

Complex spectrum of QCD at finite density

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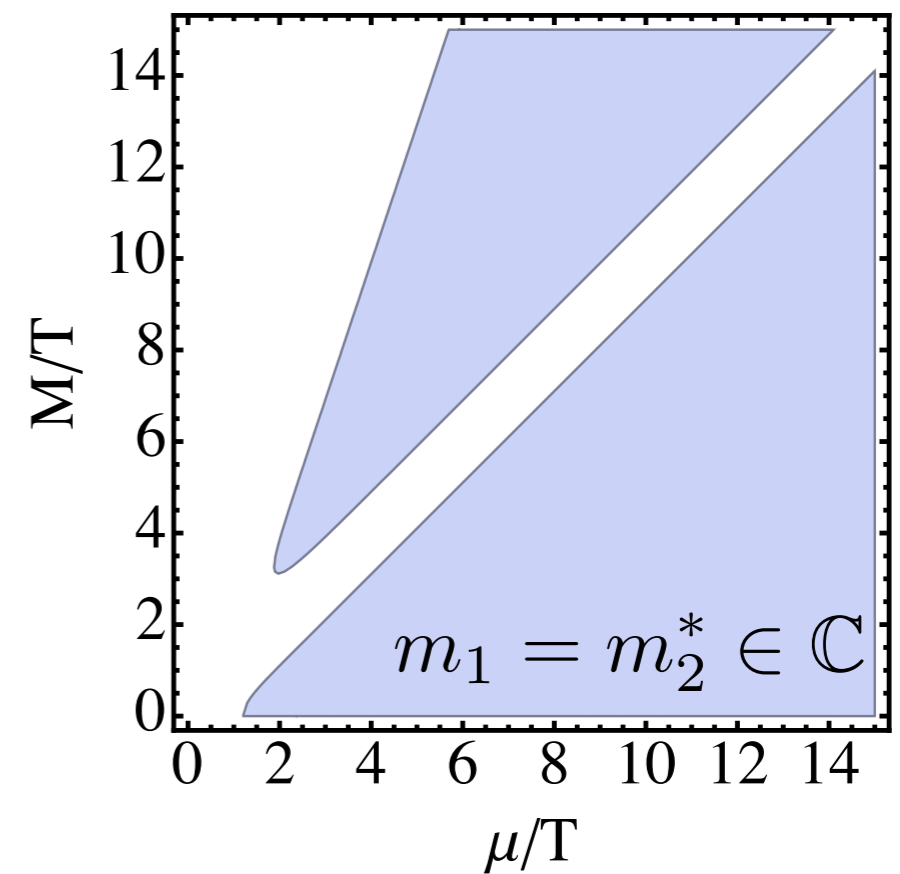
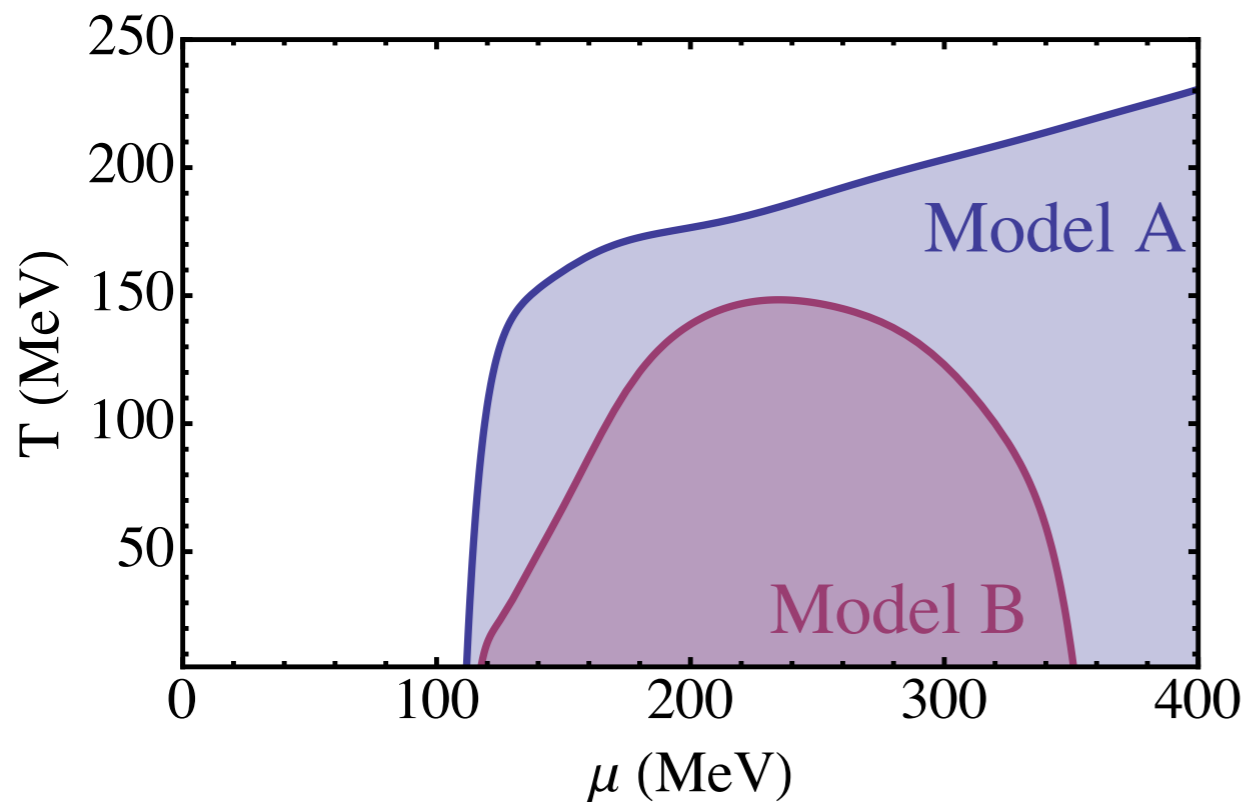
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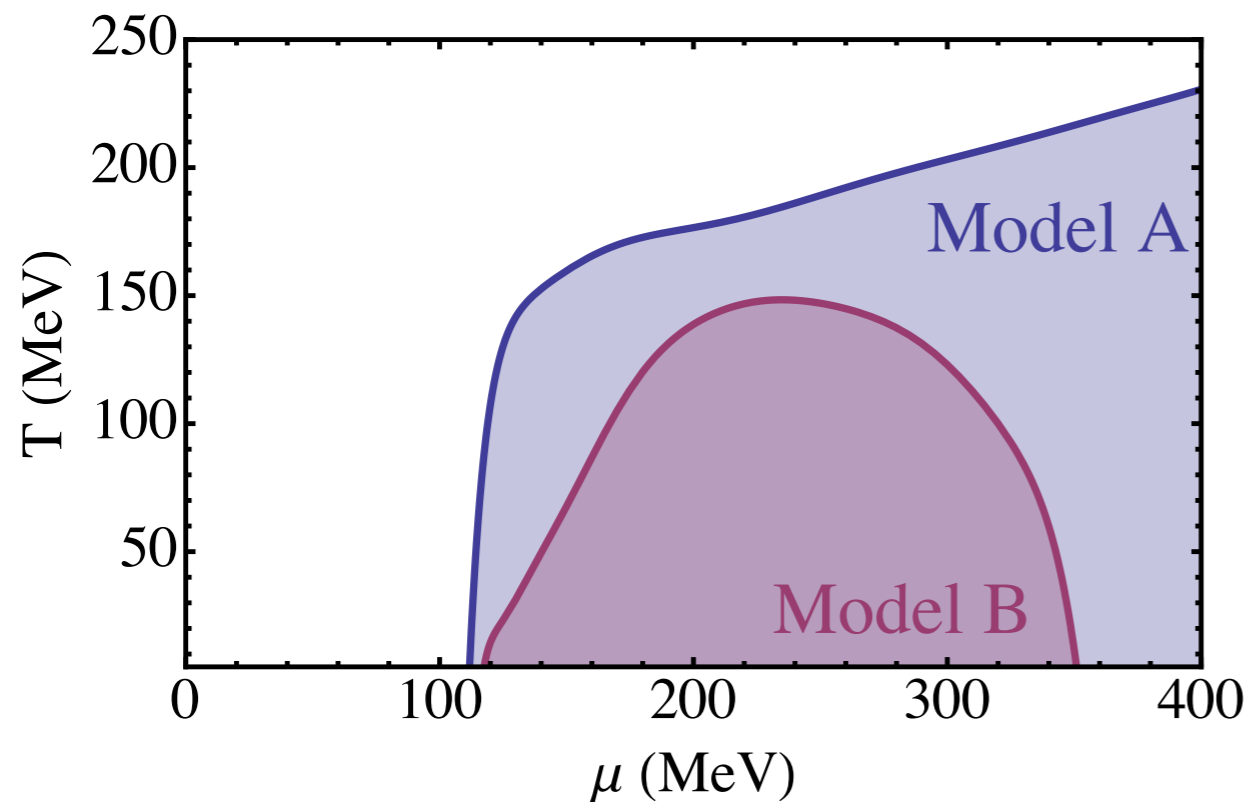
