



# *Physics at High Baryon Density Region*



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# Talk Plan



## ■ Changes of physical degrees of freedom

- Phenomenological characterization of deconfinement
- Successful applications of HRG: strong  $B$  and large  $\omega$
- High density behavior of interacting HRG

## ■ Approaches from perturbative calculations

- Current status and problems
- Resummation effects and validity extension

## ■ Topological aspects of dense nuclear matter

- Emergent symmetry in quark/nuclear matter
- Chiral soliton lattice from the Skyrme crystal

# — PHENOMENOLOGY —

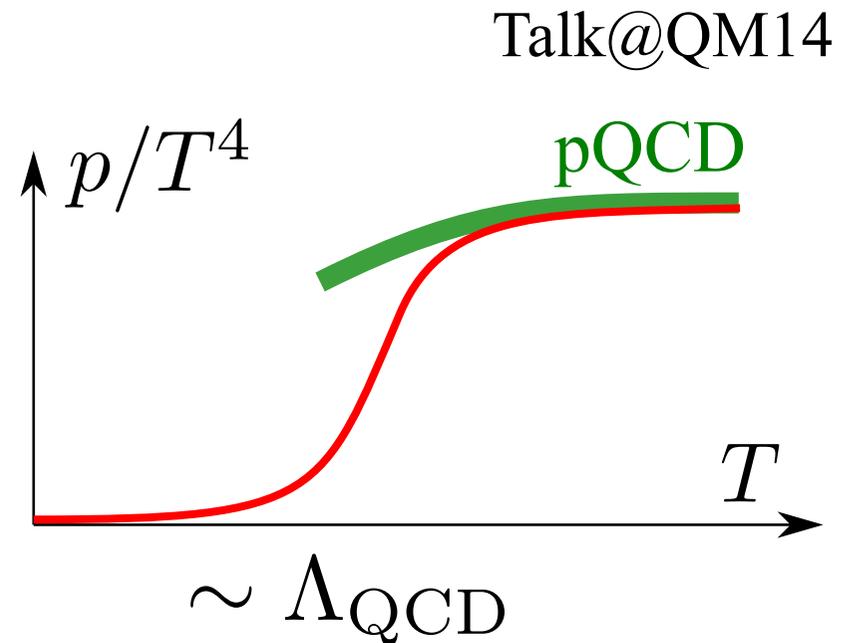
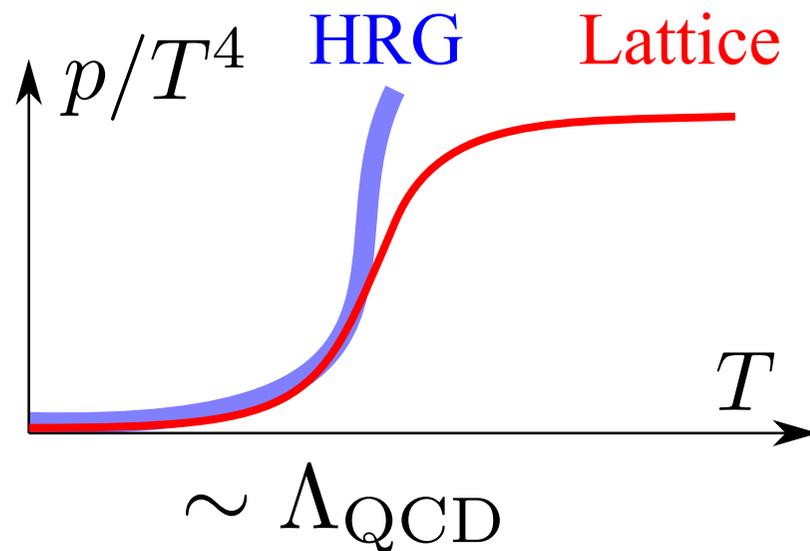
## Changes of physical degrees of freedom

# Deconfinement



**Polyakov loop** — renormalization? interpretation?

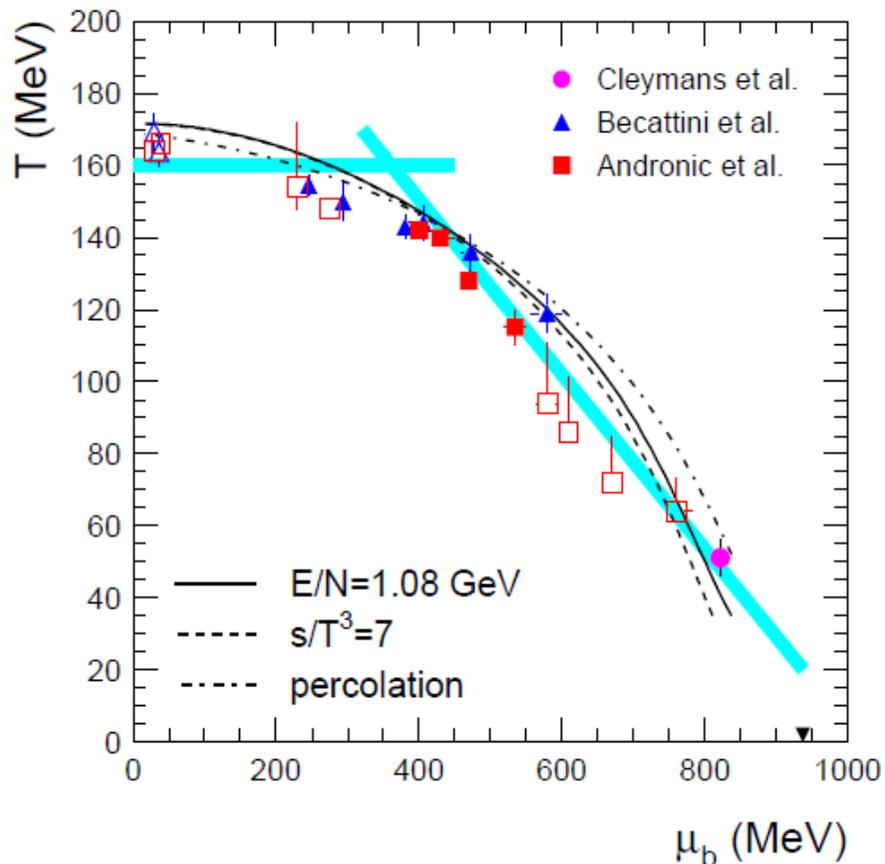
**Thermodynamics**



**Deconfined where a hadronic description breaks down.**  
**Deconfined where a pQCD description works.**

# Deconfinement

## Phase Diagram = Two Hagedorn Transition Lines



**Andronic et al. (2009)**

### Mesonic Hagedorn Transition

$$Z = N \int dm \rho(m) e^{-m/T}$$

$$\rho(m) = e^{m/T_H}$$

$$T_c = T_H$$

### Baryonic Hagedorn Transition

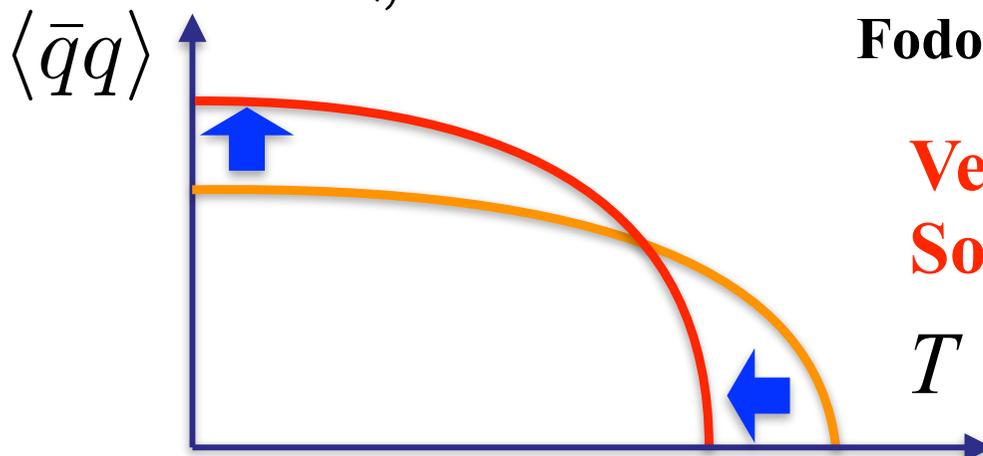
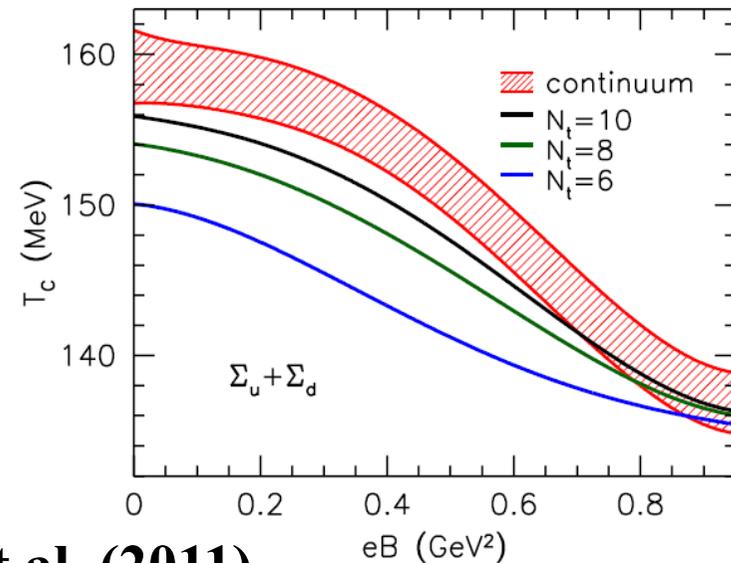
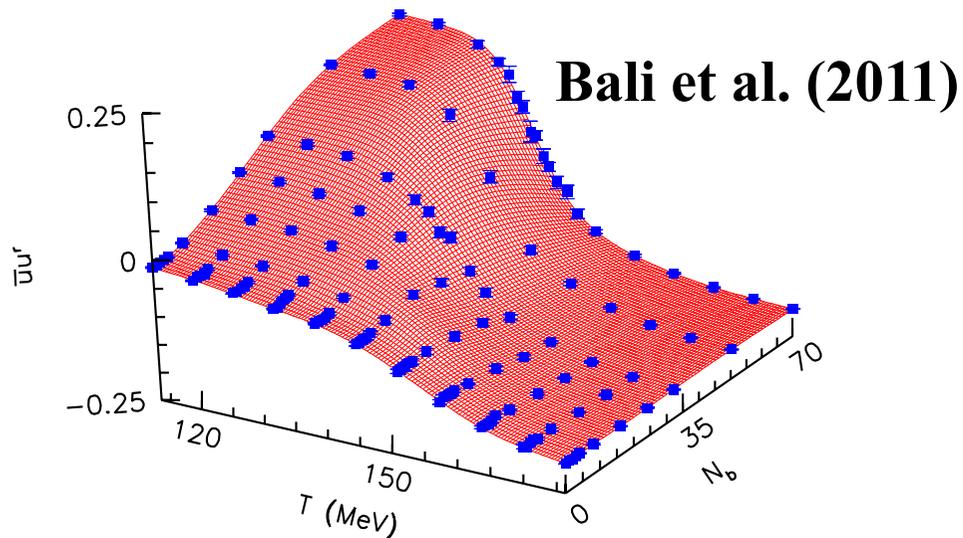
$$Z = N \int dm \rho_B(m) e^{-(m-\mu_B)/T}$$

