



# QCD phase diagram V.S. Holographic QCD

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# Outline

I. Motivations & hQCD

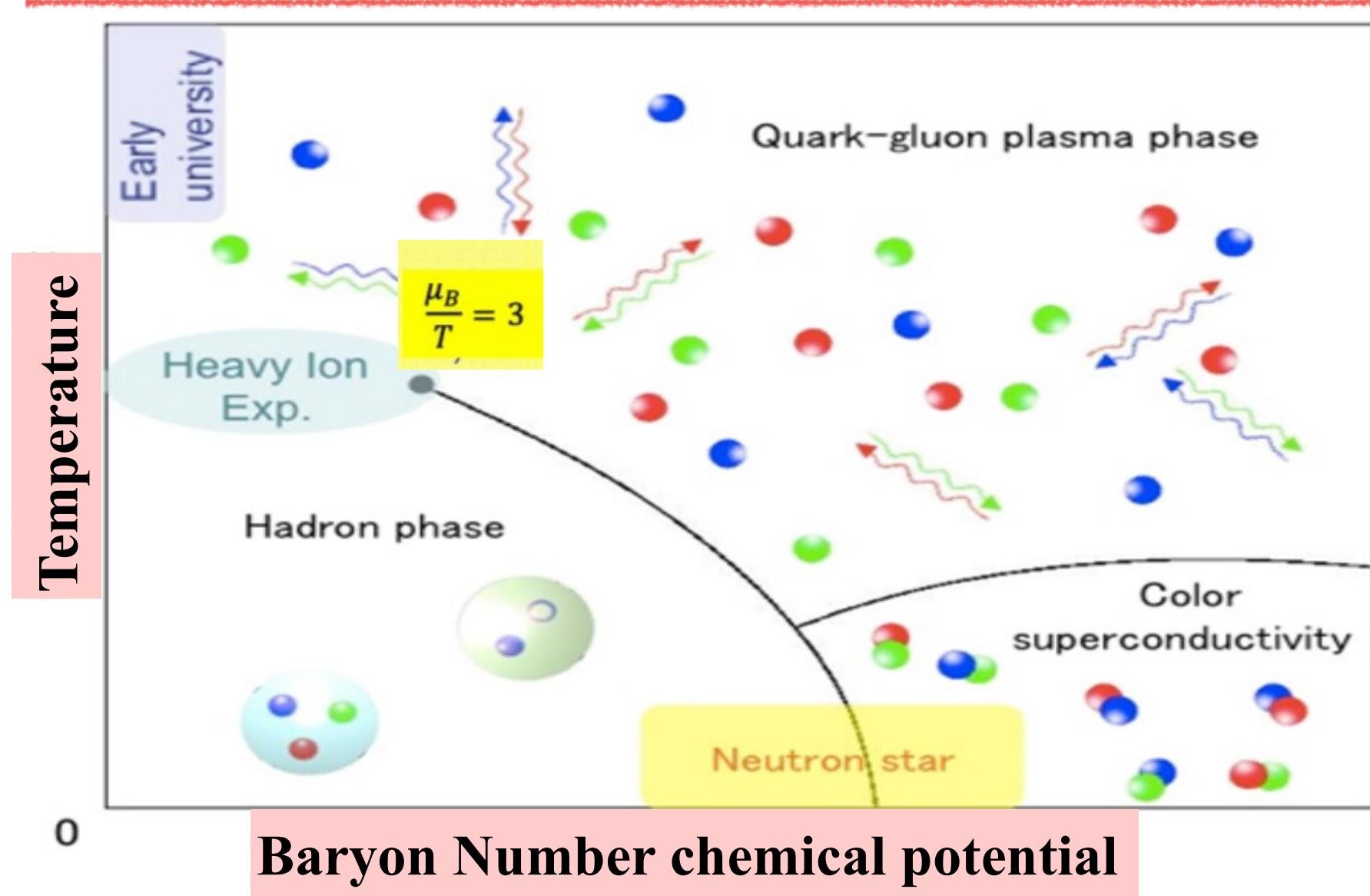
II. Holographic QCD model (hQCD)

