

# **Stiffening** of matter in **quark-hadron continuity**

*--- peak in sound velocity ---*

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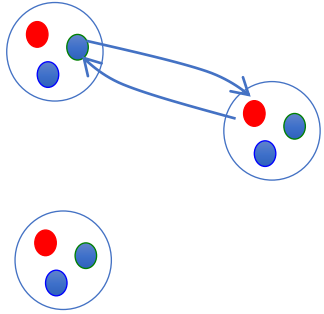
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Ref) TK, [2106.06687](#) [nucl-th]

# A picture being developed

[Masuda-Hatsuda-Takatsuka '12; TK-Powell-Song-Baym '14]

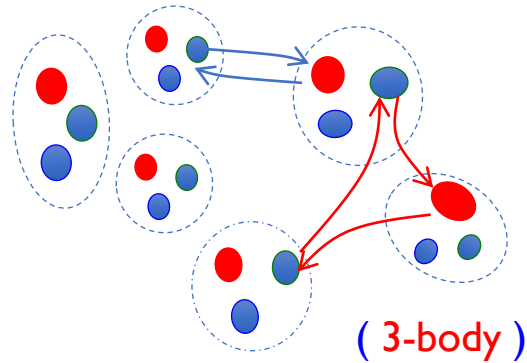
- few meson exchange
- nucleons **only**



ab-initio nuclear cal.  
e.g.) ChEFT, variational  
steady progress

$\sim 1.4 M_{\odot}$

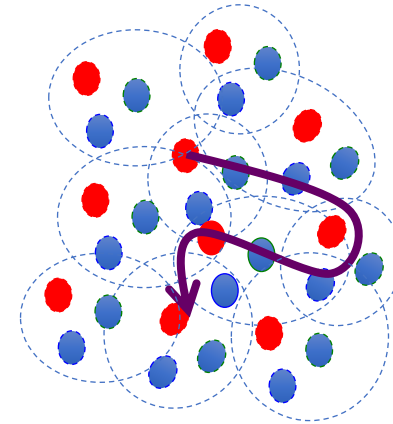
- many-quark exchange
- structural change,...



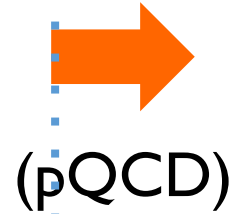
**most difficult**  
(d.o.f ??)

$\sim 2 M_{\odot}$

- Baryons overlap
- Quark Fermi sea



strongly correlated  
(d.o.f : quasi-particles??)  
not explored well



[Freedman-McLerran,  
Kurkela+,...]

$n_B$

$\sim 2n_0$

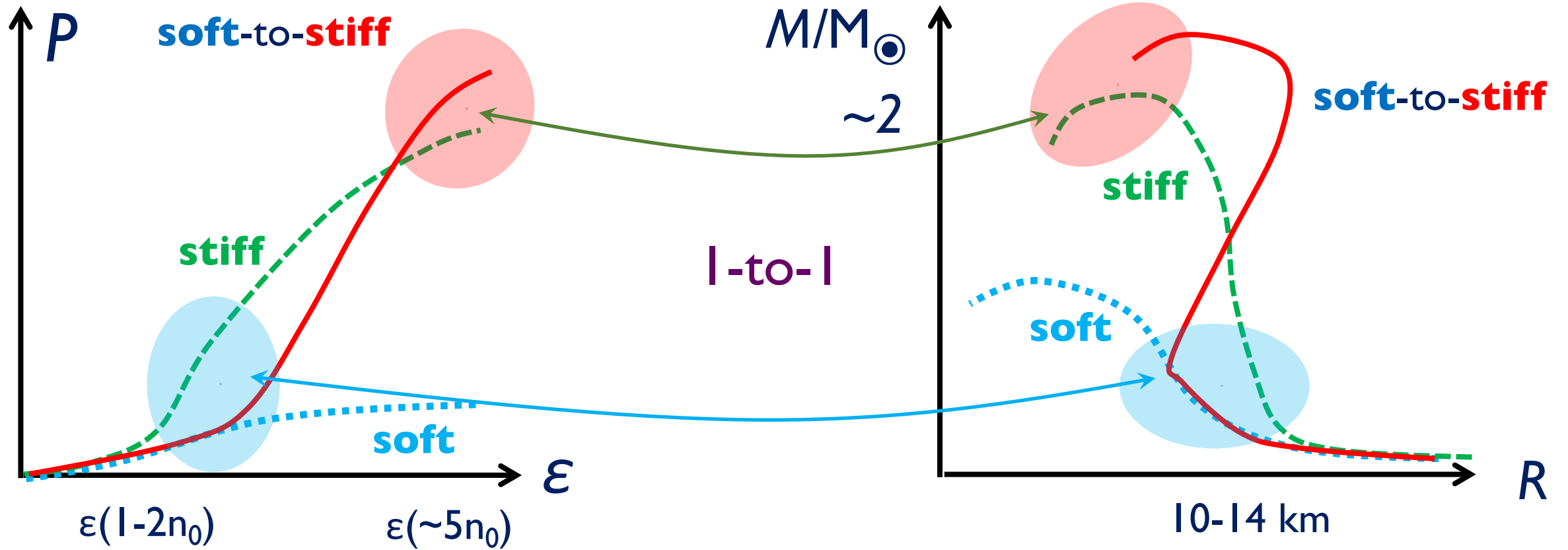
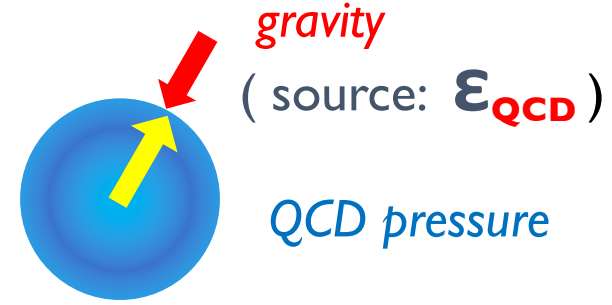
**Hints from NS**

$\sim 5n_0$

$\sim 40n_0$

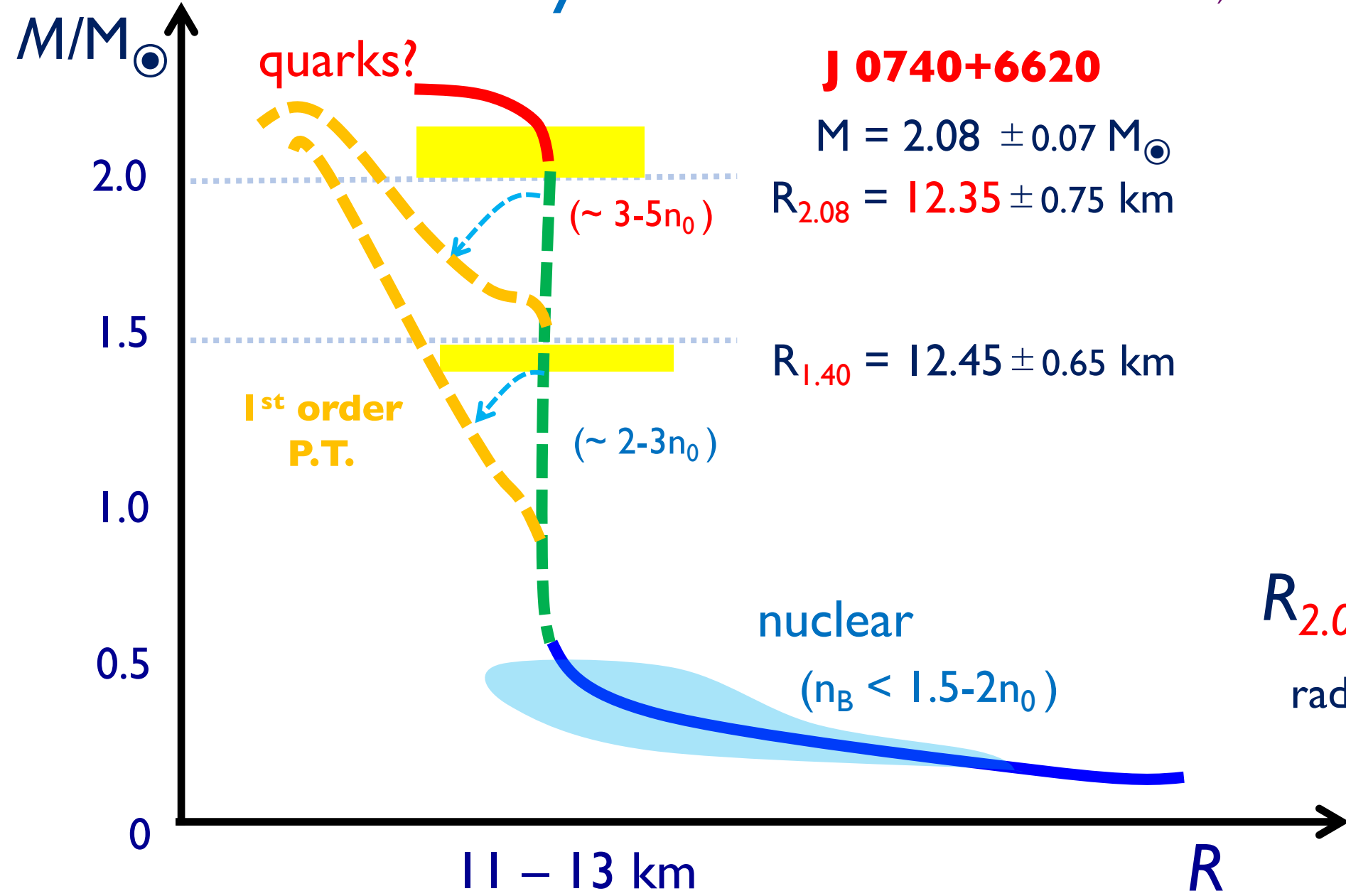
# EoS & Neutron Star M-R relation

Einstein eq.:  $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$  ..... QCD (+EW) EoS



# Density vs $M-R$ curves

Ref) Lattimer & Prakash (2001)



