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Condensates and Correlations in Nuclear Matter

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Problems:

- Warm Dilute Matter: Nuclear matter at subsaturation densities:

Temperature $T \leq 16 \text{ MeV} = E_s/A$, baryon density $n_B \leq 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3} = n_s$.

- Formation of clusters (nuclei in matter):

$A = 1,2,3,4$: deuterons (d), tritons (t), helions (h), alphas (α)

- 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

Refs:

Particle clustering and Mott transition in nuclear matter at finite temperatures,

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M. Schmidt, G. Röpke, H. Schulz: Annals of Physics **202**, 57 - 99 (1990).

Outline

- Schrödinger equation with medium corrections:
Self-energy and Pauli blocking
- Composition of the nuclear gas:
Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck equation
- Quantum condensates:
Pairing and quartetting
- Composition and the EoS of nuclear matter
(astrophysics: supernovae explosions)
- Cluster formation in dilute nuclei
(Hoyle state and THSR wave function)
- Symmetry energy in the low-density region
(heavy ion collisions: cluster abundances)

Low-density EoS and astrophysics

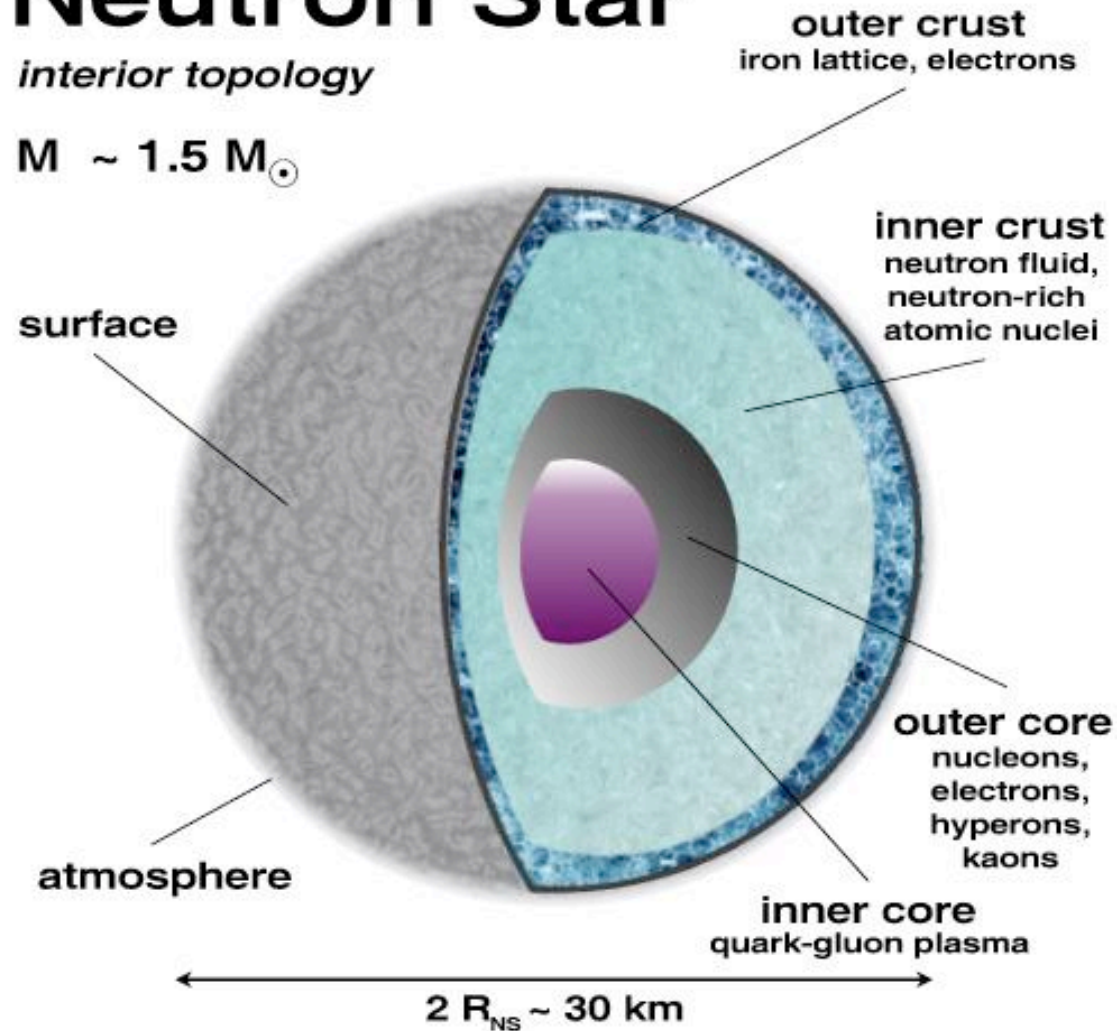
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Neutron stars

Neutron Star

interior topology

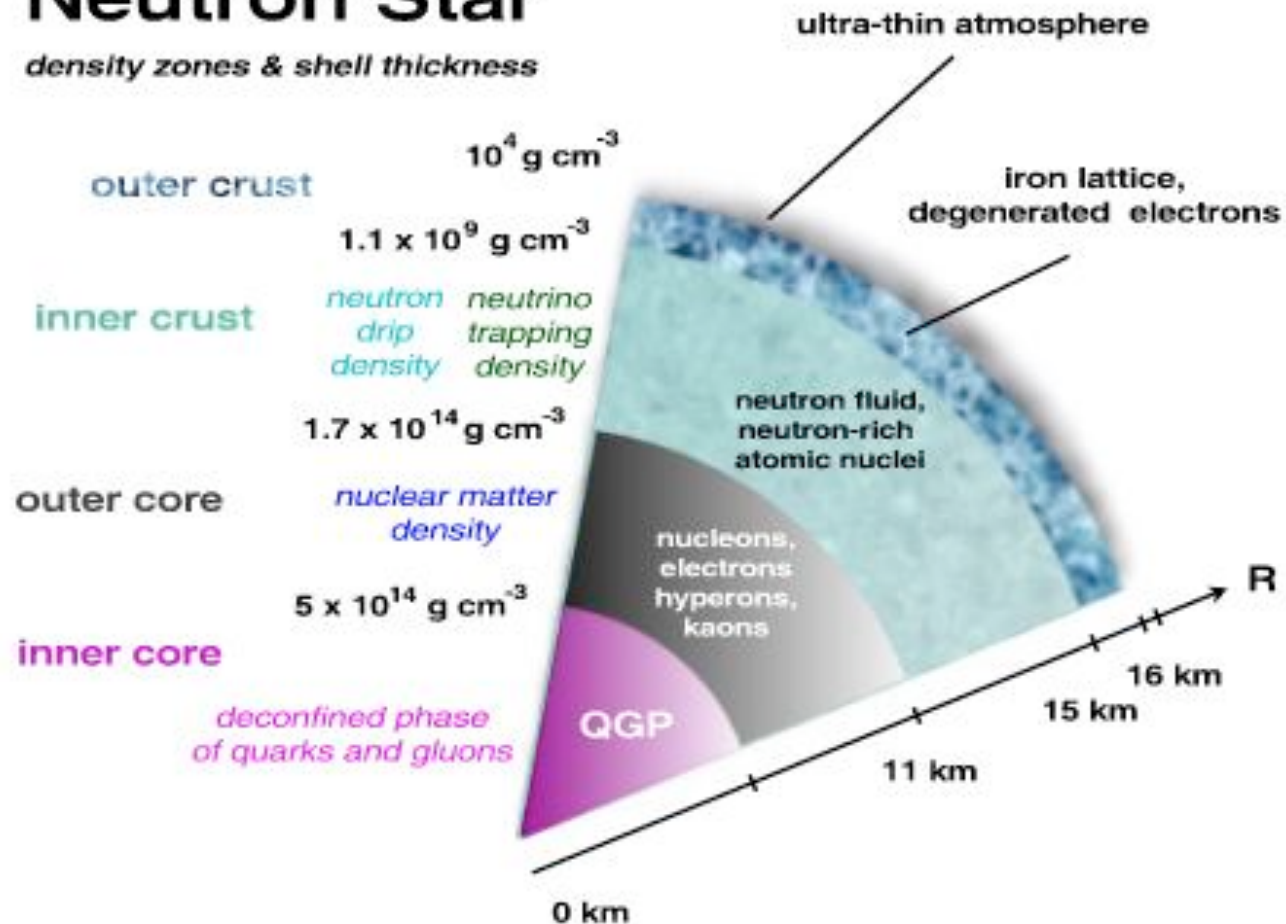
$M \sim 1.5 M_{\odot}$



Structure of a Neutron star

Neutron Star

density zones & shell thickness

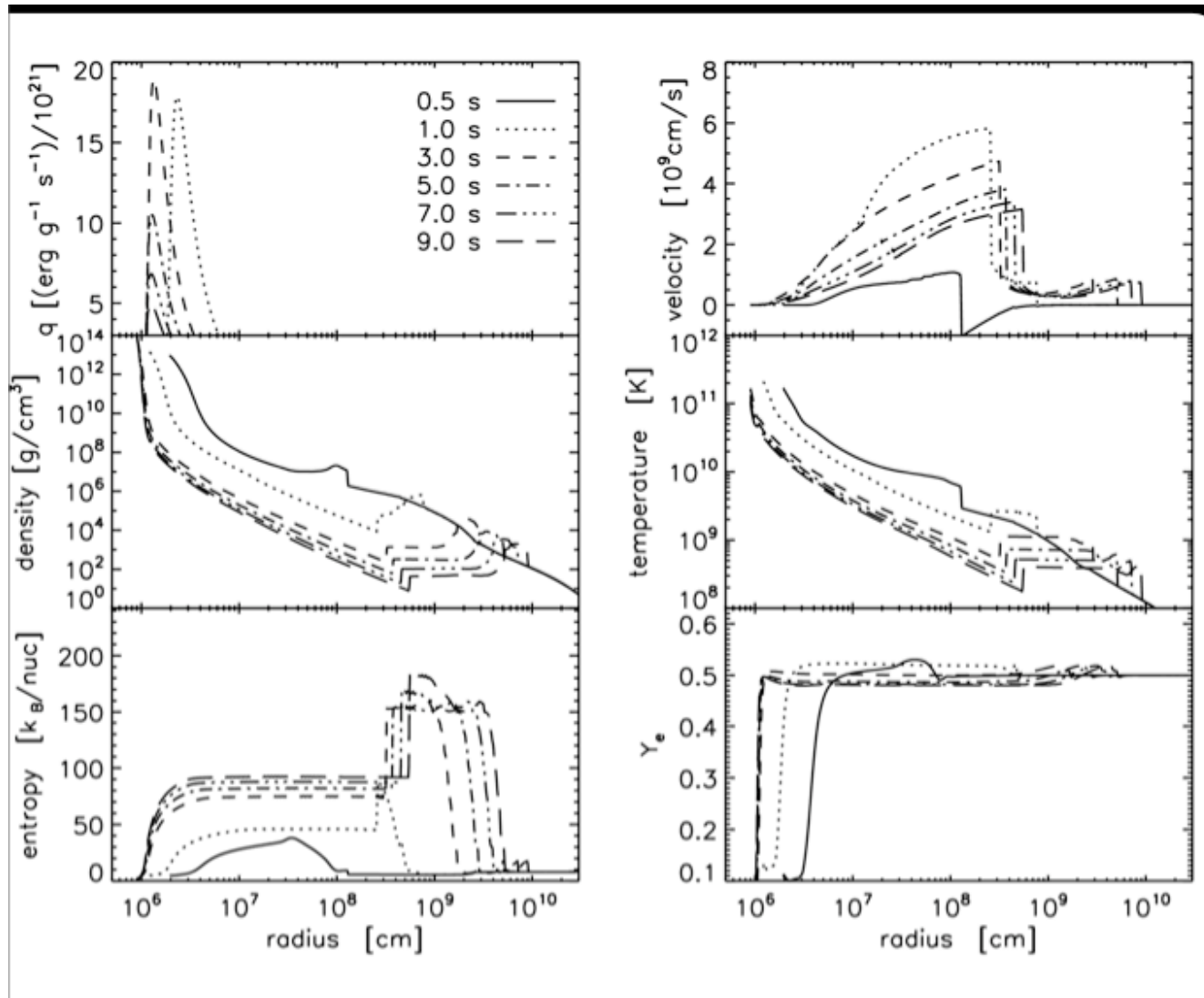


Supernova

Crab nebula, 1054 China, PSR 0531+21

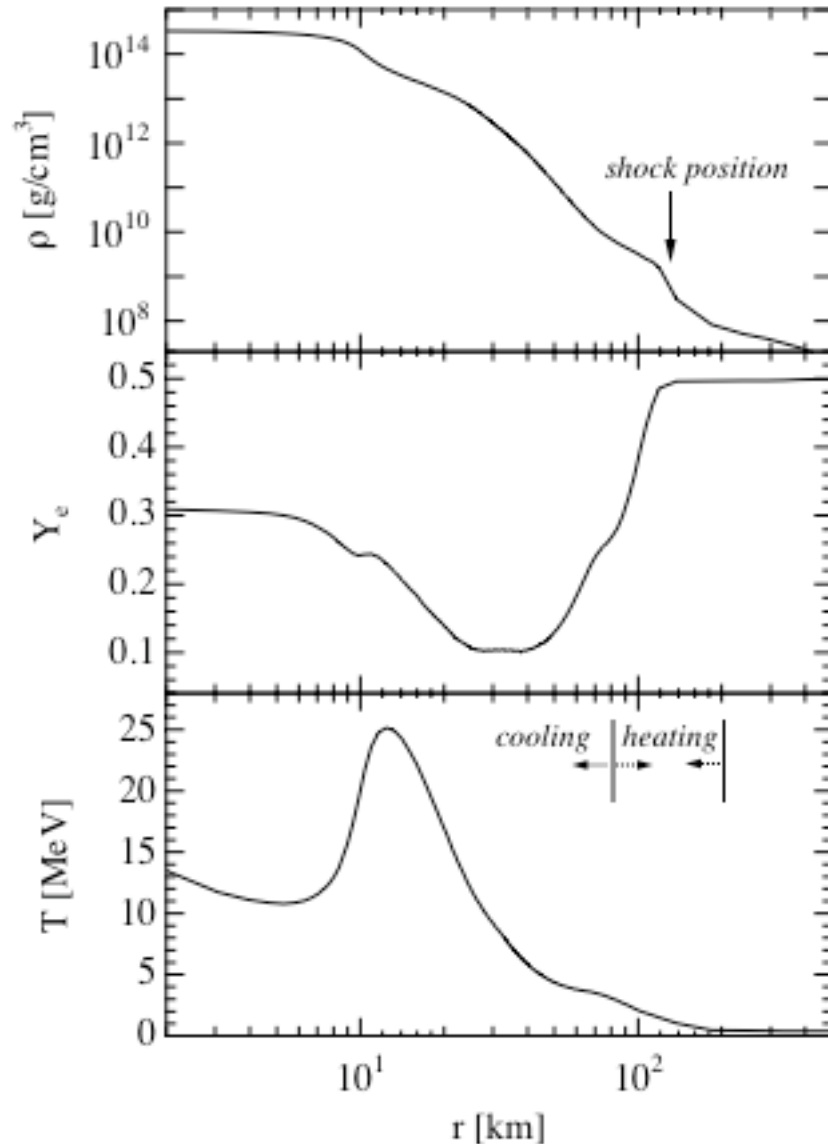


Supernova collapse: spherically symmetric simulations



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Neutrino driven winds
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Core-collapse supernovae



Density.

electron fraction, and

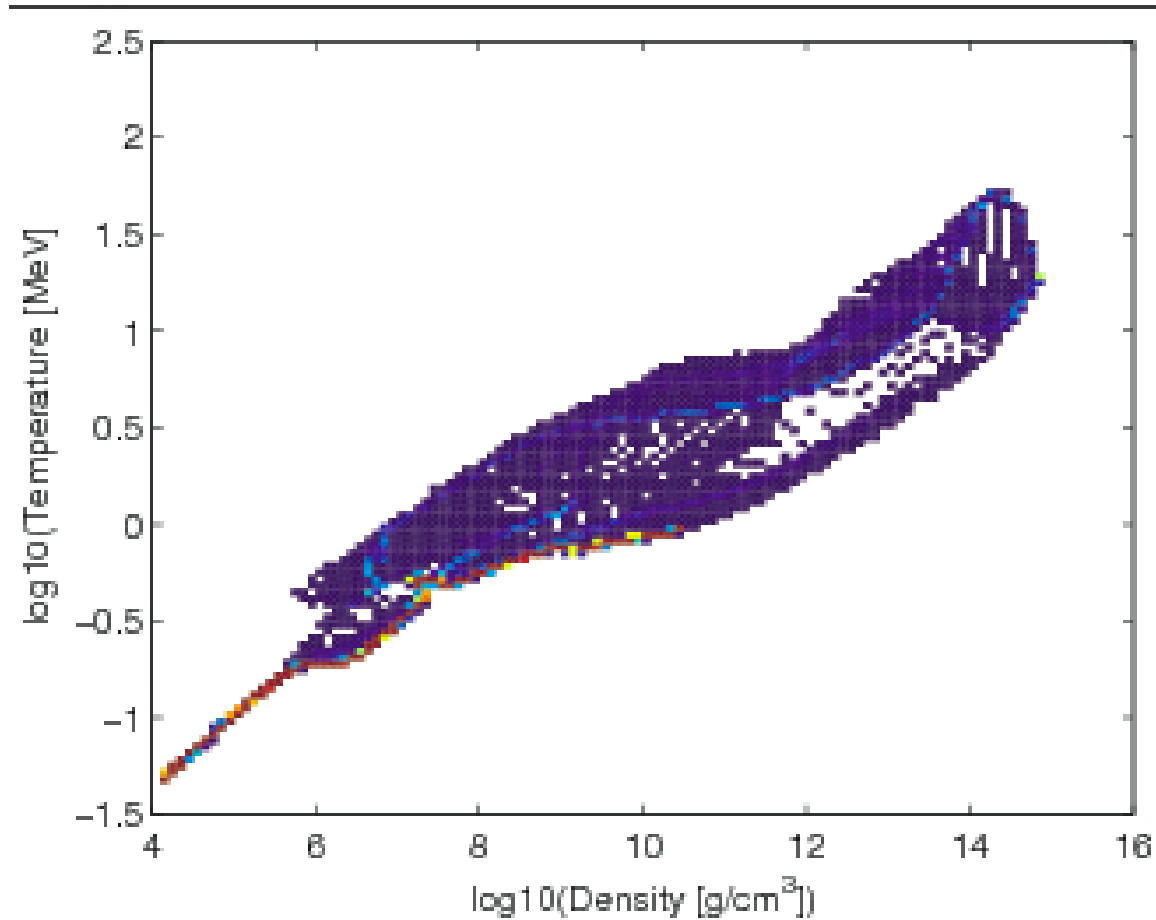
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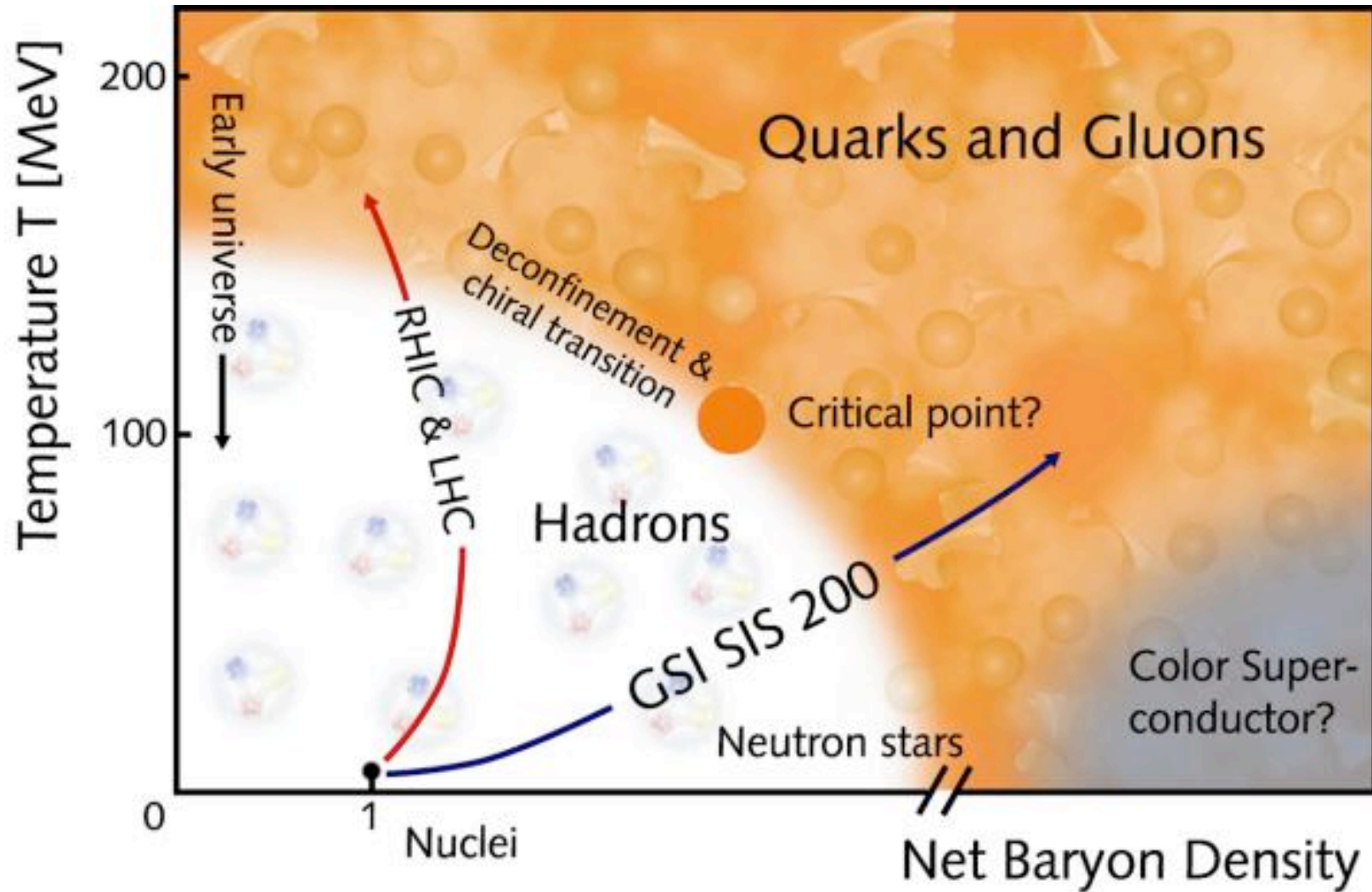
Parameter range: Explosion



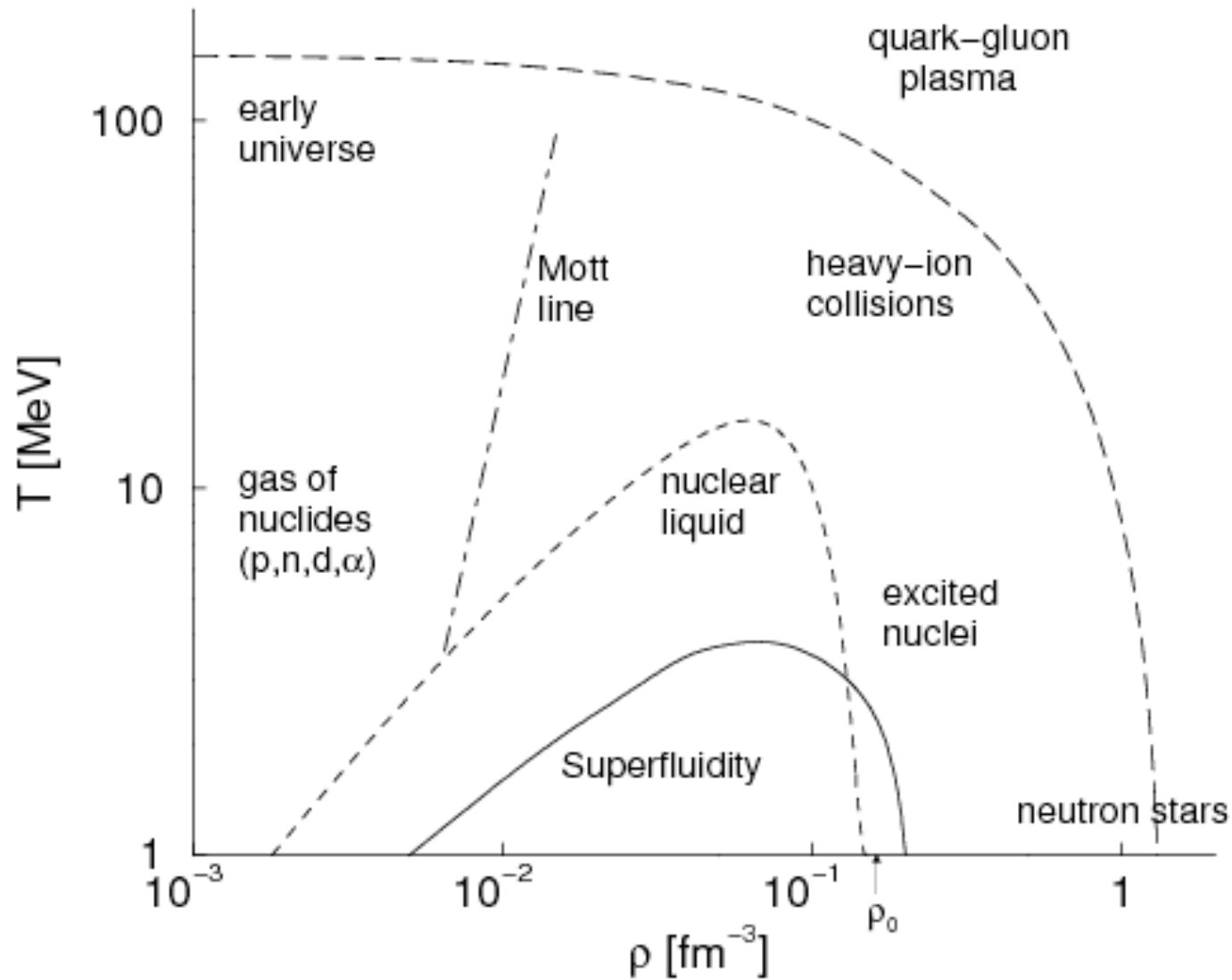
40 m_solar

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

Phase diagram: nuclear matter



Symmetric nuclear matter: Phase diagram



Correlations in low-density matter

- Ideal fermion gas of protons and neutrons?
- Formation of bound states: nuclei
- Medium modifications: quasiparticle concept
- Relativistic mean field approach, nucleons
- Cluster - mean field approach

Properties of light clusters

	binding energy	mass	spin	rms-radius
n	0	939.565 MeV/c ²	1/2	0.34 fm
p	0	938.783 MeV/c ²	1/2	0.87 fm
d	-2.225 MeV	1876.12 MeV/c ²	1	2.17 fm
t	-8.482 MeV	2809.43 MeV/c ²	1/2	1.70 fm
h	-7.718 MeV	2809.41 MeV/c ²	1/2	1.87 fm
α	-28.3 MeV	3728.40 MeV/c ²	0	1.63 fm

