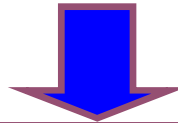


Lattice QCD = Hot Stuff ! But: What is that “Stuff” ?
Interacting Hadron Resonance Gas + pQCD AKY

Energy density, pressure, entropy, $\chi_{B,Q,S}$ for $T < 200 \text{ MeV}$:
interacting HRG ~ Lattice QCD (WB-data, Borsanyi et al.)



No Phase Transition at $T_c = 155 \text{ MeV}$ of 2+1 Flavor QCD !

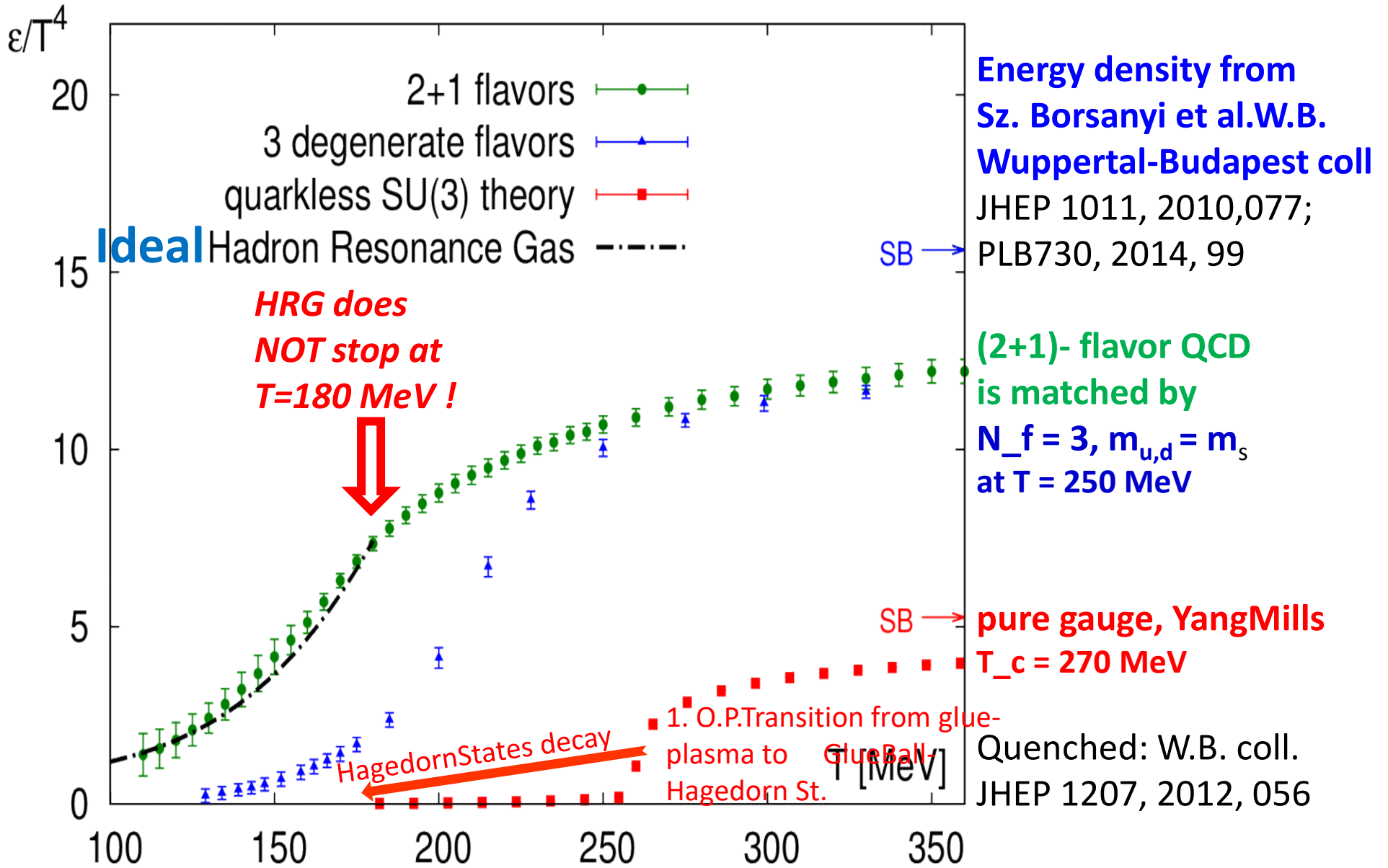


Interacting Hadron Resonance Gas mixed with pQCD
describes lattice QCD well up to **$T \sim 200\text{-}250 \text{ MeV}$!**
- pQGP dominates at high T - AKY'14, Kapusta et al.



Trace anomaly, interaction measure, nonperturbative effects:
- the role of ‘Hot Hadrons’

2+1 flavor Lattice QCD and Pure Yang Mills LGT
 Energy density (EoS) DIFFERENT for different quark masses



Model Crossover EoS: H.W. Wooley, 1958: Switching function $S(T, \mu)$

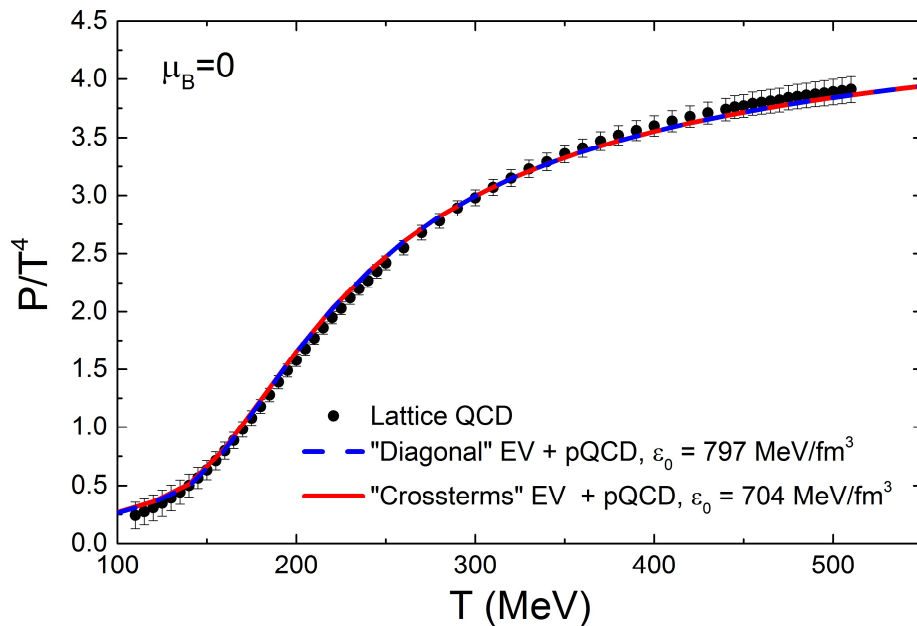
- smooth matching of 2 Equations of State - **w/o** Phase Transition !

Here: From EV HRG at low (T, μ) to **perturbative QCD / HTL** at high (T, μ) :

Crossover $\Delta T = 150 - 210$ MeV

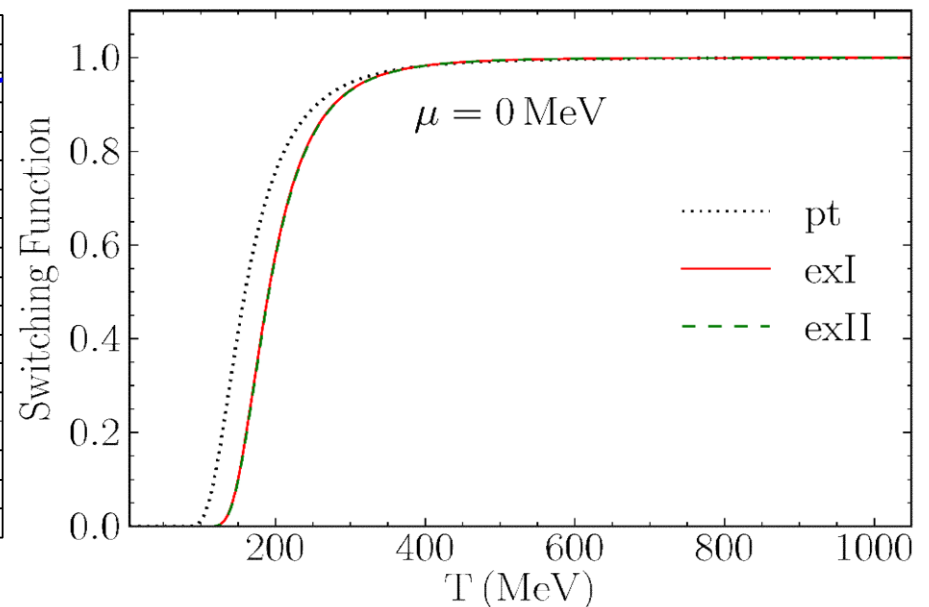
$T_{S=1/2} \cong 180 \pm 30$ MeV

$$p(T, \mu) = [1 - S(T, \mu)]P_{HRG}(T, \mu) + S(T, \mu)P_{pQCD}(T, \mu)$$



EVHRG + pQCD Reproduces lattice data...

Smooth crossover: 90% hadrons at $T=150$ MeV,
50% Hadrons at $T \sim 180$ MeV, <10% at $T=250$ MeV
Volodymyr Vovchenko et al.



... With smooth Switching function

$T_{S=1/2} \cong 180$ MeV for EV HRG vs.

$T_{S=1/2} \sim 155$ MeV for **ideal HRG**

Albright Kapusta Young PRC90 024915, 2014

**Multi-component Eigen Vol. HRG
constrained by lattice QCD data**

$$p(T, \mu) = [1 - S(T, \mu)]P_{HRG}(T, \mu) + S(T, \mu)P_{pQCD}(T, \mu)$$

Crossover LQCD-EoS matched by Switching Fct.

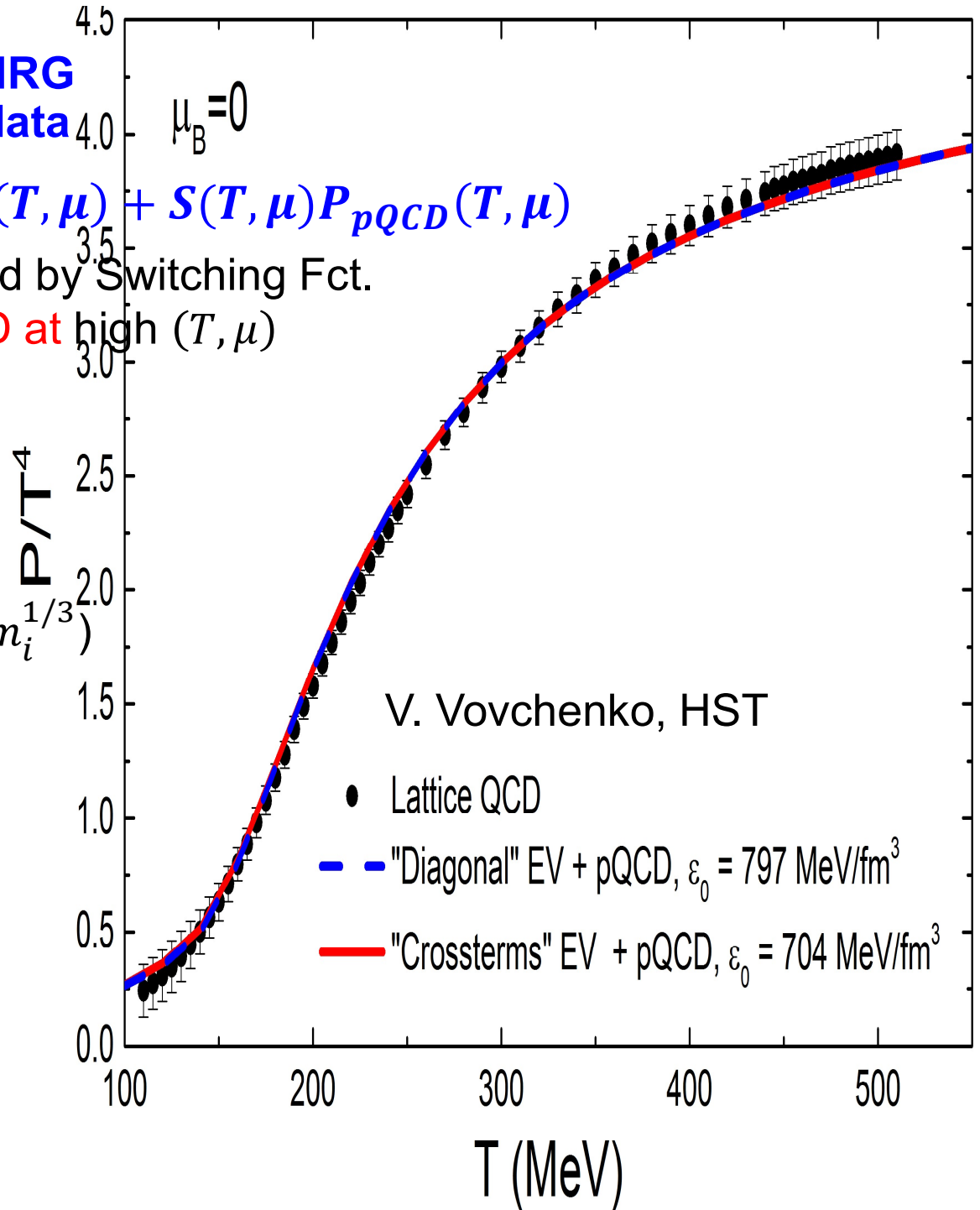
HRG at low (T, μ) + pert. QCD at high (T, μ)

AKY PRC 90024915 (2014)

Crossover from EV HRG ($r_i \sim m_i^{1/3}$)
to pQCD at $T_{S=1/2} \cong 180$ MeV
via switching function

Fit $T < T_{S=1/2}$ $r_p = 0.43$ fm -

Consistent with lattice
V. Vovchenko, HST



Lattice QCD ($T < 250 \text{ MeV}$) ~ Interacting Hadron Resonance Gas?

