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# Quantum statistical approach to few-nucleon correlations in nuclear systems

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# Quantum statistics

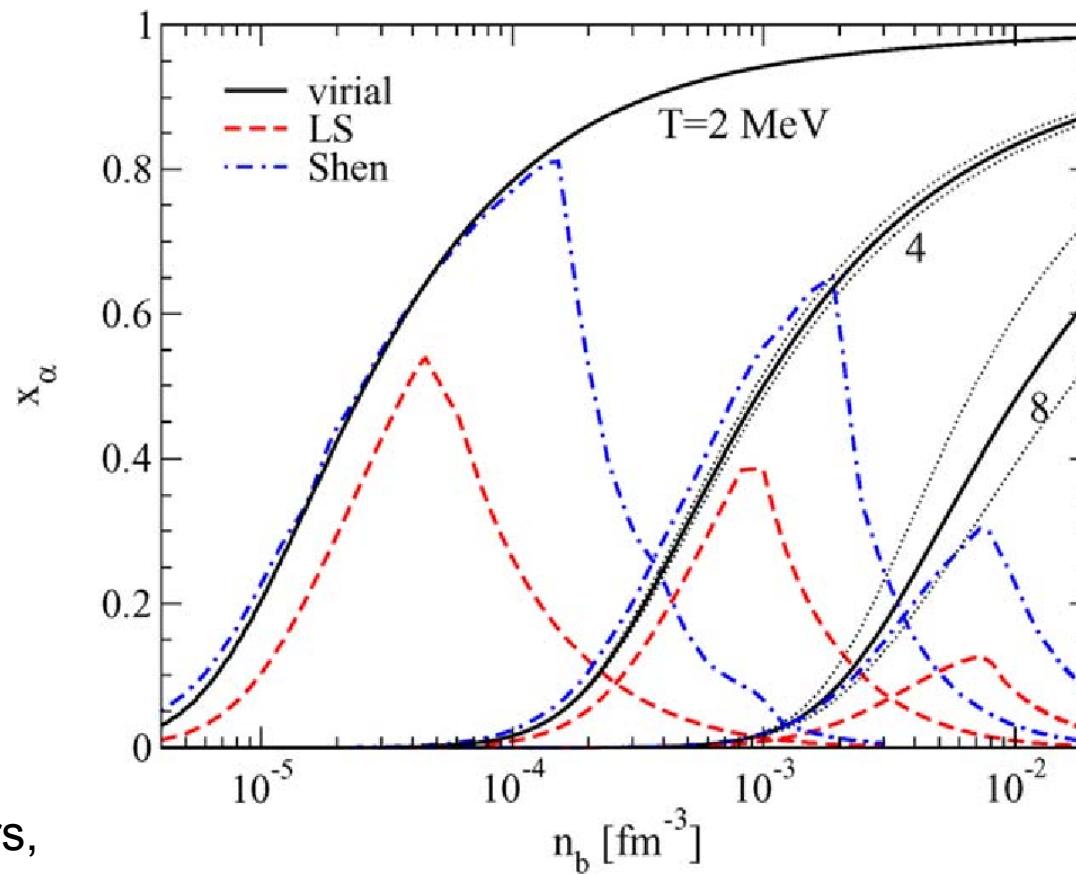
- Symmetry energy: well defined? (Phantasm – reality)
- System in equilibrium: temperature  $T$ , volume  $\Omega$ , particle numbers  $N_c$  (conserved)  
Thermodynamic potential: free energy  $F(T, \Omega, N_c)$   
Internal energy  $U(T, \Omega, N_c)$
- Nuclear systems,  $N_c$ : neutrons  $n_n$ , protons  $n_p$ , electrons  $n_e$ , ...
- Nuclear structure  $T=0$ ,  
astrophysics, heavy ion reactions (HIC): finite  $T$
- Interaction: strong - Coulomb  
Separation of the Coulomb part: Interaction energy and structure?

# Known results for the EOS

- Low-density limit: ideal quantum gas
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# Alpha-particle fraction in the low-density limit

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



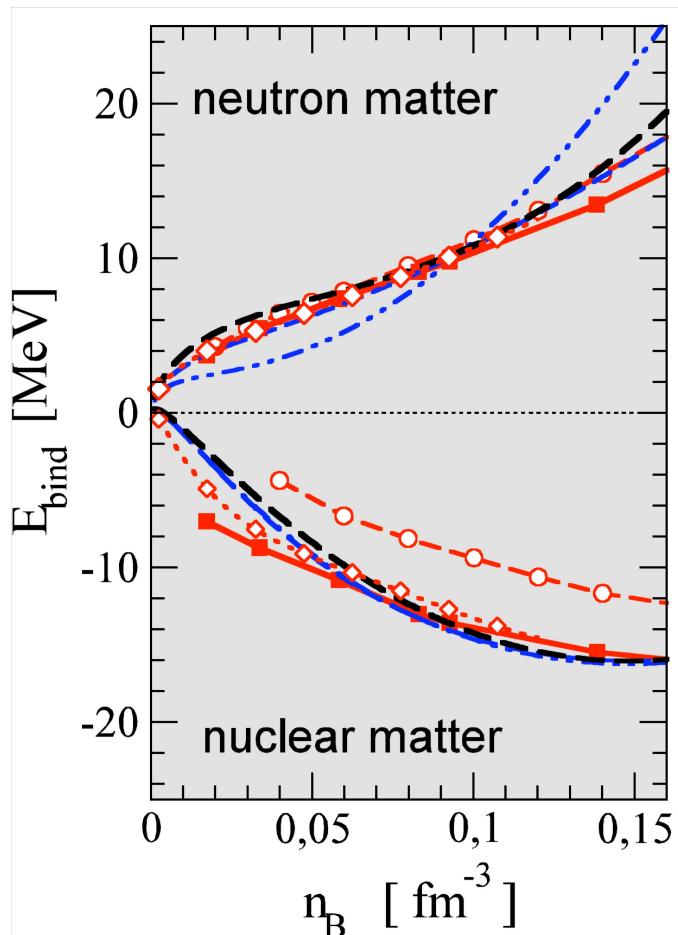
LS, Shen:  
higher clusters,  
excluded volume

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

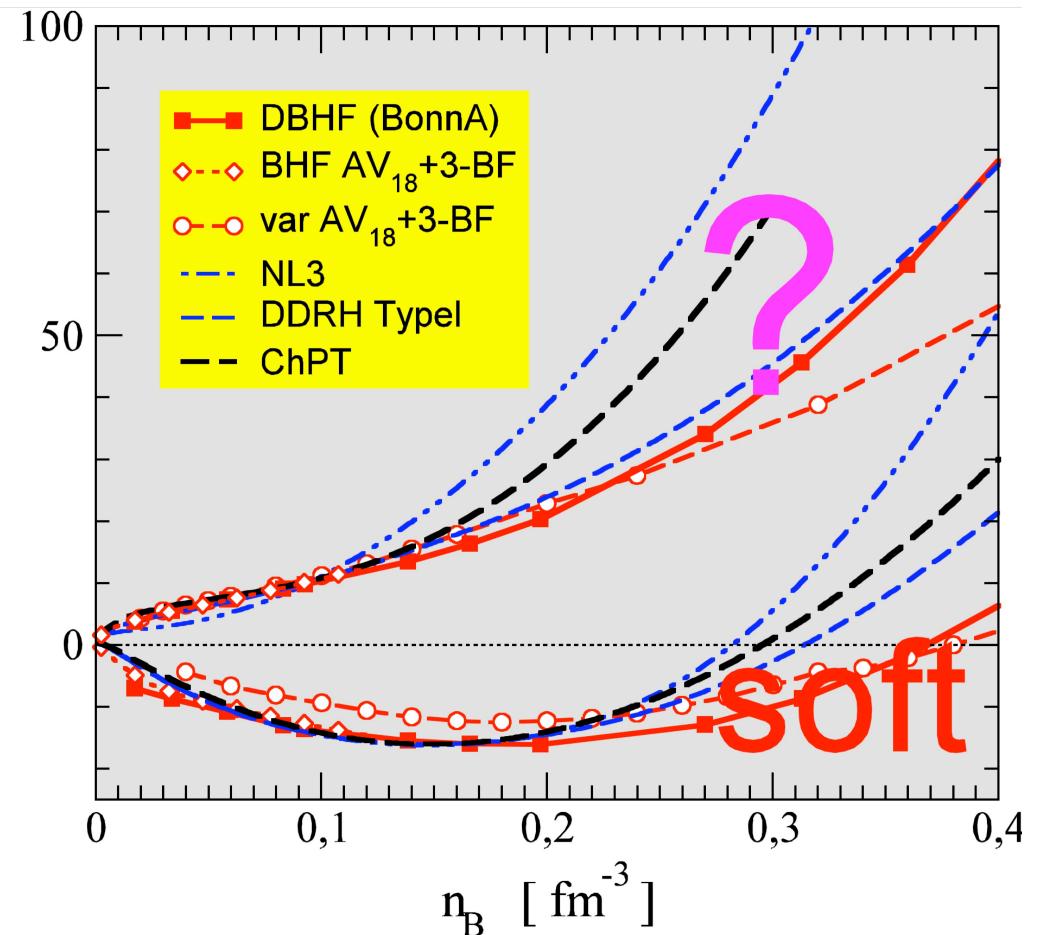
# Known results for the EOS

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- Saturation density
- Skyrme, relativistic mean-field: Quasiparticles
- Density functional theory

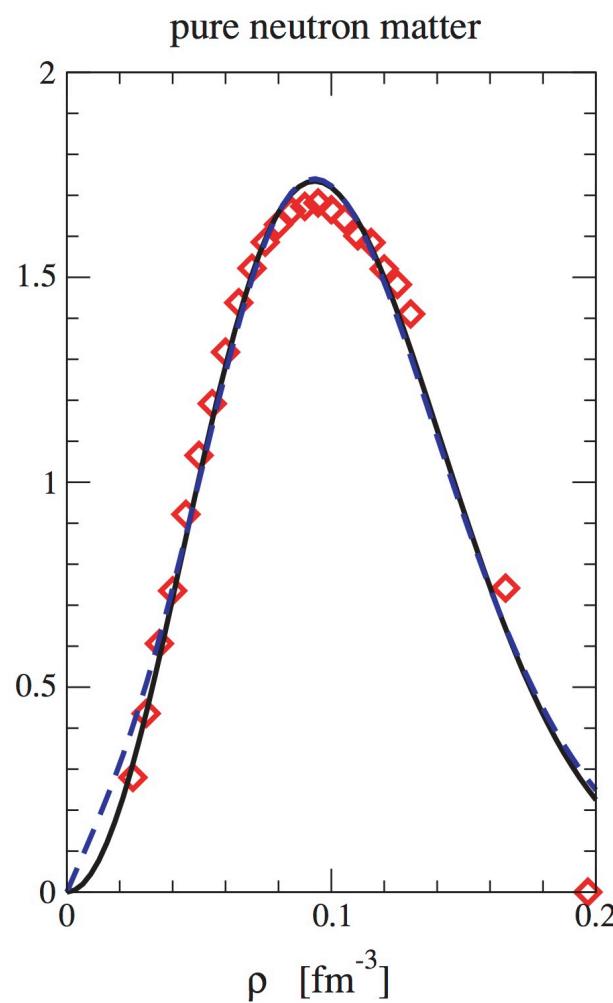
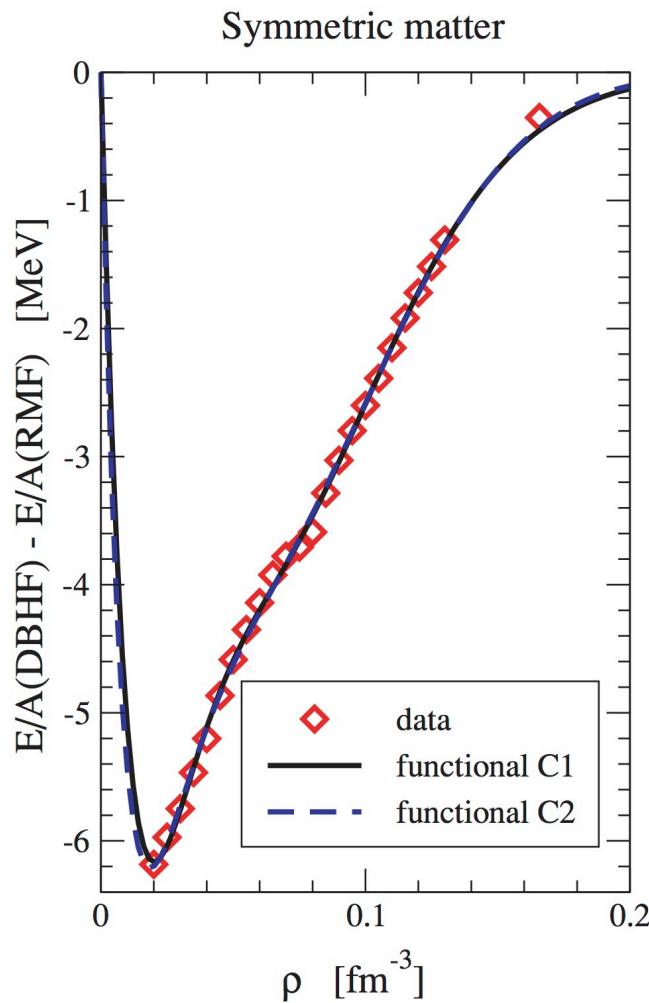
# Quasiparticle picture: RMF and DBHF



But: cluster formation



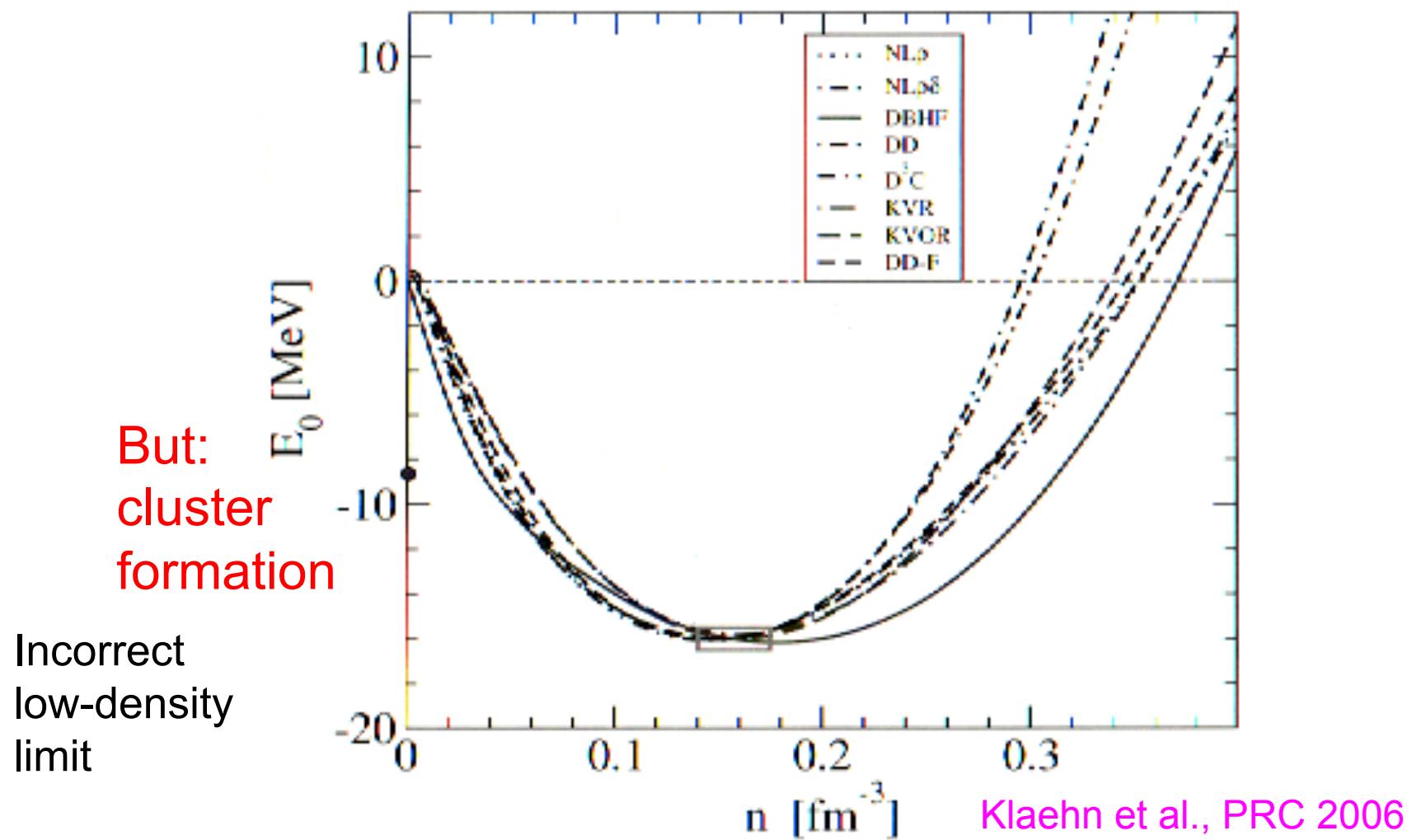
# DBHF at low densities



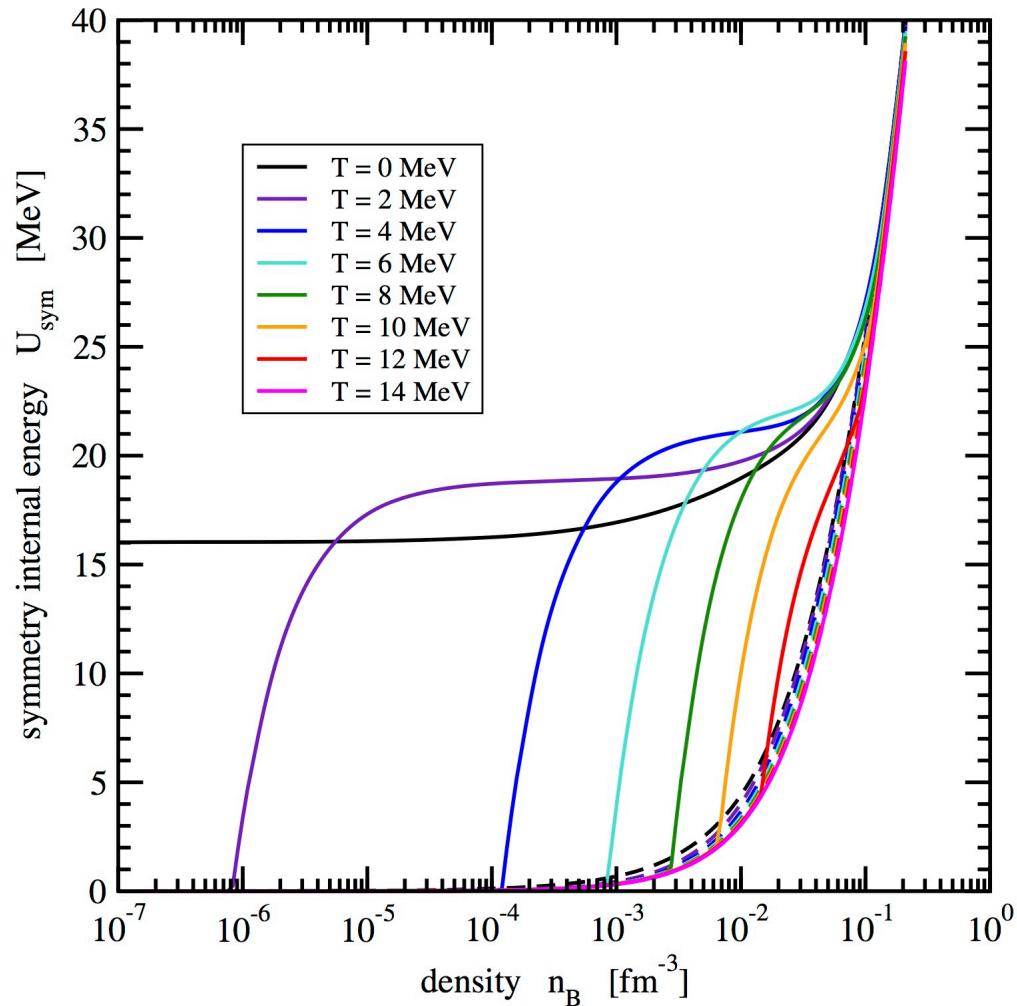
Difference between DBHF calculation and low-density RMF fit (square symbols). The corrections (solid lines) are drawn for symmetric nuclear matter (left panel) and pure neutron matter (right panel)