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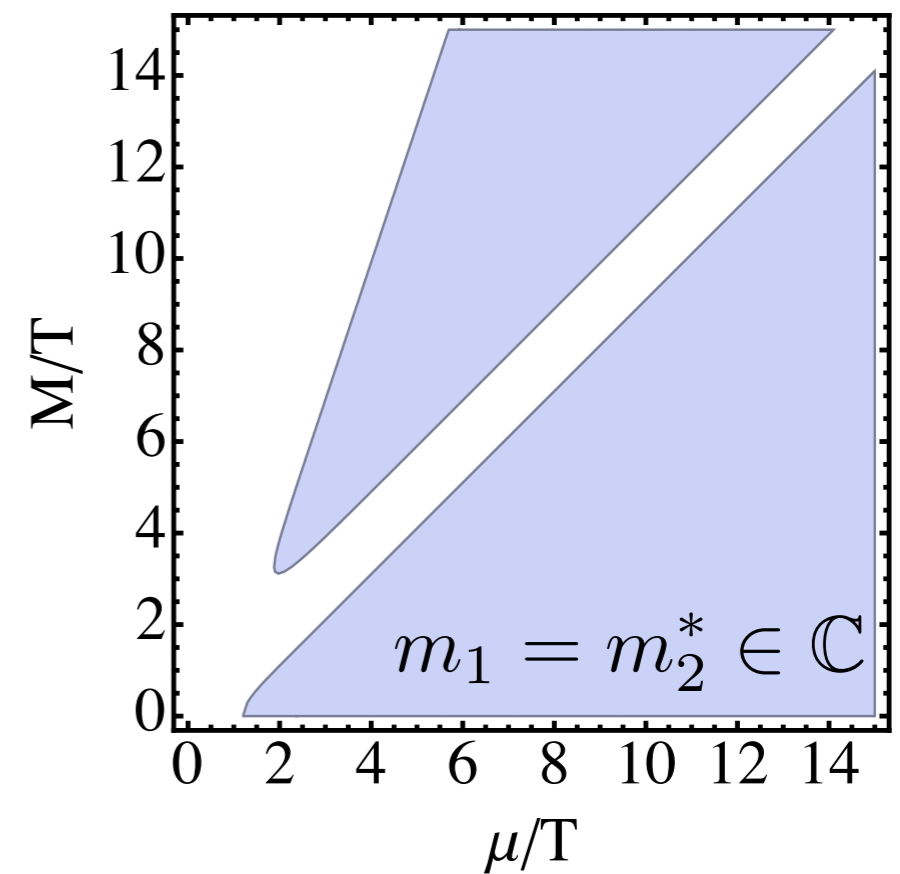
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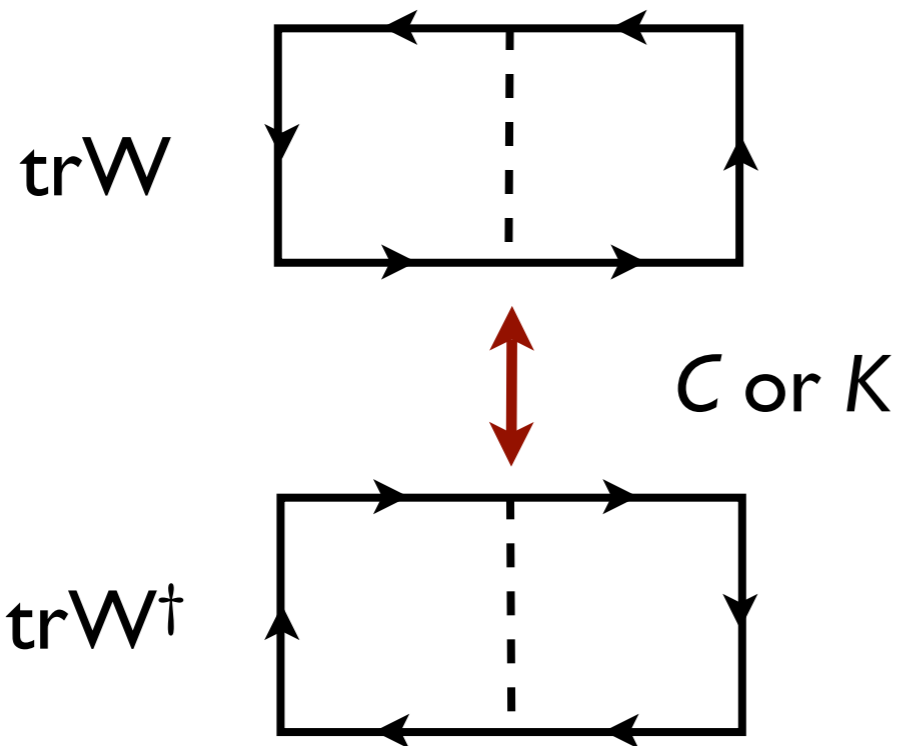
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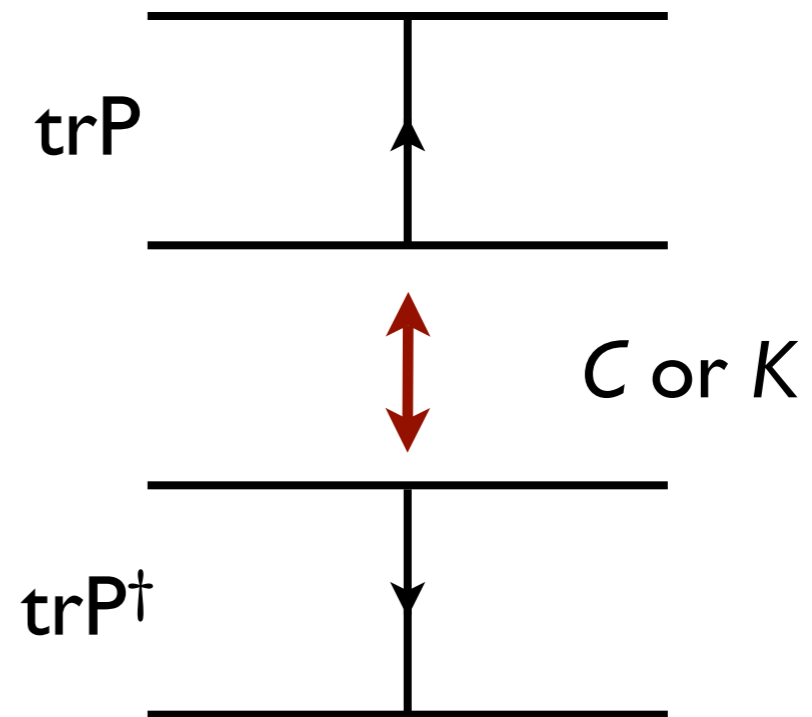
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Sign problem and CK symmetry

