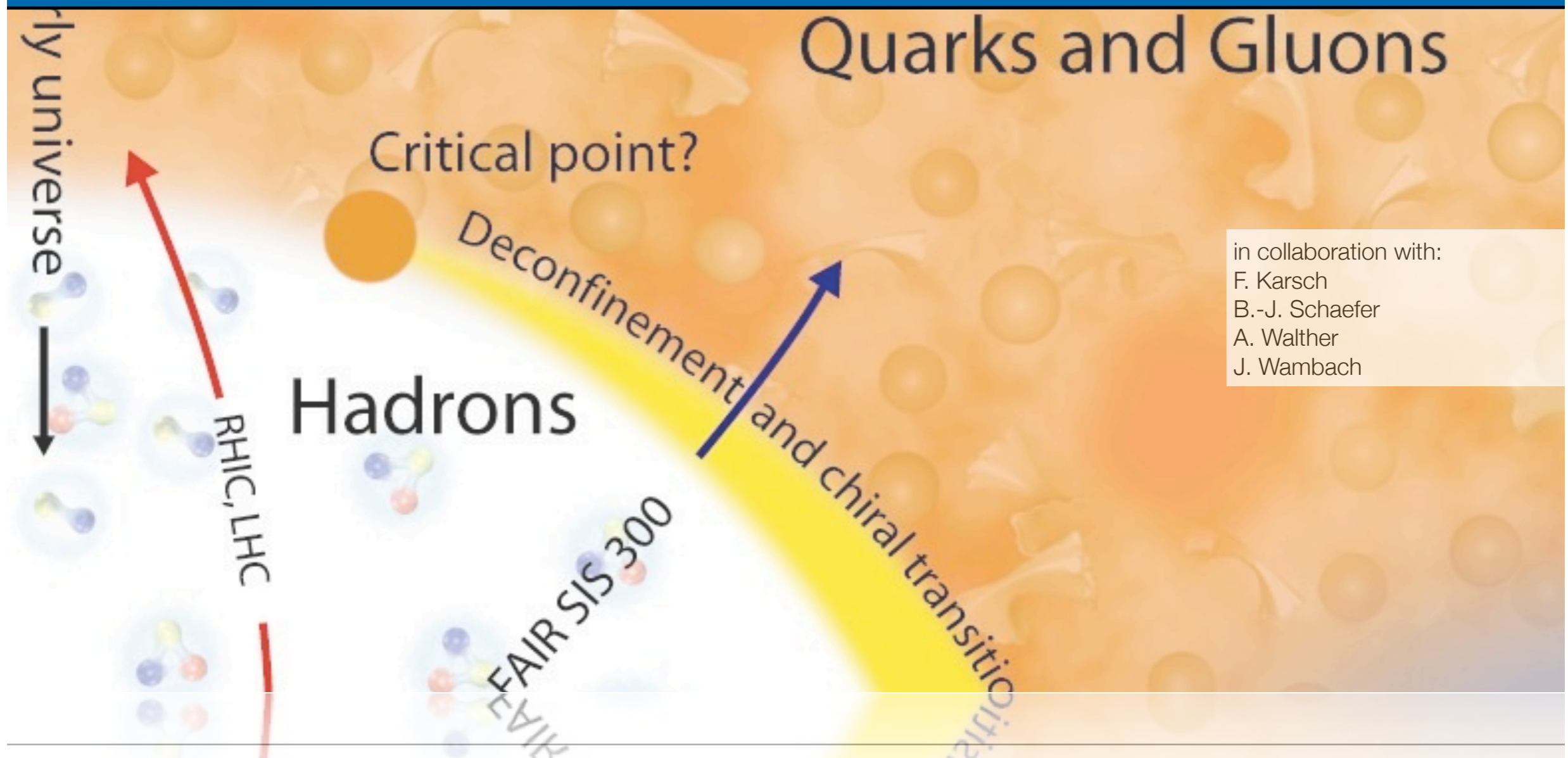




Can we locate the QCD critical endpoint with the Taylor expansion ?



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Outline



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- Taylor expansion
 - expectations & lattice results
- higher orders in the PQM model
- convergence
- locating the critical endpoint



Taylor expansion

- expand pressure around $\mu = 0$

$$\frac{p(T, \mu)}{T^4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(T) \left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)^n \quad c_n(T) = \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{\partial^n (p(T, \mu)/T^4)}{\partial (\mu/T)^n} \right|_{\mu=0}$$

- coefficients evaluated at $\mu = 0$, i.e. Monte Carlo techniques applicable
- easy access to quark number densities & susceptibilities

Hopes



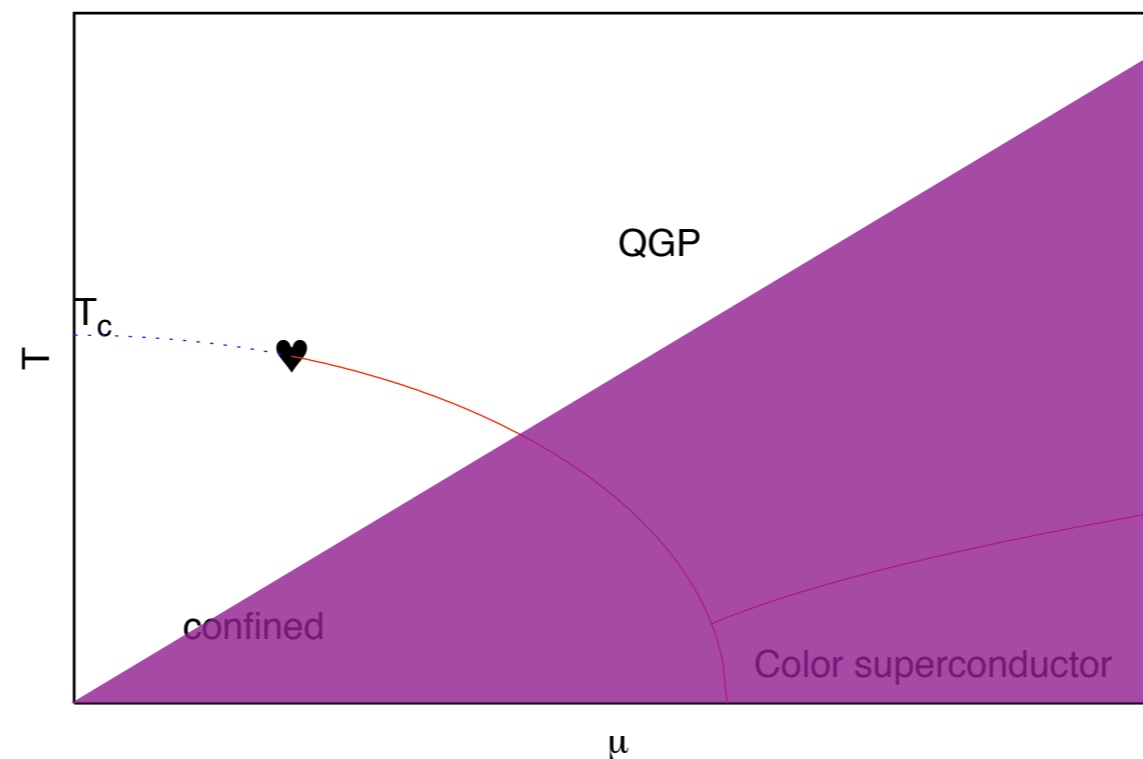
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- works for small μ/T , i.e., $\mu/T < 1$
- only a few coefficients required for ‘convergence’

Philipsen (CPOD 2009)

- works for
- only a few

The calculable region of the phase diagram



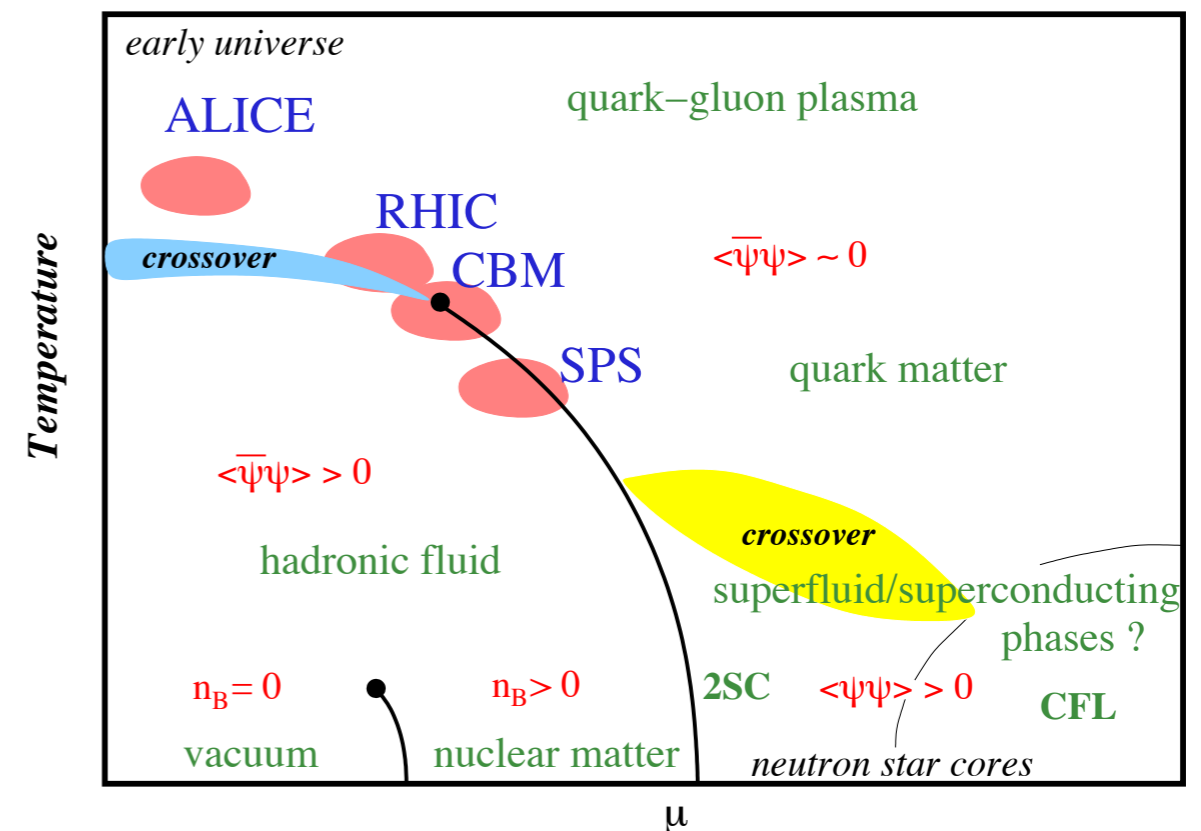
- 2001-present: sign problem not solved, circumvented by approximate methods: reweighting, Taylor expansion, imaginary chem. pot., **need** $\mu/T \lesssim 1$ ($\mu = \mu_B/3$)

