

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

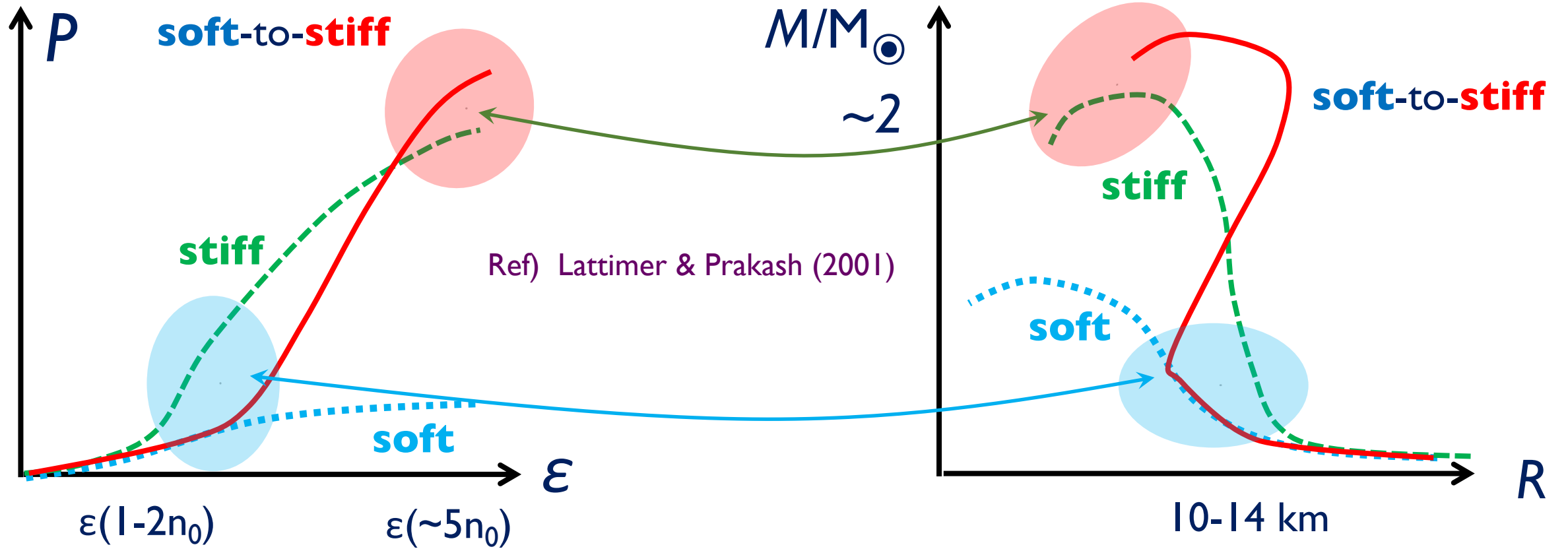
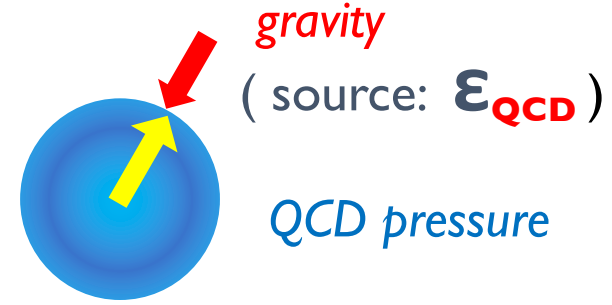
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Ref) TK, [2106.06687](#) [nucl-th]

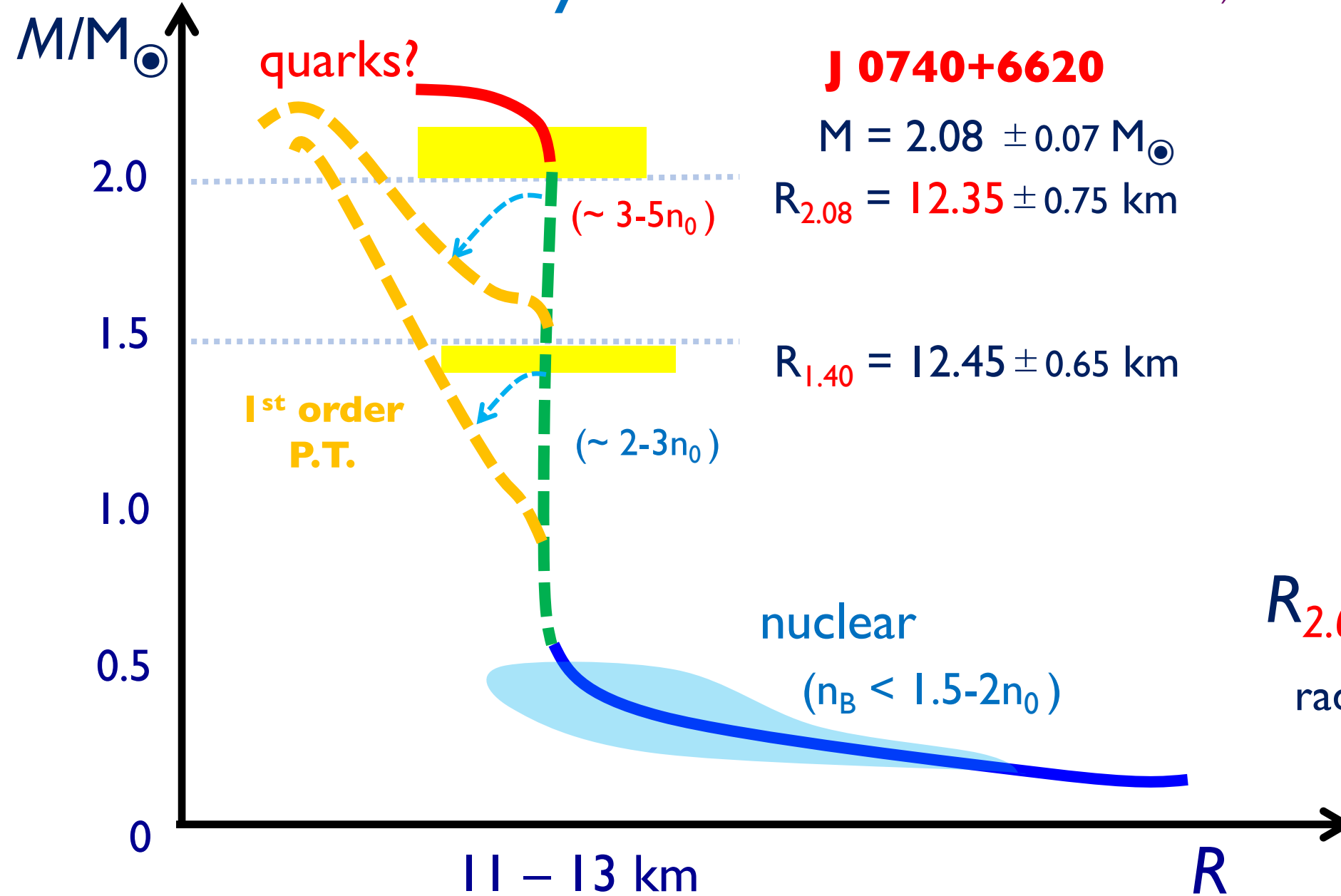
EoS & Neutron Star M-R relation

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*

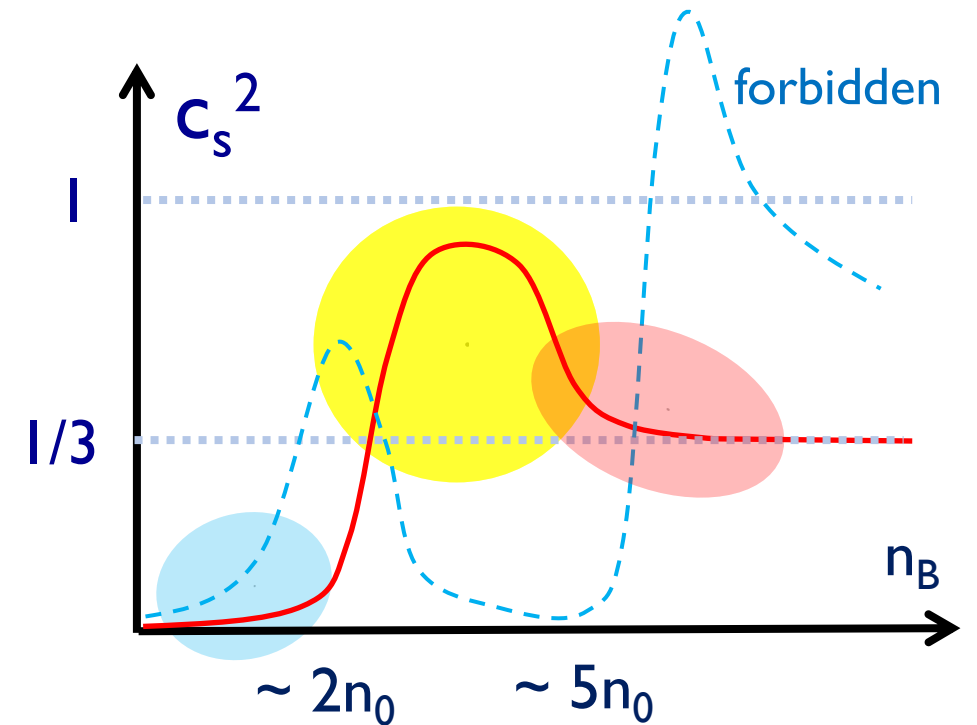
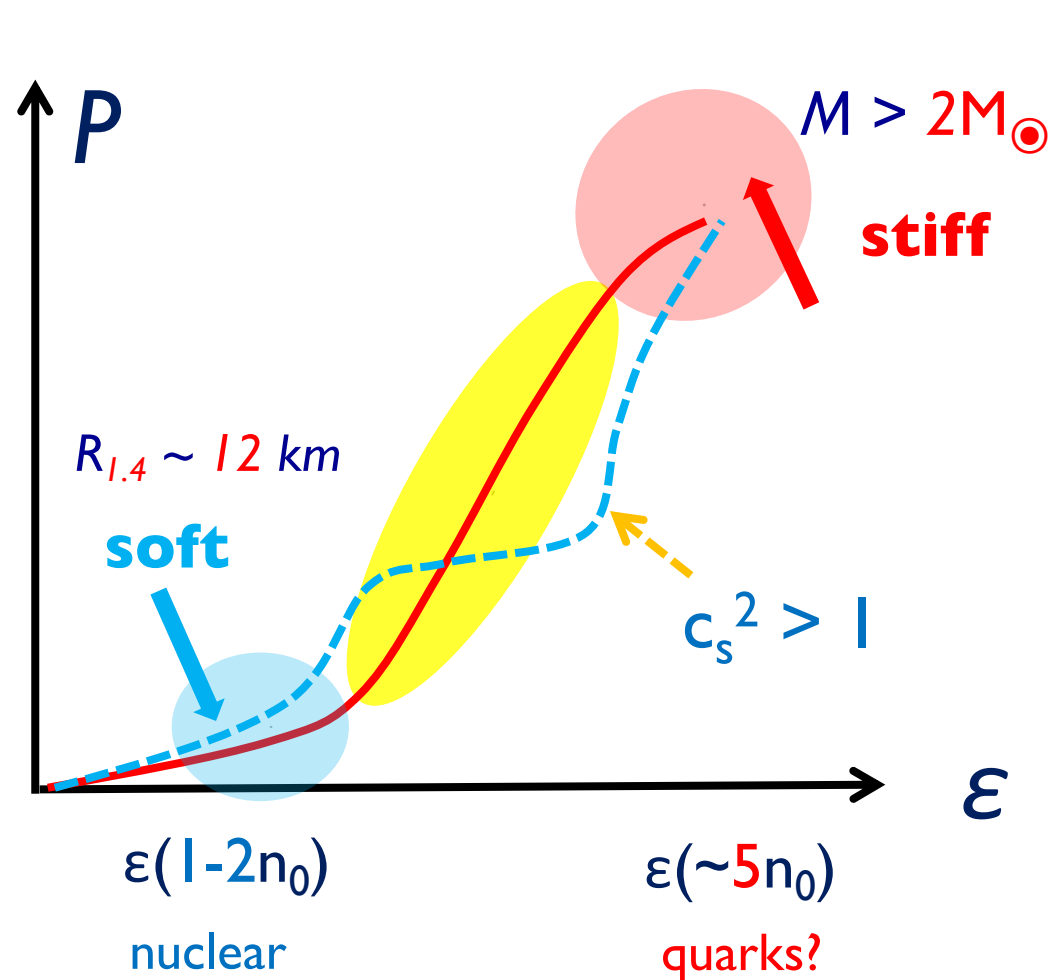
[Miller+ '21]