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 ,

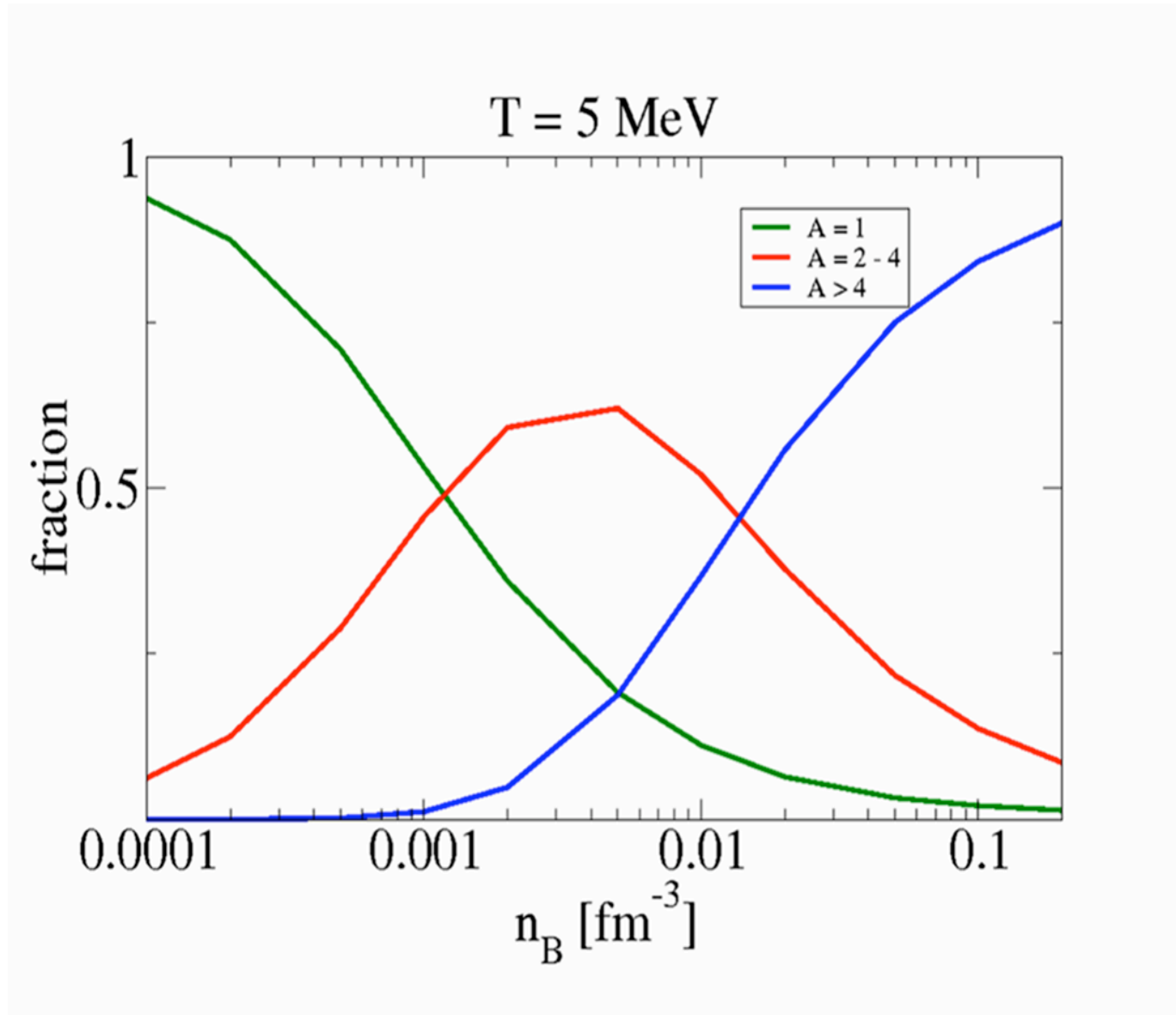
energy $E_{A, \nu, K}$,

ν internal quantum number,

$\sim K$ center of mass momentum

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

Composition of nuclear matter



Virial expansion

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

Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

rigorous results at low density: virial expansion

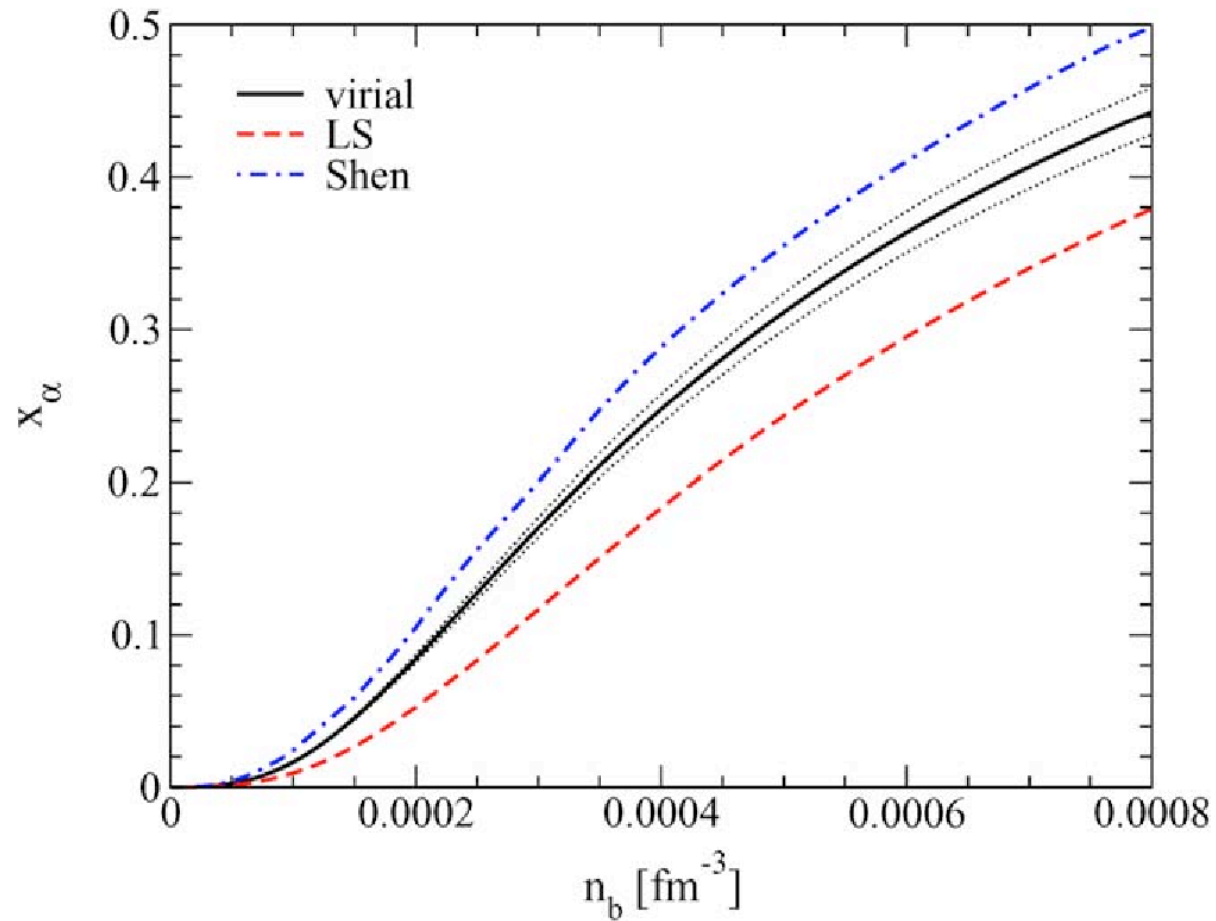
Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

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

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

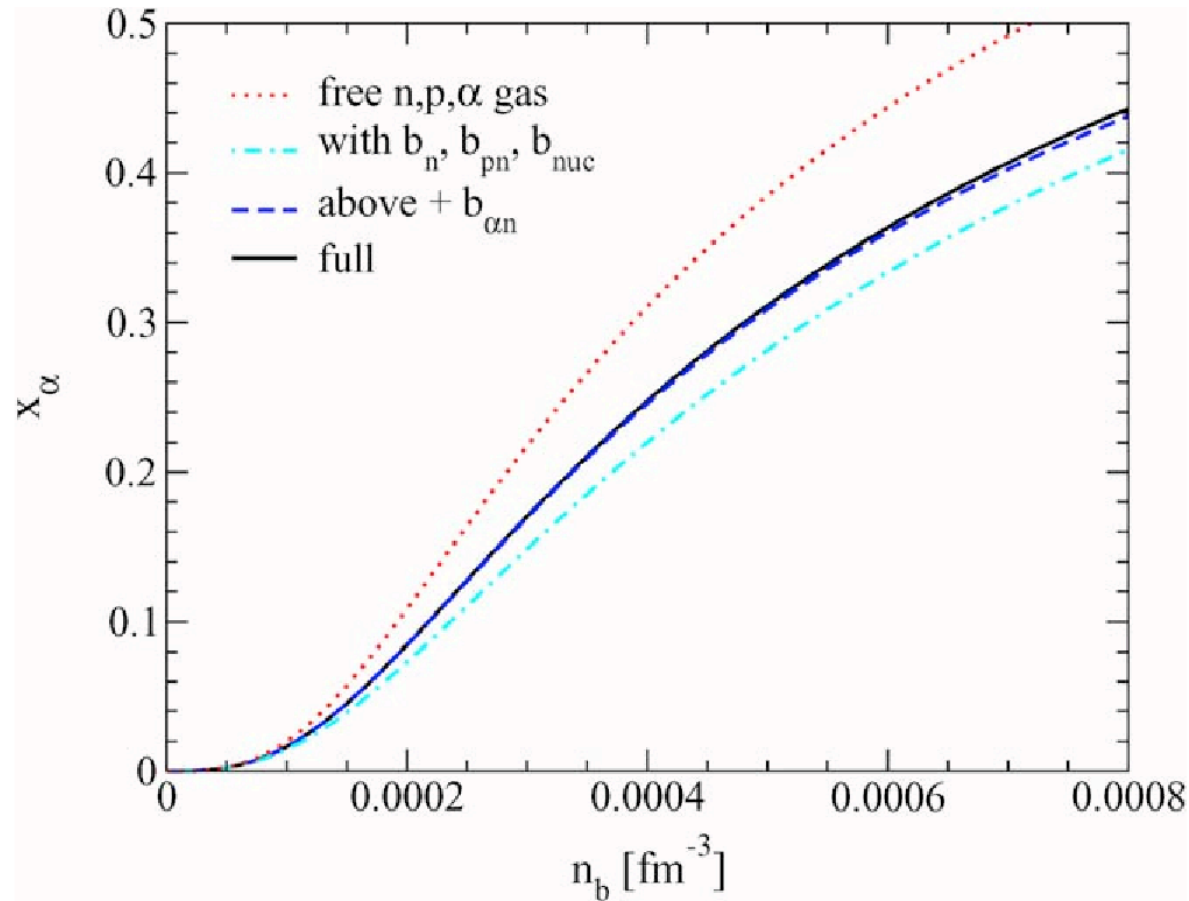
Alpha-particle fraction in the low-density limit

symmetric matter, $T=4$ MeV



Horowitz & Schwenk (2006), Lattimer & Swesty, (2001), Shen et al. (1998)

alpha - fraction at $T = 4$ MeV



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

Nucleon-nucleon interaction

- 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

$\alpha \dots$ channel

$N \dots$ rank

$\lambda_{\alpha ij}$ coupling parameter

L, L' orbital angular momentum

Separable nucleon-nucleon interaction

- **examples:**

- **Yamaguchi potential**

- Y. Yamaguchi, Phys. Rev. **95**, 1628 (1954)

- rank = 1, uncoupled, only S -waves**

- **PARIS-potential, PESTN**

- J. Haidenbauer and W. Plessas, Phys. Rev. **C 30**, 1822 (1984)

- consideration of partial waves up to $L = 2$**

- **BONN-potential, BESTN**

- Plessas et al., Few-Body Syst. Suppl. **7**, 251 (1994)

- consideration of partial waves up to $L = 3$**

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

Different approximations

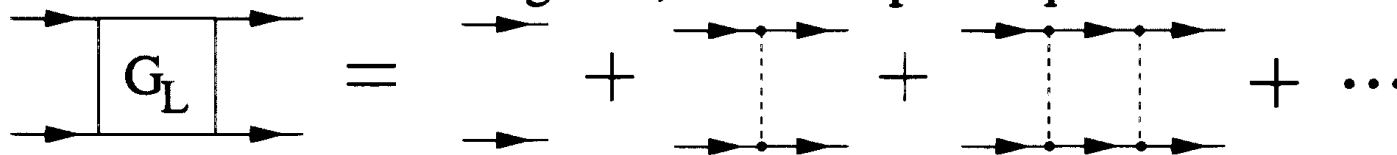
- Expansion for small $\text{Im } \Sigma(1, \omega + i\eta)$

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

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

Lagrangian: non-linear sigma

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \bar{\psi}_i [i\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - m_i - g_\sigma \sigma - g_\omega \gamma_\mu \omega^\mu - g_\rho \gamma_\mu \tau_a \rho_a^\mu] \psi_i \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{3} g_2 \sigma^3 - \frac{1}{4} g_3 \sigma^4 \\ & - \frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu + \frac{1}{4} c_3 (\omega_\mu \omega^\mu)^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{4} R_{\mu\nu}^a R^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \rho_\mu^a \rho_a^\mu .\end{aligned}$$

TM1 parameters

- Shen et al. (1998)

Parameter	Numerical	value
m_p	938.783	MeV
m_n	939.565	MeV
m_σ	511.19777	MeV
m_ω	783.0	MeV
m_ρ	770.0	MeV
g_σ	10.02892	
g_ω	12.61394	
g_ρ	4.63219	
g_2	-7.23247	fm^{-1}
g_3	0.61833	
c_3	71.30747	

Quasiparticle energies

- Skyrme
- relativistic mean field (RMF)

$$e_i(k) = \sqrt{(m_i c^2 - S(n_B, \delta, T))^2 + \hbar^2 c^2 k^2} + V_i(n_B, \delta, T)$$

$$n_i = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^2}{\exp[e_i(k)/k_B T - \mu_i/k_B T] + 1}$$

Single particle modifications

- effective mass

$$m_i^* = m_i + g_\sigma \sigma_0,$$

- energy shift

$$E_p(k; T, \mu_p, \mu_n) = \sqrt{k^2 + m_p^{*2}} + g_\omega \omega_0 + g_\rho \rho_0,$$

$$E_n(k; T, \mu_p, \mu_n) = \sqrt{k^2 + m_n^{*2}} + g_\omega \omega_0 - g_\rho \rho_0$$

DD-RMF (Type1, 2007)

- scalar field

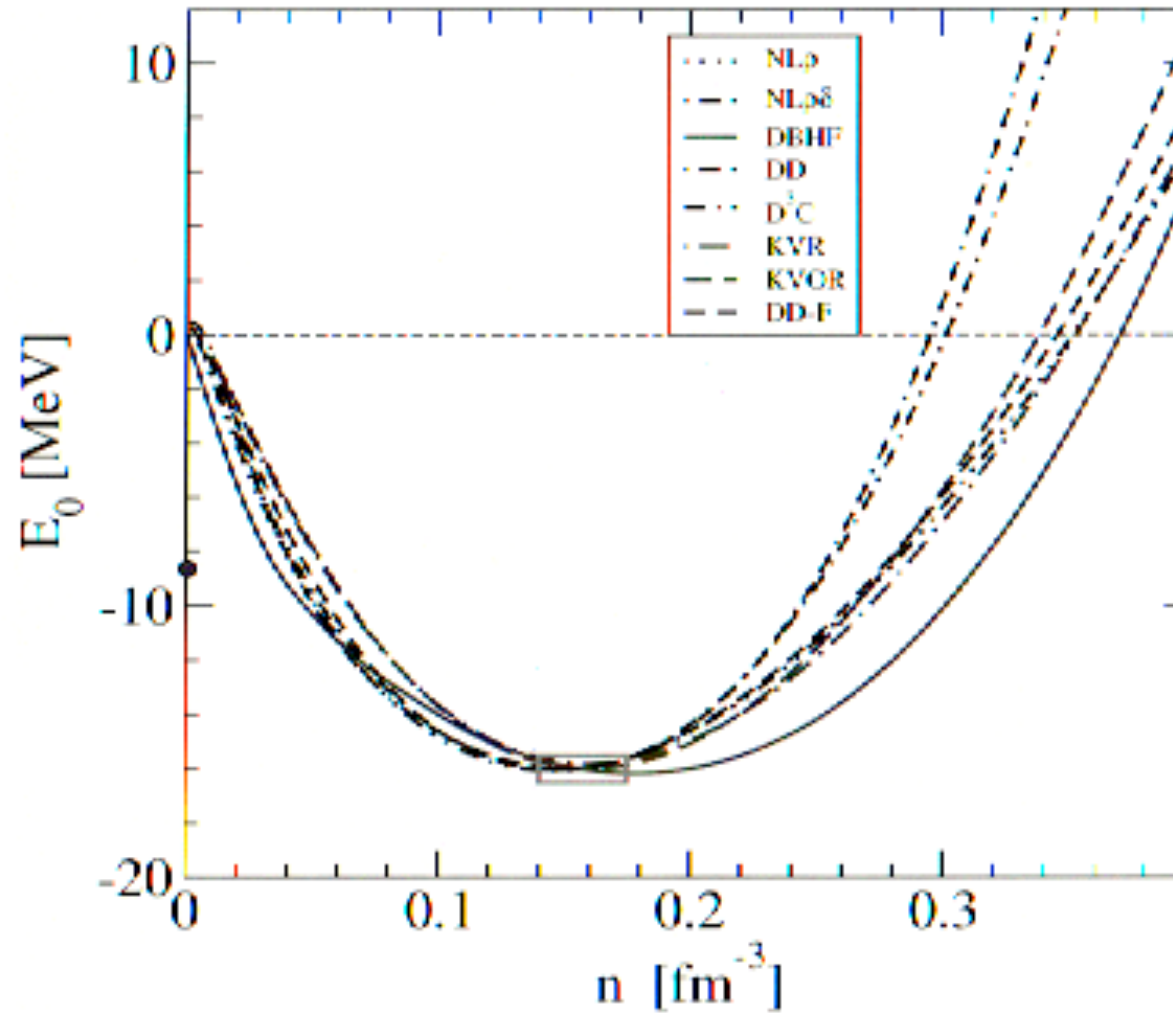
$$\begin{aligned} S(n_B, \delta, T) = & n_B[(4524.13 - 6.926T) - 14.5157/4\delta^2 + 0.833943/16\delta^4 - 9.00693/64\delta^6] \\ & + n_B^2[-19190.7 - 2426.57/4\delta^2 - 317.732/16\delta^4 - 1547.38/64\delta^6] \\ & + n_B^3[62169.5 + 2521.29/4\delta^2 + 3470.28/16\delta^4] \\ & + n_B^4[-91005.1 + 3984.82/4\delta^2 - 9148.6/16\delta^4]; \end{aligned}$$

- vector fields

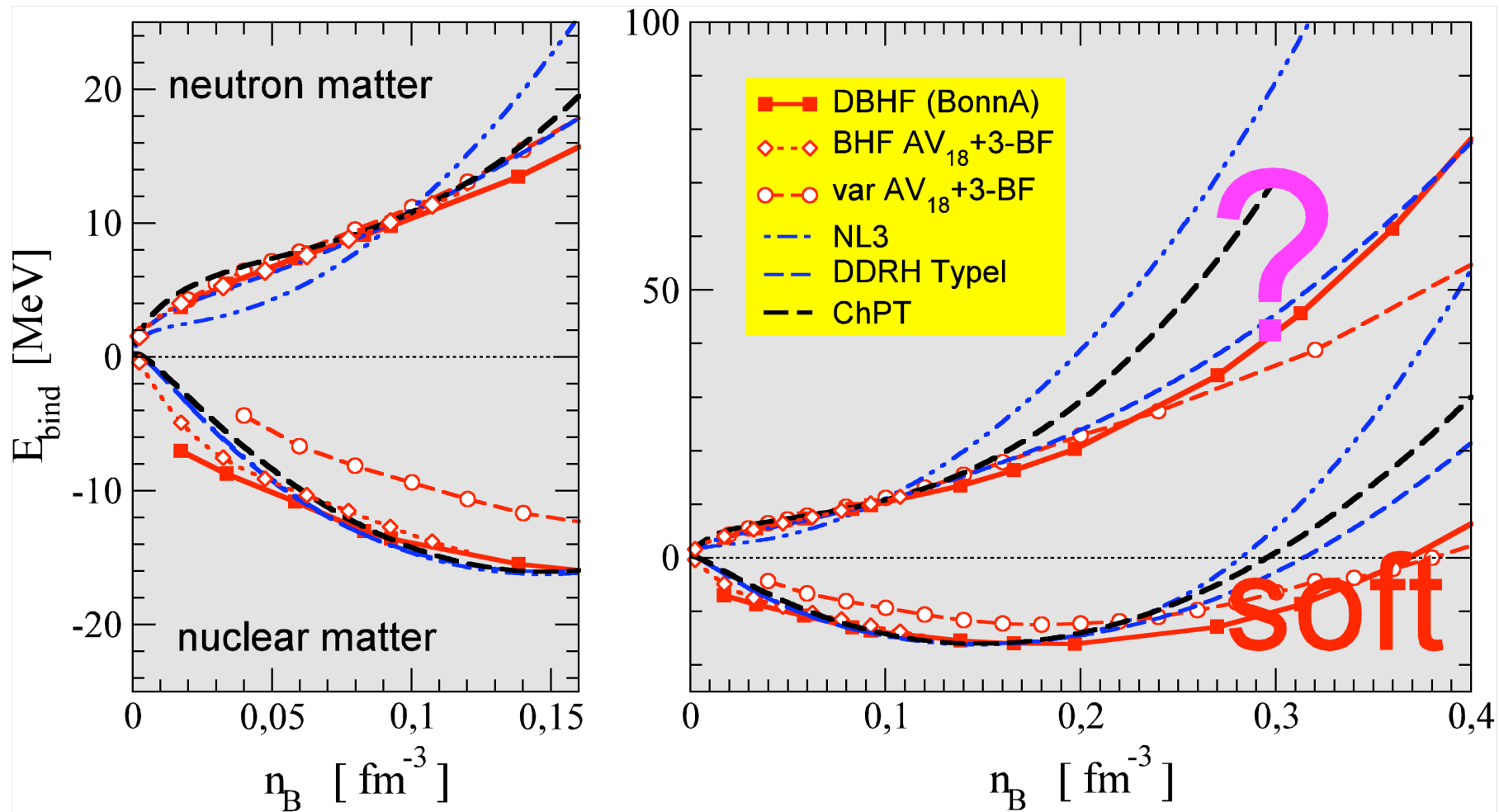
$$\begin{aligned} V_p(n_B, \delta) = V_n(n_B, -\delta) = & n_B[3462.24 + 946.705/2\delta - 0.334508/4\delta^2] \\ & + n_B^2[-11312.4 - 6246.21/2\delta - 6353.53/4\delta^2 - 0.099478/8\delta^3] \\ & + n_B^3[20806.1 + 18717.6/2\delta + 29298./4\delta^2 - 0.490543/8\delta^3] \\ & + n_B^4[352.371 - 24887.2/2\delta - 39807.4/4\delta^2 - 0.346218/8\delta^3]. \end{aligned}$$

Quasiparticle approximation for nuclear matter

Equation of state for symmetric matter



RMF and DBHF



Different approximations

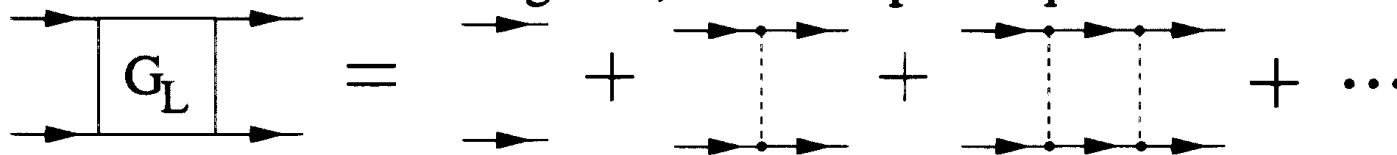
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low density limit:

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

$$\Sigma = \text{Diagram: a box labeled } T_2^L \text{ with a loop on top containing an arrow pointing left.}$$

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

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

Effective wave equation for the deuteron in matter

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

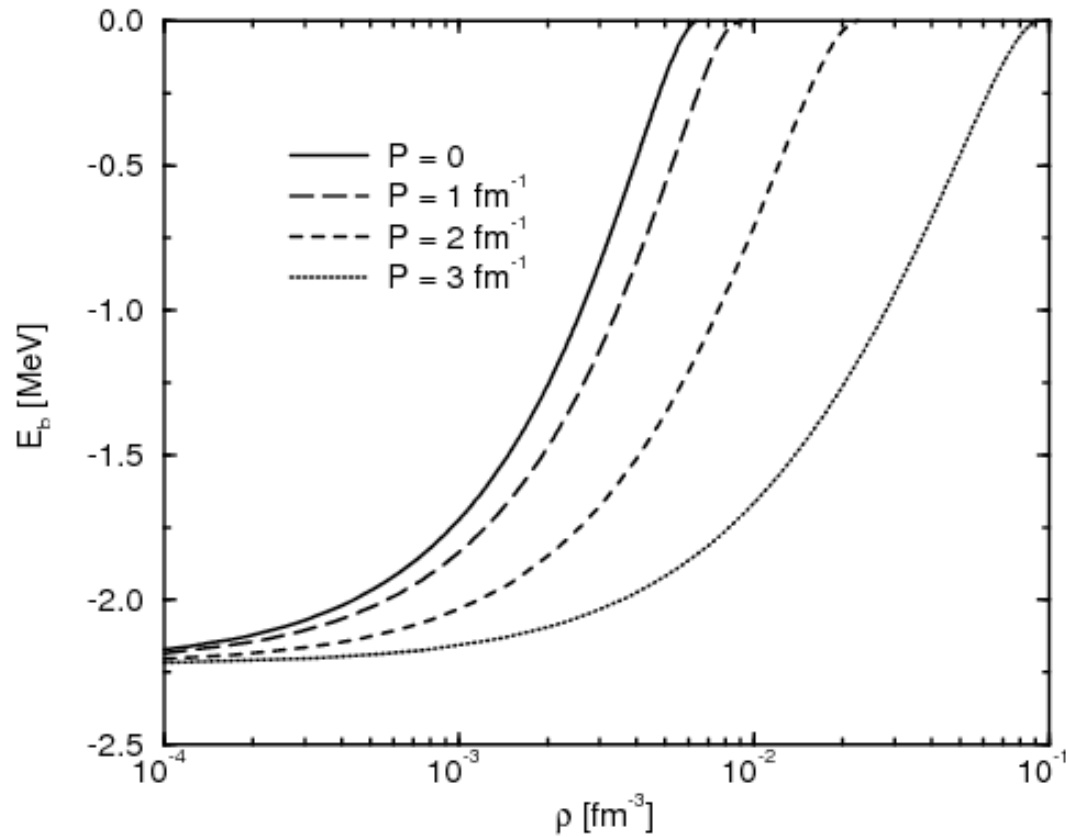
Pauli-blocking

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

Fermi distribution function

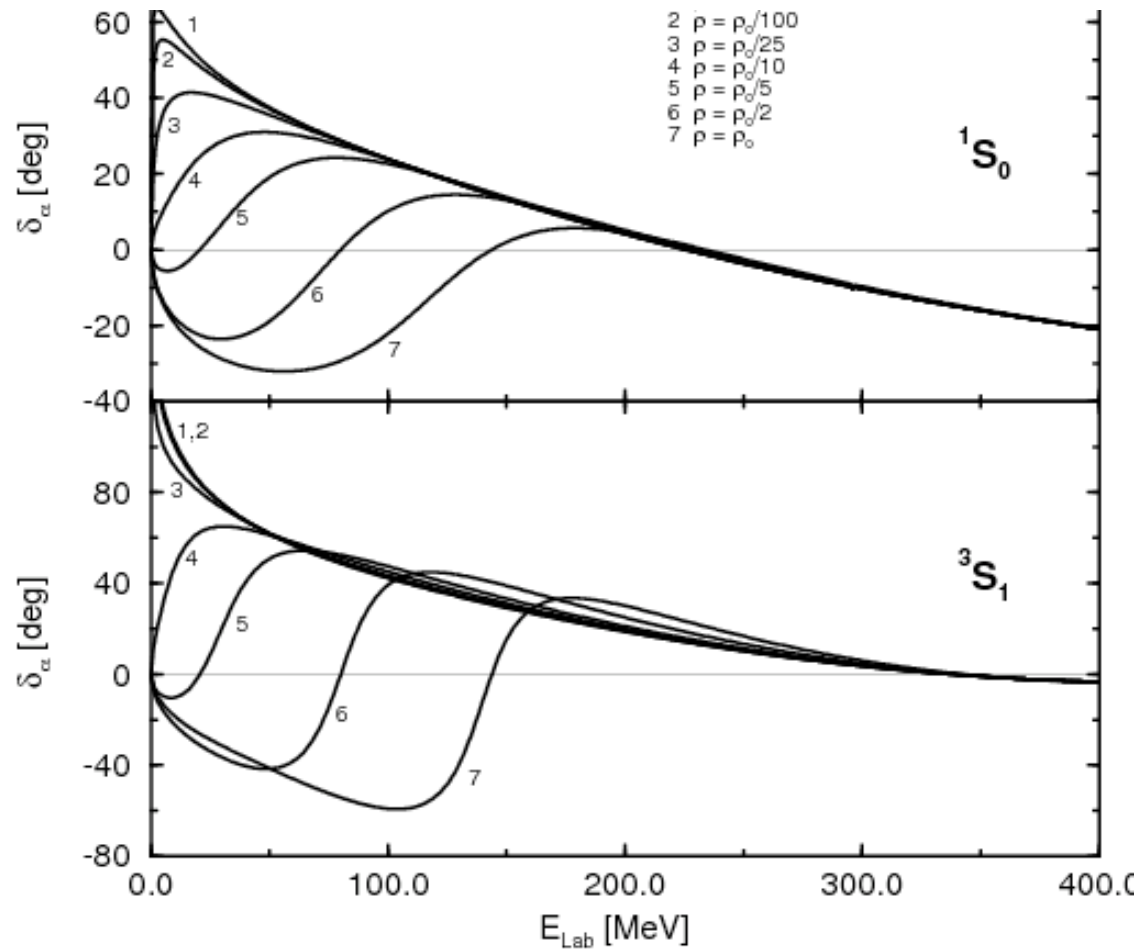
$$f_p = \left[e^{(p^2/2m - \mu)/k_B T} + 1 \right]^{-1}$$

Deuterons in nuclear matter



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

Scattering phase shifts in matter



Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

- quantum gas
- medium modifications

$$n(T, \mu) = n_1(T, \mu) + n_2(T, \mu)$$

contribution of free quasiparticles

$$n_1(T, \mu) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_p \frac{1}{e^{(E^{\text{HF}}(p) - \mu)/k_B T} + 1}$$

