

Chiral Symmetry in Strongly Interacting Matter

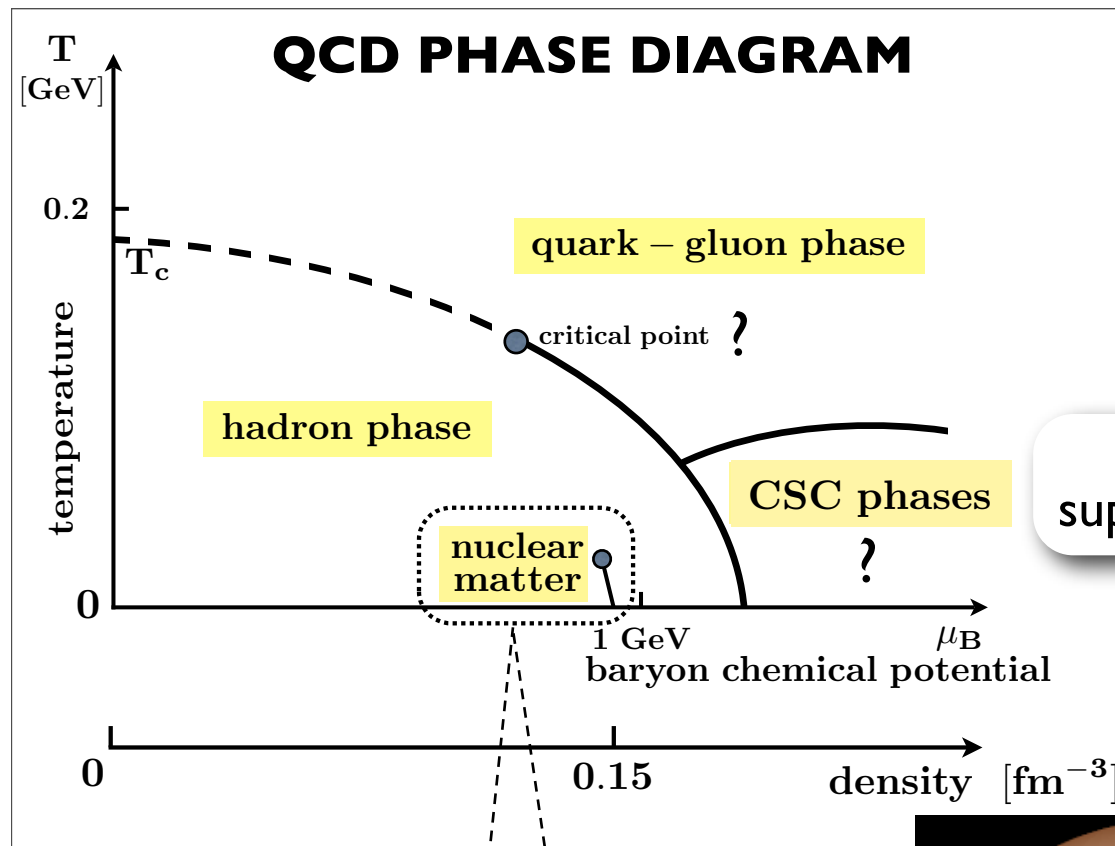
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- Spontaneously Broken Chiral Symmetry and
Nuclear Chiral (Thermo-)Dynamics
- QCD interface with Nuclear Physics:
Chiral Effective Field Theory
- Nuclear Equation of State
in the context of the QCD Phase Diagram
- Density and Temperature Dependence of the Chiral Condensate
- Astrophysical Constraints from Neutron Stars in Binaries



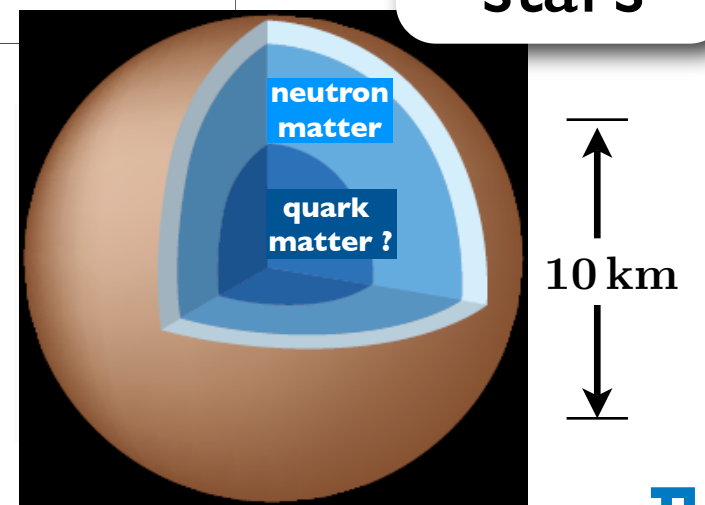
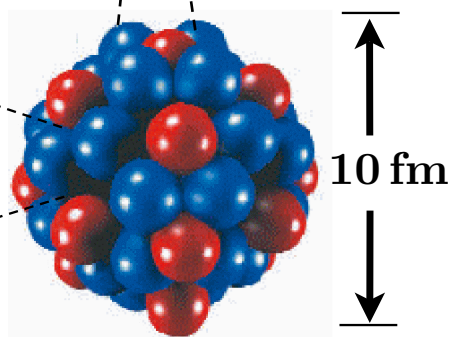
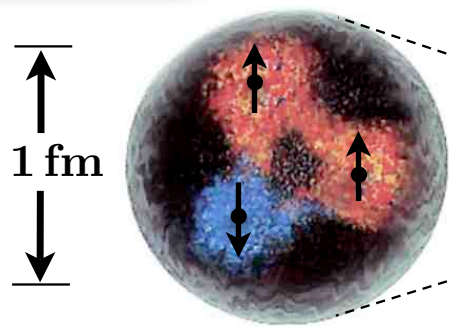
1 Prelude: PHASES and STRUCTURES of QCD



nucleons & nuclei

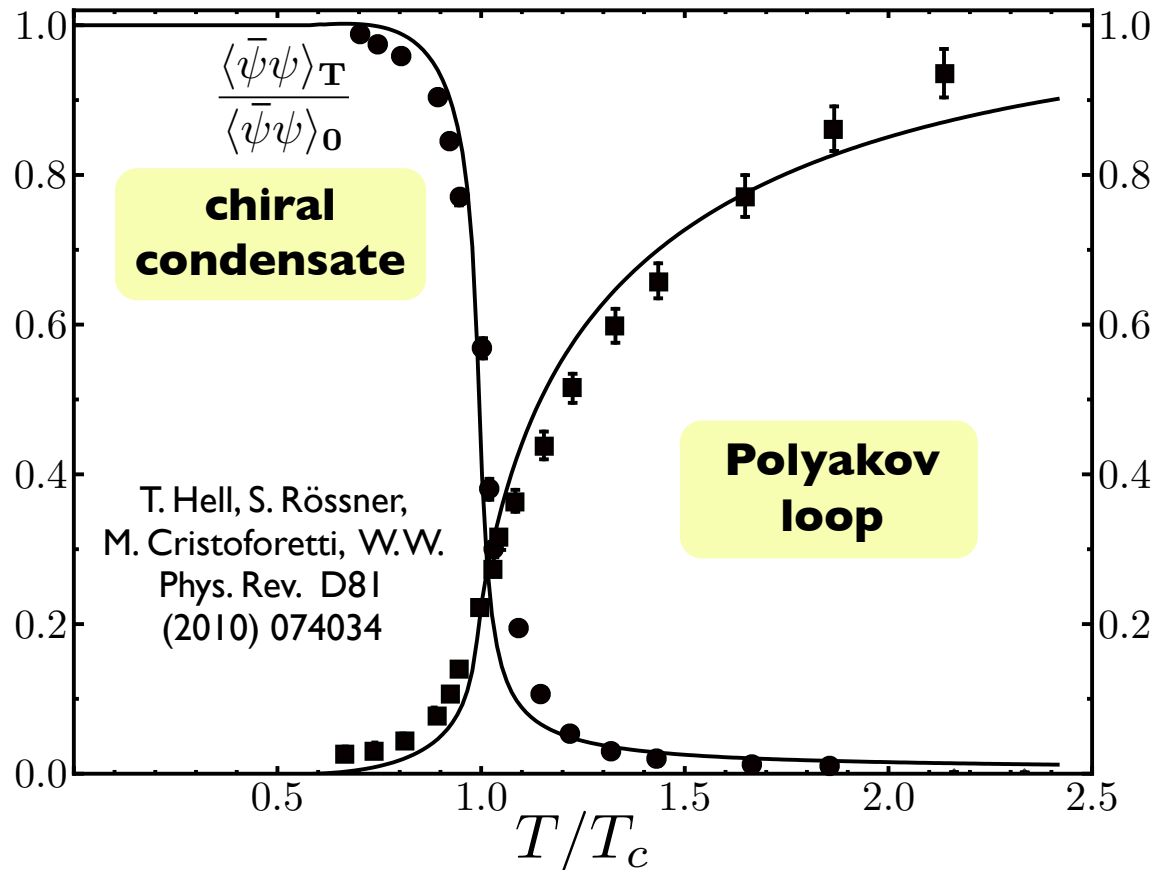
color superconducting

neutron stars



Phases and Symmetry Breaking Pattern

QCD Thermodynamics at zero baryon chemical potential



Lattice QCD

(2+1 flavours)

M. Cheng et al.
Phys. Rev. D77 (2008) 014511

Quasiparticle Model

Chiral Quarks +
Polyakov Loop
(**PNJL** Model)

S. Rössner, C. Ratti, W.W.
Phys. Rev. D 75 (2007) 034007

● **Spontaneously broken CHIRAL SYMMETRY**
at low temperature $T < T_c \simeq 0.2 \text{ GeV}$



2 Low-Energy QCD : CHIRAL SYMMETRY

- QCD with (almost) **MASSLESS** **u-** and **d-QUARKS** ($N_f = 2$)



$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

$$\psi = (u, d)$$

**pseudoscalar
isovector**

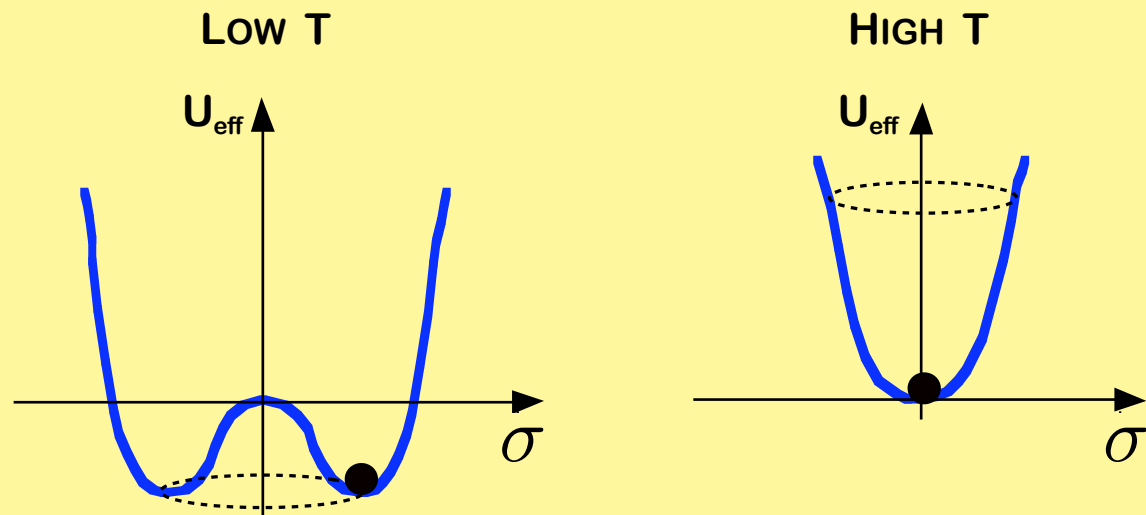
$$\pi^a \leftrightarrow \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 t^a \psi$$

PION

**scalar
isoscalar**

$$\sigma \leftrightarrow \bar{\psi} \psi$$

- **SPONTANEOUS SYMMETRY BREAKING**
(Nambu - Goldstone)



- **CHIRAL (QUARK) CONDENSATE**
 $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0$ (Low T) $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = 0$ (High T)

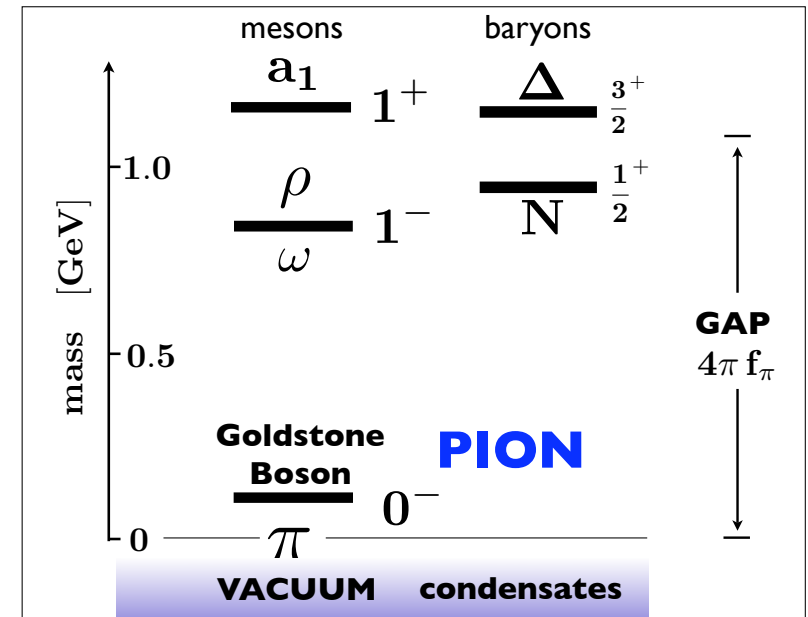
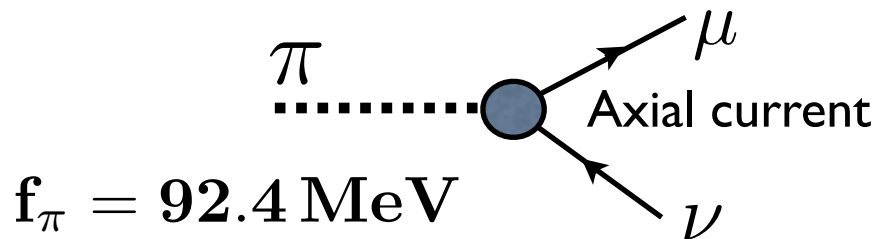


Low-Temperature Limit:

Spontaneously Broken **CHIRAL SYMMETRY**

- **NAMBU - GOLDSTONE BOSON:**
PION

- **ORDER PARAMETER:**
PION DECAY CONSTANT



- **Partially Conserved Axial Current:** $m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2 = -m_q \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle + \mathcal{O}(m_q^2)$

- **Low-energy / low temperature** limit of **QCD** is realized as a **Chiral Effective Field Theory** of (weakly interacting) **Nambu-Goldstone Bosons (PIONS)**



CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

Gasser & Leutwyler

Weinberg

Ecker

... many others

- **LOW-ENERGY QCD**: **E**ffective **F**ield **T**heory of **weakly** interacting **Nambu-Goldstone Bosons (PIONS)** representing QCD at scales $Q \ll 4\pi f_\pi \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

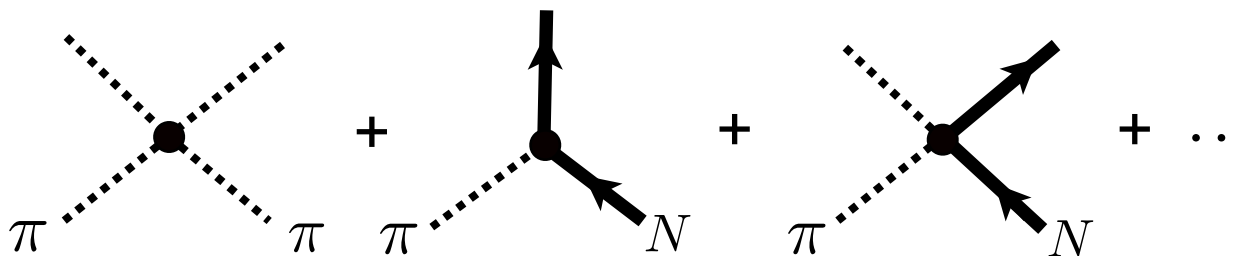
Interacting systems of

- **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**



Low-Energy Expansion: **CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY**

- small parameter:

$$\frac{Q}{4\pi f_\pi} \quad \frac{\text{energy} / \text{momentum} / \text{pion mass}}{1 \text{ GeV}}$$

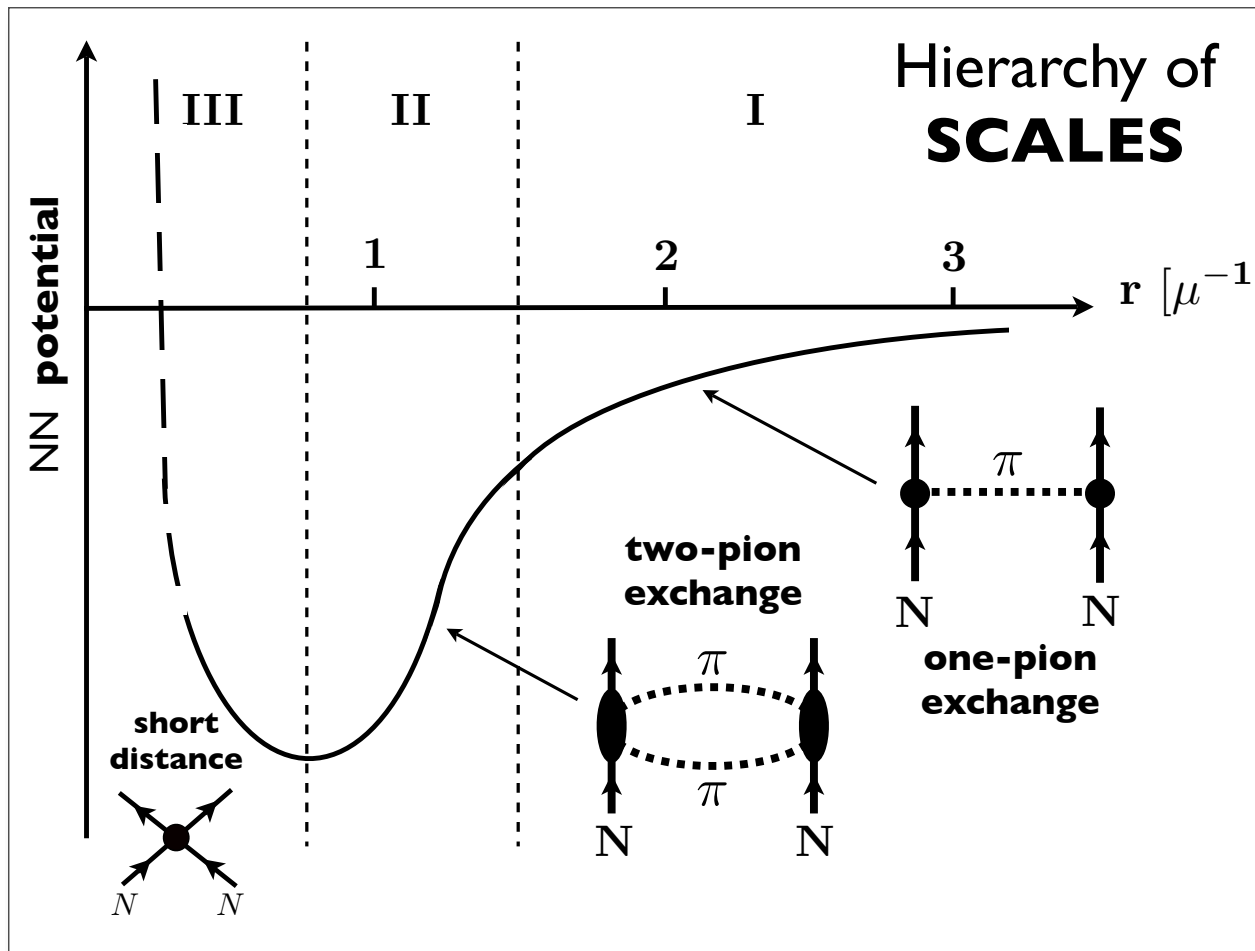
- successfully applied to:

- **PION-PION** scattering
- **PION-NUCLEON** scattering
- **PION photoproduction** and
COMPTON scattering on the NUCLEON
- long range **NUCLEON-NUCLEON** interaction
- **NUCLEAR MATTER** and **NUCLEI**



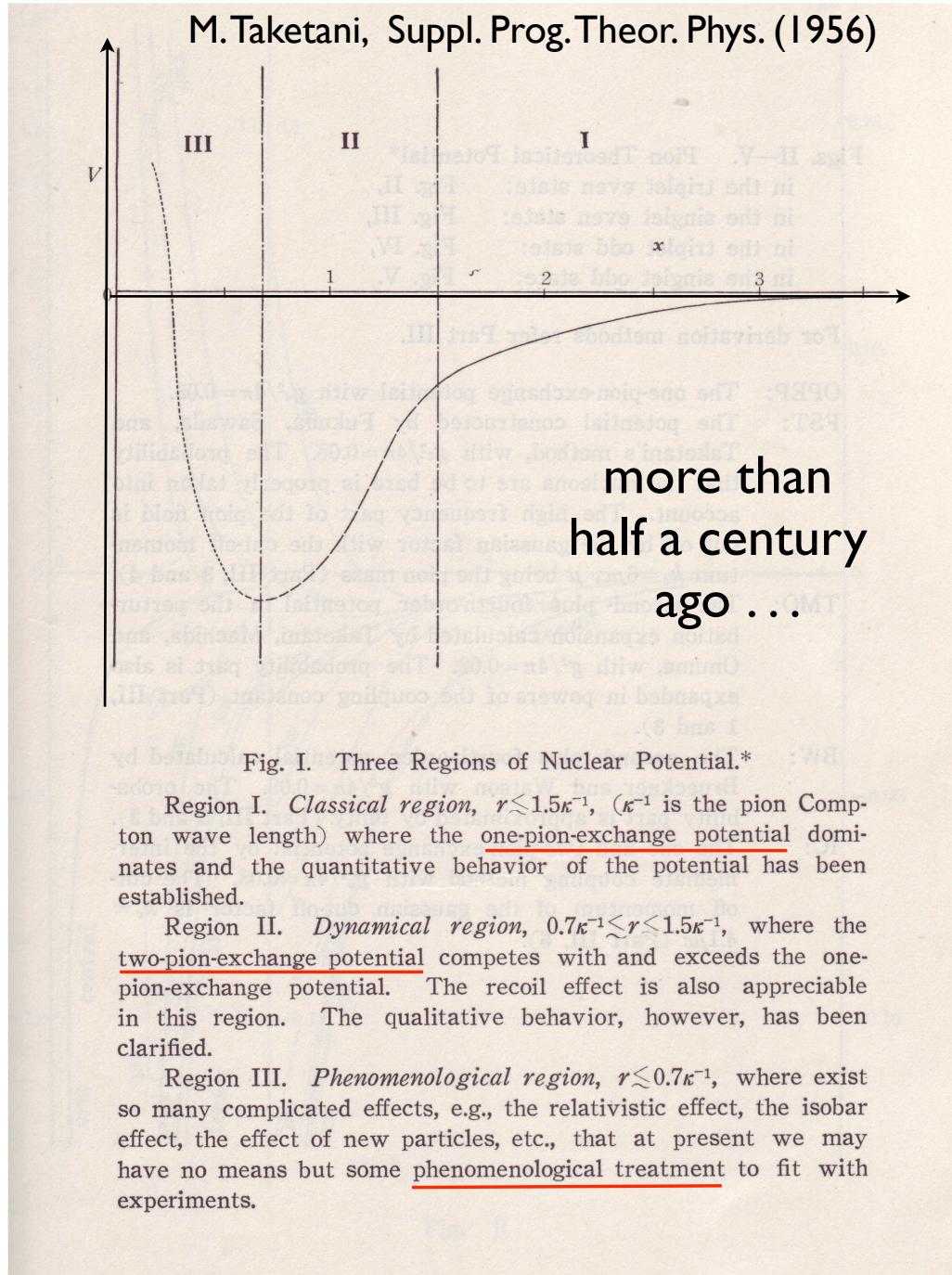
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Nuclear Forces from **CHIRAL EFT**

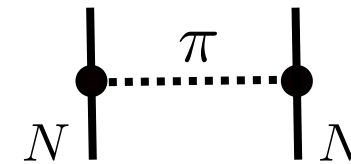


Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction

M. Taketani, S. Nakamura, M. Sasaki
 Prog. Theor. Phys. **6** (1951) 581

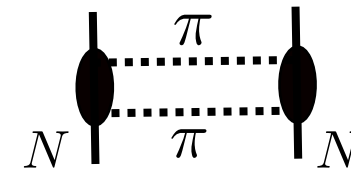


region I
 long distance:
one-pion exchange



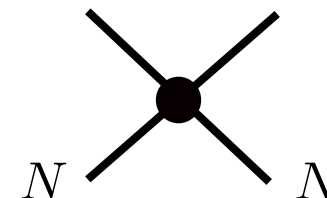
H. Yukawa (1935)

region II
 intermediate distance:
two-pion exchange



H. Miyazawa et al. (1957)

region III
 short distance: unresolved



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 ² LO			—
$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^4}{\Lambda^4}\right)$	N ³ LO			

- **Systematically organized HIERARCHY**

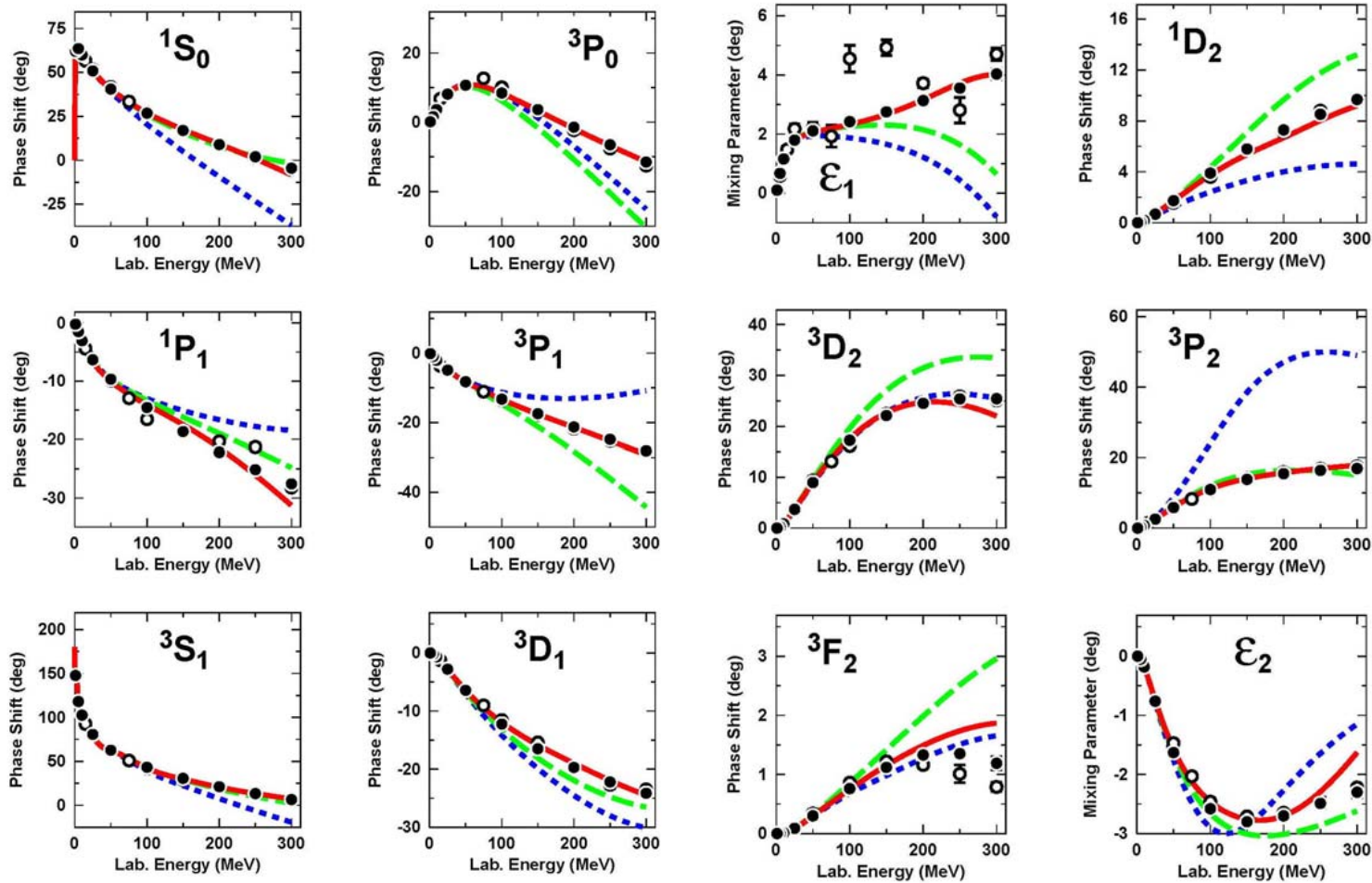


NN Scattering Phase Shifts

from **CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY**

Entem, Machleidt, Phys. Rev. C68 (2003) 041001

Epelbaum, Glöckle, Meißner, Nucl. Phys. A747 (2005) 362



- quantitatively accurate at same level of precision as best phenomenological potentials

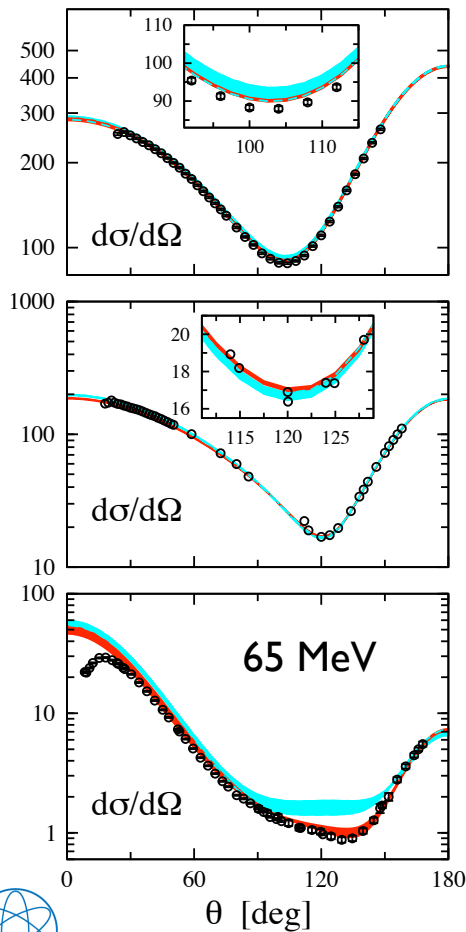


CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

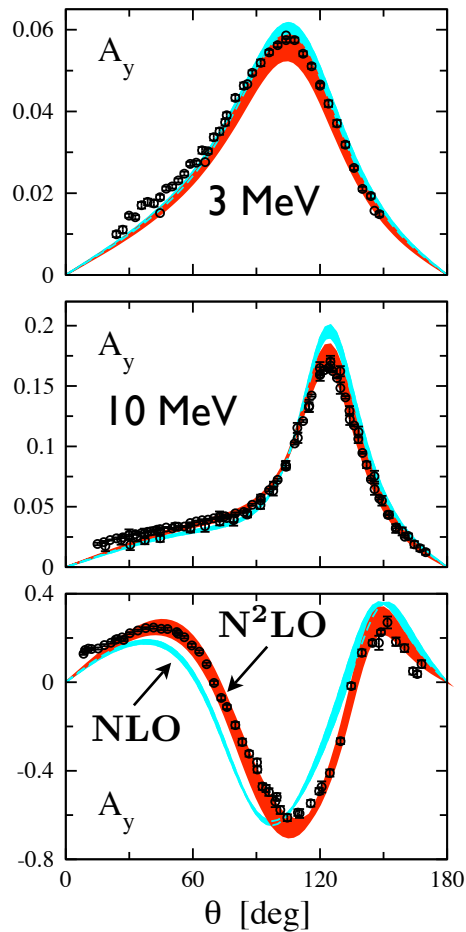
at work in nuclear few-body systems

- example: elastic **nd** scattering

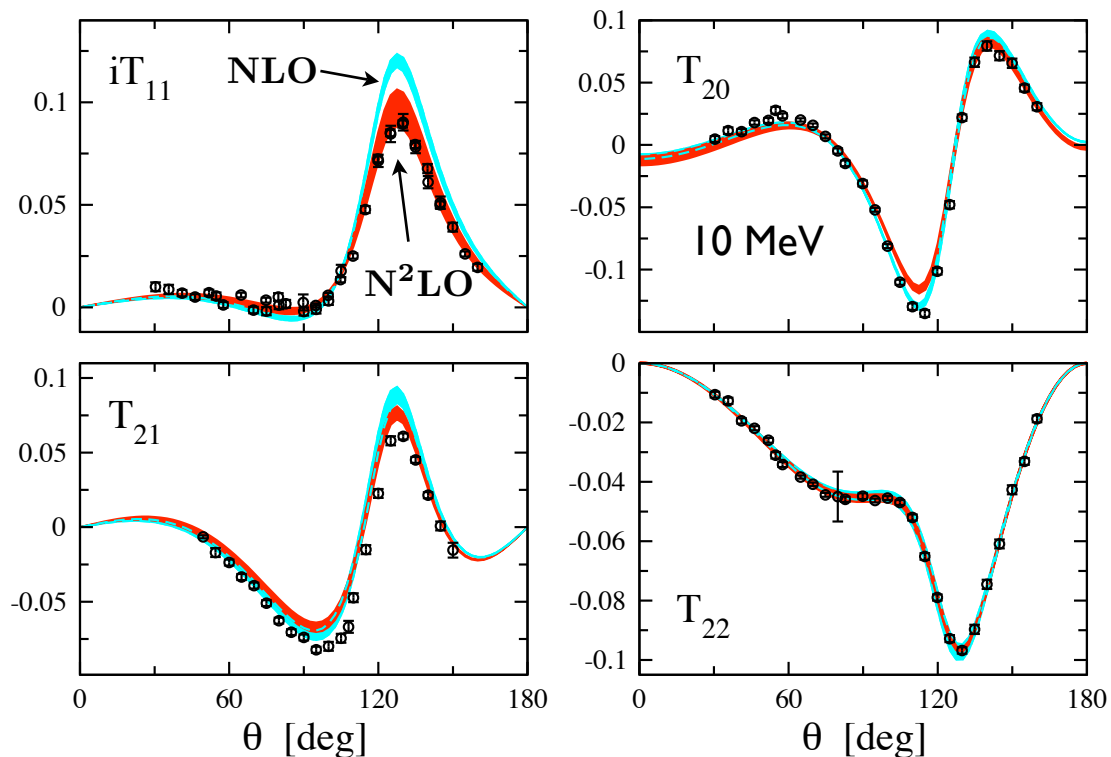
differential
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vector
analyzing
powers



tensor analyzing powers

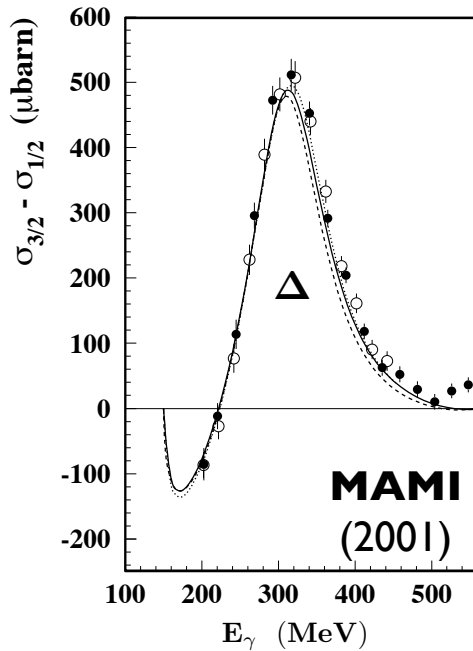


E. Epelbaum: Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 57 (2006) 654



Explicit $\Delta(1230)$ DEGREES of FREEDOM

- Large **spin-isospin polarizability** of the nucleon



- example: polarized Compton scattering

$$\beta_{\Delta} = \frac{g_{\Delta}^2}{f_{\pi}^2 (M_{\Delta} - M_N)} \sim 5 \text{ fm}^3$$

$$M_{\Delta} - M_N \simeq 2 m_{\pi} \ll 4\pi f_{\pi}$$

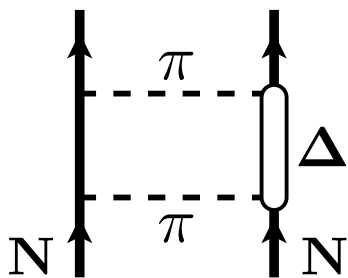
(small scale)

- Pionic Van der Waals** - type intermediate range central potential

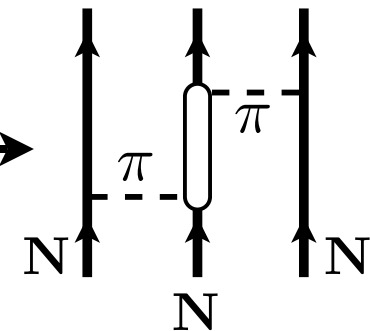
N. Kaiser, S. Gerstendörfer, W.W., NPA637 (1998) 395

C. Ordonez, L. Ray, U. van Kolck, PRL 72 (1994) 1982

N. Kaiser, S. Fritsch, W.W., NPA750 (2005) 259



$$V_c(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{9 g_{\Delta}^2}{32 \pi^2 f_{\pi}^2} \beta_{\Delta} \frac{e^{-2m_{\pi} r}}{r^6} P(m_{\pi} r)$$



