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Quantum critical magnetocaloric effect in holography

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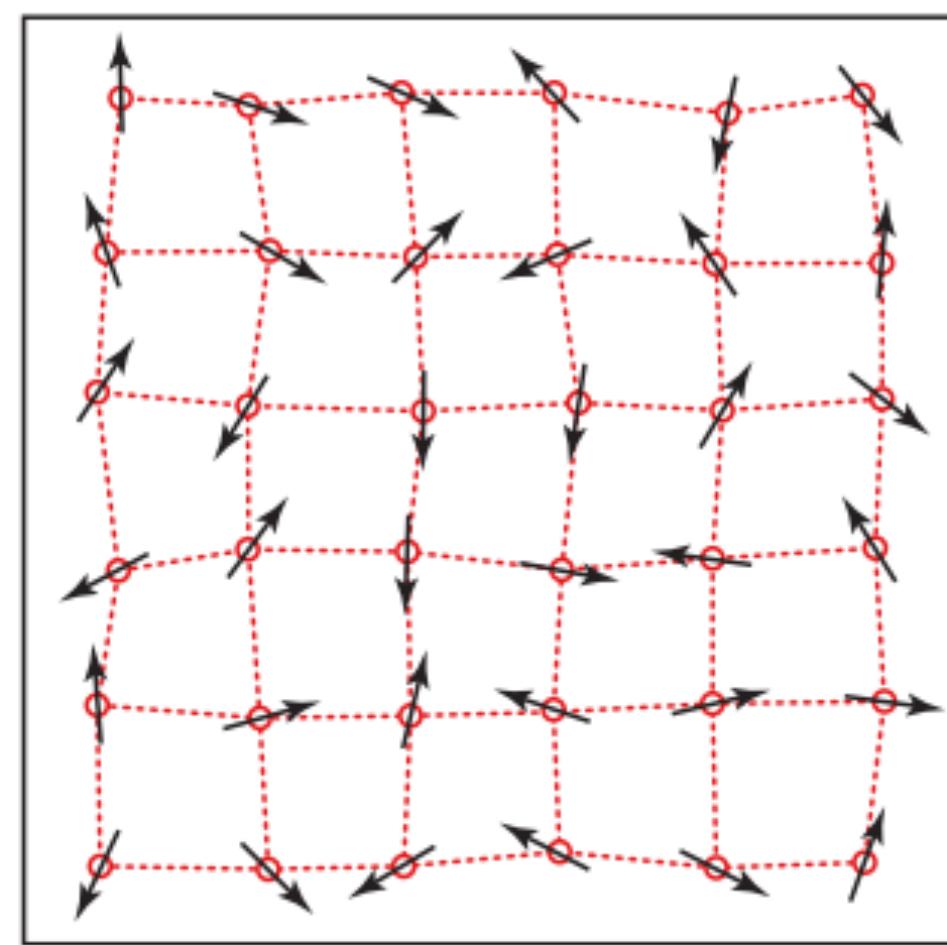
- **Summary and discussion**

Magnetocaloric effect

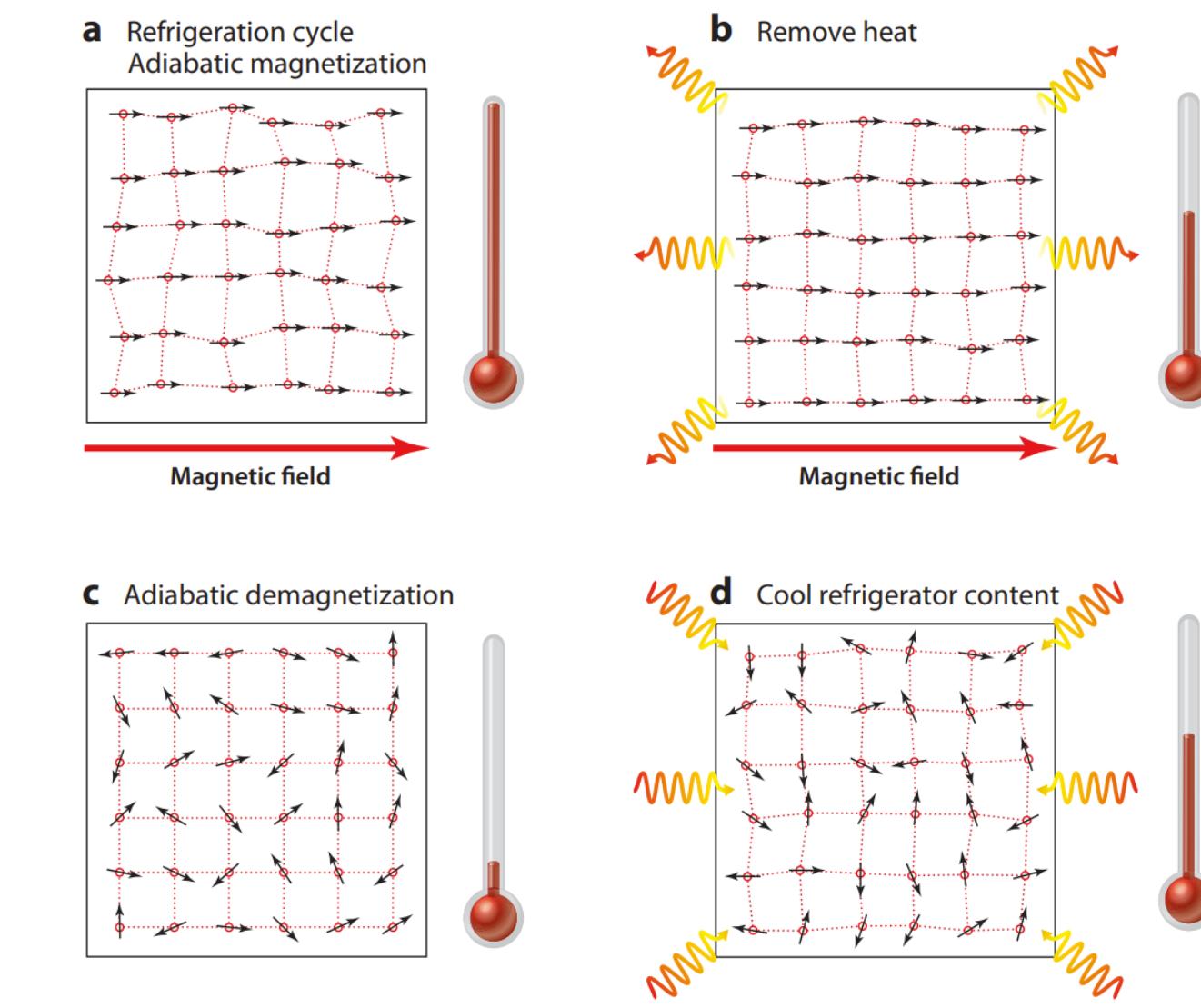
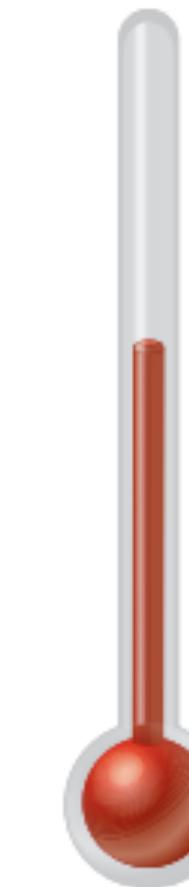
MCE has a 2-fold definition [Wolf et al, 1601.05092] :

First: Temperature change of material when magnetized or demagnetized in a **reversible** process;

Second: Entropy change of material when a magnetic field is applied in an **isothermal** process;



magnetic and lattice subsystems



four stages of the cooling cycle

Gruneisen parameter

- In a reversible adiabatic process, this effect can be characterized by the Gruneisen parameter

$$\Gamma_B \equiv \frac{1}{T} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial B} \right)_S,$$

- Using thermodynamic relation and the adiabatic condition (i.e. $dS = 0$):

$$\Gamma_B = - \frac{1}{C} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial B} \right)_T = - \frac{(\partial S / \partial B)_T}{T (\partial S / \partial T)_B},$$

- It is generally expected and observed that the Gruneisen ratio is finite. For example, if a system is dominated by a single energy scale E^* (i.e. Fermi or Debye energy)

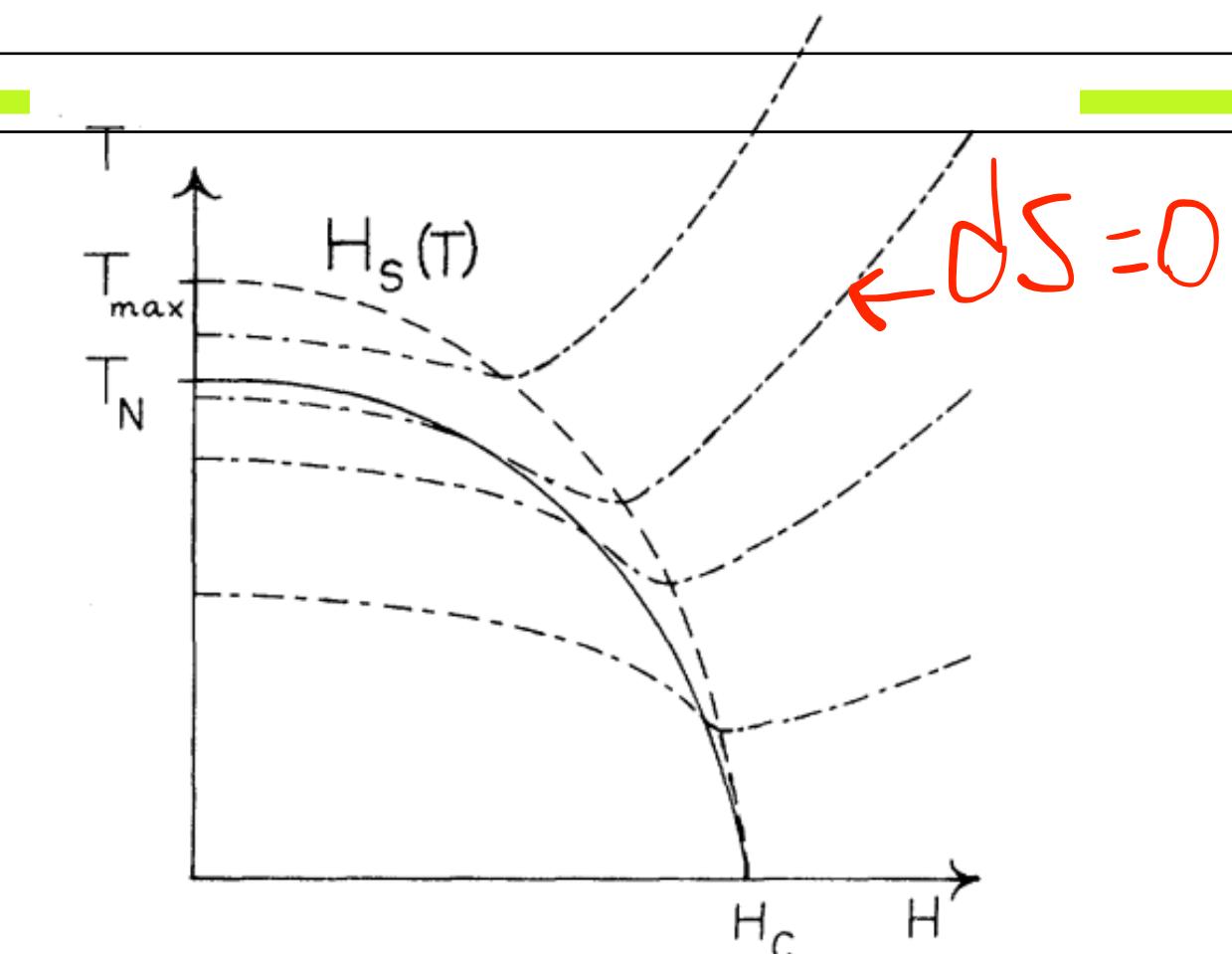
$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{E^*} \frac{\partial E^*}{\partial B}$$

