

On the critical endpoint in lattice QCD at nonzero temperature and density

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- > Effective potential as a function of plquette:
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- > Canonical approach: in preparation

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Study of QCD phase structure at finite density

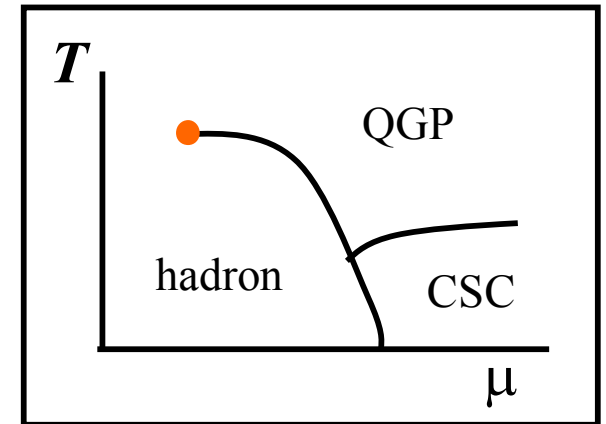
Interesting topic:

- **Endpoint of the first order phase transition**

- Monte-Carlo simulations

$$\langle O \rangle_{(\beta, \mu)} = \frac{1}{Z} \int \frac{DU (\det M(\mu))^{N_f} e^{-S_g(\beta)}}{\text{generate configurations}} O[U]$$

$$Z = \int DU (\det M(\mu))^{N_f} e^{-S_g}$$



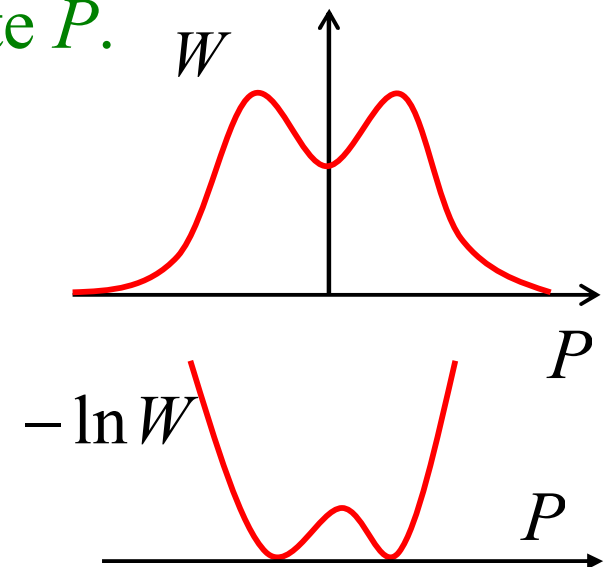
- **Distribution function (histogram) of plaquette P .**

- **First order phase transition:**

Two states coexist. \rightarrow Double peak.

- Effective potential: $-\ln W(P)$

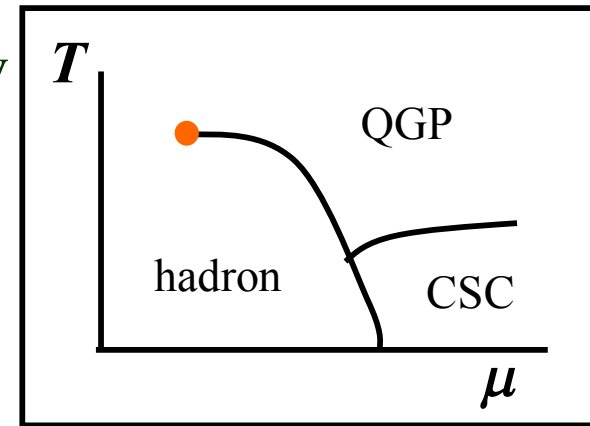
- **First order: Double well** Curvature: negative



Study of QCD phase structure at finite density

Reweighting method for μ

- **Boltzmann weight: Complex for $\mu > 0$**
 - Monte-Carlo method is not applicable directly.
 - Cannot generate configurations with the probability
- Reweighting method
 - Perform Simulation at $\mu=0$.
 - Modify the weight factor by



$$\langle O \rangle_{(\beta, \mu)} = \frac{1}{Z} \int DU O \left(\frac{\det M(\mu)}{\det M(0)} \det M(0) \right)^{N_f} e^{-S_g(\beta)} = \frac{\langle O(\det M(\mu)/\det M(0))^{N_f} \rangle_{(\beta, 0)}}{\langle (\det M(\mu)/\det M(0))^{N_f} \rangle_{(\beta, 0)}}$$

$$Z = \int DU (\det M(\mu))^{N_f} e^{-S_g}$$

(expectation value at $\mu=0$.)

Weight factor, Effective potential

- Classify by plaquette P (1x1 Wilson loop for the standard action)

$$Z(\mu) = \int dP R(P, \mu) W(P, \beta) \quad S_g = -6N_{site}\beta P$$

$$W(\bar{P}, \beta) \equiv \int DU \delta(P - \bar{P}) (\det M(0))^{N_f} e^{-S_g} \quad \text{(Weight factor at } \mu=0\text{)}$$

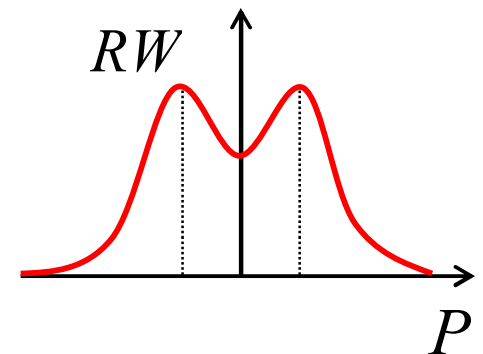
$$R(\bar{P}, \mu) \equiv \frac{\int DU \delta(P - \bar{P}) (\det M(\mu))^{N_f}}{\int DU \delta(P - \bar{P}) (\det M(0))^{N_f}} = \frac{\frac{1}{Z(0)} \int DU \delta(P - \bar{P}) \left(\frac{\det M(\mu)}{\det M(0)} \right)^{N_f} (\det M(0))^{N_f} e^{-S_g}}{\frac{1}{Z(0)} \int DU \delta(P - \bar{P}) (\det M(0))^{N_f} e^{-S_g}}$$

Expectation value of $O[P]$

$$\langle O[P] \rangle_{(\beta, \mu)} = \frac{1}{Z(\mu)} \int dP O[P] \underline{R(P, \mu) W(P, \beta)}$$

Weight factor at finite μ

Ex) 1st order phase transition



Effective potential: $-\ln[R(P, \mu) W(P, \beta)]$

We estimate the effective potential using the data in PRD71,054508(2005).

Reweighting for μ/T , Taylor expansion

Problem 1, Direct calculation of $\det M$: difficult

- Taylor expansion in μ_q (Bielefeld-Swansea Collab., PRD66, 014507 (2002))

$$\ln \det M(\mu) = N_f \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right)^n \frac{d^n \ln \det M}{d(\mu/T)^n} \right]$$


- Random noise method  Reduce CPU time.

- Approximation: up to $O(\mu_q^6)$

- Taylor expansion of $R(\mu_q)$

$$R(\mu_q) = \underbrace{c_2^R \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T} \right)^2 + c_4^R \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T} \right)^4 + c_6^R \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T} \right)^6}_{\text{no error}} + \underbrace{c_8^R \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T} \right)^8 + \dots}_{\text{truncation error}}$$

Valid, if $c_8^R \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T} \right)^8 + \dots$ is small.



