

Dense QCD Phases in Heavy-Ion Collisions, Dubna, 30. 8. 10

# Clusters and Liquid-Gas Transition in Nuclear Matter

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# Outline

- Nuclear matter - a strongly interacting quantum liquid  
where it occurs, what do we know: nuclei, stars, HIC
- Many-particle theory:  
Equation of state, transport coefficients  
QCD? Effective interactions, Green functions, spectral functions
- Low-density limit: cluster formation  
Mass action law, nuclear statistical equilibrium, virial expansion
- Near saturation: medium effects  
mean-field and quasiparticles, dissolution of bound states
- Quantum condensates:  
transition from BEC to BCS, Hoyle states

# Problems

1. Solution of the two-nucleon problem in nuclear matter. Separable interaction.

singlet (nn, pp):  $a = -23.678$  fm,  $r = 1.726$  fm

triplet (pn):  $a = 5.396$  fm,  $r = 2.729$  fm,  $E = -2.225$  MeV

$$k \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + r_0 \frac{k^2}{2}$$

2. Thermodynamics with Skyrme I (Lattimer/Swesty)

Binding energy 16 MeV, saturation density  $0.155$  fm<sup>-3</sup>

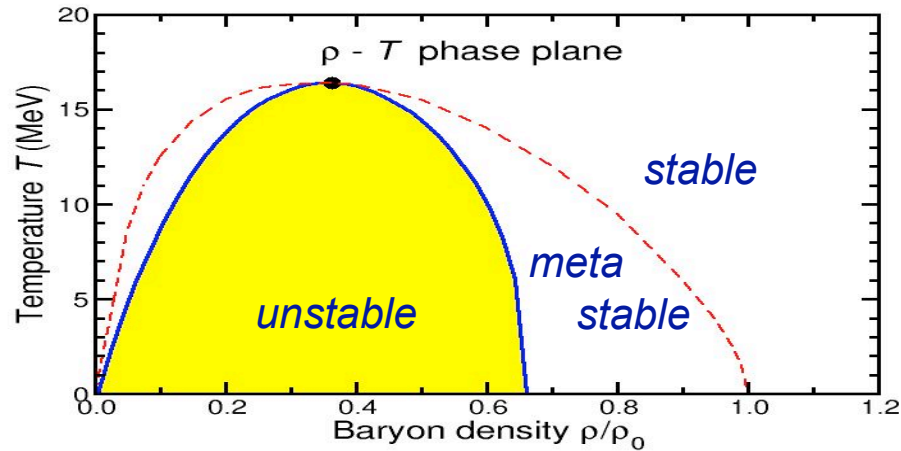
pot. energy density,  $n = n_p + n_n$ ,  $y = n_p/n$

$$w(n, y) = -[285.1 + 428.4 y(1-y)] \text{ MeV fm}^3 n^2 + 986.0 \text{ MeV fm}^6 n^3$$

3. Bogoliubov transform. Transition from BCS to BEC

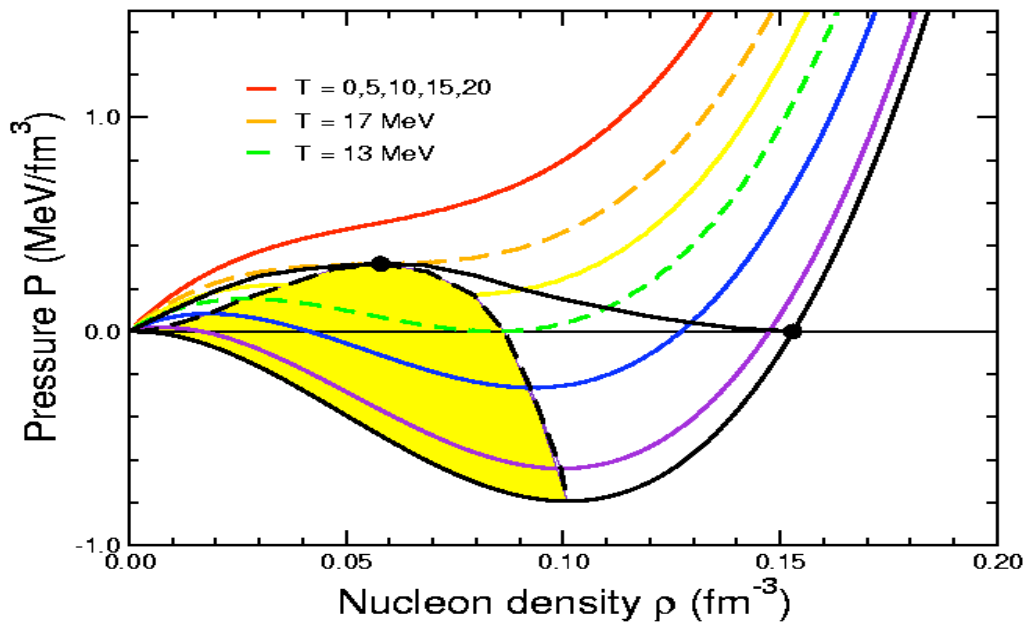
see G.R., D. Zablocki, *Phys. Elem. Part. At. Nucl.* **39**, 369 (2008)

# Nuclear matter



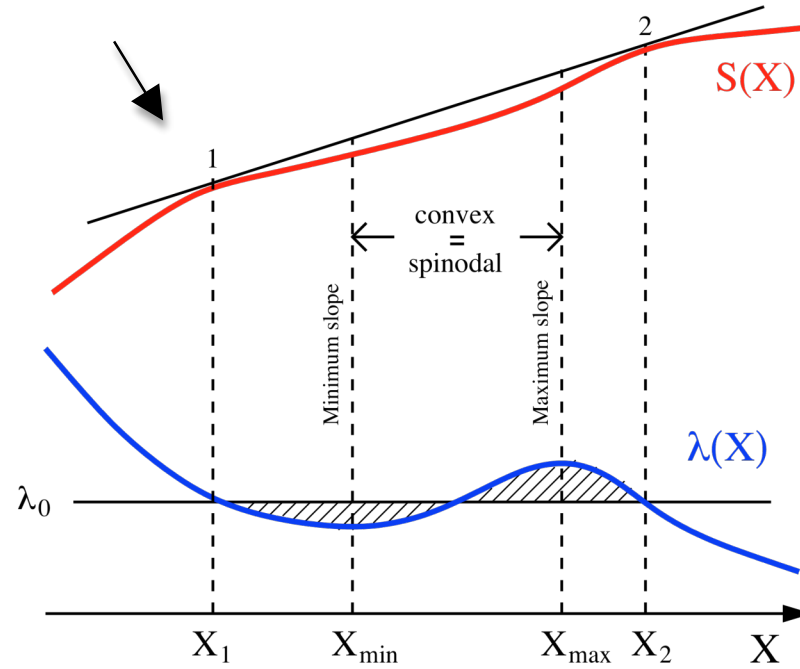
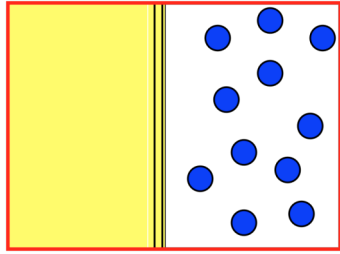
Phase diagram

$$\varepsilon(T; \rho) = \varepsilon_{\text{FG}}(T; \rho) + w(\rho)$$

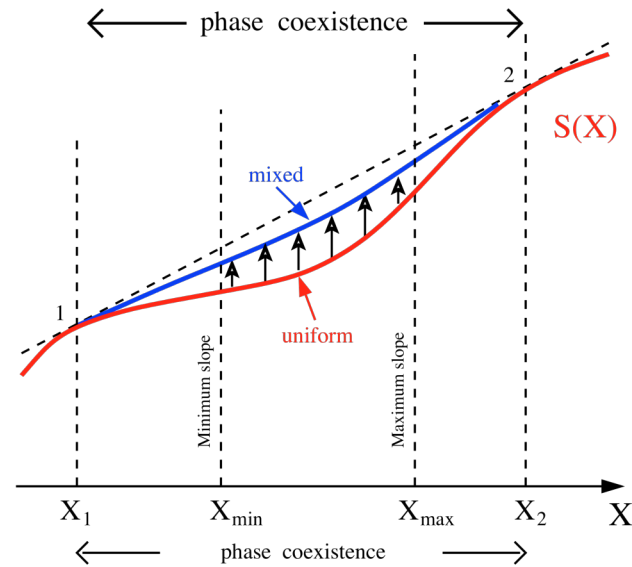
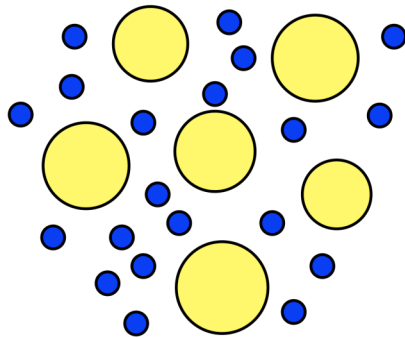


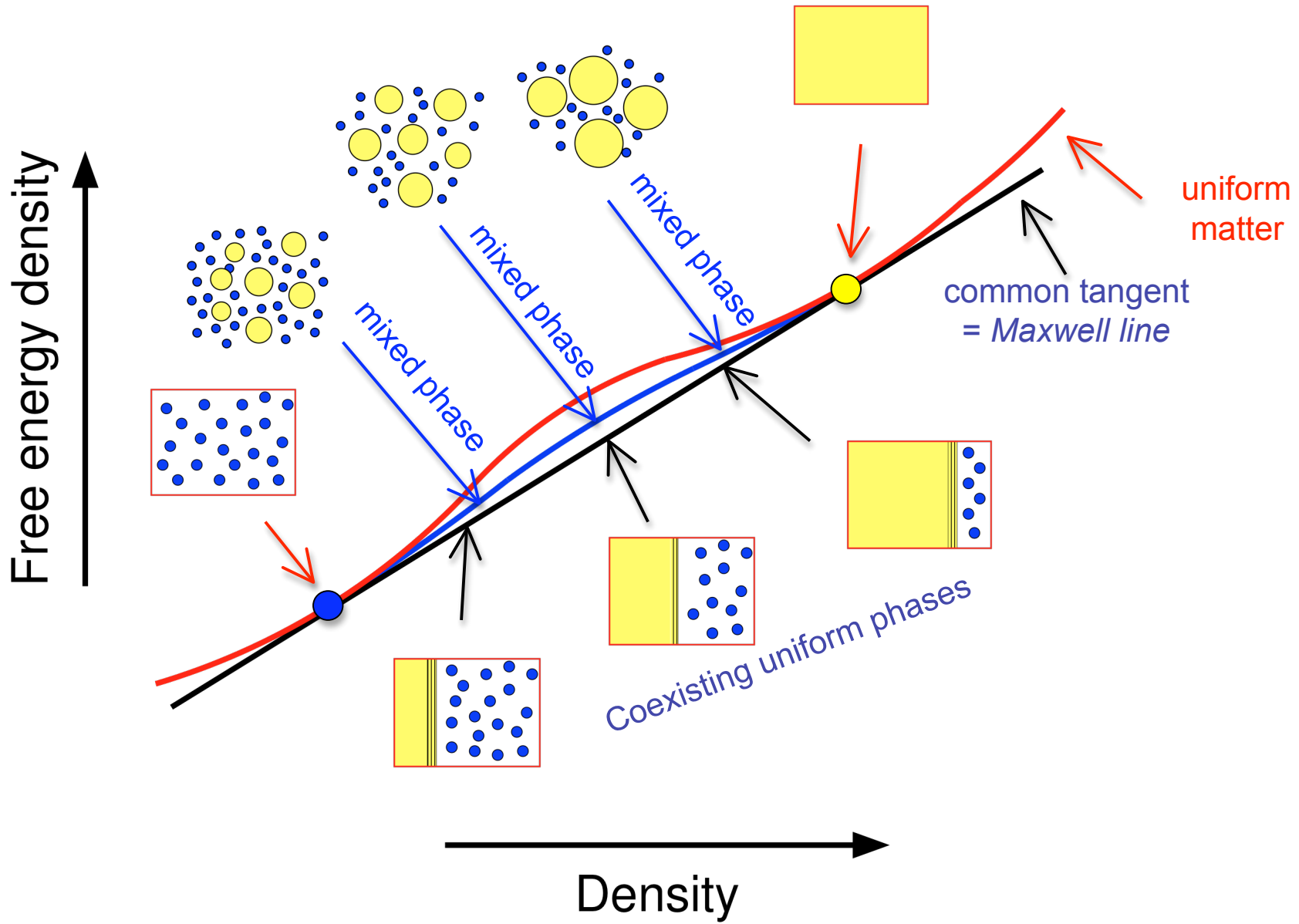
Equation of state:  
 $p_T(r)$

*Separated phases:*



*Mixed phase:*





## Hadron Gas versus Quark-Gluon Plasma

$$p^H = p_\pi + p_N + p_{\bar{N}} + p_w$$

$$p_\pi(T) = -g_\pi \int_{m_\pi}^{\infty} \frac{p\epsilon d\epsilon}{2\pi^2} \ln[1 - e^{-\beta\epsilon}]$$

$$p_N(T, \mu_0) = g_N \int_{m_N}^{\infty} \frac{p\epsilon d\epsilon}{2\pi^2} \ln[1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon - \mu_0)}]$$

$$p_{\bar{N}}(T, \mu_0) = g_N \int_{m_N}^{\infty} \frac{p\epsilon d\epsilon}{2\pi^2} \ln[1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon + \mu_0)}]$$

$$p_w(\rho) = \rho \partial_\rho w(\rho) - w(\rho)$$

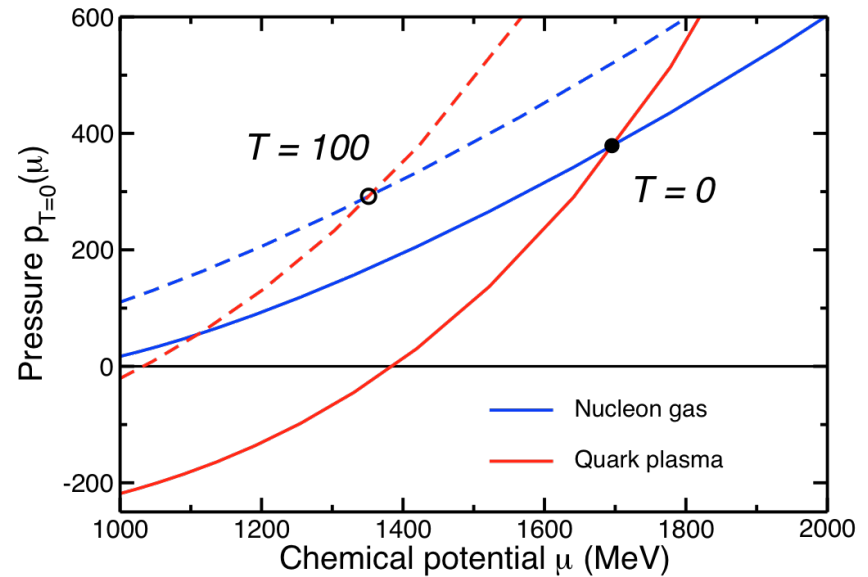
$$w(\rho) = \left[ -A \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_s} \right)^\alpha + B \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_s} \right)^\beta \right] \rho$$

$$\mu = \mu_0 + \partial_\rho w = 3\mu_q$$

$$p^Q = p_g + p_q + p_{\bar{q}} - B$$

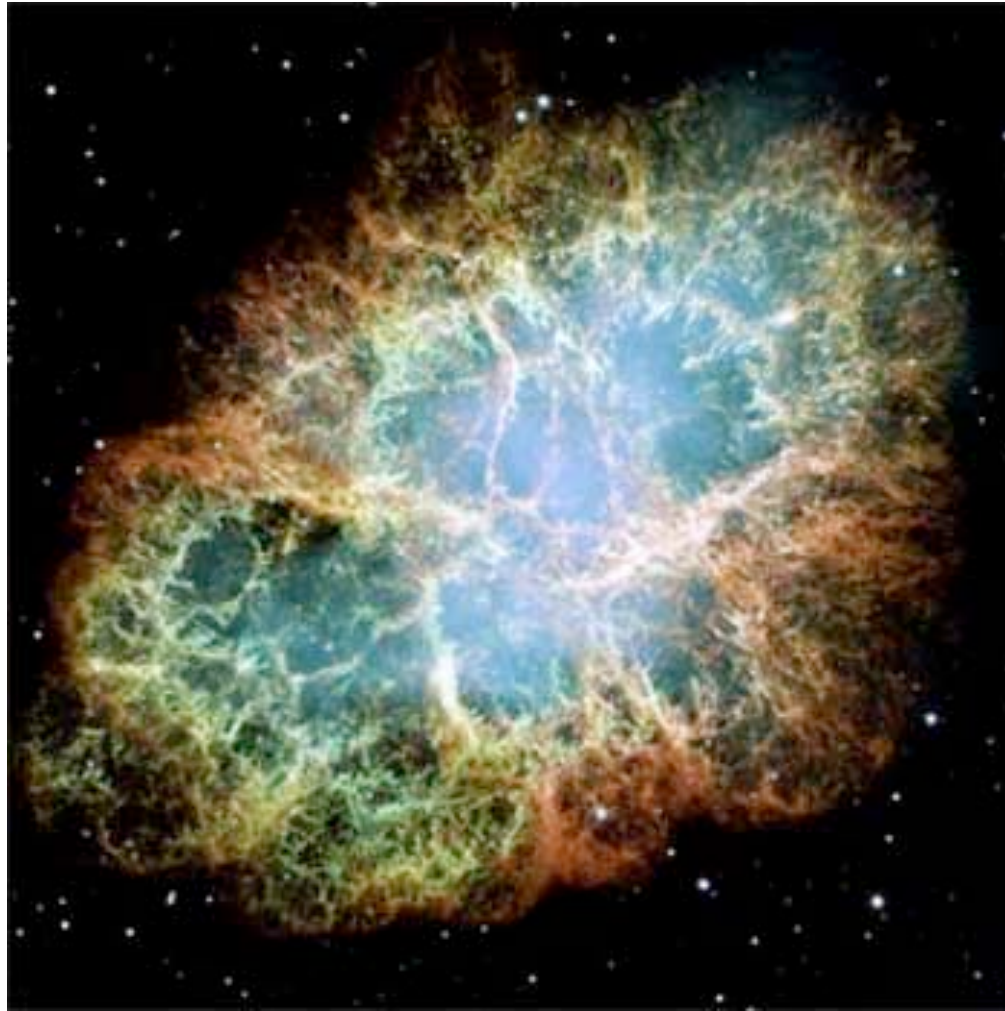
$$p_g = g_g \frac{\pi^2}{90} T^4$$

$$p_q + p_{\bar{q}} = g_q \left[ \frac{7\pi^2}{360} T^4 + \frac{1}{12} \mu_q^2 T^2 + \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \mu_q^4 \right]$$



# Supernova

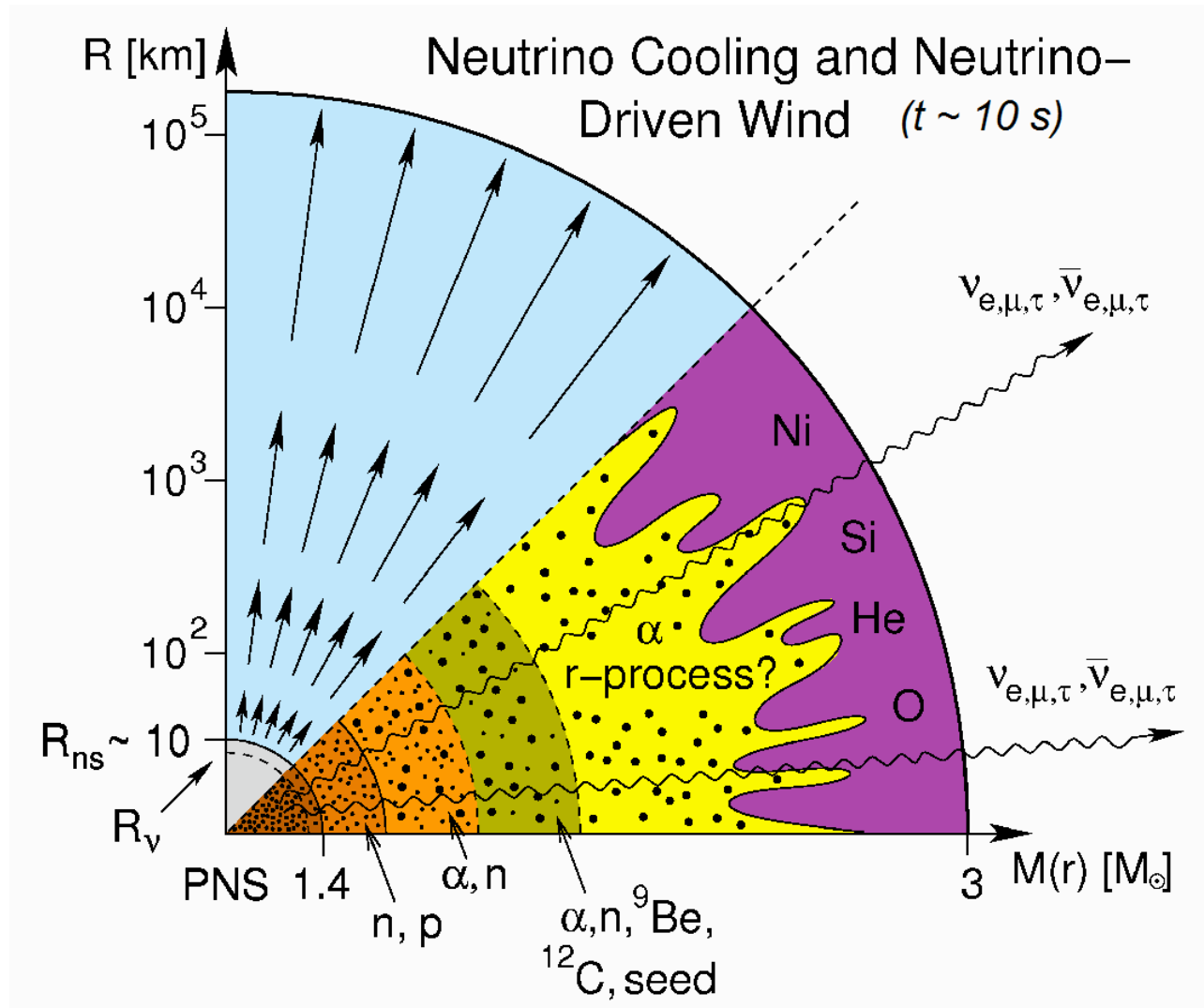
Crab nebula, 1054 China, PSR 0531+21



M1, the Crab Nebula. Courtesy of NASA/ESA

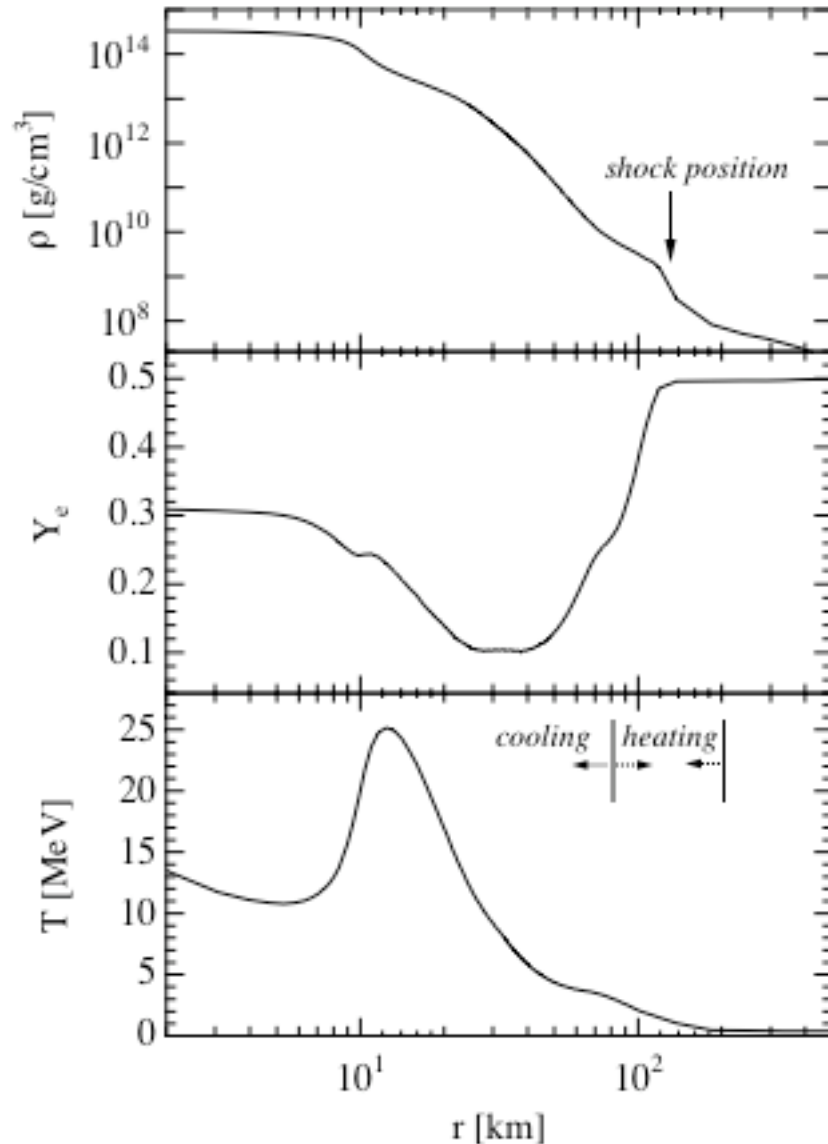


# Supernova explosion



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# Core-collapse supernovae



Density.

electron fraction, and

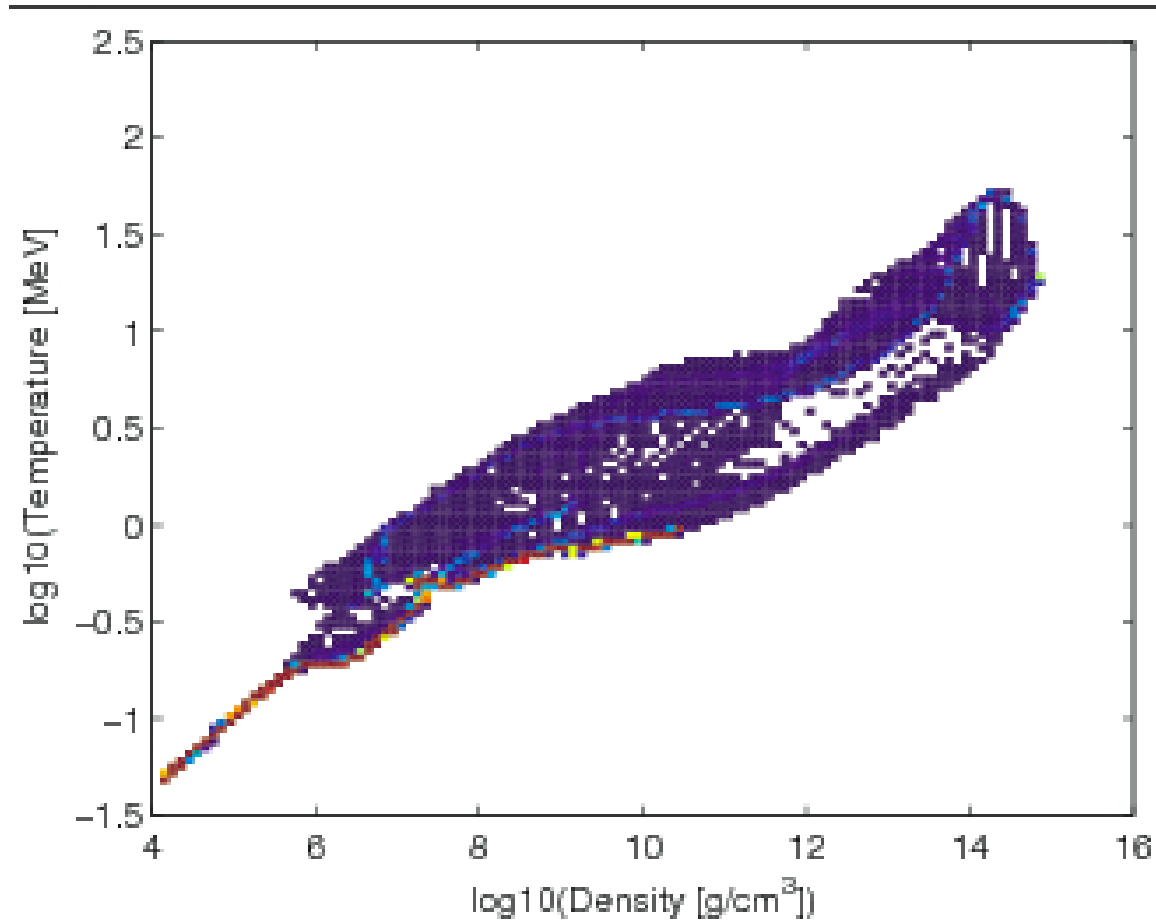
temperature profile

of a 15 solar mass supernova  
at 150 ms after core bounce  
as function of the radius.