Quantum critical MCE

- Early Studies in Spin 1/2 Heisenberg chain [PRA 5, 2293(1972)]

a). The lack of a phase transition is not important;

b). The locus of maximum cooling (dashed line) lies outside the T-H phase boundary;



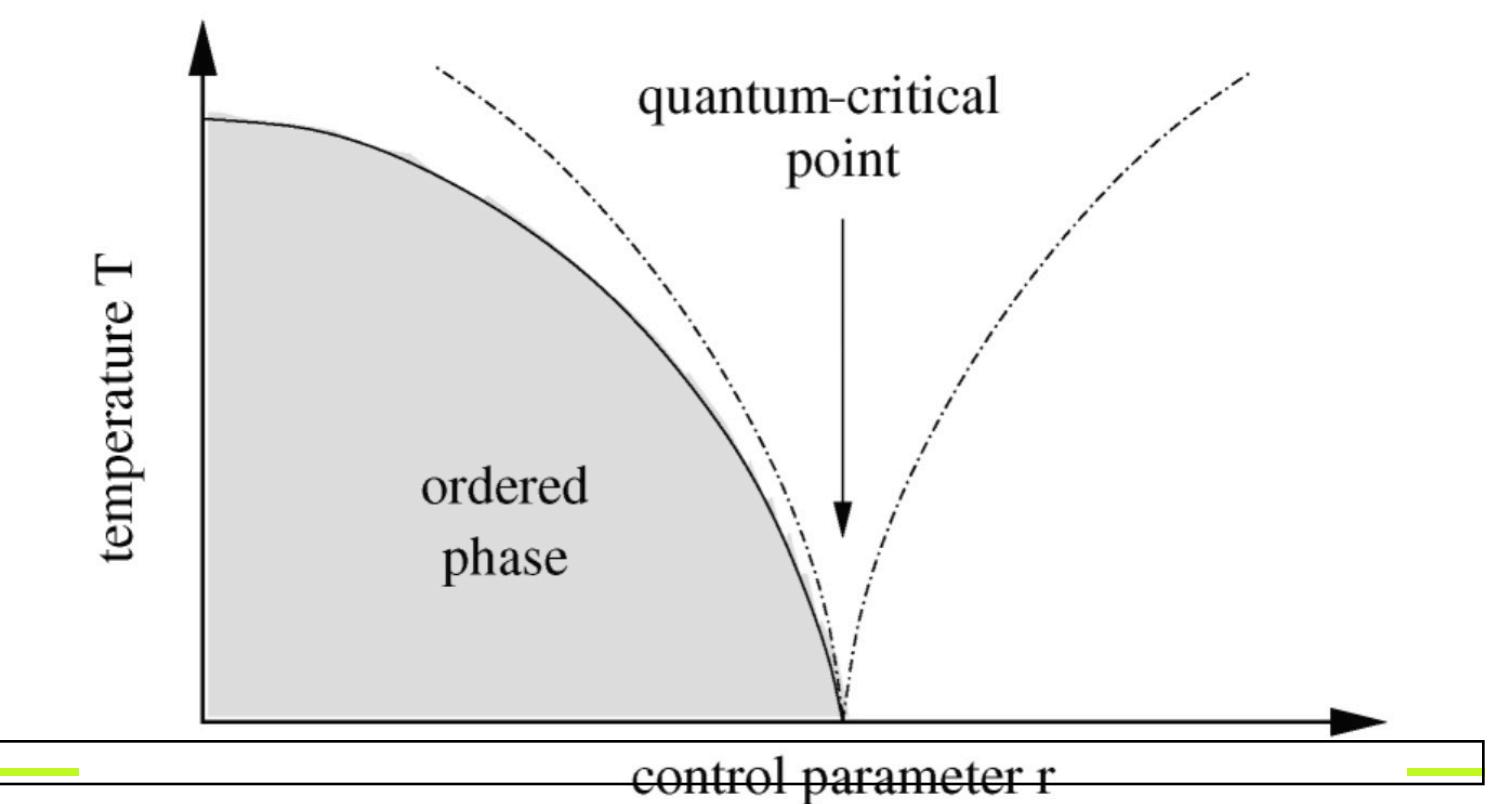
- Universally diverging Γ_B close to a QCP [PRL 91, 066404(2003)]

Assuming the critical behavior is governed by ξ and ξ_τ at a (second order) QCP:

$$\frac{F_{cr}}{N} = -\rho_0 \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{\frac{d+z}{z}} f\left(\frac{r}{(T/T_0)^{\frac{1}{\nu z}}}\right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Gamma_B \propto T^{-1/(\nu z)}, & \text{at QCR} \\ \Gamma_B = -\frac{G_r}{B - B_c}, & \text{in two phases} \end{cases}$$

