

# Density functional approach to neutron star astrophysics

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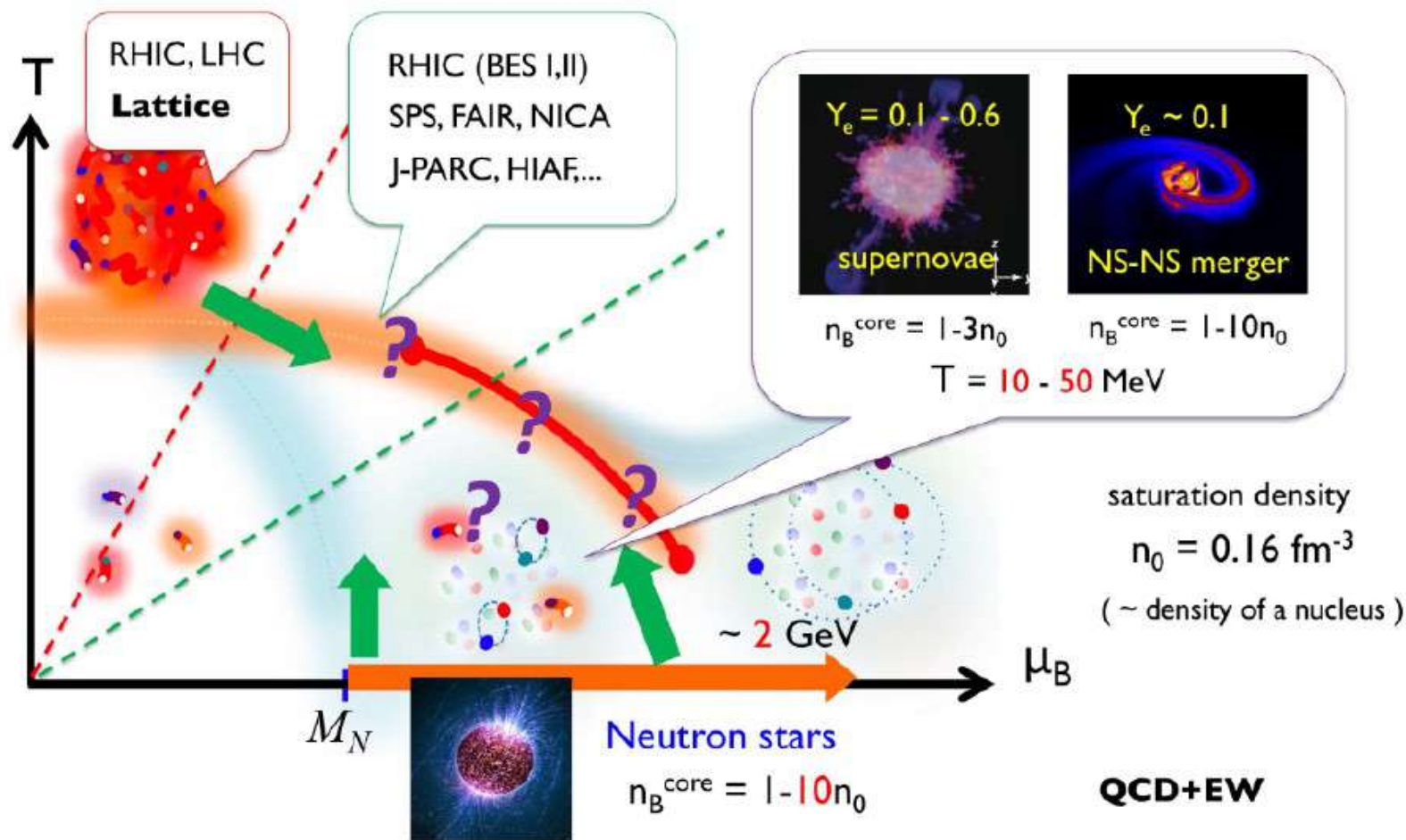


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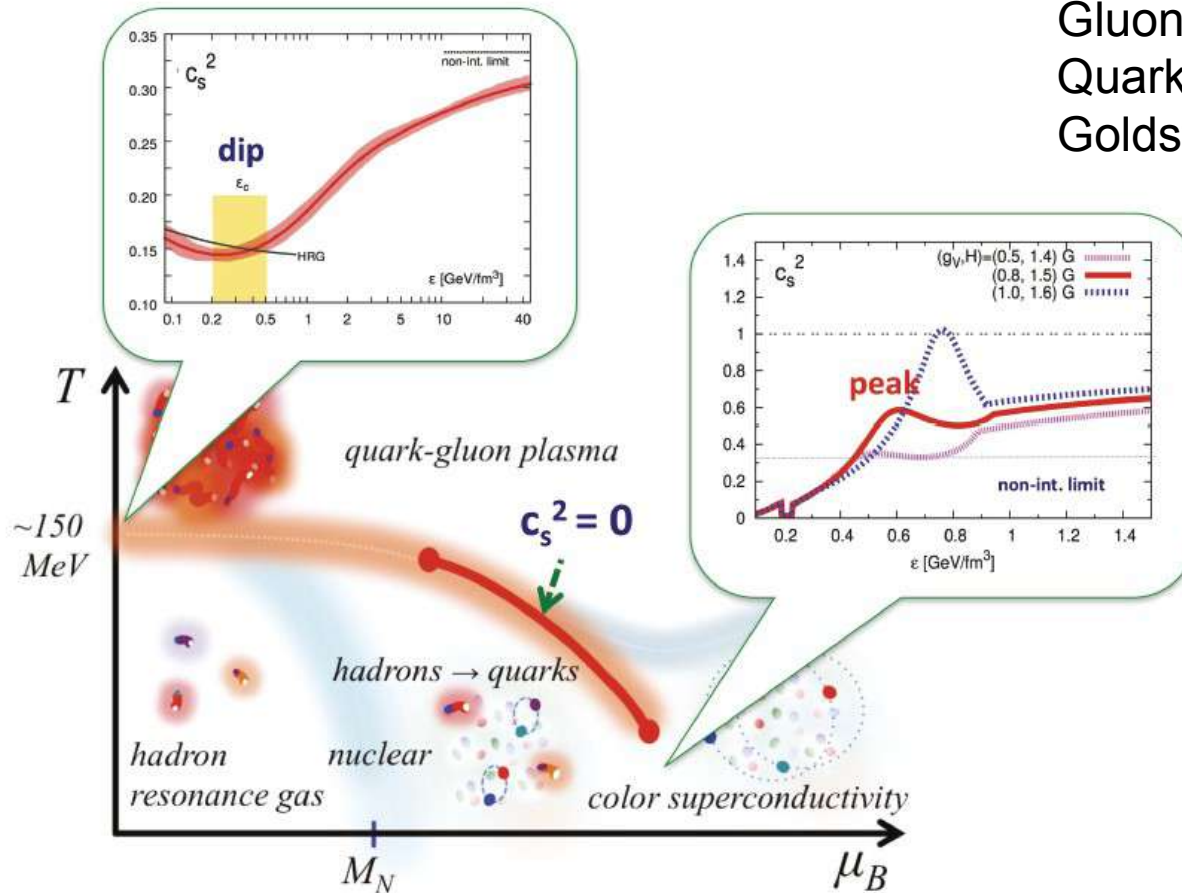
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## Landscape of our investigations

Glasons  $\leftrightarrow$  Vector mesons

Quarks  $\leftrightarrow$  Baryons

Goldstones  $\leftrightarrow$  Pseudoscalar mesons



**Quark-Hadron Duality?**

**Mutual influence of  
Order parameters for  
ChiSB and CSC**

From: T. Kojo,  
“QCD equations of state in  
quark-hadron continuity”,  
Universe 4 (2018) 42

T. Schaefer & F. Wilczek, Phys. Rev. Lett. 82 (1999) 3956

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## Density functional approach to nuclear matter

- Paradigma: Walecka model for symmetric nuclear matter and neutron star matter
- DD2 approach to relativistic mean field theory with density-dependent couplings
- Hyperon puzzle, sexaquark dilemma and the „Berlin Wall“ constraint for neutron stars

## Relativistic density functionals for quark matter with confinement

- Density functional for warm, dense quark matter; chiral symmetry breaking and color superconductivity
- Quark confinement as density functional → effective Nambu model with density-dependent couplings
- Phase transition construction and hybrid neutron star properties

## Towards a unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

- Generalized  $\Phi$ -derivable approach with clusters; cluster virial expansion
- Hadrons (mesons, baryons, multiquark states) as clusters in quark matter; Beth-Uhlenbeck approach

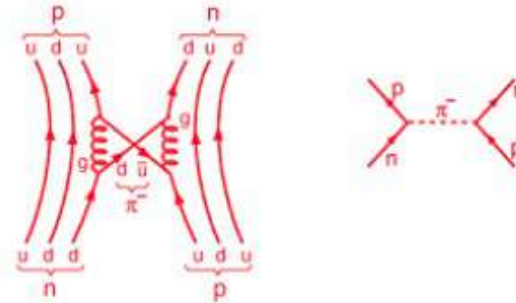
# Walecka model for dense nuclear matter

## Meson exchange model

example: scalar ( $\sigma$ ) meson

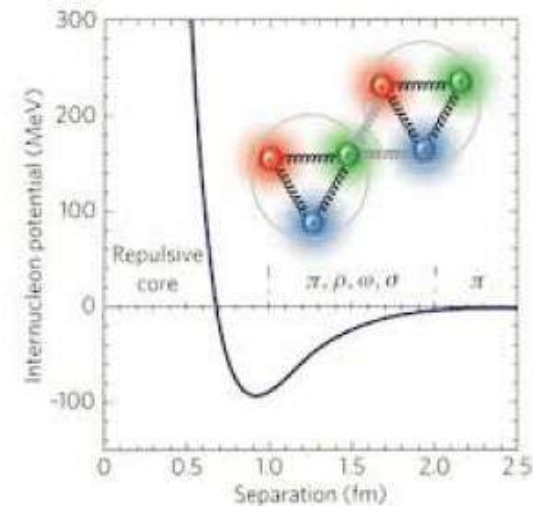
$$\begin{aligned}
 (-\Delta + m_\sigma^2)\sigma(\vec{r}) &= -g_\sigma\delta(\vec{r}) \\
 \Rightarrow \sigma(r) &= -\frac{g_\sigma}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-m_\sigma r}}{r} \\
 V_{NN}^{(\sigma)}(r) &= g_\sigma\sigma(r) = -\frac{g_\sigma^2}{4\pi} \frac{e^{-m_\sigma r}}{r}
 \end{aligned}$$

Feynman diagrams for  $\pi^-$  exchange



NN- Potential

| Meson              | $I^\pi$ | $T$ | $S$     | M[MeV]        |
|--------------------|---------|-----|---------|---------------|
| $\pi^0, \pi^\pm$   | $0^-$   | 1   | 0       | 140           |
| $\sigma$           | $0^+$   | 0   | 0       | $\approx 500$ |
| $K^0, K^\pm$       | $0^-$   | 1/2 | $\pm 1$ | 495           |
| $\eta$             | $0^-$   | 0   | 0       | 550           |
| $\rho^0, \rho^\pm$ | $1^-$   | 1   | 0       | 770           |
| $\omega$           | $1^-$   | 0   | 0       | 780           |
| $\delta$           | $0^+$   | 1   | 0       | 900           |



# Walecka model for dense nuclear matter (II)

Field theoretical formulation: Lagrangian and Path Integral for Partition Function

$$\mathcal{Z}_{gk}(T, V, \{\mu_i\}) = \int [d\bar{\Psi}][d\Psi] \exp \left\{ \int_0^{\beta=1/T} d\tau \int_V d^3\vec{x} (\mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_I + \mu_p \Psi_p^+ \Psi_p + \mu_n \Psi_n^+ \Psi_n) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0(\tau, \vec{x}) = \bar{\Psi}(\tau, \vec{x}) (i\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu - m_N) \Psi(\tau, \vec{x}), \quad \mathcal{L}_I(\tau, \vec{x}) = j_{\omega\mu}(\tau, \vec{x}) \frac{G_\omega}{2} j_{\omega\mu}(\tau, \vec{x}) - j_\sigma(\tau, \vec{x}) \frac{G_\sigma}{2} j_\sigma(\tau, \vec{x})$$

$$\begin{aligned} j_\sigma(\tau, \vec{x}) &= \bar{\Psi}(\tau, \vec{x}) \Psi(\tau, \vec{x}) \\ j_{\omega\mu}(\tau, \vec{x}) &= \bar{\Psi}(\tau, \vec{x}) \gamma_\mu \Psi(\tau, \vec{x}) \end{aligned} \quad \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_n \\ \psi_p \end{pmatrix}; \quad \psi_n = \begin{pmatrix} u_{n,\uparrow} \\ u_{n,\downarrow} \\ v_{n,\uparrow} \\ v_{n,\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Neutron} \\ \text{Antineutron} \end{array} \right\}$$

- $\mu_n = \mu_p \quad \rightarrow$  symmetric nuclear matter
- $\mu_n \neq 0; \mu_p = 0 \quad \rightarrow$  pure neutron matter
- $\mu_n = \mu_p + \mu_{e^-} \quad \rightarrow$  neutron star matter ( $\beta$ -equilibrium)

## Evaluation of the Path Integral: Hubbard-Stratonovich trick

$$\exp\left(-(\bar{\Psi}\Psi)\frac{G_\sigma}{2}(\bar{\Psi}\Psi)\right) = (\det G_\sigma^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2}} \int [d\sigma] \exp\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2G_\sigma} + \sigma\bar{\Psi}\Psi\right)$$

Effective action quadratic  $\implies$  Gaussian Path Integral

$$S \equiv \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3\vec{x} \left\{ \bar{\Psi}(\vec{x}, \tau) \left( -\gamma_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + i\vec{\gamma}\vec{\nabla} - m_N + \gamma_0\mu + \sigma - \gamma_\mu\omega_\mu \right) \Psi(\vec{x}, \tau) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2G_\sigma} - \frac{\omega_\mu^2}{2G_{\omega_\mu}} \right\}$$

Fourier representation:  $\Psi(\vec{x}, \tau) = \sqrt{\frac{T}{V}} \sum_n \sum_{\vec{p}} e^{i(\vec{p}\vec{x} + \omega_n\tau)} \Psi_n(\vec{p})$ , with  $\omega_n \equiv \pi T(2n + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3\vec{x} \bar{\Psi}(\vec{x}, \tau) \left( -\gamma_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + i\vec{\gamma}\vec{\nabla} - m_N + \gamma_0\mu + \sigma - \gamma_0\omega_0 \right) \Psi(\vec{x}, \tau) \\ = & \frac{1}{\beta V} \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3\vec{x} \sum_{n, n'} \sum_{\vec{p}, \vec{p}'} \bar{\Psi}_{n'}(\vec{p}') (-i\gamma_0\omega_n - \vec{\gamma}\vec{p} - m_N^* + \gamma_0\mu^*) \Psi_n(\vec{p}) e^{i\{(\vec{p}-\vec{p}')\vec{x} + (\omega_n - \omega_{n'})\tau\}} \\ = & \beta \sum_n \sum_{\vec{p}} \bar{\Psi}_n(\vec{p}) (-\gamma_\mu p_\mu - m_N^*) \Psi_n(\vec{p}) = \sum_n \sum_{\vec{p}} \bar{\Psi}_n(\vec{p}) G^{-1}[\sigma, \omega_0] \Psi_n(\vec{p}) \end{aligned}$$

Effective mass  $m_N^* = m_N - \sigma$ , chemical potential  $\mu^* = \mu - \omega_0$  and quasiparticle propagator

$$G^{-1}[\sigma, \omega] = -\beta(\gamma_\mu p_\mu + m_N^*) \quad , \quad p_0 = i\omega_n - \mu^*$$

# Walecka model for dense nuclear matter (IV)

Evaluate fermionic path integral and mean field approximation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{Z}_{gk}(T, V, \{\mu_i\}) &= \mathcal{N} \prod_{n, \vec{p}} \int [d\bar{\Psi}_n(\vec{p})][d\Psi_n(\vec{p})][d\sigma][d\omega_0] e^{\left\{ \frac{\sigma^2 - \omega_0^2}{2G_{\omega_0}} + \sum_{n, \vec{p}} \bar{\Psi}_n(\vec{p}) G^{-1}[\sigma, \omega_0] \Psi_n(\vec{p}) \right\}} \\
 &= \int [d\sigma][d\omega_0] \exp \left\{ Tr \ln G^{-1}[\sigma, \omega_0] + \frac{\sigma^2}{2G_{\sigma}} - \frac{\omega_0^2}{2G_{\omega_0}} \right\} \\
 &= \exp \left\{ Tr \ln G^{-1}[\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\omega}_0] + \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2G_{\sigma}} - \frac{\bar{\omega}_0^2}{2G_{\omega_0}} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Stationarity condition:  $\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}_{gk} / \partial \bar{\sigma} = \partial \ln \mathcal{Z}_{gk} / \partial \bar{\omega}_0 = 0$  corresponds to "gap equations":

$$\bar{\sigma} = -G_{\sigma} Tr G[\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\omega}_0] = G_{\sigma} n_s, \quad \bar{\omega}_0 = -G_{\omega} Tr \gamma_0 G[\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\omega}_0] = G_{\omega} n.$$

Thermodynamics:  $\Omega(T, V, \mu) = -T \ln \mathcal{Z}_{gk} = -pV$

$$p(\mu, T) = \frac{1}{2} G_{\omega} n^2 - \frac{1}{2} G_{\sigma} n_s^2 + 4T \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \ln \left( 1 + e^{-\beta(E^* - \mu^*)} \right) + \ln \left( 1 + e^{-\beta(E^* + \mu^*)} \right) \right]$$

$$n = 4 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} [f_-(E^*) - f_+(E^*)], \quad n_s = 4 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m_N^*}{E^*} [f_-(E^*) + f_+(E^*)], \quad f_{\pm}(E^*) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E^* \pm \mu^*)} + 1}$$

Quasiparticle properties  $E^* = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m_N^{*2}}$ ,  $m_N^* = m_n - G_{\sigma} n_s$ ,  $\mu^* = \mu - G_{\omega} n$ .



# Walecka model for dense nuclear matter (V)

**Evaluate Traces:**  $Tr \ln G^{-1} = tr_p tr_D \ln G^{-1} = tr_p \ln \det_D G^{-1} = \sum_n \sum_{\vec{p}} \ln \det_D G^{-1}$

Scalar mean field

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\sigma} &= -G_{\bar{\sigma}} Tr G[\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\omega}_0] \\ &= -2G_{\sigma} T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} tr_D [\gamma_{\mu} p_{\mu} - (m - \bar{\sigma}) + i\gamma_0(\mu - \bar{\omega})]^{-1} \\ &= 2G_{\sigma} T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{m^*}{\vec{p}^2 + m^{*2} + (\omega_n + i\mu^*)^2} \right) \\ &= G_{\sigma} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m^*}{E^*} \left( \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E^* - \mu^*)} + 1} + \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E^* + \mu^*)} + 1} \right) \\ &\equiv G_{\sigma} n_s\end{aligned}$$

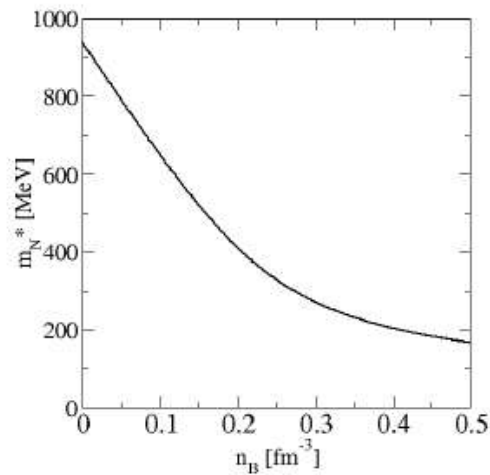
Vector mean field

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\omega}_0 &= -G_{\bar{\omega}_0} Tr \gamma_0 G[\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\omega}_0] \\ &= G_{\omega} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E^* - \mu^*)} + 1} - \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E^* + \mu^*)} + 1} \right) \\ &\equiv G_{\omega} n\end{aligned}$$

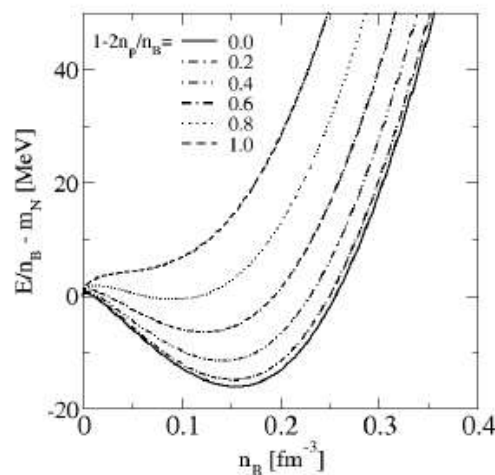
# Walecka model for dense nuclear matter (VI)

## Numerical Results

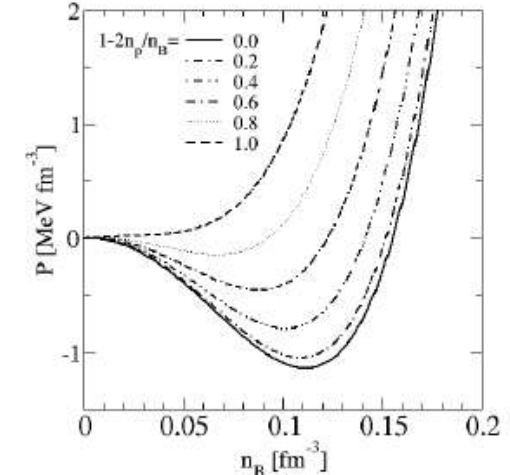
Effective mass



Energy per nucleon



Pressure



Symmetric nuclear matter ( $n_p/n_B = 0.5$ ) saturates with a binding energy per nucleon of  $E_B/A = 16\text{MeV}$  at  $n_B = n_p + n_n = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ .

Increasing the asymmetry towards pure neutron matter ( $n_p = 0$ ) makes the system unbound.

**Problem:** Too high incompressibility and too low  $m_N^*$  at saturation.

**Solutions:**

A) nonlinear generalisation of the potential energy  $V_\sigma = G_\sigma n_s^2/2 + bn_s^3 + cn_s^4$

B) density-dependent couplings:  $G_j \rightarrow \Gamma_j(n) = G_j f_j(n)$ ,  $j = \sigma, \omega$

DD2 class of density functionals:  $f_j(n) = a_j[1 + b_j(n/n_0 + d_j)^2]/[1 + c_j(n/n_0 + d_j)^2]$ .

For more details, e.g., J. Kapusta: Finite temperature field theory, CUP (1989)

# “Berlin Wall” constraint for neutron stars?

Mass-radius diagram for purely hadronic EOS

# Neutron star phenomenology from TOV eqns.

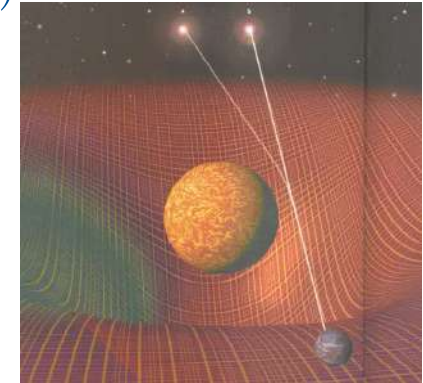
There is a 1:1 correspondence  $\text{EOS} \leftrightarrow M(R)$

## Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff (TOV) equations



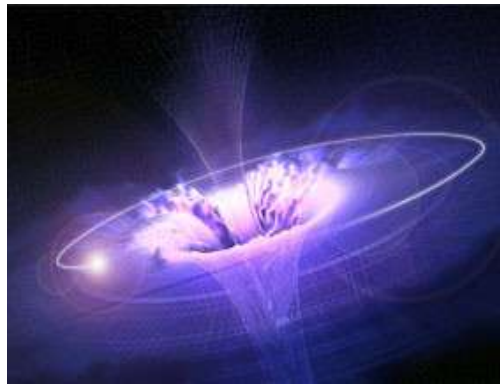
Einstein equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$



Non-rotating, spherical masses  $\rightarrow$  Schwarzschild Metrics

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2$$



Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff eqs.\*) for structure and stability of spherical compact stars

$$\frac{dP(r)}{dr} = -G \frac{m(r)\epsilon(r)}{r^2} \left(1 + \frac{P(r)}{\epsilon(r)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 P(r)}{m(r)}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2Gm(r)}{r}\right)^{-1}$$

