Warm dense QCD matter in strong magnetic fields

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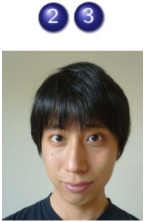

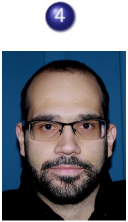

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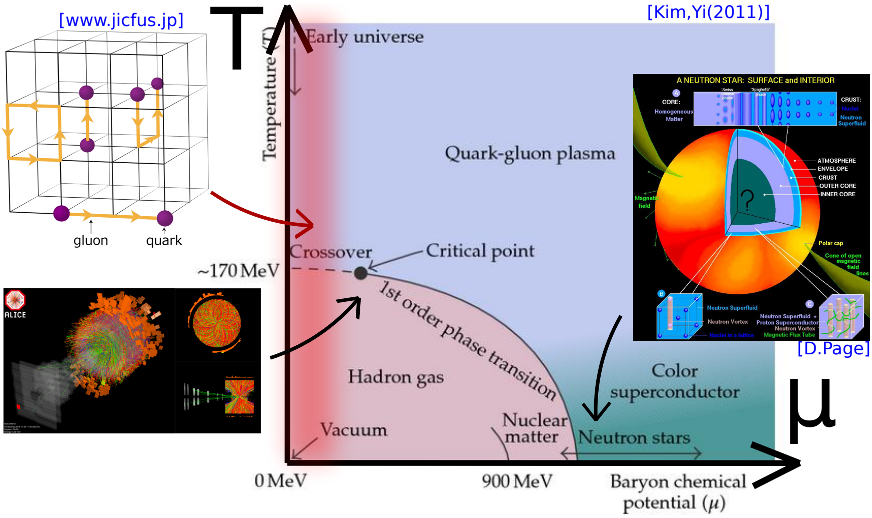

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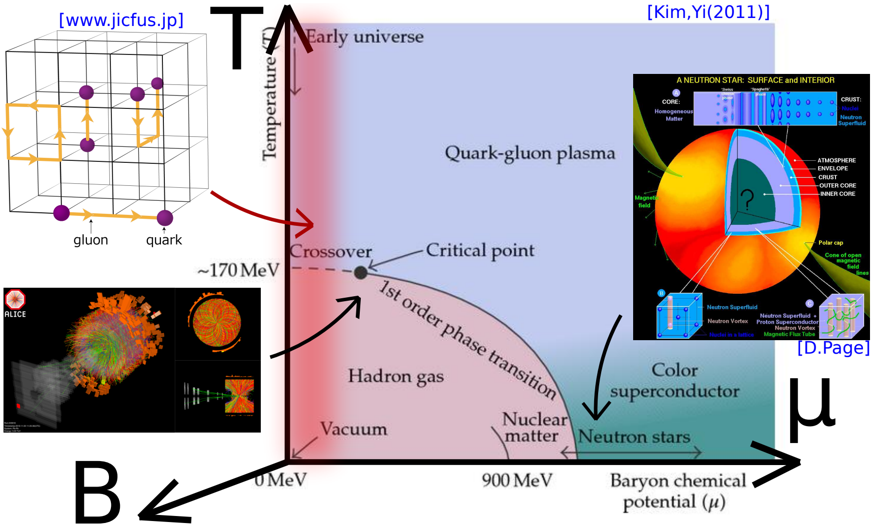

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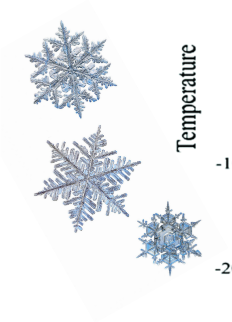