# Quasiparticle approximation for nuclear matter

## Equation of state for symmetric matter

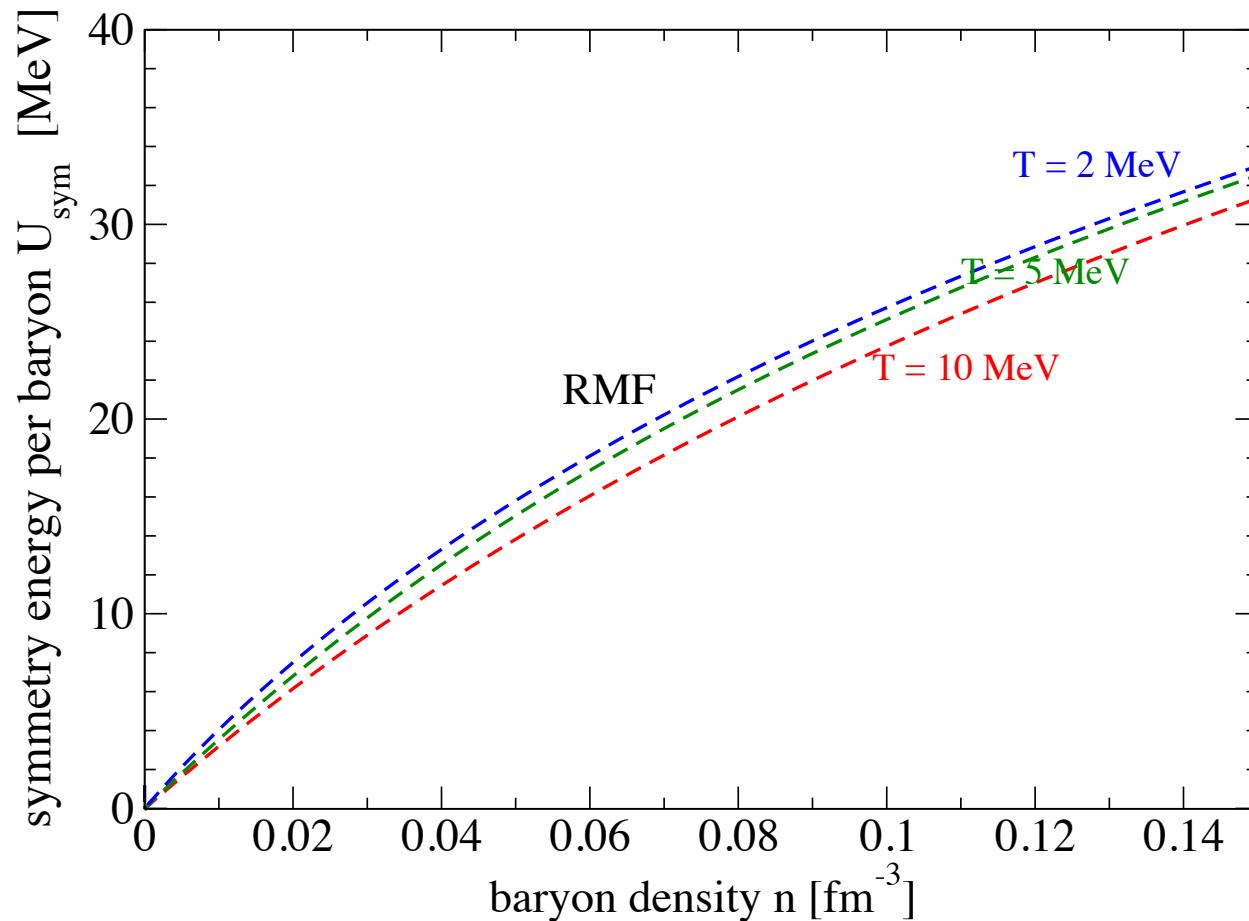


# Symmetry energy and phase transition

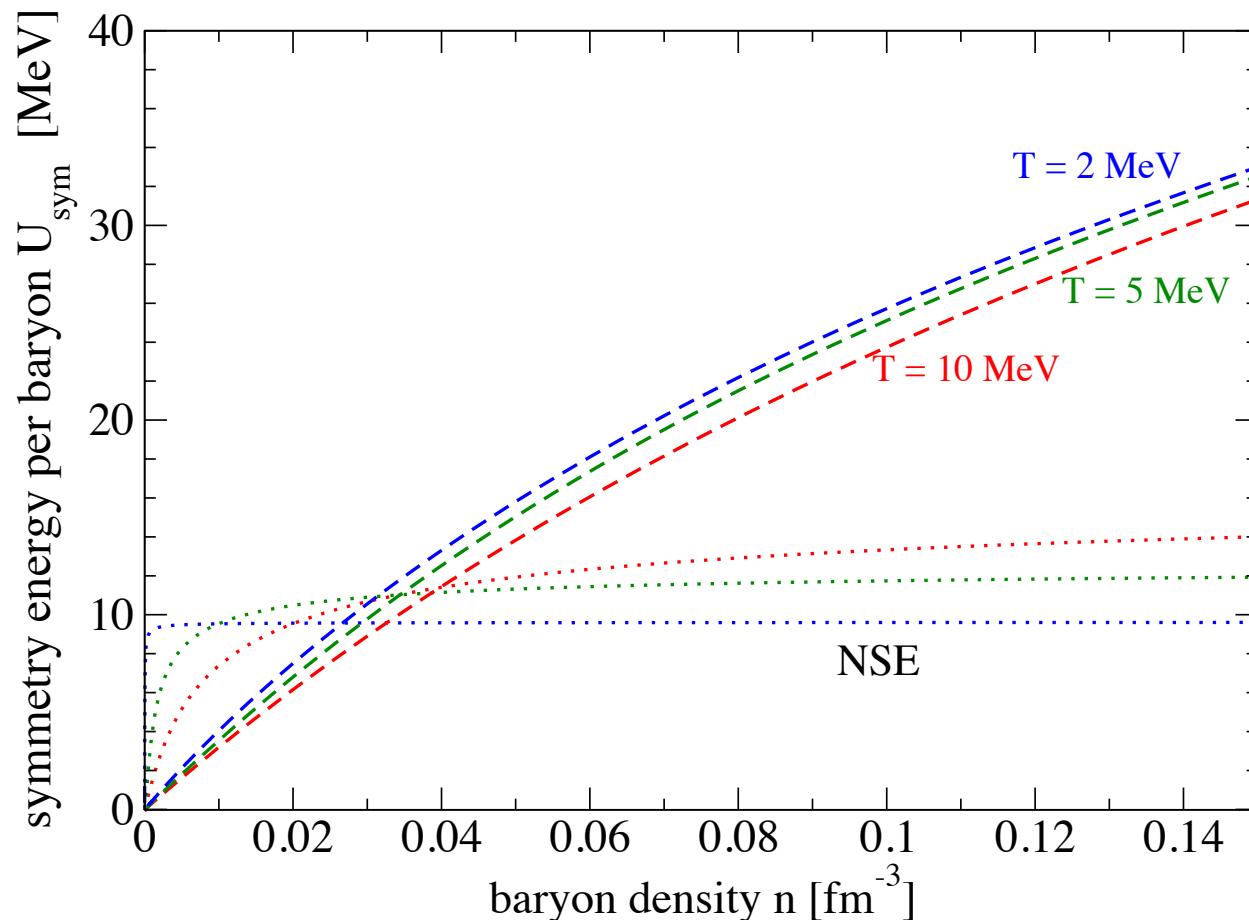


Symmetry internal energy  
 $U_{\text{sym}}$   
in nuclear matter  
without cluster formation,  
without (dashed lines)  
and with (full lines)  
liquid-gas phase transition,  
as a function of the  
baryon density  $n_B$

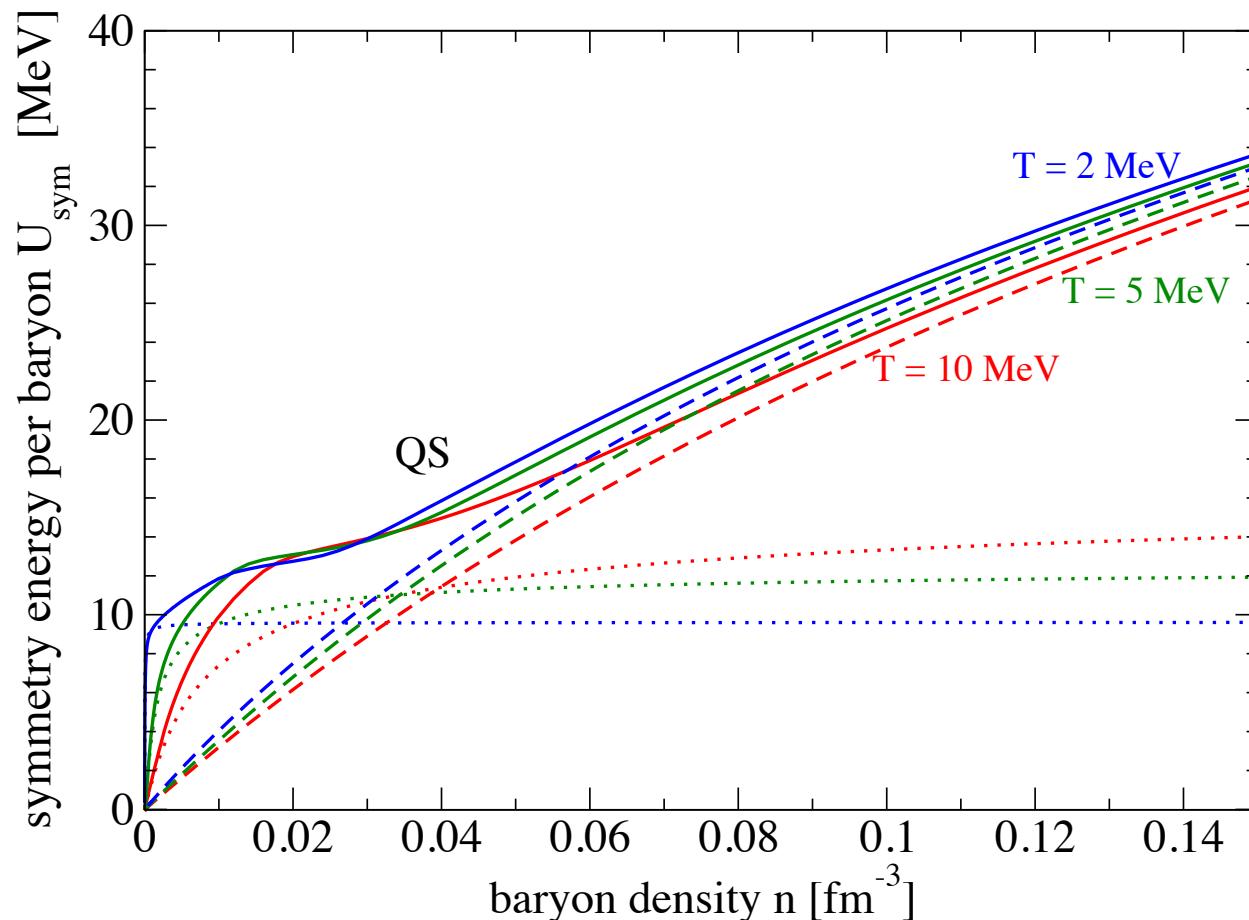
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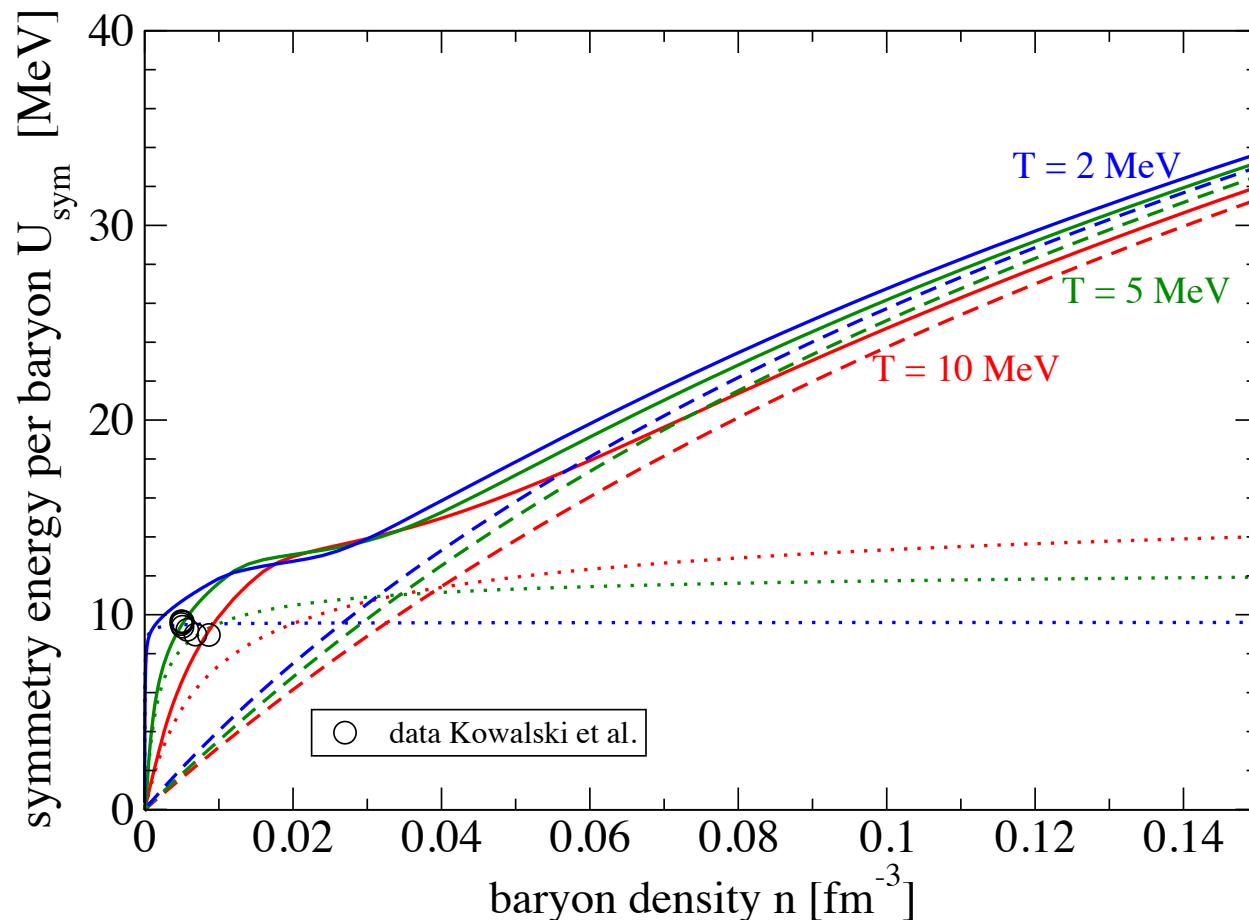
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# Many-particle theory

- 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  $\rightarrow$  approximation for equilibrium correlation functions

alternatively: simulations, path integral methods

# Composition of dense nuclear matter

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

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mass number  $A$

charge  $Z_A$

energy  $E_{A,\nu K}$

$\nu$ : internal quantum number

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

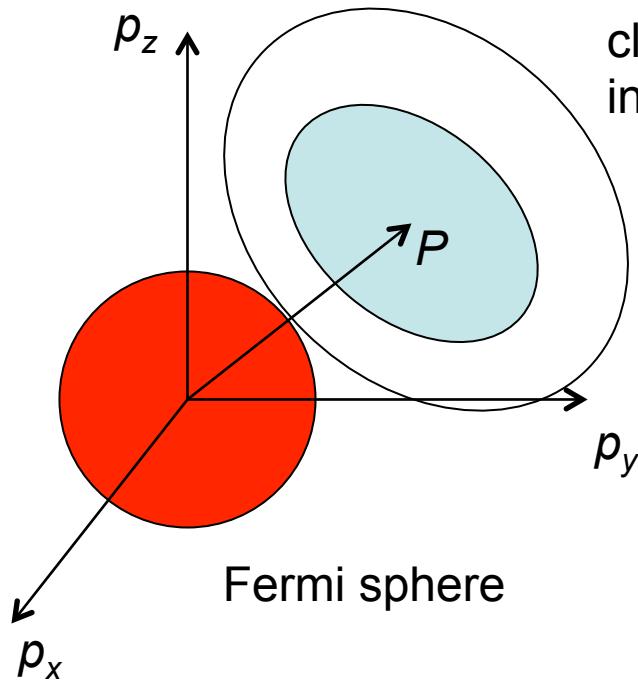
- Inclusion of excited states and continuum correlations, correct virial expansions
- Medium effects: correct behavior near saturation self-energy and Pauli blocking shifts of binding energies, Coulomb corrections due to screening (Wigner-Seitz,Debye)
- Bose-Einstein condensation, phase instabilities

# Few-particle Schrödinger equation in a dense medium

4-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

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

# Pauli blocking – phase space occupation



momentum space

cluster wave function (deuteron, alpha,...)  
in momentum space

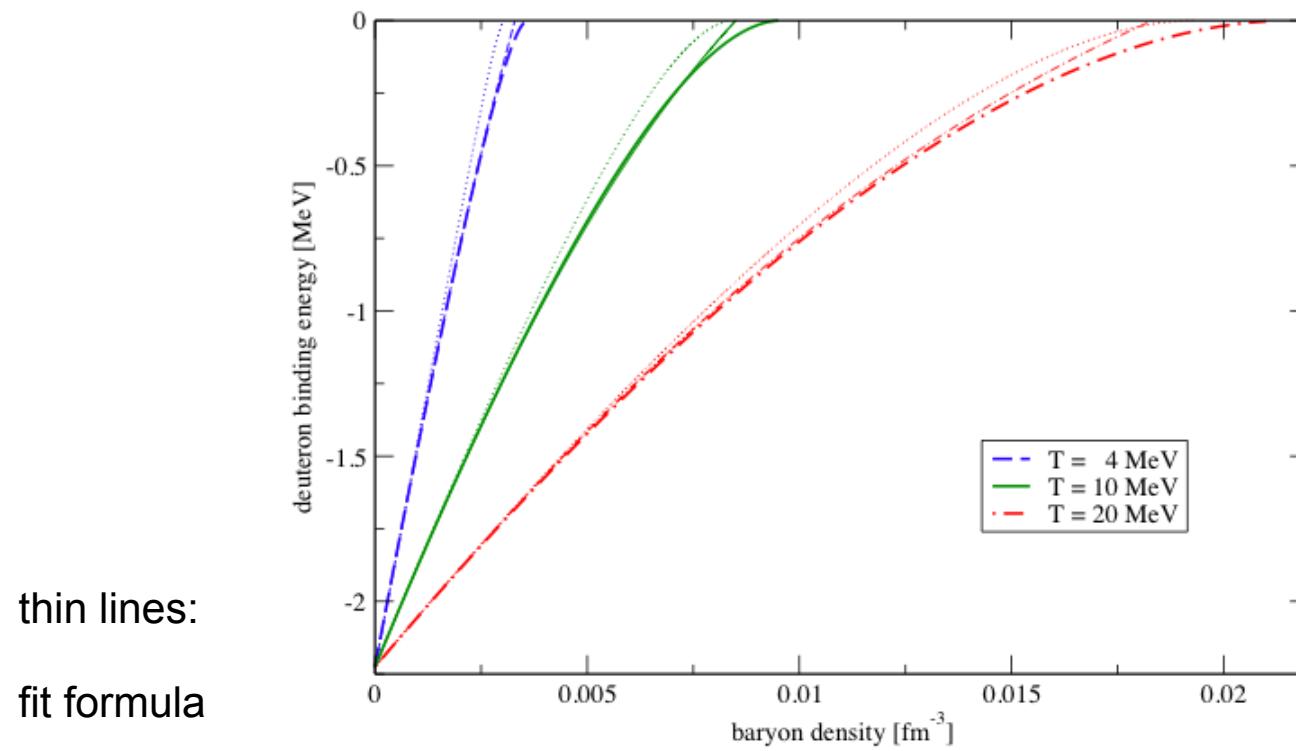
$P$  - center of mass momentum

The Fermi sphere is forbidden,  
deformation of the cluster wave function  
in dependence on the c.o.m. momentum  $P$

The deformation is maximal at  $P = 0$ .  
It leads to the weakening of the interaction  
(disintegration of the bound state).

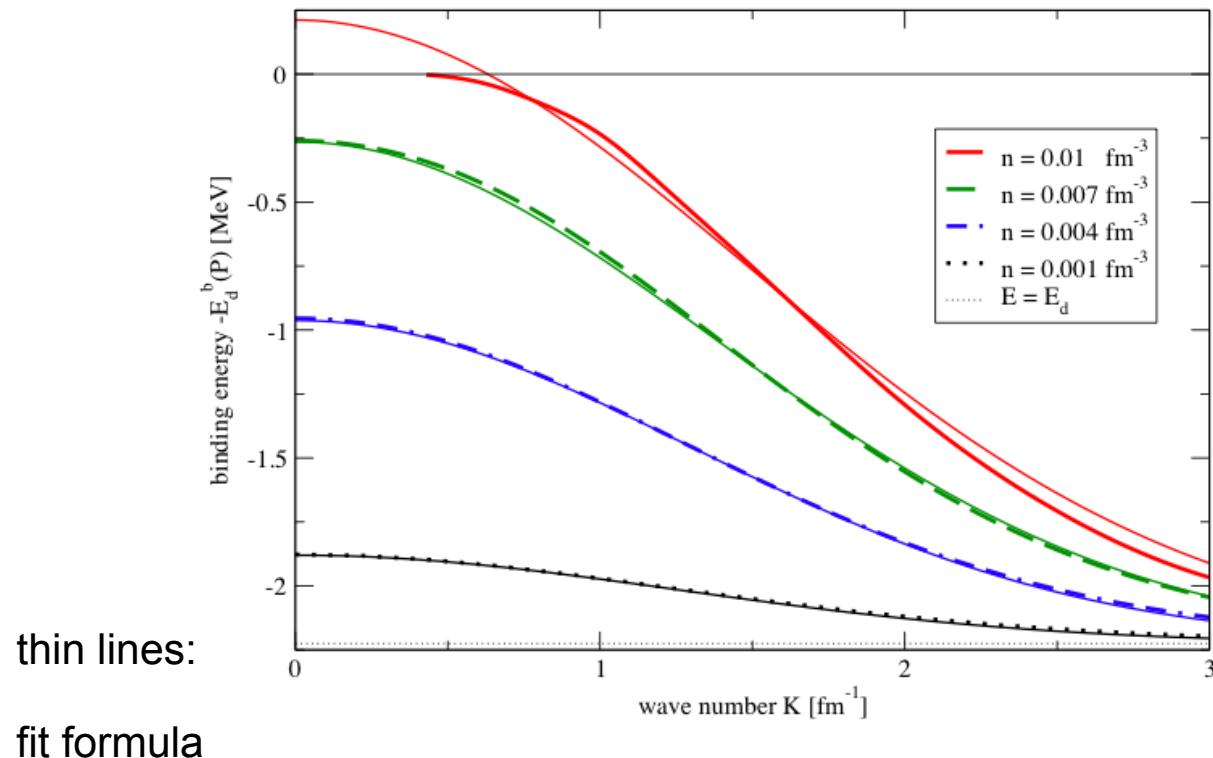
# Shift of the deuteron bound state energy

Dependence on nucleon density, various temperatures,  
zero center of mass momentum



# Shift of the deuteron bound state energy

Dependence on center of mass momentum,  
various densities,  $T=10$  MeV



G.R., NPA 867, 66 (2011)

