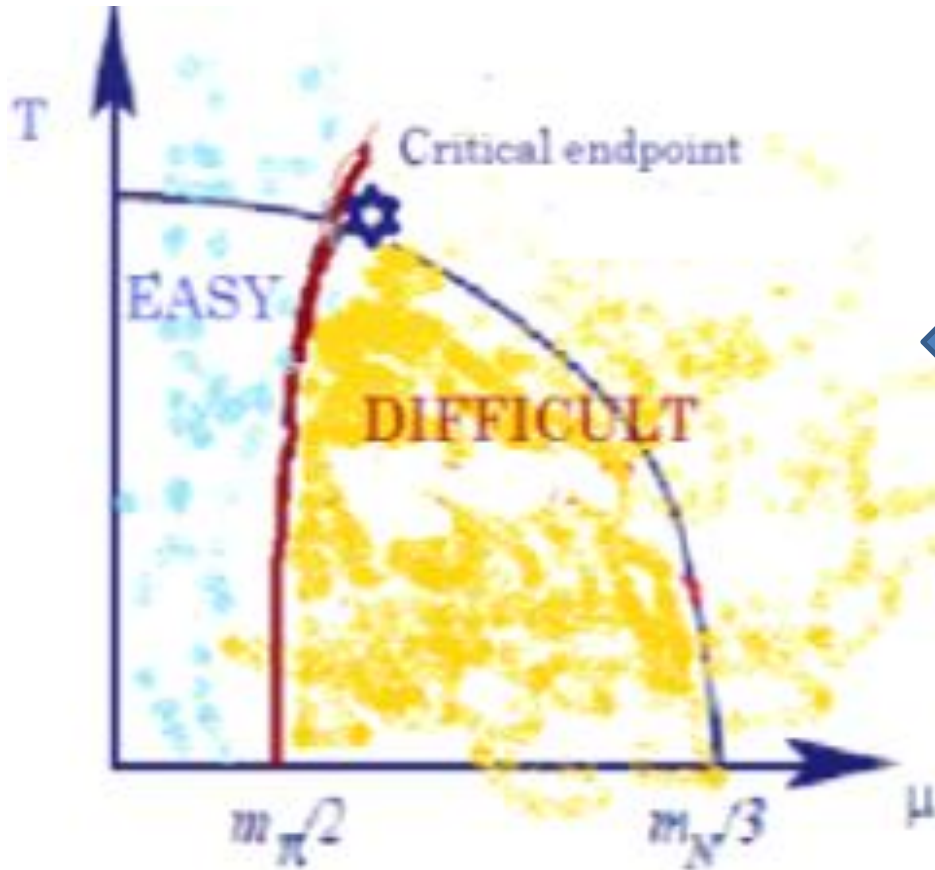


Kawamoto,
Miura, Onishi
2007

The Strong Coupling Expansion approaching the continuum limit



Option 2 : Integrate over fermions and ..
The $m_\pi/2$ barrier



**Summary
Of our
efforts!!**

**(details at
the end)**

THE CHALLENGE

IMPORTANCE SAMPLING AND THE POSITIVITY ISSUE

$$\mathcal{Z}(T, \mu, U) = \int dU e^{-(S_{YM}(U) - \log(\det M))}$$

$\det M > 0 \rightarrow$ IMPORTANCE SAMPLING MONTECARLO SIMULATIONS

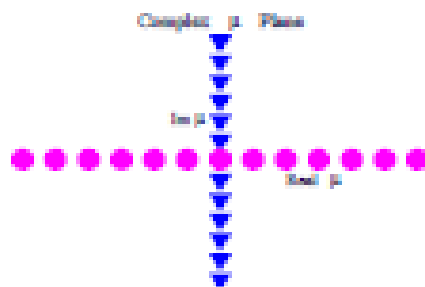
To assess sign problem consider $M^\dagger(\mu_B) = -M(-\mu_B)$

- $\mu = 0 \rightarrow \det M$ is **real**
Particles-antiparticles symmetry : MC Simulations OK
- Imaginary $\mu \neq 0 \rightarrow \det M$ is **real**
(Real) Particles-antiparticles symmetry : MC Simulations OK
- Real $\mu \neq 0$ Particles-antiparticles asymmetry
 $\rightarrow \det M$ is **complex** in QCD

*QCD with a real baryon chemical potential:
use information from the accessible region*

$$\text{Real} \mu = 0, \text{Im} \mu \neq 0$$

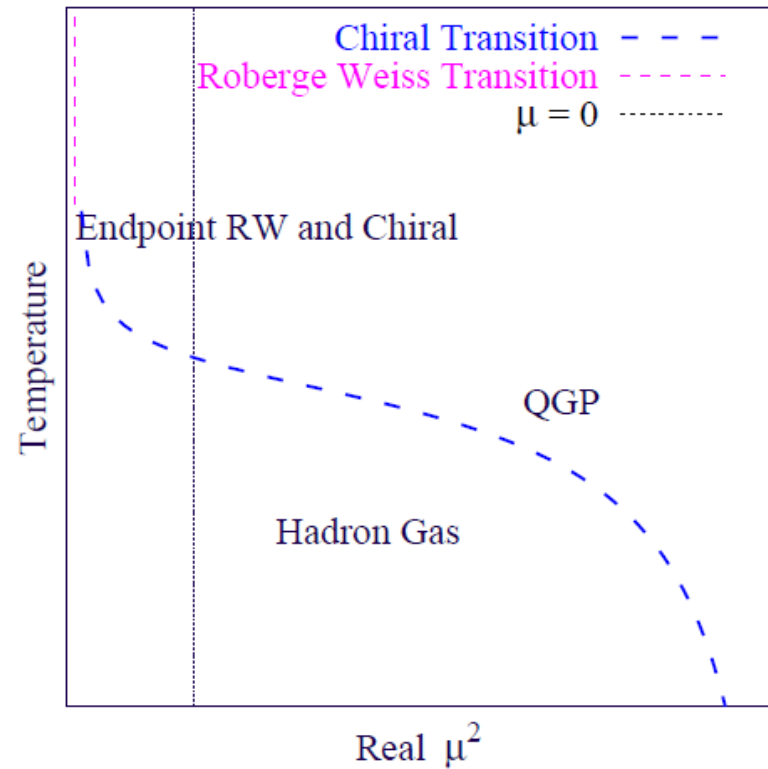
Because of the QCD symmetries, the complex μ_B plane



can be mapped onto the complex μ_B^2 plane

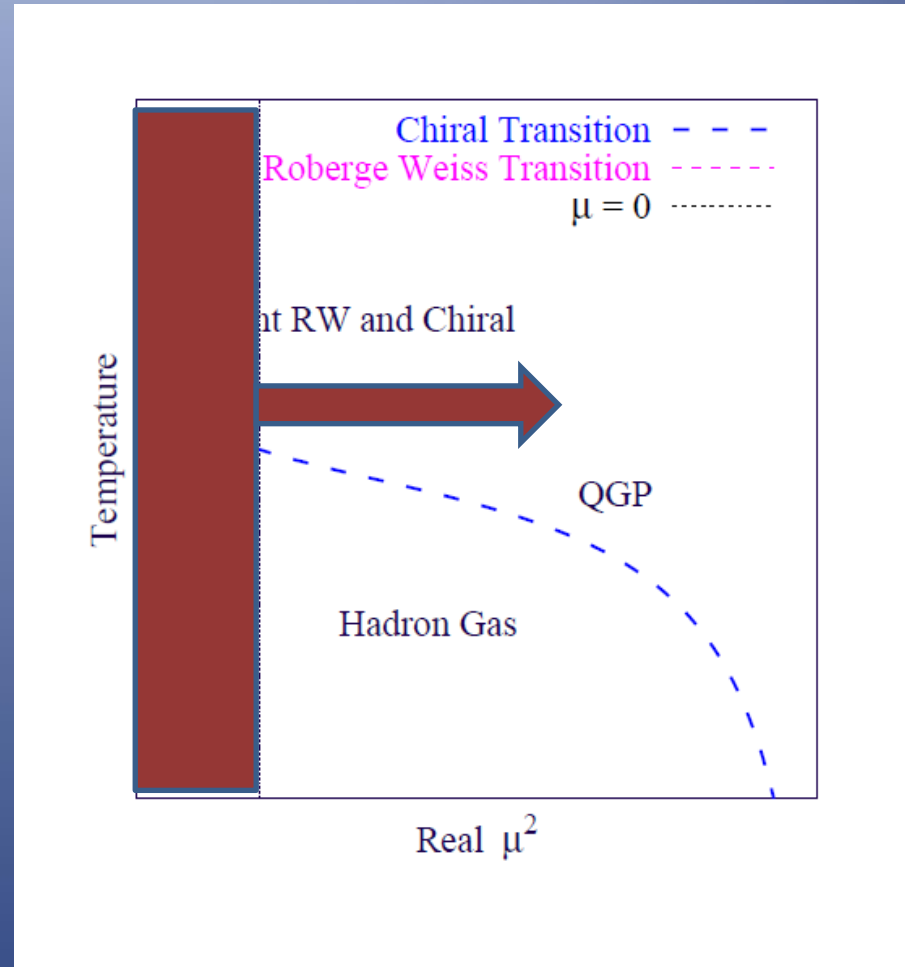


Useful to consider
the QCD phase
diagram in the
temperature,
 μ^2 plane



Imaginary chemical potential

- **Imaginary chemical potential: main problem, control over analytic continuation**

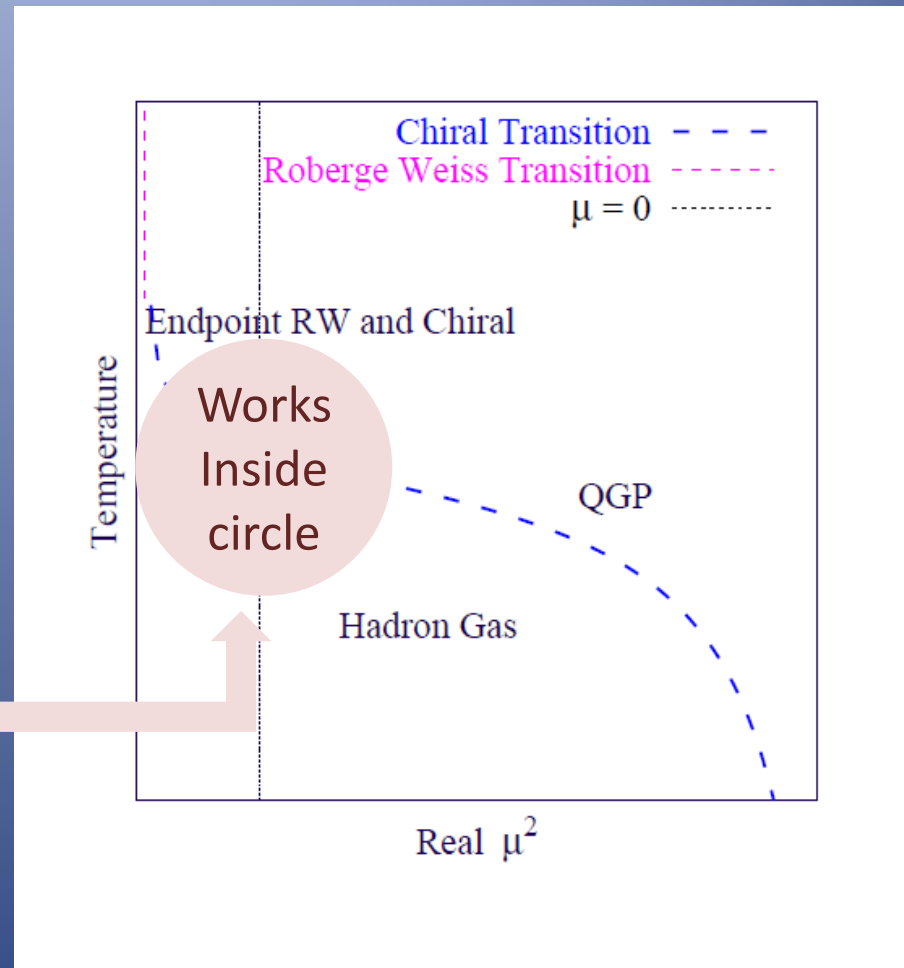


Different strategies for analytic continuation

- Taylor is good when approaching the free field limit
- Critical parametrization appropriate in the sQGP?
- Fourier analysis natural in the hadron resonance gas region
- Pade' approximants effective alternative

Taylor expansion

- Taylor expansion: main problem, control of the convergence



Thermodynamics and Taylor expansion

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}U (\det M(m_u, \mu_u))^{N_f/4} (\det M(m_d, \mu_d))^{N_f/4} (\det M(m_s, \mu_s))^{N_f/4} e^{-S_g}$$
$$\stackrel{(2+1)}{=} \int \mathcal{D}U (\det M(m_q, \mu_q))^{1/2} (\det M(m_s, \mu_s))^{1/4} e^{-S_g}$$
$$\mu_q = \mu_u = \mu_d$$

On the lattice at **imaginary chemical potential**

$$U_t \rightarrow e^{ia\mu_l} U_t \quad \text{forward temporal link}$$
$$U_t^\dagger \rightarrow e^{-ia\mu_l} U_t^\dagger \quad \text{backward temporal link}$$
$$\implies \text{det}M \quad \text{real and positive !}$$

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln \mathcal{Z} \quad \text{pressure}$$

$$\frac{n_i}{T^3} = \frac{1}{VT^2} \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \mu_i} \quad \text{quark density}$$

$$\frac{p}{T^4}(\hat{\mu}) = \sum_{k,l,n} c_{kln} (\hat{\mu}_u - \hat{\mu}_0)^k (\hat{\mu}_d - \hat{\mu}_0)^l (\hat{\mu}_s - \hat{\mu}_0)^n$$

where $\hat{\mu} = \frac{\mu}{T}$

$$c_{kln} = \frac{1}{k!l!n!} \frac{\partial^k}{\partial \hat{\mu}_u^k} \frac{\partial^l}{\partial \hat{\mu}_d^l} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \hat{\mu}_s^n} \left(\frac{p}{T^4} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{on the lattice}} c_{kln} = \frac{1}{k!l!n!} \frac{N_\tau^{3-k-l-n}}{N_\sigma^3} \frac{\partial^k}{\partial \mu_u^k} \frac{\partial^l}{\partial \mu_d^l} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \mu_s^n} (\ln Z)$$

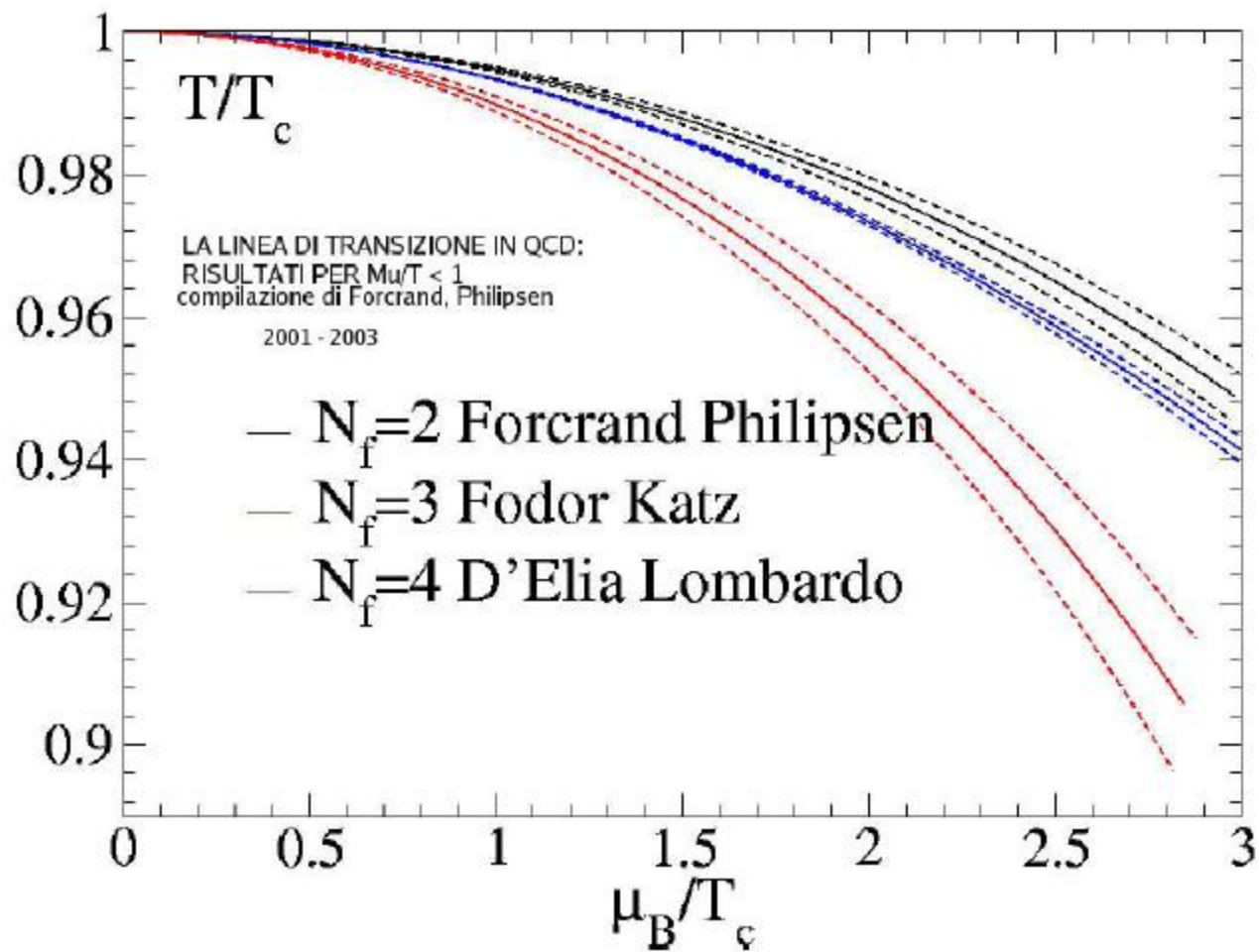
[S. Gottlieb, W. Liu, D. Toussaint, R.L. Renken, R.L. Sugar, Phys.Rev.D38(1988)2888]

