

# The QCD equation of state and fluctuations of conserved charges at non-vanishing temperature and density

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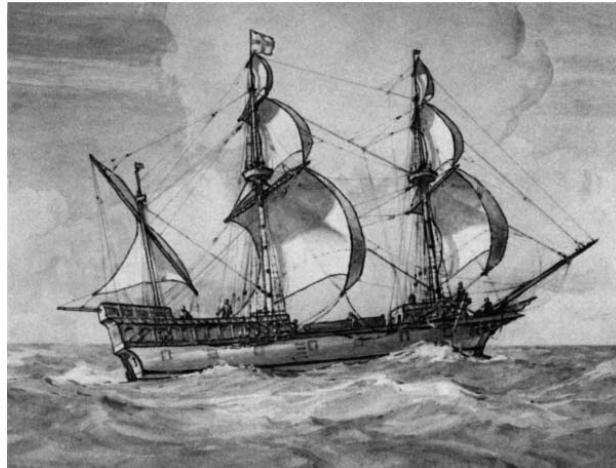
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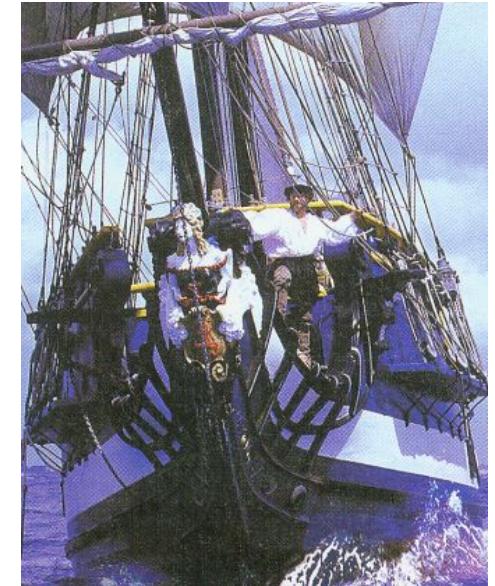
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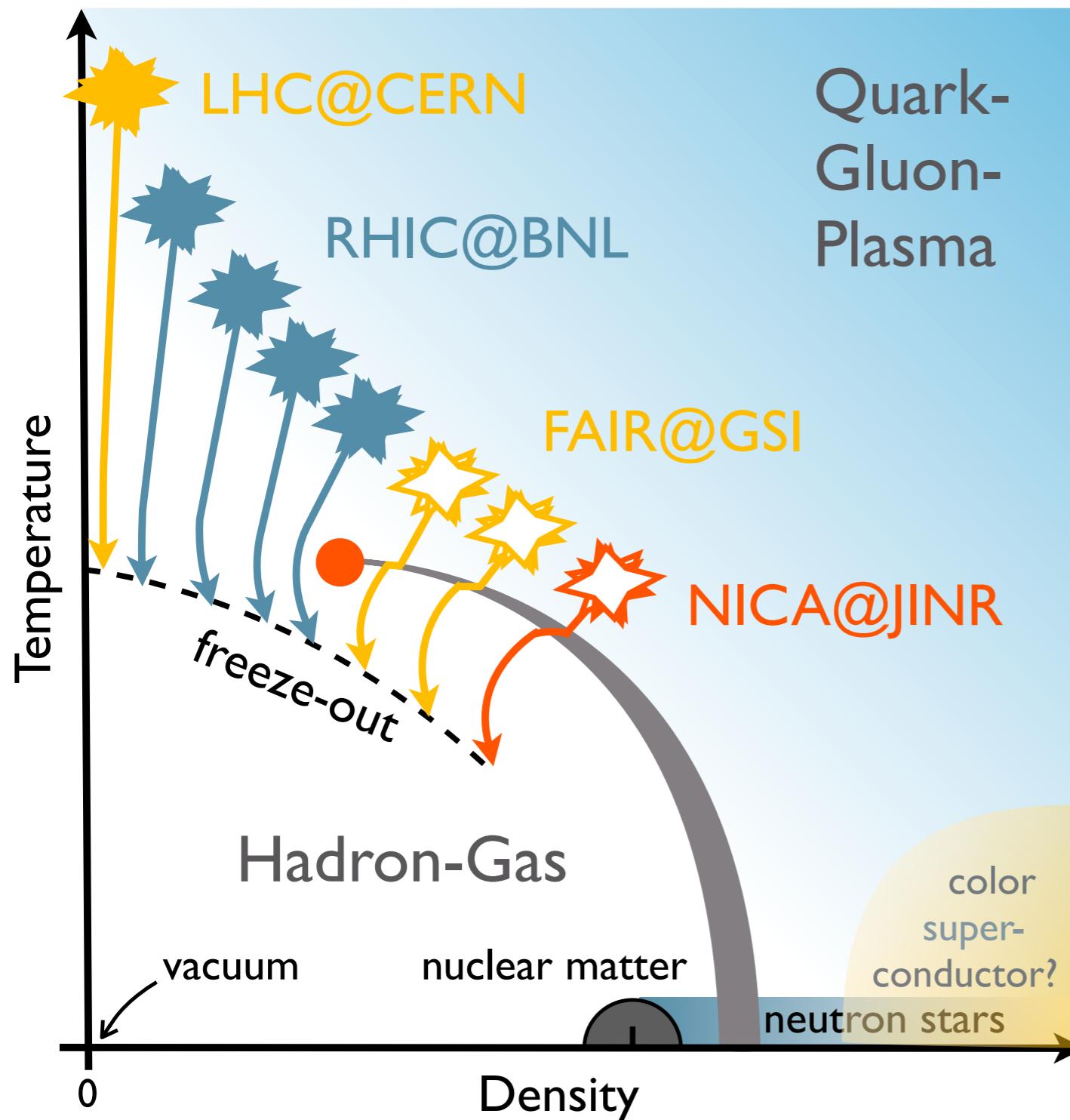


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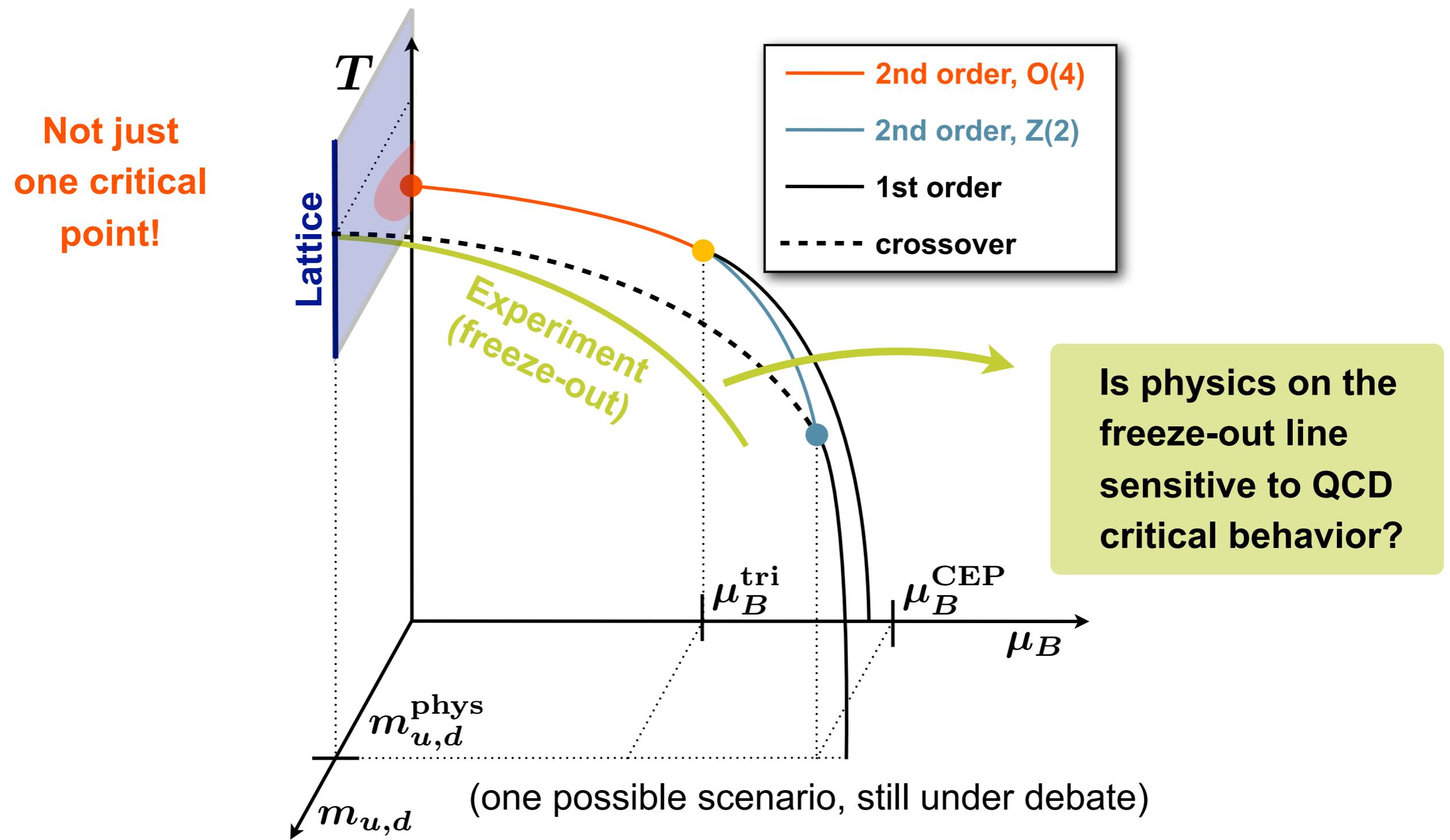


- The QCD phase diagram is extensively studied by heavy ion collisions (HIC)
- The QCD equation of state (EoS) is essential input to hydrodynamic modeling of HIC
- Hadronic abundances and fluctuations are measured at freeze-out

Lattice QCD can provide both, the EoS and fluctuations of conserved charges at small  $\mu_B/T$