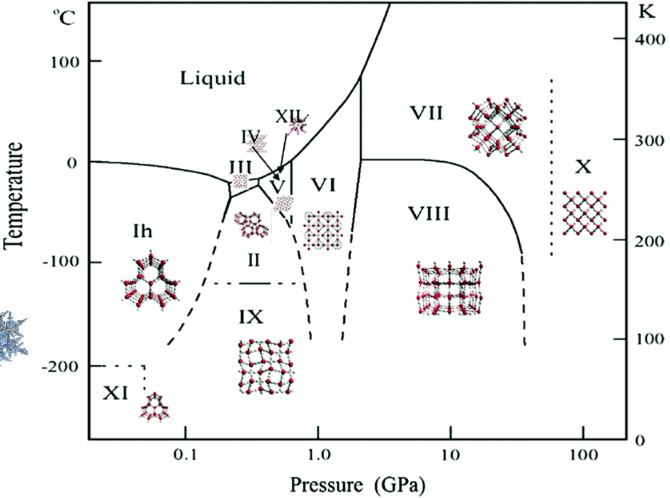

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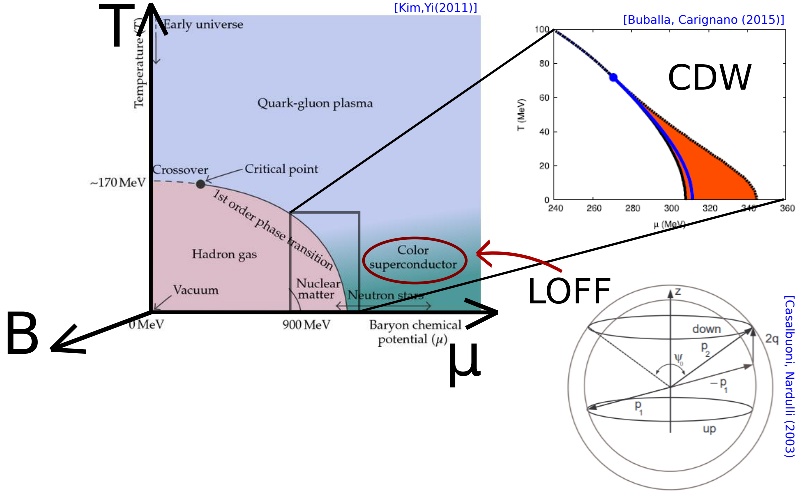

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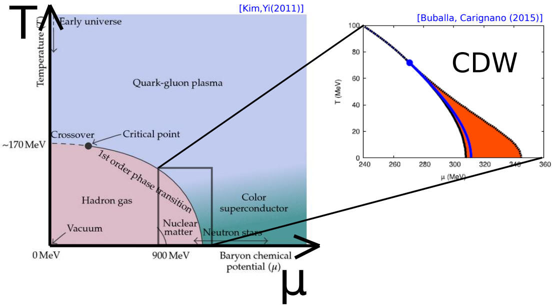

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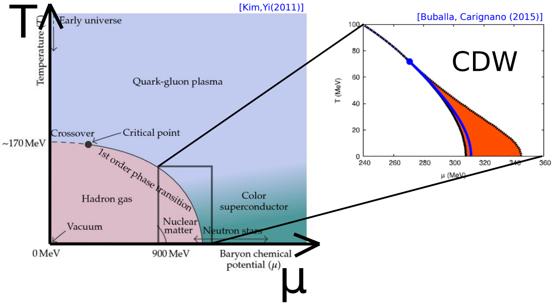

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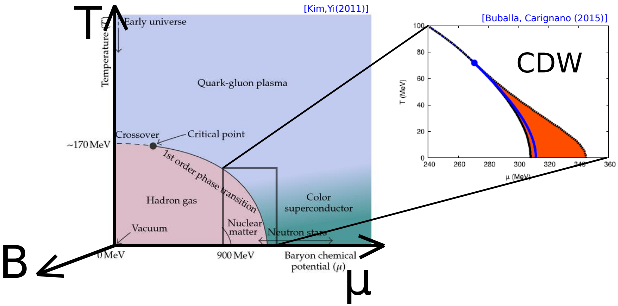

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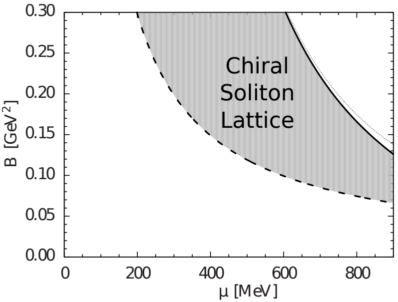

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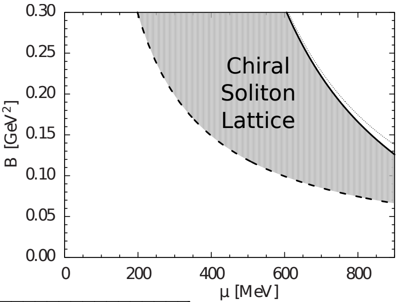

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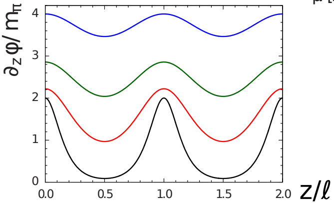
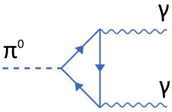


Neutral pions coupled to the magnetic field due to chiral anomaly!



