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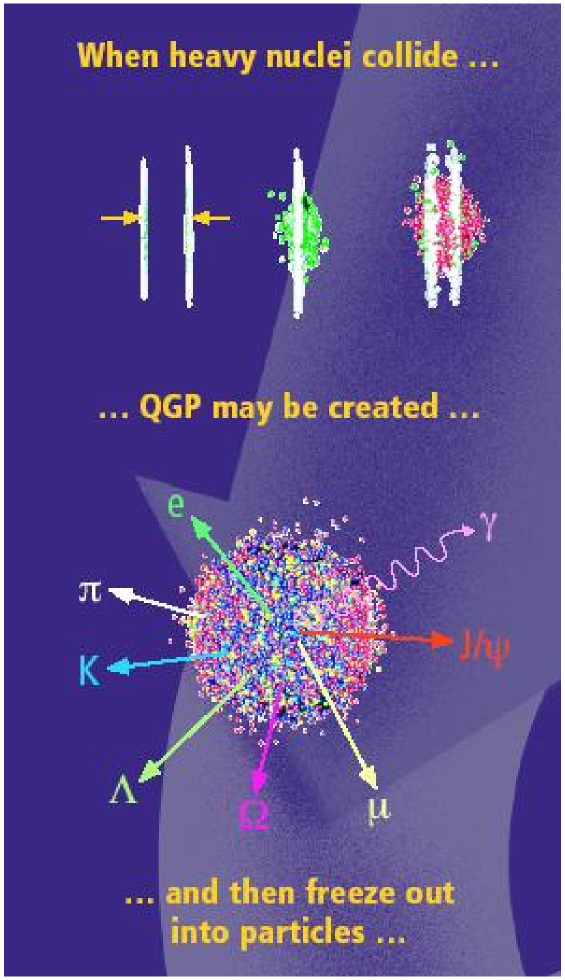

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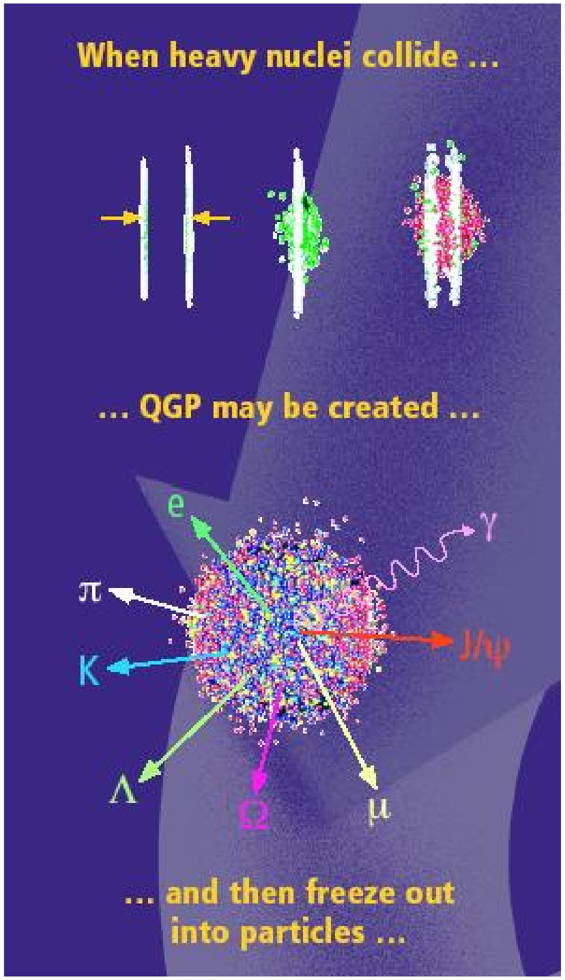

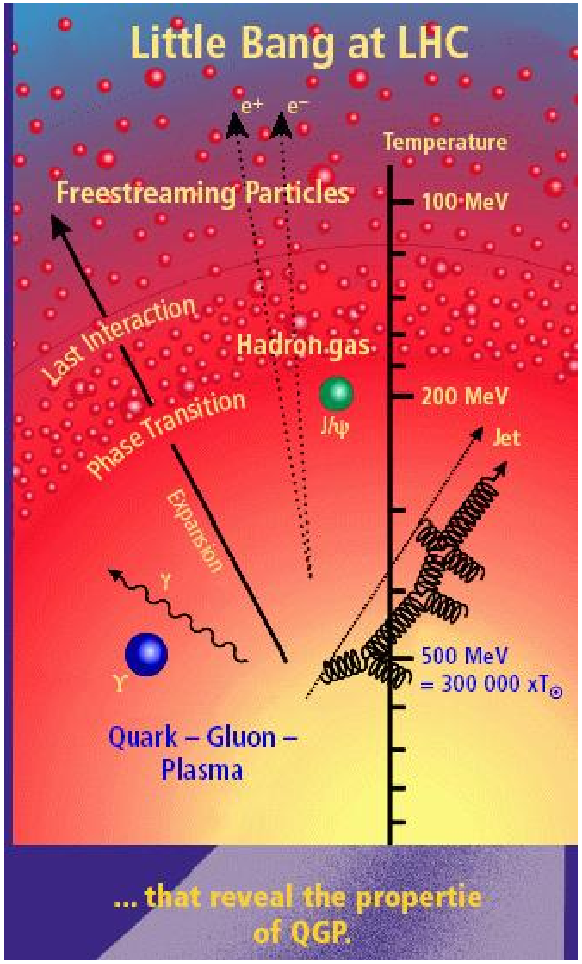

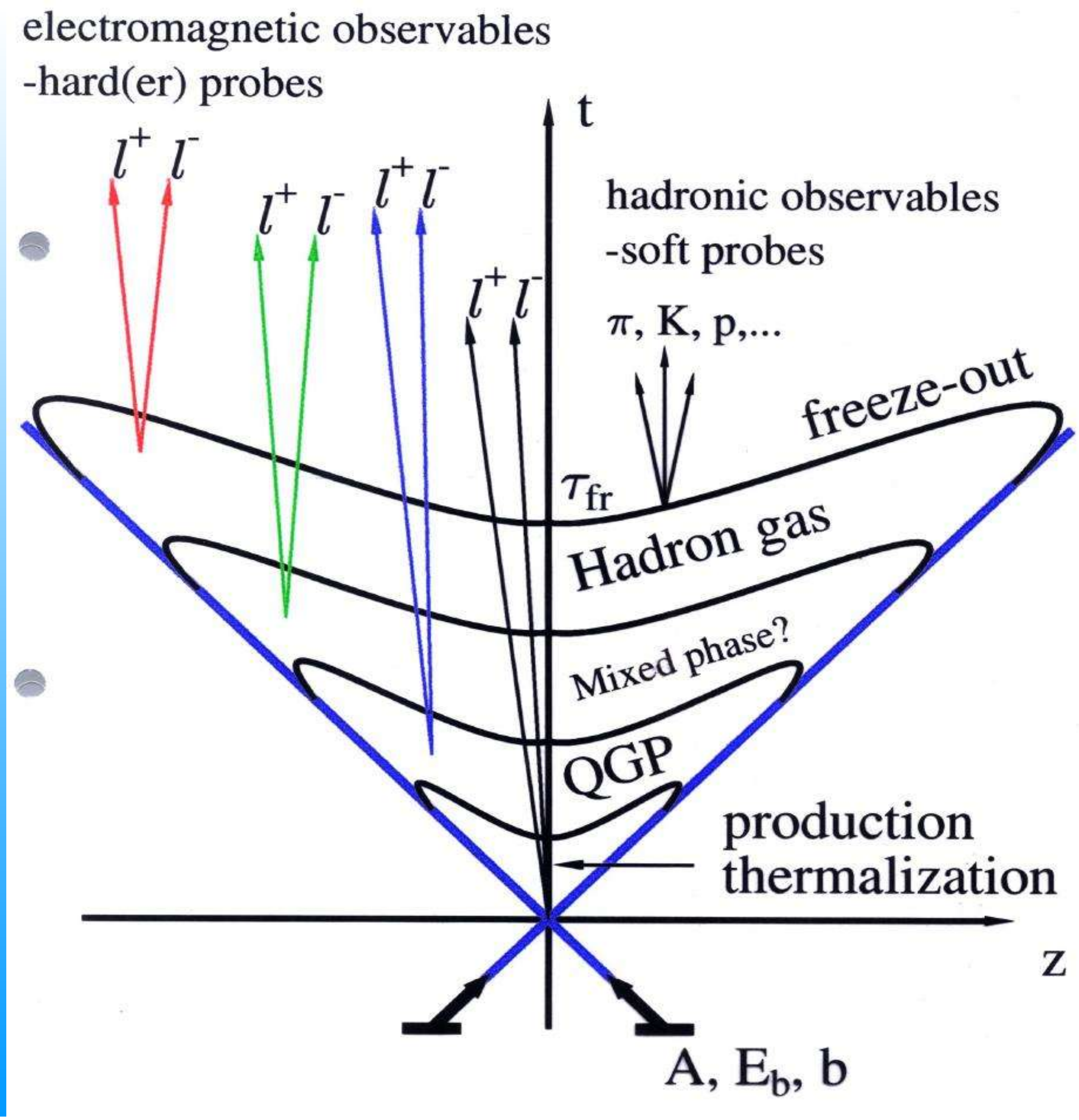

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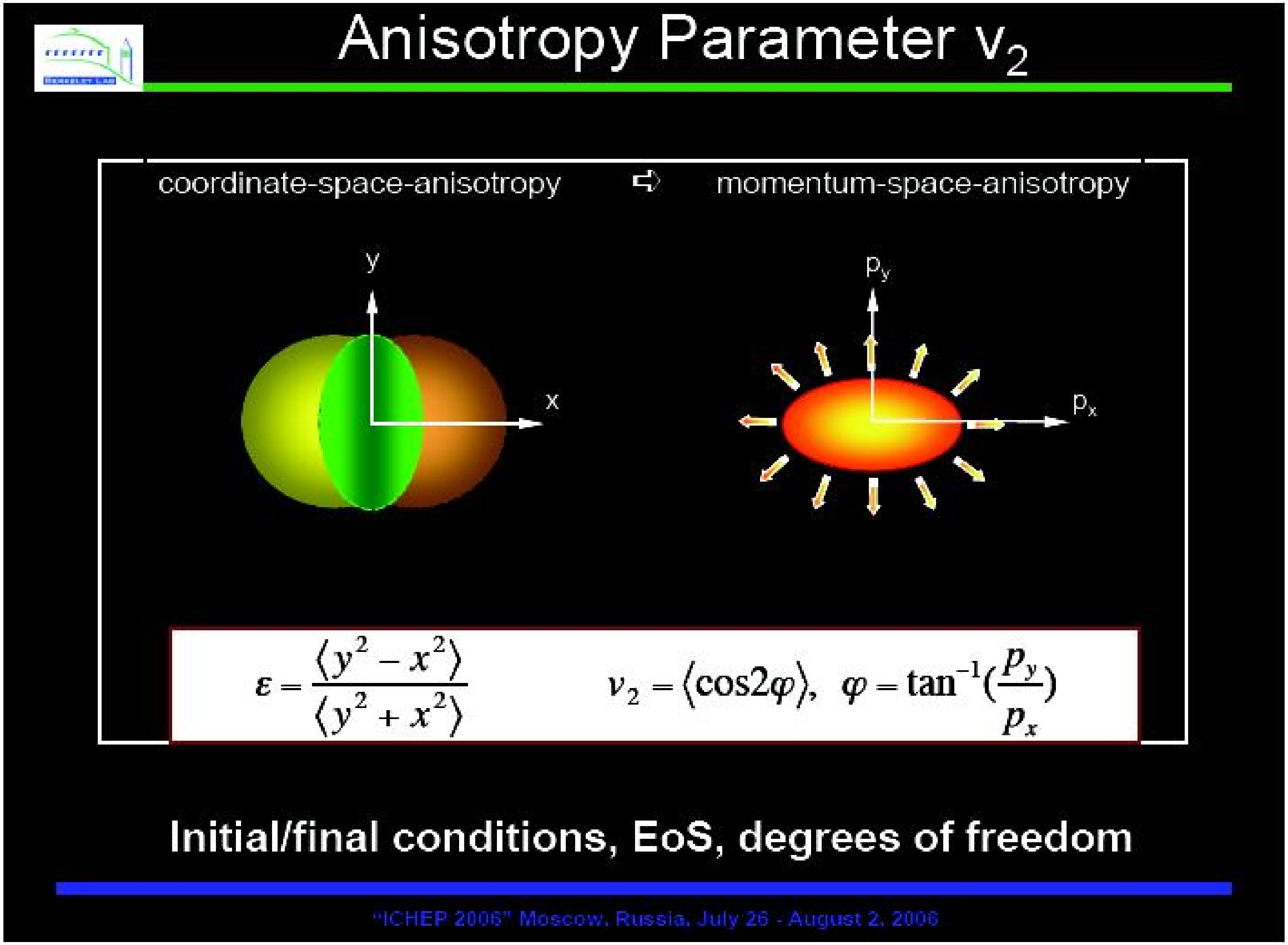
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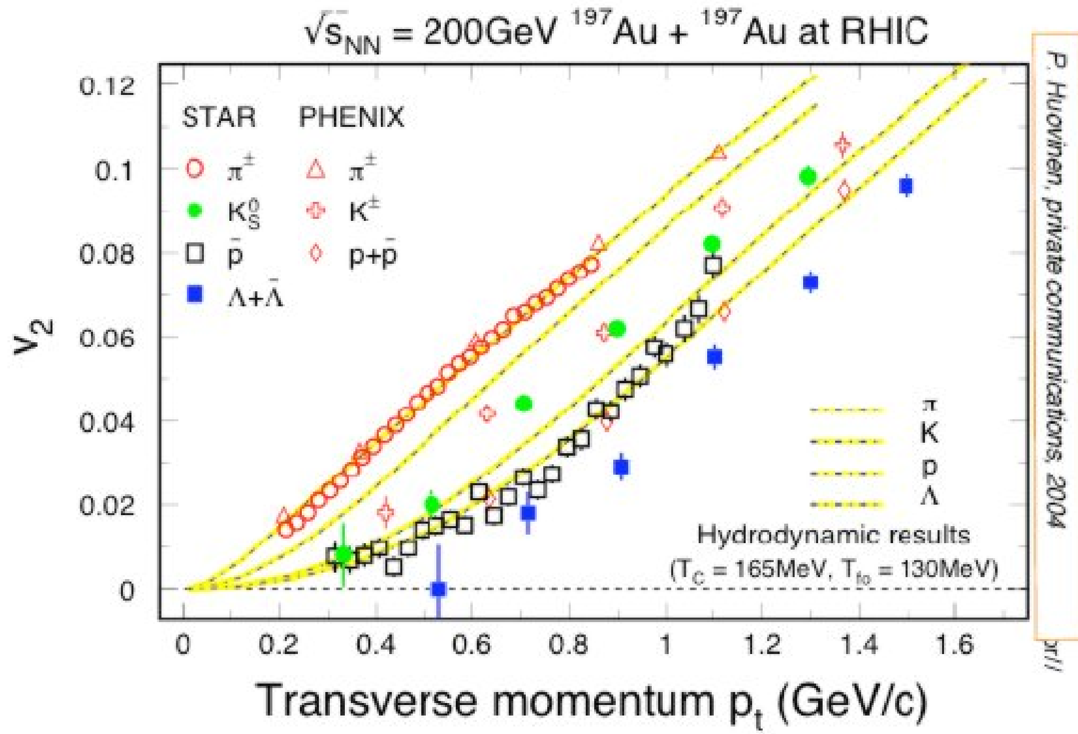

- Minimum bias data! At low p_T, model result fits mass hierarchy well!
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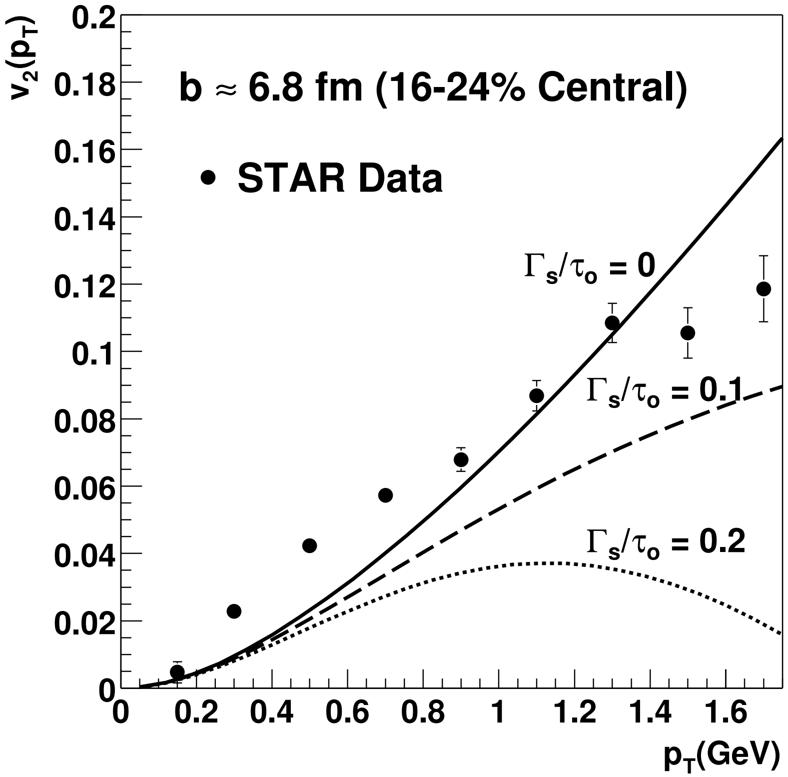

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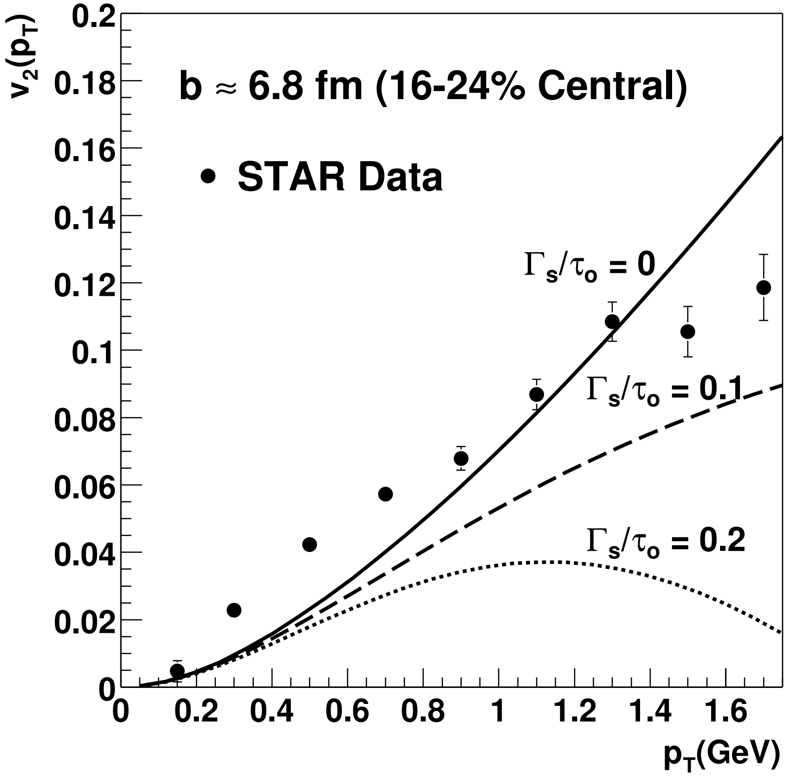

