

# Chemical Freeze-Out in the QCD Phase Diagram

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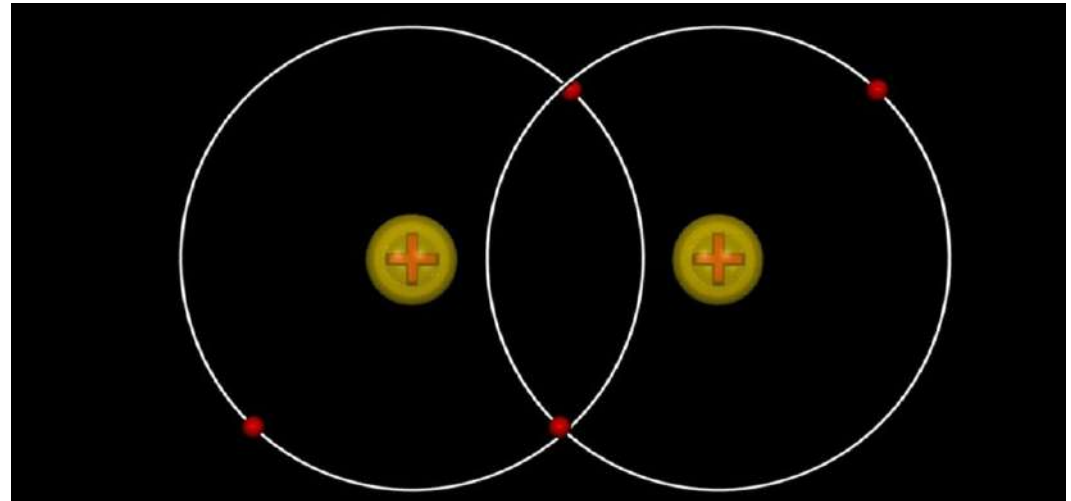
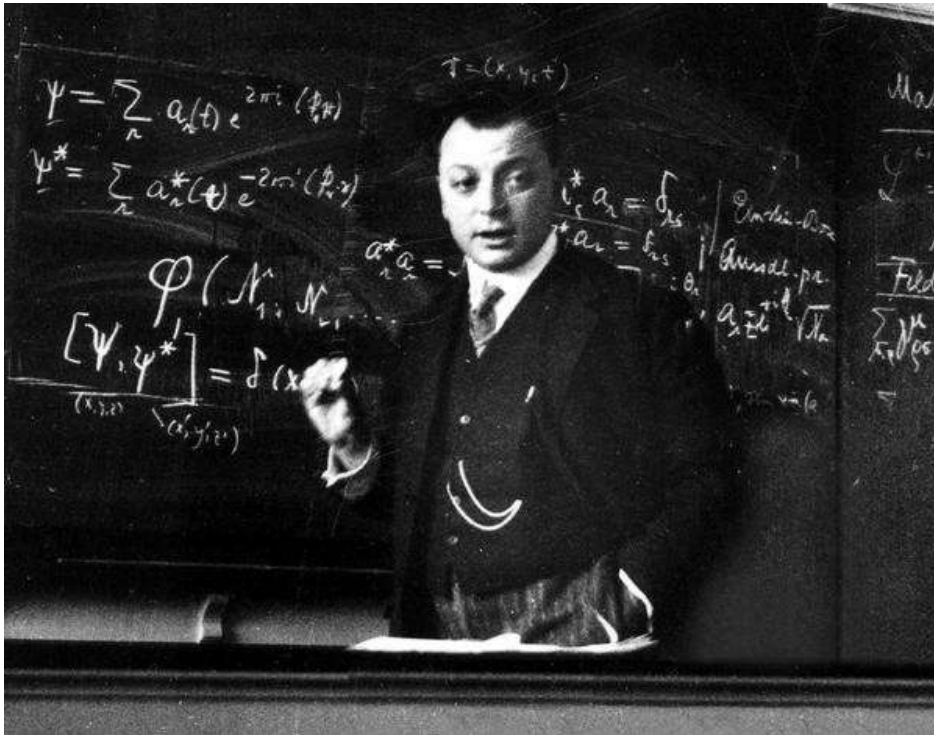
# 100 years of the Pauli Exclusion Principle

Über den Zusammenhang des Abschlusses der Elektronengruppen im Atom mit der Komplexstruktur der Spektren.

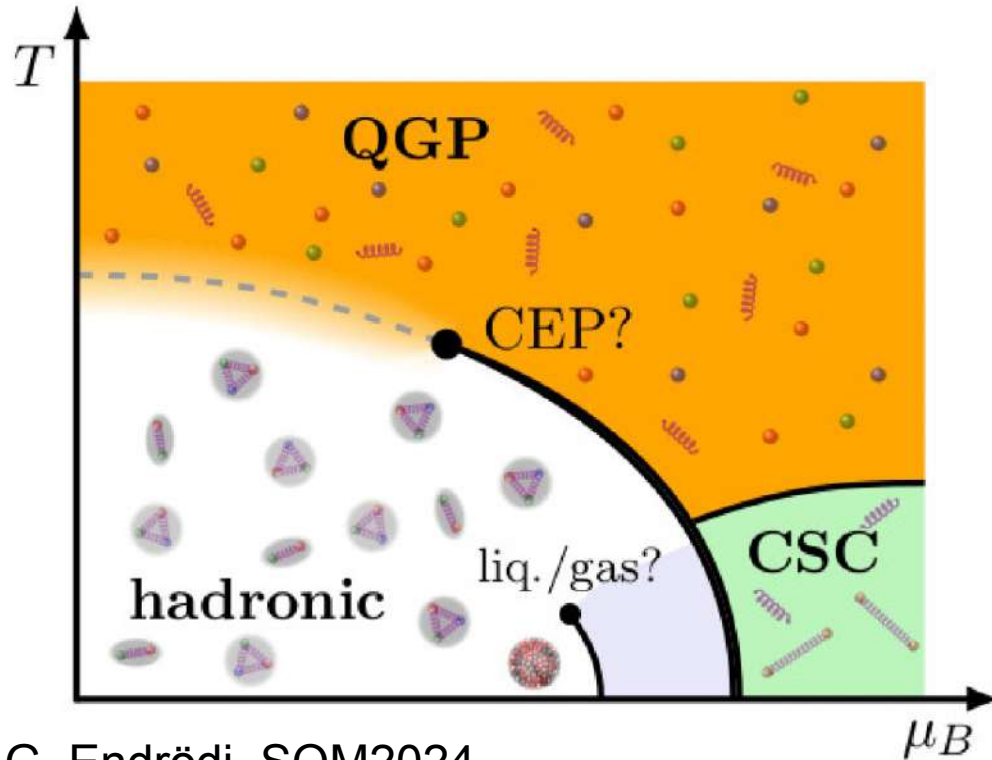
Von W. Pauli jr. in Hamburg.

(Eingegangen am 16. Januar 1925.)

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# Exploring the QCD Phase Diagram



G. Endrödi, SQM2024

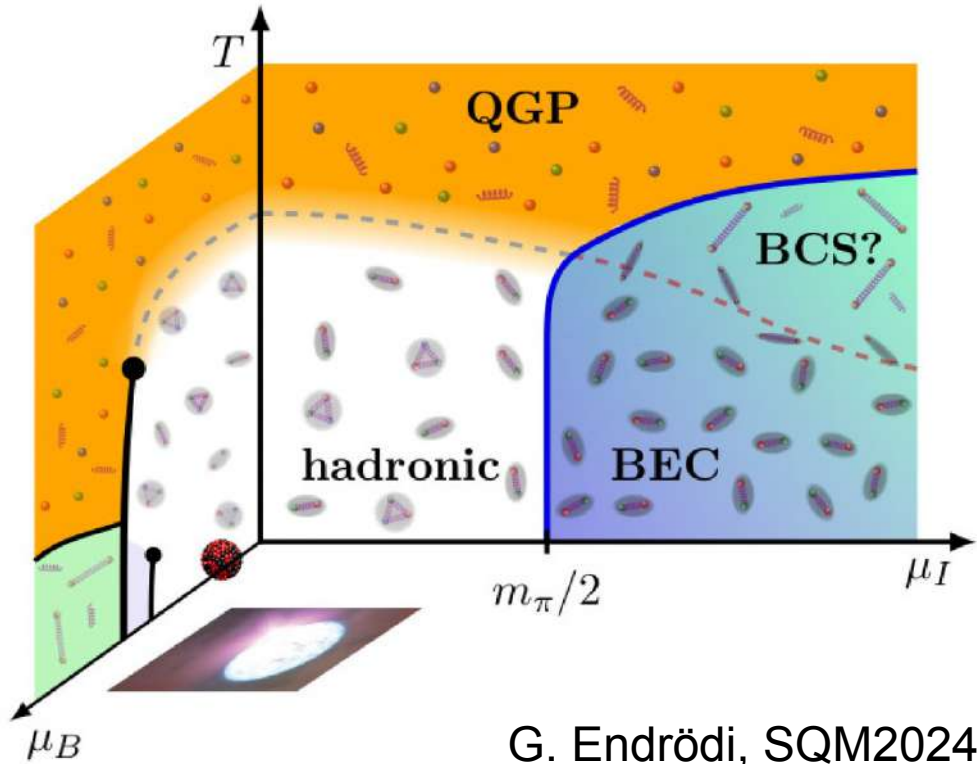
The Goal: Proving the phase structure!

Lattice QCD results only for pseudocritical temperature  $T_c$  near  $\mu \sim 0$  (sign problem)

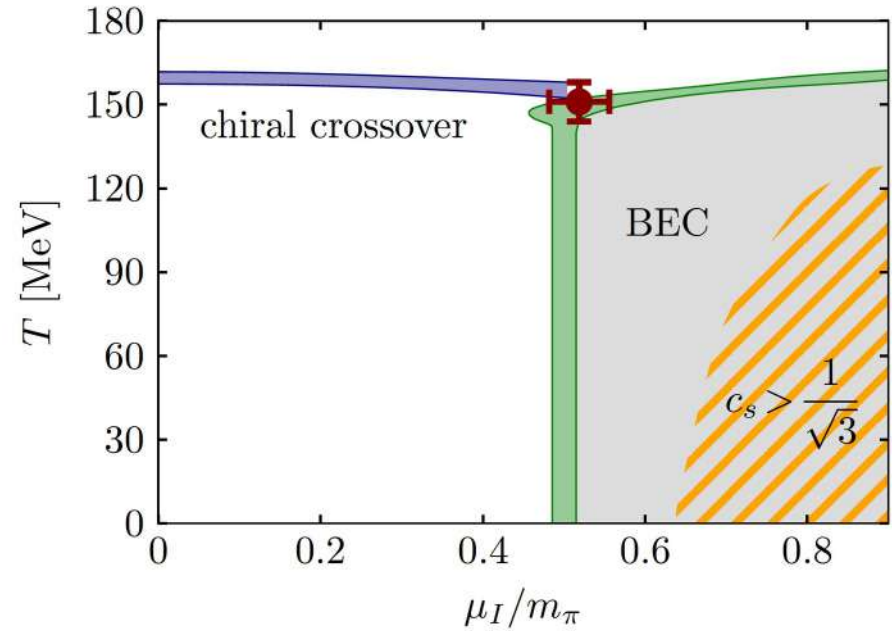
Liquid-gas PT indicated in experiment

Other structures are so far model dependent conjectures!!

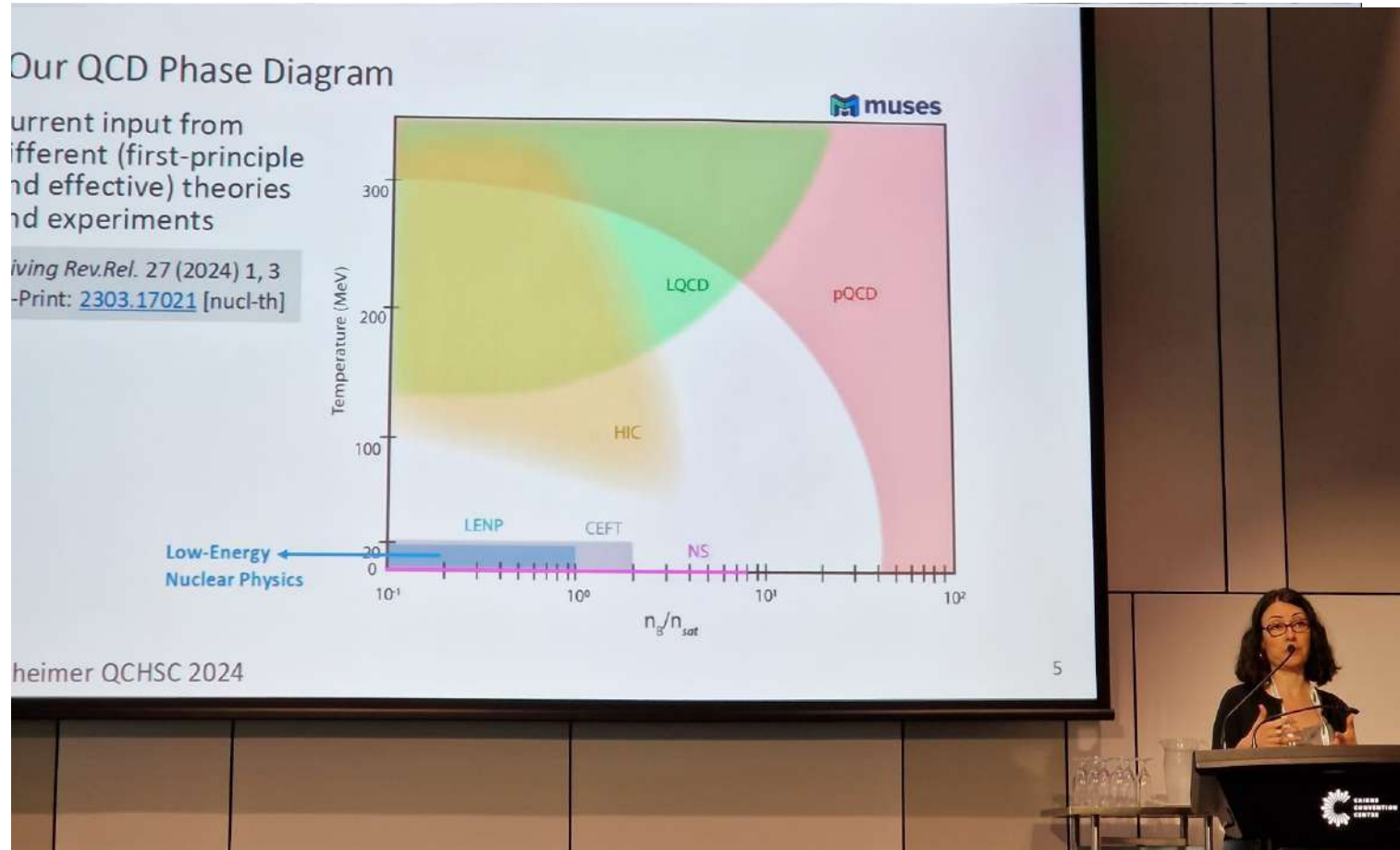
# Exploring the QCD Phase Diagram



Isospin-QCD ? Lattice QCD results !!

