

Neutron Stars with Quark Matter

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Agenda

- **Hybrid and quark star matter based on a nonperturbative equation of state**

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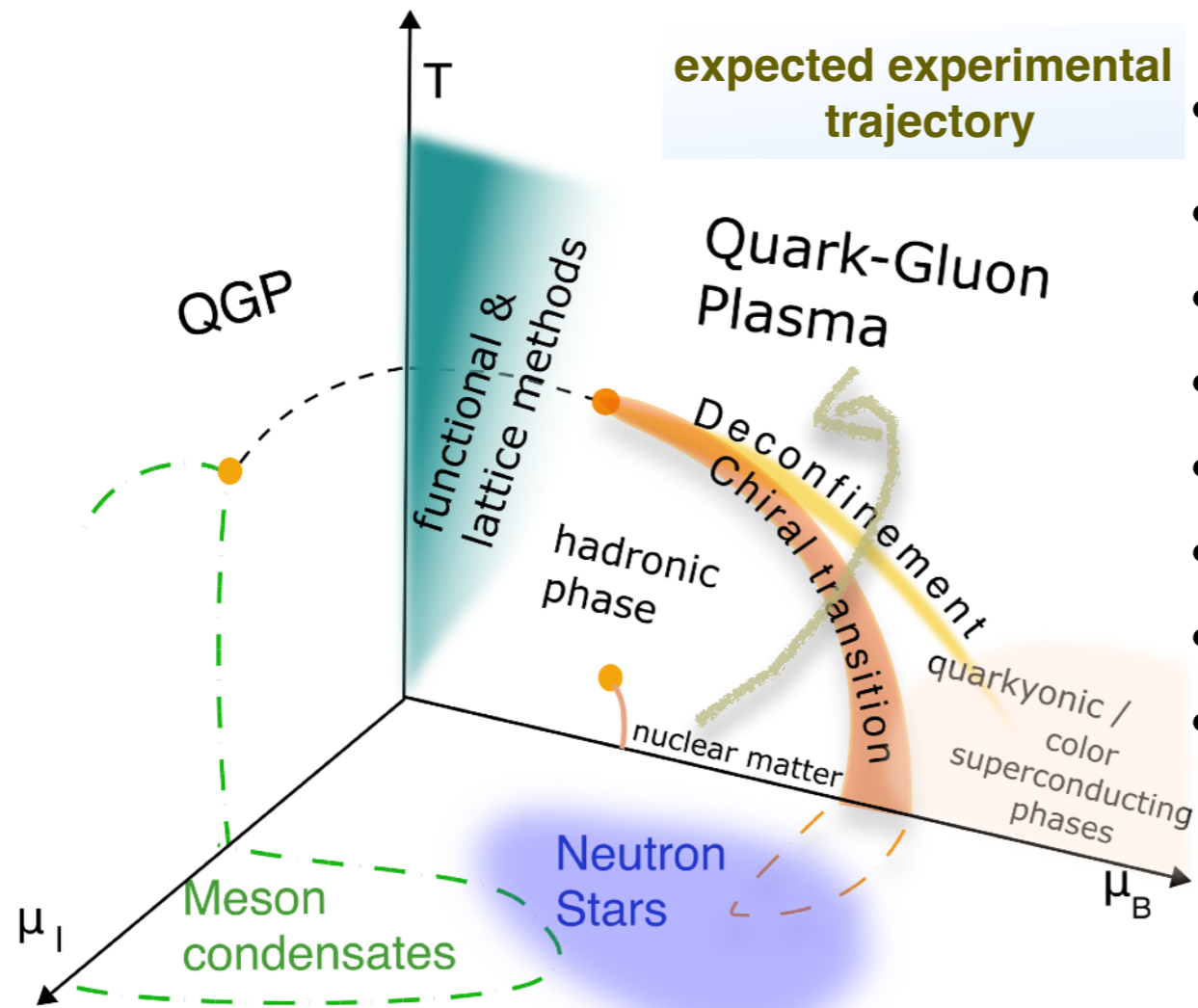
- **Regulator scheme dependence of the chiral phase transition at high densities**

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conjectured QCD phase structure

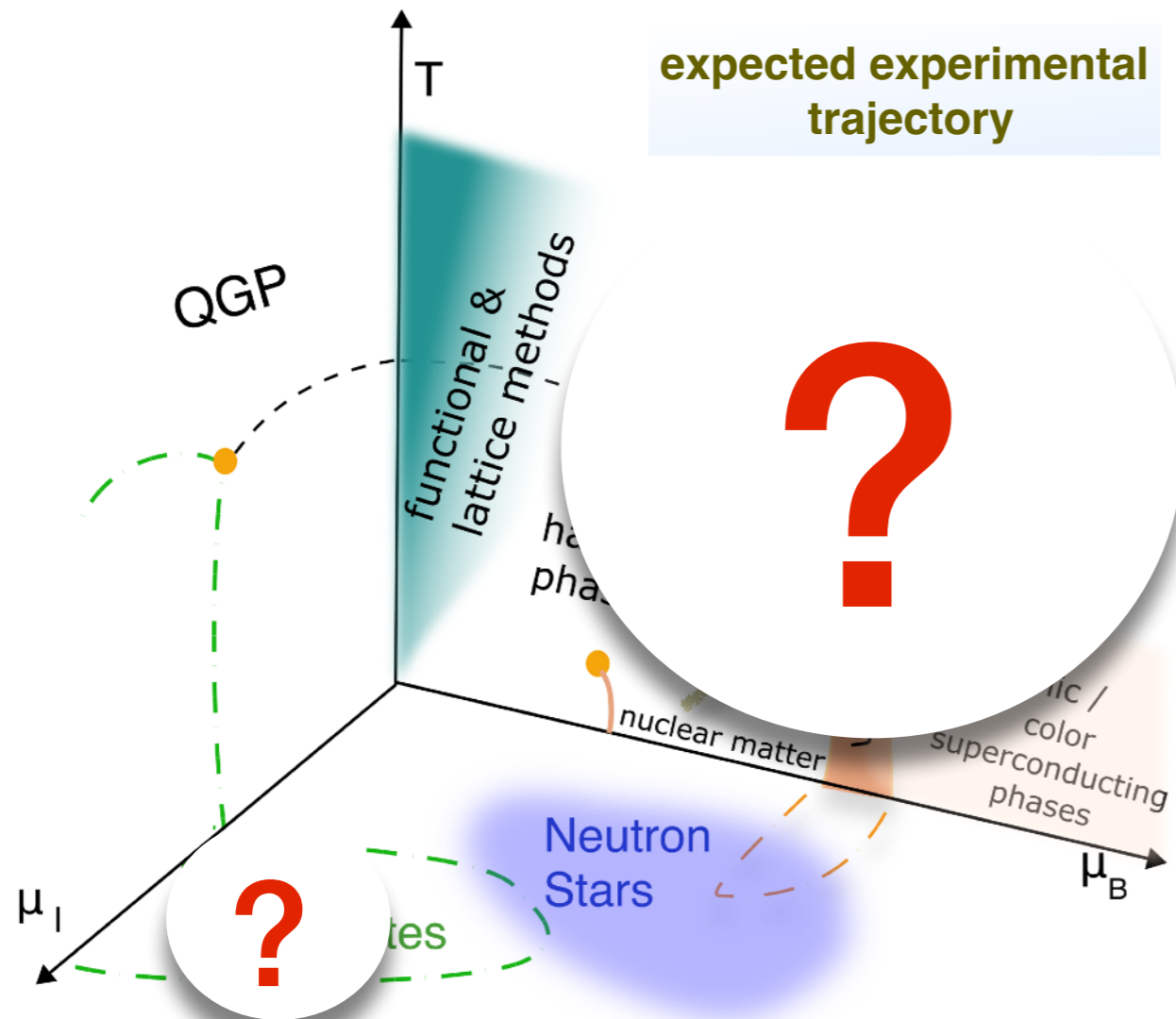
Open issues



- **Critical endpoint (CEP)?** chiral \leftrightarrow deconfinement?
- **Chiral-Spin symmetry / Quarkyonic phase/s?**
- inhomogeneous phase/s?
- axial anomaly restoration?
- finite volume effects?
- role of fluctuations?
- experimental signatures?
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usual assumptions: equilibrium, homogeneous phases, infinite volume,

conjectured QCD phase structure

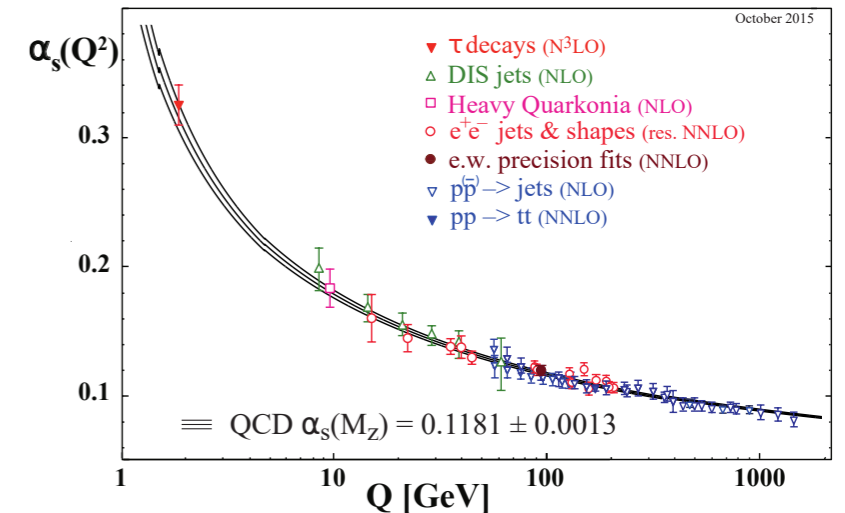
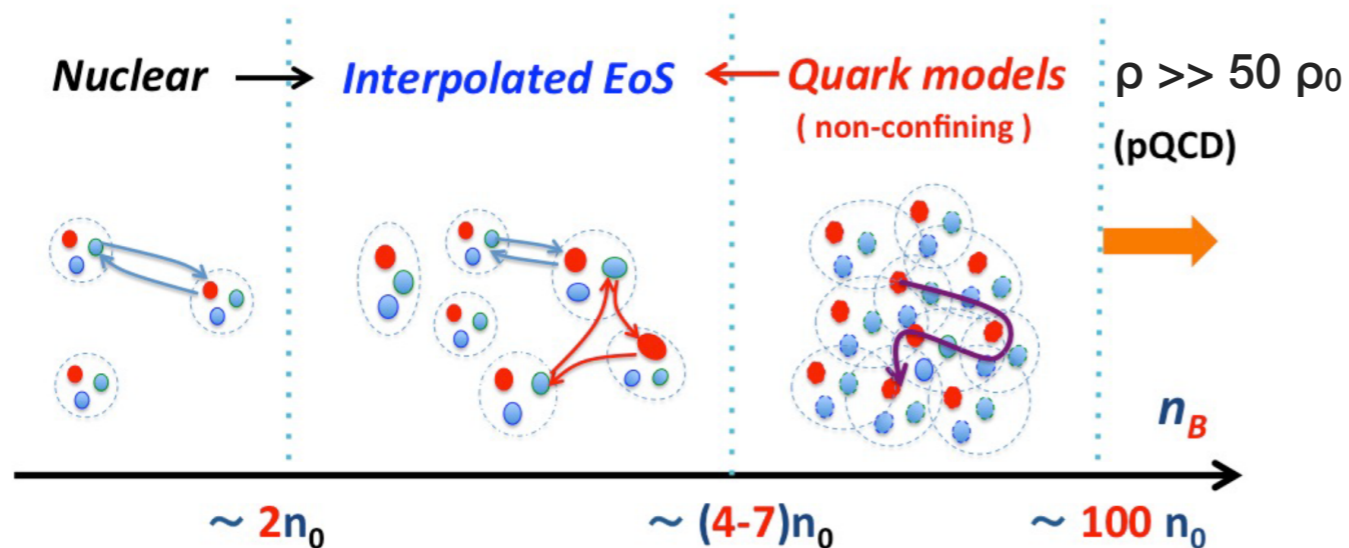


- basically **only corners known from first principle QCD**
- **alternative to HIC** to probe cold dense QCD matter
→ **massive neutron star** (e.g. PSR J0348+0432)
- theory:
only effective low-energy realisation of QCD:
e.g. (P)QM models

ultimate goal: microscopic description of EoS guided by QCD first principle

EoS for dense matter

[Baym, Kojo et al 2018] three window model of dense matter



Nuclear phase:
1-2 meson/quark
exchanges

EoS from
nuclear physics
 $\rho < 2\rho_0$ χ EFT

interpolated EoS
many meson/quark
exchanges

system gradually changes
from hadronic to quark matter
- **diquarks, colored quarks virtually ...**
- role of strangeness / hyperons

$2\rho_0 < \rho < 7\rho_0$ Neutron stars

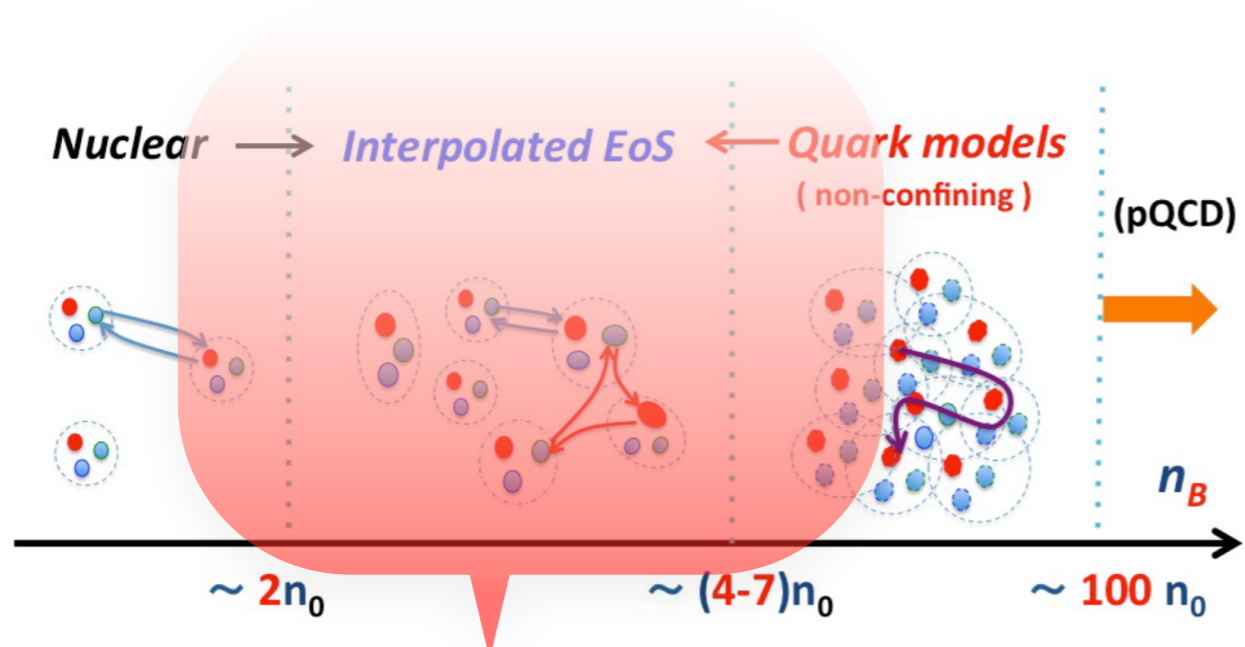
Quark phase:
quarks no longer
specific to baryons

mostly mean-field investigations
like NJL-type or phenomenological
models

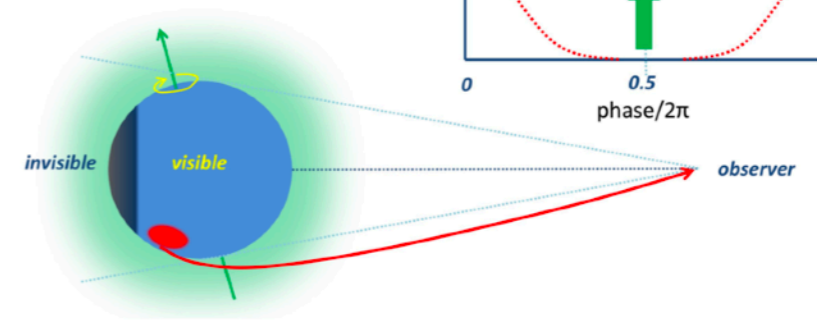
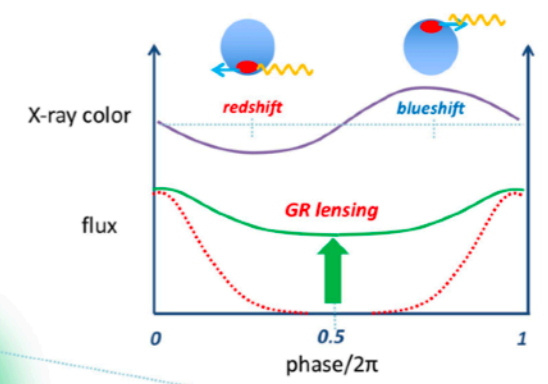
→ upgrade with FRG methods

