

# QCD phase diagram from effective models

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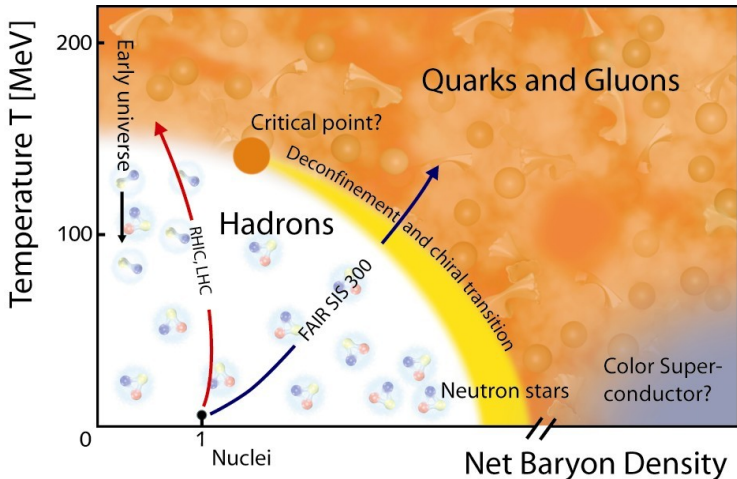
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# The conjectured QCD Phase Diagram



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QCD: two phase transitions:

- 1 restoration of chiral symmetry

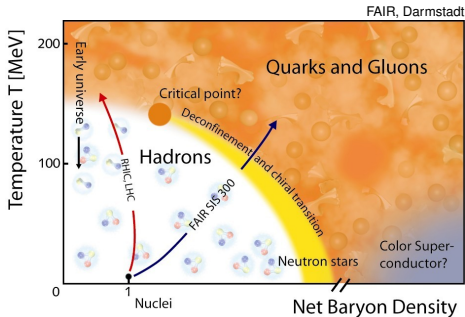
$$SU_{L+R}(N_f) \rightarrow SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f)$$

order parameter:

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \begin{cases} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{symmetry broken, } T < T_c \\ = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{symmetric phase, } T > T_c \end{cases}$$

associate limit:  $m_q \rightarrow 0$

chiral transition: spontaneous restoration of global  $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f)$  at high  $T$



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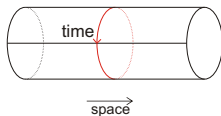
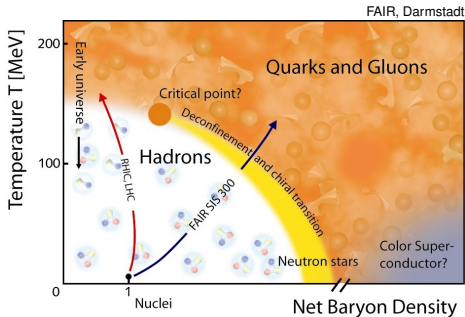
order parameter:

$$\Phi \begin{cases} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{confined phase, } T < T_c \\ > 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{deconfined phase, } T > T_c \end{cases}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{tr}_c \mathcal{P} e^{i \int_0^\beta d\tau A_0(\tau, \vec{x})} \rangle$$

associate limit:  $m_q \rightarrow \infty$

→ related to free energy of a static quark state:  $\Phi = e^{-F_q}$

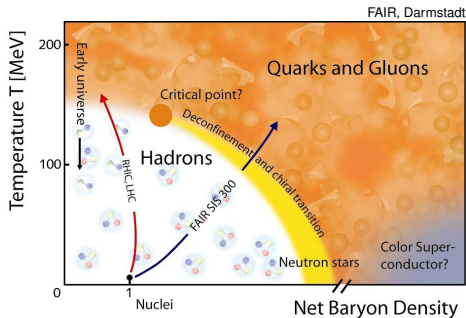


# QCD Phase Transitions

QCD: two phase transitions:

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At densities/temperatures of interest  
only model calculations available



## effective models:

- 1 Quark-meson model
- 2 Polyakov-quark-meson model

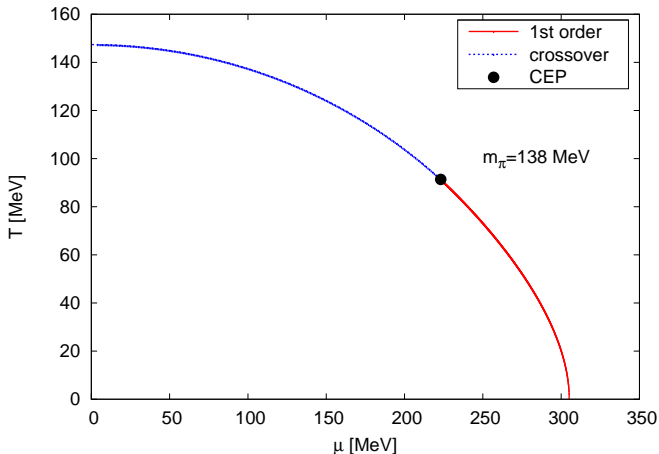
or other models e.g. NJL  
or PNJL models