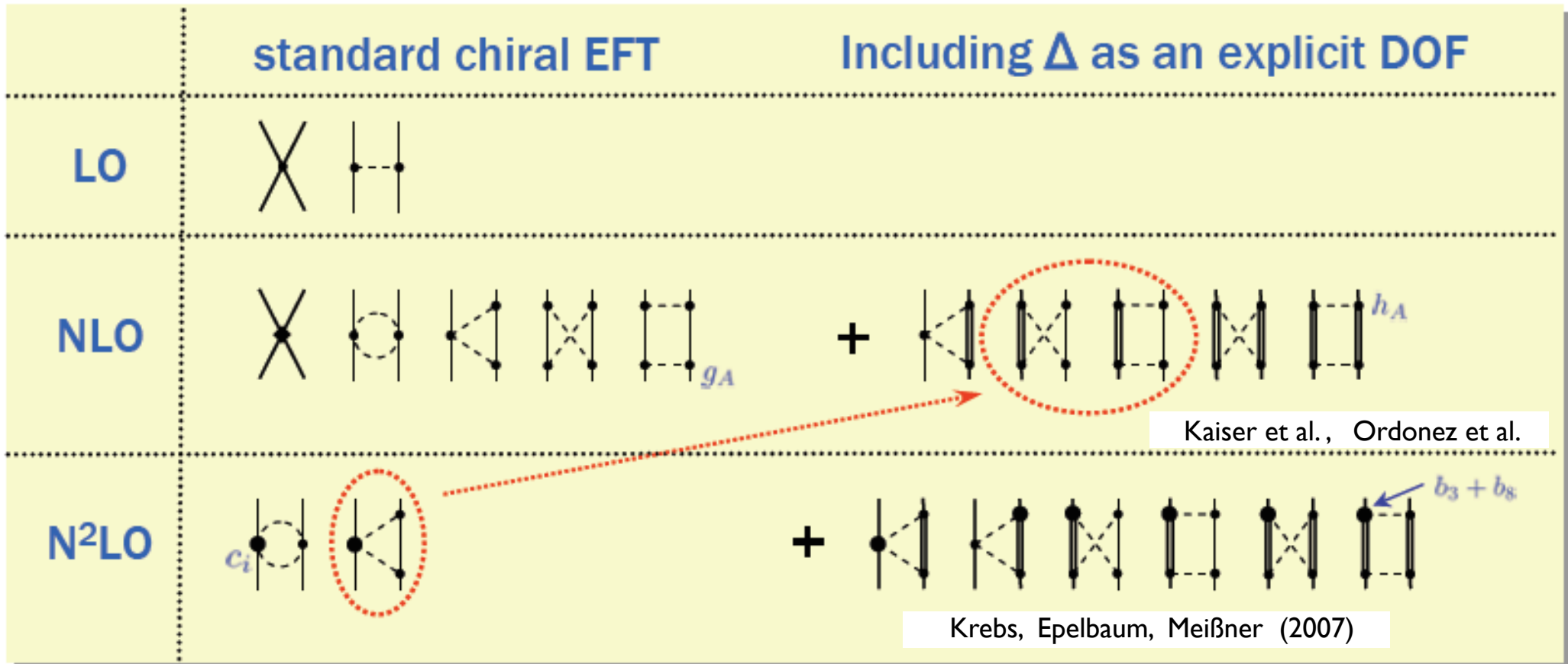
strong 3-body interaction

J. Fujita, H. Miyazawa; Prog.Theor. Phys. 17 (1957) 360

Pieper, Pandharipande, Wiringa, Carlson, PRC64 (2001) 014001



Explicit $\Delta(1230)$ DEGREES of FREEDOM (contd.)

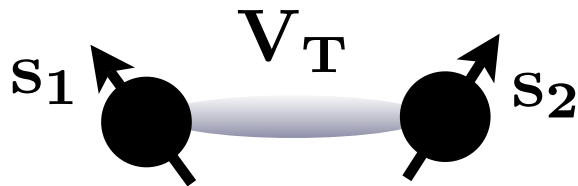


- **Important physics** of $\Delta(1230)$ promoted to **NLO**
 - **Improved** convergence

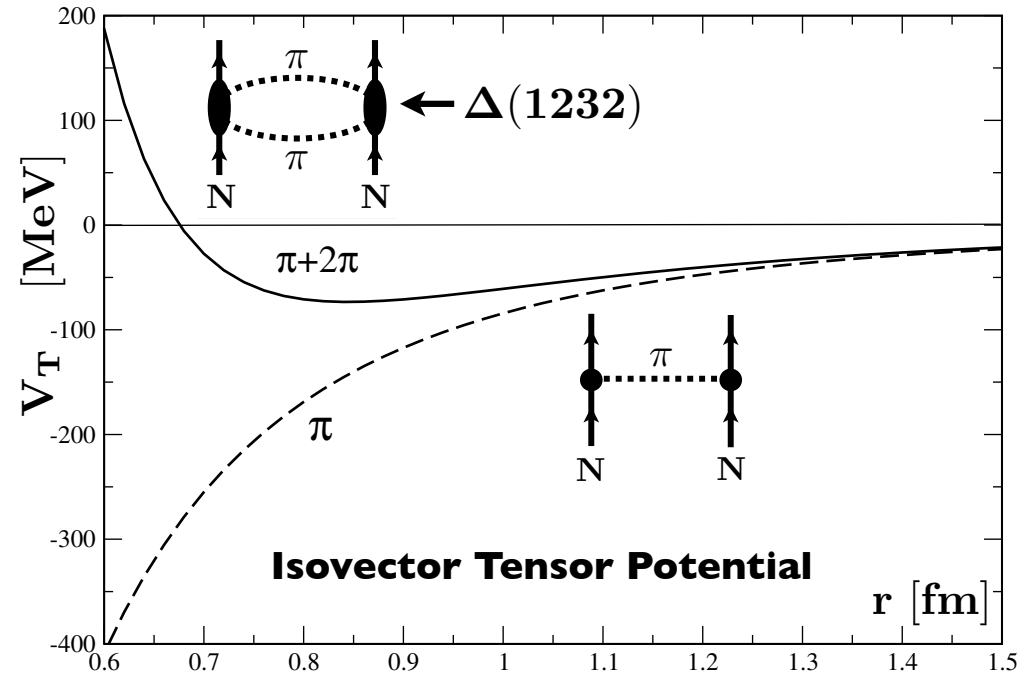


Important pieces of the CHIRAL NUCLEON-NUCLEON INTERACTION

- **ISOVECTOR TENSOR FORCE**

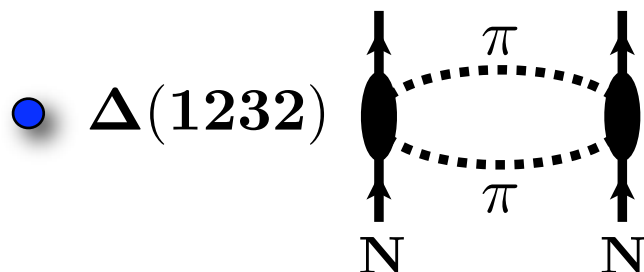


- note: **no** ρ meson



N. Kaiser, S. Gerstendörfer, W.W.: Nucl. Phys. A 637 (1998) 395

- **CENTRAL ATTRACTION** from **TWO-PION EXCHANGE**



- note: **no** fictitious σ boson

Van der WAALS - like force:

$$V_c(\mathbf{r}) \propto -\frac{\exp[-2m_\pi r]}{r^6} P(m_\pi r)$$

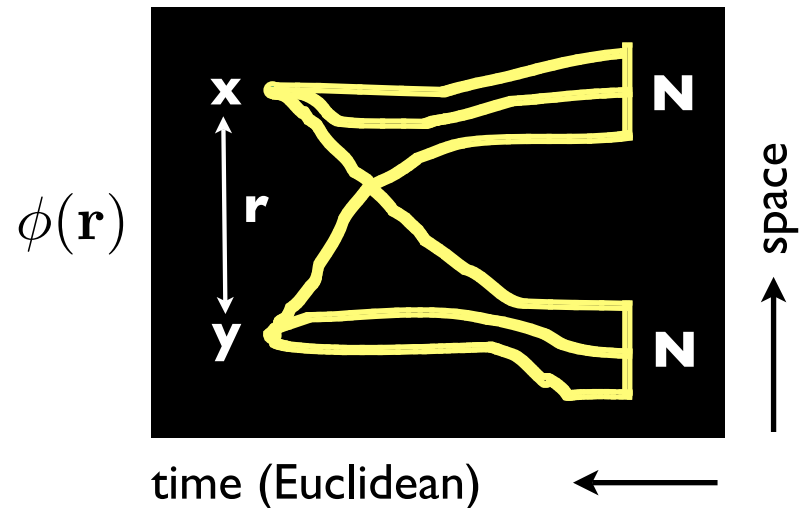
... at intermediate and long distance



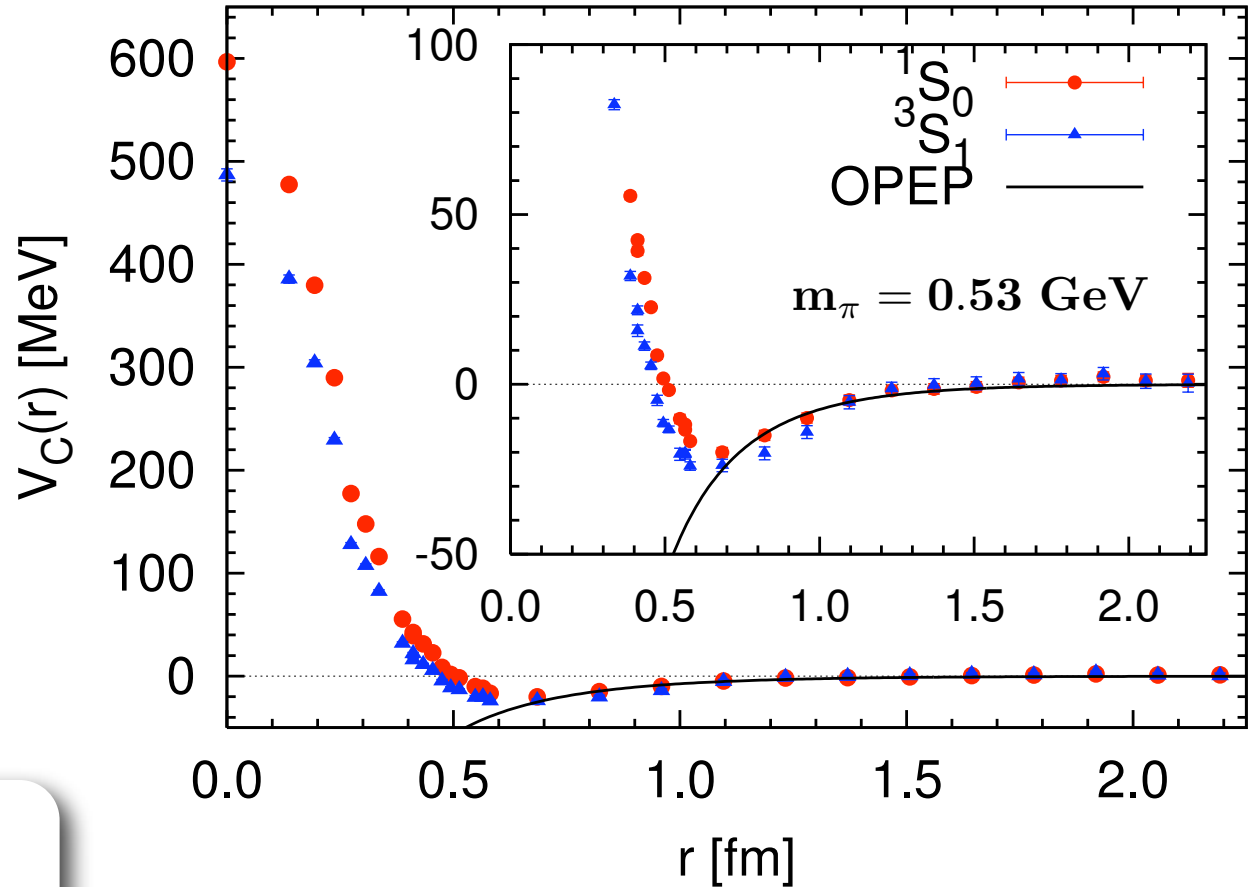
Short
distance:

NN POTENTIAL from LATTICE QCD

N. Ishii, S.Aoki, T. Hatsuda: Phys. Rev. Lett. 99 (2007) 022001



quenched QCD
“large” quark/pion masses



- Reconstruct potential from wave function:

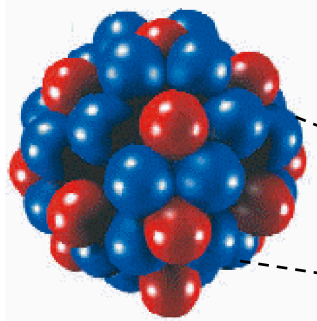
$$V_C(r) = \mathbf{E} + \frac{\nabla^2 \phi(r)}{2\mu \phi(r)}$$

- **Repulsive core**
from Lattice QCD



4 NUCLEAR MATTER and QCD PHASES

nuclei



Scales in nuclear matter:

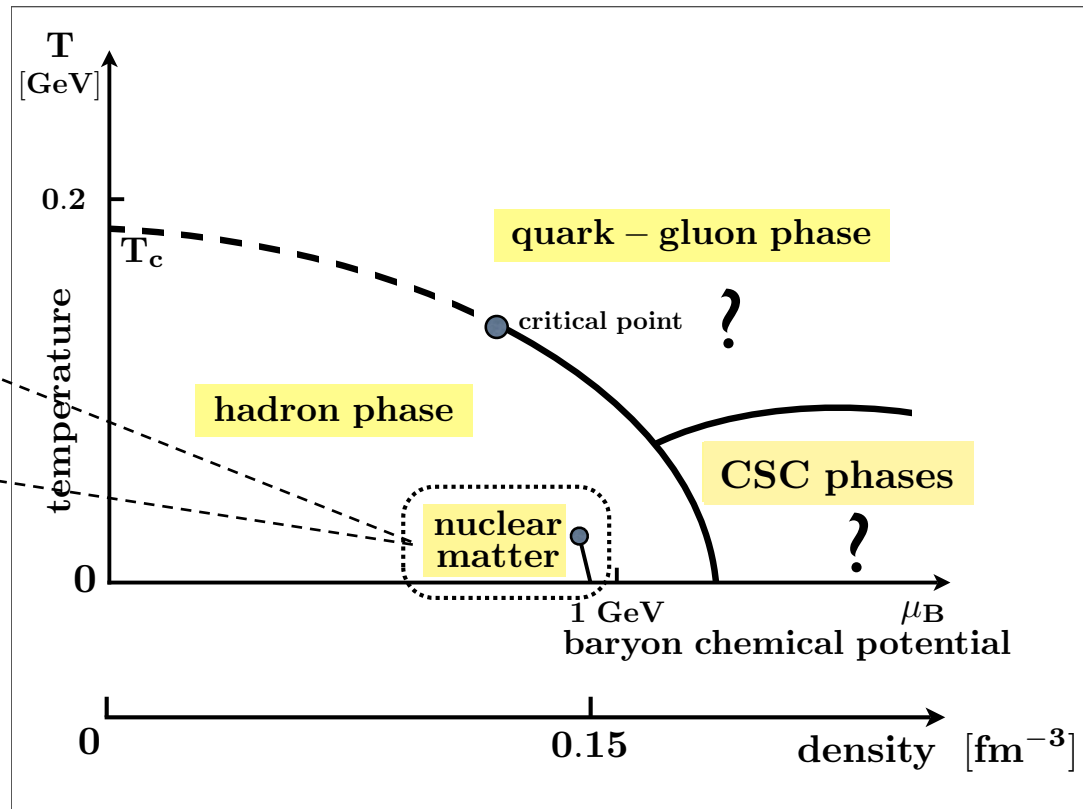
- momentum scale:
Fermi momentum
- NN distance:
- energy per nucleon:
- compression modulus:

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

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

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

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



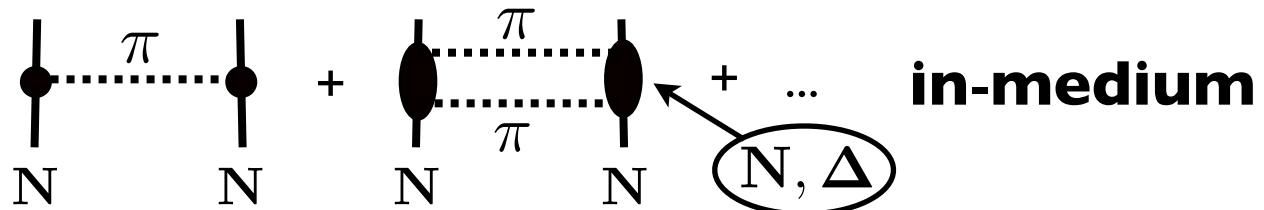
CHIRAL DYNAMICS and the NUCLEAR MANY-BODY PROBLEM

N. Kaiser, S. Fritsch, W.W. (2002 - 2005)

- **Small scales:** $k_F \sim 2 m_\pi \sim M_\Delta - M_N \ll 4\pi f_\pi$
- **PIONS** (and **DELTA** isobars) as **explicit** degrees of freedom

IN-MEDIUM CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

→ pion exchange processes in presence of filled **Fermi sea**



2nd order **TENSOR** force + nucleon's **SPIN-ISOSPIN** polarizability

→ short-distance dynamics: $N \times N$ **contact** interactions



IN-MEDIUM CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

- In-medium **nucleon propagator**:

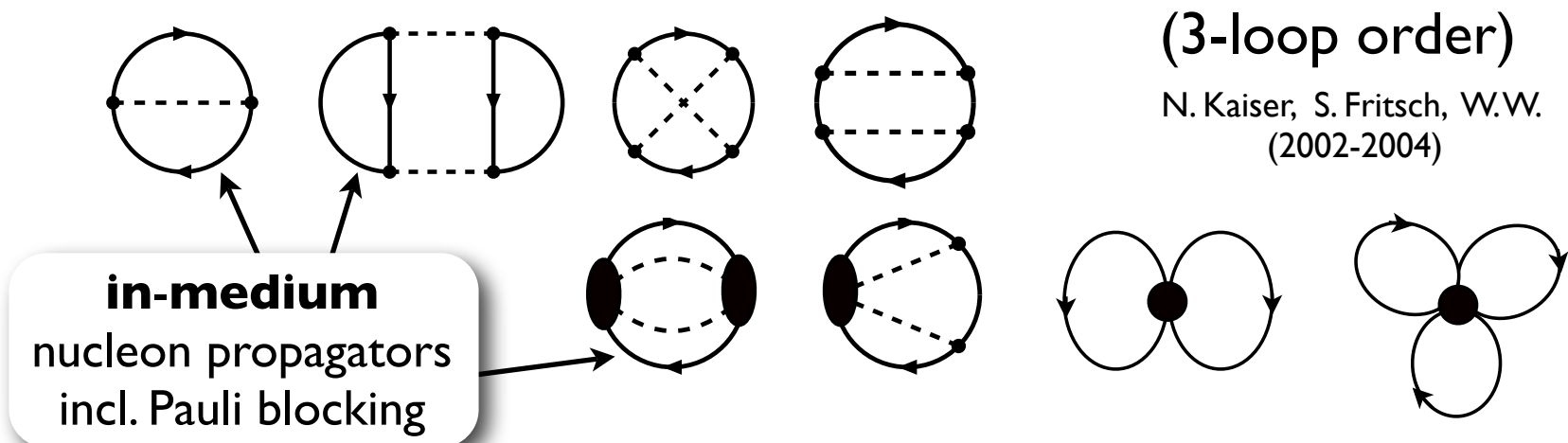
$$\frac{i}{\gamma \cdot \mathbf{p} - M_N + i\epsilon} - 2\pi(\gamma \cdot \mathbf{p} + M_N)\delta(p^2 - M_N^2)\theta(p_0)\theta(k_F - |\vec{p}|)$$

