

Phase Transitions in Dense Matter

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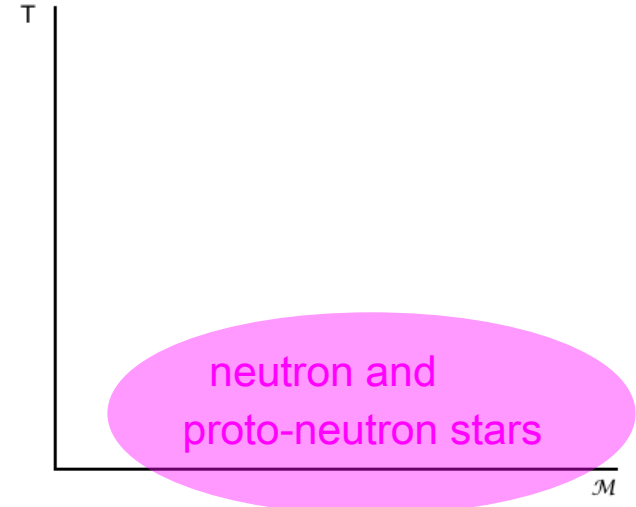
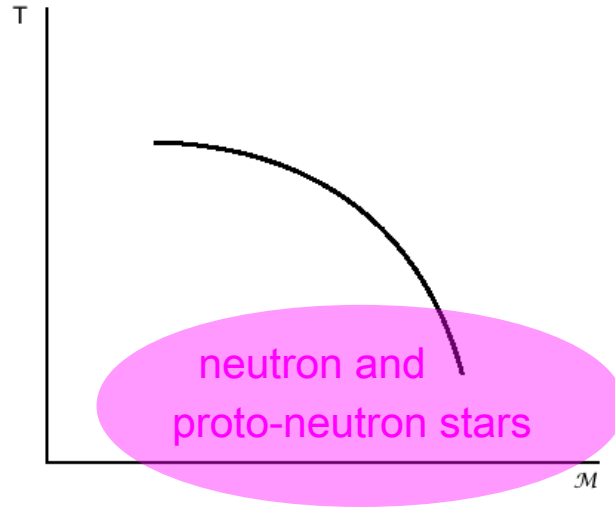
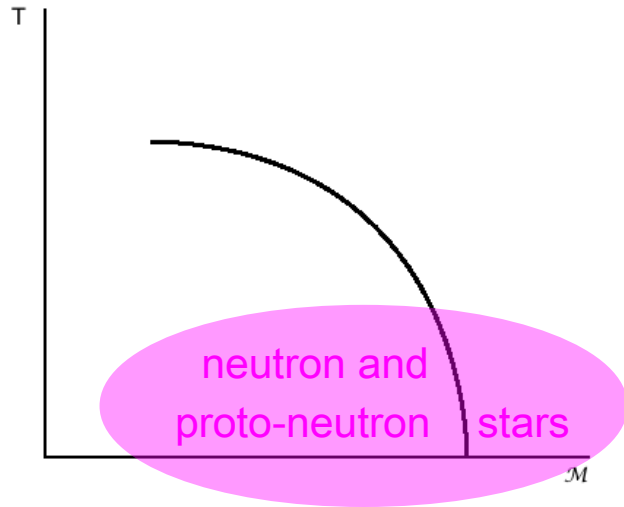
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★ Motivation:

- very little information about the QCD phase diagram at zero or low temperature

- strength of transition
- population (required for cooling simulations, etc)



★ CMF (Chiral Mean Field) Model:

- extended non-linear realization of SU(3) sigma model
- uses pseudo-scalar mesons as parameters of chiral transformation
- includes baryon octet, leptons and quarks
- fitted to reproduce nuclear, lattice QCD and astrophysical constraints
- effective masses

$$m_b^* = g_{b\sigma}\sigma + g_{b\delta}\tau_3\delta + g_{b\zeta}\zeta + \delta m_b + g_{b\Phi}\Phi^2$$

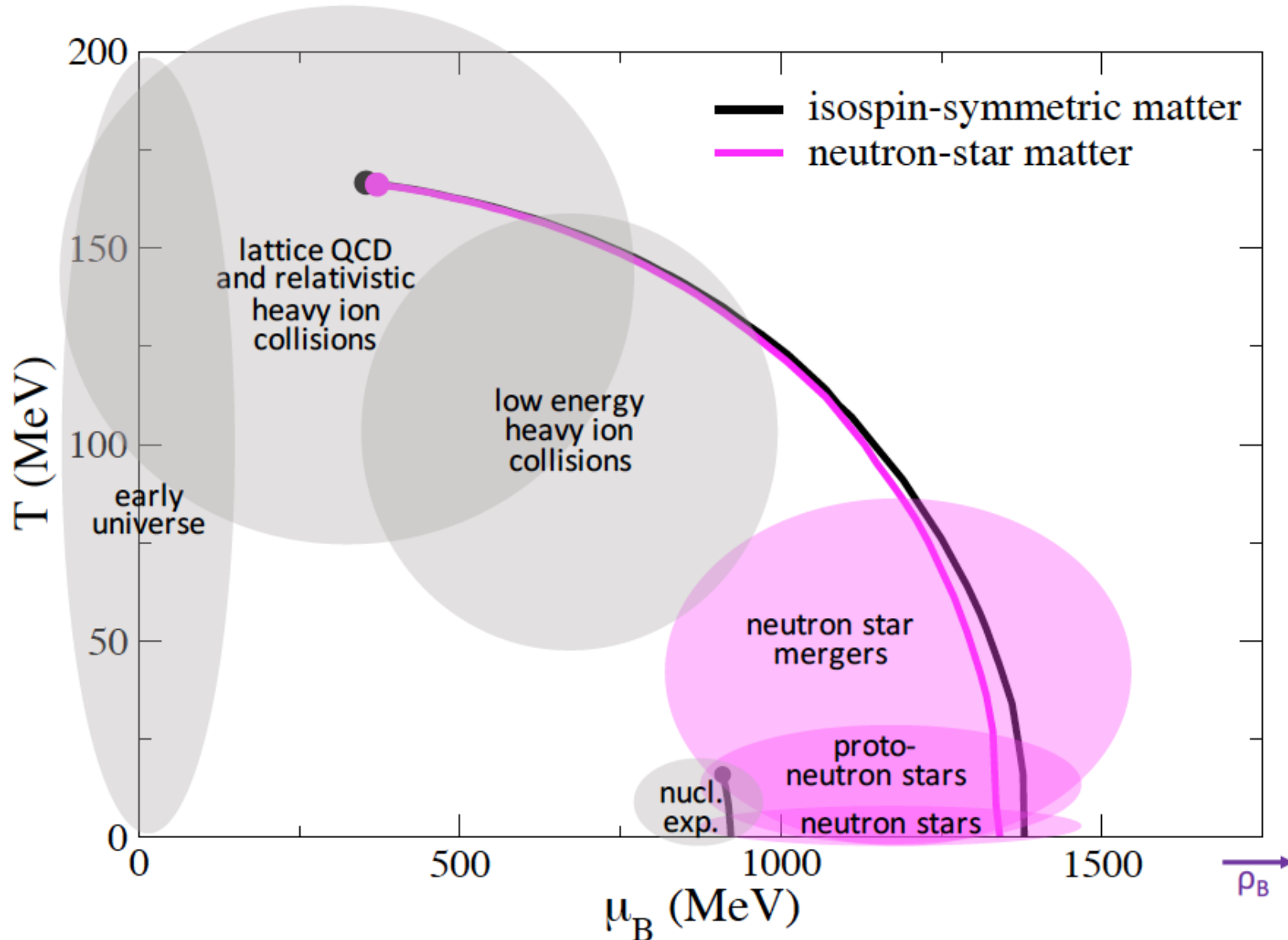
$$m_q^* = g_{q\sigma}\sigma + g_{q\delta}\tau_3\delta + g_{q\zeta}\zeta + \delta m_q + g_{q\Phi}(1 - \Phi)$$

