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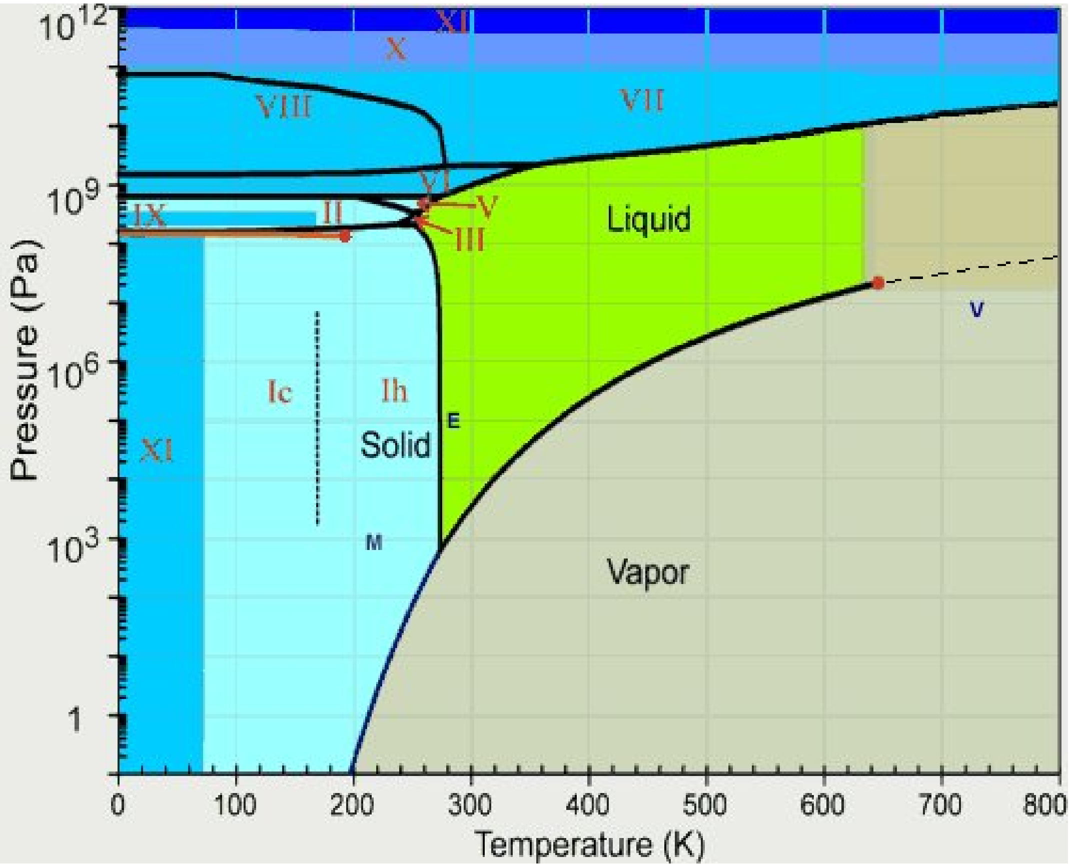

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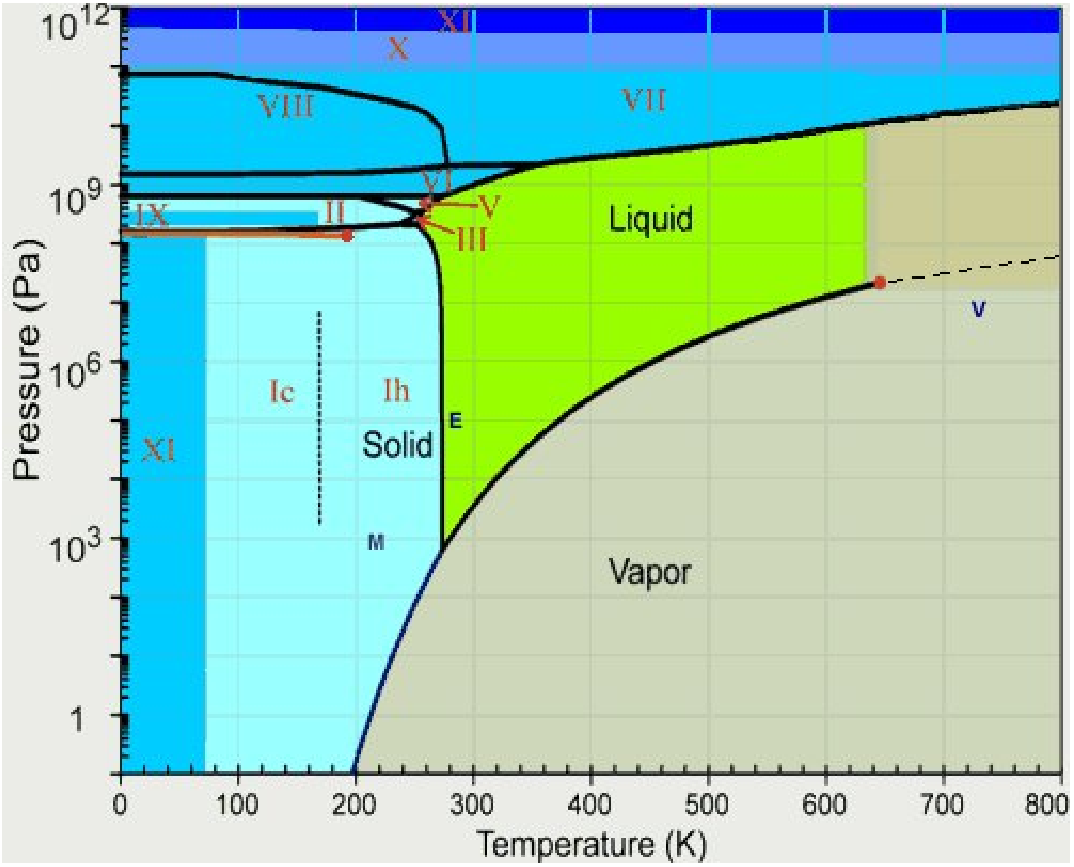

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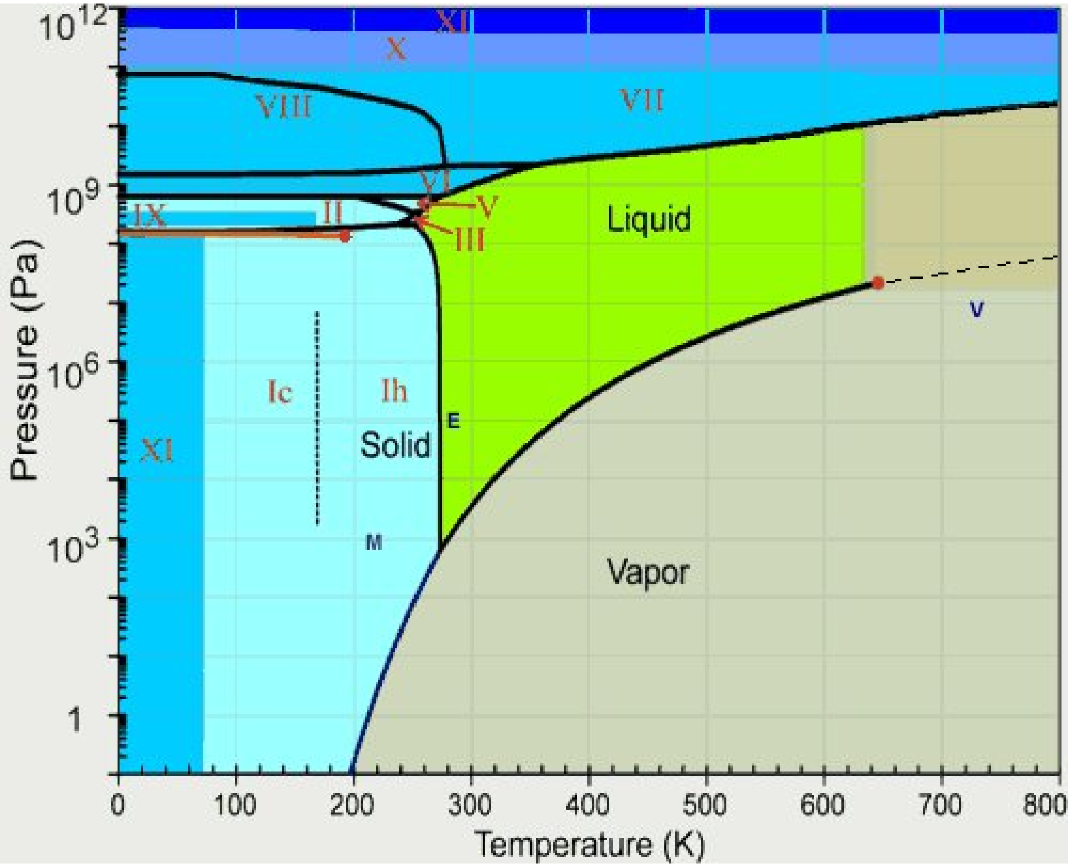

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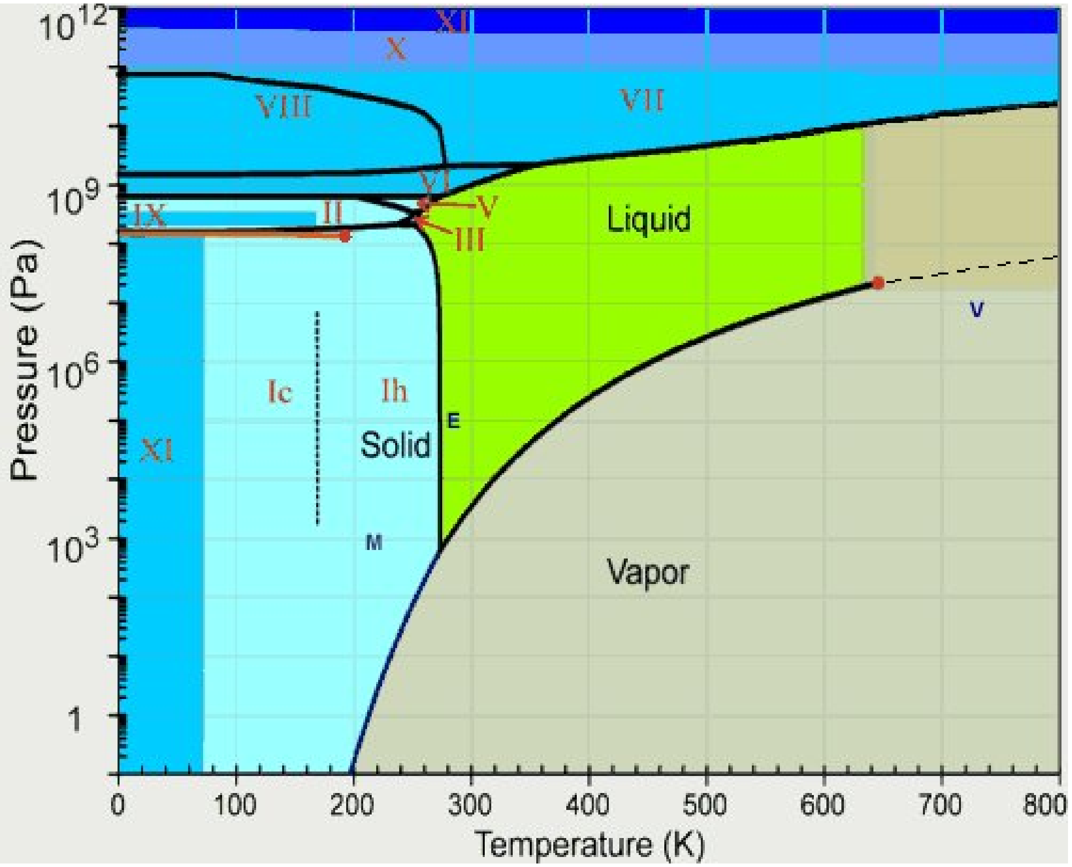