- Loop expansion** in ChPT \longleftrightarrow

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

- Finite nuclei** \longleftrightarrow energy **density functional**

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



NUCLEAR MATTER

- **In-medium ChPT**
3-loop (π, \mathbf{N}, Δ)

- **Input** parameter:
single contact term

- basically:
analytic calculation

- **Output:**

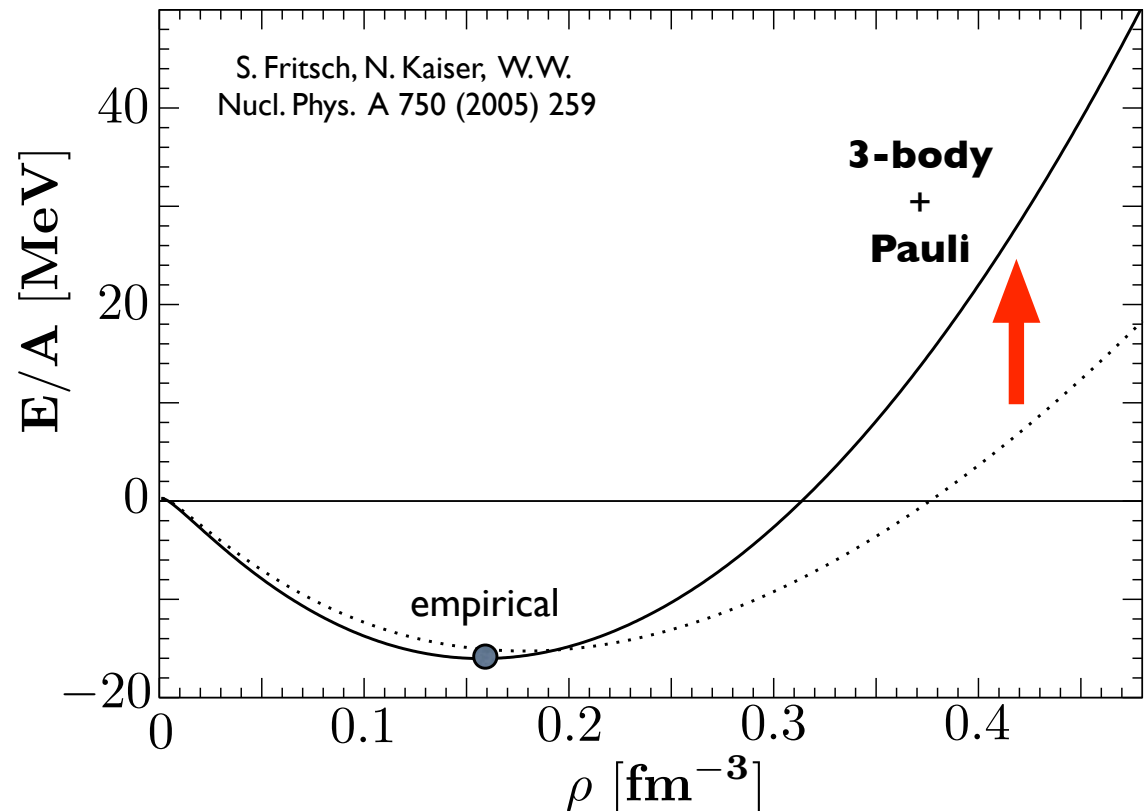
- ▶ Binding & saturation

$$E_0/A = -16 \text{ MeV} , \quad \rho_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3} , \quad K = 290 \text{ MeV}$$

- ▶ Realistic (complex, momentum dependent) single-particle potential
... satisfying Hugenholtz - van Hove and Luttinger theorems (!)

- ▶ Asymmetry energy $A(k_F^0) = 34 \text{ MeV}$

- ▶ Landau parameters



NUCLEAR THERMODYNAMICS

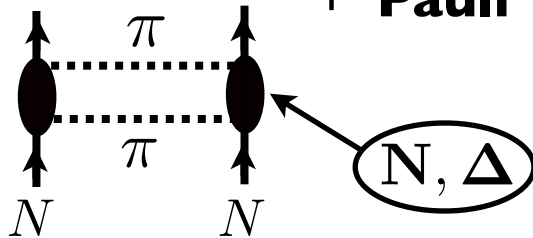
NUCLEAR CHIRAL (PION) DYNAMICS

BINDING & SATURATION:

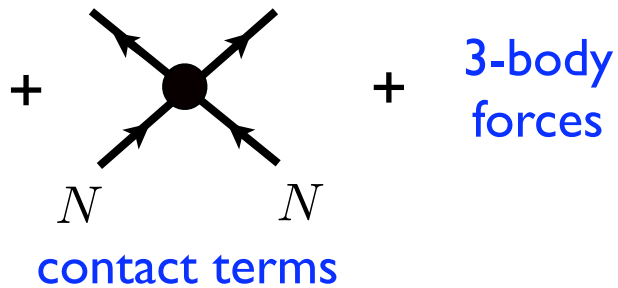
Yukawa

+ Van der Waals

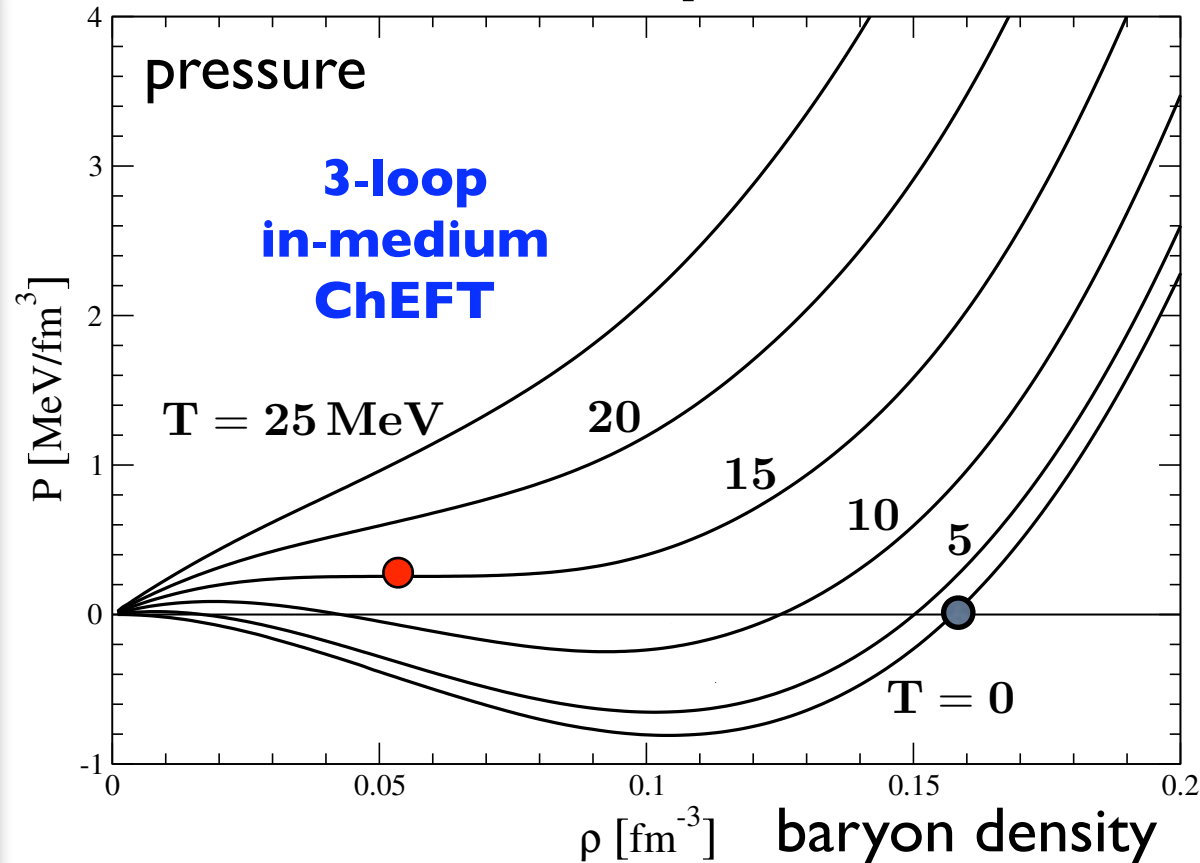
+ Pauli



$$V(r) \sim -\frac{e^{-2m_\pi r}}{r^6} P(m_\pi r)$$

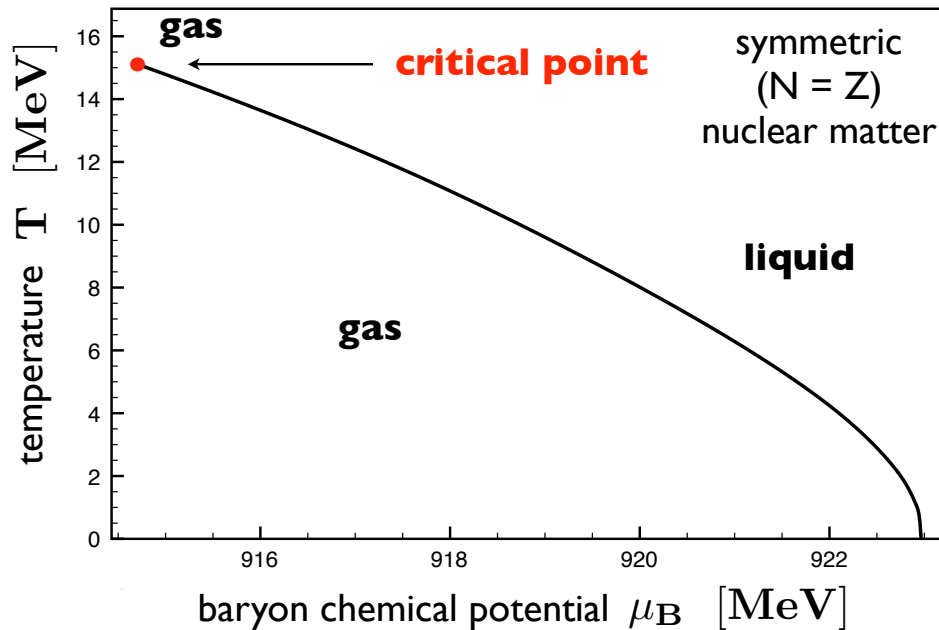


nuclear matter: equation of state



Liquid - Gas Transition at
Critical Temperature $T_c = 15 \text{ MeV}$
(empirical: $T_c = 16 - 18 \text{ MeV}$)

PHASE DIAGRAM of NUCLEAR MATTER

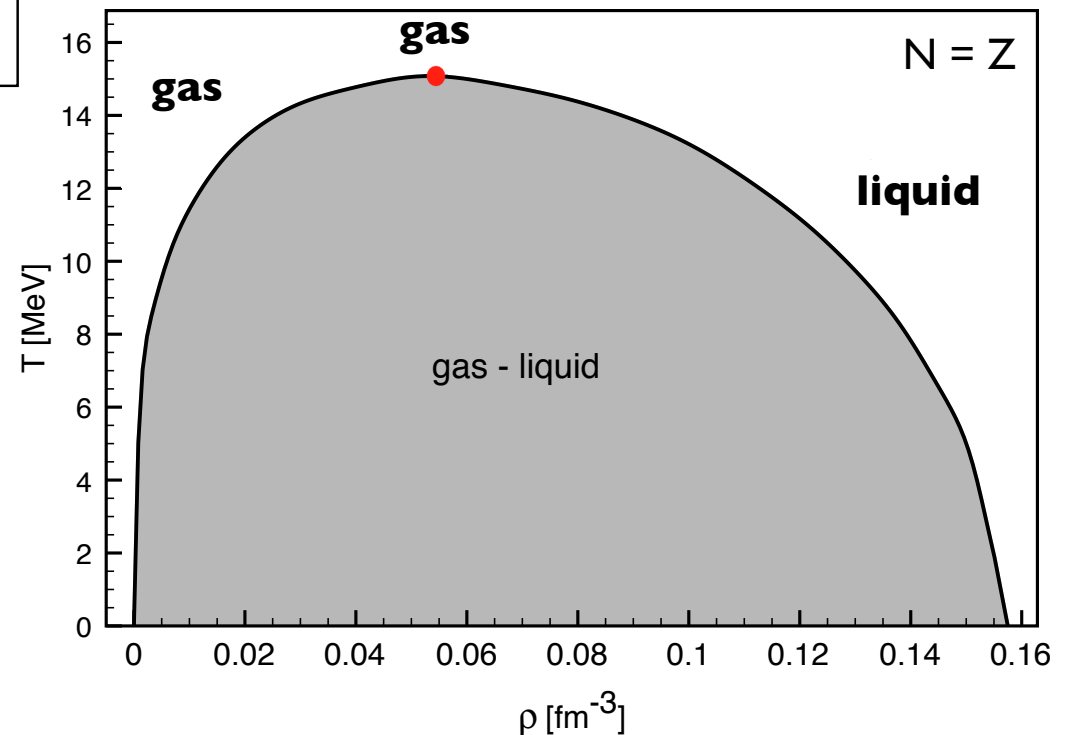


- Pion-nucleon dynamics
incl. delta isobars
- Short-distance
NN contact terms
- Three-body forces

- In-medium
chiral effective field theory
(3-loop in the free energy density)

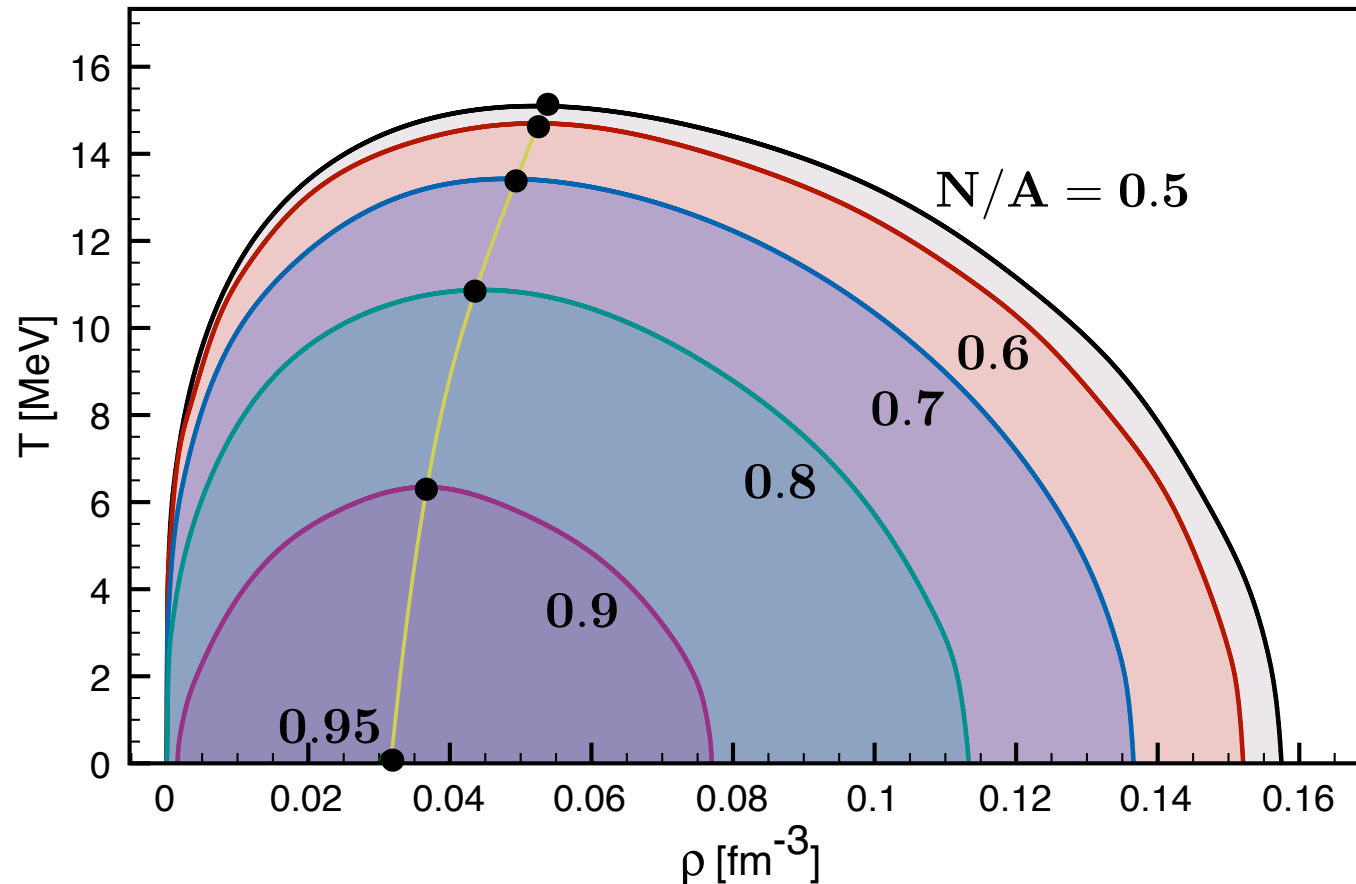
S. Fritsch, N. Kaiser, W.W.: NPA 750 (2005) 259

