

The HQCD running coupling in strong magnetic field

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Prehistory and motivation

Perturbative methods are not suitable 

Lattice QCD calculations 

Problems in the case of chemical potential 

Holographic duality approach



Motivated by AdS/CFT duality

Maldacena, 1998

Temperature in QCD  black hole temperature in (deform.) AdS5

Thermalization in QCD  black hole formation in (deform.) AdS5

Goal: describe running coupling constant behavior in a magnetic field

Holographic model of an anisotropic plasma in a magnetic field at a nonzero chemical potential

$$S = \int \frac{d^5x \sqrt{-g}}{16\pi G_5} \left[R - \frac{f_1(\phi)}{4} F_{(1)}^2 - \frac{f_2(\phi)}{4} F_{(2)}^2 - \frac{f_B(\phi)}{4} F_{(B)}^2 - \frac{\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi}{2} - V(\phi) \right]$$

$$A_\mu^{(1)} = A_t(z) \delta_\mu^0, \quad F_{y_1 y_2}^{(2)} = q, \quad F_{xy_1}^{(B)} = q_B.$$

Ansatz for the metric:

$$ds^2 = \frac{L^2}{z^2} b(z) \left[-g(z) dt^2 + dx^2 + \left(\frac{z}{L} \right)^{2-\frac{2}{\nu}} dy_1^2 + y^{c_B z^2} \left(\frac{z}{L} \right)^{2-\frac{2}{\nu}} dy_2^2 + \frac{dz^2}{g(z)} \right],$$

$$b(z) = e^{2A(z)}, \quad A(z) = -a \ln(bz^2 + 1)$$

$$a = 4.046, \quad b = 0.01613, \quad c = 0.227, \quad \nu = 1, \quad L = 1$$

Solutions

General form of the boundary conditions:

$$A_t(0) = \mu, \quad A_t(z_h) = 0,$$

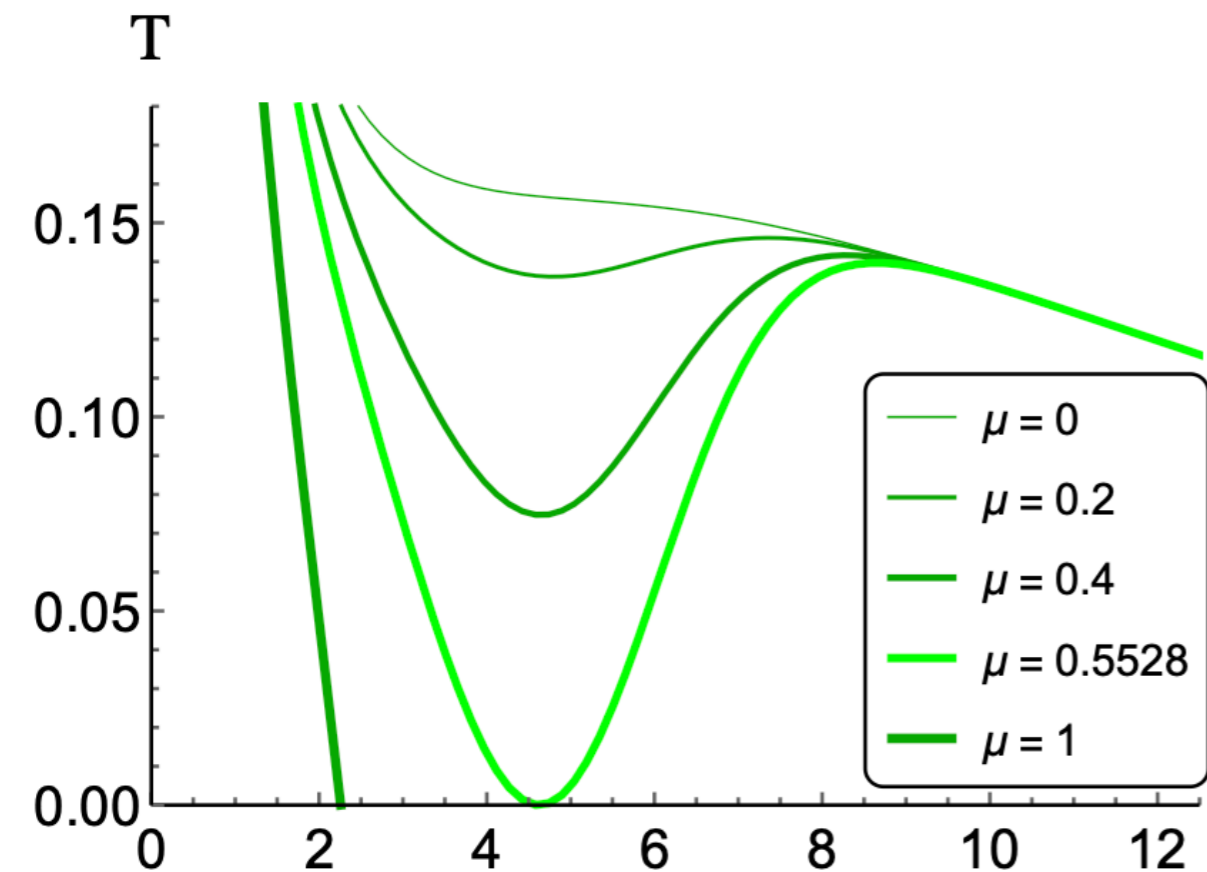
$$g(0) = 1, \quad g(z_h) = 0, \quad \text{Aref'eva, Slepov, Rannu, JHEP 2020}$$

$$\varphi(z) \Big|_{z=z_0} = 0, \quad z < z_h, \quad z_0 = 10 \exp(-z_h/4) + 0.1$$

