

# High order fluctuations of conserved charges in the continuum limit

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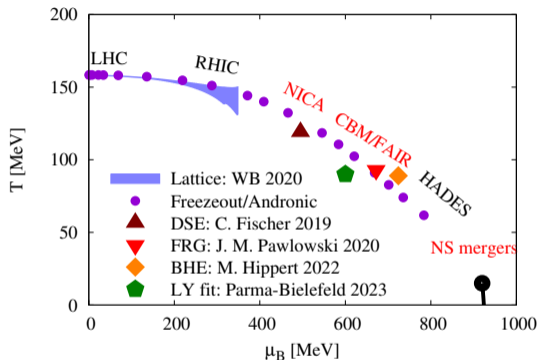
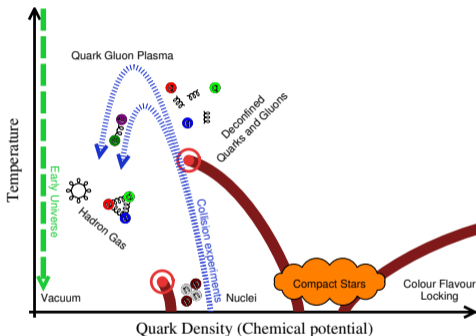
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# Versions of a QCD phase diagram



Zero  $\mu_B$ :  $T_c(\mu_B)$  crossover [Lattice QCD, Wuppertal-Budapest + BNL-Bielefeld 2006...2020]

Low  $\mu_B$ : transition line [Lattice QCD, Pisa group + Wuppertal-Budapest + BNL-Bielefeld 2015...]

Low  $\mu_B$ :  $T_{\text{freeze-out}} \approx T_c(\mu_B)$  [Braun-Munzinger, Stachel, Wetterich, nucl-th/0311005]

High  $\mu_B$ :  $T_{\text{freeze-out}} < T_c(\mu_B)$  [Floerchinger, Wetterich 1202.1671]

*What can Lattice QCD still do about the phase diagram?*

# Baryon fluctuations in two scenarios

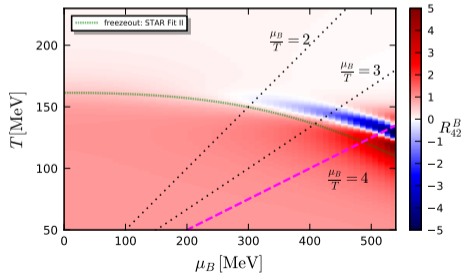
*Stephanov* [0809.3450,1104.1627] : Non-monotonic high order fluctuations near a critical end point.

Here : fourth cumulant  $\langle B^4 \rangle_c$ , normalized to the second cumulant  $\langle B^2 \rangle_c$

*FRG-Lattice assisted LEFT*

*Pawlowski et al.* [2101.06035]

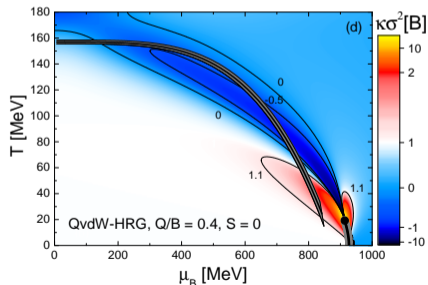
CEP = (93 MeV, 672 MeV)



*QVdW gas*

*Vovchenko et al* [1906.01954]

Liquid-Gas CEP = (19.7 MeV, 922 MeV)



- Taylor coefficients of the pressure

$$\frac{p(\mu_B)}{T^4} = \frac{p(0)}{T^4} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\mu_B^2}{T^2} \chi_2^B(T) + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{\mu_B^4}{T^4} \chi_4^B(T) + \frac{1}{6!} \frac{\mu_B^6}{T^6} \chi_6^B(T) + \dots$$

- These Taylor coefficients are equal to the Grand Canonical fluctuations

$$\langle B^2 \rangle - \langle B \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{VT} \frac{\partial^2 \log Z(V, T, \mu_B, \mu_Q, \mu_S)}{\partial \mu_B^2} = \chi_2^B$$

- Higher fluctuations are the Taylor coefficients of lower fluctuations

$$\chi_2^B(\mu_B) = \chi_2^B(\mu_B = 0) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\mu_B^2}{T^2} \chi_4^B(\mu_B = 0) + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{\mu_B^4}{T^4} \chi_6^B(\mu_B = 0) + \dots$$

