

# CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORIES and PHASES of QCD



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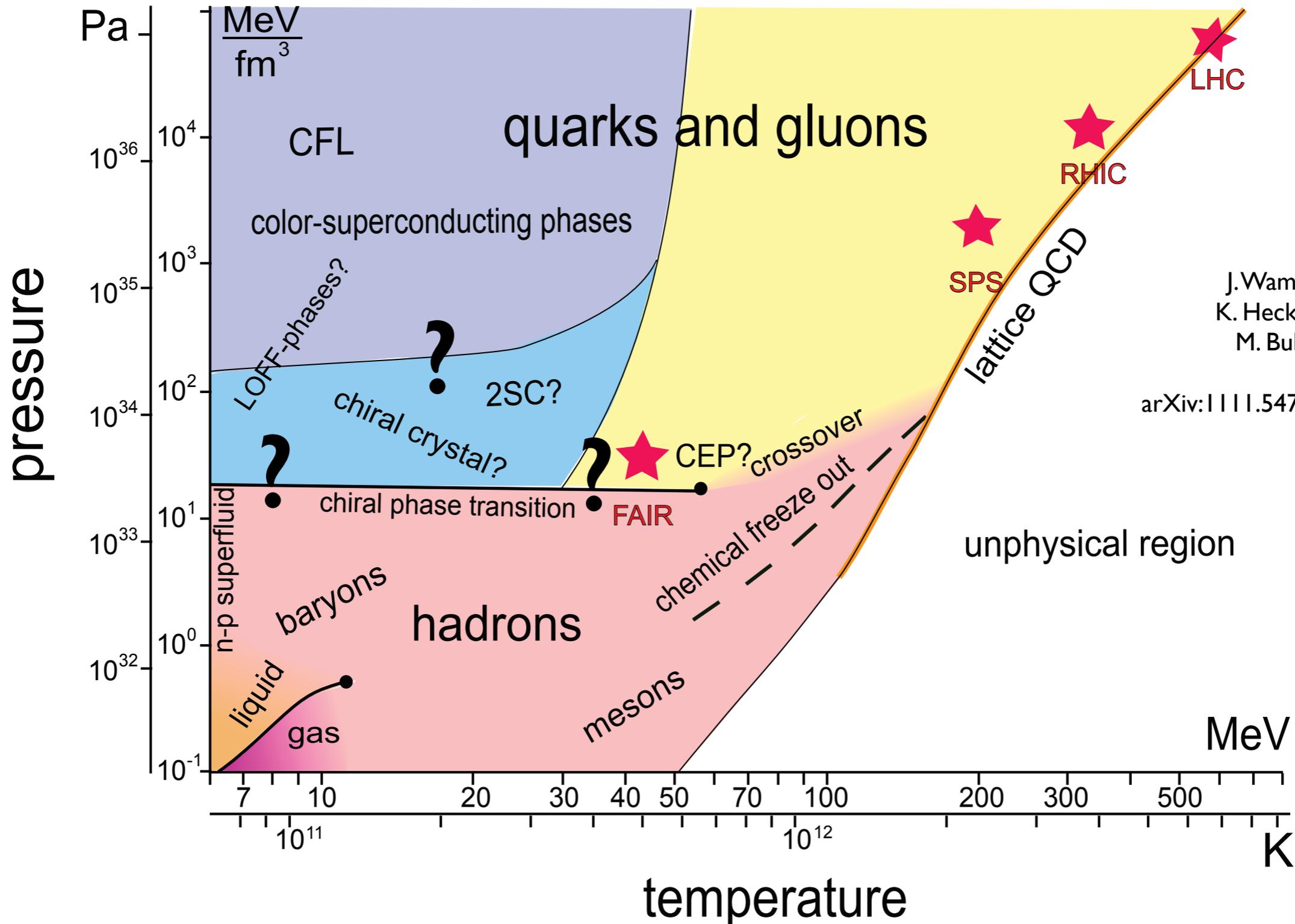
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- Introductory glance at the **QCD phase diagram**
- **Chiral models and EFT of the nuclear equation of state**
- Beyond mean field:  
**fluctuations and Functional Renormalisation Group**
- **Symmetric and asymmetric nuclear matter**
- **Neutron matter and neutron stars**
- **Density & temperature dependence of chiral order parameter**

# PHASES and STRUCTURES of QCD

- facts and visions -



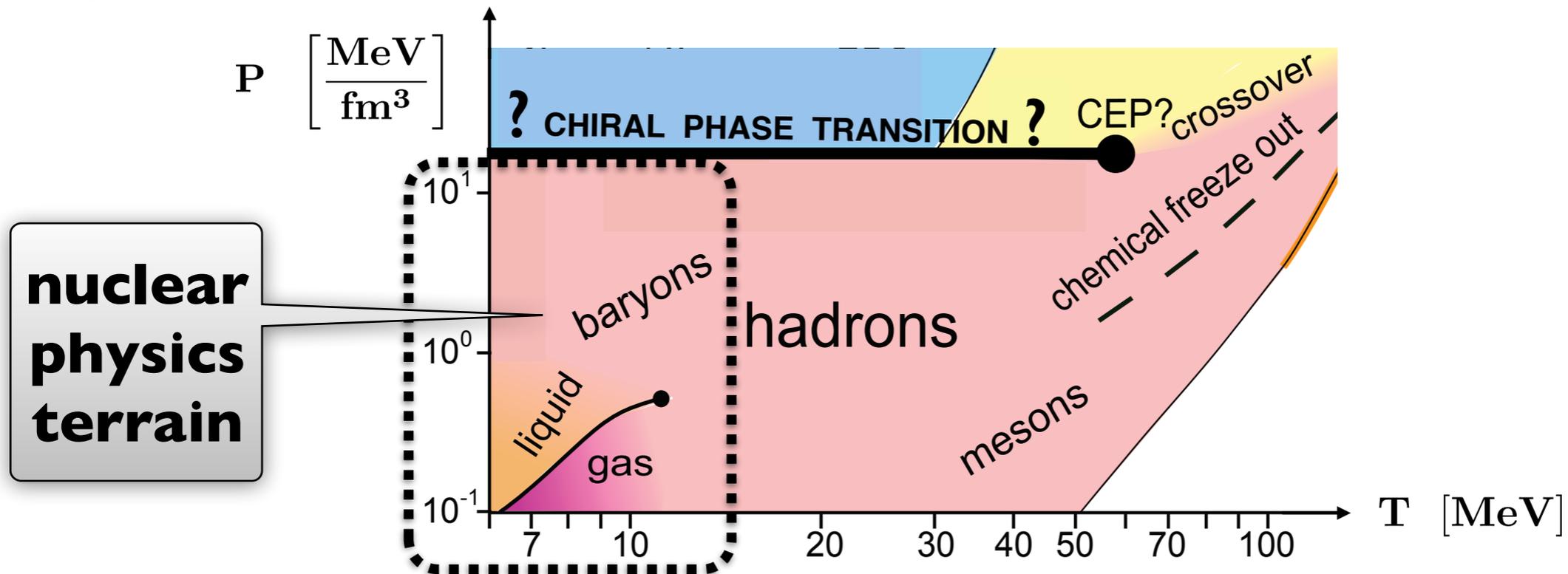
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K. Heckmann,  
M. Buballa  
arXiv:1111.5475v2 [hep-ph]



# CHIRAL RESTORATION

from **Nambu-Goldstone** to  
**Wigner-Weyl** Realisation of **Chiral Symmetry**

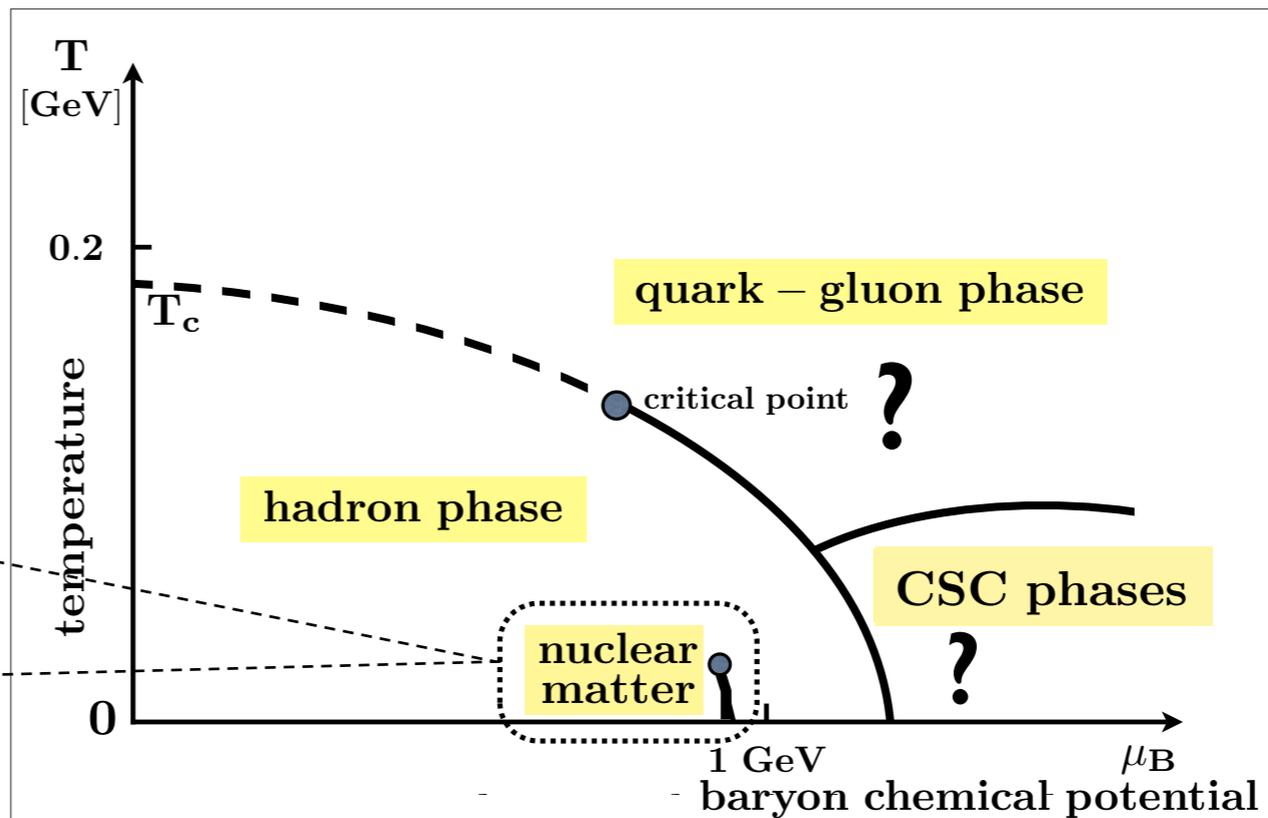
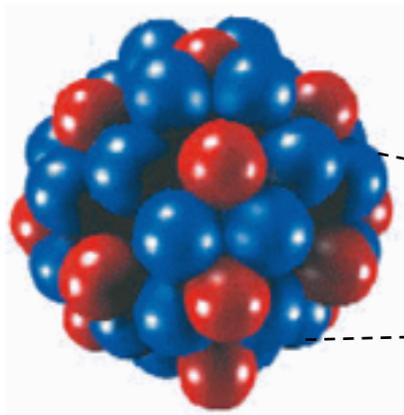
- **PHASE TRANSITION** or smooth **CROSSOVER** ?



- **Chiral 1st order phase transition** incl. **critical point** based on chiral quark models (NJL, PNJL, quark-meson models, ...)
- These models do not respect **nuclear physics** constraints
- Needed: systematic (EFT) approach to **nuclear** thermodynamics

# NUCLEAR MATTER and QCD PHASES

nuclei



## Scales in $N = Z$ nuclear matter

- momentum scale:  
Fermi momentum

$$k_F \simeq 1.4 \text{ fm}^{-1} \sim 2m_\pi$$

- NN distance:

$$d_{NN} \simeq 1.8 \text{ fm} \simeq 1.3 m_\pi^{-1}$$

- energy per nucleon:

$$E/A \simeq -16 \text{ MeV}$$

- compression modulus:

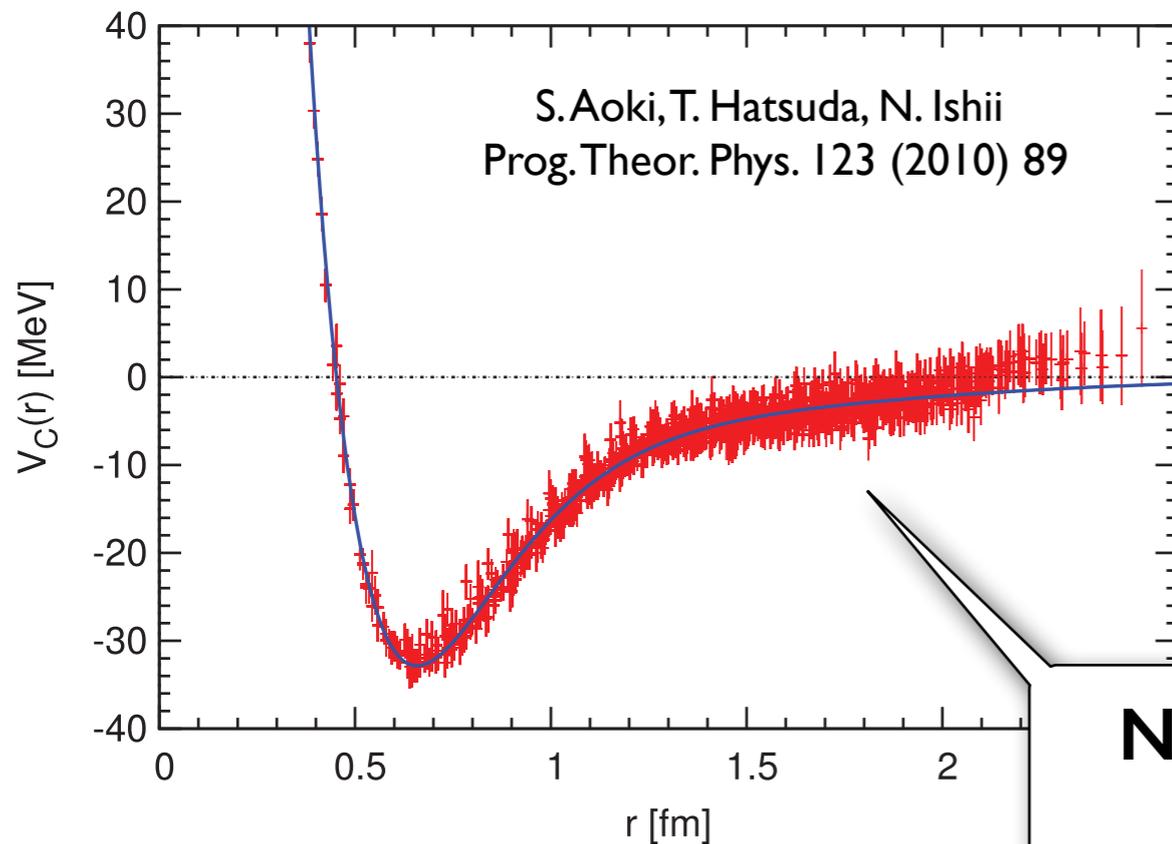
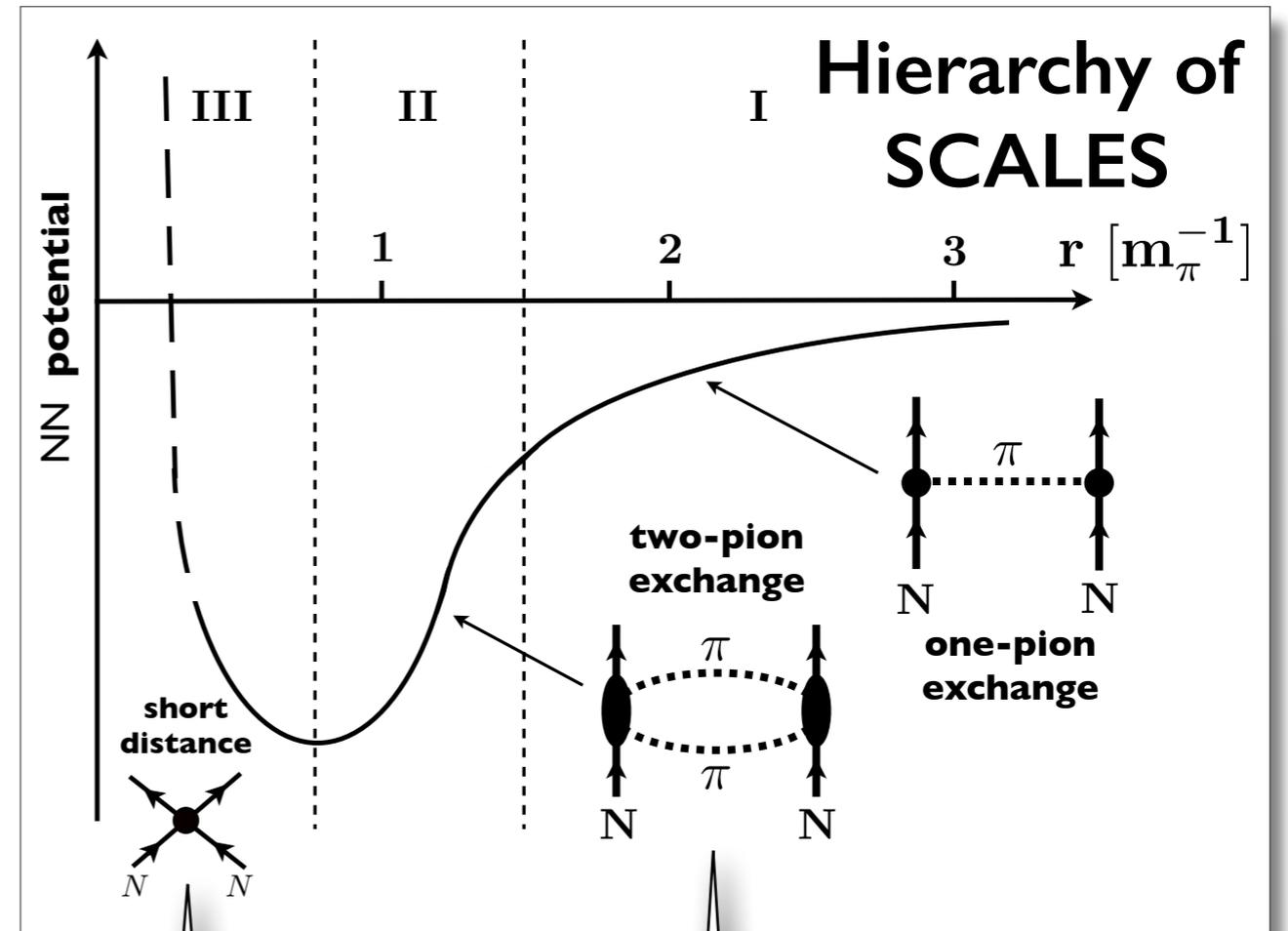
$$K = (260 \pm 30) \text{ MeV} \sim 2m_\pi$$

