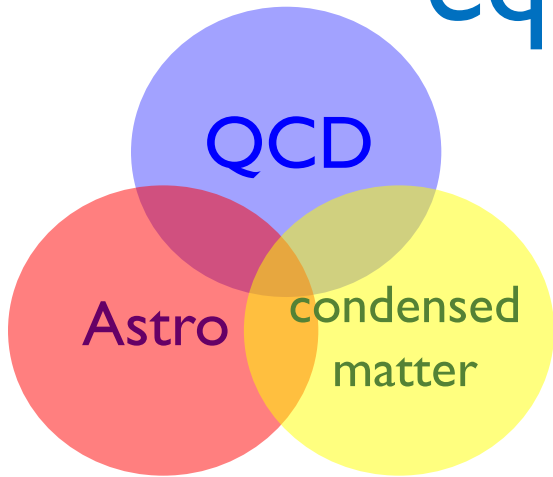


# Quark substructure of hadrons and equations of state in dense QCD



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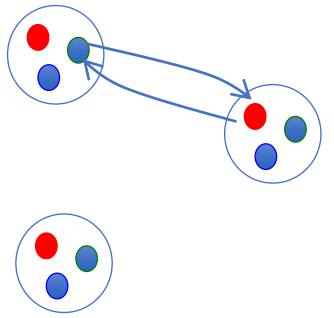
# State of matter: overview

$(n_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3})$

[Masuda+ '12; TK+ '14]

- few meson exchange

- nucleons only



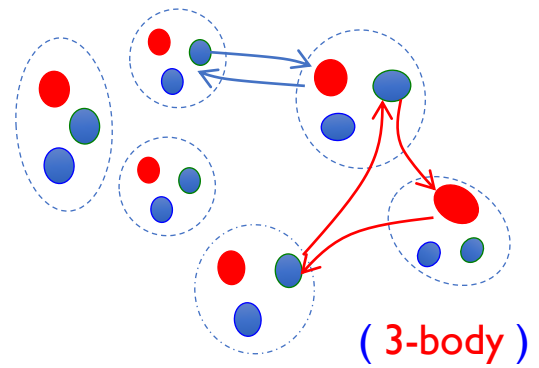
ab-initio nuclear cal.  
laboratory experiments  
steady progress

$\sim 1.4 M_{\odot}$

- many-quark exchange

- structural change,...

- hyperons,  $\Delta$ , ...

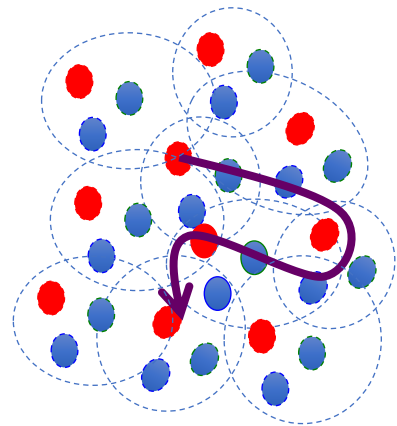


**most difficult**  
(d.o.f ??)

$\sim 2 M_{\odot}$

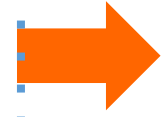
- Baryons overlap

- Quark Fermi sea



**strongly correlated**  
(d.o.f : quasi-particles??)

not explored well



(pQCD)

[Freedman-McLerran, Kurkela+, Fujimoto+...]

$n_B$

$\sim 2n_0$

Hints from NS

$\sim 5n_0$

$\sim 40n_0$



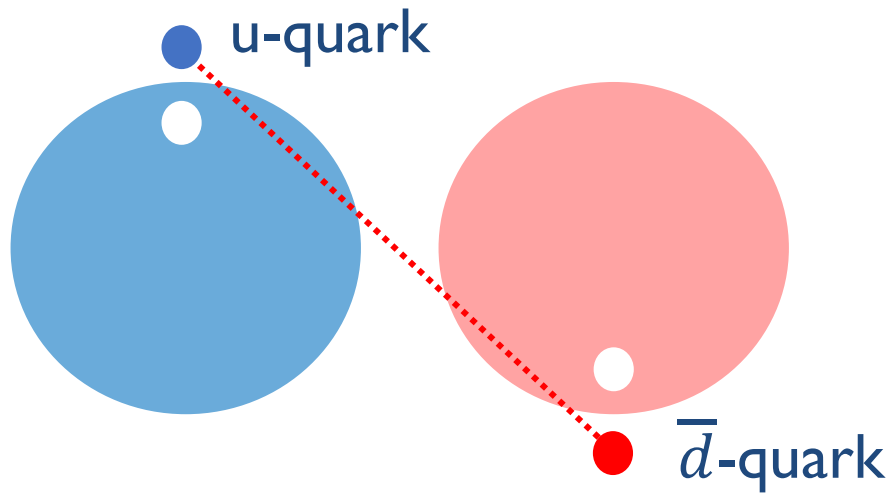
# Hints: isospin QCD

isospin chemical pot.  $\mu_I = \mu_u - \mu_d$   $n_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

[Son-Stephanov, ...]

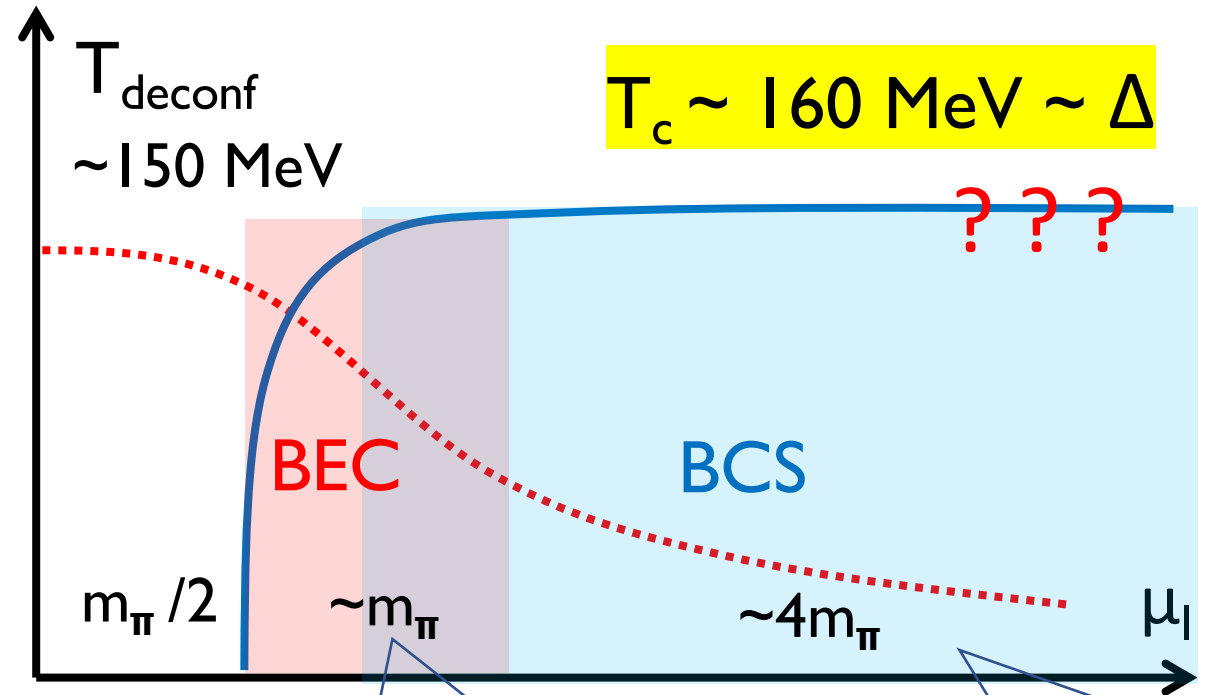
[for 2-color QCD, see Itou-san's talk]

onset of finite density  $\rightarrow$  begin with pions (instead of nucleons)



pairing  $\rightarrow$  pion cond.  $\pi^+$  (p-a) &  $\pi^-$  (h-ah)  
 $\rightarrow$  quark mass gap  $\Delta$

$\sim T_c / 0.57 \sim 280 \text{ MeV}$  BCS estimate (naive)



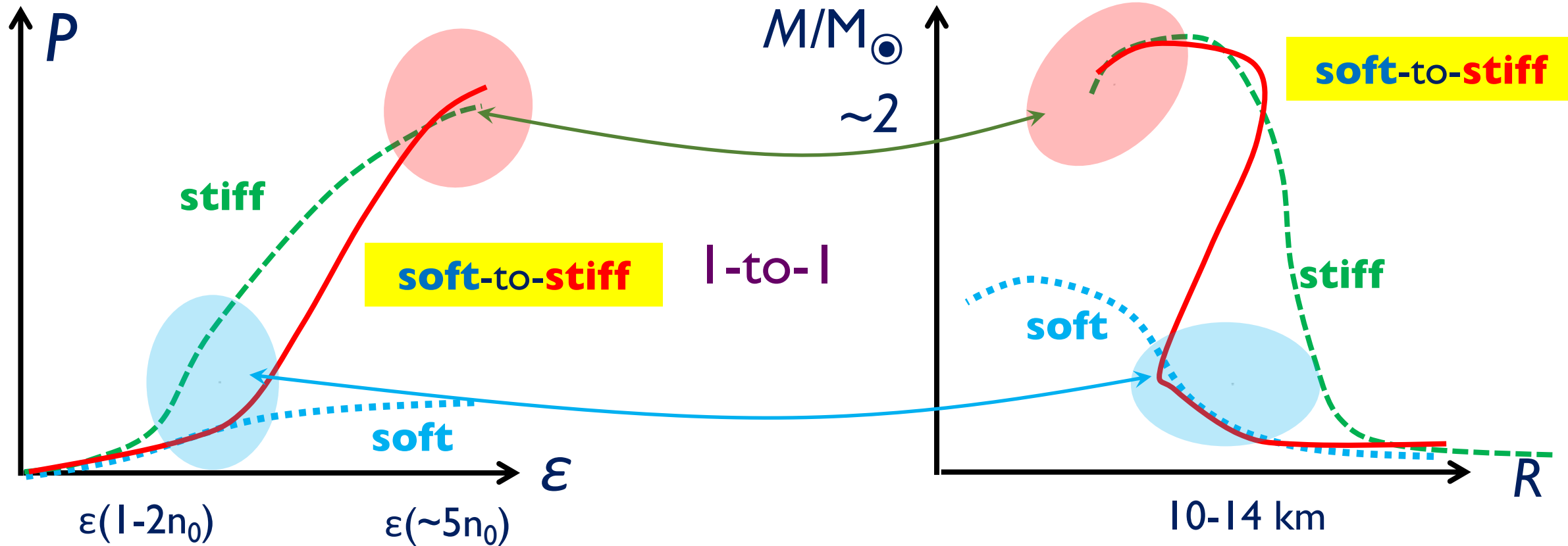
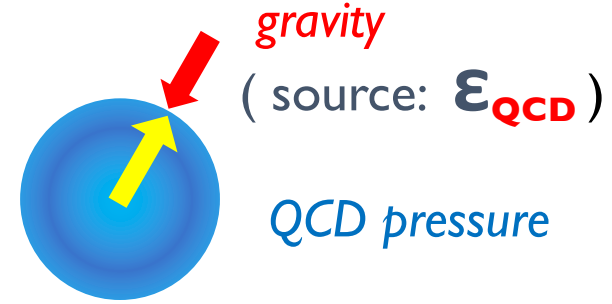
quark substructure important  
 $n_I \sim 0.3 n_0$

pions ( $r_\pi \sim 0.7 \text{ fm}$ ) overlap  
 $n_I \sim 5 n_0$

[e.g., Chiba-TK '23]

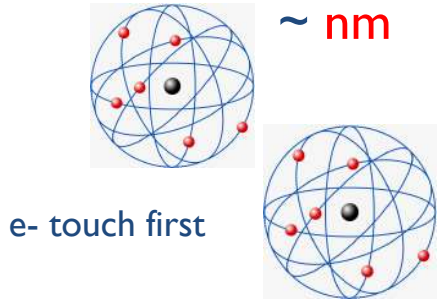
# EoS & Neutron Star M-R relation

Einstein eq.:  $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$  ..... QCD (+EW) EoS



# gravitational compression & matter content

**atom**  
(nucleus + electrons)

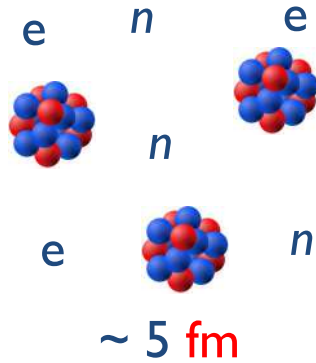


compressions



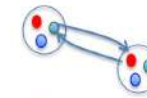
e-dripped  
 $e + p \rightarrow n + \nu_e$   
(see below)

**nuclei + dripped n & e**

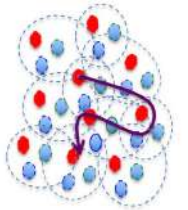
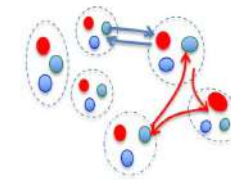