- 1st order phase transitions or crossovers (order parameters σ, Φ)
- potential for Φ (deconfinement)

$$U = (a_0 T^4 + a_1 \mu^4 + a_2 T^2 \mu^2)\phi^2 + a_3 T_0^4 \ln(1 - 6\phi^2 + 8\phi^3 - 3\phi^4)$$

☆ General Picture:

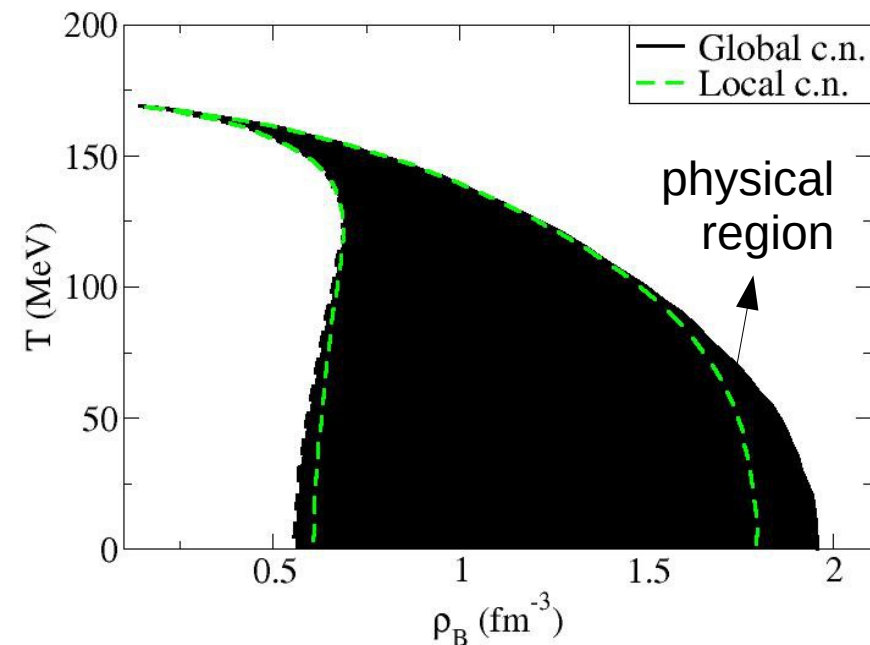
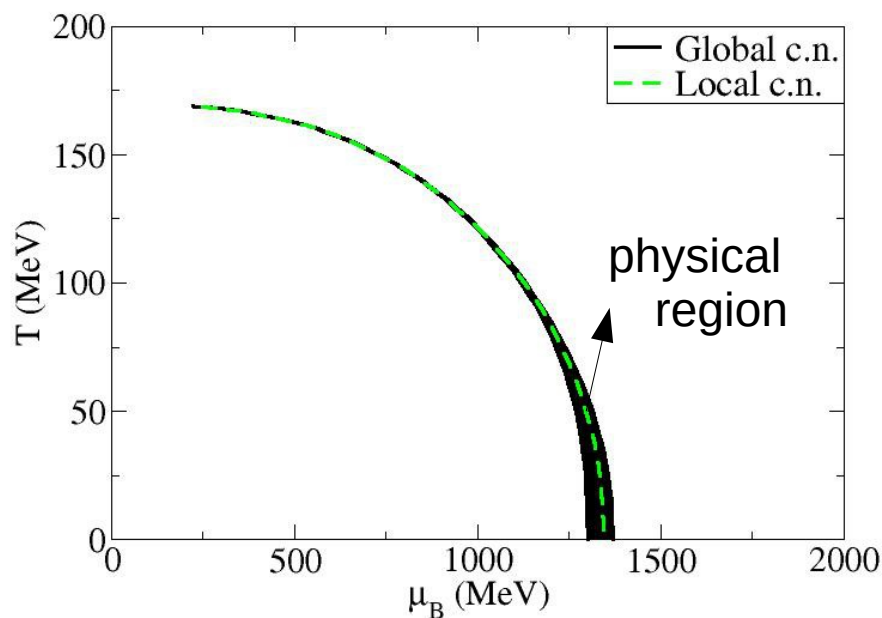
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★ Neutron Star Matter: Local and Global Charge Neutrality:

- absence / presence of mixture of phases: surface tension ???