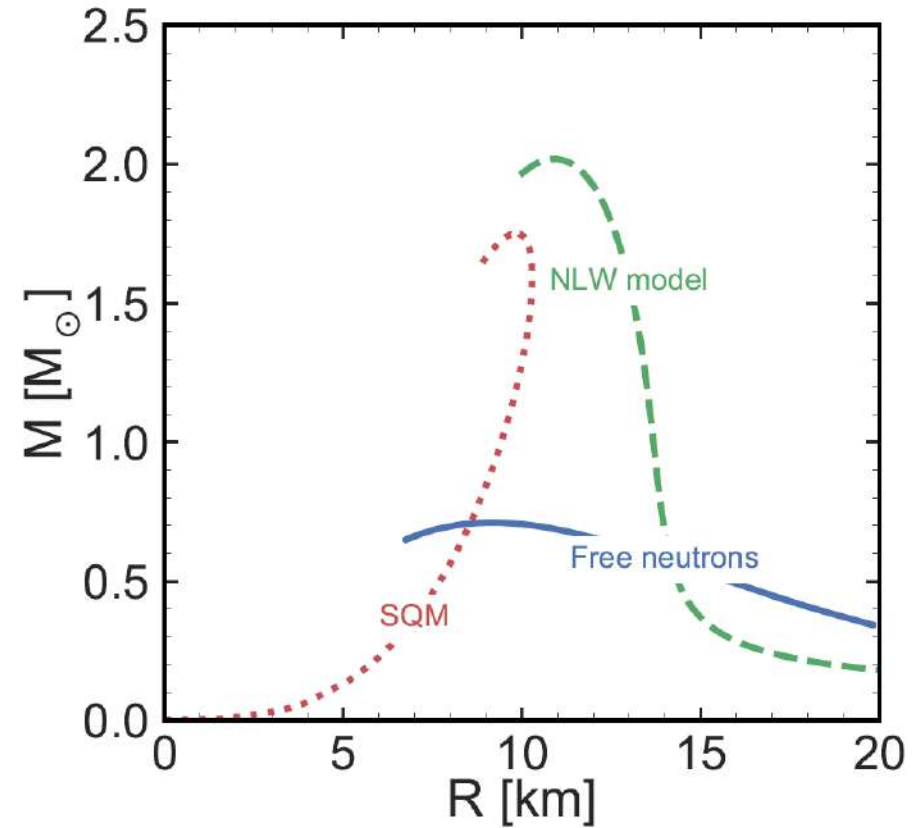
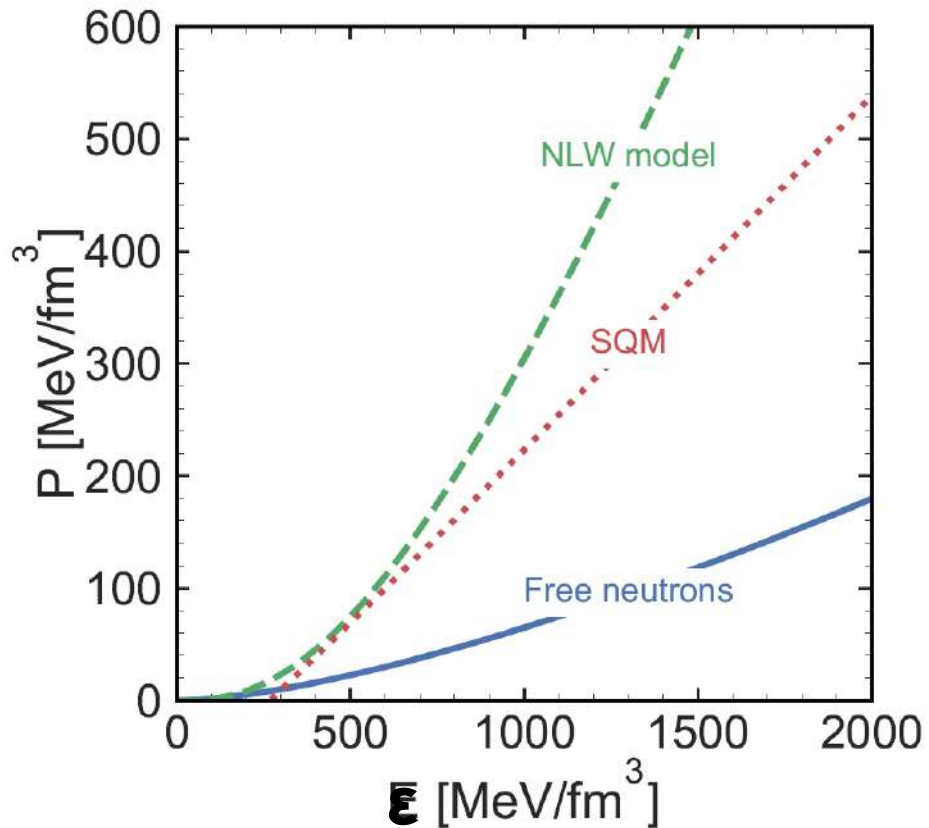
Newtonian case    GR corrections from EoS    and metrics

\*)R.C. Tolman, Phys. Rev. 55 (1939) 364; J.R. Oppenheimer, G.M. Volkoff, ibid., 374

# Neutron star phenomenology from TOV eqns.

There is a 1:1 correspondence EOS  $P(\epsilon) \leftrightarrow M(R)$

Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff (TOV) equations - solutions

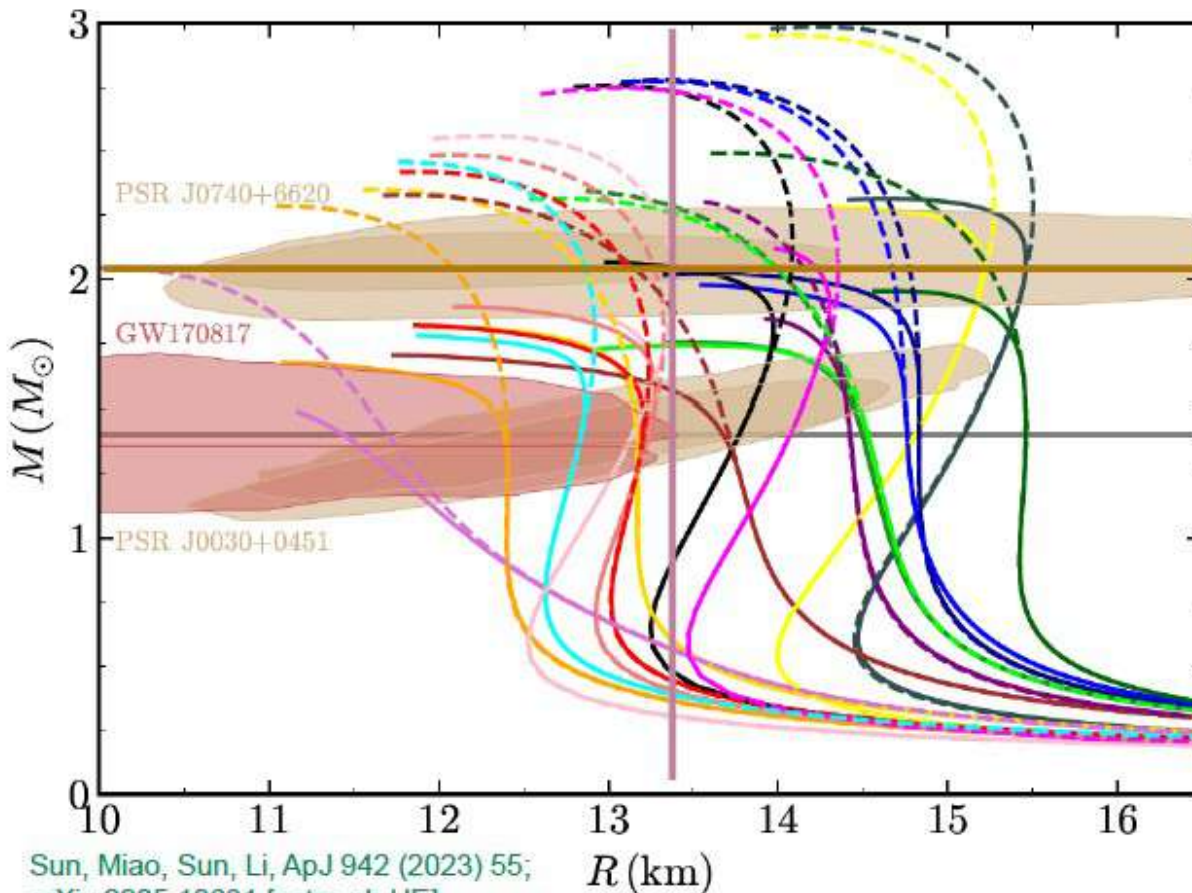


Stiffer equation of state  $\rightarrow$  larger radius and larger maximum mass

# “Berlin wall” constraint for neutron stars

## Realistic hadronic EOS (with strange baryons)

### Tension with modern multi-messenger observations by LVC and NICER



Sun, Miao, Sun, Li, ApJ 942 (2023) 55; arXiv:2205.10631 [astro-ph.HE]

Examples for hadronic EoS without (dashed lines) and with (solid lines) strange baryons. EoS which fulfill the observational constraints should be left of the vertical line at 1.4 Msun and should cross the horizontal line for the minimal maximum mass at 2.01 Msun. There is no EoS of this sample which fulfills both constraints !!

- LHS
- PK1
- DD2
- RMF201
- NL3 $\omega\rho$
- PKDD
- NL3
- S271v6
- DD-PC1
- Hybrid
- HC
- FKVV
- TM2
- DD-LZ1
- PC-PK1
- NLSV1
- DD-ME2
- OMEG

From Tab. 2 select EoS which fulfill (w. Y)  $70 < \Lambda_{1.4} < 580$  and check their  $M_{\max}$

| EoS              | $M_{\max}$ | EoS  | $M_{\max}$ |
|------------------|------------|------|------------|
| NL3 $\omega\rho$ | 1.974      | DD2  | 1.935      |
| DDLZ1            | 1.989      | PKDD | 1.781      |
| DD-ME2           | 1.971      | HC   | 1.828      |
| OMEG             | 1.862      |      |            |

# “Berlin Wall” constraint for neutron stars?

## Mass-radius diagram for purely hadronic EOS

Appearance of hyperons softens the EOS → Limitation for the maximum mass

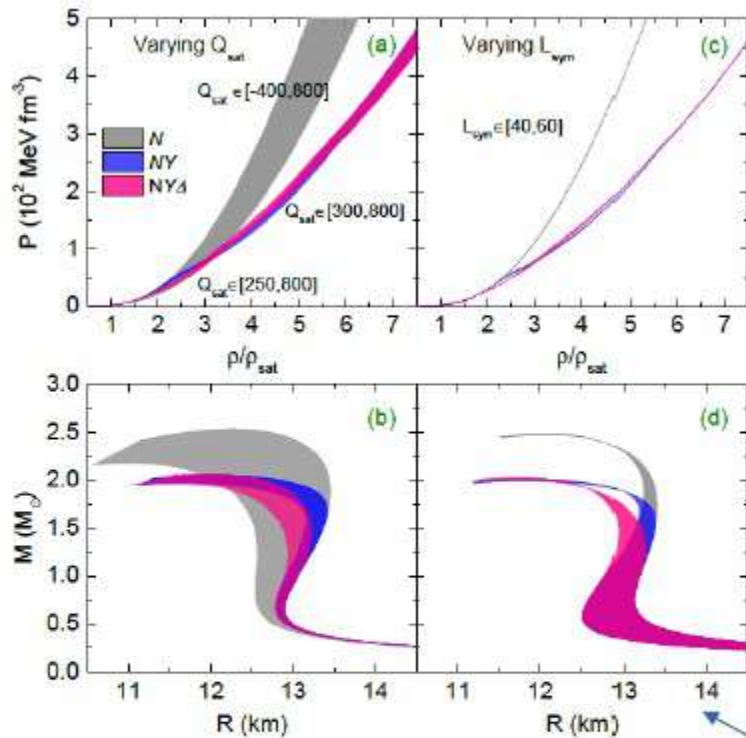


FIG. 4. EoS models and MR relations for  $N$ ,  $NY$ , and  $NY\Delta$  compositions of stellar matter. The bands are generated by varying the parameters  $Q_{\text{sat}}$  [MeV] (a, b) and  $L_{\text{sym}}$  [MeV] (c, d). The ranges of  $Q_{\text{sat}}$  and  $L_{\text{sym}}$  allowed by  $\chi$ EFT and maximum mass constraints are indicated in the figures.

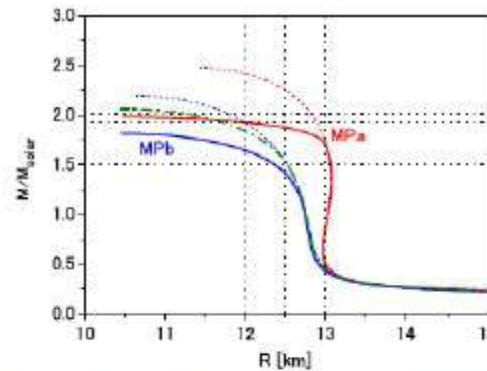


FIG. 7. Neutron-star masses as a function of the radius  $R$ . Solid (dashed) curves are with (without) hyperon ( $\Lambda$  and  $\Sigma^-$ ) mixing for ESC+MPa and ESC+MPb. The dot-dashed curve for MPb is with  $\Lambda$  mixing only. Also see the caption of Fig. 3.

Yamamoto et al., Phys.Rev.C 96 (2017) 06580; arXiv:1708.06163 [nucl-th]

Yamamoto et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 52 (2016) 19; arXiv:1510.06099 [nucl-th]

Ji & Sedrakian, Phys. Rev. C 100 (2019) 015809; arXiv:1903.06057 [astro-ph.HE]

**Examples for realistic hadronic EoS which suggest a Berlin Wall is inferior to the line  $M = 2.0 M_{\text{sun}}$**

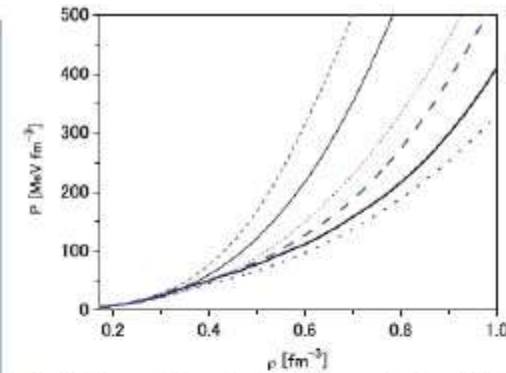


Fig. 8. Pressure  $P$  as a function of baryon density  $\rho$ . Thick (thin) curves are with (without) hyperon mixing. Solid, dashed and dotted curves are for MPa, MPa<sup>+</sup> and MPb.

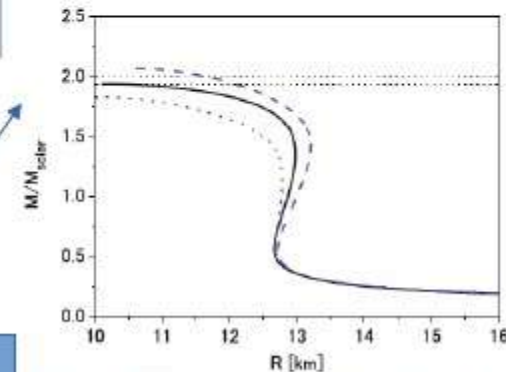
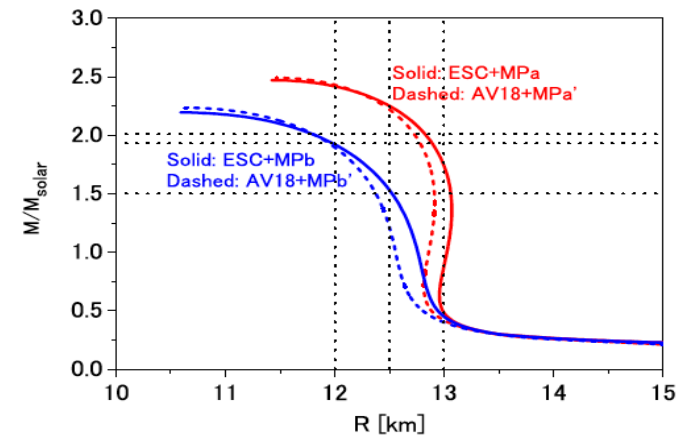
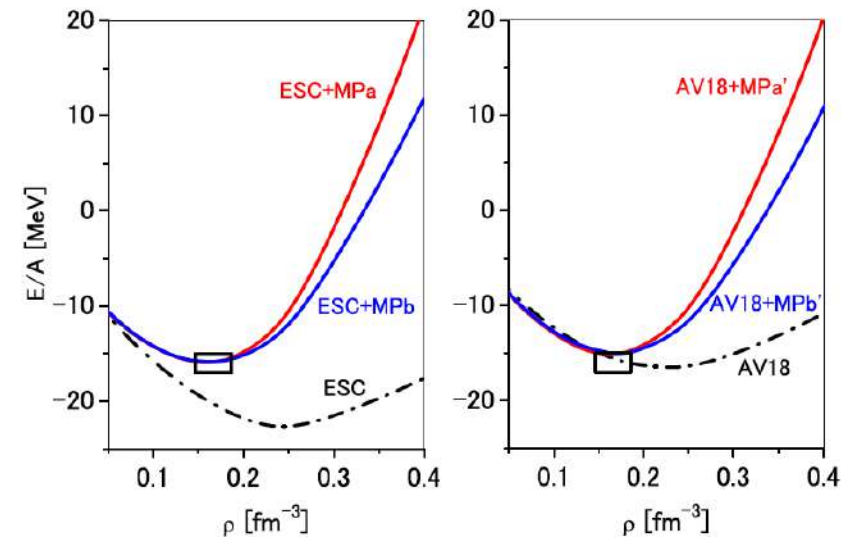
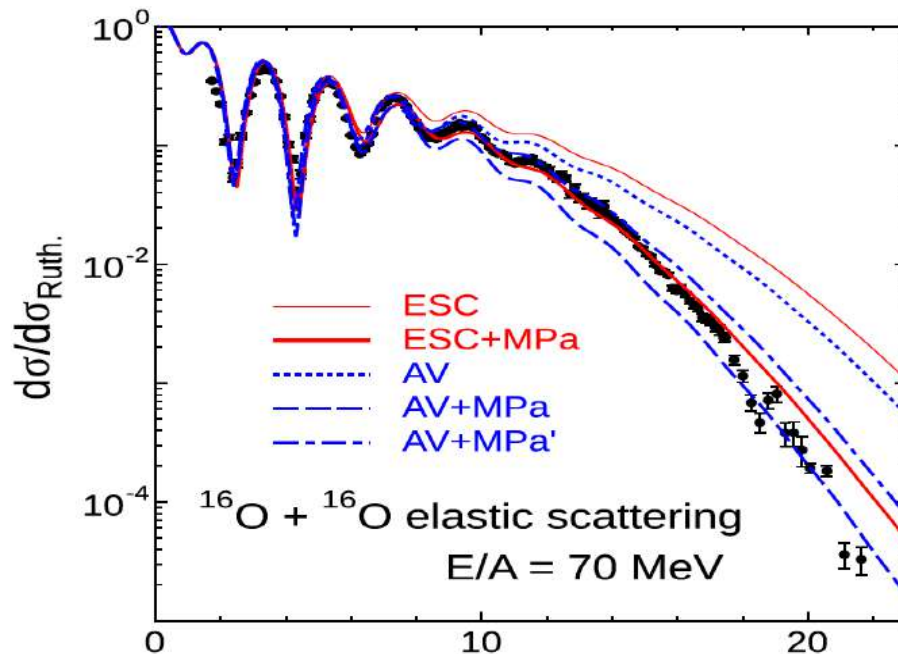


Fig. 9. Neutron-star masses as a function of the radius  $R$ . Solid, dashed and dotted curves are for MPa, MPa<sup>+</sup> and MPb. Two dotted lines show the observed mass  $(1.97 \pm 0.04)M_{\odot}$  of J1614-2201.

# “Berlin wall” constraint for neutron stars

## Realistic hadronic EOS (with strange baryons)

Y. Yamamoto, H. Togashi, T. Tamagawa, T. Furumoto, N. Yasutake, T. Rijken, PRC 96 (2017)



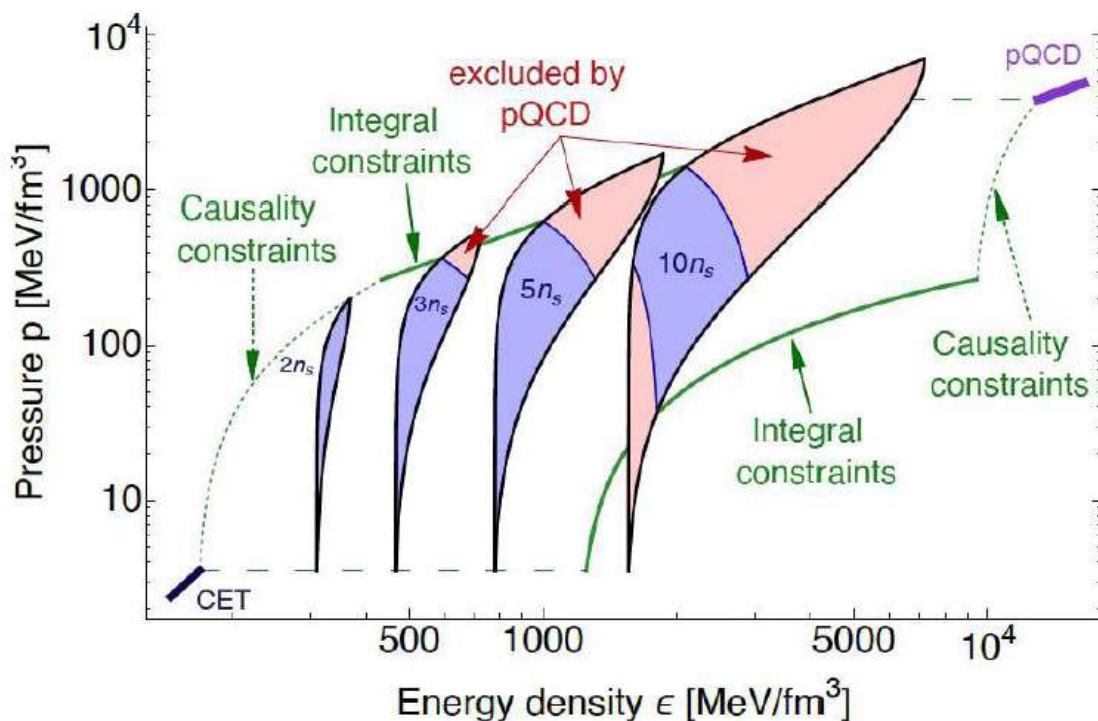
Short-range multipole expansion (dynamical) potential (MPP) added to AV18 potential gives significant improvement of large-angle scattering cross section (s.a.) and the Nuclear saturation properties, when compared to APR.  
 → Neutron star radii  $R(M < 2 M_{\text{sun}}) > 12 \text{ km} !!$



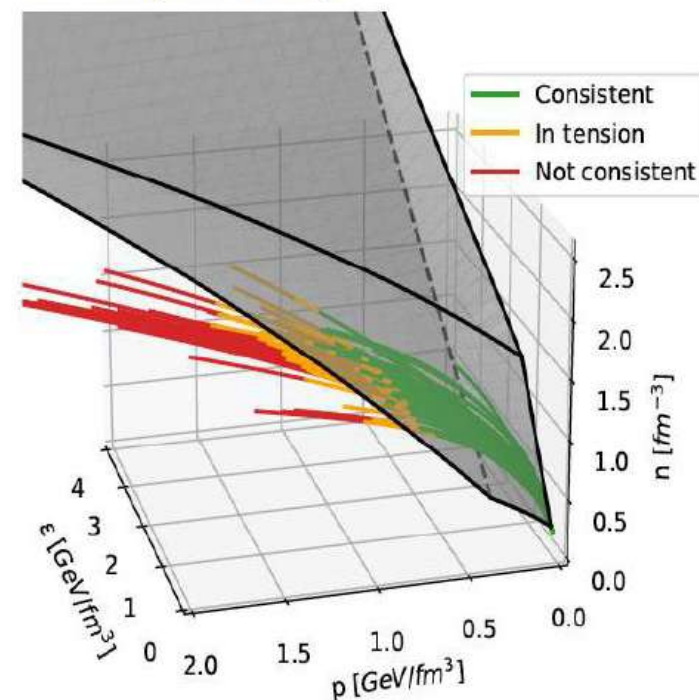
# Breaking the “Berlin wall” constraint

## With Bayesian analyses and hybrid EOS

### Neutron star EoS constraint from pQCD



Consistency check for neutron star EoS from the CompoSE library



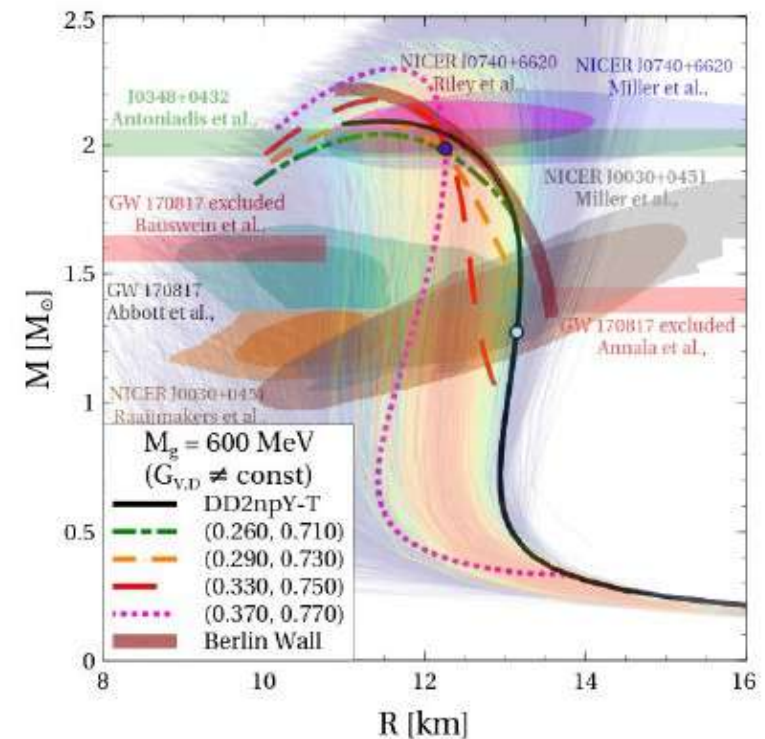
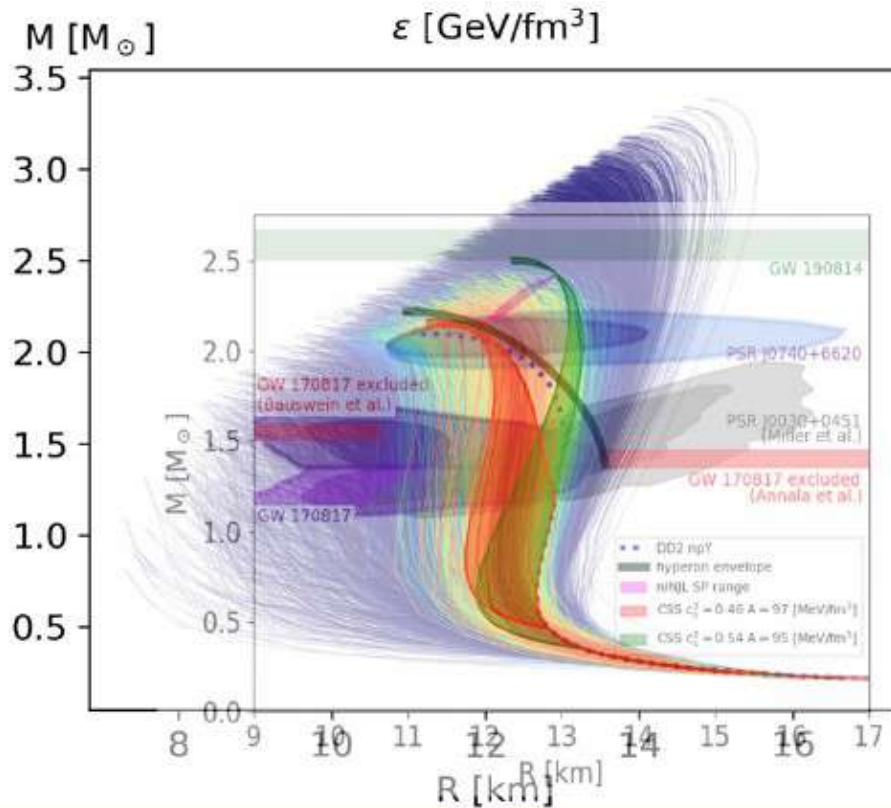
O. Komoltsev and A. Kurkela, Phys. Rev. D 128 (2022) 202701

**Result:** Not all EoS fulfill the consistency check with pQCD asymptotics! pQCD important for NS!

# Breaking the “Berlin wall” constraint

## With Bayesian analyses and hybrid EOS

### M(R) curves generated by causality, thermodynamic stability and pQCD limit



The conjectured “Berlin Wall” overlaid to the Fig. 2 from Gorda, Komoltsev & Kurkela [2204.11877 [nucl-th]] and hybrid EoS with quark matter described by a CSS model (left) and a confining relativistic density functional (right).