**nuclear liquid** to **quark matter**

$n$  or  $\bar{p}$



$\sim 1-2 \text{ fm}$



$n_B \sim 10^{-9} n_0$

$\sim 10^{-3} n_0$

$\sim 1-2 n_0$

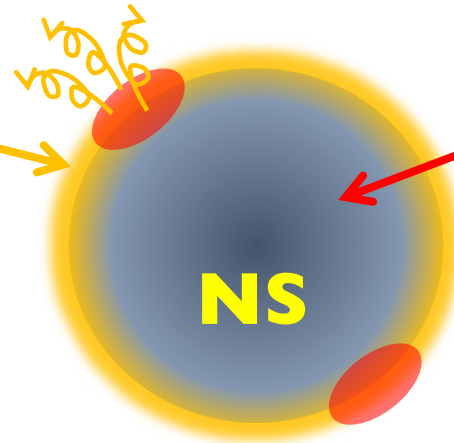
$\sim 2-5 n_0$

$\sim 5-10 n_0$

**crust**



surface phenomena



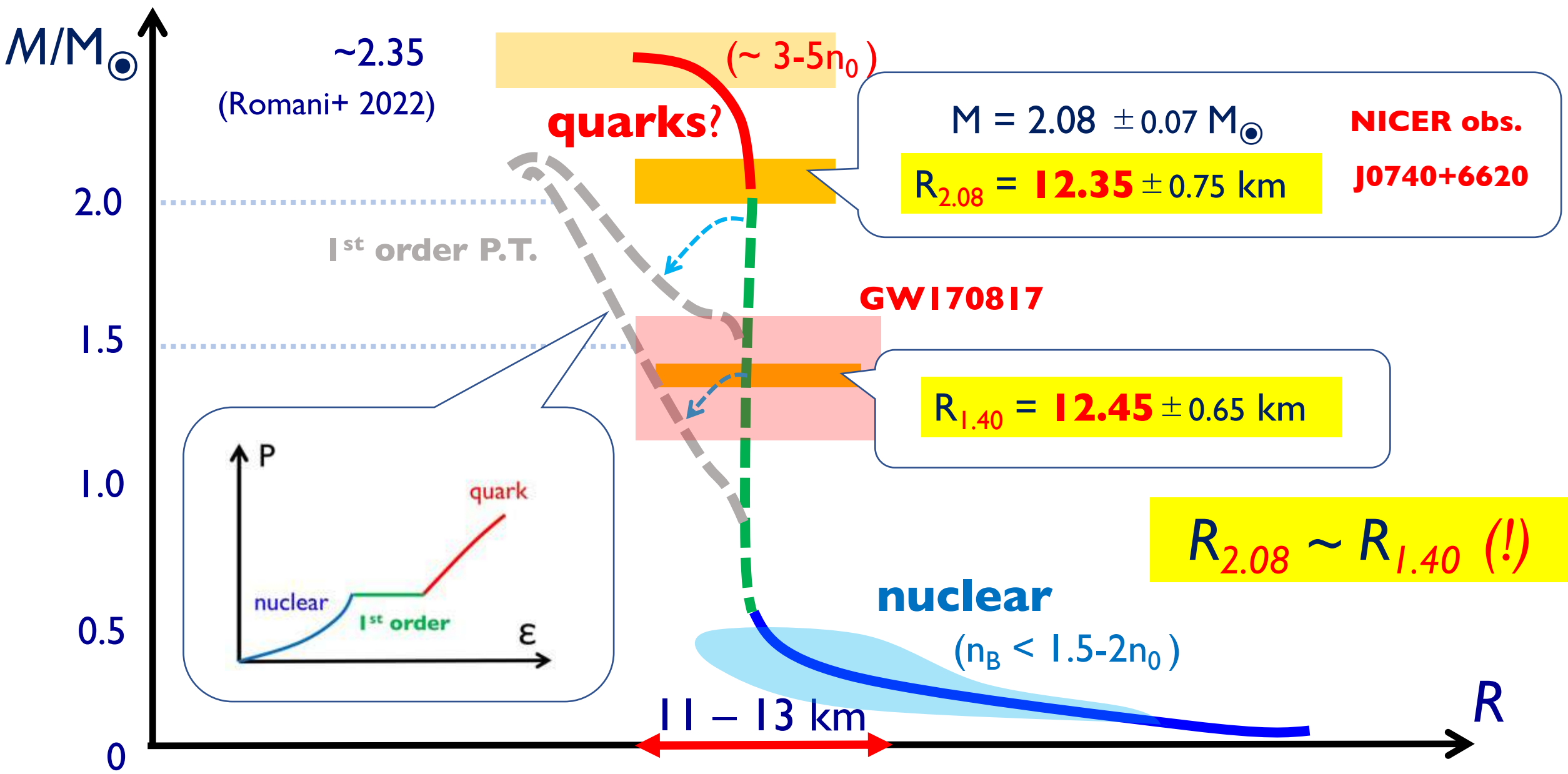
**core**



M-R relation

# Observations: (NICER, GW170817, nuclear)

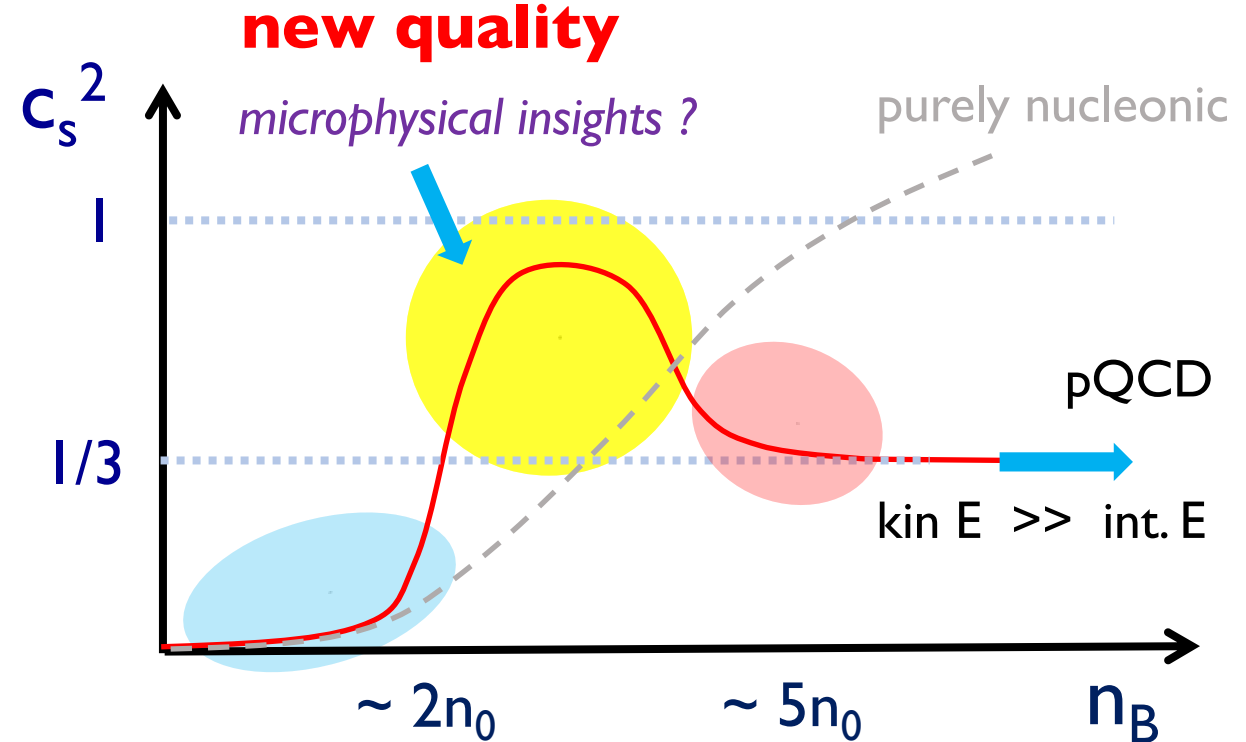
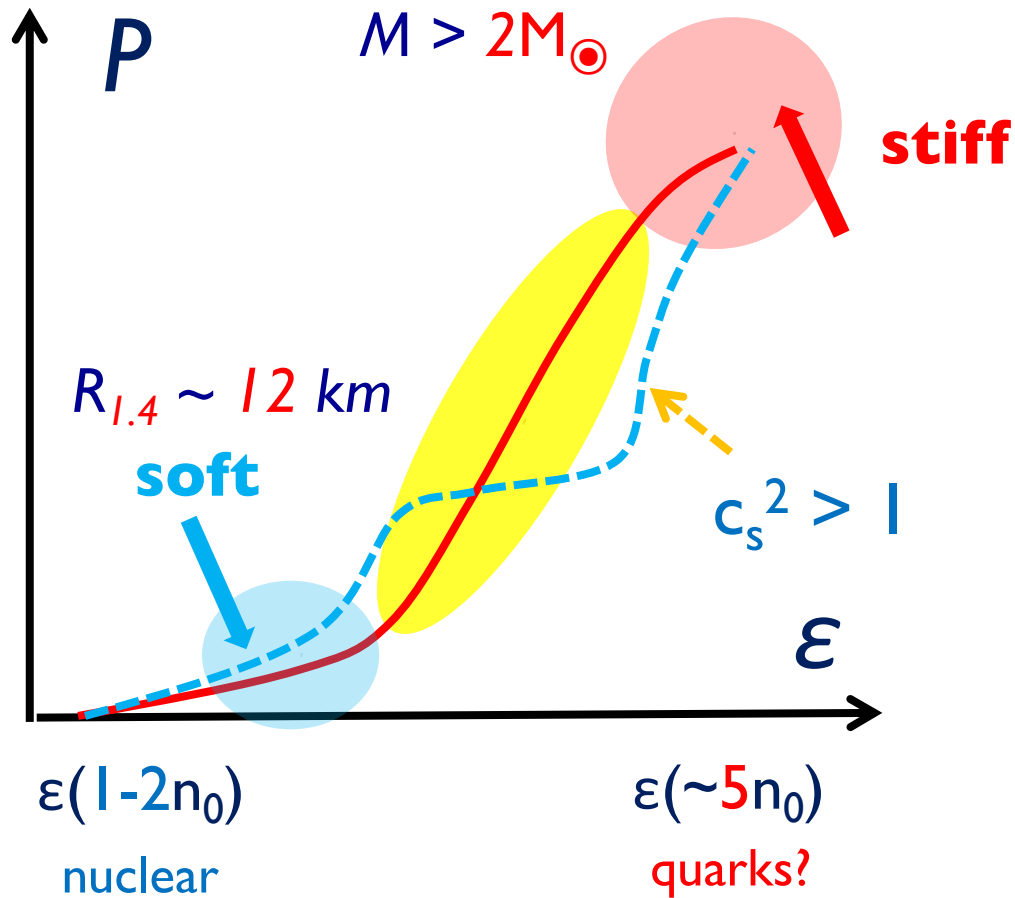
[e.g., Miller+ '21]



# Soft to *stiff* is challenging:

sound velocity:  $c_s^2 = dP/d\varepsilon < 1$  (*causality*)

nuclear & quark physics constrain each other



**baseline: quark-hadron continuity (QHC)**

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# pressure from $\varepsilon(n_B)$

$$\mathcal{P} = n_B^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_B} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_B} \right) \quad \text{energy per particle}$$

e.g.) gas of **heavy** particles (**massive** limit)

$$\varepsilon(n_B) = m_N n_B \quad \longrightarrow \quad \varepsilon/n_B = m_N \quad \longrightarrow \quad P = 0$$

gas of **relativistic** particles (**massless** limit)

$$\varepsilon(n_B) = a n_B^{4/3} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \varepsilon/n_B = a n_B^{1/3} \quad \longrightarrow \quad P = \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

# $c_s^2$ in purely nucleonic models

$$\varepsilon(n_B) = \underbrace{m_N n_B}_{\text{large (!)}} + \underbrace{a \frac{n_B^{5/3}}{m_N}}_{\text{small (!)}} + \underbrace{b n_B^\alpha}_{\text{circled}}$$

$$P = \frac{2}{3} a \frac{n_B^{5/3}}{m_N} + \underbrace{b(\alpha - 1) n_B^\alpha}_{\text{circled}}$$

$P = n_B^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_B} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_B} \right)$

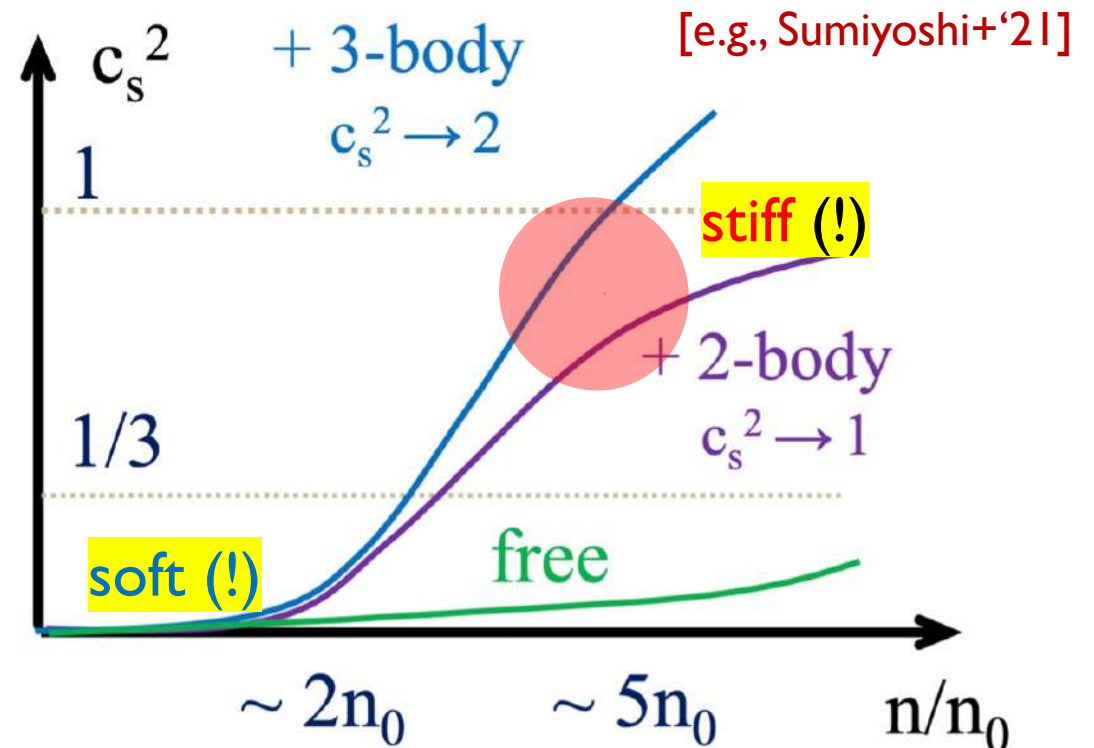
at LO:  $P \ll \varepsilon$  (!)

if interactions dominate (at large  $n_B$ ):

$$P \sim (\alpha - 1)\varepsilon \rightarrow c_s^2 \sim (\alpha - 1)$$

2-body int.  $\rightarrow \alpha = 2$       3-body int.  $\rightarrow \alpha = 3$   
(contact type)

causality & convergence ??



