

Constraints on the Equation of State at Higher Densities From the FRG

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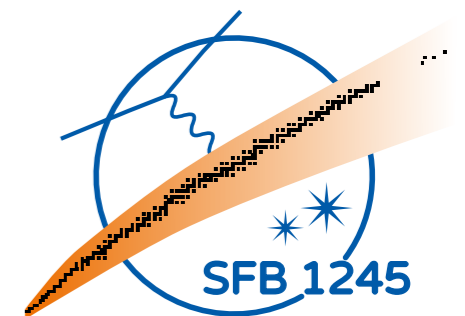
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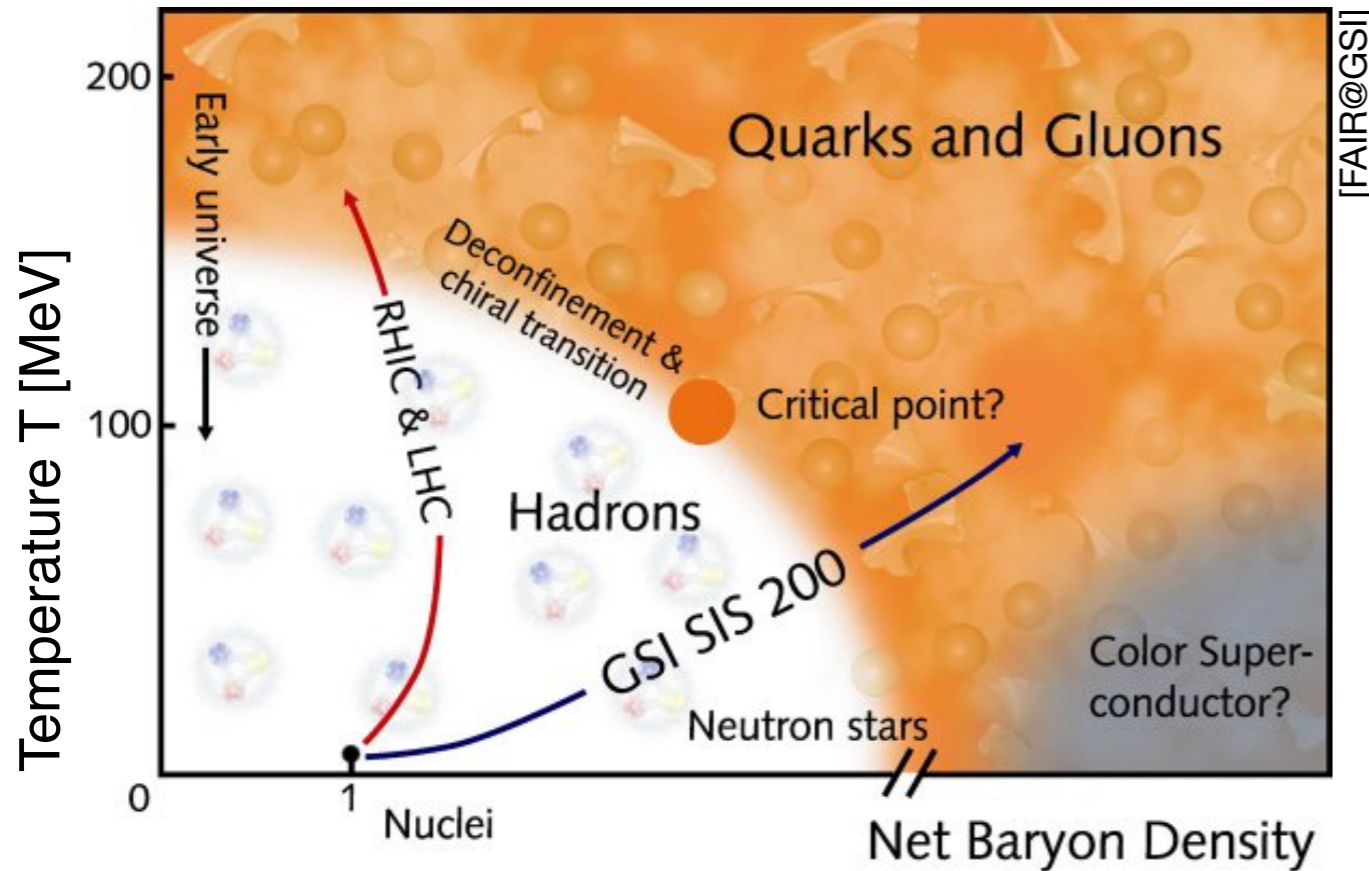
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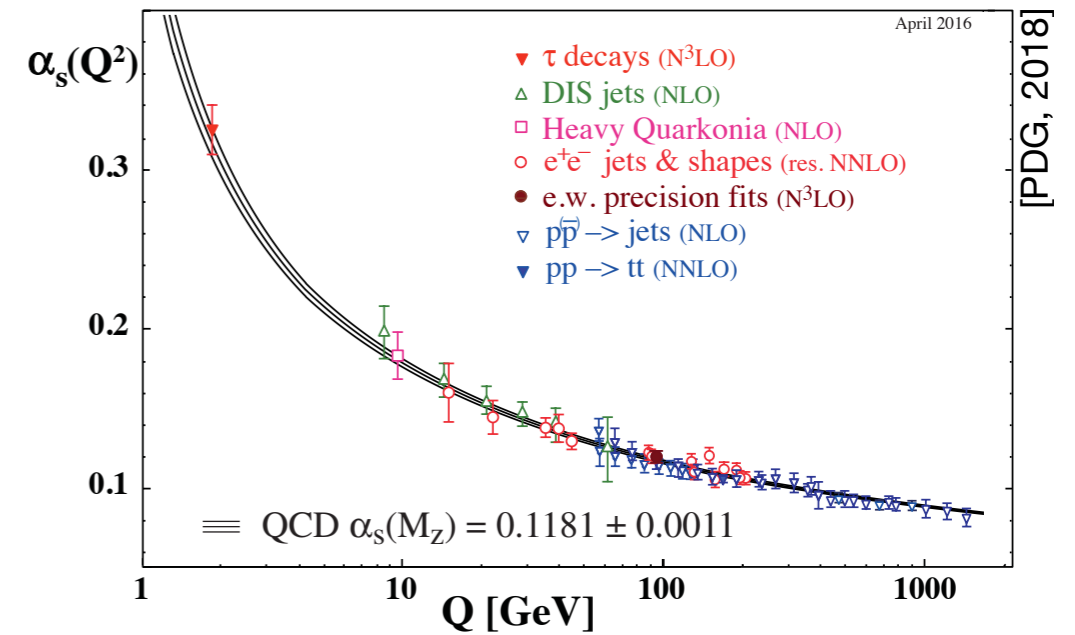
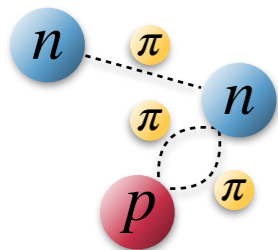


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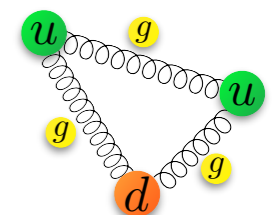
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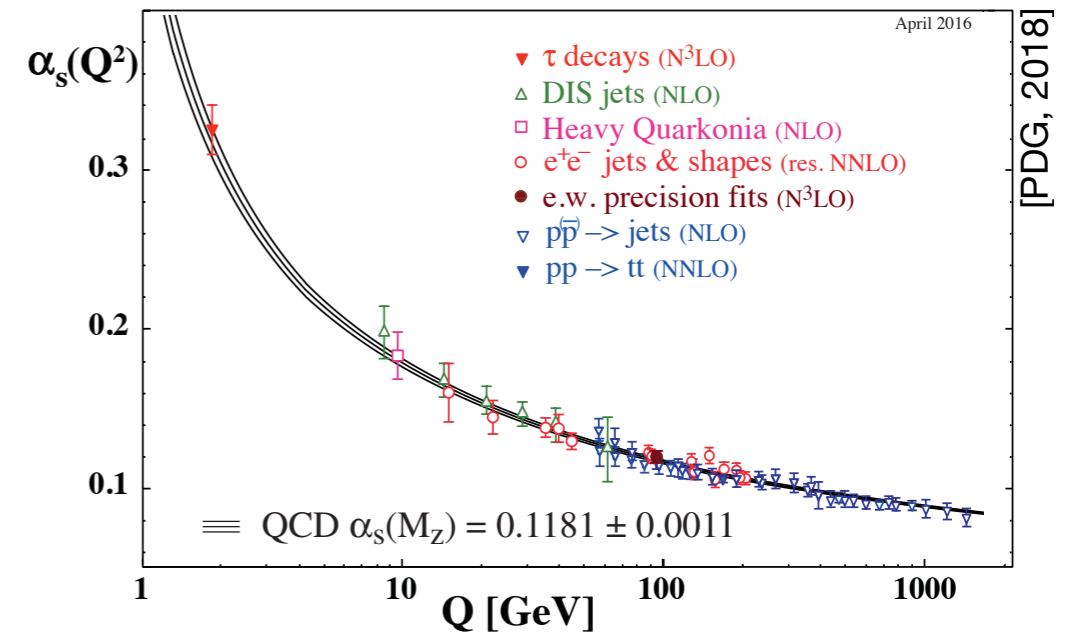
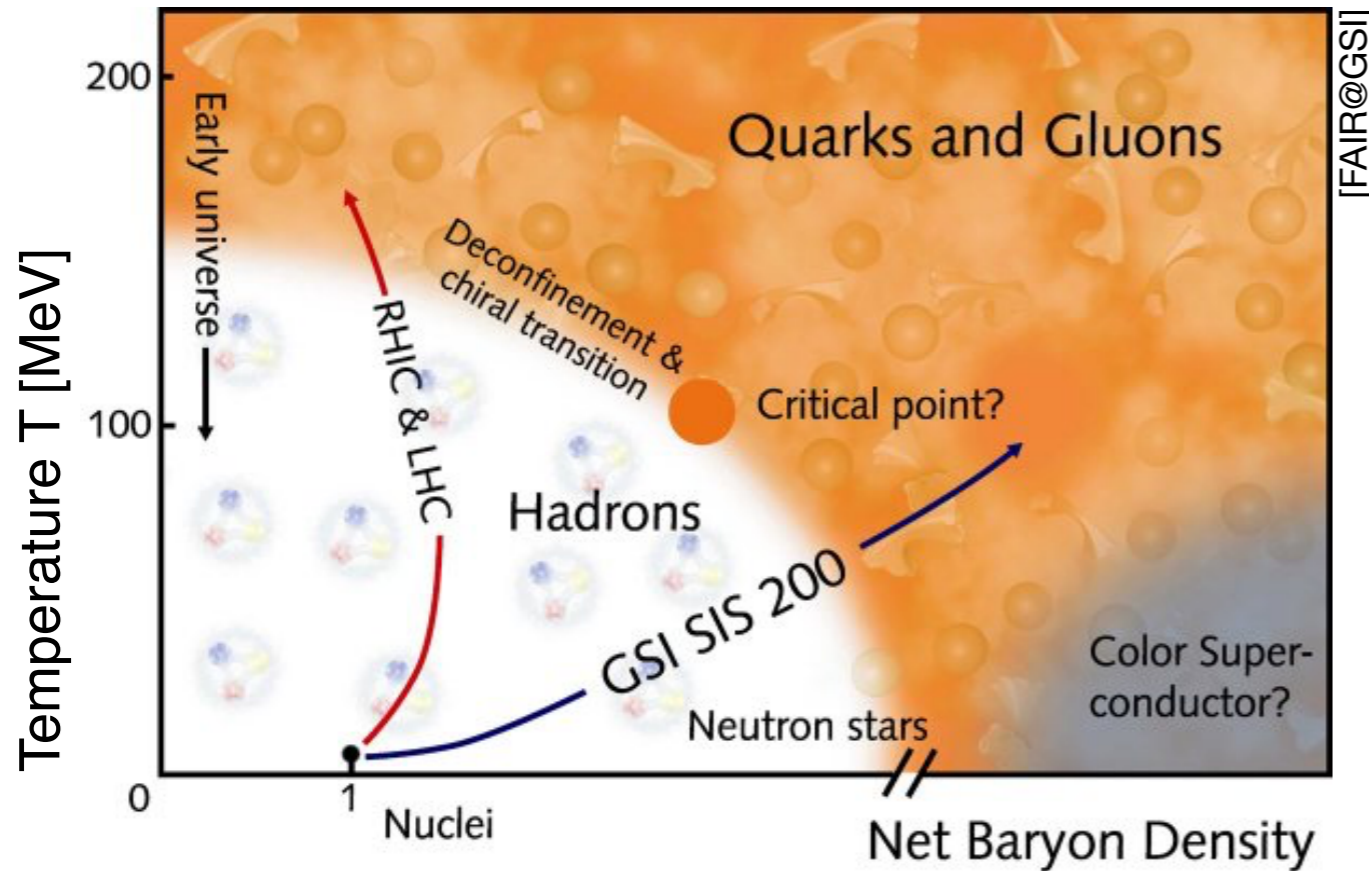
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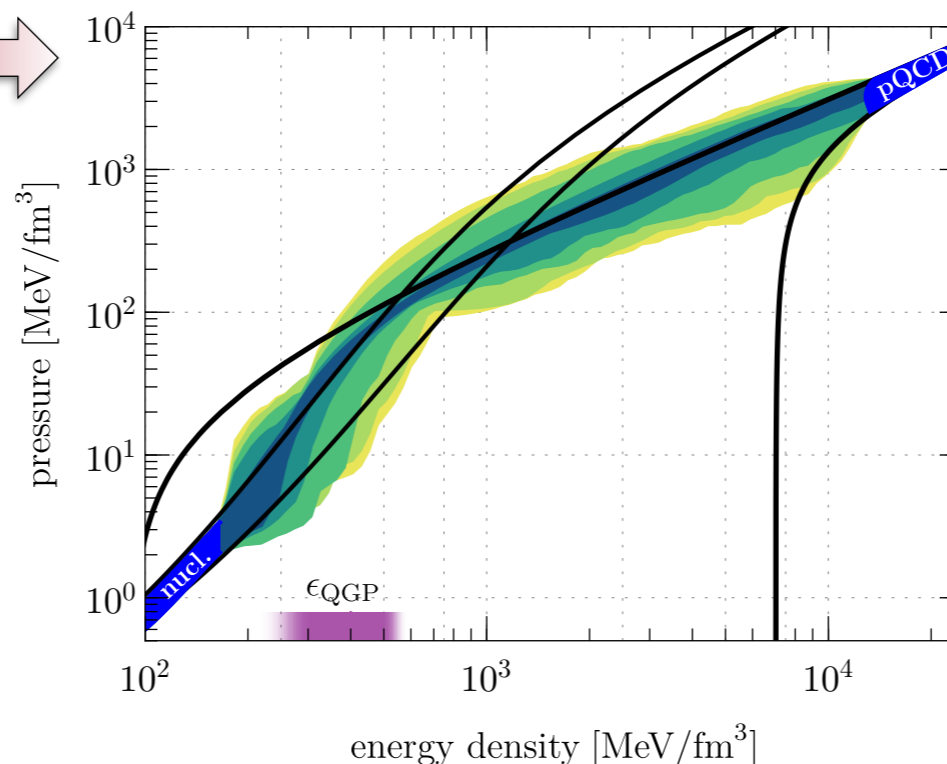
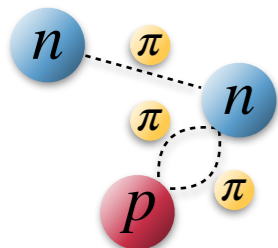