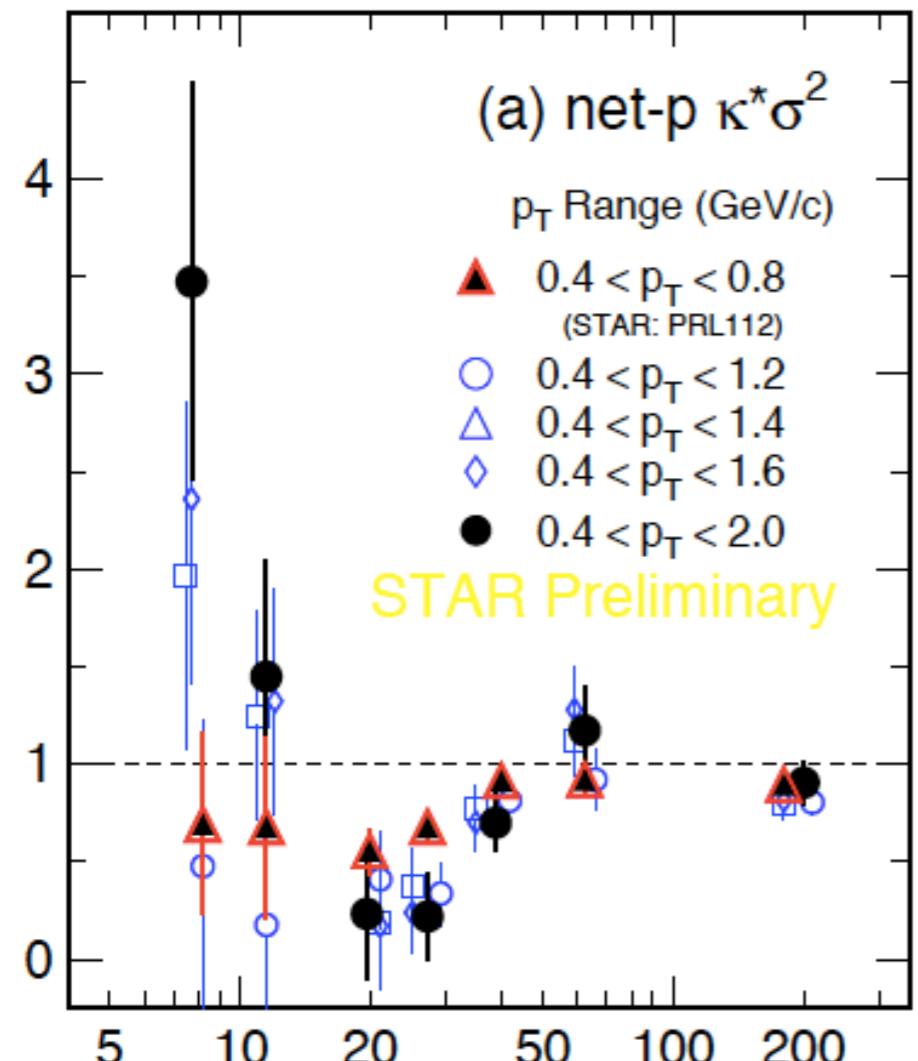
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## Quark mass dependance of the phase diagram:



# Beam Energy Scan at RHIC

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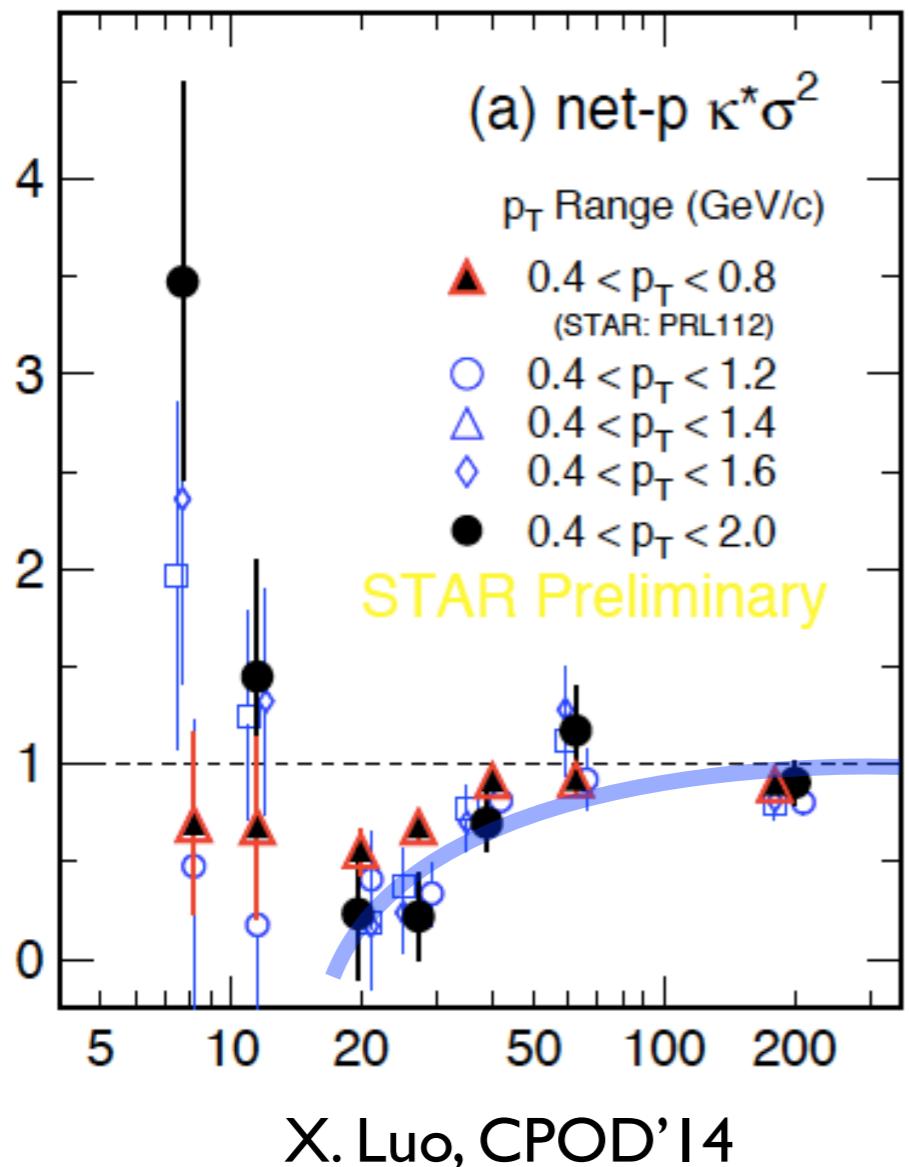
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**How far do we get with a low order  
Taylor expansion?**

# Big obstacle on the lattice: the sign problem

- The QCD partition function

$$\begin{aligned} Z(V, T, \mu) &= \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \exp\{-S_F(U, \psi, \bar{\psi}) - \beta S_G(U)\} \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U \det[M](U, \mu) \exp\{-\beta S_G(U)\} \end{aligned}$$

complex for  $\mu > 0$

can not be interpreted  
as probability

we find:  $[\det M(\mu)]^* = \det M(-\mu^*)$

→ determinant is real only for

$$\mu = 0 \text{ or } \mu = i\mu_I$$

Here we follow the Taylor expansion approach, all quantities are expanded in  $\mu/T$ , at fixed  $T$ .

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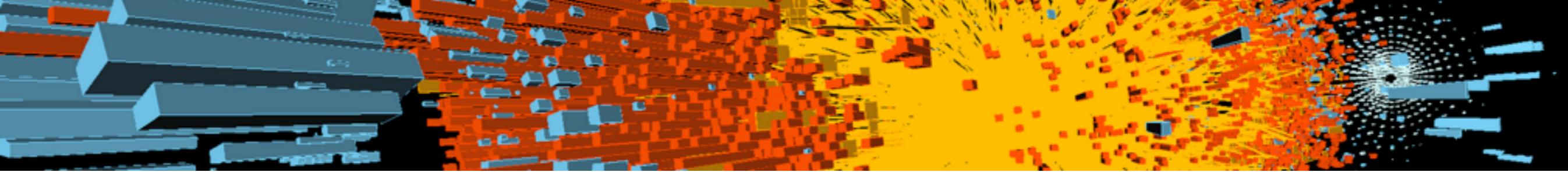
## 2) Taylor expansion of the equation of state

- definitions, state-of-the-art, convergence estimate
- constraints: strangeness neutrality, constant baryon number to electric charge ratio

## 2) Cumulant ratios at nonzero baryon number density

- expressing  $\mu_B/T$  by  $M_B/\sigma_B^2$
- RHIC data vs. QCD equilibrium thermodynamics

## 3) Conclusions and Summary



# Taylor expansion of the pressure

# Conserved charge fluctuations

Expansion of the pressure:

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!j!k!} \chi_{ijk,0}^{BQS} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$

$X = B, Q, S$ : conserved charges

## Lattice

$$\chi_n^X = \frac{\partial^n [p/T^4]}{\partial (\mu_X/T)^n} \Big|_{\mu_X=0}$$

generalized susceptibilities

⇒ only at  $\mu_X = 0$ !

## Experiment

$$\begin{aligned} VT^3 \chi_2^X &= \langle (\delta N_X)^2 \rangle \\ VT^3 \chi_4^X &= \langle (\delta N_X)^4 \rangle - 3 \langle (\delta N_X)^2 \rangle^2 \\ VT^3 \chi_6^X &= \langle (\delta N_X)^4 \rangle \\ &\quad - 15 \langle (\delta N_X)^4 \rangle \langle (\delta N_X)^2 \rangle \\ &\quad + 30 \langle (\delta N_X)^2 \rangle^3 \end{aligned}$$

cumulants of net-charge fluctuations

$$\delta N_X \equiv N_X - \langle N_X \rangle$$

⇒ only at freeze-out ( $\mu_f(\sqrt{s}), T_f(\sqrt{s})$ )!

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consider cumulant ratios to eliminate the freeze-out volume

## Lattice

$$\frac{\chi_1^X(\mu_B, T)}{\chi_2^X(\mu_B, T)}$$

=

$$\frac{M_X}{\sigma_X^2}$$

$$\frac{\chi_3^X(\mu_B, T)}{\chi_2^X(\mu_B, T)}$$

=

$$S_X \sigma_X$$

$$\frac{\chi_4^X(\mu_B, T)}{\chi_2^X(\mu_B, T)}$$

=

$$\kappa_X \sigma_X^2$$

## Experiment

$M :=$  mean

$\sigma^2 :=$  variance

$S :=$  skewness

$\kappa :=$  kurtosis

comparison with

**HRG = Hadron Resonance Gas model:** quite successful in describing hadron yields in HIC

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p^{HRG}}{T^4} &= \sum_{mesons} \ln Z_i^M(T, \mu_Q, \mu_S) + \sum_{baryons} \ln Z_i^B(T, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S) \\ \ln Z_i^{M/B} &= \frac{d_i}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{m_i}{T} \right)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\pm 1)^{k+1}}{k^2} K_2(k m_i / T) \cosh(k(B_i \hat{\mu}_B + Q_i \hat{\mu}_Q + S_i \hat{\mu}_S)) \\ &\simeq \frac{d_i}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{m_i}{T} \right)^2 K_2(m_i / T) \cosh(B_i \hat{\mu}_B + Q_i \hat{\mu}_Q + S_i \hat{\mu}_S) \end{aligned}$$