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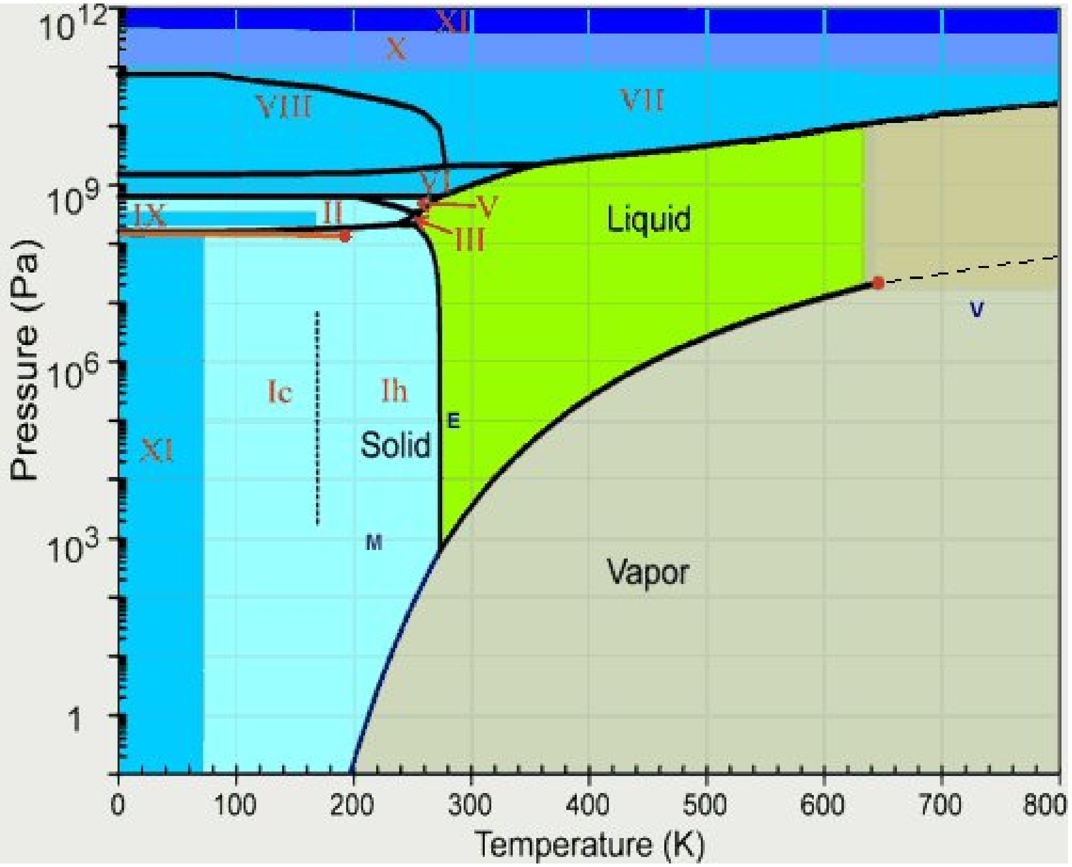

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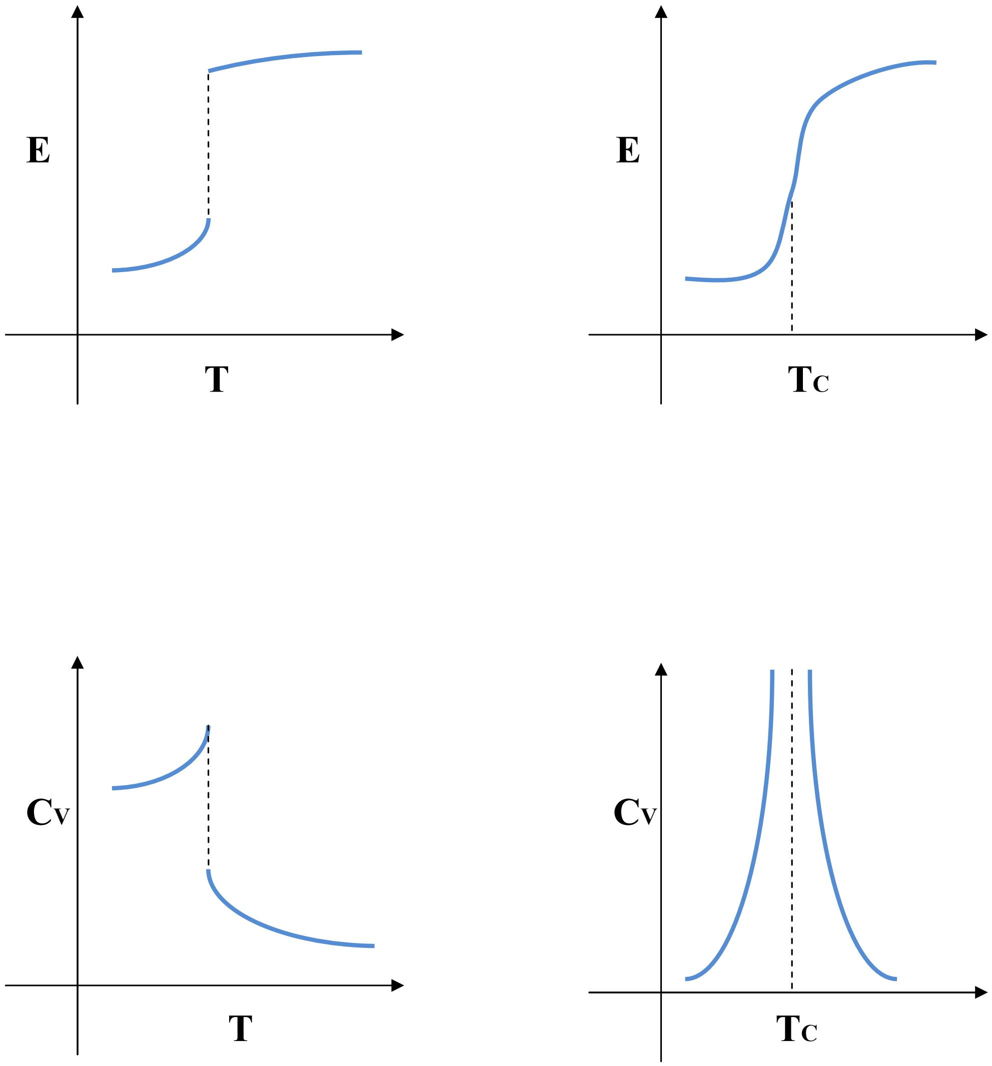

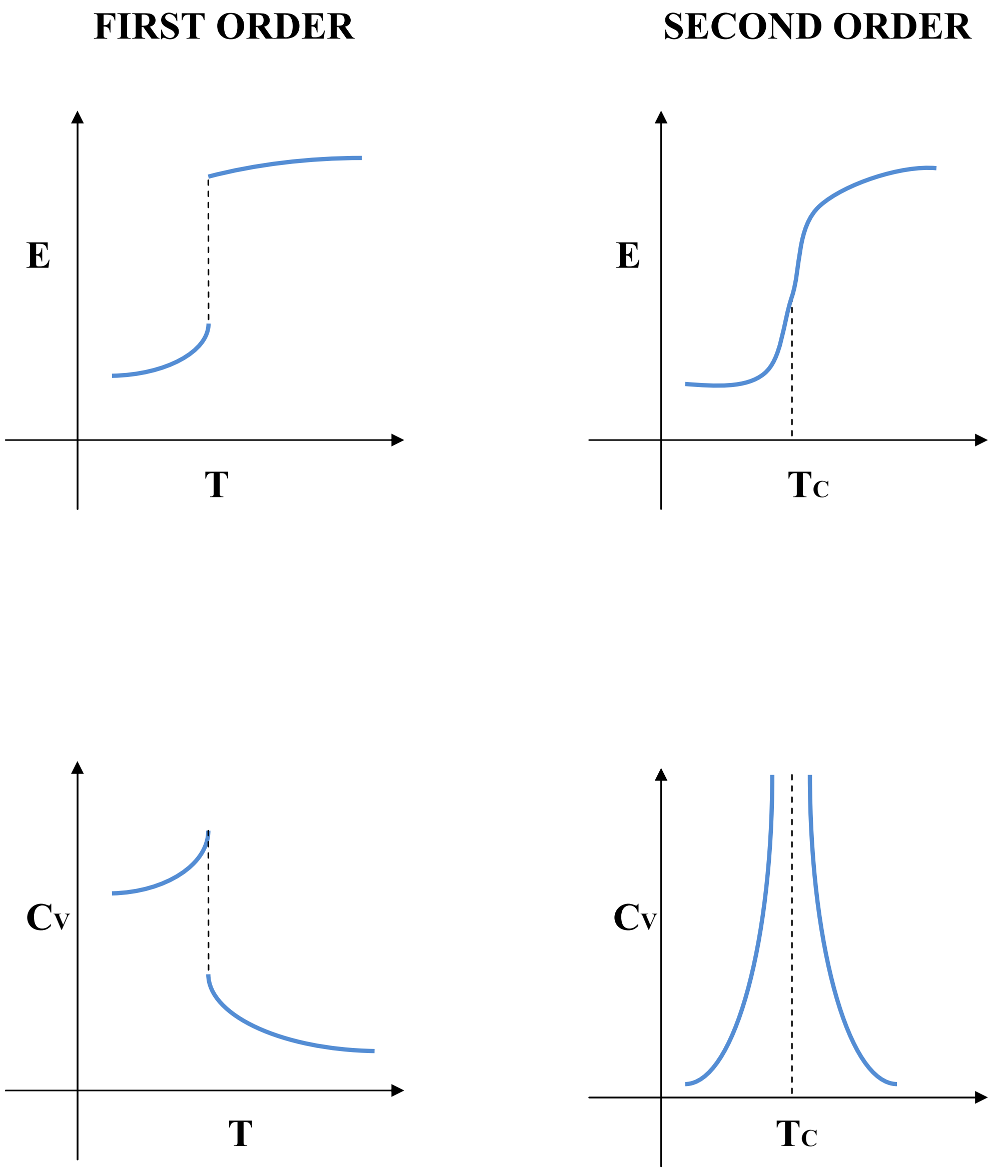

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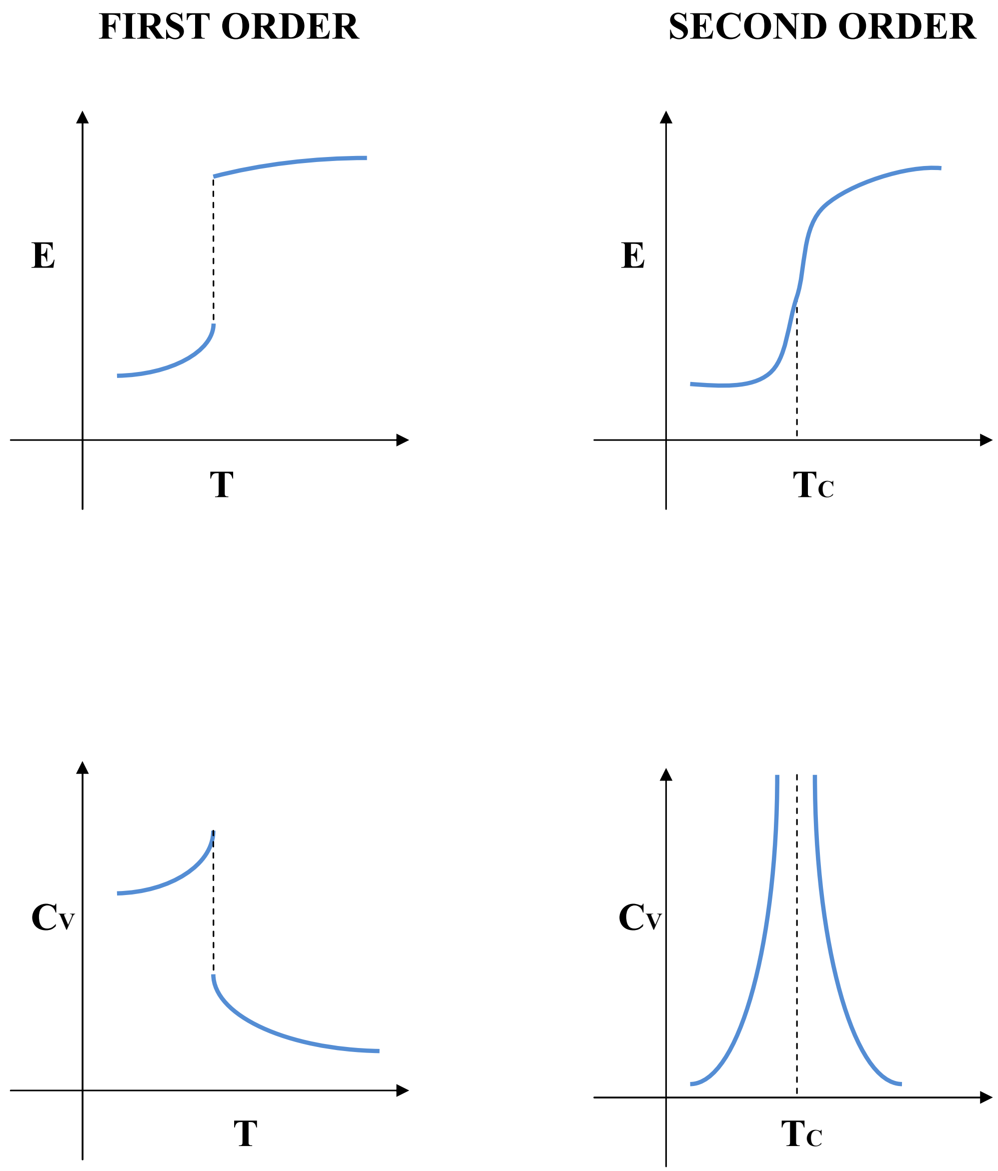