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Lattice QCD can also be fit up to $T < 250 \text{ MeV}$ by *interacting HRG-only* - If $v_i = m_i/\varepsilon_0$

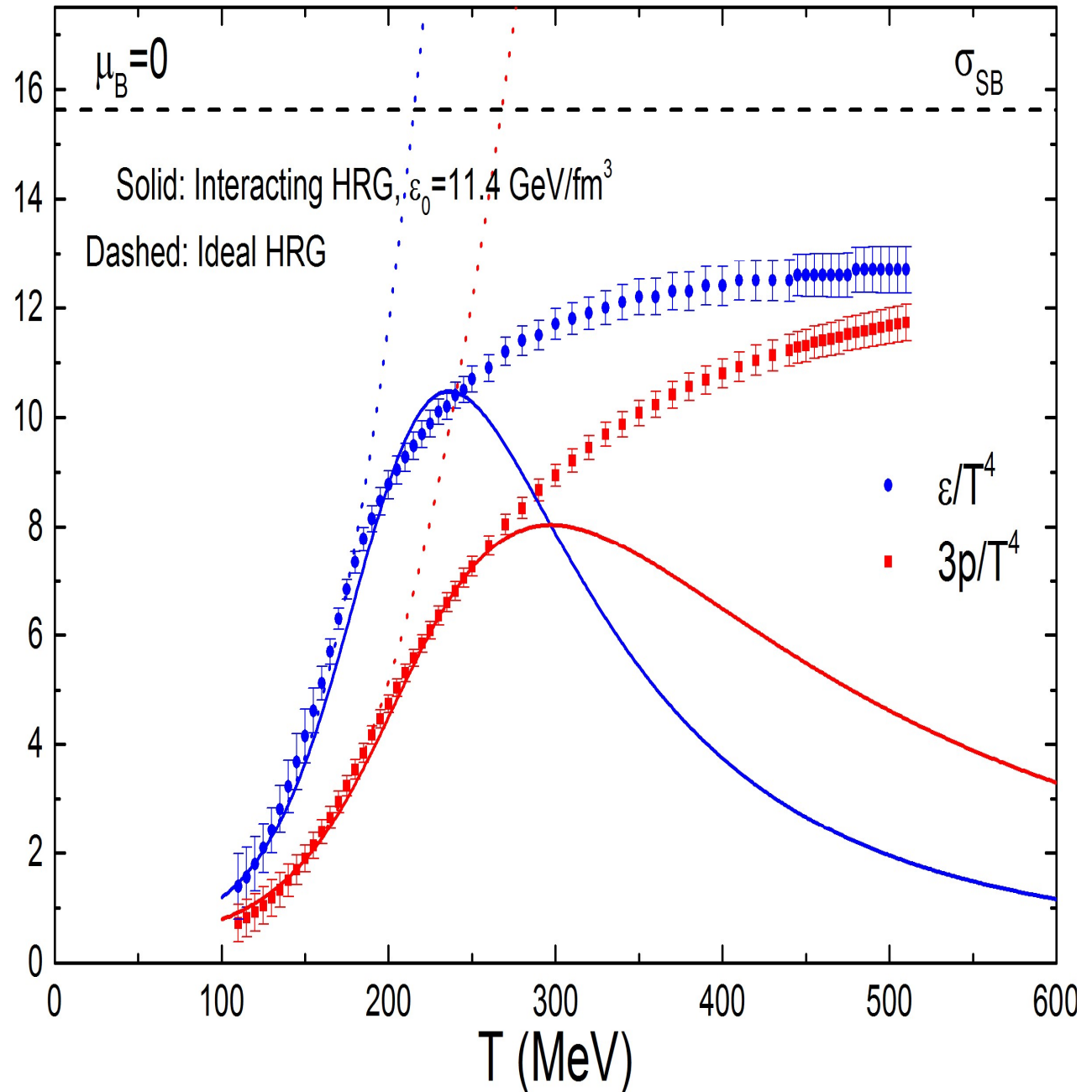
“Crossterms” EV model is used:

$$p = \sum_i \frac{T n_i}{1 - \sum_j \tilde{b}_{ji} n_j}$$

$$\tilde{b}_{ij} = \frac{2b_{ii}b_{ij}}{b_{ii} + b_{jj}}$$

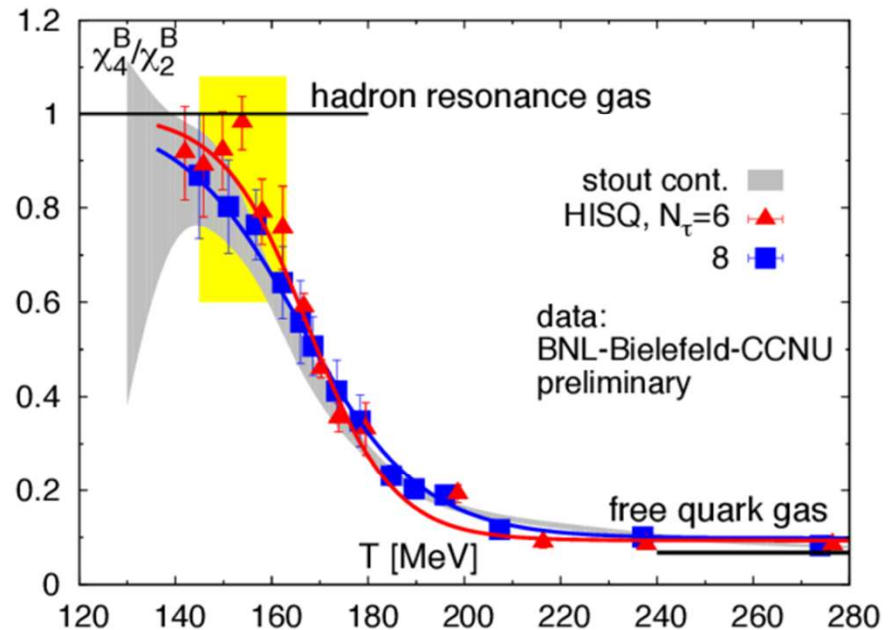
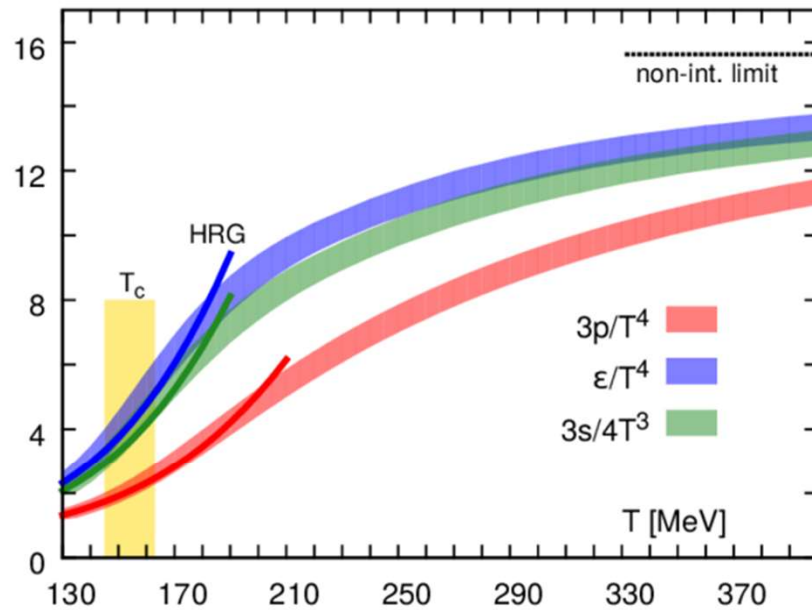
$$b_{ij} = \frac{2}{3} \pi (r_i + r_j)^3$$

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QCD equation of state at $\mu = 0$

Lattice simulations provide EoS at $\mu = 0^1$



Common model for confined phase is ideal **HRG**: non-interacting gas of known hadrons and resonances

- Good description of thermodynamic functions up to 180 MeV
- Rapid breakdown in crossover region for description of susceptibilities²
- Often interpreted as clear signal of deconfinement...
- But what is the role of hadronic interactions beyond normal HRG?

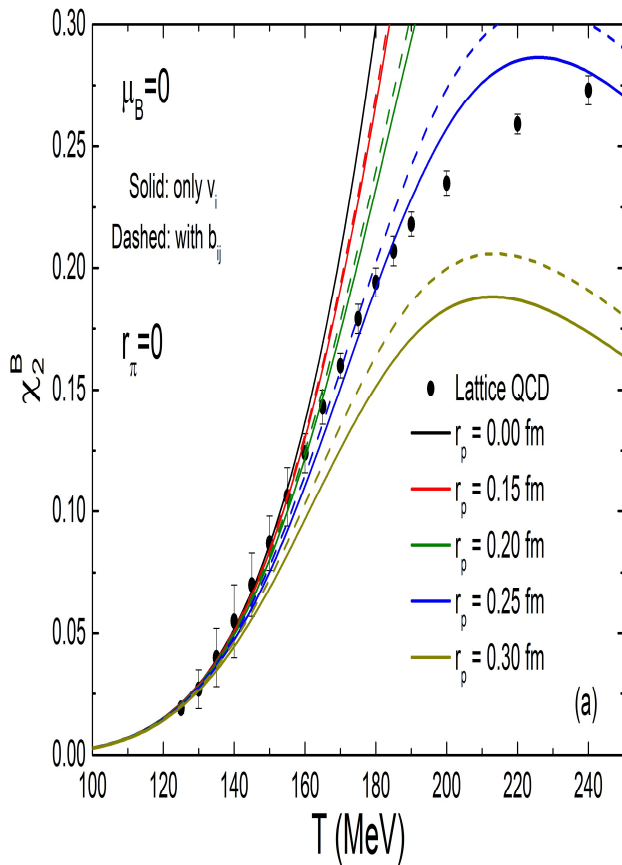
¹Bazavov et al., PRD 90, 094503 (2014); Borsanyi et al., PLB 730, 99 (2014)

²Ding, Karsch, Mukherjee, IJMPE 24, 1530007 (2015)

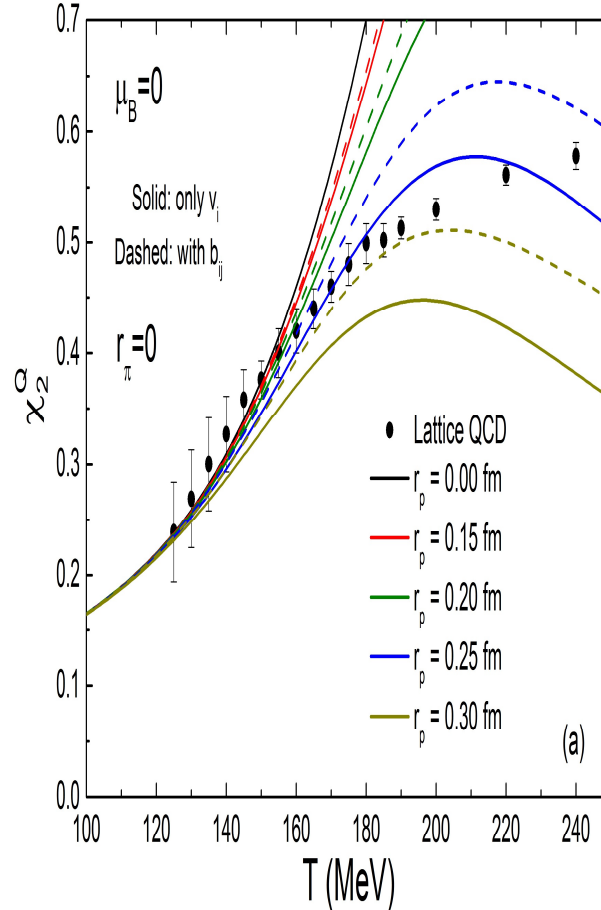
Multi-component bag-eigenvolume HRG vs lattice QCD

Susceptibilities carry information about finer details of the equation of state

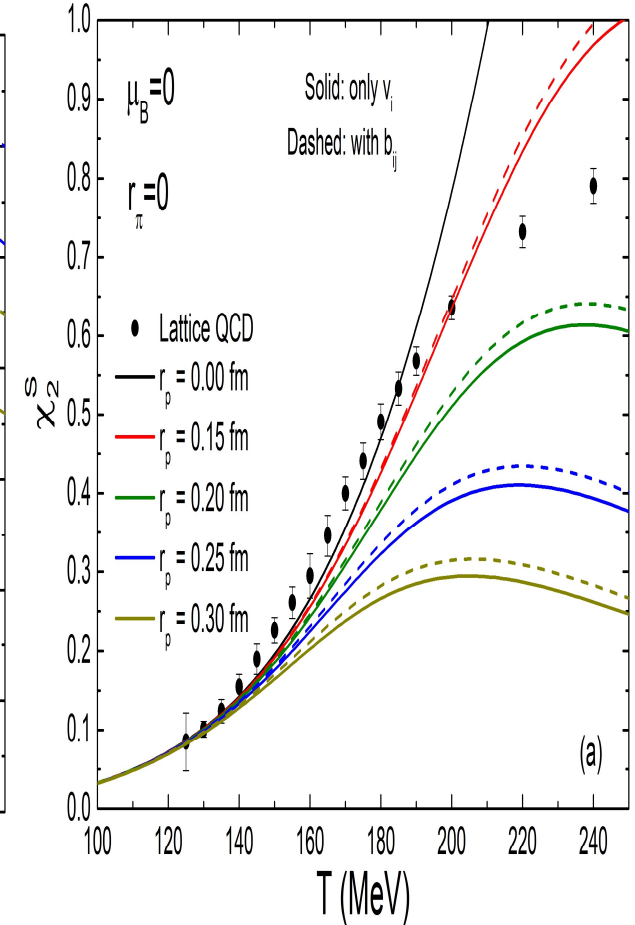
χ_2^B



χ_2^Q



χ_2^S



$r=0$: HRG of point particles
 cannot follow lattice data above $T=160$ MeV
 Finite eigenvolumes of hadron bags:
 dramatic improvement towards lattice data

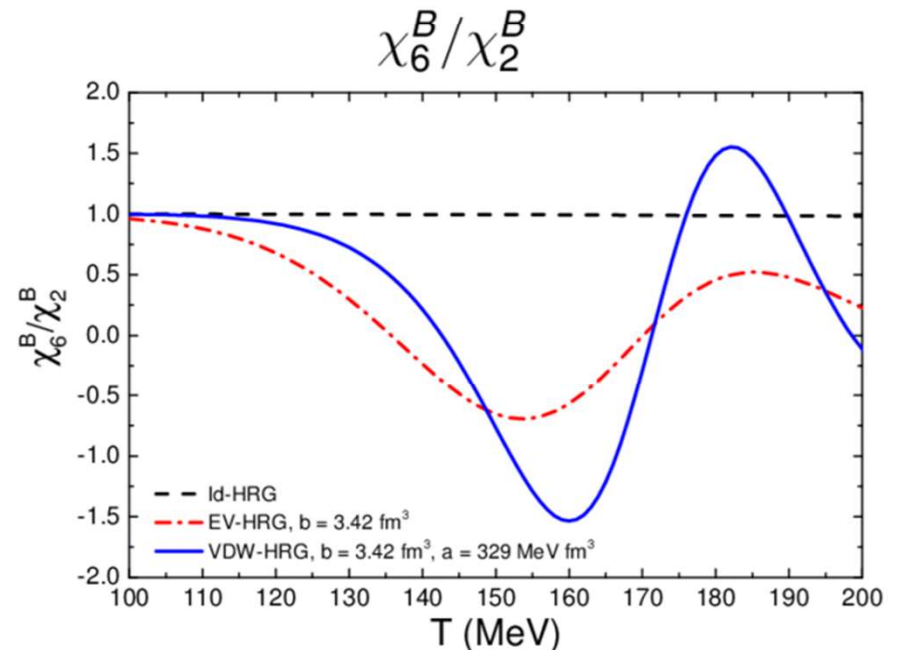
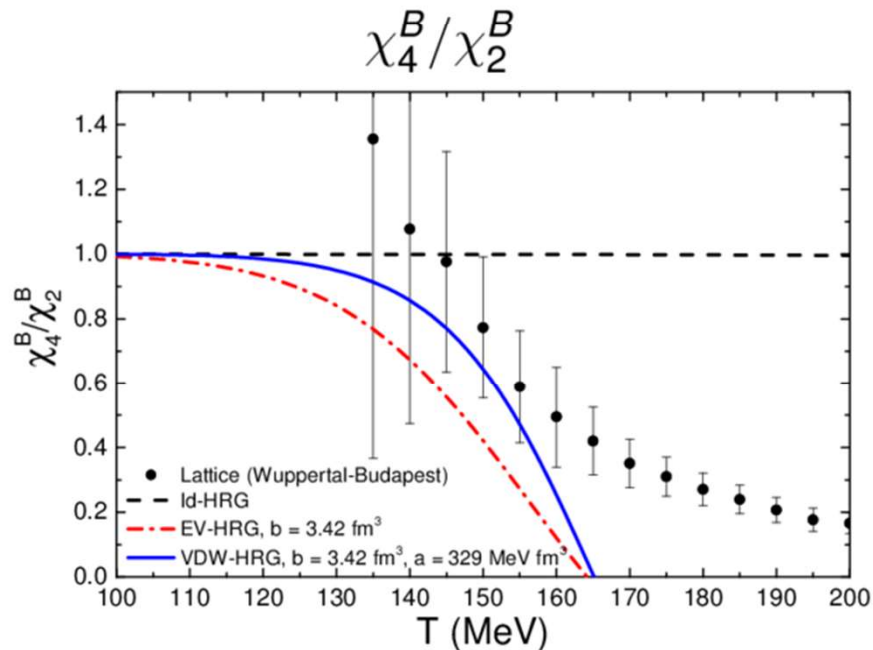
strange vs non-strange hadrons
 different volumes at same mass?

V. Vovchenko, P.Alba, H.ST.

VDW-HRG at $\mu = 0$: baryon number fluctuations

Vovchenko, Gorenstein, HSt, arXiv:1609.03975

Higher-order of fluctuations are expected to be even more sensitive



- χ_4^B deviates from χ_2^B at high enough T , stays equal in Id-HRG
- Cannot be related only to onset of deconfinement
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Van der Waals equation

Van der Waals equation

$$P(T, V, N) = \frac{NT}{V - bN} - a\frac{N^2}{V^2}$$



Formulated in
1873.

Simplest model which contains
attractive and **repulsive** interactions

Contains **1st order phase transition**
and **critical point**

Can elucidate role of fluctuations in
phase transitions



Nobel Prize in
1910.

