

Quarkyonic effective field theory

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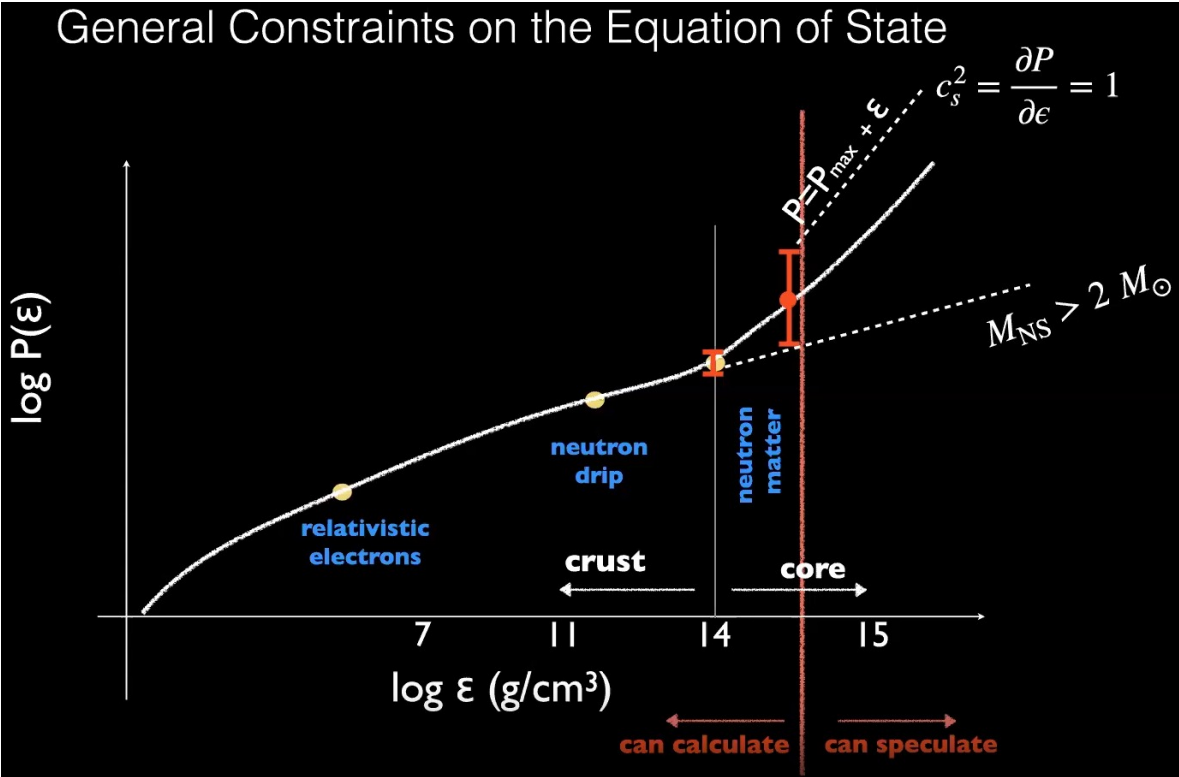
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Outline

- Brief motivation;
- Quarkyonic Matter for the EoS of neutron stars;
- Quarkyonic EFT;
- Final Remarks.