**Boltzmann approximation:**  $k = 1$ ; recall  $K_2(x) \sim e^{-x} \rightarrow$  good except for pions

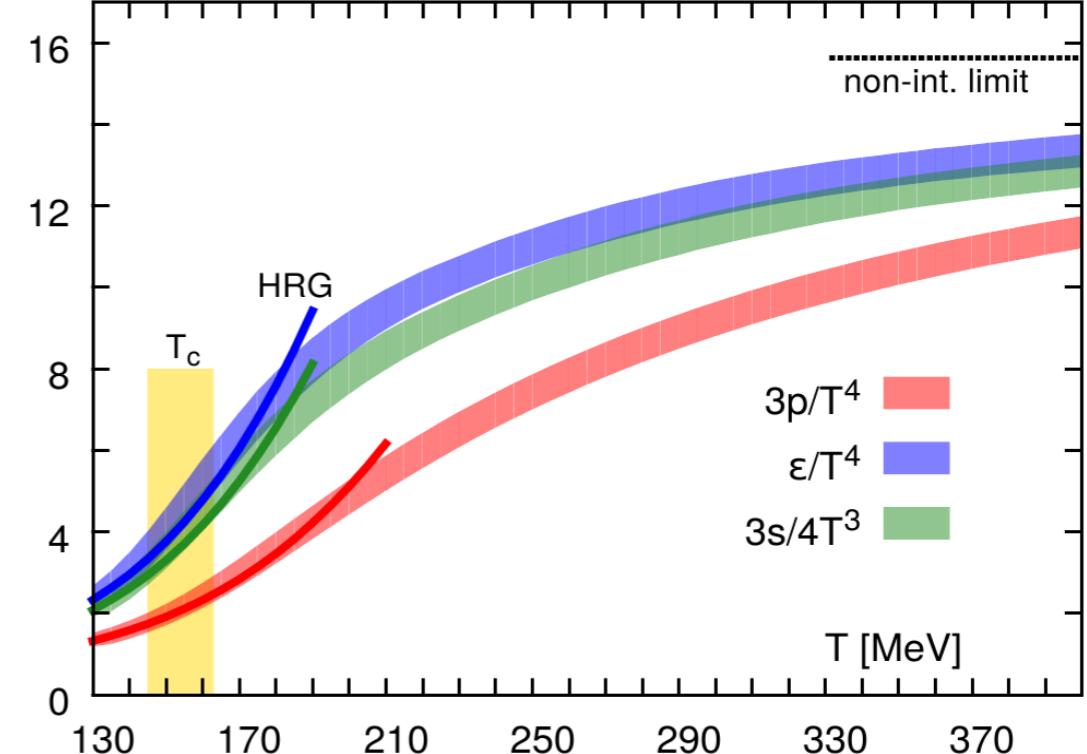
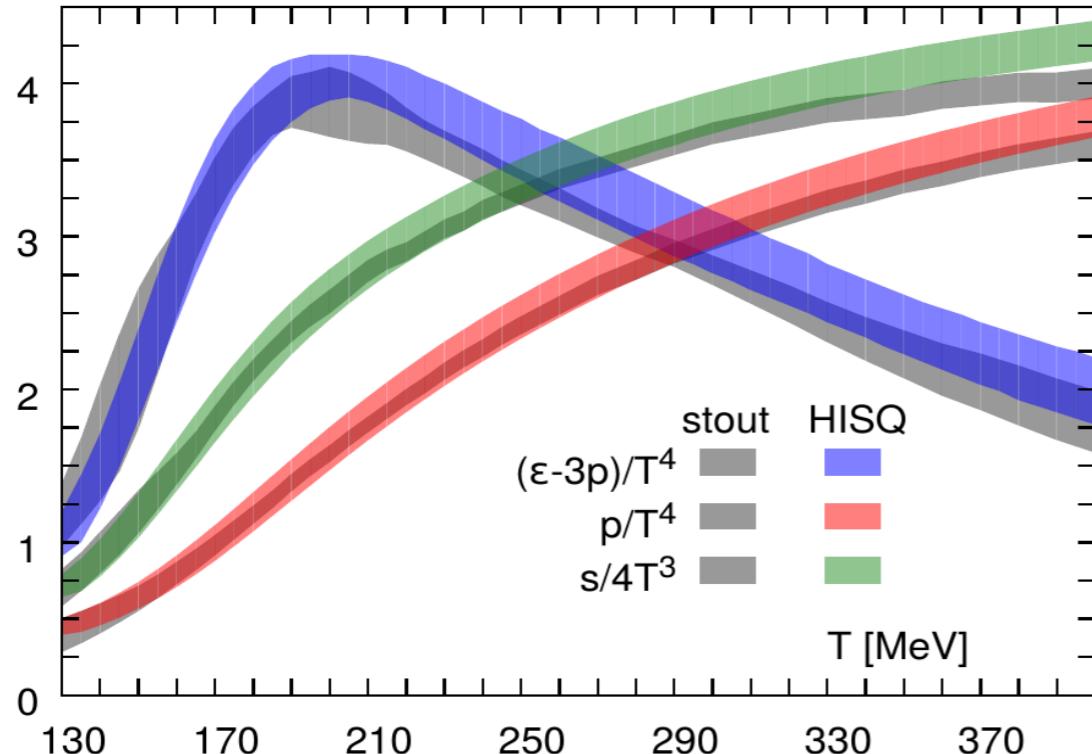
$\Rightarrow$  fluctuations as e.g.

$$\chi_n^B|_{\vec{\mu}=0} \sim \sum_{baryons i} B_i^n K_2(m_i / T) \simeq K_2(m_i / T)$$

# State-of-the-art equation of state for (2+1)-flavor

pressure  $p$ , energy density  $\varepsilon$  and entropy density  $s$ , at  $\mu_B = \mu_Q = \mu_S = 0$ :

Bazavov et al. [HotQCD], Phys. Rev. D90 (2014) 094503.



- improves over earlier HotQCD calculation Bazavov et al. [HotQCD], Phys. Rev. D80 (2009) 014504.
- consistent with results from Budapest-Wuppertal (stout) S. Borsanyi et al. [WB] Phys. Lett. B730 (2014) 99

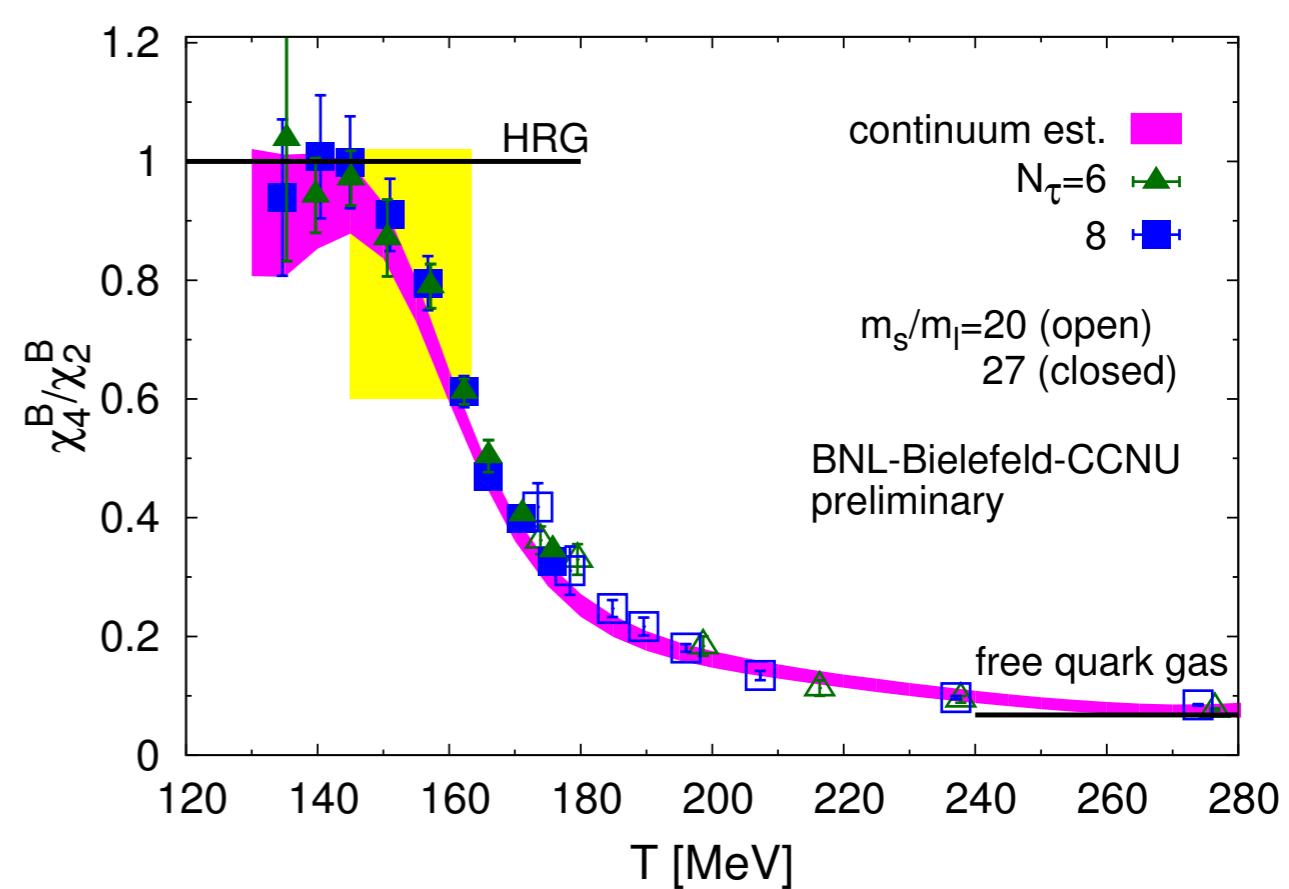
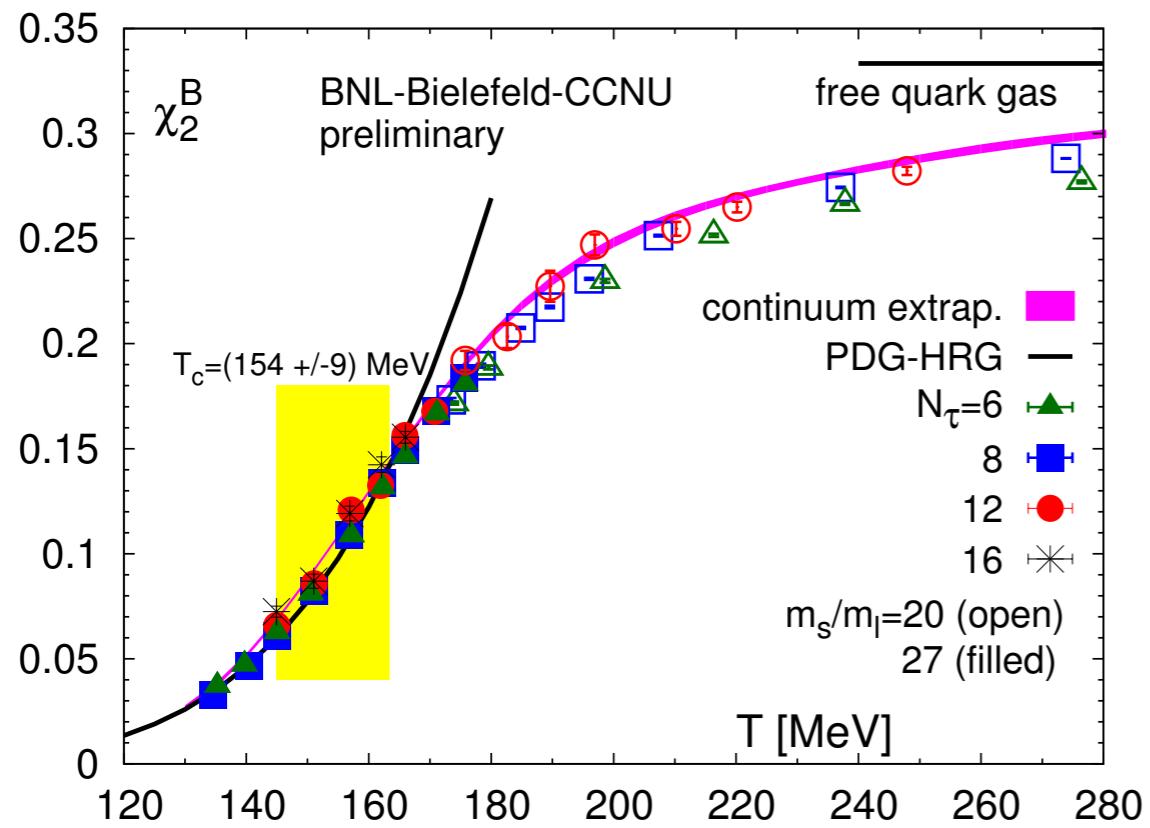
- up to the crossover region the QCD EoS agrees well with the HRG EoS, however, QCD results are systematically above HRG
- ⇒ evidence for additional hadronic states?