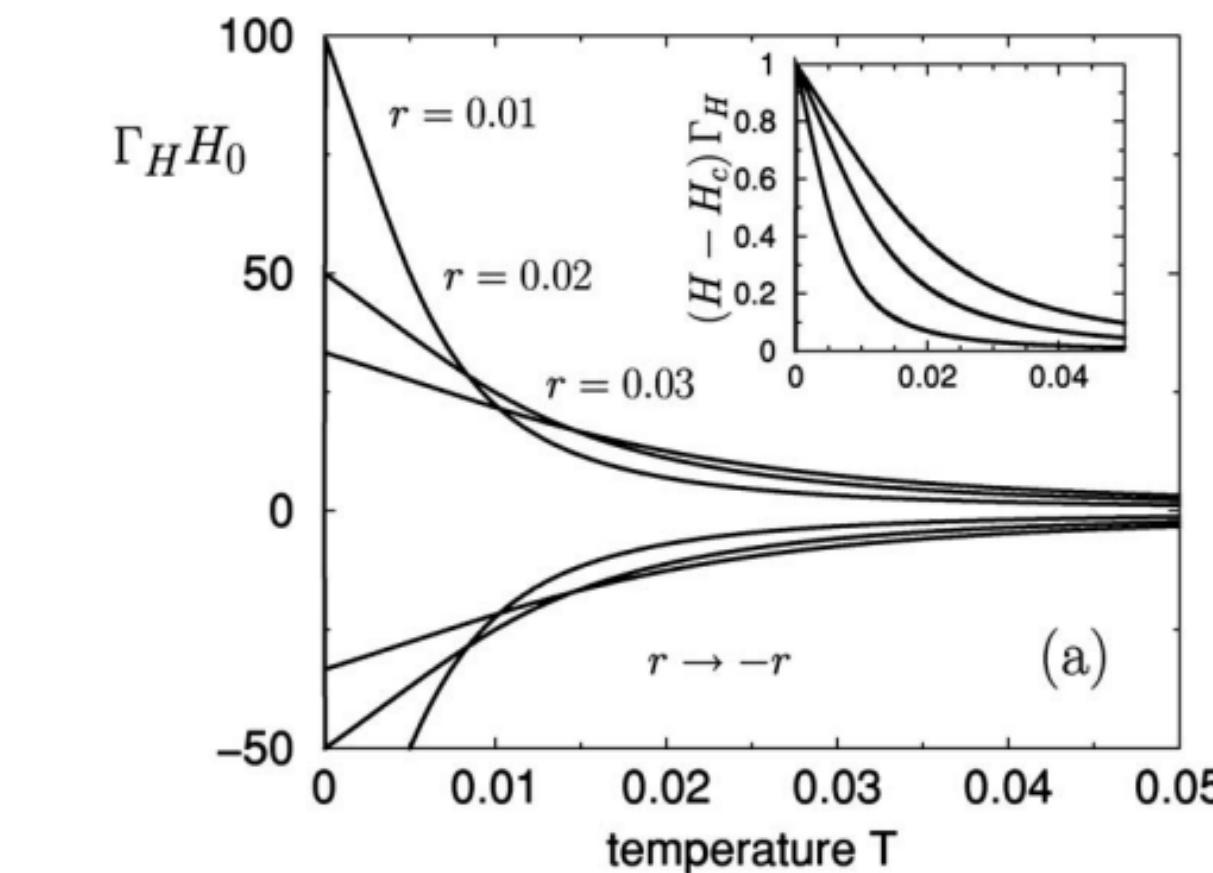
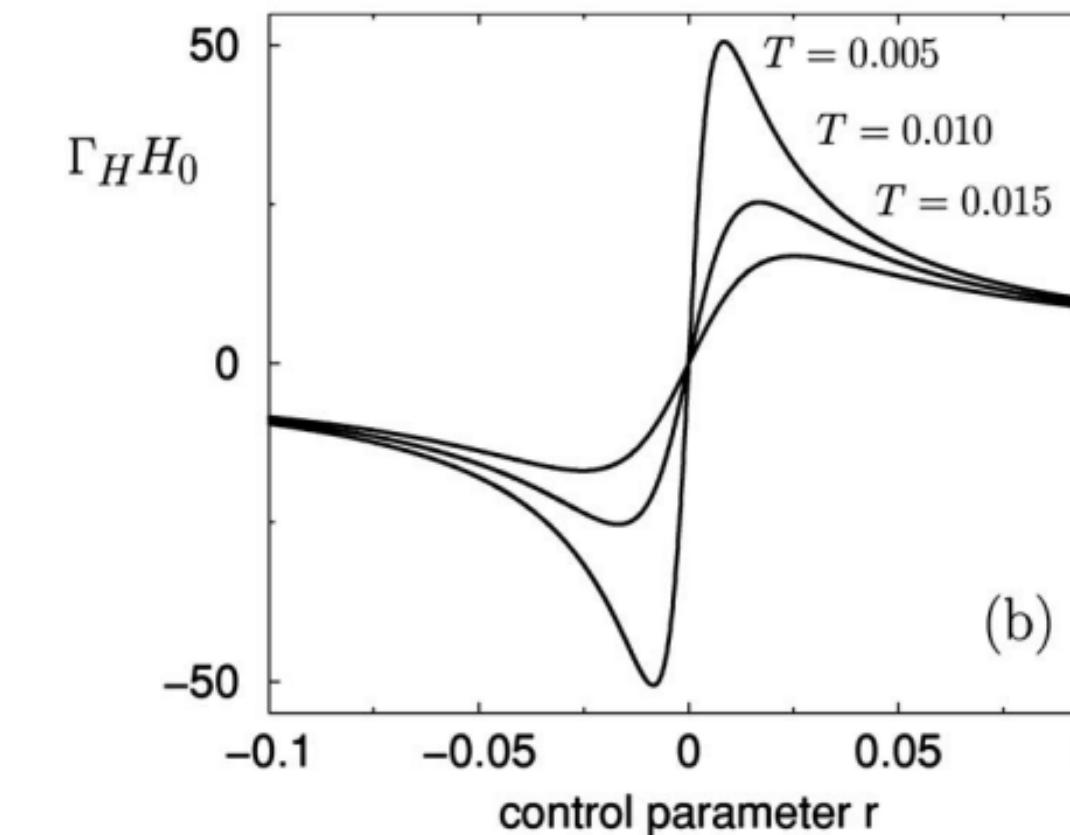
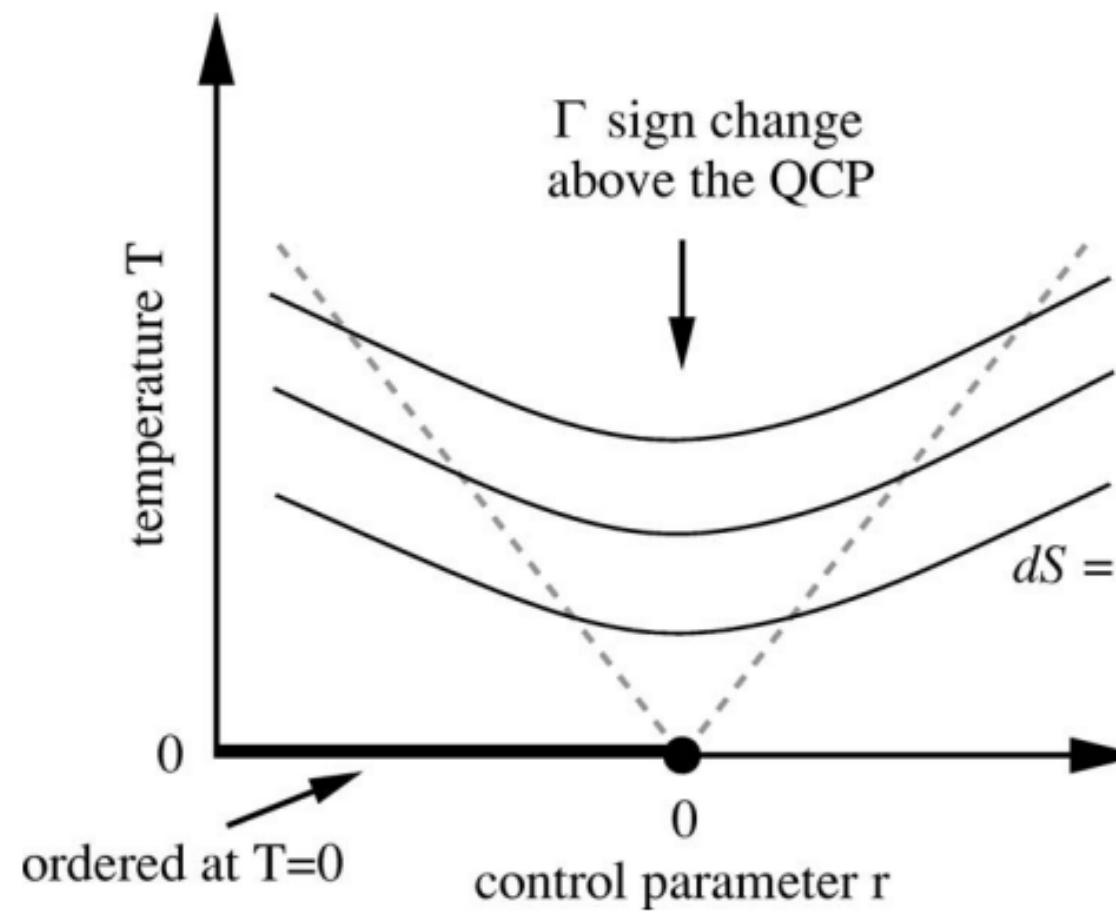
a). Divergent MCE at any QCP

b). Used to detect the existence of QCP and measure νz

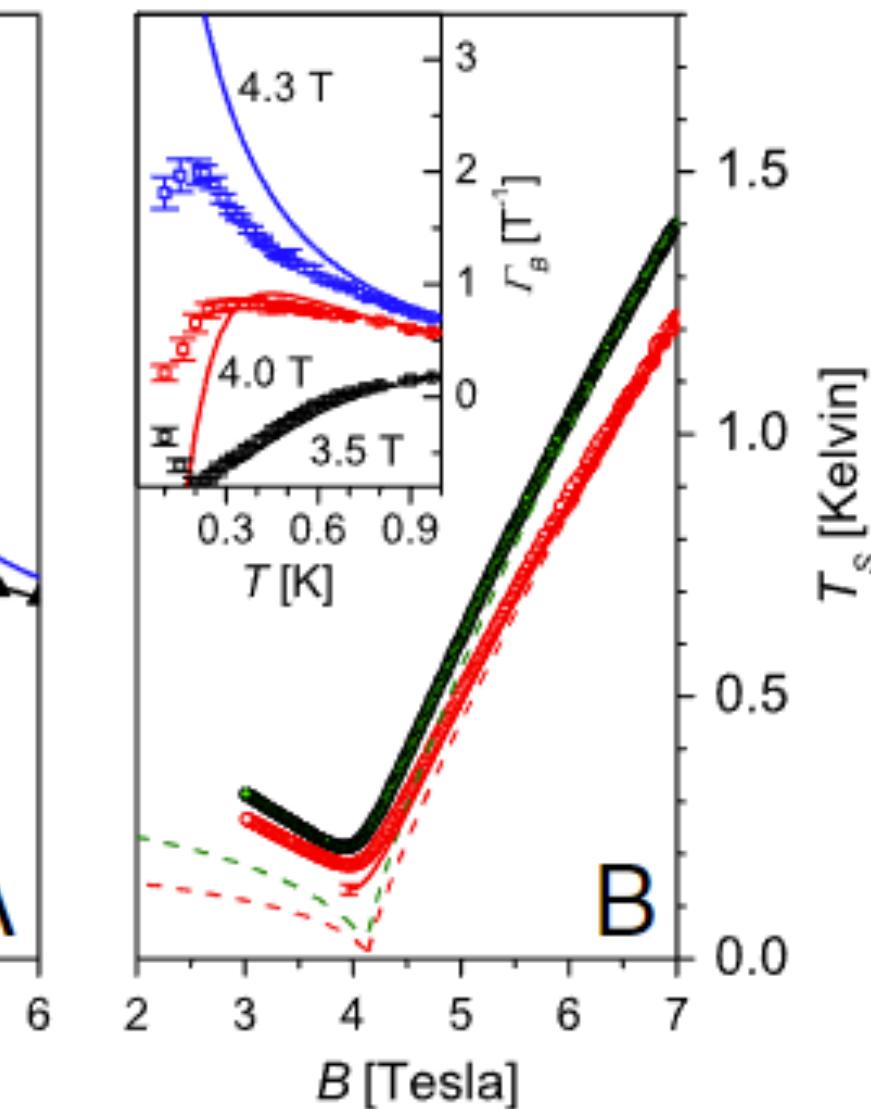
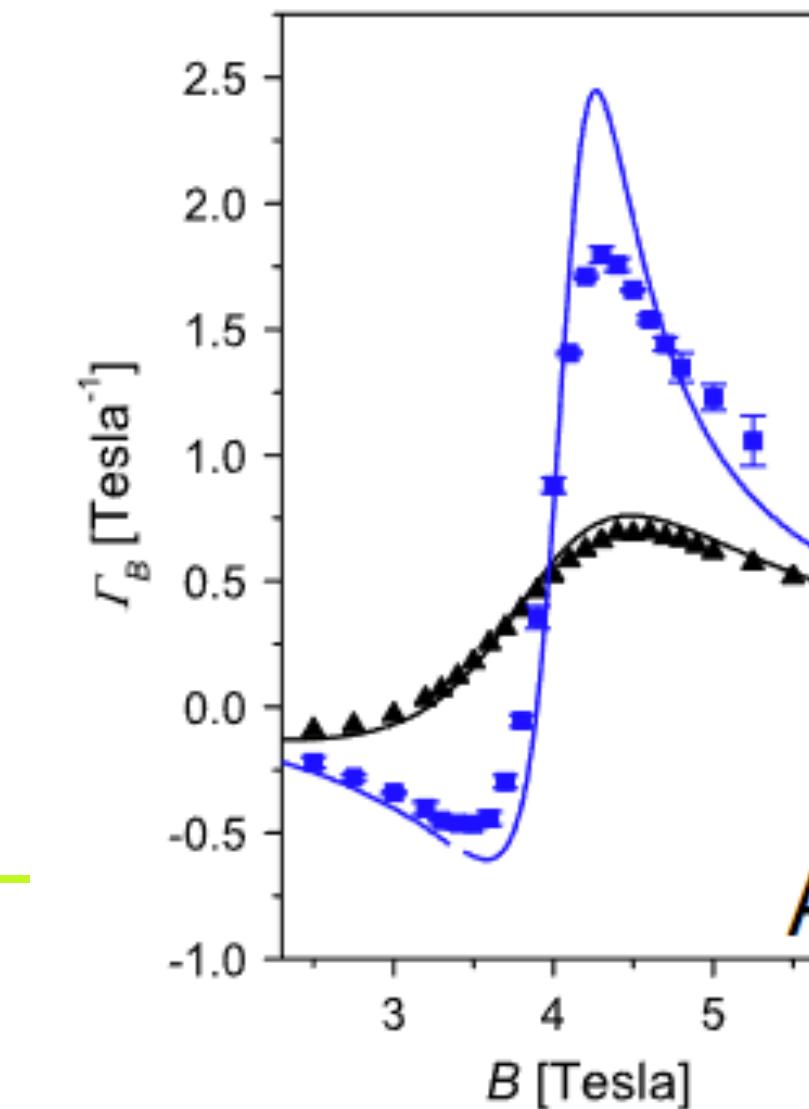