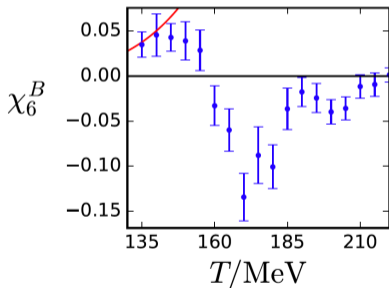
- Taylor coefficients can be used to reveal analytic structure of the thermodynamic potential
  - Repulsive interactions beyond ideal HRG
  - Searching the critical end point
- Hints for chiral O(4) universality

# Baryon fluctuations in the literature

*Two results without continuum extrapolation*

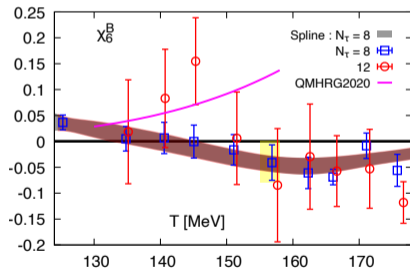
Wuppertal-Budapest, 1805.04445

*4stout,  $N_t = 12$*



HotQCD, 2202.09184

*HISQ,  $N_t = 8, 12$*



Is  $\chi_6^B$  positive or negative at  $T \approx 150$  MeV?  
Does QCD agree with HRG at  $T \approx 140$  MeV?

## How to calculate the $\chi$ coefficients?

$$\chi_{200}^{uds} = +\langle B_u \rangle + \langle A_u A_u \rangle$$

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$$\chi_{400}^{uds} = +\langle D_u \rangle + 3\langle B_u B_u \rangle - 3\langle B_u \rangle \langle B_u \rangle + 4\langle A_u C_u \rangle \\ + \langle A_u A_u A_u A_u \rangle - 3\langle A_u A_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle + 6\langle A_u A_u B_u \rangle - 6\langle B_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle$$

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$$\chi_{600}^{uds} = +\langle F_u \rangle + 10\langle C_u C_u \rangle + 15\langle B_u D_u \rangle + 15\langle B_u B_u B_u \rangle + 6\langle A_u E_u \rangle + 60\langle A_u B_u C_u \rangle + 15\langle A_u A_u D_u \rangle \\ + 45\langle A_u A_u B_u B_u \rangle + 20\langle A_u A_u A_u C_u \rangle + 15\langle A_u A_u A_u A_u B_u \rangle + \langle A_u A_u A_u A_u A_u A_u \rangle - 15\langle D_u \rangle \langle B_u \rangle \\ - 15\langle D_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle - 45\langle B_u \rangle \langle B_u B_u \rangle - 60\langle B_u \rangle \langle A_u C_u \rangle - 90\langle B_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u B_u \rangle \\ - 15\langle B_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u A_u A_u \rangle - 45\langle B_u B_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle - 60\langle A_u C_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle - 90\langle A_u A_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u B_u \rangle \\ - 15\langle A_u A_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u A_u A_u \rangle + 30\langle B_u \rangle \langle B_u \rangle \langle B_u \rangle + 90\langle B_u \rangle \langle B_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle \\ + 90\langle B_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle + 30\langle A_u A_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle \langle A_u A_u \rangle$$

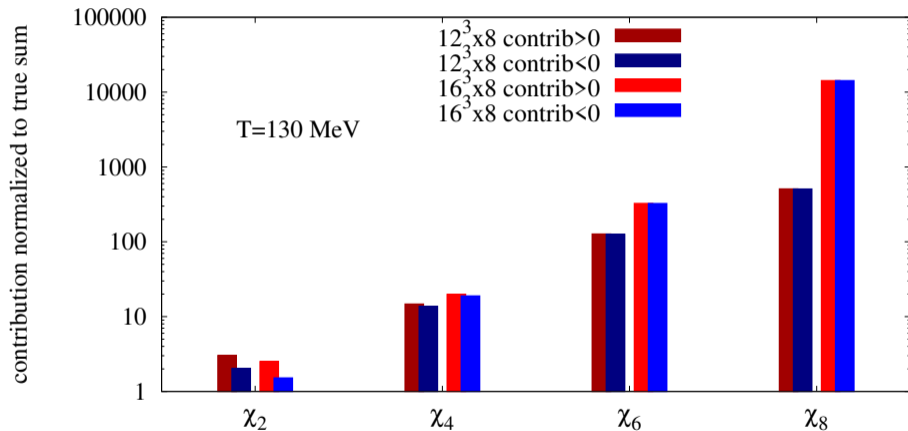
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$$\chi_{800}^{uds} = 79 \text{ terms } \dots$$