- Hopping parameter expansion $\mu = 0$: $\det M(0) = [\det M(0)]^*$



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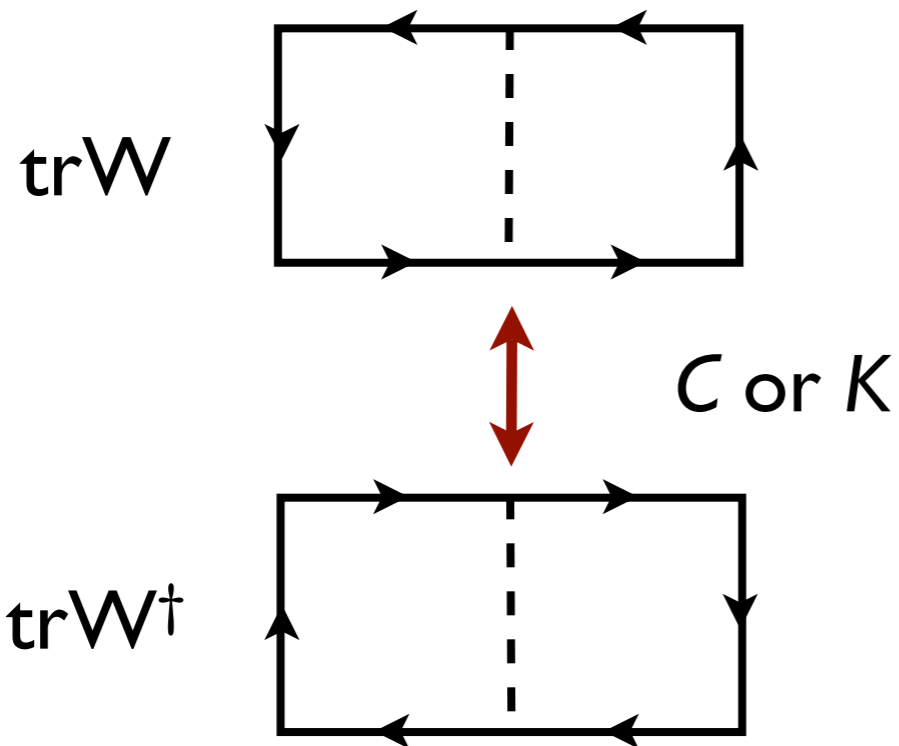


$$P = \mathcal{P}e^{ig \int_0^{1/T} dx_4 A_4}$$

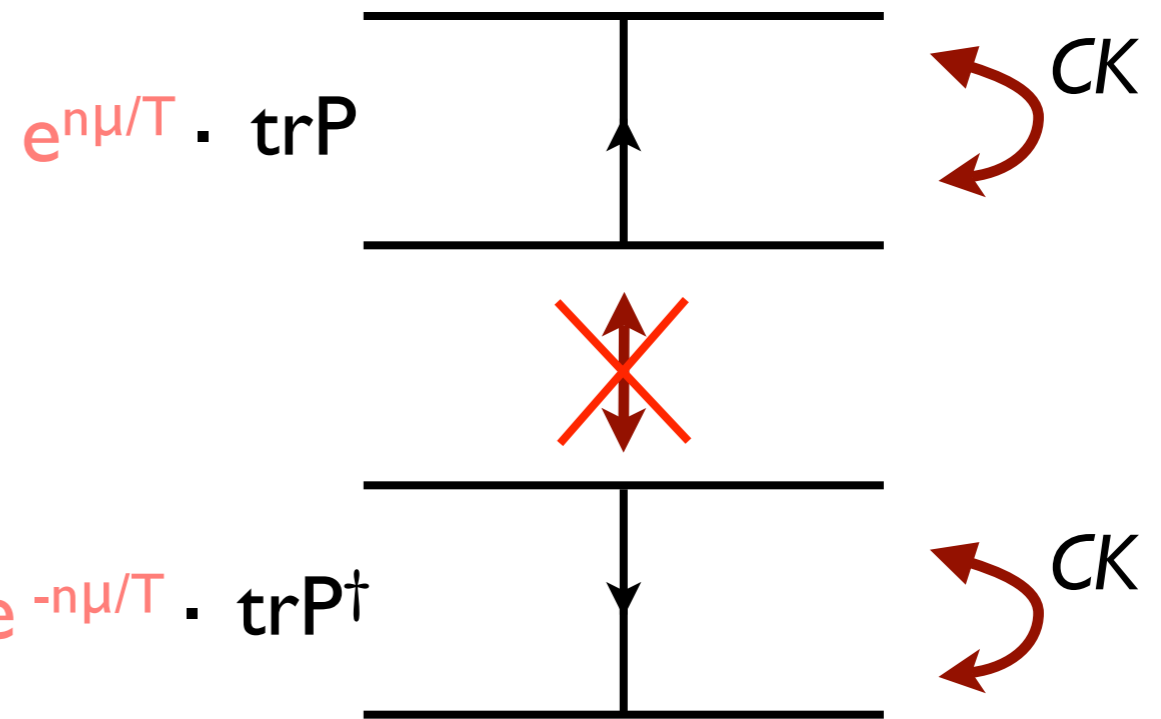
Invariant under charge conjugation (C) or complex conjugation (K) at $\mu = 0$.

Sign problem and CK symmetry

- Hopping parameter expansion $\mu \neq 0$: $\det M(\mu) = [\det M(-\mu)]^*$



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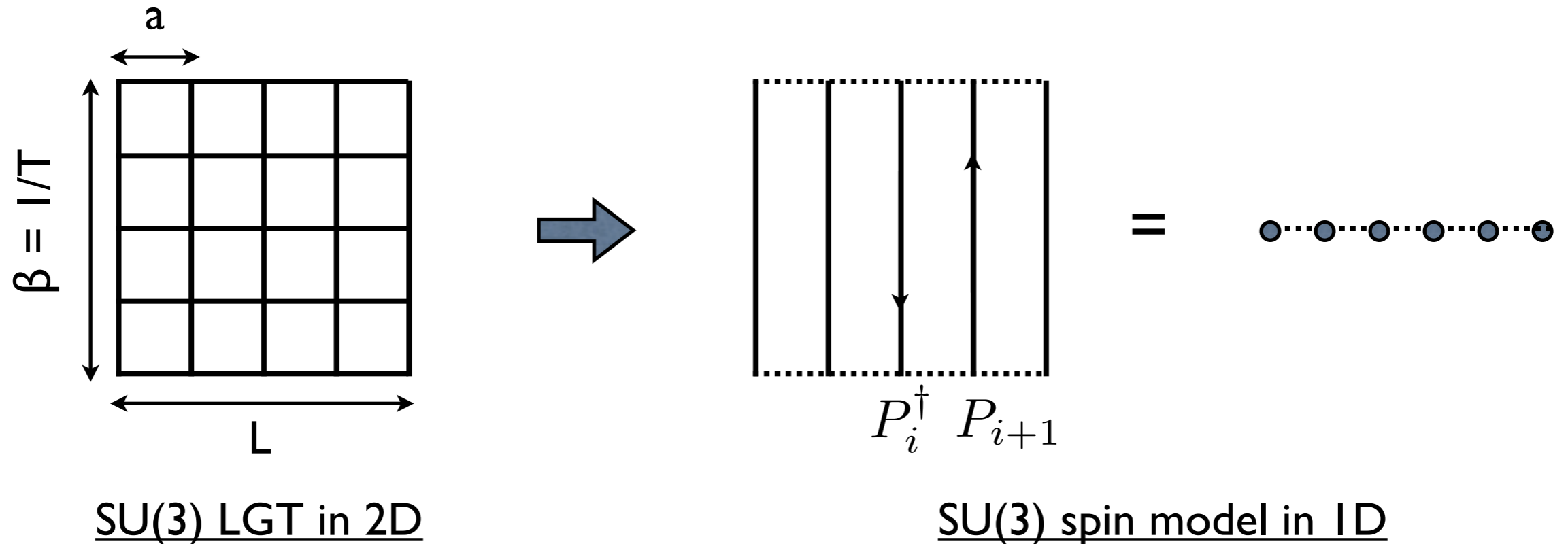
- CK symmetry is an exact symmetry of finite-density QCD.

Any observables in any model should respect CK symmetry.

SU(3) spin model

Yang-Mills in (1+1) dimensions

- Integrate out the spatial links using the character expansion.



