

With the FRG towards the QCD Phase diagram

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QCD Phase Transitions

QCD → two phase transitions:

1 restoration of chiral symmetry

$$SU_{L+R}(N_f) \rightarrow SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f)$$

order parameter:

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \begin{cases} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{symmetry broken, } T < T_c \\ = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{symmetric phase, } T > T_c \end{cases}$$

2 de/confinement

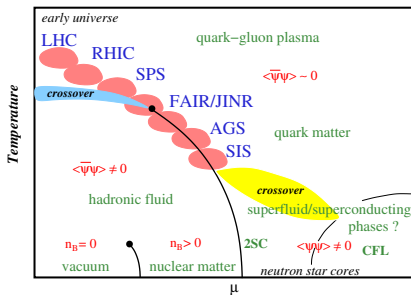
order parameter: Polyakov loop variable

$$\Phi \begin{cases} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{confined phase, } T < T_c \\ > 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{deconfined phase, } T > T_c \end{cases}$$

$$\Phi = \left\langle \text{tr}_c \mathcal{P} \exp \left(i \int_0^\beta d\tau A_0(\tau, \vec{x}) \right) \right\rangle / N_c$$

alternative: → dressed Polyakov loop (dual condensate)

relates chiral and deconfinement transition → spectral properties of Dirac operator



At densities/temperatures of interest
only model calculations available

effective models:

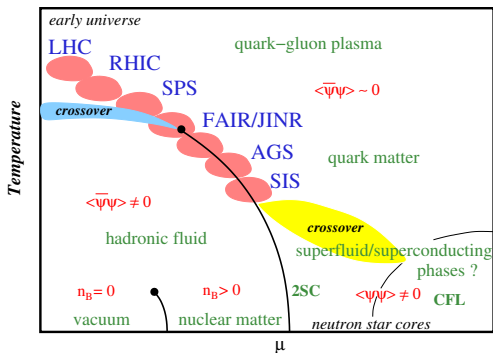
1 Quark-meson model

or other models e.g. NJL

2 Polyakov-quark-meson model

or PNJL models

The conjectured QCD Phase Diagram



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→ complementary to lattice

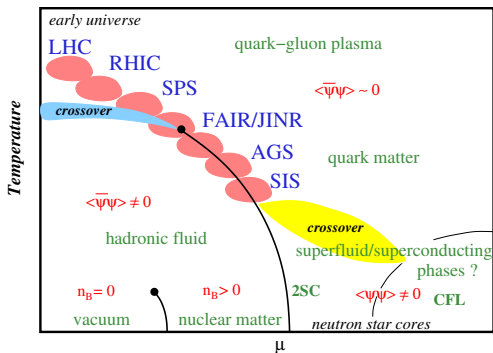
- no sign problem $\mu > 0$
- chiral symmetry/fermions (small masses/chiral limit) ...

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related to chiral & deconfinement transition

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- ▷ additional CEPs? How many?
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- ▷ chiral CEP/ deconfinement CEP?
- ▷ finite volume effects? → lattice comparison
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lattice versus FRG

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[Strodthoff, BJS, von Smekal; in prep. '11]

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- **Three-Flavor Chiral Quark-Meson Model**
- **...with Polyakov loop dynamics**
- **Taylor expansions and generalized susceptibilities**
- **Functional Renormalization Group**
- **Finite volume effects**

$N_f = 3$ Quark-Meson (QM) model

- Model Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}_{qm} = \mathcal{L}_{quark} + \mathcal{L}_{meson}$

Quark part with Yukawa coupling h :

$$\mathcal{L}_{quark} = \bar{q}(i\not{\partial} - h \frac{\lambda_a}{2} (\sigma_a + i\gamma_5 \pi_a))q$$

Meson part: scalar σ_a and pseudoscalar π_a nonet

$$\text{meson fields: } M = \sum_{a=0}^8 \frac{\lambda_a}{2} (\sigma_a + i\pi_a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{meson} = \text{tr}[\partial_\mu M^\dagger \partial^\mu M] - m^2 \text{tr}[M^\dagger M] - \lambda_1 (\text{tr}[M^\dagger M])^2 - \lambda_2 \text{tr}[(M^\dagger M)^2] + c[\det(M) + \det(M^\dagger)] + \text{tr}[H(M + M^\dagger)]$$

- explicit symmetry breaking matrix: $H = \sum_a \frac{\lambda_a}{2} h_a$
- $U(1)_A$ symmetry breaking implemented by 't Hooft interaction

→ talk by Mario Mitter

Phase diagram for $N_f = 2 + 1$ ($\mu \equiv \mu_q = \mu_s$)

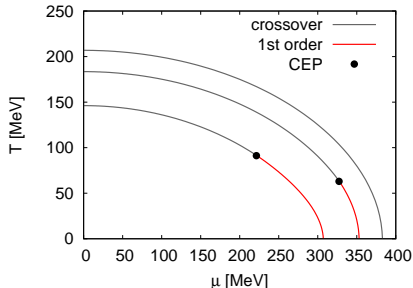
- Model parameter fitted to (pseudo)scalar meson spectrum:
- one parameter precarious: $f_0(600)$ 'particle' (i.e. sigma) \rightarrow broad resonance
PDG: mass=(400 . . . 1200) MeV
we use fit values for m_σ between (400 . . . 1200) MeV

\rightarrow existence of CEP depends on m_σ !