$A, B, C, \dots$  are defined as  $[\det M(\mu_u)]^{1/4} = [\det M(0)]^{1/4} (1 + A_u \mu_u + \frac{B_u}{2!} \mu_u^2 + \frac{C_u}{3!} \mu_u^3 + \dots)$

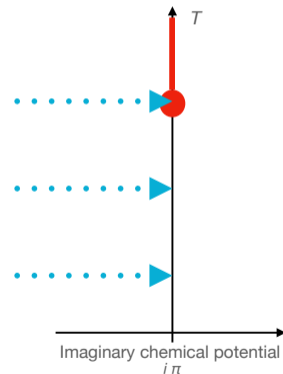
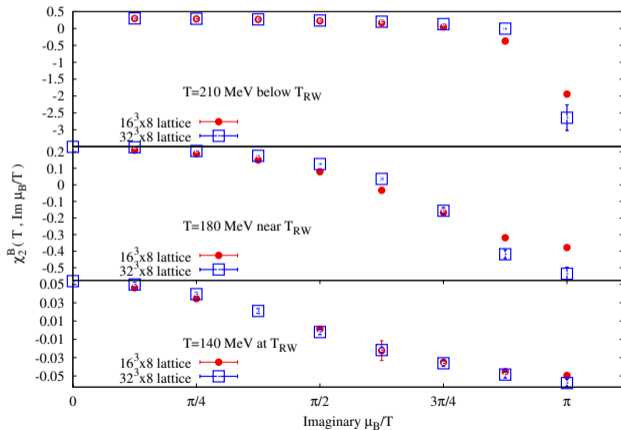
Data analysis uses computer generated code.

# Sign problem in the Taylor coefficients



# Volume dependence near a critical point

*Baryon fluctuations near the Roberge Weiss point  
at imaginary  $\mu_B/T = \pi$*





# Thermodynamics with the 4HEX action

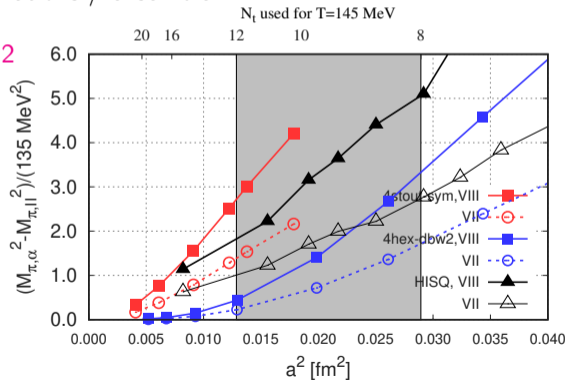
- 4 steps of HEX smearing + DBW2 gauge action
- Physical point defined by  $m_\pi/f_\pi = 1.0337$ ,  $m_s/m_{\text{light}} = 27.63$
- $m_{\text{light}}$  tuned in the  $a$  range:  $0.22 \dots 0.072$  fm
- Thermodynamics runs: cca 50–100 k configurations / ensemble  
10 Temperatures  $130 \dots 205$  MeV  
3 lattice spacings  $16^3 \times 8$ ,  $20^3 \times 10$ ,  $24^3 \times 12$

## Taste breaking

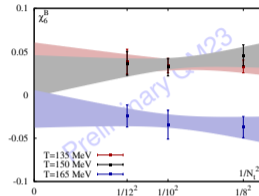
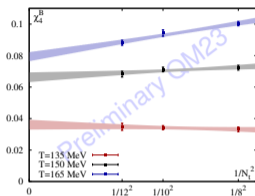
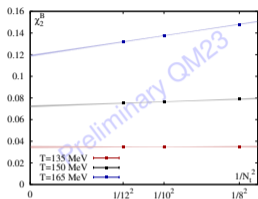
(smaller is better)

show relative quadratic discretization error on  $M_\pi^2$

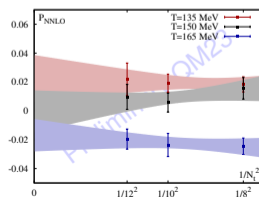
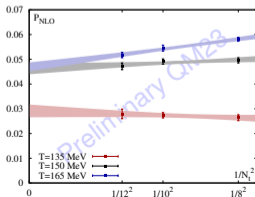
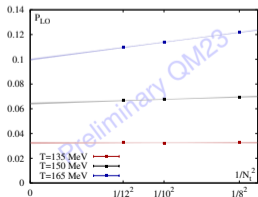
(HISQ: thanks to Peter Petreckzy)