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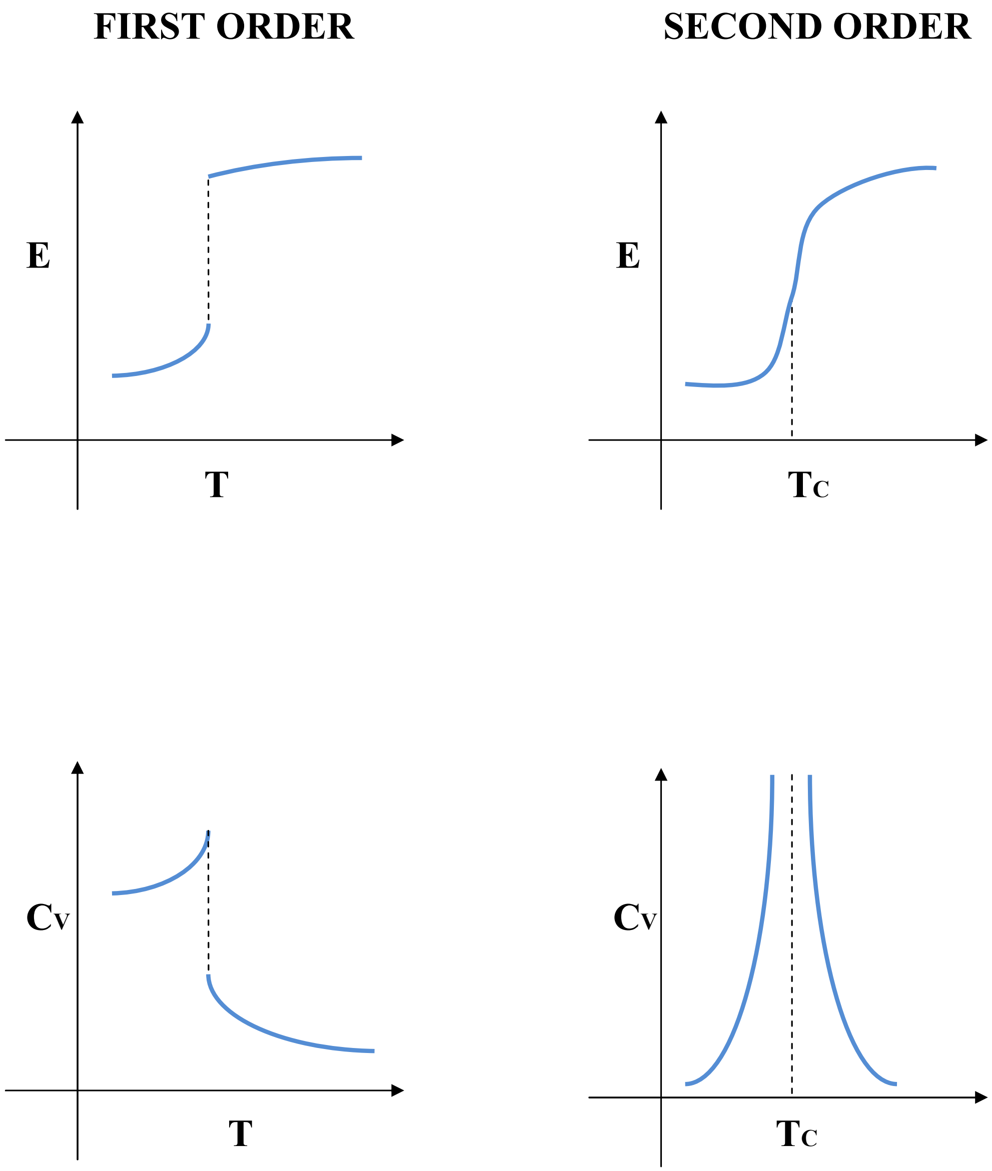

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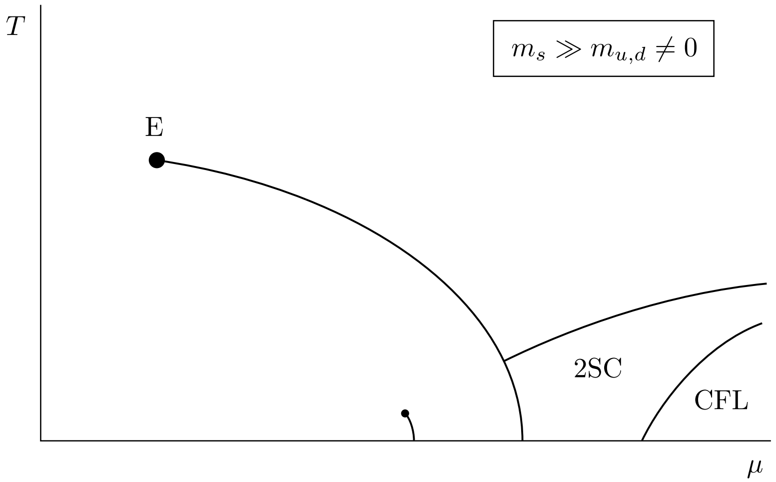

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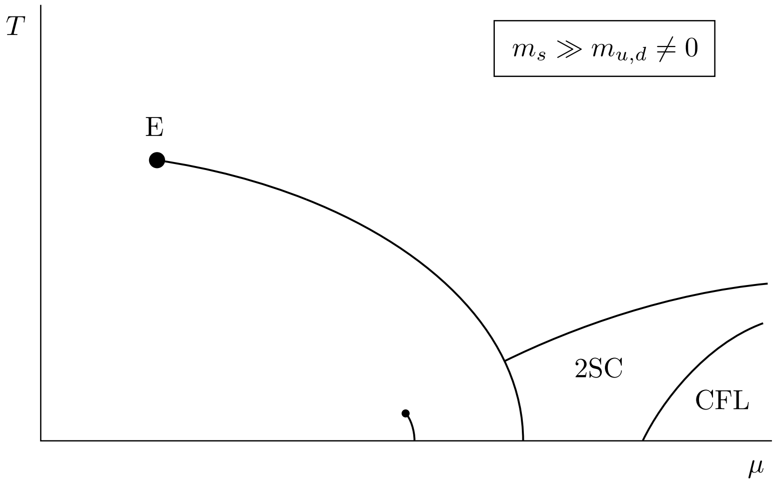

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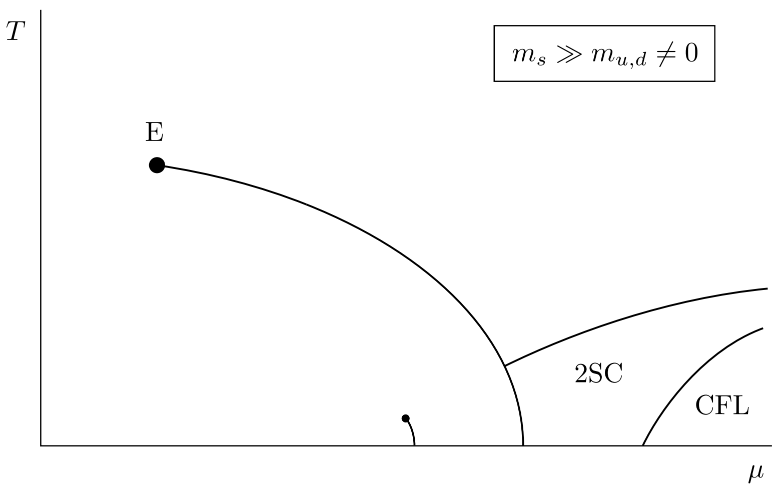

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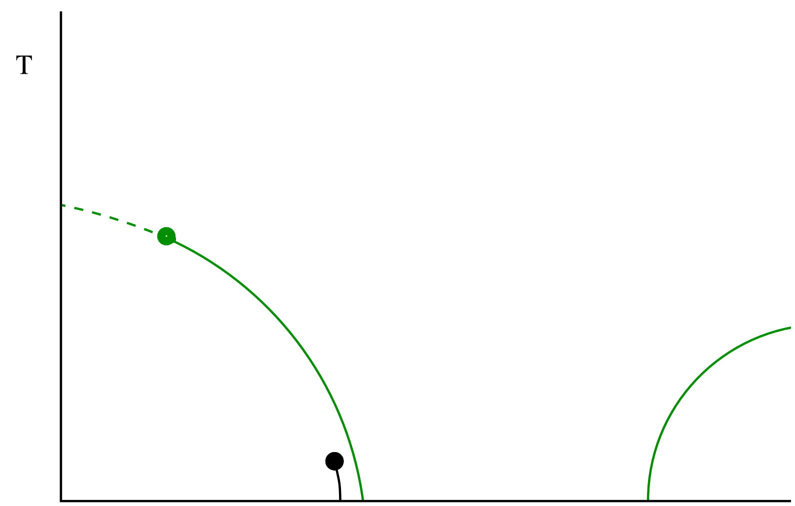

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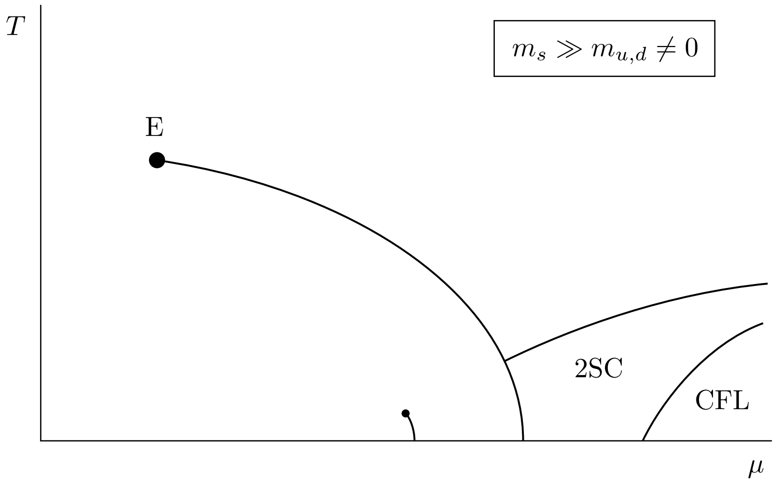

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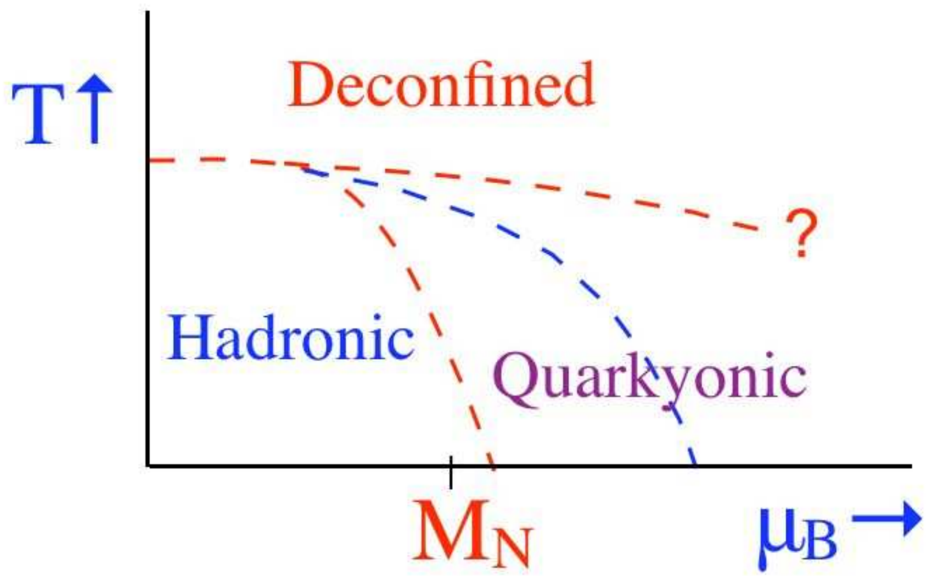