$$\rho_B(m) = e^{m_B/T_B}$$

$$T_c = (1 - \mu_B/m_B)T_B$$

# Successful Application I

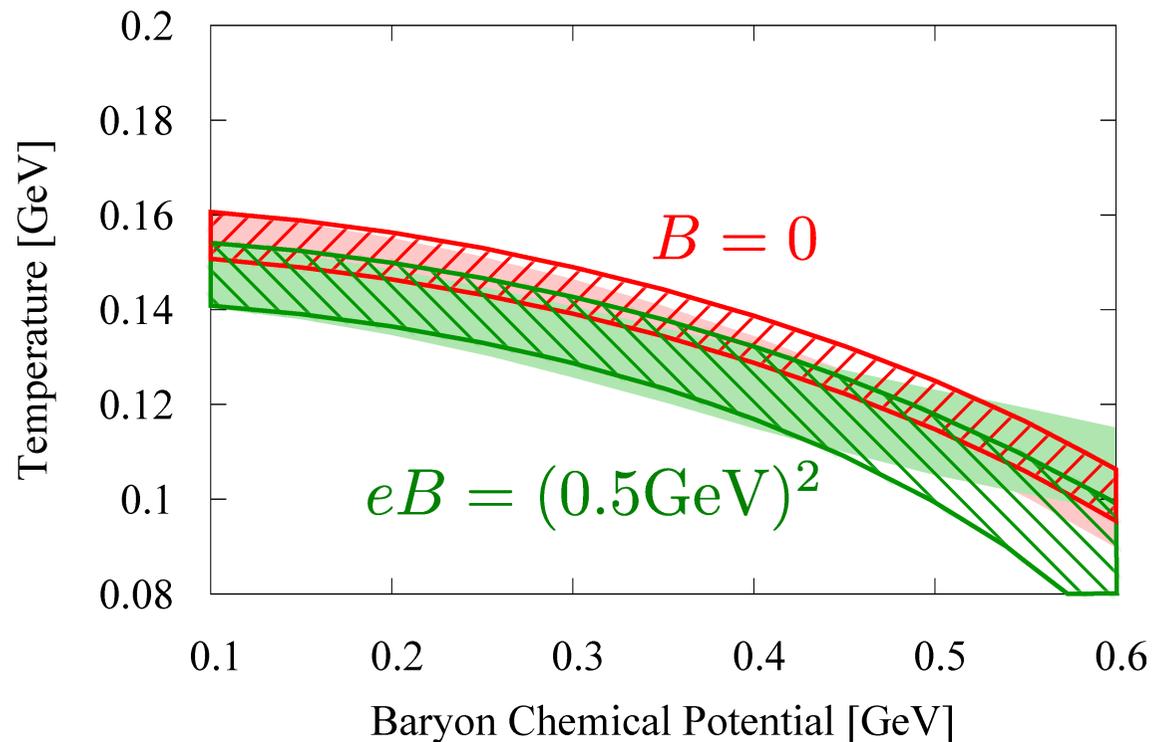
## Inverse Magnetic Catalysis (IMC)



**Very different from BCS theory**  
**Something missing**  
 **$T$  — deconfinement?**

# Successful Application I

## Inverse Magnetic Catalysis (IMC)



**Phenomenological  
freezeout condition**

$$E/N \sim 1\text{GeV}$$

$E$  : internal energy

$N$  : particles + antiparticles

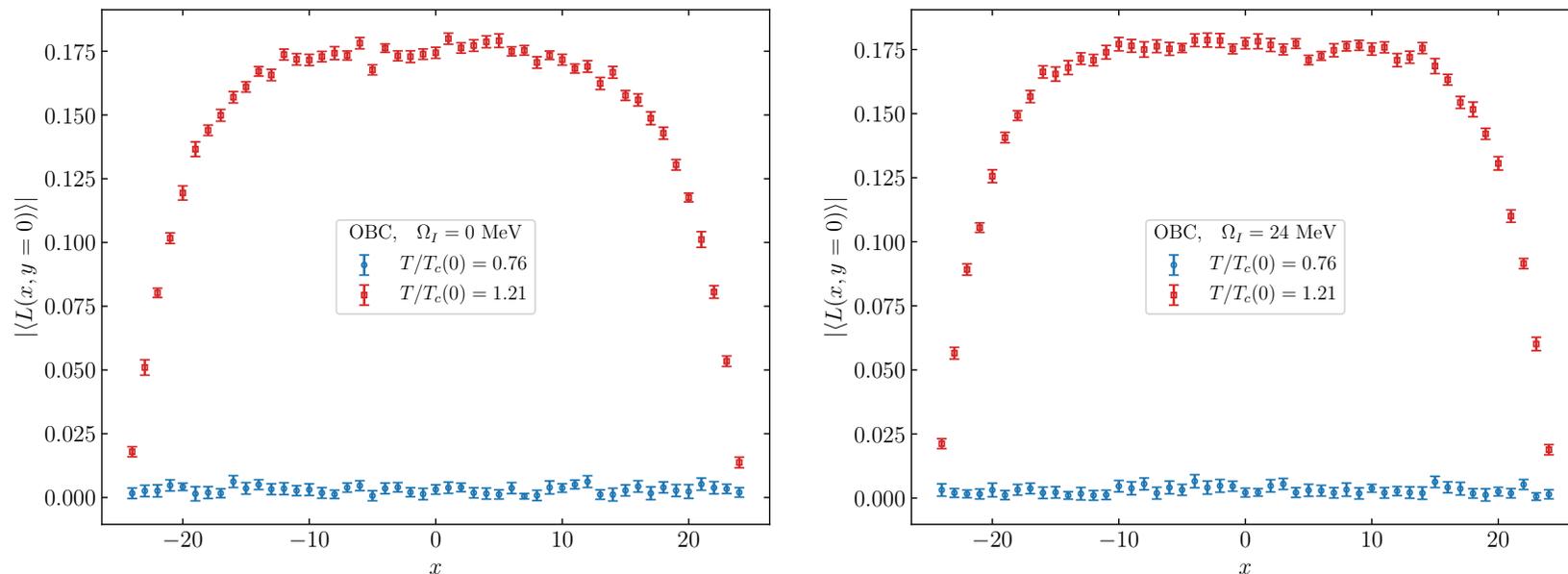
**Fukushima-Hidaka (2016)**

**Ideal Hadron Resonance Gas (IHRG) surprisingly good!**

# Successful Application II

## Controversy on rotational deconfinement

Braguta et al. (2021) — pure gluonic theory on lattice

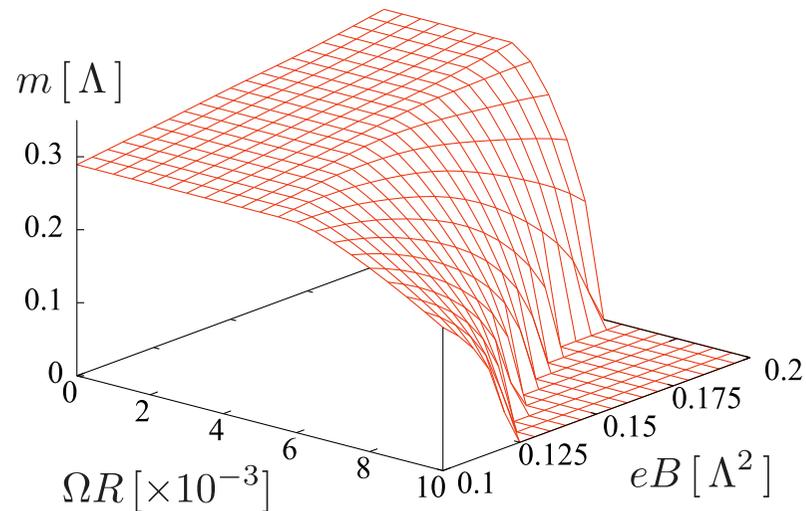


**Imaginary rotation enhances the Polyakov loop**  
**Rotation induces more confinement!?**

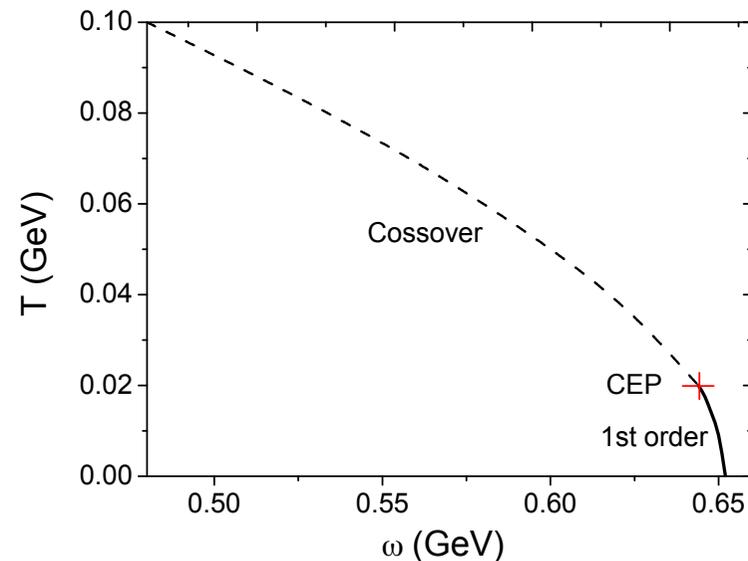
# Successful Application II

## Controversy on rotational deconfinement

Chiral sector has been well understood: rotation  $\sim$  density



Chen et al. (2015)



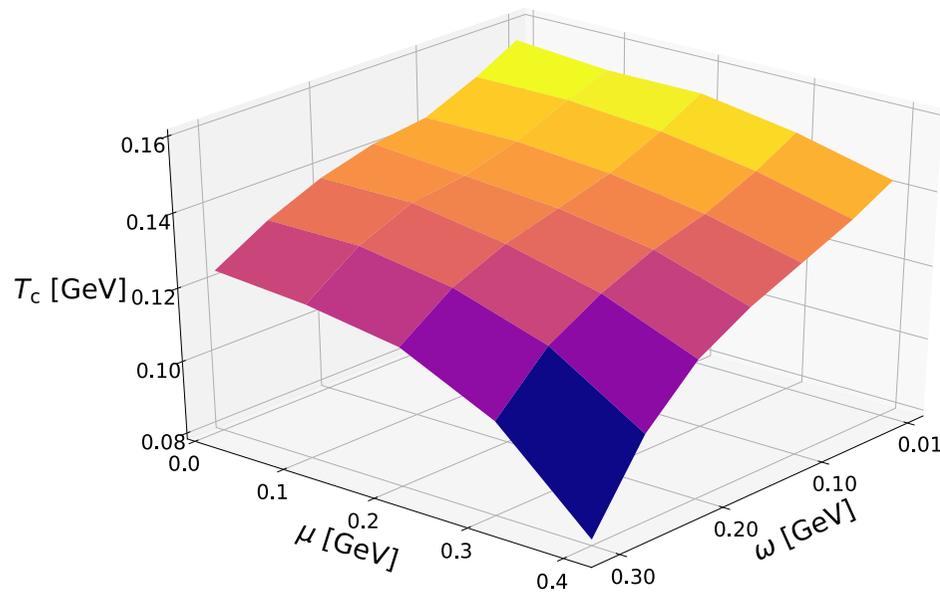
Jiang-Liao (2016)

**Chiral restoration is assisted just like density!**

# Successful Application II

## Controversy on rotational deconfinement

Fujimoto-Fukushima-Hidaka (2021)



Also **moment of inertia** estimated  
(consistent with enthalpy)

**IHRG predicts that rotation induces NOT confinement BUT deconfinement!**

Does not falsify Victor's lattice since the system is not the same.

