

# The effective QCD Phase diagram: Parameter fixing and the speed of sound.

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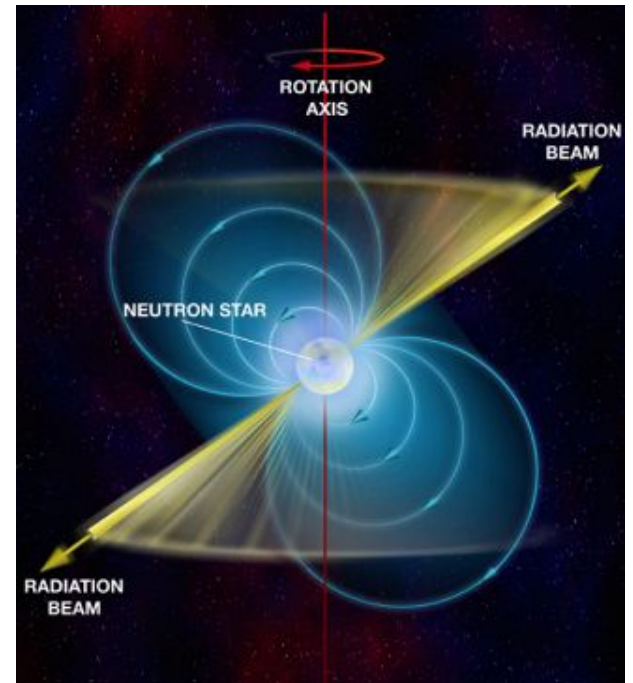
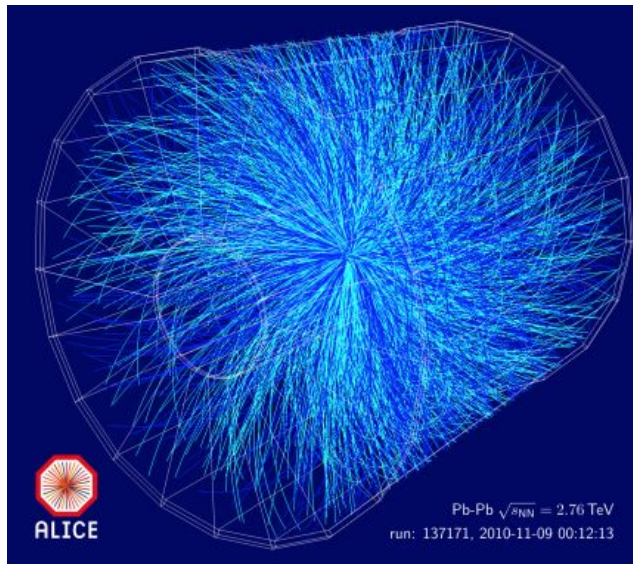
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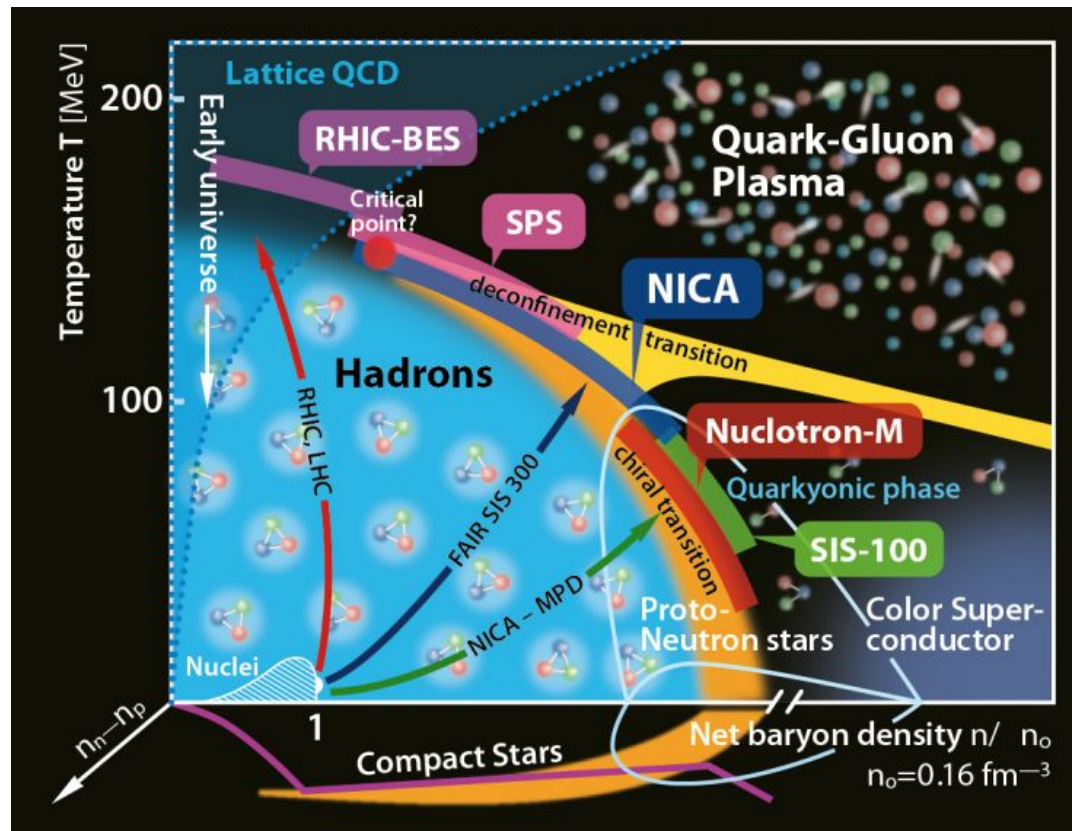
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# Motivation

- QCD under extreme conditions (temperature and finite quark density) play an important role in understanding the transitions that took place in the early universe.



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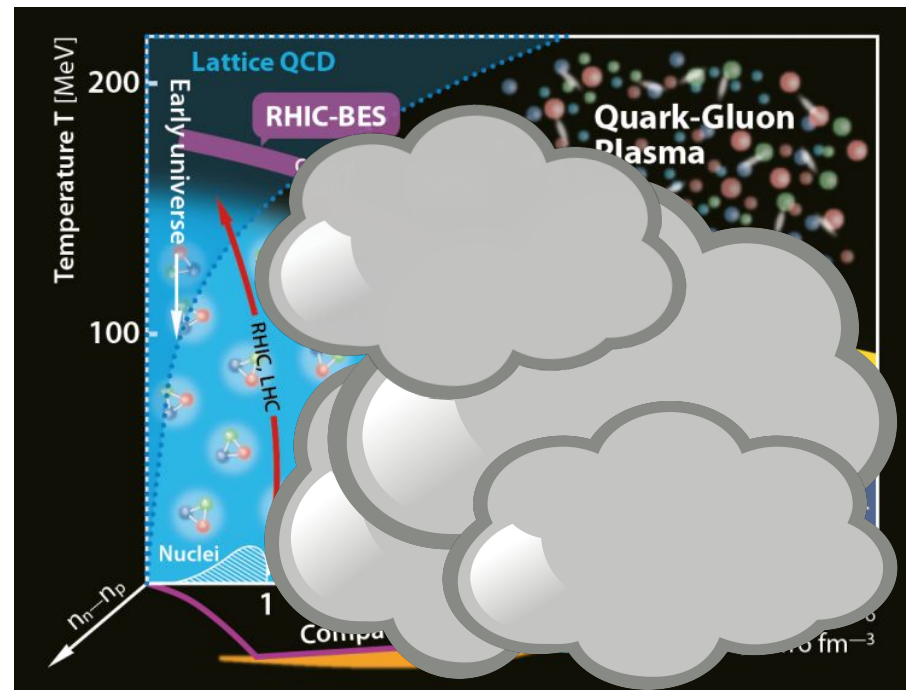


Phase Transition  $\Leftrightarrow$  Restore/Broke Symmetry  
Confinement y/o Chiral Symmetry restauration

# Motivation

- There is only reliable information at low densities.
- There are experimental efforts to dissipate doubts at higher densities.