## Baryon Taylor coefficients



## Strangeness neutral Taylor coefficients



# What is strangeness neutrality?

*We extrapolate:*  $B(\mu_B, \mu_S, T)$   $S(\mu_B, \mu_S, T)$

Strangeness neutrality means that we solve for  $\mu_S$  at any  $\mu_B$  and  $T$

$$S(\mu_B, \mu_S, T) \equiv 0$$

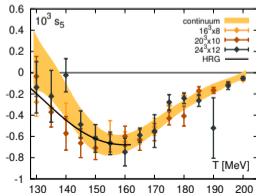
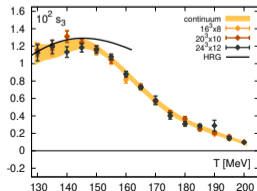
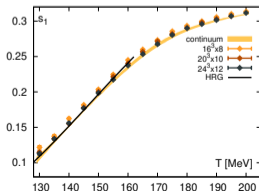
That requires a tuning of  $\mu_S = \mu_S^*(\mu_B, T)$ . [For simplicity  $\mu_Q \equiv 0$ .]

$$\mu_S^*(\mu_B, T) = s_1(T)\mu_B + s_3(T)\mu_B^3 + s_5(T)\mu_B^5 + \dots$$

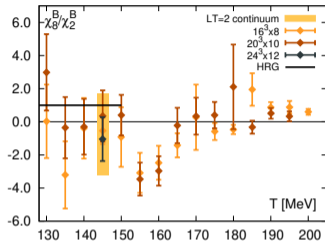
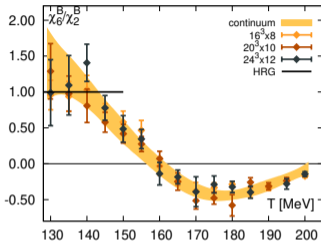
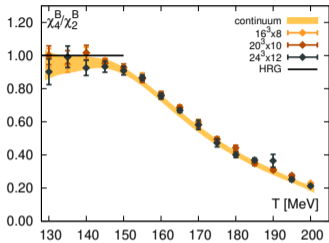
One obtains  $s_1(T)$ ,  $s_3(T)$  and  $s_5(T)$  from the standard Taylor coefficients

[HotQCD 1208.1220; 1701.04325]

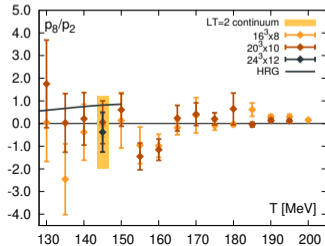
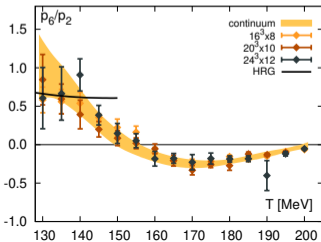
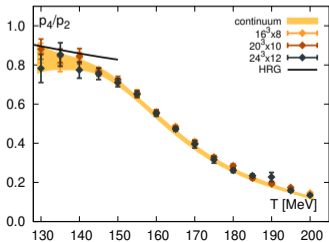
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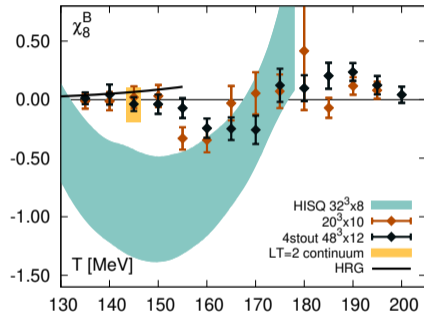
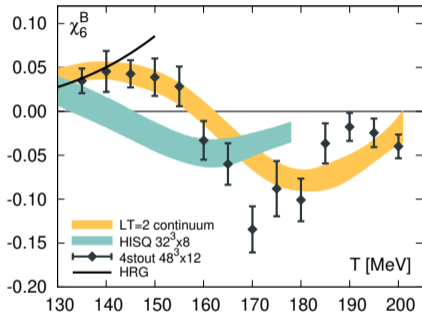
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## Comparison with literature