Physics is position dependent.  
Polyakov loop?  
(private comm. with Maxim)

# HRG EoSs further



## Andronic-Braun-Munzinger-Stachel-Winn (2012)

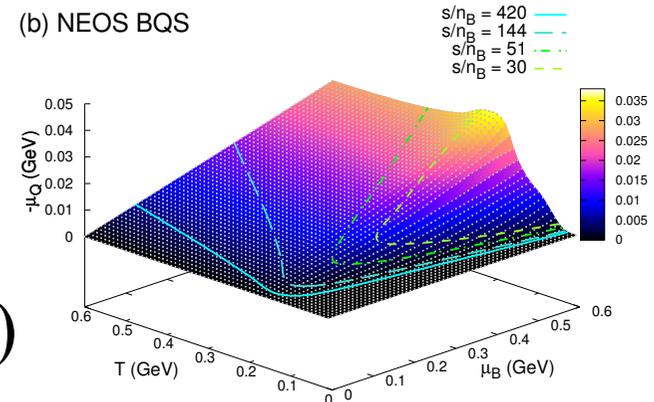
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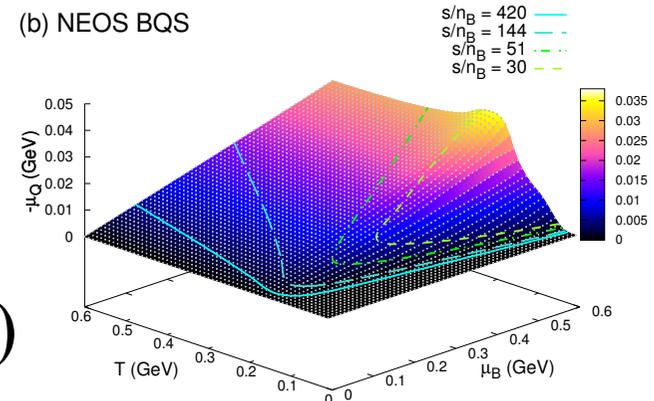
**EV enlarges the validity region**

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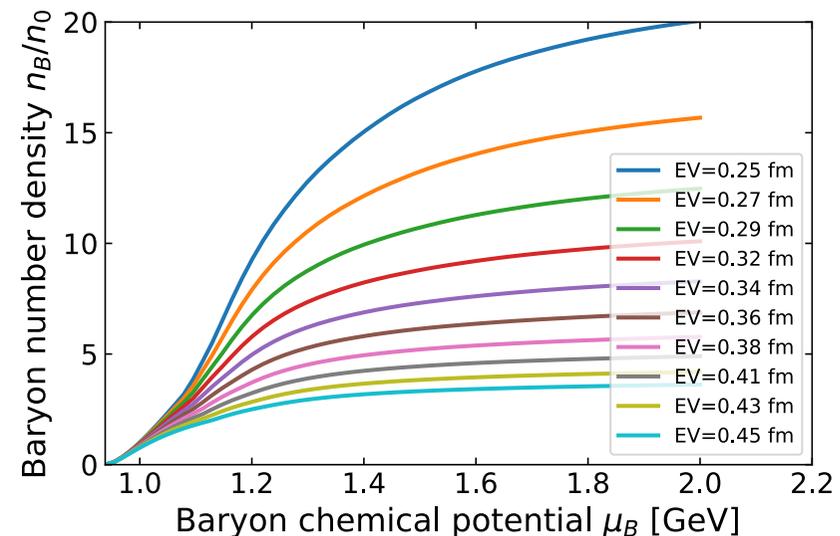
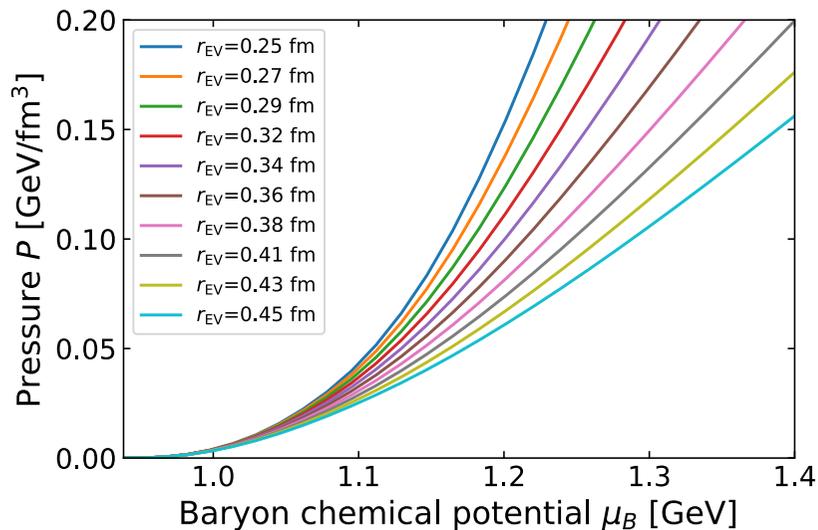
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**Can we expect EV or VDW works at higher density?**

# Excluded Volume Effects

If  $P$  is plotted versus  $n$ , the behavior blows up abruptly  
(All the following results are ones with  $\beta$  equilibrium)

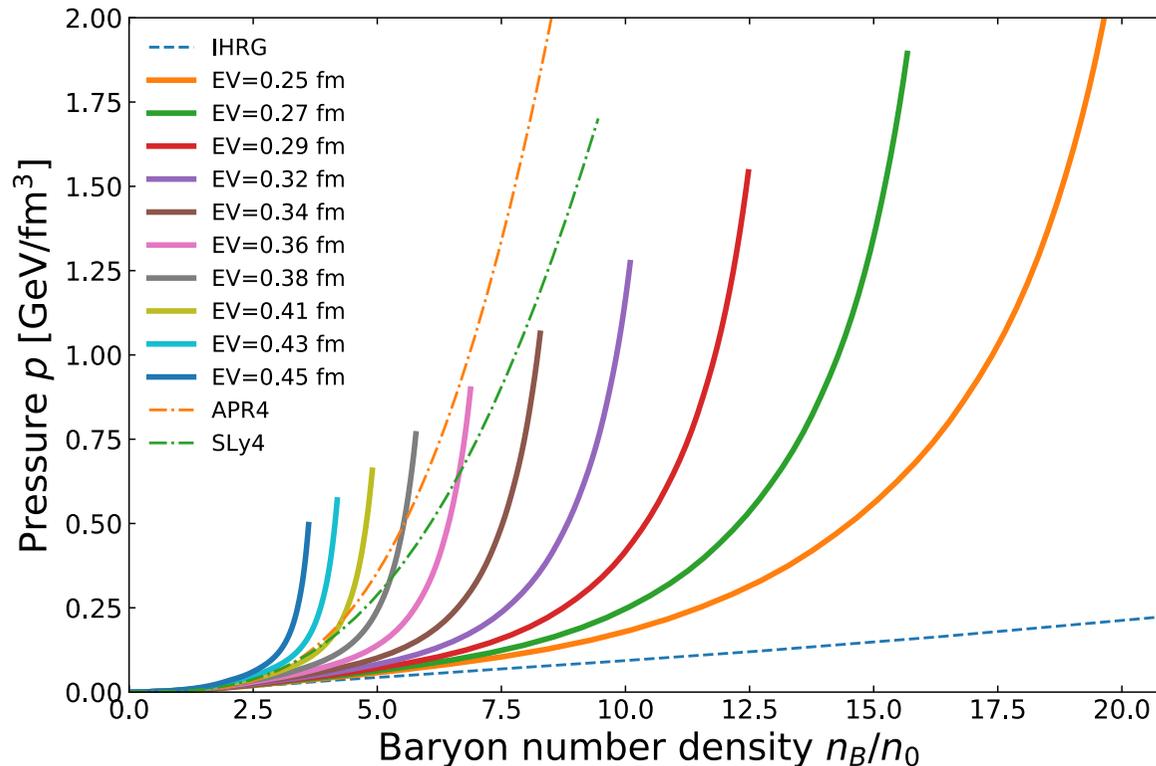


Fujimoto-Fukushima-Hidaka-Iida (in prep)

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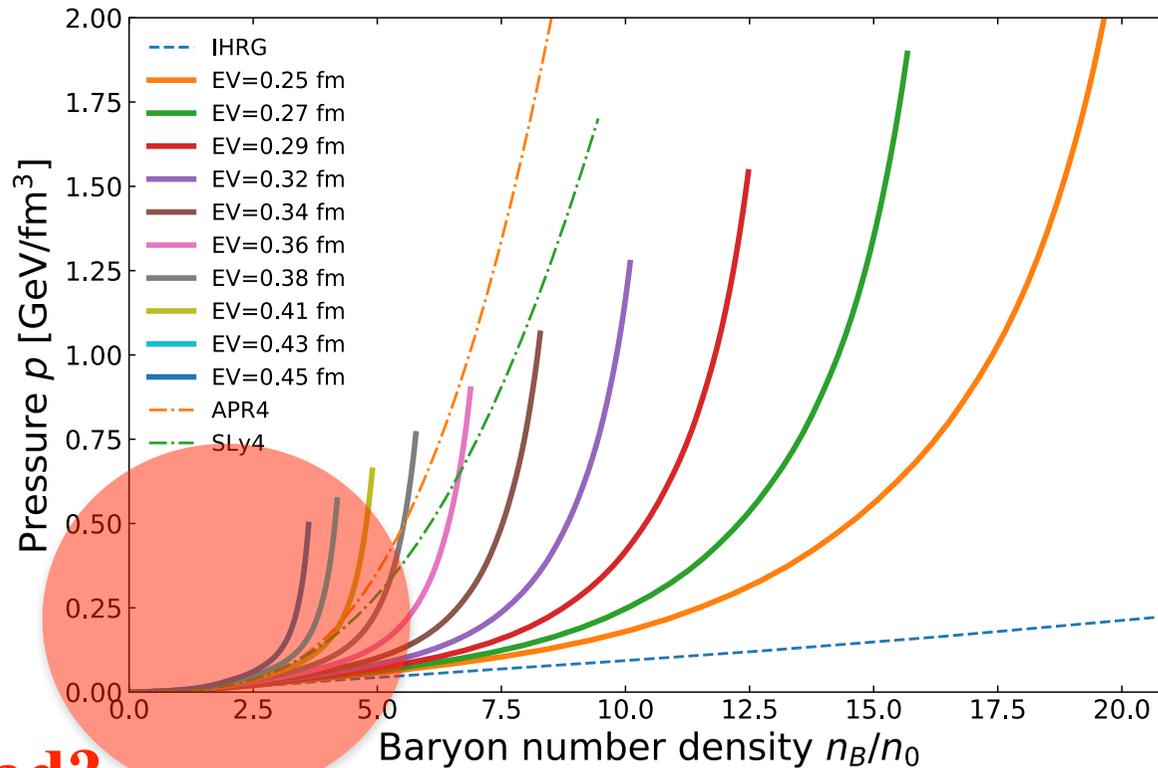


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# Excluded Volume Effects



Maybe  
not so bad?