# alternative **baseline**: **quark EOS**

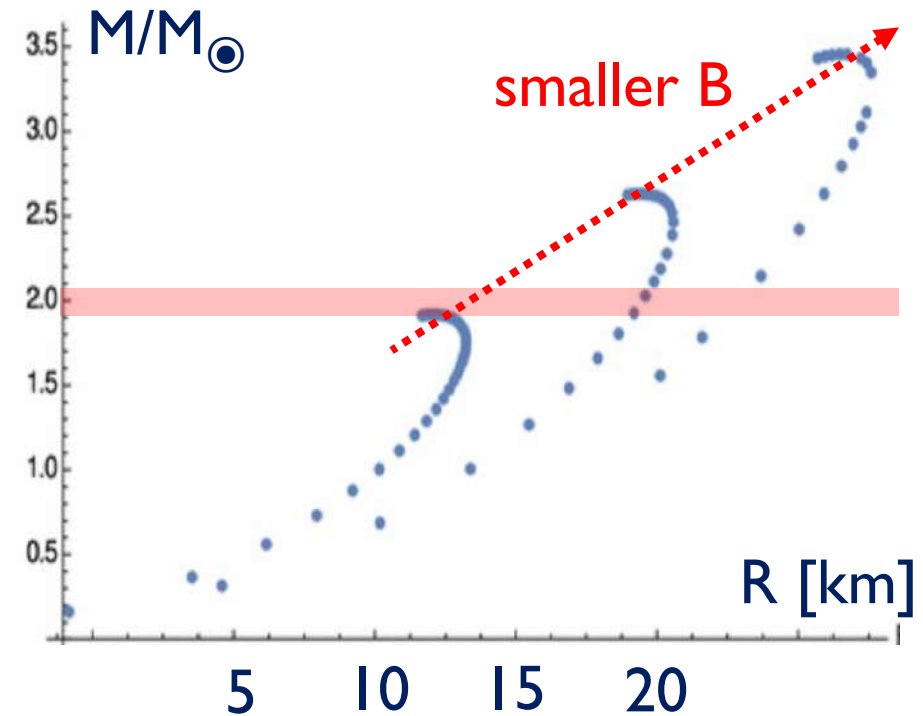
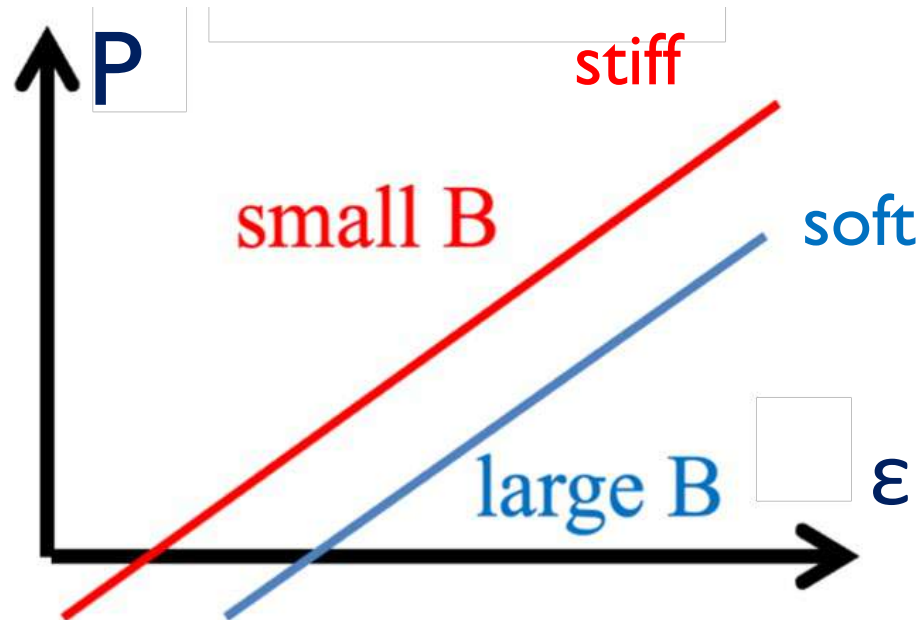
e.g.) free massless quarks

$$c_s^2 = 1/3$$

$$P = \frac{\epsilon}{3} - B'$$

normalization

$$\begin{aligned} \text{quark kin. E} &\sim \mathbf{N_c^2} \times \text{nucl. kin. E} \\ &\sim \mathbf{N_c} \times p_F^2/M_q && \sim p_F^2/\mathbf{N_c}M_q \end{aligned}$$

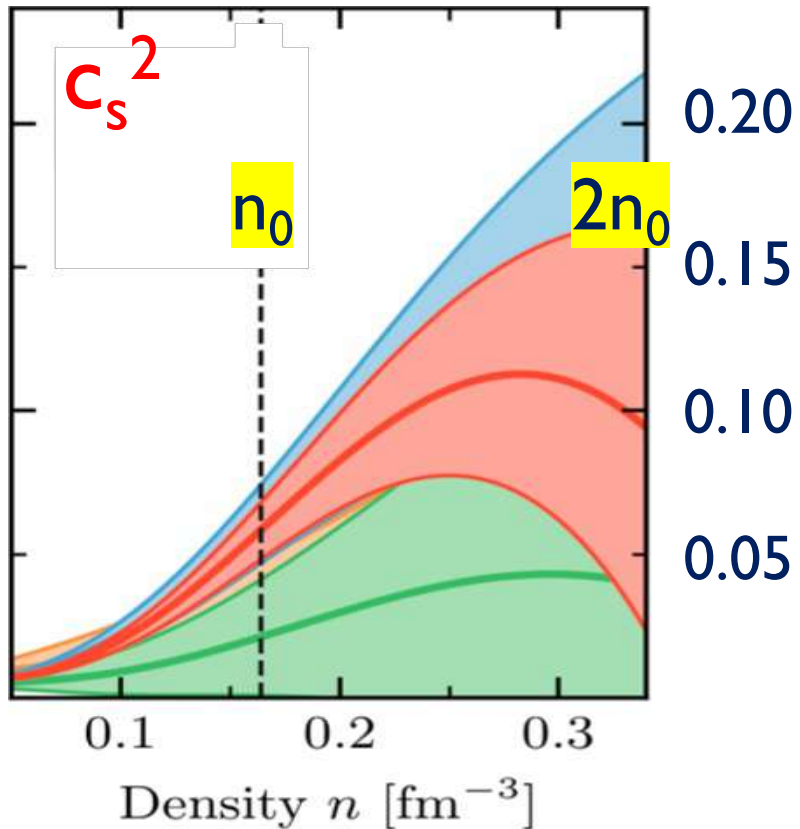


**relativistic pressure**  $\rightarrow$  **stiff EOS**

*can be a good starting point!?*

$$c_s^2 = 1/3 = 0.33\dots \text{ (at } 1-3n_0 \text{) is large}$$

[e.g., ChEFT, Drischler+ '21]

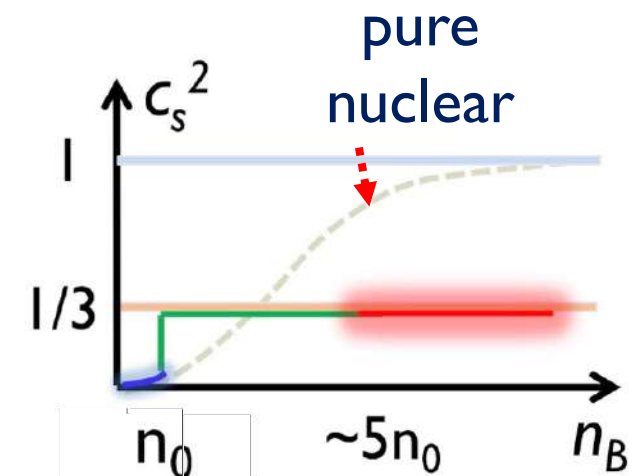
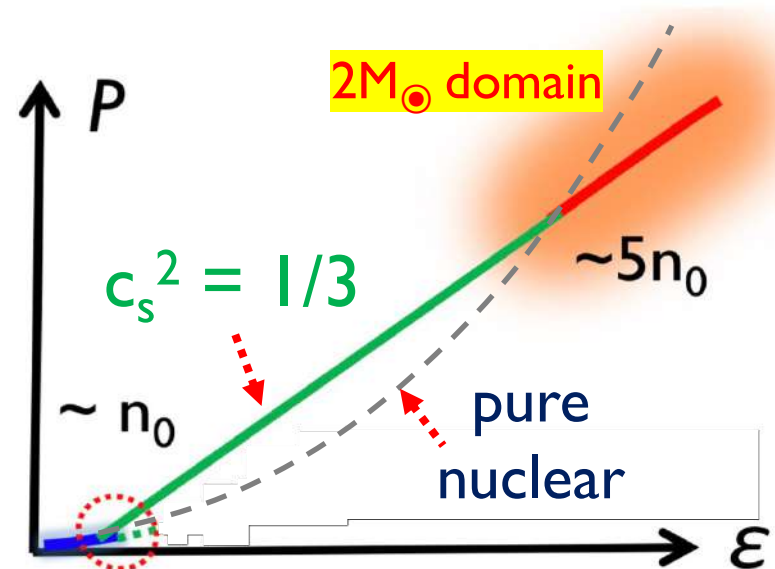


ChEFT (to N<sup>3</sup>LO)

$$c_s^2(n_0) \sim 0.05-0.10 \quad c_s^2(2n_0) \sim 0.1-0.2$$

small..

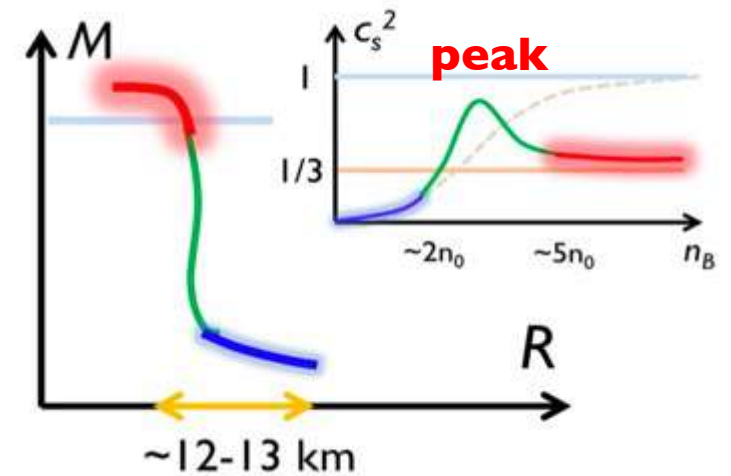
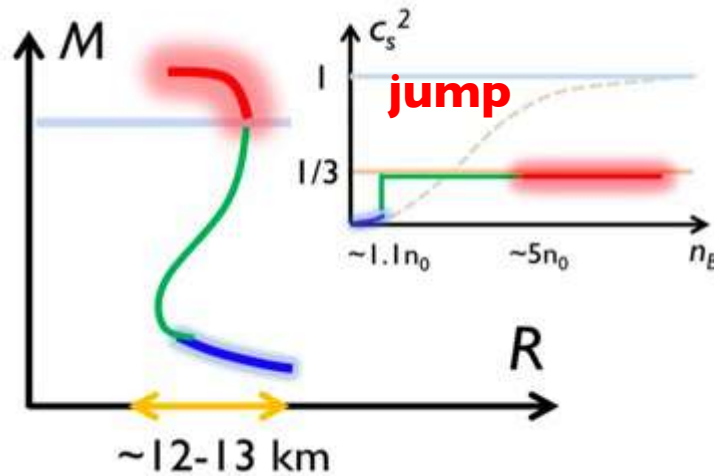
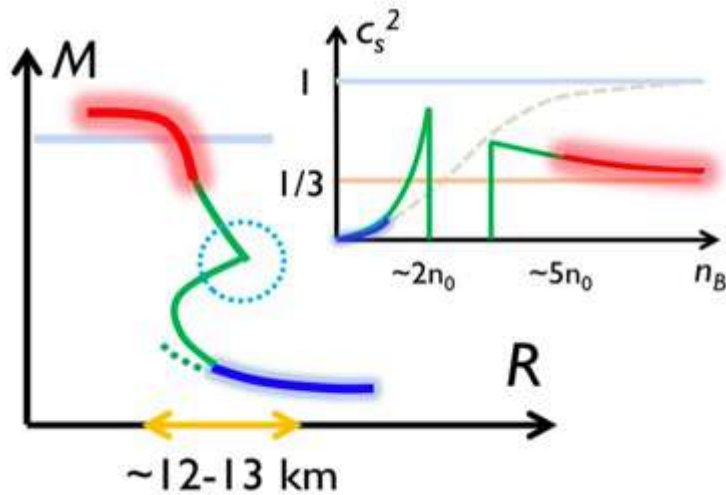
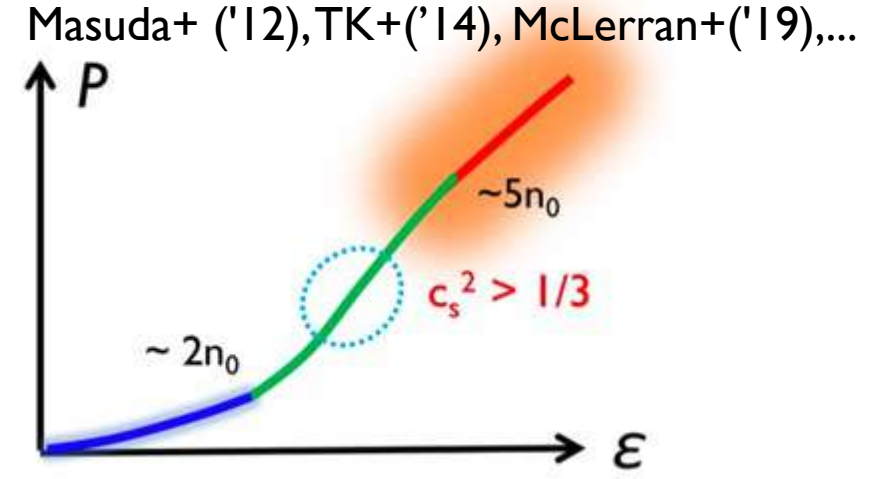
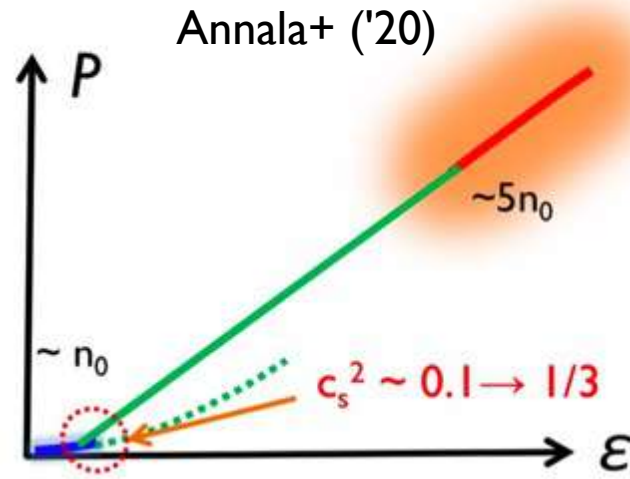
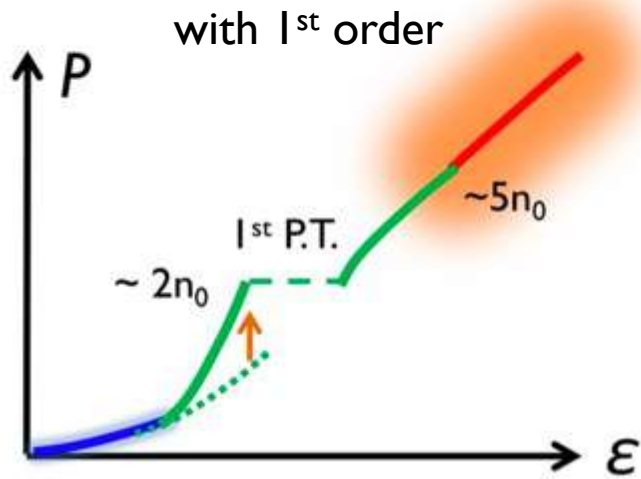
If we switch to  $c_s^2 = 1/3$  at **low** density...



