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# QCD Phase Diagram and Astrophysical Implications

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# Equation of State

#### Pressure P



#### Mass-density $\rho$ or Energy-density $\varepsilon$

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#### Neutron Star Mass M



#### Neutron Star Radius R

# QCD Phase Diagram

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Fukushima-Hatsuda (2010); see also 50 Years of QCD Chap.7 (2023)

# QCD Phase Diagram

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# QCD Phase Diagram

Fukushima-Sasaki (2013)



Chemical Potential  $\mu_{\rm B}$ 

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## Crossover to Quark Matter

Fujimoto-Fukushima-Weise (2019)



# Lesson from High-T

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#### **Crossover = Duality Point**

Rising *p* from small *T* is understood by a free gas of (thousands of) mesons (Hadron Resonance Gas).



Pressure is "saturated" by the pQCD degrees of freedom.

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Nuclear EoS vs. pQCD EoS



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How the EoS jumps to the pQCD branch ?

Ist-order PT cannot be excluded... but it must be weak at low density or strong at irrelevantly high density...

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Or... smooth crossover?

pQCD branch is almost conformal.

 $c_s^2 \simeq 1/3$ 

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#### Crossover vs. 1st-order PT

Fujimoto-Fukushima-Kyutoku-Hotokezaka (2022-2024)



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## Keep in mind

## Gravitational wave simulation has uncertainty other than EoS — resolution dependence (mesh size ~ 100-300m), mass ratio q of the binary system, thermal effect (index), etc.

Fujimoto-Fukushima-Praszalowicz-McLerran (2022)



 $\Delta \propto \varepsilon - 3p$ 

**Thermodynamic d.o.f.** Negative trace anomaly implies \*decreasing\* d.o.f. at higher density?

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#### Brandes-Fukushima-Iida-Yu (2024) Previous + BW



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## Condensation

Brandes-Fukushima-Iida-Yu (2024)

Suppose the vacuum has a bosonic condensate:

$$V(|\phi|^2) = m^2 |\phi|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} |\phi|^4 + \frac{\eta}{6} |\phi|^6$$
$$-\mu^2 |\phi|^2 \quad \text{from the kinetic term}$$

$$|\phi_{c}|^{2} = \frac{1}{2\eta} \left[ \sqrt{\lambda^{2} + 8\eta(\mu^{2} - m^{2})} - \lambda \right]$$

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## Summary

**GW simulation can distinguish crossover and no-crossover (1st-order PT) EoSs.** 

**Total mass should be within a window.** 

**Trace anomaly goes negative... interpretation?** 

Possibility to extract "condensate" from the trace anomaly from the observational data. (pQCD+CSC cannot give negative trace anomaly unless the CSC gap is unphysically large...?)