- The application range can be estimated, e.g.,

$$\boxed{\sqrt{\left| \frac{c_6^R}{c_8^R} \right|} \gg \frac{\mu_q}{T}} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \left| c_6^R \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T} \right)^6 \right| \gg \left| c_8^R \left(\frac{\mu_q}{T} \right)^8 \right|$$

Reweighting for μ/T , Sign problem

Problem 2, $\det M(\mu)$: complex number.

$$(\det M)^{N_f} \equiv |F| e^{i\theta}$$

Sign problem happens when $\det M$ changes its sign frequently.

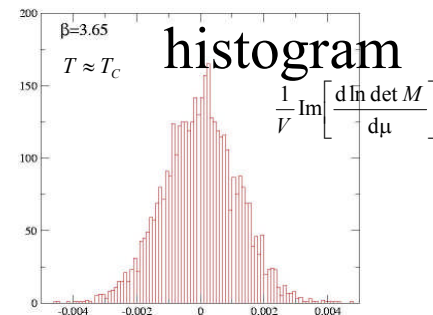
- Assumption:

Distribution function $W(P, |F|, \theta) \rightarrow$ Gaussian

$$W(\theta) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\pi}} e^{-\alpha\theta^2}$$

$$\int d\theta e^{i\theta} W(\theta) \rightarrow \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4\alpha_{(P, |\det M|)}}\right)$$

→ Weight: real positive (no sign problem)



When the correlation between eigenvalues of M is weak.

- Complex phase: $\theta = N_f \text{Im}[\ln \det M(\mu)]$

$$\ln \det M(\mu) = \ln\left(\prod_n |\lambda_n| e^{i\theta_n}\right) = \sum_n \ln |\lambda_n| + i \sum_n \theta_n \quad (|\lambda_n| e^{i\theta_n} : \text{eigenvalues})$$

Central limit theorem **→** θ : Gaussian distribution

Valid for large volume (except on the critical point)

Reweighting for μ/T , sign problem

- Taylor expansion: odd terms of $\ln \det M$ (Bielefeld-Swansea, PRD66, 014507 (2002))

$$\theta = N_f \text{Im} \left[\frac{\mu}{T} \frac{d \ln \det M}{d(\mu/T)} + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right)^3 \frac{d^3 \ln \det M}{d^3(\mu/T)} + \frac{1}{5!} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right)^5 \frac{d^5 \ln \det M}{d^5(\mu/T)} + \dots \right]$$

- Estimation of $\alpha(P, |F|)$: For fixed $(P, |F|)$,

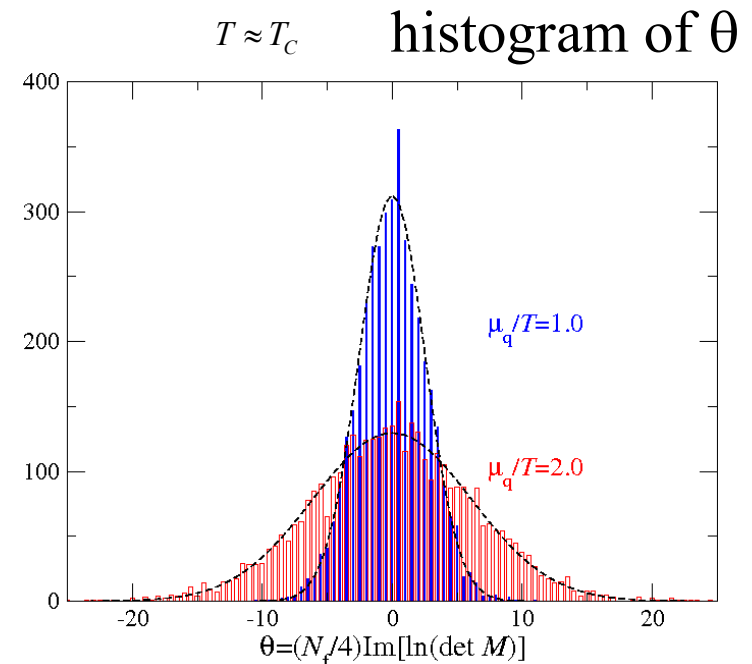
$$\frac{1}{2\alpha(P', |F'|)} = \frac{\int \theta^2 W(P', |F'|, \theta) d\theta}{\int W(P', |F'|, \theta) d\theta} = \frac{\langle \theta^2 \delta(P - P') \delta(|F| - |F'|) \rangle}{\langle \delta(P - P') \delta(|F| - |F'|) \rangle}$$