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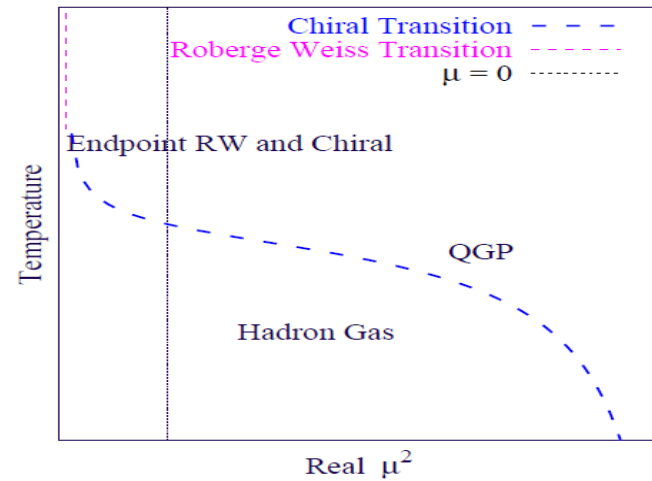
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Application II

THE PSEUDOCRITICAL LINE



The pseudocritical line



Coefficient K in the Taylor expansion of the transition line, from $N_t = 4$
 Compilation by Owe Philipsen, 2008

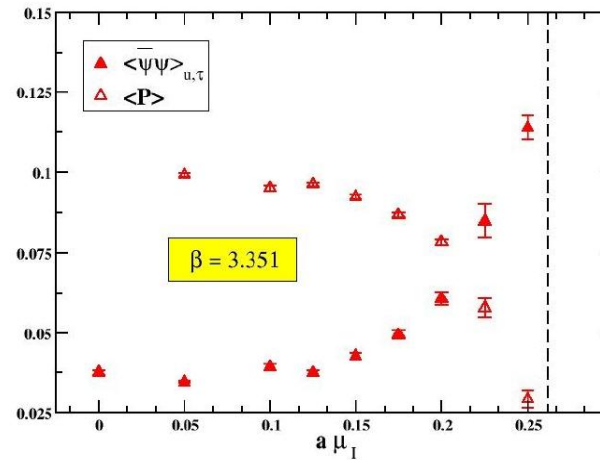
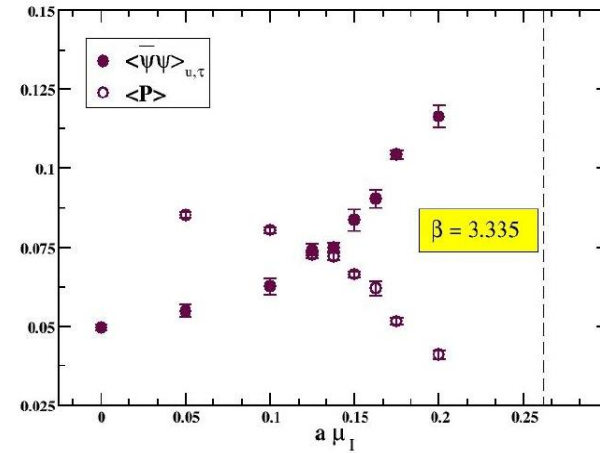
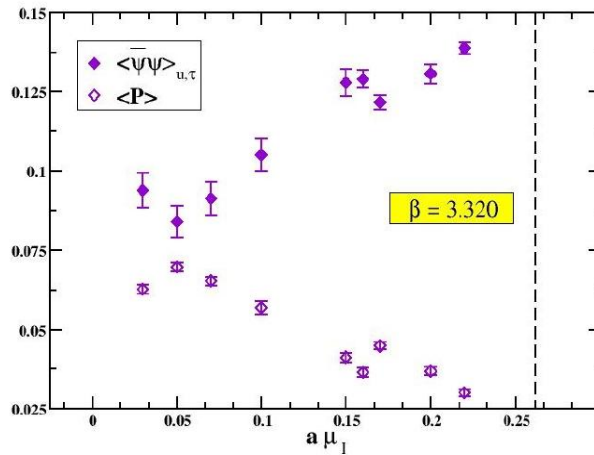
$$\frac{T_c(\mu)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - K(N_f, m_f) \left(\frac{\mu}{\pi T} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\pi T} \right)^4 \right) .$$

N_f	am	N_s	K	Action	β -Function	Method
2	0.1	16	0.69(35)	p4	non-pert.	Taylor+Rew.
	0.025	6,8	0.500(34)	stag.	2-loop pert.	Imag.
3	0.1	16	0.247(59)	p4	non-pert.	Taylor+Rew.
	0.026	8,12,16	0.667(6)	stag.	2-loop pert.	Imag.
	0.005	16	1.13(45)	p4	non-pert.	Taylor+Rew.
4	0.05	16	0.93(9)	stag.	2-loop pert.	Imag.
2+1	0.0092,0.25	6-12	0.284(9)	stag.	non-pert.	Rew.

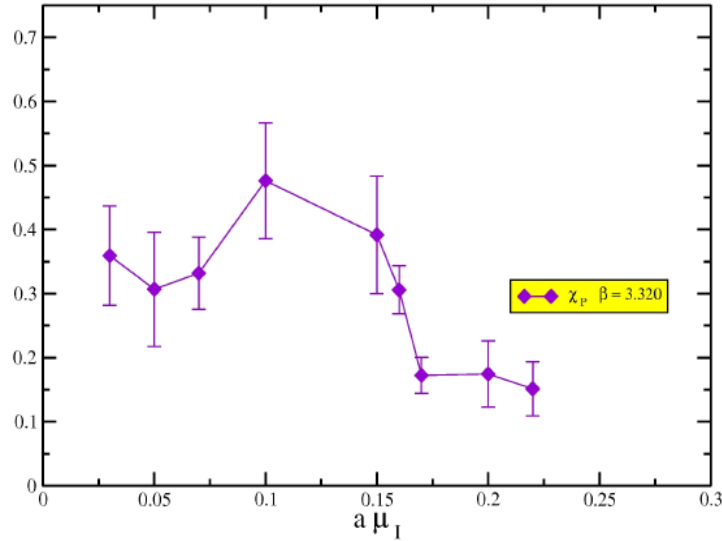
More control: Taylor + Im mu

Falcone,
Laermann,
Mpl

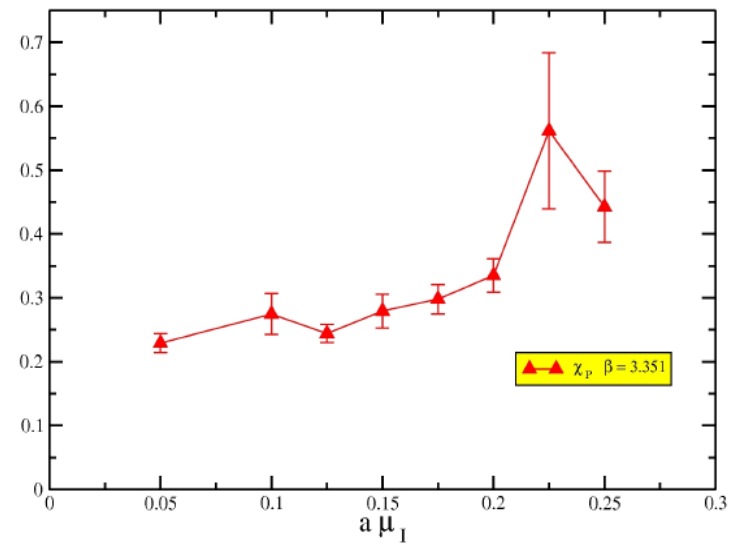
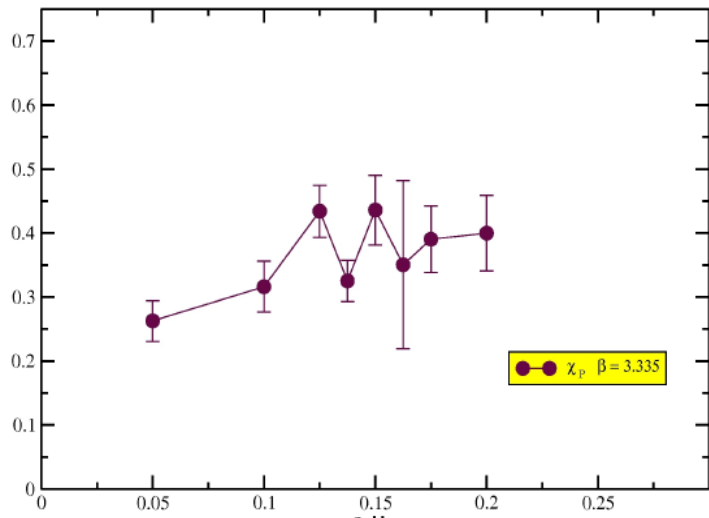
$$\langle \hat{\psi} \psi \rangle_{q,\tau} \equiv \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{N_\sigma^3 N_t} \langle \text{Tr} M^{-1} \rangle_\tau, \quad q = u, l, s$$



Susceptibility of the Polyakov loop



$$\chi_P = N_S^3 (\langle P^2 \rangle - \langle P \rangle^2)$$

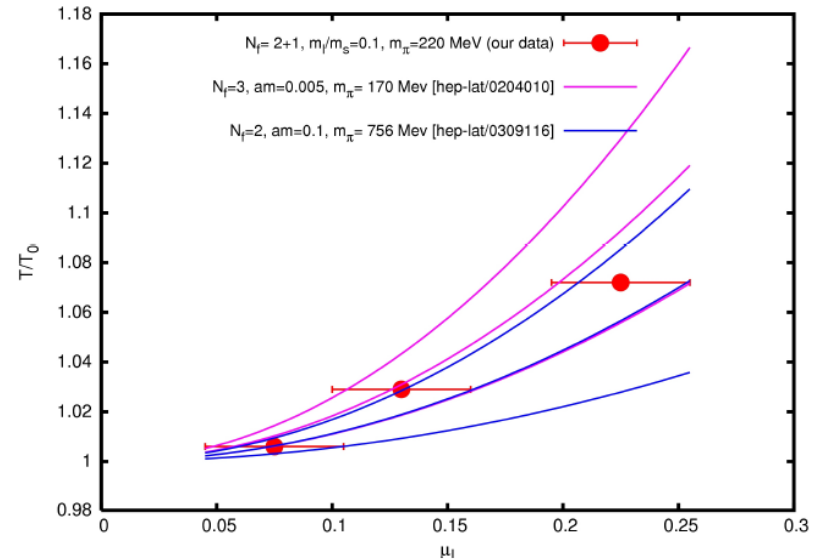


The pseudocritical line

[O. Philipsen, Prog.Theor.Phys.Suppl.174(2008)206]

$$\frac{T_c(\mu)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - t_2(N_f, m_f) \left(\frac{\mu}{\pi T} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O} \left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\pi T} \right)^4 \right)$$

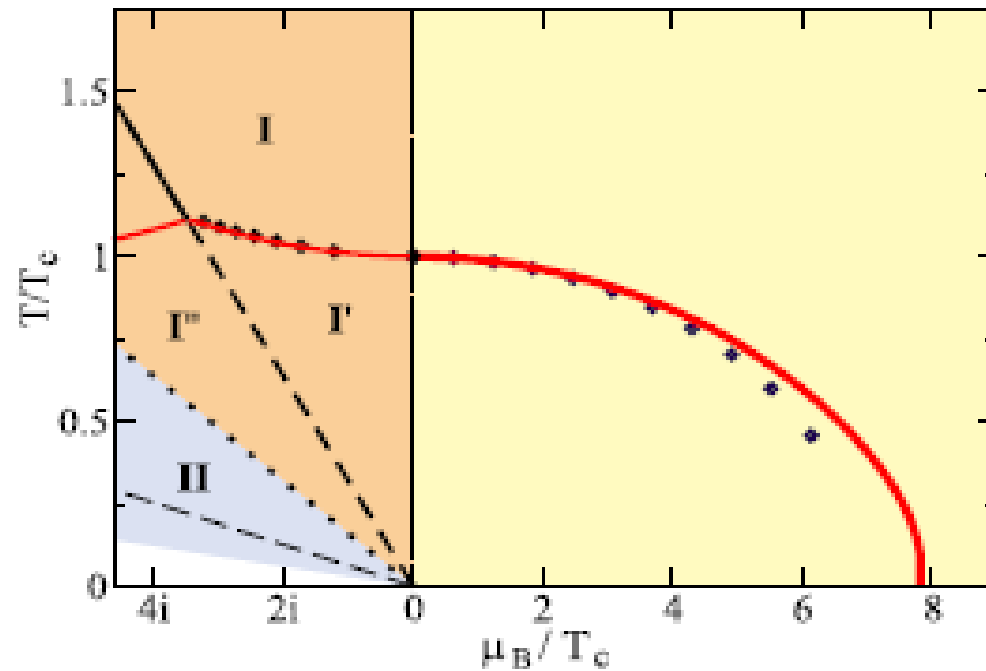
$$T_c(0) \simeq 204 \text{ MeV}$$



[hep-lat/0204010]: C.R Allton *et al*, Phys.RevD66(2002)074507 $t_2 = 0.69(35)$

[hep-lat/0309116]: C.R Allton *et al*, Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl.129(2004)614 $t_2 = 1.13(45)$

The pseudocritical line



Kämpfer, Bluhm QM08

Data from M. D'Elia, MpL 2004

Analytic continuation can be extended at lower T via Pade' (MpL 2005) or phenomenological models (Kämpfer Bluhm 2008)

Application III

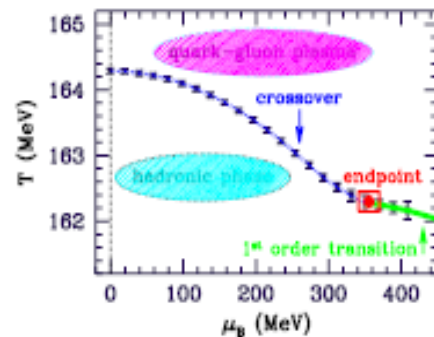
CRITICAL ENDPOINT

THE CRITICAL ENDPOINT



BOTH SCENARIO ARE COMPATIBLE
WITH MODEL CALCULATIONS AND UNIVERSALITY

STRATEGY 0 : FODOR KATZ , REWEIGHTING FROM $\mu = 0$



CRITICISM:

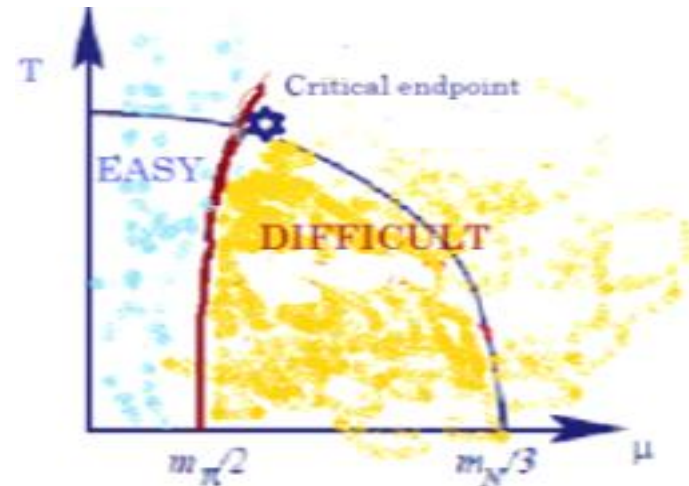
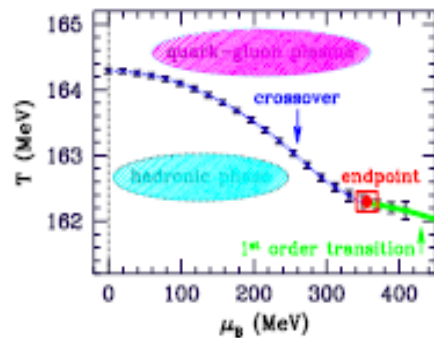
Critical point is close to the phase quenched threshold where reweighting fails at $T=0$

HOWEVER :

Important contribution from the phase does not necessarily hamper reweighting : overlap might still be large or correlation with the phase might be small.