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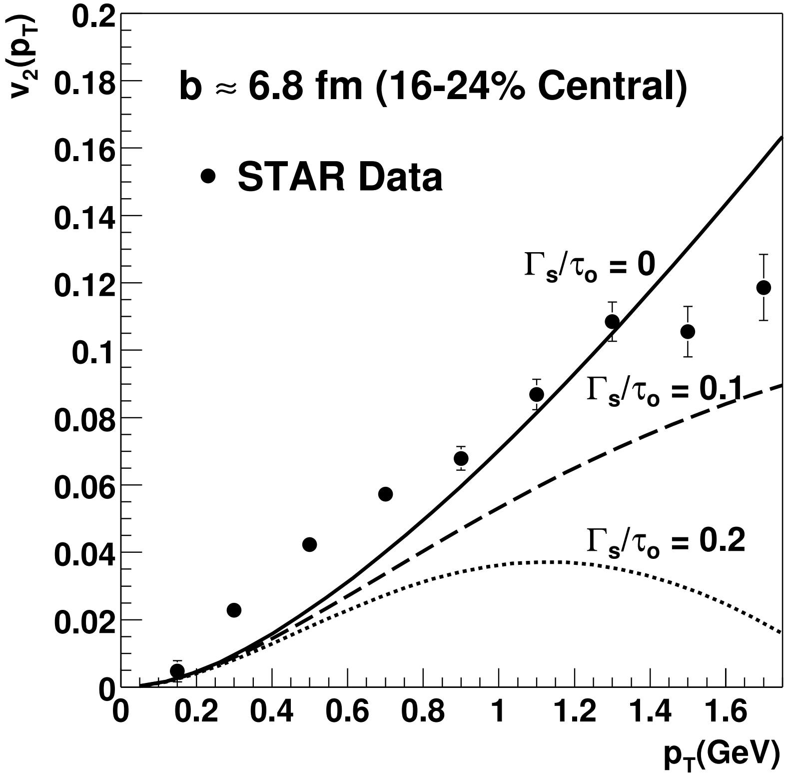

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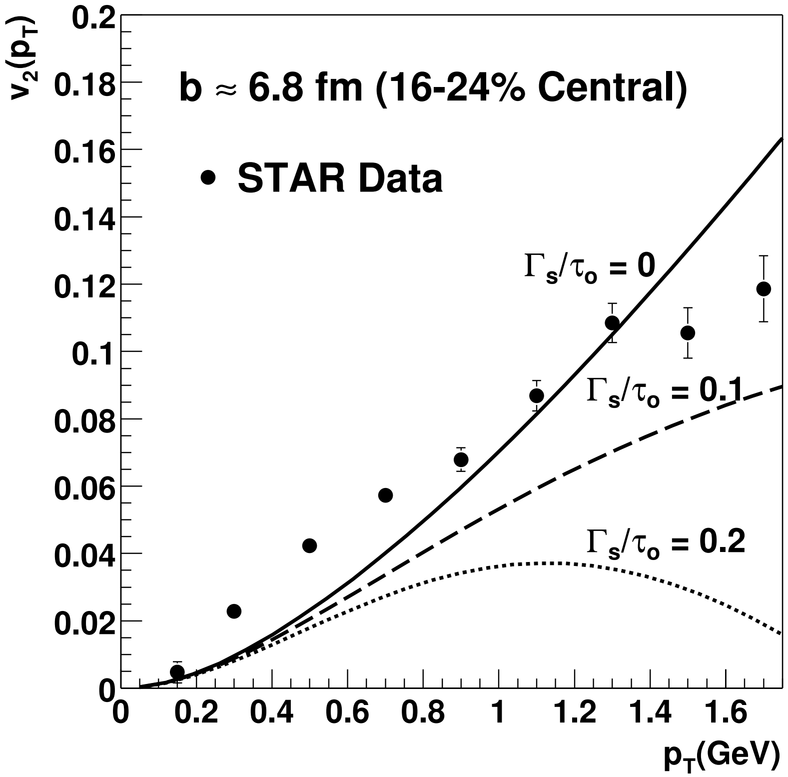

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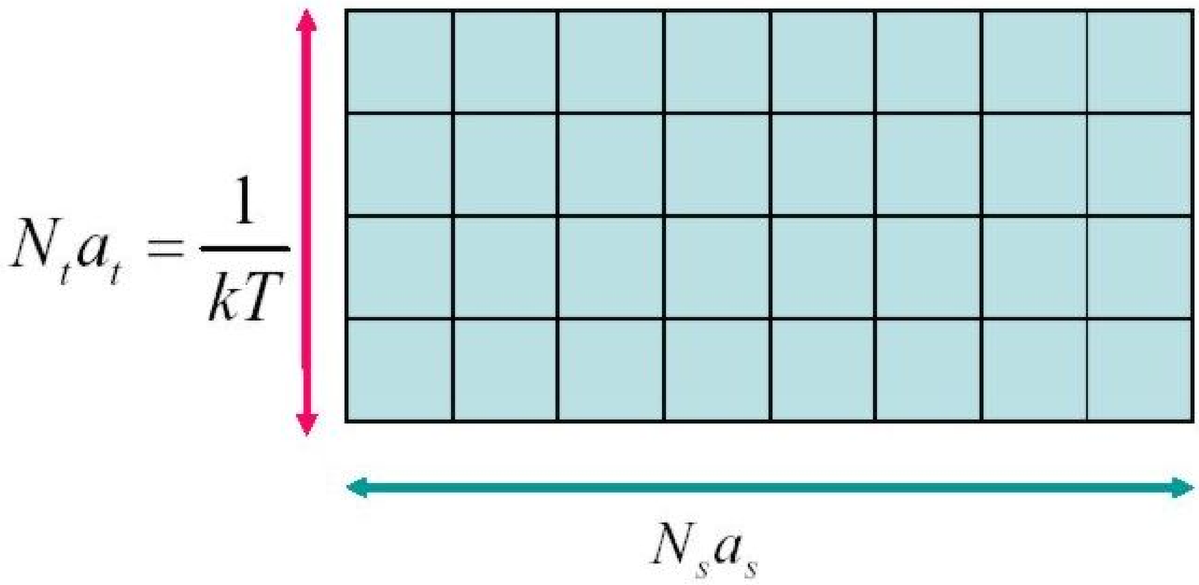

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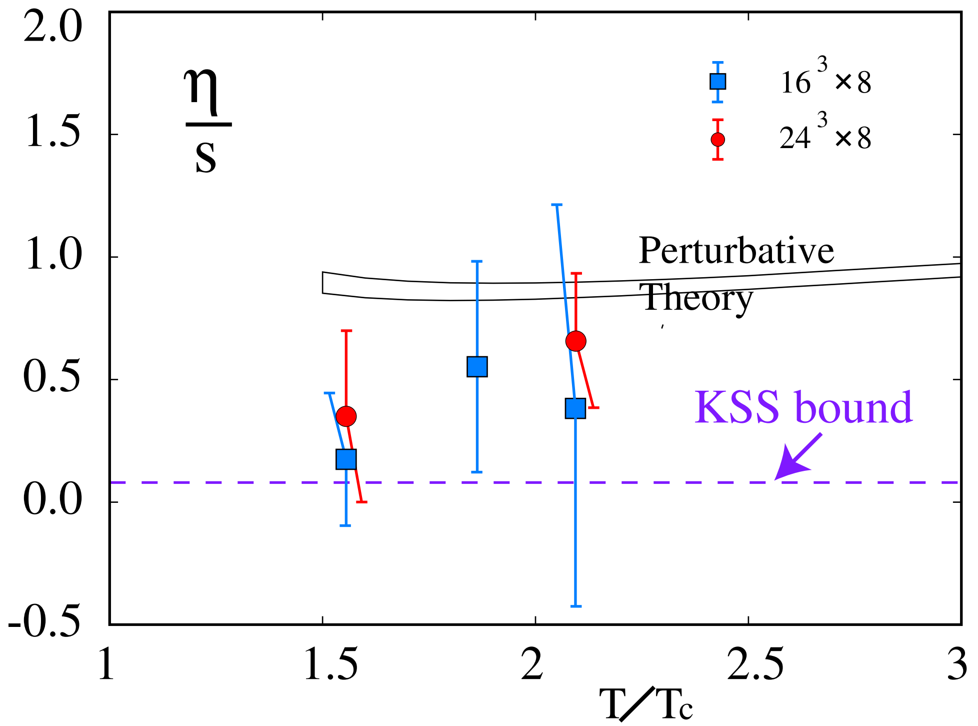

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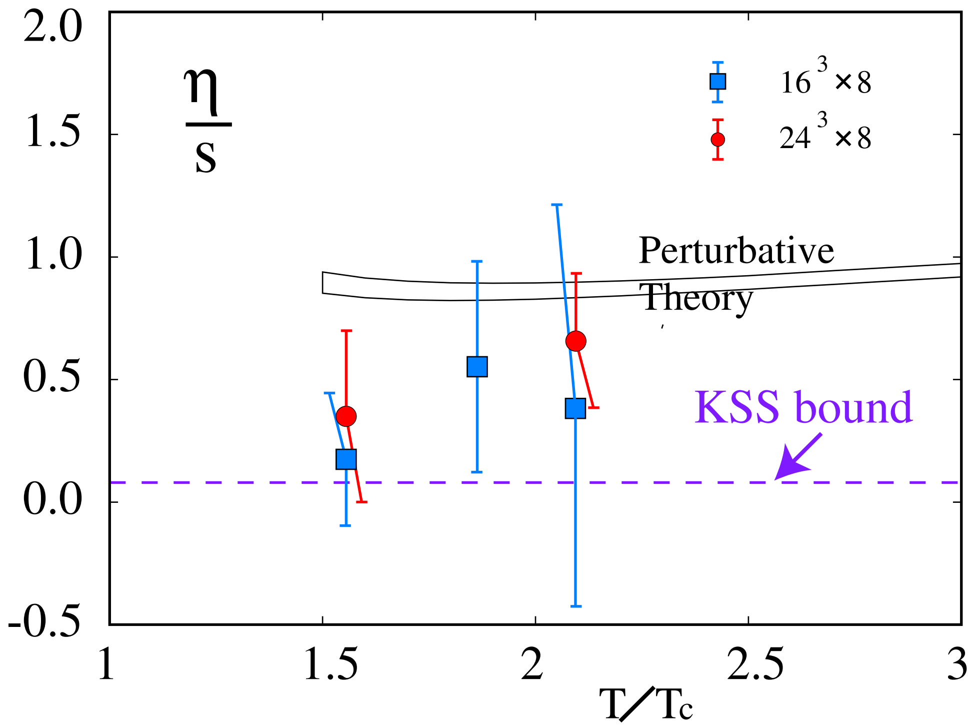

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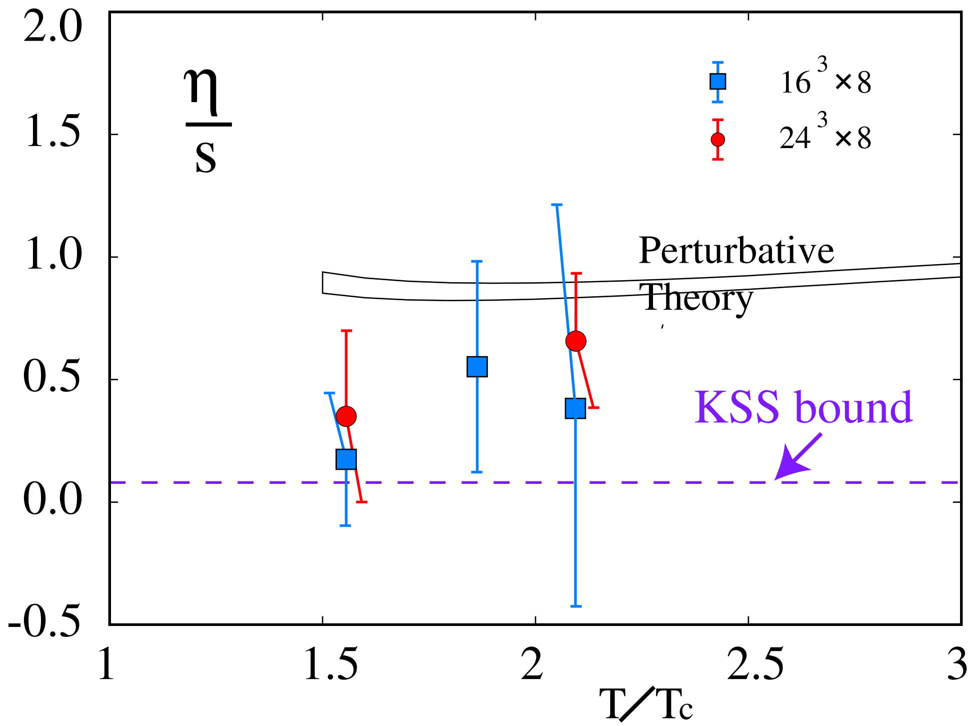

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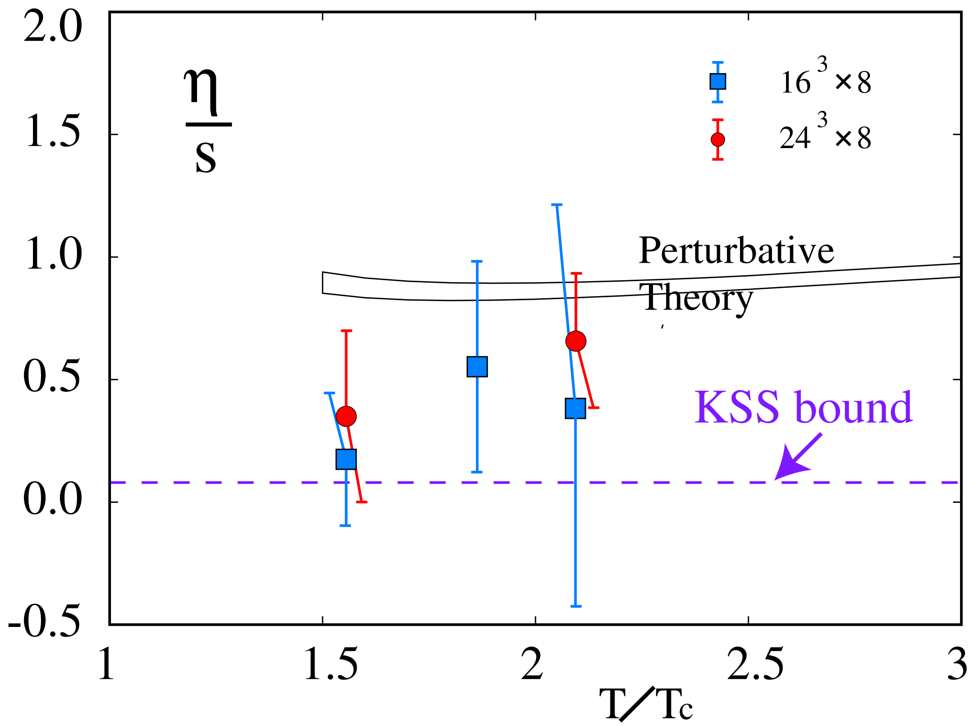

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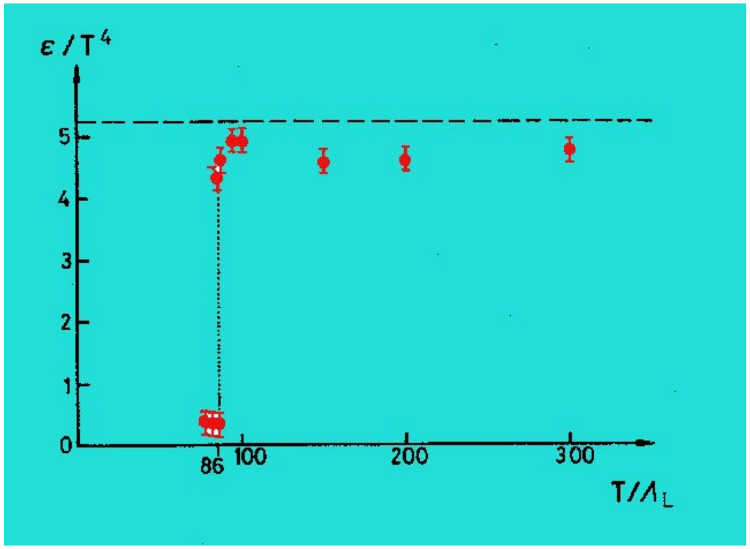

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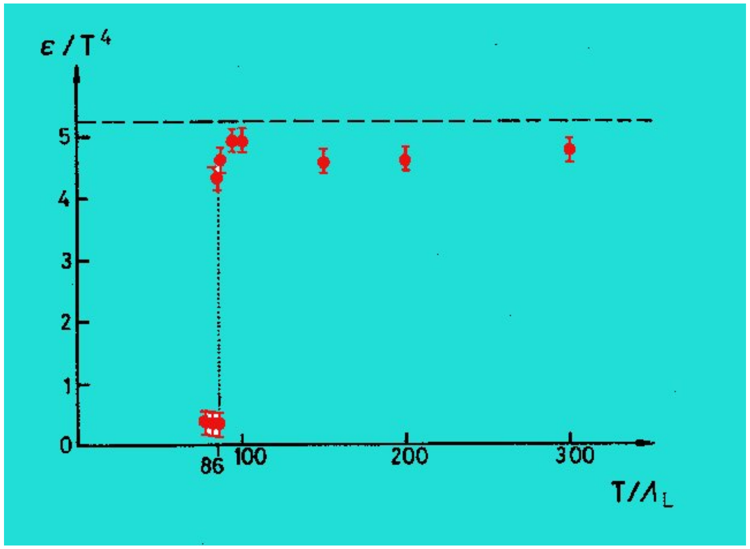

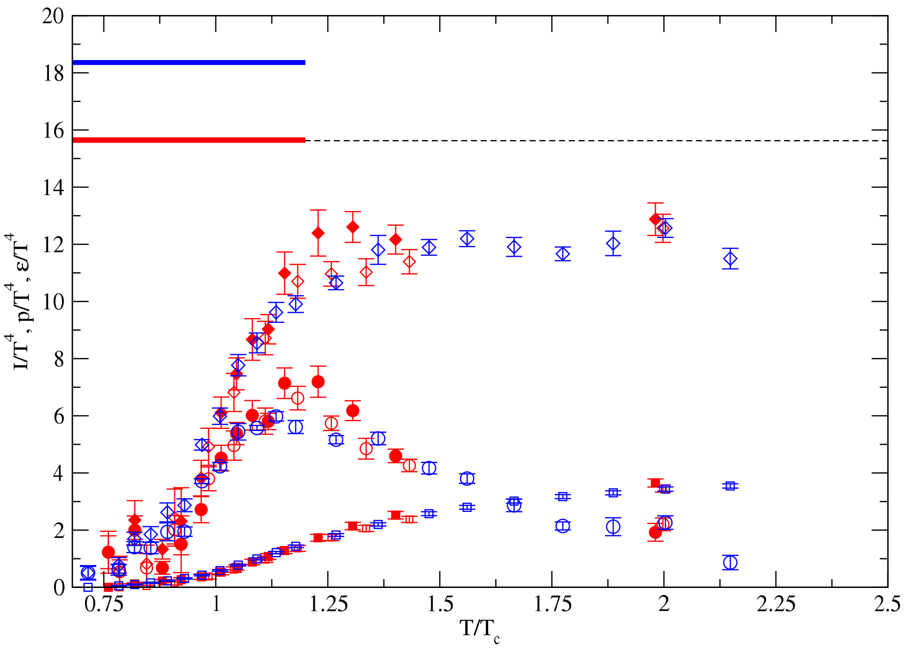

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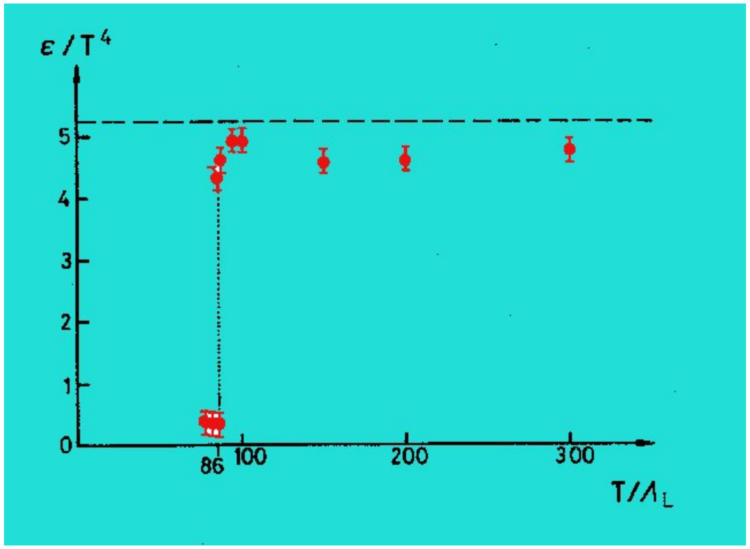