$(\det M)^{N_f} \equiv |F| e^{i\theta}$

- Results for p4-improved staggered

- Taylor expansion up to $O(\mu^5)$
- Dashed line: fit by a Gaussian function

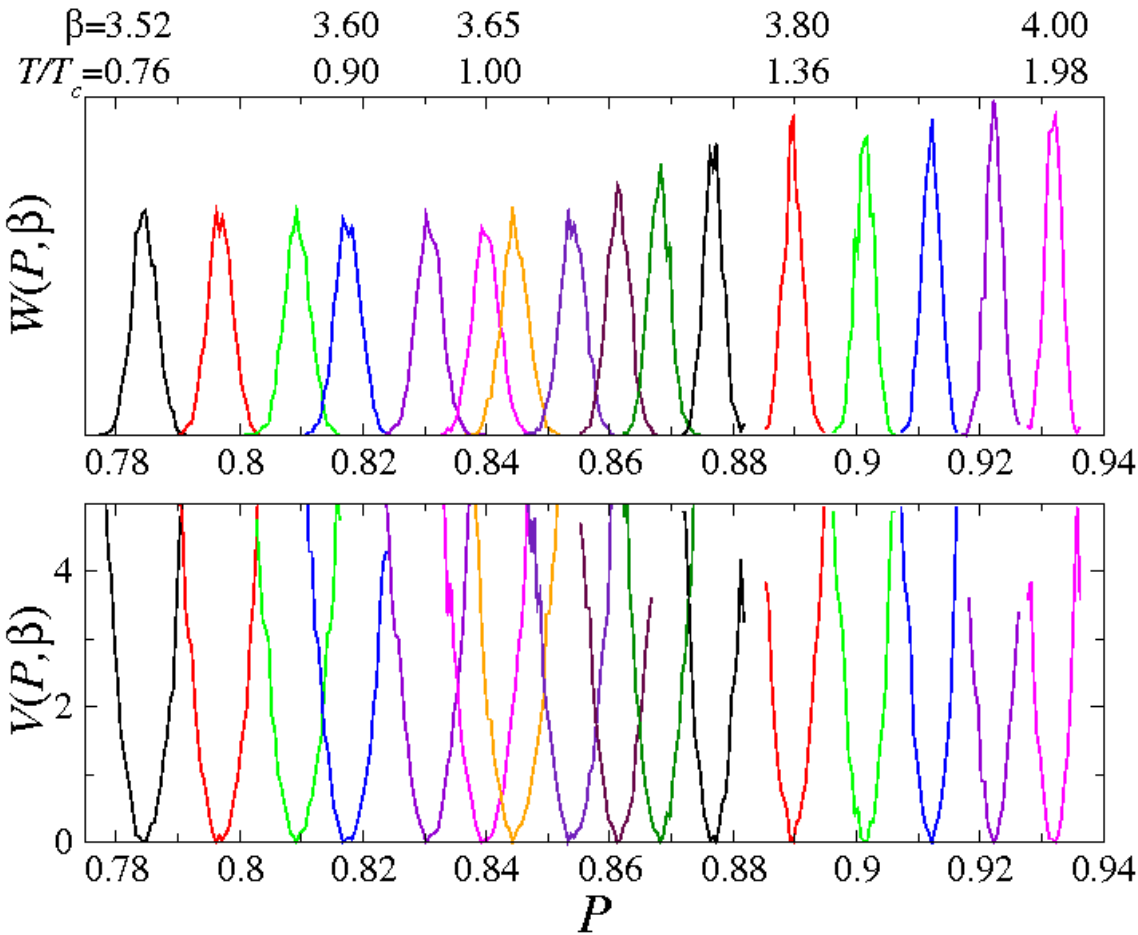
➔ Well approximated



Reweighting for $\beta(T)=6g^{-2}$

$$Z(\mu) = \int dP R(P, \mu) \underline{W(P, \beta)}$$

(Data: $N_f=2$ p4-staggered, $m_\pi/m_\rho \approx 0.7$, $\mu=0$, without reweighting)



Change: $\beta_1(T) \rightarrow \beta_2(T)$

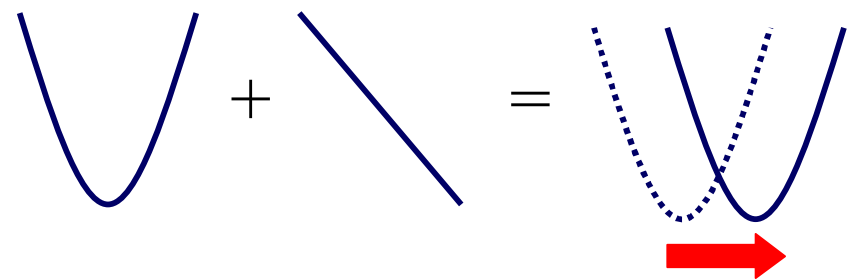
Weight:

$$W(\beta_1) \Rightarrow W(\beta_2) = e^{-S_g(\beta_2) + S_g(\beta_1)} W(\beta_1)$$

$$S_g(\beta_2) - S_g(\beta_1) = -6N_{\text{site}}(\beta_2 - \beta_1)P$$

Potential:

$$-\ln W(\beta_1) - \underline{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta_2 - \beta_1)P} = -\ln W(\beta_2)$$

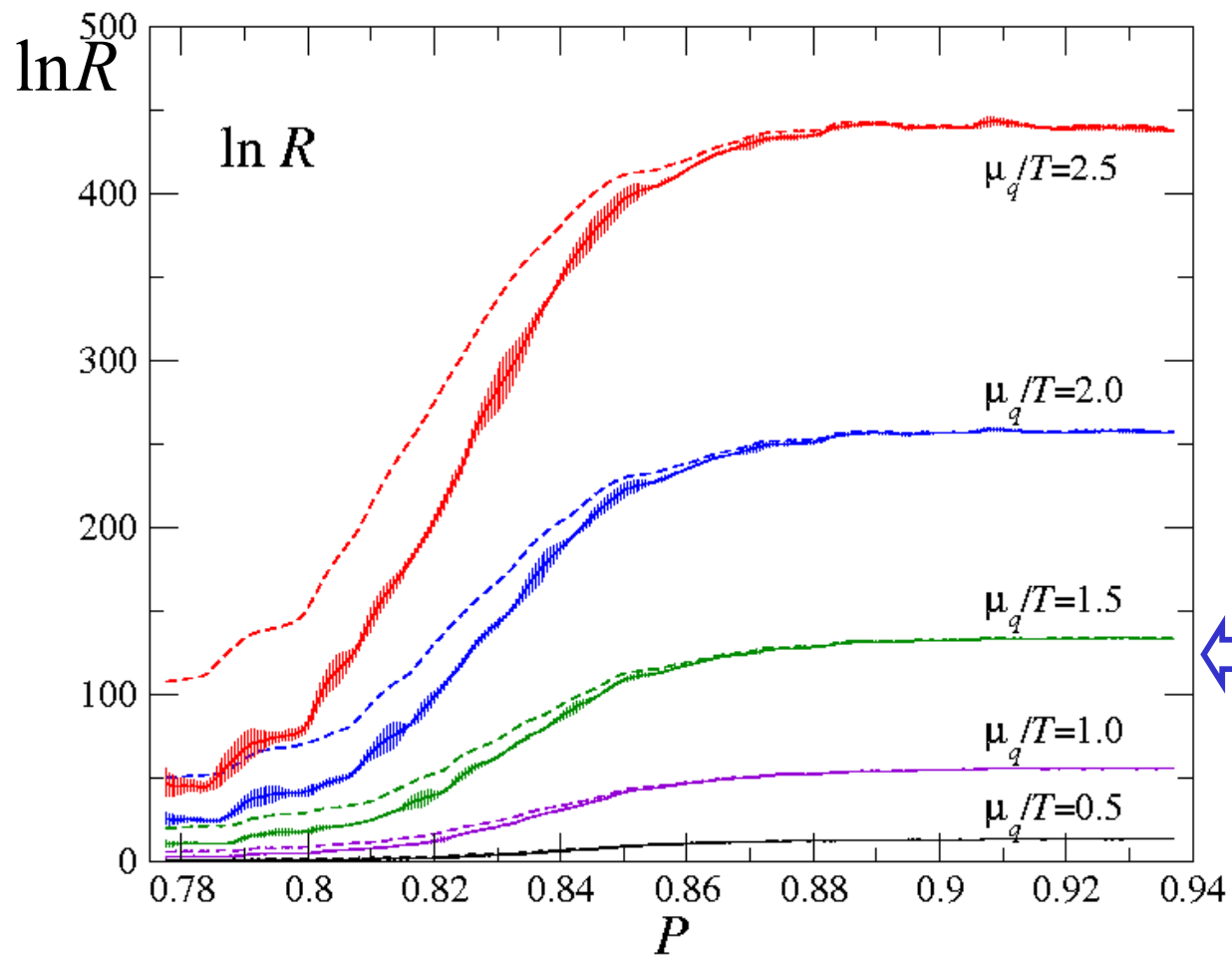
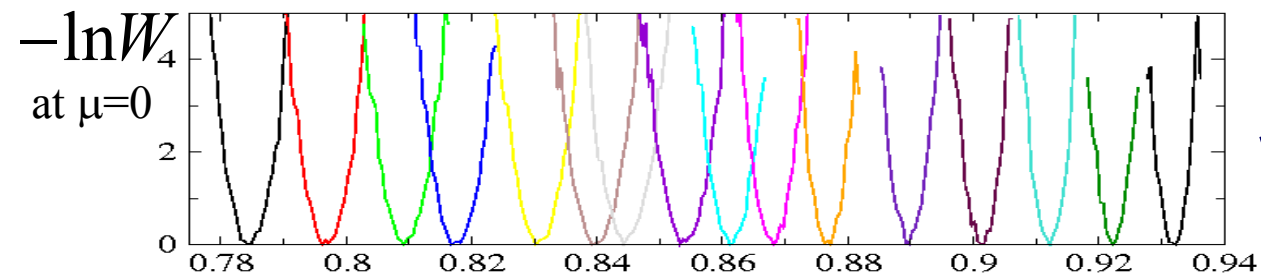


Assumption: $W(P)$ is of Gaussian.