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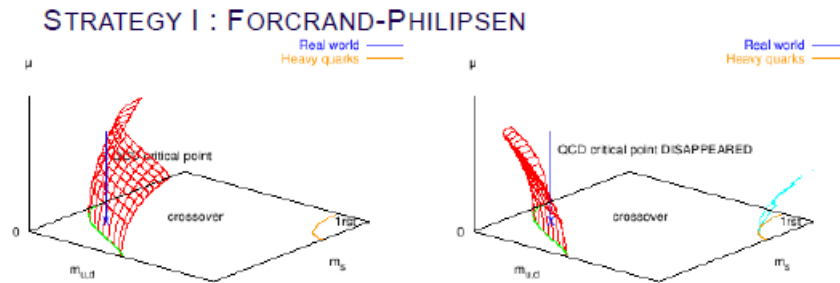
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CHALLENGING THE ENDPOINT



Scenario I or Scenario II ? To decide, measure slope K in

$$\frac{m_c(\mu)}{m_c(0)} = 1 + K \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right)^2 + \dots$$

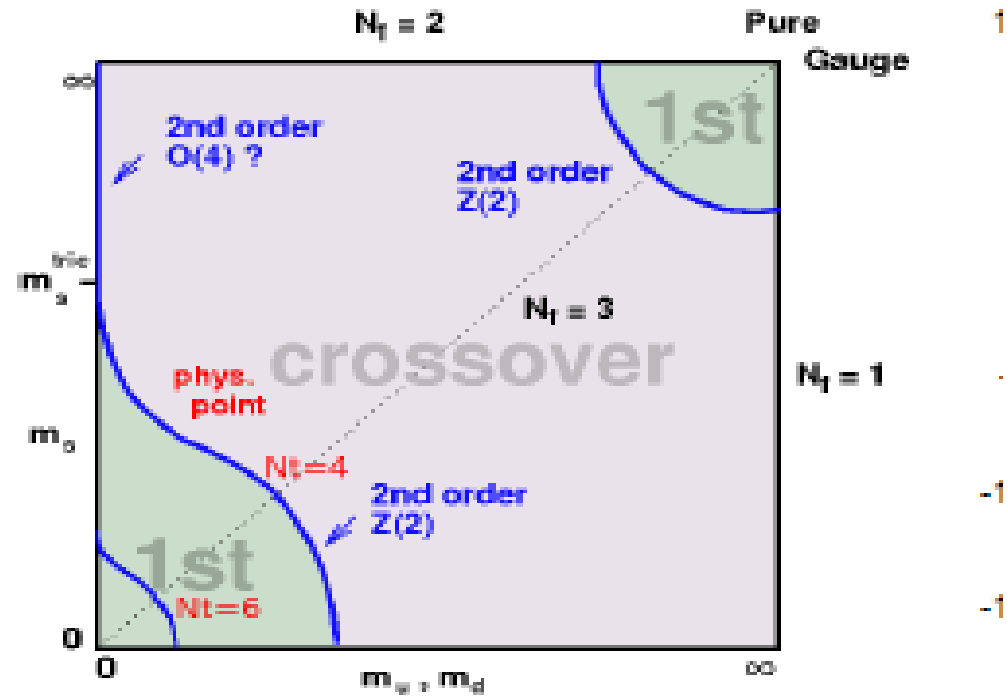
$K > 0$: Scenario I , critical endpoint at small μ_B

$K < 0$: Scenario II, NO critical endpoint at small μ_B

CURRENT RESULTS SUGGEST NO CRITICAL ENDPOINT FOR $\mu_B < 600 MeV$

NB: assume that endpoint is part of the critical surface at $m=0$

Towards the continuum



RESCUING THE ENDPOINT

STRATEGY II : GAVAI AND GUPTA, BIELEFELD-RBC

Series expansion for the pressure:

$$P(T, \mu_B) = P(T) + \frac{1}{2}\chi_B^{(2)}(T)\mu_B^2 + \frac{1}{4!}\chi_B^{(4)}(T)\mu_B^4 + \frac{1}{6!}\chi_B^{(6)}(T)\mu_B^6 + \frac{1}{8!}\chi_B^{(8)}(T)\mu_B^8 + \dots,$$

The quark number susceptibility has the expansion

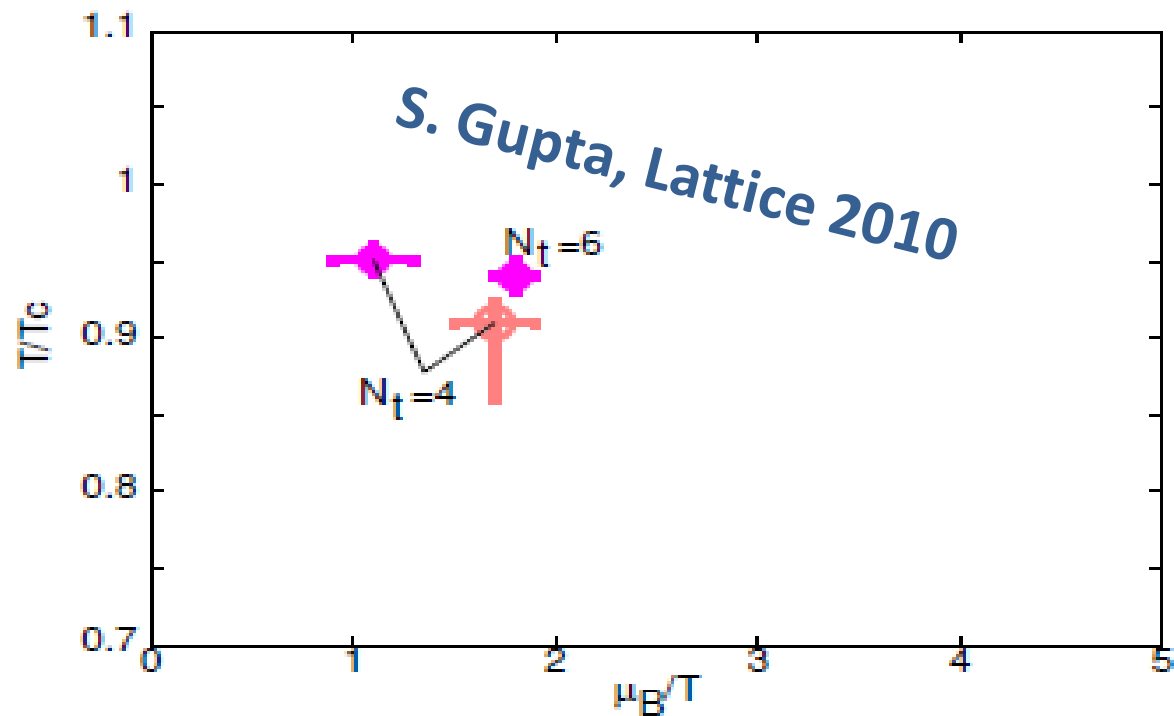
$$\chi_B(T, \mu_B) = \chi_B^{(2)}(T) + \frac{1}{2}\chi_B^{(4)}(T)\mu_B^2 + \frac{1}{4!}\chi_B^{(6)}(T)\mu_B^4 + \frac{1}{6!}\chi_B^{(8)}(T)\mu_B^6 + \dots.$$

THIS SERIES IS EXPECTED TO DIVERGE AT THE QCD CRITICAL END POINT. RADIUS OF CONVERGENCE IS

$$\lim_n \rightarrow \infty \mu_*^{(n)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n(n-1)} \frac{\chi_B^{(n+2)}}{\chi_B^{(n)}}}.$$

The endpoint is the first singularity in the complex μ plane occurring at real μ . Coefficients should be all positive at large n .

Cutoff dependence and the effect of strange quarks



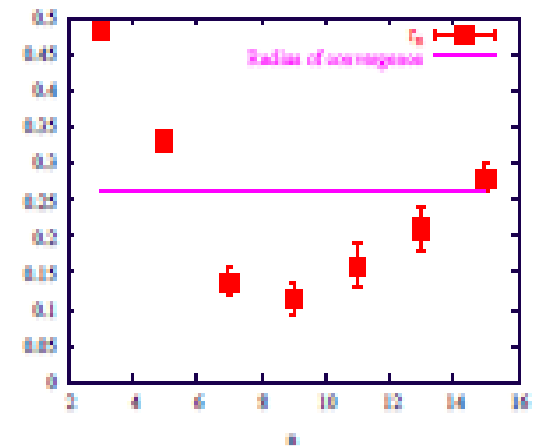
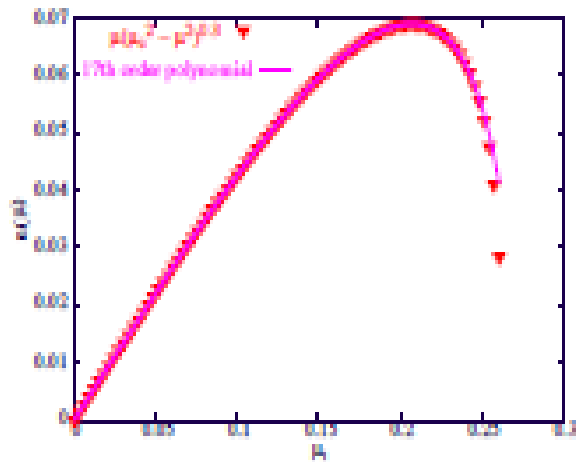
Staggered: $N_f = 2$, $m_\pi = 230$ MeV, $LT \geq 4$ Gavai, SG, 0806.2233

P4: $N_f = 2 + 1$, $m_\pi = 220$ MeV, $LT = 4$ Schmidt, 2010

Taylor expanding the numerical result
at imaginary μ

M. D'Elia, F. Di Renzo, MpL 2007

And computing the radius of convergence



CAVEAT : the correct result might need many orders

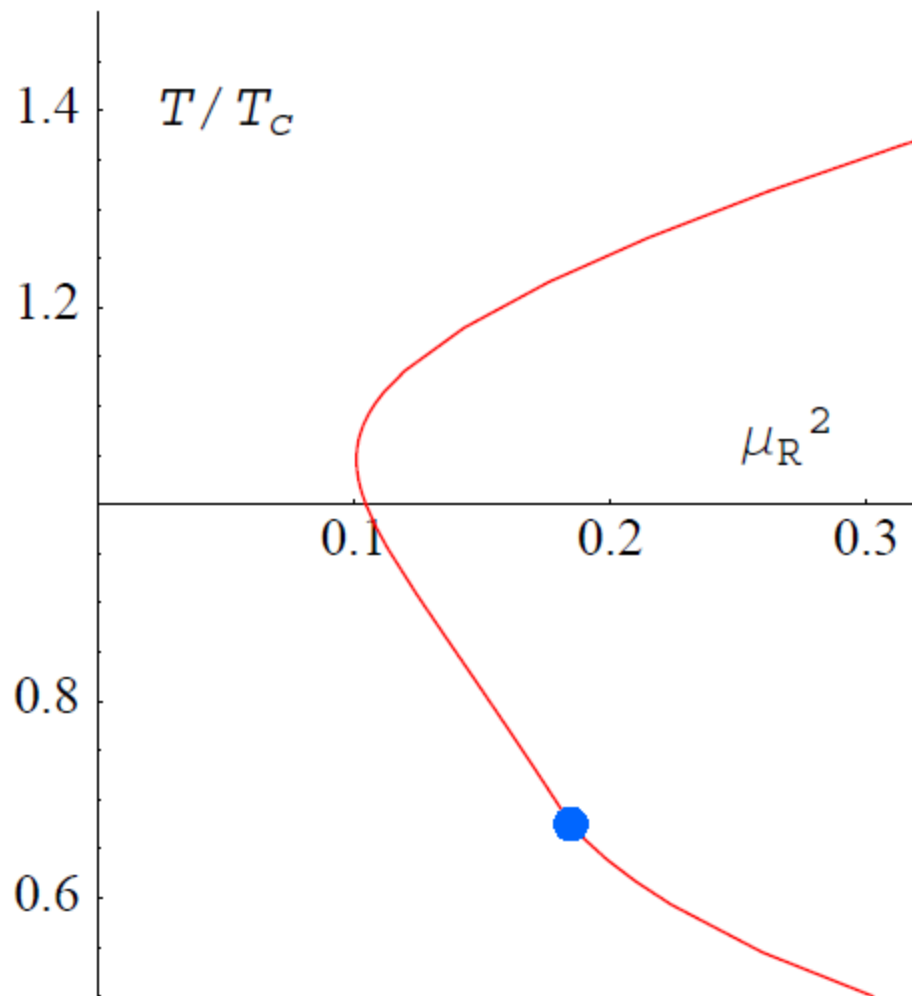
Better control over the endpoint?

QCD Critical Point and Complex Chemical Potential Singularities

M. A. Stephanov

Singularities limit
the radius of
convergence

This can be
computed from
the Taylor
expansion and
observed at
purely imaginary
 μ



THE PHASE DIAGRAM IN THE IMAGINARY $\mu - T$ SPACE

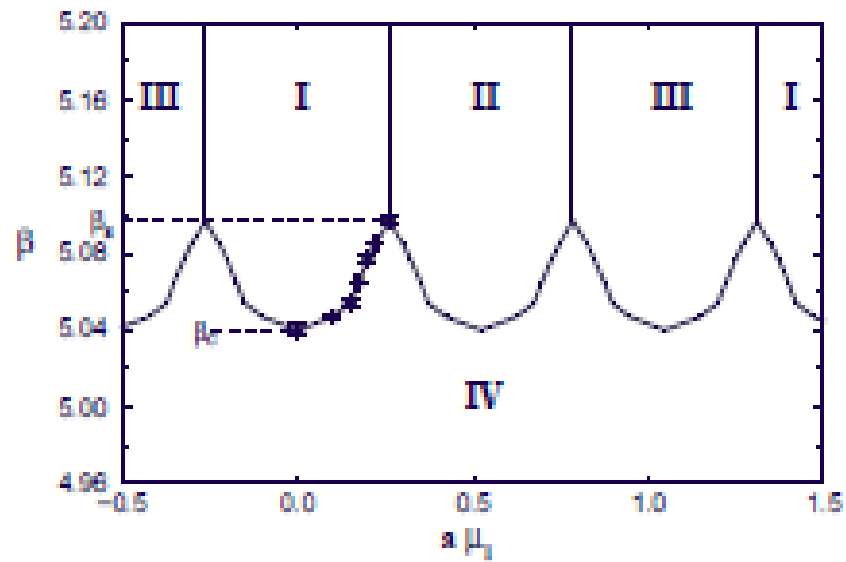
$$Z(\mu_I/T) \equiv Z(V, T, i\mu_I/T) = \text{Tr} \left(e^{i\mu_I N/T} e^{-\frac{H_{\text{QCD}}}{T}} \right)$$

- N is a number operator: $Z(\mu_I/T)$ periodic in μ_I with period $2T\pi$; moreover a period $2T\pi/3$ is expected in the confined phase, where only physical states with N multiple of 3 are present.
- Observation (Roberge and Weiss) : $Z(\mu_I)$ is always periodic $2T\pi/3$, for any physical temperature!
- Low T : smooth periodicity
- High T : non-analytic behaviour with discontinuities at

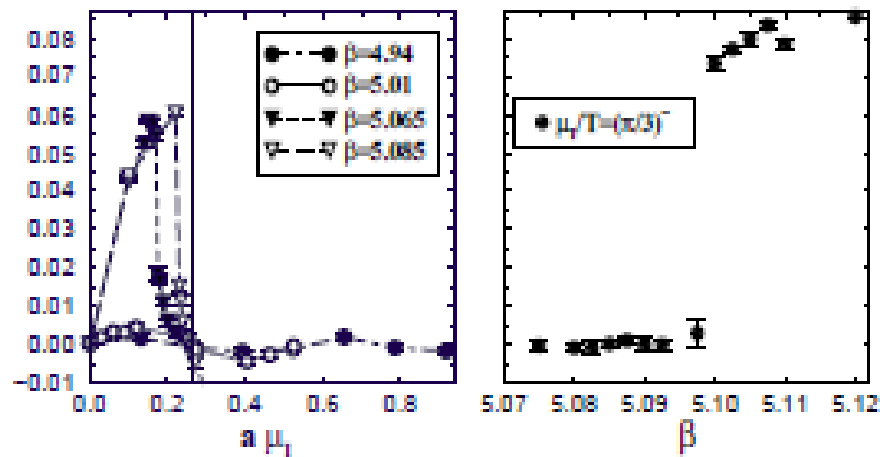
$$\theta = 2\pi/3(k + 1/2)$$

corresponding to phase transitions from one Z_3 sector to the other.

- $P(\vec{x})e^{i\mu_I/T}$, instead of $P(\vec{x})$: μ_I/T fixes the preferred vacuum.



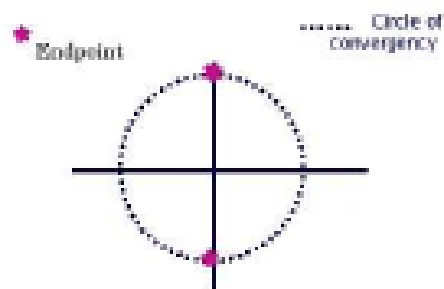
Sketch of the phase diagram in the $\mu_I - \beta$ plane.