S. Fiorilla, N. Kaiser, W.W. (2010)



PHASE DIAGRAM of NUCLEAR MATTER

- Trajectory of **CRITICAL POINT** for **asymmetric matter**



S. Fiorilla,
N. Kaiser,
W.W.
(2010)

... determined almost entirely by **isospin** dependent
pion exchange dynamics

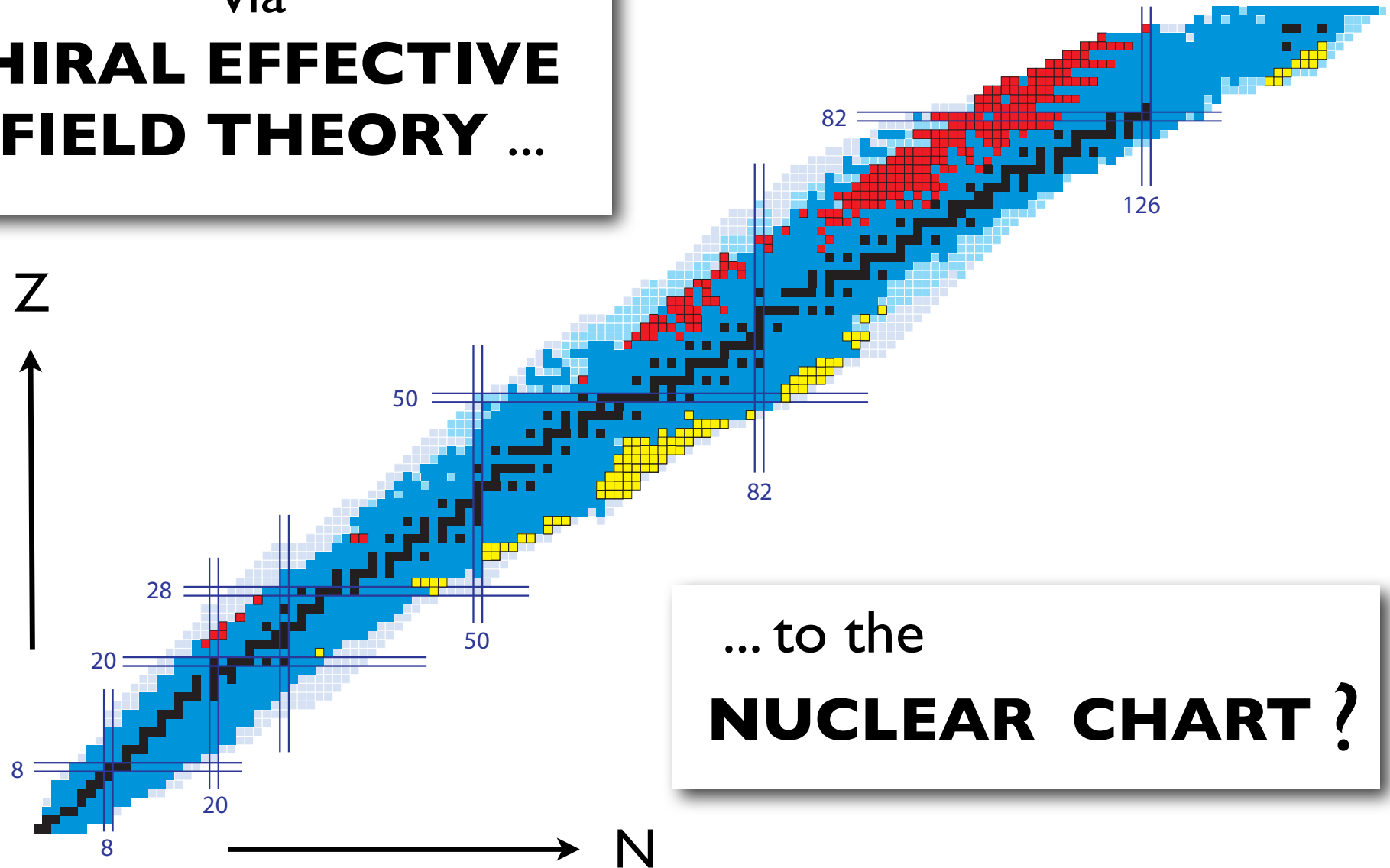


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... from **QCD**

via

**CHIRAL EFFECTIVE
FIELD THEORY ...**



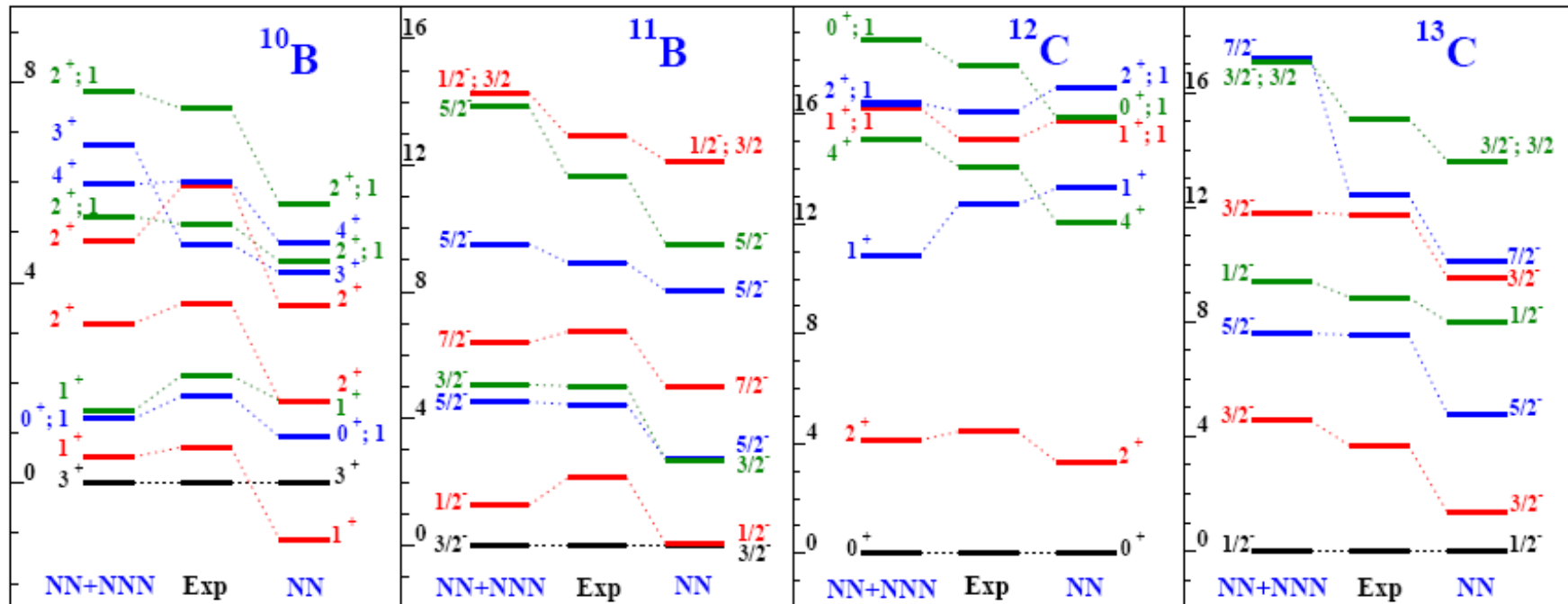
... to the
NUCLEAR CHART ?



NUCLEAR MANY-BODY CALCULATIONS

- ... using NN and NNN interactions from Chiral Effective Field Theory

No-Core-Shell-Model results for ^{10}B , ^{11}B , ^{12}C and ^{13}C @ N^2LO



Navratil et al., PRL 99 (2007) 042501

- systematic improvements with inclusion of 3-body interactions

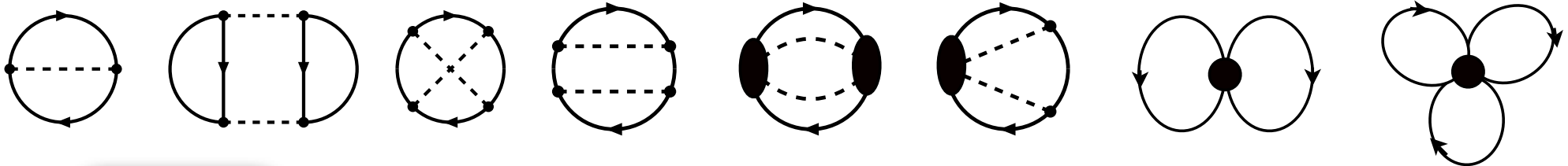


DENSITY FUNCTIONAL STRATEGIES

... constrained by (chiral) **symmetry breaking pattern** of **Low-Energy QCD**

$$\mathbf{E}[\rho] = \mathbf{E}_{\text{kin}} + \int d^3\mathbf{x} [\mathcal{E}^{(0)}(\rho) + \mathcal{E}_{\text{exc}}(\rho)] + \mathbf{E}_{\text{coul}}$$

$\rho \rightarrow \rho(\mathbf{x})$ ↳ Kohn - Sham equations



- $\mathcal{E}_{\text{exc}}(\rho)$: from in-medium **Chiral Perturbation Theory** ("**Pionic fluctuations**")

- $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}(\rho)$: Hartree mean field(s) from **contact terms**

(equiv. to) \longleftrightarrow strong **SCALAR** and **VECTOR** mean fields

\longleftrightarrow leading order **IN-MEDIUM** changes of **QCD CONDENSATES**

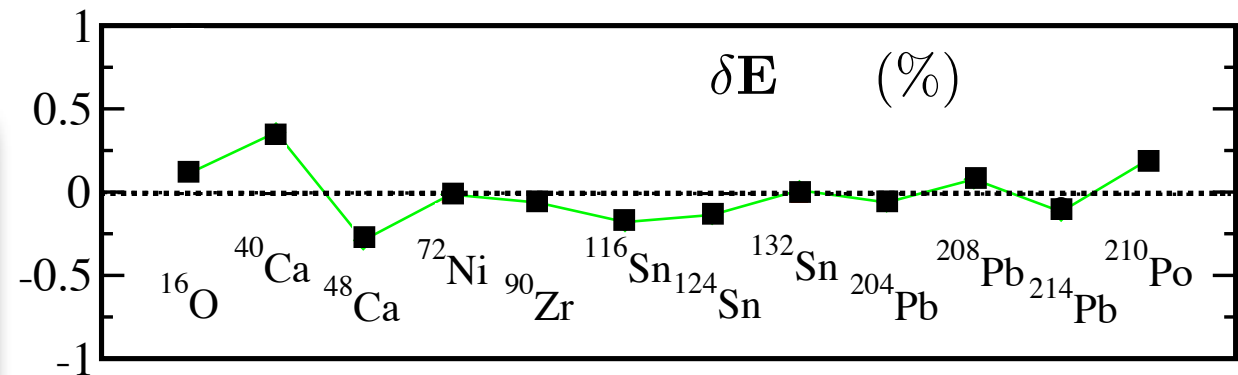


Examples (part I)

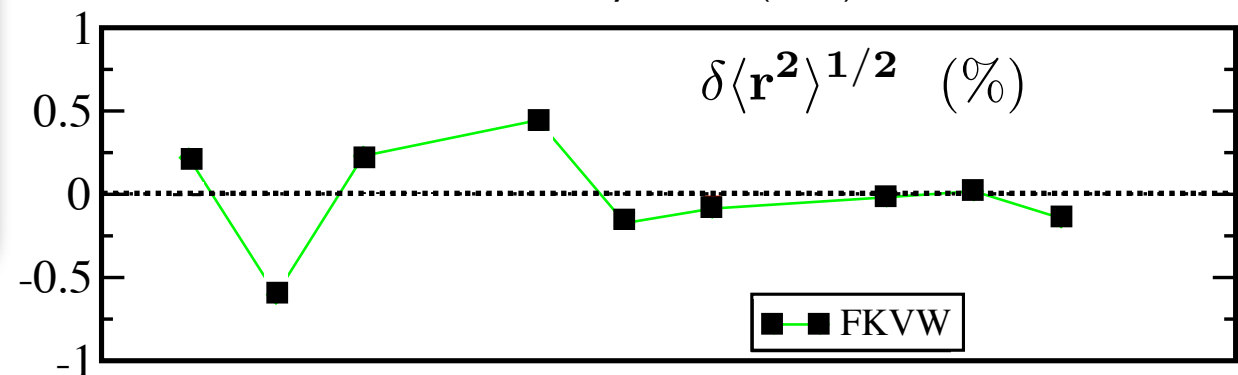
- Strategy :
 - ▶ Calculate physics at **long and intermediate** distances using nuclear **chiral effective field theory**
 - ▶ Fix **short** distance constants (contact interactions) e.g. in Pb region
 - ▶ Predict **systematics** for all other nuclei

deviations (in %) between
calculated and measured
binding energies
per nucleon ...

... and **charge radii**



P. Finelli, N. Kaiser, D. Vretenar, W.W. :
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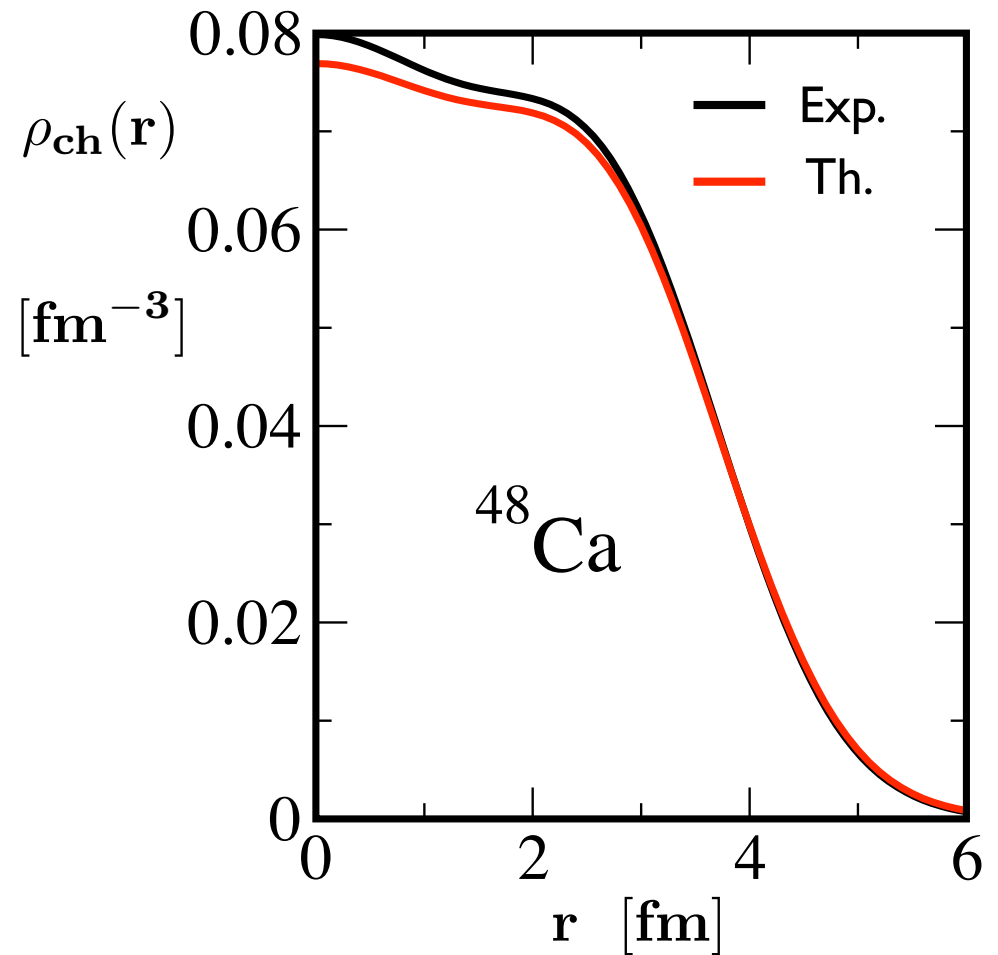
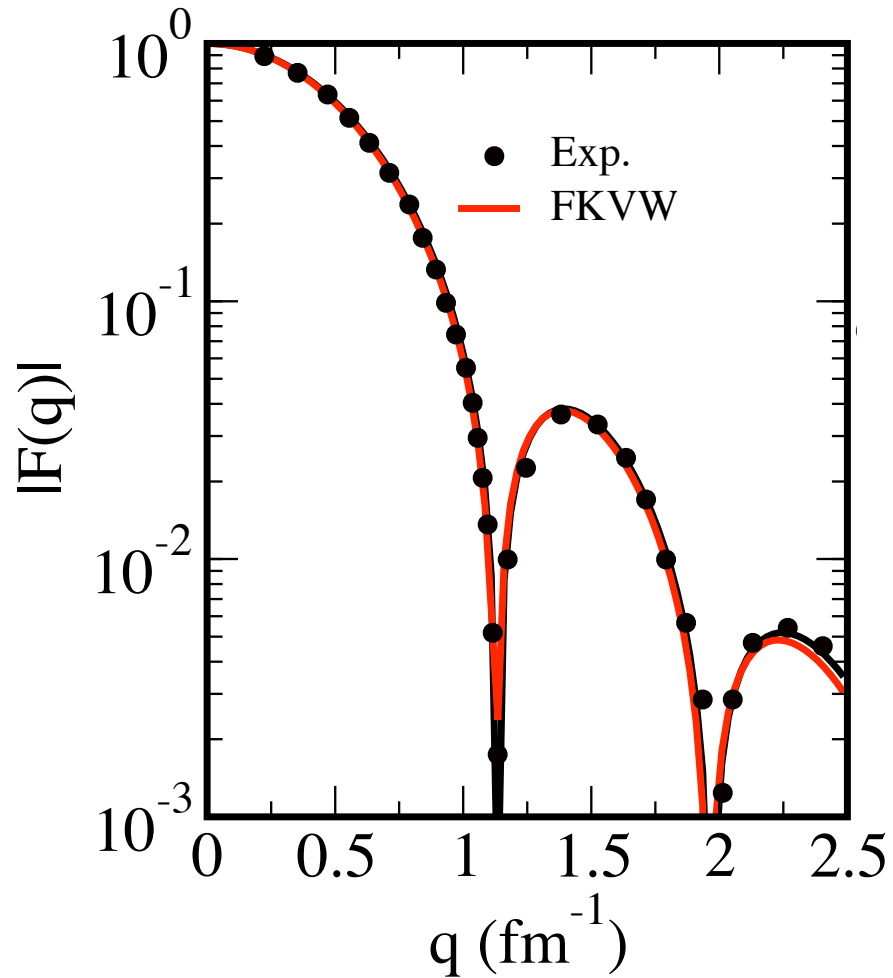