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- works for small μ/T , i.e., $\mu/T < 1$
- only a few coefficients required for ‘convergence’
- calculate thermodynamic observables relevant for heavy-ion collisions
- might locate the critical endpoint
- troubles with phase transitions (divergences)



Convergence radius

- defines where the expansion should work

$$r = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{2n}}{c_{2n+2}} \right|^{1/2}$$

- extrapolation to $n \rightarrow \infty$

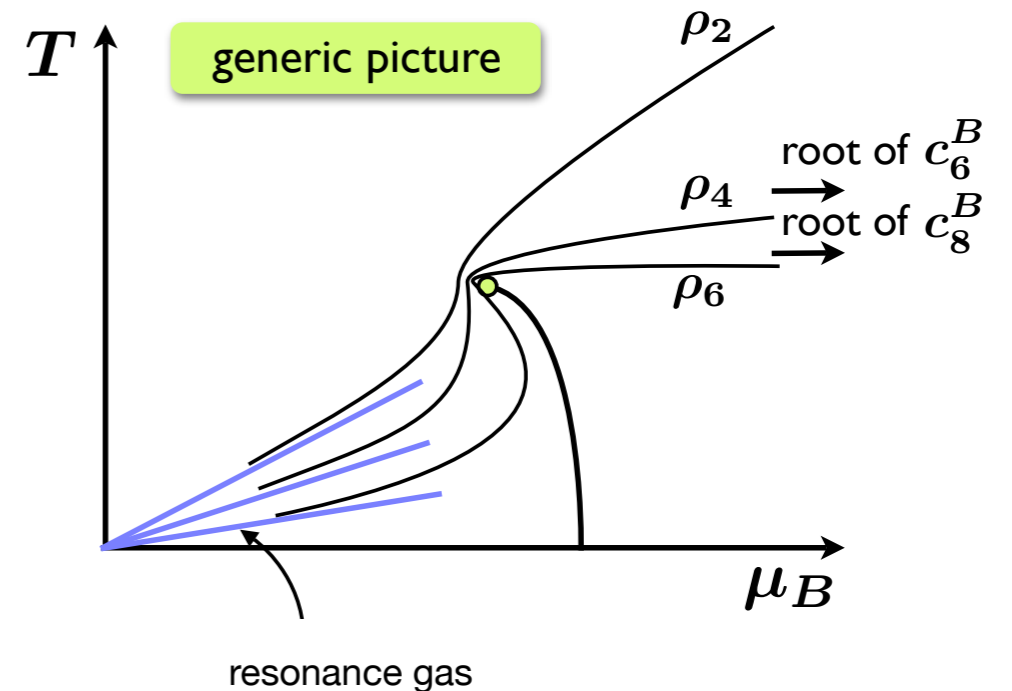
- Stefan-Boltzmann limit:

- $c_n \rightarrow 0$ for $n \geq 6$

- resonance gas: $r^{\text{HRG}} \rightarrow \infty$

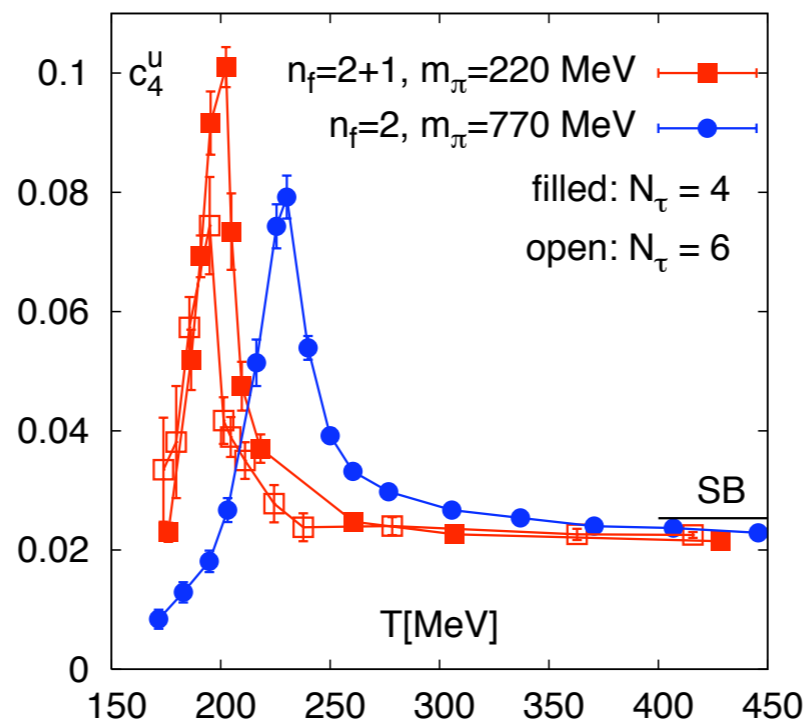
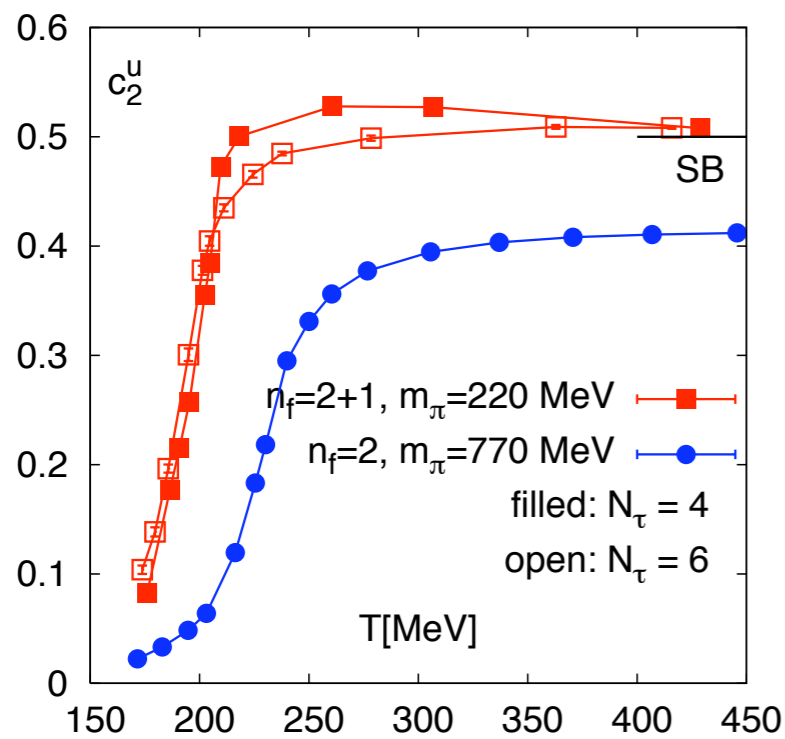
$$\left(r_{(n)}^{\text{HRG}} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{c_n}{c_{n+2}} \right) = \frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{9}$$

C. Schmidt (2008)

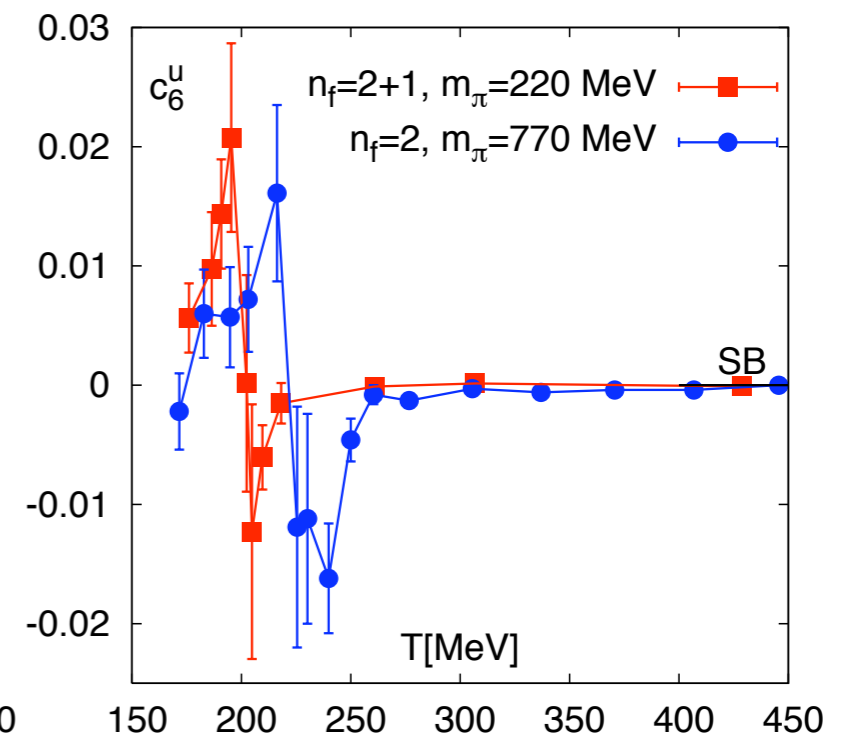


Results on the lattice

- coefficients are conceptually easy to simulate on the lattice



2-flavor: Allton (2005), 2+1 flavor: Miao (2008)