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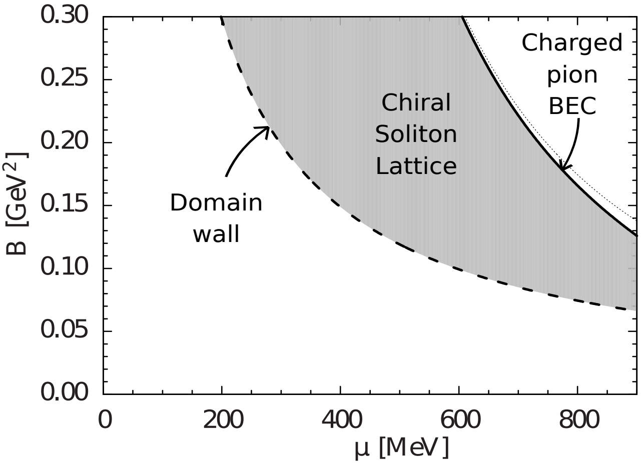

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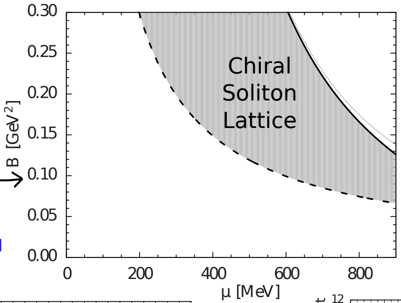

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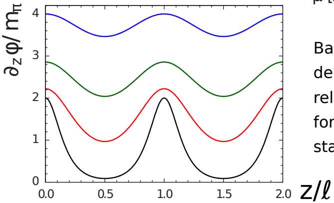
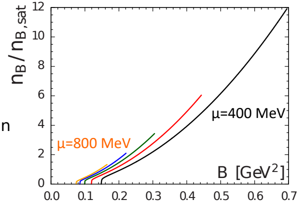


Baryon densities relevant for neutron stars:



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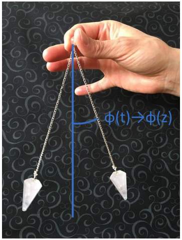


Ground state for $\mu B \geq 16\pi m_\pi f_\pi^2$:

$$\cos\frac{\phi(z)}{2} = \mathrm{sn}\left(\frac{m_\pi z}{k}, k\right),$$

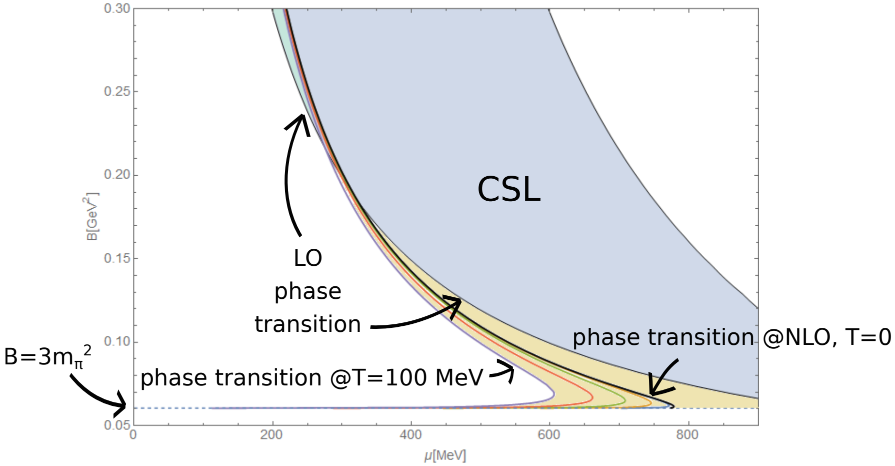
with elliptic modulus k fixed as

$$\frac{E(k)}{k} = \frac{\mu B}{16\pi m_\pi f_\pi^2}$$

Chiral soliton lattice phase at finite temperature

[Brauner,H.K.,Yamamoto (soon)]

Chiral soliton lattice phase stabilized by NLO contributions
for moderate magnetic fields!



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- LO: domain wall formed at the phase transition $\Rightarrow$
  1. 1-loop free energy for domain wall background $\mathcal{F}^{NLO}(B, T)$ calculated
  2. phase transition occurs at such points in parameter space where $\mathcal{F}^{LO+NLO}(\mu, B, T) = 0$

LO: $$\boxed{\frac{\mathscr{E}_{\text{wall}}}{S} = 8m_\pi f_\pi^2 - \frac{\mu B}{2\pi}.}$$

NLO, T=0

$$\frac{\mathscr{F}^{T=0}_{\text{wall,fin}}}{S} = \frac{B^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2}\pi}\Big\{\zeta(-\tfrac{1}{2}, \tfrac{1}{2} - \tfrac{3m_\pi^2}{2B}) + \zeta(-\tfrac{1}{2}, \tfrac{1}{2})$$
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$$\frac{\mathscr{F}^{T=0}_{\text{wall,ren}}}{S} = \frac{m_\pi^3}{24\pi^2}\left(-17\log\frac{4\pi\Lambda^2_{\text{RG}}}{m_\pi^2} + 40\log 2 - \frac{121}{3} + 17\gamma_{\text{E}}\right) + m_\pi^3\left(-\frac{64}{3}\bar{\ell}_1 - \frac{8}{3}\bar{\ell}_2 + \frac{8}{3}\bar{\ell}_3\right).$$

