

Medium Separation Scheme and the Proper Description of Extreme Environments

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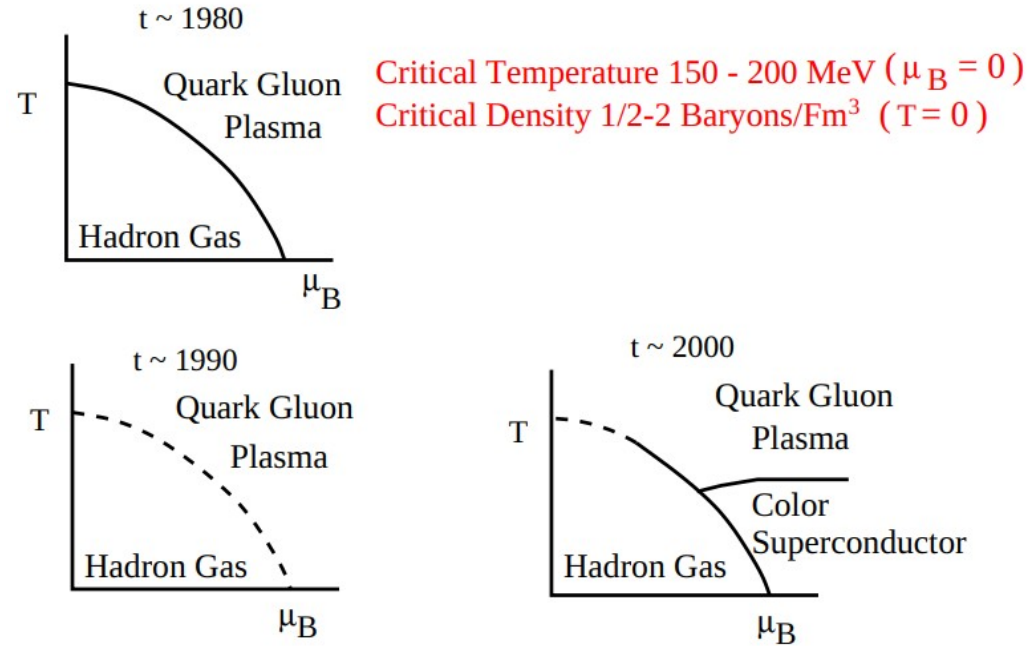


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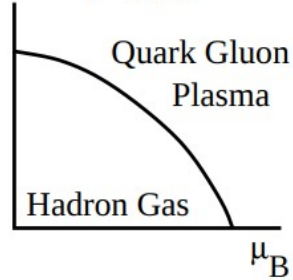
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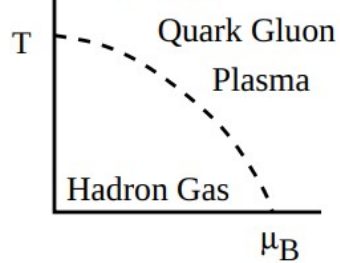
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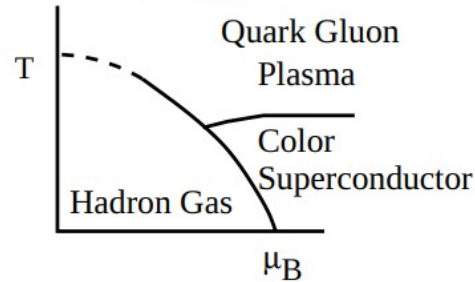


Critical Temperature 150 - 200 MeV ($\mu_B = 0$)
Critical Density 1/2-2 Baryons/Fm³ ($T = 0$)

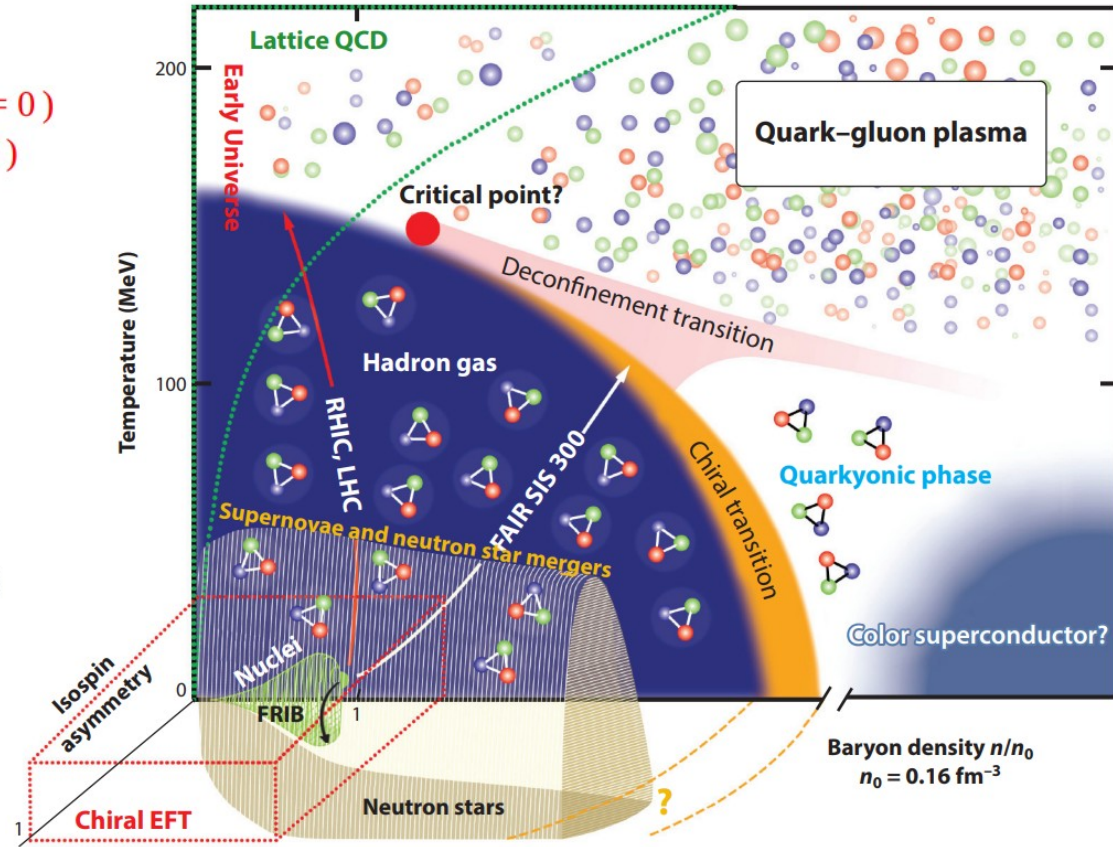
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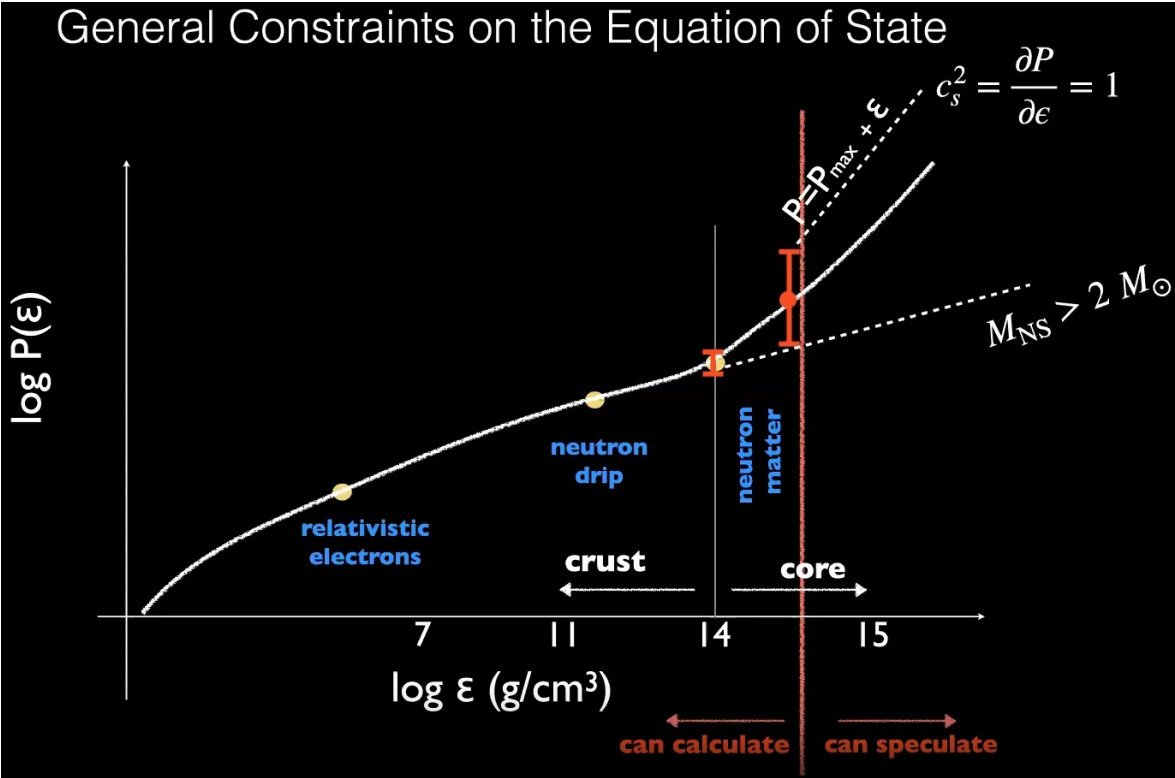