# The equation of state at $\mu_B > 0$

pressure correction due to non-vanishing baryon chemical potential:

$$\frac{\Delta p(T, \mu_B)}{T^4} = \frac{p(T, \mu_B) - p(T, 0)}{T^4} = \frac{1}{2} \chi_2^B \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{12} \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2} \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 + \dots \right)$$

**LO:** variance of baryon number fluctuation



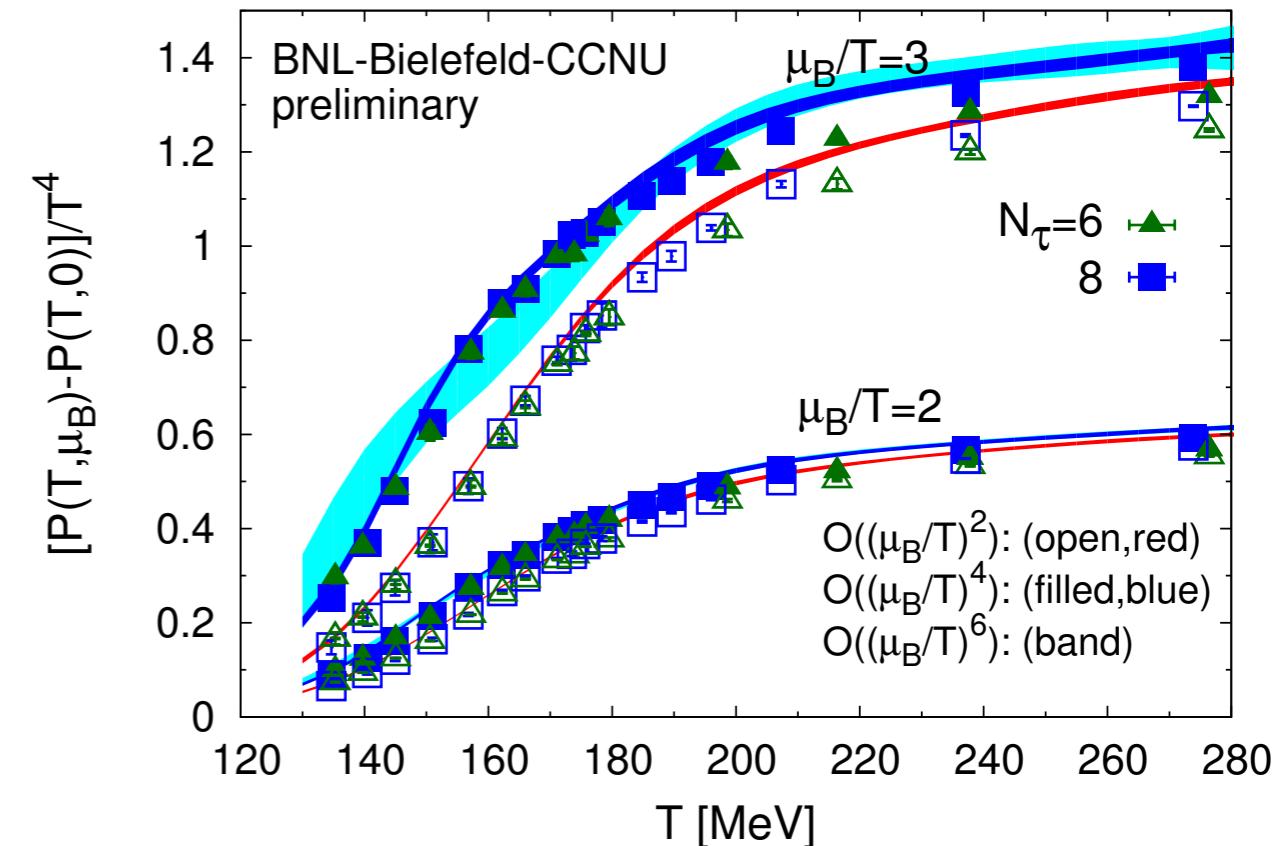
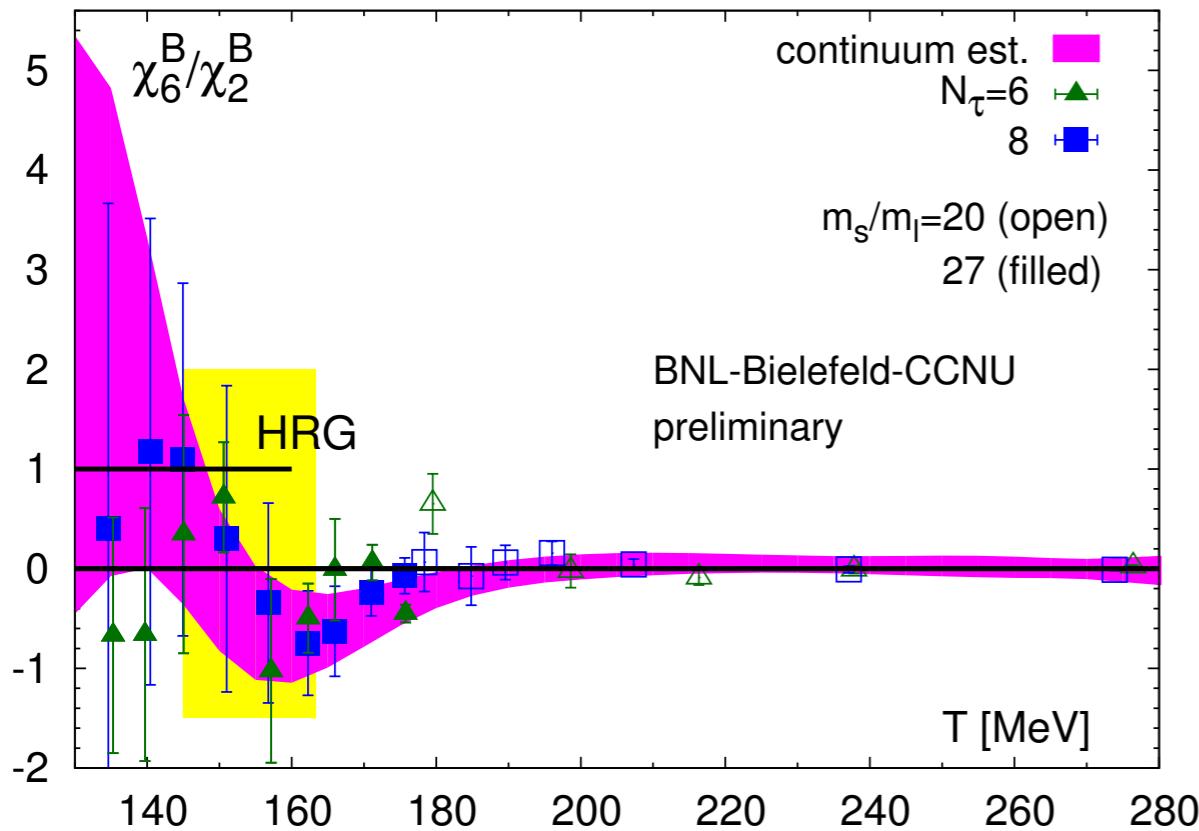
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NNLO

total pressure corrections:



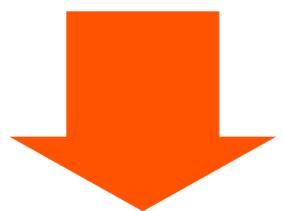
⇒ pressure is well controlled for  $\mu_B/T \leq 2$  or equivalently  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 12$  GeV

# Introducing $\mu_S > 0$ and $\mu_Q > 0$

Apply: initial conditions as in HIC

- **strangeness neutrality:**  $\langle N_S \rangle = 0$
- **isospin assymetry:**  $\langle N_Q \rangle = r \langle N_B \rangle$

$r \approx 0.4$   
for Au-Au  
and Pb-Pb



expand in powers of  $\mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S$   
solve for  $\mu_Q, \mu_S$

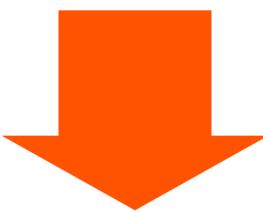
$$\mu_Q(T, \mu_B) = q_1(T) \hat{\mu}_B + q_3(T) \hat{\mu}_B^3$$

