Recent theoretical developments on the QCD phase diagram

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QCD Phase Transitions

QCD $\longrightarrow$ two phase transitions:

1. restoration of chiral symmetry

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

   order parameter:

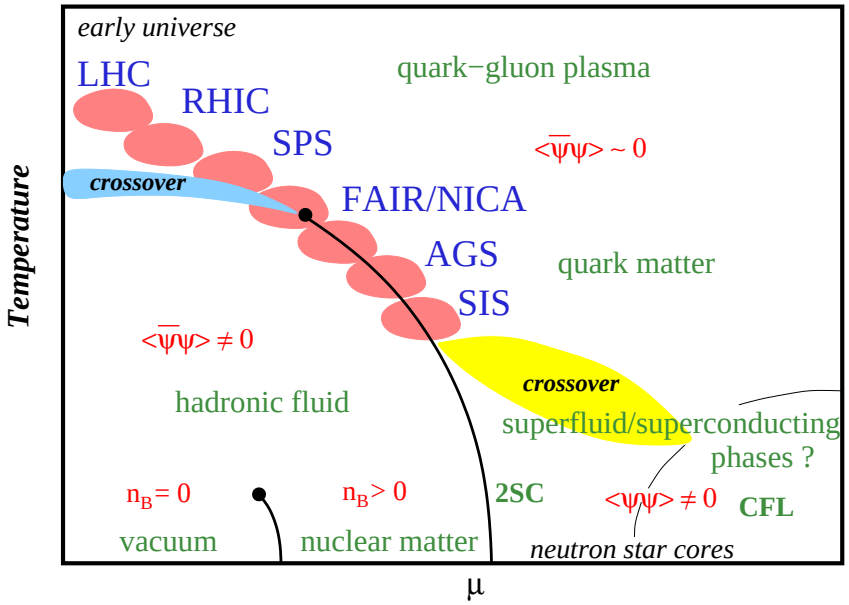
   $$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \begin{cases} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{symmetry broken}, & T < T_c \\ = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{symmetric phase}, & T > T_c \end{cases}$$

2. de/confinement

   order parameter: Polyakov loop variable

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

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



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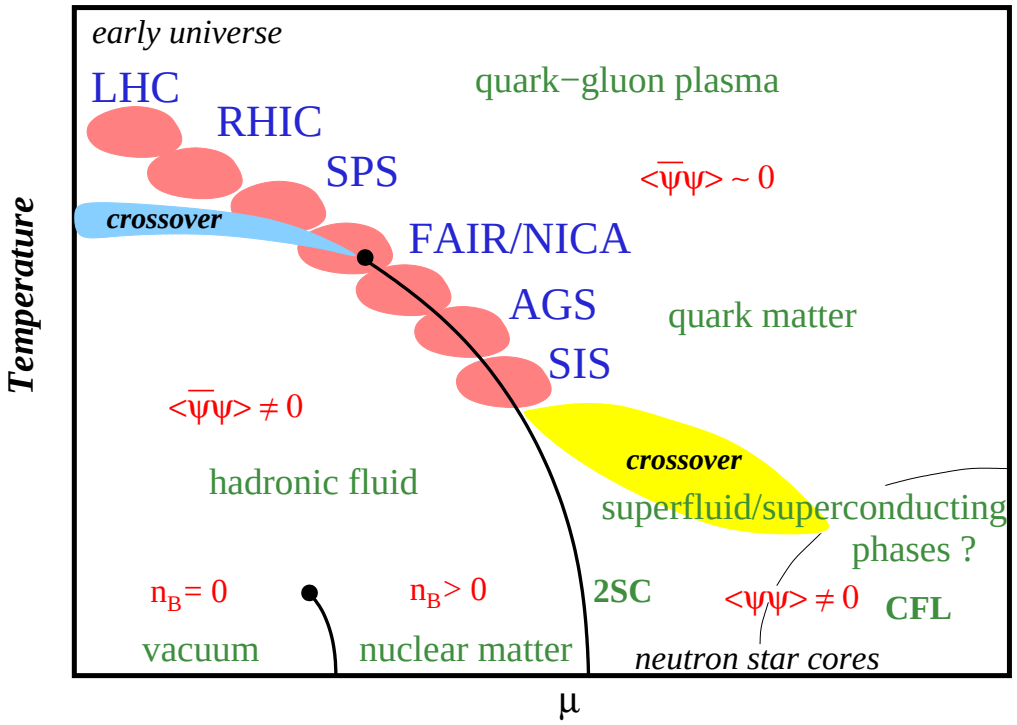
alternative: ➜ dressed Polyakov loop (or dual condensate)

it relates chiral and deconfinement transition to spectral properties of Dirac operator

effective models:

1. Quark-meson (QM) model — or other models e.g. NJL
2. Polyakov–quark-meson (PQM) model — or PNJL models

The conjectured QCD Phase Diagram



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Open issues:

related to chiral & deconfinement transition

- ▷ existence of CEP?
- ▷ its location?
- ▷ additional CEPs?
  How many?
- ▷ coincidence of both transitions at $\mu = 0$?
- ▷ quarkyonic phase at $\mu > 0$?
- ▷ chiral CEP/
  deconfinement CEP?
- ▷ so far only MFA results
  effect of fluctuations
  (e.g. size of crit. reg.)?
- ▷ finite volume effects
  $\rightarrow$ [talk by B Klein]
- ▷ ...

here: non-perturbative FunMethods (FRG)

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

$\rightarrow$ complementary to lattice

e.g. $N_c = 2$ Polyakov-quark-meson-diquark (PQMD) model $\rightarrow$[talk by N Strodthoff]

Outline

- Polyakov–Quark-Meson Model

- Functional renormalization group (FRG)

$\mathbf{N_f = 3}$ Quark-Meson (QM) model

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

Quark part with Yukawa coupling $\mathbf{h}$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}} = \bar{q}(i\partial\!\!\!/ - h\frac{\lambda_a}{2}(\sigma_a + i\gamma_5\pi_a))q$$

Meson part: scalar $\sigma_\mathbf{a}$ and pseudoscalar $\pi_\mathbf{a}$ nonet

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

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

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

Polyakov-quark-meson (PQM) model

- Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{\text{PQM}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{qm}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{pol}}$ with $\mathcal{L}_{\text{pol}} = -\bar{q}\gamma_0 A_0 q - \mathcal{U}(\phi, \bar{\phi})$