Quantum critical MCE: examples

- qcMCE in Ising chain [PRB 72, 205129(2005)]



- Experiments: [PNAS 108, 6862 (2011)]



Why holographic QCMCE?

- 1. Using conventional methods, it is difficult to tackle strongly coupled quantum many-body systems at finite T and finite density. In contrast, holography offers a novel approach
- 2. QCMCE is a new phenomenon that has not explored yet in holography
- 3. In holography, we have several models of magnetic PT, eg: a) magnetic QPT with probe branes [Jensen, et al, 1002.2447] b) magnetic QPT in Einstein-Maxwell-Chern-Simons system[Hoker, Kraus, 1208.1925].
 - However, some of these QPTs are not fully understood. The MCE may be used to provide more information about the QPT.

Holographic setup

- 5D Einstein-Maxwell-Chern-Simons theory [D'Hoker, Kraus, 1208.1925]

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left(R + \frac{12}{L^2} - \frac{1}{4} F_{ab} F^{ab} + \frac{k}{24} \epsilon^{abcde} A_a F_{bc} F_{de} \right),$$

a) $\kappa = 2/\sqrt{3}$, bosonic part of minimal supergravity.

b) Anomaly of the chiral current $\partial_\mu J^\mu \propto \kappa \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$

c) Instability towards a helical order if $k > k_c \approx 1.158$

- Ansatz (charged magnetic brane)

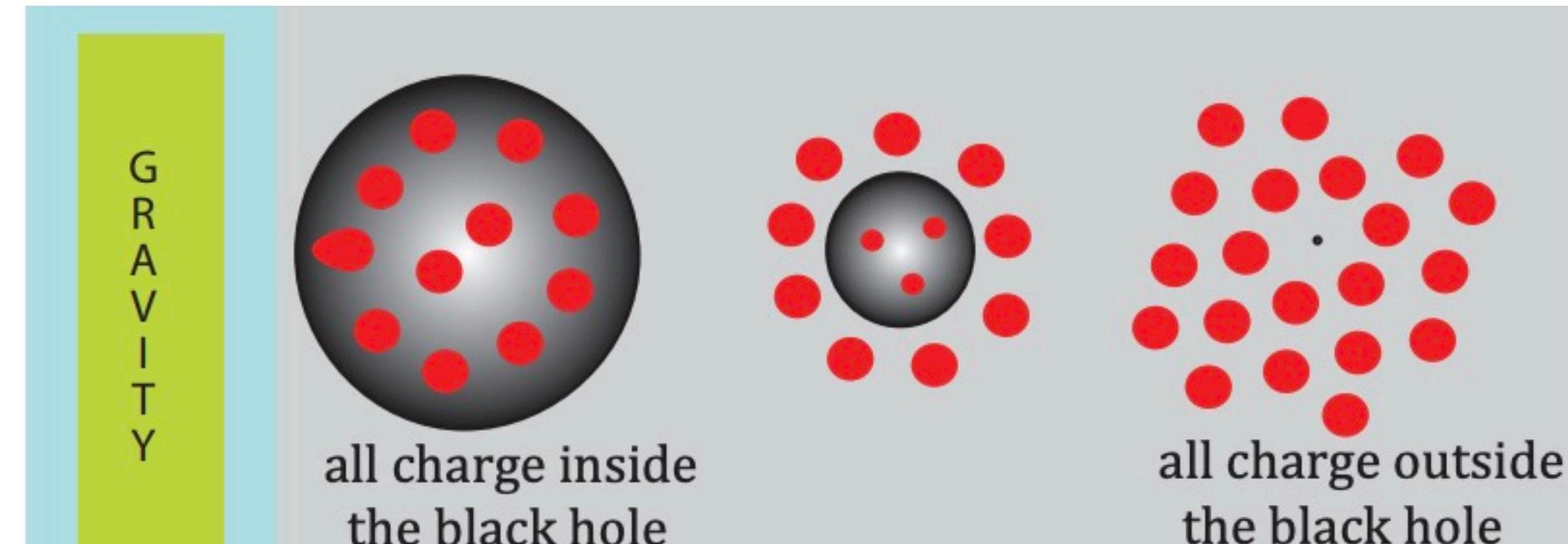
$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{u^2} \left[- (f - h^2 p^2) dt^2 + 2ph^2 dt dz + g(dx^2 + dy^2) + h^2 dz^2 + \frac{du^2}{f} \right],$$

$$A = A_t dt - \frac{B}{2} y dx + \frac{B}{2} x dy - A_z dz,$$

Holographic picture of the phase transition

→ $A_t \neq 0$ and $B = 0$:

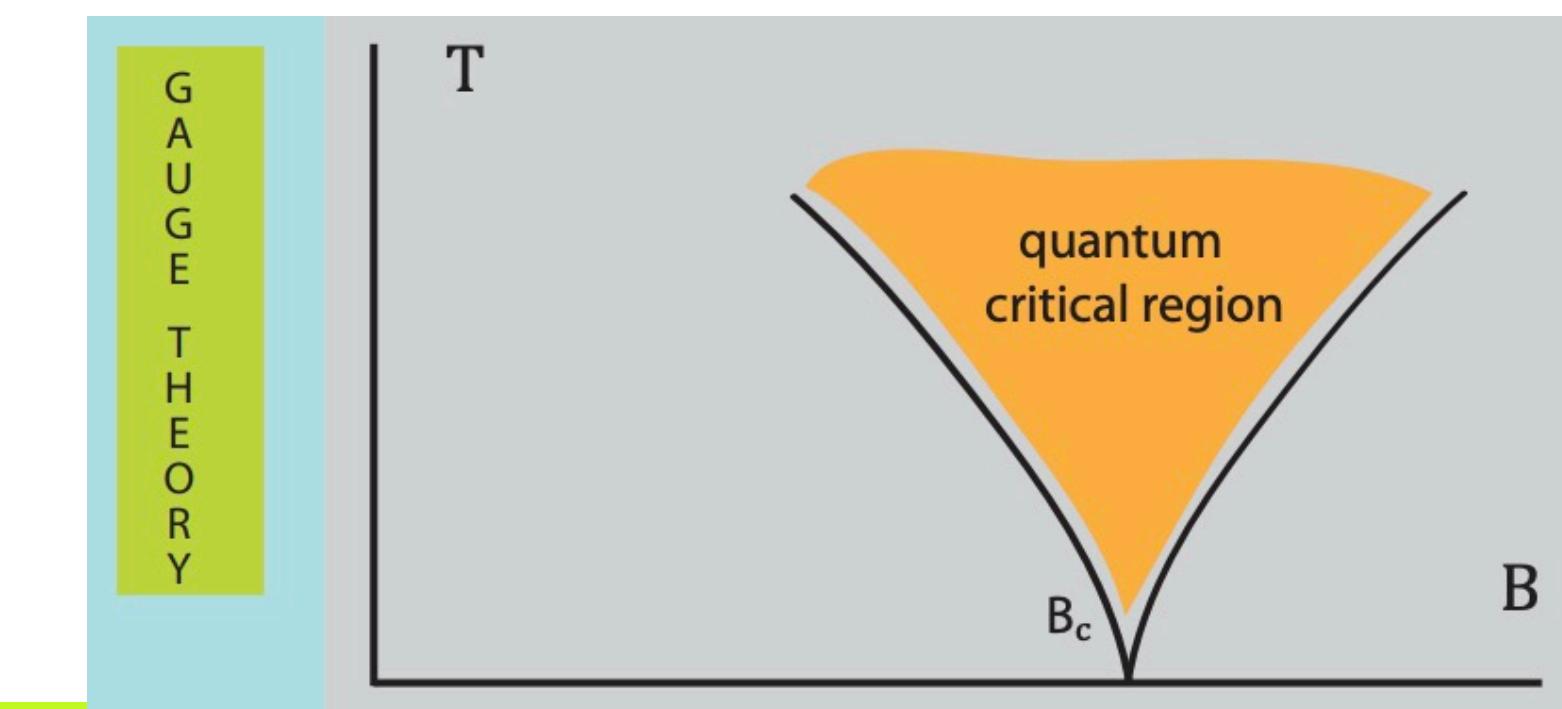
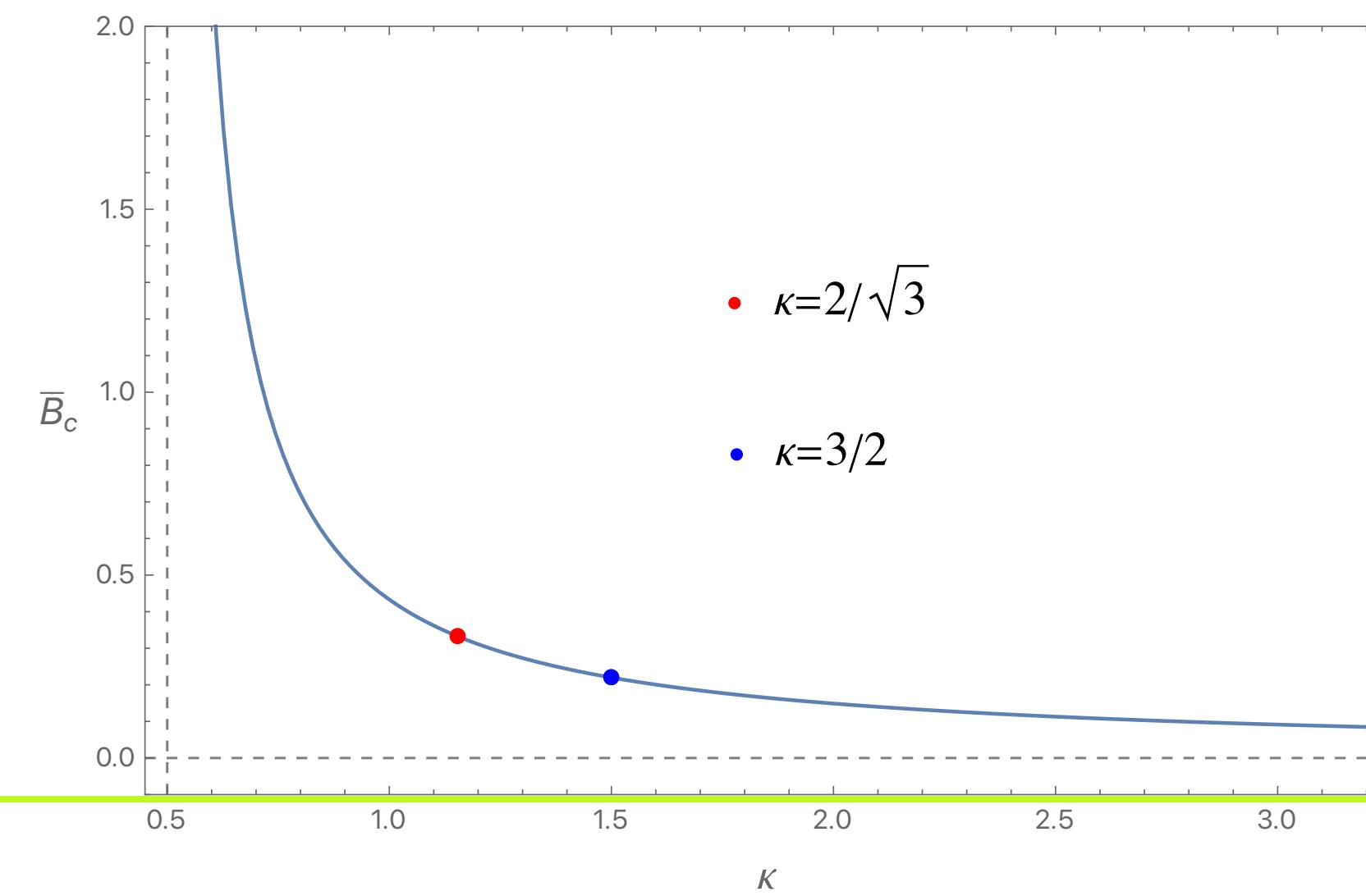
- RN-AdS with $AdS_2 \times R^3$