[Hebeler, Lattimer, Pethick, Schwenk et al. 2010]
[Schaffner-Bielich et al. 2008]
[Blaschke, Fischer, Oertel et al. 2018]

Experimental facts



nearest ~ 400 ly
 R ~ 10 - 13 km
 M > 2 Msol



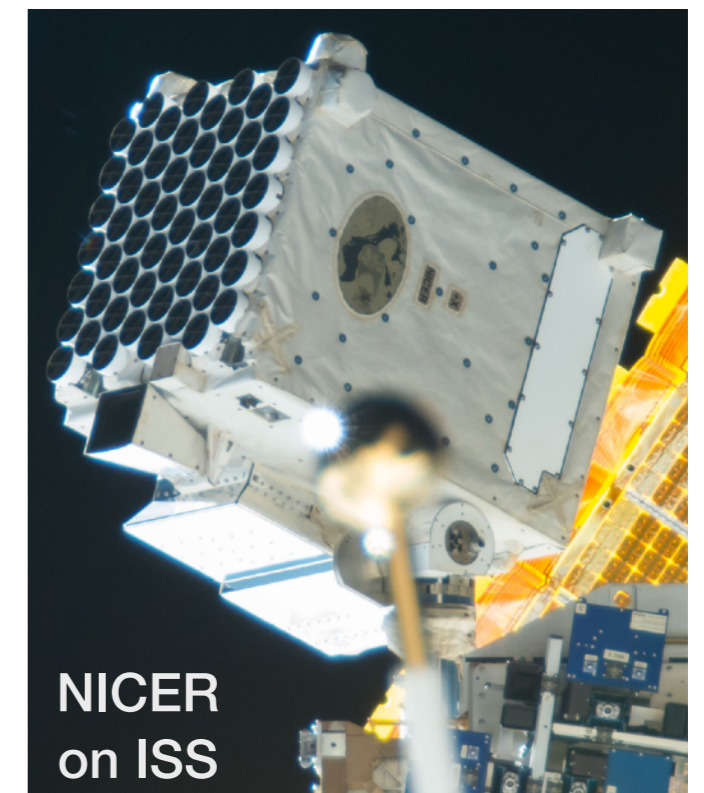
future: ~ 2035

running „accelerator“

- $M_{\text{max}} = 2.05 M_{\odot}$ & $R \sim 12.8 \text{ km}$; $\rho_{\text{central}} \sim 5\rho_0$
- $M = 1.4 M_{\odot}$ & $R = 12,8 \text{ km}$; $\Delta R = 0$
- $M = 2.4 M_{\odot}$ & $R = 12,8 \text{ km}$; ~ as $1.4 M_{\odot}$ stars
- PSR J0740+6620 & J0030+0451
 both $M (> M_{\odot})$ & R measured
 GW170817 constraints tidal deformability -> R

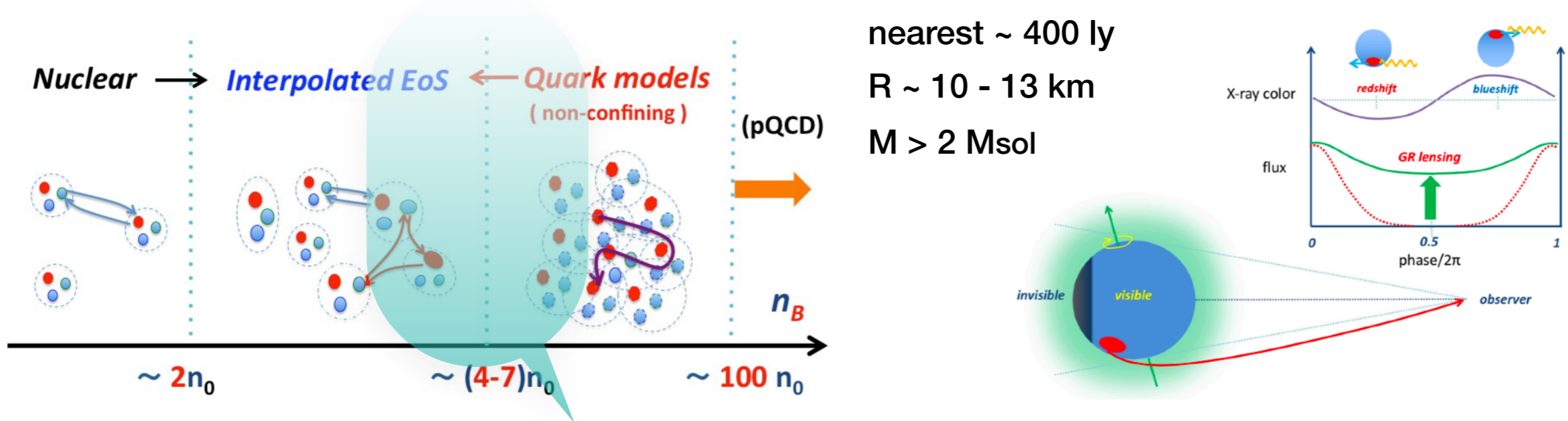
- new 3rd generation detectors:
- (American) Cosmic Explorer
- (European) Einstein Telescope

- **detection phase transition possible:**
 increase post-merger dominant oscillation frequency
 only a few events expected (even w/ 3rd generation detectors)



NICER on ISS

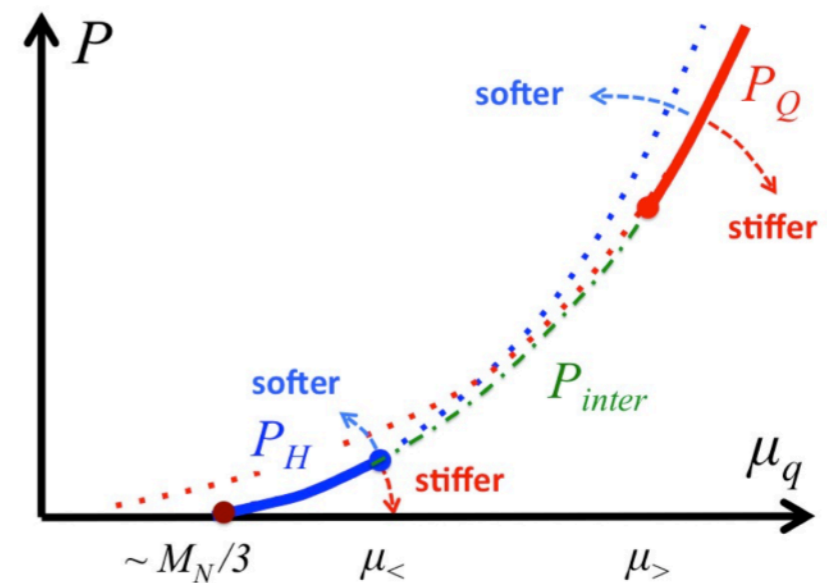
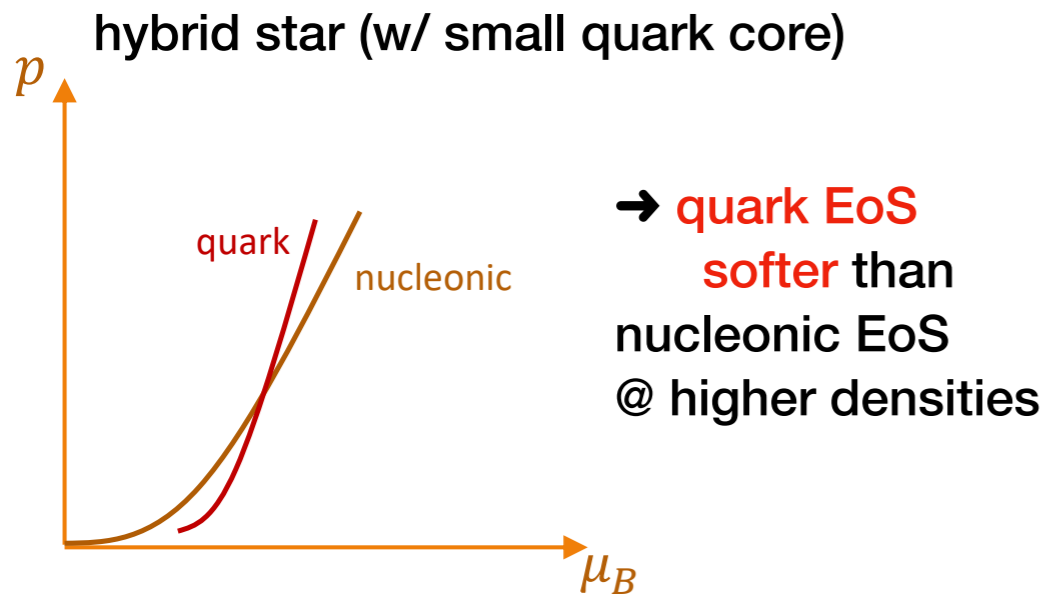
Transition from hadronic to quark matter



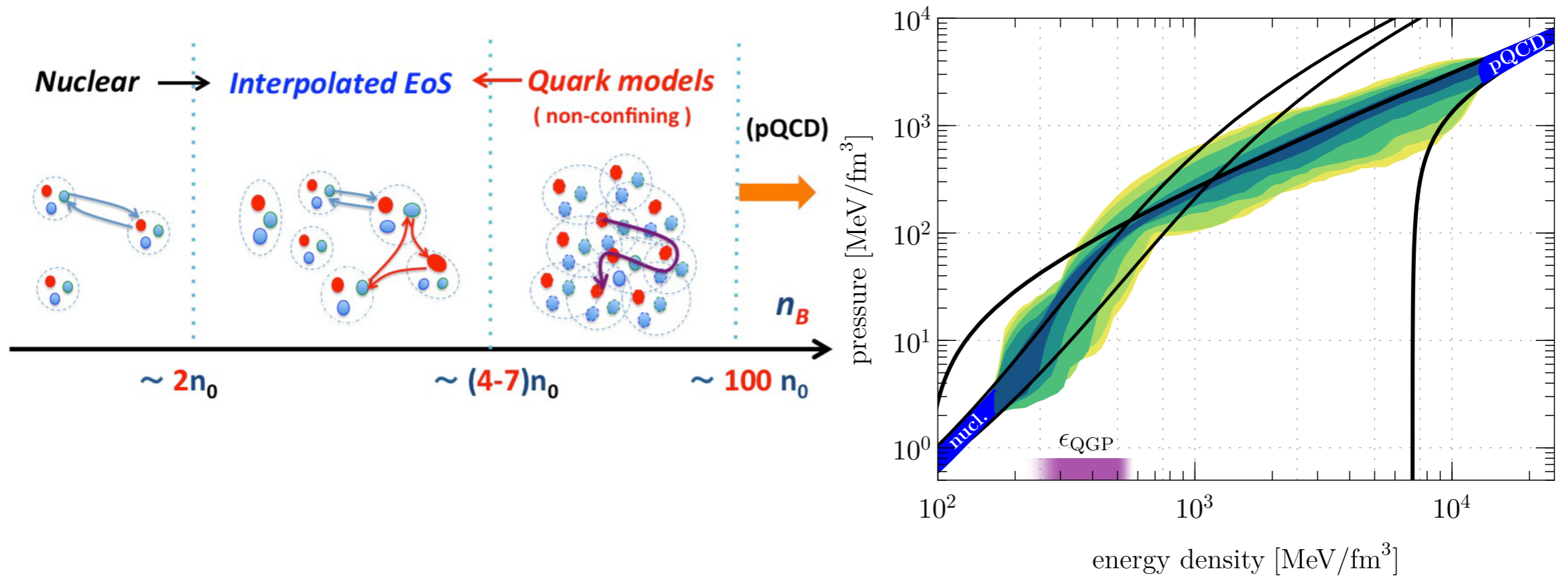
several possibilities (if transition): Maxwell construction or continuous interpolation