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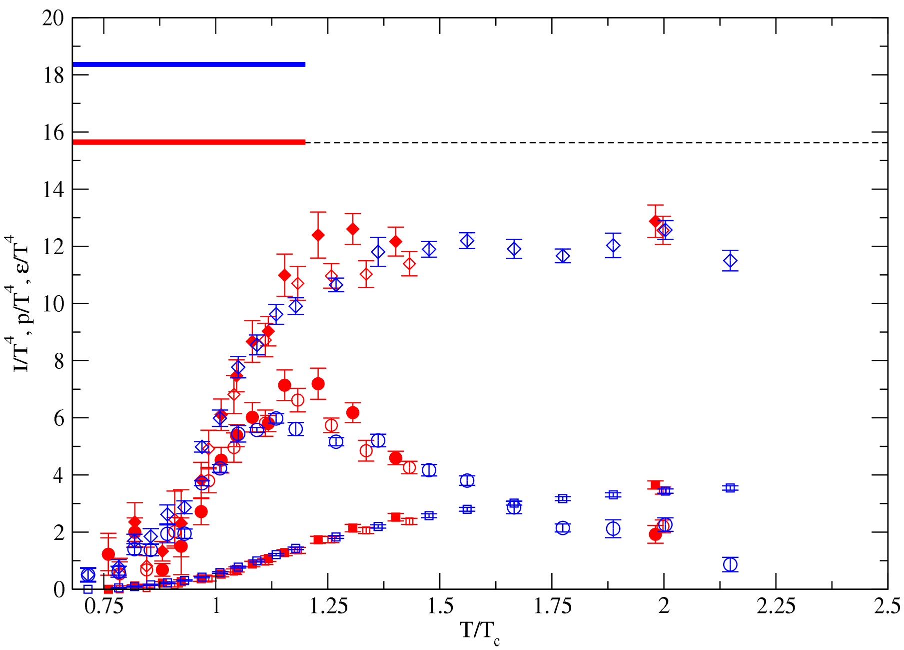

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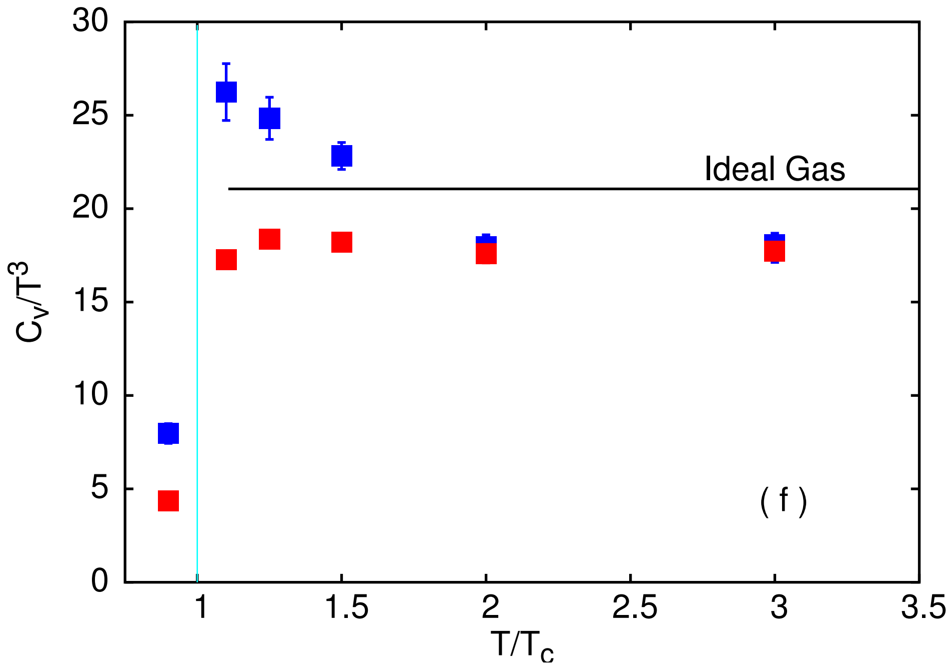

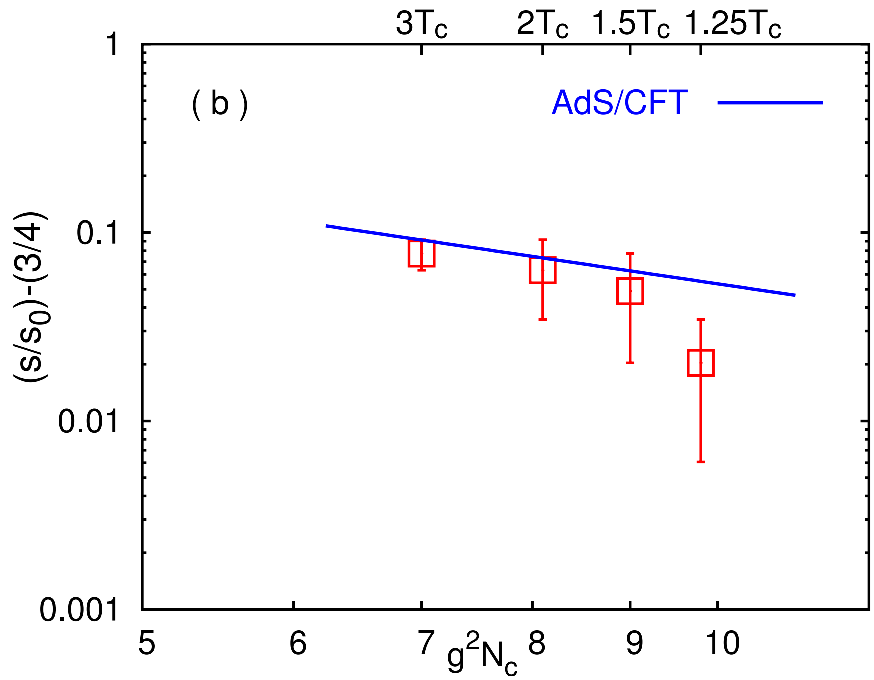

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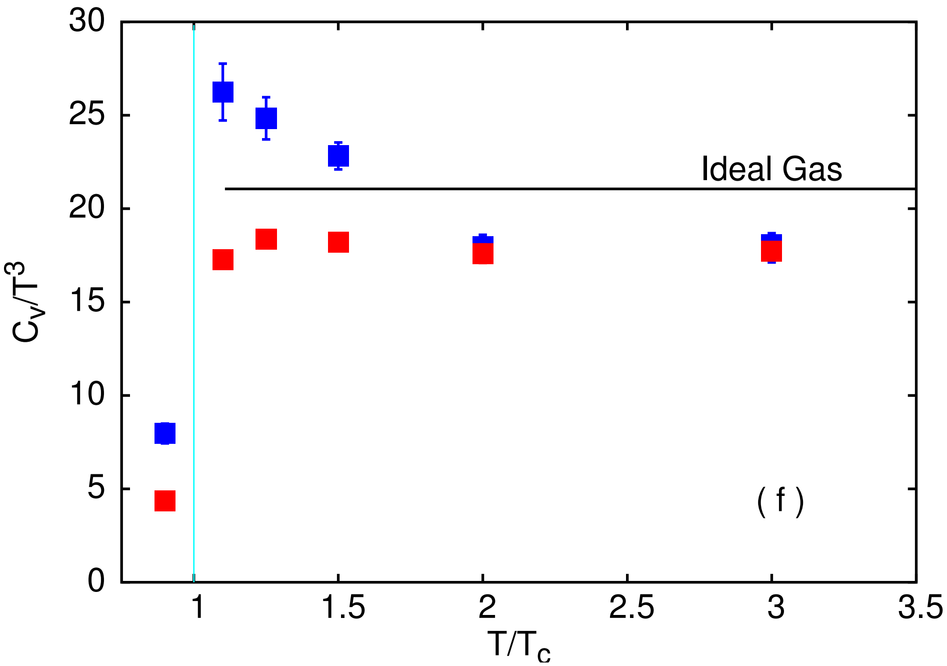

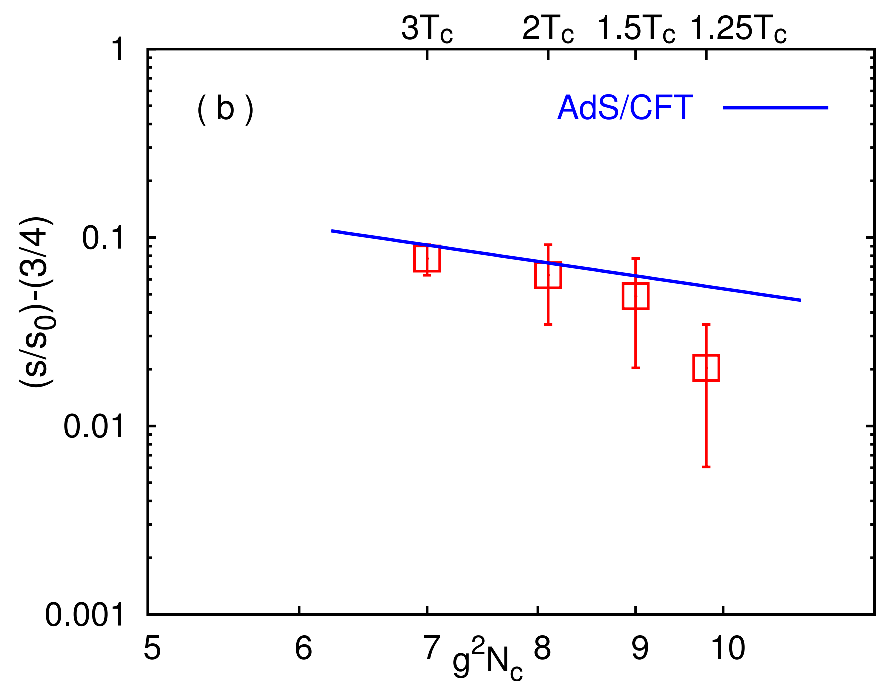

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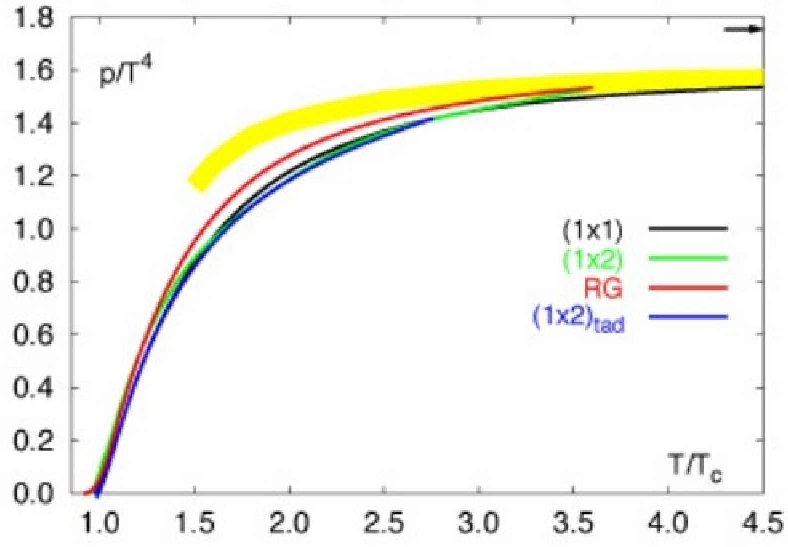

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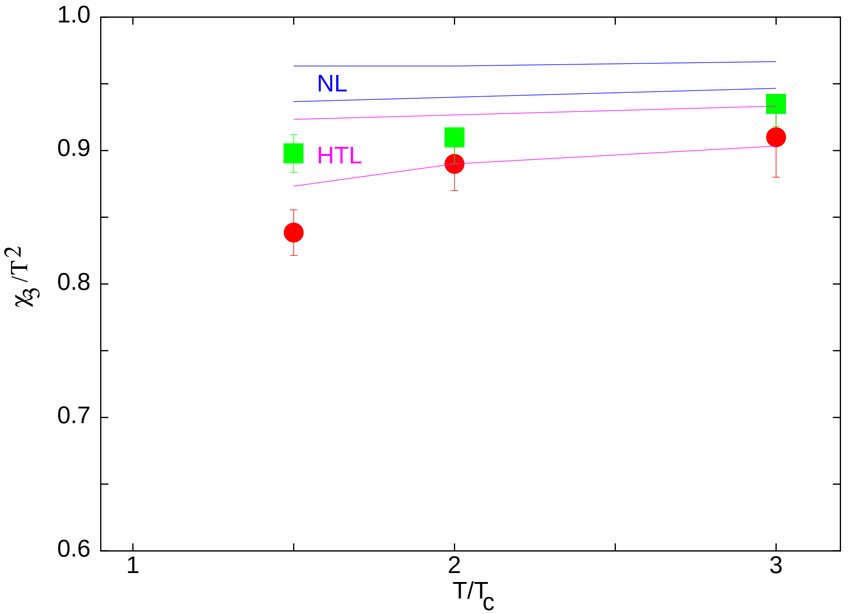

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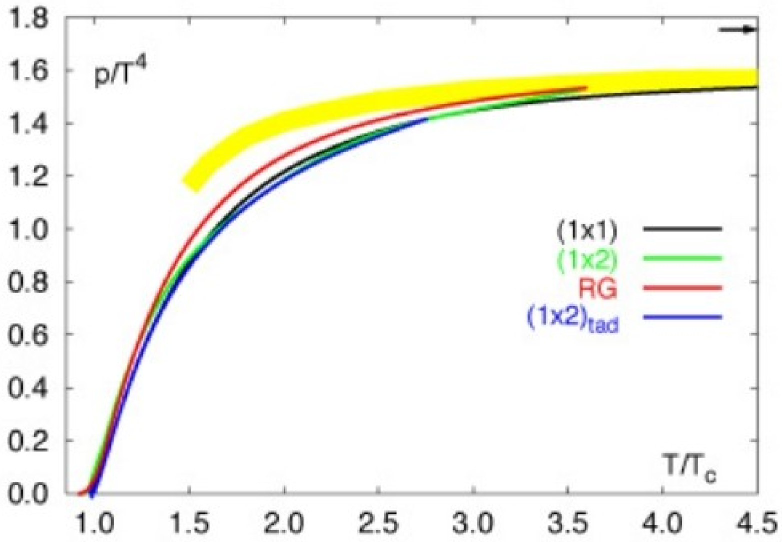

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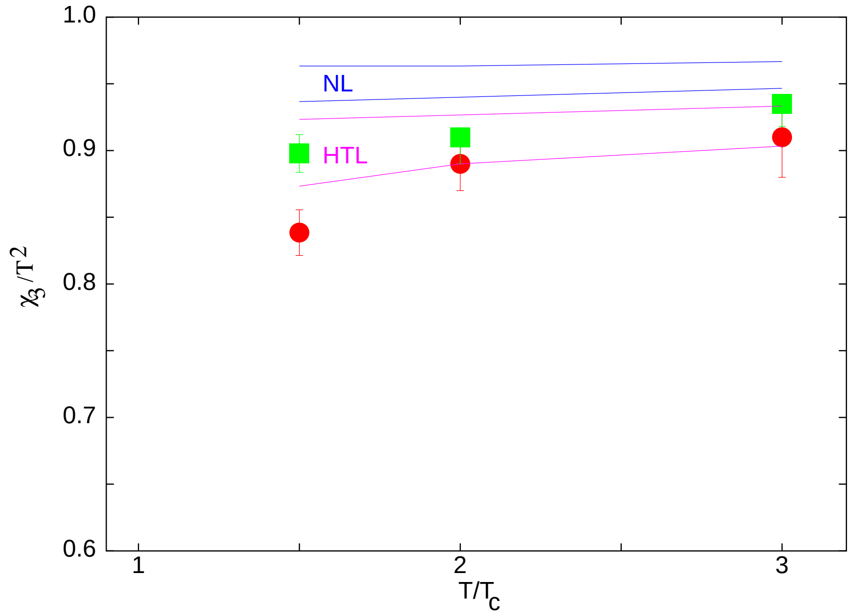

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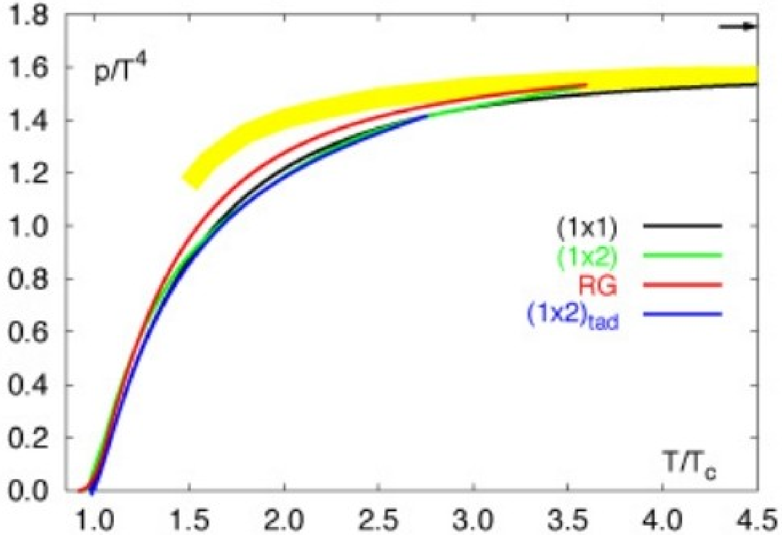

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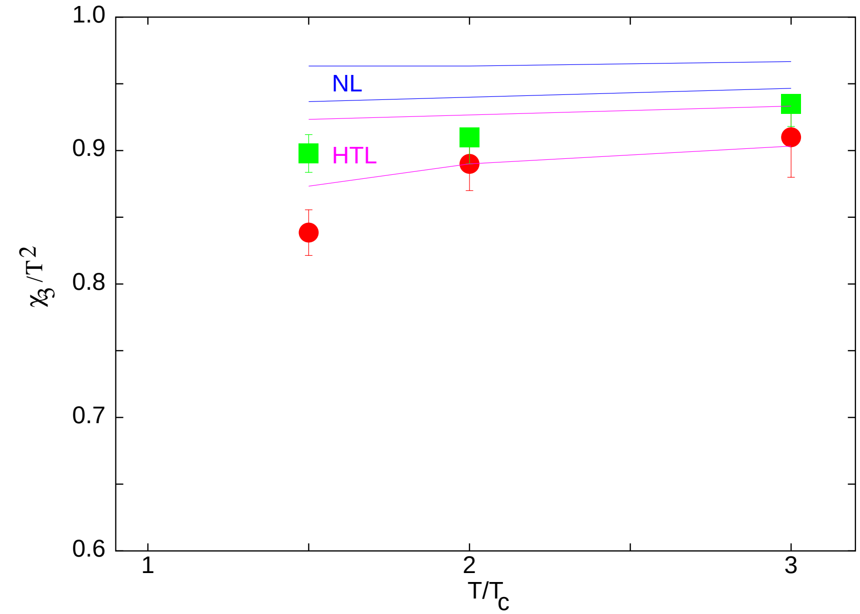

