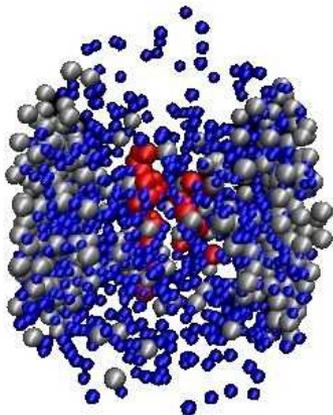


# Hadron-parton transition at finite chemical potential

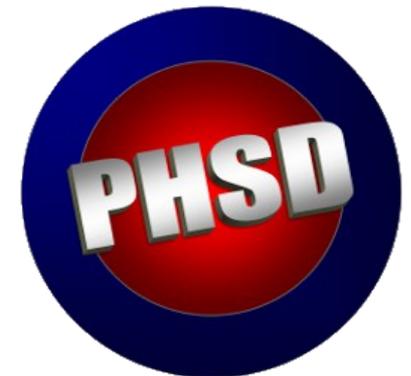
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- **Partonic EoS:**

**The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model**

- **Hadronic EoS:**

**The Interacting Hadron-Resonance Gas**

- **Hadron-Parton transition in the  $T-\mu_B$ -plane**

# QCD phase diagram

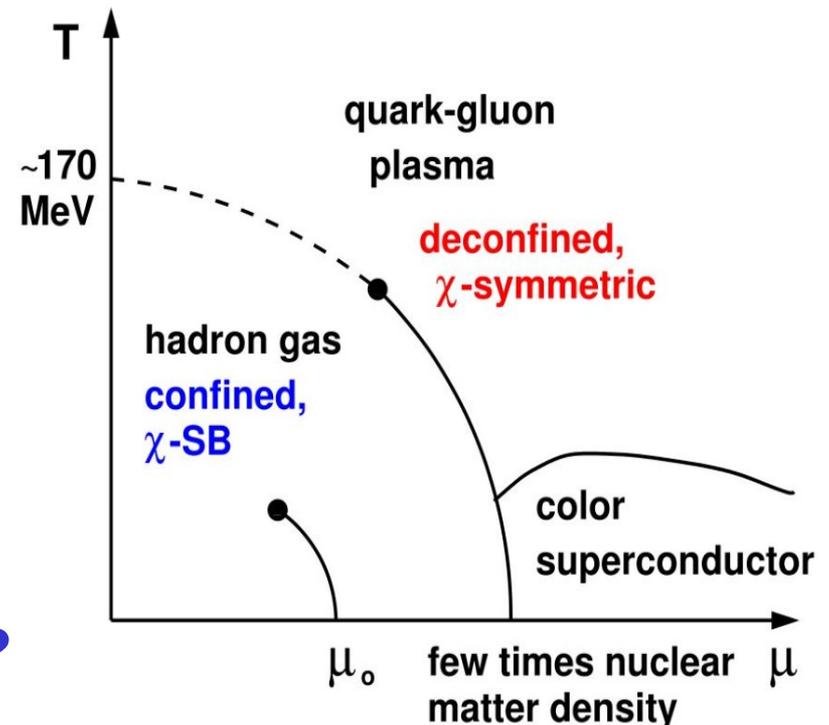
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The QCD phase diagram consists of a hadronic phase with broken  $\chi$ -symmetry at low  $T$  and  $\mu_B$  and a partonic phase with restored  $\chi$ -symmetry at large  $T$  and  $\mu_B$ .

Transition is important for heavy-ion simulations.

FAIR and NICA probe the transition at finite  $\mu_B$ .

Where is the transition in the  $T$ - $\mu_B$  plane and of what order?



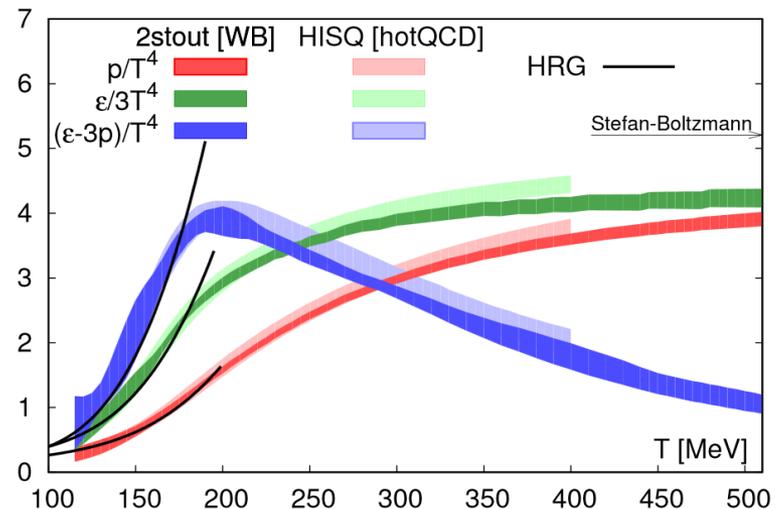
- QCD EoS at  $\mu_B=0$  is known from LQCD
- EoS at  $\mu_B \neq 0$  is obtained via Taylor expansion:

$$\frac{P(T, \{\mu_i\})}{T^4} = \frac{P(T, \{0\})}{T^4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\mu_i \mu_j}{T^2} \chi_2^{ij}$$

## Open problems:

- No lattice calculations for large  $\mu_B$ .
- No informations about the degrees of freedom.

Use effective models!



# Degrees of freedom

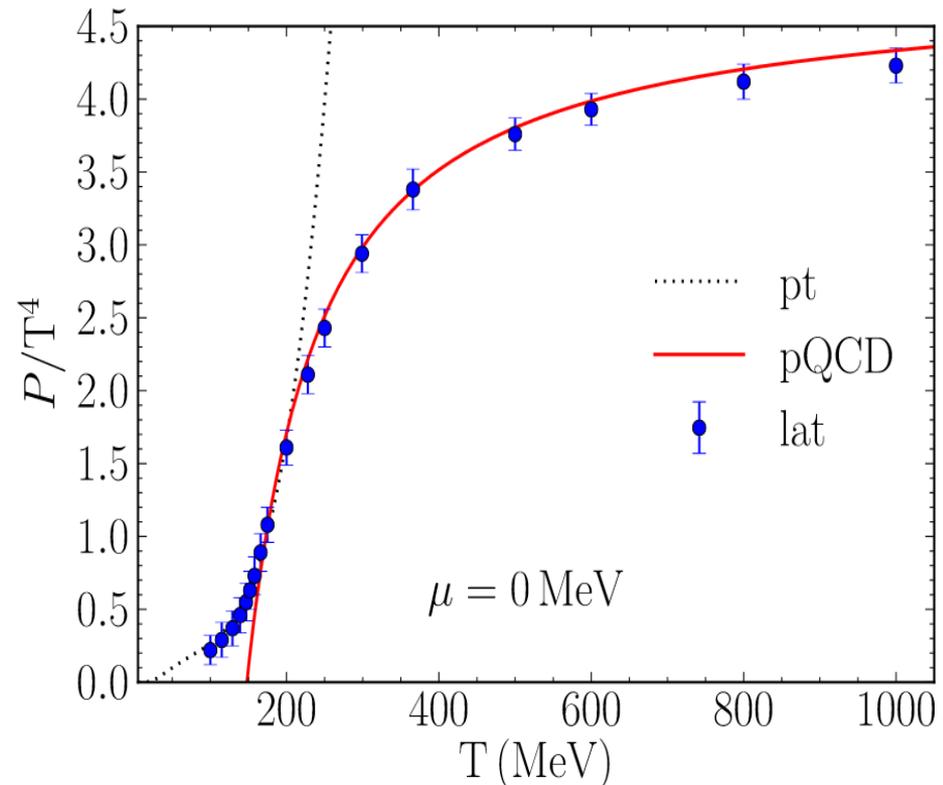
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**LQCD predicts the QCD EoS, but gives no informations about the degrees of freedom.**

**Hadronic models below  $T_c$**

**Partonic models above  $T_c$**

**One needs to switch from hadrons to partons to describe the whole EoS.**



# Quasiparticle thermodynamics 6

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- **Idea: treat partons as dynamical quasiparticles.**

**Propagator with effective mass  $M$  and width  $\gamma$ :**

$$G(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{-1}{\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 - M^2 + 2i\gamma\omega} = \frac{-1}{\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 - \Sigma}$$
$$A(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{2\gamma\omega}{(\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 - M^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}$$

- **Grand canonical potential in propagator representation:**

$$\beta\Omega[D, S] = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}[\ln D^{-1} - \Pi D] - \text{Tr}[\ln S^{-1} + \Sigma S] + \Phi[D, S]$$

**with selfenergies**

$$\frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta D} = \frac{1}{2}\Pi \quad \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta S} = -\Sigma$$

$\Phi[D, S]$  **has no contribution to entropy or density.**

# Quasiparticle thermodynamics 7

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$$s = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T} \qquad n = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu}$$

- **Entropy and density for a given propagator  $D$ :**

$$S/V = -d \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\partial n_{B/F}}{\partial T} (\text{Im} (\ln D^{-1}) - \text{Re} (D) \text{Im} (\Pi))$$

$$N/V = -d \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\partial n_{B/F}}{\partial \mu} (\text{Im} (\ln D^{-1}) - \text{Re} (D) \text{Im} (\Pi))$$

**In the on-shell limit  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$  they reduce to the noninteracting entropy and density.**

# Effective mass and width 8

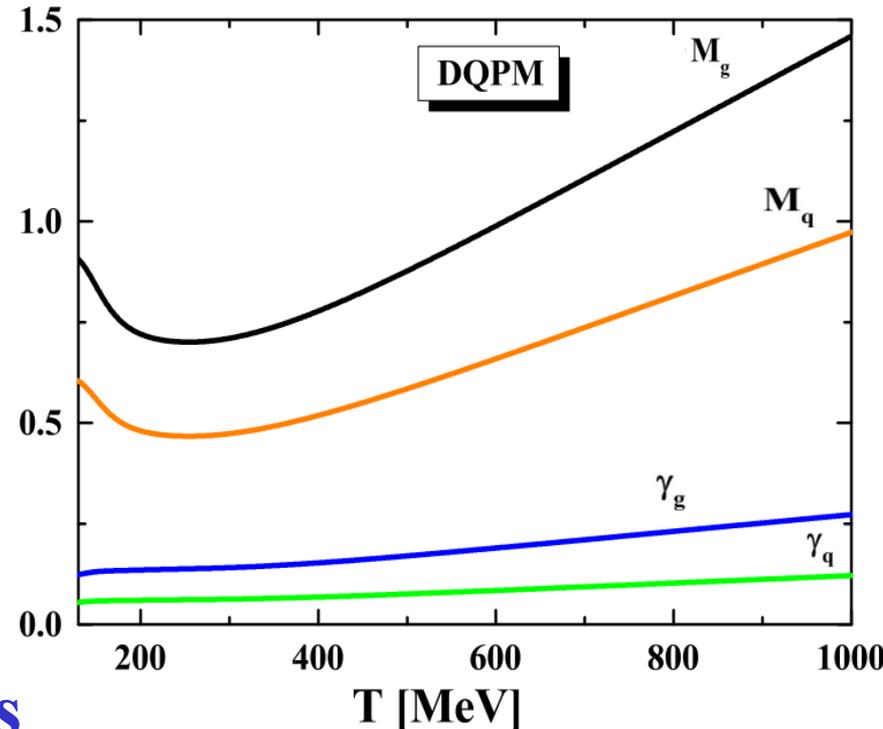
Spectral function defined by masses and widths:

$$M_g^2(T) = \frac{g^2}{6} \left( \left( N_c + \frac{1}{2} N_f \right) T^2 + \frac{N_c}{2} \sum_q \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right)$$

$$m_{q,\bar{q}}^2(T) = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} g^2 \left( T^2 + \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_g(T) = \frac{1}{3} N_c \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{2c}{g^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{q,\bar{q}}(T) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{2c}{g^2} \right)$$



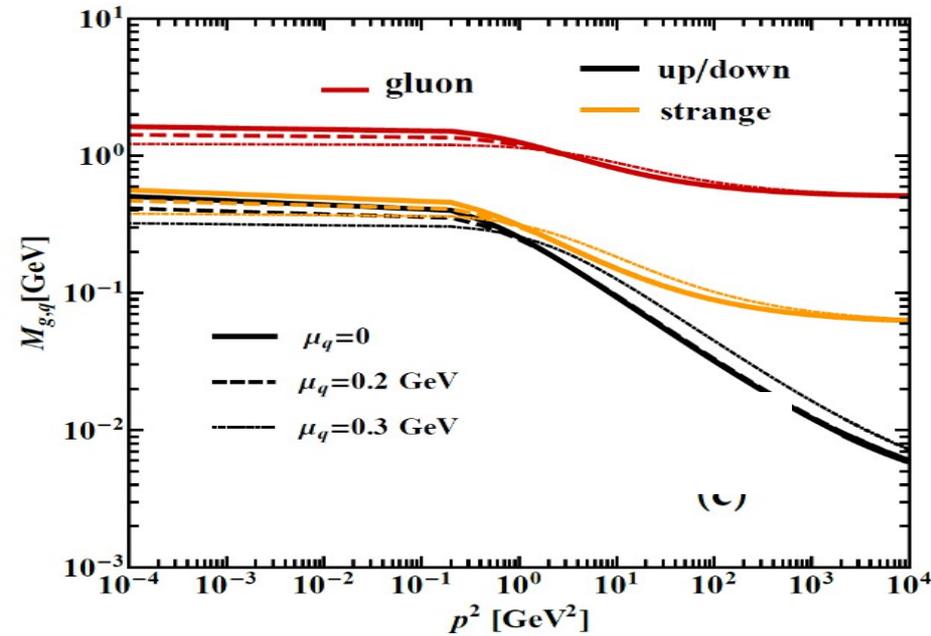
Motivated by hard thermal loops

The width is an additional „parameter“  
to be controlled by „correlators“.