$$\mu_S(T, \mu_B) = s_1(T) \hat{\mu}_B + s_3(T) \hat{\mu}_B^3$$

LO

NLO

$$\hat{\mu}_B = \mu_B/T$$



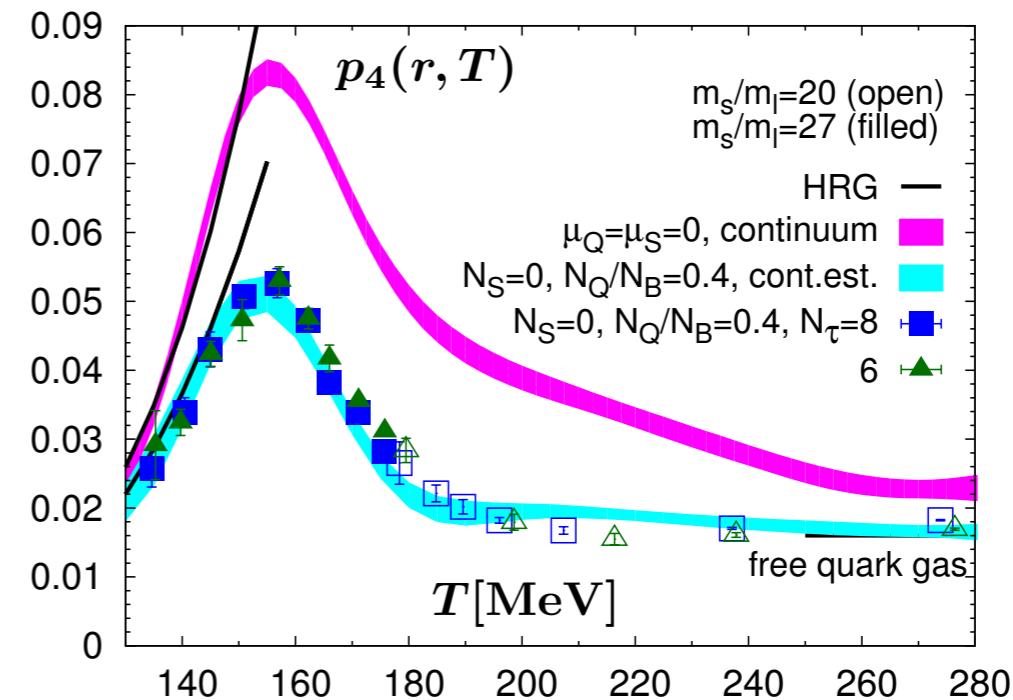
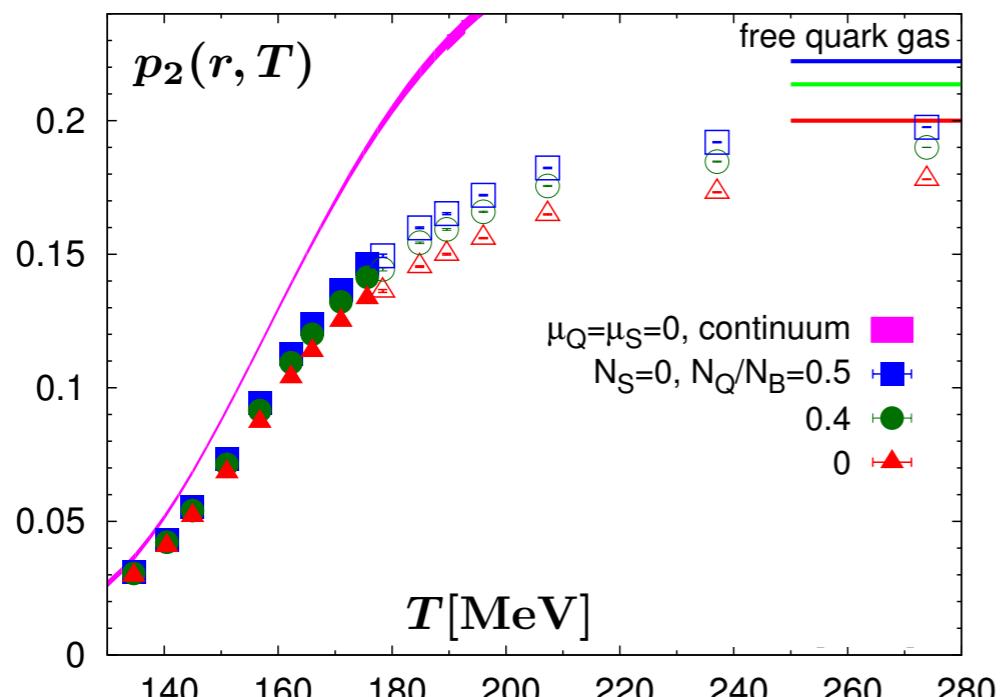
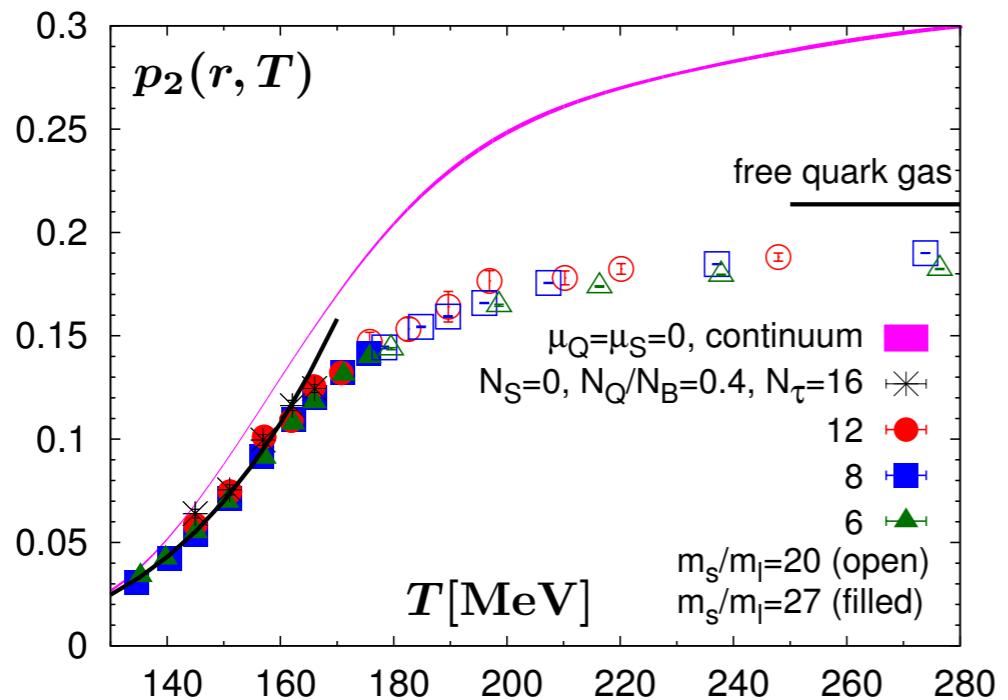
define strangeness neutral  
coefficients  $p_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta p}{T^4} &= \frac{1}{2} \chi_2^B \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \frac{1}{2} \chi_2^Q \hat{\mu}_Q^2 + \frac{1}{2} \chi_2^S \hat{\mu}_S^2 + \chi_{11}^{BQ} \hat{\mu}_B \hat{\mu}_Q + \chi_{11}^{BS} \hat{\mu}_B \hat{\mu}_S + \chi_{11}^{QS} \hat{\mu}_Q \hat{\mu}_S + \dots \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left( \chi_2^B + \chi_2^Q q_1^2 + \chi_2^S s_1^2 + 2\chi_{11}^{BQ} q_1 + 2\chi_{11}^{BS} s_1 + 2\chi_{11}^{QS} q_1 s_1 \right)}_{p_2} \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Introducing $\mu_S > 0$ and $\mu_Q > 0$

strangeness neutral  
pressure coefficients:

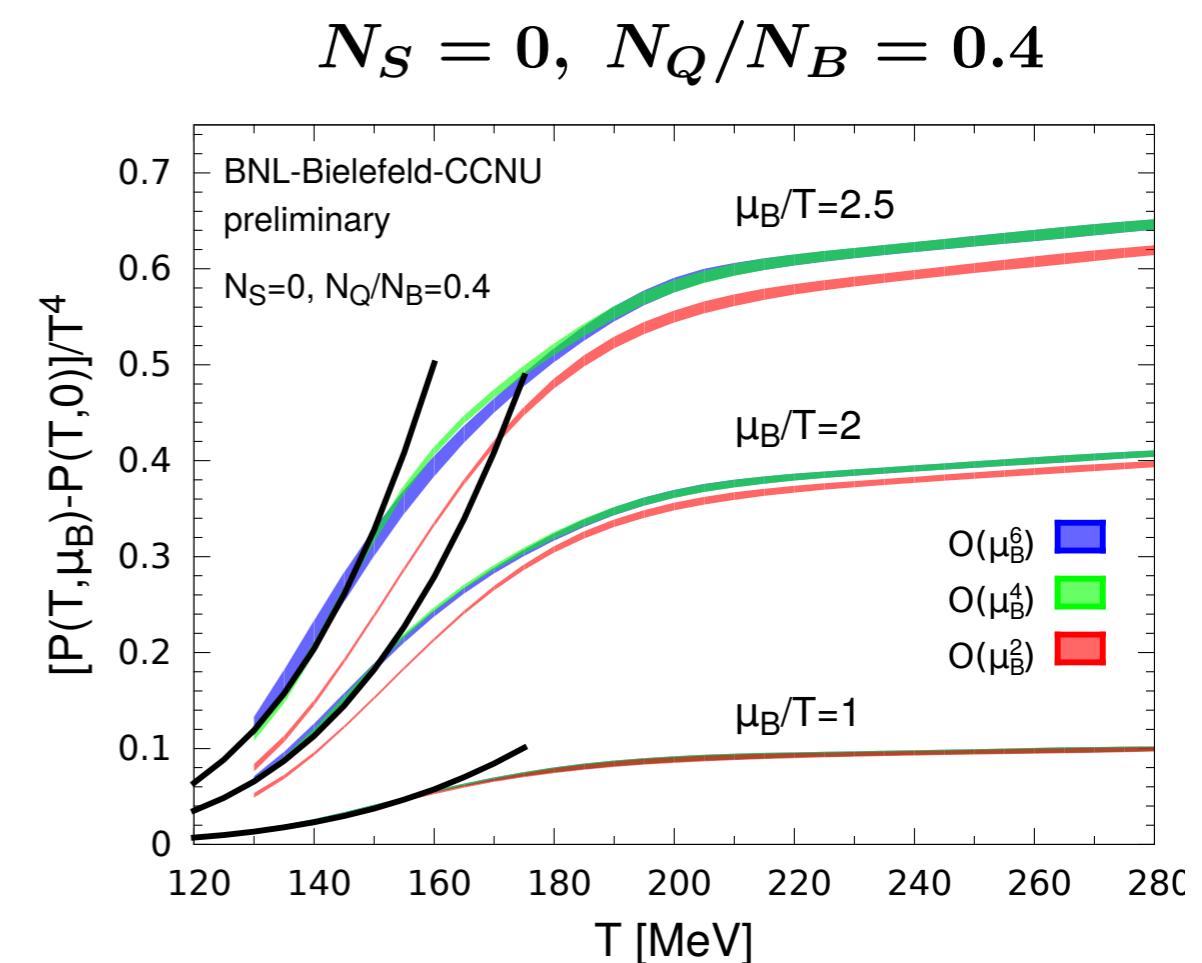
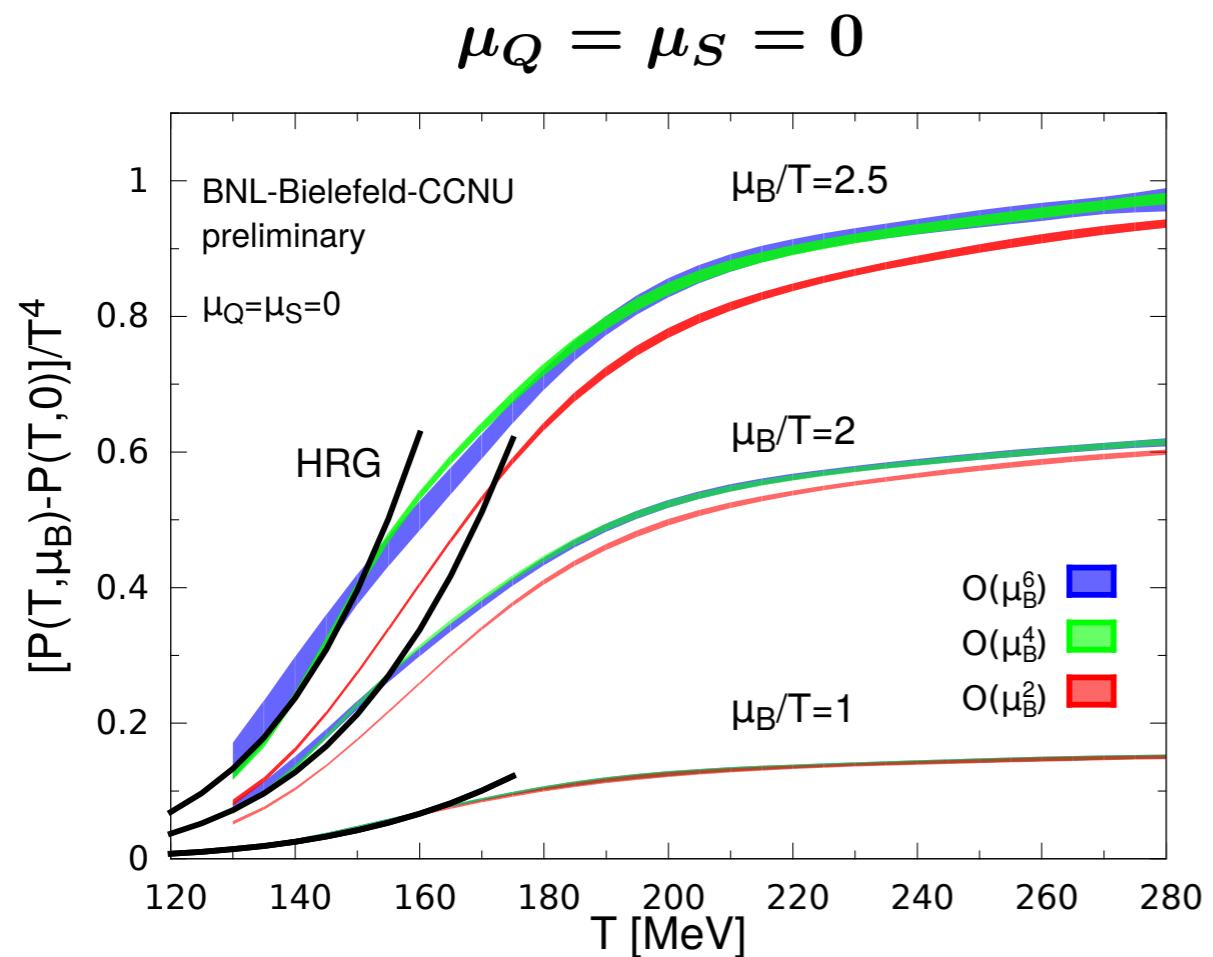
$$\frac{\Delta p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{2} p_2 \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{24} p_4 \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^4 + \dots$$