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Examples (part II)

charge density of ^{48}Ca



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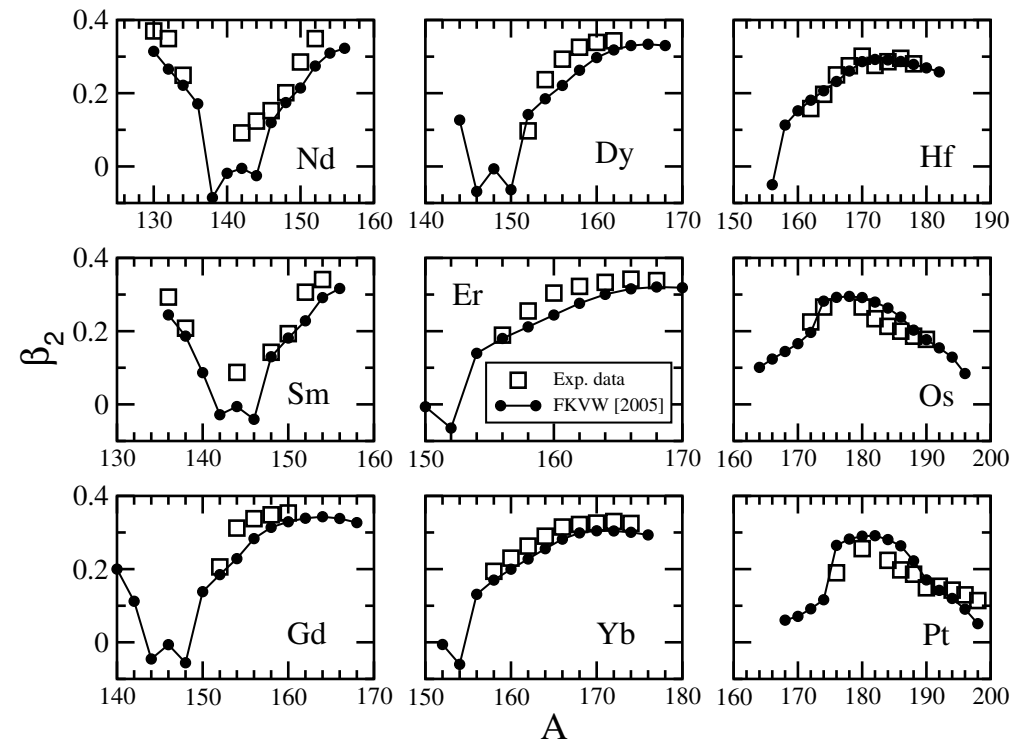
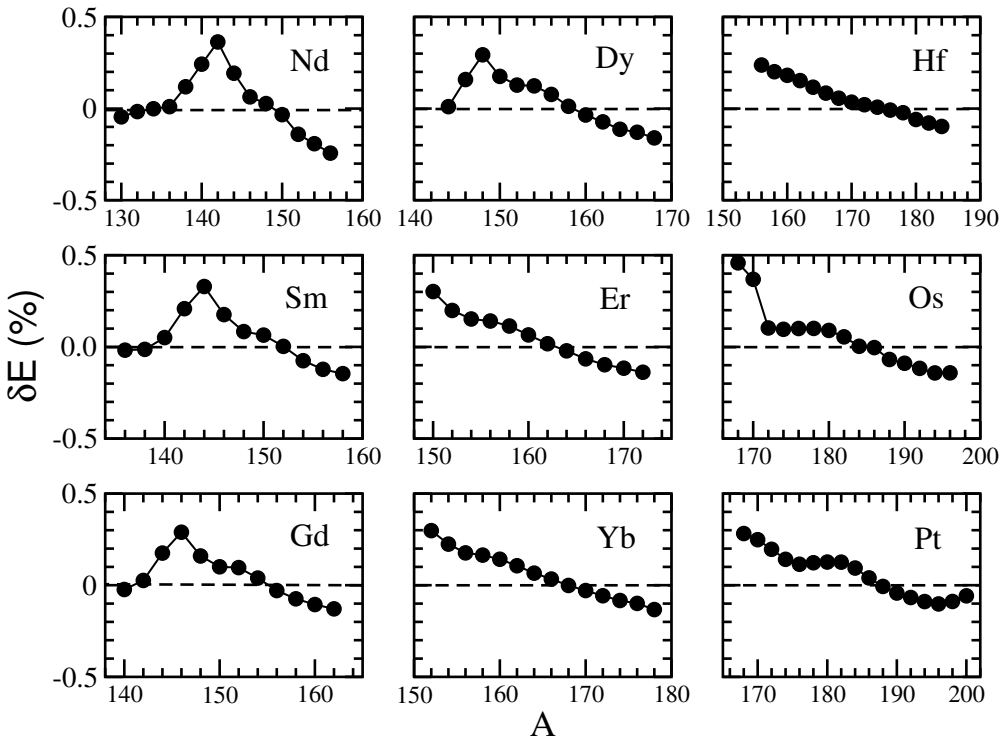


Examples (part III):

DEFORMED NUCLEI

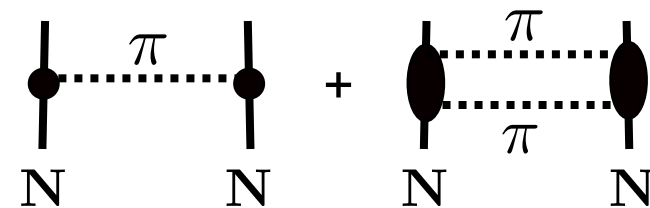
deviations (in %) between
calculated and measured binding energies

Ground state deformations



P. Finelli et al., Nucl. Phys. A770 (2006) I

Systematics through **isotopic chains**
governed by
isospin dependent forces
from **chiral pion dynamics**



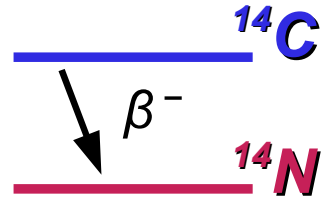
TENSOR force



... more applications

- **Gamow-Teller beta decays**

interesting
case:



anomalously long lifetime (5739 y)
enables radiocarbon dating

Theoretically **not** understood on the basis of **two-nucleon** interactions only

- ▶ Solution: **chiral effective interaction** including **three-body force**

J.W. Holt, N. Kaiser, W.W.: Phys. Rev. C79 (2009) 054331, Phys. Rev. C81 (2010) 024002

- **Spin-orbit interactions**

- ▶ Role of **2nd order tensor force** from **pion exchange**
and **three-body interactions**

N. Kaiser: Phys. Rev. C68 (2003) 054001; N. Kaiser and W.W.: Nucl. Phys. A804 (2008) 60

- **In-medium Chiral SU(3) dynamics and hypernuclei**

- ▶ **Weak Λ -nuclear spin-orbit coupling**

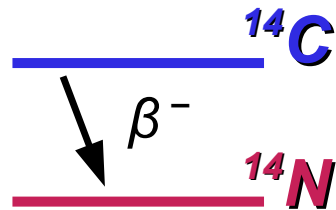
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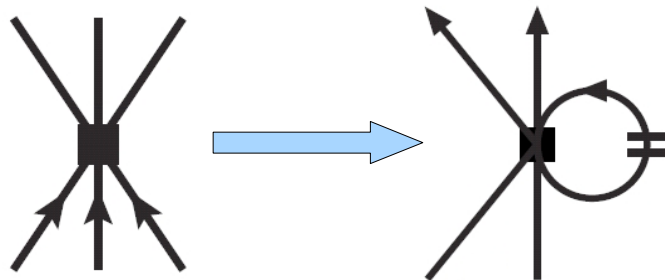
Anomalously long beta decay lifetime of ^{14}C

- Early history: B. Janovici, I. Talmi : Phys. Rev. 95 (1954) 289 (Role of **tensor force**)



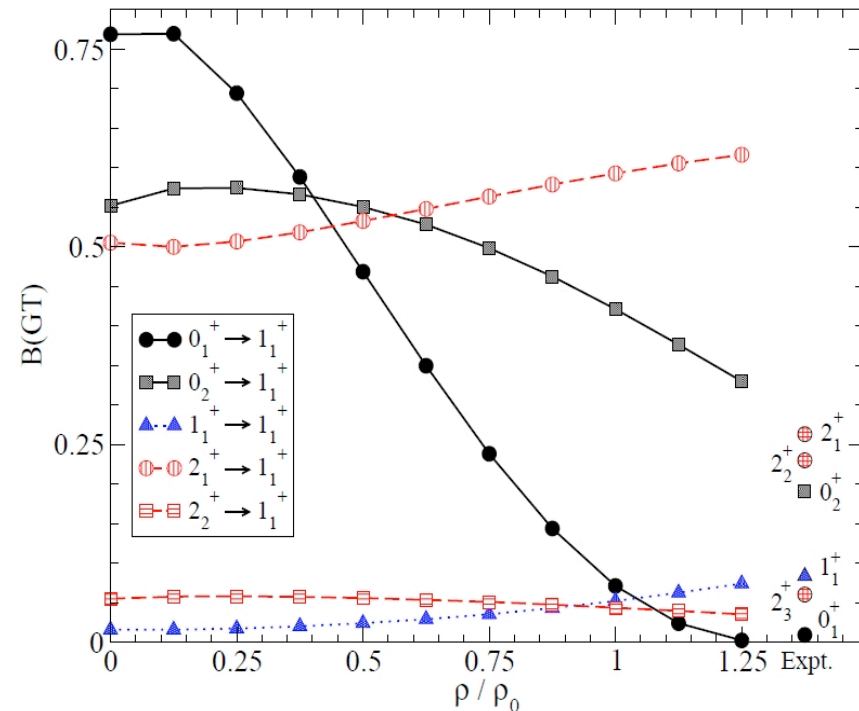
- Known lifetime of 5730 years enables radiocarbon dating
- But theoretical description using realistic nucleon-nucleon interactions overestimates the GT strength

Idea: Derive a density-dependent two-nucleon force from the leading-order chiral three-nucleon force



$$T_{1/2} = \frac{1}{f(Z, E_0)} \frac{2\pi^3 \hbar^7 \ln 2}{m_e^5 c^4 G_V^2} \frac{1}{g_A^{*2} |M_{GT}|^2}$$

$$\text{Expt: } B(GT) \simeq |M_{GT}|^2 \simeq 10^{-6}$$



- Large suppression of GT strength at ρ_0 due to chiral 3NF!

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6 CHIRAL CONDENSATE at finite DENSITY

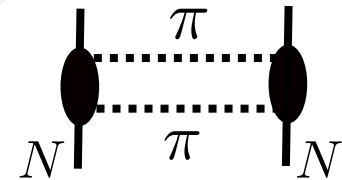
($T = 0$)

- Hellmann - Feynman theorem: $\langle \Psi | \bar{q}q | \Psi \rangle = \langle \Psi | \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{\text{QCD}}}{\partial m_q} | \Psi \rangle = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(m_q; \rho)}{\partial m_q}$

sigma term

$$m_q \frac{\partial M_N}{\partial m_q}$$

**in-medium
chiral
effective
field theory**



$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\rho}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0} = 1 - \frac{\rho}{f_\pi^2} \left[\frac{\sigma_N}{m_\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{3 p_F^2}{10 M_N^2} + \dots \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial m_\pi^2} \left(\frac{E_{\text{int}}(p_F)}{A} \right) \right]$$

(free) Fermi gas
of nucleons

nuclear interactions
(dependence
on pion mass)



CHIRAL CONDENSATE: DENSITY DEPENDENCE

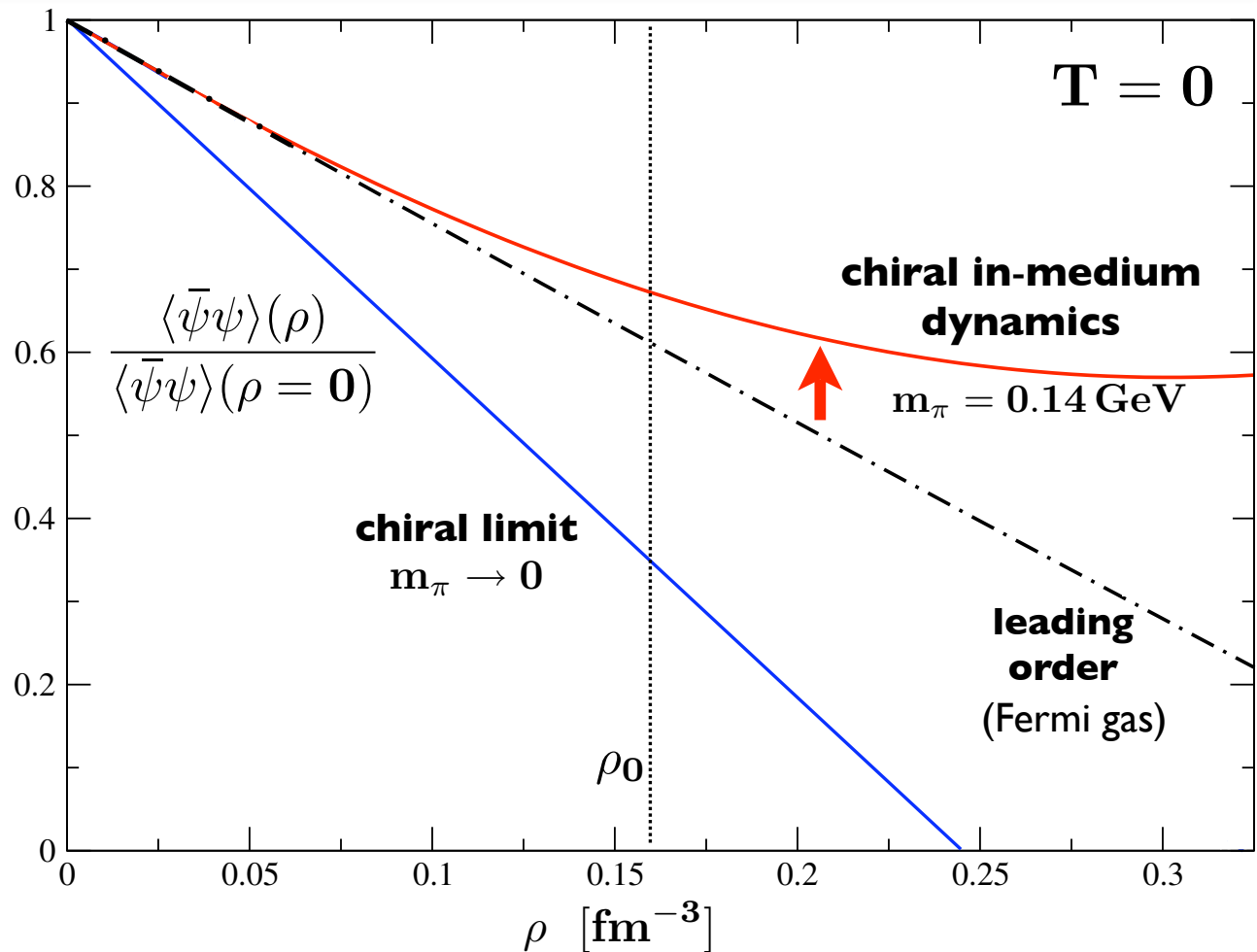
Symmetric Nuclear Matter

- In-medium Chiral Effective Field Theory**

(NLO 3-loop)

constrained by
realistic nuclear equation of state

N. Kaiser, Ph. de Homont, W.W.
Phys. Rev. C 77 (2008) 025204



- Substantial **change of symmetry breaking scenario** between chiral limit $m_q = 0$ and physical quark mass $m_q \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$
- Nuclear Physics** would be **very different** in the **chiral limit** !



CHIRAL CONDENSATE: DENSITY and TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE

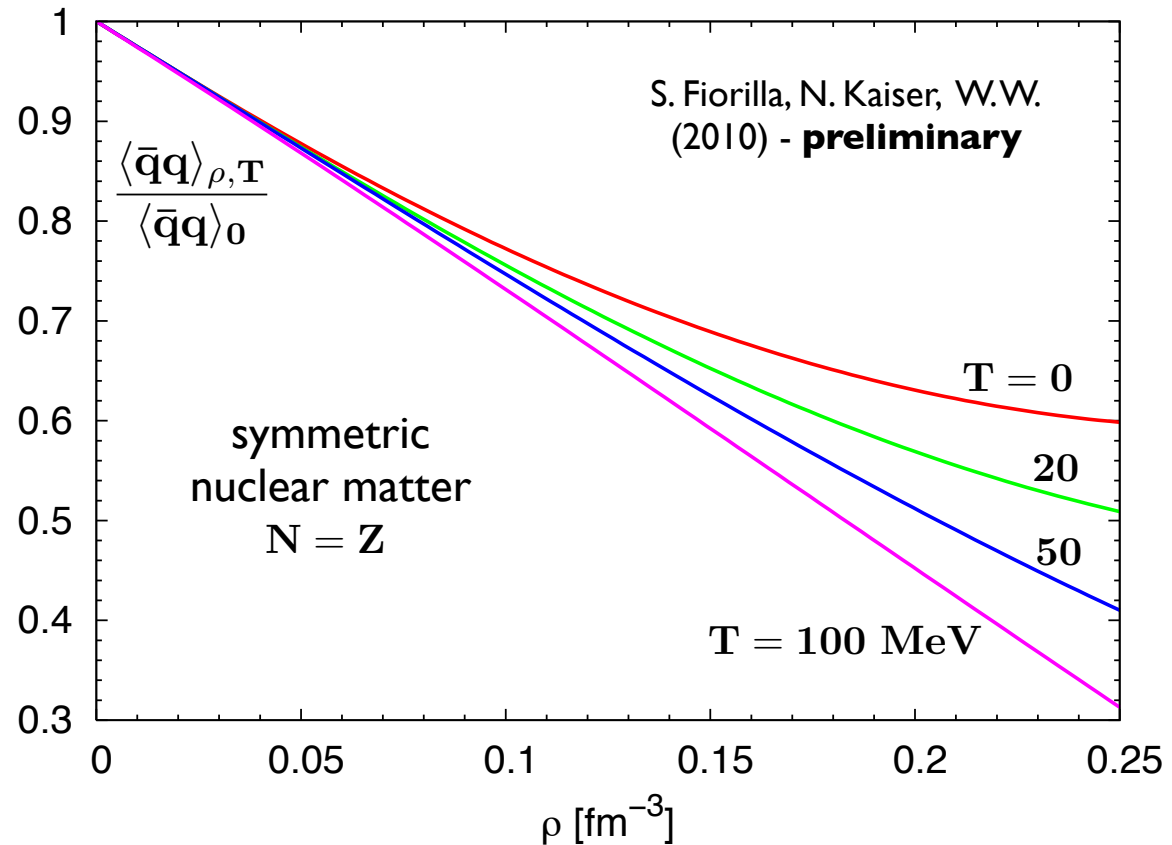
- Free energy density $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{m}_q; \rho, \mathbf{T})$

$$\langle \Psi | \bar{q}q | \Psi \rangle_{\rho, \mathbf{T}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{m}_q; \rho, \mathbf{T})}{\partial \mathbf{m}_q}$$