Example: $m_\sigma = 600$ MeV (lower lines), 800 and 900 MeV (here mean-field approximation)

with $U(1)_A$

[BJS, M. Wagner '09]

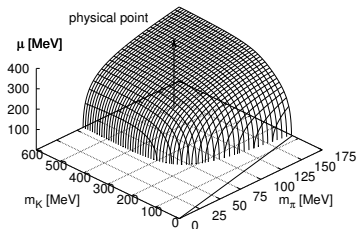


Chiral critical surface ($m_\sigma = 800$ MeV)

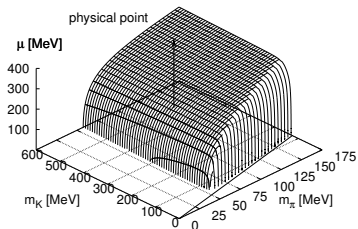
→ standard scenario for $m_\sigma = 800$ MeV (as expected)

here: 't Hooft coupling μ -independent (might change if μ -dependence is considered)

with $U(1)_A$



without $U(1)_A$



[BJS, M. Wagner, '09]

non-standard scenario in PNJL with (unrealistic) large vector int. → bending of surface

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1. polynomial Polyakov loop potential:

Polyakov 1978, Meisinger 1996, Pisarski 2000

$$\frac{\mathcal{U}(\phi, \bar{\phi})}{T^4} = -\frac{b_2(T, T_0)}{2} \phi \bar{\phi} - \frac{b_3}{6} (\phi^3 + \bar{\phi}^3) + \frac{b_4}{16} (\phi \bar{\phi})^2$$
$$b_2(T, T_0) = a_0 + a_1(T_0/T) + a_2(T_0/T)^2 + a_3(T_0/T)^3$$

2. logarithmic potential:

Rößner et al. 2007

$$\frac{\mathcal{U}_{\text{log}}}{T^4} = -\frac{1}{2} a(T) \bar{\phi} \phi + b(T) \ln \left[1 - 6\bar{\phi} \phi + 4(\phi^3 + \bar{\phi}^3) - 3(\bar{\phi} \phi)^2 \right]$$
$$a(T) = a_0 + a_1(T_0/T) + a_2(T_0/T)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad b(T) = b_3(T_0/T)^3$$

3. Fukushima

Fukushima 2008

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{Fuku}} = -bT \left\{ 54e^{-a/T} \phi \bar{\phi} + \ln \left[1 - 6\bar{\phi} \phi + 4(\phi^3 + \bar{\phi}^3) - 3(\bar{\phi} \phi)^2 \right] \right\}$$

a controls deconfinement b strength of mixing chiral & deconfinement

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back reaction of the matter sector to the YM sector: N_f and μ -modifications

in presence of dynamical quarks: $T_0 = T_0(N_f, \mu, m_q)$

BJS, Pawłowski, Wambach; 2007

N_f	0	1	2	2 + 1	3
T_0 [MeV]	270	240	208	187	178

matter back reaction to the YM sector important at $\mu \neq 0$

for $\mu \neq 0$: $\bar{\phi} > \phi$ is expected

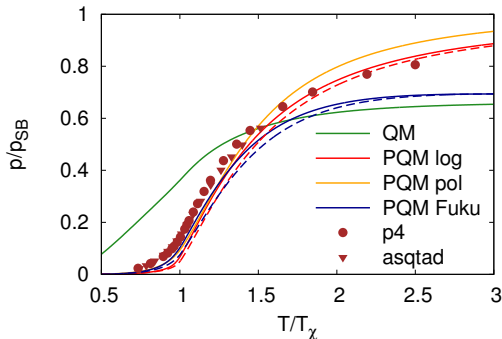
since $\bar{\phi}$ is related to free energy gain of antiquarks

in medium with more quarks \rightarrow antiquarks are more easily screened.

QCD Thermodynamics $N_f = 2 + 1$

[BJS, M. Wagner, J. Wambach '10]

(P)QM models (three different Polyakov loop potentials) versus QCD lattice simulations



- ▷ solid lines:
PQM with lattice masses (HotQCD)
 $m_\pi \sim 220, m_K \sim 503$ MeV
- ▷ dashed lines:
(P)QM with realistic masses

data taken from:

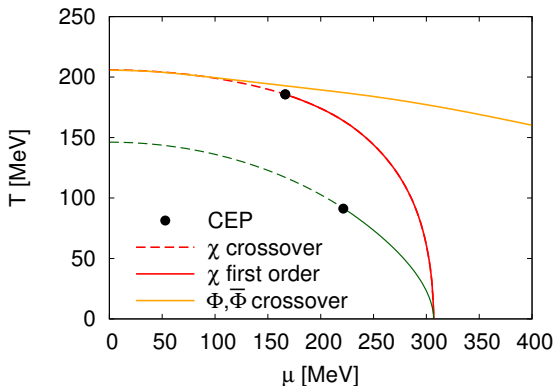
[Bazavov et al. '09]

$$\text{Stefan-Boltzmann limit: } \frac{p_{\text{SB}}}{T^4} = 2(N_c^2 - 1) \frac{\pi^2}{90} + N_f N_c \frac{7\pi^2}{180}$$

$N_f = 2 + 1$ (P)QM phase diagrams

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chiral transition and 'deconfinement' coincide
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(upper lines)

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(lower lines)

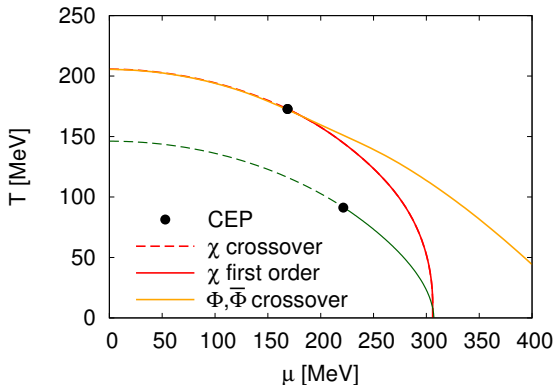
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with

matter back reaction
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potential

→ shrinking of
possible quarkyonic
phase

■ for QM model

(lower lines)

[BJS, M. Wagner; in prep. '11]