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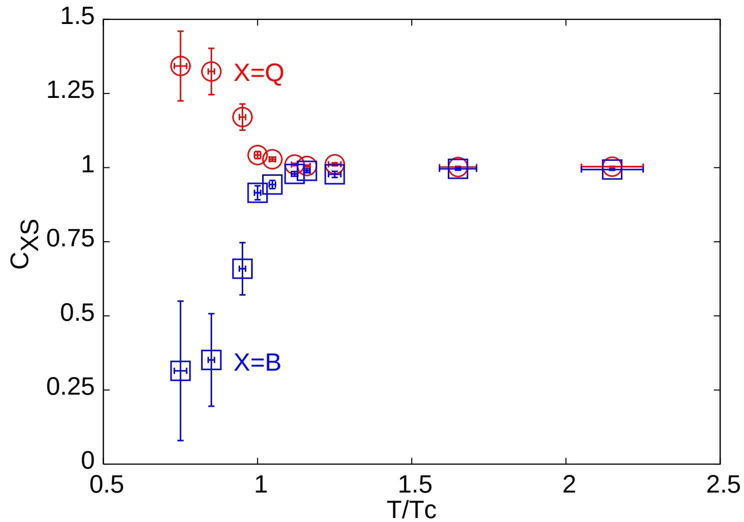

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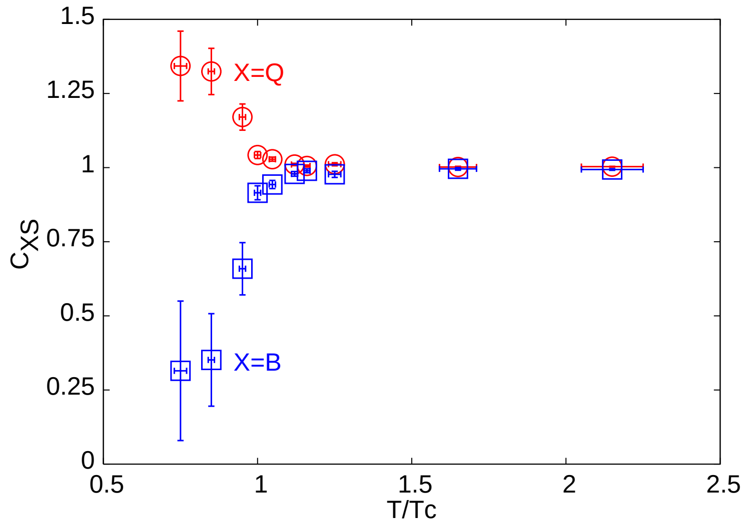

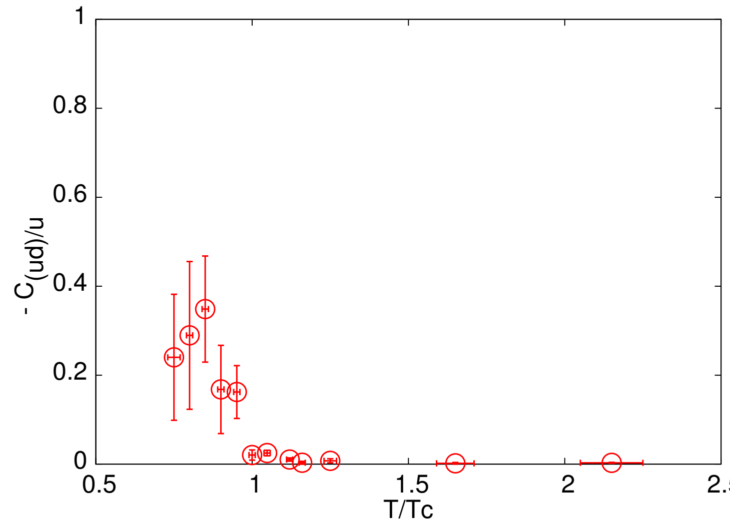

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- We use two algorithms : Conjugate Gradient based CGA, and Zolotarev Approximation.

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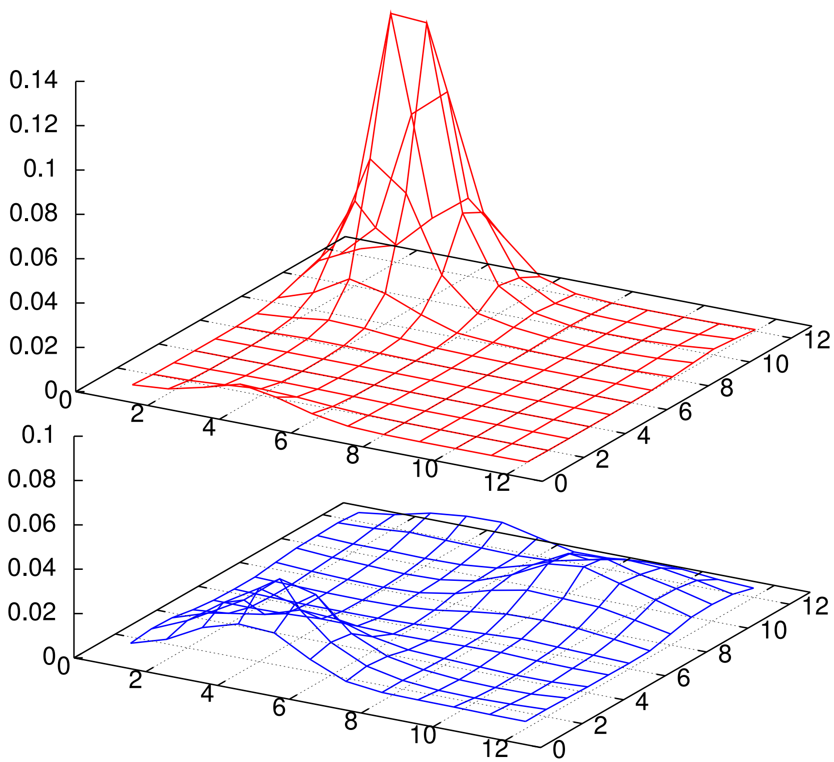

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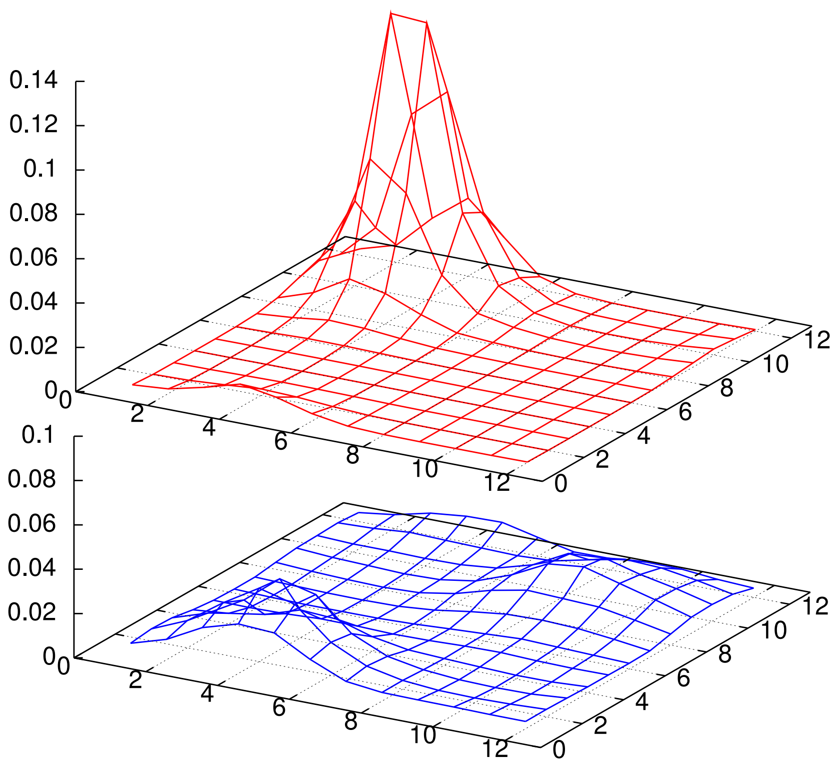

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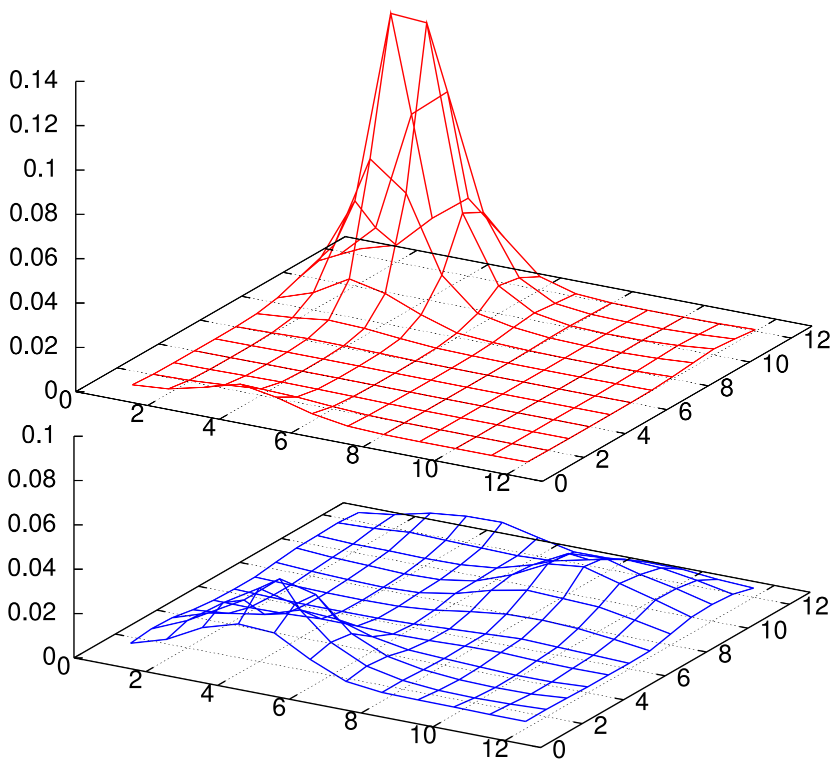

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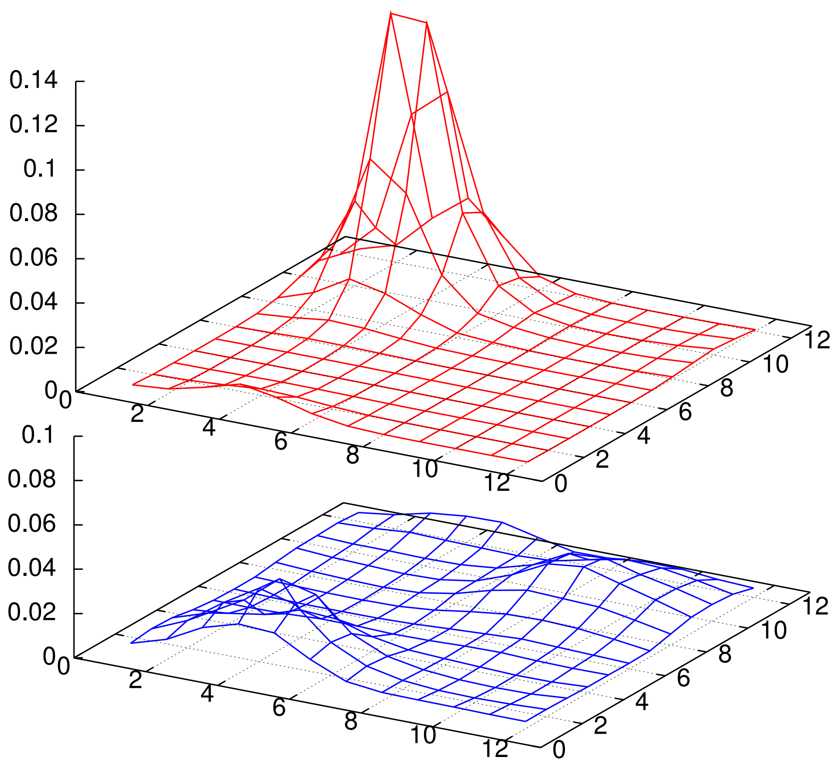

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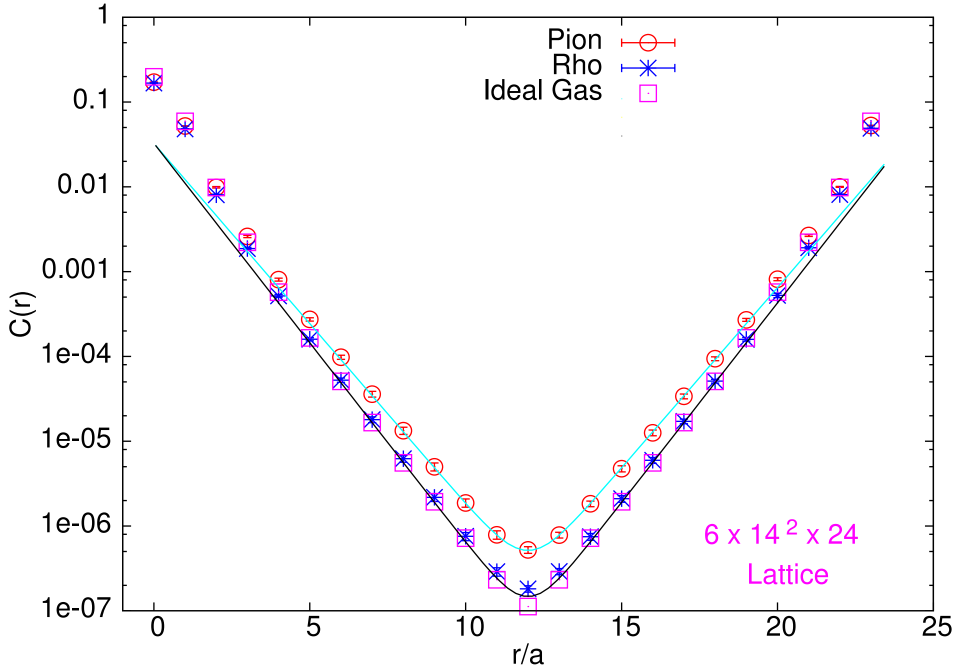

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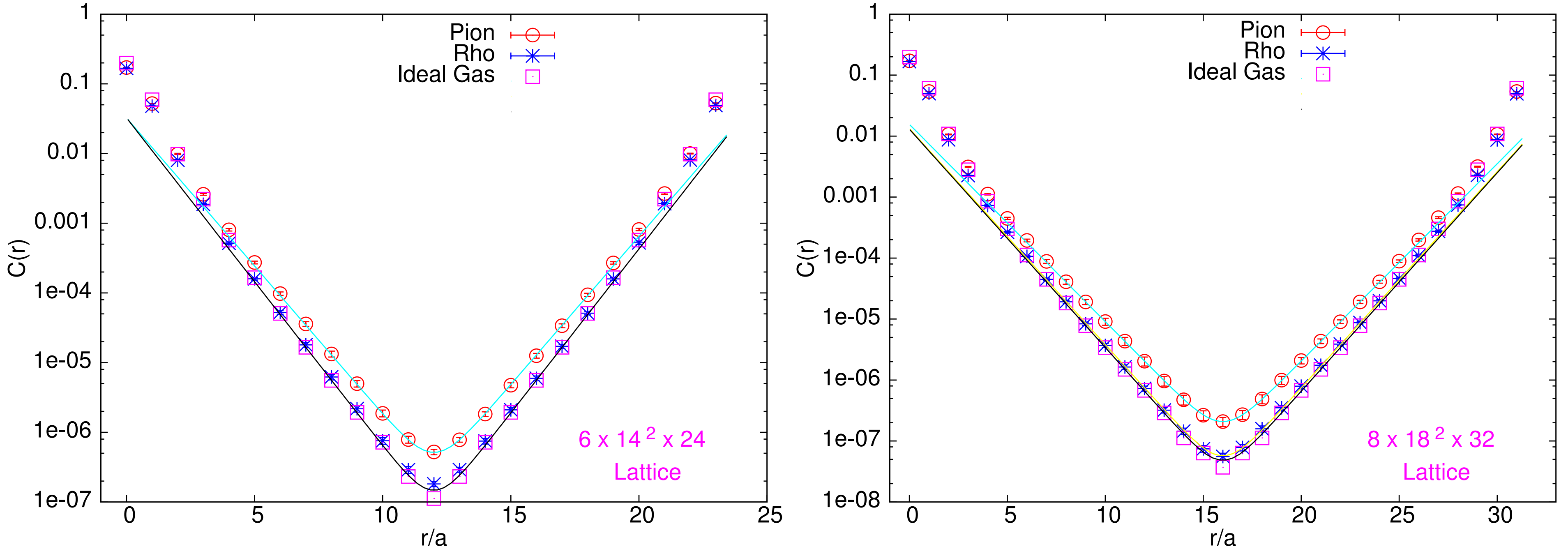

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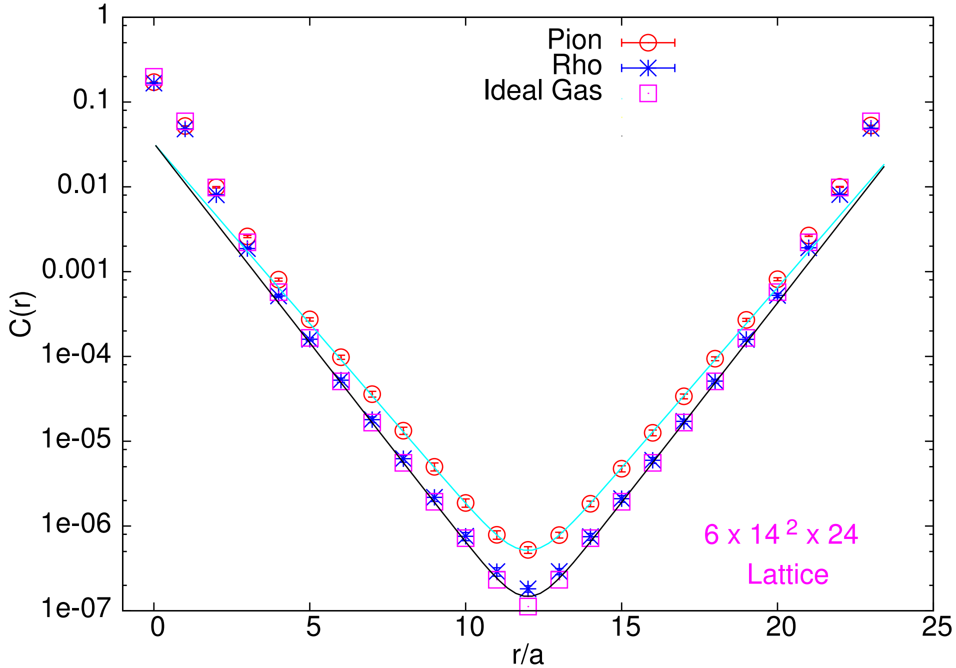