$(E^{\text{HF}}(p))$: quasiparticle energy)

contribution of two-particle correlations

$$n_2(T, \mu) = n_2^{\text{bound}}(T, \mu) + n_2^{\text{scatt}}(T, \mu)$$

Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

$$n_2^{\text{bound}}(T, \mu) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{nP} \frac{1}{e^{(E_{nP}^{\text{mean field}} - 2\mu)/k_B T} - 1},$$
$$n_2^{\text{scatt}}(T, \mu) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\alpha P} \int_0^\infty \frac{dE}{2\pi} \frac{1}{e^{(E_{\alpha P}^{\text{mean field}} + E - 2\mu)/k_B T} - 1} \sin^2(\delta_\alpha(E)) \frac{d}{dE} \delta_\alpha(E)$$

Composition: (ionization degree)

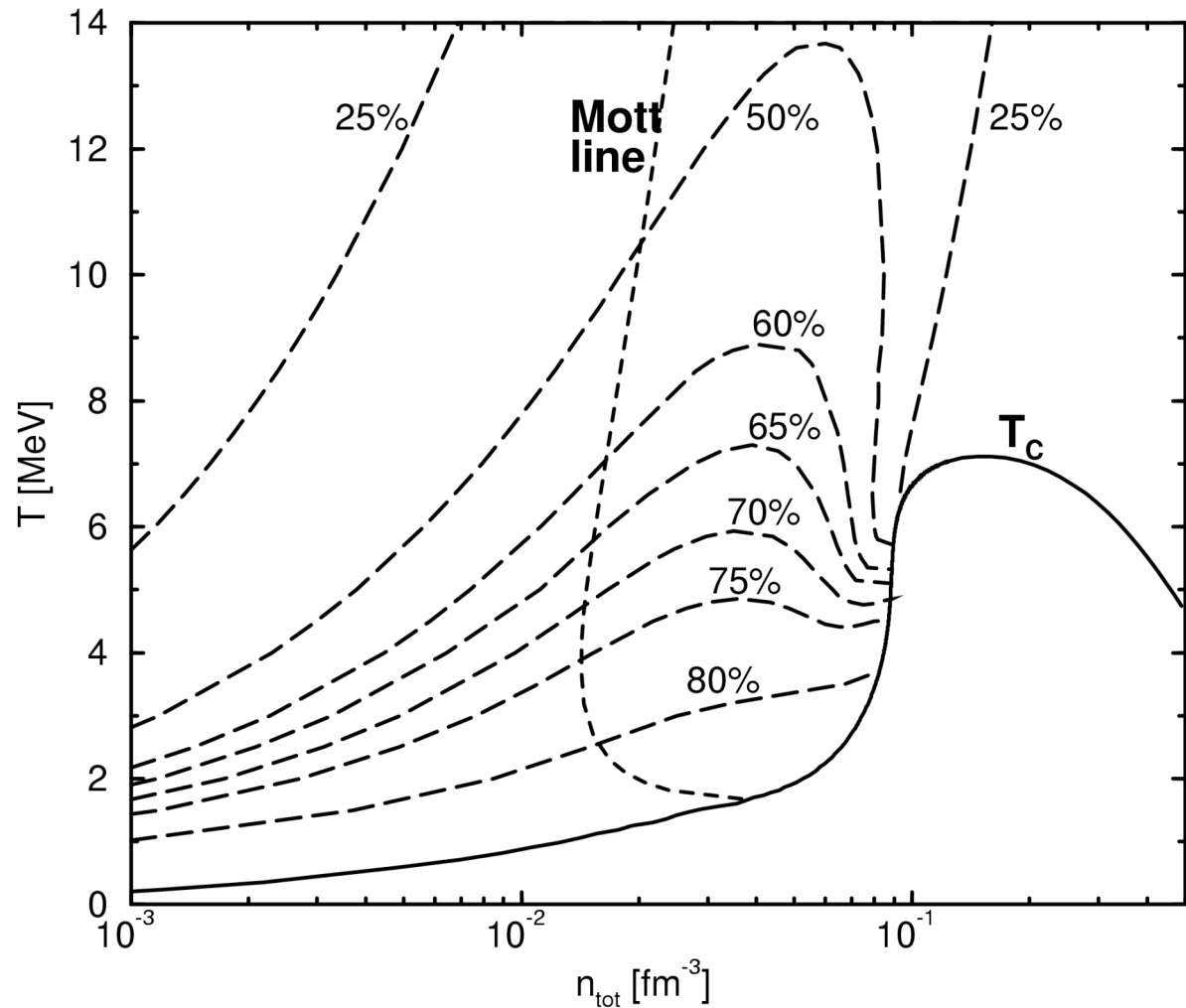
correlated part $\frac{n_2(T, \mu)}{n(T, \mu)}$

Bose distribution function: Quantum condensates

Composition of symmetric nuclear matter

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

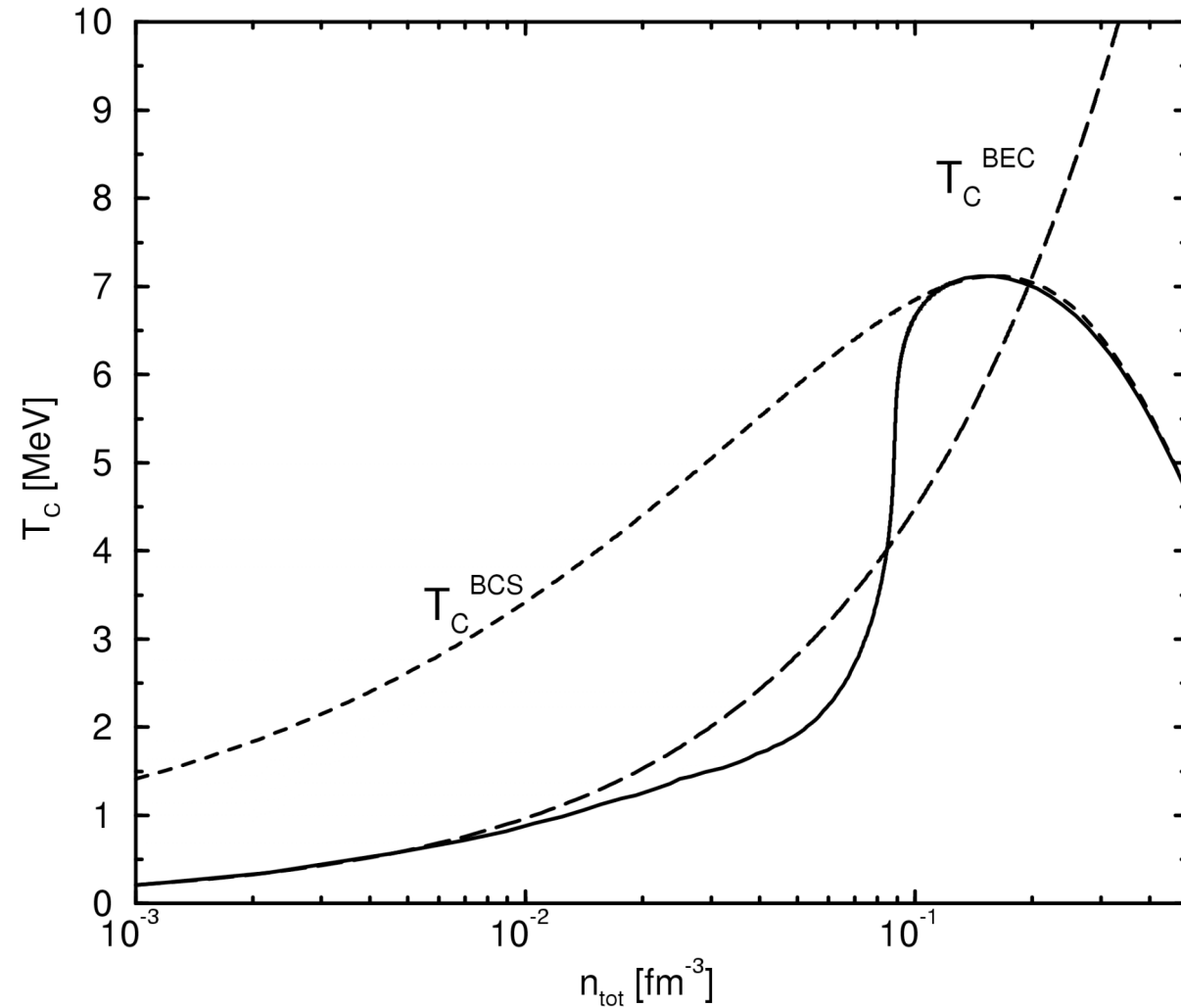
H. Stein et al.,
Z. Phys. **A351**, 259 (1995)



Quantum condensate

Bose-Einstein-
Condensation
of deuterons
(BEC)

Bardeen-Cooper
Schrieffer
pairing
(BCS)



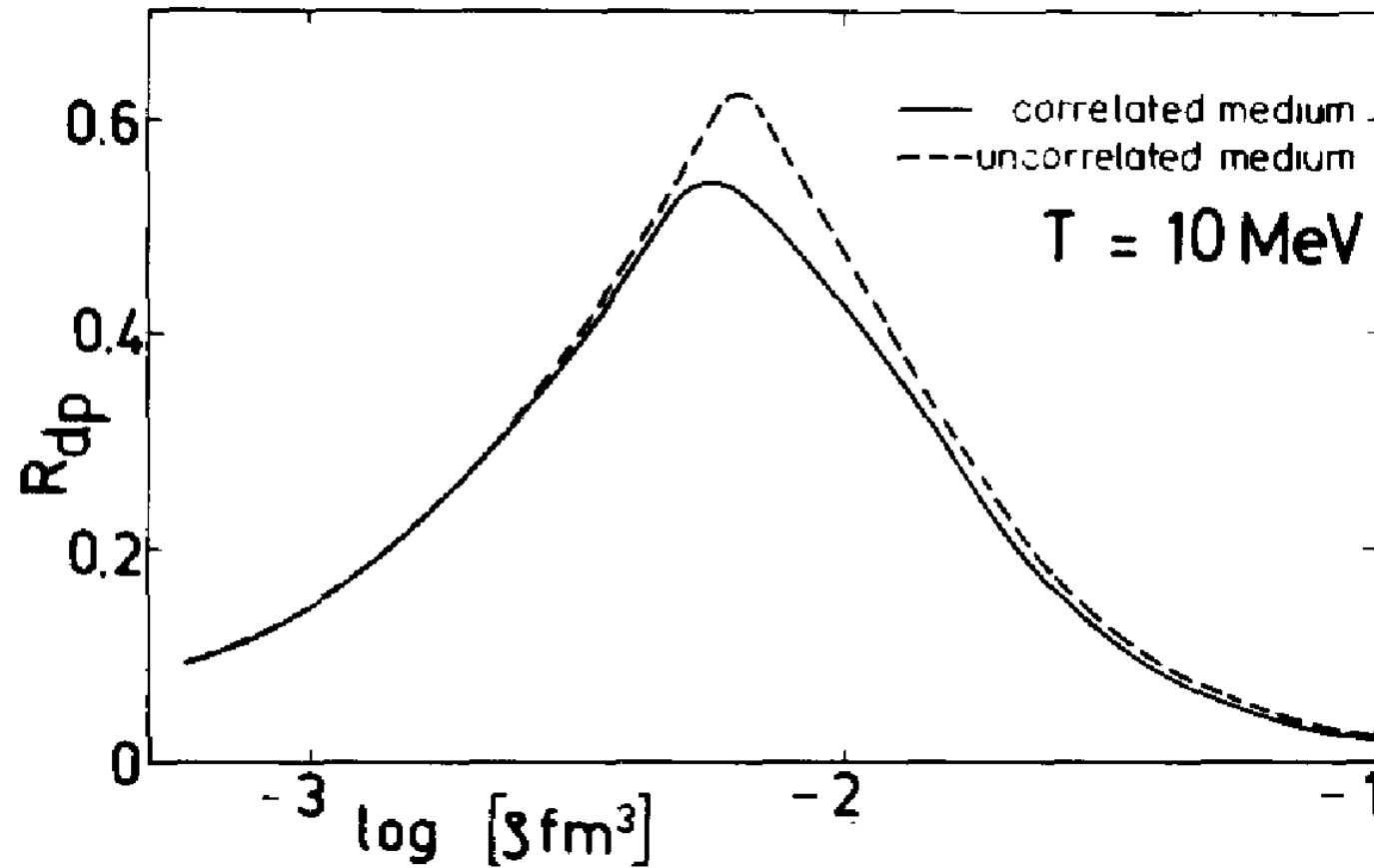
Correlations in the medium

$$\Sigma_2 =$$

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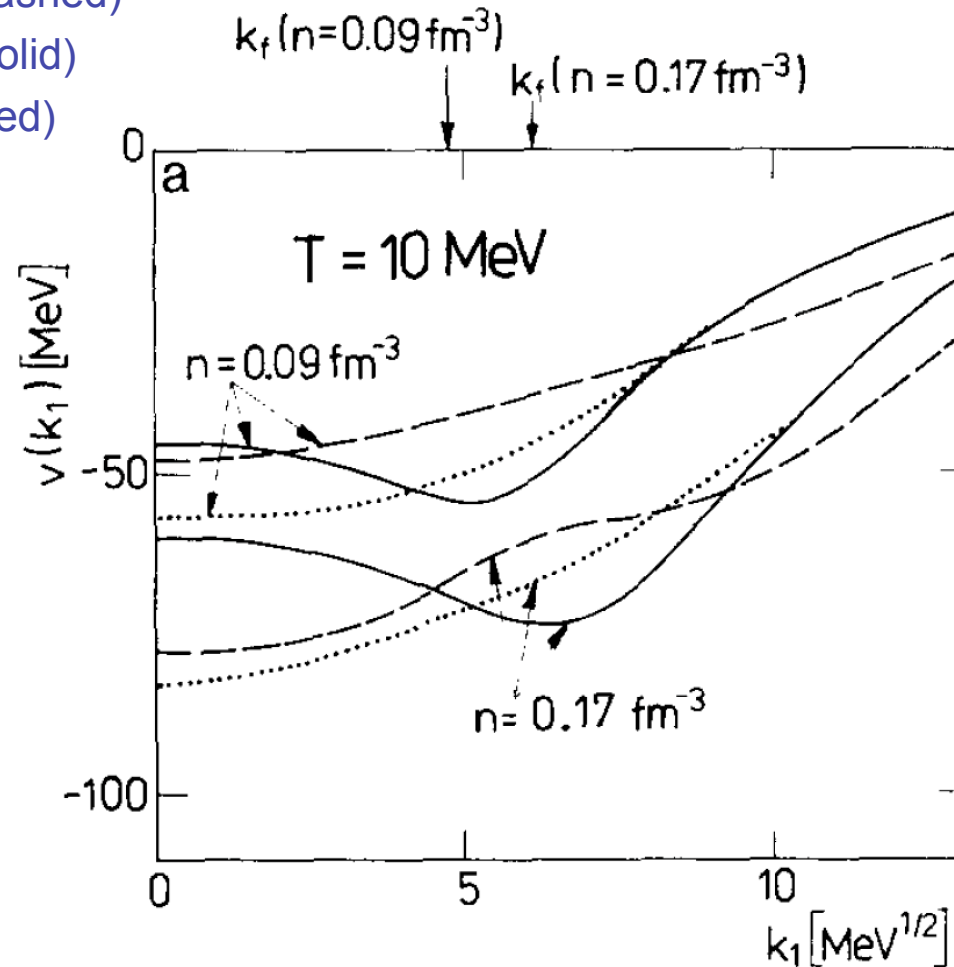
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Account of two-particle correlations in the medium

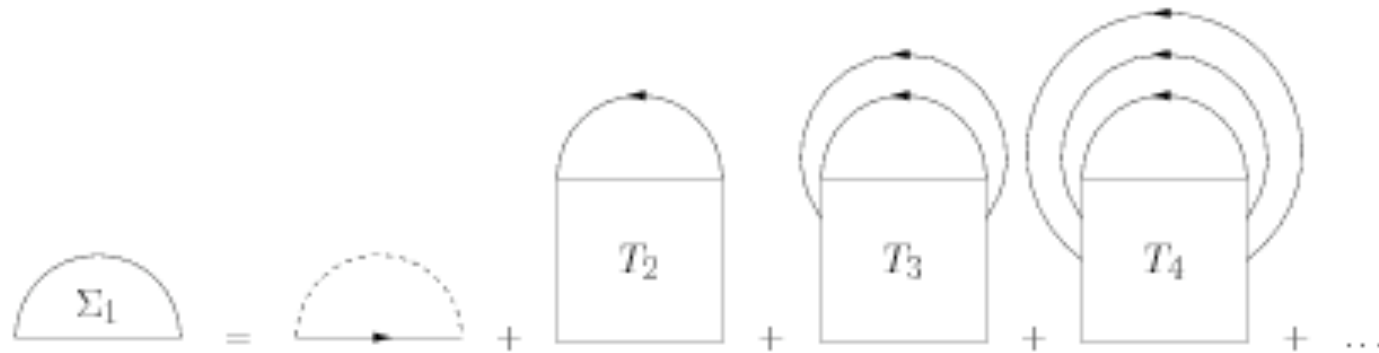


Quasiparticle energy shift

- Brueckner-Bethe-Goldstone (dashed)
- generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck (solid)
- incomplete Pauli-blocking (dotted)



Cluster decomposition of the self-energy



Few-particle Schoedinger equation in a dense medium

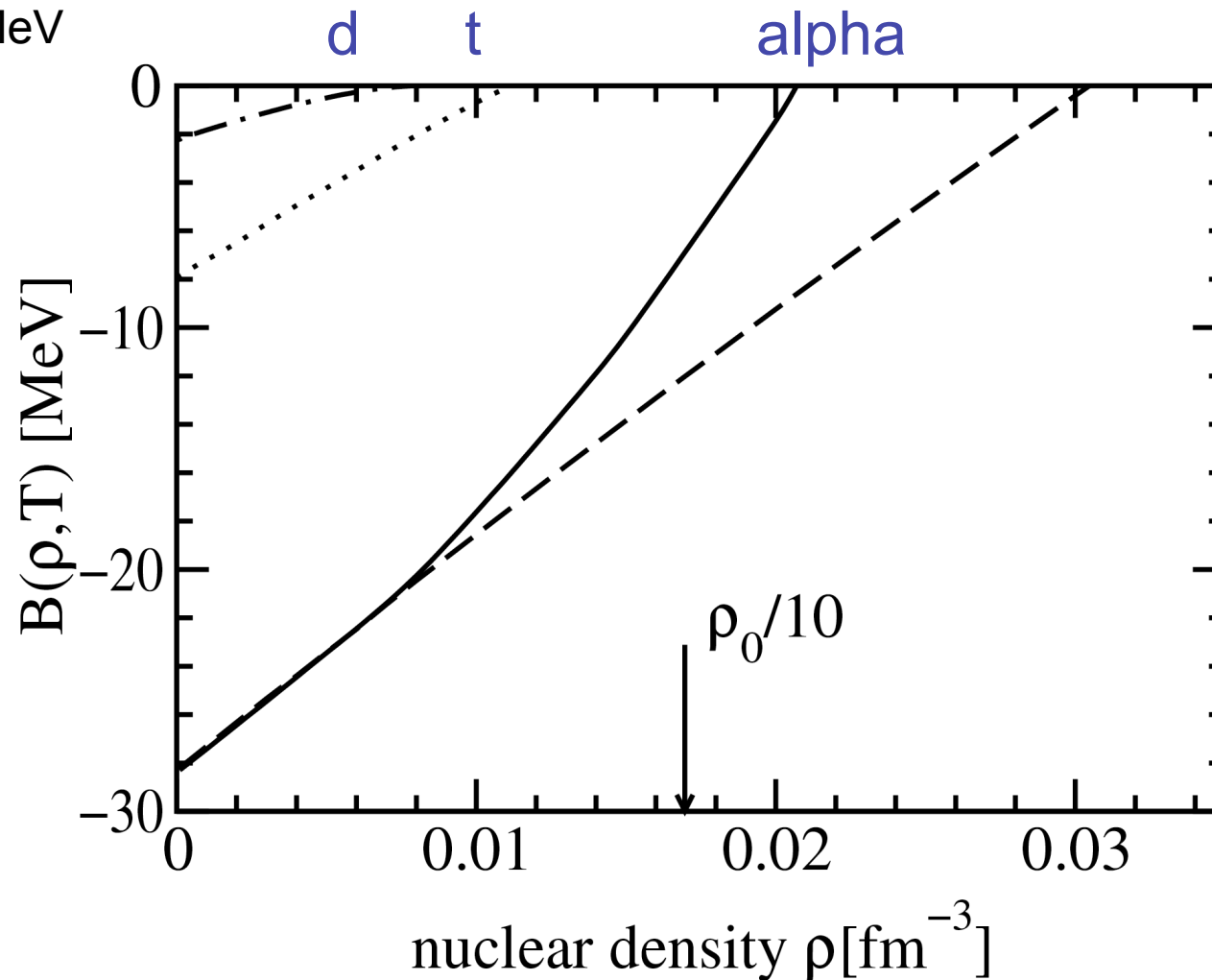
Four-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

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

In-medium shift of binding energies of clusters

A. Sedrakian et al., PRC (2006), M. Beyer et al., Phys.Lett.B 488, 247 (2000)

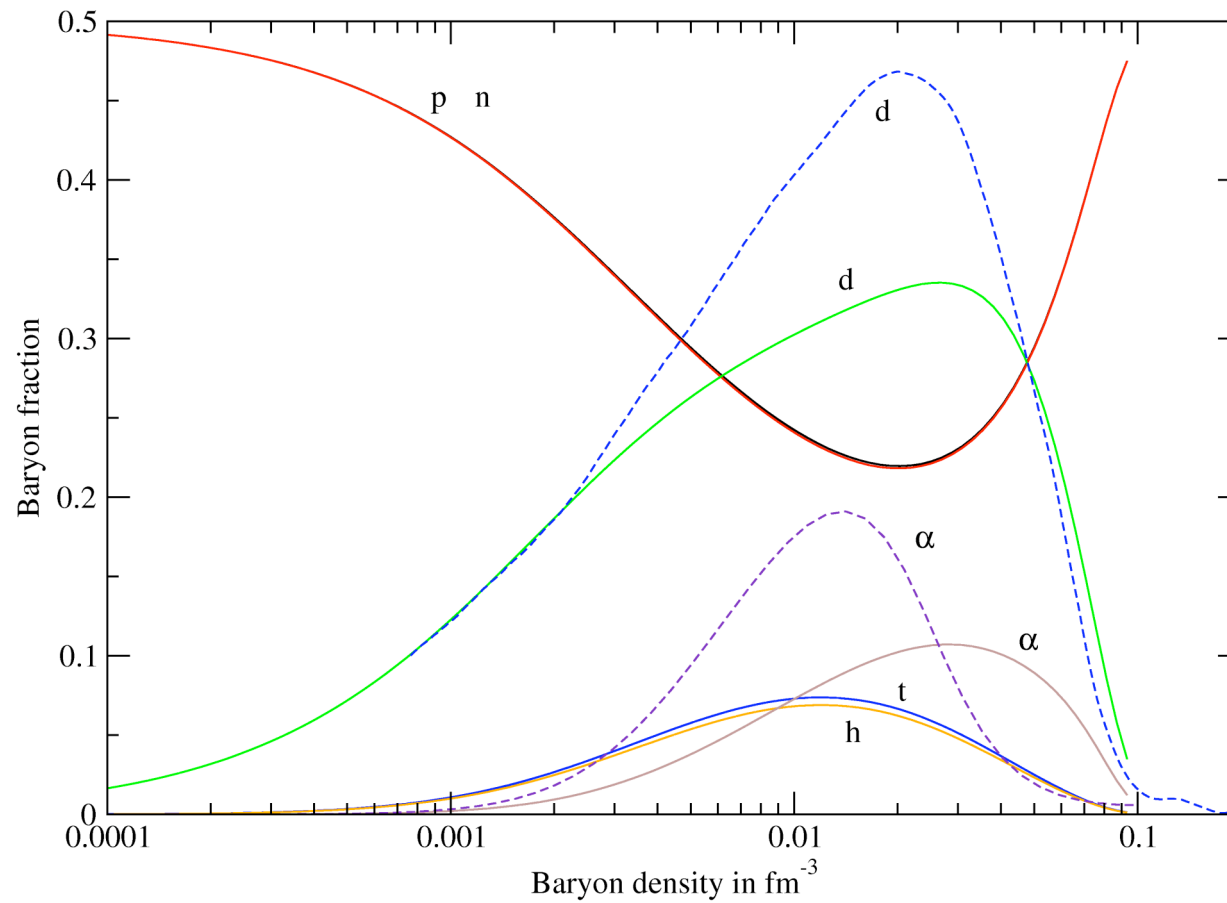
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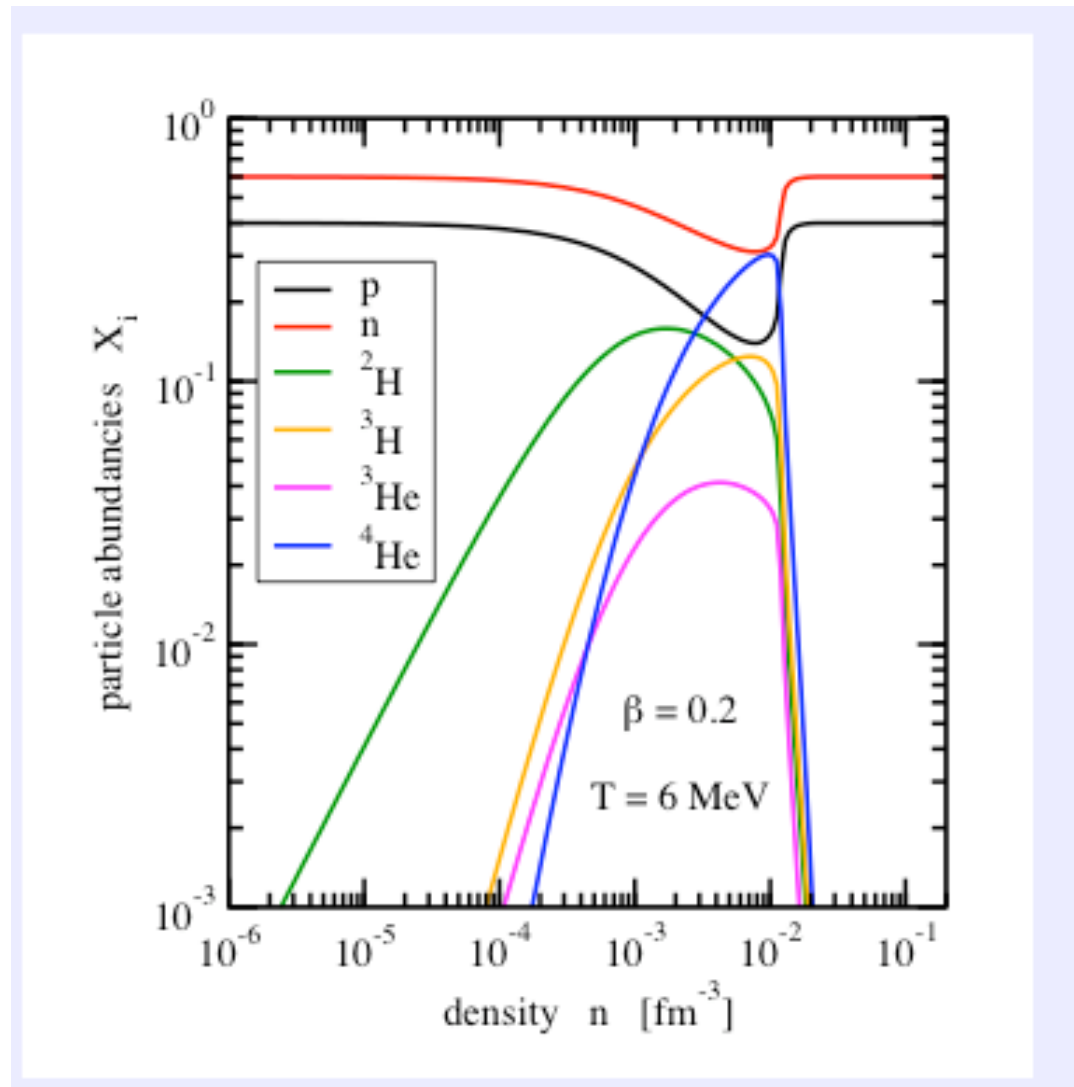
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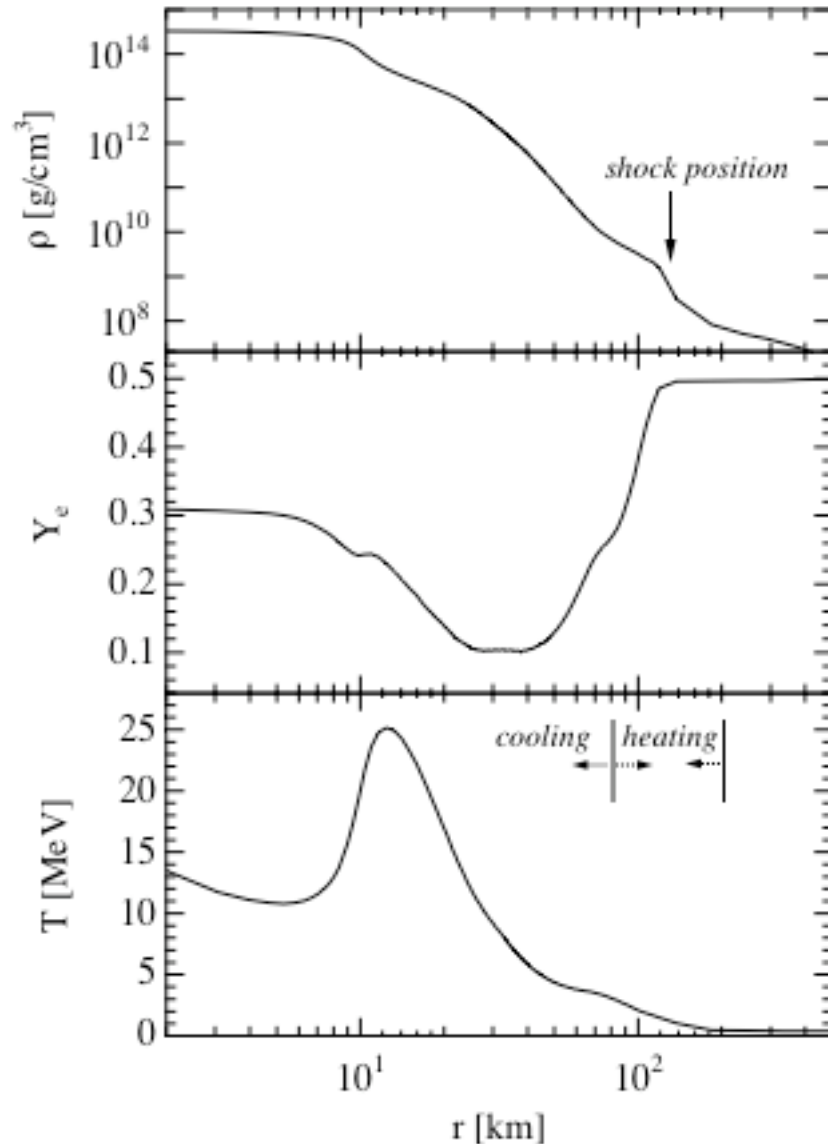


Light Cluster Abundances



S. Typel, 2007

Core-collapse supernovae



Density.