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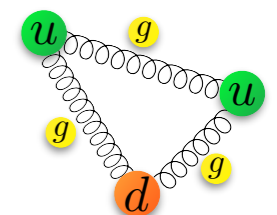
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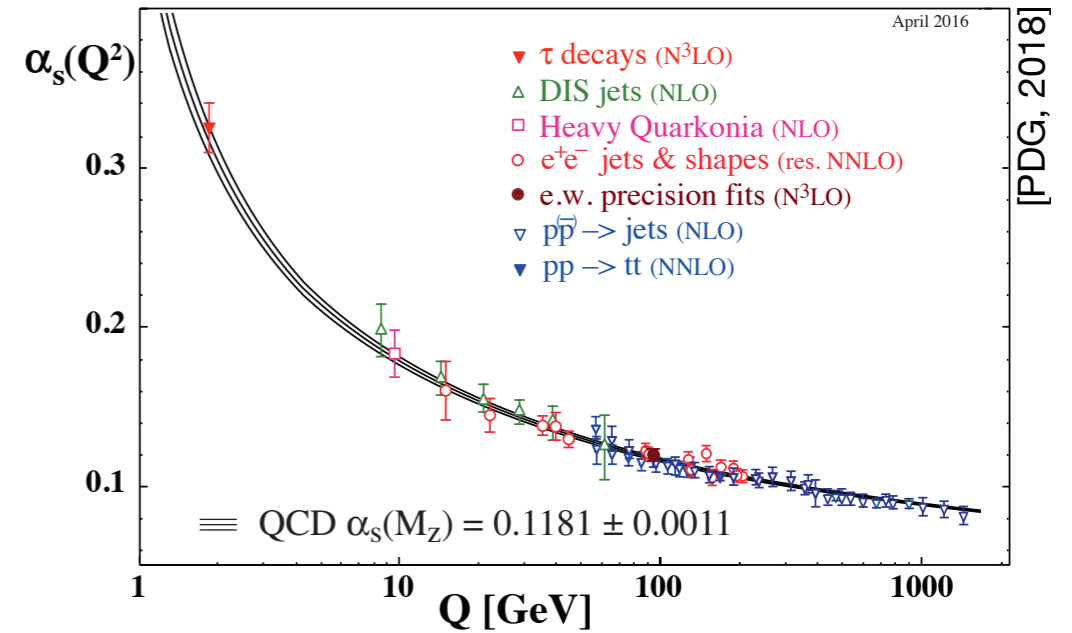
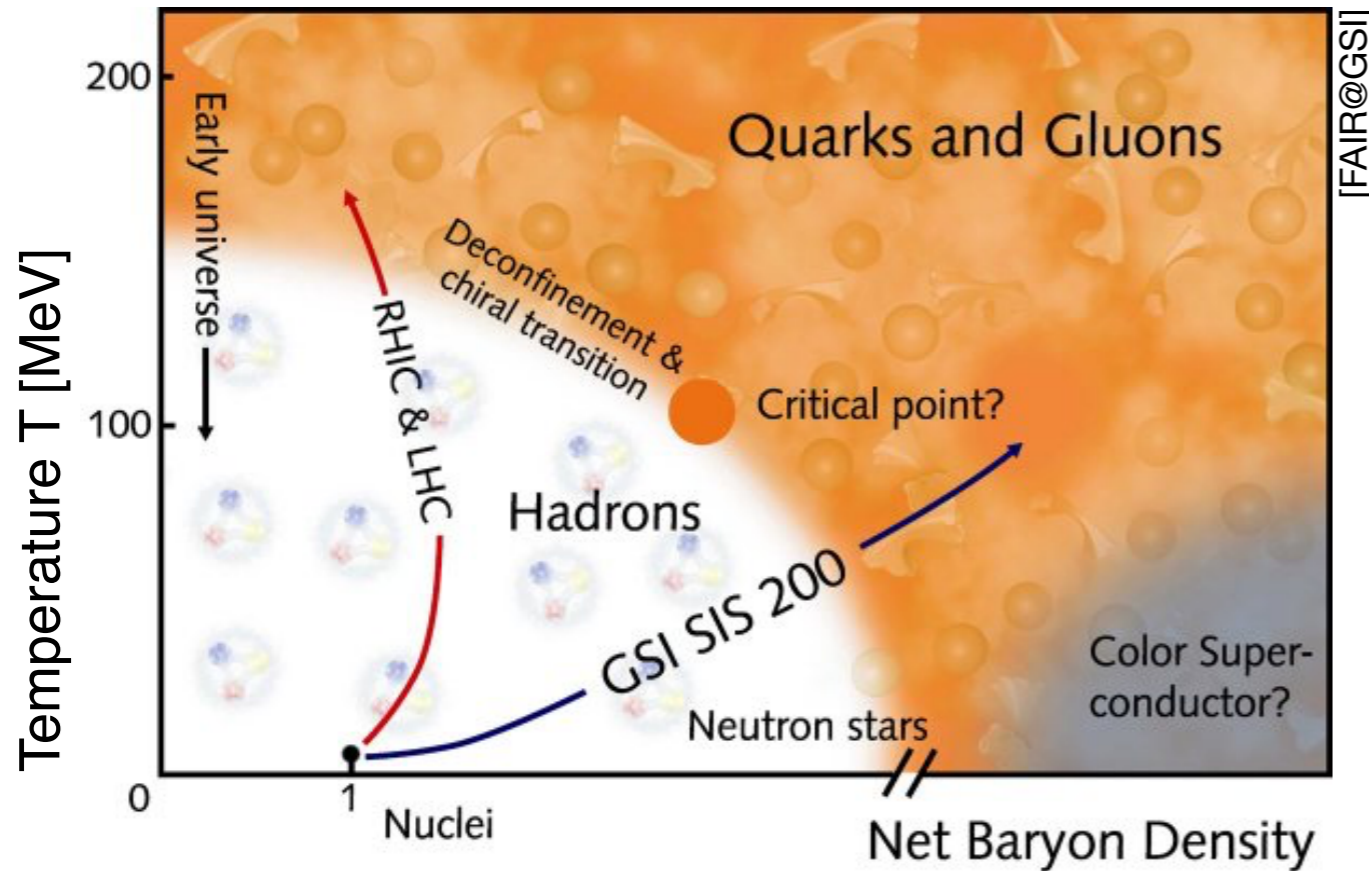


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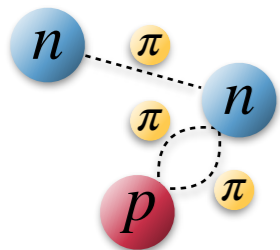


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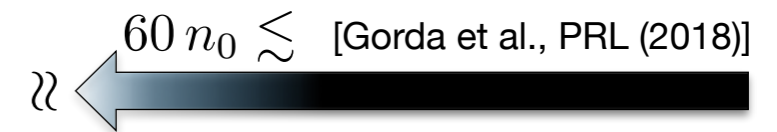
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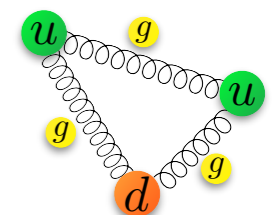
Model studies

- ▶ limited range of validity
- ▶ issue of parameter determination



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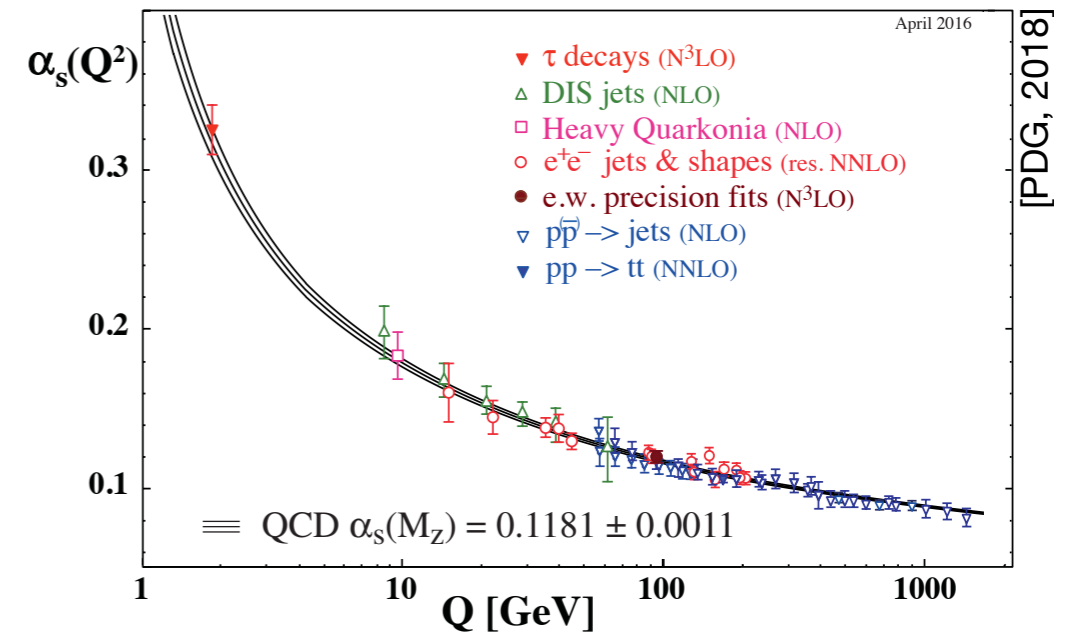
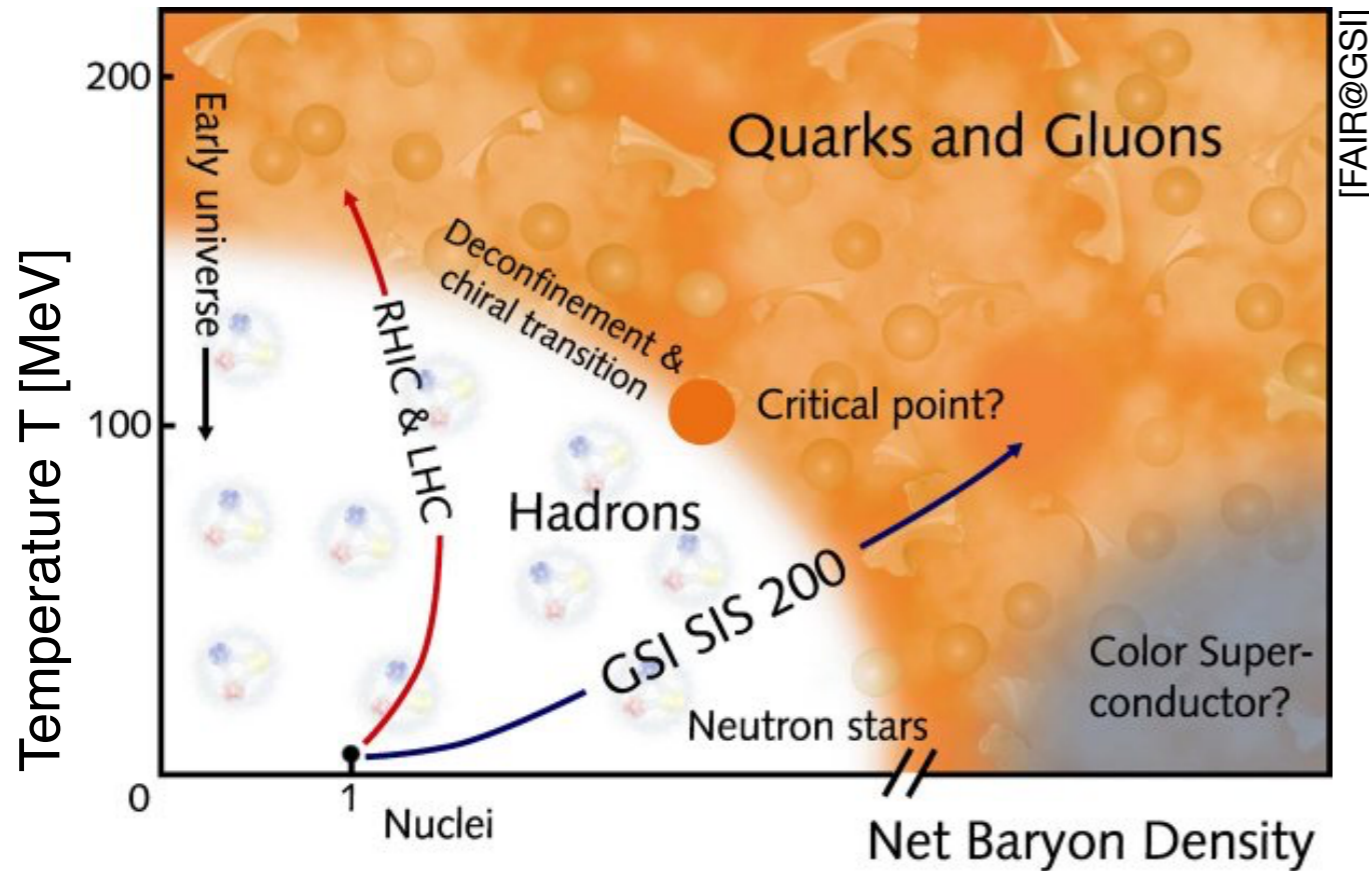
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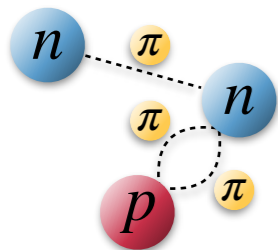