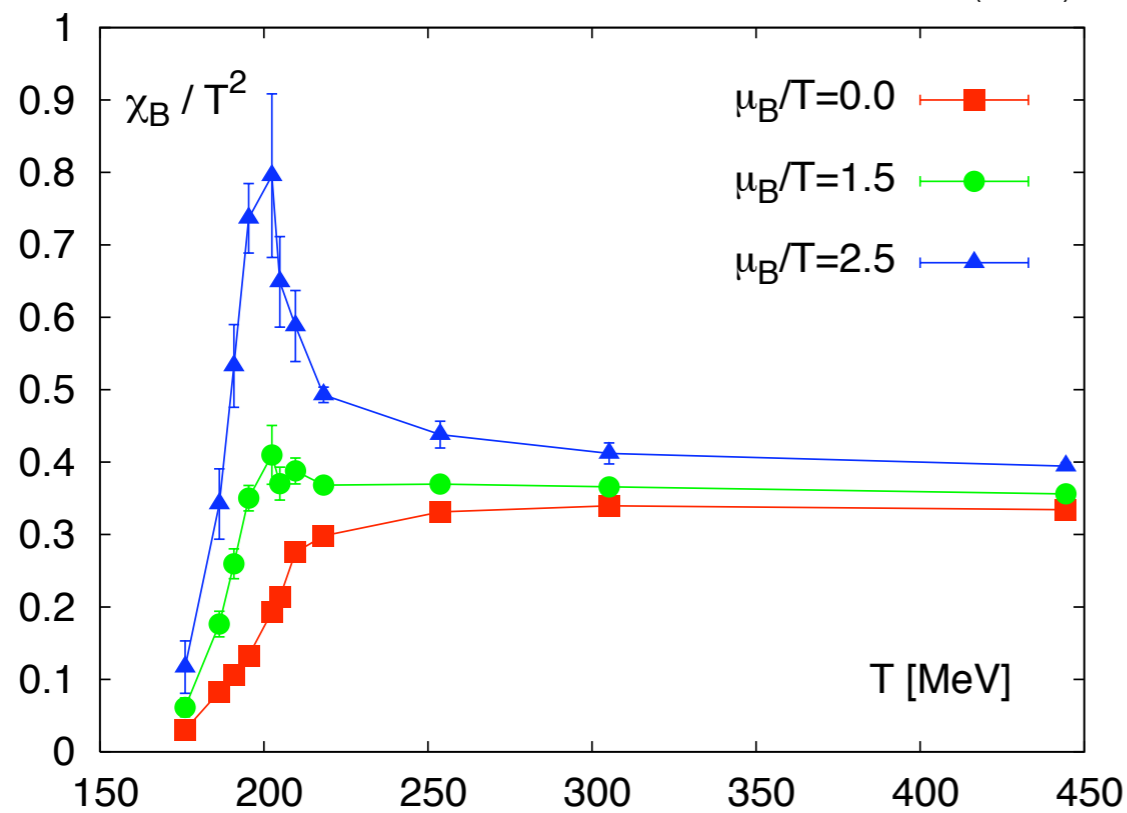
Signals of the critical endpoint ?

- quark number susceptibility

$$\frac{\chi_q(T, \mu)}{T^2} = -\frac{\partial^2 \Omega(T, \mu)}{\partial \mu^2}$$

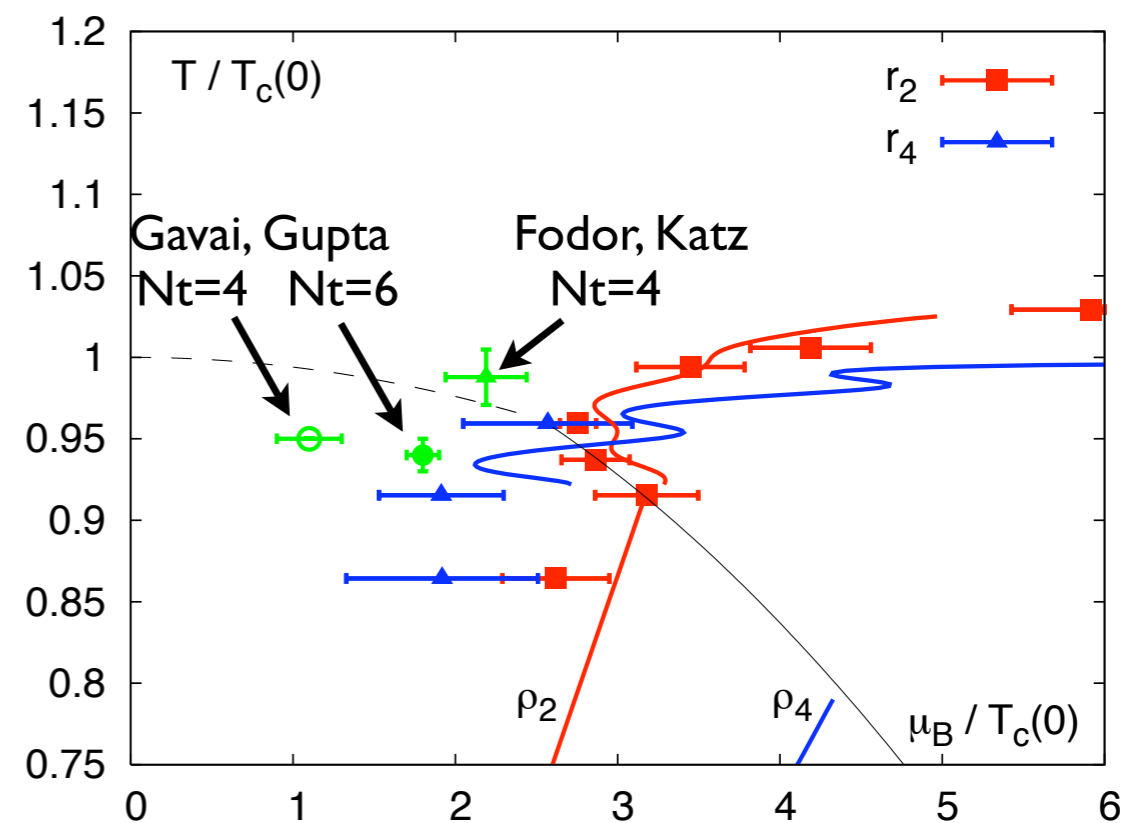
$$= \sum_{n=2,4,\dots} n(n-1)c_n(T) \left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)^{n-2}$$

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- convergence radius

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Polyakov-Quark-Meson (PQM) model

B.-J. Schaefer, MW, J. Wambach (in preparation)

- relevant degrees of freedom: quarks and mesons
→ PQM model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PQM}} = \bar{q} (i\not{D} - g\phi_5) q + \mathcal{L}_m - \mathcal{U}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$$

quarks /
antiquarks

Polyakov loop variable

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_m = & \text{Tr} (\partial_\mu \phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \phi) - m^2 \text{Tr}(\phi^\dagger \phi) - \lambda_1 [\text{Tr}(\phi^\dagger \phi)]^2 - \lambda_2 \text{Tr} (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 \\ & + c (\det(\phi) + \det(\phi^\dagger)) + \text{Tr} [H(\phi + \phi^\dagger)] \end{aligned}$$

mesonic fields

- logarithmic Polyakov loop potential (Roessner 2006)

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



Explicit and implicit μ -dependence

- mean-field approximation

- thermodynamic potential $\Omega = U(\sigma_x, \sigma_y) + \Omega_{\bar{q}q}(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + \mathcal{U}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$

- quark contribution

$$\Omega_{\bar{q}q}(\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \Phi, \bar{\Phi}) = -2T \sum_{f=u,d,s} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \ln \left[1 + 3(\Phi + \bar{\Phi} e^{-(E_{q,f}-\mu_f)/T}) e^{-(E_{q,f}-\mu_f)/T} + e^{-3(E_{q,f}-\mu_f)/T} \right] \right. \\ \left. + \ln \left[1 + 3(\bar{\Phi} + \Phi e^{-(E_{q,f}+\mu_f)/T}) e^{-(E_{q,f}+\mu_f)/T} + e^{-3(E_{q,f}+\mu_f)/T} \right] \right\}$$