- Construct the transfer matrix with the heat kernel action.

$$T_0 = \langle P_{i+1} | e^{-aH_0} | P_i \rangle \quad \text{where} \quad H_0 = \frac{g^2 \beta}{2} C$$

<Menotti and Onofri, 1981> etc

$$\rightarrow \langle r' | e^{-aH_0} | r \rangle = \text{diag}(1, e^{-4a/3}, e^{-4a/3}, e^{-3a} \dots)$$

Static quarks

- Inserting static quarks in the transfer matrix

$$T = \langle r' | e^{-aH_0/2} \det(1 + z_1 P) \det(1 + z_2 P^\dagger) e^{-aH_0/2} | r \rangle$$

$$\text{where } z_1 = e^{(\mu - M)/T} \text{ and } z_2 = e^{(-\mu - M)/T}$$

- Raising and lowering operators

$$\det(1 + z_1 P) = 1 + z_1 \square + z_1^2 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array} + z_1^3$$

- Transfer matrix is non-Hermitian: A manifestation of the sign problem.

Pure SU(3)	→	With quarks ($z_2 = 0$)
$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{e^{4/3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{e^{4/3}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{e^3} \end{pmatrix}$		$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + z_1^3 & \frac{z_1}{e^{2/3}} & \frac{z_1^2}{e^{2/3}} & 0 \\ \frac{z_1^2}{e^{2/3}} & \frac{1+z_1^3}{e^{4/3}} & \frac{z_1}{e^{4/3}} & \frac{z_1^2}{e^{13/6}} \\ \frac{z_1}{e^{2/3}} & \frac{z_1^2}{e^{4/3}} & \frac{1+z_1^3}{e^{4/3}} & \frac{z_1}{e^{13/6}} \\ 0 & \frac{z_1}{e^{13/6}} & \frac{z_1^2}{e^{13/6}} & \frac{1+z_1^3}{e^3} \end{pmatrix}$

Mass spectrum

- Complex mass spectrum

$$T = \text{diag}(e^{-m_0 a}, e^{-m_1 a}, \dots)$$

- Hermitian point at $z_1 = 1$.

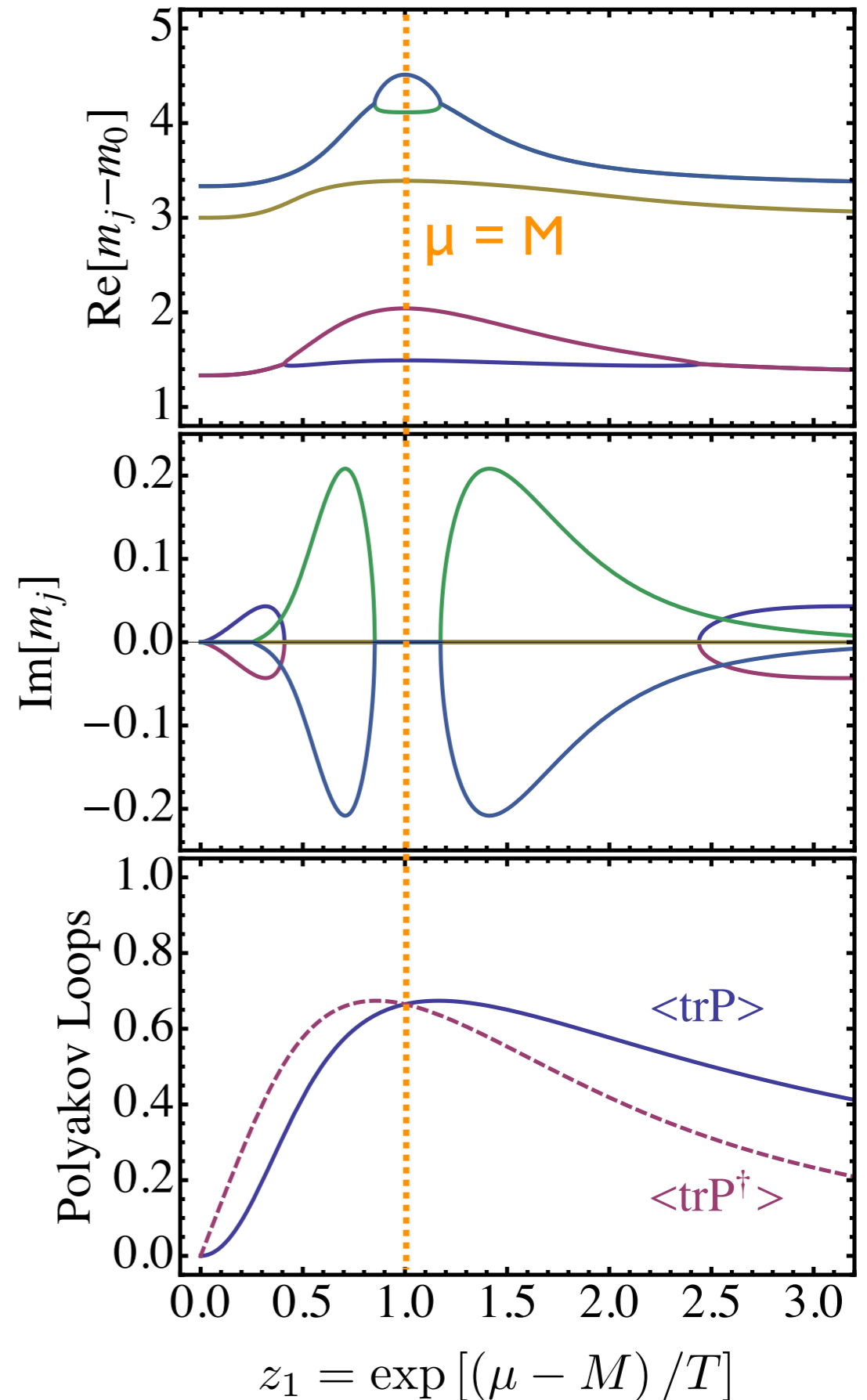
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- Invariant under $z_1 \rightarrow 1/z_1$

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CK symmetry at work



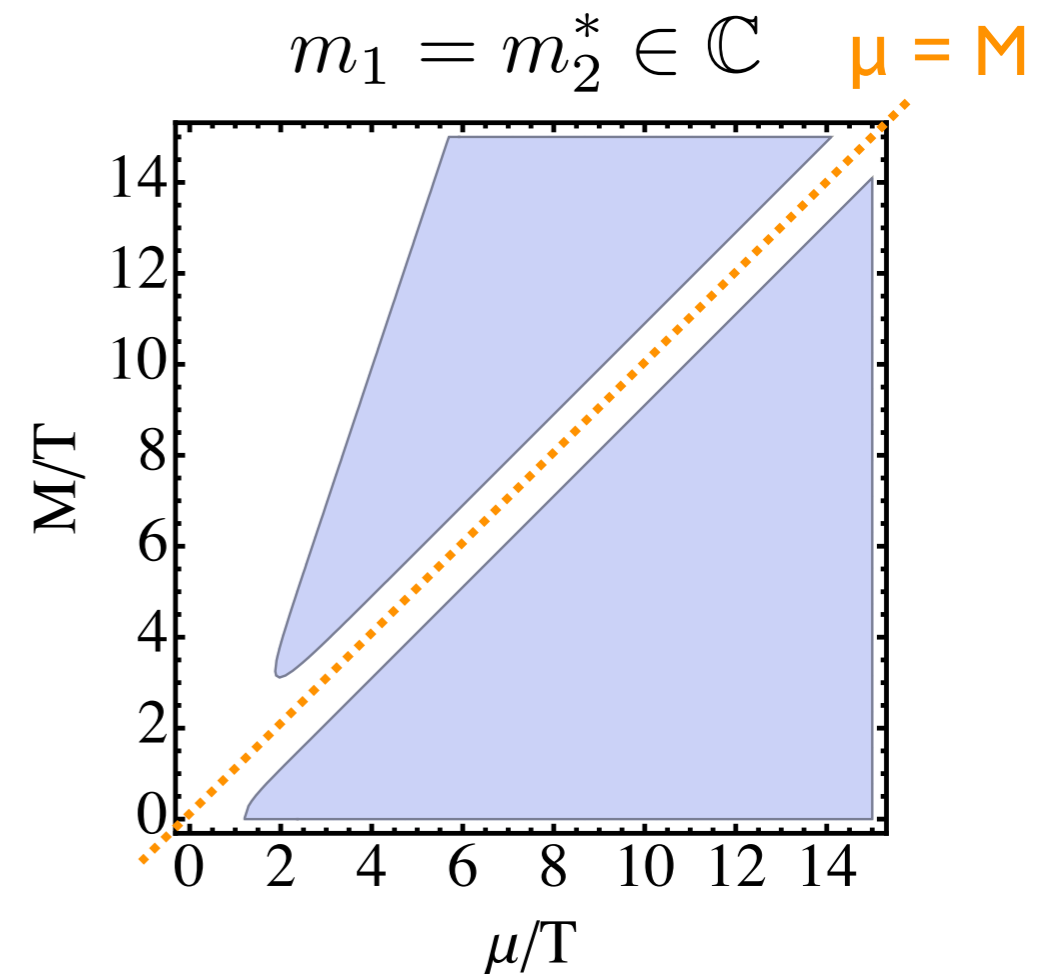
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Mass spectrum