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

radical softening unlikely
 for 2-5 n_0

Soft to *stiff* is challenging

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



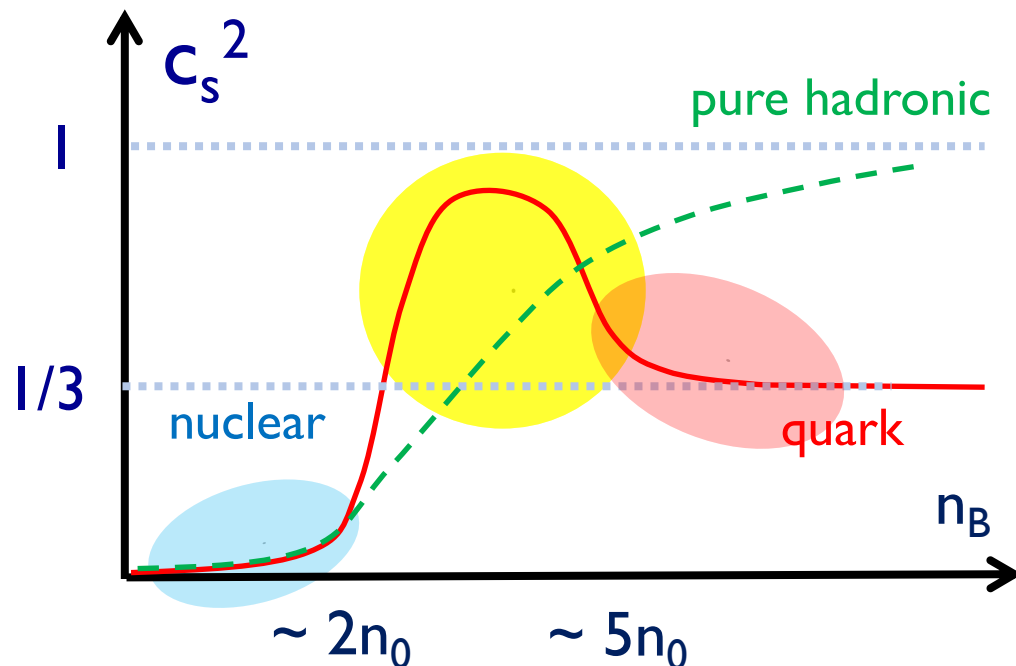
the simplest: *quark-hadron continuity*

→ we take it as our **baseline**

Goals in this talk

→ *Direct* descriptions of the **peak** in c_s from *microphysics*

follow up of [McLerran-Reddy (MR), PRL '19,...]



the statements include:

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

Strategy : to clarify the physics

- first stick to *quark d.o.f only* ; differing from [McLerran-Reddy, PRL '19,...]
 - remove worries about *double counting*
 - remove additional modeling for switching of d.o.f. (*baryon* \rightarrow *quark*)
 - remove the issues of *the zero point energy* [e.g. *baryonic Dirac sea* v.s. *quark Dirac sea*]
 - \rightarrow **EoS** in *baryonic* & *quark* matter have the **same normalization**
- after establishing the picture, we will replace *a part of quarks* with *baryons*
 - consistency check with [McLerran-Reddy, PRL '19,...]

contents

1, Quarks in a baryon

2, Quarks in baryonic matter

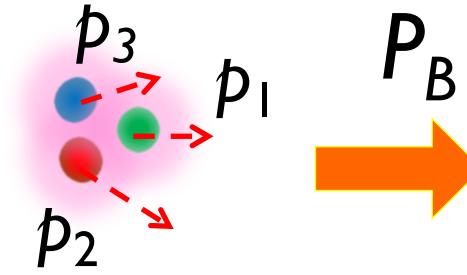
interactions (except confinement)
neglected

3, Quark matter formation

4, Baryons in quark matter

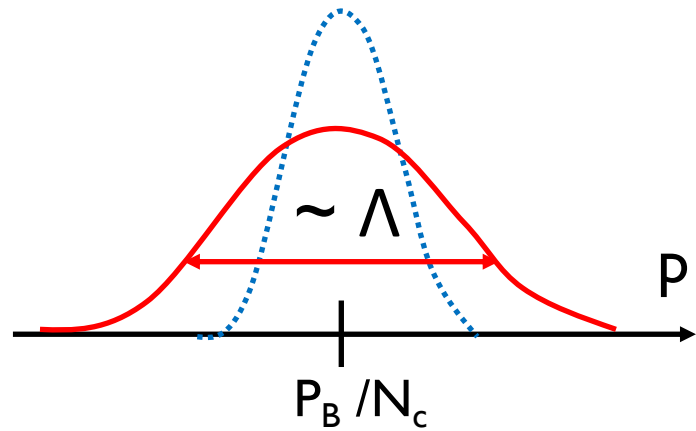
5, Quark interactions & **stiff EoS**

Quarks in a baryon

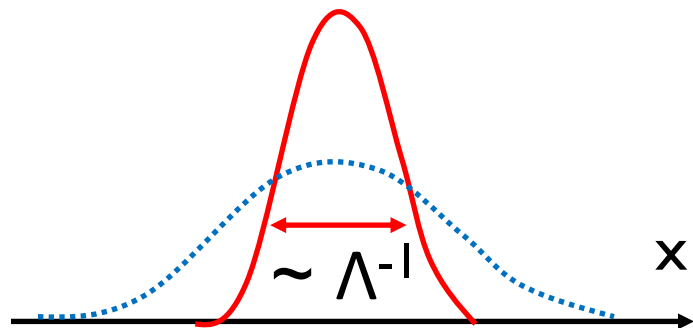


probability density:

$$Q_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P}_B) = \mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left(\mathbf{p} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right)^2} \quad \mathcal{N} = \frac{8\pi^{3/2}}{\Lambda^3}$$



F.T.



quarks are **localized** in both \mathbf{p} - & \mathbf{x} - space

mean

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

variance

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

Single quark and **baryon** energies

$$\langle E_q(\mathbf{p}) \rangle_{\underline{\mathbf{P}_B}} = \mathcal{N} \int_{\mathbf{p}} E_q(\mathbf{p}) e^{-\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left(\mathbf{p} - \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right)^2} = \mathcal{N} \int_{\mathbf{p}'} E_q \left(\mathbf{p}' + \frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathbf{p}'^2}$$

($M_q \sim 300$ MeV)

$\sim M_q + \Lambda$

$\sim 1/E_q$

$$\simeq \underbrace{\langle E_q(\mathbf{p}) \rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B=0}}_{\text{baryon mass}} + \frac{1}{6} \underbrace{\left\langle \frac{\partial^2 E_q}{\partial p_i \partial p_i} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{P}_B=0}}_{\text{baryon kin. energy}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_B}{N_c} \right)^2 + \dots$$



$\times N_c$

baryon mass

$$\sim N_c (M_q + \Lambda)$$



$\times N_c$

baryon kin. energy

$$\sim P_B^2 / (N_c E_q)$$

Quarks in a baryonic matter

Occupation probability of quark states

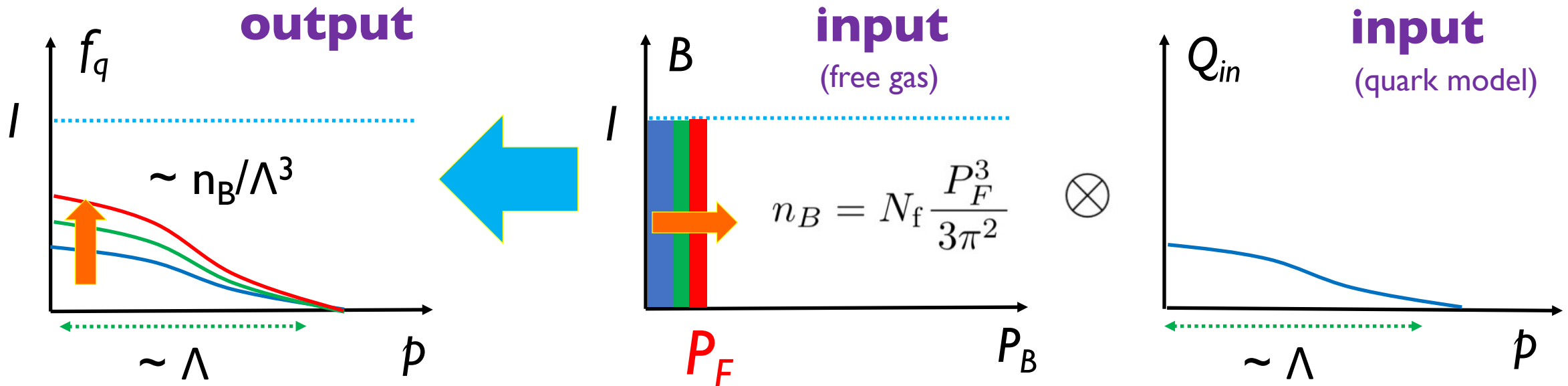
occupation **probability**
of **quark** state with p