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GW provides constraints to the EoS of dense matter

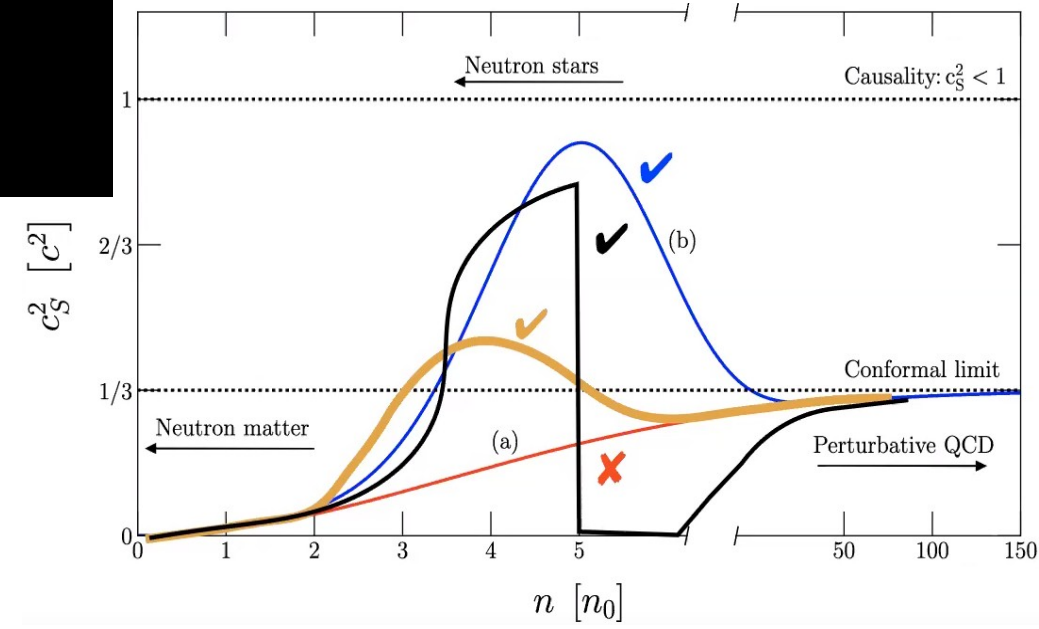
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- $R_{M=1.4M_{\odot}} \leq 13.5$ km and $M_{max} > 2M_{\odot}$

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- $R_{M=1.4M_{\odot}} \leq 15$ km and $M_{max} (2 - 3)M_{\odot}$

Breakdown of the models!



Figs. from S. Reddy presentation @BNL (2021)

No perfect solution—yet... But is there one?

- This talk focus on a specific approach: the chiral models, sometimes nonrenormalizable.
- In this case, a regularization prescription is required to define the validity scales of the model, as well as the necessary parameters.
- Regularization issues have been widely discussed in the literature:
 - ✗ Behavior of order parameters as functions of magnetic field; Menezes et al., PRC 79, 035807 (2009).
 - ✗ Nonphysical oscilations at finite chemical potential; Allen et al., PRD 92, 074041(2009).
 - ✗ Incorrect prediction of a CEP in the phase diagram; Yu et al., PRD 94, 014026(20016).
 - ✗ Magnetic/inverse magnetic catalysis; Avancini et al., PRD 99, 116002 (2019) and PRC103, 056009 (2021).
 - ...

The original “Cutoff-independent regularization”

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- Problem: $\Delta = 0$ in the vacuum \rightarrow Not a good scale parameter.

$$I_{\text{quad}}(\Delta^2) = I_{\text{quad}}(M^2) + (\Delta^2 - M^2)I_{\text{log}}(M^2) + \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \left[\Delta^2 - M^2 - \Delta^2 \ln \left(\frac{\Delta^2}{M^2} \right) \right]$$

$$I_{\text{log}}(\Delta^2) = I_{\text{log}}(M^2) - \frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \ln \left(\frac{\Delta^2}{M^2} \right).$$

Divergent integrals in terms of **Finite terms**
the quark mass in the vacuum

- In chiral models I_{quad} and I_{log} are related to the chiral condensate and pion decay constant as

$$iI_{\text{quad}}(M^2) = -\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle}{12M}$$

$$iI_{\text{log}}(M^2) = -\frac{f_\pi^2}{12M^2}$$

- Back to the gap equation: **No divergent integrals!**

$$1 = \lambda G \left\{ -\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle}{6M} - (\Delta^2 - M^2) \frac{f_\pi^2}{6M^2} - \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[\Delta^2 - M^2 - \Delta^2 \ln \left(\frac{\Delta^2}{M^2} \right) \right] \right. \\ \left. - \mu^2 \left[\frac{f_\pi^2}{3M^2} - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} 2 \ln \left(\frac{\Delta^2}{M^2} \right) \right] + I_{\text{fin}}(\Delta^2, \mu) + I_{\text{fin}}(\Delta^2, -\mu) \right\}$$

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Isospin chemical potential:

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- After some algebra

$$I = 2I_{\text{quad}}(M_0) - (M^2 - M_0^2 + \Delta^2 - 2\mu^2)I_{\text{log}}(M_0) + \left[\frac{3(A^2 + 4\mu^2 M^2)}{4} - 3\mu^2 M_0^2 \right] I_1 + 2I_2$$

with the definitions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_{\text{quad}}(M_0) &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + M_0^2}} \\ I_{\text{log}}(M_0) &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(\vec{p}^2 + M_0^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Related to the quark condensate and } f_\pi^2$$

$$\text{Finite} \left\{ \begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(\vec{p}^2 + M_0^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}} \\ I_2 &= \frac{15}{32} \sum_{j=\pm 1} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^1 dt (1-t)^2 \frac{(A - 2j\mu E_p)^3}{[(2j\mu E_p - A)t + \vec{p}^2 + M_0^2]^{\frac{7}{2}}} \end{aligned} \right.$$