- NICA
- RHIC(BESII)
- JPARC
- HADES





Old Reliable!!!

# Linear Sigma Model

- Effective model for low-energy QCD.
- Effects of quarks and mesons on the chiral phase transition.
- Implement ideas of chiral symmetry and spontaneous symmetry breaking

# Linear Sigma Model

- Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 + \frac{a^2}{2} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2)^2 \\ + i\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\partial^\mu\psi - g\bar{\psi}(\sigma + i\gamma_5\vec{\tau}\cdot\vec{\pi})\psi,$$

- To allow for spontaneous symmetry breaking

$$\sigma \rightarrow \sigma + v$$

$$\langle\sigma\rangle = v; \quad \langle\pi\rangle = 0.$$

- where  $v$  is identified as the order parameter

# Linear Sigma Model

- After the shift

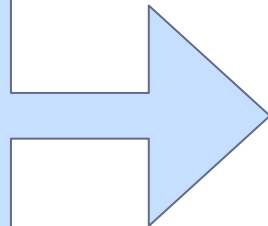
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{2}[\sigma(\partial_\mu + iqA_\mu)^2\sigma] - \frac{1}{2}(3\lambda v^2 - a^2)\sigma^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2}[\vec{\pi}(\partial_\mu + iqA_\mu)^2\vec{\pi}] - \frac{1}{2}(\lambda v^2 - a^2)\vec{\pi}^2 \\ & + i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu D_\mu\psi - \underline{gv\bar{\psi}\psi} + \frac{a^2}{2}v^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4}v^4 \\ & - \frac{\lambda}{4}[(\sigma^2 + \pi_0^2)^2 + 4\pi^+\pi^-(\sigma^2 + \pi_0^2 + \pi^+\pi^-)] \\ & - g\hat{\psi}(\sigma + i\gamma_5\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi})\psi\end{aligned}$$

with masses

$$m_\sigma^2 = 3\lambda v^2 - a^2$$

$$m_\pi^2 = \lambda v^2 - a^2$$

$$m_f = gv$$



which increases with the  
order parameter

# Linear Sigma Model

- We calculate the effective potential for fermions and bosons at temperature and finite chemical potential

$$V_b = s_b T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \left( D^{-1} \right), \quad V_f = s_f T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \left( S^{-1} \right)$$

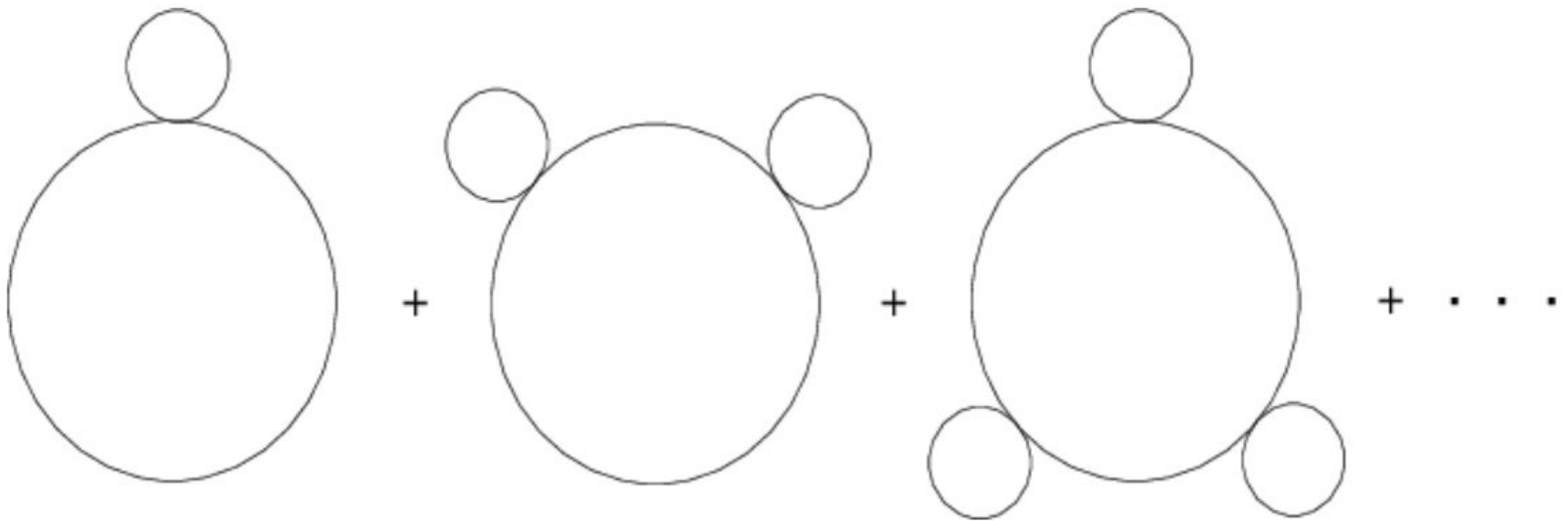
where the thermal boson and fermion propagators are given by

$$D = \frac{1}{k^2 + m_b^2 + \omega_n^2},$$

$$S = \frac{\not{k} + m_f}{k^2 + m_f^2 + (\omega_n - i\mu)^2}.$$

# Linear Sigma Model

- In order to include media effects on the mesons we need to go beyond mean field and include the Ring diagrams to the boson contribution



Then the full effective potential is:

$$V^{\text{eff}} = V^{\text{tree}} + V^{\text{b}} + V^{\text{f}} + V^{\text{Ring}}$$

$$V^{\text{tree}}(v) = -\frac{a^2}{2}v^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}v^4$$