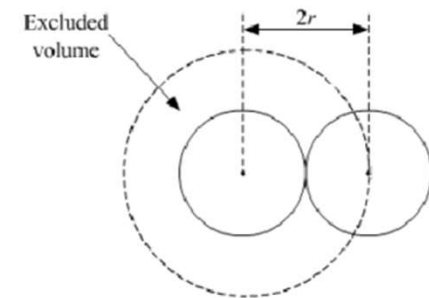
Two ingredients:

1) Short-range **repulsion**: particles are hard spheres,

$$V \rightarrow V - bN, \quad b = 4\frac{4\pi r^3}{3}$$

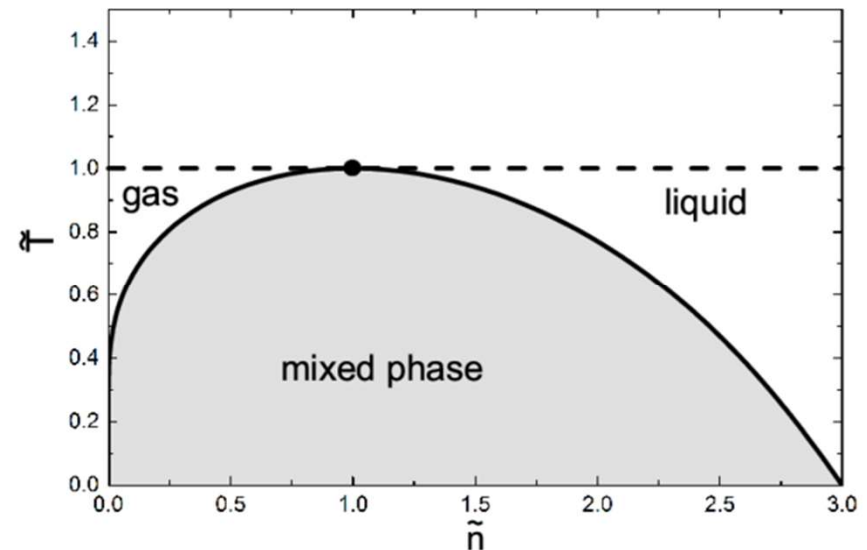
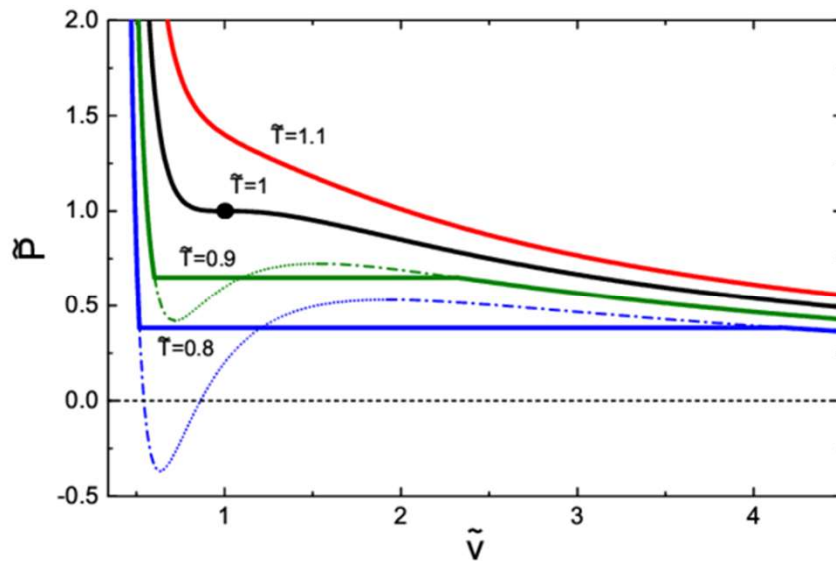
2) **Attractive** interactions in mean-field approximation,

$$P \rightarrow P - an^2$$



Van der Waals equation

- VDW isotherms show irregular behavior below certain temperature T_C
- Below T_C isotherms are corrected by **Maxwell's rule of equal areas**
- Results in appearance of **mixed phase**



Critical point

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial v} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial v^2} = 0, \quad v = V/N$$
$$p_C = \frac{a}{27b^2}, \quad n_C = \frac{1}{3b}, \quad T_C = \frac{8a}{27b}$$

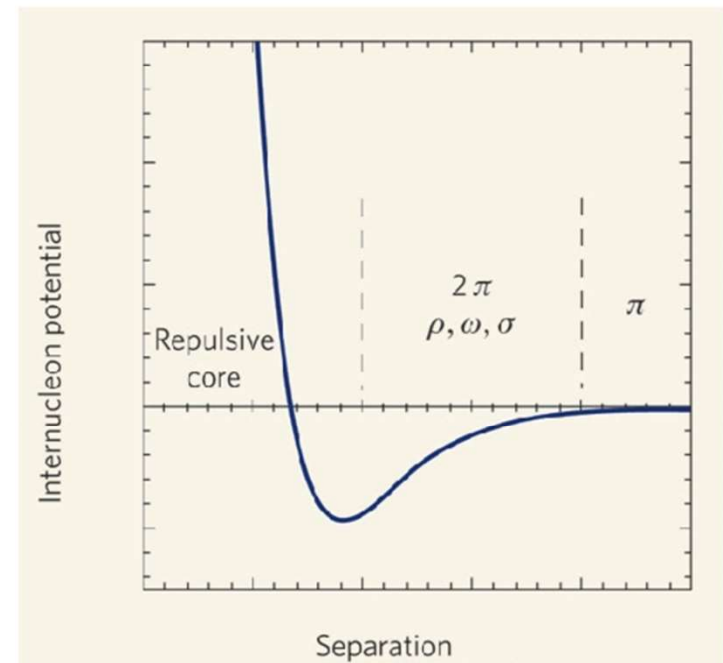
Reduced variables

$$\tilde{p} = \frac{p}{p_C}, \quad \tilde{n} = \frac{n}{n_C}, \quad \tilde{T} = \frac{T}{T_C}$$

Nucleon-nucleon interaction

Nucleon-nucleon potential:

- Repulsive core at small distances
- Attraction at intermediate distances
- Suggestive similarity to VDW interactions
- Could nuclear matter be described by VDW equation?



Standard VDW equation is for **canonical ensemble** and **Boltzmann** statistics
Nucleons are fermions, obey Pauli exclusion principle
Unlike for classical fluids, **quantum statistics** is important

VDW equation originally formulated in **canonical ensemble**

How to transform **CE** pressure $P(T, n)$ into **GCE** pressure $P(T, \mu)$?

- Calculate $\mu(T, V, N)$ from standard TD relations
- Invert the relation to get $N(T, V, \mu)$ and put it back into $P(T, V, N)$
- Consistency due to thermodynamic equivalence of ensembles

Result: transcendental equation for $n(T, \mu)$

$$\frac{N}{V} \equiv n(T, \mu) = \frac{n_{\text{id}}(T, \mu^*)}{1 + b n_{\text{id}}(T, \mu^*)}, \quad \mu^* = \mu - b \frac{nT}{1 - bn} + 2an$$

- Implicit equation in GCE, in CE it was explicit
- May have multiple solutions below T_C
- Choose one with largest pressure – equivalent to Maxwell rule in CE

Advantages of the GCE formulation

- 1) **Hadronic** physics applications: number of hadrons usually **not conserved**.
- 2) **CE** cannot describe particle number **fluctuations**. N-fluctuations in a **small** ($V \ll V_0$) subsystem follow **GCE** results.
- 3) Good starting point to include effects of **quantum statistics**.

Scaled variance in VDW equation

New application from GCE formulation: **particle number fluctuations**

Scaled variance is an **intensive** measure of N-fluctuations

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{N} = \omega[N] \equiv \frac{\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2}{\langle N \rangle} = \frac{T}{n} \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial \mu} \right)_T = \frac{T}{n} \left(\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \mu^2} \right)_T$$

In **ideal** Boltzmann gas fluctuations are Poissonian and $\omega_{id}[N] = 1$.

$\omega[N]$ in VDW gas (pure phases)

$$\omega[N] = \left[\frac{1}{(1 - bn)^2} - \frac{2an}{T} \right]^{-1}$$

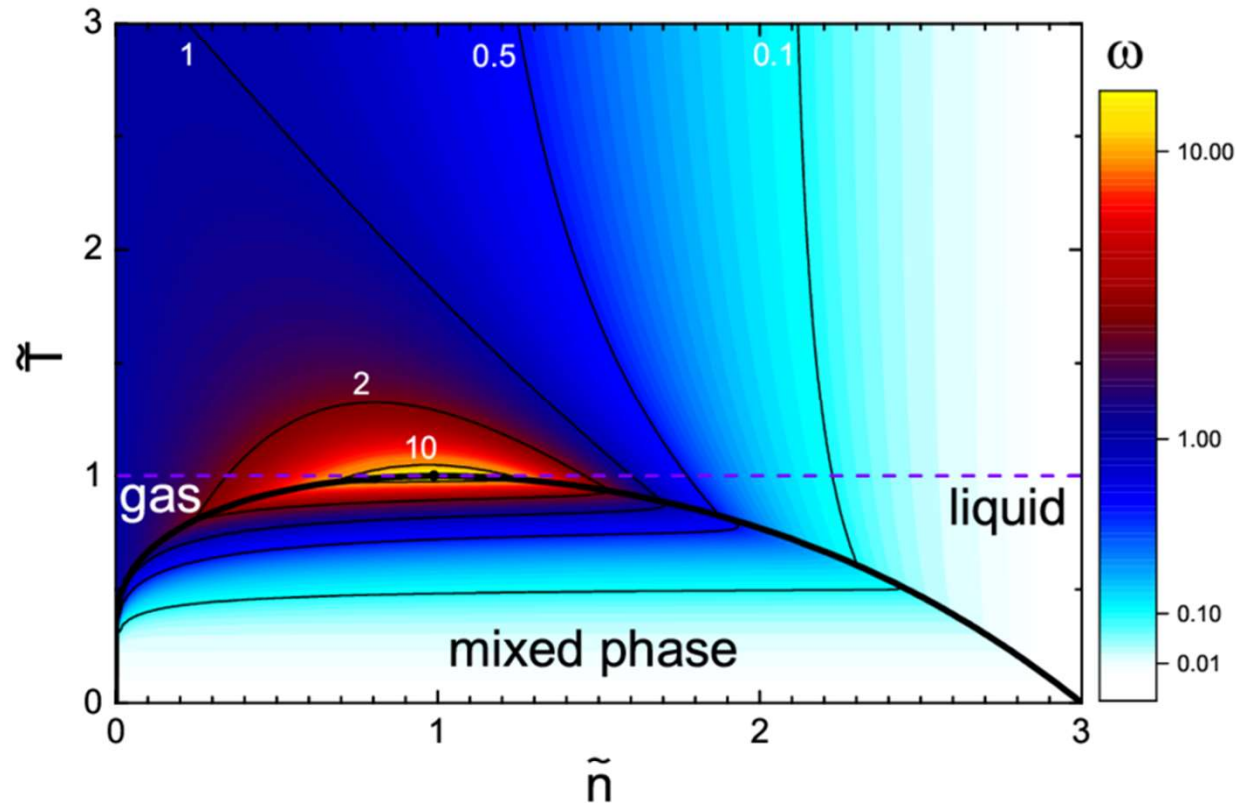
- **Repulsive** interactions **suppress** N-fluctuations
- **Attractive** interactions **enhance** N-fluctuations

N-fluctuations are useful because they

- Carry information about finer details of EoS, e.g. **phase transitions**
- Measurable **experimentally**

Scaled variance

$$\omega[N] = \frac{1}{9} \left[\frac{1}{(3 - \tilde{n})^2} - \frac{\tilde{n}}{4\tilde{T}} \right]^{-1}$$



- Deviations from unity signal effects of interaction
- Fluctuations grow rapidly near critical point

V. Vovchenko et al., J. Phys. A 305001, 48 (2015)

VDW equation with quantum statistics in GCE

Requirements for VDW equation with quantum statistics

- 1) Reduce to **ideal quantum gas** at $a = 0$ and $b = 0$
- 2) Reduce to **classical VDW** when quantum statistics are negligible
- 3) $s \geq 0$ and $s \rightarrow 0$ as $T \rightarrow 0$

Ansatz: Take pressure in the following form^{1,2}

$$p(T, \mu) = p^{\text{id}}(T, \mu^*) - an^2, \quad \mu^* = \mu - bp - abn^2 + 2an$$

where $p^{\text{id}}(T, \mu^*)$ is pressure of ideal **quantum** gas.

$$n(T, \mu) = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} \right)_T = \frac{n^{\text{id}}(T, \mu^*)}{1 + bn^{\text{id}}(T, \mu^*)}$$

Algorithm for GCE

- 1) Solve system of eqs. for p and n at given (T, μ)
- 2) Choose the solution with **largest** pressure

¹V. Vovchenko, D. Anchishkin, M. Gorenstein, Phys. Rev. C 91, 064314 (2015)

²**Alternative derivation:** K. Redlich, K. Zalewski, arXiv:1605.09686 (2016)

³ $a=0 \Rightarrow$ **excluded-volume** model, D. Rischke et al., Z.Phys. C51, 485 (1991)

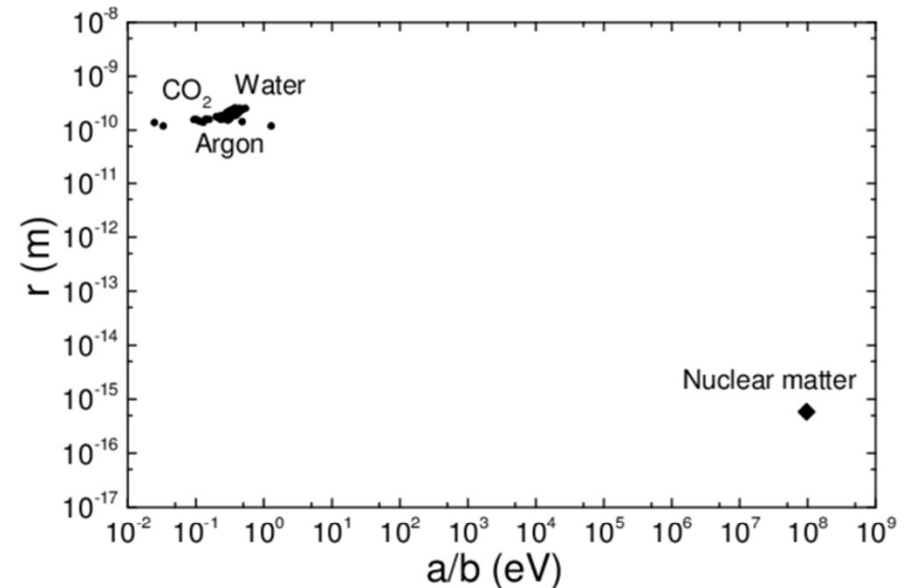
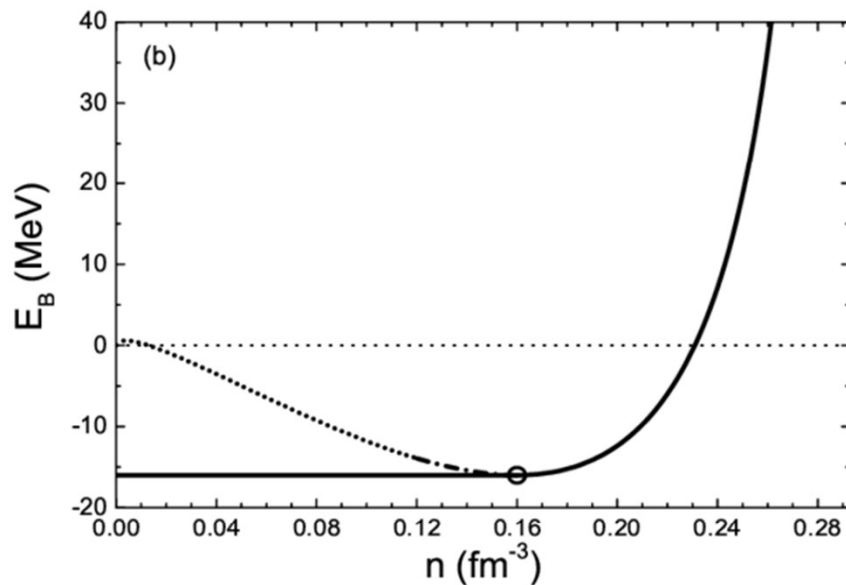
VDW gas of nucleons: zero temperature

How to fix a and b ? For classical fluid usually tied to CP location.