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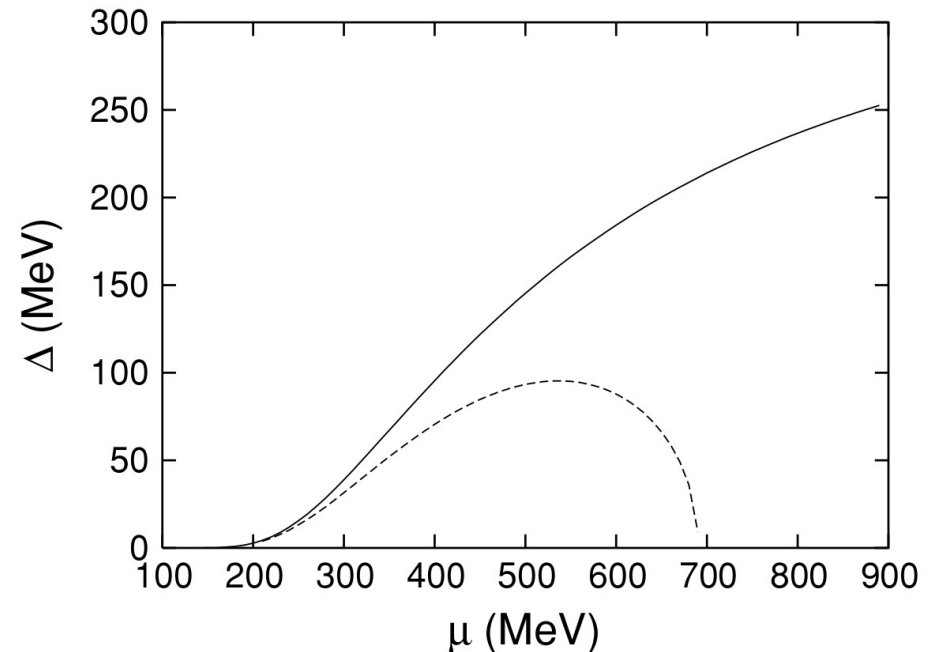
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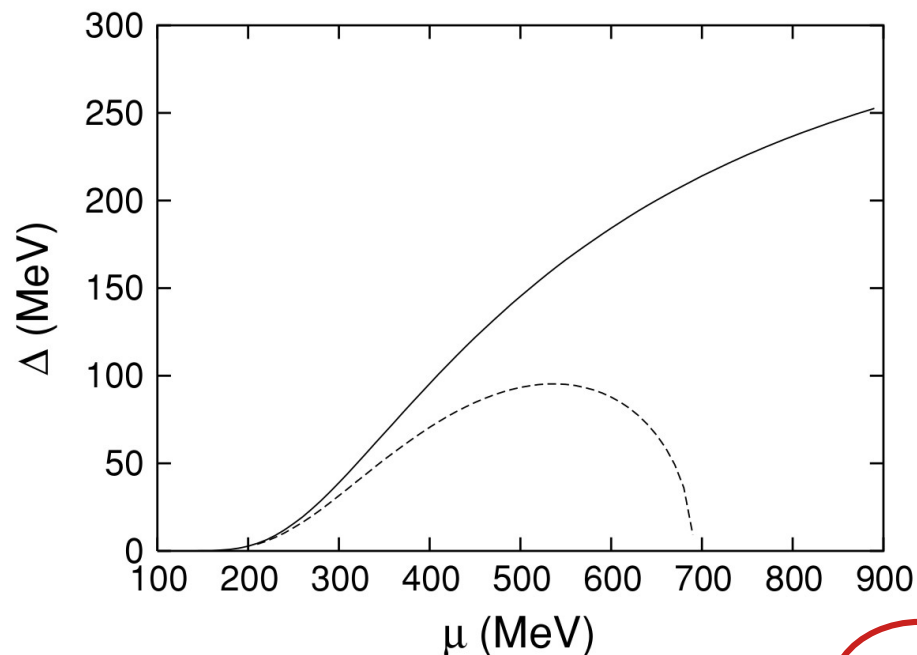
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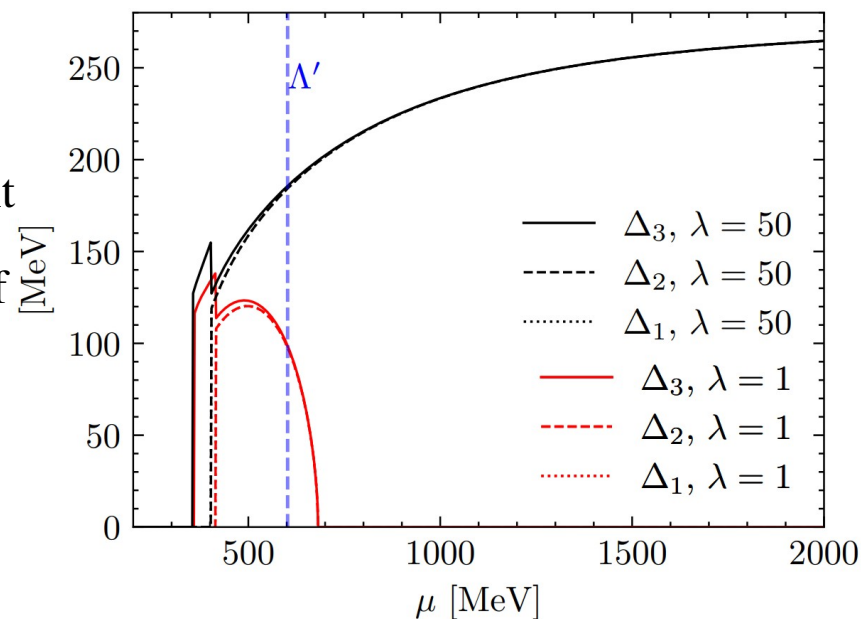
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Gholami, Hofmann, Buballa, arXiv:2408.06704

RG -consistent
treatment
remove cutoff
artifacts!



$$\lambda = \Lambda / \Lambda'$$

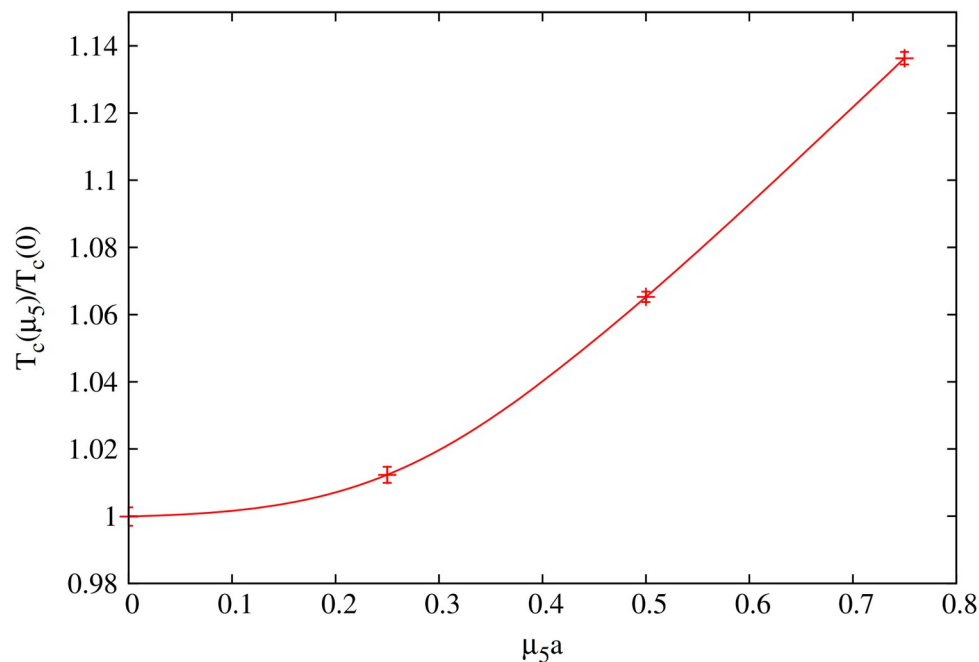
$$\Delta_{ur,dg} = \Delta_{ug,dr} = \Delta_3$$