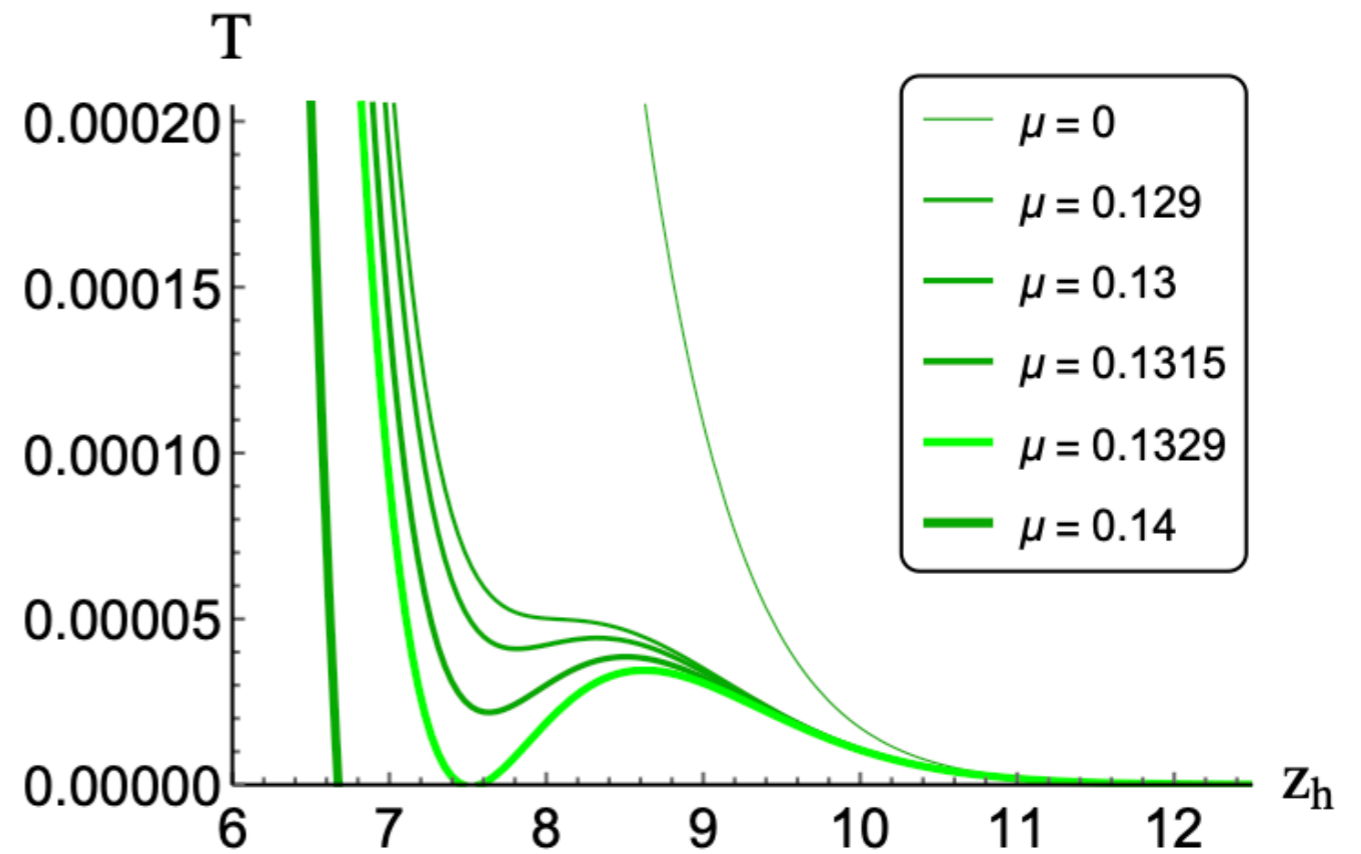
Pavel Slepov's talk

Temperature and Free energy

$$T = \frac{|g'|}{4\pi} \Big|_{z=z_h}, \quad s = \left(\frac{L}{z_h} \right)^{1+\frac{2}{\nu}} \frac{e^{c_B z_h^2/2}}{4(1+bz_h^2)^{3a}}, \quad F = - \int s dT = \int_{z_h}^{\infty} s T' dz_h$$



