

CHIRAL MATRIX MODEL IN $T - \mu_B$ PLANE

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(Work in progress!)



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THE QUARK-GLUON PLASMA NEAR T_c

From $T = 0$ to $T = 130$ MeV : HRG, Chiral Perturbation theory

$T > 300$ MeV : Resummed perturbation theory

(HTLpt: Haque, Bandopadhyay, Mustafa, Strickland, NanSu, Andersen)

But in Heavy-Ion collision - Interesting region is near T_c - the cross-over temperature

semi-QGP region

(partial deconfinement of color charges)

Need matrix model

WHAT IS MATRIX MODEL?

[Pisarski & Hidaka, arXiv: [0906.1751](https://arxiv.org/abs/0906.1751)]

For $SU(3)$ gauge theory without quarks-

Background Field (Diagonal): $A_0^{bg} = \frac{2\pi T}{3g}(q\lambda_3 + r\lambda_8) = \frac{2\pi T}{g}\hat{\mathbf{q}}$

constant in space

Eigen values are: $\rightarrow \frac{2\pi T}{3g}(q+r, -q+r, -2r)$

Thermal Wilson line: $L(A_0) = \mathcal{P} \exp\left(i g \int_0^{1/T} A_0 d\tau\right)$

Eigen-values : $e^{i2\pi(q+r)/3}, e^{i2\pi(-q+r)/3}, e^{-i2\pi(2r)/3}$

Polyakov loop: $\ell_{bg} = \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr} L(A_0^{bg}) = \frac{e^{i2\pi r/3}}{3} (e^{-i2\pi r} + 2 \cos(2\pi q/3))$

HOLONOMOUS POTENTIAL

For $SU(3)$, the holonomous potential/free energy:

$$V_{pert}^{gl}(q, r) = \frac{1}{V} \text{Tr} \log(-D_{gl}^2) = \pi^2 T^4 \left(-\frac{8}{45} + \mathcal{V}_4(q, r) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{V}_4(q, r) = \left| \frac{2q}{3} \right|^2 \left(1 - \left| \frac{2q}{3} \right| \right)^2 + \left| \frac{q}{3} + r \right|^2 \left(1 - \left| \frac{q}{3} + r \right| \right)^2 + \left| \frac{q}{3} - r \right|^2 \left(1 - \left| \frac{q}{3} - r \right| \right)^2$$

$$(|x| = |x|_{\text{mod } 1})$$

However, the effective free energy near the transition temperature is denoted by, $\sim T^2 T_d^2$. Add a non-perturbative term by Hand \rightarrow

$$V_{npt}^{gl} = \frac{4\pi^2}{3} T^2 T_d^2 \left(-\frac{1}{3} c_1 \mathcal{V}_2(q, r) - c_2 \mathcal{V}_4(q, r) + \frac{2}{15} c_3 \right)$$

$$\mathcal{V}_2(q, r) = \left| \frac{2q}{3} \right| \left(1 - \left| \frac{2q}{3} \right| \right) + \left| \frac{q}{3} + r \right| \left(1 - \left| \frac{q}{3} + r \right| \right) + \left| \frac{q}{3} - r \right| \left(1 - \left| \frac{q}{3} - r \right| \right)$$

P.S. Teen field (a dynamical 2D ghost) can produce V_{npt}^{gl} [arXiv: [2504.20138](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.20138), [2009.03903](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.03903)]

ADDING QUARKS!

[Pisarski & Skokov, arXiv: [1604.00022](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.00022)]

For 3 Flavors of massless quarks coupled to gauge field:

$$\mathcal{L}^{qk} = \bar{\psi}(\gamma^\alpha D_\alpha + \mu\gamma^0) = \bar{\psi}_L(\gamma^\alpha D_\alpha + \mu\gamma^0)\psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R(\gamma^\alpha D_\alpha + \mu\gamma^0)\psi_R, \quad \psi_{L,R} = P_{L,R}\psi$$



Completely decoupled left and right part

$$P_{L,R} = \frac{1 \pm \gamma_5}{2}$$

When massless, it follows global flavor symmetry, $G_f = SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_A$

$$\psi_L \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha/2} U_L \psi_L, \quad \psi_R \rightarrow e^{i\alpha/2} U_R \psi_R$$

At $T = 0$, quarks are not massless. Simplest order parameter for chiral symmetry breaking: $\Phi \sim \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R$

$$\Phi \rightarrow e^{+i\alpha} U_R \Phi U_L^\dagger$$

Quantum mechanically, $U(1)_A$ is broken by instantons to $Z(3)_A$ at $T = 0$

$$\det \Phi \rightarrow e^{i3\alpha} \det \Phi$$

For three flavor, Φ field can be represented as a complex nonet,

$$\Phi = (\sigma^A + i\pi^A)\lambda^A$$

$\lambda^0 = \mathbf{1}/\sqrt{6}$, and $\lambda^1, \dots, \lambda^8 \rightarrow$ Gell-Mann matrices

Linear sigma model for Φ ,

$$V_\Phi = m^2 \text{Tr}(\Phi^\dagger \Phi) - c_A(\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger) + \lambda \text{Tr}(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$$

[Here, $\sim (\text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$ has been dropped]

Now, add a symmetry breaking term linear in Φ , causing the generation of mass, $V_H = -\text{Tr}(H(\Phi^\dagger + \Phi))$

H is proportional current quark mass, $H = \text{diag}(h_u, h_u, h_s)$

[arXiv:nucl-th/0004006](https://arxiv.org/abs/nucl-th/0004006)

We can introduce quark coupling to Φ field, which causes a potential for q, r (Polyakov loop eigen values) as well

$$\mathcal{L}_\Phi^{qk} = \bar{\psi} \left(\gamma^\alpha D_\alpha + \mu\gamma^0 + y (\Phi P_L + \Phi^\dagger P_R) \right) \psi$$

y : Yukawa coupling

covariant derivative: $D_\alpha = \partial_\alpha - igA_\alpha$

QUARK LOOP CONTRIBUTION

At, $T = 0$, from quark loop, due to quark - Φ interaction, we get,

$$\sim \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \frac{3m_i^4}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{m_i^2} \right) \right)$$

assuming chiral symmetry breaking occurs at $m_i = y\phi_i$, $\langle \Phi_{ii} \rangle = \phi_i$