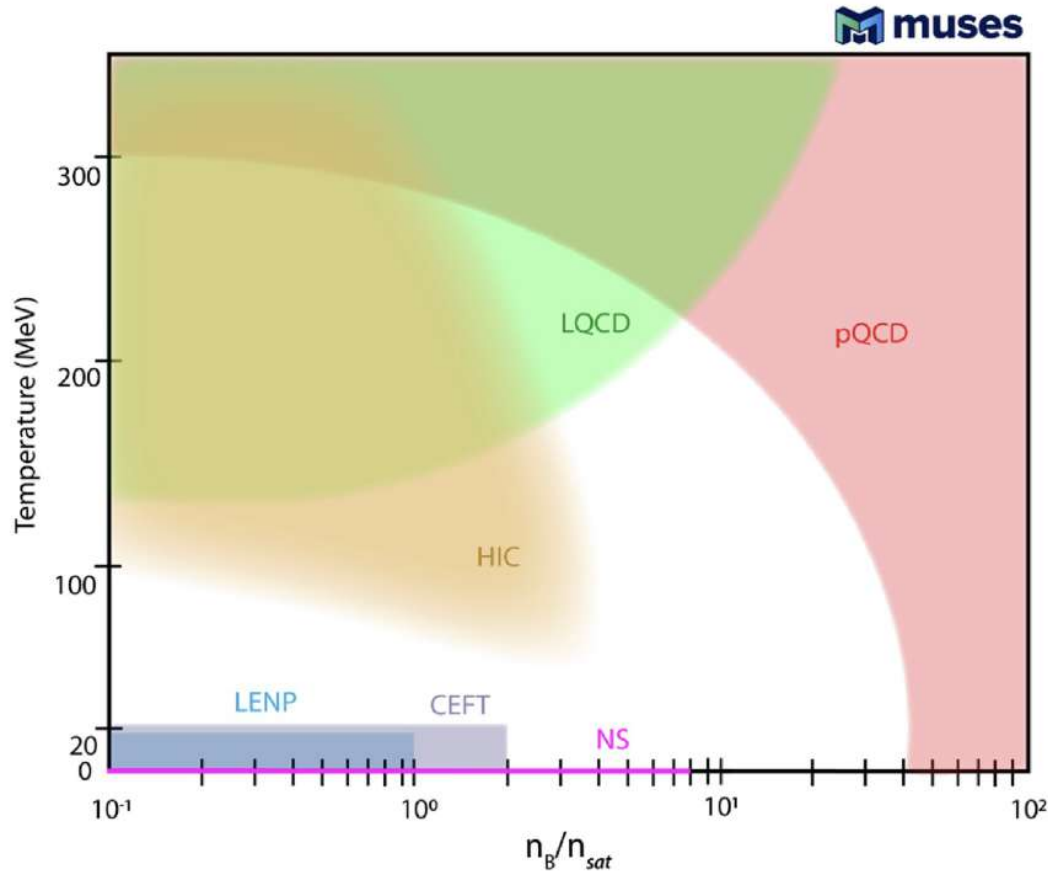


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V. Dexheimer,  
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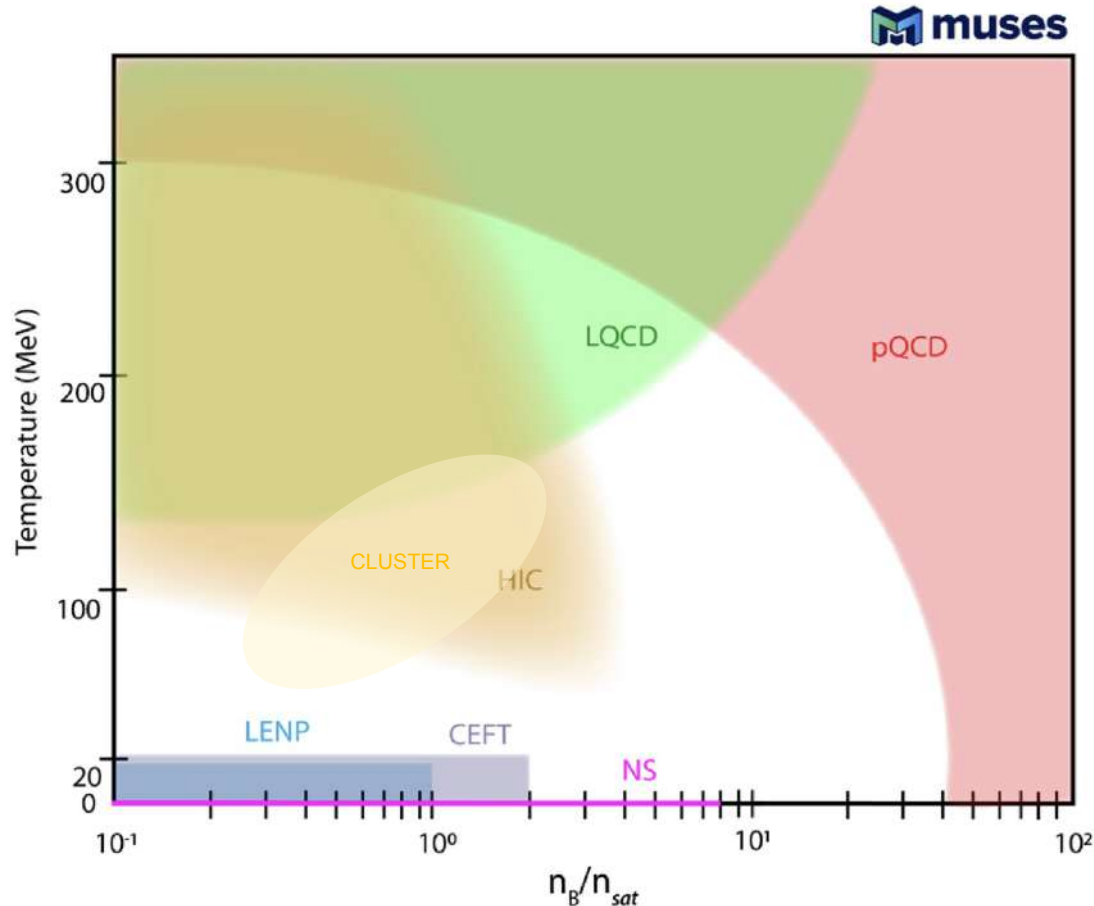
# Exploring the QCD Phase Diagram



**Fig. 1** Regions of the QCD phase diagram where constraints from heavy-ion collisions (HIC), lattice QCD (LQCD), perturbative QCD (pQCD), low-energy heavy-ion collisions (LENP), chiral effective field theory ( $\chi$ EFT), and astrophysics (neutron stars, NS) are available

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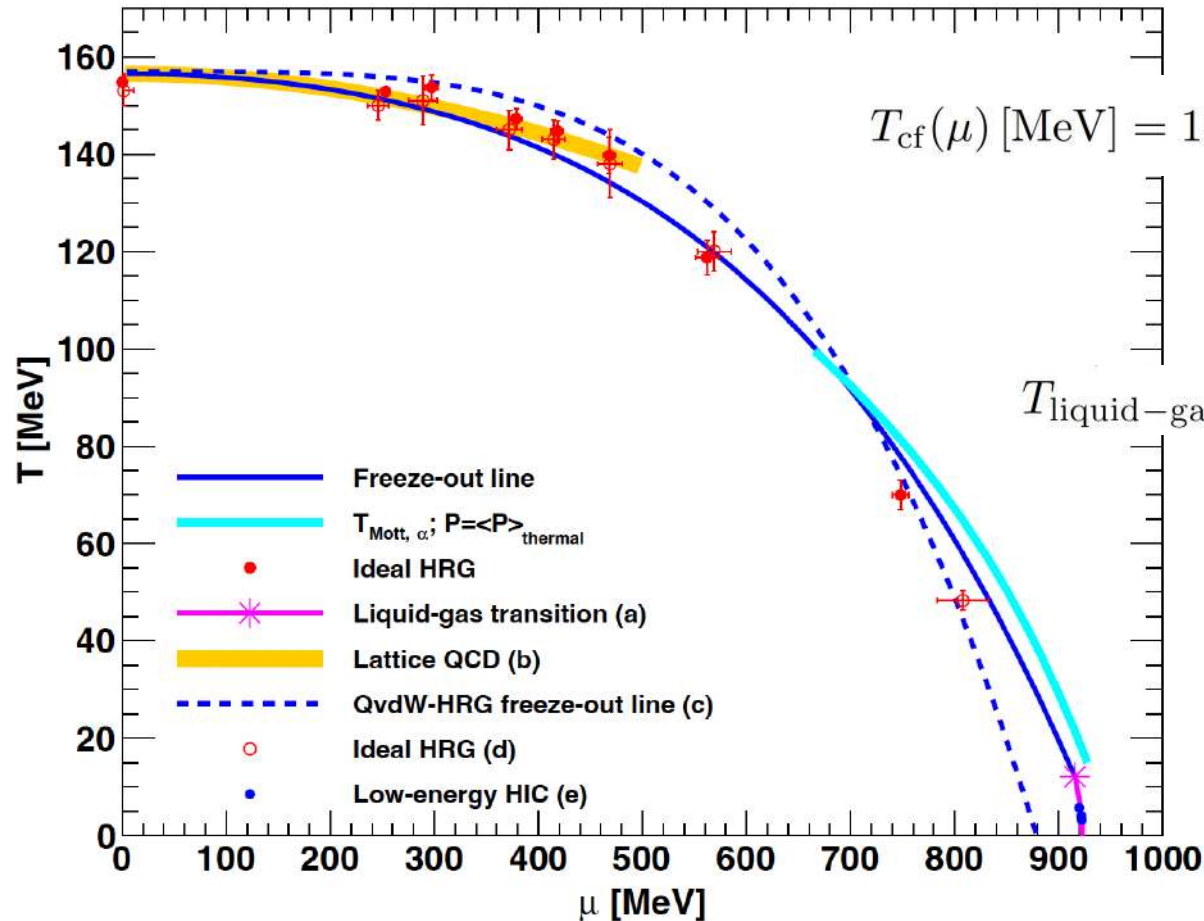


## This Talk:

Chemical Freeze-Out @  $T \sim 20 - 100$  MeV

- Statistical Model Fit,  $T - \mu$  diagram
- CFO in the  $T - n$  diagram
- Mott dissociation for light clusters
- CFO as inverse Mott dissociation
- Summary & Outlook

# Statistical Model Fit for CFO, T – $\mu$ Diagram



The freeze-out line (blue):

$$T_{\text{cf}}(\mu) [\text{MeV}] = 156.5 - 76.68 (\mu [\text{GeV}])^2 - 139.7 (\mu [\text{GeV}])^4$$

interpolates between lattice QCD chiral restoration crossover (yellow) and CEP of the liquid-gas transition

$$T_{\text{liquid-gas}} = 12.1 \text{ MeV}, \mu_{\text{liquid-gas}} = 915.61 \text{ MeV}$$

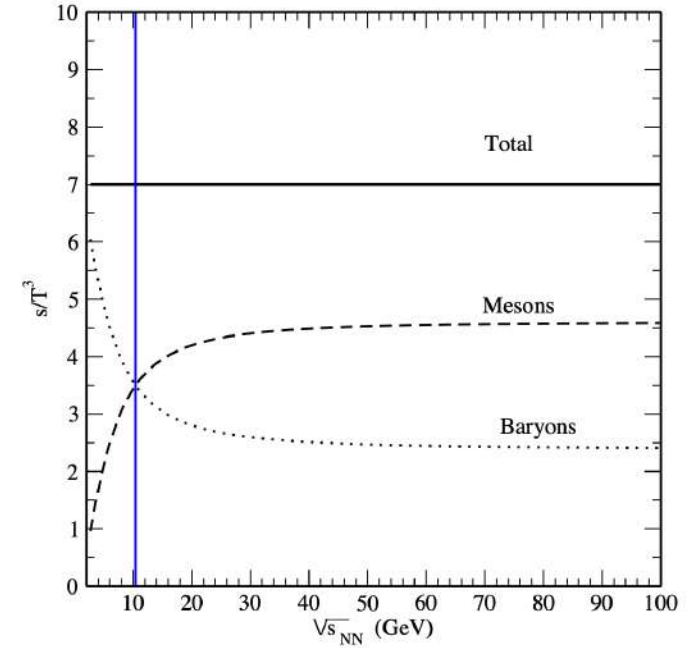
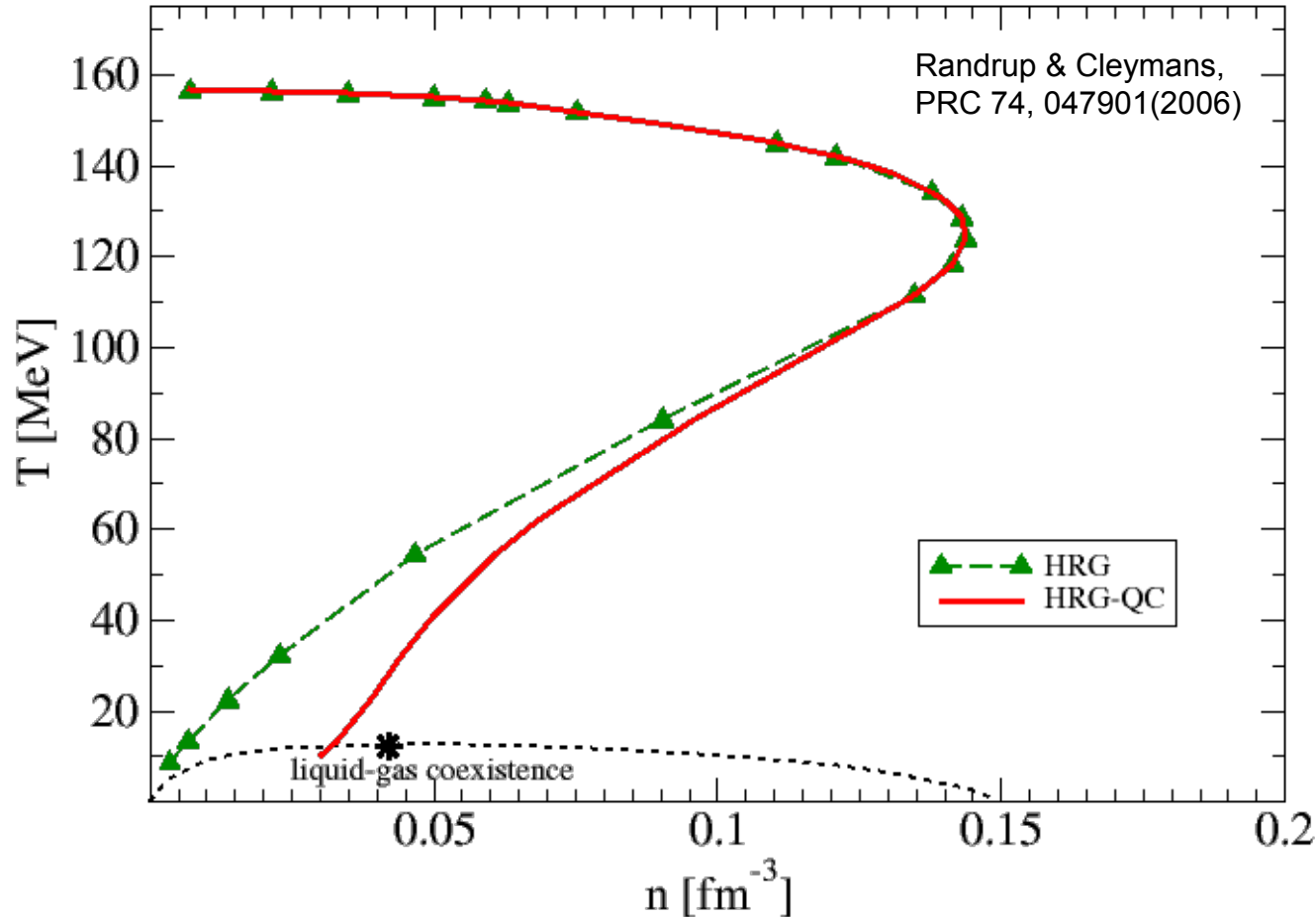
Mott dissociation line for alphas is well correlated in baryon-dominant region