Influence of cluster formation  
on neutrino emission  
in the cooling region and  
on neutrino absorption  
in the heating region ?

K.Sumiyoshi et al.,  
*Astrophys.J.* **629**, 922 (2005)

# Parameter range: Explosion



T. Fischer, On the possible fate of massive progenitor stars, Talk 25.2.08 Ladek

# Nucleon-nucleon interaction

QCD? Effective Lagrangians, interaction potentials

- general form:

$$V_{\alpha}(p, p') = \sum_{i,j=1}^N w_{\alpha i}(p) \lambda_{\alpha ij} w_{\alpha j}(p') \quad \text{uncoupled}$$

and

$$V_{\alpha}^{LL'}(p, p') = \sum_{i,j=1}^N w_{\alpha i}^L(p) \lambda_{\alpha ij} w_{\alpha j}^{L'}(p') \quad \text{coupled}$$

$p, p'$  in- and outgoing relative momentum

$\alpha$  ... channel

$N$  ... rank

$\lambda_{\alpha ij}$  . coupling parameter

$L, L'$  orbital angular momentum

Weak interaction - beta equilibrium? Coulomb interaction?

# Many-particle theory

- equilibrium correlation functions

e.g. equation of state  $n(\beta, \mu) = \frac{1}{\Omega_0} \sum_1 \langle a_1^\dagger a_1 \rangle$

density matrix  $\langle a_1^\dagger a_1^\dagger \rangle = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega t} f_1(\omega) A(1, 1', \omega)$

- Spectral function

$$A(1, 1', \omega) = \text{Im} [G(1, 1', \omega + i\eta) - G(1, 1', \omega - i\eta)]$$

- Matsubara Green function

$$G(1, 1', iz_\nu), \quad z_\nu = \frac{\pi\nu}{\beta} + \mu, \quad \nu = \pm 1, \pm 3, \dots$$

$$1 \equiv \{\mathbf{p}_1, \sigma_1, c_1\}, \quad f_1(\omega) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\omega - \mu)} + 1}, \quad \Omega_0 = \text{volume}$$

# Many-particle theory

- Dyson equation and self energy (homogeneous system)

$$G(1, iz_\nu) = \frac{1}{iz_\nu - E(1) - \Sigma(1, iz_\nu)}$$

- Evaluation of  $\Sigma(1, iz_\nu)$ :  
perturbation expansion, diagram representation

$$A(1, \omega) = \frac{2\text{Im } \Sigma(1, \omega + i0)}{[\omega - E(1) - \text{Re } \Sigma(1, \omega)]^2 + [\text{Im } \Sigma(1, \omega + i0)]^2}$$

approximation for  
self energy



approximation for  
equilibrium correlation functions

alternatively: simulations, path integral methods

# Simple approximations

1. Ideal Fermi gas
2. Hartree - Fock approximation
3. Quasiparticle approximation

# Different approximations

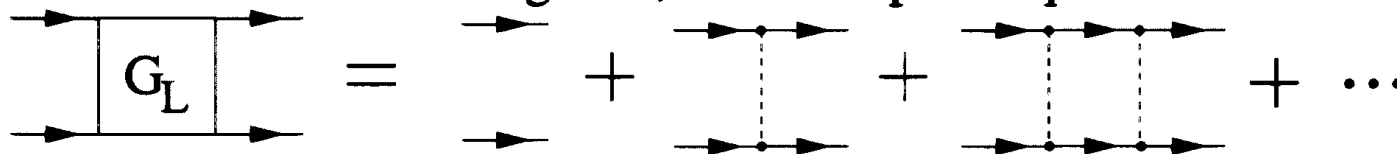
- Expansion for small  $\text{Im } \Sigma(1, \omega + i\eta)$

$$A(1, \omega) \approx \frac{2\pi\delta(\omega - E^{\text{quasi}}(1))}{1 - \frac{d}{dz} \text{Re } \Sigma(1, z)|_{z=E^{\text{quasi}} - \mu_1}} - 2\text{Im } \Sigma(1, \omega + i\eta) \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{P}{\omega + \mu_1 - E^{\text{quasi}}(1)}$$

quasiparticle energy  $E^{\text{quasi}}(1) = E(1) + \text{Re } \Sigma(1, \omega)|_{\omega=E^{\text{quasi}}}$

- chemical picture: bound states  $\hat{=}$  new species

summation of ladder diagrams, Bethe-Salpeter equation

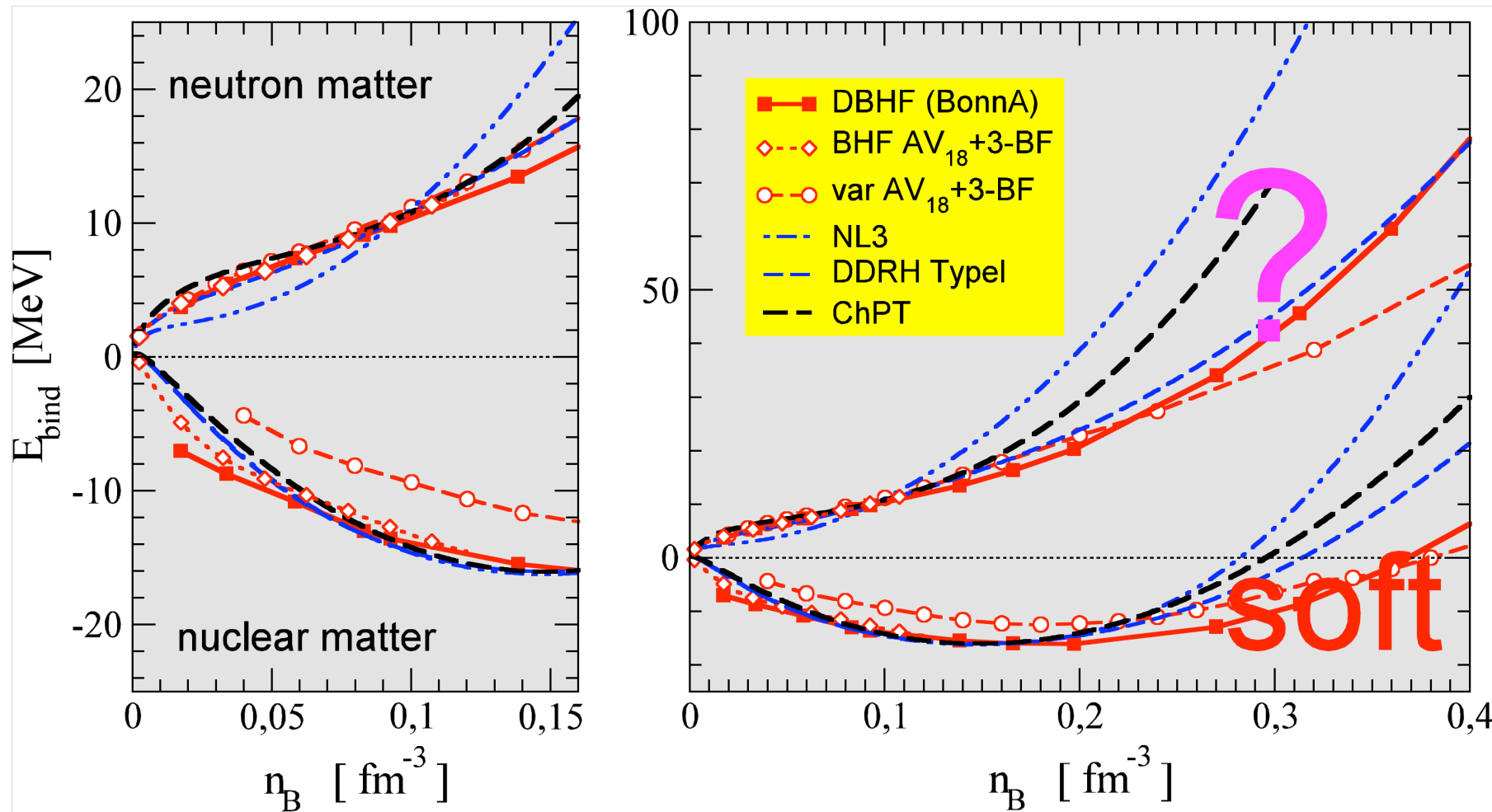




# Medium effects: Quasiparticle approximation

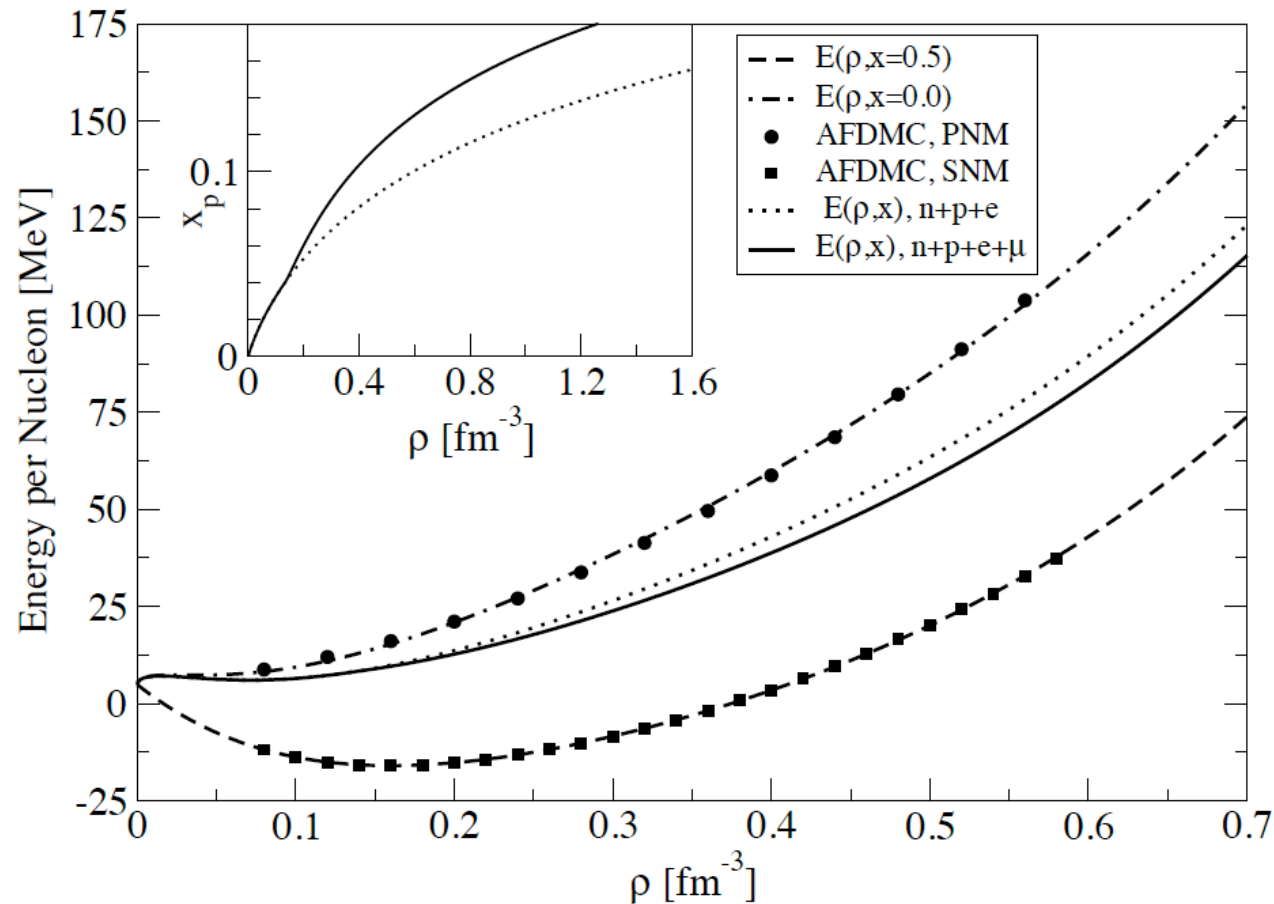
- Skyrme
- relativistic mean field (RMF)  
Lagrangian: non-linear sigma, TM1 parameters,  
single particle modifications, energy shift, effective mass
- DD-RMF [S.Tygel, Phys. Rev. C 71, 064301 (2007)]:  
expansion of the scalar field and the vector fields  
in powers of proton/neutron densities
- Dirac-Brueckner Hartree Fock (DBHF)
- Diffusion Monte Carlo EOS calculation (Talk Illarionov)

# Quasiparticle picture: RMF and DBHF



J.Margueron et al., Phys.Rev.C 76,034309 (2007)

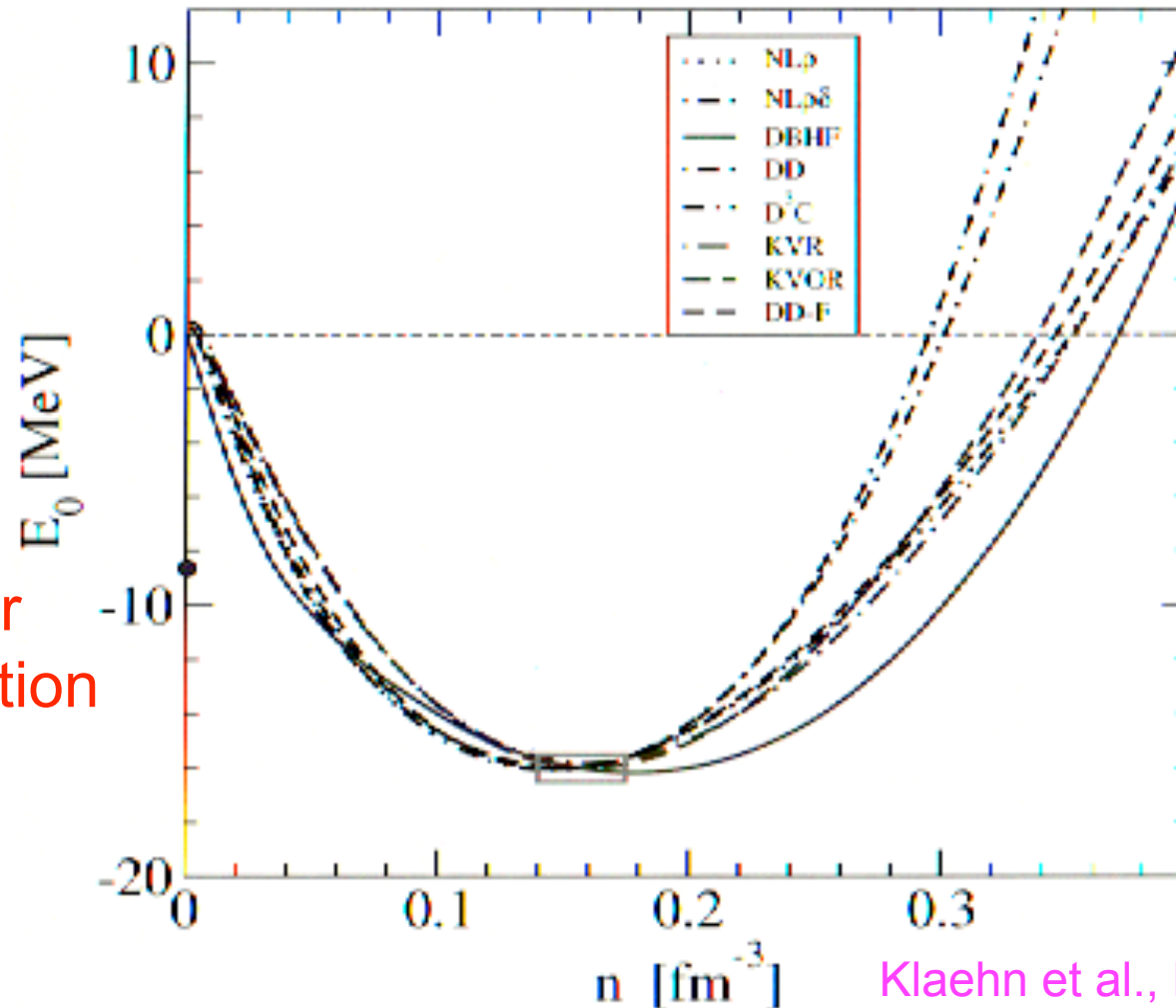
# Diffusion Monte Carlo EOS calculation



S. Gandolfi, A. Yu. Illarionov, et al., Mon.Not.R.Astron.Soc., 2010

# Quasiparticle approximation for nuclear matter

## Equation of state for symmetric matter



But:  
cluster  
formation

Incorrect  
low-density  
limit

Klaehn et al., PRC 2006

# Simple approximations

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Where are the light clusters?  
(d,t,<sup>3</sup>He,<sup>4</sup>He)

# Different approximations

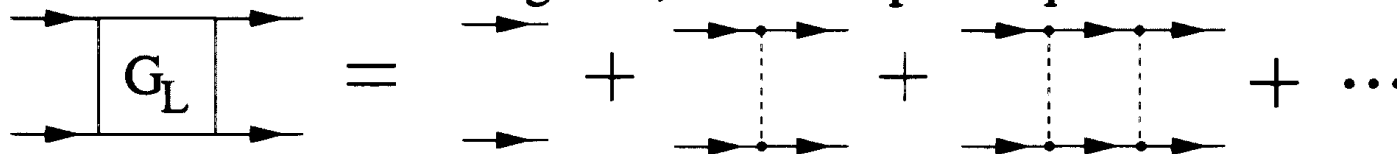
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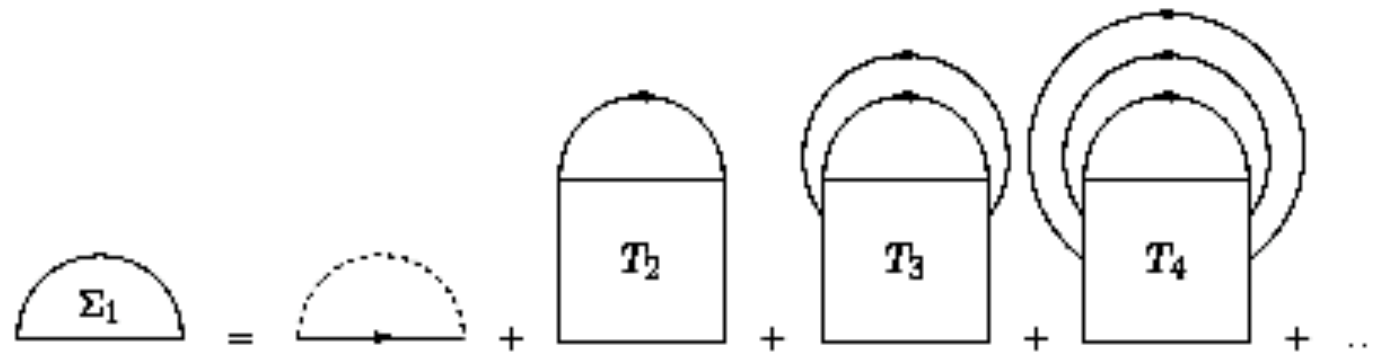
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# Cluster decomposition of the self-energy



## Ideal mixture of reacting nuclides

$$n_p(T, \mu_p, \mu_n) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{A,\nu,K} Z_A f_A \{ E_{A,\nu K} - Z_A \mu_p - (A - Z_A) \mu_n \}$$

$$n_n(T, \mu_p, \mu_n) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{A,\nu,K} (A - Z_A) f_A \{ E_{A,\nu K} - Z_A \mu_p - (A - Z_A) \mu_n \}$$

mass number  $A$ ,

charge  $Z_A$ ,

energy  $E_{A,\nu,K}$ ,

$\nu$  internal quantum number,

$\sim K$  center of mass momentum

$$f_A(z) = \frac{1}{\exp(z/T) - (-1)^A}$$



# Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

rigorous results at low density: virial expansion

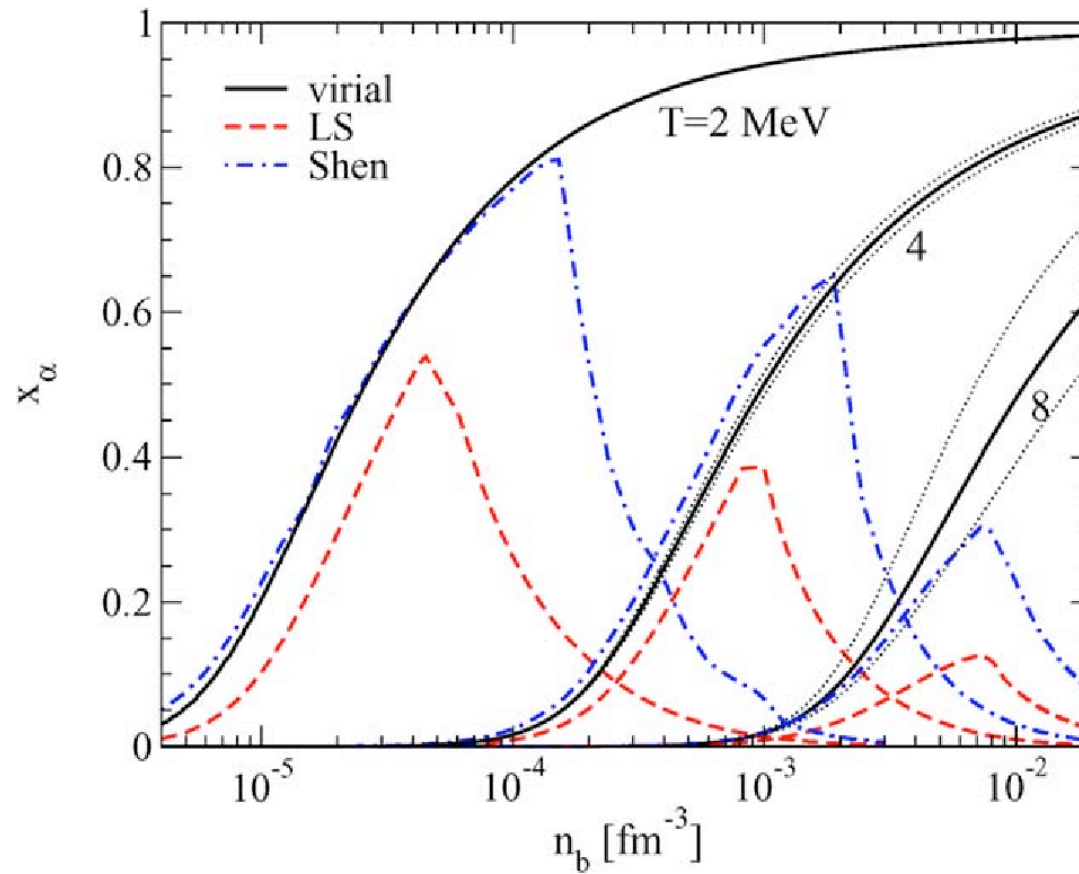
Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

$$\begin{aligned}n(T, \mu) &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_p e^{-(E(p)-\mu)/k_B T} \\ &+ \frac{1}{V} \sum_{nP} e^{-(E_{nP}-2\mu)/k_B T} \\ &+ \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\alpha P} \int_0^\infty \frac{dE}{2\pi} e^{-(E+P^2/4m-2\mu)/k_B T} \frac{d}{dE} \delta_\alpha(E) \\ &+ \dots\end{aligned}$$