first-order transition

quark-hadron continuity



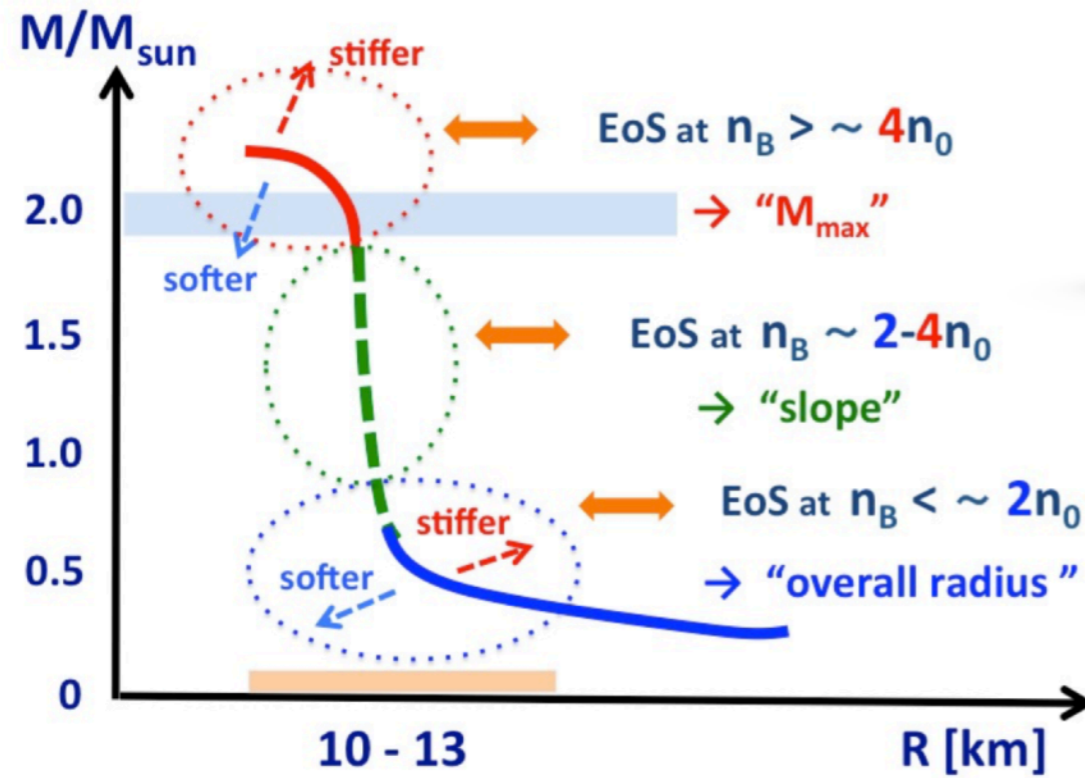
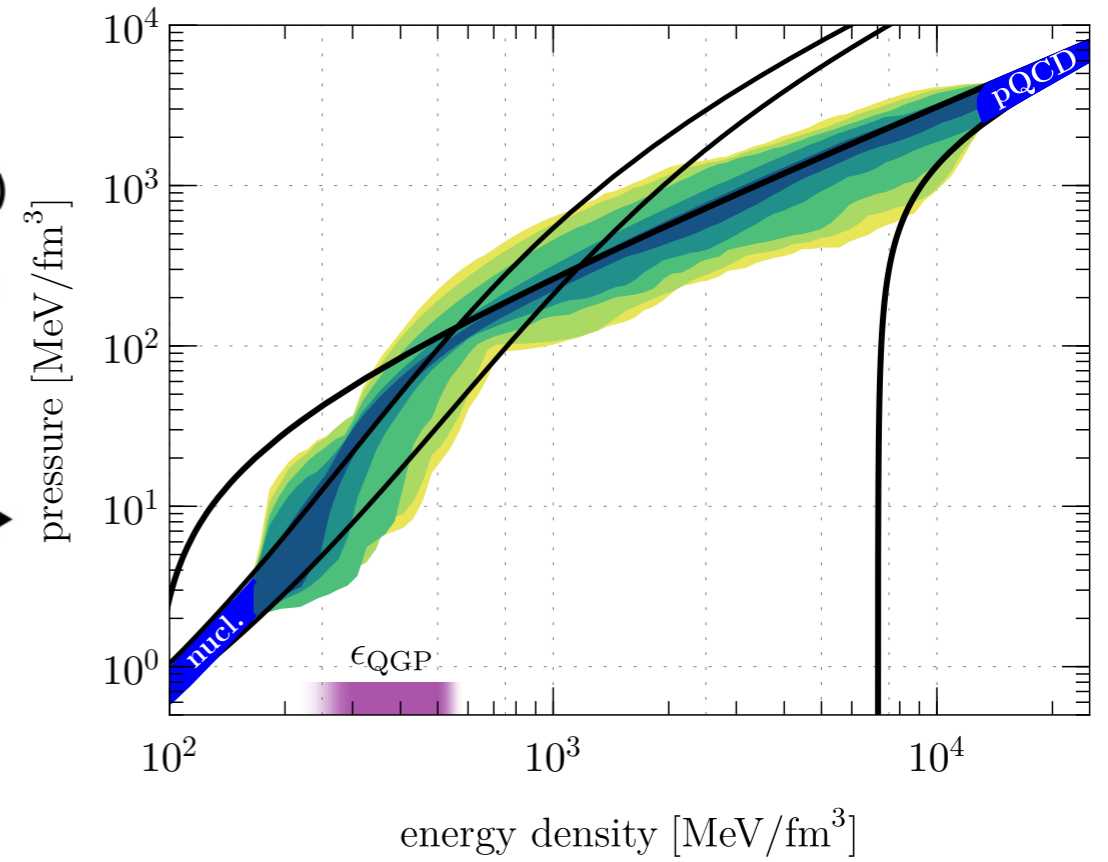
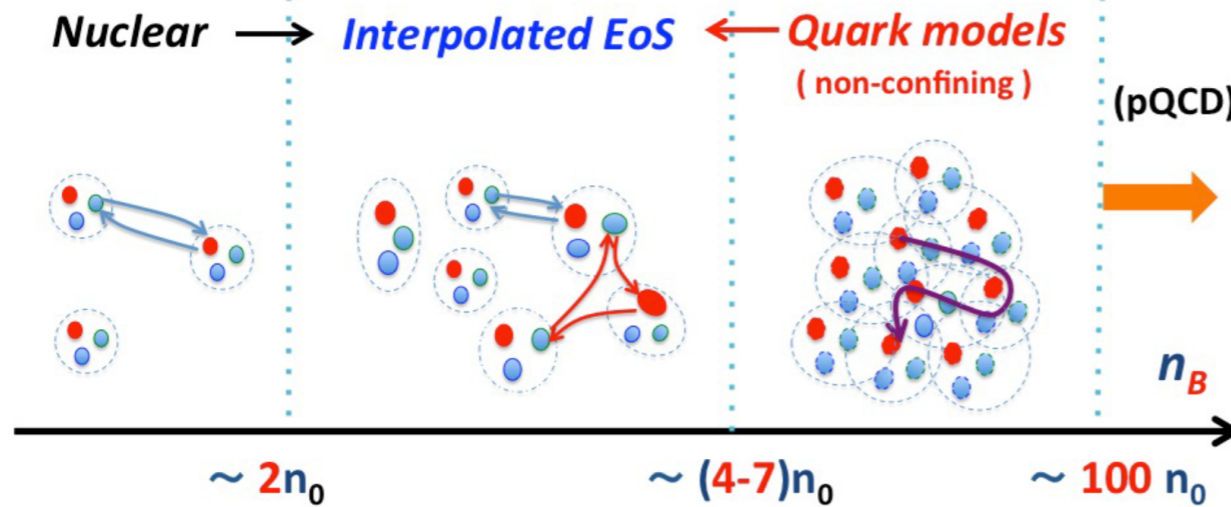
Conflicting constraints on EoS



EoS \leftrightarrow TOV equation \leftrightarrow M-R relation (observables)

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[Baym 2018]



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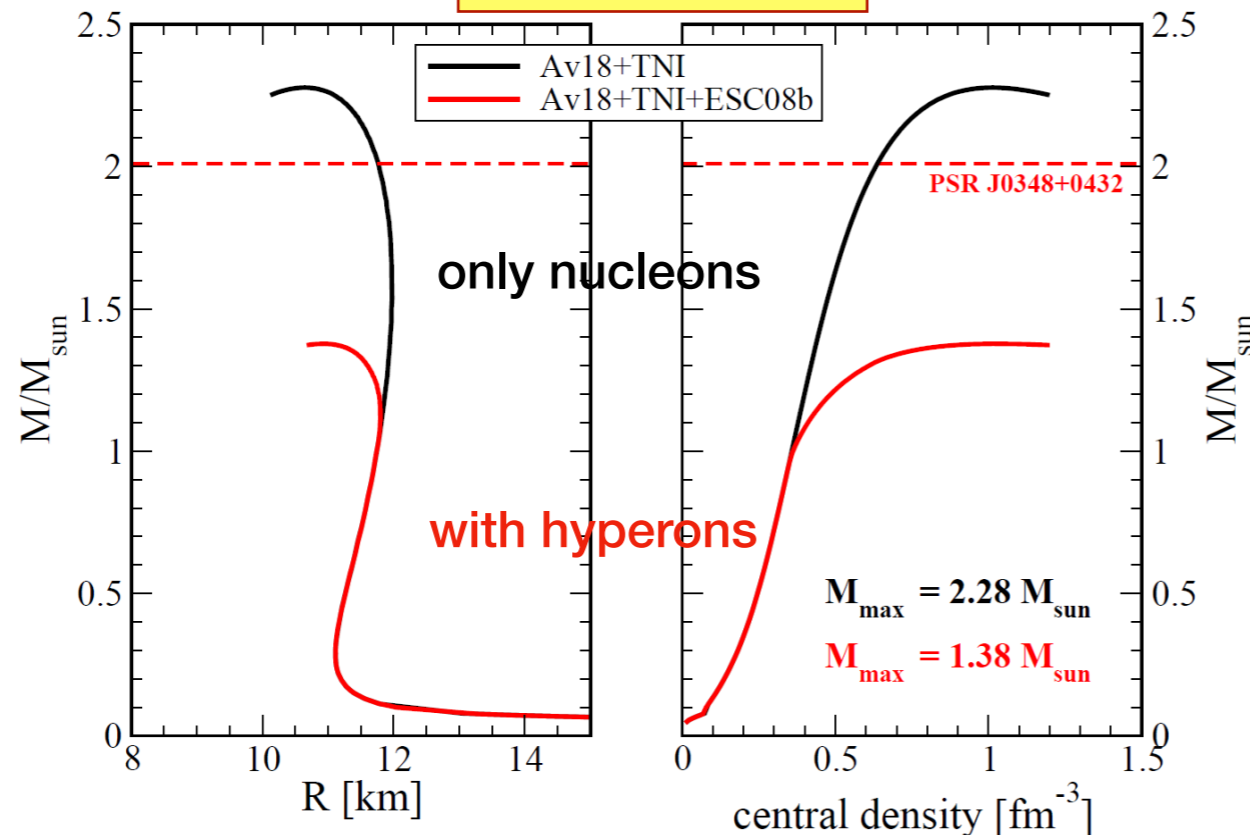
three constraints on the EoS:

1. stiff enough (@high density) $\rightarrow 2M_{\odot}$
2. soft enough (@low density) \rightarrow Radius
3. speed of sound < 1

unsolved Puzzles / open Issues

[Bombaci 2016]

hyperons puzzle



Further constraints:

causality

charge neutrality: $n_p = n_e + n_\mu$

β -equilibrium: $\mu_n = \mu_p + \mu_e$

simplification:

→ electrons and muons as
free Fermi gas in EoS

General problems (physical theory input required):

→ hyperon puzzle

onset of strangeness in hadronic phase or quark phase

→ soften EoS

[Djapo, BJS, Wambach 2010]

→ masquerade problem

many EoS look similar → similar M-R relation

increasing #dof **soften** EoS,

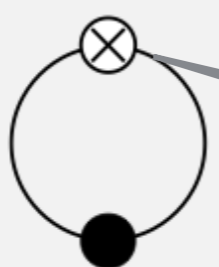
repulsive interactions **stiffen** EoS

[Alvarez-Castillo, Blaschke 2014]

Functional Renormalization Group

Wetterich Equation (average effective action)

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \partial_t R_k \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \right)$$

$$k \partial_k \Gamma_k[\phi] \sim \frac{1}{2}$$


[Wetterich 1993]

R_k regulators

$t = \ln(k/\Lambda)$

$\Gamma_k^{(2)} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_k}{\delta \phi \delta \phi}$

shape function conditions:

$$R_k(p^2) = p^2 r(p^2/k^2)$$

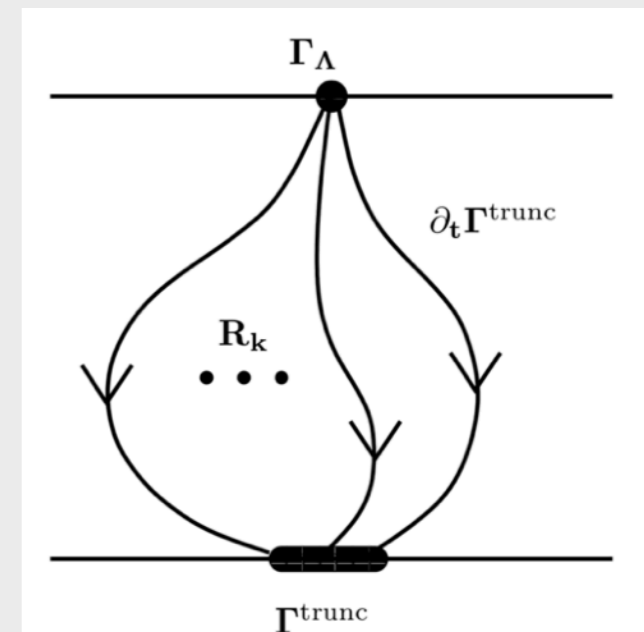
- $\lim_{p^2/k^2 \rightarrow \infty} R_k(p^2) = 0$
- $\lim_{p^2/k^2 \rightarrow 0} R_k(p^2) > 0 (= k^2)$
- $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} R_k(p^2) \rightarrow \infty$

Ansatz effective action Quark-Meson truncation in LPA (LO derivative expansion)

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^4x \bar{q} [i\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - g(\sigma + i\vec{\tau}\vec{\pi}\gamma_5)] q + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 + V_k(\phi^2)$$

$$V_{k=\Lambda}(\phi^2) = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2 - v^2)^2 - c\sigma$$

arbitrary potential



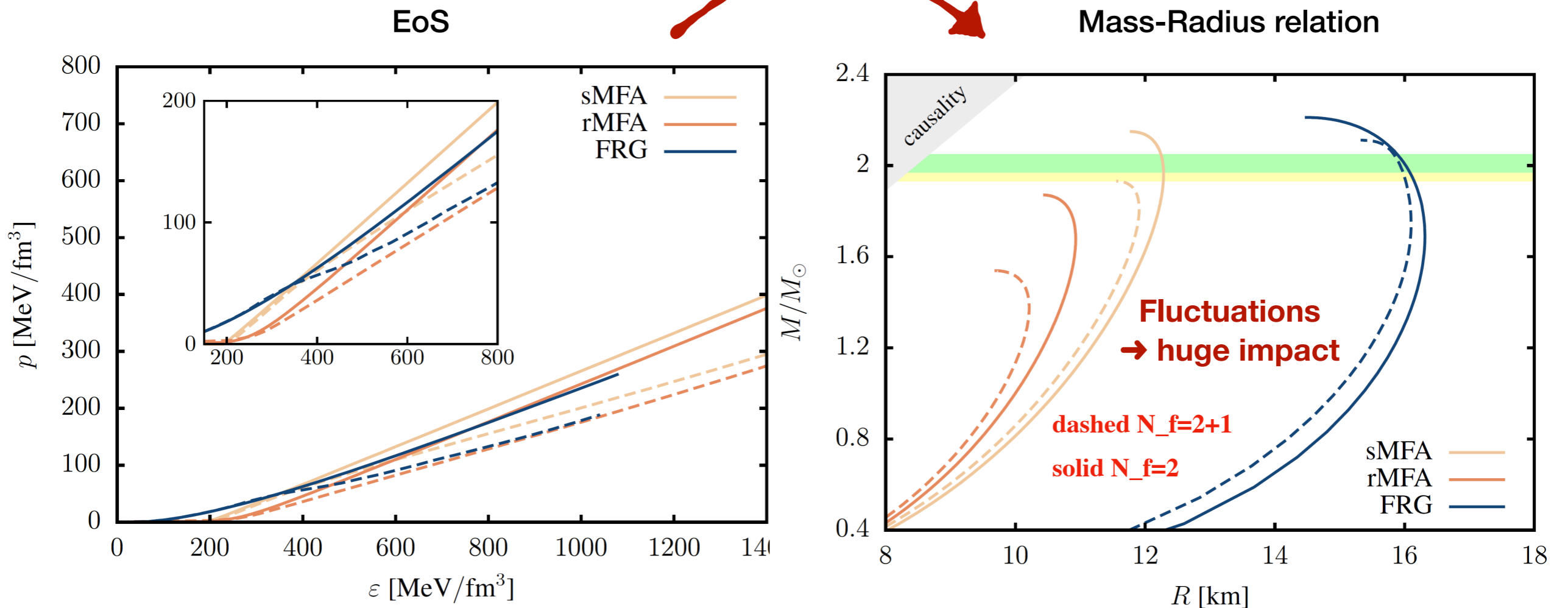
Impact of fluctuations on EoS

[Otto, Oertel, BJS 2020]

Impose β -equilibrium and charge neutrality conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_u &= \mu_q - \frac{2}{3}\mu_e \\ \mu_d &= \mu_q + \frac{1}{3}\mu_e \\ \mu_s &= \mu_q + \frac{1}{3}\mu_e\end{aligned}$$

Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff equations

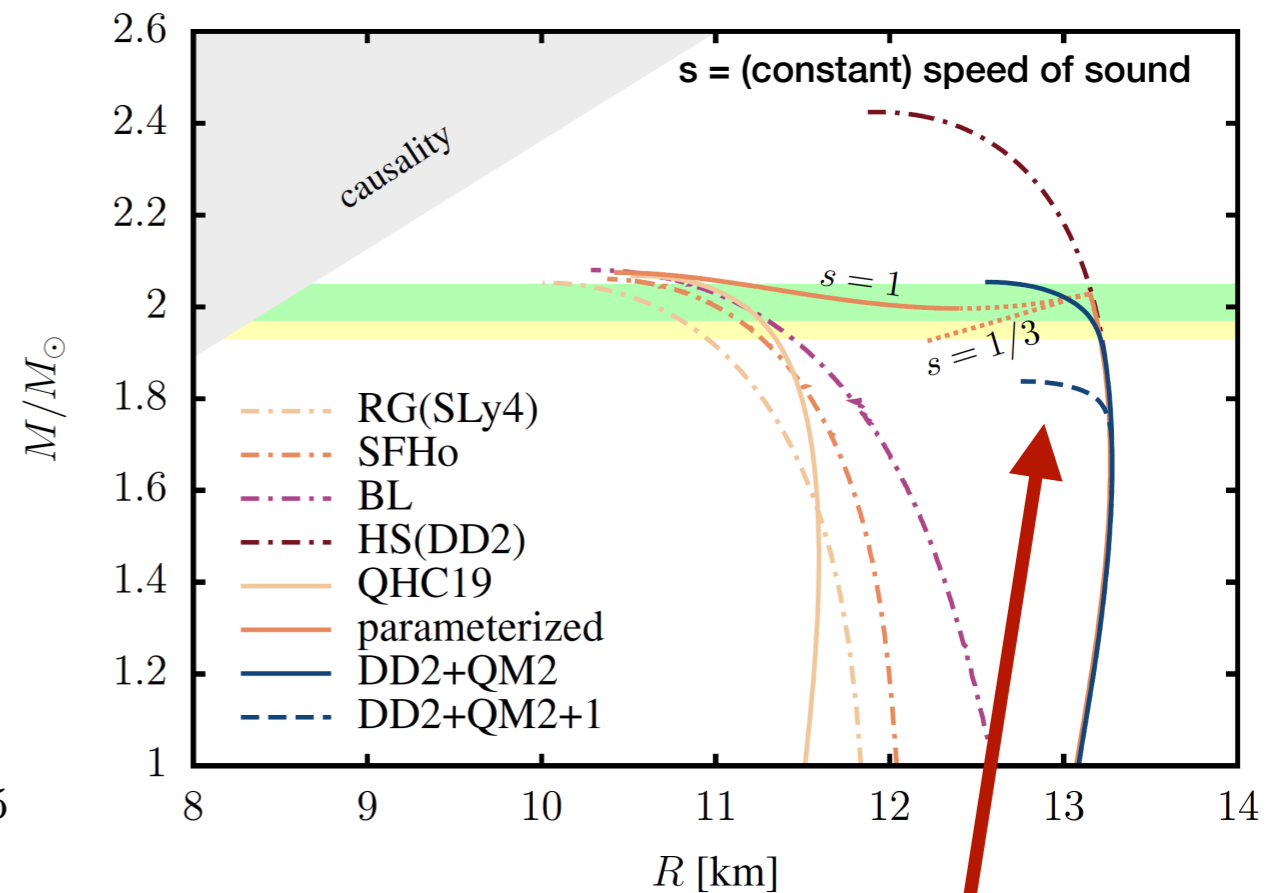
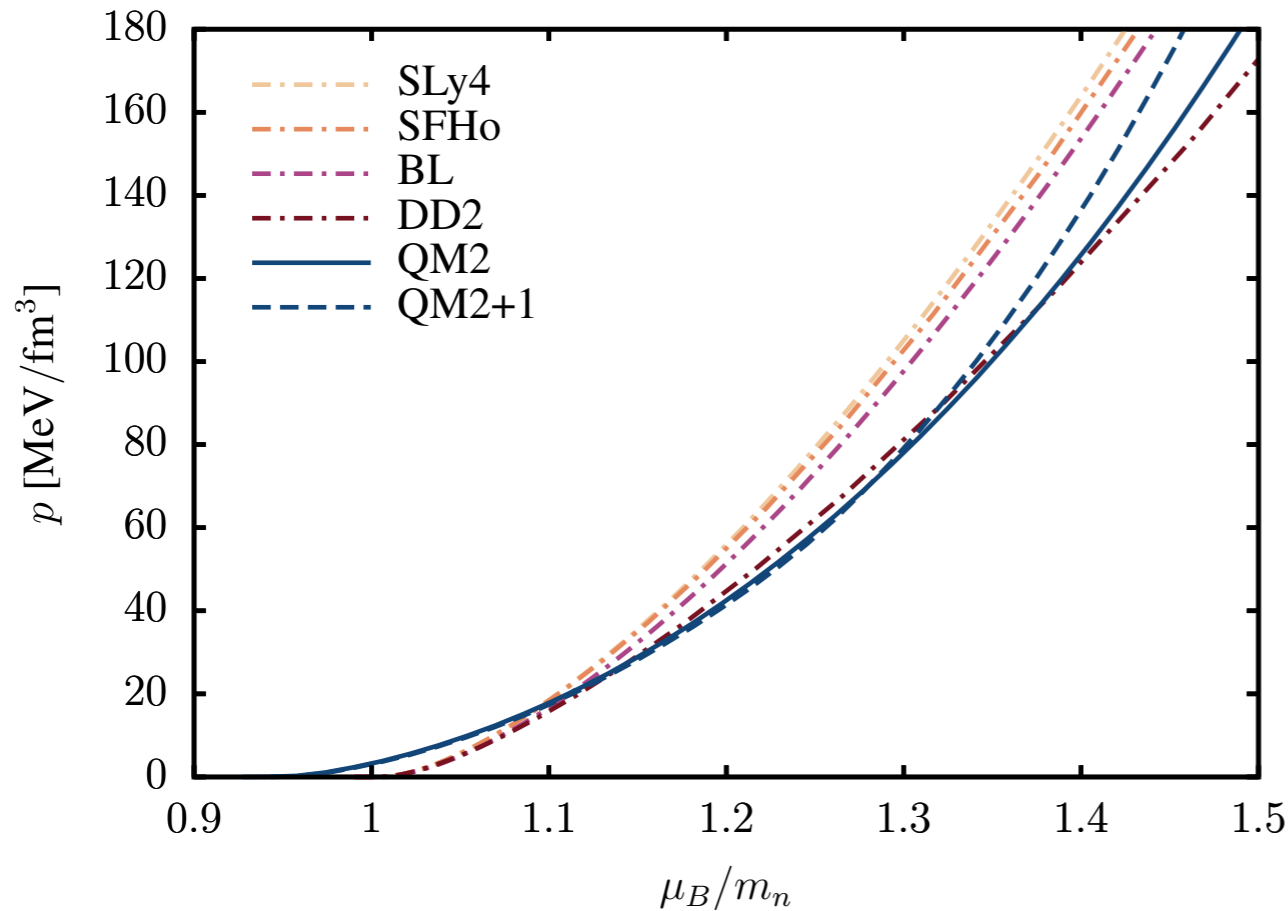


Hybrid star construction possible? - yes

[Otto, Oertel, BJS 2020]

combine nuclear EoS (DD2) with FRG QM truncation

→ continuous nuclear-hybrid branch



2 M_⊙ limit violated for N_f= 2+1

can a repulsive vector interaction remedy this behavior?

Vector mesons & the FRG EoS

[Otto, Oertel, BJS 2020]

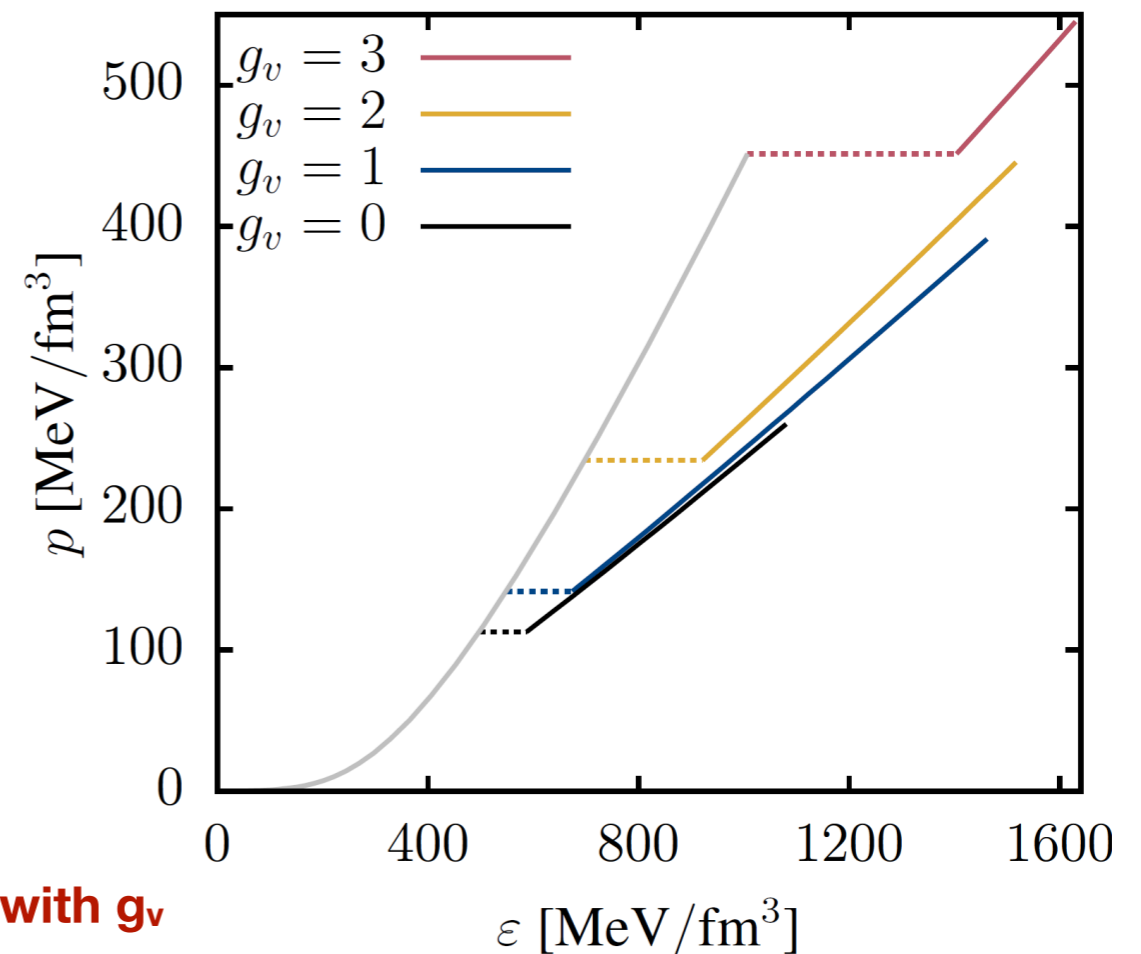
[Rennecke 2015]
[Pereira, Stiele, Costa 2020]

- Yukawa type interaction of temporal component and mean-field potential

$$\Gamma_{\text{vec}} = \int_x \left[\frac{g_v}{2} \bar{q} \gamma_0 \text{diag}_f(\omega, \omega, \sqrt{2}\phi) q - \frac{1}{2} (m_\omega^2 \omega^2 + m_\phi^2 \phi^2) \right]$$

- effectively shifts the chemical potentials:

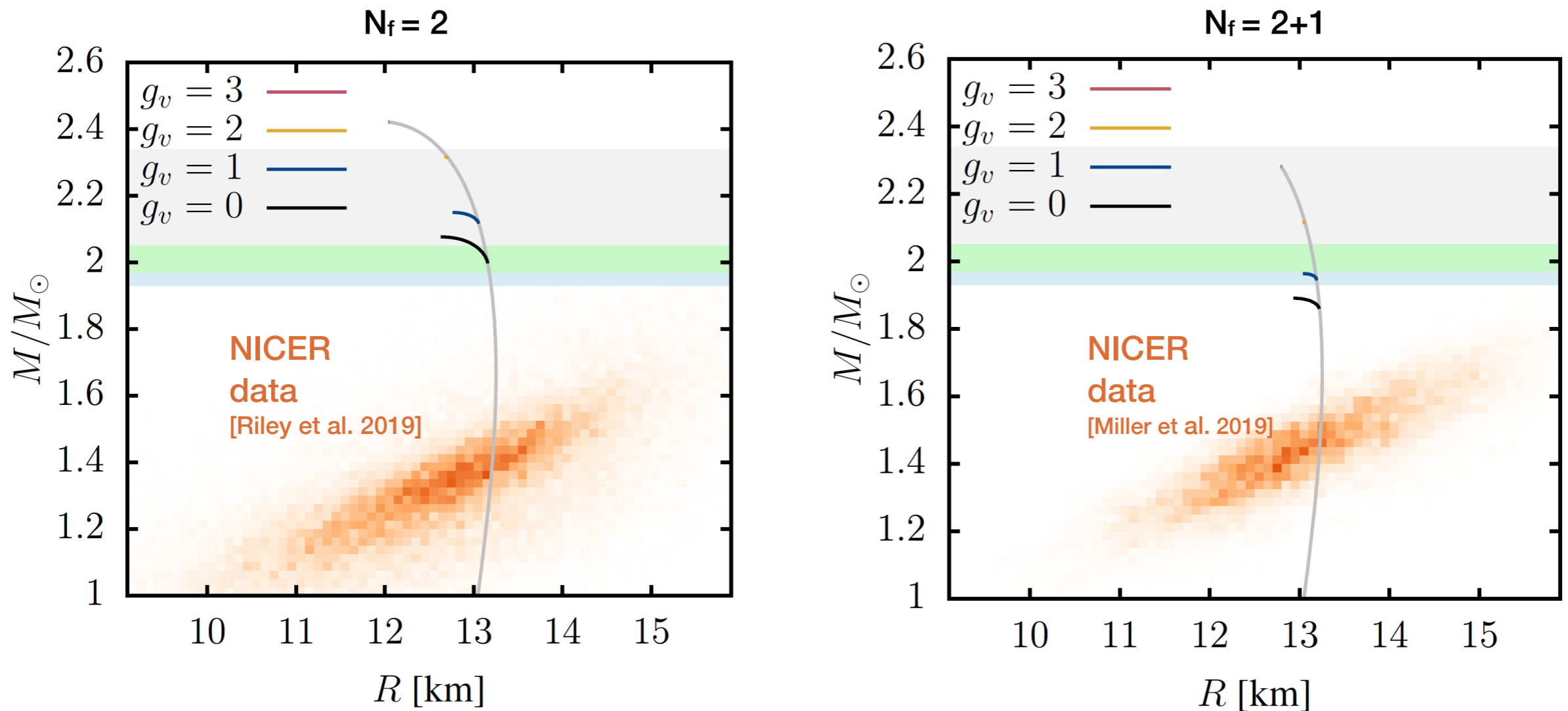
$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mu}_u &= \mu_q - \frac{2}{3}\mu_e - \frac{g_v}{2}\omega \\ \tilde{\mu}_d &= \mu_q + \frac{1}{3}\mu_e - \frac{g_v}{2}\omega \\ \tilde{\mu}_s &= \mu_q + \frac{1}{3}\mu_e - \frac{g_v}{\sqrt{2}}\phi \end{aligned}$$



→ energy gap and transition pressure increases with g_v

Mass-Radius relations

[Otto, Oertel, BJS 2020]



→ including strange quarks: **finite vector coupling is needed to achieve $2M_\odot$ limit**

→ at the same time: **larger vector coupling lead to smaller quark cores!**

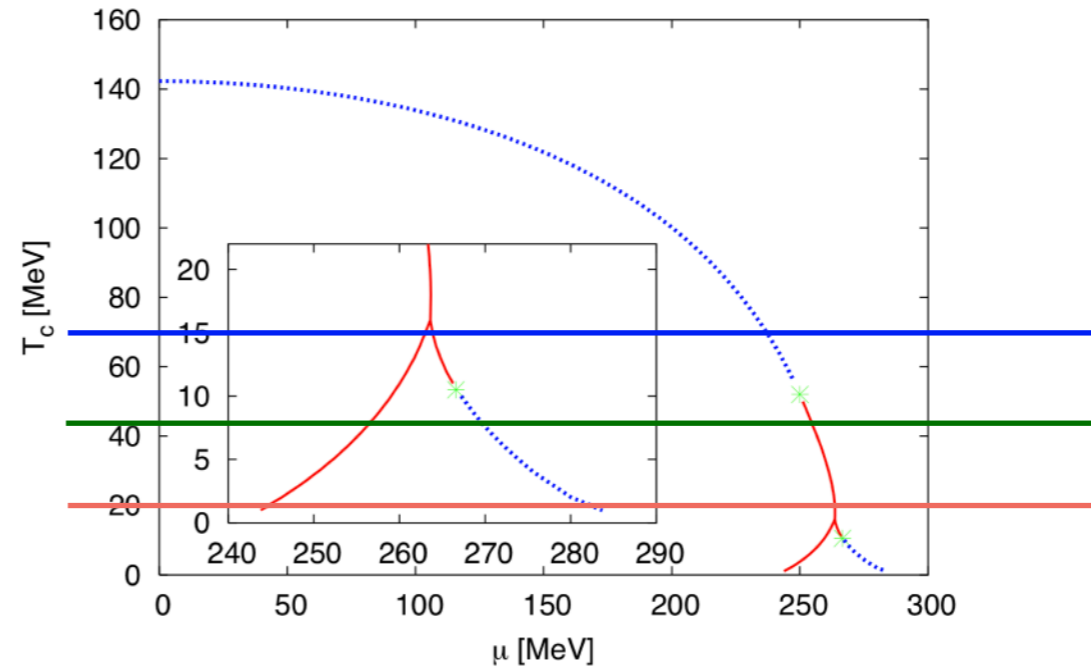
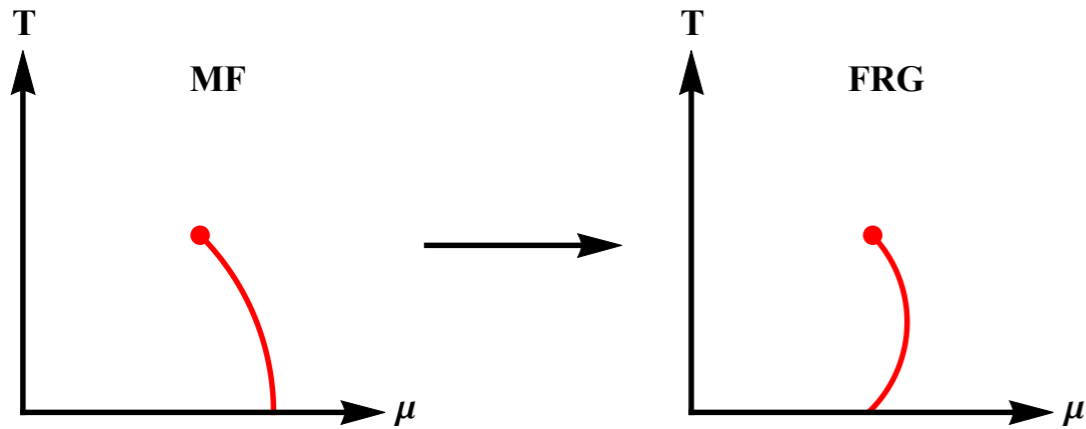
so far so good ... BUT