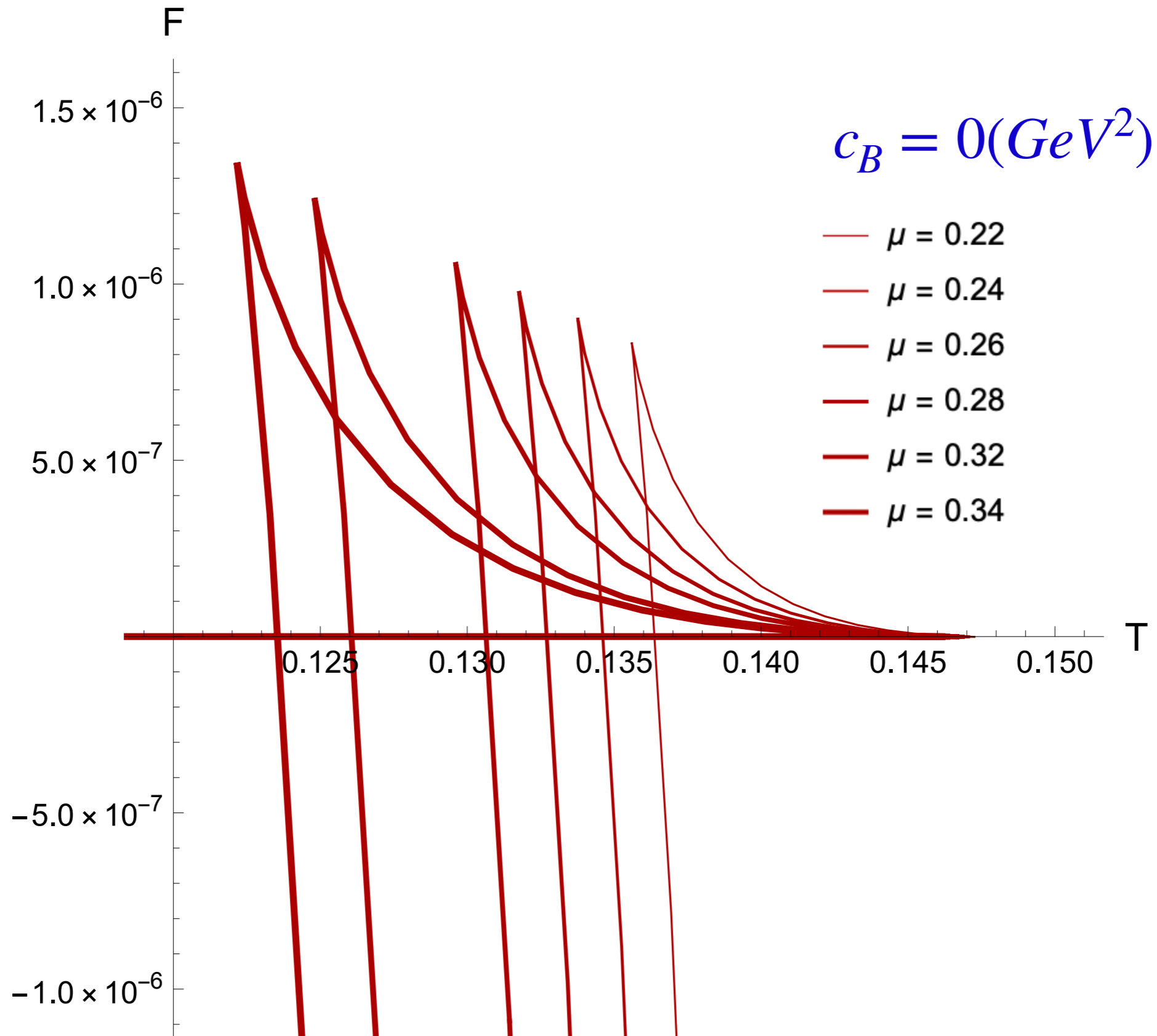
$$c_B = -0.001 (GeV^2)$$



$$c_B = -0.1 (GeV^2)$$

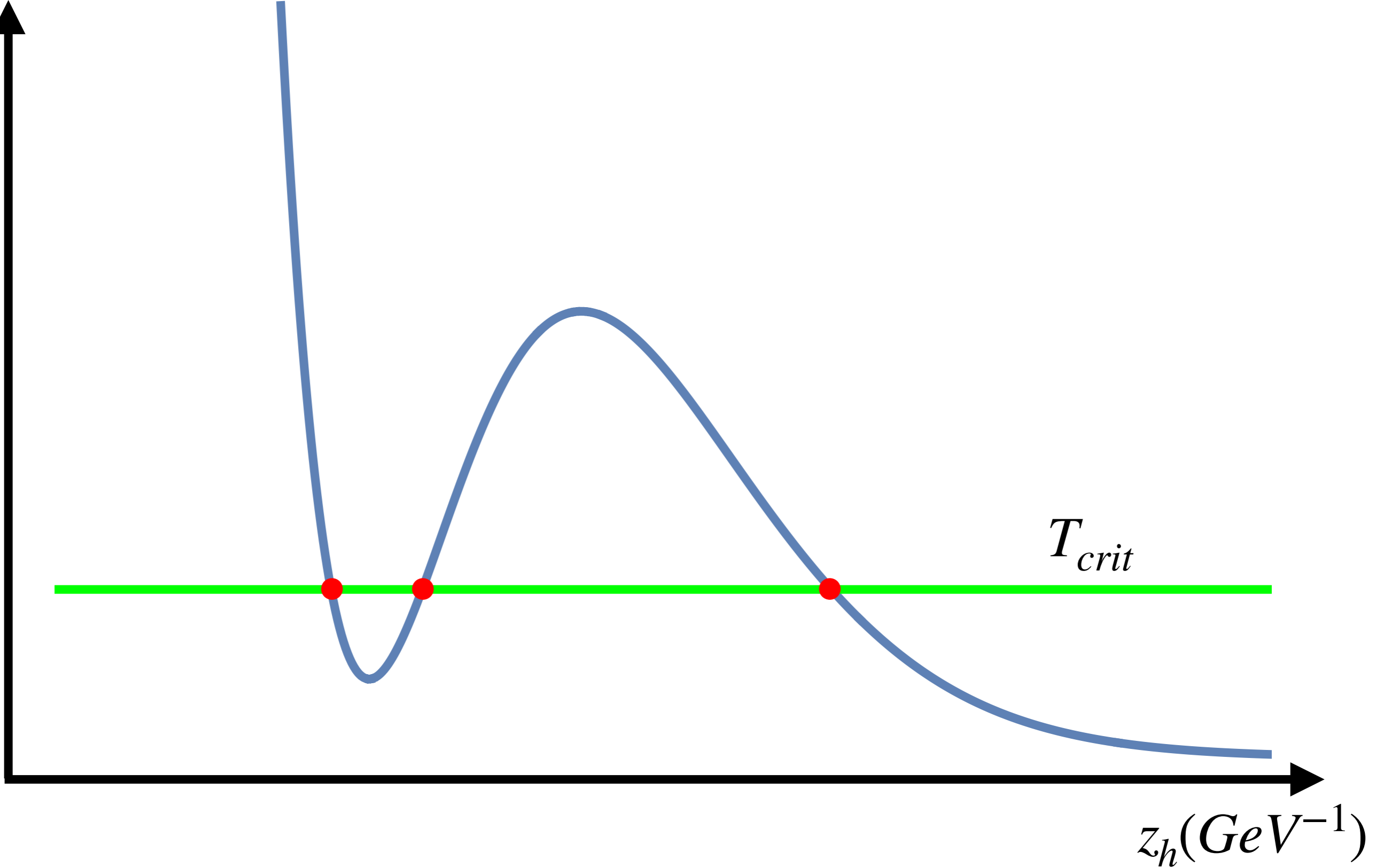