For systematic analyses, see e.g., Annala+ '20

# Three possible scenarios

[TK+ '20: JSPS article, AAPPs bull.]



$\rightarrow R_{1.4}$  and  $R_{2.1}$  ?

$\rightarrow$  nuclear physics ?

$\rightarrow$  my favorite

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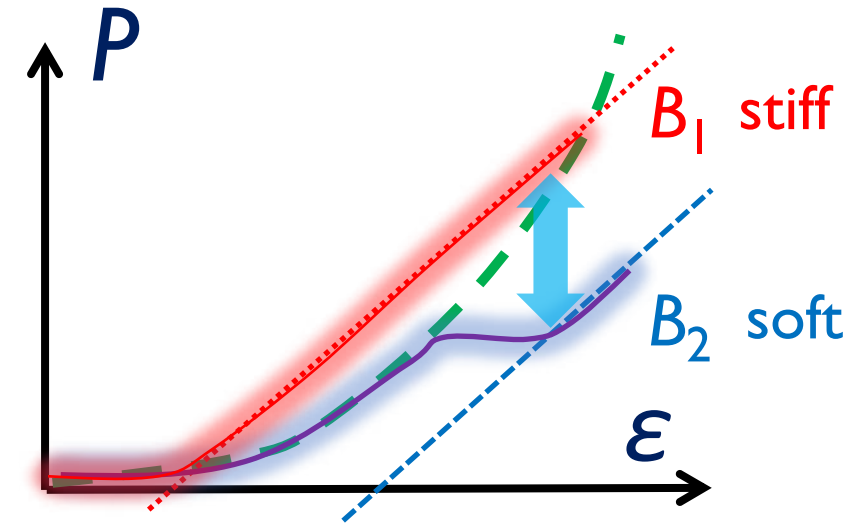
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# Hadron-to-quark transitions?

## Confusing point:

- Switching from *baryonic* to *quark* bases

→ a source of confusions in hybrid models  
(e.g. **normalization** of energy )



## Strategy:

Keep track of *quark* states from *nuclear* to *quark* matter

(within a *single* model, e.g., percolation model, Fukushima-TK-Weise '20)

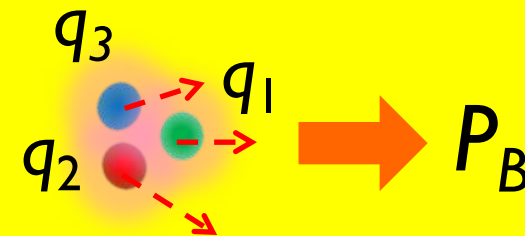
# Quarks in a baryon

$N_c (=3)$ : number of colors

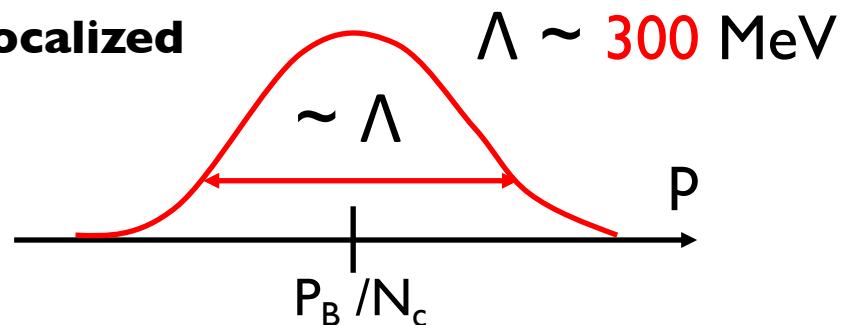
probability density:

e.g.)

$$\varphi(\mathbf{q}; \mathbf{P}_B) = \mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left( \mathbf{q} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right)^2}$$



localized



variance:  $\left\langle \left( \mathbf{p} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right)^2 \right\rangle \sim \Lambda^2$  **energetic !**

→ large **“mechanical”** pressure

$$\langle E_q(\mathbf{p}) \rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B} = \mathcal{N} \int_{\mathbf{p}} E_q(\mathbf{p}) e^{-\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left( \mathbf{p} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right)^2} \simeq \underbrace{\langle E_q(\mathbf{p}) \rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B=0}}_{\times N_c} + \frac{1}{6} \underbrace{\left\langle \frac{\partial^2 E_q}{\partial p_i \partial p_i} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B=0}}_{\times N_c} \left( \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right)^2 + \dots$$

average energy (quark)

~  $N_c (M_q + E_{kin})$

baryon mass

$\gg$

~  $P_B^2 / (N_c E_q)$

baryon kin. energy



# A model of quark-hadron-duality

cf) [TK '21, TK-Suenaga '21]

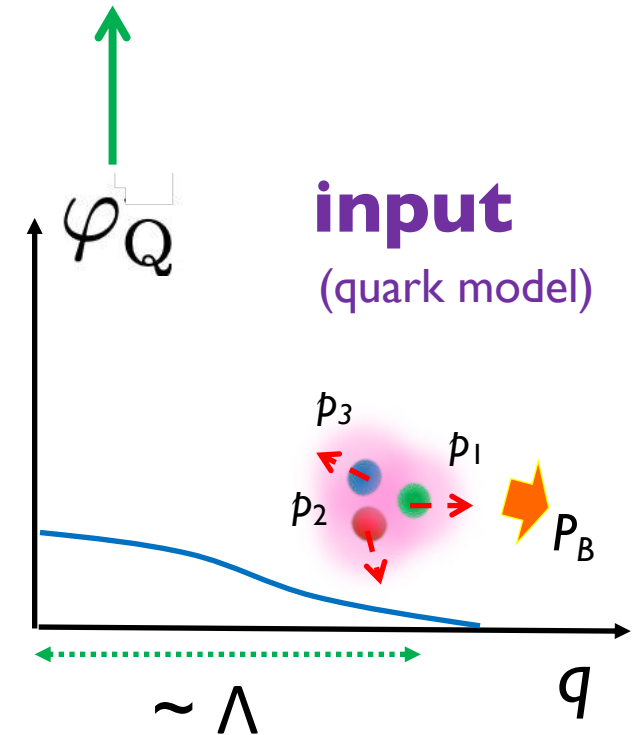
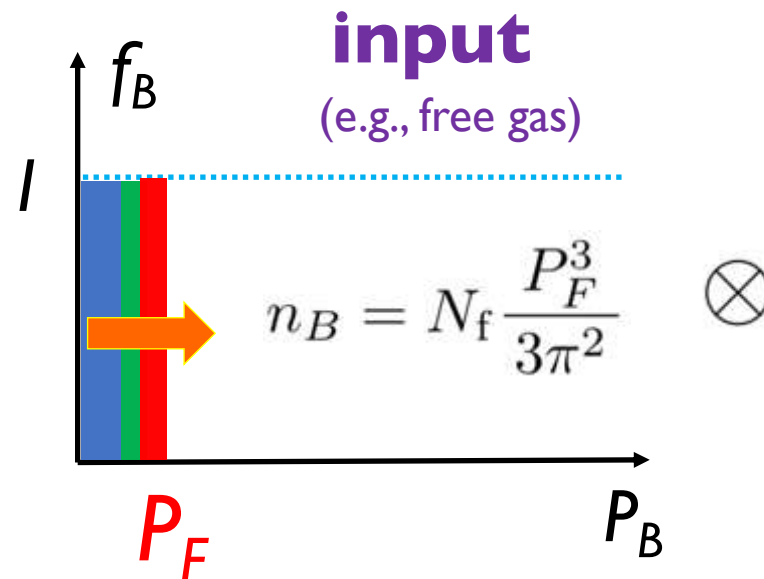
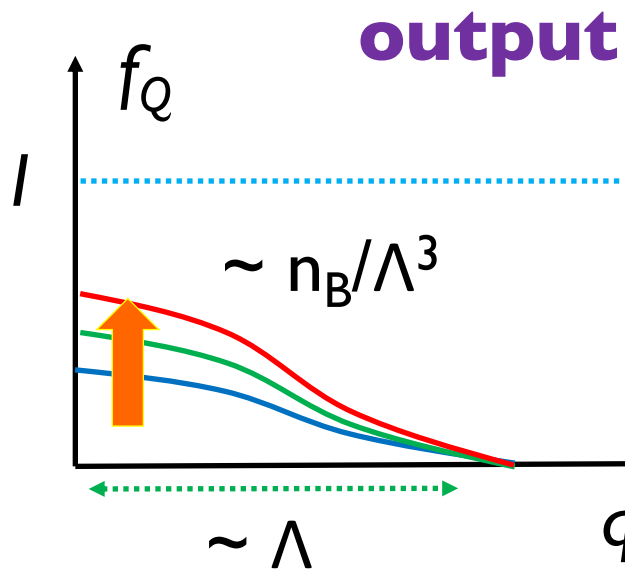
occupation **probability**  
of **quark** state with  $p$

occupation **probability**  
of **baryon** state with  $P_B$

**quark** mom. distribution  
**in a baryon**

$$f_Q(\underline{q}; n_B) = \int_{\underline{P}_B} f_B(\underline{P}_B; n_B) \varphi_Q^B(\underline{q}; \underline{P}_B)$$