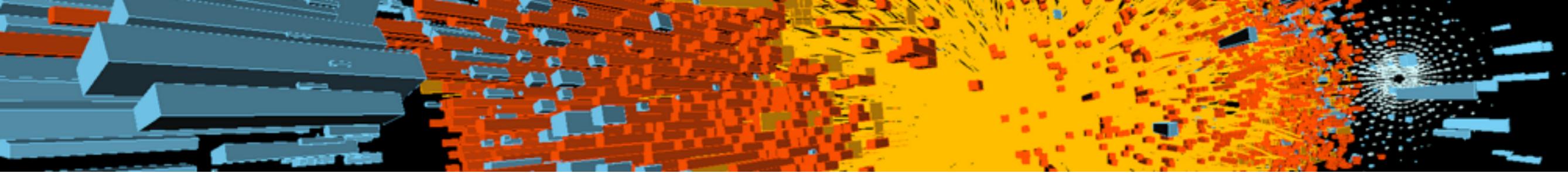
- considerable strangeness dependence
- mild isospin dependence

# Introducing $\mu_S > 0$ and $\mu_Q > 0$

total pressure corrections (comparison):



- note scale difference



## Cumulant ratios at $\mu_B > 0$

# Conserved charge fluctuations and freeze-out

expanding ratios of baryon number fluctuations:

$$\frac{M_B}{\sigma_B^2} = \frac{\mu_B}{T} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2}$$

$$S_B \sigma_B = \frac{\mu_B}{T} \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\chi_6^B}{\chi_4^B} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2}$$

$$\kappa_B \sigma_B^2 = \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\chi_6^B}{\chi_4^B} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^2}$$

- in QCD all the ratios  $\chi_{n+2}^B/\chi_n^B$  are functions of temperature, in HRG they are unity

current simplifications:

- on the left:  $\mu_Q = \mu_S = 0$
- approximate freeze-out line by a constant

$$T^f(\mu_B) = T^f(0) \left(1 - \kappa_f (\mu_B/T)^2\right)$$

$$\kappa_f \approx 0$$

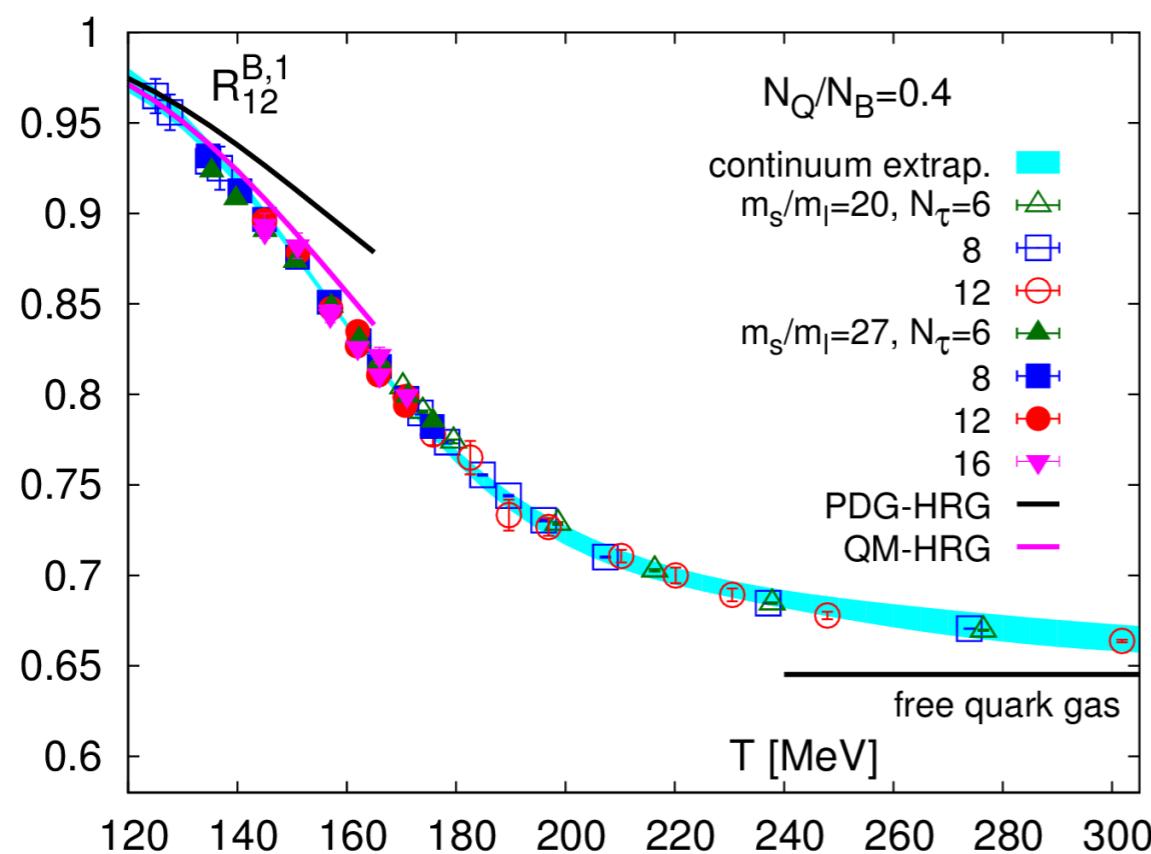
# Conserved charge fluctuations and freeze-out

**Aim for a comparison with RHIC data:**

how to translate  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  into  $\mu_B$  without making further approximations?

→ trick: express all ratios as function of  $M_B/\sigma_B^2 = \chi_1^B/\chi_2^B = R_{12}^B$

- caution: RHIC measures net-proton and not net-baryon number fluctuations
- may use HRG motivated conversion factor:



HRG:

$$R_{12}^P = \tanh(\hat{\mu}_B + \hat{\mu}_Q) = \hat{\mu}_B + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^3)$$

no  $\hat{\mu}_S$ -dependence, neglect  $\hat{\mu}_Q$ -dependence

QCD:

$$R_{12}^B = R_{12}^{B,1} \hat{\mu}_B + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^3)$$

(strangeness neutral,  $r=0.4$ )