# Nuclear Forces

contemporary approaches:

**Chiral Effective  
Field Theory  
&  
Lattice QCD**

Early history: M. Taketani et al. (1951)



contact terms

explicit treatment of  
two-pion exchange

**NN Central Potential  
from Lattice QCD**



# **PIONS, NUCLEONS and NUCLEI** in the context of **LOW-ENERGY QCD**

- **CONFINEMENT** of quarks and gluons in hadrons
- Spontaneously broken **CHIRAL SYMMETRY**
- **LOW-ENERGY QCD** with light (u,d) quarks:  
**Effective Field Theory** of (weakly) interacting  
**Nambu-Goldstone Bosons** (pions)

- **Chiral EFT** represents QCD at energy/momentum scales

$$Q \ll 4\pi f_\pi \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$$

- **Strategies at the interface between QCD and nuclear physics :**

In-medium **Chiral Perturbation Theory**  
based on **non-linear sigma model**  
(with inclusion of nucleons)

**expansion of free energy density**  
**in powers of Fermi momentum**

**Chiral Nucleon-Meson model**  
based on **linear sigma model**

**non-perturbative**  
**Renormalization Group approach**

# PART I:

In-medium Chiral Perturbation Theory  
and the nuclear many-body problem

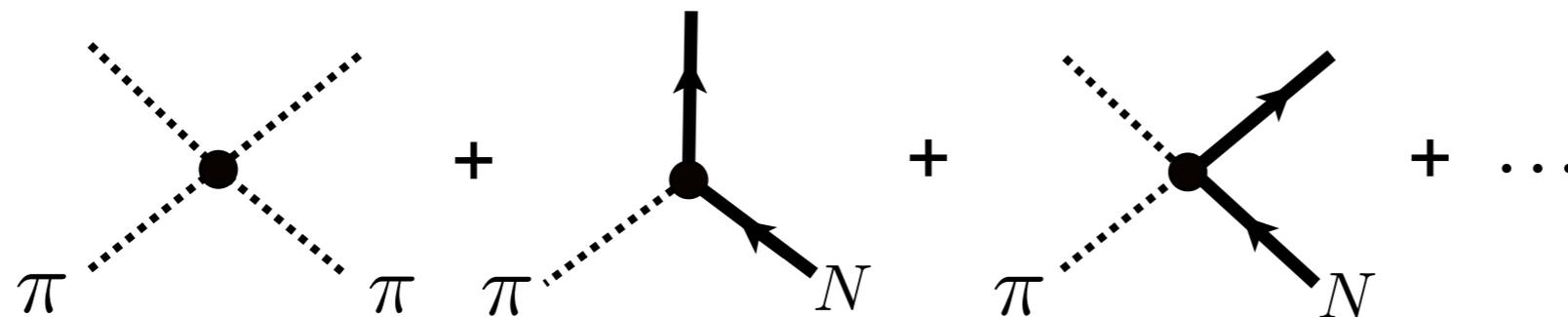
# CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

- Interacting systems of **PIONS** (light / fast) and **NUCLEONS** (heavy / slow):

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_\pi(U, \partial U) + \mathcal{L}_N(\Psi_N, U, \dots)$$

$$U(x) = \exp[i\tau_a \pi_a(x) / f_\pi]$$

- Construction of Effective Lagrangian: **Symmetries**



short  
distance  
dynamics:  
contact terms

# NUCLEAR INTERACTIONS from CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

Weinberg

Bedaque & van Kolck

Bernard, Epelbaum, Kaiser, Meißner; ...

		Two-nucleon force	Three-nucleon force	Four-nucleon force
$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^0}{\Lambda^0}\right)$	LO		—	—
$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$	NLO		—	—
$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^3}{\Lambda^3}\right)$	N <sup>2</sup> LO			—
$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^4}{\Lambda^4}\right)$	N <sup>3</sup> LO			

- Systematically organized HIERARCHY



# IN-MEDIUM CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

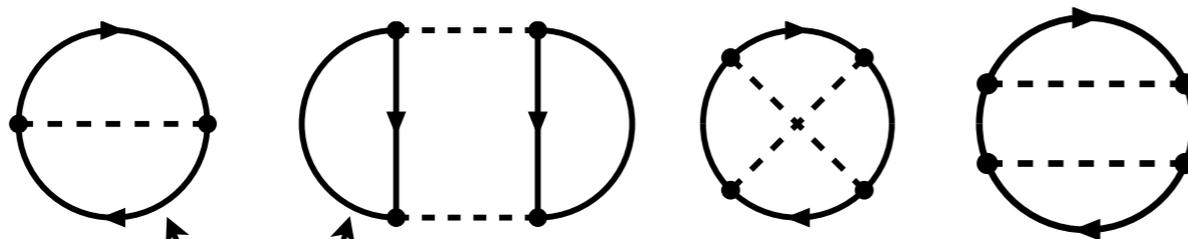
- **Small scales:** energy, momentum,  $m_\pi$ ,  $k_F \ll 4\pi f_\pi \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

- **Loop expansion of (In-Medium) Chiral Perturbation Theory**



Systematic expansion of **ENERGY DENSITY**  $\mathcal{E}(k_F)$  in powers of Fermi momentum [modulo functions  $f_n(k_F/m_\pi)$ ]

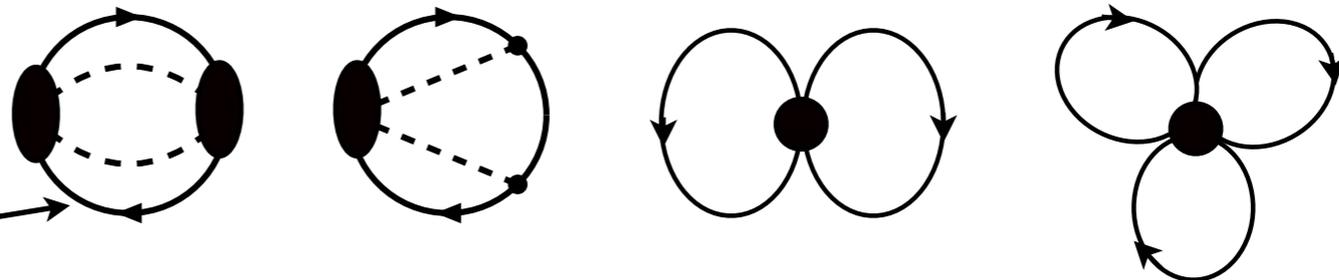
- **Nuclear thermodynamics: compute free energy density**



(3-loop order)

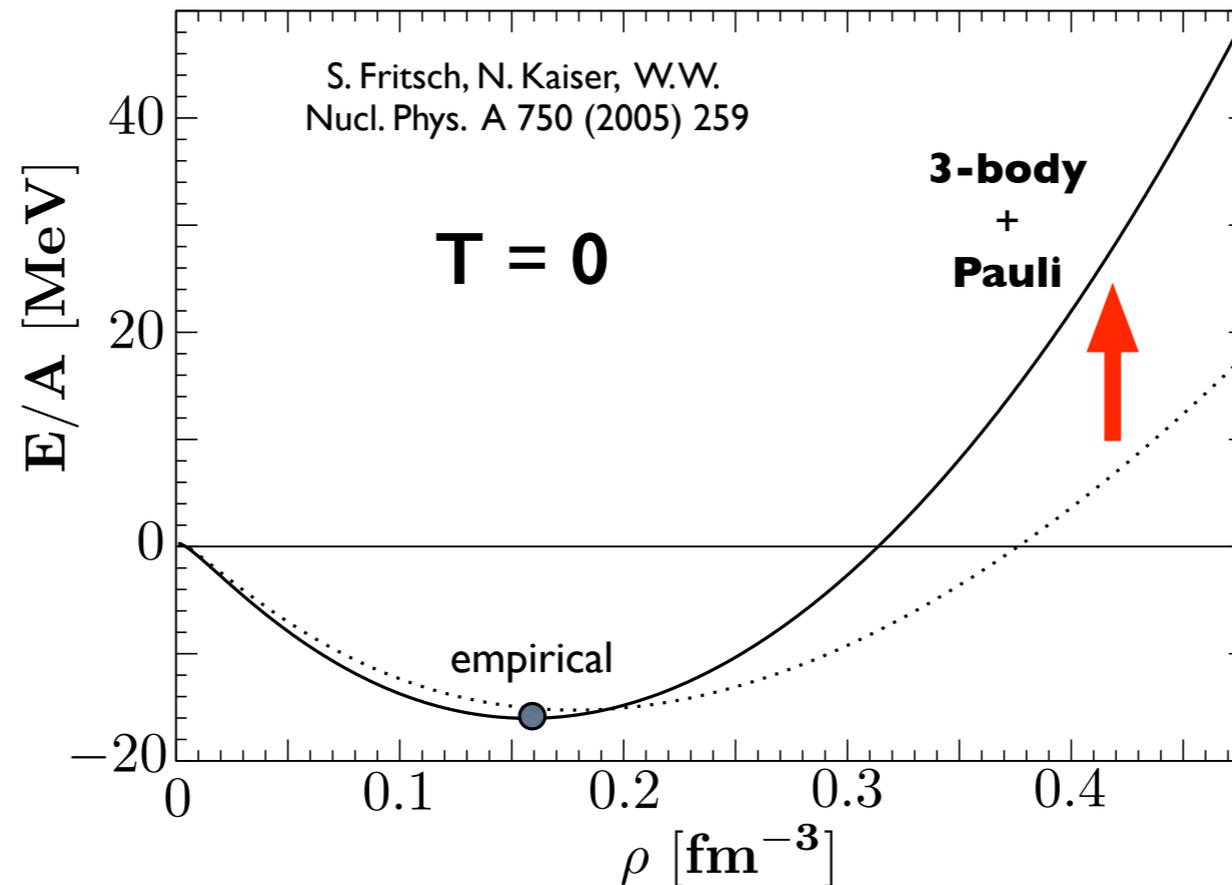
N. Kaiser, S. Fritsch, W.W.  
(2002-2004)

in-medium  
nucleon propagators  
incl. Pauli blocking



# NUCLEAR MATTER

- In-medium ChPT  
3-loop ( $\pi, \mathbf{N}, \Delta$ )
- Input parameters:  
few contact terms
- basically:  
analytic calculation



## ● Output:

- ▶ Binding & saturation  
 $E_0/A = -16 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\rho_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$   
 $K = 290 \text{ MeV}$
- ▶ Asymmetry energy:  
 $A(k_F^0) = 34 \text{ MeV}$

## ▶ Realistic (complex, momentum dependent) single-particle potential

... satisfying Hugenholtz - van Hove and Luttinger theorems (!)

## ▶ Fermi Liquid Theory:

Quasiparticle interaction and Landau parameters

## ▶ Nuclear Energy Density Functional and finite nuclei

J.W. Holt, N. Kaiser, W.W.  
Nucl. Phys. A 870 (2011) 1,  
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N. Kaiser, W.W.  
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Recent reviews:

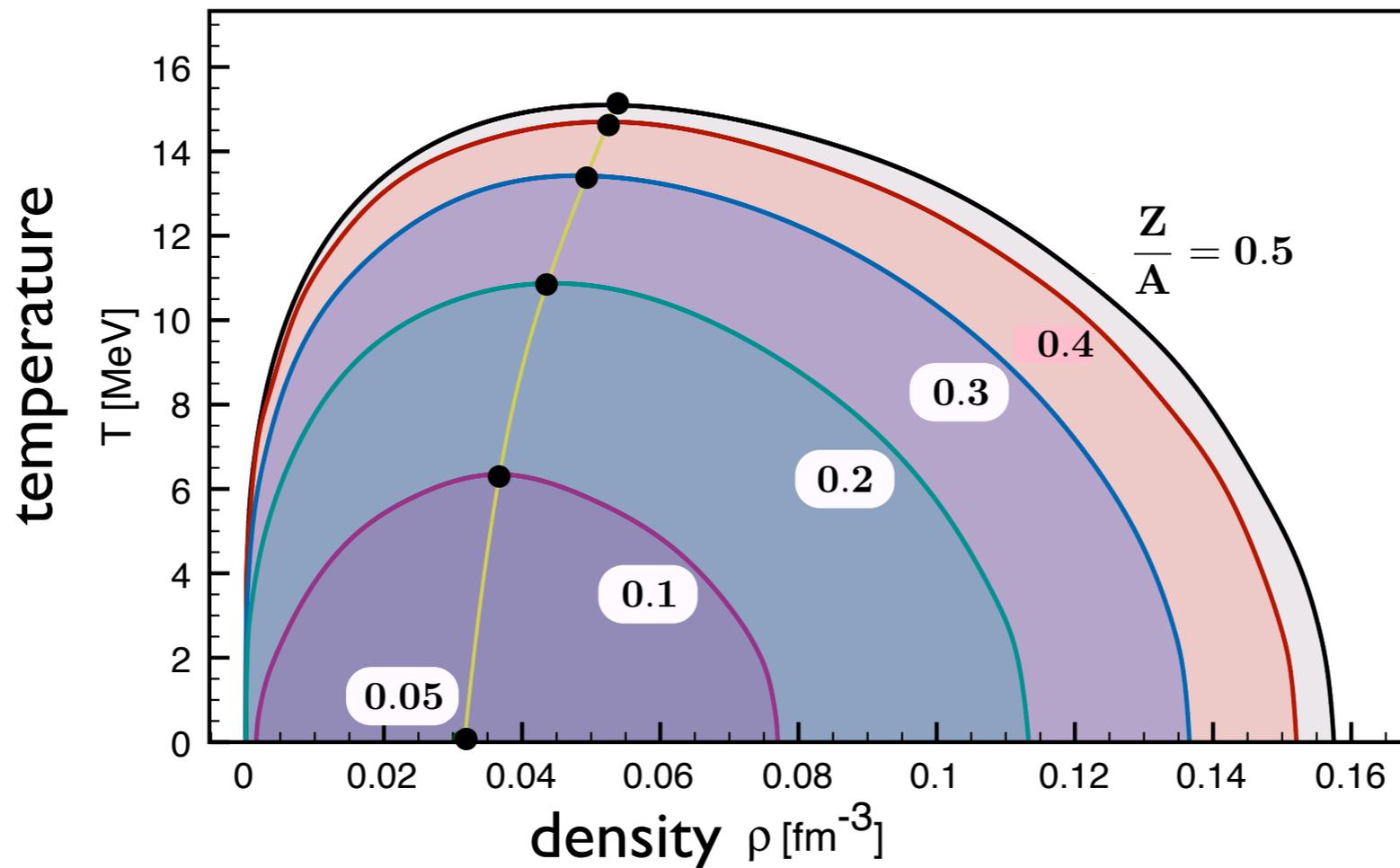
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Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 73 (2013) 35  
arXiv:1411.6681, to appear in Phys. Reports

# CHIRAL THERMODYNAMICS: PHASE DIAGRAM of NUCLEAR MATTER

Nuclear liquid - gas phase transition:

- Trajectory of **CRITICAL POINT** for asymmetric matter as function of proton fraction  $Z/A$

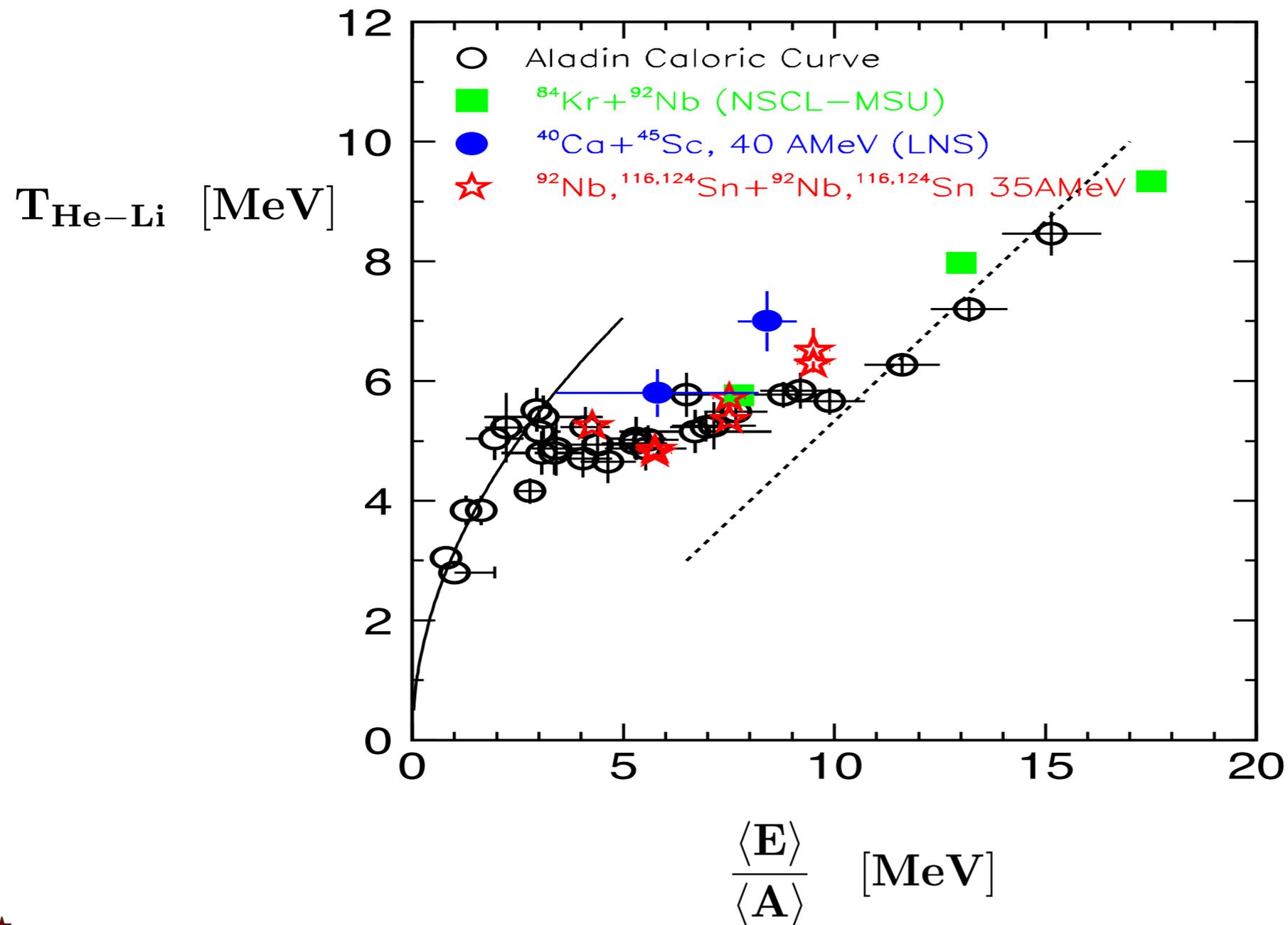


S. Fiorilla,  
N. Kaiser, W.W.  
Nucl. Phys.  
A880 (2012) 65

... determined almost completely by  
isospin dependent (one- and two-) pion exchange dynamics