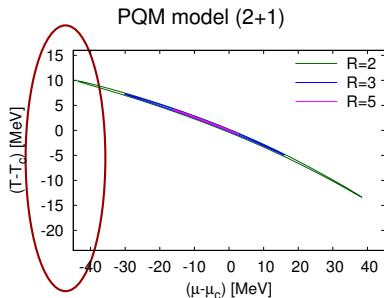
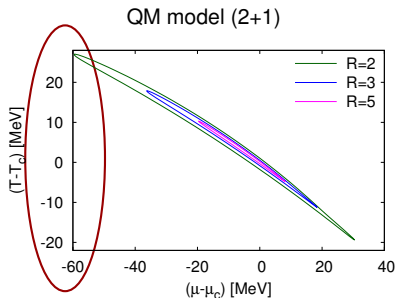
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Critical region

contour plot of **size of the critical region** around CEP

defined via fixed ratio of susceptibilities: $R = \chi_q / \chi_q^{\text{free}}$

→ compressed with Polyakov loop



[BJS, M. Wagner; in preparation 11]

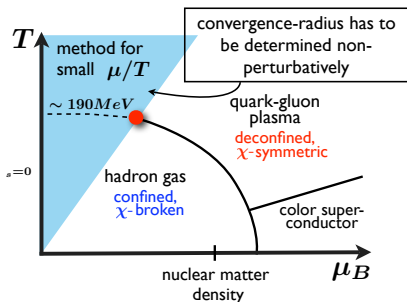
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Finite density extrapolations $N_f = 2 + 1$

Taylor expansion:

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convergence radii:

limited by first-order line?

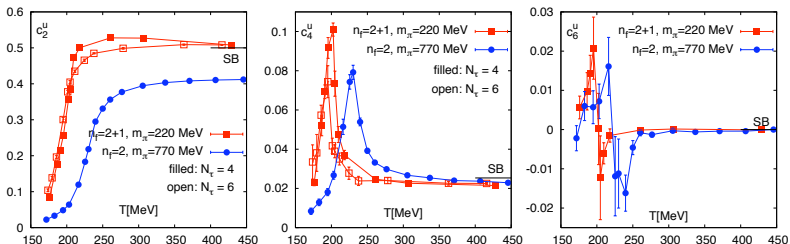
$$\rho_{2n} = \left| \frac{c_2}{c_{2n}} \right|^{1/(2n-2)}$$

[C. Schmidt '09]

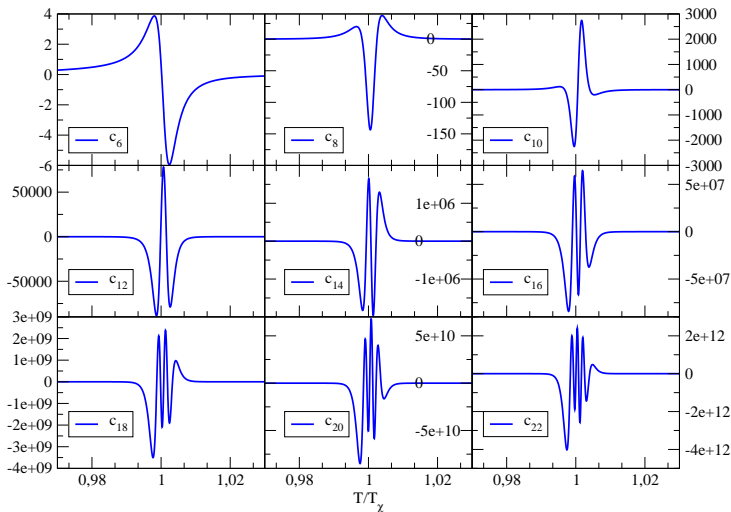
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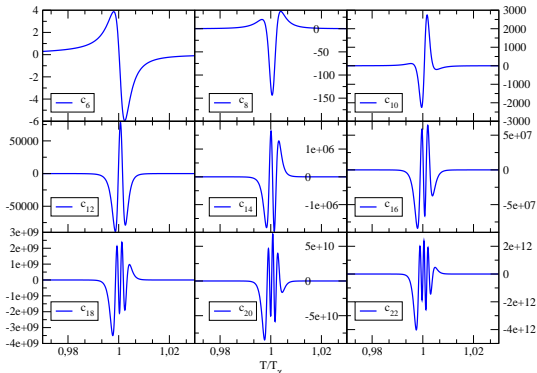
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[Miao et al. '08]

Taylor coefficients c_n numerically known to high order, e.g. $n = 22$ 

Taylor coefficients for $N_f = 2 + 1$ PQM model



- ▷ this technique applied to PQM model
- ▷ investigation of convergence properties of Taylor series
- ▷ properties of c_n
 - oscillating
 - increasing amplitude
 - no numerical noise
 - small outside transition region
 - number of roots increasing
 - 26th order

[F. Karsch, BJS, M. Wagner, J. Wambach; arXiv:1009.5211]

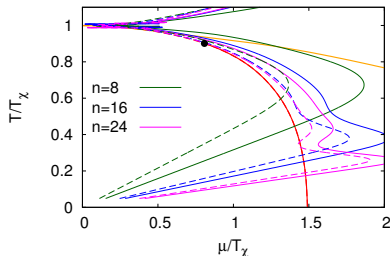
Can we locate the QCD critical endpoint with the Taylor expansion ?

Taylor expansions

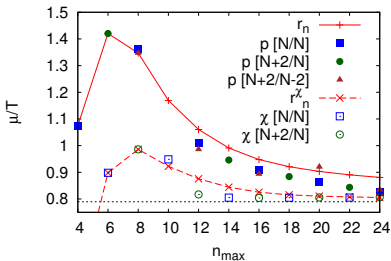
Findings:

- simply Taylor expansion: slow convergence
high orders needed
disadvantage for lattice simulations
- Taylor applicable within convergence radius
also for $\mu/T > 1$

$$r_{2n} = \left| \frac{c_{2n}}{c_{2n+2}} \right|^{1/2}, \quad r_{2n}^{\chi} = \left| \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(2n+3)(2n+4)} \right|^{1/2} r_{2n+2}$$



Padé [N/N]

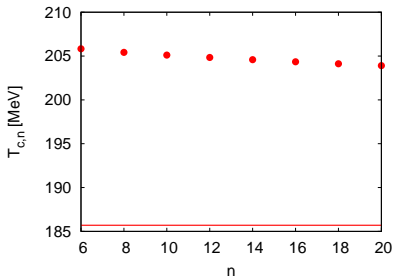
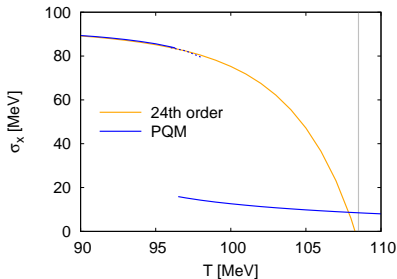


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- but 1st order transition not resolvable
expansion around $\mu = 0$



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Generalized Susceptibilities

- Can we use these coefficients to locate CEP experimentally?