Imaginary part of the baryon density as a function of μ_I for different values of β (left-hand side), and as a function of β at $\mu_I/T = \frac{\pi}{3}$ (right-hand side).

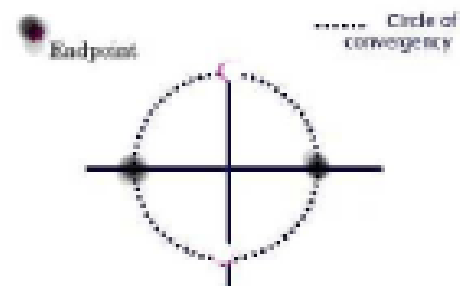
M. D'Elia, MpL, 2001

Singularities for complex μ



Endpoint of the RW Transition

$$T_R > T_c$$

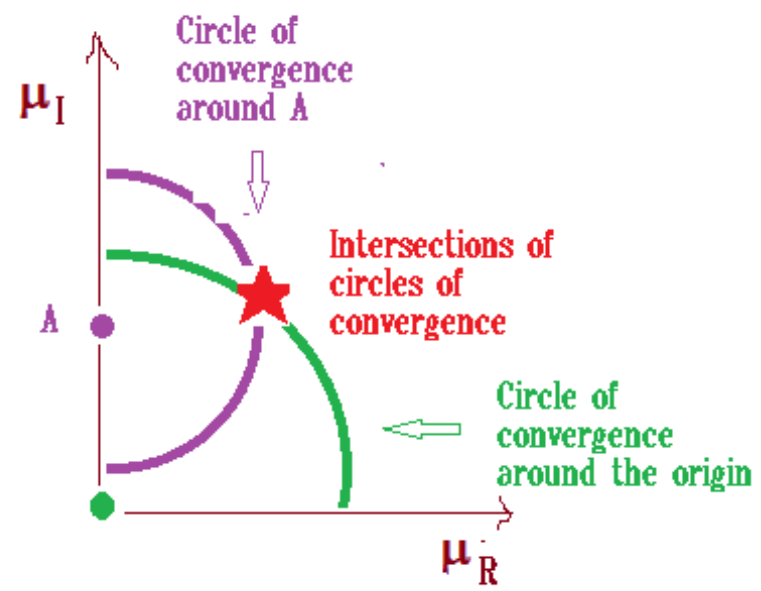


Endpoint of the Chiral Transition

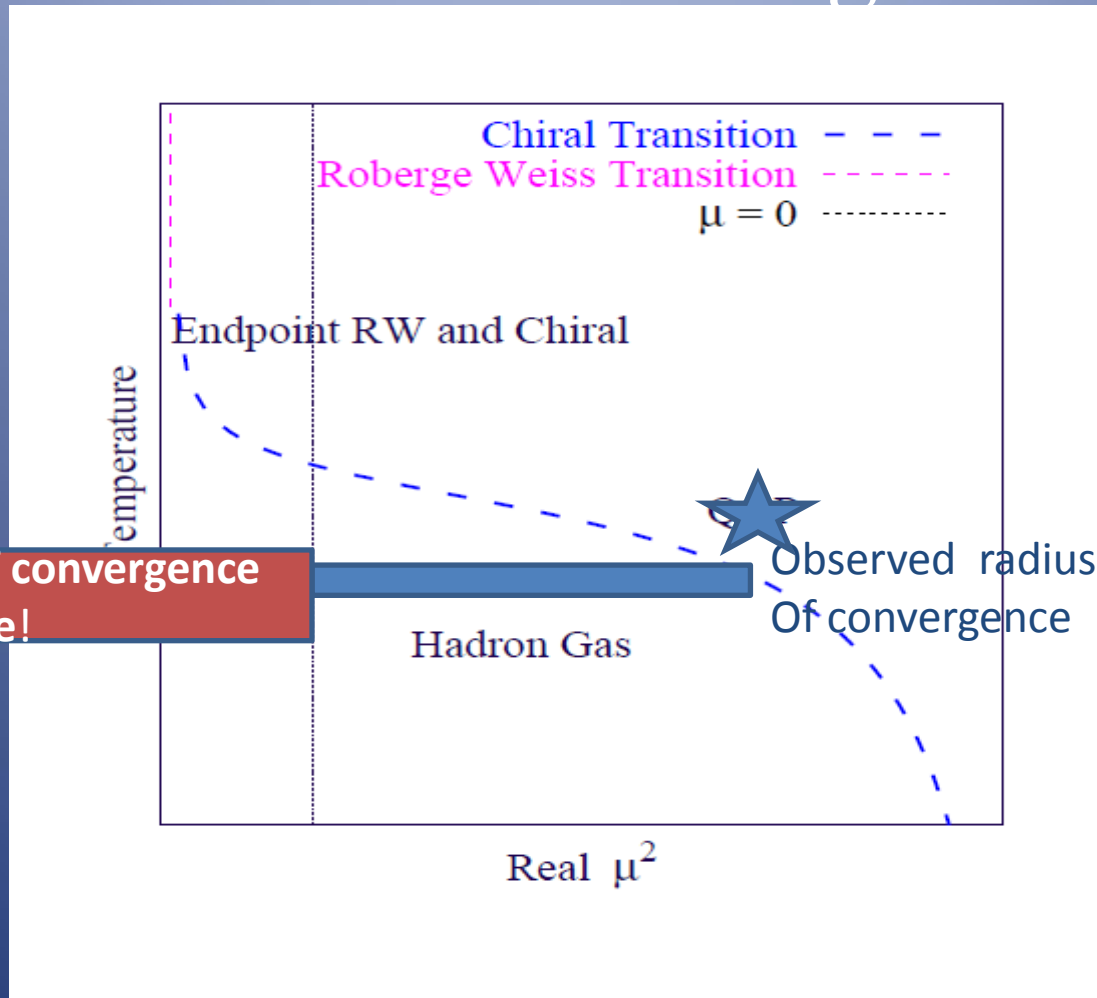
$$T_X < T_c$$

Taylor expansion around μ_I

Falcone, Laermann,
MpL



Use imaginary μ to validate radius of convergence



sQGP, thermodynamics, and the phase diagram for a complex chemical potential

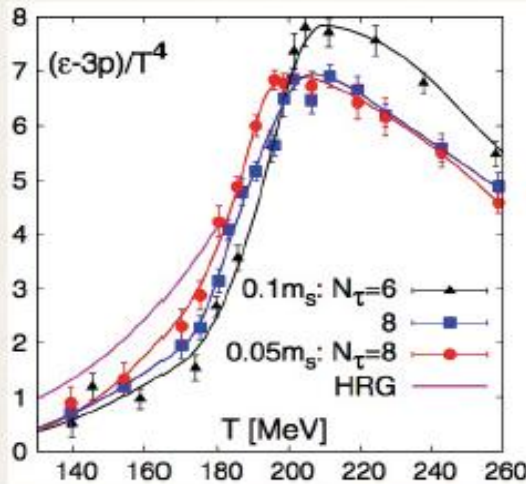
Equation of state

Kanaya@Lattice2010

❁ $N_F = 2+1$ p4 at the “physical point”

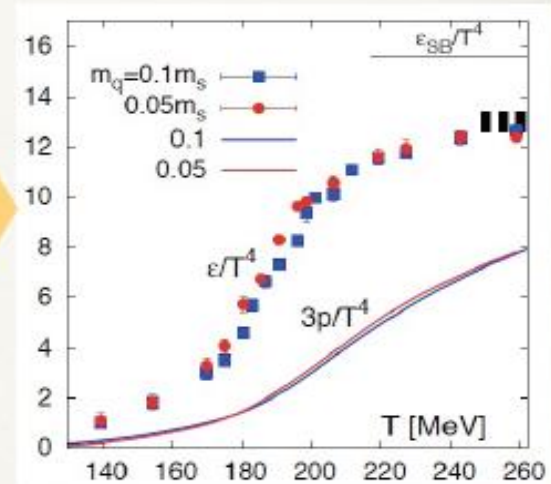
Chen et al. (HotQCD) PRD81('10), Schmidt (Mon)

- ▶ tree-level Symanzik gauge + p4
- ▶ $m_s \approx$ “physical”, $m_l/m_s = 0.05$ ($m_\pi^{\text{pNG}} \approx 154$ MeV)
- ▶ $N_t = 8$



$$p = \frac{T}{V} \int_{b_0}^b db \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial b}$$

integral method



-5 MeV from $m_l/m_s = 0.1$

Caveat: physical point identified by m_π^{pNG} .

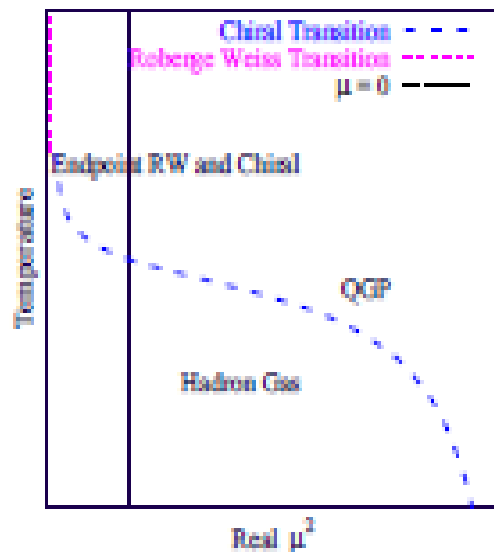
Nature of the sQGP phase

- **Quarkonium Spectrum and Spectral Functions:** many contributions in parallel sessions at Lattice2010.
- **Charmonium:** more popular so far
- **Bottomonium:** Important at the LHC
- **Transport Coefficients**

More theoretical input needed !

THERMODYNAMICS AND CRITICAL LINES in THE $T - \mu^2$ PLANE

Three regimes for thermodynamics:



- Low Temperature,

away from critical lines:

Hadron Gas

$$n(T, \mu) = K(T) \sinh(N_c \mu / T)$$

- In the sQGP region:

$$p(T, \mu) = b(T) |t + a(T)(\mu^2 - \mu_c^2)|^{(2-\alpha)}$$

Implying

$$n(T, \mu) = A(T) \mu (\mu^2 - \mu_c^2)^{(2-\alpha)}$$

- High Temperature,

away from critical line

Approach to Free Field

$$n(T, \mu) \rightarrow n_{SB}(T, \mu)$$

Singular behaviour at the End point of the RW transition

Nf=4 (D,Elia, di Renzo, Lombardo (2007))

Nf=2 (D'Elia, Sanfilippo(2009))

Nf=3 (de Forcrand, Philipsen (2009))

CRITICAL BEHAVIOR AND THERMODYNAMICS AT THE ENDPOINT OF THE RW TRANSITION

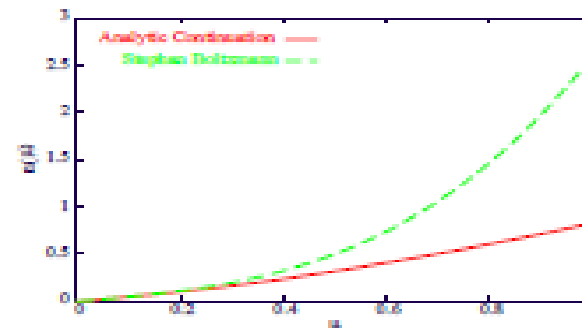
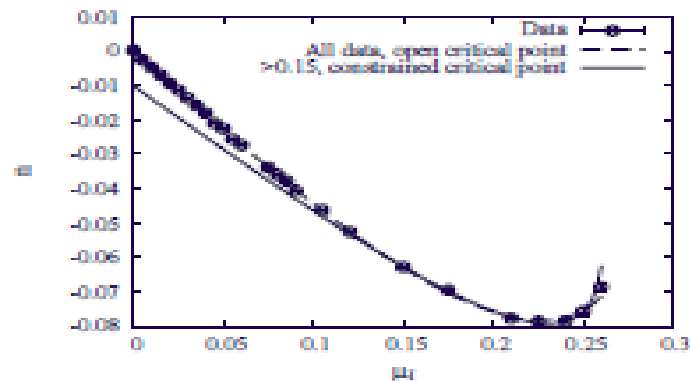
Critical behavior at imaginary μ

$$n(\mu_I) = A(T)\mu_I(\mu_I^2 - \mu_I^2)^{(2-\alpha)}$$

Continued to real μ ...

$$n(\mu) = A(T)\mu(\mu^2 + \mu^2)^{(2-\alpha)}$$

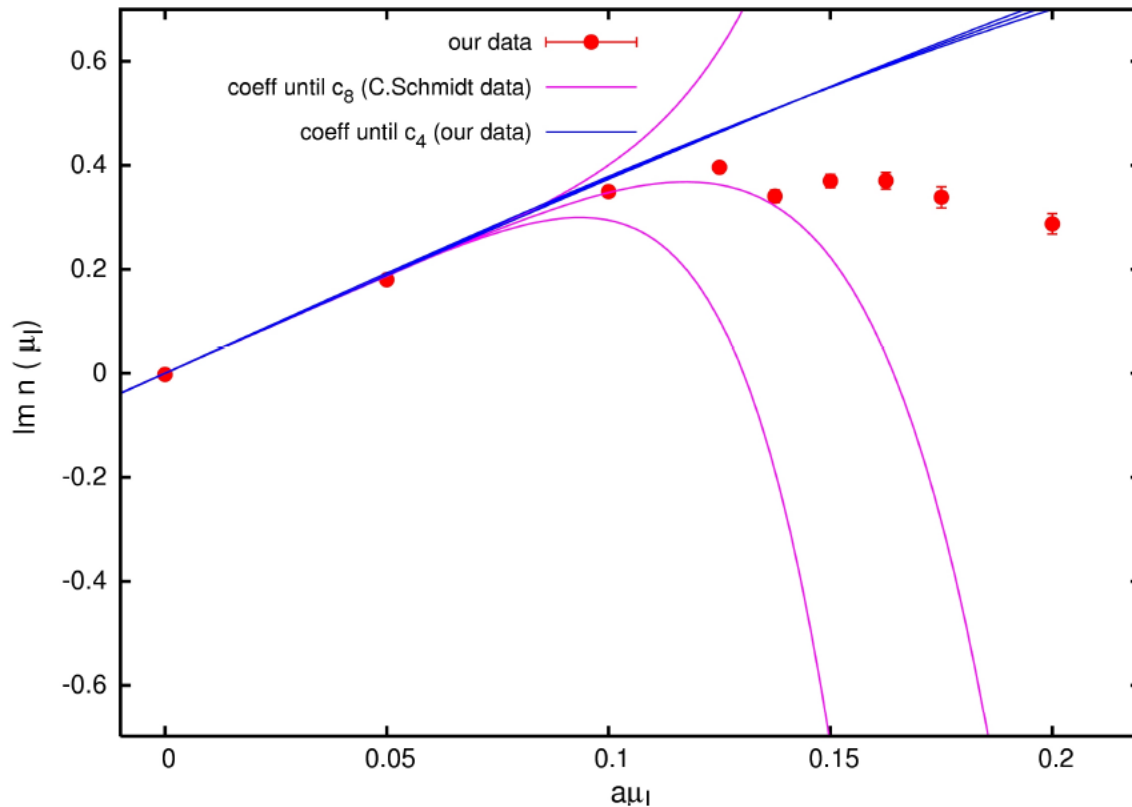
$$n_{SB}(\mu) = A\mu + B\mu^3 \rightarrow \alpha = 1$$



D'Elia, Di Renzo, Lombardo, 2007, GM2008

Imaginary chemical potential and Taylor expansion

$$\text{Im}(n(\mu_I)) = 2N_\tau c_{200}\mu_I - 4N_\tau^3 c_{400}\mu_I^3 + 6N_\tau^5 c_{600}\mu_I^5 - 8N_\tau^7 c_{800}\mu_I^7 + O(\mu_I^9)$$