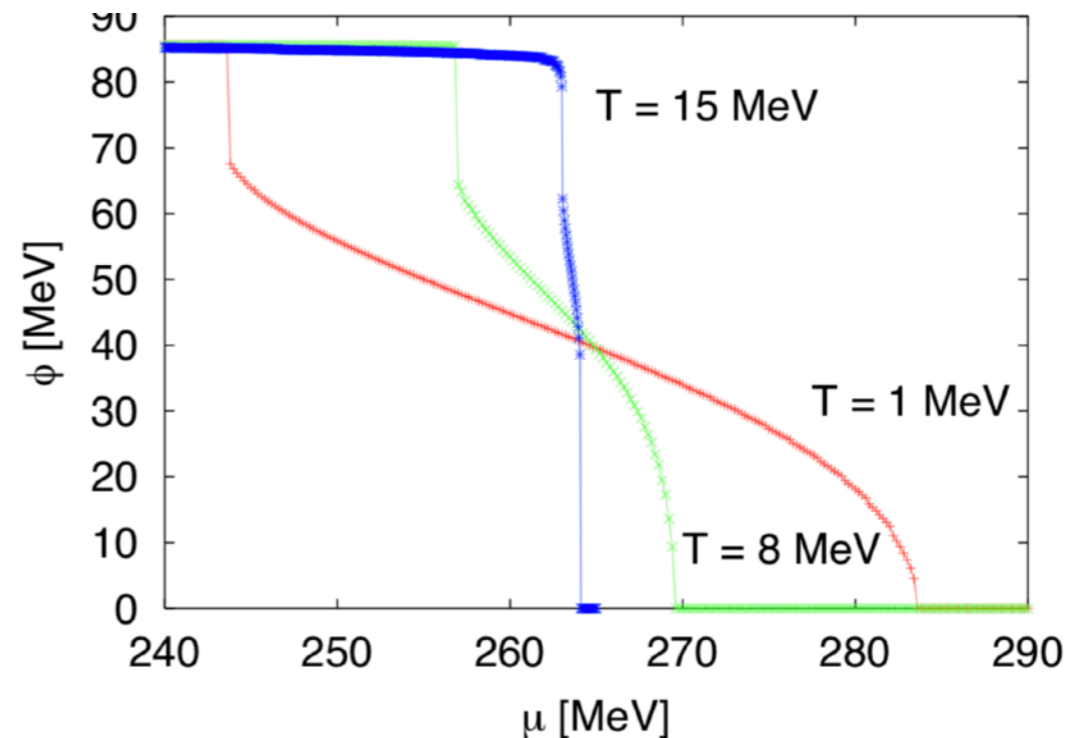
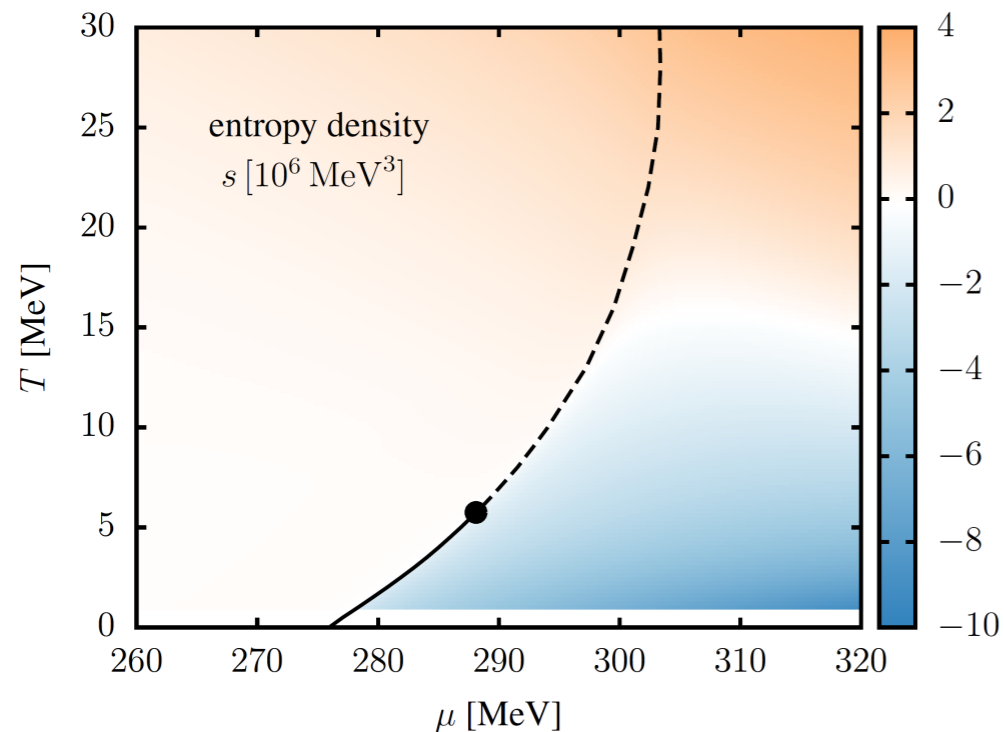
Back-bending / negative entropy density

[R-A Tripolt, BJS, L von Smekal, J Wambach 2018]

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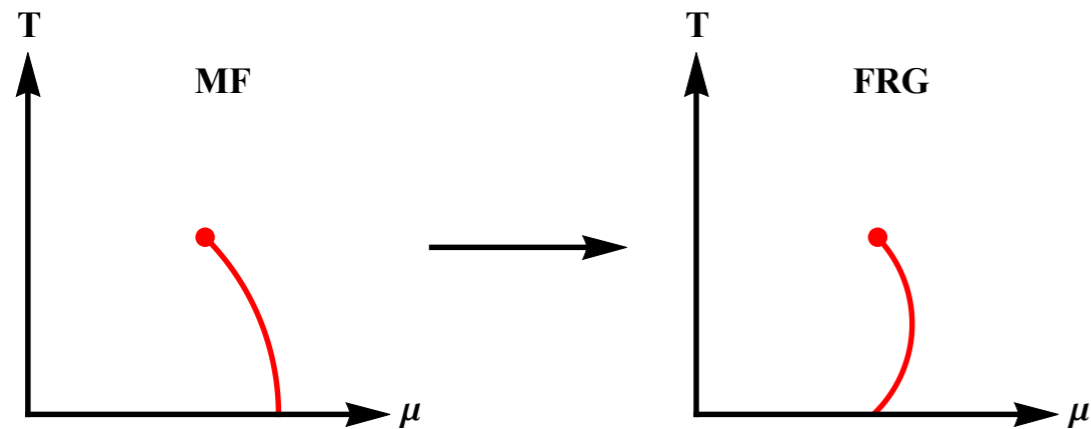


- Phase diagram quark-meson model
- Entropy density: s/T^3

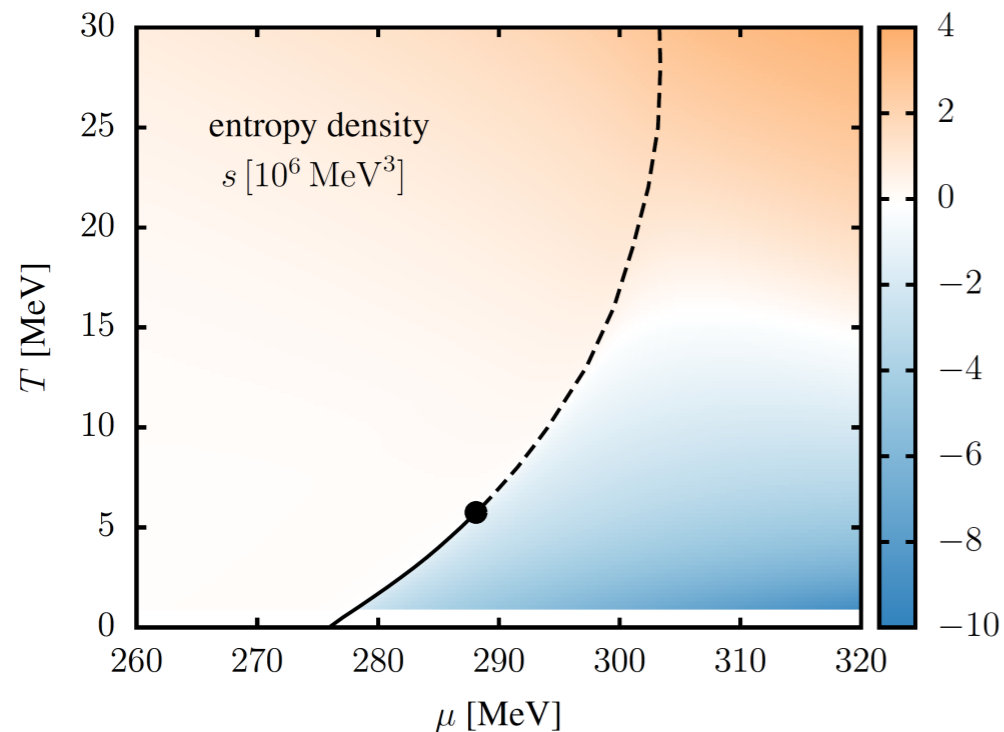


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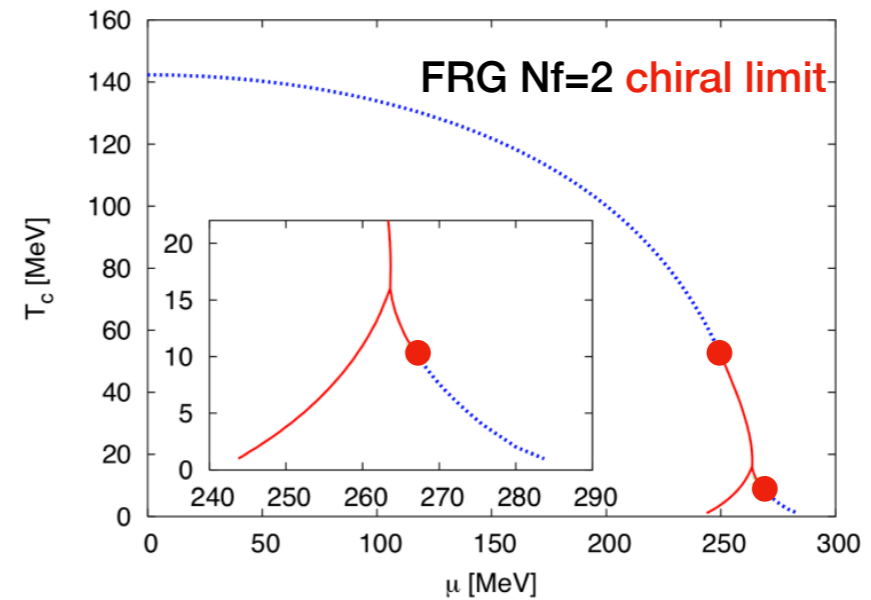
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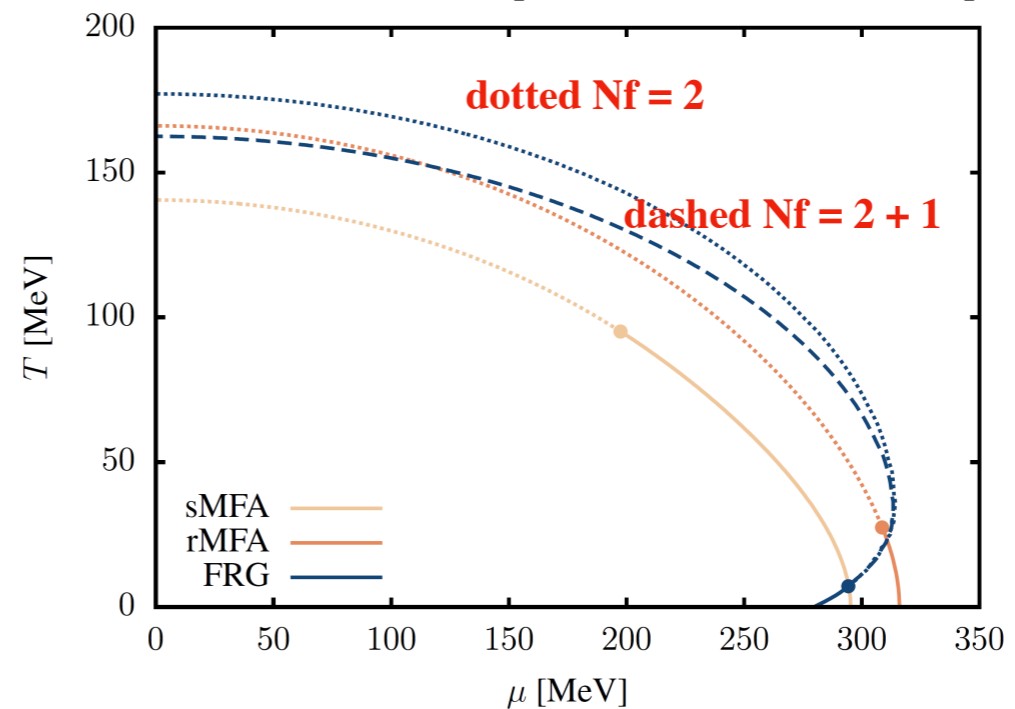
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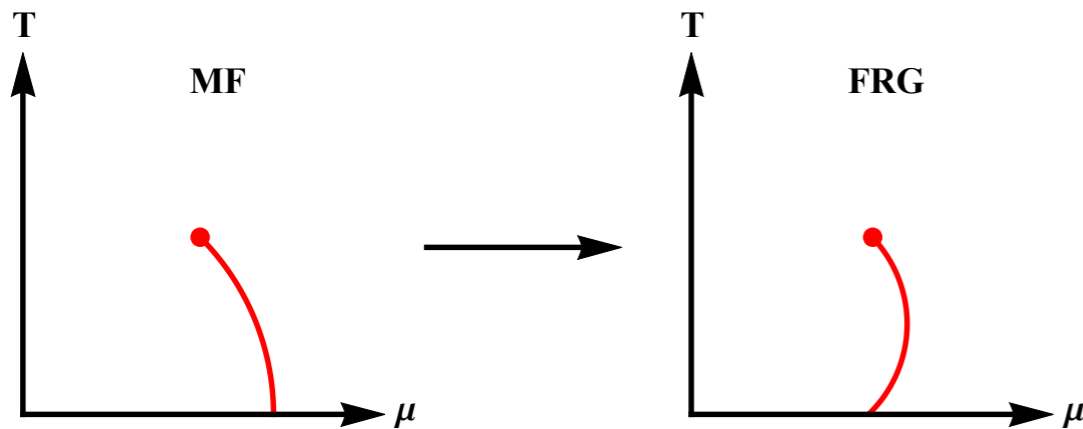