e.g.) in **ideal** baryonic matter



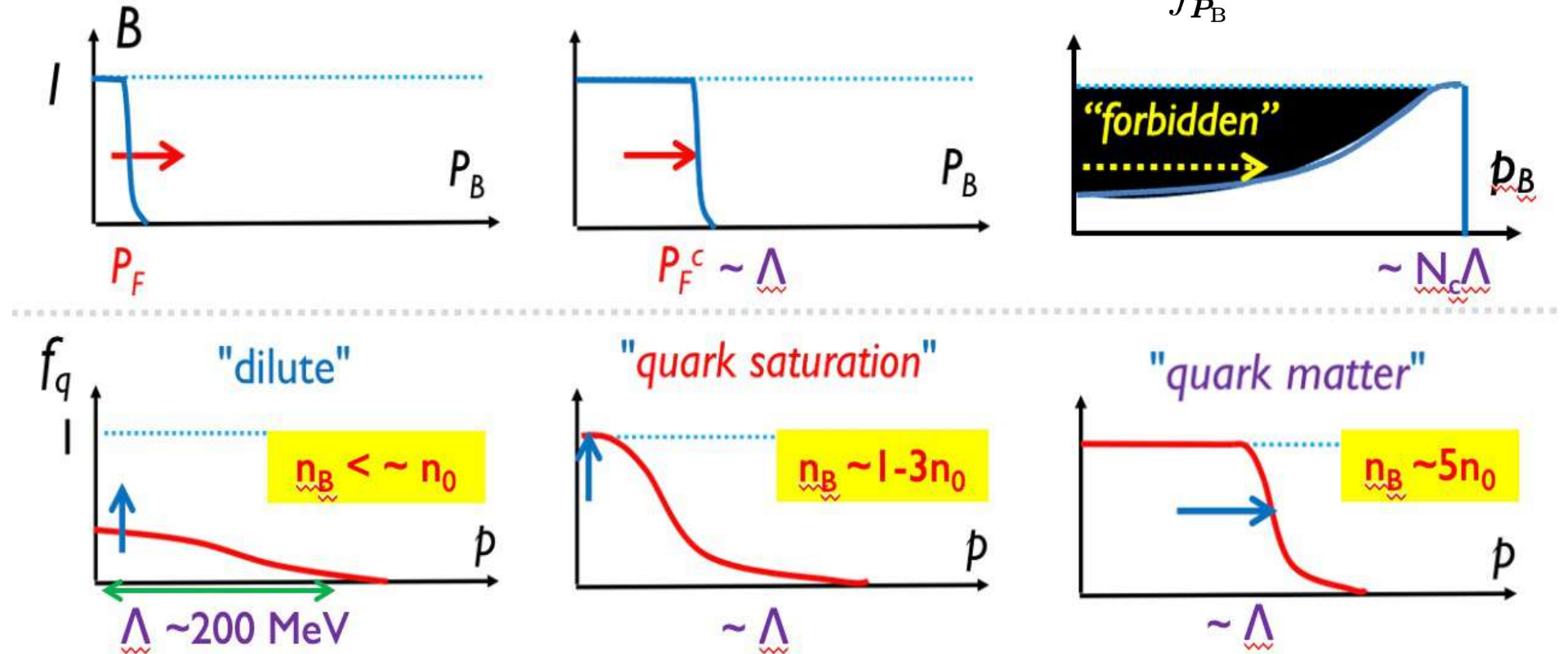
# Evolution of occ. probabilities

$$f_Q(\mathbf{q}; n_B) = \int_{P_B} f_B(P_B; n_B) \varphi_Q^B(\mathbf{q}; P_B)$$

baryon  
bases

dual

quark  
bases



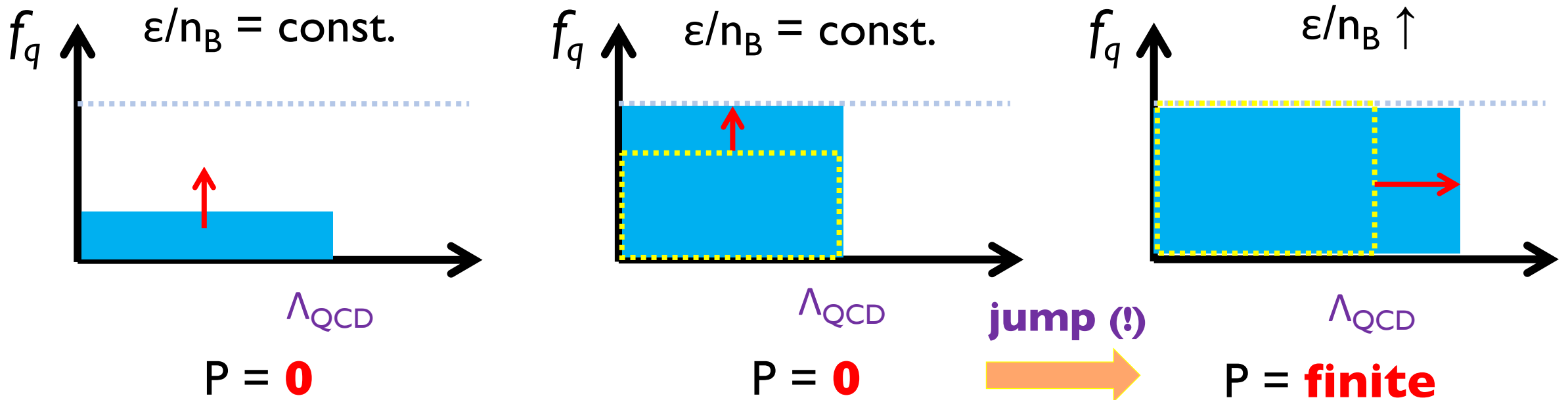
**"quark saturation" constraint**

→ **relativistic baryons at low density,  $n_B \sim 1-3n_0$ !**

cf) McLerran-Reddy model (2019); microscopic description, TK (2021)

# Jump in pressure : schematic picture in quarks

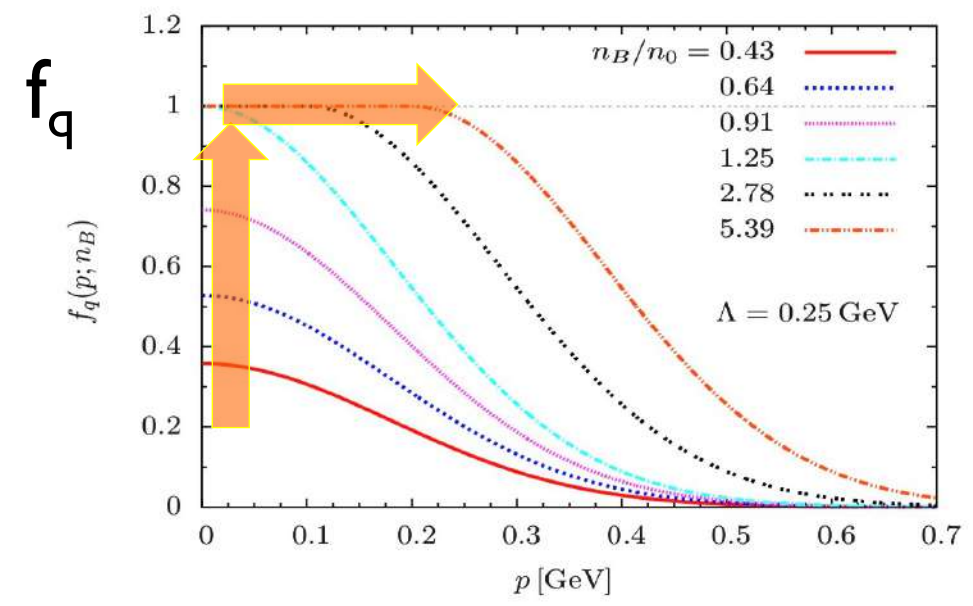
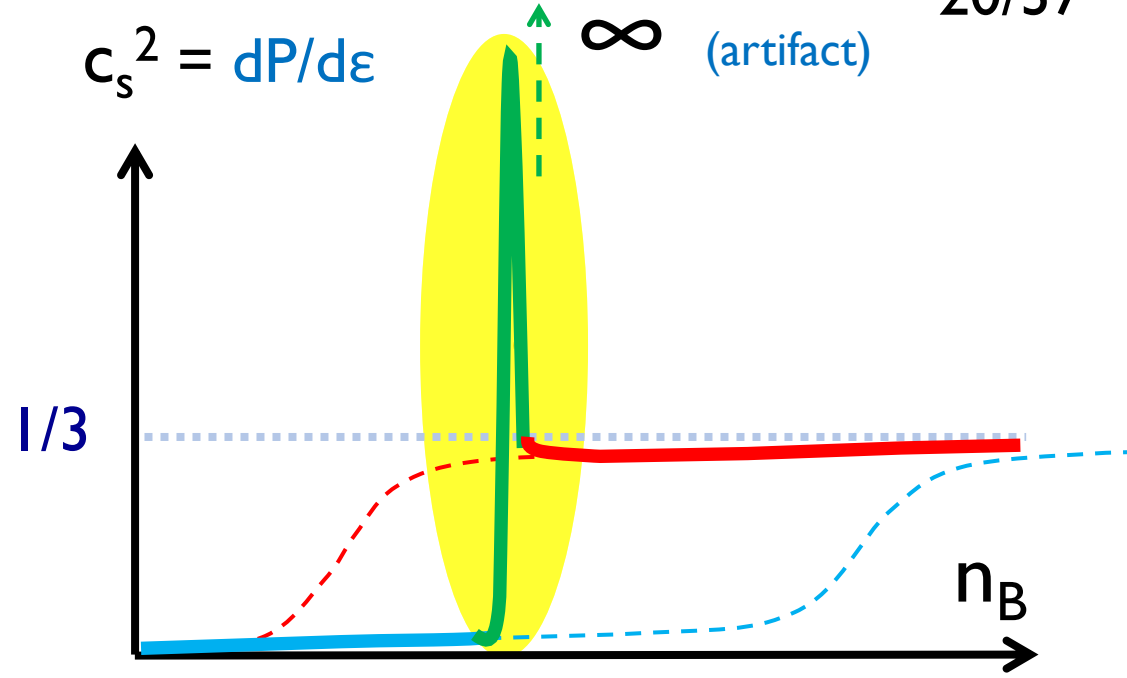
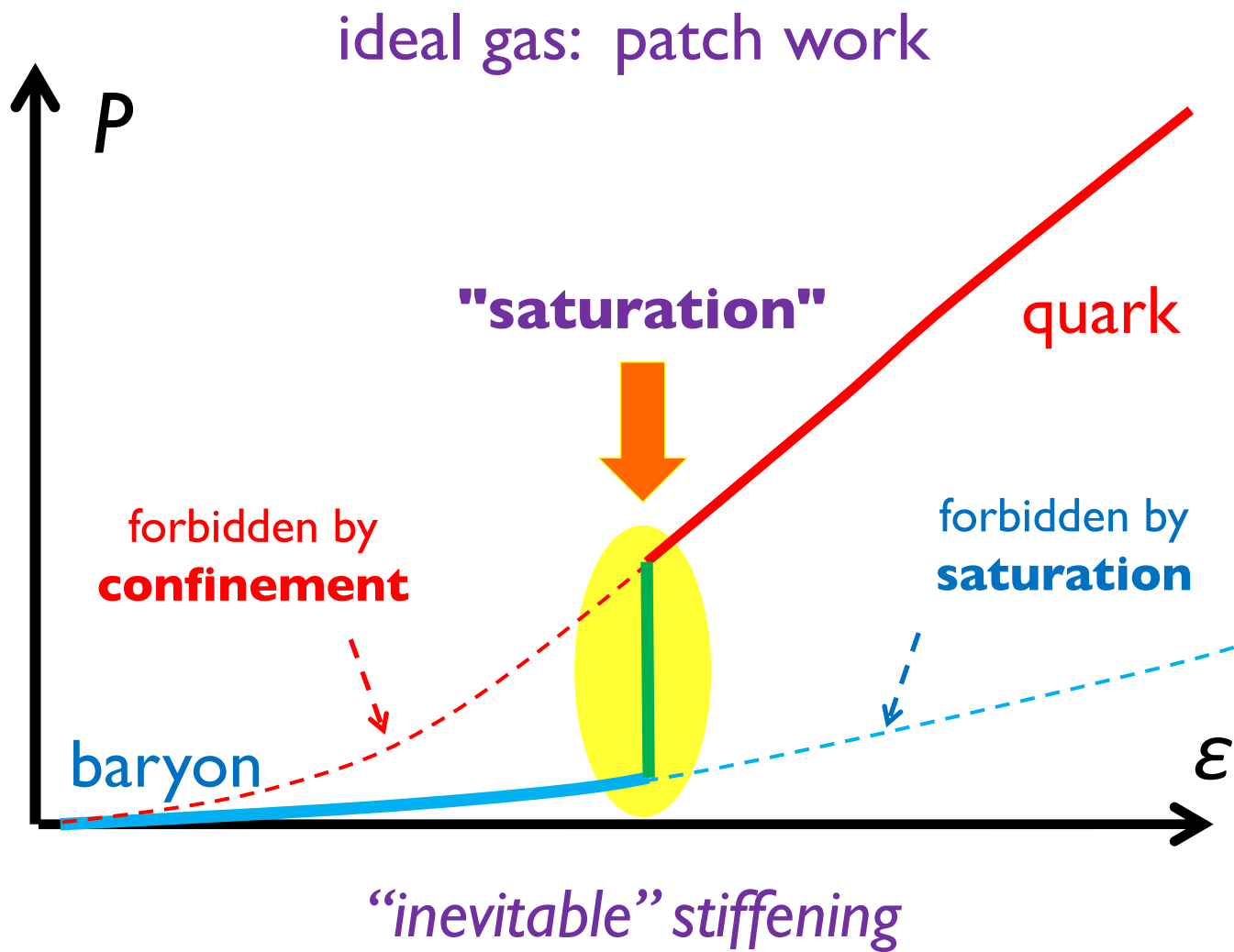
$$\mathcal{P} = n_B^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_B} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_B} \right) \quad \text{energy per particle}$$