Different approach: Reproduce **saturation density** and **binding energy**

From $E_B \cong -16$ MeV and $n = n_0 \cong 0.16$ fm⁻³ at $T = p = 0$ we obtain:

$$a \cong 329 \text{ MeV fm}^3 \text{ and } b \cong 3.42 \text{ fm}^3$$



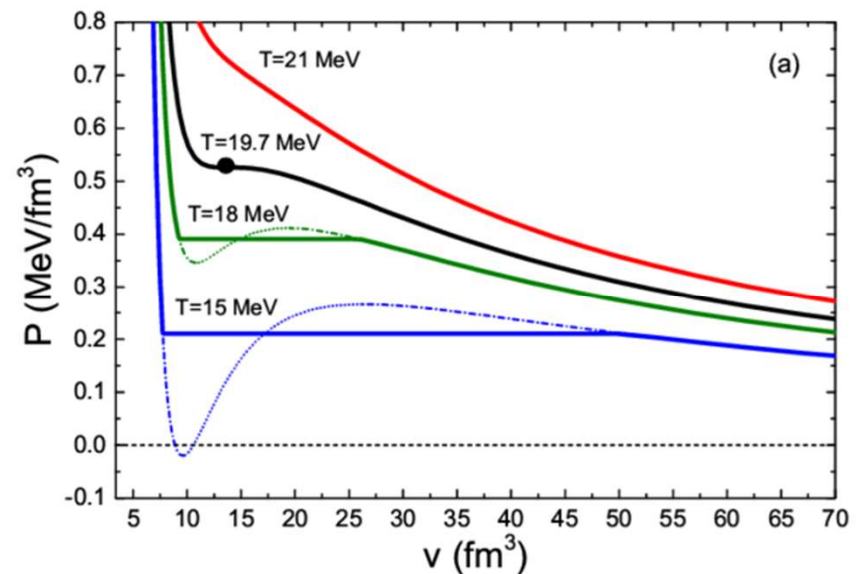
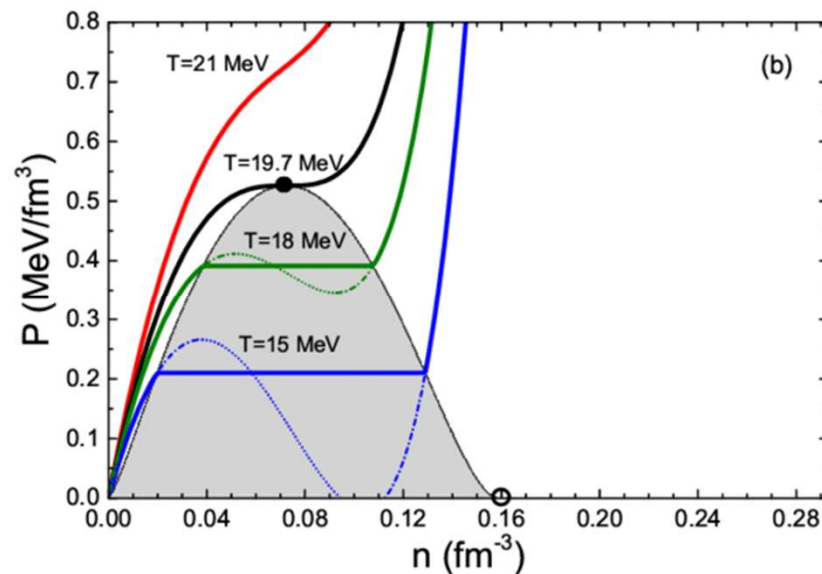
Mixed phase at $T = 0$ is specific:
A mix of vacuum ($n = 0$) and liquid
at $n = n_0$

VDW eq. now at very different scale!

VDW gas of nucleons: pressure isotherms

CE pressure

$$p = p^{\text{id}} \left[T, \mu^{\text{id}} \left(\frac{n}{1 - bn}, T \right) \right] - an^2$$



Behavior qualitatively **same** as for Boltzmann case

Mixed phase results from **Maxwell construction**

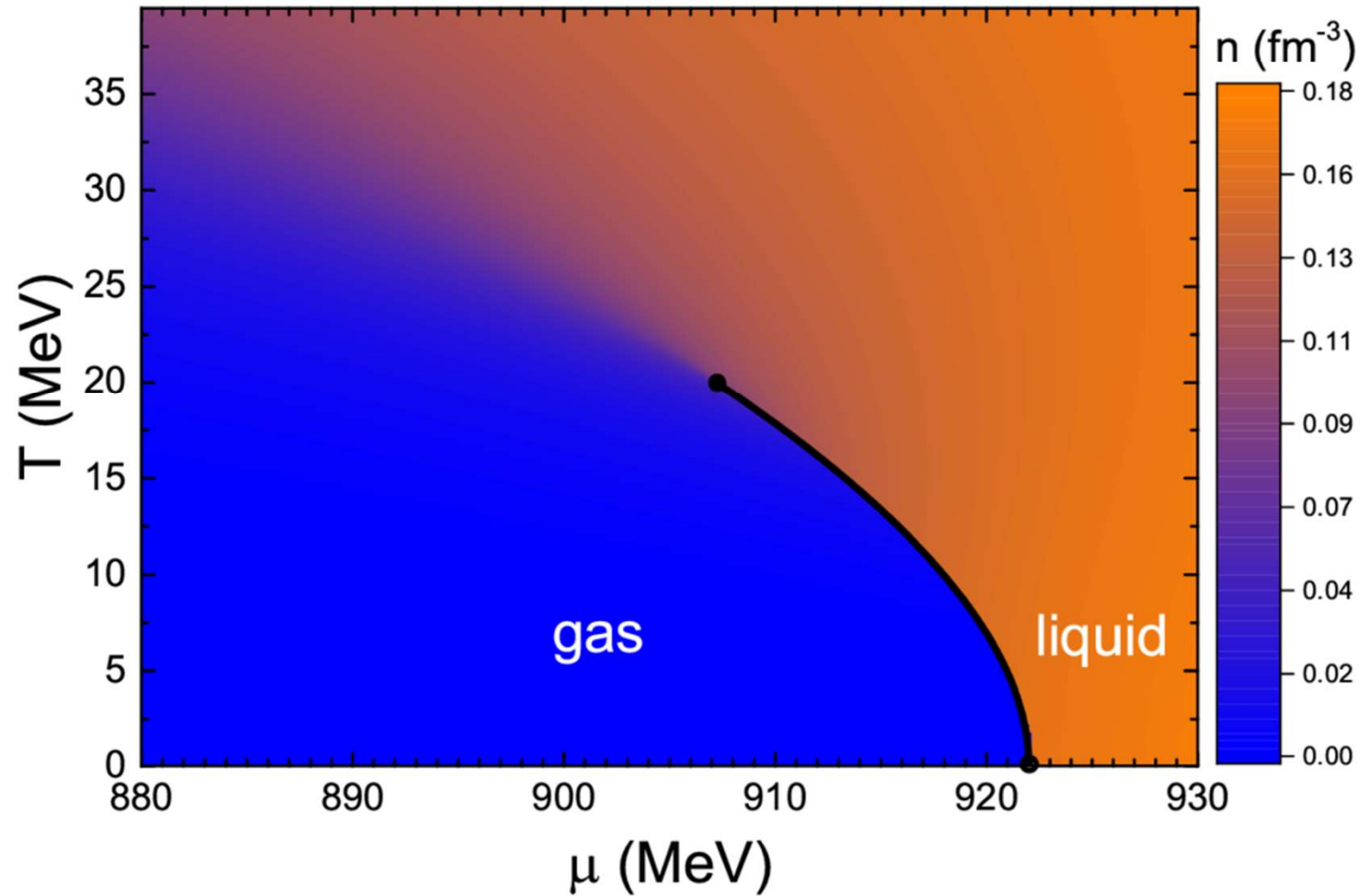
Critical point at $T_c \cong 19.7$ MeV and $n_c \cong 0.07$ fm⁻³

Experimental estimate¹: $T_c = 17.9 \pm 0.4$ MeV, $n_c = 0.06 \pm 0.01$ fm⁻³

¹J.B. Elliot, P.T. Lake, L.G. Moretto, L. Phair, Phys. Rev. C 87, 054622 (2013)

VDW gas of nucleons: (T, μ) plane

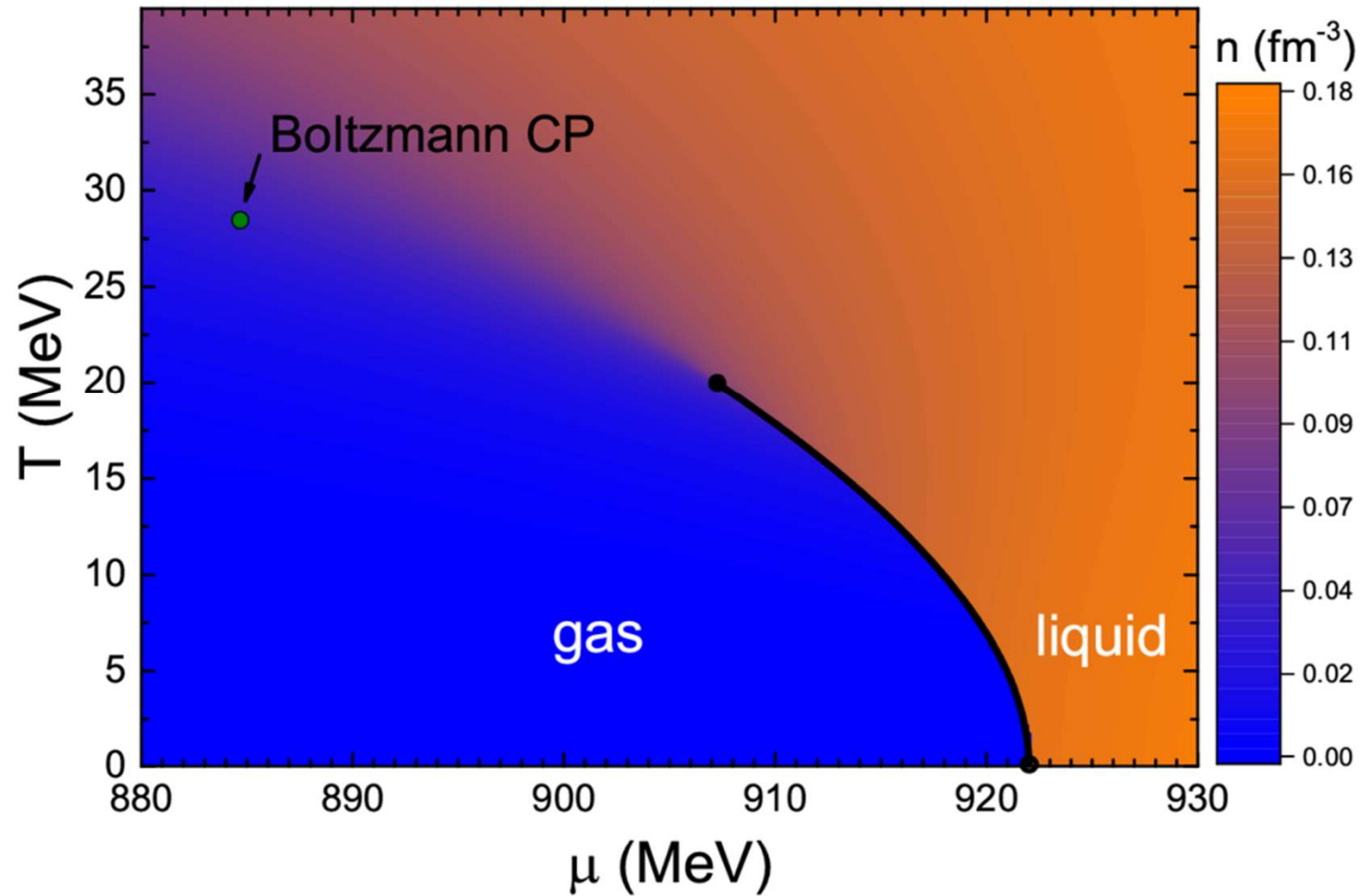
Density in (T, μ) plane



Crossover region at $\mu < \mu_C \cong 908$ MeV is clearly seen

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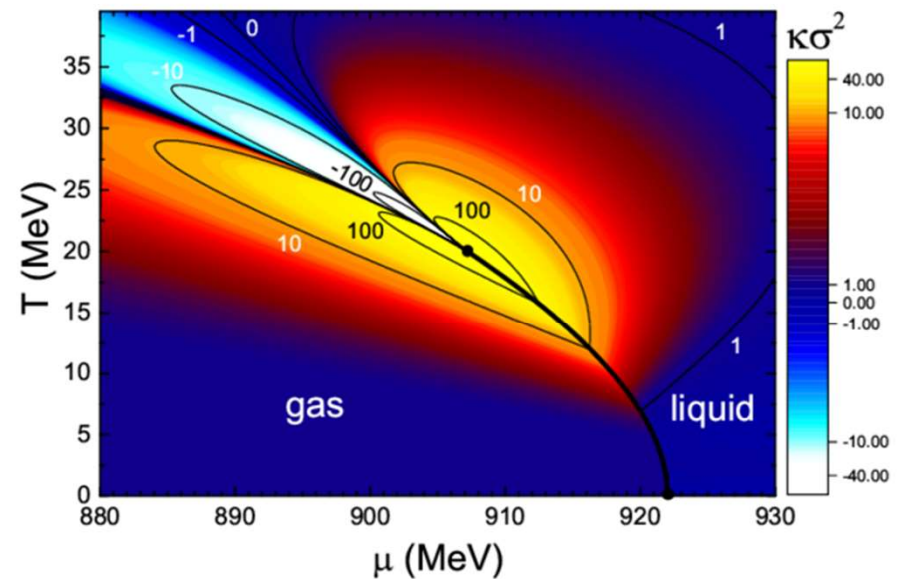
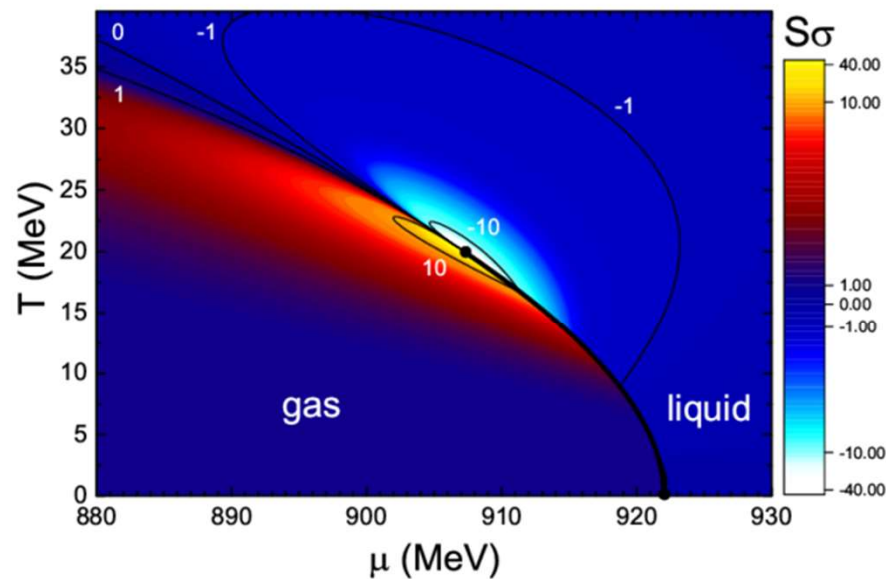
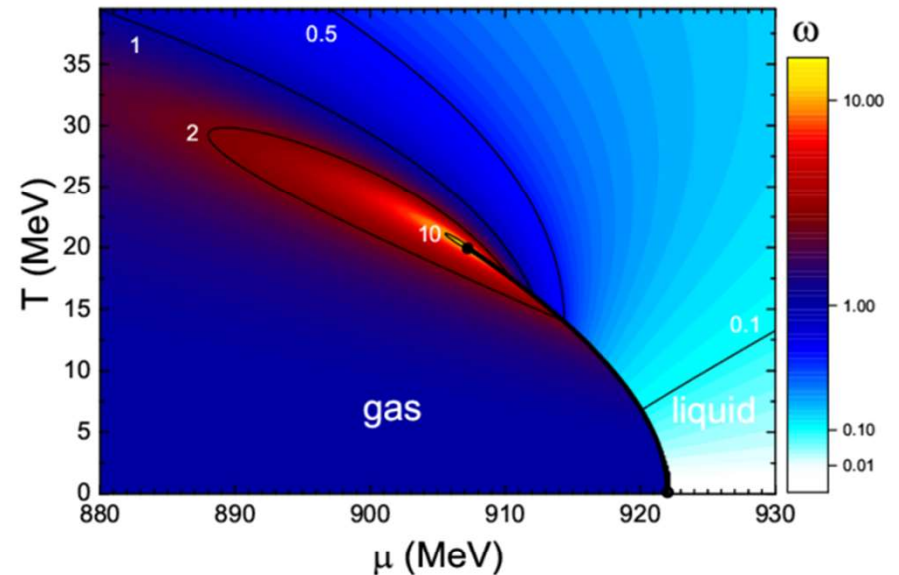
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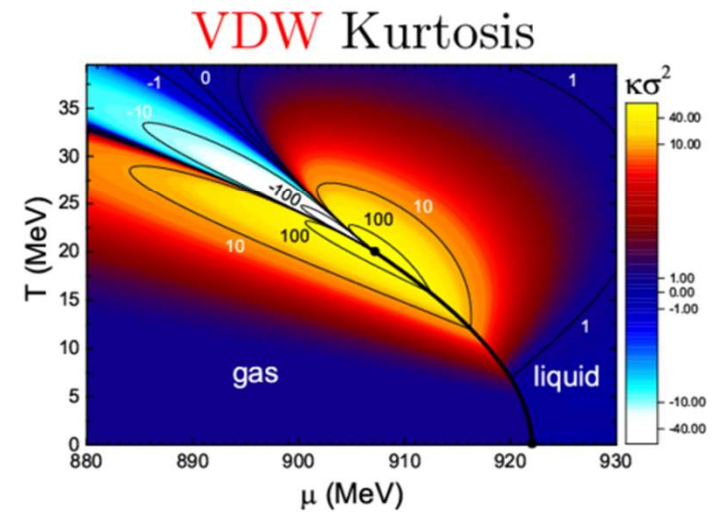
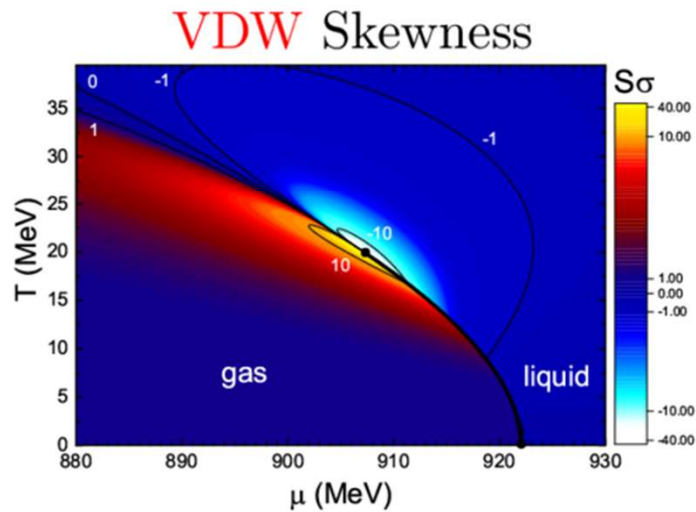
Boltzmann: $T_C = 28.5$ MeV. Classical VDW does not work!