- Quasiparticles are very heavy, they can not reproduce the perturbative massless propagators.
- We introduce a mom. dep. correction factor:

$$h(\Lambda, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \Lambda \cdot \mathbf{p}^2 \cdot (T_c/T)^2}}$$

- Propagator remains analytic in the upper half plane.



Correct perturbative limit of the effective propagators.

This defines the generalized quasiparticle model DQPM\*.

Effective coupling carries nonperturbative informations

- Use Lattice EoS to define the coupling:

$$g^2(s/s_{SB}) = g_0 \left( \left( \frac{s}{s_{SB}} \right)^b - 1 \right)^d$$

- Equation of state

Thermodynamic consistency:

$$P(T) = \int_0^T S(T') dT'$$

$$E = TS - P + \mu N$$

- Small chemical potentials

Scaling Hypothesis:

$$g^2(T, \mu_B) = g^2(T^*/T_c(\mu_B))$$

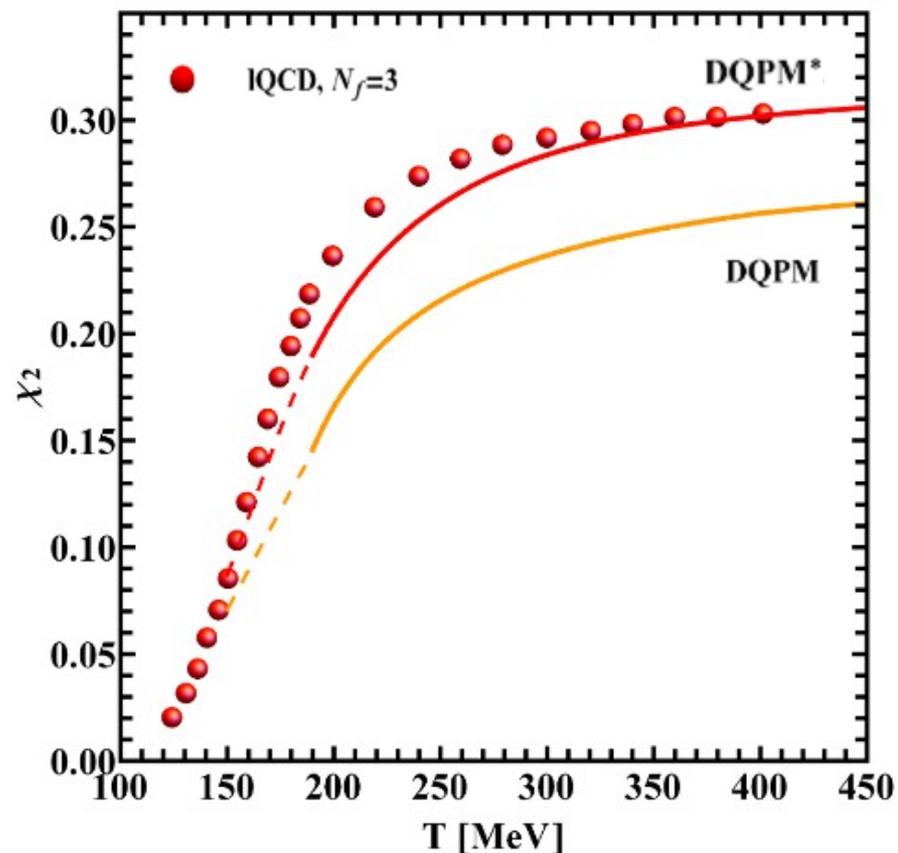
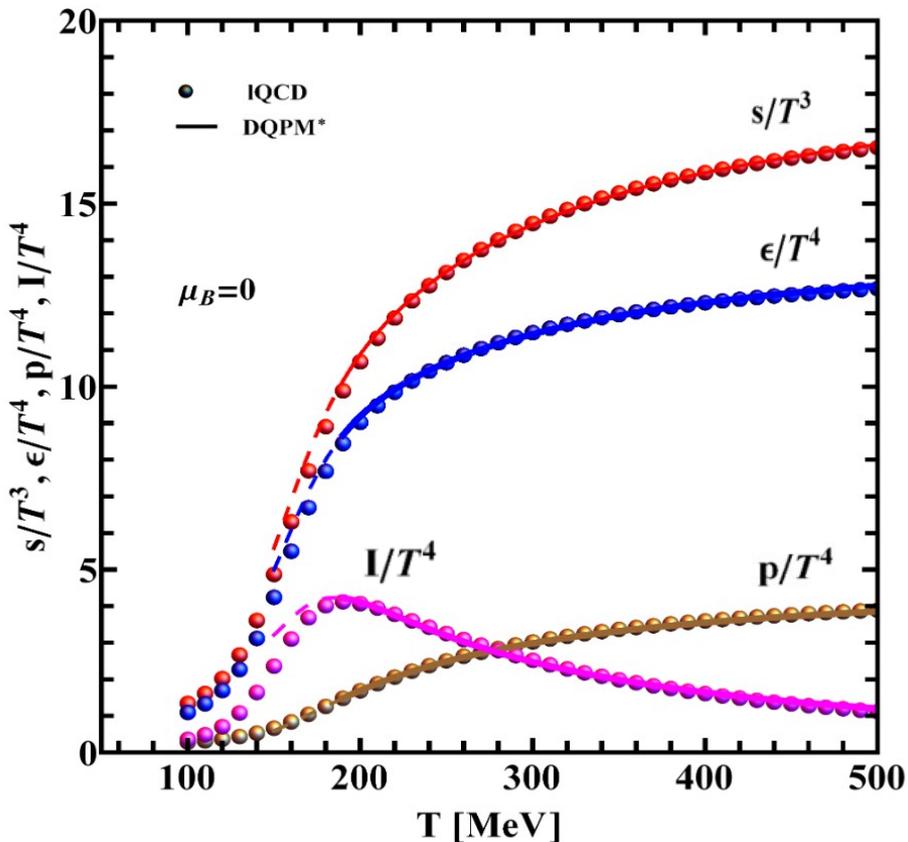
$$T^* = \sqrt{T^2 + \frac{\mu^2}{\pi^2}} \quad T_c(\mu) = T_c \sqrt{1 - \alpha \mu^2}$$

$$\alpha \approx 8.79 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Consistent with lattice curvature

$$\kappa_{DQPM} \approx 0.0122 \quad \kappa = 0.013(2)$$

- Mom. dep. DQPM\* reproduces the EoS at  $T > 170$  MeV.



- Momentum dependence improves the susceptibility.

- Entropy density and particle density are both derived from the same potential.
- They have to fulfill the Maxwell relation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \mu_B \partial T} = \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial T \partial \mu_B} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mu_B} = \frac{\partial n_B}{\partial T}$$

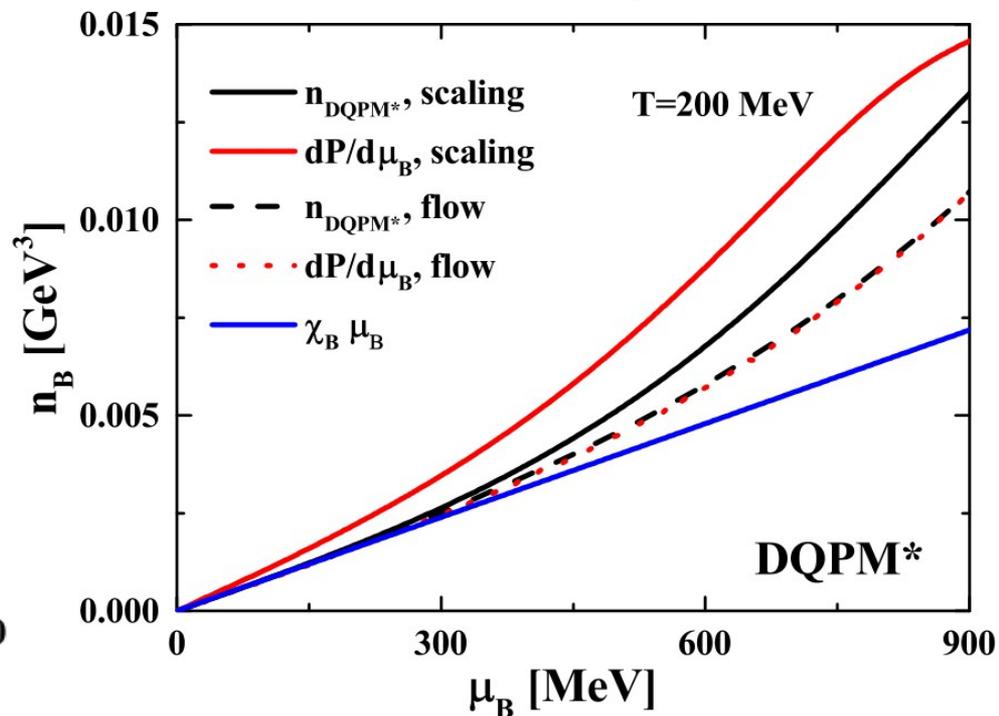
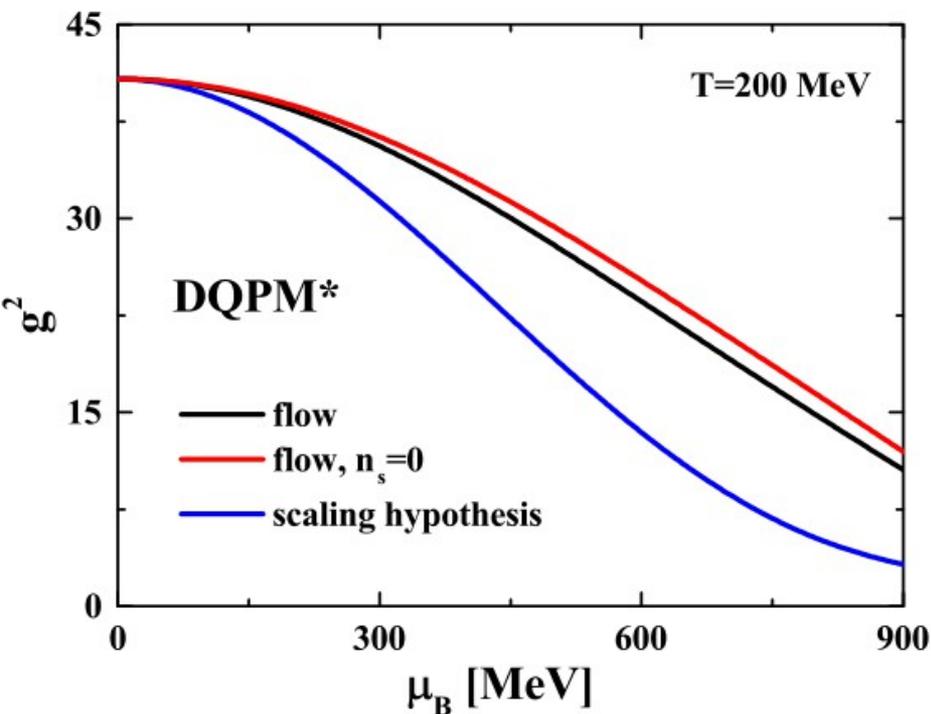
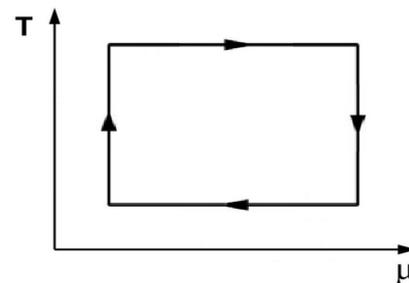
- This leads to a differential equation for the coupling  $g^2$ :

$$a_T \frac{\partial g^2}{\partial T} + a_\mu \frac{\partial g^2}{\partial \mu_B} = a_0$$

- We use  $g^2(T, 0)$  as initial condition for the equation.