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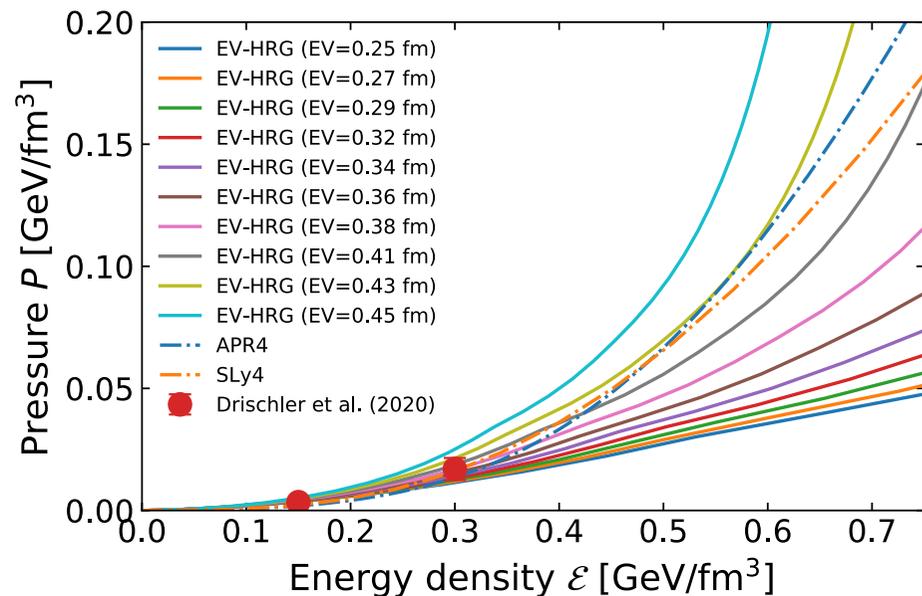
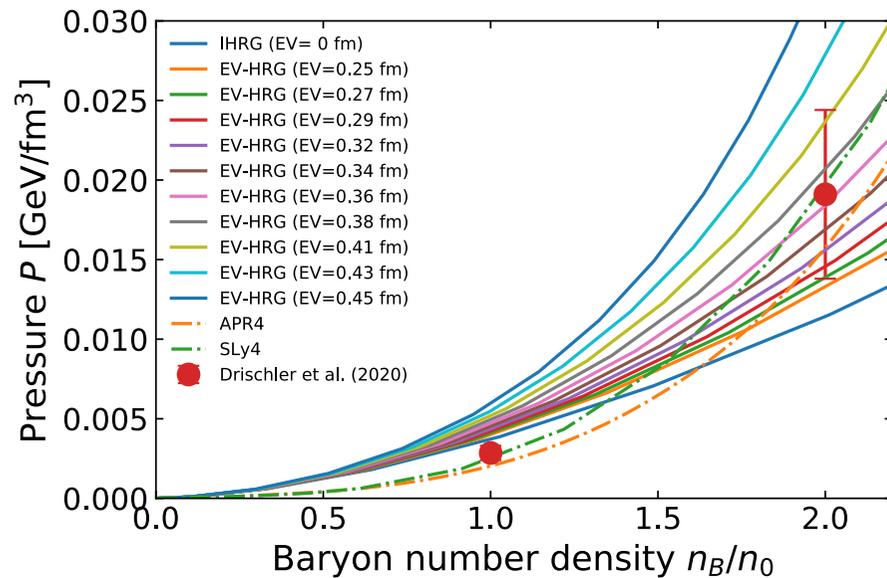
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# Excluded Volume Effects



## Comparison to Chiral EFT by Drischler et al. (2020)



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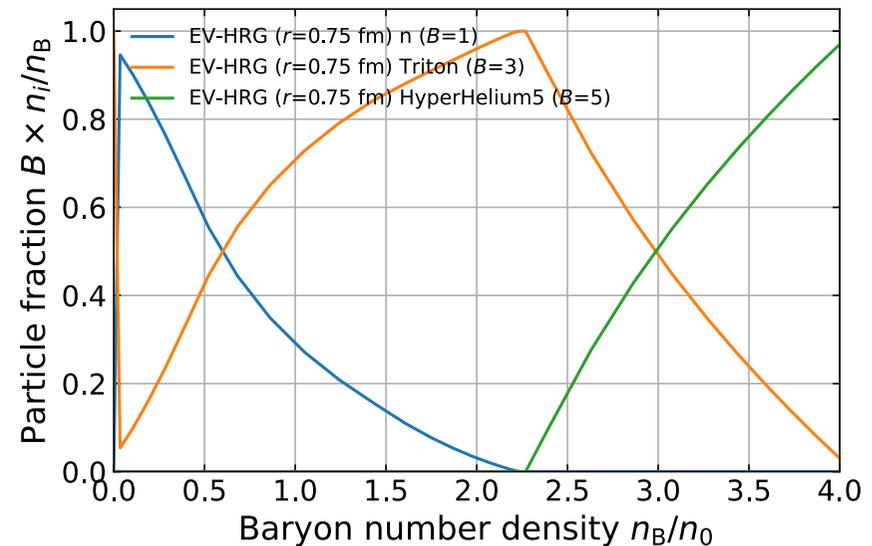
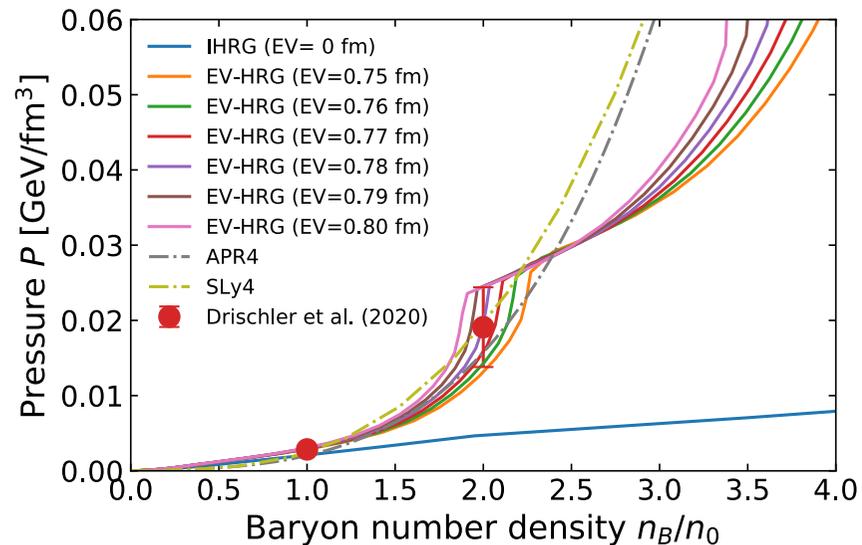
**EoS is not a crazy one up to twice saturation density.**

**$p(\varepsilon)$  may look better at high density though  $p(n_B)$  doesn't.**

# Clustering?



So far,  $B > 2$  particles were excluded by hand, and if included, larger EV fits the EoS better (**maybe overfitting**)



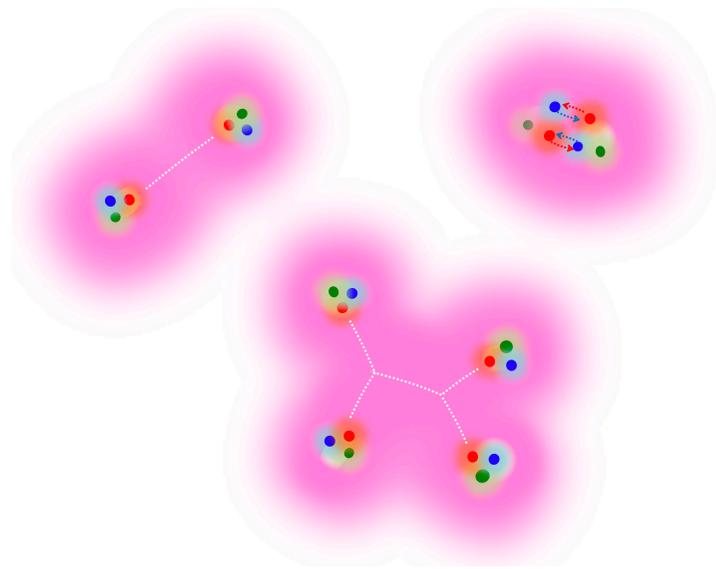
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**Quantitatively questionable, but physically reasonable  
— multi-baryon clustering more and more dominant!**

# Soft Deconfinement



**Fukushima-Kojo-Weise (2020)**



## Quantum Percolation

Many-body interactions open connected paths, but it does not necessarily mean connected wave-functions (Anderson localization — insulator).

**Details of baryon interaction is crucial at high density.  
EV (and VDW) is too rigid.**

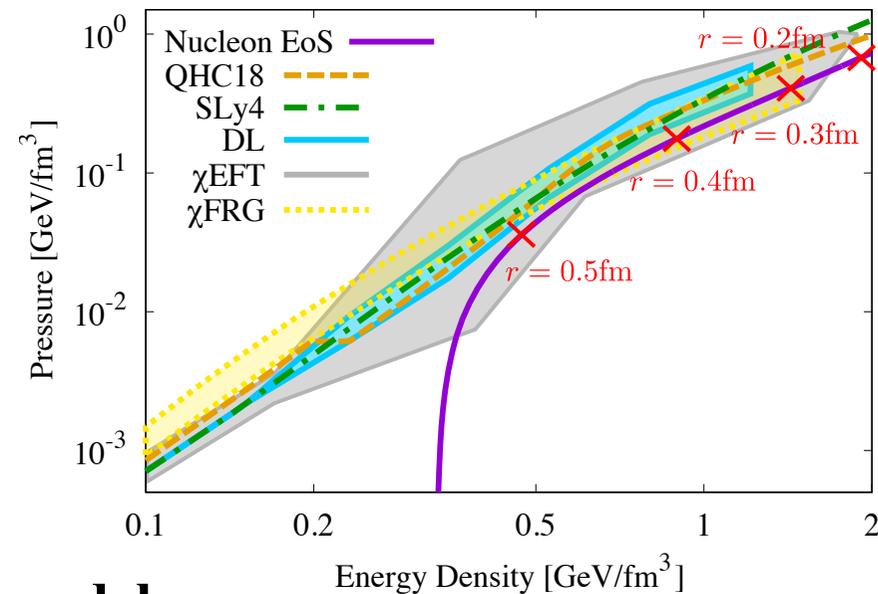
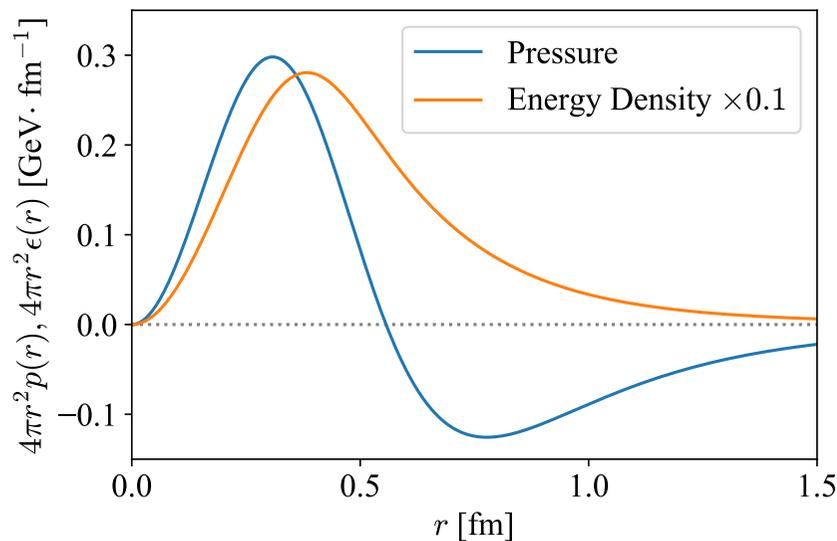
# Hard Deconfinement