- Expulsion of electric charge from the BH [D'Hoker, Kraus]

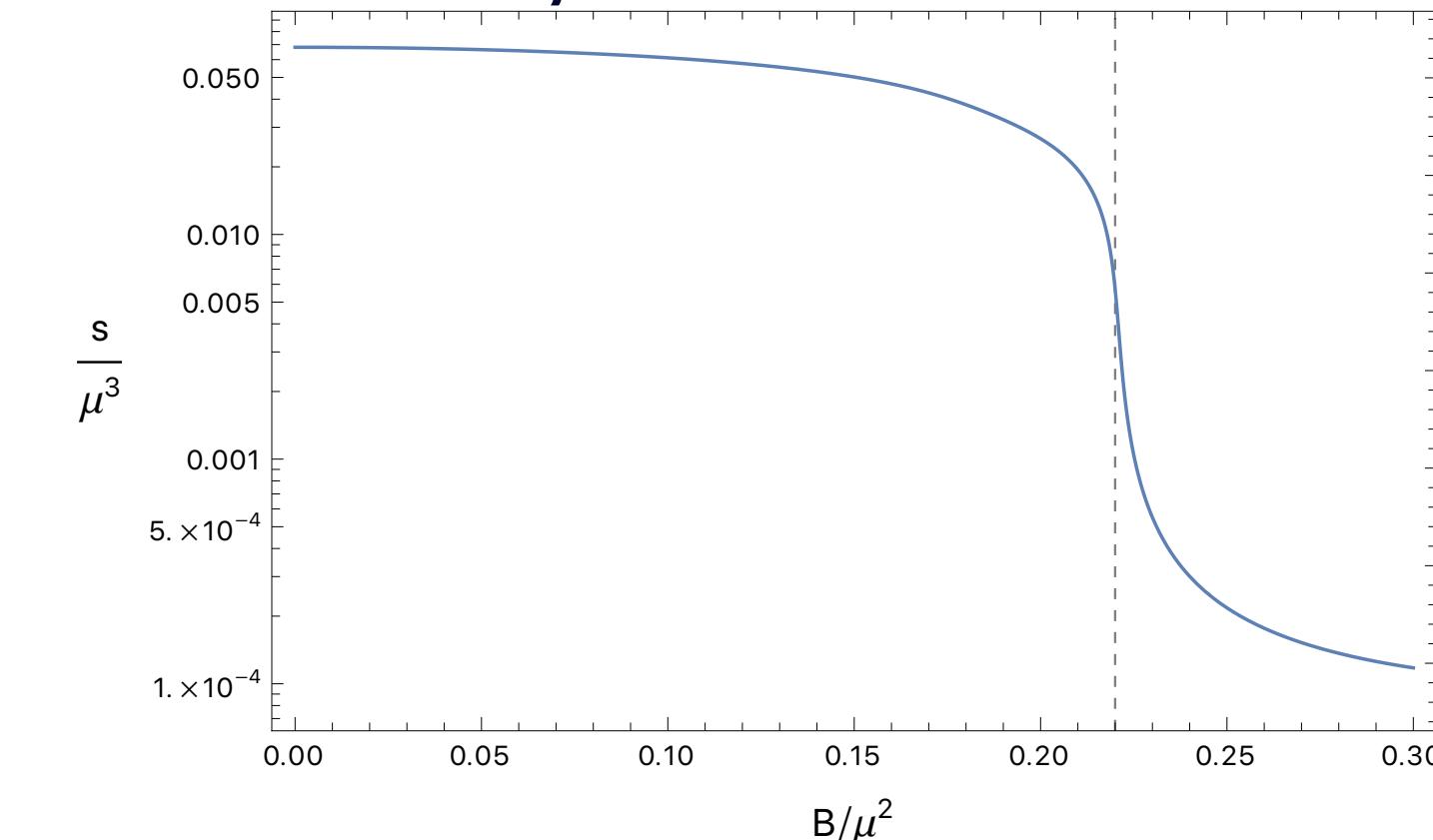
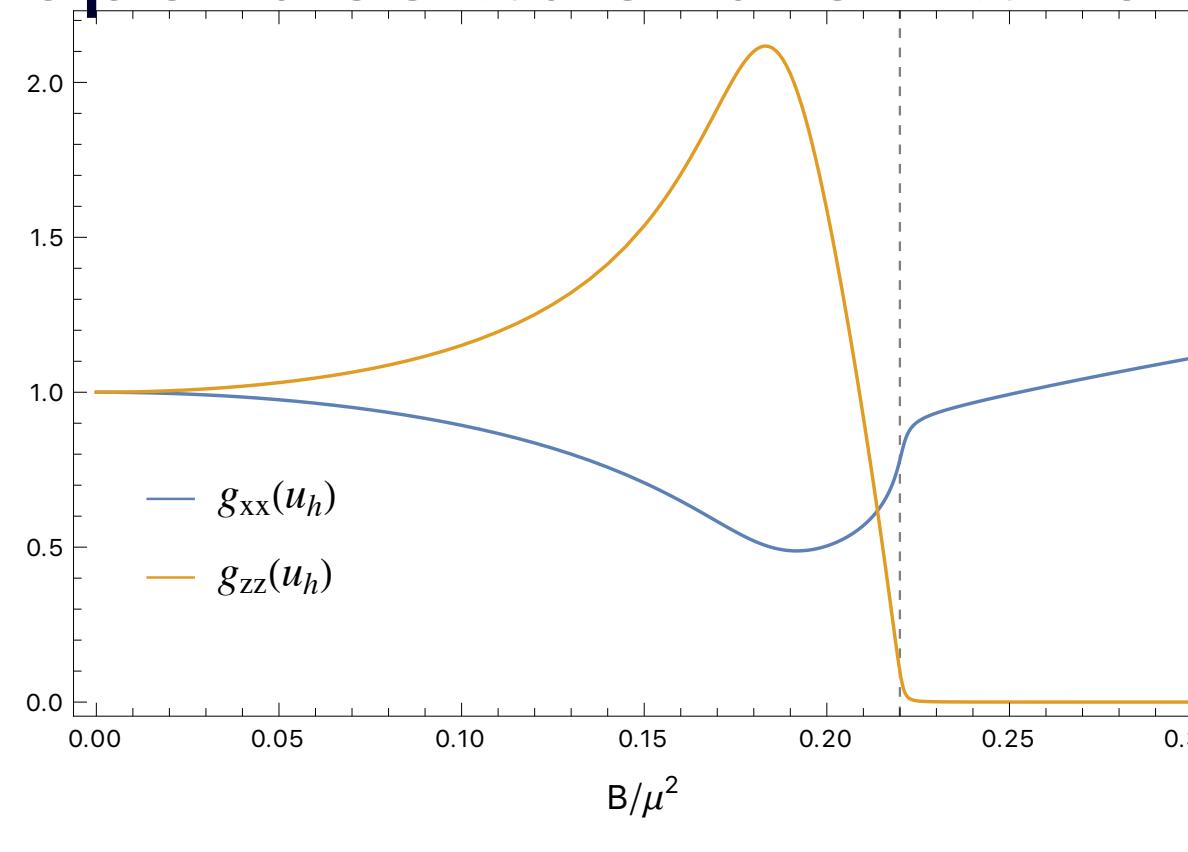
→ $A_t = 0$ and $B \neq 0$:

- Magnetic brane with $AdS_3 \times R^2$

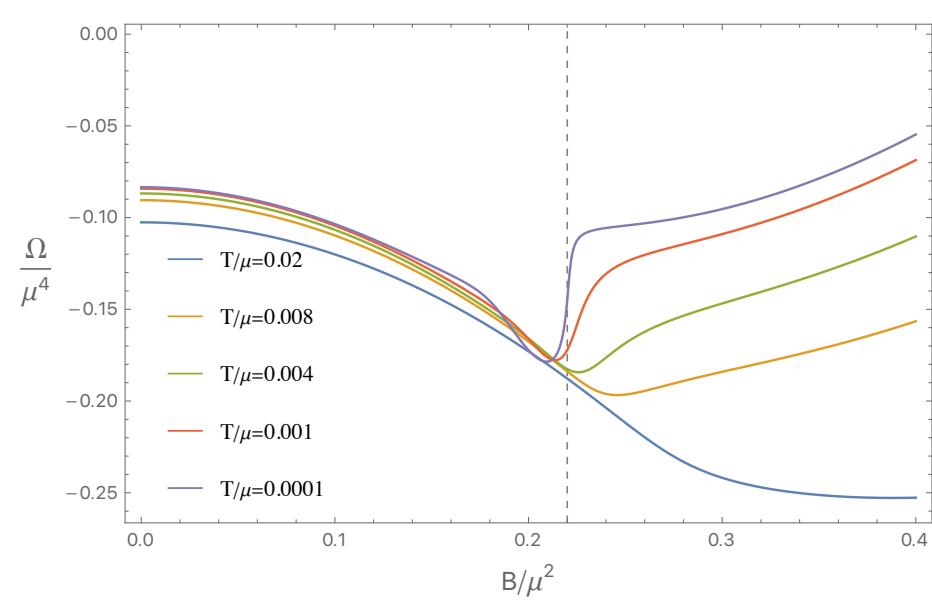
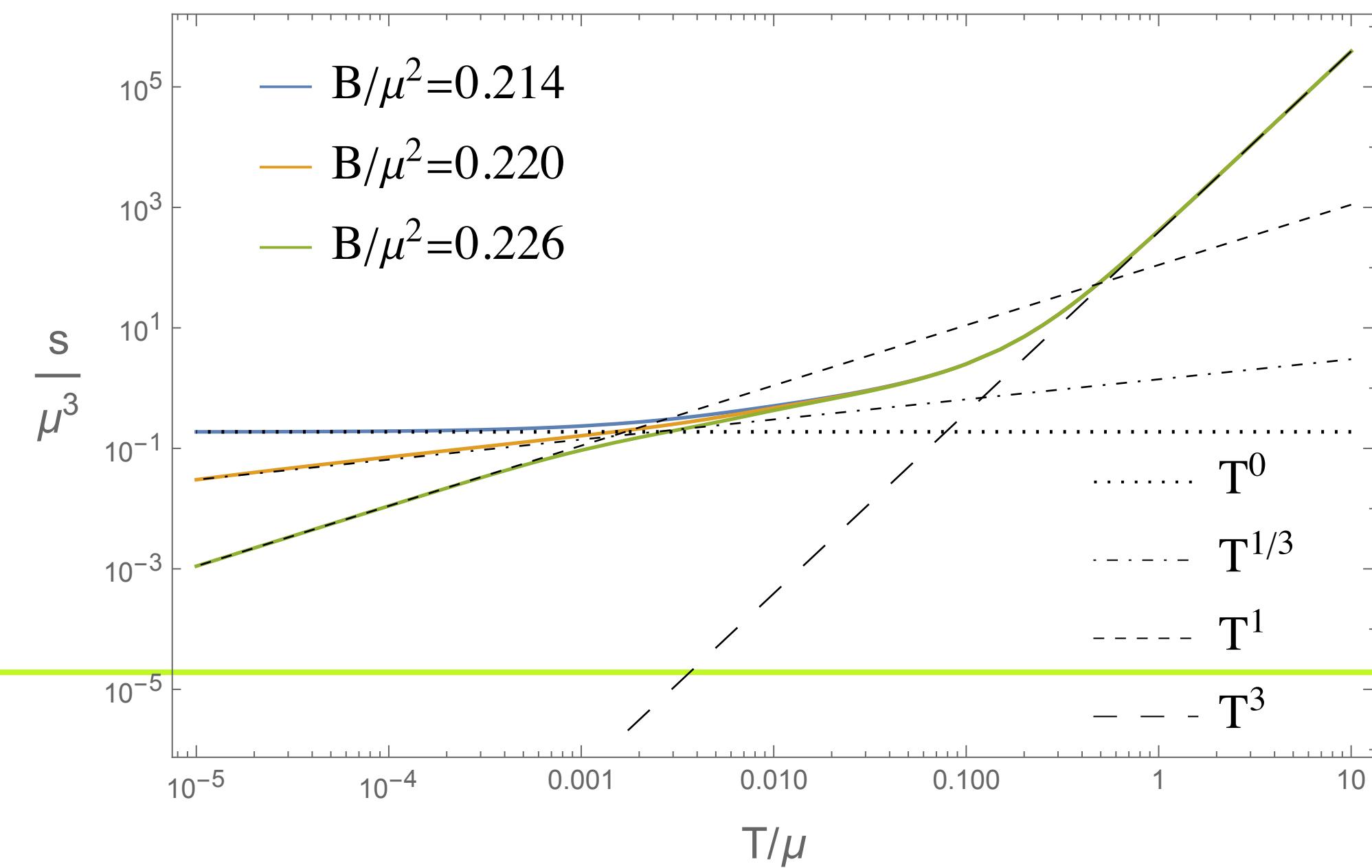


Thermodynamics

Near horizon properties at extremal low temperature $T/\mu = 10^{-4}$



The scaling of entropy

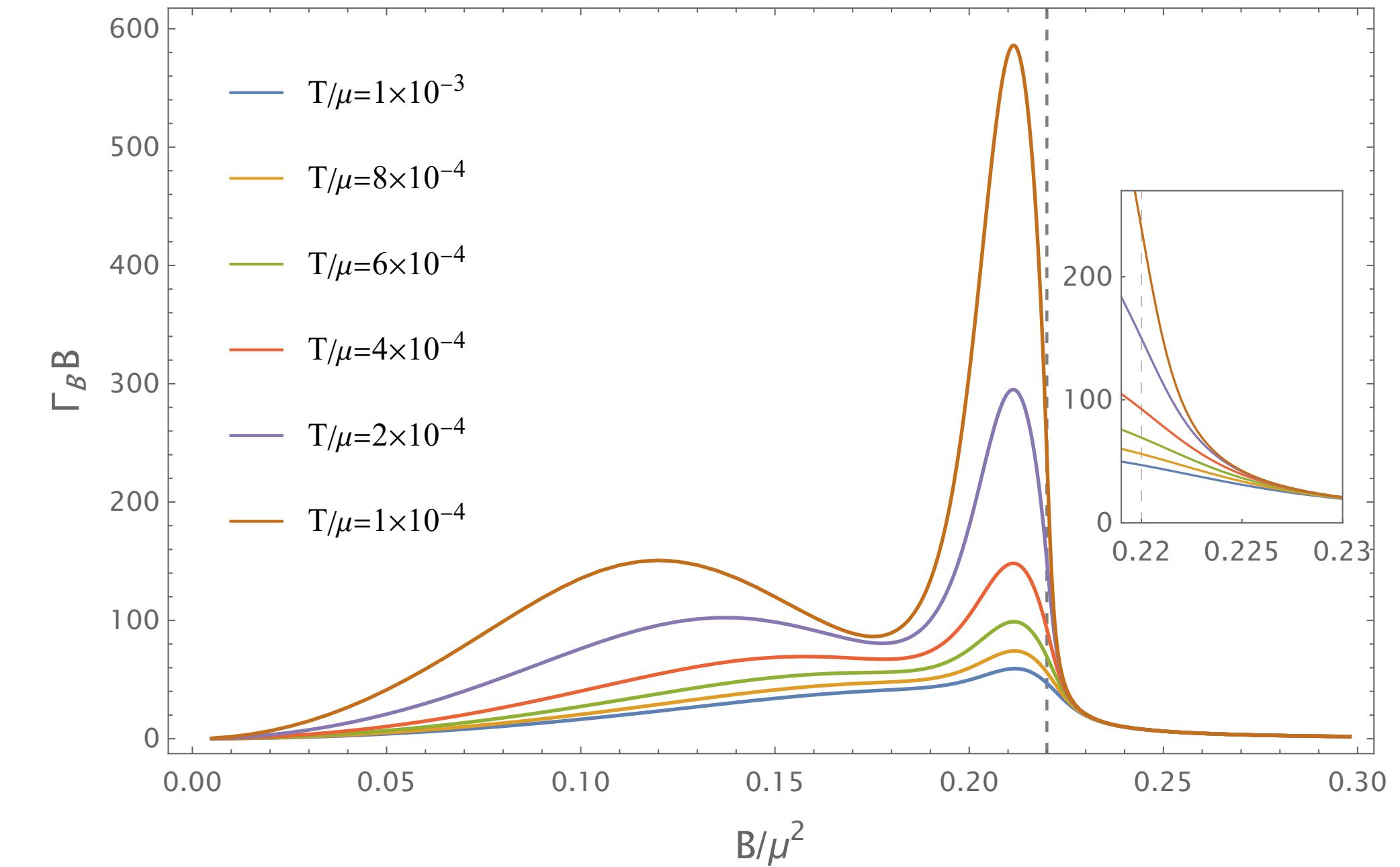
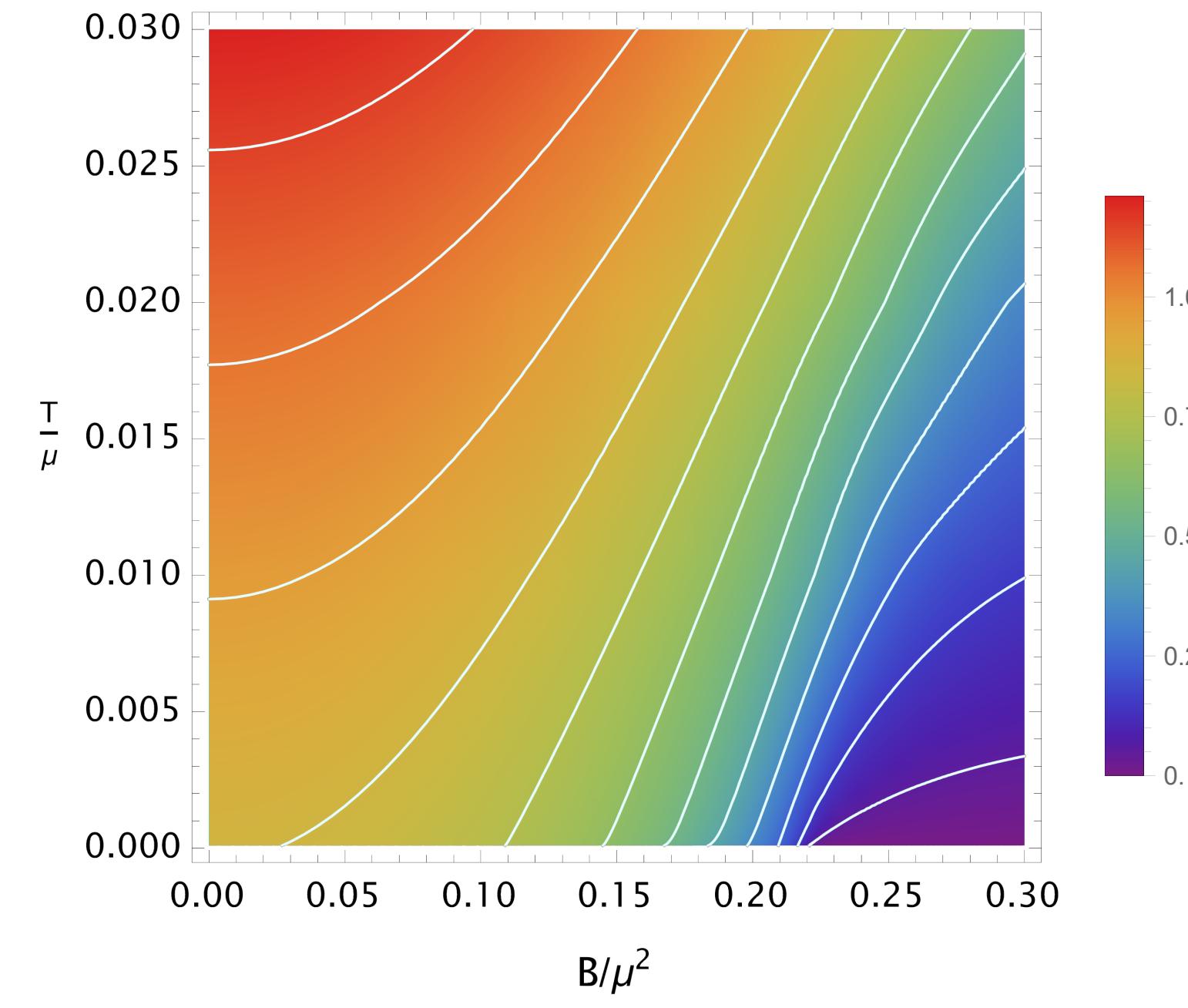