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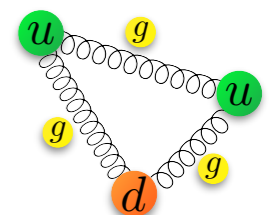
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- ▶ variety of condensates

Functional Renormalization Group

- ▶ non-perturbative approach from first principles
- ▶ capture physics over a wide range of scales

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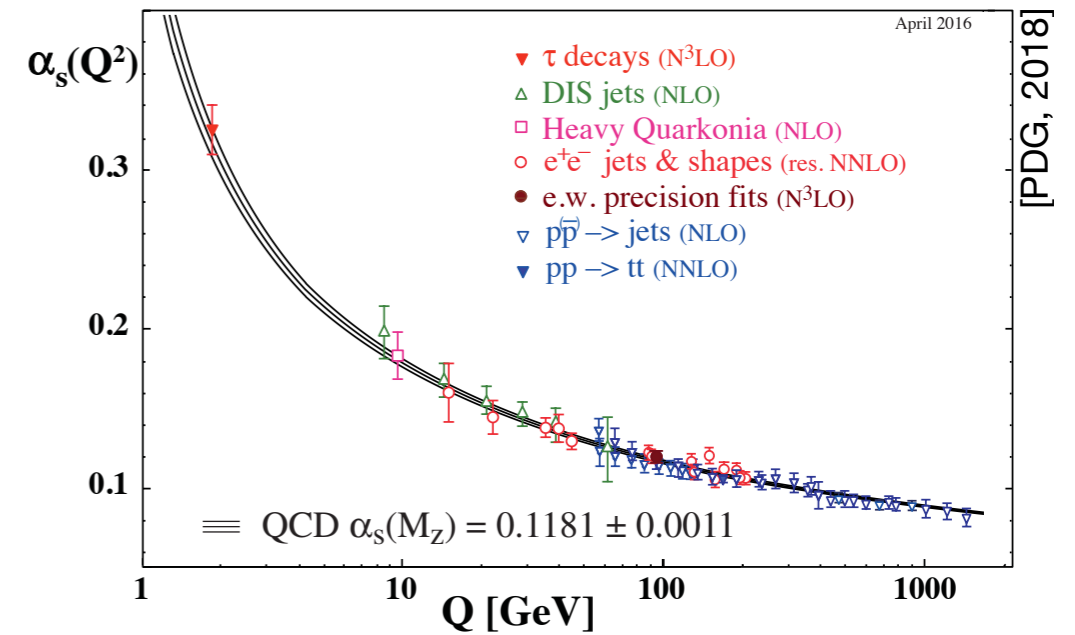
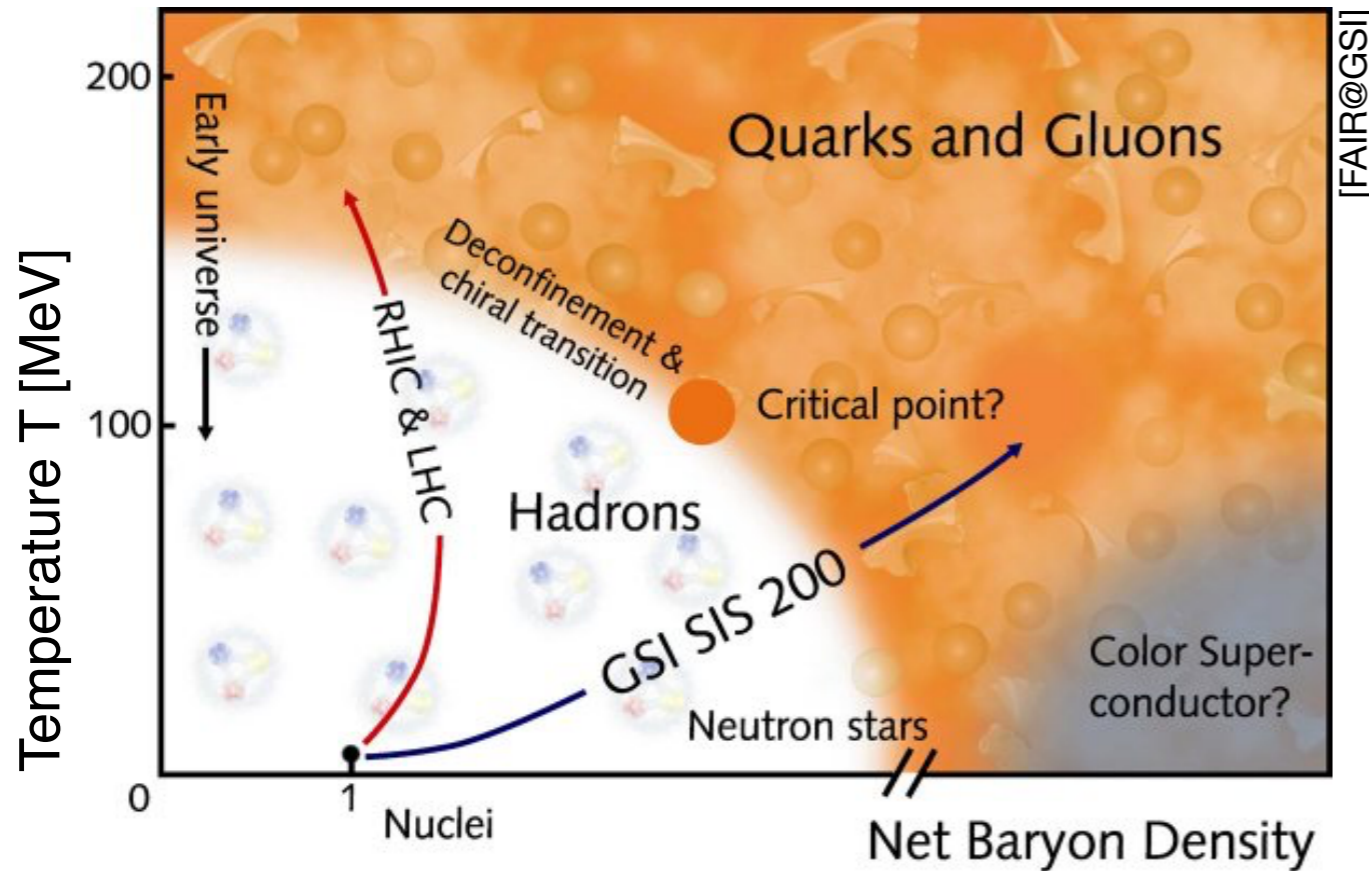
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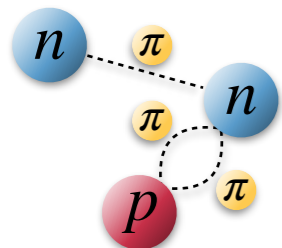


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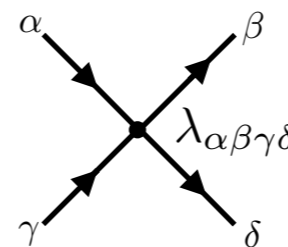


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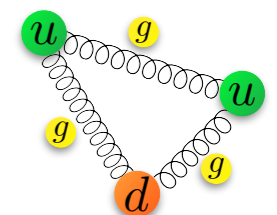
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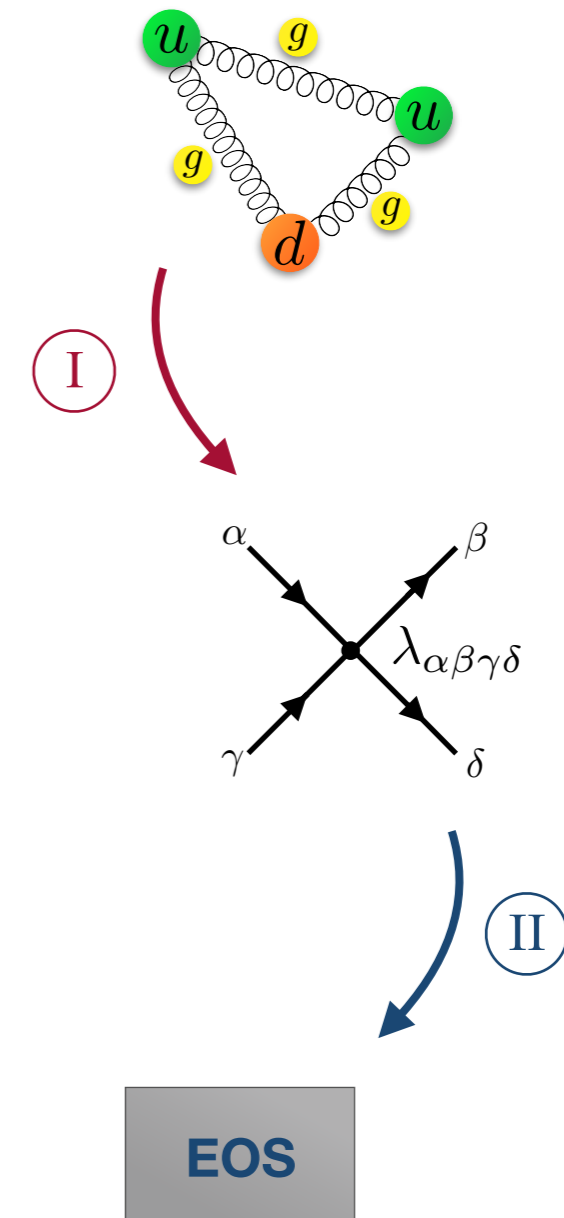
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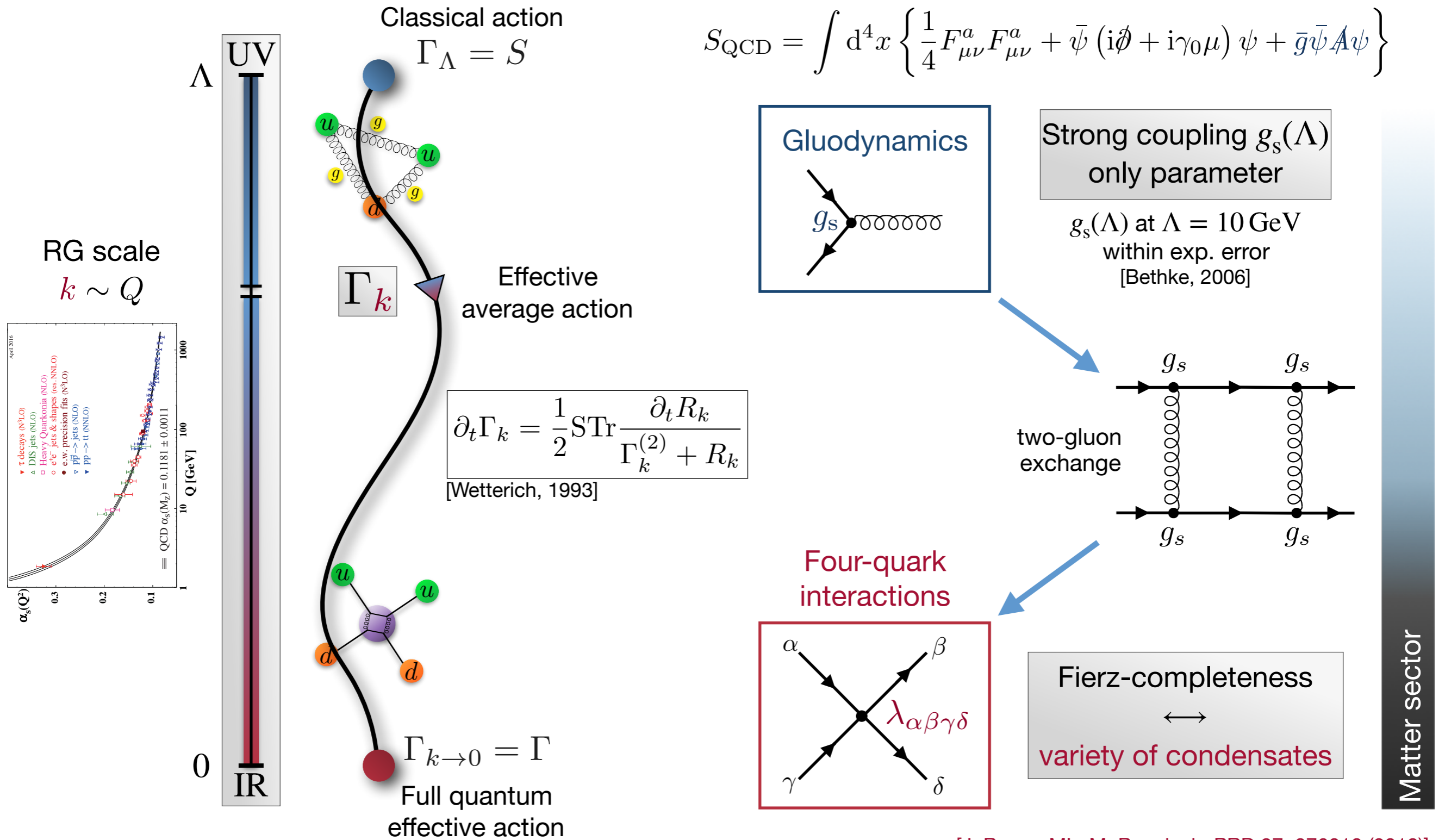
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From high to low energies in QCD