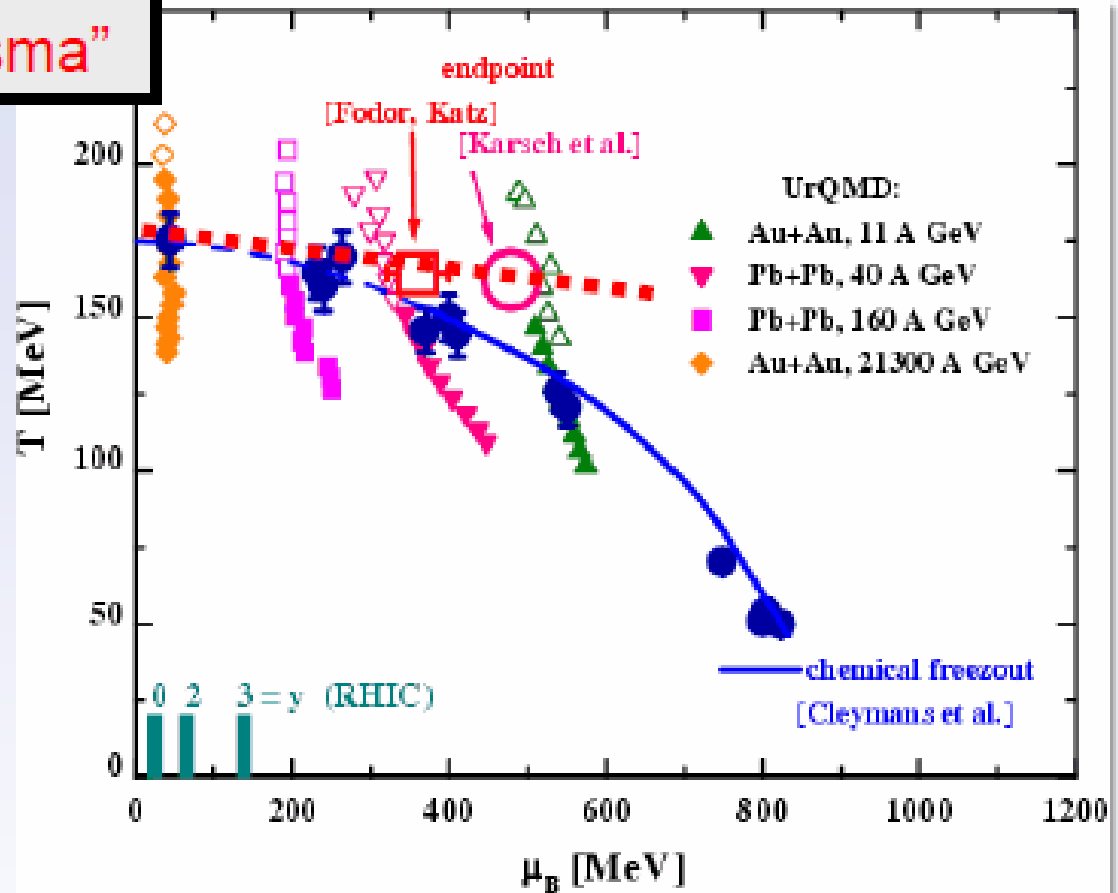


FREEZOUT, AND THE LATTICE

Quark
Gluon
Plasma

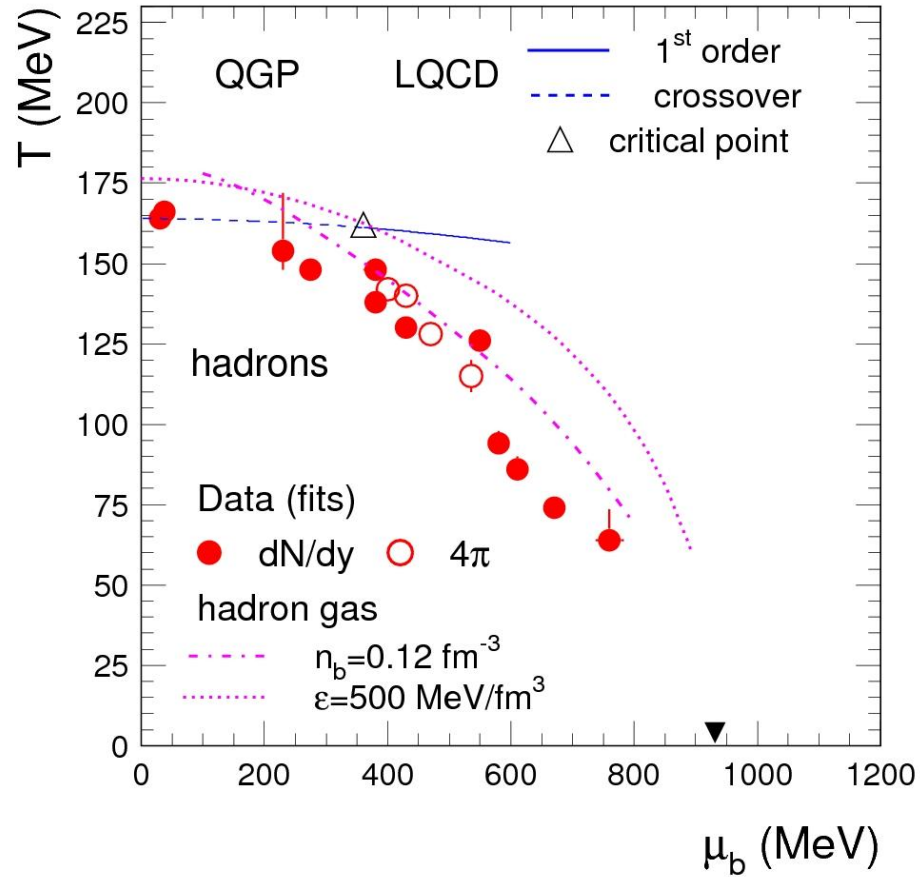
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Freezout

Andronic, Braun-Munzinger, Stachel 2009 –
Courtesy of the Authors



FREEZOUT

Values of μ_q^F/T at freezeout for the temperatures used in the lattice simulations.

Table 1: Freezeout parameters

T/T_c	μ_B^F (GeV)	μ_q^F/T
0.81	0.48	1.16
0.87	0.38	0.85
0.90	0.3	0.65
0.96	0.15	0.30

Previous analysis have shown that for this range of temperatures the Hadron Gas parametrization is satisfied by the first coefficients.

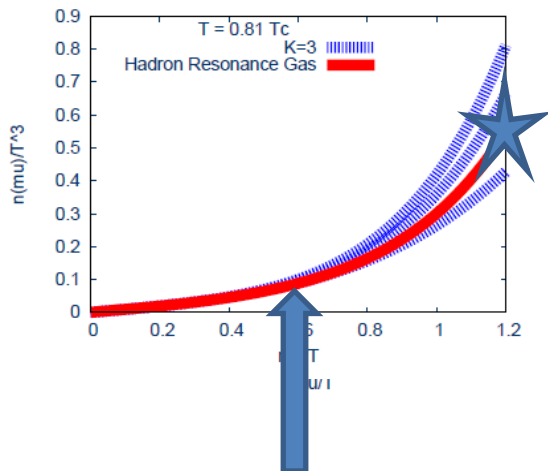
Then, to assess the extent of the convergence, we can directly contrast $n_q^3(T, \mu_{qI})/T^3$ and $n_q^{HG}(T, \mu_{qI})/T^3$, with $F(T) = \frac{2}{3}c_2$.

Lower bound on the radius of convergence And freezout point

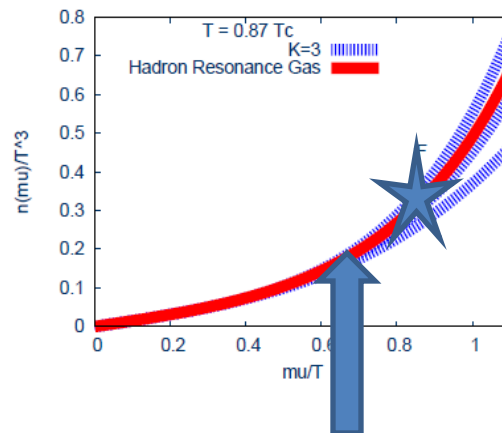
Data from RBC Collaboration
Courtesy E. Laermann and C.
Schmidt. C. Ratti and MpL QM09

★ Freezout point

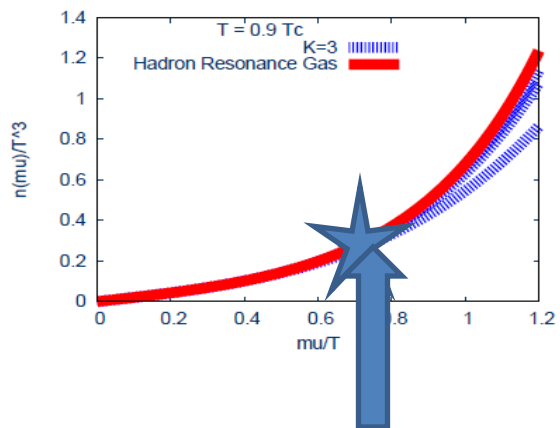
$T = 0.81 T_c$



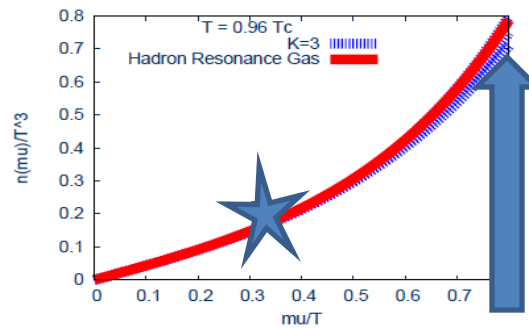
$T = 0.87 T_c$



$T = 0.90 T_c$

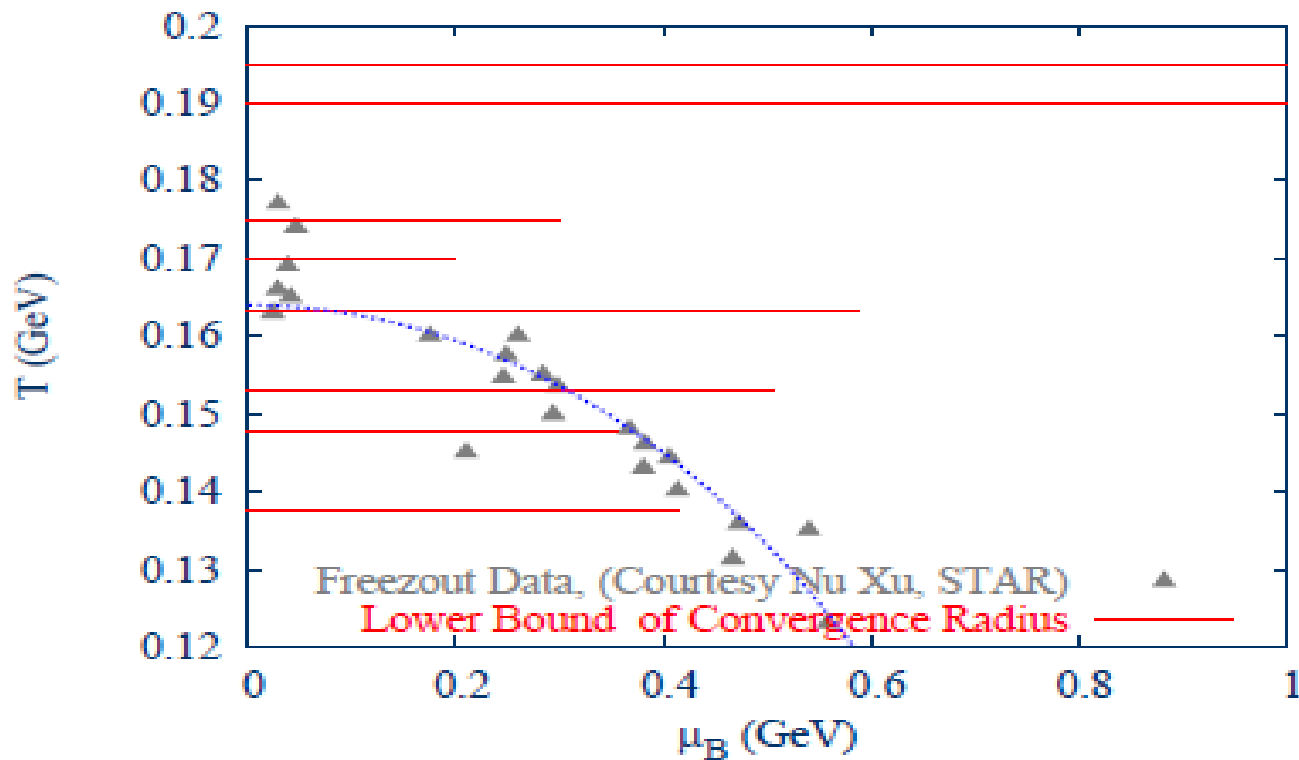


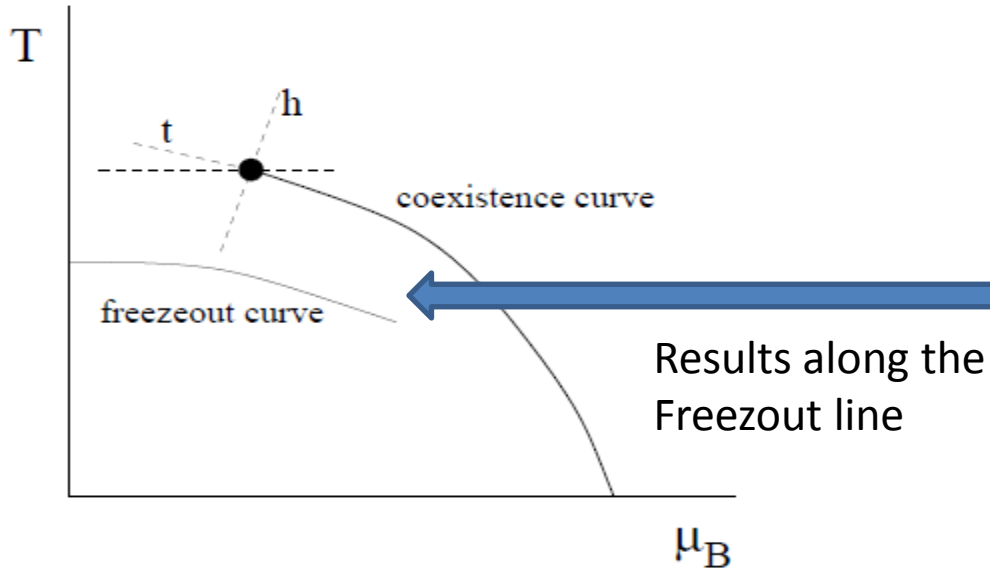
$T = 0.96 T_c$



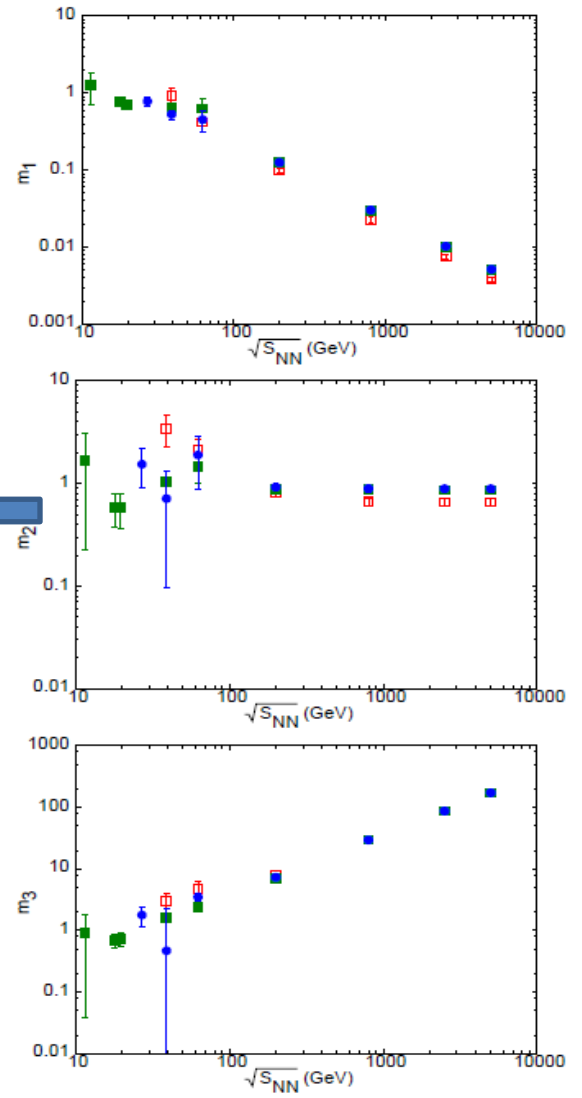
Freezout line might well be amenable to a lattice study