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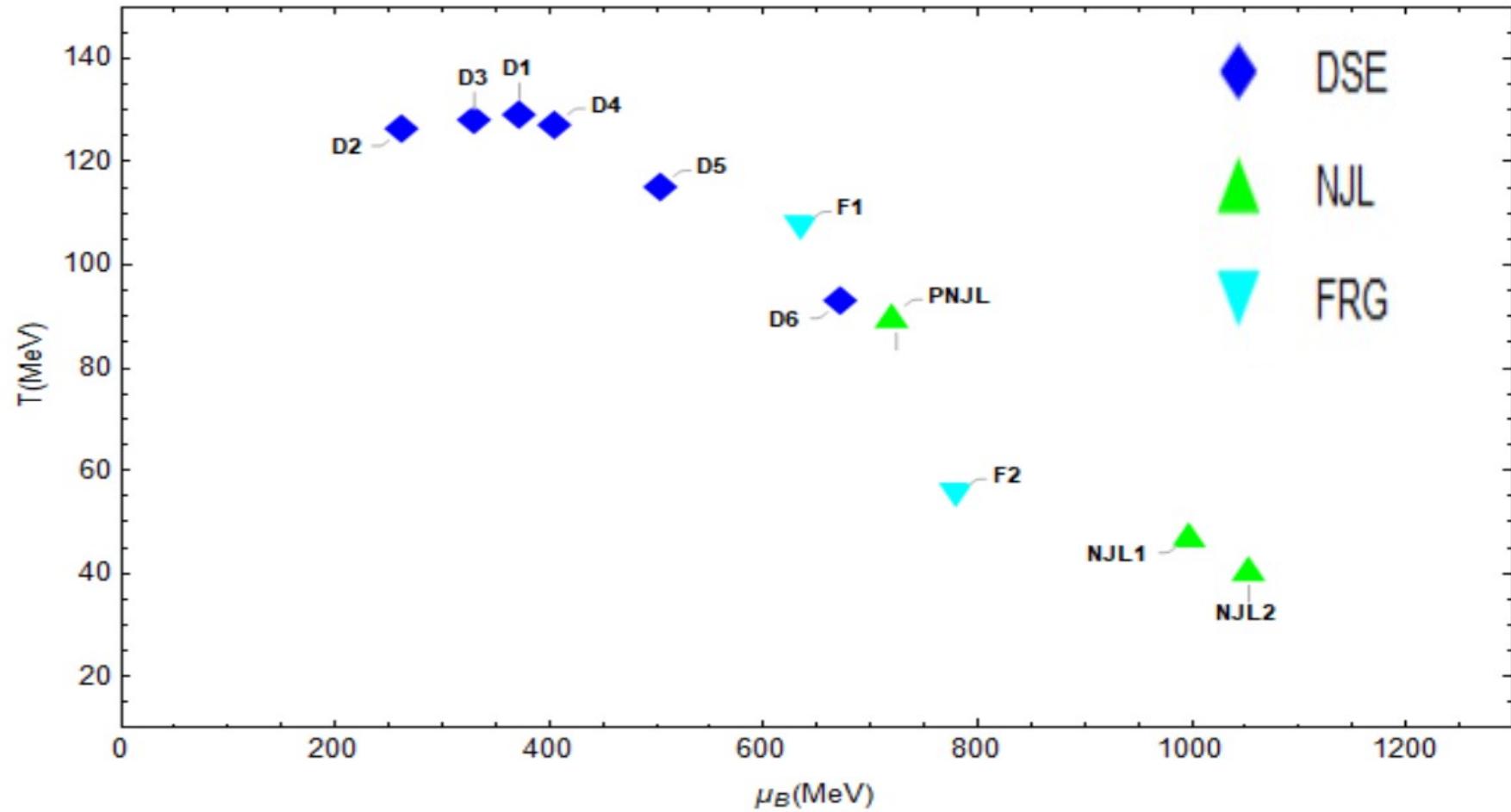
IV. Summary

# Motivations

# A schematic view of QCD Phase diagram



# Status of searching CEP



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# Motivations

## I. Low energy QCD is strong coupled system

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## III. AdS/QCD offers a practical approach

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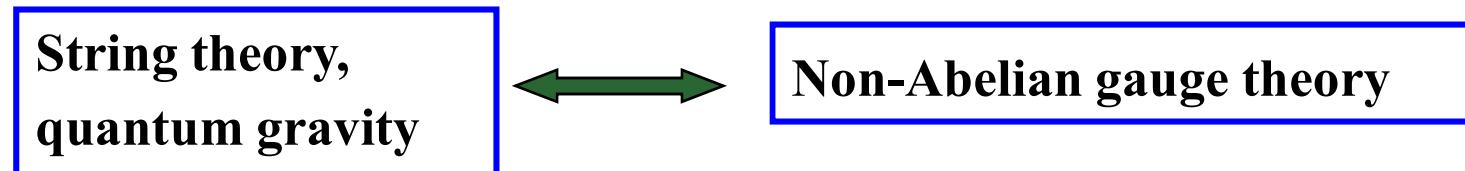
# Intro AdS/QCD

# AdS/QCD

AdS/CFT conjecture

$$AdS_5 \times S^5 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad N = 4 \text{ SYM theory}$$

If it is true for any gauge theory  
(???)



Then what is the dual string theory of QCD?  
(It is nature to ask the question here)

$$\mathbf{?} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{QCD}$$

**Question:** Is it possible to find a string theory dual to QCD?

**Top-Down models:** D3-D7, D4-D8D8bar ...

# **hQCD model**

# HQCD model for 2+1 flavor system

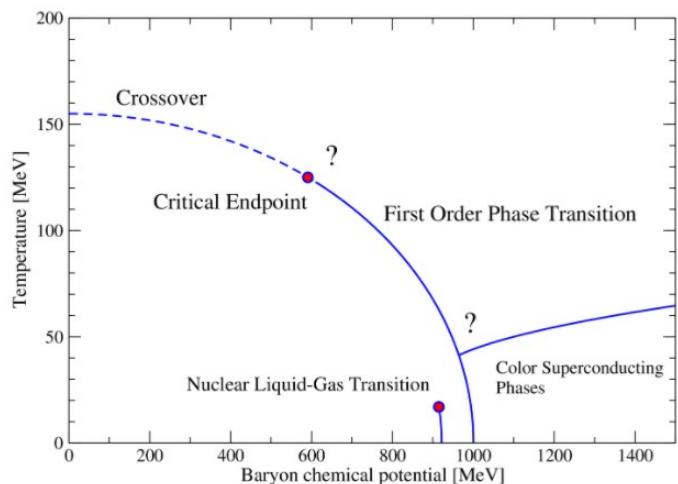
## Einstein-Maxwell-Dilaton system

### Motivation

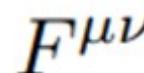
To cover the degree of freedom in QCD phase Diagram.  
Quarks (chemical potential) & gluons(dilaton potential)