General Constraints on the Equation of State



Constraints to the EoS of dense matter

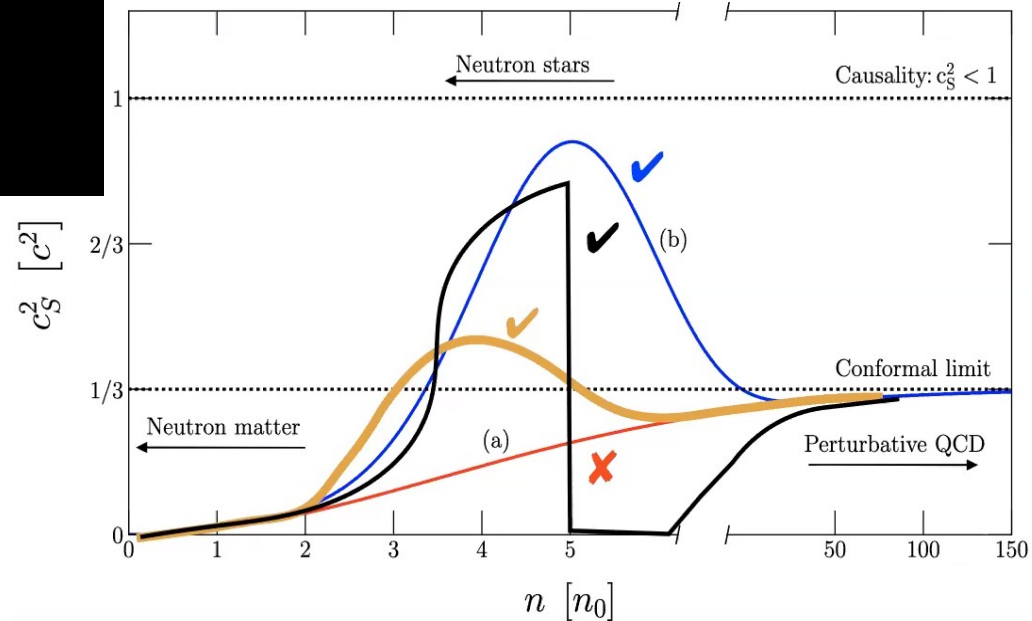
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- $R_{M=1.4M_{\odot}} \leq 13.5 \text{ km}$ and $M_{max} > 2M_{\odot}$

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- $R_{M=1.4M_{\odot}} \leq 15 \text{ km}$ and $M_{max} (2 - 3)M_{\odot}$

Breakdown of the models!



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Resultant model/theory must:

- ✓ Satisfy the well-known nuclear matter properties at saturation density; $n_B \sim (1 - 2)\rho_0$
 - ✓ Evolve to a phase of deconfined quarks at high densities; $n_B \gtrsim (2 - 5)\rho_0$???
 - ✓ Recover the pQCD results at asymptotically high densities and temperatures. $n_B \gtrsim 40\rho_0$