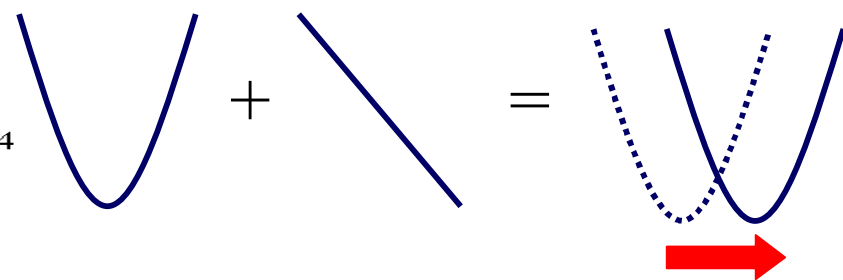
$$\rightarrow \underline{-\frac{d^2 \ln W}{dP^2} = \frac{6N_{\text{site}}}{\chi_P} \equiv \langle (P - \langle P \rangle)^2 \rangle^{-1}}$$

(Curvature of $V(P)$ at $\mu_q=0$)

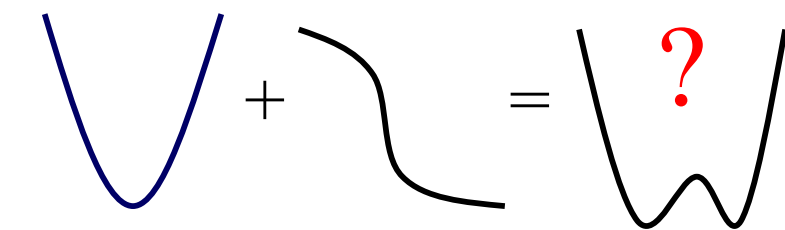
Effective potential at finite μ/T $-\ln W(P, \beta) - \ln R(P, \mu)$



- Normal



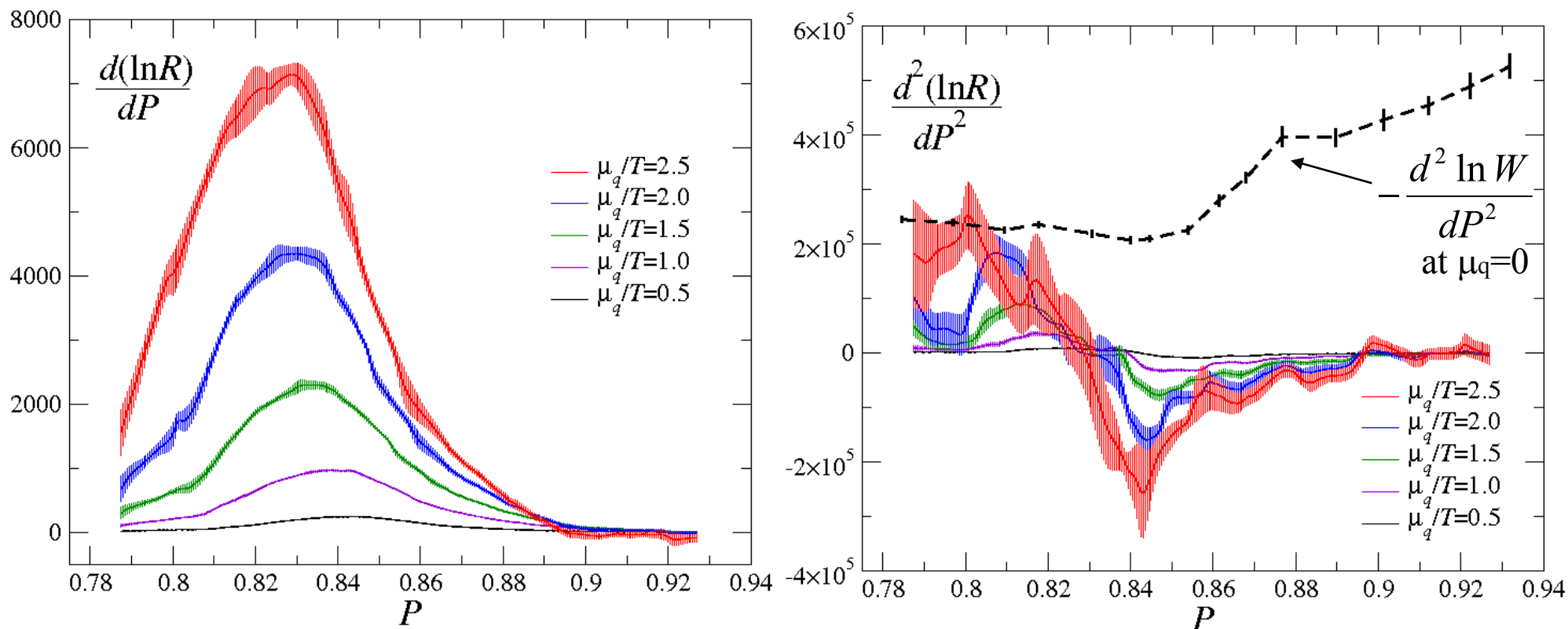
- First order



← Solid lines: reweighting factor at finite μ/T , $R(P, \mu)$

Dashed lines: reweighting factor without complex phase factor.

Slope and curvature of the effective potential



Critical point:
$$\frac{d^2 V(P, \mu)}{dP^2} = -\frac{d^2 \ln W(P, \beta)}{dP^2} - \frac{d^2 \ln R(P, \mu)}{dP^2} = 0$$