### Gravity Action

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_N^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi - \frac{Z(\phi)}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - V(\phi) \right],$$



Break conformal symmetry



Introduce baryon chemical potential

Ansatz

$$ds^2 = -f(r)e^{-\eta(r)}dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\mathbf{x}_3^2$$

$$\phi = \phi(r), \quad A_t = A_t(r)$$

EOM

$$\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi - \frac{\partial_\phi Z}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \partial_\phi V = 0$$

$$\nabla^\nu (Z F_{\nu\mu}) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + \frac{Z}{2}F_{\mu\rho} F_\nu^\rho + \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi - \frac{Z}{4}F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - V\right)g_{\mu\nu}$$

Model Parameters

$$V(\phi) = -12 \cosh[c_1 \phi] + (6c_1^2 - \frac{3}{2})\phi^2 + c_2 \phi^6,$$

$$Z(\phi) = \frac{1}{1+c_3} \operatorname{sech}[c_4 \phi^3] + \frac{c_3}{1+c_3} e^{-c_5 \phi},$$

$c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5$

Effective Newton constant

$\kappa_N^2$

Scalar source  $\phi_s$  + Renormalization  $\mathbf{b}$

# Boundary Stress Tensor

## On-Shell Action

$$S_\partial = \frac{1}{2\kappa_N^2} \int_{r \rightarrow \infty} dx^4 \sqrt{-h} \left[ 2K - 6 - \frac{1}{2}\phi^2 - \frac{6c_1^4 - 1}{12}\phi^4 \ln[r] - b\phi^4 + \frac{1}{4}F_{\rho\lambda}F^{\rho\lambda} \ln[r] \right]$$

$c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5$  Effective Newton constant

$\kappa_N^2$  Scalar source  $\phi_s$  + Renormalization  $b$

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$$-\Omega V = T(S + S_\partial)_{on-shell},$$

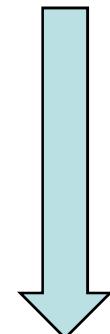


## Boundary stress tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{-\det g}} \frac{\delta(S + S_\partial)_{on-shell}}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}},$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\kappa_N^2} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 \left[ 2(Kh_{\mu\nu} - K_{\mu\nu} - 3h_{\mu\nu}) - \left( \frac{1}{2}\phi^2 + \frac{6c_1^4 - 1}{12}\phi^4 \ln[r] + b\phi^4 \right) h_{\mu\nu} \right],$$

$$- (F_{\mu\rho}F_\nu^\rho - \frac{1}{4}h_{\mu\nu}F_{\rho\lambda}F^{\rho\lambda}) \ln[r] \right],$$



# To fix model parameters by thermal dynamics

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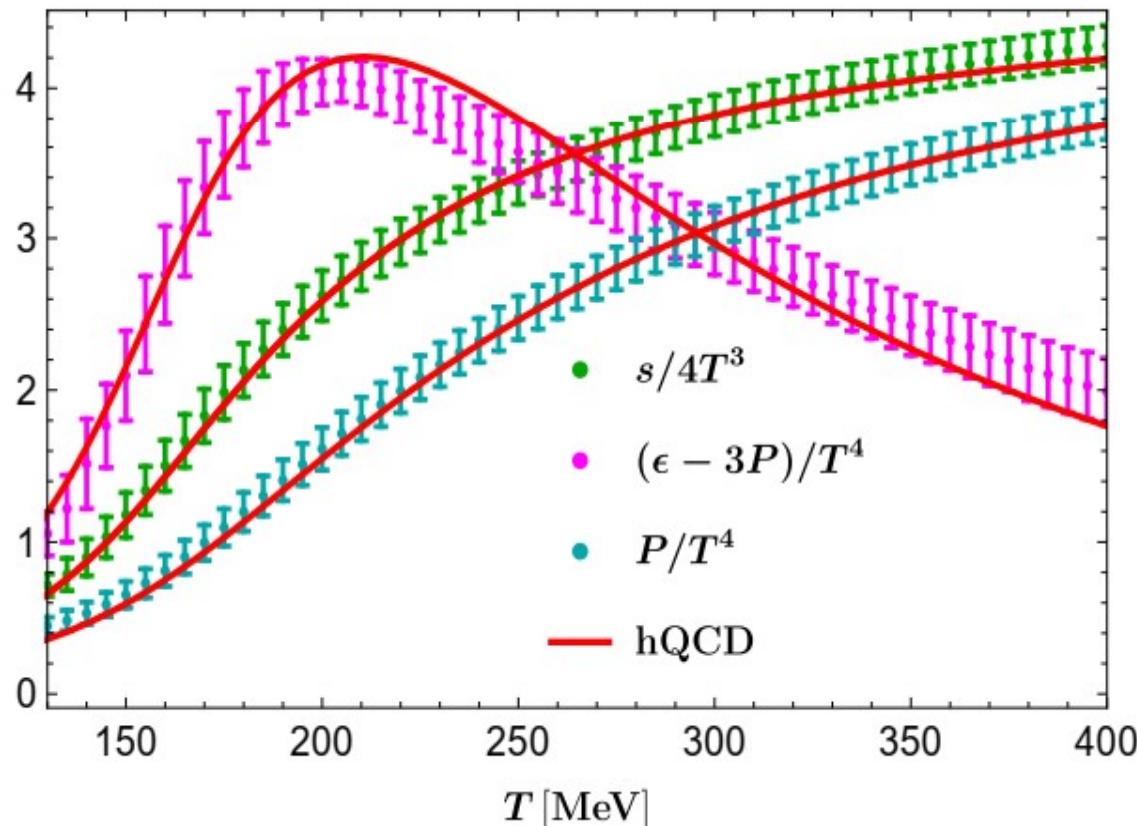
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Effective Newton constant