- Two-Flavor Quark-Meson Model
  - ▷ Mean field approximation
  - ▷ Renormalization Group study
  
- Polyakov–Quark-Meson Model
  
  
- Three-Flavor Quark-Meson Model

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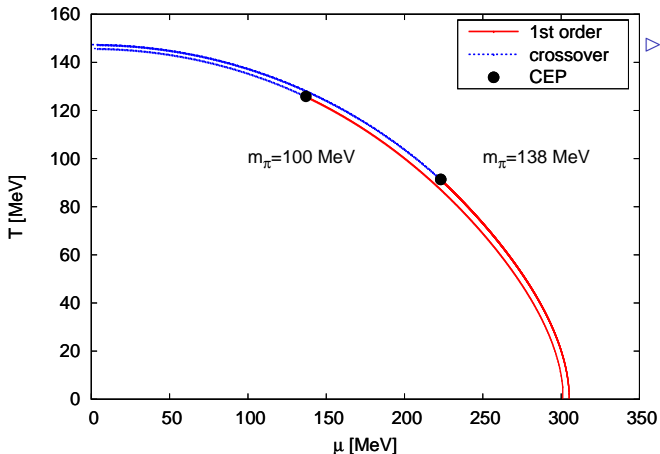
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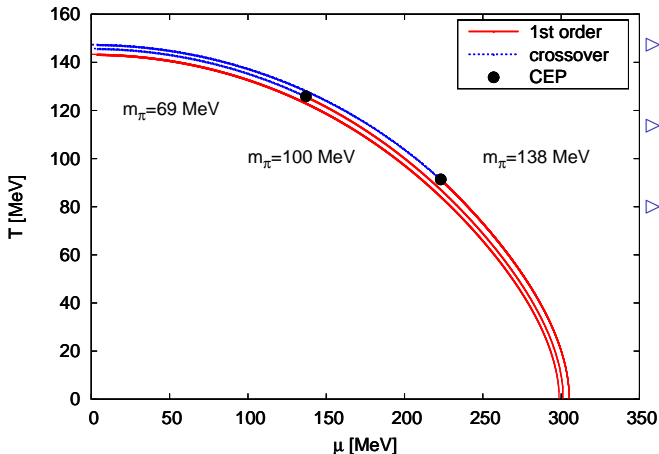


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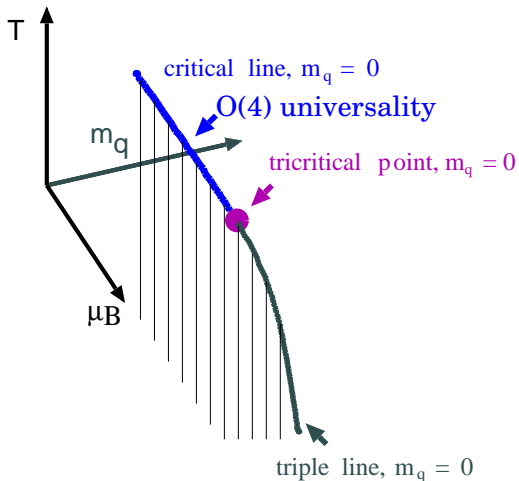
▷ chiral limit  
no CEP

▷ at  $\mu = 0$   
 $O(4)$  scaling expected  
i.e. 2nd-order PT

$\rightarrow$  truncation effect

# Phase diagram in $(T, \mu_B, m_q)$ -space

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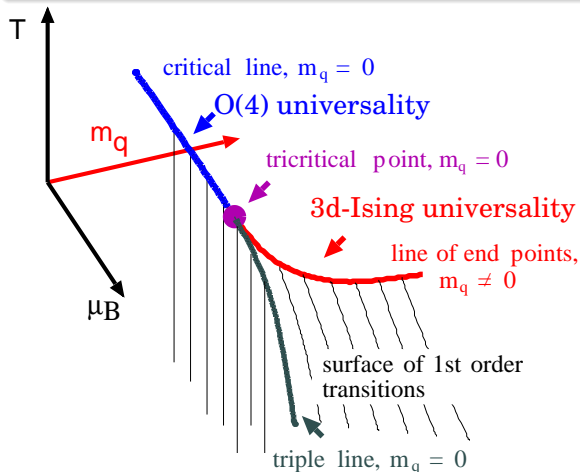
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$m_q \neq 0$ : no symmetry remains  $\rightarrow$  only one critical mode  $\sigma$  (Ising) ( $\vec{\pi}$  massive)