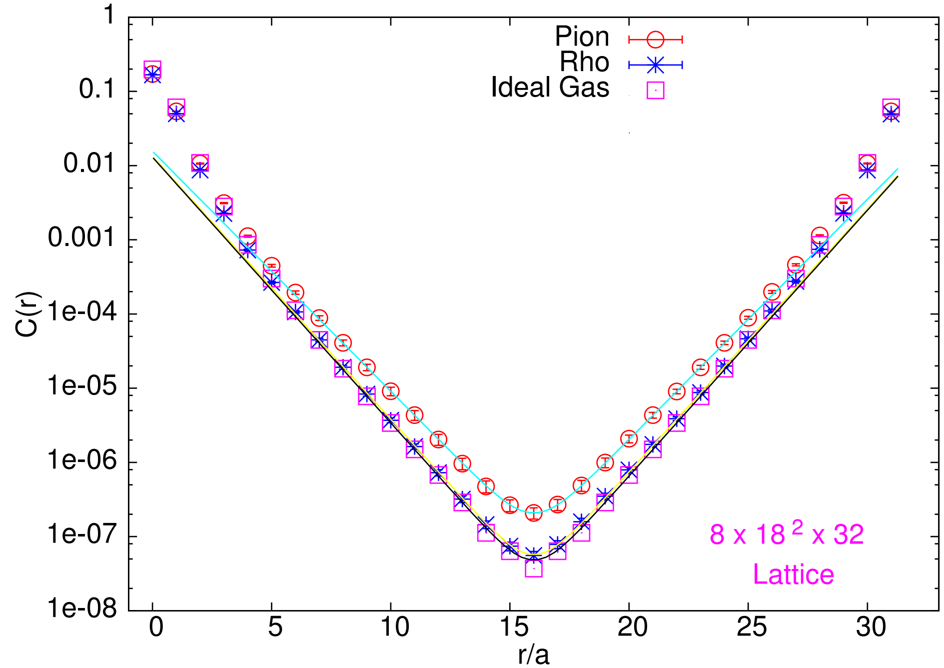

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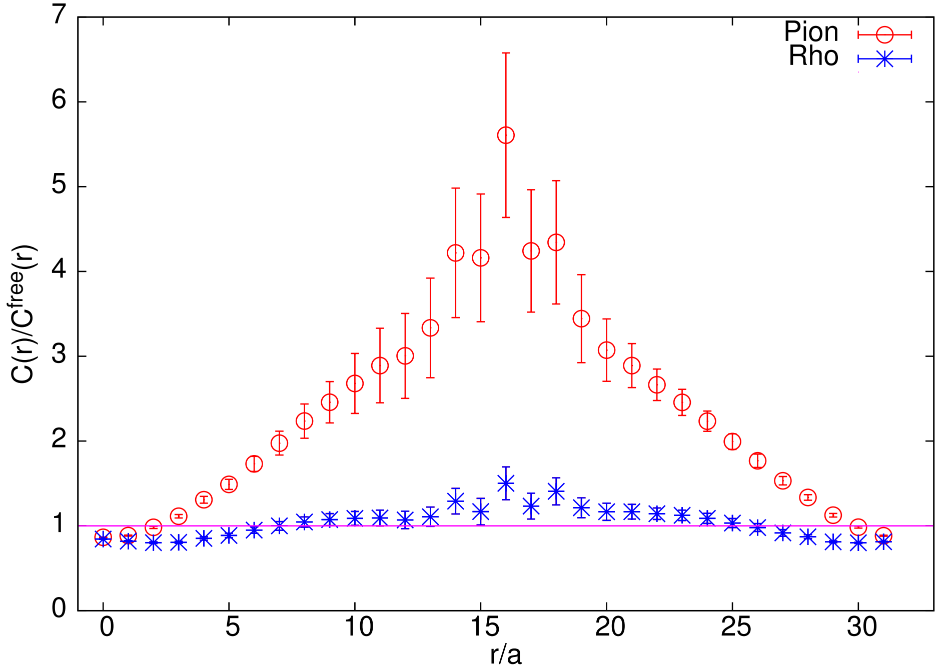

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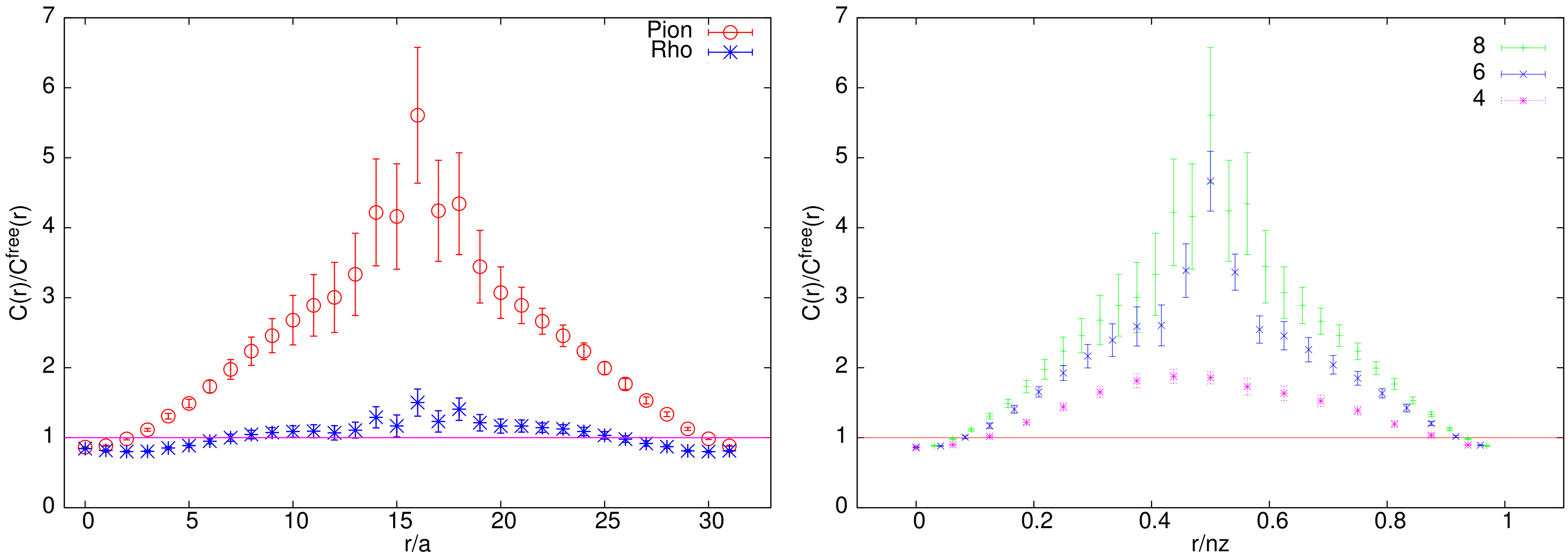

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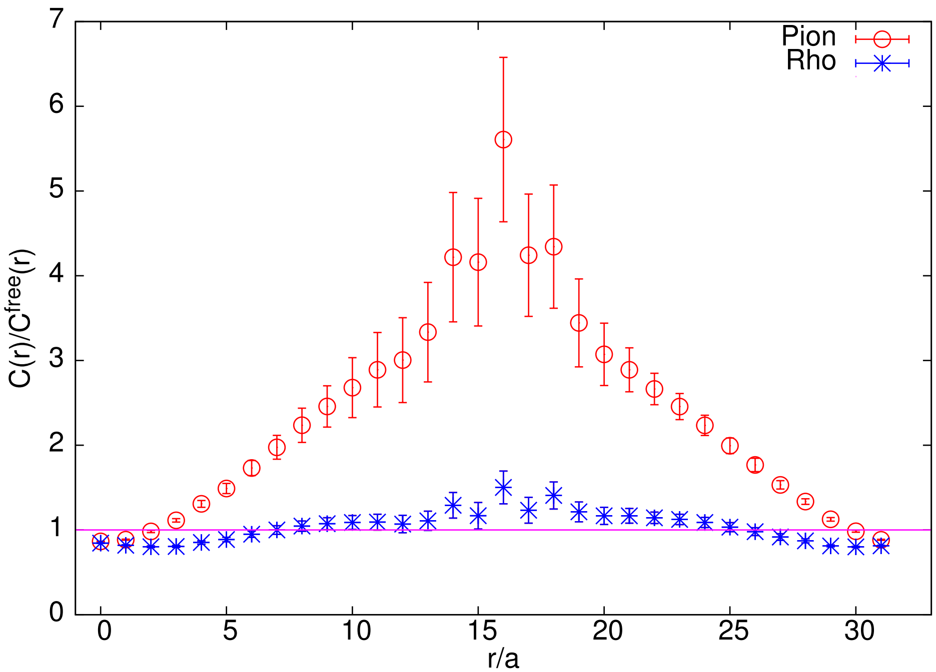

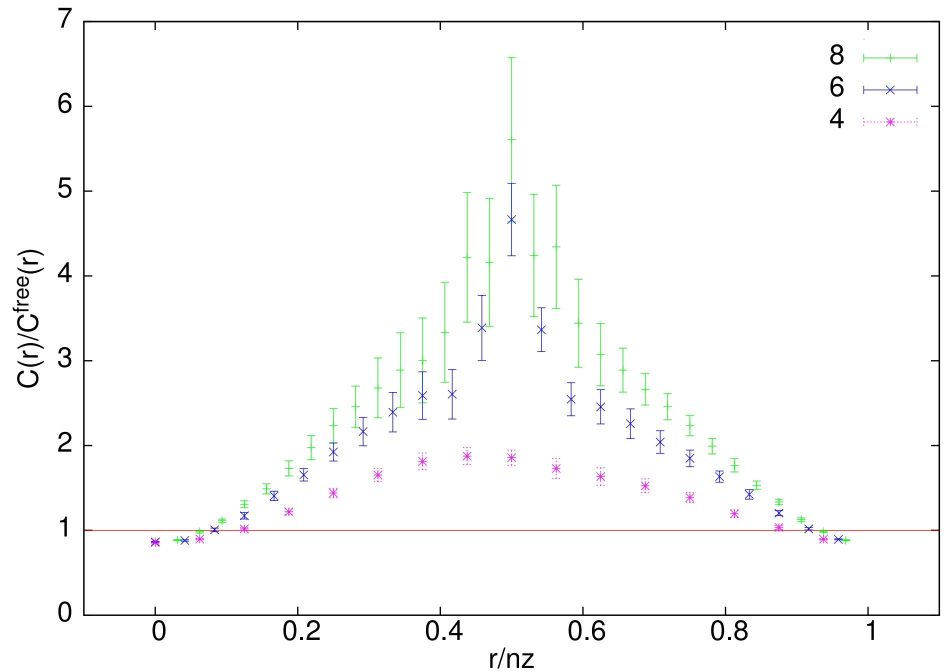

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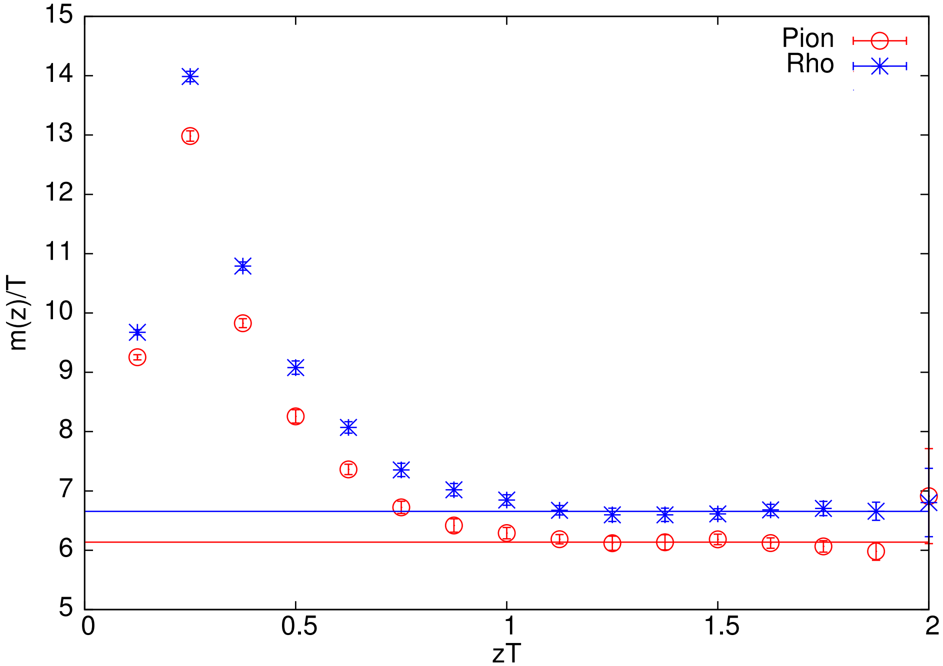

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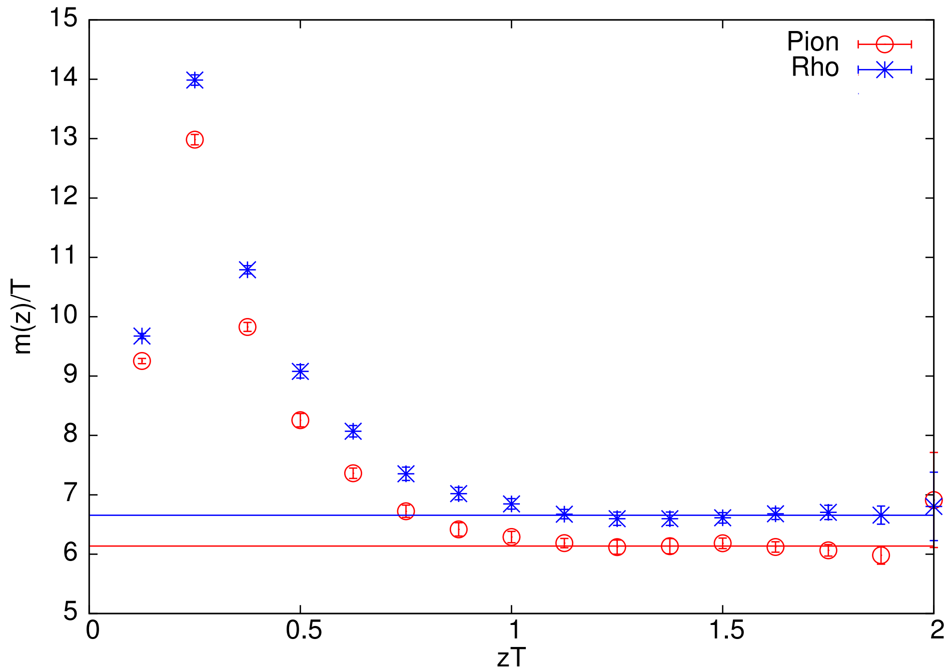

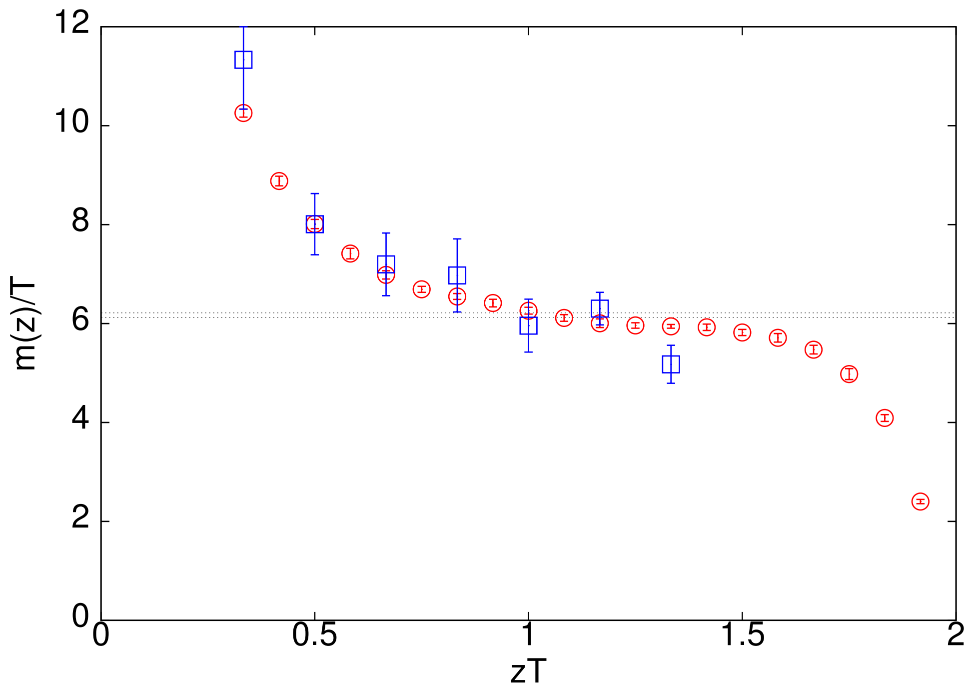

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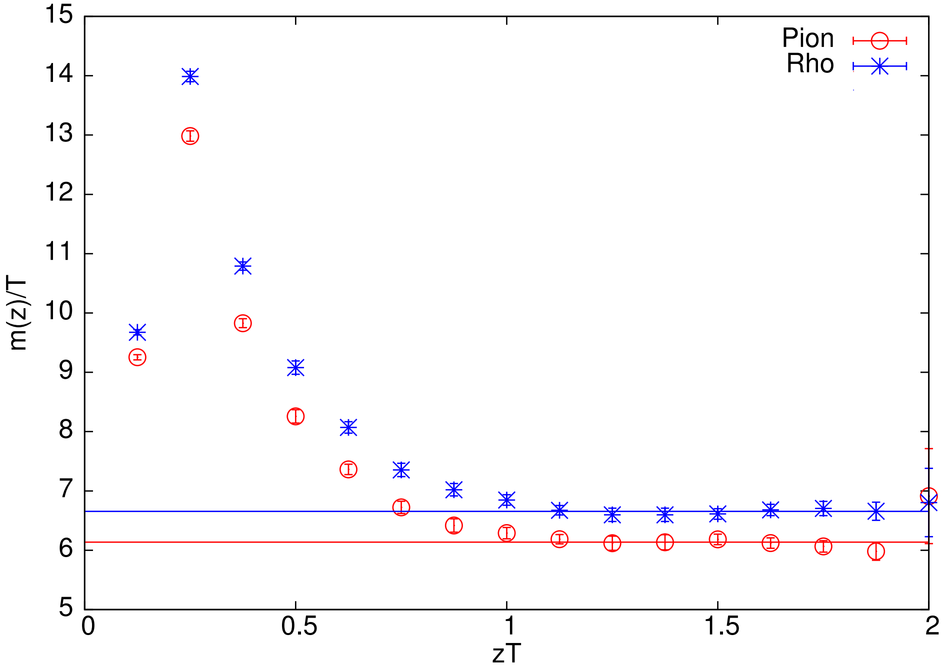