(a) Typel et al., PRC 81, 015803 (2010)

(c) Poberezhnyuk et al., PRC 100, 054904 (2019)

(e) Natowitz et al., PRL 104, 202501 (2010)

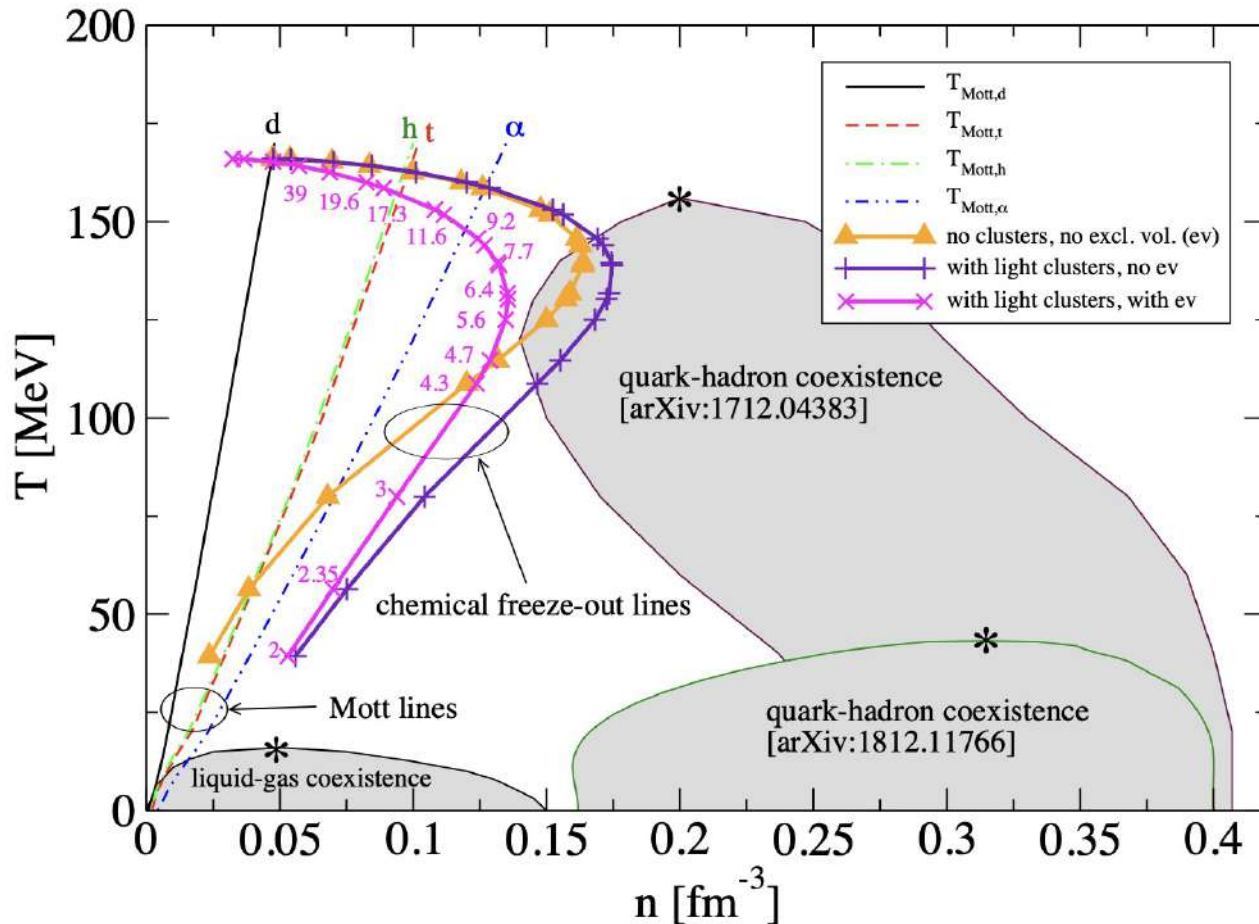
# Statistical Model Fit for CFO, T – n Diagram



Transition meson- to baryon-  
 dominance at  $T \sim 140$  MeV

Andronic et al., NPA 837, 65 (2010)

# Statistical Model Fit for CFO, T – n Diagram



Correlation of CFO line with chiral restoration/ deconfinement gets lost at  $T < 140$  MeV

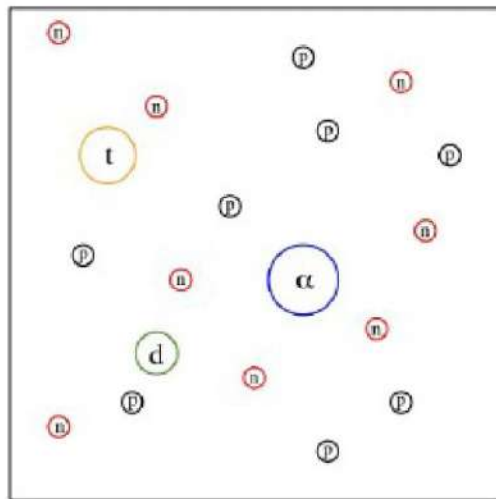
Is CFO in the baryon-dominated region correlated with Mott lines for dissociation of light clusters?

# Mott dissociation for bound states in a plasma

## Chemical picture:

Ideal mixture of reacting components

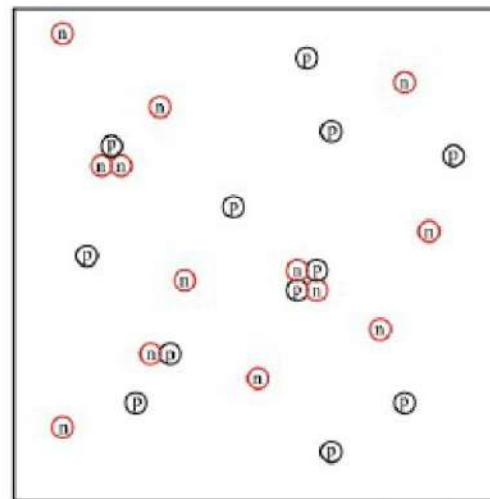
Mass action law



Interaction between the components  
internal structure: Pauli principle

## Physical picture:

"elementary" constituents  
and their interaction



Quantum statistical (QS) approach,  
quasiparticle concept, virial expansion

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Effective wave equation for deuterons in nuclear matter

In-medium two-particle wave equation in mean-field approximation

$$\left( \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \Delta_1 + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + \Delta_2 \right) \Psi_{d,P}(p_1, p_2) + \sum_{p_1', p_2'} (1 - f_{p_1} - f_{p_2}) V(p_1, p_2; p_1', p_2') \Psi_{d,P}(p_1', p_2')$$

Add self-energy

Pauli-blocking

$$= E_{d,P} \Psi_{d,P}(p_1, p_2)$$

Thouless criterion

$$E_d(T, \mu) = 2\mu$$

Fermi distribution function

$$f_p = \left[ e^{(p^2/2m - \mu)/k_B T} + 1 \right]^{-1}$$

BEC-BCS crossover:

Alm et al., 1993

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[Derivation of a „Plasma Hamiltonian“ from a Bethe-Goldstone Eq. for two-particle states]

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[R. Zimmermann et al. (5-men-work), Phys. Stat. Sol. (b) 90 (1978) 175]

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$$\Sigma^{(2, HF)}(1, z_v) = \text{Diagram 1}$$

$$\text{Diagram 2} = \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4}$$

The diagrammatic equations are as follows:

- The first equation shows the self-energy  $\Sigma^{(2, HF)}(1, z_v)$  represented by a rectangular box labeled  $t^{(2, HF)}$ . A curved arrow on top of the box indicates a loop.
- The second equation shows a rectangular box labeled  $t^{(2, HF)}$  on the left, followed by an equals sign, then a rectangular box labeled  $I^{(2, HF)}$ , followed by a plus sign, then a rectangular box labeled  $K^{(2, HF)}$  with an arrow pointing right, followed by a rectangular box labeled  $t^{(2, HF)}$ .

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$$\Sigma^{(2,\text{HF})}(1,2_{\nu}) = \text{Diagram: A box labeled } t^{(2,\text{HF})} \text{ with an arrow above it pointing from left to right, and two vertical lines on the left and right sides, each with an arrow pointing downwards. This represents a self-energy diagram for a two-particle state.$$

$$\text{Diagram: A box labeled } t^{(2,\text{HF})} \text{ with an arrow above it pointing from left to right, and two vertical lines on the left and right sides, each with an arrow pointing downwards. This is equal to the sum of two diagrams: 1) A box labeled } \Gamma^{(2,\text{HF})} \text{ with an arrow above it pointing from left to right, and two vertical lines on the left and right sides, each with an arrow pointing downwards. 2) A box labeled } K^{(2,\text{HF})} \text{ with an arrow above it pointing from left to right, and two vertical lines on the left and right sides, each with an arrow pointing downwards, followed by a box labeled } t^{(2,\text{HF})} \text{ with an arrow above it pointing from left to right, and two vertical lines on the left and right sides, each with an arrow pointing downwards.$$

$$t^{(2,\text{HF})}(1234, \Omega_{\lambda}) = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\phi_{\alpha}^{\text{HF}}(12) \phi_{\alpha}^{\text{HF}}(34)}{E_{\alpha}^{\text{HF}} - \hbar \Omega_{\lambda}} (1 + \frac{1}{2}(f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + f(4))) \\ \times (\hbar \Omega_{\lambda} - E(1) - \Delta^{\text{HF}}(1) - E(2) - \Delta^{\text{HF}}(2)) \\ \times (E_{\alpha}^{\text{HF}} - E(3) - \Delta^{\text{HF}}(3) - E(4) - \Delta^{\text{HF}}(4)),$$

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$$\Sigma^{(2,\text{HF})}(1, z_{\nu}) = \text{Diagram: A box labeled } t^{(2,\text{HF})} \text{ with an arrow above it pointing from left to right, and two vertical lines on the sides representing external legs.}$$

$$\text{Diagram: } t^{(2,\text{HF})} = \text{Diagram: } \Gamma^{(2,\text{HF})} + \text{Diagram: } K^{(2,\text{HF})} \text{ followed by } t^{(2,\text{HF})}$$

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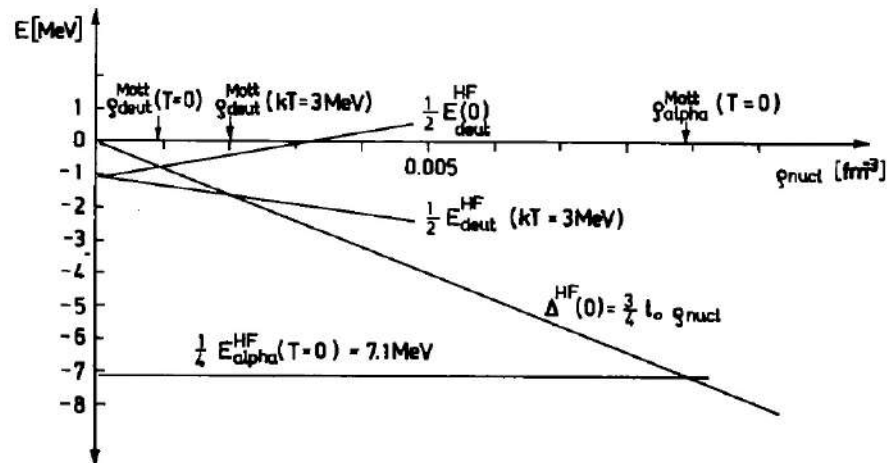
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$$- (\Delta^{\text{HF}}(1) + \Delta^{\text{HF}}(2)) \delta_{11'} \delta_{22'} \} \phi_{\alpha}^{\text{HF}}(1'2')$$

$$= - \sum_{1'2'} H_{\text{nucl. matter}}^{(2,\text{HF})}(12, 1'2') \phi_{\alpha}^{\text{HF}}(1'2').$$

# Mott dissociation for clusters in nuclear matter

Present state-of-the-art: G. Röpke, Nuclear matter equation of state including two-, three-, and four-nucleon correlations, Phys. Rev. C 92 (5) (2015) 054001, <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.92.054001>, arXiv:1411.4593.

$$E_{A,v}(P) = E_{A,v}^0(P) + \Delta E_{A,v}^{\text{SE}}(P) + \Delta E_{A,v}^{\text{Pauli}}(P) + \Delta E_{A,v}^{\text{Coulomb}}(P).$$

The cluster binding energies  $E_{A,v}^{\text{bind}}(P; T, n_B, Y_p, T_{\text{eff}})$  are defined as

$$E_{A,v}^{\text{bind}}(P; T, n_B, Y_p) = -[E_{A,v}(P; T, n_B, Y_p) - E_{A,v}^{\text{cont}}(P; T, n_B, Y_p)]$$

$$E_{A,v}^{\text{cont}}(P; T, n_B, Y_p) = N E_n(P/A; T, n_B, Y_p) + Z E_p(P/A; T, n_B, Y_p)$$

the in-medium dispersion relations for nucleons ( $\tau = n, p$ ) are defined as

$$E_\tau(p; T, n_B, Y_p) = \sqrt{[m_\tau c^2 - S(T, n_B, Y_p)]^2 + \hbar^2 c^2 p^2} + V_\tau(T, n_B, Y_p) - m_\tau c^2$$

$$S_i(T, n_B, Y_p) = (4463 - 6.610 T - 0.1703 \delta^2 + 4.112 \delta^4) n_B \times \frac{1 + c_1 n_b + c_2 n_B^2}{1 + c_3 n_b + c_4 n_B^2},$$

$$V_p(T, n_B, Y_p) = (3403 + 0.000052 T - 486.6 \delta - 2.420 \delta^2) n_B \times \frac{1 + d_1 n_b + d_2 n_B^2}{1 + d_3 n_b + d_4 n_B^2},$$