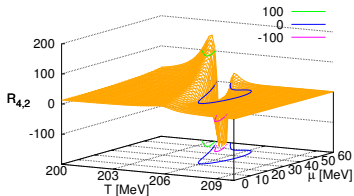
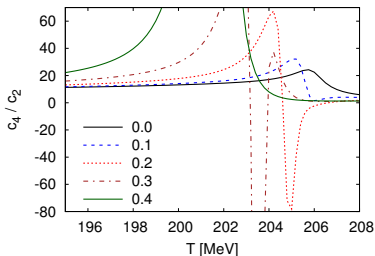
Is there a memory effect that the system (HIC) has passed through the QCD phase transition?

- Probing phase diagram with fluctuations of e.g. net baryon number

- Example: Kurtosis $R_{4,2}^B = \frac{1}{9} \frac{c_4}{c_2}$ → probe of deconfinement?

It measures quark content of particles carrying baryon number B

- in HRG model $R_{4,2} = 1$ (always positive)



[BJS, M.Wagner; in prep. 11]

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Fluctuations of higher moments (more sensitive to criticality)
exhibit strong variation from HRG model

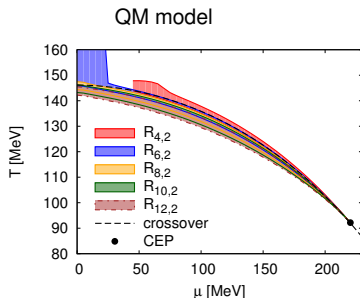
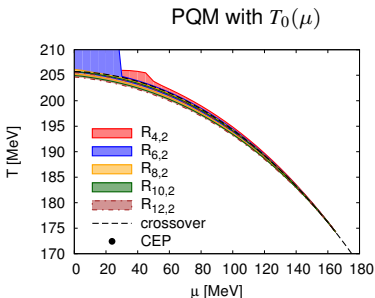
- → turn negative

[Karsch, Redlich; 11] see also [Friman, Karsch, Redlich, Skokov; 11]

see talk by V. Skokov

- higher moments: $R_{n,m}^q = c_n/c_m$

- regions where $R_{n,m}$ are negative along crossover line in the phase diagram



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
Functional RG Approach

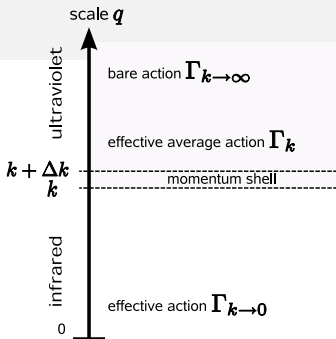
$\Gamma_k[\phi]$ scale dependent effective action ; $t = \ln(k/\Lambda)$; R_k regulators

FRG (average effective action)

[Wetterich '93]

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \partial_t R_k \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \right) ; \quad \Gamma_k^{(2)} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k}{\delta \phi \delta \phi}$$

$$k \partial_k \Gamma_k[\phi] \sim \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\text{circle diagram} \right)$$




$T_0(N_f, \mu)$ modification

full dynamical QCD FRG flow: fluctuations of gluon, ghost, quark and meson (via hadronization) fluctuations

[Braun, Haas, Marhauser, Pawłowski; '09]

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{Loop 1} - \text{Loop 2} - \text{Loop 3} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Loop 4} \right)$$

in presence of dynamical quarks
gluon propagator modified:

→ pure Yang Mills flow + these modifications

pure Yang Mills flow

replaced by effective Polyakov loop potential:
(fit to YM thermodynamics)

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{Loop 1} - \text{Loop 2} \right)$$

$$T_0 \leftrightarrow \Lambda_{QCD} \quad : \quad T_0 \rightarrow T_0(N_f, \mu, m_q)$$

[BJS, Pawłowski, Wambach; 2007]

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PQM truncation $N_f = 2$

[Herbst, Pawłowski, BJS; 2011]

see also [Skokov, Friman, Redlich; 2010]

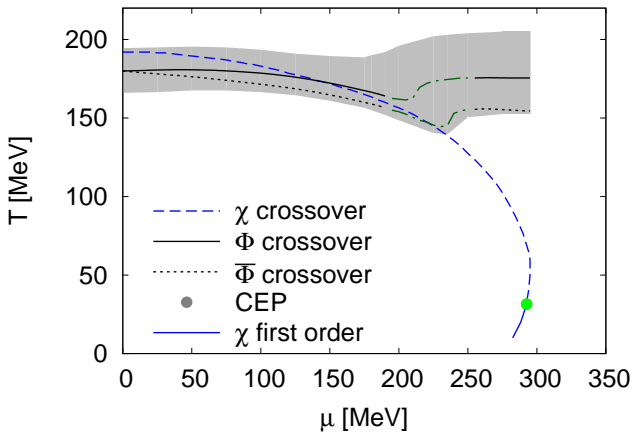
$$\Gamma_k = \int d^4x \left\{ \bar{\psi} (\not{D} + \mu \gamma_0 + ih(\sigma + i\gamma_5 \vec{\tau} \vec{\pi})) \psi + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 + \Omega_k[\sigma, \vec{\pi}, \Phi, \bar{\Phi}] \right\}$$

Initial action at UV scale Λ :

$$\Omega_\Lambda[\sigma, \vec{\pi}, \Phi, \bar{\Phi}] = U(\sigma, \vec{\pi}) + \mathcal{U}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + \Omega_\Lambda^\infty[\sigma, \vec{\pi}, \Phi, \bar{\Phi}]$$