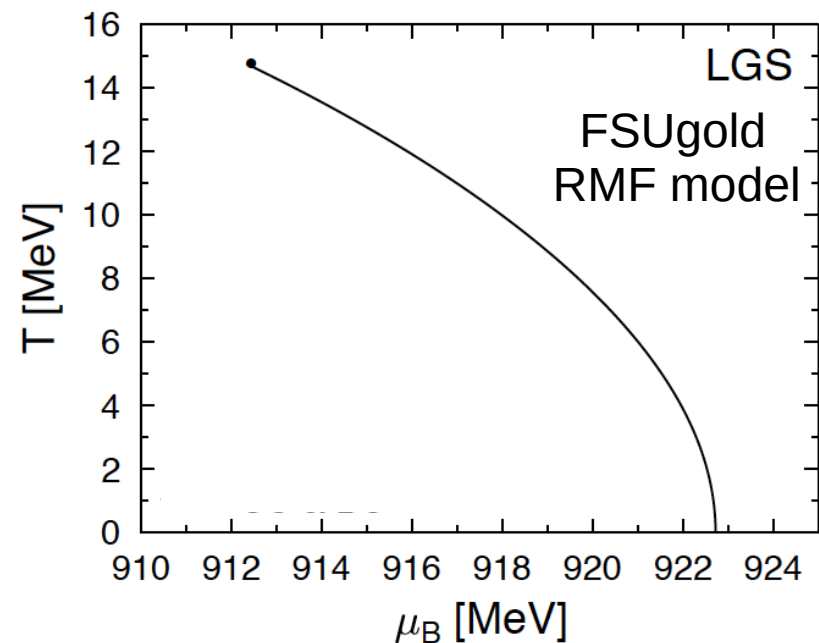
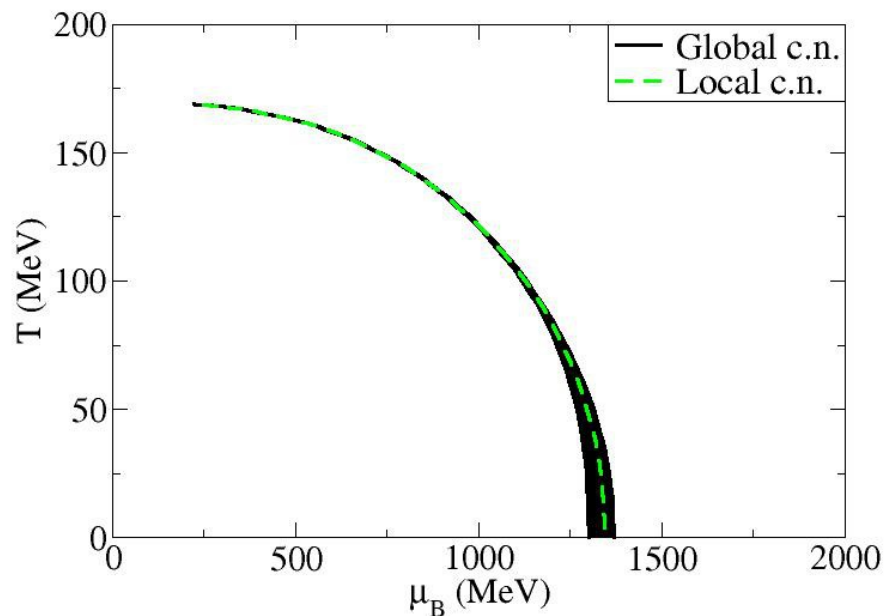
- “mixed” quantities like $\rho_B = \lambda \rho_B^Q + (1 - \lambda) \rho_B^H$



Hempel et al. Phys. Rev. C 2013

★ Non-congruent Phase Transitions:

- more than one globally conserved charge within 2 macroscopic phases (in a Coulomb-less model): baryon #, electric charge
- local concentration of charge varies during phase transition
- same chemical potential (assoc. to charge) in both phases (μ_q)
- non-congruent features vanish around critical point
- different from symmetric matter liquid-gas



★ More Comparisons with Nuclear L-G:

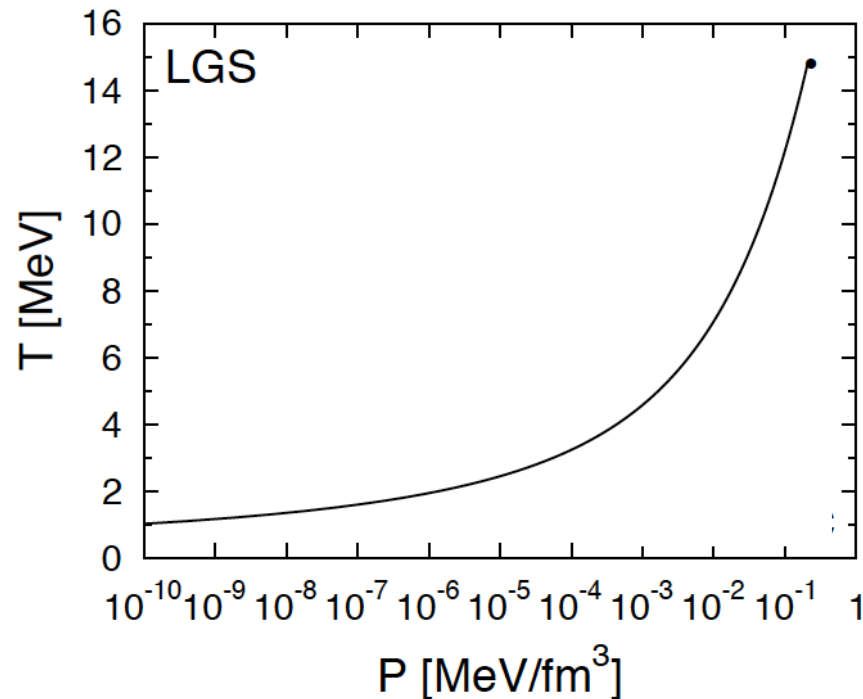
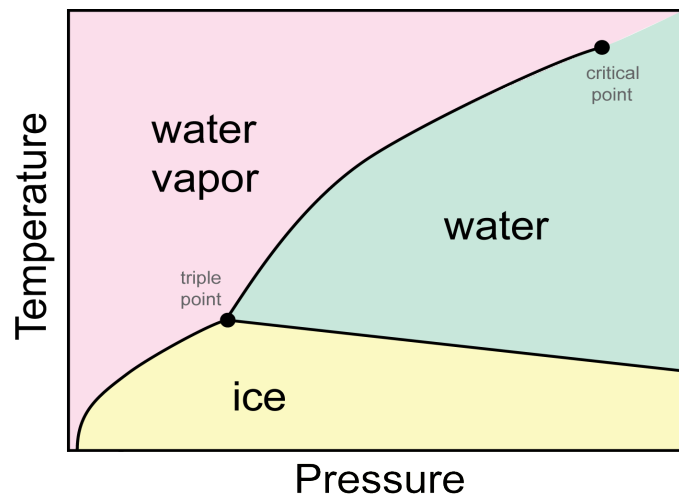
- Clausius-Clapeyron equation
$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{s^I - s^{II}}{1/\rho_B^I - 1/\rho_B^{II}}$$