Scalar and vector mean fields from RDF EoS DD2  
S. Typel et al., Phys. Rev. C 81, 015803 (2010)

Parameter fit provided by G. Röpke et al.,  
Phys. Part. Nucl. Lett. 15, 225 (2018)

$$c_1 = 20.56 - 0.04099 T - 0.3394 \delta^2 + 0.9972 \delta^4,$$

$$c_2 = 15.98 + 0.8664 T - 2.020 \delta^2 - 3.018 \delta^4,$$

$$c_3 = 24.27 - 0.07417 T - 0.5427 \delta^2 + 1.196 \delta^4,$$

$$c_4 = 114.6 + 1.350 T + 2.674 \delta^2 + 0.7268 \delta^4,$$

$$d_1 = 0.6629 - 0.006142 T - 1.141 \delta - 0.7176 \delta^2,$$

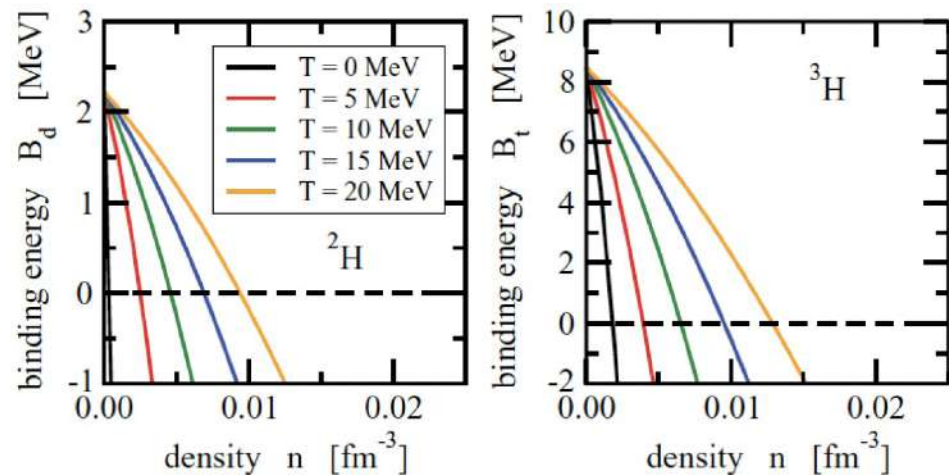
$$d_2 = 10.7780 + 0.004432 T + 0.8020 \delta + 0.4576 \delta^2,$$

$$d_3 = 3.433 + 0.000104 T - 1.549 \delta - 0.3360 \delta^2,$$

$$d_4 = 23.01 - 0.03302 T - 5.923 \delta + 0.05090 \delta^2,$$

with the isospin asymmetry  $\delta = (1 - 2Y_p)$ .

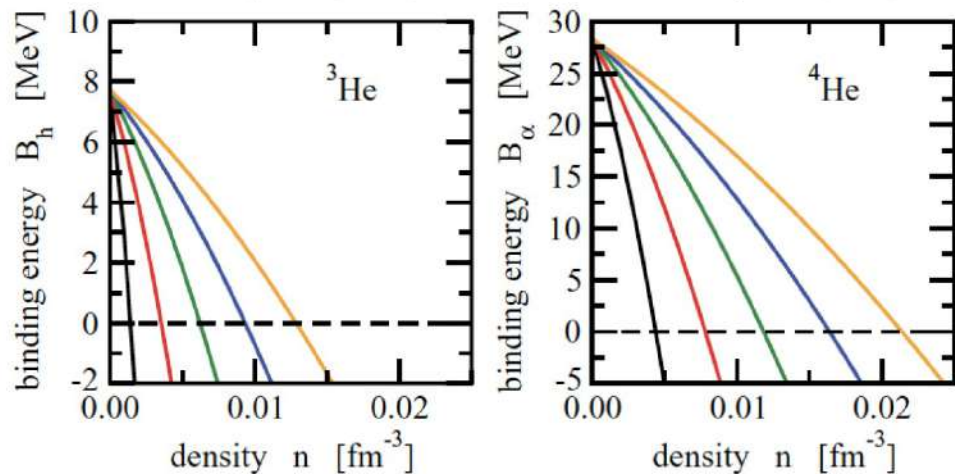
# Binding energies for light clusters in T – n plane



Vanishing binding energies  
Indicate Mott effect for the  
Light clusters!

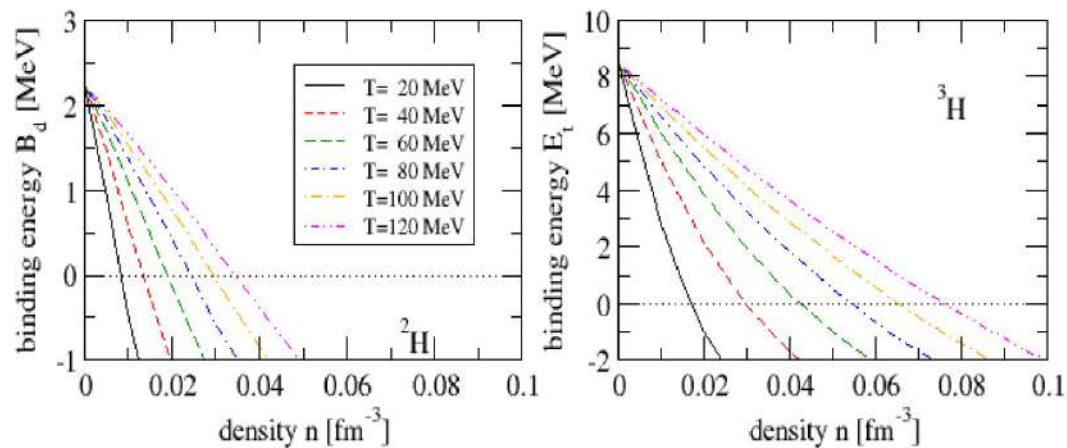
Mott-lines in the T- $\mu$  plane  
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Here lower temperatures:  
 $0 < T[\text{MeV}] < 20$



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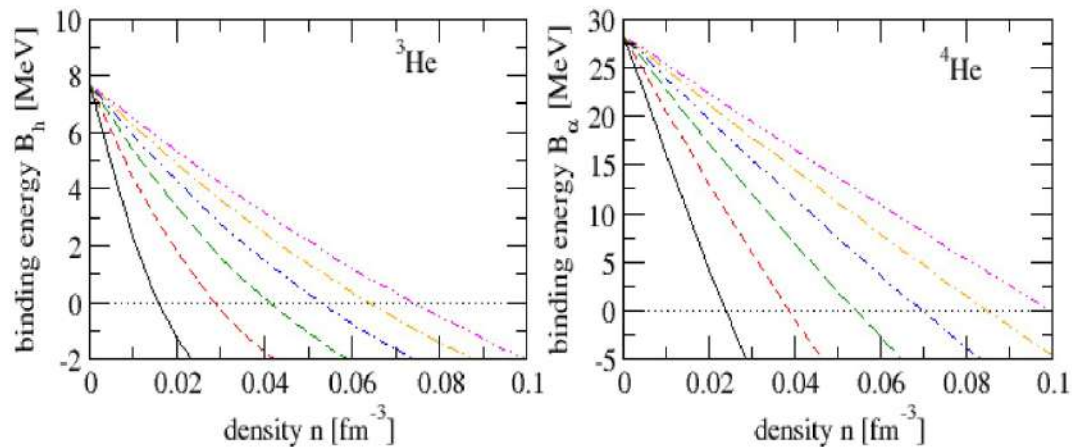
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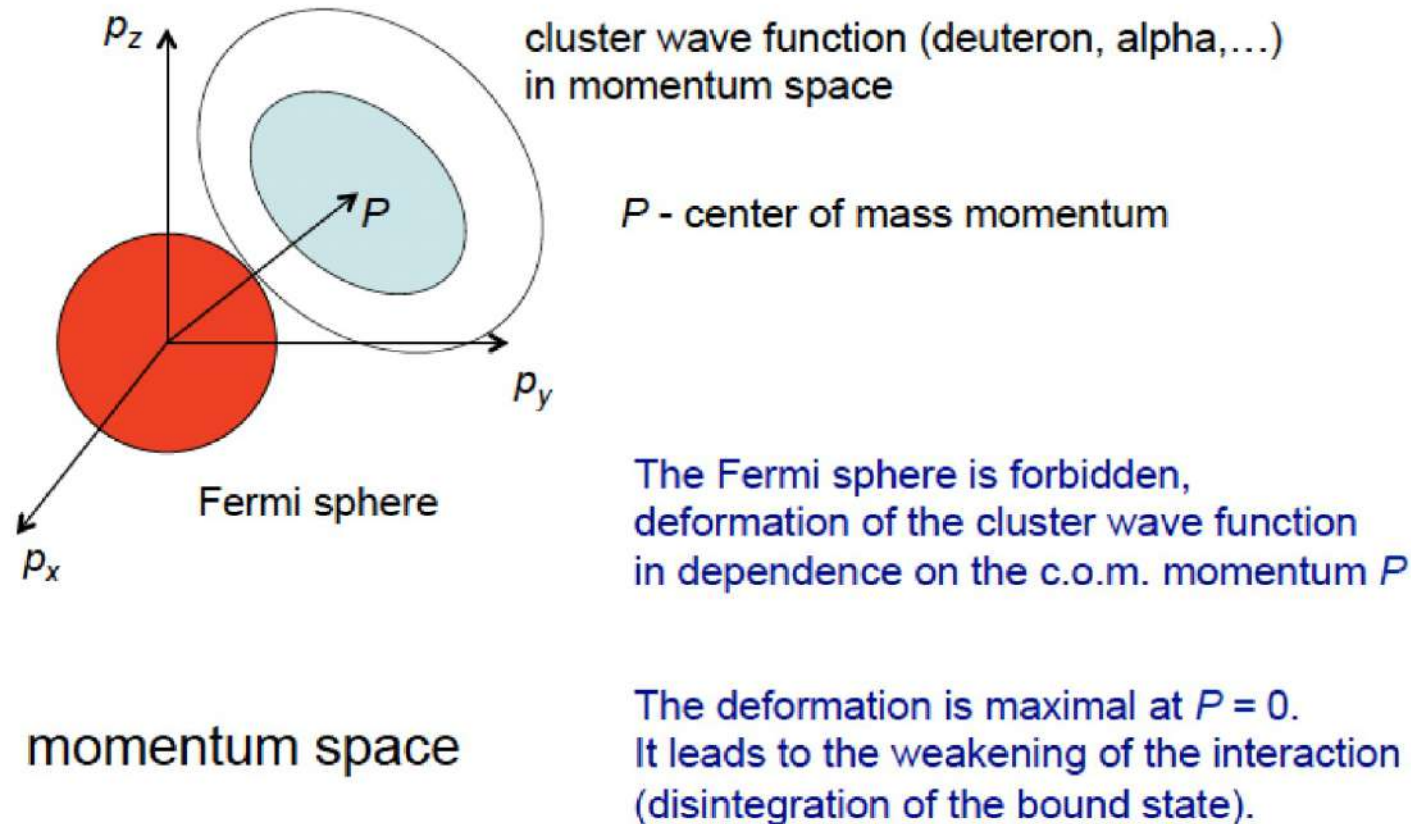
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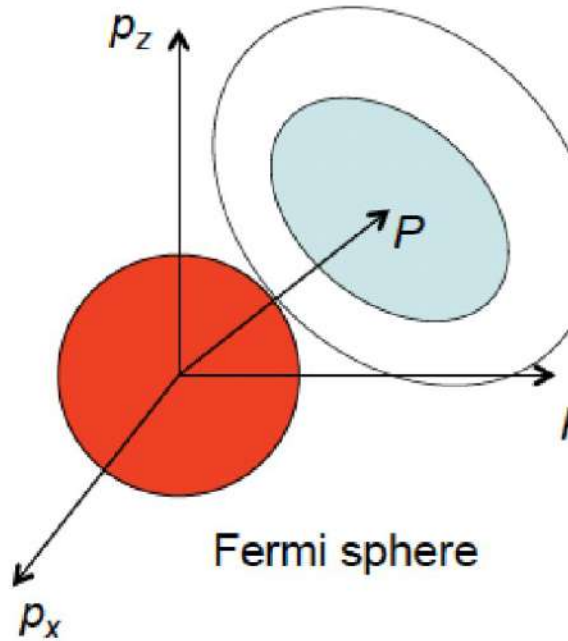
$$20 < T[\text{MeV}] < 120$$



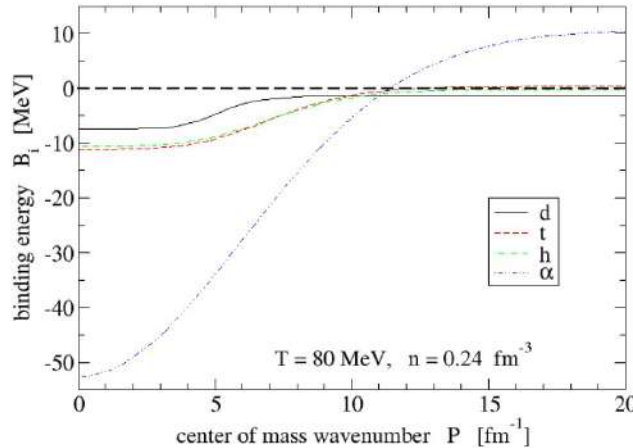
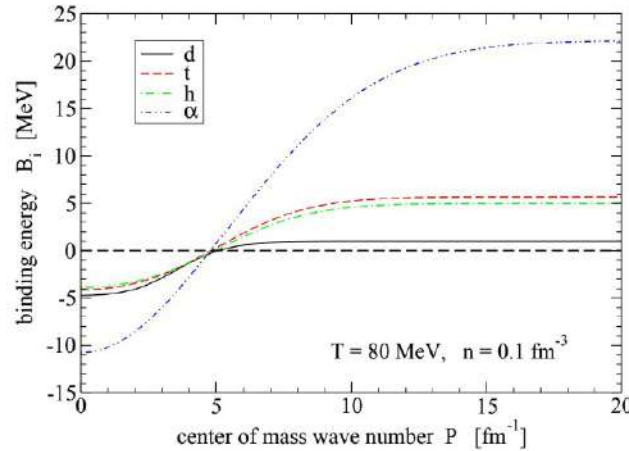
# Pauli blocking: phase space occupation



# Momentum-dependent binding energies



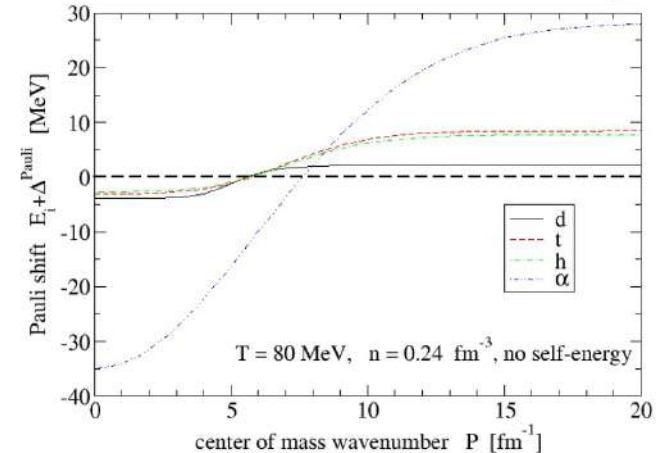
momentum space



The light clusters that underwent a Mott Dissociation for low momenta become "resurrected" at high momenta relative to the medium !