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- **chiral limit**  
tricritical point  
(Gaussian fixed point)
- **finite  $m_q$**   
critical endpoints  
(3D-Ising class)

$\Gamma_k[\phi]$  scale dependent effective action ;  $t = \ln(k/\Lambda)$  ;  $R_k$  regulators

FRG (average effective action)

[Wetterich]

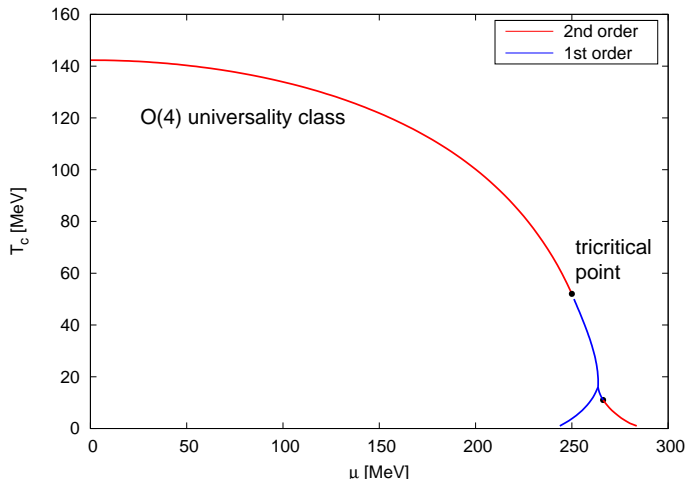
$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \partial_t R_k \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \right) ; \quad \Gamma_k^{(2)} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k}{\delta \phi \delta \phi}$$

- Ansatz for  $\Gamma_k$ : (LO derivative expansion  $\rightarrow$  arbitrary potential  $V_k$ )

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^4 x \bar{q} [i \gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - g(\sigma + i \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi} \gamma_5)] q + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 + V_k(\phi^2)$$

$$V_{k=\Lambda}(\phi^2) = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2 - v^2)^2 - c\sigma$$

RG analysis:

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# Chiral Phase Diagram $N_f = 2$ & $m_q \sim 280$ MeV

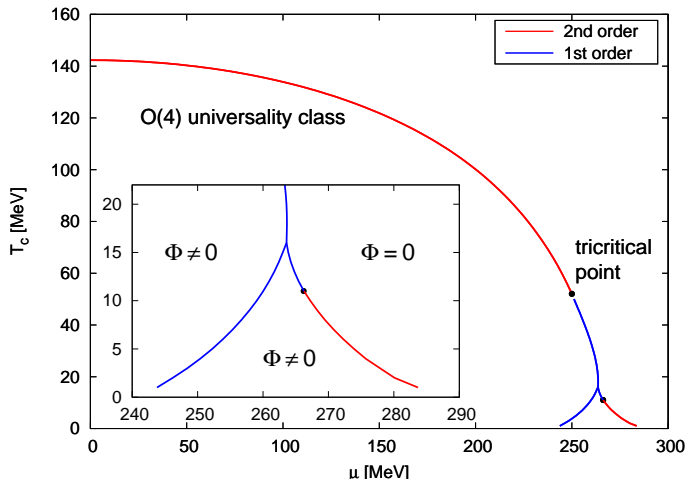
[BJS, J. Wambach, '05 & '06]

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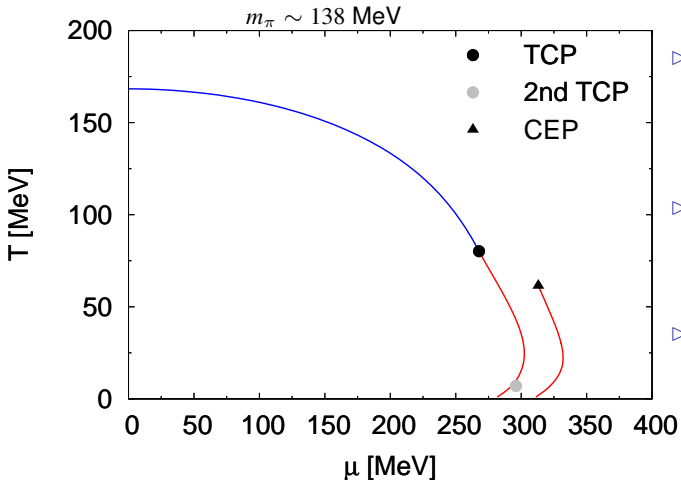
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chiral limit

no spinodal lines!