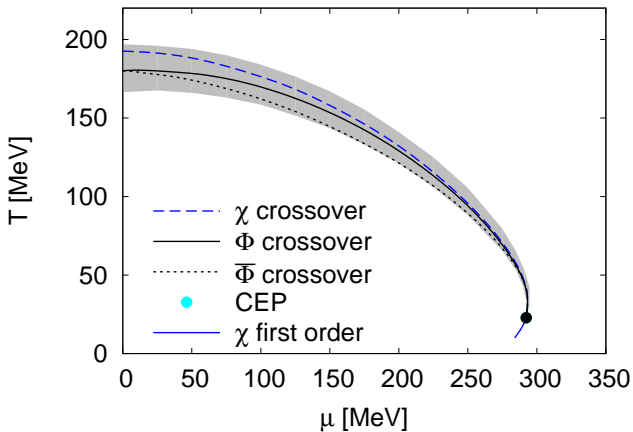
$$U(\sigma, \vec{\pi}) = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2 - v^2)^2 - c\sigma$$

Phase diagram $T_0 = 208 \text{ MeV}$



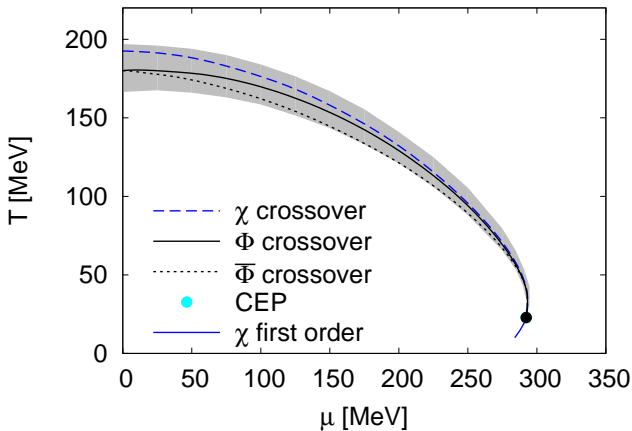
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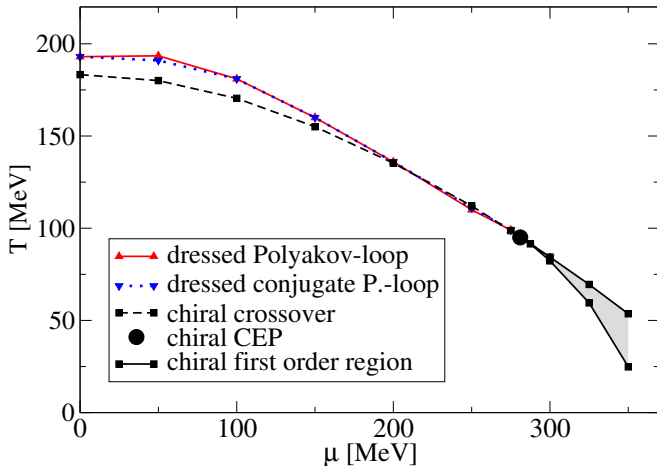
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→ CEP unlikely for small μ_B/T → baryons

Phase diagram (DSE - HTL)



[Ch. S. Fischer, J. Luecker, J. A. Mueller; 2011]

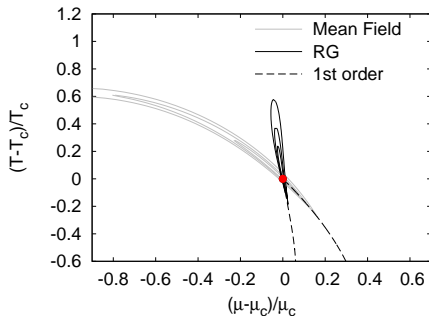
Critical region

similar conclusion if **fluctuations** are included

fluctuations via Functional Renormalization Group

comparison: $N_f = 2$ QM model

Mean Field \leftrightarrow RG analysis



[BJS, Wambach '06]

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Finite volume effects

▷ Finite Euclidean Volume: $L^3 \times 1/T$

cf. talk by Bertram Klein

$$\int d^3p \rightarrow \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^3 \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n_3 \in \mathbb{Z}} \quad \text{with} \quad p^2 \rightarrow \frac{4\pi^2}{L^2} (n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2)$$

grand potential ($N_f = 2$ **quark-meson truncation**)

[A Tripolt, J Braun, B Klein, BJS; 2011]

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \Omega_k = & \mathcal{B}_p(k, L) \frac{k^5}{12\pi^2} \left[-\frac{2N_f N_c}{E_q} \left\{ \tanh\left(\frac{E_q - \mu}{2T}\right) + \tanh\left(\frac{E_q + \mu}{2T}\right) \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{E_\sigma} \coth\left(\frac{E_\sigma}{2T}\right) + \frac{3}{E_\pi} \coth\left(\frac{E_\pi}{2T}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

with $E_{\sigma, \pi, q} = \sqrt{k^2 + m_{\sigma, \pi, q}^2}$, $m_\sigma^2 = 2\Omega'_k + 4\sigma^2 \Omega''_k$, $m_\pi^2 = 2\Omega'_k$, $m_q^2 = h^2 \sigma^2$

mode counting functions

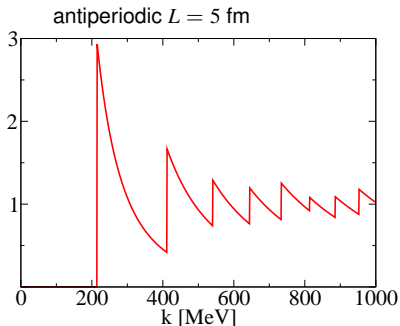
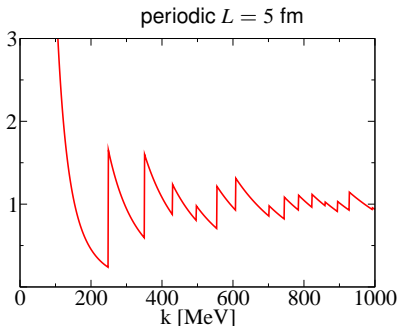
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mode counting functions (periodic and antiperiodic (lower) boundary)