After renormalization, for general form of Φ , this becomes-

$$V_{\Phi}^{\log} = \frac{3y^4}{16\pi^2} \text{Tr} \left[(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 \log \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\Phi^\dagger \Phi} \right) \right]$$

At finite temperature ($T \neq 0$), the quark loop contribution to the potential

$$V_{pert,T}^{qk} = -\frac{1}{V} \text{Tr} \log(\gamma^\alpha D_\alpha + \mu\gamma^0 + y(\Phi P_L + \Phi^\dagger P_R))$$

Finite temperature contribution corresponding to V_H will be given by,

$$V_h^T = -\frac{m_{qk}}{V} \left(\text{Tr} \frac{1}{\gamma^\alpha D_\alpha + \mu\gamma^0 + y\Phi_{ii}} \Big|_{T \neq 0} - (T = 0) \right)$$

(m_{qk} is the current quark mass)

Finite temperature contribution for each flavor:

$$V_f^{qk,T}(q, r, \Sigma_f) = -2T \sum_{a=1}^3 \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} [\ln(1 + e^{-(E_f - \mu)/T + i2\pi q_a/3}) + \ln(1 + e^{-(E_f + \mu)/T - i2\pi q_a/3})]$$

$$E_f = \sqrt{k^2 + m_f^2}, \quad m_f = y\Sigma_f, \quad q_a = (q + r, -q + r, -2r)$$

$$V_h^T \text{ can be rewritten as, } V_h^T = - \sum_{f=u,d,s} \Sigma_f^0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma_f} V_f^{qk,T}$$

EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL

$$V_{\text{eff}}(q, r, \Sigma_f) = V^{\text{gl}}(q, r) + V_{\Phi}^{\text{tot}}(\Sigma_f) + V^{qk}(q, r, \mu, \Sigma_f) + V_h^T(q, r, \mu, \Sigma_f)$$

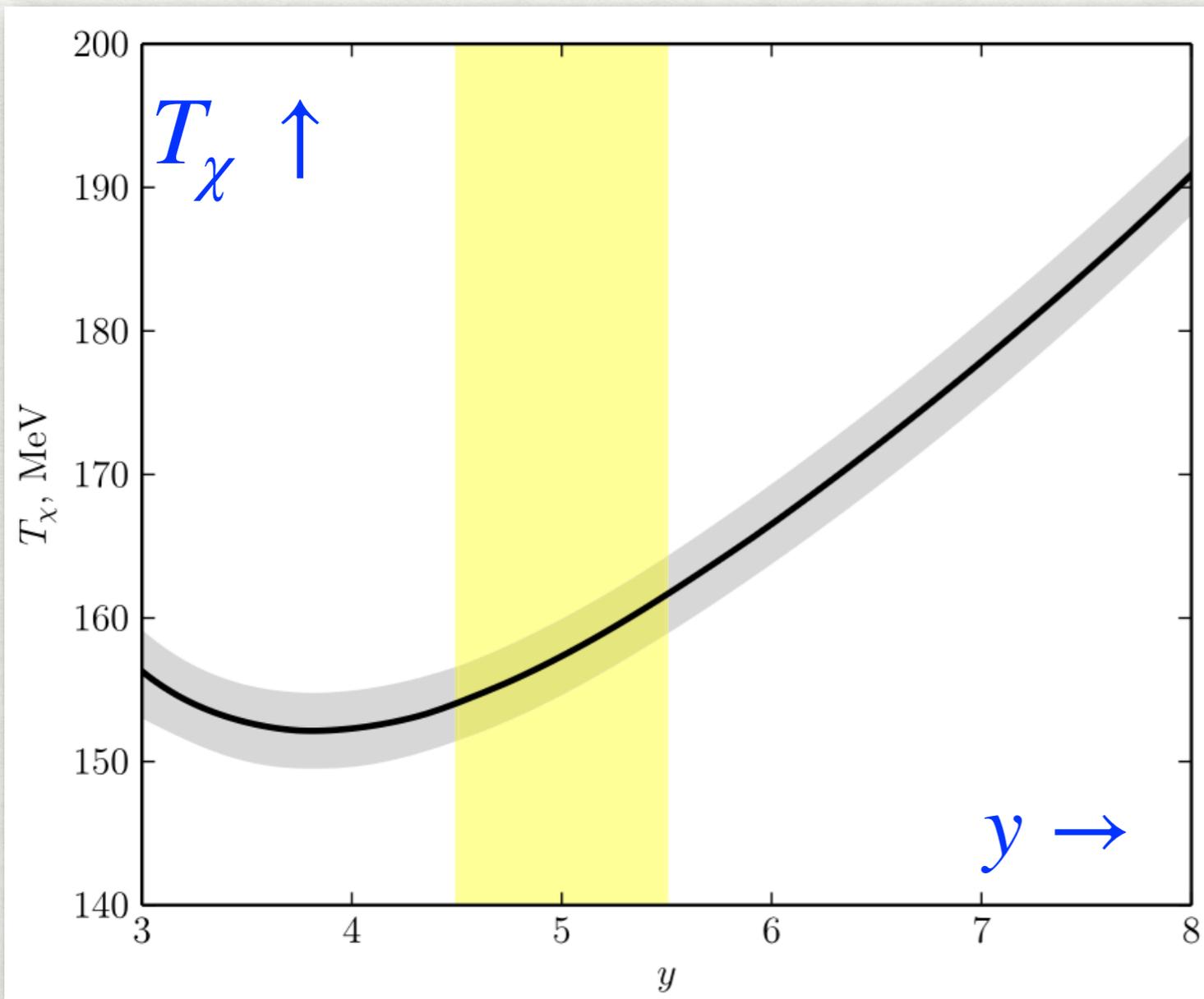
$$V_{\Phi}^{\text{tot}} = -2h_u \Sigma_u - h_s \Sigma_s + m^2(2\Sigma_u^2 + \Sigma_s^2) - 2c_A \Sigma_u^2 \Sigma_s + \lambda(2\Sigma_u^4 + \Sigma_s^4)$$

$$V^{qk}(q, r, \Sigma_f) = \sum_{f=u,d,s} V_f^{qk} = \left(-\frac{3}{16\pi^2} y^4 \Sigma_f^4 \ln \left(\frac{y^2 \Sigma_f^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + V_f^{qk,T}(q, r, \Sigma_f) \right)$$

$$V^{\text{gl}} = V_{\text{pert}}^{\text{gl}} + V_{\text{non-pert}}^{\text{gl}}$$

$$V_h^T = - \sum_{f=u,d,s} \Sigma_f^0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \Sigma_f} V_f^{qk,T}$$