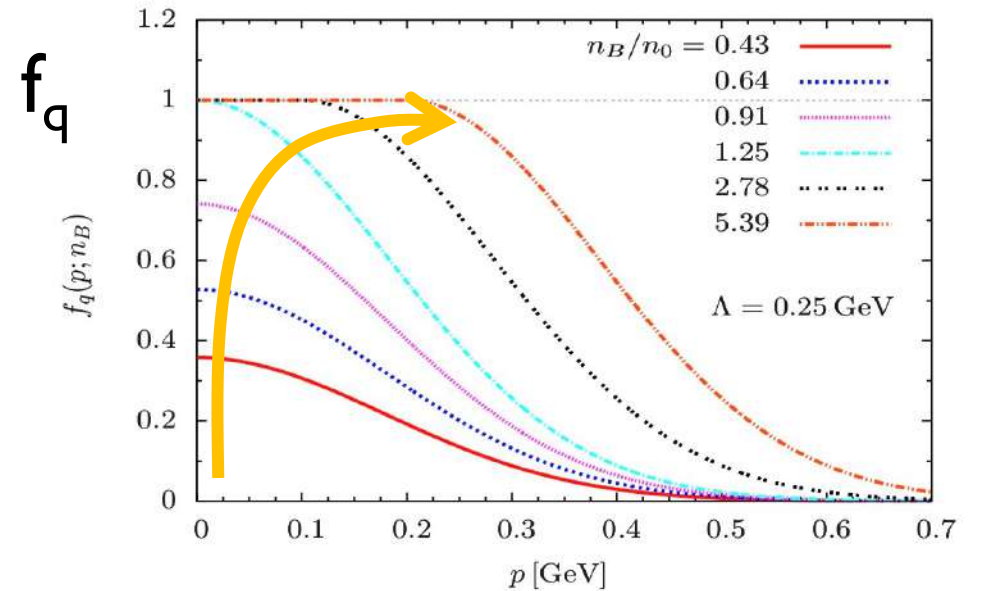
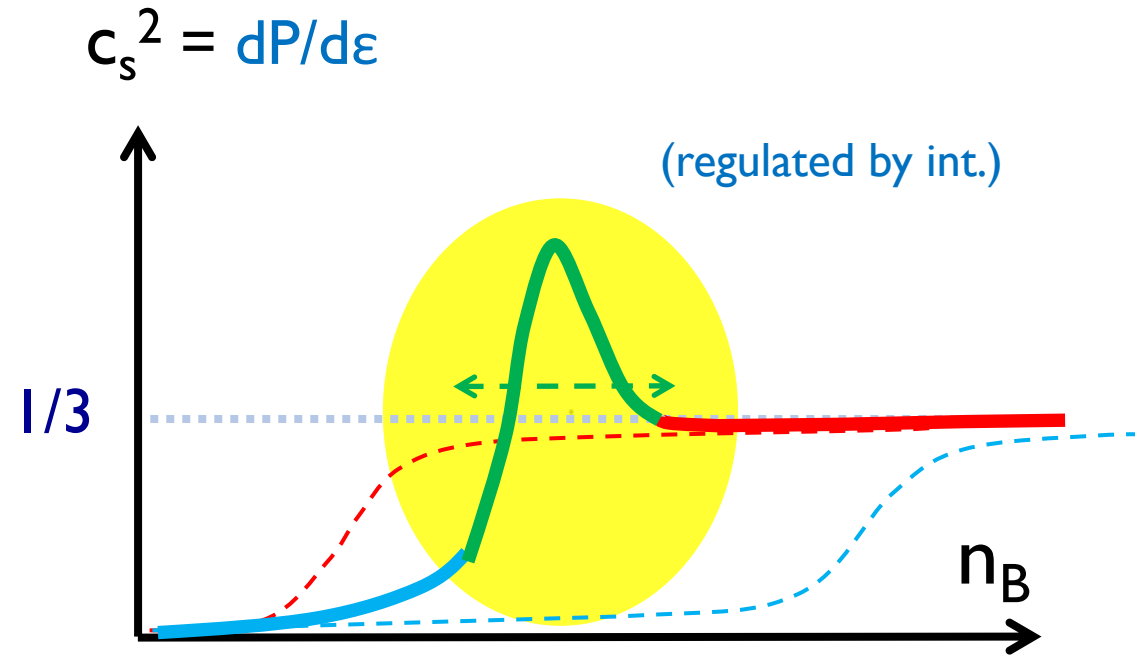
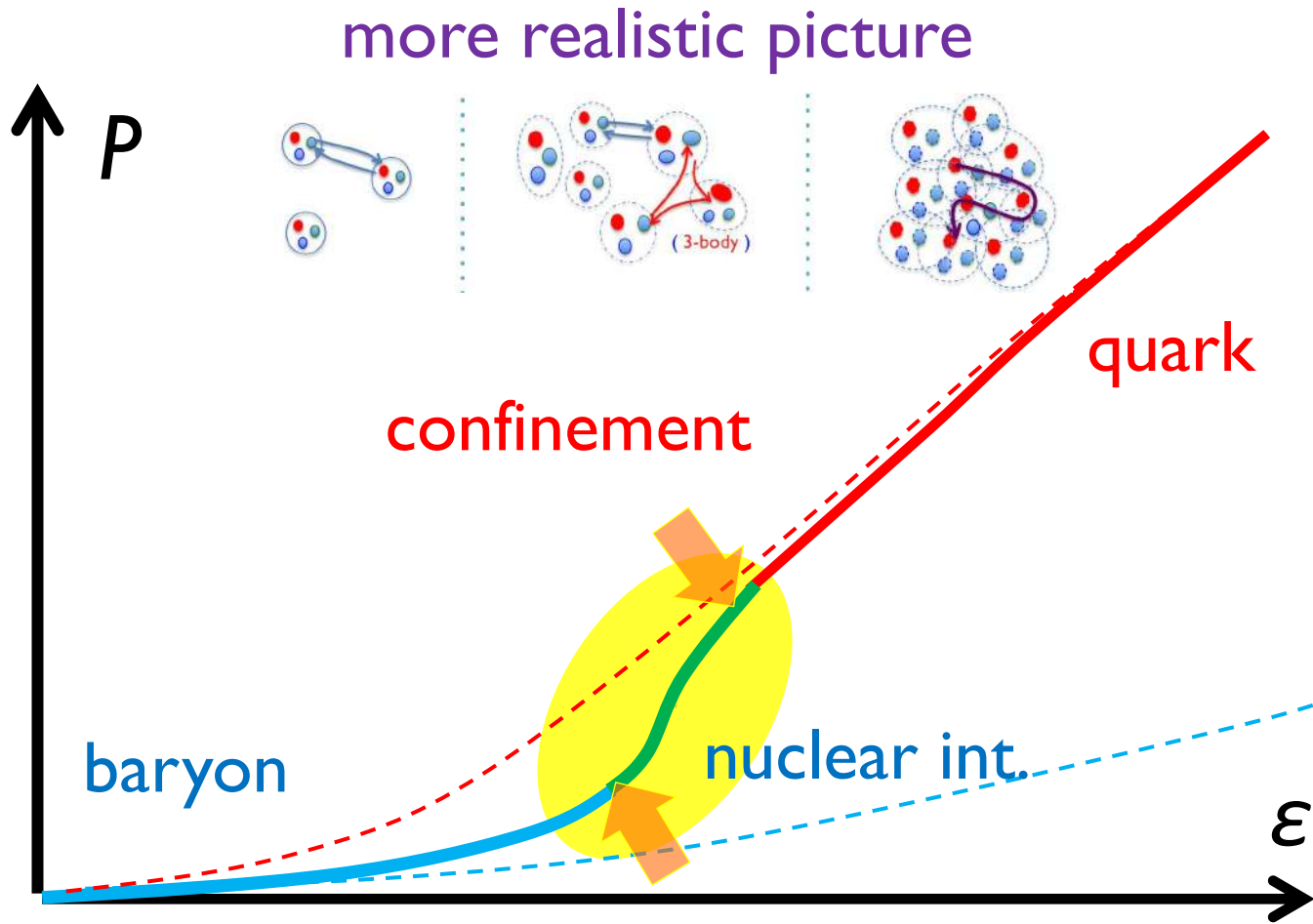
$f_q$  continuous  $\rightarrow$   $\varepsilon, n_B$  are continuous

Quarks do contribute to  $\varepsilon$  even before saturation; but *to  $P$  only after the saturation!!*

# Peak in sound velocity



# Peak in sound velocity



# A solvable model

[Fujimoto-TK-McLerran, '23]

duality:

$$f_Q(\mathbf{q}; n_B) = \int_{\mathbf{P}_B} f_B(\mathbf{P}_B; n_B) \varphi_Q^B(\mathbf{q}; \mathbf{P}_B)$$

$f_B \rightarrow f_Q$  always doable, how about  $f_Q \rightarrow f_B$  ??

global  
problem!

a useful model:

with a specific quark distribution  $\varphi_{3d}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{2\pi^2}{\Lambda^3} \frac{e^{-q/\Lambda}}{q/\Lambda}$

$$\hat{L} = -\nabla^2 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\hat{L}[\varphi(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})] = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\Lambda^2} \delta(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$$

local  $f_B$  from local  $f_Q$ :

$$f_B(N_c \mathbf{q}) = \frac{\Lambda^2}{N_c^3} \hat{L}[f_Q(\mathbf{q})]$$

# A solvable model

[Fujimoto-TK-McLerran, '23]

2-flavor model:  $\varepsilon_B[f_B] = 4 \int_k E_B(k) f_B(k)$

*isospin, spin*  
↓

**IdylliQ** matter (Ideal dual-lyllic Quarkyonic)

**Ideal:** *except* the confining forces that trap quarks,  
all interactions are neglected.

**dual:** *explicit* dual relations between baryons and quarks.

**Quarkyonic:** quark matter with non-perturbative (*confining*) gluons.

# Variational problem [Fujimoto-TK-McLerran, '23]

$$E_B(k) = \sqrt{M_B^2 + k^2}$$

$$n_B = 4 \int_k f_B(k)$$

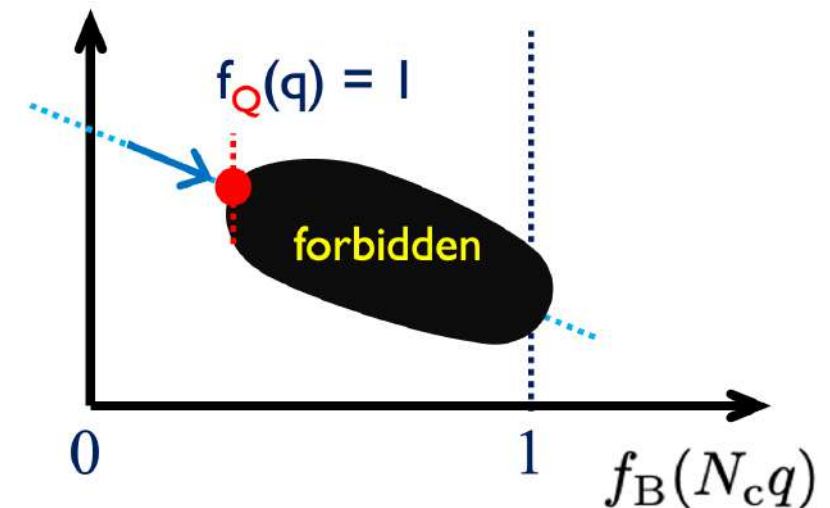
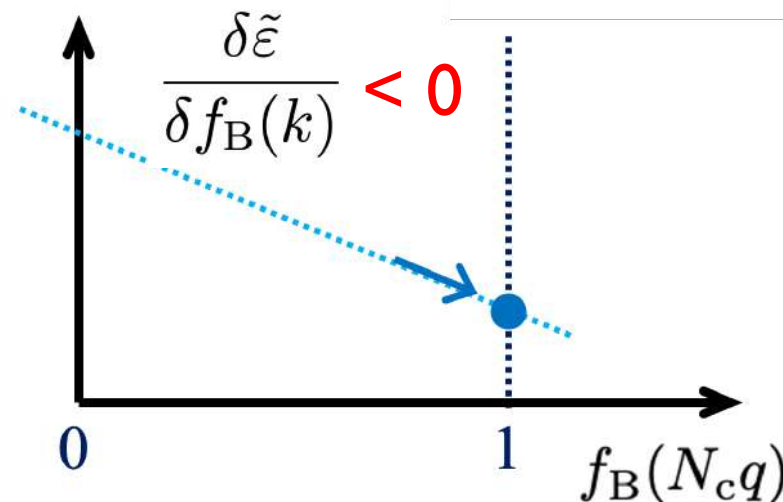
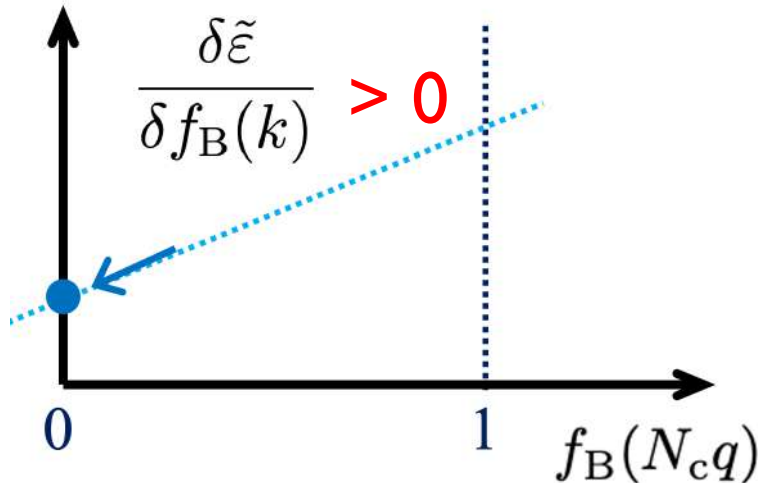
$$\tilde{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon_B[f_B] - \lambda_B n_B$$

