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The conjecture on the realizability of rational exponents states that for every rational number  $r$  in  $(1, 2)$  there is a graph  $F_r$  such that  $\text{ex}(n, F_r) = \Theta(n^r)$ . In their beautiful work, Bukh and Conlon resolved a weaker version of the conjecture, where  $F_r$  is allowed to be a finite family of graphs. Subsequent work has been focusing on narrowing this family down to a single graph. We formulate a framework, that is taking shape in recent work, to attack the conjecture on the realizability of rational exponents. As an application of the framework, we show that for every rational number  $r \in (1, 2)$  of the form  $2 - a/b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^+$  satisfy  $\lfloor a/b \rfloor^3 \leq a \leq b/(\lfloor b/a \rfloor + 1) + 1$ , there exists a graph  $F_r$  such that the Turán number  $\text{ex}(n, F_r) = \Theta(n^r)$ . Joint work with Tao Jiang and Jie Ma. (Received August 02, 2020)