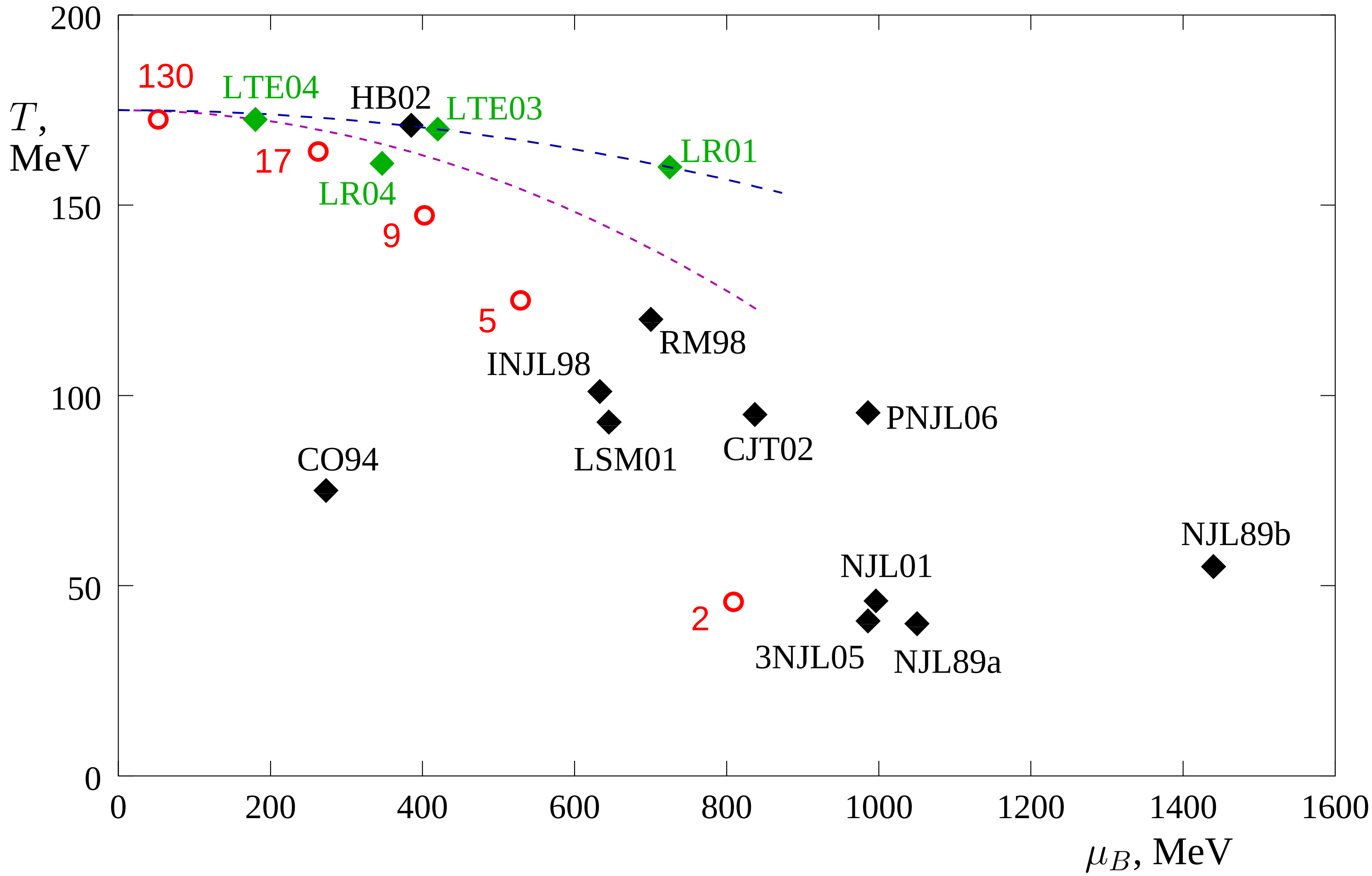

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- Domain Wall or Overlap Fermions better. BUT Computationally expensive and introduction of μ unfortunately breaks chiral symmetry ! (Banerjee, Gavai & Sharma PRD 2008; arXiv:0809.4535 & arXiv:0811.3026)

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- Canonical Ensemble (K. -F. Liu, IJMP B16 (2002) 2017, S. Kratochvila and P. de Forcrand, Pos LAT2005 (2006) 167.)
- Complex Langevin (G. Aarts and I. O. Stamatescu, arXiv:0809.5227 and its references for earlier work).

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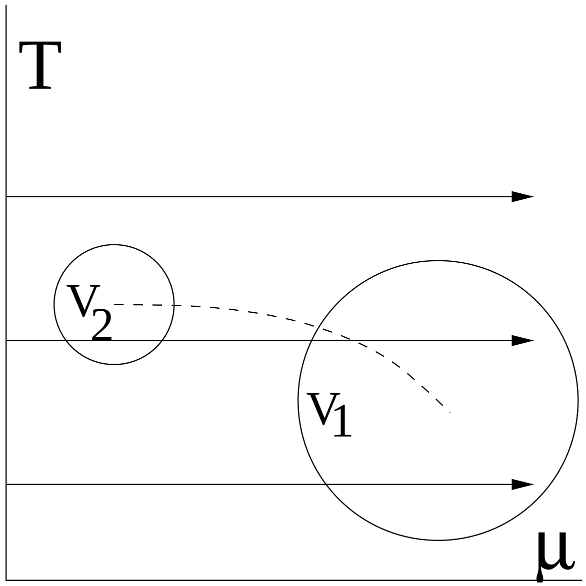

We study volume dependence at several T to i) bracket the critical region and then to ii) track its change as a function of volume.

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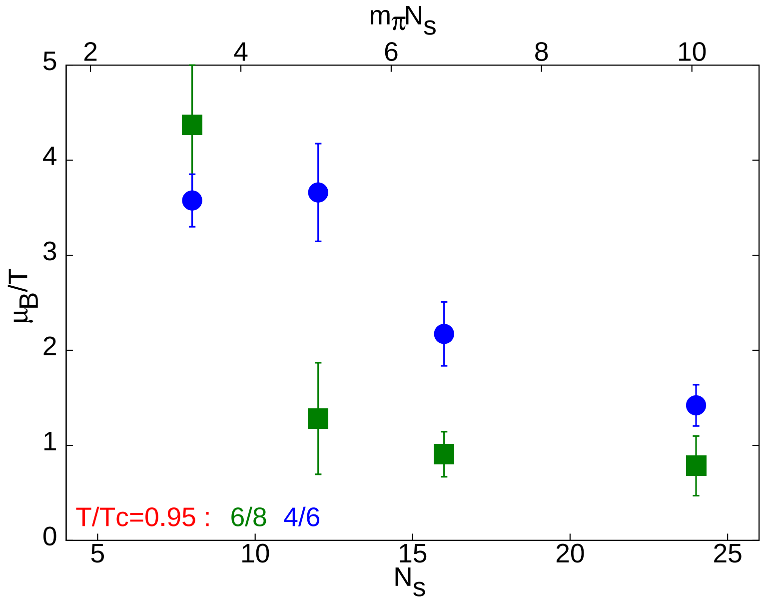
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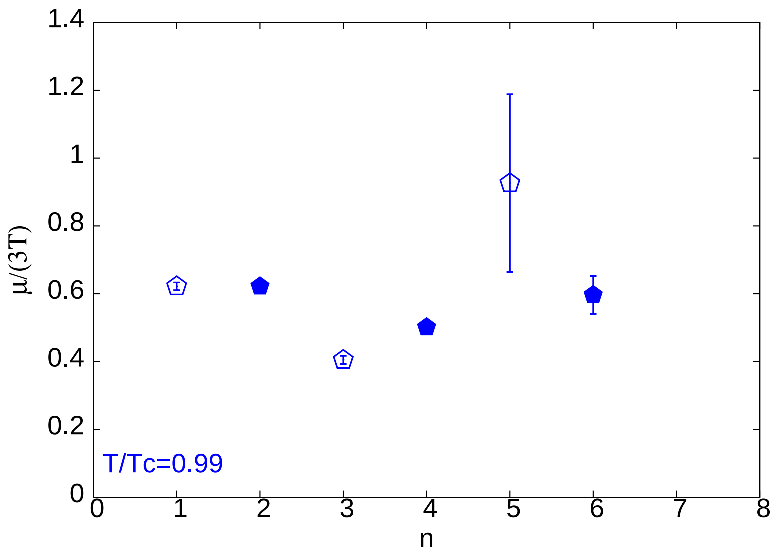
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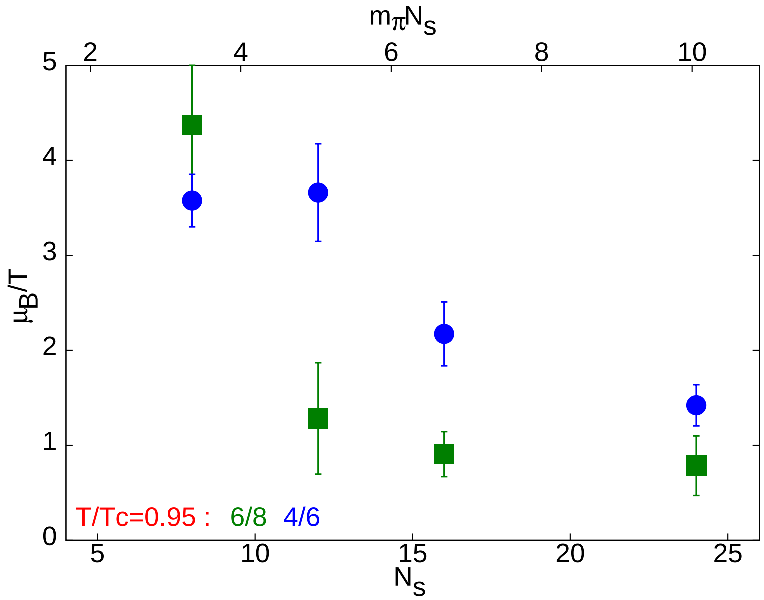
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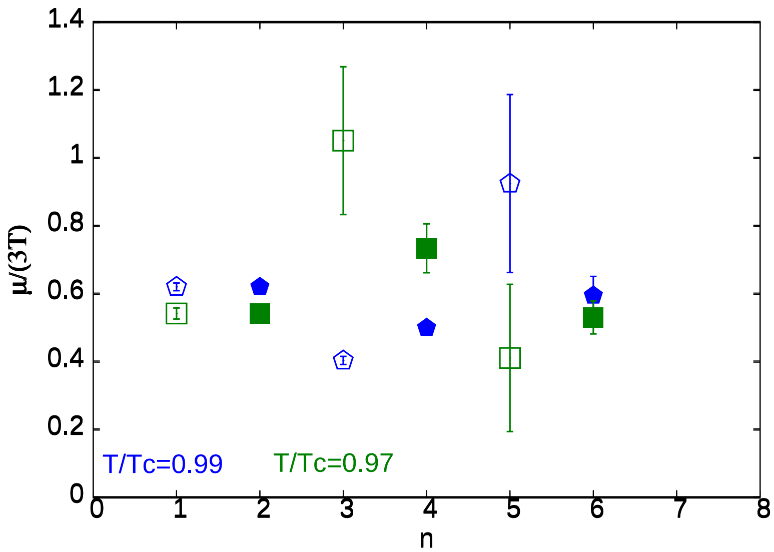
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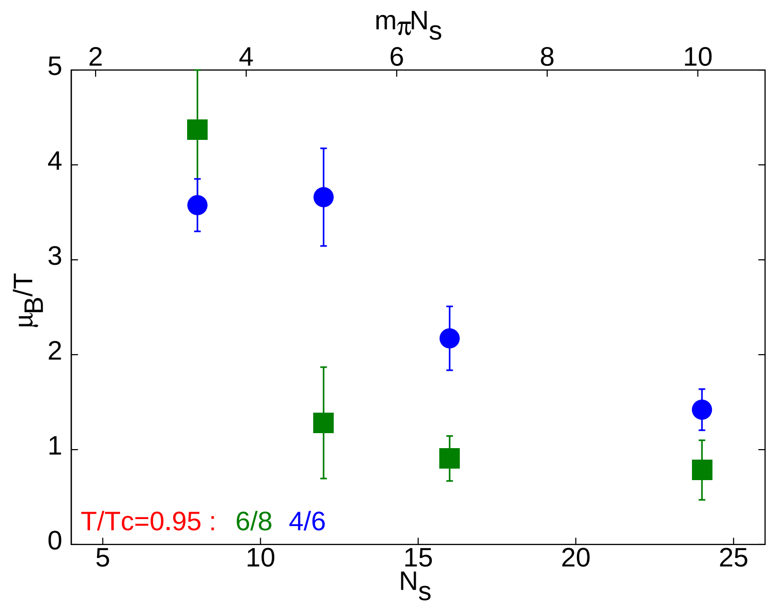

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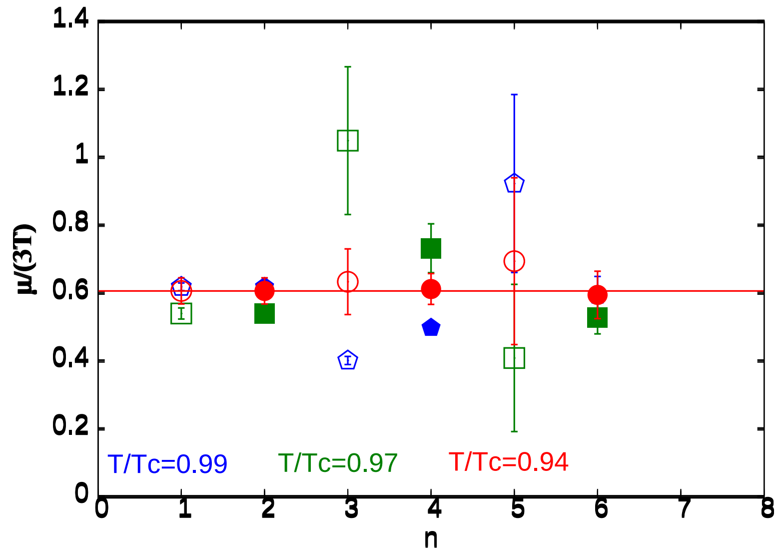