# Relativistic density functionals for QCD

## String-flip model for quark matter



Röpke, Blaschke, Schulz, PRD34 (1986) 3499

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{q}\mathcal{D}q \exp \left\{ \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_V d^3x [\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} + \bar{q}\gamma_0\hat{\mu}q] \right\}, \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} q_u \\ q_d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mu} = \text{diag}(\mu_u, \mu_d)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} - U(\bar{q}q, \bar{q}\gamma_0q), \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = \bar{q} \left( -\gamma_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} - \hat{m} \right) q, \quad \hat{m} = \text{diag}(m_u, m_d)$$

General nonlinear functional of quark density bilinears: scalar, vector, isovector, diquark ...

Expansion around the expectation values:

$$U(\bar{q}q, \bar{q}\gamma_0q) = U(n_s, n_v) + (\bar{q}q - n_s)\Sigma_s + (\bar{q}\gamma_0q - n_v)\Sigma_v + \dots,$$

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = n_s = \sum_{f=u,d} n_{s,f} = - \sum_{f=u,d} \frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial m_f} \ln \mathcal{Z}, \quad \Sigma_s = \left. \frac{\partial U(\bar{q}q, \bar{q}\gamma_0q)}{\partial (\bar{q}q)} \right|_{\bar{q}q=n_s} = \frac{\partial U(n_s, n_v)}{\partial n_s},$$

$$\langle \bar{q}\gamma_0q \rangle = n_v = \sum_{f=u,d} n_{v,f} = \sum_{f=u,d} \frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_f} \ln \mathcal{Z}, \quad \Sigma_v = \left. \frac{\partial U(\bar{q}q, \bar{q}\gamma_0q)}{\partial (\bar{q}\gamma_0q)} \right|_{\bar{q}\gamma_0q=n_v} = \frac{\partial U(n_s, n_v)}{\partial n_v}$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{q}\mathcal{D}q \exp \{ \mathcal{S}_{\text{quasi}}[\bar{q}, q] - \beta V \Theta[n_s, n_v] \}, \quad \Theta[n_s, n_v] = U(n_s, n_v) - \Sigma_s n_s - \Sigma_v n_v$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{quasi}}[\bar{q}, q] = \beta \sum_n \sum_{\vec{p}} \bar{q} G^{-1}(\omega_n, \vec{p}) q, \quad G^{-1}(\omega_n, \vec{p}) = \gamma_0(-i\omega_n + \hat{\mu}^*) - \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{p} - \hat{m}^*$$

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$$\mathcal{Z}_{\text{quasi}} = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{q}\mathcal{D}q \exp \{ \mathcal{S}_{\text{quasi}}[\bar{q}, q] \} = \det[\beta G^{-1}], \quad \ln \det A = \text{Tr} \ln A$$

$$P_{\text{quasi}} = \frac{T}{V} \ln \mathcal{Z}_{\text{quasi}} = \frac{T}{V} \text{Tr} \ln[\beta G^{-1}] \quad \text{"no sea" approximation ...}$$

$$= 2N_c \sum_{f=u,d} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ T \ln \left[ 1 + e^{-\beta(E_f^* - \mu_f^*)} \right] + T \ln \left[ 1 + e^{-\beta(E_f^* + \mu_f^*)} \right] \right\}$$

$$P_{\text{quasi}} = \sum_{f=u,d} \int \frac{dp}{\pi^2} \frac{p^4}{E_f^*} [f(E_f^* - \mu_f^*) + f(E_f^* + \mu_f^*)] \quad \begin{aligned} E_f^* &= \sqrt{p^2 + m_f^{*2}} \\ f(E) &= 1/[1 + \exp(\beta E)] \end{aligned}$$

$$P = \sum_{f=u,d} \int_0^{p_{F,f}} \frac{dp}{\pi^2} \frac{p^4}{E_f^*} - \Theta[n_s, n_v], \quad p_{F,f} = \sqrt{\mu_f^{*2} - m_f^{*2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{m}^* &= \hat{m} + \Sigma_s \\ \hat{\mu}^* &= \hat{\mu} - \Sigma_v \end{aligned}$$

Selfconsistent densities

$$n_s = - \sum_{f=u,d} \frac{\partial P}{\partial m_f} = \frac{3}{\pi^2} \sum_{f=u,d} \int_0^{p_{F,f}} dp p^2 \frac{m_f^*}{E_f^*}, \quad n_v = \sum_{f=u,d} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu_f} = \frac{3}{\pi^2} \sum_{f=u,d} \int_0^{p_{F,f}} dp p^2 = \frac{p_{F,u}^3 + p_{F,d}^3}{\pi^2}.$$

# Relativistic density functionals for QCD

## String-flip model for quark matter

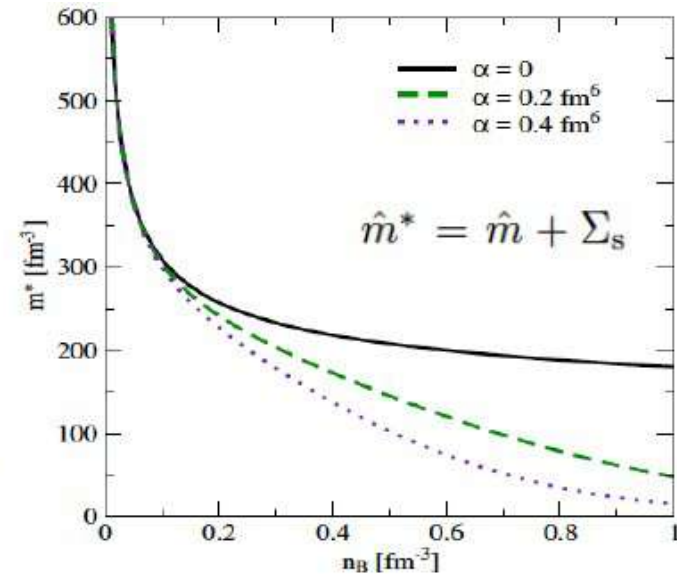
Density functional for the SFM

$$U(n_s, n_v) = D(n_v)n_s^{2/3} + an_v^2 + \frac{bn_v^4}{1 + cn_v^2},$$

Quark selfenergies

$$\Sigma_s = \frac{2}{3}D(n_v)n_s^{-1/3}, \quad \text{Quark "confinement"}$$

$$\Sigma_v = 2an_v + \frac{4bn_v^3}{1 + cn_v^2} - \frac{2bcn_v^5}{(1 + cn_v^2)^2} + \frac{\partial D(n_v)}{\partial n_v}n_s^{2/3}$$

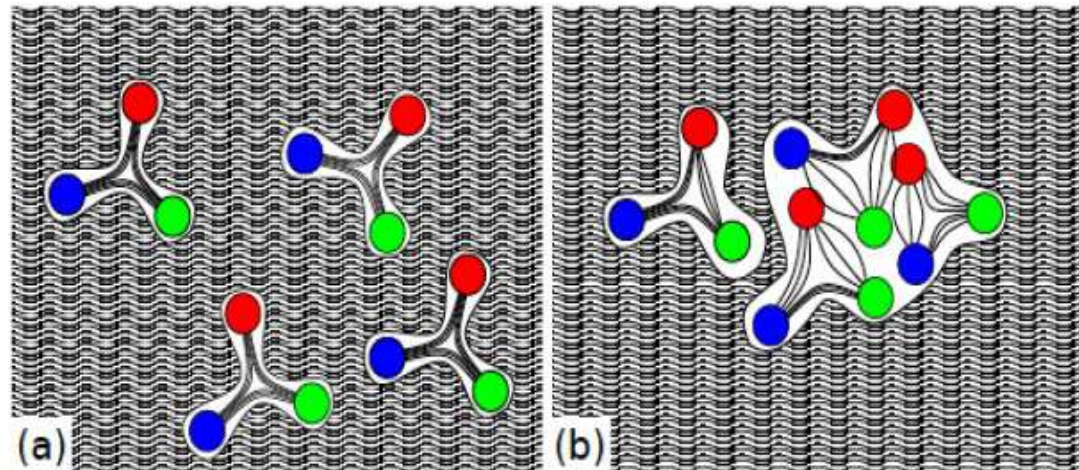


String tension & confinement due to dual Meissner effect (dual superconductor model)

$$D(n_v) = D_0\Phi(n_v)$$

Effective screening of the string tension in dense matter by a reduction of the available volume  $\alpha = v|v|/2$

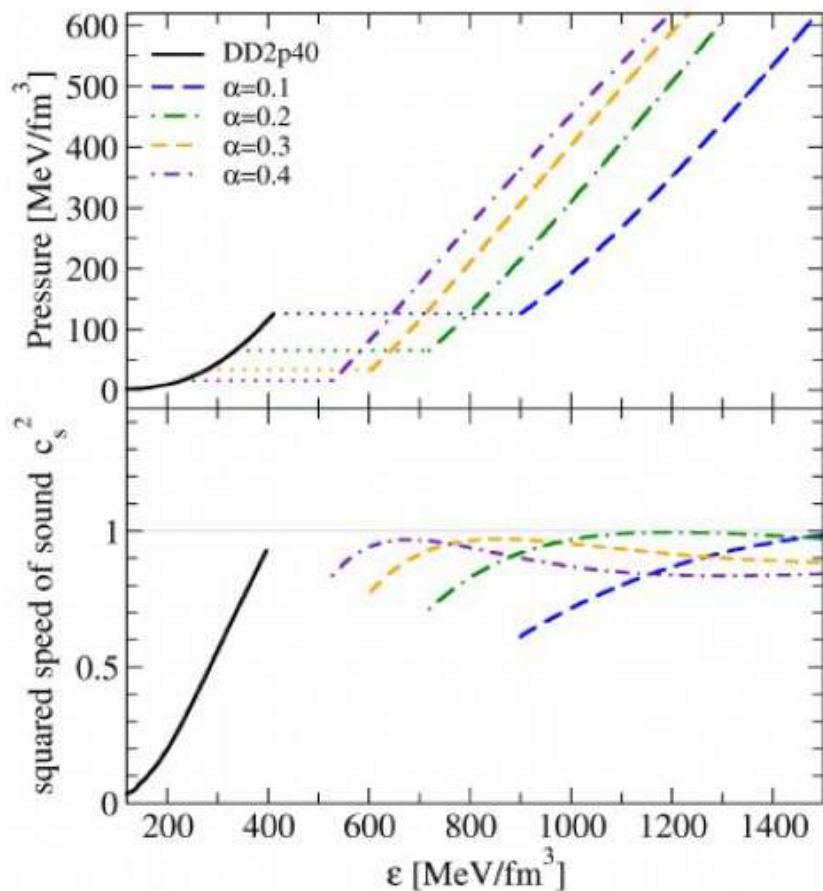
$$\Phi(n_B) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n_B < n_0 \\ e^{-\alpha(n_B - n_0)^2}, & \text{if } n_B > n_0 \end{cases}$$



# Relativistic density functionals for QCD

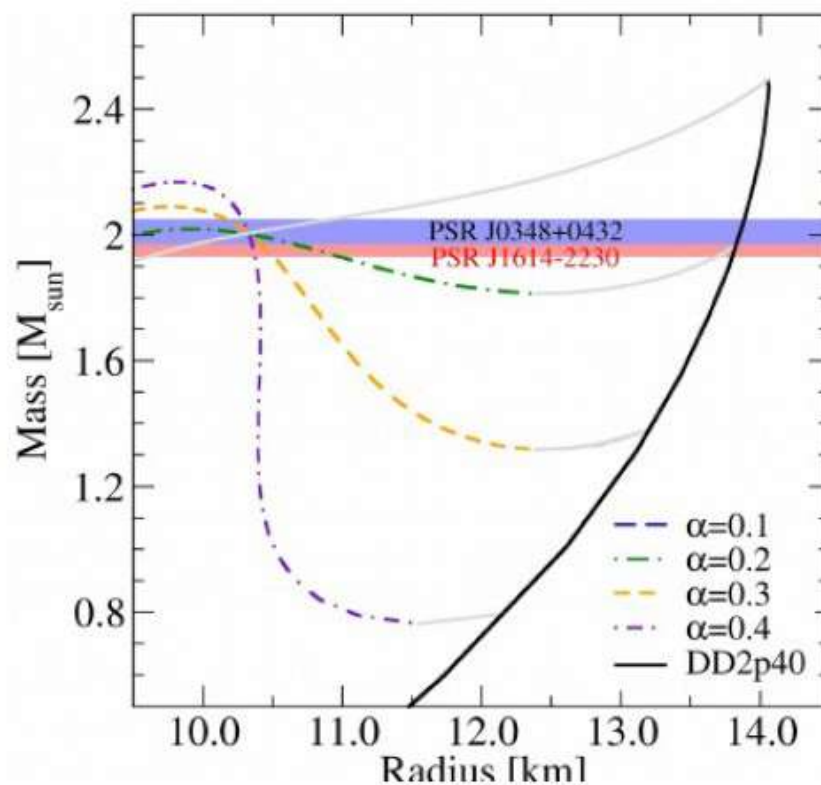
## String-flip model for quark matter

### Results for 1st order phase transition by Maxwell construction with DD2p40



Kaltenborn, Bastian, Blaschke, arXiv:1701.04400

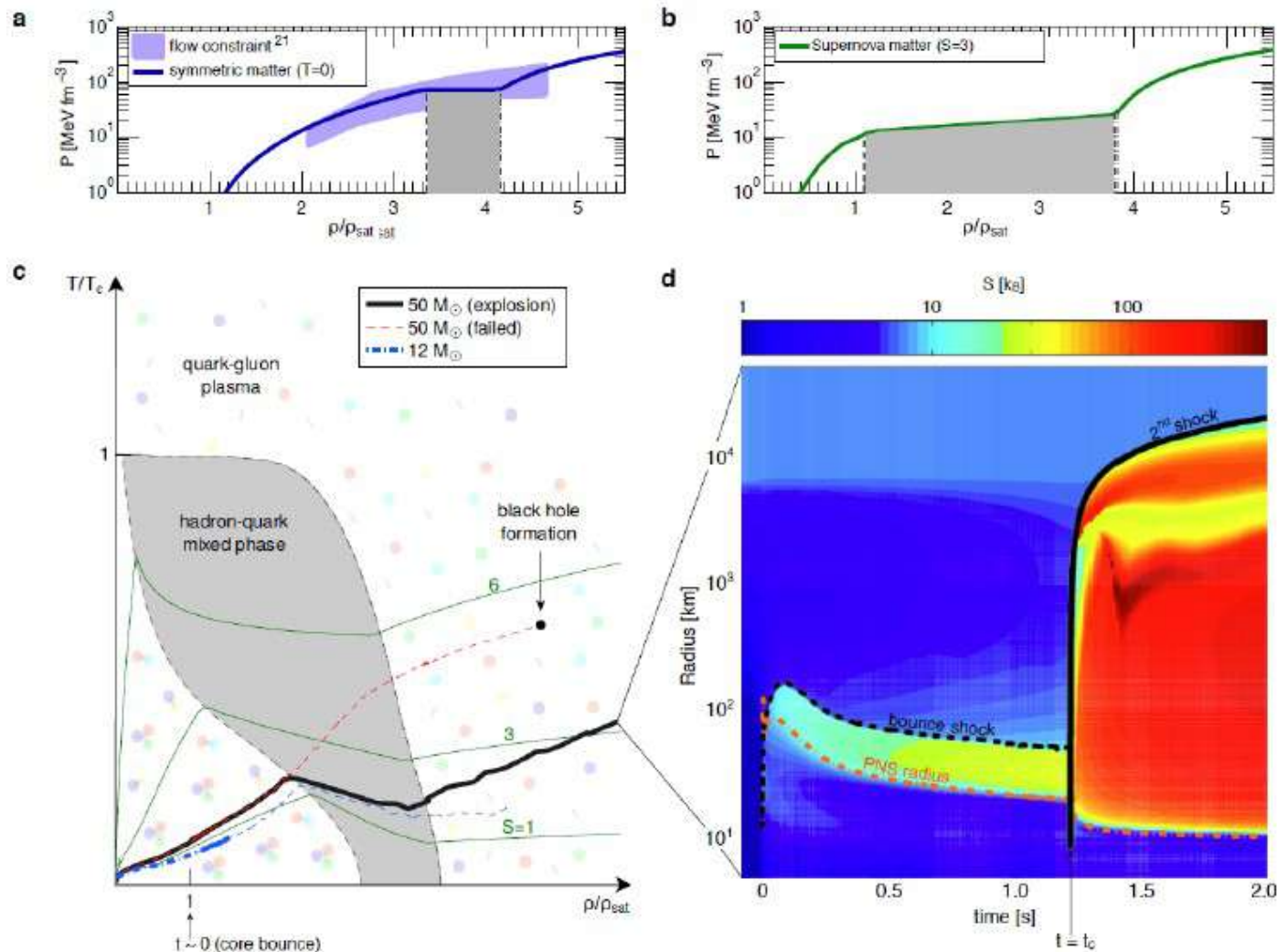
### third family ↔ mass twin stars



Phys. Rev. D 96, 056024 (2017)

# Deconfinement as supernova engine

## Of massive blue supergiant star explosions

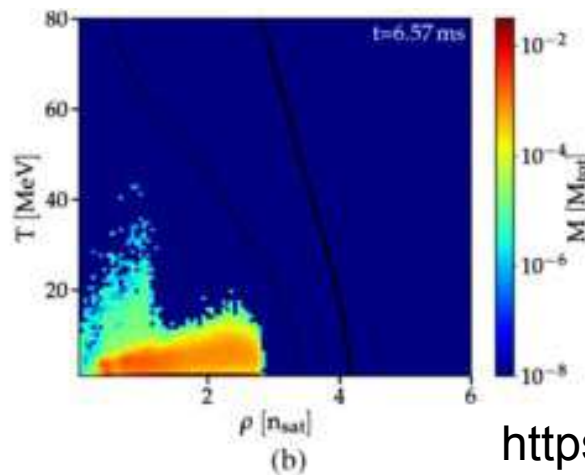
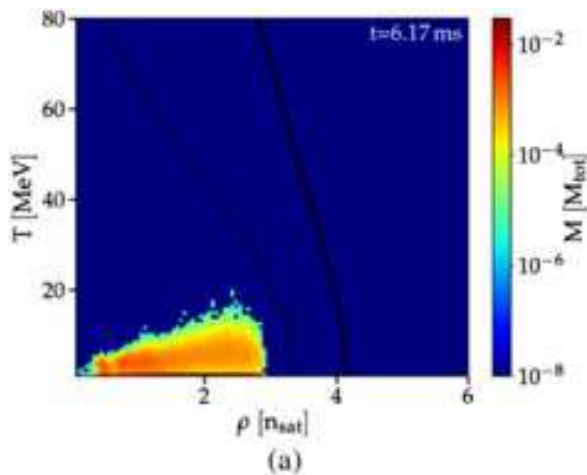


Progenitor:  
 $M = 50 M_{\odot}$

T. Fischer et al., Nature Astronomy 2, 960 (2018)

# Ultra-heavy Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions !

## Population of the QCD phase diagram in a merger



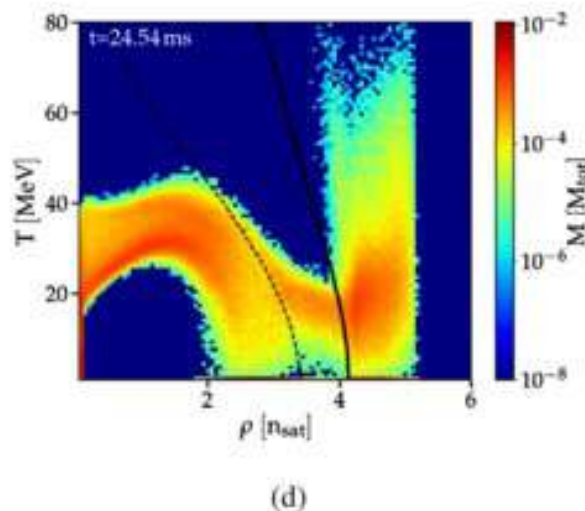
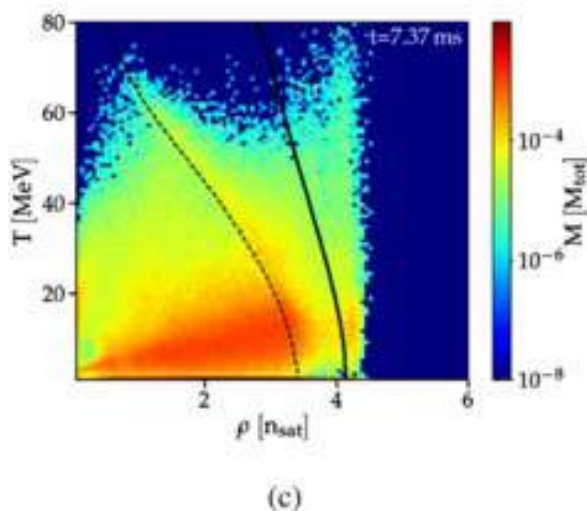
1.35  $M_{\text{sun}}$  + 1.35  $M_{\text{sun}}$

EoS for supernova and merger simulations:

**CompOSE**

With deconfinement:

<https://compose.obspm.fr/eos/166>



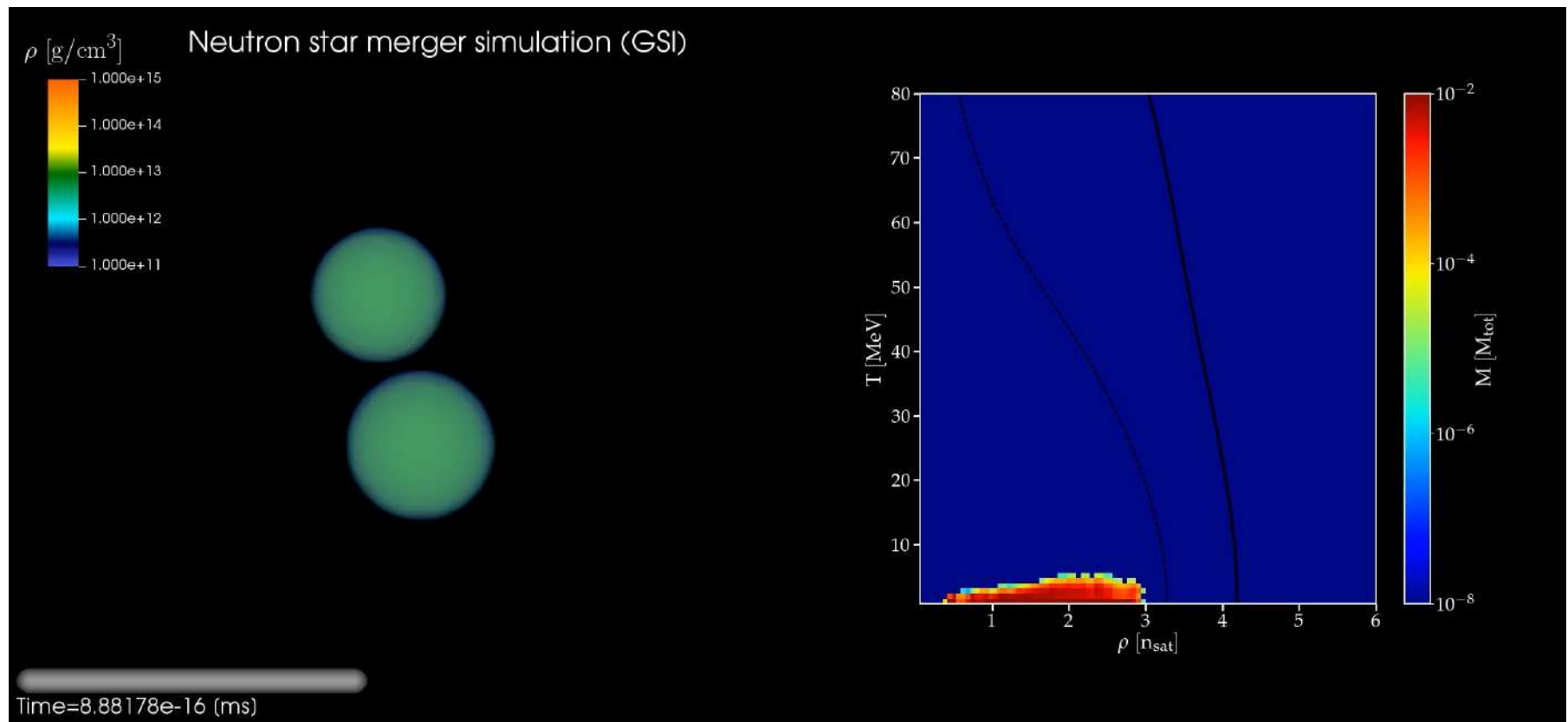
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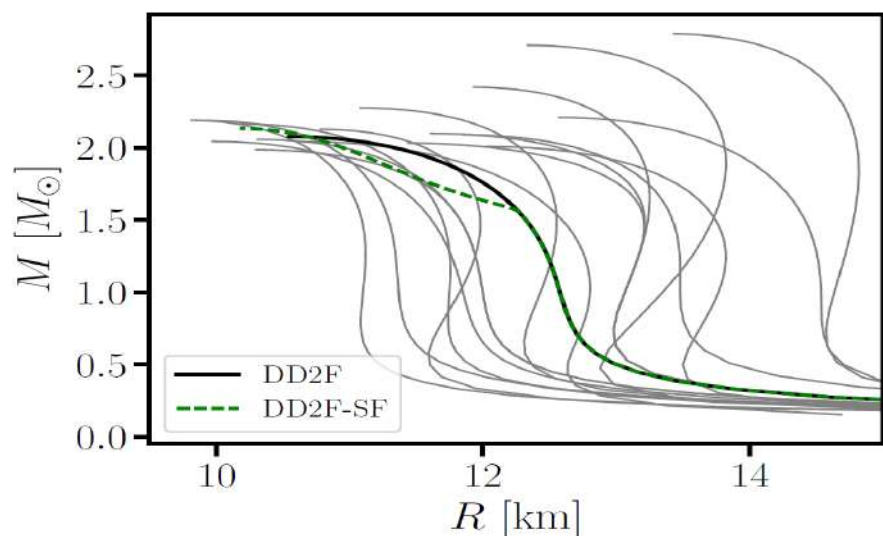
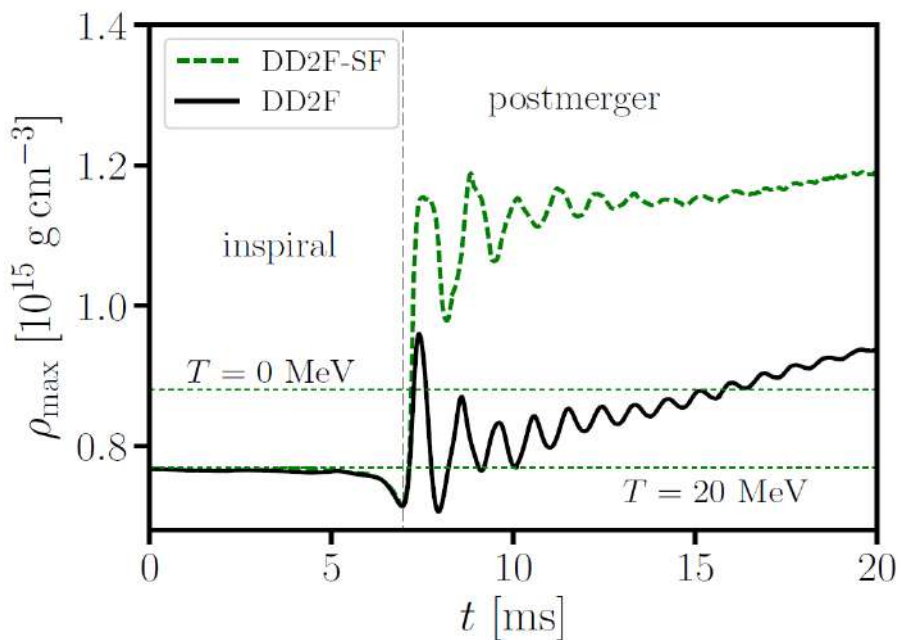
# Binary neutron star merger simulation