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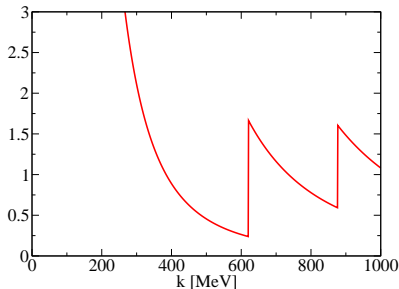
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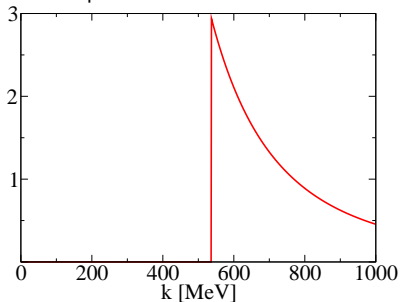
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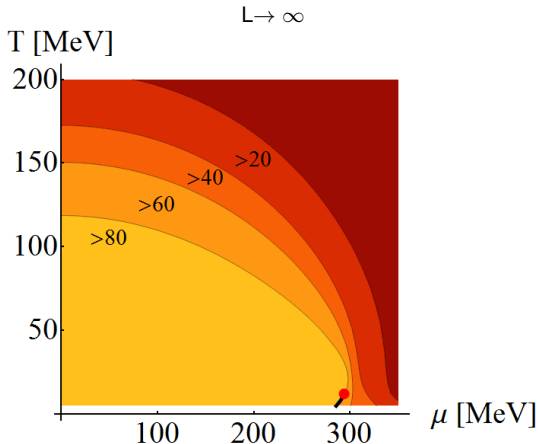
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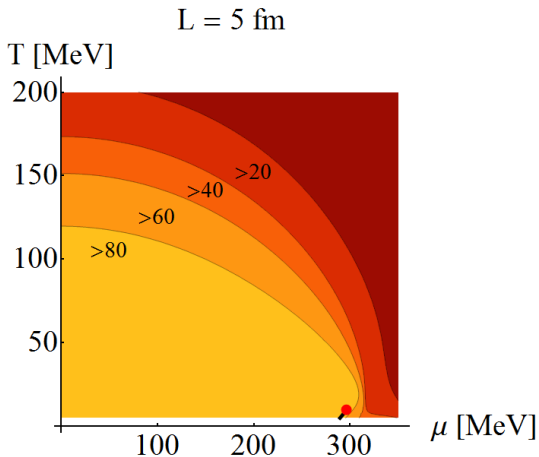
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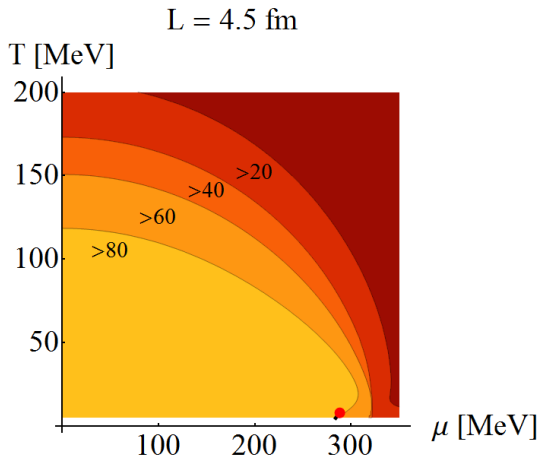
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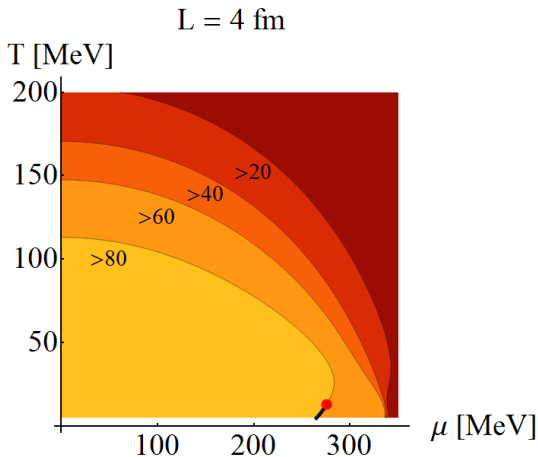
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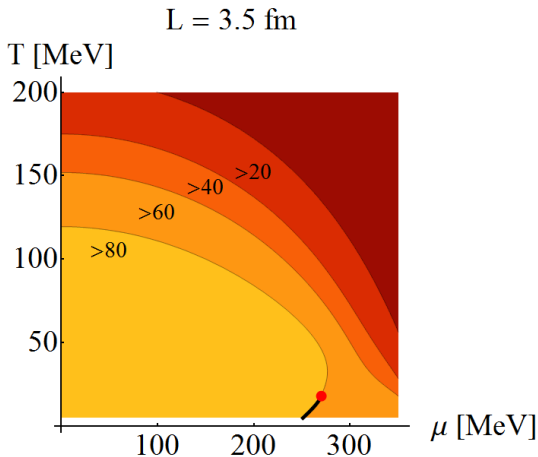
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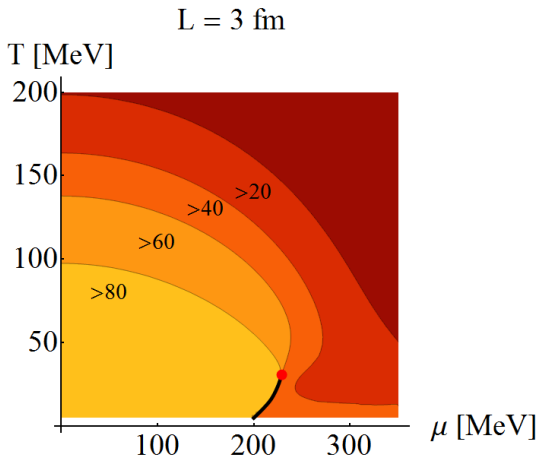
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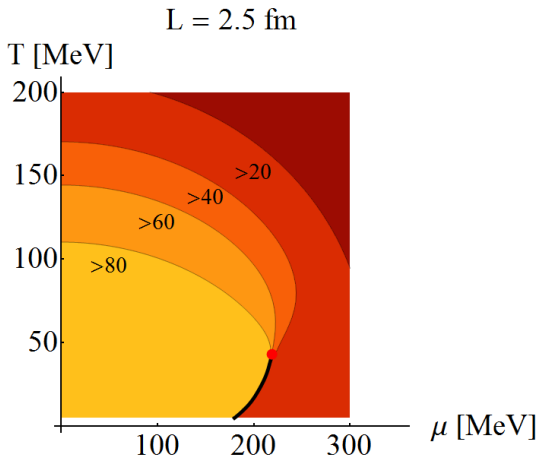
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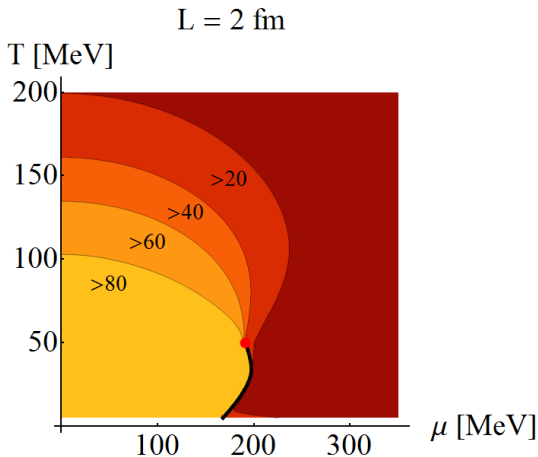
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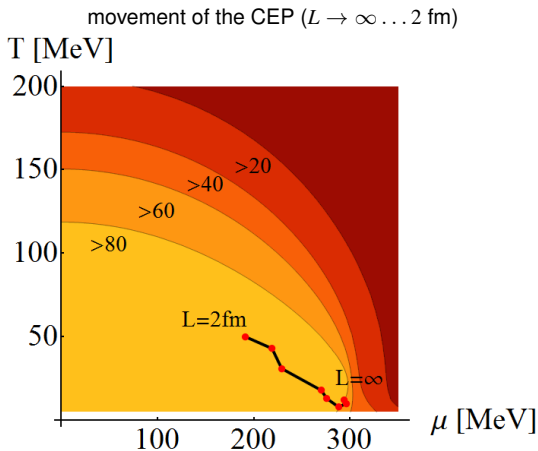