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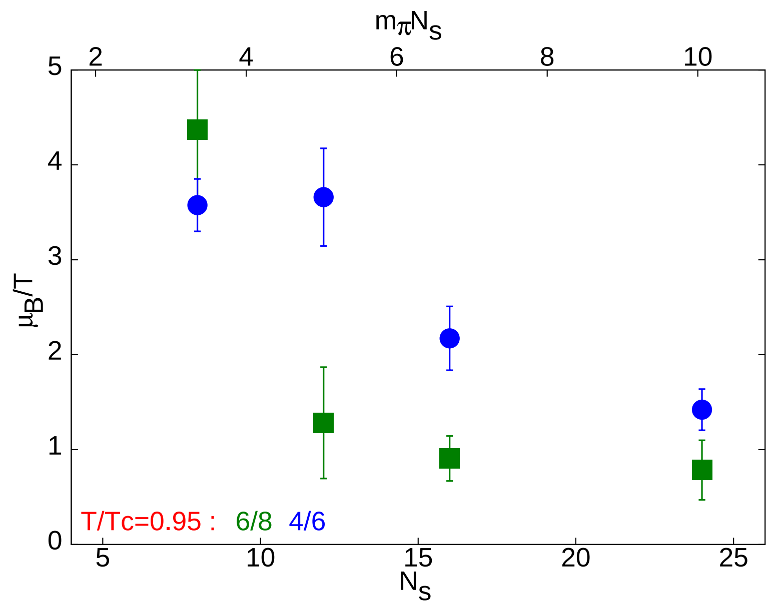

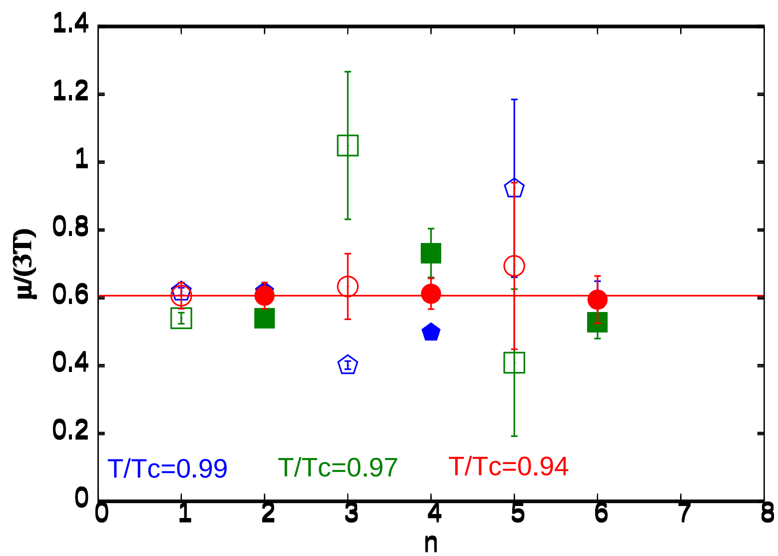

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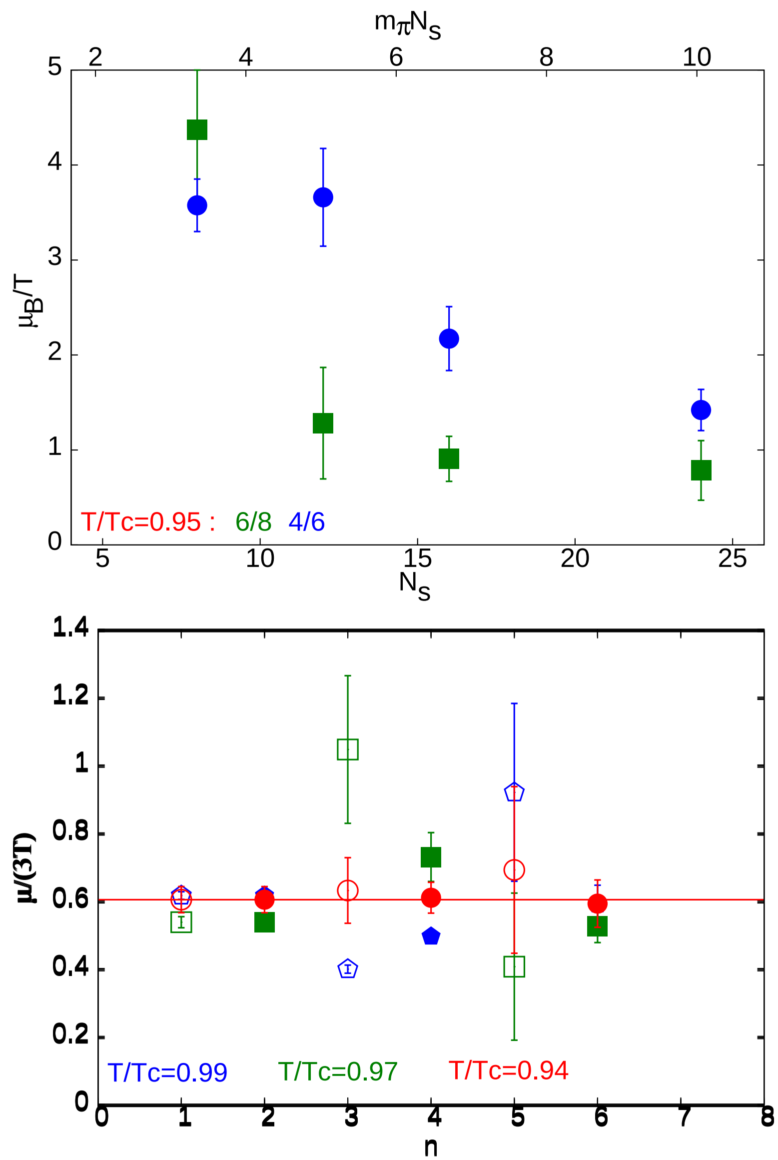

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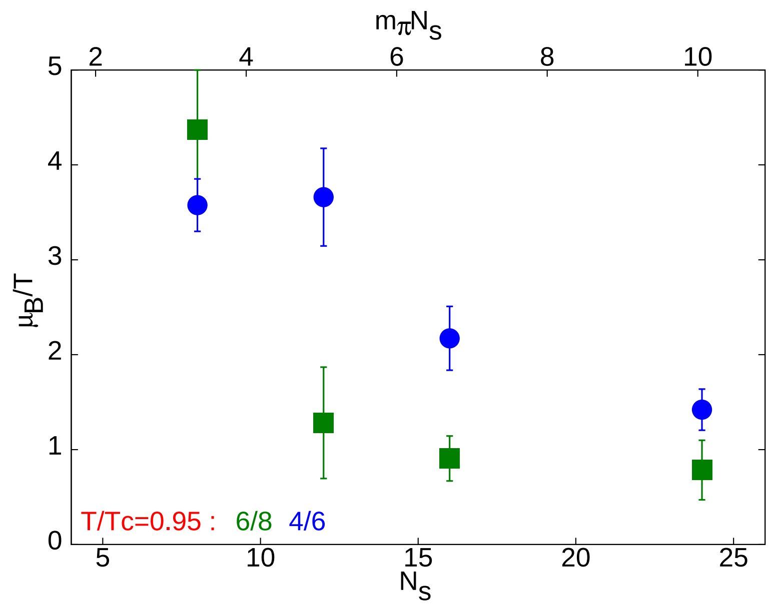

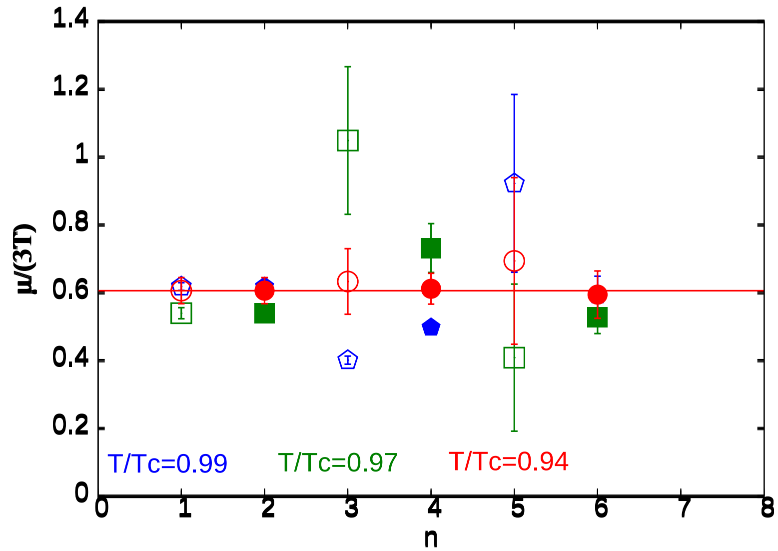

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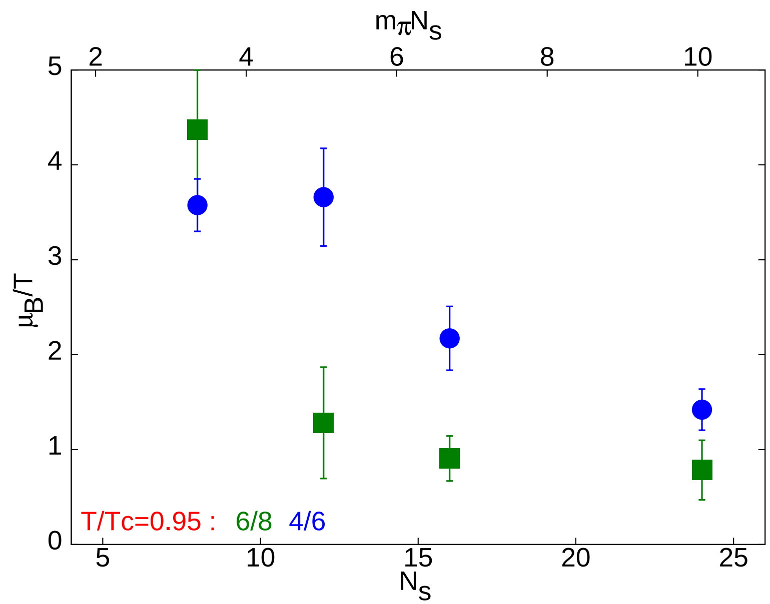

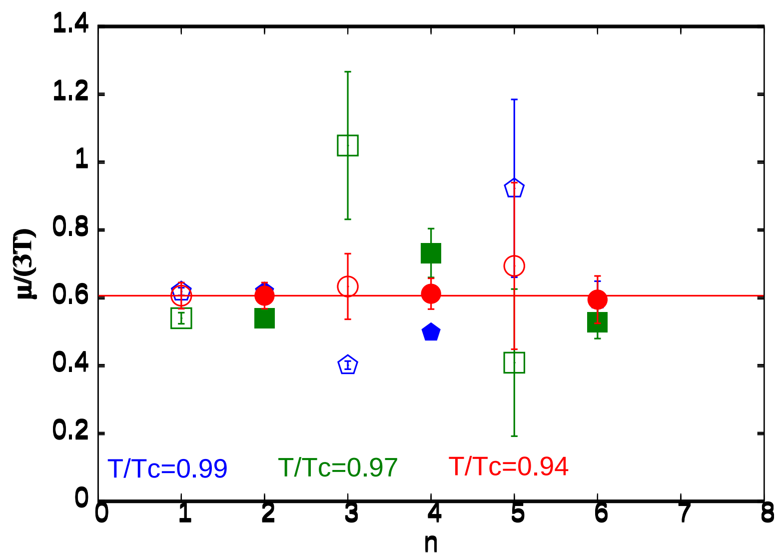

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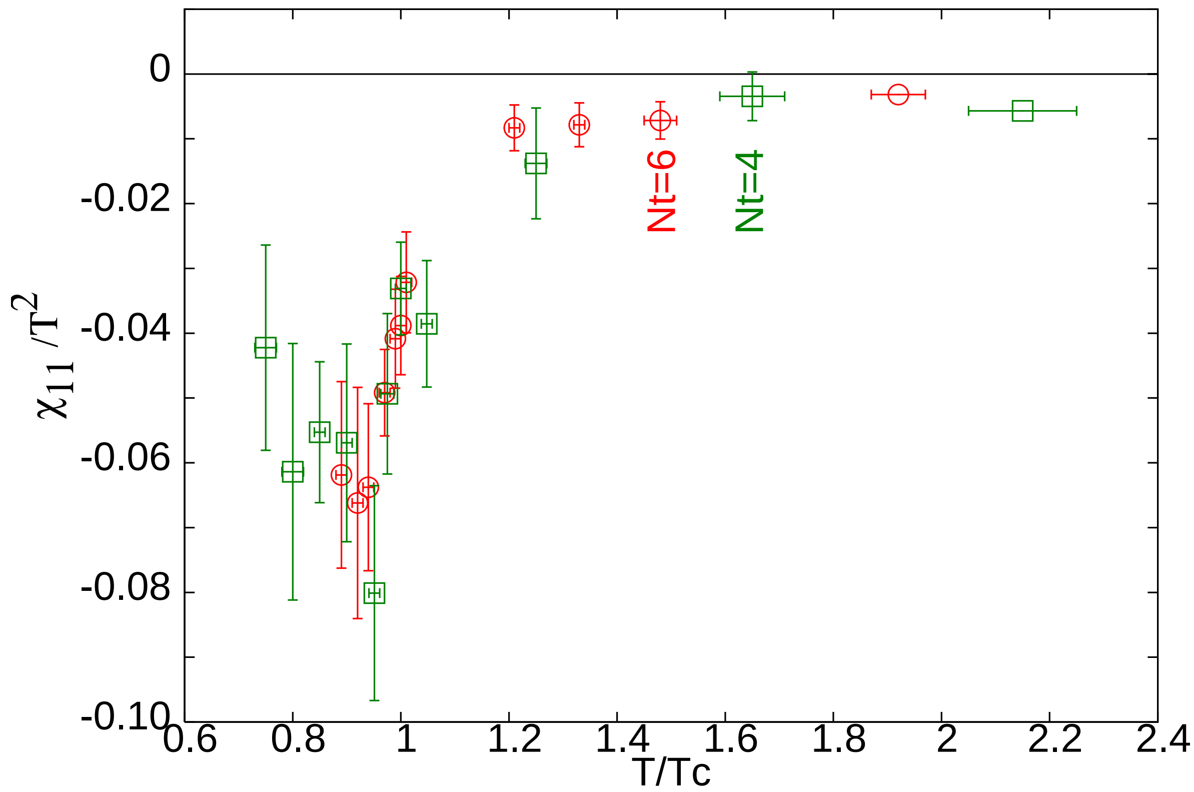