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

$$\tilde{p} = p/\Lambda, \quad \tilde{P}_B = P_B/N_c\Lambda$$

$$f_q(p; n_B) = \mathcal{N} \frac{(N_c\Lambda)^3}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{\tilde{P}_F} \tilde{P}_B^2 d\tilde{P}_B e^{-\left(\tilde{p}^2 + \tilde{P}_B^2\right)} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta e^{2\tilde{p}\tilde{P}_B \cos\theta}$$

1/N_c expansion

$$f_q \simeq \mathcal{N} \frac{P_F^3}{6\pi^2} e^{-\tilde{p}^2} \left(1 + \frac{-3 + 2\tilde{p}^2}{5} \tilde{P}_F^2 + \dots \right)$$

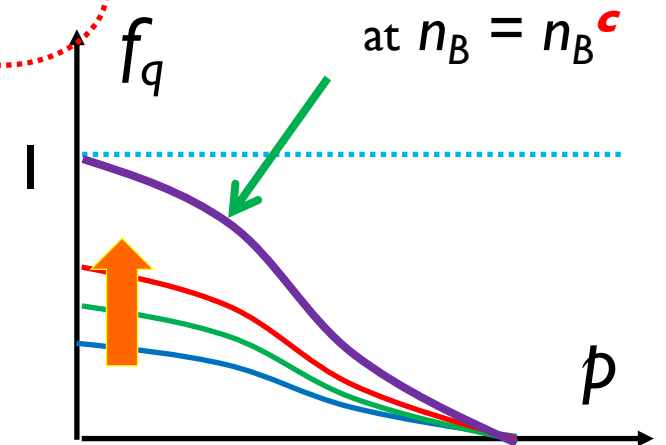
1/N_c² expansion

large N_c



$$f_q(p; n_B) \Big|_{N_c \rightarrow \infty} = \mathcal{N} \frac{P_F^3}{6\pi^2} e^{-\tilde{p}^2} = \frac{n_B}{n_B^c} e^{-\tilde{p}^2}$$

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

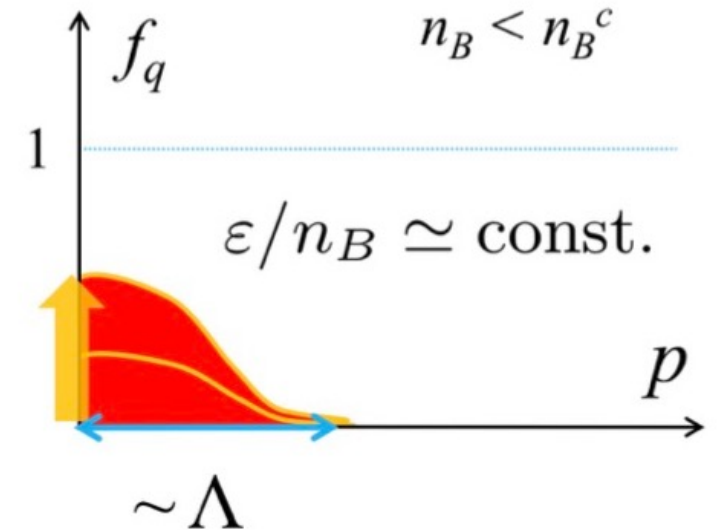


Quarks in ideal baryon gas: EoS

$$f_q(p; n_B) \Big|_{N_c \rightarrow \infty} = \mathcal{N} \frac{P_F^3}{6\pi^2} e^{-\tilde{p}^2} = \frac{n_B}{n_B^c} e^{-\tilde{p}^2}$$

energy density

$$\varepsilon(n_B) = 2N_c N_f \int_{\mathbf{p}} E_q(p) f_q(p; n_B)$$



large N_c

n_B -indep.

$$\varepsilon^{N_c \rightarrow \infty} = n_B N_c \mathcal{N} \int_{\mathbf{p}} E_q(p) e^{-\tilde{p}^2} = n_B M_B^{N_c \rightarrow \infty}$$

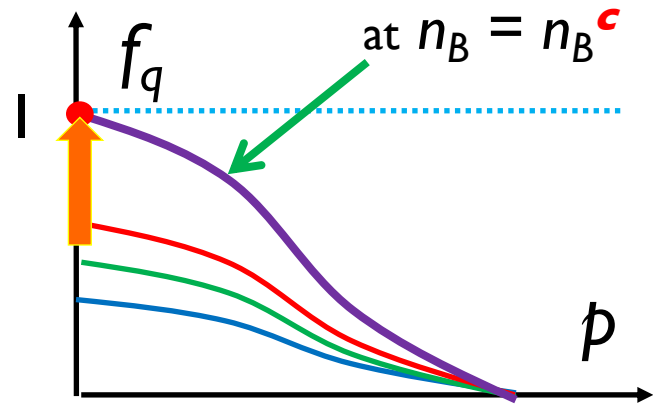
pressure

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

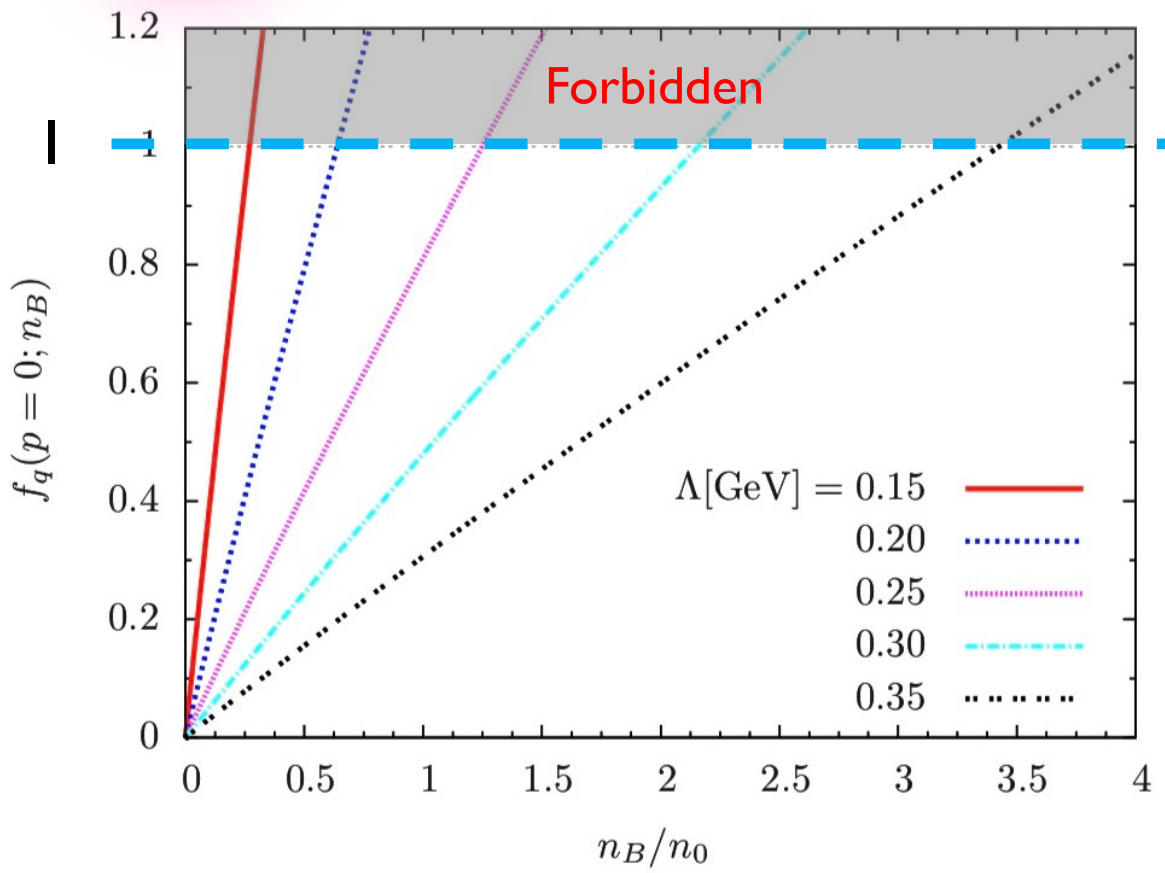
$\sim \text{const.}$

very soft

Saturation of quark states



baryon size dep. of n_B^c



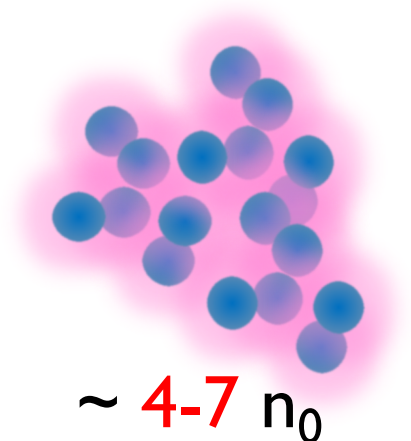
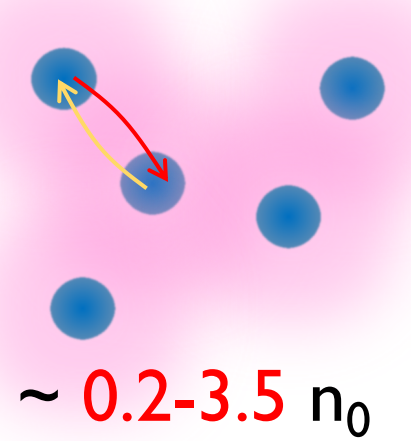
$\Lambda \sim 0.15-0.35 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow n_B^c \sim 0.2-3.5 n_0$

(may happen before baryon cores overlap)

cf) [Fukushima-TK-Weise, '20]

Soft Deconf.

Hard Deconf.