based on

**NICER**

J0740+6620 data  
 + J0030+0451 data  
 + GW170817  
 + nuclear constraints

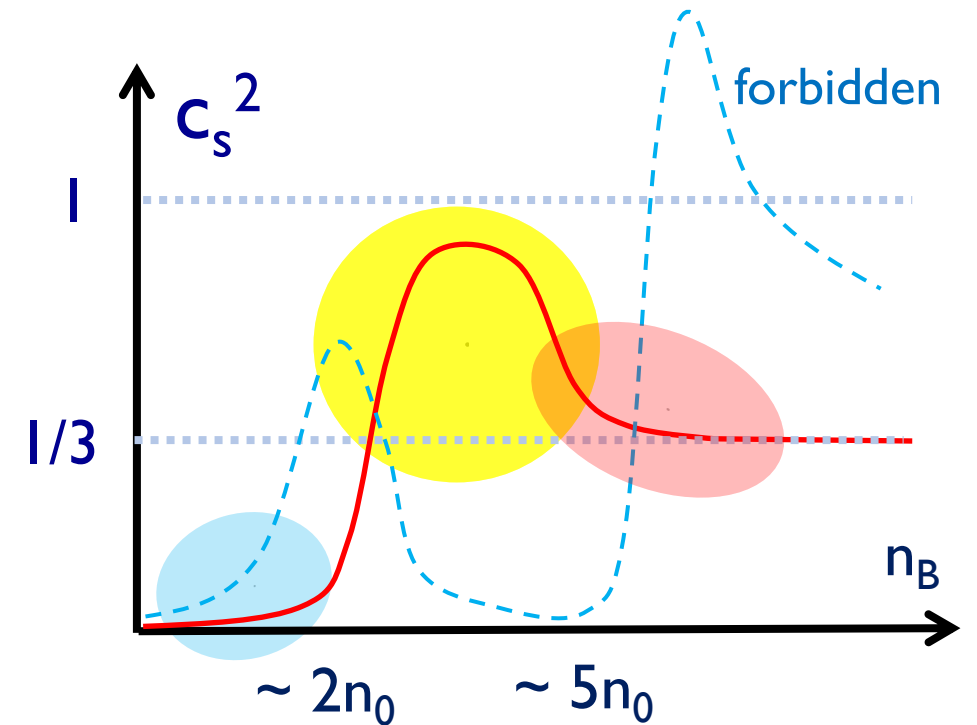
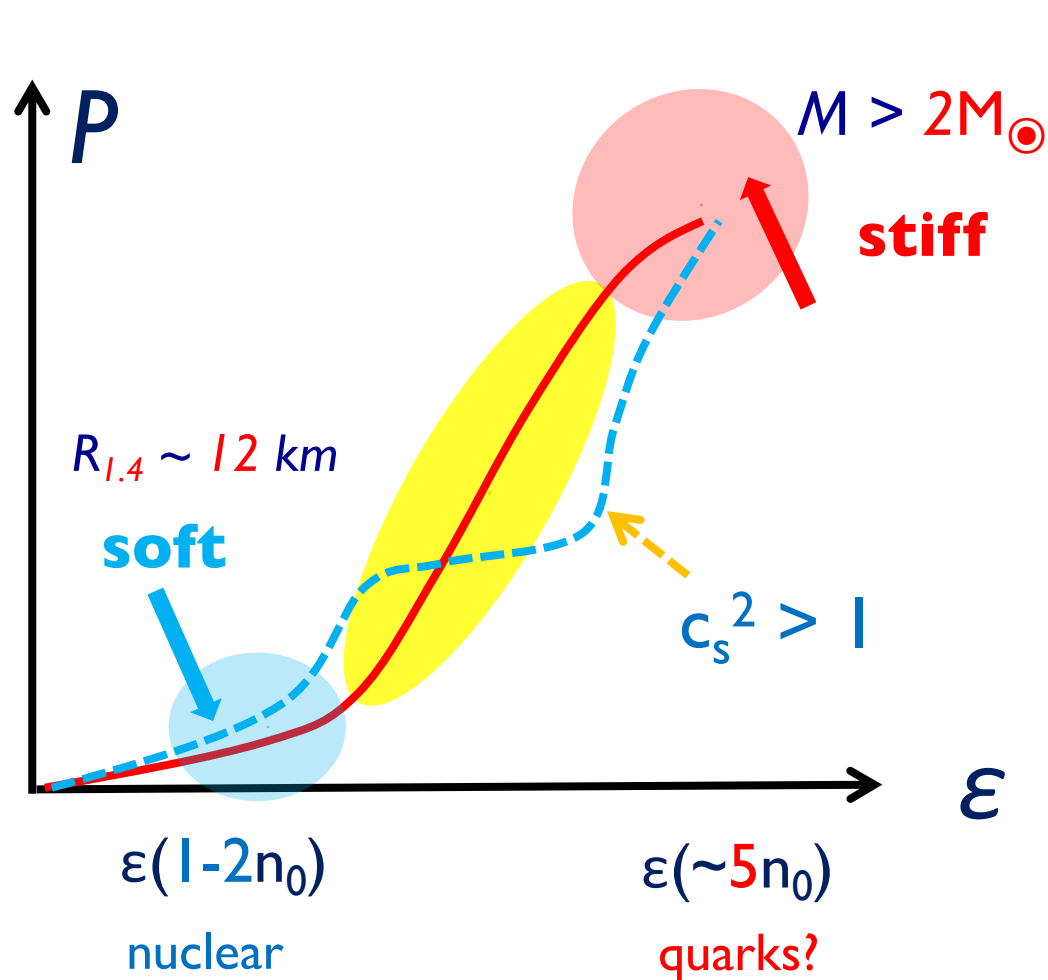
[Miller+ '21]

$R_{2.08} \sim R_{1.40} (!)$

radical softening unlikely  
 for 2-5  $n_0$

# Soft to *stiff* is challenging

speed of sound:  $c_s^2 = dP/d\varepsilon < 1$  (*causality*)



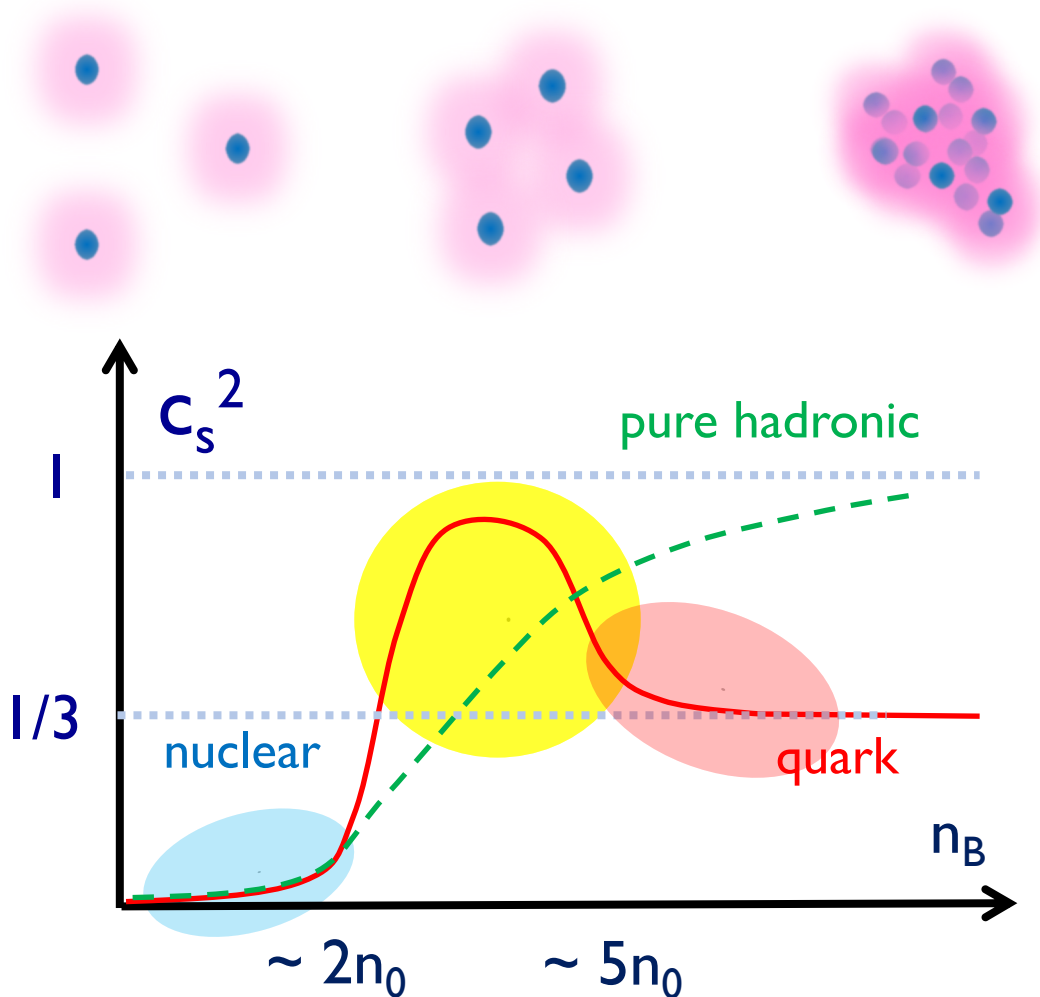
the simplest: *quark-hadron continuity*

→ we take it as our **baseline**

# Goals in this work

## Direct descriptions of the " $c_s$ -peak"

[cf) McLerran-Reddy (MR), PRL '19,...]



### the statements include:

- 1) *robust* in a quark-hadron continuity model
- 2) appears *before* baryon cores overlap
- 3) nuclear repulsive forces are **NOT** major driving forces  
[ nuclear int. will be ignored at LO ]

# Problem

*Switching from baryonic to quark bases*  
→ *source of confusions in hybrid modeling*  
(e.g. *normalization* of energy )

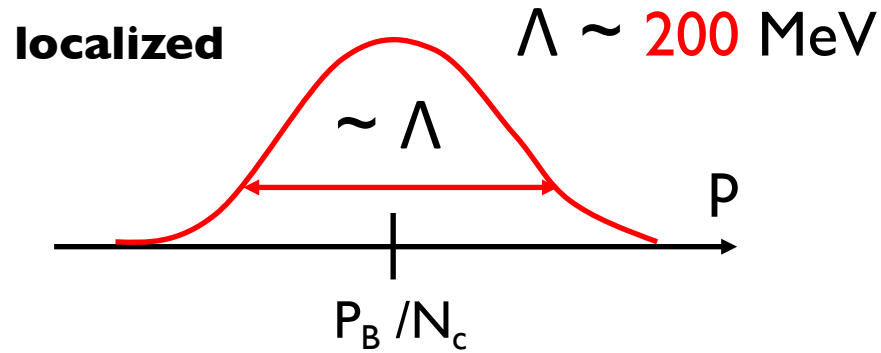
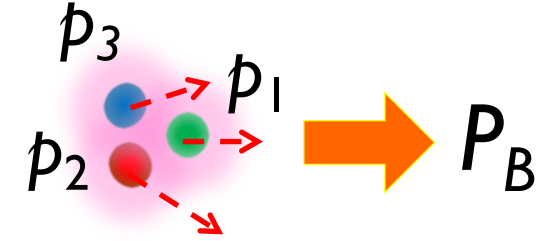
# Strategy

*Follow quark states from nuclear to quark matter*  
(within a *single* model)

# Quarks in a baryon

$N_c (=3)$ : number of colors

probability density:  $Q_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P}_B) = \mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left(\mathbf{p} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c}\right)^2}$



mean:  $\langle \mathbf{P}_B \rangle = N_c \int \mathbf{p} Q_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P}_B)$

variance:  $\left\langle \left(\mathbf{p} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c}\right)^2 \right\rangle \sim \Lambda^2$  **energetic !**

$$\langle E_q(\mathbf{p}) \rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B} = \mathcal{N} \int \mathbf{p} E_q(\mathbf{p}) e^{-\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left(\mathbf{p} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c}\right)^2} \simeq \underbrace{\langle E_q(\mathbf{p}) \rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B=0}}_{\sim N_c (M_q + \Lambda)} + \frac{1}{6} \underbrace{\left\langle \frac{\partial^2 E_q}{\partial p_i \partial p_i} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B=0}}_{\sim P_B^2 / (N_c E_q)} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c}\right)^2 + \dots$$

average energy (quark)

$\sim N_c (M_q + \Lambda) \gg \sim P_B^2 / (N_c E_q)$

baryon mass baryon kin. energy



# Occupation probability of quark states

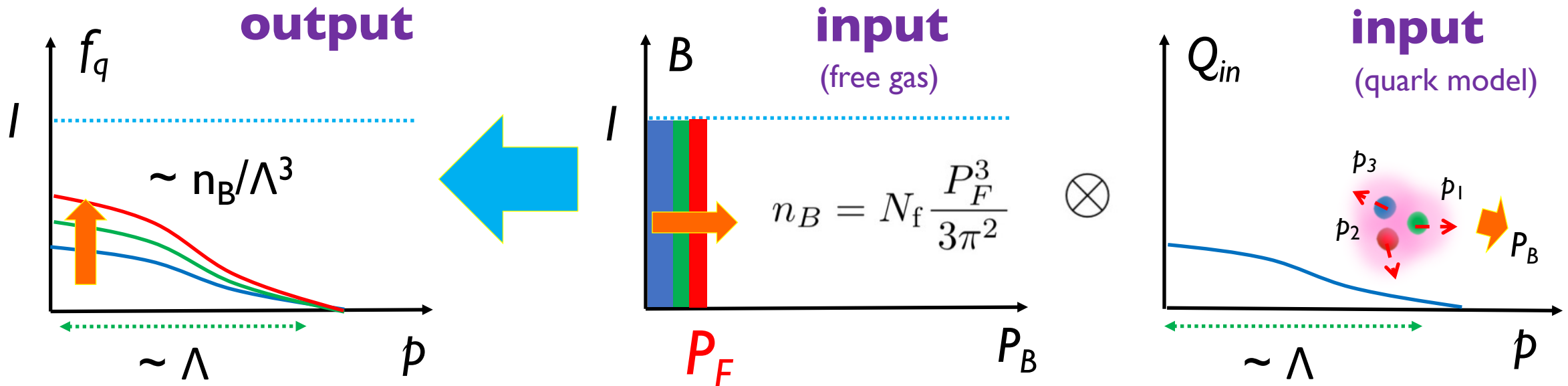
occupation **probability**  
of **quark** state with  $p$

occupation **probability**  
of **baryon** state with  $P_B$

**quark** mom. **pro. density**  
in a baryon

$$f_q(\underline{p}; n_B) = \int_{\underline{P}_B} \mathcal{B}(\underline{P}_B; n_B) Q_{\text{in}}(\underline{p}, \underline{P}_B)$$

e.g.) in **dilute** baryonic matter



# Quarks in ideal baryon gas

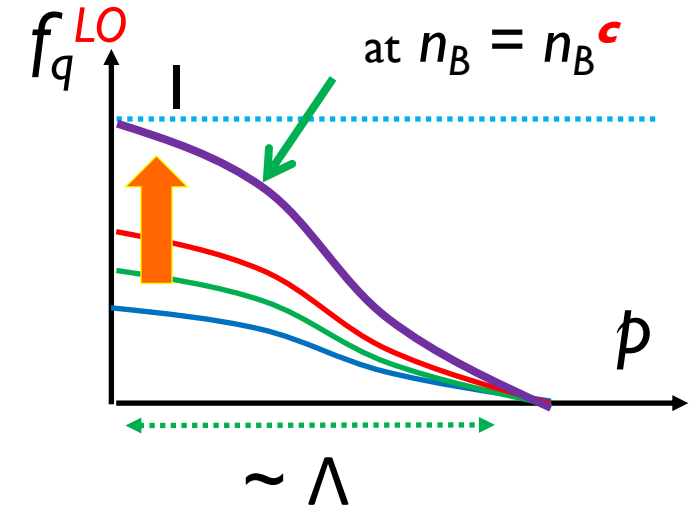
$$f_q(p; n_B) = \int_{P_B} \mathcal{B}(P_B; n_B) Q_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{p}, P_B)$$

for ideal baryon gas:

$$f_q(p; n_B) = \frac{n_B}{n_B^c} e^{-p^2/\Lambda^2} + O(1/N_c^2)$$

LO:

- the **shape** does not change
- the **height** grows linearly in  $n_B$



energy density

$$\varepsilon(n_B) = N_c \int_{\mathbf{p}} E_q(p) \left( f_q^{\text{LO}}(p; n_B) + O(1/N_c^2) \right) = n_B M_B + O(1/N_c)$$

kin. energy

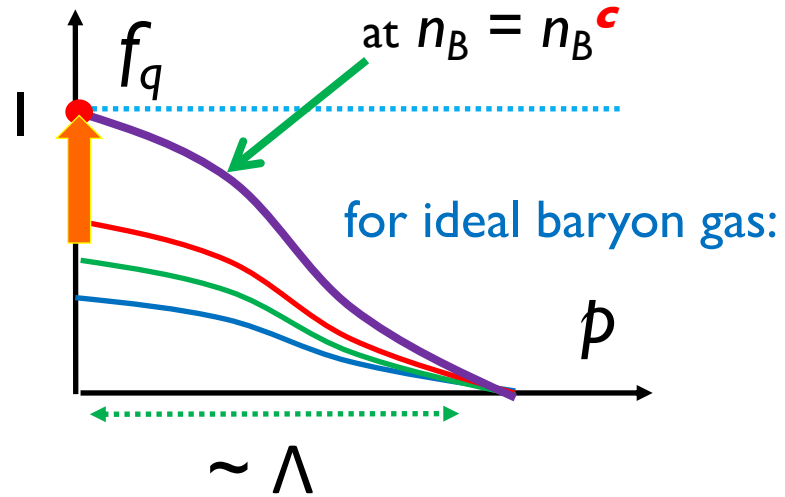
pressure:

$$\mathcal{P} = n_B^2 \frac{\partial(\varepsilon/n_B)}{\partial n_B} \sim 0 + O(1/N_c)$$

$\sim$  const.

very soft

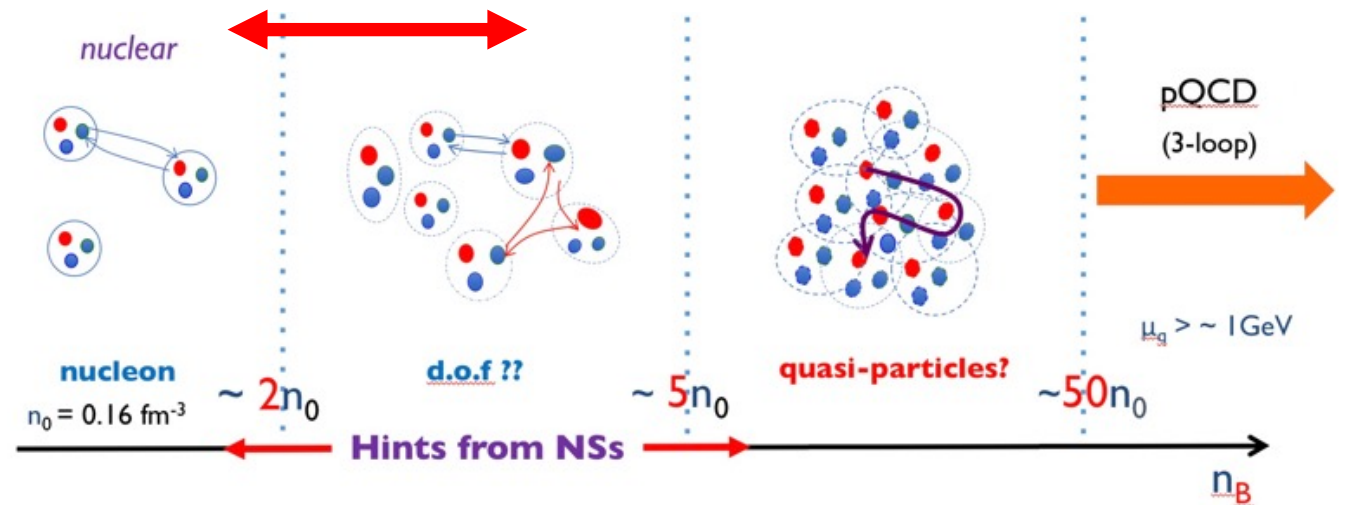
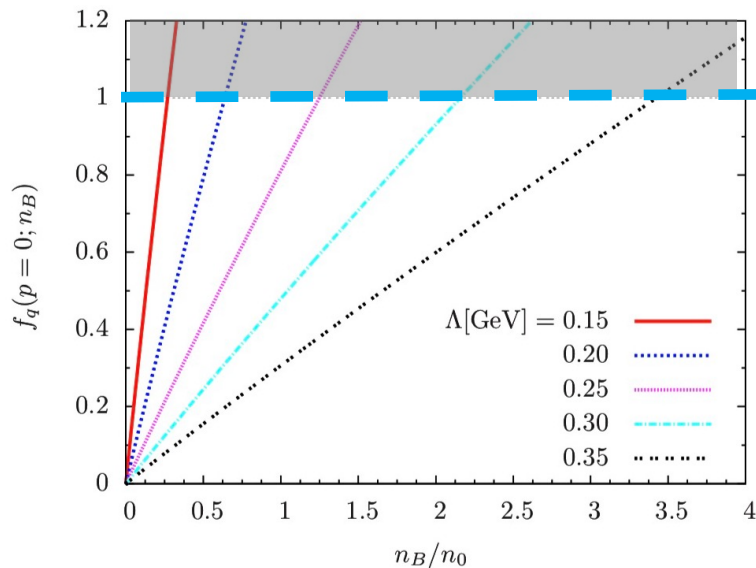
# Saturation of quark states



$$\Lambda \sim 0.15-0.35 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow n_B^c \sim 0.2-3.5 n_0$$

should happen **before** baryon cores overlap

cf) *Soft Deconfinement* [Fukushima-TK-Weise, '20]

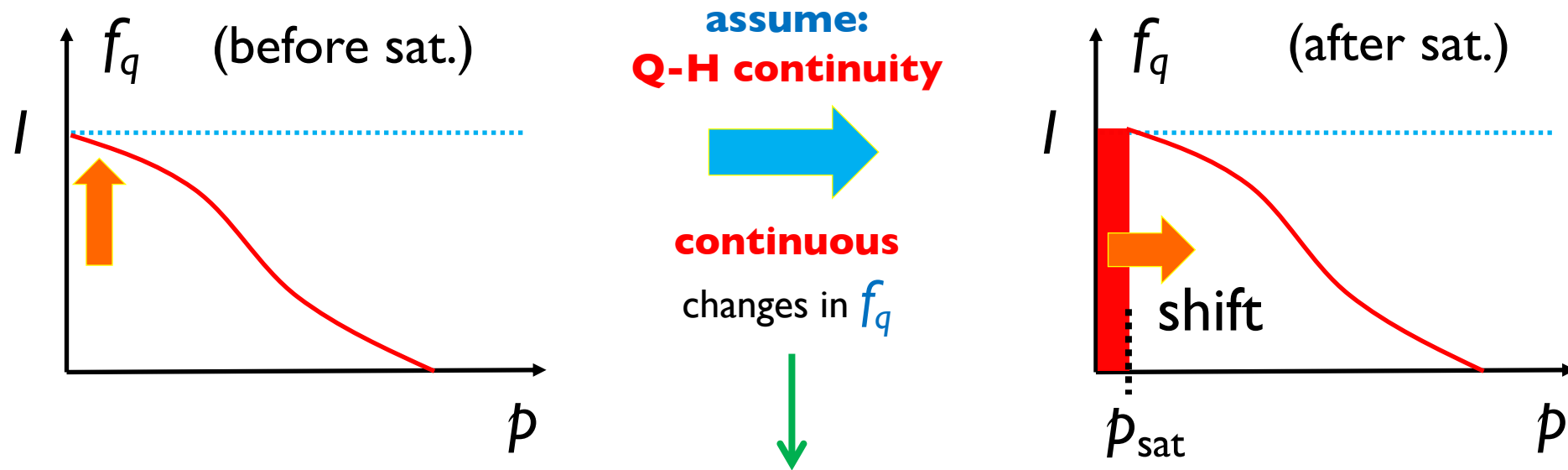


# Quark matter **formation:** $f_q (p ; n_B)$

**a model** after the saturation:

same shape

$$f_q^{\text{after}} = \theta(p_{\text{sat}} - p) + \theta(p - p_{\text{sat}}) \underline{f_q(p - p_{\text{sat}}; n_B^c)}$$

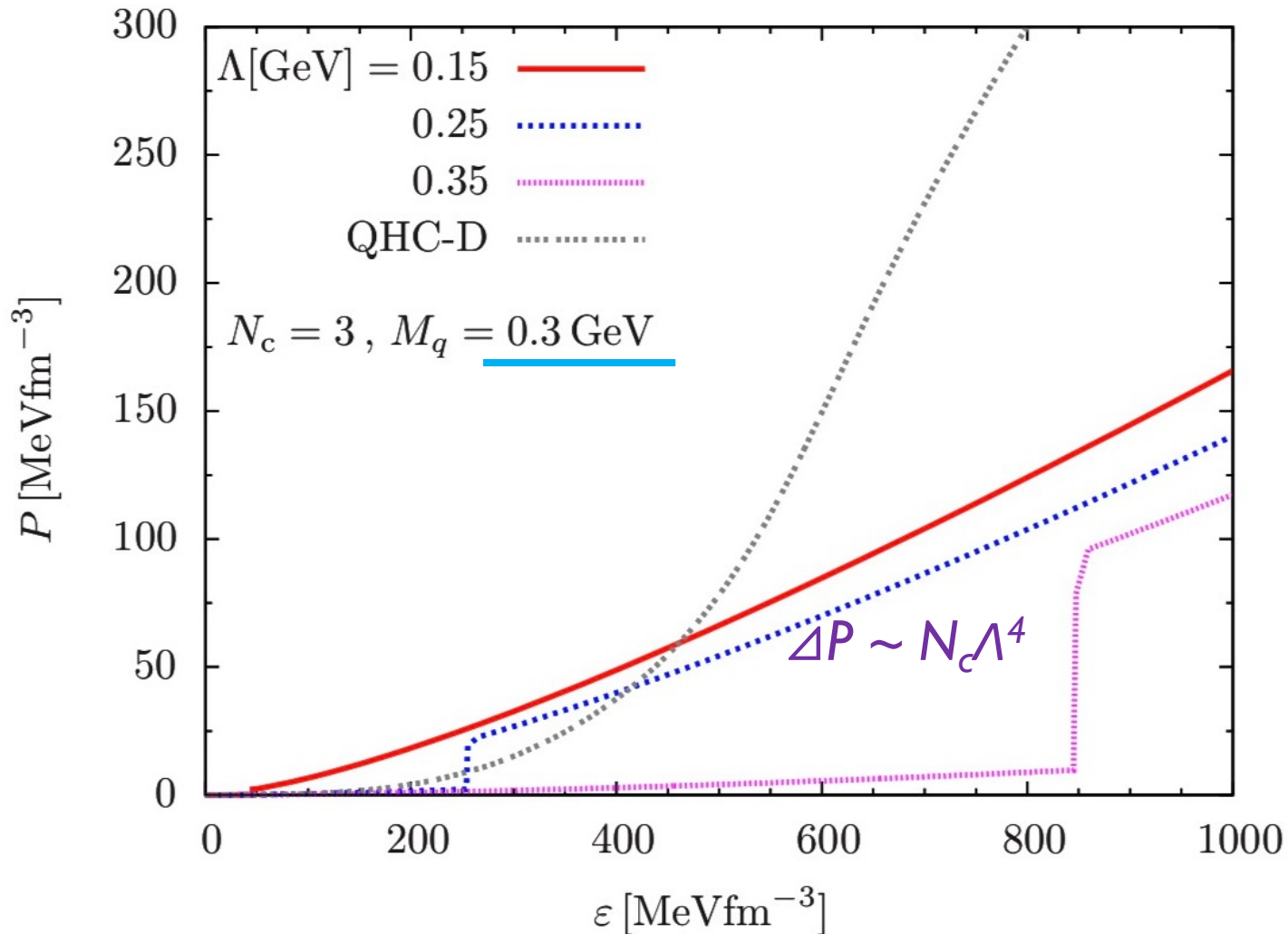


$\varepsilon, n_B$  are **continuous** before and after the saturation.

