

Baryon electric charge correlation as a magnetometer of QCD

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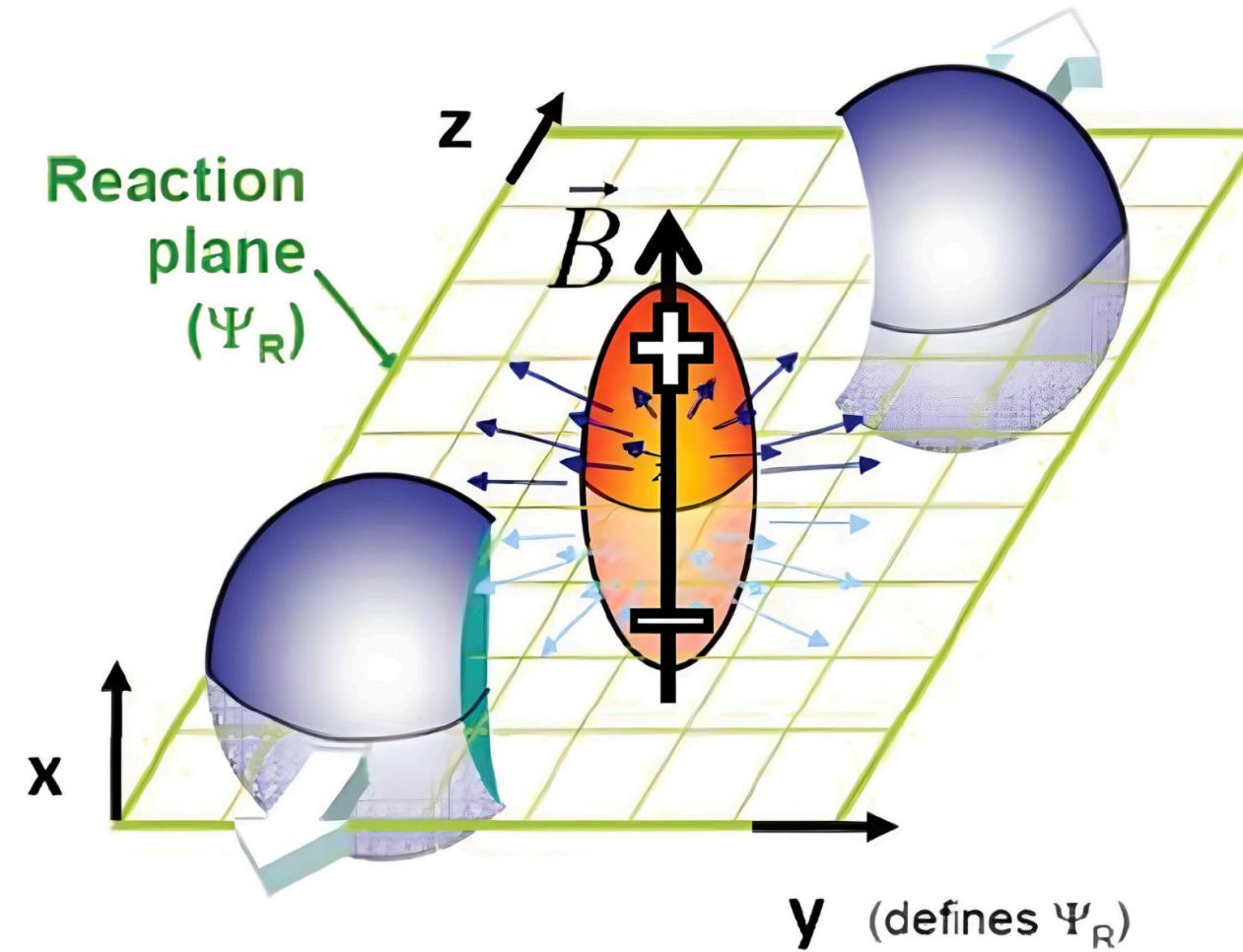
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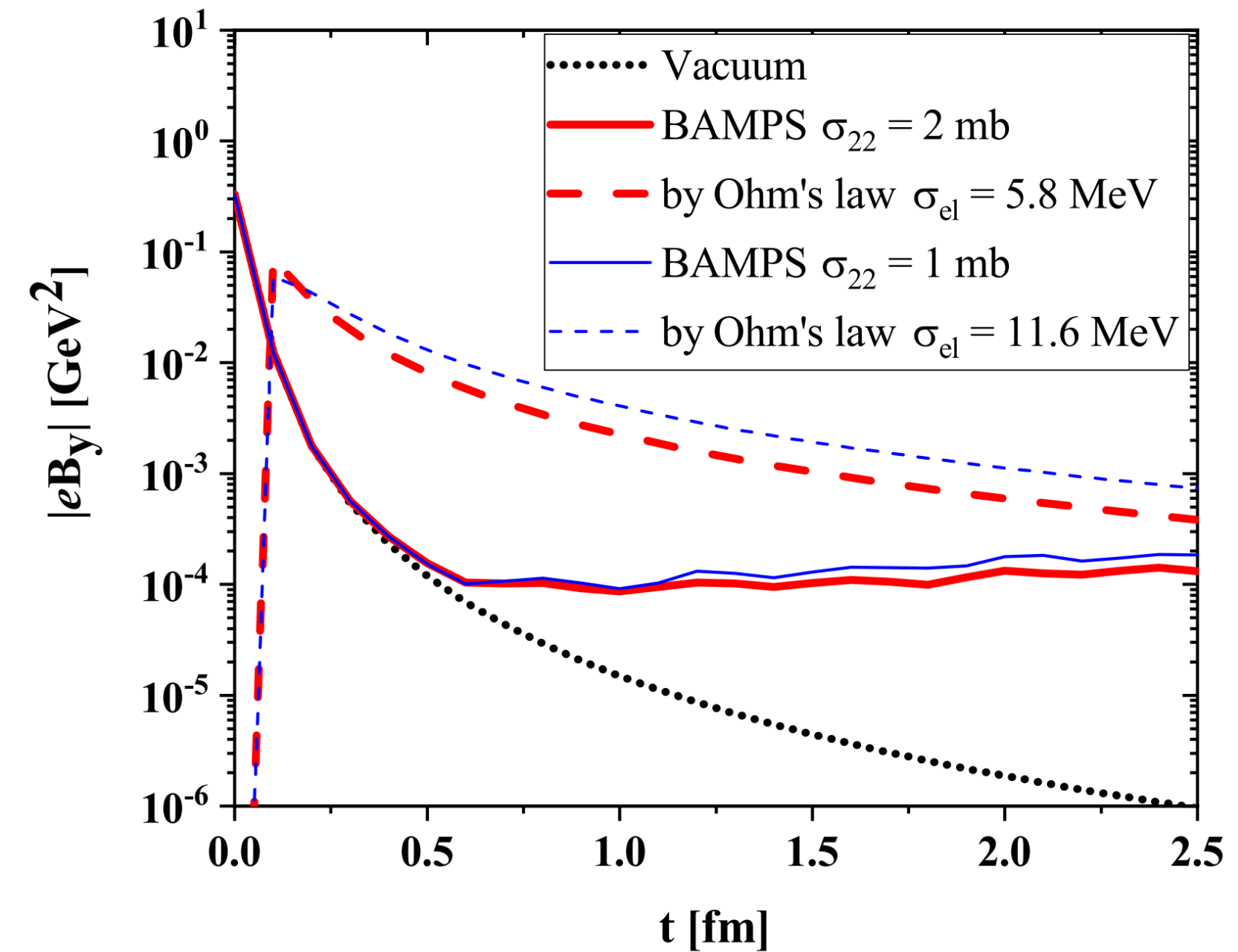
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Strong magnetic fields in heavy-ion collisions



$$eB_{\tau=0} \sim 5 M_\pi^2 \text{ in RHIC} \quad eB_{\tau=0} \sim 70 M_\pi^2 \text{ in LHC}$$

W.-T. Deng et al. Phys.Rev.C 85 (2012) 044907

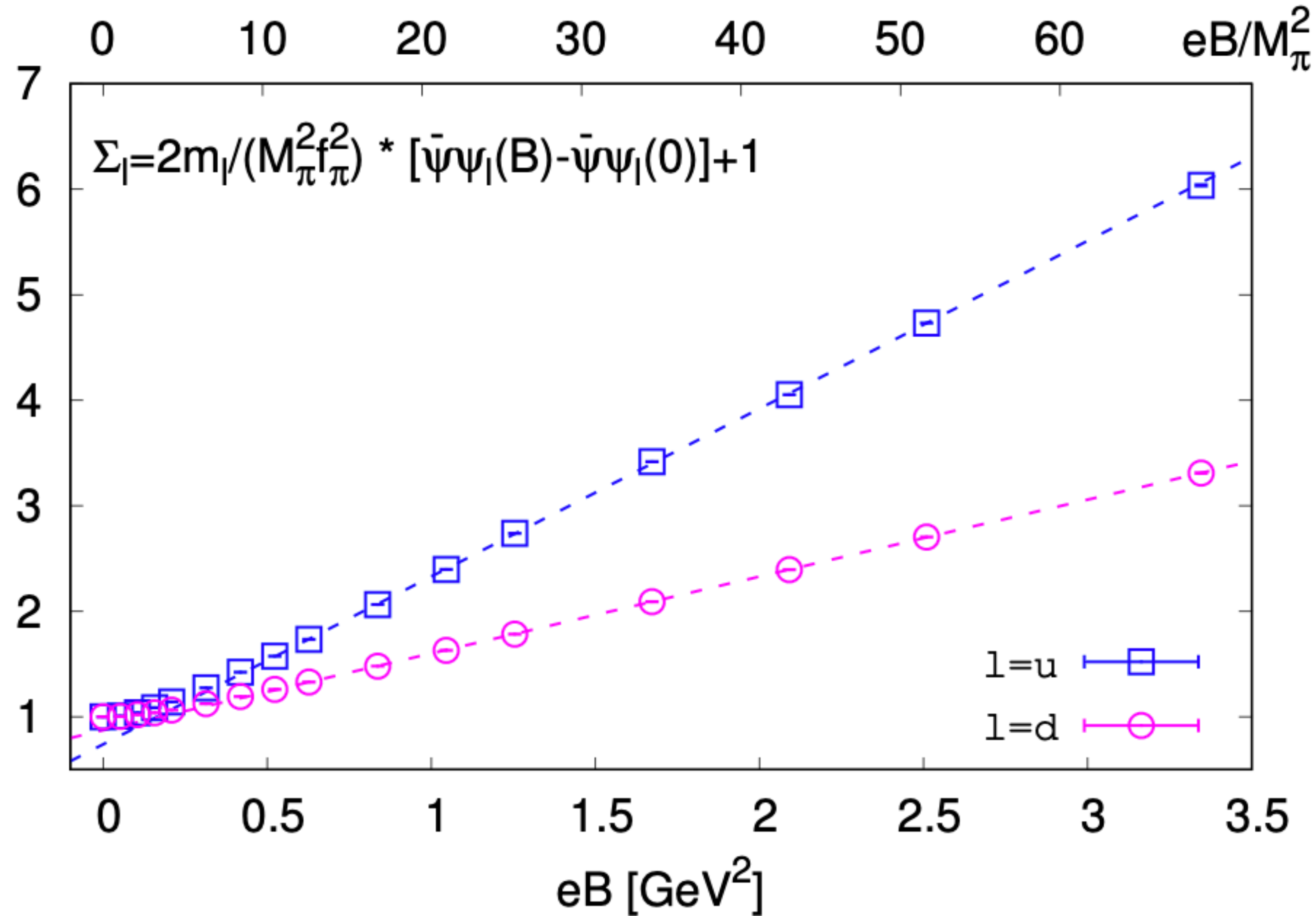


Z. Wang et al. Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022) L041901

The magnetic field is the key ingredient for the chiral magnetic effect

Questions: What observables are suitable as probes for magnetic fields?

Isospin symmetry breaking at $eB \neq 0$ manifested in chiral condensates



A clear effect but Not accessible in HIC experiments!