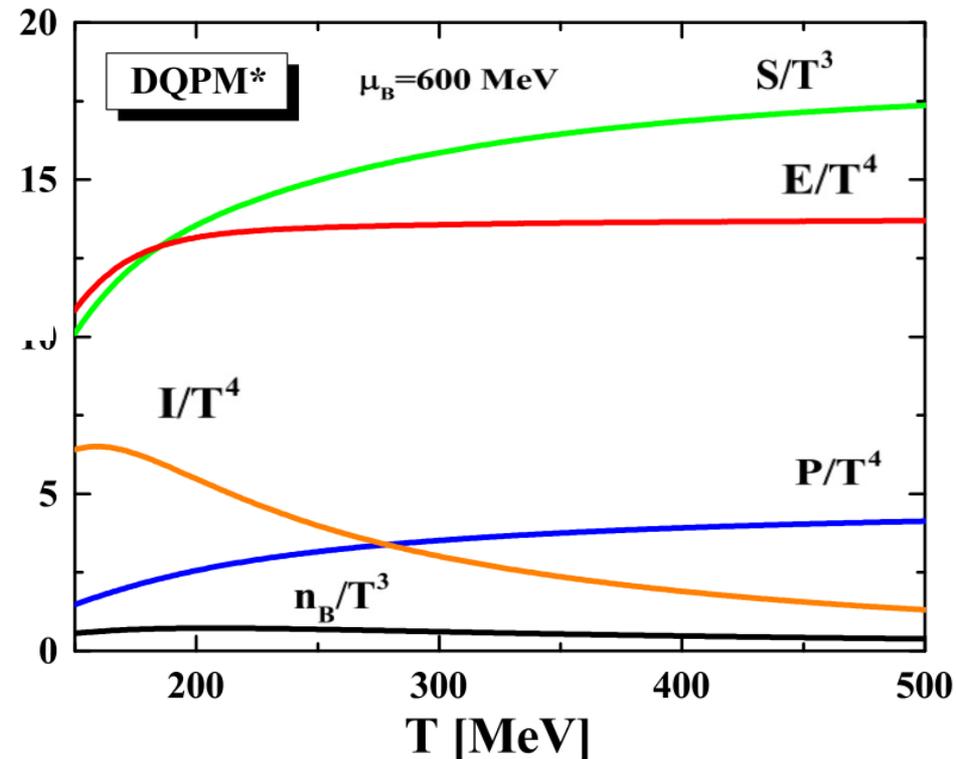
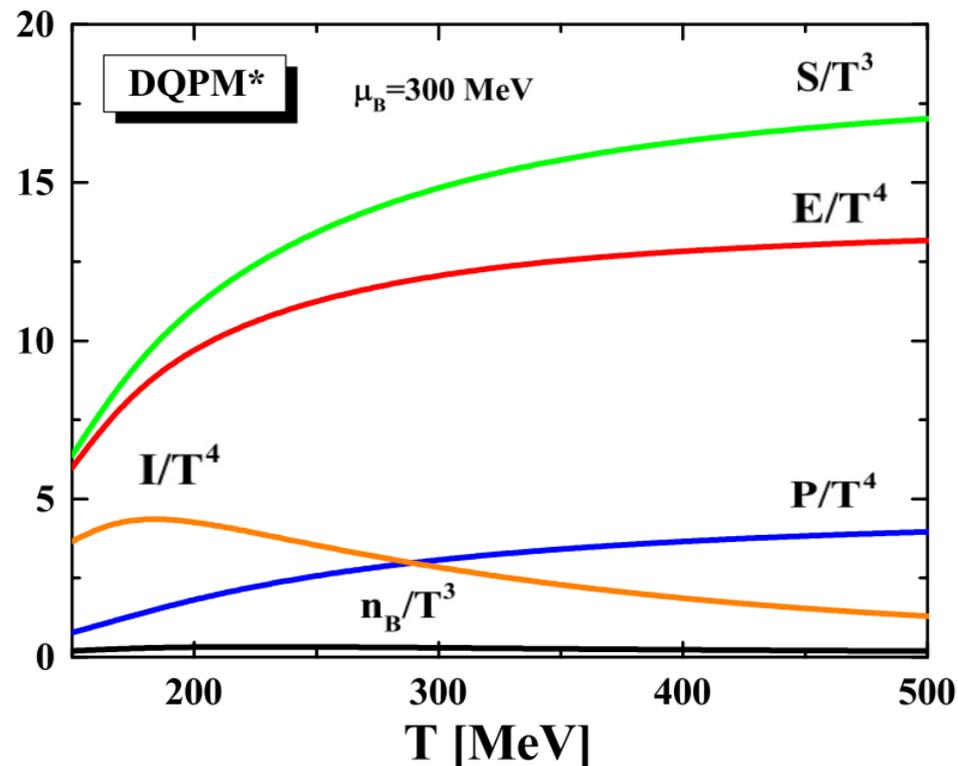
- Effective coupling derived from the Maxwell relation ensures thermodynamic consistency:

$$\oint dP = 0$$



- The effective coupling defines the EoS at arbitrary chemical potential:

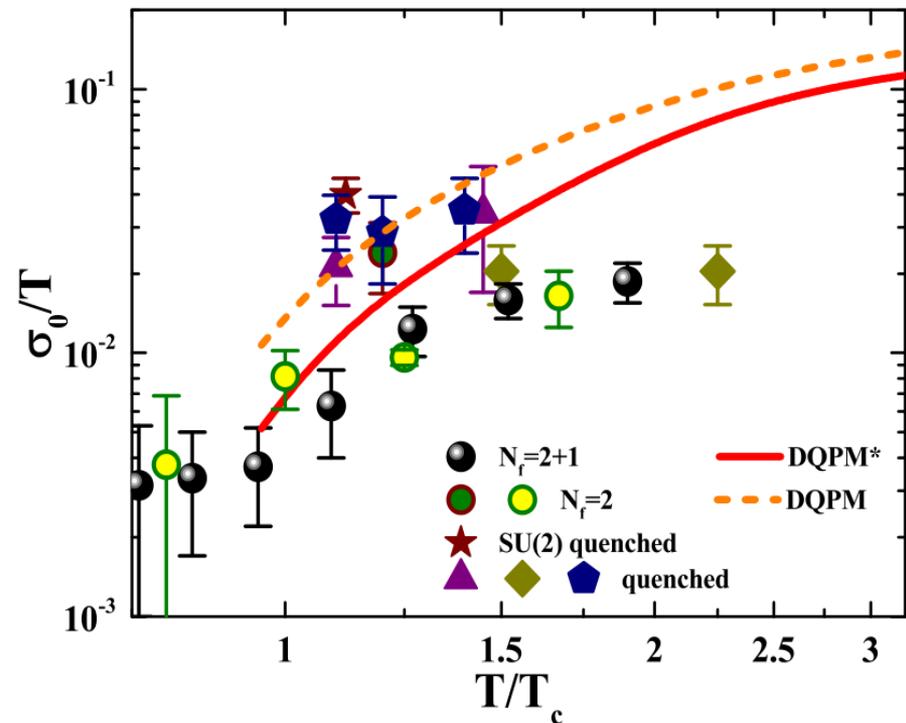
$$P(T, \mu_B) = P(T, 0) + \int_0^{\mu_B} n_B(T, \mu) d\mu$$



- The width so far is not well fixed by the EoS.
- Use transport coefficients

Electric conductivity in relaxation time approach:

$$\sigma_e(T, \mu_q) = \sum_{f, \bar{f}}^{u, d, s} \frac{e_f^2 n_f^{\text{off}}(T, \mu_q)}{\bar{\omega}_f(T, \mu_q) \bar{\gamma}_f(T, \mu_q)}$$



Conductivity probes only the quark width  $\gamma_f$   
since gluons carry no electric charge!

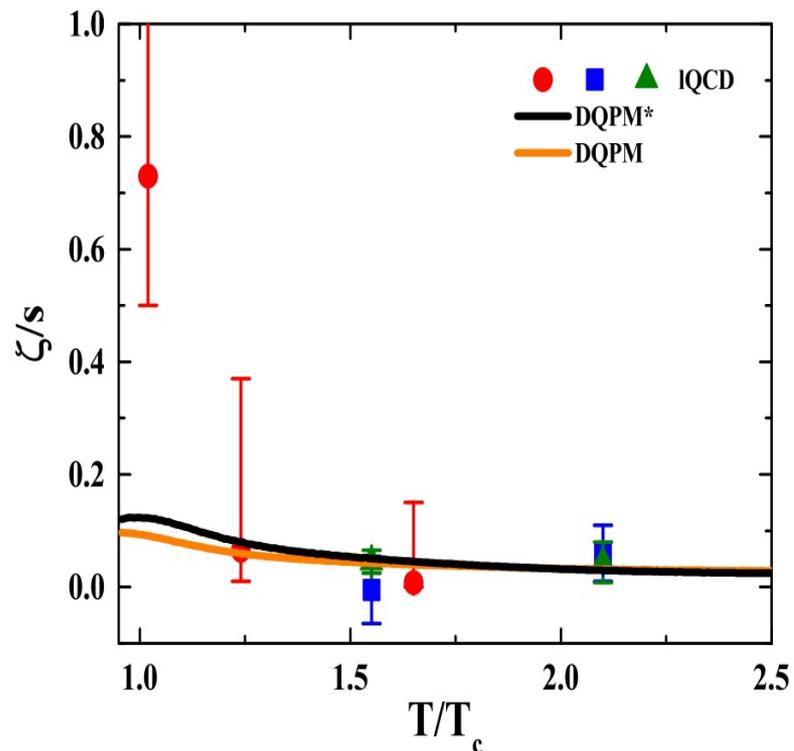
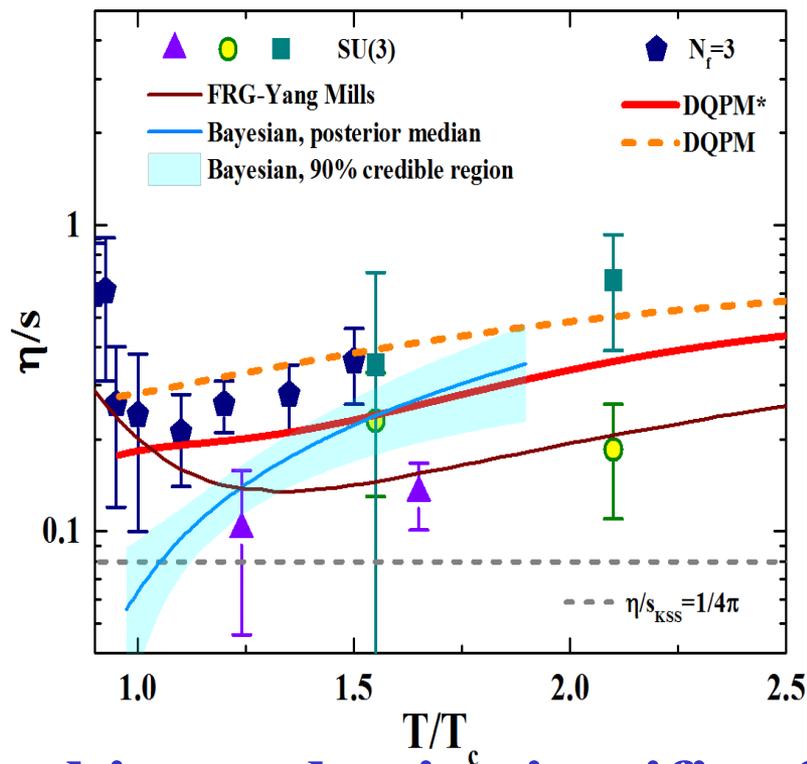
# Transport coefficients

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- Viscosities probe the whole system!

Shear viscosity decreases flow anisotropies in HIC.

Bulk viscosity acts against the expansion of the fireball.



Matching to lattice justifies functional form of the widths

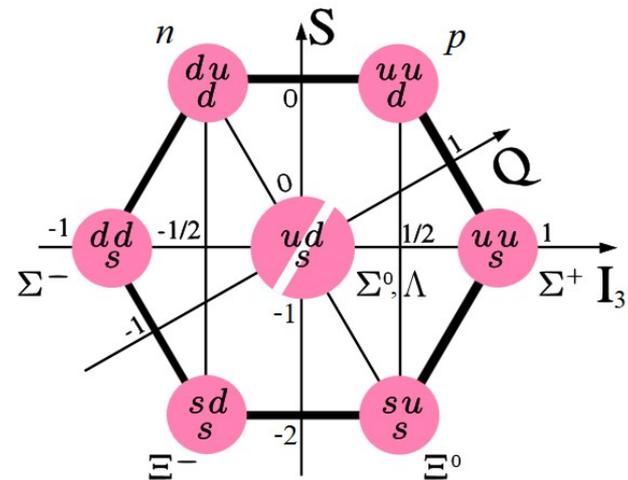
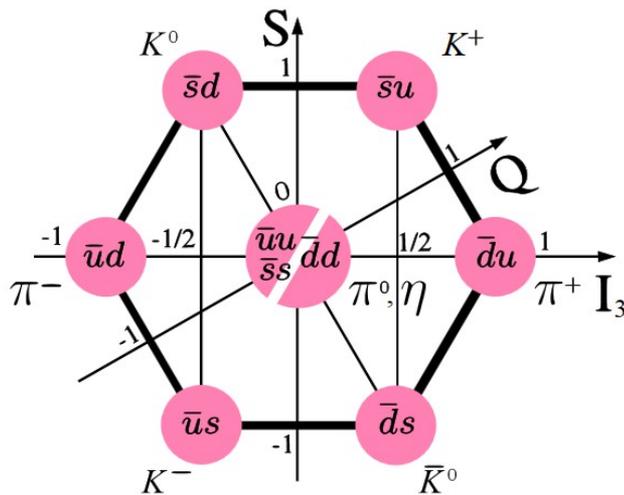
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- **Susceptibilities challenge quasiparticle models**
  - **Mom. dep. Selfenergies reproduce EoS +  $\chi_B$**
  - **Extension to finite  $\mu_B$  by Maxwell relations**
  - **Width is controlled by transport coefficients**

**DQPM\* is in line with lQCD EoS and correlators.**

- **DQPM fails below  $T_c$**
- **Partons are the wrong degrees of freedom.**
- **Need description in terms of hadrons!**

# Hadronic degrees of freedom 18

- Simplest model is a nonint. hadron resonance gas
- Relevant degrees of freedom at low temperatures are the 0- mesons and the spin 1/2 baryons:



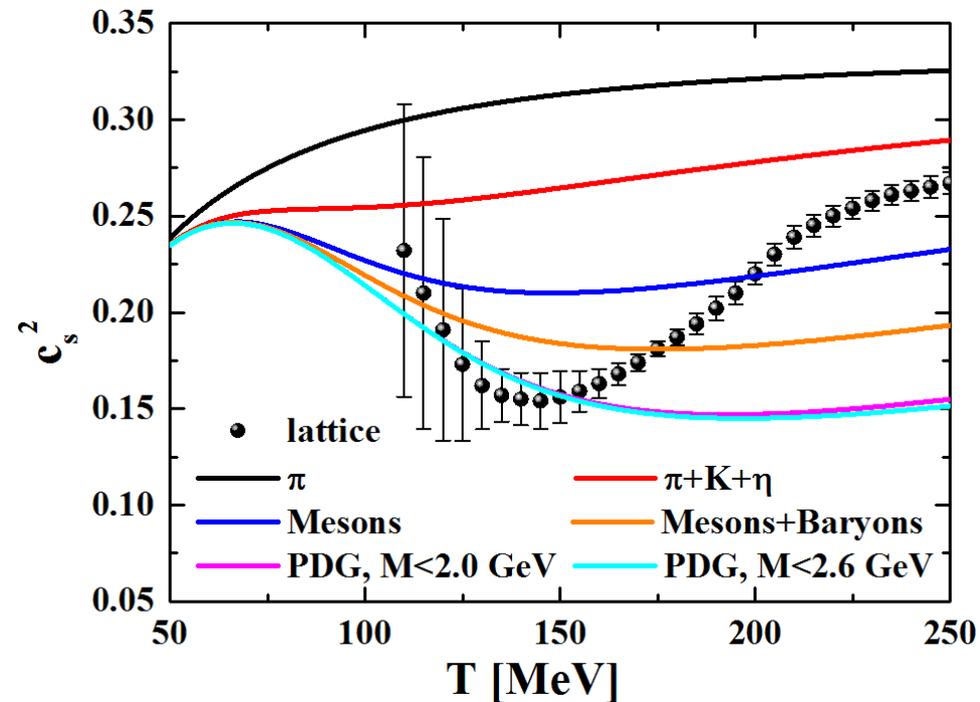
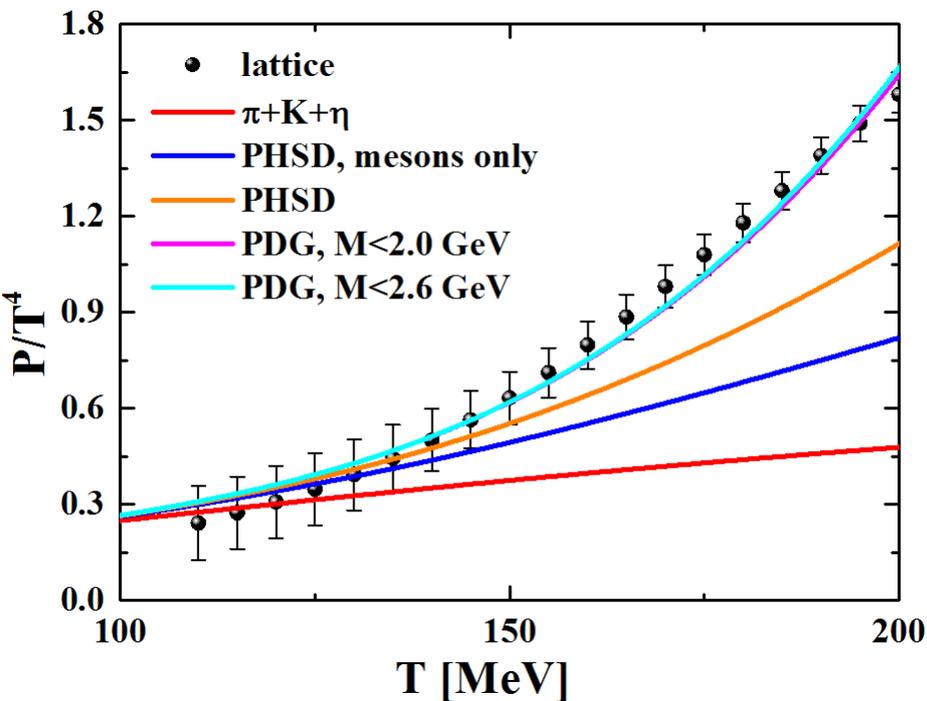
- 1- mesons and 3/2 baryons are important resonances
- Additional hadrons describe attractive interactions

# Hadrons in a „standard“ HRG 19

hadron	$m_\alpha(\text{GeV})$	degen	$b_\alpha$	hadron	$m_\alpha(\text{GeV})$	degen	$b_\alpha$	hadron	$m_\alpha(\text{GeV})$	degen	$b_\alpha$
$\pi^0$	0.135	1	0	$K^{*0}(1430)$	1.432	10	0	$K_4^*(1780)$	1.776	28	0
$\pi^\pm$	0.140	2	0	$N(1440)$	1.440	4	1	$\Lambda(1800)$	1.800	2	1
$K^\pm$	0.494	2	0	$\rho(1450)$	1.465	9	0	$\Lambda(1810)$	1.810	2	1
$K^0$	0.498	2	0	$a_0(1450)$	1.474	3	0	$\pi(1800)$	1.812	3	0
$\eta$	0.548	1	0	$\eta(1475)$	1.476	1	0	$K_2(1820)$	1.816	20	0
$\rho$	0.775	9	0	$f_0(1500)$	1.505	1	0	$\Lambda(1820)$	1.820	6	1
$\omega$	0.783	3	0	$\Lambda(1520)$	1.520	4	1	$\Xi(1820)$	1.823	8	1
$K^{*\pm}(892)$	0.892	6	0	$N(1520)$	1.520	8	1	$\Lambda(1830)$	1.830	6	1
$K^{*0}(892)$	0.896	6	0	$f_2'(1525)$	1.525	5	0	$\phi_3(1850)$	1.854	7	0
$p$	0.938	2	1	$\Xi^0(1530)$	1.532	4	1	$N(1875)$	1.875	8	1
$n$	0.940	2	1	$N(1535)$	1.535	4	1	$\Delta(1905)$	1.880	24	1
$\eta'$	0.958	1	0	$\Xi^-(1530)$	1.535	4	1	$\Delta(1910)$	1.890	8	1
$a_0$	0.980	3	0	$\Delta(1600)$	1.600	16	1	$\Lambda(1890)$	1.890	4	1
$f_0$	0.990	1	0	$\Lambda(1600)$	1.600	2	1	$\pi_2(1880)$	1.895	15	0
$\phi$	1.019	3	0	$\eta_2(1645)$	1.617	5	0	$N(1900)$	1.900	8	1
$\Lambda$	1.116	2	1	$\Delta(1620)$	1.630	8	1	$\Sigma(1915)$	1.915	18	1
$h_1$	1.170	3	0	$N(1650)$	1.655	4	1	$\Delta(1920)$	1.920	16	1
$\Sigma'$	1.189	2	1	$\Sigma(1660)$	1.660	6	1	$\Delta(1950)$	1.930	32	1
$\Sigma^0$	1.193	2	1	$\pi_1(1600)$	1.662	9	0	$\Sigma(1940)$	1.940	12	1
$\Sigma^-$	1.197	2	1	$\omega_3(1670)$	1.667	7	0	$f_2(1950)$	1.944	5	0
$h_1'$	1.230	9	0	$\omega(1650)$	1.670	3	0	$\Delta(1930)$	1.950	24	1
$a_1$	1.230	9	0	$\Lambda(1670)$	1.670	2	1	$\Xi(1950)$	1.950	4	1
$\Delta$	1.232	16	1	$\Sigma(1670)$	1.670	12	1	$a_4(2040)$	1.996	27	0
$K_1(1270)$	1.272	12	0	$\pi_2(1670)$	1.672	15	0	$f_2(2010)$	2.011	5	0
$f_2$	1.275	5	0	$\Omega^-$	1.673	4	1	$f_4(2050)$	2.018	9	0
$f_1$	1.282	3	0	$N(1675)$	1.675	12	1	$\Xi(2030)$	2.025	12	1
$\eta(1295)$	1.294	1	0	$\phi(1680)$	1.680	3	0	$\Sigma(2030)$	2.030	24	1
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$\Xi^0$	1.315	2	1	$\rho_3(1690)$	1.689	21	0	$\Lambda(2100)$	2.100	8	1
$a_2$	1.318	15	0	$\Lambda(1690)$	1.690	4	1	$\Lambda(2110)$	2.110	6	1
$\Xi^-$	1.322	2	1	$\Xi(1690)$	1.690	4	1	$\phi(2170)$	2.175	3	0
$f_0(1370)$	1.350	1	0	$N(1700)$	1.700	8	1	$N(2190)$	2.190	16	1
$\pi_2(1400)$	1.354	9	0	$\Delta(1700)$	1.700	16	1	$N(2200)$	2.250	20	1
$\Sigma(1385)$	1.385	12	1	$N(1710)$	1.710	4	1	$\Sigma(2250)$	2.250	6	1
$K_1(1400)$	1.403	12	0	$K^*(1680)$	1.717	12	0	$\Omega^-(2250)$	2.252	2	1
$\Lambda(1405)$	1.405	2	1	$\rho(1700)$	1.720	9	0	$N(2250)$	2.275	20	1
$\eta(1405)$	1.409	1	0	$f_0(1710)$	1.720	1	0	$f_2(2300)$	2.297	5	0
$K^*(1410)$	1.414	12	0	$N(1720)$	1.720	8	1	$f_2(2340)$	2.339	5	0
$\omega(1420)$	1.425	3	0	$\Sigma(1750)$	1.750	6	1	$\Lambda(2350)$	2.350	10	1
$K_0^*(1430)$	1.425	4	0	$K_2(1770)$	1.773	20	0	$\Delta(2420)$	2.420	48	1
$K_2^{*\pm}(1430)$	1.426	10	0	$\Sigma(1775)$	1.775	18	1	$N(2600)$	2.600	24	1
$f_1(1420)$	1.426	3	0								

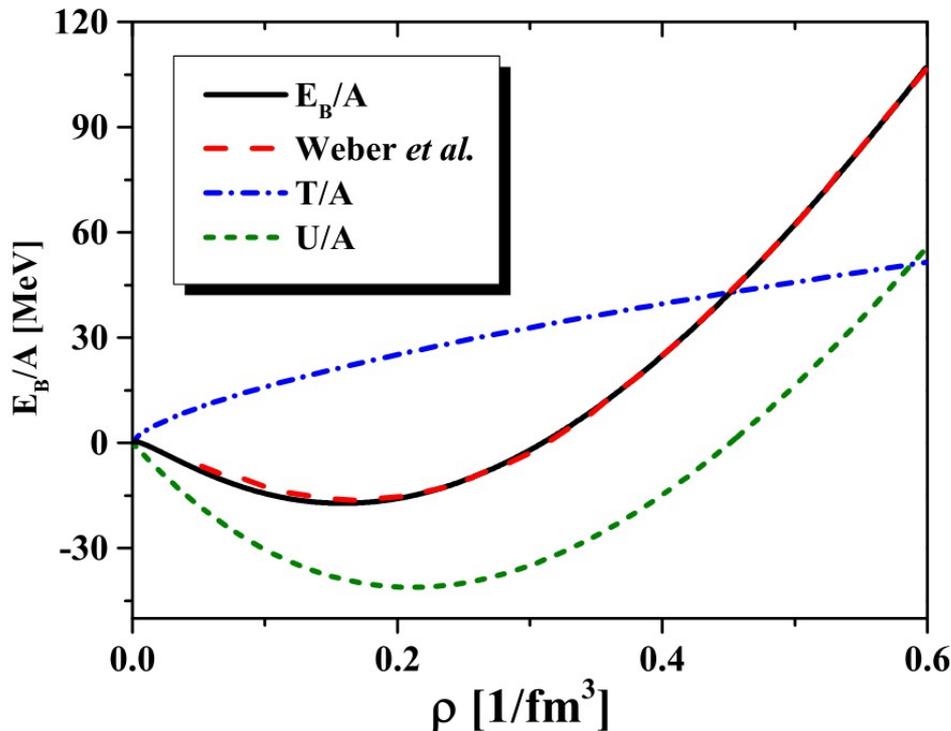
# Hadronic equation of state 20

- One needs a lot of particles to describe the EoS.
- Speed of sound is wrong above  $T=140$  MeV.



Lattice data from Wuppertal-Budapest Collaboration: S. Borsanyi et al., Phys. Lett. B 730, 99 (2014)

- Nuclear matter is a pure hadronic system with well known binding energy:  $E_B/A = \epsilon/\rho_N - m_N$
- Noninteracting models fail for the nuclear EoS



Nuclear EoS requires a combination of attractive and repulsive interactions.

A popular model that contains both is the nonlinear Walecka model.

# Relativistic meanfield theory 22

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- **Nonlinear Walecka interaction for nucleons:**

$$\mathcal{L}_B = \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - M) \Psi$$

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - U(\sigma) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + O(\omega)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = g_\sigma \bar{\Psi} \sigma \Psi - g_\omega \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \omega_\mu \Psi$$

**The  $\sigma$ -interaction defines an effective mass:**

$$m^* = m_N - g_\sigma \sigma = m_N - \Sigma^s$$

**The  $\omega$ -interaction defines an effective  $\mu_B$ :**

$$\mu_B^* = \mu_B - g_\omega \omega = \mu_B - \Sigma^0$$

- We solve the model in mean-field approximation:
- Equation of state:

$$P = -U(\sigma) + O(\omega) + P_{free}(T, \mu_B^*, m^*)$$

$$E = U(\sigma) - O(\omega) + \Sigma^0 \rho_B + E_{free}(T, \mu_B^*, m^*)$$

- $\sigma$ -interaction describes attractive interaction:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial \sigma} = g_\sigma \rho_s = g_\sigma d \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m^*}{E^*} (f(T, \mu_B^*, m^*) + f(T, -\mu_B^*, m^*))$$

- $\omega$ -interaction describes repulsive interaction:

$$\frac{\partial O}{\partial \omega} = g_\omega \rho_B = g_\omega d \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} (f(T, \mu_B^*, m^*) - f(T, -\mu_B^*, m^*))$$

Generalize the approach to more interacting baryons

Fix ratios of effective masses and  $\mu$ 's  $\frac{m_X}{m_N} = \frac{m_X^*}{m_N^*}, \mu_B^X = \mu_B^N$

Defines the couplings for other baryons:

$$\frac{g_{\sigma X}}{g_{\sigma N}} = \frac{m_X}{m_N} \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial \sigma} = g_{\sigma} \sum_X \frac{m_X}{m_N} \rho_s^X(T, \mu_B^*, m_X^*)$$

$$g_{\omega X} = g_{\omega N} \quad \frac{\partial O}{\partial \omega} = g_{\omega} \sum_X \rho_B^X(T, \mu_B^*, m_X^*)$$

Include mesons as noninteracting particles:

$$P_{IHRG} = -U(\sigma) + O(\omega) + \sum_X P_{free}^X(T, \mu_B^*, m_X^*) + P_{HRG}^{meson}(T, \mu_B)$$

**$U(\sigma)$  is mass term and selfinteractions of the  $\sigma$ -field:**

$$U(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}m_\sigma^2\sigma^2 + \frac{1}{3}B\sigma^3 + \frac{1}{4}C\sigma^4 + \dots$$