$\delta_\alpha(E)$ : scattering phase shifts, channel  $\alpha$

# Alpha-particle fraction in the low-density limit

symmetric matter,  $T=2, 4, 8$  MeV



C.J.Horowitz, A.Schwenk, Nucl. Phys. A **776**, 55 (2006)

# Effective wave equation for the deuteron in matter

$$\frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + \int_{p_1', p_2'} \frac{1}{\Omega} \left( 1 - f_{p_1} - f_{p_2} \right) V(p_1, p_2; p_1', p_2') f_{n,P}(p_1', p_2') = E_{n,P}(p_1, p_2)$$

Pauli-blocking

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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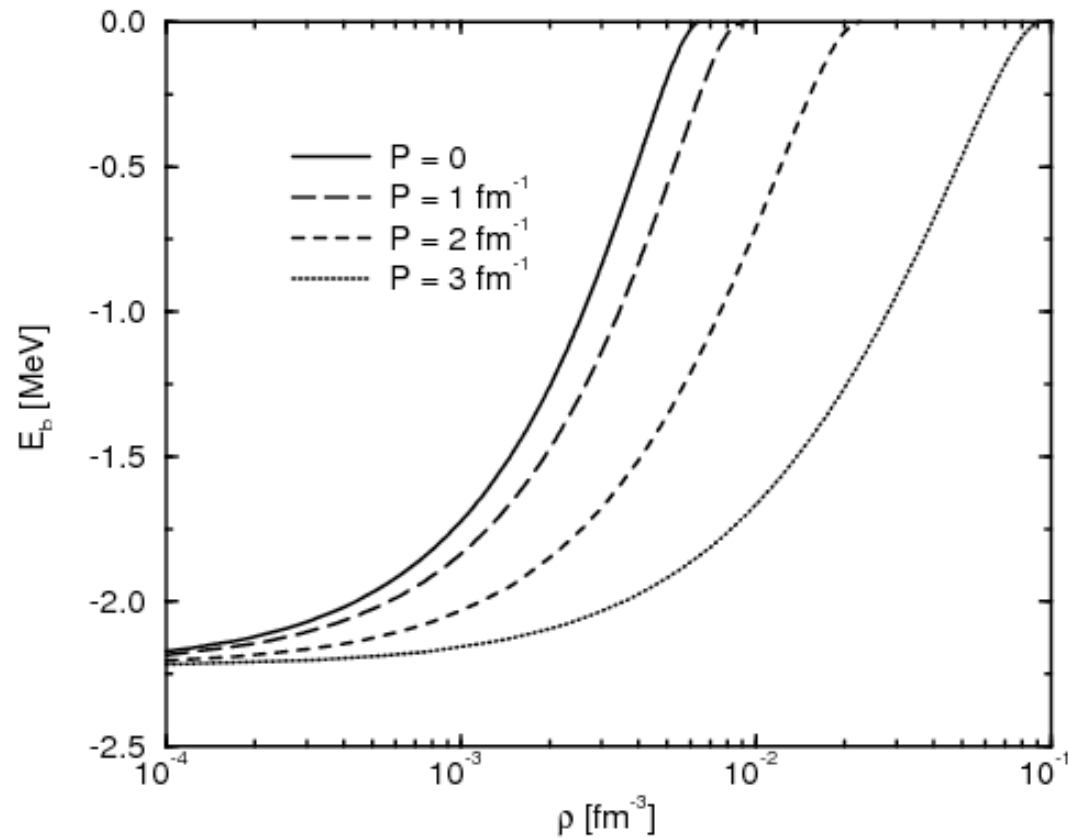
Add self-energy
Pauli-blocking

Fermi distribution function

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

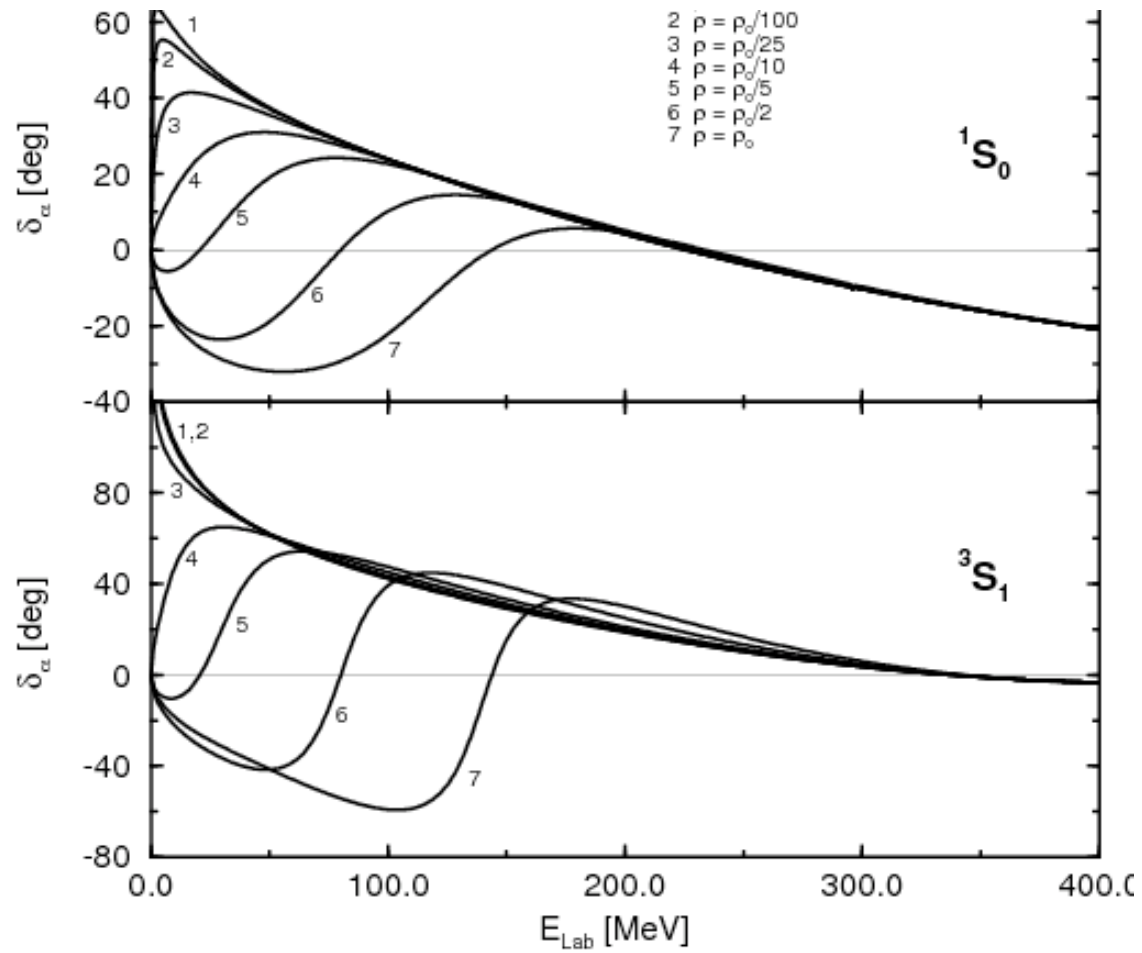
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# Deuterons in nuclear matter



$T=10$  MeV,  $P$ : center of mass momentum

# Scattering phase shifts in matter



# Different approximations

low density limit:

$$G_2^L(12, 1'2', i\lambda) = \sum_{n\mathbf{P}} \Psi_{n\mathbf{P}}(12) \frac{1}{i\omega_\lambda - E_{n\mathbf{P}}} \Psi_{n\mathbf{P}}^*(12)$$

$$\Sigma = \text{Diagram of a box labeled } T_2^L \text{ with a loop on top}$$

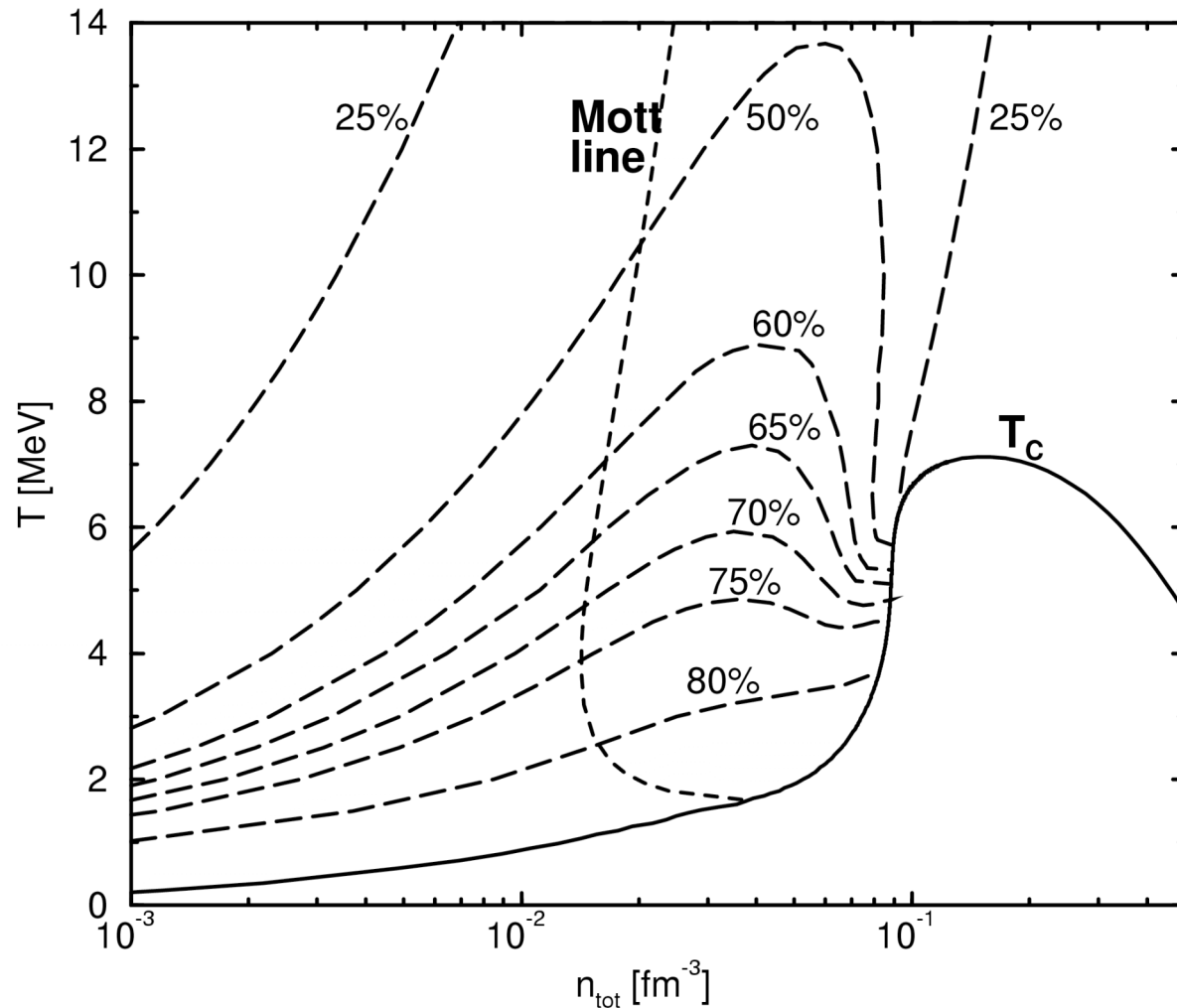
$$n(\beta, \mu) = \sum_1 f_1(E^{\text{quasi}}(1)) + \sum_{2, n\mathbf{P}}^{\text{bound}} g_{12}(E_{n\mathbf{P}}) + \sum_{2, n\mathbf{P}} \int_0^\infty dk \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2} g_{12}(E^{\text{quasi}}(1) + E^{\text{quasi}}(2)) 2 \sin^2 \delta_n(k) \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d}{dk} \delta_n(k)$$

- generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck formula  
correct low density/low temperature limit:  
mixture of free particles and bound clusters

# Composition of symmetric nuclear matter

Fraction of correlated matter (virial expansion, Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck approach, contribution of bound states, of scattering states, phase shifts)

H. Stein et al.,  
Z. Phys. **A351**, 259 (1995)





# Deuteron quasiparticle properties

$$E_d^{\text{qu}}(P) = E_d^{\text{free}} + \Delta E_d + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_d^*} P^2 + O(P^4)$$

$$\Delta E_d^{\text{Pauli}}(T, n_B, \alpha) = \delta E_d^{(0)}(T, \alpha) n_B + O(n_B^2)$$

$$\frac{m_d^*}{m_d}(T, n_B, \alpha) = 1 + \delta m_d^{(0)}(T, \alpha) n_B + O(n_B^2)$$

T [MeV]	delta E [MeV fm <sup>3</sup> ]	delta m* [fm <sup>3</sup> ]
10	364.3	21.3
4	712.9	87.1

$$E_d^{\text{free}} = -2.225 \text{ MeV}$$

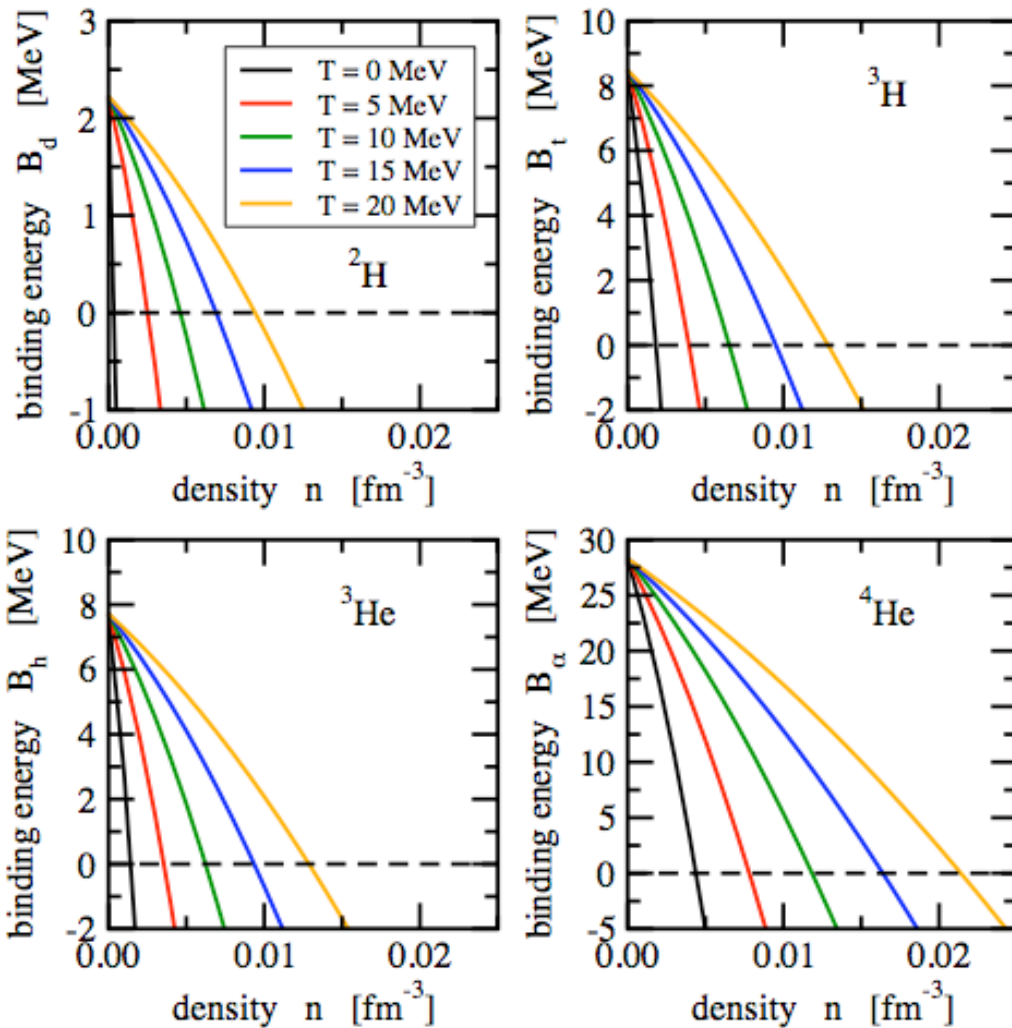
G.R., PRC 79, 014002 (2009)

# Few-particle Schrödinger equation in a dense medium

4-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \left[ E^{HF}(p_1) + E^{HF}(p_2) + E^{HF}(p_3) + E^{HF}(p_4) \right] \right) \Psi_{n,P}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \\ & + \sum_{p'_1, p'_2} (1 - f_{p_1} - f_{p_2}) V(p_1, p_2; p'_1, p'_2) \Psi_{n,P}(p'_1, p'_2, p_3, p_4) \\ & + \{ \text{permutations} \} \\ & = E_{n,P} \Psi_{n,P}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \end{aligned}$$

# Shift of Binding Energies of Light Clusters



Symmetric matter

G.R., PRC 79, 014002 (2009)  
S. Typel et al.,  
PRC 81, 015803 (2010)

# Composition of dense nuclear matter

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mass number  $A$

charge  $Z_A$

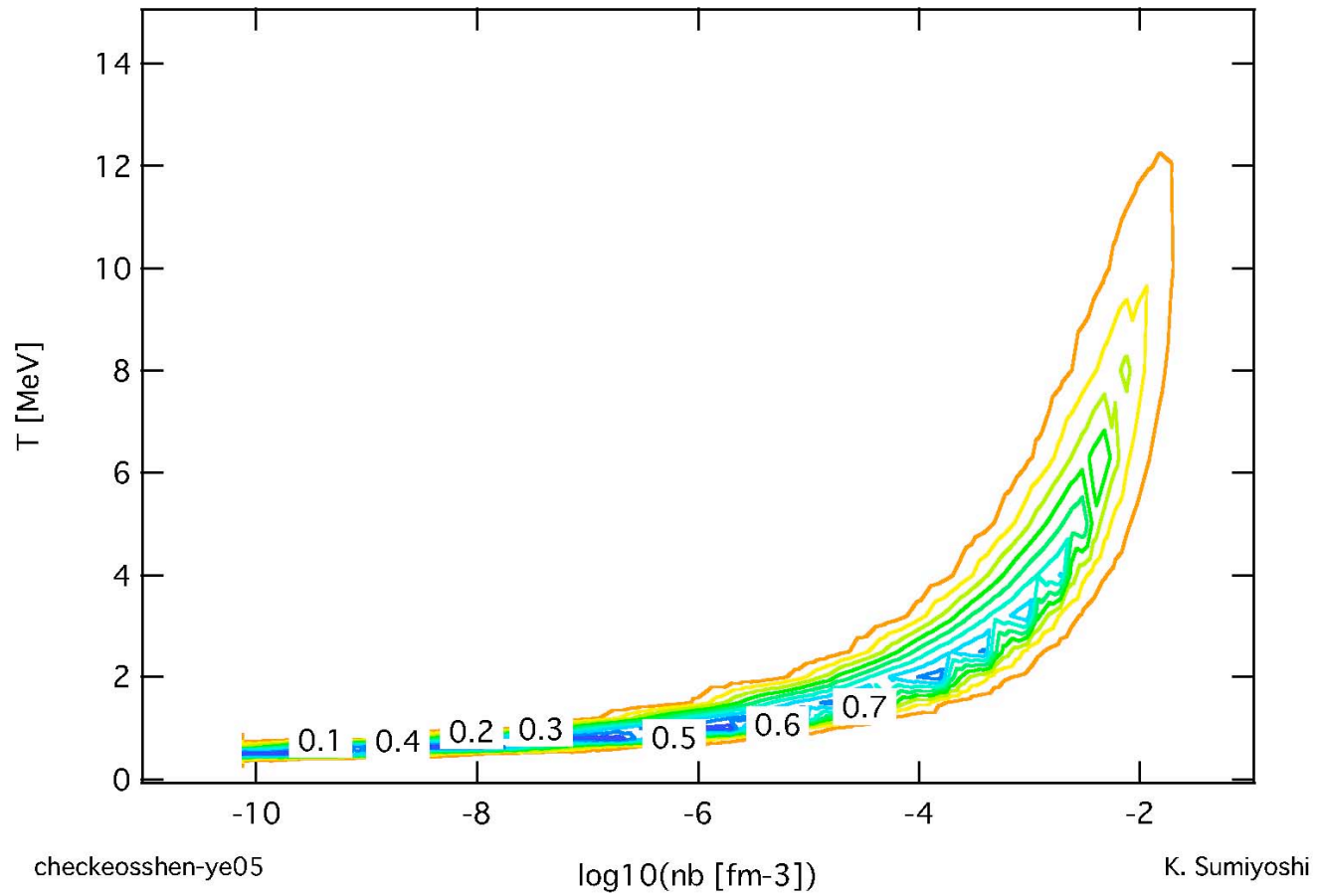
energy  $E_{A,\nu,K}$

$\nu$ : internal quantum number

$$f_A(z) = \frac{1}{\exp(z/T) - (-1)^A}$$

- Inclusion of excited states and continuum correlations
- Medium effects:  
self-energy and Pauli blocking shifts of binding energies,  
Coulomb corrections due to screening (Wigner-Seitz, Debye)
- Bose-Einstein condensation

# alpha-fraction in symmetric matter



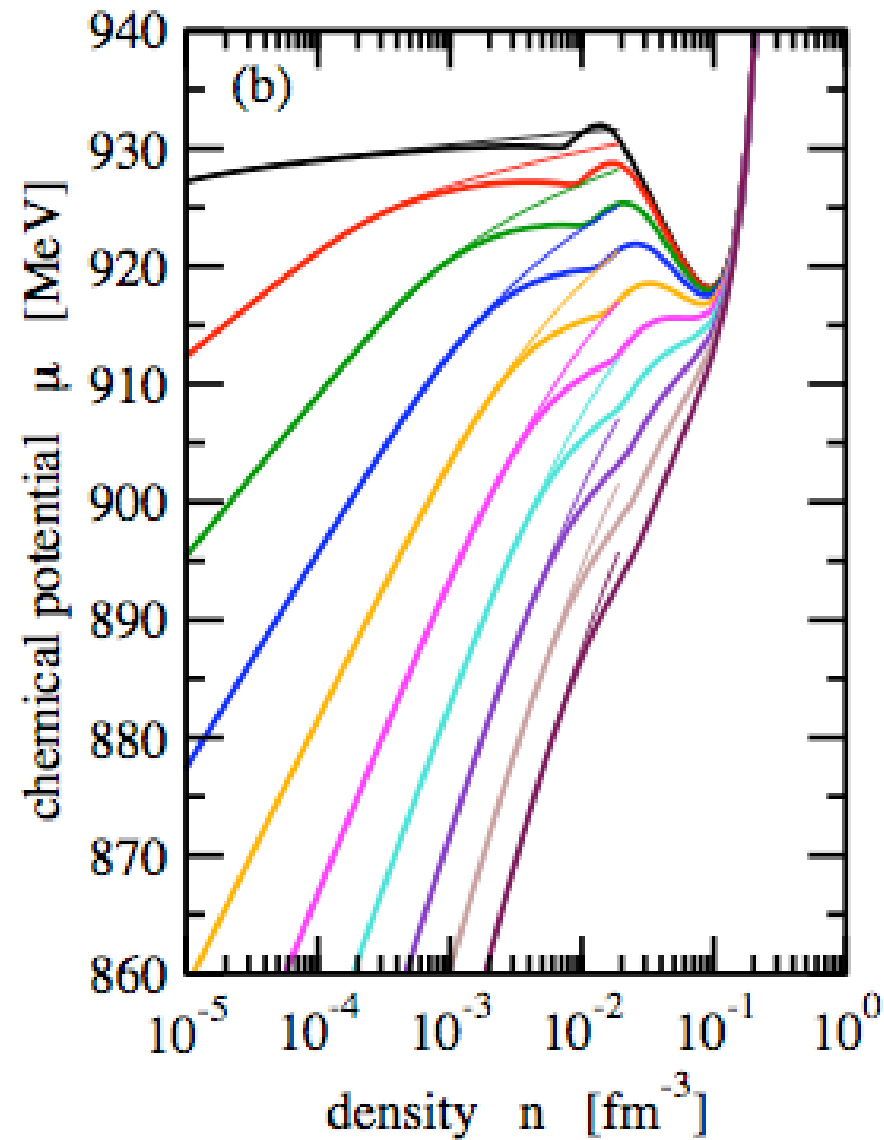
# Chemical potential of symmetric matter

Isotherms

T[MeV]