- $s_q^{II} > s_h^I$, $\rho_{Bq}^{II} > \rho_{Bh}^I$

so $dP/dT < 0$ for deconfinement!

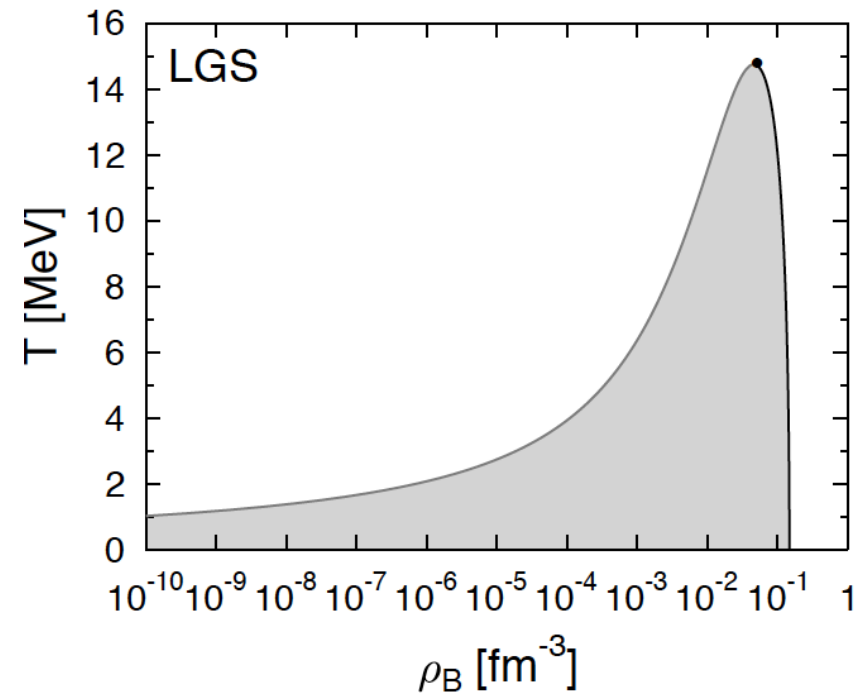
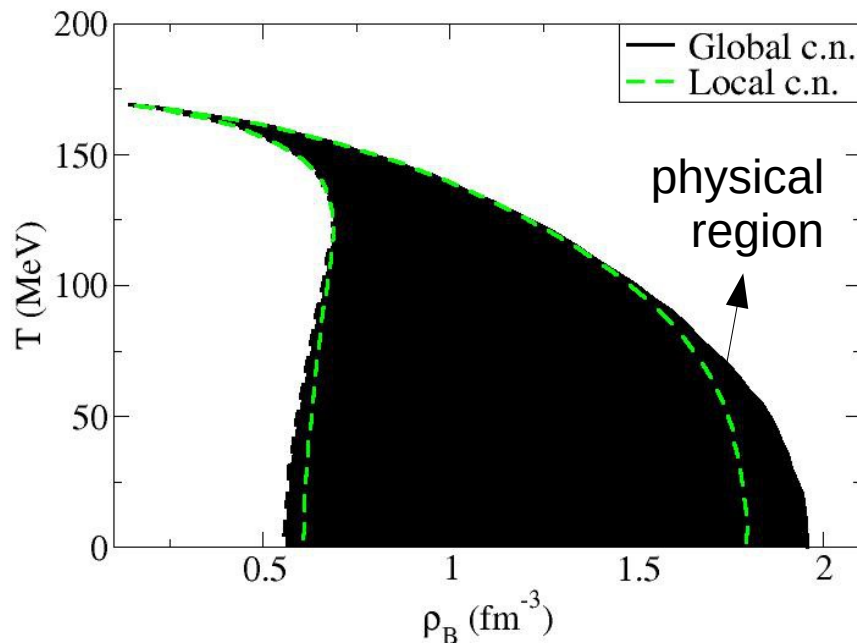
- $s_L^{II} < s_G^I$, $\rho_{BL}^{II} > \rho_{BG}^I$

so $dP/dT > 0$ for L-G!