# NUCLEAR LIQUID-GAS TRANSITION

from multifragmentation measurements in heavy-ion collisions



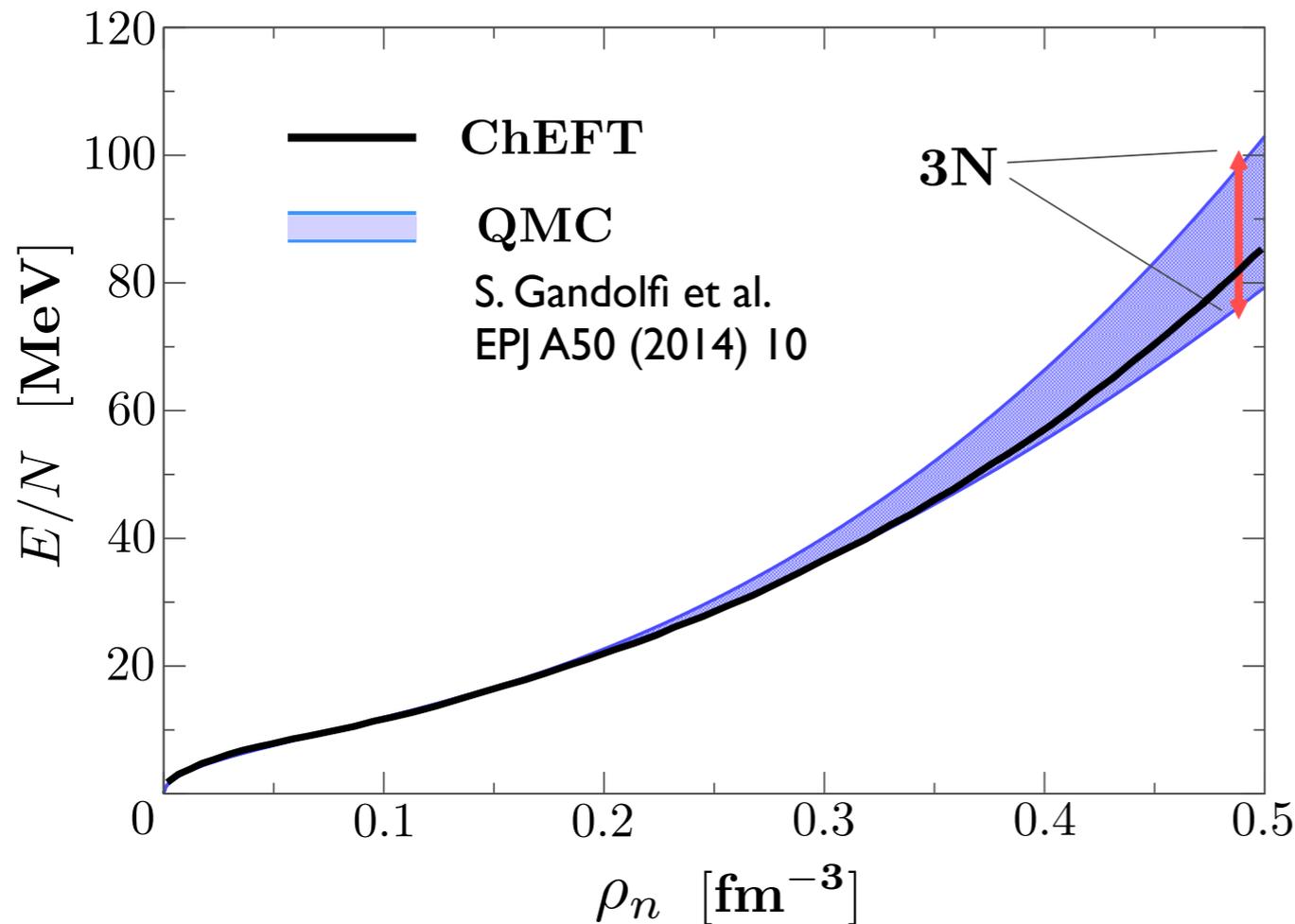
J. Pochodzalla et al.  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 75 (1995) 1040

M. D'Agostino et al.  
Nucl. Phys. A 749 (2005) 55



# NEUTRON MATTER

- In-medium chiral effective field theory (3-loop) with resummation of short distance contact terms (large nn scattering length,  $a_s = 19$  fm)



- Neutron matter behaves almost (but not quite) like a unitary Fermi gas

- Bertsch parameter

$$\xi = \frac{\bar{E}}{E_{\text{Fermi gas}}} \simeq 0.5$$

J.W. Holt, N. Kaiser, W.W.  
 Phys. Rev. C 87 (2013) 014338

- agreement with sophisticated many-body calculations  
 (e.g. recent Quantum Monte Carlo computations)

# **PART II:**

## **Chiral Nucleon-Meson Model and Functional Renormalization Group**

# Mesons, Nucleons, Nuclear Matter and Functional Renormalization Group

- Chiral nucleon - meson model  $\psi = (\psi_p, \psi_n)^T$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \bar{\psi} i \gamma_\mu \partial^\mu \psi + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \partial^\mu \boldsymbol{\pi} \\ & - \bar{\psi} \left[ g(\sigma + i \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi}) + \gamma_\mu (g_\omega \omega^\mu + g_\rho \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu) \right] \psi \\ & - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{(\omega)} F^{(\omega)\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu}^{(\rho)} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{(\rho)\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 (\omega_\mu \omega^\mu + \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu) - \mathcal{U}(\sigma, \boldsymbol{\pi}) \end{aligned}$$

- Effective potential constructed to reproduce standard nuclear thermodynamics around equilibrium
- Mean field calculations  
S. Floerchinger, Ch. Wetterich : Nucl. Phys. A 890-891 (2012) 11
- Mesonic and nucleonic particle-hole fluctuations treated non-perturbatively using FRG

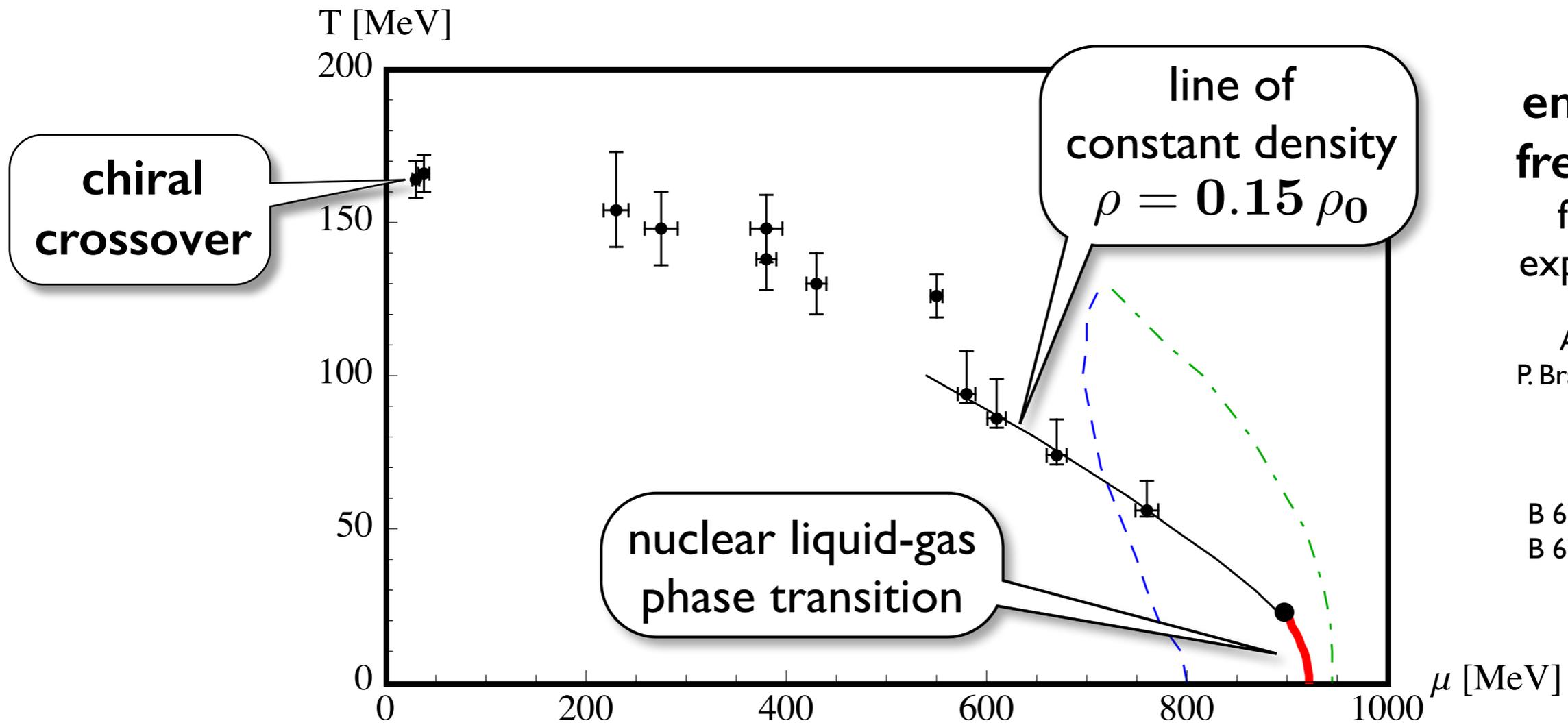
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# CHEMICAL FREEZE-OUT

S. Floerchinger, Ch. Wetterich : Nucl. Phys. A 890-891 (2012) 11

- Chiral nucleon - meson model in mean-field approximation



**empirical  
freeze-out  
from HI  
experiments**

A. Andronic,  
P. Braun-Munzinger,  
J. Stachel

Phys. Lett.  
B 673 (2009) 142  
B 678 (2009) 516

- Chemical freeze-out in baryonic matter at  $T < 100$  MeV is not associated with (chiral) phase transition or rapid crossover

# Fixing the input: some comments

- **Potential**  $\mathcal{U}(\sigma, \pi) = \mathcal{U}_0(\chi) - m_\pi^2 f_\pi (\sigma - f_\pi)$

chiral invariant part  
parametrized in powers of  $\chi = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma^2 + \pi^2)$

explicit chiral  
symmetry breaking

- **Scalar (“sigma”) field**

has mean-field (chiral order parameter) and fluctuating pieces.

$\sigma$  mass: **NOT** to be confused with pole in  $l = 0$  s-wave pion-pion T matrix.

**Nucleon mass:**  $m_N^2 = 2g \chi$  ... in vacuum:  $m_N = g f_\pi$

- **Vector fields** encode short-distance NN dynamics,  
self-consistently determined background mean fields (non-fluctuating)  
(**NOT** to be identified with physical  $\omega$  and  $\rho$  mesons)

**Effective chemical potentials**  $\mu_{n,p}^{\text{eff}} = \mu_{n,p} - g_\omega \omega_0 \pm g_\rho \rho_0^3$

Relevant quantities:  $G_\rho = \frac{g_\rho^2}{m_V^2}$ ,  $G_\omega = \frac{g_\omega^2}{m_V^2}$   $\longleftrightarrow$  **contact terms in ChEFT**

- **Parameters:** 2 coefficients in  $\mathcal{U}_0$ ,  $m_\sigma \simeq 0.8 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $G_\rho \sim G_\omega/4 \simeq 1 \text{ fm}^2$   
determined by nuclear matter properties and symmetry energy



# Chiral nucleon - meson model beyond mean-field - Renormalization Group strategies -

M. Drews, T. Hell, B. Klein, W.W. Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 096011

C. Wetterich:  
Phys. Lett. B 301 (1993) 90

## Fluctuations: Wetterich's RG flow equations

effective action

full propagator

$$k \frac{\partial \Gamma_k}{\partial k} = \text{diagram} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \frac{k \frac{\partial R_k}{\partial k}}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k}$$

regulator:

$$R_k(p^2) = (k^2 - p^2) \theta(k^2 - p^2)$$

included:

**multi-pion  
exchange  
processes**

**nucleon-hole  
excitations**

**multi-  
nucleon  
correlations**

## Thermodynamics:

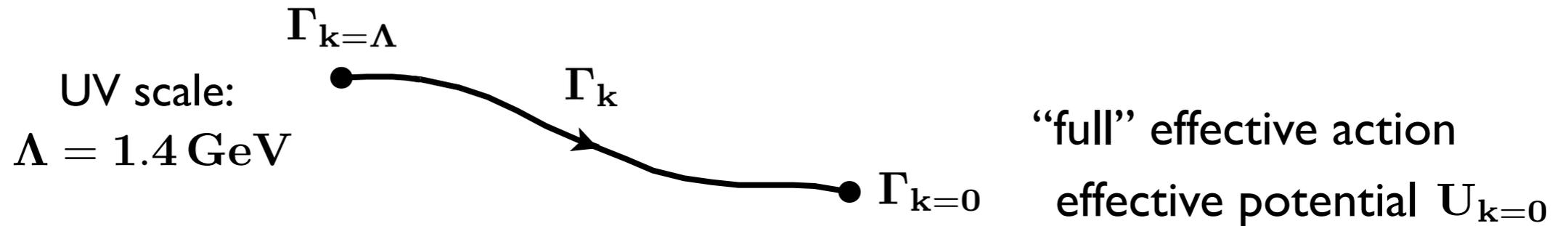
nucleons

pions

$$k \partial_k \bar{\Gamma}_k(T, \mu) = \left( \text{diagram}_1 + \text{diagram}_2 \right) \Big|_{T, \mu_p, \mu_n} - \left( \text{diagram}_1 + \text{diagram}_2 \right) \Big|_{T=0, \mu = \mu_0 (= m_N - E_0/A)}$$



# Flow equations in practice



$$k \frac{\partial U_k}{\partial k} (T, \mu_p, \mu_n, \chi, \omega_0, \rho_0^3) = \text{[diagram of a dashed circle with a cross and a dot]} + \text{[diagram of a solid circle with a cross and a dot]}$$

$$= \frac{k^5}{12\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1 + 2n_B(E_\sigma)}{E_\sigma} + \frac{3[1 + 2n_B(E_\pi)]}{E_\pi} - 4 \sum_{i=n,p} \frac{1 - n_F(E_N - \mu_{i,\text{eff}})}{E_N} \right\}$$

$$E_\pi^2 = k^2 + U'_k(\chi), \quad E_\sigma^2 = k^2 + U'_k(\chi) + 2\chi U''_k(\chi), \quad n_B(E) = \frac{1}{e^{E/T} - 1},$$

$$U'_k(\chi) = \frac{\partial U_k(\chi)}{\partial \chi}, \quad E_N^2 = k^2 + 2g^2 \chi, \quad n_F(E) = \frac{1}{e^{E/T} + 1},$$

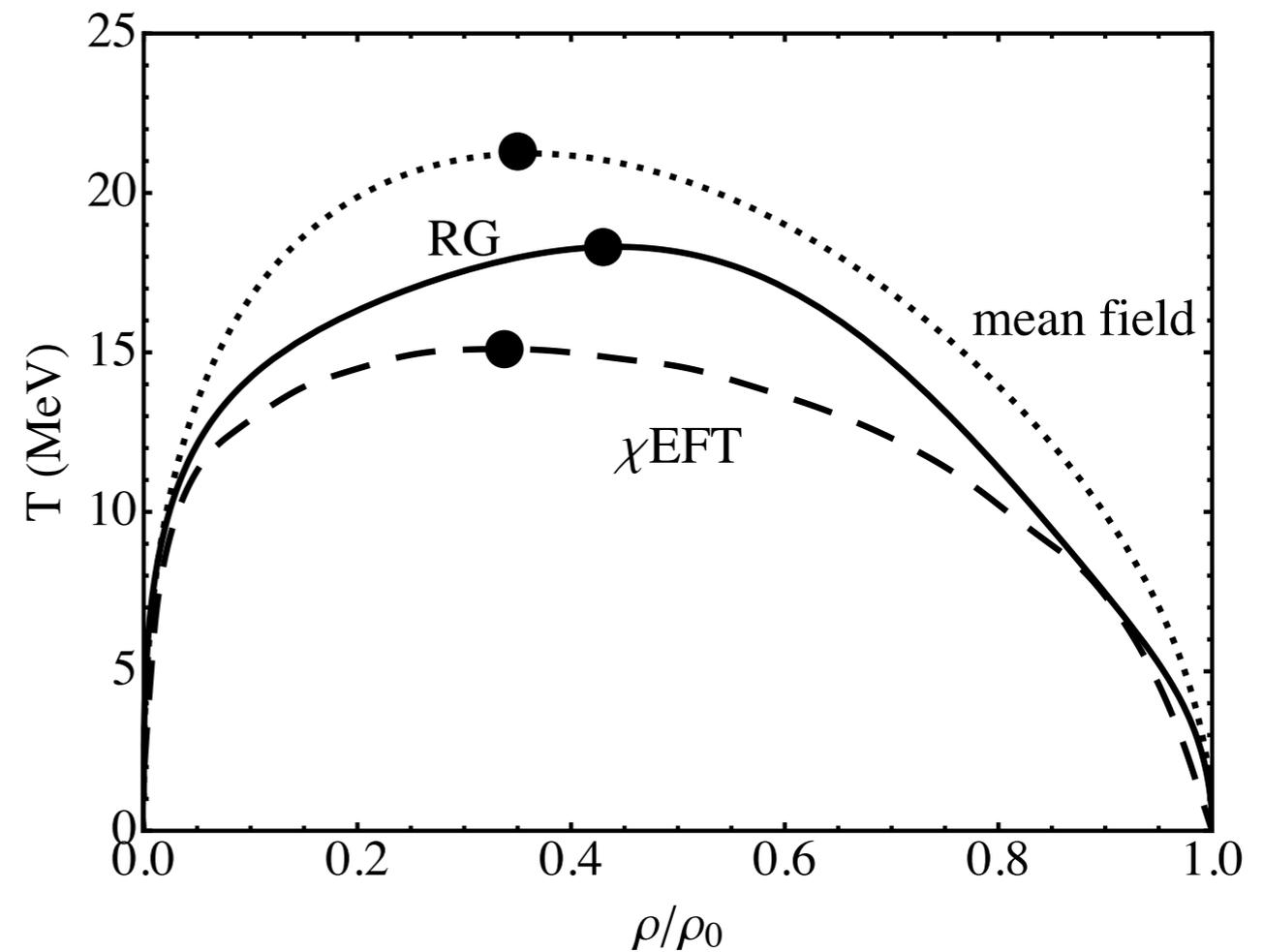
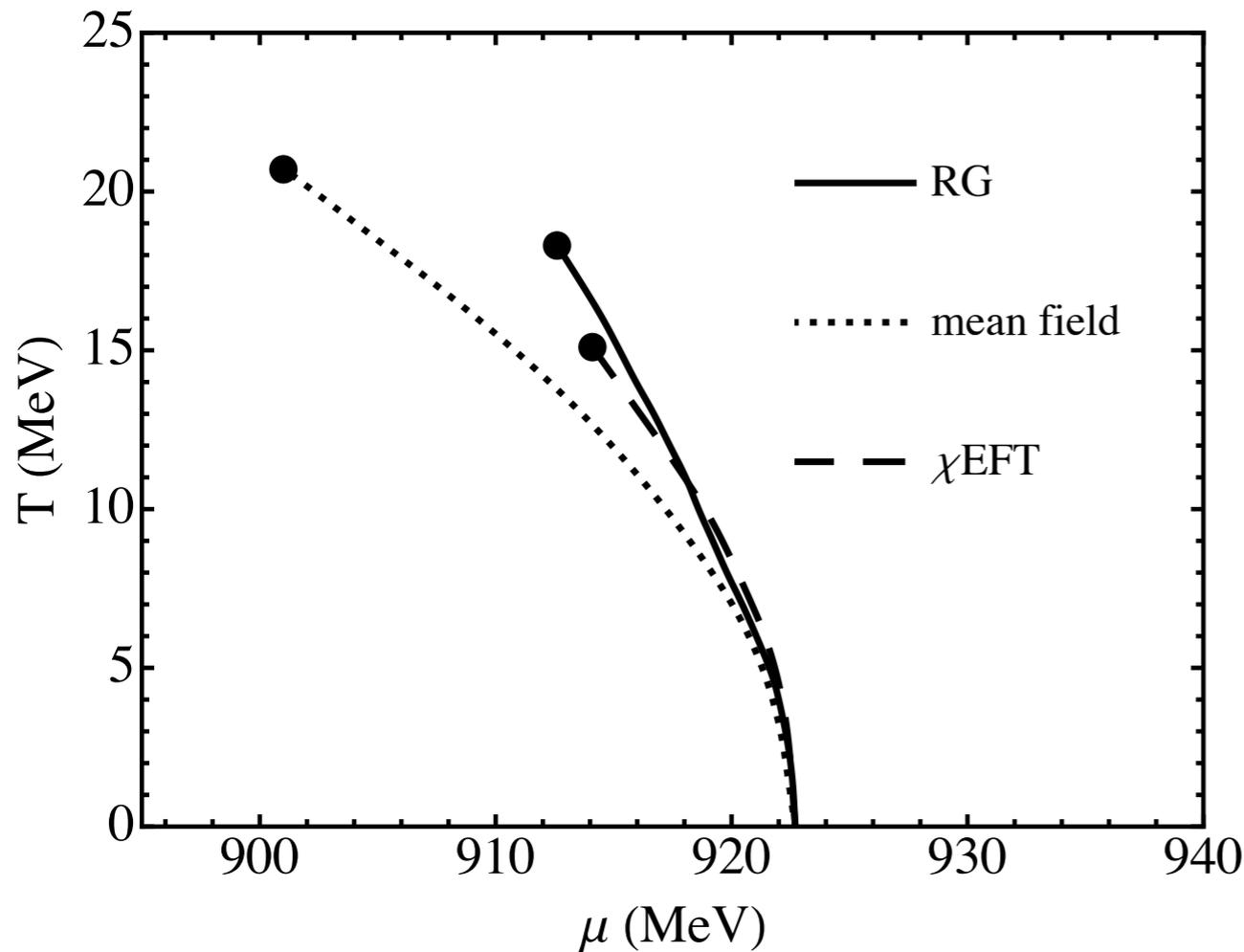
$$\mu_{n,p}^{\text{eff}}(k) = \mu_{n,p} - g_\omega \omega_0(k) \pm g_\rho \rho_0^3(k),$$