⇒ to leading order:  $R_{12}^B/R_{12}^P = R_{12}^{B,1}$

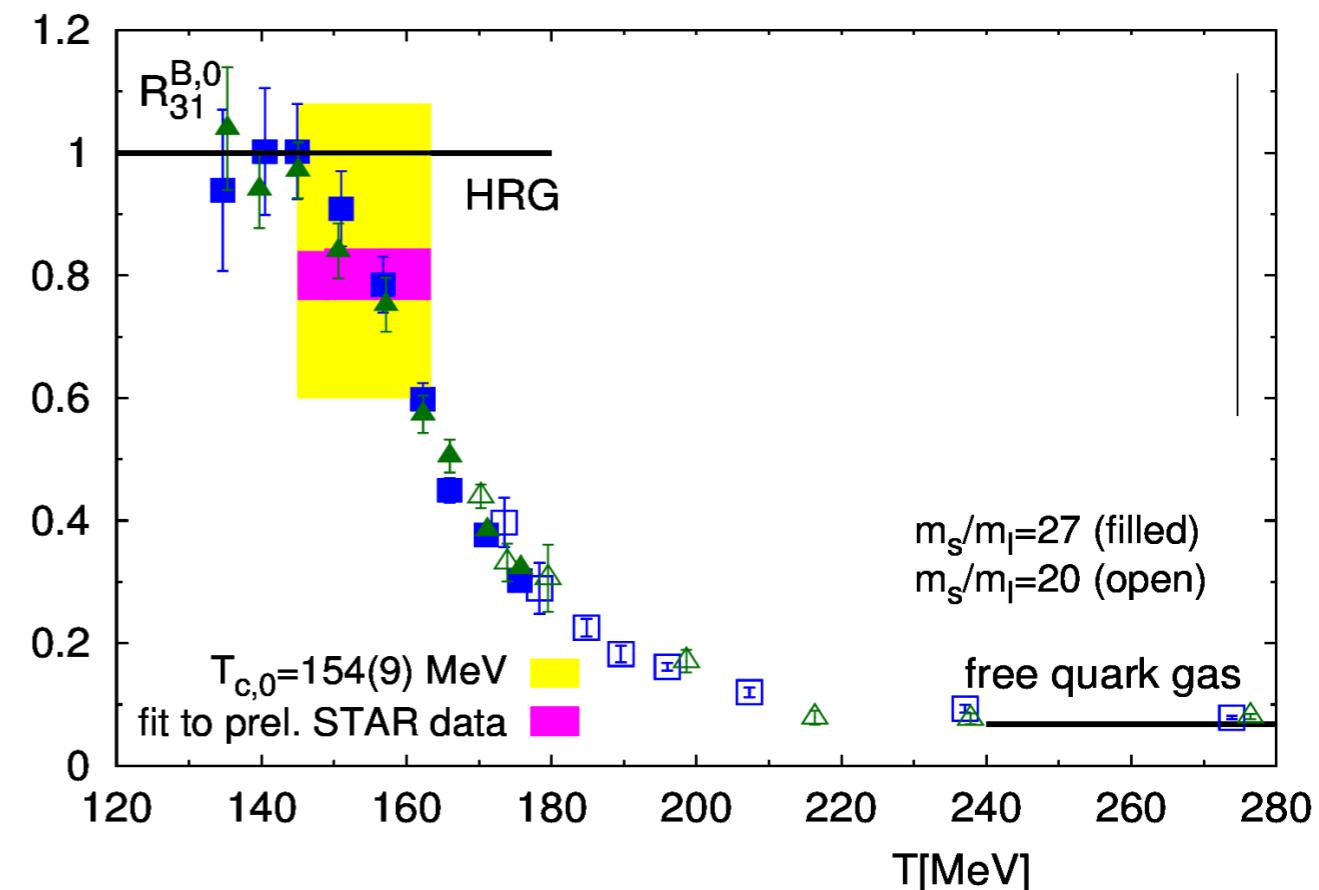
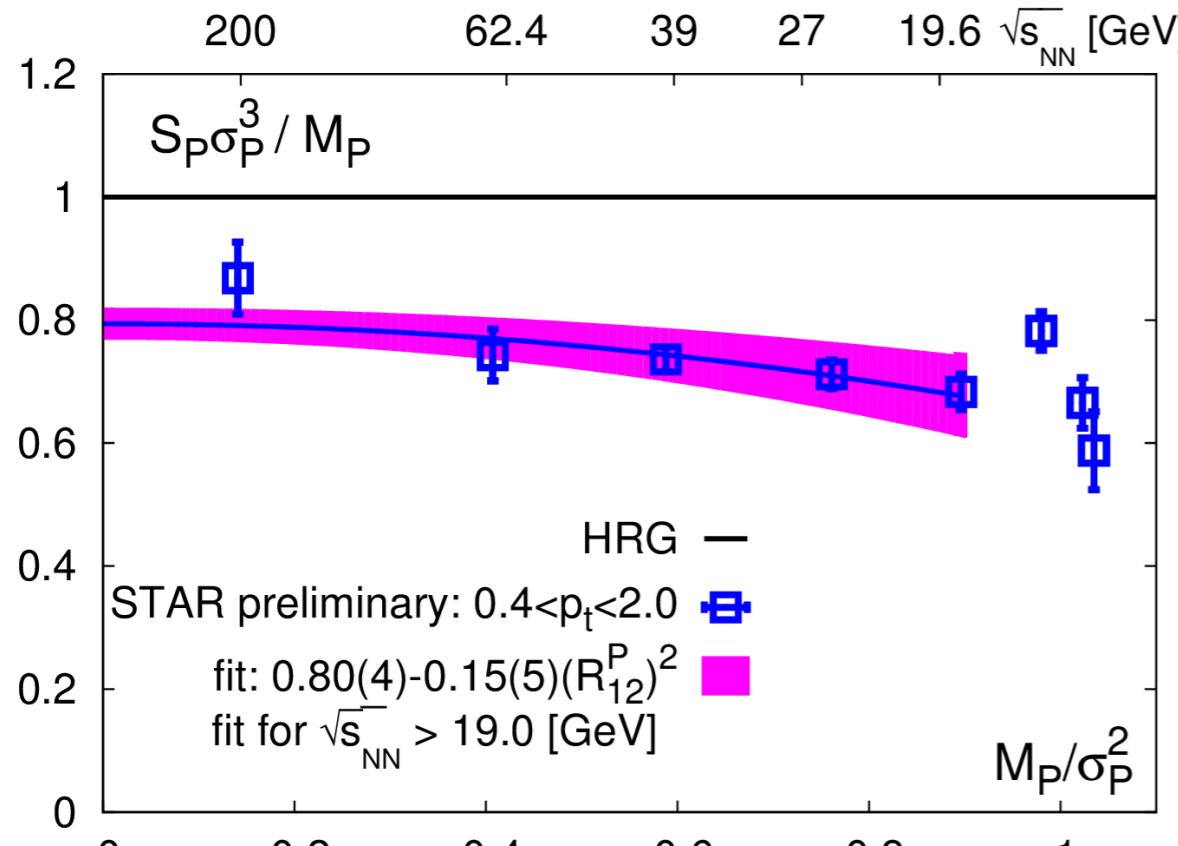
A. Bazavov et al., PRD 93 (2016) 014512