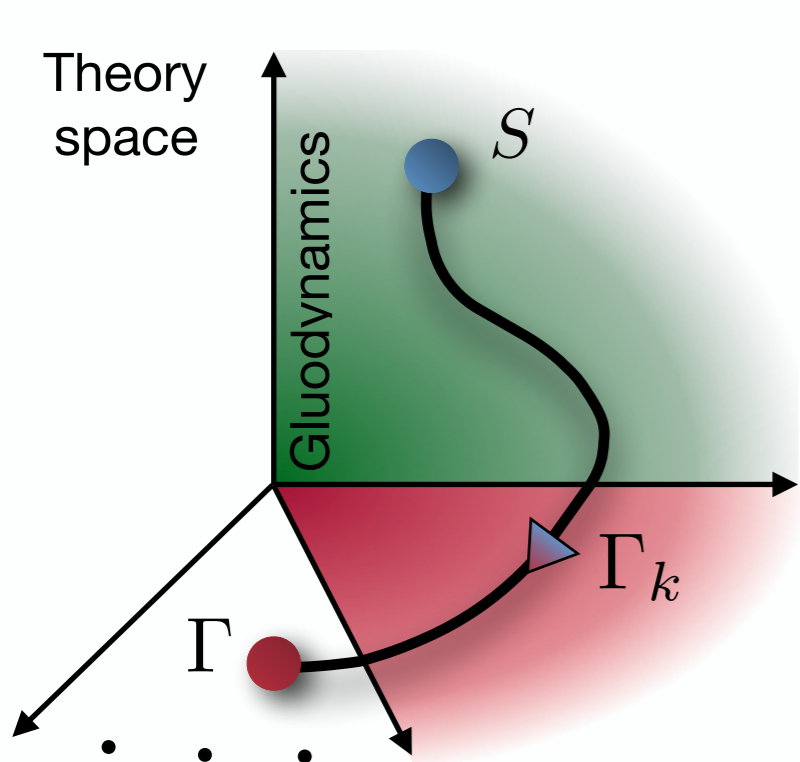


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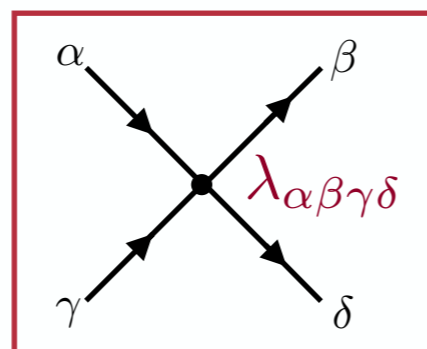
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Partial bosonization

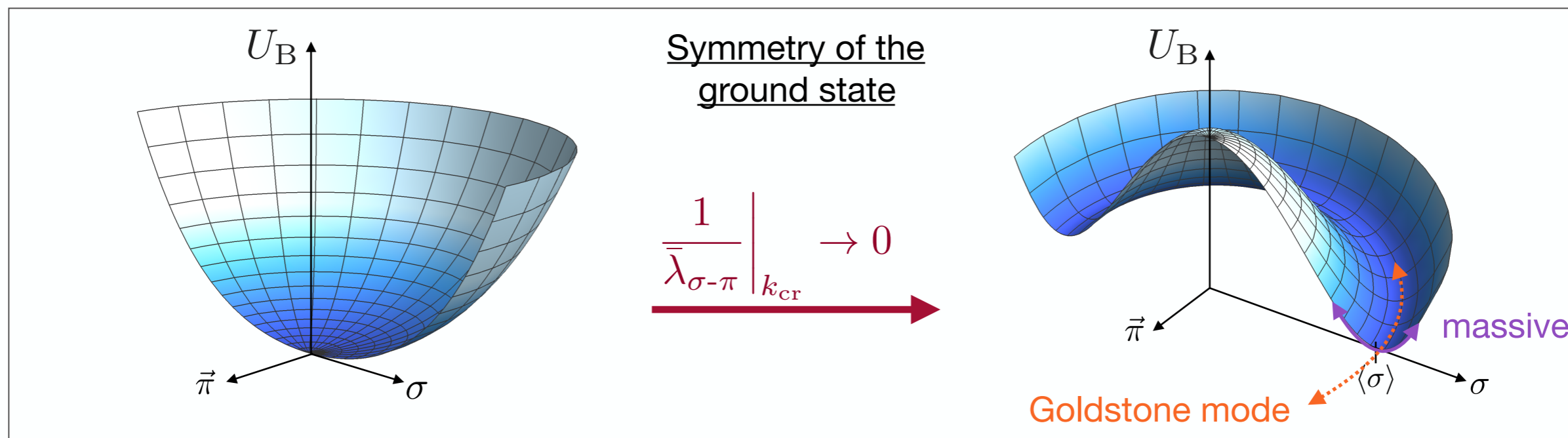
$$\sigma \sim \bar{\psi}\psi$$

$$\vec{\pi} \sim \bar{\psi}\gamma_5\vec{\tau}\psi$$

$$U_B \sim \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{\sigma-\pi}} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2) + \dots$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_{(\sigma-\pi)} \left[(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 - (\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\tau_i\psi)^2 \right]$$

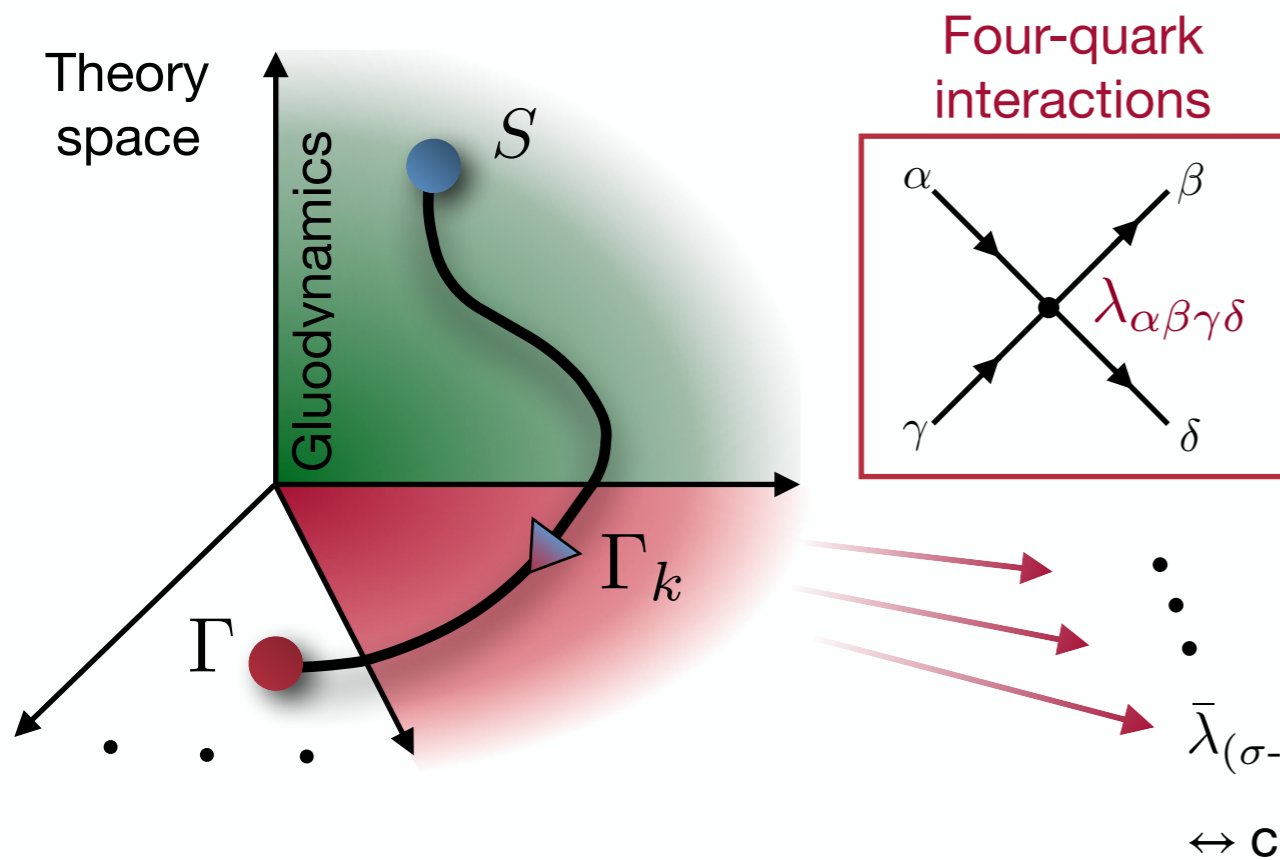
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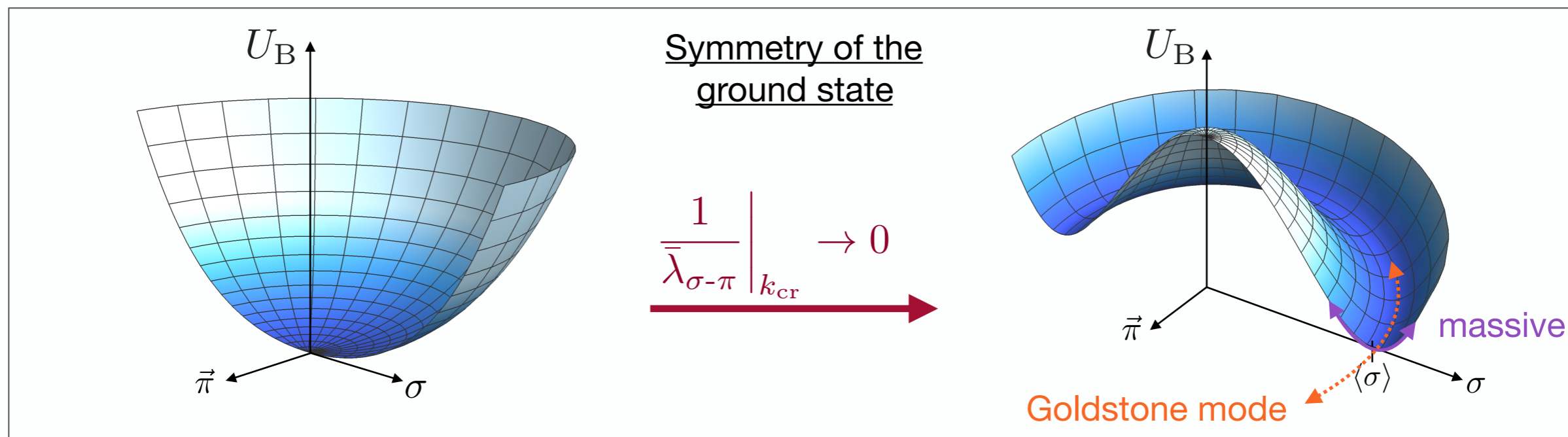
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- Discrete: \hat{P}, \hat{T} (\hat{C} broken by μ)
- Lorentz group: $SO(1,3) \rightarrow SO(3)$
- Flavor space: $SU_L(2) \otimes SU_R(2) \otimes U_V(1)$
- Color space: $SU(N_c)$