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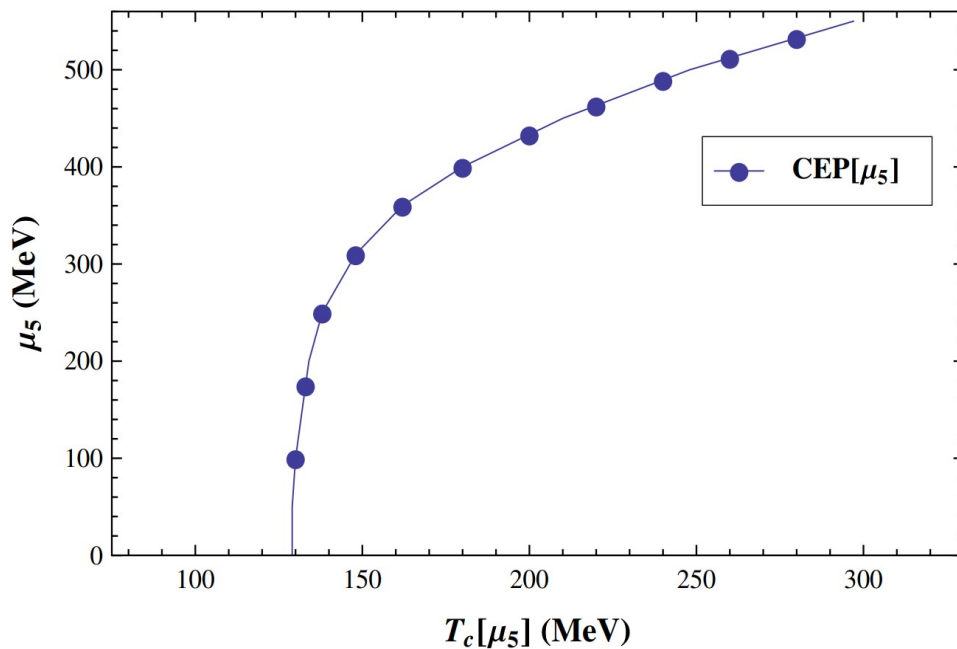
2- Finite chiral chemical potential: agreement with other approaches

- Universality arguments of large N_c , DSE and lattice simulations predicts an increasing T_{pc} with μ_5 , with NO CEP...



Braguta et. al., PRD93, 034509 (2016)

(Lattice)

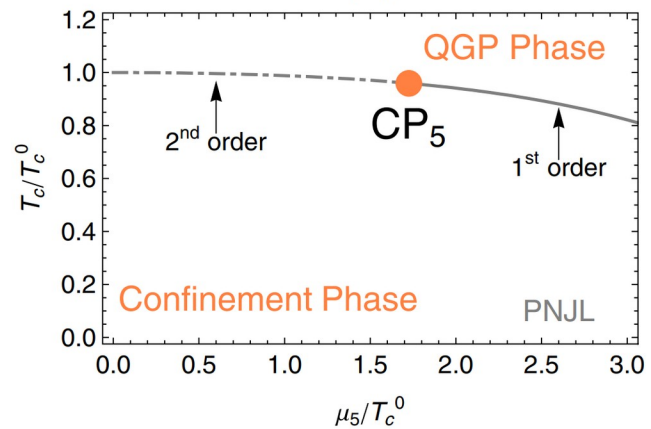
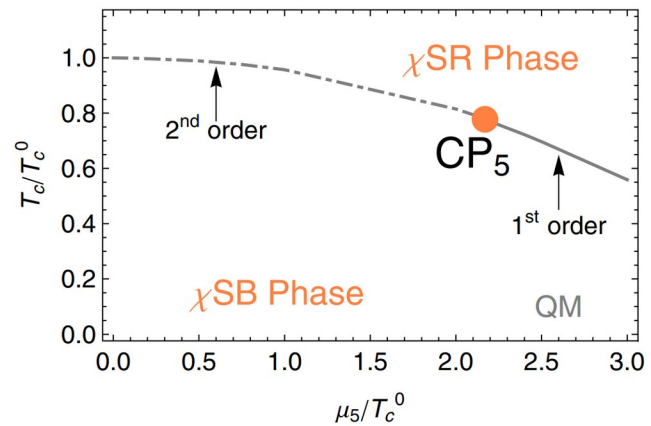


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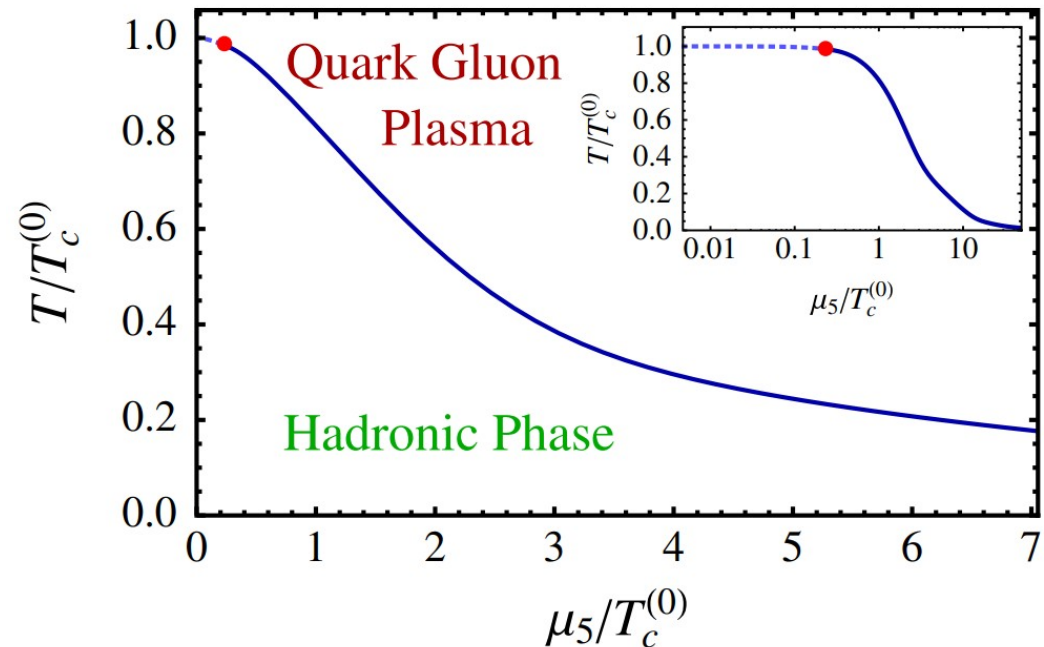
(DSE)

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... but chiral models (e.g. NJL and LSM) found the opposite.