## Fukushima-Kojo-Weise (2020)

Energy-momentum tensor of proton can be probed by the gravitational form factor (at EIC).

If the hydrodynamical pressure is dominated by the nucleon matrix element at high energy density, we can predict:



Calculated in a vectorized Skyrme model

# *Something to learn*



## **Toward a simple EoS model construction:**

- \* HRG with excluded volume effects may work around twice saturation density.**
- \* VDW (with excluded volume effects and attractive int.) can fit nuclear properties near the saturation density.**
- \* (Soft) deconfinement needs multi-baryon clustering and quantum percolation.**
- \* High density behavior is dominated by the nucleon inner structures (hard deconfinement).**

# — THEORY —

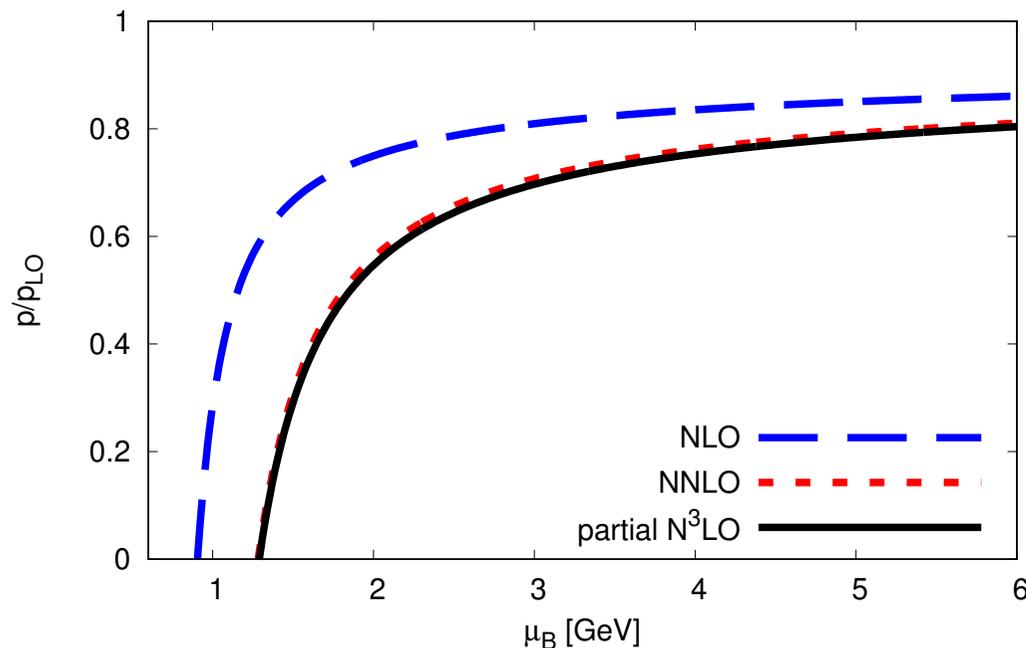
## Approaches from perturbative calculations

# Perturbation — Current Status



**At high density perturbation theory works!**

**Gorda-Kurkela-Romatschke-Sappi-Vuorinen (2018)**



**NNLO was known from  
Freedoman-McLerran (1977)**

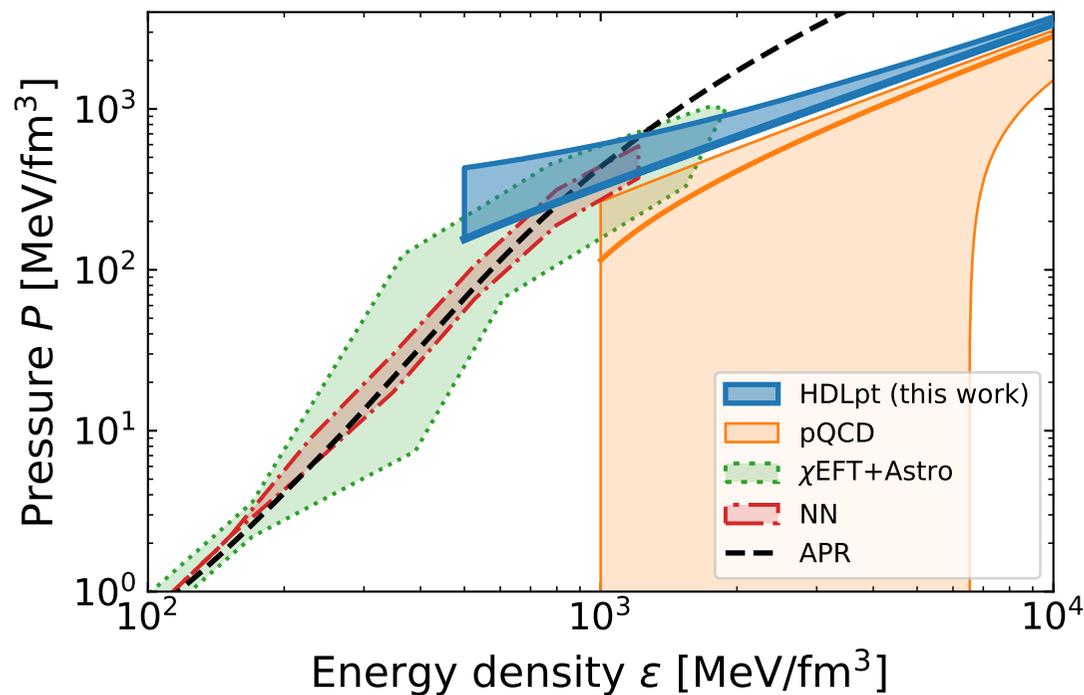
**Convergence is much better  
than high- $T$  perturbation.**

**No oscillatory divergences of  
asymptotic series...**

# Source of Uncertainty



$$\alpha_s(\bar{\Lambda}) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 \ln(\bar{\Lambda}^2 / \Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2)} \left[ 1 - \frac{2\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} \frac{\ln \ln(\bar{\Lambda}^2 / \Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2)}{\ln(\bar{\Lambda}^2 / \Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2)} \right]$$

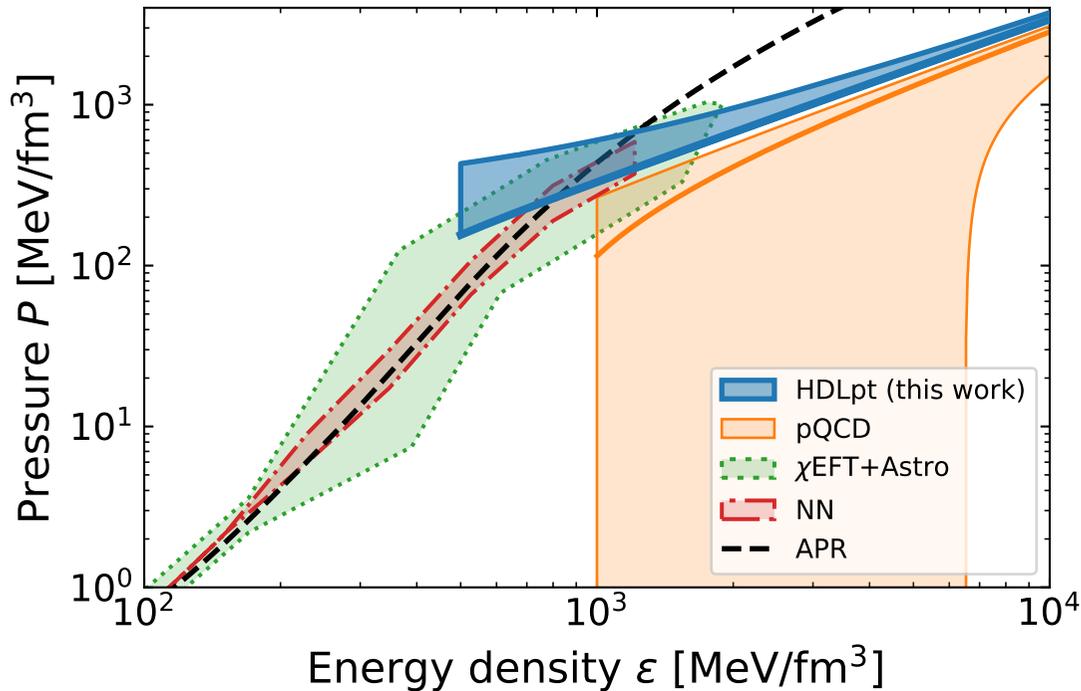


$\bar{\Lambda}$  is changed as  
 $\mu, 2\mu, 4\mu$

**Orange band represents  
NNLO + strange mass**

**Fujimoto-Fukushima (2020)**

# Source of Uncertainty (closer look)



Fujimoto-Fukushima (2020)

~~pQCD does not work?~~

pQCD works for  
 $\bar{\Lambda} > 2\mu$  reasonably!

Band is widened  
by a single line of  $\bar{\Lambda} = \mu$

- \* Simply the optimal scale should be set to be larger?
- \* A partial resummation may rescue the situation?