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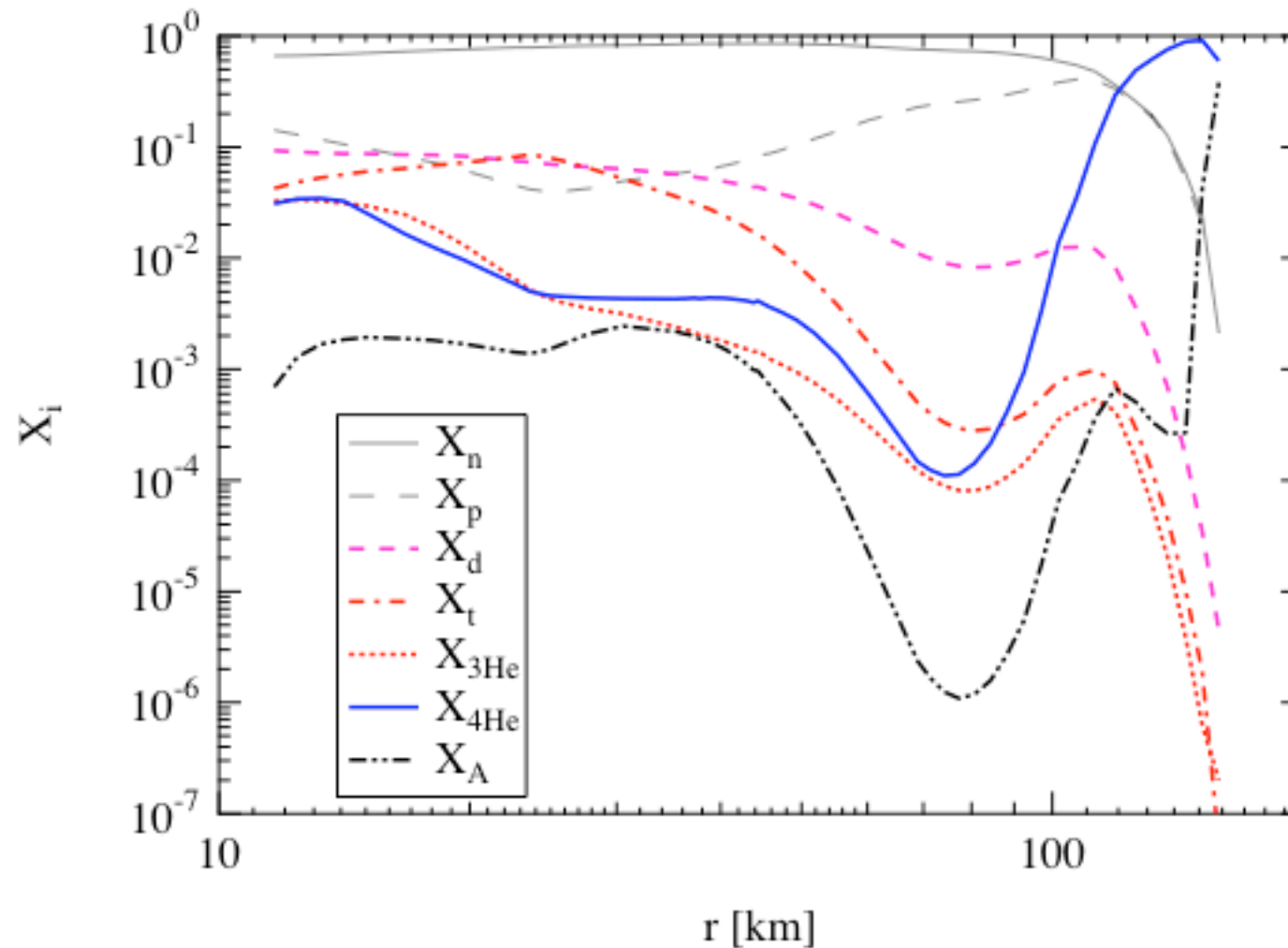
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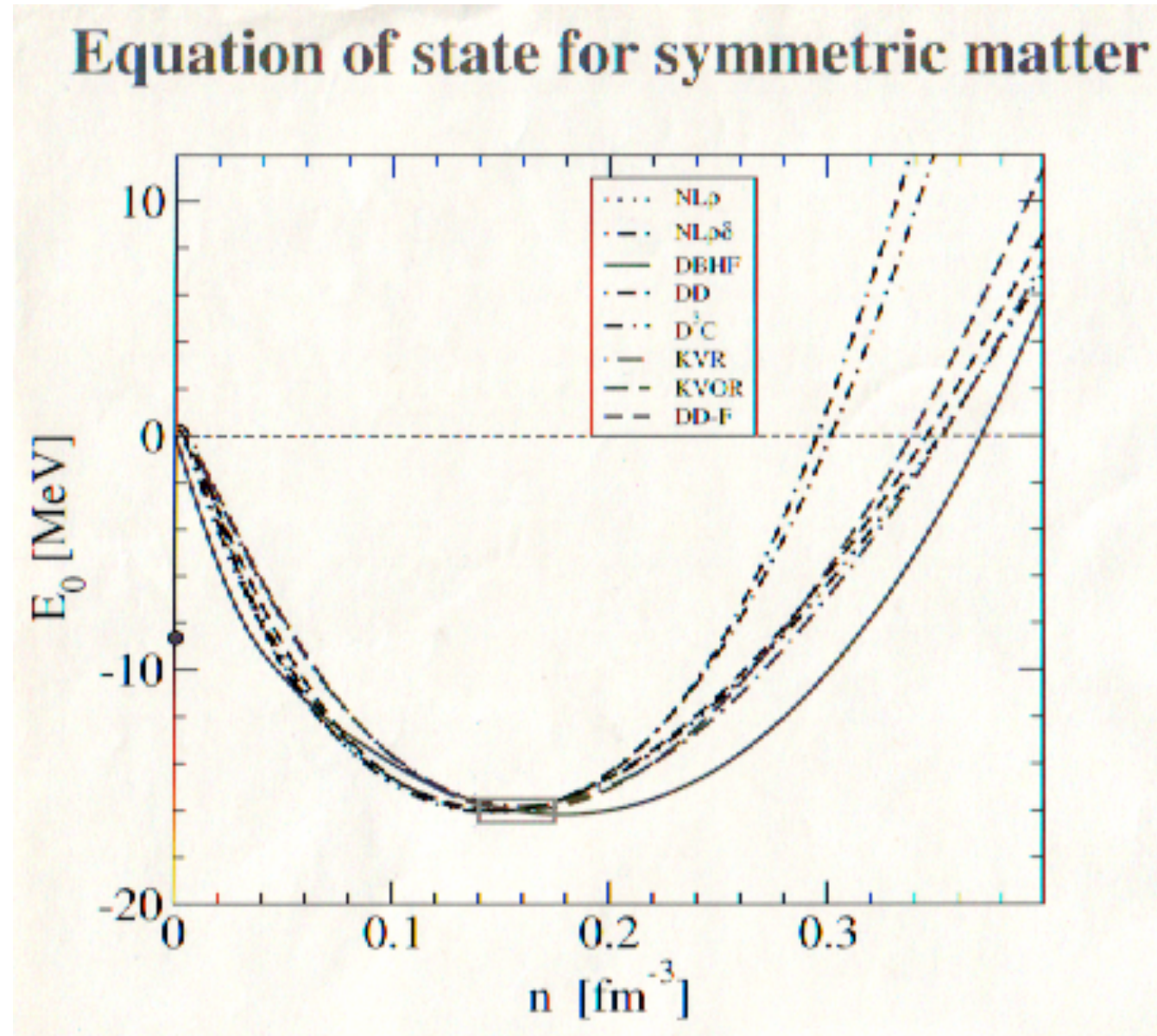
Composition of supernova core



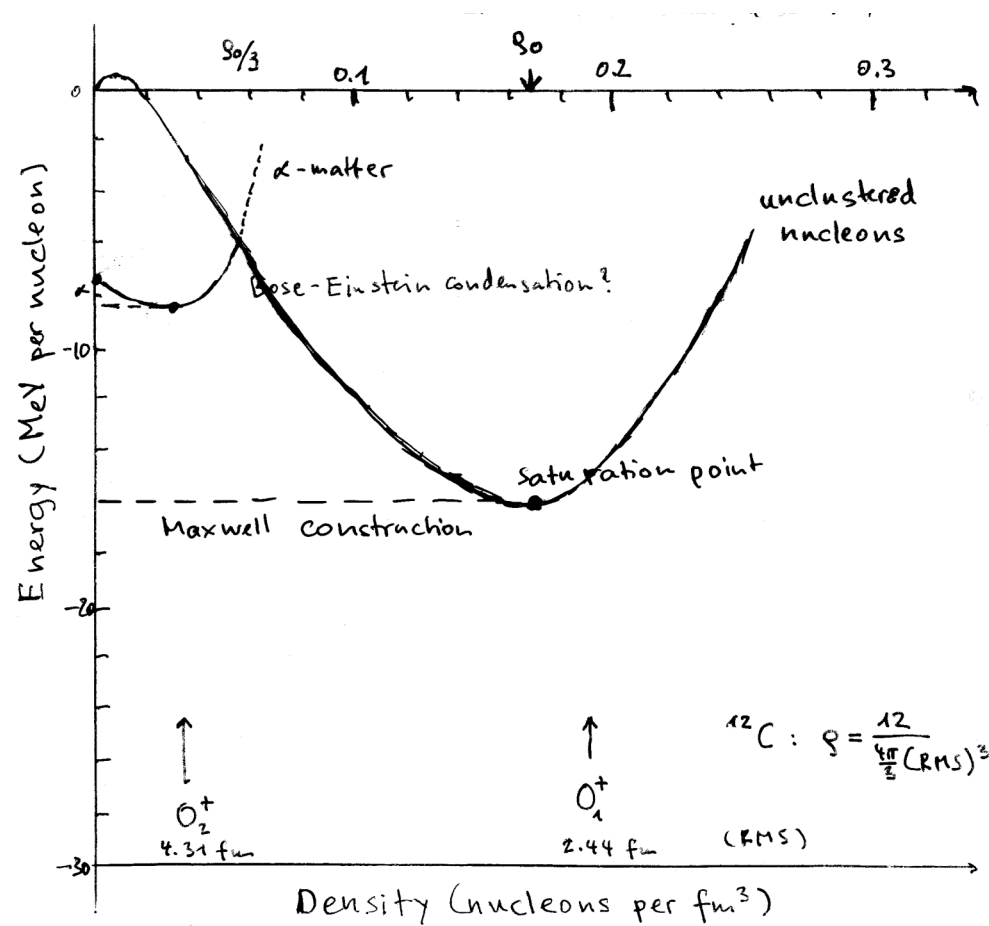
Mass fraction X of light clusters for a post-bounce supernova core

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Quasiparticle approximation for nuclear matter



Low-density limit: alpha matter?



Break

- Shown today:
 - correlations
 - composition
 - medium effects
 - astrophysical relevance
- Monday's lecture:
 - quantum condensates
 - pairing and quartetting
 - Hoyle state and low-density isomers
 - low density limit of symmetry energy

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Condensates and Correlations in Nuclear Matter

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Problems:

- Warm Dilute Matter: Nuclear matter at subsaturation densities:

Temperature $T \leq 16 \text{ MeV} = E_s/A$, baryon density $n_B \leq 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3} = n_s$.

- Formation of clusters (nuclei in matter):

$A = 1,2,3,4$: deuterons (d), tritons (t), helions (h), alphas (α)

- 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

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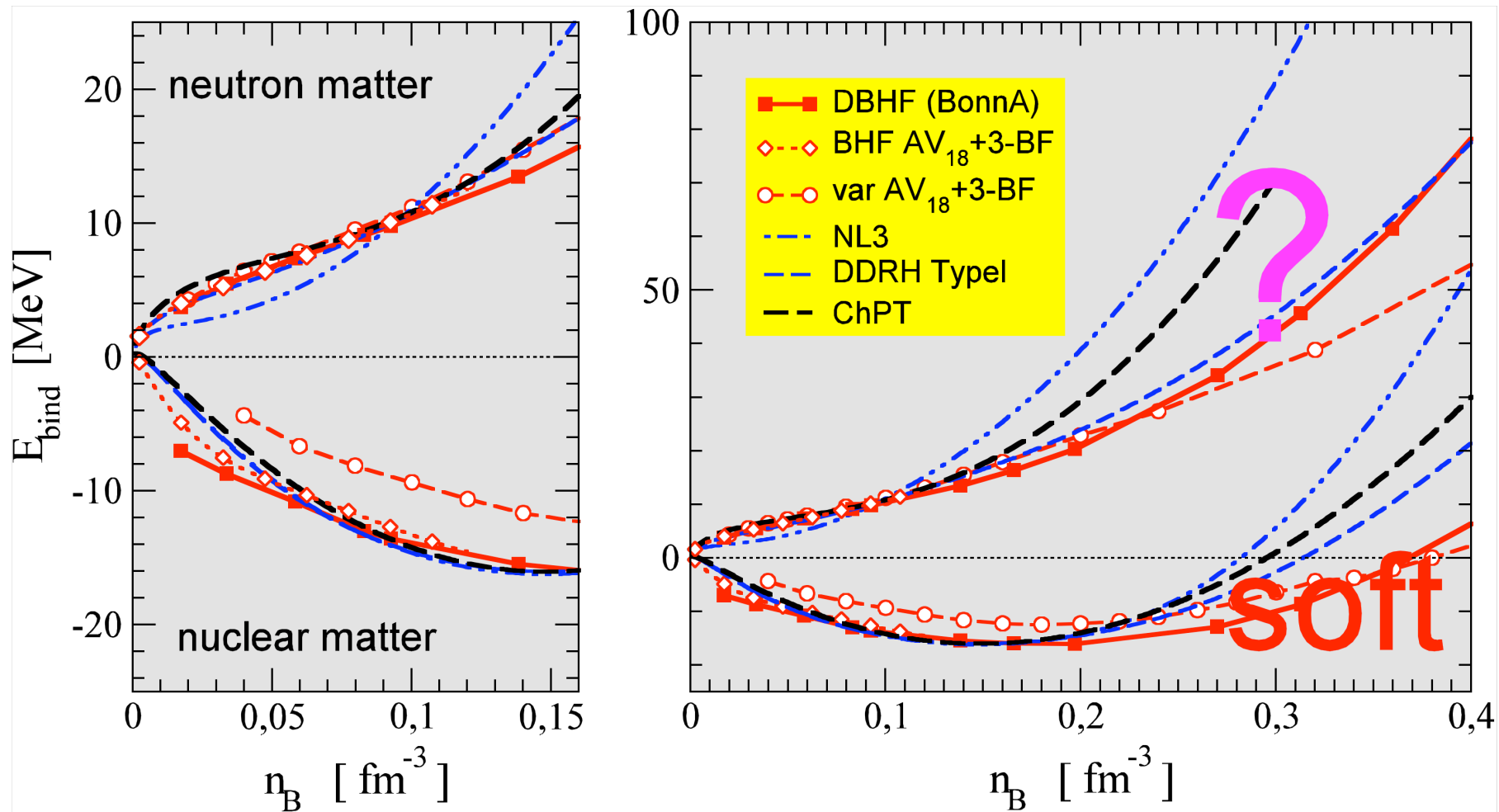
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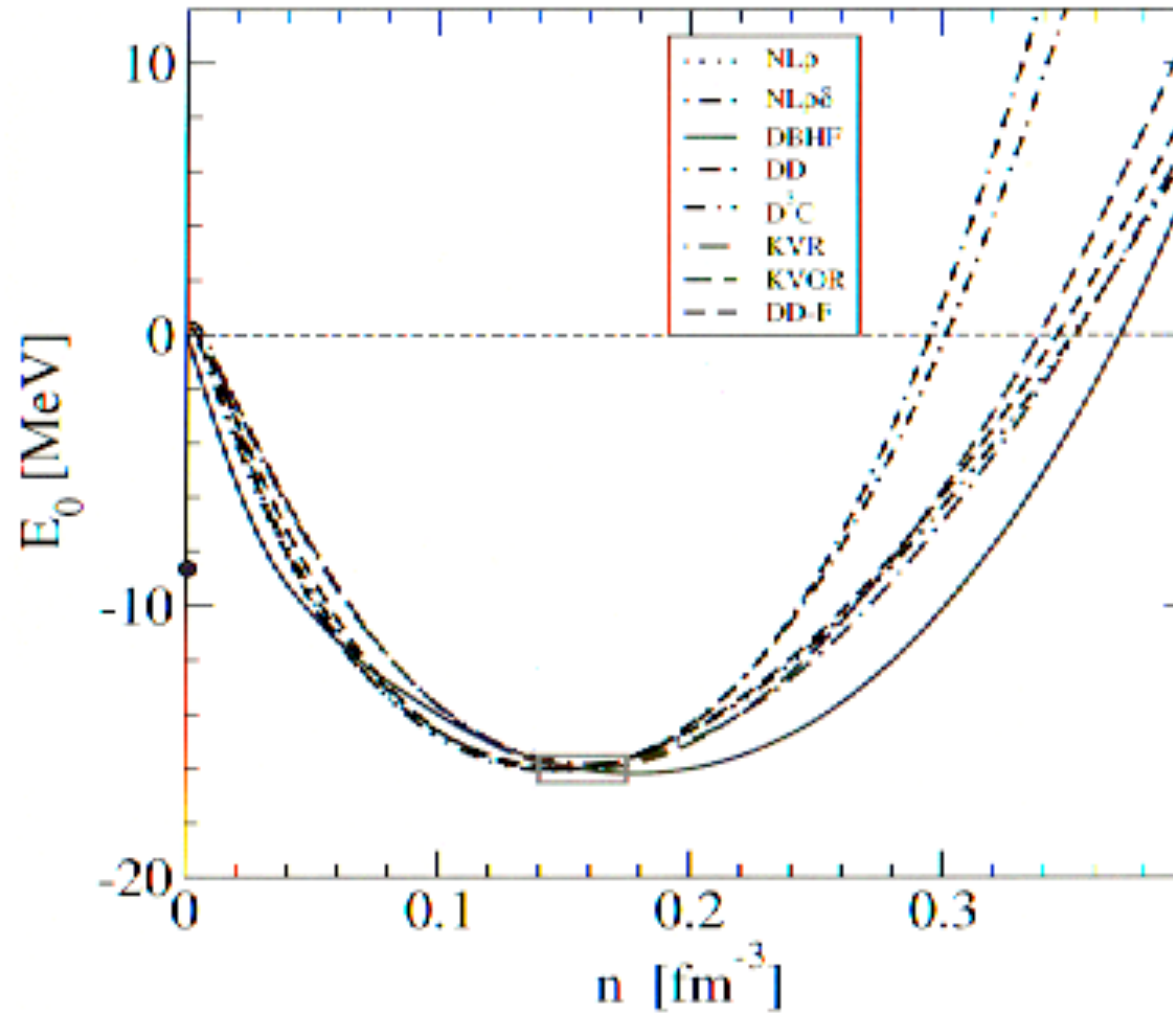
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RMF and DBHF



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Equation of state for symmetric matter



Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

rigorous results at low density: virial expansion

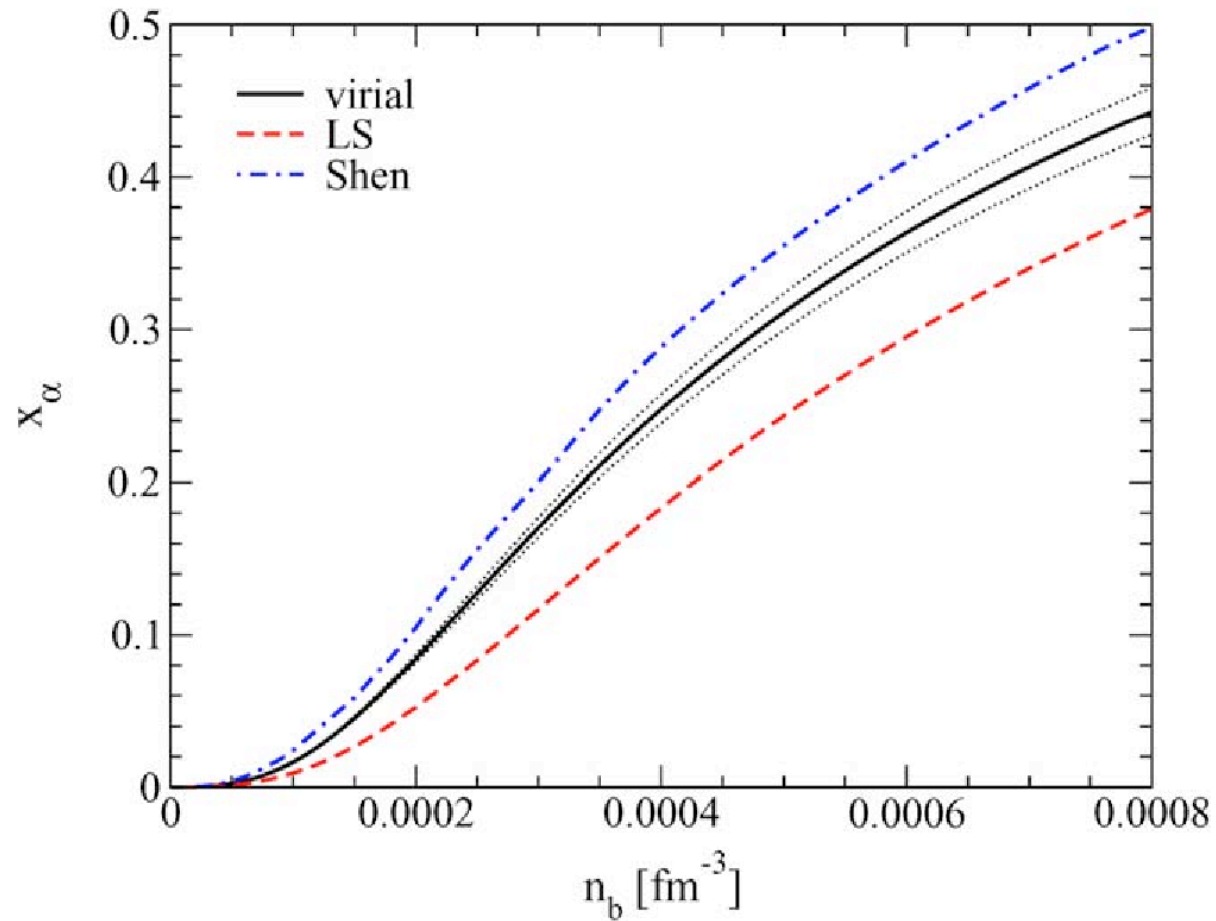
Beth-Uhlenbeck formula

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

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

Alpha-particle fraction in the low-density limit

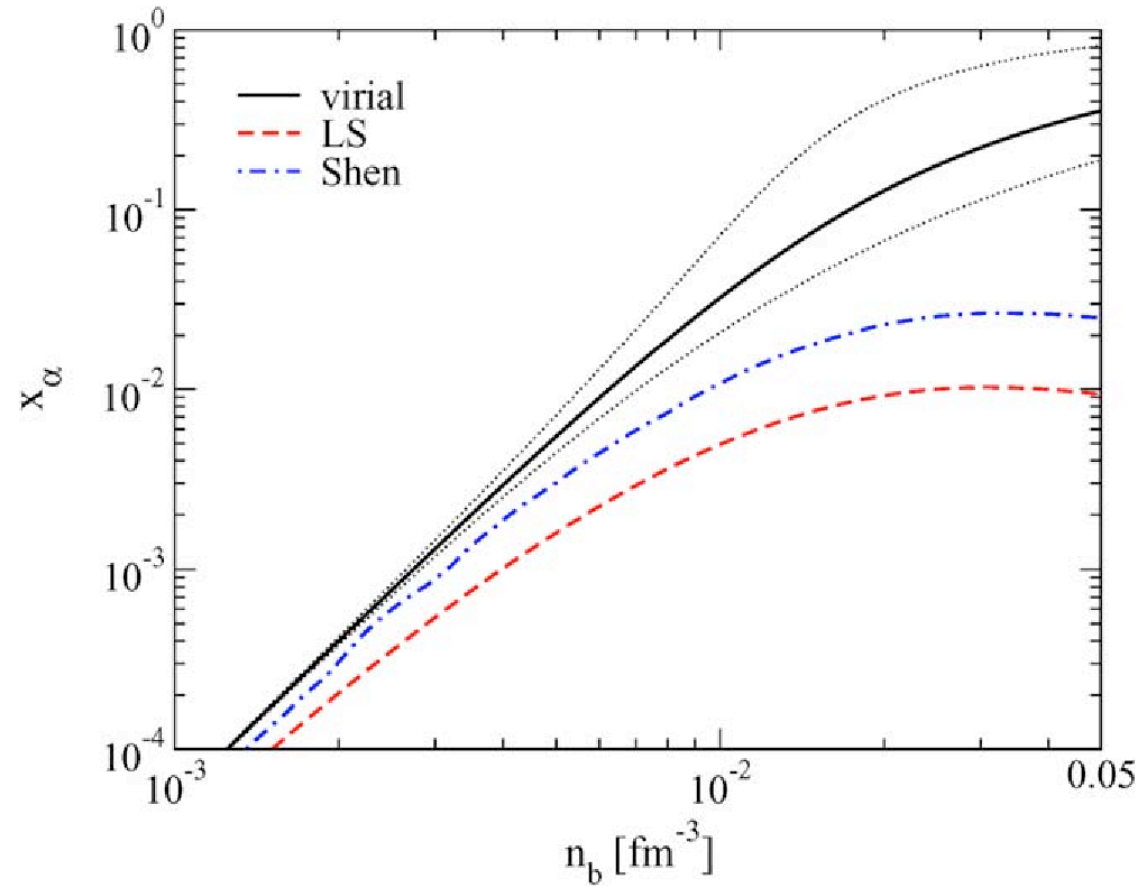
symmetric matter, $T=4$ MeV



Horowitz & Schwenk (2006), Lattimer & Swesty, (2001), Shen et al. (1998))