explicit μ -dependence

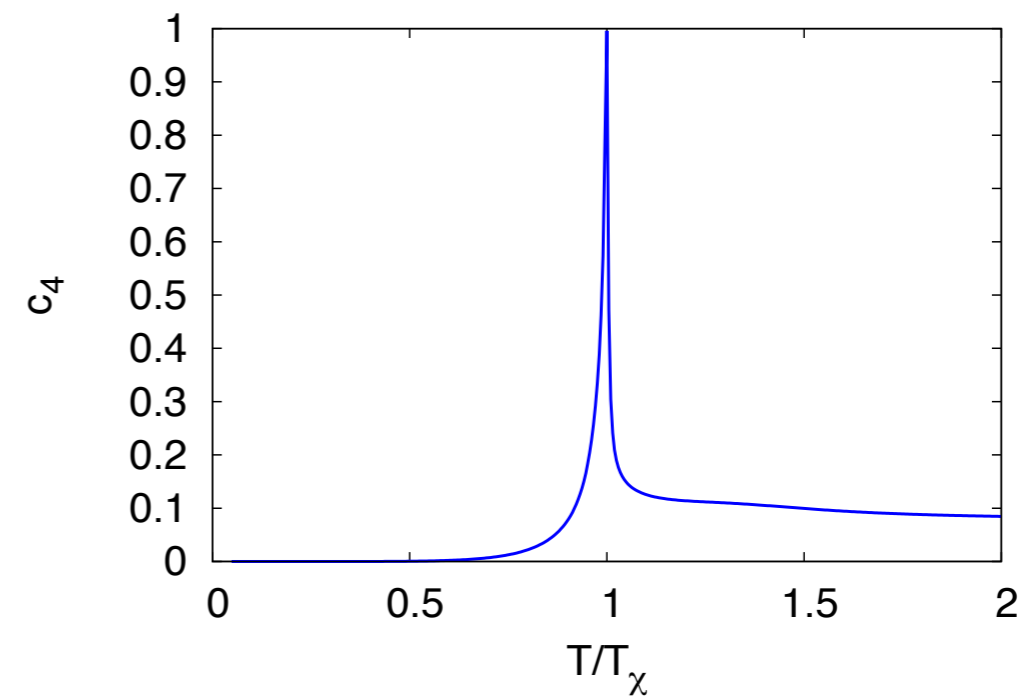
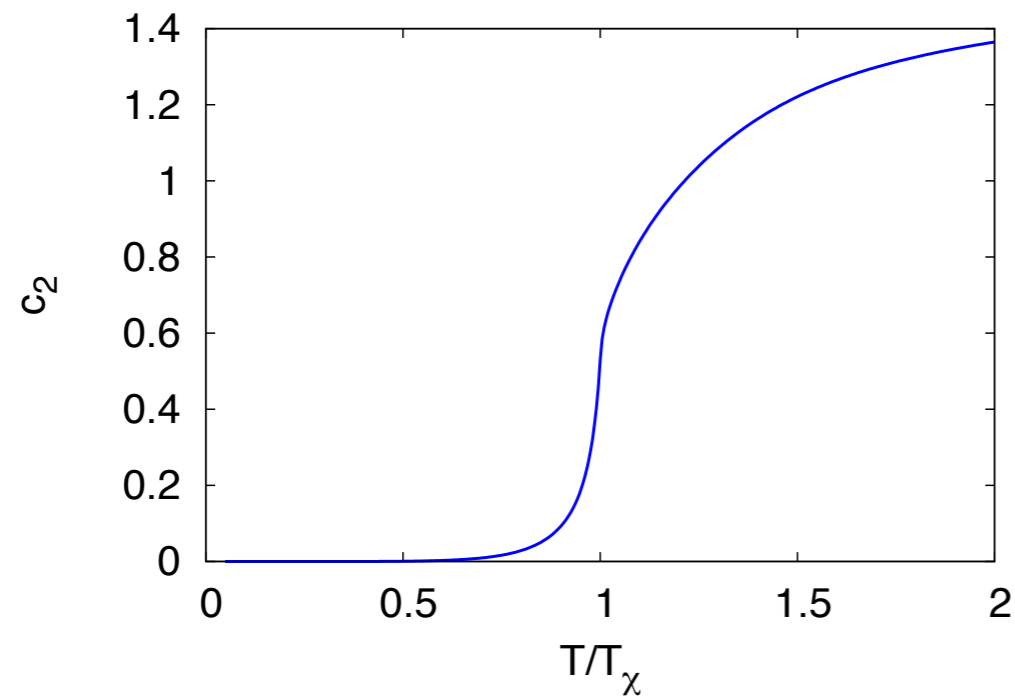
- equations of motion $\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \sigma_x} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \sigma_y} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \Phi} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \bar{\Phi}} \Big|_{\min} = 0$

implicit μ -dependence

global minimum $\min(\mu, T) = (\sigma_x = \langle \sigma_x \rangle, \sigma_y = \langle \sigma_y \rangle, \Phi = \langle \Phi \rangle, \bar{\Phi} = \langle \bar{\Phi} \rangle)$

Coefficients in the PQM-model

- comparison of calculation at μ with extrapolation to μ possible



- higher orders ?



Why we need a novel technique

(MW, A. Walther, B.-J. Schaefer, submitted to Comm. Phys. Commun. '09)

- numerical derivatives / divided differences

- error prone $\frac{d^2\Omega}{d\mu^2} = \frac{1}{\Delta\mu^2} [\Omega(\mu - \Delta\mu) - 2\Omega(\mu) + \Omega(\mu + \Delta\mu)] + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\mu^2)$

- need at least (n+1) function evaluations for n-th derivative

- analytic derivatives

- rapidly increasing number of terms $\Omega(\mu, \sigma_x(\mu), \sigma_y(\mu), \Phi(\mu), \bar{\Phi}(\mu))$

- algebra systems can help $\frac{d^2\Omega}{d\mu^2} = \frac{\partial^2\sigma}{\partial\mu^2} \frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\sigma} + \left(\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial\mu}\right)^2 \frac{\partial^2\Omega}{\partial\sigma^2} + 2\frac{\partial\sigma}{\partial\mu} \frac{\partial\Omega^2}{\partial\sigma\partial\mu} + \frac{\partial^2\Omega}{\partial\mu^2}$

- still a lot of coding required

- cannot help with implicit dependencies

Algorithmic differentiation



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- idea: 'differentiate' the algorithm using the chain rule

- no approximations, i.e. machine precision

- only slight modifications of the code necessary

- arbitrary orders without further coding

- inverse Taylor expansion to treat implicit derivatives

$$\frac{\partial \Omega(\mu)}{\partial \sigma} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \mu}$$

- performance

- AD: 1 evaluation of grand potential and equations of motion

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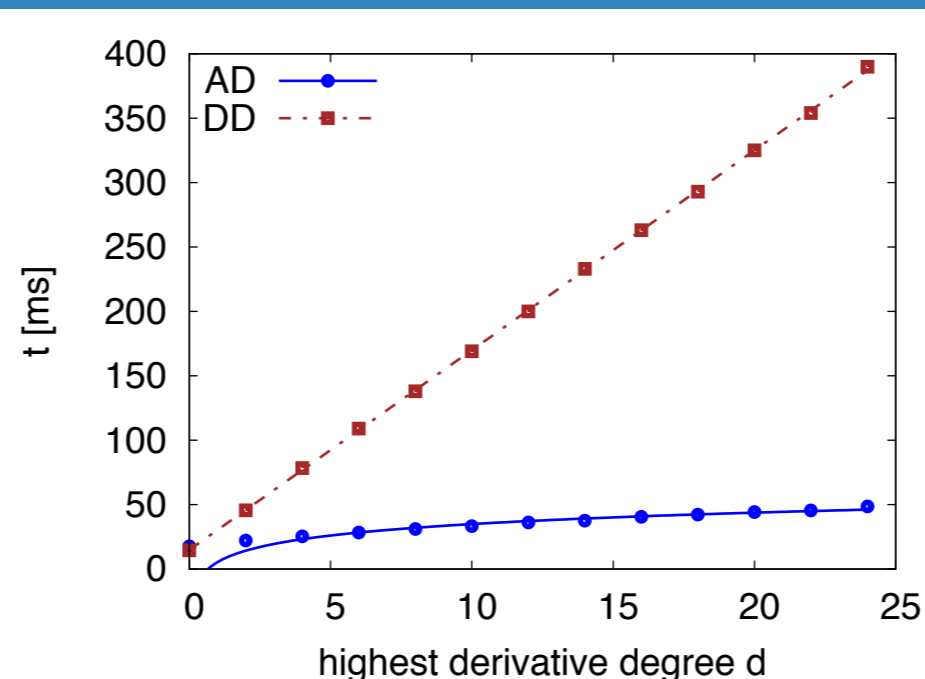
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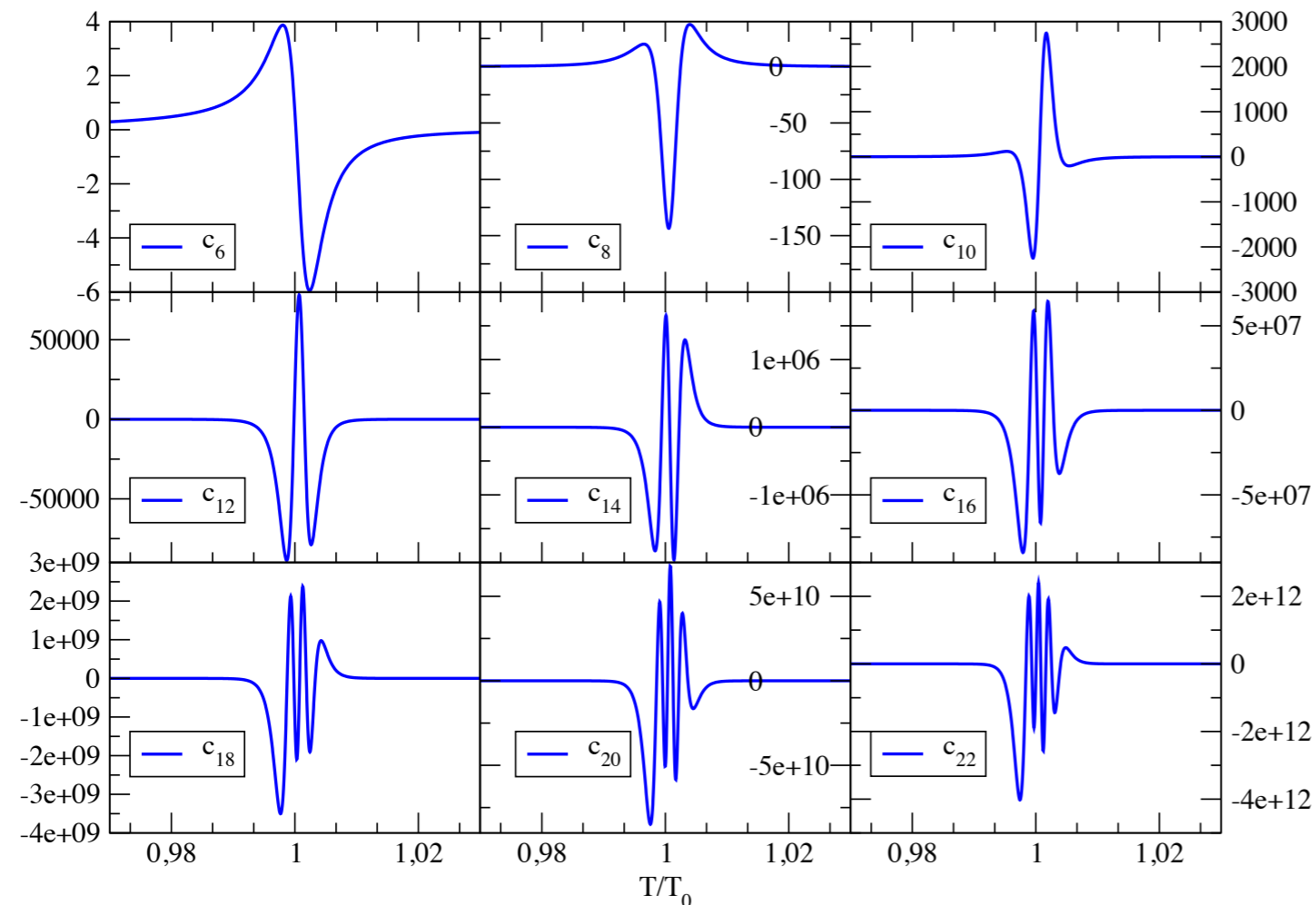
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Higher orders