**We determine  $U(\sigma)$  from the lattice EoS at  $\mu_B=0$ :**

**The repulsive interaction vanishes:**  $\omega = 0, O(0) = 0, \mu_B^* = 0$

**Entropy takes a simple form and depends only on  $m_N^*$ :**

$$S_{IHRG}(T, \mu_B) = S_{HHRG}^{meson} + \sum_X S_{free}^X \left( T, \mu_B^*, \frac{m_X}{m_N} m_n^* \right)$$

**LQCD defines  $U(\sigma)$ :**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} m_N^*(T) \rightarrow \sigma(T) \\ m_N^*(T) \rightarrow \rho_s(T) \rightarrow \frac{\partial U}{\partial \sigma}(T) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow U(\sigma)$$

The effective mass contains all the information about the attractive interaction

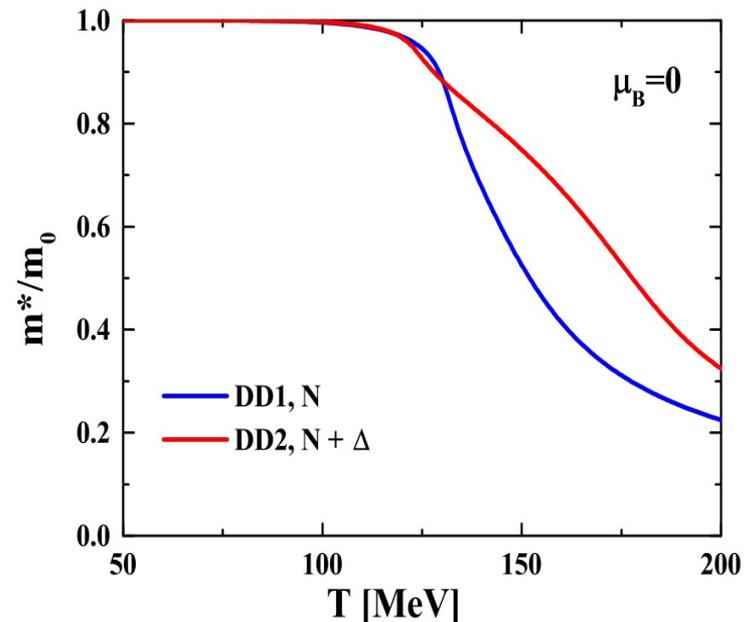
$$m_N^*(T, \mu_B)$$

	Int. baryons	$g_\sigma$	$m_\sigma$ [MeV]	$B$ [1/fm]	$C$
DD1	$N$	28.64	550	-29.67	3837
DD2	$N + \Delta$	20.79	550	-58.29	9690

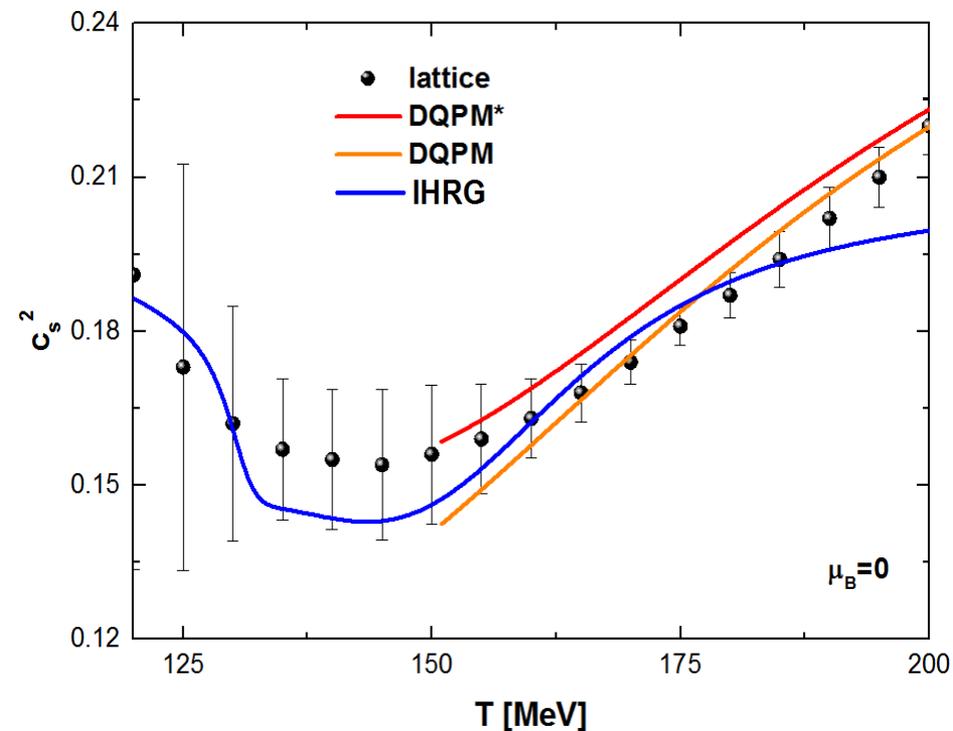
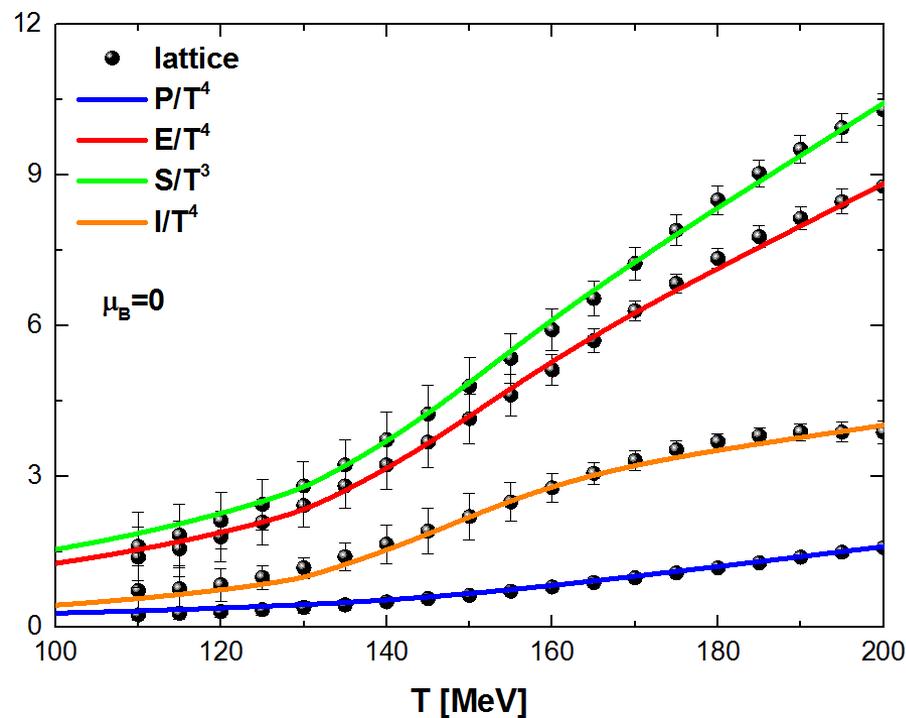
$\sigma^4$ -term is the dominant contribution to  $U(\sigma)$

Effective mass decreases with number of interacting baryons:

So far we include only nucleons and  $\Delta$ 's as interacting baryons



- Include important baryons with strong interactions and mesons as noninteracting particles.
- Resulting EoS describes hadronic part of the EoS:



Here only interacting nucleons, generalization possible.

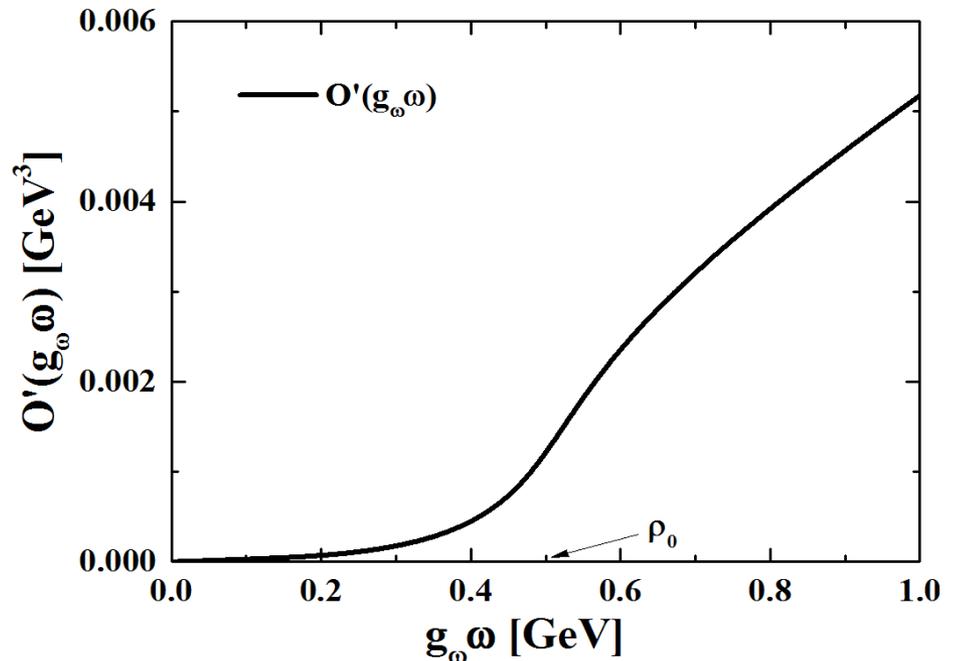
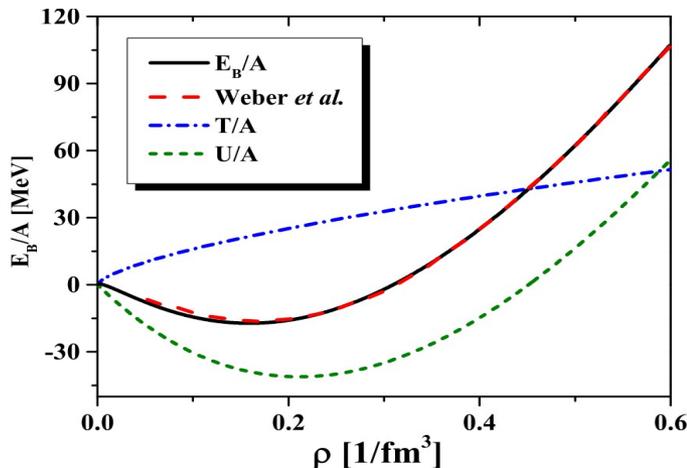
$O(\omega)$  is mass term and selfinteractions of the  $\omega$ -field:

$$O(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}m_\omega^2\omega^2 + \frac{1}{3}D\omega^4 + \dots$$

Use nuclear EoS as input:

$$O(\omega) = P - P_{g_\omega=0}^{RMF}$$

$$g_\omega\omega = \frac{(E + P) - (E + P)_{g_\omega=0}^{RMF}}{\rho_B}$$



$U(\sigma)$  and  $O(\omega)$  define the model in the whole  $T$ - $\mu_B$ -plane

EoS is consistent with lattice and nuclear EoS

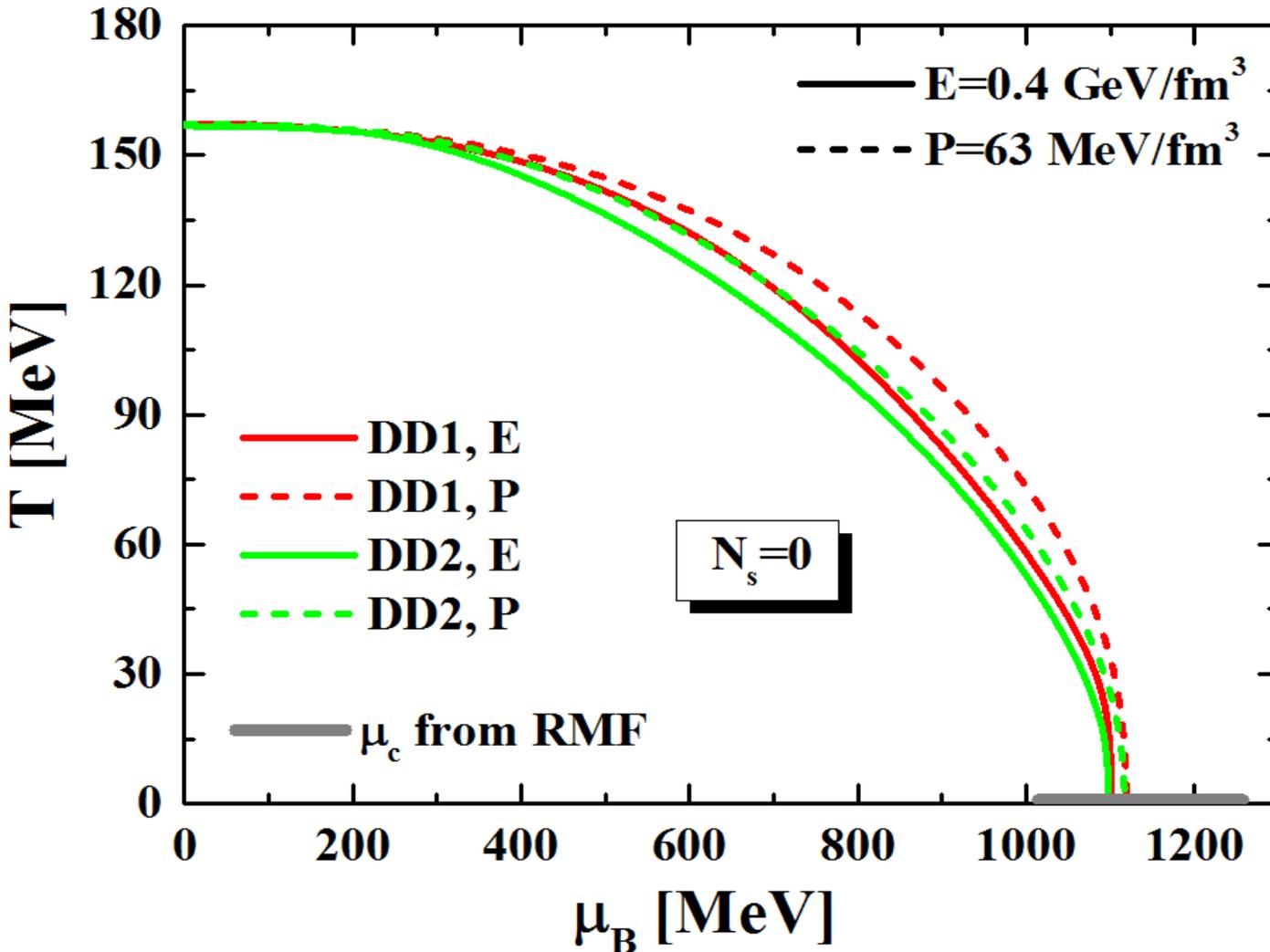
HICs create a partonic medium.