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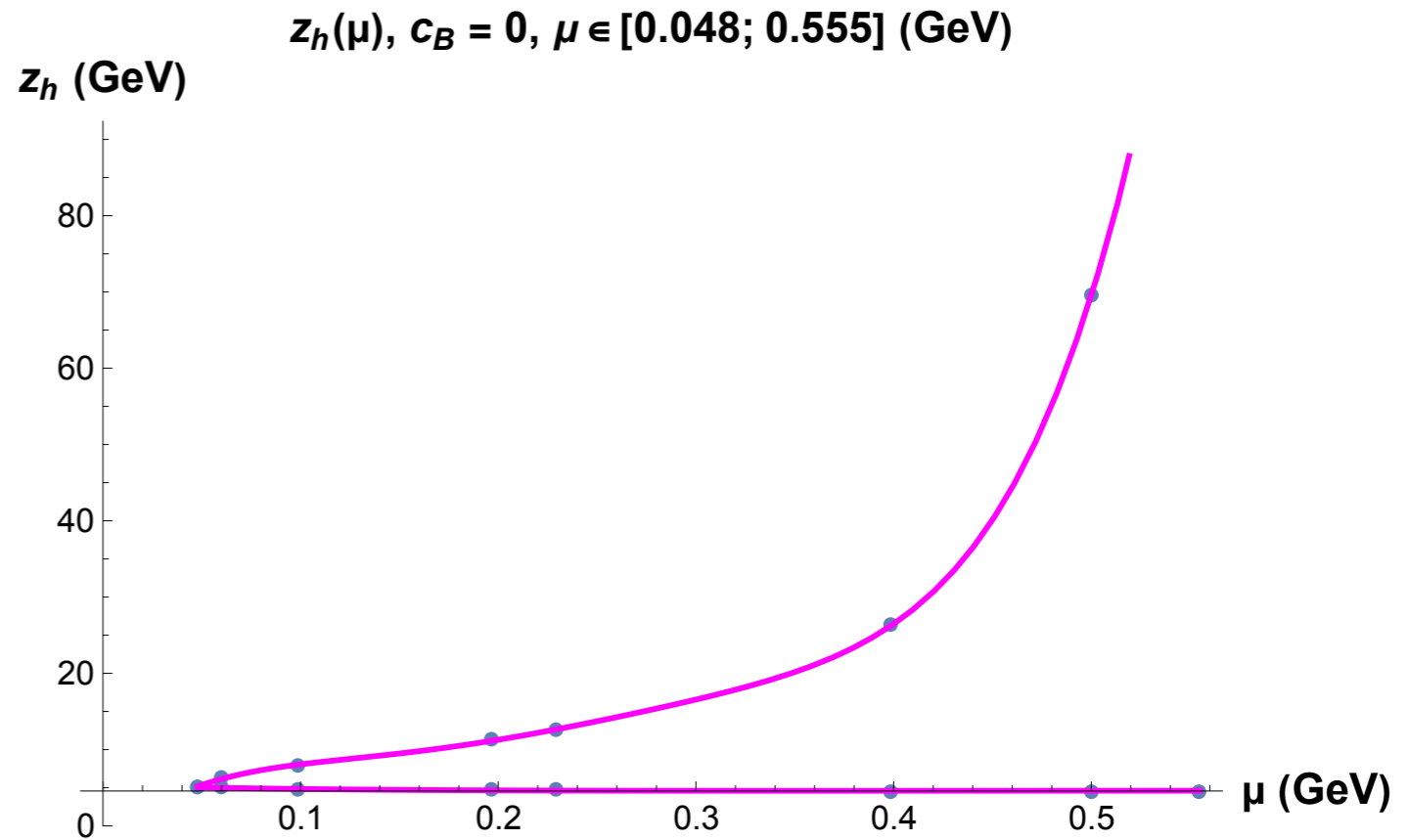
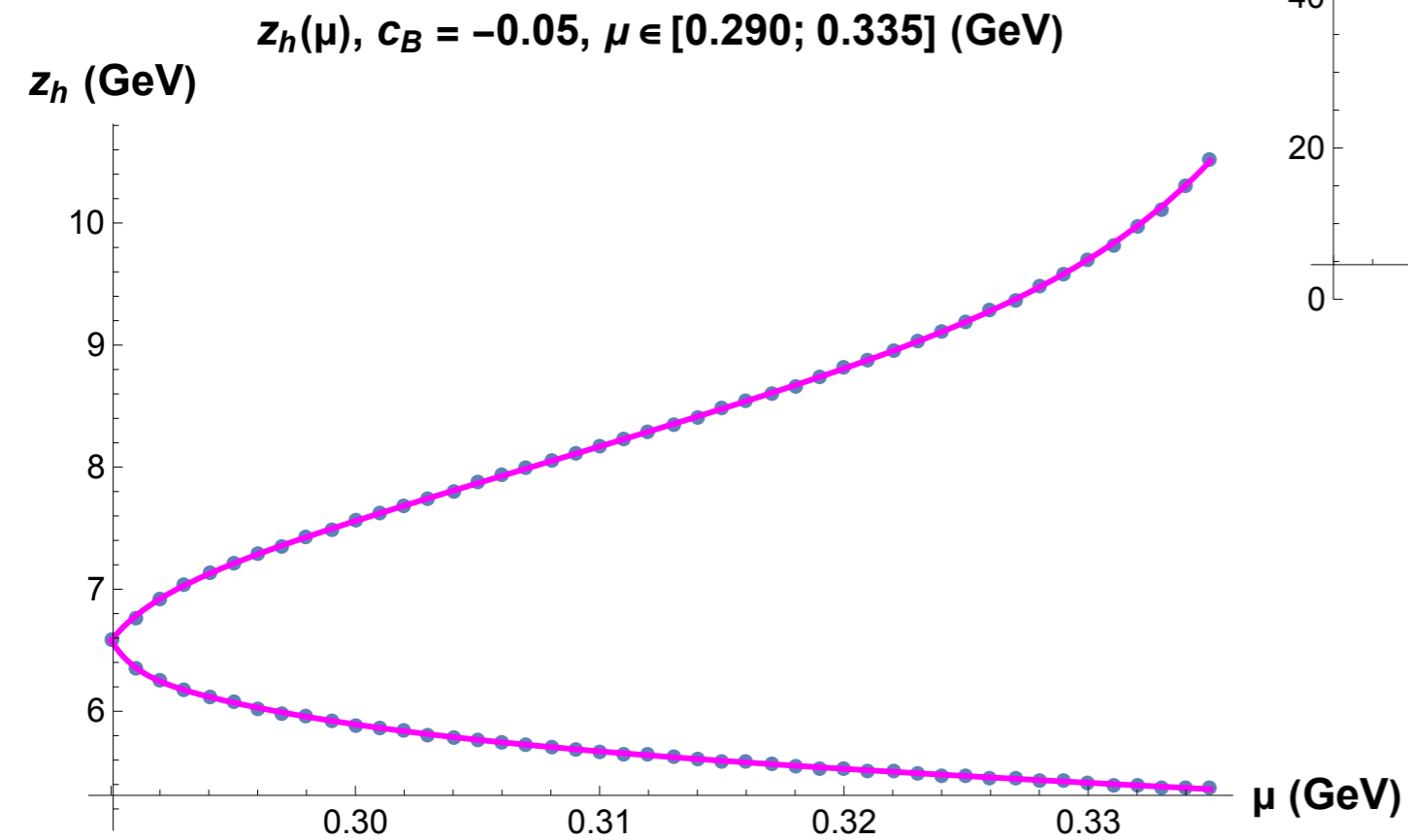