# RG Phase Diagram



▷ bending usual for RG

Clausius-Clapeyron  
relation ok

▷ 2nd tricritical point

in chiral limit

▷ features

parameter independent

but locations TCP/CEP

parameter dependent

[BJS,Wambach '05 & '06]

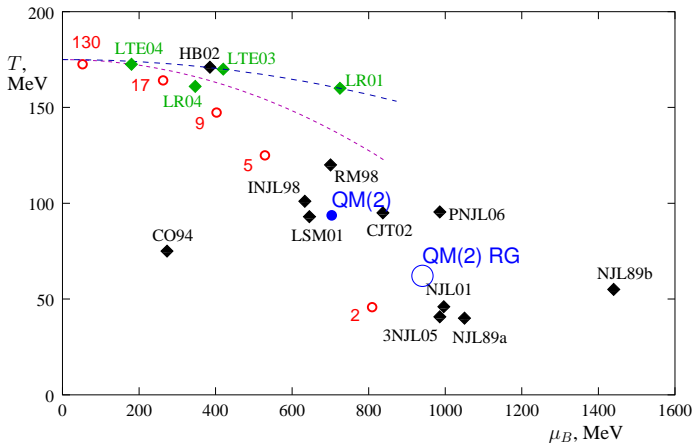
# Charts of QCD Critical End Points

model studies vs. lattice simulations

Black points: models

Lines & green points: lattice

Red points: Freezeout points for HIC

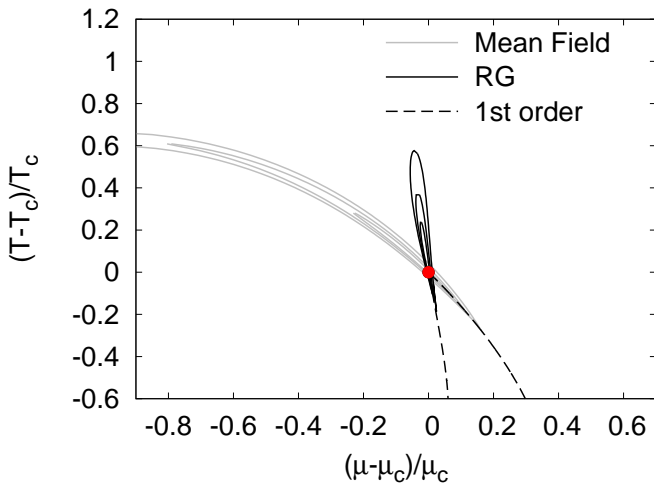


lattice methods:

- reweighting
- imaginary  $\mu_B$
- Taylor expansion around  $\mu_B = 0$

Stephanov '05 & '07





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Friman, Redlich, Sasaki 2006

⇒ first-order transition at  $T_0 = 270$  MeV

in presence of dynamical quarks:  $T_0 = T_0(N_f)$

BJS, Pawłowski, Wambach, 2007

$N_f$	0	1	2	2 + 1	3
$T_0$ [MeV]	270	240	208	187	178

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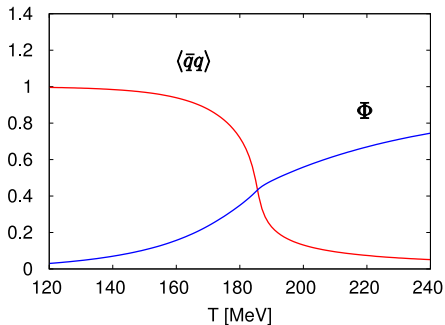
$$\mu \neq 0: \quad T_0 = T_0(N_f, \mu)$$

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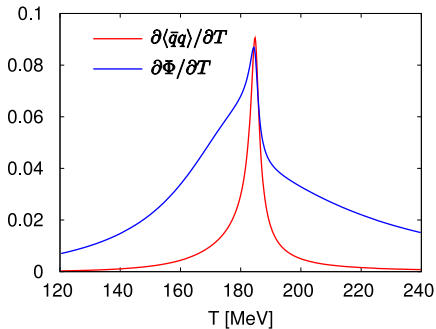
$$\bar{\phi} \neq \phi^*$$

Numerical results:

order parameters

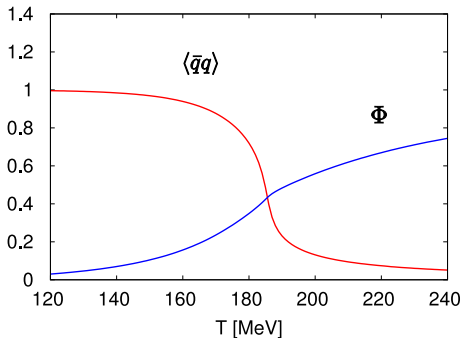


$T$ -derivatives of order parameters

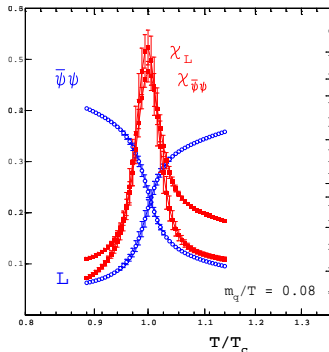


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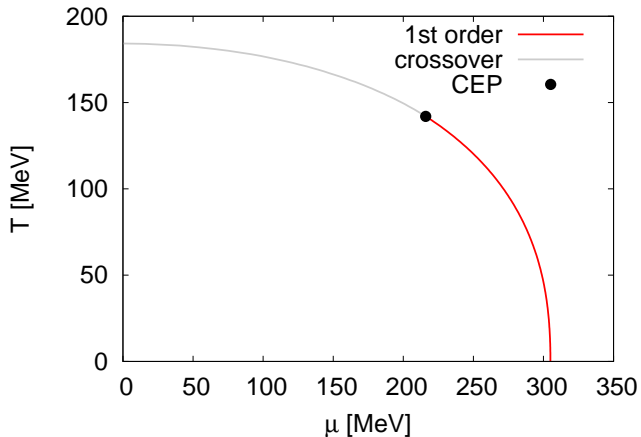
lattice



in mean field approximation

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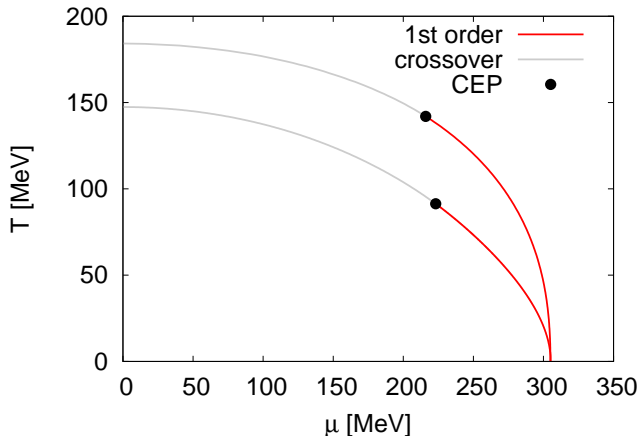
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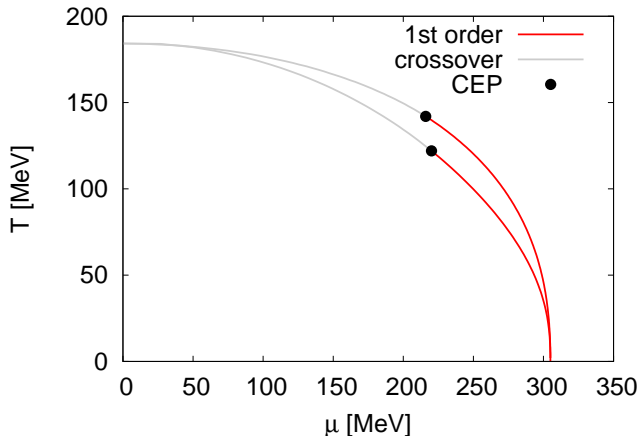
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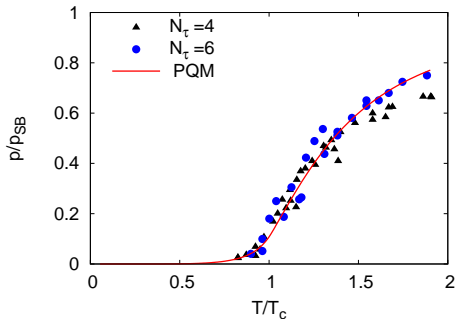
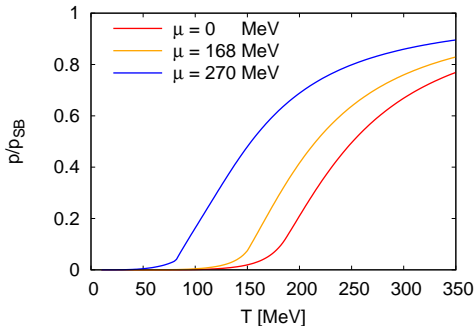
- for PQM model
- for PQM model **with**  $\mu$ -modification in Polyakov loop potential (lower lines)

- perturbative pressure of QCD with  $N_f$  massless quarks

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = (N_c^2 - 1) \frac{\pi^2}{45} + N_f \left[ \frac{7\pi^2}{60} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mu}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left( \frac{\mu}{T} \right)^4 \right].$$

- $N_f = 2$ :

lattice:  $N_\tau = 4, 6$ ;  $\mu = 0$



[Ali Khan et al. '01]