T_χ defined from the maximum in light quark susceptibility,
 $d\Sigma_u/dT$



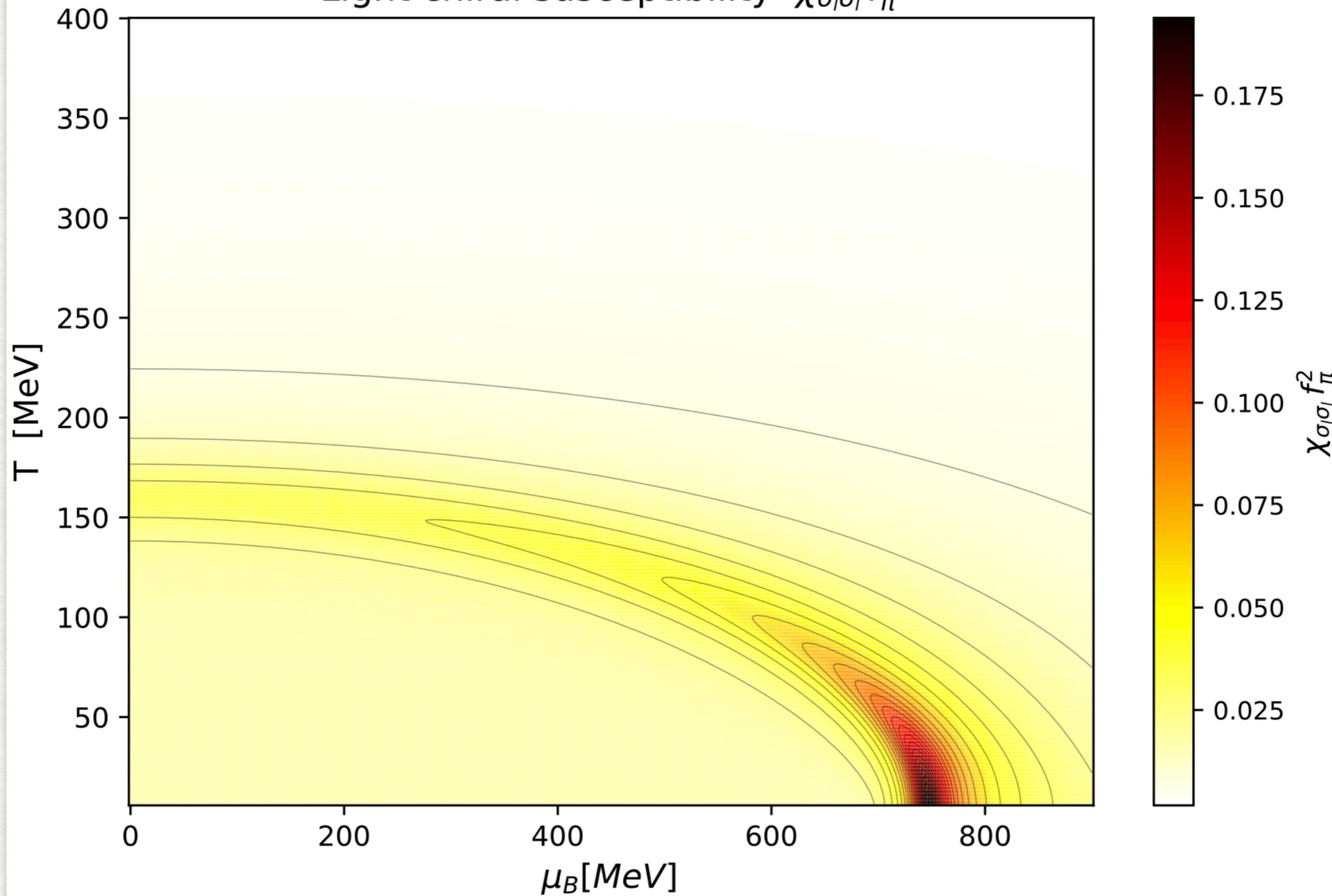
← Grey band: varying T_d from
260 → 280

Yellow band: $y = 4.5 \rightarrow 5.5$