*any nontrivial consequences ?*

# jumps in $\mu_B, P$

(  $N_c = 3, M_q = 0.3 \text{ GeV}$  )



a model of  $f_q$  looks innocent,  
but its consequence is **unphysical**:

$\mathcal{E}, n_B$  are **continuous**,

**jumps** in  $\mu_B$  &  $P$

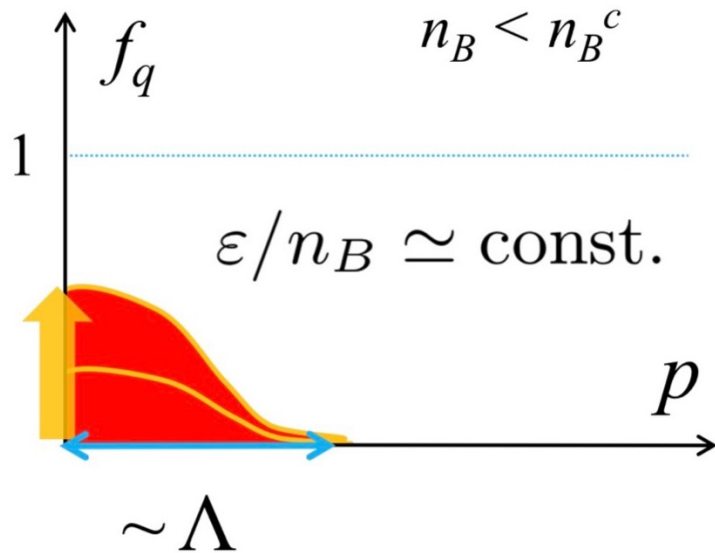
(  $\Delta\mu_B \sim N_c \Lambda$  )

**opposite** to usual 1<sup>st</sup> order P.T. (!)

# Quark matter formation: $EoS$

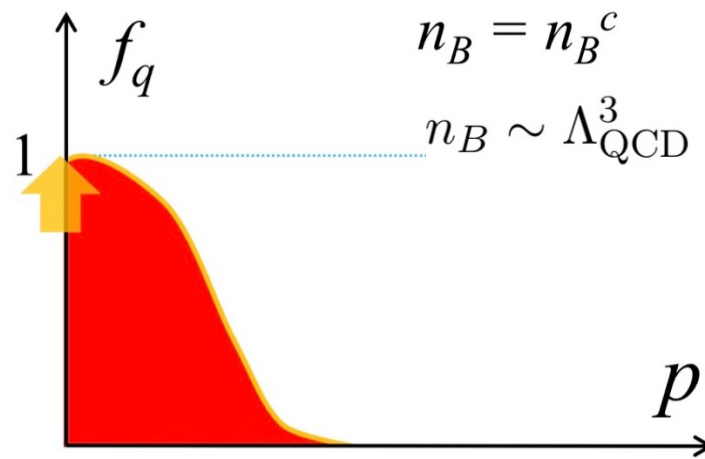
$$\mathcal{P} = n_B^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_B} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{n_B} \right) \quad \text{energy per particle}$$

[cf] McLerran-Reddy (MR), PRL '19,...]



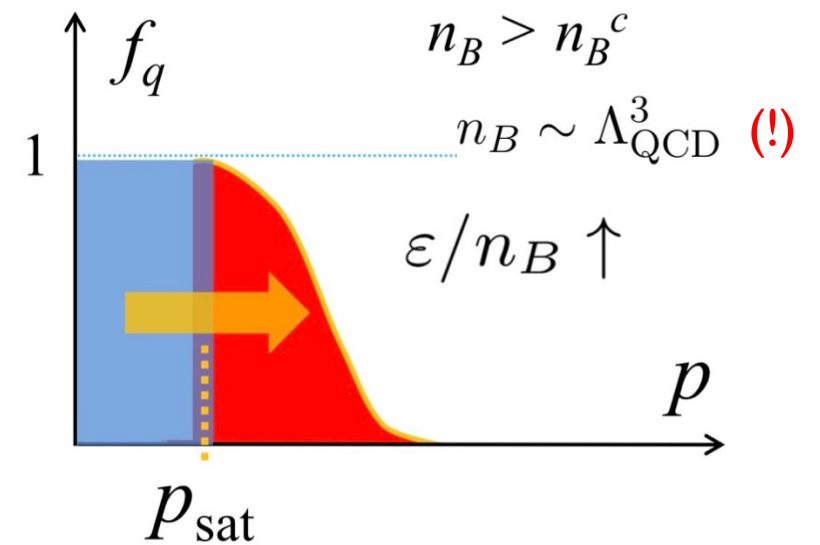
$$\varepsilon \sim n_B \times N_c \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

$$\mathcal{P} \sim n_B^{5/3} / \underline{N_c} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$



$$\varepsilon \sim N_c \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

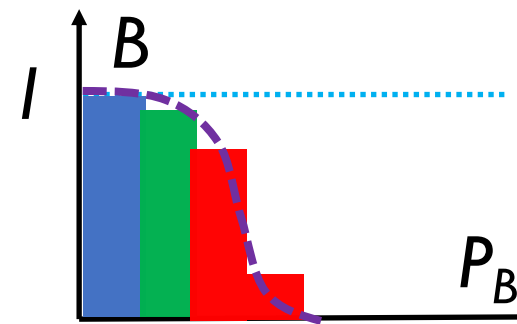
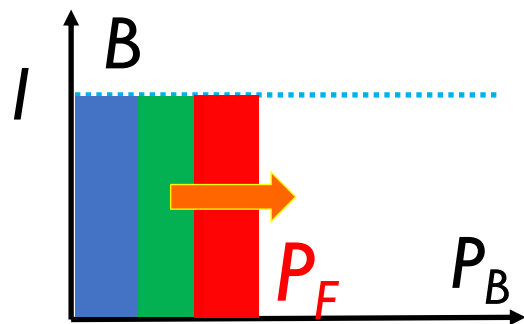
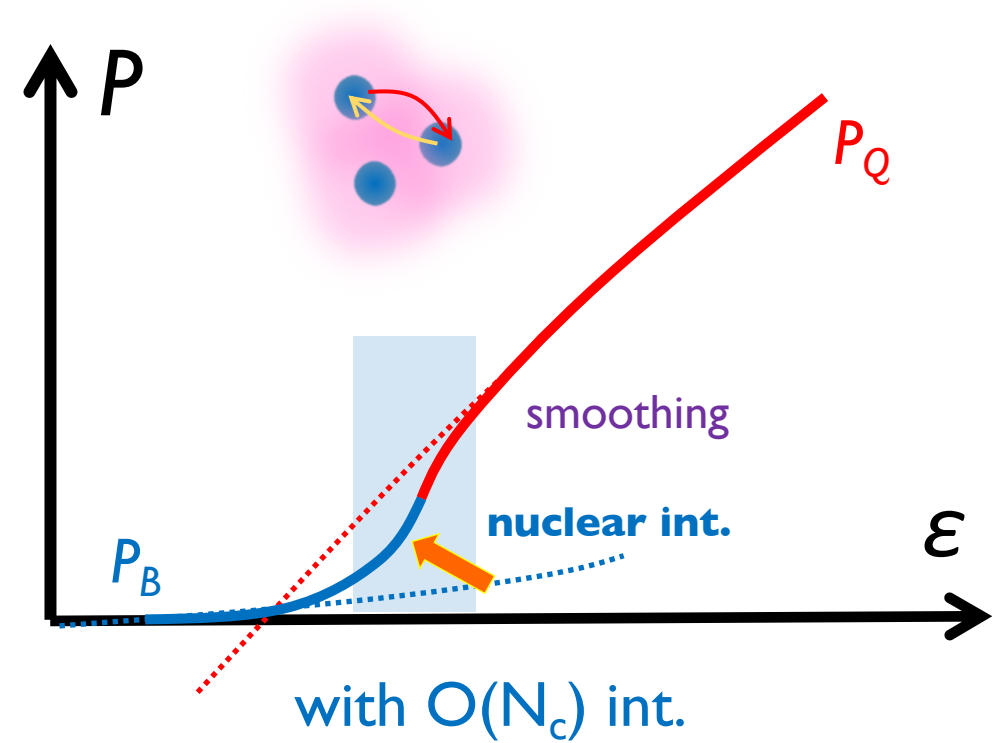
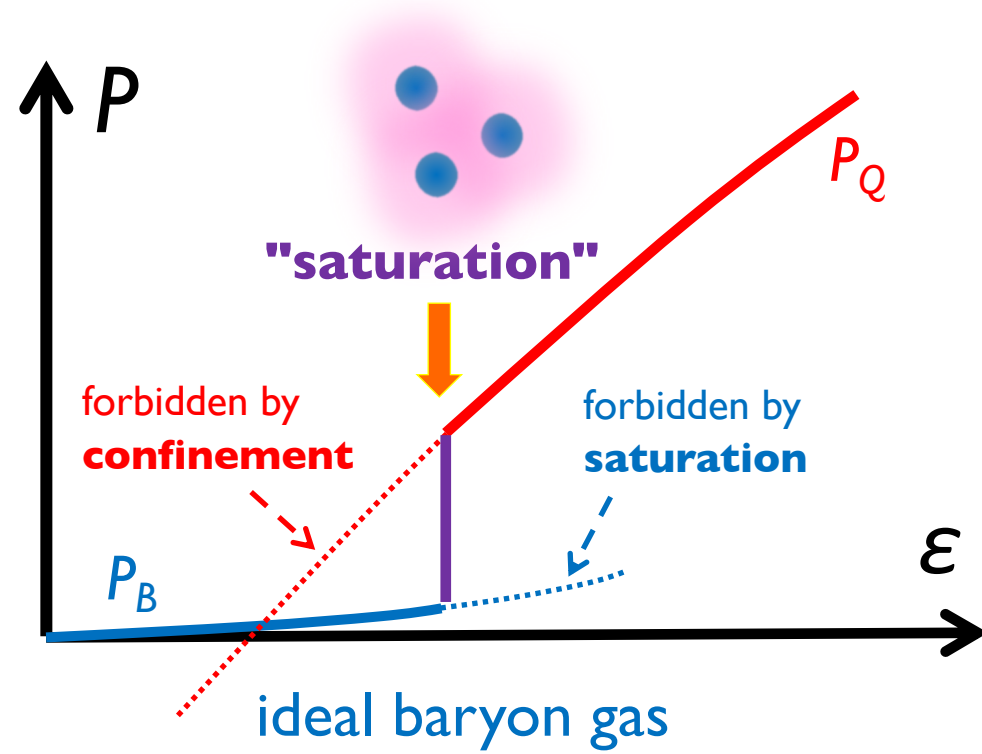
$$\mathcal{P} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4 / \underline{N_c}$$



$$\mathcal{P} \sim \underline{N_c} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