- **polynomial Polyakov loop potential:** **Polyakov 1978, Meisinger 1996, Pisarski 2000**

$$\frac{\mathcal{U}(\phi,\bar{\phi})}{T^4} = -\frac{b_2(T,T_0)}{2}\phi\bar{\phi} - \frac{b_3}{6}\left(\phi^3 + \bar{\phi}^3\right) + \frac{b_4}{16}\left(\phi\bar{\phi}\right)^2$$

with $b_2(T,T_0) = a_0 + a_1(T_0/T) + a_2(T_0/T)^2 + a_3(T_0/T)^3$

- **logarithmic potential:** **Rößner et al. 2007**

$$\frac{\mathcal{U}_{\text{log}}}{T^4} = -\frac{1}{2}a(T)\bar{\phi}\phi + b(T)\ln\left[1 - 6\bar{\phi}\phi + 4\left(\phi^3 + \bar{\phi}^3\right) - 3\left(\bar{\phi}\phi\right)^2\right]$$

with $a(T) = a_0 + a_1(T_0/T) + a_2(T_0/T)^2$ and $b(T) = b_3(T_0/T)^3$

- **Fukushima** **Fukushima 2008**

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

a controls deconfinement b strength of mixing chiral & deconfinement

Mean field approximation

Grand potential for $N_f = 3$ **[BJS, Wagner, Wambach '10]**

$$\Omega(T,\mu) = -\frac{T\ln\mathcal{Z}}{V} = U_{\text{meson}}(\sigma_l,\sigma_s) + \Omega_{\bar{q}q}(T,\mu;\phi,\bar{\phi},\sigma_l,\sigma_s) + \mathcal{U}(\phi,\bar{\phi})$$

Quark contribution:

$$\Omega_{\bar{q}q}(T,\mu,\sigma_l,\sigma_s,\phi,\bar{\phi}) = -2N_cT\sum_{flavor}\int\frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3}\left\{\ln(1+N_q(T,\mu,\phi,\bar{\phi})) + \ln(1+N_{\bar{q}}(T,\mu,\phi,\bar{\phi}))\right\}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} N_q(T,\mu,\phi,\bar{\phi}) &= 3(\phi+\bar{\phi}e^{-(E_q-\mu)/T})e^{-(E_q-\mu)/T} + e^{-3(E_q-\mu)/T} \\ N_{\bar{q}}(T,\mu,\phi,\bar{\phi}) &= N_q(T,-\mu,\bar{\phi},\phi) \end{aligned}$$

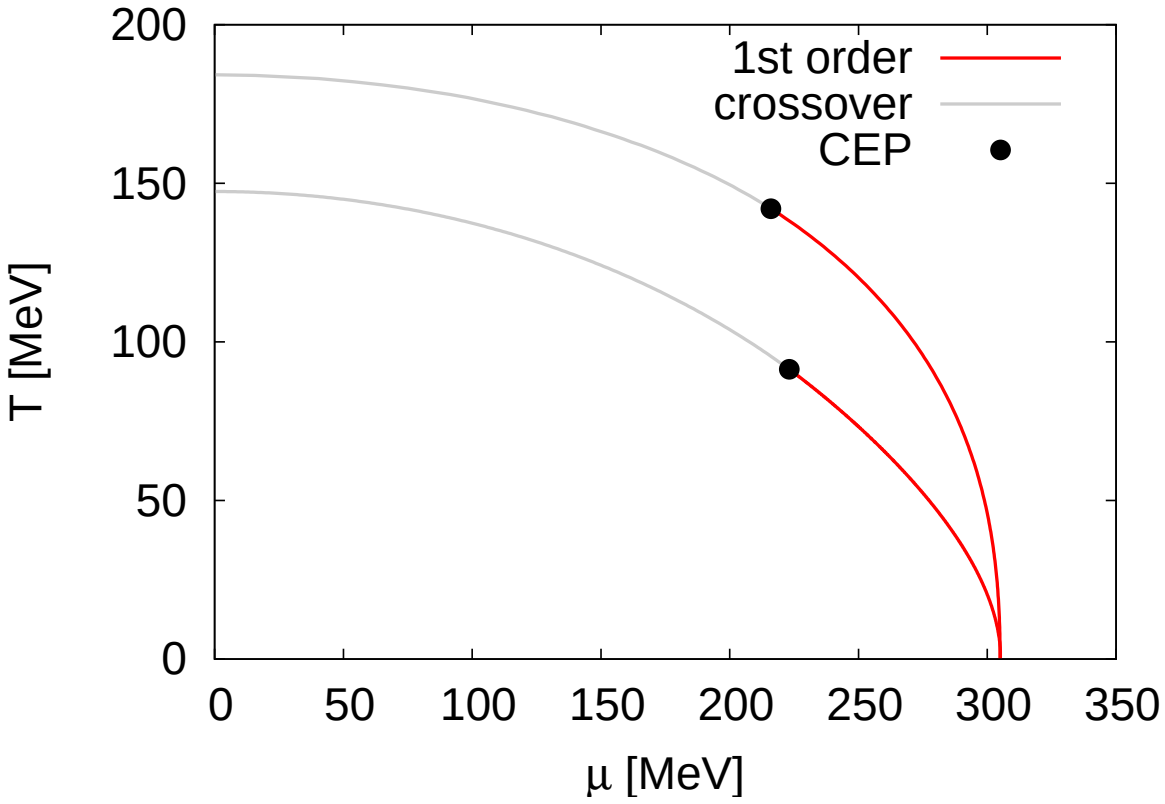
$$E_q = \sqrt{k^2 + m_q^2(\sigma_l,\sigma_s))}$$

➜ divergent vacuum contribution neglected $\Rightarrow$ influences phase diagram

[Skokov, Friman, Redlich, BJS; '10]

Phase diagrams $\mathbf{N_f = 2}$

[BJS, Pawlowski, Wambach '07]