Ruggieri, PRD 91, 056003 (2015)

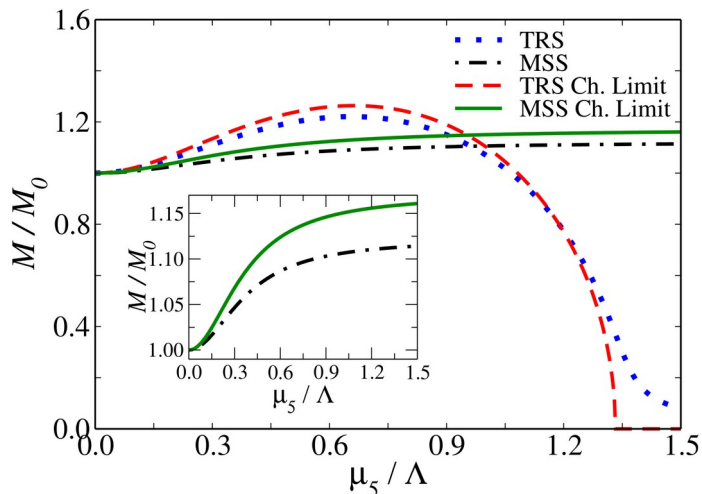


Chernodub, Nedelin., PRD83, 105008 (2011)

(PLSMq)

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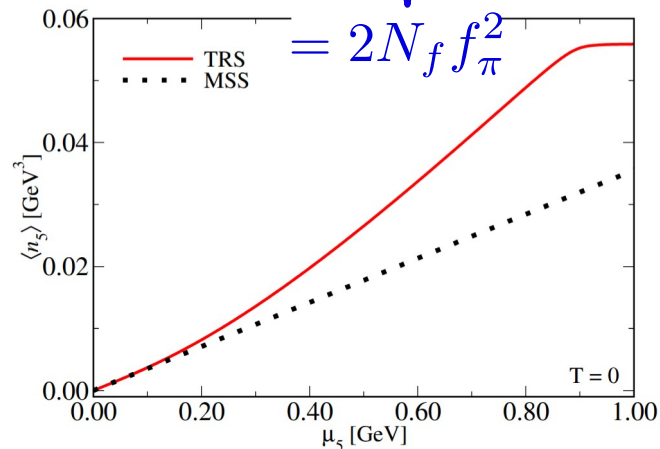
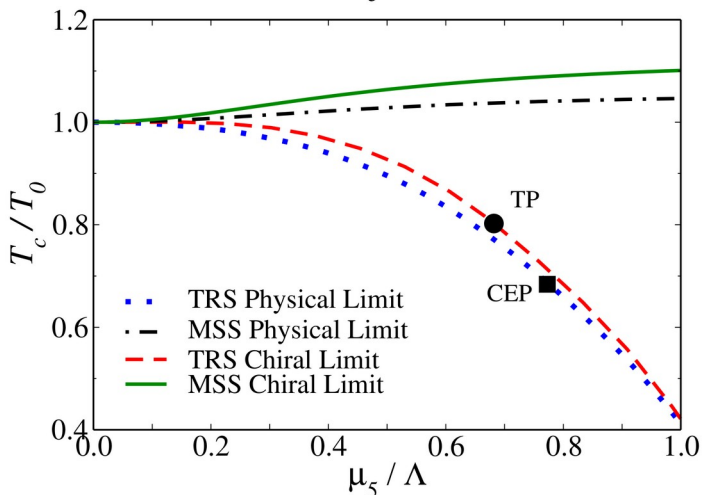
- MSS cure the problem, and more!



- ChPT at finite μ_5 : $\langle n_5 \rangle = \frac{1}{\beta V} \frac{\partial \log[Z(\mu_5)]}{\partial \mu_5} = 2N_f f_\pi^2 \mu_5$

$$\langle n_5 \rangle^{\text{TRS}} = 2N_c \sum_{s=\pm 1} \int_0^\Lambda \frac{dp p^2}{2\pi^2} \frac{s(|\mathbf{p}| + s\mu_5)}{\sqrt{(|\mathbf{p}| + s\mu_5)^2 + M^2}}$$

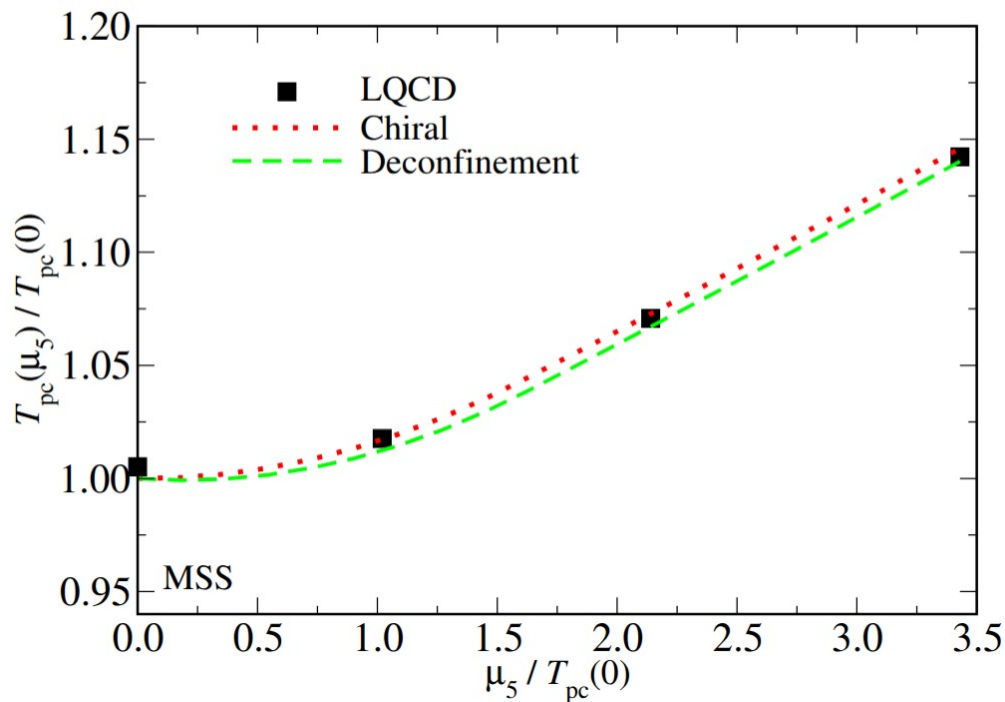
$$\langle n_5 \rangle^{\text{MSS}} = 4N_c \left[M^2 I_{\log}(M_0) - \frac{M^2}{4\pi^2} \ln \left(\frac{M^2}{M_0^2} \right) \right] \mu_5$$



2- Finite chiral chemical potential: agreement with other approaches

- A similar result can be obtained in the PNJL model IF we include an explicit dependence of μ_5 on the Polyakov loop potential.

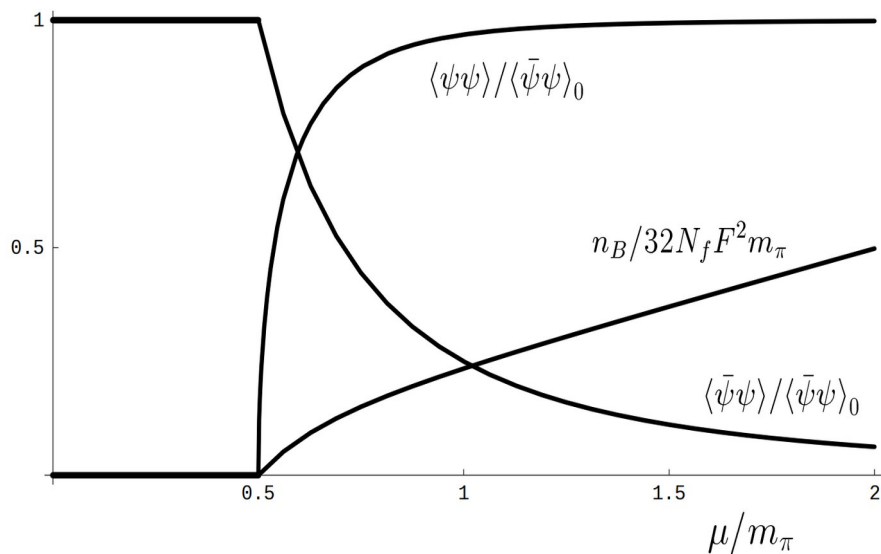
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{U}(\Phi, T) \\
 & \quad \downarrow \\
 & \mathcal{U}(\Phi, T, \mu_5) = T^4 \left[-\frac{\bar{b}_2(T, \mu_5)}{2} \Phi \Phi^\dagger \right. \\
 & \quad \left. -\frac{b_3}{6} (\Phi^3 + \Phi^{\dagger 3}) + \frac{b_4}{4} (\Phi \Phi^\dagger)^2 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$