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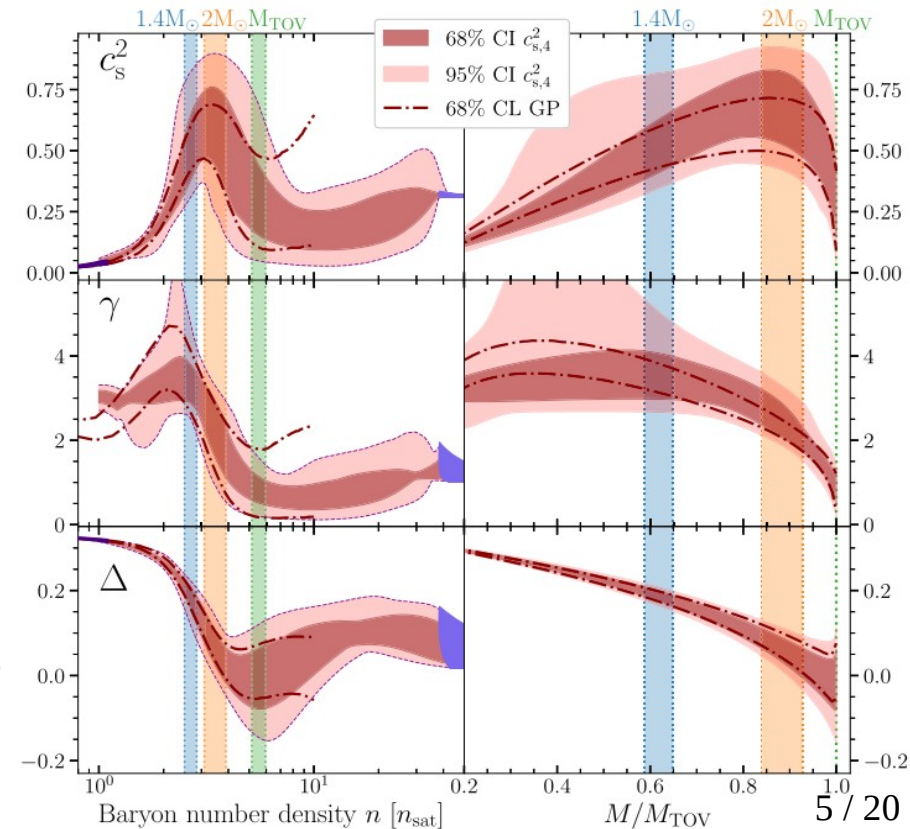
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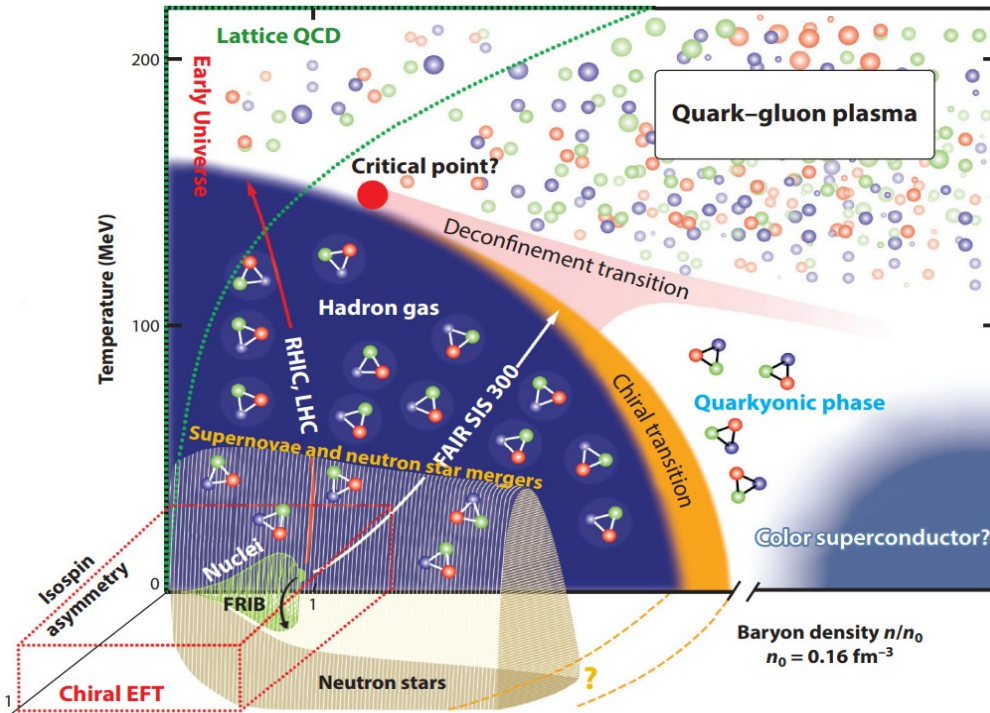
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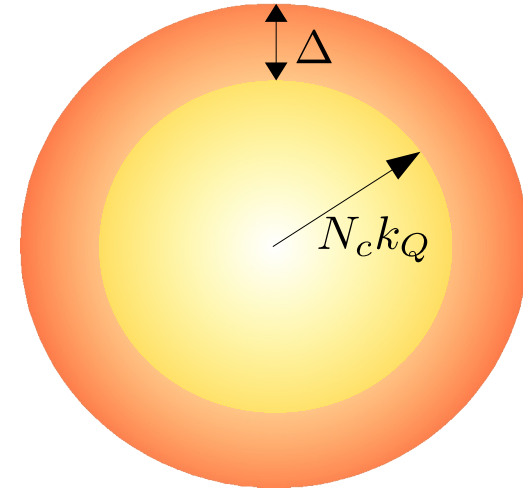
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Quarkyonic Matter



Drischler et al (2021).