H.-T.Ding, S.-T. Li, A. Tomiya, X.-D. Wang and Y. Zhang, *Phys.Rev.D* 104 (2021) 1, 014505

Fluctuations of net baryon number, electric charge and strangeness

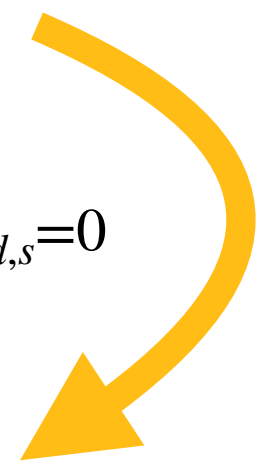
Taylor expansion of the QCD pressure:

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \ln \mathcal{Z} (T, V, \hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\mu}_d, \hat{\mu}_s) = \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}}}{i!j!k!} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^i \left(\frac{\mu_Q}{T}\right)^j \left(\frac{\mu_S}{T}\right)^k$$

C. Allton et al., Phys.Rev. D66 (2002) 074507

Taylor expansion coefficients at $\mu = 0$ are computable in LQCD

$$\chi_{ijk}^{uds} = \frac{\partial^{i+j+k} p/T^4}{\partial (\mu_u/T)^i \partial (\mu_d/T)^j \partial (\mu_s/T)^k} \Bigg|_{\mu_{u,d,s}=0}$$

$$\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} = \frac{\partial^{i+j+k} p/T^4}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^i \partial (\mu_Q/T)^j \partial (\mu_S/T)^k} \Bigg|_{\mu_{B,Q,S}=0}$$


$$\mu_u = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B + \frac{2}{3}\mu_Q$$

$$\mu_d = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q$$

$$\mu_s = \frac{1}{3}\mu_B - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q - \mu_S$$

LQCD: H.-T.Ding, F. Karsch, S.Mukherjee, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E 24 (2015) no.10, 1530007
Exp.: X.-F. Luo & N. Xu, Nucl. Sci. Tech. 28 (2017) 112

μ_Q can be expanded as $\hat{\mu}_Q = q_1 \hat{\mu}_B + q_3 \hat{\mu}_B^3 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^5)$, and the leading order coefficient:

$$q_1 = \frac{r (\chi_2^B \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{BS}) - (\chi_{11}^{BQ} \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{QS})}{(\chi_2^Q \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{QS} \chi_{11}^{QS}) - r (\chi_{11}^{BQ} \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{QS})}$$

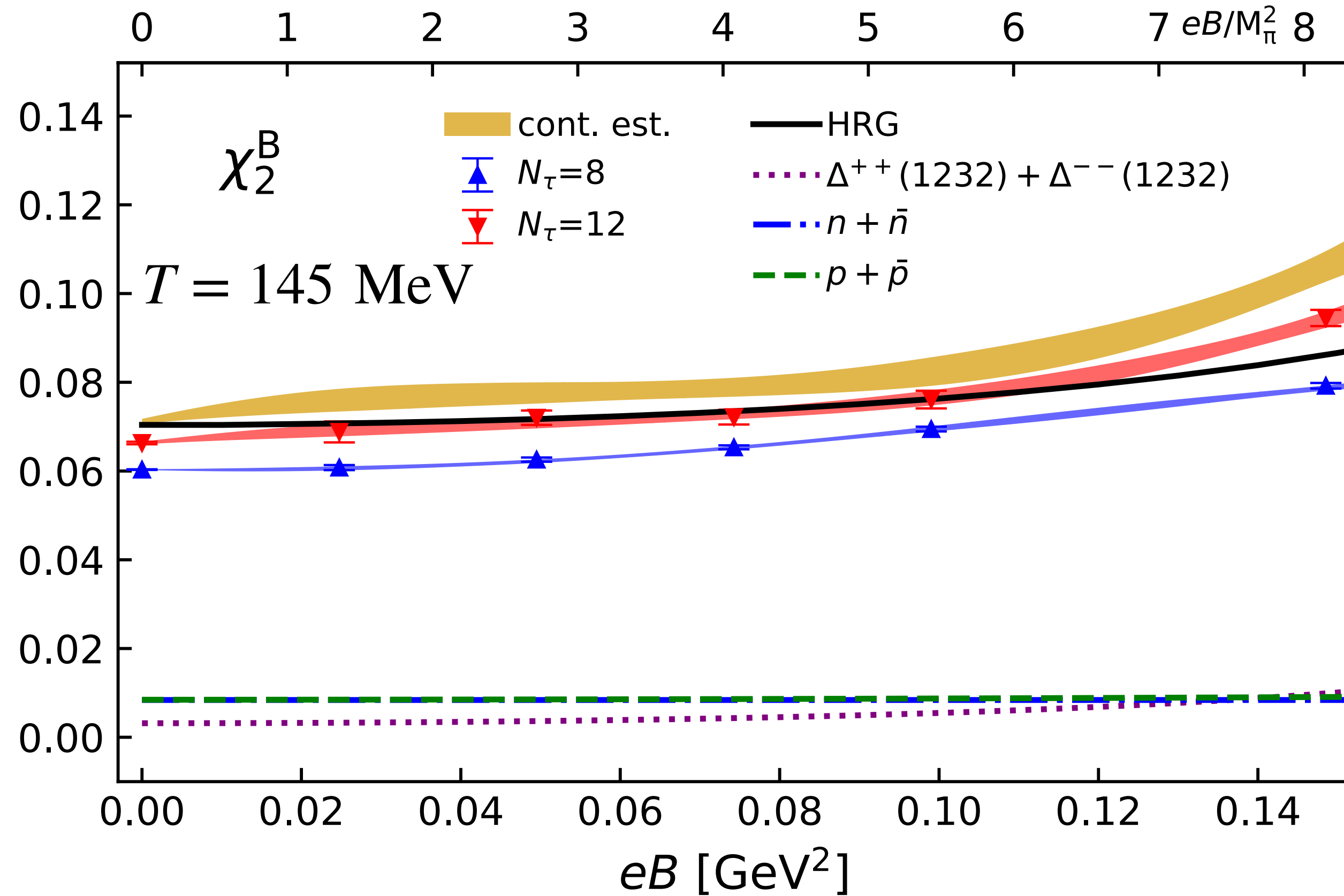
A. Bazavov et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012) 192302

with $r = n_Q/n_B$ is the ratio of net electric charge to net baryon number density in the colliding nuclei

- ◆ Highly improved staggered fermions and a tree-level improved Symanzik gauge action
- ◆ $N_f = 2 + 1$
- ◆ Lattice sizes : $32^3 \times 8, 48^3 \times 12$
- ◆ $m_s^{\text{phy}}/m_l = 27, M_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV}$
- ◆ T window : (144 MeV, 165 MeV), i.e. $(0.9T_{pc}, 1.1T_{pc})$
- ◆ eB window: $0 \leq eB < 9M_\pi^2$

$$eB = \frac{6\pi N_b}{N_x N_y} a^{-2}, \quad N_b = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$$

2nd order fluctuations below the transition temperature



❖ χ_2^B increases $\sim 45\%$ at $eB \sim 8M_\pi^2$

❖ Hadron Resonance Gas model (HRG):
Pressure arising from charged hadrons
($eB \neq 0$):

$$\frac{p_c^{M/B}}{T^4} = \frac{|q_i| B}{2\pi^2 T^3} \sum_{s_z=-s_i}^{s_i} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\pm 1)^{n+1} \frac{e^{n\mu_i/T}}{n} K_1 \left(\frac{n\varepsilon_0}{T} \right)$$

where $\varepsilon_0 = \sqrt{m_i^2 + 2 |q_i| B (l + 1/2 - s_z)}$,
 K_1 is the first-order modified Bessel function

Proxy construction based on the HRG

$\Delta^{++}(1232) \rightarrow p + \pi^+$: branching ratio almost **100%** !

HRG: Fluctuations expressed in terms of stable hadronic states:

$$\chi_{ijk}^{\text{BQS}} \left(T, \hat{\mu}_B, \hat{\mu}_Q, \hat{\mu}_S \right) = \sum_R B_R^i Q_R^j S_R^k \frac{\partial^l p_R / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^l}$$

net- B : $\tilde{p} + \tilde{n} + \tilde{\Lambda} + \tilde{\Sigma}^+ + \tilde{\Sigma}^- + \tilde{\Xi}^0 + \tilde{\Xi}^- + \tilde{\Omega}^-$
 net- Q : $\tilde{\pi}^+ + \tilde{K}^+ + \tilde{p} + \tilde{\Sigma}^+ - \tilde{\Sigma}^- - \tilde{\Xi}^- - \tilde{\Omega}^-$
 net- S : $\tilde{K}^+ + \tilde{K}^0 - \tilde{\Lambda} - \tilde{\Sigma}^+ - \tilde{\Sigma}^- - 2\tilde{\Xi}^0 - 2\tilde{\Xi}^- - 3\tilde{\Omega}^-$

B_R, Q_R, S_R are the baryon number, electric charge and strangeness of the species R

R. Bellwied et al., Phys. Rev. D 101, 034506 (2020)

In HIC, fluctuations are related to the variance or covariance of net-multiplicity for Identified π, K, p

e.g. the proxy for χ_{11}^{BQ} is $\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}, p}^{1,1} = \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_{p,\pi}^{1,1} + \sigma_{p,K}^{1,1}$

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In HRG:

$$\sigma_p^2 = \sum_R \left(P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \left(P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p_R / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^2}$$

$$\sigma_{p,\pi}^{1,1} = \sum_R \left(P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \left(P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}^+} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p_R / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^2}$$

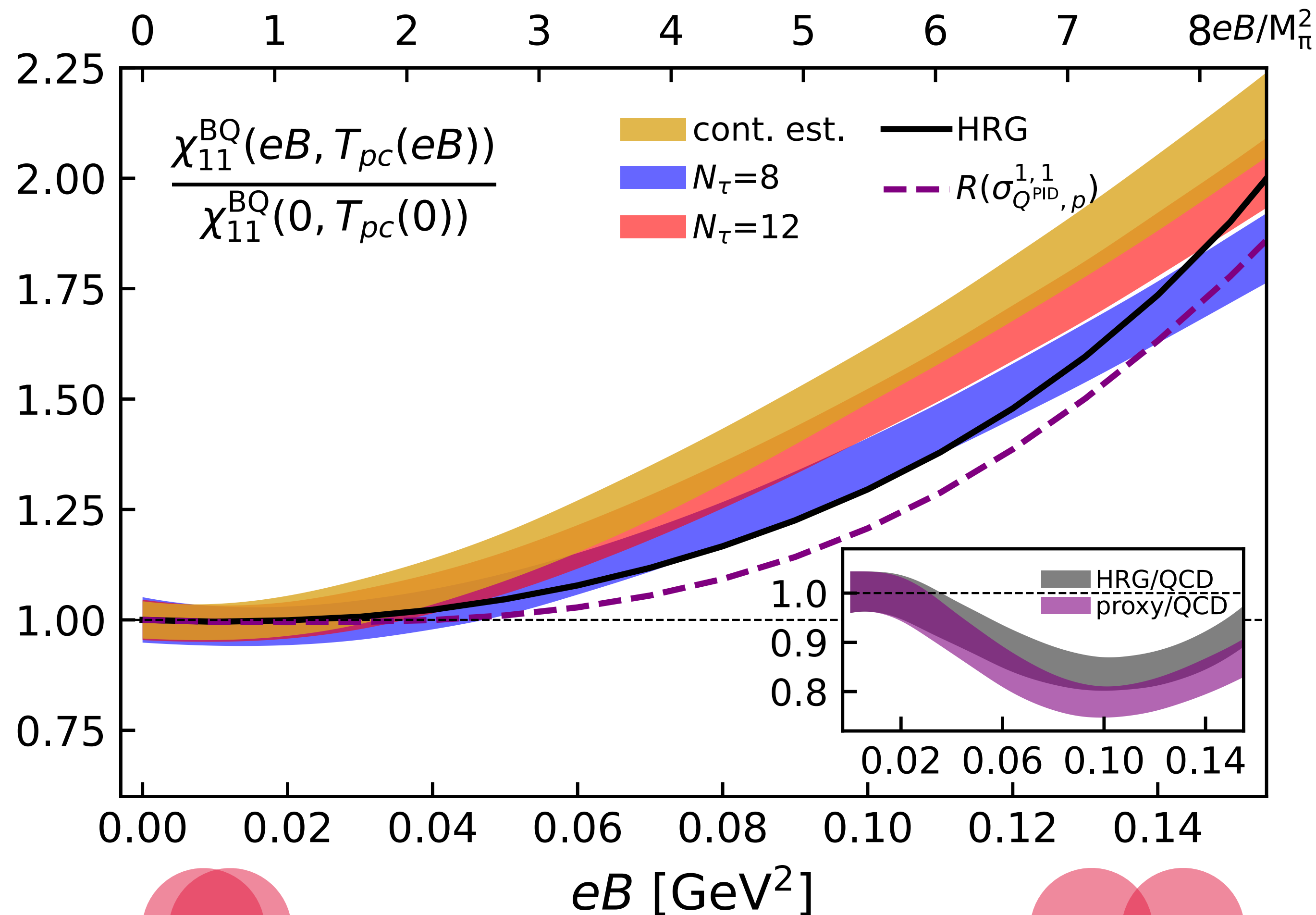
$$\sigma_{p,K}^{1,1} = \sum_R \left(P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{p}} \right) \left(P_{R \rightarrow \tilde{K}^+} \right) \frac{\partial^2 p_R / T^4}{\partial \hat{\mu}_R^2}$$

where $P_{R \rightarrow i} = \sum_{\alpha} N_{R \rightarrow i}^{\alpha} n_{i,\alpha}^R$

$n_{i,\alpha}^R$: numbers of i produced by R in decay channel α

$N_{R \rightarrow i}^{\alpha}$: Branching ratio of channel α

Proxy for χ_{11}^{BQ} along the transition line



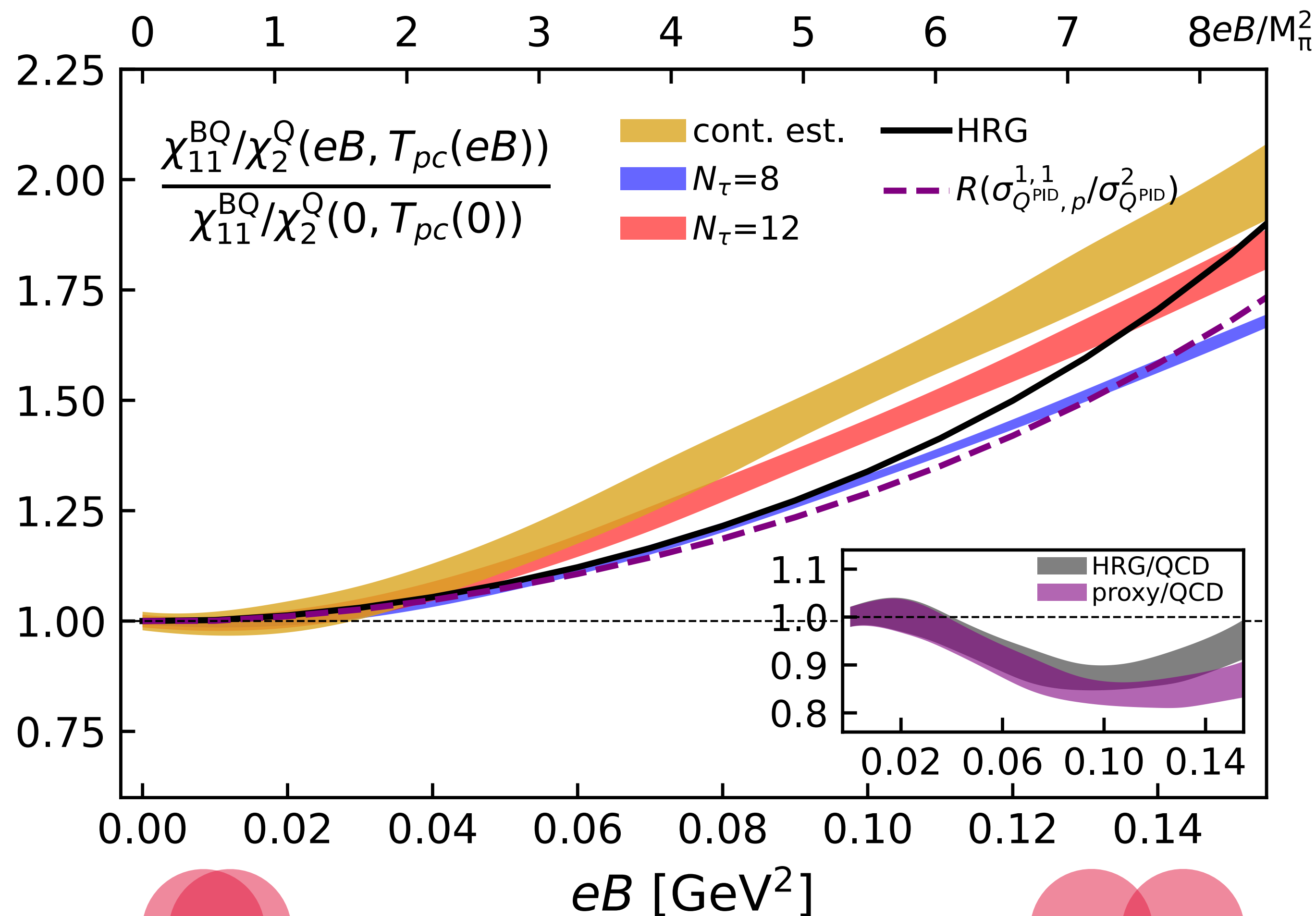
◆ At $eB \simeq 8M_\pi^2$, ratio of $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}} \sim 2.1$

$$R(\sigma_{Q^{PID},p}^{1,1}) = \sigma_{Q^{PID},p}^{1,1}(eB) / \sigma_{Q^{PID},p}^{1,1}(eB = 0)$$