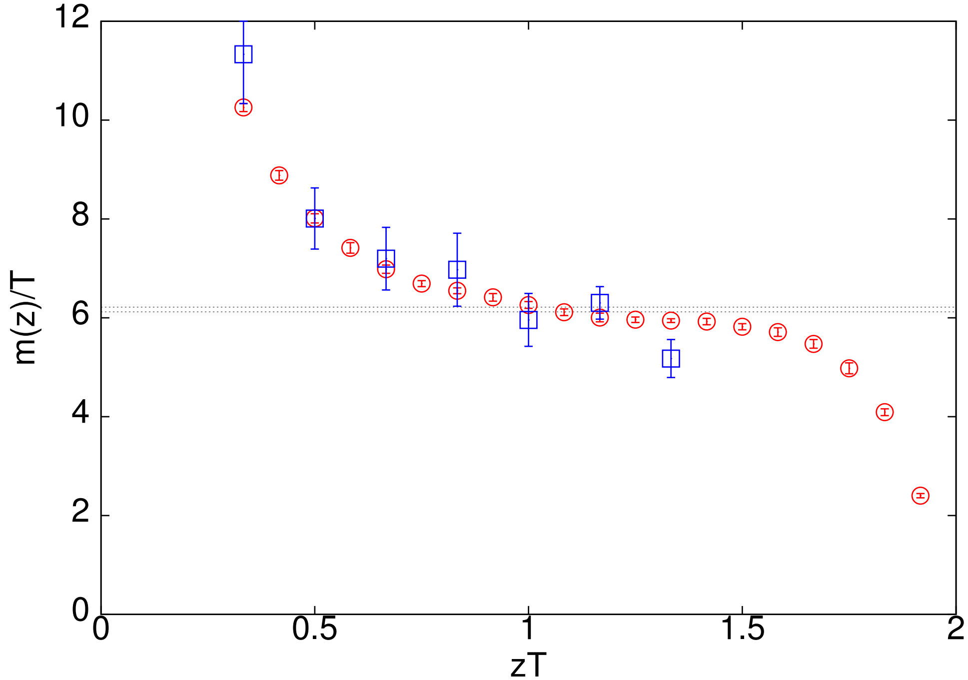

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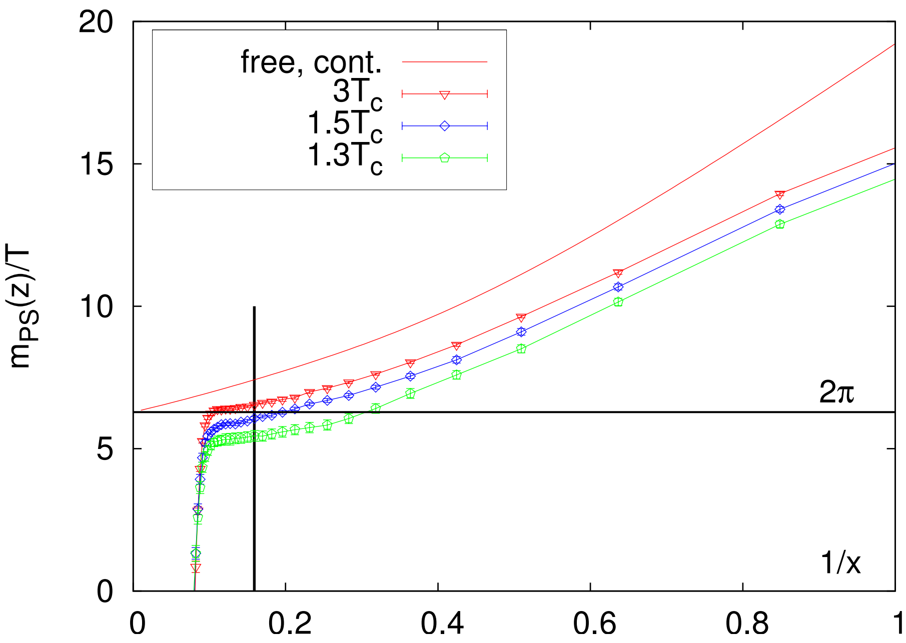

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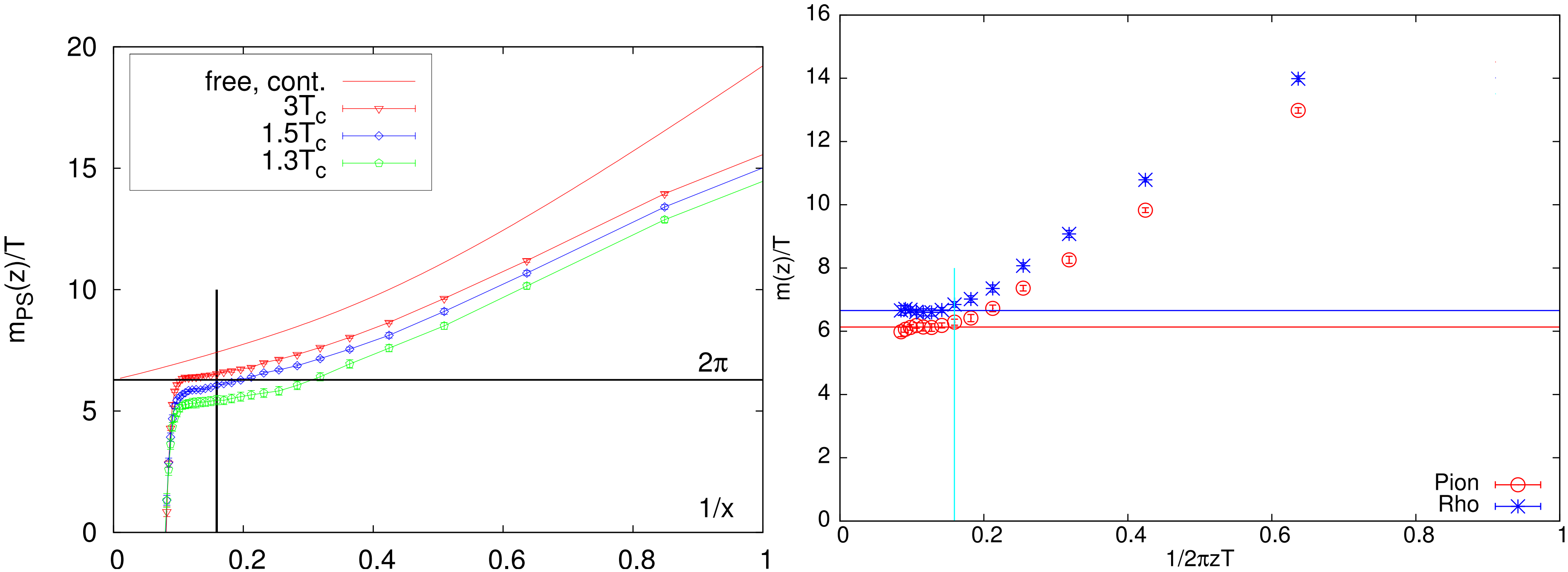

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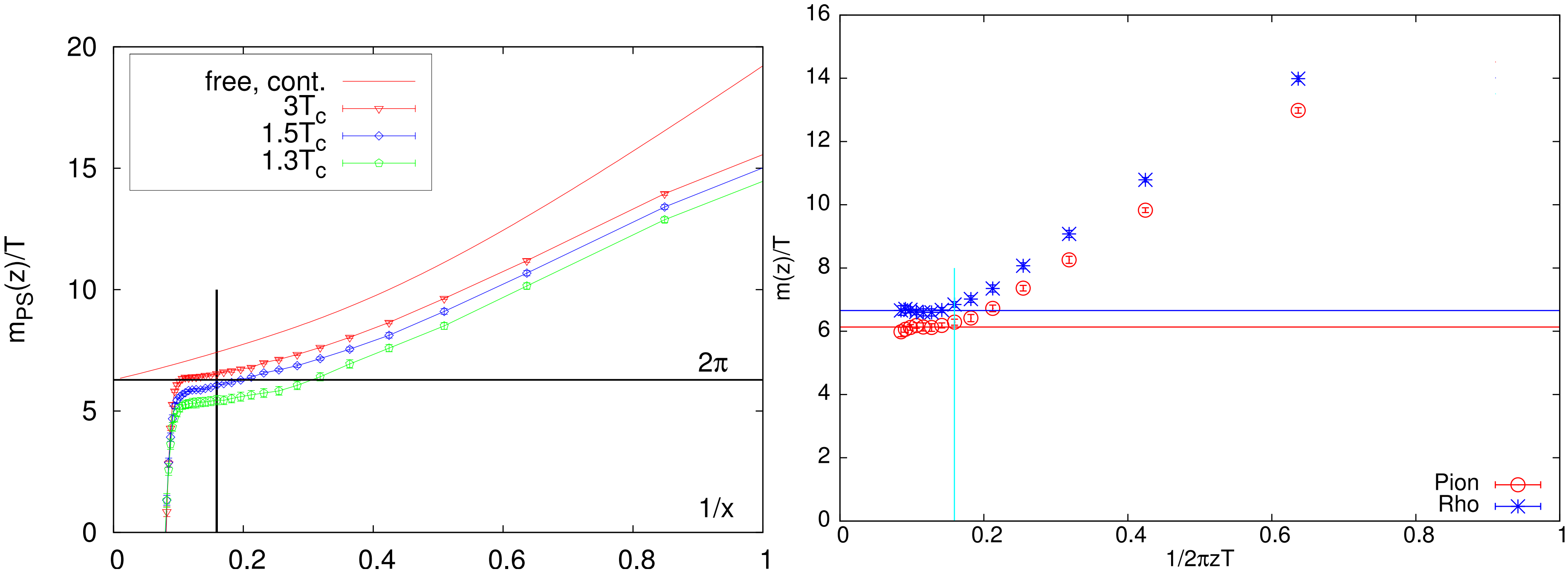

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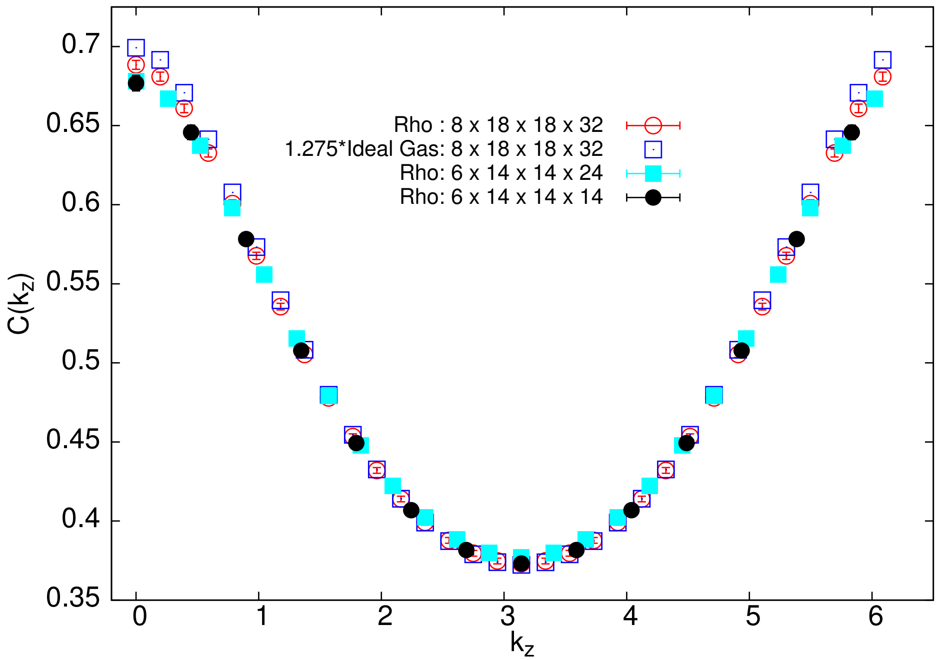

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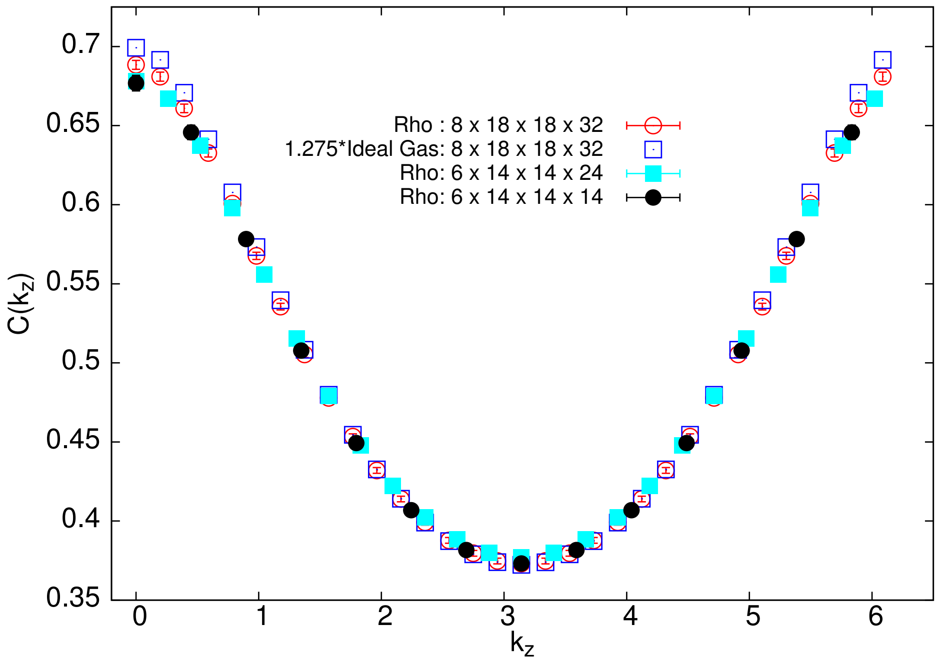

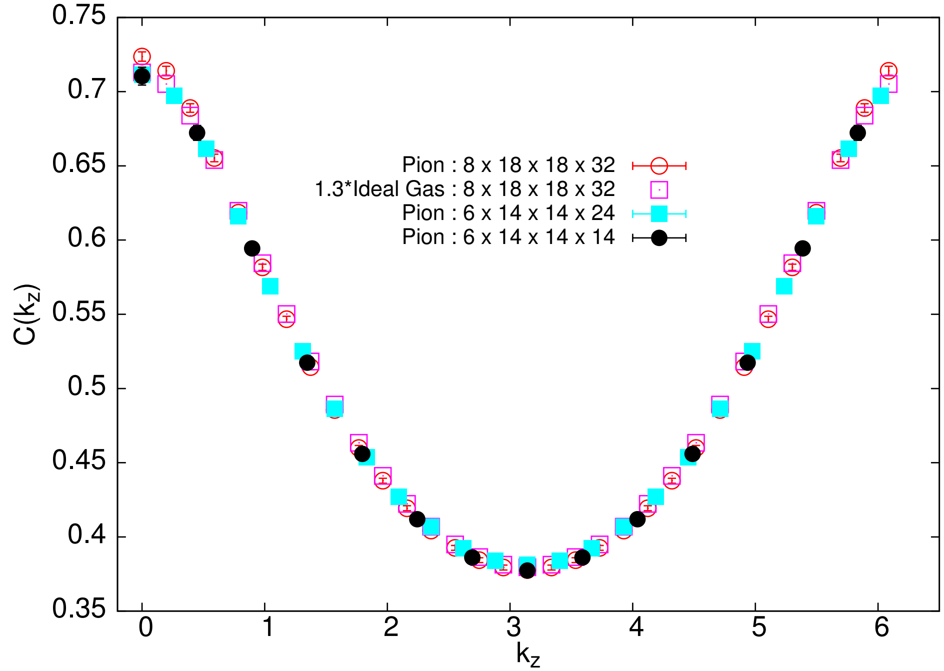

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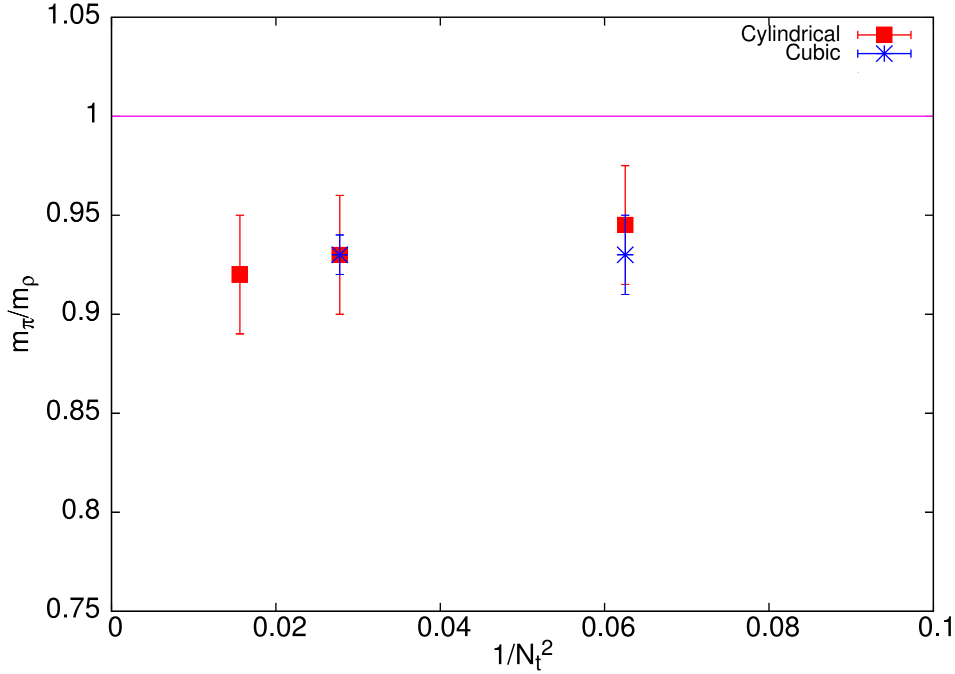

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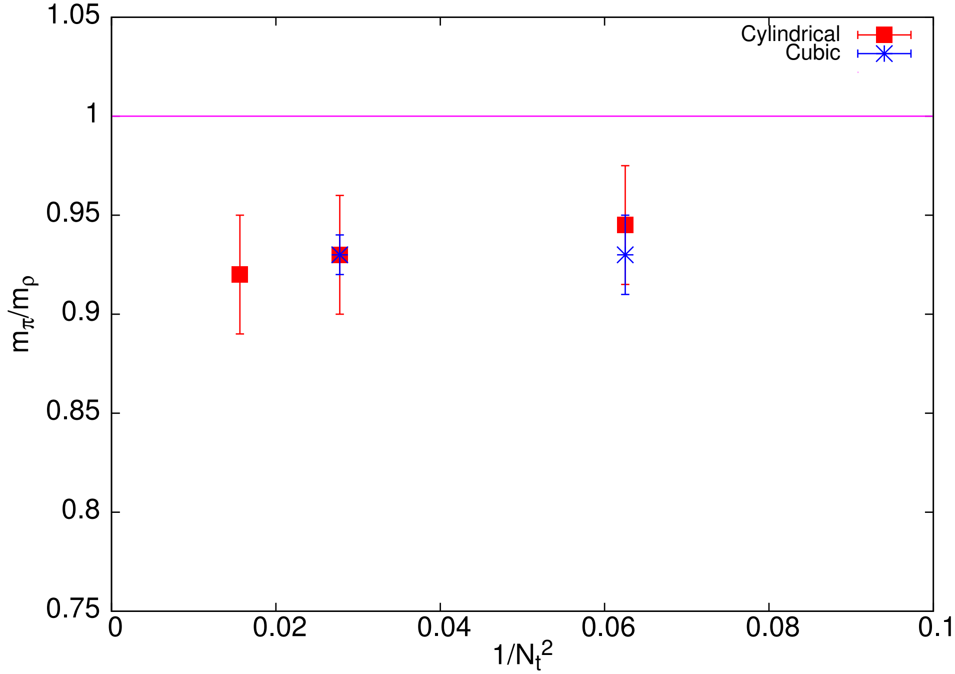