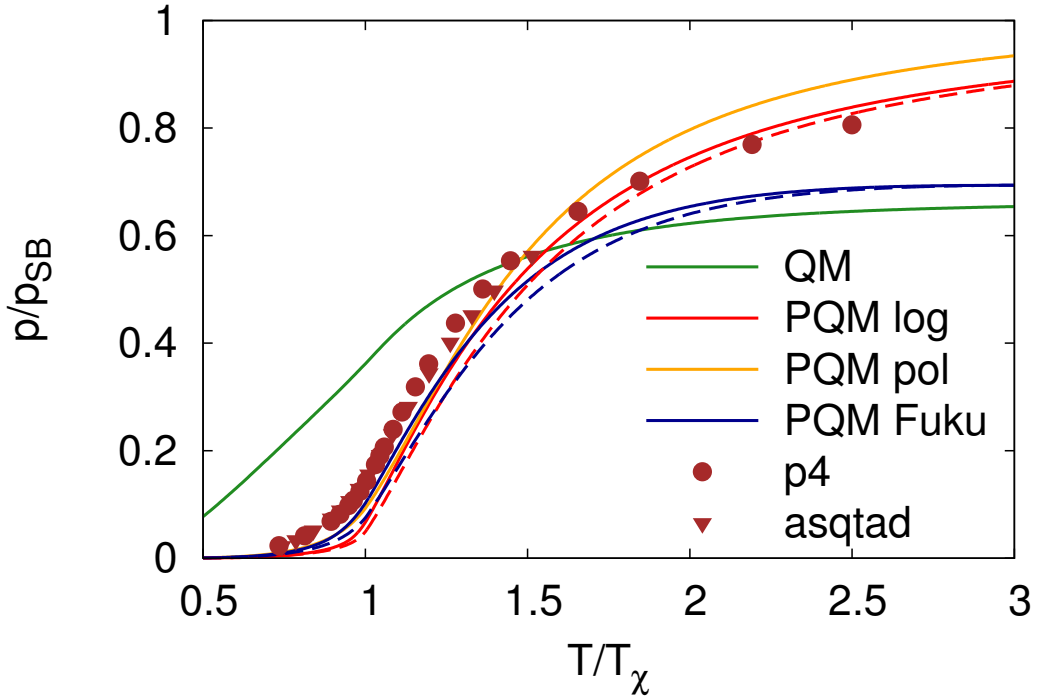
- for PQM model $N_f = 2$
- for QM model $N_f = 2$ (lower lines)

QCD Thermodynamics $\mathbf{N_f = 2 + 1}$

[BJS, Wagner, Wambach '10]

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

(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

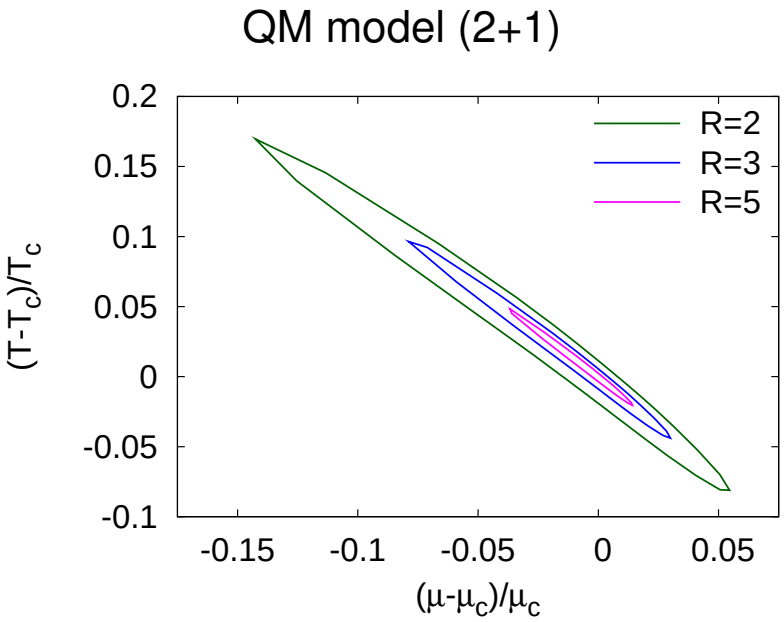
lattice data: [Bazavov et al. '09]

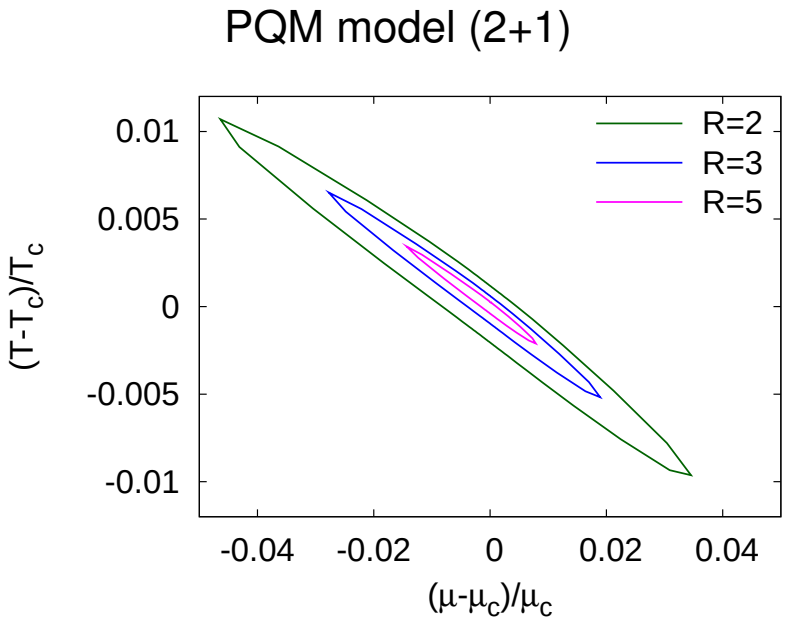
Critical region

contour plot of **size of the critical region** around CEP in the phase diagram

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

➜ compressed with Polyakov loop





[BJS, M. Wagner; in preparation]

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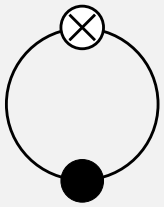
Functional RG Approach