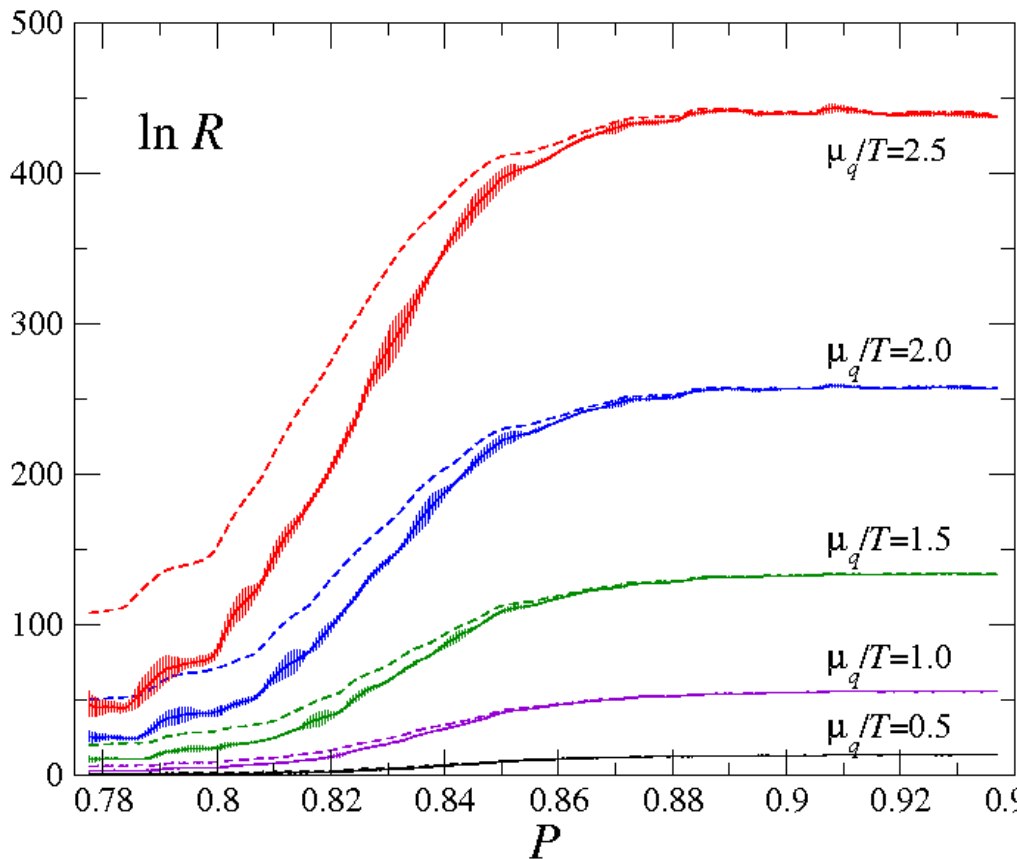
➡ • First order at $\mu_q/T \geq 2.5$

QCD with isospin chemical potential μ_I

$$\mu_u = -\mu_d = \mu_I, \quad \mu_q = (\mu_u + \mu_d)/2 = 0$$

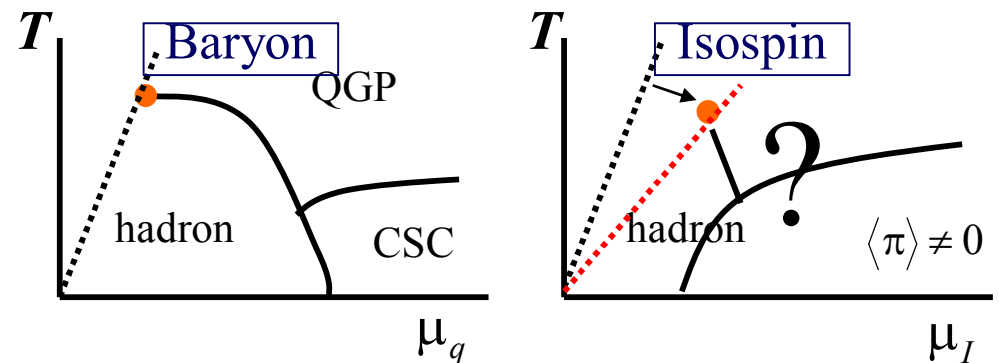
$$\det M(\mu_u) \det M(\mu_d) = \det M(\mu_I) \det M(-\mu_I) = |\det M(\mu_I)|^2$$

$$(\because \det M(-\mu_I) = [\det M(\mu_I)]^*)$$



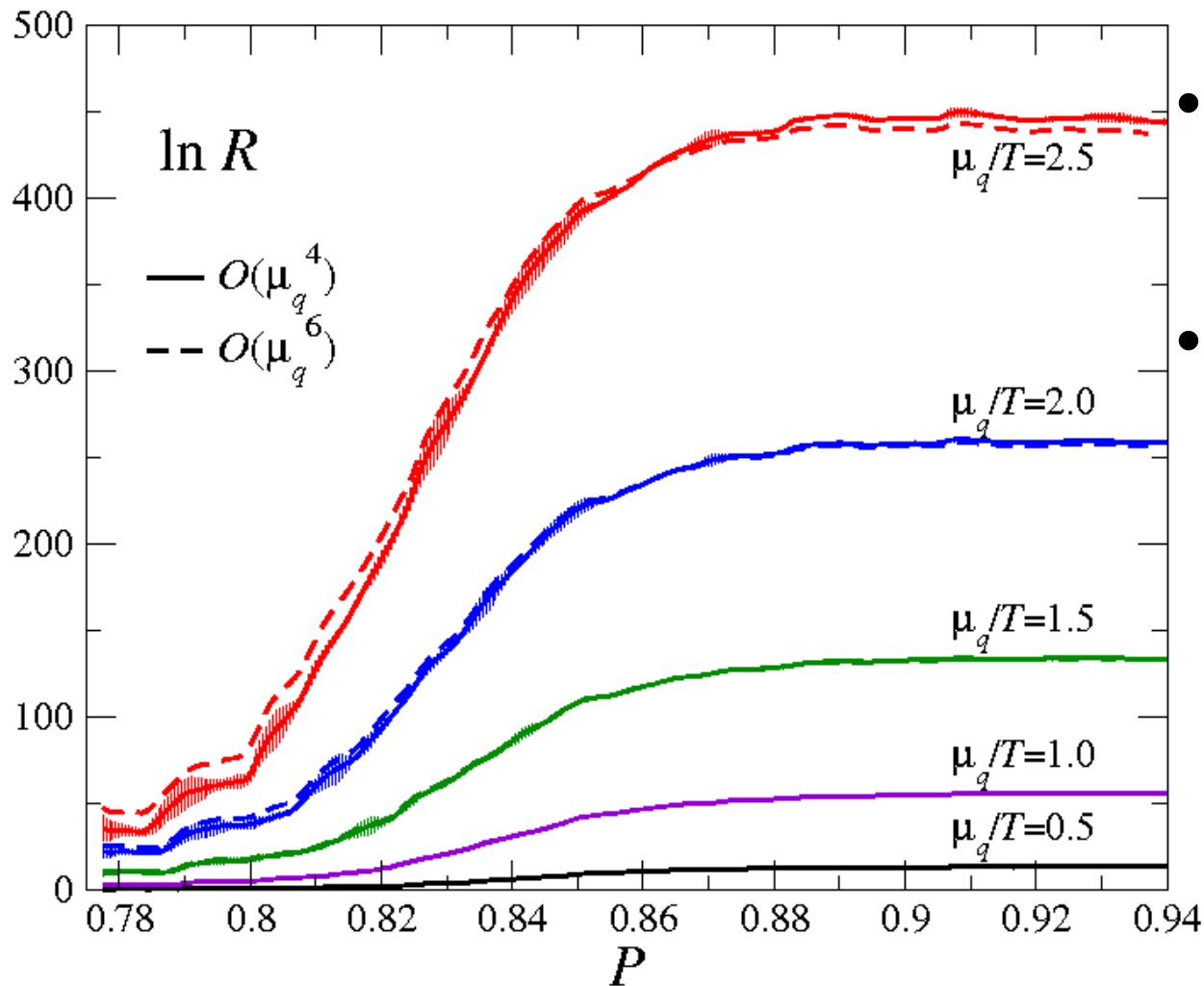
- Dashed line: QCD with non-zero μ_I ($\mu_q=0$)
- The slope and curvature of $\ln R$ for isospin chemical potential is small.

➡ The critical μ_I/T is larger than that in QCD with non-zero μ_q/T .



Truncation error of Taylor expansion

$$N_f \ln \det M(\mu) = N_f \sum_{n=0}^N \left[\frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right)^n \frac{d^n \ln \det M}{d(\mu/T)^n} \right]$$



- Solid line: $O(\mu^4)$
- Dashed line: $O(\mu^6)$
- The effect from 5th and 6th order term is small for $\mu_q/T \leq 2.5$.