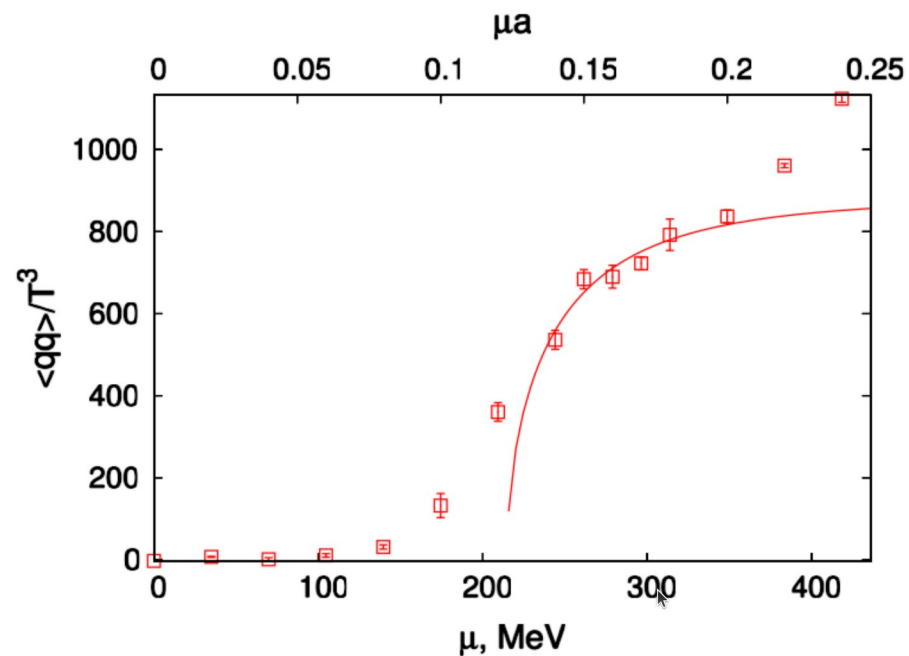
Azeredo, DD, Farias, Krein, Ramos, PRD110 076007 (2024)

3- Qualitative agreement with ChPT (and LQCD) for the 2-color QCD

- $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ for high values of $\mu_B (= N_c \mu)$ is an artifact of the incorrect regularization also in the physical limit.



phase	$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$	$\langle \psi \psi \rangle$	n_B
$\mu < m_\pi/2$	$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_0$	0	0
$\mu > m_\pi/2$	$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_0 \left(\frac{m_\pi}{2\mu}\right)^2$	$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m_\pi}{2\mu}\right)^4}$	$8\mu N_f F^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{m_\pi}{2\mu}\right)^4\right)$

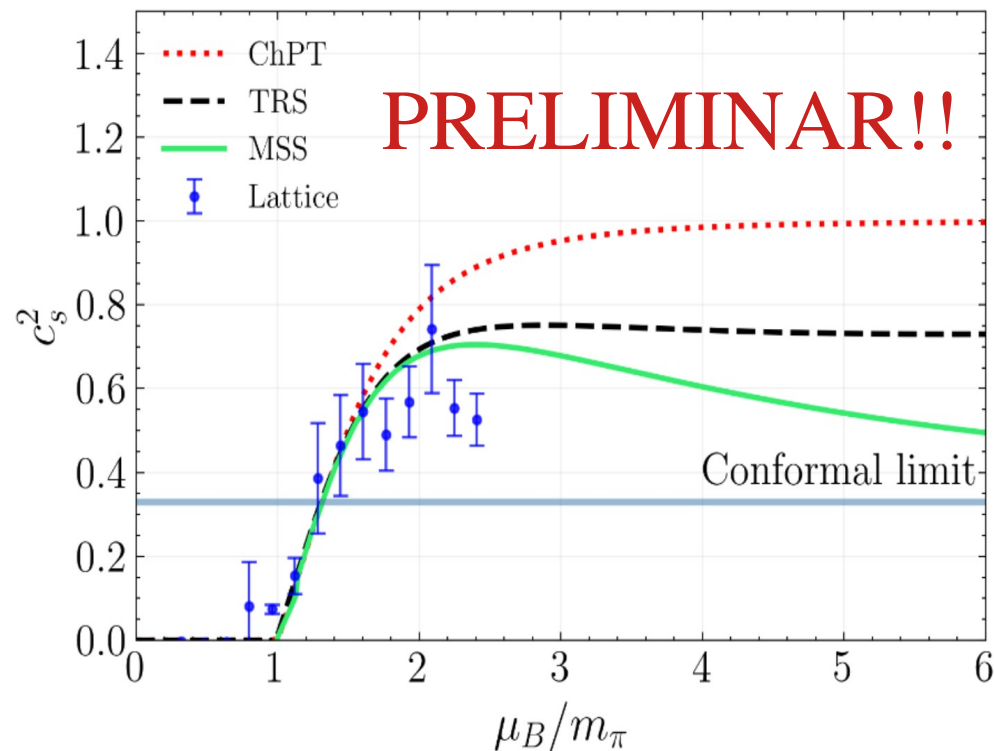
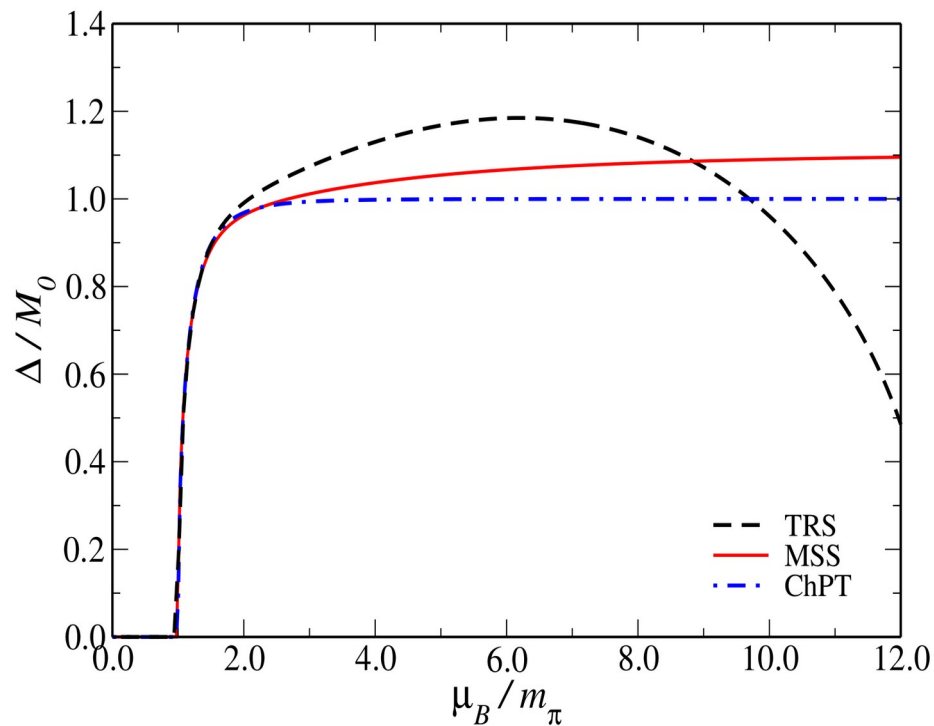


Braguta, et. al., PRD 94, 114510 (2016)

Kogut et. al., NPB 582 477 (2000)