... plus vector field equations, then full system of equations solved on a grid.

# Results : Liquid - Gas Transition

- symmetric nuclear matter -

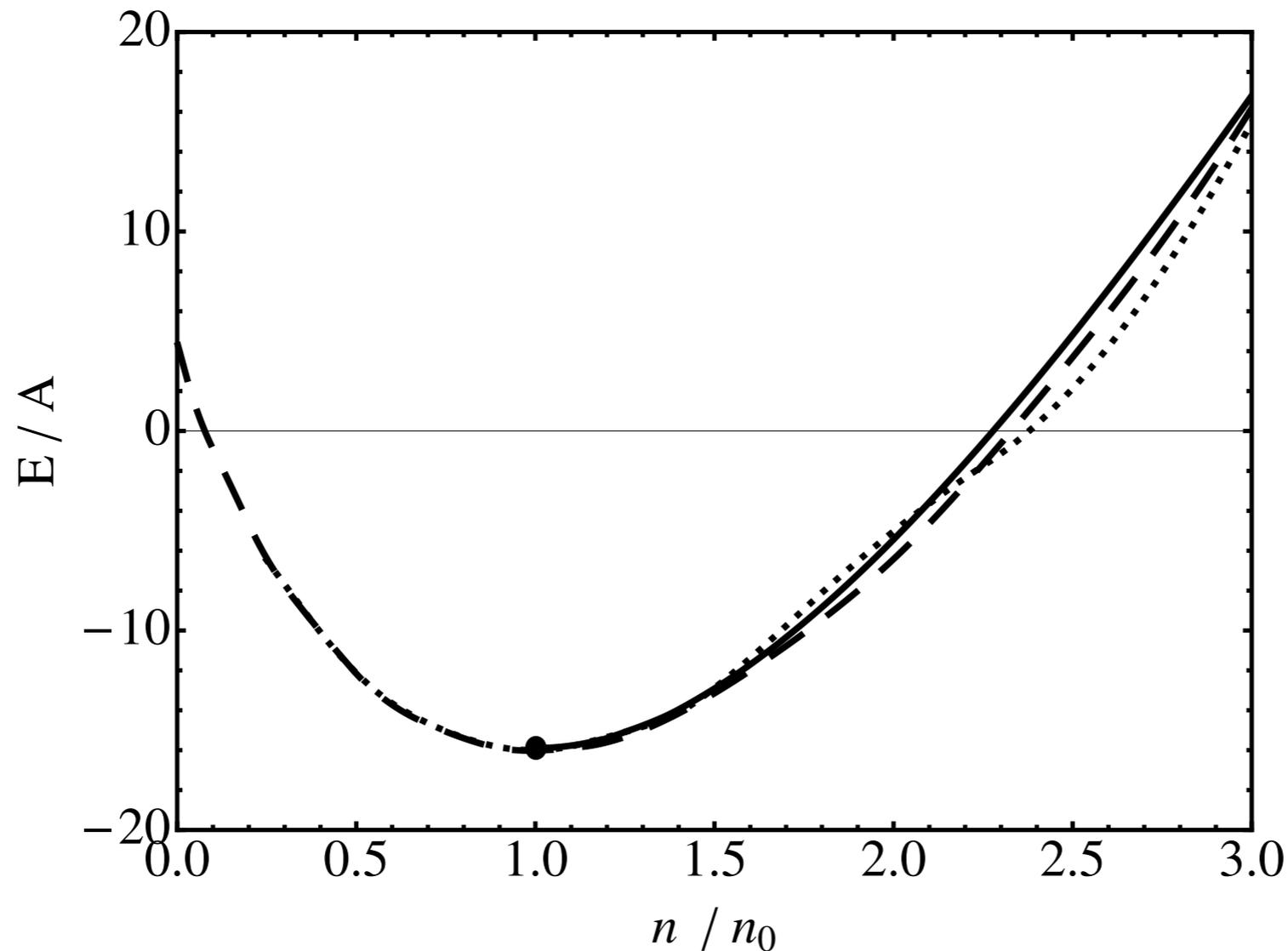
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- close correspondence between (perturbative) in-medium ChEFT and (non-perturbative) FRG results

# Symmetric nuclear matter in the **chiral FRG** approach

energy per  
nucleon  
at  $T = 0$



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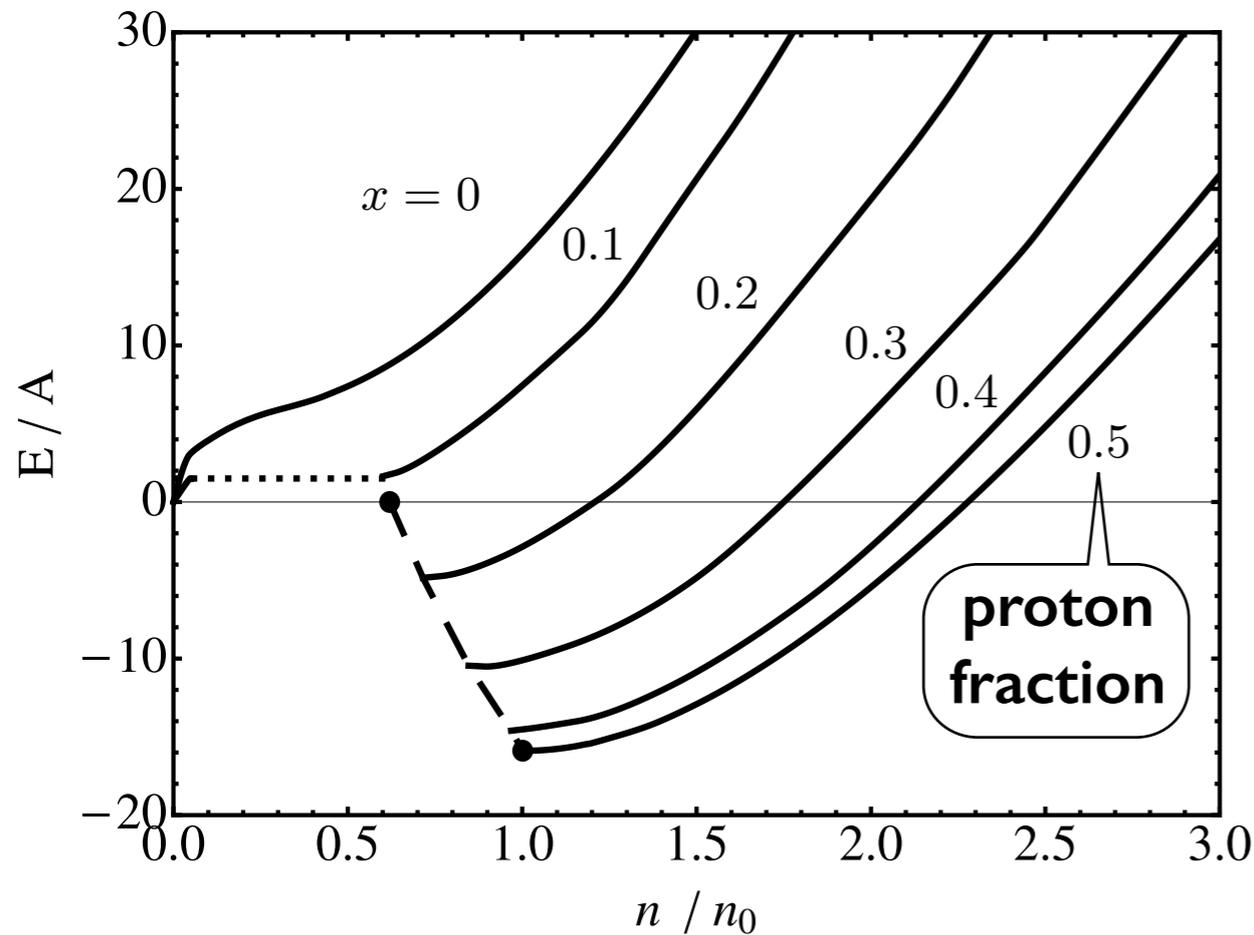
- **FRG-Nucleon-Meson-Model** (solid curve) in comparison with advanced many-body (variational and QMC) computations

# Asymmetric nuclear matter in the **chiral FRG** approach

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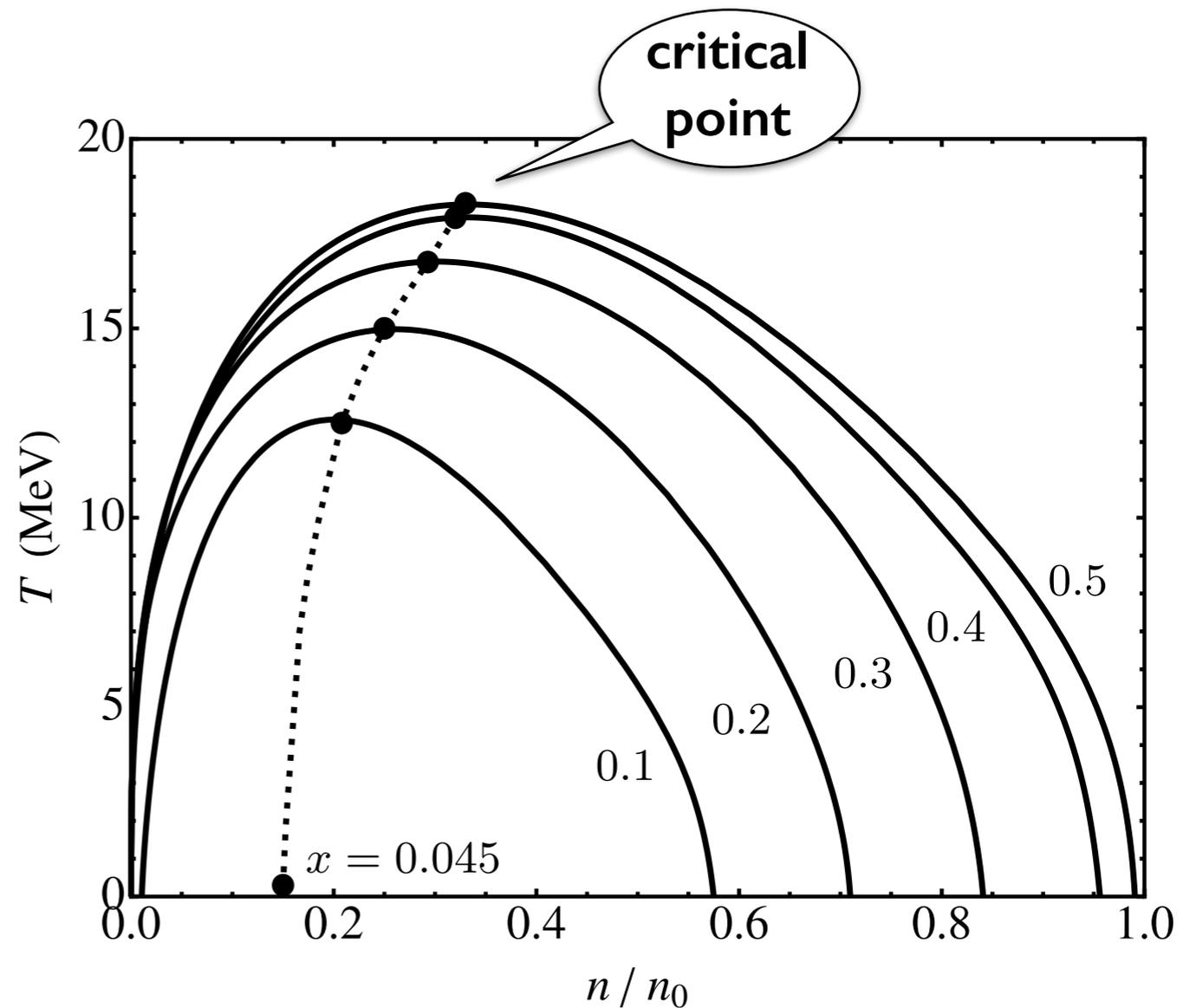
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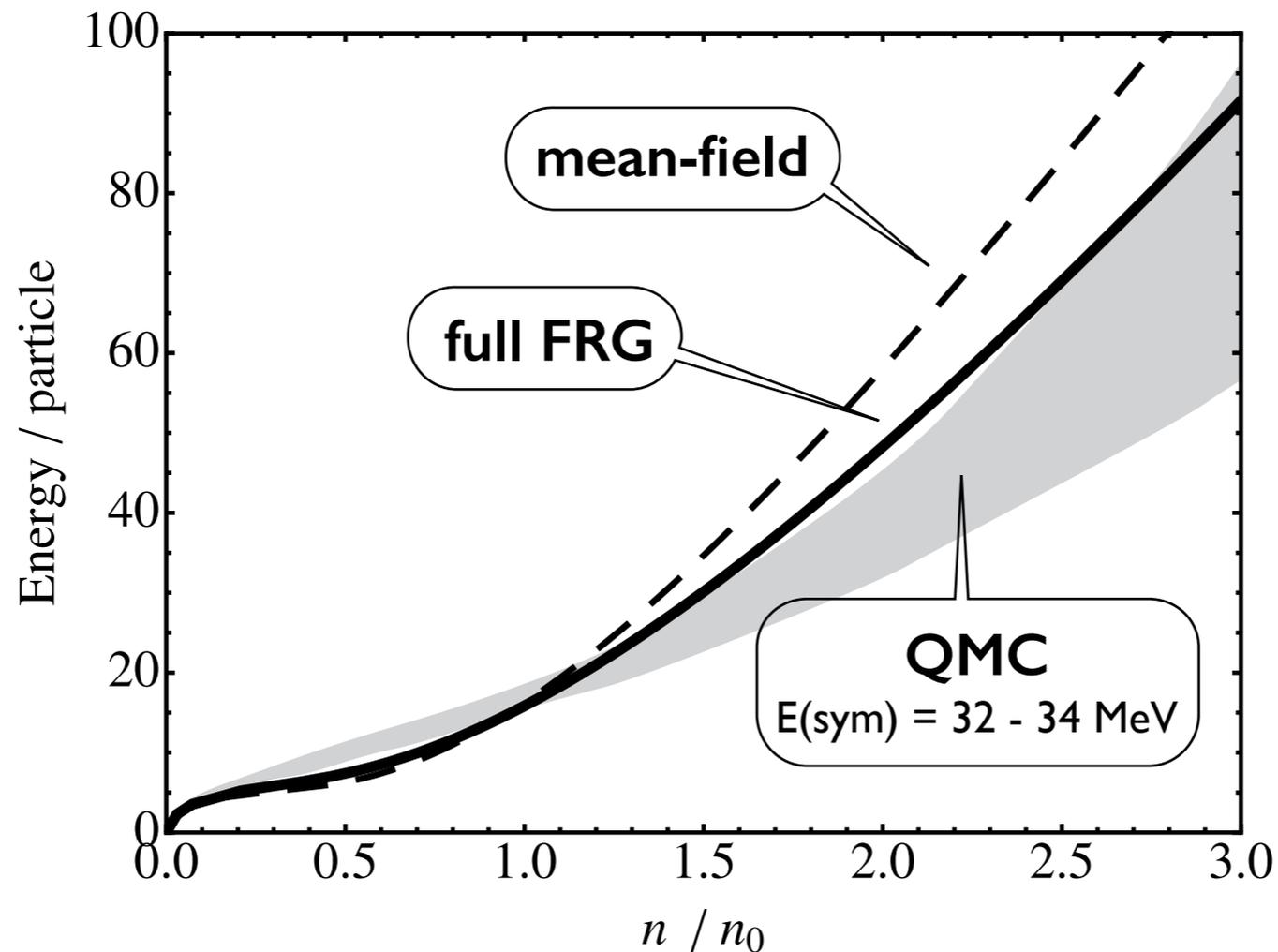
- **FRG results**  
(non-perturbative)  
are remarkably similar to  
(perturbative) in-medium  
**Chiral EFT** calculations