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## Equations of state at vanishing chemical potential, s, trace anomaly, pressure



$$T = \frac{1}{4\pi} f'(r_h) e^{-\eta(r_h)/2},$$

$$s = \frac{2\pi}{\kappa_N^2} r_h^3$$

$$\epsilon := T_{tt}$$

$$P := T_{xx}$$

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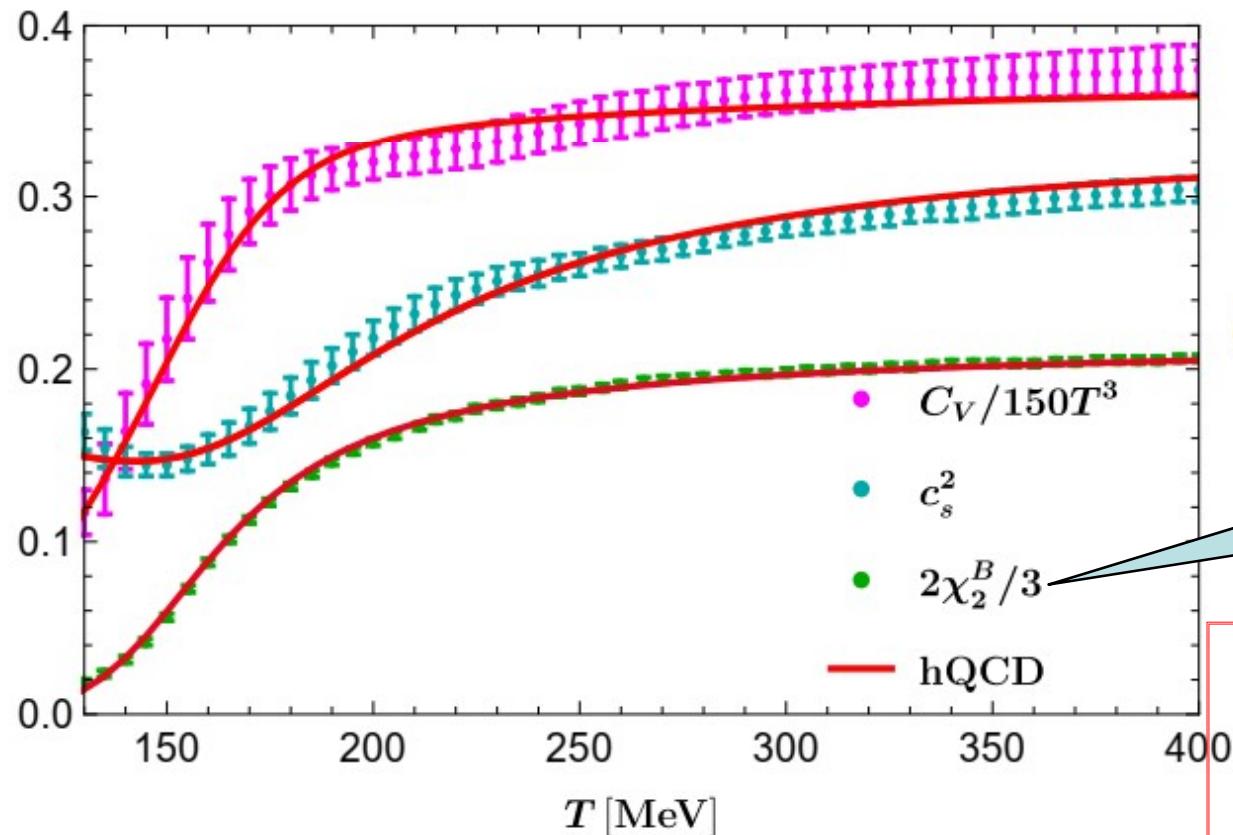
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Sound speed, specific heat, second-order baryon susceptibility at vanishing chemical potential