2  
4  
6  
8  
10  
12  
14  
16  
18  
20

thin lines: NSE



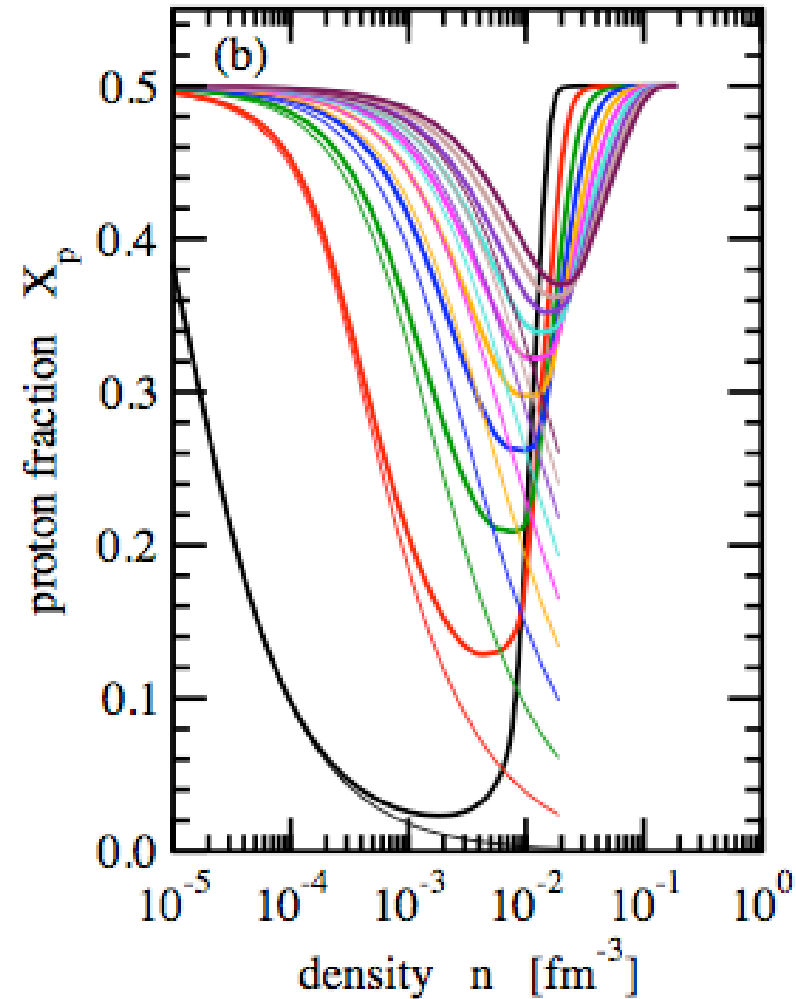
# Proton fraction in symmetric matter

Isotherms

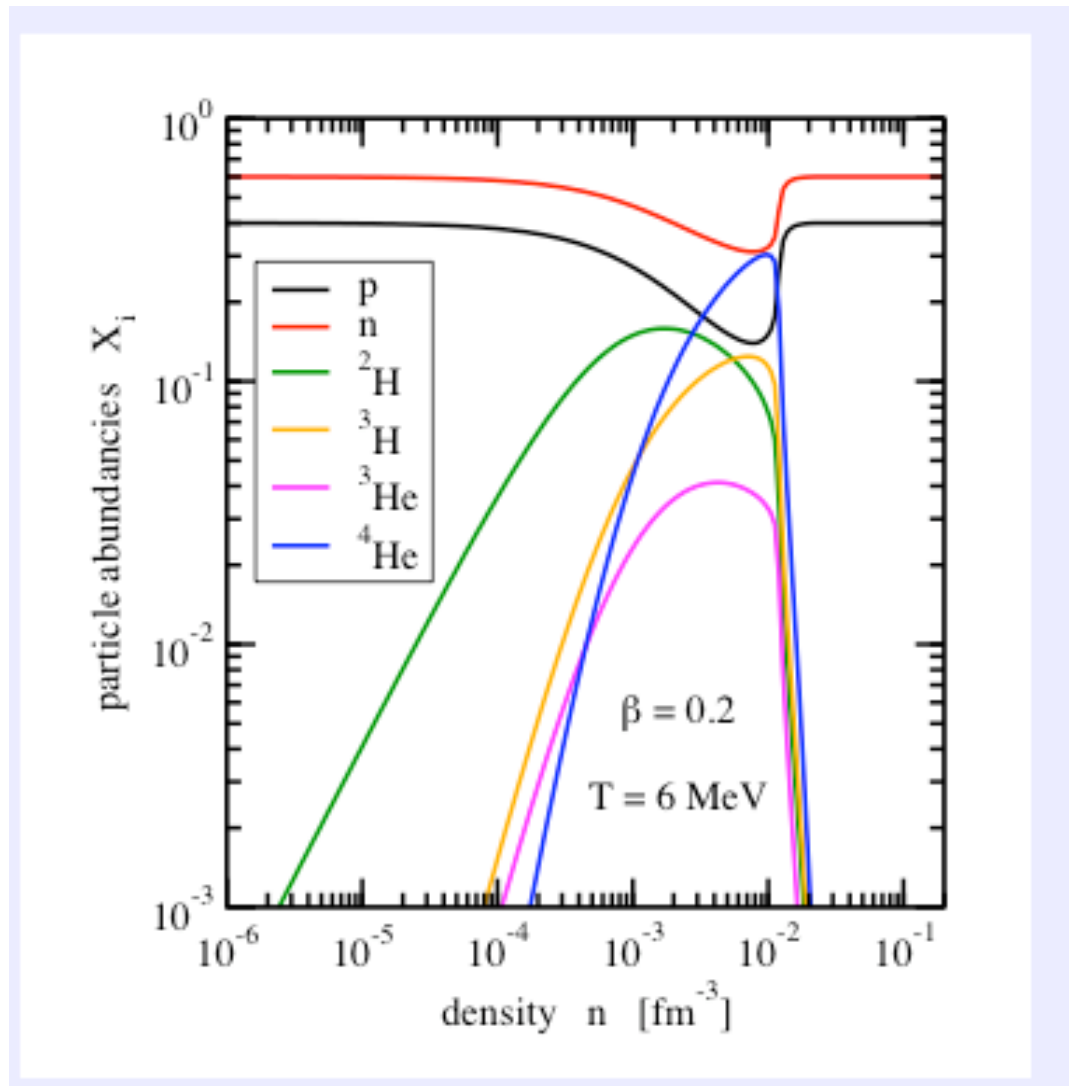
$T$ [MeV]

20  
18  
16  
14  
12  
10  
8  
6  
4  
2

thin lines: NSE



# Light Cluster Abundances



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



# Internal energy per nucleon

Isotherms

$T$ [MeV]

20

18

16

14

12

10

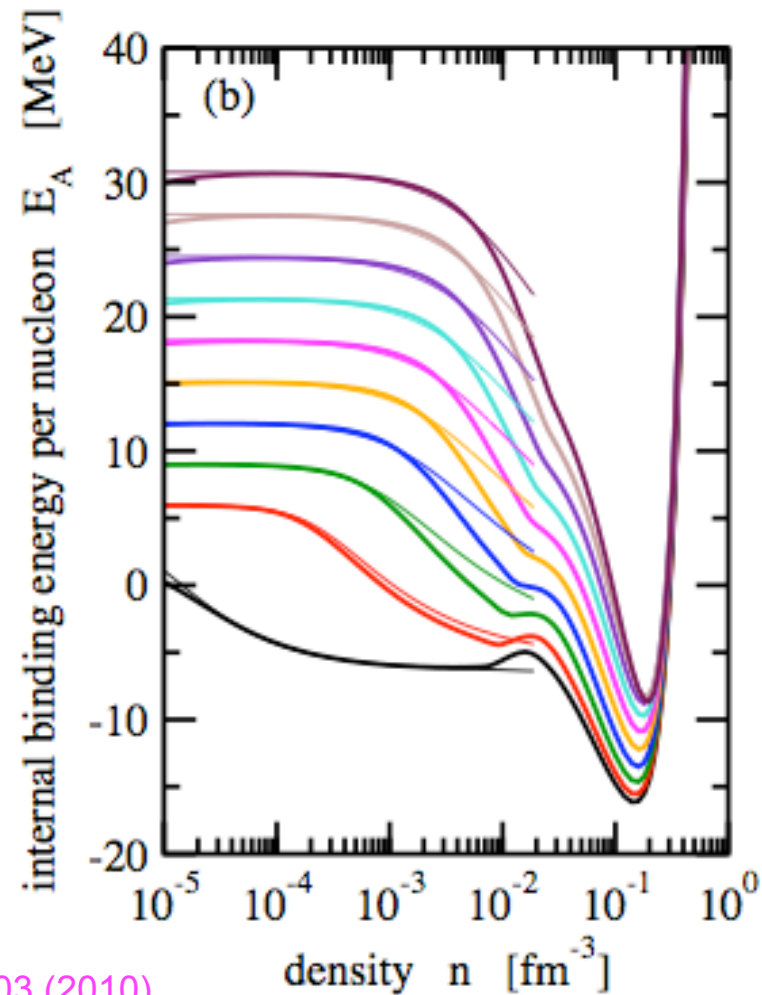
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6

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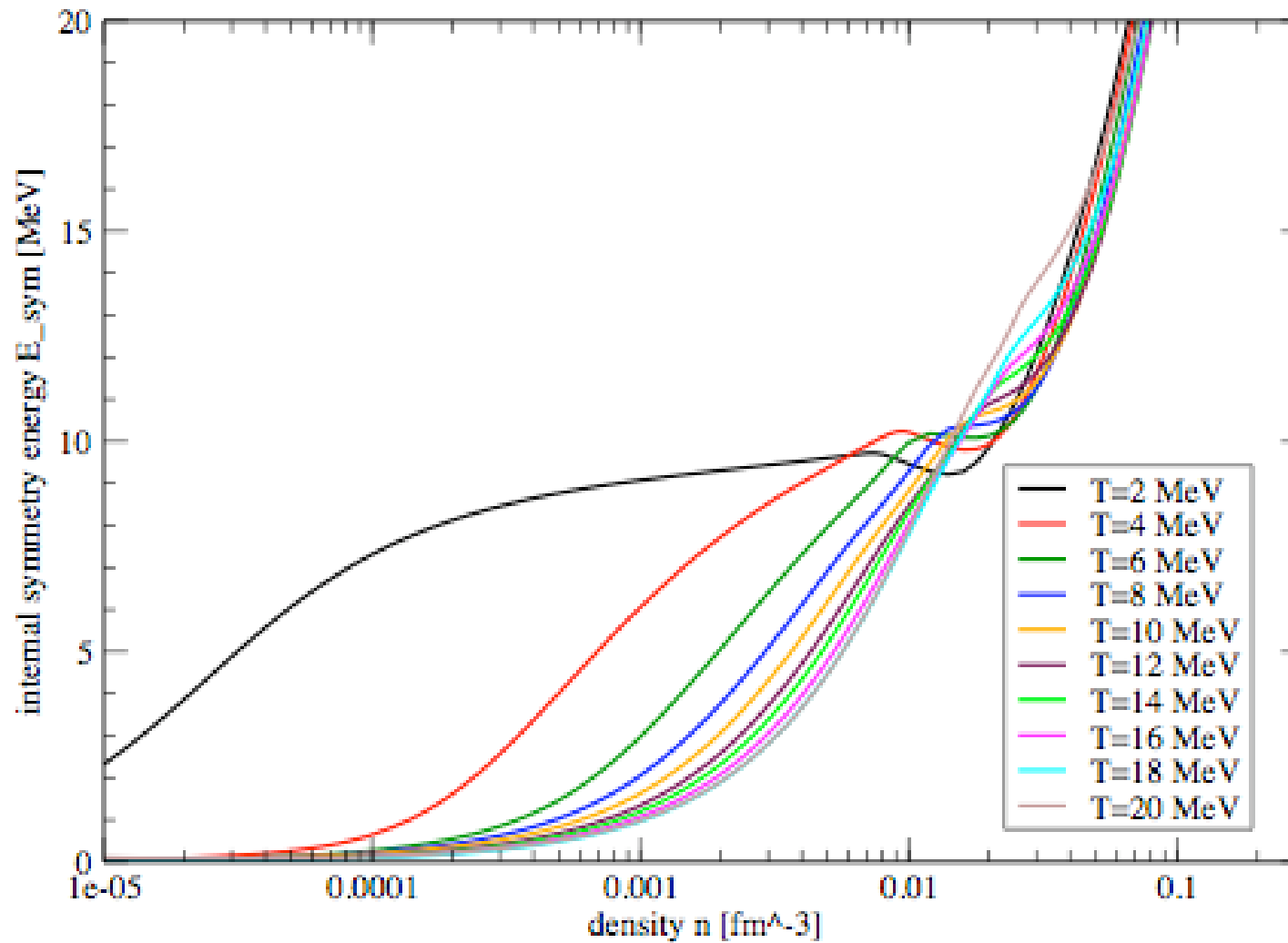
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thin lines: NSE



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

# Internal symmetry energy

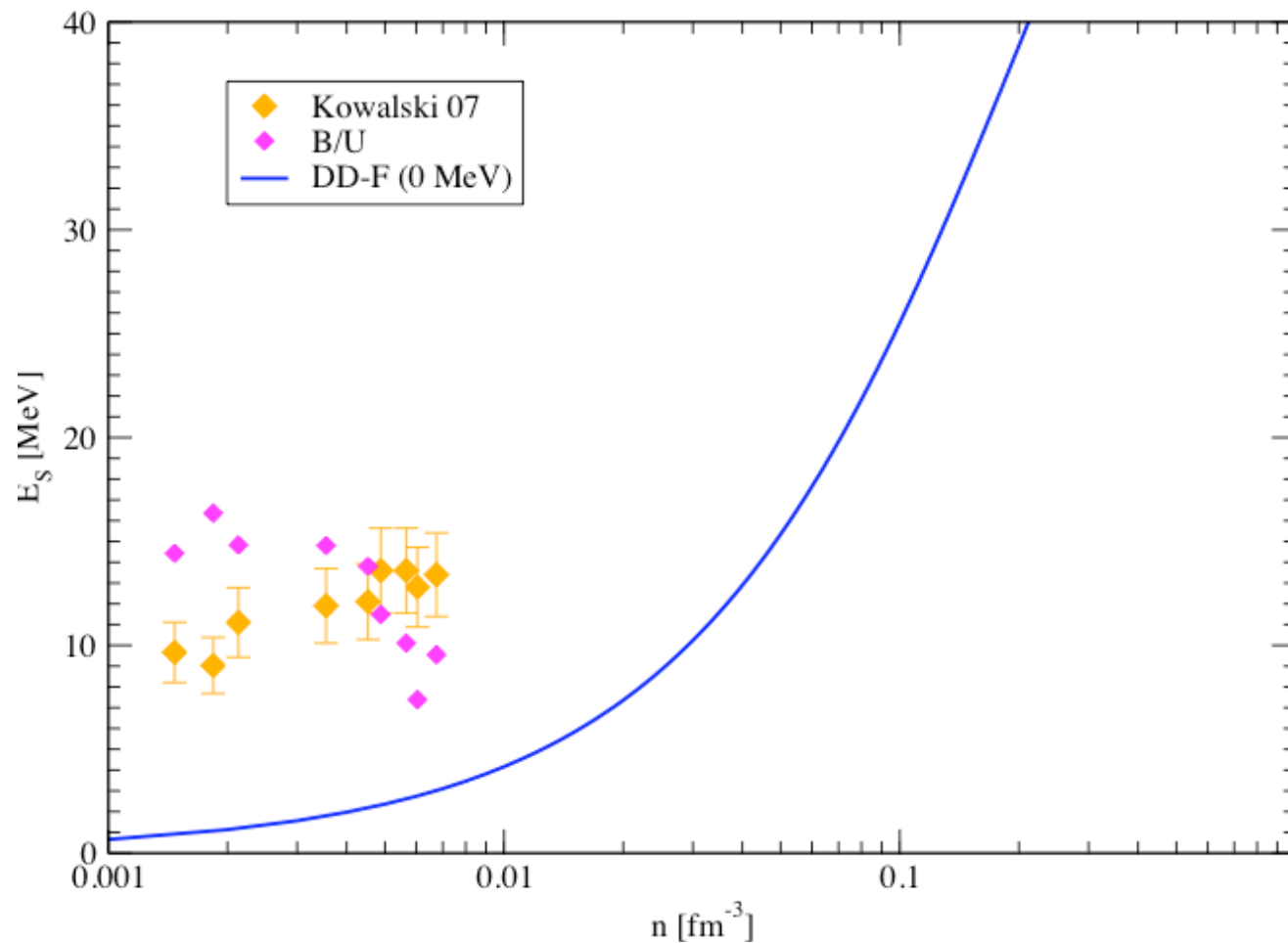


# Application to Heavy Ion Reactions

- Test the EOS  
(NSE, virial,... at low densities,  
Skyrme, DBHF, RMF,... near saturation)
- Unifying quantum statistical approach
- Symmetry energy

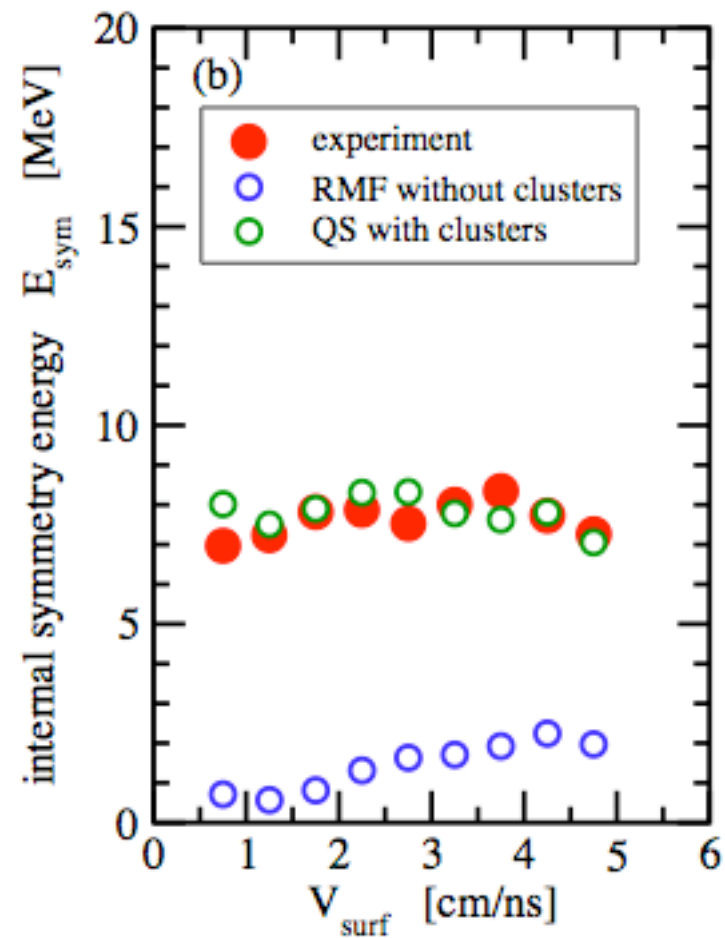
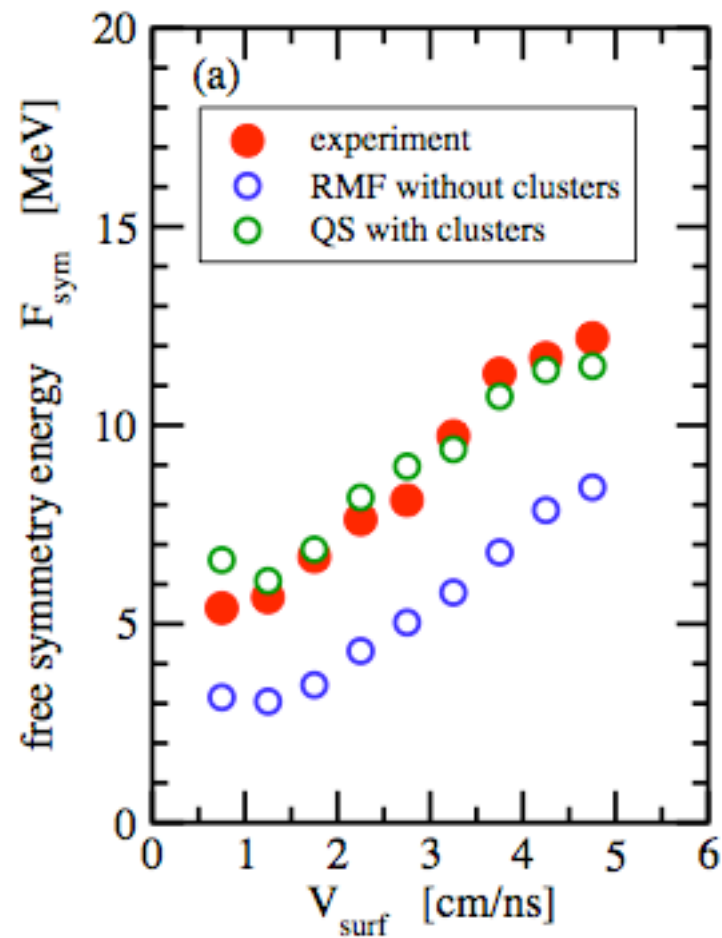
# Symmetry energy

Heavy-ion collisions, spectra of emitted clusters, temperature (3 - 10 MeV), free energy

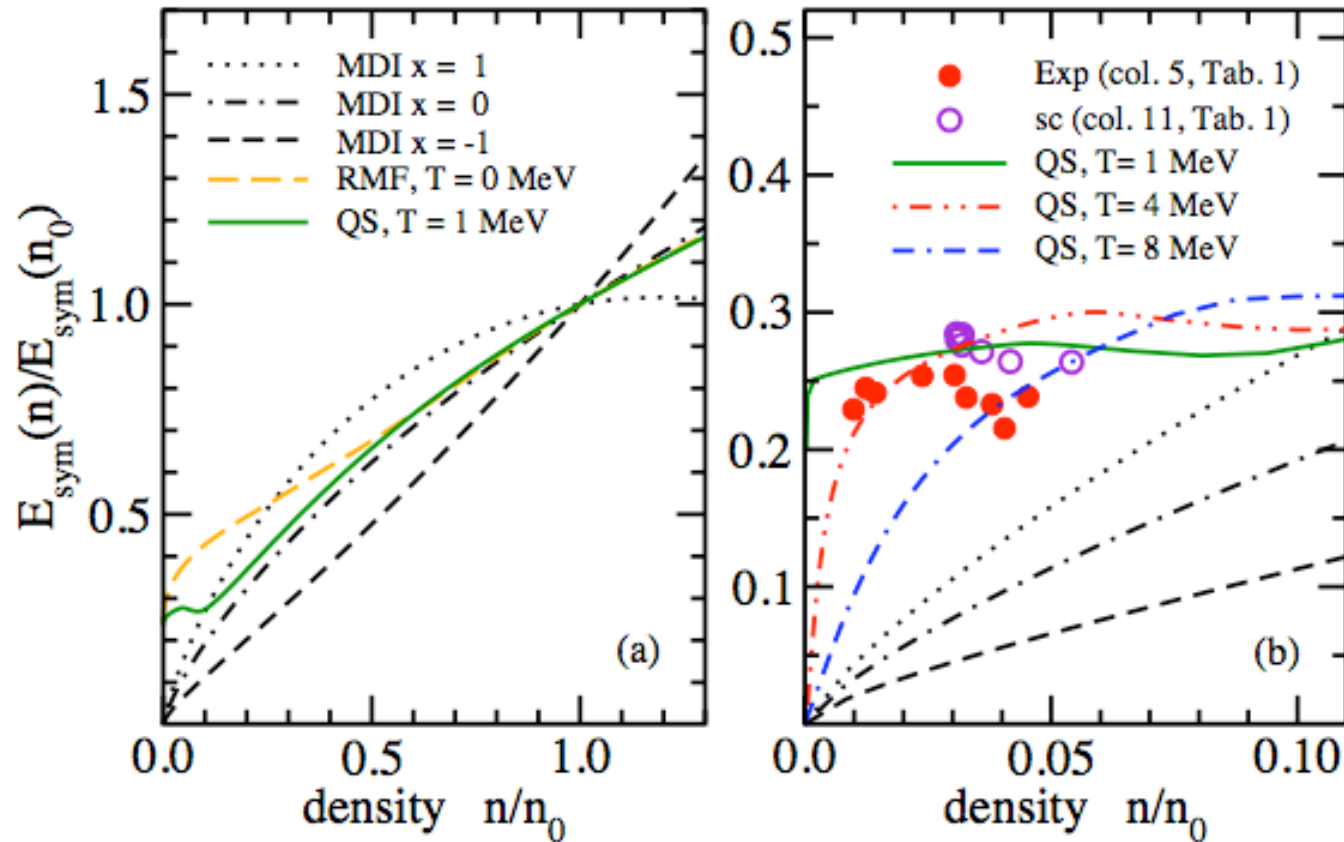


S. Kowalski et al.,  
PRC **75**, 014601  
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# Symmetry energy, comparison experiment with theories



# Symmetry Energy



Scaled internal symmetry energy as a function of the scaled total density.  
MDI: Chen et al., QS: quantum statistical, Exp: experiment at TAMU

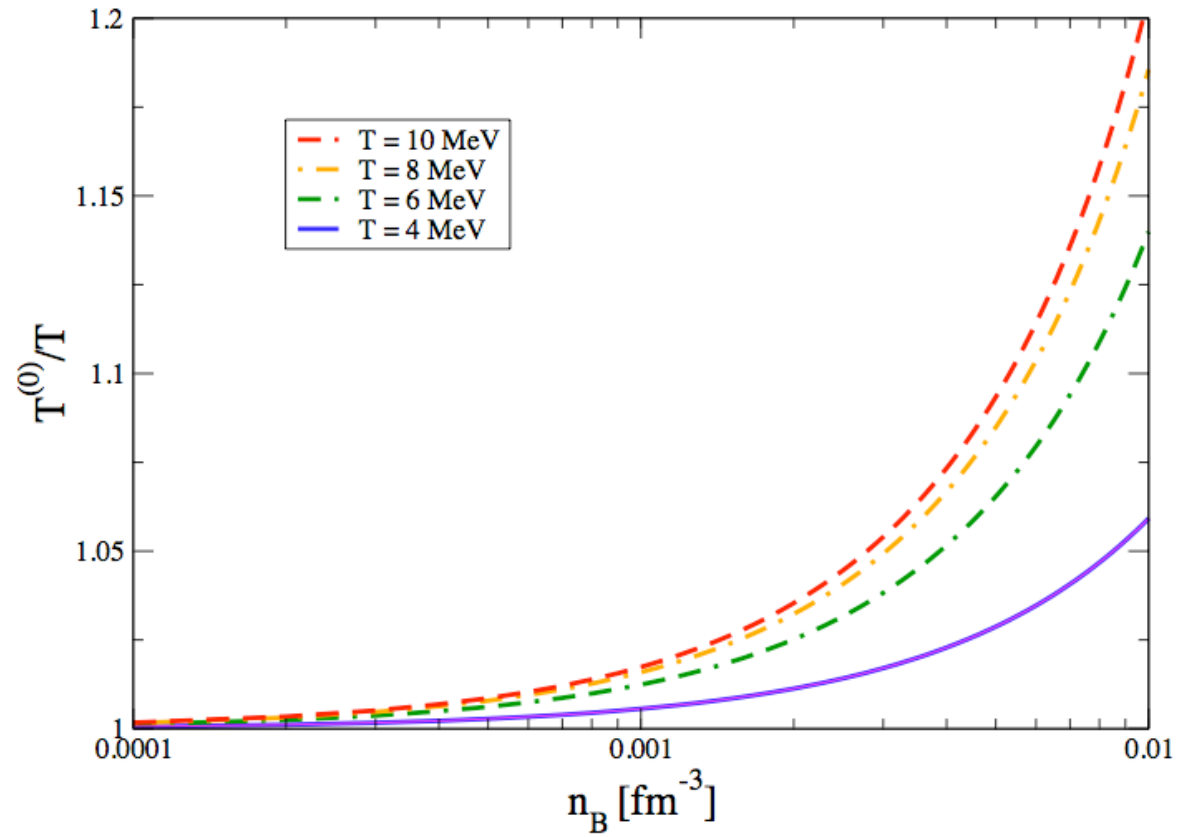
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# Cluster yields in Heavy Ion Collisions

- Thermodynamic parameters (temperature and nucleon density) at freeze out from cluster yields
- Saha equation in plasma physics and [Albergo thermometer](#) (mass action law)
- Albergo temperature: double ratios of yields to eliminate the chemical potentials (e.g.  $2H, 4He$  vs.  $3H, 3He$ )
- Is nuclear statistical equilibrium (NSE) or statistical multifragmentation justified?
- [Account of medium effects](#) changes the inferred values for temperature and density.