Lattice data from RBC-Bielefeld
Collaboration – C. Ratti MpL QM09





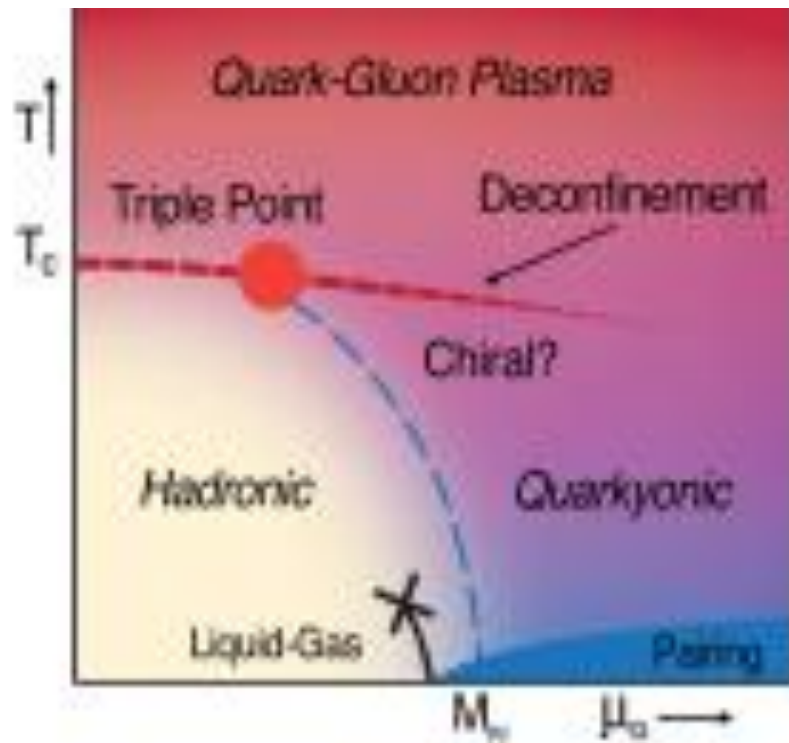
Gavai Gupta 2010



Application IV

THE QUARKYONIC PHASE

The quarkyonic phase

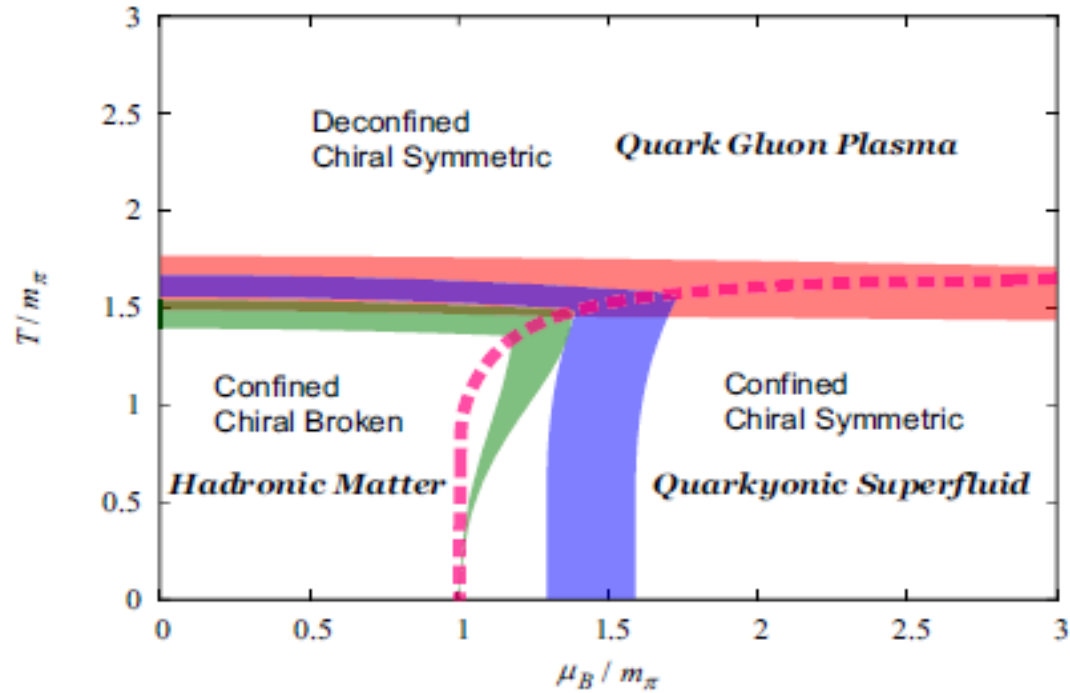


Hadron Production in Ultra-relativistic Nuclear Collisions: Quarkyonic Matter and a Triple Point in the Phase Diagram of QCD

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R.D. Pisarskiⁱ, K. Redlich^{a,b,k}, C. Sasaki^{l,m}, H. Satz^k, and
J. Stachel^m

Fig. 5. The phase diagram of strongly interacting matter.

Quarkyonic phase – Two color



Brauner, Fukushima, Hidaka 2009

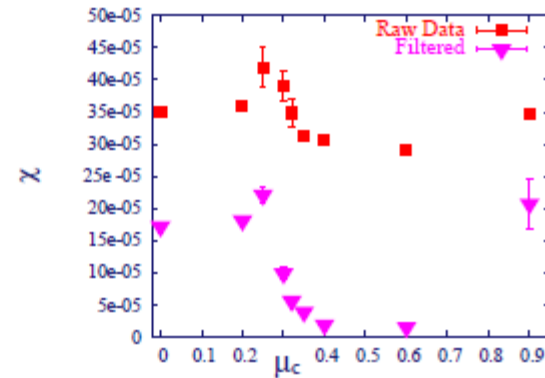
Superfluid phase still confined

GLUONIC OBSERVABLES IN THE BEC PHASE of QC₂D

0^{++} Glueball : lighter in the BEC phase

Susceptibility: $\chi = \langle P^2 \rangle - \langle P \rangle^2$ peaks at μ_c

Normal Phase	
m_π/m_ρ	m_0^{++}/m_ρ
0.40	1.07
0.42	1.26
BEC	
0.64	0.80
0.80	0.23



A Quarkyonic Phase in Dense Two Color Matter

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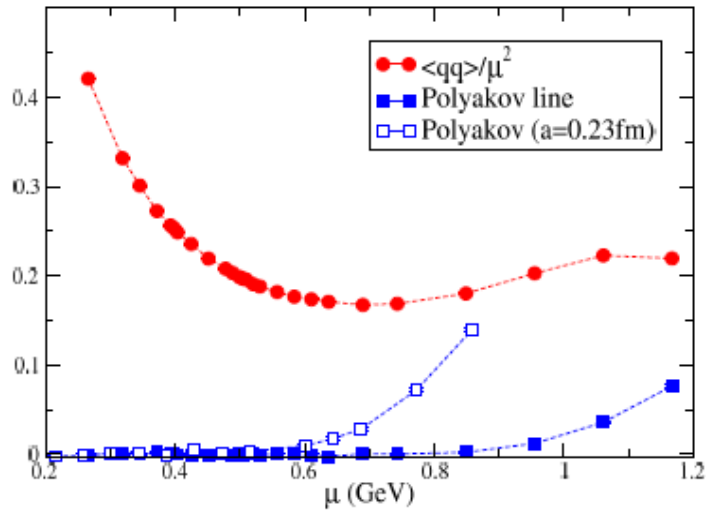


FIG. 4: (Color online) Superfluid order parameter $\langle qq \rangle / \mu^2$ and Polyakov line versus μ .

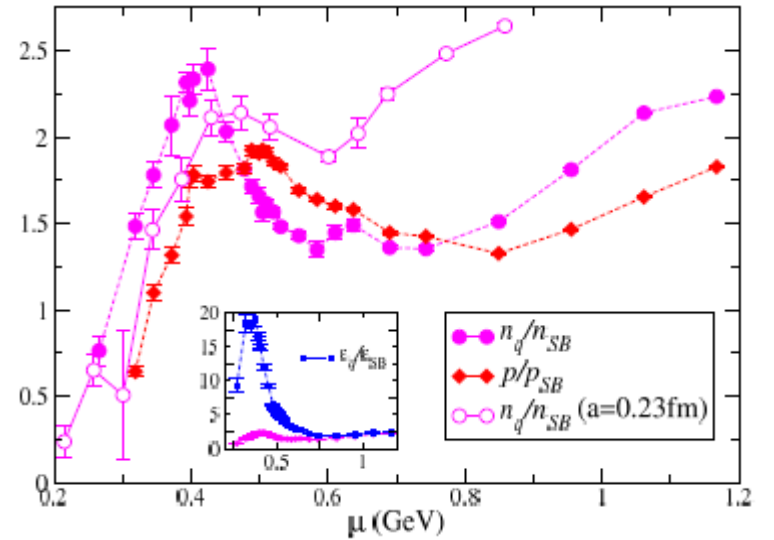


FIG. 1: (Color online) n_q/n_{SB} and p/p_{SB} vs. μ for QC_2D . Inset shows ϵ_q/ϵ_{SB} for comparison.

MESOSCOPIC ANALYSIS OF THE PHASE DIAGRAM

TOWARDS THE REAL SOLUTION

COMPLEX LANGEVIN?

DENSITY OF STATE METHODS?

NEW ALGORITHMS?

LEARNING FROM SIMPLER SYSTEMS?

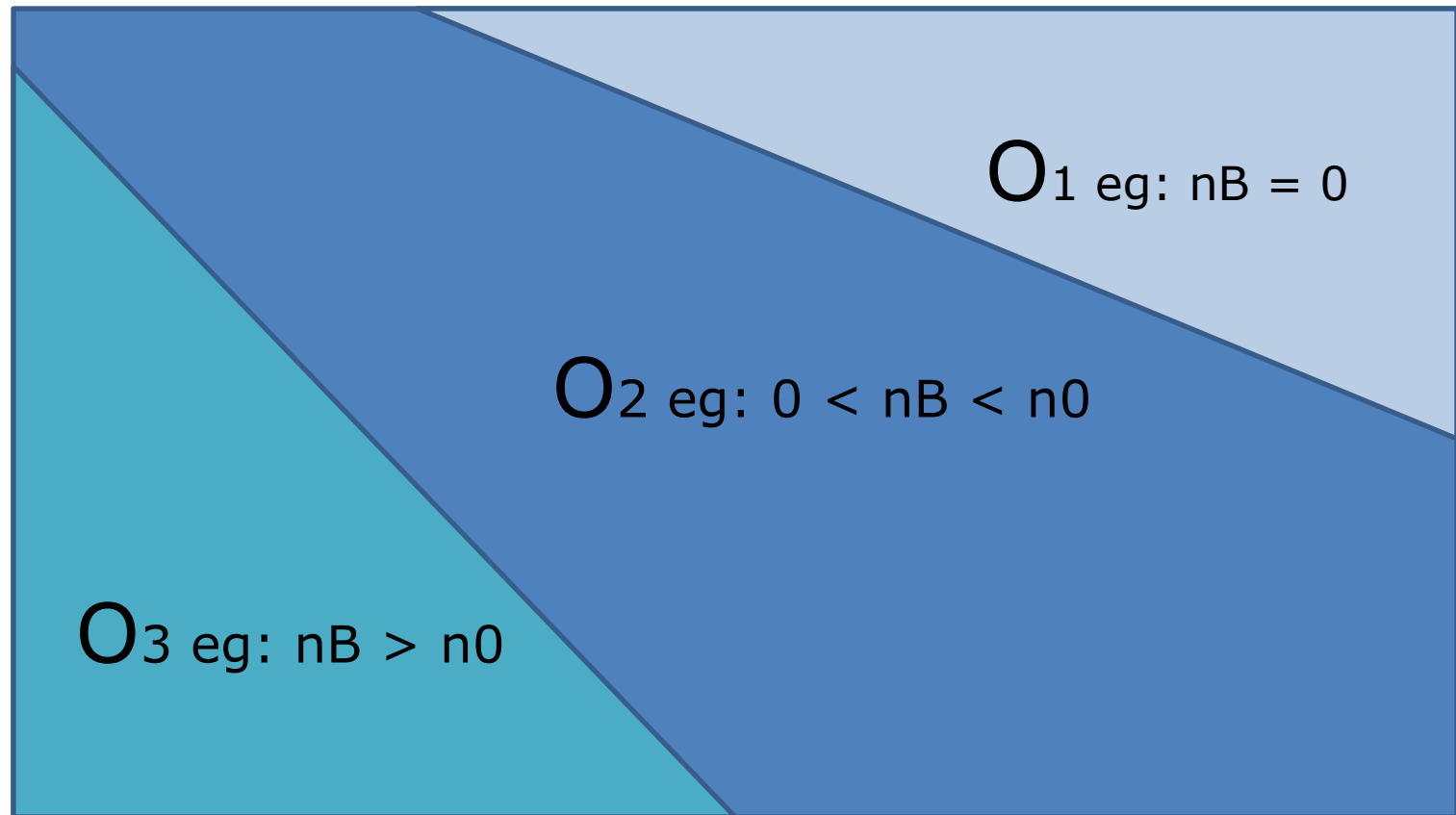
Gauge Fields and T, μ_B, μ_I, \dots

Can we identify generic characteristics of gauge fields for a given set of thermodynamic parameters ?

$\{U\}$

Gauge Fields and Observables

Label regions of phase space according to value of macroscopic O : which peculiarities of U 's for a given O ?



$\{U\}$

Distributions: mesoscopic Probes of gauge dynamics

$\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle$ • The θ distribution $\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{N_f} d\theta$: assesses overlap between simulation and target ensemble.

$\langle \mathcal{O} \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle$ • The constrained distribution $\langle \mathcal{O} \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle$ shows how averages are built up in the spirit of the Density of States Method $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \langle \mathcal{O} \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{N_f} d\theta$

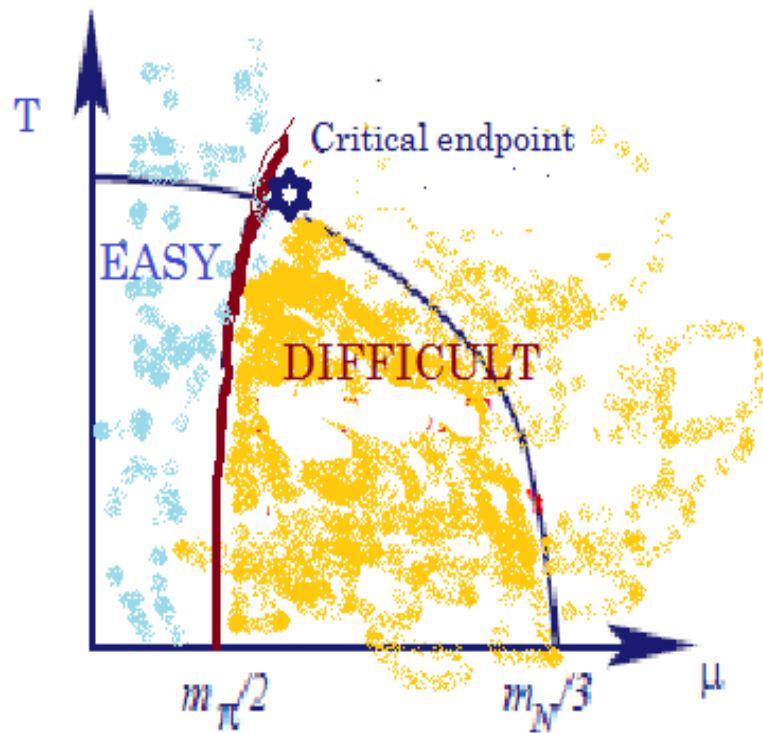
$$1 = \int \langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle d\theta.$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \int \langle \mathcal{O} \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle d\theta.$$

Why?

- Physics: Microscopic Structure, Instanton configurations, etc.**
- Lattice Simulations: Overlap Issues, Density of States, Sign Problem, ..**

A lattice-minded view of the phase diagram



Consider

Θ = phase of the determinant

- $$\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{N_f} d\theta = \frac{\int dA |\det(D + \mu\gamma_0 + m)|^{N_f} e^{iN_f\theta'} \delta(\theta - \theta') e^{-S_{\text{YM}}}}{\int dA |\det(D + \mu\gamma_0 + m)|^{N_f} e^{iN_f\theta'} e^{-S_{\text{YM}}}} d\theta.$$

- Factorization of the θ -distribution:

$$\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{N_f} = e^{i\theta N_f} \frac{Z_{|N_f|}}{Z_{N_f}} \langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{|N_f|}.$$



- $N_f = 2$

$$\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1} = e^{2i\theta} \frac{Z_{1+1^*}}{Z_{1+1}} \langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1^*},$$

Recap of ChPT: baryonless theory

$$G_0(\mu, -\tilde{\mu}) = \frac{Vm_\pi^2 T^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{K_2\left(\frac{m_\pi n}{T}\right)}{n^2} \cosh\left(\frac{(\mu + \tilde{\mu})n}{T}\right).$$

G0 can only depend on isospin chemical potential

$$\nu_I \equiv \left. \frac{d}{d\mu_1} \Delta G_0(\mu_1, -\mu) \right|_{\mu_1=\mu},$$

$$\chi_{ud}^B \equiv \left. \frac{d^2}{d\mu_1 d\mu_2} \Delta G_0(\mu_1, \mu_2) \right|_{\mu_1=\mu_2=\mu},$$

Non trivial μ dependence in cross derivatives

	$\mathcal{E} = 1 + 1$	$\mathcal{E} = PQ$
$\langle n \rangle_{\mathcal{E}}$	0	ν_I
$\langle n^2 \rangle_{\mathcal{E}}$	χ_{ud}^B	$\nu_I^2 + \chi_{ud}^B$

Gaussian Distributions

$\mu < m_\pi/2$, ChPT

θ distribution, and n_B distribution with θ



$$\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1} = \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{\sqrt{\pi\Delta G_0}} e^{-\theta^2/\Delta G_0 + \Delta G_0}, \quad \theta \in [-\infty, \infty].$$

G_0 = Energy difference between neutral and charged pions



$$\langle n_B \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1} = \left(\lim_{\tilde{\mu} \rightarrow \mu} \frac{d}{d\tilde{\mu}} \Delta G_0(-\mu, \tilde{\mu}) \right) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(1 + i \frac{\theta + 2\pi n}{\Delta G_0} \right) \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{\sqrt{\pi\Delta G_0}} e^{-(\theta + 2\pi n)^2/\Delta G_0}.$$