free energy density

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ISENTROPES IN T-B PLANE AND MCE

- Entropy density s/μ^3 and (magnetic) Gruneisen parameter Γ_B



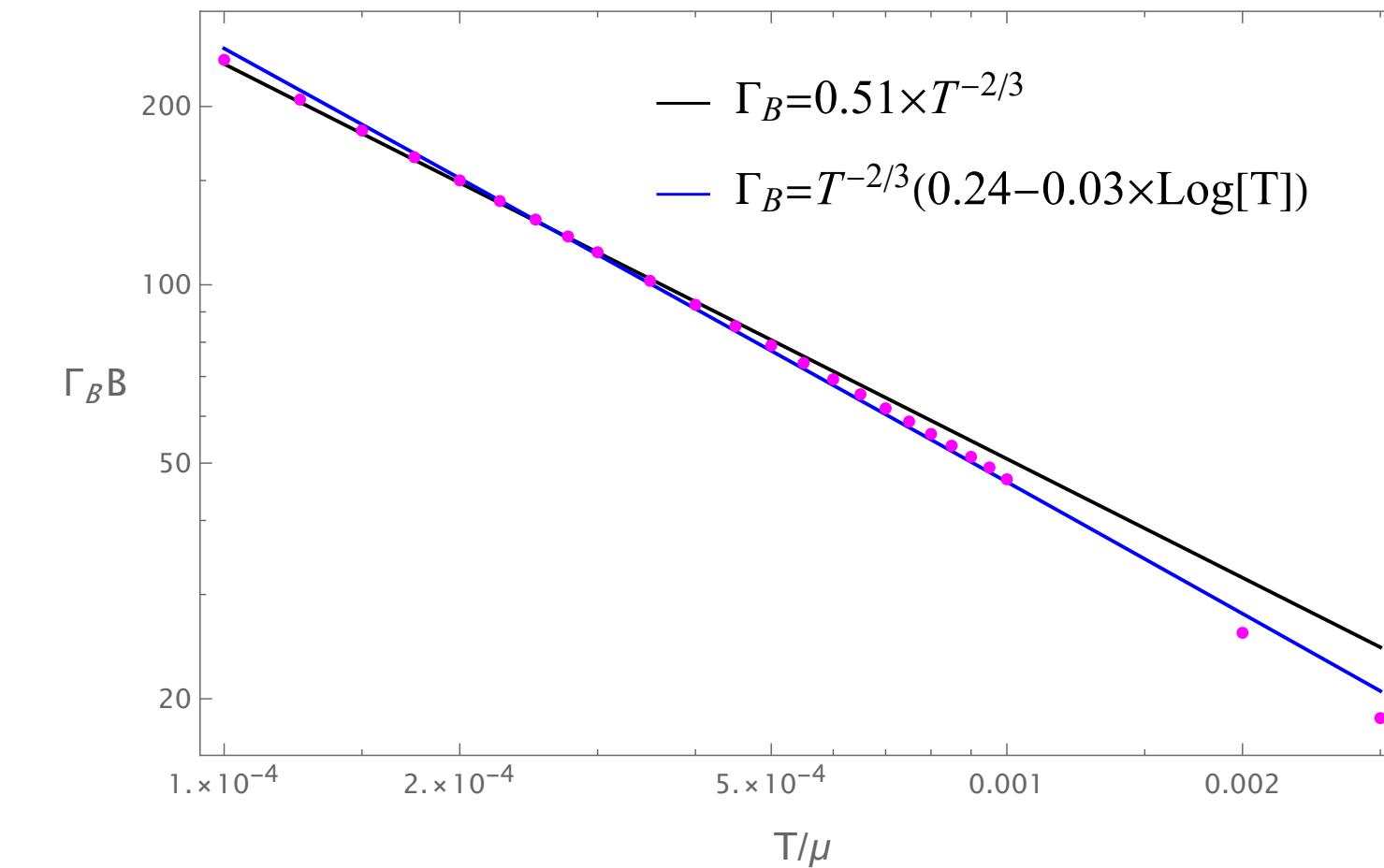
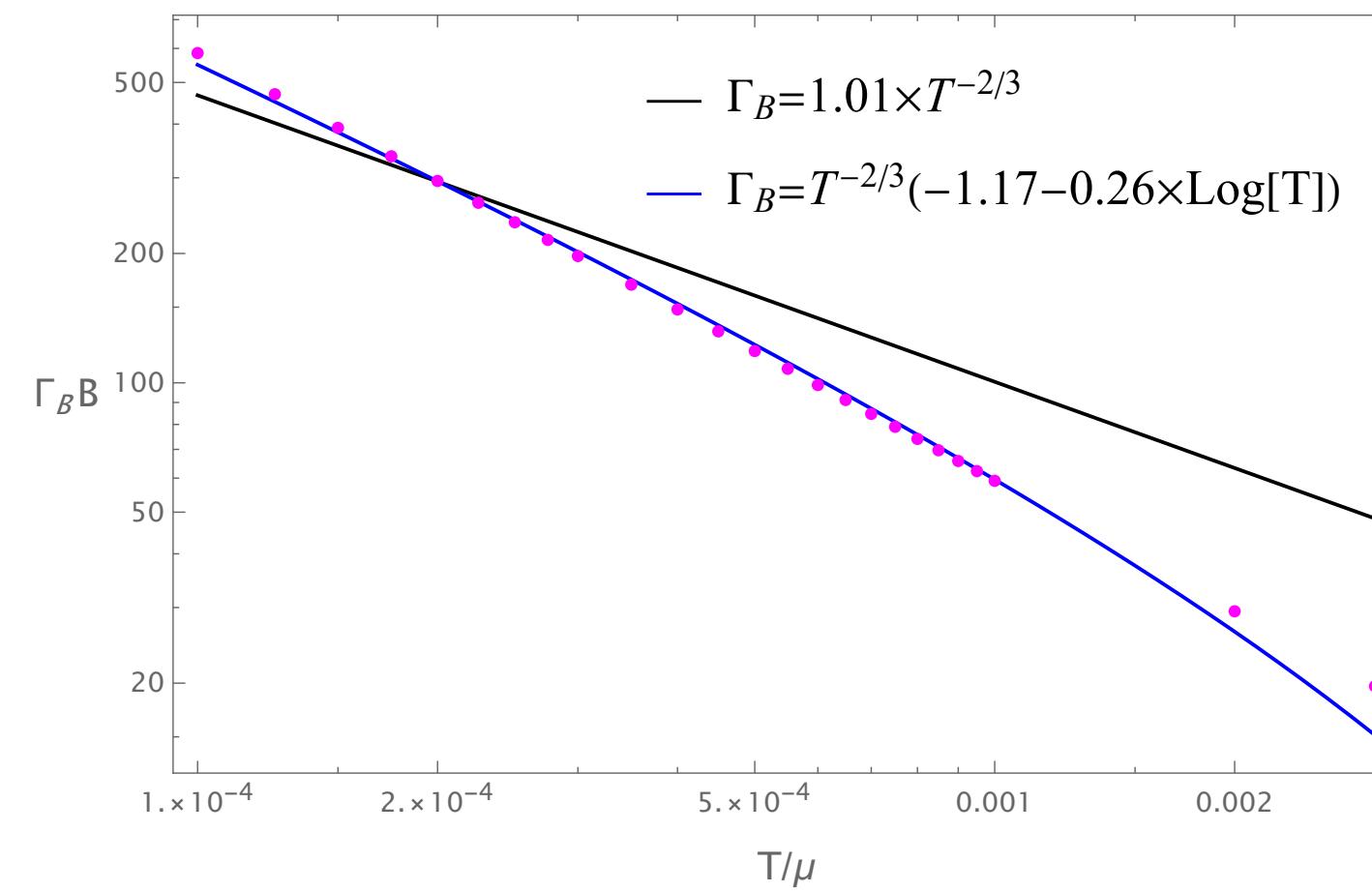
- Absence of the sign change of Γ_B
finite ground states entropy, AdS_2 factor at $B < B_c$...