NLO, finite T:

$$\frac{\mathscr{F}^{T,(\pi^0)}_{\text{wall}}}{S} = -\frac{\zeta(3)T^3}{2\pi} - \frac{m_\pi^2 T}{\pi^2}\int_0^\infty Q\arctan Q \times \log\left(1 - e^{-x\sqrt{1+Q^2}}\right)\mathrm{d}Q,$$

$$\frac{\mathscr{F}^{T,(\pi^\pm)}_{\text{wall}}}{S} = \frac{BT}{\pi}\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}\Big\{\log\left[1 - e^{-\beta\sqrt{(2m+1)B - 3m_\pi^2}}\right] + \log\left[1 - e^{-\beta\sqrt{(2m+1)B}}\right]$$
$$- \frac{1}{\pi}\int_0^\infty \mathrm{d}P\left(\frac{2}{1+P^2} + \frac{4}{4+P^2}\right)\log\left[1 - e^{-\beta\epsilon(m,P^2)}\right]\Big\}.$$

NB: Connection to Chiral Density Wave?

[Tatsumi,Nishiyama,Karasawa(2015)] [Ferrer,Incera(2020)]

- QCD at finite B, μ, T studied within NJL-like models, CDW found to be preferred in certain parameter range
- Important effect of chiral anomaly observed
- Only chiral limit considered
- CSL at chiral limit is equivalent to CDW! [Brauner,Yamamoto(2017)]

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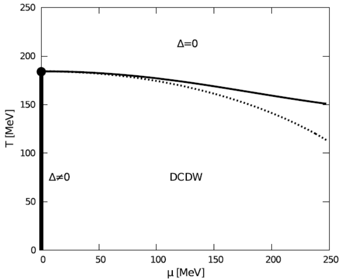

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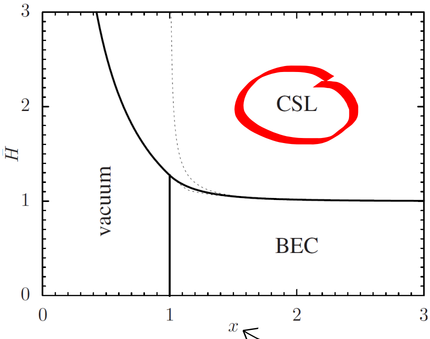
CSL phase in lattice simulations?

[Tomáš Brauner,Georgios Filios,H.K.;Phys.Rev.Lett.123(2019), JHEP 1912 (2019) 029]

- In certain QCD-like theories (e.g., two-color QCD) the sign problem is absent ⇒ lattice simulations possible
- CSL-like phase present for sufficiently large magnetic fields! (Shown using chiral perturbation theory.)
- Conjecture of [Splittorff, Son, Stephanov (2001)] that the inhomogeneous phases exist only in theories with the sign problem disproved!

rescaled magnetic field



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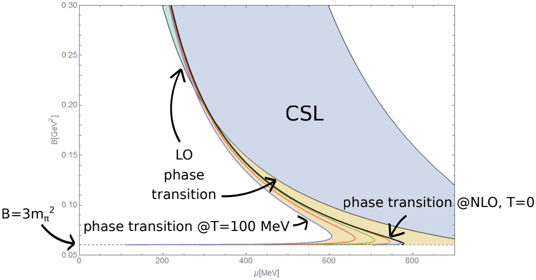

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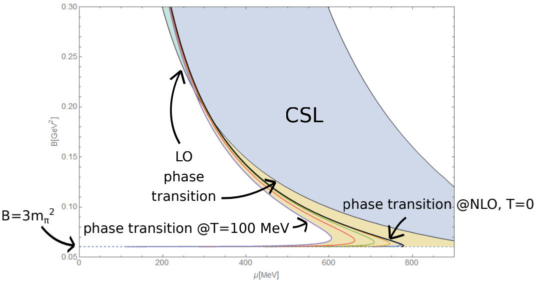

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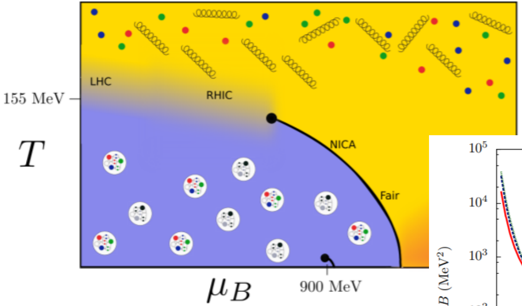
Relevance of CSL for heavy ion collisions?

[Guenther(2020)]



[Kharzeev et al.(2007)]

Time evolution of the magnetic field created in heavy ion collisions with different impact parameters