The correct transition condition is important for the understanding of heavy-ion collisions.

- **PHSD and other transport approaches use constant energy density**
- **Chem. freeze-out at constant thermodynamics**
- **Transition in neutron stars similar to HIC**
- **HIC are a microcanonical system with conserved energy, baryon number etc.**
- **QCD phase diagram is a grand canonical system**
- **Transition at constant pressure**

# Hadron-Parton transition 30

Transition defined by constant thermodynamics



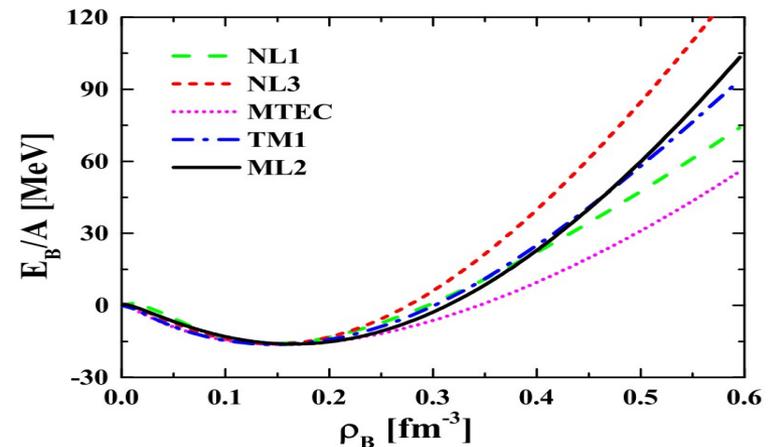
Conditions  
fixed by  
lQCD at  $T_c$

Nuclear EoS is only known as a function of density

Repulsive interactions shift chemical potential

$$\mu_B^* = \mu_B - \Sigma_B^0(T, \rho_N)$$

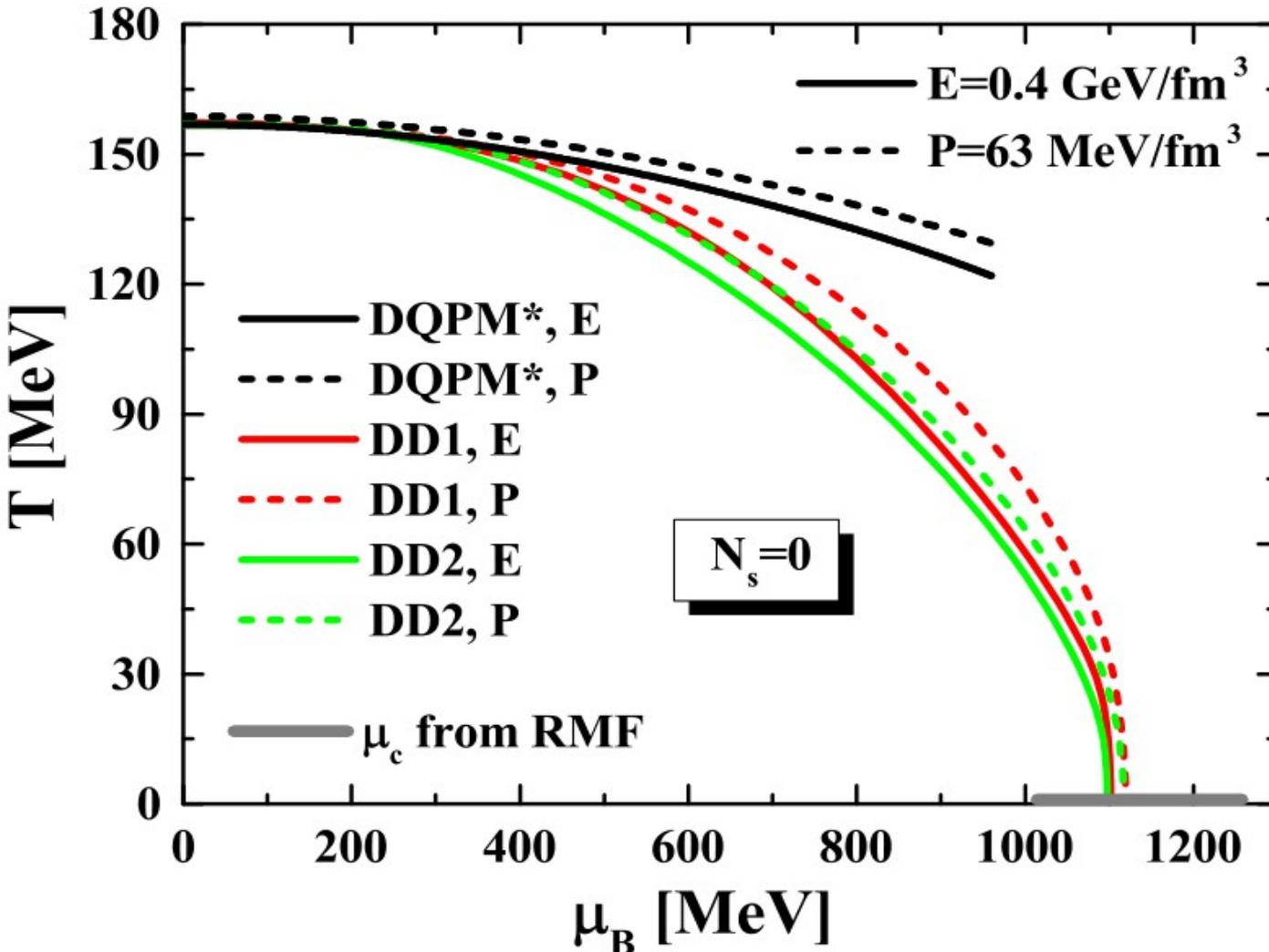
Correct dependence  
on  $\mu_B$  is not known!



- However, IHRG is constrained by the nuclear EoS
- DQPM is only constrained by thermodynamics

# Hadron-Parton transition 32

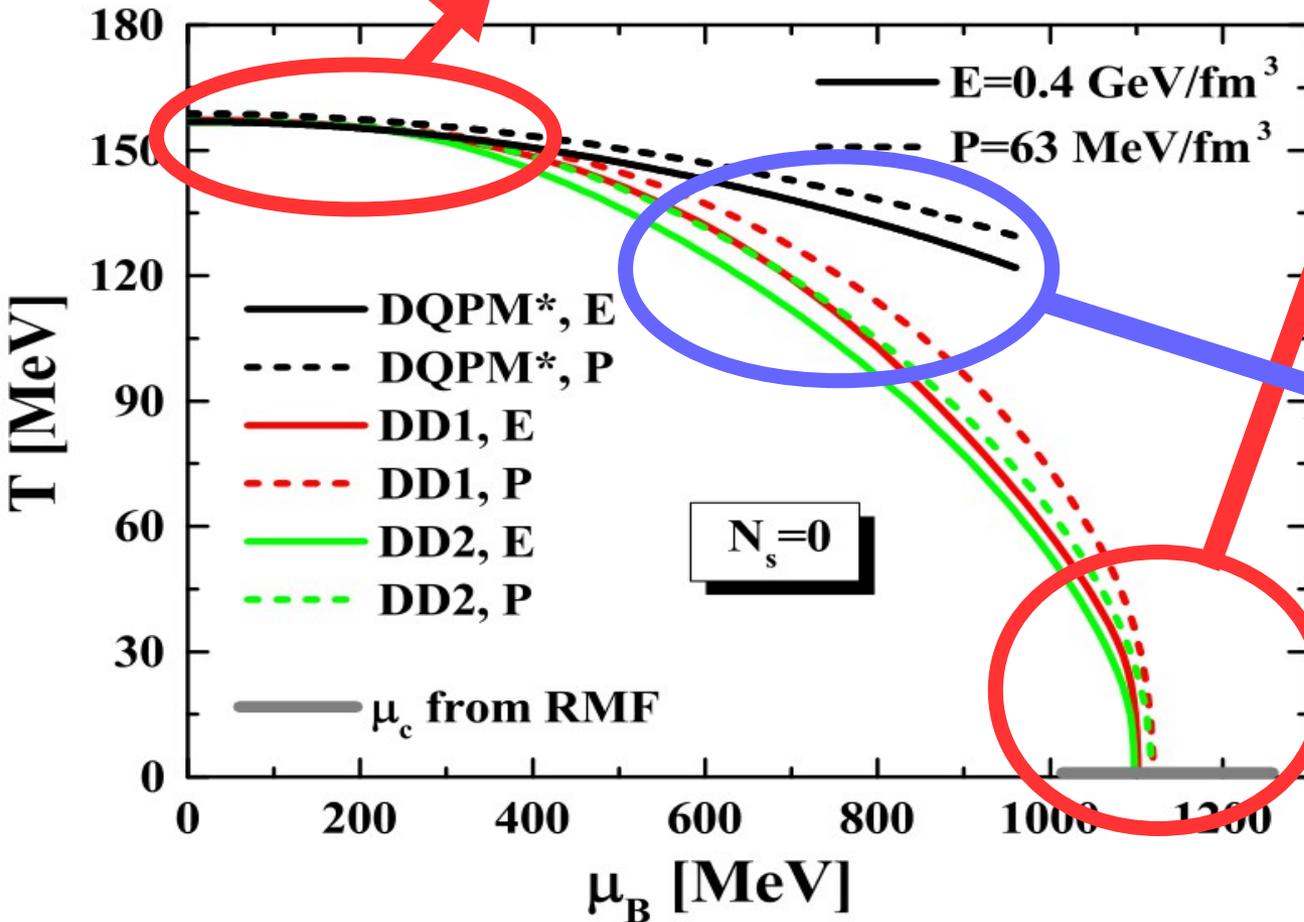
Transition defined by constant thermodynamics



Conditions  
fixed by  
lQCD at  $T_c$

Fixed by lattice EoS

Fixed by nuclear



DQPM and IHRG transitions split up.

Can we constrain the DQPM at finite density?

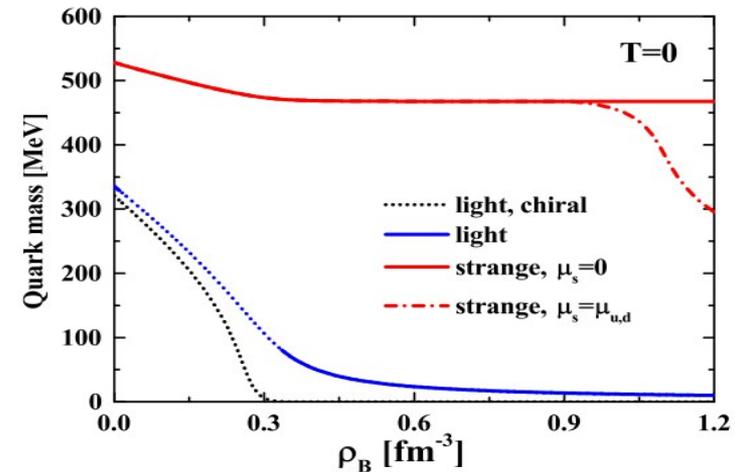
- **DQPM masses need to decrease stronger with  $\mu_B$ :**

**Lower quark masses increase the density, shifts the phase boundary closer to the IHRG**

$$M_{q,\bar{q}}^2(T) = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} g^2 \left( T^2 + \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right) \cdot F(\mu_q)$$