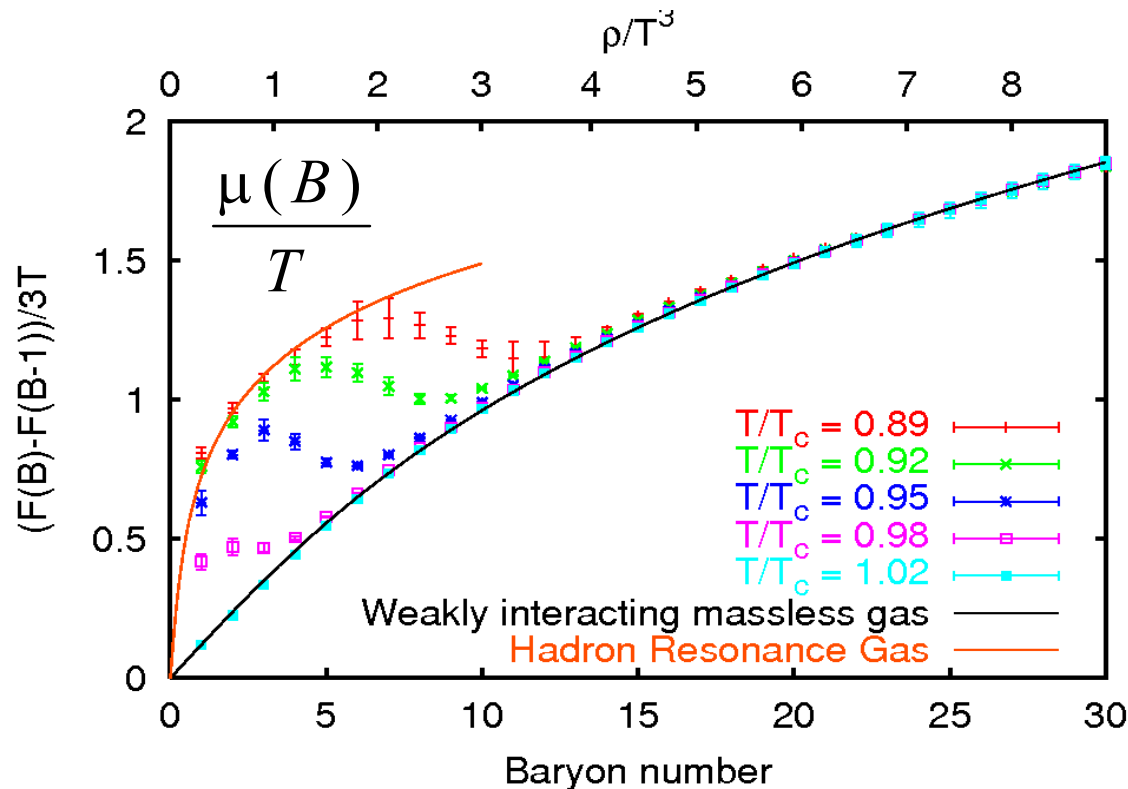
Canonical approach

Effective potential as a function of density $\rho = N / V$

Canonical partition function $Z_{GC}(T, \mu) = \sum_N \underline{Z_C(T, N)} \exp(N\mu/T)$

Chemical potential

$$\frac{\mu(N)}{T} = - \frac{\partial \ln Z_C(T, N)}{\partial N}$$



S. Kratochvila, Ph. de Forcrand,
hep-lat/0509143

$N_f=4$ staggered fermions,
 $6^3 \times 4$ lattice

First order phase transition: Two states coexist

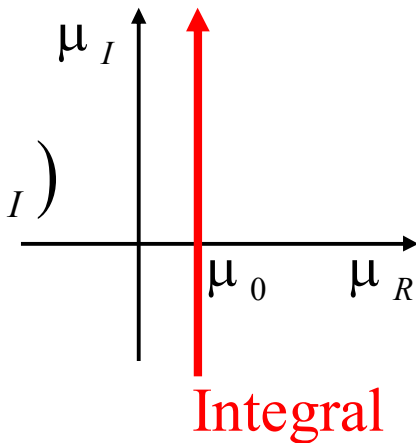
Canonical approach

- Fugacity expansion (Laplace transformation)

$$Z_{GC}(T, \mu) = \sum_N \underline{Z_C(T, N)} \exp(N\mu/T) \quad \rho = N/V$$

- $Z_C(T, N)$: canonical partition function

$$Z_C(T, N) = \frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} d(\mu_I/T) e^{-N(\mu_0/T + i\mu_I/T)} Z_{GC}(T, \mu_0 + i\mu_I)$$



$$\frac{Z_{GC}(\mu)}{Z_{GC}(0)} = \frac{1}{Z_{GC}(0)} \int DU (\det M(\mu))^{N_f} e^{-S_g} = \left\langle \left(\frac{\det M(\mu)}{\det M(0)} \right)^{N_f} \right\rangle_{\mu=0}$$

- Saddle point approximation (valid for large V) $V = 16^3 = 4096$

$$\frac{Z_C(T, \rho)}{Z_{GC}(T, 0)} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\langle \exp \left[N_f \ln \left(\frac{\det M(z_0)}{\det M(0)} \right) - V\rho z_0 \right] e^{-i\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{V|R''(z_0)|}} \right\rangle_{(T, \mu=0)}$$

Saddle point: $\left[\frac{N_f}{V} \frac{\partial(\ln \det M)}{\partial(\mu/T)} - \rho \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) \right]_{\frac{\mu}{T}=z_0} = 0 \quad R'' \left(\frac{\mu}{T} \right) = \frac{N_f}{V} \frac{\partial^2(\ln \det M)}{\partial(\mu/T)^2} \equiv |R''| e^{i\alpha}$

Canonical approach

- Chemical potential in saddle point approximation

$$\frac{\mu(\rho)}{T} = \frac{-1}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_C(T, \rho)}{\partial \rho}$$

$$\approx \frac{\left\langle z_0 \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\det M(z_0)}{\det M(0)} \right)^{N_f} - V\rho z_0 \right] e^{-i\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{V|R''(z_0)|}} \right\rangle_{(T, \mu=0)}}{\left\langle \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\det M(z_0)}{\det M(0)} \right)^{N_f} - V\rho z_0 \right] e^{-i\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{V|R''(z_0)|}} \right\rangle_{(T, \mu=0)}}$$

saddle point
reweighting factor

- Expectation value of plaquette

$$\langle P \rangle_{(T, \rho)} \approx \frac{\left\langle P \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\det M(z_0)}{\det M(0)} \right)^{N_f} - V\rho z_0 \right] e^{-i\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{V|R''(z_0)|}} \right\rangle_{(T, \mu=0)}}{\left\langle \exp \left[\ln \left(\frac{\det M(z_0)}{\det M(0)} \right)^{N_f} - V\rho z_0 \right] e^{-i\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{V|R''(z_0)|}} \right\rangle_{(T, \mu=0)}}$$

Calculation of the canonical partition function

- Approximation:
 - Taylor expansion of $\ln \det M$: up to $O(\mu^6)$
 - Distribution function of $\theta = N_f \text{Im}[\ln \det M]$: Gaussian type.
- Simulations:
 - Bielefeld-Swansea collab., PRD71,054508(2005).
 - 2-flavor p4-improved staggered quarks with $m/T=0.4$
 - $16^3 \times 4$ lattice