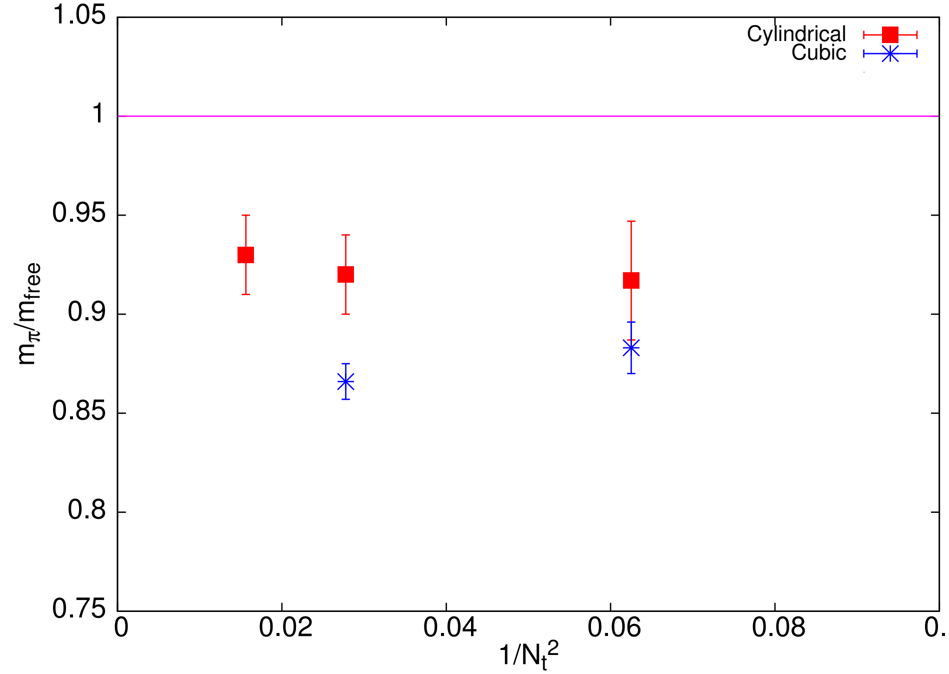

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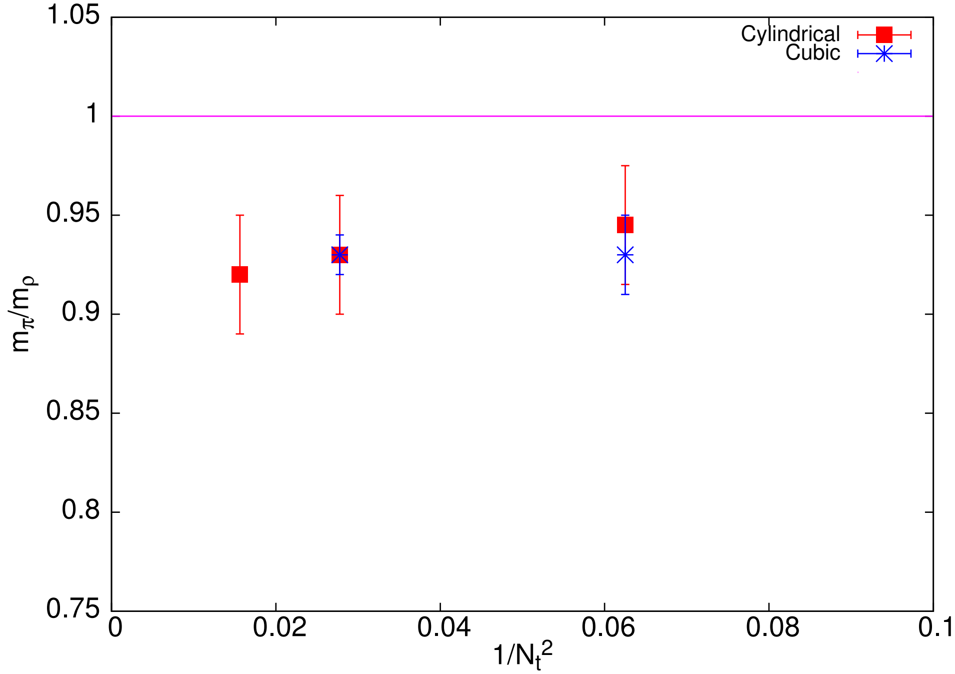

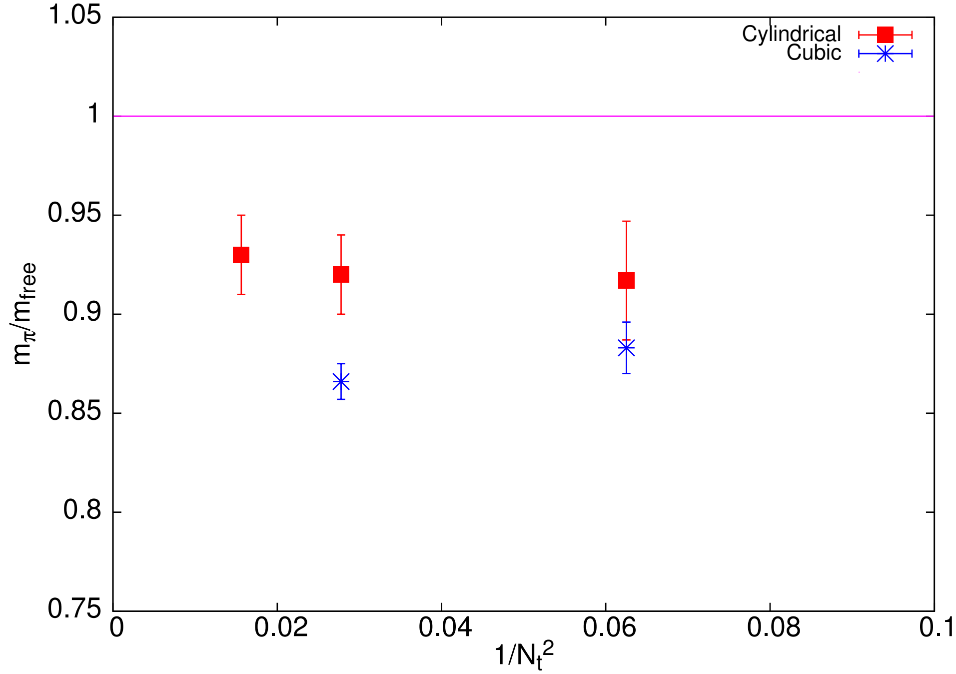

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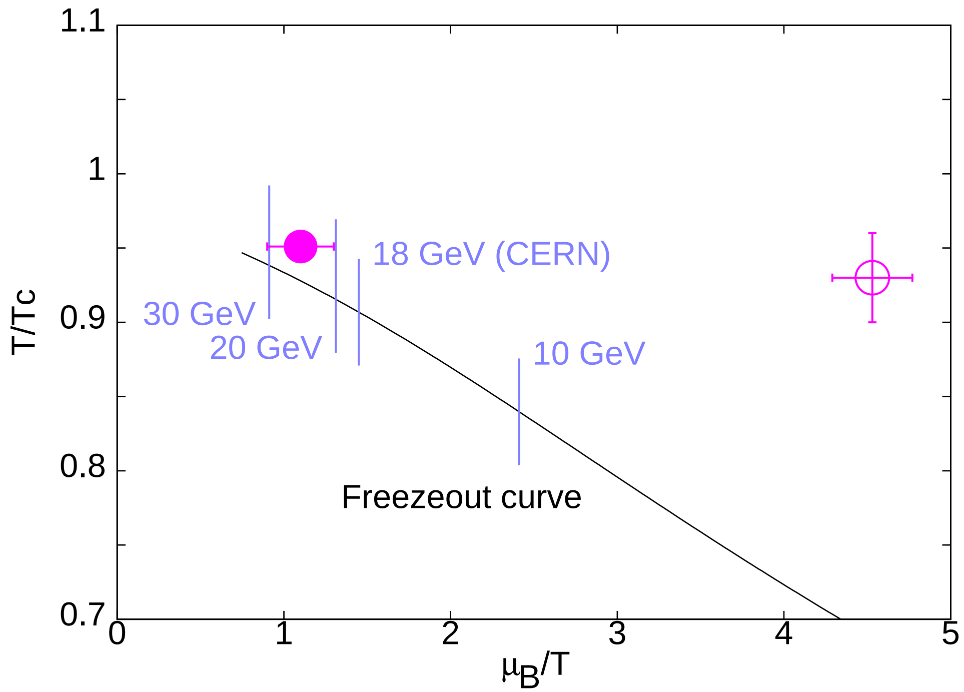

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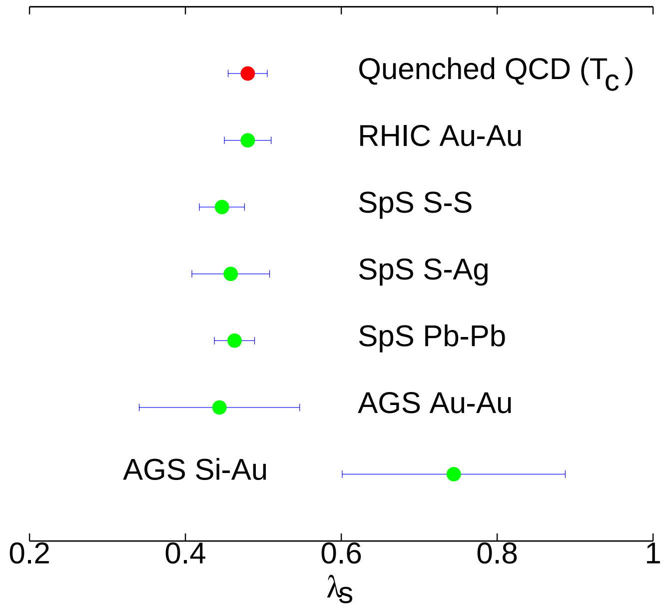

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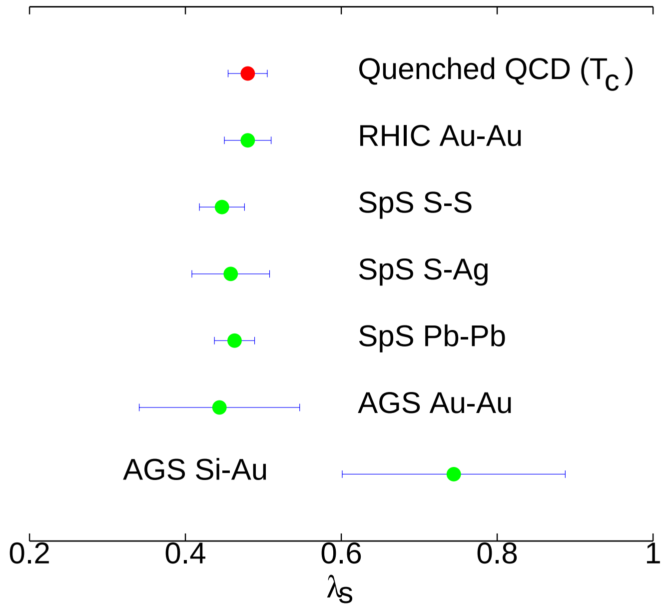

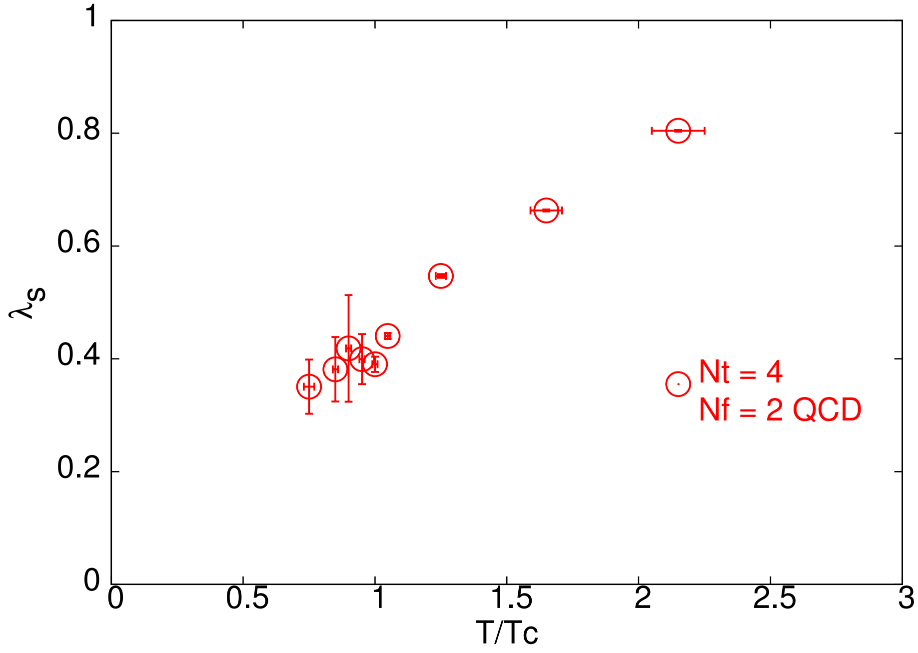

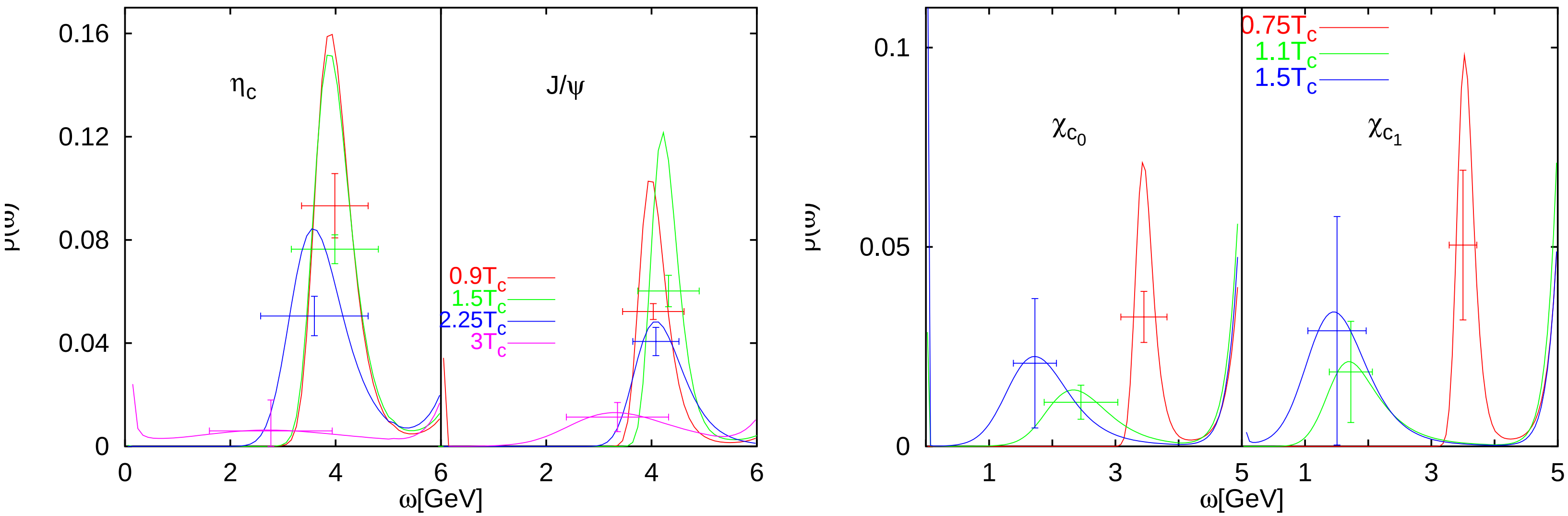

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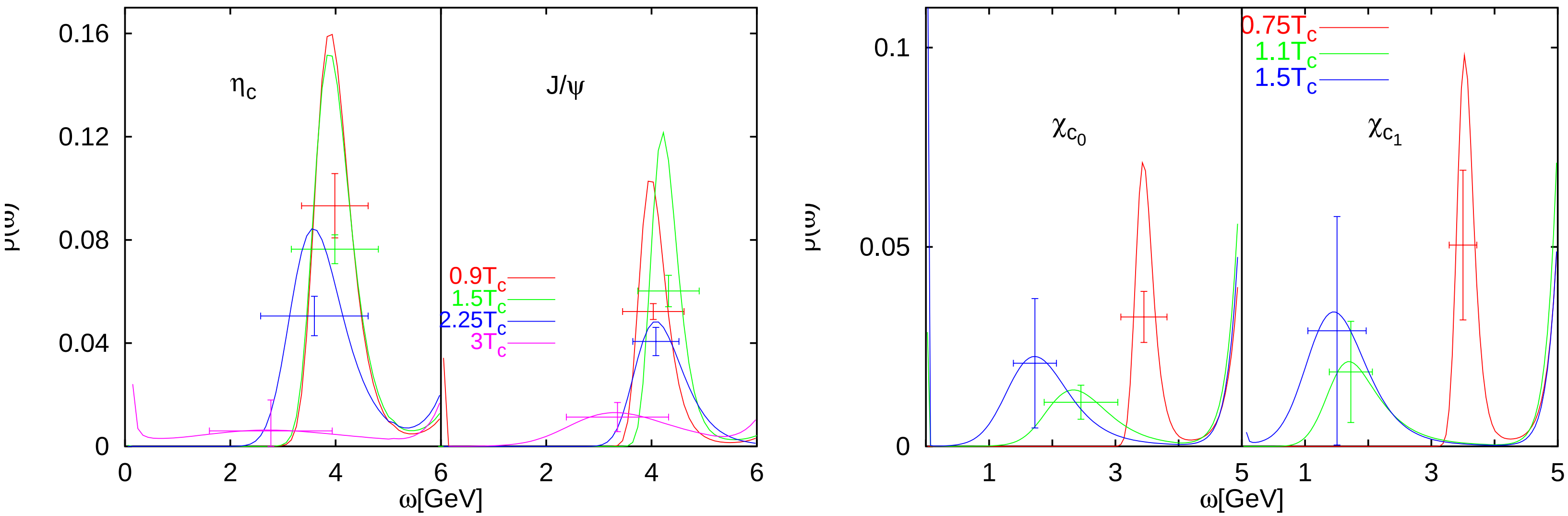

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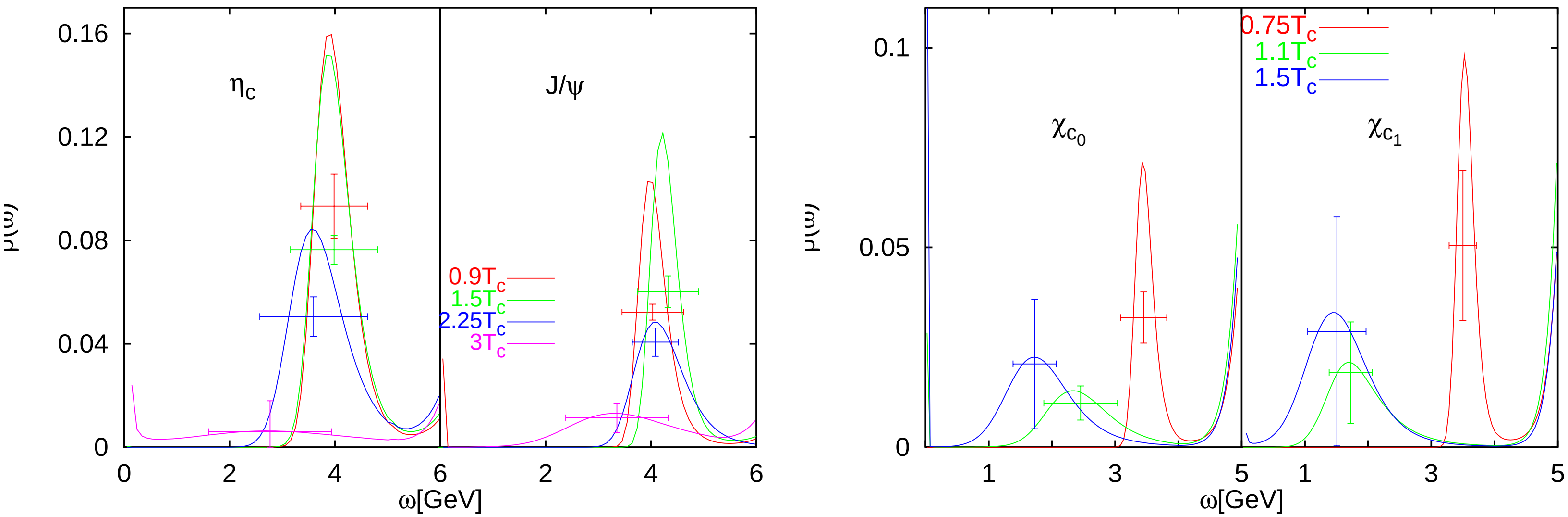