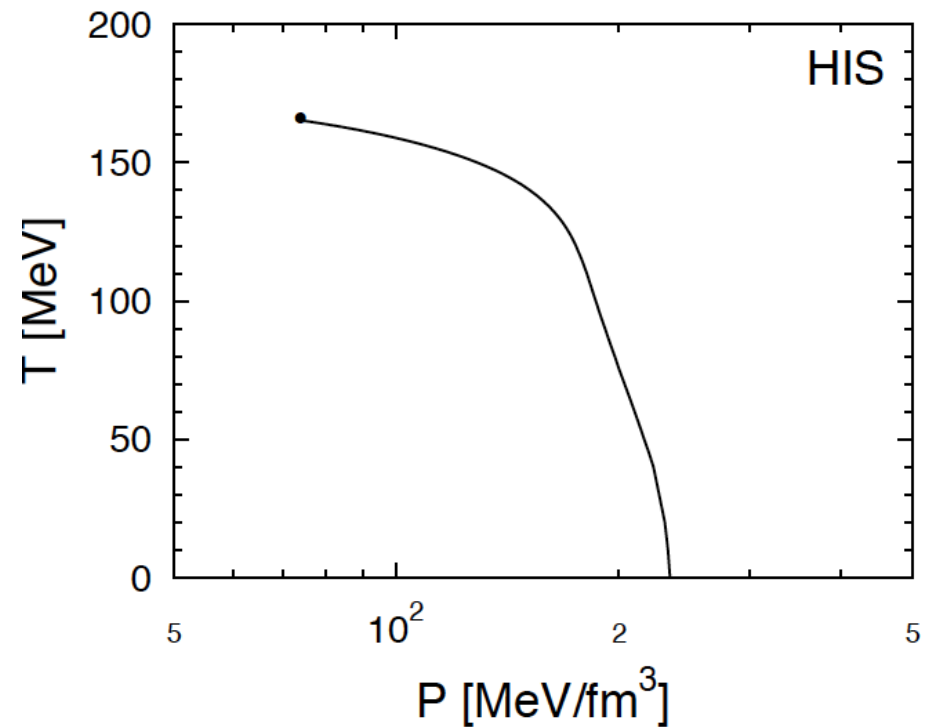
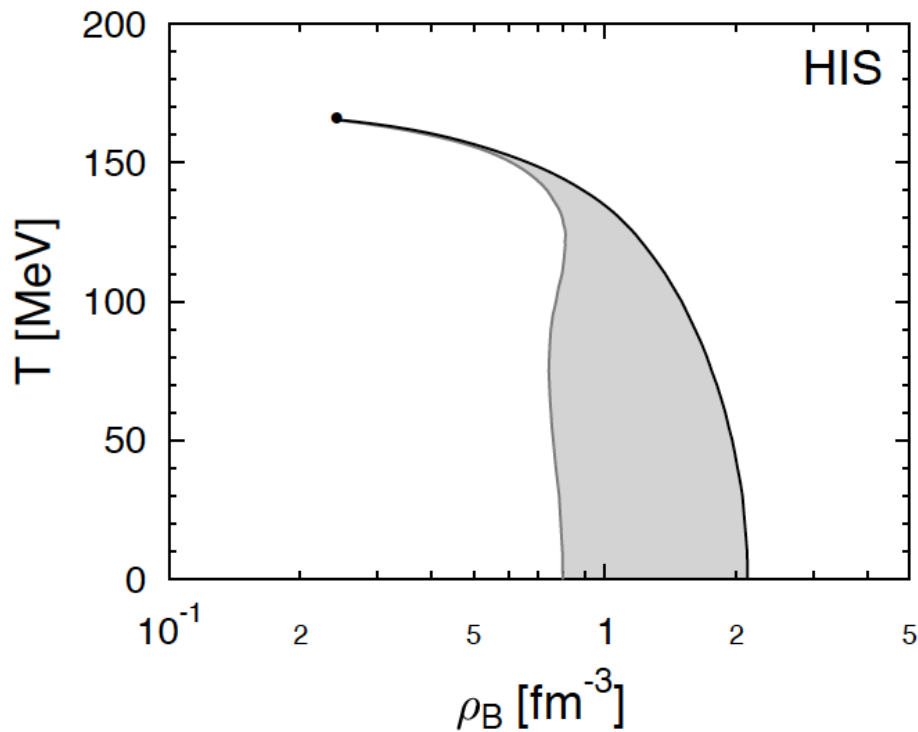
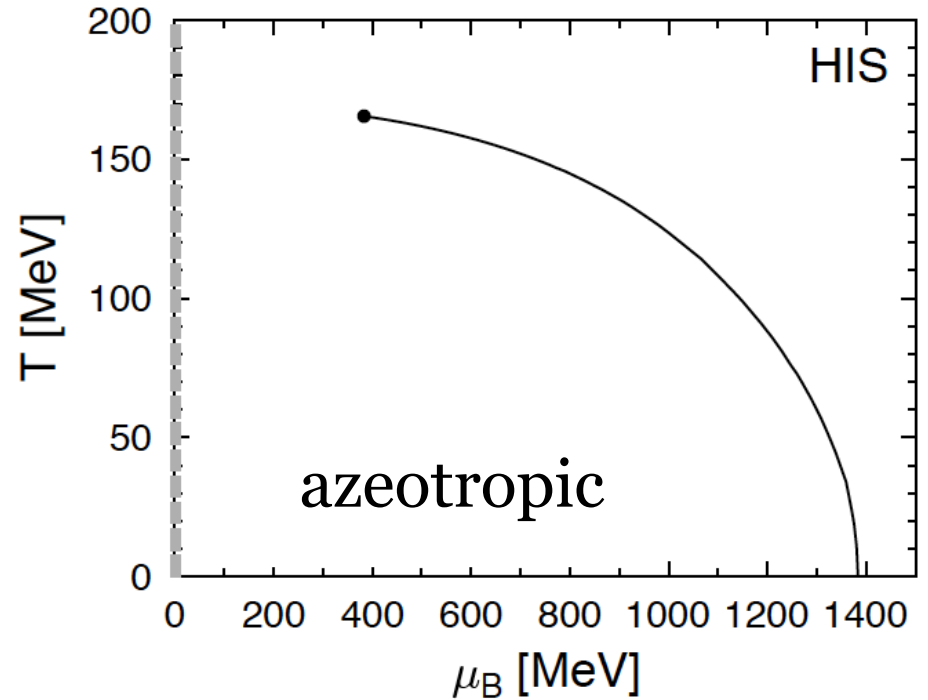
★ Even More Comparisons with Nuclear L-G:

- different behavior at $T=0$ for hadronic matter and nuclei:
Fermi-Dirac statistics
- all features vanish around critical point for deconfinement phase transitions