The minimal momentum where this Occurs is called "Mott momentum"; It depends on temperature and density

Binding energies without selfenergy shift, Only Pauli blocking shift accounted for

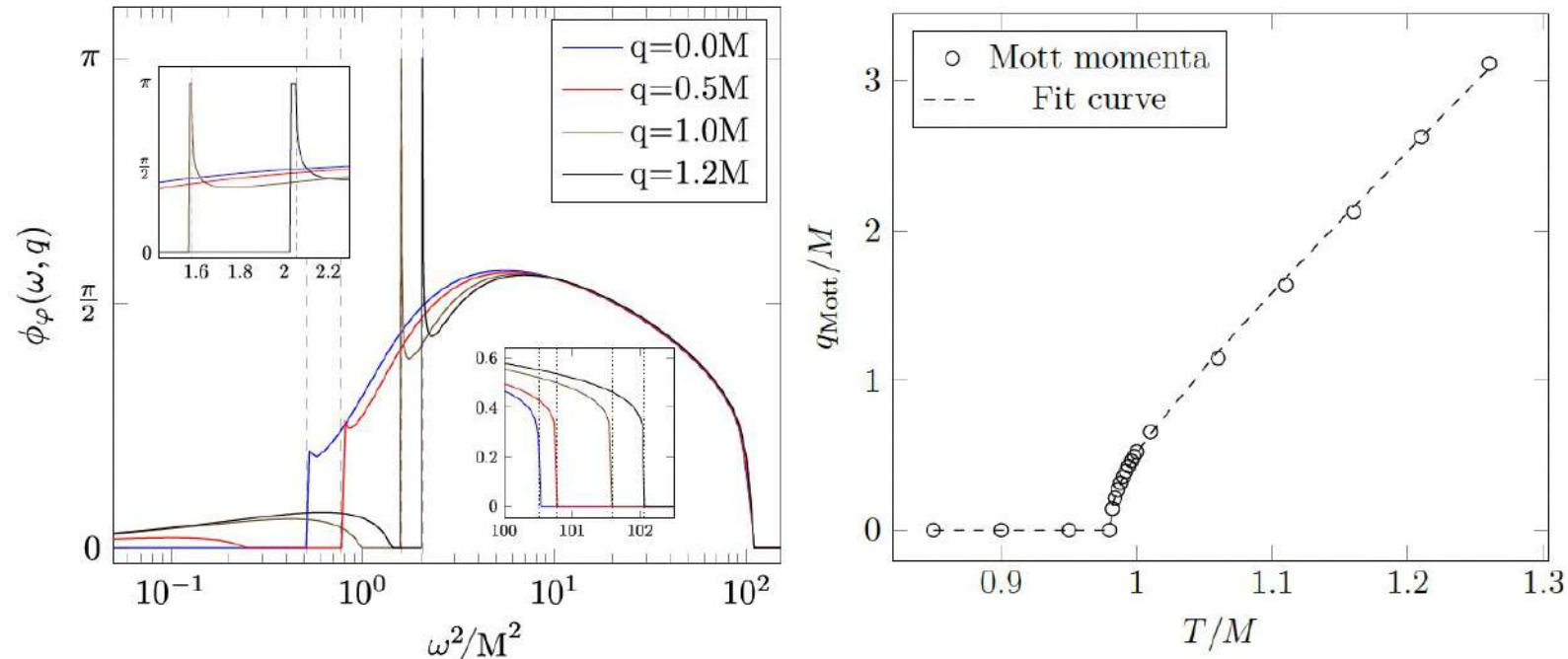


# Mott momentum for bound states in matter

Based on the Pauli principle (100th anniversary), the Mott momentum is a general effect for bound states in matter, e.g. excitons in graphene!

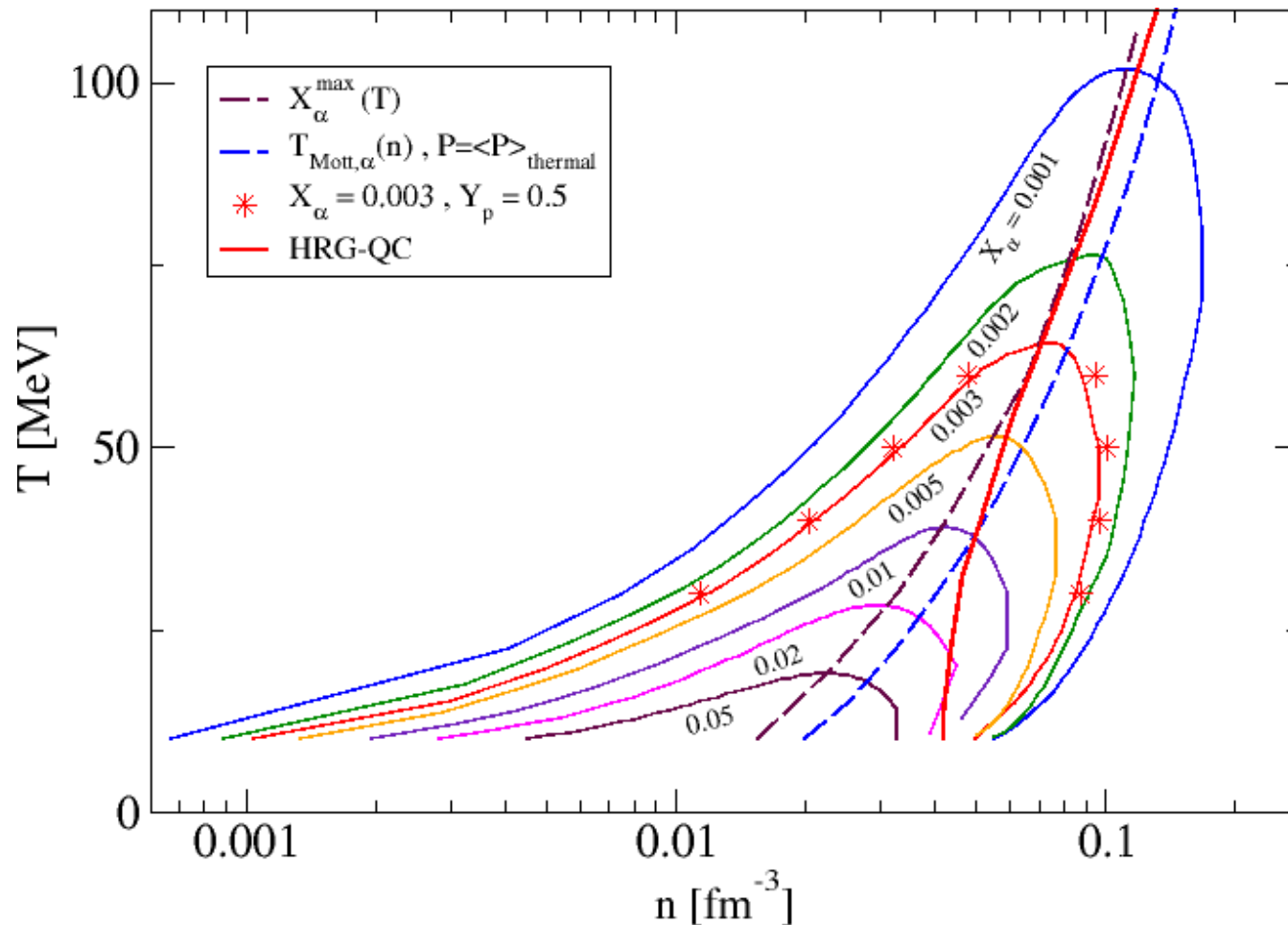
Biplab Mahato, D.B., D. Ebert,

Beth-Uhlenbeck equation for the thermodynamics of fluctuations in a generalized 2+1D Gross-Neveu model (in preparation)



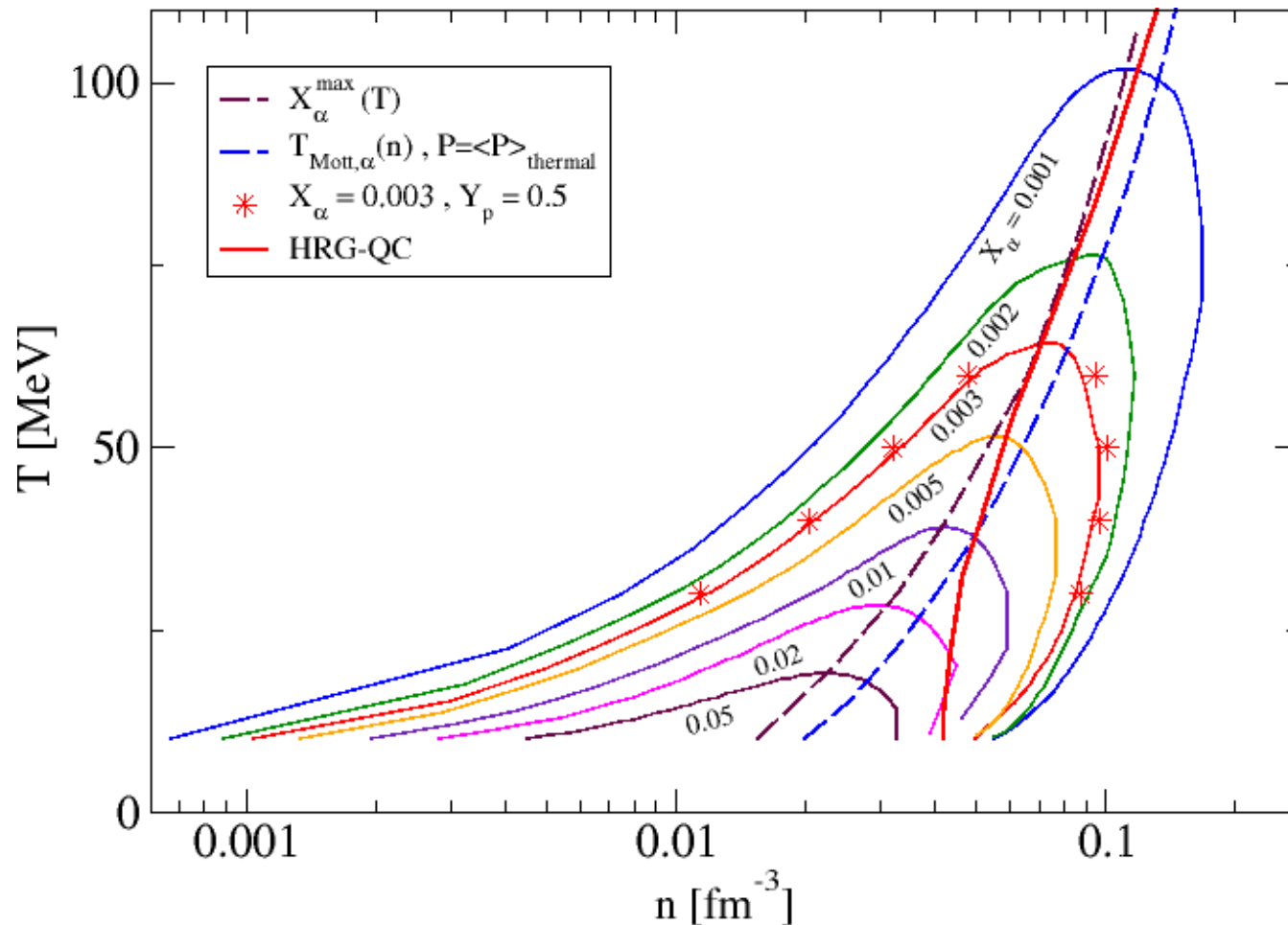
See also: Pauli potential effects on the tetraquark spectrum [Morgan Kuchta, Master Thesis, University of Wroclaw (2024)]