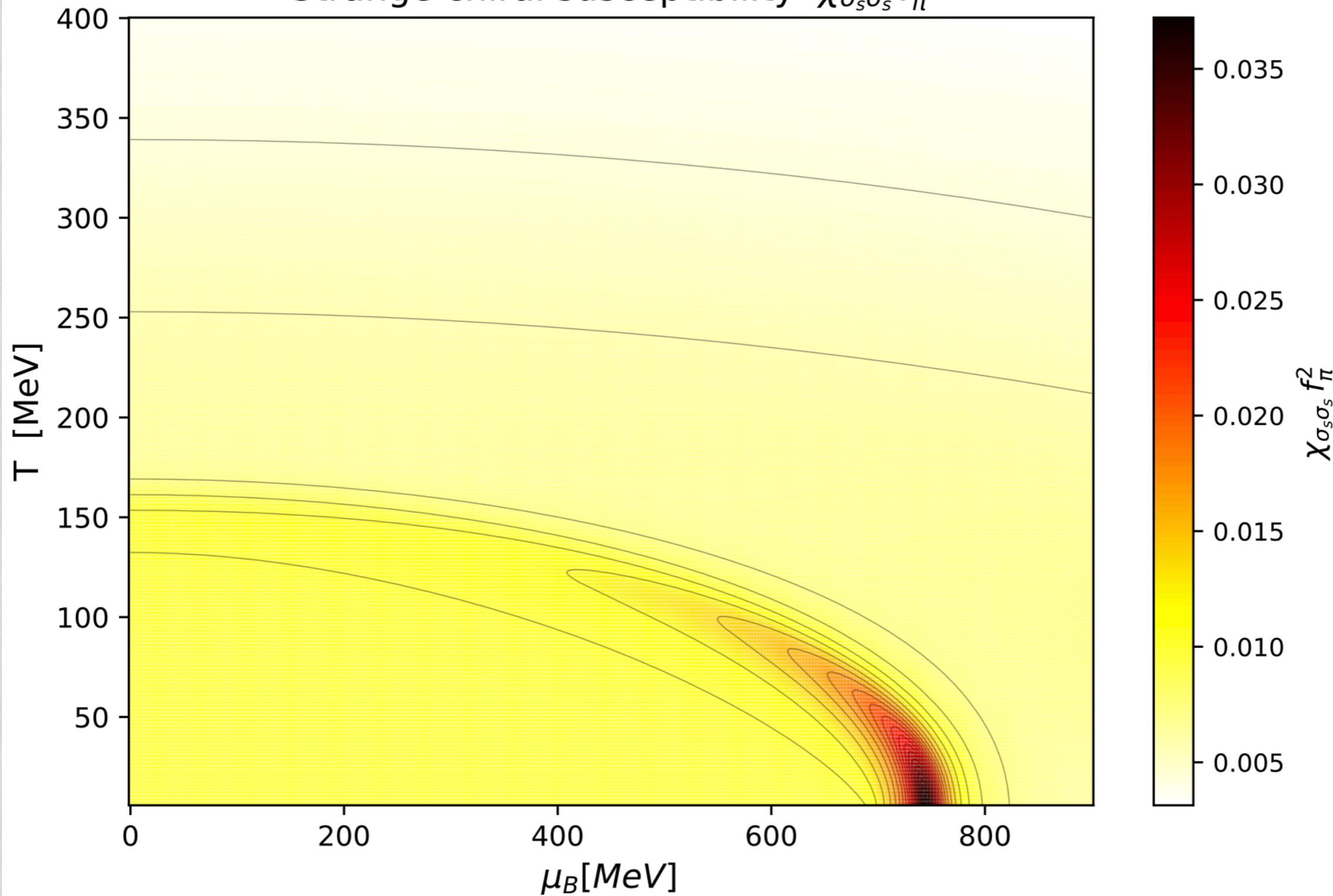
central value: $y = 5$

(Current work: $y = 5$)

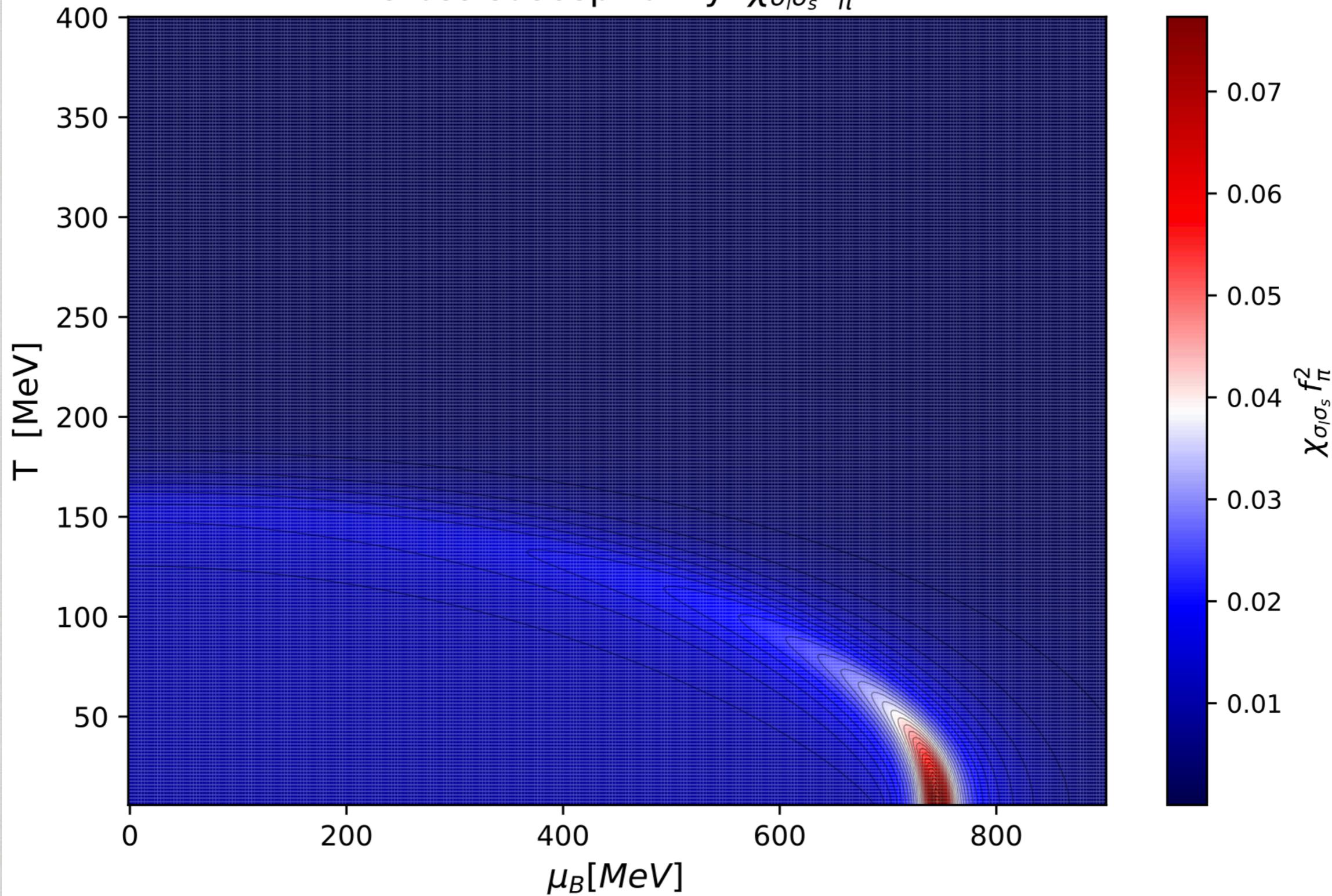
Light chiral susceptibility $\chi_{\sigma|\sigma_1} f_\pi^2$