$$c_s = \sqrt{(dP/d\epsilon)_{\mu_B}}$$

$$C_V = (d\epsilon/dT)_{\mu_B}$$

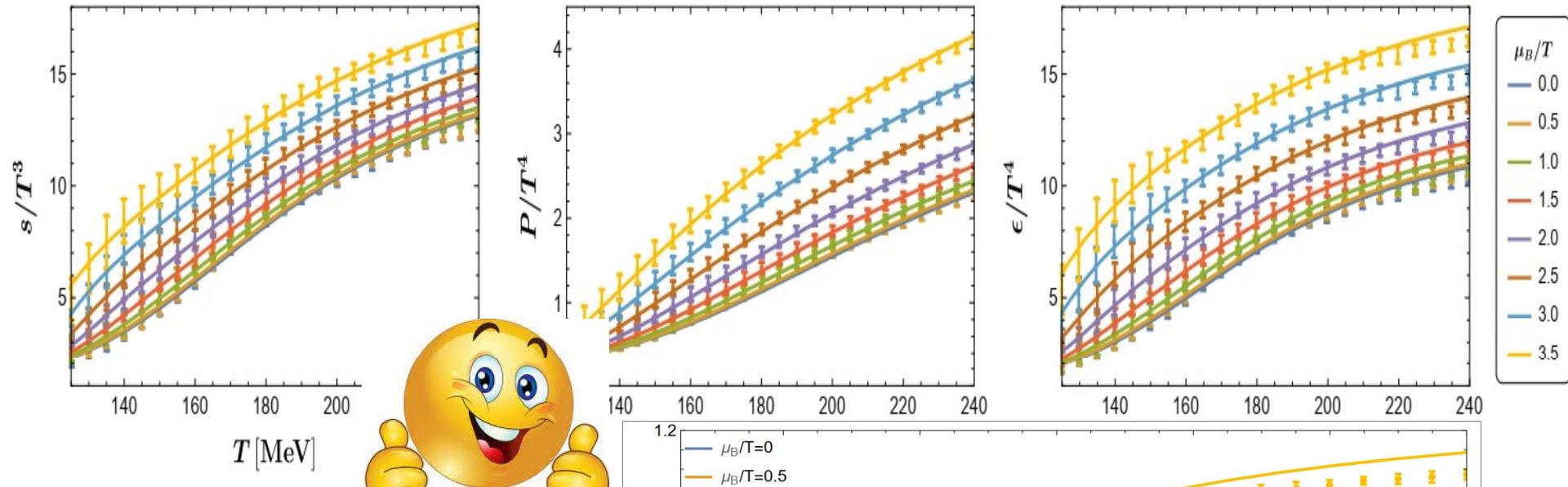
$$\chi_2^B = (d\rho_B/d\mu_B)_T$$

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# **Prediction of hQCD model**

# Predictions of thermal dynamical quantities at finite chemical potential

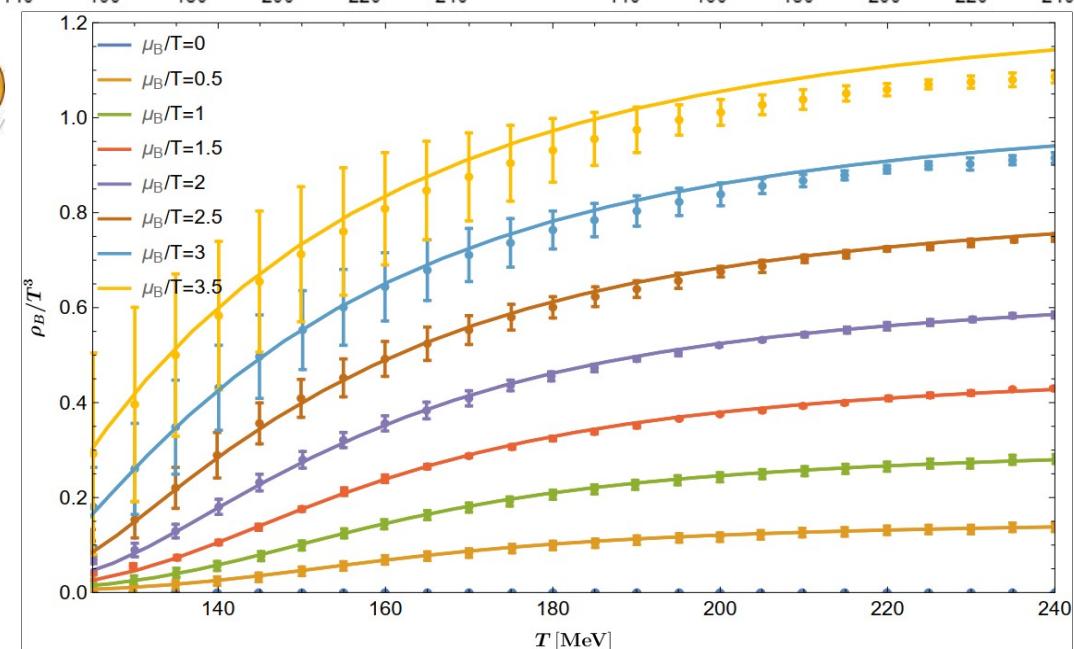
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More challenging fitting