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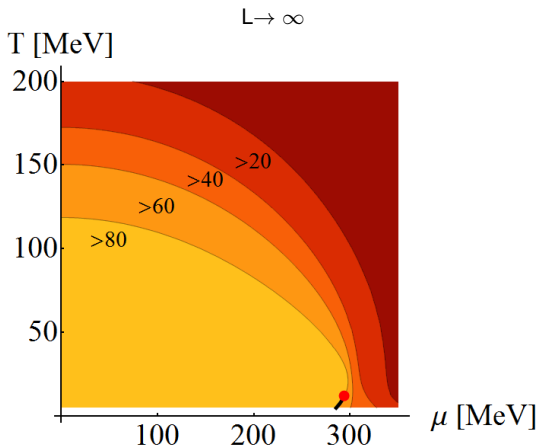
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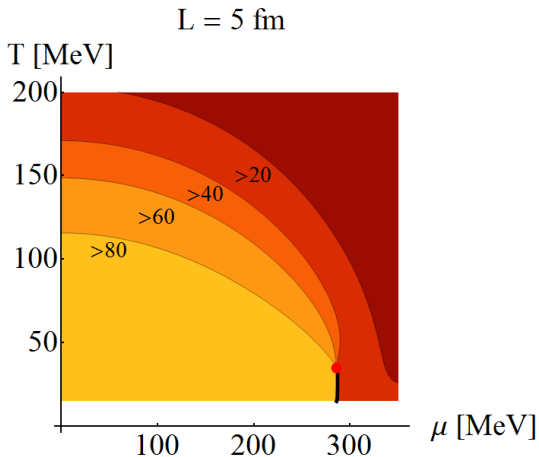
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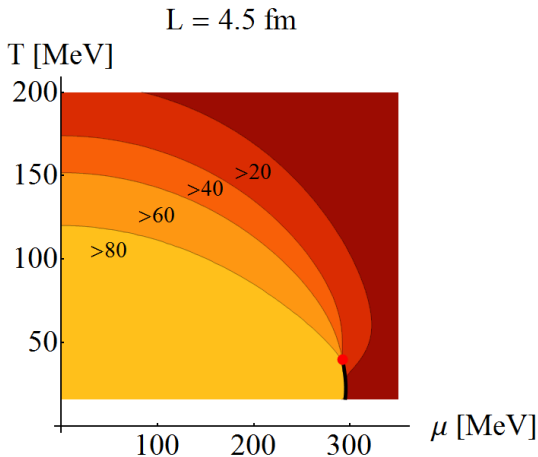
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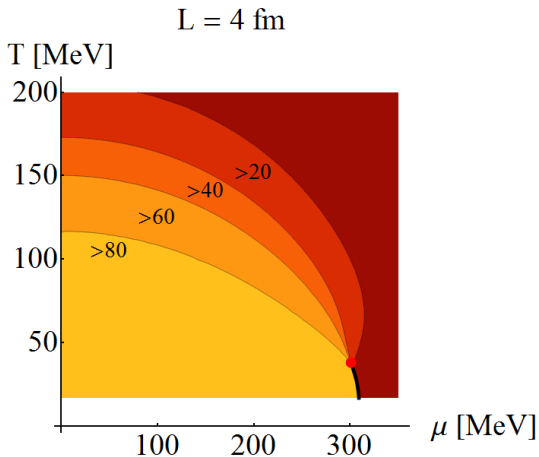
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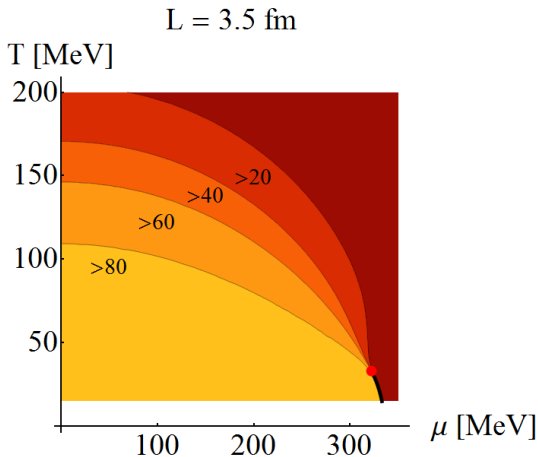
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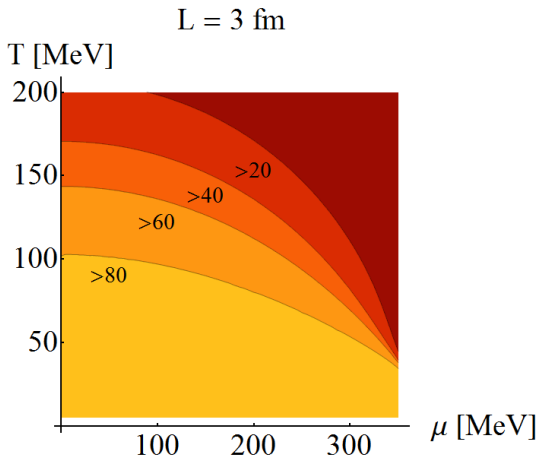
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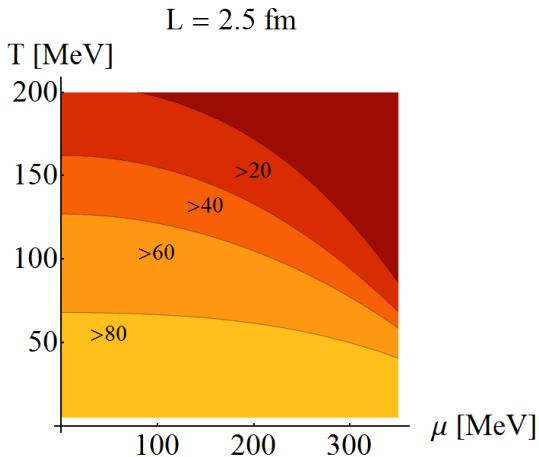
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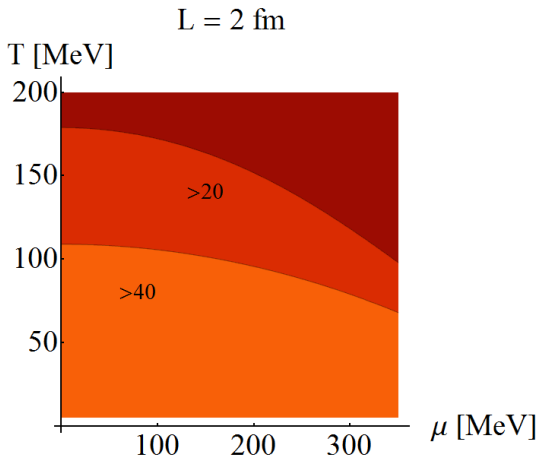
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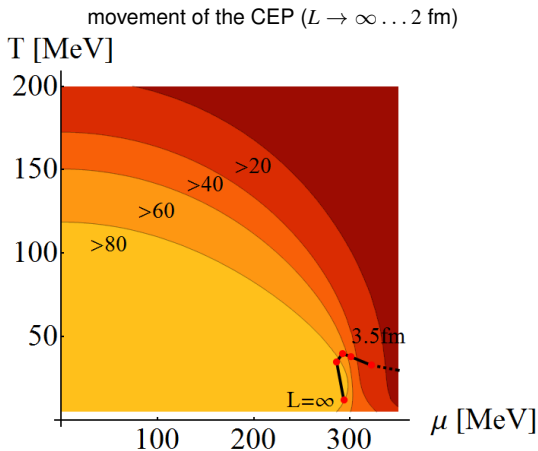
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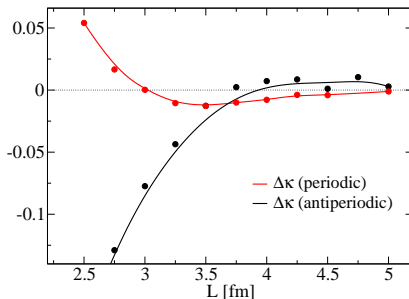
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- curvature κ