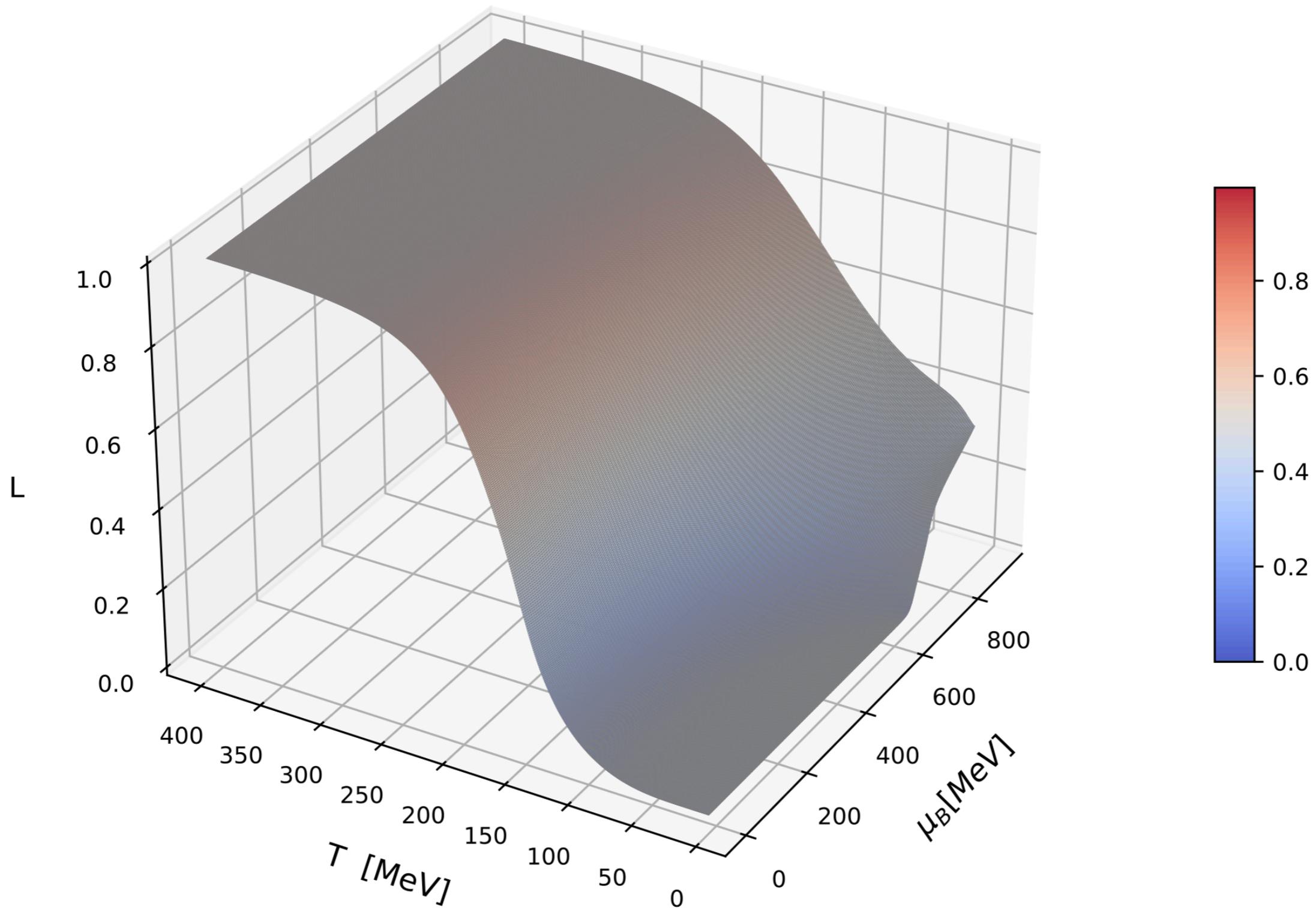
Strange chiral susceptibility $\chi_{\sigma_s \sigma_s} f_\pi^2$