# Resummation so far

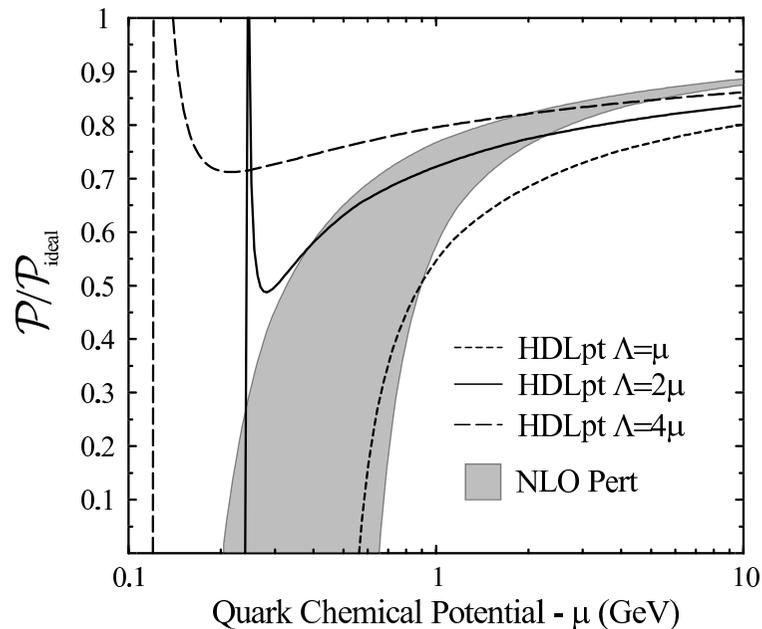


## Baier-Redlich (1999)

Zero temperature limit of HTL resummation (HDL)

## Andersen-Strickland (2002)

HDL EoS to solve dense quark stars

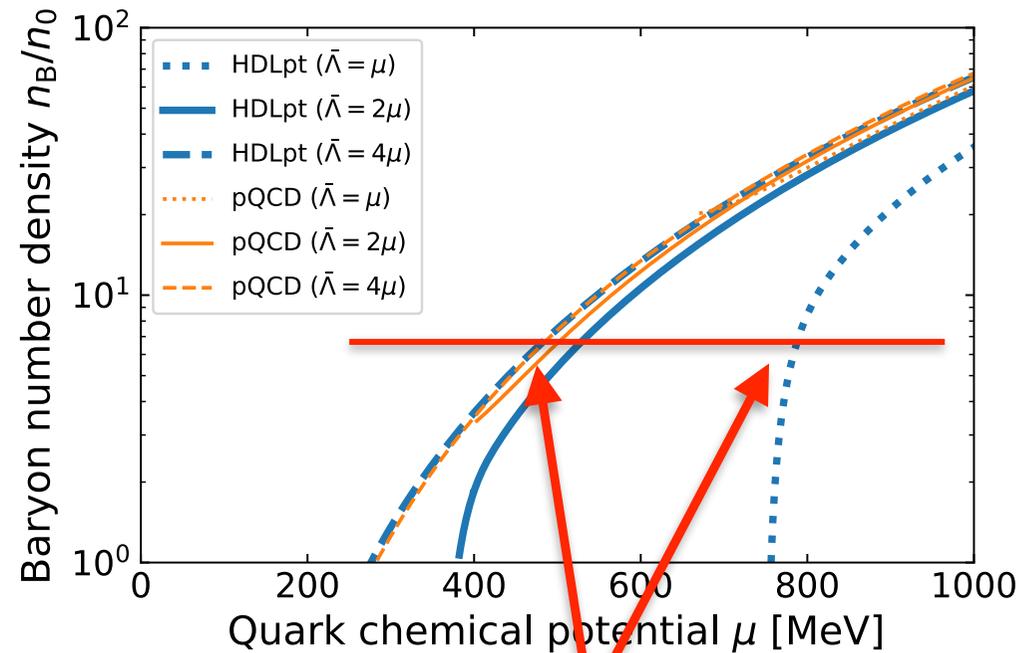
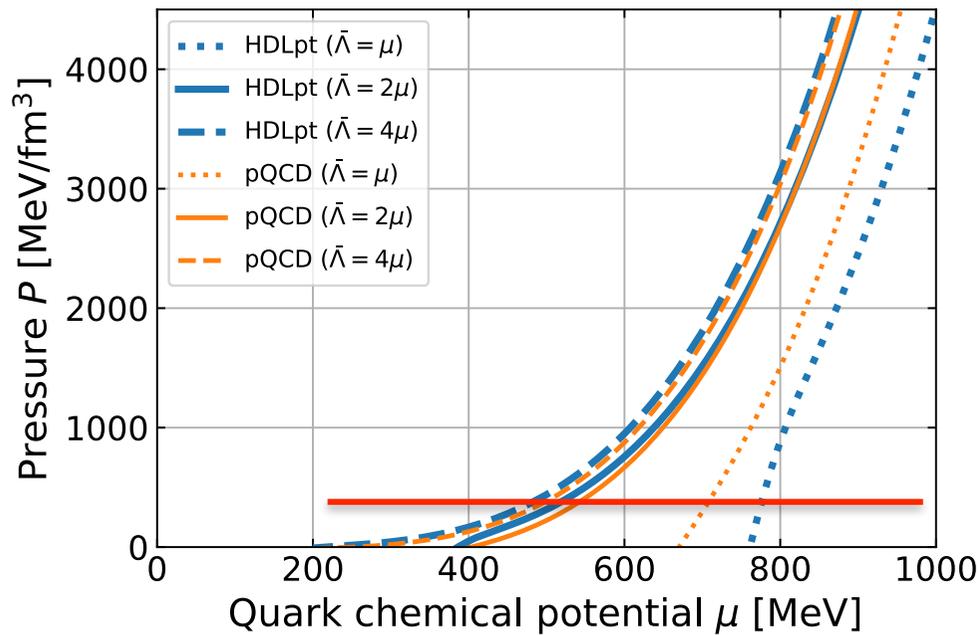


They say that uncertainty is large, but you see that it is driven by  $\bar{\Lambda} = \mu$  (dotted) line.

# Uncertainty depends on what we see



## Fujimoto-Fukushima (2020)



## Andersen-Strickland (2002)

**Some (hidden)  
scaling law???**

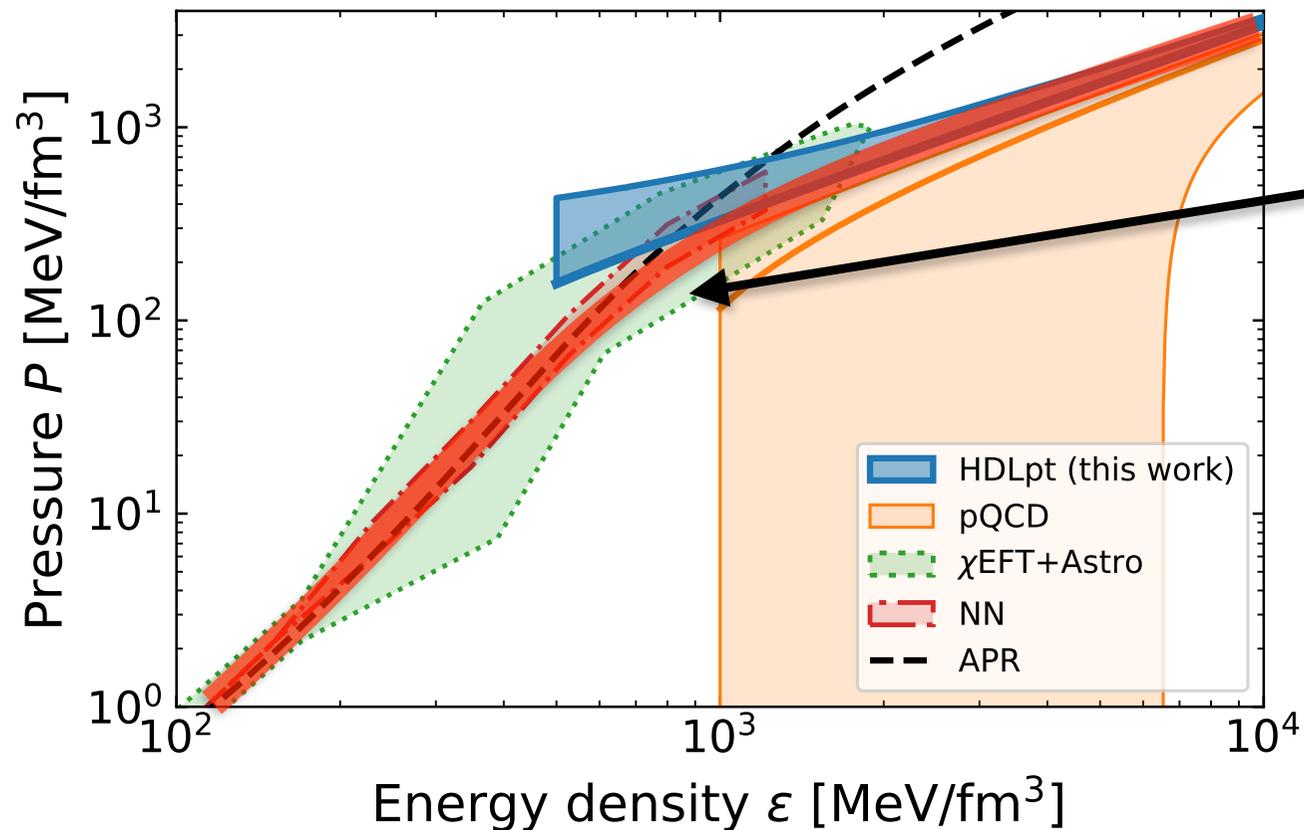
**For a given density the corresponding  $\mu$  is pushed up by the resummation**

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## Fujimoto-Fukushima (2020)

Smooth continuation from the nuclear side to the quark side could be possible now!



Crossover around here?

**No phase transition!?**

— **ACADEMIC** —

# **Topological aspects of dense nuclear matter**

# *Long Standing Puzzle*



**Is there an order parameter to characterize confinement / deconfinement with quarks?**

There are many many works by  
DeTar, McLerran, Meyer-Ortmanns, Oleszczuk, Polonyi,  
Faber, Borisenko, Zinovjev, ...

Nonlocal order parameter?

Maybe no order parameter at all?

(In principle no way to distinguish quarks?)