# CFO in the Temperature – density plane



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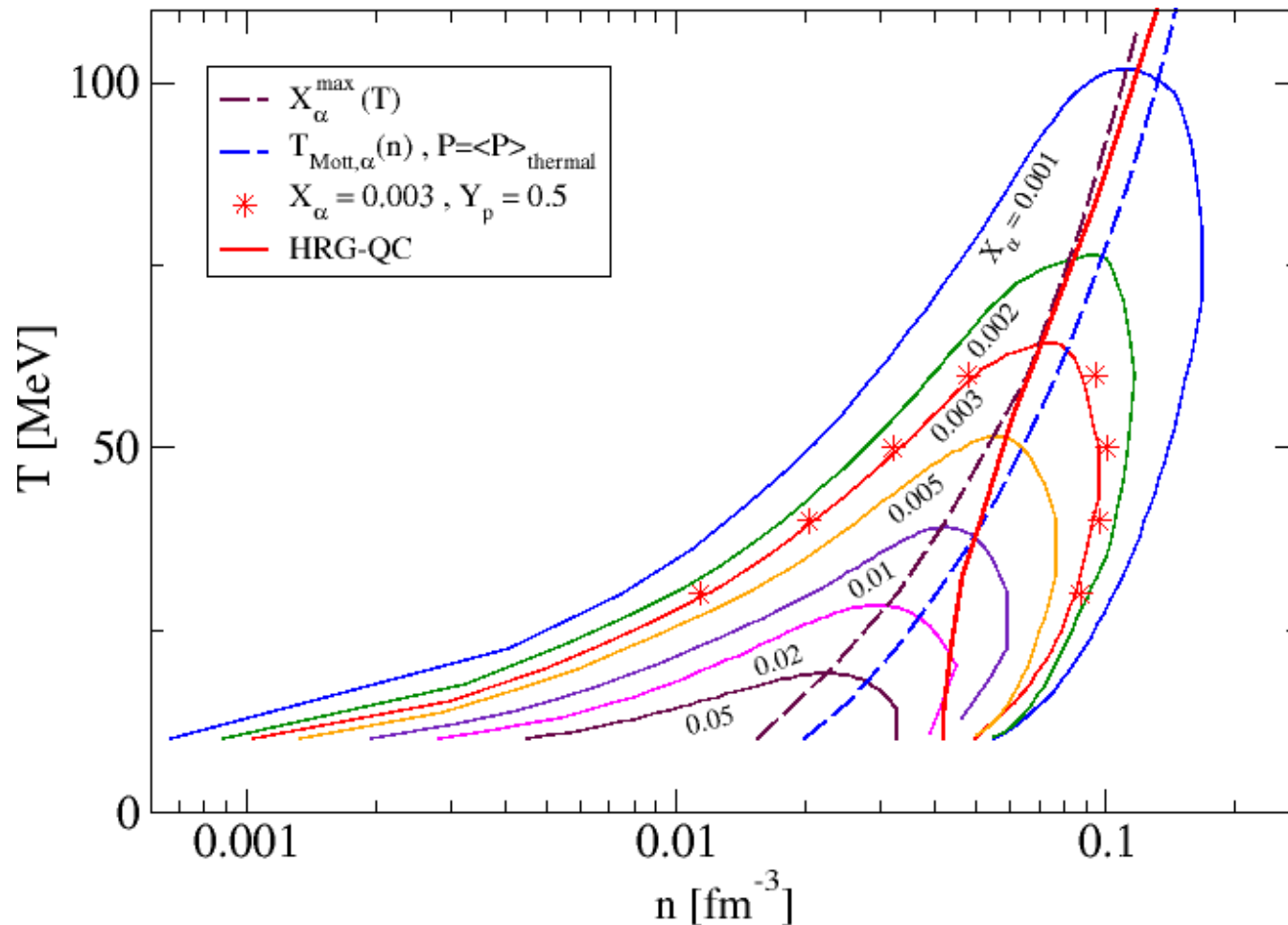
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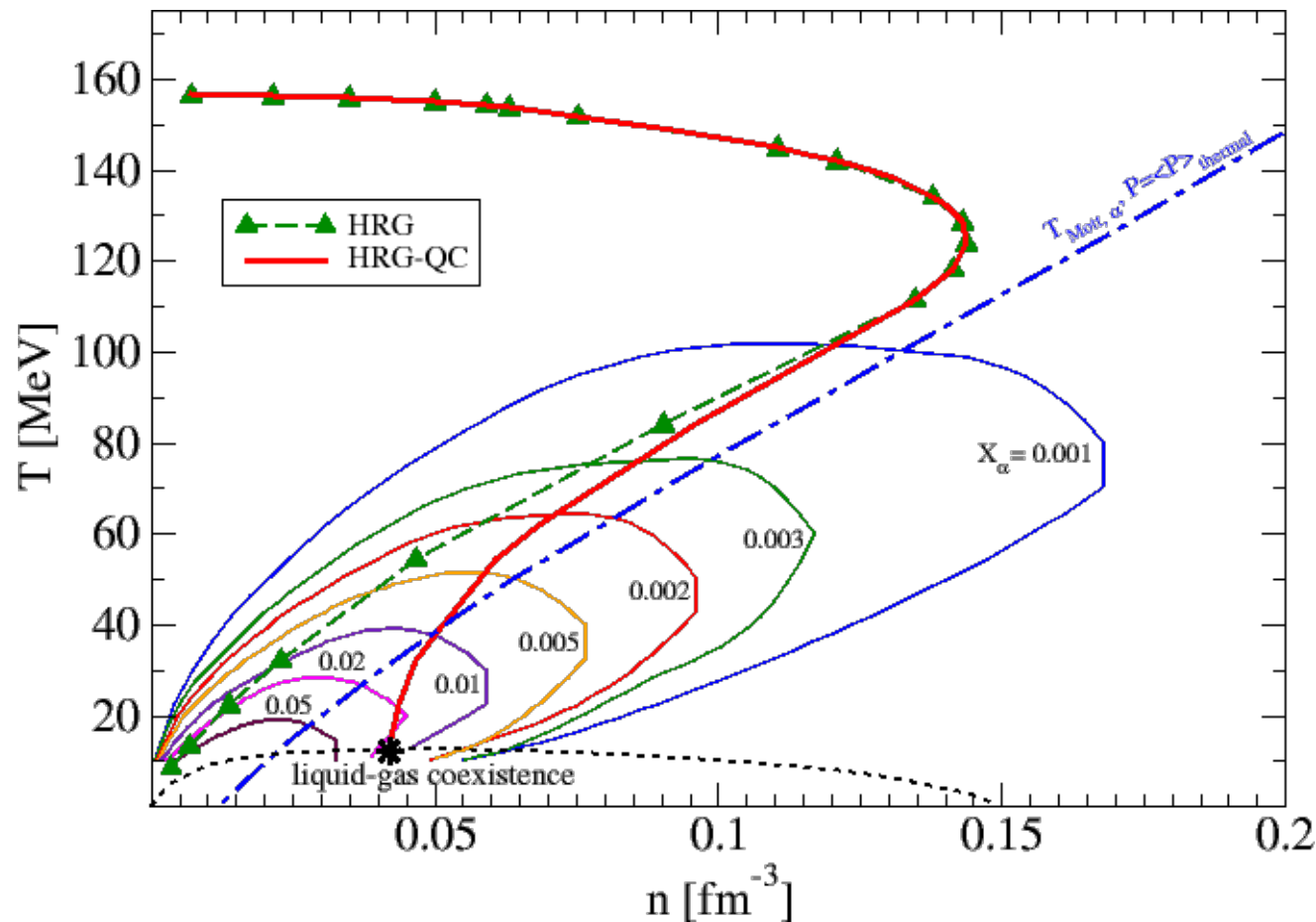


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Mott-line for alpha clusters (equivalent to the line of maximum alpha fraction) is well correlated with the Chemical Freeze-Out (CFO) line

# CFO in the Temperature – density plane



## Main result:

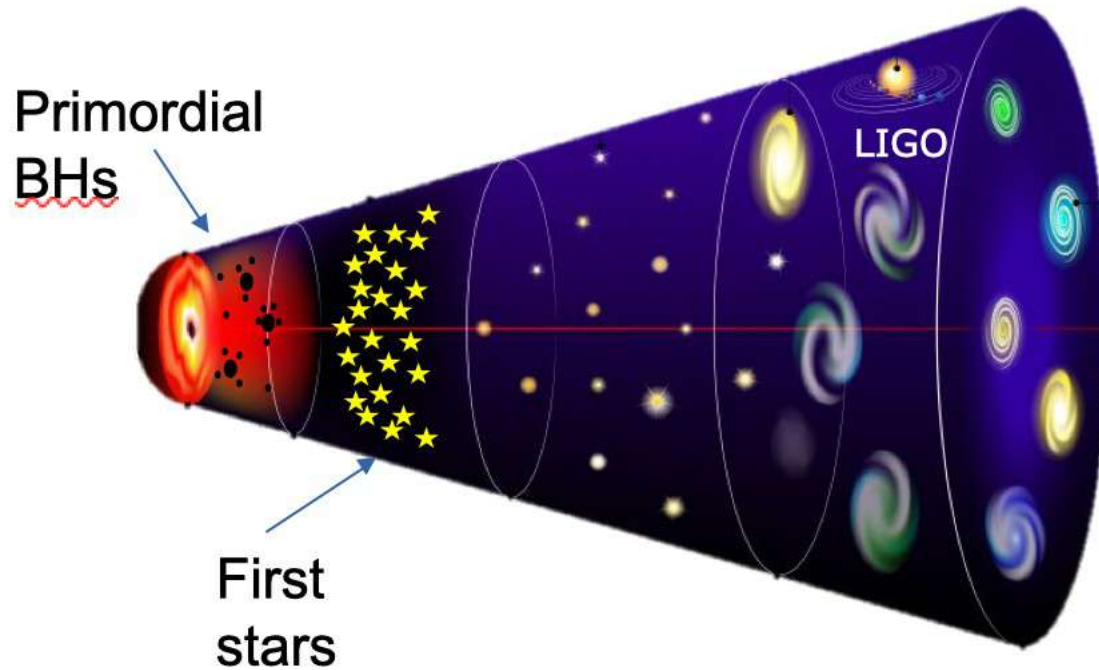
Chemical freeze-out may be interpreted as „inverse“ Mott transition:

Strong localization effect of nucleon-nucleon correlations in bound states (clusters) entails freeze out of the nuclear composition

„collapse of wave function“

# Outlook: Primordial CFO of heavy elements?

## JWST results – primordial black holes !



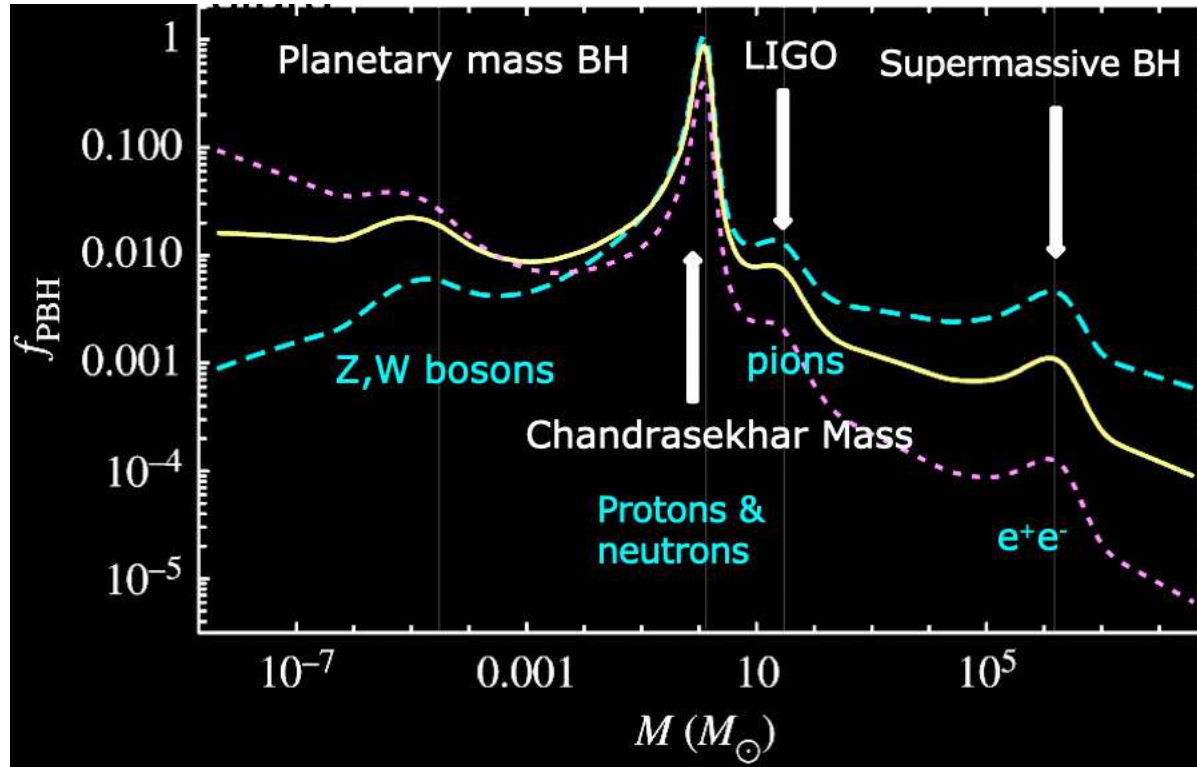
Talk at University of Wroclaw  
by Günther Hasinger,  
Founding director of the  
German Centre for Astrophysics  
In Görlitz:



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Different peaks correspond to different particles created at the early universe phase transitions and the corresponding reduction in the sound velocity.

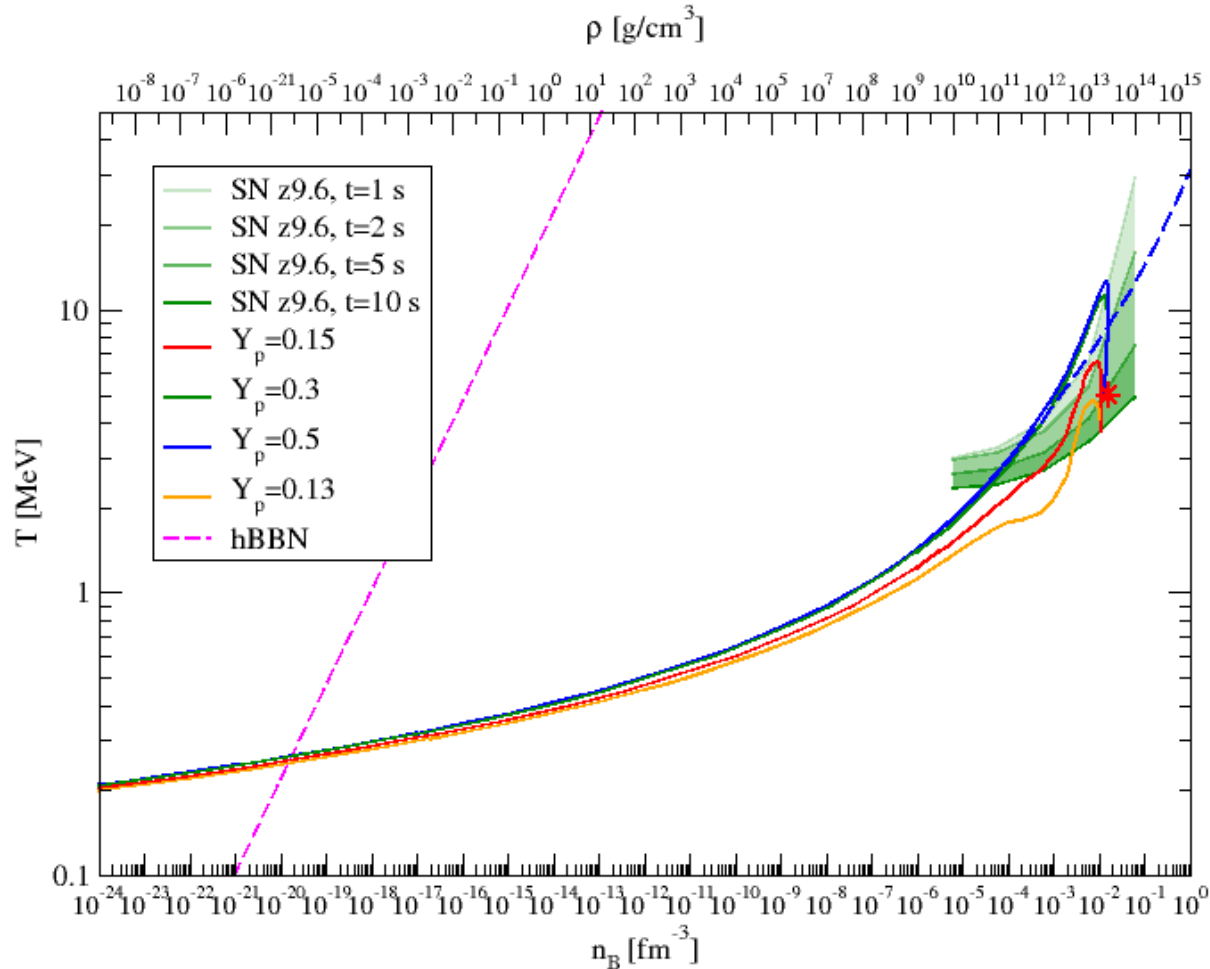
BH mass corresponds to the horizon size at each time.