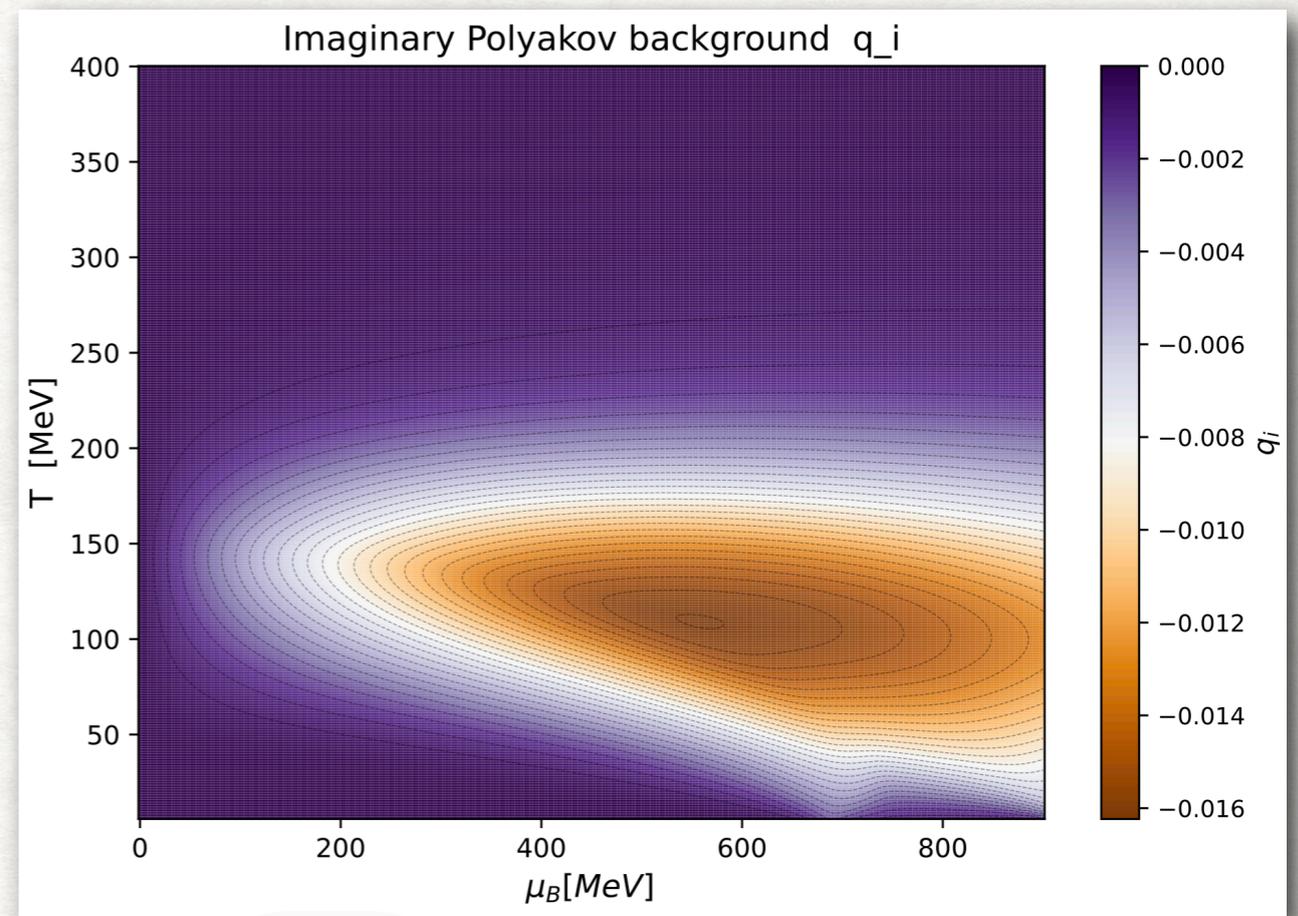
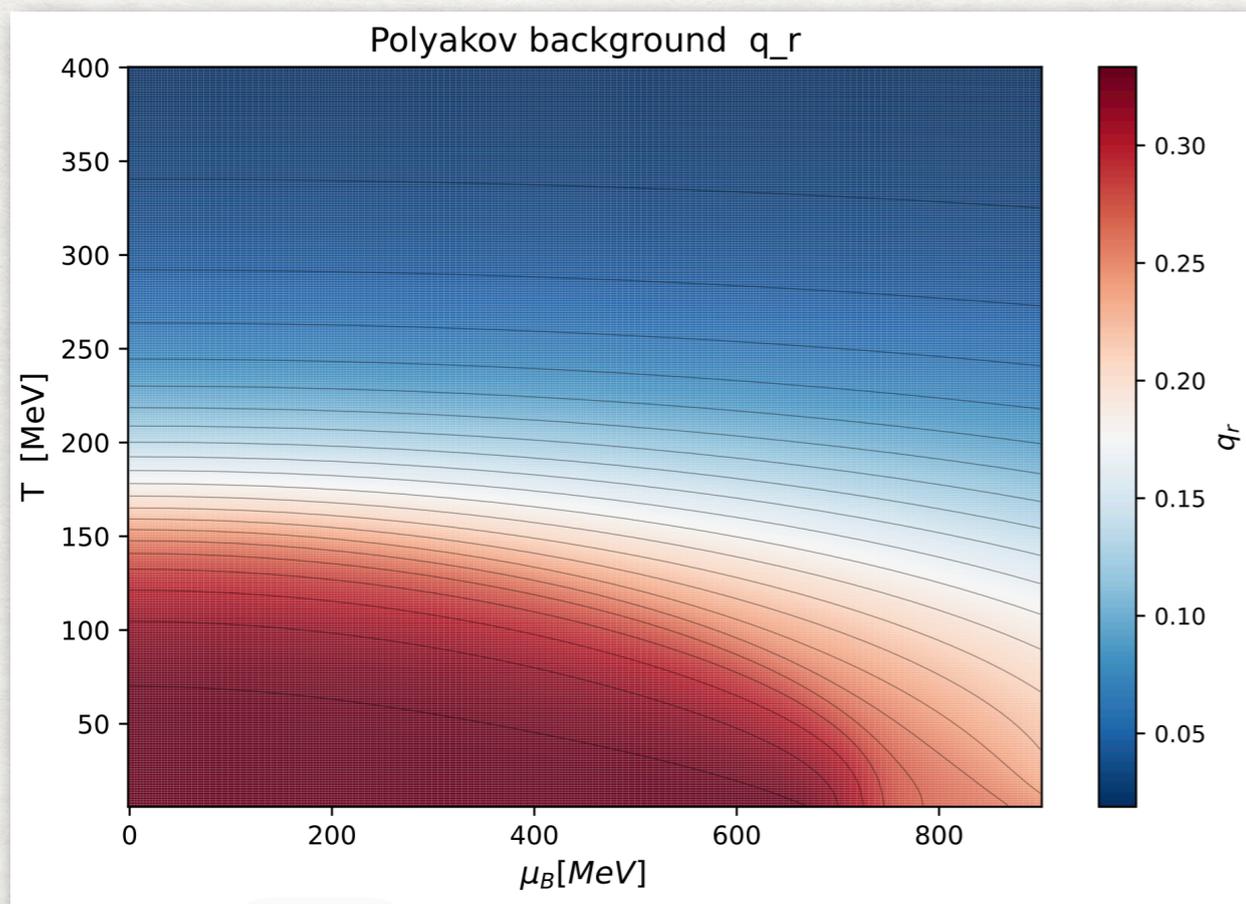
Cross susceptibility $\chi_{\sigma_I \sigma_S} f_\pi^2$