Scaling of Gruneisen parameter

→ Near the QCP [Hoker, Kraus]. $\hat{s} = \hat{T}^{1/3} f\left(\frac{\hat{B} - \hat{B}_c}{\hat{T}^{2/3}}\right)$

$$\text{Thus } z = 3 \text{ and } \nu = 1/2, \Gamma_B \begin{cases} \propto T^{-2/3}, & \text{at QCR} \\ = -\frac{G_r}{B - B_c}, & \text{in two phases} \end{cases}$$

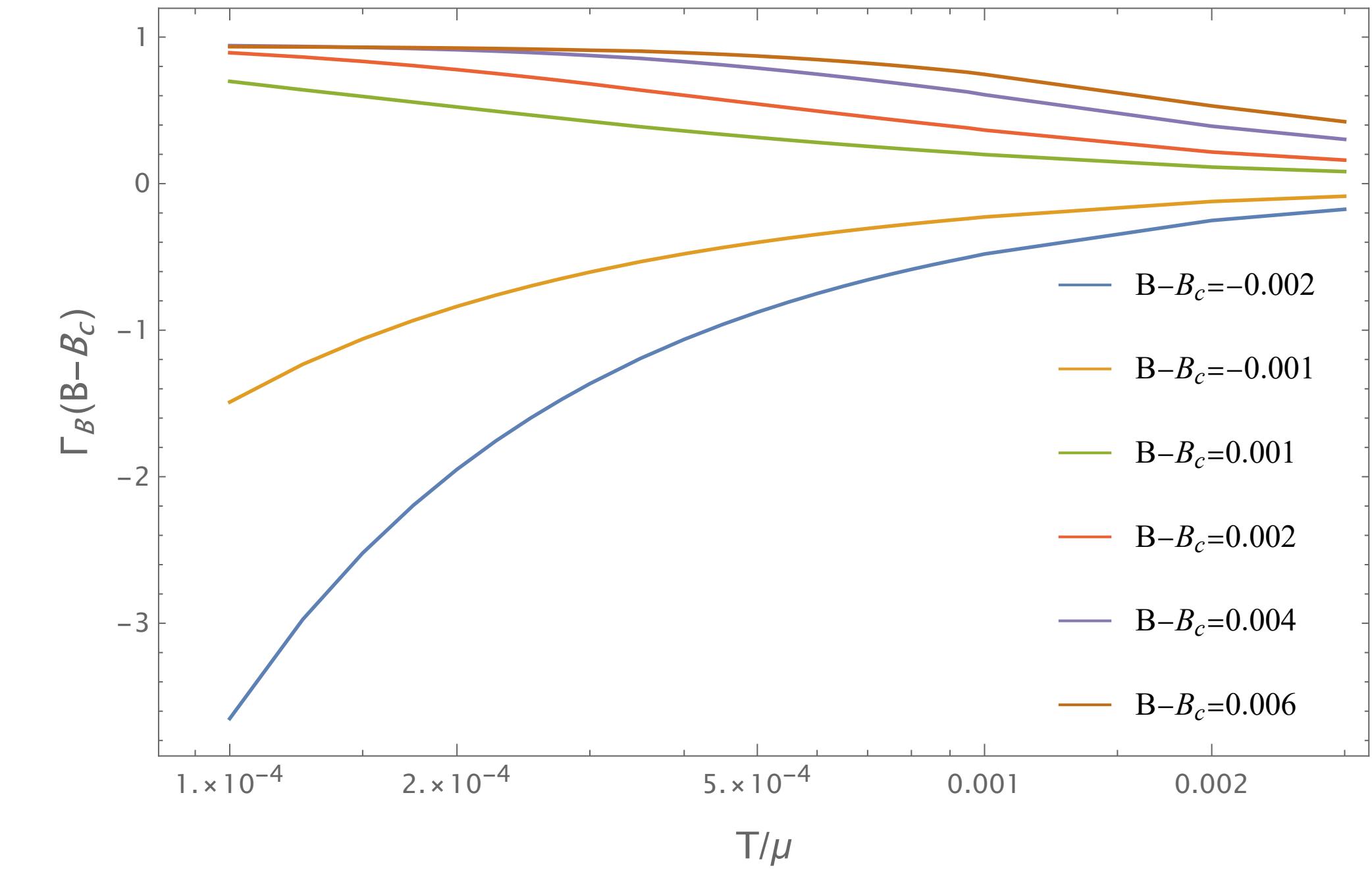
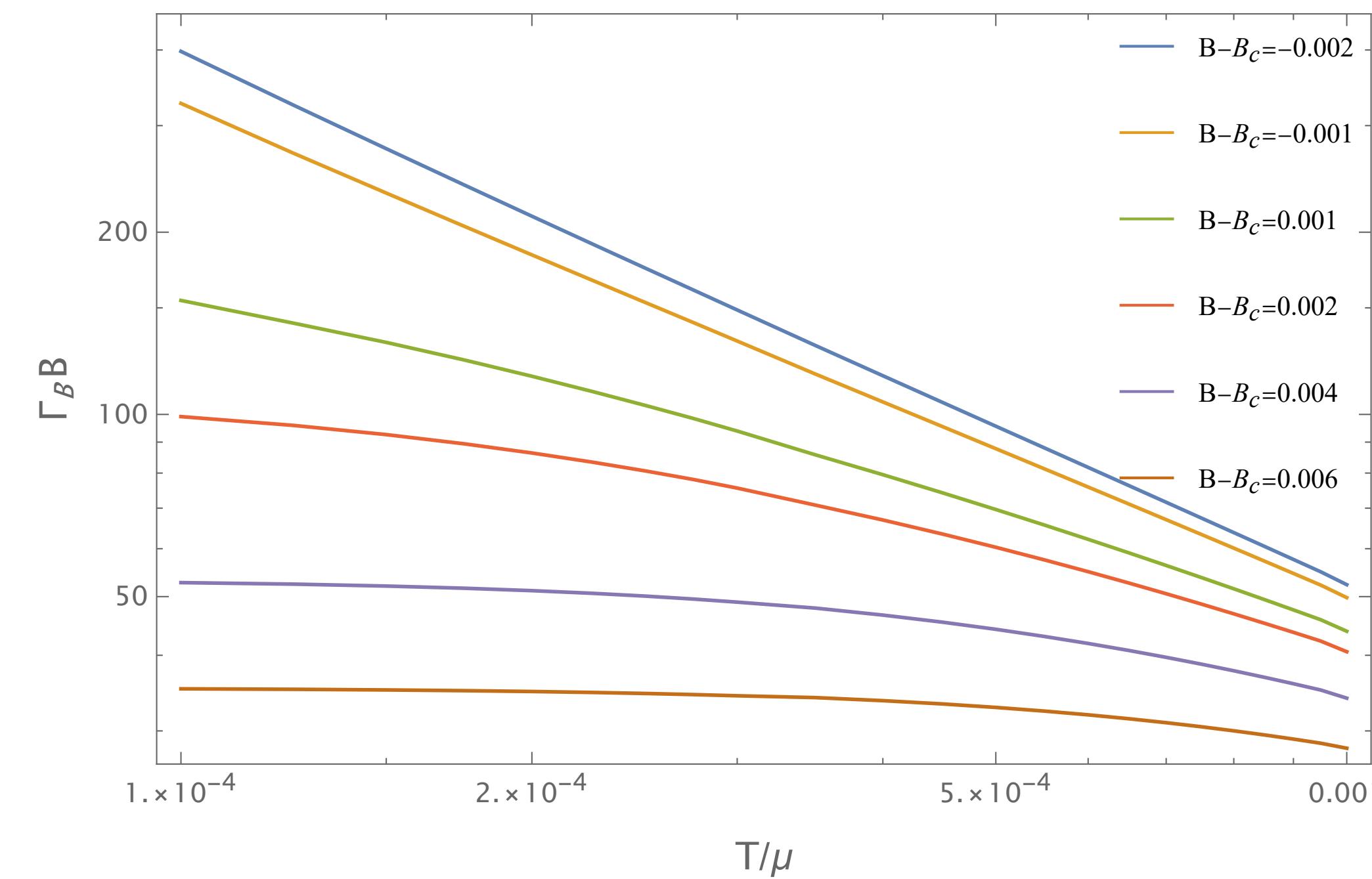
→ Violation of the predicted scaling of Γ_B



- Upper critical dimension: $d + z = 4$;
- Contribution from the dangerously irrelevant coupling

Scaling of Gruneisen parameter

- Behavior of $\Gamma_B(B - B_c)$ in two phases:



- As $T \rightarrow 0$, $\Gamma_B(B - B_c)$ does not approach a universal value G_r

Summary and discussion

- We have studied the quantum critical MCE in EMCS theory.
- We find several new and interesting features in this model:
 - a) Absence of sign change of the Γ_B
 - b) Universal scaling of the Γ_B near the QCP is violated by irrelevant coupling
- Further questions:
 - a) Can we provide a proper quantity to capture the QPT, eg. entanglement entropy?
 - b) The behavior of η/s , KSS bound violation?



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