◆ The proxy $R(\sigma_{Q^{PID},p}^{1,1})$ can represent **80~85%** of the LQCD results

◆ $R(\sigma_{Q^{PID},p}^{1,1})$ is a **reasonable** proxy for χ_{11}^{BQ}

Proxy for $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}/\chi_2^{\text{Q}}$ along the transition line

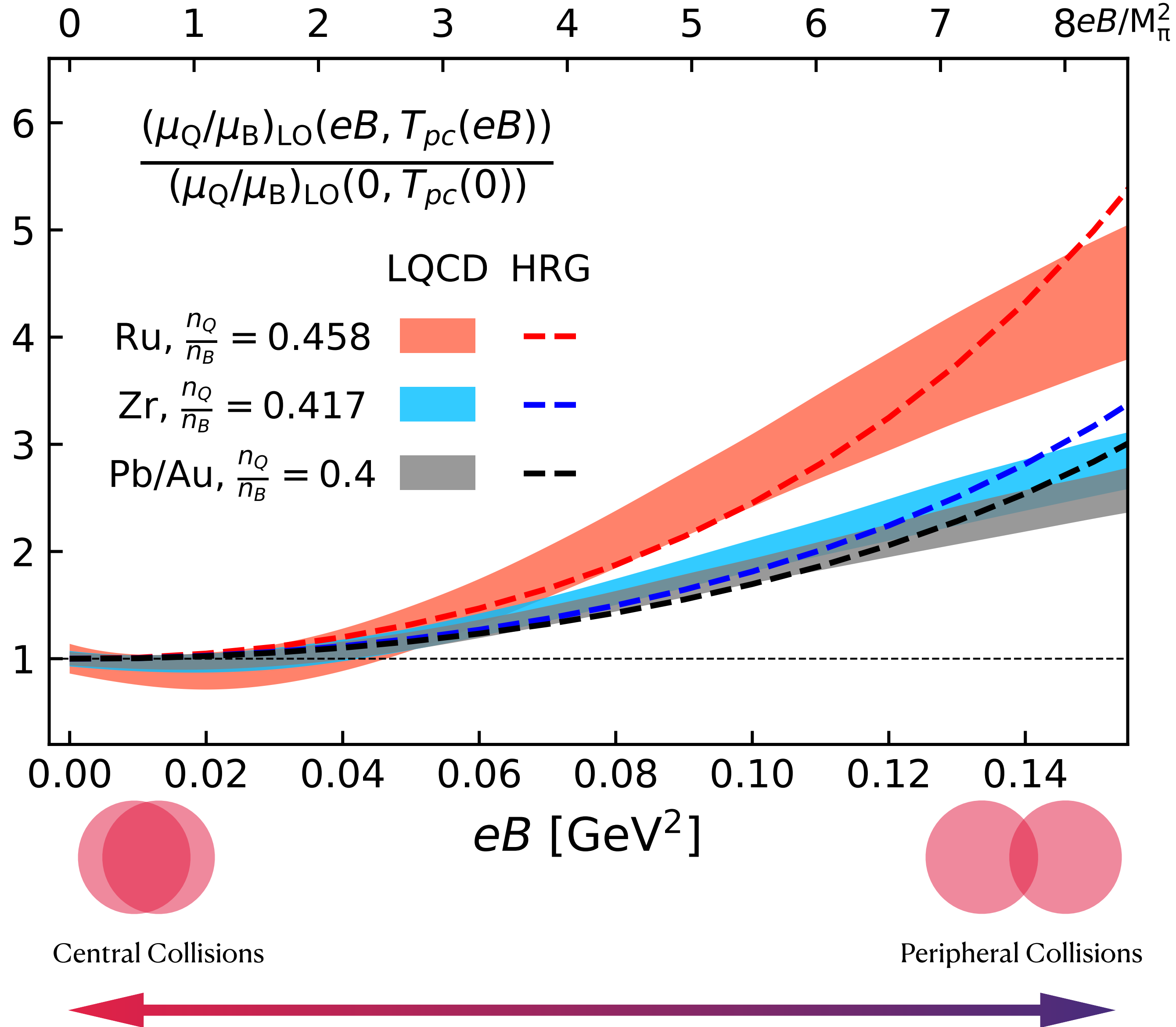


◆ At $eB \simeq 8M_\pi^2$, ratio of $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}/\chi_2^{\text{Q}} \sim 1.9$

◆ The proxy $R(\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}},p}^{1,1}/\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}}}^2)$ can represent $\sim 85\%$ of the LQCD results

◆ $R(\sigma_{Q^{\text{PID}},p}^{1,1}/\sigma_p^2)$ is a **reasonable** proxy for $\chi_{11}^{\text{BQ}}/\chi_2^{\text{Q}}$

Dependence of $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$ on the magnetic field



$$\hat{\mu}_Q/\hat{\mu}_B = q_1 + q_3 \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^4)$$

$$q_1 = \frac{r (\chi_2^B \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{BS}) - (\chi_{11}^{BQ} \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{QS})}{(\chi_2^Q \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{QS} \chi_{11}^{QS}) - r (\chi_{11}^{BQ} \chi_2^S - \chi_{11}^{BS} \chi_{11}^{QS})}$$

$$r = n_Q/n_B$$

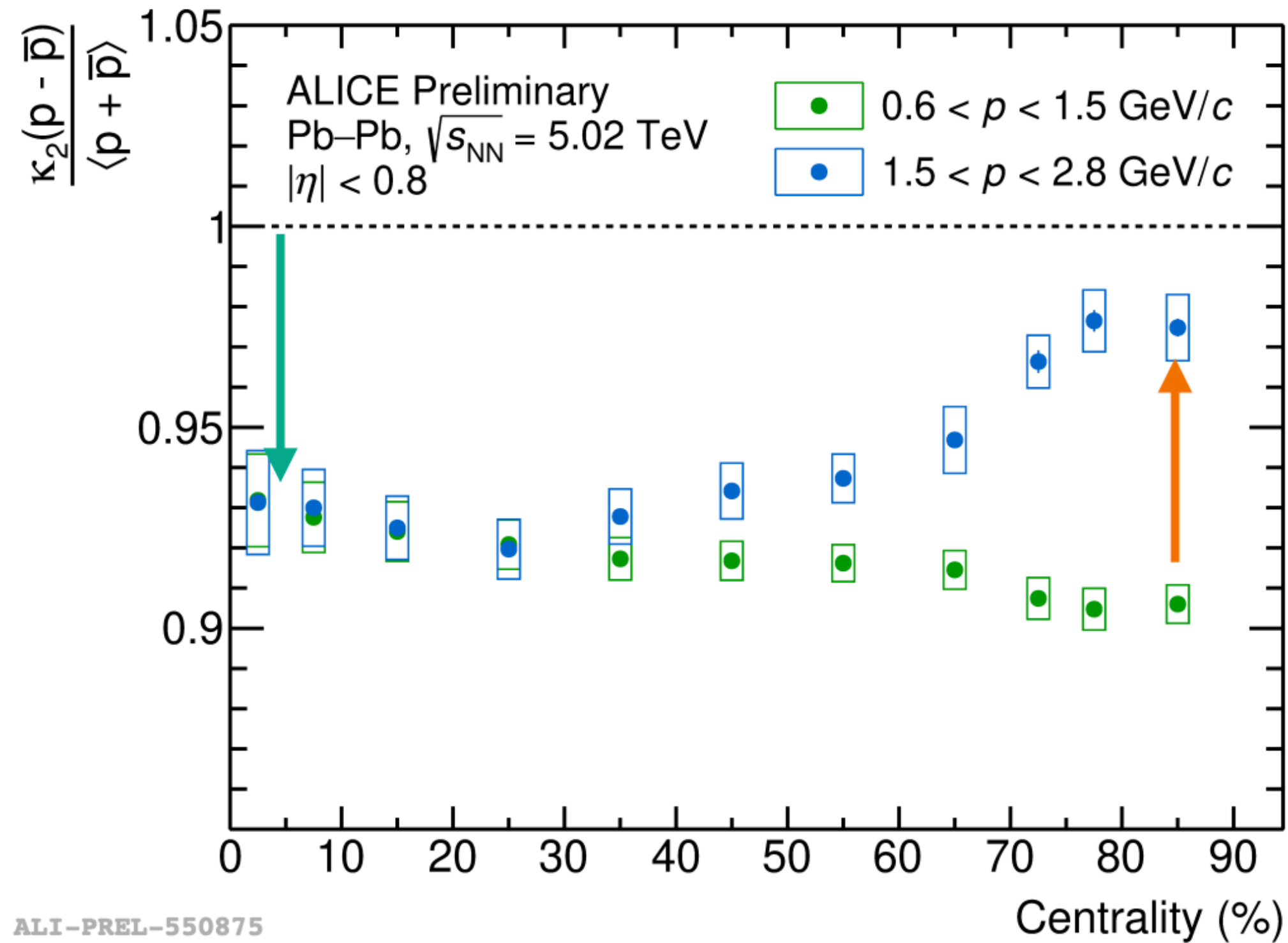
◆ At $eB \simeq 8M_\pi^2$,

Ratio of $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$ for Pb, Au, Zr ~ 2.4

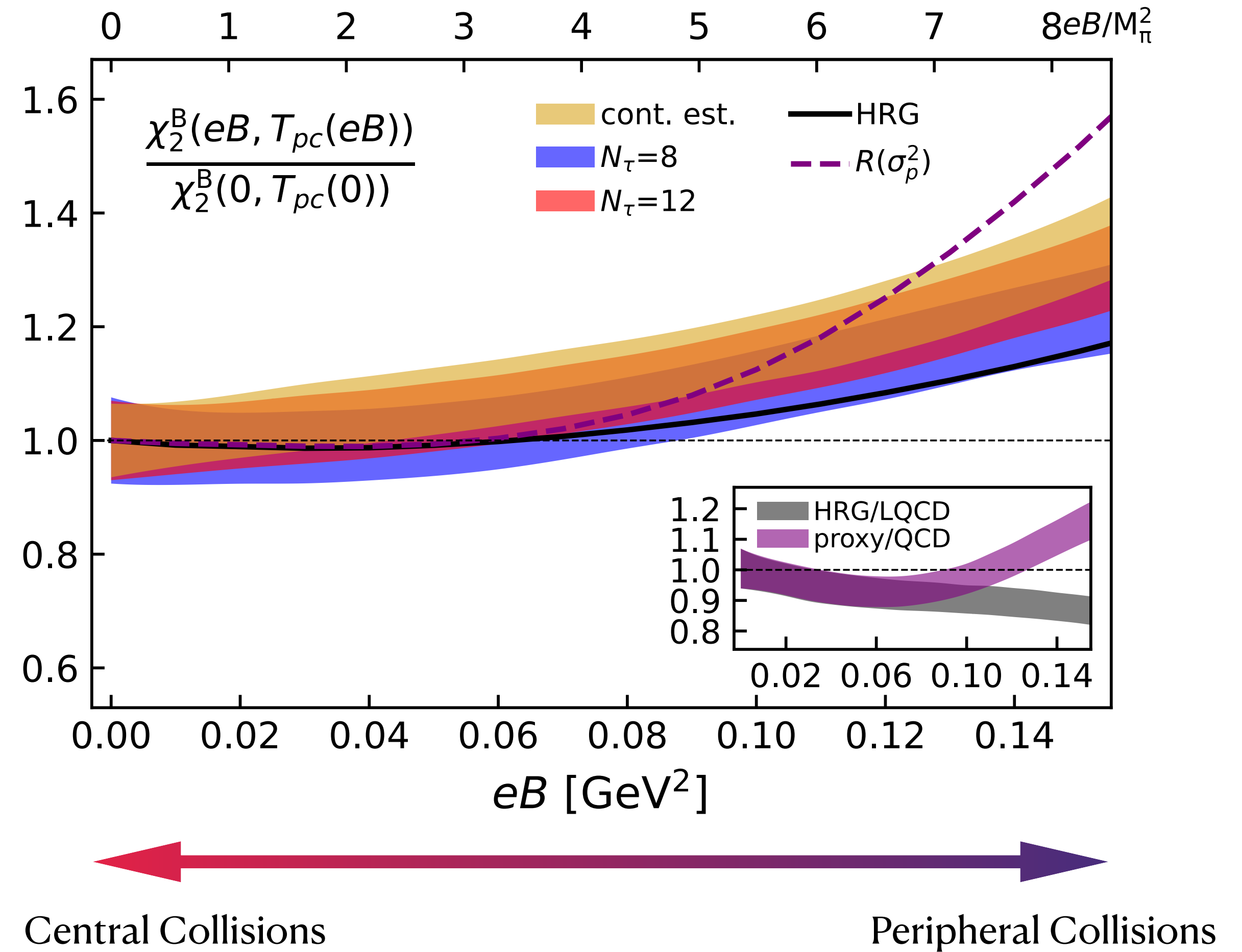
Ratio of $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$ for **Ru** ~ 4