Rho\_B

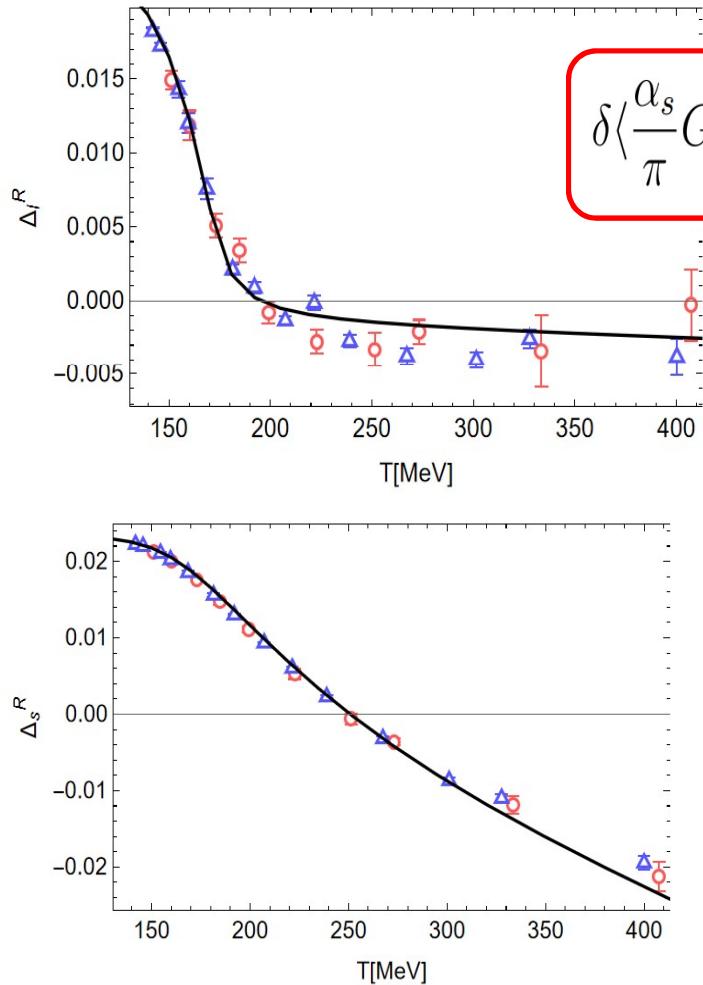
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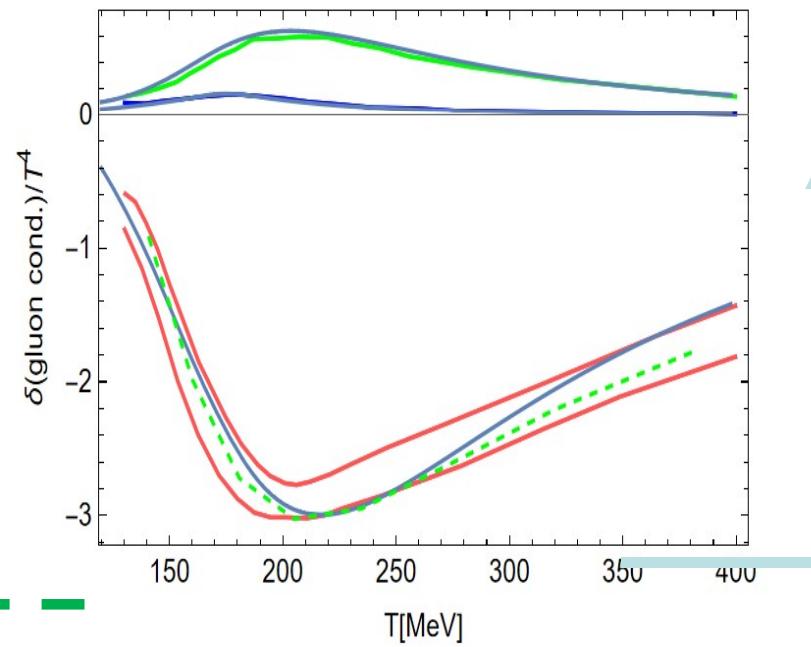
# Condensation

$$S_\sigma = -\frac{1}{2\kappa_N^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} Z_\sigma(\phi) \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \sigma \nabla^\mu \sigma + V_\sigma(\sigma) \right]$$

$$V_\sigma(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \sigma^2 + a_0 \sigma^4, \\ Z_\sigma(\phi) = a_1 e^{a_2 \phi^2} + a_3 e^{a_4 \phi}$$



$$\delta \left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} \right\rangle_T = -\frac{8}{9} \left[ \delta T_\mu^\mu(T) - m_u \delta \langle \bar{u}u \rangle_T - m_d \delta \langle \bar{d}d \rangle_T - m_s \delta \langle \bar{s}s \rangle_T \right].$$