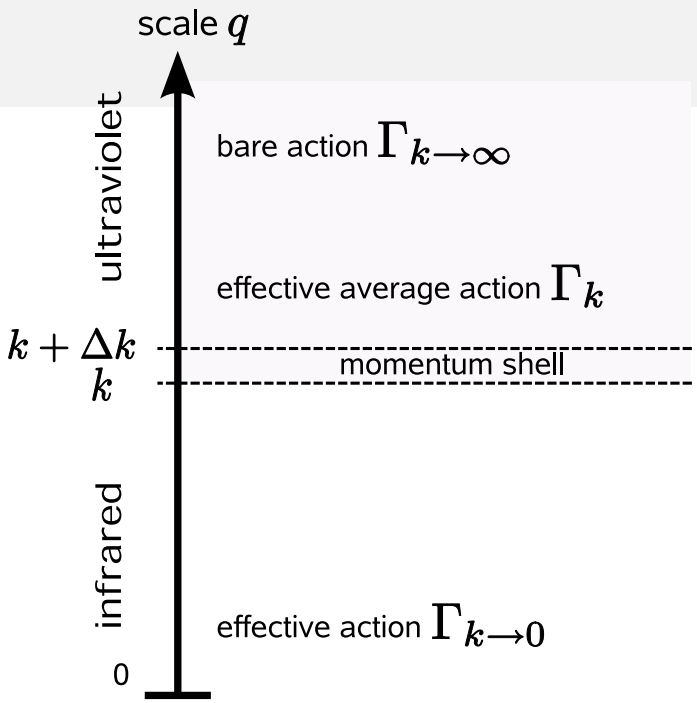
$\Gamma_k[\phi]$ scale dependent effective action ; $t = \ln(k/\Lambda)$; R_k regulators

FRG (average effective action) **[Wetterich '93]**

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

$$k\partial_k \Gamma_k[\phi] \sim \frac{1}{2}$$





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[Nakano, BJS, Stokic, Friman, Redlich '10]

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$\rightarrow$ no focussing if fluctuations taken into account

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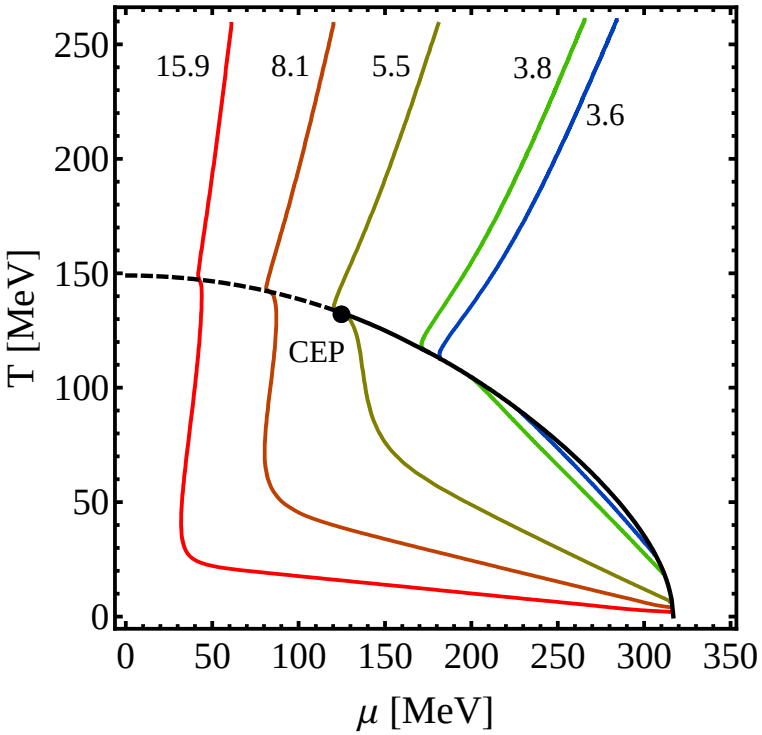
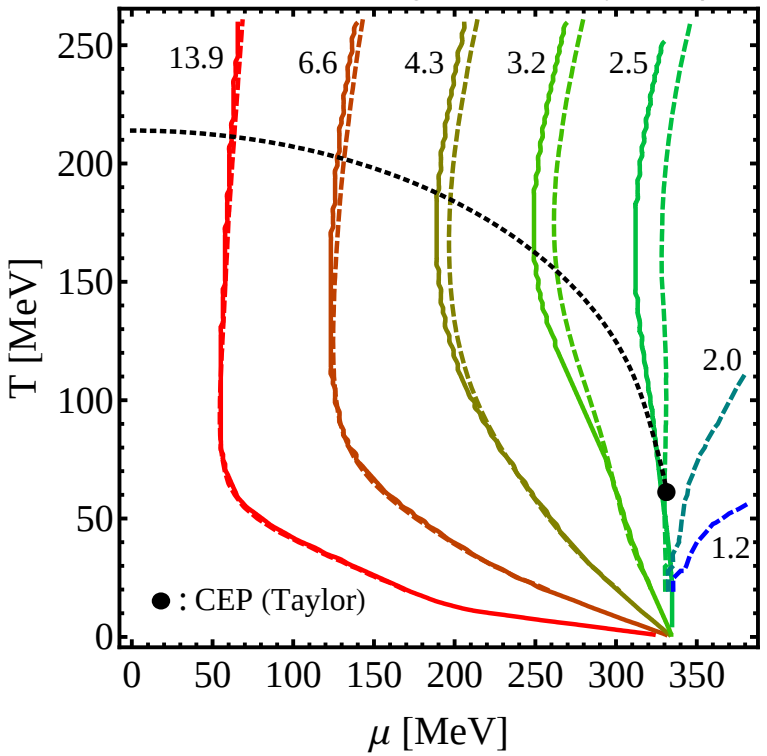
MFA (no Dirac term)



FRG (dashed: full grid; solid: Taylor expansion)



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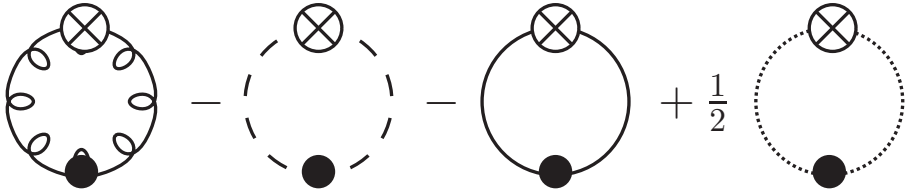
kink structure at boundary in mean field approximation