# Internal energy per nucleon

Symmetric matter

Isotherms

$T[\text{MeV}]$

20

18

16

14

12

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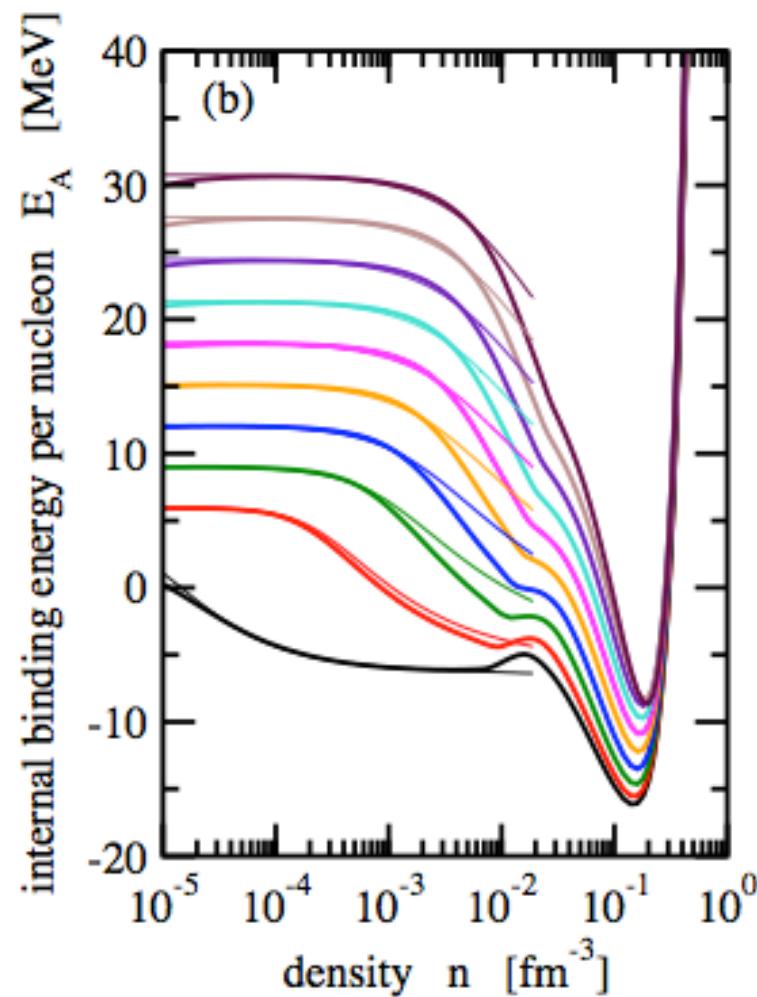
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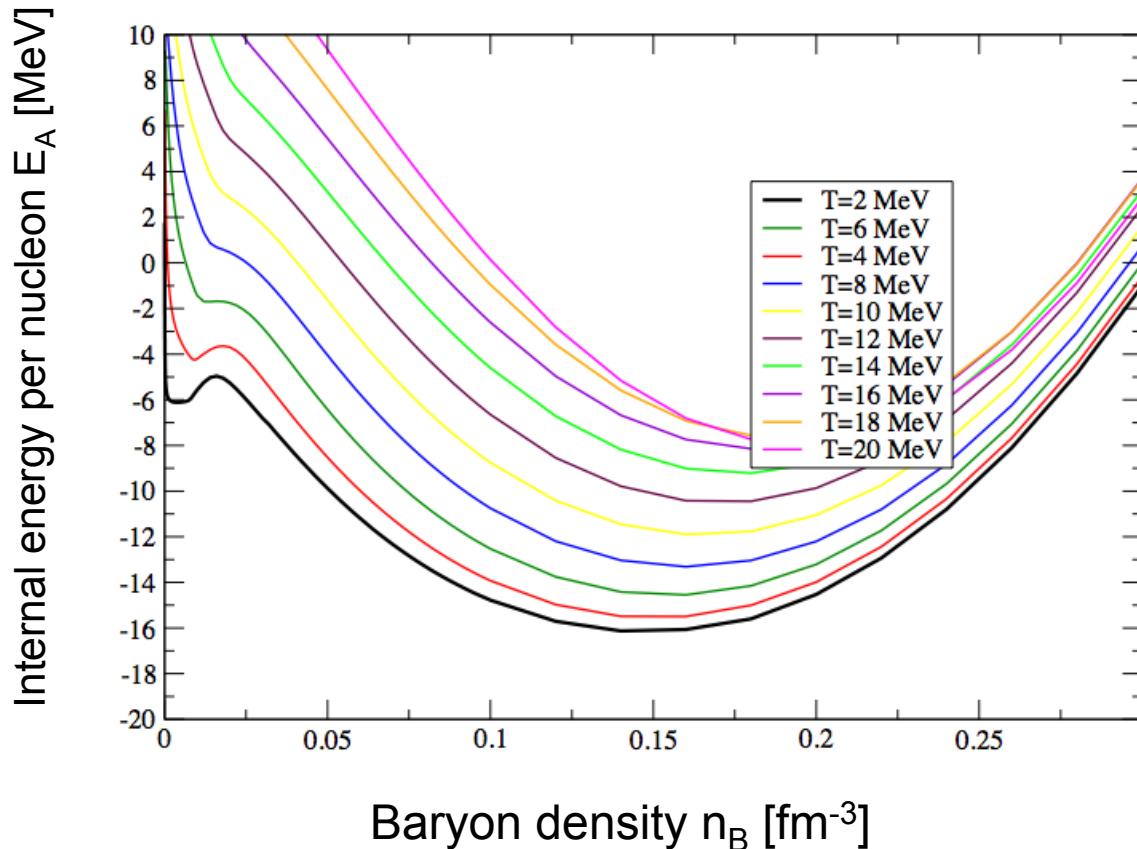
4

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thin lines: NSE



# Internal energy per nucleon



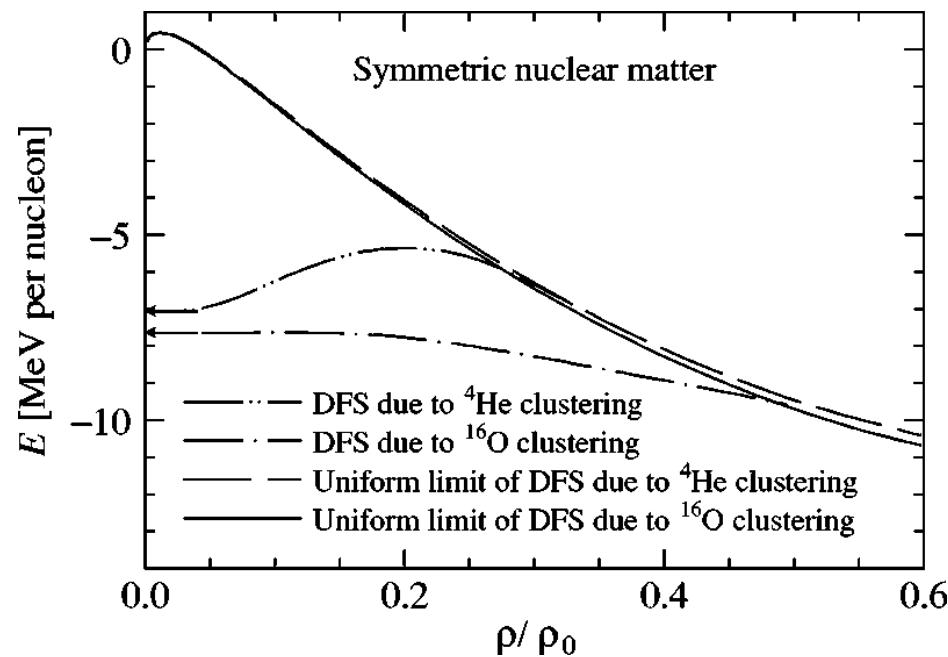
Quantum  
statistical  
approach:

Cluster ?

Condensate?

EOS for symmetric matter - low density region?

# Clustering phenomena in nuclear matter below the saturation density

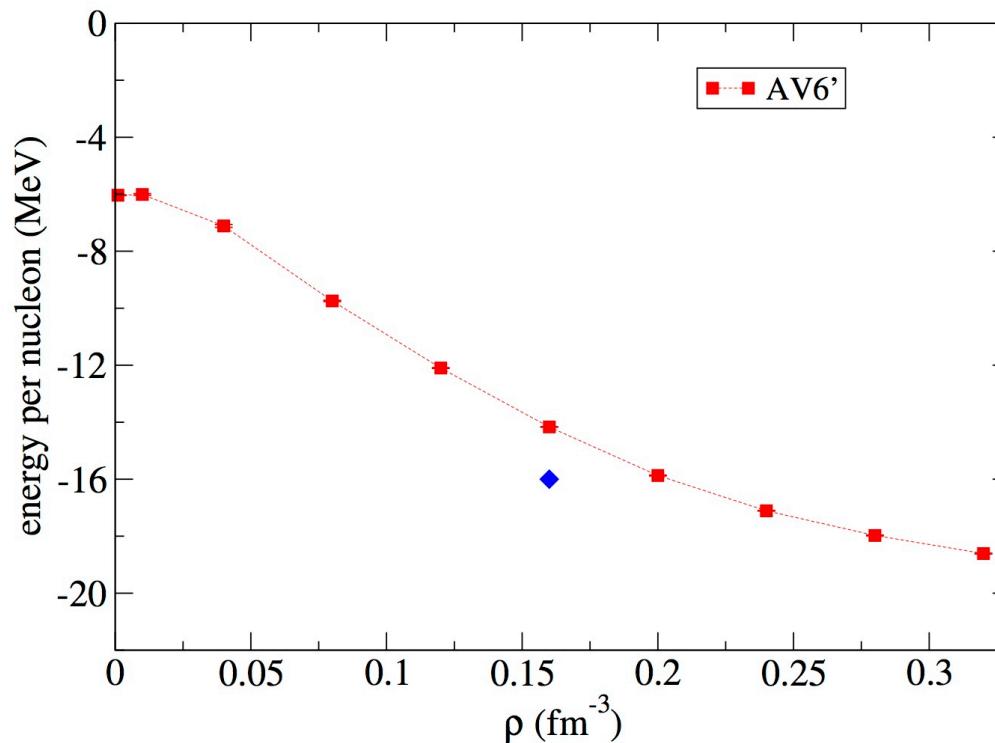


•FIG. 8. Energy curves of DFSs due to  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^{16}\text{O}$  clustering in  
•the symmetric nuclear matter by the use of the BB  $sB4d$  force. The  
•density of matter is normalized by the saturation density of the  
•uniform matter with the Fermi sphere,  $r_0=0.206 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ . The presentation  
•of the curves is similar to that in Fig. 4.

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

# Stefano Gandolfi's talk

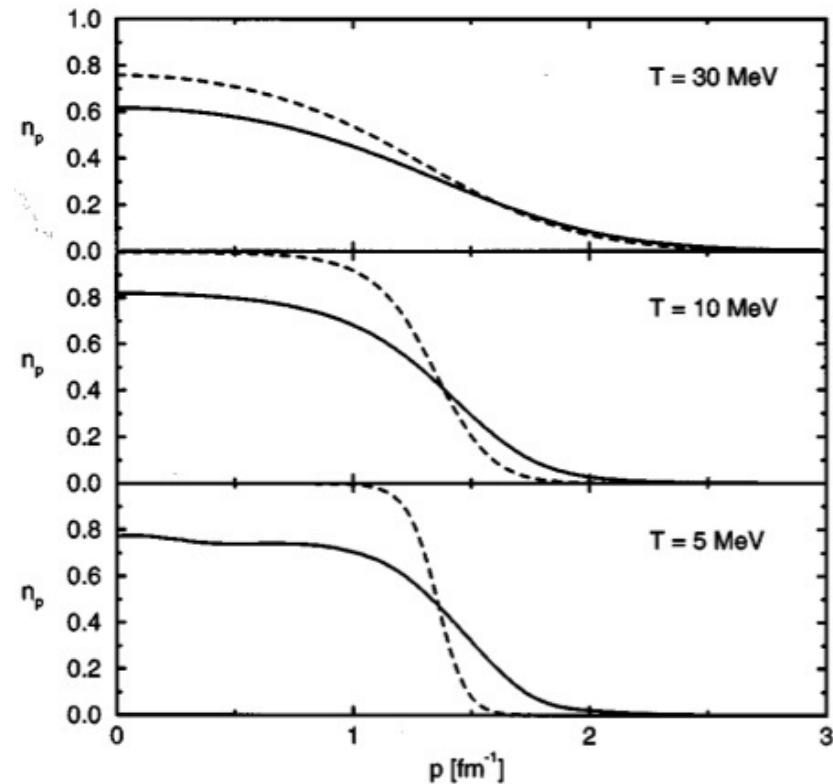
EOS of symmetric nuclear matter using Argonne AV6' (no three-body).  
Low density **VERY PRELIMINARY!!!**



Gandolfi, Lovato, Carlson, Schmidt, PRC (2014)

# Single nucleon distribution function

Dependence on temperature



saturation density

Alm et al., PRC 53, 2181 (1996)

# Pauli blocking, correlated medium

In-medium Schroedinger equation

$$[E_{\tau_1}(\mathbf{p}_1; T, \mu_n, \mu_p) + \dots + E_{\tau_A}(\mathbf{p}_A; T, \mu_n, \mu_p) - E_{A\nu}(\mathbf{P}; T, \mu_n, \mu_p)]\psi_{A\nu\mathbf{P}}(1 \dots A) \\ + \sum_{1' \dots A'} \sum_{i < j} [1 - n(i; T, \mu_n, \mu_p) - n(j; T, \mu_n, \mu_p)] V(ij, i'j') \prod_{k \neq i, j} \delta_{kk'} \psi_{A\nu\mathbf{P}}(1' \dots i' \dots j' \dots A') = 0$$

effective occupation numbers

$$n(1) = f_{1,\tau_1}(1) + \sum_{B=2}^{\infty} \sum_{\bar{\nu}, \bar{\mathbf{P}}} \sum_{2 \dots B} B f_B(E_{B,\bar{\nu}}(\bar{\mathbf{P}}; T, \mu_n, \mu_p)) |\psi_{B\bar{\nu}\bar{\mathbf{P}}}(1 \dots B)|^2$$

effective Fermi distribution

$$n(1; T, \mu_n, \mu_p) \approx f_{1,\tau_1}(1; T_{\text{eff}}, \mu_n^{\text{eff}}, \mu_p^{\text{eff}})$$

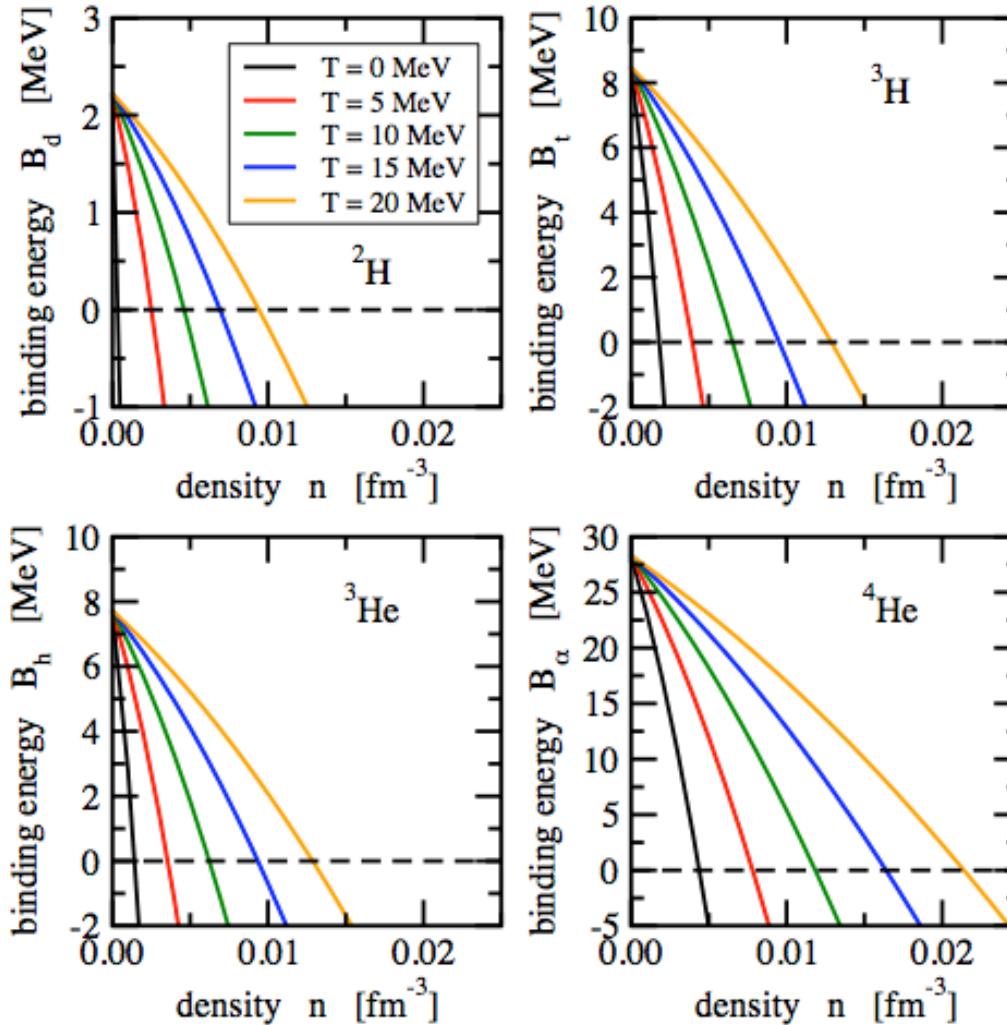
blocking by all nucleons

$$n(1; T, \mu_n, \mu_p) \approx \tilde{f}_{1,\tau_1}(1; T_{\text{eff}}, n_B, Y_p)$$

effective temperature

$$T_{\text{eff}} \approx 5.5 \text{ MeV} + 0.5 T + 60 n_B \text{ MeV fm}^3$$

# Shift of Binding Energies of Light Clusters

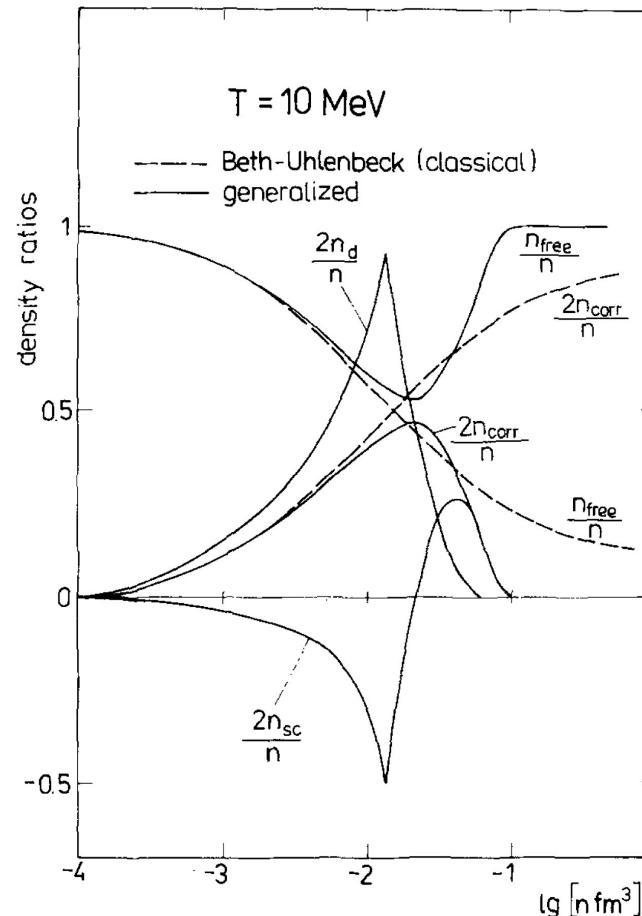


Symmetric matter

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

# Two-particle correlations

Generalized  
Beth-Uhlenbeck Approach  
for Hot Nuclear Matter



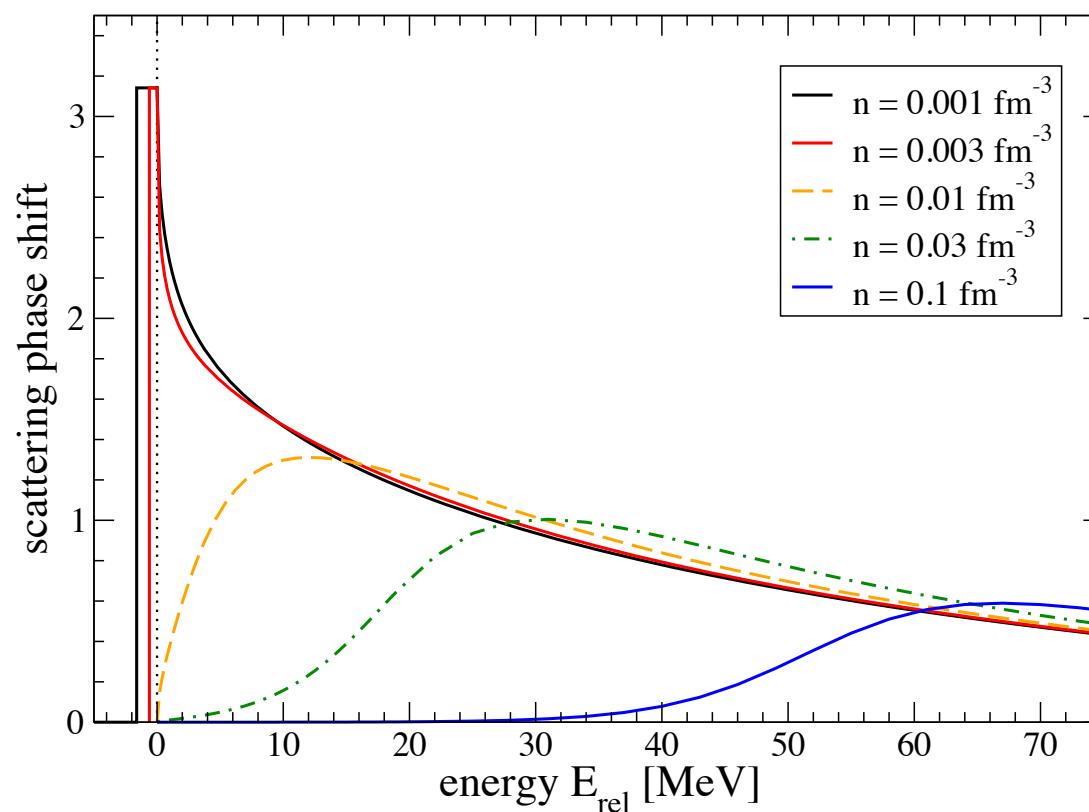
M. Schmidt, G.R., H. Schulz  
Ann. Phys. 202, 57 (1990)

FIG. 7. The composition of nuclear matter as a function of the density  $n$  for given temperature  $T = 10$  MeV. The solid and dashed lines show the results of the generalized and classical Beth-Uhlenbeck approach, respectively. Note the distinct behavior of  $n_{\text{free}}$  and  $n_{\text{corr}}$  predicted by the two approaches in the low and high density limit!

# Deuteron-like scattering phase shifts

$$\text{Virial coeff.} \propto e^{-E_d^0/T} - 1 + \frac{1}{\pi T} \int_0^\infty dE e^{-E/T} \left\{ \delta_c(E) - \frac{1}{2} \sin[2\delta_c(E)] \right\}$$

$T = 5 \text{ MeV}$



deuteron bound state -2.2 MeV

G. Roepke, J. Phys.: Conf. Series 569, 012031 (2014).

# EOS: continuum contributions

Partial density of channel A,c at P (for instance,  ${}^3S_1 = d$ ):

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separation: bound state part – continuum part ?