- In-medium Chiral Effective Field Theory**

(NLO 3-loop)

constrained by **realistic nuclear equation of state**

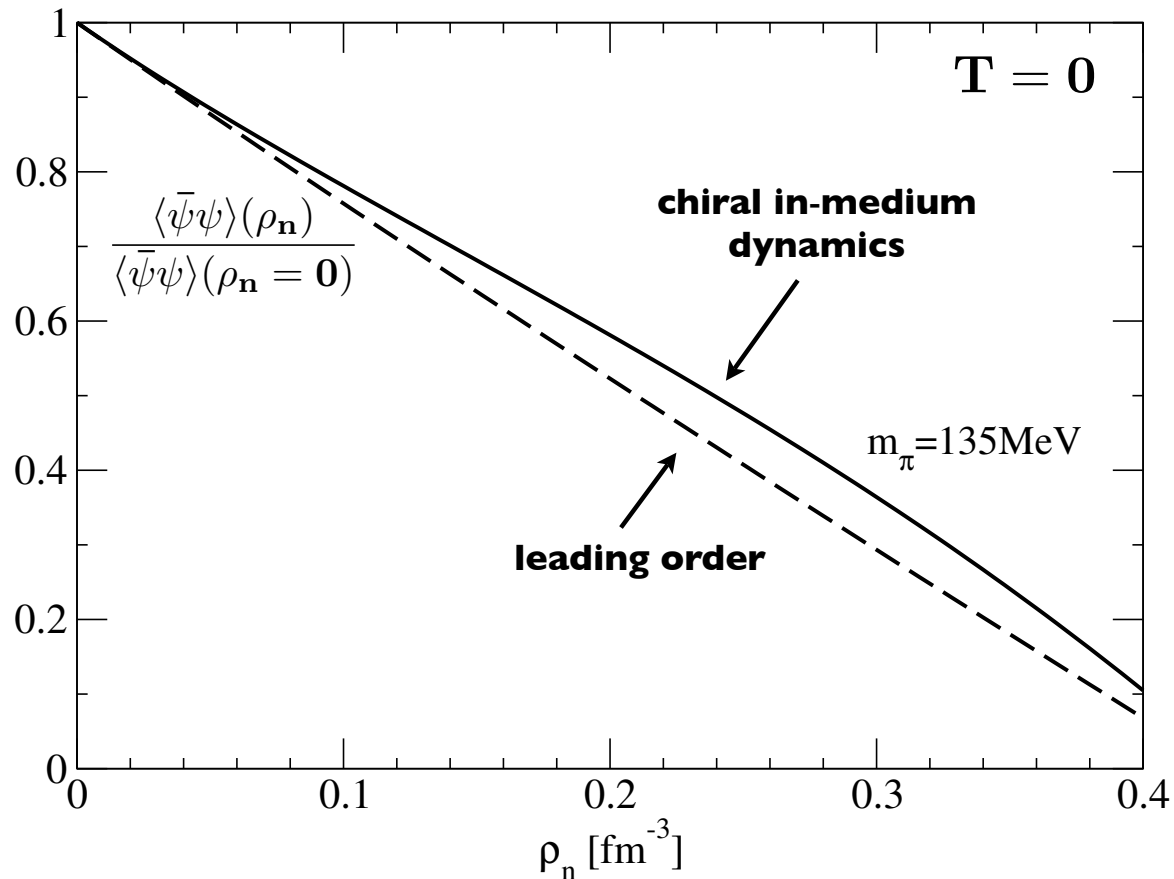


- No indication** of first order **chiral phase transition** in the range $\rho \leq 2\rho_0, \quad \mathbf{T} \leq 100 \text{ MeV}$



CHIRAL CONDENSATE: DENSITY DEPENDENCE

Neutron Matter



N. Kaiser, W.W.
Phys. Lett. B671 (2009) 25

neutron star
territory



- Qualitative difference between **nuclear** and **neutron** matter
- Chiral limit: logarithmic singularity as $m_\pi \rightarrow 0$
- Important: realistic treatment of **two-body** and **three-body correlations** in extrapolations to high-density matter



7

Modelling the QCD PHASE DIAGRAM

POLYAKOV LOOP dynamics



Confinement

Synthesis

Fukushima (2004)
Ratti, Thaler, Weise (2005)

PNJL MODEL

NAMBU & JONA-LASINIO
model



Spontaneous
Chiral Symmetry
Breaking

Nambu, Jona-Lasinio (1961)

- **Action :**

$$\mathcal{S}(\psi, \psi^\dagger, \phi) = \int_0^{\beta=1/T} d\tau \int_V d^3\mathbf{x} [\psi^\dagger \partial_\tau \psi + \mathcal{H}(\psi, \psi^\dagger, \phi)] - \frac{V}{T} \mathcal{U}(\phi, T)$$

Fermion (quark)
effective **Hamiltonian**

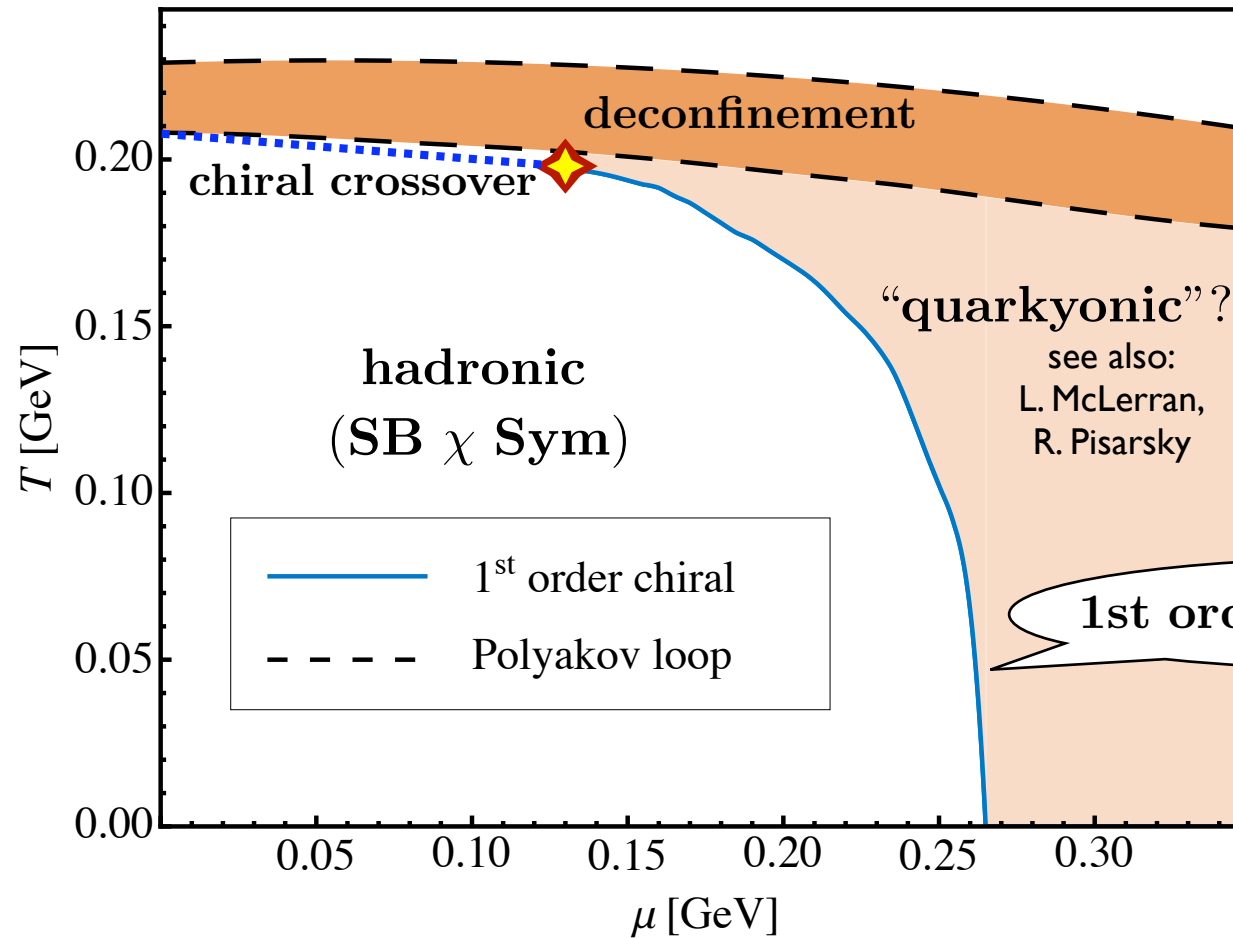
Polyakov loop
effective **potential**

- identify leading **collective degrees of freedom**
(→ **order parameters**)
- **quarks** as **quasiparticles** with dynamically generated masses



PHASE DIAGRAM (contd.)

Non-local **3-flavour PNJL** model calculation



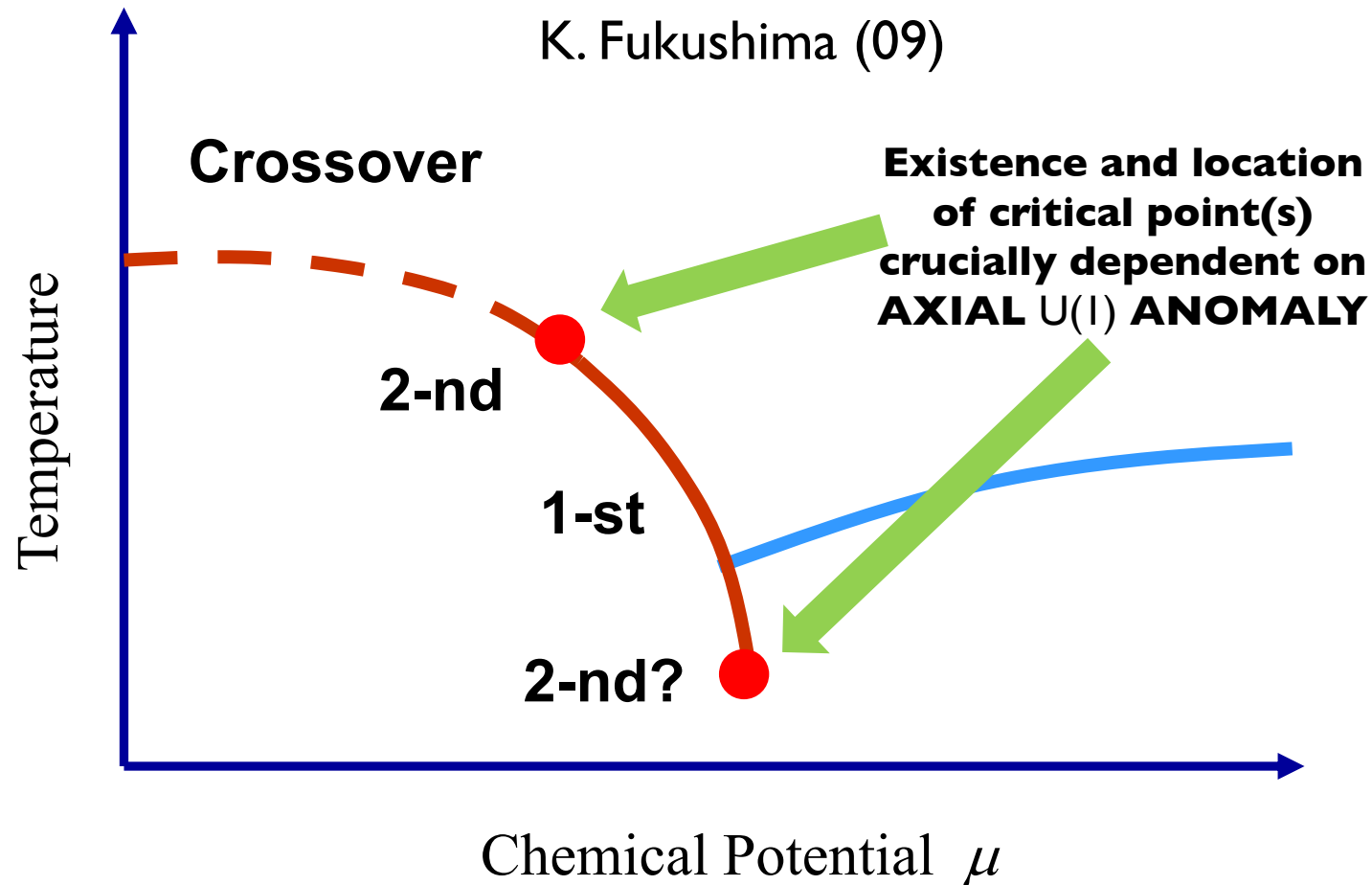
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M. Cristoforetti, W.W.
Phys. Rev. D81 (2010)
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- “**wrong**” degrees of freedom
at low temperature, non-zero **baryon** density ?



PHASE DIAGRAM (contd.)

- Issues: → **Critical Point(s)**
→ Diquarks and **Color Super Conducting Phases**



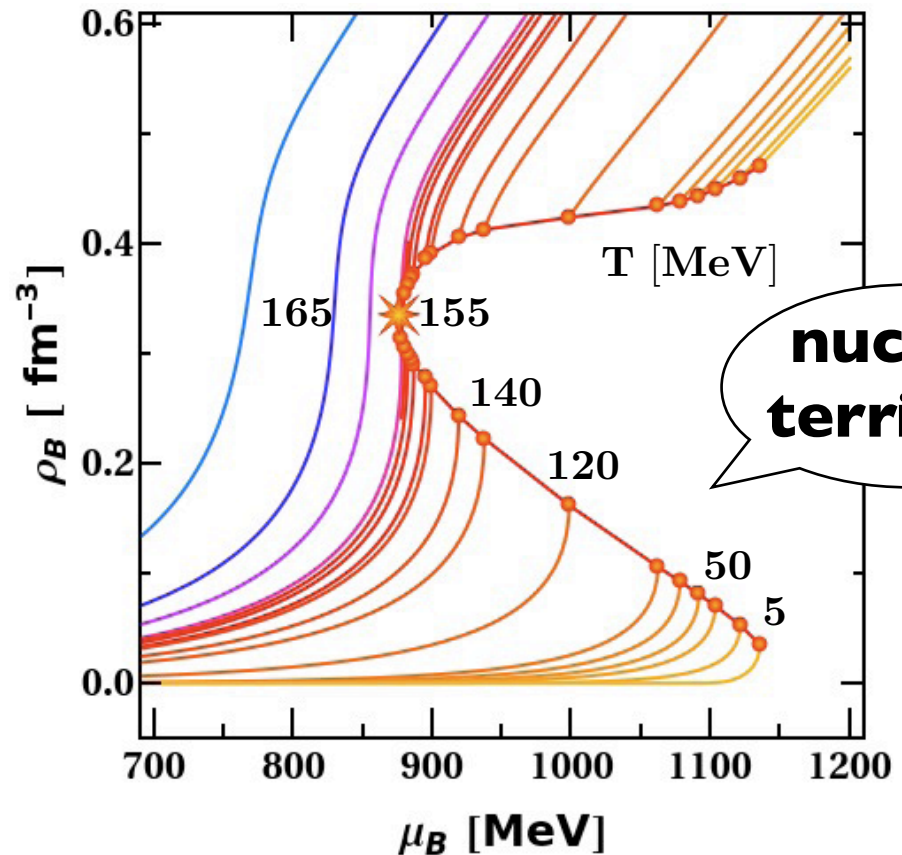
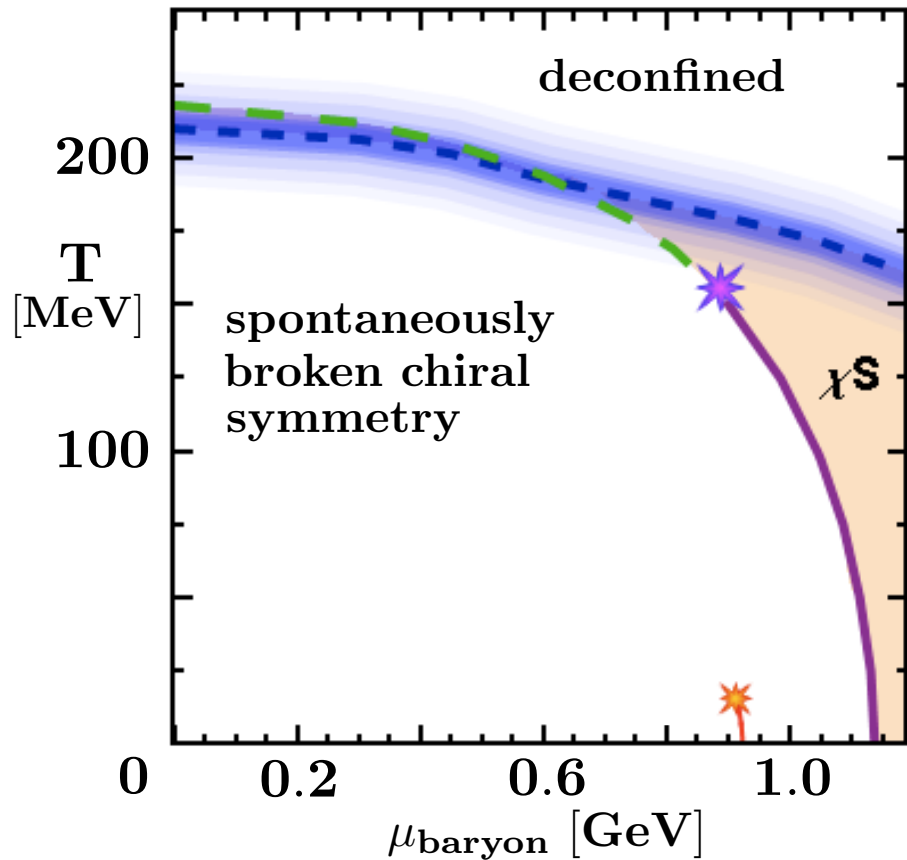
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PHASE DIAGRAM (contd.)

PNJL model calculations

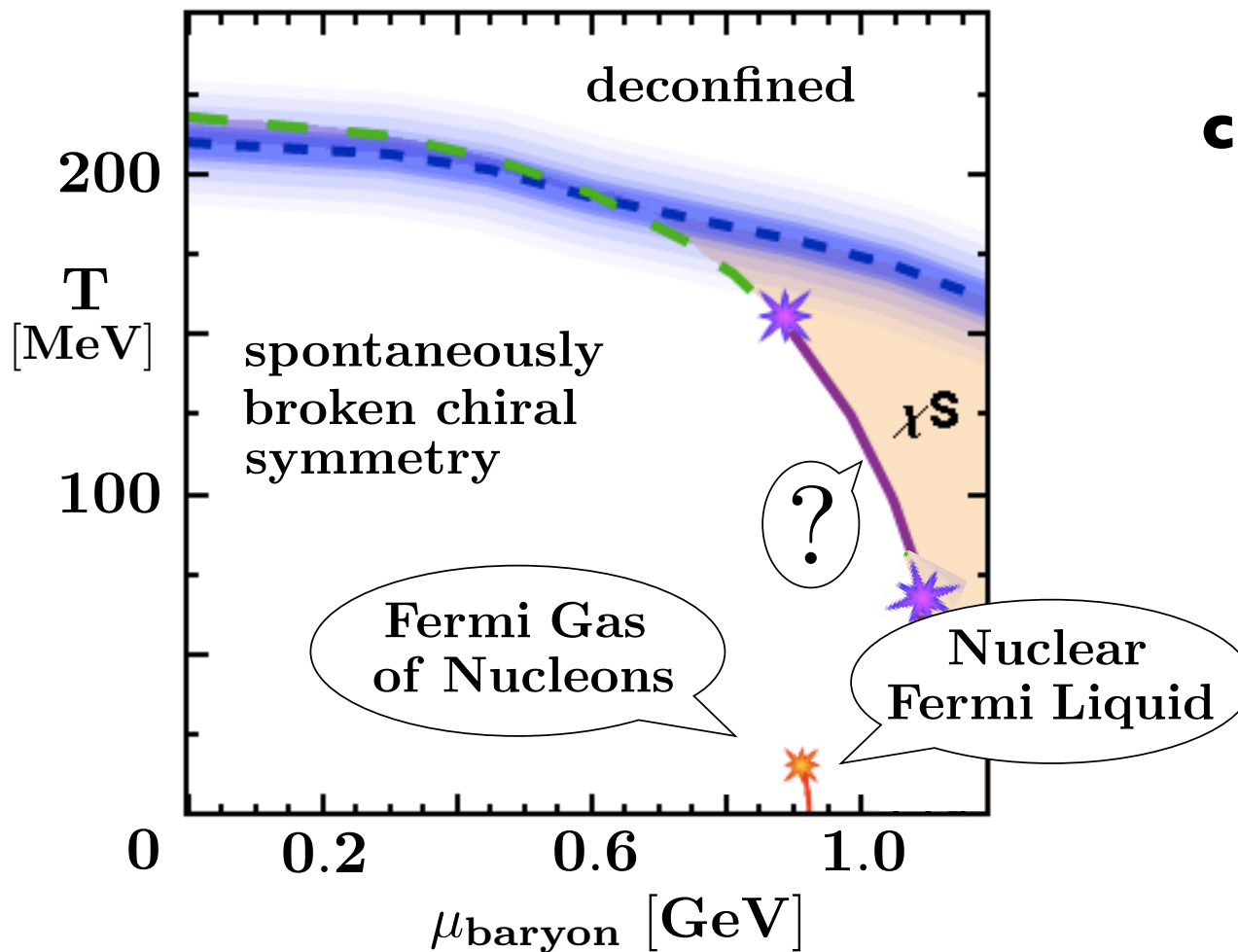
N. Bratovich, T. Hell, W.W. (2010)



- Quarks **cannot** be the relevant **active quasiparticles** at low temperatures and baryon chemical potentials $\mu_B \sim 1$ GeV



PHASE DIAGRAM (contd.)