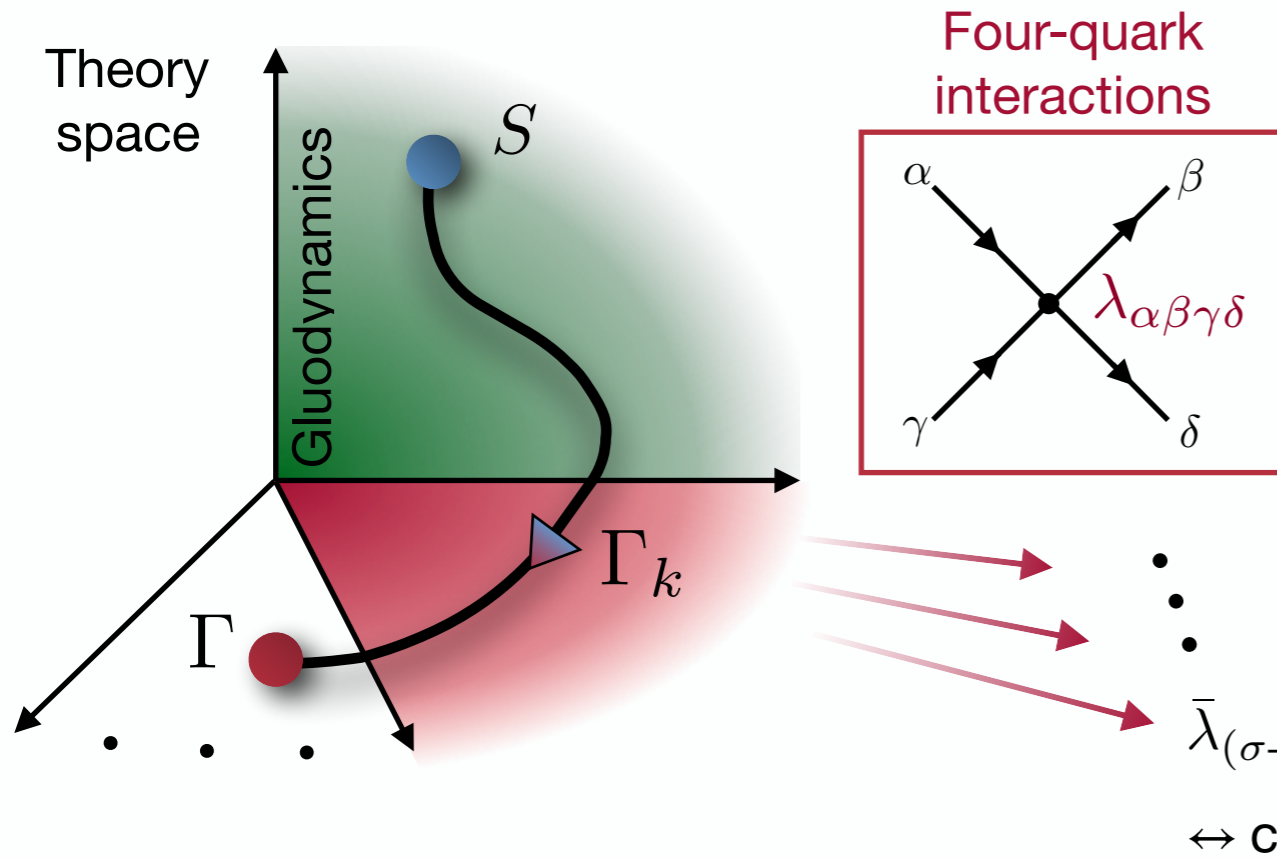
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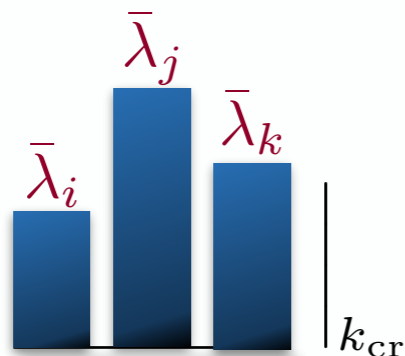
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\leftrightarrow chiral condensate

Assessing relative
interaction strengths



Symmetry of the
ground state



**Formation of specific
condensates**

- ▶ chiral condensate
- ▶ diquark condensate
 $\leftrightarrow \bar{\lambda}_{\text{csc}} (i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\tau_2\lambda^A\psi^C) (i\bar{\psi}^C\gamma_5\tau_2\lambda^A\psi)$
 e.g., [Rapp, Schäfer, Shuryak, Velkovsky, 1998],
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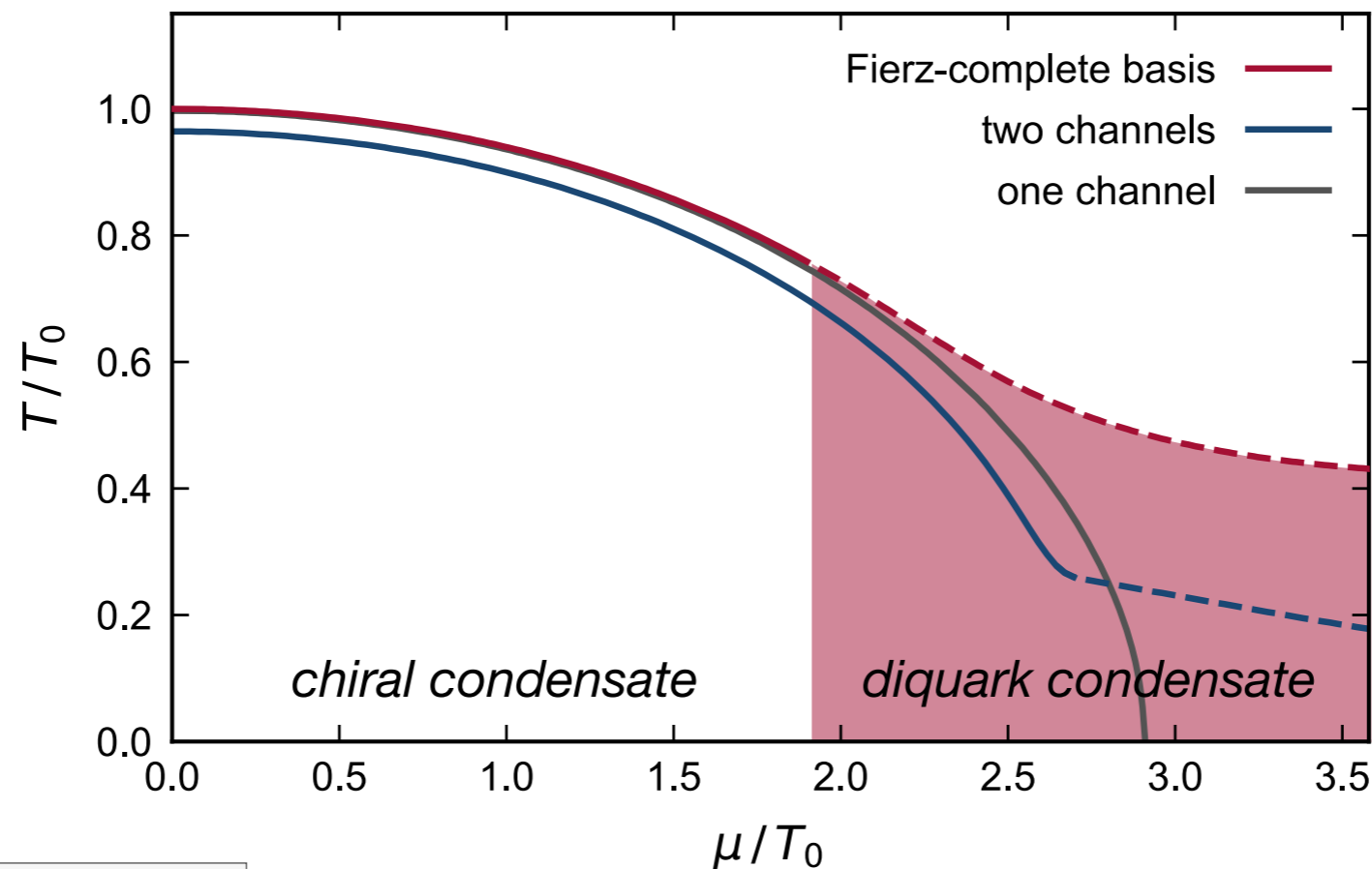
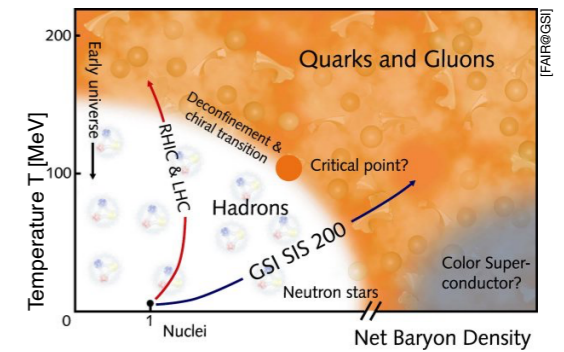
Relevance of Fierz completeness



at large chemical potential

$$\Gamma_{\text{NJL}}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = \int_0^{\frac{1}{T}} d\tau \int d^3x \left\{ \bar{\psi} (i\not{\partial} - i\mu\gamma_0) \psi + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} Z_j \bar{\lambda}_j \mathcal{L}_j \right\}$$

→ RG flow equation: $k \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \lambda_i = 2\lambda_i - \sum_{j,l} \lambda_j$



$T_{\text{cr}} \sim \Delta_{\text{csc}}(T=0)$
[BCS theory]
[Schmitt, Wang, Rischke, 2002]
Implications
for EOS

**Fierz completeness crucial
at large chemical potential!**

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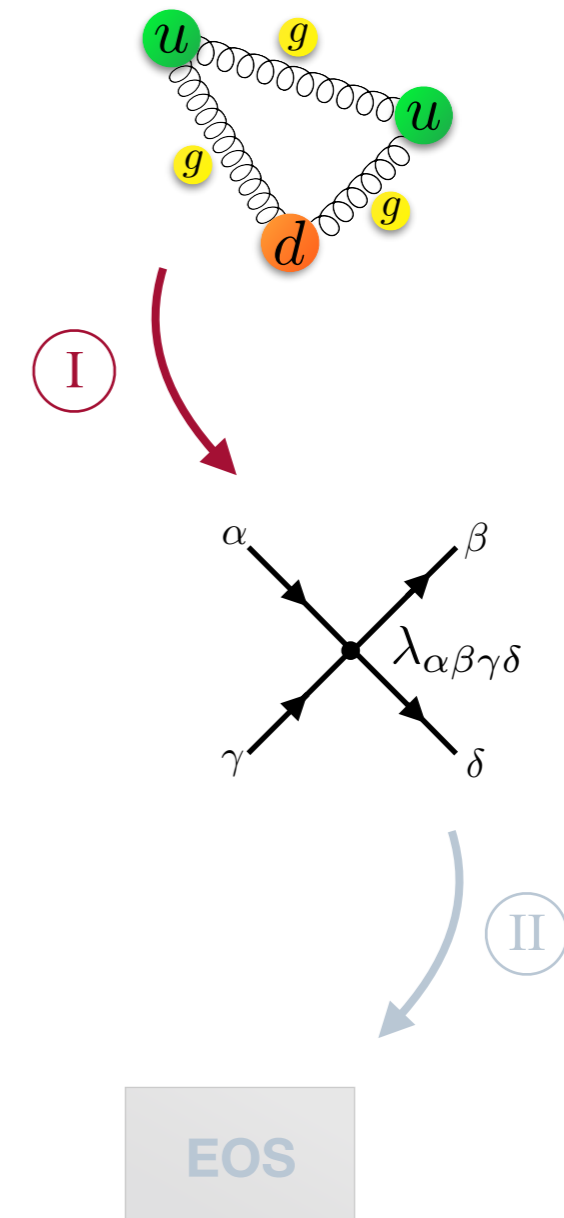
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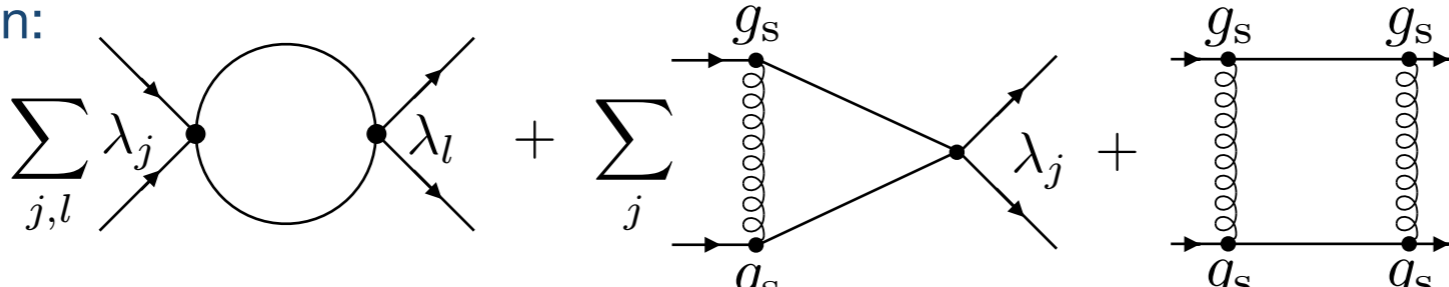
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Emergence from quark-gluon dynamics

Structure of the β functions and formation of condensates

RG flow equation:

$$k \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \lambda_i = 2\lambda_i - \sum_{j,l} \lambda_j \text{ (loop diagram) } + \sum_j g_s \text{ (triangle diagram) } + g_s \text{ (box diagram)}$$


Running gauge coupling:

$$k \frac{\partial}{\partial k} g_s^2(k) = \eta_{A,k} g_s^2(k)$$

[Abbott, Nucl. Phys. B (1981)]