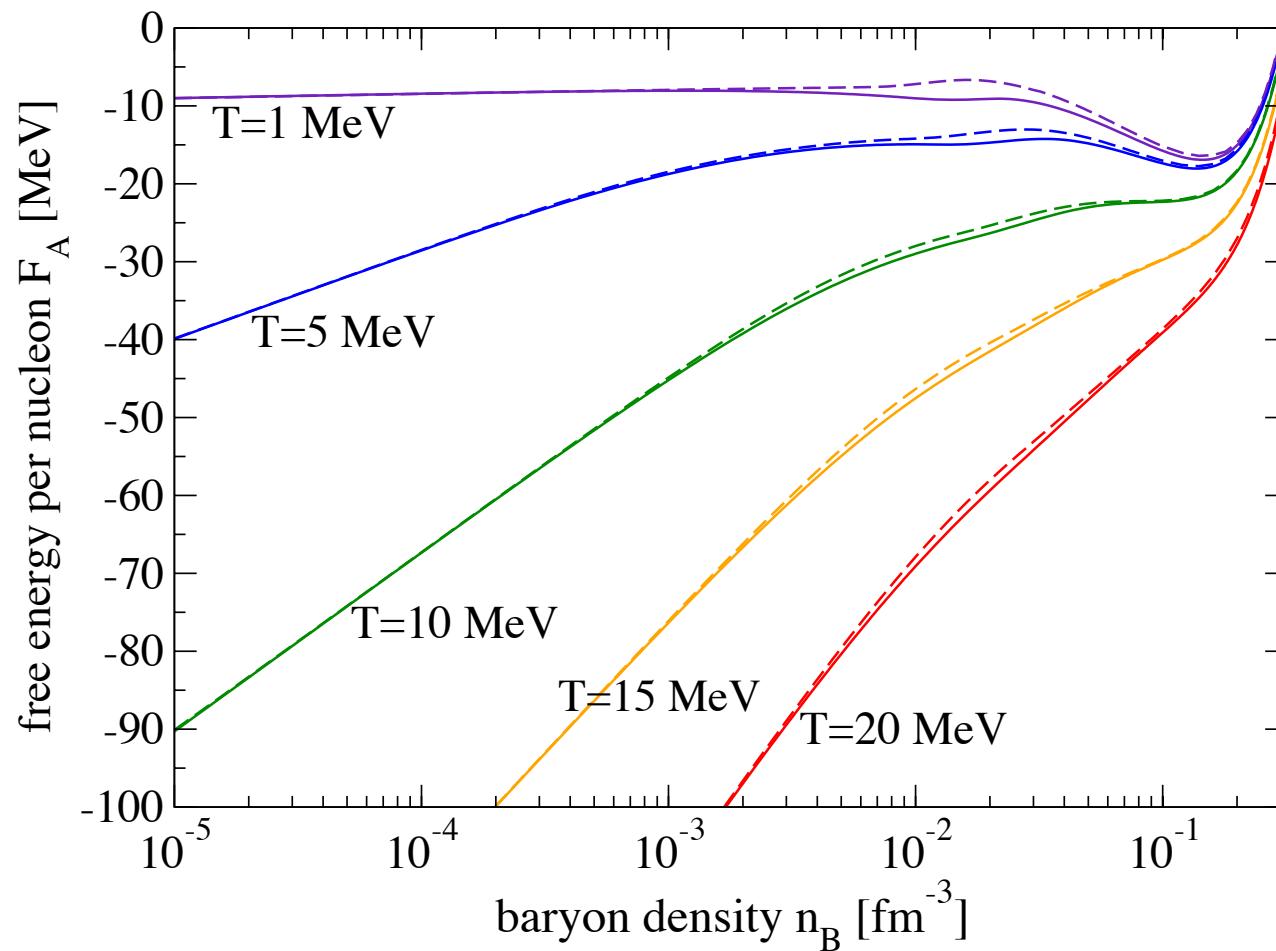
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parametrization (d – like):

$$v_c(\mathbf{P} = 0; T, n_B, Y_p) \approx \left[ 1.24 + \left( \frac{1}{v_{T_I=0}(T)} - 1.24 \right) e^{\gamma_c n_B/T} \right]^{-1}.$$

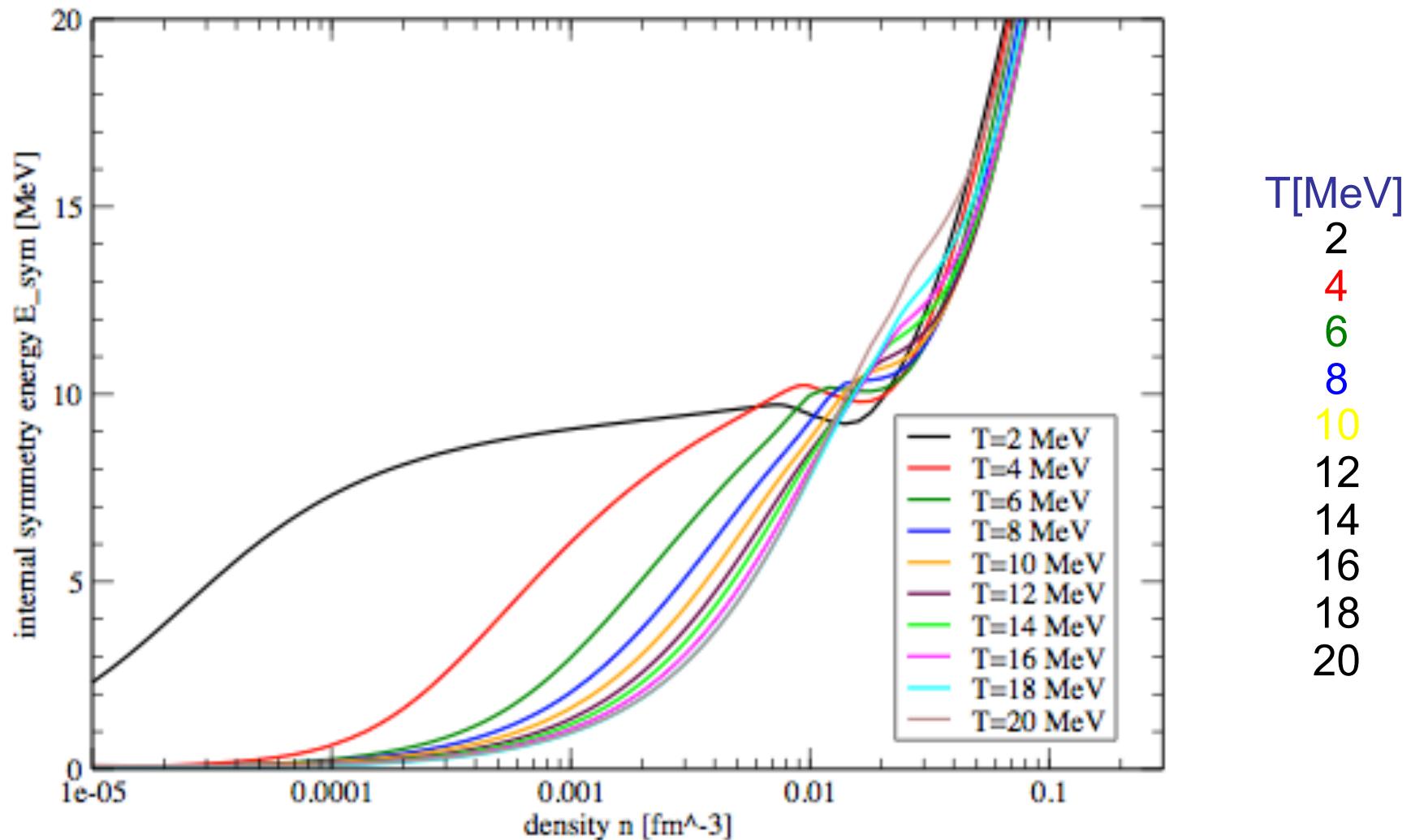
$$v_d^0(T) = v_{T_I=0}^0(T) \approx 0.30857 + 0.65327 e^{-0.102424 T/\text{MeV}}$$

# Symmetric matter: free energy per nucleon



Dashed lines: no continuum correlations

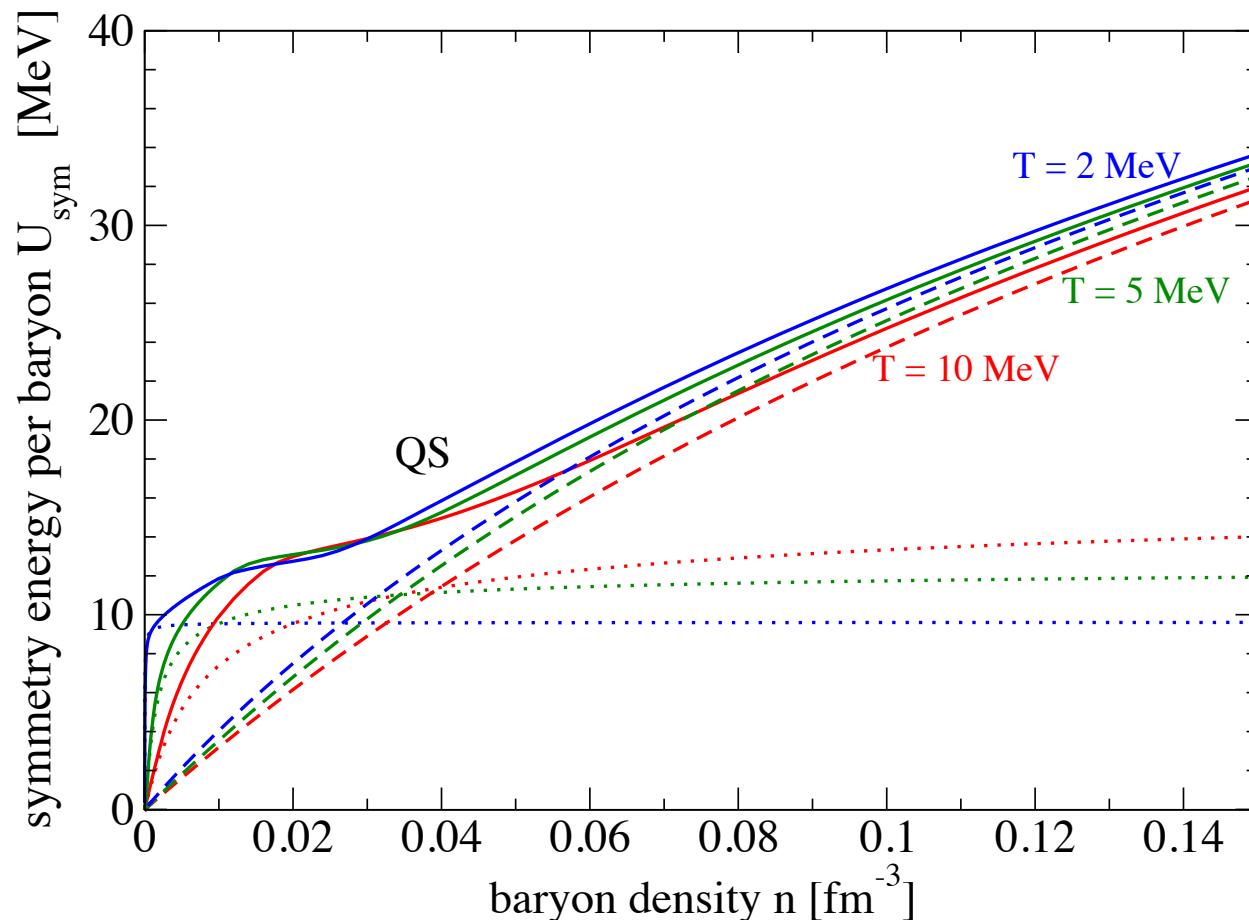
# Internal symmetry energy



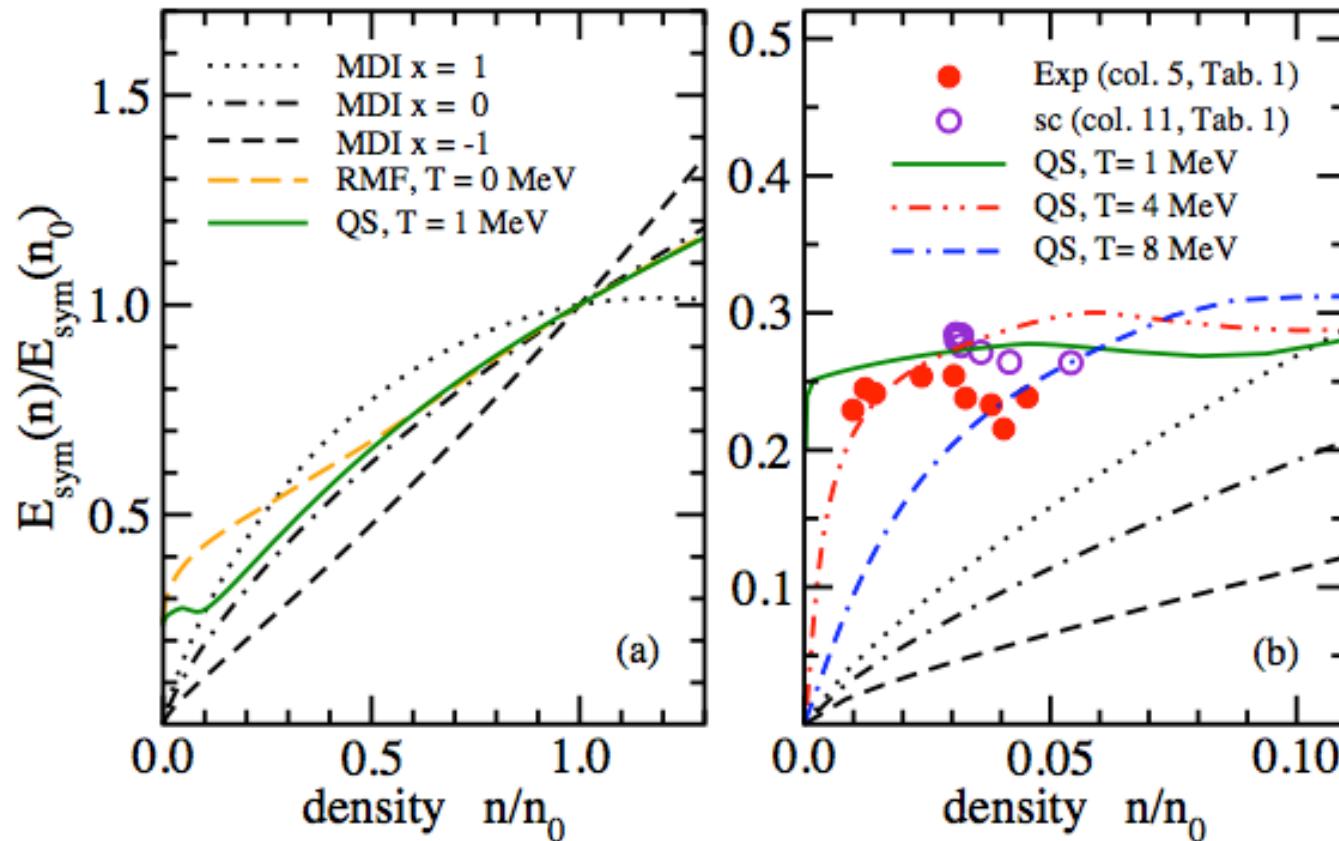
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Typel et al., PRC 81, 015803 (2010)

# Light clusters and symmetry energy



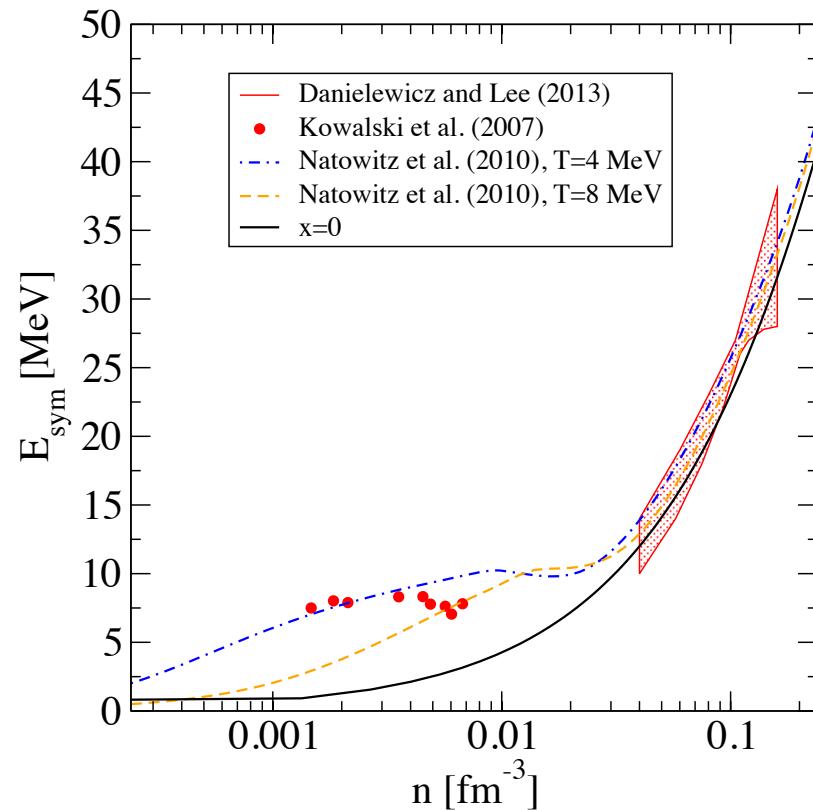
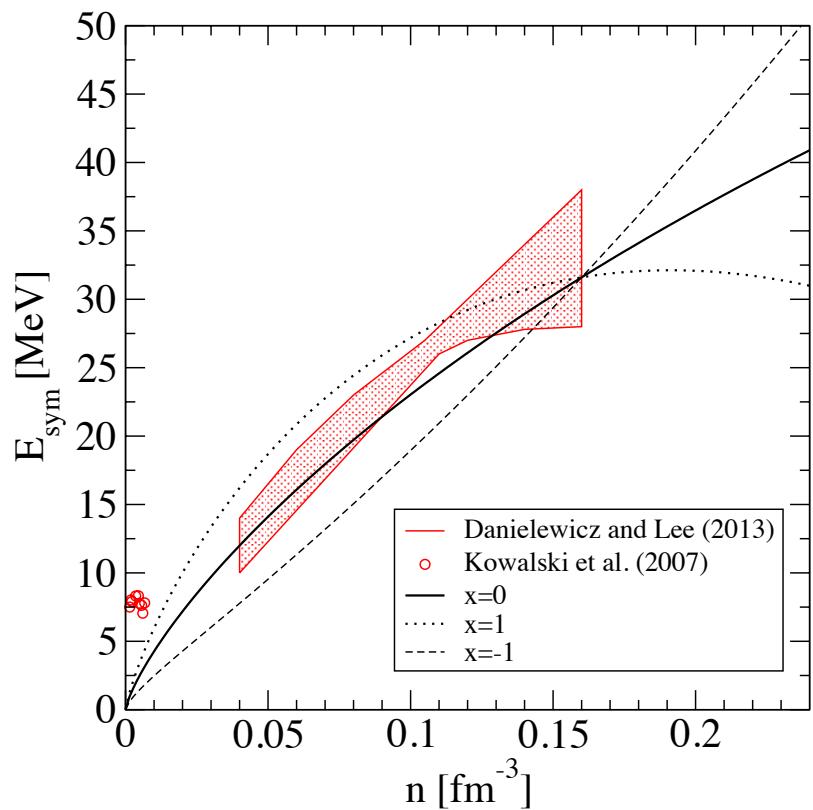
# Symmetry Energy



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

J.Natowitz et al. PRL, May 2010

# Symmetry energy: low density limit



# Summary

- The symmetry energy at subsaturation density is **strongly depending** on temperature T.
- The low-density limit is described by the **virial expansion**. High values ( $> 7$  MeV) at low temperatures
- The influence of continuum correlations (clusters) at increasing densities requires detailed investigations.
  - The blocking of bound states is modified because of **correlations in the medium** ( $\alpha$  matter).
  - **Continuum correlations** contribute to the symmetry energy (density dependent virial coefficients).
- relevant for **HIC** (freeze-out, transport theory) and **astrophysics** (supernova explosions)