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- higher coefficients are oscillating near transition
- increasing amplitude
- not negligible for $\mu/T < 1$
- small outside transition region
- 22nd (!) order
- no 'numerical noise'

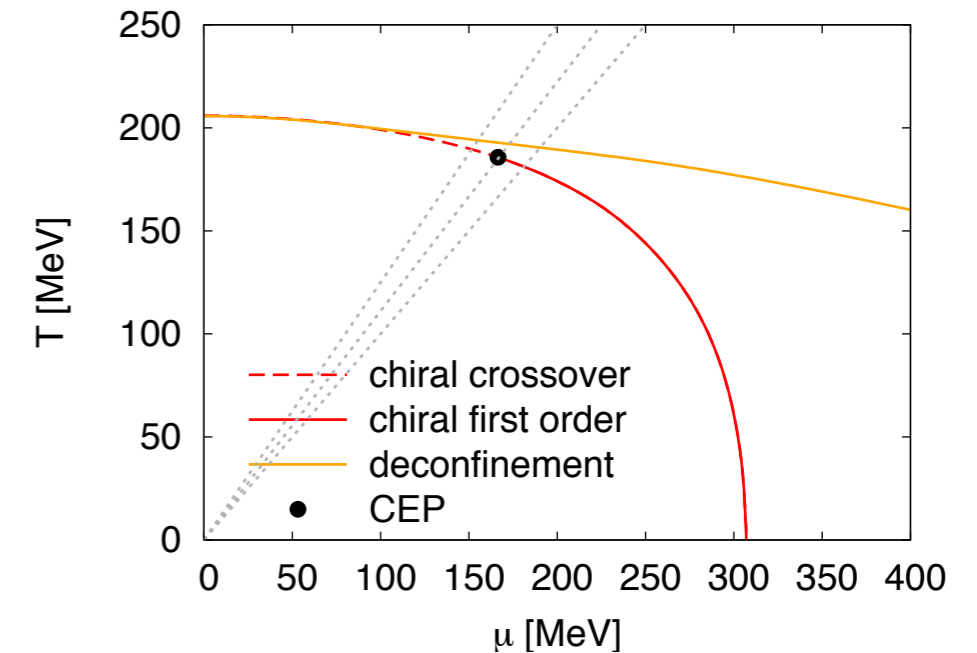
Diverging susceptibility at the CEP

- quark number susceptibility

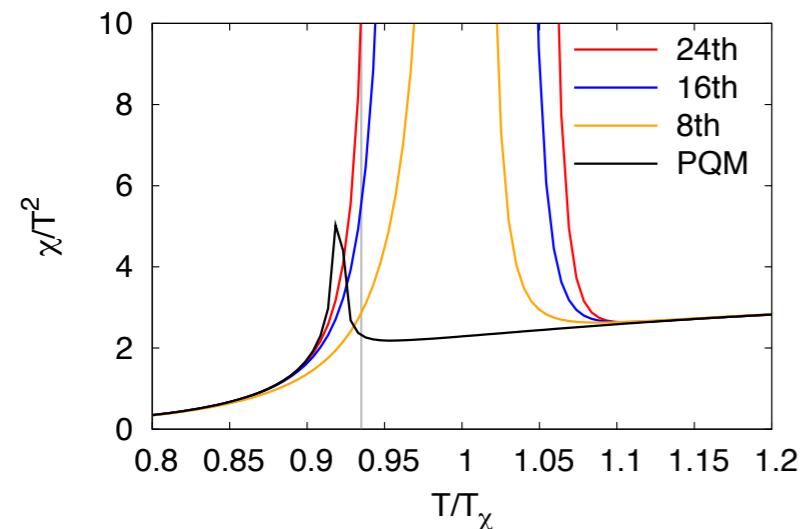
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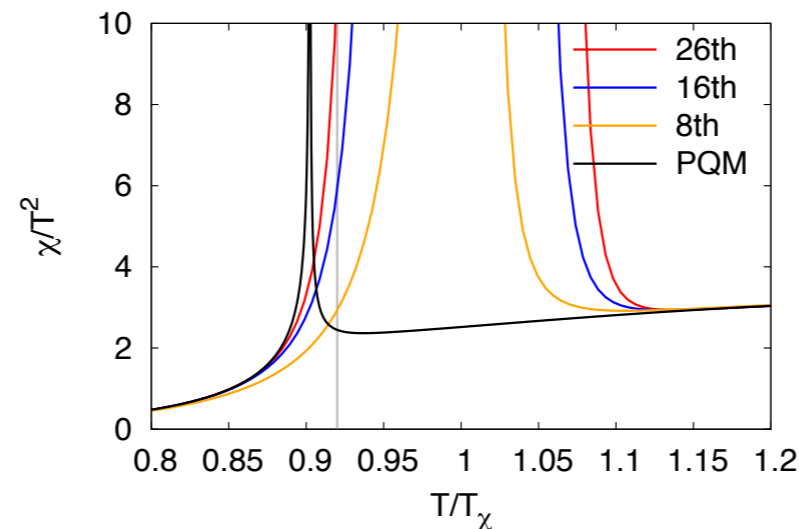
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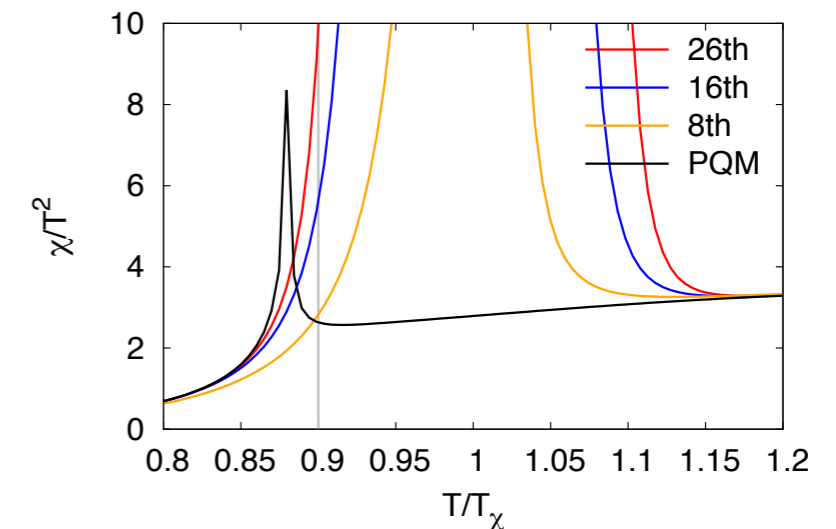
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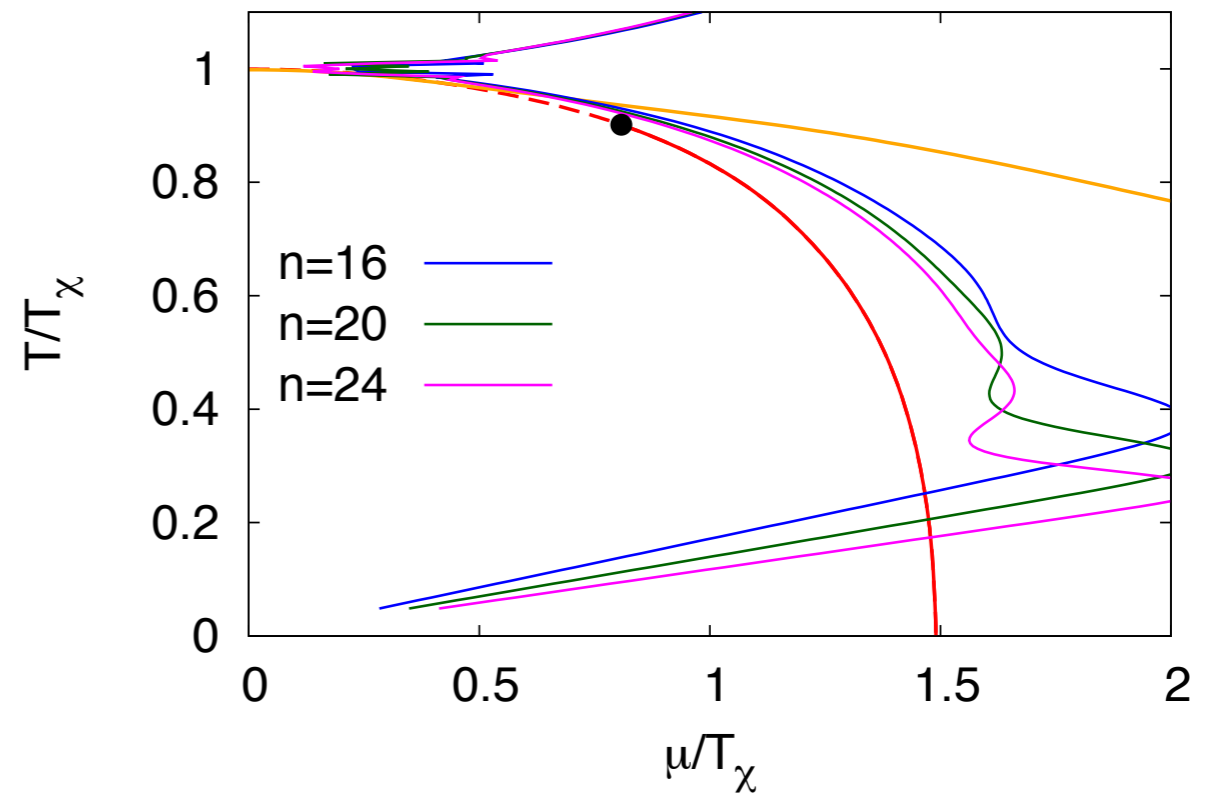
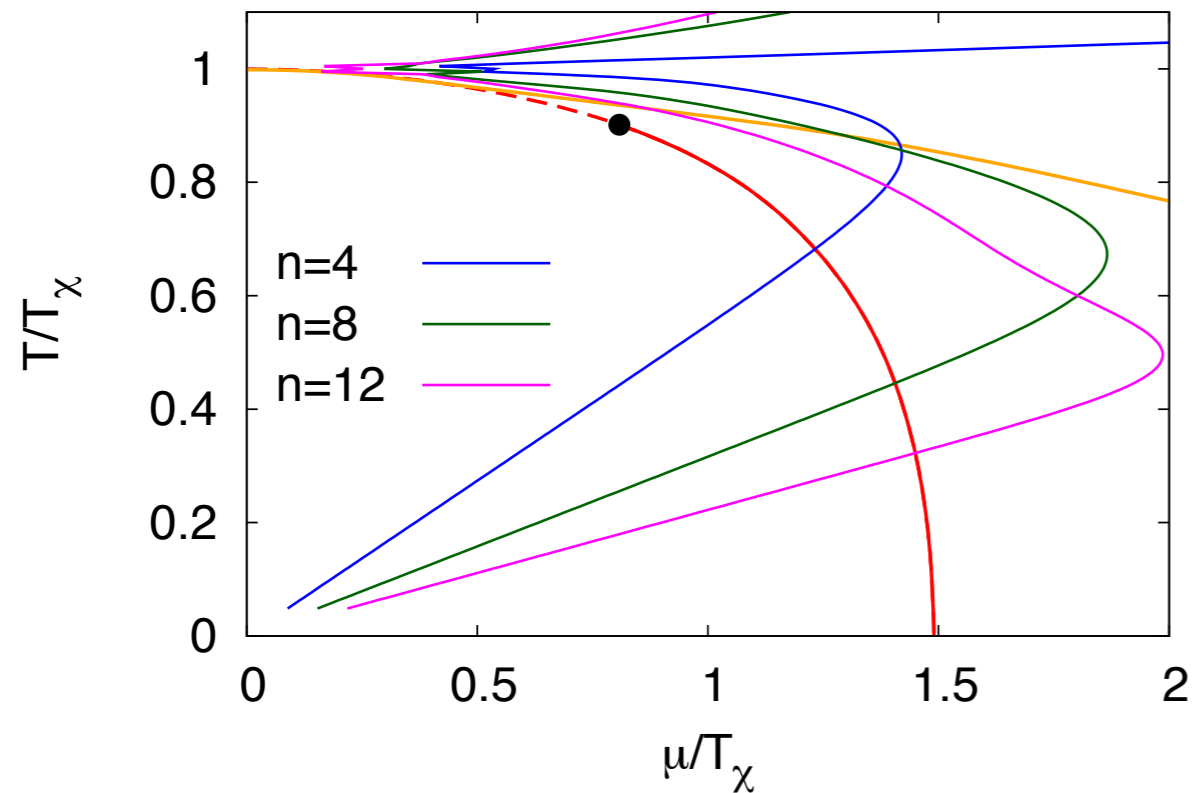