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$T(\text{GeV})$



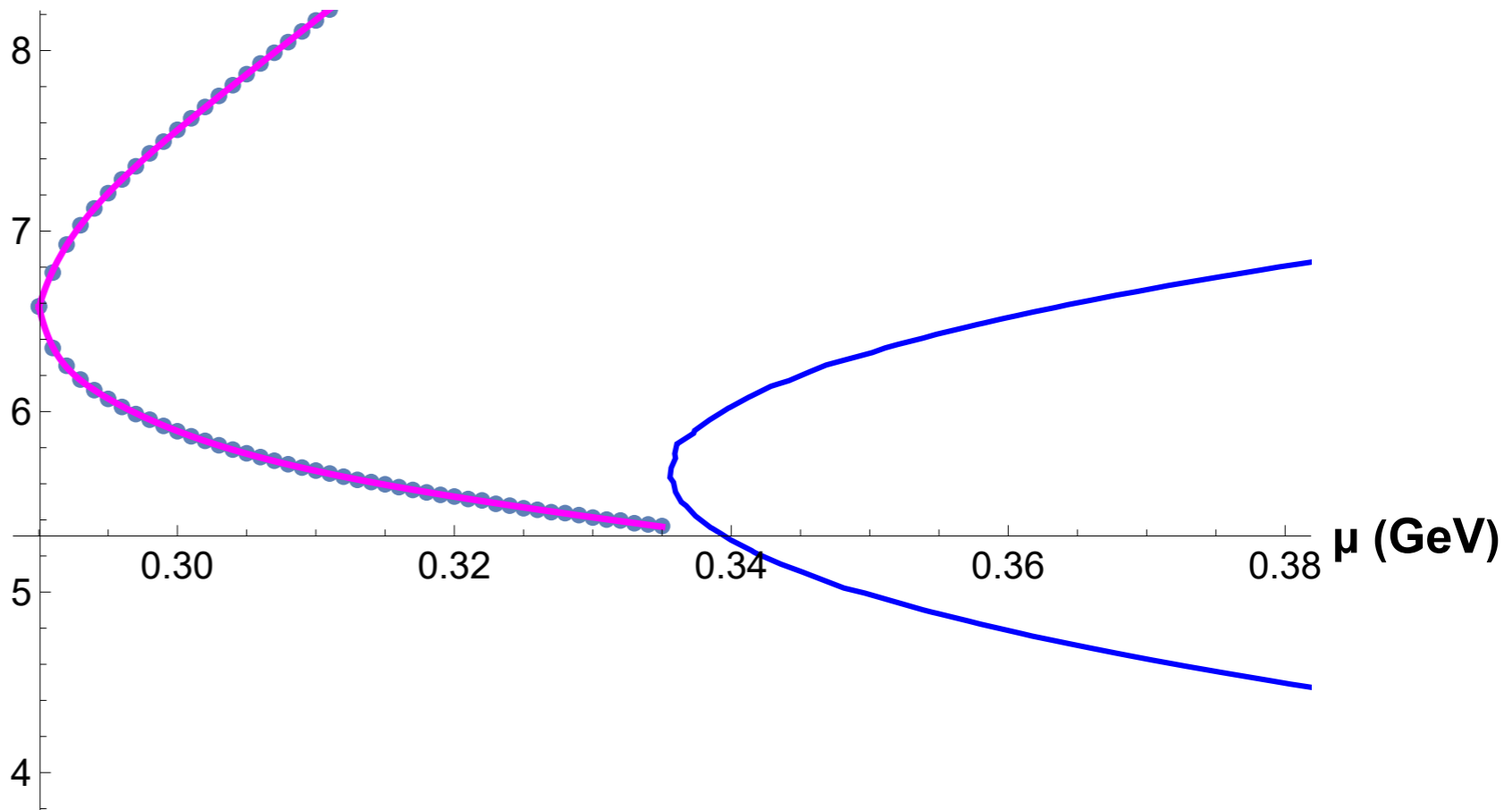
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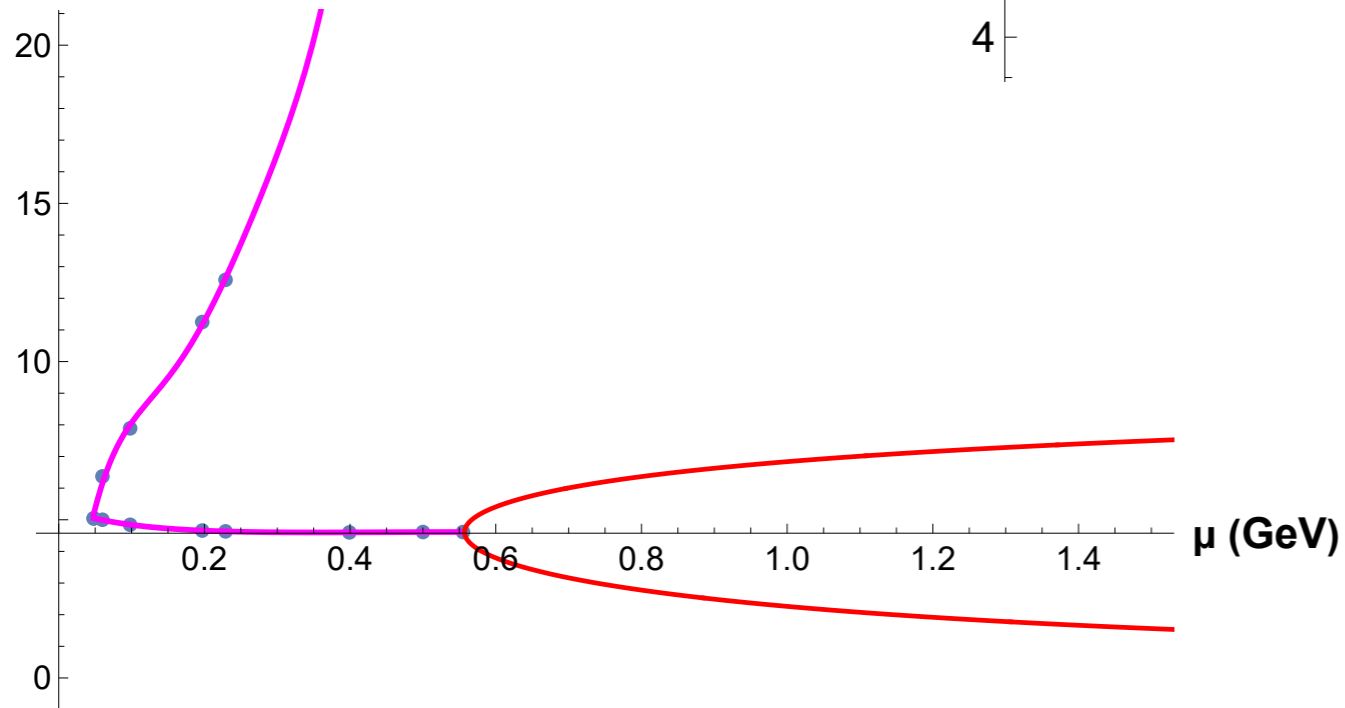
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z_h (GeV)



$z_h(\mu)$, $c_B = 0$, $\mu \in [0.048; 0.555]$ (GeV)