$\sim 0.2-3.5 n_0$

$\sim 4-7 n_0$

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)

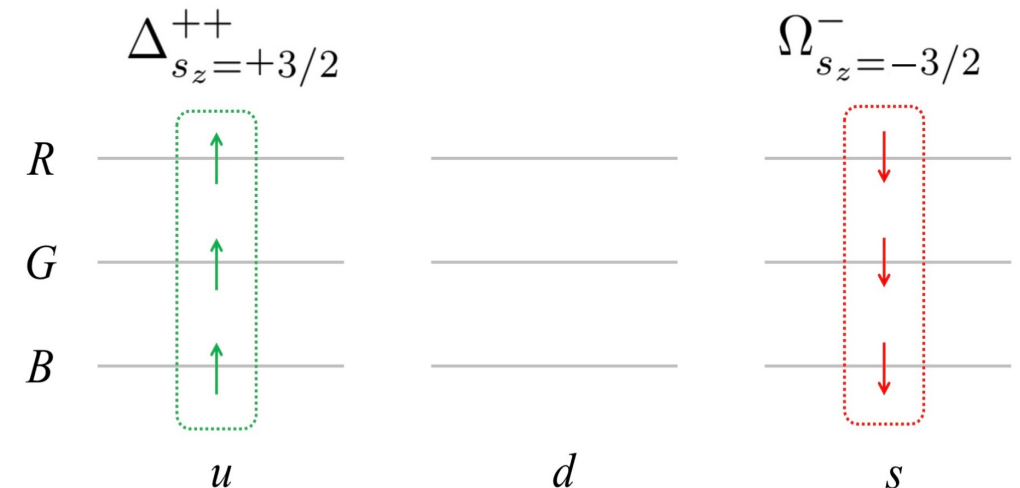
convenient color-flavor-spin bases

[neglect N- Δ splitting etc. for simplicity]

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

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

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



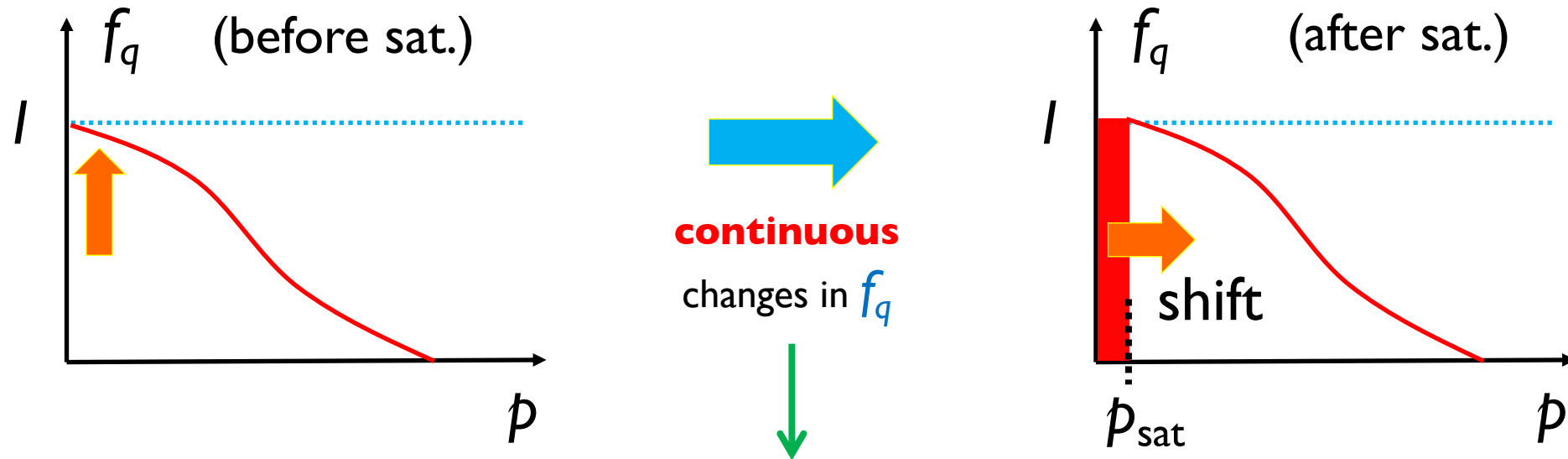
Quark matter formation

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

a **model** after the saturation:

same shape

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

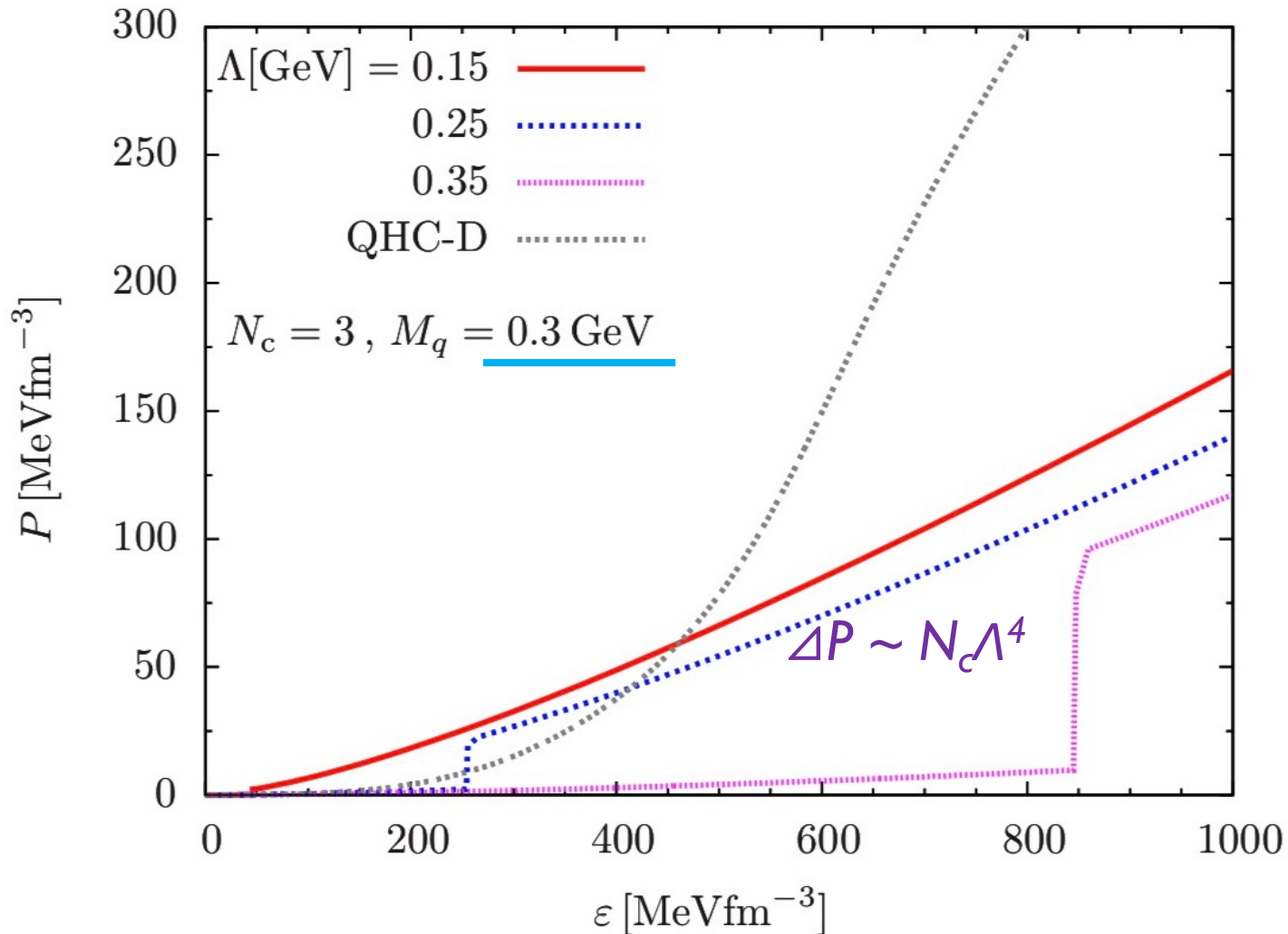


ε , n_B are **continuous** before and after the saturation.

any nontrivial consequences ?

jumps in μ_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**,

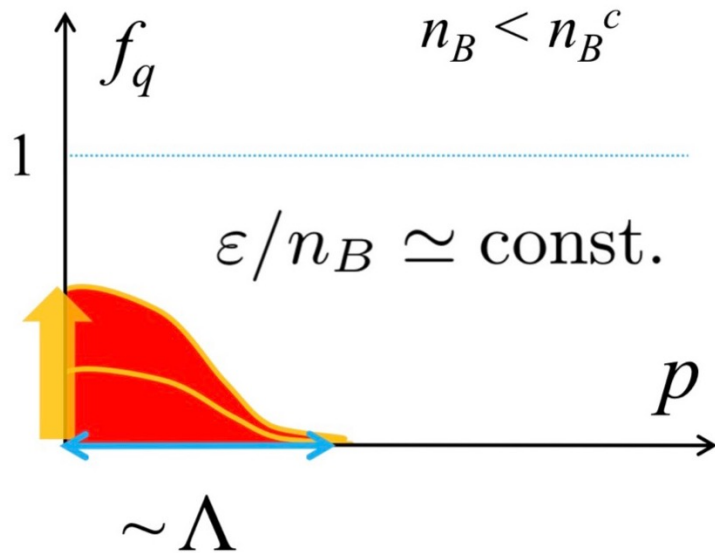
jumps in μ_B & P

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

opposite to usual 1st order P.T.