$$\frac{T_{\chi}(L, \mu)}{T_{\chi}(L, 0)} = 1 - \kappa(L) \left(\frac{\mu}{\pi T_{\chi}(L, 0)} \right)^2 + \dots$$

- relative change

$$\Delta\kappa(L) = \frac{\kappa(L) - \kappa(\infty)}{\kappa(\infty)}$$



Summary

- $N_f = 2$ and $N_f = 2 + 1$ chiral (Polyakov)-quark-meson model study
 - Mean-field approximation and FRG
 - **fluctuations are important**

functional approaches (such as the presented FRG) are suitable and controllable tools to investigate the QCD phase diagram and its phase boundaries

Findings:

- ▷ **matter back-reaction to YM sector:**
 $T_0 \Rightarrow T_0(N_f, \mu)$
- ▷ **FRG with PQM truncation:** Chiral & deconfinement transition **coincide** for $N_f = 2$ with $T_0(\mu)$ -corrections
- ▷ similar conclusion for $N_f = 2 + 1$
size of the critical region around CEP smaller
- ▷ Finite volume effects
- ▷ Higher moments

Outlook:

- ▷ FRG methods suitable → test lattice predictions (such as finite volume or $N_c = 2, \dots$)
- ▷ include **glue dynamics** with FRG → towards full QCD