# Skewness at $\mu_B > 0$

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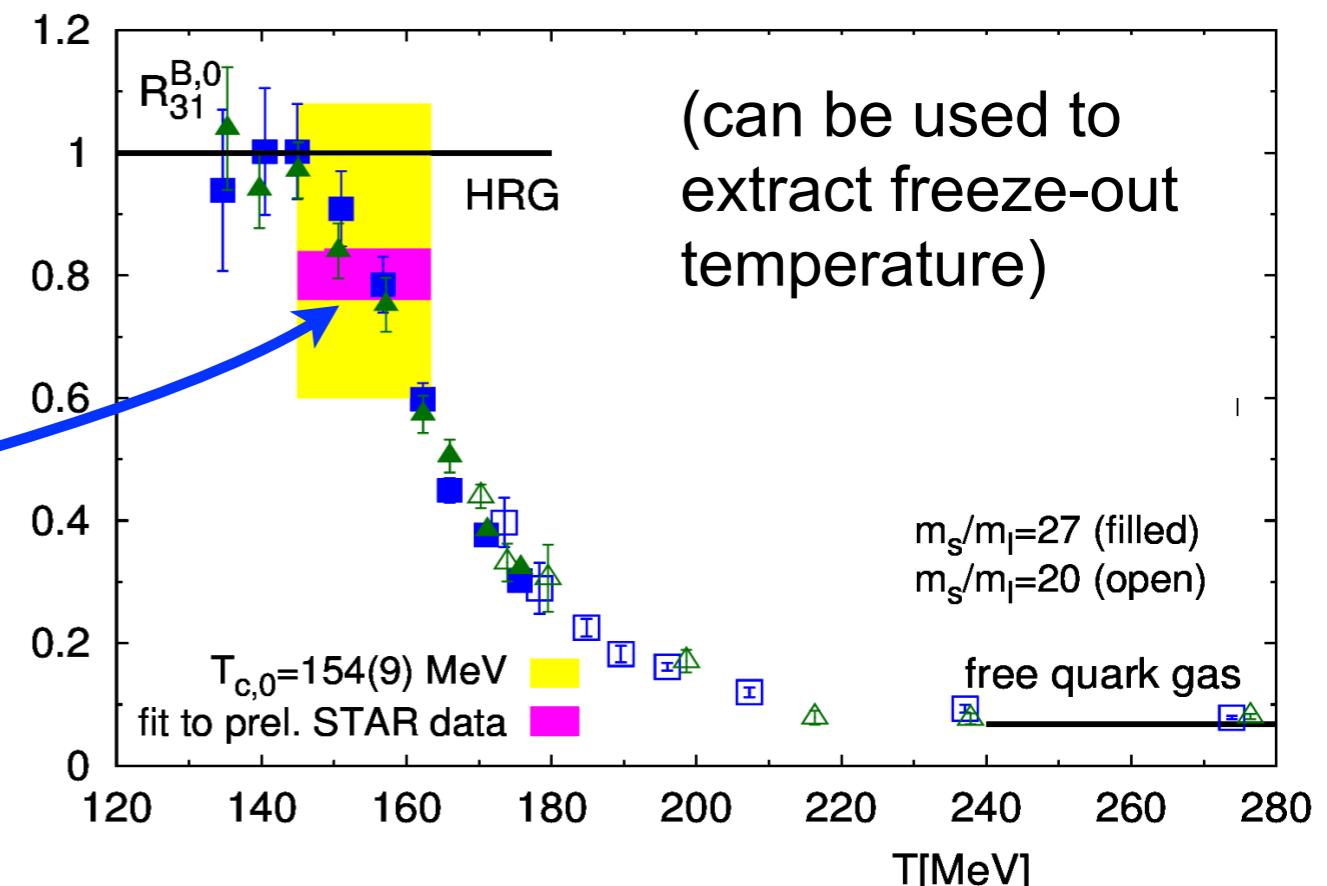
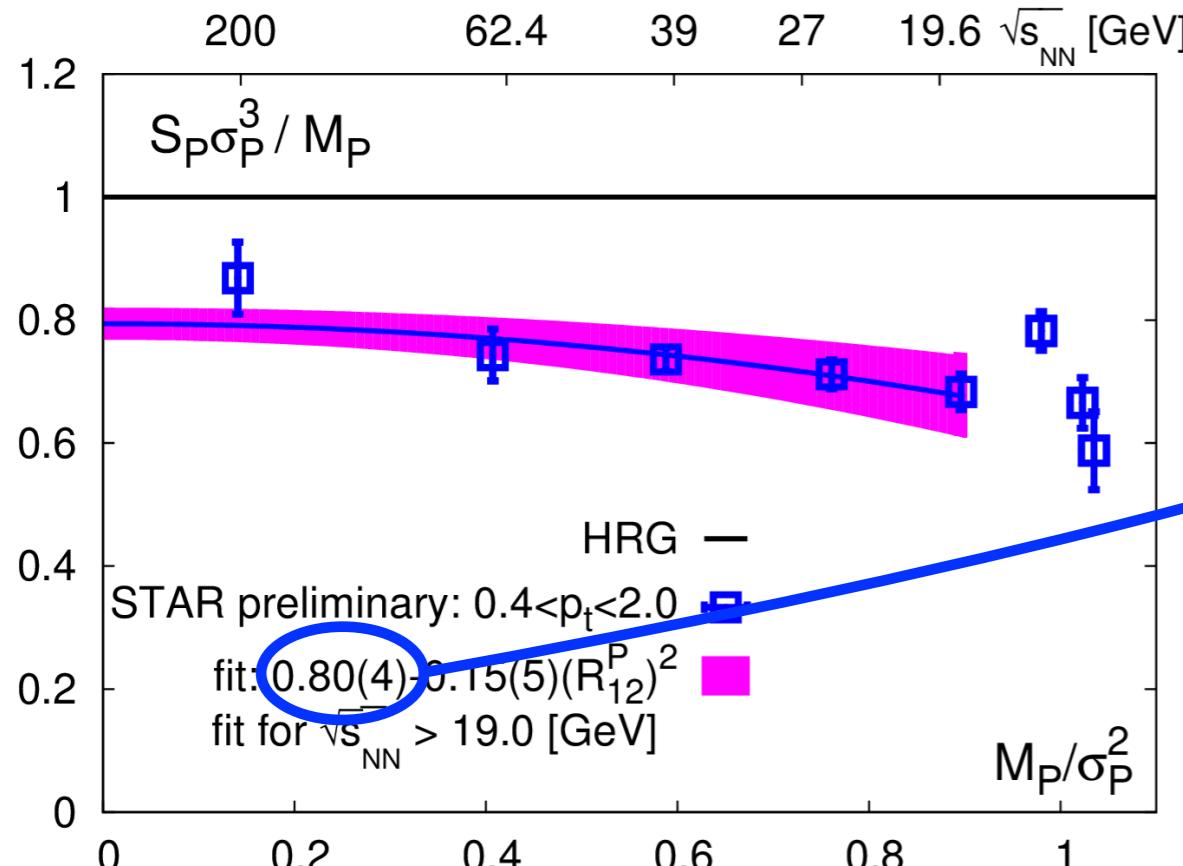
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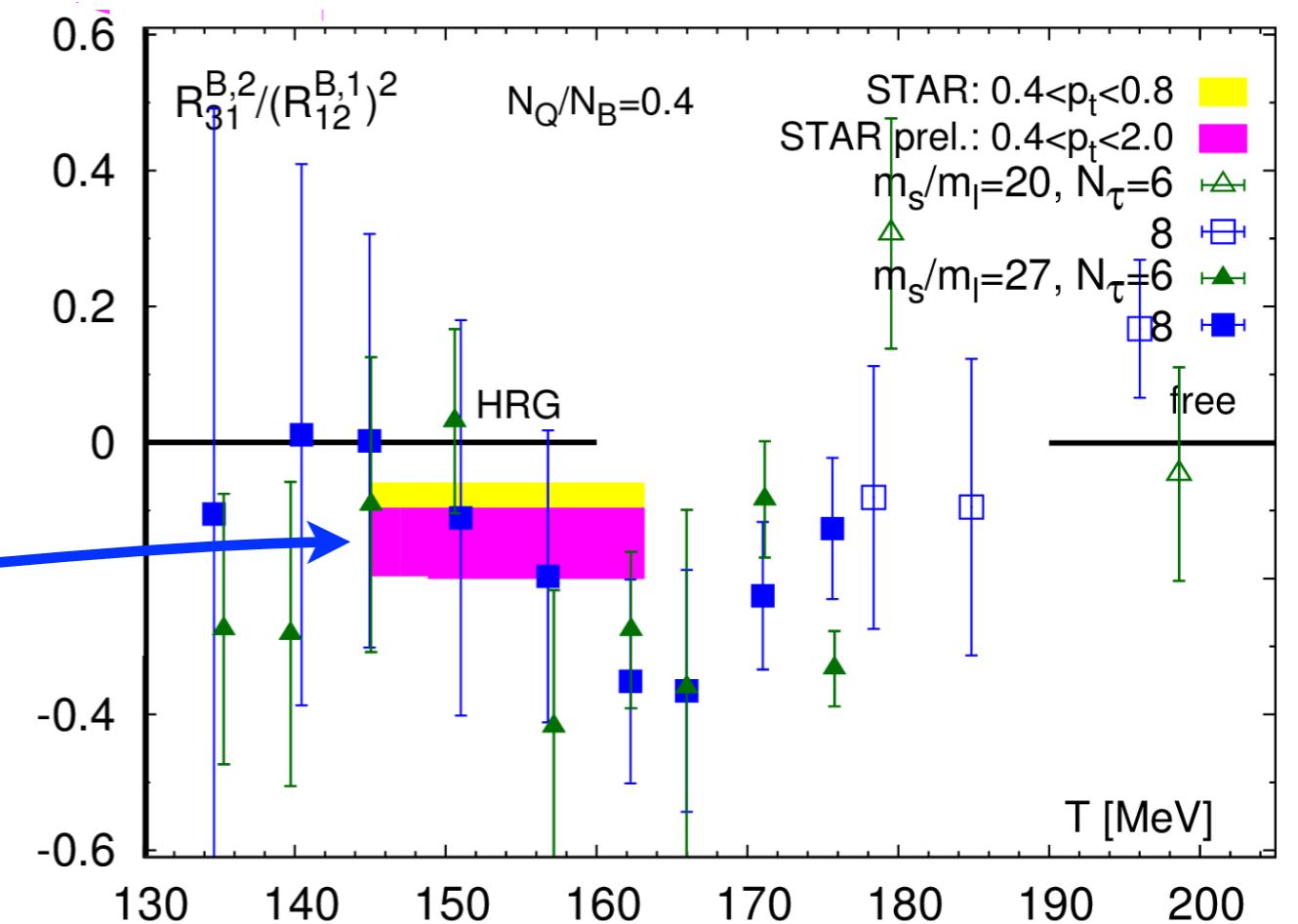
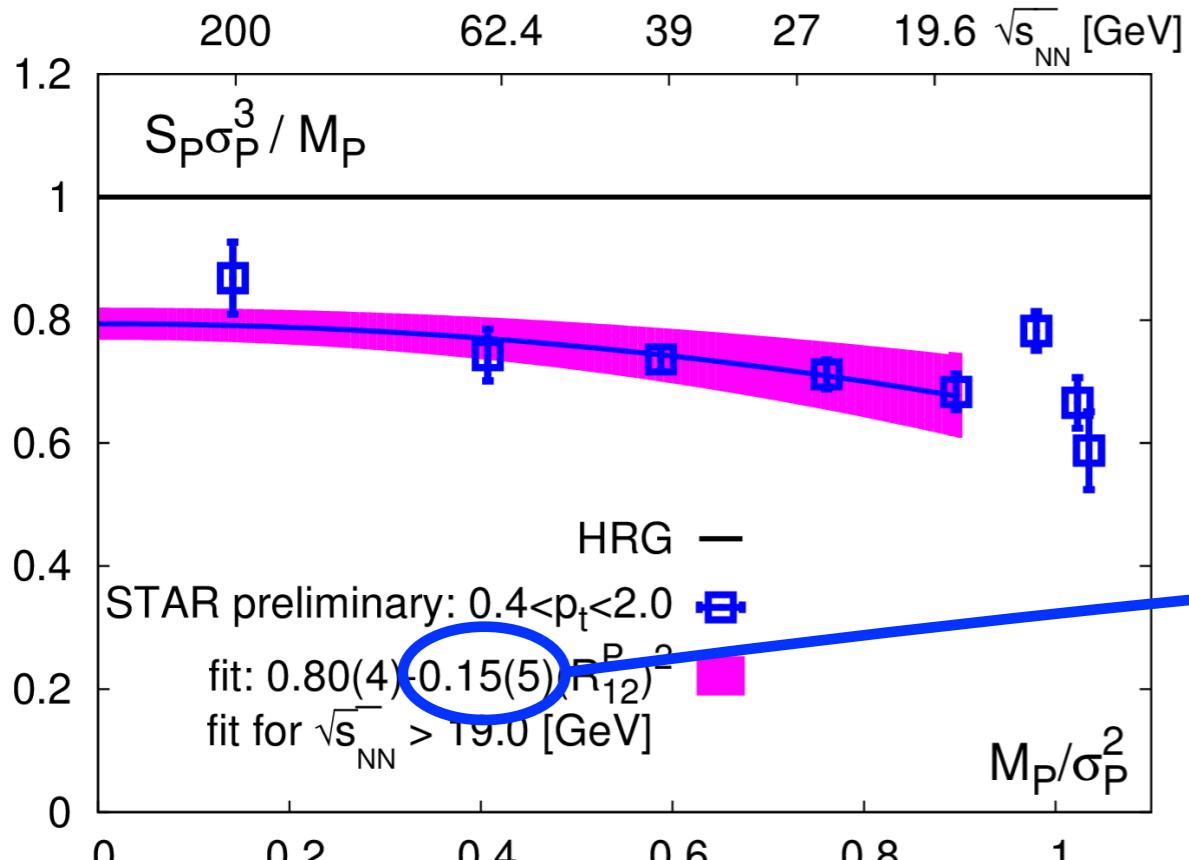
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- intercept consistent with QCD result
- curvature consistent with QCD result (still large statistical error)

# Kurtosis at $\mu_B > 0$

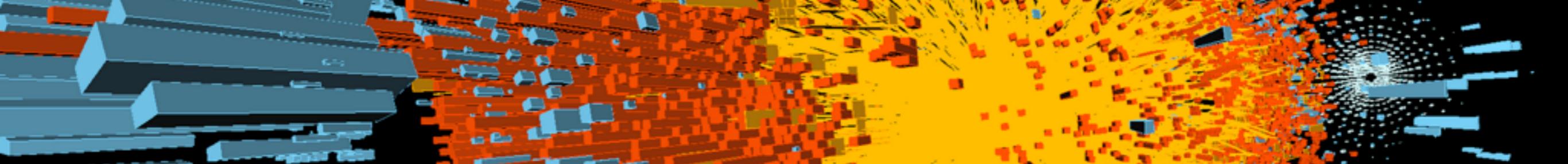


$$R_{42}^B \equiv \kappa_B \sigma_B^2 = R_{42}^{B,0} + \frac{R_{42}^{B,2}}{\left(R_{12}^{B,1}\right)^2} \left(\frac{M_B}{\sigma_B^2}\right)^2 + \dots$$

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- find similar results for the kurtosis, i.e. intercept and curvature are in agreement with QCD results
- especially we find  $\chi_{42}^{B,0} \simeq \chi_{31}^{B,0}$  and  $\chi_{42}^{B,2} \simeq 3\chi_{31}^{B,2}$  (exact for  $\mu_Q = \mu_S = 0$ )  
which is also supported by the RHIC data
- in general: need to understand systematics
  - ▶ non-equilibrium effects (S. Mukherjee et al., arXiv:1506.00645)
  - ▶ proton vs. baryon number fluctuations (M. Kitazawa et al., arXiv:1205.3292, arXiv:1303.3338)
  - ▶ acceptance and pt-cuts (P.Garg et al. arXiv:1304.7133, F. Karsch et al., arXiv:1508.02614, A.Bazdak et al., arXiv:1206.4286)



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- Cumulants of conserved charge fluctuations can be obtained on the lattice and are measured in heavy ion collision. They can be used to infer freeze-out parameter.
- Results on bulk thermodynamics based on Taylor expansion of the QCD partition function are currently well controlled for  $\mu_B/T \leq 2$ , i.e. for  $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 20$  GeV.
- in the range  $20 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$  the pattern seen in the beam energy dependance of up to 4<sup>th</sup> order cumulants of net-proton (baryon) number and electric charge fluctuations can be understood in terms of **QCD equilibrium thermodynamics**.
- QCD equilibrium thermodynamics sets a baseline for the discussion of the systematic effects which have to be taken into account for a more quantitative comparison.