Lattice QCD meets experiments

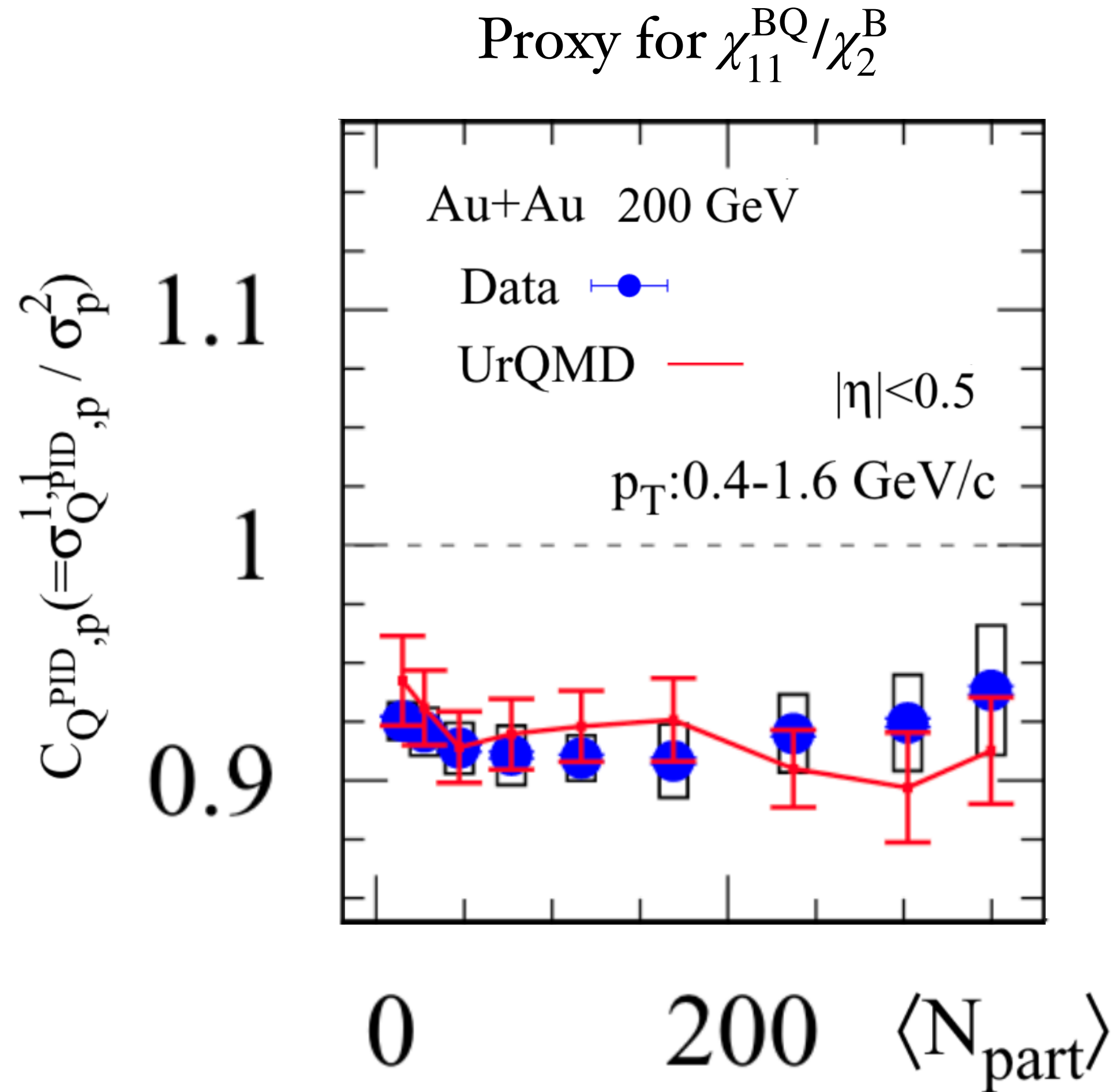
Proxy for χ_2^B



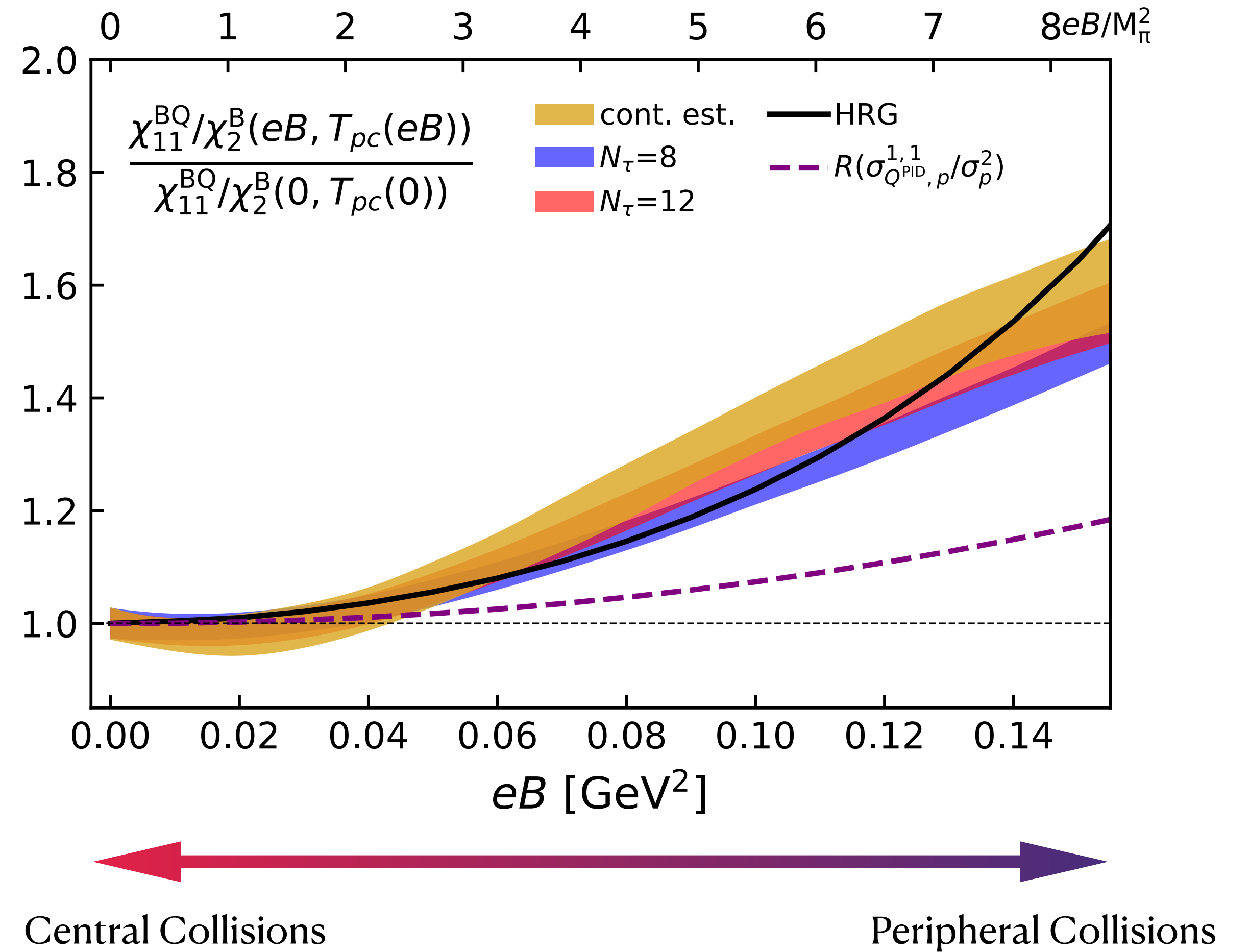
I. Fokin et al. (ALICE Collaboration) @ Quark Matter 2023



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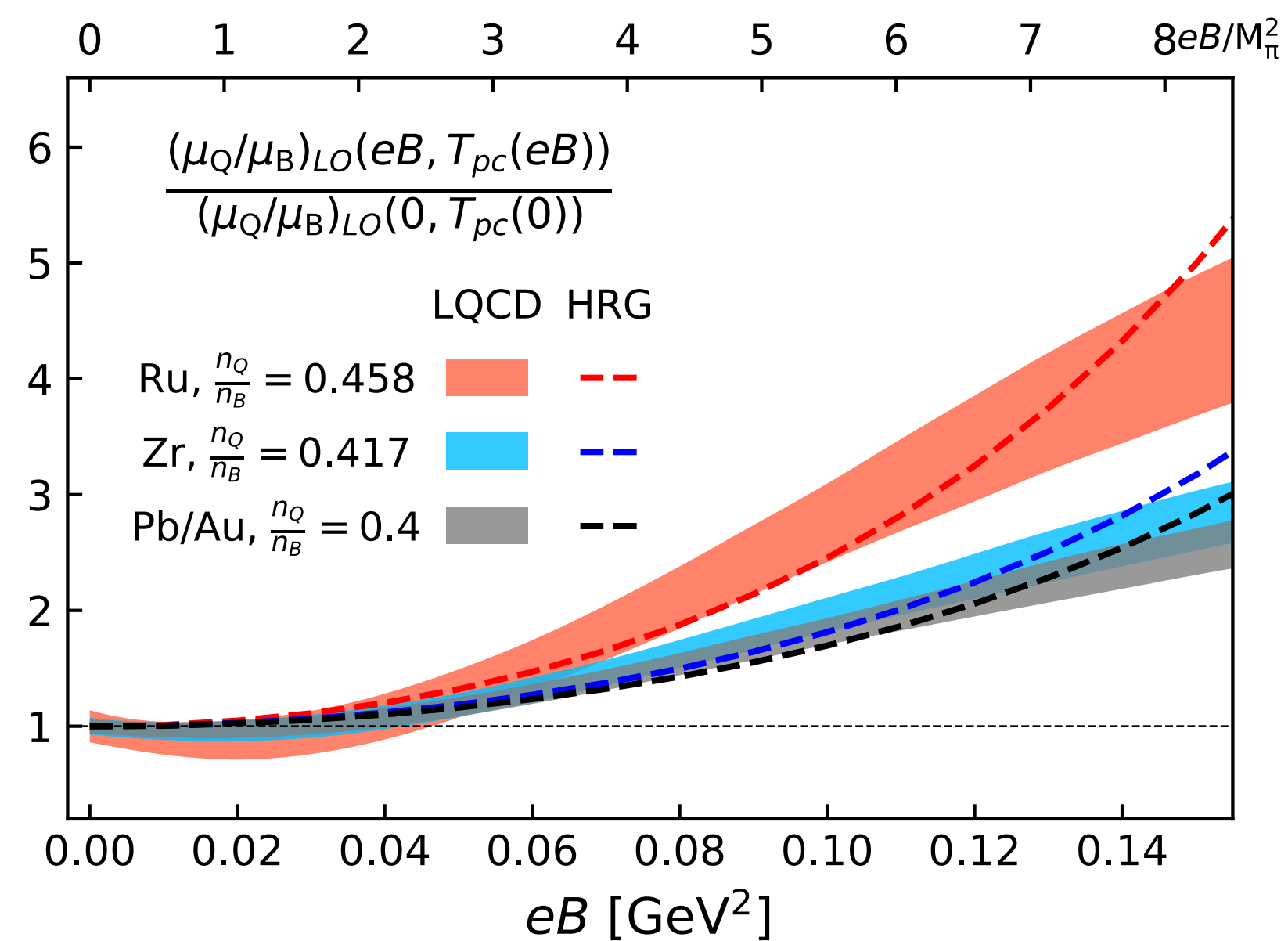
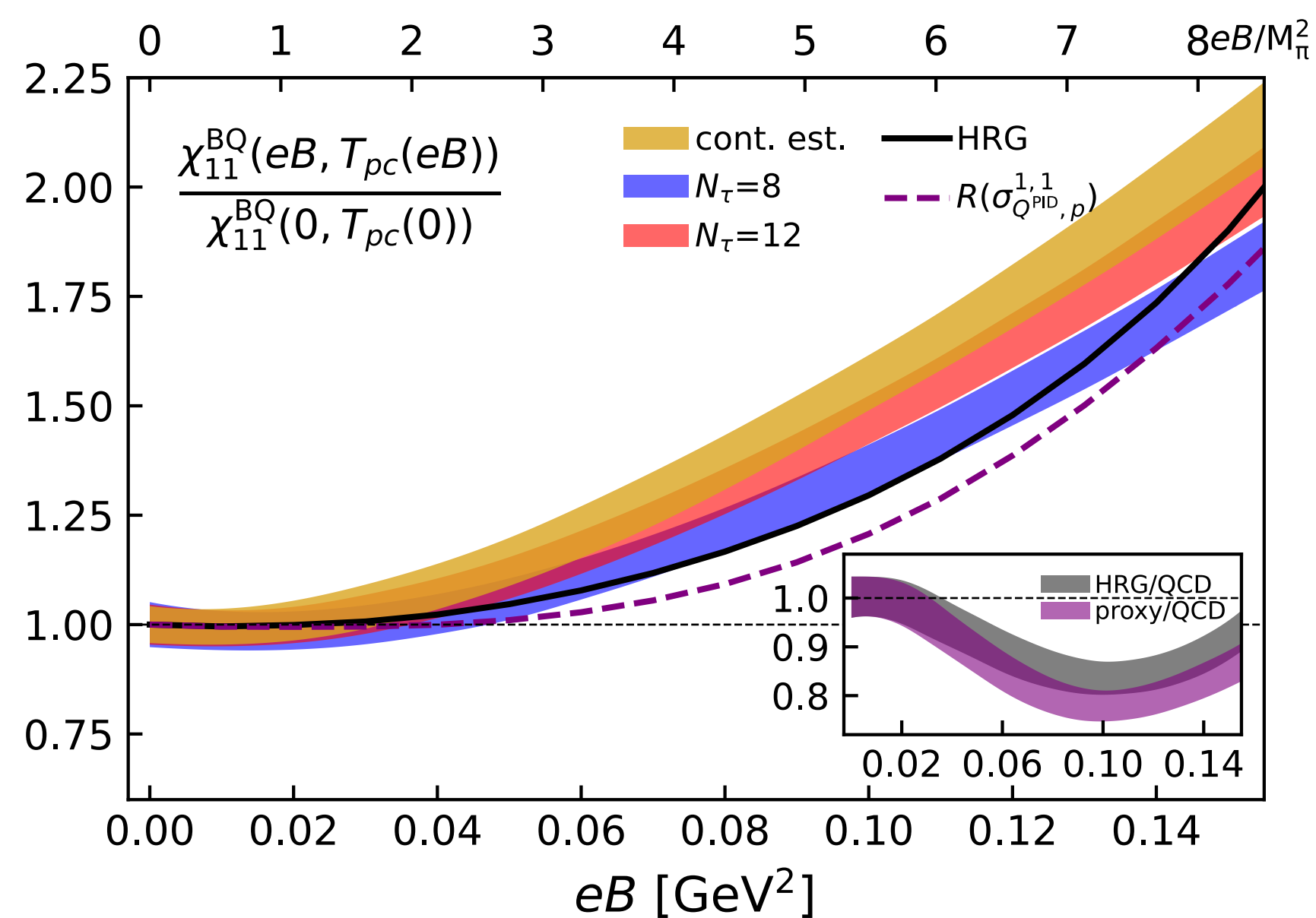