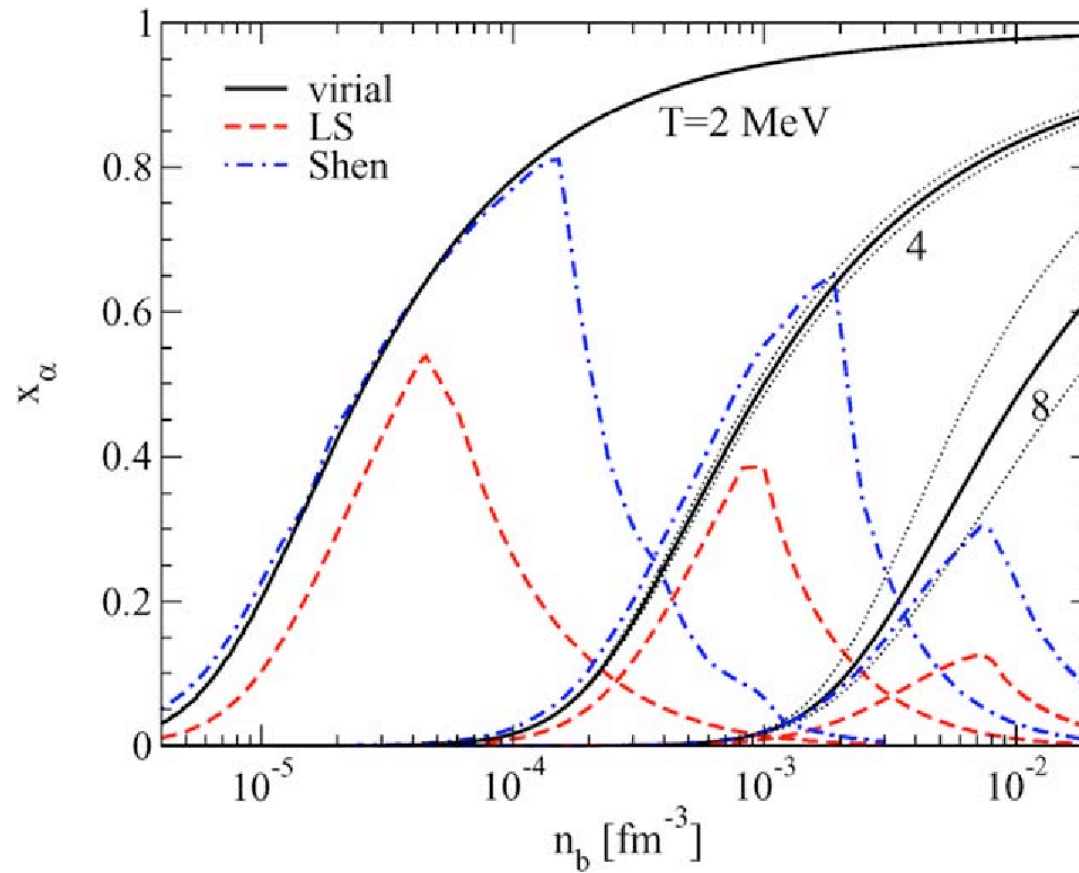
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symmetric matter, $T=20$ Mev

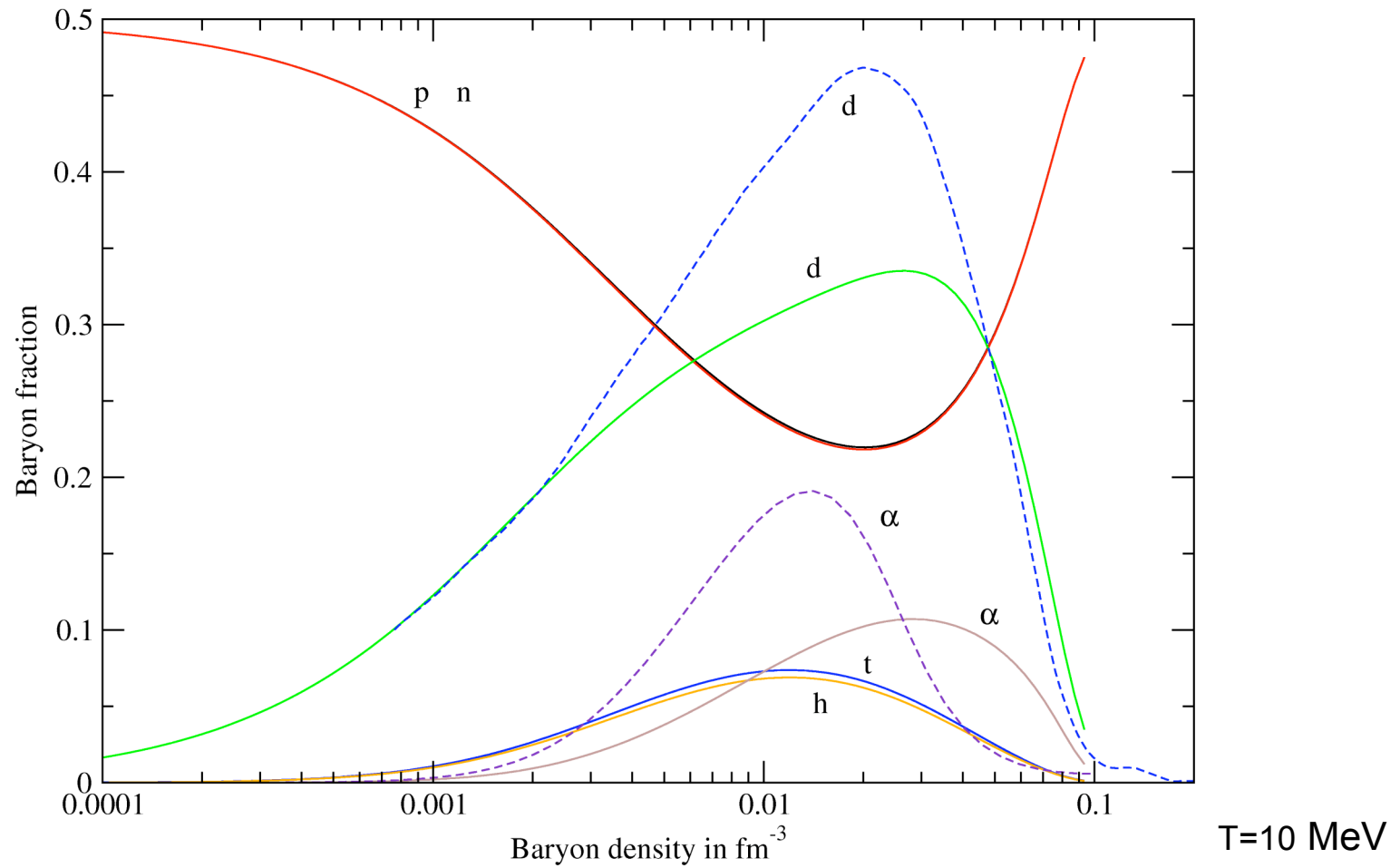


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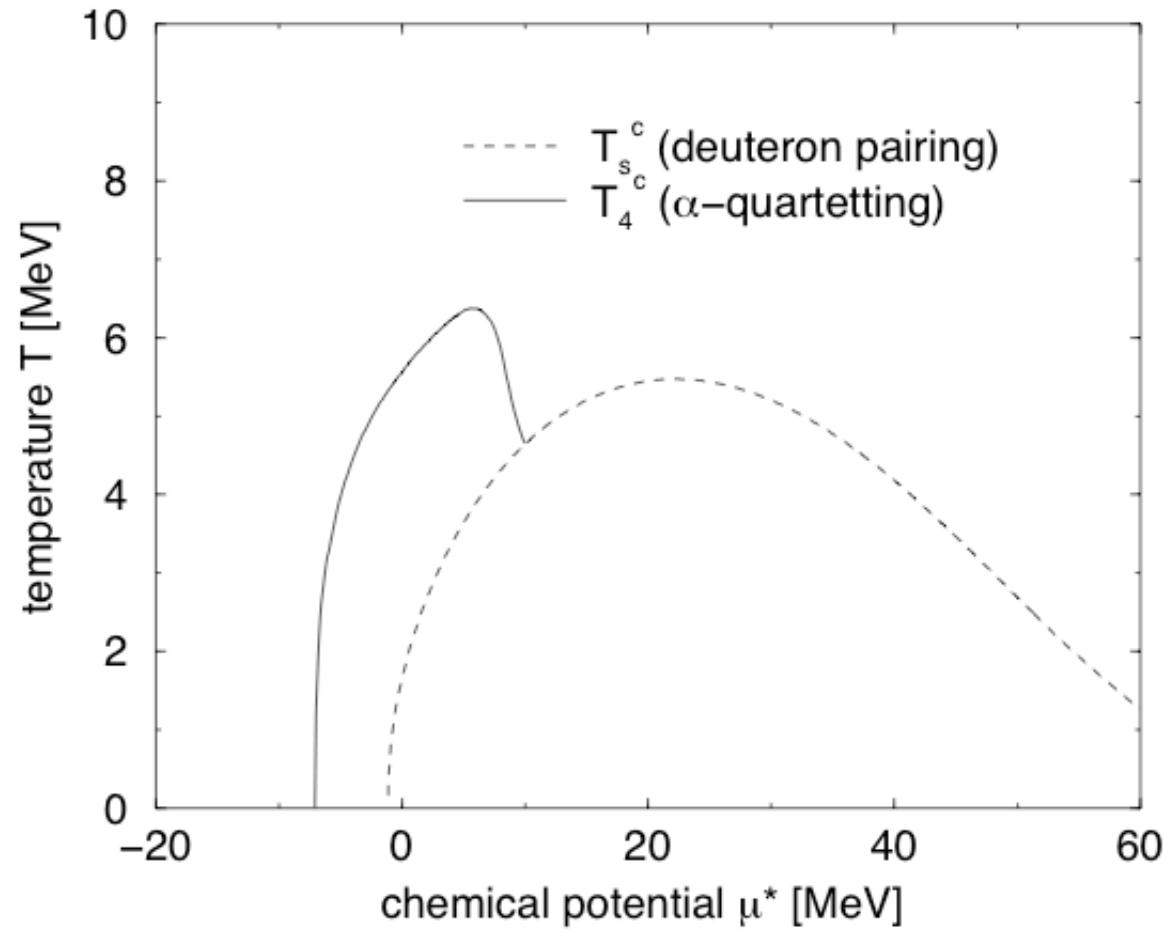
symmetric matter, $T=2, 4, 8$ MeV



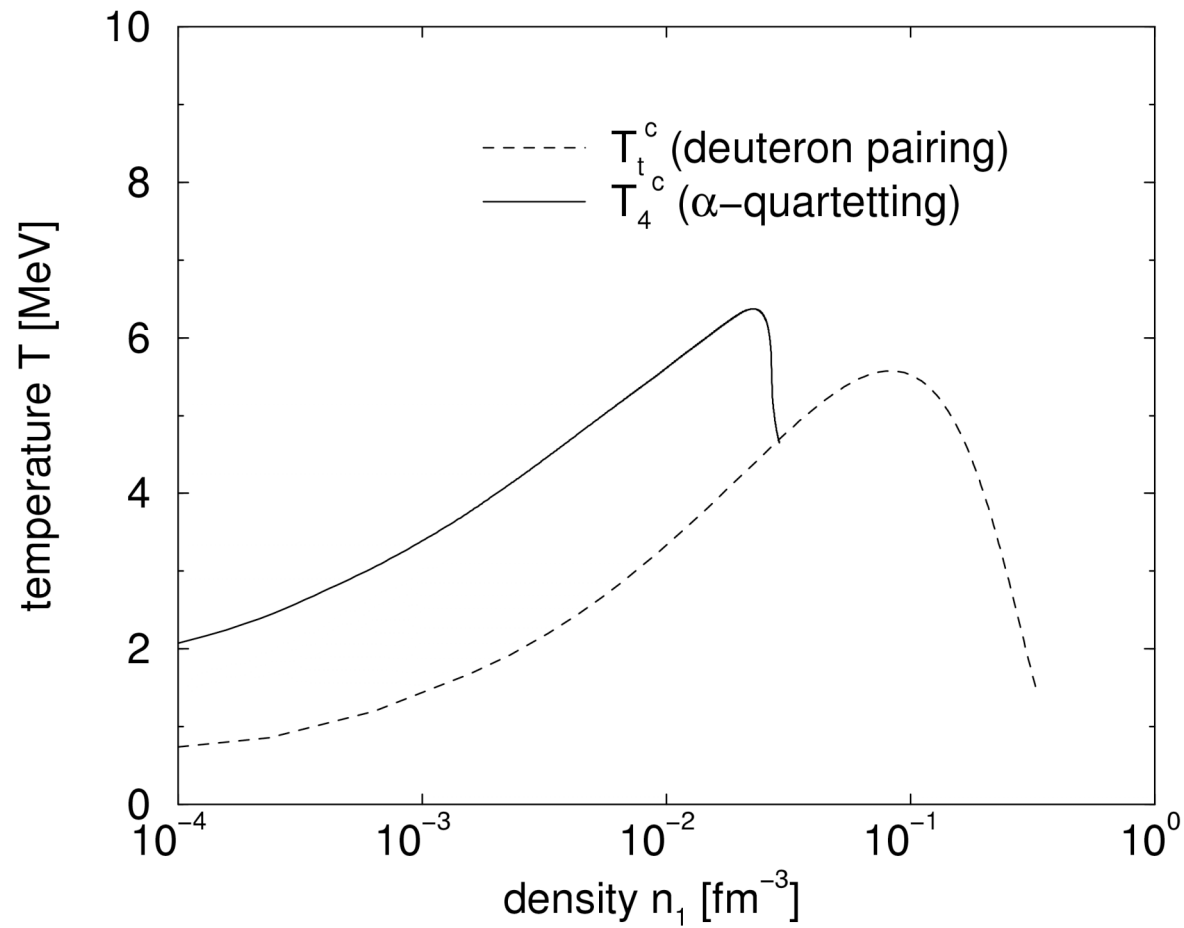
Composition of symmetric nuclear matter

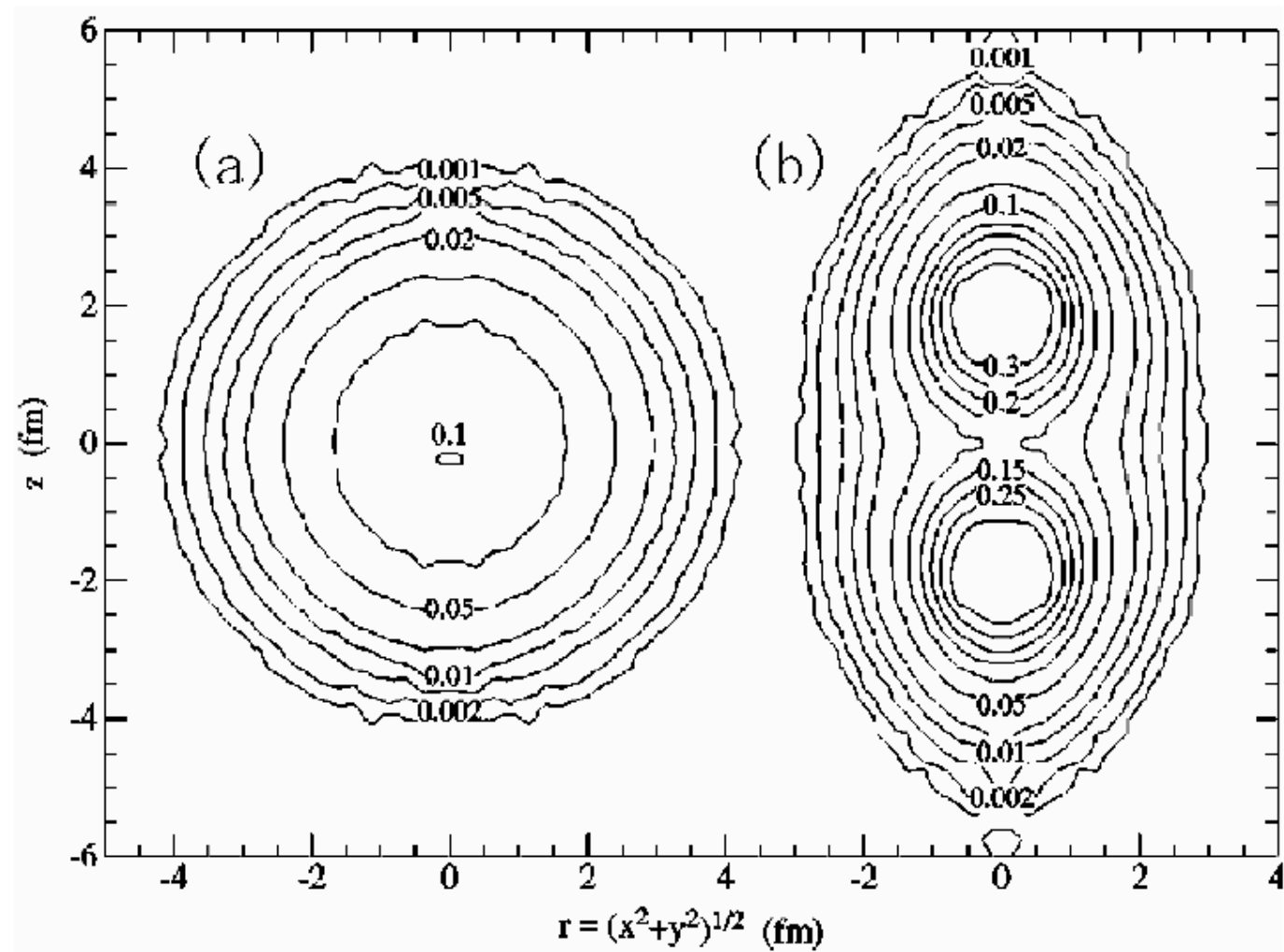


α -cluster-condensation (quartetting)



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Alpha-condensate (quartetting) in $4n$ symmetric nuclei

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Self-conjugate 4n nuclei

^{12}C :

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

α -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

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

α - 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

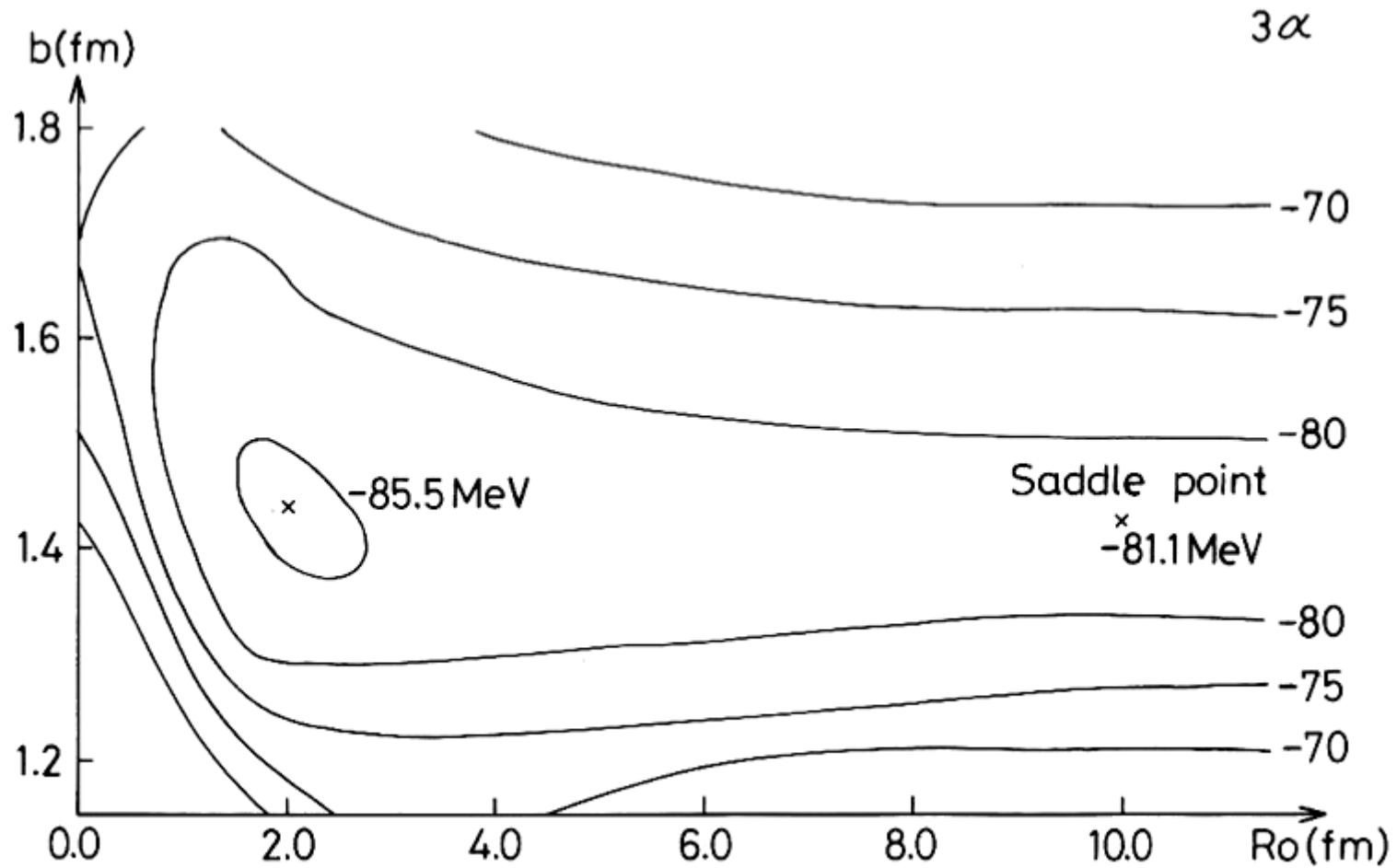
total $n\alpha$ wave function

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

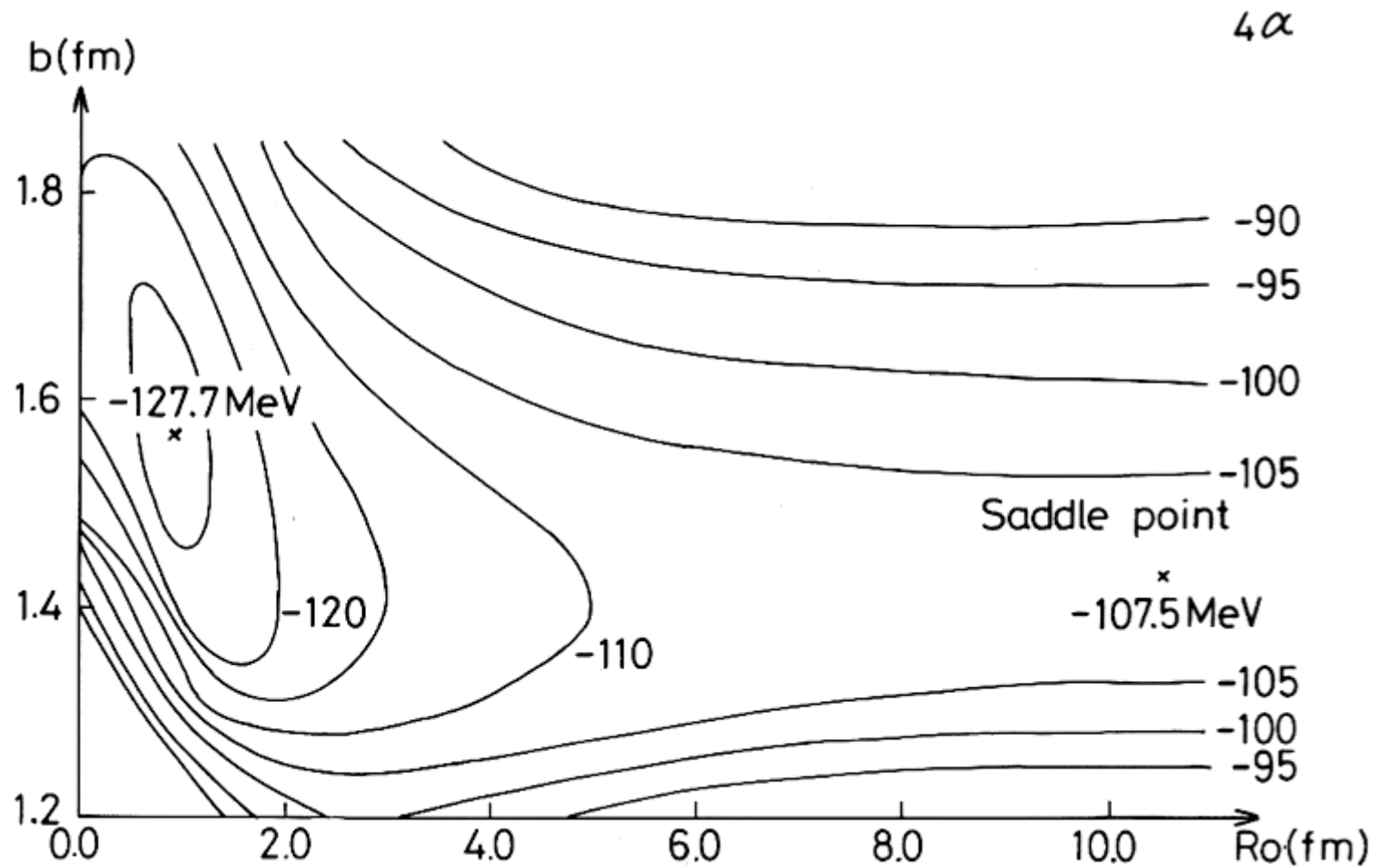
where $B^2 = (b^2 + 2R_0^2)$, $\vec{X}_i = \frac{1}{4} \sum_n \vec{r}_{in}$,
 $\phi(\alpha_i) = e^{-\frac{1}{8b^2} \sum_{m>n} (\vec{r}_{im} - \vec{r}_{in})^2}$ - internal α wave function

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3 alpha variational energy



4 alpha variational energy



Results

		E_k (MeV)	E_{exp} (MeV)	$E_k - E_{n\alpha}^{\text{thr}}$ (MeV)	$(E - E_{n\alpha}^{\text{thr}})_{\text{exp}}$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}_{\text{exp}}$ (fm)
^{12}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	
	$E_{3\alpha}^{\text{thr}}$	-82.5	-84.89				
^{16}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	
	$E_{4\alpha}^{\text{thr}}$	-110.0	-113.18				
^8Be				-0.17	+0.1		

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

Decay of α -condensate at high densities

i) The bound state dissolves into free nucleon states

Occupied phase space cannot be used to form bound states

Pauli blocking $V(12, 1'2')[1 - f(1) - f(2)]$

α -like bound state only below $\rho_0/10$

α -condensate survives to $\approx 0.3 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

Decay of α -condensate at high densities

ii) Reduction of the condensate due to repulsive interaction

Penrose, Onsager 1956:

Off-diagonal long range order (ODLRO)

density matrix $\rho(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$ at $|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\rho(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \Psi(\vec{r})\Psi(\vec{r}') + \gamma(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)$$

hard core: known solution (Rosenbluth)

Application to liquid ^4He :

filling factor $\approx 28\%$, condensate $\approx 8\%$

“excluded” volume for α particles $\approx 20 \text{ fm}^3$

Estimation of condensate fraction in zero temperature α -matter

$$n_0 = \frac{\langle \Psi | a_0^\dagger a_0 | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}$$

destruction of the BEC of the ideal Bose gas:
thermal excitation, but also correlations

“excluded” volume for α -particles $\approx 20 \text{ fm}^3$ Shen 1981
at nucleon density $\rho = 0.048 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ filling factor $\approx 28 \%$
(liquid ^4He : 8 % condensate),
destruction of the condensate at $\approx \rho_0/3$

Estimation of condensate fraction in zero temperature α -matter

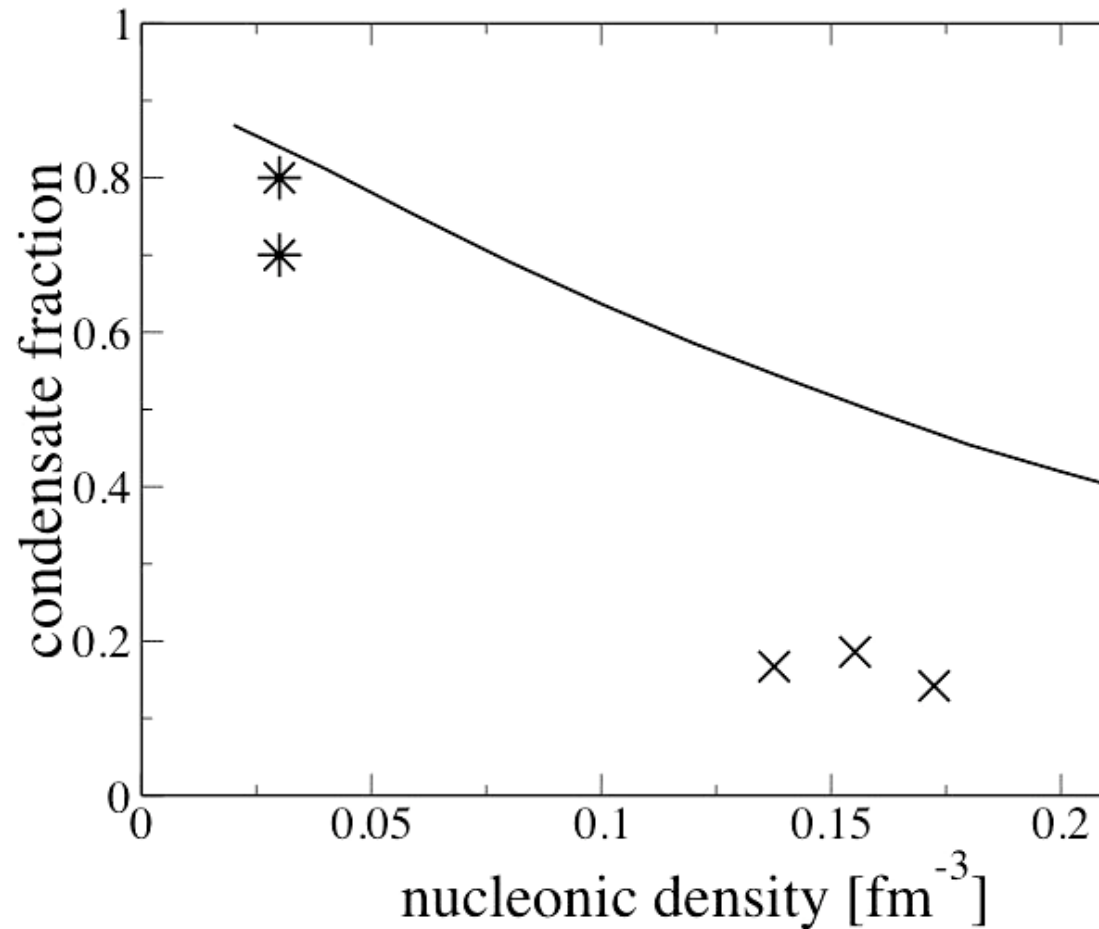
α -cluster condensate in ^{12}C , ^{16}O :
 resonating group method → Yamada et al. (1994)
 occupation numbers of α -orbits in ^{12}C