Only requirement is enough fluctuation power in a volume fraction of  $10^{-9}$  of the early Universe.

**Carr, Clesse, García-Bellido 2019**

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Can the primordial evolution of the Universe lead to these freeze-out Parameters (red star):

$T=5$  MeV,  
 $\mu_n=940.317$  MeV,  
 $\mu_p= 845.069$  MeV

Maybe inhomogeneous Big Bang?

The freeze-out point lies in the domain of supernova explosions and binary neutron star mergers

# Outlook: Primordial CFO of heavy elements?

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## Cosmic separation of phases

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A first-order QCD phase transition that occurred reversibly in the early universe would lead to a surprisingly rich cosmological scenario. Although observable consequences would not necessarily survive, it is at least conceivable that the phase transition would concentrate most of the quark excess in dense, invisible quark nuggets, providing an explanation for the dark matter in terms of QCD effects only. This possibility is viable only if quark matter has energy per baryon less than 938 MeV. Two related issues are considered in appendices: the possibility that neutron stars generate a quark-matter component of cosmic rays, and the possibility that the QCD phase transition may have produced a detectable gravitational signal.

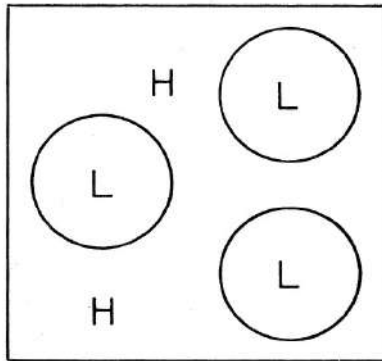


FIG. 1. Isolated expanding bubbles of low-temperature phase in the high-temperature phase.

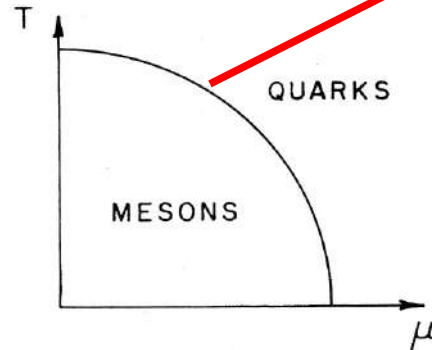
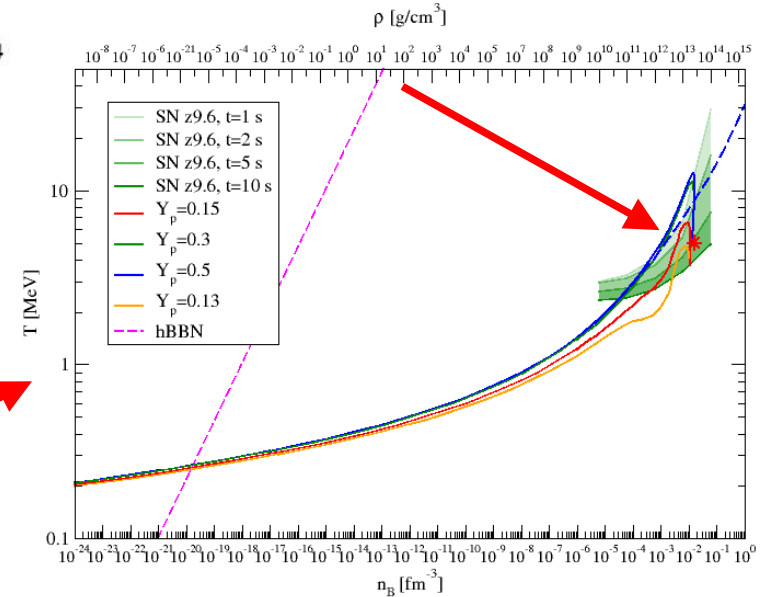


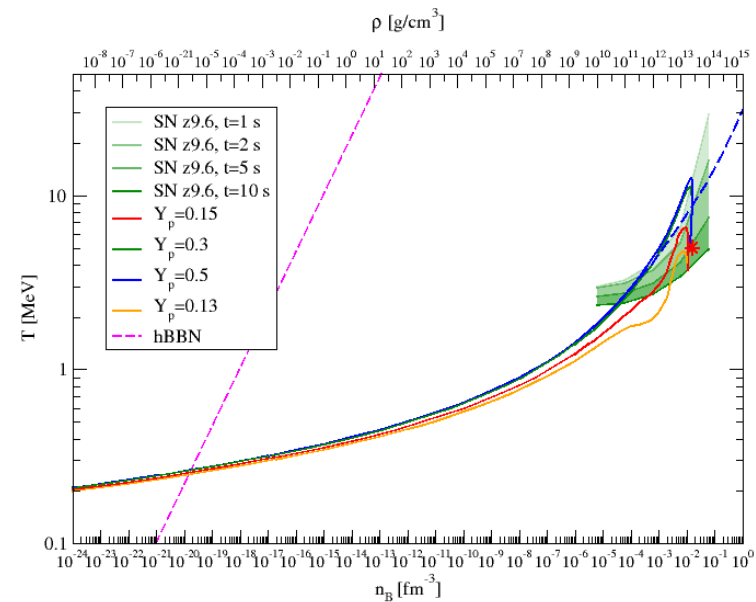
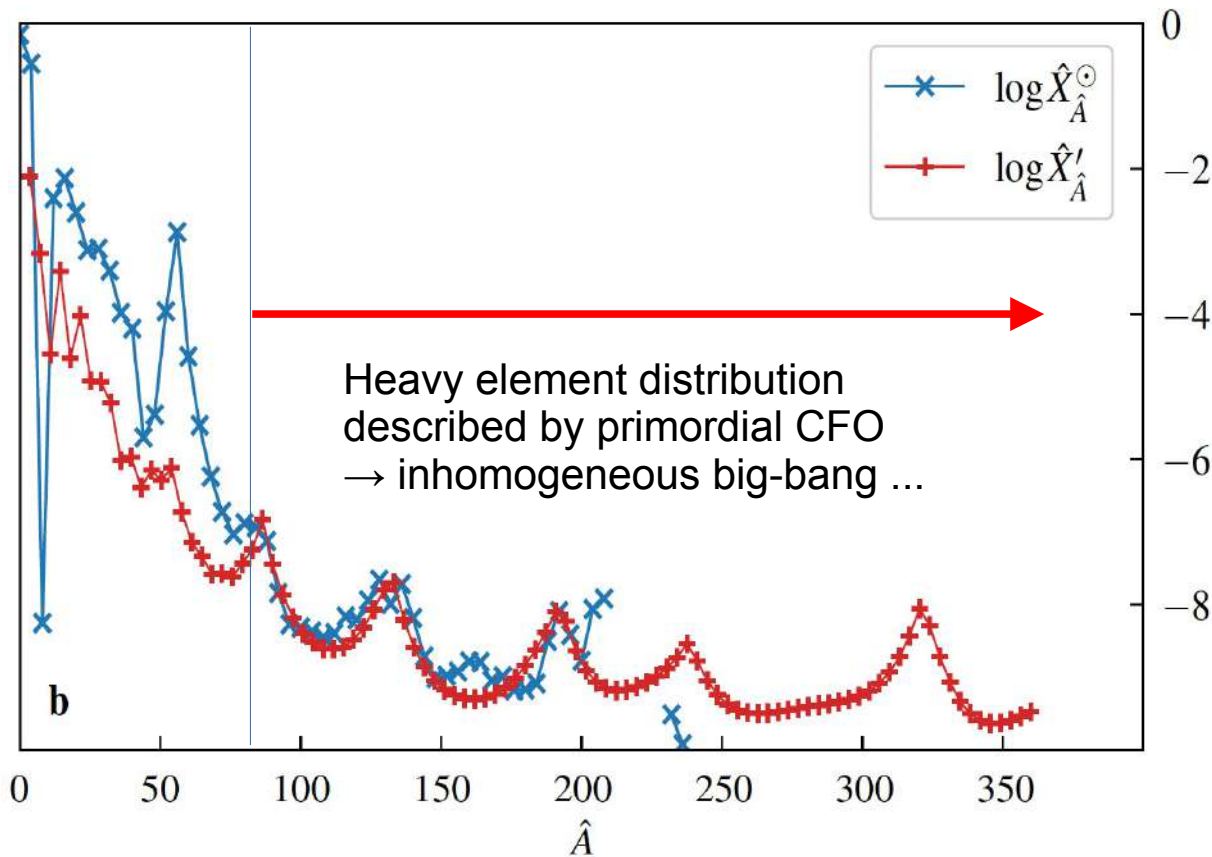
FIG. 4. A sketch of the coexistence temperature for quark matter of chemical potential  $\mu$  coexisting with the meson-baryon phase of  $\mu=0$ . What is shown is the temperature, as a function of  $\mu$ , at which the two phases exert equal pressure.



Accumulated mass fraction vs. mass number  $\hat{A}$  for solar element abundances compared with freeze-out model after neutron evaporation for  $T=5$  MeV,  $\mu_n=940.317$  MeV,  $\mu_p=845.069$  MeV

G. Röpke, D. Blaschke, F. Röpke, arXiv:2411.00535

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The school aligns with the forthcoming results of the most recent gravitational-wave (GW) observations, specifically from the O4 run of advanced LIGO-VIRGO and the Japanese KAGRA detector, projected for conclusion by the end of 2024. A profound understanding of the growing amount of data necessitates inter-disciplinary expertise in astrophysics and astronomy, numerical relativity, as well as nuclear and particle physics experiment and theory, which is essential for grasping the physics implications of multi-messenger observations associated with the GW detections. With the focus on compact object mergers and collapsing stars as well as their nuclear astrophysics implications, this school endeavours to enhance and stimulate the information flow and close collaboration between researchers from these different disciplines.

## Subjects:

- Explosive astrophysical phenomena – the physics of supernovae and neutron star mergers
- Astrophysical messengers – neutrinos, gravitational waves and gamma-rays
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- Nucleosynthesis and galactic chemical evolution
- Metal poor stars and their observations

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# Backup Slides

# Mott-Anderson localization model for sudden CFO

The basic idea: Localization of (certain) multi-quark states (“cluster”) = hadronization;  
Reverse process = delocalization by quark exchange between hadrons

Freeze-out criterion:

$$H_{\text{exp}}(\tau) = \frac{\dot{R}(\tau)}{R(\tau)} = \tau_{\text{coll},i}^{-1}(T, \mu),$$

$$\tau_{\text{coll},i}^{-1}(T, \mu) = \sum_j \sigma_{ij} v n_j(T, \mu)$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = \lambda \langle r_i^2 \rangle \langle r_j^2 \rangle$$

$$r_{\pi}^2(T, \mu) = \frac{3}{4\pi^2} f_{\pi}^{-2}(T, \mu)$$

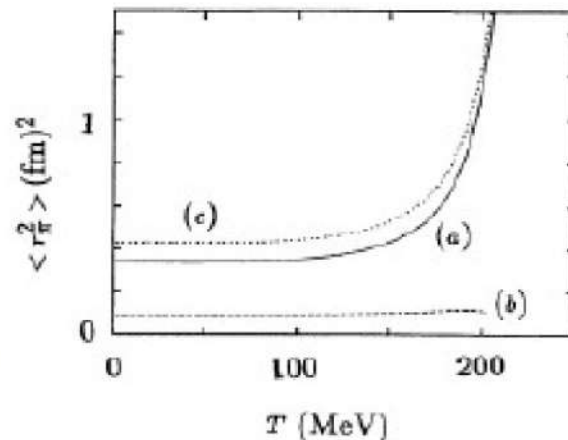
$$f_{\pi}^2(T, \mu) = -m_0 \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T, \mu} / M_{\pi}^2$$

$$r_{\pi}^2(T, \mu) = \frac{3M_{\pi}^2}{4\pi^2 m_q} |\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T, \mu}|^{-1}$$

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\text{MF}} \left[ 1 - \frac{T^2}{8f_{\pi}^2(T, \mu)} - \frac{\sigma_N n_{s,N}(T, \mu)}{M_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2(T, \mu)} \right]$$



Hippe & Klevansky, PRC 52 (1995) 2172



Povh-Huefner law,  
PRC 46 (1992) 990  
→ total x-section

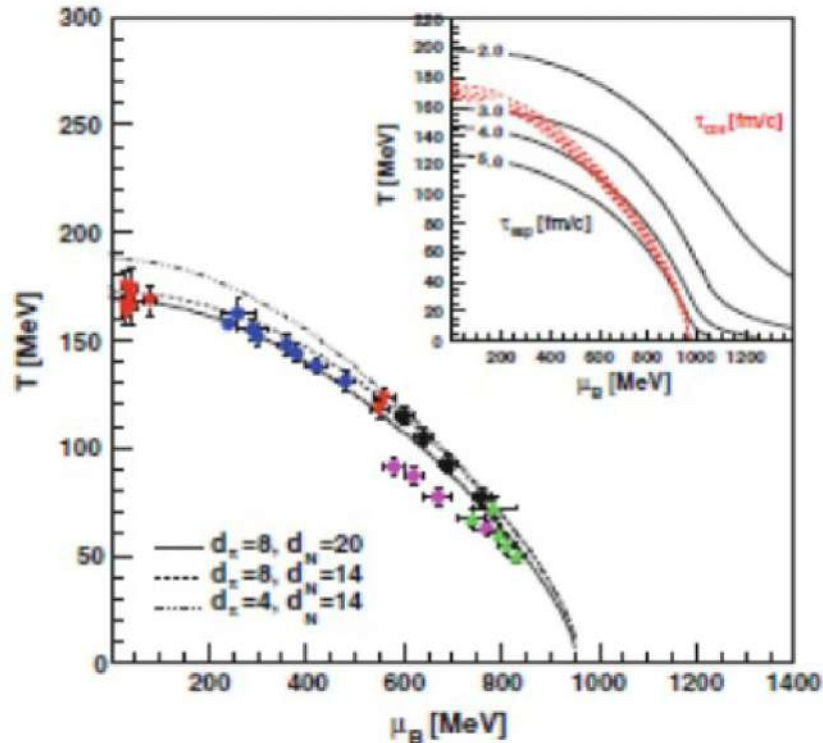
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Model results:

$$\tau_{\text{exp}}(T, \mu) = \tau_{\text{coll}}(T, \mu)$$

Collision time strongly  $T, \mu$  dependent !