**Control  $\mu_B$  dependence with  $F(\mu_B)$**

$$F(\mu_q) = \exp \left( -B\mu_q^2 - \frac{1}{2}B^2\mu_q^4 \right)$$



**Neglect widths: only 10% effect on the EoS**

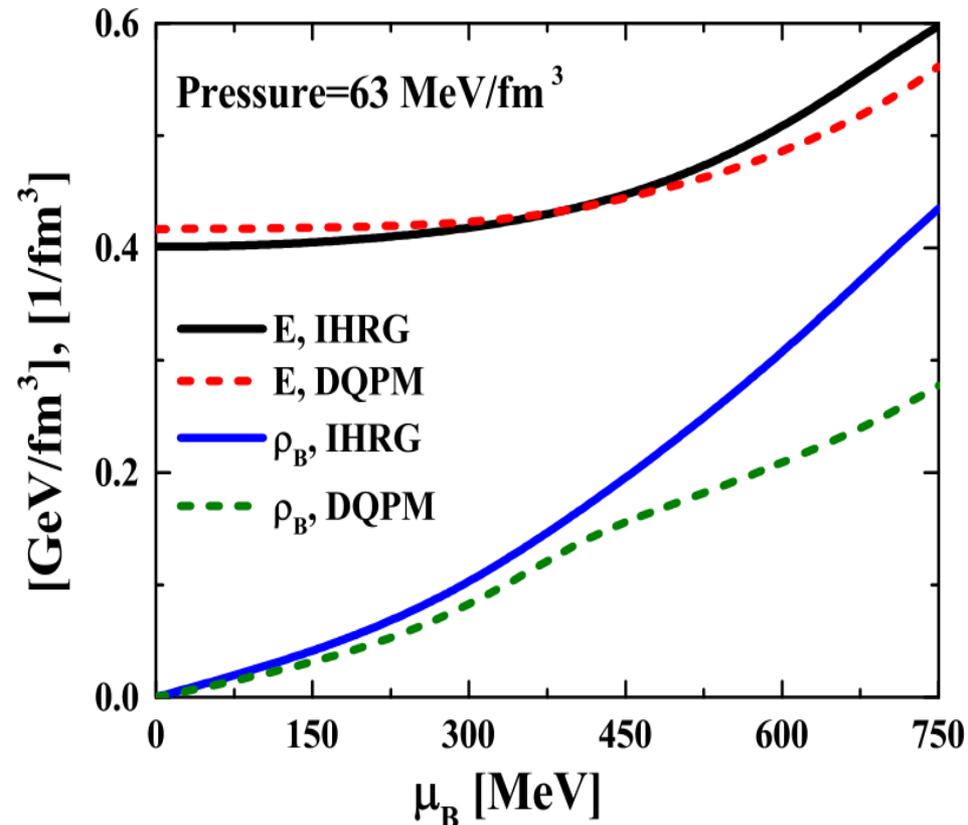
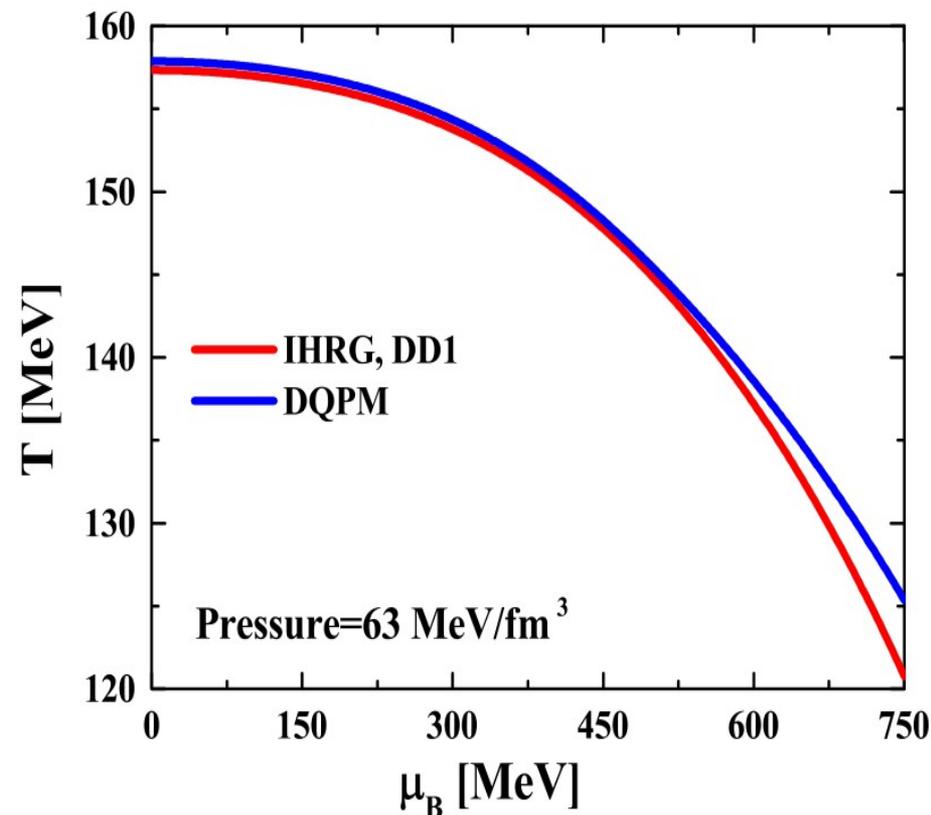
**No mom. dep.: only small effect close to  $T_c$**

# New phase boundary

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$B = 75 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  gives best result for the phase boundary:

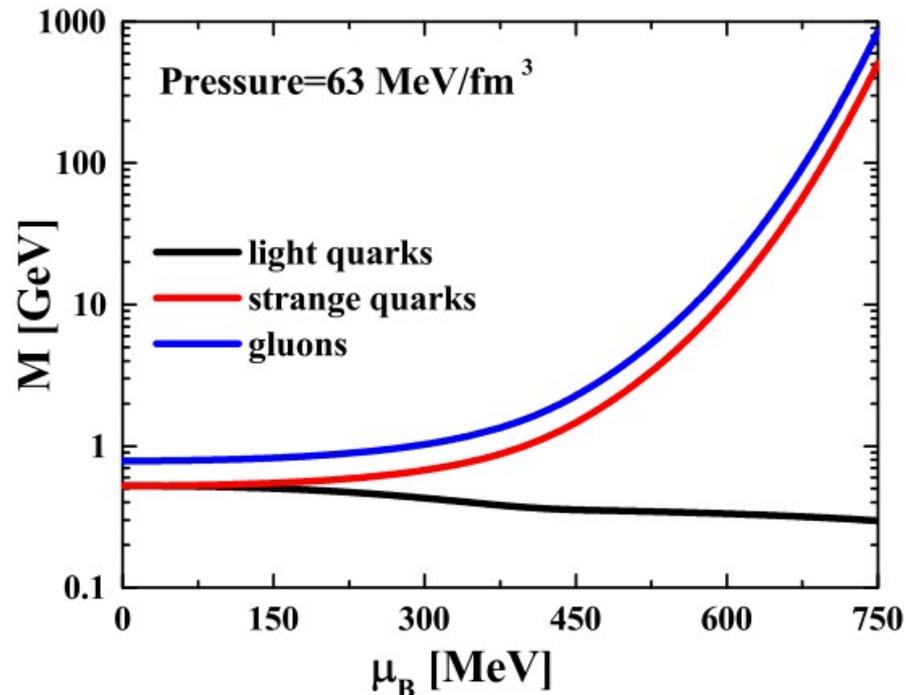
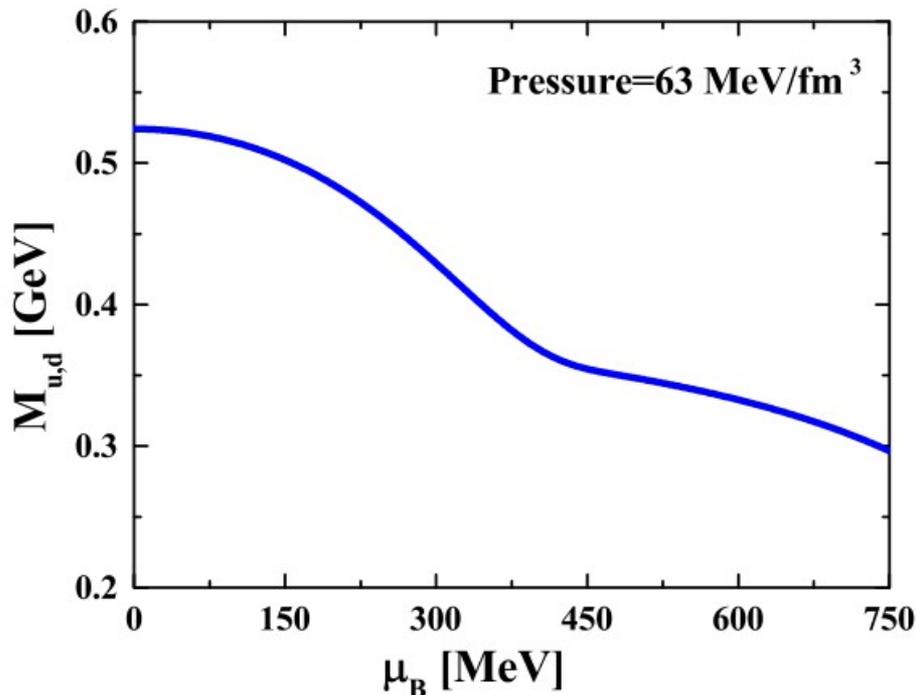
Agreement up to  $\mu_B = 450 - 600 \text{ MeV}$ :



Light quark mass decreases as intended  
=> chiral symmetry restoration

Strange quark and gluon mass increase dramatically!

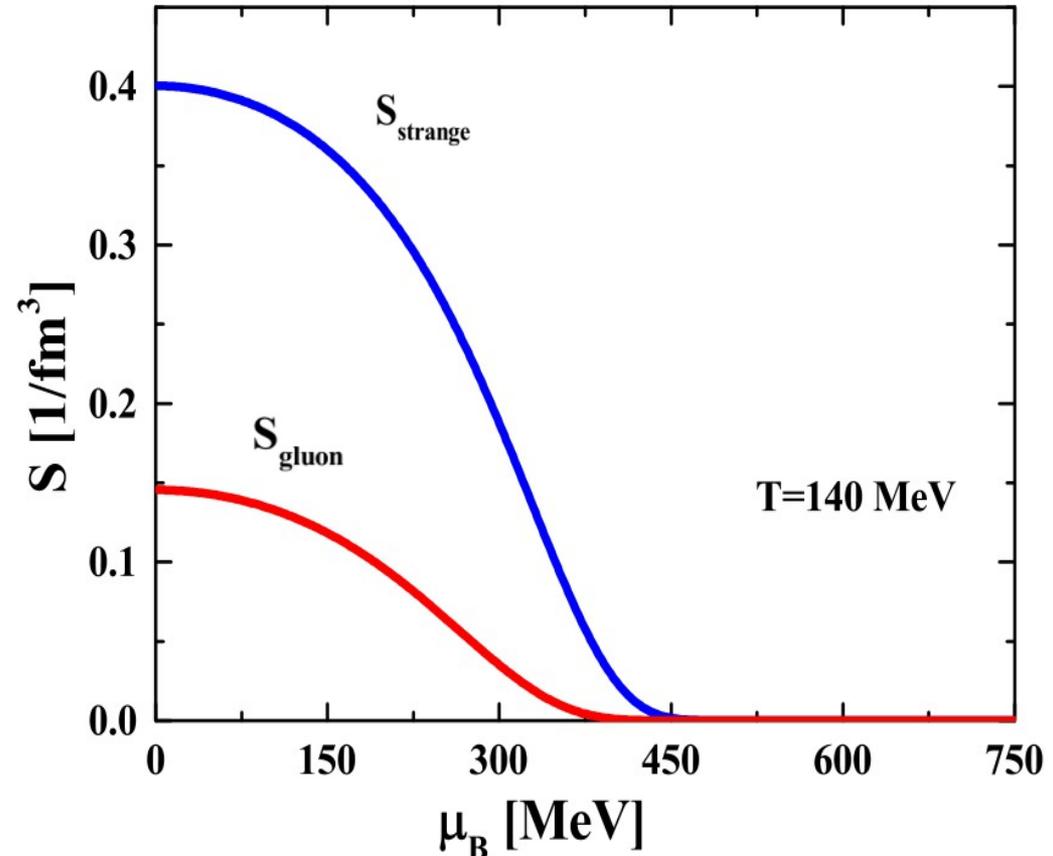
Light quark mass changes behavior  
=> Boundaries split up again



- Strange & gluon masses influence thermodynamics:

Entropy vanishes  
with increasing mass.

No more contributions  
to the EoS from s-  
quarks and gluons  $\Rightarrow$



We have a pure light quark system at  $\mu_B > 450$  MeV!

# Maxwell equation

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We separate the Maxwell equation into contributions from the individual particle species:

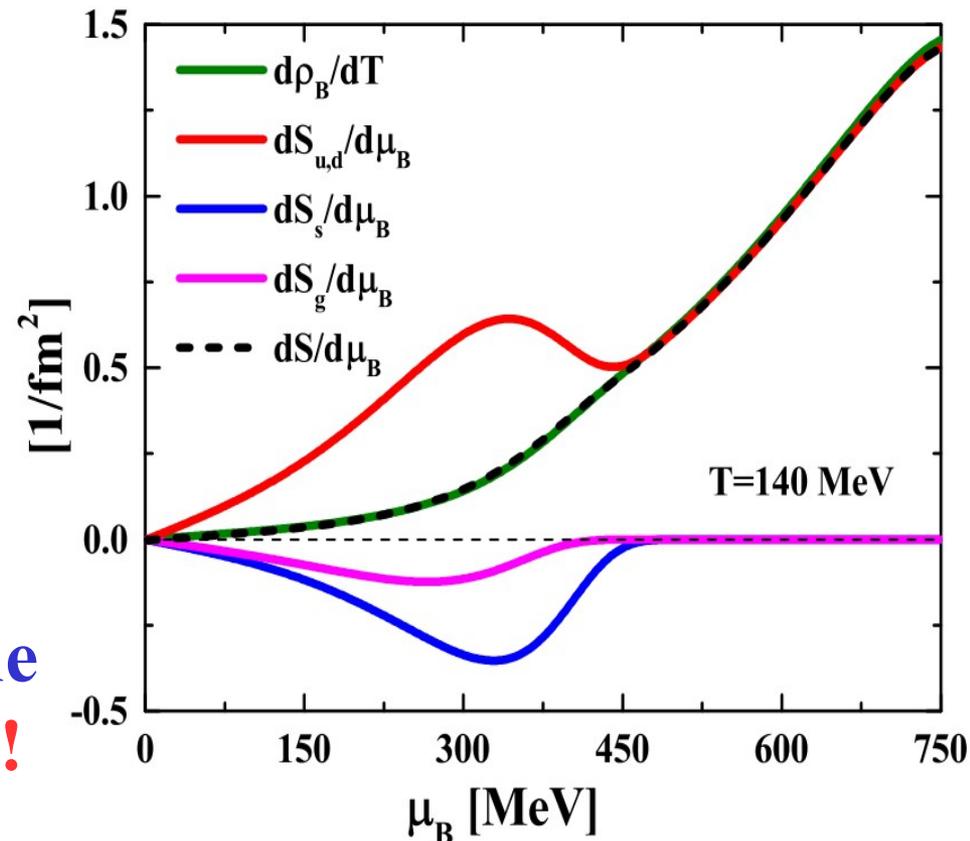
$$\frac{\partial \rho_{u,d}}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial S_{u,d}}{\partial \mu_B} + \frac{\partial S_s}{\partial \mu_B} + \frac{\partial S_g}{\partial \mu_B}$$

**Left: only light quarks**

**Right: all partons**

$\partial S_{u,d}/\partial \mu_B$  is very large,  
 $\partial \rho_{u,d}/\partial T$  can't counter it.