- $\text{tr}P^\dagger - \text{tr}P$ “measures” non-hermiticity

Consistent with PNJL models.

<HN, M. Ogilvie, K. Pangeni, 2015>

- The Polyakov loop goes to zero for large μ/M

Consistent with

- Strong-coupling

<J. Langelage, M. Neuman, and O. Philipsen, 2014>

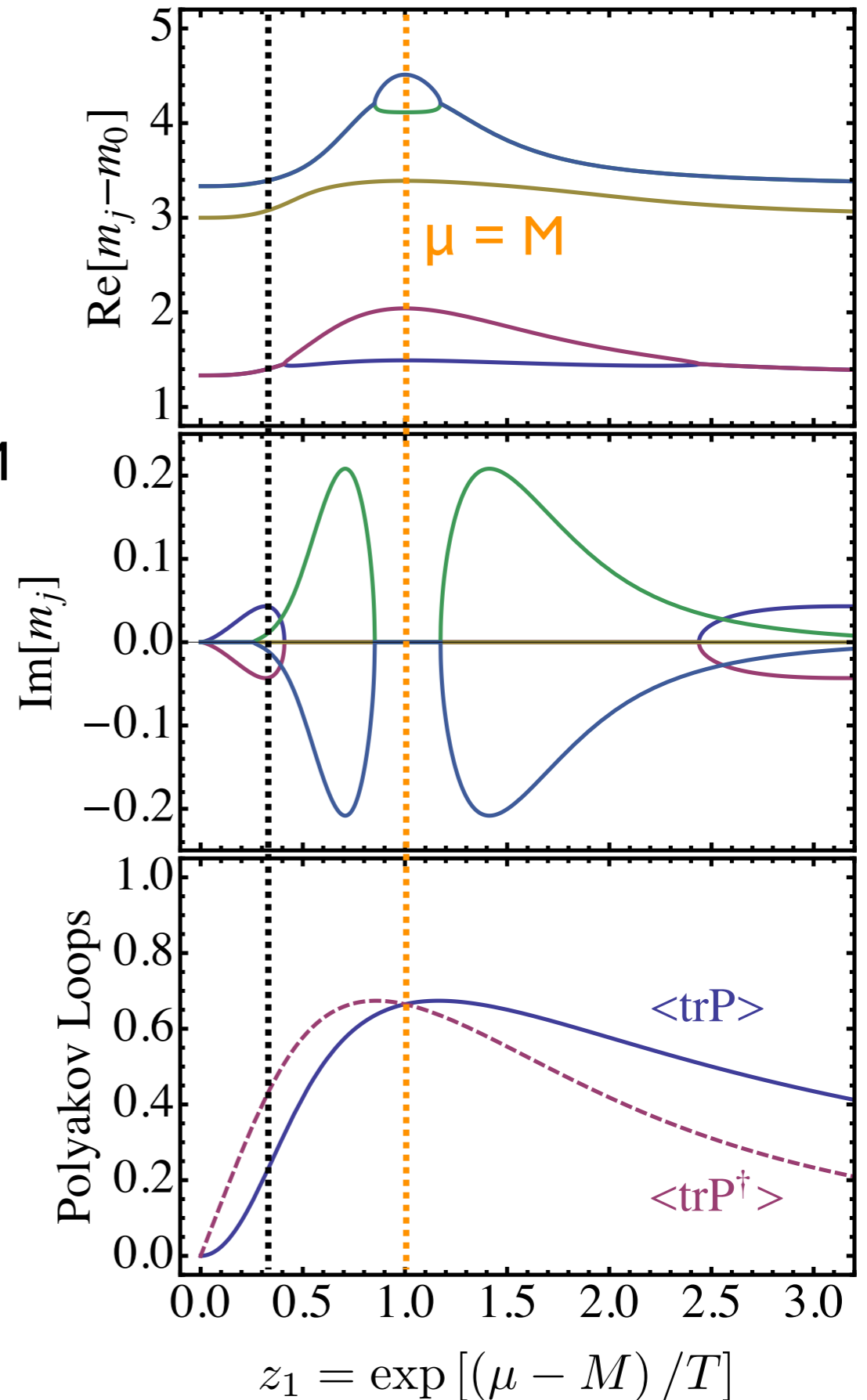
<T. Rindlisbacher and P. de Forcrand, 2015>

- Complex Langevin

<G. Aarts, E. Seiler, D. Sexty, and I. Stamatescu, 2014>

<G. Aarts, F. Attanasio, B. Jäger, and D. Sexty, 2016>

One could see this as a consequence of CK.