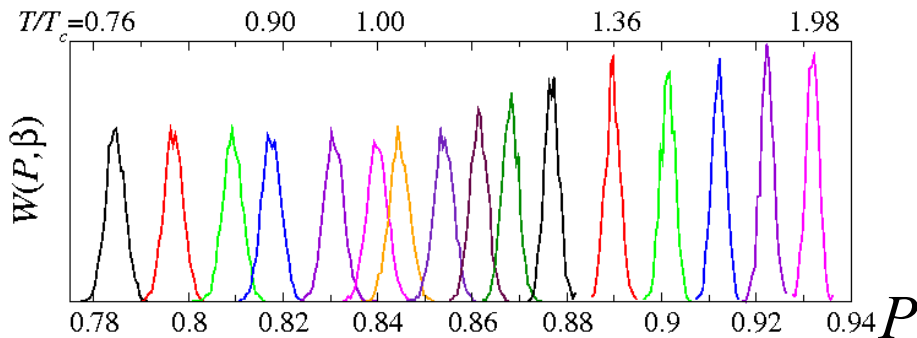
Multi- β reweighting

Ferrenberg-Swendsen, PRL63,1195(1989)

- When the density increases, the position of the importance sampling changes.
- Combine all data by multi- β reweighting

Problem:

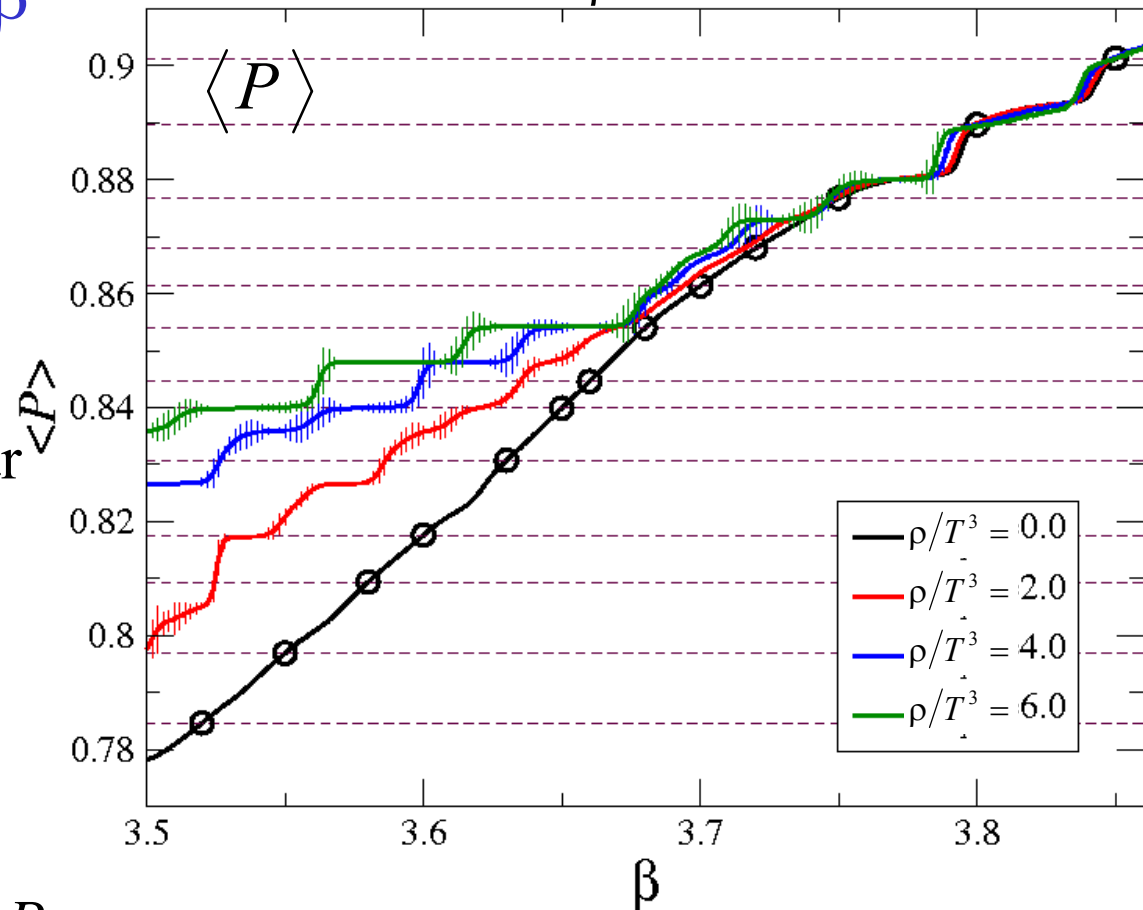
- Configurations do not cover all region of P .
- Calculate only when $\langle P \rangle$ is near the peaks of the distributions.



Plaquette value by multi-beta reweighting

--- peak position of the distribution

○ $\langle P \rangle$ at each β



Canonical approach

- Approximations:
 - Taylor expansion: $\ln \det M$
 - Gaussian distribution: θ
 - Saddle point approximation