**Liquid-gas phase transition:**  
evolution of coexistence regions from  
symmetric to asymmetric nuclear matter



# Neutron matter in the chiral FRG approach

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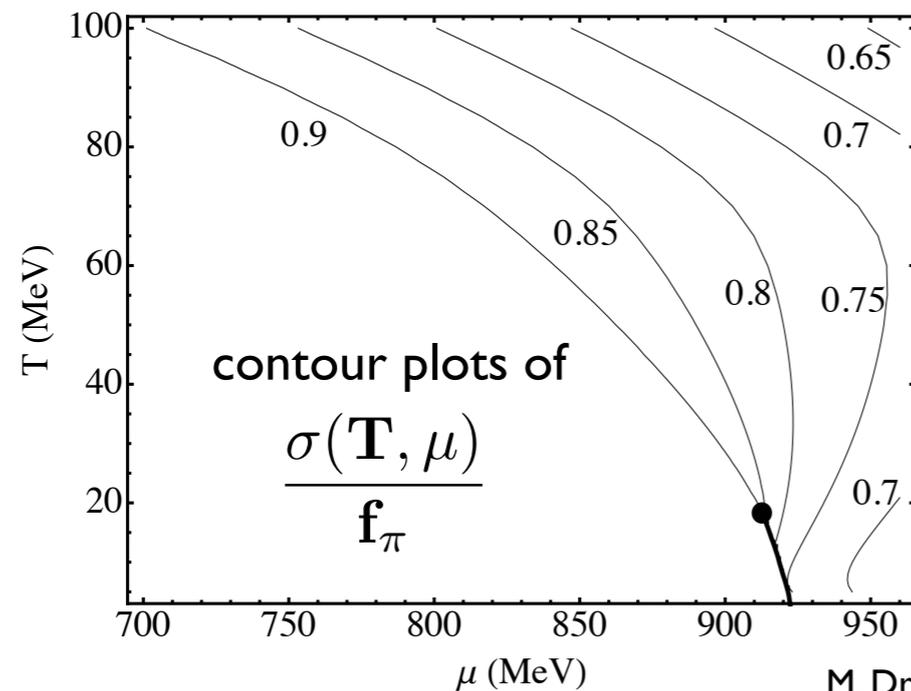
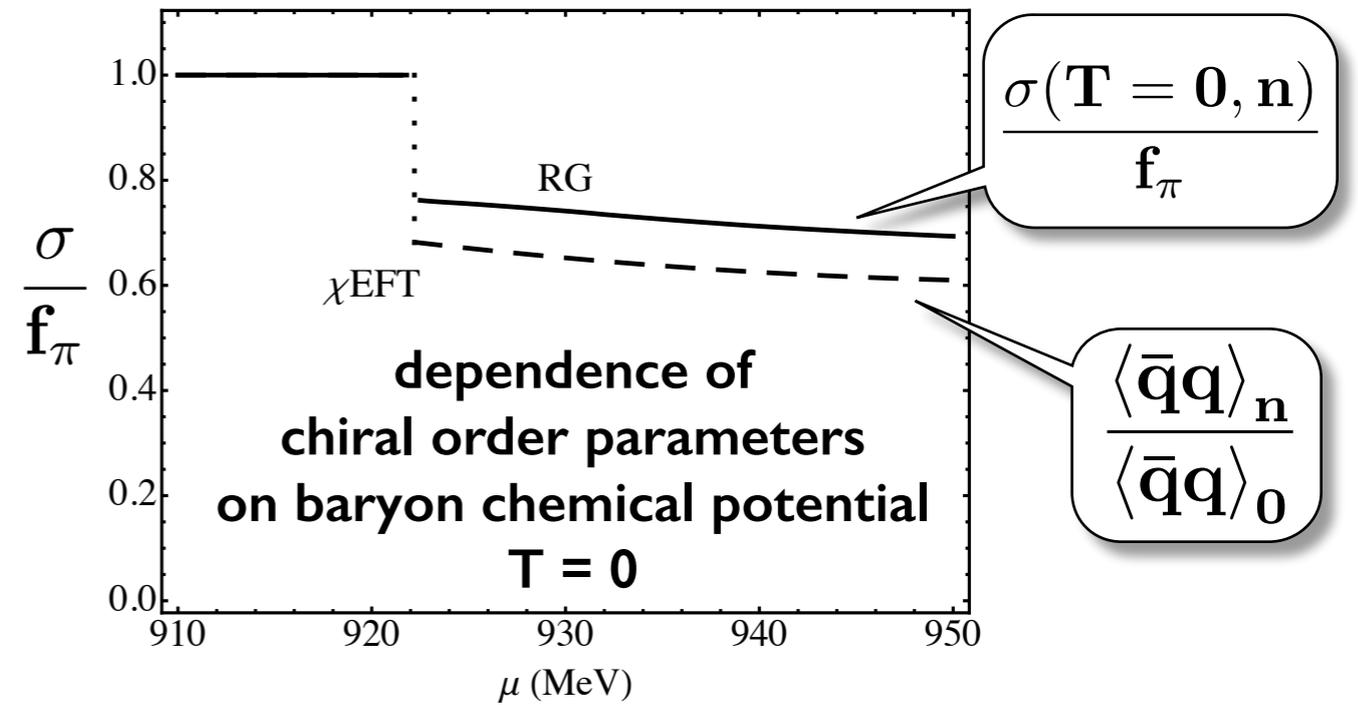
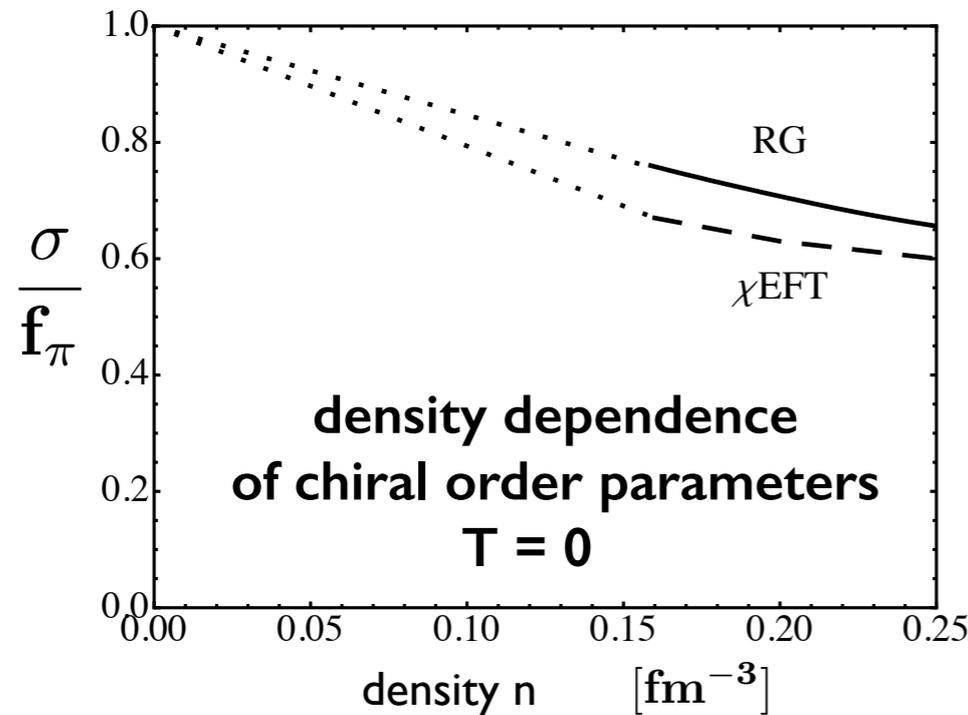


Quantum  
Monte  
Carlo  
computations:  
S. Gandolfi et al.  
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- Coupling strength of isovector-vector field / contact term fixed by symmetry energy  $E(\text{sym}) = 32 \text{ MeV}$

# Chiral Order Parameters

- Comparison of chiral effective field theory and NM-FRG results



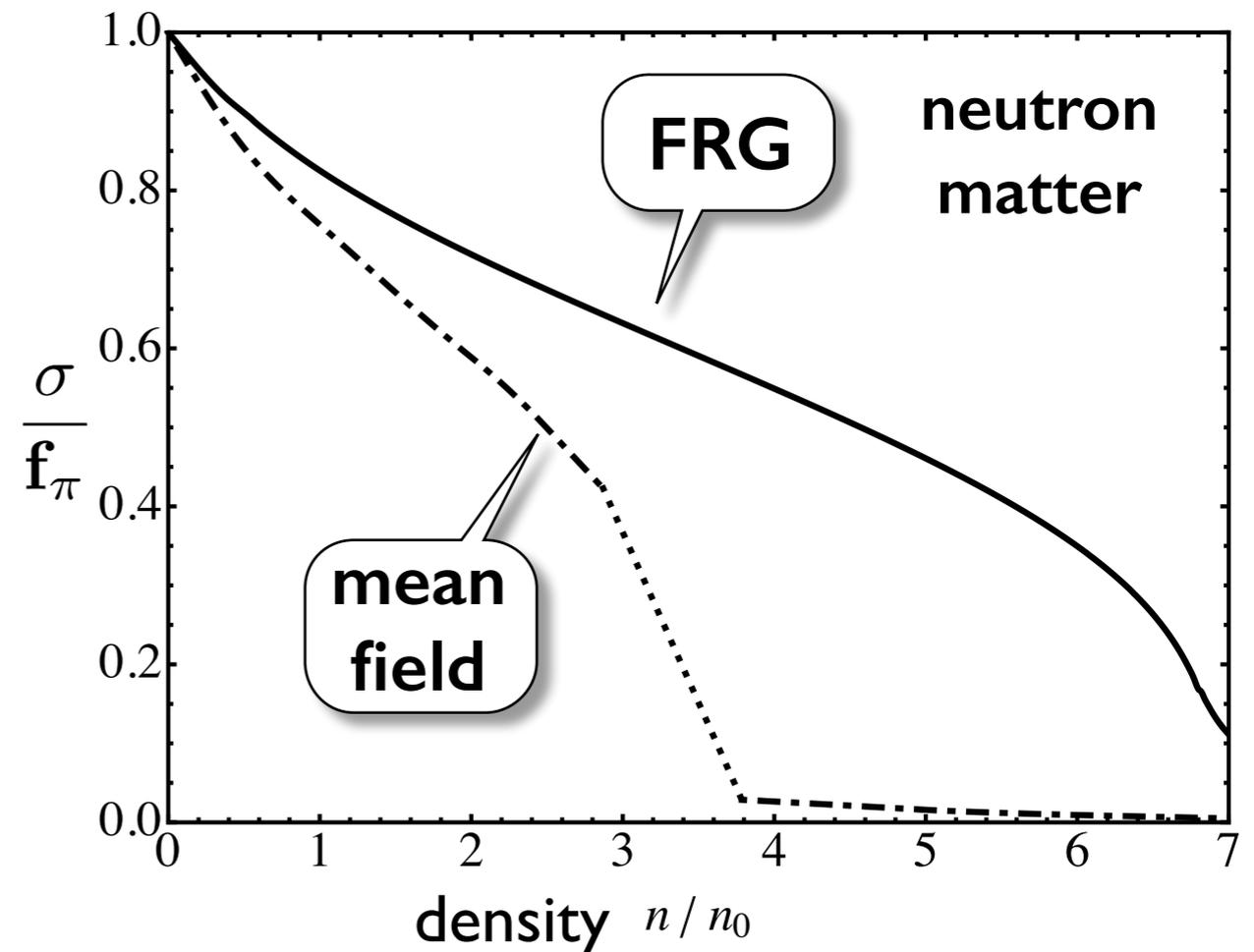
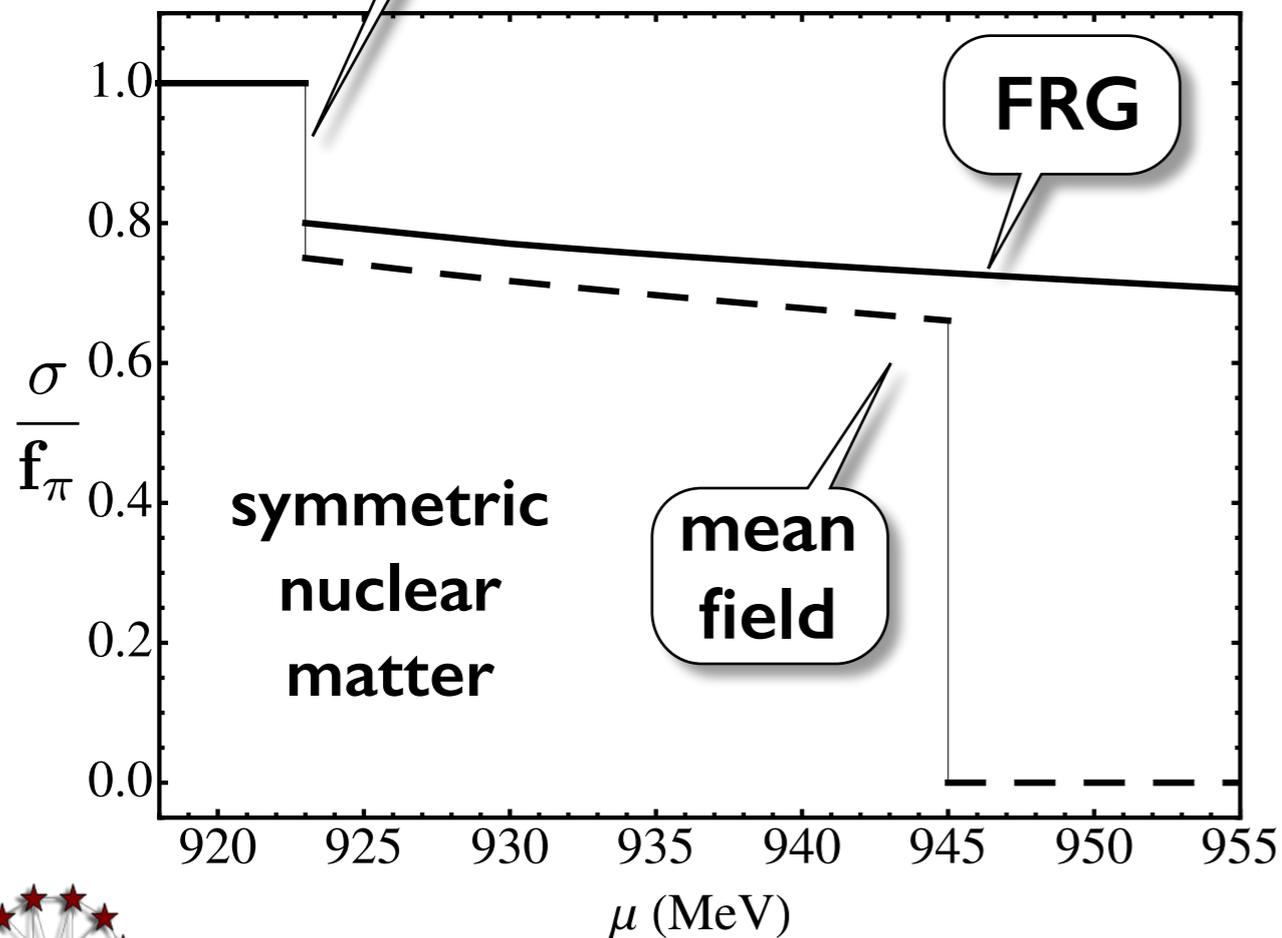
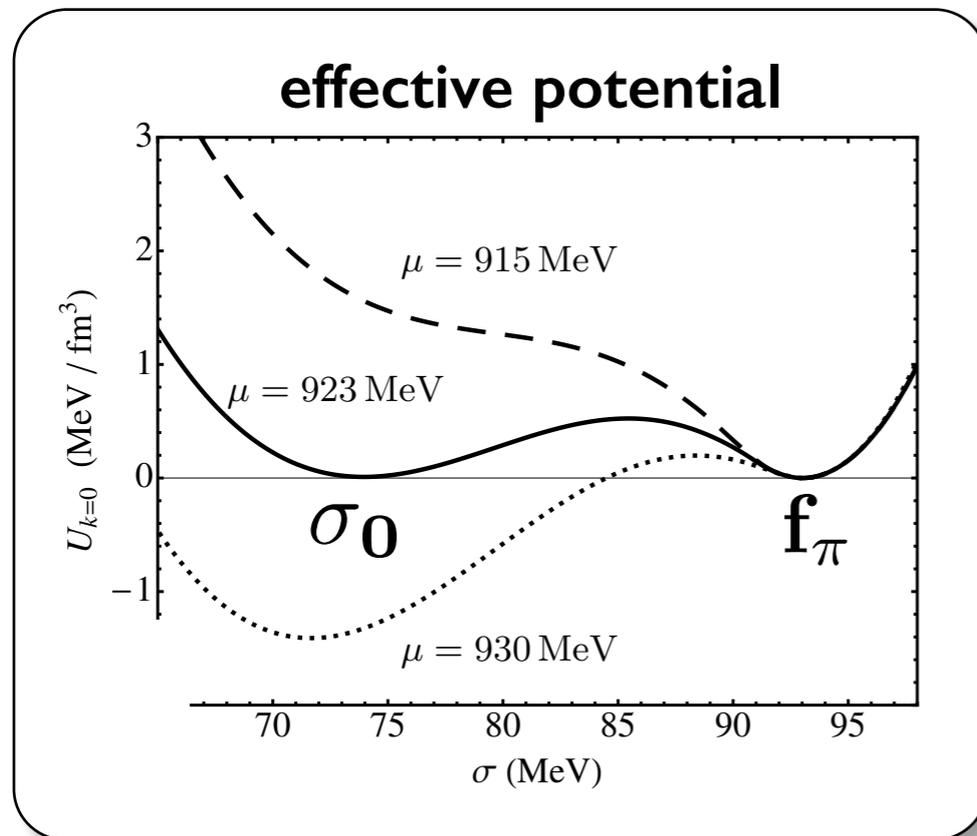
- No tendency towards chiral phase transition for baryon chemical potentials  $\mu \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}$  and temperatures  $T \lesssim 100 \text{ MeV}$

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# Chiral Order Parameter

important role of fluctuations  
beyond mean-field approximation:

**DISAPPEARANCE** of  
first-order chiral phase transition



# In-medium pion mass

- Contact with phenomenology :  
compare with s-wave pion-nuclear optical potential from pionic atoms