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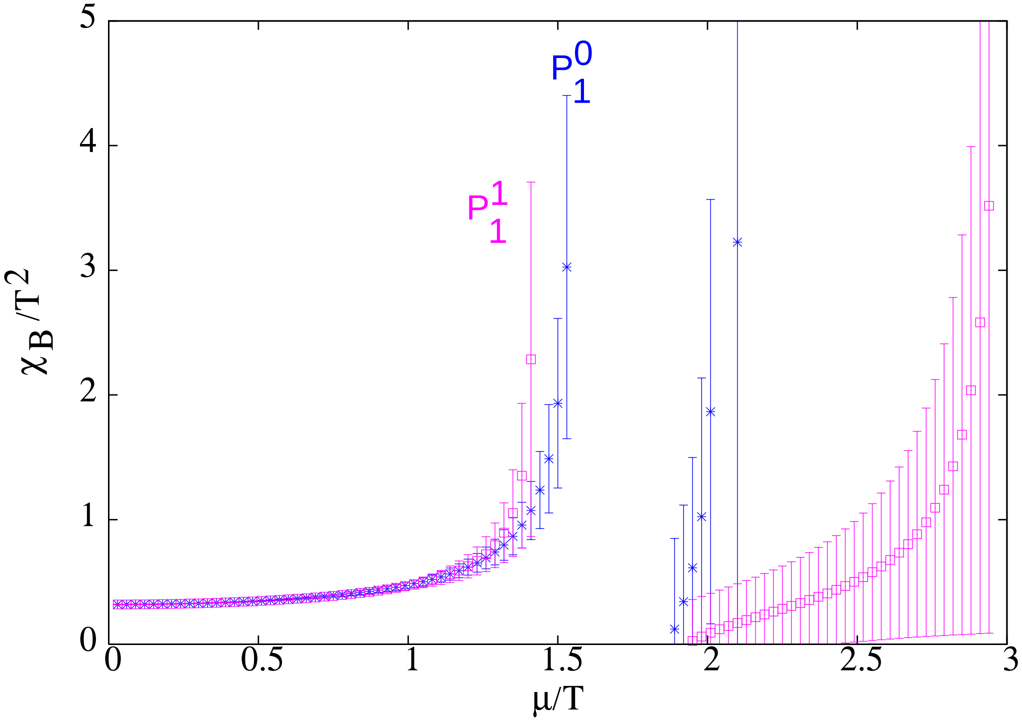

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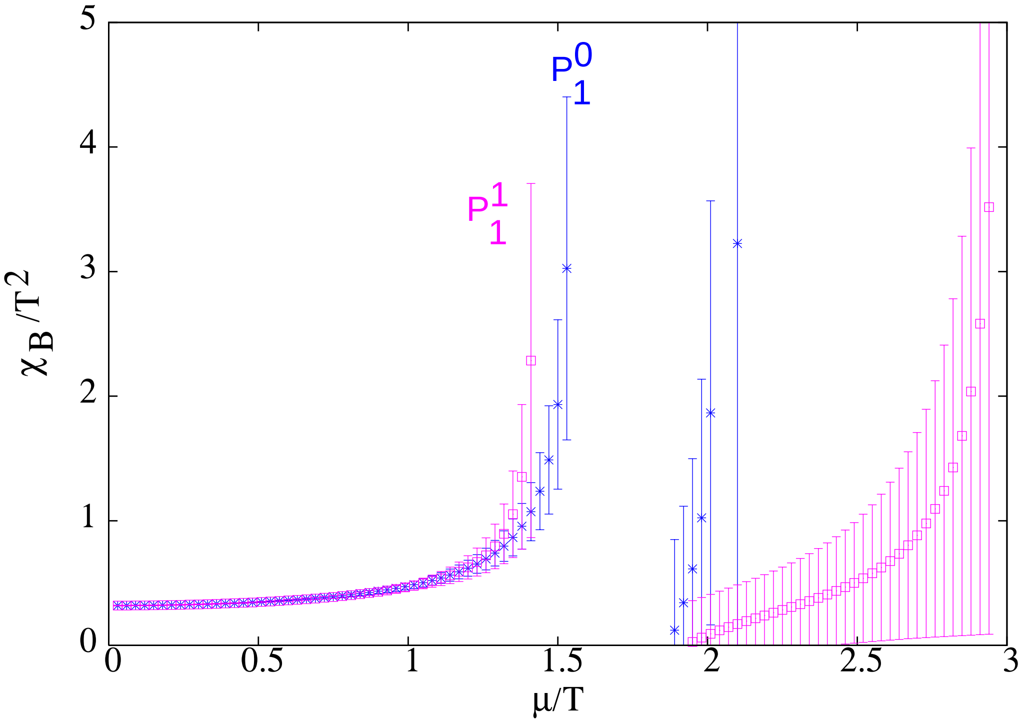

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Estimating $T_c(\mu_c)$ and μ_c/T

Status of the RBC-BI project

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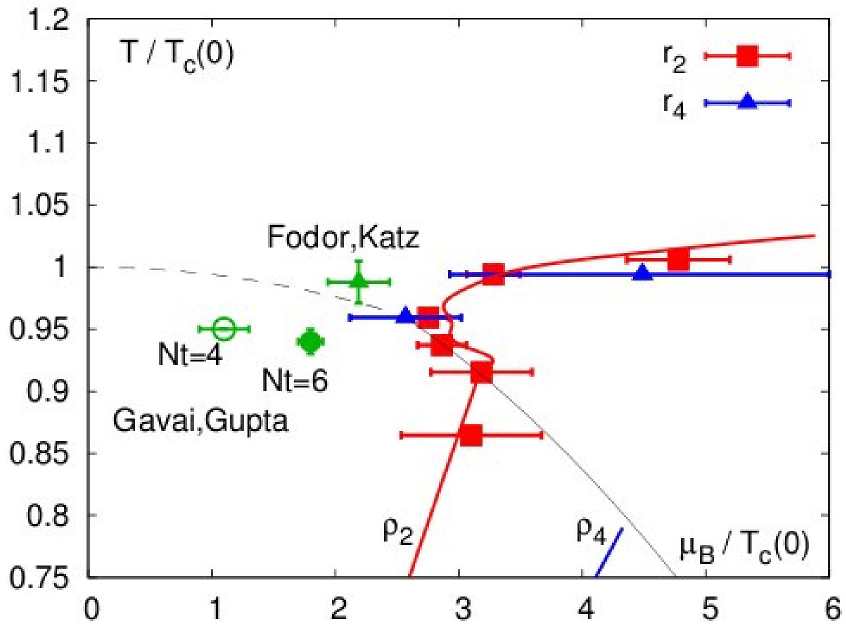

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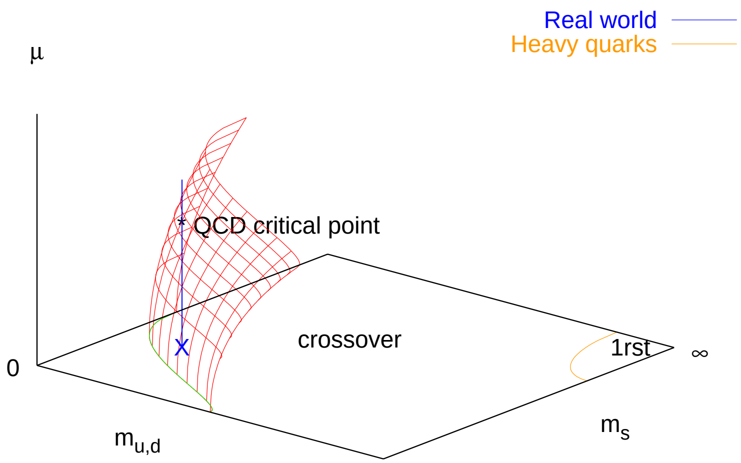

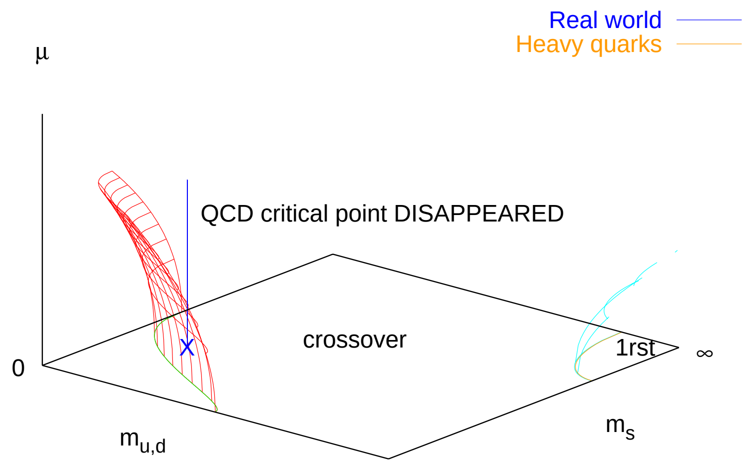

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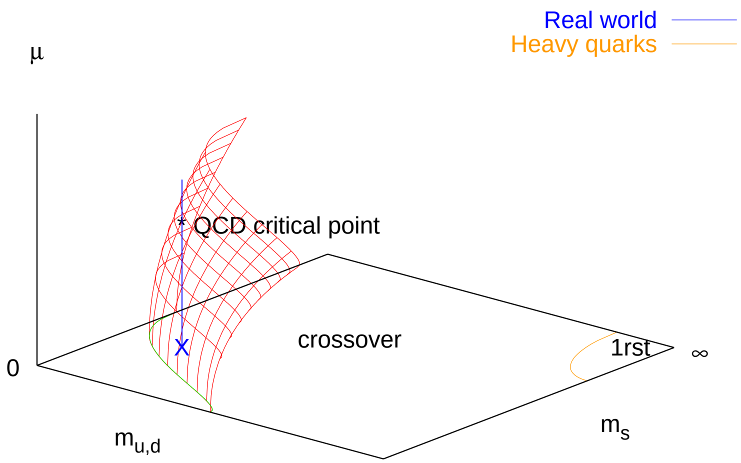

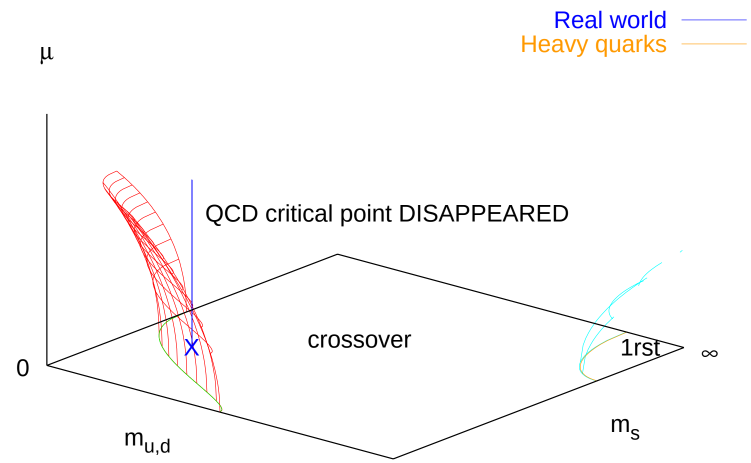

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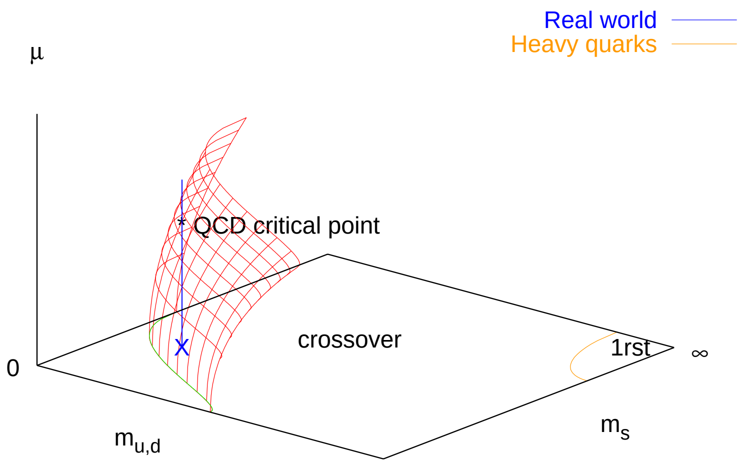