● from **nuclear chiral thermodynamics**:

corridor of
spontaneously broken chiral symmetry
extends at least up to:

$$\rho \leq 2\rho_0$$

$$T \leq 100 \text{ MeV}$$

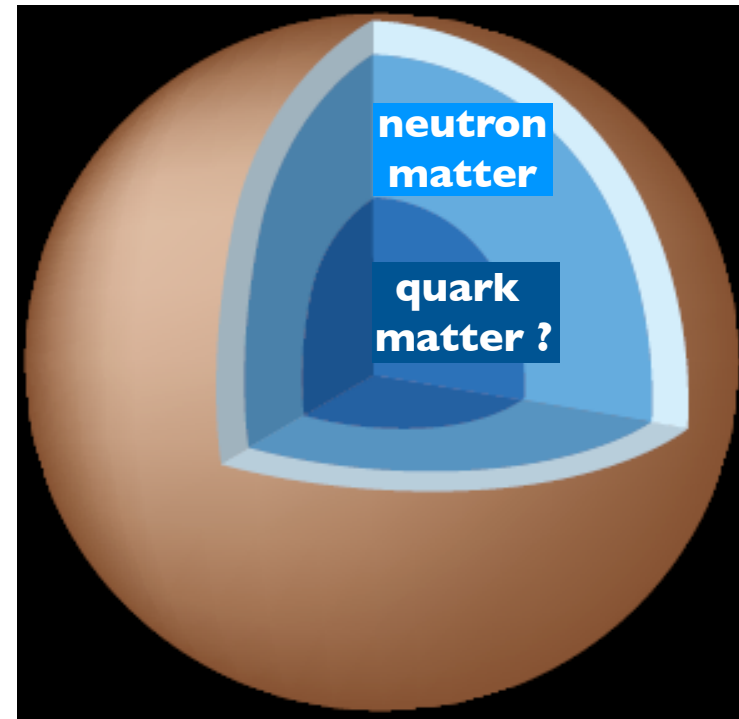
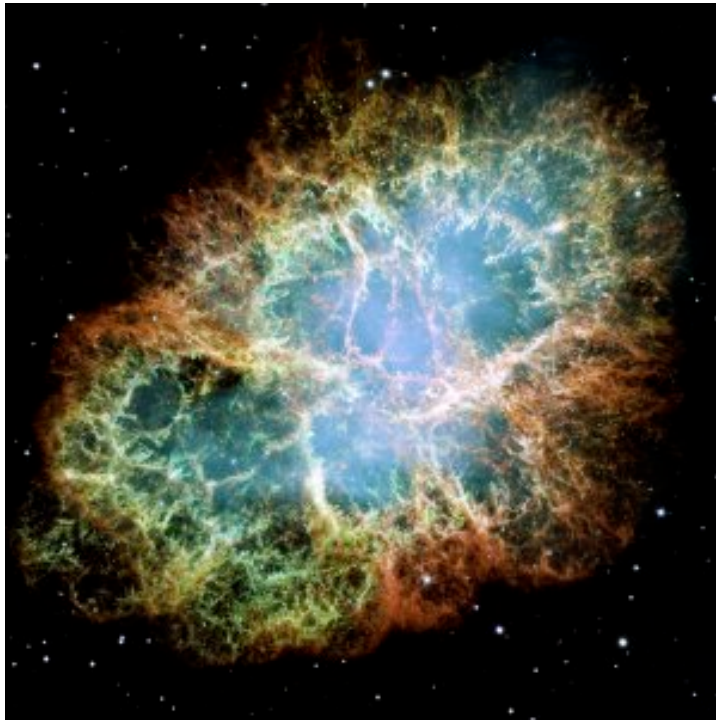
S. Fiorilla, N. Kaiser, W.W.
(2010) - preliminary

- Major challenge: design **QCD phase diagram** in accordance with known realistic **constraints** from **hadronic** and **nuclear** physics



8 Constraints from **Astrophysical Observations**

- Constraints on **Equation of State** at **HIGH DENSITY**
(2 - 10 times the density of normal nuclear matter)

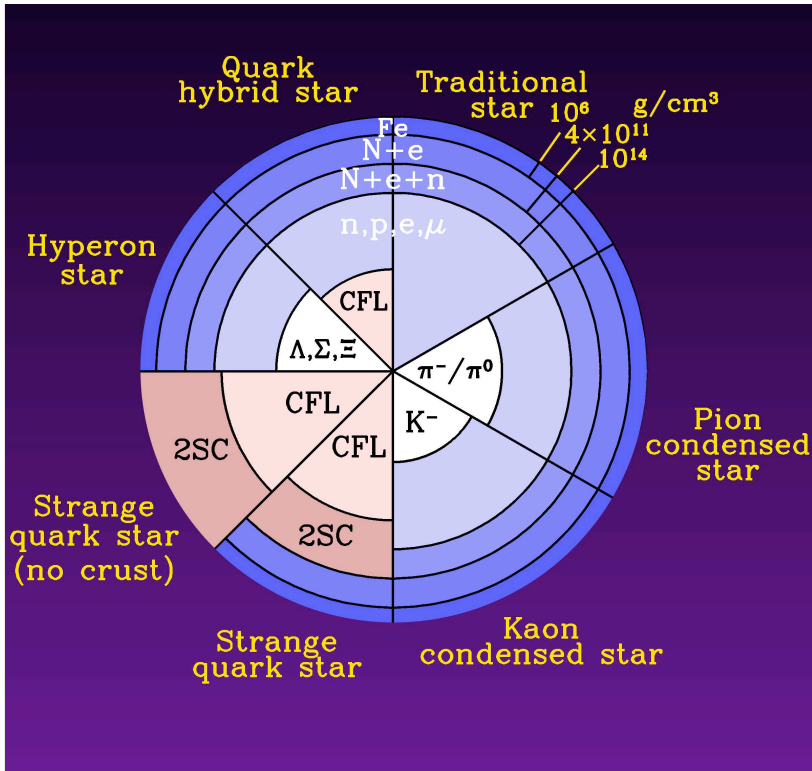


- from **Supernovae** to **Neutron Stars**



NEUTRON STARS and the EQUATION OF STATE of DENSE BARYONIC MATTER

J. Lattimer, M. Prakash: *Astrophys. J.* 550 (2001) 426
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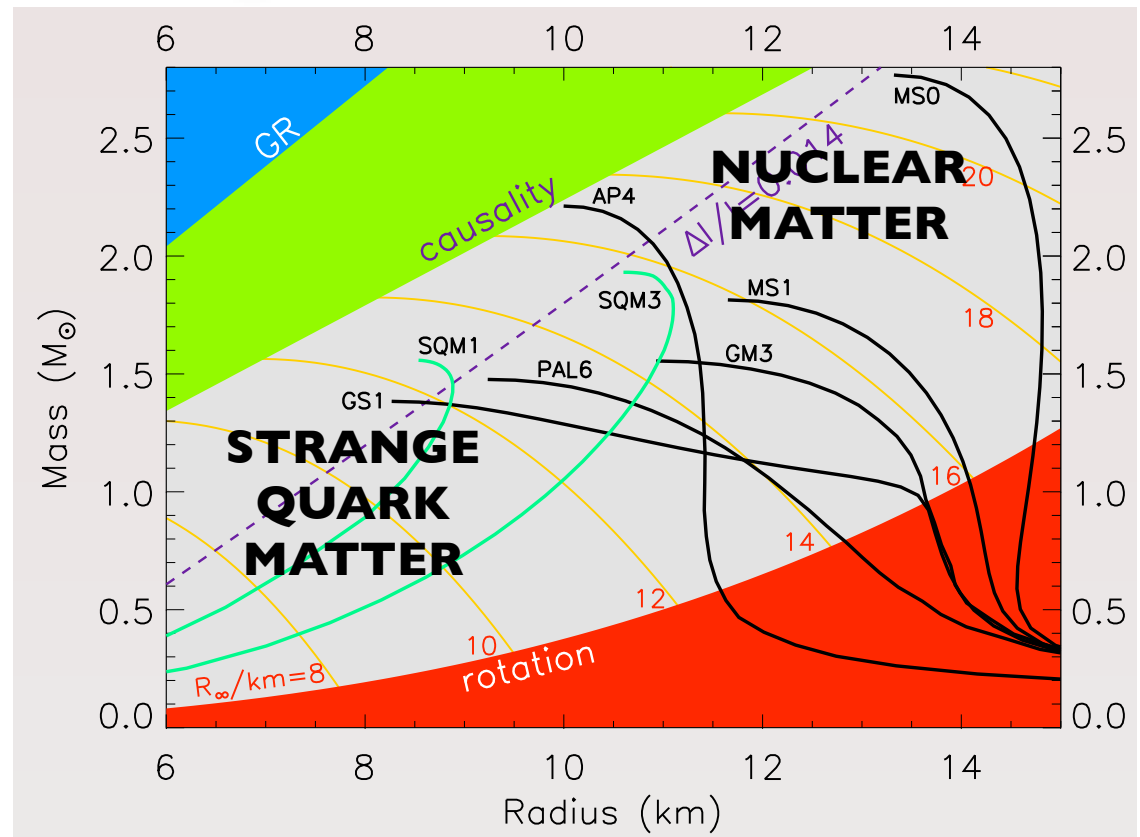
● Neutron Star Scenarios

● Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkov equations

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{G}{c^2} \frac{(m + 4\pi r^3)(\epsilon + p)}{r(r - 2Gm/c^2)}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi \frac{\epsilon}{c^2} r^2$$

● Mass-Radius Relation

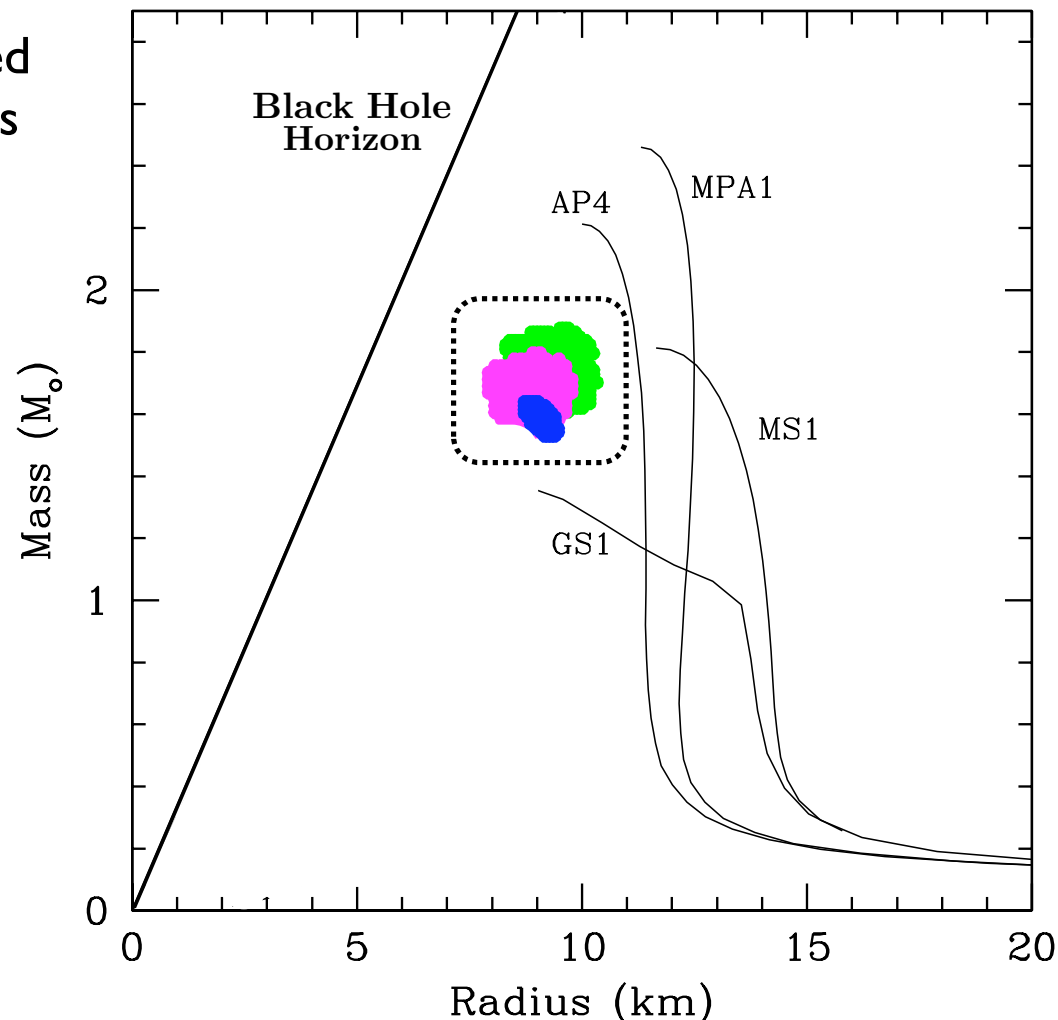


Oulook: New Constraints from NEUTRON STARS in BINARIES

... using additional information from observables such as apparent surface and flux during cooling phase of burst

techniques now applied
to three neutron stars
in binaries

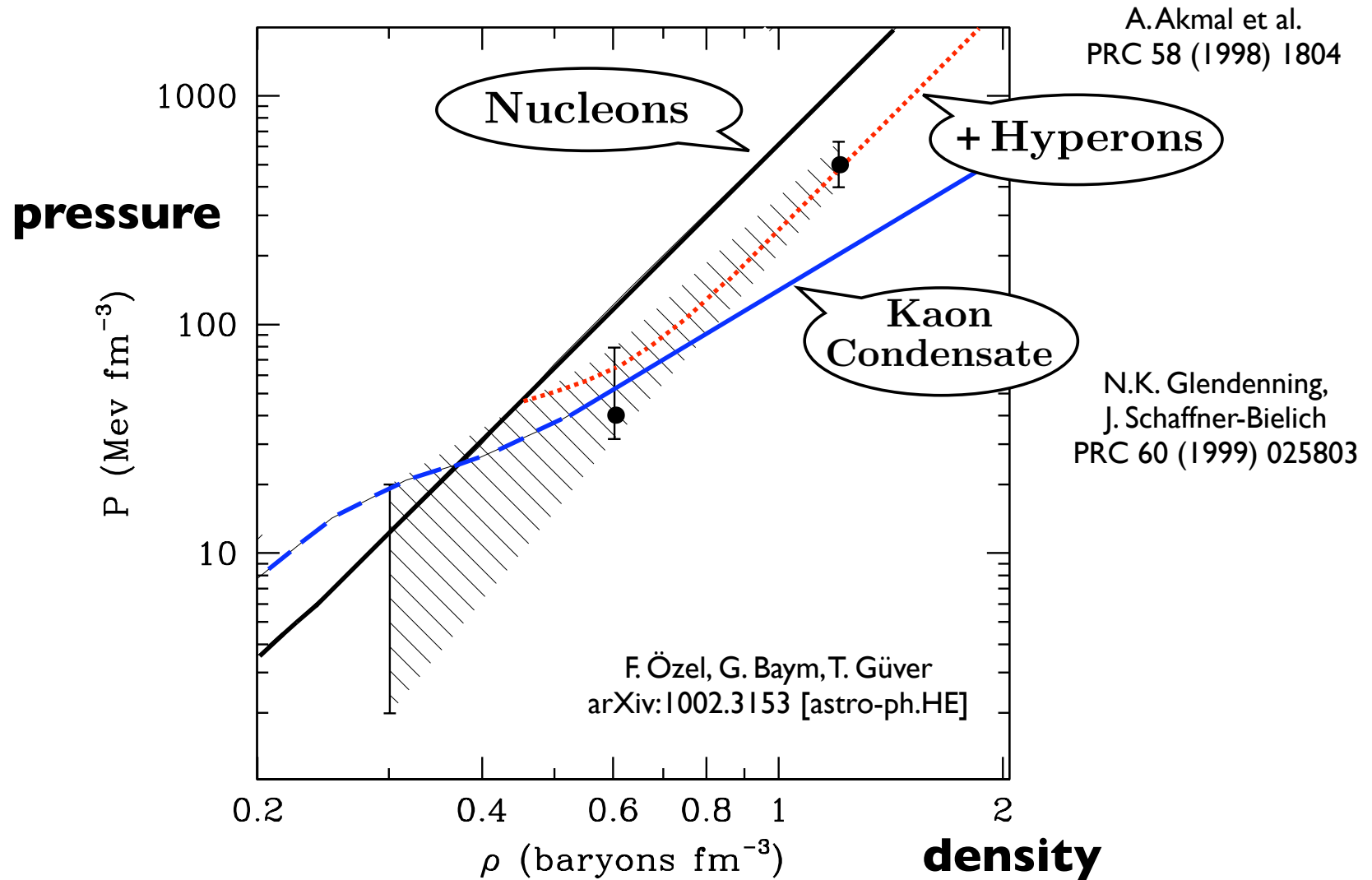
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Implications for the EQUATION of STATE



- **Nucleons + Hyperons** more likely than **Kaon Condensate** or **Quark Matter**



Summary and Conclusions

- **Interface of Low-Energy QCD and Nuclear Physics:**
Nuclear **Chiral** (Thermo-) **Dynamics** really works !
- Importance of **Two-Pion Exchange in-medium** processes in combination with Pauli principle
- **Three-Nucleon Forces** are natural part of nuclear chiral dynamics
→ important stabilizer of nuclear matter at higher density
- Magnitude of **Chiral Condensate** remains non-zero in the range
$$\rho \leq 2\rho_0, \quad T \leq 100 \text{ MeV}$$

→ corridor of **Spontaneous Chiral Symmetry Breaking**
persists along baryon density axis

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