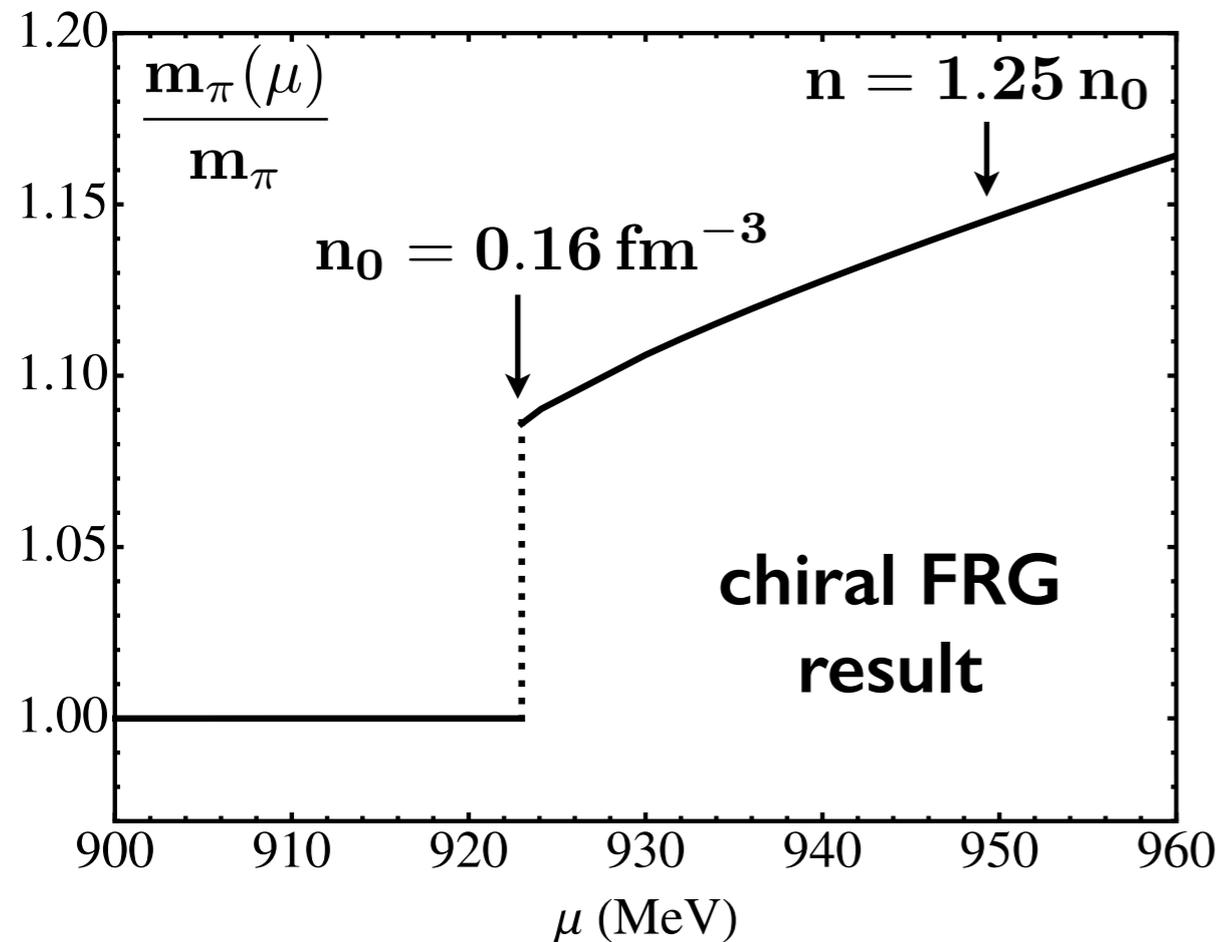


Diagram illustrating the interaction between a pion ( $\pi$ ) and a nucleon ( $N$ ). The left diagram shows a "small" loop interaction, and the right diagram shows a "dominant" loop interaction.

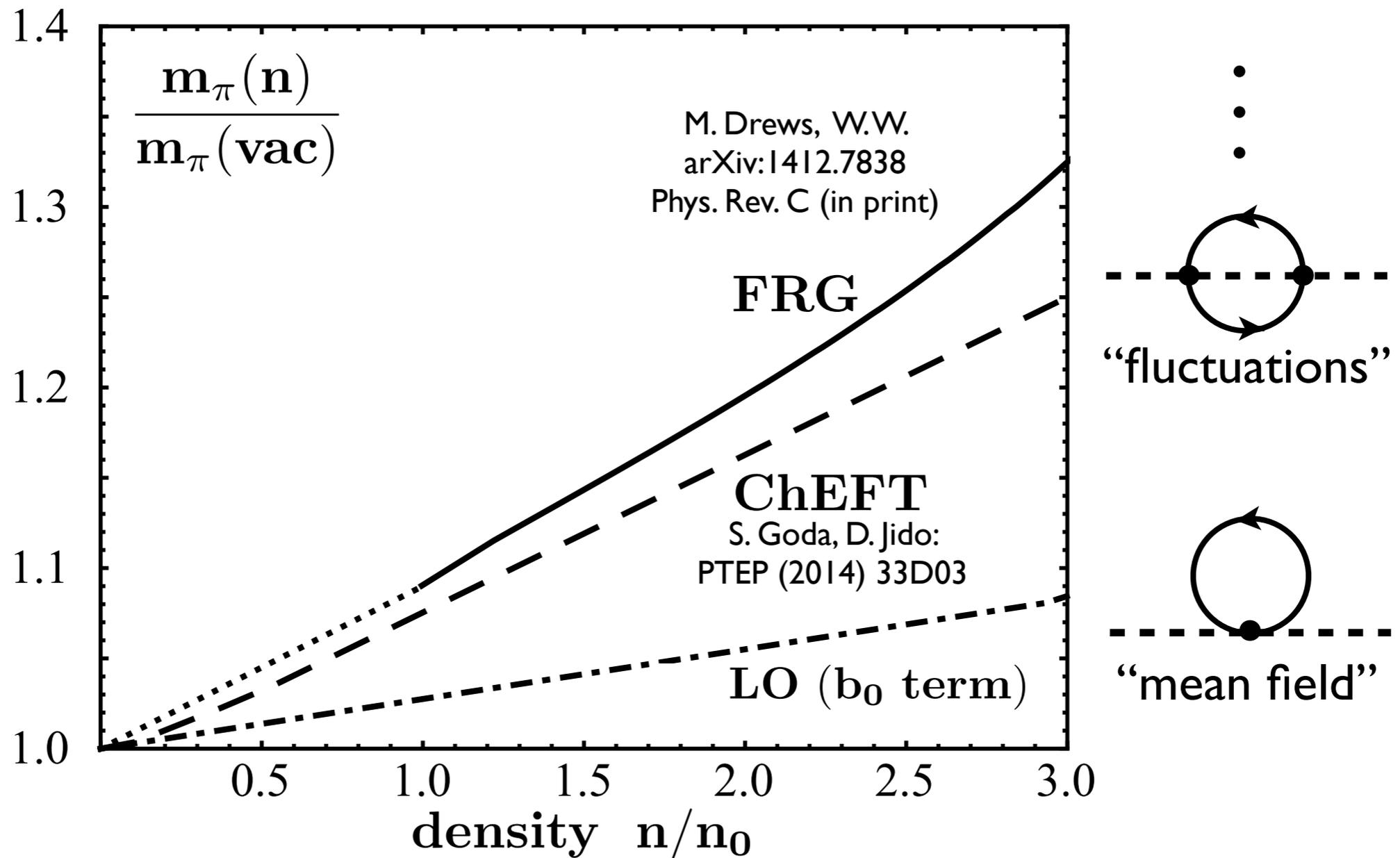
$$U(\mathbf{n}) = -\frac{2\pi}{m_\pi} \left[ b_0 - (b_0^2 + 2b_1^2) \left\langle \frac{1}{r} \right\rangle \right] \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$\frac{m_\pi(\mathbf{n})}{m_\pi} \simeq 1 + \frac{U(\mathbf{n})}{m_\pi} \simeq 1.1 \frac{n}{n_0}$$

- Good agreement of **FRG** calculation with empirical in-medium pion mass shift, both in sign and magnitude

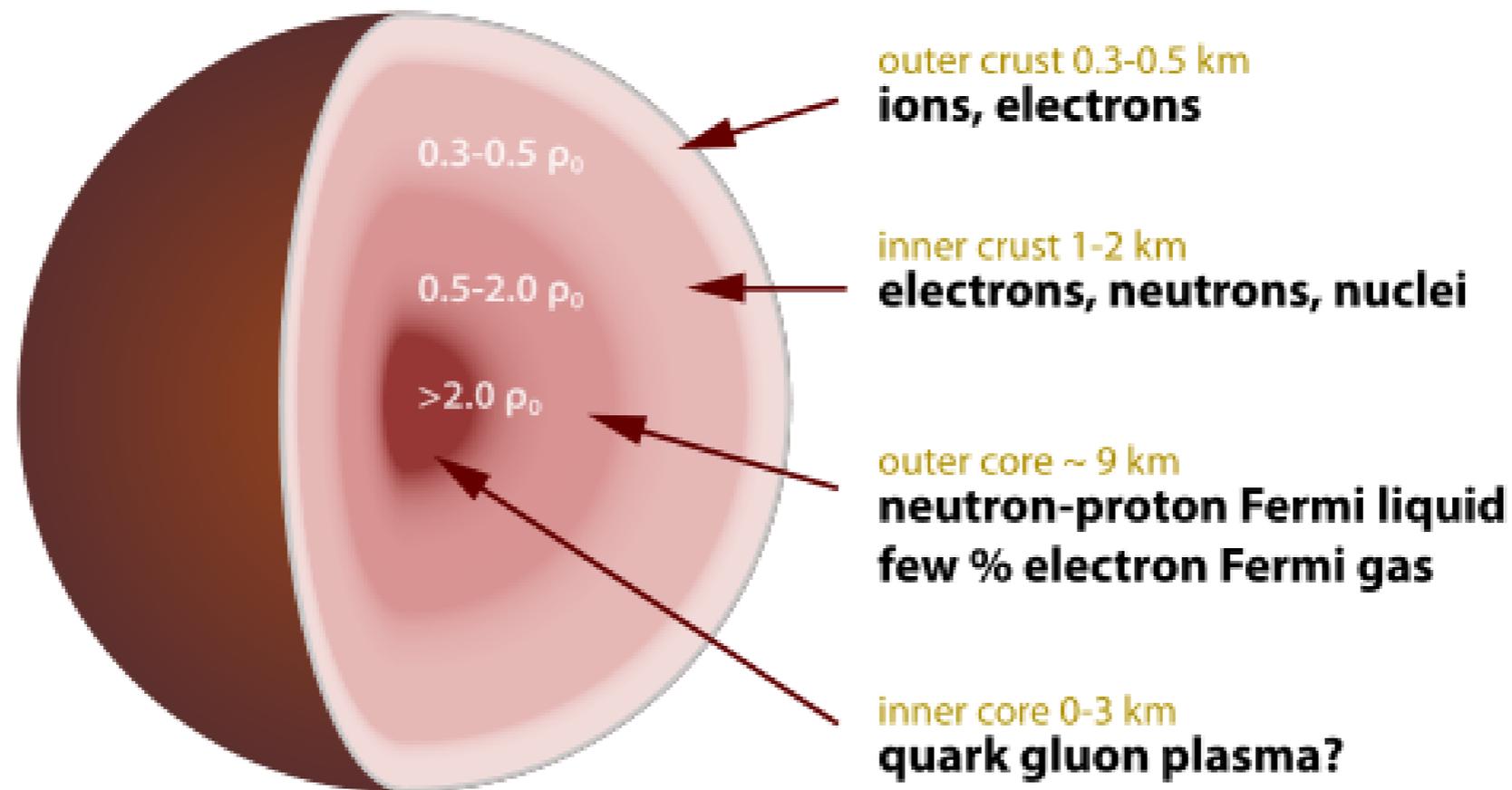
# In-medium pion mass (contd.)

- Non-perturbative FRG result in comparison with in-medium Chiral Perturbation Theory



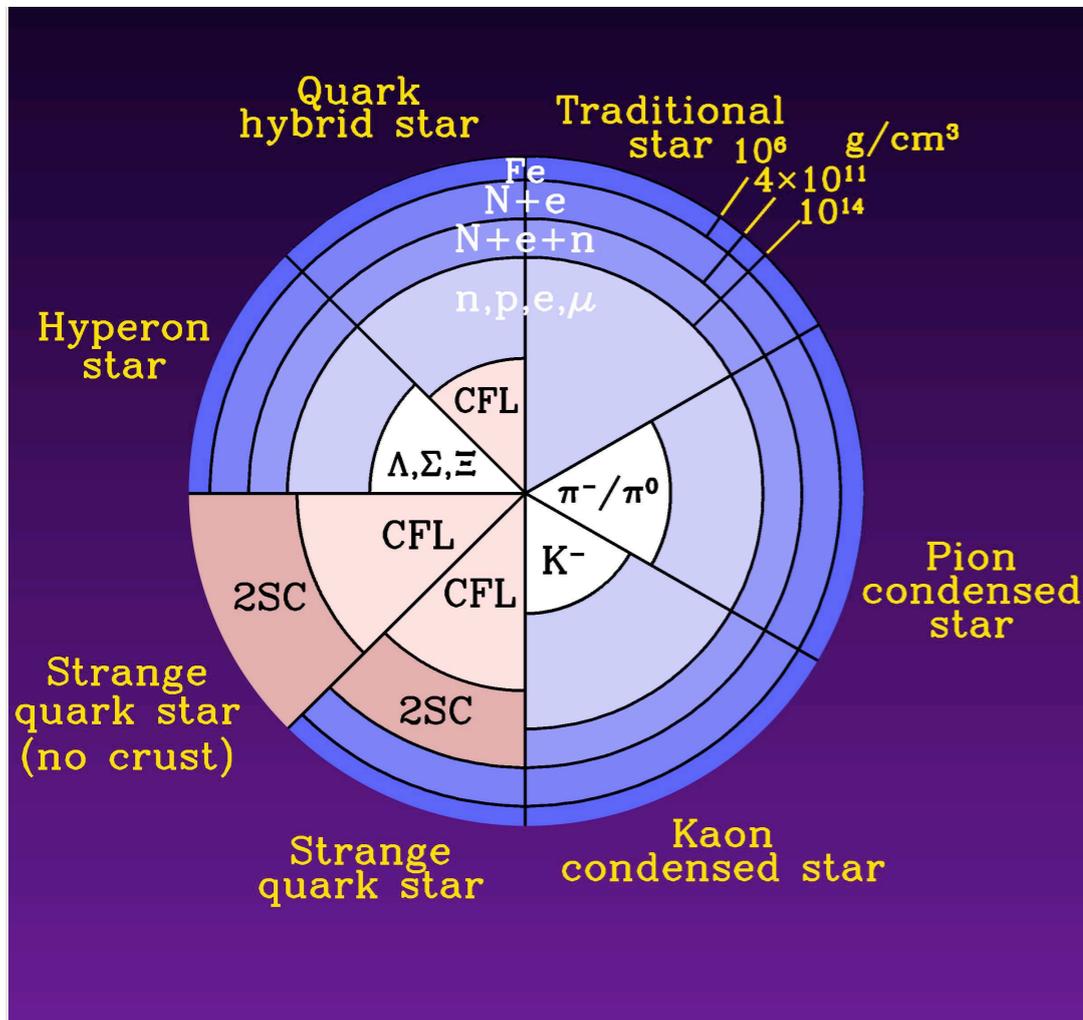
# PART III:

## Short digression on Neutron Stars



# NEUTRON STARS and the EQUATION OF STATE of DENSE BARYONIC MATTER

J. Lattimer, M. Prakash: *Astrophys. J.* 550 (2001) 426  
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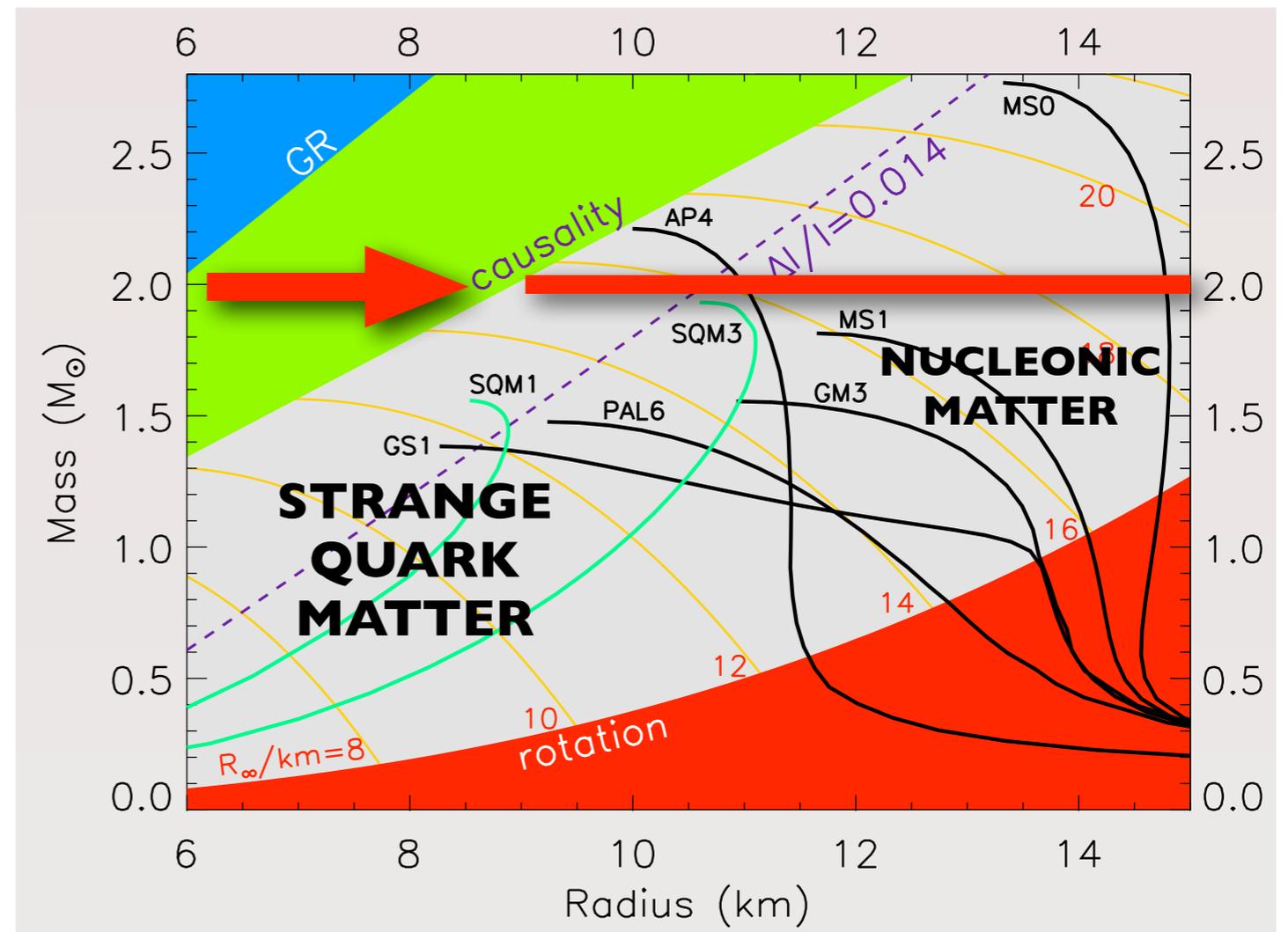