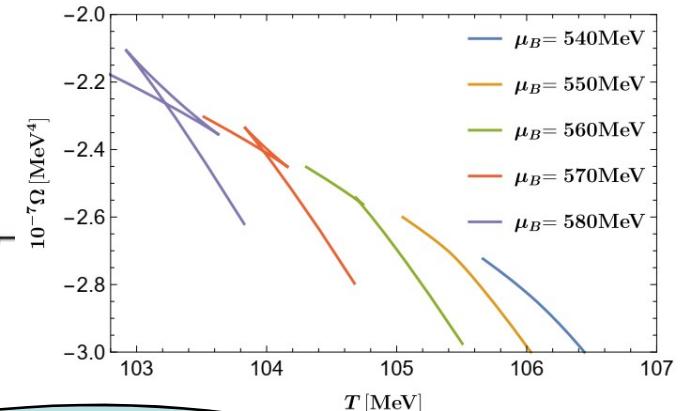
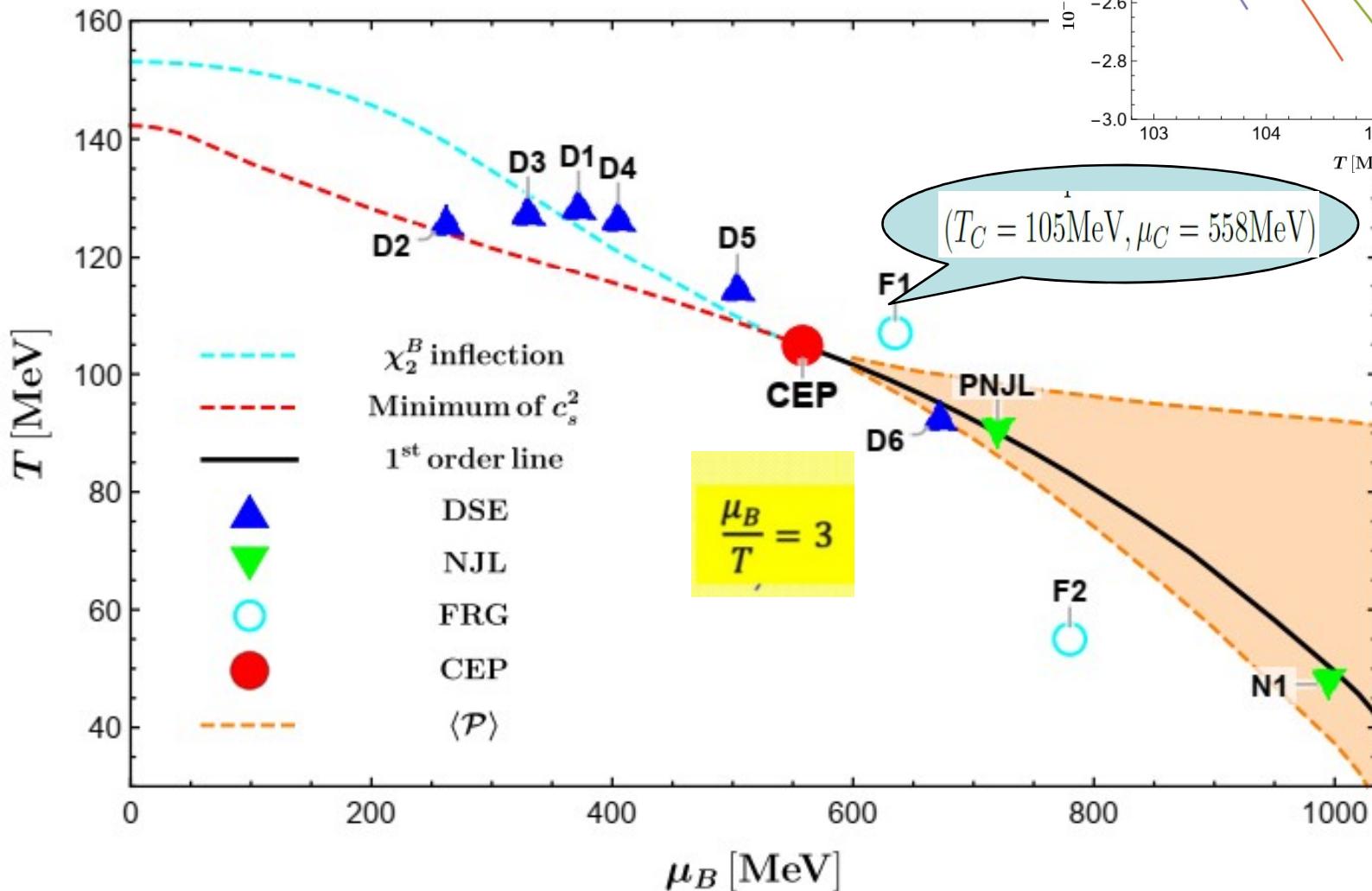


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# Predictions of QCD phase diagram

$\mu_B/T \leq 3$  &  $\mu_B < 300$  MeV  
excluded by lattice simulation

A. Bazavov, etc. Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) no.5, 054504 [arXiv:1701.04325 [hep-lat]].



## Induced gravitational wave

Strong first order phase transition will result in the production of GWs:

**bubble collision + sound wave + MHD turbulence**

GWs are dominated by **sound waves** with energy spectrum

$$h^2 \Omega_{GW}(f) = 8.5 \times 10^{-6} \left( \frac{100}{g_n} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{\kappa\alpha}{1+\alpha} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{H_n}{\beta} \right) v_w S_{SW}(f).$$

$\alpha$ : phase transition strength parameter

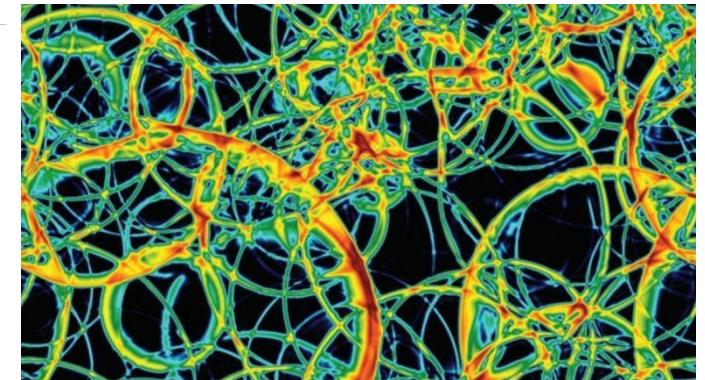
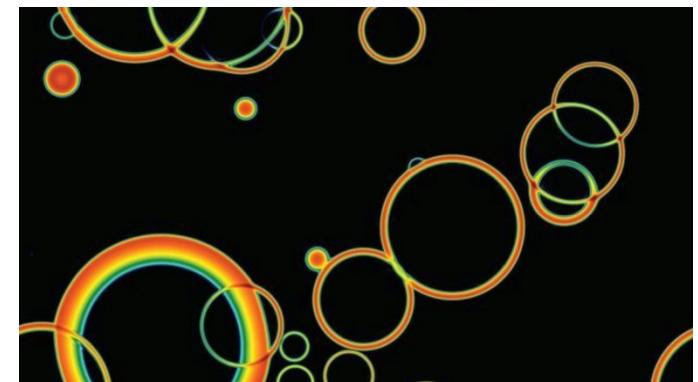
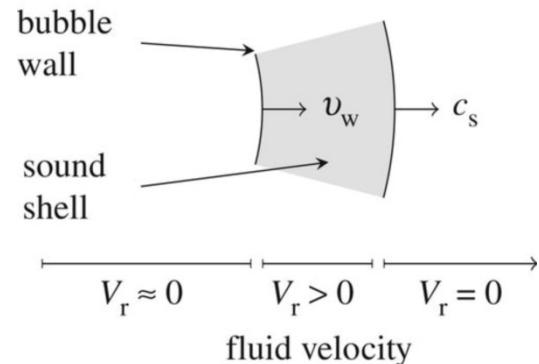
$v_w$ : bubble wall terminal velocity