VDW-HRG gas of nucleons: fluctuations

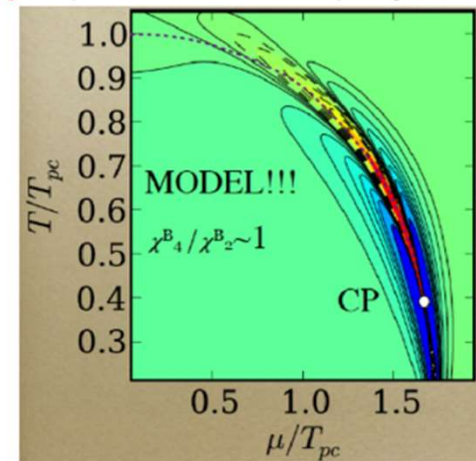
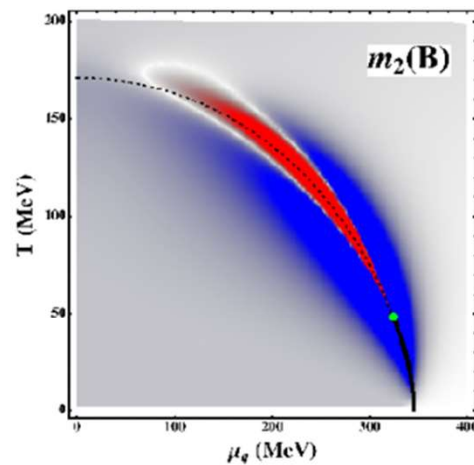
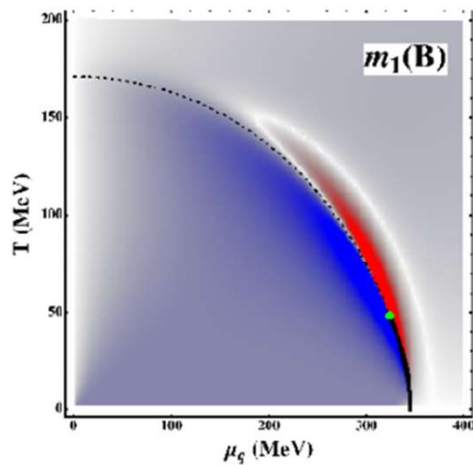
- Results for $\sigma^2/\langle N \rangle$, $S\sigma$, and $\kappa\sigma^2$
- Fluctuations diverge at CP (as expected)
- For higher moments singularity is specific: sign depends on path of approach



VDW gas of nucleons: skewness and kurtosis



NJL, J.W. Chen et al., PRD 93, 034037 (2016) **PQM**, V. Skokov, QM2012

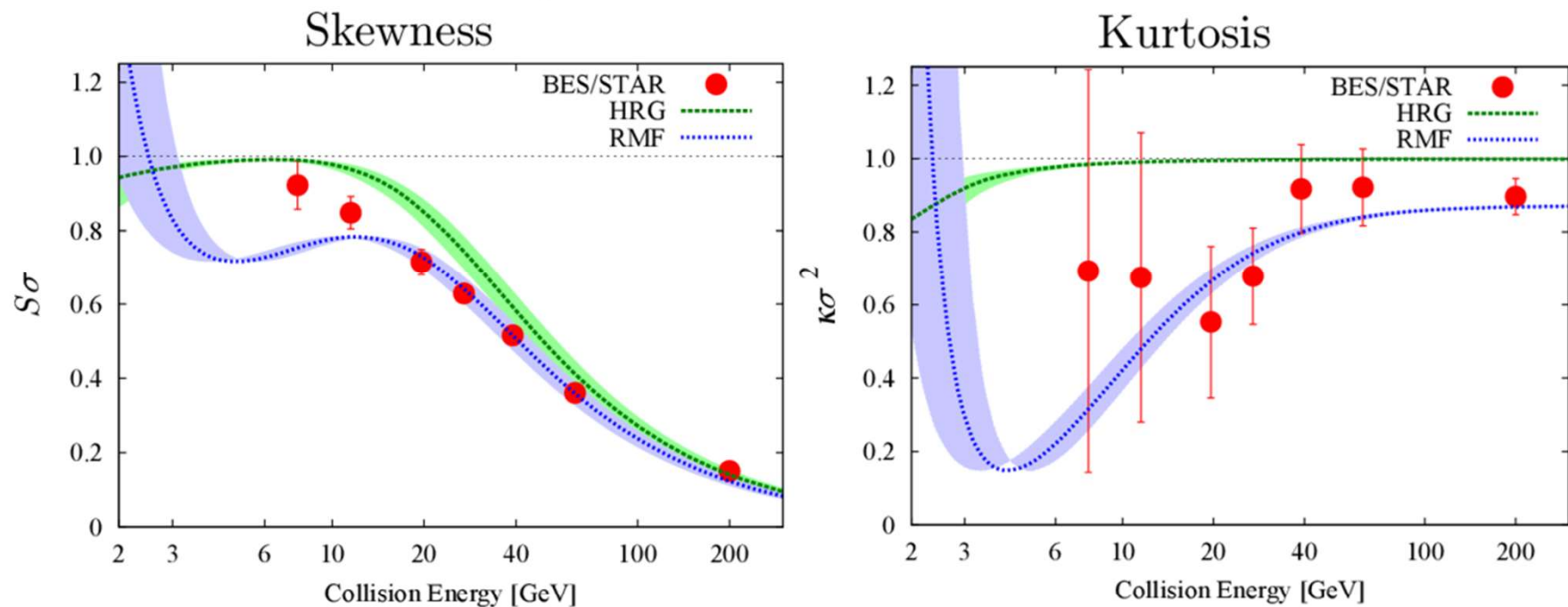


Fluctuation patterns in VDW very similar to effective QCD models

Net-baryon fluctuations and nuclear matter

Are NN interactions relevant for observables in RHIC region?

Net-nucleon fluctuations within RMF (σ - ω model) of nuclear matter along line of “chemical freeze-out”



K. Fukushima, PRC 91, 044910 (2015)

A notable effect in fluctuations even at $\mu \simeq 0$

Reconciliation of HRG with nuclear matter can be interesting

Van der Waals interactions in HRG

Simplest generalization of VDW nuclear matter model to full HRG:

- Similar VDW interactions between baryons and baryons
- The baryon-antibaryon, meson-meson, and meson-baryon VDW interactions are neglected
- Baryon VDW parameters extracted from ground state of nuclear matter ($a = 329 \text{ MeV fm}^3$, $b = 3.42 \text{ fm}^3$)

Three independent subsystems: mesons + baryons + antibaryons

$$p(T, \mu) = P_M(T, \mu) + P_B(T, \mu) + P_{\bar{B}}(T, \mu),$$

$$P_M(T, \mu) = \sum_{j \in M} p_j^{\text{id}}(T, \mu_j) \quad \text{and} \quad P_B(T, \mu) = \sum_{j \in B} p_j^{\text{id}}(T, \mu_j^{B*}) - a n_B^2$$

$$n_B(T, \mu) = (1 - b n_B) \sum_{j \in B} n_j^{\text{id}}(T, \mu_j^{B*}).$$

In this simplest setup model is essentially “parameter-free”

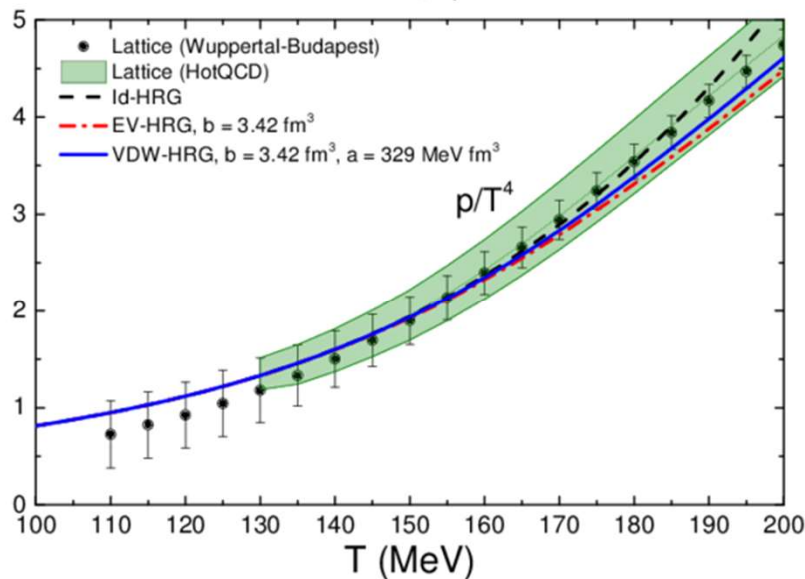
Transcendental equations for P_B and n_B

VDW-HRG at $\mu = 0$: thermodynamic functions

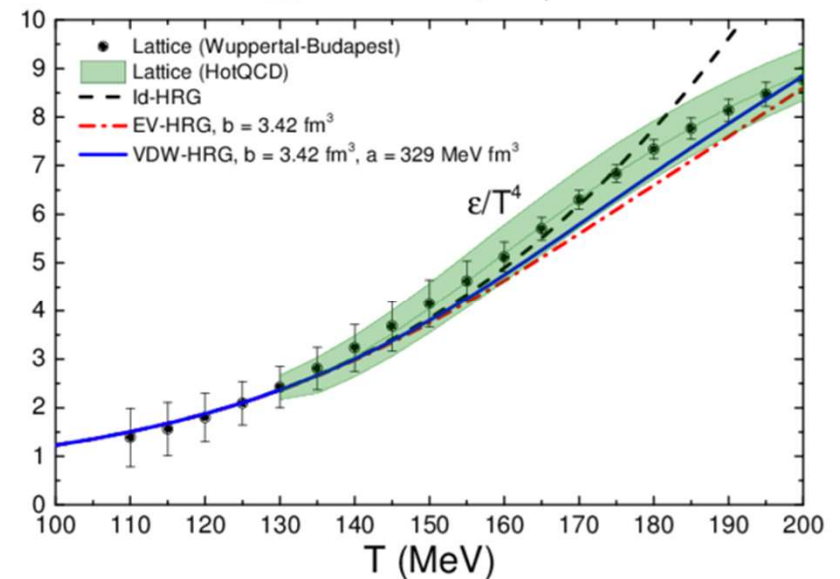
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Comparison of VDW-HRG with lattice QCD at $\mu = 0$

Pressure p/T^4



Energy density ε/T^4

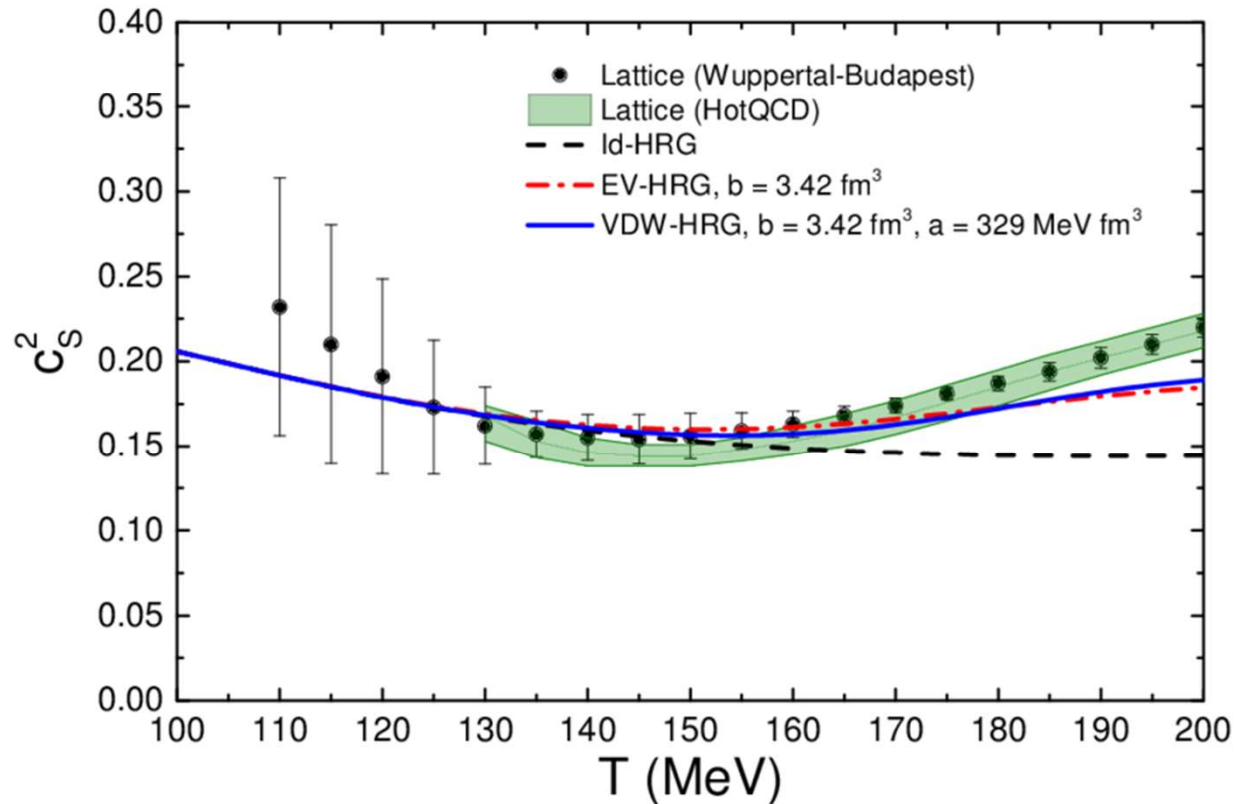


- VDW-HRG **does not spoil** existing agreement of Id-HRG with lQCD despite significant EV interactions between baryons
- Not surprising: matter **meson-dominated** at $\mu = 0$