Lagrange multiplier

optimization:  $\frac{\delta \tilde{\varepsilon}}{\delta f_B(k)} = E_B(k) - \lambda_B$  at a given  $k$

$$E_B(k) > \lambda_B$$

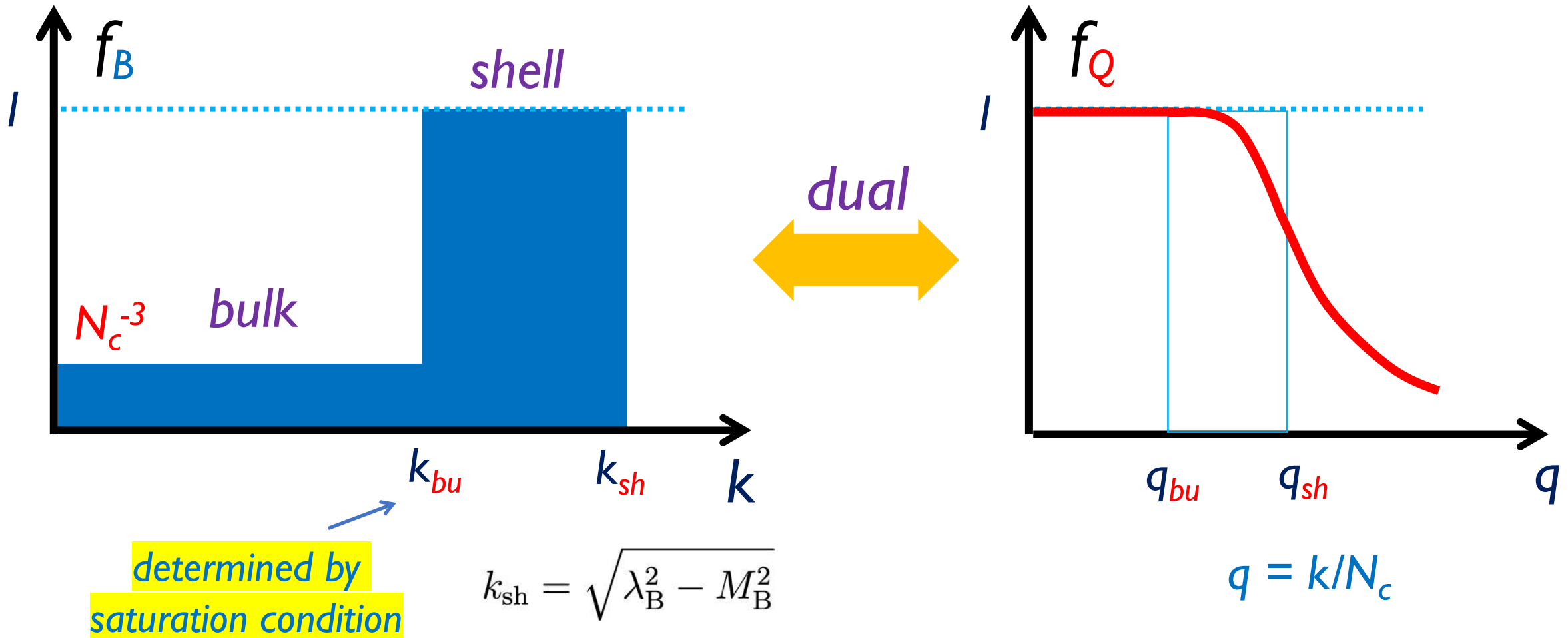
$$E_B(k) < \lambda_B$$





# Solution (**post** saturation)

[Fujimoto-TK-McLerran, '23]



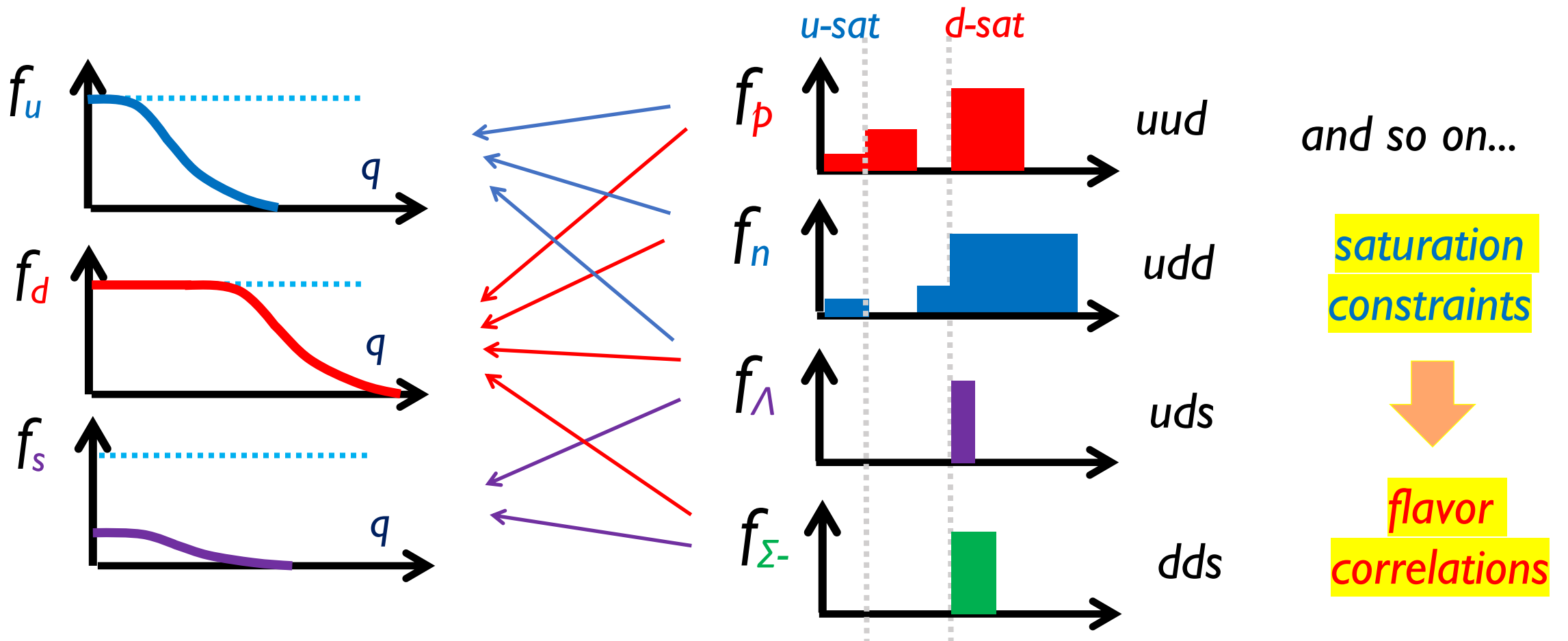
The **most compact** distributions **compatible with** the saturation

# Multi-flavor extension

[Fujimoto-TK-McLerran, '23, to appear soon]

$$f_Q(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{B=p,n,\Sigma,\dots} N_Q^B \int_{\mathbf{k}} f_B(\mathbf{k}) \varphi\left(\mathbf{q} - \frac{\mathbf{k}}{N_c}\right)$$

$Q = u, d, s$



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# Stiff quark matter

The appearance of  $c_s^2$  peak is **characteristic** in the QHC scenarios, but is not sufficient condition for  $\sim 2.1-2.3M_\odot$  NS.

[ see detailed studies in QHC series (3-window model); Baym+'17, '19 and TK+ '21 ]

Just after the crossover, quarks are **not fully relativistic**.

Can the **chiral restoration** makes quarks massless and stiffens EOS?

**Unlikely:** it adds “*the bag constant*” to the energy density! (look at Dirac sea!)

→  $\varepsilon$  increases &  $P$  decreases: **significant softening!**

Now, we consider **interactions** on top of *IdylliQ* models.

# Underlying picture (guess)

- *Glueons remain non-perturbative at  $5-10n_0$*

(see, e.g., lattice results for 2-color & isospin QCD)

- *Chiral restoration occurs mildly*

implicitly included  
in IdylliQ type models

- *Continuity*: interactions in quark matter should have  
*natural counterpart* in hadron physics

*Short range correlations in a baryon:*

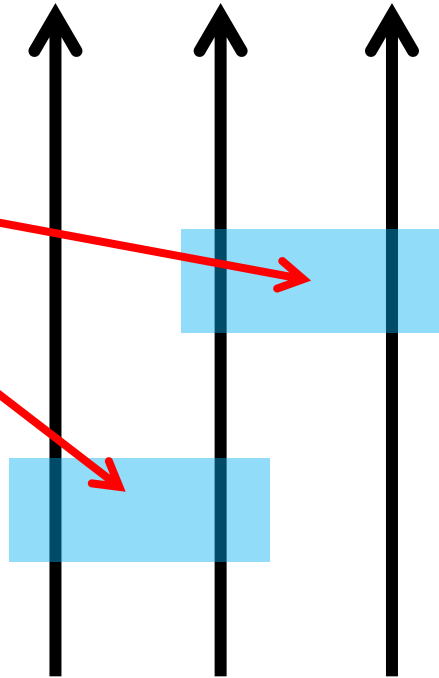
my favorite: *color-electric & magnetic interactions*

# a baryon in dilute regime

(color-singlet)

(always) color-antisymmetric

(attractive electric int.)



e.g., nucleons

$$M_N \sim 3M_q + \underbrace{\text{kin.}} + \text{color-EM}$$

~ 940MeV

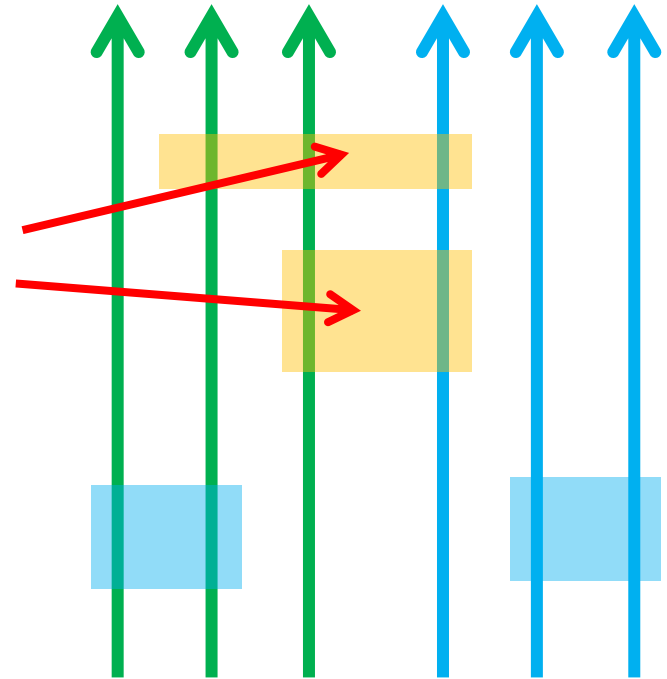
~ 1100MeV

~ -150-200MeV

# in dense regime

sometimes color-symmetric

(repulsive)



more chances to feel repulsion

# EoS with interactions

cf) [TK '21, TK-Suenaga '21]

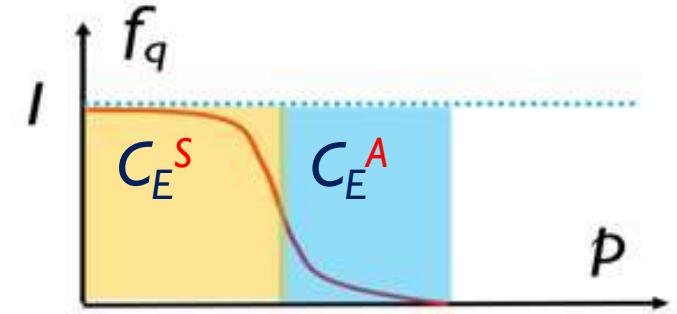
e.g., 
$$\mathcal{V}[f_Q] = -\underline{C_E^A} [1 - (f_Q)^n] + \underline{C_E^S} (f_Q)^n$$

→ 1 (dilute)

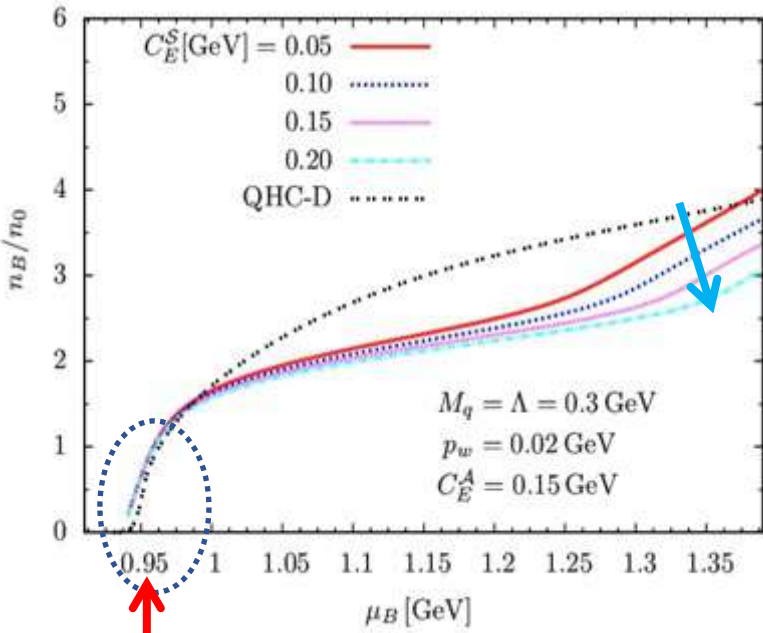
→ 0 (dilute)

→ 0 (dense)

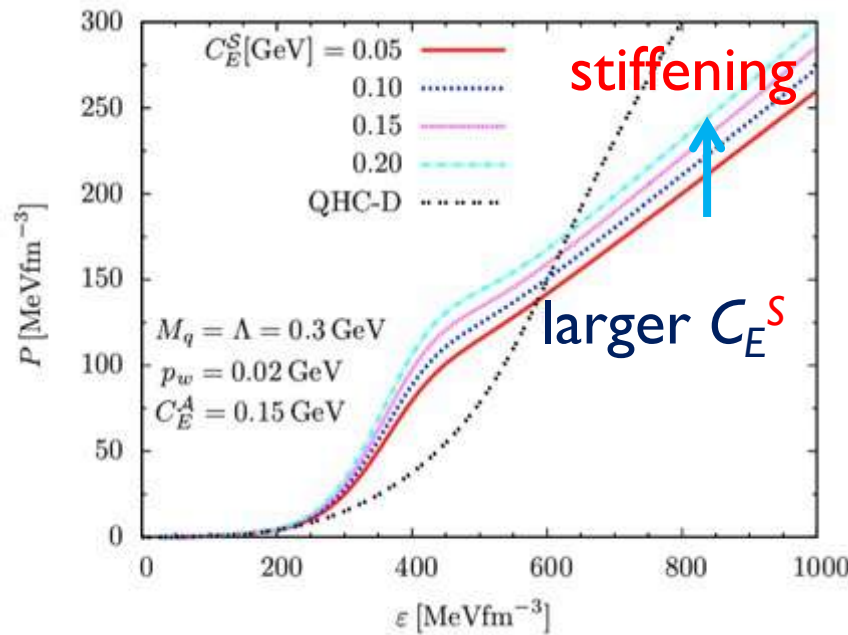
→ 1 (dense)