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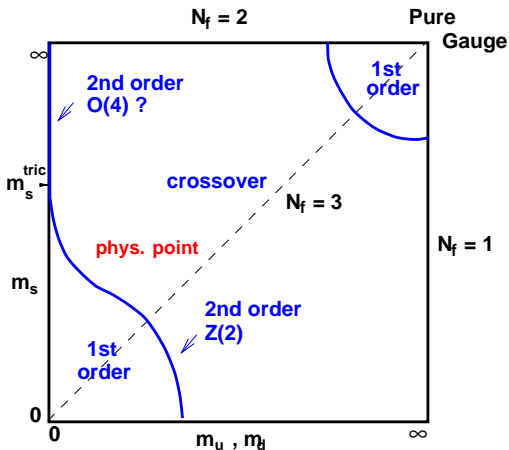
# Mass Sensitivity (lattice, $N_f = 3, \mu_B = 0$ )

Columbia plot:

[Brown et al. '90]

$$T_X^{N_f=2} \sim 175 \text{ MeV}$$

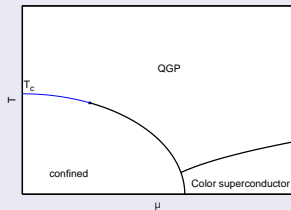
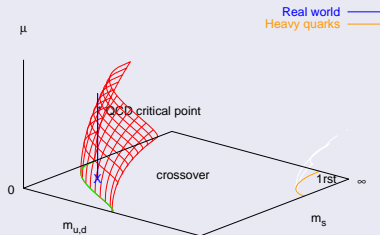
$$T_d \sim 270 \text{ MeV}$$



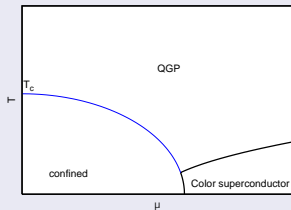
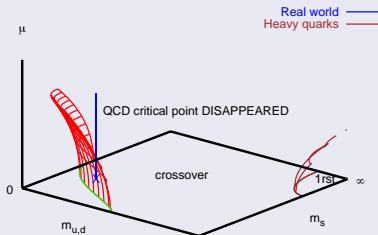
$$T_X^{N_f=3} \sim 155 \text{ MeV}$$

# Mass Sensitivity (lattice, $N_f = 3, \mu_B \neq 0$ )

Standard scenario:  $m_c(\mu)$  increasing



Nonstandard scenario:  $m_c(\mu)$  decr.



[de Forcrand, Philipsen: hep-lat/0611027]

- Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{meson}}$

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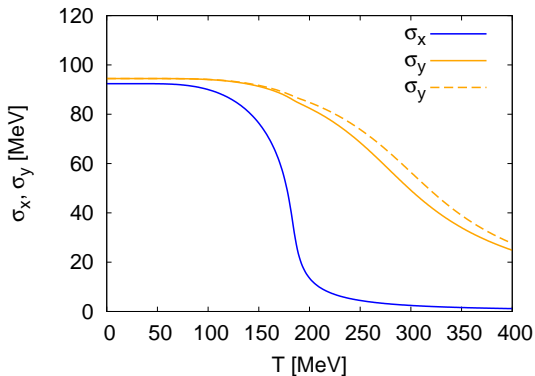
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{meson}} = & \text{tr}(\partial_\mu\phi^\dagger\partial^\mu\phi) - m^2\text{tr}(\phi^\dagger\phi) - \lambda_1(\text{tr}(\phi^\dagger\phi))^2 \\ & - \lambda_2\text{tr}((\phi^\dagger\phi)^2) + c(\det(\phi) + \det(\phi^\dagger)) \\ & + \text{tr}H(\phi + \phi^\dagger)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{fields: } \phi = \sum_a \frac{\lambda_a}{2}(\sigma_a + i\pi_a) \quad \text{and } H = \sum_a \frac{\lambda_a}{2}h_a$$

$\sigma_a$  scalar and  $\pi_a$  pseudoscalar nonet

→ two condensates: nonstrange  $\sigma_x(T, \mu_f)$  and strange  $\sigma_y(T, \mu_f)$