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Convergence radii

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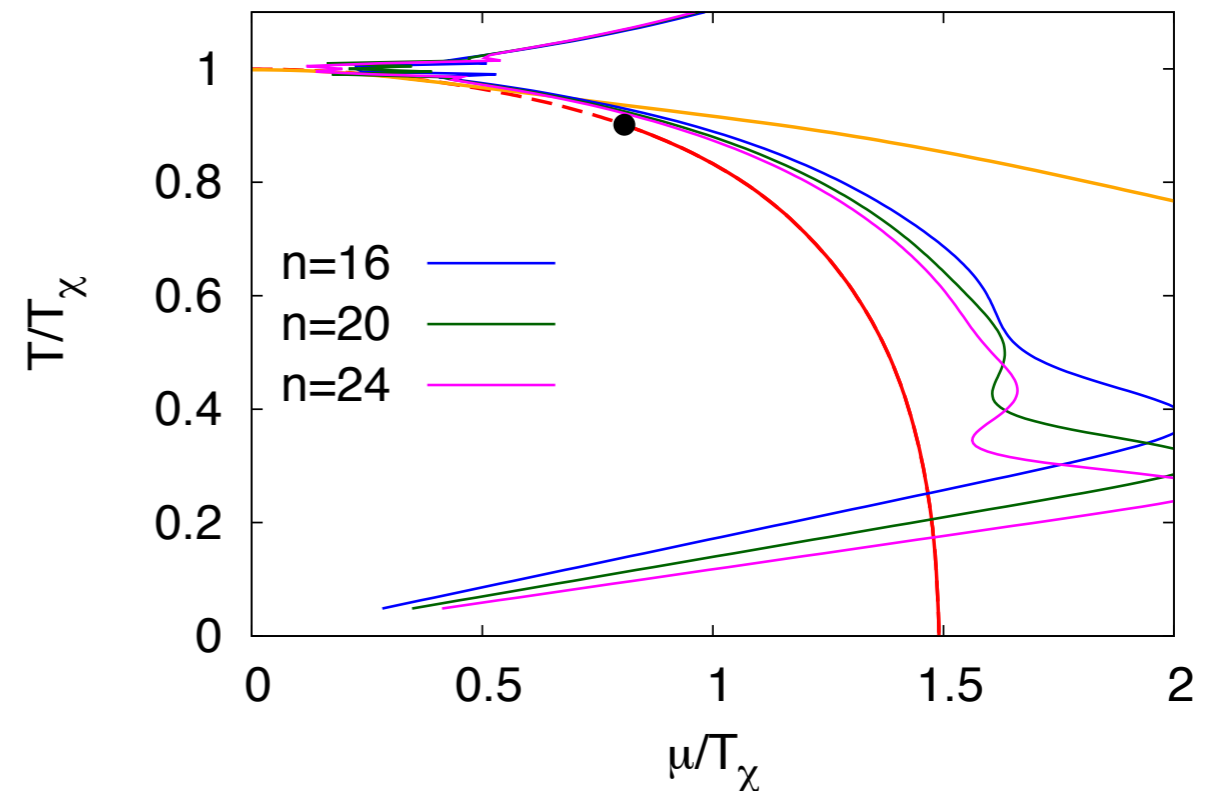
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 Yellow line: deconfinement crossover
 Black dot: chiral critical end point

Relation to phase boundary

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- crossover region
 - no divergences
 - oscillations near T_χ
- 2nd order
 - convergence radius close to phase boundary
- 1st order
 - convergence region extends beyond phase boundary