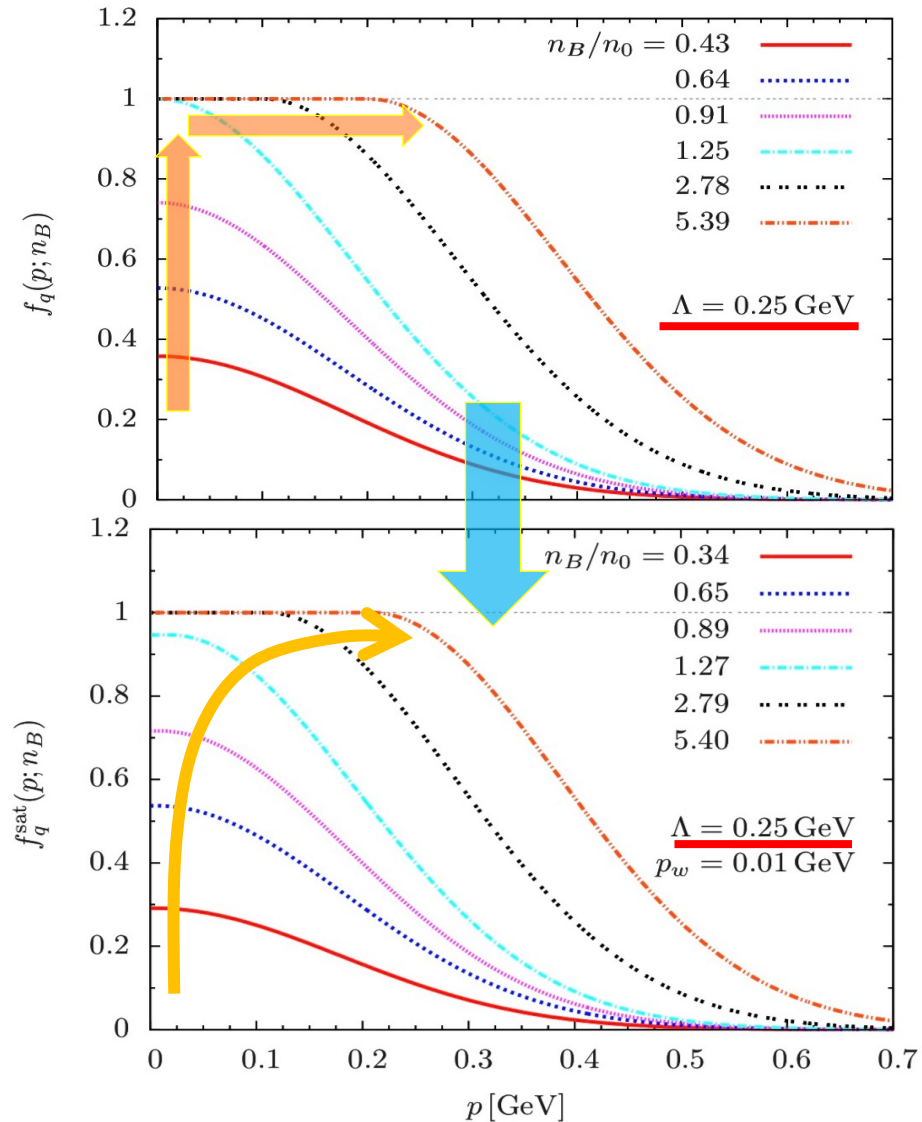
# More realistic picture

[  $P_B$  &  $P_Q$  from a **single** model;  $f_q$  continuous ]

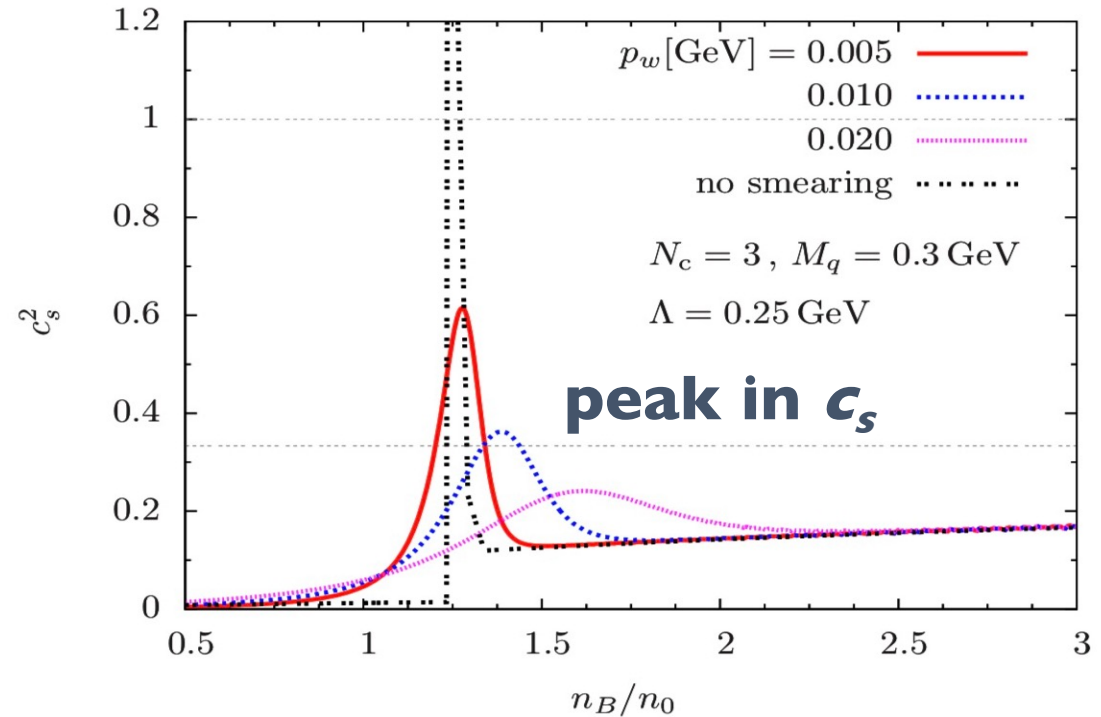




# Smooth version



$$f_q^{\text{sat}}(p; p_{\text{sat}}) = \tanh(p_{\text{sat}}/p_w) \times \left[ \theta(p_{\text{sat}} - p) + \theta(p - p_{\text{sat}}) e^{-(\tilde{p} - \tilde{p}_{\text{sat}})^2} \right]$$



- *location* primarily determined by  $\Lambda$  (or baryon size)
- *width* primarily determined by  $p_w$  (or interactions)
- interactions: *NOT driving forces*, just *temper* the peak



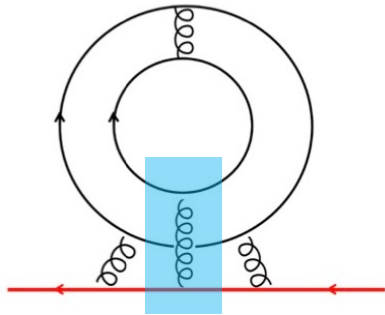
# quark energy; *parameterization of MF*

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{CE}}[f_q] = -C_E^A \times (1 - \underline{f_q}^\beta) + C_E^S \underline{f_q}^\beta$$

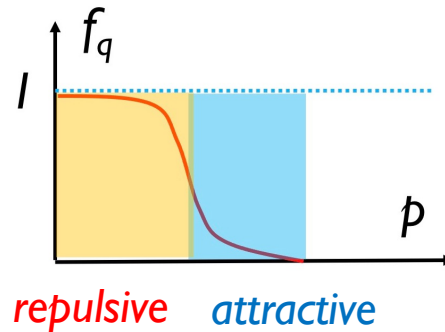
for  $f_q(p) \ll 1$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{CE}}[f_q] \simeq -C_E^A$$

*dilute in momentum space*



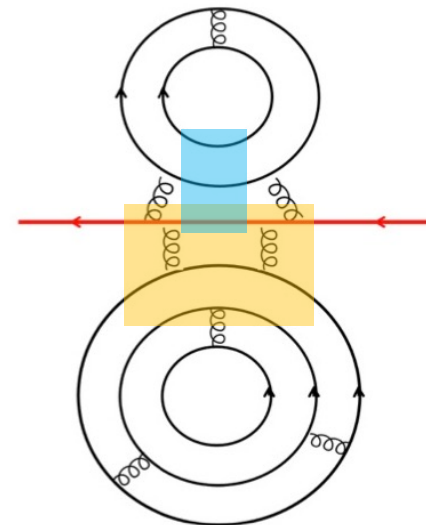
color-*antisym.* channels dominate  
 → the quark feels *attractive* correlations



for  $f_q(p) \sim 1$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{CE}}[f_q] \simeq C_E^S$$

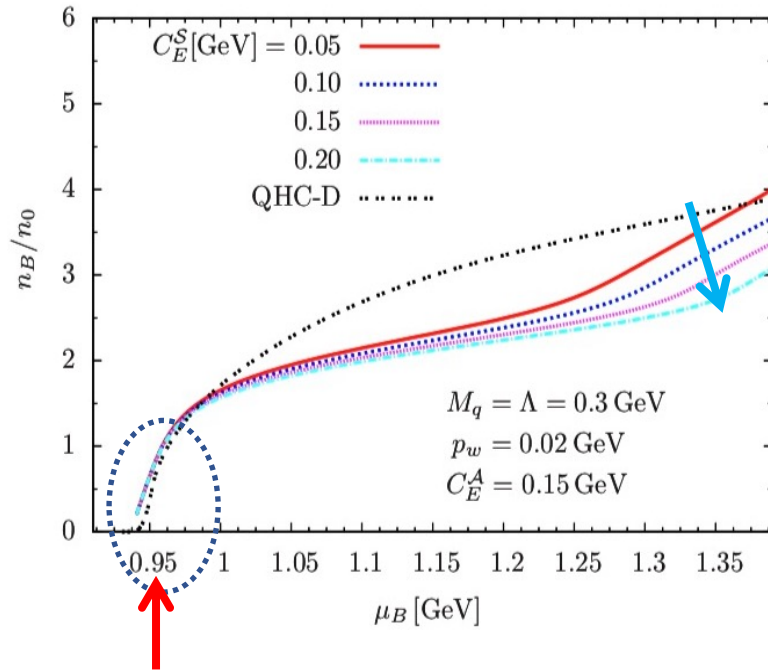
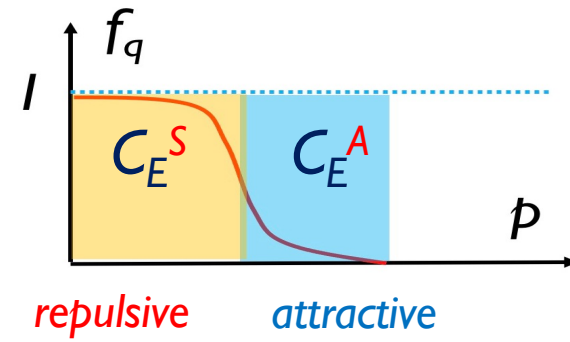
for *saturated levels*