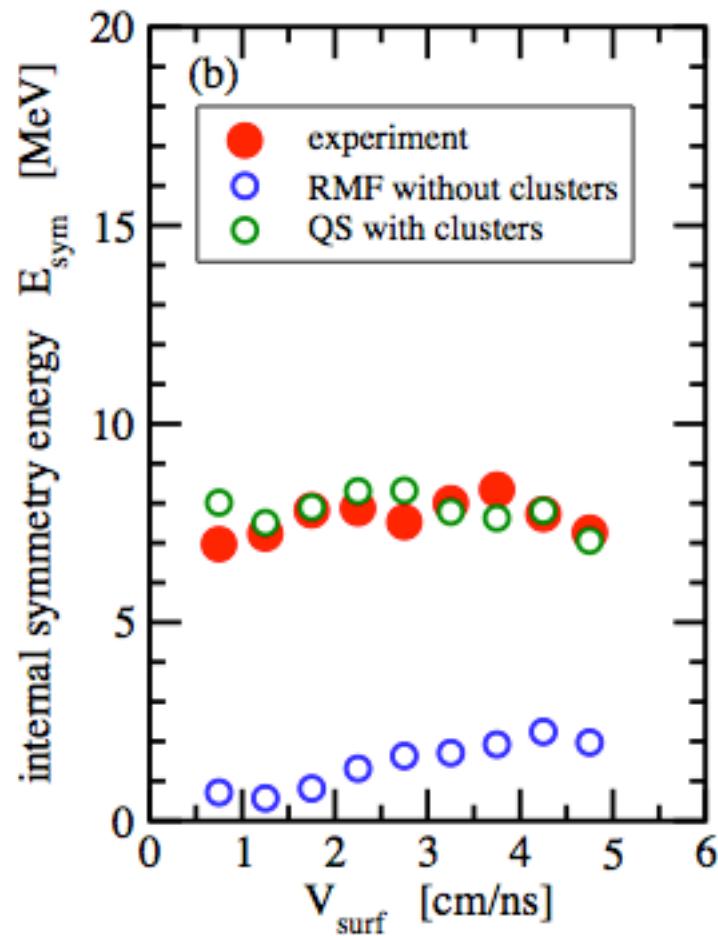
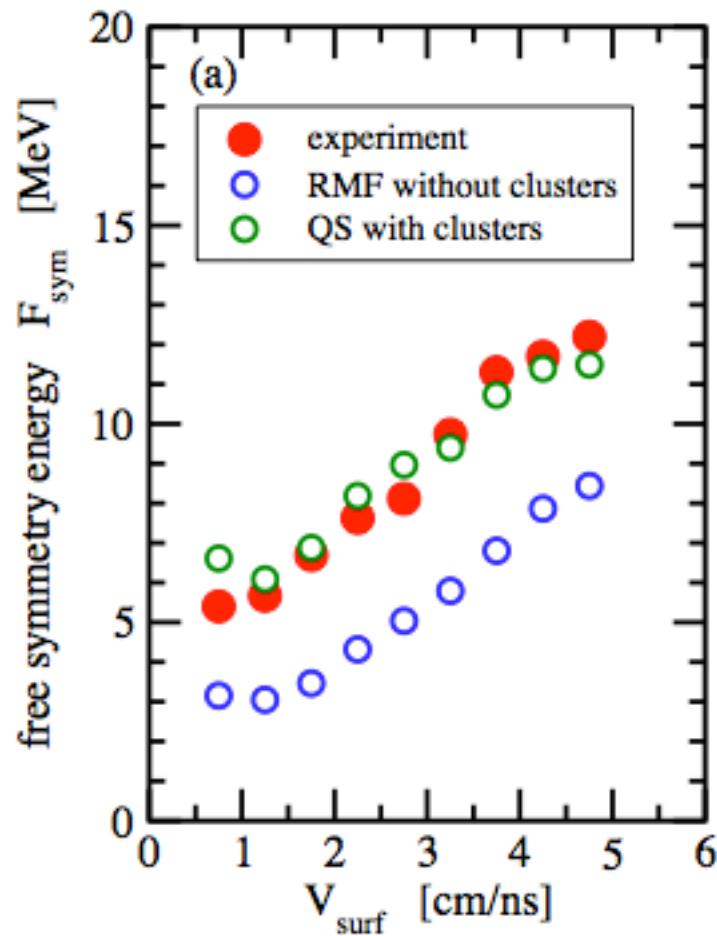
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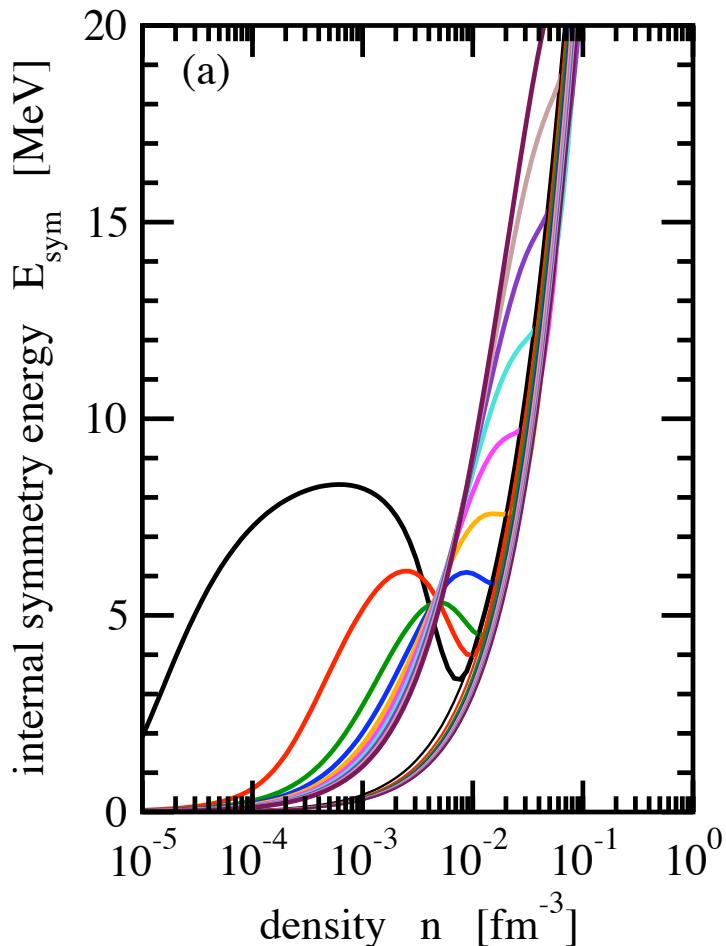
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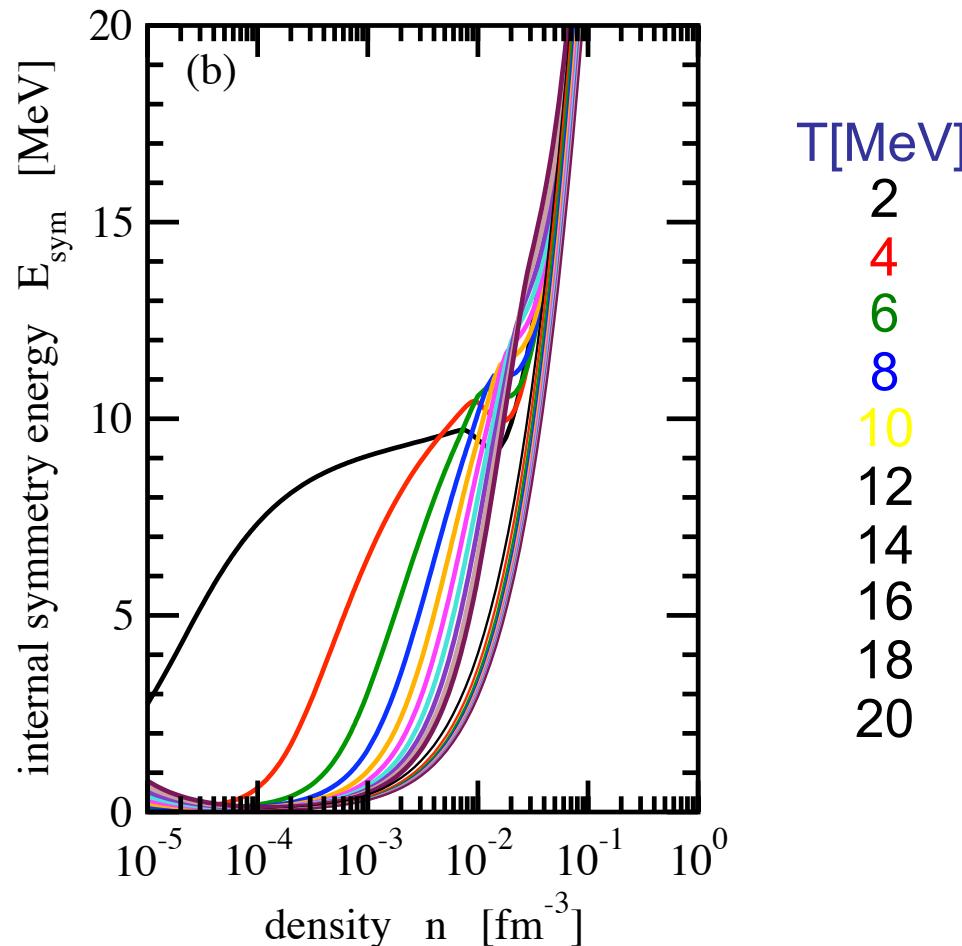
# Symmetry energy, comparison experiment with theories



# Symmetry energy



gRMF

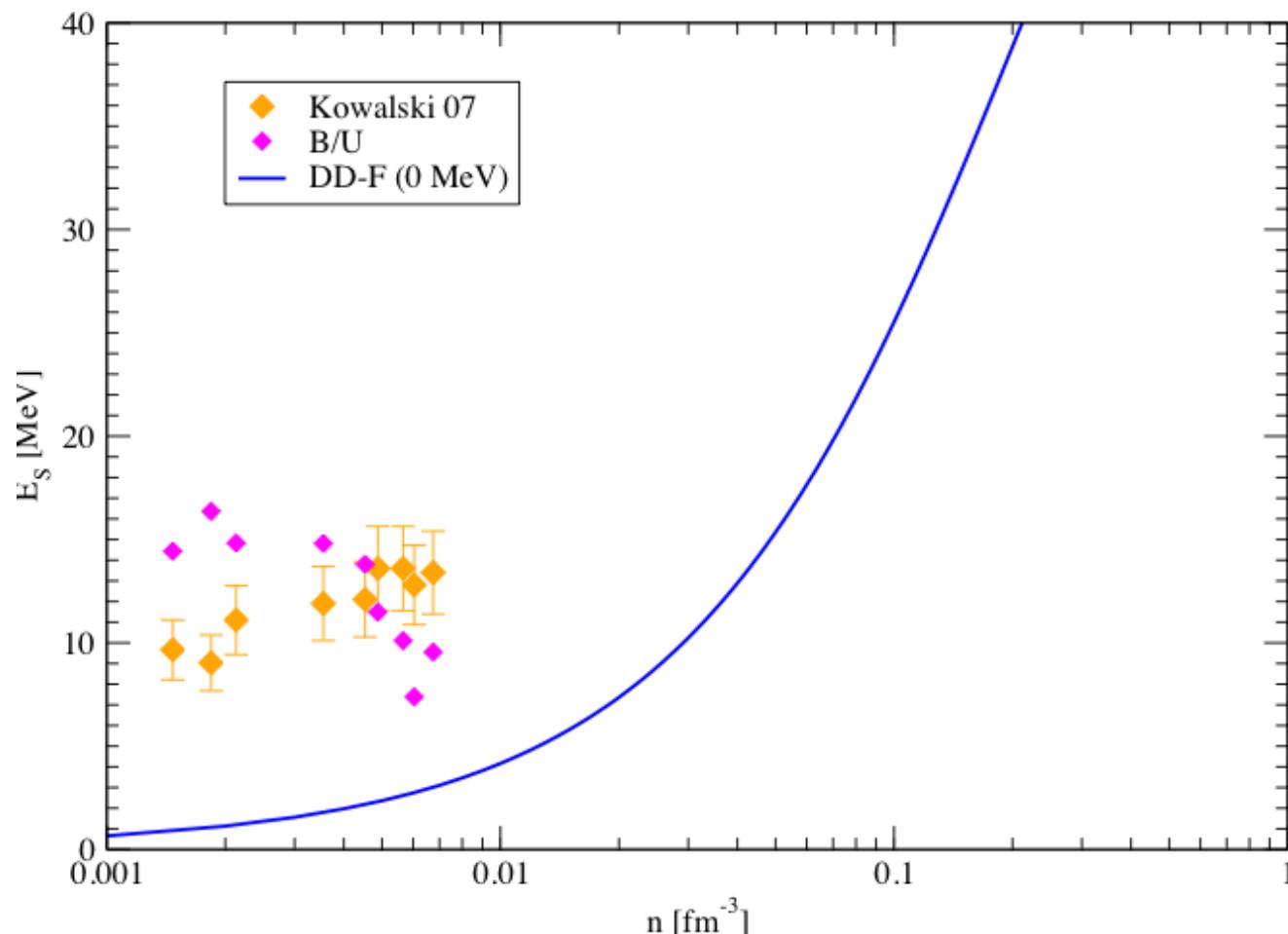


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S. Typel et al., PRC 81, 015803 (2010)

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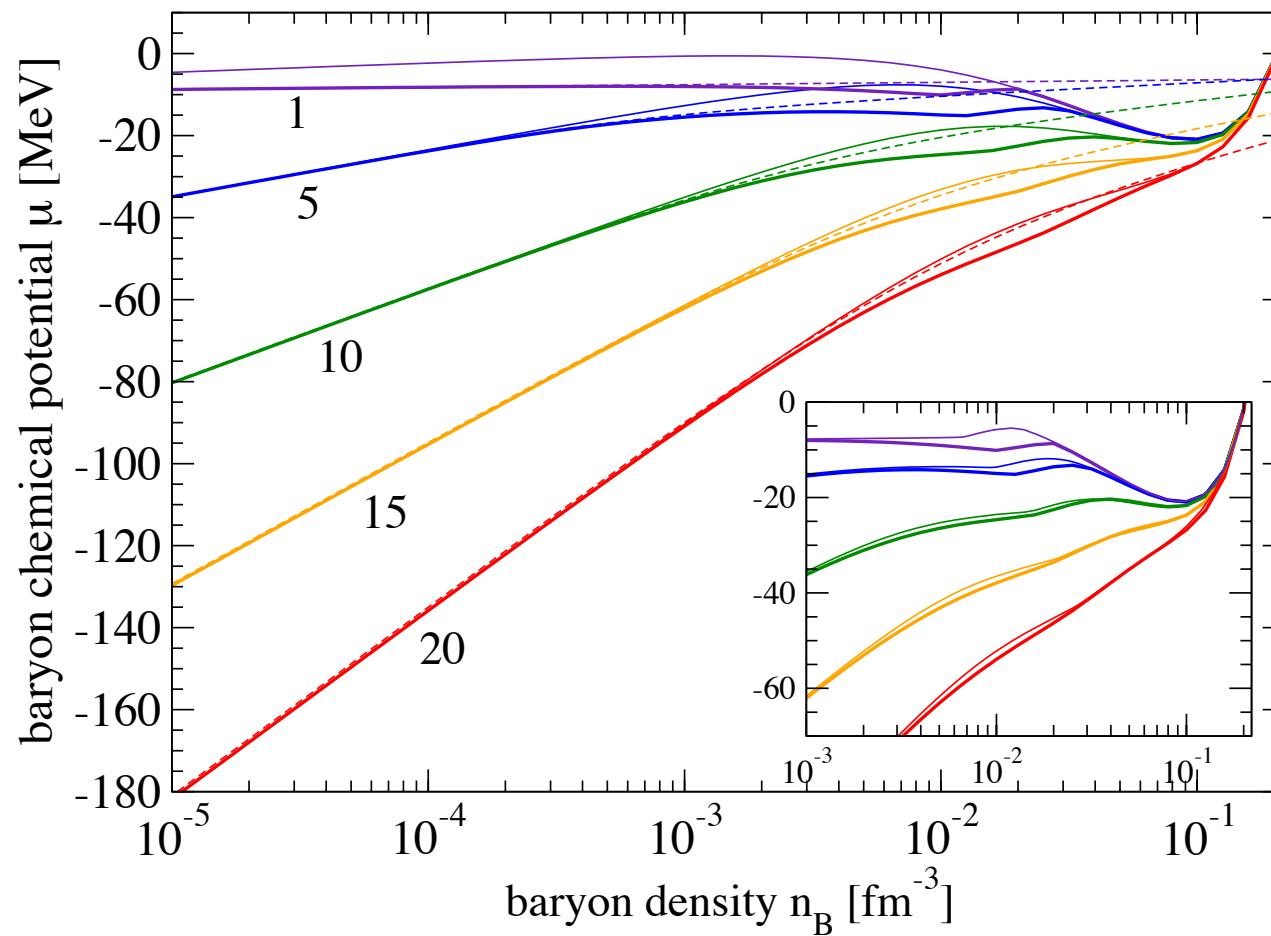
Heavy-ion collisions, spectra of emitted clusters,  
temperature (3 - 10 MeV), free energy



S. Kowalski et al.,  
PRC 75, 014601  
(2007)

# Symmetric matter: chemical potential

QS compared with RMF (thin) and NSE (dotted)



# Different approximations

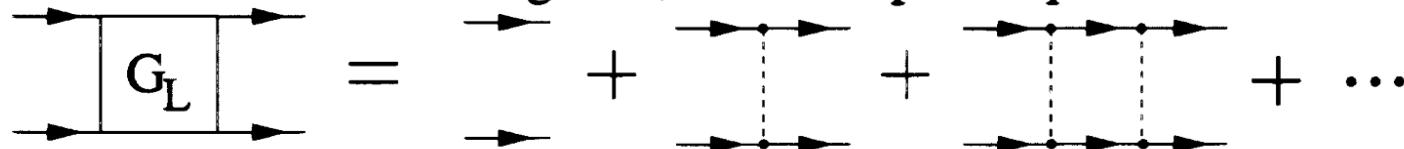
- Expansion for small  $\text{Im } \Sigma(1, \omega + i\eta)$

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

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

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

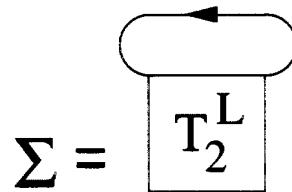
summation of ladder diagrams, Bethe-Salpeter equation



# Different approximations

low density limit:

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



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

- 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

# In-medium two-particle wave equation in mean-field approximation

$$\left( \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \Delta_1 + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + \Delta_2 \right) \Psi_{d,P}(p_1, p_2) + \sum_{p_1', p_2'} (1 - f_{p_1} - f_{p_2}) V(p_1, p_2; p_1', p_2') \Psi_{d,P}(p_1', p_2') = E_{d,P} \Psi_{d,P}(p_1, p_2)$$

## Add self-energy

# Pauli-blocking

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

## Fermi distribution function

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

## Thouless criterion

$$E_d(T,\mu) = 2\mu$$

## BEC-BCS crossover: Alm et al., 1993

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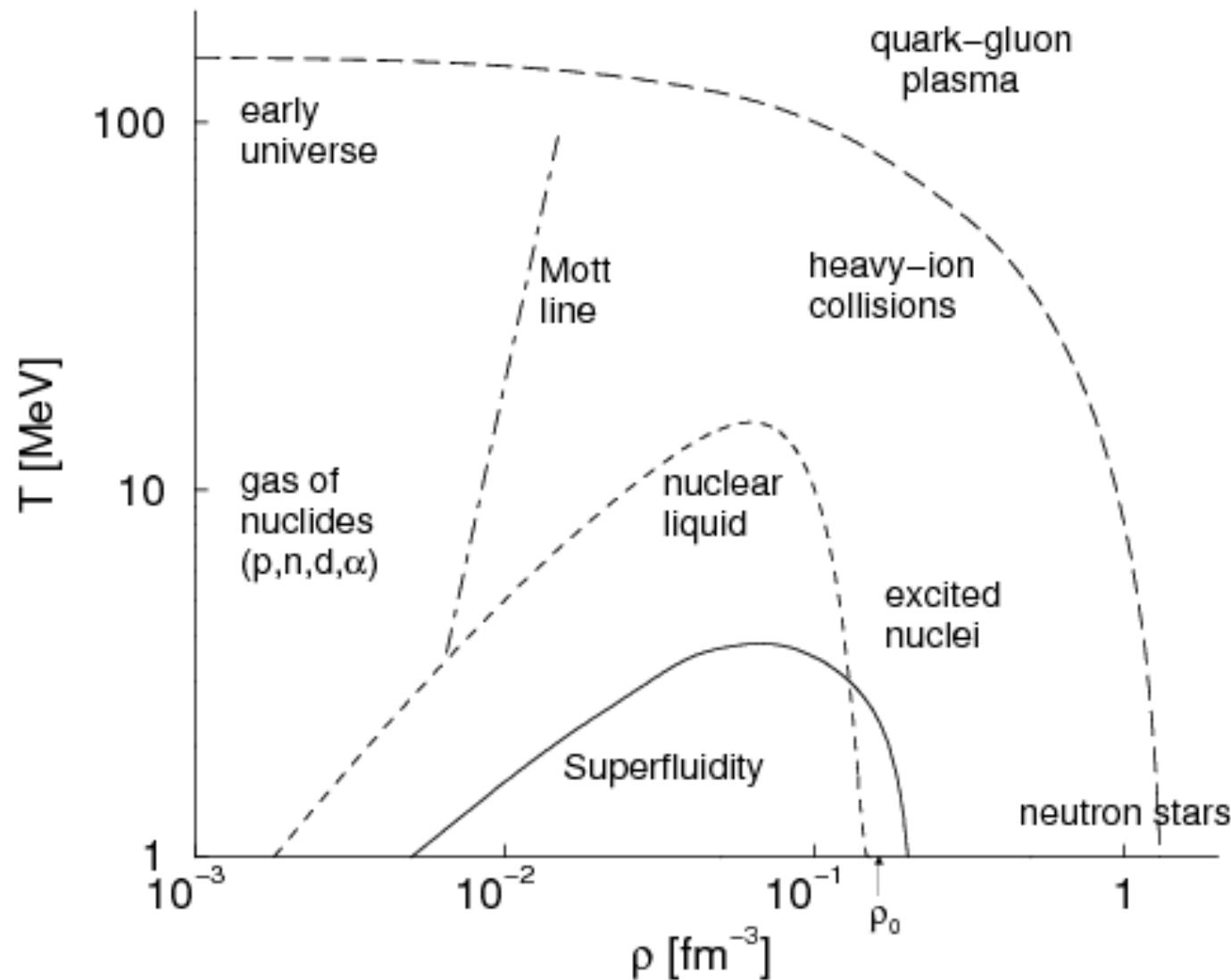
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$$\gamma_d(\mathbf{P}, T, n_B, Y_p) = 1873.2 \text{ MeV fm}^3 \exp \left[ -P^2 \text{ fm}^2 / (1.8463 + 0.1617 T \text{ MeV}^{-1} + 0.17 P^2 \text{ fm}^2) \right]$$

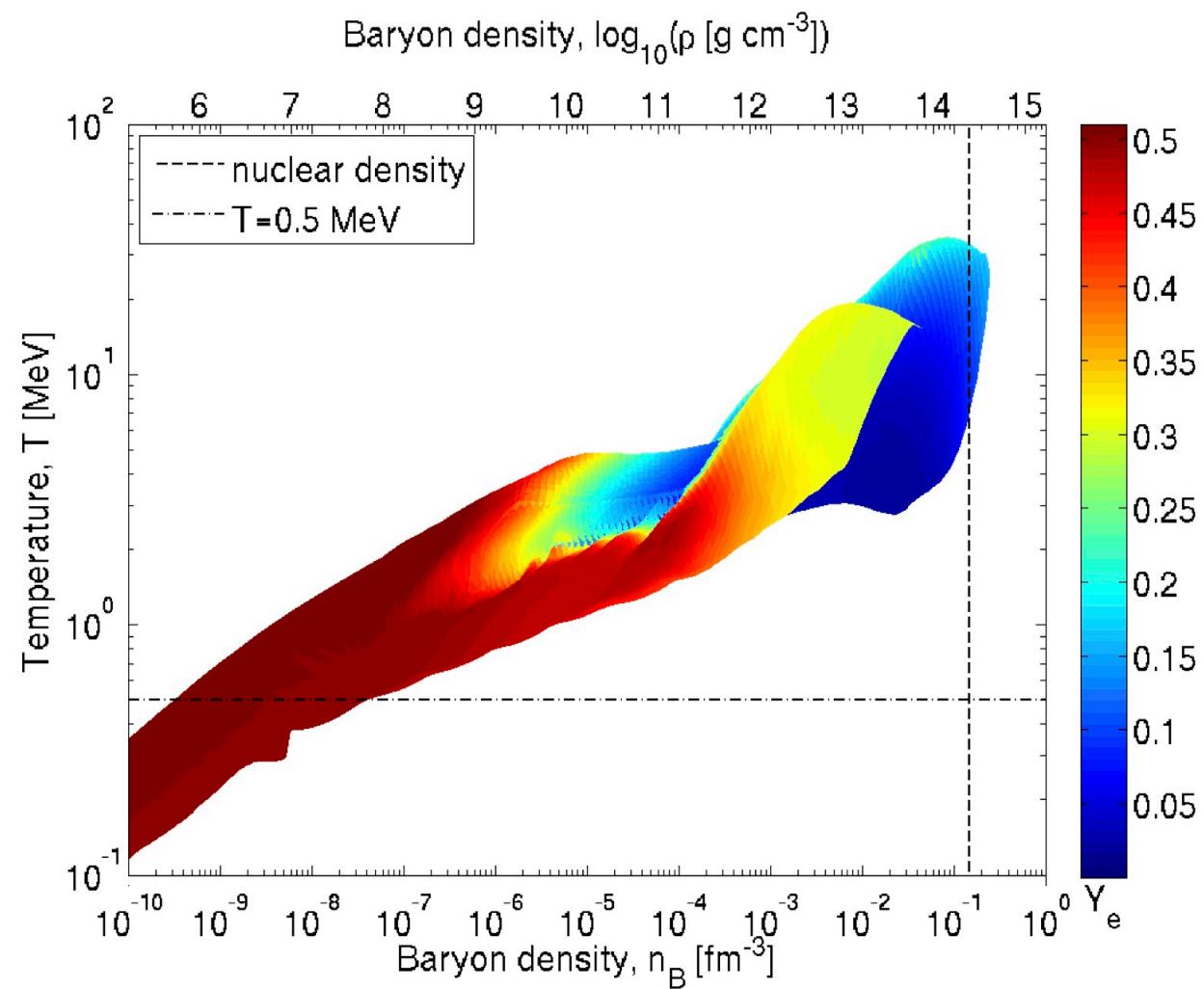
# Symmetric nuclear matter: Phase diagram