with (solid) and without (dashed)  $U(1)_A$  anomaly

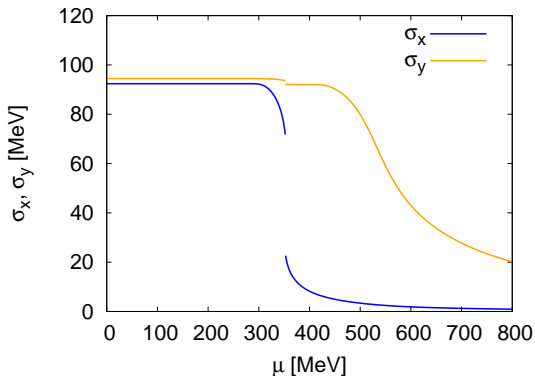


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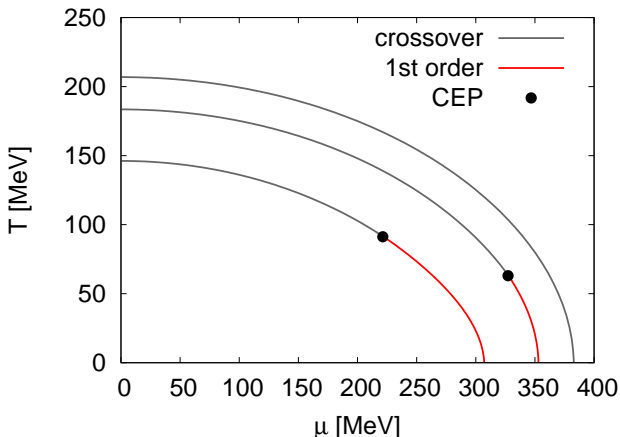
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- ▷  $\mu \equiv \mu_q = \mu_s$
- ▷  $\mu_c$  depends on  $m_\sigma$



$m_\sigma = 600$  MeV (lower lines), 800 and 900 MeV

PDG:  $f_0(600)$  mass=(400...1200) MeV

→ influence of existence of CEP!



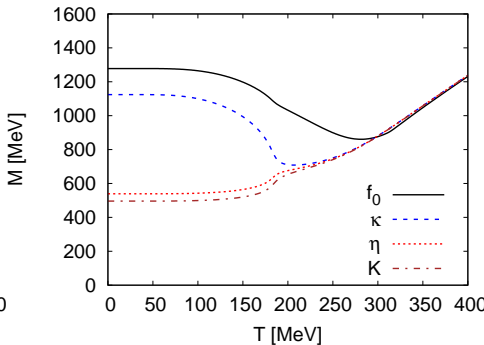
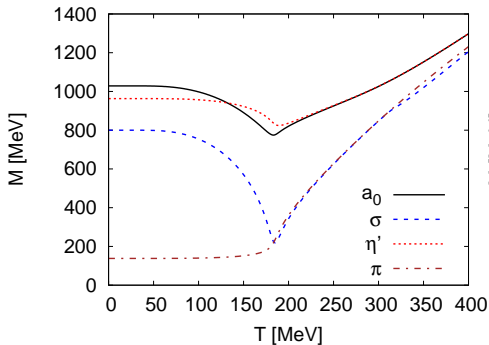
- ▷ genuine problem of linear sigma model w/o quarks at finite T
  - negative meson masses
- ▷ but not in this approximation
  - Ward identities, Goldstone theorem etc. are all valid in-medium e.g.

$$h_x = f_\pi m_\pi^2$$

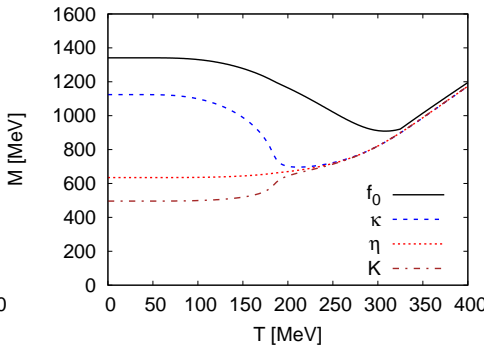
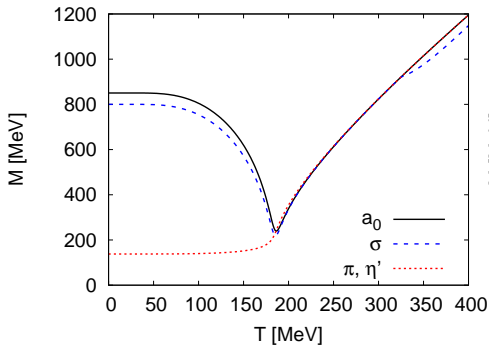
similar in strange sector

- ▷ At low temperatures: mesons dominate
- At high temperatures: quarks dominate

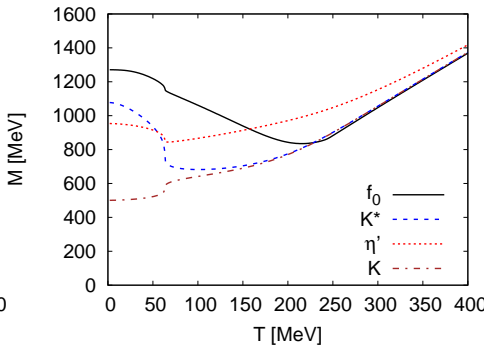
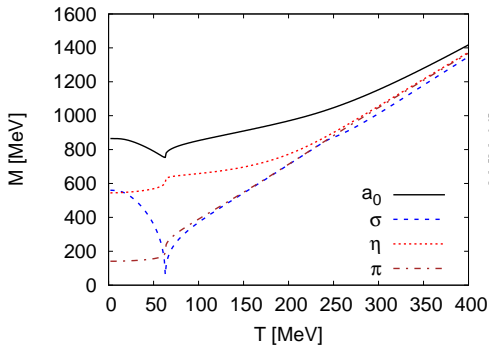
masses with  $U(1)_A$  anomaly