	RMS radii	S-orbit	D-orbit	G-orbit
O_1^+ (g.s.)	2.44 fm	1.07	1.07	0.82
O_2^+	4.31 fm	2.38	0.29	0.16

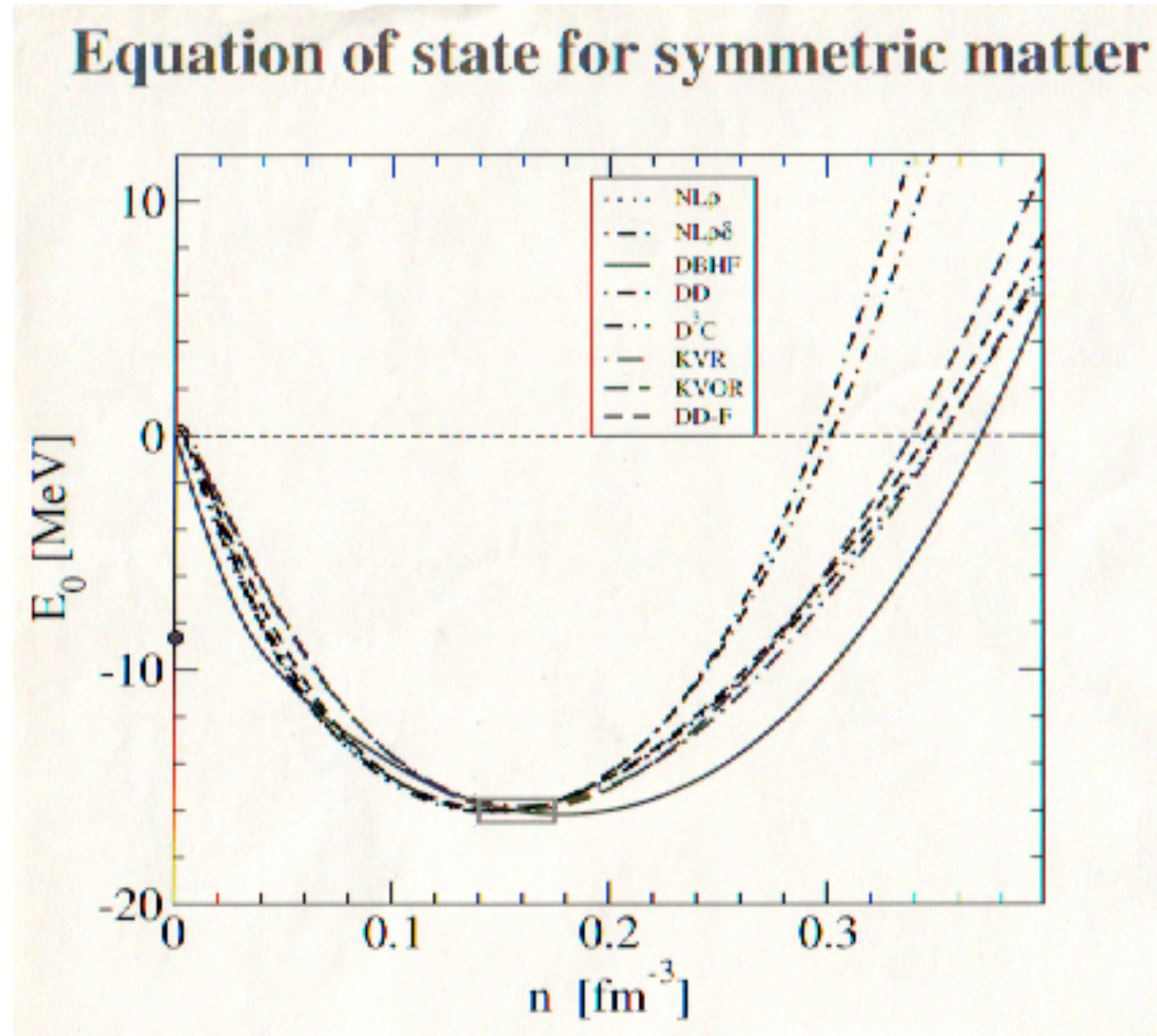
80 % condensate at 1/8 nuclear matter density

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

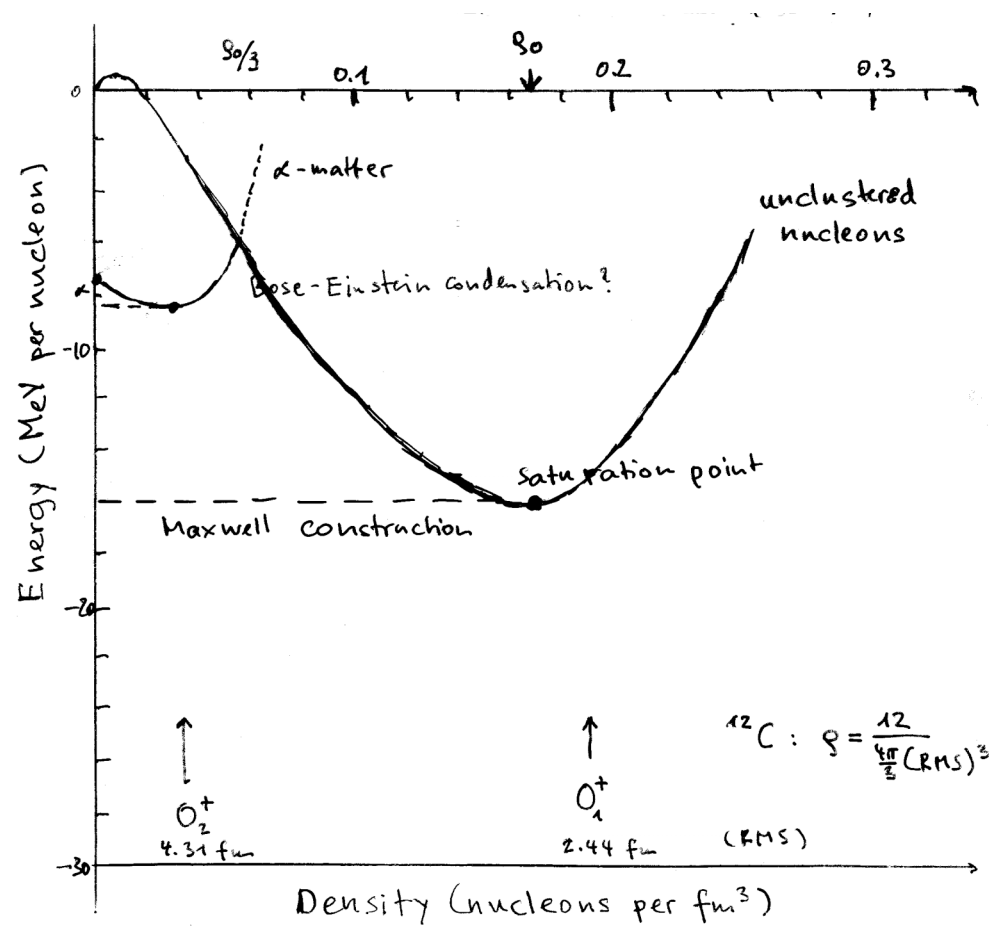
Suppression of condensate fraction



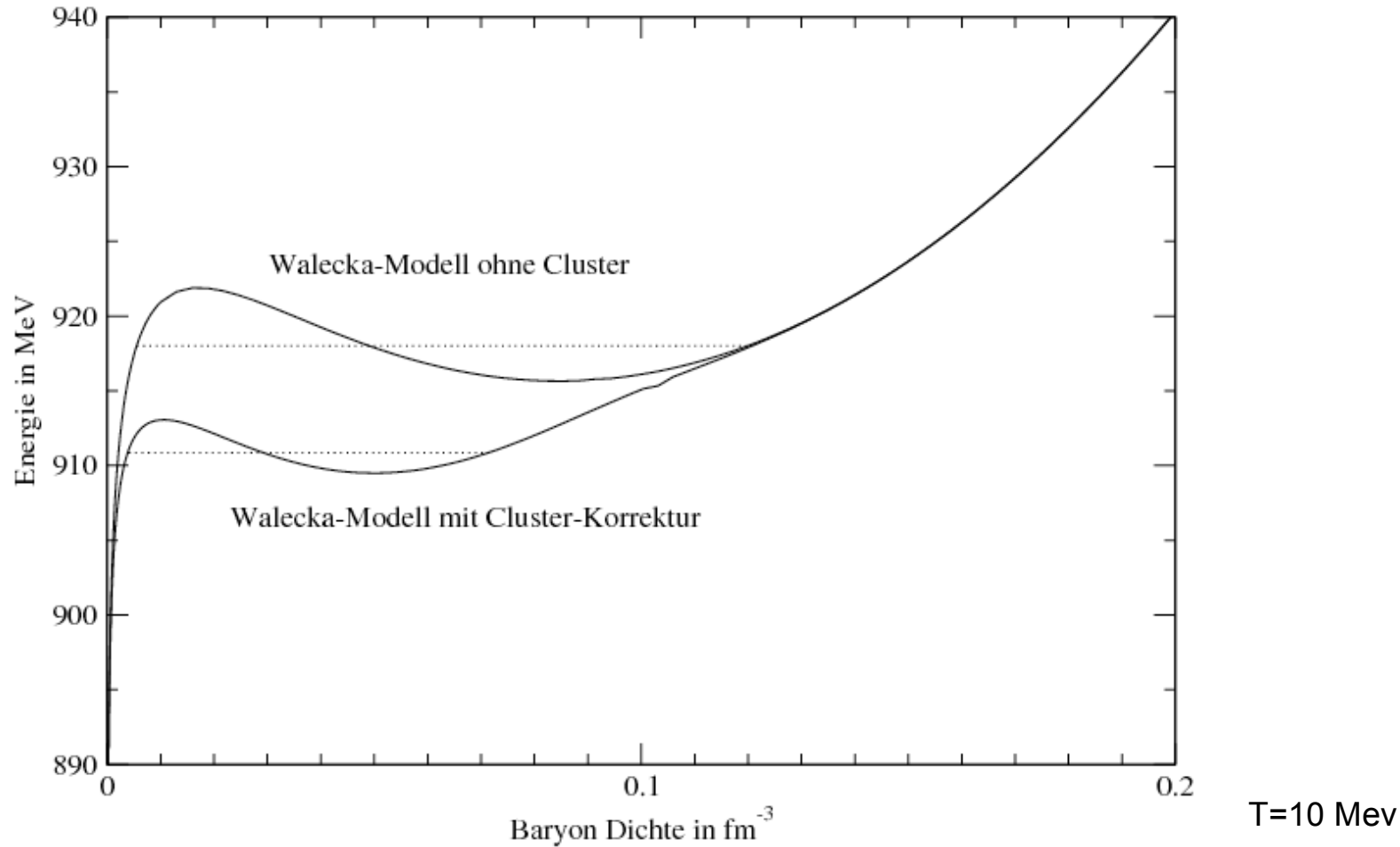
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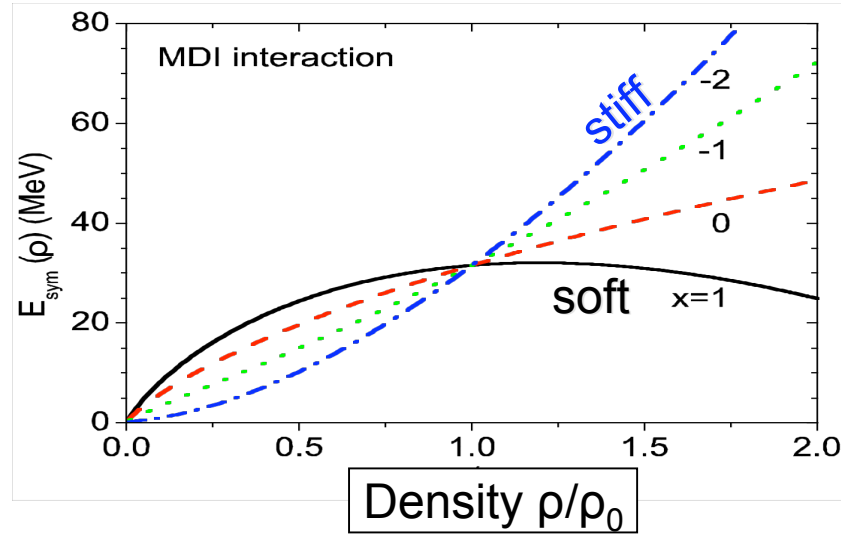
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Symmetry energy and single nucleon potential used in the IBUU04 transport model



The x parameter is introduced to mimic various predictions by different microscopic Nuclear many-body theories using different Effective interactions

Single nucleon potential within the HF approach using a modified Gogny force:

$$U(\rho, \delta, \bar{p}, \tau, x) = A_u(x) \frac{\rho_{\tau'}}{\rho_0} + A_l(x) \frac{\rho_{\tau}}{\rho_0} + B \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\sigma} (1 - x \delta^2) - 8\tau x \frac{B}{\sigma + 1} \frac{\rho^{\sigma-1}}{\rho_0^{\sigma}} \delta \rho_{\tau},$$

$$+ \frac{2C_{\tau, \tau}}{\rho_0} \int d^3 p' \frac{f_{\tau}(r, p')}{1 + (p - p')^2 / \Lambda^2} + \frac{2C_{\tau, \tau'}}{\rho_0} \int d^3 p' \frac{f_{\tau'}(r, p')}{1 + (p - p')^2 / \Lambda^2}$$

$$\tau, \tau' = \pm \frac{1}{2}, A_l(x) = -121 + \frac{2Bx}{\sigma + 1}, A_u(x) = -96 - \frac{2Bx}{\sigma + 1}, K_0 = 211 \text{ MeV}$$

The momentum dependence of the nucleon potential is a result of the non-locality of nuclear effective interactions and the Pauli exclusion principle

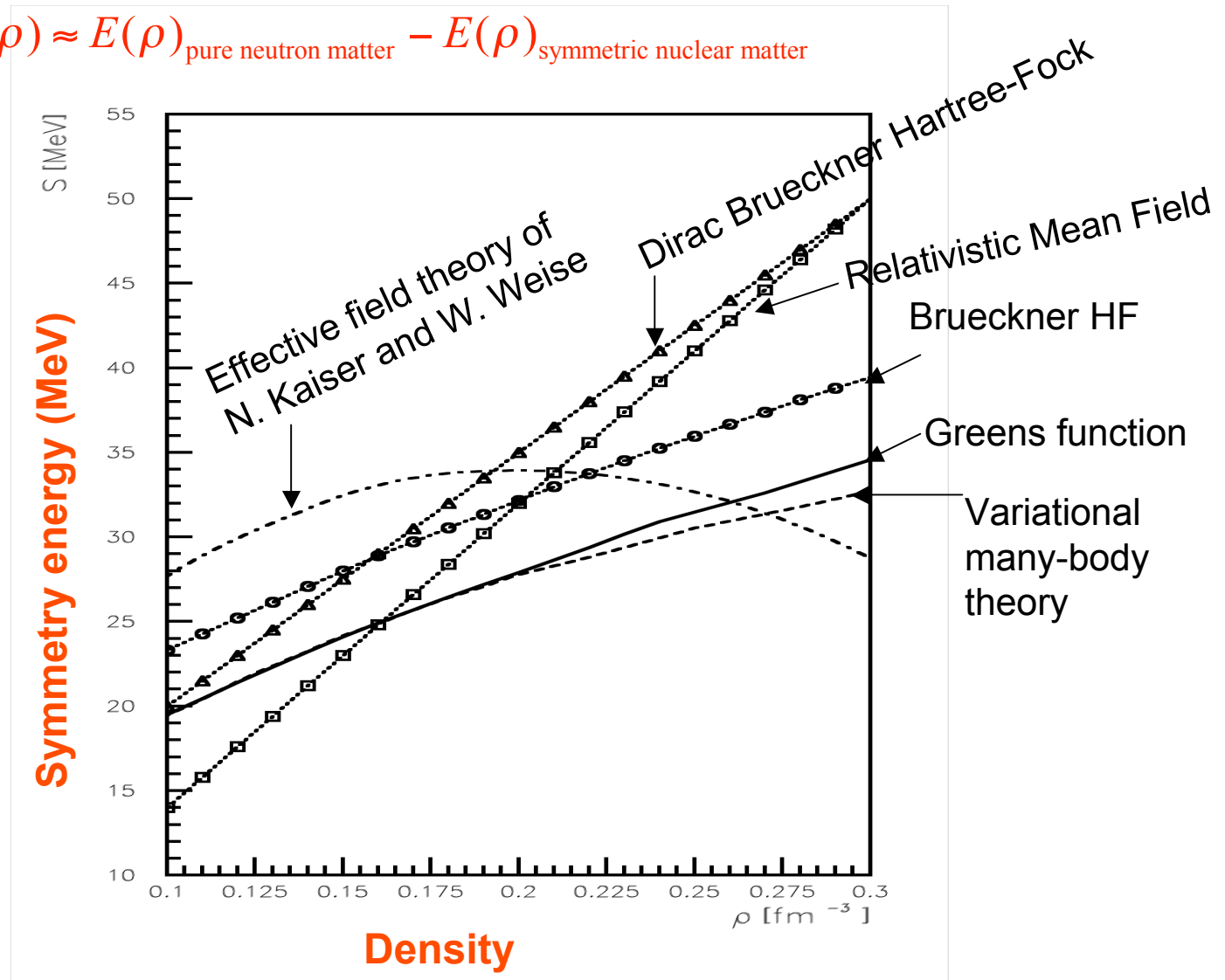
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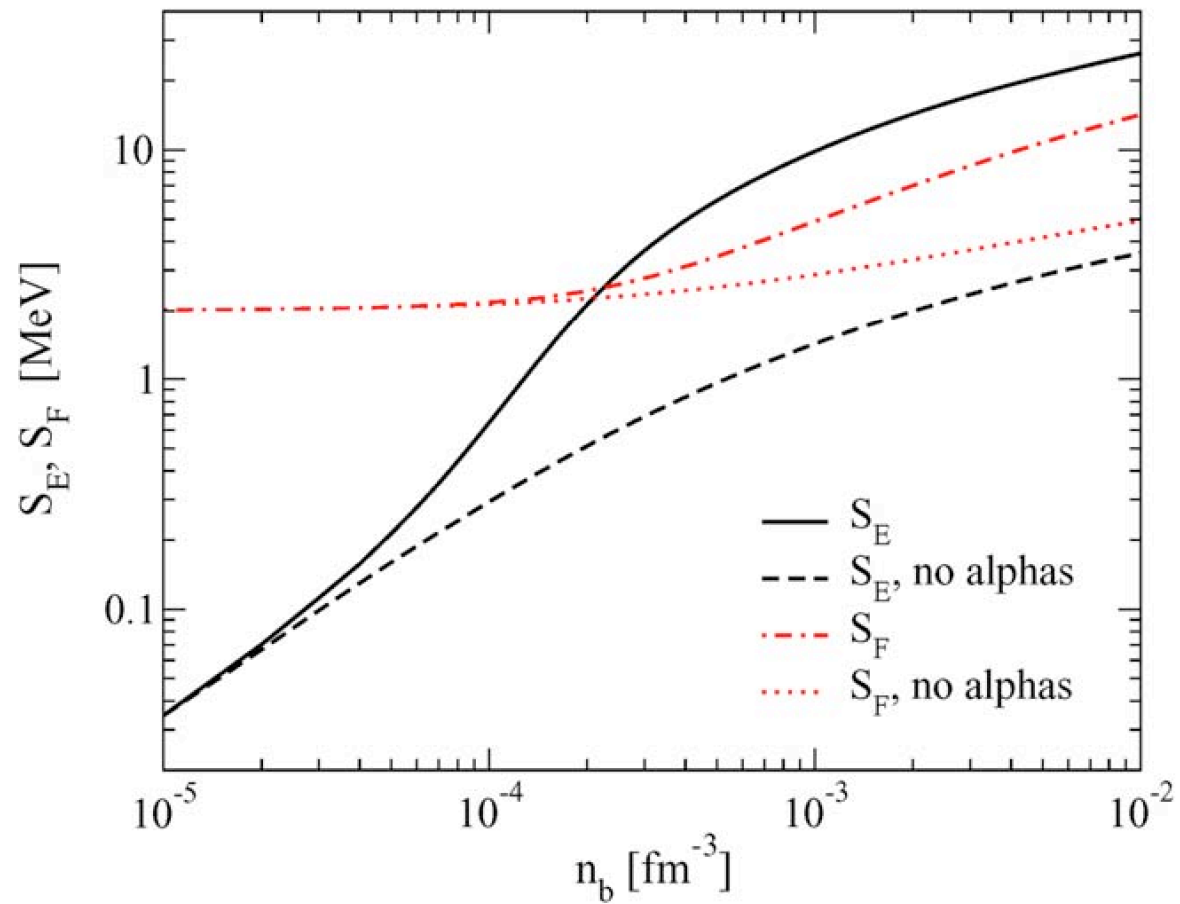
EOS: $E(\rho, \delta) = E_0(\rho, 0) + E_{sym}(\rho)\delta^2 + o(\delta^4)$, where $\delta \equiv (\rho_n - \rho_p) / \rho$

$$E_{sym}(\rho) \approx E(\rho)_{\text{pure neutron matter}} - E(\rho)_{\text{symmetric nuclear matter}}$$



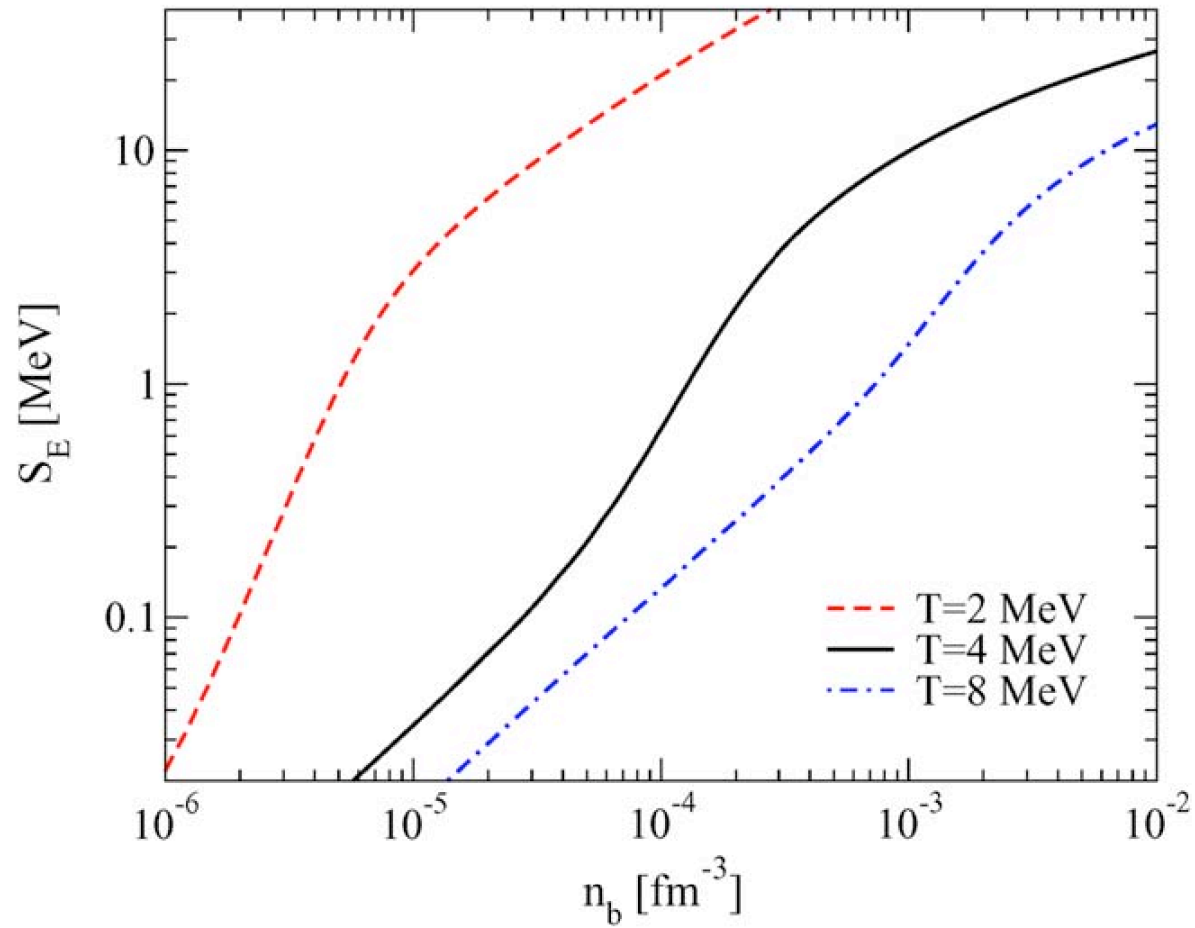
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Symmetry energy and symmetry free energy