# Nuclear matter phase diagram

Exploding supernova

T. Fischer et al.,  
arXiv 1307.6190



# Cluster - mean field approximation

Cluster (A) interacting with a distribution of clusters (B) in the medium,  
fully antisymmetrized

$$\sum_{1' \dots A'} \{ H_A^0(1 \dots A, 1' \dots A') + \sum_i \Delta_i^{A,mf} \delta_{k,k'} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \Delta V_{ij}^{A,mf} \delta_{l,l'} - E_{AvP} \delta_{k,k'} \} \psi_{AvP}(1' \dots A') = 0$$

self-energy

$$\Delta_1^{A,mf}(1) = \sum_2 V(12,12)_{ex} f^*(2) + \sum_{BvP} \sum_{2 \dots B'} f_B(E_{BvP}) \sum_i V_{1i}(1i, 1'i') \psi_{BvP}^*(1 \dots B) \psi_{BvP}(1' \dots B')$$

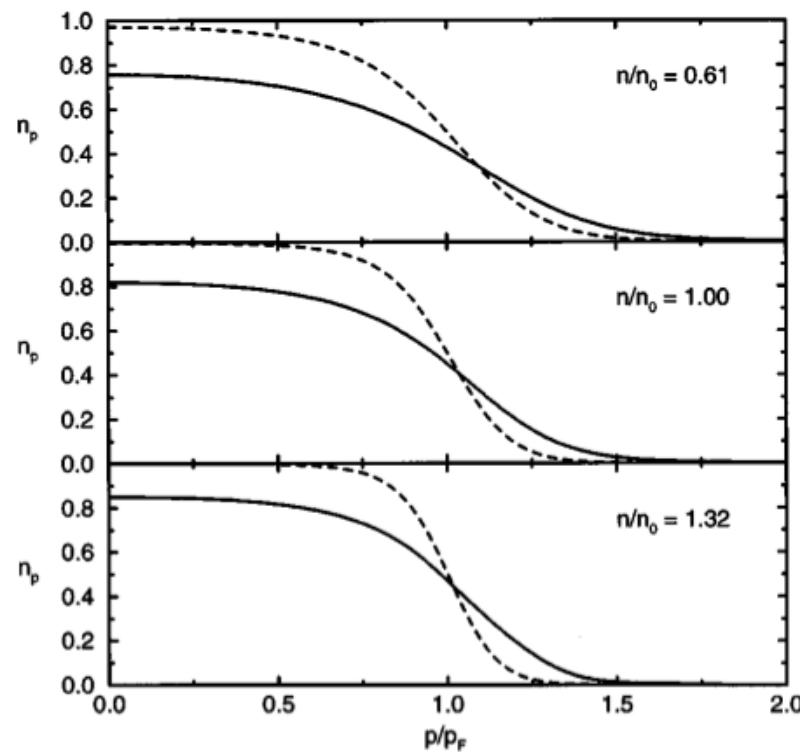
effective interaction

$$\Delta V_{12}^{A,mf} = -\frac{1}{2} [f^*(1) + f^*(2)] V(12,1'2') - \sum_{BvP} \sum_{2^* \dots B''} f_B(E_{BvP}) \sum_i V_{1i} \psi_{BvP}^*(22^* \dots B^*) \psi_{BvP}(2'2'' \dots B'')$$

phase space occupation  $f^*(1) = f_1(1) + \sum_{BvP} \sum_{2 \dots B} f_B(E_{BvP}) |\psi_{BvP}(1 \dots B)|^2$

# Single nucleon distribution function

Dependence on density



$T = 10 \text{ MeV}$

Alm et al., PRC 53, 2181 (1996)

# Different approximations

Ideal Fermi gas:  
protons, neutrons,  
(electrons, neutrinos,...)

bound state formation

Nuclear statistical equilibrium:  
ideal mixture of all bound states  
(clusters:) chemical equilibrium

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chemical & physical picture

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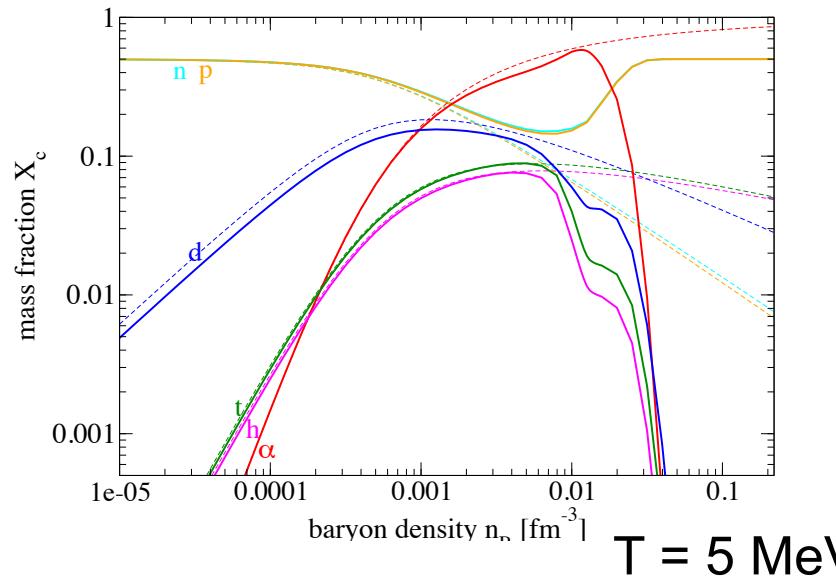
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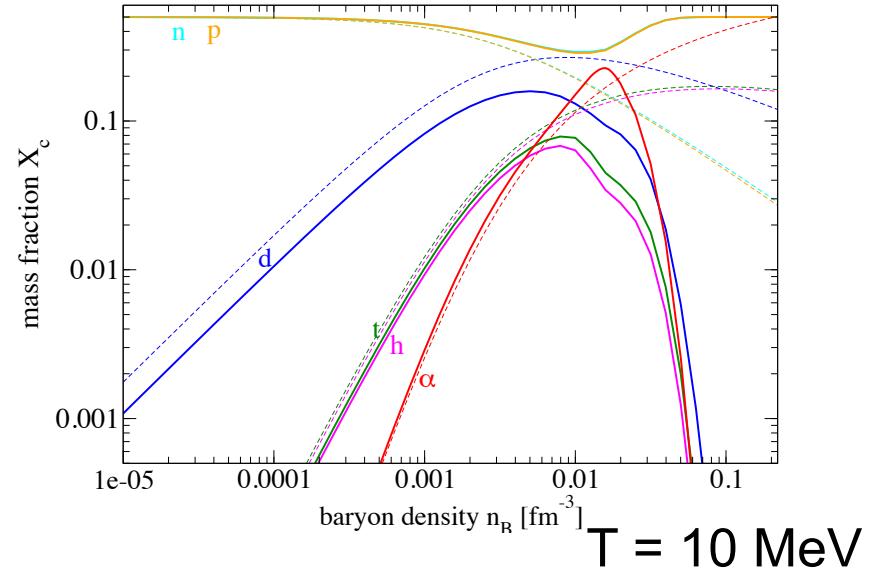
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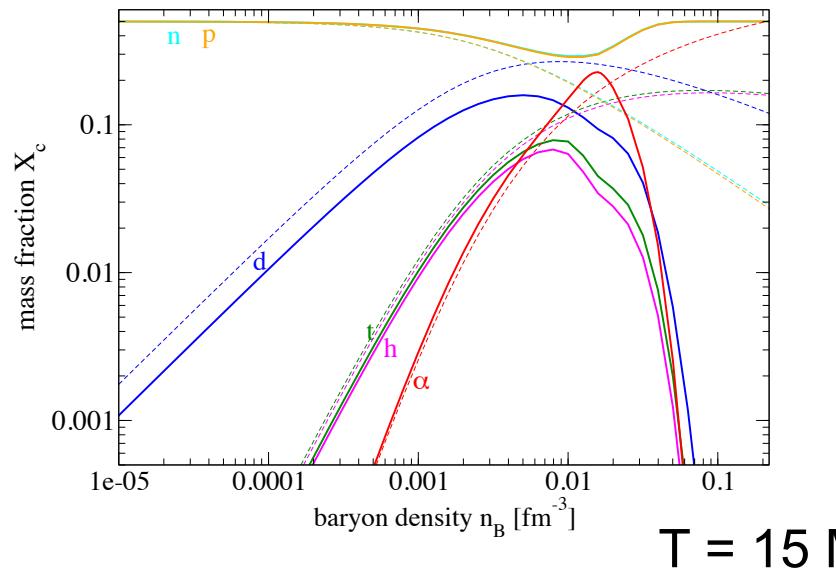
# Symmetric matter: composition



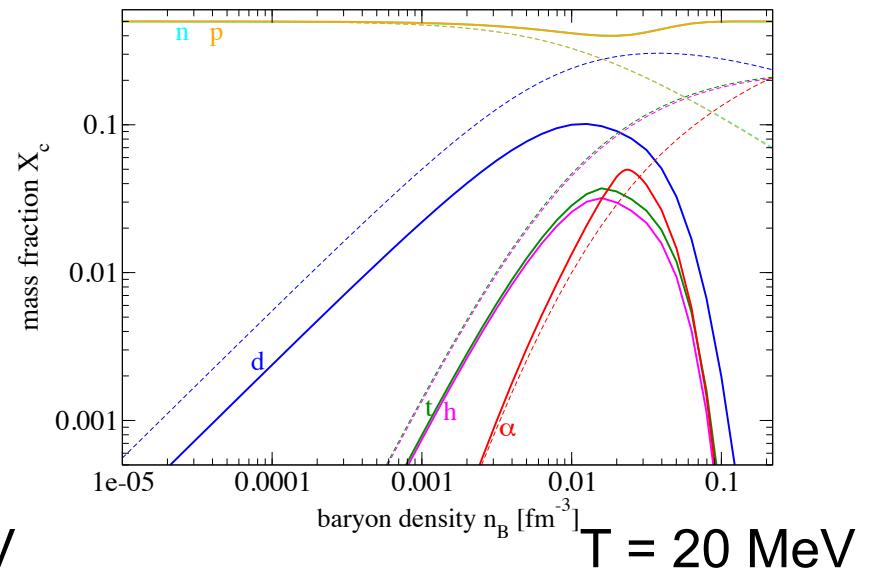
$T = 5$  MeV



$T = 10$  MeV

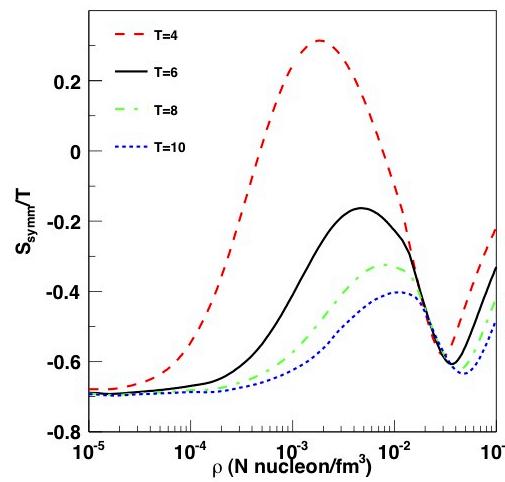
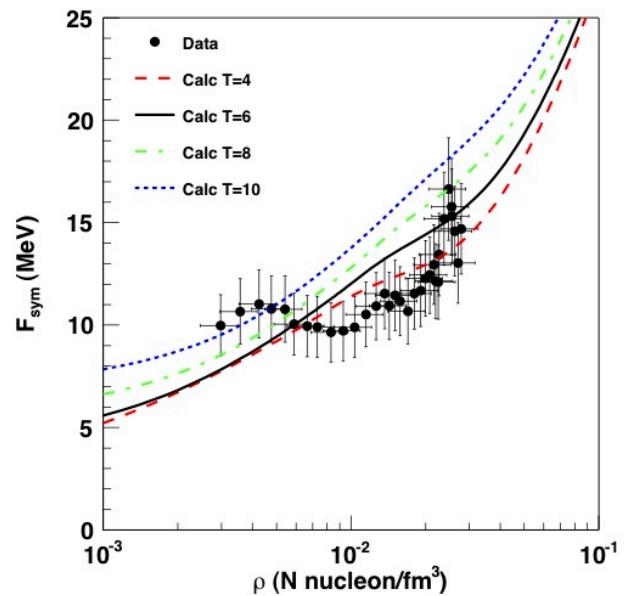


$T = 15$  MeV

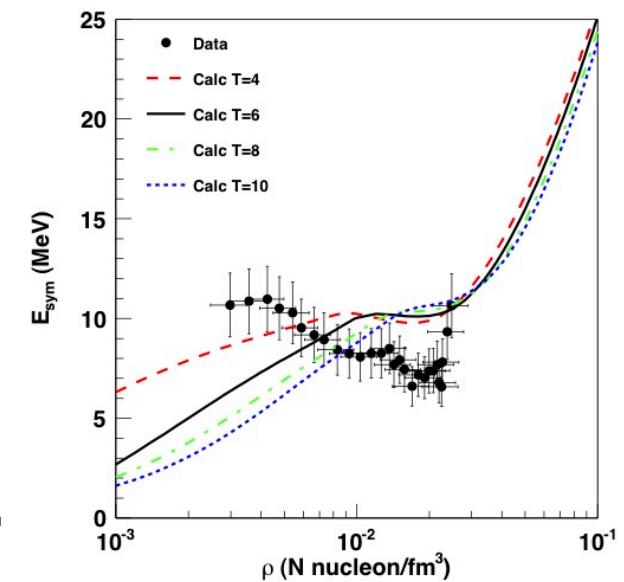


$T = 20$  MeV

# Free symmetry energy



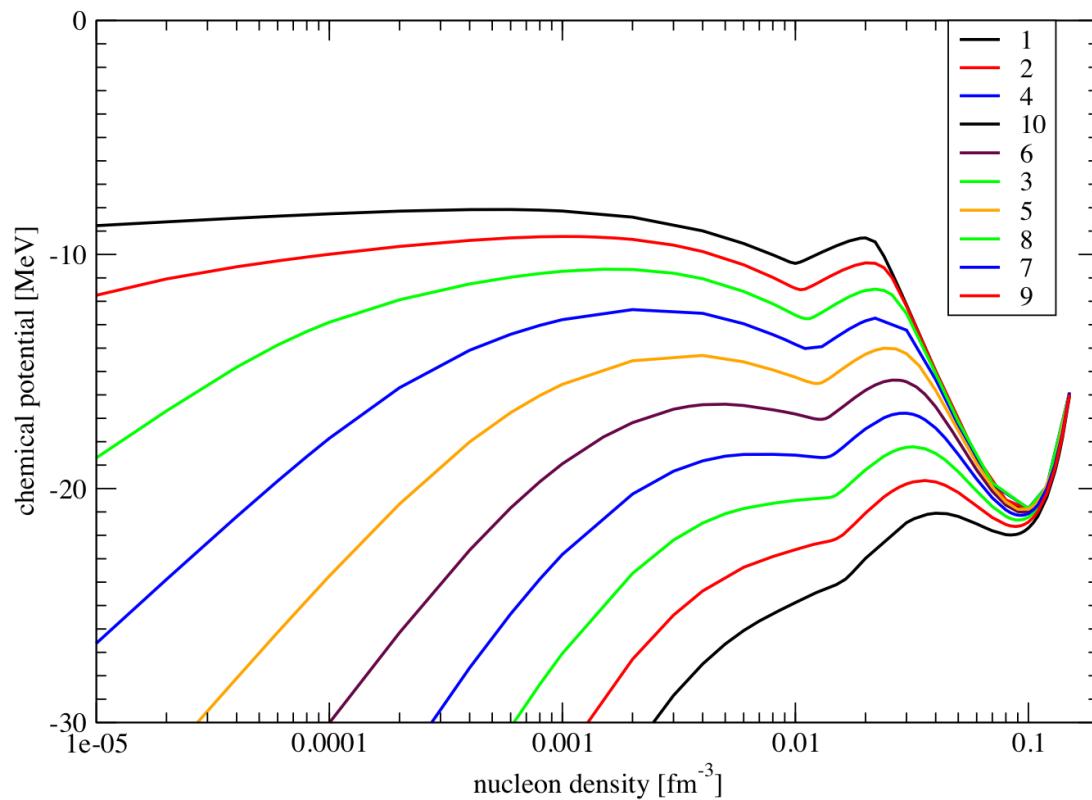
symmetry entropy



Internal symmetry energy

R. Wada et al., Phys. Rev. C 85, 064618 (2012).

# Chemical potential



preliminary

# Cluster virial expansion for nuclear matter within a quasiparticle approach

Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck approach

$$n_1^{\text{qu}}(T, \mu_p, \mu_n) = \sum_{A,Z,\nu} \frac{A}{\Omega} \sum_{\substack{\vec{P} \\ P > P_{\text{Mott}}}} f_A(E_{A,Z,\nu}(\vec{P}; T, \mu_p, \mu_n), \mu_{A,Z,\nu})$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_2^{\text{qu}}(T, \mu_p, \mu_n) = & \sum_{A,Z,\nu} \sum_{A',Z',\nu'} \frac{A+A'}{\Omega} \sum_{\vec{P}} \sum_c g_c \frac{1 + \delta_{A,Z,\nu;A',Z',\nu'}}{2\pi} \\ & \times \int_0^\infty dE f_{A+A'} \left( E_c(\vec{P}; T, \mu_p, \mu_n) + E, \mu_{A,Z} + \mu_{A',Z'} \right) 2 \sin^2(\delta_c) \frac{d\delta_c}{dE} \end{aligned}$$

Avoid double counting

$$n^{\text{CMF}} : \sum_A \text{ (loop diagram with } \{A\} \text{ and } \text{qu} \text{ labels)}$$

$$\text{ (loop diagram with } \{A\}_{\text{qu}} \text{ label)} = \text{ (loop diagram with } \{A\}_{\text{qu}} \text{ label)} + \text{ (loop diagram with } \Sigma^{\text{CMF}} \text{ label and } \{A\}_{\text{qu}} \text{ label)}$$

Generating functional

$$\Sigma^{\text{CMF}} = \text{ (loop diagram with } \{B\} \text{ and } \text{qu} \text{ labels)} = \text{ (loop diagram with } \{A\}_{\text{qu}} \text{ label)} + \text{ (loop diagram with } \{A\}_{\text{qu}} \text{ label and } \Sigma^{\text{CMF}} \text{ label)}$$

# Chemical picture and medium corrections

Nuclear matter at given temperature  $T$ ,  
baryon density  $n_B$ ,  
proton fraction (asymmetry)  $Y_e = n_p/n_B$ : equation of state

- low-density limit: ideal mixture of reacting components:  
[Nuclear statistical equilibrium \(NSE\)](#)
- interactions: [virial expansion](#) (cluster virial expansion)
- higher densities: [quasiparticle](#) concept,  
medium modification of components (cluster mean-field approximation)
  - [nucleons](#) as quasiparticles:  
Skyrme, relativistic mean-field (RMF), Dirac Brueckner Hartree-Fock
  - [light elements](#) ( $d$ ,  $t$ ,  $h$ ,  $\alpha$ ) as quasiparticles:  
shift of energy (self-energy, Pauli blocking), Mott effect.
    - excluded volume
    - [quantum statistical approach \(QS\)](#):  $E_{A,Z}(p; T, n_B, Y_e)$

# Nuclear matter phase diagram

Core collapse supernovae

## Relevant Parameters:

- **density:**

$$10^{-9} \lesssim \varrho / \varrho_{\text{sat}} \lesssim 10$$

with nuclear saturation density

$$\varrho_{\text{sat}} \approx 2.5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

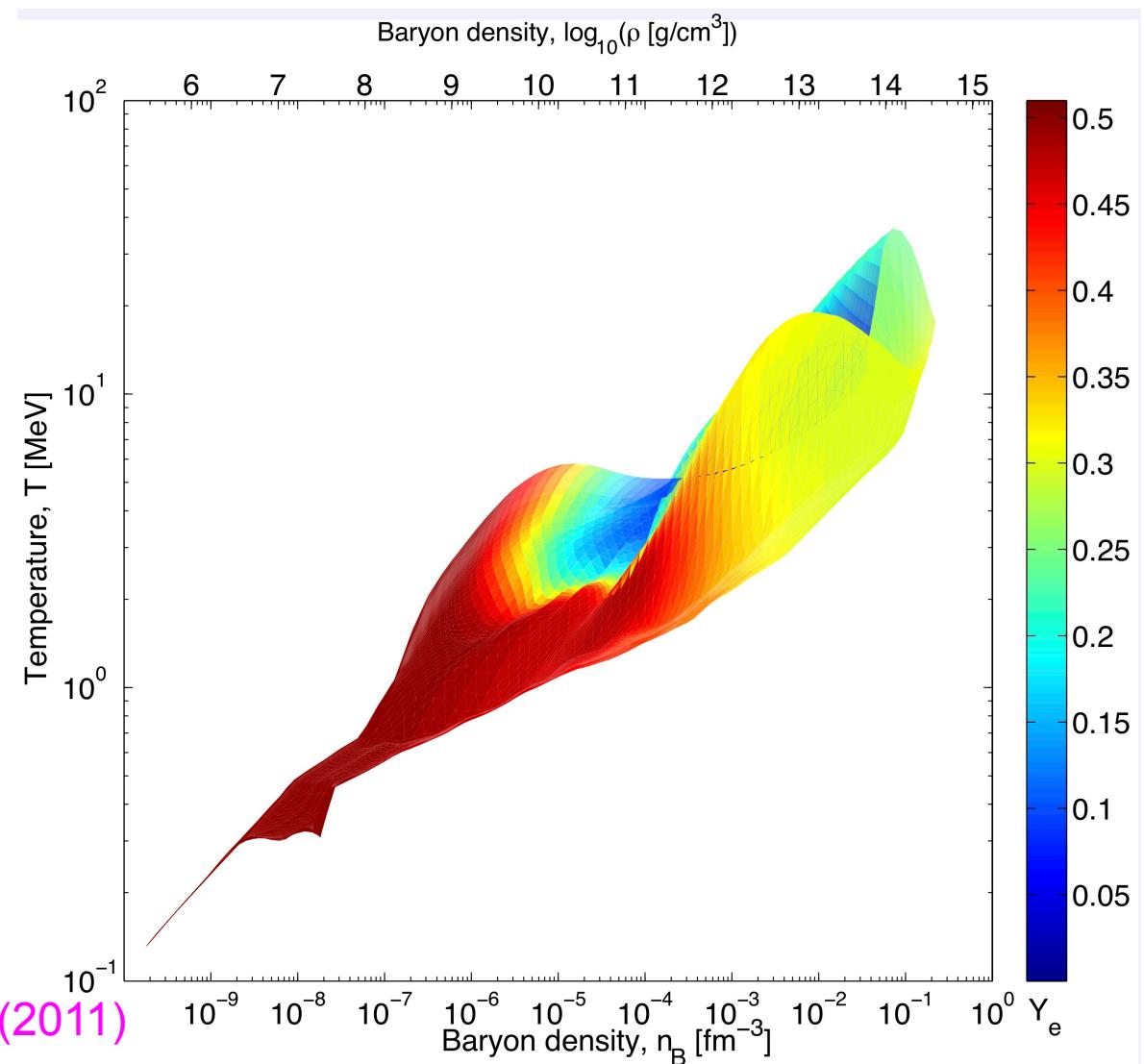
$$(n_{\text{sat}} = \varrho_{\text{sat}} / m_n \approx 0.15 \text{ fm}^{-3})$$