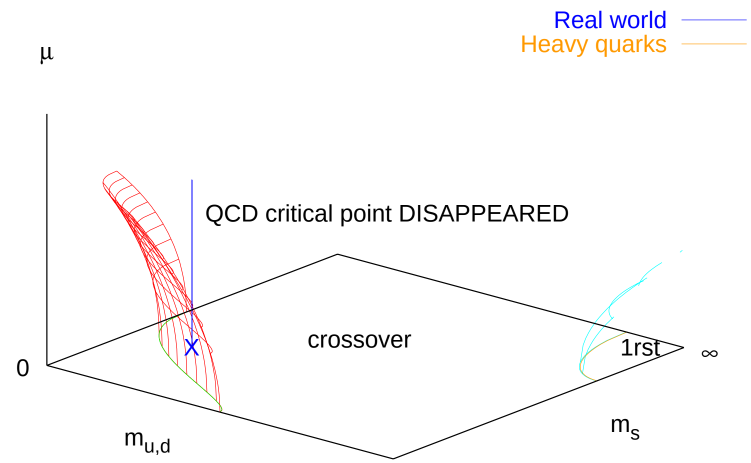

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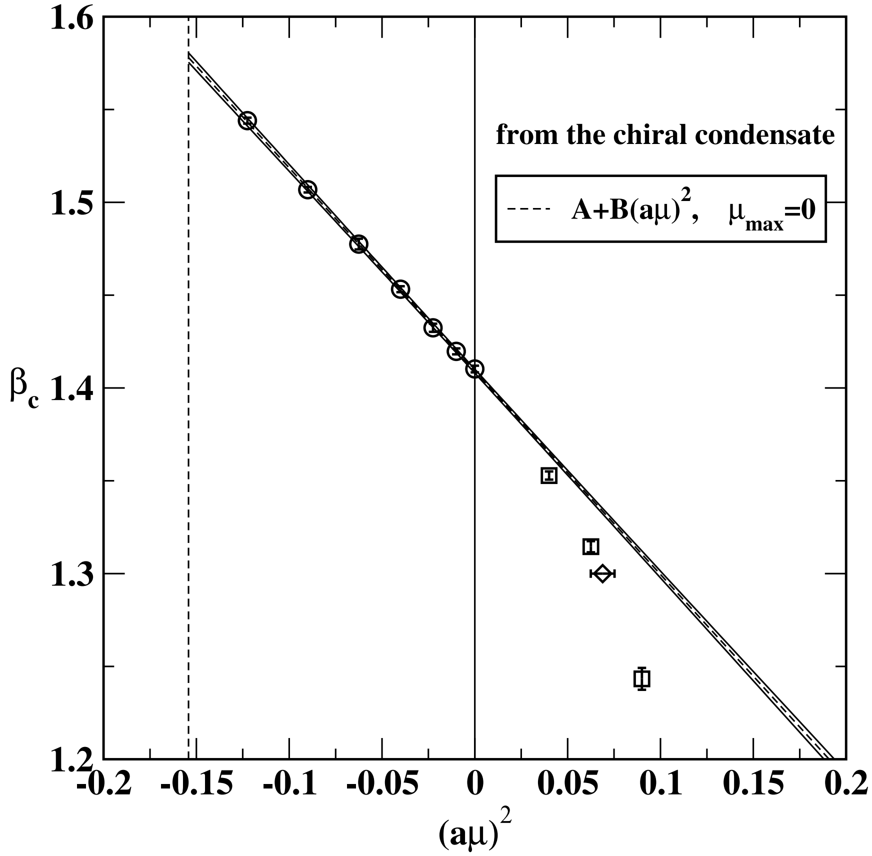

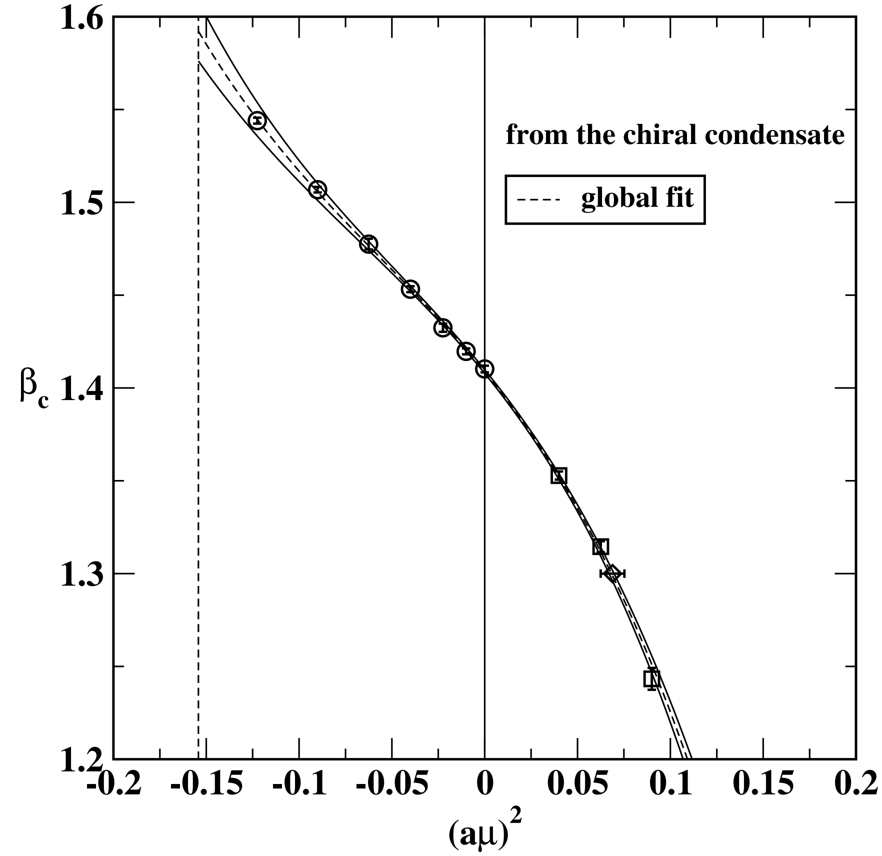

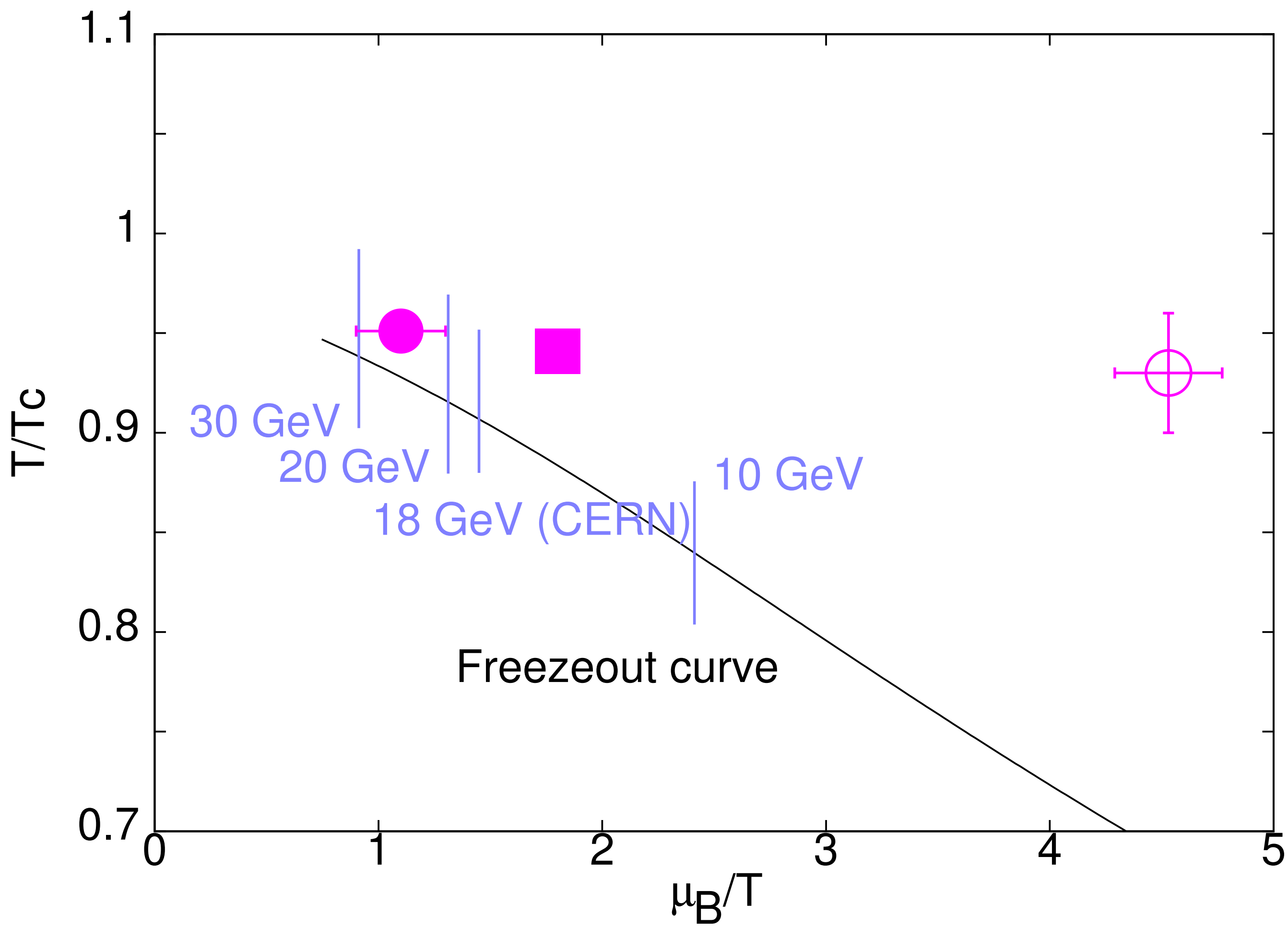
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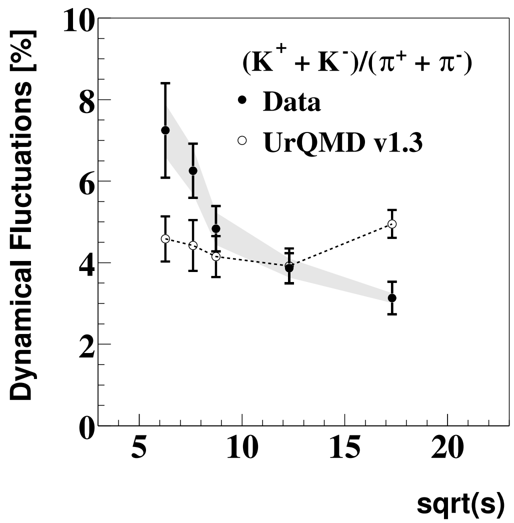

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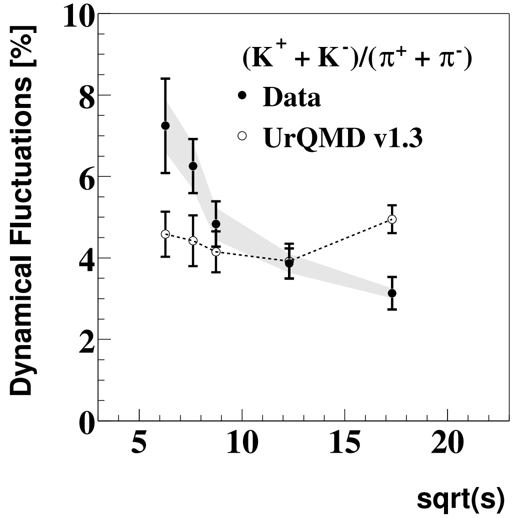