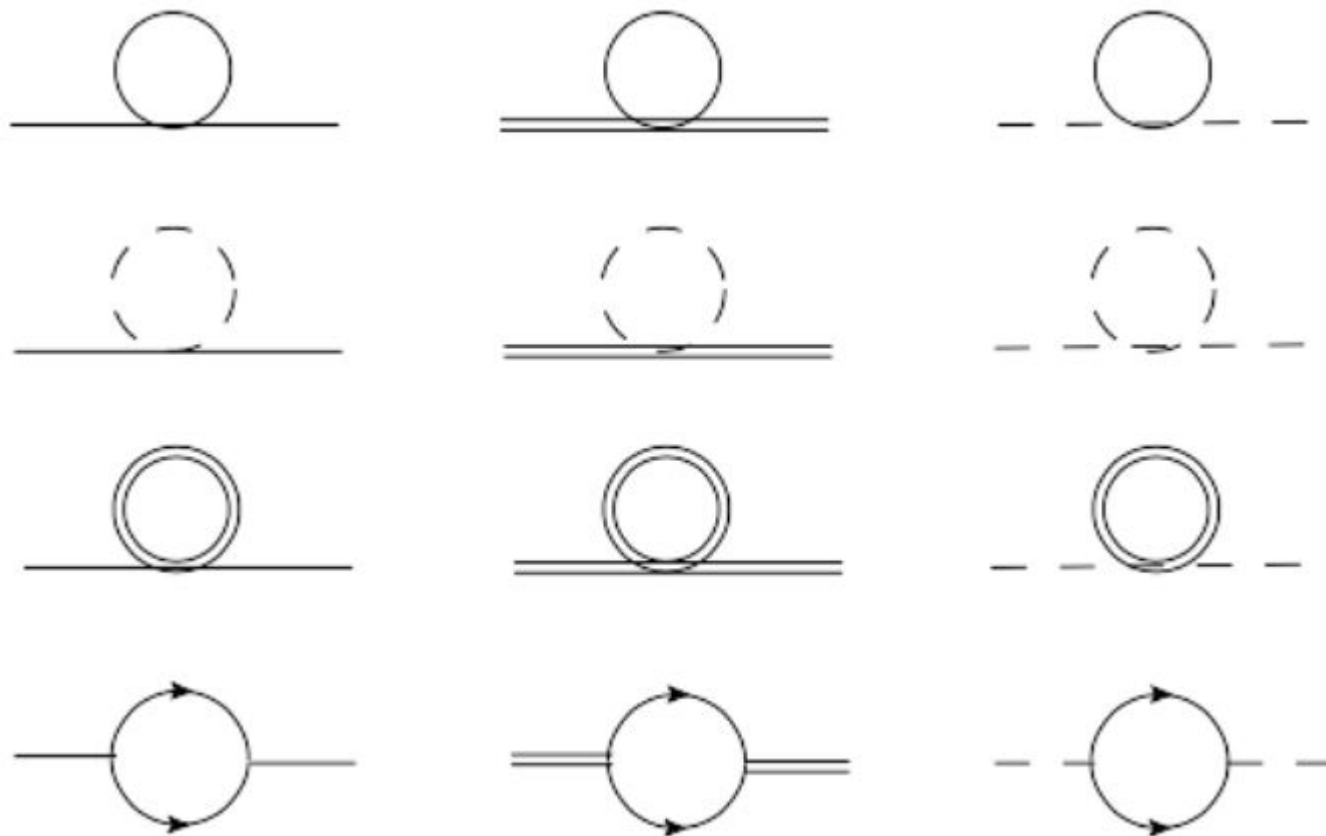
$$V^{\text{b}}(v, T) = T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \ln D_{\text{b}}(\omega_n, \vec{k})^{1/2}$$

$$V^{\text{f}}(v, T, \mu) = -T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr}[\ln S_{\text{f}}(\tilde{\omega}_n, \vec{k})^{-1}]$$

$$V^{\text{Ring}}(v, T, \mu) = \frac{T}{2} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \ln[1 + \Pi_{\text{b}} D(\omega_n, \vec{k})]$$

with  $\Pi$  the self energy

$$\Pi = \lambda \frac{T^2}{2} - N_f N_c g^2 \frac{T^2}{\pi^2} [Li_2(-e^{\mu/T}) + Li_2(-e^{-\mu/T})]$$



# High Temperature

$$\begin{aligned}
 V^{(eff)} = & \boxed{-\frac{a^2}{2}v^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}v^4} + \sum_{i=\sigma,\pi^0} \left\{ \frac{m_i^4}{64\pi^2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{(4\pi T)^2}{2a^2} \right) - 2\gamma_E + 1 \right] \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90} + \frac{m_i^2 T^2}{24} - \frac{T}{12\pi} \boxed{(m_i^2 + \Pi)^{3/2}} \right\} \\
 & - N_c \sum_{f=u,d} \left[ \frac{m_f^4}{16\pi^2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{(4\pi T)^2}{2a^2} \right) + \psi^0 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i\mu}{2\pi T} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \psi^0 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{i\mu}{2\pi T} \right) \right] + 8m_f^2 T^2 [Li_2(-e^{\mu/T}) + Li_2(-e^{-\mu/T})] \right. \\
 & \left. - 32T^4 [Li_4(-e^{\mu/T}) + Li_4(-e^{-\mu/T})] \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

# Criticality

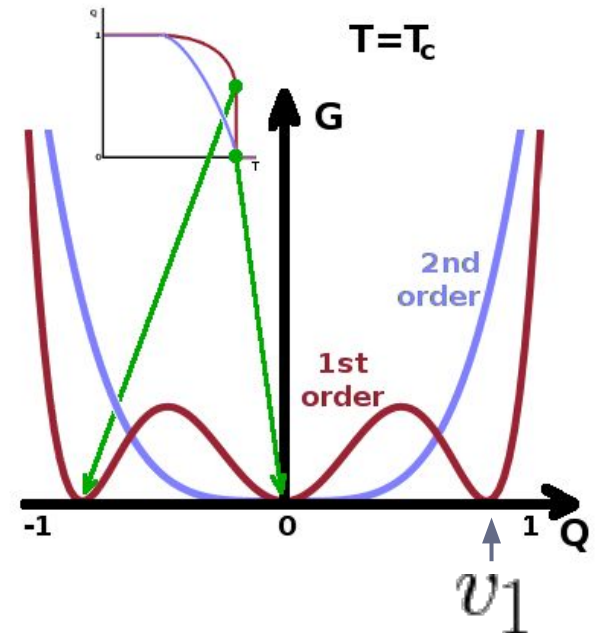
- Now the criterion to find the temperature and the chemical potential where the chiral symmetry is restored, is the following.

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# Model Parameters

- The parameter space consists of the  $\lambda$  and  $g$  coupling constants and the mass parameter  $a$ , which can be fixed by LQCD data (PRL 125, 052001 (2020)).

Fixing  $a$  with:

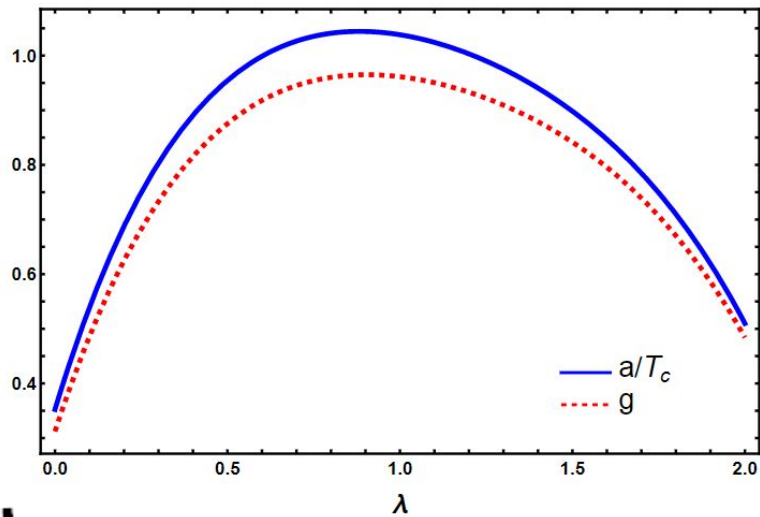
$$6\lambda \left( \frac{T_c^2}{12} - \frac{T_c}{4\pi} (\Pi_b(T_c, \mu_B = 0) - a^2)^{1/2} + \frac{a^2}{16\pi^2} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\tilde{\mu}^2}{T_c^2} \right) \right] \right) + g^2 T_c^2 - a^2 = 0.$$