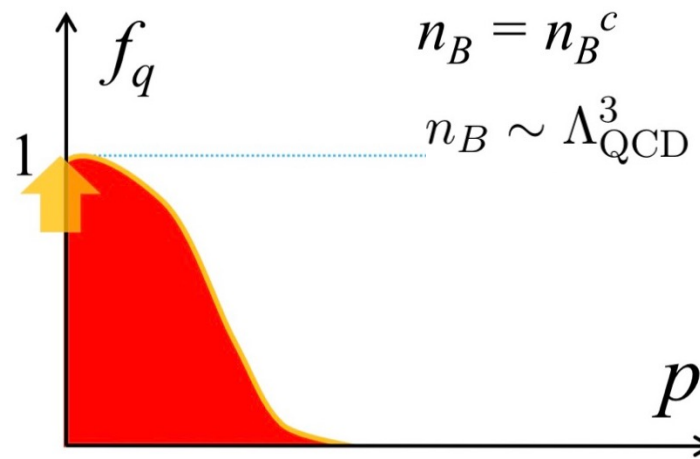
Quark matter formation: EoS

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



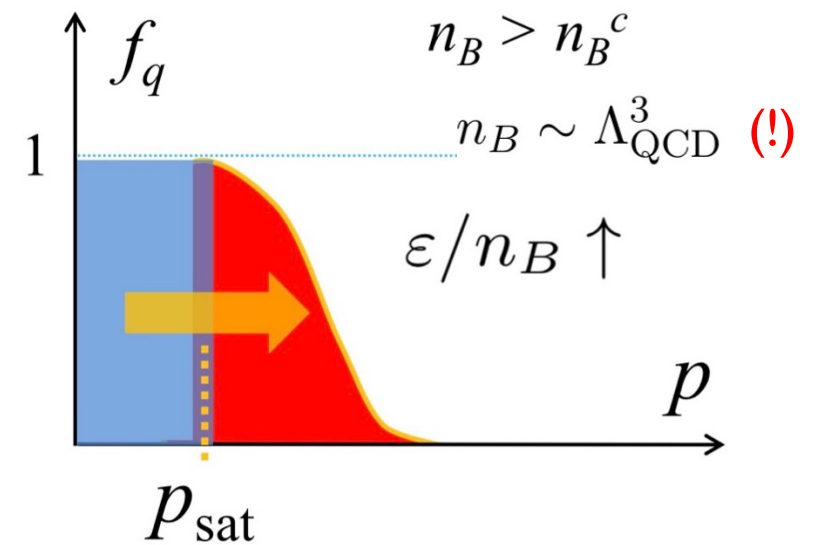
$$\varepsilon \sim n_B \times N_c \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

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



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

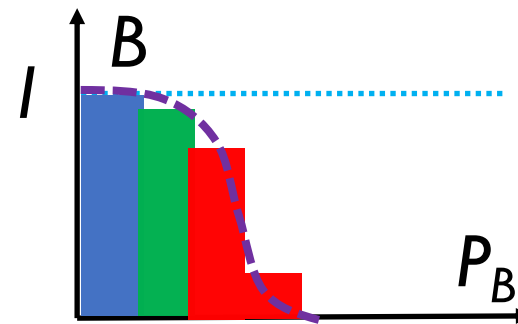
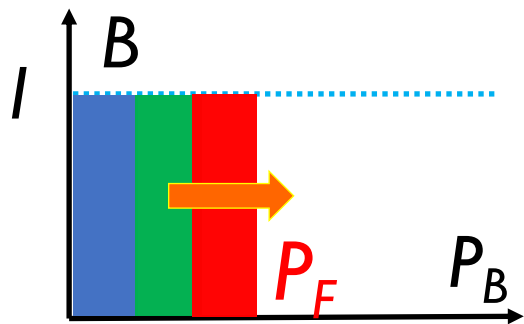
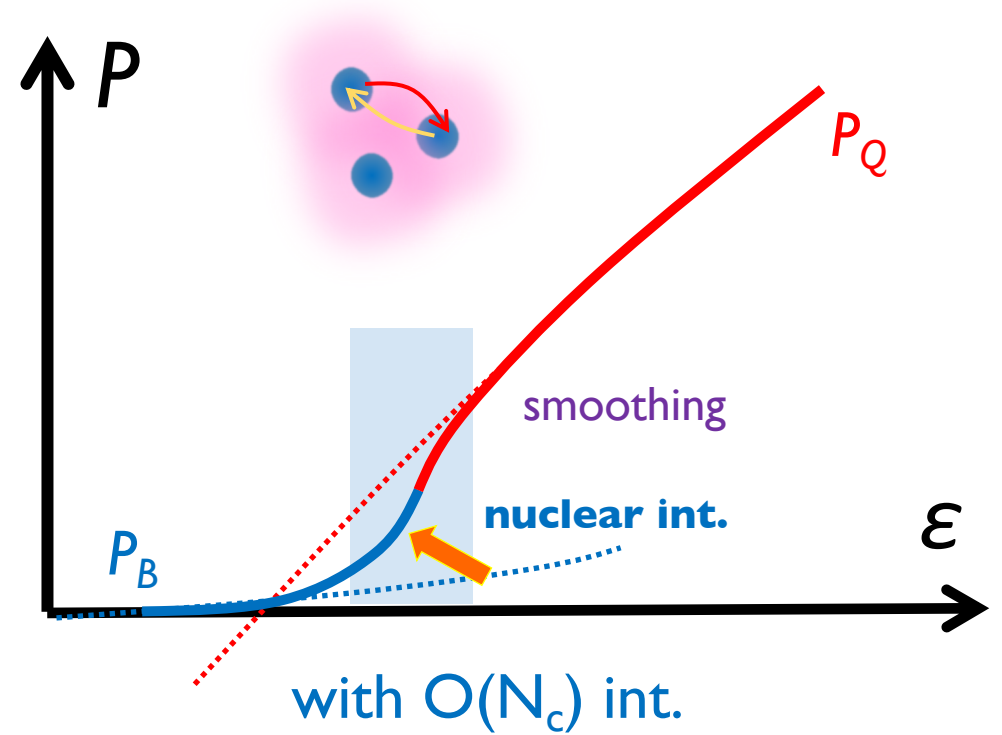
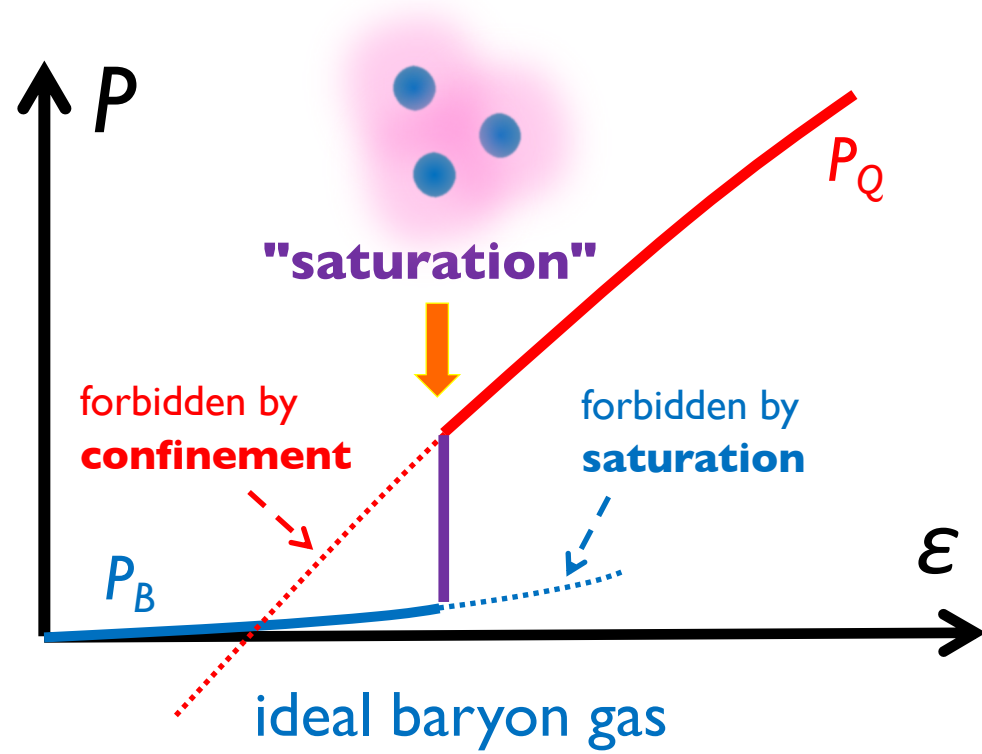
$$\mathcal{P} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4 / \underline{N_c}$$



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

More realistic picture

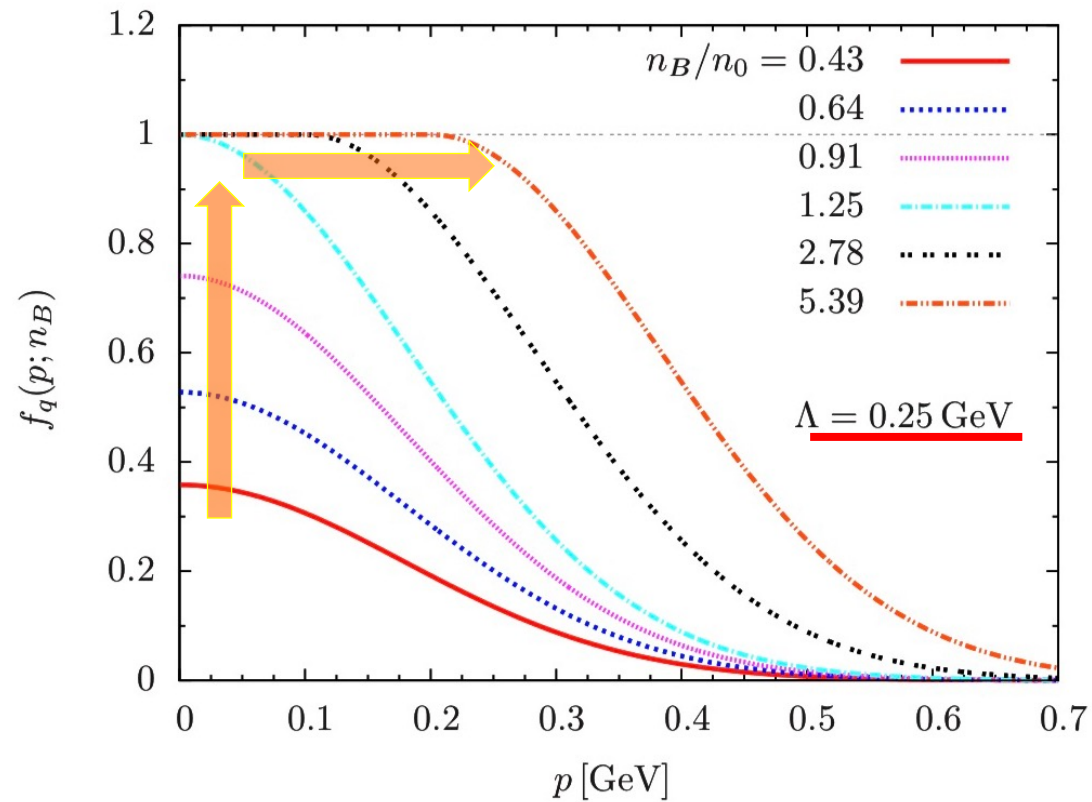
[P_B & P_Q from a **single** model]