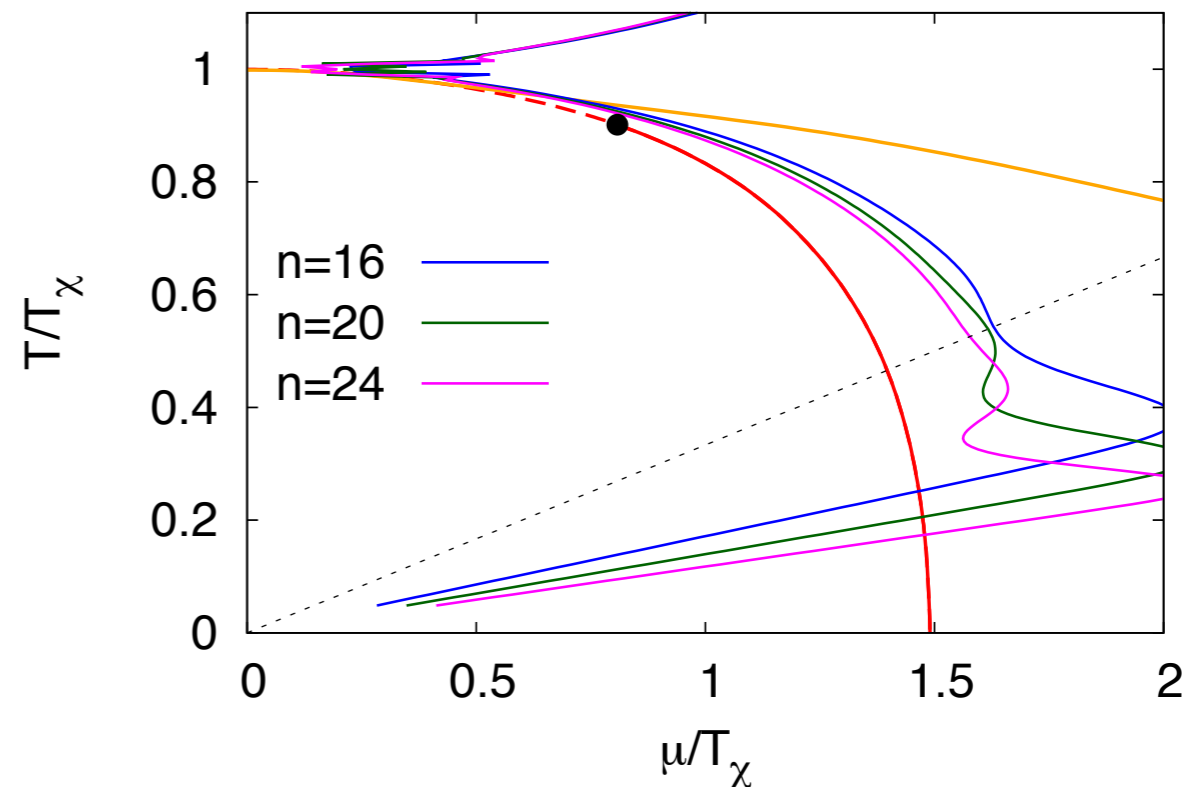
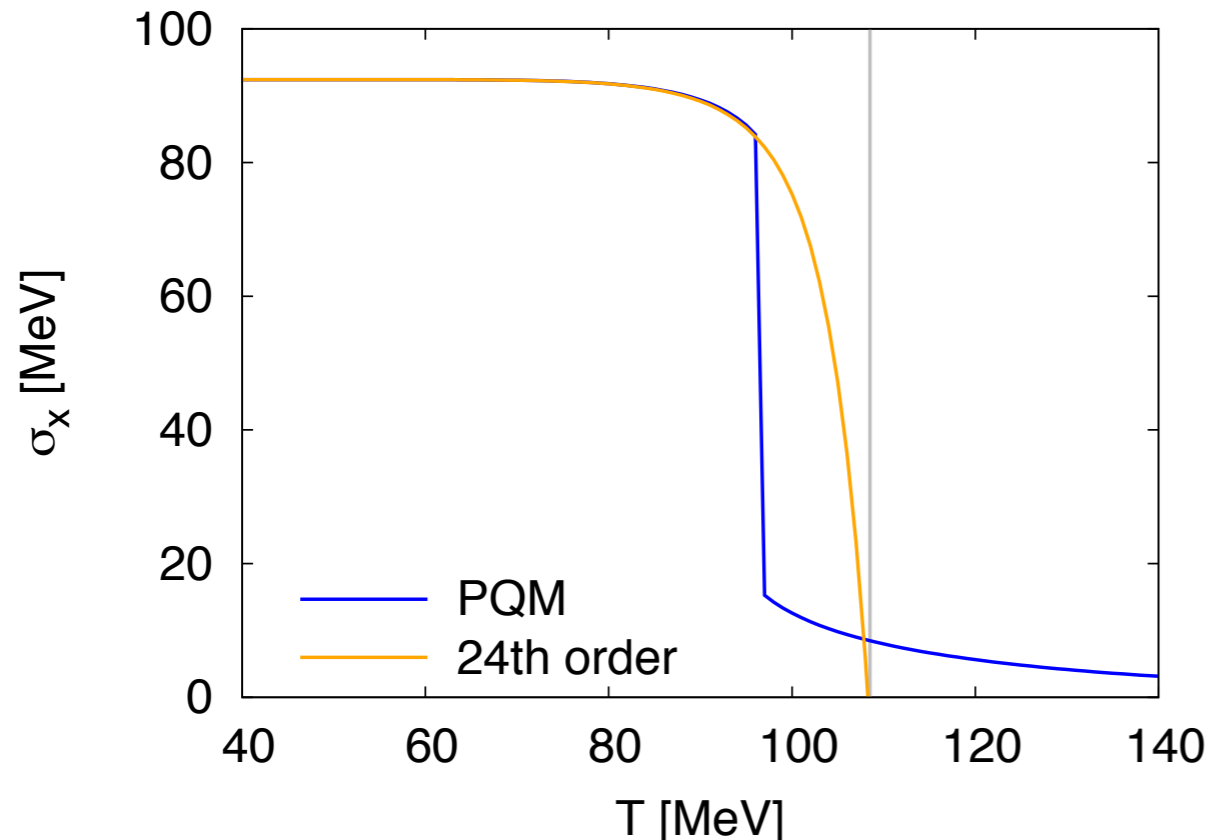


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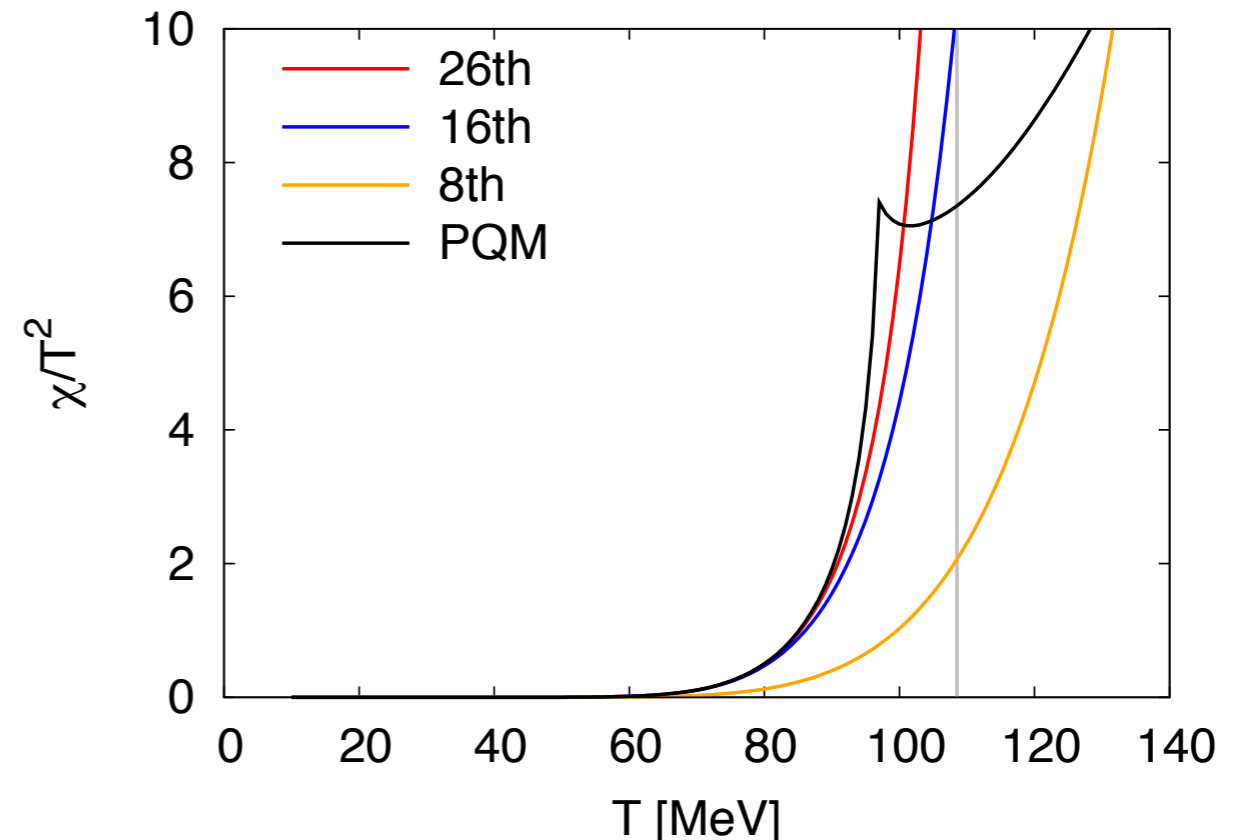
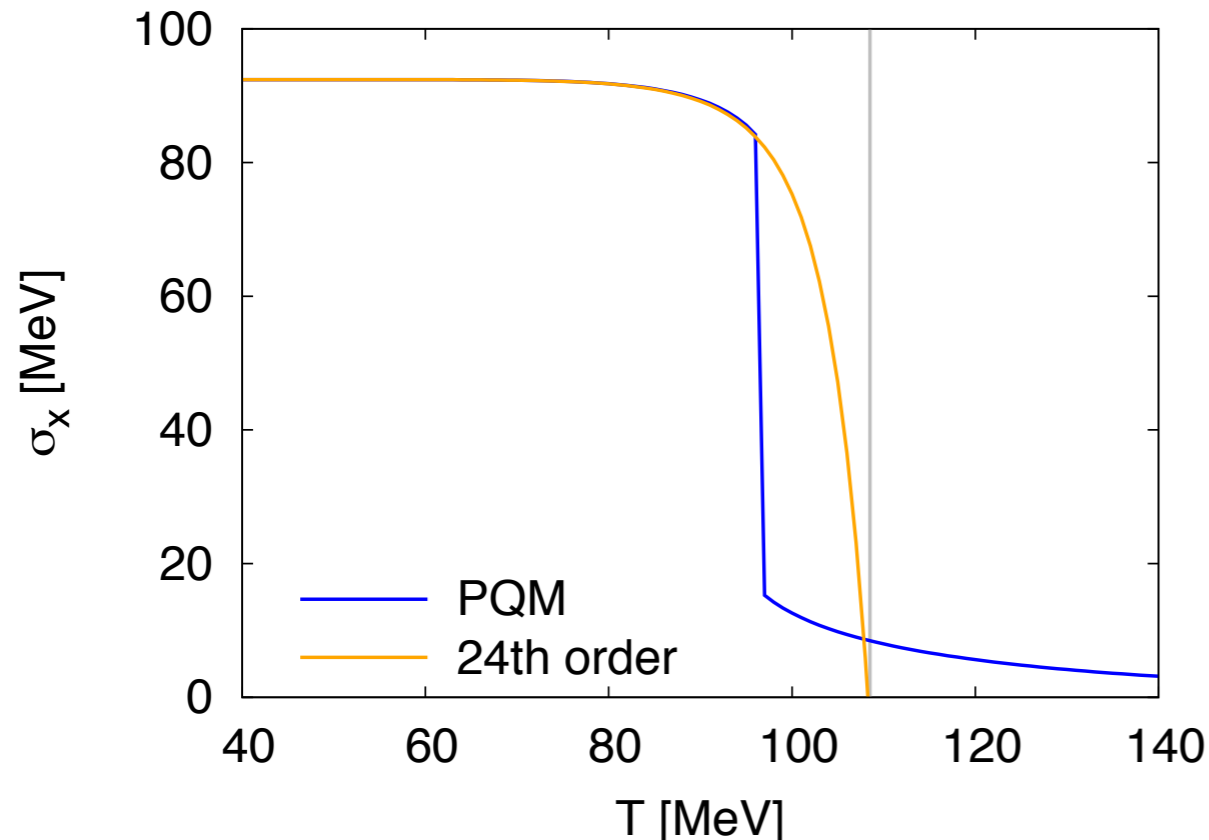
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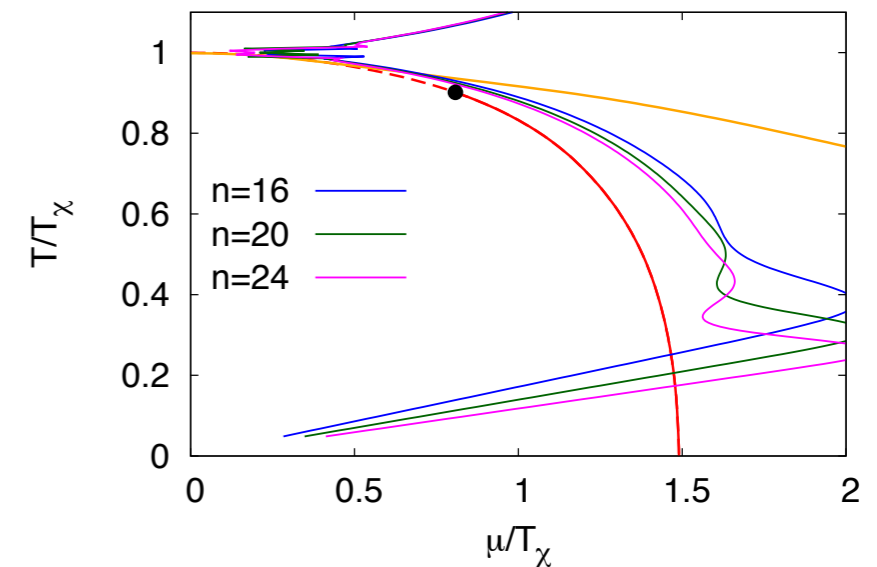