S. Blacker, A. Bauswein et al., Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) 123023

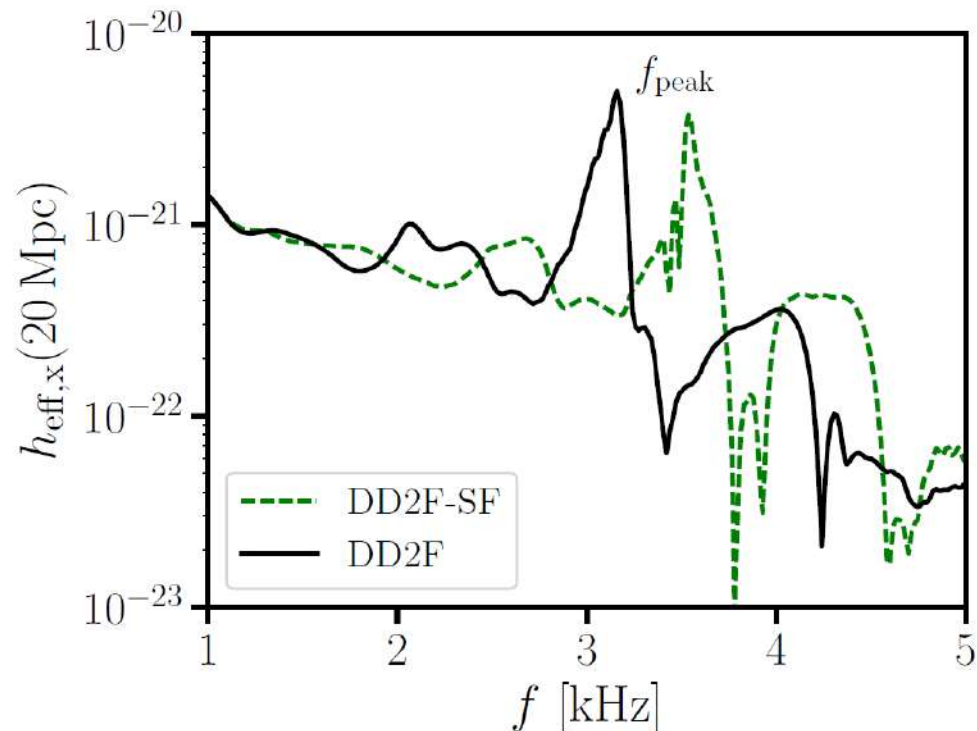
Population of the QCD phase diagram with mixed phase; time = 6 ... 25 ms



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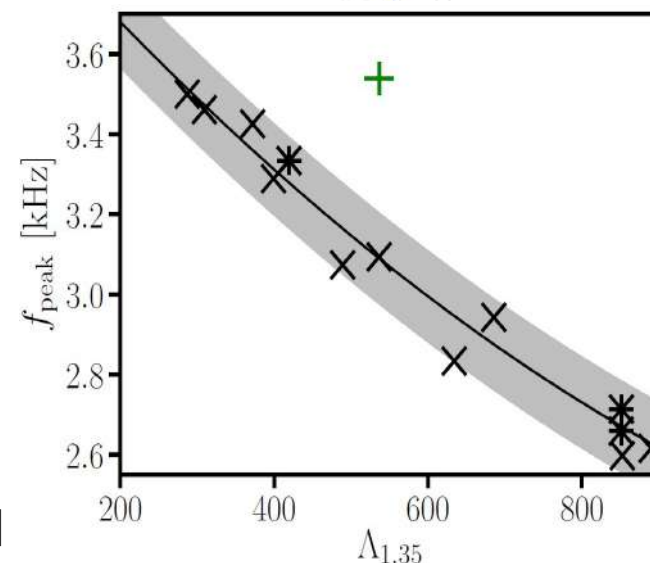
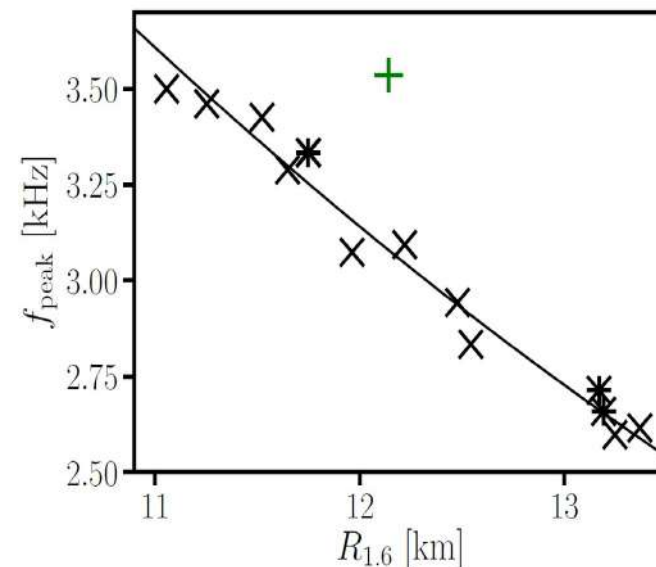
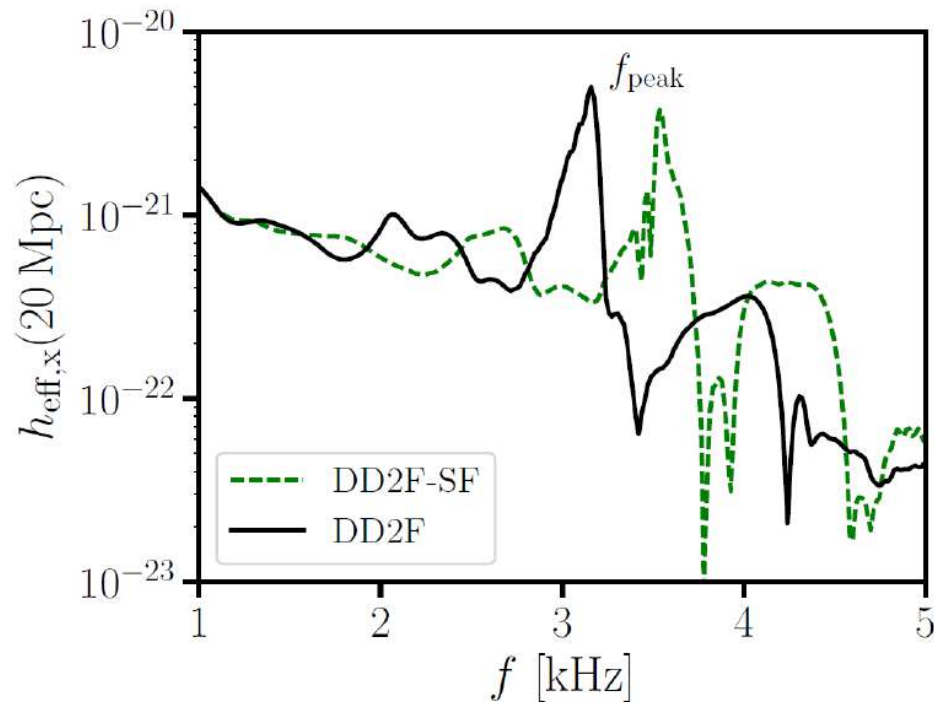
A. Bauswein et al.,  
 Strong phase transition in postmerger GW,  
 PRL 122 (2019) 061102; [arxiv:1809.01116]



Hybrid star formation during NS merger  
 → higher densities and compacter star  
 → higher peak frequency of the GW

# Ultra-heavy Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions !

## Signal of a deconfinement transition



**Strong deviation** from  $f_{\text{peak}} - R_{1.6}$  relation signals **strong phase transition in NS merger!**

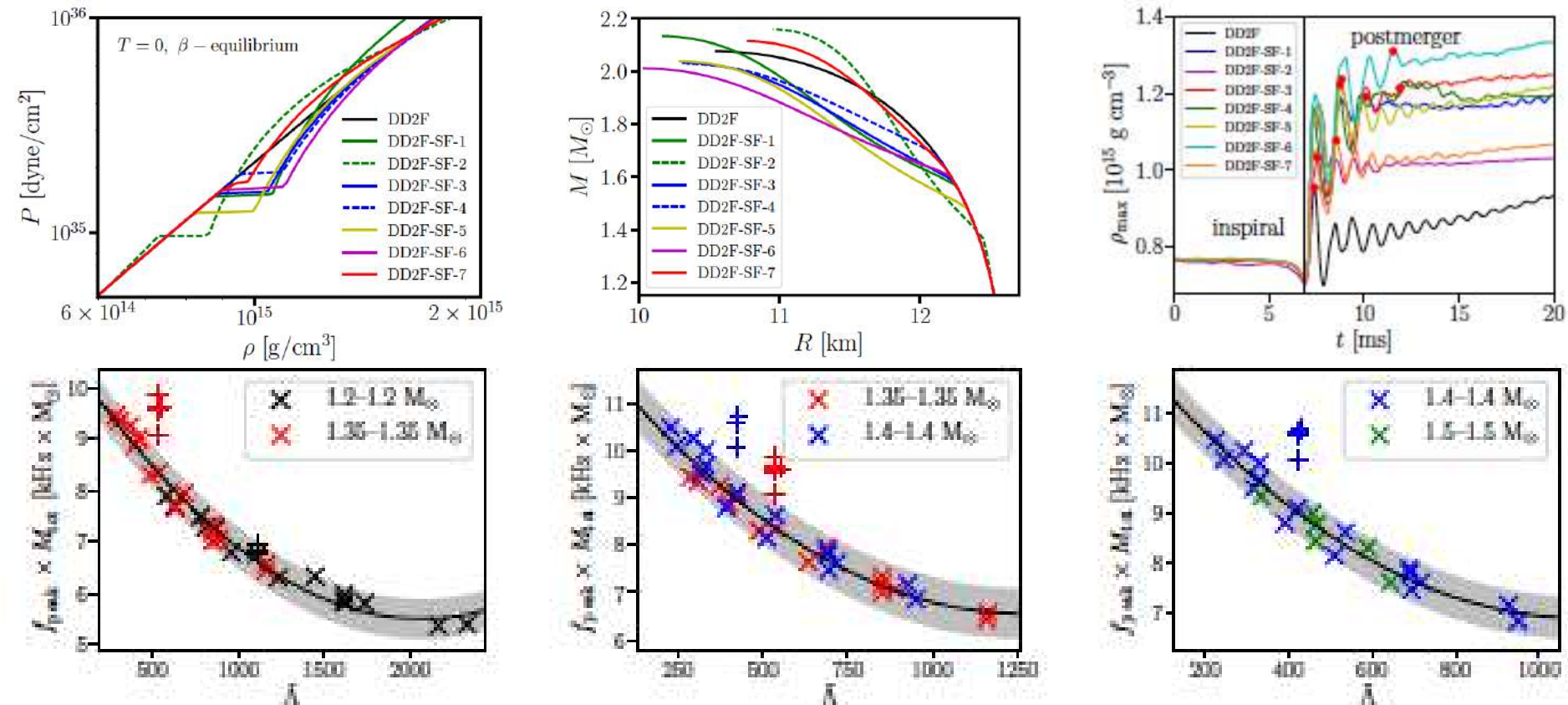
**Complementarity of  $f_{\text{peak}}$  from postmerger with tidal deformability  $\Lambda_{1.35}$  from inspiral phase.**

A. Bauswein et al., PRL 122 (2019) 061102; [arxiv:1809.01116]

# Ultra-heavy Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions !

## Signal of a deconfinement transition

Strong PT in postmerger GW signal, S. Blacker et al., arxiv:2006.03789, PRD102 (2020) 123023

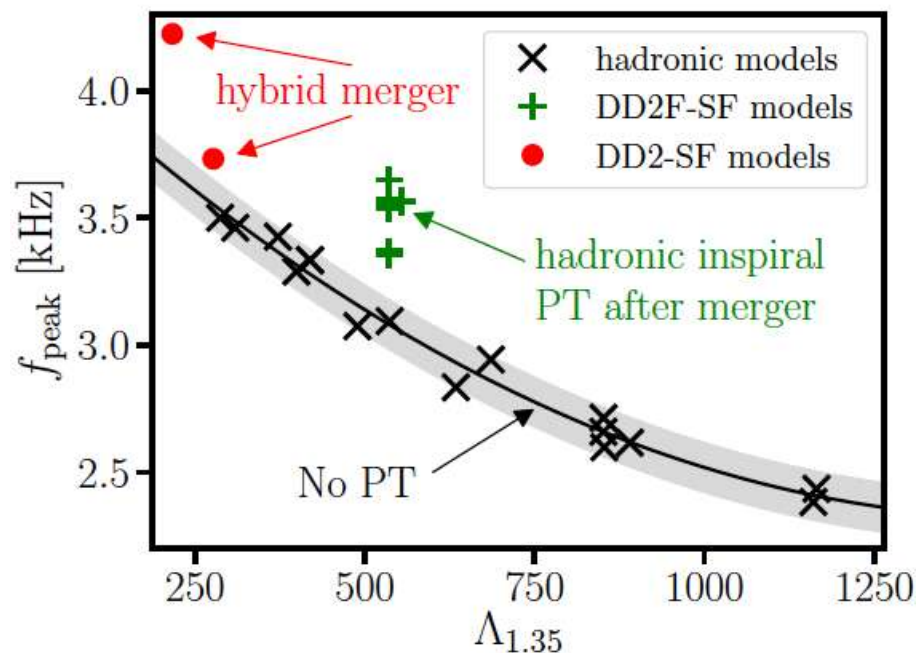
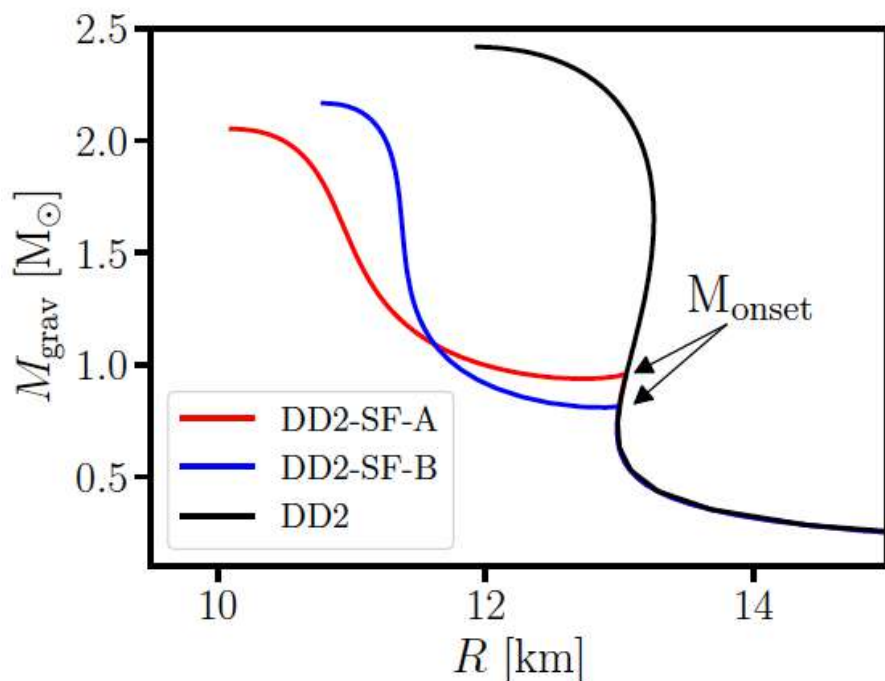


Dominant **postmerger** frequency  $f_{\text{peak}}$  vs. tidal deformability  $\Lambda_{1.35}$  from **inspiral** phase:  
 Results from hybrid models appear as **outliers** of the grey band (maximal deviation of purely hadronic models from a least squares fit) = signalling a **strong phase transition in NS !**

# Ultra-heavy Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions !

## Signal of a deconfinement transition

Merger of hybrid stars with early phase transition: Bauswein & Blacker, EPJ ST 229 (2020)



The combination of stiff hadronic EoS (DD2) and string-flip (SF) model allows for early onset of deconfinement in low-mass neutron stars and even third-family solutions (mass twins). For these cases, the event GW170817 could have been a **merger of two hybrid stars!** Also in these cases (red dots in above figure) a **significant deviation** from the grey band of Purely hadronic star mergers without a phase transition is obtained!

# Relativistic density functional for quark matter

## With chiral symmetry, color SC & confinement

**Lagrangian**  $\mathcal{L} = \bar{q}(i\cancel{\partial} - \hat{m})q - \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{L}_V + \mathcal{L}_I + \mathcal{L}_D$

- **Scalar & pseudoscalar interaction channels**

$$\mathcal{U} = G_0 [(1 + \alpha)\langle\bar{q}q\rangle_0^2 - (\bar{q}q)^2 - (\bar{q}i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5q)^2]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

(motivated by String Flip Model,  $\chi$ -dynamics, quark "confinement")

- **Vector-isoscalar interaction channel**

$$\mathcal{L}_V = -G_V(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q)^2$$

(motivated by gluon exchange, stiff EoS needed to reach  $2M_\odot$ )

- **Vector-isovector interaction channel**

$$\mathcal{L}_I = -G_I(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\vec{\tau}q)^2$$

(motivated by gluon exchange, isospin sensitive interaction)

- **Diquark interaction channel**

$$\mathcal{L}_D = G_D \sum_{A=2,5,7} (\bar{q}i\gamma_5\tau_2\lambda_A q^c)(\bar{q}^c i\gamma_5\tau_2\lambda_A q)$$

(motivated by Cooper theorem, color superconductivity)

## What is new?

O. Ivanytskyi & D.B., Phys. Rev. D 105 (2022) 114042

**Interaction** 
$$\mathcal{U} = D_0 [(1 + \alpha)\langle\bar{q}q\rangle_0^2 - (\bar{q}q)^2 - (\bar{q}i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5q)^2]^\kappa$$

- Parameters**

$D_0$  - dimensionfull coupling, controls interaction strength

$\alpha$  - dimensionless constant, controls vacuum quark mass

$\langle\bar{q}q\rangle_0$  -  $\chi$ -condensate in vacuum (introduced for the sake of convenience)

$$\kappa = 1/3$$



motivated by String Flip model

$$\mathcal{U}_{SFM} \propto \langle q^+q \rangle^{2/3}$$

$$\Sigma_{SFM} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}_{SFM}}{\partial \langle q^+q \rangle} \propto \langle q^+q \rangle^{-1/3} \propto \text{separation}$$

$$\kappa = 1$$



Nambu–Jona-Lasinio model



- Dimensionality**

$$\begin{aligned} [U] &= \text{energy}^4 \\ [\bar{q}q] &= \text{energy}^3 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow [D_0]_{\kappa=1/3} = \text{energy}^2 = [\text{string tension}]$$

**self energy = string tension × separation ⇒ confinement**

## Expansion around mean fields

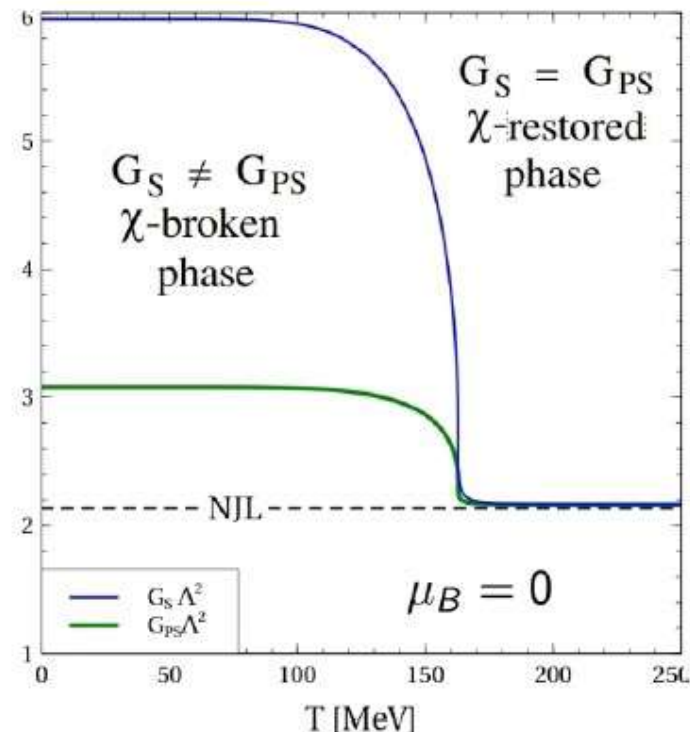
$$\mathcal{U} = \underbrace{\mathcal{U}_{MF}}_{0^{\text{th}} \text{ order}} + \underbrace{(\bar{q}q - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle) \Sigma_S}_{1^{\text{st}} \text{ order}} - \underbrace{G_S (\bar{q}q - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle)^2 - G_{PS} (\bar{q}i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5 q)^2}_{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order}} + \dots$$

- Mean-field scalar self-energy

$$\Sigma_S = \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}_{MF}}{\partial \langle \bar{q}q \rangle}$$

- Effective medium dependent couplings

$$G_S = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{U}_{MF}}{\partial \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2}, \quad G_{PS} = -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{U}_{MF}}{\partial \langle \bar{q}i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5 q \rangle^2}$$





## Comparison to Nambu—Jona-Lasinio model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{q}(i\not{\partial} - \underbrace{(m + \Sigma_S)}_{\text{effective mass } m^*})q + G_S(\bar{q}q)^2 + G_{PS}(\bar{q}i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5q)^2 + \dots + \mathcal{L}_V + \mathcal{L}_D$$

### • Similarities:

- current-current interaction
- (pseudo)scalar, vector, diquark, ... channels

### • Differences:

- high  $m^*$  at low  $T, \mu \Rightarrow$  “confinement”

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 \Rightarrow m^* = m - \frac{2G_0}{3\alpha^{2/3}\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0^{1/3}}$$

$\Downarrow$

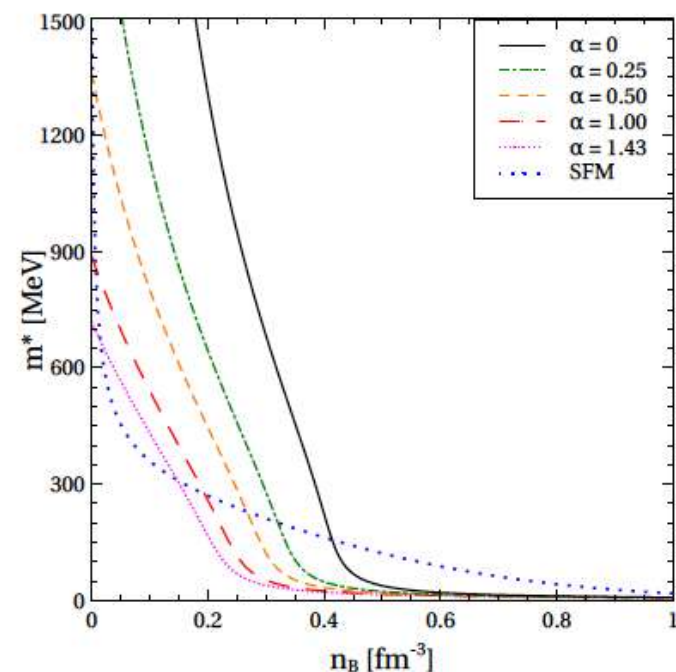
$$m^* \rightarrow \infty \text{ at } \alpha \rightarrow 0$$

- medium dependent couplings:

$$\text{low } T, \mu, \Rightarrow G_S \neq G_{PS} \Rightarrow \chi\text{-broken}$$

$$\text{high } T, \mu, \Rightarrow G_S = G_{PS} \Rightarrow \chi\text{-symmetric}$$

$T = 0$



## Bosonisation by HS-transformation

- **Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation**

$$\exp \left[ \int dx G(\bar{q} \hat{\Gamma} q)^2 \right] = \int [D\phi] \exp \left[ - \int dx \left( \frac{\phi^2}{4G} + \phi \bar{q} \hat{\Gamma} q \right) \right]$$

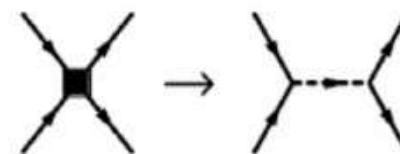
- **Vertexes:**  $\hat{\Gamma}_S = 1 \Rightarrow$  scalar-isoscalar  $\sigma$ -field

$\hat{\Gamma}_{PS} = i\gamma^5 \vec{\tau} \Rightarrow$  pseudoscalar-isoscalar  $\vec{\pi}$ -field

$\hat{\Gamma}_V^\mu = \gamma^\mu \Rightarrow$  vector-isoscalar  $\omega^\mu$ -field

$\hat{\Gamma}_I^\mu = \gamma^\mu \vec{\tau} \Rightarrow$  vector-isoscalar  $\vec{\rho}^\mu$ -field

$\hat{\Gamma}_D^A = i\gamma^5 \lambda_A \tau_2 \Rightarrow$  scalar diquark  $\Delta_A$ -field