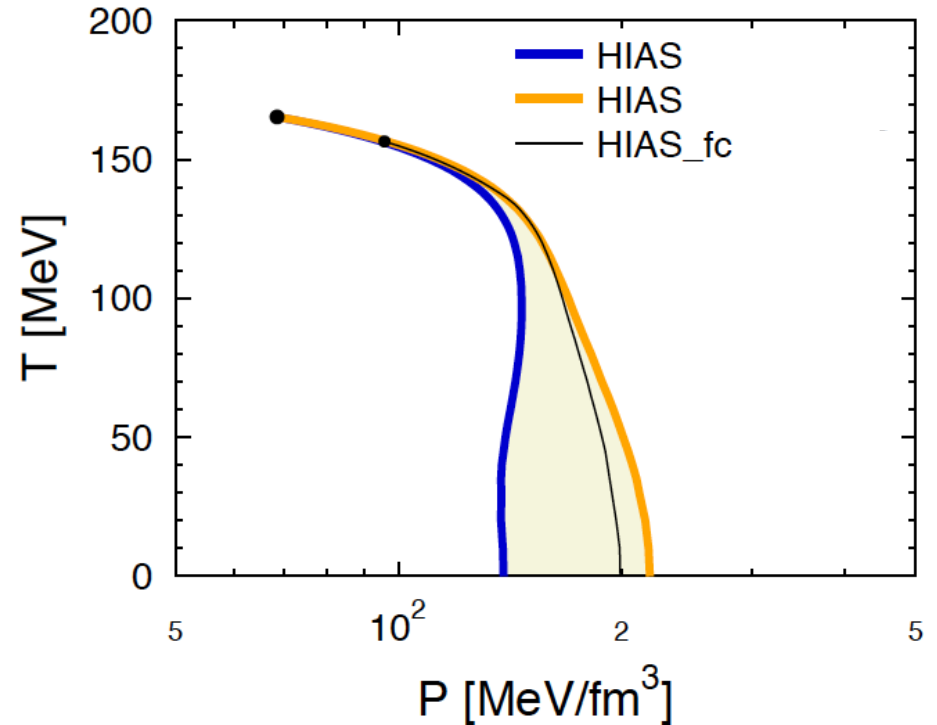
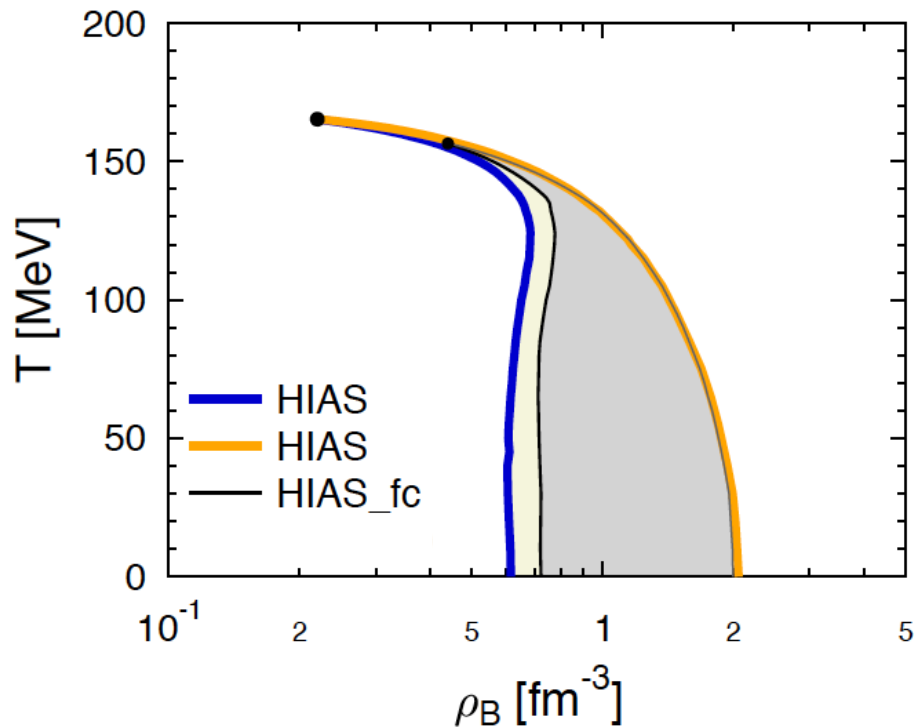
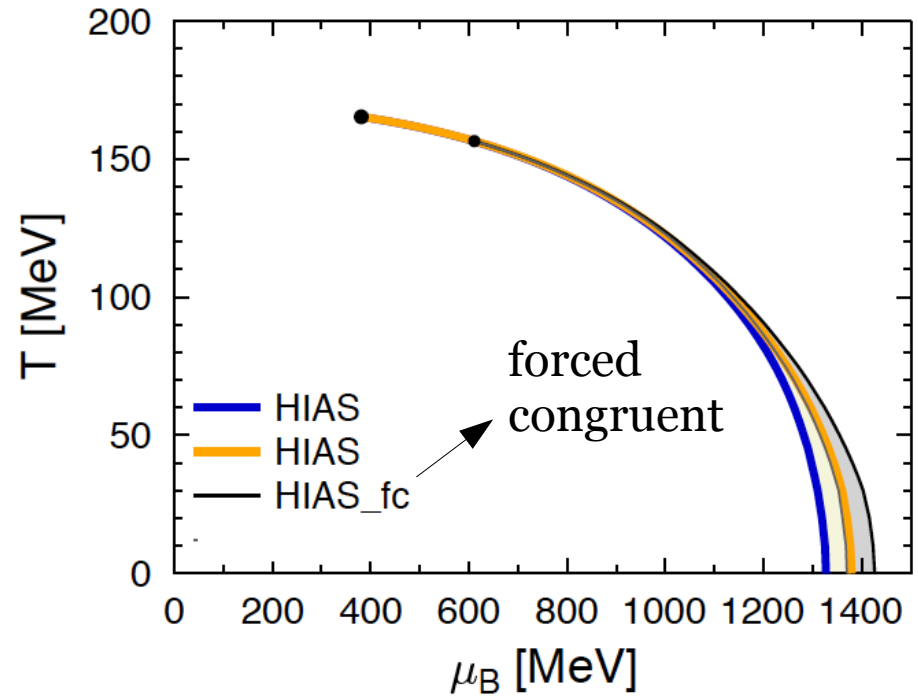
★ Symmetric Matter:

- heavy ion collisions
(no net strangeness)
- more than one conserved charge (baryon #, isospin)
but congruent phase transition! ($\mu_q=0$)