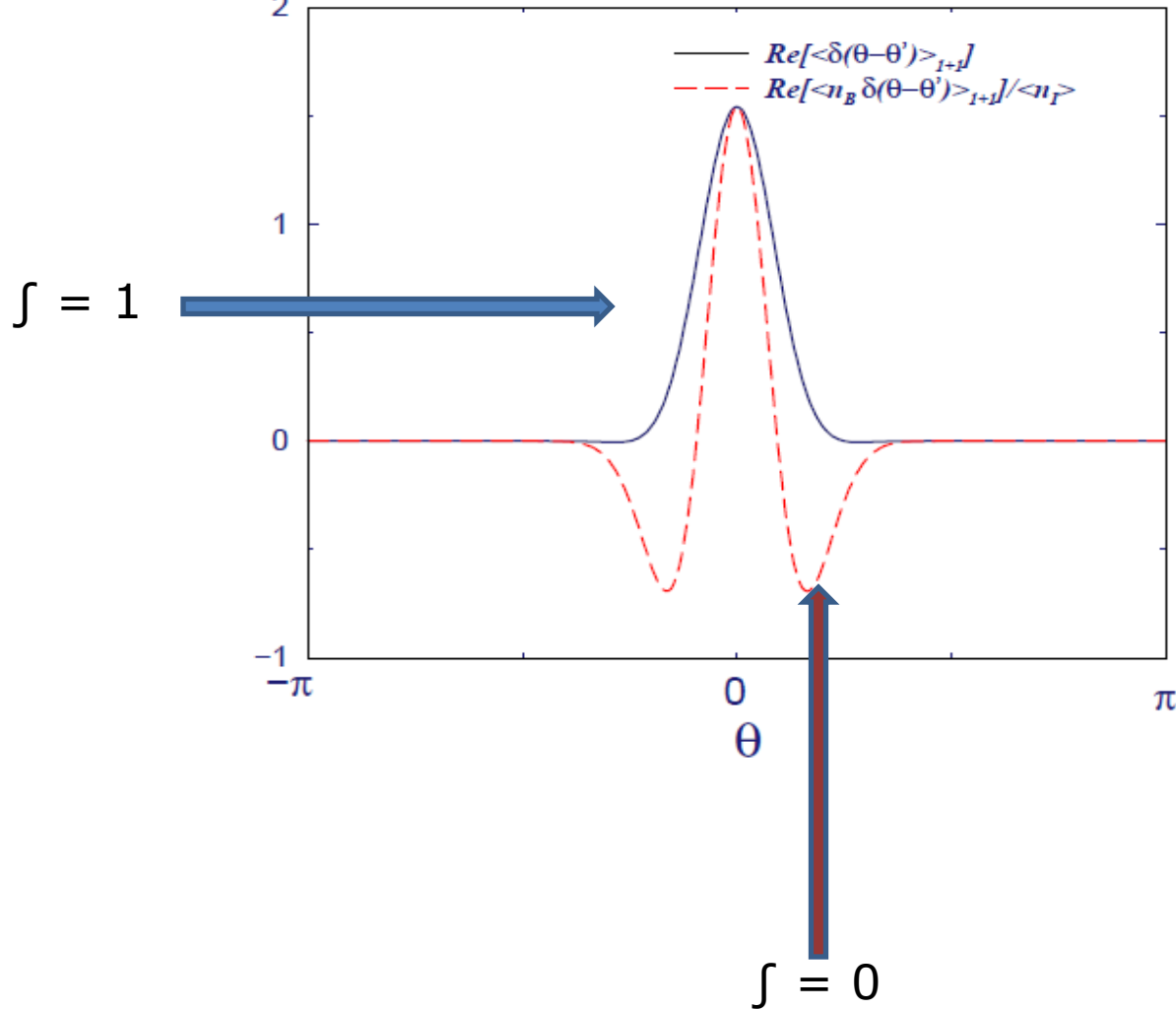
N.B.

$$\langle n_B \rangle = 0$$

in ChPT

Small ΔG_0

$$\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1} \text{ and } \langle n_B \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1}$$

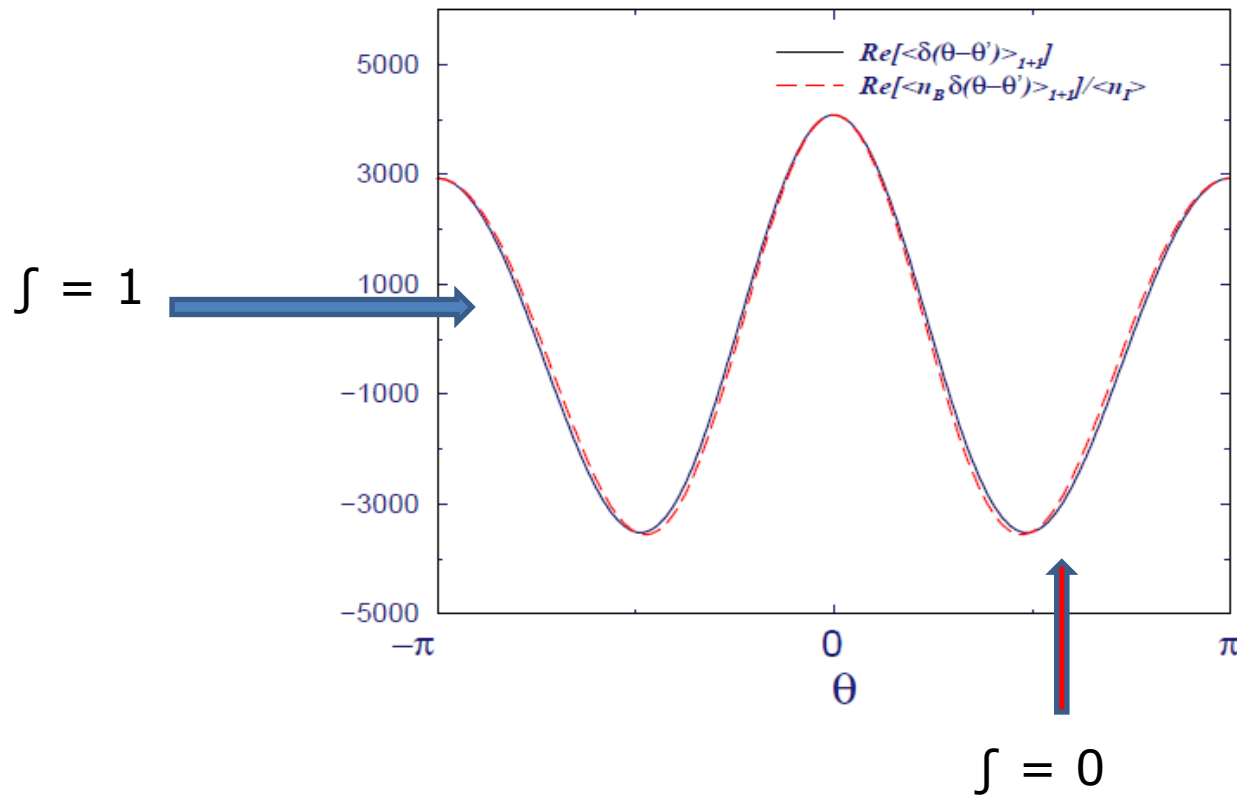


**Low
isospin
density,
easy**

Large ΔG_0

$\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1}$ and $\langle n_B \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1}$

High
isospin
density,
difficult



The distribution of the quark number operator: Real and Imaginary

$$P_{\text{Re}[n]}^{1+1}(x) \equiv \left\langle \delta \left(x - \frac{1}{2}(n(\mu) - n(-\mu)) \right) \right\rangle_{1+1}$$

$$P_{\text{Re}[n]}^{1+1}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi(\chi_{ud}^B + \chi_{ud}^I)}} e^{-(x-\nu_I)^2/(\chi_{ud}^B + \chi_{ud}^I)}.$$

$$\langle \text{Re}[n] \rangle_{1+1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x P_{\text{Re}[n]}^{1+1}(x) = \nu_I.$$

$$\langle (\text{Re}[n])^2 \rangle_{1+1} = \nu_I^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\chi_{ud}^B + \chi_{ud}^I).$$

$$P_{\text{Im}[n]}^{1+1}(y) \equiv \left\langle \delta \left(y + i\frac{1}{2}(n(\mu) + n(-\mu)) \right) \right\rangle_{1+1}$$

$$P_{\text{Im}[n]}^{1+1}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi(\chi_{ud}^I - \chi_{ud}^B)}} e^{(iy+\nu_I)^2/(\chi_{ud}^I - \chi_{ud}^B)}$$

$$\langle \text{Im}[n] \rangle_{1+1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy y P_{\text{Im}[n]}^{1+1}(y) = i\nu_I.$$

$$\langle (\text{Im}[n])^2 \rangle_{1+1} = -\nu_I^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\chi_{ud}^I - \chi_{ud}^B).$$

The distribution of the quark number

$$P_n^{1+1}(x, y) = P_{\text{Re}[n]}^{1+1}(x) P_{\text{Im}[n]}^{1+1}(y)$$

Factorization non trivial !

$$\langle n \rangle_{1+1} = \int dx dy (x + iy) P_n^{1+1}(x, y) = \int dx x P_{\text{Re}[n]}^{1+1}(x) + i \int dy y P_{\text{Im}[n]}^{1+1}(y) = \nu_I + i i \nu_I = 0.$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle_{1+1} = \chi_{ud}^B.$$

The fluctuations of the quark number operator follow the offdiagonal susceptibility

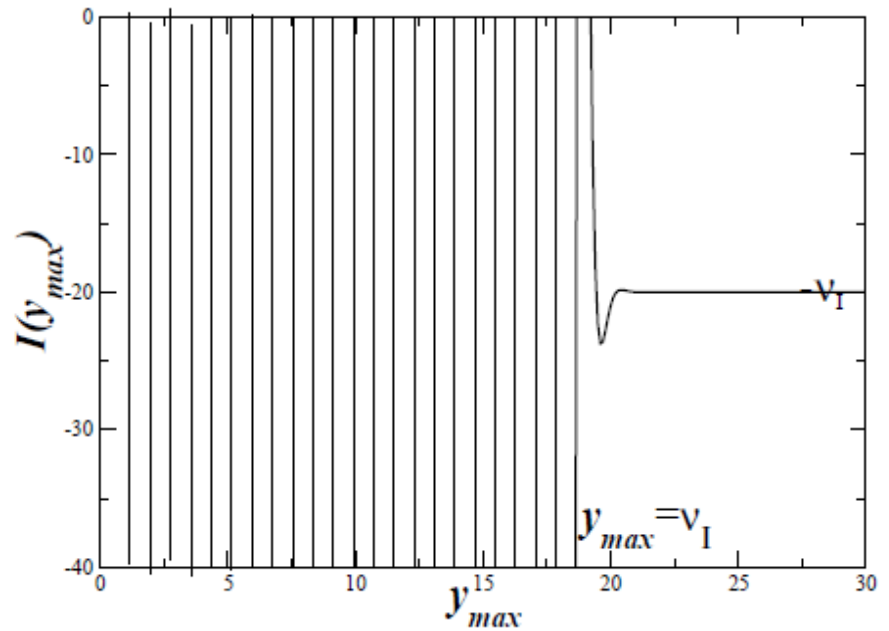
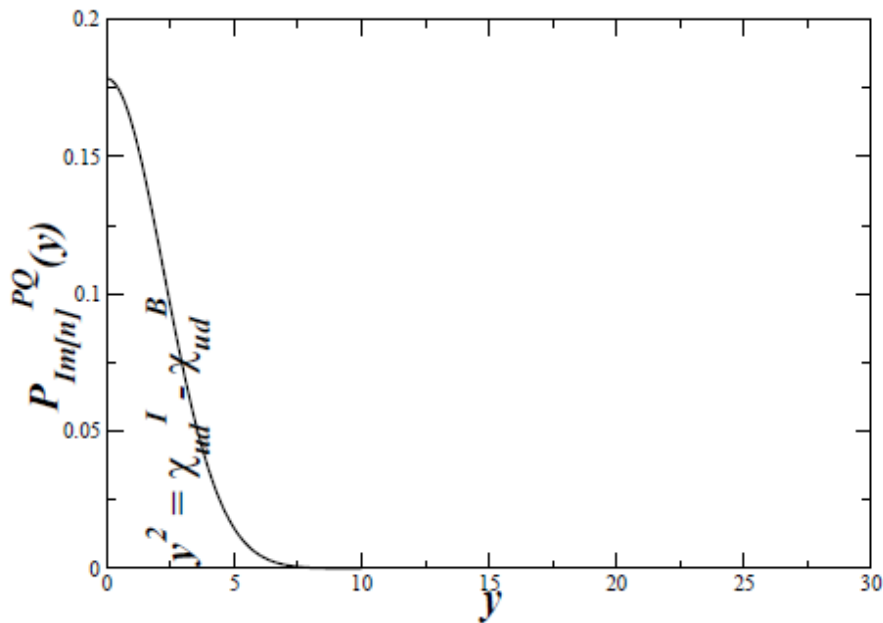
What we can compute on the Lattice: The Partial Quenched distribution

$$P_{\text{Re}[n]}^{PQ}(x) = P_{\text{Re}[n]}^{1+1}(x), \quad P_{\text{Im}[n]}^{PQ}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi(\chi_{ud}^I - \chi_{ud}^B)}} e^{-y^2/(\chi_{ud}^I - \chi_{ud}^B)}$$

$$\langle n^{PQ} \rangle_{1+1^*} = \nu_I$$

$$\langle (n^{PQ})^2 \rangle_{1+1^*} = \chi_{ud}^B + \nu_I^2,$$

Can we reweight PQ -> Full QCD ?



$$\int_{-y_{max}}^{y_{max}} dy iy P_{Im[n]}^{1+1}(y) \sim -\nu_I.$$

$$y_{max}^2 - \nu_I^2 \gg \chi_{ud}^I - \chi_{ud}^B$$



Might have to sample the extreme tail of the PQ distribution

Lorentzian distributions

The θ -distribution for $\mu > m_\pi/2$

- From the momenta

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➔ Again a compactified Lorentzian, centered, times $e^{2i\theta}$

QCD IN ONE EUCLIDEAN DIMENSION

$$\det M = 2^{-nN_c} \det[e^{n\mu c} + e^{-n\mu c} + e^{n\mu}U + e^{-n\mu}U^\dagger], U \in U(N_c).$$

$$Z_{N_f}(\mu_c, \mu) = \int_{U(N_c)} dU \det M.$$

- No baryons in $U(N_c)$: no μ dependence
- However: the quenched model has a phase transition at $\mu_c = \sinh^{-1} m$
Verbaarschot Ravagli; Bilic Demeterfi and Petersson
- Good guidance for 'baryonless' QCD
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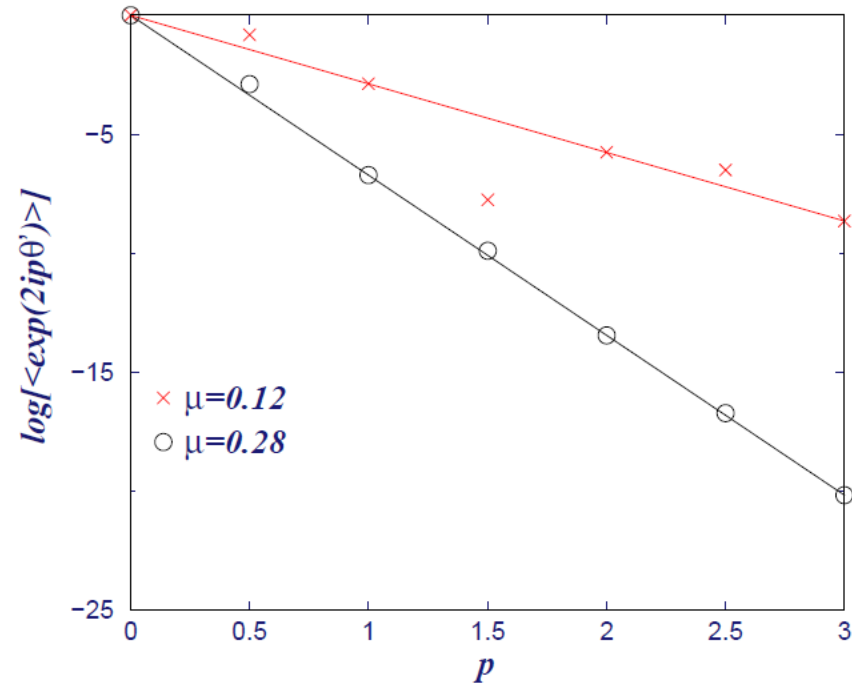
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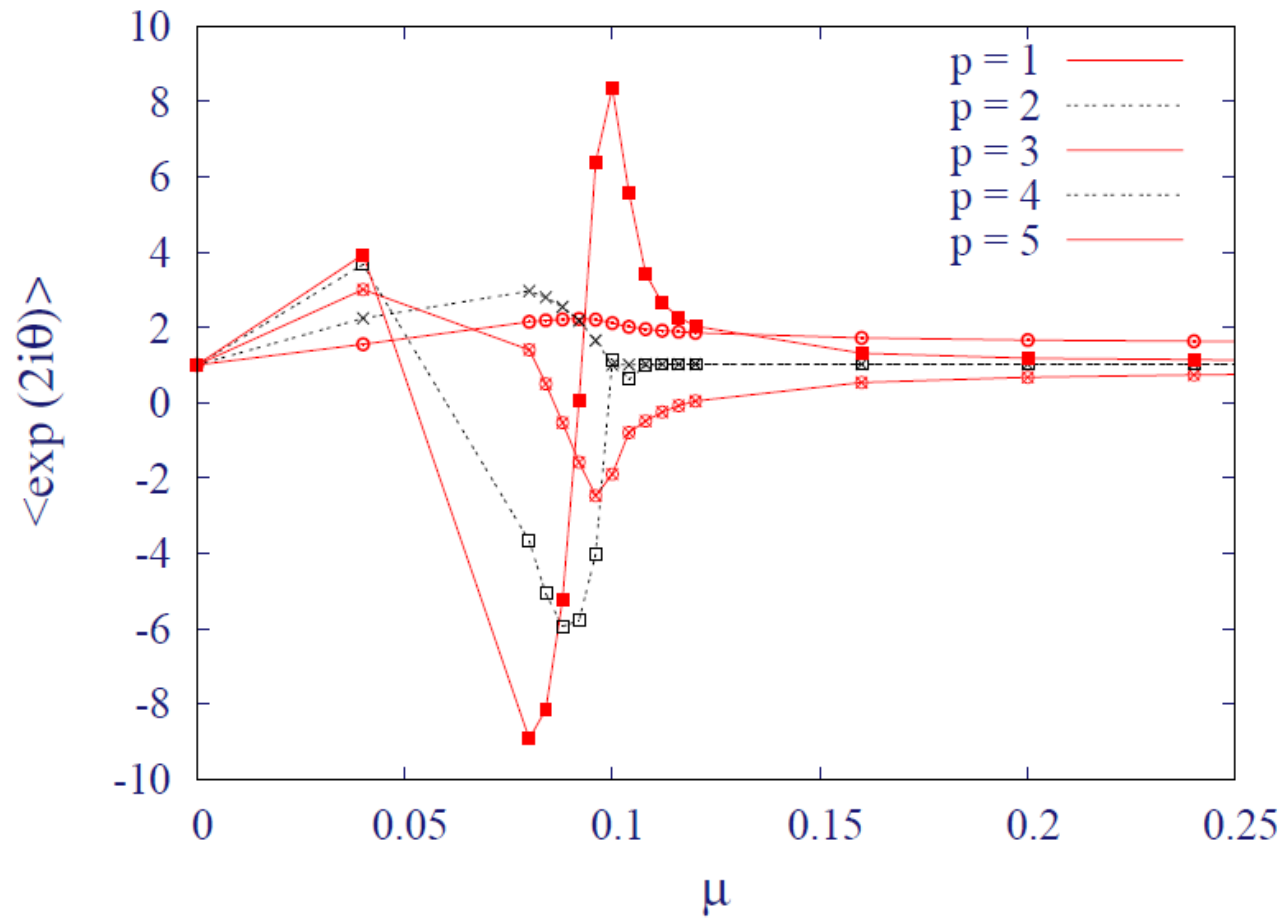
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Numerical Results $\mu > \mu_c$