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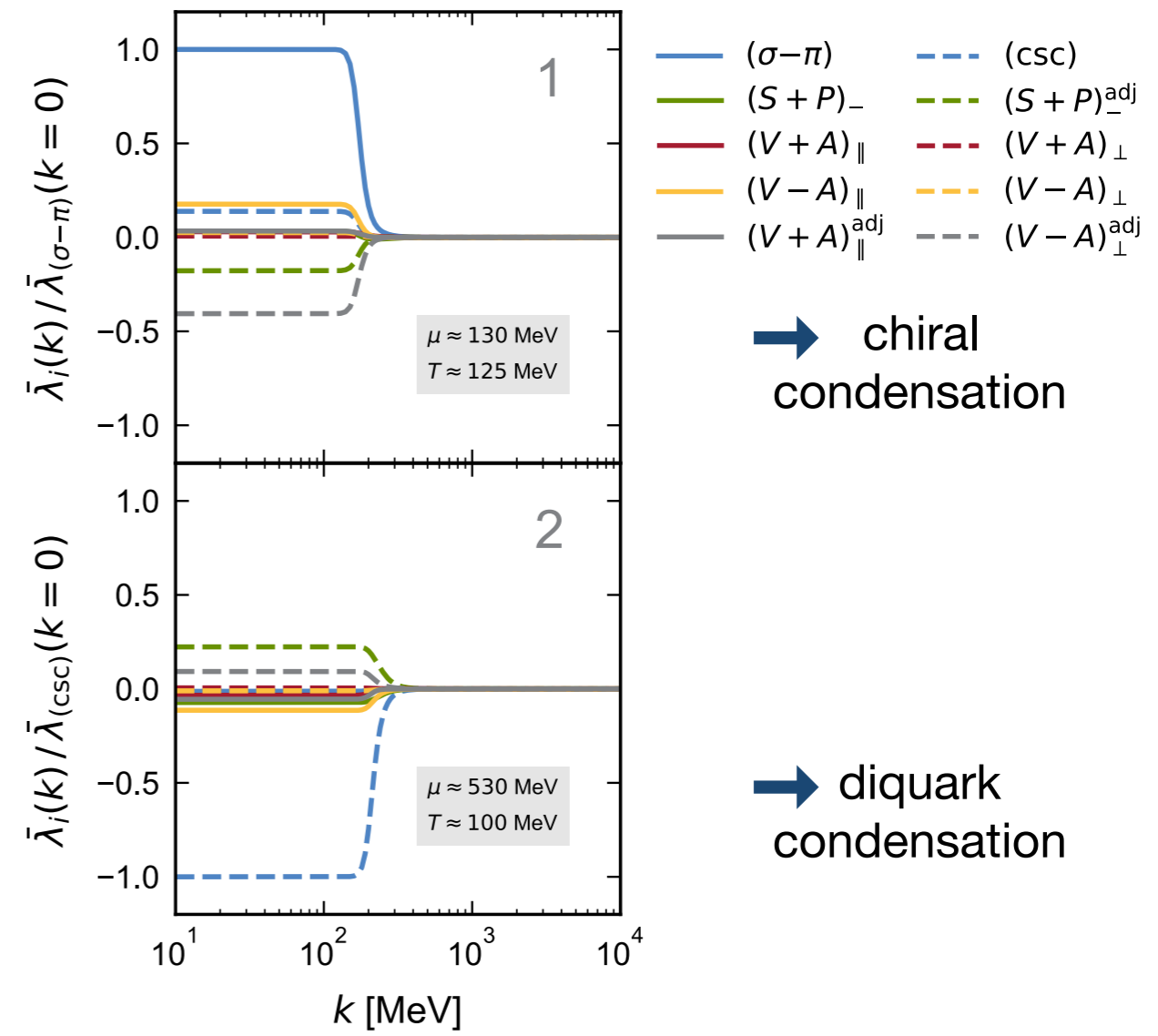
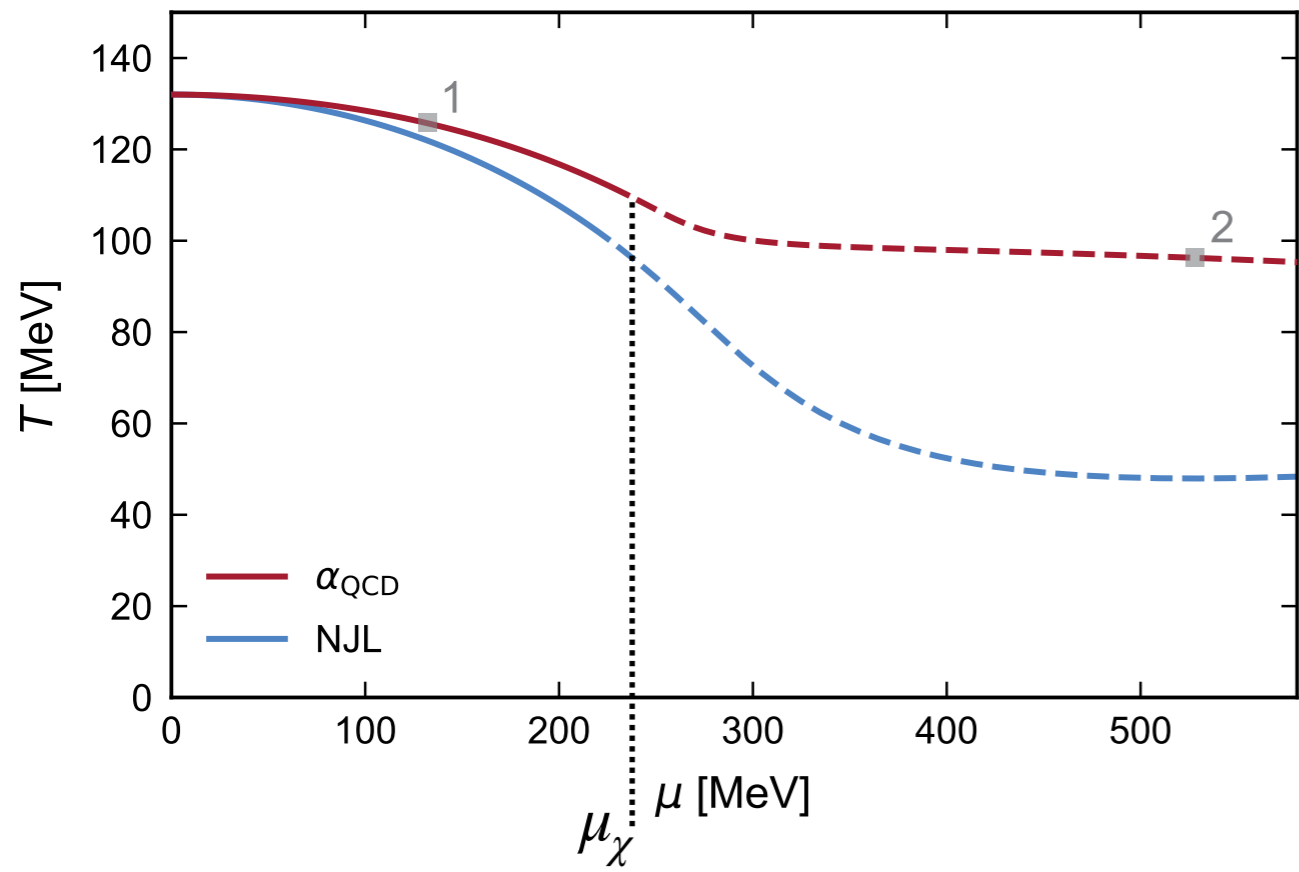
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At $k = \Lambda$:
 $\lambda_i^{(UV)} = 0$
 $g_s(\Lambda)$ only parameter

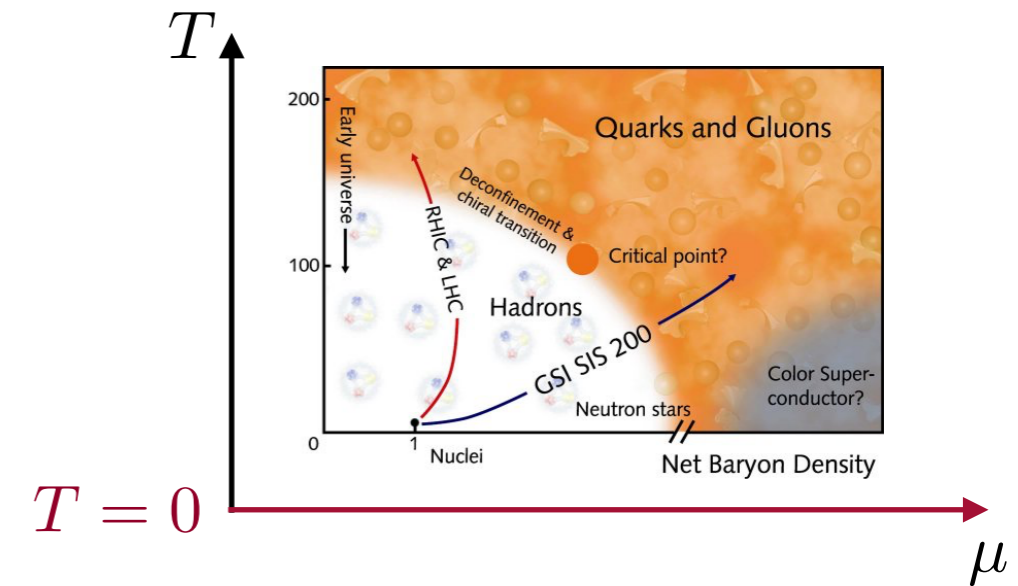
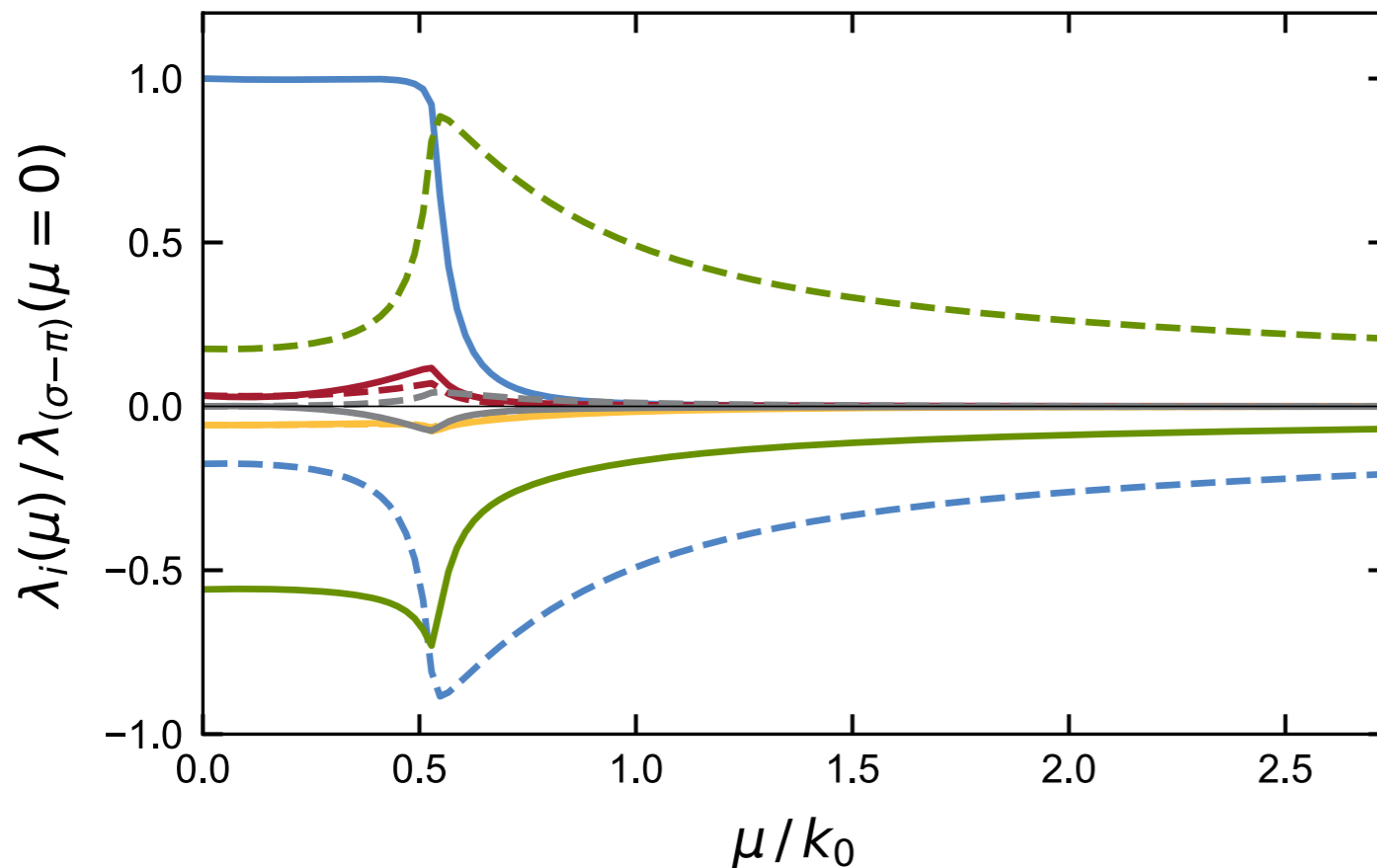
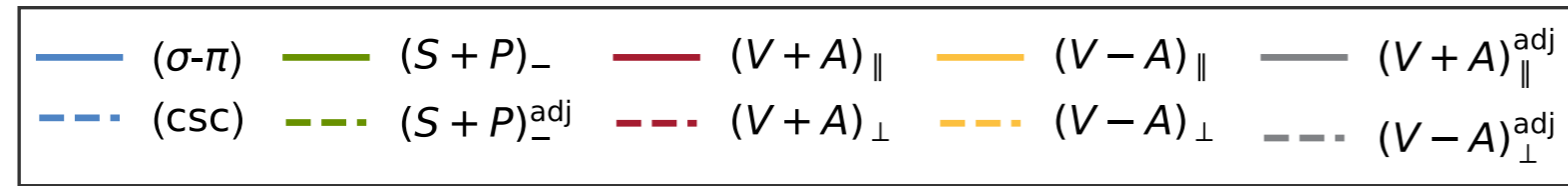