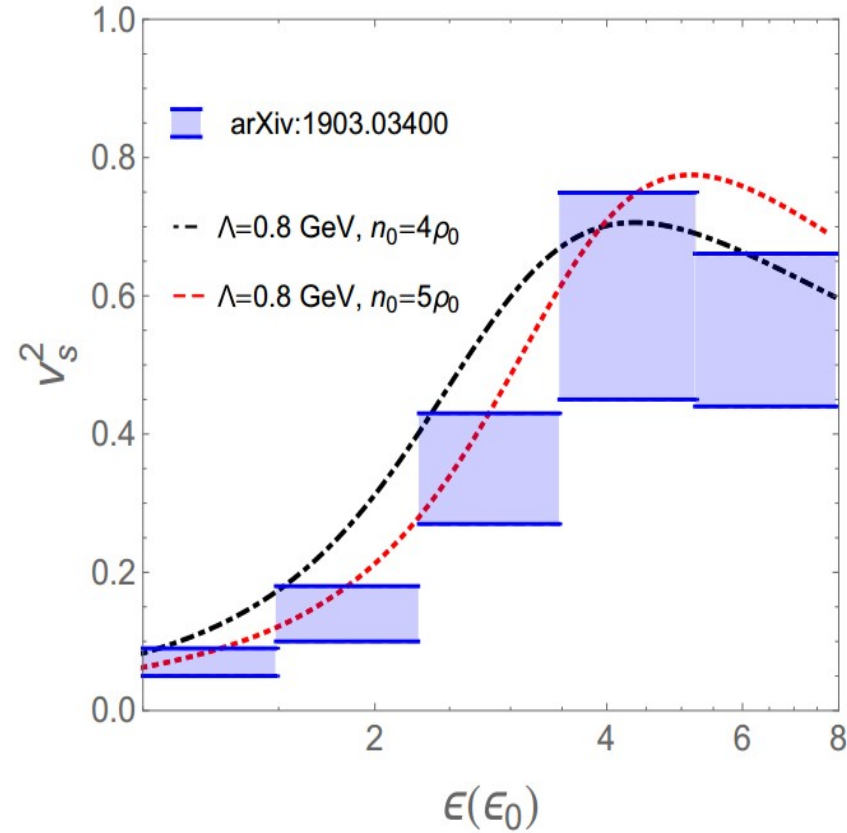
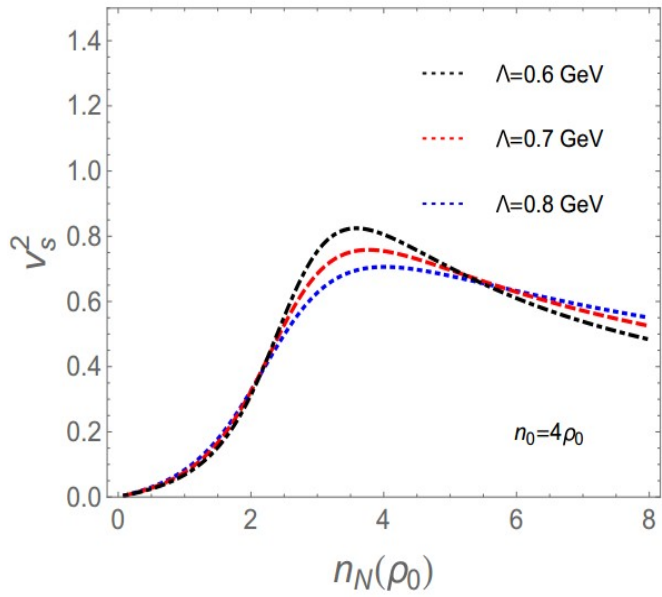
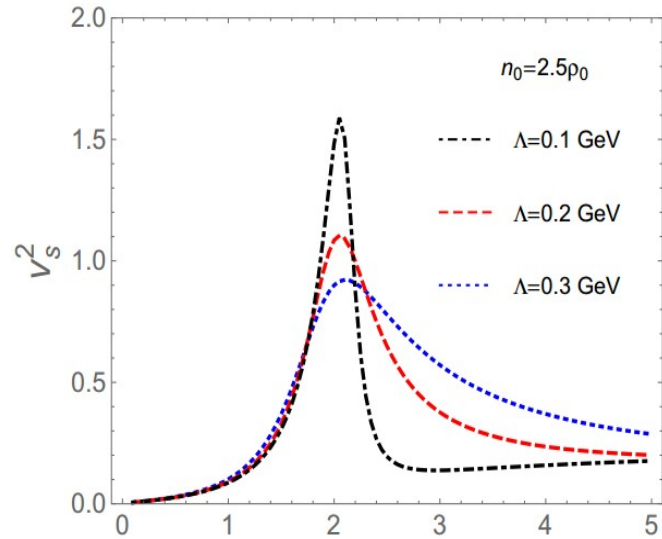
Pressure when $\mu_Q > M_q$ and $n_B \neq 0$:

$$\mathcal{O}(N_c^0) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(N_c)$$

$$(\text{hadron}) \rightarrow (\text{quarkyonic})$$

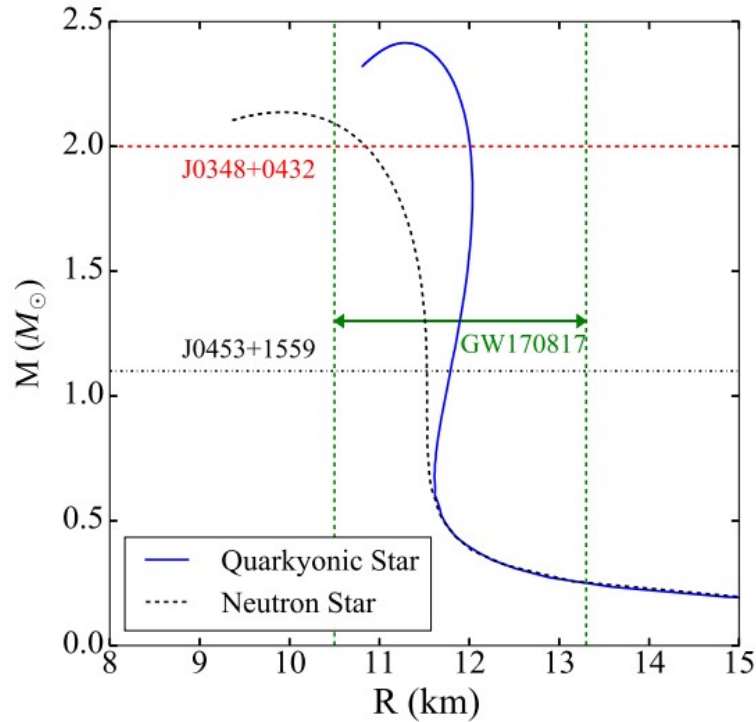
Weakly interacting quark system?
Baryonic system?

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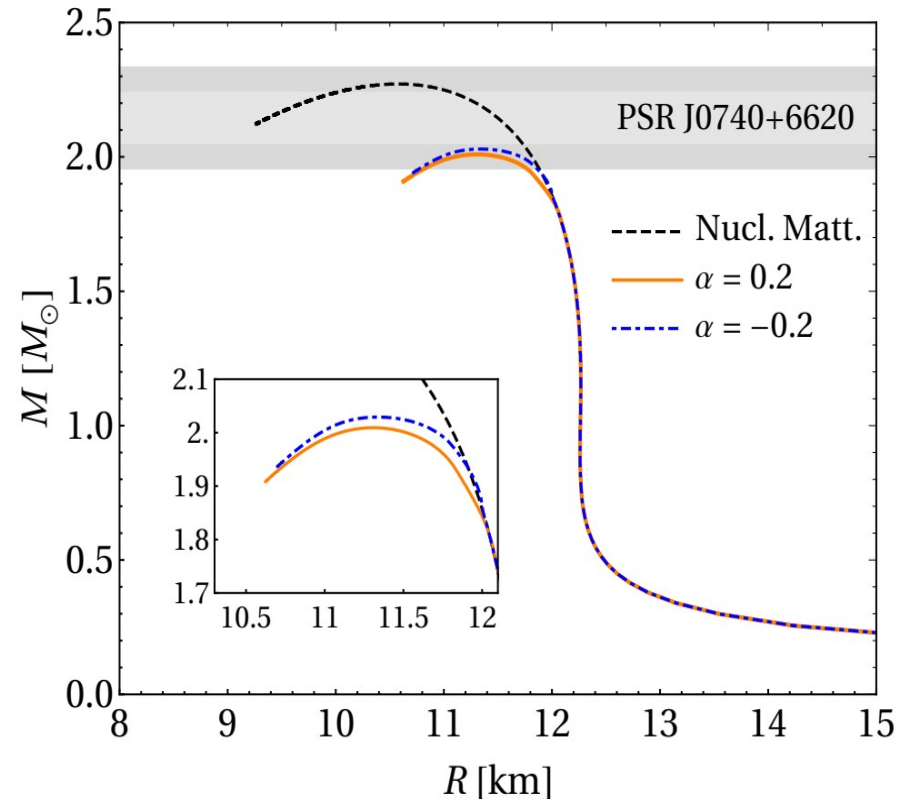
Good agreement with sound velocity obtained from an equation of state extracted from neutron stars properties using deep neural network.

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Three flavor excluded volume model, shell appearing dynamically with the increase of baryon density.

DD, Jeong, Hernandez-Ortiz,
PRC 102 065202 (2020)



Model for the dependence of Δ with the baryon density:

$$\Delta = \frac{\Lambda^3}{k_{FB}^2} + \kappa \frac{\Lambda}{N_c^2}$$

McLerran and Reddy,
PRL 122,122701 (2019)

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Our purpose: Inclusion of a negative metric ghost field, that fill precisely the same state as the quarks, and cancel away the degrees of freedom of unconstrained nucleons.