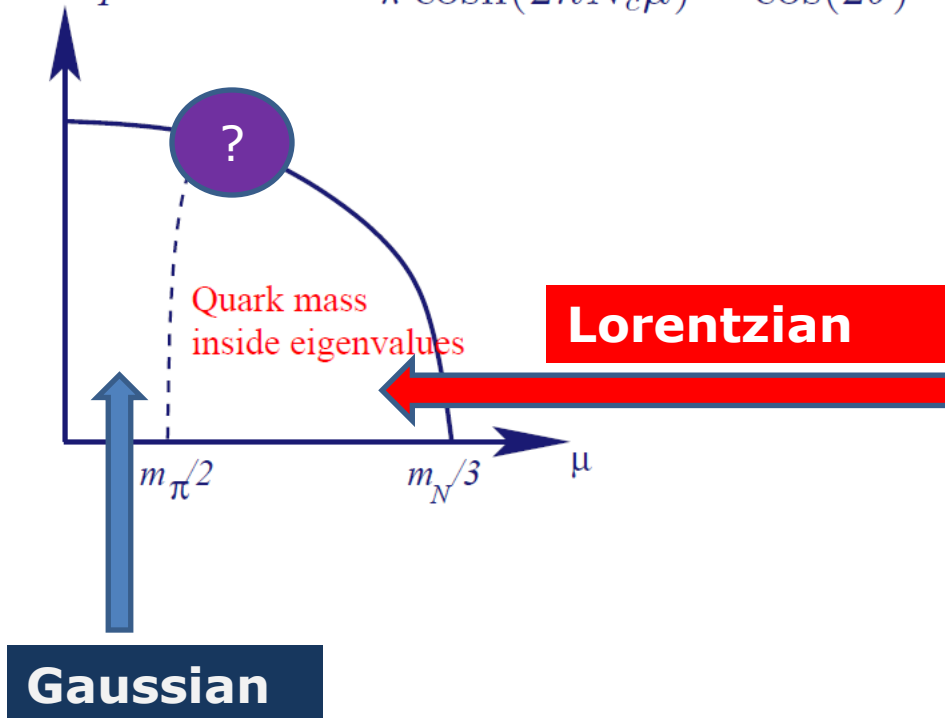
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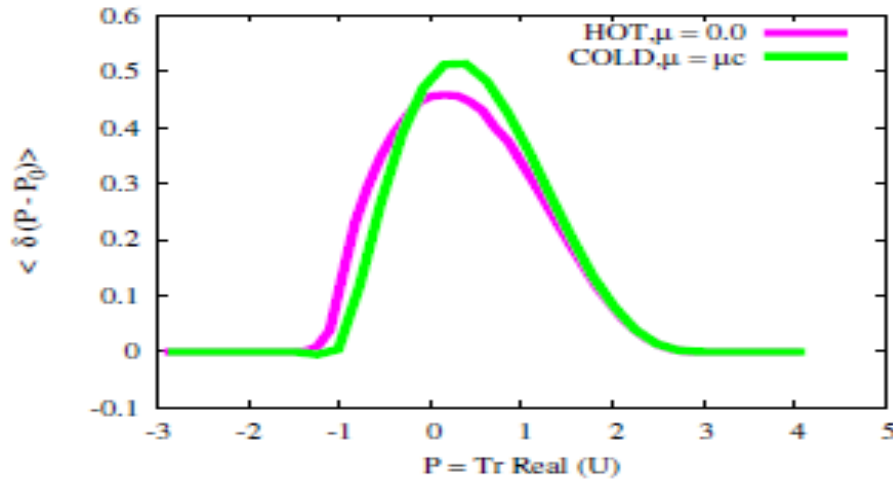
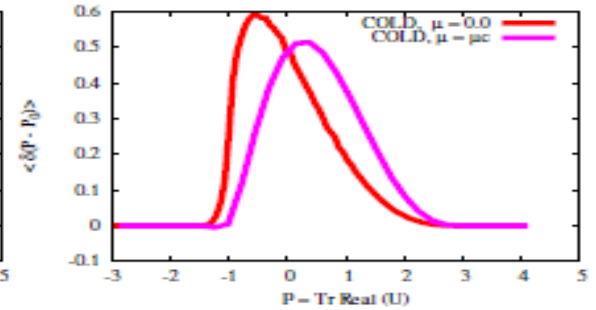
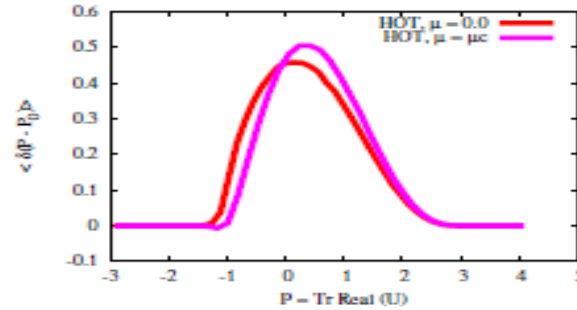
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Finite density easier at finite T

Hot ensembles overlap better among themselves



.. and might even overlap with cold ones

THE ROLE OF BARYONS

- Average phase factor from Taylor expansion:

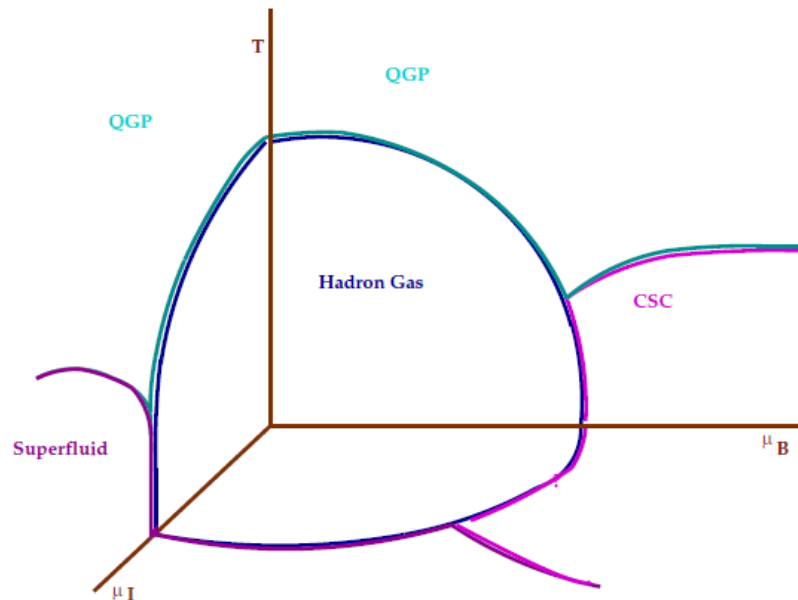
$$\langle e^{2i\theta} \rangle_{1+1^*} = e^{L^3 T (c_2 - c_2^I) \mu^2}$$

Bielefeld-Swansea Phys Rev D 71 (2005)

- In general,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log \langle e^{2i\theta} \rangle_{1+1^*} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log Z_{1+1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log Z_{1+1^*} \propto (n_B(\mu) - n_I(\mu))$$

- $n_B(\mu) - n_I(\mu) = 0$, no sign problem while a sign problem becoming increasingly more severe corresponds to $n_B(\mu) - n_I(\mu) < 0$



Physics of high isospin density and high baryon density become similar at high T

Mesons and Baryons: sign problem easier when densities become comparable

Thermal baryons lessen the sign problem

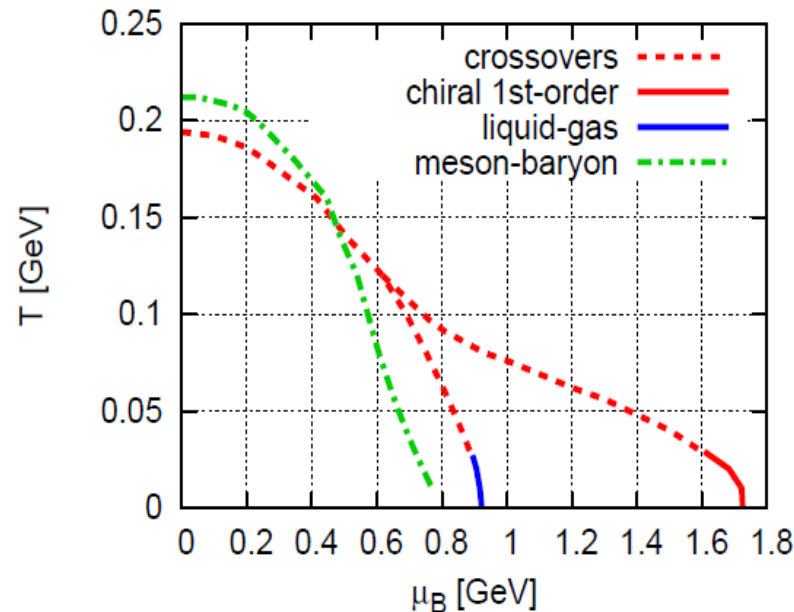
M. D'Elia and F. Sanfilippo 2009

Criterion?

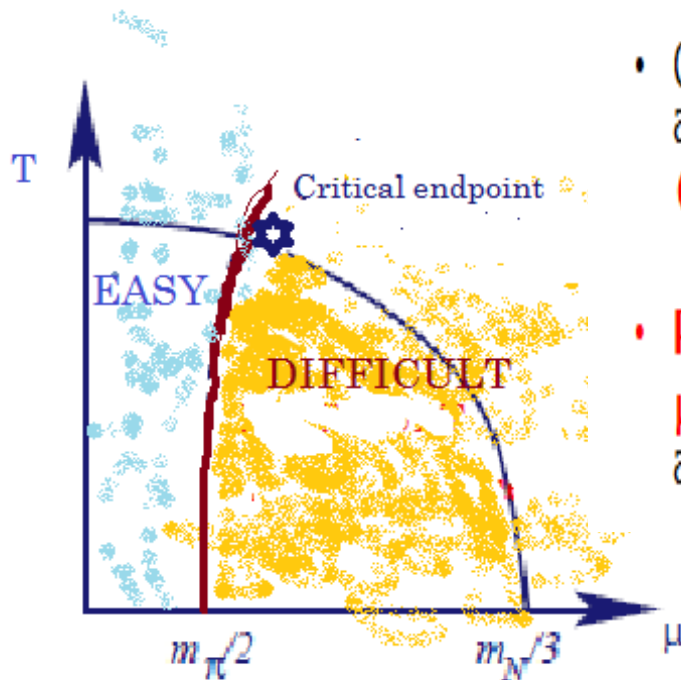
Calculation of 'equivalence point' baryons-mesons

C. Sasaki@nfqcd2010, Kyoto

- phase diagram in PDM: $m_{N_c} = 1.5$ GeV

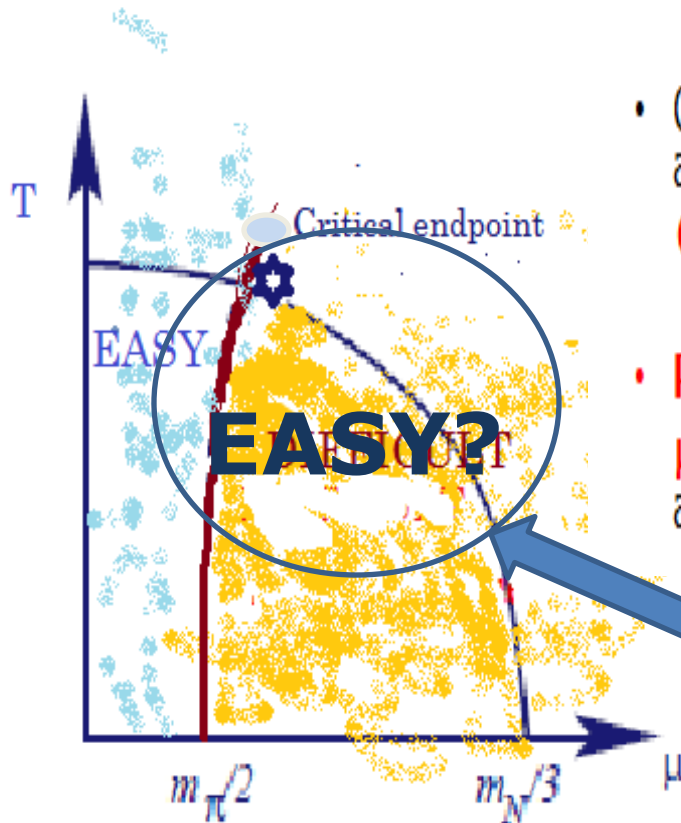


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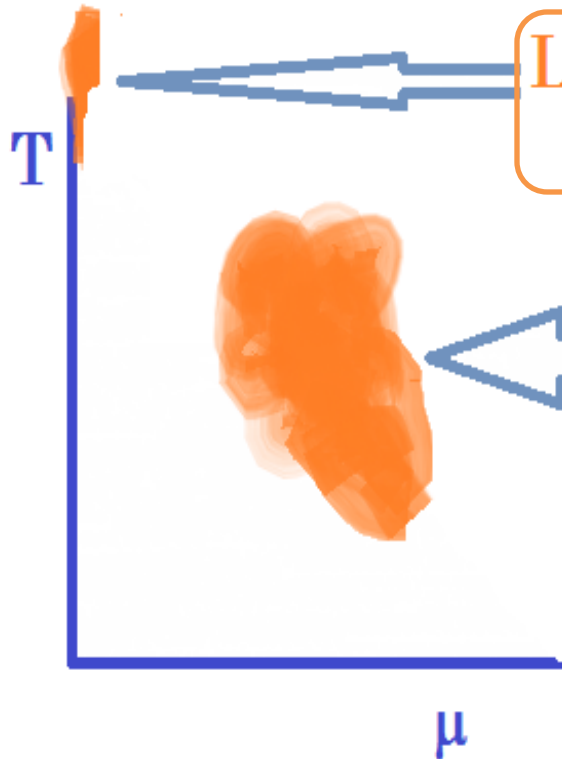
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PHASES OF QCD AND CRITICAL POINT FROM THE LATTICE OUTLOOK



LHC: Higher T, zero μ

Entering the
precision era

] NICA, RHICII, FAIR
: smaller T, larger μ

**Expect
Experimental
And lattice results on:
Critical Endpoint,
Freezout region, and
(maybe) Exotic phases**