- ▶ **Gluodynamics essential** at high μ
- ▶ **Natural emergence of dominances**
- ▶ **Remarkable robustness** of phase boundary, dominances and μ_χ \rightarrow **quark dynamics**

[Braun, ML, Pospiech, arXiv: 1909.06298]

Dominance pattern

in the zero-temperature limit at finite densities



$$\lambda_i(\mu) \Big|_{k=k_{\text{cr}}+\epsilon}$$

► $U_A(1)$ symmetry artifact ➔ green lines suppressed in case of explicit $U_A(1)$ breaking

► Dominant d.o.f.'s: chiral fields $\phi \sim \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$

diquark fields $\Delta^a \sim \langle i\bar{\psi}^C \gamma_5 \epsilon_{(f)} \epsilon_{(c)}^a \psi \rangle$

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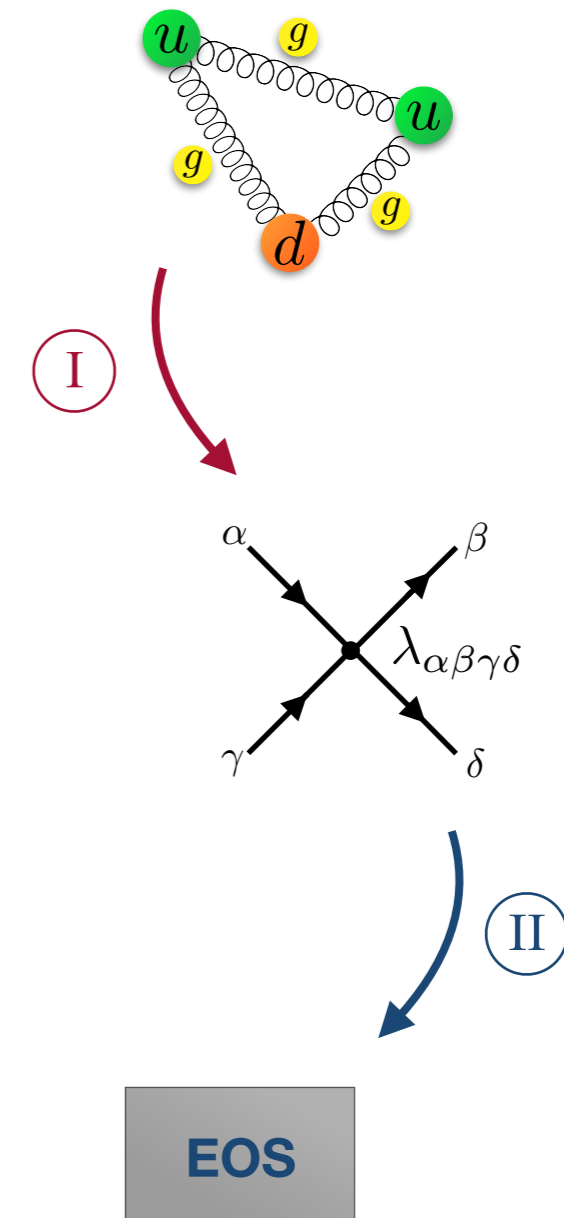
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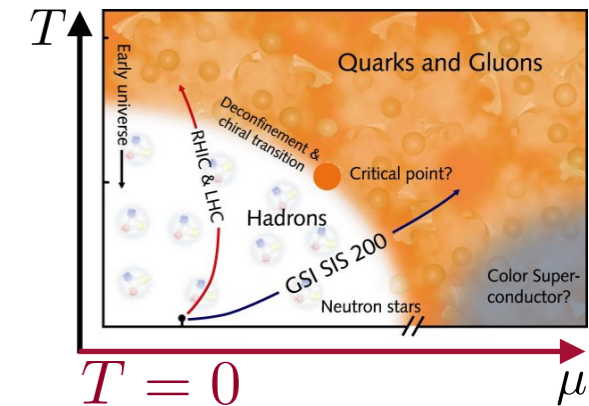
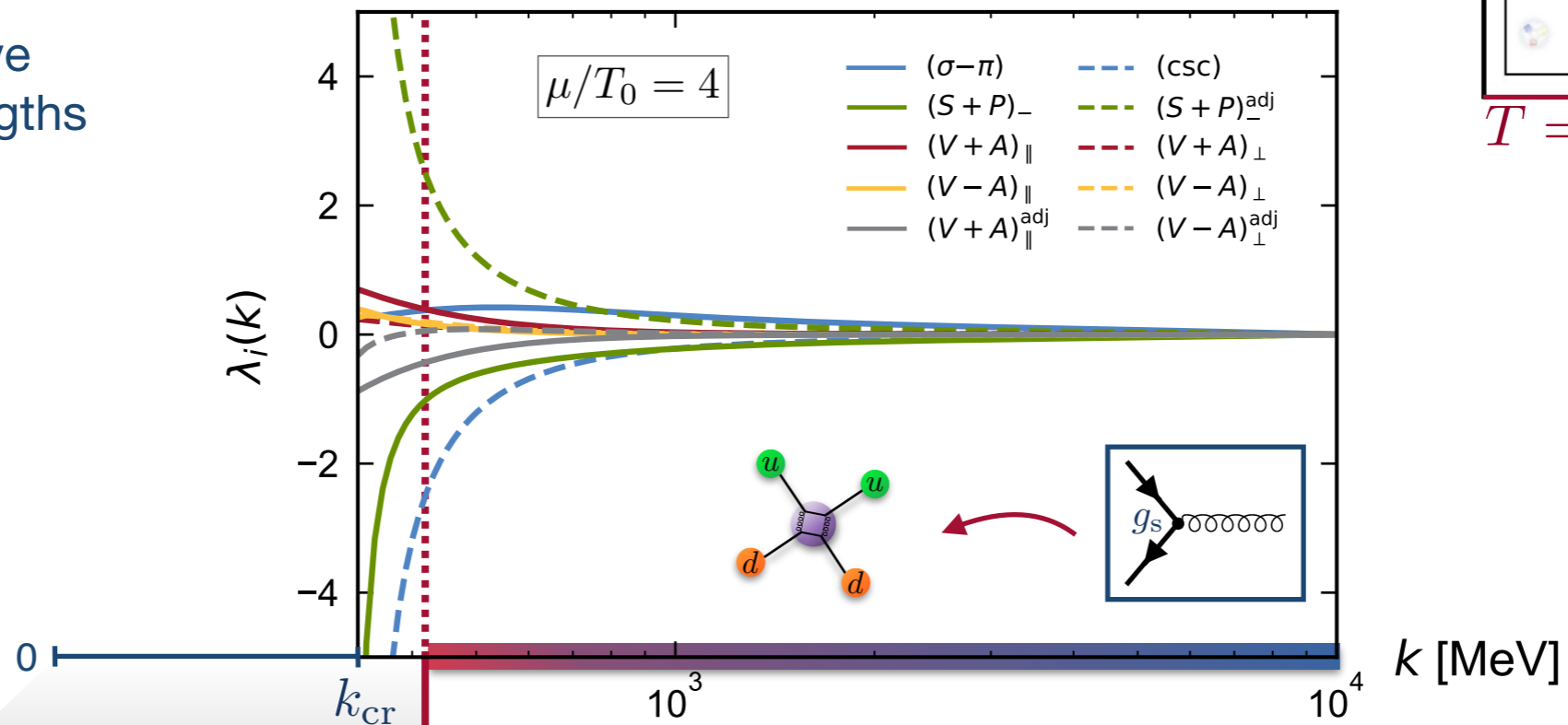
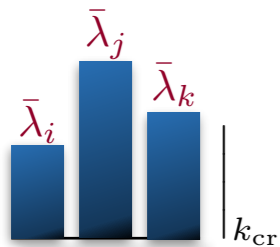


EOS of dense strong-interaction matter

Connecting to the low-energy regime

- ▶ Diverging couplings signal onset of condensate formation

- ▶ Assessing relative interaction strengths



**reformulation:
incorporate emerging
low-energy d.o.f.'s**

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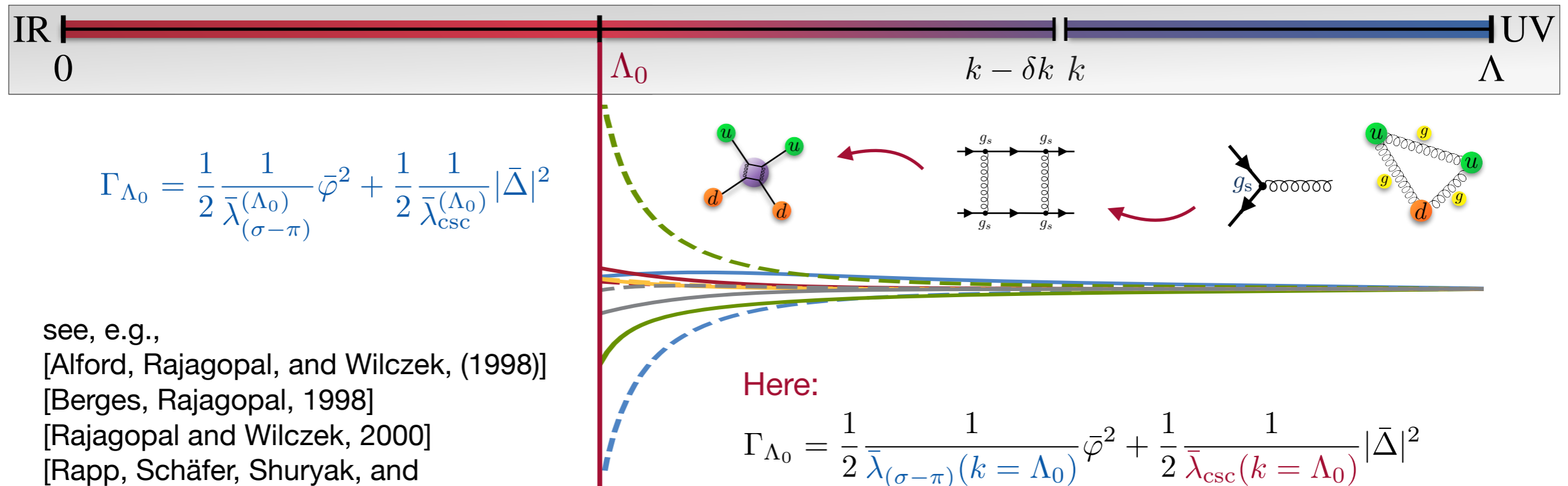
S_{QMD}
**quark-meson-
diquark truncation**

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Classical action of the quark-meson-diquark model (QMD)

$$S_{\text{QMD}} = \int_x \left\{ \bar{\psi} \left(i\not{\partial} - i\mu\gamma_0 + i(\sigma + i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi}\gamma_5) \right) \psi + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{(\sigma-\pi)}} \varphi^2 \right. \quad \left. \right\} \text{QM part}$$

$$+ \left\{ \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \tau_2 \Delta_A^* T^A C \bar{\psi}^T - \psi^T C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \Delta_A T^A C \psi + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\bar{\lambda}_{\text{csc}}} |\Delta|^2 \right\} \quad \text{diquarks}$$



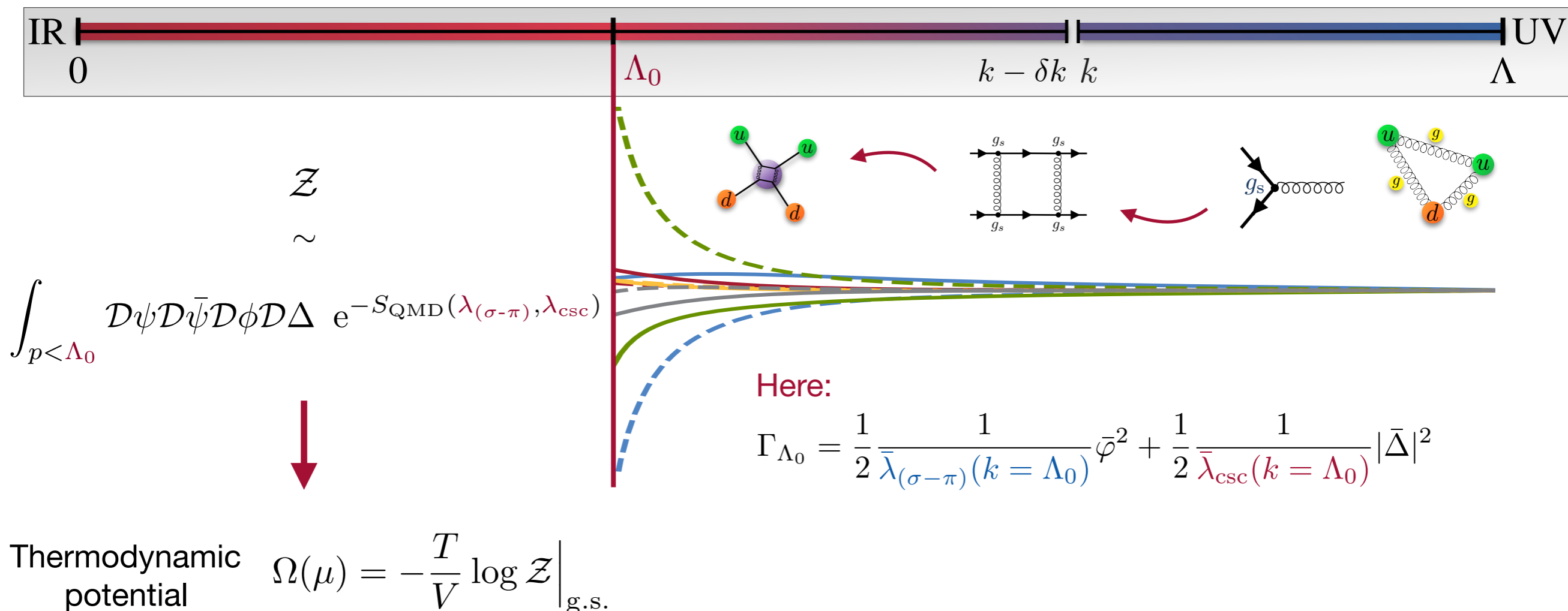
see, e.g.,
 [Alford, Rajagopal, and Wilczek, (1998)]
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Determining parameters at high densities