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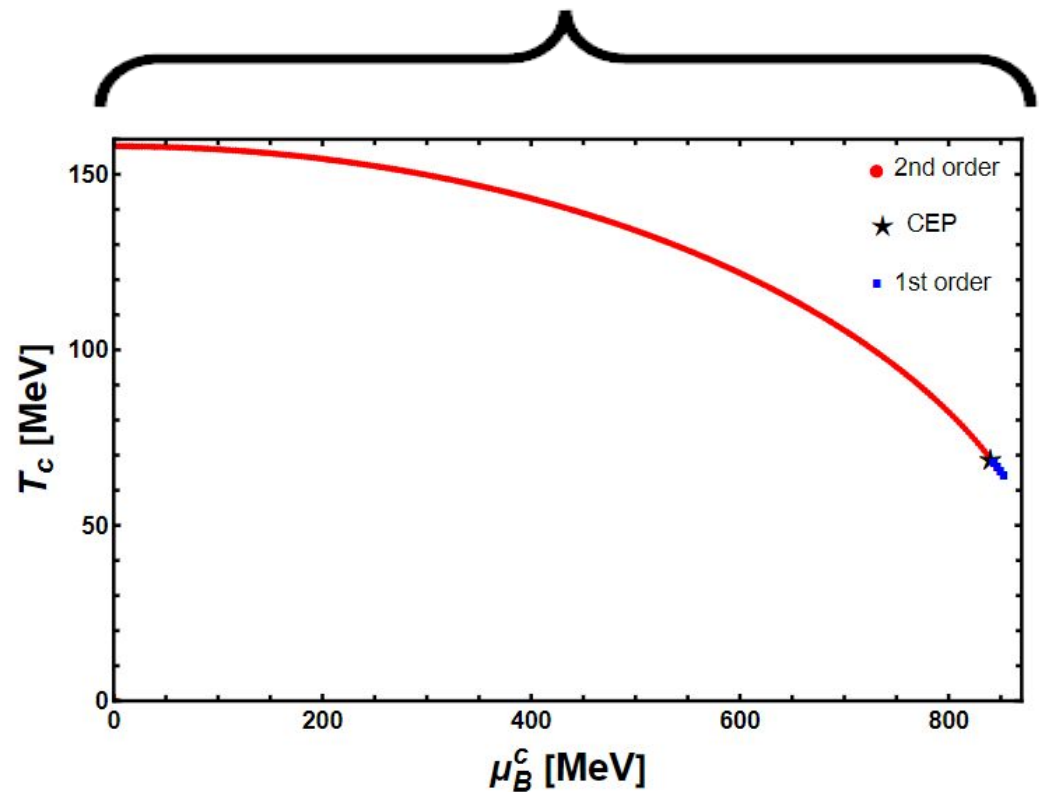
$$\frac{T_c(\mu_B)}{T_c^0} = 1 - \kappa_2 \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T_c^0} \right)^2 + \kappa_4 \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T_c^0} \right)^4$$

$$\kappa_2 = 0.0153 \text{ and } \kappa_4 = 0.00032$$

# Results



$$\lambda = 0.4, \quad g = 0.88 \quad \text{and} \quad a = 141.38 \text{ MeV}$$



$$768 \text{ MeV} < \mu_B^{CEP} < 849 \text{ MeV}$$

$$69 \text{ MeV} < T^{CEP} < 70.3 \text{ MeV}$$

# Comments so far..

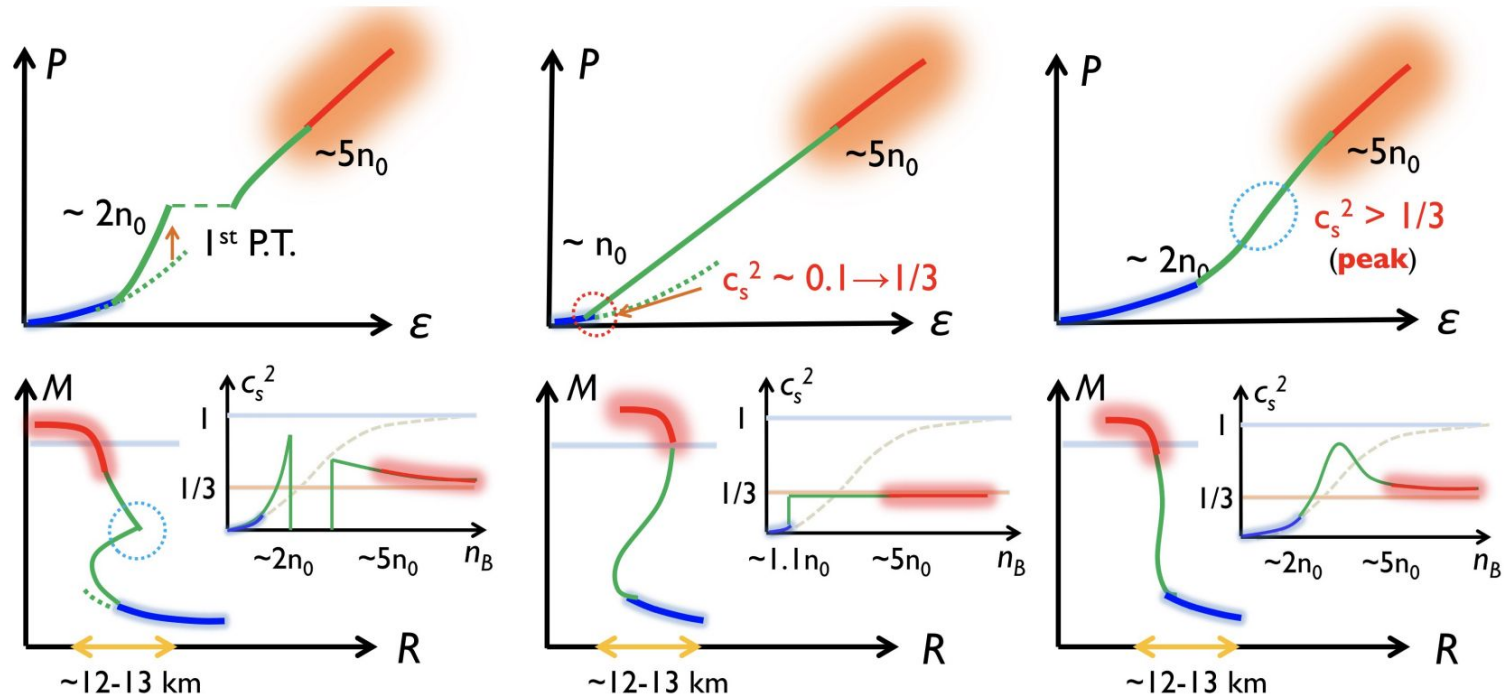
- The linear sigma model is an effective tool that allows the analytical analysis of properties of great interest in QCD.
- Up to this point we have learned that the parameter space with physical relevance is neither large nor arbitrary.
- There is still room for improvement and plenty of things to learn from this model and its possible extensions.