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Nucleons are placed in a shell of momenta above the momenta of quark Fermi sea, where they are not Pauli blocked!

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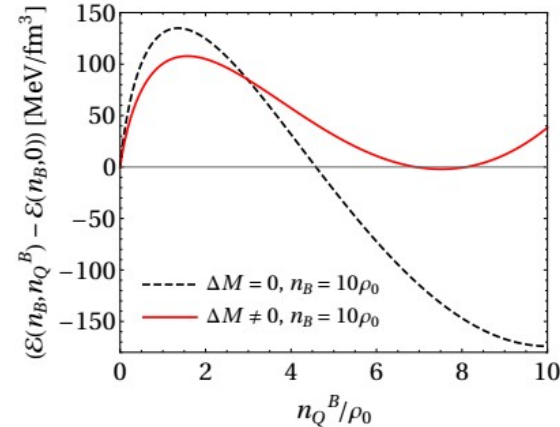
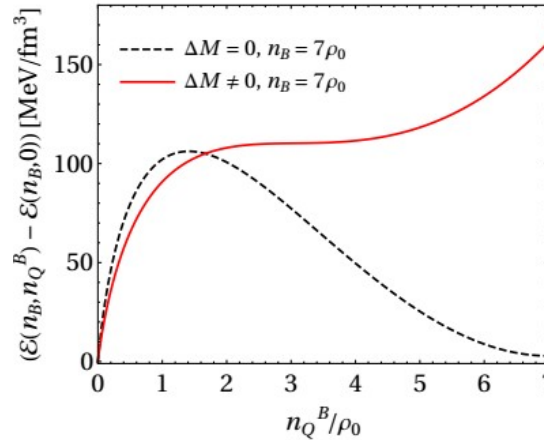
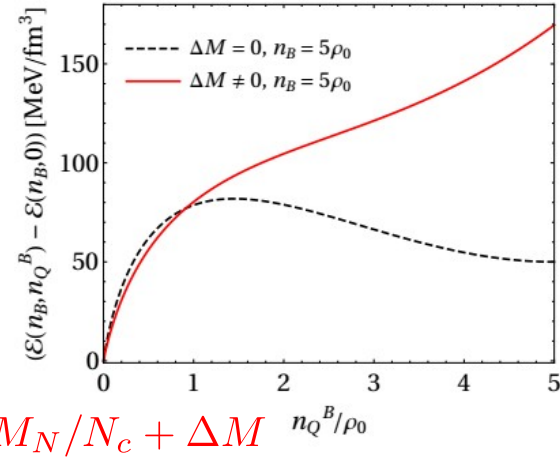