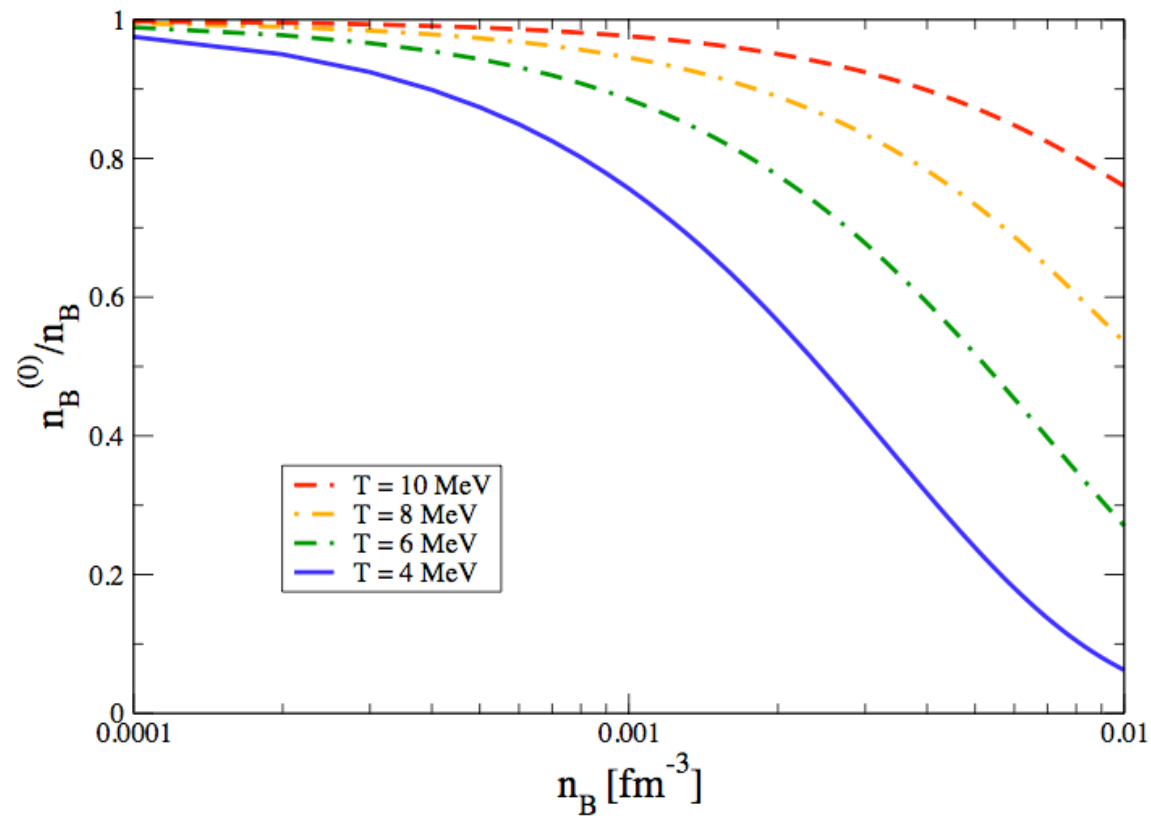
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# Albergo Temperature Misfit



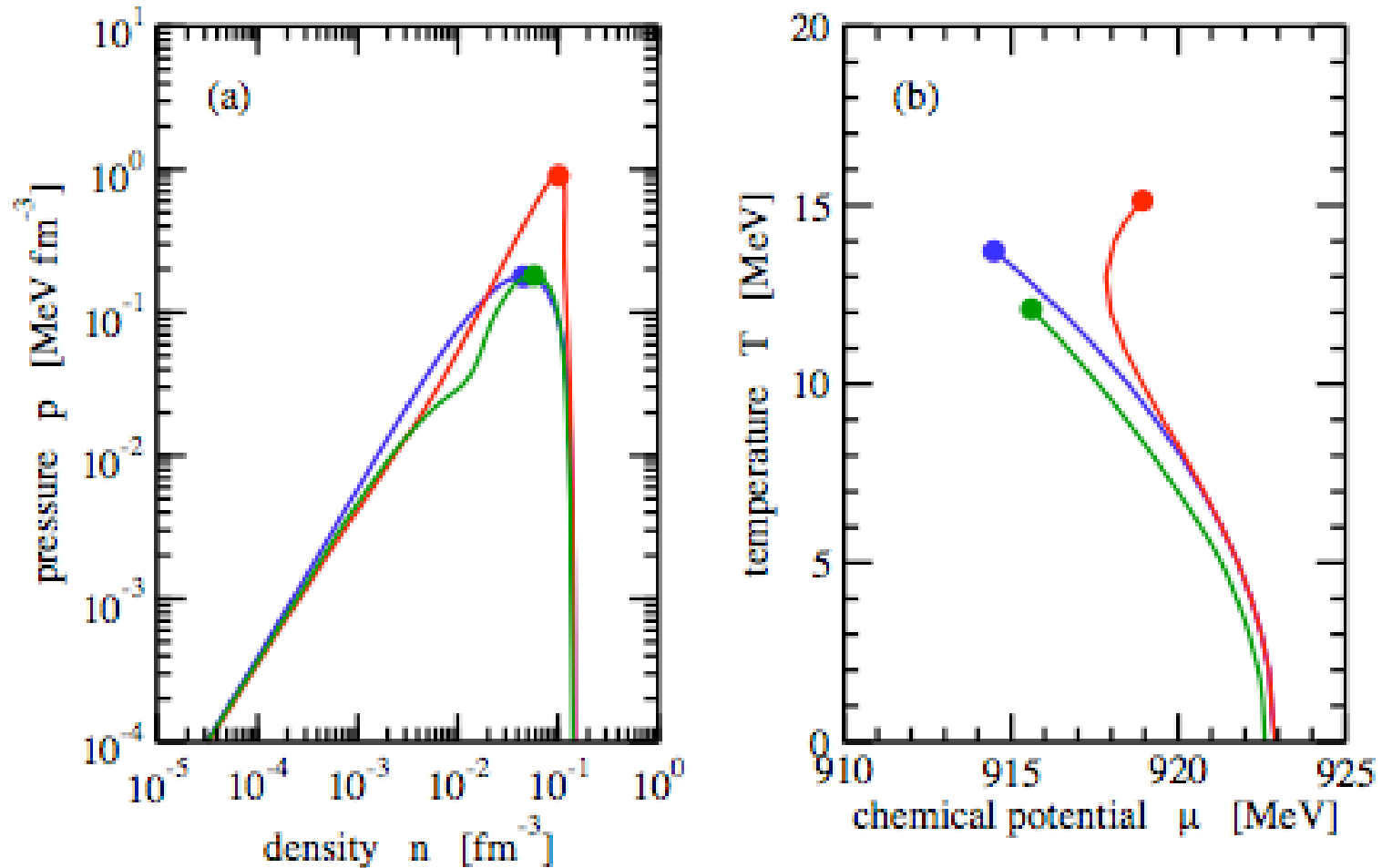


# Albergo Density Misfit



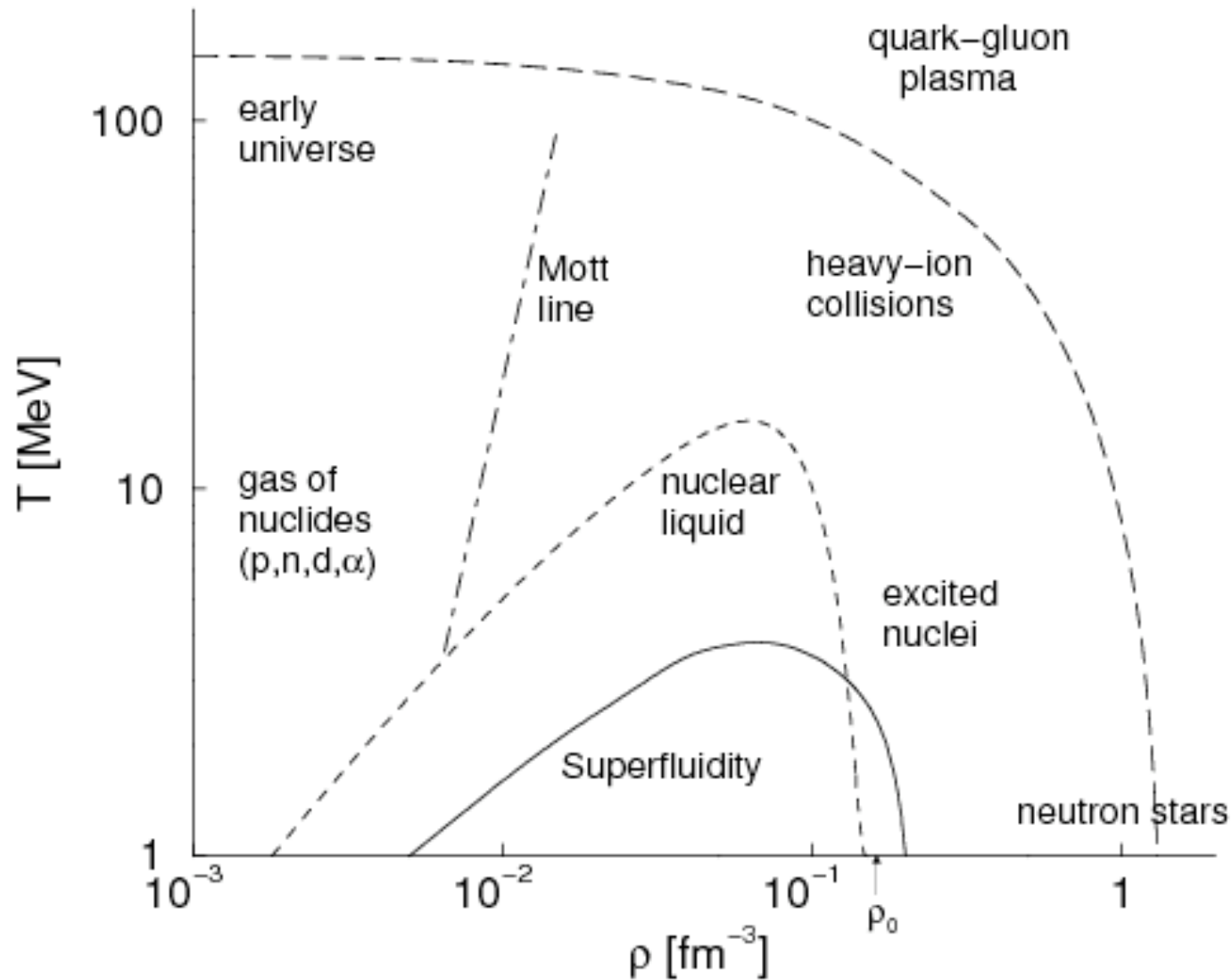
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# Liquid-vapor phase transition



blue: no light cluster, green: with light clusters

## Symmetric nuclear matter: Phase diagram



# Conclusion I

- Due to the interaction, clusters are formed in nuclear matter that are of significance in the low-density limit. Here, the nuclear statistical equilibrium or cluster virial expansions can be used to describe the thermodynamic properties.
- Medium effects become of relevance for densities  $> 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^{-3}$ . Single nucleon quasiparticle energies can be introduced. In addition, Pauli blocking modifies the cluster properties so that they are dissolved with increasing density.
- Properties of nuclear matter such as the symmetry energy are determined in the low-density region by the formation of bound states.

# Outline

- Nuclear matter - a strongly interacting quantum liquid  
where it occurs, what do we know: nuclei, stars, HIC
- Many-particle theory:  
Equation of state, transport coefficients  
QCD? Effective interactions, Green functions, spectral functions
- Low-density limit: cluster formation  
Mass action law, nuclear statistical equilibrium, virial expansion
- Near saturation: medium effects  
mean-field and quasiparticles, dissolution of bound states
- Quantum condensates:  
transition from BEC to BCS, Hoyle states

# Pauli blocking and Mott effect

Two different fermions (a,b: proton,neutron) form a bound state (c: deuteron).

$$c_q = \sum_p F(q,p) a_p b_{q-p}$$

Is the bound state a boson? Commutator relation

$$[c_q, c_{q'}^+]_- = \sum_{p,p'} F(q,p) F^*(q',p') [a_p b_{q-p}, b_{q'-p'}^+ a_{p'}^+]_-$$

$$\underline{a_p b_{q-p} b_{q'-p'}^+ a_{p'}^+} + a_p b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+ - a_p b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+ - b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+$$

$$+ b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+ + b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p a_{p'}^+ b_{q-p} - b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p a_{p'}^+ b_{q-p} - \underline{b_{q'-p'}^+ a_{p'}^+ a_p b_{q-p}}$$

$$= a_p a_{p'}^+ \delta_{q-p, q'-p'} - b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} \delta_{p,p'} = (\delta_{p,p'} - a_p^+ a_p) \delta_{q-p, q'-p'} - b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} \delta_{p,p'}$$

$$[c_q, c_{q'}^+]_- = \sum_{p,p'} F(q,p) F^*(q',p') [(\delta_{p,p'} - a_p^+ a_p) \delta_{q-p, q'-p'} - b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} \delta_{p,p'}]$$

$$= \sum_p F(q,p) F^*(q,p) \delta_{q,q'} - \sum_{p,p'} F(q,p) F^*(q',p') [(a_p^+ a_p) \delta_{q-p, q'-p'} + (b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p}) \delta_{p,p'}]$$

averaging

$$\langle [c_q, c_{q'}^+]_- \rangle = \delta_{q,q'} \left[ 1 - \sum_p F(q,p) F^*(q,p) (\langle a_p^+ a_p \rangle + \langle b_{q-p}^+ b_{q-p} \rangle) \right]$$

Fermionic substructure: phase space occupation, “excluded volume”

# Quantum condensates: Outline

1. Many-particle system
  - Mean field approach: self-energy and Pauli blocking
  - Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck equation
  - Mott effect and transition from BEC to BCS
  - Self-consistent solutions and pseudogap
2. Correlations: account of higher clusters
  - Cluster expansion of the self-energy
  - Cluster - mean field approximation
  - Quantum condensates: Pairing and quartetting
3. Finite systems: 4-n nuclei
  - Cluster formation in dilute nuclei
  - BEC states: Hoyle state and THSR wave function
  - Suppression of the condensate at increasing density

*D. W. Snoke and G. Baym*

Table 1. *Bosons under study*

Particle	Composed of	In	Coherence seen in
Cooper pair	$e^-, e^-$	metals	superconductivity
Cooper pair	$h^+, h^+$	copper oxides	high- $T_c$ superconductivity
exciton	$e^-, h^+$	semiconductors	luminescence and drag-free transport in $Cu_2O$
biexciton	$2(e^-, h^+)$	semiconductors	luminescence and optical phase coherence in $CuCl$
positronium	$e^-, e^+$	crystal vacancies	(proposed)
hydrogen	$e^-, p^+$	magnetic traps	(in progress)
$^4He$	$^4He^{2+}, 2e^-$	He-II	superfluidity
$^3He$ pairs	$2(^3He^{2+}, 2e^-)$	$^3He$ -A,B phases	superfluidity
cesium	$^{133}Cs^{55+}, 55e^-$	laser traps	(in progress)
interacting bosons	nn or pp	nuclei	excitations
nucleonic pairing	nn or pp	nuclei neutron stars	moments of inertia superfluidity and pulsar glitches
chiral condensates	$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$	vacuum	elementary particle structure
meson condensates	pion condensate = $\langle \bar{u}d \rangle$ , etc. kaon condensate = $\langle \bar{u}s \rangle$	neutron star matter	neutron stars, supernovae (proposed)
Higgs boson	$\langle \bar{t}t \rangle$ condensate (proposed)	vacuum	elementary particle masses

# Bose - Einstein Condensation

Int. Workshop BEC 93

Levico Terme

Ed.: Griffin, Snoke, Stringari  
Cambridge Univ. Press, 1995

“This is the first book devoted to Bose - Einstein Condensation (BEC) as an interdisciplinary subject, covering atomic and molecular physics, laser physics, low temperature physics, nuclear physics and astrophysics.”



# Many-particle system

- Hamiltonian (non-relativistic)

$$H = \sum_1 E(1)a_1^+ a_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{12,1'2'} V(12,1'2')a_1^+ a_2^+ a_2 a_1$$

- fermions in states  $\{1\} = \{p, \sigma, \tau\}$
- interaction: Coulomb, nuclear, ...
- bound states (bosons)
- quantum condensates
- homogeneous system in equilibrium:  $\rho = \exp[-S/k_B]$
- variation in time and space  
(finite systems? non-equilibrium?)

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- Entropy  $\rho(t) = \exp[-S(t)/k_B]$
- cluster decomposition, non-equilibrium

$$S(t) = S_0(t) + S_1(t) + S_2(t)$$

$$S_1(t) = \sum_{1,2} \xi(12,t) a_2^+ a_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1,2} \psi(12,t) a_1^+ a_2^+ + c.c.$$

$$S_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{12,1'2'} \omega(12,1'2',t) a_1^+ a_2^+ a_2 a_1$$

Lagrange parameter  $\xi, \psi, \omega$  are determined by  $\langle a_2^+ a_1 \rangle^t, \langle a_2 a_1 \rangle^t, \dots$

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- cluster decomposition, equilibrium

$$S = S_0 + S_1 + S_2$$

$$S_1 = \sum_1 (E(1) - \mu) / T a_1^+ a_1$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{12,1'2'} V(12,1'2') / T a_1^+ a_2^+ a_2 a_1$$

Lagrange parameter  $T, \mu$  are determined by  $\langle H \rangle, \langle N \rangle$

# BEC - BCS crossover in mean-field approximation

only single-particle contributions to the entropy

$$S_1(t) = \sum_{1,2} \xi(12,t) a_2^+ a_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1,2} \psi(12,t) a_1^+ a_2^+ + c.c.$$

Lagrange multipliers are determined by the given mean values

$$\langle a_2^+ a_1 \rangle^t = \delta_{12} n(1,t) \quad \langle a_2 a_1 \rangle^t = F(12,t) = \delta_{p_1+p_2,2q} \chi(12) e^{i\alpha_p(t)} F(p,t)$$

diagonalization by Bogoliubov-Valatin transformation

$$a_{p+q,\uparrow} = u_p b_{q+p,\uparrow} + v_p b_{q-p,\downarrow}^+ \quad 2|u_p|^2 = 1 + (1 + \theta_p^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\theta_p = \frac{\sqrt{2} |F(12)|}{1 - n(1) - n(2)} \quad \text{the anomalous mean values } \langle b_2 b_1 \rangle^t \text{ vanish}$$

# Effective wave equation for the deuteron in 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

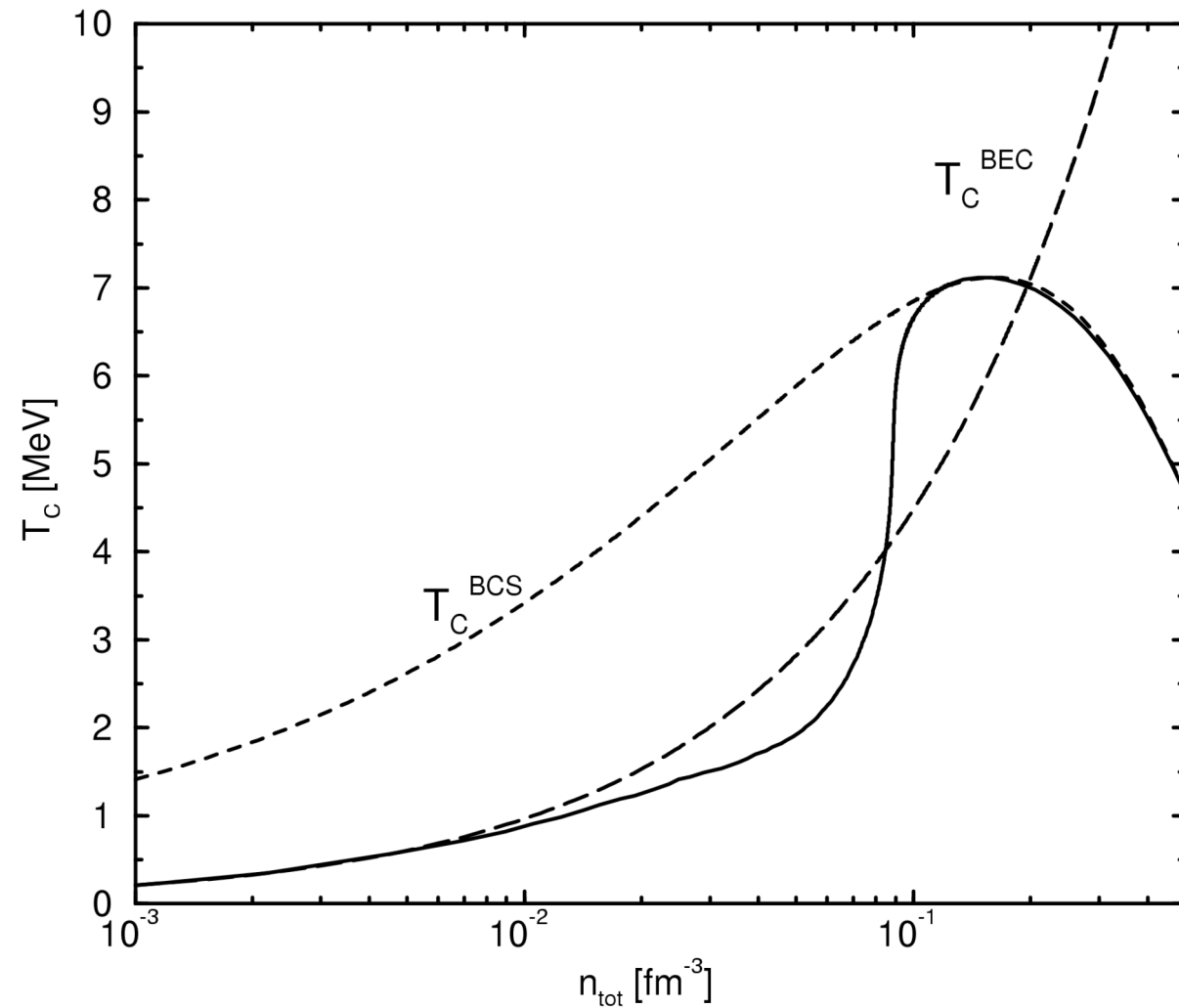
$$f_p = \left[ e^{(p^2/2m - \mu)/k_B T} + 1 \right]^{-1}$$

BEC-BCS crossover:  
Alm et al., 1993

# Quantum condensate

Bose-Einstein-  
Condensation  
of deuterons  
(BEC)

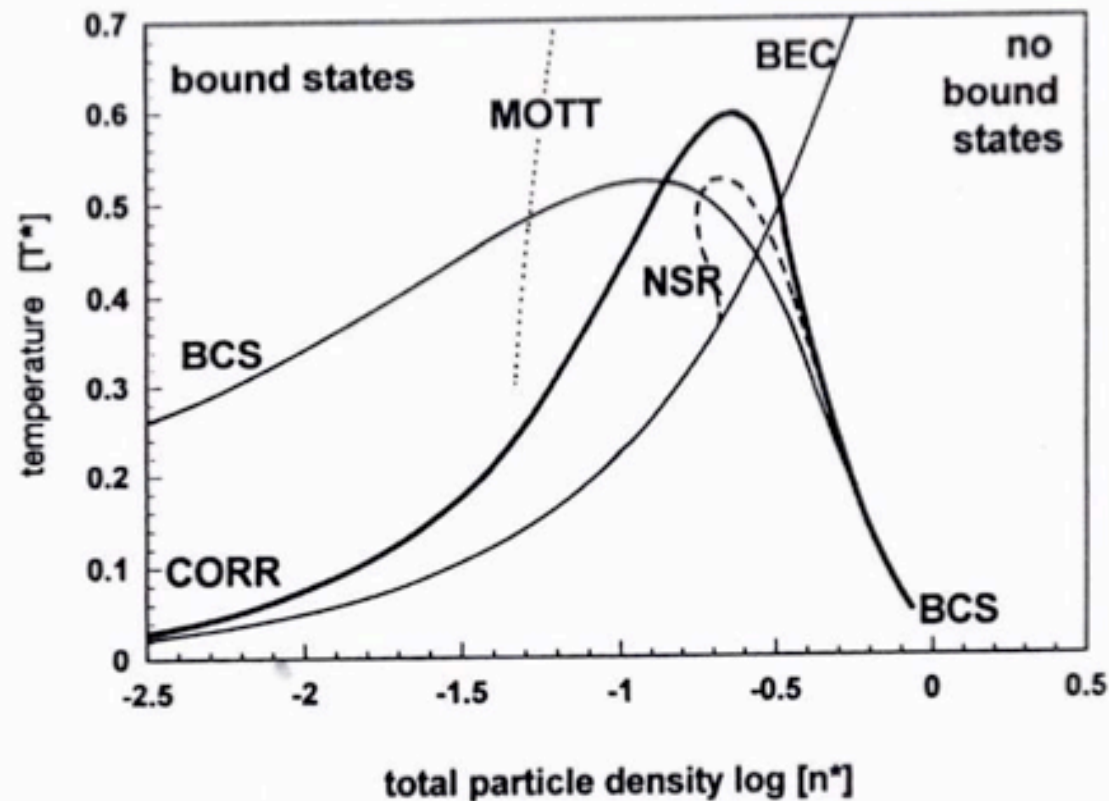
Bardeen-Cooper  
Schrieffer  
pairing  
(BCS)