Locating the critical endpoint

- convergence radius close to CEP

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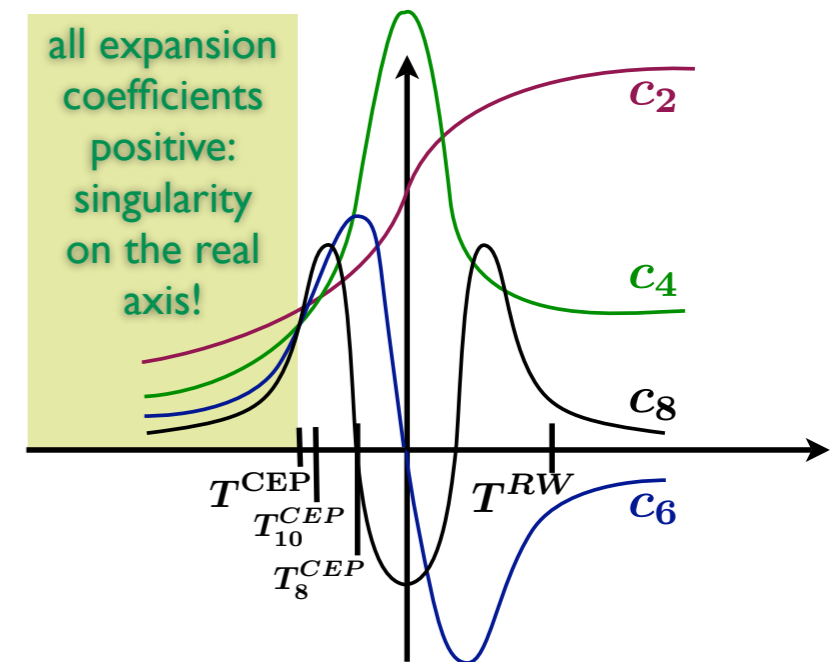
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Figure: C. Schmidt (2009)



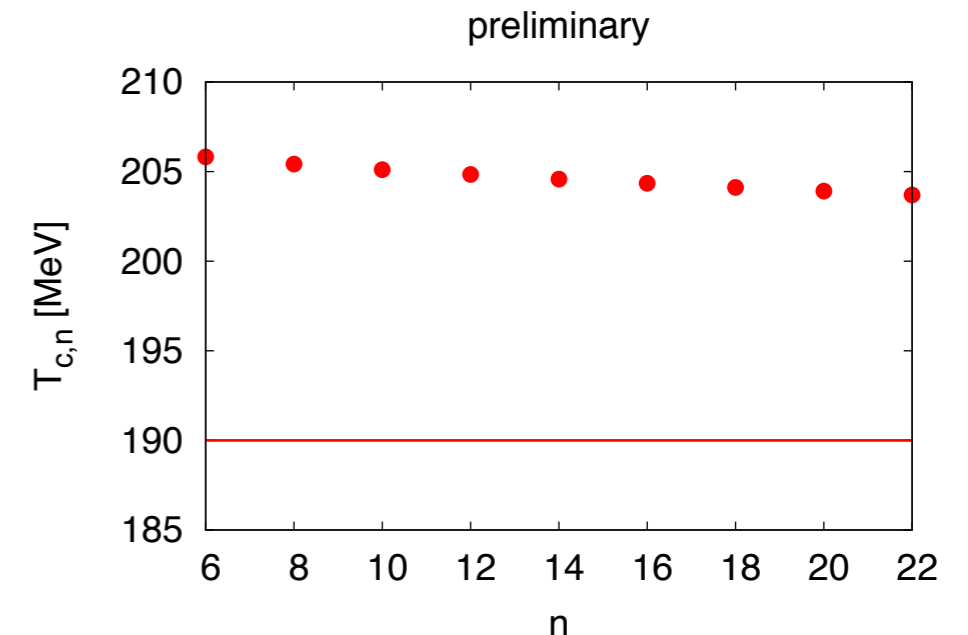
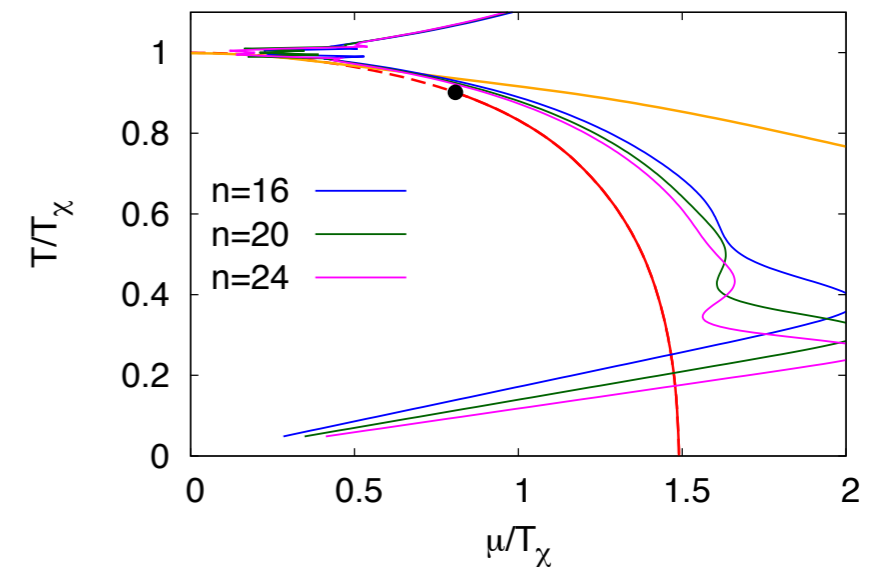


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- at least $n=8$ required for non-trivial estimate
- extrapolation required: $T_c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{c,n}$
- precise determination and higher orders
requires algorithmic differentiation method



Summary & Outlook



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- Taylor expansion to higher orders ($n=24$)
- novel technique for derivatives
- determined convergence region
- relation to phase boundary
- higher orders ($n > 12$) might locate the CEP



- signals for the critical end point
- Padé approximation
- different model setups, i.e. different location of CEP
- include fluctuations in the hadronic phase (RG)