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Summary and outlook

- QCD benchmarks are provided for the 2nd order fluctuations of conserved charges based on LQCD computation on $N_\tau=8$ and 12 lattices
- χ_{11}^{BQ} is strongly affected by eB , and a reasonable proxy is provided for measurement in HIC
- The μ_Q/μ_B show a significant dependence on the magnetic field and is sensitive to the initial n_Q/n_B



- Computation of 4th order fluctuations is on the way

Backup

B pointing to the z direction

$$u_x(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = \begin{cases} \exp[-iqa^2BN_xn_y] & (n_x = N_x - 1) \\ 1 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$$

$$u_y(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = \exp[iqa^2Bn_x]$$

$$u_z(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = u_t(n_x, n_y, n_z, n_\tau) = 1$$

No sign problem !

Quantization of the magnetic field

$$\begin{aligned} q_u &= 2/3 e \\ q_d &= -1/3 e \\ q_s &= -1/3 e \end{aligned}$$



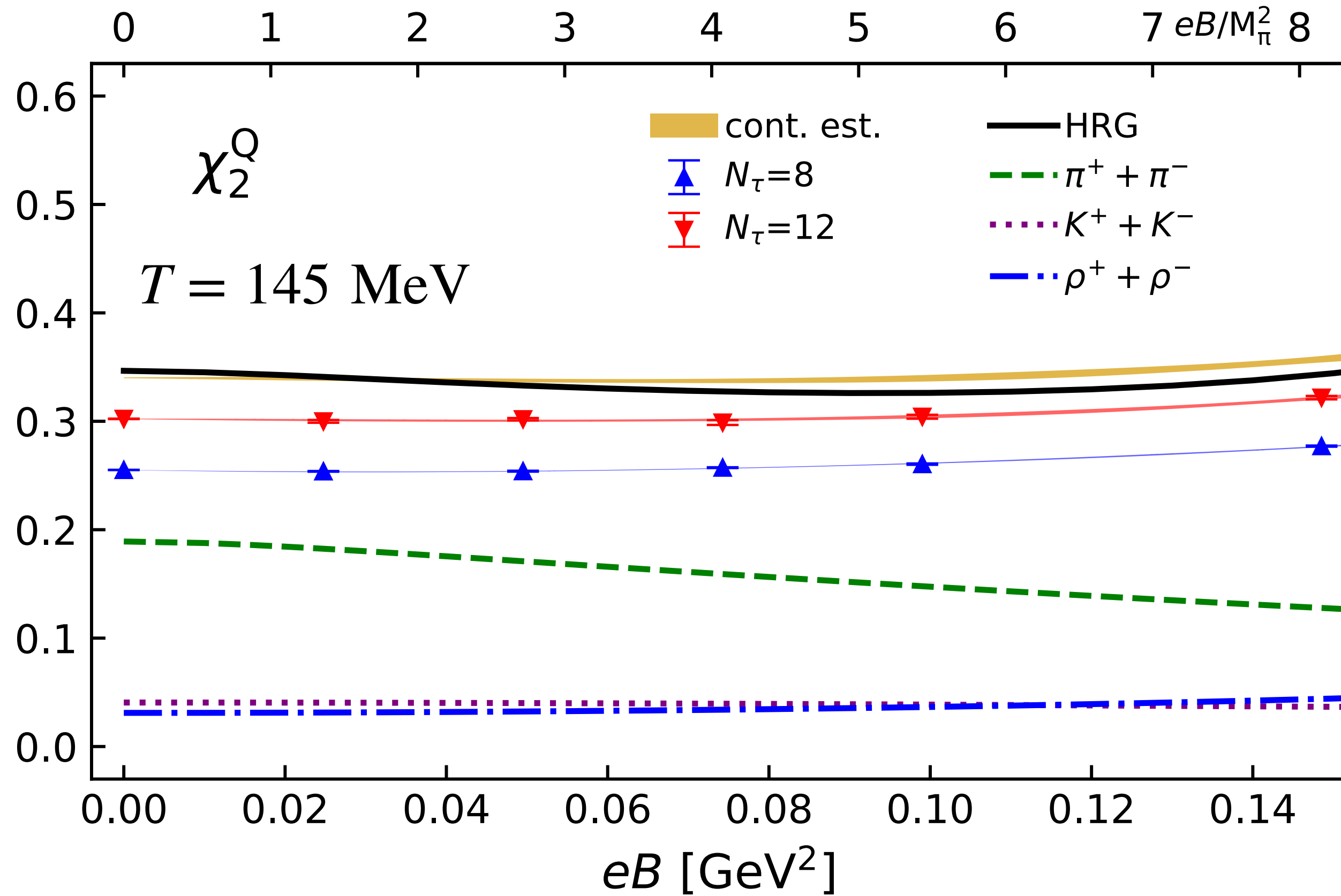
$$eB = \frac{6\pi N_b}{N_x N_y} a^{-2}$$

a is changed to get the targeted T , $T = \frac{1}{aN_\tau}$

- Statistics($eB \neq 0$): $N_\tau=8$: ~ 40000 ($\#N_{\text{rv}}$: 603)
 $N_\tau=12$: ~ 5000 ($\#N_{\text{rv}}$: 102 \sim 705)

Landau gauge
 G.S. Bali, F. Bruckmann, G. Endrodi, Z. Fodor, S.D. Katz,
 S. Krieg et al., JHEP 02 (2012) 044.

2nd order fluctuations below the transition temperature

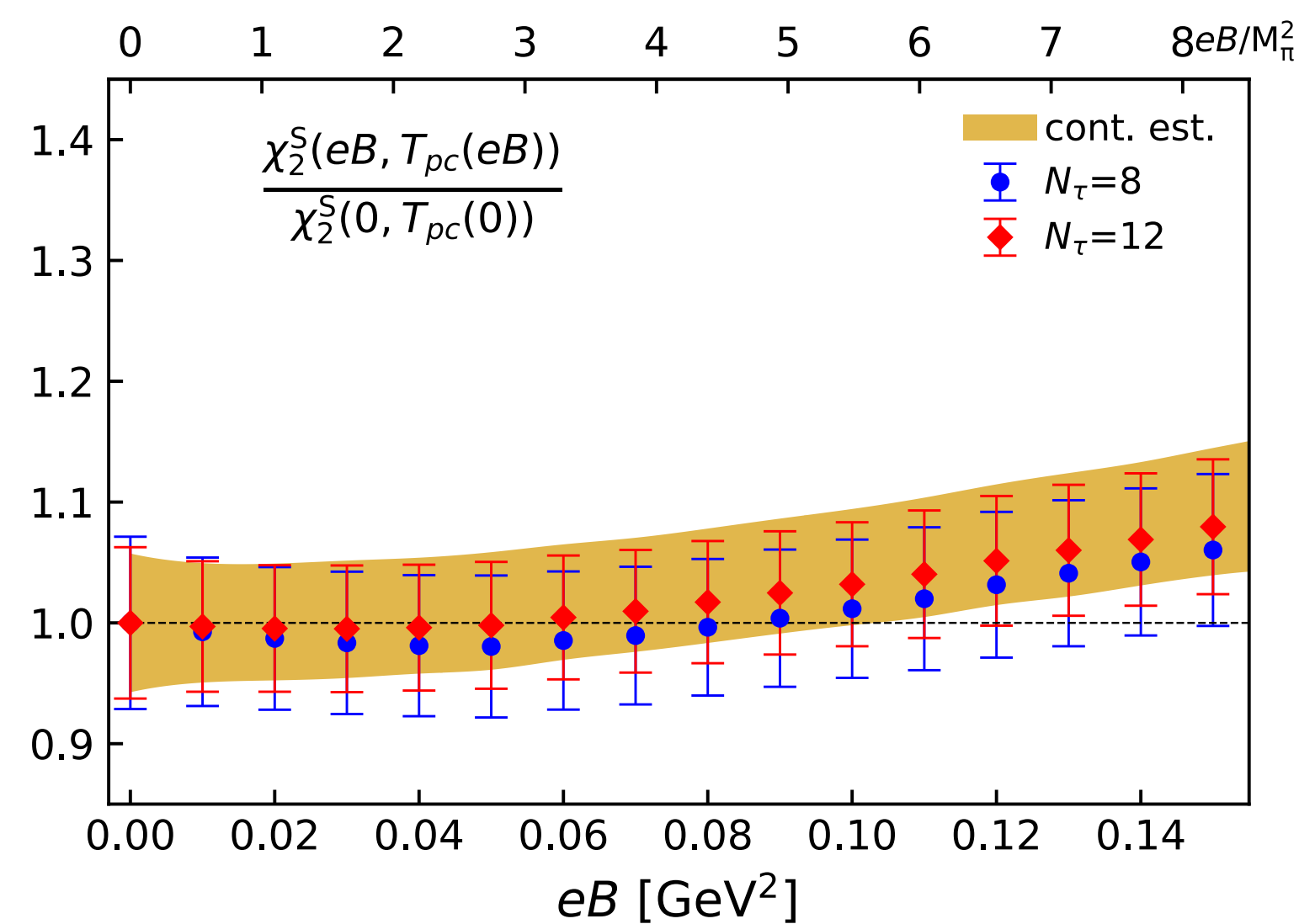
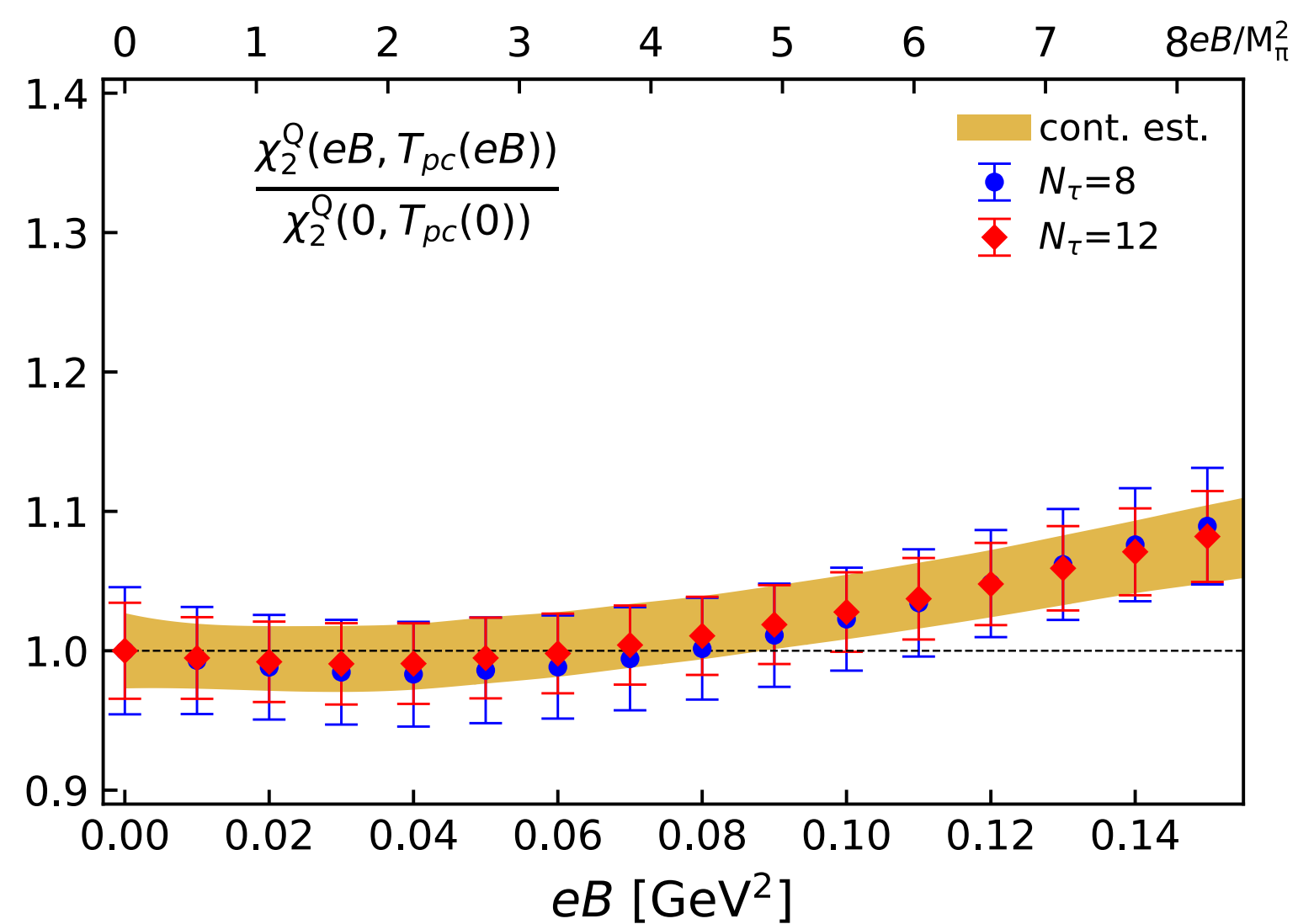