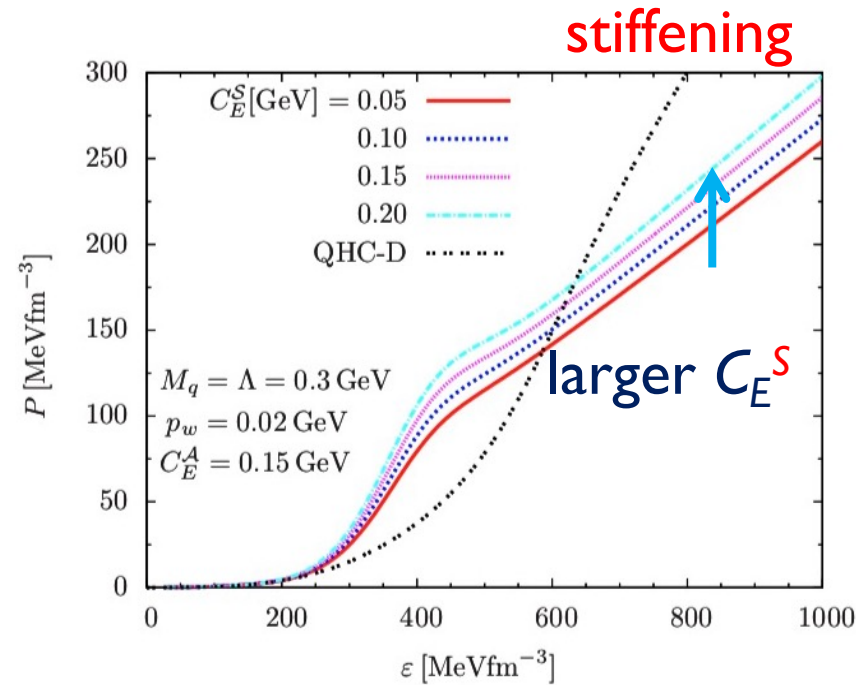
color-*sym.*  
 channels also enter

→ the quark feels *repulsive* correlations also

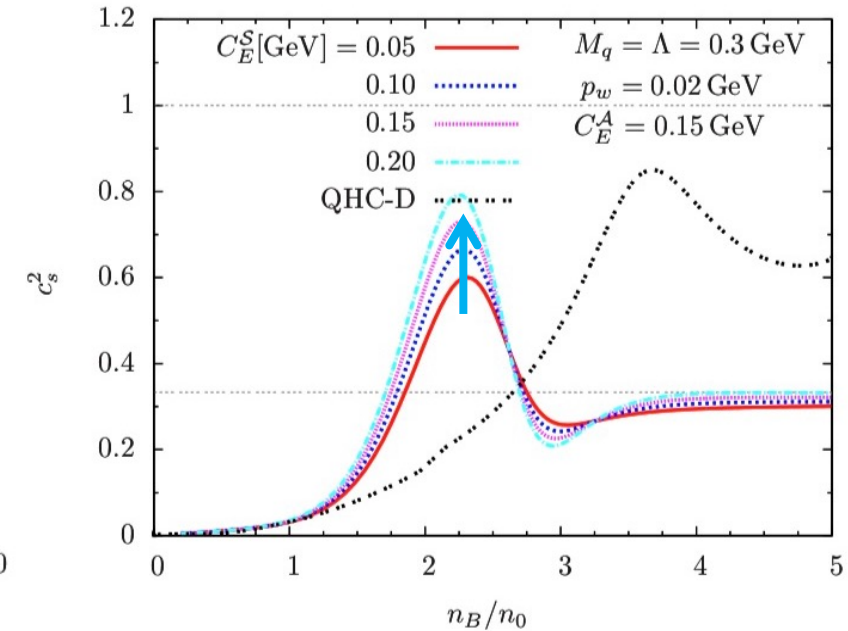
# EoS with interactions



adjust  $C_E^A$  (fit  $M_B = 939$  MeV)

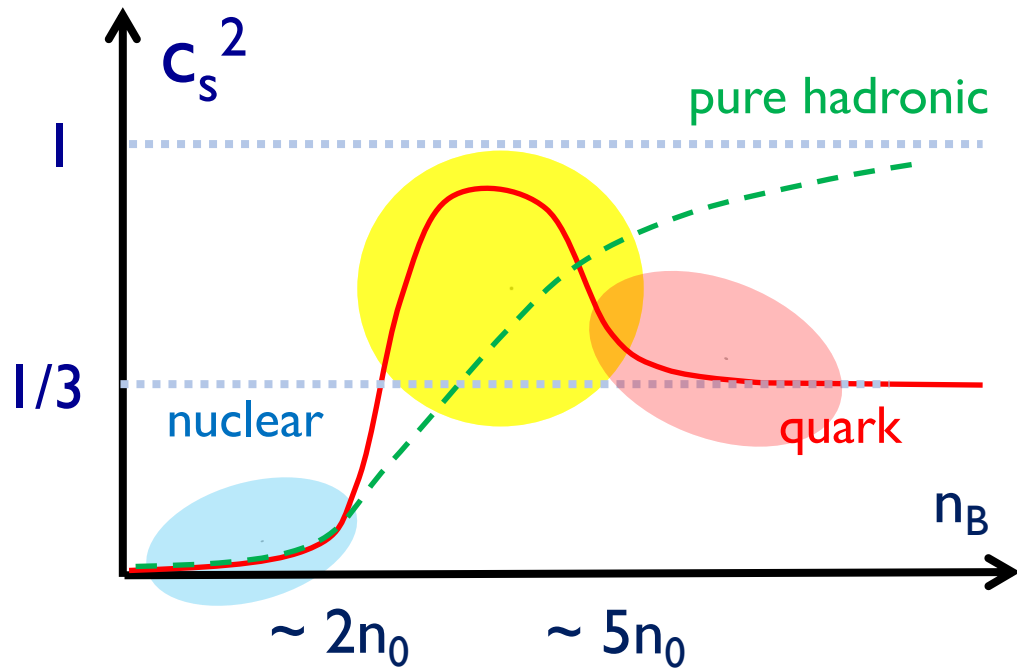
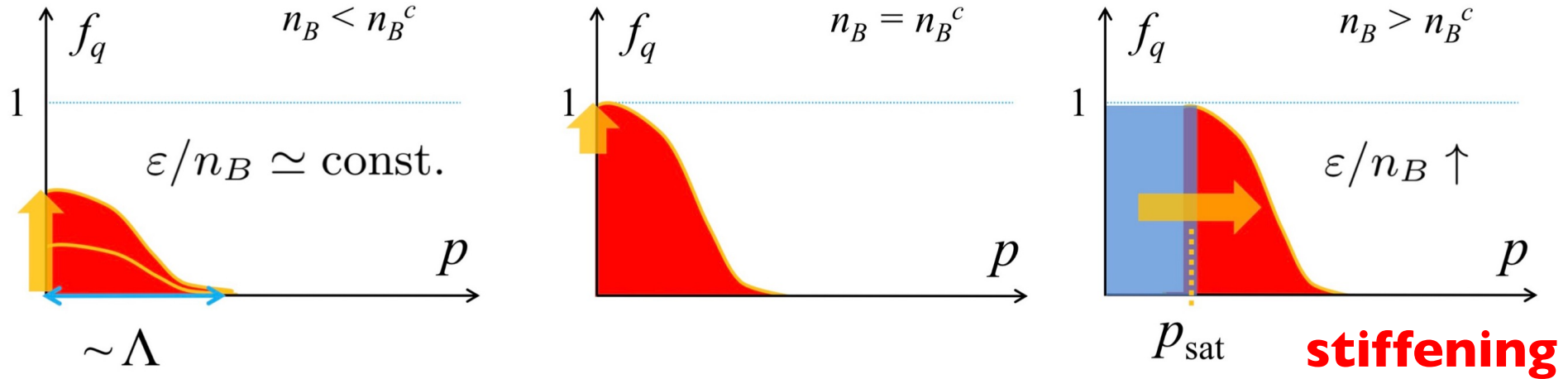


high density stiffening



peak in  $c_s$

# Summary



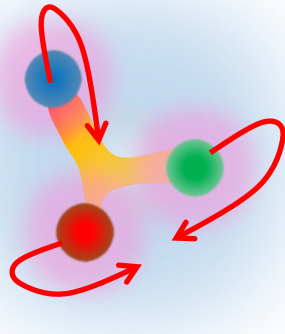
- **robust** in a quark-hadron continuity model
- appears **before** baryon cores overlap
- nuclear forces are **NOT** driving forces for the peak

**Back up**

# Stiff quark matter EoS ? : intuitive questions

quarks in a baryon are energetic

baryonic  
matter



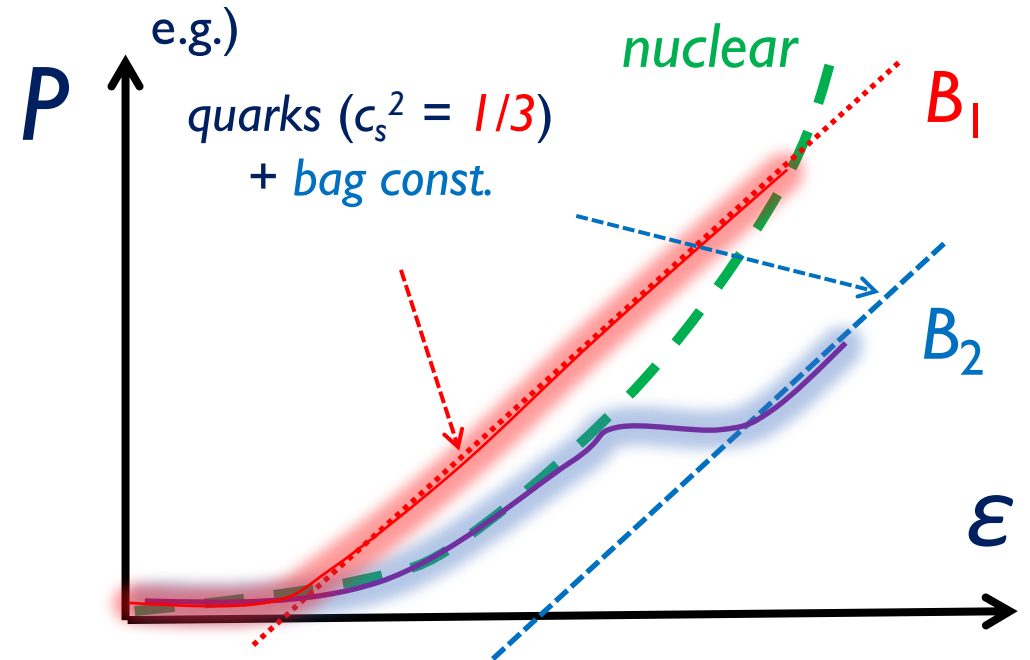
$\sim 1 \text{ fm}$

but they do not directly  
contribute to the pressure

$$\varepsilon \gg P$$

Q1) deconfinement  $\rightarrow$  stiff EoS ?

can be both soft and stiff

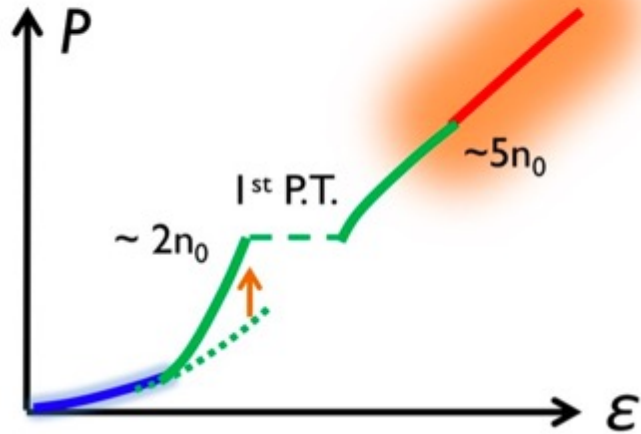


Q2) normalization ?