Polyakov loop correlator

- Sinusoidal exponential decay

$$\langle \text{tr}_F P^\dagger(x) \text{tr}_F P(0) \rangle_C$$

$$\sim \exp(-\text{Re}[m_1 - m_0] x) \cos(\text{Im}[m_1 - m_0] x)$$

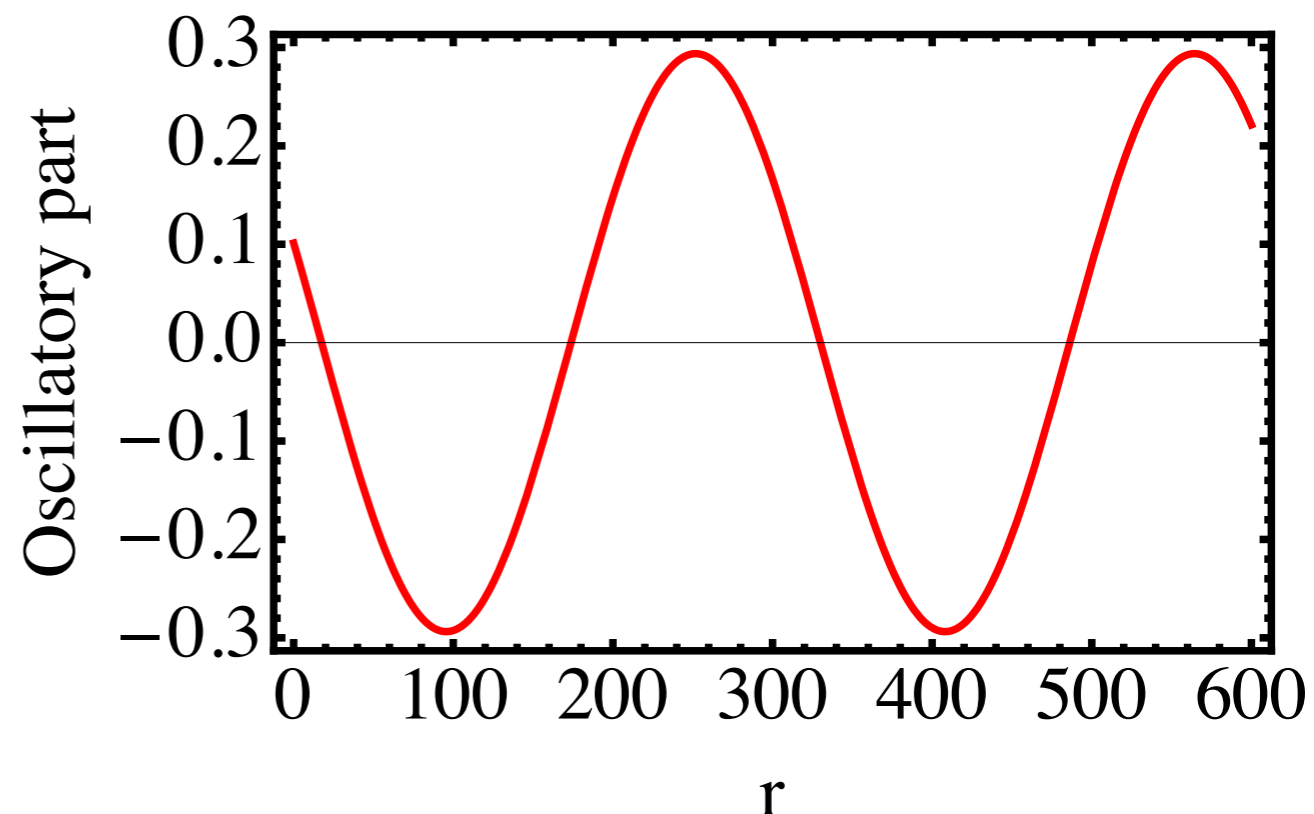
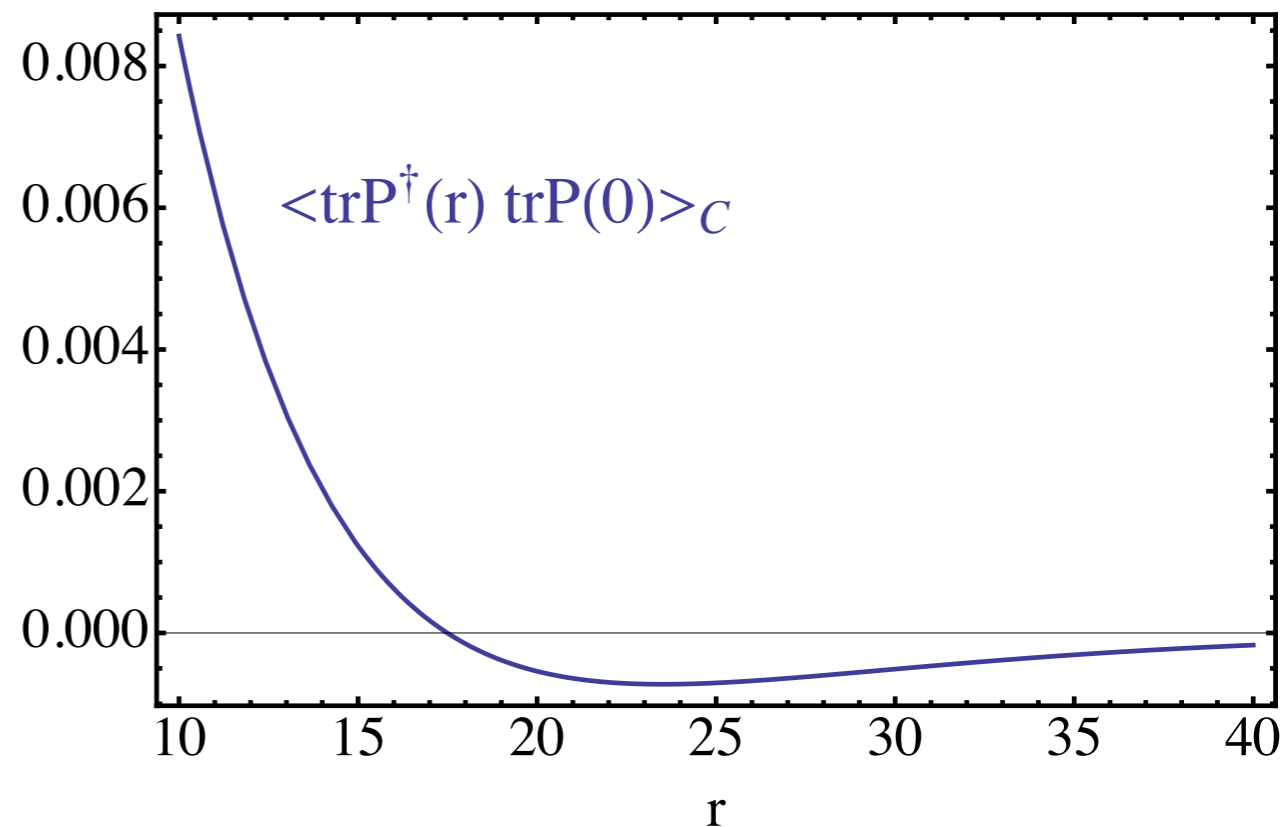
See also:

<P. Meisinger and M. Ogilvie, 2014>

<O. Akerlund, P. de Forcrand, and T. Rindlisbacher, 2016>

- Small oscillation in the spin model.

- Oscillation remains in higher dimensions at strong coupling.



Discussions

PNJL model

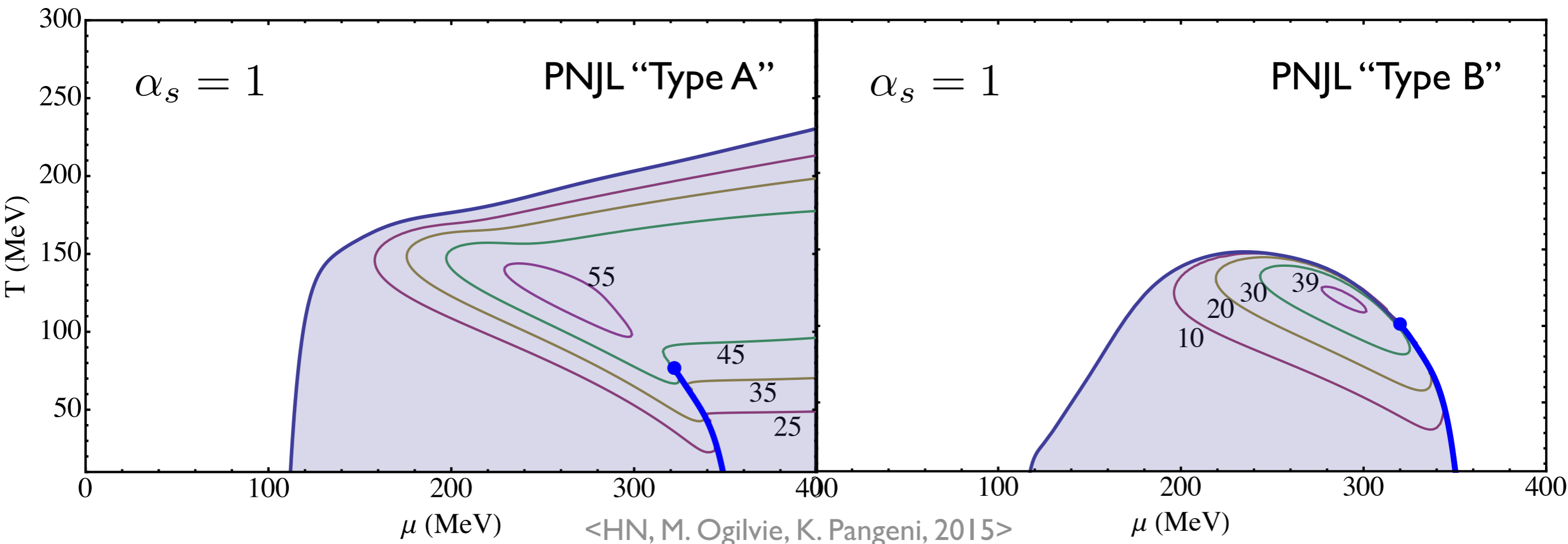
- Look for a complex CK -symmetric saddle point of the effective potential