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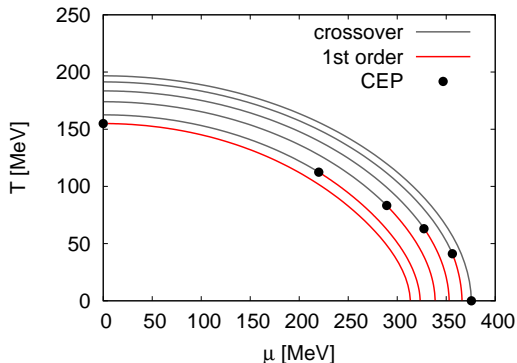


# Mass sensitivity

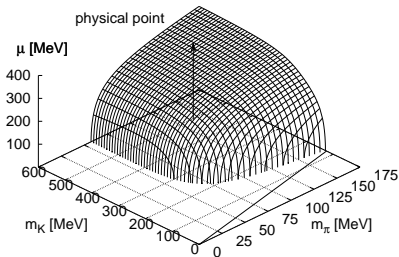
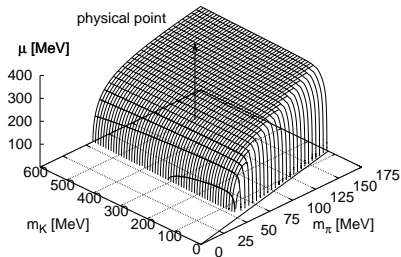
RG arguments predict for  $N_f = 3$  1st-order in chiral limit

▷  $m_\pi/m_\pi^* = 0.49$  (lower line), 0.6, 0.8 . . . , 1.36 (upper line)       $m_\pi^* = 138$  MeV

with  $U(1)_A$ ,  $m_\sigma = 800$  MeV



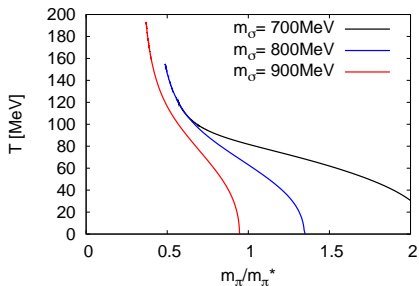
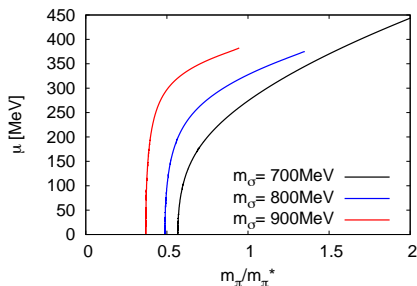
- chiral critical surface in  $(m_\pi, m_K)$  plane

with  $U(1)_A$ without  $U(1)_A$ 

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→ cuts along fixed  $m_\pi/m_K$  ratio through physical point

$m_\pi^* = 138 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $m_K^* = 496 \text{ MeV}$  (physical point)

critical  $T_c$ critical  $\mu$ 



## Quark-meson model study for $N_F = 2$

→ Mean field versus RG

Influence of fluctuations on phase diagram

Findings:

- ▷ MF phase diagram: no TCP (in chiral limit) found
- ▷ RG phase diagram: two TCP's (in chiral limit) & CEP found
- ▷ Size of critical region via susceptibilities: “compressed” with fluctuations

## Quark-meson model study for $N_F = 3$

→ Mean-field approximation

no need for Optimized Perturbation Theory

with and without axial anomaly

## Polyakov–quark-meson model study for $N_F = 2$

→ mean-field approximation

Findings:

- ▷ Parameter in Polyakov loop potential:  $T_0 \Rightarrow T_0(N_f, \mu)$

pure gauge:  $T_0 \sim 270$  MeV

$N_f = 2$ :  $T_0 \sim 210$  MeV

- ▷ Chiral & deconfinement transition **coincide**

- ▷ Mean-field approximation encouraging

Quark-meson model is renormalizable

→ no UV cutoff parameter (cf. PNJL model)

## Outlook

- ▷ include quark-meson dynamics in PQM model and for  $N_f = 3$  with FRG

- ▷ include glue dynamics with FRG → full QCD  
(step by step)