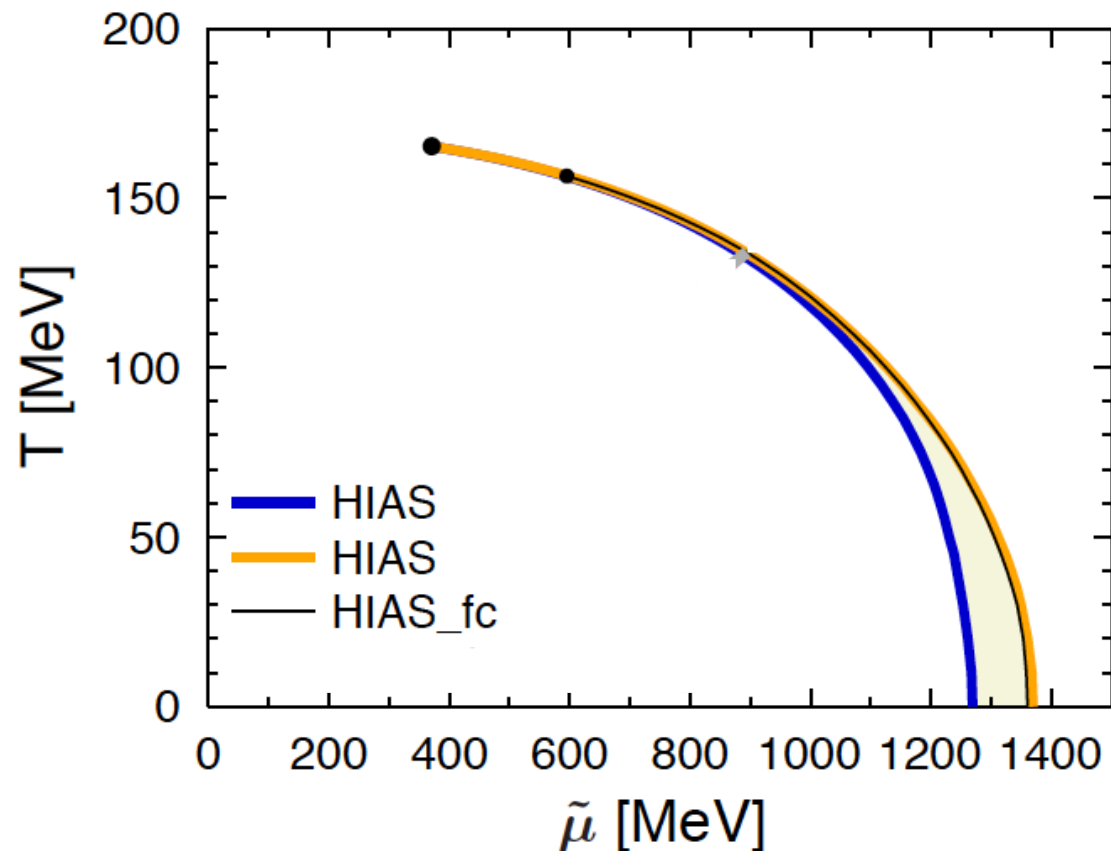
★ Asymmetric Matter:

- HI with $Y_Q=0.3$
- more than one conserved charge (baryon #, charge fraction): non-congruent phase transition!
- $dP/dT < 0$



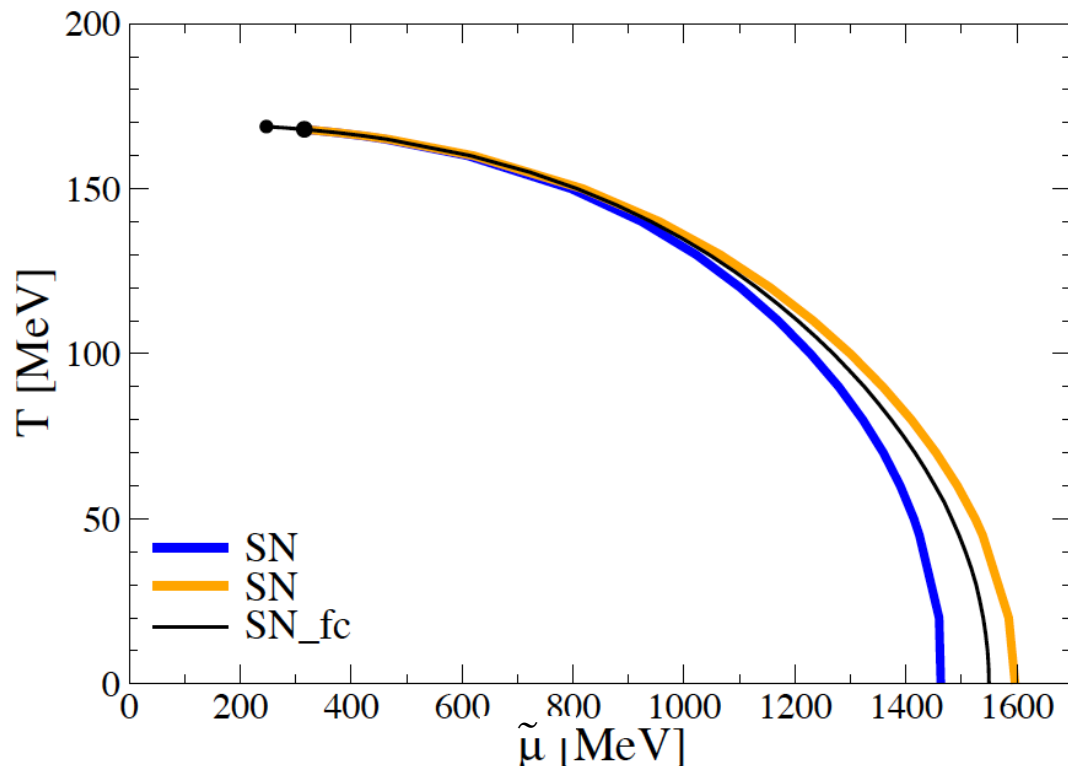
★ Modified Chemical Potential:

- in mixture of phases $\tilde{\mu} = Y_Q \mu_Q + \mu_B$, since it is the only chemical potential which is the same in both phases
- important around phase transition
- HI forced congruent inside mixed region
- not relevant for charge neutral case



★ Supernova Matter:

- trapped neutrinos through fixed lepton fraction $Y_L=0.4$
- more than one conserved charge (baryon #, electric charge, lepton fraction): non-congruent phase transition!
- in mixture of phases $\tilde{\mu} = Y_L \mu_L + \mu_B$, since it is the only chemical potential which is the same in both phases
- important around phase transition
- SN forced congruent inside mixed region
- not relevant for neutrino free case



★ Conclusions and Outlook

- More investigation of high density part of phase diagram is required!

