

# Chiral phase transition in finite temperature and density for three flavour QCD

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# Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

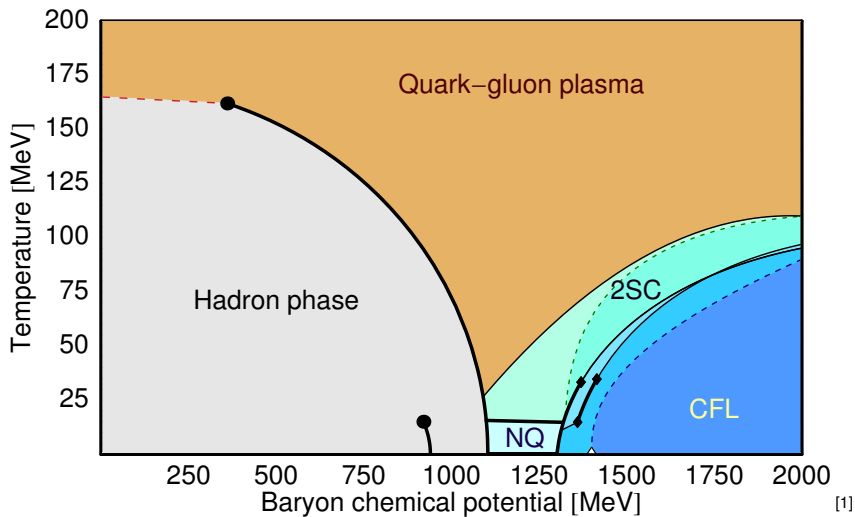
Quantum Chromodynamics is the theory of strong interactions.

Some properties:

- Felt by the quarks (and gluons), mediated by exchanging gluons
- Strongly coupled, nonperturbative
- Confined

But there exists other phases in QCD where the physics is very different.

## Phase diagram of QCD



[1] S.B. Ruester, V. Werth, M. Buballa, I.A. Shovkovy, D.H. Rischke, Phys.Rev.D72 (2005)

# Motivation

There are many situations where high temperature and density is interesting

- Early universe
- Dense stars
- Supernovae explosions
- Heavy Ion Collisions

# Phases $\leftrightarrow$ Symmetries

We can only transition into a new phase if there is a fundamental change in the system

Possible symmetries in QCD:

- Gauge transformations
- Flavour rotations
- Chiral transformations
- ...

# Chiral symmetry breaking

The Dirac Lagrangian decomposed into right- and left-handed spinor fields

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}_L \not{D}\psi_L + i\bar{\psi}_R \not{D}\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_L m\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R m\psi_L$$

As long as  $m \neq 0$ , we cannot transform the left and right handed fields independently in flavour space

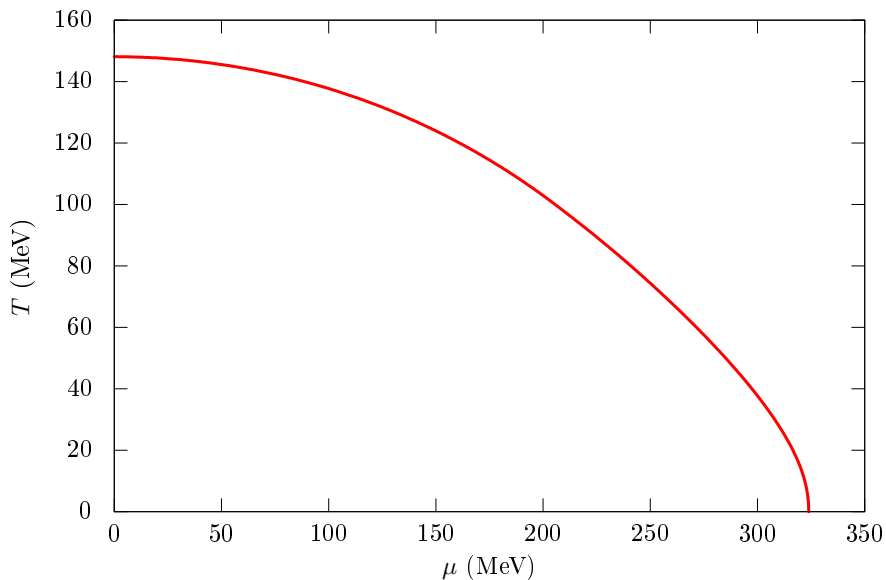
⇒ Chiral symmetry is broken

# Models and Approximations

QCD is a tough theory to do work with, and a lot of it has been done with numerical lattice calculations. For an analytic study, multiple approximations is commonly used

- Linear Sigma Model ( $L\sigma M$ ) or Nambu-Jona-Lasinio Model (NJL)
- Mean field approximations
- Perturbative methods or Nonperturbative Renormalization group methods



Phase diagram in  $T$ - $\mu$ -space

# Conclusion and Outlook

- Looking for symmetry breaking/restoration, we can find phase transitions
- Perturbation theory doesn't give satisfactory results
- Two-flavour QCD doesn't tell us the whole story
- Renormalization group equation approach to three-flavour QCD will hopefully do better

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Thank you for your time