## Neutron Star Scenarios Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkov Equations

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{G}{c^2} \frac{(M + 4\pi Pr^3)(\mathcal{E} + P)}{r(r - GM/c^2)}$$

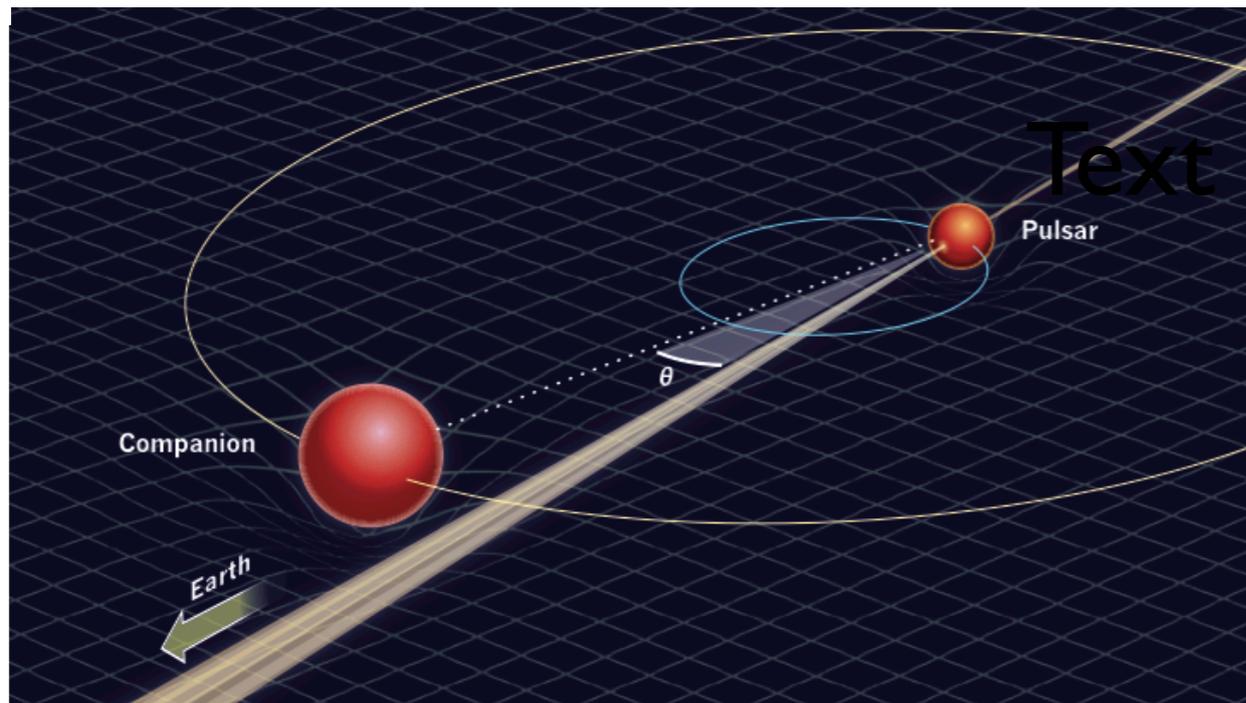
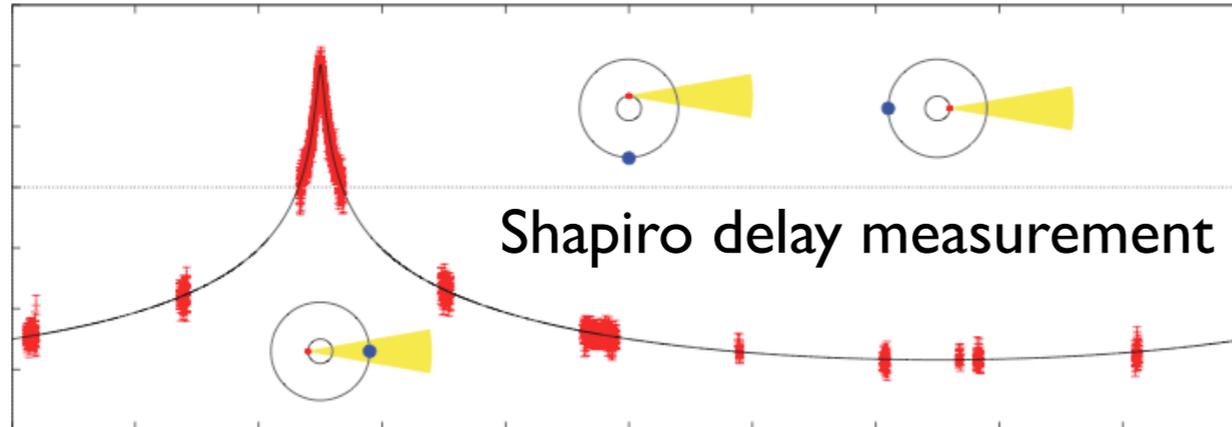
$$\frac{dM}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{\mathcal{E}}{c^2}$$

## ● Mass-Radius Relation



# New constraints from NEUTRON STARS

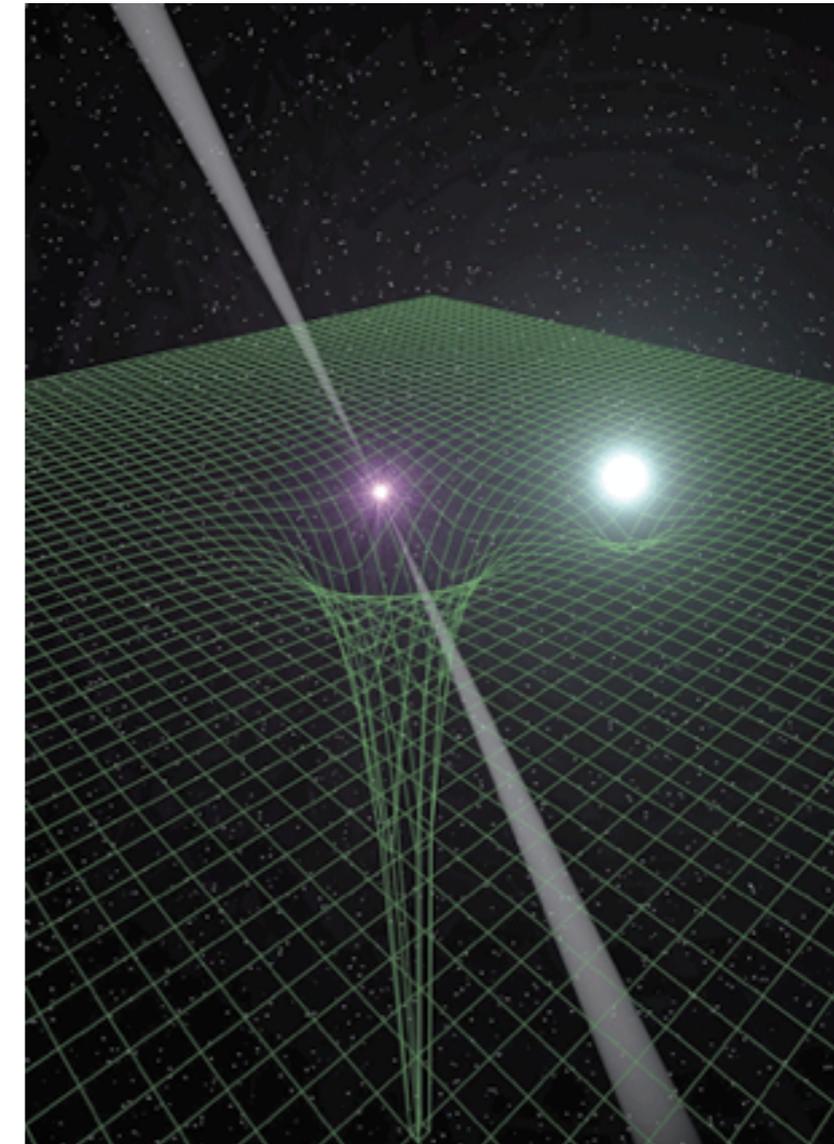
P.B. Demorest et al.  
Nature 467 (2010) 1081



PSR J1614+2230

$$M = 1.97 \pm 0.04 M_{\odot}$$

J. Antoniadis et al.  
Science 340 (2013) 6131



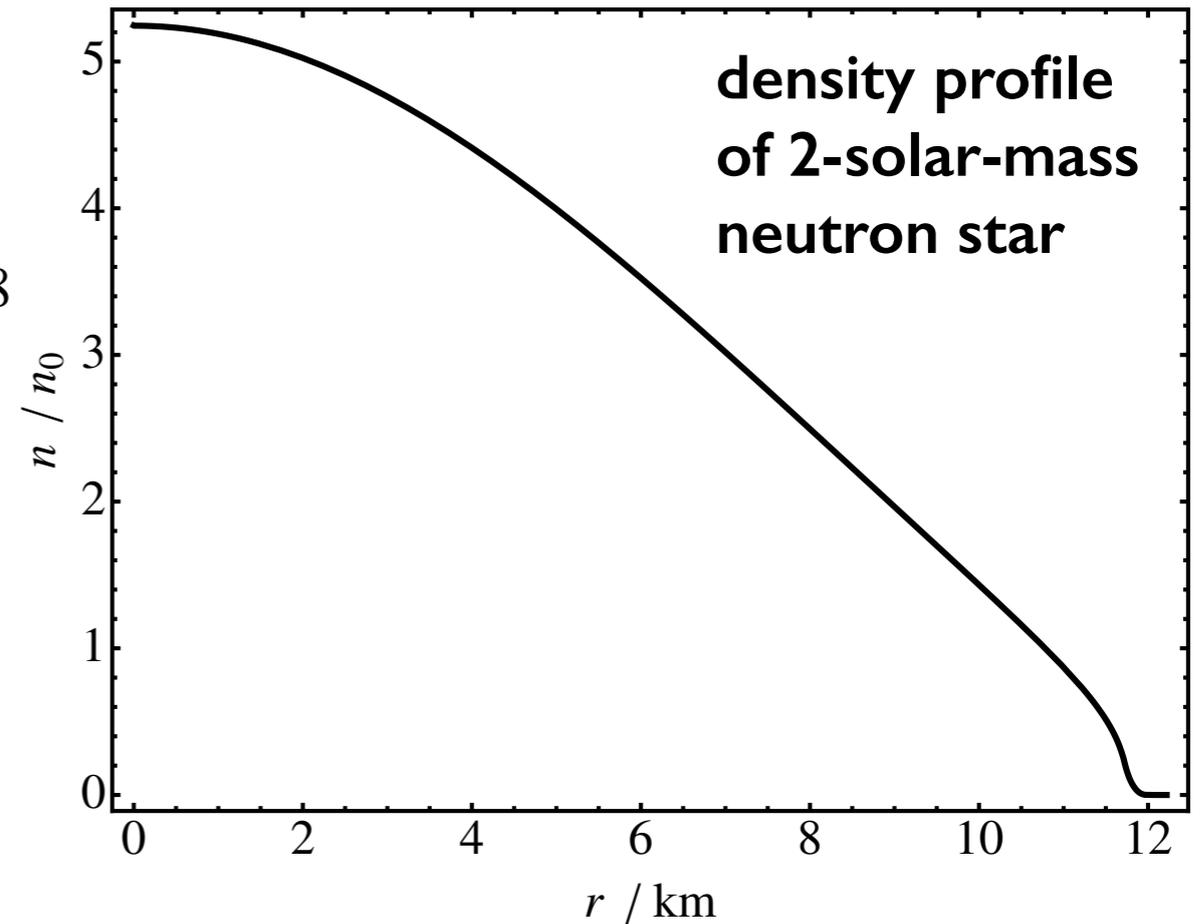
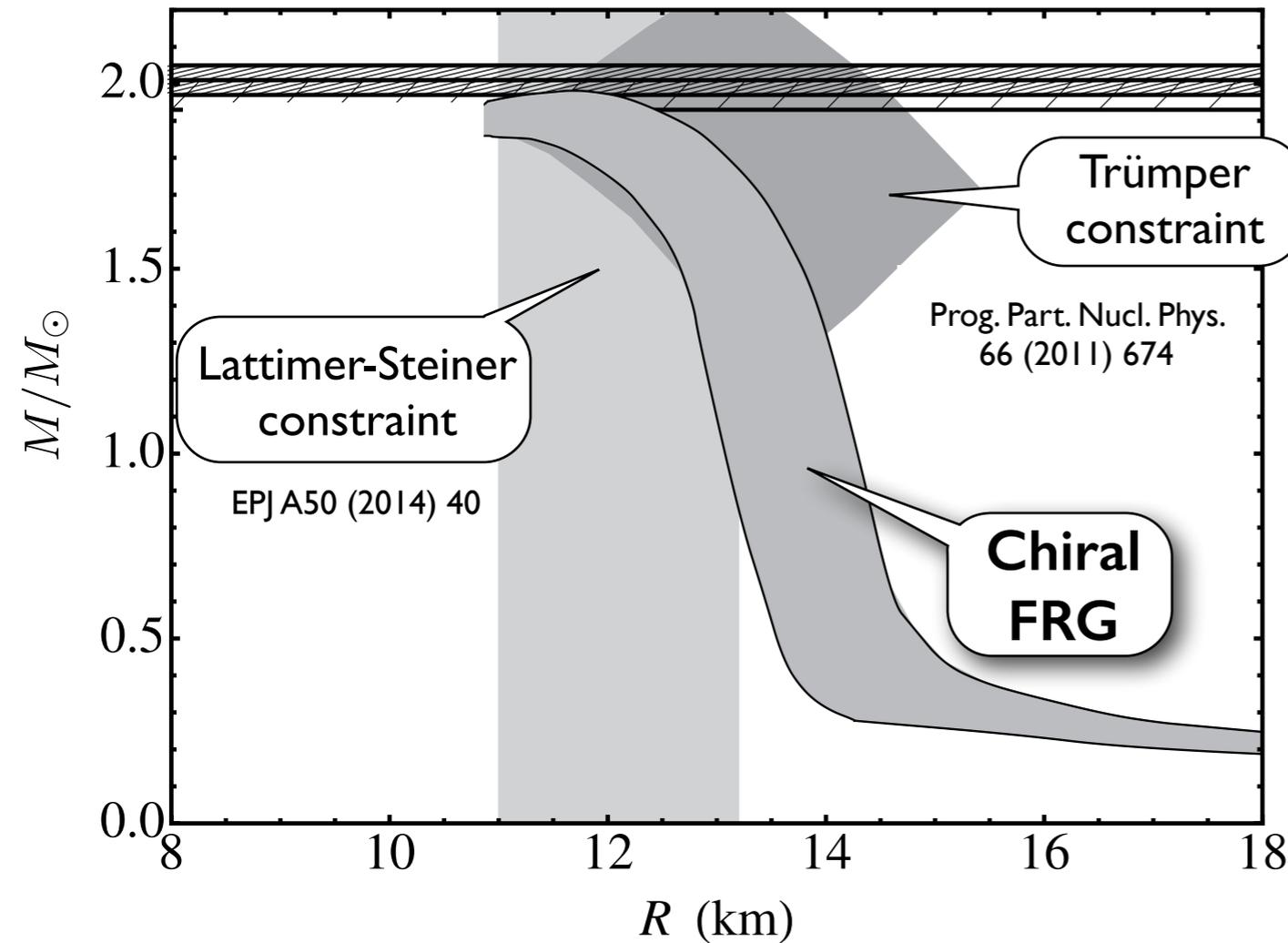
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$$M = 2.01 \pm 0.04 M_{\odot}$$

# NEUTRON STAR MATTER

from  
**Chiral Nucleon-Meson Model**  
 and **FRG**

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- Neutron matter plus proton admixture (beta equilibrium)
- Symmetry energies 30 - 37 MeV

● No ultrahigh densities in the neutron star core

# CONCLUSIONS

- **Functional Renormalization Group** provides non-perturbative approach to **Nuclear Chiral Thermodynamics** from symmetric to asymmetric nuclear matter and neutron (star) matter
  - ▶ **Fluctuations beyond mean field** include important multi-pion exchange mechanisms and low-energy nucleonic particle-hole excitations
  - ▶ 1st order phase transition: Fermi liquid  $\leftrightarrow$  interacting Fermi gas
- **No indication of first-order chiral phase transition**
  - ▶ **Fluctuations work against early restoration of chiral symmetry**
- **New constraints from neutron stars for the equation-of-state of dense & cold baryonic matter:**
  - ▶ Mass - radius relation: **stiff equation of state** required !  
**No ultrahigh densities** ( $\rho_{\max} \sim 5 \rho_0$ )
  - ▶ **Conventional** (nucleon-meson, “non-exotic”) **EoS** meets constraints (issue of strangeness: suppression of hyperons in neutron stars ?)