 - Astrophysical signature for 1st order phase transition?

- Description of compact stars requires finite temperature description

- We need a realistic EOS that covers large portion of phase diagram and provides population for simulations: only a unified EOS (usually used for L-G transitions) description of phases can provide critical points and crossovers

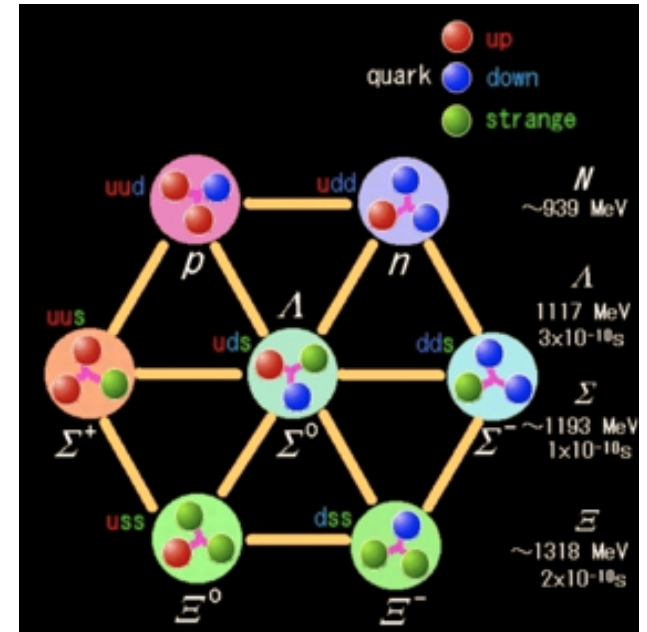
- congruent/not-congruent deconfinement phase transitions still being understood and might have associated signatures

- we still need to include magnetic field effects at finite temperature

- we still need to include quark pairing effects

★ Ingredients for Core Description:

- baryon octet: p , n , Λ , Σ^+ , Σ^0 , Σ^- , Ξ^0 , Ξ^-
- leptons ensure charge neutrality: e , μ
- amount of each particle not constant (chemical equilibrium)
- nuclear physics constraints

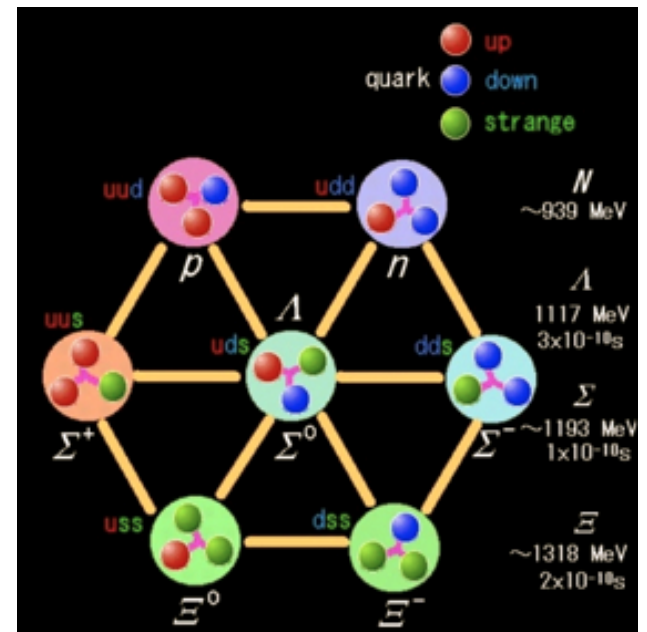


- vacuum masses of baryons and mesons
- pion and kaon decay constants
- saturation density
- binding energy at saturation
- compressibility at saturation
- symmetry energy and derivative at saturation
- hyperon optical potentials at saturation

★ Non-Linear Realization SU(3) Sigma Model:

- includes baryon octet and leptons
- constructed from symmetry relations → allow it to be chirally invariant → masses from interaction with medium
- pseudo-scalar mesons as parameters of chiral transformation
- σ signals chiral symmetry restoration
- describes hadrons interacting via meson exchange ($\sigma, \delta, \zeta, \omega, \rho, \phi$)
- fitted to reproduce nuclear and astrophysical constraints

Dexheimer et al. *Astrophys.J.* 2008
Negreiros et al. *Phys. Rev. C* 2010



★ Lagrangian Density in MFT:

$$L = L_{Kin} + L_{Int} + L_{Self} + L_{SB}$$

$$L_{Int} = - \sum_i \bar{\psi}_i [\gamma_0 (g_{i\omega}\omega + g_{i\phi}\phi + g_{i\rho}\tau_3\rho) + M_i^*] \psi_i,$$

$$L_{Self} = \frac{1}{2} (m_\omega^2 \omega^2 + m_\rho^2 \rho^2 + m_\phi^2 \phi^2) \quad \text{reproduces vector meson vacuum masses}$$

$$+ g_4 \left(\omega^4 + \rho^4 + \alpha^2 \frac{\phi^4}{2} + 3\alpha(\omega^2 + \rho^2)\phi^2 \right)$$

$$- k_0(\sigma^2 + \zeta^2 + \delta^2) - k_1(\sigma^2 + \zeta^2 + \delta^2)^2$$

$$- k_2 \left(\frac{\sigma^4}{2} + \frac{\delta^4}{2} + 3\sigma^2\delta^2 + \zeta^4 \right) - k_3(\sigma^2 - \delta^2)\zeta$$

$$- k_4 \ln \frac{(\sigma^2 - \delta^2)\zeta}{\sigma_0^2 \zeta_0},$$

explicit
symmetry
breaking

$$L_{SB} = -m_\pi^2 f_\pi \sigma - \left(\sqrt{2} m_k^2 f_k - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} m_\pi^2 f_\pi \right) \zeta$$

★ Perturbative limit comparison

- PQCD data from: Fraga, Kurkela and Vuorinen, *Astrophys. J.* 2014 for 3-flavor QGP at zero temperature including β -equilibrium and charge neutrality
- For $T=0$ things look good! Larger temperature results coming soon ...