VDW-HRG at $\mu = 0$: speed of sound

Vovchenko, Gorenstein, HSt, arXiv:1609.03975

Speed of sound $c_s^2 = \frac{dp}{d\varepsilon}$

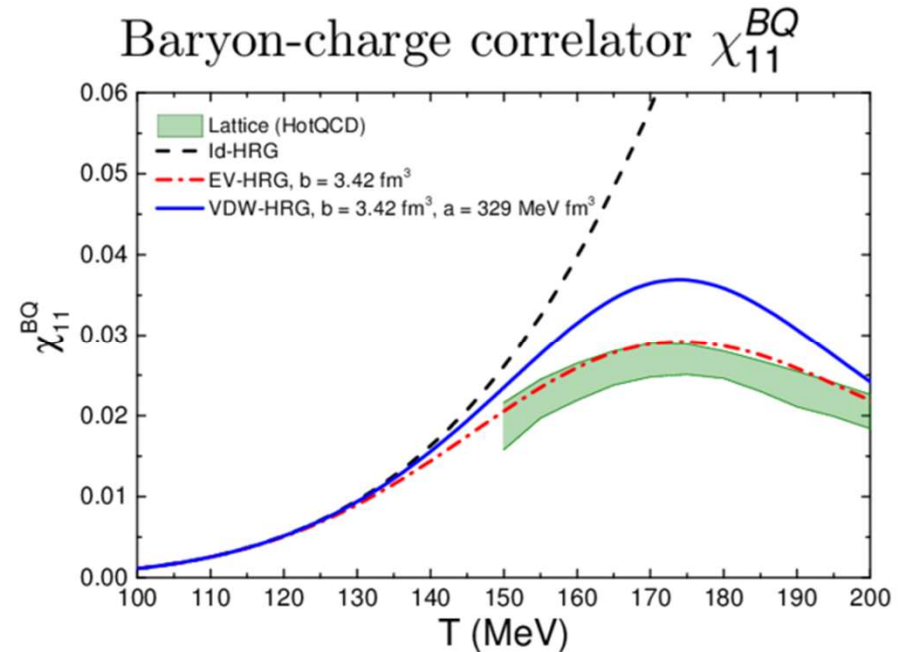
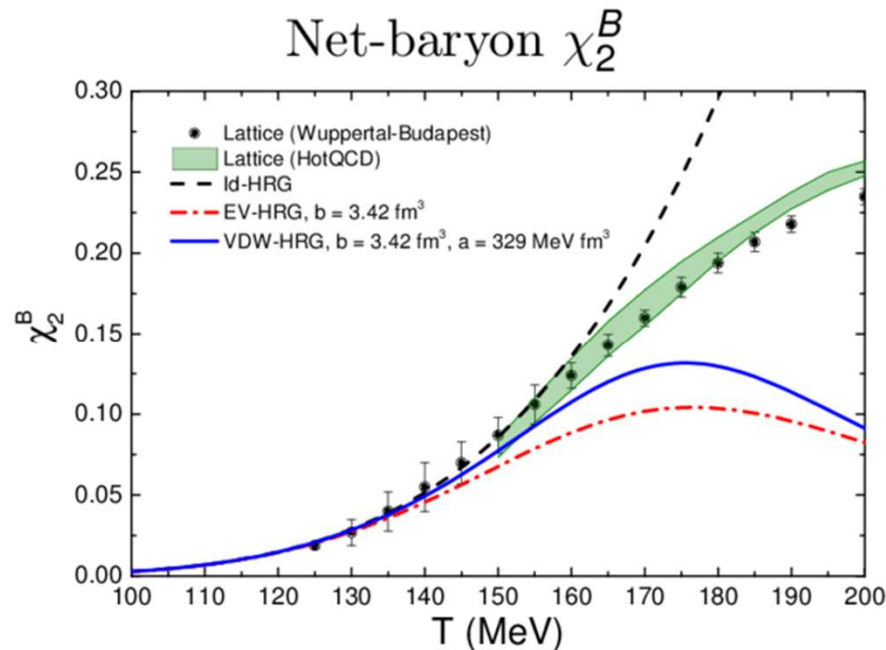


- Monotonic decrease in Id-HRG, at odds with lattice
- **Minimum** for EV-HRG/VDW-HRG at 150-160 MeV
- **No acausal** behavior, often an issue in models with eigenvolumes

VDW-HRG at $\mu = 0$: baryon number fluctuations

Vovchenko, Gorenstein, HSt, arXiv:1609.03975

$$\text{Susceptibilities: } \chi_{lmn}^{BSQ} = \frac{\partial^{l+m+n} \rho / T^4}{\partial(\mu_B/T)^l \partial(\mu_S/T)^m \partial(\mu_Q/T)^n}$$

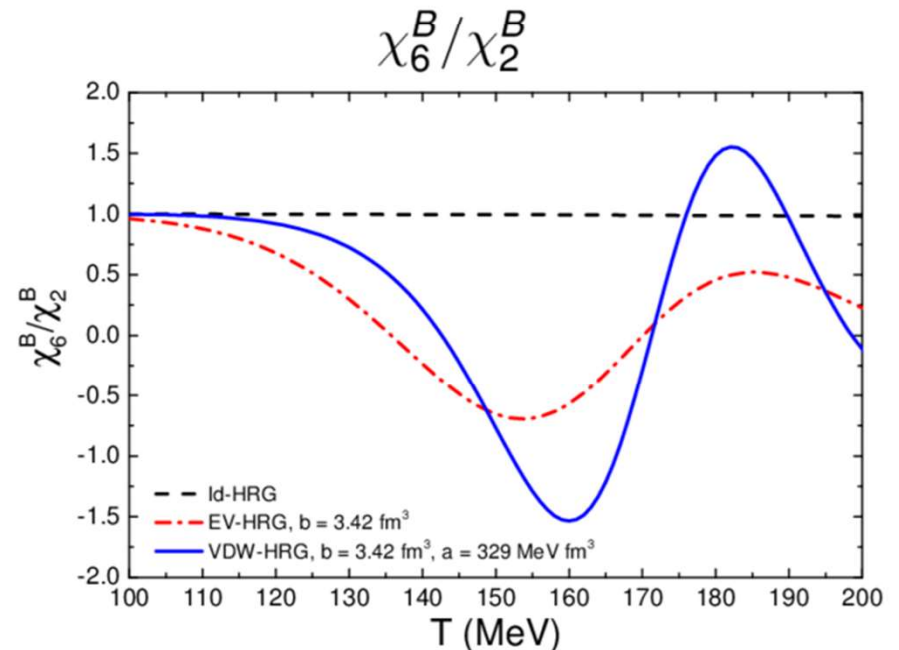
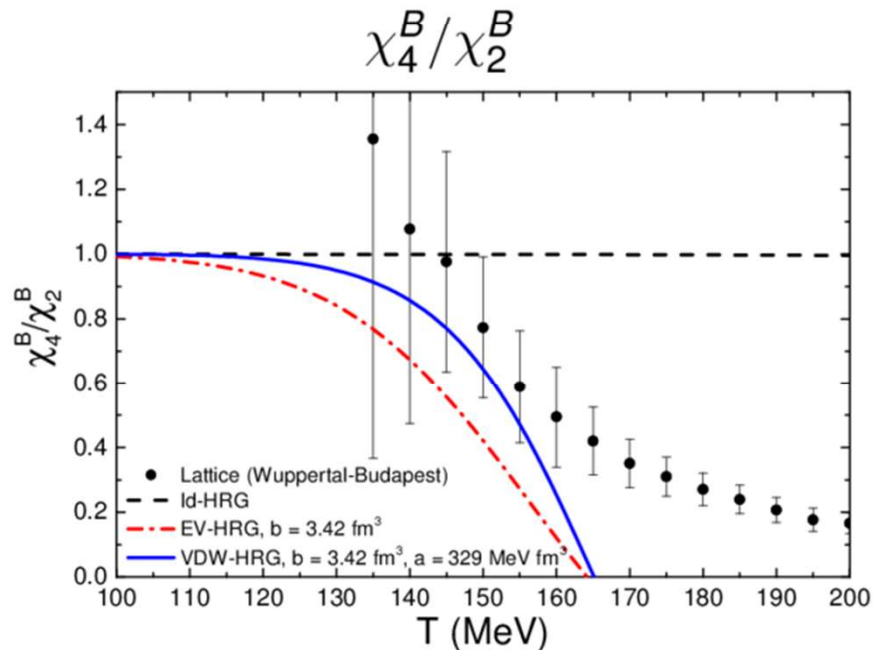


- Very different qualitative behavior between Id-HRG and VDW-HRG
- For χ_2^B lattice data is between Id-HRG and VDW-HRG at high T
- For χ_{11}^{BQ} lattice data is below all models, closer to EV-HRG

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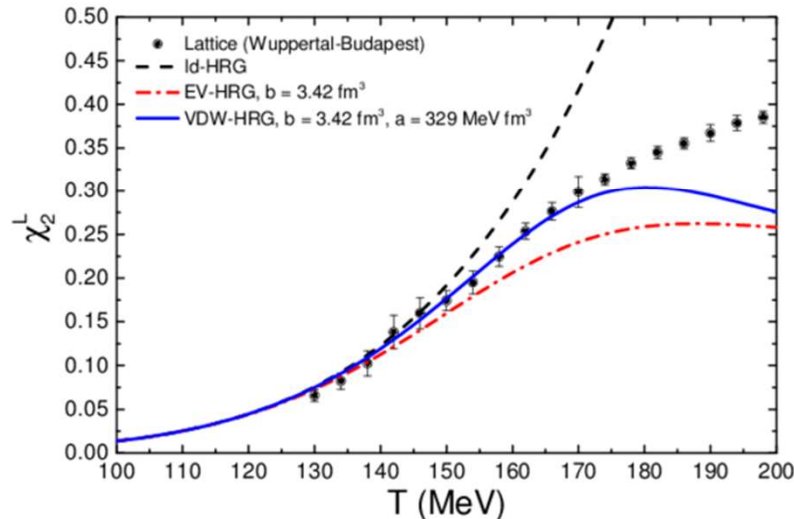
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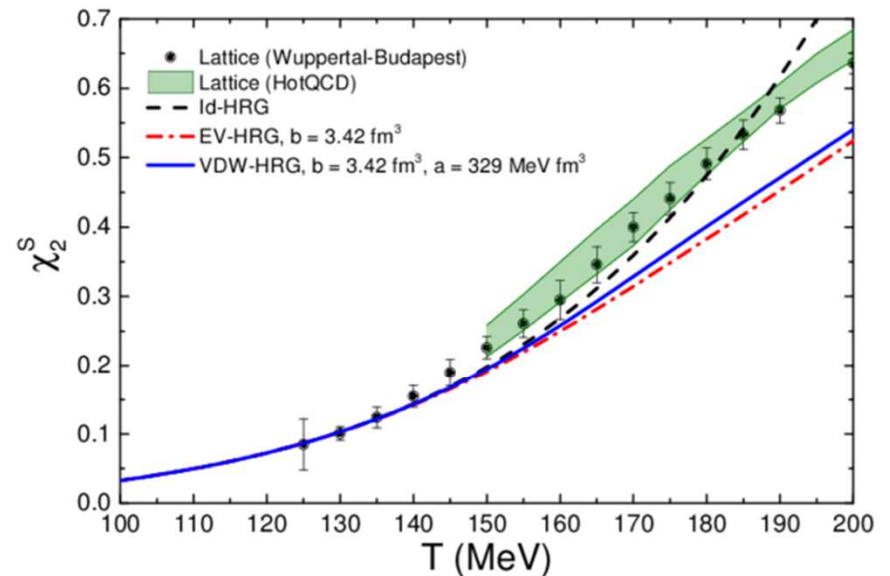
VDW-HRG at $\mu = 0$: net-light and net-strangeness

Vovchenko, Gorenstein, HSt, arXiv:1609.03975



- Net number of light quarks χ_2^L
- $L = (u + d)/2 = (3B + S)/2$
- Improved description in VDW-HRG

- Net-strangeness χ_2^S
- Underestimated by HRG models, similar for χ_{11}^{BS}
- Extra strange states?¹
- Weaker VDW interactions for strange baryons?²

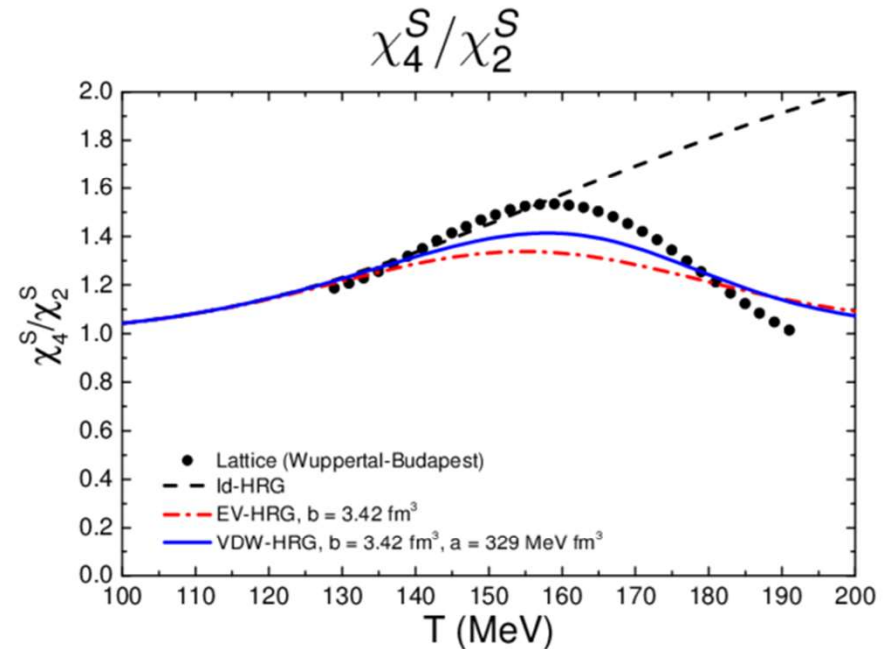
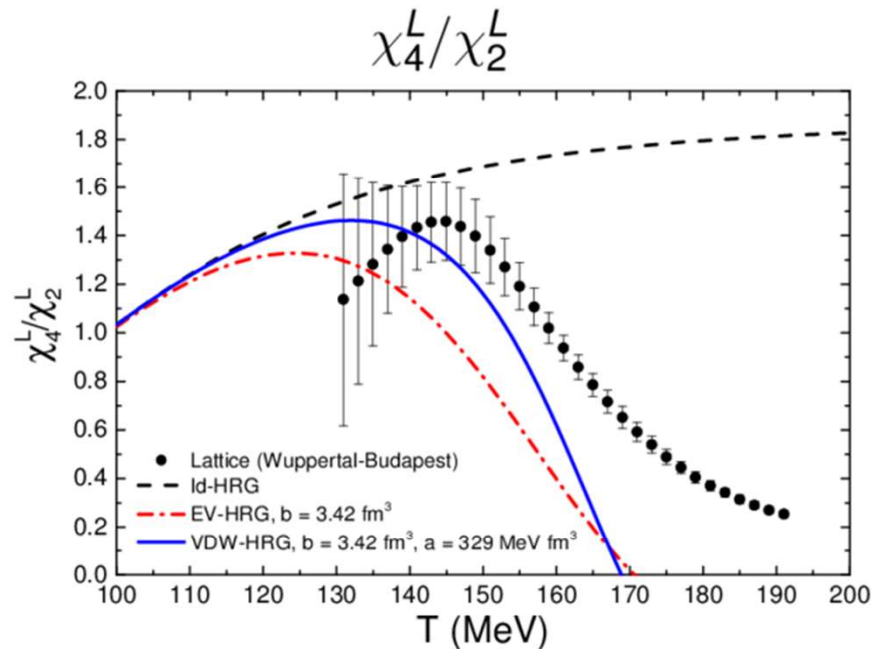