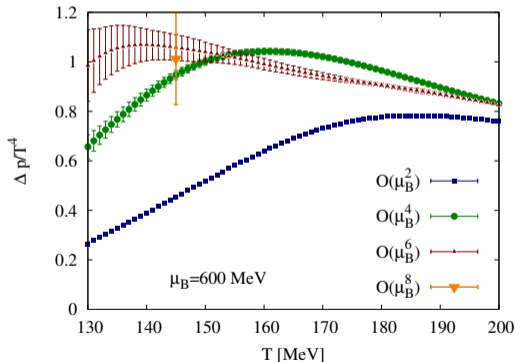
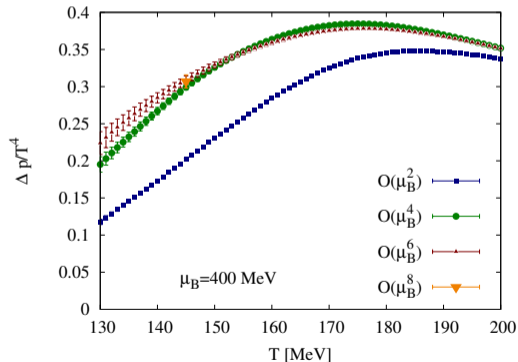
4stout data (imaginary  $\mu_B$ ,  $48^3 \times 12$  lattice) : [\[Wuppertal-Budapest, 1805.04445\]](#)

HISQ data: ( $\mu_B = 0$ ,  $32^3 \times 8$  lattice, inexact charge conservation) [\[BNL-Bielefeld, 2202.09184,2212.09043\]](#)

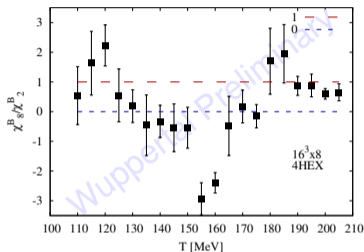
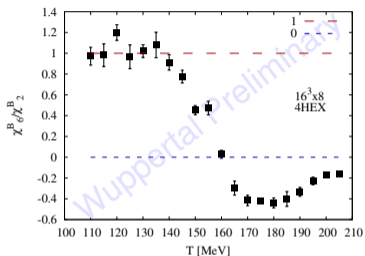
4HEX result ( $\mu_B = 0$ ,  $16^3 \times 8$ ,  $20^3 \times 10$ ,  $24^3 \times 12$  lattices) [\[Wuppertal-Budapest, 2312.07528\]](#)

We calculate using continuum extrapolated coefficients (*in a modest volume  $LT = 2$* )

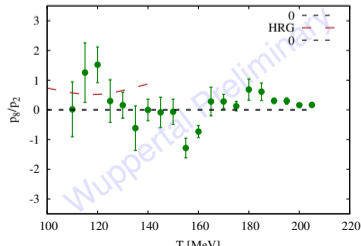
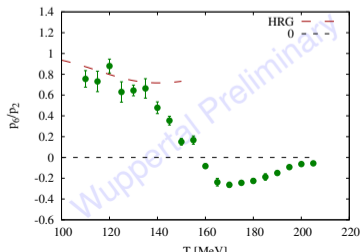
$$\frac{p(T, \mu_B)}{T^4} - \frac{p(T, 0)}{T^4} \approx \frac{\rho_0}{2!} \frac{\mu_B^2}{T^2} + \frac{\rho_0}{4!} \frac{\mu_B^4}{T^4} + \frac{\rho_0}{6!} \frac{\mu_B^6}{T^6} + \frac{\rho_0}{8!} \frac{\mu_B^8}{T^8}$$



## Baryon cumulant ratios



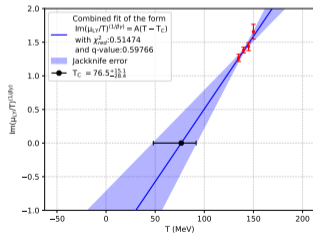
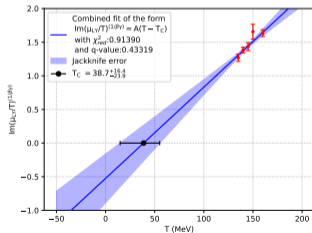
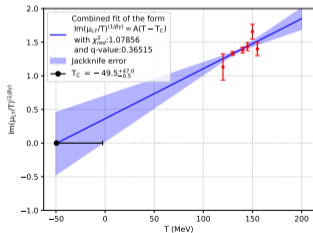
## Strangeness neutral EoS cumulant ratios



