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Pion condensation and chiral symmetry breaking in the early universe

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We discuss how the passage of the universe through a pion condensed phase and a chiral symmetry breaking would affect its cosmic trajectory at the QCD era. A pion condensed phase could be achieved if large lepton asymmetries were reached at this epoch. To describe the QCD sector we employ a quark-meson model at finite temperature and finite baryon and charge chemical potentials. We show that, for large lepton asymmetries, the universe could go through a first-order phase transition while entering the pion condensed phase, followed by a second order phase transition when it exits it.

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