$\Rightarrow$ remnant of first-order transition in chiral limit

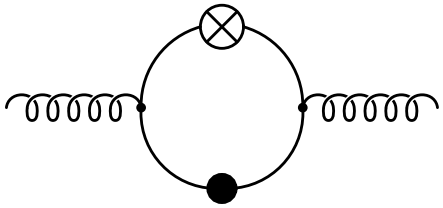
if Dirac term neglected

$\mathbf{T}_0(N_f, \mu)$ modification

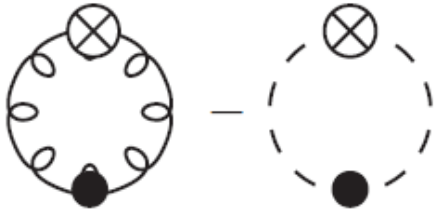
full QCD FRG flow: gluon , ghosts, quark and meson (via hadronization) fluctuations
[Braun, Haas, Marhauser, Pawlowski; 09] $\rightarrow$ talk by J M Pawlowski

$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2}$ 

in presence of dynamical quarks
gluonic contribution modified:



pure YM flow
($\rightarrow$ Polyakov loop potential):

$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2}$ 

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

[BJS, Pawlowski, Wambach; 2007]
[Herbst, Pawlowski,BJS; 2010]

$\mathbf{T}_0(N_f, \mu)$ modification

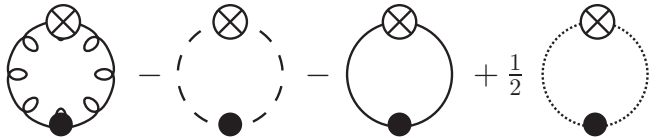
N_f	0	1	2	$2+1$	3
T_0 [MeV]	270	240	208	187	178

$\rightarrow$ talks by J. Braun and H Gies

Functional Renormalization Group

[Wetterich '93]

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

$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2}$ 

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

PQM truncation $\mathrm{N_f} = 2$ **[Herbst, Pawlowski,BJS;2010]**

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

Initial action at UV scale Λ:

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

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

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Flow equation for PQM $\mathrm{N_f} = 2$ **[Herbst, Pawlowski,BJS; 2010]**

$$\partial_t \Omega_k = \frac{k^5}{12\pi^2} \left[-\frac{2N_f N_c}{E_q} \left\{ 1 - N_q(T,\mu;\Phi,\bar{\Phi}) + N_{\bar{q}}(T,\mu;\Phi,\bar{\Phi}) \right\} + \frac{1}{E_\sigma} \coth\left(\frac{E_\sigma}{2T}\right) + \frac{3}{E_\pi} \coth\left(\frac{E_\pi}{2T}\right) \right]$$

with $E_{\sigma,\pi,q} = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2_{\sigma,\pi,q}}\,,\ m_\sigma^2 = 2\Omega_k' + 4\sigma^2\Omega_k''\,,\ m_\pi^2 = 2\Omega_k'\,,\ m_q^2 = g^2\sigma^2$

and

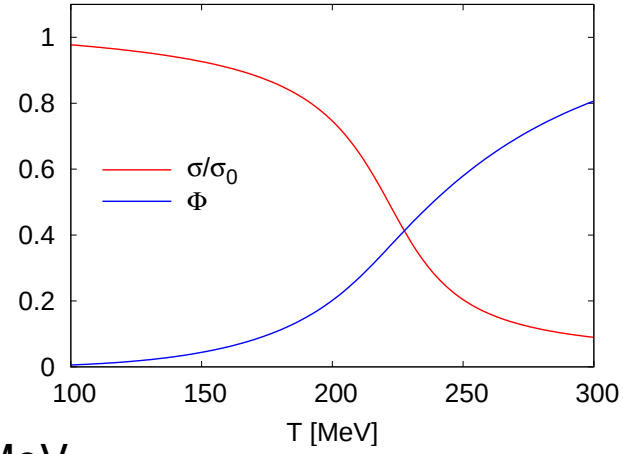
$$N_q(T,\mu;\Phi,\bar{\Phi}) = \frac{1 + 2\bar{\Phi}e^{\beta(E_q-\mu)} + \Phi e^{2\beta(E_q-\mu)}}{1 + 3\bar{\Phi}e^{\beta(E_q-\mu)} + 3\Phi e^{2\beta(E_q-\mu)} + e^{3\beta(E_q-\mu)}}$$

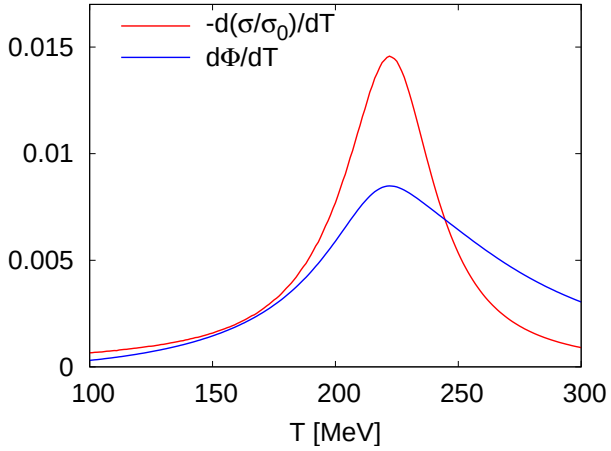
$$N_{\bar{q}}(T,\mu;\Phi,\bar{\Phi}) = N_q(T,-\mu;\Phi,\bar{\Phi})|_{\mu\to-\mu}$$

cf. [Skokov, Stokic, Friman, Redlich; 2010]