# Quark-Hadron Duality



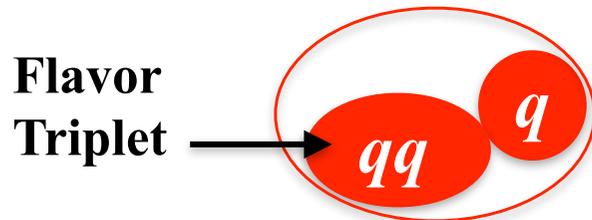
Heuristic view to understand the duality

**Hadronic Matter**

**Quark Matter**

**Baryons 8+1 (low-lying)**

**Quarks  $3_{\text{color}} \times 3_{\text{flavor}} = 9$**



Condensate



Excitation

**All the condensates and excitations have correspondence**

**8 vector mesons**

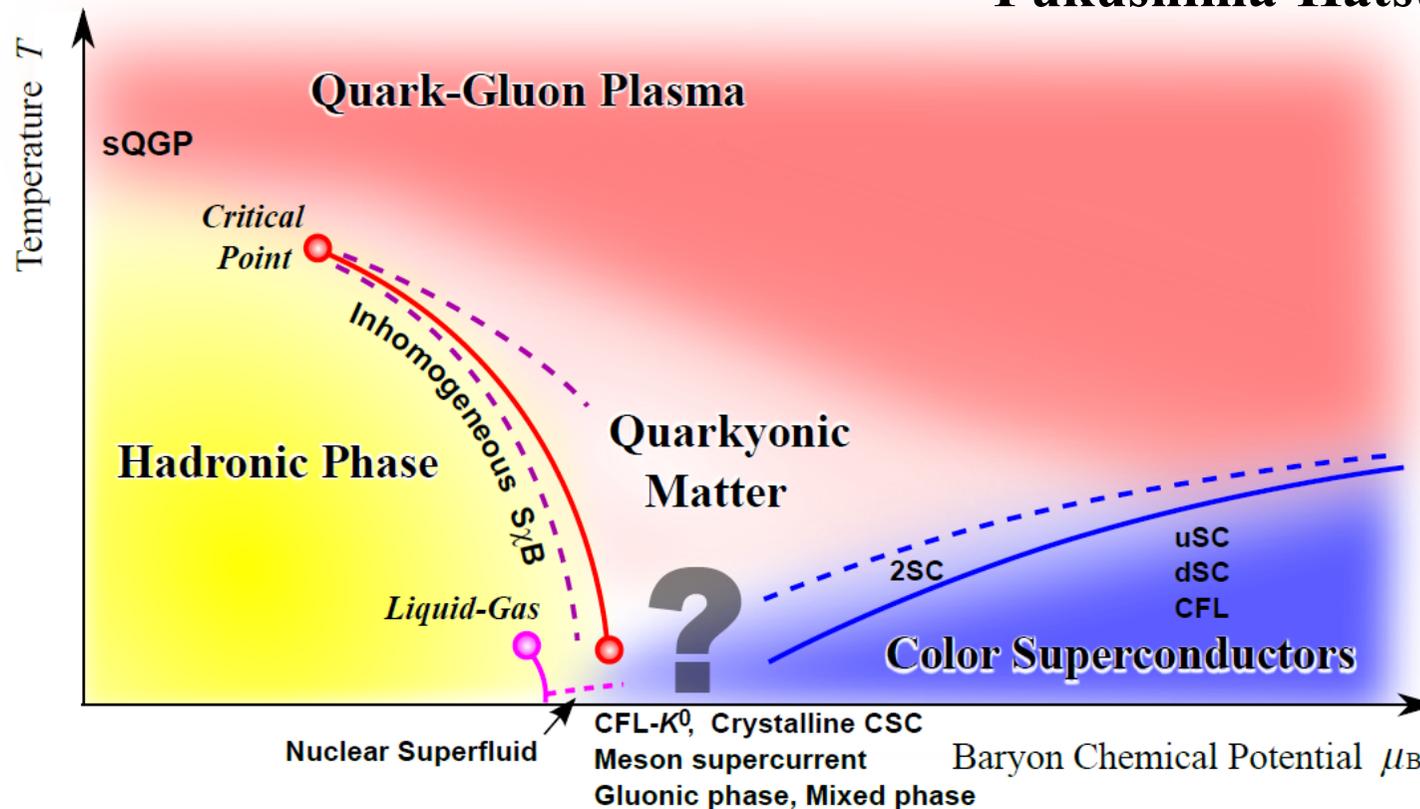
**8 gluons**

**8 pseudo-scalar mesons**

**8 tetra-quark mesons**

# Quark-Hadron Duality

Fukushima-Hatsuda (2010)

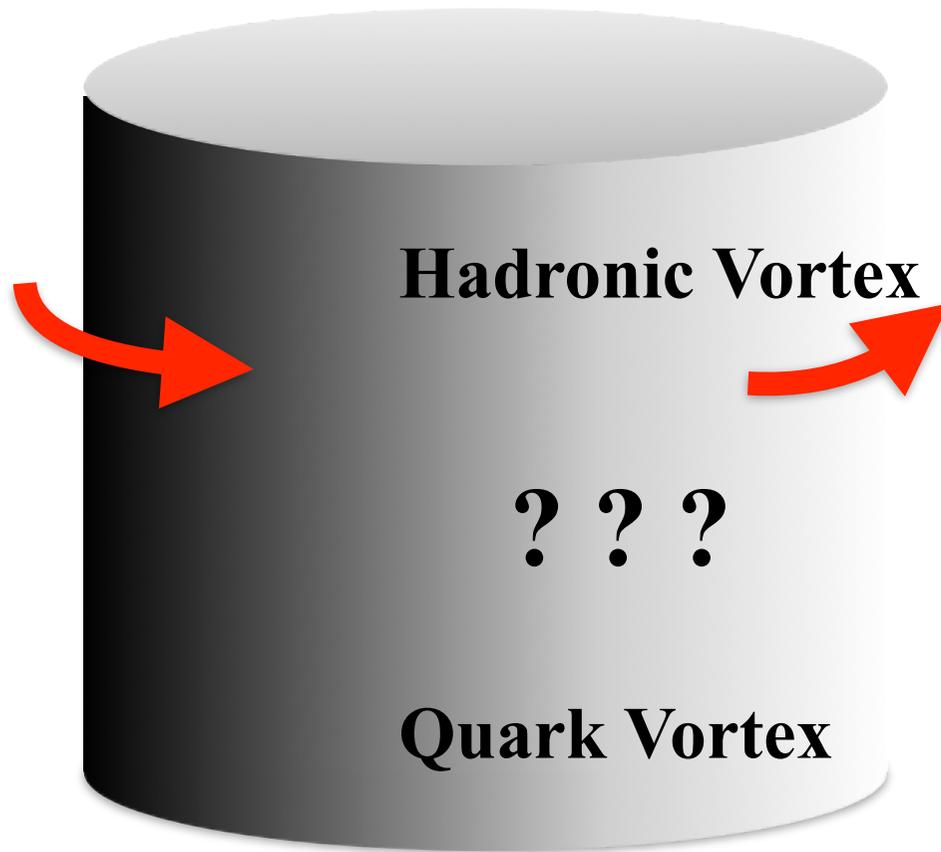


**No phase transition from the hadronic to the CSC?  
Recent works suggest a new possibility!**

# Quark-Hadron Duality



## Thinking experiment



**Rotate the bucket filled with quarks**

Upper part : Hadronic Vortex  
Lower part : Quark Vortex

**How can they be connected?**

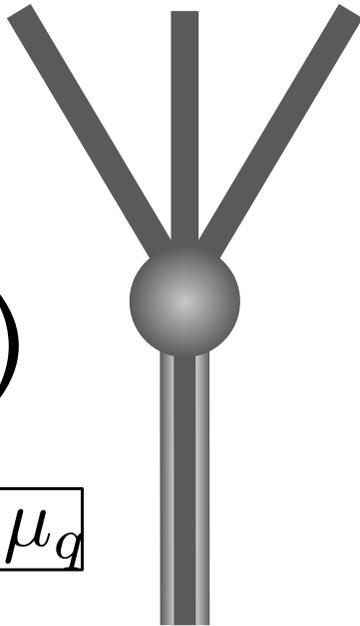
# Mismatched Circulation?



## Non-Abelian CFL vortices ~ Hadronic vortices

Hadronic Vortices

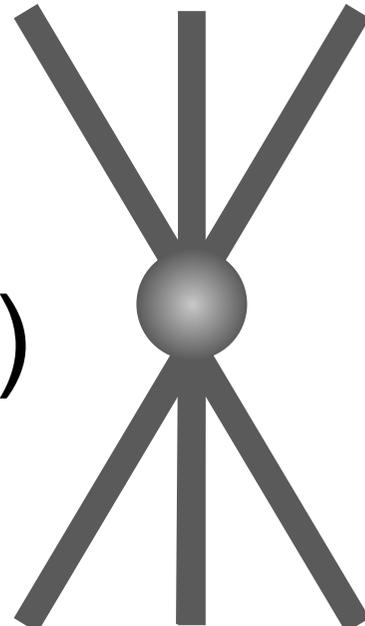
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$$\mu_B = 3\mu_q$$

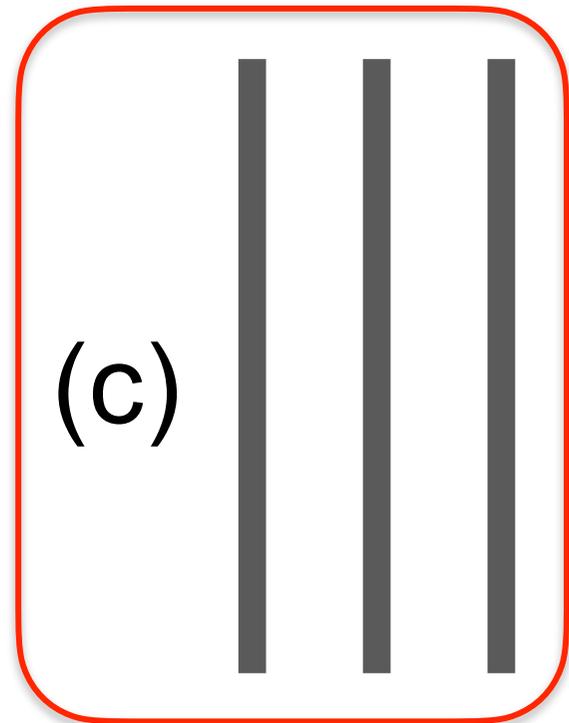
Abelian  
Vortex

(b)



Non-Abelian  
Vortices

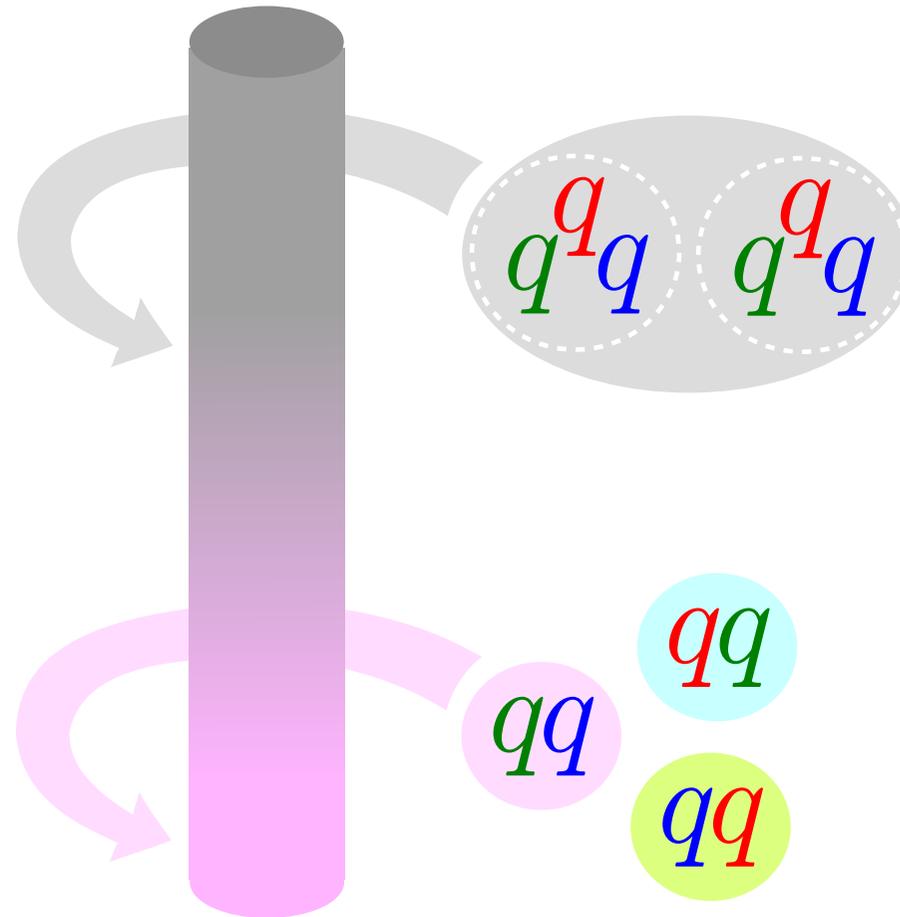
(c)