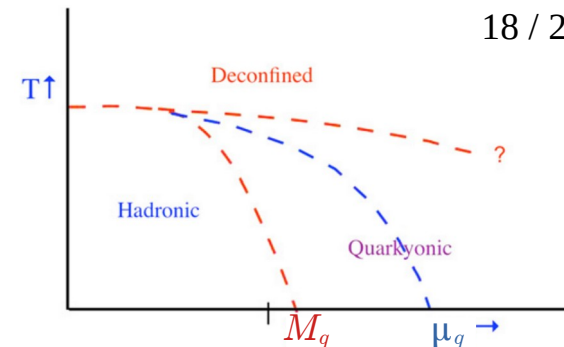
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Perspectives: Quarkyonic matter from a quark model point of view



- Possible phase of QCD phase diagram, argued from large N_c that belongs completely to confined world, and takes place when the quark chemical potential exceeds its mass.
- Strong candidate to take into account the constraints of the observational data, since it naturally generates a stiff EoS in the intermediate regime;

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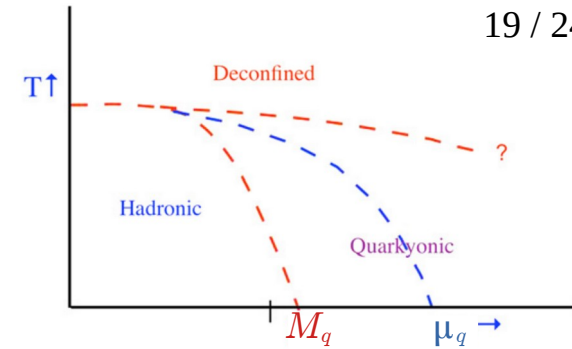
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NJL + Polyakov loop:

McLerran et al.
Nuclear Physics A 824
(2009) 86.

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m + i\mu\gamma_0) \psi + \frac{G}{2} \left[(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5\psi)^2 \right] - U(\Phi[A], \bar{\Phi}[A])$$