- **temperature:**

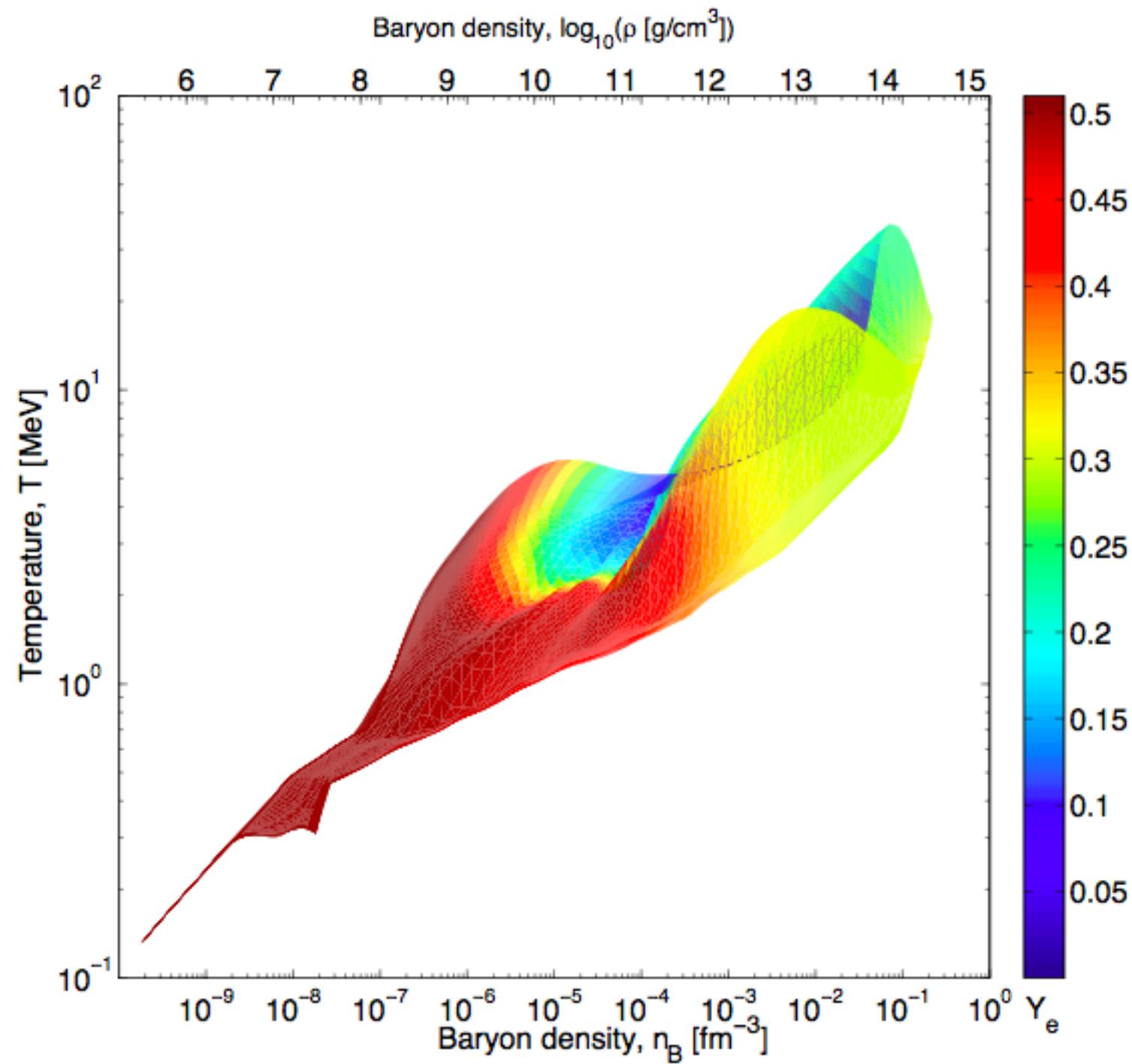
$$0 \text{ MeV} \leq k_B T \lesssim 50 \text{ MeV} \\ (\hat{=} 5.8 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ K})$$

- **electron fraction:**

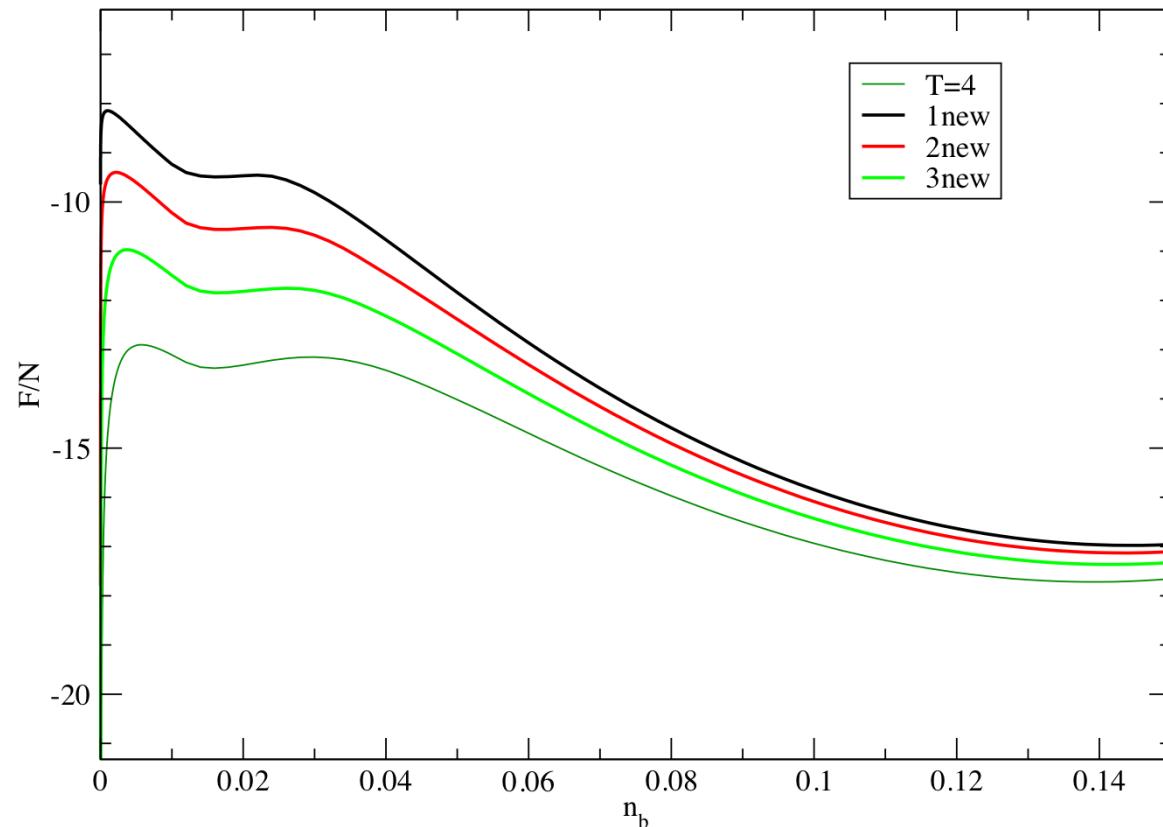
$$0 \leq Y_e \lesssim 0.6$$



T. Fischer et al., ApJS 194, 39 (2011)



# Free energy per nucleon

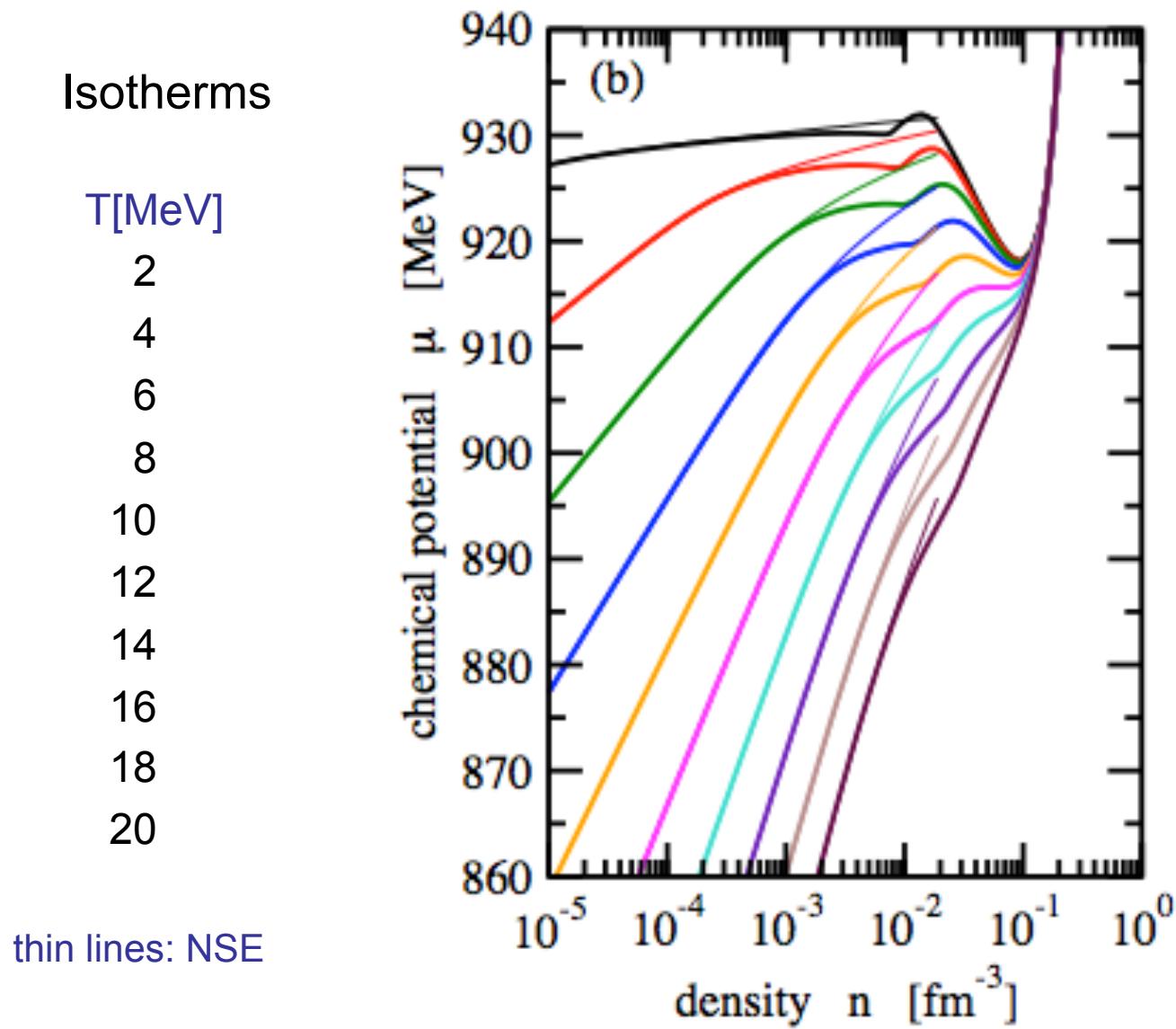


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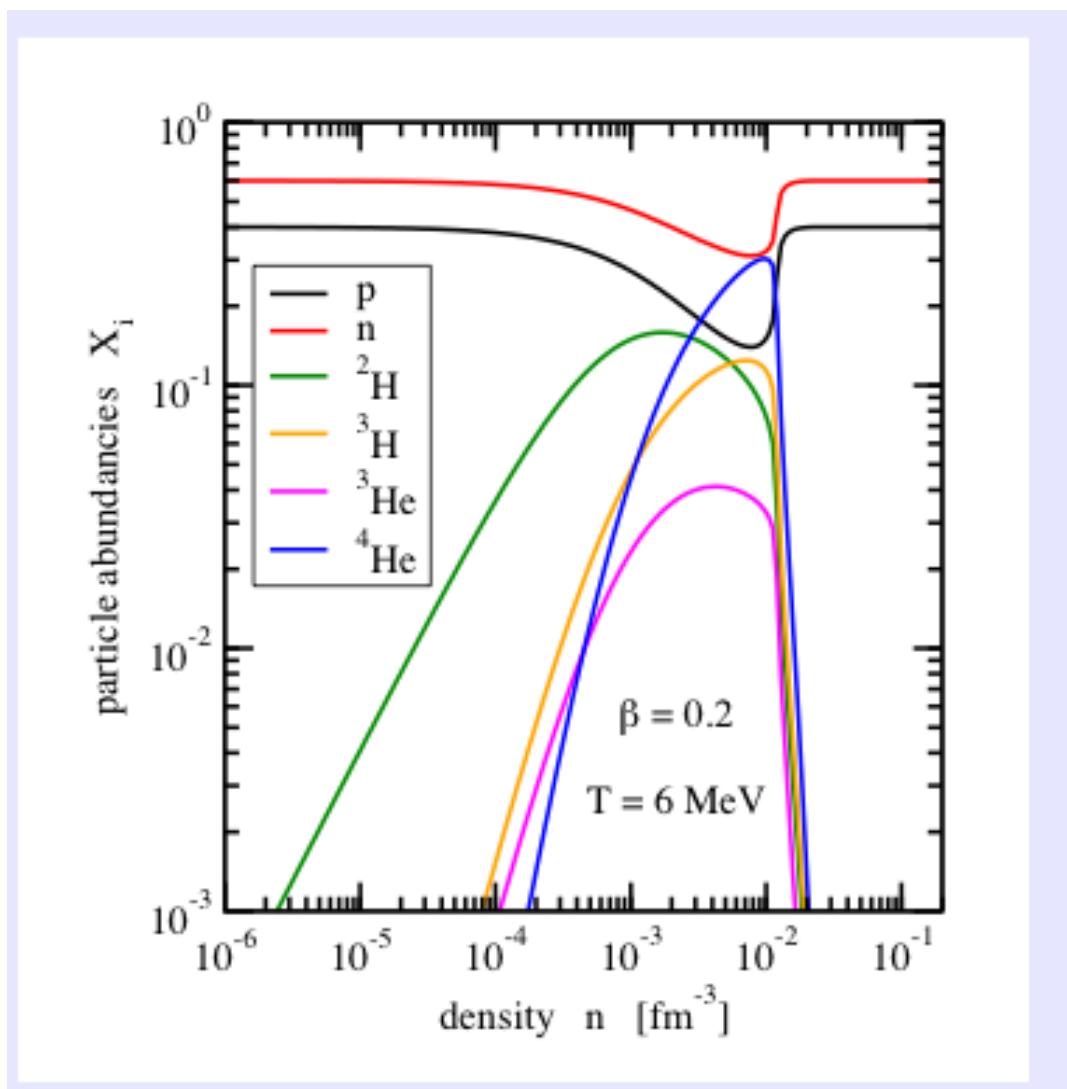
correlated  
medium

Constrained THSR calculations as function of the c.o.m. width  $B$ ?

# Chemical potential of symmetric matter



# Light Cluster Abundances



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

# Cluster yields in HIC

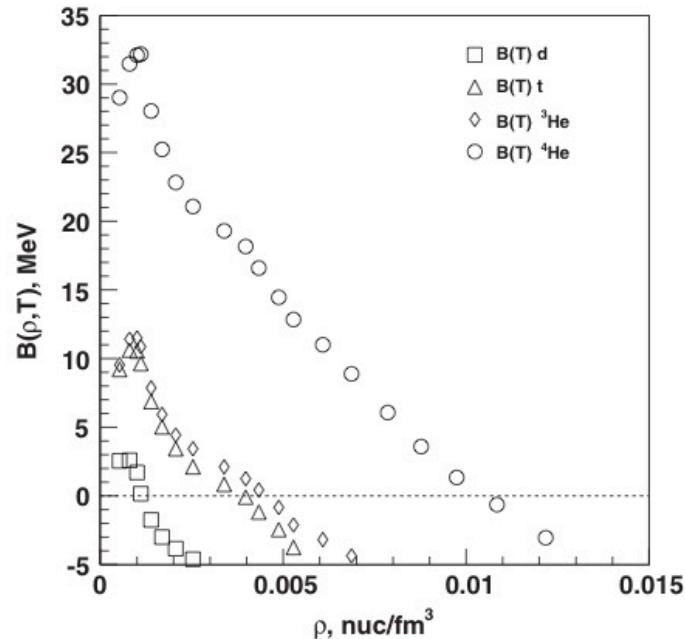
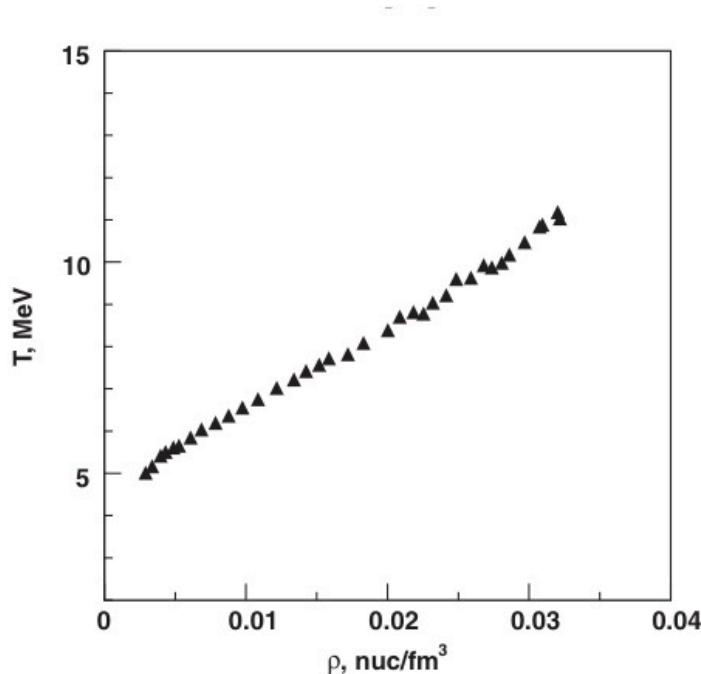
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## Experimental Determination of In-Medium Cluster Binding Energies and Mott Points in Nuclear Matter

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in-medium binding energies

# Mott points from cluster yields

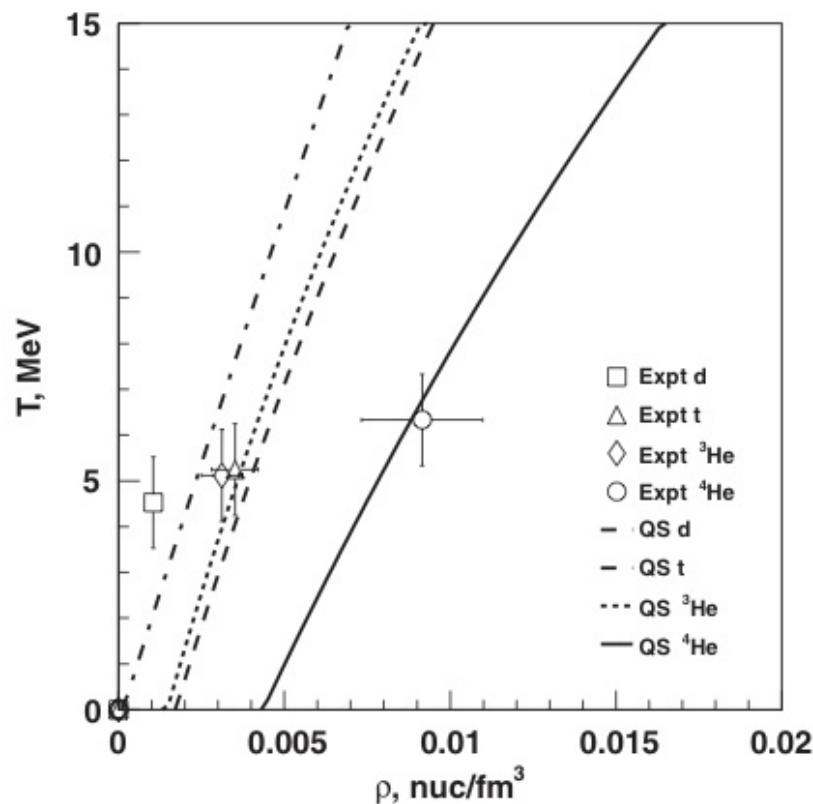


FIG. 3. Comparison of experimentally derived Mott point densities and temperatures with theoretical values. Symbols represent the experimental data. Estimated errors on the temperatures are 10% and on the densities 20%. Lines show polynomial fits to the Mott points presented in Ref. [1].