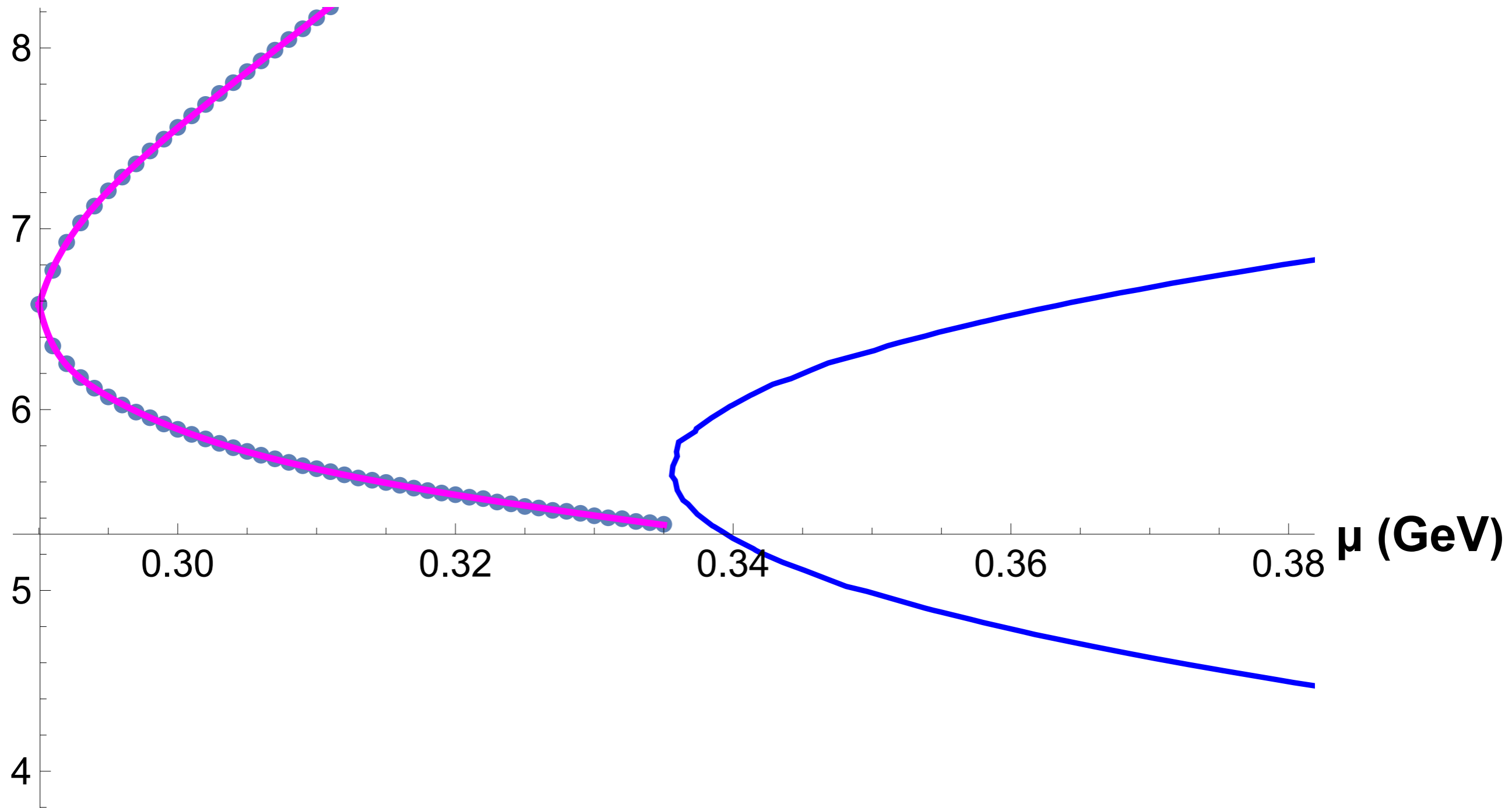
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Holographic RG flows and Beta-Function

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$$\phi = \phi(z)$$

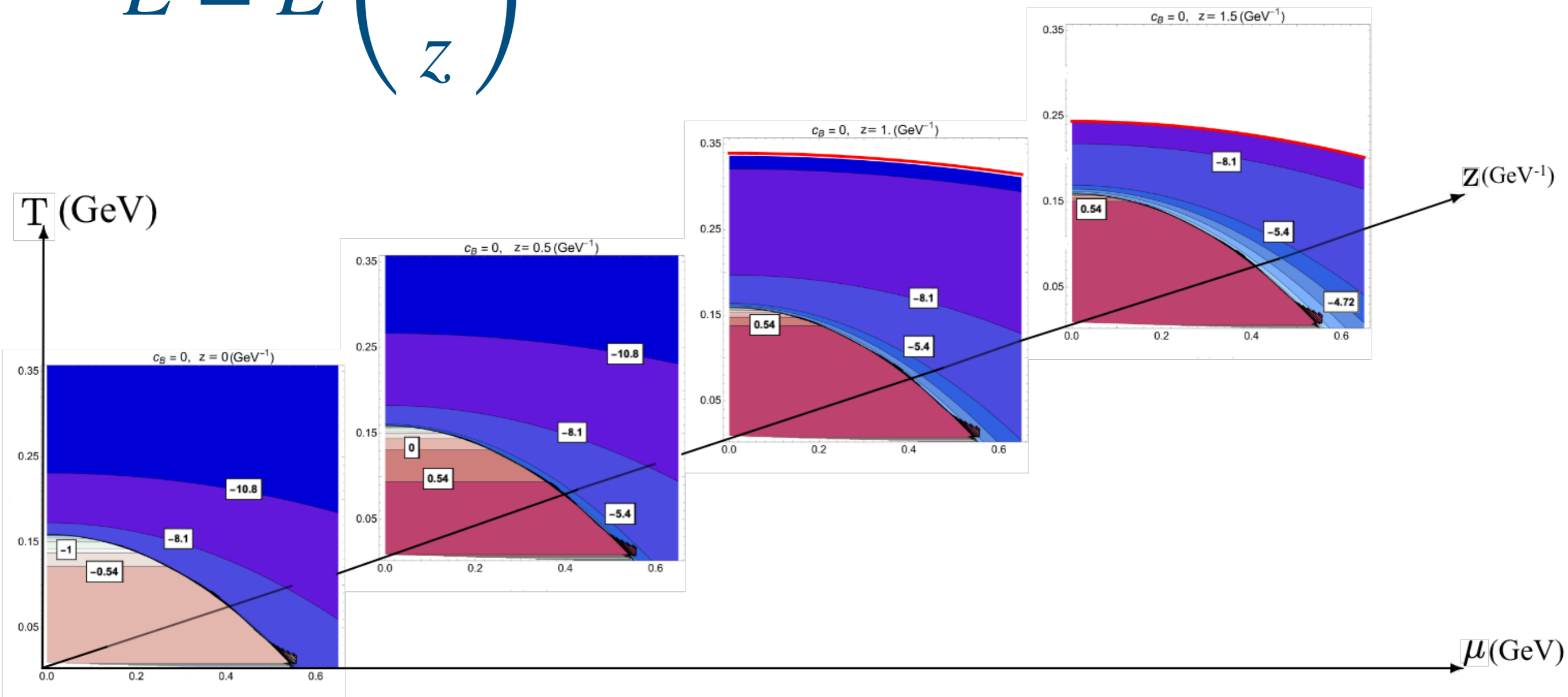
We have the following holographic dictionary:

- $\frac{L^2}{z^2} b(z)$ — corresponds to the energy scale E of the dual field theory
- $\phi(z) = \log(\alpha)$ — must be identified as running coupling of the field theory
- Connection with β -function in this background (**DeWolfe et. al. '14, Kiritsis et.al.'14**):

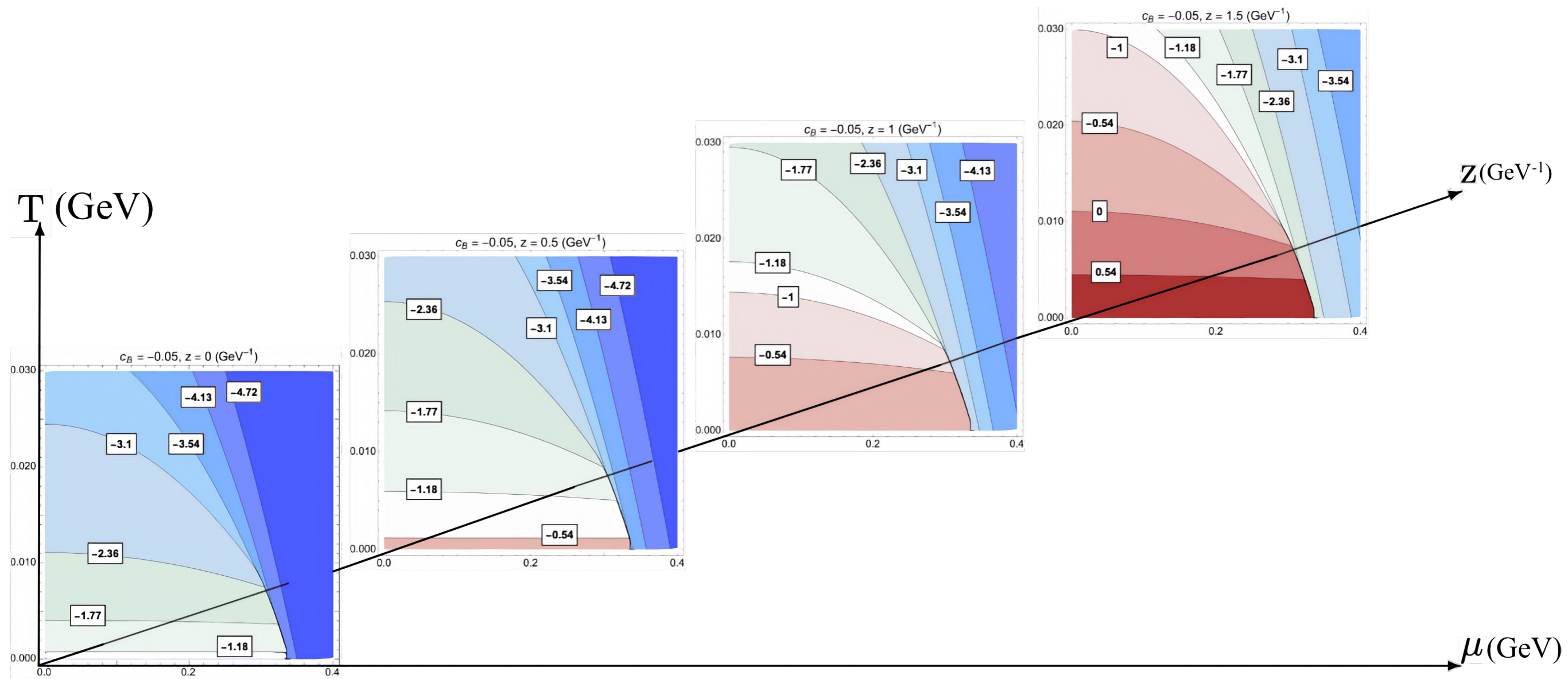
$$\beta = \left. \frac{d\alpha}{d \log E} \right|_{QFT} = \alpha \left. \frac{d\phi}{d \log B} \right|_{Holo}$$