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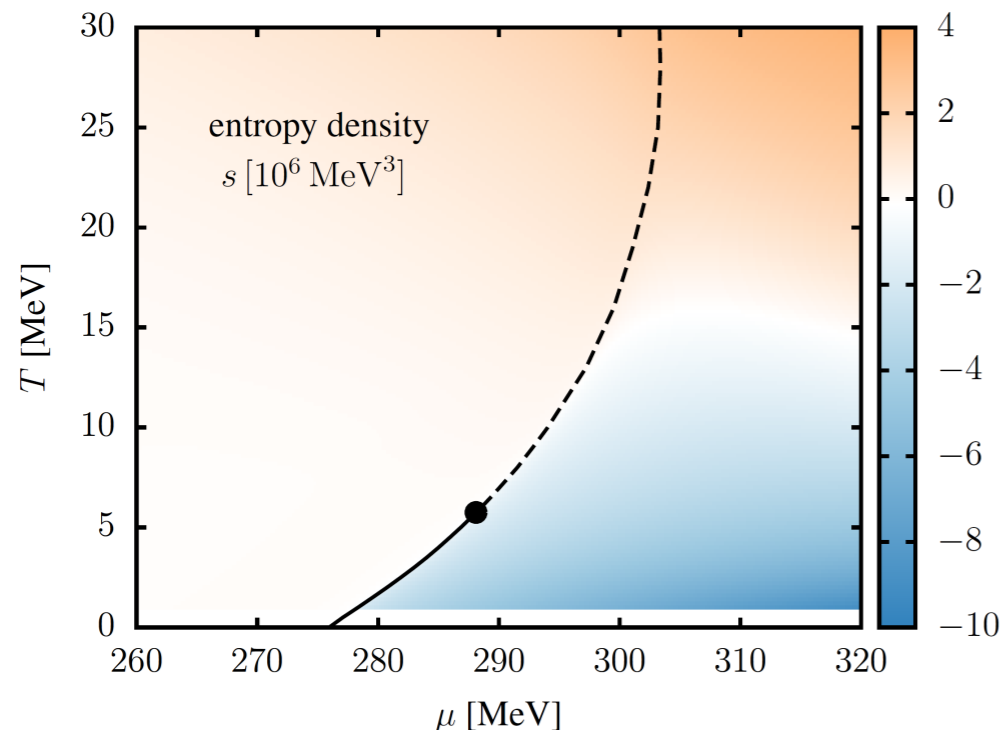
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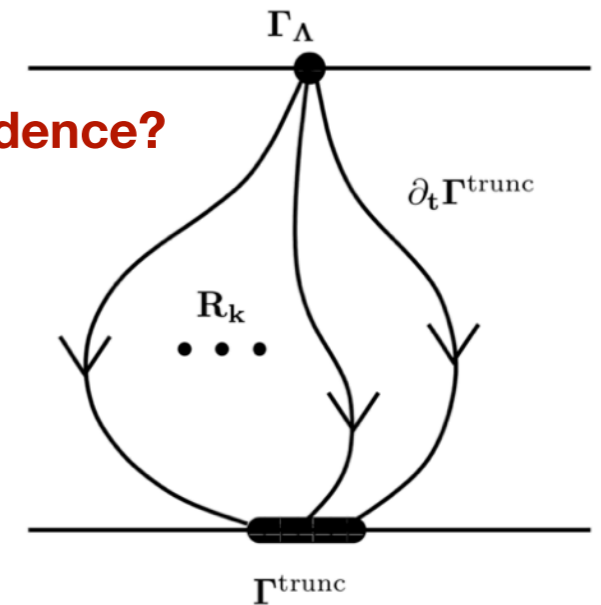
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→ **Regulator scheme dependence?**

less pronounced when more channels are included
e.g. pairing channel
s. next talk by Ugo Mire



- fermionic regulator

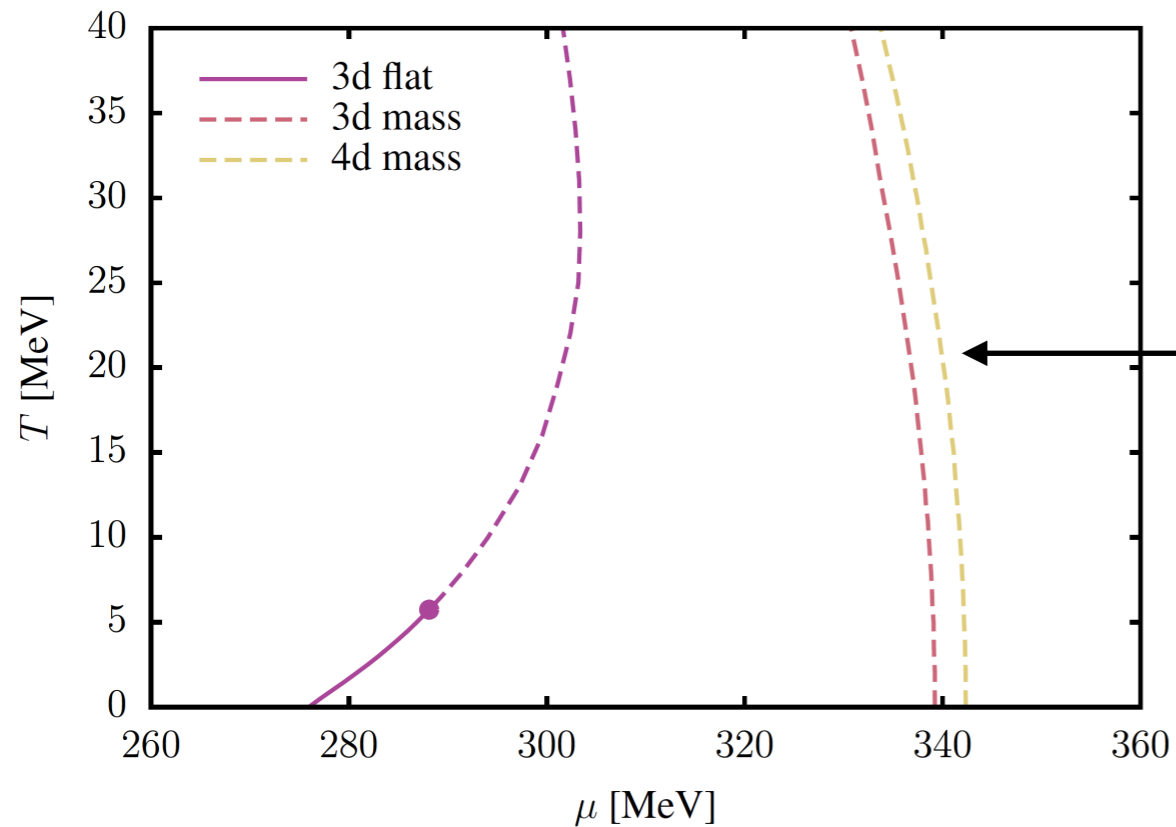
$$R_k^F(p, \mu) = R_k^F(\tilde{p}, 0) \quad \tilde{p} = \begin{pmatrix} p_0 + i\mu \\ \vec{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

shift required to preserve **Silver Blaze** property (T=0)
(necessary but not sufficient)

- relative shift in the cutoff-scales between bosonic & fermionic regulator
→ is needed beyond LPA

e.g. field-dependent Yukawa-coupling
(multi quark-antiquark-meson scatterings)

Chiral transition at low temperature



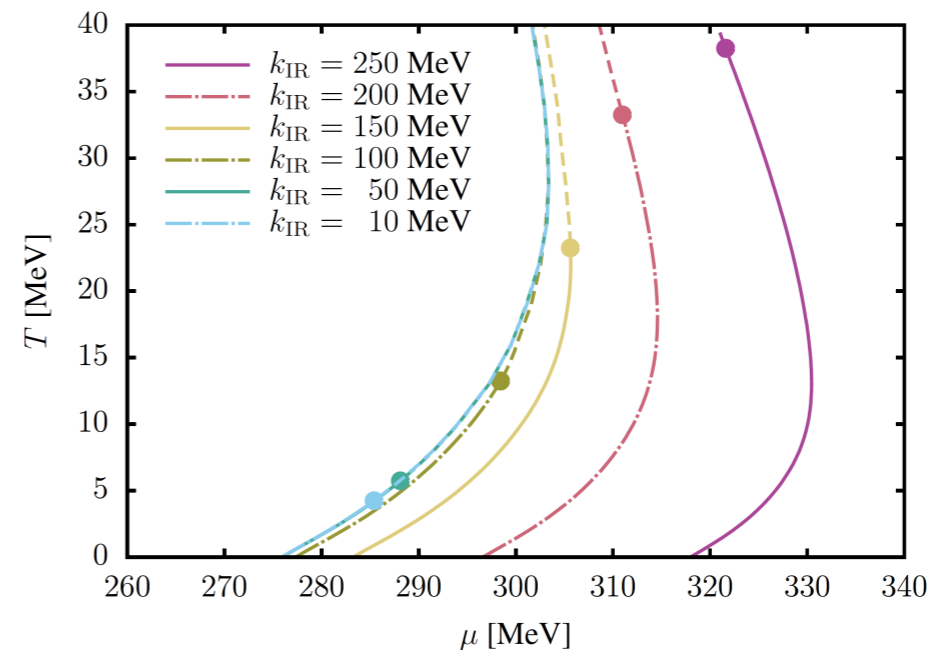
no back-bending with
Callan-Symanzik mass-like regulator

small differences between 3d and 4d regulators

purely crossover \rightarrow pseudocritical μ_c
larger than m_q

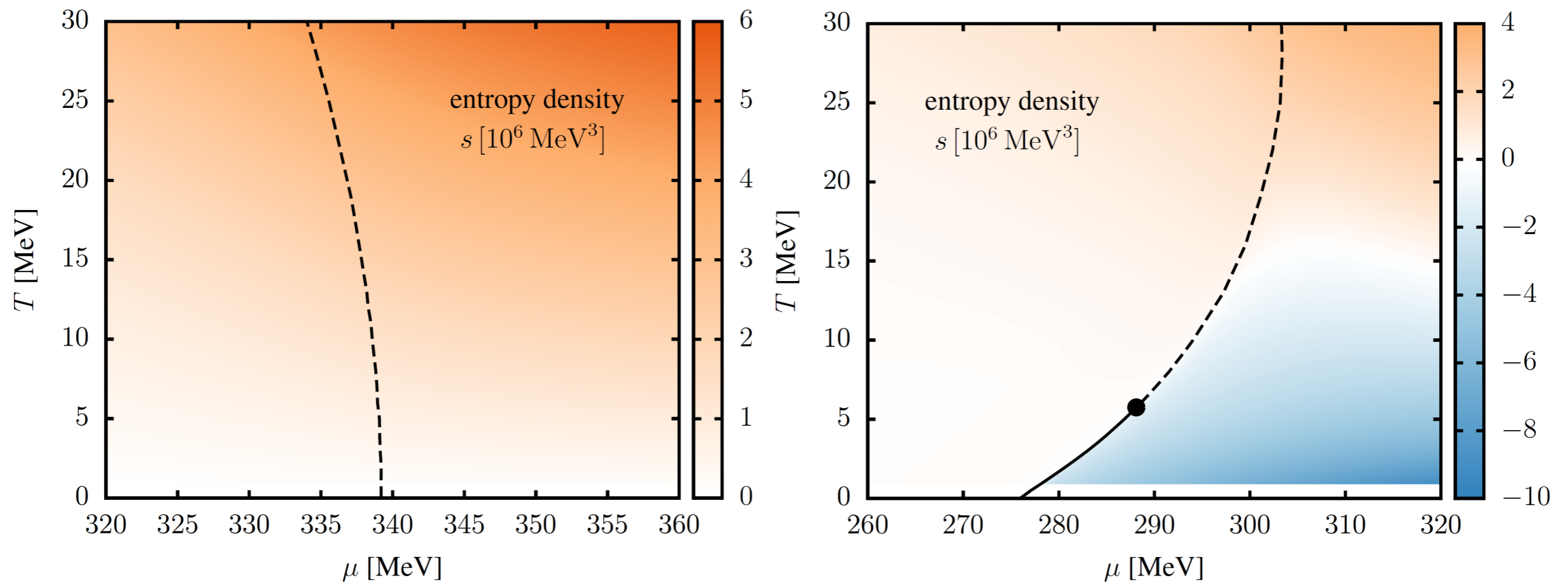
could finite IR cutoff play a role? \rightarrow No

transition line shifts and CEP moves down
but back-bending over large k_{IR} range



Chiral transition at low temperature

→ no negative entropy density anymore for Callan-Symanzik mass-like regulator



The ultimate Goal

... solving first principle QCD

EoS from QCD

- QCD procedure: start @O(100 GeV) (deep high-energy perturbative region)

[Braun et al. 2012++]

$\Lambda \sim O(10\text{GeV})$ quarks, gluons

↓

▸ symmetric regime

quarks, gluons → mesons

k_Φ

↓

▸ symmetry-broken regime

quarks, diquarks, mesons etc

k_{IR}

$$S = \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + \bar{\psi} (i\not{\partial} + \bar{g}A + i\gamma_0\mu) \psi \right\}$$

- quark-gluon vertex → many quark self-interaction channels
- dynamical hadronisation:
4-quark correlators → bound states / resonances

The diagram shows the decomposition of a quark-gluon vertex ∂_t with a gluon line labeled $\bar{\lambda}_i$ into four terms: a quark loop with two gluon lines labeled λ ; a quark self-energy correction with a gluon loop labeled g ; a quark-gluon vertex correction with a gluon loop labeled g ; and a four-quark correlator with two gluon lines labeled g .

- general picture:

The diagram shows a four-quark correlator with two gluon lines labeled g on the left, which evolves into a quark-gluon vertex with a gluon line labeled $\bar{\lambda}_i$, and finally into a meson with two quark lines labeled \bar{h}_i and \bar{h}_i .