- **Bosonized Lagrangian** ( $m^* = m + \Sigma_S$  - effective mass,  $Q^T = (q \ q^c)/\sqrt{2}$ )

$$\mathcal{L} + q^+ \hat{\mu} q = \bar{Q} \hat{S}^{-1} Q - \frac{\sigma^2}{4G_S} - \frac{\vec{\pi}^2}{4G_{PS}} + \frac{\omega^2}{4G_V} + \frac{\vec{\rho}^2}{4G_I} - \frac{\Delta_A \Delta_A^*}{4G_D} - \mathcal{U}_{MF} + \langle \bar{q} q \rangle (\Sigma_S + \sigma)$$

$$\hat{S}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{S}_+^{-1} & i\Delta_A \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A \\ i\Delta_A^* \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A & \hat{S}_-^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{S}_\pm^{-1} = i\hat{\not{d}} - m^* - \sigma - i\gamma^5 \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau} \pm \gamma_0 \hat{\mu} \pm \psi \pm \vec{\not{p}} \cdot \vec{\tau}$$

## Mean field approximation

- Field equations for  $\sigma$  and  $\vec{\pi}$

$$\begin{cases} \sigma = 2G_S(\langle \bar{q}q \rangle - \bar{q}q) \\ \vec{\pi} = -2G_{PS}\bar{q}i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5 q \end{cases} \Rightarrow \langle \sigma \rangle = \langle \vec{\pi} \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma, \vec{\pi} - \text{beyond MF}$$

**comment:**  $\langle \sigma \rangle = 0$  does not assume  $\chi$ -symmetry since  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0$

- Thermodynamic potential

$$\langle \omega_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\mu 0} \omega, \quad \langle \rho_\mu^a \rangle = \delta_{\mu 0} \delta_{a 3} \rho, \quad |\langle \Delta_A \rangle| = \delta_{A 2} \Delta$$

↓

$$\Omega = -\frac{1}{2\beta V} \text{Tr} \ln(\beta \hat{S}^{-1}) - \frac{\omega^2}{4G_V} - \frac{\rho^2}{4G_I} + \frac{\Delta^2}{4G_D} + \mathcal{U}_{MF} - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \Sigma_S$$

- Vector fields, diquark gap,  $\chi$ -condensate

$$\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \omega} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \rho} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \Delta} = 0, \quad \langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \sum_f \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial m_f}$$

## Define the couplings in mesonic channels

- **Mesonic correlations**

$$\mathcal{L} = \dots + \bar{q}(\sigma + i\gamma_5 \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau} + \psi + \vec{\phi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau})q - \frac{\sigma^2}{4G_S} - \frac{\vec{\pi}^2}{4G_{PS}} + \frac{\omega^2}{4G_V} + \frac{\vec{\rho}^2}{4G_I}$$

$$D_i^{-1}(p^2) = \frac{1}{2G_i} - \text{diagram} \quad \text{- one-loop mesonic propagator}$$


$$D_i^{-1}(M_i^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{mesonic masses}$$

- **Fierz transformation** - rearrangement of the Dirac, color and flavor indexes

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma^\mu)_{mn}(\gamma_\mu)_{m'n'} &= \mathbf{1}_{mn'}\mathbf{1}_{m'n} + (i\gamma_5)_{mn'}(i\gamma_5)_{mn} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^\mu)_{mn'}(\gamma_\mu)_{m'n} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^\mu\gamma_5)_{mn'}(\gamma_\mu\gamma_5)_{m'n} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{1}_{ij}\mathbf{1}_{kl} &= \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{1}_{il}\mathbf{1}_{kj} + \frac{1}{2}(\tau_a)_{il}(\tau_a)_{kj} \\ \lambda_\alpha^{ab}\lambda_\alpha^{a'b'} &= \frac{16}{9}\mathbf{1}_{ab'}\mathbf{1}_{a'b} - \frac{1}{3}\lambda_\alpha^{ab'}\lambda_\alpha^{a'b} \end{aligned}$$

coefficients - proportional to couplings

$$\mathbf{G}_S : \mathbf{G}_V : \mathbf{G}_I : \mathbf{G}_D = \mathbf{1} : \mathbf{0.5} : \mathbf{0.5} : \mathbf{0.75}$$

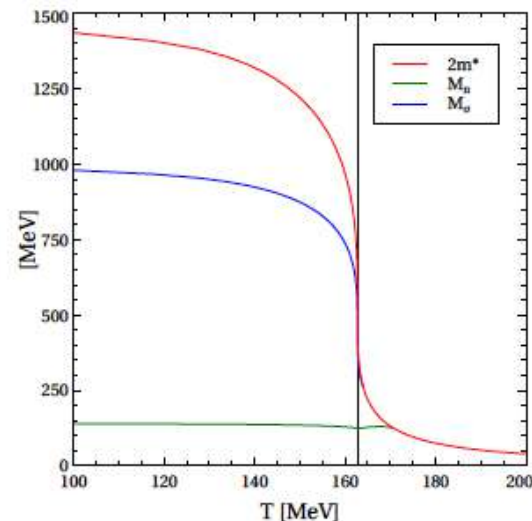
## Model setup – parameter fixing with observables

- (Pseudo)scalar interaction channels  
(chiral condensate &  $\pi$ ,  $\sigma$  mesons)

|               |                 |                  |  |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| $m$ [MeV]     | $\Lambda$ [MeV] | $\alpha$         | $D_0\Lambda^{-2}$                        |
| 4.2           | 573             | 1.43             | 1.39                                     |
| $M_\pi$ [MeV] | $F_\pi$ [MeV]   | $M_\sigma$ [MeV] | $\langle \bar{l}l \rangle_0^{1/3}$ [MeV] |
| 140           | 92              | 980              | -267                                     |

Pseudocritical temperature

$$T_c = 163 \text{ MeV}$$



- low T:  $2m_{quark} > M_\pi, M_\sigma$   
(stable mesons, confined quarks)
- high T:  $2m_{quark} < M_\pi, M_\sigma$   
(unstable mesons, deconfined quarks)
- Vector-isoscalar & vector-isovector channels ( $\omega$ ,  $\rho$  mesons)  
 $M_\omega = 783 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \eta_V \equiv \frac{G_{V0}}{G_{S0}} = 0.452$ ,  $M_\rho = 775 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \eta_I \equiv \frac{G_{I0}}{G_{S0}} = 0.454$
- Diquark pairing channel (Fierz transformation)  $\eta_D \equiv \frac{G_{D0}}{G_{S0}} = 1.5\eta_V = 0.678$

## Onset of color superconductivity

- Single quark energy and distribution

$$E_f^\pm = \text{sgn}(E_f \mp \mu_f) \sqrt{(E_f \mp \mu_f)^2 + \Delta^2}$$

$$f_f^\pm = [\exp(E_f^\pm / T) + 1]^{-1}$$

- Gap equation

$$\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \Delta} = \frac{\Delta}{2G_D} - 2\Delta \sum_{f,a=\pm} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1 - 2f_f^a}{E_f^a} = 0$$

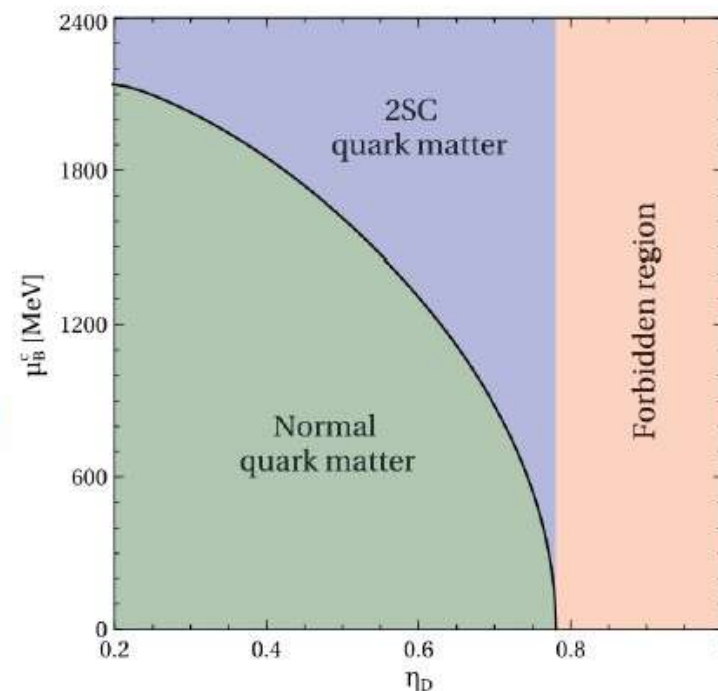
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two solutions :  $\Delta = 0$  or  $\Delta \neq 0$

- Two solutions coincide  $\Rightarrow$  SC onset

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \Delta^2} \right|_{\Delta=0} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_B = \mu_B(G_D)$$

$T = 0$



No vacuum superconductivity

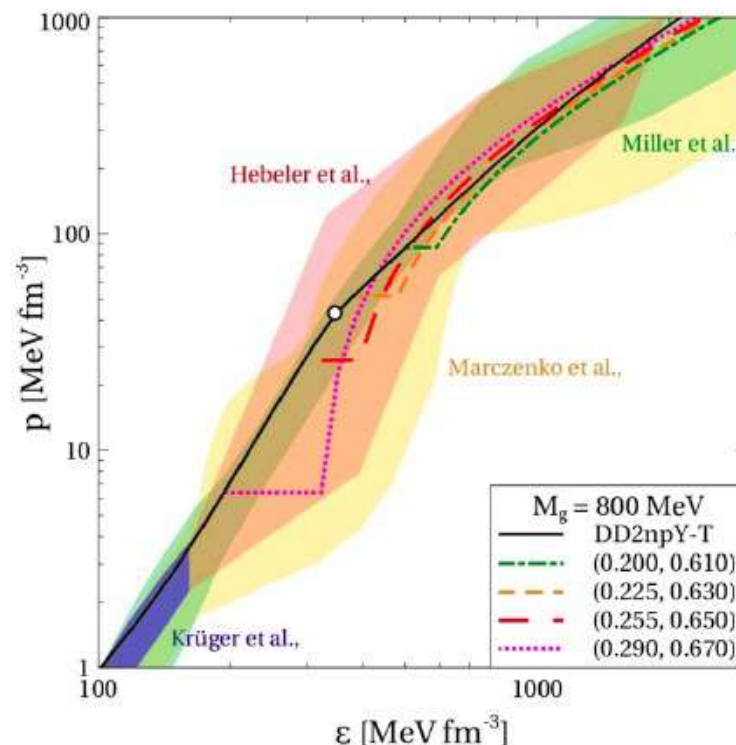
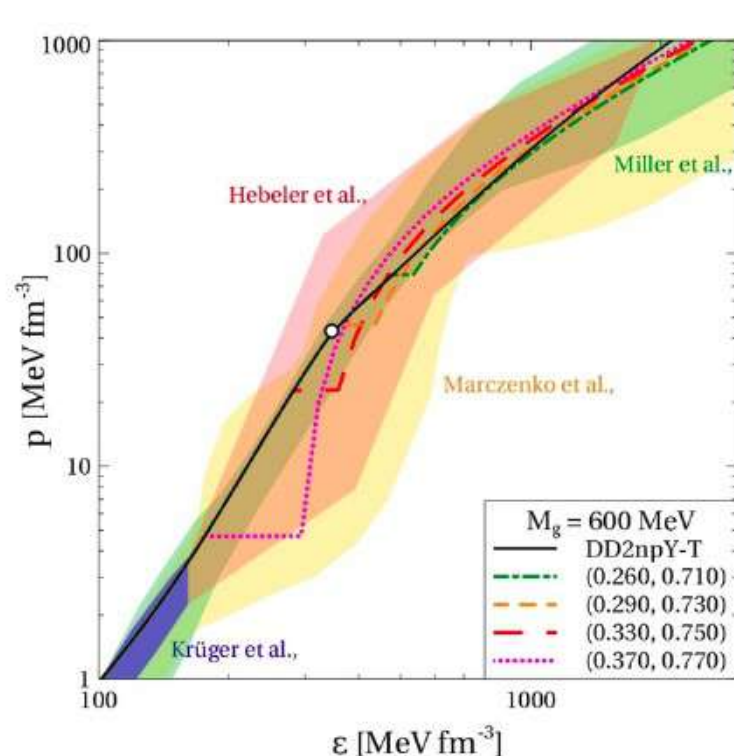
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$$\eta_D \lesssim 0.78$$

(agrees with the Fierz value)

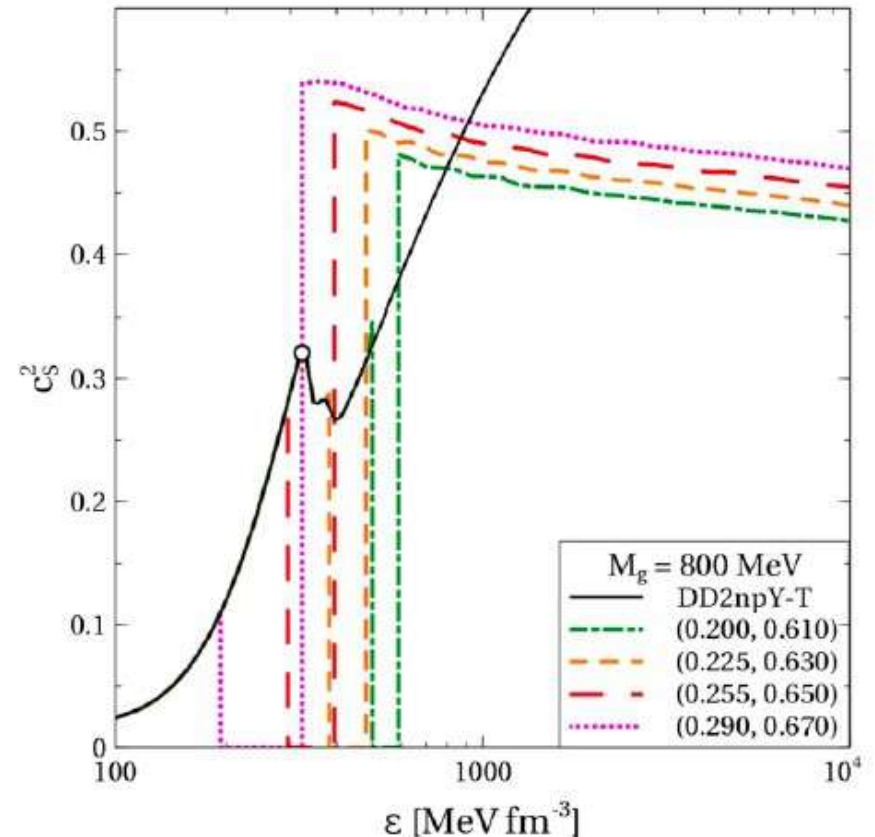
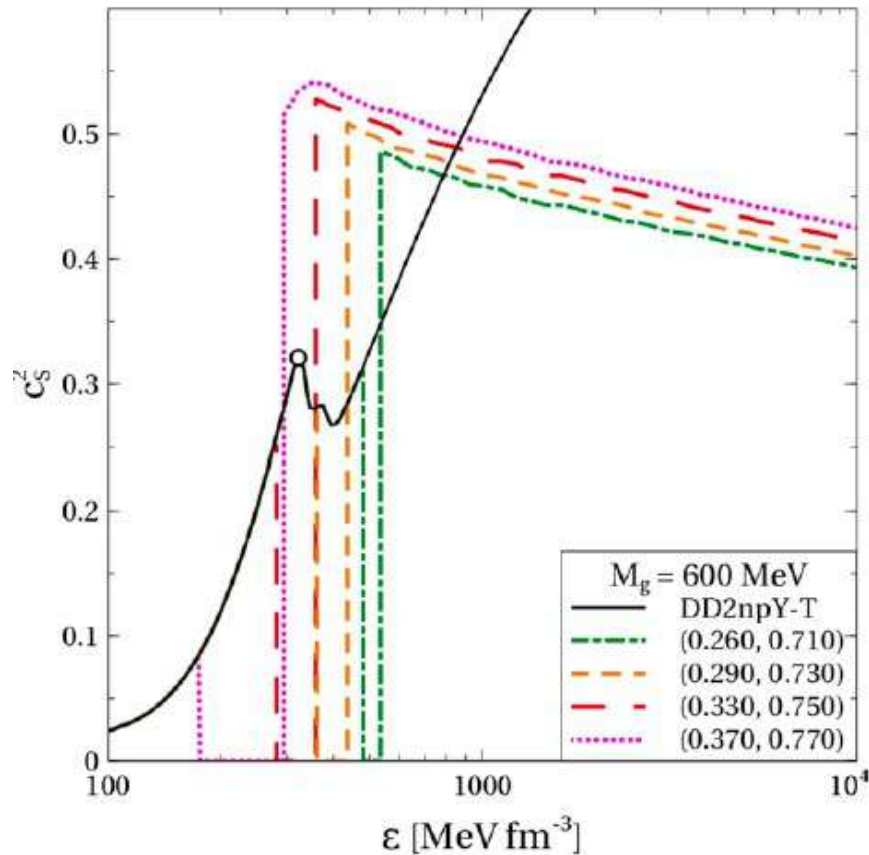
## Asymptotically conformal EOS for neutron stars

- **Setup:** electric neutrality,  $\beta$ -equilibrium, Maxwell construction with DD2 EoS
- **Scanning over  $\eta_V$  and  $\eta_D$  at  $M_{gD} = M_{gV}$**



The  $\omega$ -meson value of  $\eta_V$  and the Fierz value of  $\eta_D$  prefer early deconfinement?

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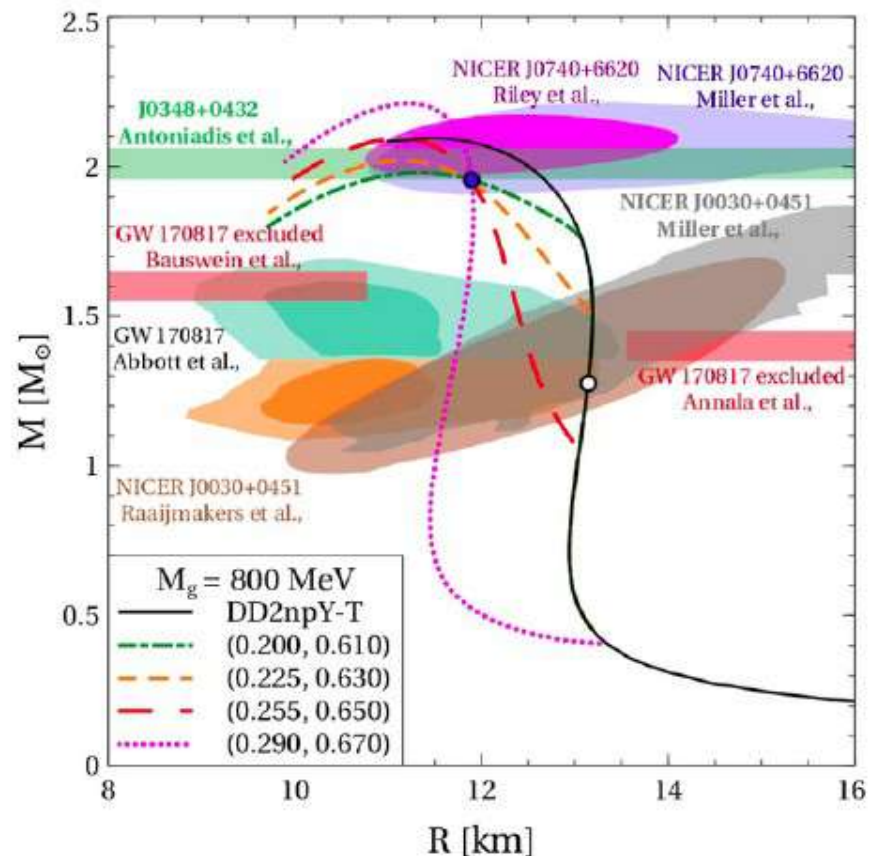
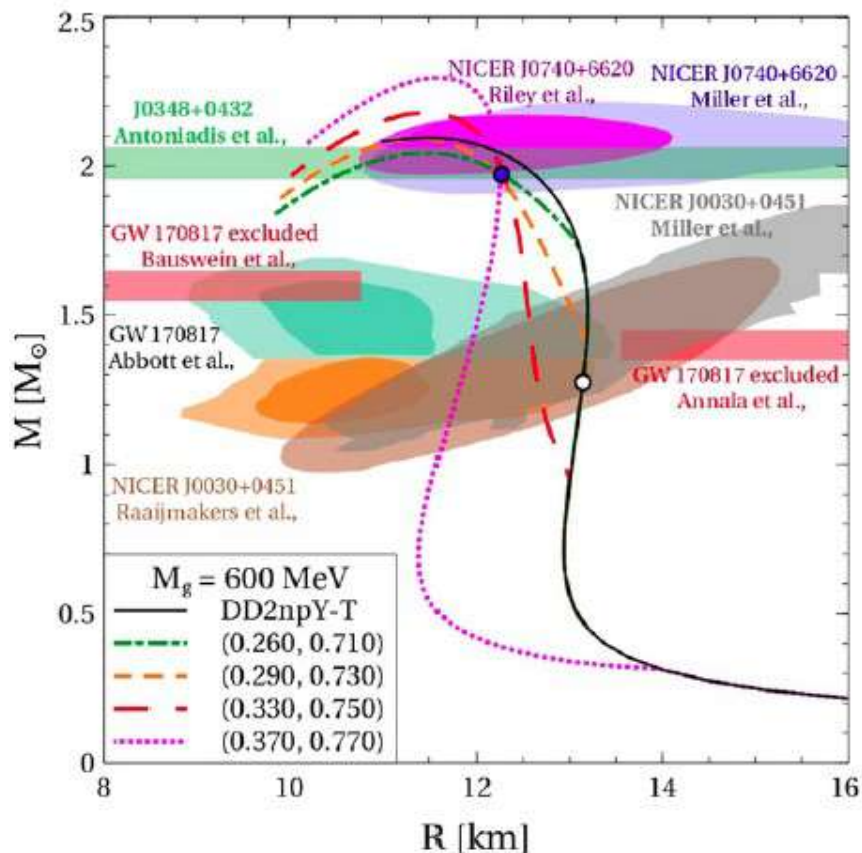


O. Ivanytskyi and D.B., Particles 5 (2022) 514 - 534



# Relativistic density functional for quark matter

## Mass-radius diagram for hybrid neutron stars



Observational data prefer early deconfinement?

# Relativistic density functional for quark matter

## Special point (SP) in the mass-radius diagram for hybrid neutron stars

- Quark EoS

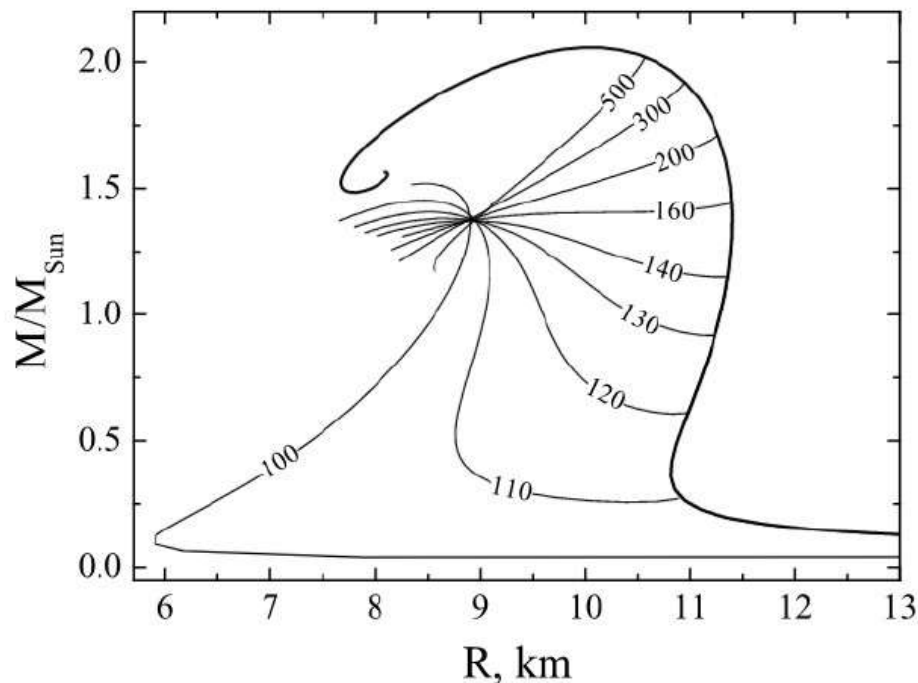
$$p = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} - \frac{4B}{3}$$

$B$  - bag constant

- Variation of  $B$



family of hybrid quark-hadron EoS



- **Special point** - narrow range of intersection of M-R curves

**A. V. Yudin et al., *Astron. Lett.* 40, 201 (2014)**

# Relativistic density functional for quark matter

## SP in M-R diagram for hybrid neutron stars

- Weak sensitivity to hadron EoS

M. Cierniak and D. Blaschke, *Eur. Phys. J. ST* 229, 3663 (2020)

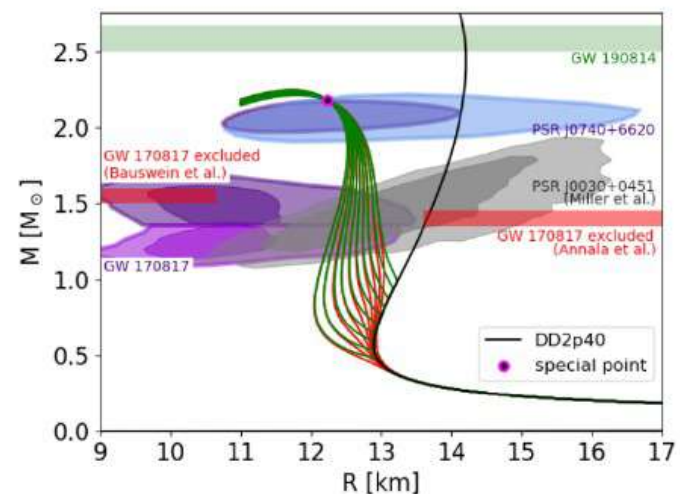
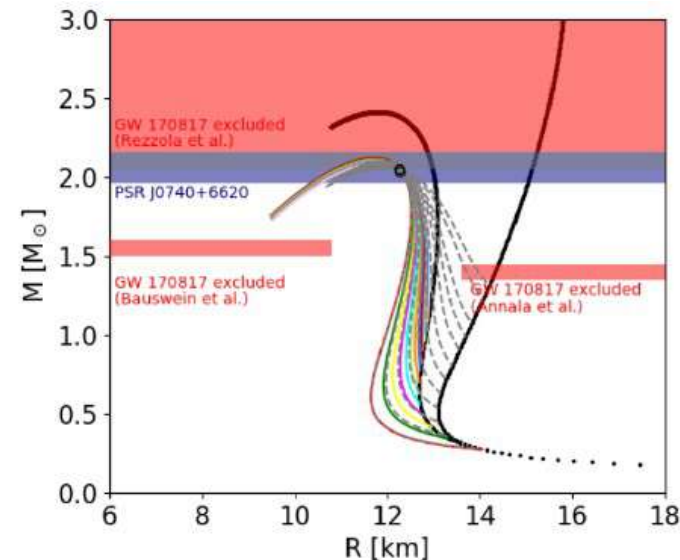
- Weak sensitivity to details of quark-to-hadron transition