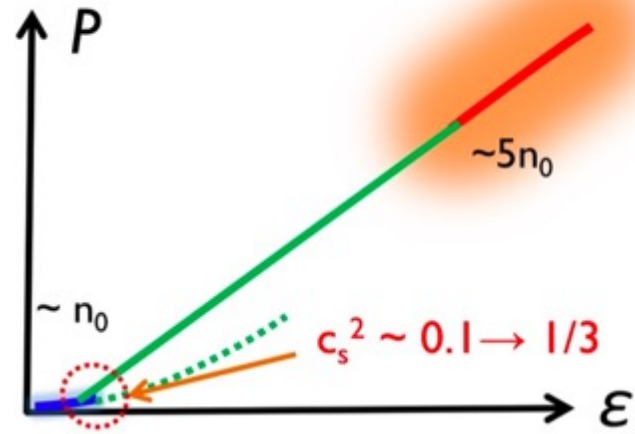
Switching bases from *baryons* to *quarks*  $\rightarrow$  blurs the picture

# Comparisons with other scenarios

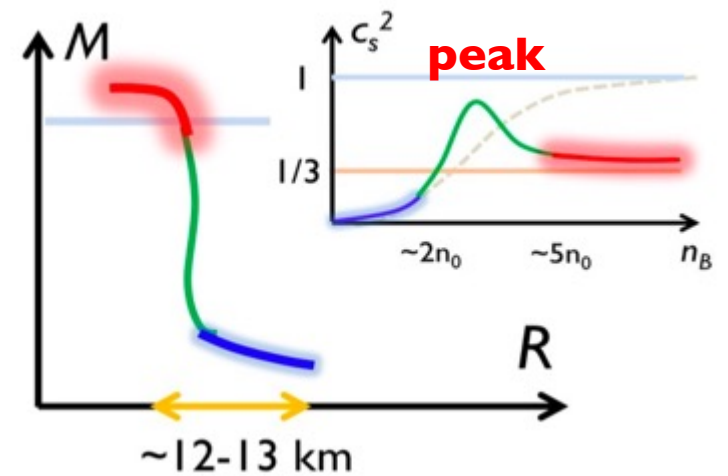
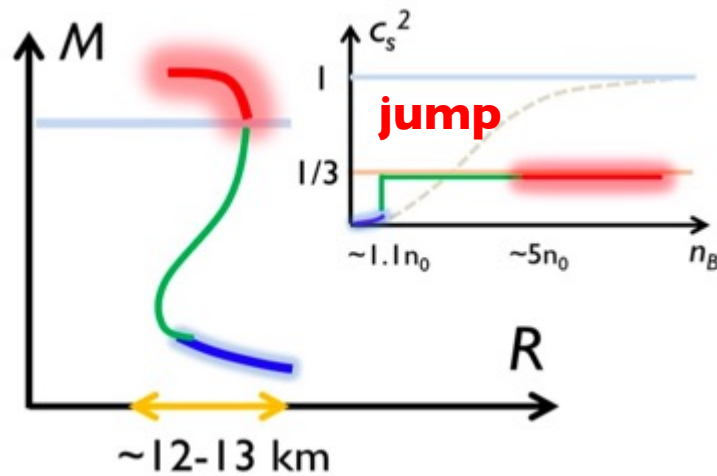
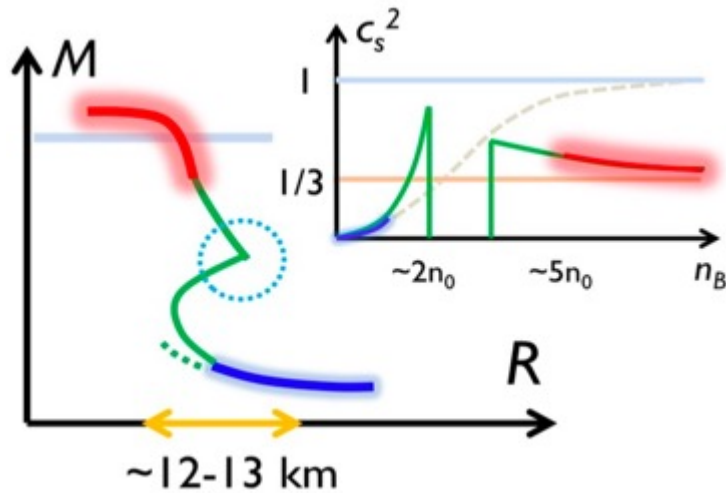
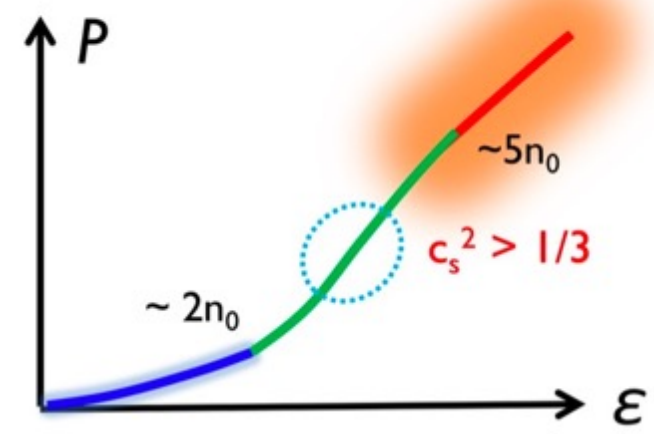
with 1<sup>st</sup> order



Annala+ ('20)



**Ours**; Masuda+ ('12), McLerran+('19),...



$\sim 12-13$  km

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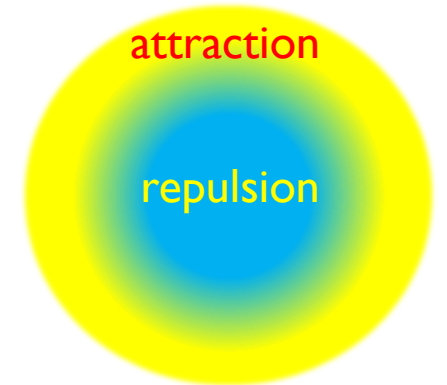
# Interactions for stiff EoS : *a guide*

cf) [TK-Powell-Song-Baym, '14]

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{kin. energy} \quad \text{interactions} \\ \varepsilon(n) = \underline{a}n^{4/3} + \underline{b}n^\alpha \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mu = \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial n}} \mu = \frac{4}{3}\underline{a}n^{1/3} + \alpha \underline{b}n^{\alpha-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{conformal} \quad \text{interactions} \\ P = \mu n - \varepsilon \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} P = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \underline{b} \left( \alpha - \frac{4}{3} \right) n^\alpha$$

ideal combination



both the *sign* & *density dep.* are important

For  $\alpha > 4/3$ :  $b > 0$  (repulsion)  $\rightarrow$  stiff EoS (e.g. bulk repulsion,  $\sim + n_B^2/\Lambda^2$ )

For  $\alpha < 4/3$ :  $b < 0$  (attraction)  $\rightarrow$  stiff EoS (e.g. surface pairings,  $\sim - \Lambda^2 n_B^{2/3}$ )

# Quantum numbers ?

quark quantum numbers;  $N_c$ ,  $N_f$ , 2-spins (for a given spatial w.f.)

how many baryon species are needed to saturate quark states?

→ we need only  $2N_f = 6$  species for  $N_f = 3$

(full members of singlet, octet, decuplet are NOT necessary)

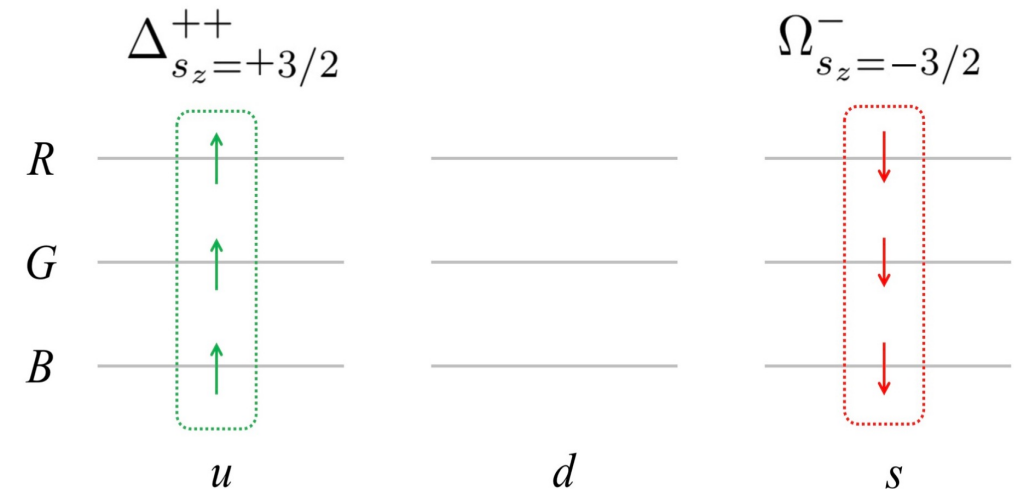
convenient color-flavor-spin bases

[ neglect N- $\Delta$  splitting etc. for simplicity ]

$$\Delta_{s_z=\pm 3/2}^{++} = [u_R \uparrow u_G \uparrow u_B \uparrow], [u_R \downarrow u_G \downarrow u_B \downarrow],$$

$$\Delta_{s_z=\pm 3/2}^- = [d_R \uparrow d_G \uparrow d_B \uparrow], [d_R \downarrow d_G \downarrow d_B \downarrow],$$

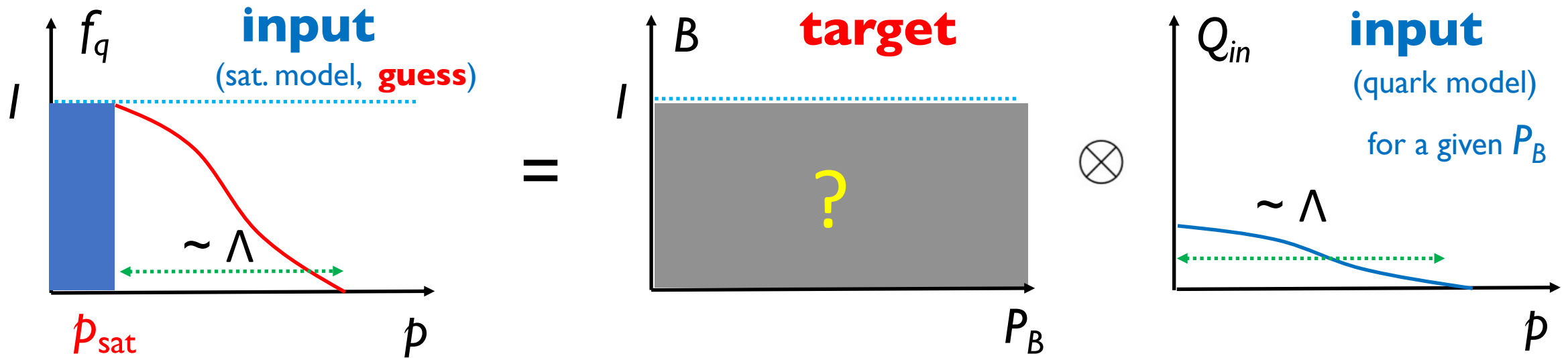
$$\Omega_{s_z=\pm 3/2}^- = [s_R \uparrow s_G \uparrow s_B \uparrow], [s_R \downarrow s_G \downarrow s_B \downarrow],$$





# Inversion problem: from $f_q$ to $B$

$$f_q(p; n_B) = \int_{P_B} \underline{\mathcal{B}(P_B; n_B)} Q_{in}(\mathbf{p}, P_B)$$



How does *baryon occ. probability* look *after* the saturation ?

# Inversion problem: motivations to study $B$

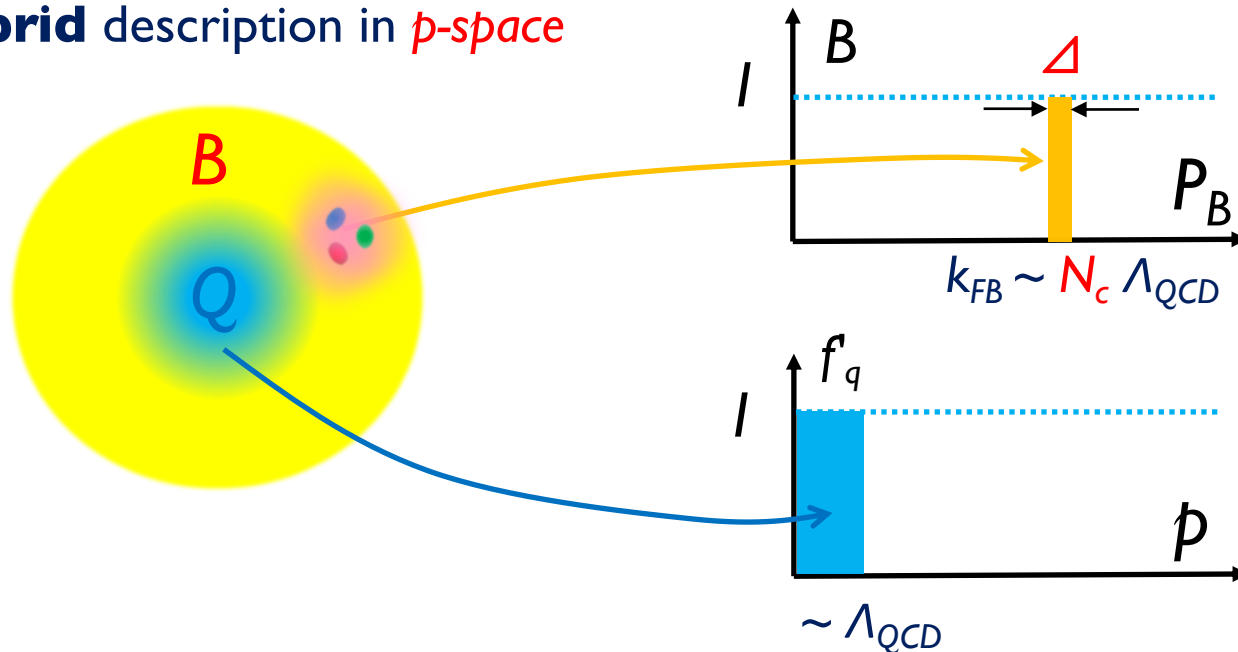
- perhaps convenient to *use the baryonic bases* for *low  $E$*  physics