# Crossover from BEC to BCS

Phase transition to the superfluid state

fermionic model system with separable interaction,  $T^* = T/E_0$ ,  $n^* = n(\hbar^2/mE_0)^{3/2}$



NSR<sup>a</sup>: blocking by single-particle distribution function

thick line<sup>b</sup>: including the interaction with the correlated component of the medium

<sup>a</sup> P. Nozieres, S. Schmitt-Rink, J. Low Temp. Phys. **59**, 159 (1985)

<sup>b</sup> G. Röpke, Ann. Phys. (Leipzig) **3**, 145 (1994)

# Inclusion of correlations in the medium

- Self-consistent description of the medium
- Formation of higher clusters
- Correlated condensates (quartetting)



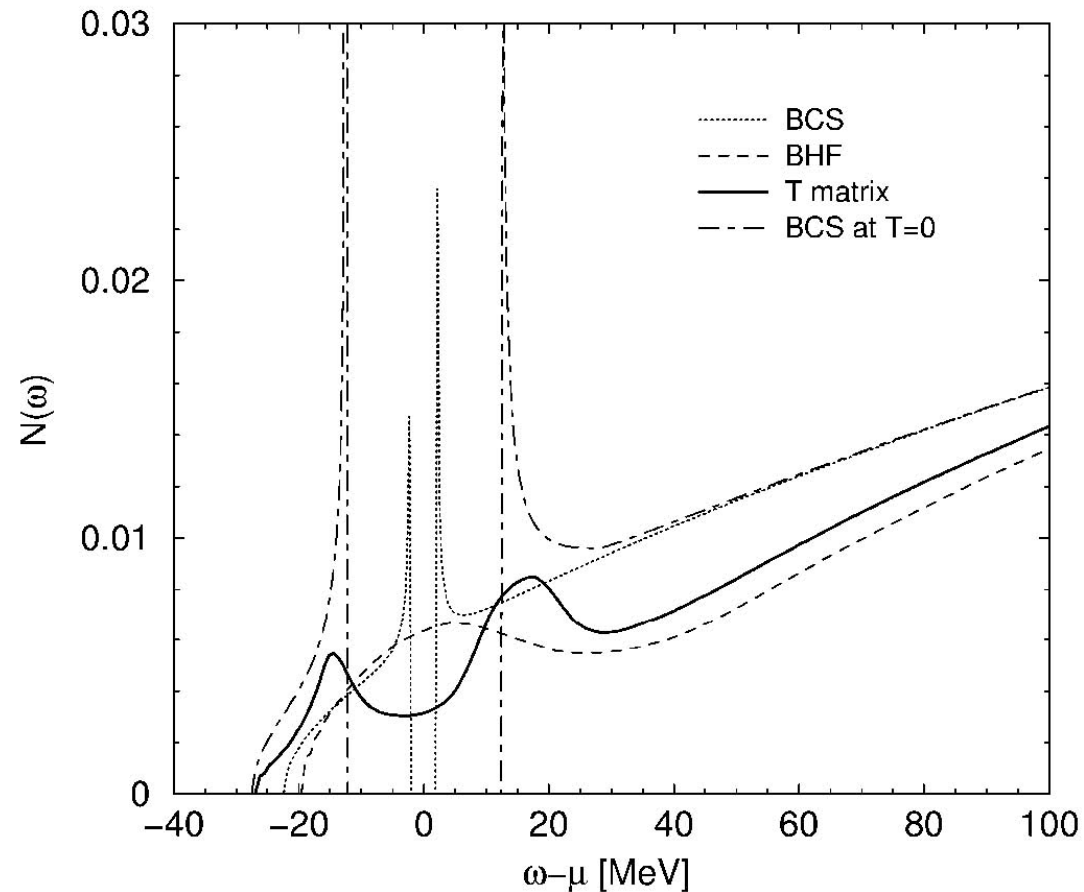
# Pseudogap

## Precritical Pair Fluctuations and Formation of a Pseudogap in Low-Density Nuclear Matter

A. Schnell, G. Roepke, P. Schuck, PRL **83**, 1926 (1999)

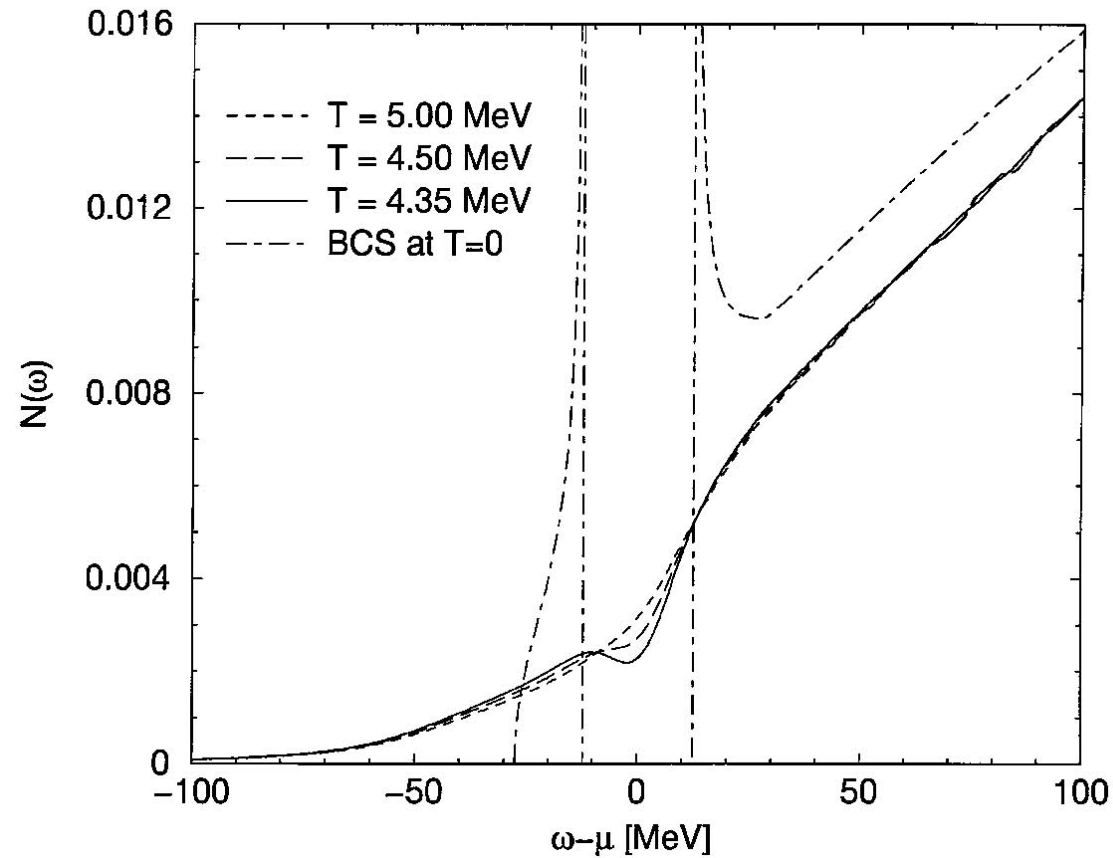
- Self-consistent solution of the two-nucleon Bethe Salpeter equation and evaluation of the density of states
- above the critical temperature: depletion near the chemical potential instead opening of the gap

# Density of states near phase transition



$T=5$  MeV,  $\rho=\rho_0/3$ : T-matrix in quasiparticle approximation, compared with BCS and BHF. Also shown: BCS at  $T=0$

# Density of states near phase transition



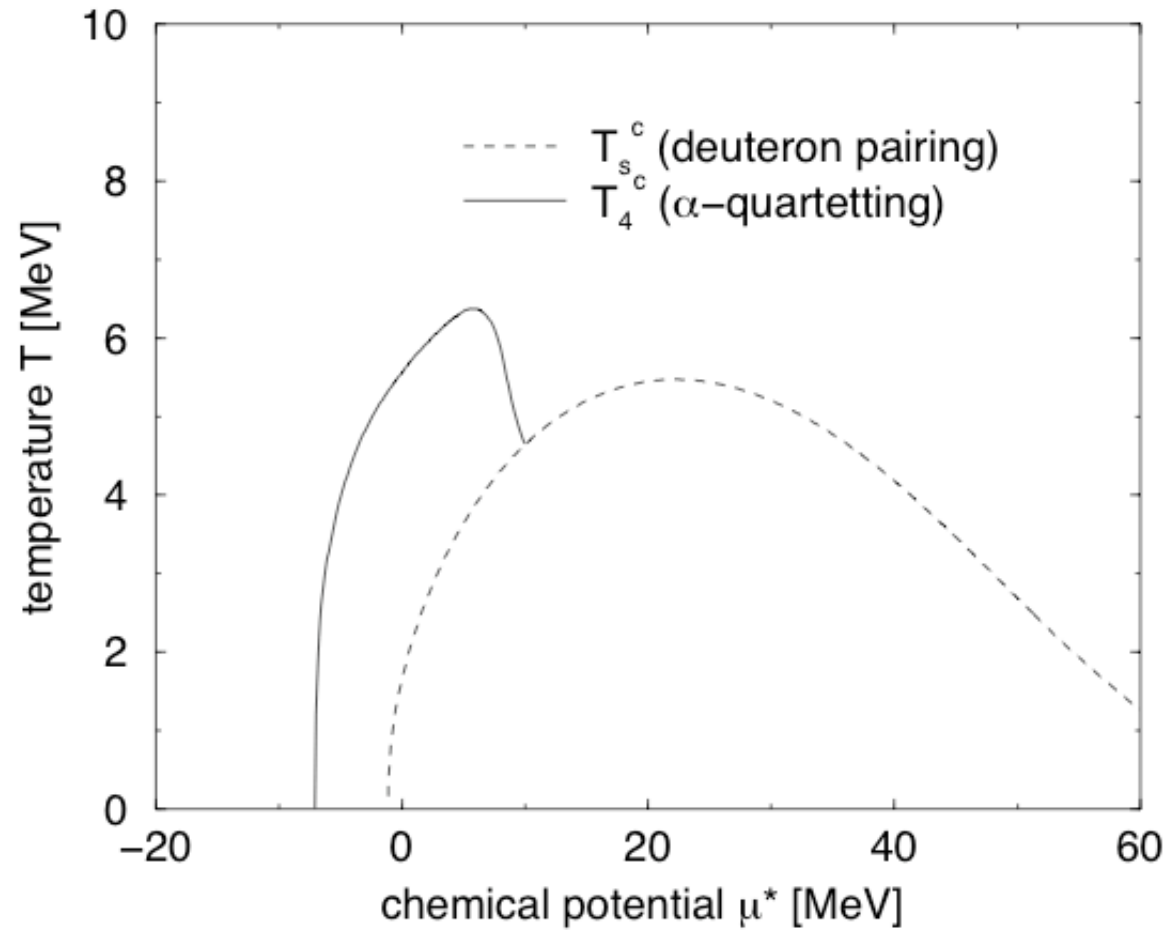
$\rho = \rho_0/3$ : T-matrix, self-consistent spectral function

# Few-particle Schrödinger equation in a dense medium

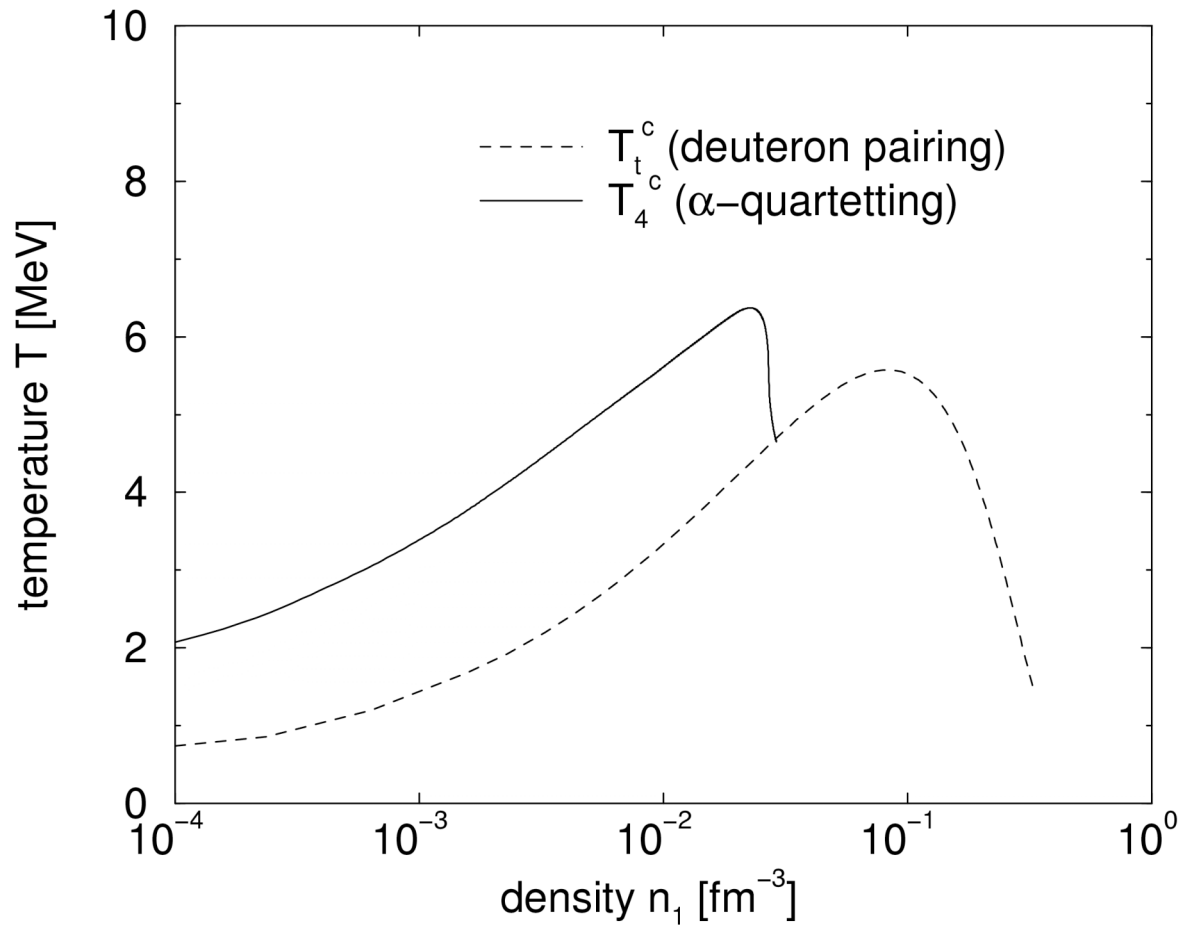
4-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \left[ E^{HF}(p_1) + E^{HF}(p_2) + E^{HF}(p_3) + E^{HF}(p_4) \right] \right) \Psi_{n,P}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \\ & + \sum_{p'_1, p'_2} (1 - f_{p'_1} - f_{p'_2}) V(p_1, p_2; p'_1, p'_2) \Psi_{n,P}(p'_1, p'_2, p_3, p_4) \\ & + \{ \text{permutations} \} \\ & = E_{n,P} \Psi_{n,P}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \end{aligned}$$

# $\alpha$ -cluster-condensation (quartetting)



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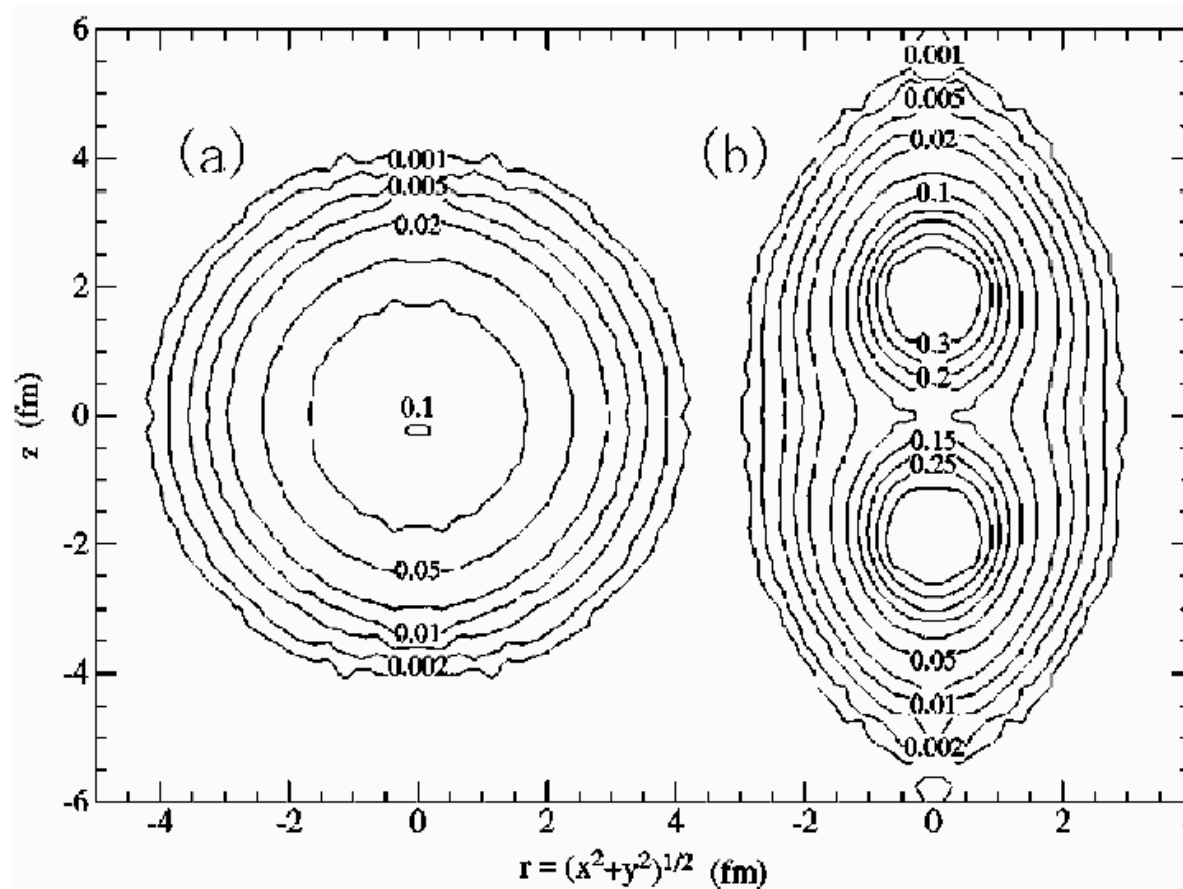


G.Röpke, A.Schnell, P.Schuck, and P.Nozieres, PRL 80, 3177 (1998)

# Clusters in nuclei

- Low-density isomers
- Alpha matter at low densities
- Quartetting
- Condensate wave function
  
- Suppression of the condensate with increasing density
- Dissolution of clusters with increasing density

# Alpha cluster structure of Be 8



R.B. Wiringa et al.,  
PRC **63**, 034605 (01)

Contours of constant density, plotted in cylindrical coordinates, for  $^8\text{Be}(0^+)$ .  
The left side is in the laboratory frame while the right side is in the intrinsic frame.



# Self-conjugate 4n nuclei

$^{12}\text{C}$ :

$0^+$  state at 0.39 MeV above the  $3\alpha$  threshold energy:  
 $\alpha$  cluster interact predominantly in relative  $S$  waves,  
gaslike structure

$\alpha$ -particle condensation in low-density nuclear matter  
( $\rho \leq \rho_0/5$ )

$n\alpha$  cluster condensed states

-- a general feature in  $N = Z$  nuclei?

# Self-conjugate 4n nuclei

$n\alpha$  nuclei:  ${}^8\text{Be}$ ,  ${}^{12}\text{C}$ ,  ${}^{16}\text{O}$ ,  ${}^{20}\text{Ne}$ ,  ${}^{24}\text{Mg}$ , ...

Single-particle shell model, or

Cluster type structures

ground state, excited states

$n\alpha$  break up at the threshold energy  $E_{n\alpha}^{\text{thr}} = nE_{\alpha}$

# Variational ansatz

$$|\Phi_{n\alpha}\rangle = (C_{\alpha}^{\dagger})^n |\text{vac}\rangle$$

$\alpha$ - particle creation operator

$$C_{\alpha}^{\dagger} = \int d^3R e^{-\vec{R}^2/R_0^2} \\ \times \int d^3r_1 \dots d^3r_4 \phi_{0s}(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{R}) a_{\sigma_1\tau_1}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}_1) \dots \phi_{0s}(\vec{r}_4 - \vec{R}) a_{\sigma_4\tau_4}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}_4)$$

with

$$\phi_{0s}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(\pi b^2)^{3/4}} e^{-\vec{r}^2/(2b^2)}$$

# Variational ansatz

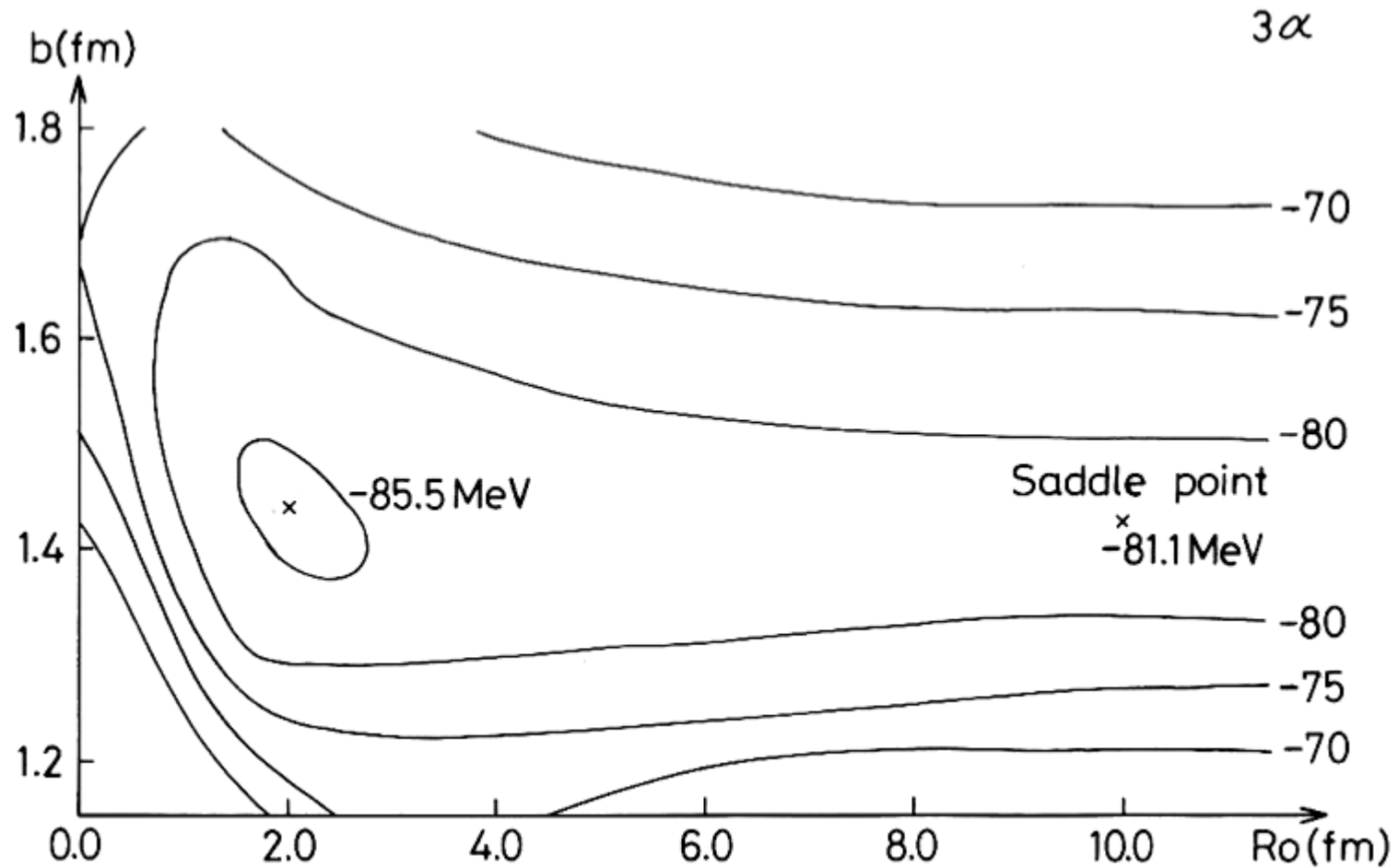
total  $n\alpha$  wave function

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \vec{r}_1 \sigma_1 \tau_1 \dots \vec{r}_{4n} \sigma_{4n} \tau_{4n} | \Phi_{n\alpha} \rangle \\ & \propto \mathcal{A} \left\{ e^{-\frac{2}{B^2}(\vec{X}_1^2 + \dots + \vec{X}_n^2)} \phi(\alpha_1) \dots \phi(\alpha_n) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