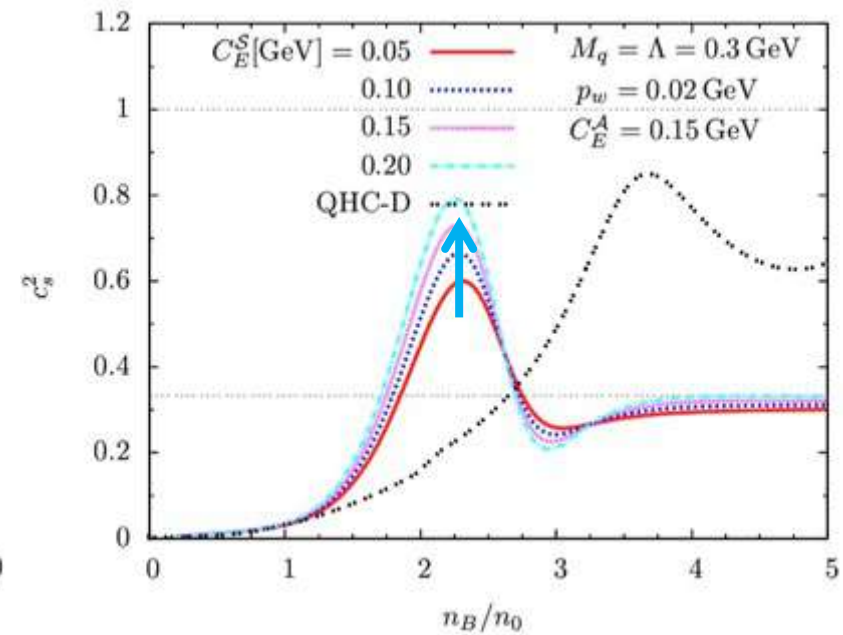
repulsive attractive



adjust  $C_E^A$  (fit  $M_B = 939$  MeV)



high density stiffening



stronger peak in  $c_s$

# Simple parametric analyses

[TK-Powell-Song-Baym, '14]

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{rela. kin. energy} \\ \varepsilon(n) = an^{4/3} + \underbrace{bn^\alpha}_{\text{interactions}} \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{ideal} \\ P = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \underbrace{b}_{\text{interactions}} \left( \underbrace{\alpha}_{\text{interactions}} - \frac{4}{3} \right) n^\alpha \end{array}$$

( $n$ : quark density)

For **stiff** EOS:  
(for large  $P$ )

for  $\alpha > 4/3$ :

$b > 0$

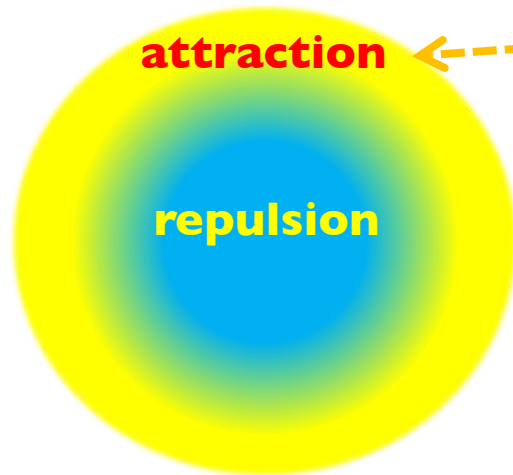
(e.g. bulk **repulsion**,  $\sim + n_B^2/\Lambda^2$ )

for  $\alpha < 4/3$ :

$b < 0$

(e.g. surface **pairings**,  $\sim - \Lambda^2 n_B^{2/3}$ )

quark  
Fermi sea  
(ideal combo)



← 2- or 3-quark correlations

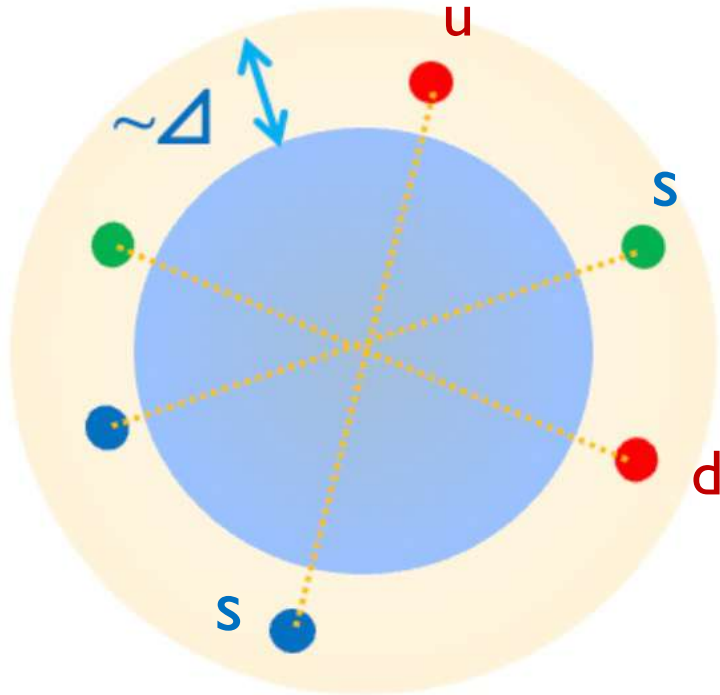
**Stiff EOS** from **attractive forces**



# New look at the Fermi surface physics

## 2-particle correlation

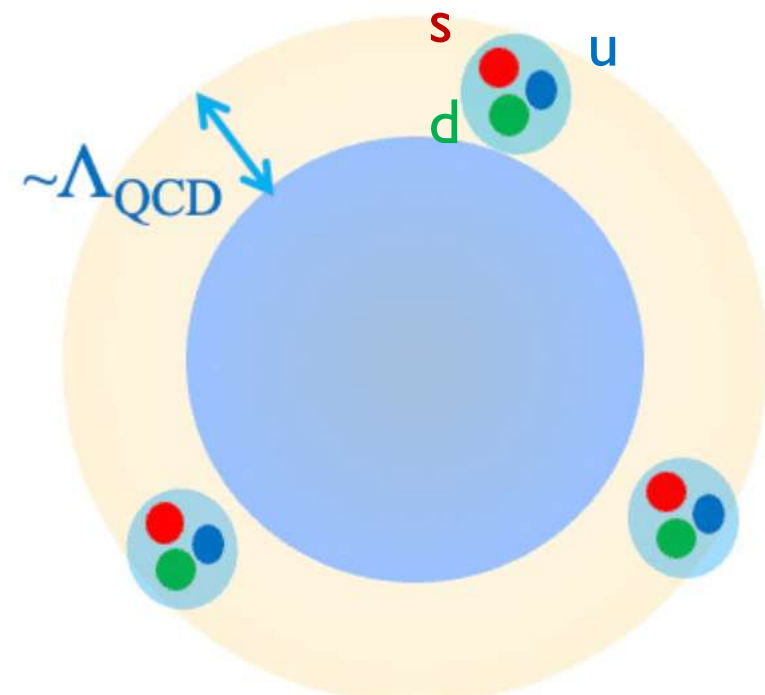
e.g.,  
diquark  
pairing



*color-superconductor (CSC)*

[Bailin-Love, Alford, Rajagopal, Wilczek, ...]

## 3-particle correlation



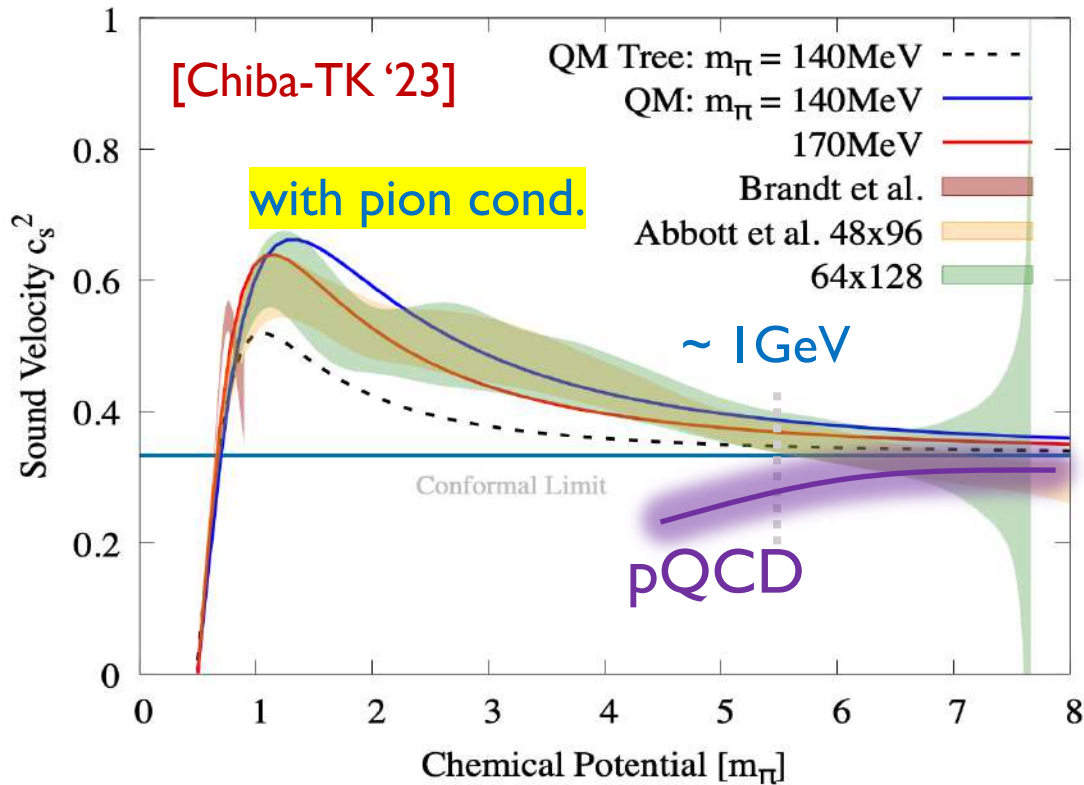
*quarkyonic matter*

[McLerran-Pisarski '07, ...]

**Phase structure:** Not mere academic questions, but have **very practical meaning**

# Hints for non-pert. physics at large $n_B$

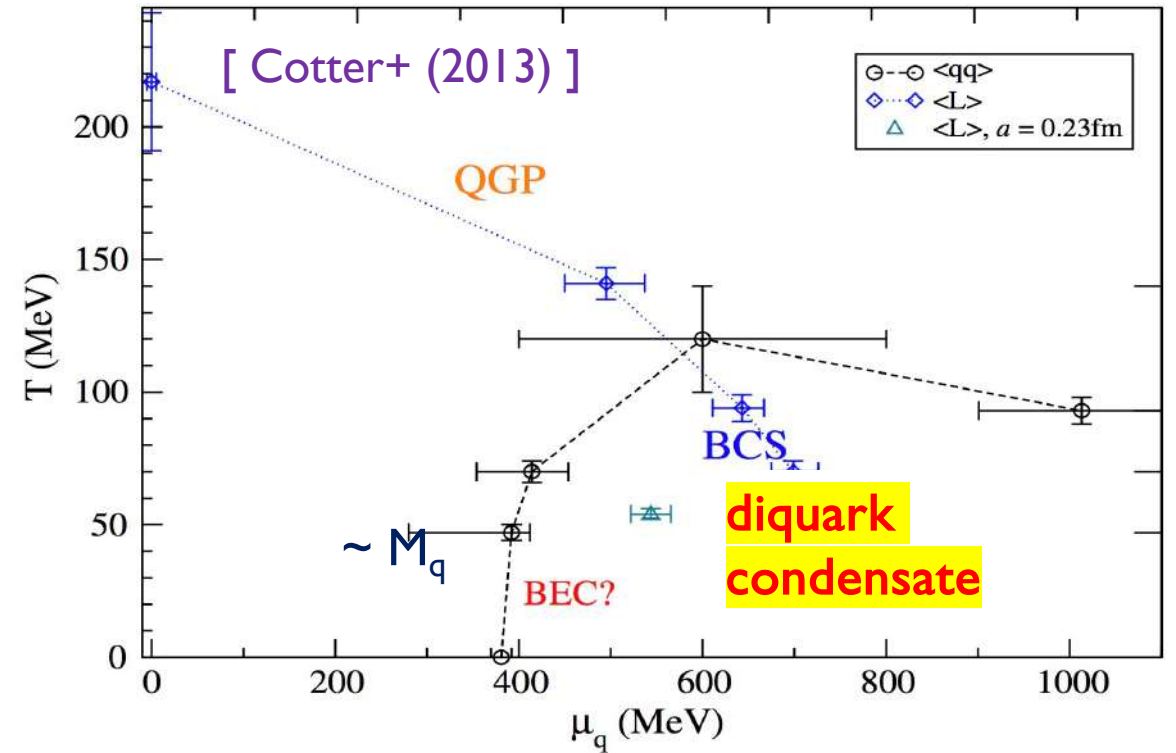
## isospin QCD [lattice vs model]



EOS &  $c_s^2$  in 2-color QCD

→ Itou-san's talk

## 2-color QCD phase diagram [lattice]



→  $\Delta \sim 1.75 T_c \sim \mathbf{175 - 210}$  MeV

at  $\mu_q \sim \mathbf{1\text{GeV}}$  or  $n_B \sim \mathbf{40 n_0}$

# Summary

- For **soft-to-stiff** EOS: QHC is a good **baseline**
- Quark saturation effects: likely occur at  $\sim 1-3n_0$
- Saturation triggers rapid stiffening (**sound velocity peak**)
- Hyperons are **not independent**; highly suppressed by saturation  
[Fujimoto-TK-McLerran, to appear]
- Bulk repulsion and **Fermi surface attraction**  $\rightarrow$  stiffening of EOS

*Quarks are important for NS physics in multiple contexts*