$$P(\mu_B)|_{\beta\text{-eq}} \longrightarrow P(\mu_B, \mu_Q, T, \dots)$$

*extensions* of  
the *quark-hadron continuity*

- relations to the *McLerran-Reddy (MR)* model

**hybrid** description in  *$p$ -space*



**important** parameter

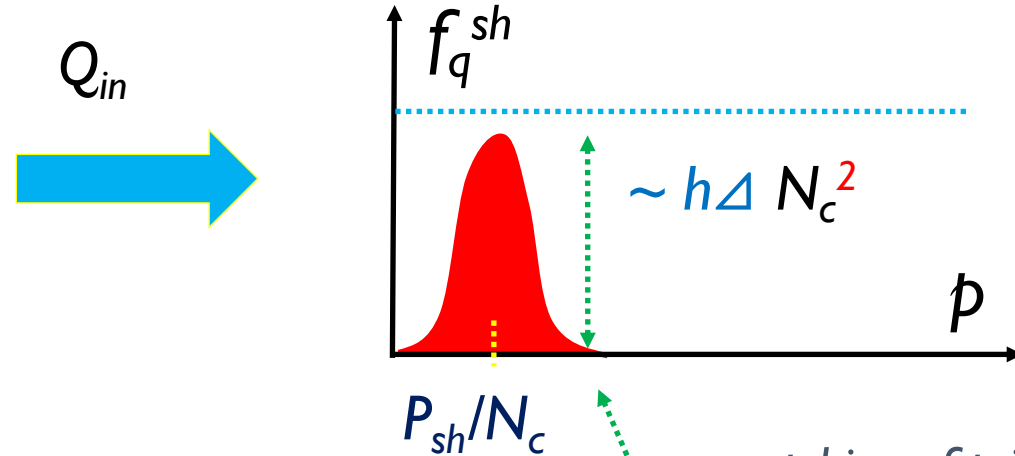
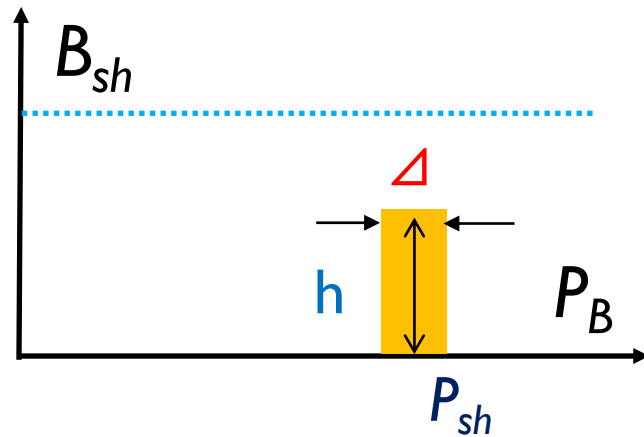
$$\Delta = \frac{\Lambda^3}{k_{FB}^2} + \kappa \frac{\Lambda}{N_c^2}$$

*why this form?*

- phenomenological  
[McLerran-Reddy, PRL '19]
- derivation in excluded vol. model  
[Jeong-McLerran-Sen, '19]

# A trial: *shell form*

$$\mathcal{B}^{\text{sh}}(P_B; P_{\text{sh}}) = \underline{h}\theta(P_{\text{sh}} - P_B)\theta(P_B - P_{\text{sh}} - \underline{\Delta})$$



$$f_q^{\text{sh}}(p) \simeq h\Delta \frac{N_c^3}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\tilde{P}_{\text{sh}}}{\tilde{p}} e^{-\tilde{p}^2 - \tilde{P}_{\text{sh}}^2} (e^{2\tilde{p}\tilde{P}_{\text{sh}}} - e^{-2\tilde{p}\tilde{P}_{\text{sh}}})$$

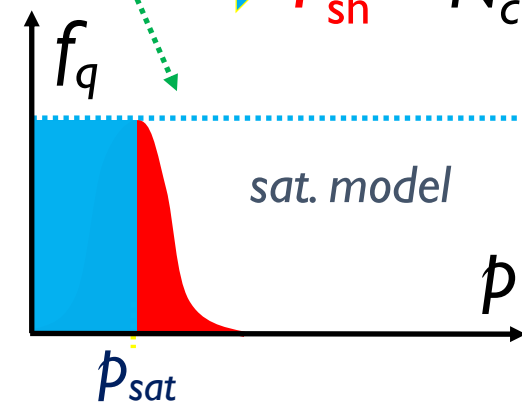


$$P_{\text{sh}} \sim N_c \Lambda$$

$$f_q^{\text{sh}}(p) \sim \underline{h\Delta N_c^2} e^{-(\tilde{p} - \underline{\tilde{P}_{\text{sh}}})^2}$$

matching of tails

$$P_{\text{sh}} \sim N_c p_{\text{sat}}$$

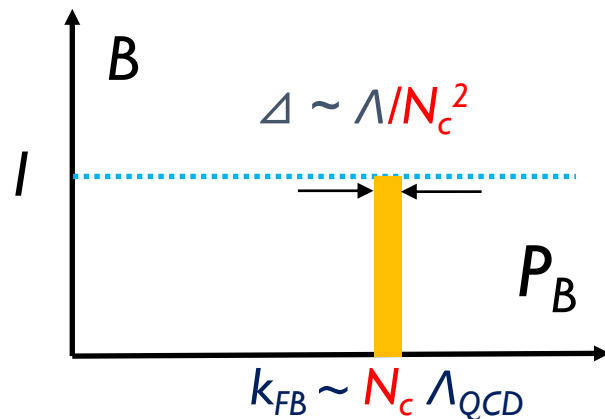


# Constraints from $f_q$ (for $P_{sh} \sim N_c \Lambda$ )

$$f_q^{sh}(p) \sim \frac{h \Delta N_c^2}{\dots} e^{-(\tilde{p} - \tilde{P}_{sh})^2}$$

constraint:  $f_q^{sh} < 1 \implies h \Delta < \Lambda / N_c^2$

a possible scaling form:  $[h \Delta](P_{sh}) \sim c_0 \Lambda \left( \frac{\Lambda^2}{P_{sh}^2} + \frac{c_1}{N_c} \frac{\Lambda}{P_{sh}} + \frac{c_2}{N_c^2} \right)$



MR-model (thin shell model)

$$h = 1 \quad \& \quad \Delta = \frac{\Lambda^3}{k_{FB}^2} + \kappa \frac{\Lambda}{N_c^2} \quad (c_1 = 0)$$

# MR-model: $EoS$

$$P_{sh} \sim N_c \Lambda \quad \text{baryon relativistic}$$

but  $n_B^{(shell)} \simeq \frac{h}{\pi^2} (P_{sh}^3 - (P_{sh} - \Delta)^3) \sim \underline{h\Delta P_{sh}^2}$   $n_B^{(bulk)} \sim \Lambda^3$

$$\simeq c_0 \Lambda^3 + c_1 \Lambda^2 \frac{P_{sh}}{N_c} + c_2 \Lambda \left( \frac{P_{sh}}{N_c} \right)^2 \quad n_B \sim \Lambda^3 (!) \ll (N_c \Lambda)^3$$

(kin.) energy density:

$$\varepsilon - m_B n_B \sim h\Delta \times [E(P_{sh}) - m_B] \times 4\pi P_{sh}^2$$

consistent with quark's

$$\sim \Lambda/N_c^2 \times (N_c \Lambda)^2/m_B \times (N_c \Lambda)^2 \sim N_c \Lambda^4$$

*relativistic* pressure  $\sim N_c \Lambda^4$  within  $n_B \sim \Lambda^3 \rightarrow$  *stiff*  $EoS$

# Inversion problem: from $f_q$ to $B$

$$f_q(\mathbf{p}; n_B) = \int_{\mathbf{P}_B} \underbrace{\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{P}_B; n_B)}_{\text{vector}} Q_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P}_B) \quad \text{matrix}$$

formally:  $\vec{f}_q = Q_{\text{in}} \vec{B}$  for a given  $n_B$

[ **constraint** :  $0 < B < I$  ]

a *practical* problem : e.g., an optimization for  $\{\alpha\}$  parameterized form  $B[\alpha]$  :

$$\mathcal{H}(\vec{\alpha}) = (\vec{f}_q - Q_{\text{in}} \vec{B}_\alpha)^T (\vec{f}_q - Q_{\text{in}} \vec{B}_\alpha) + \underbrace{\mathcal{I}_{\text{cost}}(\mathcal{B}_\alpha)}$$

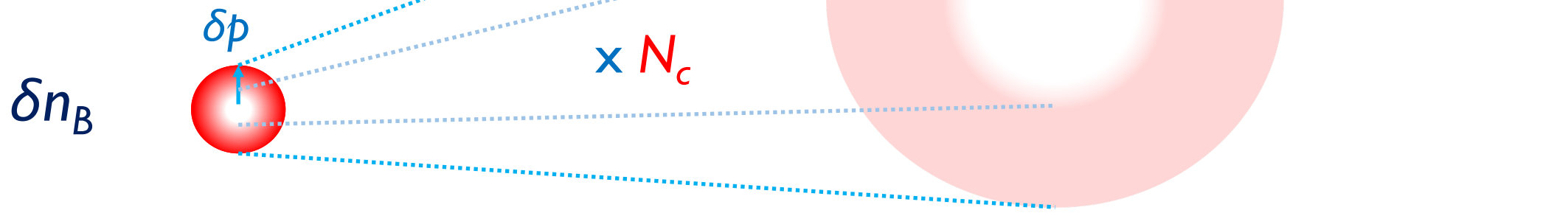
some penalty  
when violating  
the constraint.

what is the reasonable parameterization for  $B$  ?

# More on " $h\Delta$ ": another look

purely *quark* bases

purely *baryonic* bases



$\delta n_B (= \delta n_{qR} = \delta n_{qG} = \delta n_{qB} )$

( need for consistency )

$p^2 \delta p$

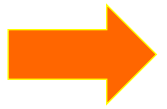
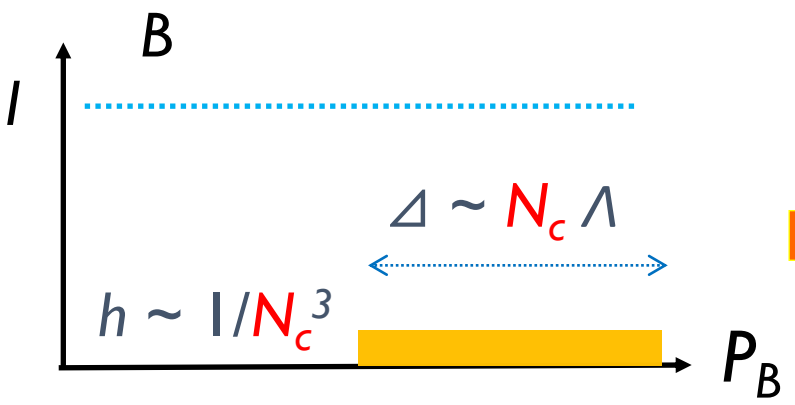


$(N_c p)^2 \times N_c \delta p$

$\times 1 / N_c^3$

naive

occ. probability



$h\Delta \sim \Lambda / N_c^2$

phase space density is **more dilute** for **composite** particles

**Introduction** (7 slides): 6.5 min

- 1, title [0.5 min]
- 2, 3-winodw [1.5 min]
- 3, M-R relations [1 min]
- 4, NS; NICER [1 min]
- 5, Soft-to-Stiff [1.5min]
- 6, Goals [1.5 min]

**main** (10 slides): 14 min

- [6min]
- 8, strategy [1 min]
- 9, quarks in a baryon [2 min]
- 10,  $f_q = B Q$  in [1.5 min]
- 11, ideal baryon gas [1.5 min]
- [7min]
- 12, saturation of quarks [1 min]
- 13, quark matter formation [1 min]
- 14, jumps [1 min]
- 15,  $P = d(e/n)/dn \dots$  [1.5min]
- 16, more realistic [1 min]
- 17, smear [1.5 min]
- 18, int
- 19, EoS with int
- 20, summary