M. Cierniak and D. Blaschke, *Astron. Nachr.* 342, 819-825 (2021)

- Sensitivity to quark EoS only



SP can be used in order to test quark EoS



## Parametrization of the RDF quark matter EoS

- Phenomenological “confinement”

$$p \simeq -B \text{ at small densities}$$

- Asymptotically conformal

$$p \propto \mu_B^4 \text{ at high densities}$$

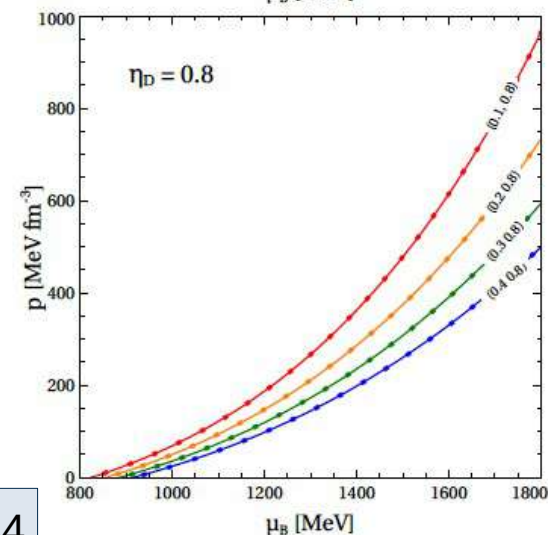
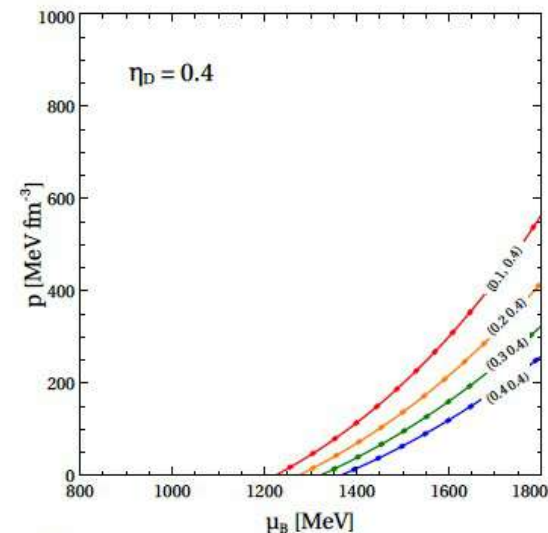
- Color superconductivity

$$\text{correction} \propto \mu_B^2 \Delta^2$$

- ABPR-like parameterization ( $M_{gluon} = 600 \text{ MeV}$ )

$$p = A_4 \mu_B^4 + \Delta^2 \mu_B^2 - B$$

$$A_4, \Delta, B \text{ depend on } \eta_V, \eta_D$$



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## SP in M-R diagram for hybrid neutron stars

- Variation of  $\eta_D$  at fixed  $\eta_V$

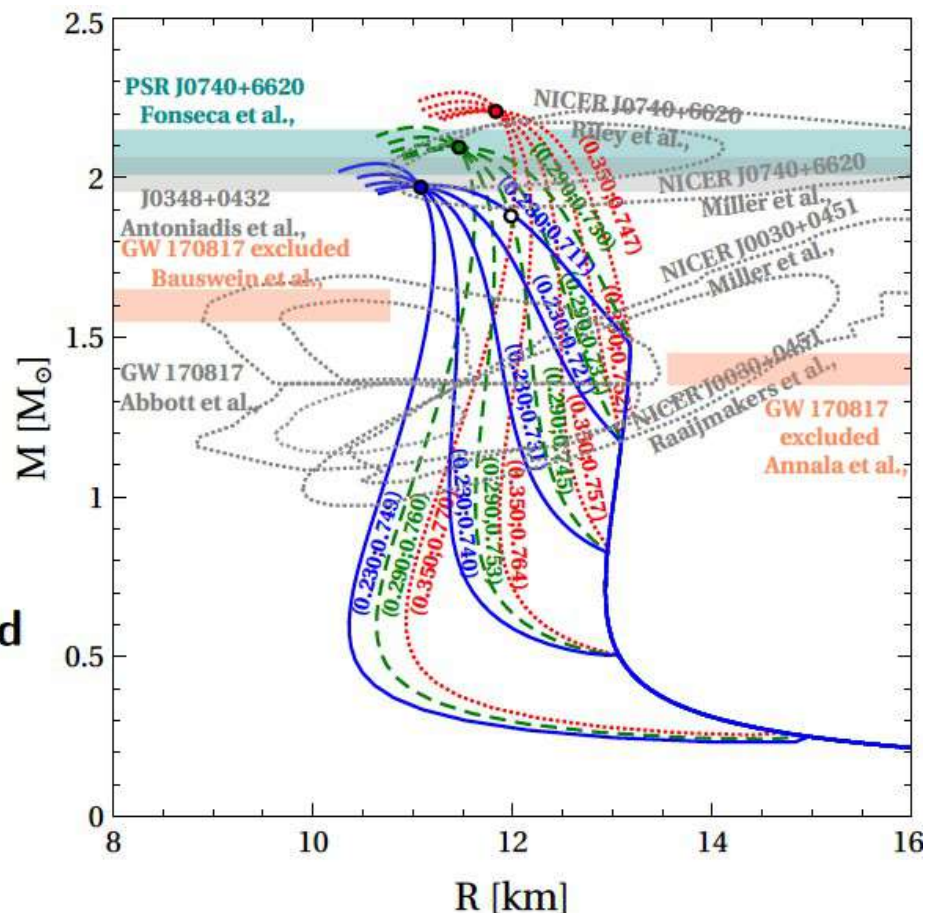


Special point

- SPs are equidistant
- $M_{\max}$  and  $M_{\text{onset}}$  are anticorrelated

$M_{\max}$  – observationally constrained

$M_{\text{onset}}$  – controlled by  $\eta_V, \eta_D$



Is it possible to constrain  $\eta_V$  and  $\eta_D$ ?

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## SP in M-R diagram for hybrid neutron stars

- Onset mass

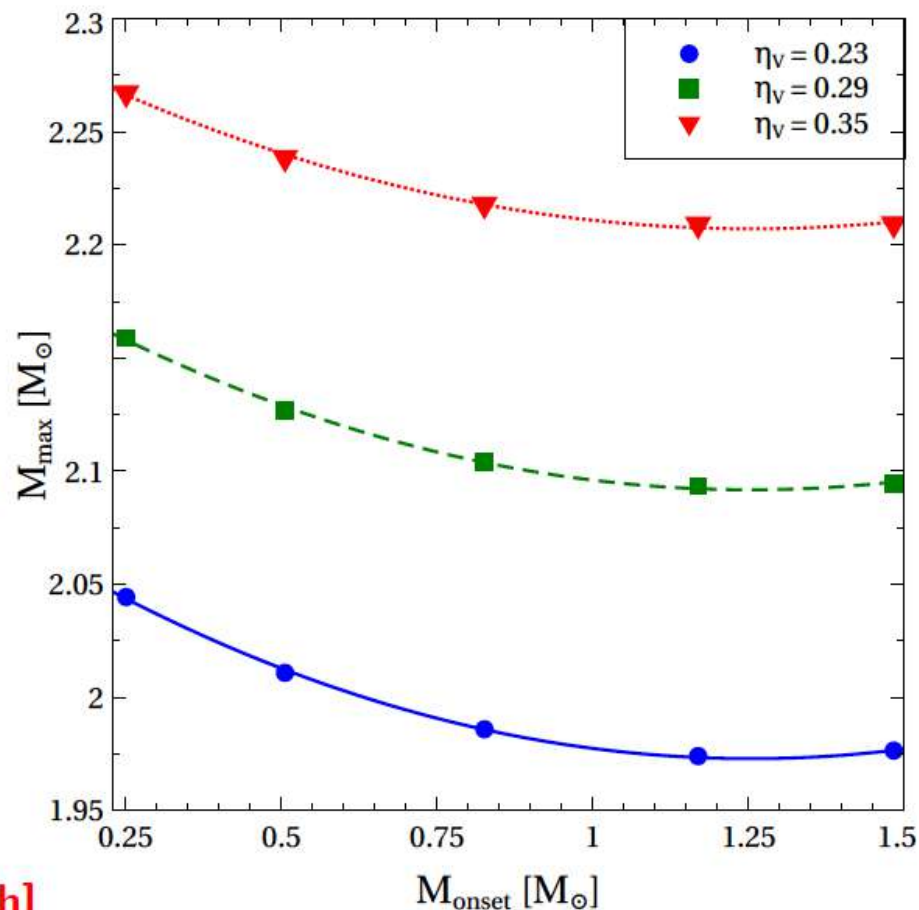
$M_{\text{onset}}$  is controlled by  $\eta_V$ ,  $\eta_D$

- Maximum mass

$$M_{\text{max}} = M_{\text{SP}} + \delta |M_{\text{onset}}^* - M_{\text{onset}}|^2$$

$\delta$  depends on  $\eta_V$  and  $\eta_D$

$$M_{\text{onset}}^* = 1.245 M_{\odot} - \text{universal}$$



C. Gärtlein et al., 2301.10765 [nucl-th]

# Relativistic density functional for quark matter

## SP in M-R diagram for hybrid neutron stars

- No vacuum color-superconductivity

$$\eta_D < 0.78$$

O. Ivanytskyi, D. Blaschke, PRD (2022)

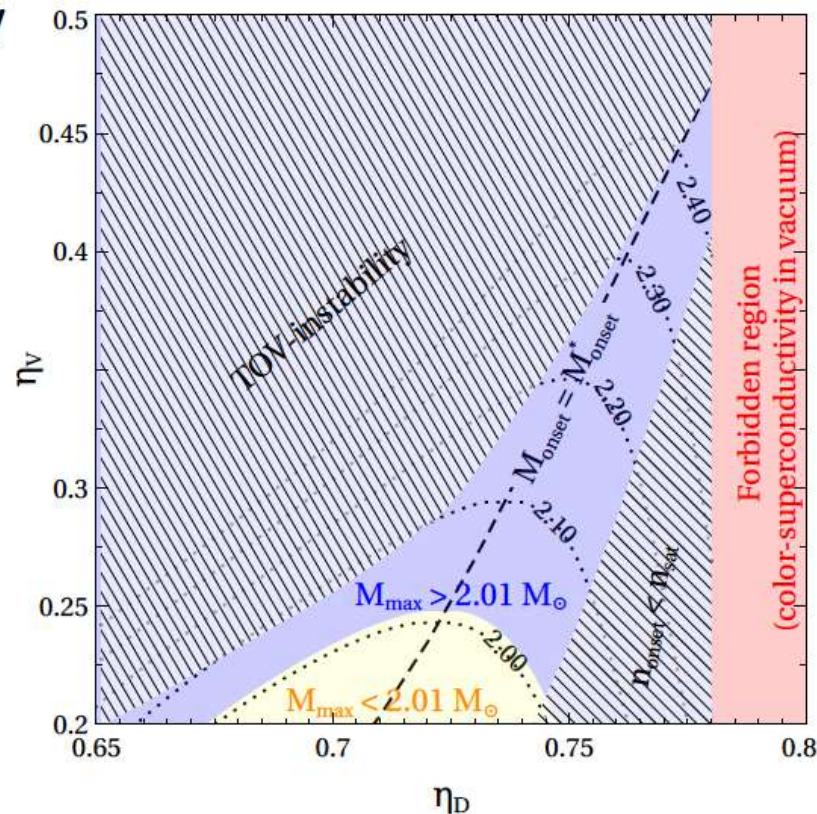
- $M_{\max} = 2.08^{+0.07}_{-0.07} M_{\odot}$

E. Fonseca et al., Astrophys. J. Lett. 915, L12 (2021)

- Not too early deconfinement

$$n_{\text{onset}} > n_{\text{saturation}}$$

- Stability of the quark branch

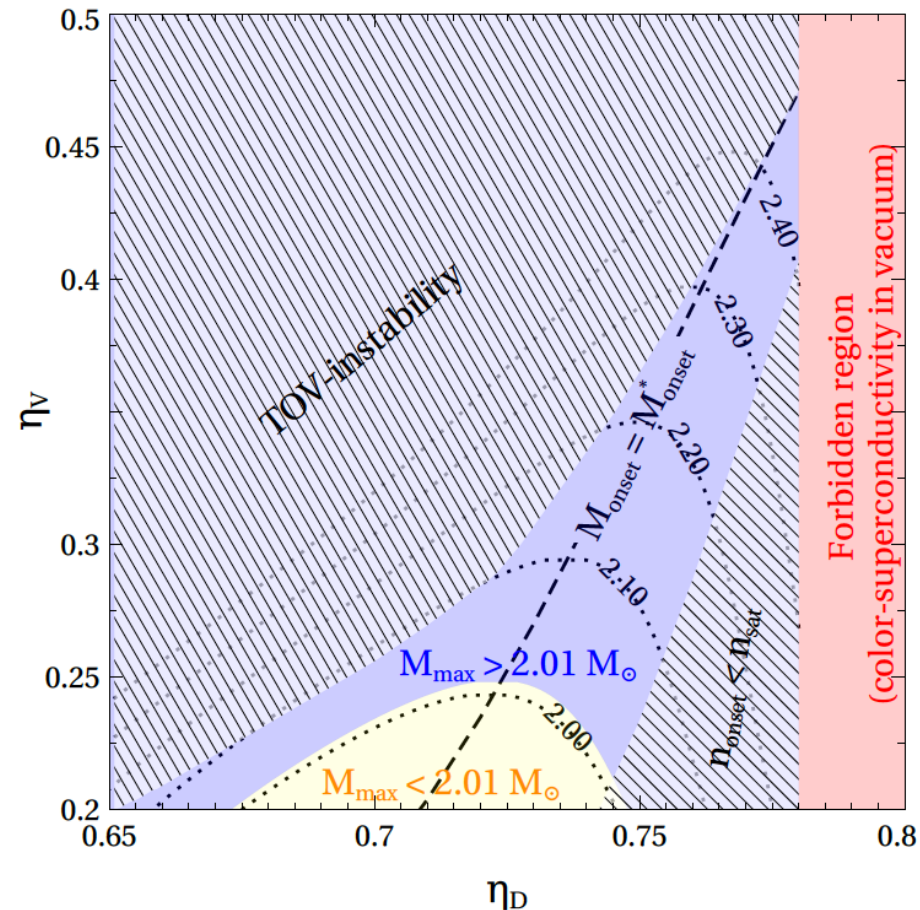
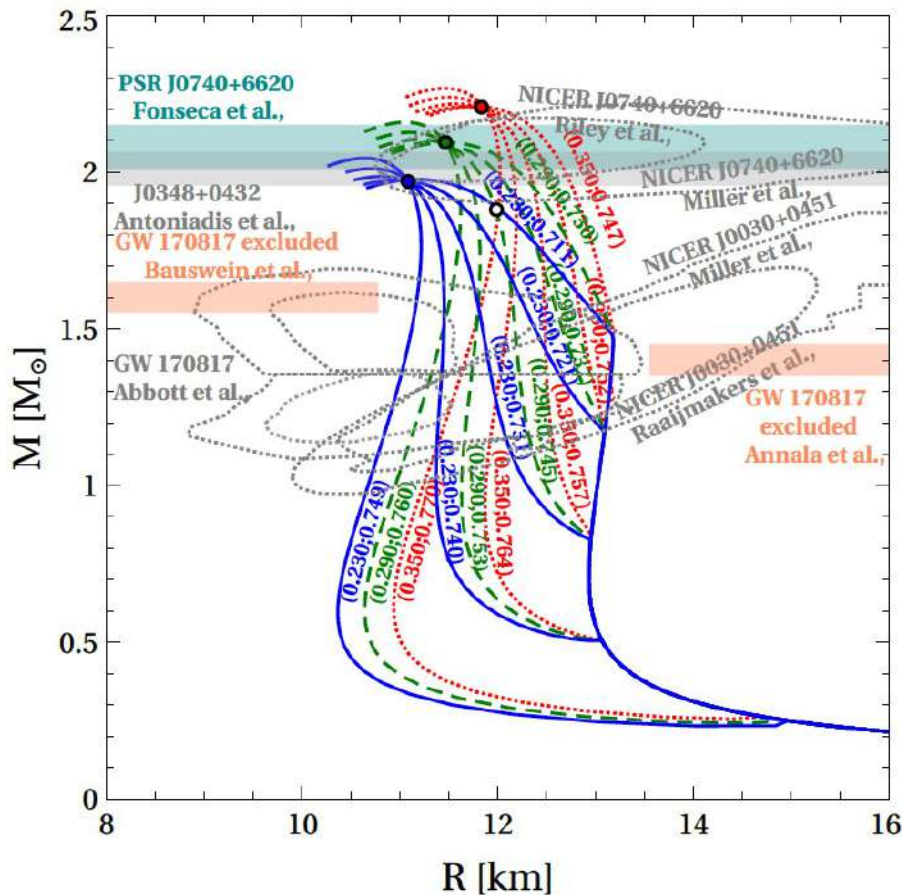


$$M_{\omega} = 783 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \eta_V = 0.452$$

Are the couplings constrained to the small region suggesting  $M_{\text{onset}} < 0.5 M_{\odot}$  and  $M_{\max} > 2.4 M_{\odot}$ ?

# Relativistic density functional for quark matter

## Mass-radius diagram for hybrid neutron stars



$$M_{\max} = M_{\text{SP}} + \delta |M_{\text{onset}}^* - M_{\text{onset}}|^{\kappa} \quad M_{\text{SP}} = k_{M_{\text{SP}}} \eta_V + b_{M_{\text{SP}}}; \quad \delta = k_{\delta} \eta_V + b_{\delta}; \quad M_{\text{onset}}^* = 1.254 M_{\odot}$$

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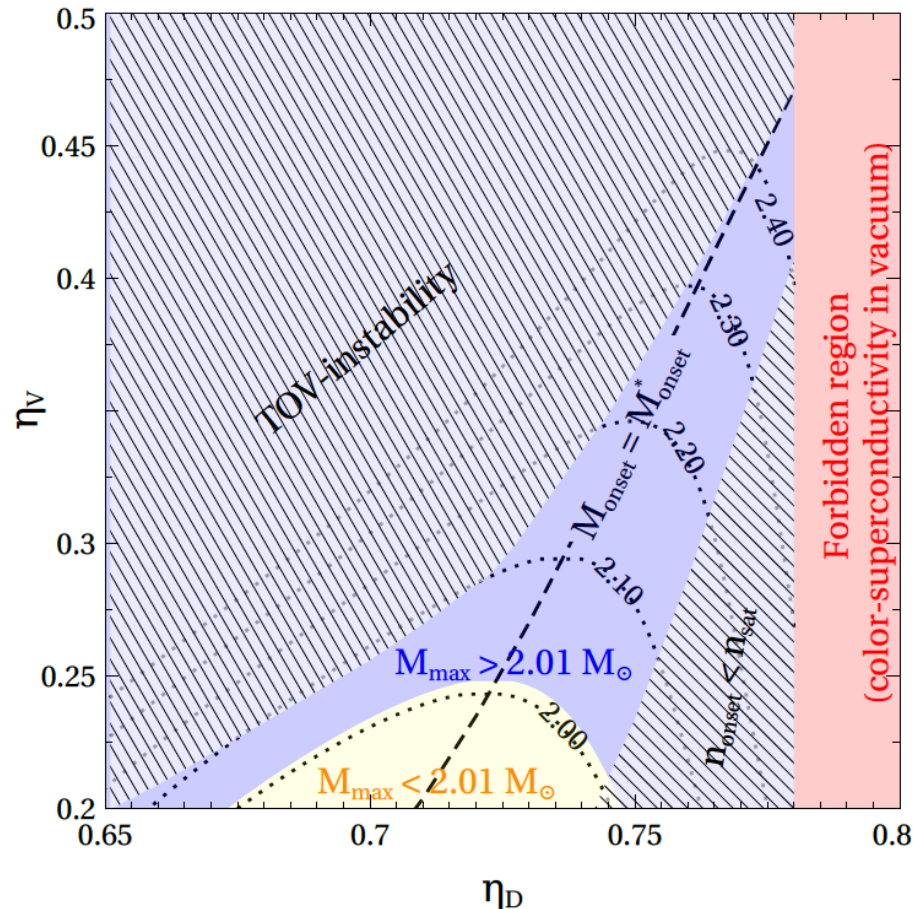
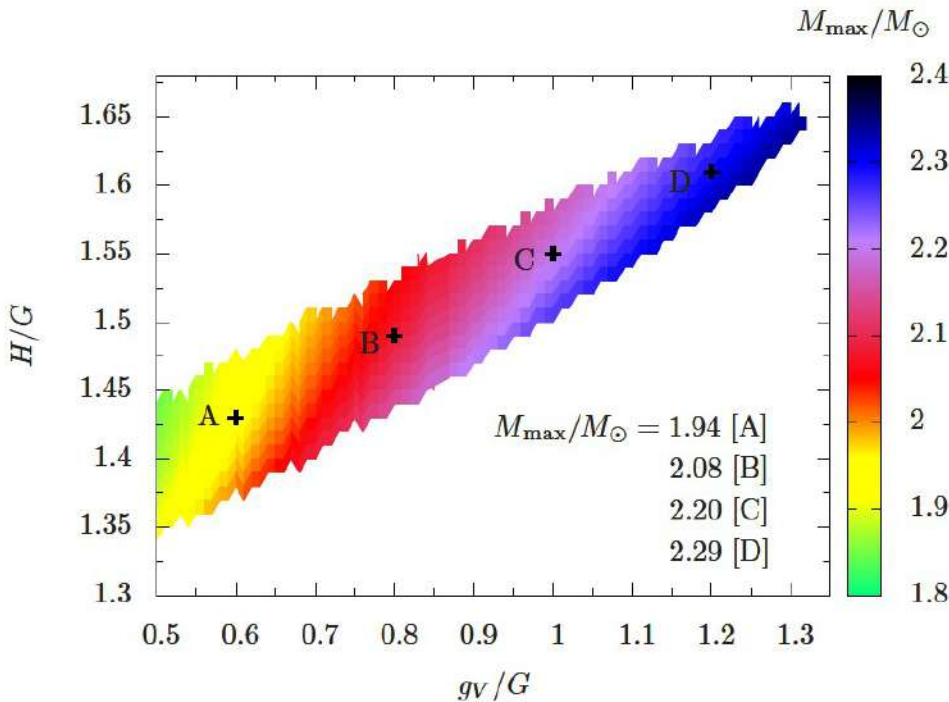


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## Mass-radius diagram for hybrid neutron stars

Compare to:

G. Baym, S. Furusawa, T. Hatsuda, T. Kojo, H. Togashi, ApJ 885, 42 (2019)



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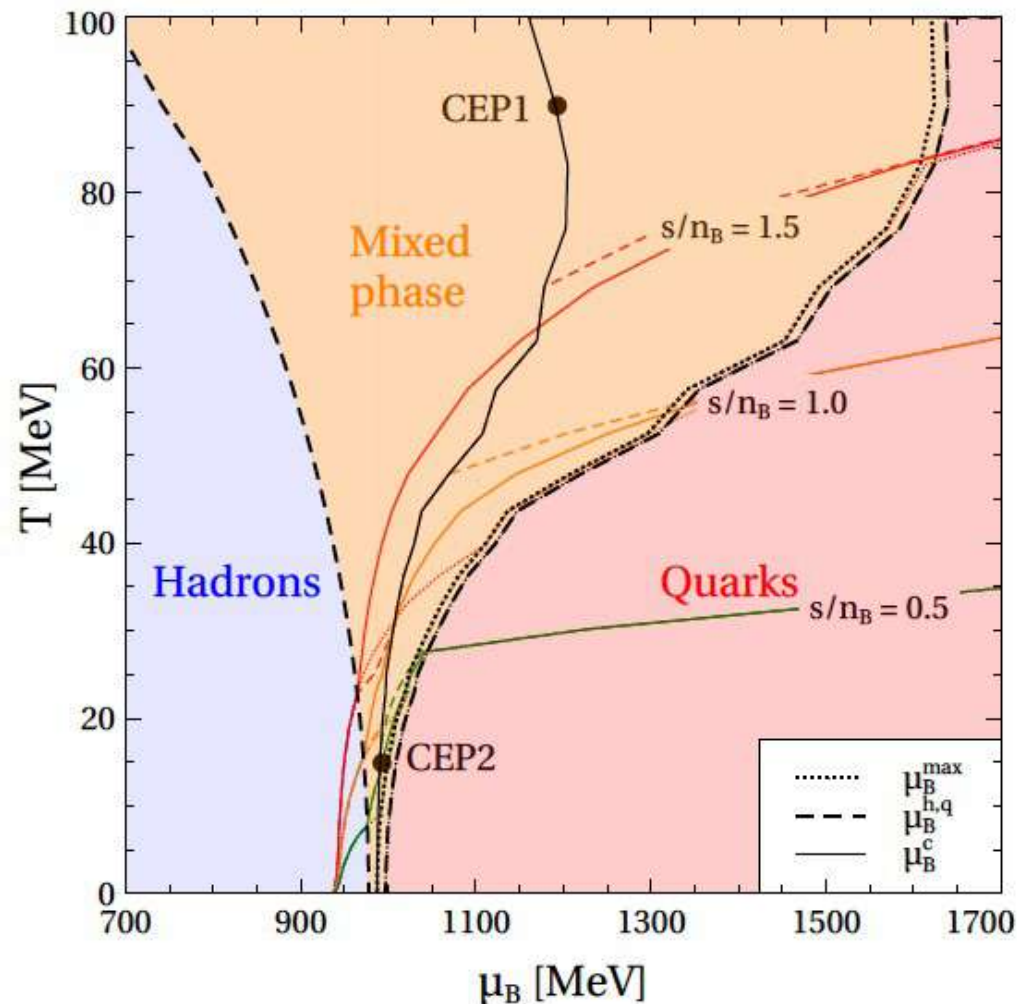
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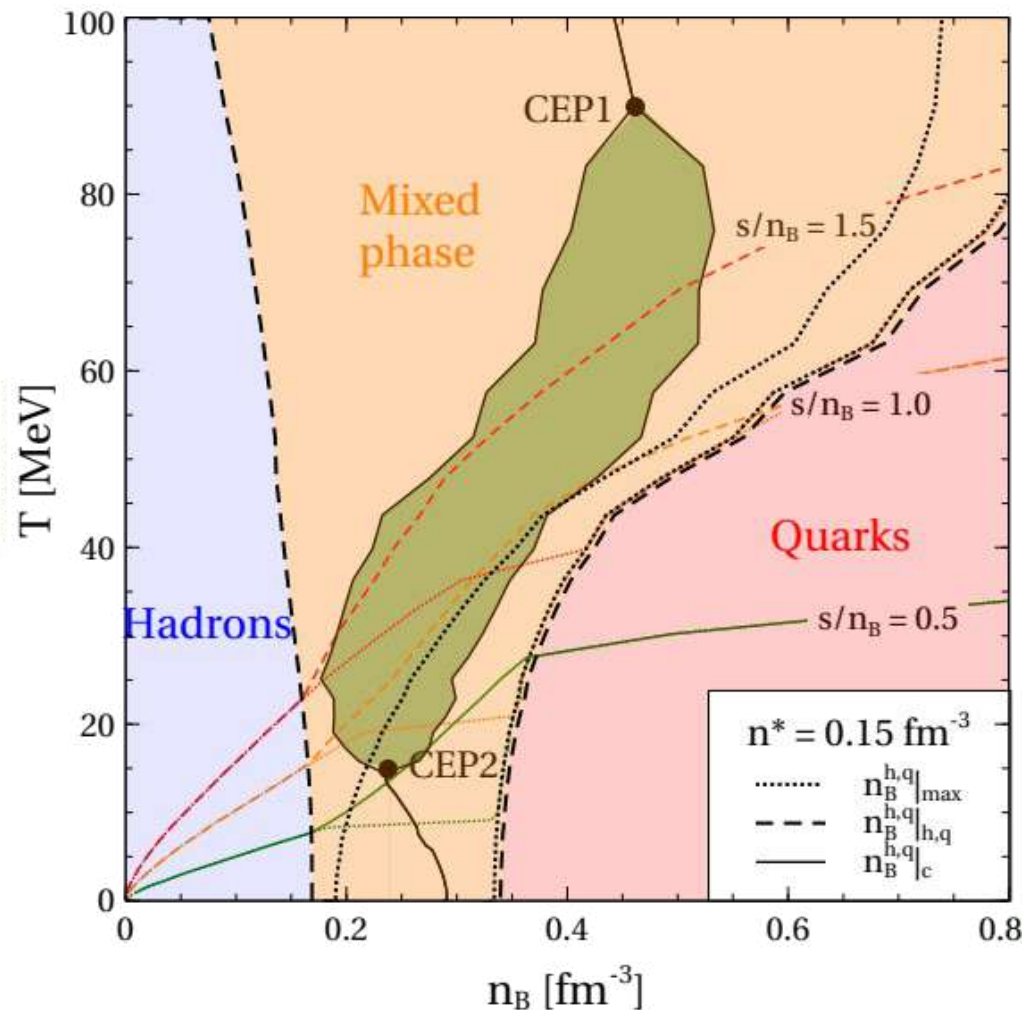
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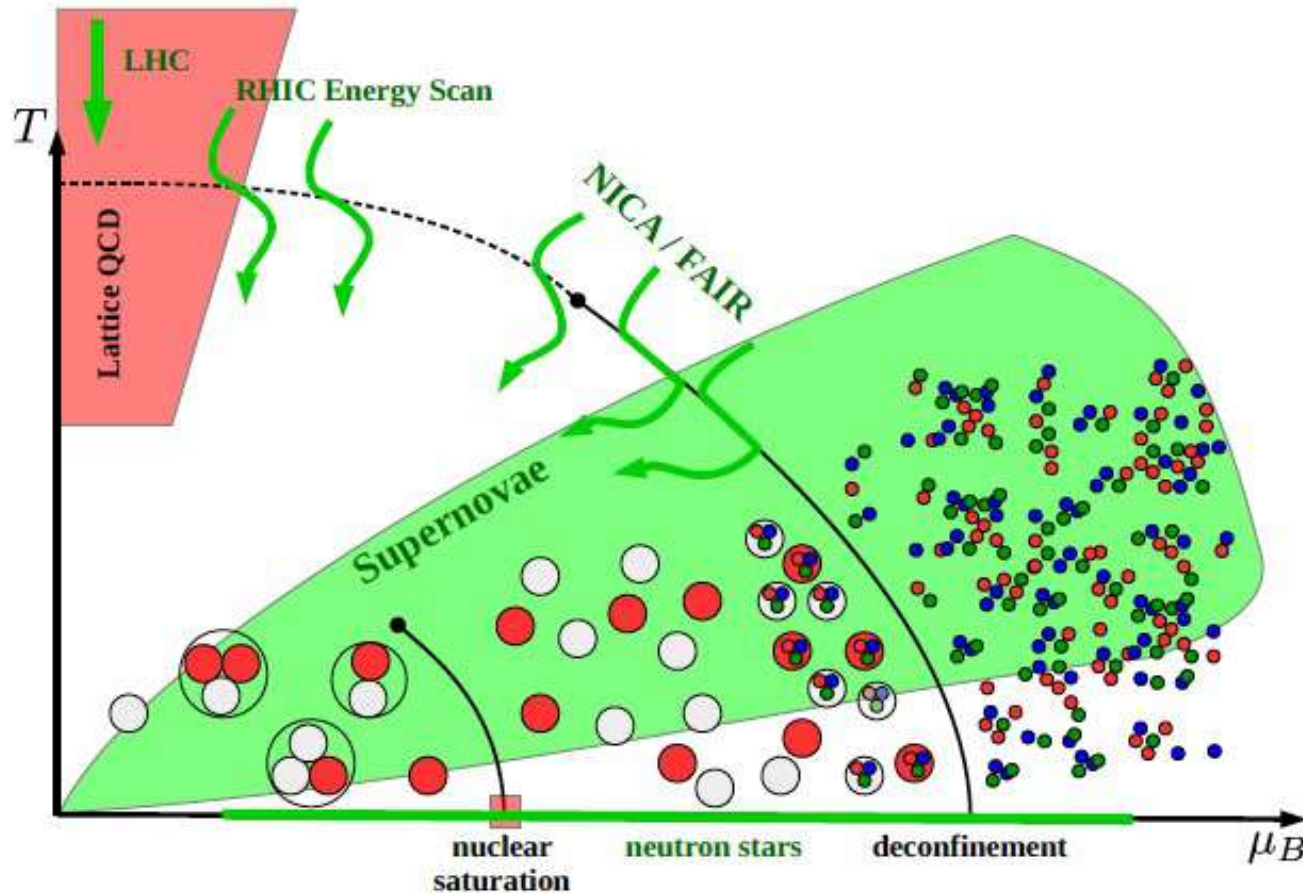
# Unified EOS for quark-hadron matter

## Cluster virial expansion & Beth-Uhlenbeck EoS



# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Clustering aspects in the QCD phase diagram



From: N.-U. Bastian, D.B., et al., Universe 4 (2018) 67; arxiv:1804.10178

# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## $\Phi$ -derivable approach to cluster virial expansion

$$\Omega = \sum_{l=1}^A \Omega_l = \sum_{l=1}^A \left\{ c_l [\text{Tr} \ln (-G_l^{-1}) + \text{Tr} (\Sigma_l G_l)] + \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i+j=l}} \Phi[G_i, G_j, G_{i+j}] \right\},$$

$$G_A^{-1} = G_A^{(0)-1} - \Sigma_A, \quad \Sigma_A(1 \dots A, 1' \dots A', z_A) = \frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta G_A(1 \dots A, 1' \dots A', z_A)}$$

Stationarity of the thermodynamical potential is implied

$$\frac{\delta \Omega}{\delta G_A(1 \dots A, 1' \dots A', z_A)} = 0.$$

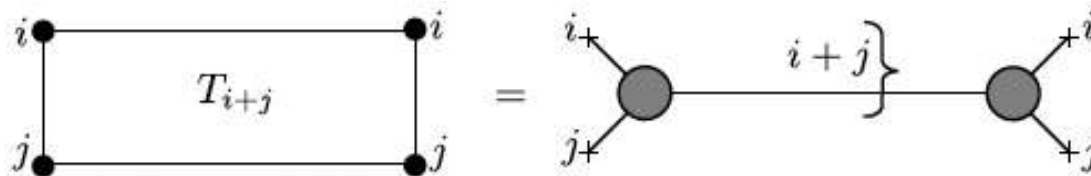
Cluster virial expansion follows for this  $\Phi$ - functional



Figure: The  $\Phi$  functional for  $A$ -particle correlations with bipartitions  $A = i + j$ .

# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Green's function and T-matrix, separable approx.



The  $T_A$  matrix fulfills the Bethe-Salpeter equation in ladder approximation

$$T_{i+j}(1, 2, \dots, A; 1', 2', \dots, A'; z) = V_{i+j} + V_{i+j} G_{i+j}^{(0)} T_{i+j},$$

which in the separable approximation for the interaction potential,

$$V_{i+j} = \Gamma_{i+j}(1, 2, \dots, i; i+1, i+2, \dots, i+j) \Gamma_{i+j}(1', 2', \dots, i'; (i+1)', (i+2)', \dots, (i+j)'),$$

leads to the closed expression for the  $T_A$  matrix

$$T_{i+j}(1, 2, \dots, i+j; 1', 2', \dots, (i+j)'; z) = V_{i+j} \{1 - \Pi_{i+j}\}^{-1},$$

with the generalized polarization function

$$\Pi_{i+j} = \text{Tr} \left\{ \Gamma_{i+j} G_i^{(0)} \Gamma_{i+j} G_j^{(0)} \right\}$$

The one-frequency free  $i$ -particle Green's function is defined by the  $(i-1)$ -fold Matsubara sum

$$\begin{aligned} G_i^{(0)}(1, 2, \dots, i; \Omega_i) &= \sum_{\omega_1 \dots \omega_{i-1}} \frac{1}{\omega_1 - E(1)} \frac{1}{\omega_2 - E(2)} \cdots \frac{1}{\Omega_i - (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_{i-1}) - E(i)} \\ &= \frac{(1-f_1)(1-f_2)\dots(1-f_i) - (-)^i f_1 f_2 \dots f_i}{\Omega_i - E(1) - E(2) - \dots - E(i)}. \end{aligned}$$

# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Useful relationships for many-particle functions

$$G_{i+j}^{(0)} = G_{i+j}^{(0)}(1, 2, \dots, i+j; \Omega_{i+j}) = \sum_{\Omega_i} G_i^{(0)}(1, 2, \dots, i; \Omega_i) G_j^{(0)}(i+1, i+2, \dots, i+j; \Omega_j) .$$

Another set of useful relationships follows from the fact that in the ladder approximation both, the full two-cluster ( $i+j$  particle)  $T$  matrix and the corresponding Greens' function

$$G_{i+j} = G_{i+j}^{(0)} \{1 - \Pi_{i+j}\}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

have similar analytic properties determined by the  $i+j$  cluster polarization loop integral and are related by the identity

$$T_{i+j} G_{i+j}^{(0)} = V_{i+j} G_{i+j} . \quad (2)$$

which is straightforwardly proven by multiplying Equation for the  $T_{i+j}$ - matrix with  $G_{i+j}^{(0)}$  and using Equation (1). Since these two equivalent expressions in Equation (2) are at the same time equivalent to the two-cluster irreducible  $\Phi$  functional these functional relations follow

$$T_{i+j} = \delta\Phi / \delta G_{i+j}^{(0)} ,$$
$$V_{i+j} = \delta\Phi / \delta G_{i+j} .$$



# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck EOS from $\Phi$ -deriv.

Consider the partial density of the  $A$ -particle state defined as

$$n_A(T, \mu) = -\frac{\partial \Omega_A}{\partial \mu} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} d_A \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \left[ \ln(-G_A^{-1}) + \text{Tr}(\Sigma_A G_A) \right] + \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i+j=A}} \Phi[G_i, G_j, G_{i+j}] .$$

Using spectral representation for  $F(\omega)$  and Matsubara summation

$$F(iz_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\text{Im}F(\omega)}{\omega - iz_n}, \quad \sum_{z_n} \frac{c_A}{\omega - iz_n} = f_A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\exp[(\omega - \mu)/T] - (-1)^A}$$

with the relation  $\partial f_A(\omega)/\partial \mu = -\partial f_A(\omega)/\partial \omega$  we get for Equation (3) now

$$n_A(T, \mu) = -d_A \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} f_A(\omega) \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left[ \text{Im} \ln(-G_A^{-1}) + \text{Im}(\Sigma_A G_A) \right] + \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i+j=A}} \frac{\partial \Phi[G_i, G_j, G_A]}{\partial \mu},$$

where a partial integration over  $\omega$  has been performed For two-loop diagrams of the sunset type holds a cancellation<sup>3</sup> which generalize here for cluster states

$$d_A \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} f_A(\omega) \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} (\text{Re}\Sigma_A \text{Im}G_A) - \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i+j=A}} \frac{\partial \Phi[G_i, G_j, G_A]}{\partial \mu} = 0 .$$

Using generalized optical theorems we can show that ( $G_A = |G_A| \exp(i\delta_A)$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left[ \text{Im} \ln(-G_A^{-1}) + \text{Im}\Sigma_A \text{Re}G_A \right] = 2\text{Im} \left[ G_A \text{Im}\Sigma_A \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} G_A^* \text{Im}\Sigma_A \right] = -2 \sin^2 \delta_A \frac{\partial \delta_A}{\partial \omega} .$$

The density in the form of a generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck EoS follows

$$n(T, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^A n_i(T, \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^A d_i \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} f_i(\omega) 2 \sin^2 \delta_i \frac{\partial \delta_i}{\partial \omega} .$$

<sup>3</sup>B. Vanderheyden & G. Baym, J. Stat. Phys. (1998), J.-P. Blaizot et al., PRD (2001)

# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Example: deuterons in nuclear matter

The  $\Phi$ -derivable thermodynamical potential for the nucleon-deuteron system reads

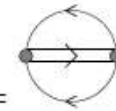
$$\Omega = -\text{Tr} \{ \ln(-G_1) \} - \text{Tr} \{ \Sigma_1 G_1 \} + \text{Tr} \{ \ln(-G_2) \} + \text{Tr} \{ \Sigma_2 G_2 \} + \Phi[G_1, G_2] ,$$

where the full propagators obey the Dyson-Schwinger equations

$$G_1^{-1}(1, z) = z - E_1(p_1) - \Sigma_1(1, z); \quad G_2^{-1}(12, 1'2', z) = z - E_1(p_1) - E_2(p_2) - \Sigma_2(12, 1'2', z),$$

with selfenergies and  $\Phi$  functional

$$\Sigma_1(1, 1') = \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta G_1(1, 1')} ; \quad \Sigma_2(12, 1'2', z) = \frac{\delta\Phi}{\delta G_2(12, 1'2', z)} , \quad \Phi = \text{diagram} ,$$



fulfilling stationarity of the thermodynamic potential  $\partial\Omega/\partial G_1 = \partial\Omega/\partial G_2 = 0$  .

For the density we obtain the cluster virial expansion

$$n = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\mu} = n_{\text{qu}}(\mu, T) + 2n_{\text{corr}}(\mu, T) ,$$

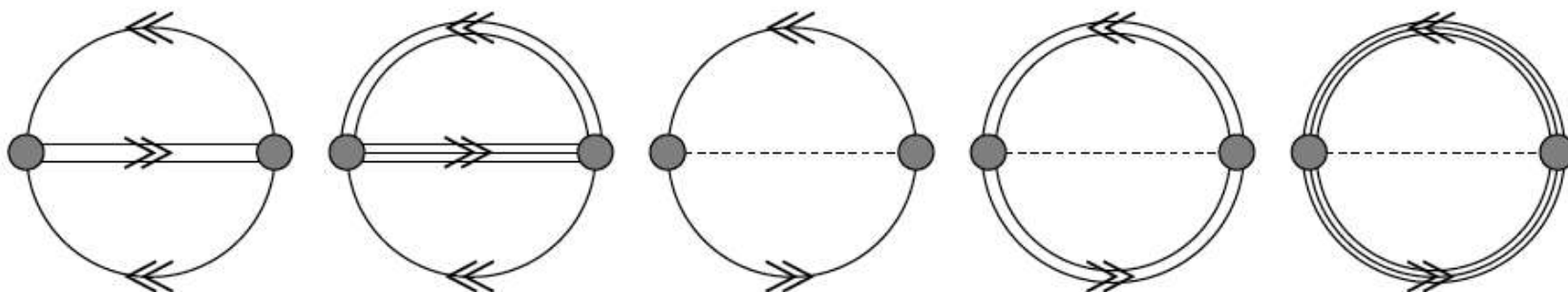
with the correlation density in the generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck form

$$n_{\text{corr}} = \int \frac{dE}{2\pi} g(E) 2 \sin^2 \delta(E) \frac{d\delta(E)}{dE} .$$

# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Cluster virial expansion for quark-hadron matter

$$\Omega = \sum_{i=Q,M,D,B} c_i [\text{Tr} \ln (-G_i^{-1}) + \text{Tr} (\Sigma_i G_i)] + \Phi [G_Q, G_M, G_D, G_B] ,$$



When  $\Phi$  functional for the system is given by 2-loop diagrams holds

$$\begin{aligned} n &= -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu} = \sum_a a n_a(T, \mu) \\ &= \sum_a a d_a \int \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ f_{\phi}^{(a),+} - \left[ f_{\phi}^{(a),-} \right]^* \right\} 2 \sin^2 \delta_a(\omega, q) \frac{\partial \delta_a(\omega, q)}{\partial \omega} , \end{aligned}$$

Analogous for the entropy density  $s = -\partial \Omega / \partial T$ .

# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Cluster virial expansion for quark-hadron matter

The cluster decomposition of the thermodynamic potential is given as

$$\Omega_{\text{total}}(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}) = \Omega_{PNJL}(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}) + \Omega_{\text{pert}}(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}) + \Omega_{MHRG}(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}),$$

where the first two terms describe the quark and gluon degrees of freedom via the mean-field thermodynamic potential for quark matter in a gluon background field  $\mathcal{U}$

$$\Omega_{PNJL}(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}) = \Omega_Q(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}) + \mathcal{U}(T, \phi, \bar{\phi})$$

with a perturbative correction  $\Omega_{\text{pert}}(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi})$ .

The Mott-Hadron-Resonance-Gas (MHRG) part for the multi-quark clusters is

$$\Omega_{MHRG}(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}) = \sum_{i=M,B,\dots} \Omega_i(T, \mu, \phi, \bar{\phi}),$$

where the multi-quark states are described by the GBU formula:

$$\begin{aligned} n &= -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu} = \sum_a a n_a(T, \mu) \\ &= \sum_a a d_a \int \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ f_{\phi}^{(a),+} - \left[ f_{\phi}^{(a),-} \right]^* \right\} 2 \sin^2 \delta_a(\omega, q) \frac{\partial \delta_a(\omega, q)}{\partial \omega}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_i$  is the degeneracy factor,  $a$  is the number of valence quarks in the cluster and  $f_{\phi}^{(a),+}$ ,  $\left[ f_{\phi}^{(a),-} \right]^*$  are the Polyakov-loop modified distribution functions.

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# Unified approach to quark-nuclear matter

## Polyakov-loop modified distribution functions

For multiquark clusters with net number  $a$  of valence quarks holds

$$f_{\phi}^{(a),\pm} \stackrel{(a \text{ even})}{=} \frac{(\phi - 2\bar{\phi}y_a^{\pm})y_a^{\pm} + y_a^{\pm 3}}{1 - 3(\phi - \bar{\phi}y_a^{\pm})y_a^{\pm} - y_a^{\pm 3}},$$
$$f_{\phi}^{(a),\pm} \stackrel{(a \text{ odd})}{=} \frac{(\bar{\phi} + 2\phi y_a^{\pm})y_a^{\pm} + y_a^{\pm 3}}{1 + 3(\bar{\phi} + \phi y_a^{\pm})y_a^{\pm} + y_a^{\pm 3}},$$

where  $y_a^{\pm} = e^{-(E_p \mp a\mu)/T}$  and  $E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + M^2}$ .

It is instructive to consider the two limits  $\phi = \bar{\phi} = 1$  (deconfinement)

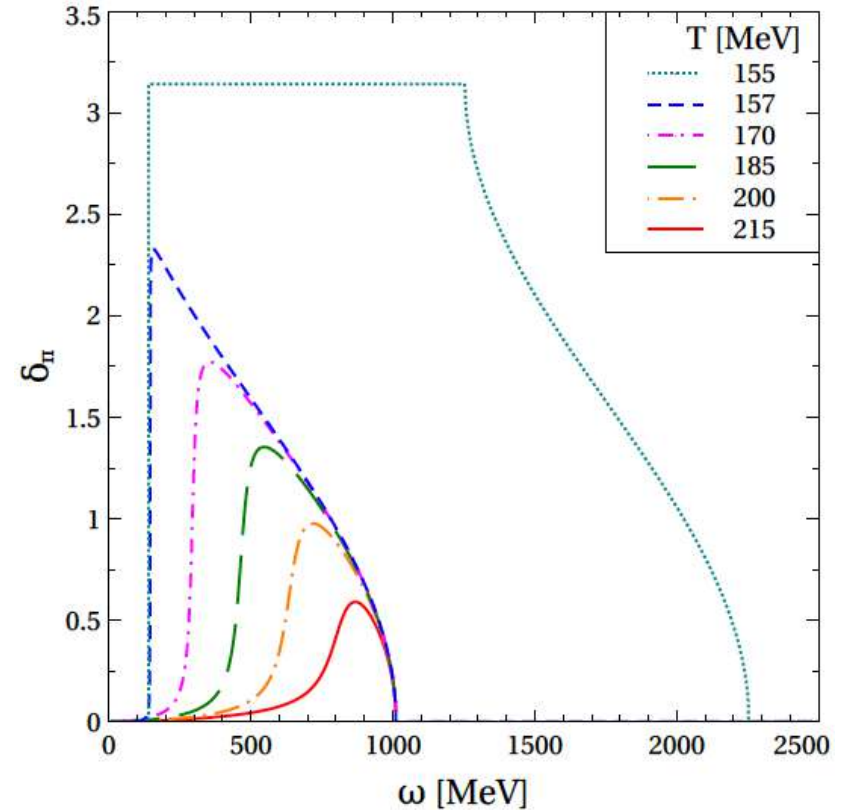
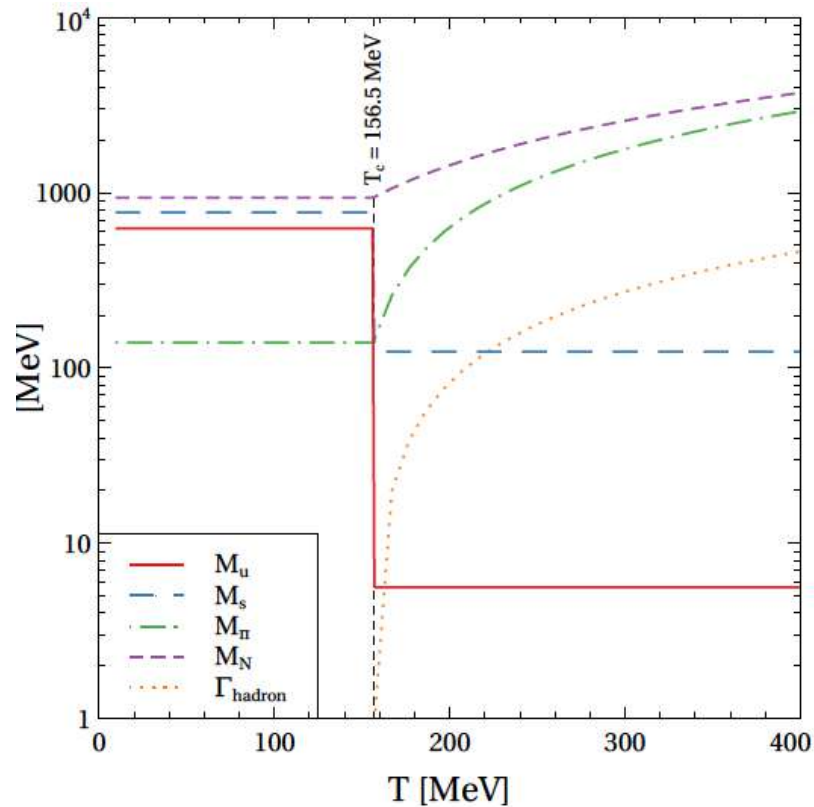
$$f_{\phi=1}^{(a=0,2,4,\dots),\pm} = \frac{y_a^{\pm}}{1 - y_a^{\pm}}, \quad f_{\phi=1}^{(a=1,3,5,\dots),\pm} = \frac{y_a^{\pm}}{1 + y_a^{\pm}},$$

and  $\phi = \bar{\phi} = 0$  (confinement),

$$f_{\phi=0}^{(a=0,2,4,\dots),\pm} = \frac{y_a^{\pm 3}}{1 - y_a^{\pm 3}}, \quad f_{\phi=0}^{(a=1,3,5,\dots),\pm} = \frac{y_a^{\pm 3}}{1 + y_a^{\pm 3}}.$$

# Unified approach to quark-hadron matter

Inputs: mass spectrum & phase shifts (models)



D.B., M. Ciernak, O. Ivanytskyi and G. Röpke, arXiv:2308.07950

# Unified approach to quark-hadron matter

Inputs: mass spectrum & phase shifts (models)

Mesons:

| PDG mesons      | $d_i$ | $M_{\text{PDG}}$ [MeV] | $M_i$ [MeV]         | $M_{\text{th},i}^<$ [MeV] | $M_{\text{th},i}^>$ [MeV] |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $\pi^+/\pi^0$   | 3     | 140                    | 140                 | 1254                      | 11.2                      |
| $K^+/K^0$       | 4     | 494                    | 494                 | 1397                      | 129.6                     |
| $\eta$          | 1     | 548                    | 878                 | 1349                      | 90.1                      |
| $\rho^+/\rho^0$ | 9     | 775                    | 783                 | 1254                      | 11.2                      |
| $\omega$        | 9     | 783                    | 783                 | 1254                      | 11.2                      |
| $K^{*+}/K^{*0}$ | 12    | 895                    | 806 <sup>*</sup> )  | 2651                      | 140.8                     |
| $\eta'$         | 1     | 960                    | 878                 | 1349                      | 90.1                      |
| $a_0$           | 3     | 980                    | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $f_0$           | 1     | 980                    | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $\phi$          | 3     | 1020                   | 1069                | 1540                      | 248                       |
| ...             |       |                        |                     |                           |                           |
| $\pi_2(1880)$   | 15    | 1895                   | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $f_2(1950)$     | 5     | 1944                   | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $a_4(2040)$     | 27    | 1996                   | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $f_2(2010)$     | 5     | 2011                   | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $f_4(2050)$     | 9     | 2018                   | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $K_4^*(2045)$   | 36    | 2045                   | 1238 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2651                      | 140.8                     |
| $\phi(2170)$    | 3     | 2175                   | 1381 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2794                      | 259.2                     |
| $f_2(2300)$     | 5     | 2297                   | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |
| $f_2(2340)$     | 5     | 2339                   | 1095 <sup>*</sup> ) | 2508                      | 22.4                      |