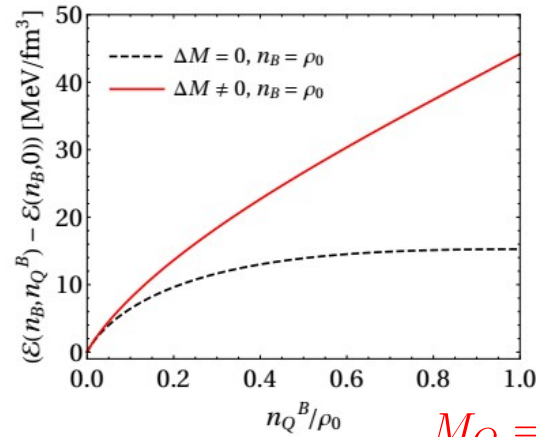
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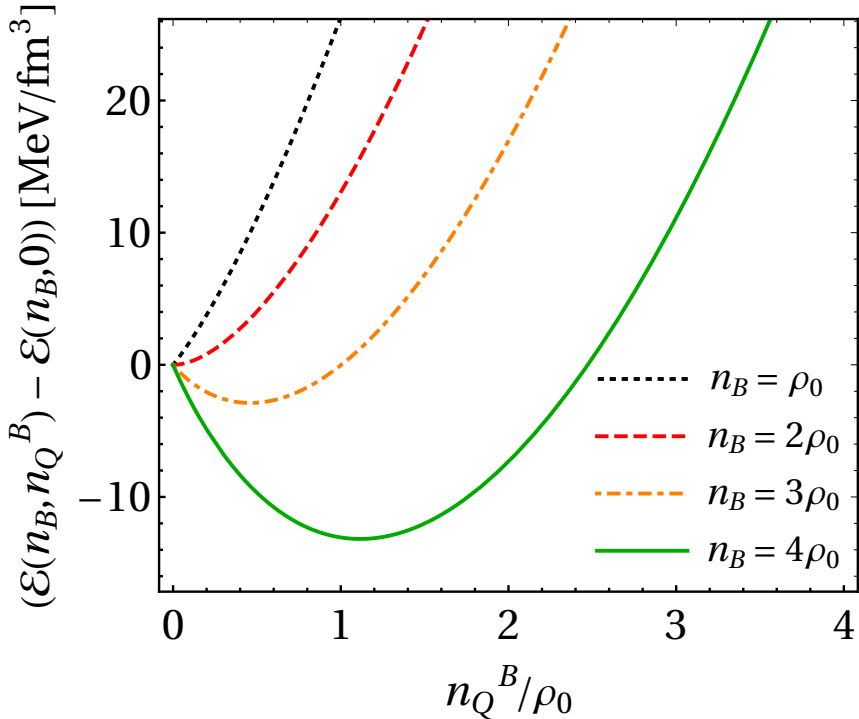
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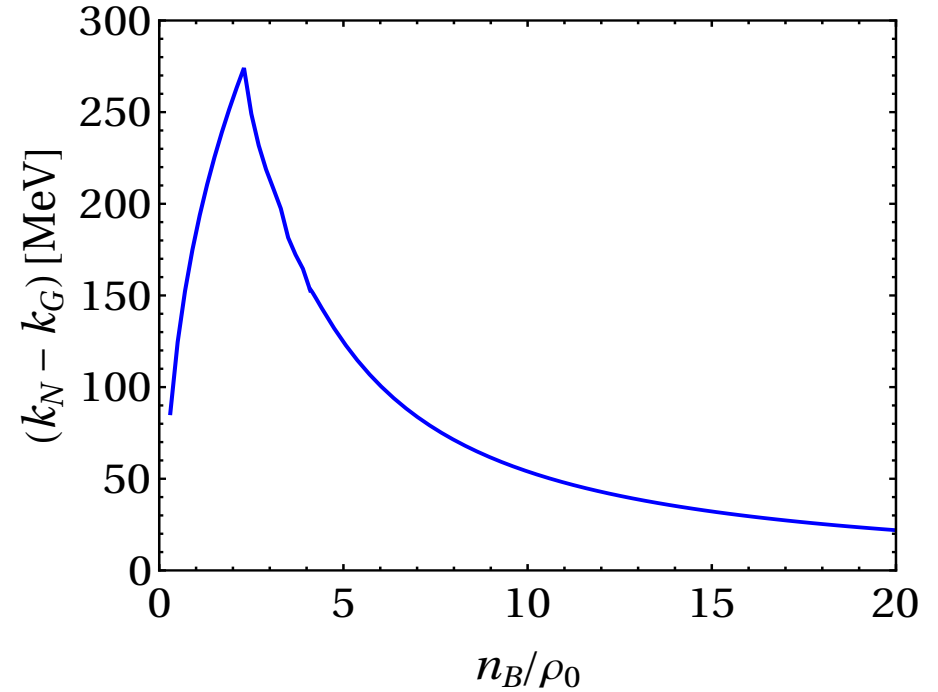
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Interactions are important!! Phenomenological relation: $\mu_Q = M_Q + \frac{n_B^Q}{\Lambda^2}$