Running coupling in magnetic field

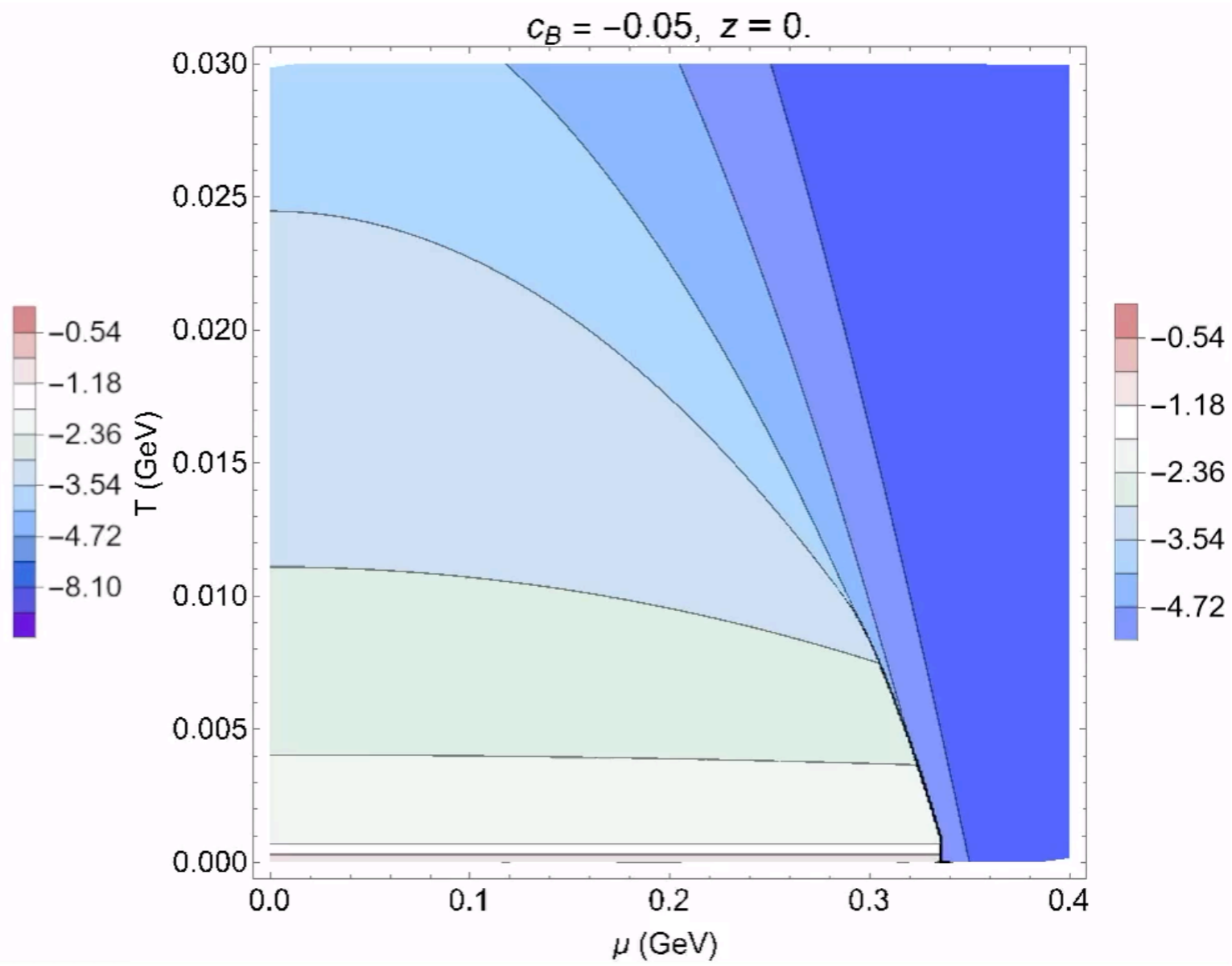
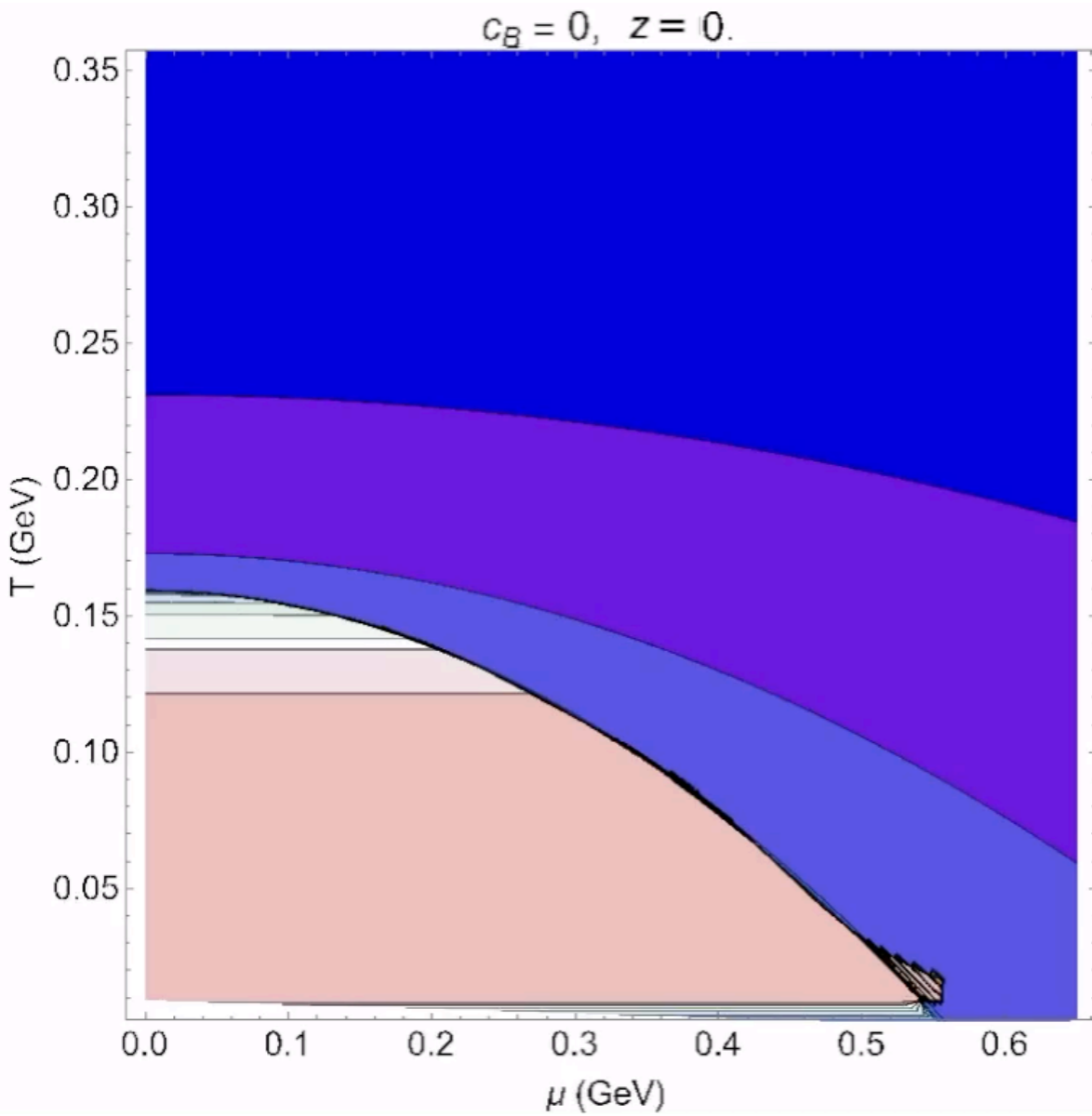
$$E = E \left(\frac{1}{z} \right)$$



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Conclusion

- Phase transition line was obtained
- The phase transition is invariant with respect to changes in the energy scale
- Dynamic of the running coupling in magnetic field
- Limitations of the method
- Coupling constant decreases with increasing magnetic field

Thank you!