- ◆ χ_2^Q almost independent on eB
- ◆ HRG: Pressure arising from charged hadrons ($eB \neq 0$):

$$\frac{p_c^{M/B}}{T^4} = \frac{|q_i| B}{2\pi^2 T^3} \sum_{s_z=-s_i}^{s_i} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\pm 1)^{n+1} \frac{e^{n\mu_i/T}}{n} K_1 \left(\frac{n\varepsilon_0}{T} \right)$$

where $\varepsilon_0 = \sqrt{m_i^2 + 2 |q_i| B (l + 1/2 - s_z)}$, K_1 is the first-order modified Bessel function

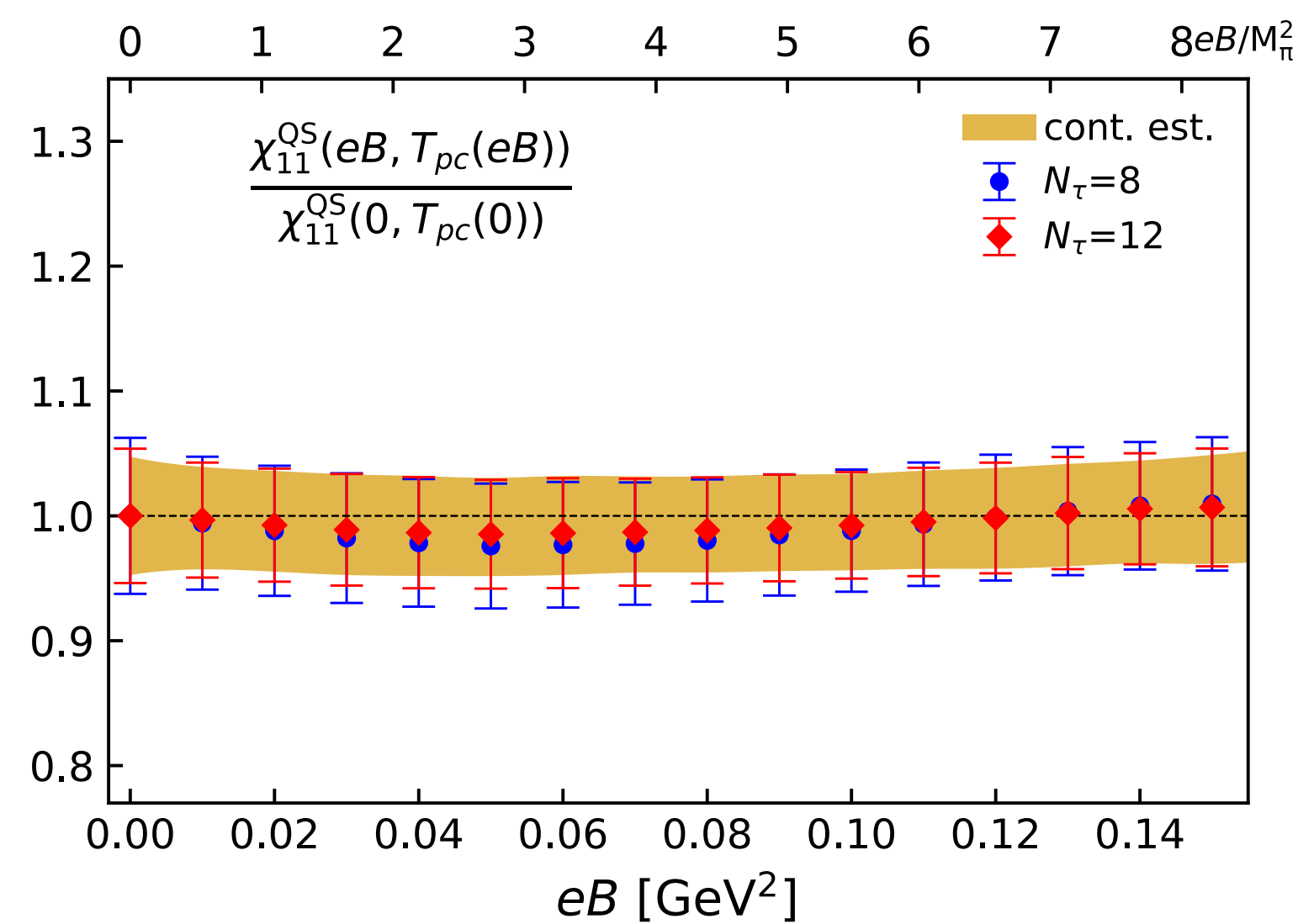
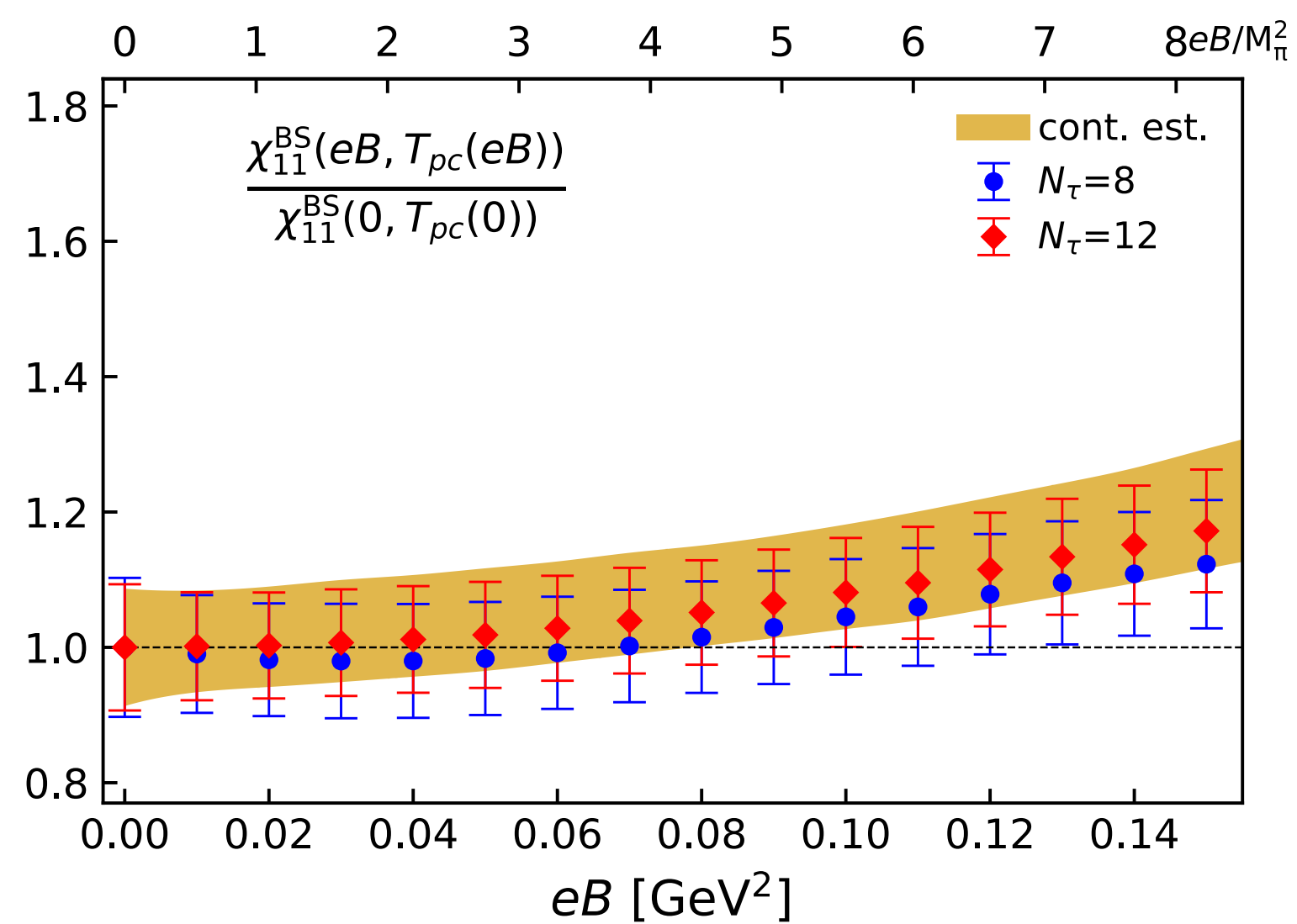
Ratio for other 2nd order fluctuations and correlations



At $eB \simeq 8M_\pi^2$:

Ratio of $\chi_2^Q \sim 1.07$

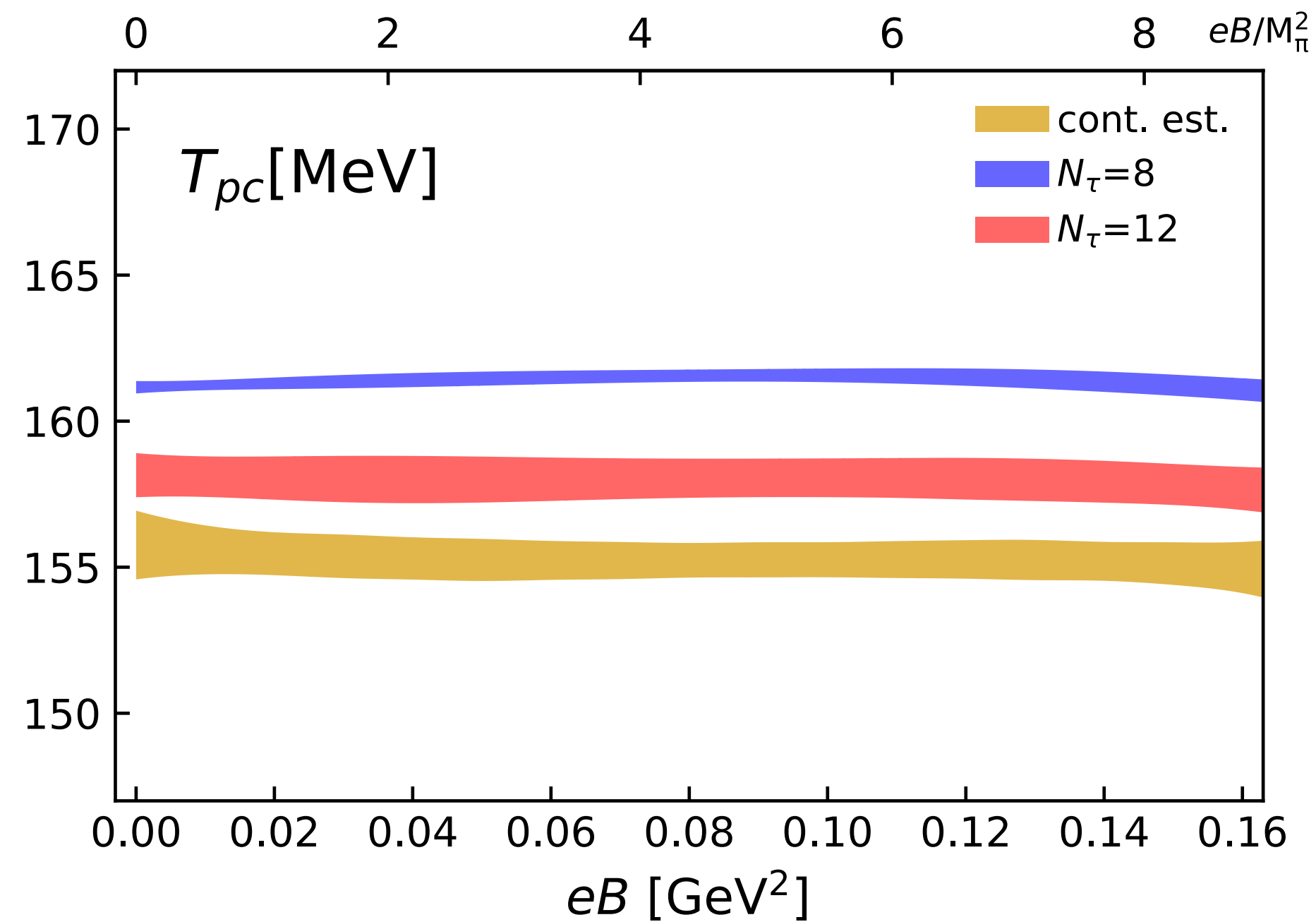
Ratio of $\chi_2^S \sim 1.1$



Ratio of $\chi_{11}^{BS} \sim 1.2$

Ratio of $\chi_{11}^{QS} \sim 1.03$

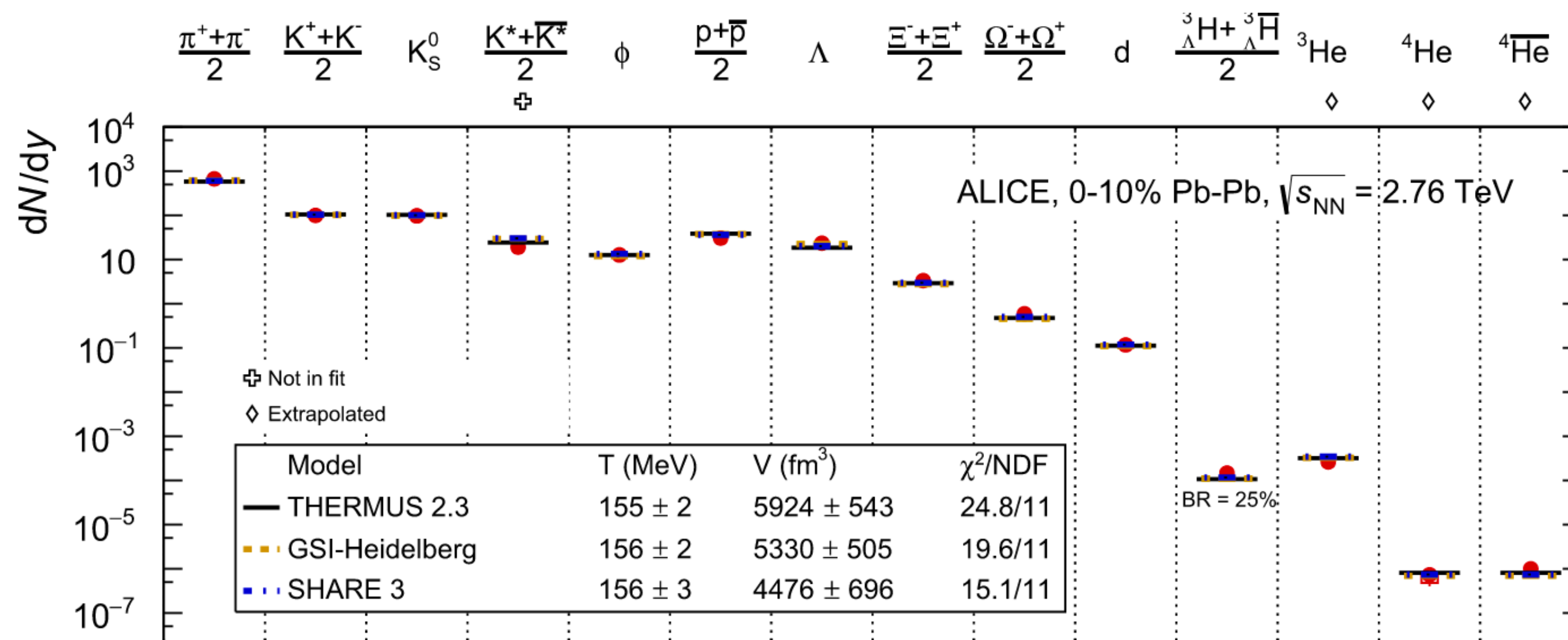
Transition line on $T - eB$ plane and T_{ch} in experiment



$$M = \frac{1}{f_K^4} \left[m_s (\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_u + \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_d) - (m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_s \right]$$

$$\chi_M(eB) = \frac{m_s}{f_K^4} \left[m_s \chi_l(eB) - 2 \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_s(eB = 0) - 4 m_l \chi_{su}(eB = 0) \right]$$

Finding the peak location of χ_M at each eB value



$$T_{ch} \simeq 156 \text{ MeV}$$

ALICE, Nucl.Phys.A 971 (2018) 1–20

Proxy in experiment

◆ Conserved charges susceptibilities in experiment:

$$\chi_{\alpha}^2 = \frac{1}{VT^3} \kappa_{\alpha}^2, \quad \chi_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \kappa_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1}$$

the second-order cumulants(κ) are the variance or covariance(σ) of the net-multiplicity N :

$$\kappa_{\alpha}^2 = \sigma_{\alpha}^2 = \langle (\delta N_{\alpha} - \langle \delta N_{\alpha} \rangle)^2 \rangle$$

$$\kappa_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1} = \sigma_{\alpha,\beta}^{1,1} = \langle (\delta N_{\alpha} - \langle \delta N_{\alpha} \rangle)(\delta N_{\beta} - \langle \delta N_{\beta} \rangle) \rangle$$

with $\delta N_{\alpha} = N_{\alpha^+} - N_{\alpha^-}$ and $\alpha, \beta = p, Q^{PID}, k$

- p : a proxy for the net-baryon
- k : a proxy for the net-strangeness
- Q^{PID} : identified π, k and p

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In experiment:

- p : a proxy for the net-baryon
- k : a proxy for the net-strangeness
- Q^{PID} : identified π, k and p

$$\sigma_{Q^{PID},p}^{1,1}(\chi_{11}^{BQ}) : \tilde{p}\tilde{p} + \tilde{p}\tilde{\pi}^+ + \tilde{p}\tilde{K}^+$$

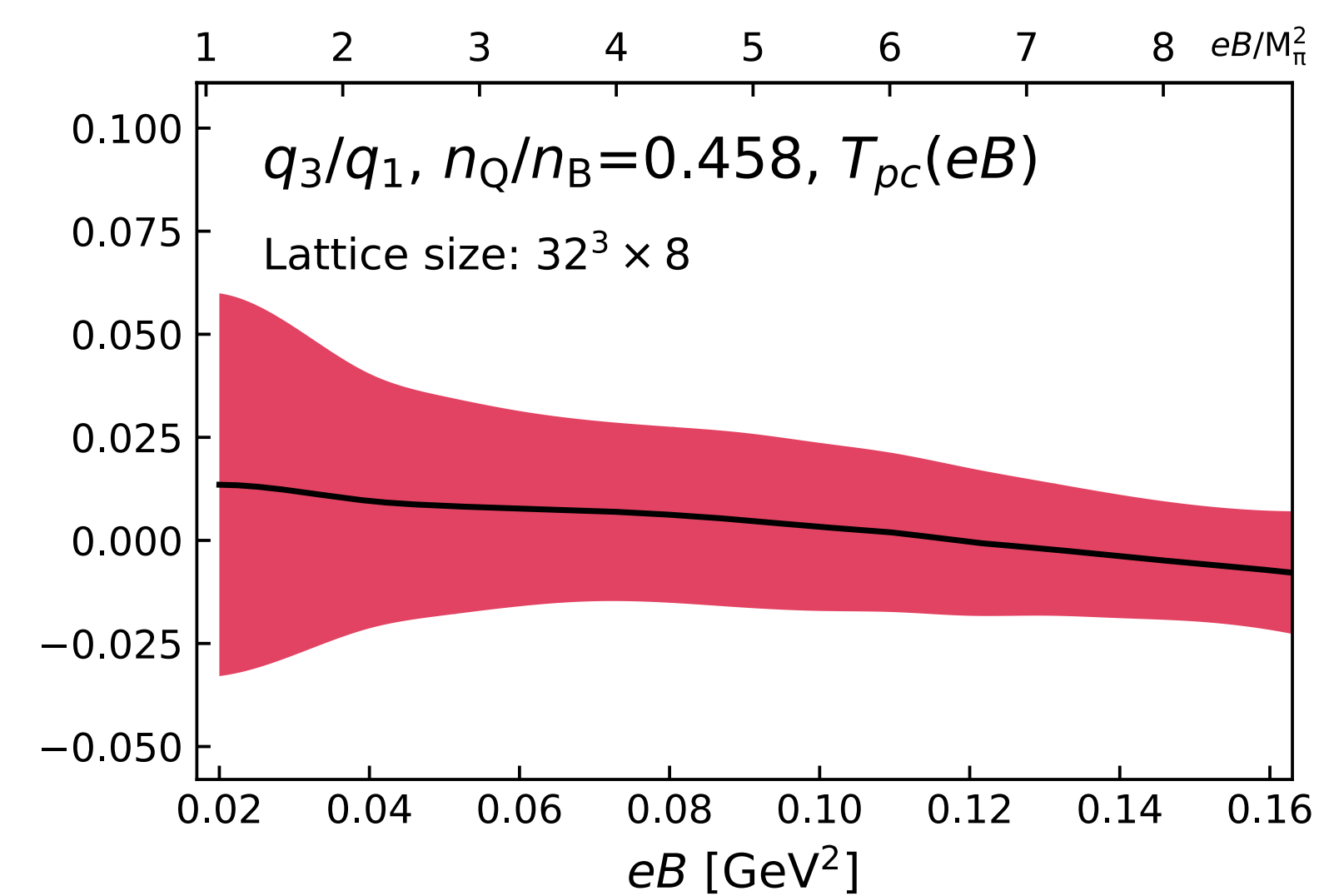
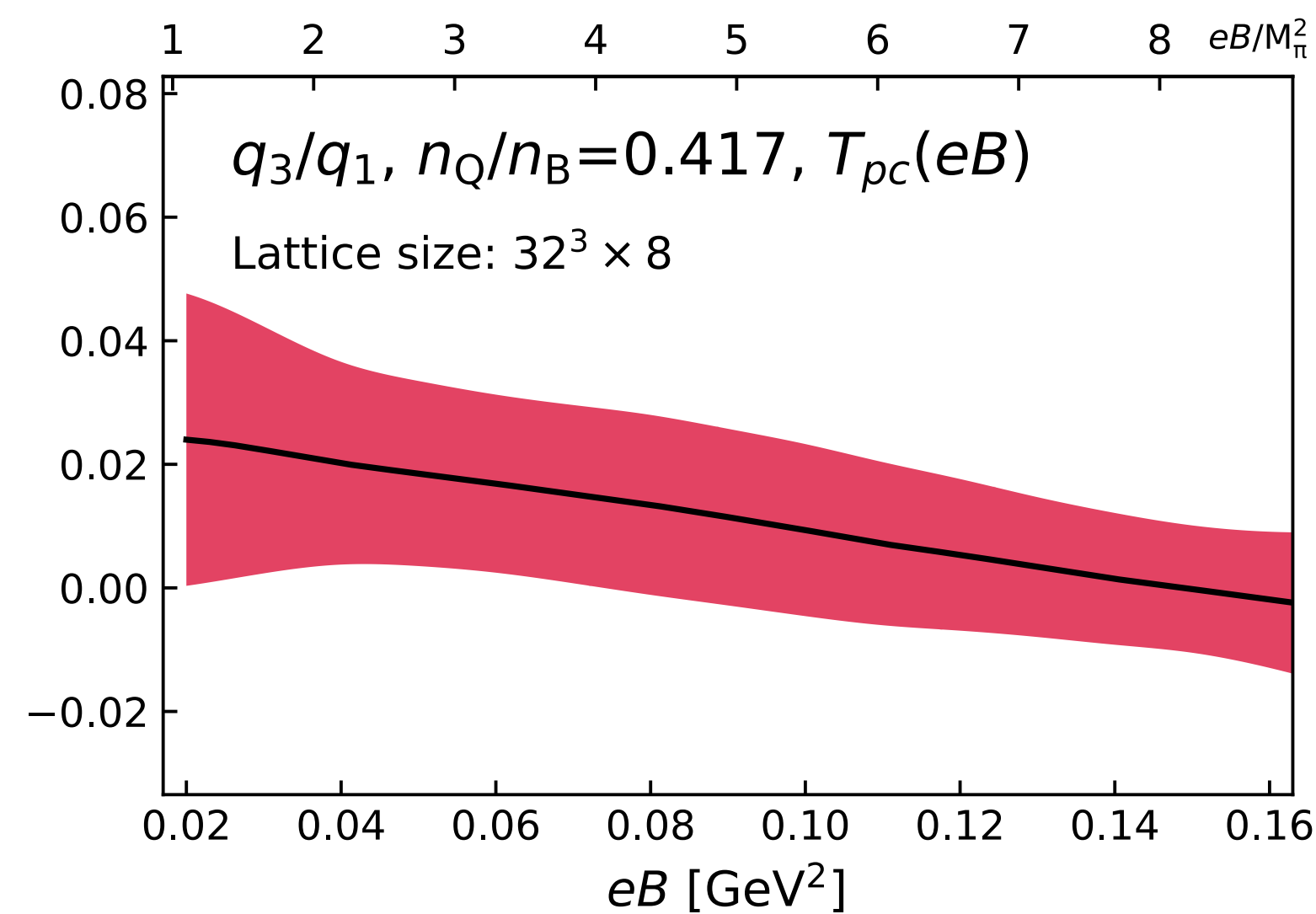
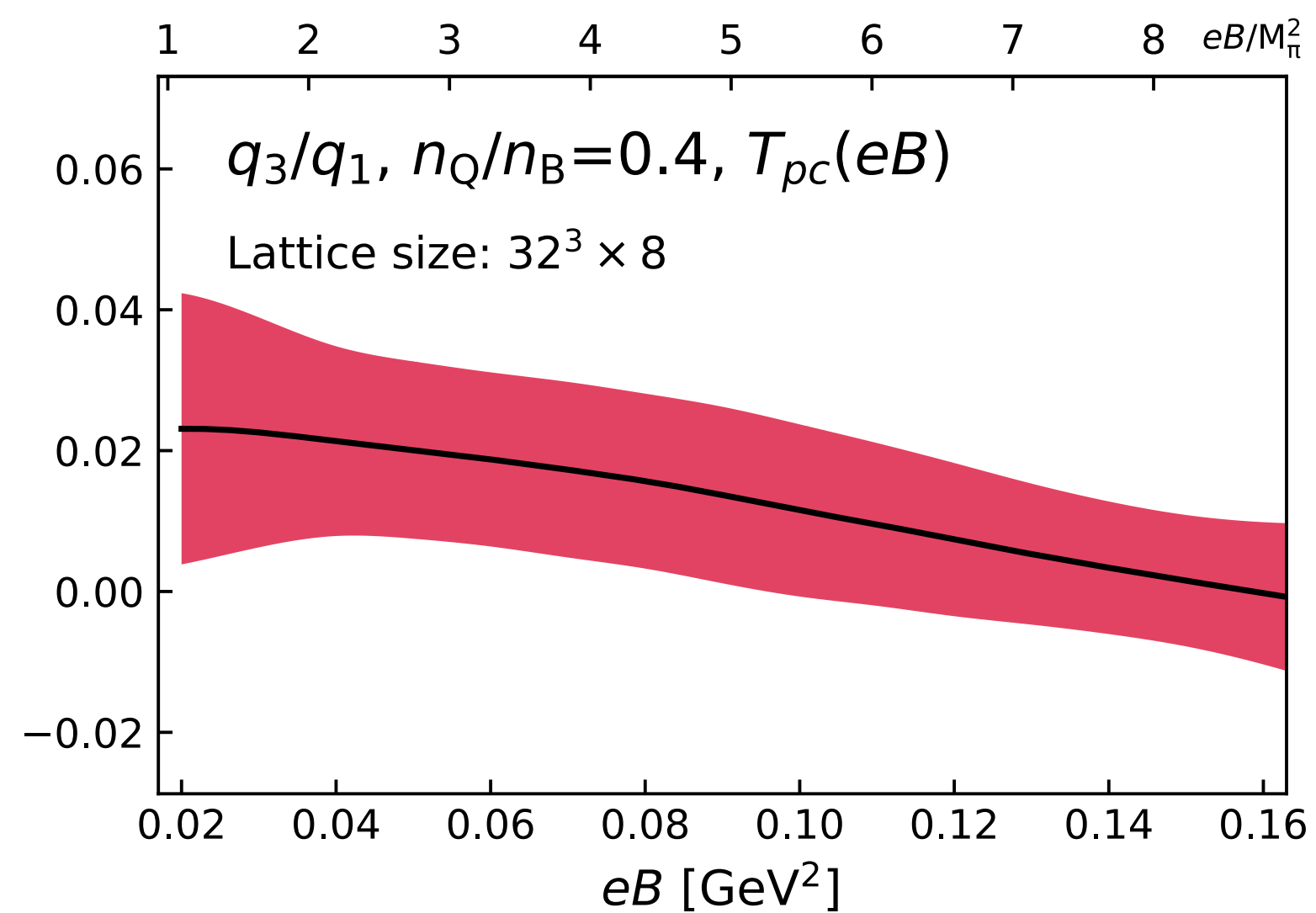
$$\sigma_{Q^{PID},K}^{1,1}(\chi_{11}^{QS}) : \tilde{K}^+\tilde{p} + \tilde{K}^+\tilde{\pi}^+ + \tilde{K}^+\tilde{K}^+$$

The fluctuations are related to the variance or covariance of these net-multiplicities.