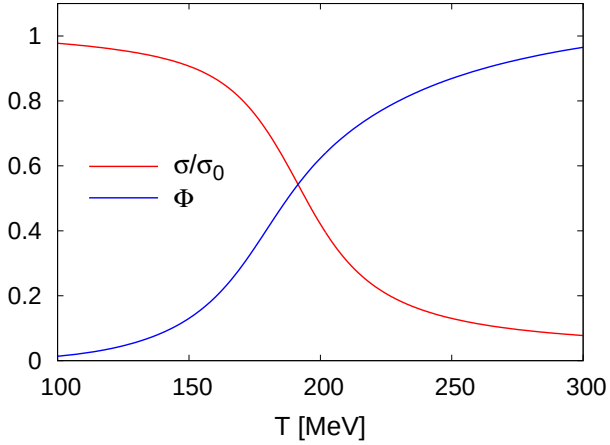
$\mu = 0$: order parameters and T-derivatives

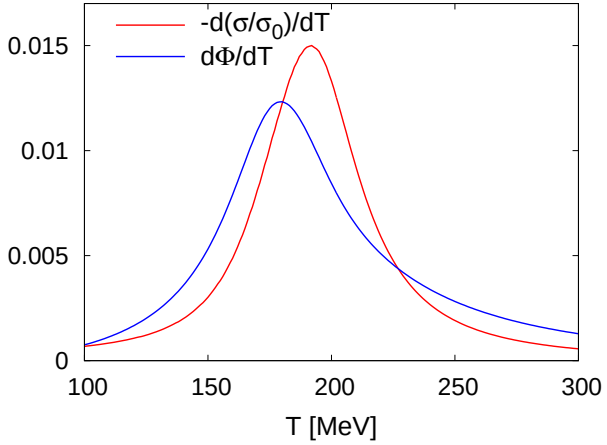
$T_0 = 270$ MeV





$T_0 = 208$ MeV





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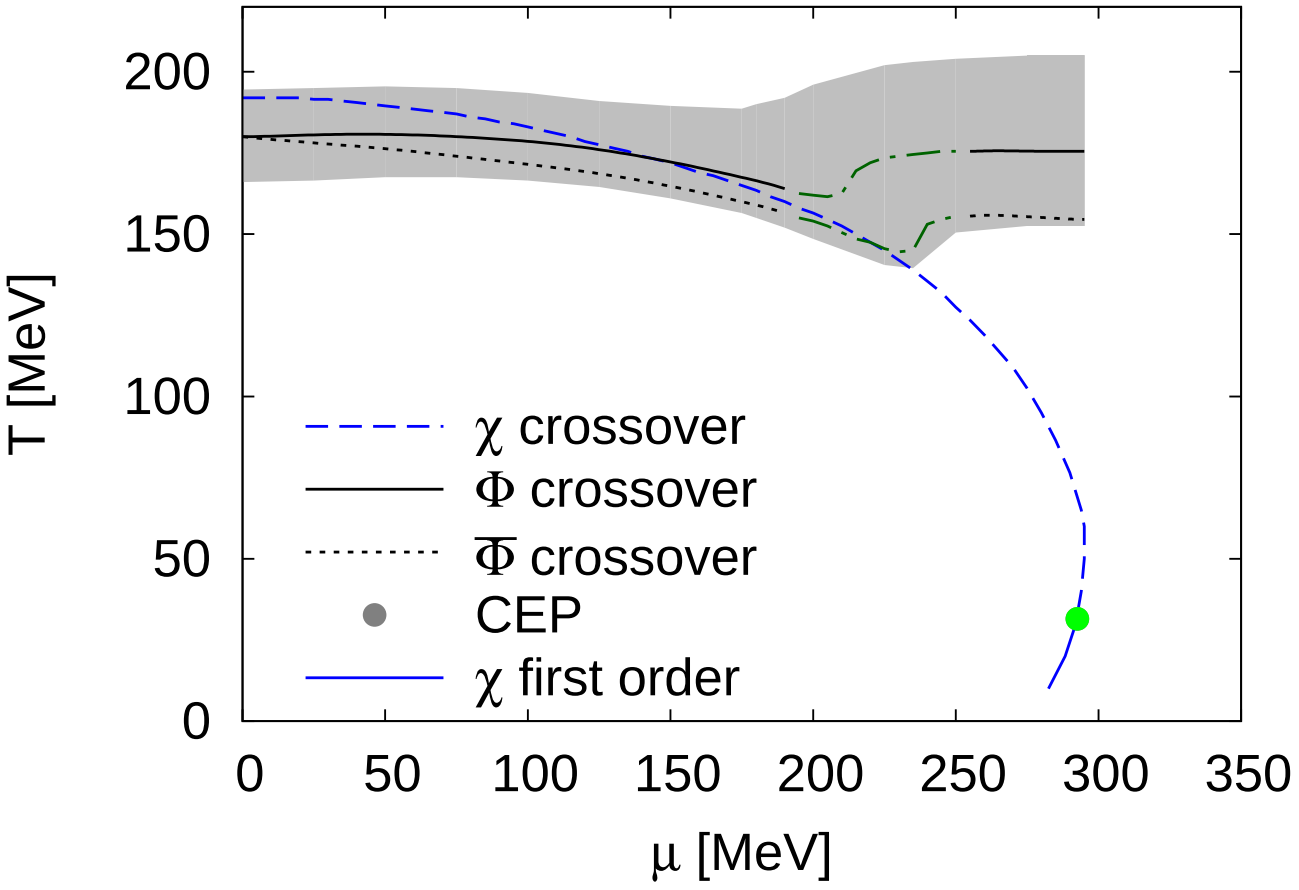