# What is next?

- Speed of sound is closely related with the thermodynamics properties of any system, including the EoS.
- For example, in neutron star researches, the  $c_s$  behavior as a function of baryon number density influences the mass-radius relationship.
- In HIC,  $c_s$  also conveys relevant information; for example, it displays a local minimum at a crossover transition.

# What is next?

- TOV and EoS can give some insight about the transition quark-nucleon matter. Directly related with the speed of sound behavior.



# Speed of sound

- The square of the speed of sound is usually defined as

$$c_{\chi}^2 = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \epsilon} \right)_{\chi}$$

where  $\chi$  denotes the parameter fixed in the calculation of the speed of sound.

- According to the properties on the propagation medium, it may be more useful to keep one quantity fixed rather than another.

# Speed of sound

- For this work, we will focus on

$$c_{\rho_B}^2 = \frac{\partial(p, \rho_B)}{\partial(\epsilon, \rho_B)} = \frac{s\chi_{\mu\mu} - \rho_B\chi_{\mu T}}{T(\chi_{TT}\chi_{\mu\mu} - \chi_{\mu T}^2)},$$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{\partial(p, s)}{\partial(\epsilon, s)} = \frac{\rho_B\chi_{TT} - s\chi_{\mu T}}{\mu_B(\chi_{TT}\chi_{\mu\mu} - \chi_{\mu T}^2)},$$

$$c_{s/\rho_B}^2 = \frac{\partial(p, s/\rho_B)}{\partial(\epsilon, s/\rho_B)} = \frac{c_{\rho_B}^2 Ts + c_s^2 \mu_B \rho_B}{Ts + \mu_B \rho_B}.$$

# Speed of sound

- The pressure, entropy and baryon number densities can be derived using the thermodynamics relations in the grand canonical ensemble as

$$p = -\Omega, \quad \epsilon = -p + Ts + \mu_B \rho_B$$

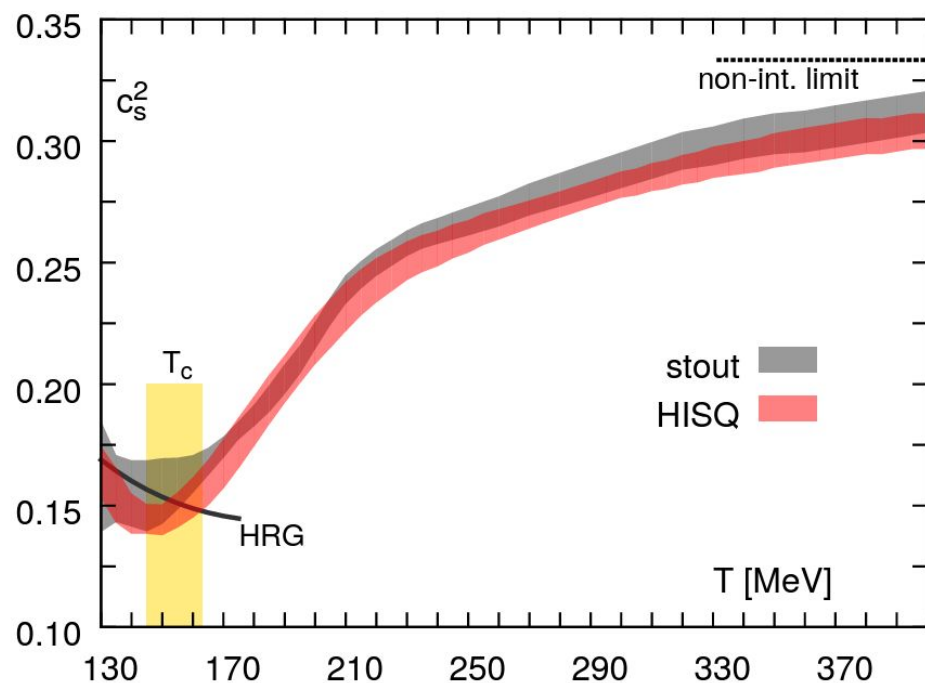
$$s = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu_B} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_B = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu_B} \right)_T.$$

where

$$\Omega(T, \mu) = V^{(eff)}(v=0, T, \mu)$$

# Is this useful?

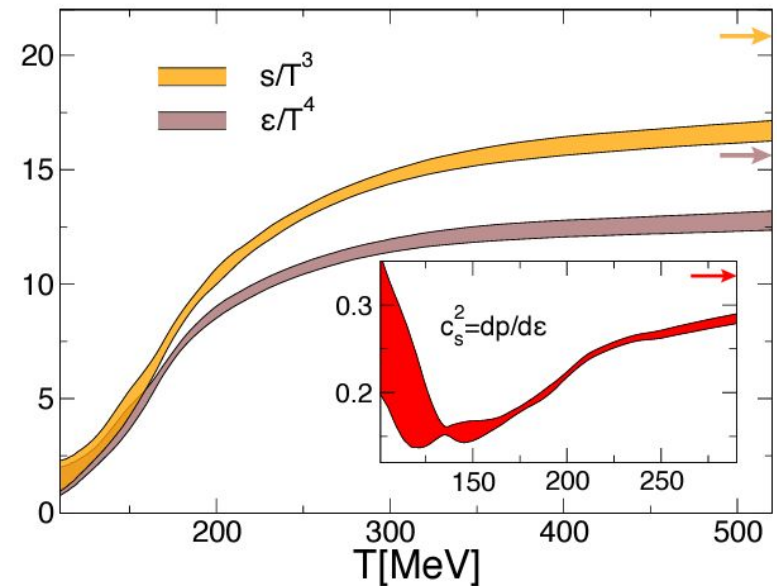
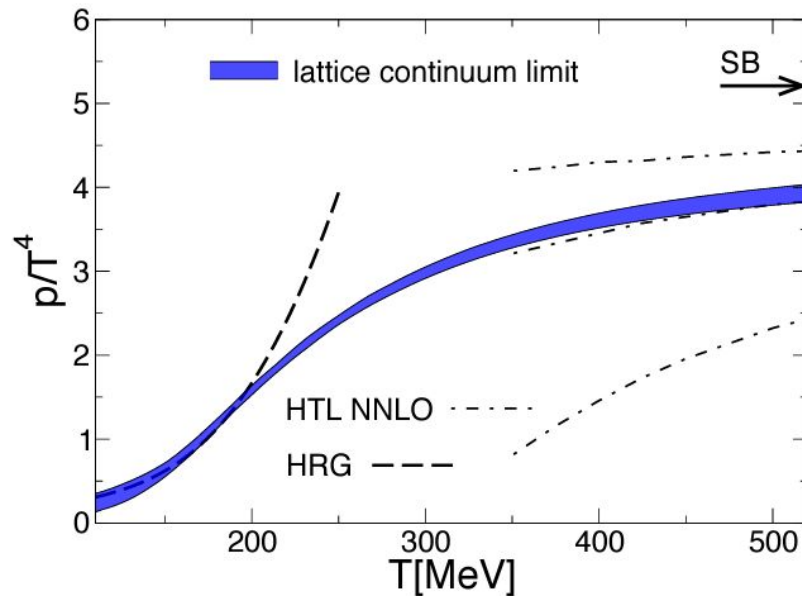
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$$N_f = 2 + 1; T_c = 158 \text{ MeV}$$