Baryons:

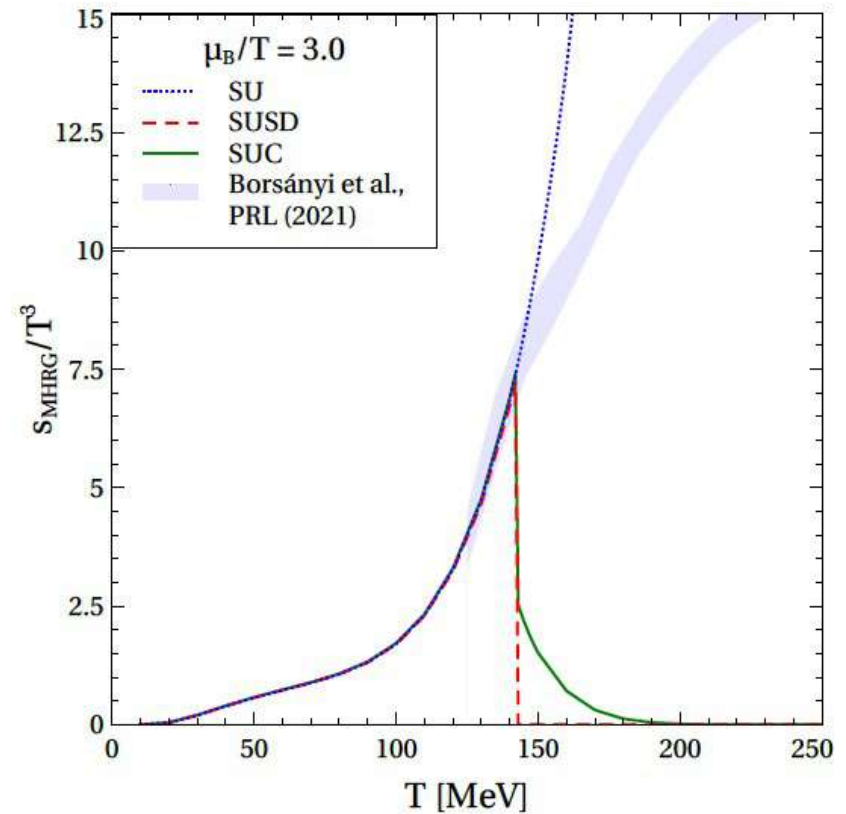
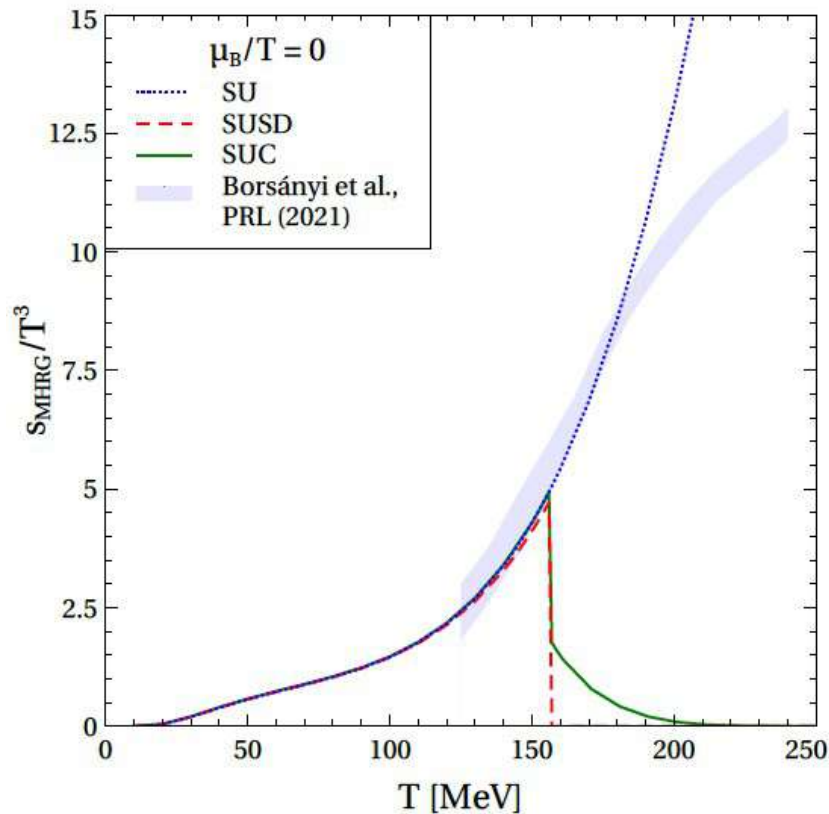
| PDG baryons      | $d_i$ | $M_{\text{PDG}}$ [MeV] | $M_i$ [MeV]         | $M_{\text{th},i}^<$ [MeV] | $M_{\text{th},i}^>$ [MeV] |
|------------------|-------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| n/p              | 4     | 939                    | 939                 | 1881                      | 16.8                      |
| $\Lambda$        | 2     | 1116                   | 1082                | 2024                      | 135.2                     |
| $\Sigma$         | 6     | 1193                   | 1082                | 2024                      | 135.2                     |
| $\Delta$         | 16    | 1232                   | 1251 <sup>**)</sup> | 3135                      | 28                        |
| $\Xi^0$          | 2     | 1315                   | 1225                | 2167                      | 253.6                     |
| $\Xi^-$          | 2     | 1322                   | 1225                | 2167                      | 253.6                     |
| $\Sigma(1385)$   | 6     | 1385                   | 1394 <sup>**)</sup> | 3278                      | 146.4                     |
| $\Lambda(1405)$  | 2     | 1405                   | 1394 <sup>**)</sup> | 3278                      | 146.4                     |
| $N(1440)$        | 4     | 1440                   | 1251 <sup>**)</sup> | 3135                      | 28                        |
| ...              |       |                        |                     |                           |                           |
| $N(2195)$        | 36    | 2220                   | 1251 <sup>**)</sup> | 3135                      | 28                        |
| $\Sigma(2250)$   | 6     | 2250                   | 1394 <sup>**)</sup> | 3278                      | 146.4                     |
| $\Omega^-(2250)$ | 2     | 2252                   | 1680 <sup>**)</sup> | 3564                      | 383.2                     |
| $N(2250)$        | 20    | 2275                   | 1251 <sup>**)</sup> | 3135                      | 28                        |
| $\Lambda(2350)$  | 10    | 2350                   | 1394 <sup>**)</sup> | 3278                      | 146.4                     |
| $\Delta(2420)$   | 48    | 2420                   | 1251 <sup>**)</sup> | 3135                      | 28                        |
| $N(2600)$        | 24    | 2600                   | 1251 <sup>**)</sup> | 3135                      | 28                        |

... and colored clusters !

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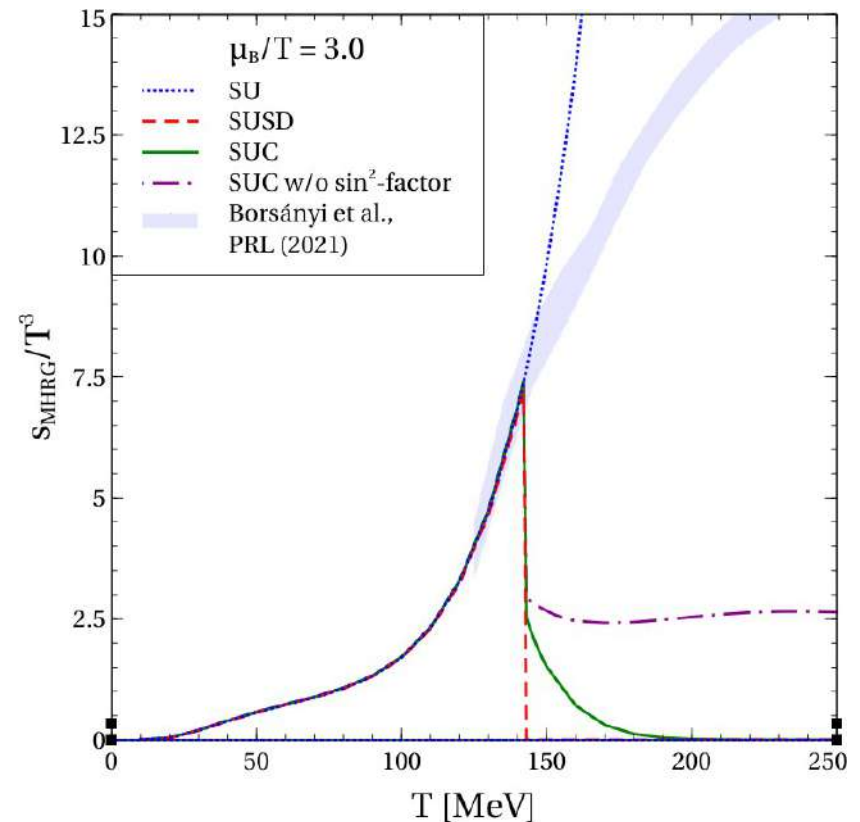
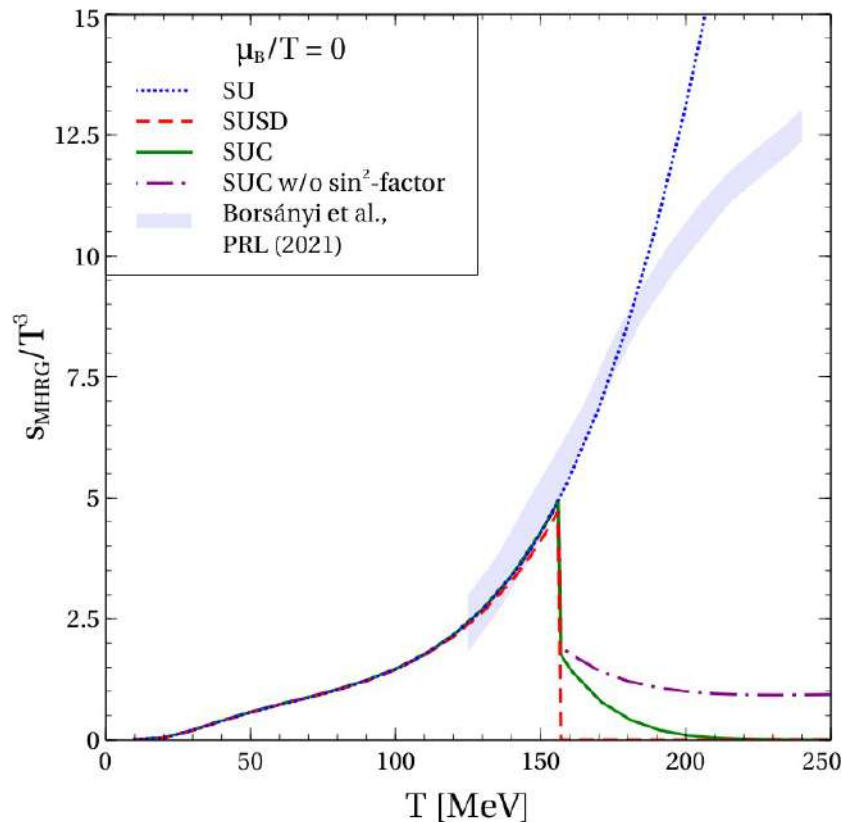


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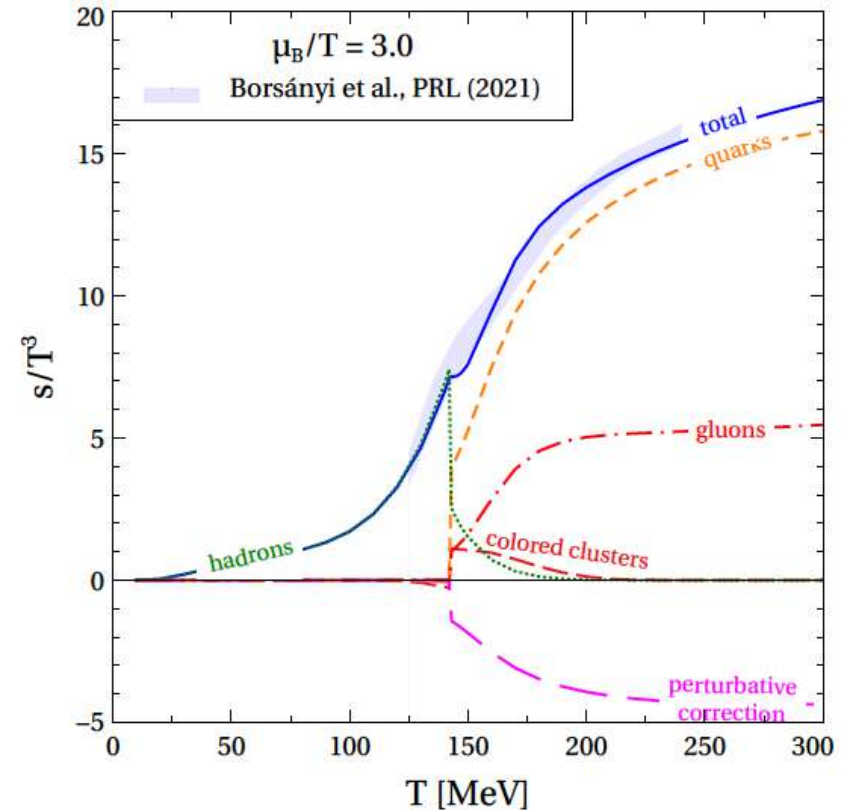
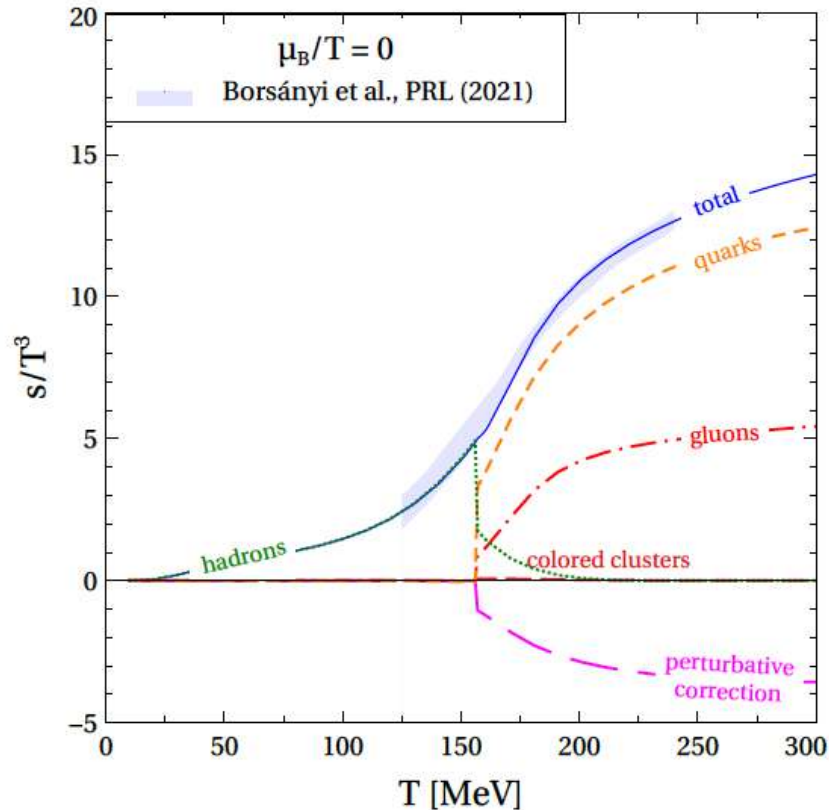
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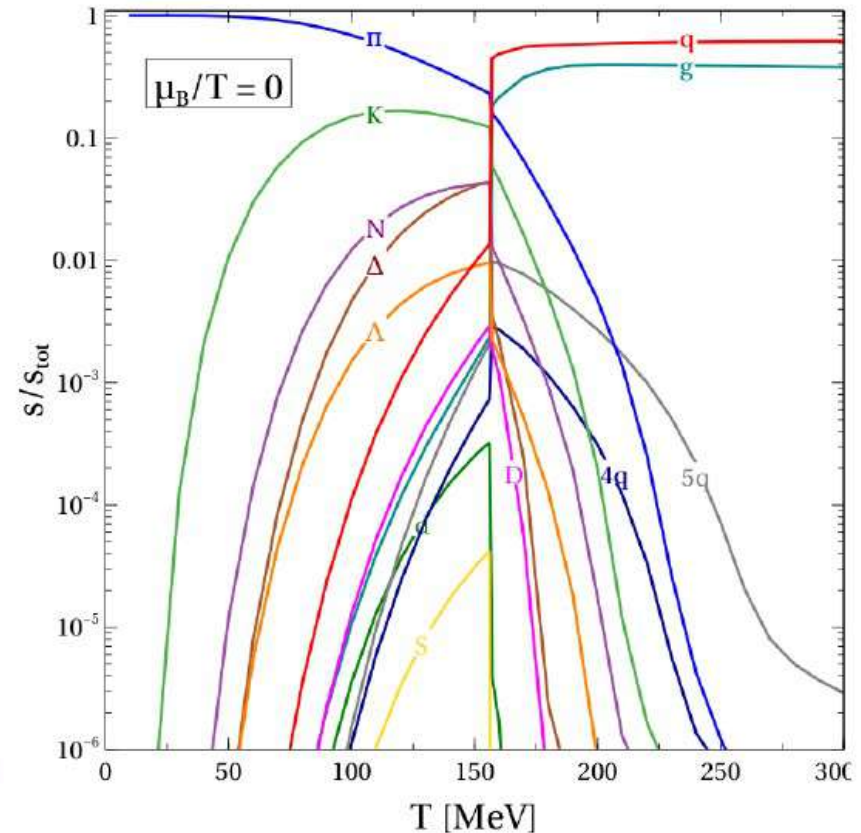
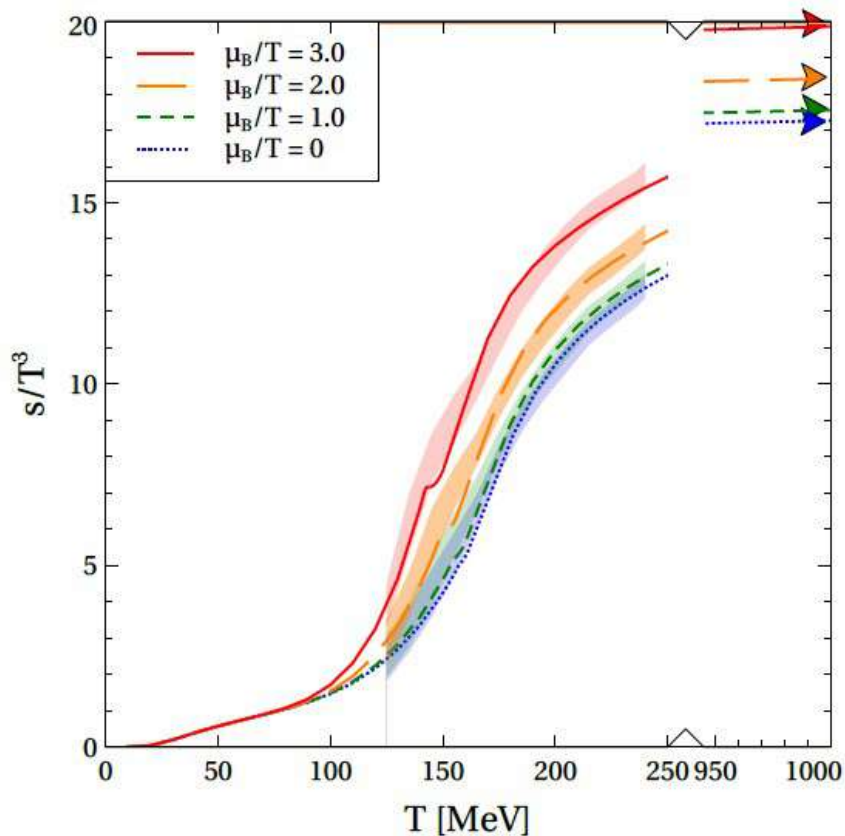
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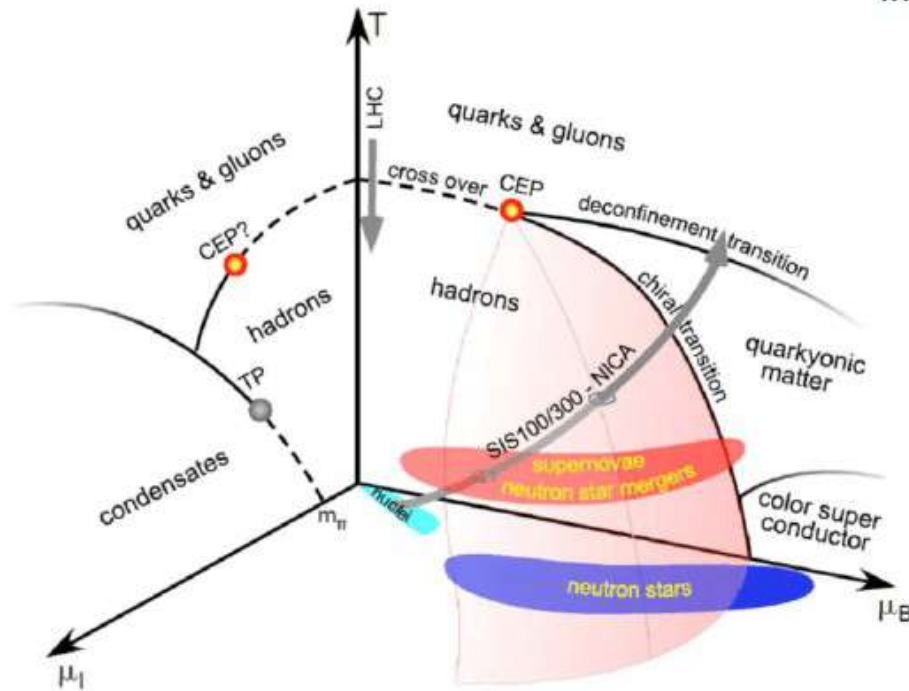


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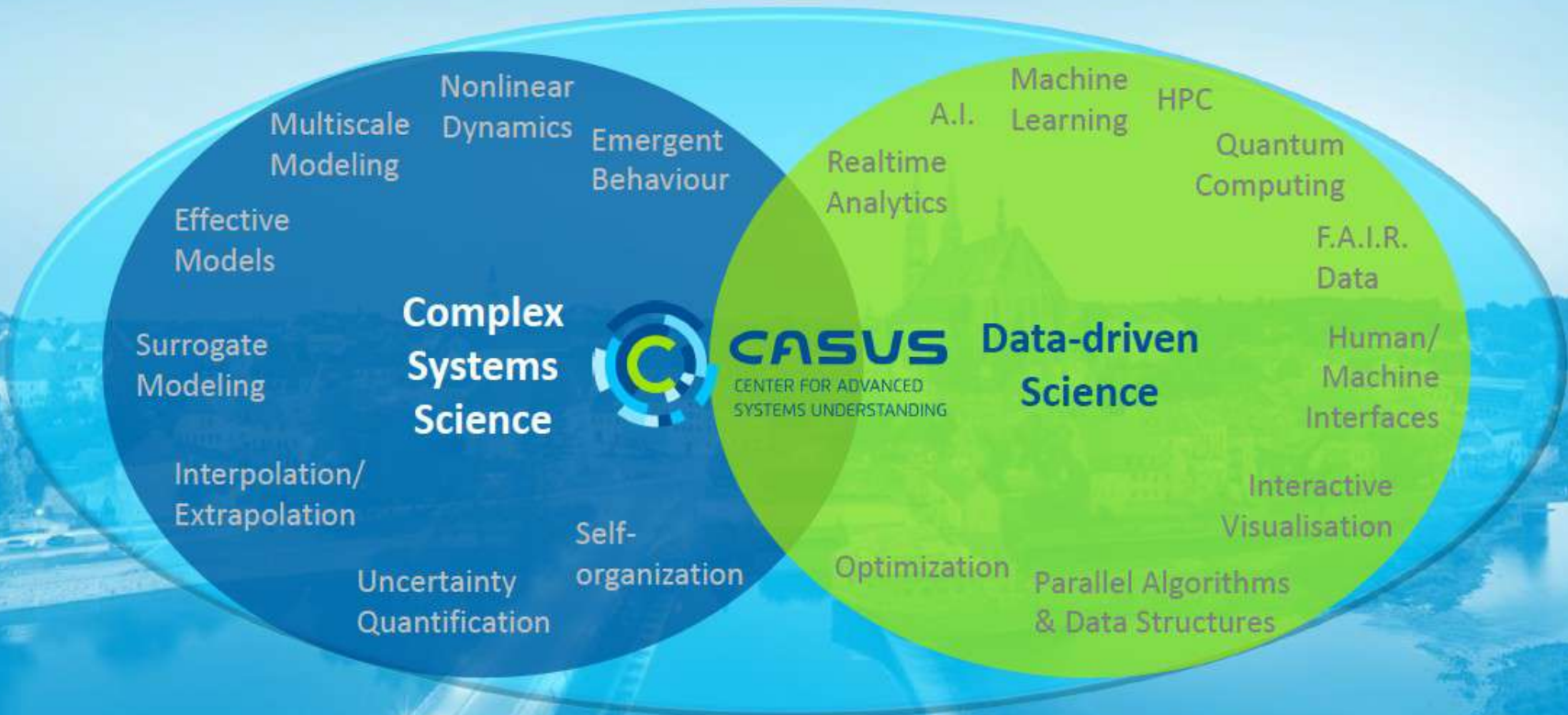
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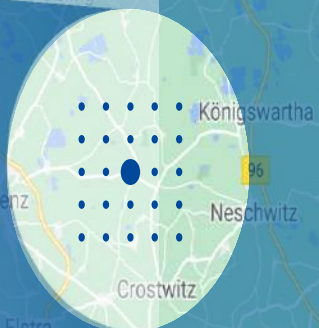
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