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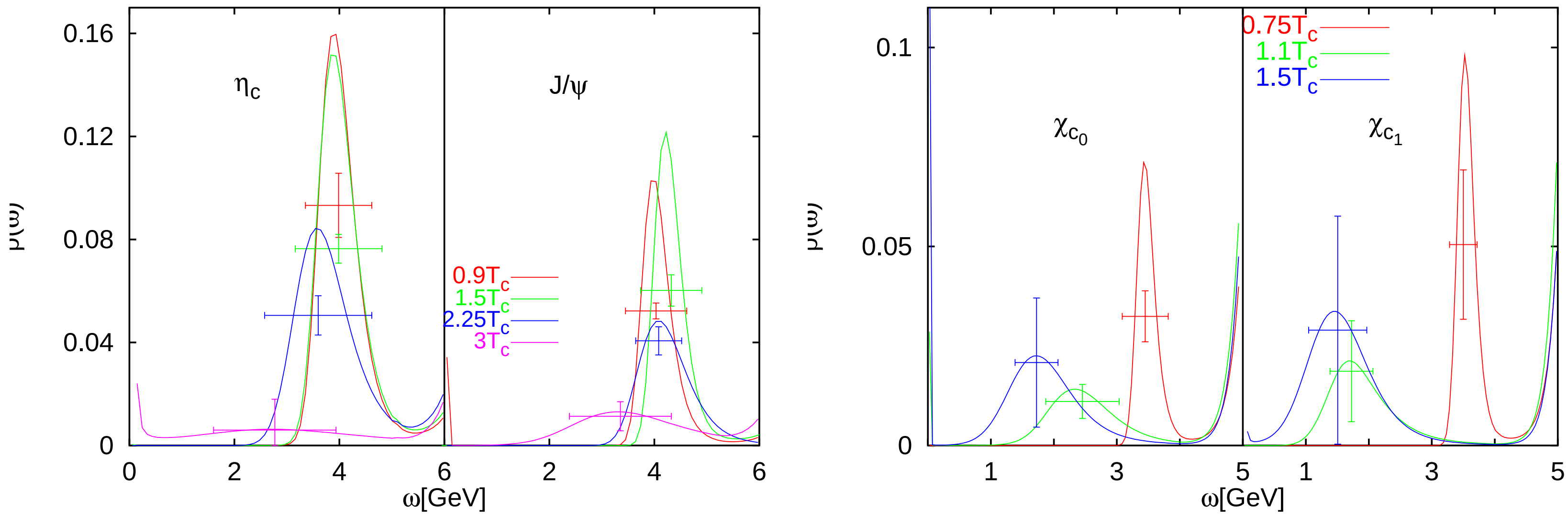

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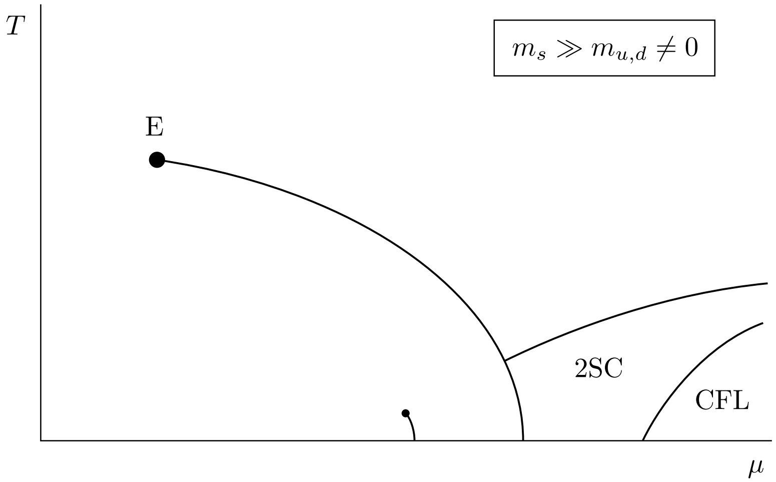

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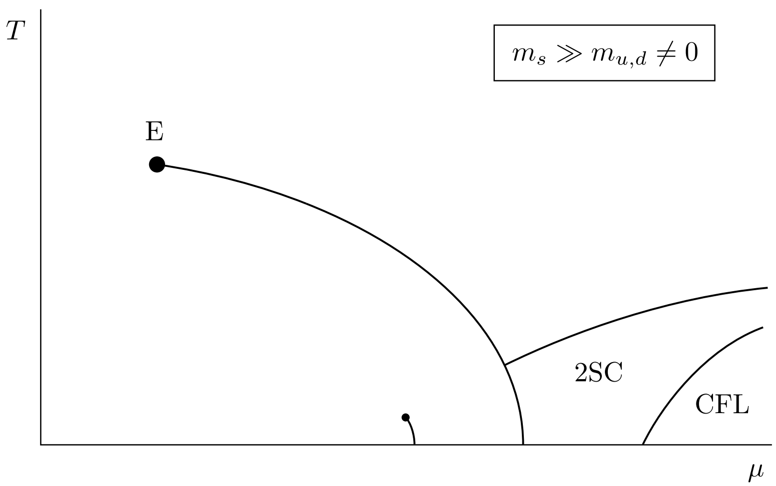

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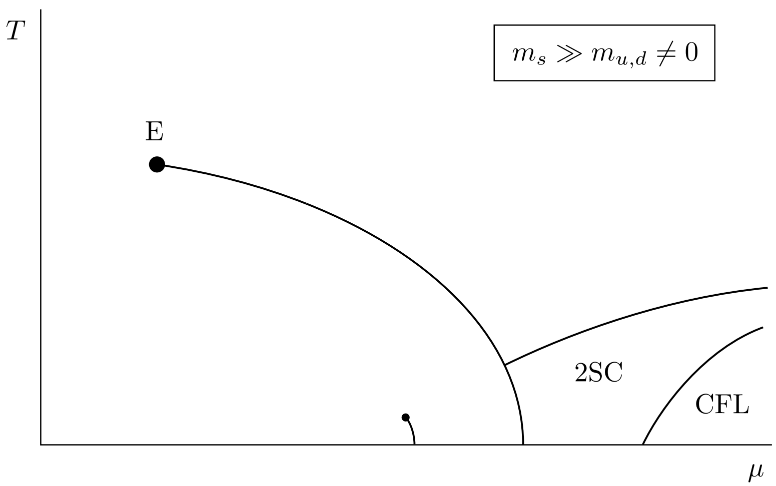

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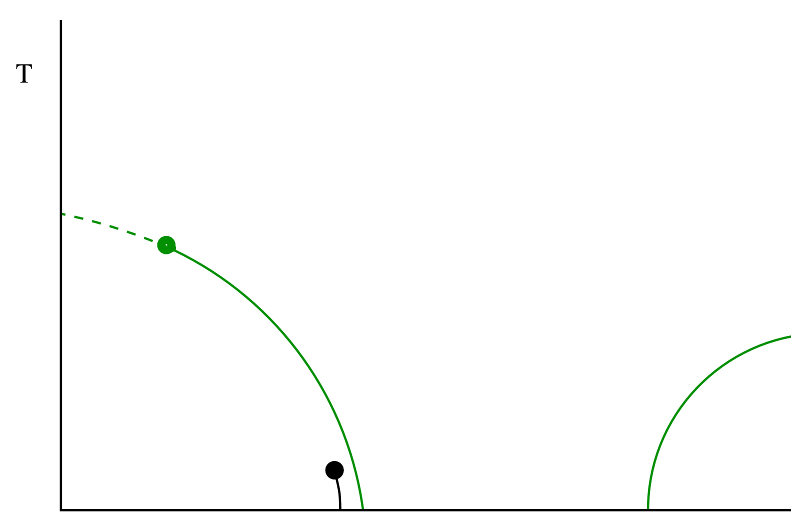

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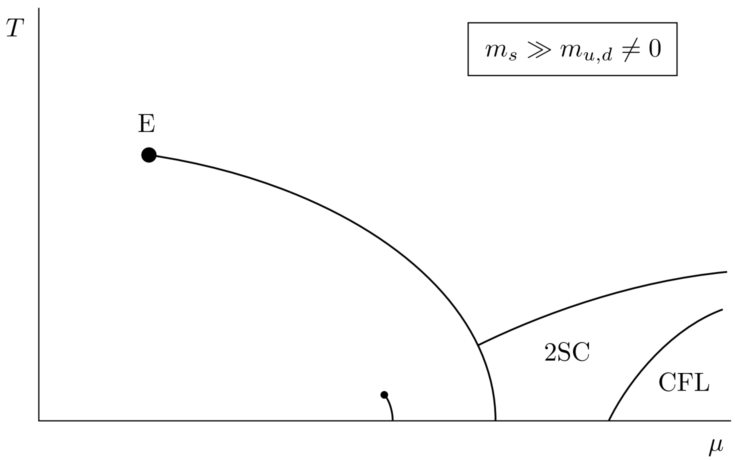

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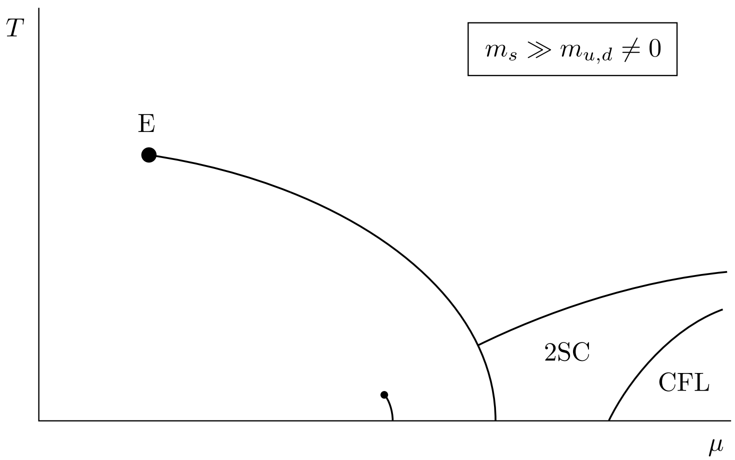

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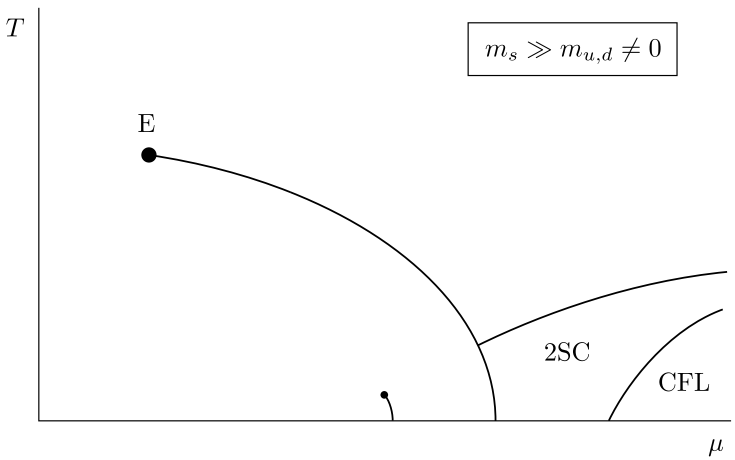

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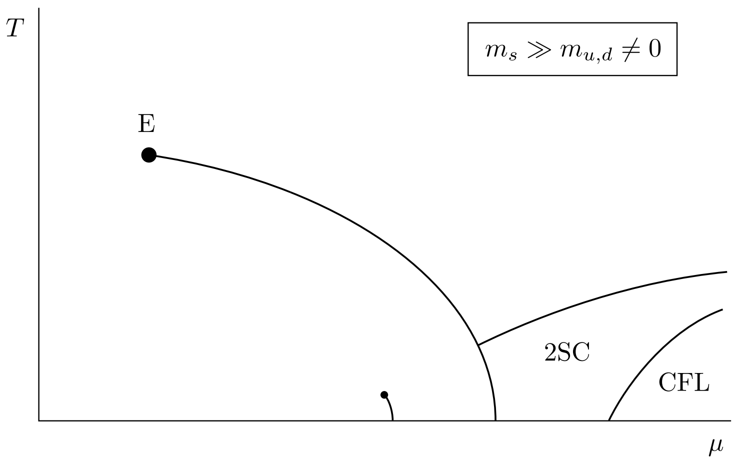

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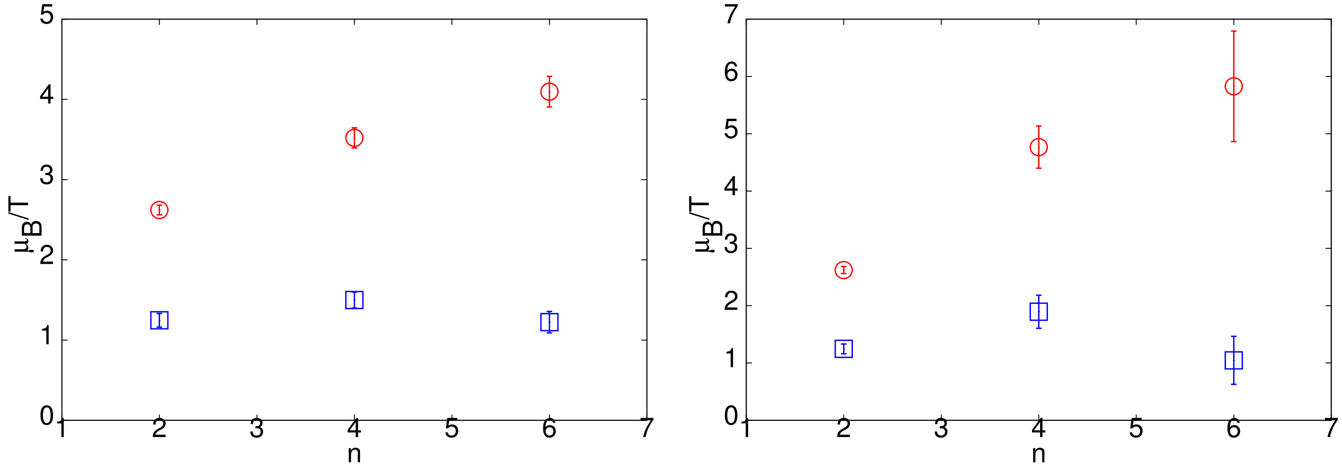

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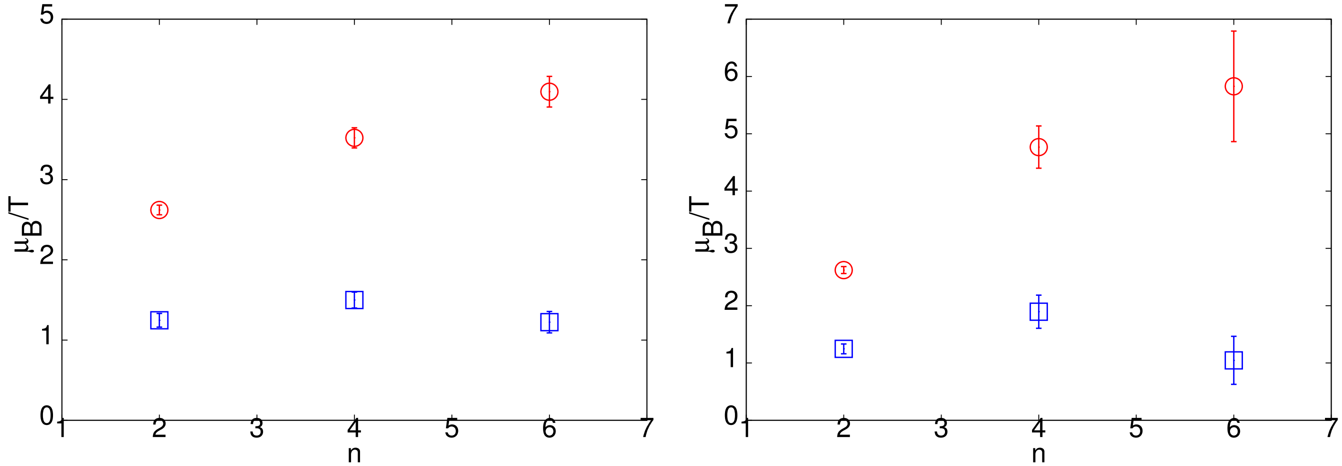

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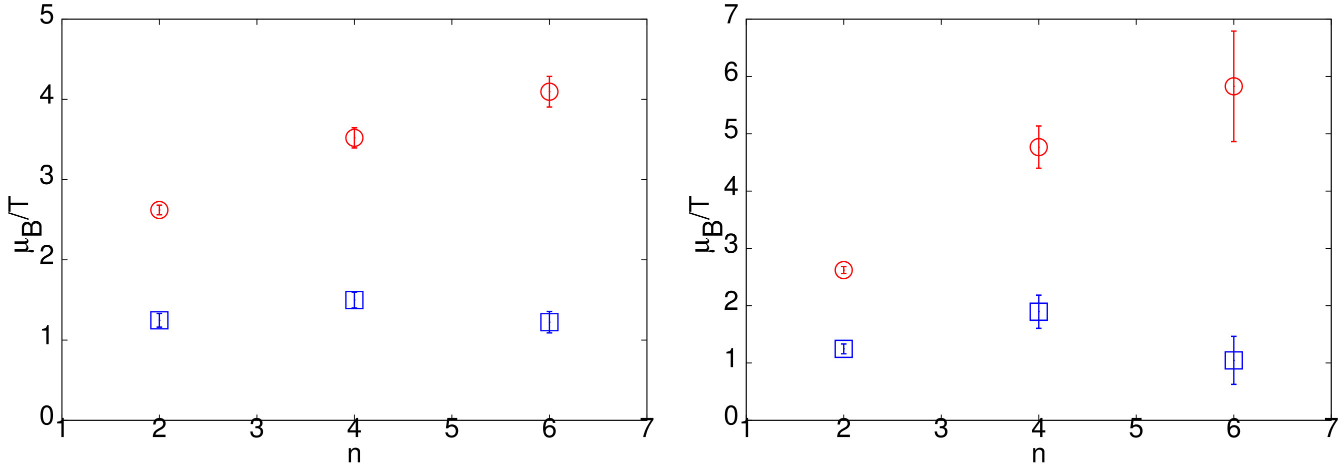

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♠ Extrapolation in $n \rightsquigarrow \mu^E/T^E = 1.1 \pm 0.2$ at $T^E = 0.95T_c$. Finite volume shift consistent with Ising Universality class.

m_ρ/T_c	m_π/m_ρ	m_N/m_ρ	$N_s m_\pi$	flavours	T^E/T_c	μ_B^E/T^E
5.372 (5)	0.185 (2)	—	1.9–3.0	2+1	0.99 (2)	2.2 (2)
5.12 (8)	0.307 (6)	—	3.1–3.9	2+1	0.93 (3)	4.5 (2)
5.4 (2)	0.31 (1)	1.8 (2)	3.3–10.0	2	0.95 (2)	1.1 (2)
5.4 (2)	0.31 (1)	1.8 (2)	3.3	2	—	—
5.5 (1)	0.70 (1)	—	15.4	2	—	—

Table 1: Summary of critical end point estimates— the lattice spacing is $a = 1/4T$. N_s is the spatial size of the lattice and $N_s m_\pi$ is the size in units of the pion Compton wavelength, evaluated for $T = \mu = 0$. The ratio m_π/m_K sets the scale of the strange quark mass.

Results are sequentially from Fodor-Katz '04, Fodor-Katz '02, Gavai-Gupta, de Forcrand- Philipsen and Bielefeld-Swansea.