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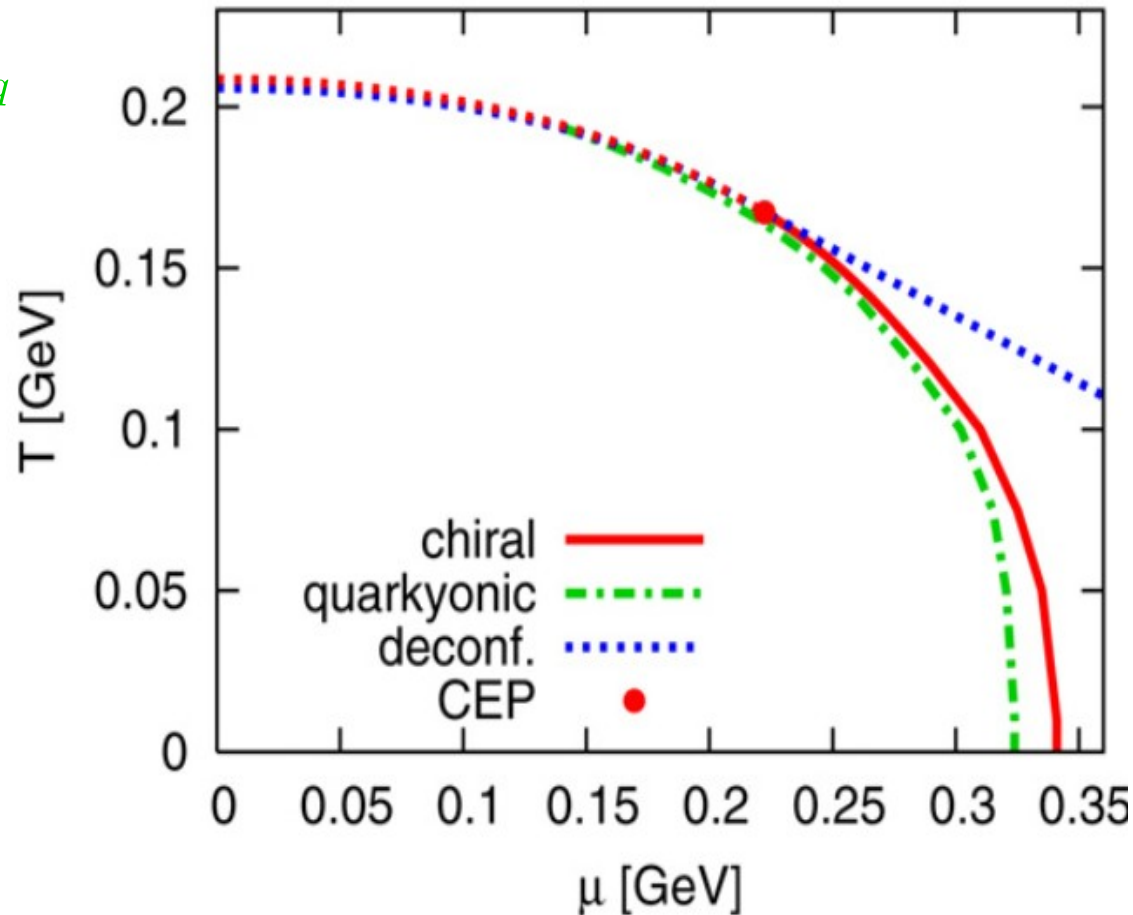
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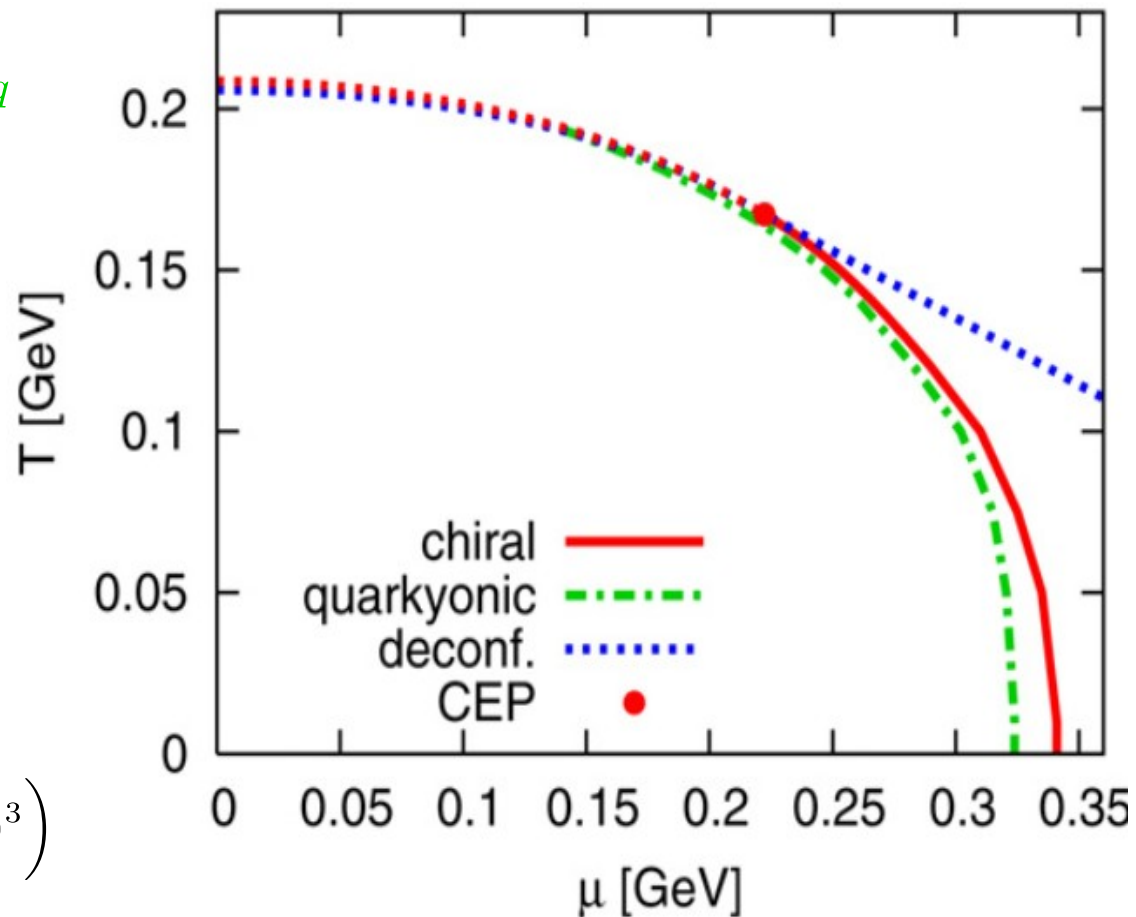
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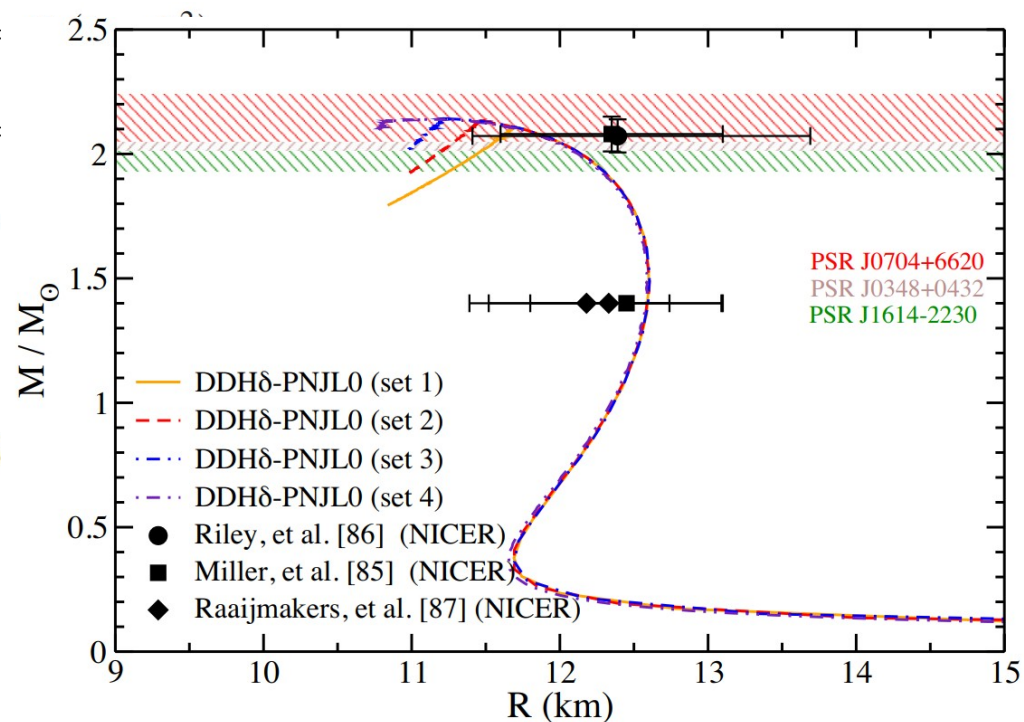
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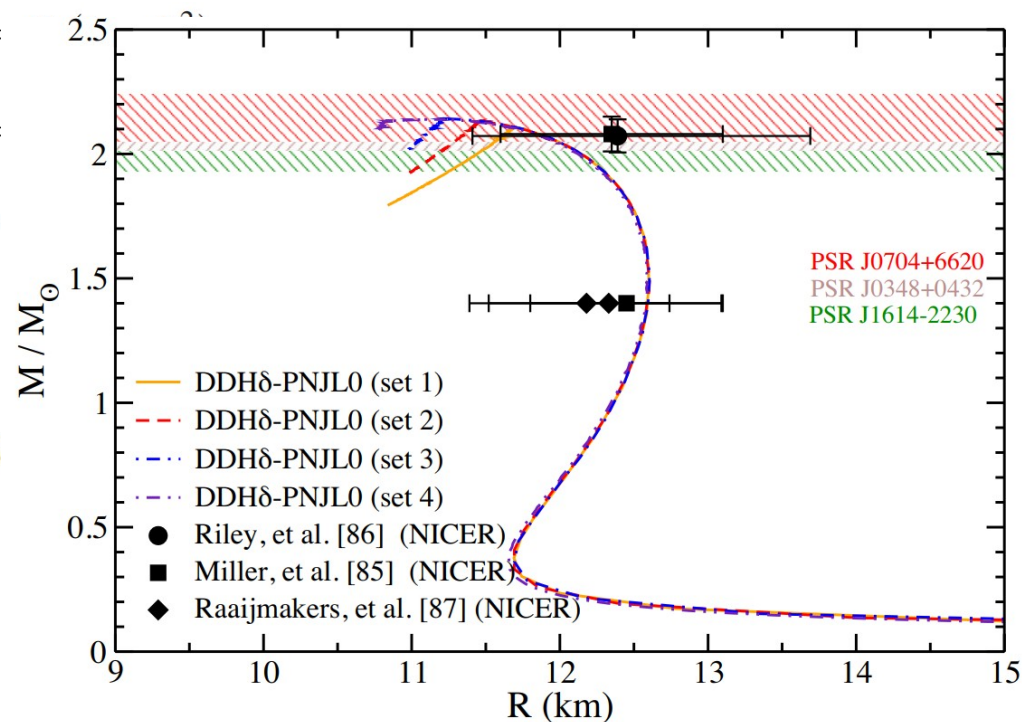
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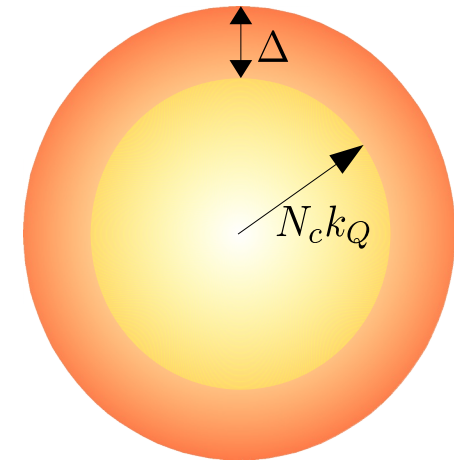
Final Remarks

- Significant progress has been made in recent years toward describing the QCD phase diagram, but much remains to be done!
- **The careful treatment of divergences through the separation of medium-dependent terms in non-renormalizable models is essential for an accurate description of the physical quantities of interest;**
- MSS proves to be a powerful tool for this task when applied to NJL/PNJL. Extension to other models or contexts?

Thanks for your attention!

Backup:

- QCD with 3 colors: Small typical energy scales ($\sim 1/N_c$), even for nuclear interactions of $O(N_c) \Rightarrow$ **matter behaves like a dilute gas.**
- When density increase: Typical energies become of the same order of nuclear interactions \Rightarrow **hadronic matter changes properties rapidly.**
- Sound velocity increase very rapidly, exceed $1/3$ at densities around $(3-4)\rho_0$.
 \Rightarrow **Since it needs to approach $1/3$ from below we expect that sound velocity will show a minimum at some point.**



$$n_B \sim (k_F^B)^3 \sim (k_F^Q)^3 \quad \text{and} \quad k_F^B \simeq N_c k_F^Q \quad c_s^2 = \frac{n_B}{\mu_B} \frac{d\mu_B}{dn_B}$$

If nuclear matter is composed by only nucleons (quasiparticles) their phase space increase with k_F^3 , and the rapid increase in phase space available without corresponding increase in n_B suggests that nucleons are only partially filling their available phase space.