The poles of the rational function

$$\chi_2(T, \hat{\mu}_B) \approx \frac{A_0 + A_1 \hat{\mu}_B^2}{1 + B_1 \hat{\mu}_B^2 + B_2 \hat{\mu}_B^4} \stackrel{!}{=} \chi_2(T, 0) + \frac{\hat{\mu}_B^2}{2!} \chi_4(T, 0) + \frac{\hat{\mu}_B^4}{4!} \chi_6(T, 0) + \frac{\hat{\mu}_B^6}{6!} \chi_8(T, 0)$$

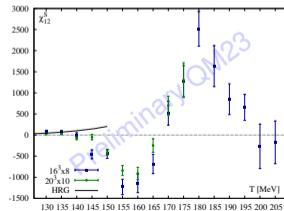
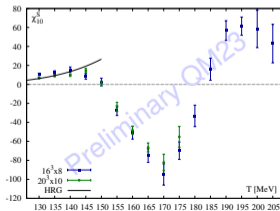
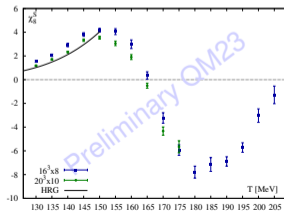
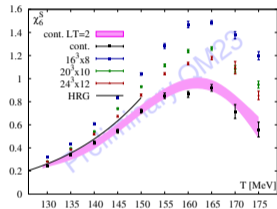
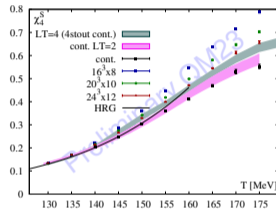
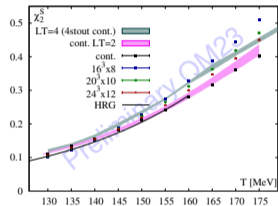
might reveal Lee-Yang zeros. Real Lee-Yang zeros indicate real transitions.



- i) Small temperatures could be more conclusive but require higher orders.
- ii) Results come with large systematics (fit range dependence)



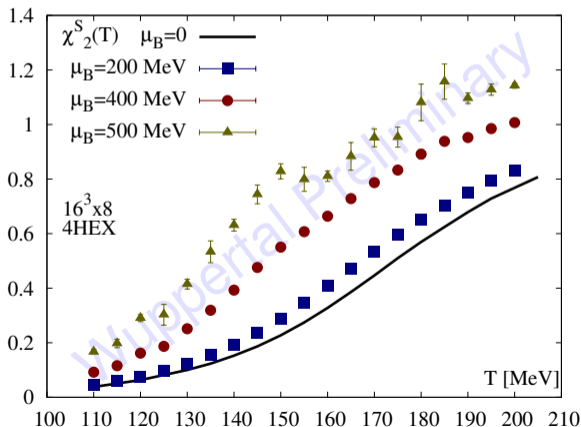
$$\chi_n^S = \frac{\partial^n (p/T^4)}{\partial \mu_S / T^n}$$



# Strangeness susceptibility extrapolations

*NNLO expansion on a  $16^3 \times 8$  lattice*

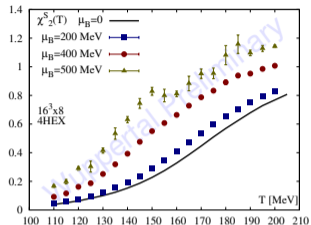
$$\chi_2^S(T, \mu_B) \approx \chi_2^S(T, 0) + \frac{\mu_B^2}{2T^2} \chi_{22}^{BS}(T, 0) + \frac{\mu_B^4}{24T^4} \chi_{42}^{BS}(T, 0) + \frac{\mu_B^6}{720T^6} \chi_{62}^{BS}(T, 0)$$