<HN, M. Ogilvie, K. Pangeni, 2014>

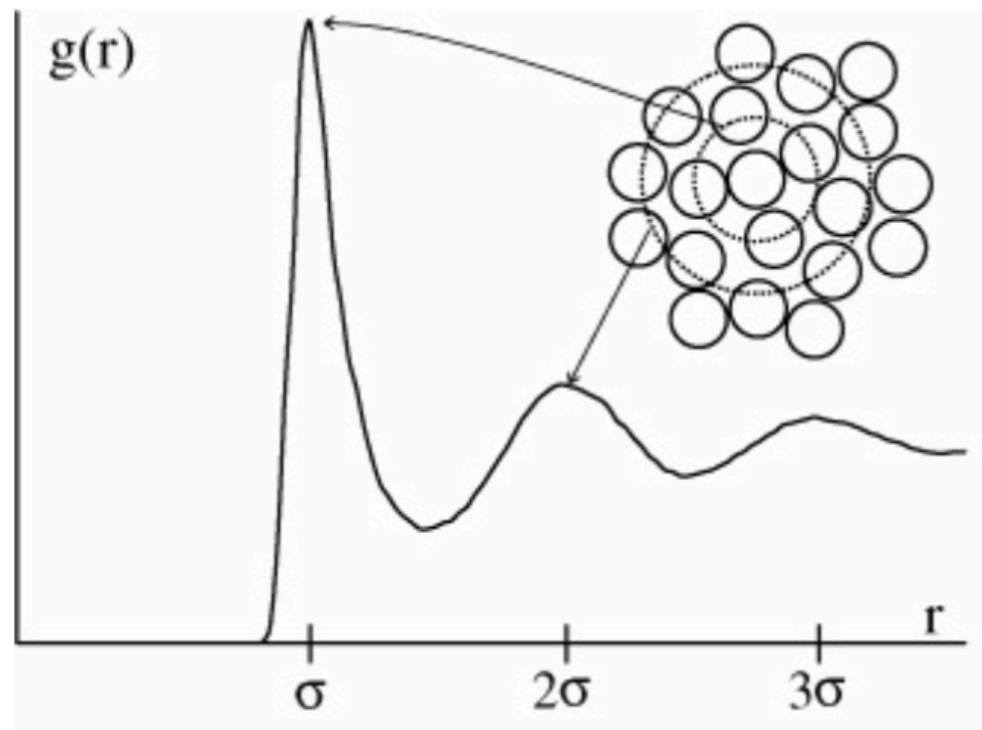
- Analytic continuation of $A_4 = \theta_1 T_3 + \theta_2 T_8$ $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{C}$

- Mass eigenvalues: $M_{ab} = \frac{\partial^2 V_{eff}}{\partial A_4^a \partial A_4^b} \longrightarrow m_{ev} = \kappa_R \pm i\kappa_I$

- Correlation function: $\langle A_4(r) A_4(0) \rangle \sim \frac{\text{Exp}[-r \kappa_R]}{r} (\kappa_R \cos[r \kappa_I] + \kappa_I \sin[r \kappa_I])$

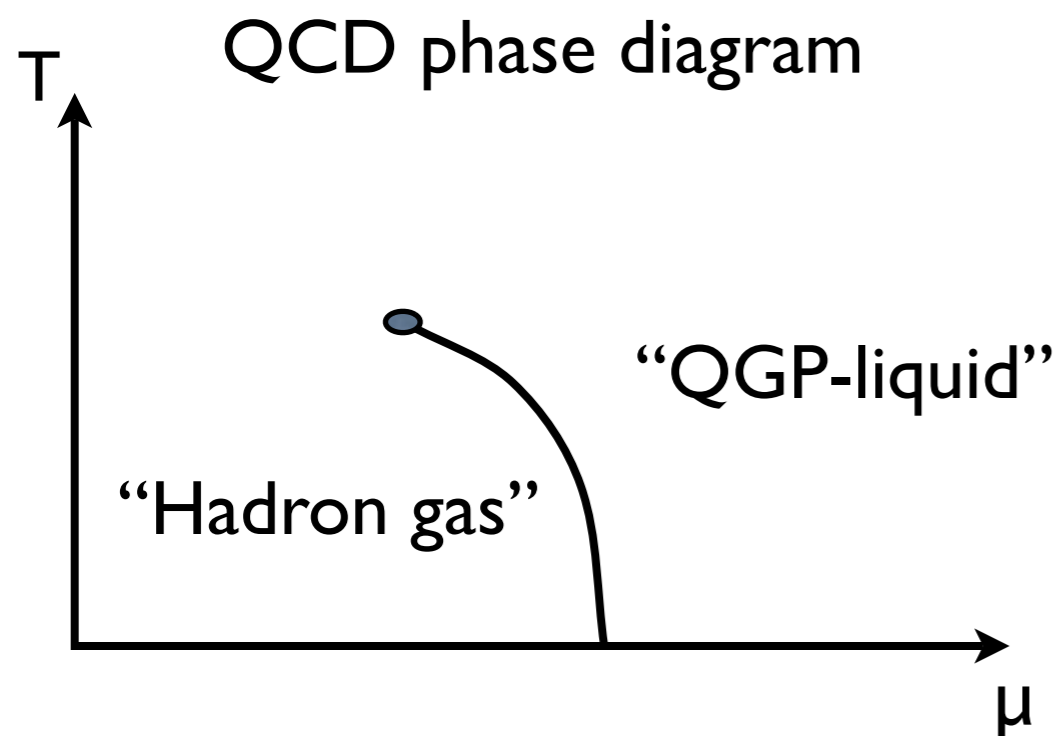


QCD & Liquid-Gas



<Reichman and Charbonneau, 2005>

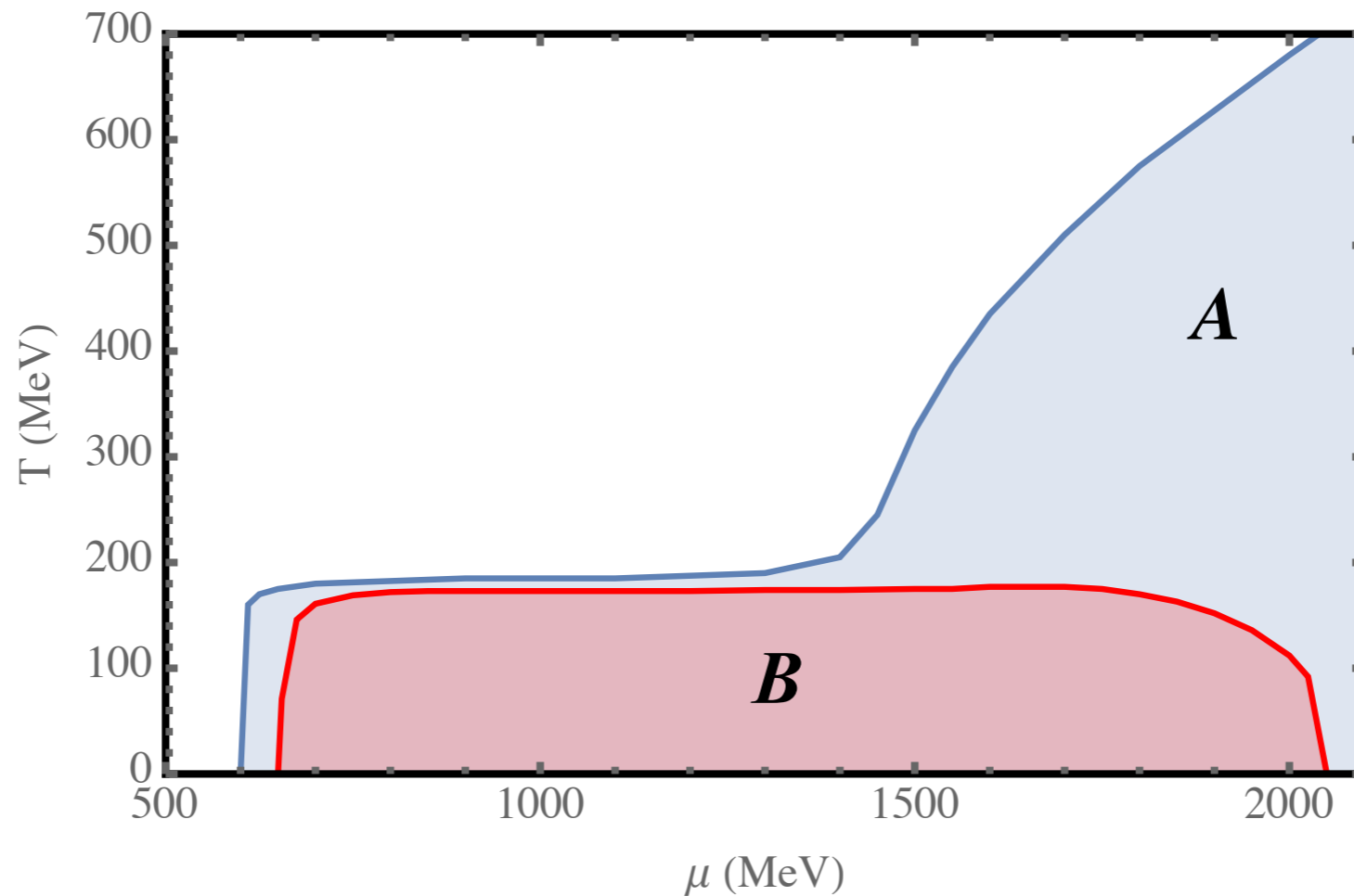
- Oscillation in density correlation function
 - Radial distribution $g(r)$ for a liquid of size σ .
 - Often relevant near liquid-gas transition.