Continuous transition at $T = 0$.



Shell thickness

To work at finite temperature: Extremize free energy density with the same constraints.

$$f = \varepsilon - Ts = p + \mu_B n_B$$

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EFT with ghosts: Possibilities/Questions

- Inclusion of different nucleon and quark potentials directly in the Lagrangian density;
- Isospin asymmetry?
- Dynamic generation of the shell with different nucleonic interactions: Is it possible to construct a model that respect nuclear properties at saturation density and, at the same time respect the constraints from observational data?

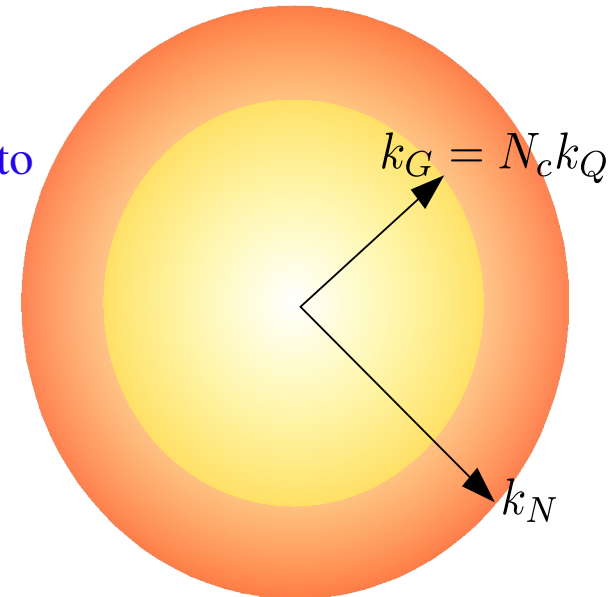
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- Quarkyonic sigma model: How chiral symmetry restoration is related to quarkyonic matter?

$$M_N = g_N(\phi + i\pi\gamma^5)$$

$$M_Q = g_Q(\phi + i\pi\gamma^5)$$

- Future FAIR/NICA simulations: Possible clues of quarkyonic matter: How it would appear in the QCD phase diagram?
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Thanks for your attention!

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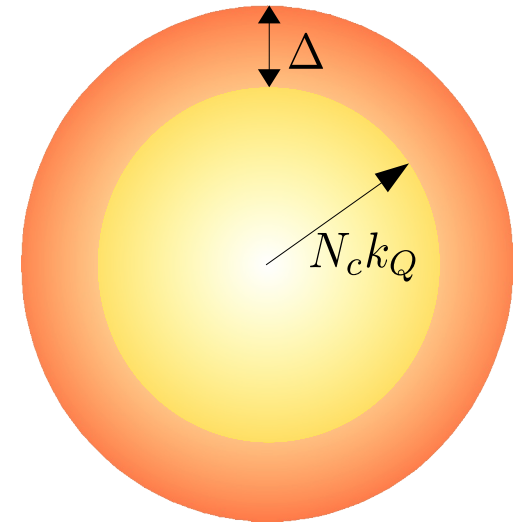
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Free gas of quarks contribution

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n_Q = \frac{N_f}{\pi^2} \int_0^{k_Q} dk k^2 = \frac{N_f}{3\pi^2} k_Q^3 \\ \varepsilon_Q = \frac{N_c N_f}{\pi^2} \int_0^{k_Q} dk k^2 \sqrt{k^2 + m^2} \end{array} \right.$$



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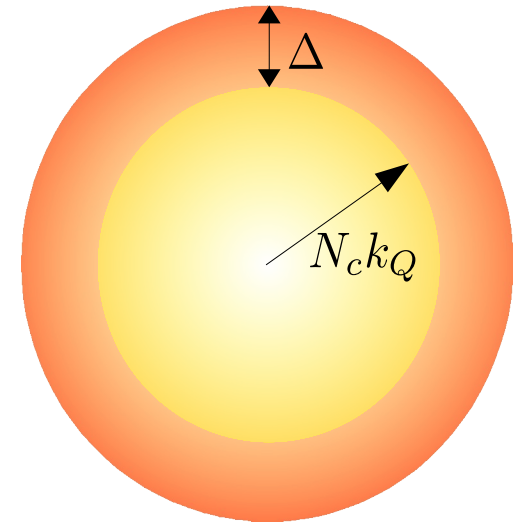
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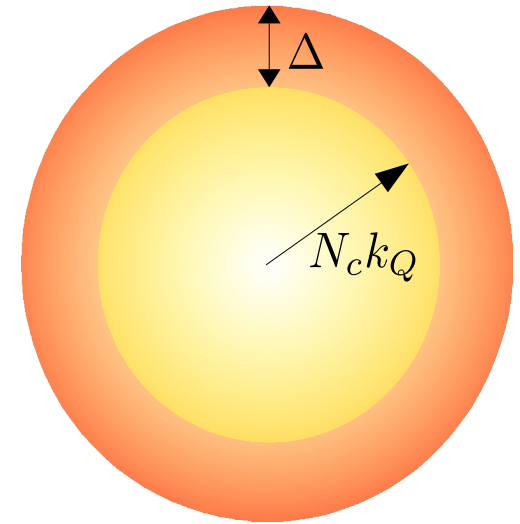
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- The other quantities in the reduced volume are related to the ones of the total system from:

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