$\frac{\beta}{H_n}$ : the inverse time duration of the phase transition

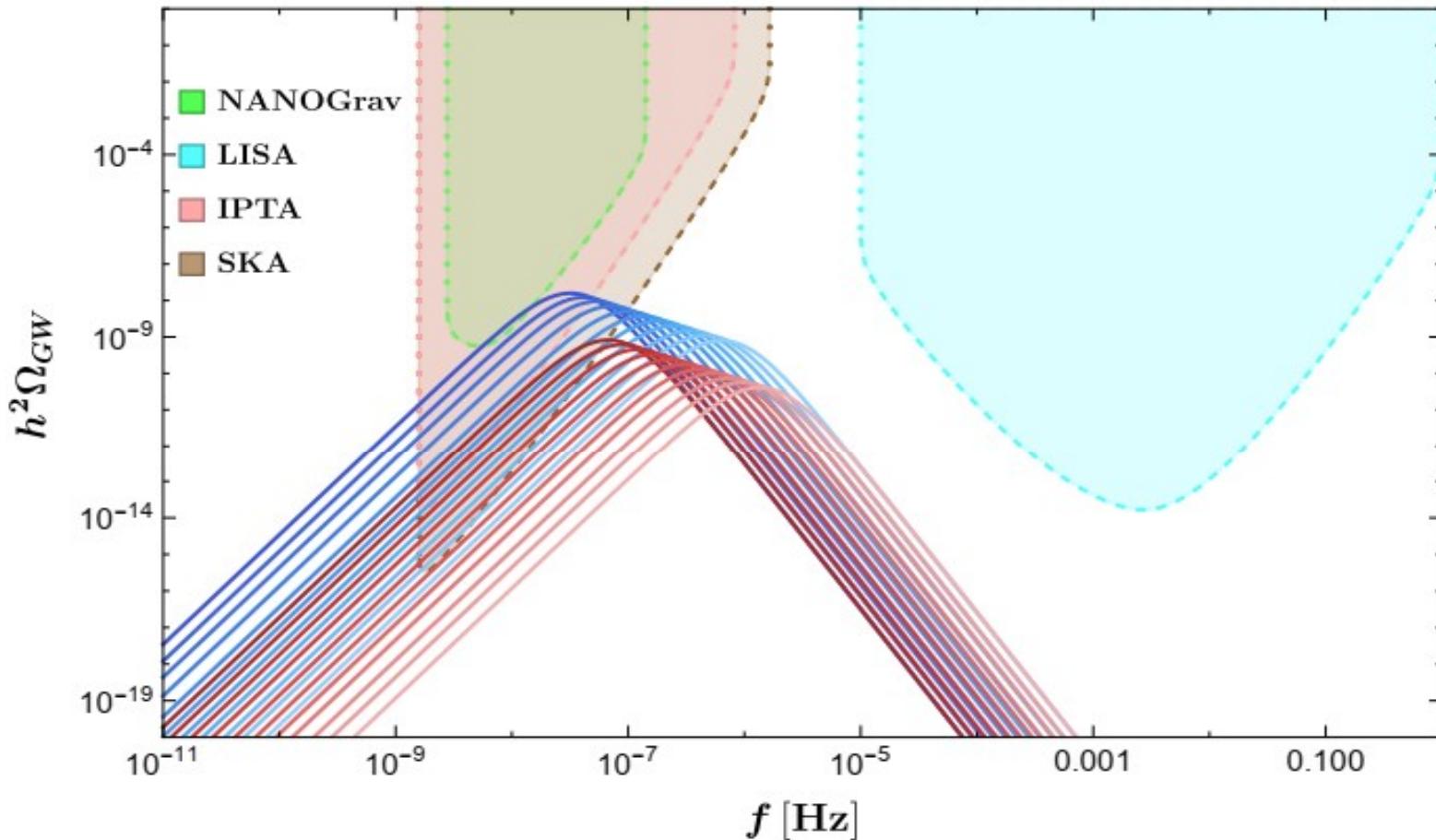
$H_n$ : Hubble rate at the nucleation temperature  $T_n$

$g_n$ : the number of degrees of freedom

$\kappa$ : the fraction of bulk kinetic energy relative to the available vacuum energy.



## Stochastic GW spectrum from the first order QCD phase transition



$(\mu, T, \alpha) = (560 \text{ MeV}, 104.71 \text{ MeV}, 0.13)$  (red band) and  $(1000 \text{ MeV}, 49.53 \text{ MeV}, 0.33)$  (blue band).  
The upper curve in each band is for  $\beta/Hn = 4$  and the lower curve is for  $\beta/Hn = 80$ .

The GW energy spectrum from our hQCD model is within the projected sensitivity of IPTA and SKA, thus can be potentially detected in the near future.

# Summary

- I. Propose a hQCD model on quantitative level to describe QCD phase diagram.
- II. EOS confront with lattice simulations at zero/non-zero chemical potential.
- III. Realize QCD CEP and quantitatively agrees with effective field results.
- IV. Stochastic GW spectrum induced by QCD phase transition predicted.

**Thank you !**