Dependence of $(\mu_Q/\mu_B)_{LO}$ on the magnetic field

$$\hat{\mu}_Q/\hat{\mu}_B = q_1 + q_3 \hat{\mu}_B^2 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{\mu}_B^4)$$

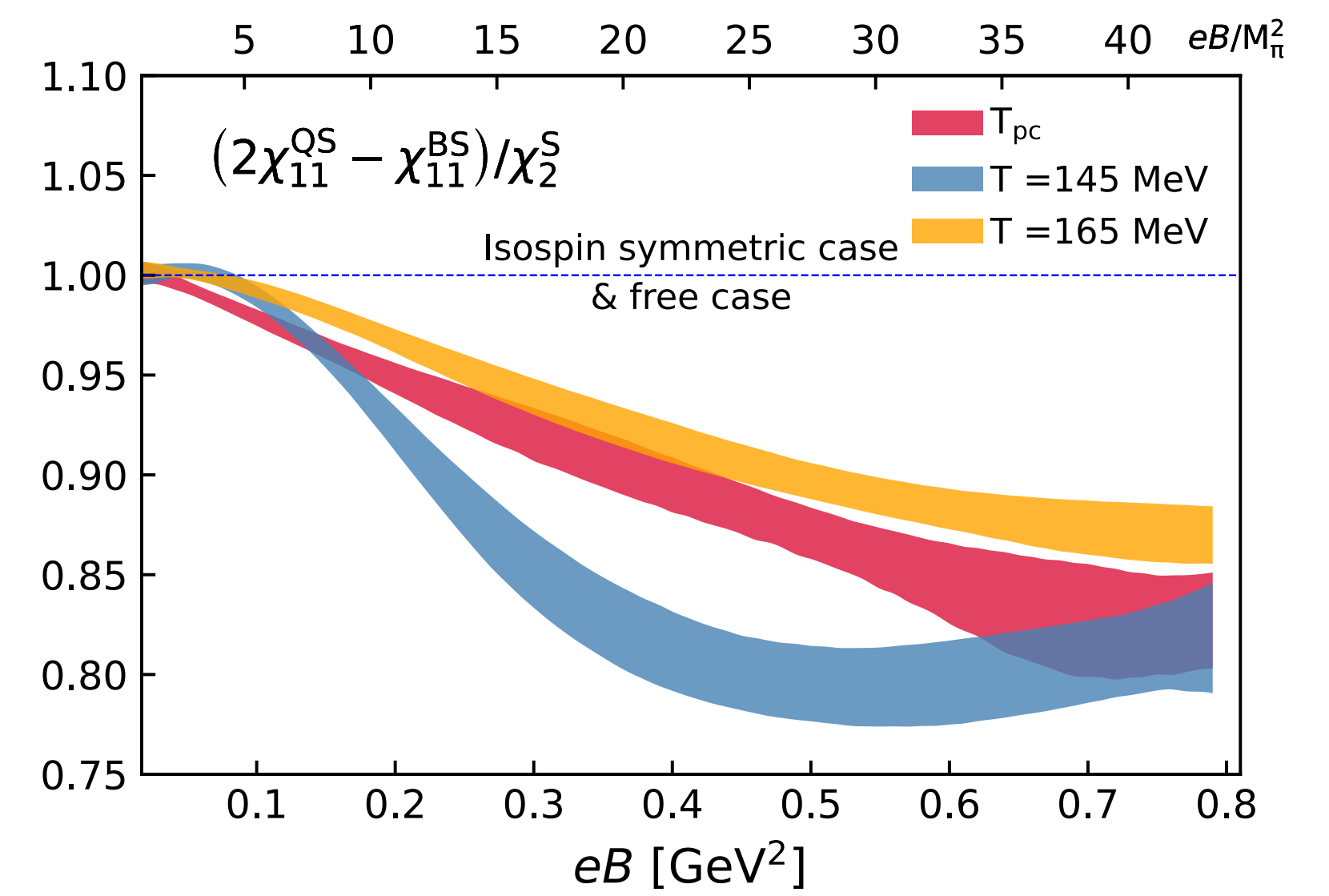
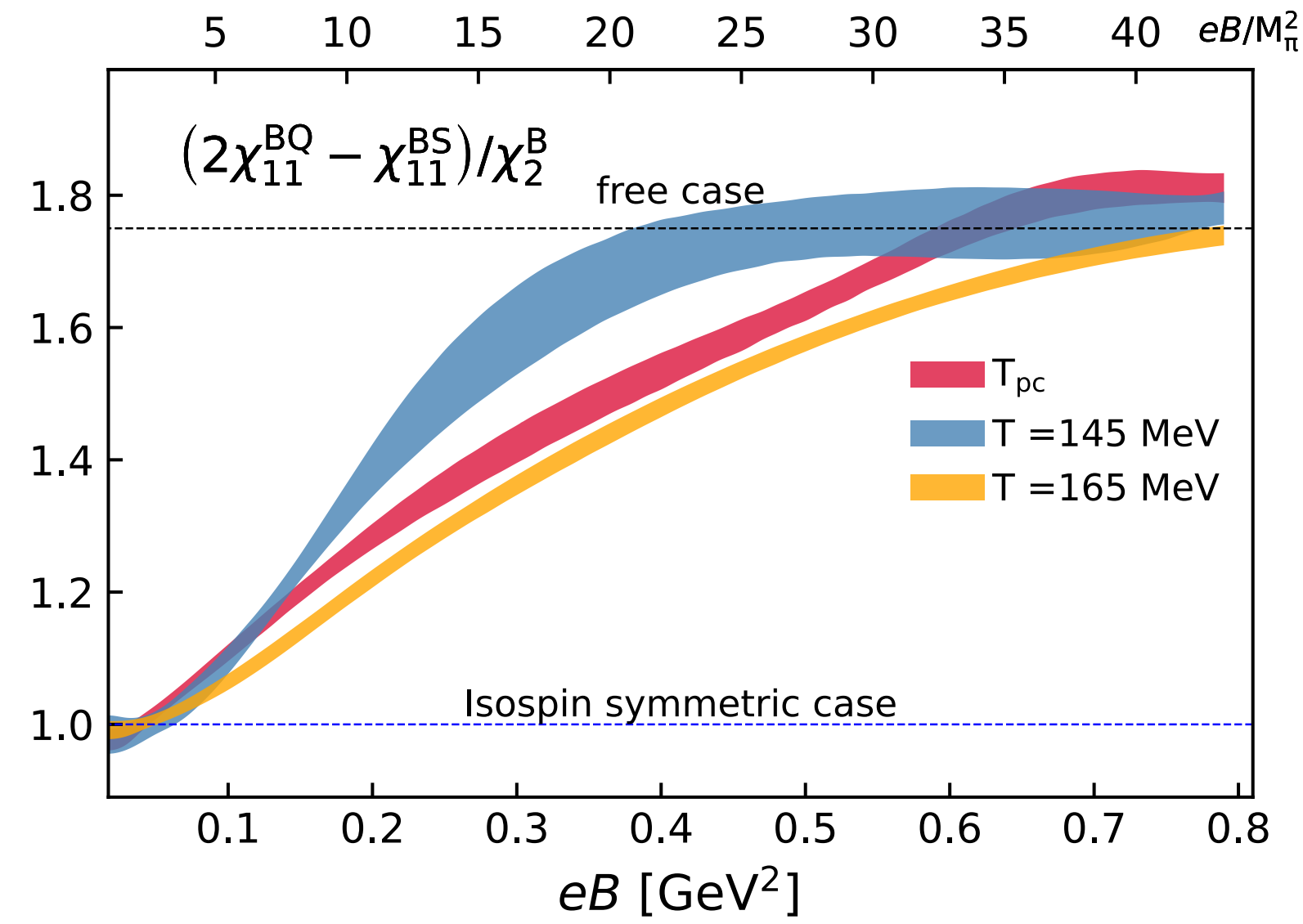
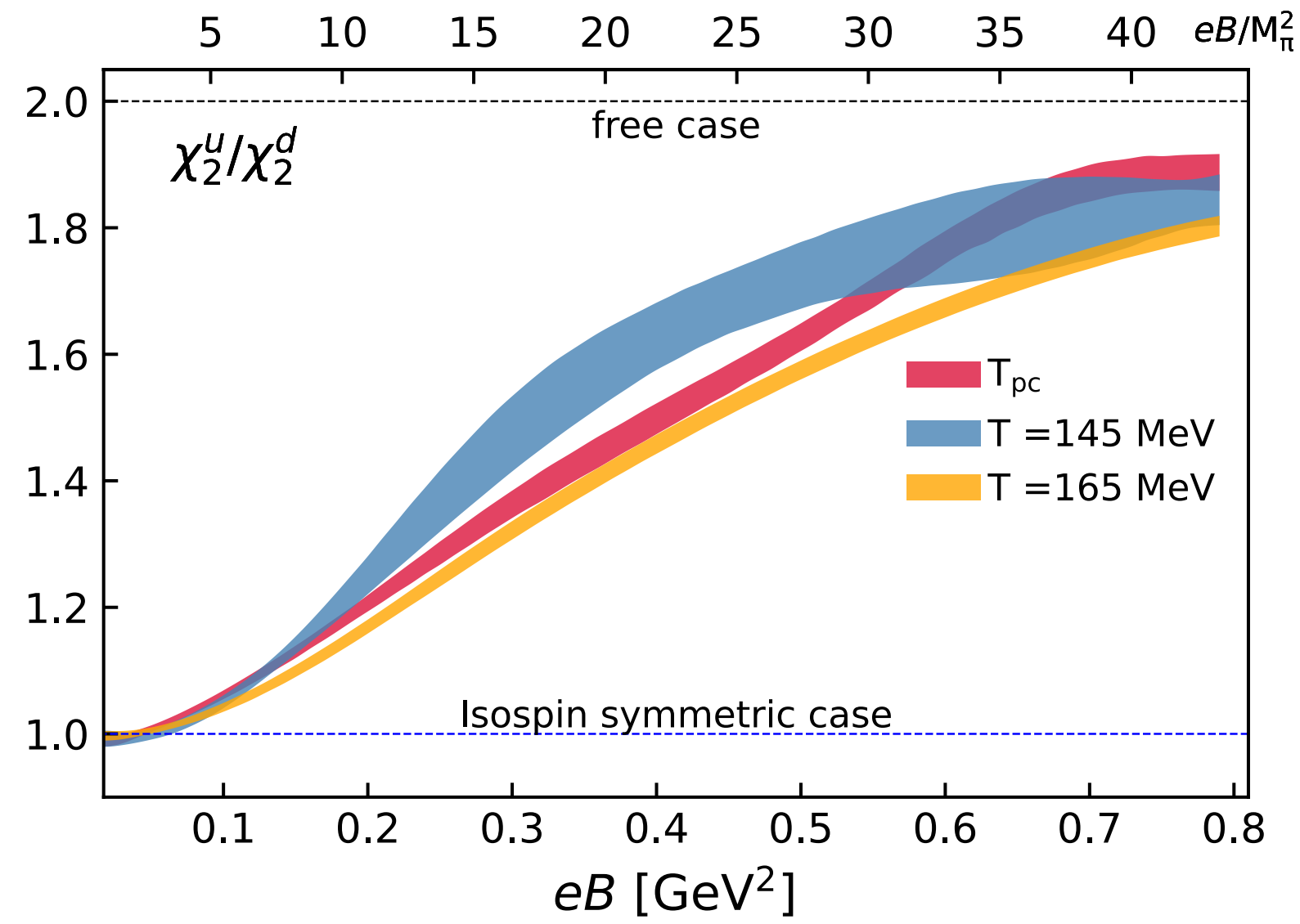
$$\hat{\mu}_B = \mu_B/T$$



q_3/q_1 in all cases remains within 2%

The next-to-leading order correction is negligible!

Isospin symmetry breaking in lattice



Due to $\chi_{11}^{us} = \chi_{11}^{ds}$ at $eB = 0$ case, we get:

$$2\chi_{11}^{QS} - \chi_{11}^{BS} = \chi_2^S,$$

$$2\chi_{11}^{BQ} - \chi_{11}^{BS} = \chi_2^B$$