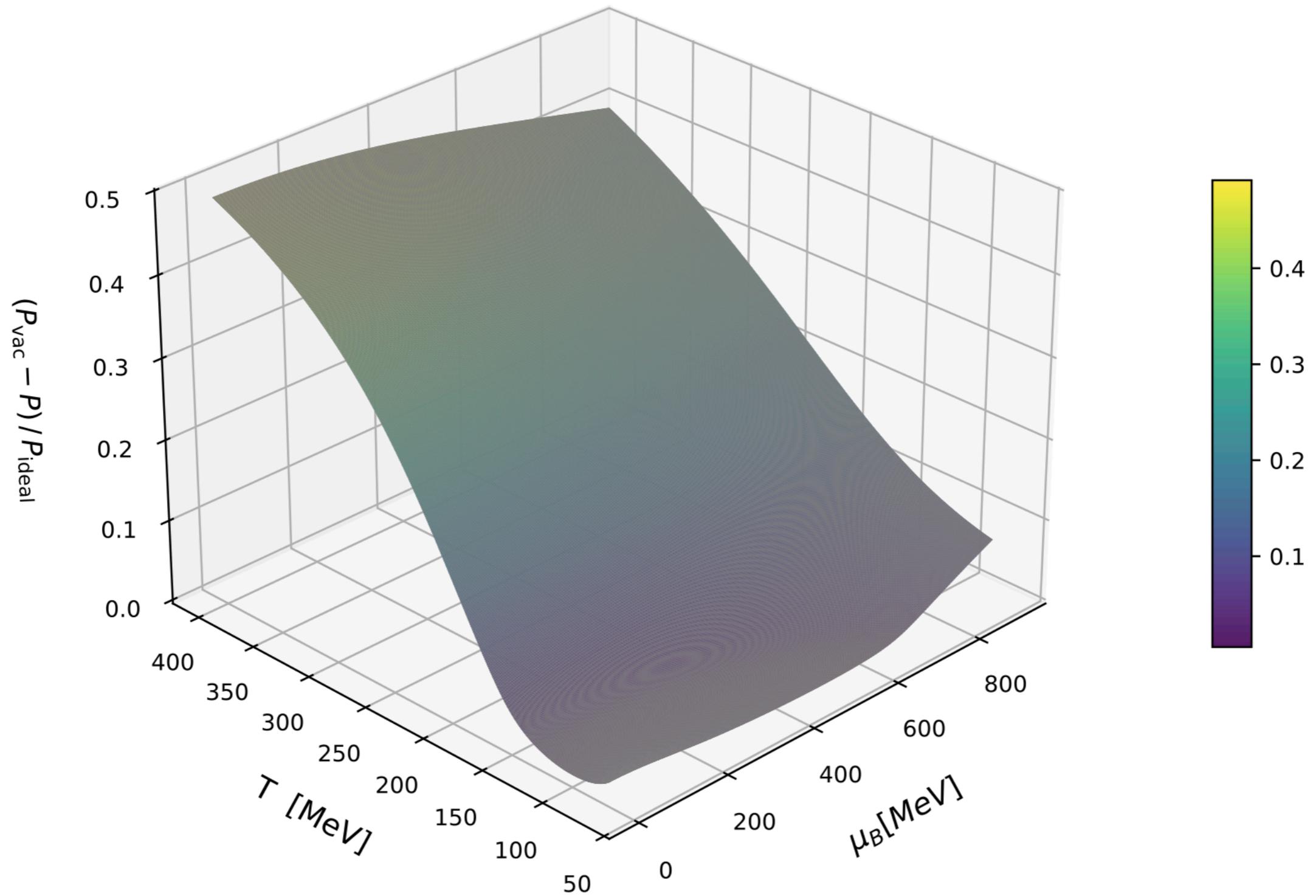
Polyakov loop L



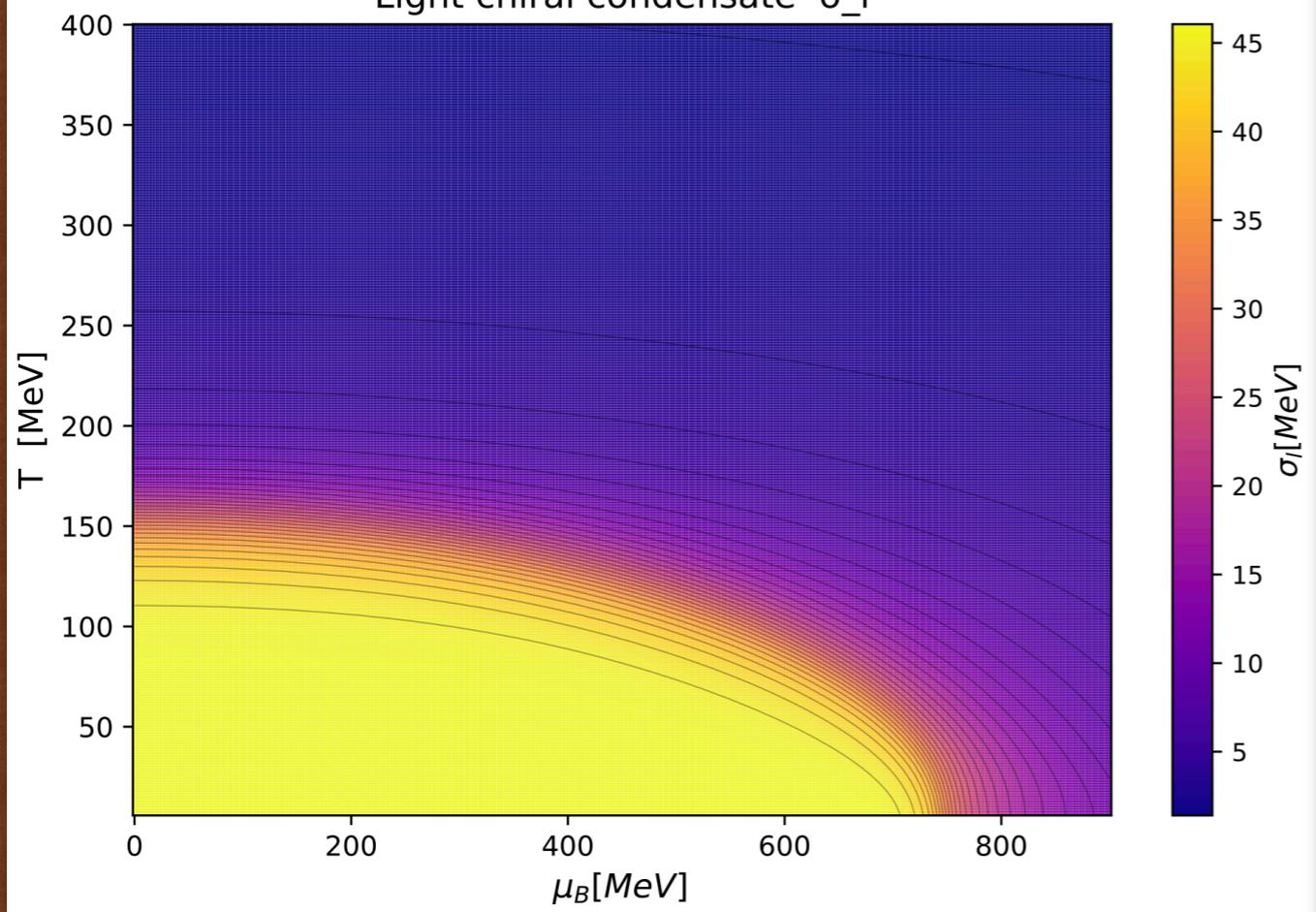
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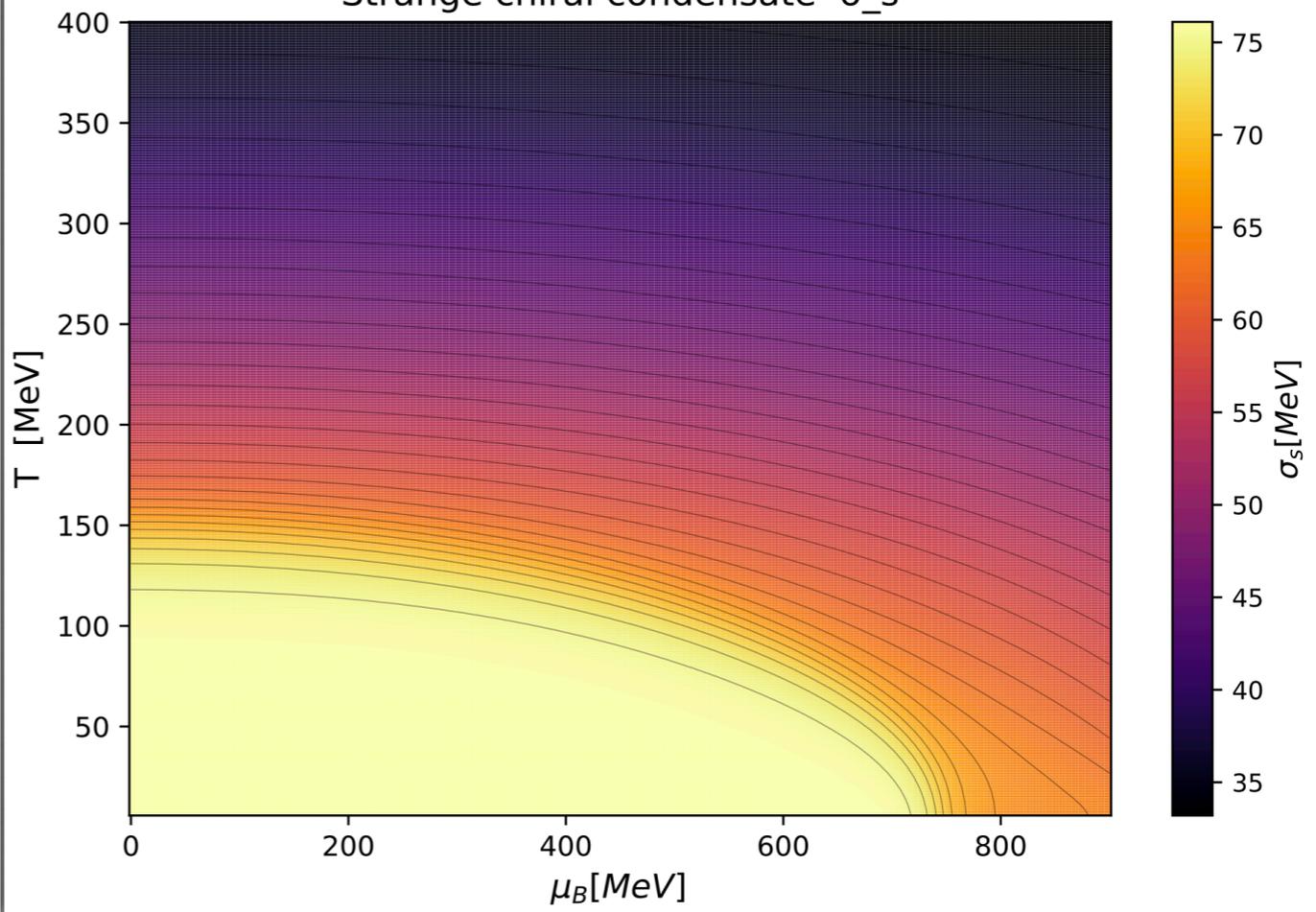
Normalised pressure (T: 70-400 MeV)



Light chiral condensate σ_l



Strange chiral condensate σ_s



Conclusions!

- Chiral matrix model (CMM) keeps the Quarks degrees of freedom alive along with the mesonic fields Φ , unlike other models (NJL, LSM), which integrated out the quarks degrees of freedom.
- CMM used a novel symmetry breaking term $V_h^T \sim -m_{qk} \frac{\partial V^{qk,T}}{\partial \Sigma_f}$, ensuring $m_f \rightarrow m_{\text{current}}$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$.
- Chiral matrix model \equiv Matrix model + Chiral perturbation theory
- Till now no critical point on QCD phase diagram. Work is in progress.

Thank you for your attention