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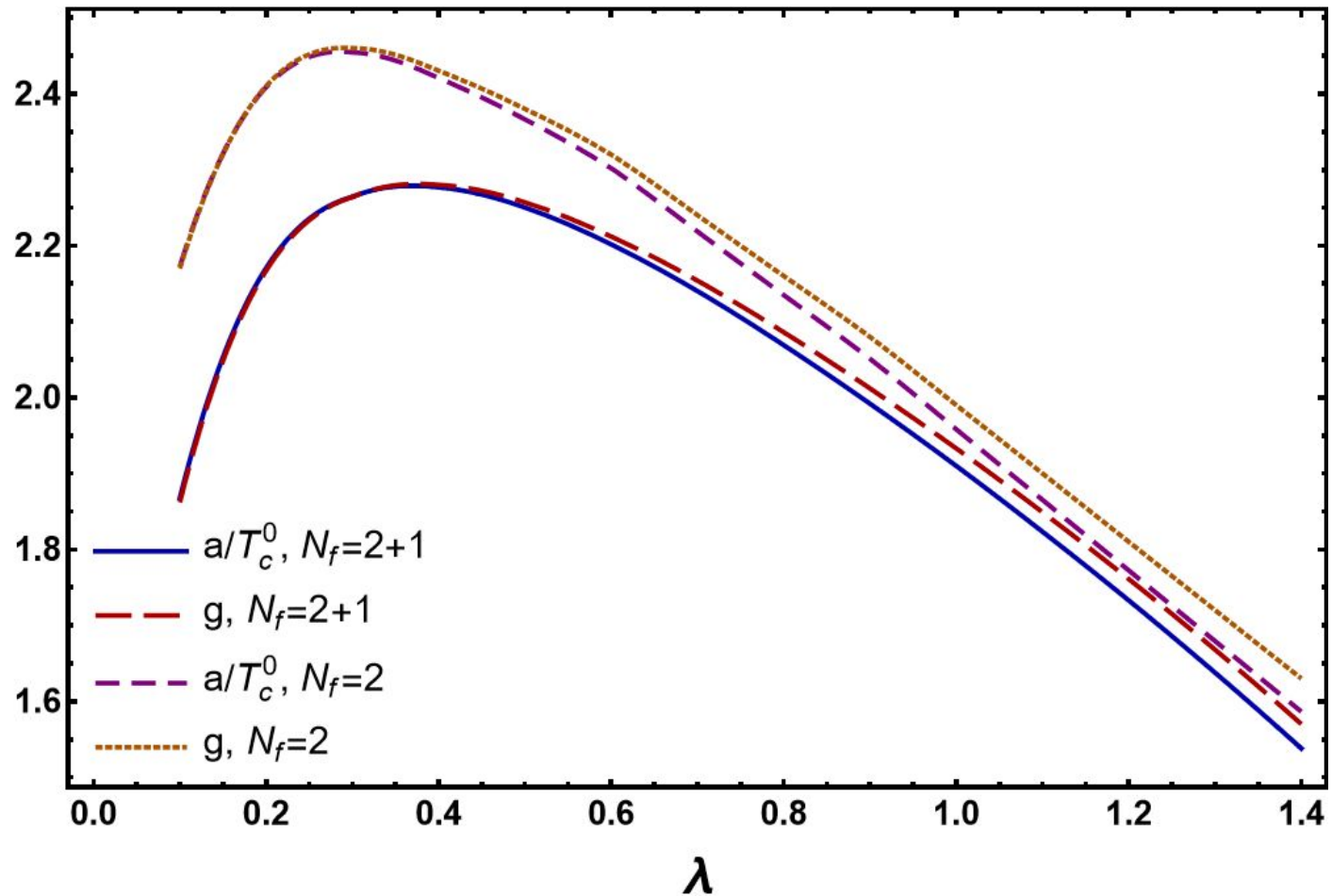
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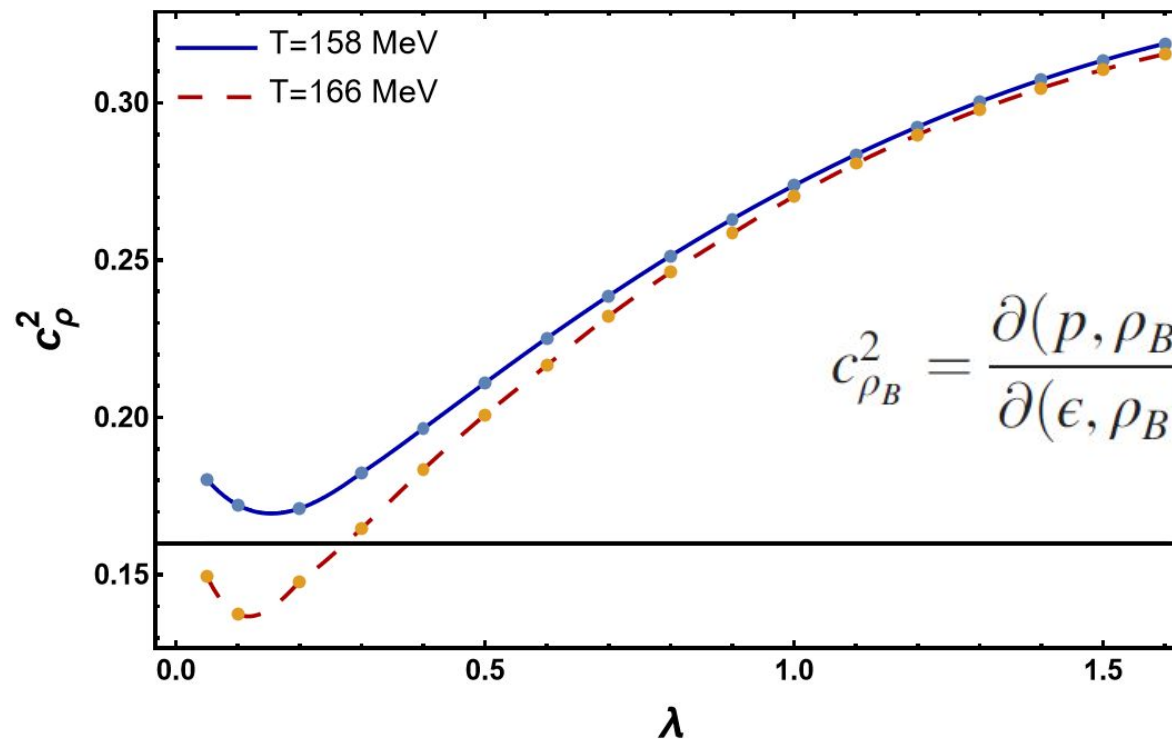
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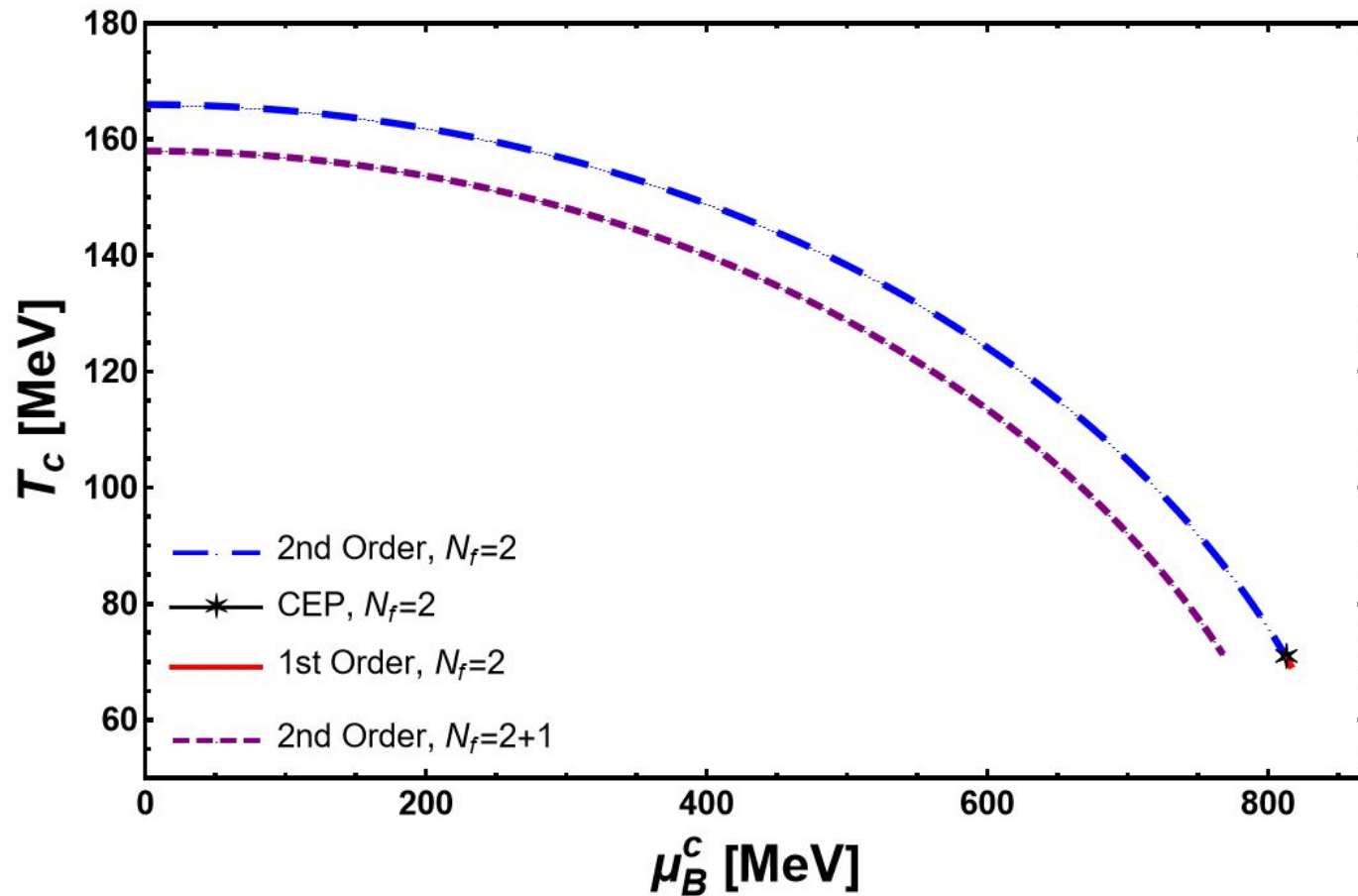
- Now, let us use the value of the speed of sound at  $\mu = 0$ , meaning  $C_s \approx 0.16$  and try to fix lambda.