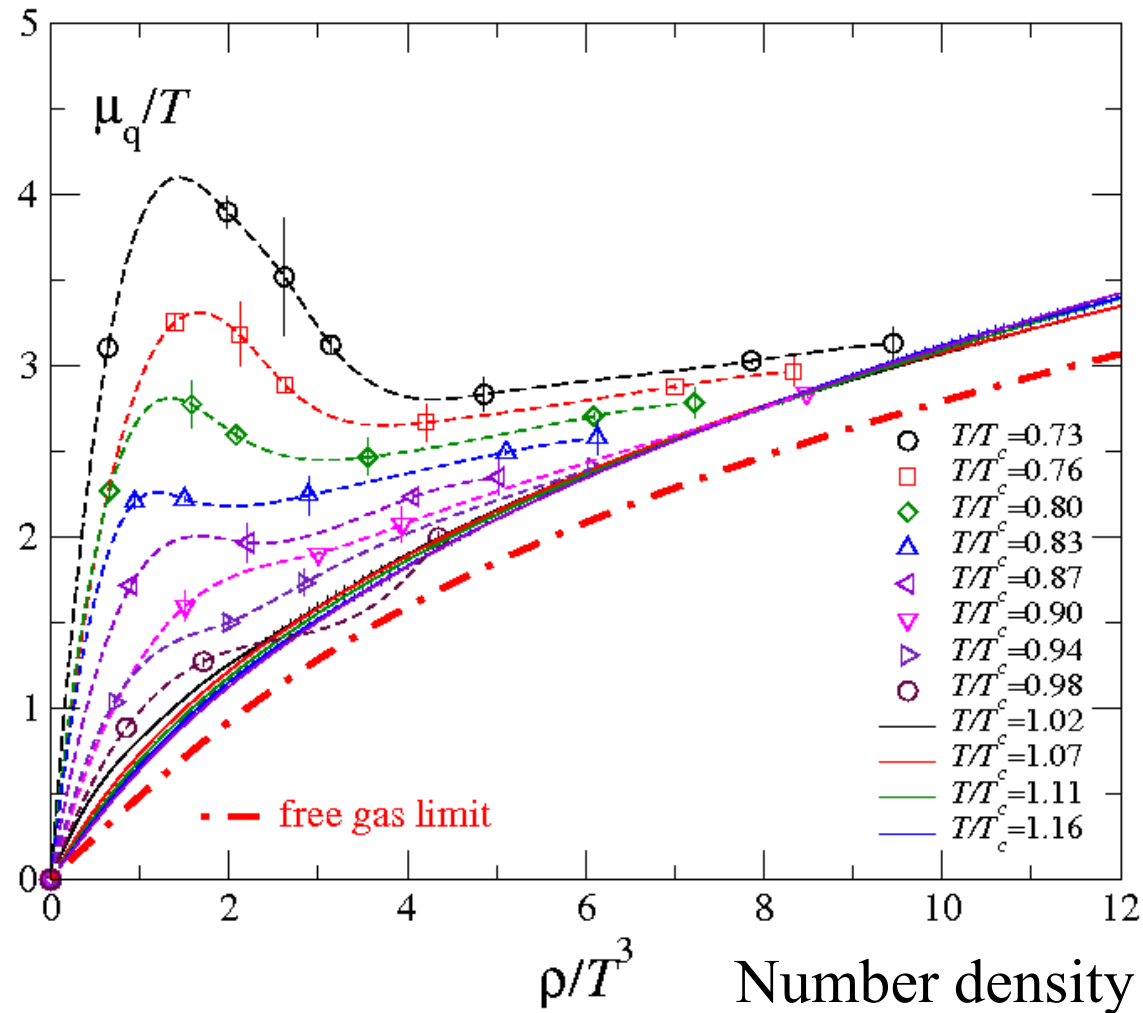


- Two states at the same μ_q/T
 - First order transition at $\mu_q/T > 2.5$

- Similar to S. Kratochvila, Ph. deForcrand, hep-lat/0509143 ($N_f=4$)

- Solid line: multi-b reweighting
- Dashed line: spline interpolation
- Dot-dashed line: the free gas limit

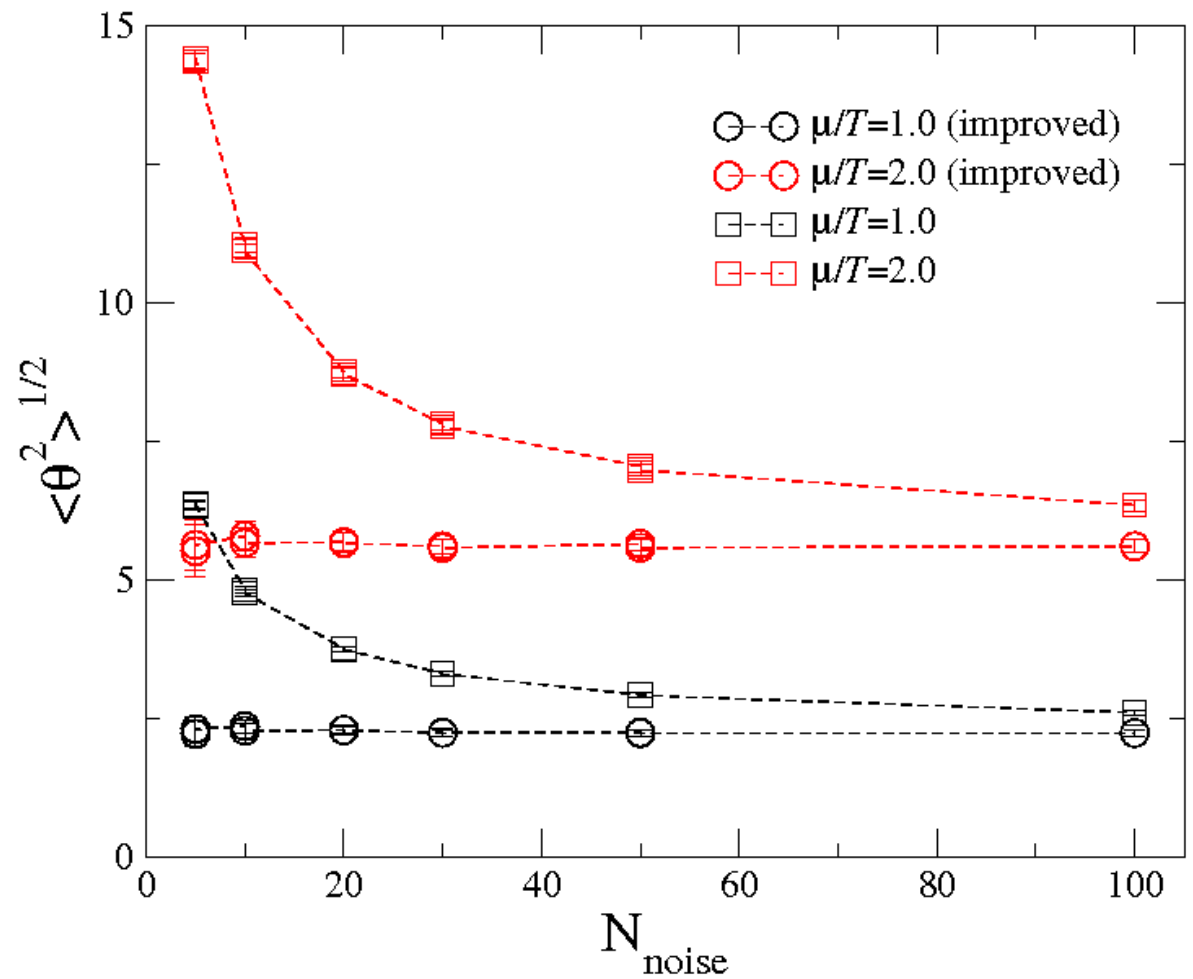
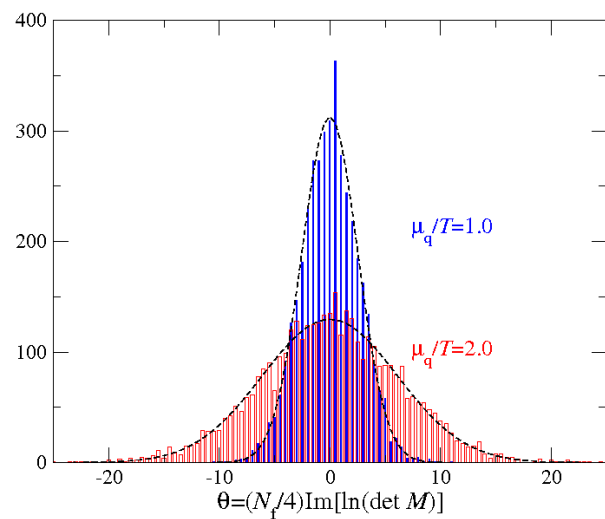
$N_f=2$ p4-staggered, $16^3 \times 4$ lattice



Summary and outlook

- An effective potential as a function of the plaquette is studied.
- Approximation:
 - Taylor expansion of $\ln \det M$: up to $O(\mu^6)$
 - Distribution function of $\theta = N_f \text{Im}[\ln \det M]$: Gaussian type.
- Simulations: 2-flavor p4-improved staggered quarks with $m/T=0.4$, $16^3 \times 4$ lattice
 - First order phase transition for $\mu_q/T \geq 2.5$.
 - The critical μ is larger for QCD with finite μ_I (isospin) than with finite μ_q (baryon number).
 - The canonical partition function can be also measured.
- Studies near physical quark mass: important.

Number of noise dependence



Relation to quark number susceptibility