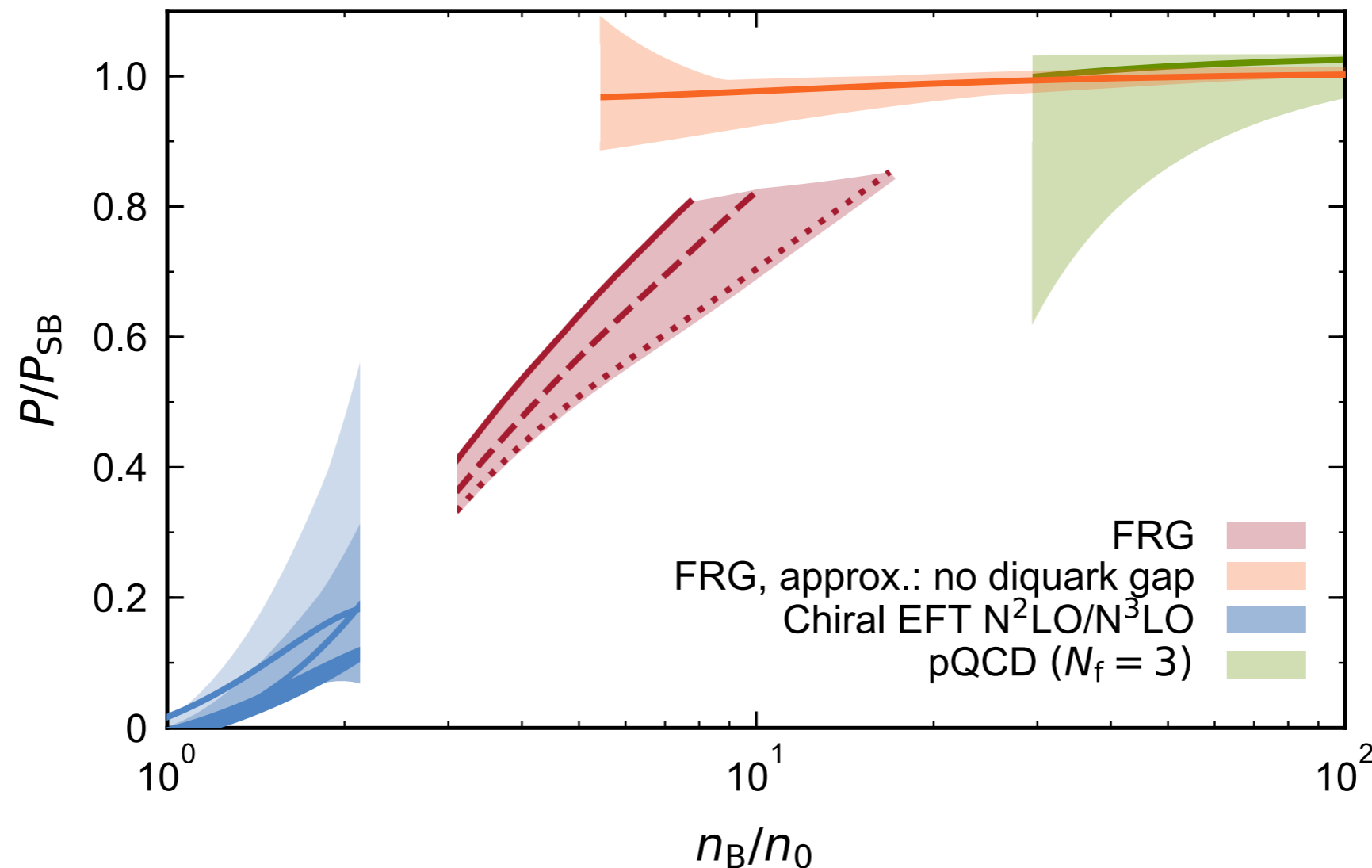


Connecting to the low-energy regime

- ▶ Pass on values of four-quark couplings at **transition scale Λ_0** : determine parameters of QMD
- ▶ Parameters **density dependent**
- ▶ Circumvent limit of **accessible range** of external parameters
- ▶ Minimization of thermodynamic potential: size of gaps, pressure, density, ...



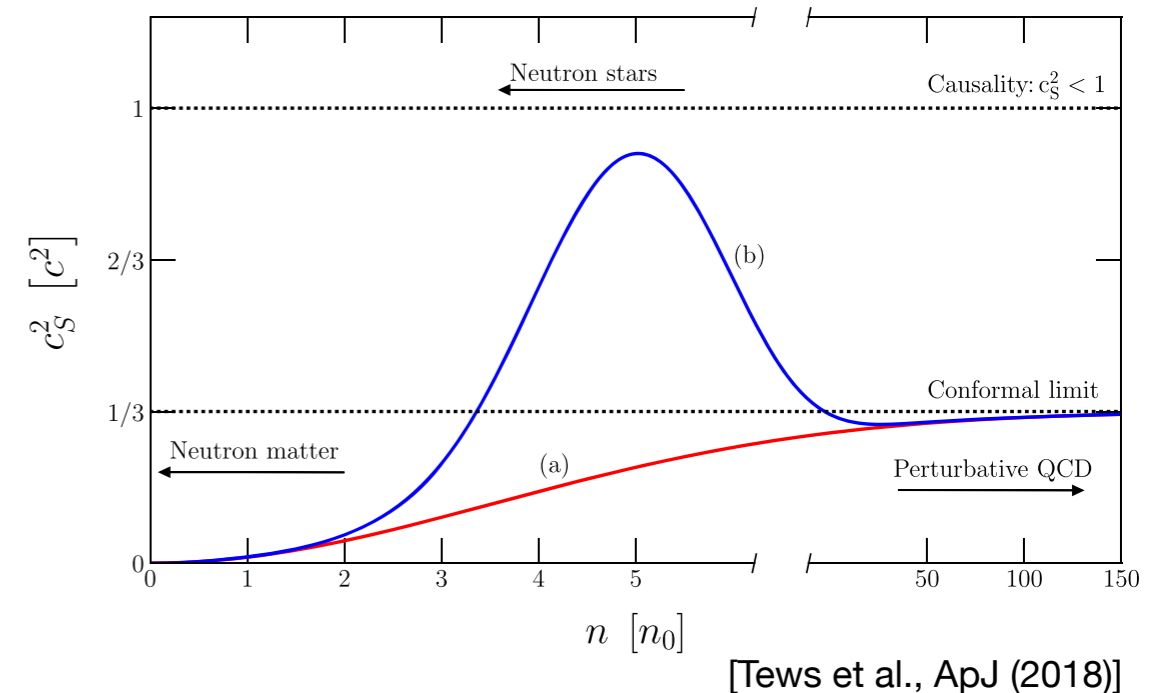
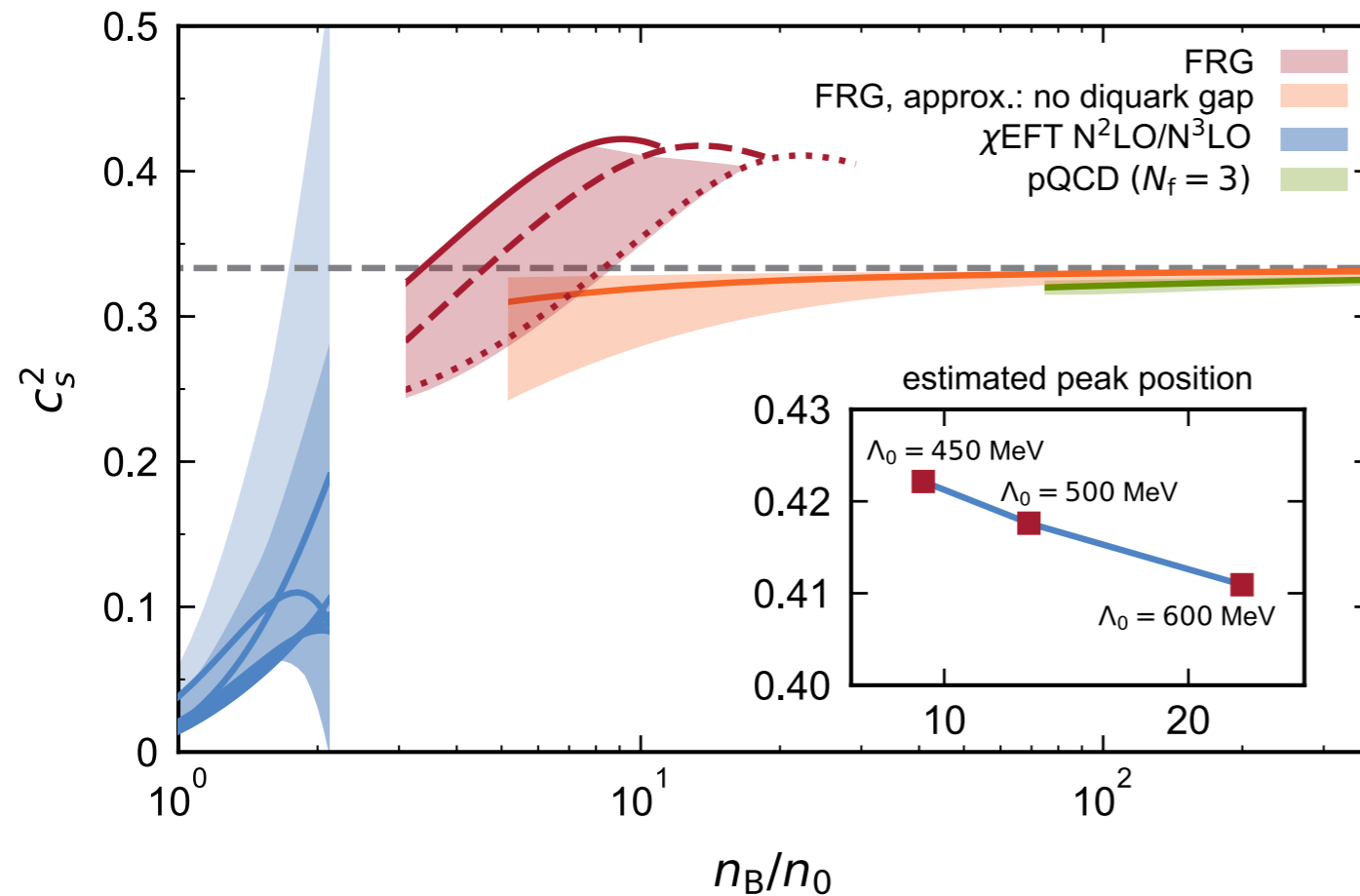
Pressure as a function of the density



- ▶ EOS computation within FRG framework directly based on **fundamental quark-gluon dynamics**
- ▶ **Diquark condensation** as non-perturbative effect essential at intermediate densities
- ▶ **Compatible** with calculations based on **chiral EFT** interactions [Drischler et al., PRL (2019)] toward lower densities and with **perturbative QCD** [Gorda et al., PRL (2018)] at high density

[ML, Pospiech, Schallmo, Braun, Drischler, Hebeler, Schwenk, arXiv:1907.05814]

Speed of sound at intermediate densities



- ▶ **Natural emergence of maximum** in speed of sound
- ▶ Peak position shows dependence on transition scale Λ_0 , **magnitude insensitive**
- ▶ Maximum in speed of sound of neutron matter necessary to support observed heavy neutron star masses [e.g. Tews et al., ApJ (2018)]

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Thank you very much for your attention!

Phase structure

- ▶ Dynamical generation of four-quark interactions by two-gluon exchange
- ▶ **Importance of Fierz completeness** at high quark chemical potential
- ▶ **Natural emergence of dominances**, formation of diquark condensate favored at high densities
- ▶ **Remarkable robustness** of phase boundary and dominances, **dynamics within quark sector** play decisive role

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Equation of state

- ▶ **Higher density regime** accessed by utilizing RG flow of four-quark couplings in QCD
- ▶ Incorporation of low-energy fluctuations with quark-meson-diquark truncation
- ▶ **EOS of symmetric nuclear matter from first principles**
 - Compatible with chiral EFT data as well as perturbative QCD
 - Condensation effects becoming essential at intermediate densities
- ▶ **Maximum in the speed of sound** exceeding the non-interacting limit

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