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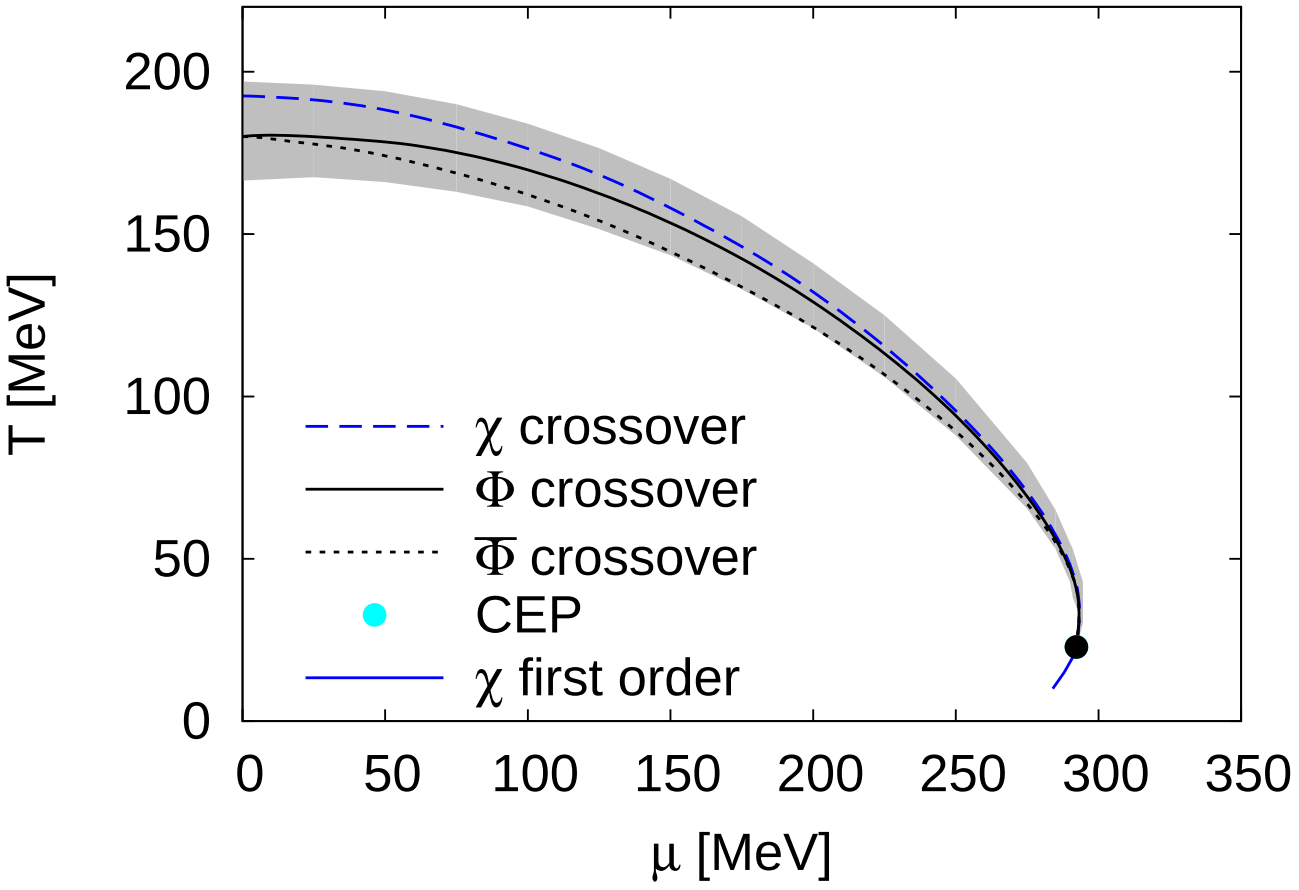
Phase diagram $T_0(\mu), T_0(0) = 208$ MeV



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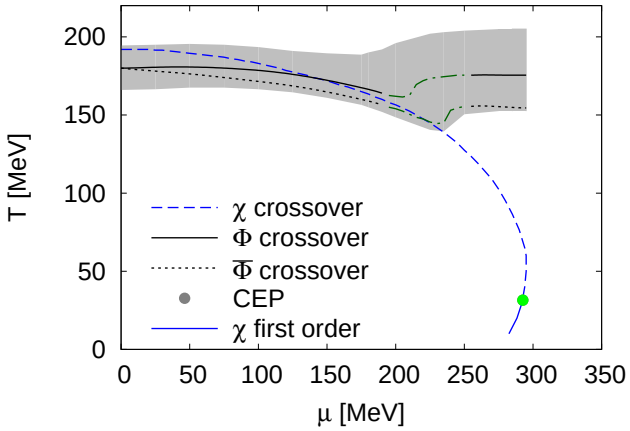

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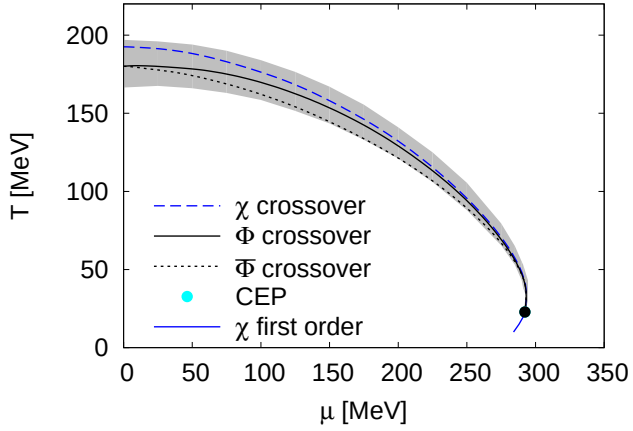