¹Bazavov et al., PRL 113, 072001 (2014)

²Alba et al., arXiv:1606.06542 and **P. Alba's talk**

VDW-HRG at $\mu = 0$: net-light and net-strangeness

Vovchenko, Gorenstein, HSt, arXiv:1609.03975

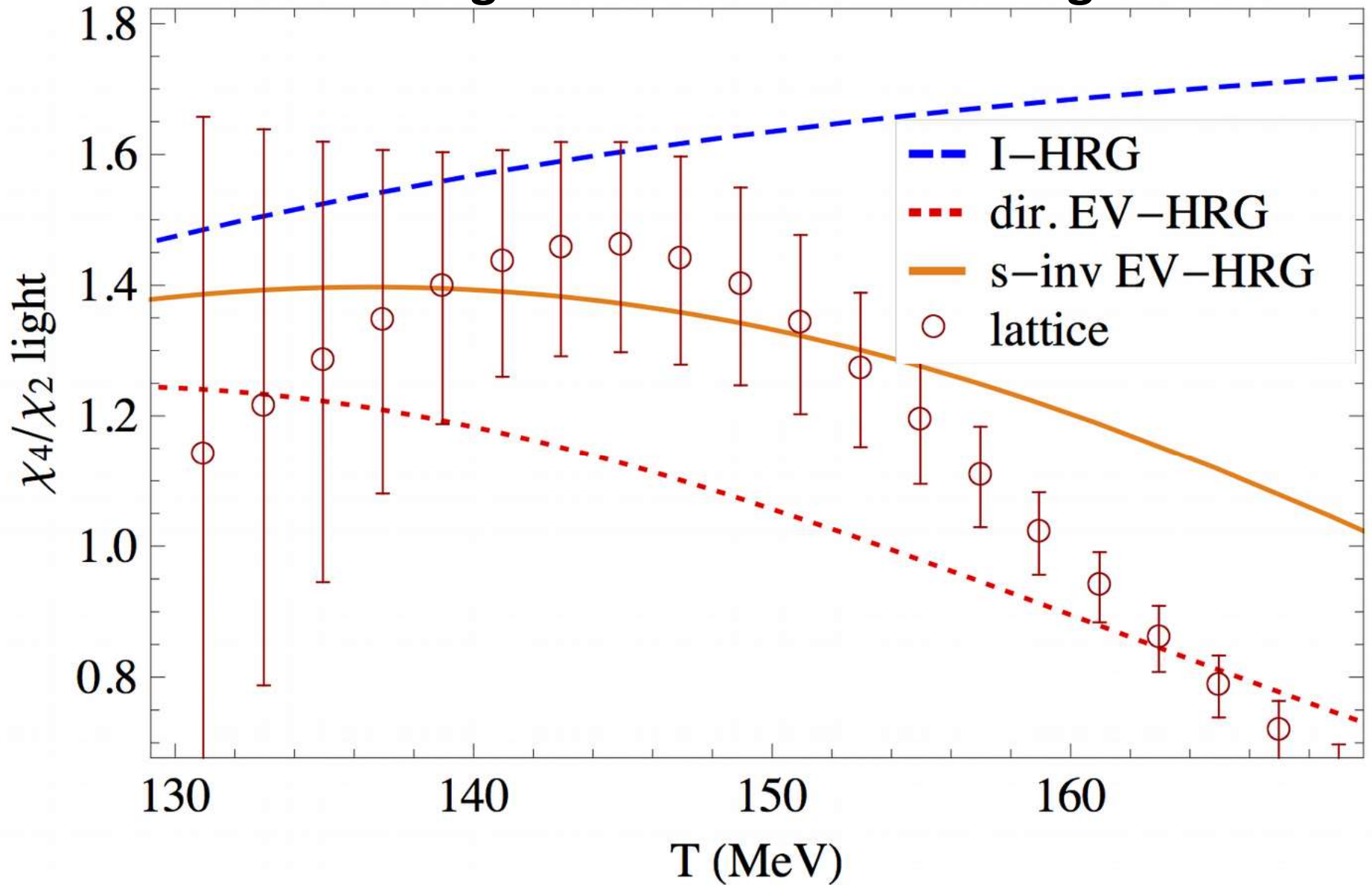


- Lattice shows peaked structures in crossover regions
- Not at all reproduced by Id-HRG, signal for deconfinement?¹
- Peaks at different T for net-L and net-S \Rightarrow flavor hierarchy?²
- VDW-HRG also shows peaks and flavor hierarchy \Rightarrow cannot be traced back directly to deconfinement

¹S. Ejiri, F. Karsch, K. Redlich, PLB 633, 275 (2006)

²Bellwied et al., PRL 111, 202302 (2013)

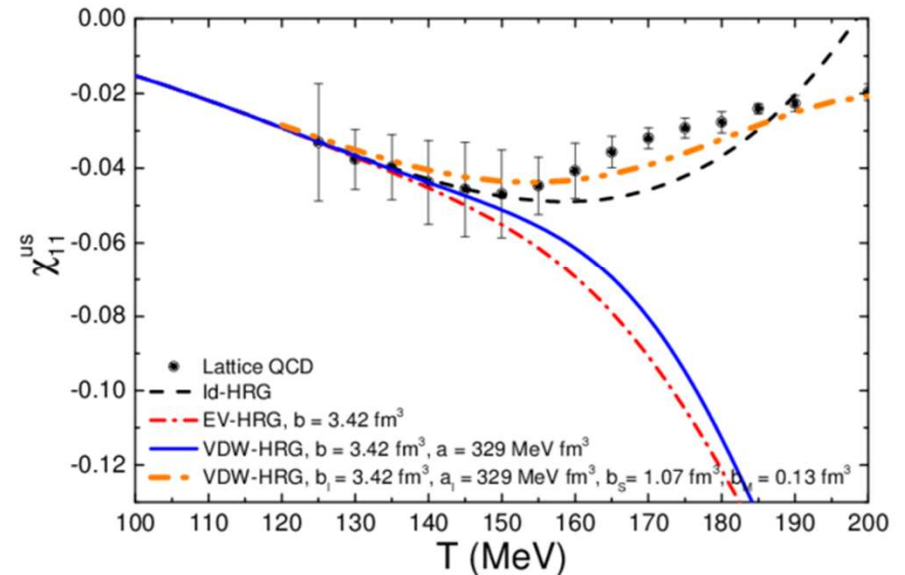
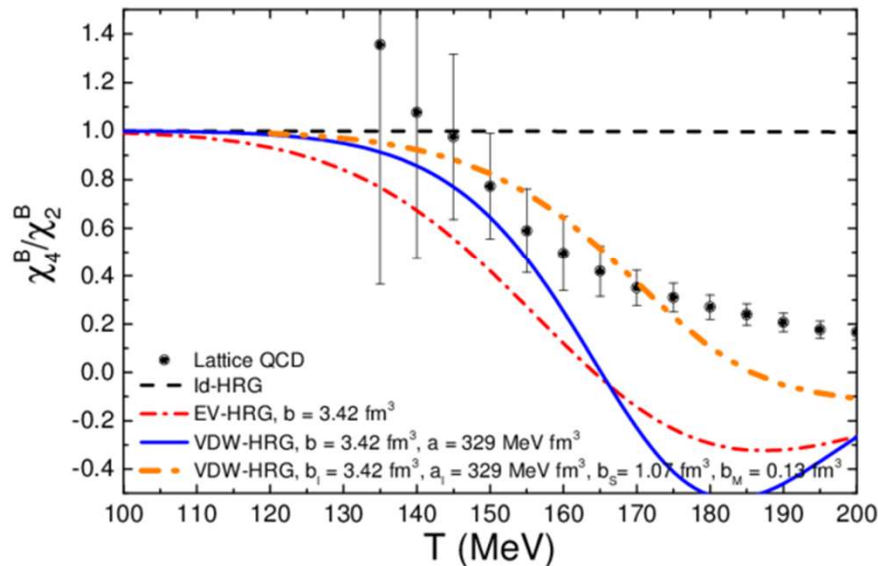
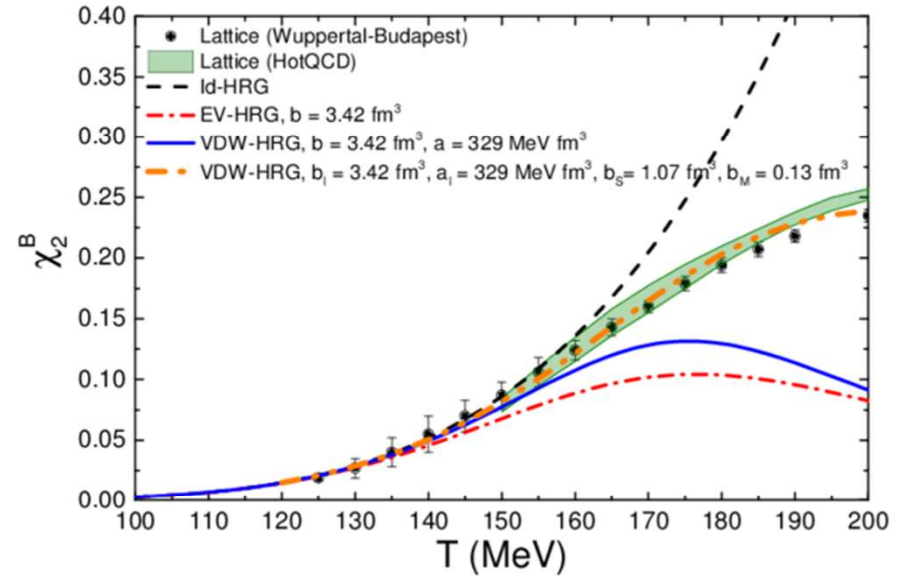
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VDW-HRG: extensions

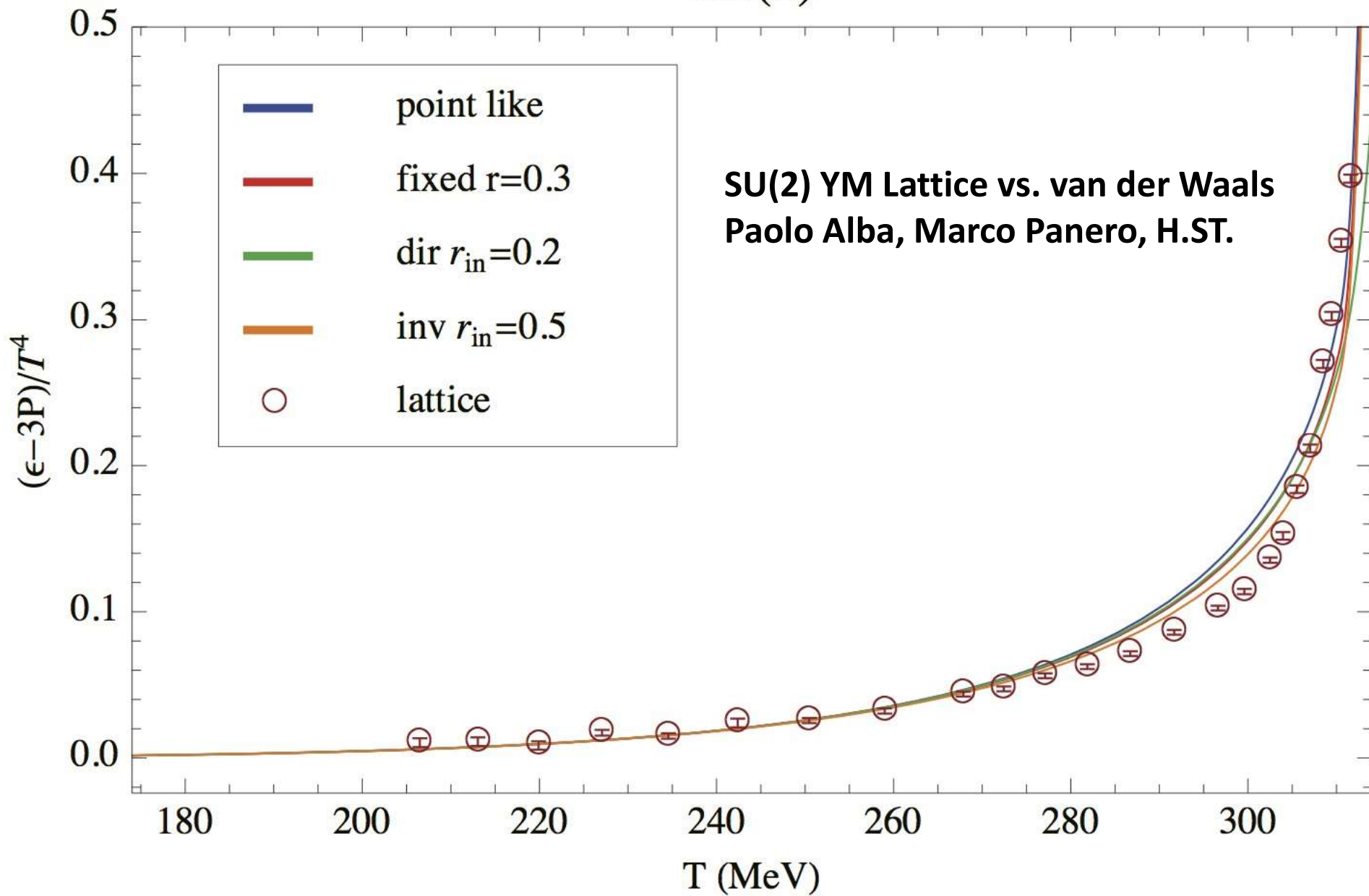
Effect of reducing VDW interactions involving strange hadrons

- 3 times smaller EV for strange baryons
- Small EV for mesons
- Illustrative calculation
(preliminary!)
- Most observables improved

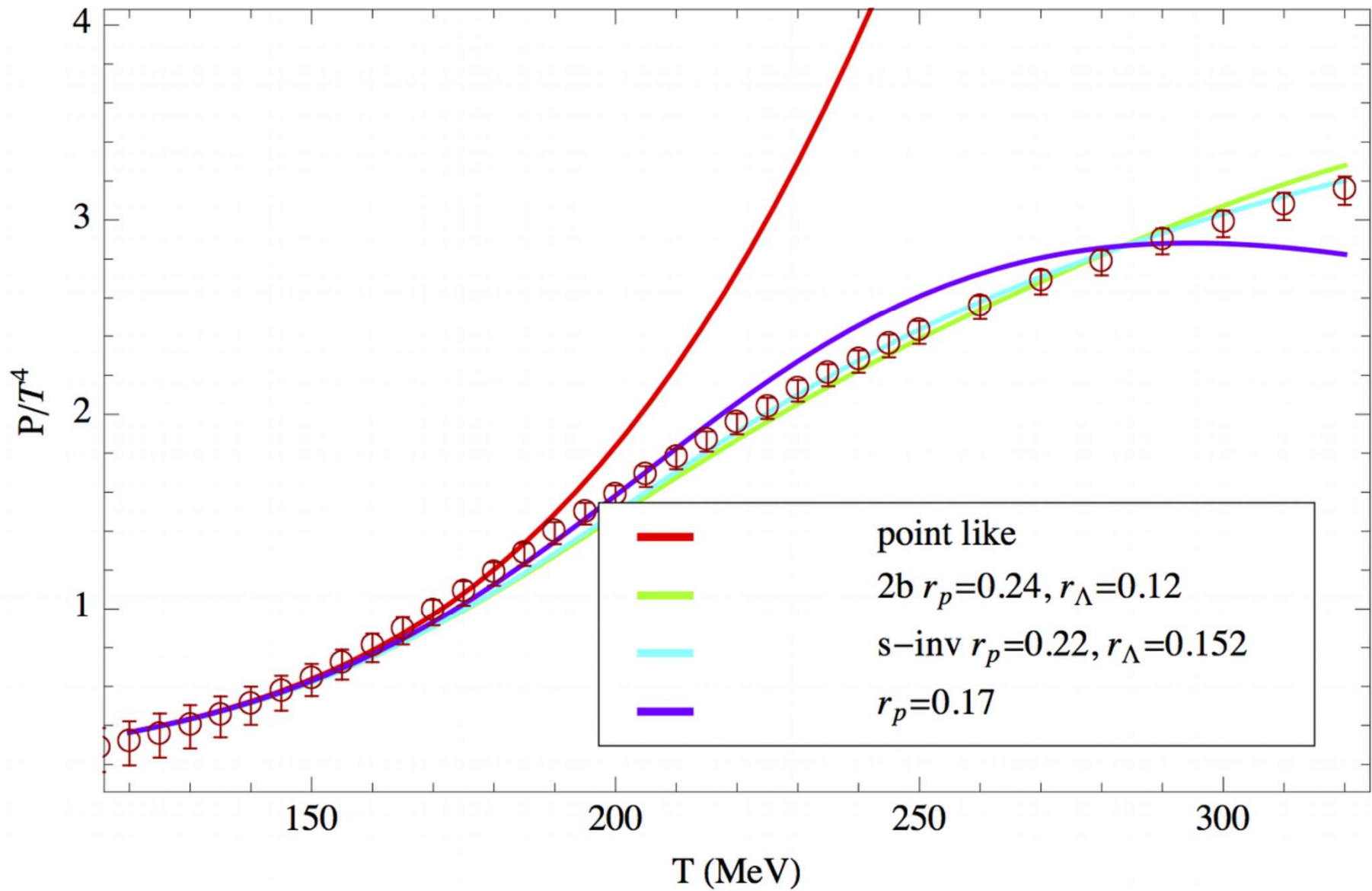


Lattice data may play role in constraining VDW parameters for different.