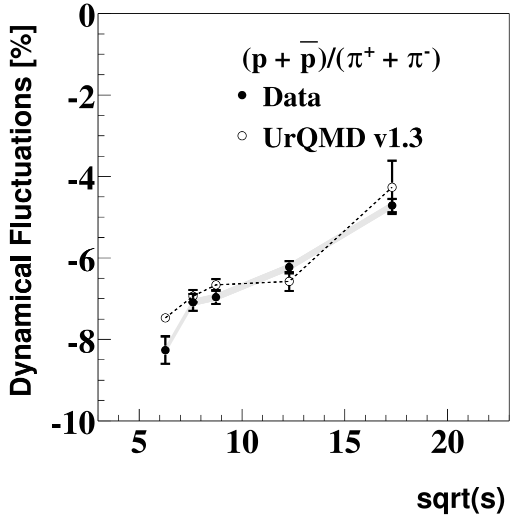

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M. Stephanov, K. Rajagopal, E. V. Shuryak (Phys. Rev. **D60**, 114028, 1999):

suggestion to do analysis with several upper p_T cuts

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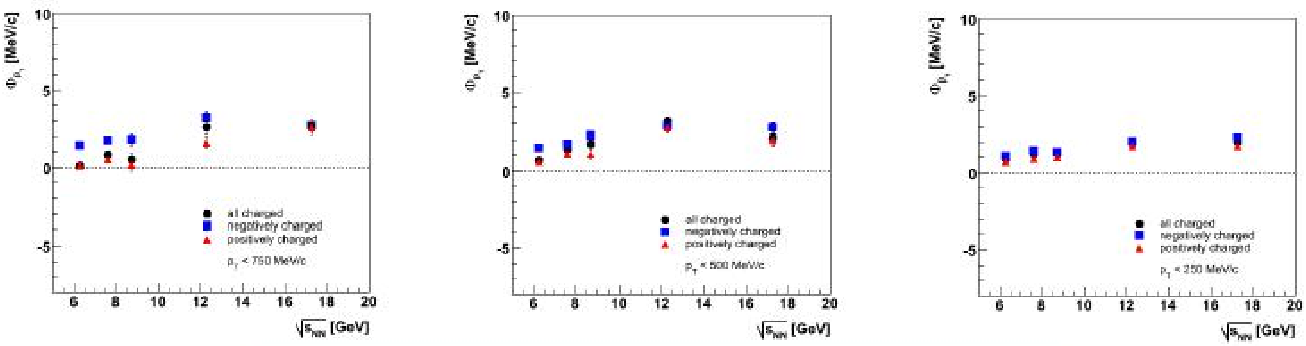

No significant energy dependence of Φ_{PT} measure

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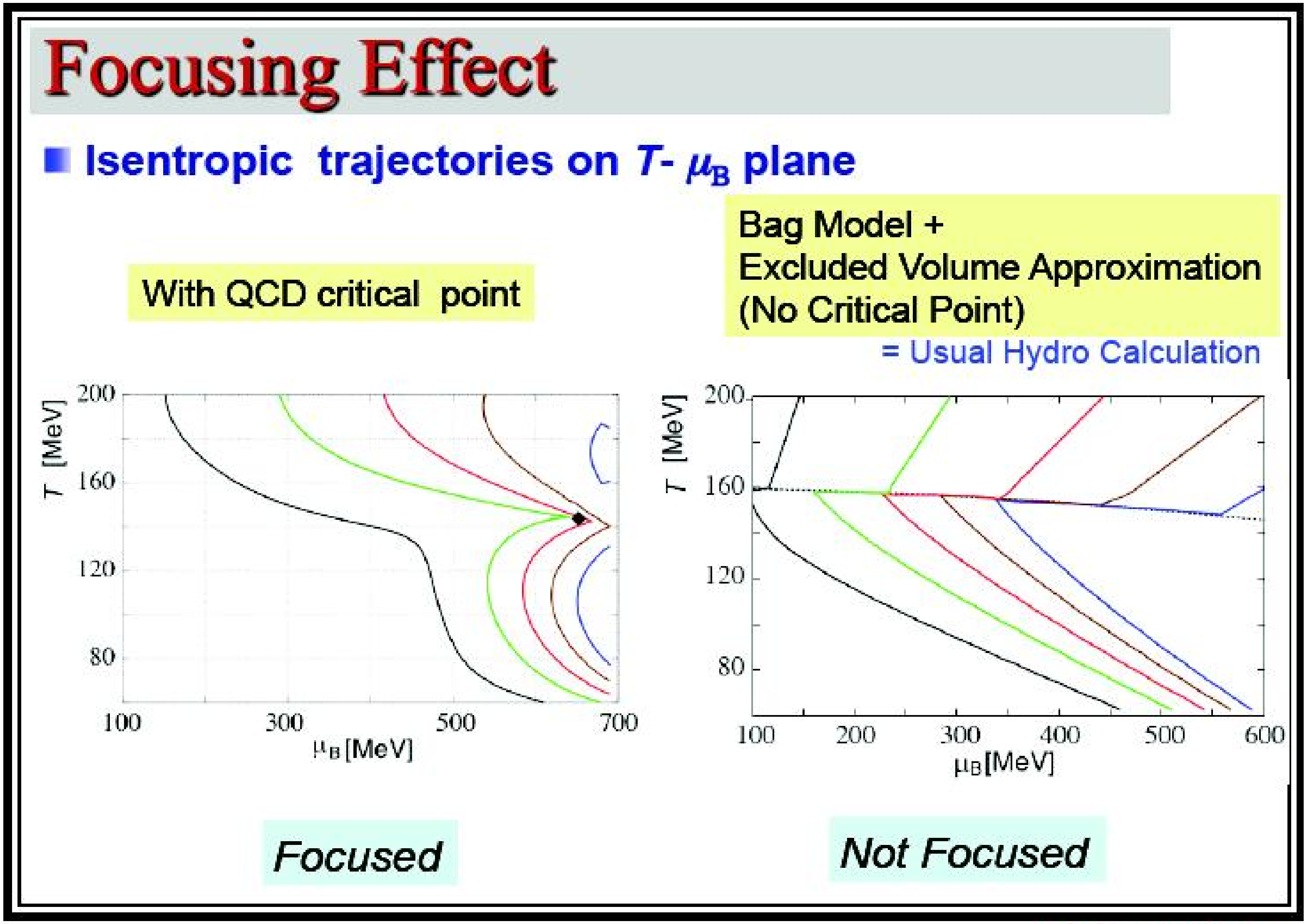

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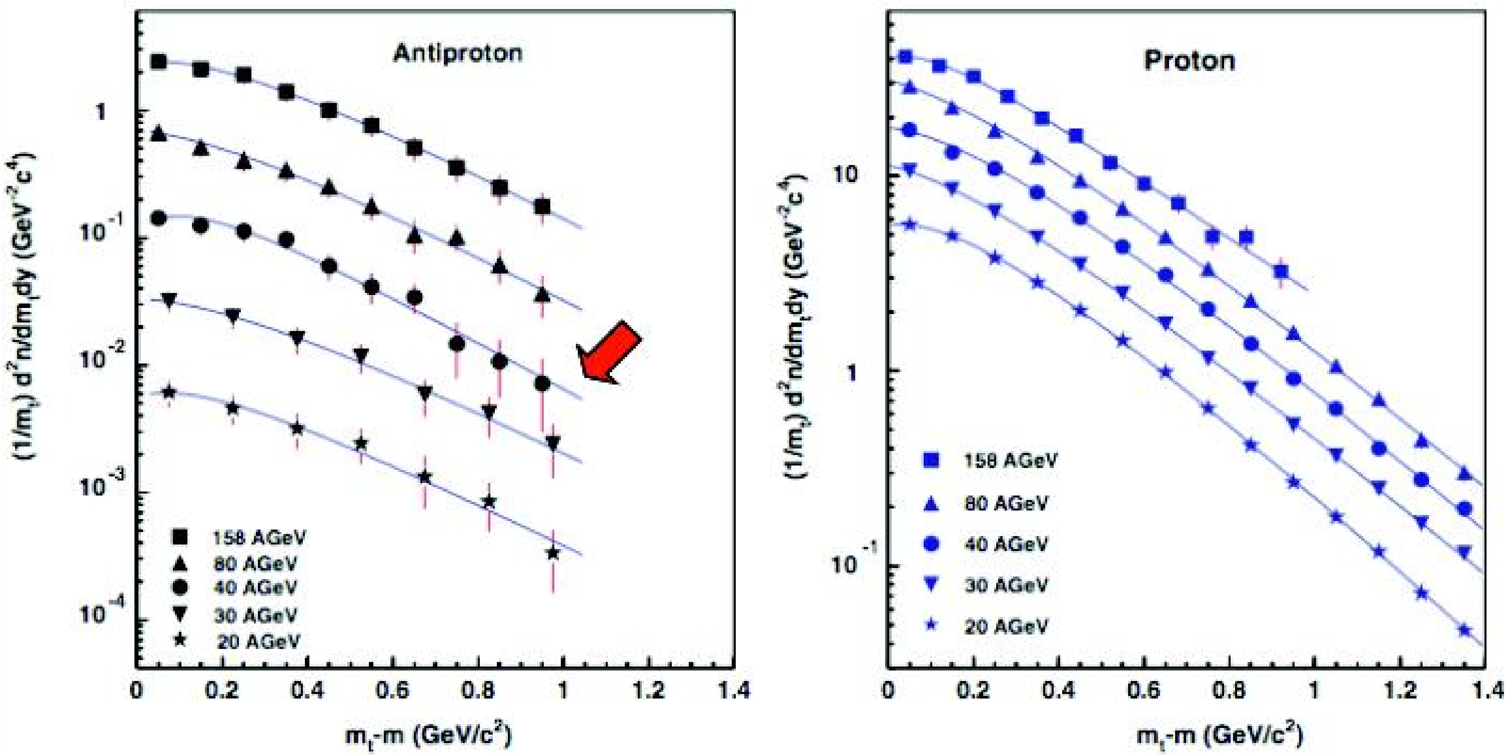

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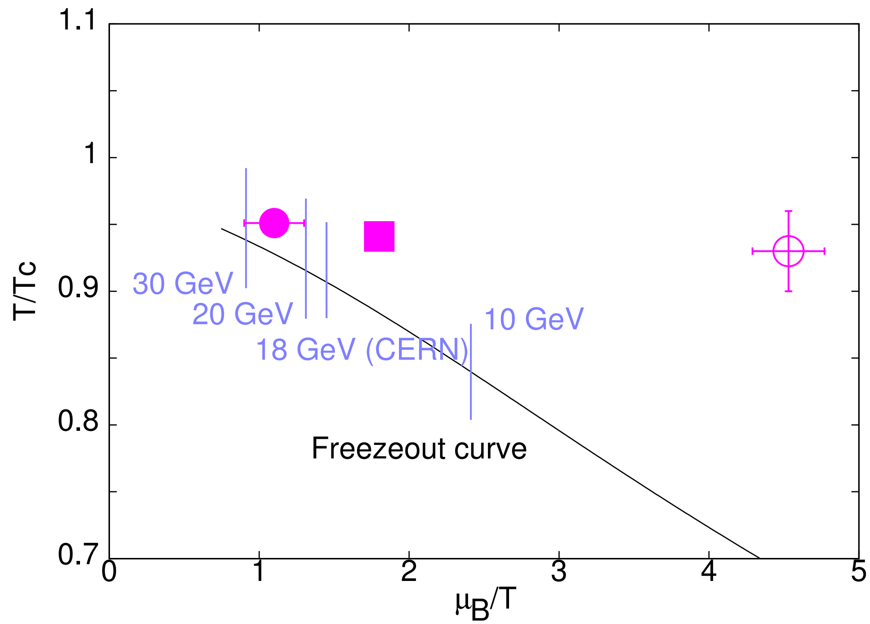

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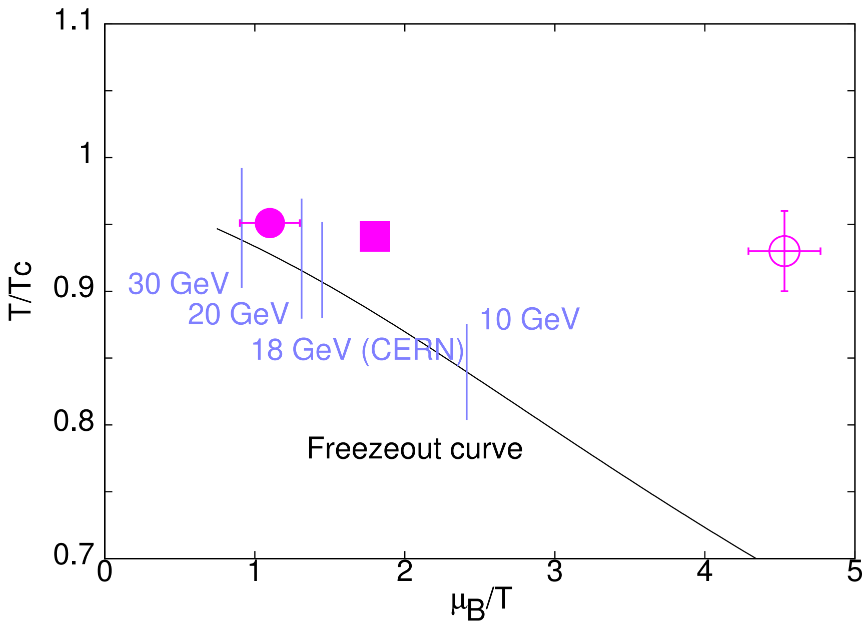

So far no signs of a critical point in the experimental results at CERN.

Will RHIC deliver it for us ?