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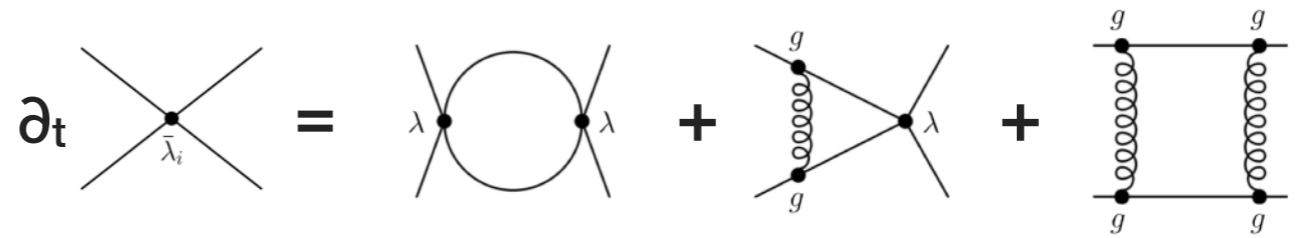


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- symmetry breaking \rightarrow condensates

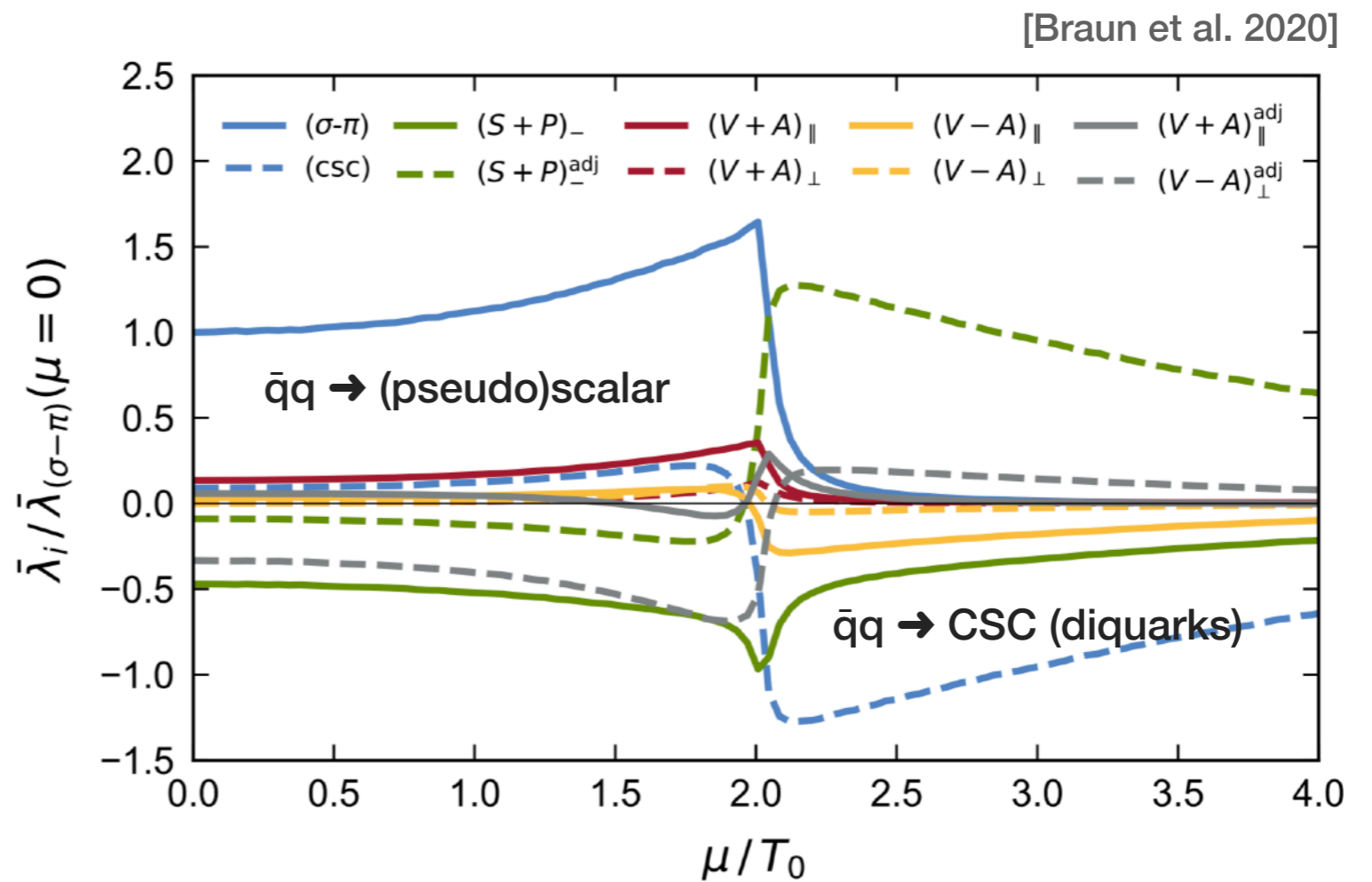
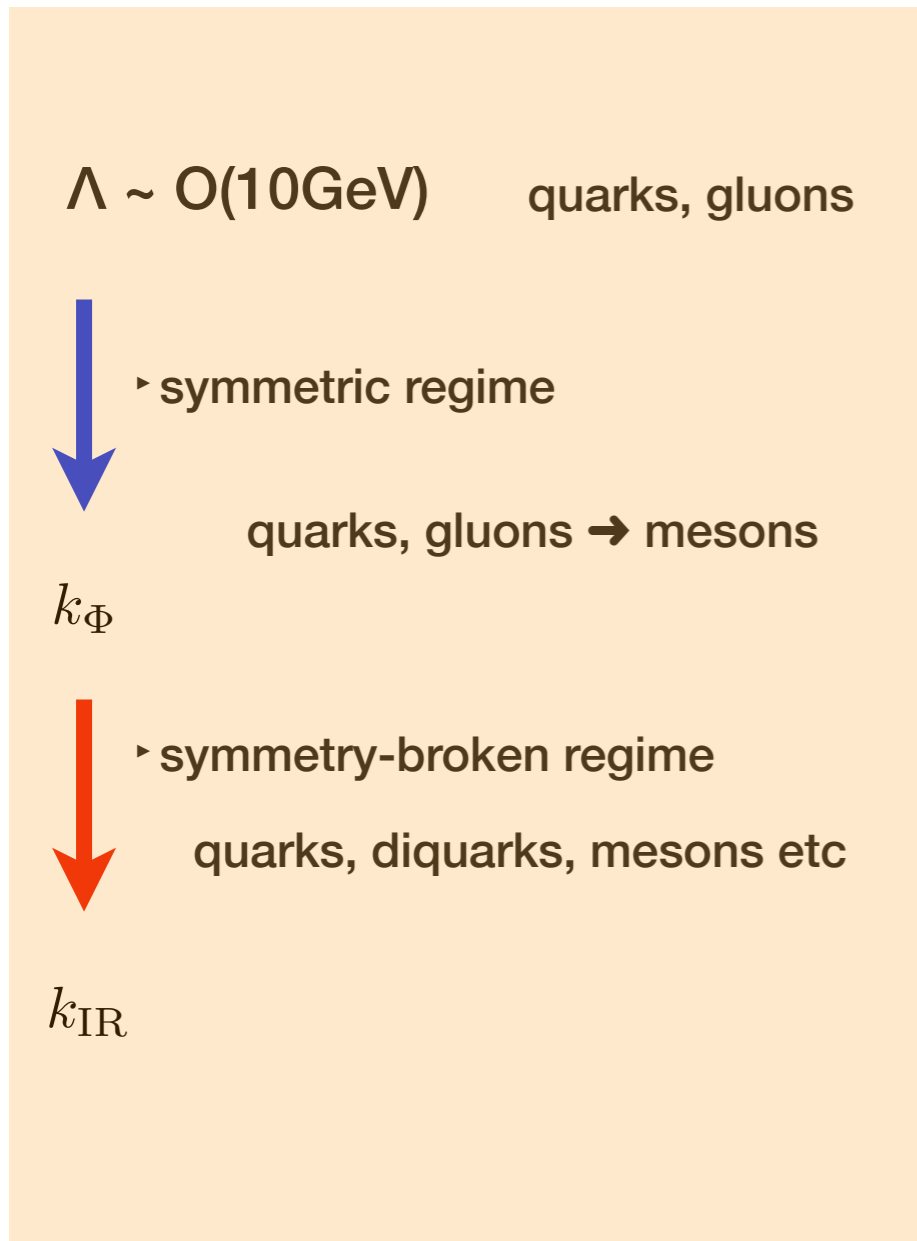
\rightarrow onset Landau-pole-type behavior
 $\lambda \sim 1/m$

\rightarrow Ginzburg-Landau effective potential

Quark-meson-diquark truncation

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QMD}} = \bar{q} (\not{\partial} - \hat{\mu}\gamma_0 + g_\phi (\sigma + i\gamma_5 \vec{\pi} \vec{\tau})) q$$

$$+ \frac{g_\Delta}{2} (\Delta_A \bar{q}_C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q - \Delta_A^* \bar{q} \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q_C)$$

$$+ ((\partial_\nu + \delta_{\nu 0} 2\mu) \Delta_A^*) (\partial_\nu - \delta_{\nu 0} 2\mu) \Delta_A$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 + U(\rho, d) - c\sigma$$

$$\text{with } \rho = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2) \quad \text{and } d = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_A^* \Delta_A$$

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$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 + U(\rho, d) - c\sigma$$

$$\partial_t U_k(\sigma, \Delta) = - \text{[diagram: quark loop with } q_r, q_g \text{]} - \text{[diagram: quark loop with } q_b \text{]} + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram: dashed loop with } \Delta_2, \sigma \text{]} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram: dashed loop with } \pi \text{]} + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram: dashed loop with } \Delta_5, \Delta_7 \text{]}$$

Fermi-surface

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dispersion relations

$$E_\Delta = \sqrt{(\epsilon_q \pm \mu)^2 + g_\Delta^2 d} \quad \epsilon_{\{q,\pi,\sigma,\Delta\}} = \sqrt{k^2 + m_{\{q,\pi,\sigma,\Delta\}}^2}$$

flow equation

$$\partial_t U_k(\sigma, \Delta) = - \text{[diagram with } q_r, q_g \text{]} - \text{[diagram with } q_b \text{]} + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram with } \Delta_2, \sigma \text{]} + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram with } \pi \text{]} + \frac{1}{2} \text{[diagram with } \Delta_5, \Delta_7 \text{]}$$

coupling σ and Δ_2

$$\sim \frac{\epsilon_q - \mu}{\sqrt{(\epsilon_q - \mu)^2 + g_\Delta^2 d}} \quad \sim \coth \frac{\epsilon_\Delta - 2\mu}{2T}$$

diverges at Fermi-surface

$$\rightarrow \sim \frac{\epsilon_q - \mu}{((\epsilon_q - \mu)^2 + g_\Delta^2 d)^{3/2}}$$

flow around Fermi-surface?

no diquark loops approximation

- QCD procedure: start @O(100 GeV) (deep high-energy perturbative region)

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$\Lambda \sim O(10\text{GeV})$ quarks, gluons



▸ symmetric regime

quarks, gluons → mesons

k_Φ



▸ symmetry-broken regime

quarks, diquarks, mesons etc

k_{IR}

Quark-meson-diquark truncation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QMD}} = \bar{q} (\not{\partial} - \hat{\mu}\gamma_0 + g_\phi (\sigma + i\gamma_5 \vec{\pi} \vec{\tau})) q$$

$$+ \frac{g_\Delta}{2} (\Delta_A \bar{q}_C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q - \Delta_A^* \bar{q} \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q_C)$$

~~$$+ ((\partial_\nu + \delta_{\nu 0} 2\mu) \Delta_A^*) (\partial_\nu - \delta_{\nu 0} 2\mu) \Delta_A$$~~

no diquark loops

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 + U(\rho, d) - c\sigma$$

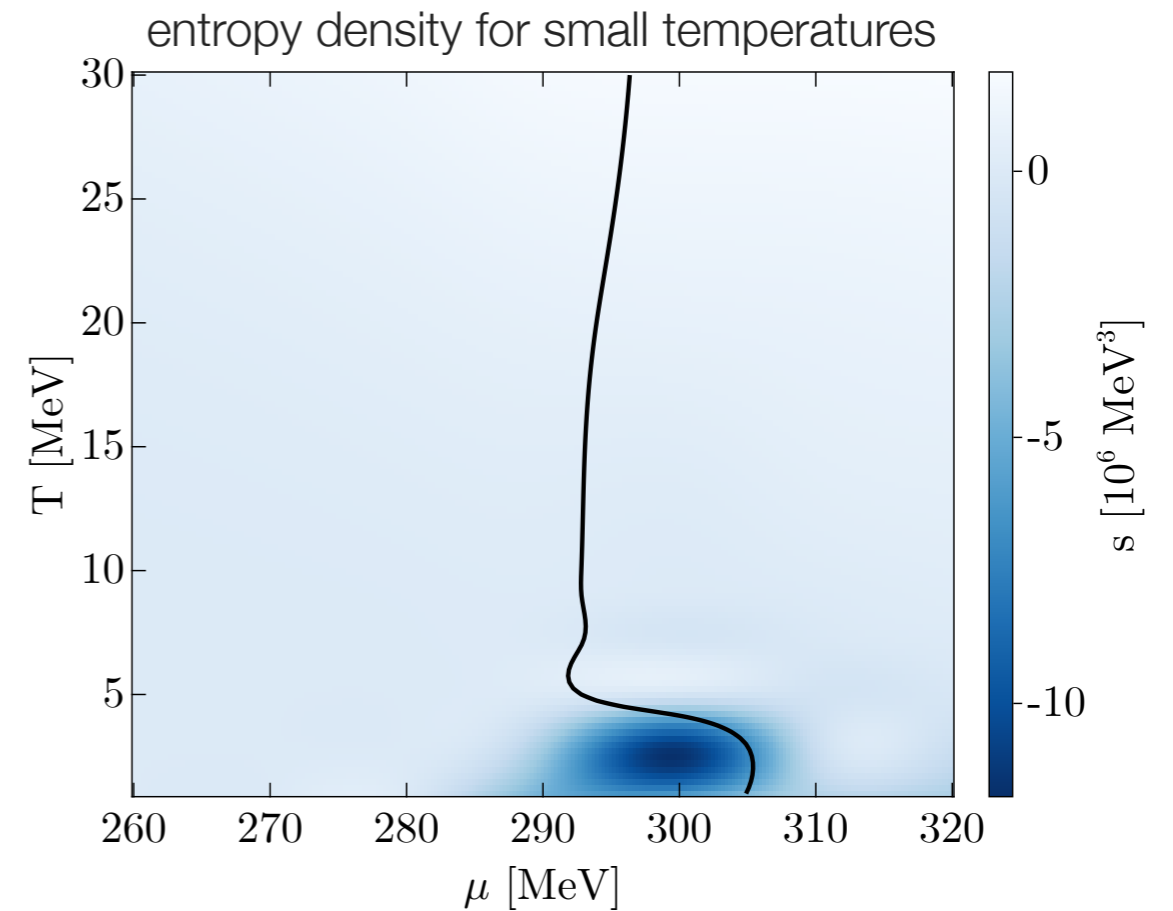
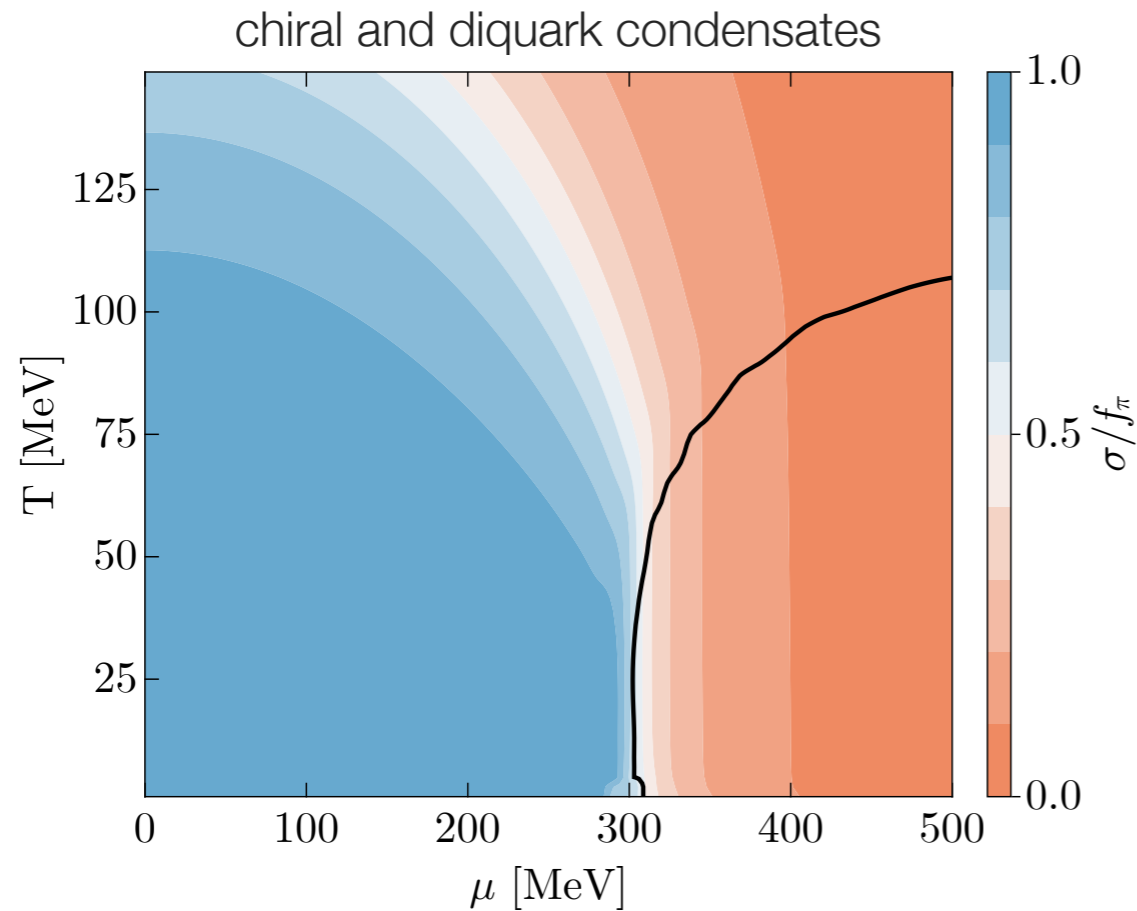
with $\rho = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2)$