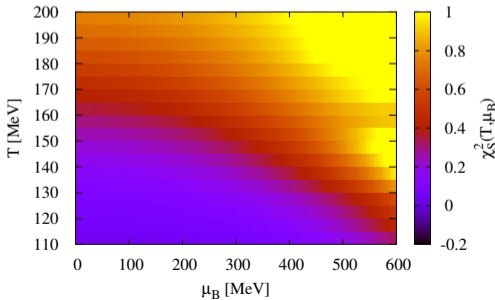
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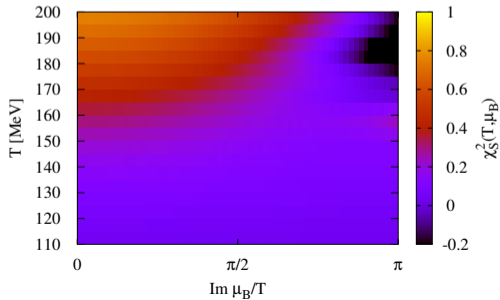
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Real  $\mu_B$



Imaginary  $\mu_B$

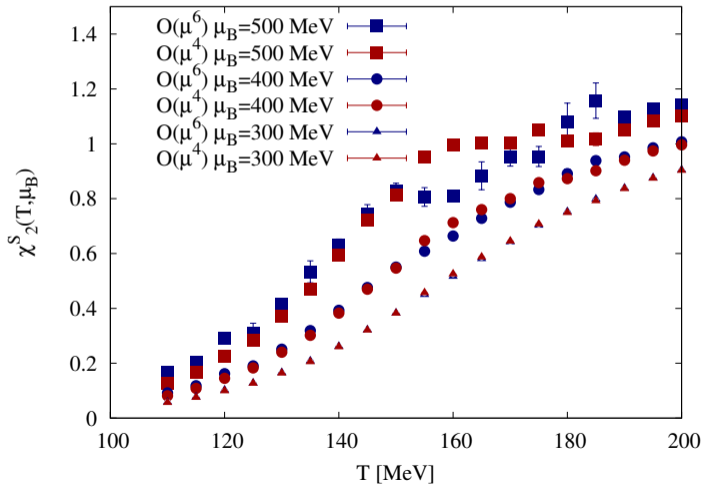


High order fluctuations from lattice is an expensive endeavour

- Earlier (2018) we exploited analyticity in the (imaginary) chemical potential to substantially cut costs on  $48^3 \times 12$  lattices *two years of INCITE access*
- Today I presented continuum extrapolated fluctuations in a smaller volume ( $LT = 2$ ) thanks to the 4HEX discretization using a fraction of resources  *$\frac{1}{2}$  years in Jülich*
  - Cut-off effects are significant (*staggered fermions*)  
New action (**4HEX**) permits continuum extrapolation from  $N_t = 8, 10$  and 12.
  - Large volume kills the signal (*as expected in the presence of a sign problem*); small volume could already show hints for criticality
- From very high statistics ensembles (*an other  $\frac{1}{2}$  years in Jülich + 2 weeks on LUMI*) one can attempt to extrapolate to so far unattainable parts of the phase diagram. (*today only on coarse lattices*)



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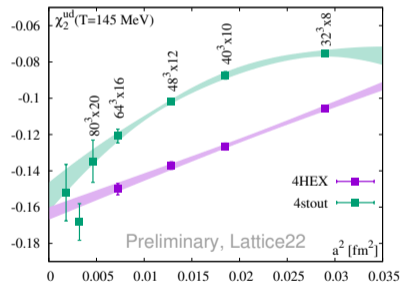
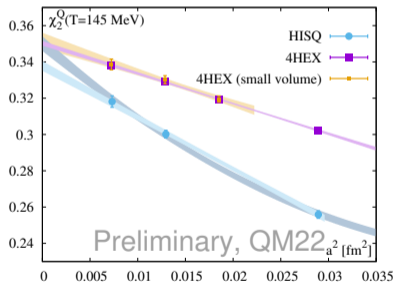


# Testing continuum limits with the 4HEX action

*4HEX staggered action with strongly reduced taste breaking.*

*Let's look at those fluctuations e.g. charge, that is sensitive to it.*

*Continuum extrapolation  $T = 145$  MeV with large volume up to  $N_t = 16$*



**4STOUT:** Wuppertal-Budapest (2013–2023) [Wuppertal-Budapest [1507.04627]]

**HISQ:** BNL-Bielefeld (2011–...) [HotQCD [2107.10011]]

**4HEX:** Wuppertal-Budapest (2022–...) [Wuppertal-Budapest QM2022]