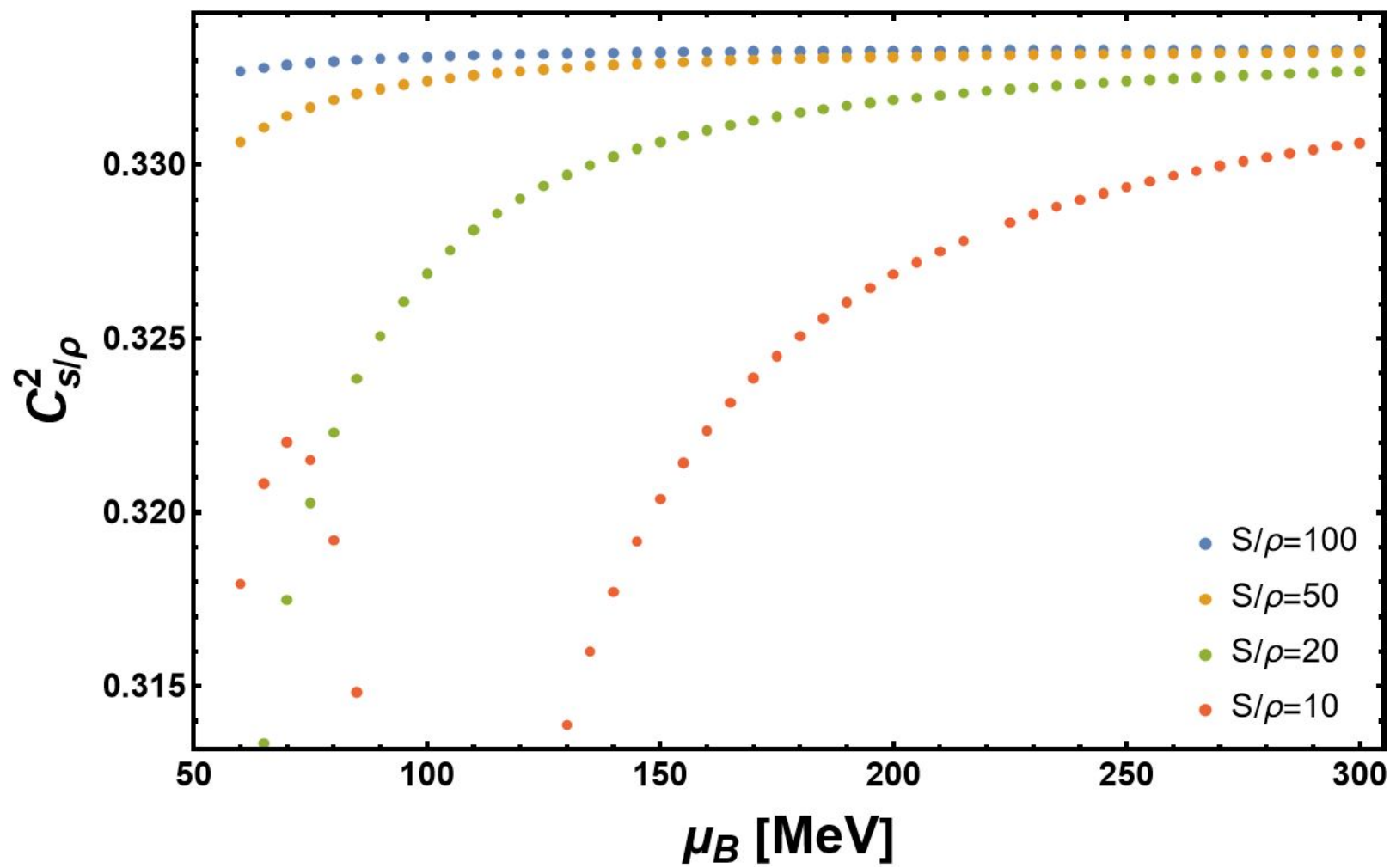


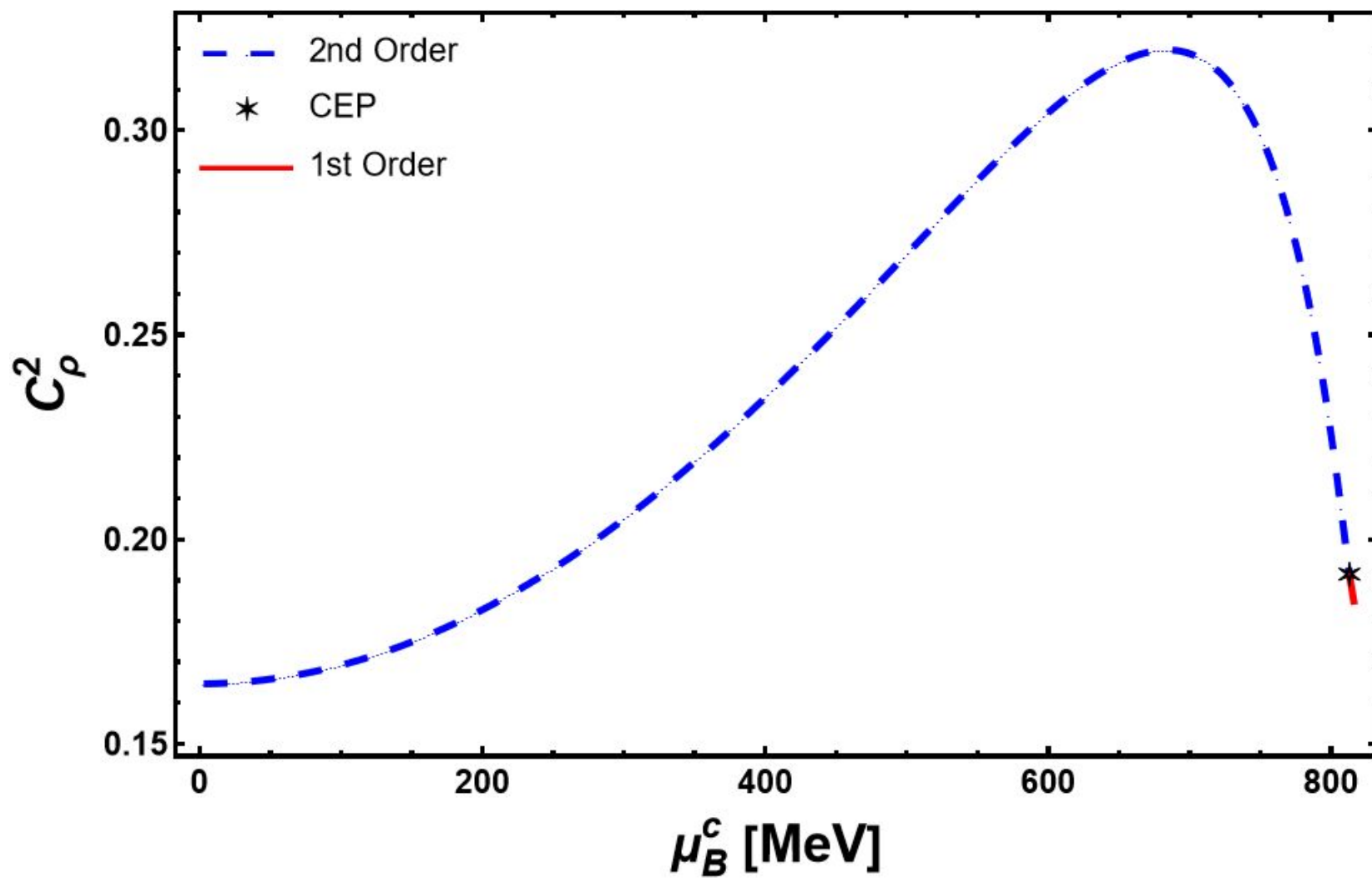
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$N_f = 2+1$ :  $a = 325.744$ ,  $\lambda = 0.15$ ,  $g = 2.057$

$N_f = 2$  :  $a = 407.441$ ,  $\lambda = 0.30$ ,  $g = 2.461$







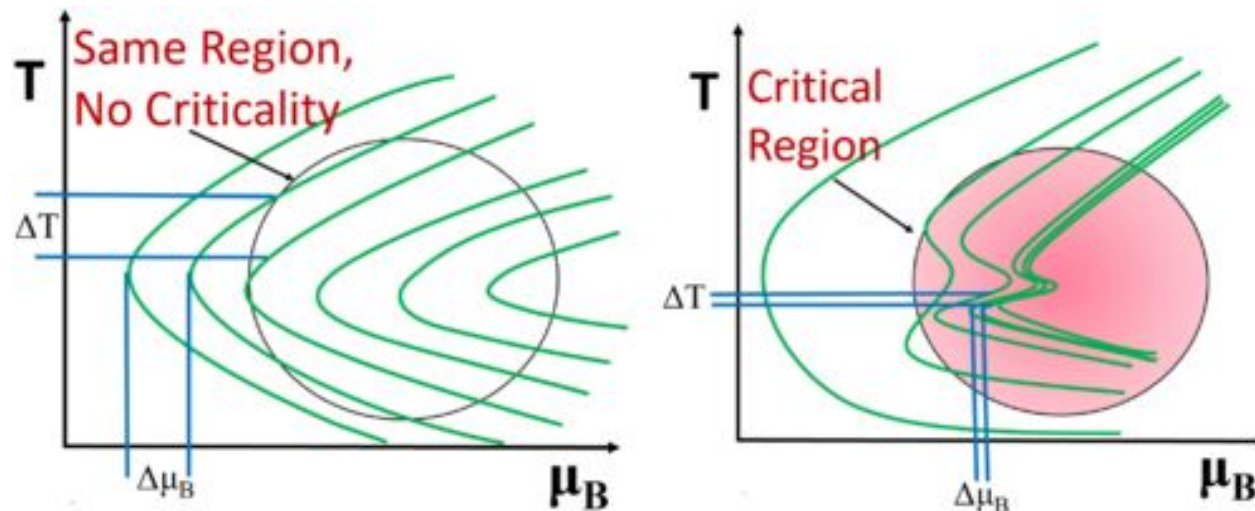
# Final Comments

- We were able to use the speed of sound at  $\mu = 0$  as an additional criterion to set the parameters.
- Using the observables from LQCD for  $N_f = 2+1$ , We were not able to observe the CEP, given the limitations of the approximation.
- Still, using the observables for two flavors we were able to appreciate the CEP, and to note that there is some behavior in the speed of sound that can serve as a criterion for the location of the CEP.

# For the future...

- Critical Lensing: the critical point is an attractor of isentropic trajectories.

How do the size and shape of the critical region affected the isentropes trajectories???



THANKS FOR  
WATCHING!