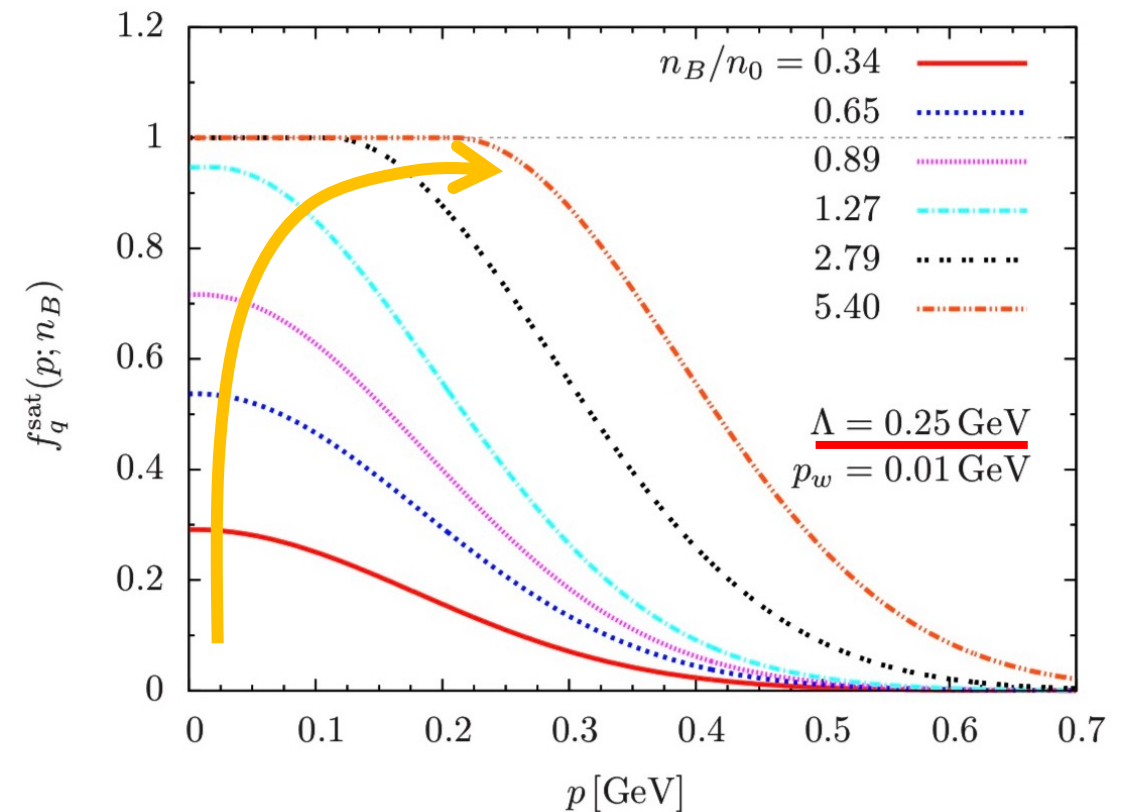
Smooth version of f_q (ad hoc smearing)

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

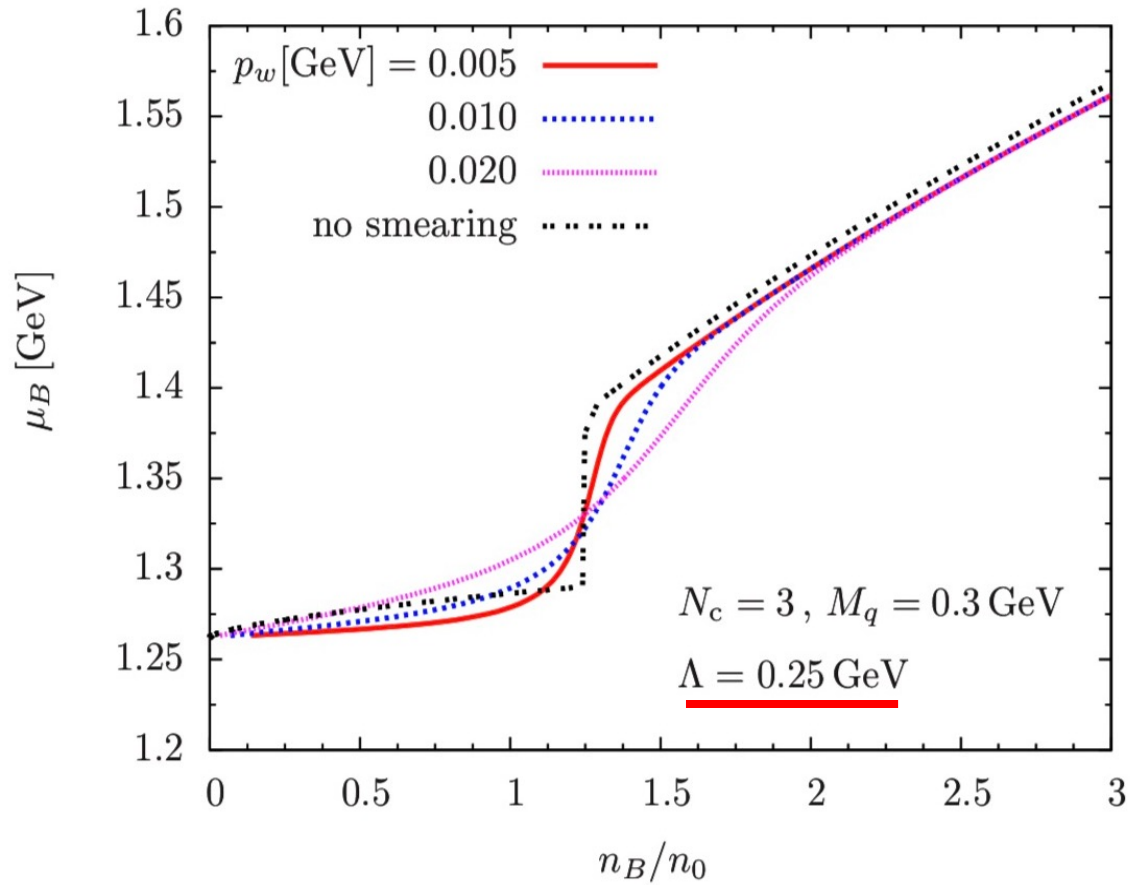
no smearing



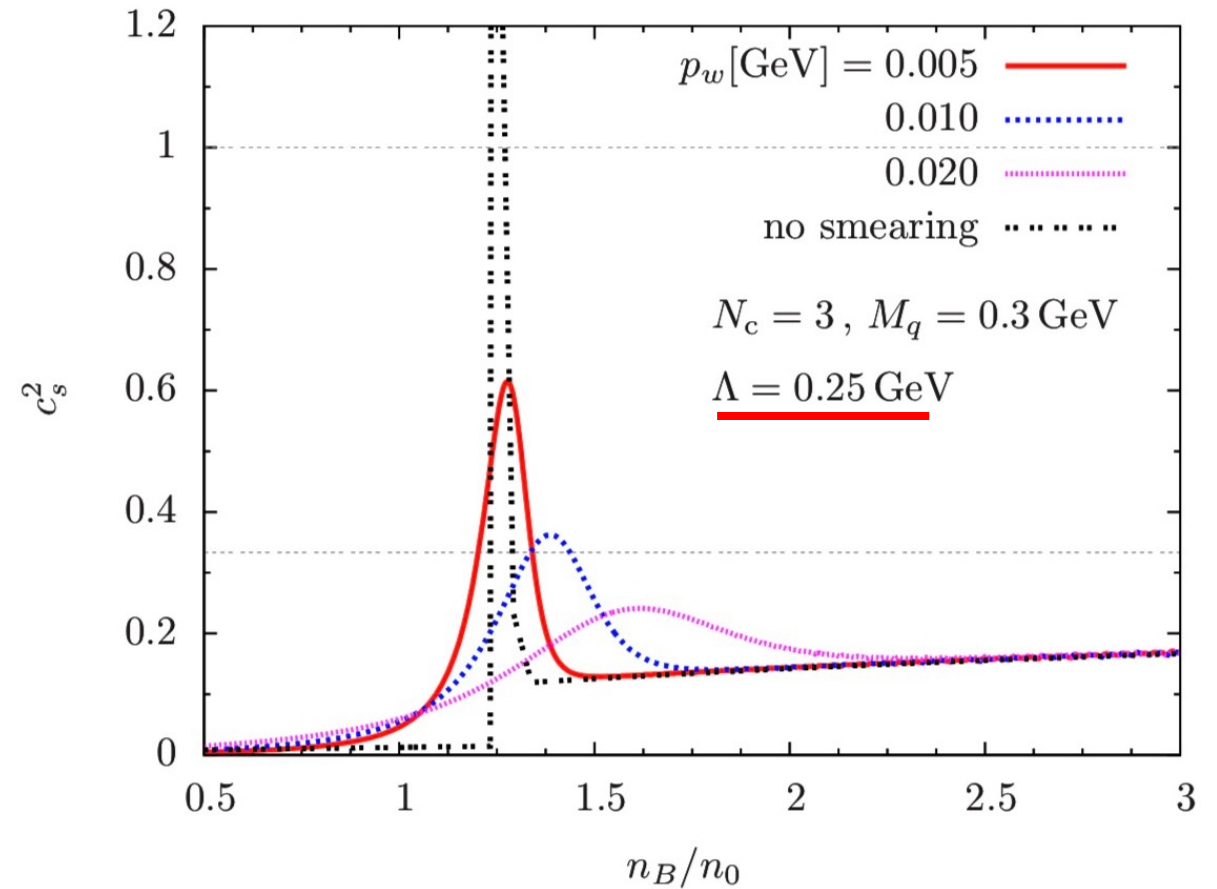
smooth version ($p_w \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$)



Smooth version: EoS



μ_B physical now



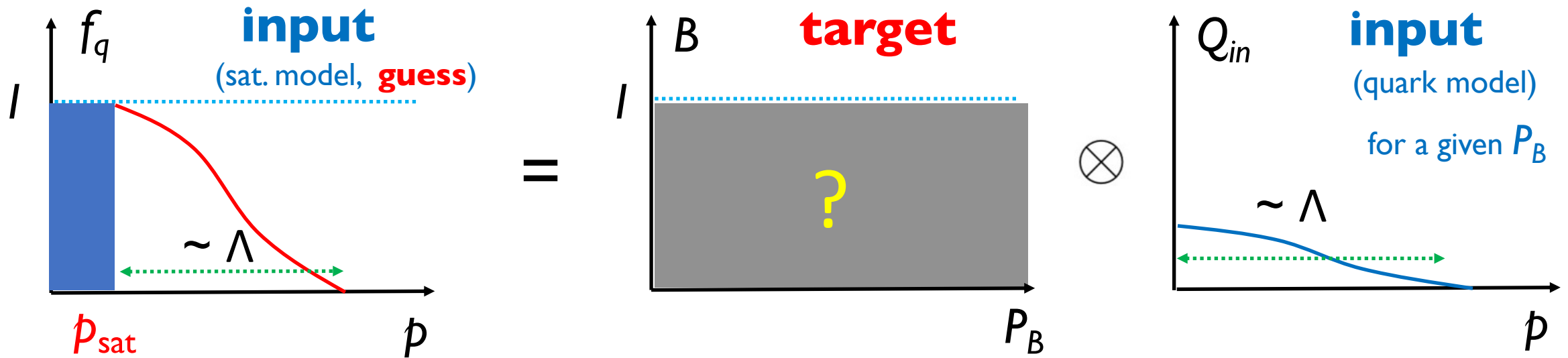
peak in c_s :

- *location* primarily determined by Λ
- *width* primarily determined by p_w ...