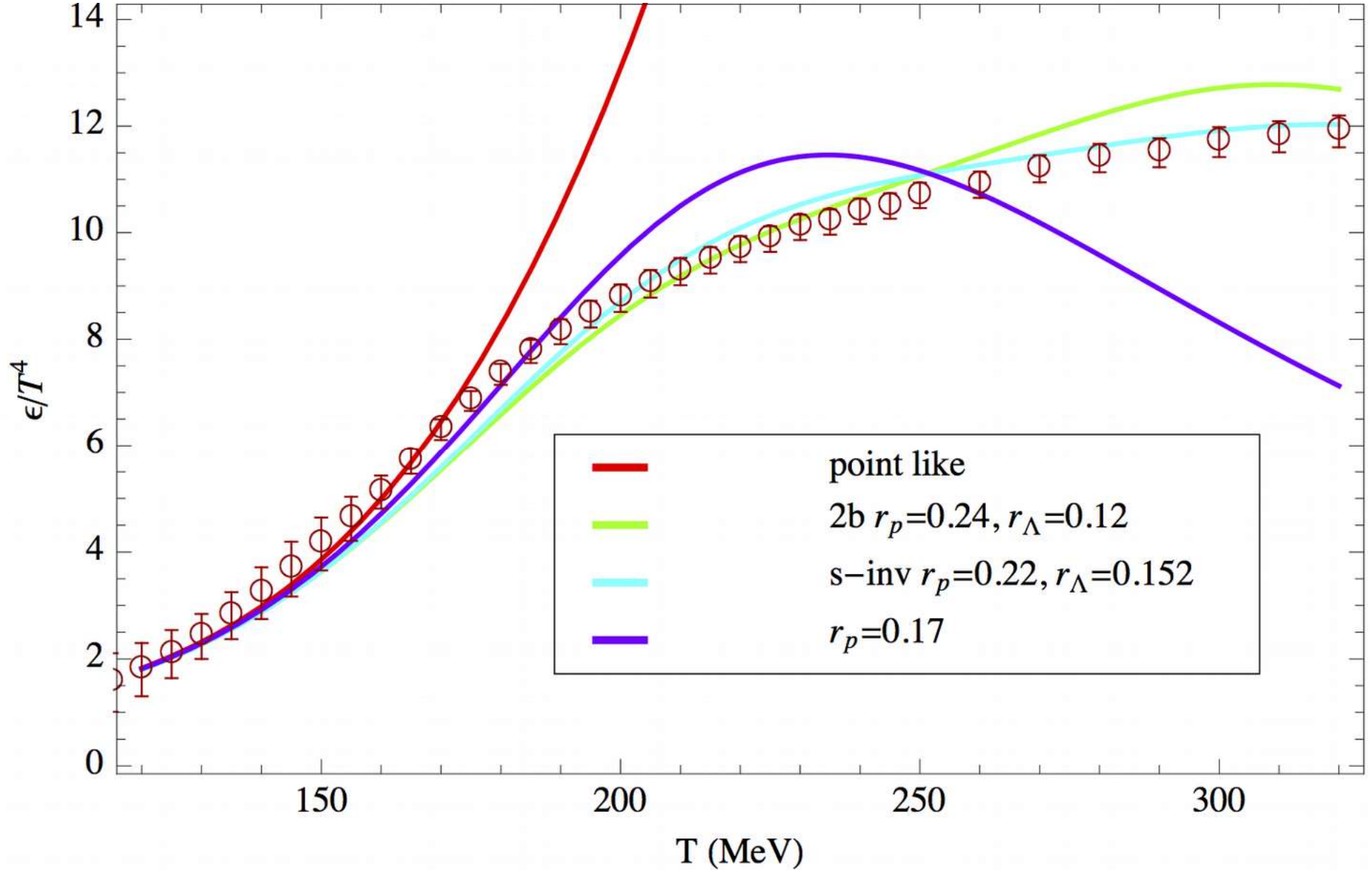
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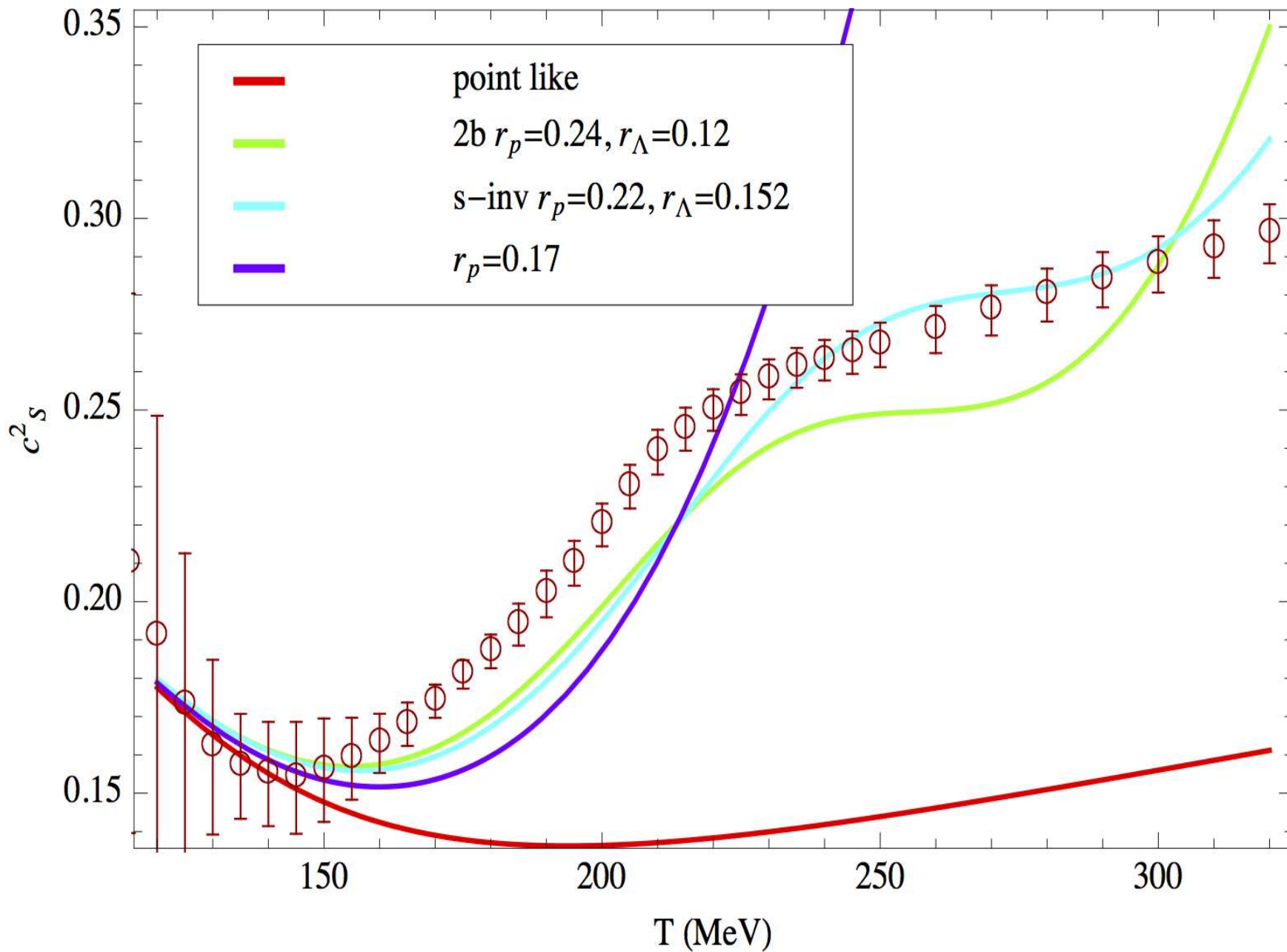
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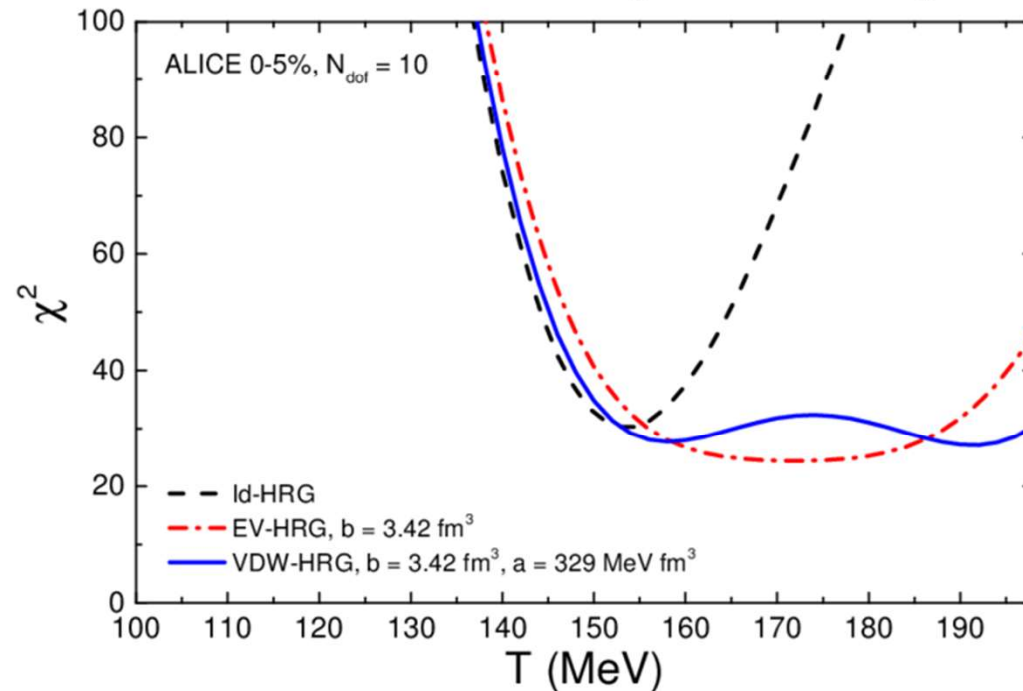
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VDW-HRG: influence on hadron ratios

VDW interactions change relative hadron yields

Thermal fit to ALICE hadron yields: from pions to Ω

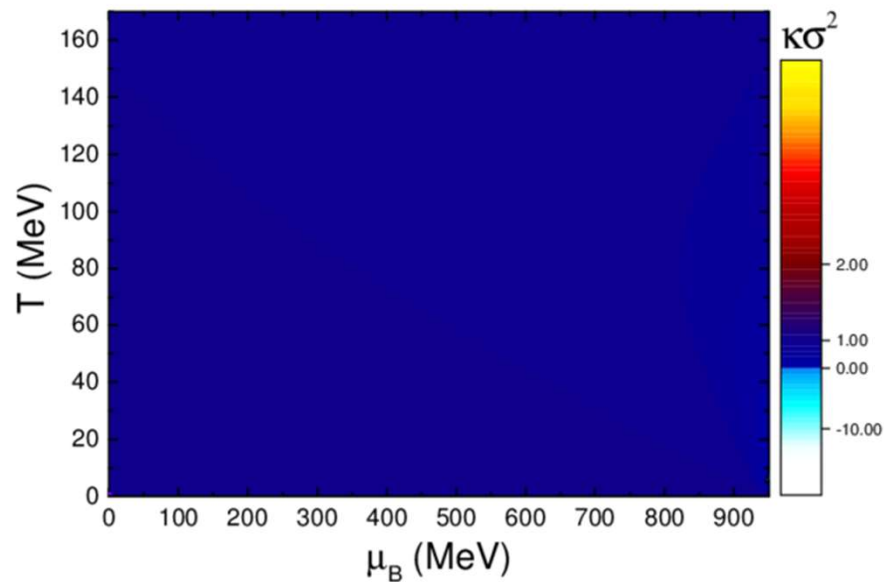


- Fit quality slightly better in EV-HRG/VDW-HRG vs Id-HRG but very different picture!
- All temperatures between 150 and 200 MeV yield similarly fair data description in VDW-HRG
- Results likely to be sensitive to further modifications, e.g for strangeness

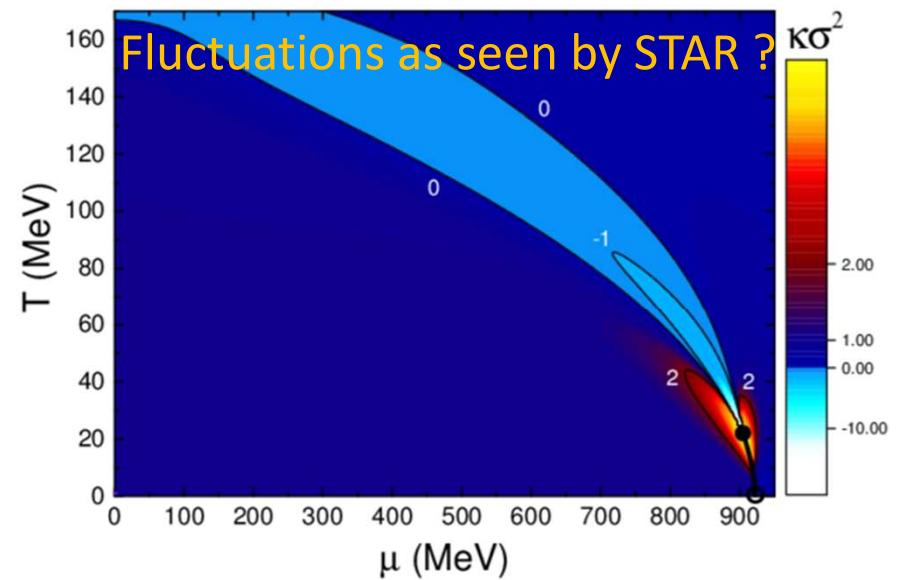
VDW-HRG at finite μ_B

Net-baryon fluctuations in T - μ plane: χ_4^B/χ_2^B

Id-HRG



VDW-HRG



- Almost no effect in Id-HRG, only Fermi statistics
- Rather rich structure for VDW-HRG
- Likely relevant for net-baryon fluctuations in RHIC

Summary

Hot Stuff – What Stuff?

- Lattice QCD predicts NO phase transition at $\mu=0$
- EoS show Cross Over from $T=150-230$ MeV
- Switching functions Wooley 1959, Kapusta 2014
- Hadrons dominate up to $T=180$ MeV, then more pQCD/HTL
- EV HRG w. cross terms \sim Lattice QCD up to $T\sim 220$ MeV
Fluctuations: ideal gas fails - interacting HRG big improvement
- Double Bag Model splits „strange“ Hadrons

„CP“ in STAR - Liquid Vapor 1.O.Phase Transition at 19 MeV

More...

Summary

- VDW equation provides **simple insight** on fluctuations near CP
- **Nuclear matter** can be described as VDW equation with Fermi statistics
- VDW interactions between baryons have strong influence on **fluctuations of conserved charges** in the crossover region within HRG
- VDW-HRG captures **basic features** of both lattice results at $\mu = 0$ and nuclear matter properties
- Freeze-out parameters extracted from thermal fits within ideal HRG are **not unique**, procedure sensitive to modeling of VDW interactions
- Interpretation of results obtained within standard **ideal HRG** should be done with extreme care