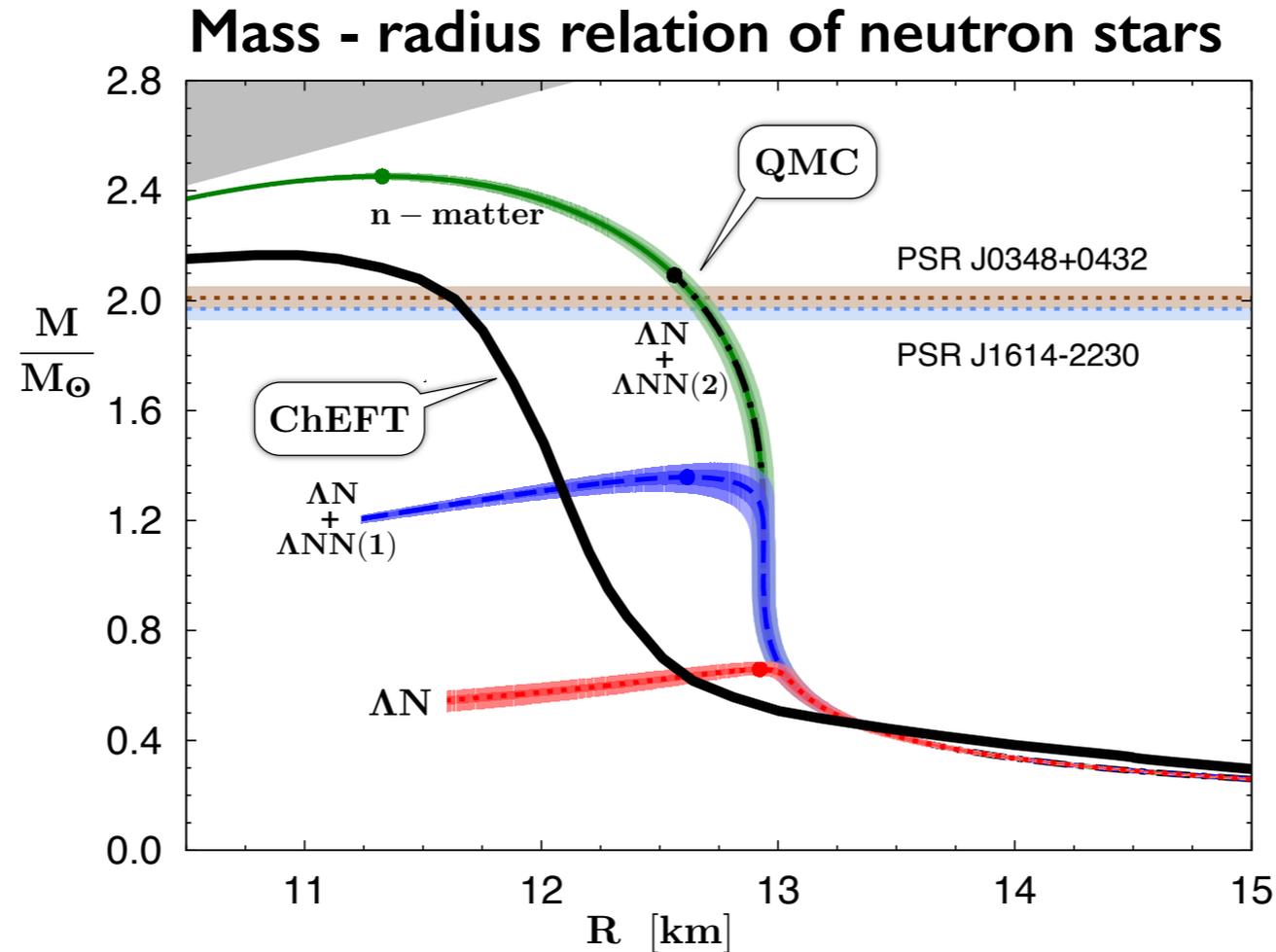
# Appendix : NEUTRON STAR MATTER including HYPERONS

New Quantum Monte Carlo calculations using phenomenological hyperon-nucleon and hyperon-NN three-body interactions constrained by hypernuclei

ChEFT  
calculations  
("conventional"  
n-star matter):

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T. Hell, W.W.  
PRC90 (2014) 045801



QMC  
computations  
(hyper-neutron matter):

D. Lonardoni,  
A. Lovato,  
S. Gandolfi,  
F. Pederiva  
arXiv:1407.4448

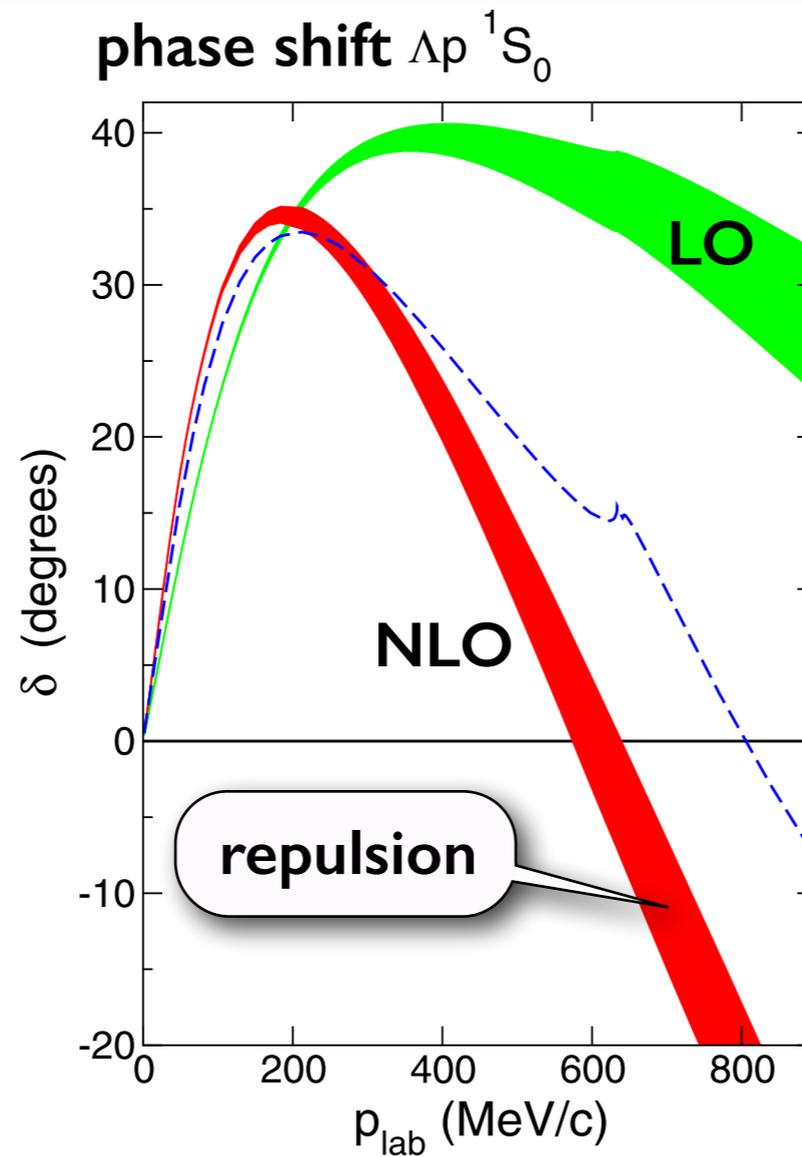
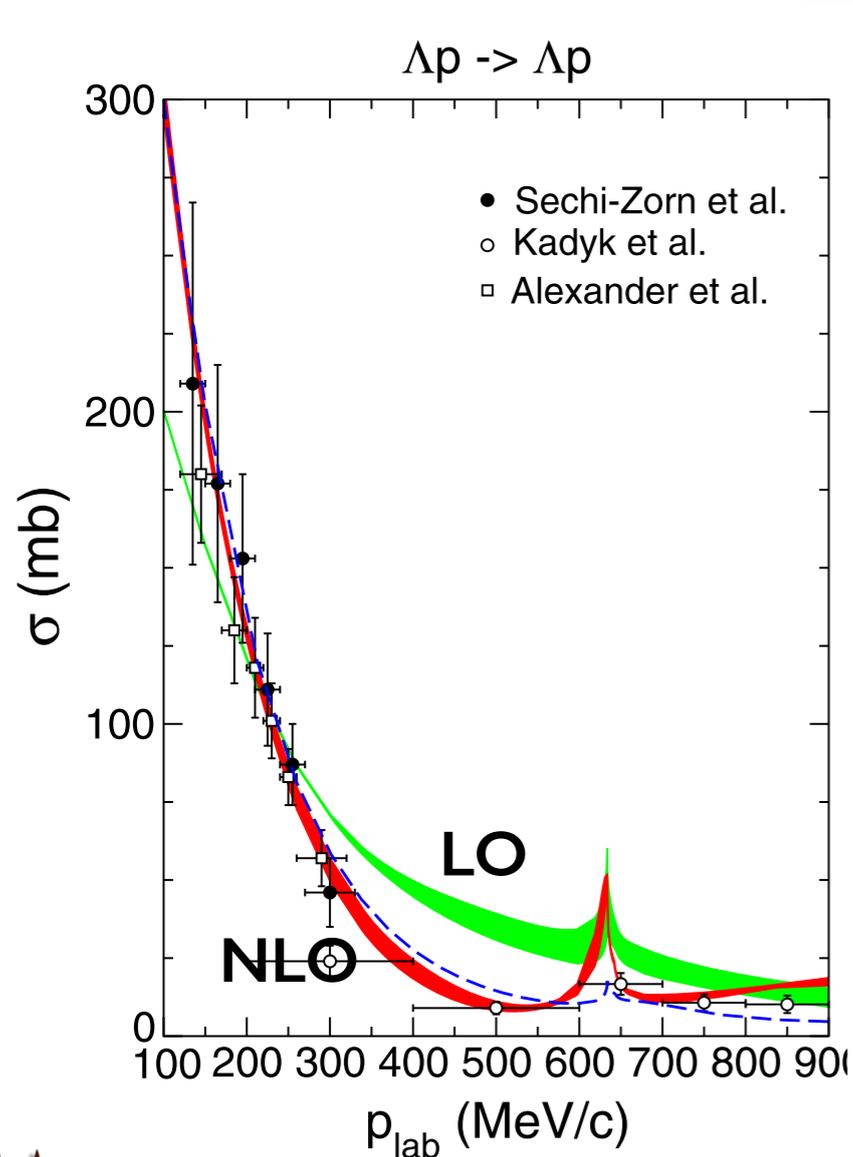
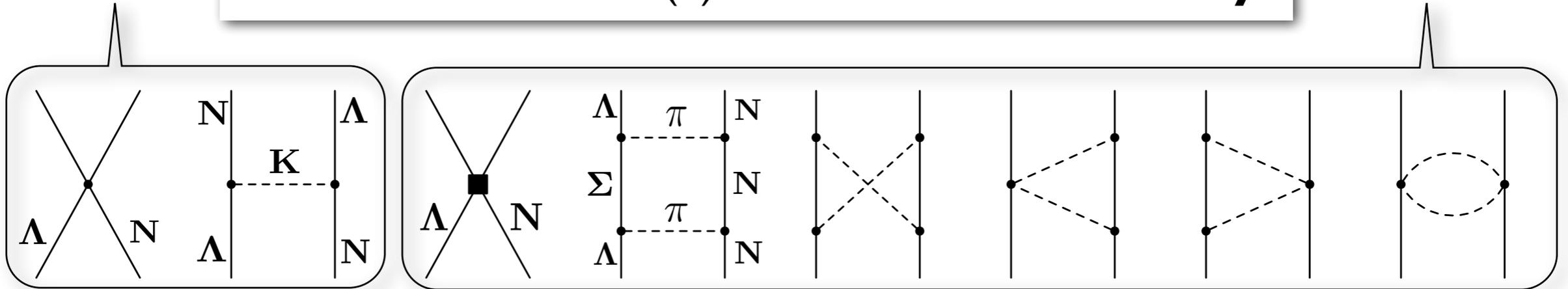
with inclusion of hyperons: EoS too soft to support 2-solar-mass star unless strong short-range repulsion in YN and / or YNN interactions

# Hyperon - Nucleon Interaction

from **CHIRAL SU(3) Effective Field Theory**

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NLO

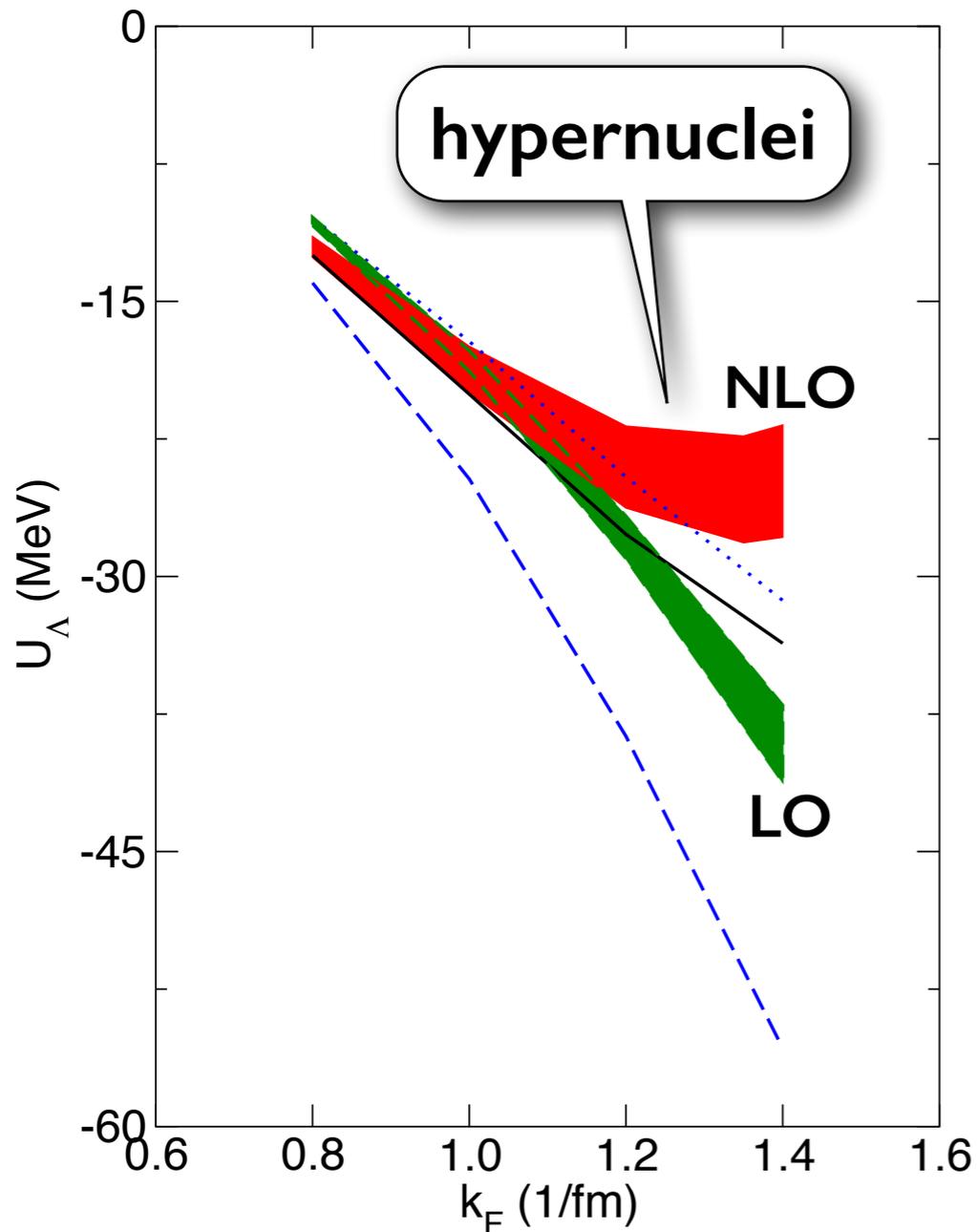


- moderate attraction at low momenta  
→ relevant for hypernuclei
- strong repulsion at higher momenta  
→ relevant for dense baryonic matter

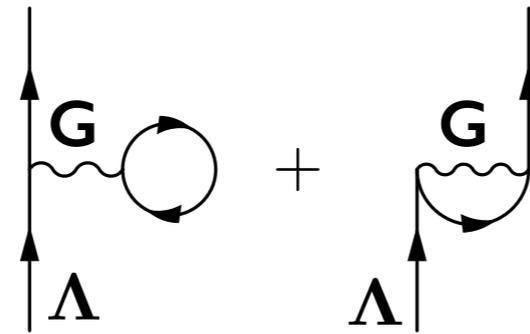


# Density dependence of $\Lambda$ single particle potential

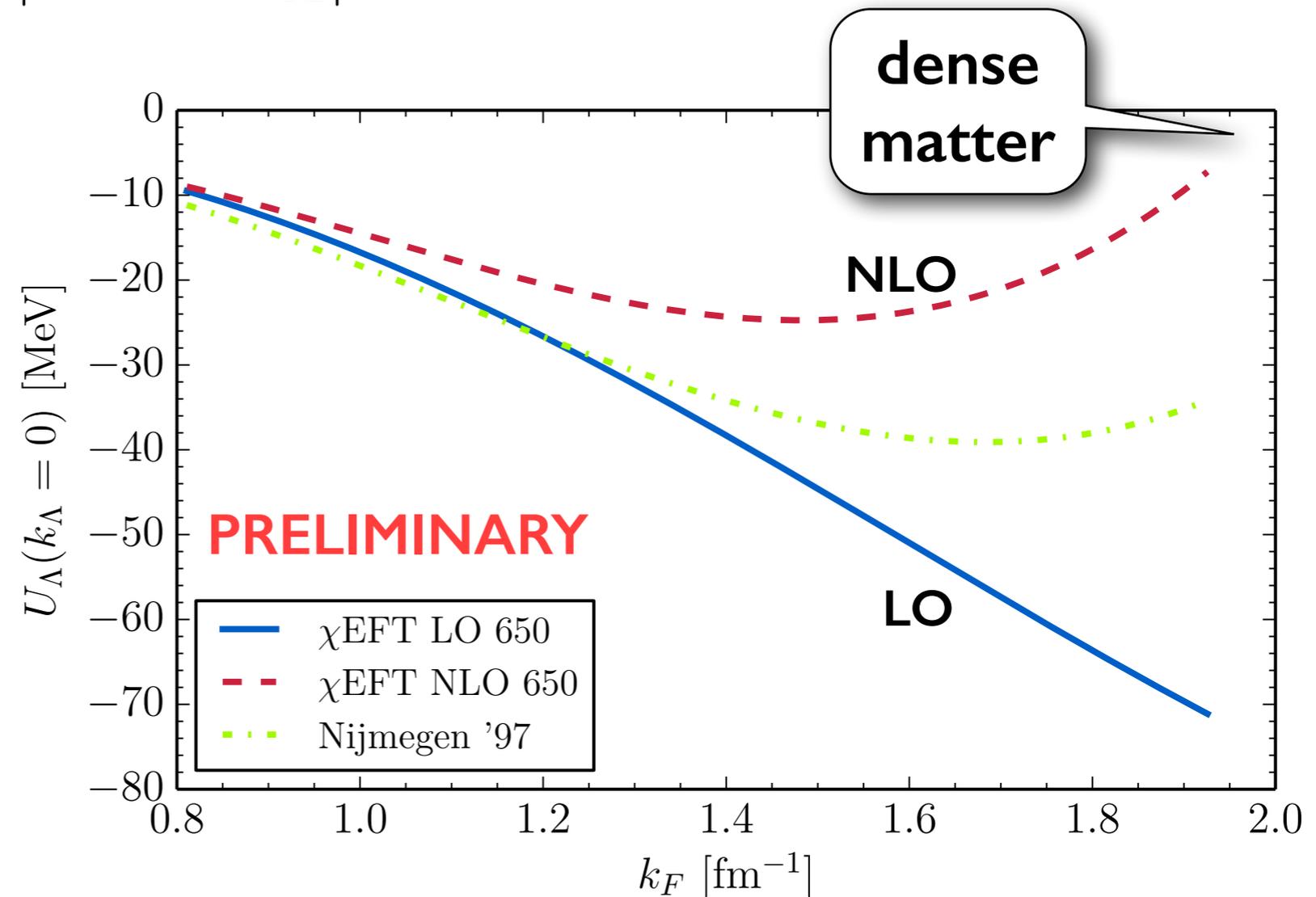
Brueckner calculations  
using chiral SU(3) interaction



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$$G(\omega) = V + V \frac{Q}{e(\omega) + i\epsilon} G(\omega)$$



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