Baryons in quark matter

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

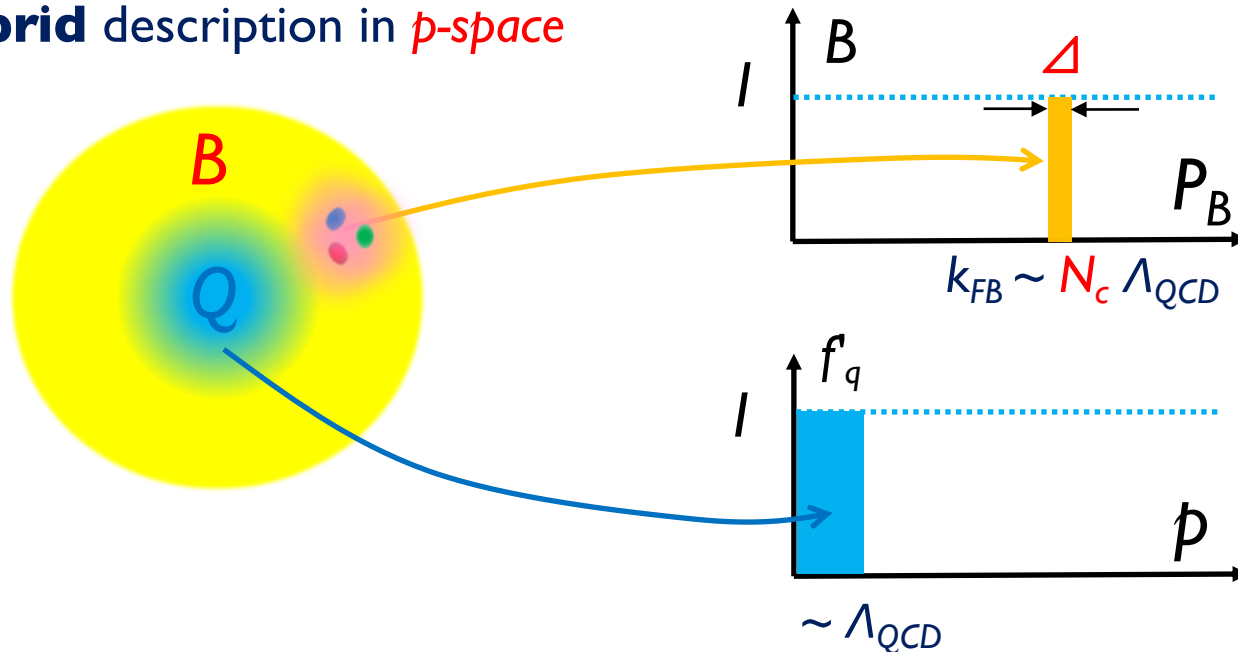
- perhaps convenient to *use the baryonic bases* for *low E* physics

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

extensions of
the *quark-hadron continuity*

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

hybrid description in *p -space*



important parameter

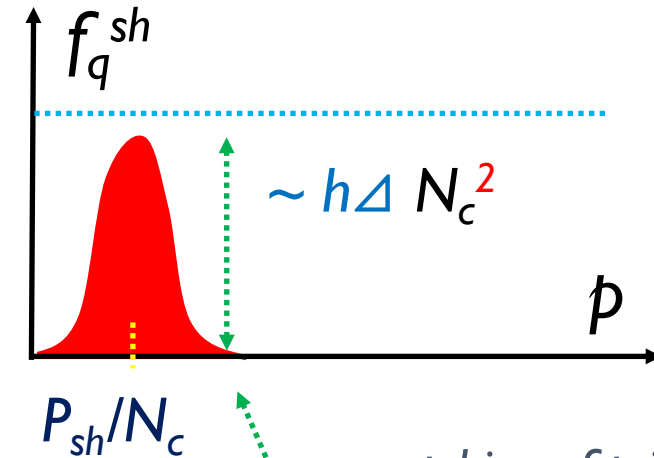
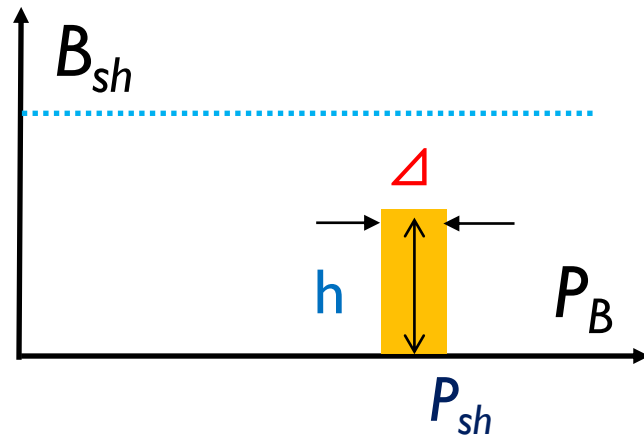
$$\Delta = \frac{\Lambda^3}{k_{\text{FB}}^2} + \kappa \frac{\Lambda}{N_c^2}$$

why this form?

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

A trial: *shell form*

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



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

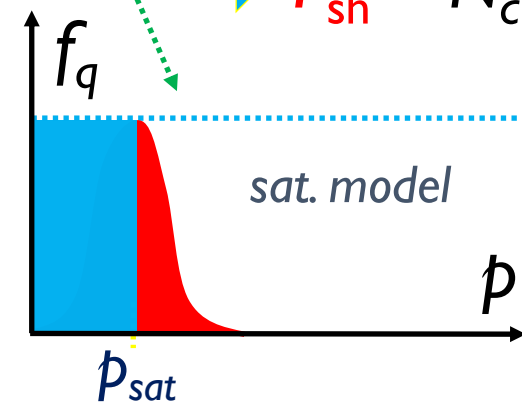


$$P_{\text{sh}} \sim N_c \Lambda$$

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

matching of tails

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

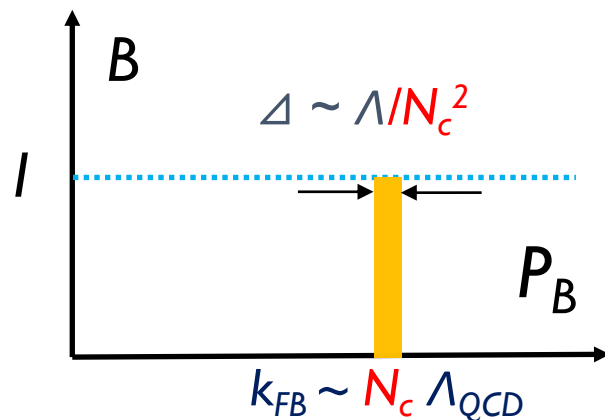


Constraints from f_q (for $P_{sh} \sim N_c \Lambda$)

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

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

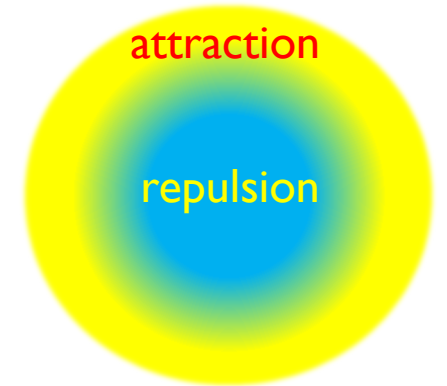
Quark interactions

Interactions for stiff EoS : *a guide*

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

$$\varepsilon(n) = \underbrace{an^{4/3}}_{\text{kin. energy}} + \underbrace{bn^\alpha}_{\text{interactions}} \quad \xrightarrow{\mu = \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial n}} \quad \mu = \frac{4}{3} \underline{a}n^{1/3} + \alpha \underline{b}n^{\alpha-1}$$

$$P = \mu n - \varepsilon \quad \xrightarrow{\text{conformal}} \quad P = \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \underline{b} \left(\alpha - \frac{4}{3} \right) n^\alpha \quad \text{ideal combination}$$



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, $\sim - \Lambda^2 n_B^{2/3}$)