Strange quark and gluon contributions have to become negative => **Masses increase!**



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**Decrease of the light quark mass has to be counter balanced by an increase in the strange quark and gluon mass.**

**Strange quarks and gluons will eventually disappear from the system, leaving only light quarks.**

**The light quark mass becomes the only remaining parameter in the theory. Its behavior as a function of  $T$  and  $\mu_B$  can not be changed and is determined by the Maxwell equation!**

**We can not extend the phase boundary to larger  $\mu_B$  via Maxwell relations!**

# Experimental situation

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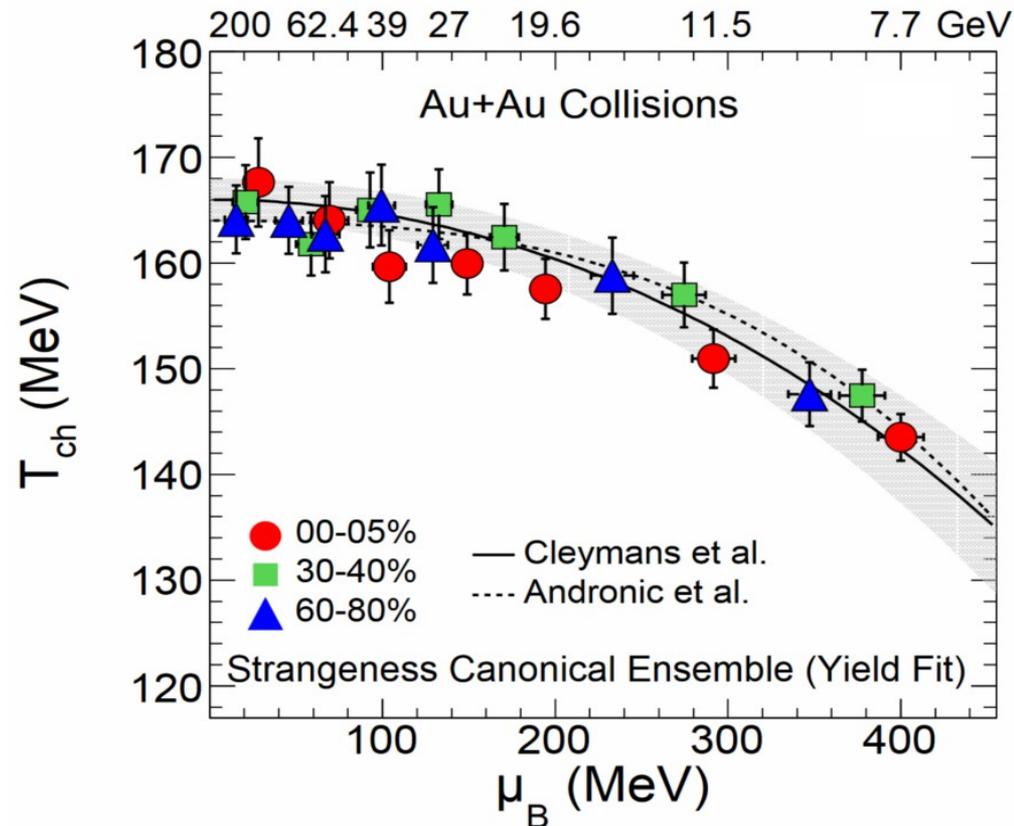
How does this compare to experimental results?

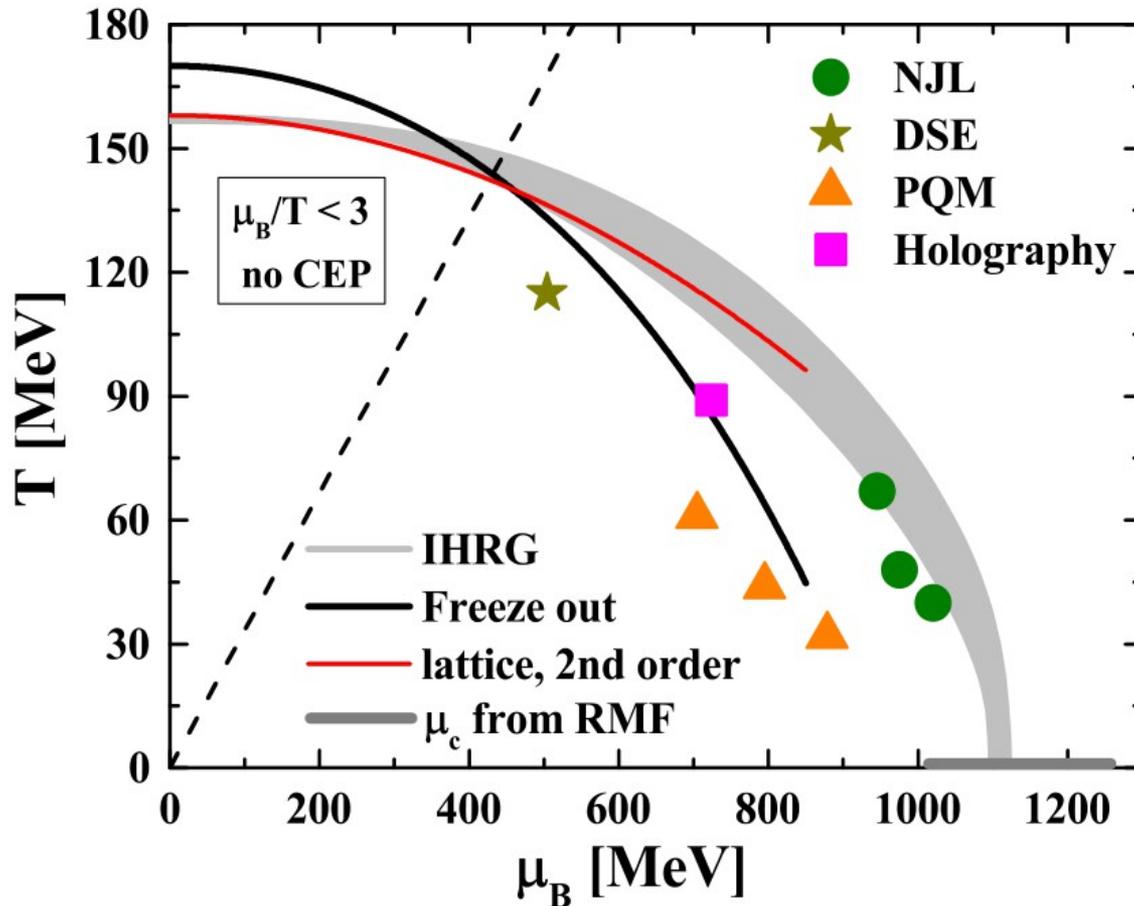
RHIC - BES  $\sqrt{s} = 7.7 - 200$  GeV

$\mu_B = 300$  MeV corresponds  
to  $\sqrt{s} = 12.5$  GeV

$\mu_B = 450$  MeV corresponds  
to  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  GeV

The modified DQPM  
EoS covers the whole  
RHIC BES .



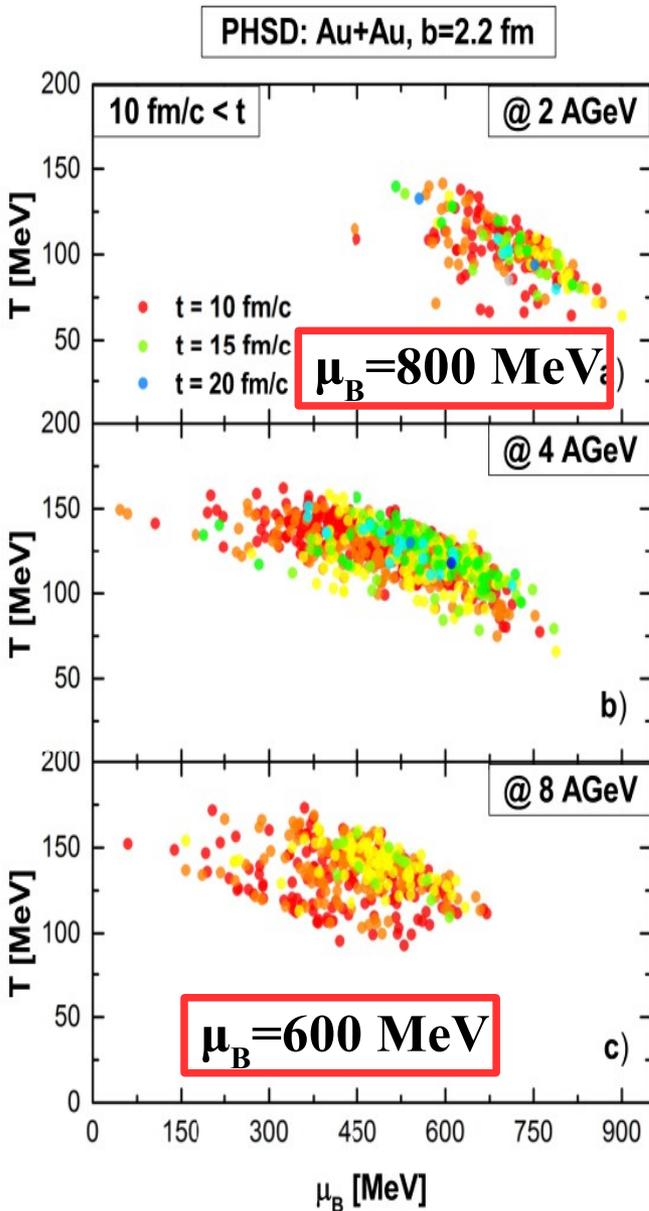


**RHIC BES can not reach predicted CEP**

**Most predictions at  $\mu_B > 700$  MeV**

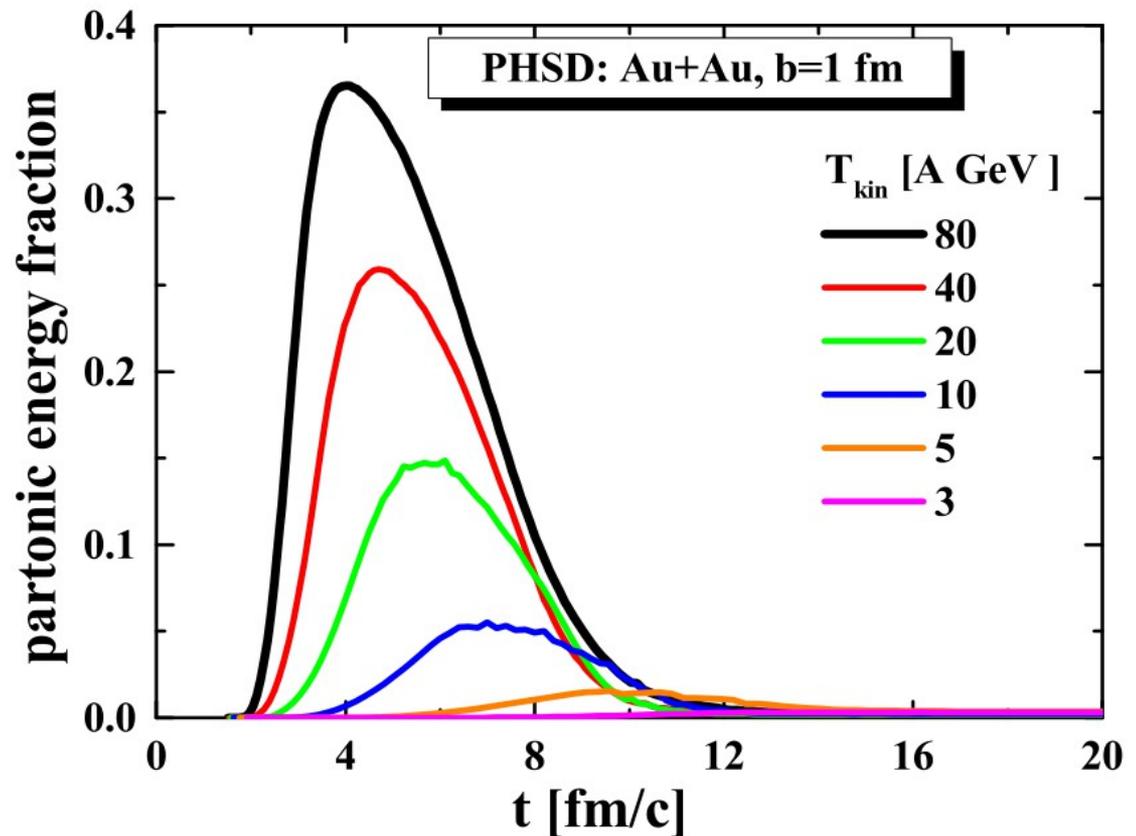
**Corresponds to  $\sqrt{s}=2.7$  GeV or  $T_{Lab}=3$  GeV**

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No partons at low  $\sqrt{s}$

Without partonic phase no deconfinement transition.



# Summary

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- **DQPM** is a partonic model that reproduces the lattice EoS and transport coefficients above  $T_c$ .
- **IHRG** is a hadronic model that reproduces the lattice and the nuclear EoS.
- Both models share a common phase boundary in the  $T$ - $\mu_B$  plane up to  $\mu_B \approx 600$  MeV.
- Sufficient to cover the physics of the BES program at RHIC.
- Search for the CEP requires even larger  $\mu_B$  which is most likely not reachable by HICs.



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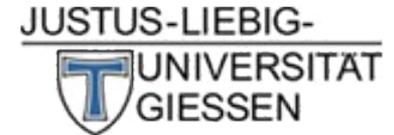
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