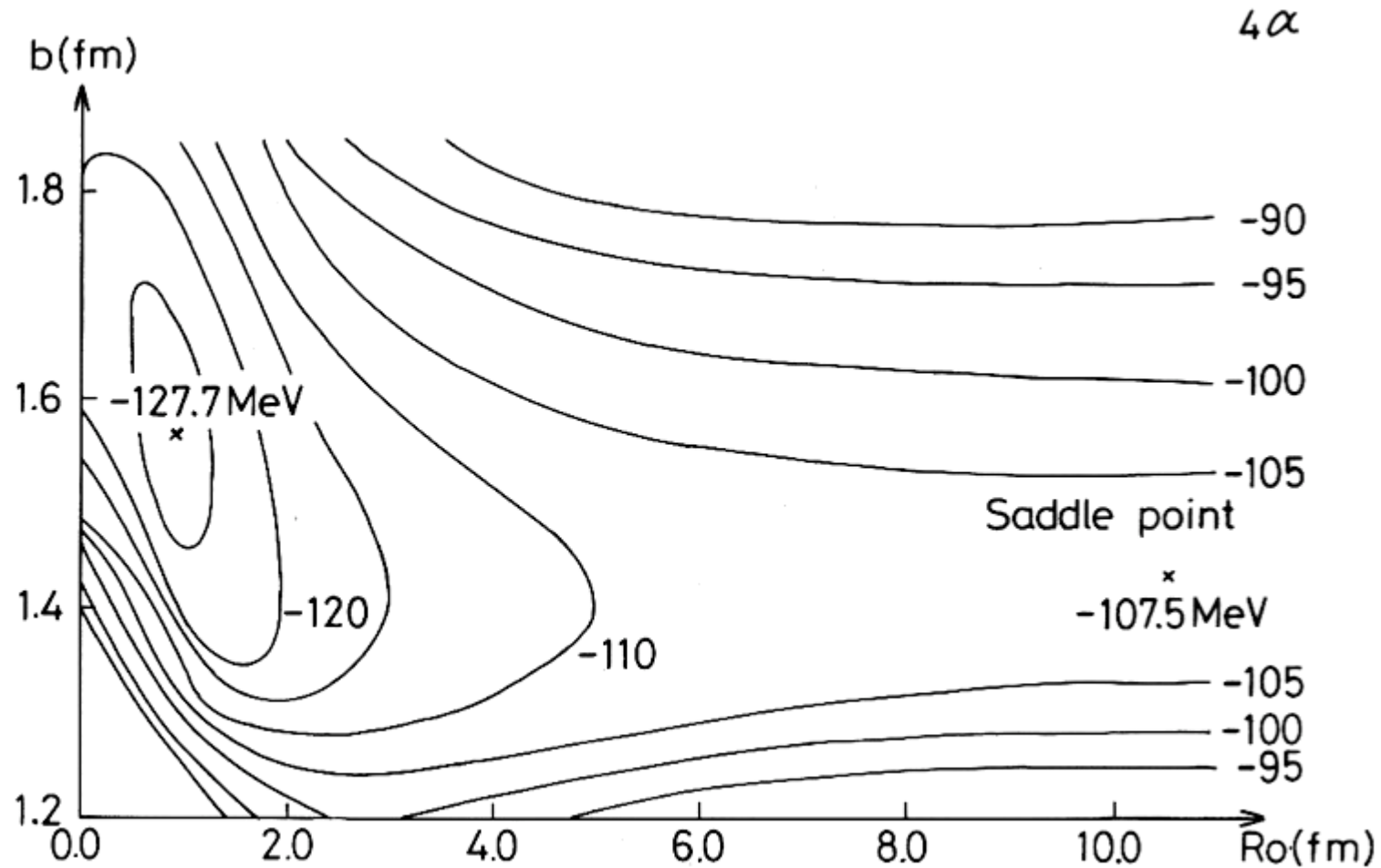
where  $B^2 = (b^2 + 2R_0^2)$ ,  $\vec{X}_i = \frac{1}{4} \sum_n \vec{r}_{in}$ ,  
 $\phi(\alpha_i) = e^{-\frac{1}{8b^2} \sum_{m>n} (\vec{r}_{im} - \vec{r}_{in})^2}$  - internal  $\alpha$  wave function

A. Tohsaki, H. Horiuchi, P. Schuck, G. Röpke, PRL **87**,  
192501 (2001)

# 3 alpha variational energy



# 4 alpha variational energy



A. Tohsaki et al., PRL 87, 192501 (2001)

# Results

	$E_k$ (MeV)	$E_{exp}$ (MeV)	$E_k - E_{n\alpha}^{thr}$ (MeV)	$(E - E_{n\alpha}^{thr})_{exp}$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}_{exp}$ (fm)	
$^{12}\text{C}$	$k = 1$	-85.9	-92.16 ( $0_1^+$ )	-3.4	-7.27	2.97	2.65
	$k = 2$	-82.0	-84.51 ( $0_2^+$ )	+0.5	0.38	4.29	
	$E_{3\alpha}^{thr}$	-82.5	-84.89				
$^{16}\text{O}$	$k = 1$	-124.8 (-128.0)*	-127.62 ( $0_1^+$ )	-14.8 (-18.0)*	-14.44	2.59	2.73
	$k = 2$	-116.0	-116.36 ( $0_3^+$ )	-6.0	-3.18	3.16	
	$k = 3$	-110.7	-113.62 ( $0_5^+$ )	-0.7	-0.44	3.97	
	$E_{4\alpha}^{thr}$	-110.0	-113.18				
$^8\text{Be}$			-0.17	+0.1			

Tabelle 1: Comparison of the generator coordinate method calculations with experimental values.  $E_{n\alpha}^{thr} = nE_\alpha$  denotes the threshold energy for the decay into  $\alpha$ -clusters, the values marked by \* correspond to a refined mesh.

## Estimation of condensate fraction in zero temperature $\alpha$ -matter

$\alpha$ -cluster condensate in  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ :

resonating group method → Yamada et al. (1994)

occupation numbers of  $\alpha$ -orbits in  $^{12}\text{C}$

	RMS radii	S-orbit	D-orbit	G-orbit
$\text{O}_1^+$ (g.s.)	2.44 fm	1.07	1.07	0.82
$\text{O}_2^+$	4.31 fm	2.38	0.29	0.16

80 % condensate at 1/8 nuclear matter density

T. Yamada, P. Schuck:  $(2.16 - \text{normal})/3 \approx 60\%$

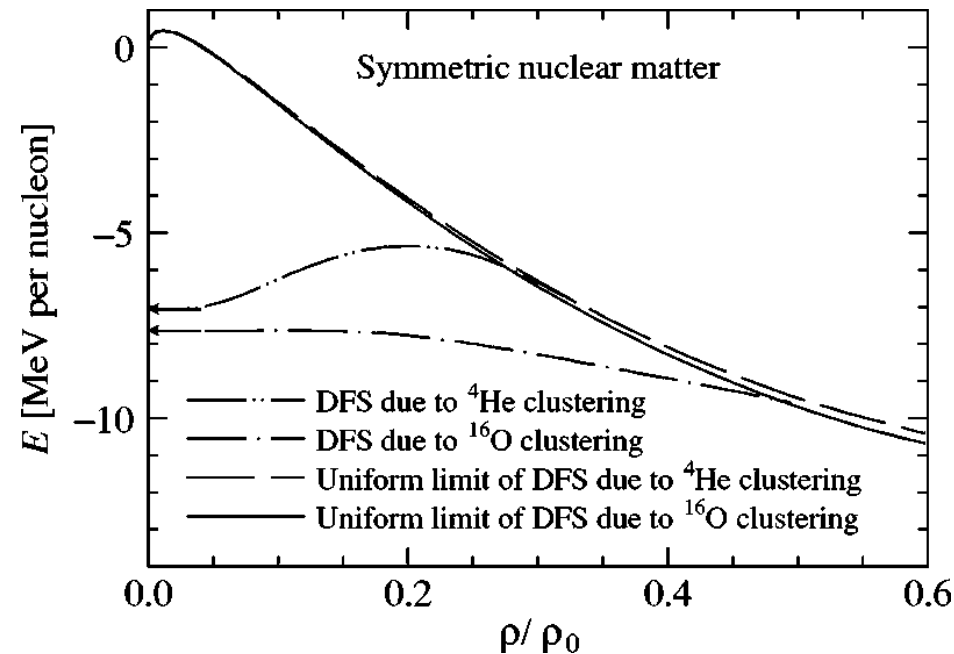


# Open problems

## Matter at low densities:

- wave function,
- correlations,
- cluster formation,
- quantum condensates

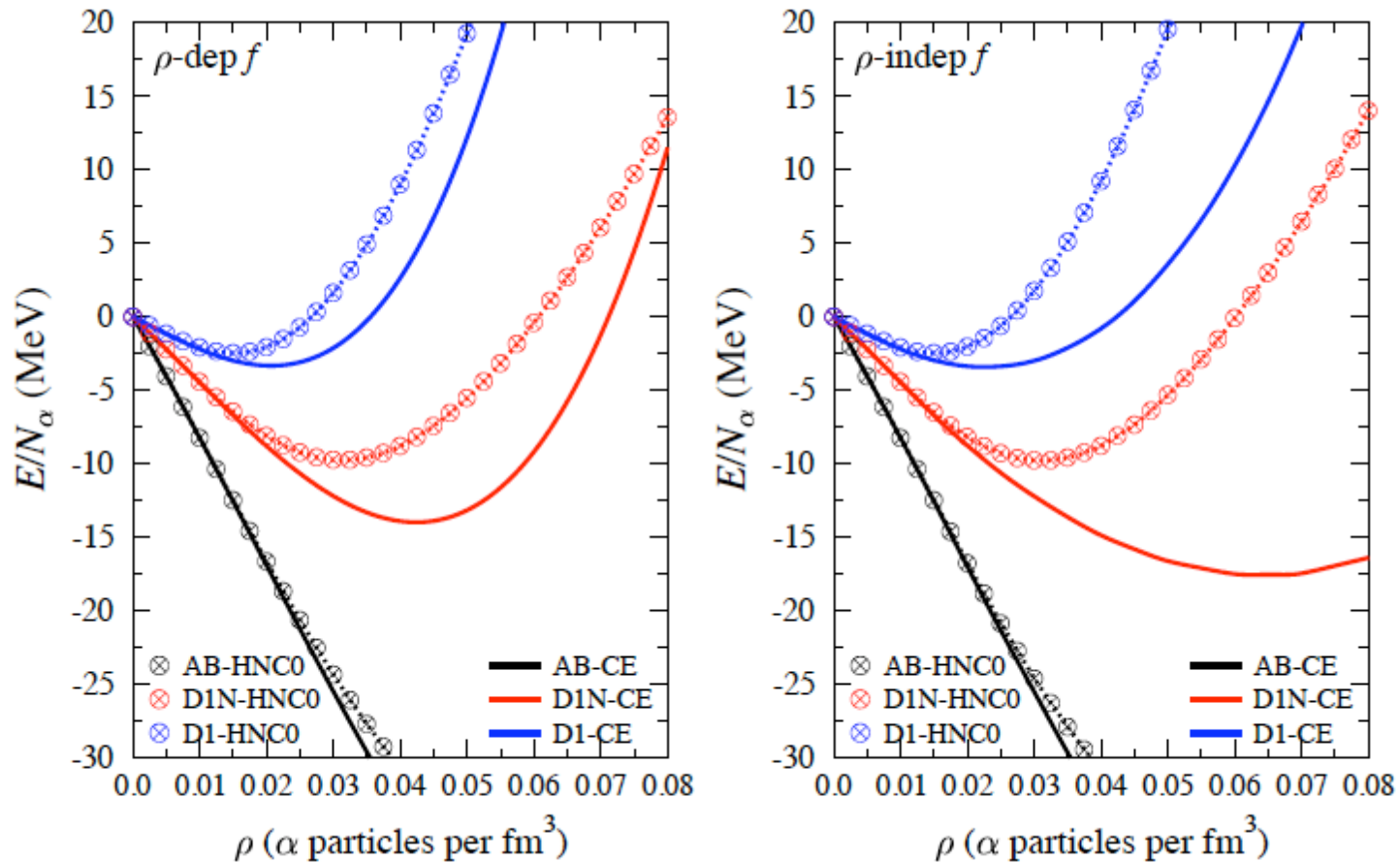
# Clustering phenomena in nuclear matter below the saturation density



• FIG. 8. Energy curves of DFSs due to  $\alpha$  and  $^{16}\text{O}$  clustering in  
• the symmetric nuclear matter by the use of the  $\text{BB} \delta B_{4d}$  force. The  
• density of matter is normalized by the saturation density of the  
• uniform matter with the Fermi sphere,  $r_0=0.206 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ . The presentation  
• of the curves is similar to that in Fig. 4.

Hiroki Takemoto et al.,  
PR C 69, 035802 (2004)

# Energy of $\alpha$ -Matter at $T=0$

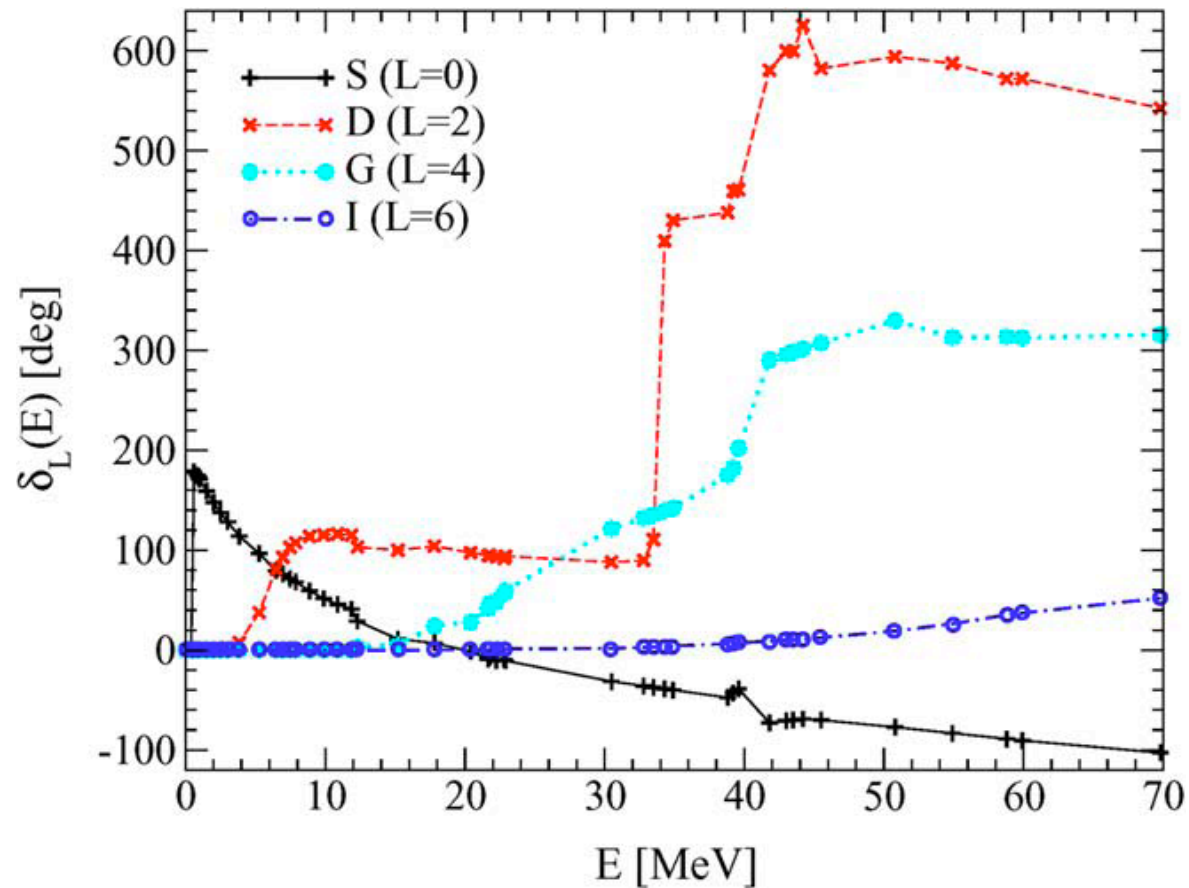


Total energy calculated with the cluster expansion within the HNC/0 (circles) and HNC/4 (solid lines) approximation.

Different interaction potentials

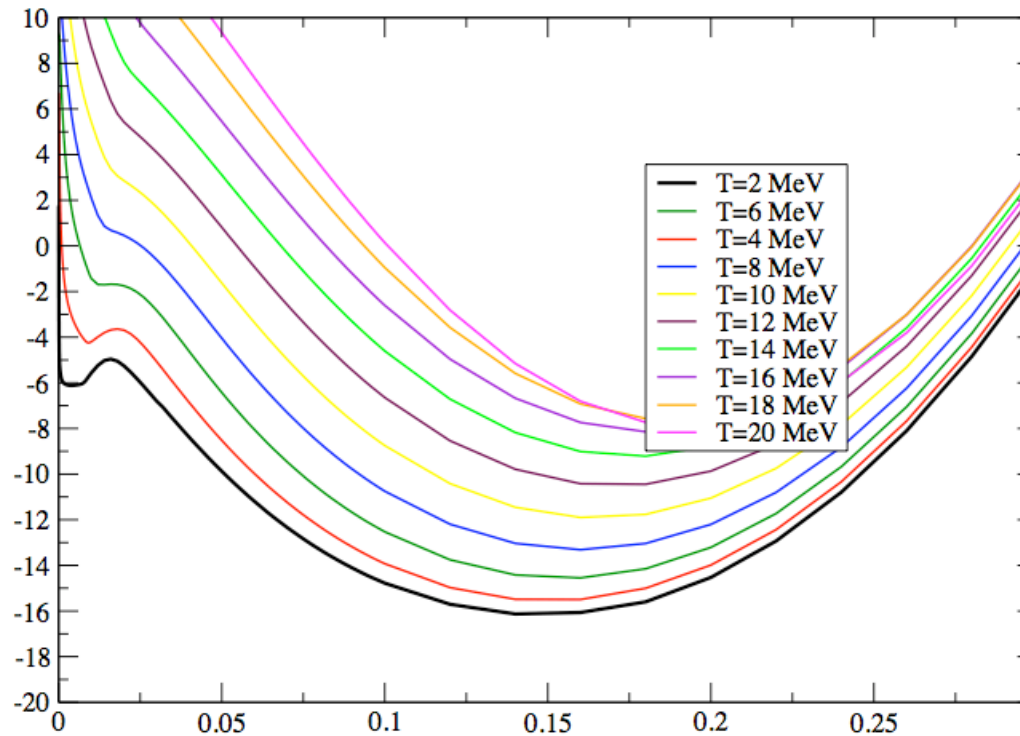
F.Carstoiu, S.Misicu, PLB, 2009

# Alpha-alpha scattering phase shifts



Horowitz & Schwenk,  
NPA (2006)

# Internal energy per nucleon



Quantum  
statistical  
approach:

Cluster ?

Condensate?

EOS for symmetric matter - low density region?

# Summary

- The low-density limit of the nuclear matter EoS can be rigorously treated. The **Beth-Uhlenbeck virial expansion** is a benchmark.
- An **extended quasiparticle approach** can be given for single nucleon states and nuclei. In a first approximation, **self-energy** and **Pauli blocking** is included. An interpolation between low and high densities is possible.
- Compared with the standard quasiparticle approach, significant changes arise in the low-density limit due to clustering. Examples are **Bose-Einstein condensation (quartetting)**, and the behavior of the **symmetry energy**.
- **Problems:** Instability of homogeneous matter at low temperatures, condensation energy for Bose condensate state (compare pairing)? „strict“ solution of the 4-nucleon equation including Pauli blocking?

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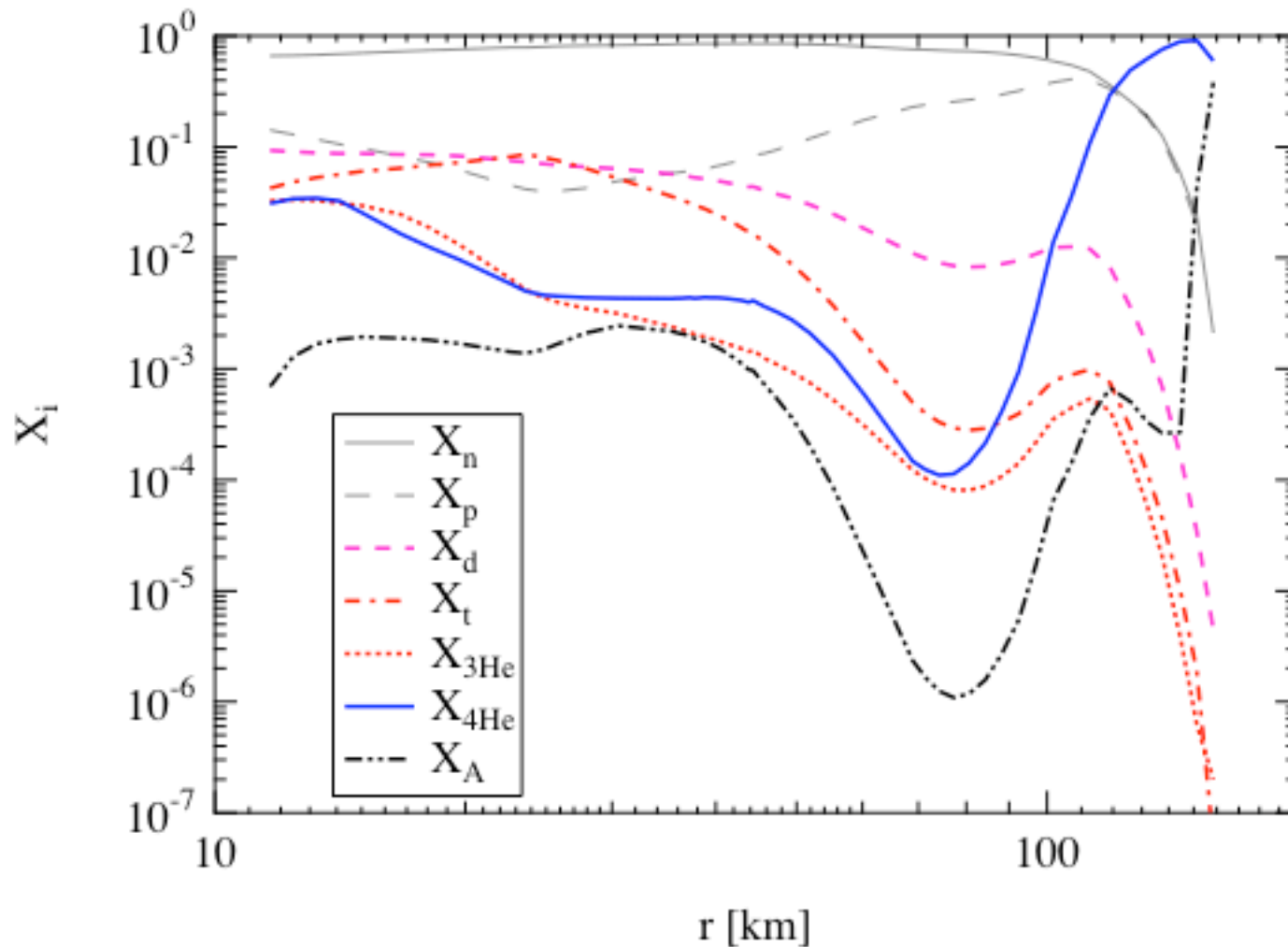
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# Astrophysical Applications

- Supernova explosions
- Neutrino transport
- Neutron star structure
- Equation of state (EOS)
- Composition
- Transport properties (cross sections)