Schematic resonance gas:  $d\pi$  pions,  $dN$  nucleons

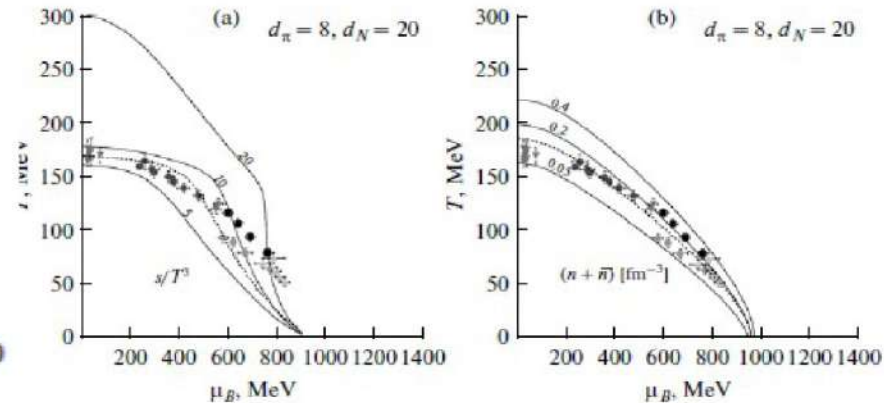


Expansion time scale from entropy conservation:

$$s(T, \mu) V(\tau_{\text{exp}}) = \text{const}$$

$$\tau_{\text{exp}}(T, \mu) = a s^{-1/3}(T, \mu),$$

Thermodynamics consistent with phenomenological Freeze-out rules:



# Mott-Anderson localization model - refined

A) Chiral condensate for the full hadron resonance gas model → radii of hadrons

- nonstrange hadrons:

$$\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle_{T,\mu} = \frac{3}{4\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \quad f_\pi^2(T, \mu) = \frac{-m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T,\mu}}{m_\pi^2},$$

$$\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle_{T,\mu} = \frac{3m_\pi^2}{4\pi^2 m_q} |\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T,\mu}|^{-1} \quad \langle r_N^2 \rangle_{T,\mu} = r_0^2 + \langle r_\pi^2 \rangle_{T,\mu}$$

- strange hadrons:

$$f_K^2 m_K^2 = -\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T,\mu} + \langle \bar{s}s \rangle_{T,\mu}}{2} (m_q + m_s)$$

$$\langle r_K^2 \rangle_{T,\mu} = \frac{3}{4\pi^2 f_K^2} = \frac{3}{2\pi^2} \frac{m_K^2}{|\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T,\mu} + \langle \bar{s}s \rangle_{T,\mu}| (m_q + m_s)} \quad \langle r_\Lambda^2 \rangle_{T,\mu} = r_0^2 + \langle r_K^2 \rangle_{T,\mu}$$

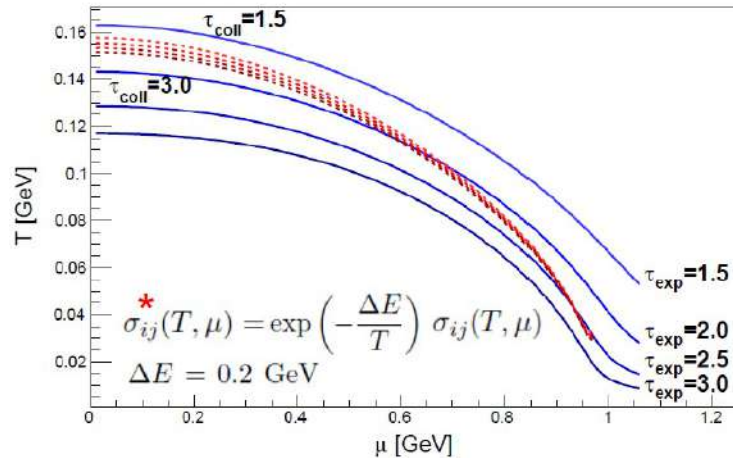
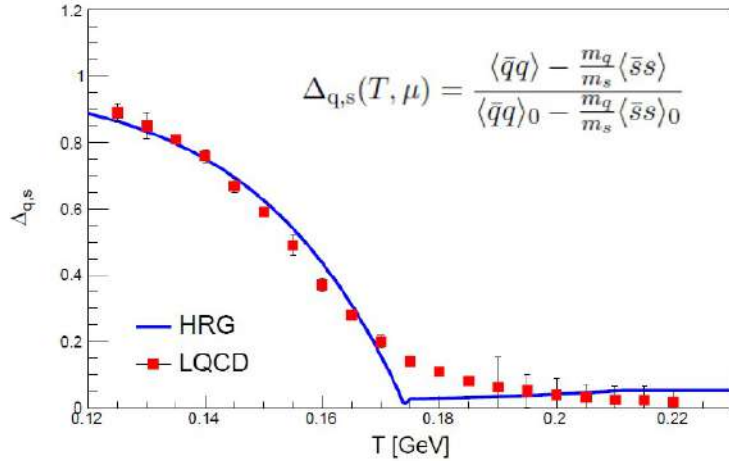
B) Chemical freeze-out: only “reactive” cross section, flavor equilibration

Some flavor changing processes involve reaction thresholds and need activation energy, like in the Eyring theory of chemical processes with activation:

$$\sigma_{ij}^*(T, \mu) = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E}{T}\right) \sigma_{ij}(T, \mu) \quad \sigma_{ij}(T, \mu) = \lambda \langle r_i^2 \rangle_{T,\mu} \langle r_j^2 \rangle_{T,\mu}$$

Assumption: average activation threshold for reactive processes:  $\Delta E = 0.2 \text{ GeV}$   
(to be refined, account for all individual processes, e.g., SMASH)

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for the 3D expansion time scale assuming entropy conservation

Full HRG model condensate;  
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DB, J. Jankowski, M. Naskret, arxiv:1705.00169

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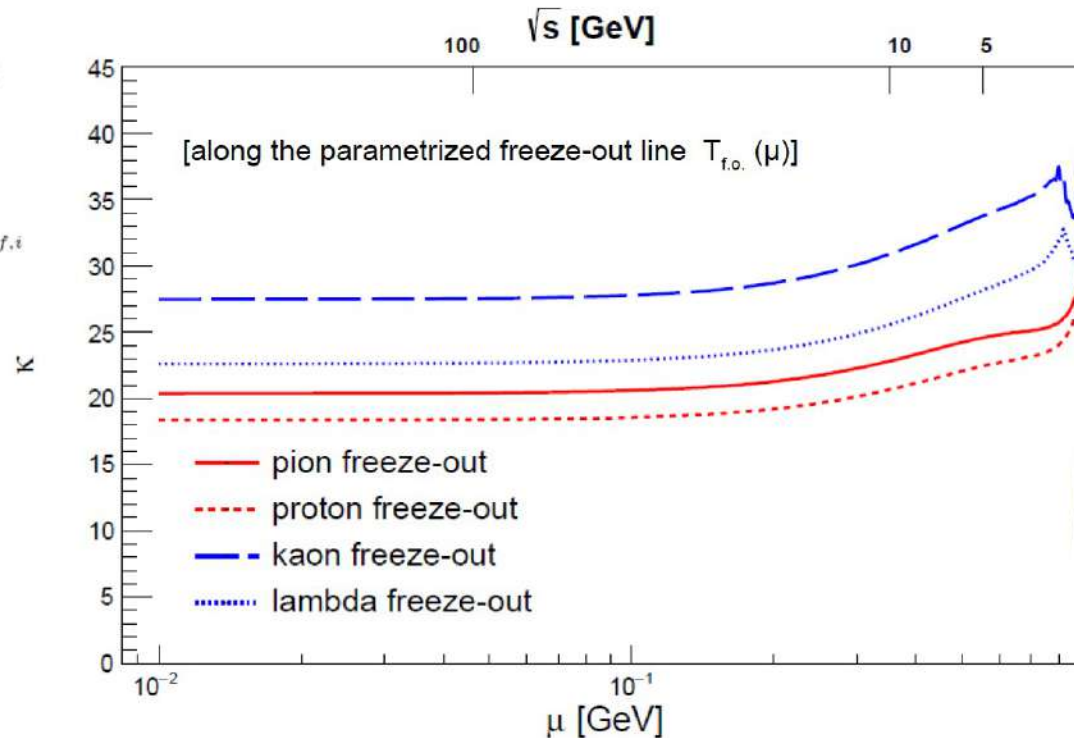
Inelastic collision rate  $\tau_{\text{coll}} \propto T^\kappa$ ,  $\kappa \gtrsim 20$  from fit to STAR data

U. Heinz and G. Kestin, PoS CPOD 2006, 038 (2006) [nucl-th/0612105]

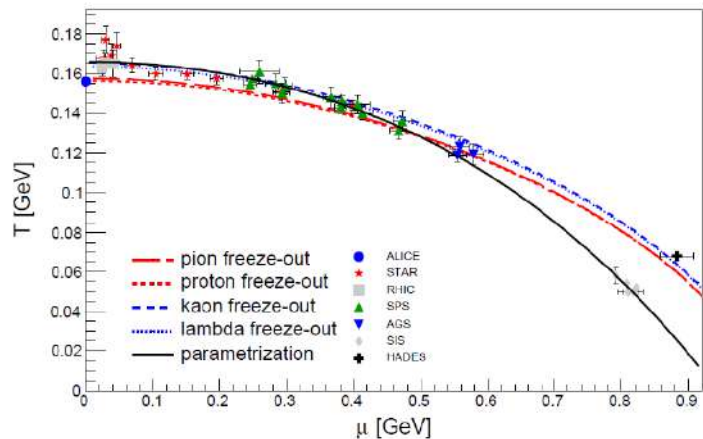
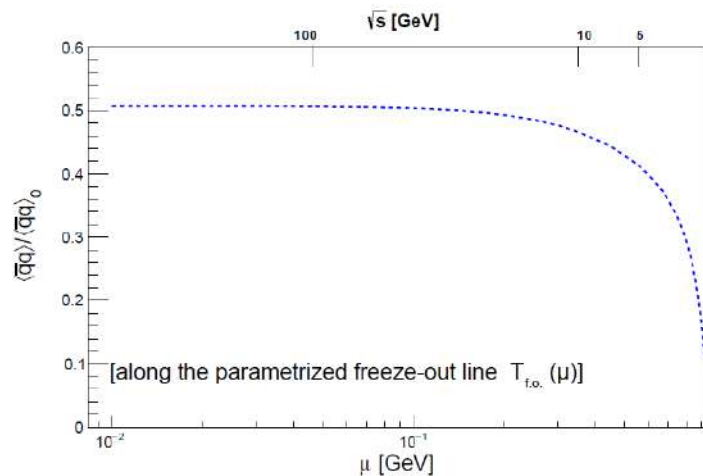
Species-dependent exponent of the power law,

$$\kappa_i = - \left. \frac{d \ln \tau_{\text{coll},i}(T, \mu)}{d \ln T} \right|_{T_{f.o.}; \mu_{f.o.}}$$

extracted from the model for the collision rate.



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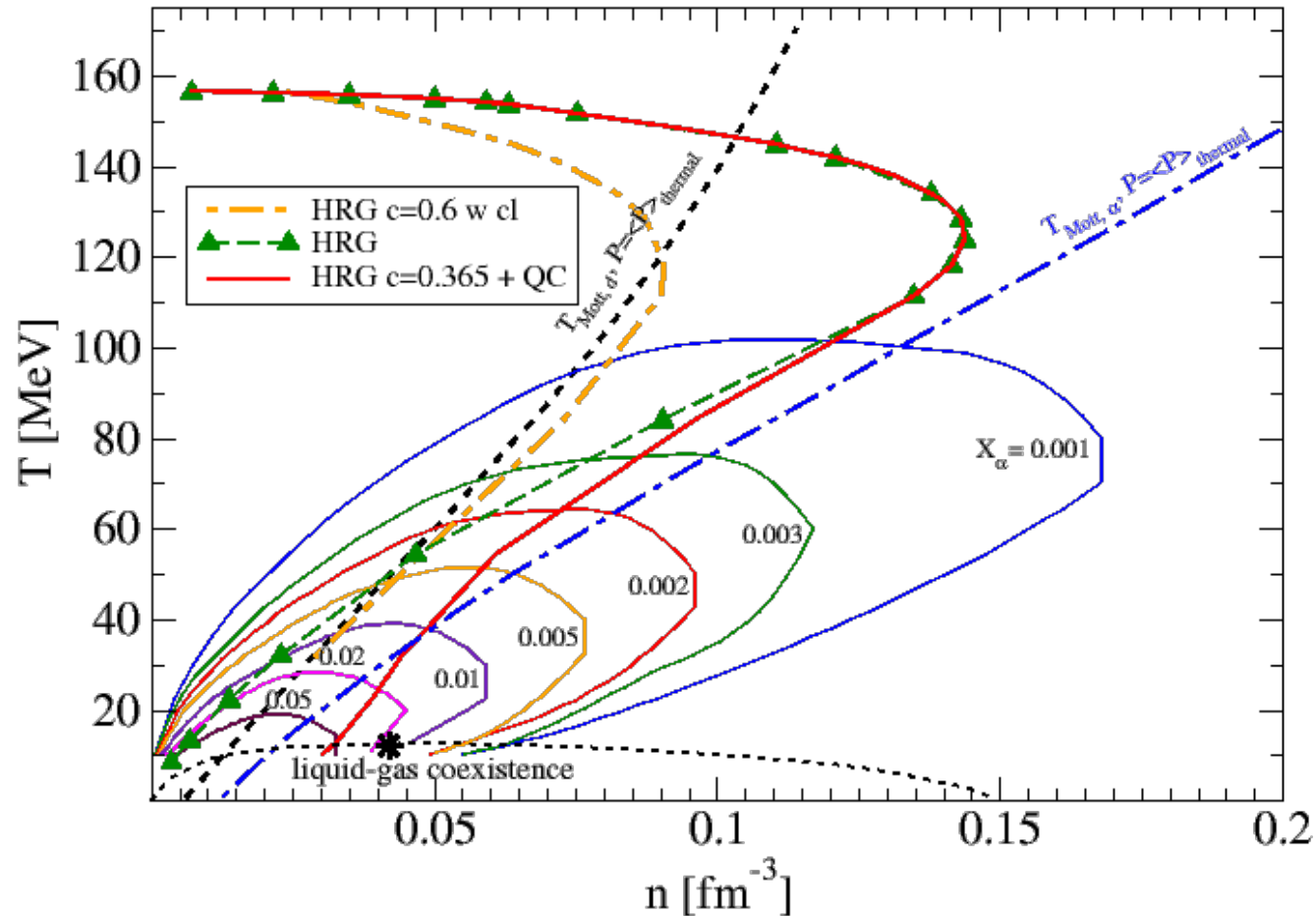
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