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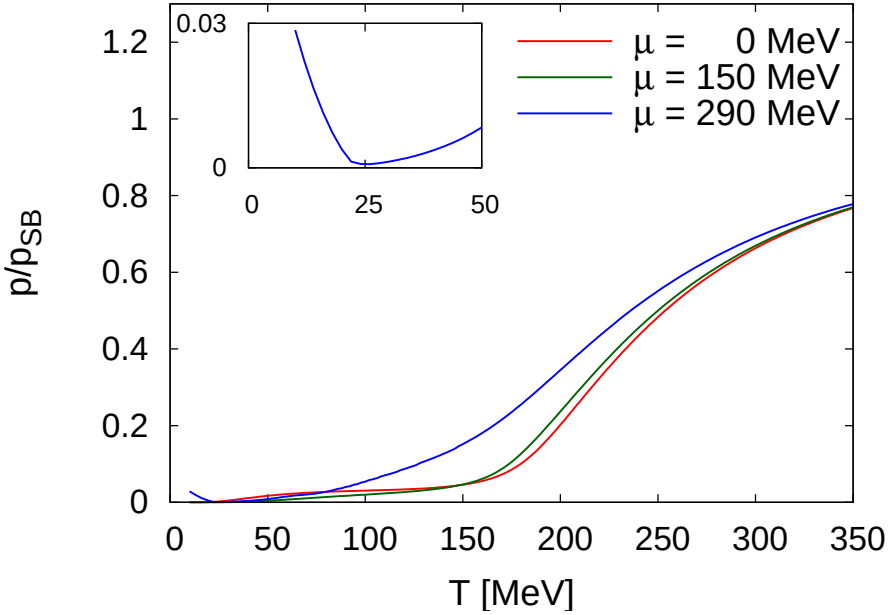
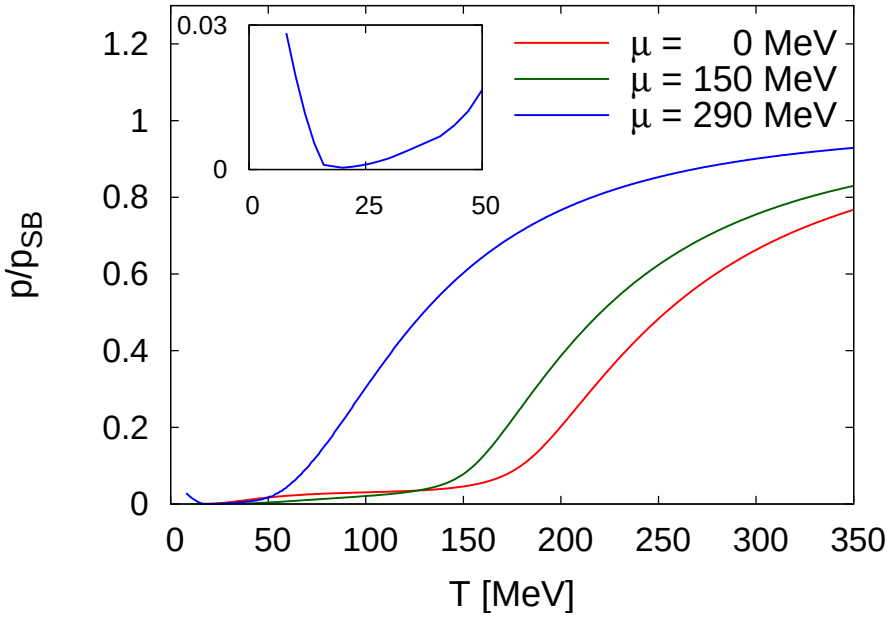




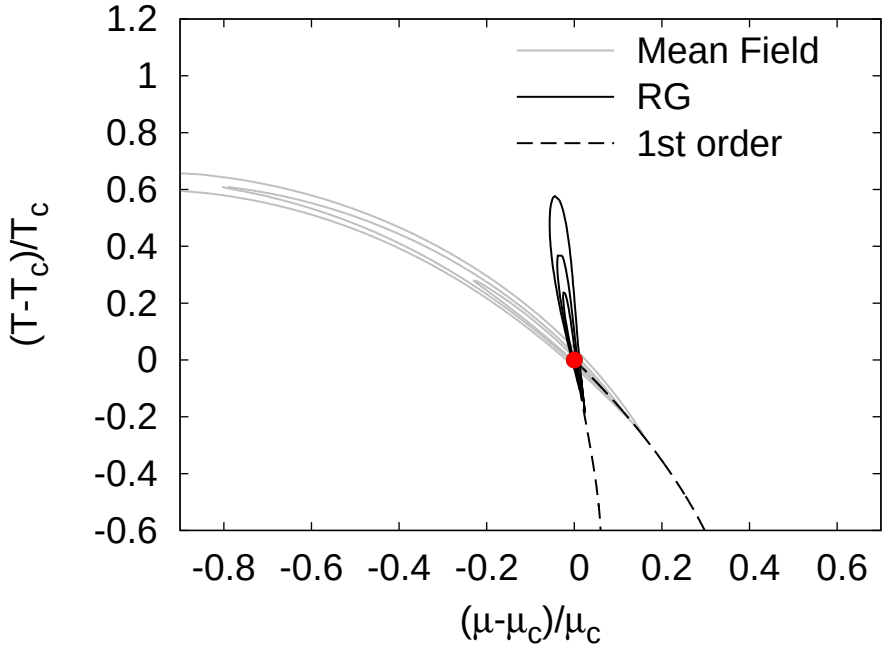
Critical region

similar conclusion if **fluctuations** are included

fluctuations via Functional Renormalization Group

comparison: $N_f = 2$ QM model

Mean Field $\leftrightarrow$ RG analysis



[BJS, J. Wambach '06]

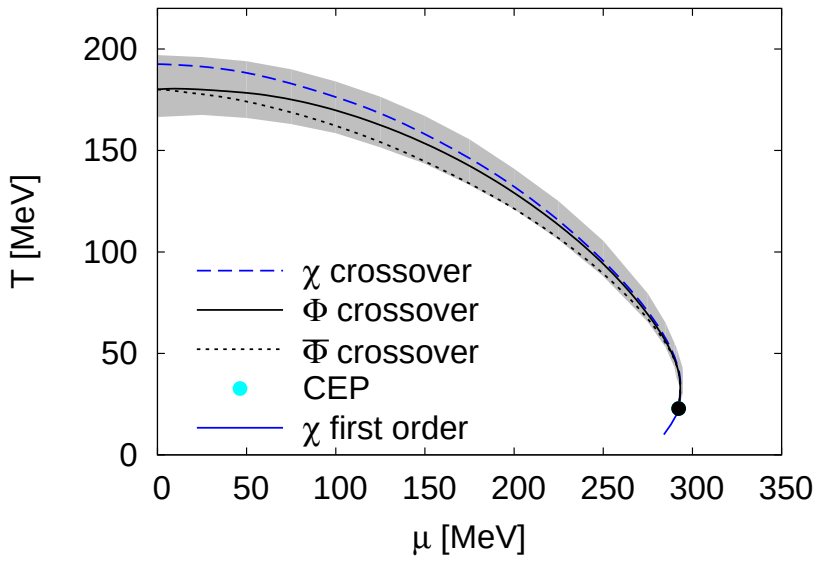
Summary

- $N_f = 2$ and $N_f = 2 + 1$ chiral (Polyakov)-quark-meson model study

➜ Mean-field approximation and FRG

➜ fluctuations are important

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 $N_f = 2 + 1$
- role of quantum fluctuations

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