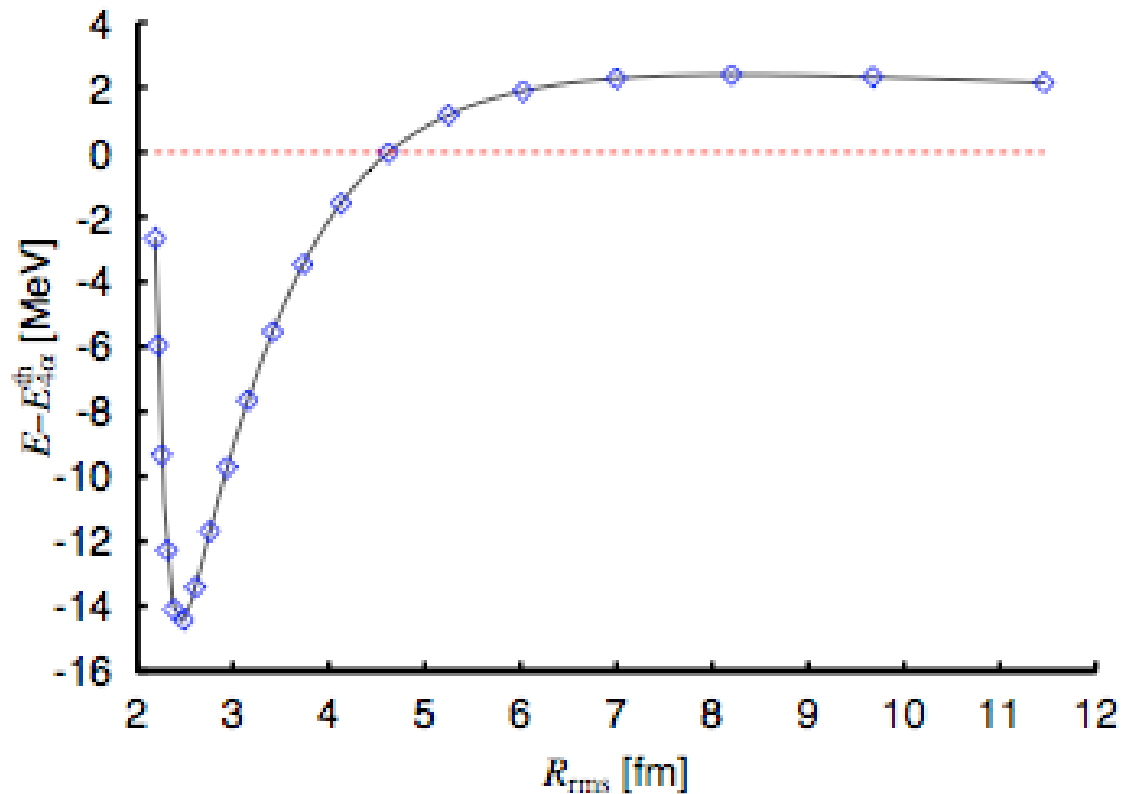
# Composition of supernova core



K. Sumiyoshi,  
G. R.,  
PRC 77,  
055804 (2008)

Mass fraction  $X$  of light clusters for a post-bounce supernova core

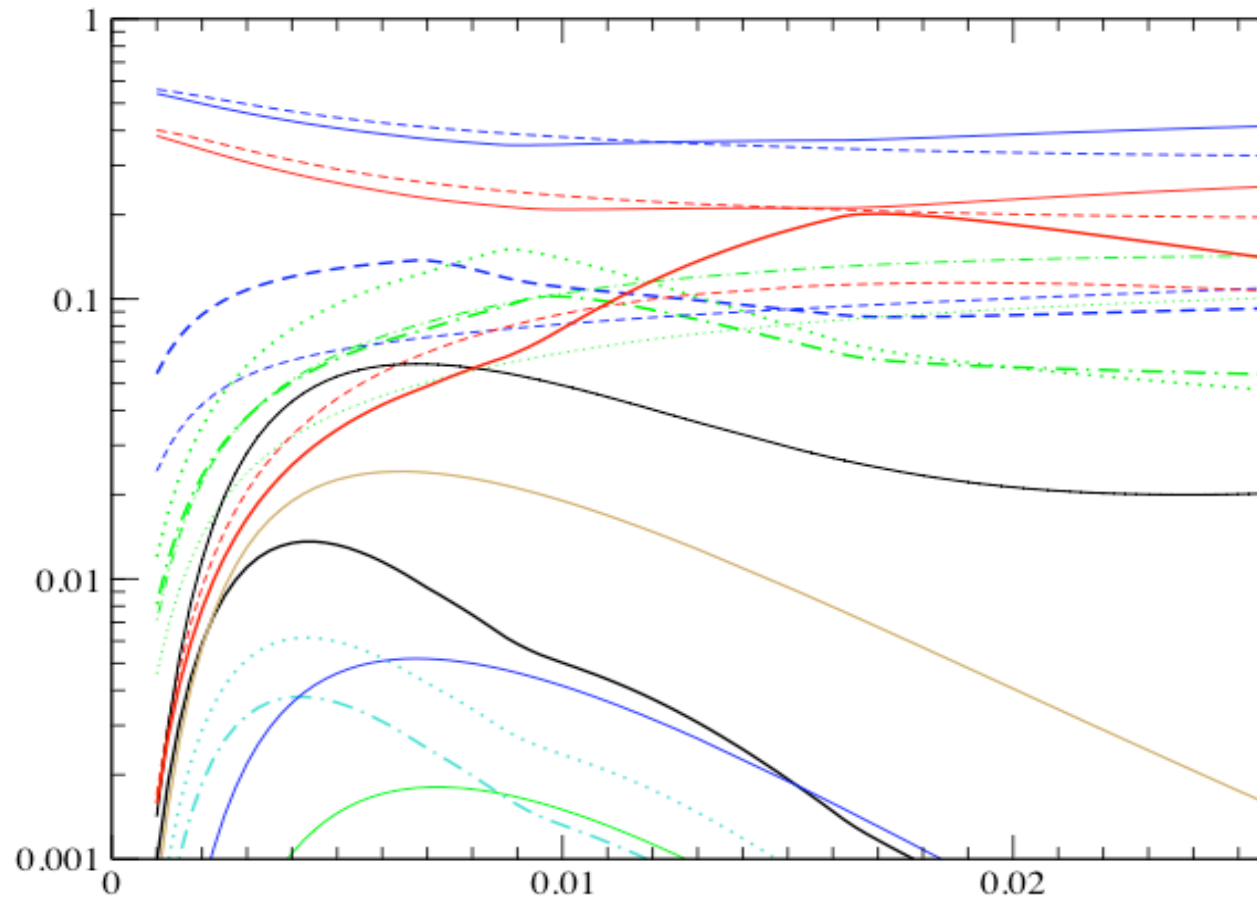
# Rms-dependence of condensate energies



Variational energy for the Gaussian condensate of 4 alpha

# Heavy nuclei abundances in nuclear matter

$T=10$  MeV, asymmetry 0.42, as function of baryon density



n, p, d, t, He3, He4, Li5,...

# Problems:

- Warm Dilute Matter: Nuclear matter at subsaturation densities ( $T, n_p, n_n$ ):  
Temperature  $T \leq 16 \text{ MeV} = E_s/A$ , baryon density  $n_B \leq 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3} = n_s$ , asymmetry
- Formation of clusters (nuclei in matter):  
 $A = 1,2,3,4$ : free neutrons, free protons, deuterons ( ${}^2\text{H}$ ), tritons ( ${}^3\text{H}$ ), helions ( ${}^3\text{He}$ ), alphas ( ${}^4\text{He}$ )
- Low-density, low-temperature limit:  
Virial expansion, non-interacting nuclides, quantum condensates
- Transition to higher densities:  
Medium effects, quasiparticles. Interpolation between Beth-Uhlenbeck and DBHF / RMF
- Cluster formation (correlations) vs. mean field:  
Consistent quantum-statistical approach

## Ideal mixture of reacting nuclides

$$n_p(T, \mu_p, \mu_n) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{A,\nu,K} Z_A f_A \{ E_{A,\nu K} - Z_A \mu_p - (A - Z_A) \mu_n \}$$

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(statistical multifragmentation)

mass number  $A$ ,

charge  $Z_A$ ,

energy  $E_{A,\nu,K}$ ,

$\nu$ : internal quantum number,

$K$ : center of mass momentum

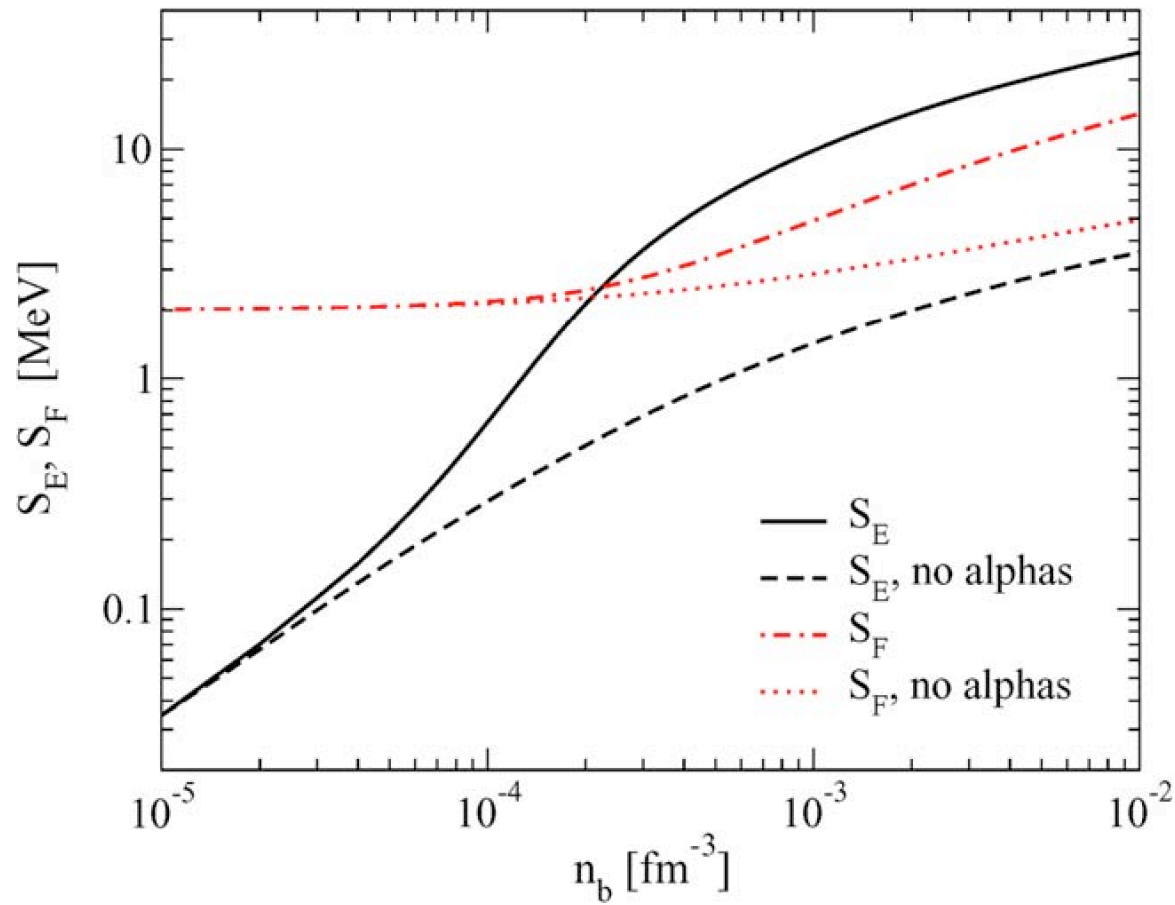
$$f_A(z) = \frac{1}{\exp(z/T) - (-1)^A}$$

# Virial expansion

- excited nuclei
- resonances
- scattering phase shifts (no double counting)
- virial expansions
- quantum statistical approach

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# Symmetry energy and symmetry free energy



$T=4\text{ MeV}$

Horowitz & Schwenk,  
NPA (2006)

# Few-particle Schrödinger equation in a dense medium

Four-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [E^{\text{HF}}(p_1) + E^{\text{HF}}(p_2) + E^{\text{HF}}(p_3) + E^{\text{HF}}(p_4)] \psi_{nP}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \\
 & + \sum_{p'_1 p'_2 p'_3 p'_4} \left\{ [1 - \underline{f(p_1)} - \underline{f(p_2)}] V(p_1 p_2, p'_1 p'_2) \delta_{p_3 p'_3} \delta_{p_4 p'_4} \right. \\
 & \quad + [1 - \underline{f(p_1)} - \underline{f(p_3)}] V(p_1 p_3, p'_1 p'_3) \delta_{p_2 p'_2} \delta_{p_4 p'_4} \\
 & \quad \left. + \text{permutations} \right\} \psi_{nP}(p'_1, p'_2, p'_3, p'_4) \\
 & = E_{nP} \psi_{nP}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)
 \end{aligned}$$



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$\alpha$ -cluster condensate in  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$ :

resonating group method → Yamada et al. (1994)

occupation numbers of  $\alpha$ -orbits in  $^{12}\text{C}$

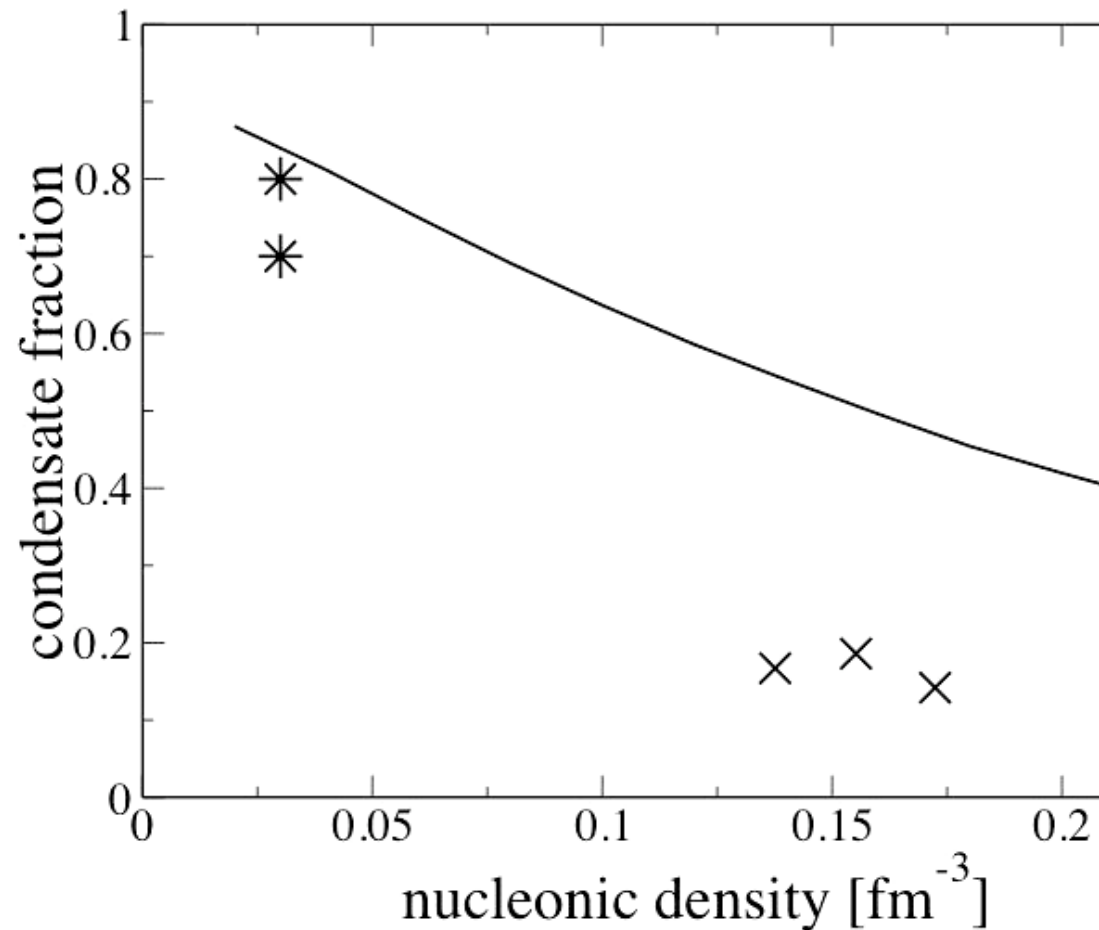
	RMS radii	S-orbit	D-orbit	G-orbit
$\text{O}_1^+$ (g.s.)	2.44 fm	1.07	1.07	0.82
$\text{O}_2^+$	4.31 fm	2.38	0.29	0.16

80 % condensate at 1/8 nuclear matter density

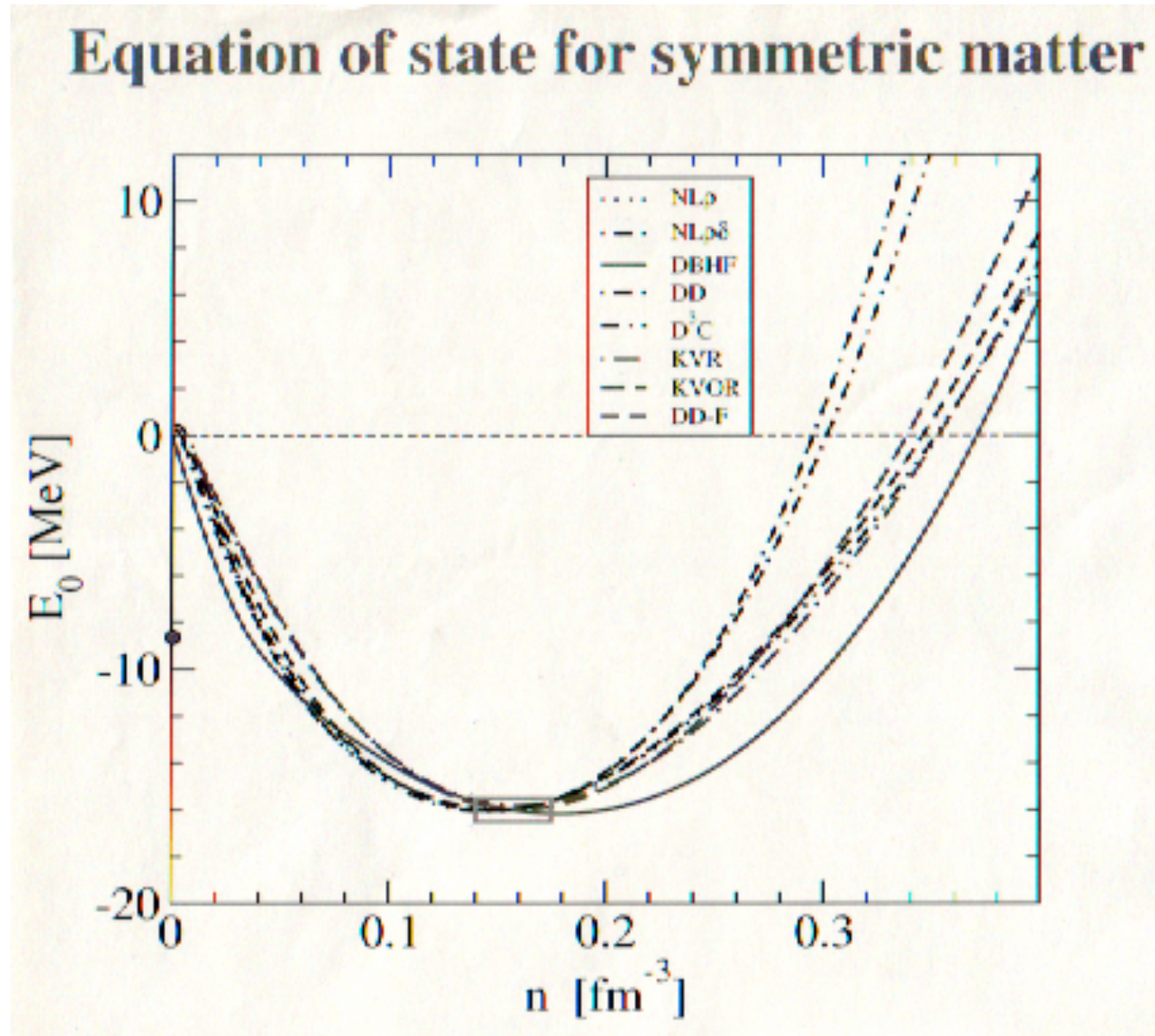
T. Yamada, P. Schuck:  $(2.16 - \text{normal})/3 \approx 60\%$

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## Quasiparticle approximation for nuclear matter



# Correlations in the medium

$$\Sigma_2 =$$

The equation shows six Feynman diagrams for the second-order self-energy  $\Sigma_2$ , each labeled with  $(2x)$ . The diagrams are arranged in two rows of three, separated by plus signs. Each diagram illustrates a fermion loop with a self-energy insertion, connected to external lines labeled with 'x' and arrows indicating direction.

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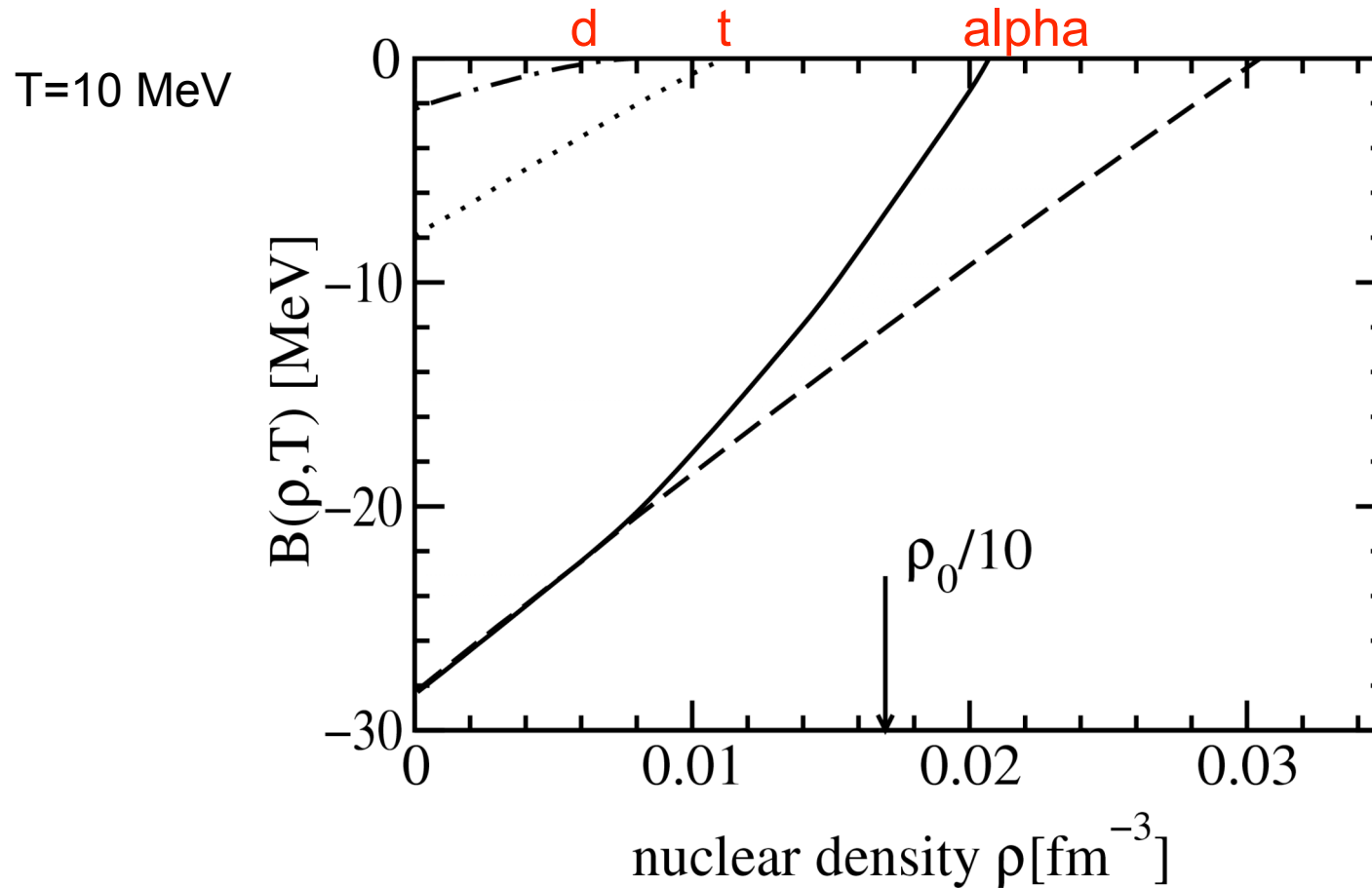
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Solution of the Faddeev-Yakubovskii equation with Pauli blocking





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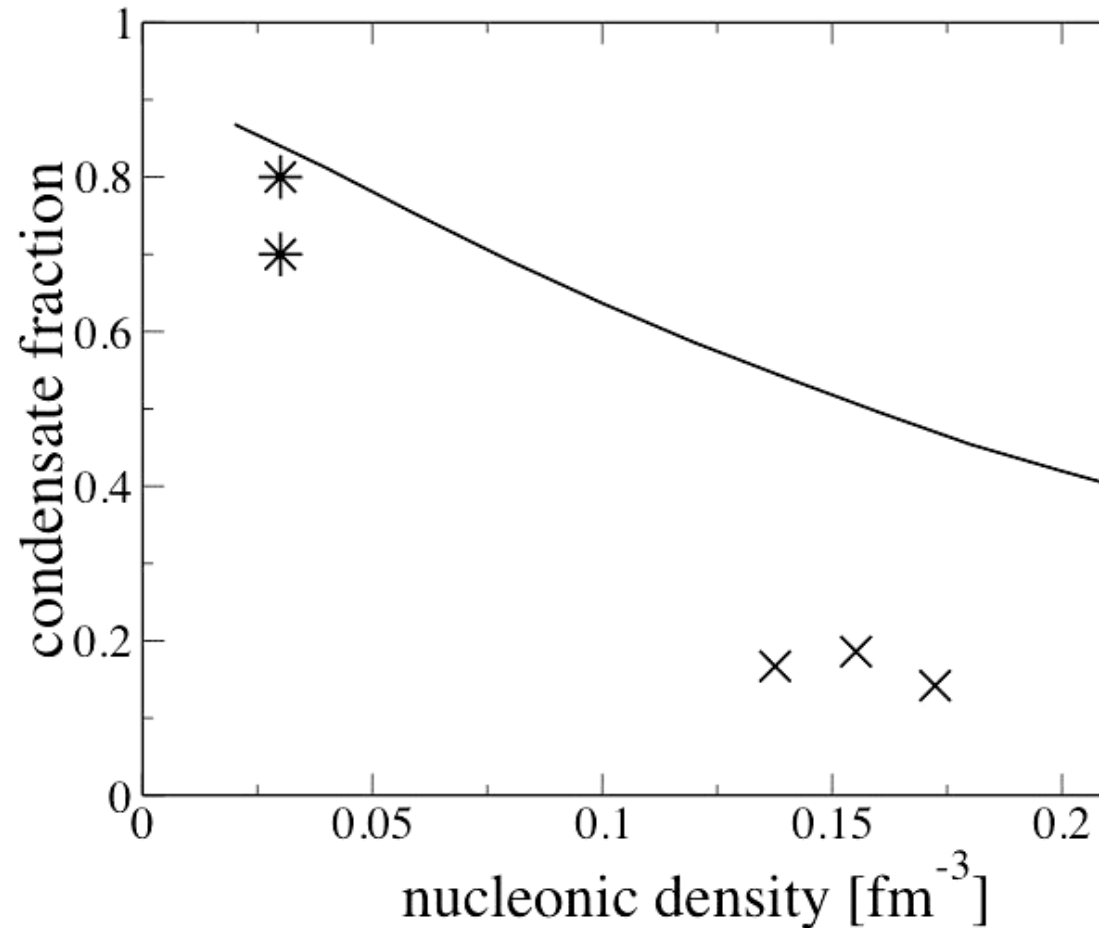
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