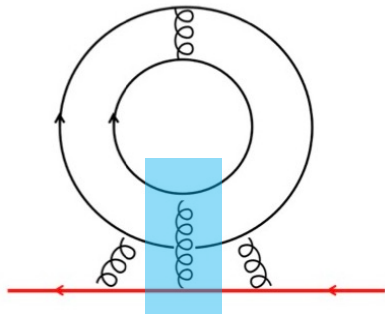
quark energy; *parameterization*

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

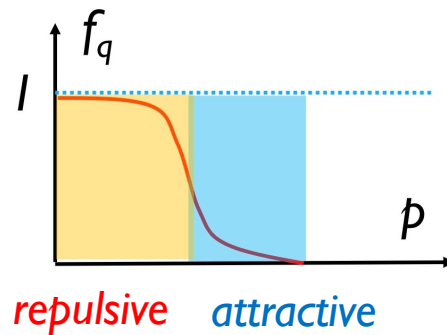
for $f_q(p) \ll 1$

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

dilute in momentum space



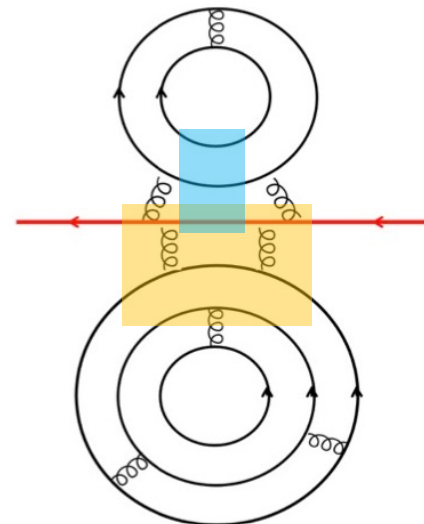
color-*antisym.* channels dominate
 → the quark feels *attractive* correlations



for $f_q(p) \sim 1$

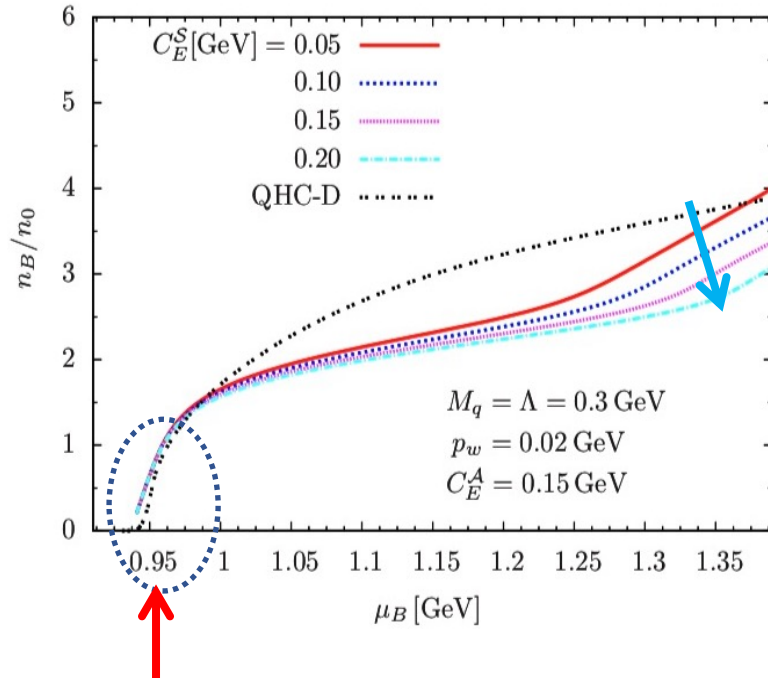
$$\mathcal{V}_{CE}[f_q] \simeq C_E^S$$

for *saturated levels*

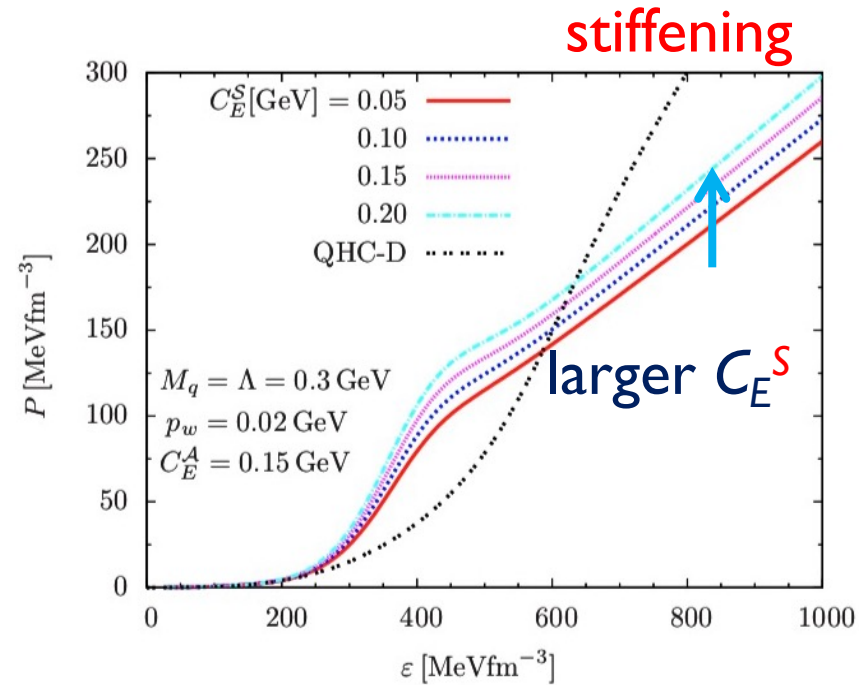


color-*sym.* channels also enter
 → the quark feels *repulsive* correlations also

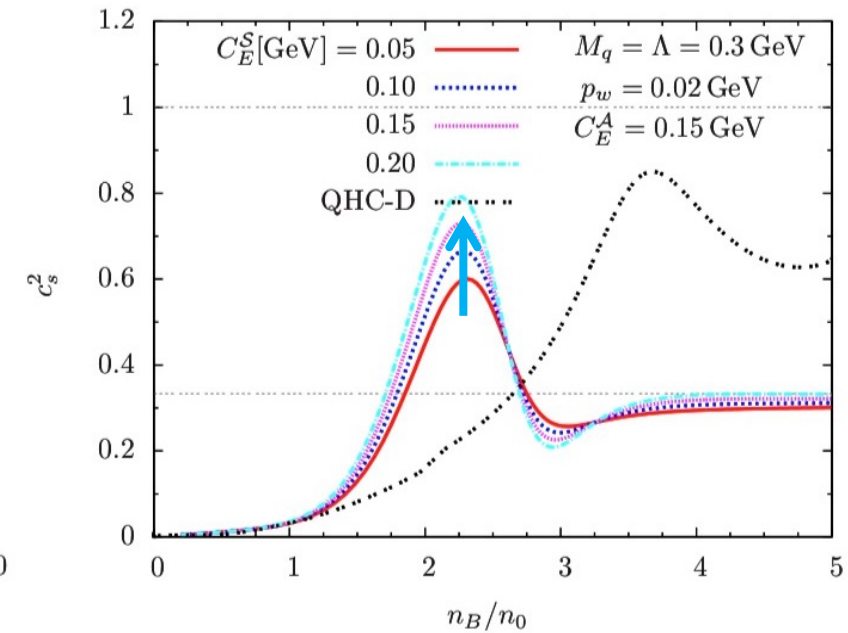
EoS with interactions



adjust C_E^A
to fit $M_B = 939$ MeV



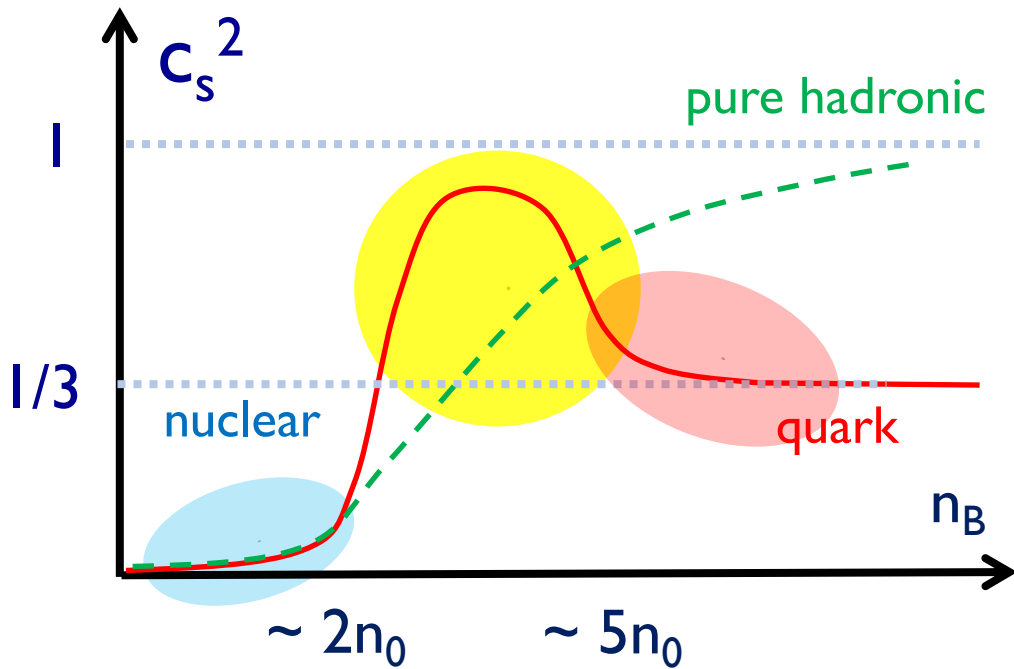
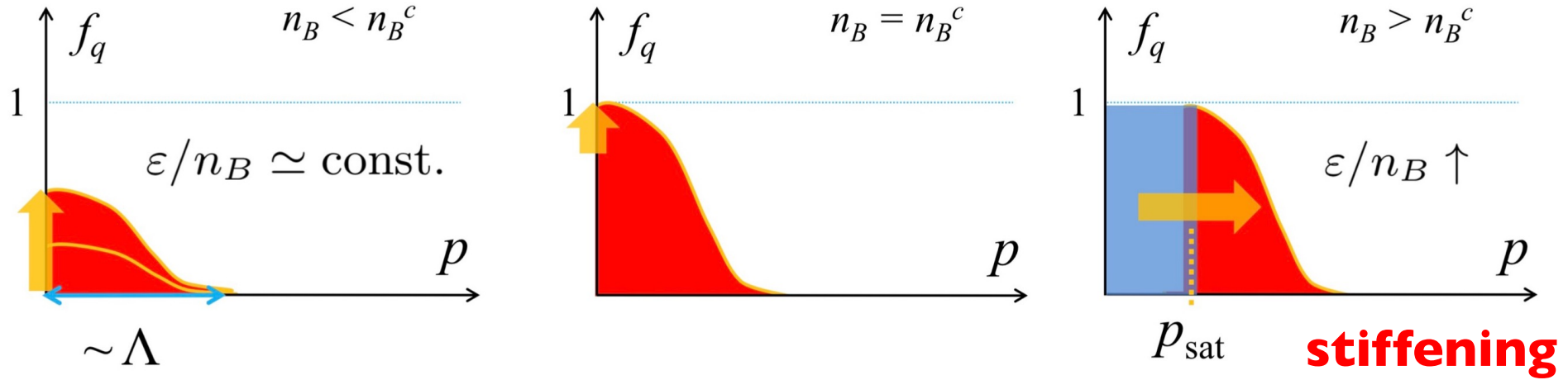
high density stiffening



peak in c_s

- existence robust
- height depends on C_E^S

Summary



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