<Steinheimer et al, 2014>

- Oscillation in Polyakov-loop correlators
 - Due to screening between two quarks.
 - Oscillation of color-density correlator.

Heavy quarks

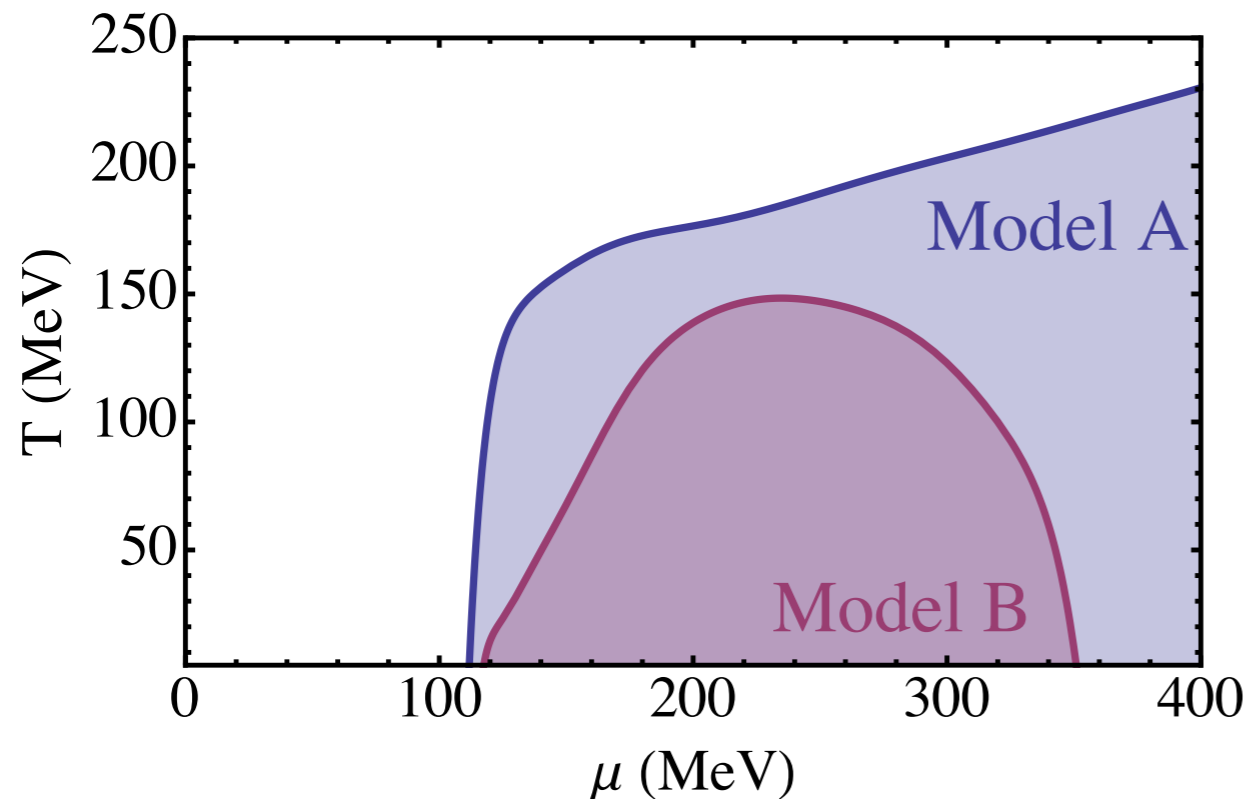


1. The disorder line serves as a benchmark for lattice simulations at finite μ .
2. Lattice simulations could differentiate the models of confinement.

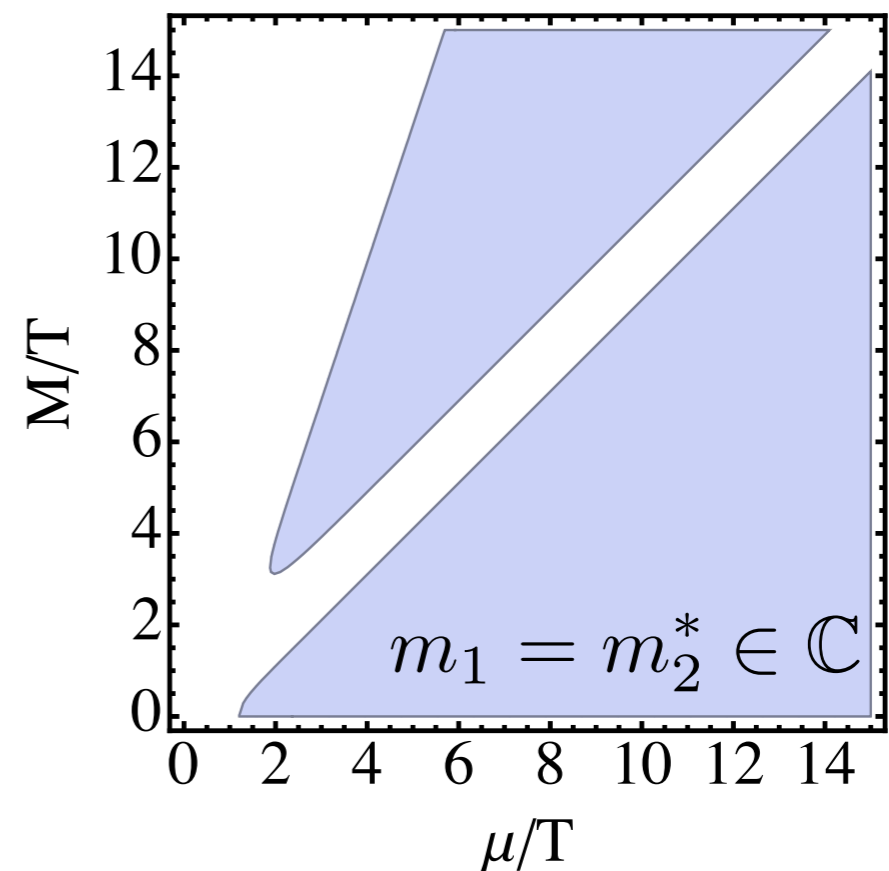
Conclusions

- Mass eigenvalues form complex conjugate pairs in models for finite-density QCD due to the sign problem and CK symmetry.
- Polyakov loop correlator oscillates. It should be observable in lattice simulations.

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Appendix

Quark number density

- The number density saturates ($n_q \rightarrow 3$) at $\mu \gg M$
- Particle-Hole symmetry if $\mu/T = M/T \gg 1 \rightarrow$ Half-filling

See also <T. Rindlisbacher and P. de Forcrand, 2015>