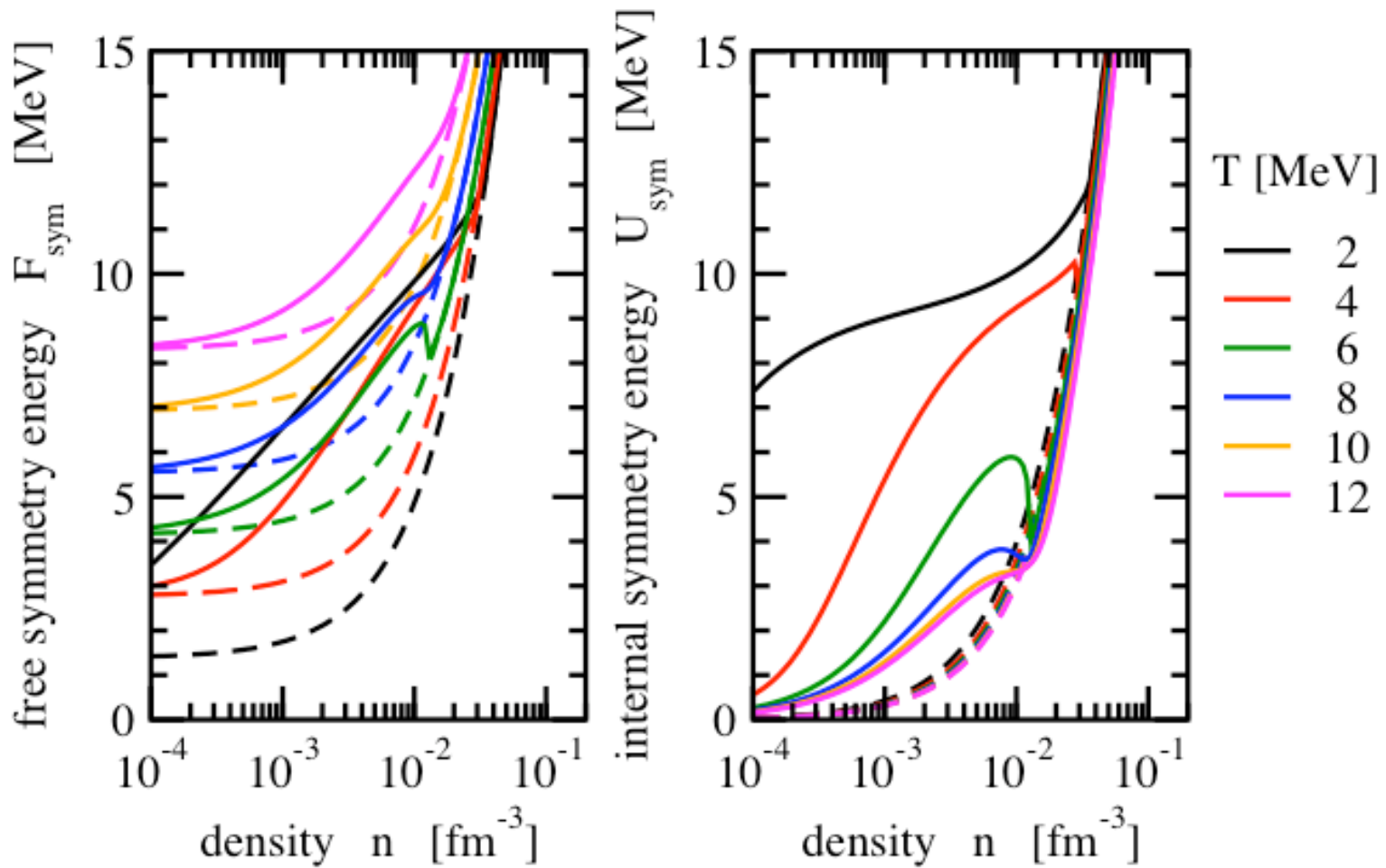
T=4MeV

Symmetry energy for $T=2,4,8$ MeV

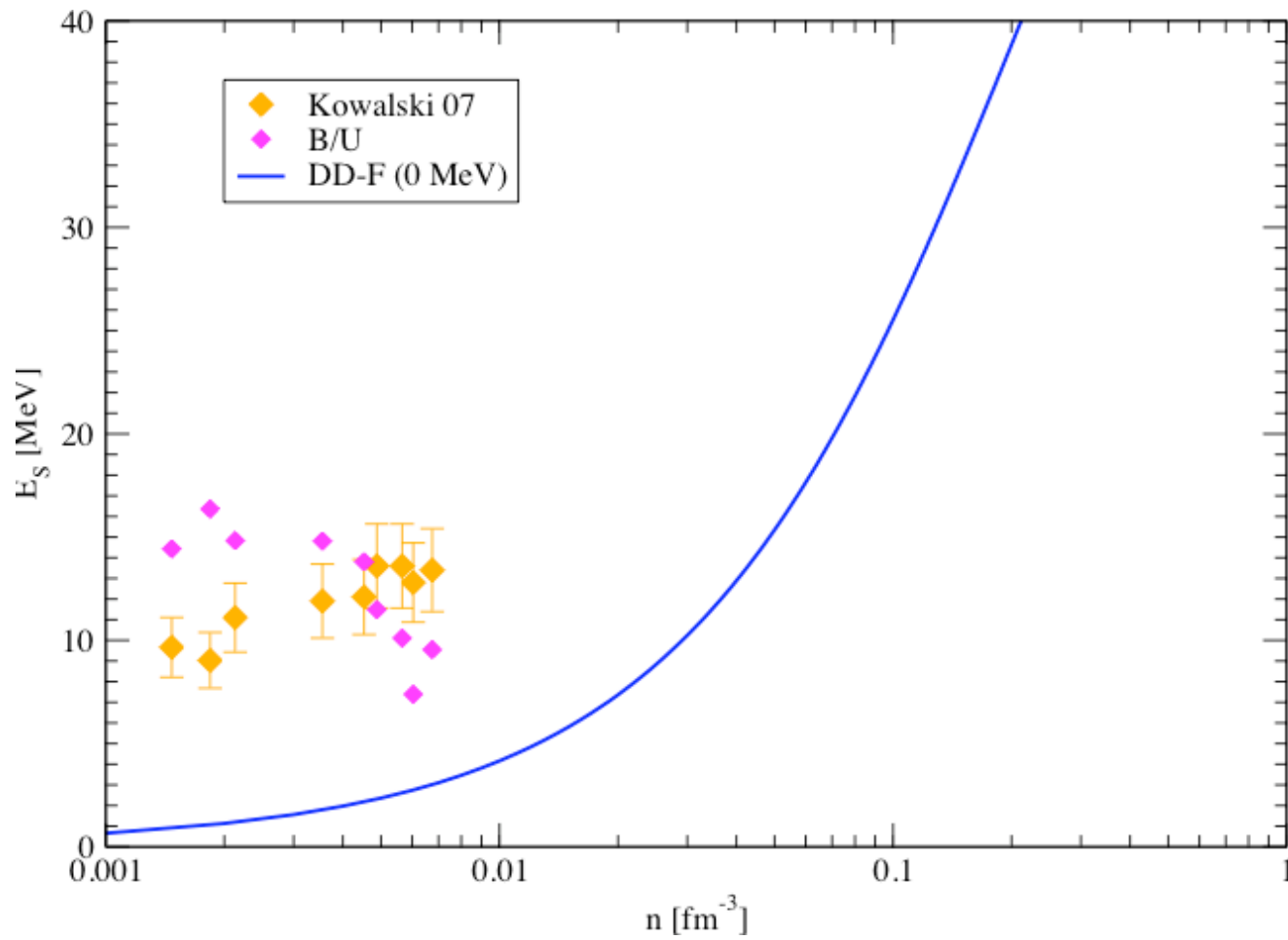


Free and Internal Symmetry Energy

with (solid) and without (dashed) clusters

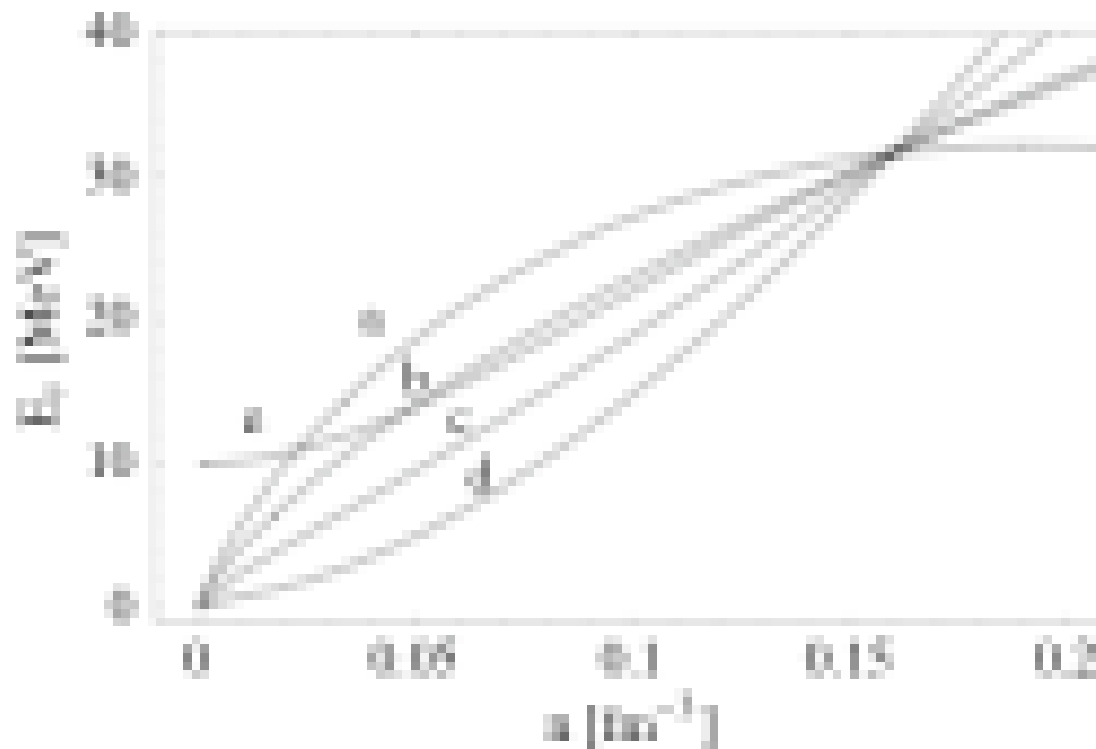


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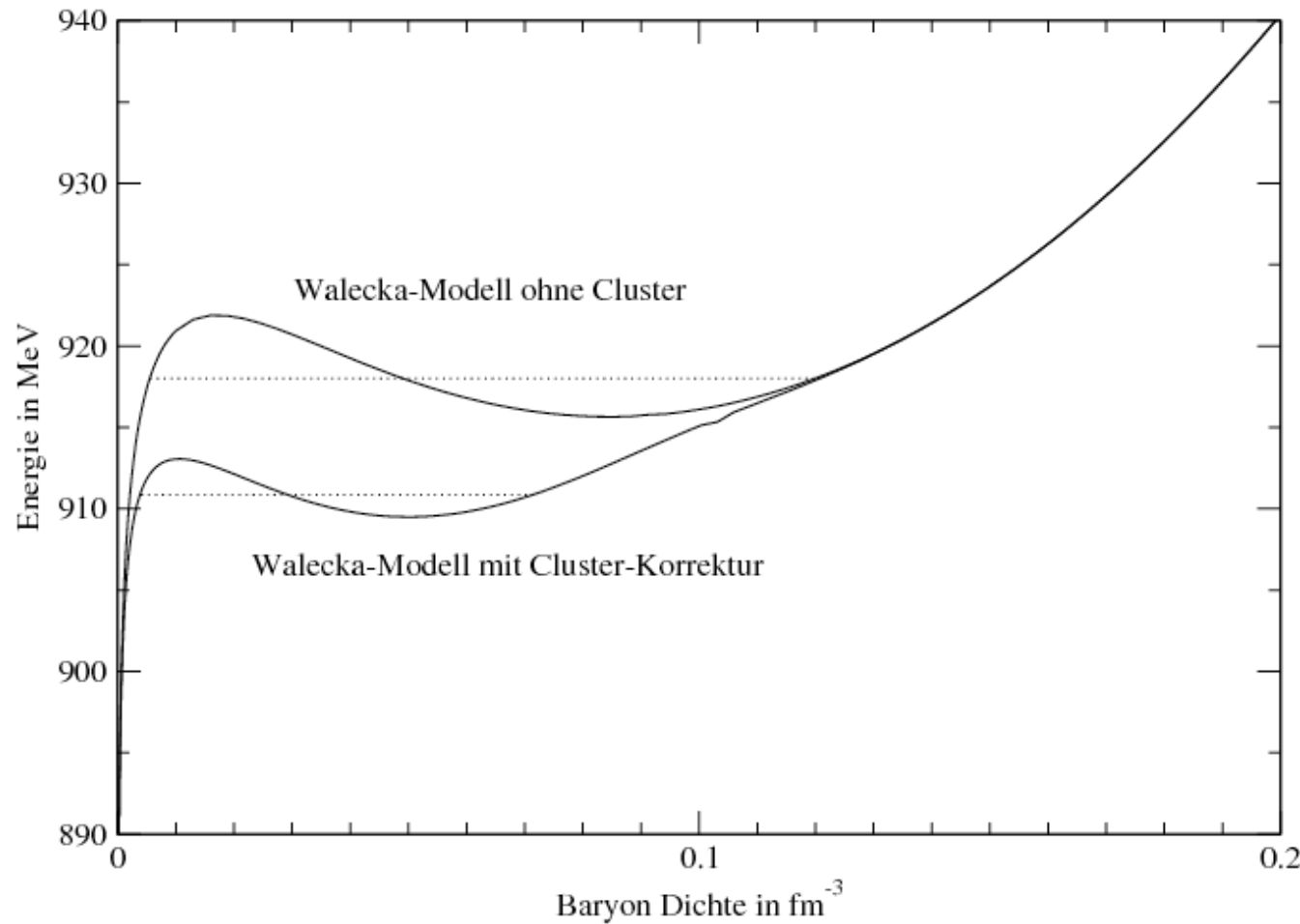
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Influence of cluster formation on the equation of state



T=10 MeV

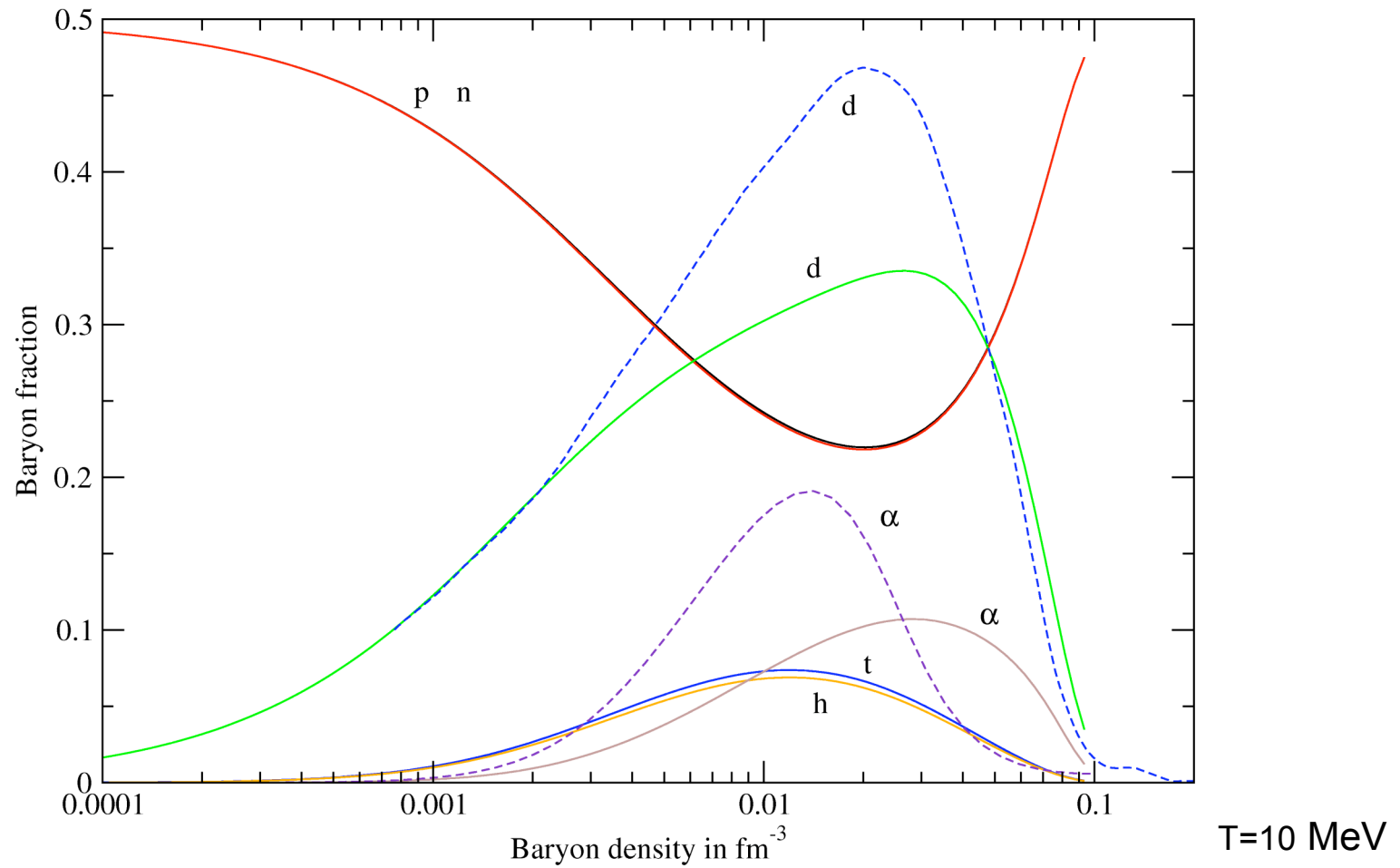
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Inclusion of
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chemical potential.

The region of
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Composition of symmetric nuclear matter



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Outline

- Schroedinger equation with medium corrections:
Self-energy and Pauli blocking
- Composition of the nuclear gas:
Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck equation
- Quantum condensates:
Pairing and quartetting
- Alpha clustering in $4n$ nuclei
- Composition and the EoS of symmetric matter
- Symmetry energy in the low-density region

Summary

- The low-density limit of the nuclear matter EoS can be rigorously treated and has to be considered as 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, and the behavior of the symmetry energy.

Thanks for attention

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Two-particle states in matter

Two-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

$$\begin{aligned} & [E^{\text{HF}}(p_1) + E^{\text{HF}}(p_2)] \psi_{nP}(p_1, p_2) \\ & + \frac{[1 - f(p_1) - f(p_2)]}{\sum_{p'_1 p'_2} V(p_1 p_2, p'_1 p'_2)} \psi_{nP}(p'_1, p'_2) \\ & = E_{nP} \psi_{nP}(p_1, p_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$E^{\text{HF}}(p_1) = E(p_1) + \sum_{p_2} V(p_1 p_2, p_1 p_2)_{\text{ex}} \underline{f(p_2)}$$

The Equation of State of neutron-rich nuclear matter

symmetry energy

isospin asymmetry $\delta = (\rho_n - \rho_p) / \rho$

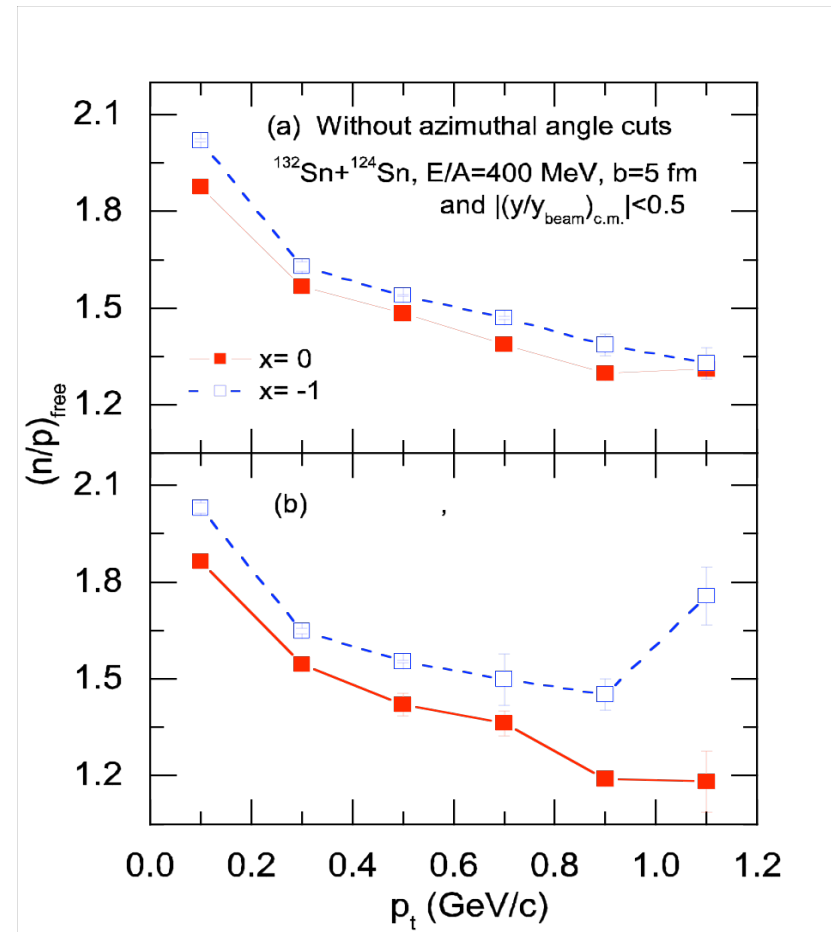
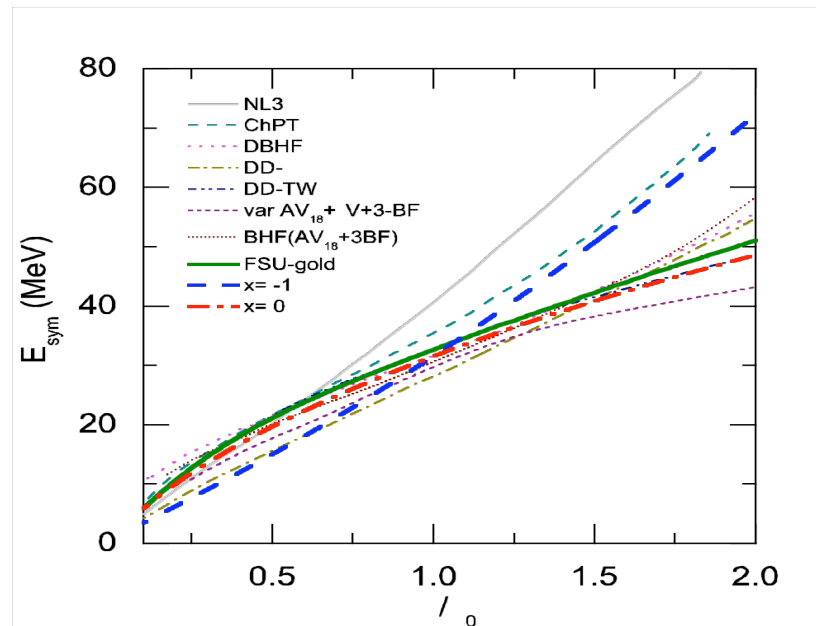
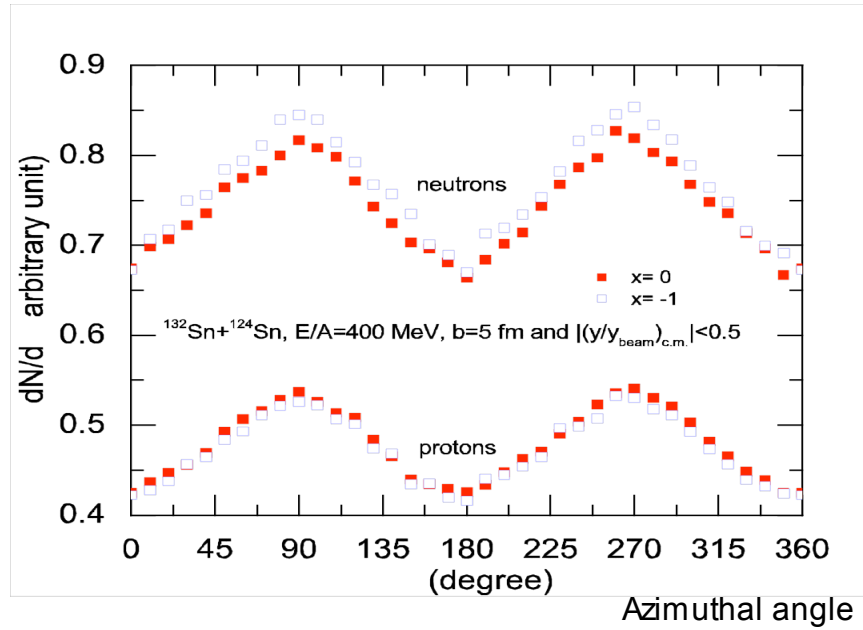
$$E(\rho_n, \rho_p) = E_0(\rho_n = \rho_p) + E_{sym}(\rho) \delta^2 + O(\delta^4)$$

EOS of isospin-symmetric nuclear matter
with equal numbers of protons and
neutrons

Energy per nucleon in isospin-asymmetric nuclear matter
with different numbers of protons and neutrons

- This parabolic approximation is valid up to pure neutron matter as shown by all existing many-body theories
- The EOS of isospin-symmetric nuclear matter is relatively well determined after almost 30 years of hard work by many people in the nuclear physics community
- Besides the possible phase transition at high densities, the symmetry energy $E_{sym}(\rho)$ is the most uncertain term in the EOS of neutron-rich matter

Squeeze-out of neutrons perpendicular to the reaction plane

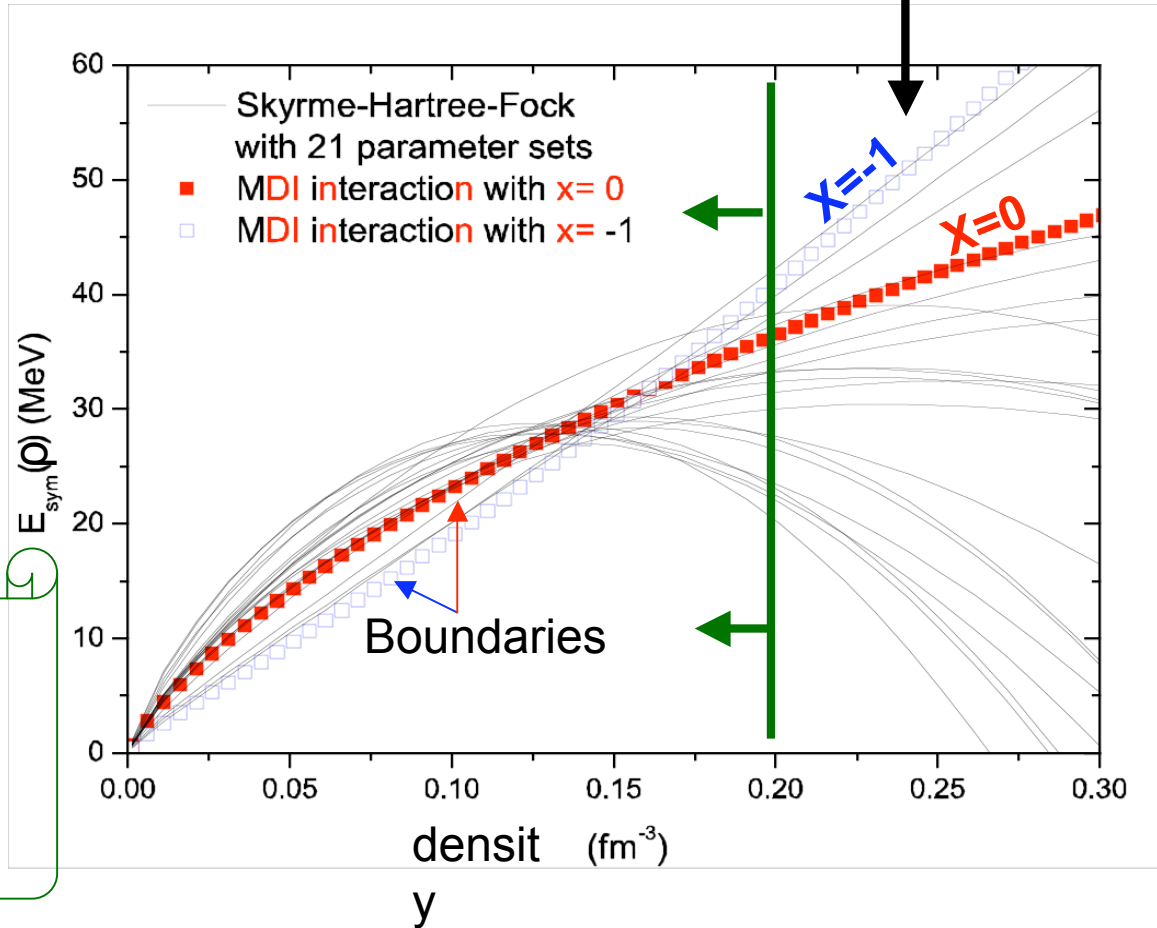


Constraining nuclear effective interactions within Skyrme Hartree-Fock

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{3\pi^2}{2} \right)^{2/3} \rho^{2/3} - \frac{1}{8} t_0 (2x_0 + 1) \rho$$

$$- \frac{1}{48} t_3 (2x_3 + 1) \rho^{\sigma+1} + \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{3\pi^2}{2} \right)^{2/3} [-3t_1 x_1 + (4 + 5x_2) t_2] \rho^{5/3}$$

E_{sym} in the high density region is still not constrained !



Most of the 21 widely used Skyrme interactions for nuclear structure studies are ruled out !

Only 5 survived !