and $d = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_A^* \Delta_A$

Phase diagram

- First QMD results

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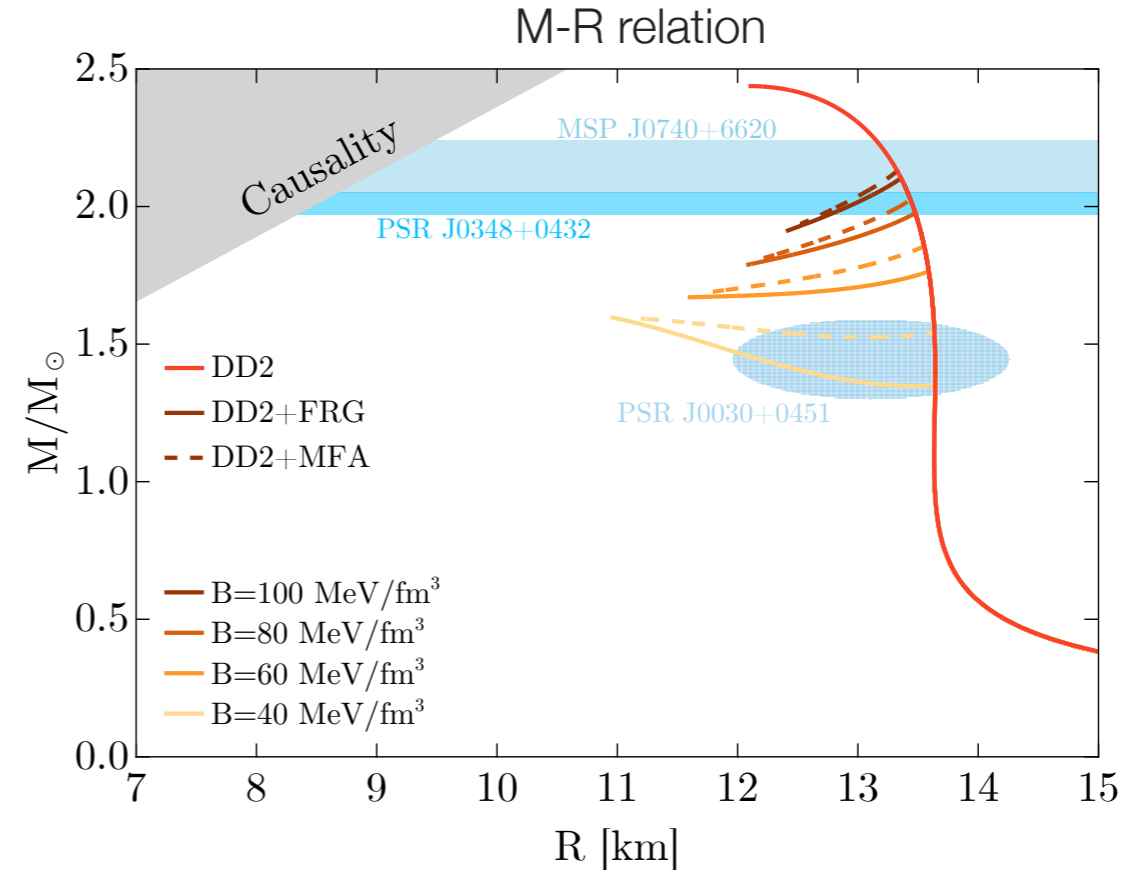
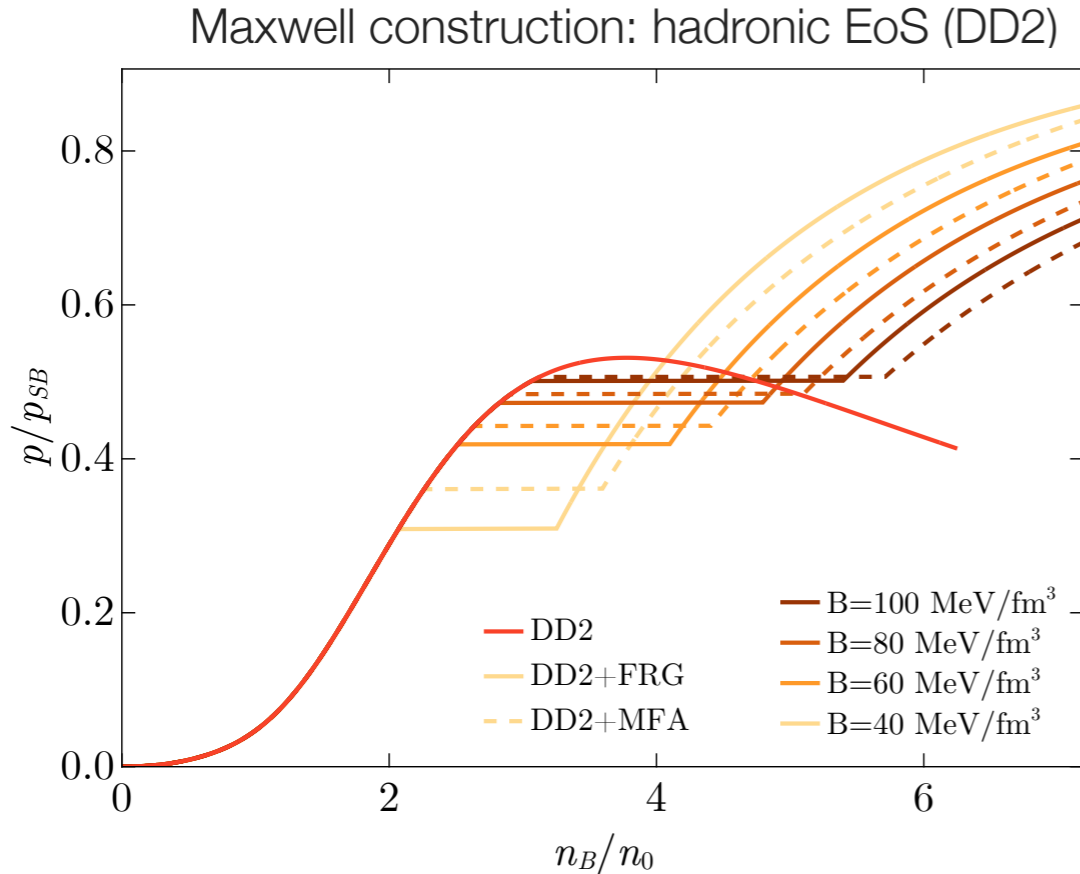
► flow in LPA and flat (Litim) 3d regulator:

diquarks reduce negative entropy region & back-bending

EoS & Mass-Radius relation

- First QMD results

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► no crossing of quark EoS with hadronic EoS HS(DD2)

introduce bag-constant

► superconducting quark core

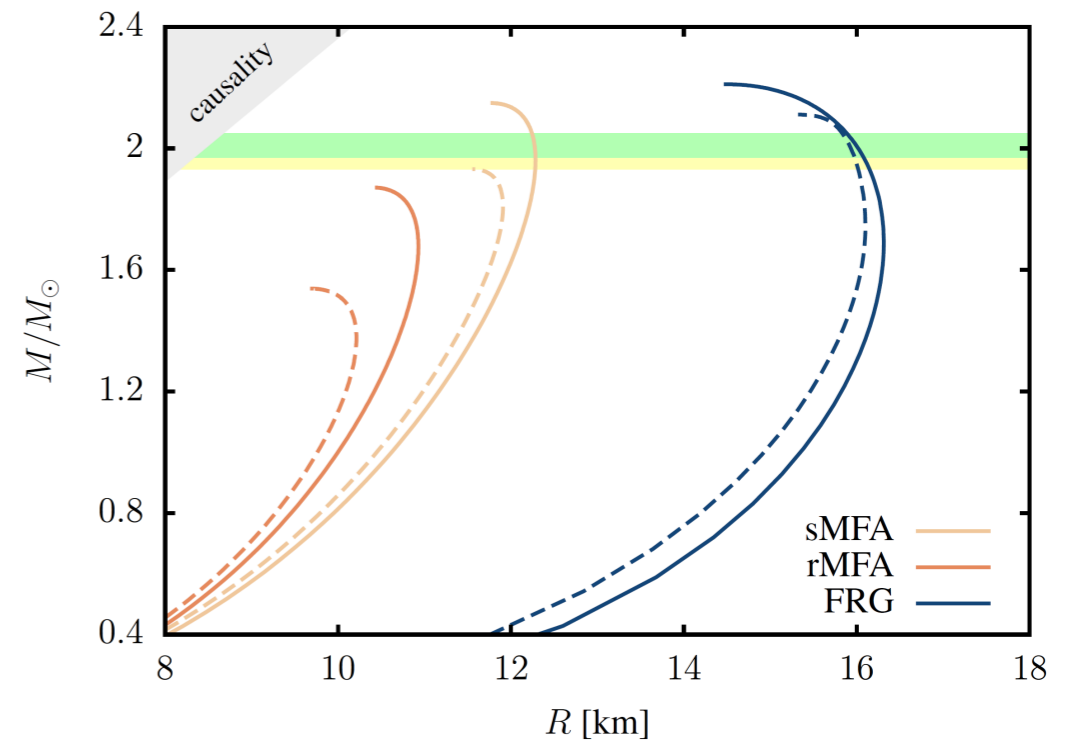
mostly unstable with present diquark parameters

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Four home messages:

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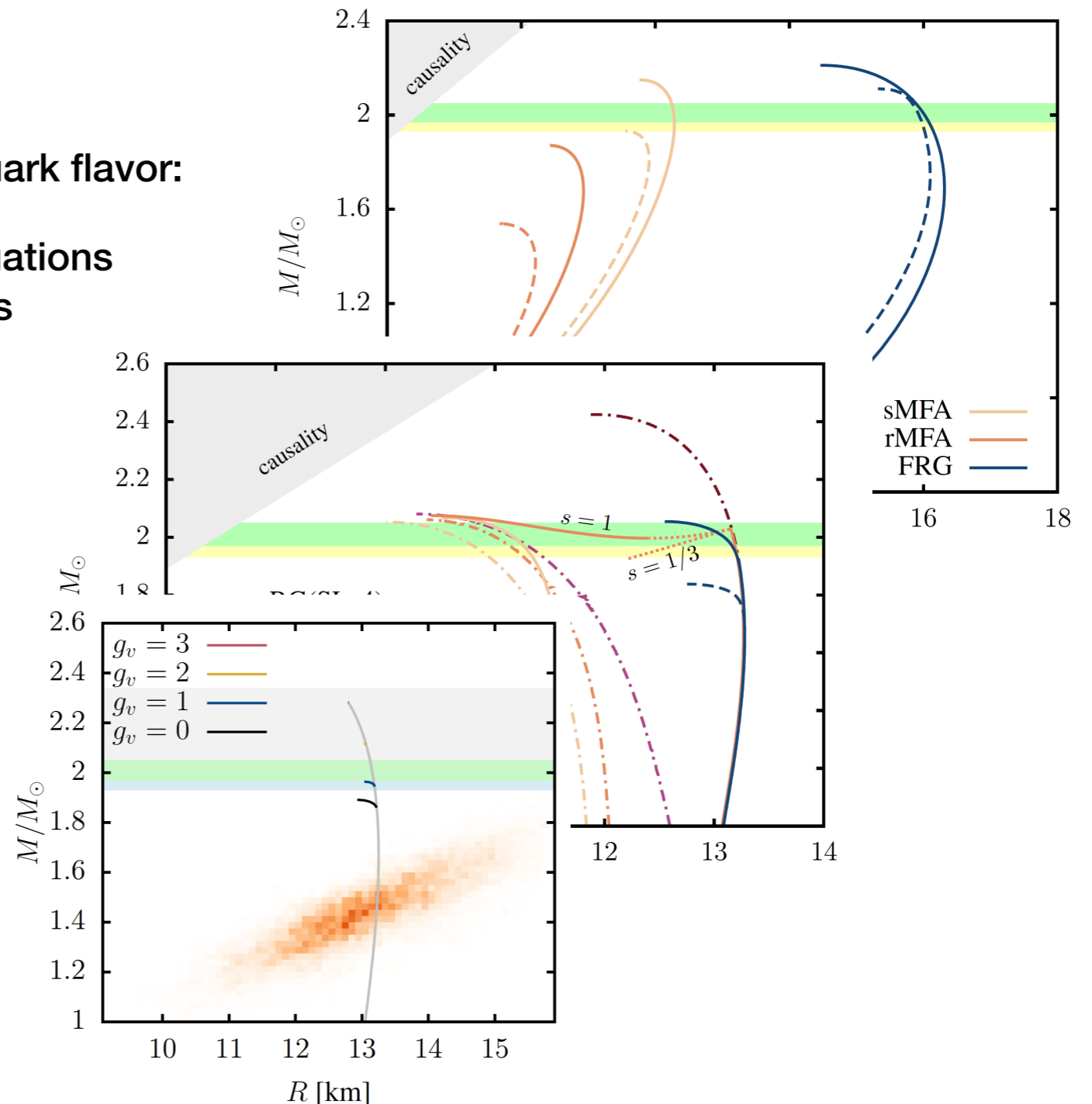
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2. hybrid stars are possible

Non-zero vector coupling needed
→ to reach $2 M_{\odot}$ with strangeness

similar findings with pairing channels

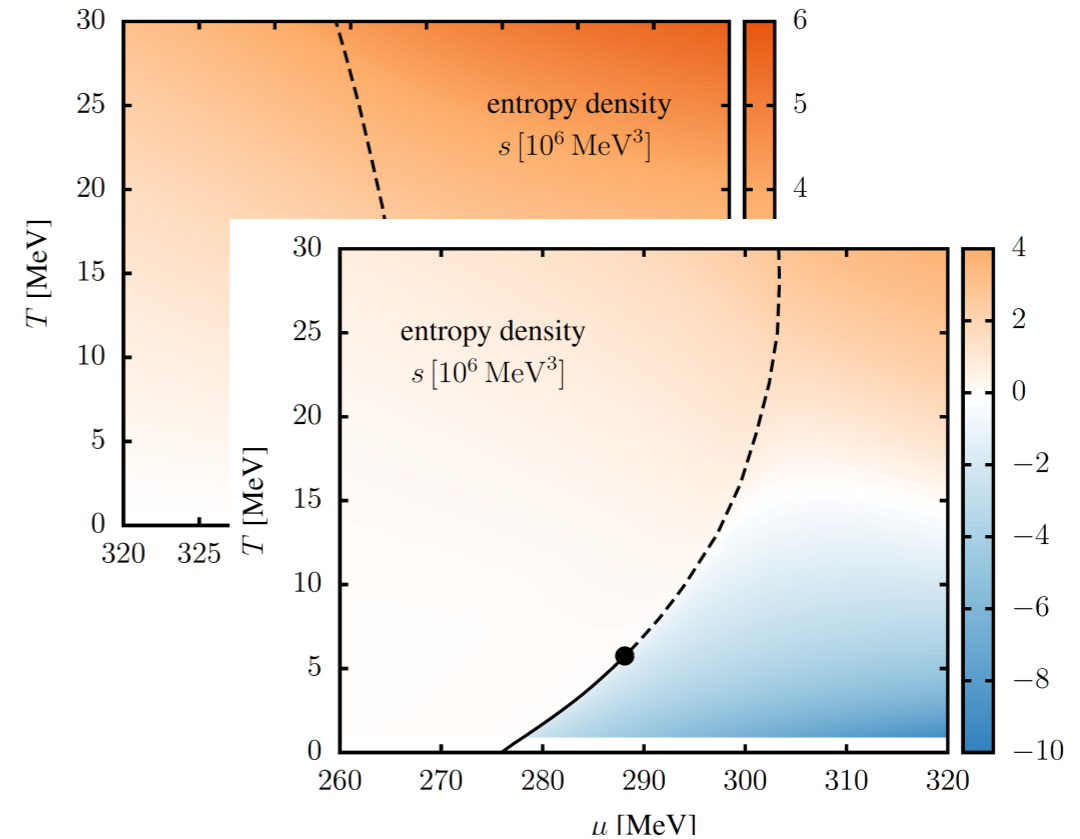


Summary

3. in LPA no back-bending / negative entropy density
for
CS mass-like regulators

CS type regulators closer to
poles compared to flat regulator

→ (vacuum) flows numerically harder



4. no back-bending / reduction of negative entropy density
for
diquark (pairing) channel