# Vortex Continuity



Alford-Baym-Fukushima-Hatsuda-Tachibana (2018)



# Vortex Continuity Falsified?

Cherman-Sen-Yaffe (2018)

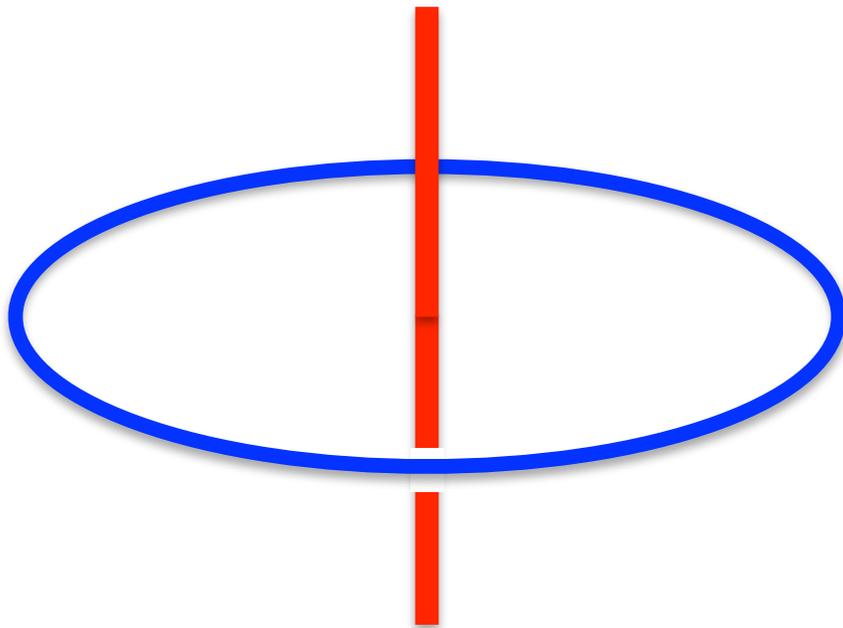
$$\langle W_3(C) \rangle / \langle W_0(C) \rangle \sim e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3} \nu}$$

Non-abelian vortex solution can be written down explicitly.

“Topological” braiding phase taking  $Z_3$  values discovered!

**Wilson line generates 2-form  $Z_3$  symmetry in quark matter**

**cf. Hirono-Tanizaki (2018)**



# *Vortex Continuity Falsified?*



## **Possible Scenarios**

If the braiding phase emerges in the Higgs phase but *not in the confined phase*.... Cherman-Jacobson-Sen-Yaffe (2020)

**There must be a phase interface (phases distinguished by emergent 2-form symmetry).**

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**Fujimoto-Fukushima-Hidaka-Hirono (in prep.)**

$$\Phi^{(1)} = \Delta_{\text{CFLE}} e^{\frac{i}{3}\nu_1\varphi} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{2i}{3}\nu_1\varphi} f(r) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{i}{3}\nu_1\varphi} g(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-\frac{i}{3}\nu_1\varphi} g(r) \end{pmatrix}$$

U(1) counterpart is needed in the hadronic phase, and a natural candidate is the  $\omega$  meson.

How the  $\omega$  meson Wilson loop counts the baryon flux should be (probably?) dictated by the WZW action.

# *Vortex Continuity Conjecture*



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**Fujimoto-Fukushima-Hidaka-Hirono (in prep.)**

**If our scenario is the case, the superfluid vortices in nuclear matter (found in neutron stars) are nontrivially charged by  $Z_3$  generated topologically by the vector meson Wilson loop!?**

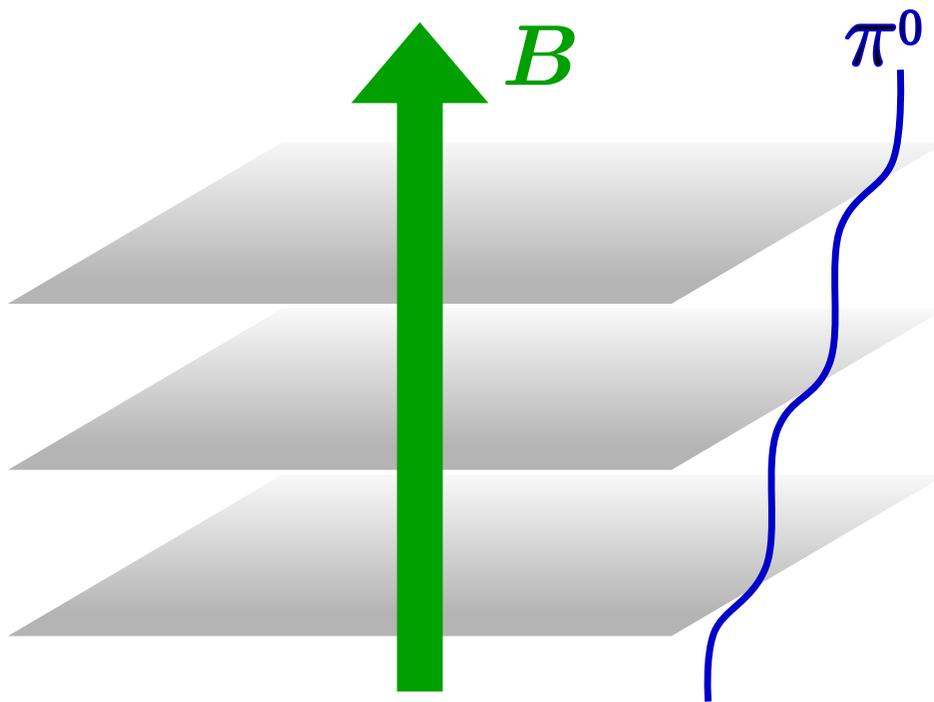
**Nuclear matter may be more nontrivial than we may think!**  
**Such nontrivial features might be probed by magnetic field?**

# Nuclear matter under strong $B$



## Brauner-Yamamoto (2016)

Under strong  $B$   $\pi^\pm$  are massive and only  $\pi^0$  remains massless.



$\pi^0$  domain-wall layers  
should be the ground  
state of nuclear matter.

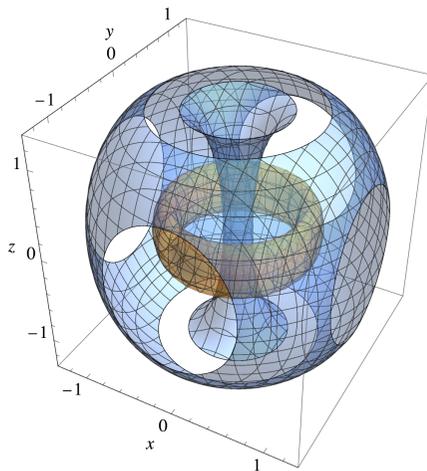
Baryon density is  
associated with  $\pi_1(U(1))$

# Single Skyrmion under $B$

## Chen-Fukushima-Qiu (in completion)

In a Skyrme model the baryon number comes from  $\pi_3(SU(2))$

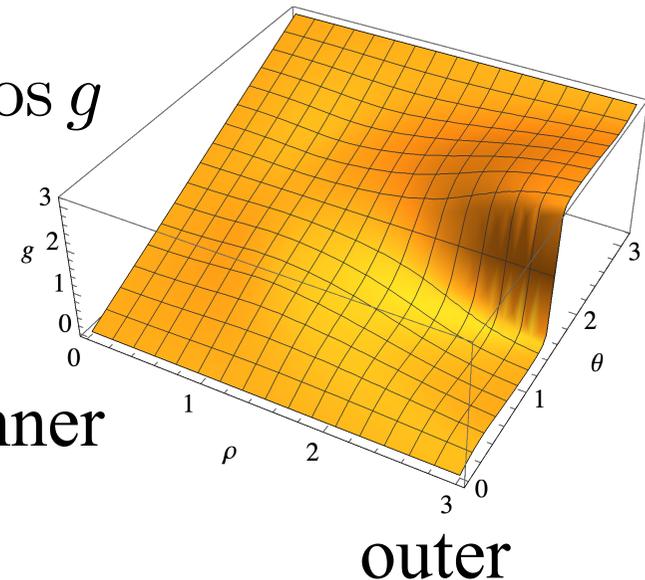
We relaxed the hedgehog Ansatz and studied the deformation.



**Topological winding never unwound  
(to preserve the baryon number)**

$$\pi^0 = f \cos g$$

**Center keeps hedgehog, but outer  
is surrounded by  $\pi^0$  domain wall  
(whose amplitude is very small)**



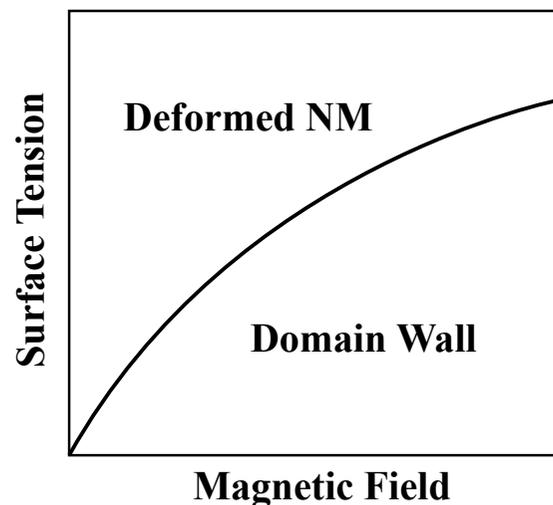
# Skyrme crystal under $B$



**A single Skyrmion can be generalized to a Skyrme crystal by imposing a boundary condition (Klebanov)**

**We found several consistent boundary conditions and one of them corresponds to the  $\pi^0$  domain wall!**

**We are now quantifying the phase diagram:  
(The criterion to determine the phase boundary is nontrivial)**



**Topological realizations change at a certain magnetic field.  
(No continuous deformation)**

# *Take-Home Messages*

## **Phenomenological EoS**

- Interacting HRG may have validity regions overlapping with a deconfined state of matter.
- Excluded volume effects (including van der Waals) are not sufficient but inner structures are crucial.

## **Perturbative Approach**

- Convergence is not bad, but the uncertainty appears from the running coupling, which can be improved.

## **Topological Nuclear Matter**

- Topological nature of vortices and domain walls in nuclear matter should deserve more investigations!