Pauli-blocking

- Wellenfunktion des Bindungszustandes
- Impulsverteilung der Nukleonen:
kann durch eine Wahrscheinlichkeitsverteilung im Impulsraum dargestellt werden
- endliche Dichte der umgebenden Nukleonen
- kann durch eine Fermiverteilung im Impulsraum dargestellt werden
- Pauli-Prinzip: Zustände dürfen nicht mehrfach besetzt werden
- Wechselwirkung wird weniger effektiv, wenn der Impulsraum schon besetzt ist, es können sich keine Bindungszustände ausbilden

Few-particle Schrödinger equation in a dense medium

Two-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

$$\begin{aligned} & [E^{\text{HF}}(p_1) + E^{\text{HF}}(p_2)] \psi_{nP}(p_1, p_2) \\ & + [1 - f(p_1) - f(p_2)] \sum_{p'_1 p'_2} V(p_1 p_2, p'_1 p'_2) \psi_{nP}(p'_1, p'_2) \\ & = E_{nP} \psi_{nP}(p_1, p_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$E^{\text{HF}}(p_1) = E(p_1) + \sum_{p_2} V(p_1 p_2, p_1 p_2) \underline{f(p_2)}$$

Nuclear matter: Hamiltonian

atomic nuclei

neutron stars

- non-relativistic approach

$$H = \sum_1 E(1) a_1^\dagger a_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{121'2'} V(121'2') a_1^\dagger a_2^\dagger a_2 a_1$$

$$1 = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \sigma_1, \tau_1\}$$

- kinetic energy $E(1) = \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1}$

Thermodynamic relations

equation of state:

given temperature T and chemical potential μ ,
density $n = n(T, \mu)$

thermodynamic potentials

$$p(T, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} n(T, \mu') d\mu'$$

$$f(T, n) = \int_0^n \mu(T, n') dn'$$

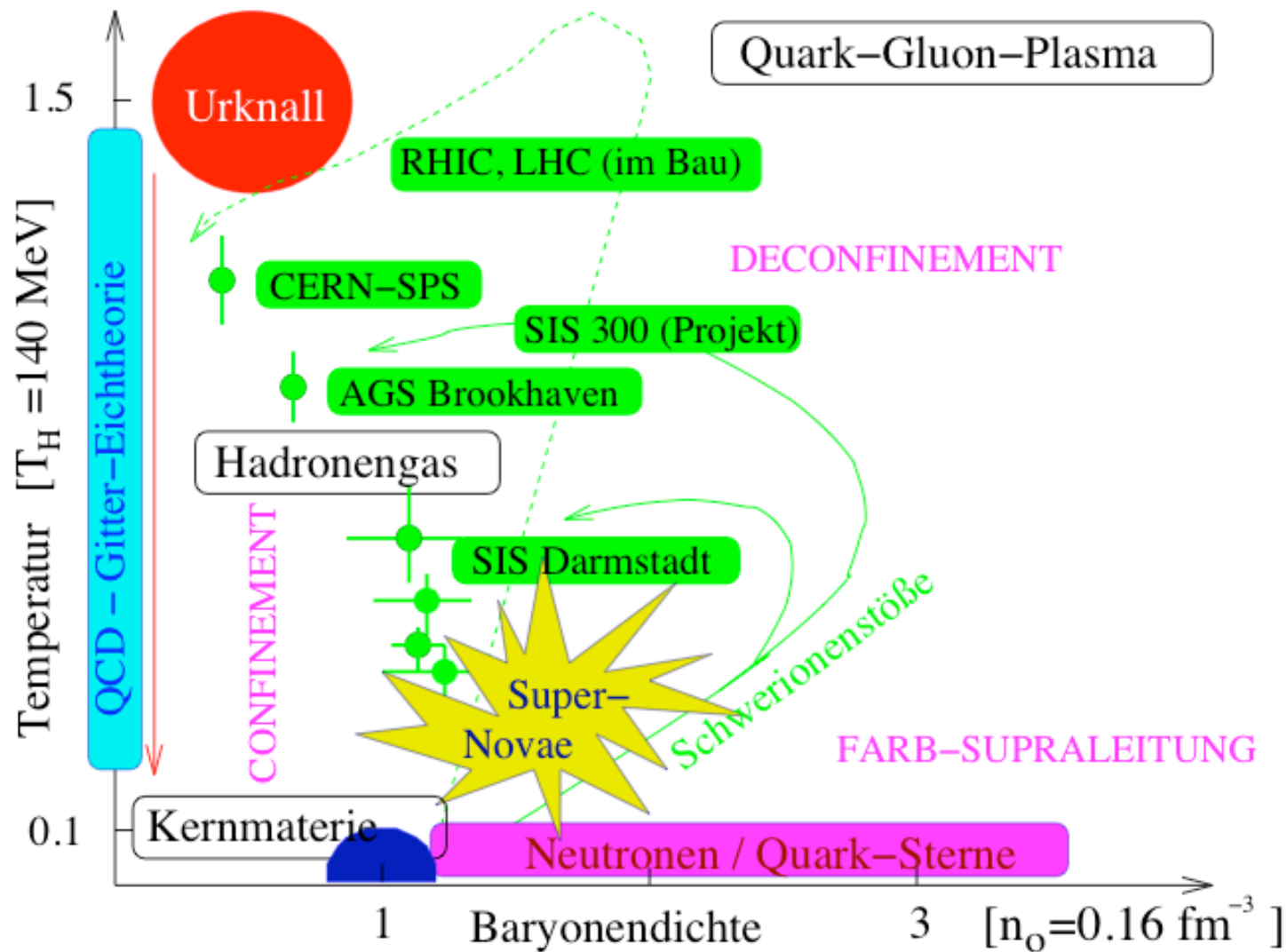
thermodynamic stability?

$$n(T, \mu) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{p}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\pi} f(\omega) A(\vec{p}, \omega)$$

Pairing und α -Cluster in Atomkernen

- Bindungsenergien der Atomkerne: gerade oder ungerade Anzahl von Protonen bzw. Neutronen
- Virtuelle alpha-Cluster in der äußeren Schicht der Transurane
- Bose-Einstein-Kondensate in angeregten n-alpha-Kernen
- Dünne heiße Materie in Schwerionenstößen

Phasendiagramm Kernmaterie



Zusammenfassung

- Bildung von **Clustern** (Bindungszuständen)
in niederdichten Systemen
- **Auflösung der Cluster** bei hohen Dichten
(Abschirmung oder Pauli-blocking)
- **Metall-Isolator-Übergang**: Phasenübergang?
Transporteigenschaften, optische Eigenschaften
- **Quantenkondensate**: Übergang von der Bose-Einstein-Kondensation gebundener Fermionen zum Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer-Pairing der Fermionen

Summary

- Bound states demand a quantum statistical description. Properties of Coulomb systems are strongly influenced by bound state formation.
- Medium effects change the bound state properties. Dissolution of bound states at high densities (Mott effect). Instead of a chemical picture, the spectral function should be used as an appropriate concept.
- As a consequence of the dissolution of bound states, a crossover from Bose-Einstein condensation to Cooper pairing occurs at low temperatures.
- The physics of the Mott transition from a nonmetallic to a metal-like state remains unclear. Reflecting on concepts of condensed matter, hopping should be considered as an important process.

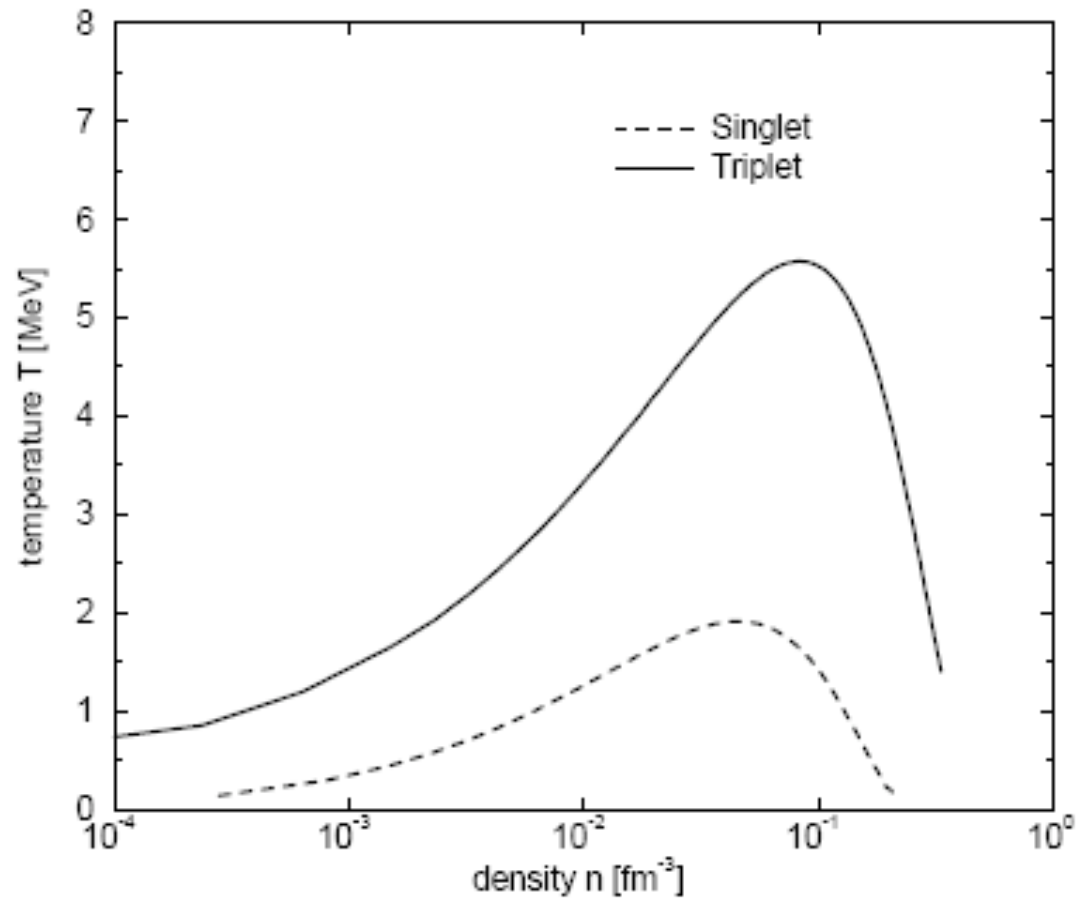
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Nuclear matter: Hamiltonian

- interaction $V(121'2')$: empirical approach
 - long-range attraction
 - short-range repulsion
 - spin-isospin dependent
coupled orbital momenta
- bound states, continuum correlations
- in-medium scattering, effective interaction
- superfluidity
- phase transitions
- example of a quantum liquid

Deuteron-Kondensation

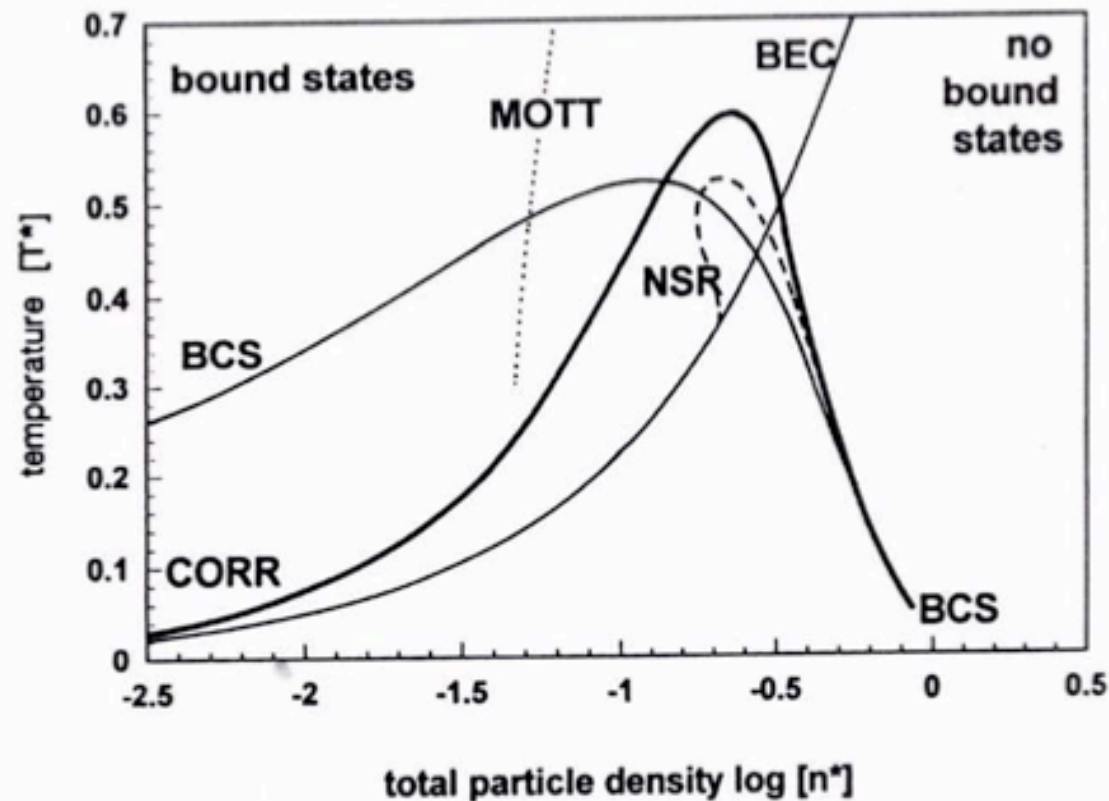
(Bose-Einstein-Kondensation --- BCS-Pairing)



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^a: blocking by single-particle distribution function

thick line^b: including the interaction with the correlated component of the medium

^a P. Nozieres, S. Schmitt-Rink, J. Low Temp. Phys. **59**, 159 (1985)

^b G. Röpke, Ann. Phys. (Leipzig) **3**, 145 (1994)

Bindungszustände und kondensierte Phase

Coulombsysteme (QuantenElektroDynamik)

Vielteilchensystem	elementare Teilchen	Bindungszustände	hohe Dichte
Ionenplasma	Elektronen, Ionen	Atome, Moleküle	flüssiges Metall
Halbleiterplasma	Elektronen, Löcher	Exzitonen, Biexzitonen	Elektron-Loch-Flüssigkeit

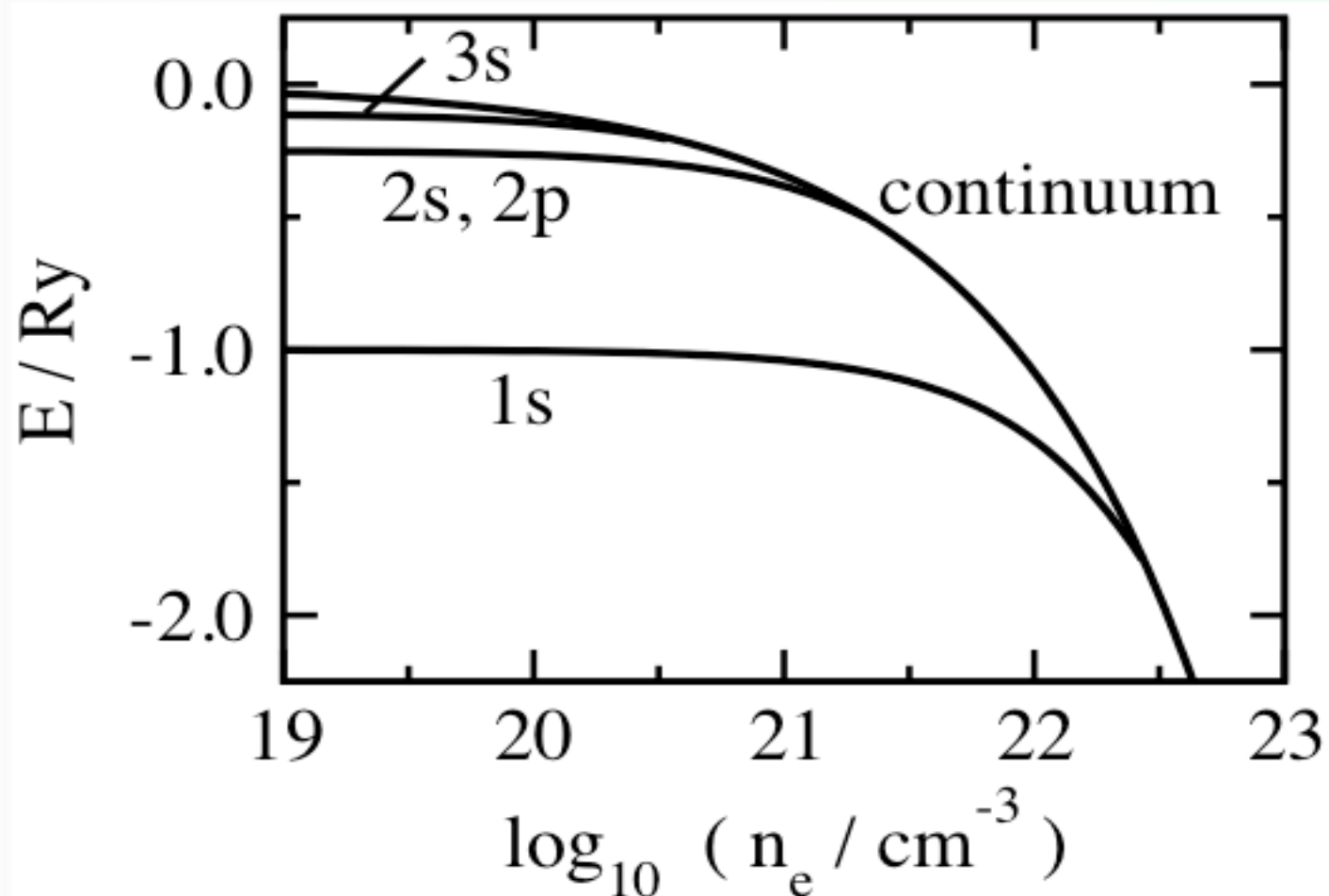
Stark wechselwirkende Systeme (QuantenChromoDynamik)

Vielteilchensystem	elementare Teilchen	Bindungszustände	hohe Dichte
Vielnukleonen-system	Protonen, Neutronen	Atomkerne	Kernmaterie
Quark-Gluon-System	Quarks	Hadronen	Quark-Gluon-Plasma

Abschirmung der Coulombwechselwirkung

- Ladung (Atomkern, positive Ladung)
- umgebendes Plasma wird polarisiert:
gleichnamige Ladungen werden abgestoßen
ungleichnamige Ladungen werden angezogen
- eine Polarisationswolke bildet sich (Raumladung)
- Abschwächung des elektrischen Feldes

Shift of binding energy and Mott effect ^a



Dissolution of bound states at increasing density: screening

^a D. Kremp et al., Quantum Statistics of Nonideal Plasmas, Berlin 2005

Mott-Effekt und Ionisationsgrad in Wasserstoffplasmen

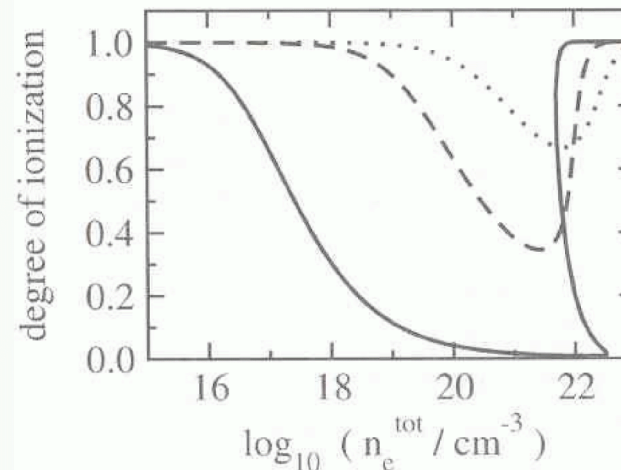
- two-particle partition function \rightsquigarrow Planck-Larkin form
- quasiparticle shifts for the one-and two-particle energies
- effective binding energies \rightsquigarrow lowering of the ionization energy ΔE

$$\frac{1 - \alpha_{\text{ion}}}{\alpha_{\text{ion}}^2} = n_e \lambda_e^3 Z_b^{\text{PL}} \exp(\beta \Delta E), \quad \Delta E = \Delta_e + \Delta_p - \Delta_H$$

dotted line: 50000 K

dashed line: 30000 K

solid line: 15000 K



^a see D. Kremp, M. Schlanges, W.D. Kraeft, Quantum Statistics of Nonideal Plasmas (Springer, Berlin, 2005)

Mikroskopische Beschreibung

- Quantenphysik:
 - Bindungszustände (Cluster)
 - Schrödingergleichung
- Statistische Physik:
 - Einfluss der Umgebung
- Relativistische Beschreibung:
 - bei hohen Energien

Effektive Wellengleichung

- Schrödingergleichung

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \vec{r}^2} \Psi_n(\vec{r}) + V_{eff}(\vec{r}) \Psi_n(\vec{r}) = E_n \Psi_n(\vec{r})$$

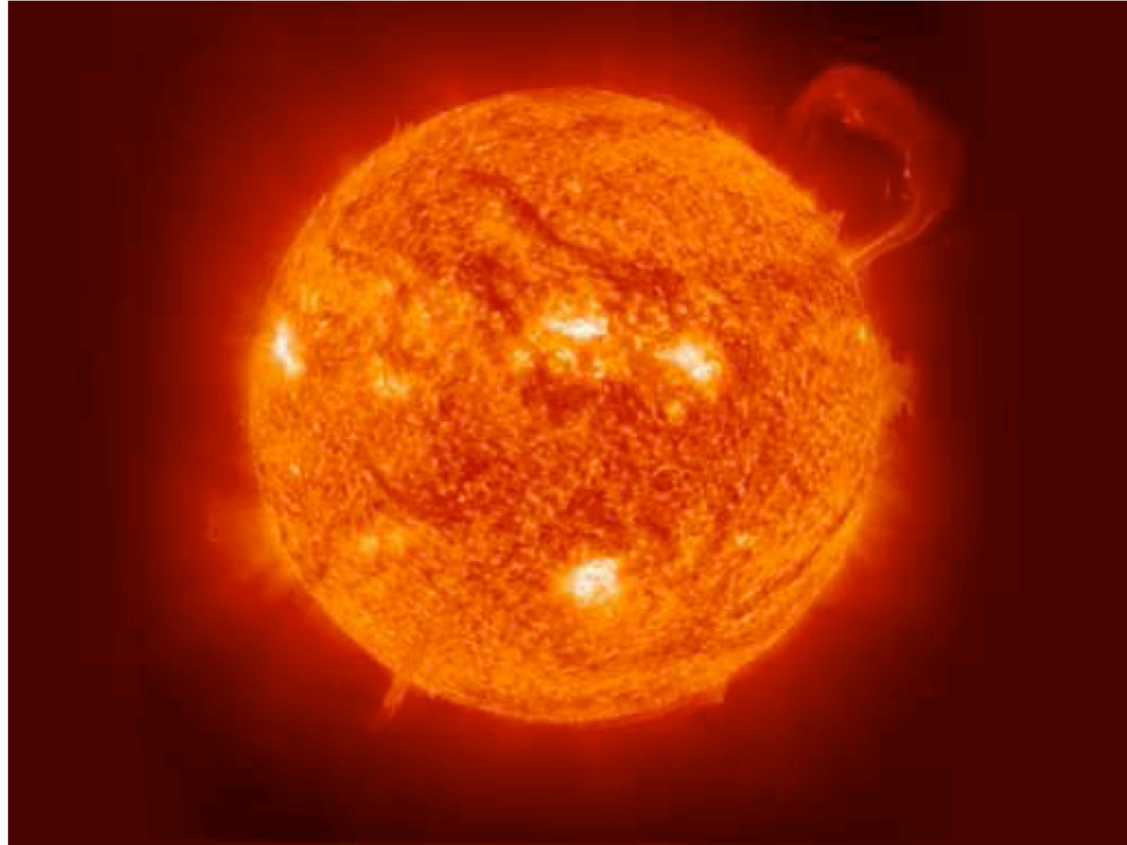
- Effektive Wechselwirkung

$$V_{eff}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} e^{-\kappa r}$$

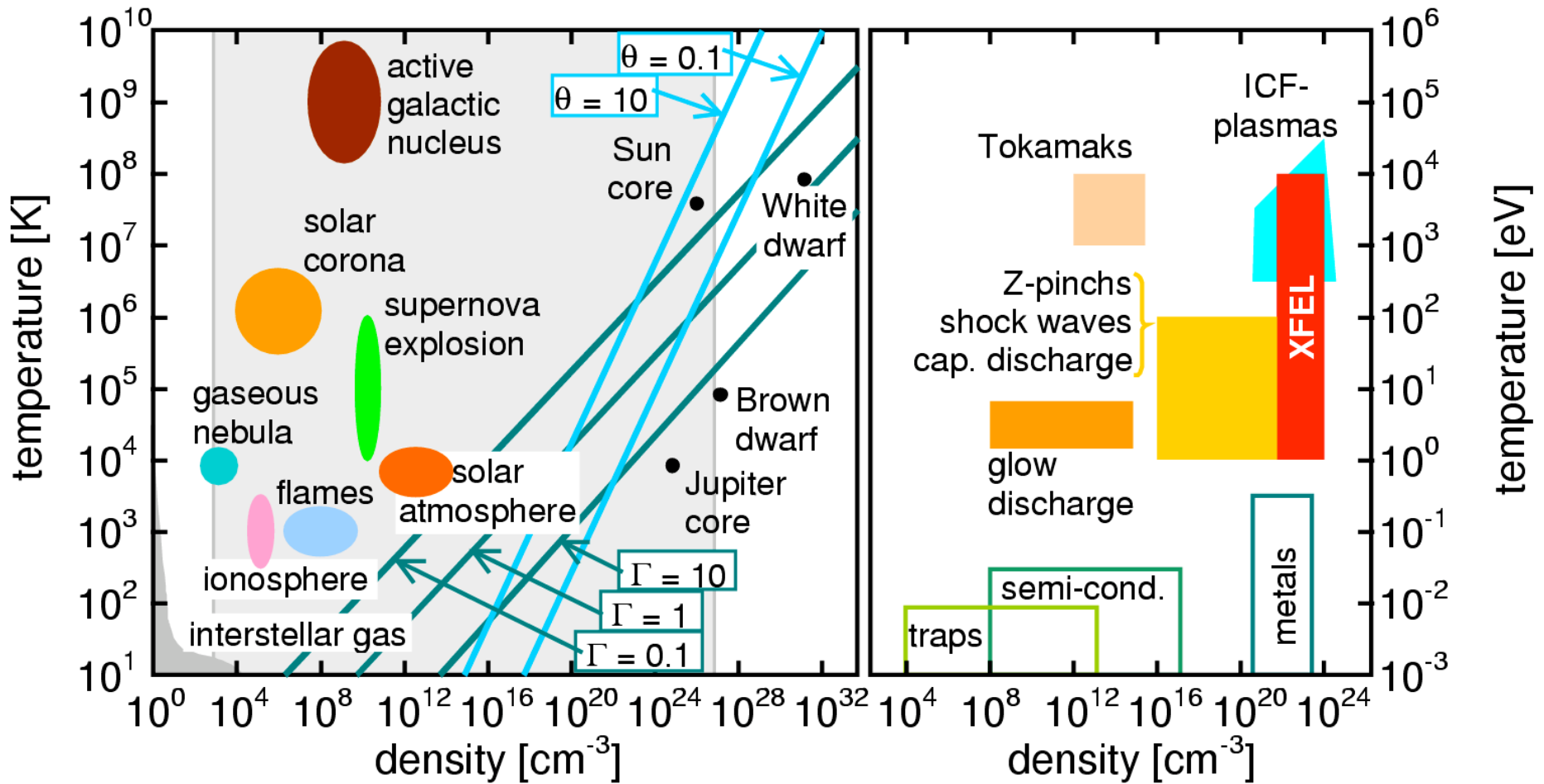
- Abschirmparameter

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\rho e^2 / \epsilon_0 k_B T}$$

The sun: plasma state



Phase diagram: Coulomb systems



Results

	E_{exc} (MeV)	Γ (MeV)
0_2^+	6.06	
0_3^+	11.26	2.6
0_4^+	12.05	1.6×10^{-3}
0_5^+	14.0	4.8
0_6^+	14.03	2.0×10^{-1}

$(^{12}\text{C} + \alpha)_s$

$(^{12}\text{C} + \alpha)_p$

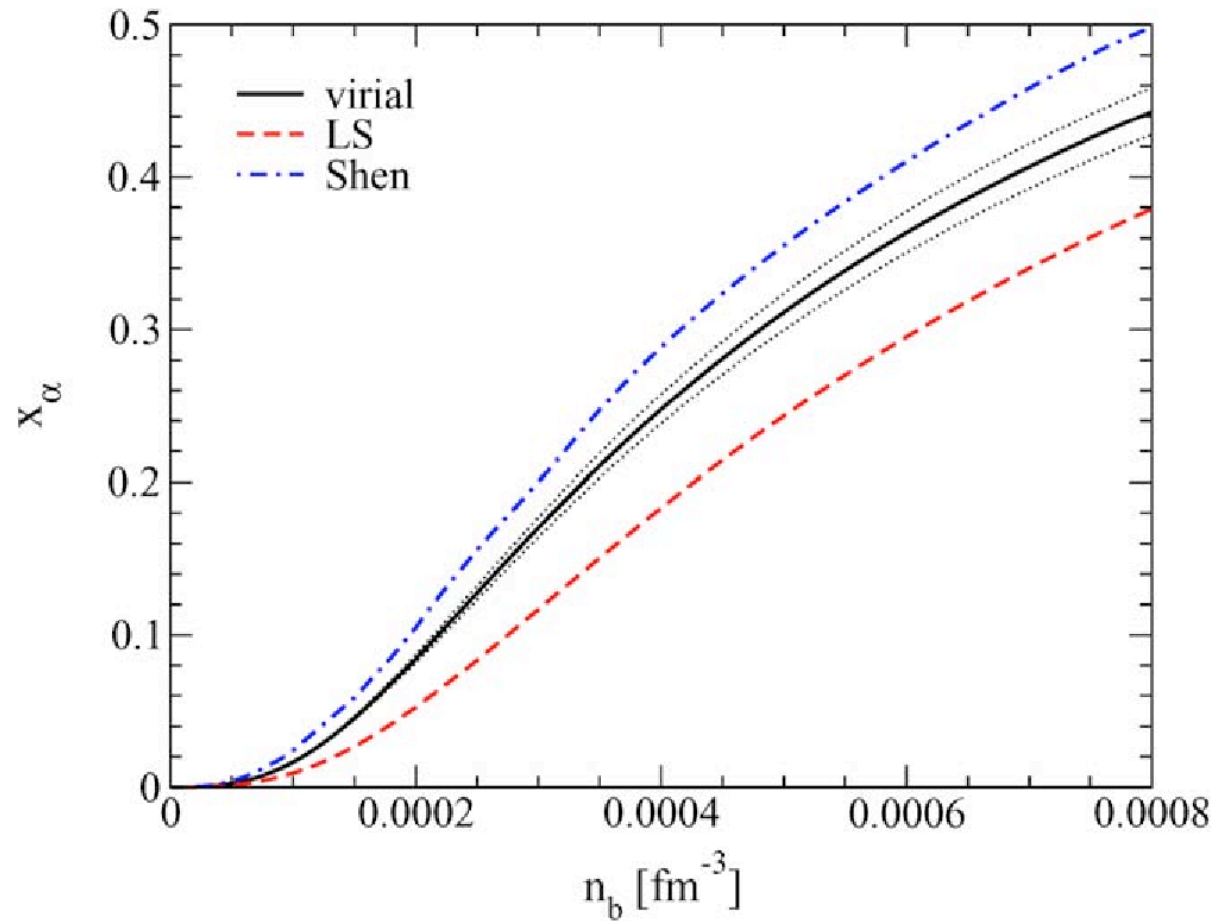
α cluster, $k=2$

α condensate, $k=3$

Table 2: Observed excitation energies E_{exc} and widths Γ of the lowest five 0^+ excited states in ^{16}O

Alpha-particle fraction in the low-density limit

symmetric matter, $T=4$ MeV



Horowitz & Schwenk (2006), Lattimer & Swesty, (2001), Shen et al. (1998))