K. Hagel et al., PRL 108, 062702 (2012)

# Different approximations

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bound state formation

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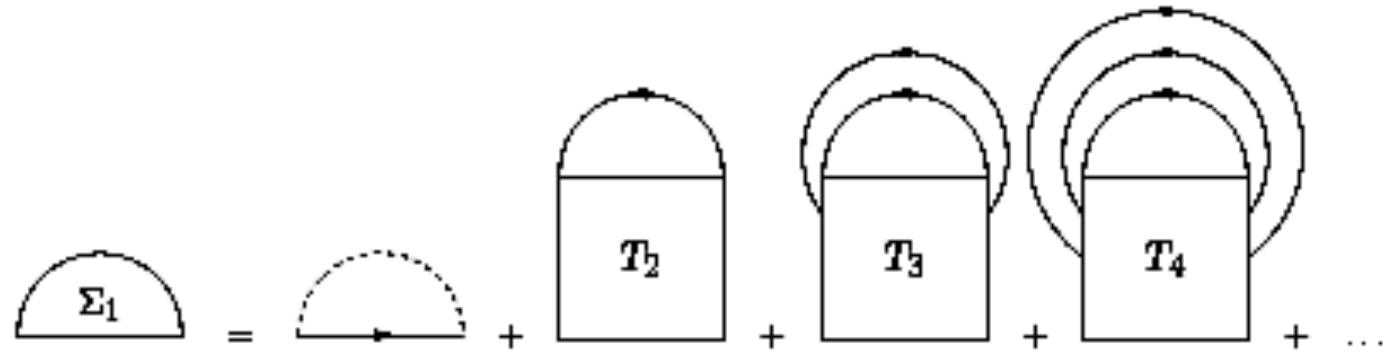
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# Cluster decomposition of the self-energy



T-matrices: bound states, scattering states  
Including clusters like new components  
chemical picture,  
mass action law, nuclear statistical equilibrium (NSE)

# 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  $\alpha$

# Quantum condensates in nuclei?

Lot of semantics – my position

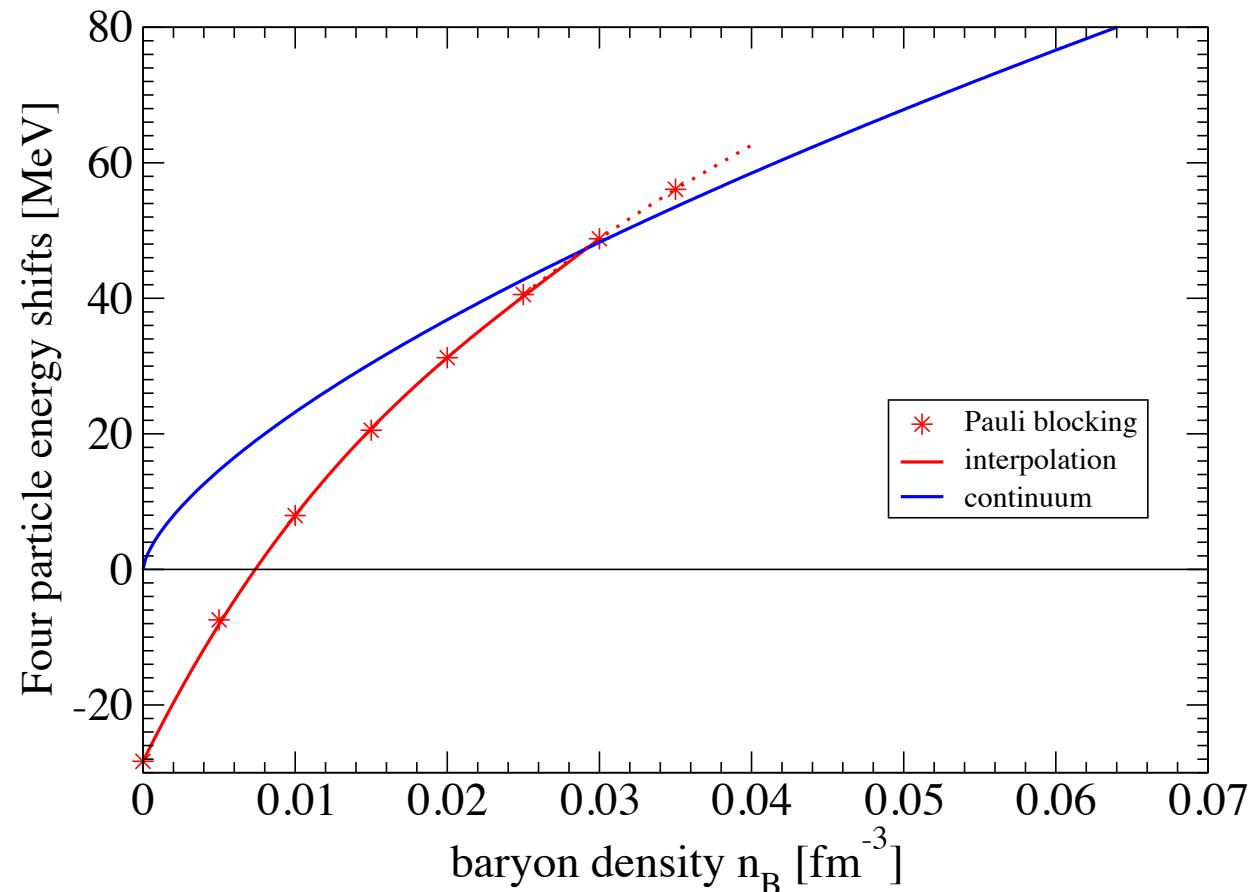
- Pairing is well accepted.
- Quartetting is not very well-known and simple.
- The main point is the formation of clusters (correlations) in low-density matter.
- We are interested in an efficient description (optimal wave function) for the cluster state.
- The center of mass motion has to be considered as new (collective) degree of freedom.

# Four-nucleon energies at finite density

Solution of the in-medium wave equation,  $T = 0$

4 free nucleons  
at the Fermi energy  
(continuum)

bound state  
( $\alpha$  particle)  
with Pauli blocking



# 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

$$\begin{aligned} [c_q, c_{q'}^+]_- &= \sum_{p,p'} F(q,p) F^*(q',p') [a_p b_{q-p}, b_{q'-p'}^+ a_{p'}^+]_- \\ &\quad \underline{a_p b_{q-p} b_{q'-p'}^+ a_{p'}^+ + a_p b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+ - a_p b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+ - b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+} \\ &\quad + b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p b_{q-p} a_{p'}^+ + b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p a_{p'}^+ b_{q-p} - b_{q'-p'}^+ a_p a_{p'}^+ b_{q-p} \underline{- b_{q'-p'}^+ a_{p'}^+ a_p b_{q-p}} \\ &= a_p a_{p'}^+ \delta_{q-p,q'-p'} - b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} \delta_{p,p'} = (\delta_{p,p'} - a_{p'}^+ a_p) \delta_{q-p,q'-p'} - b_{q'-p'}^+ b_{q-p} \delta_{p,p'} \end{aligned}$$

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

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”

## 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,  
 $K$ : center of mass momentum

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

Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium  
(NSE)

# Parametrization

- Single-nucleon quasiparticle energies

$$E_\tau(p, T, n_B, Y_e)$$

(DBHF, Skyrme, RMF,...)

- Bound state energies

$$E_{A,Z,\nu}(p, T, n_B, Y_e)$$

G.R., NPA 867, 66 (2011)

# Composition of dense nuclear matter

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

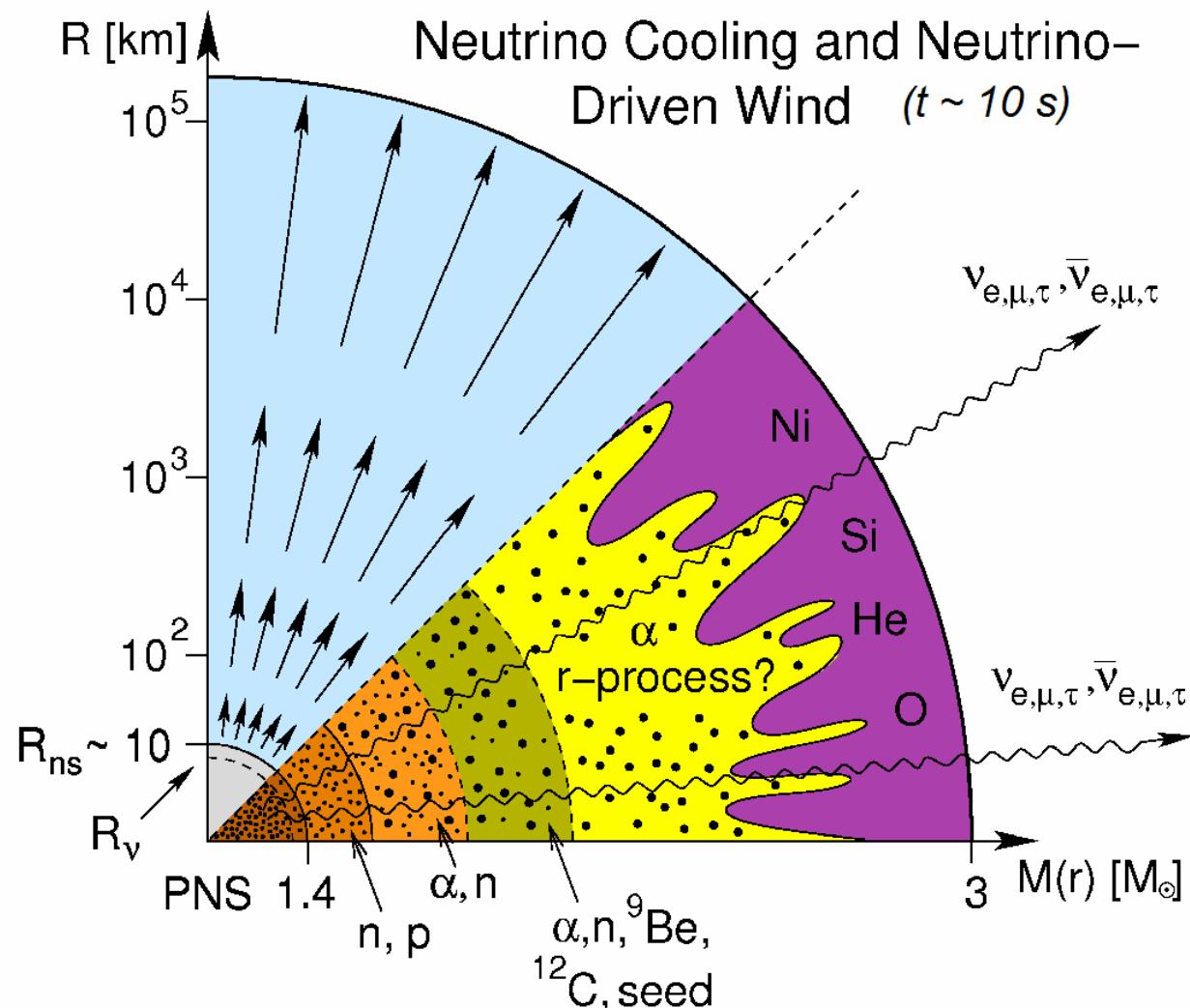
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mass number  $A$ ,  
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 $\nu$ : internal quantum number,

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

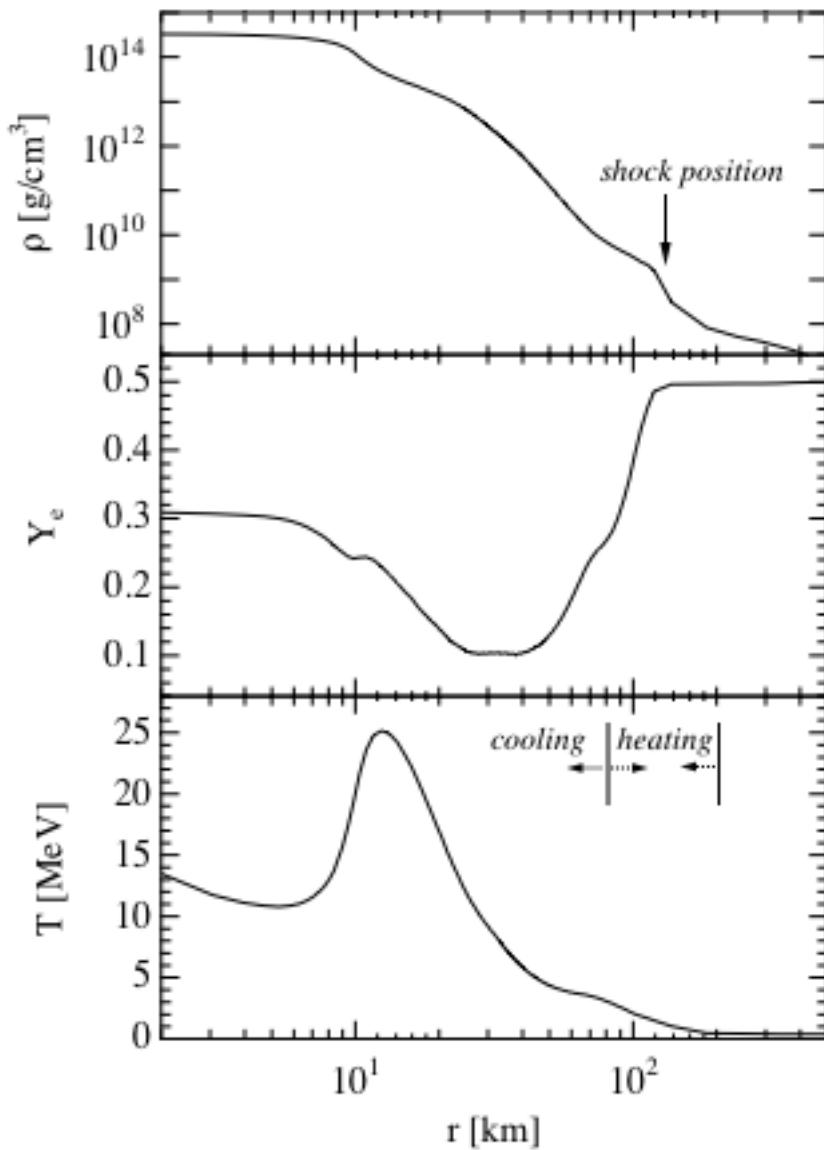
- Inclusion of excited states and continuum correlations
- Medium effects:  
self-energy and **Pauli blocking shifts** of binding energies,  
Coulomb corrections due to screening (Wigner-Seitz,Debye)

# Supernova explosion



T.Janka

# Core-collapse supernovae

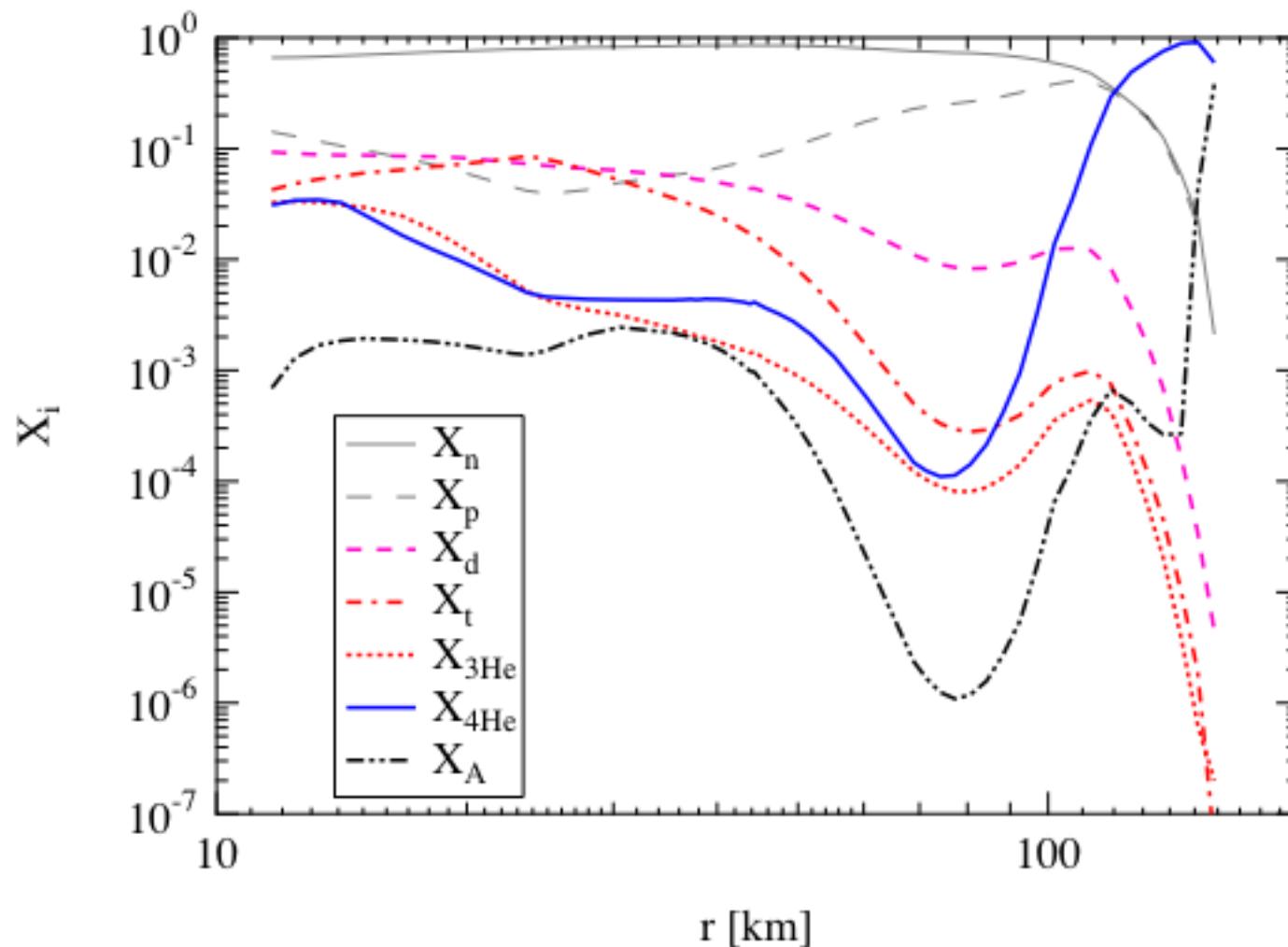


Density,  
electron fraction, and  
temperature profile  
of a 15 solar mass supernova  
at 150 ms after core bounce  
as function of the radius.

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)

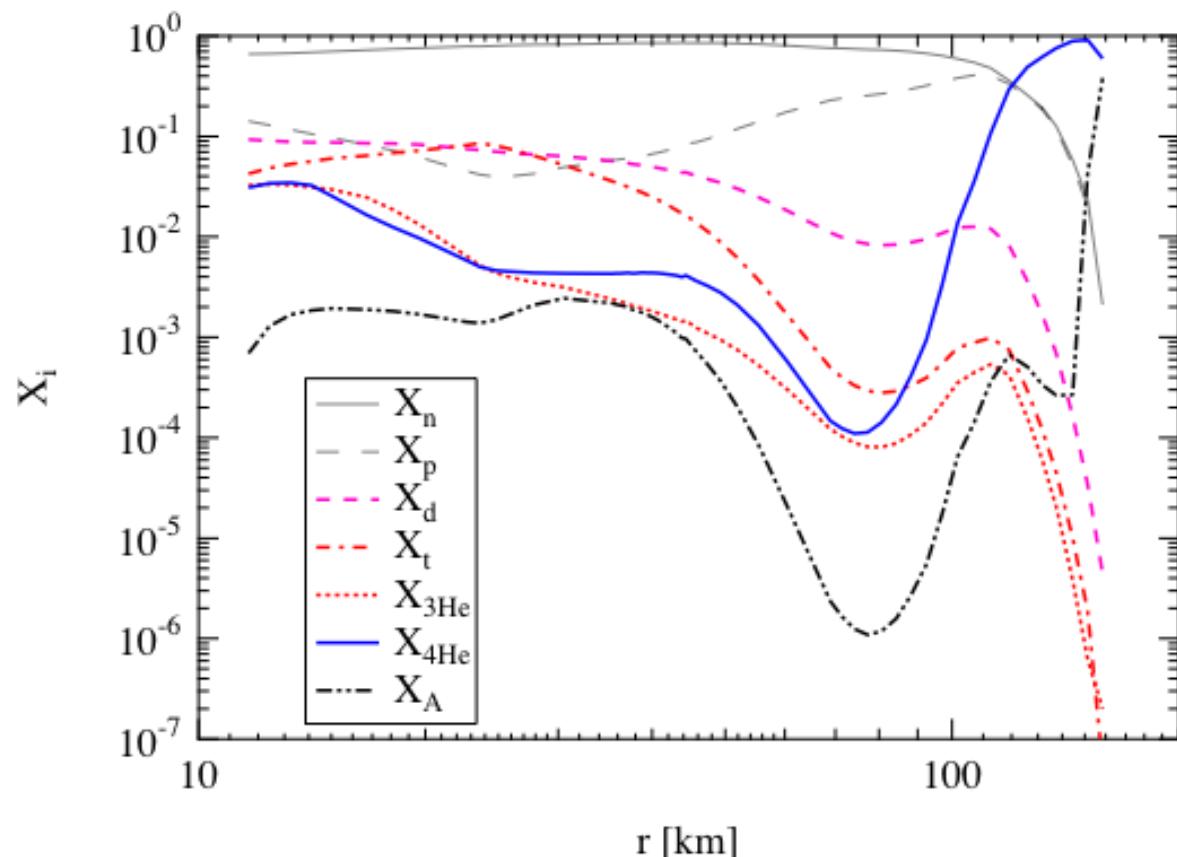
# Composition of supernova core



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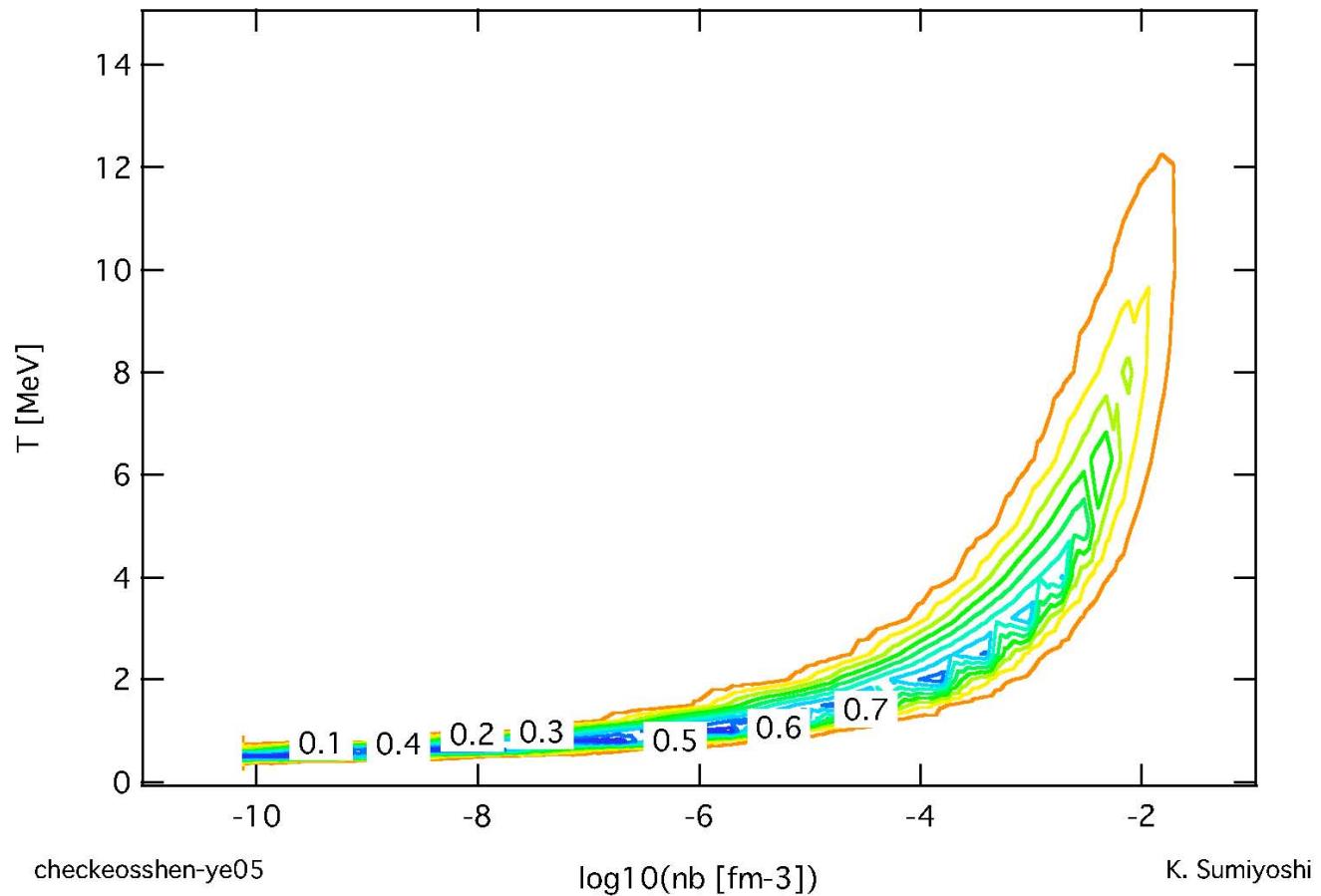


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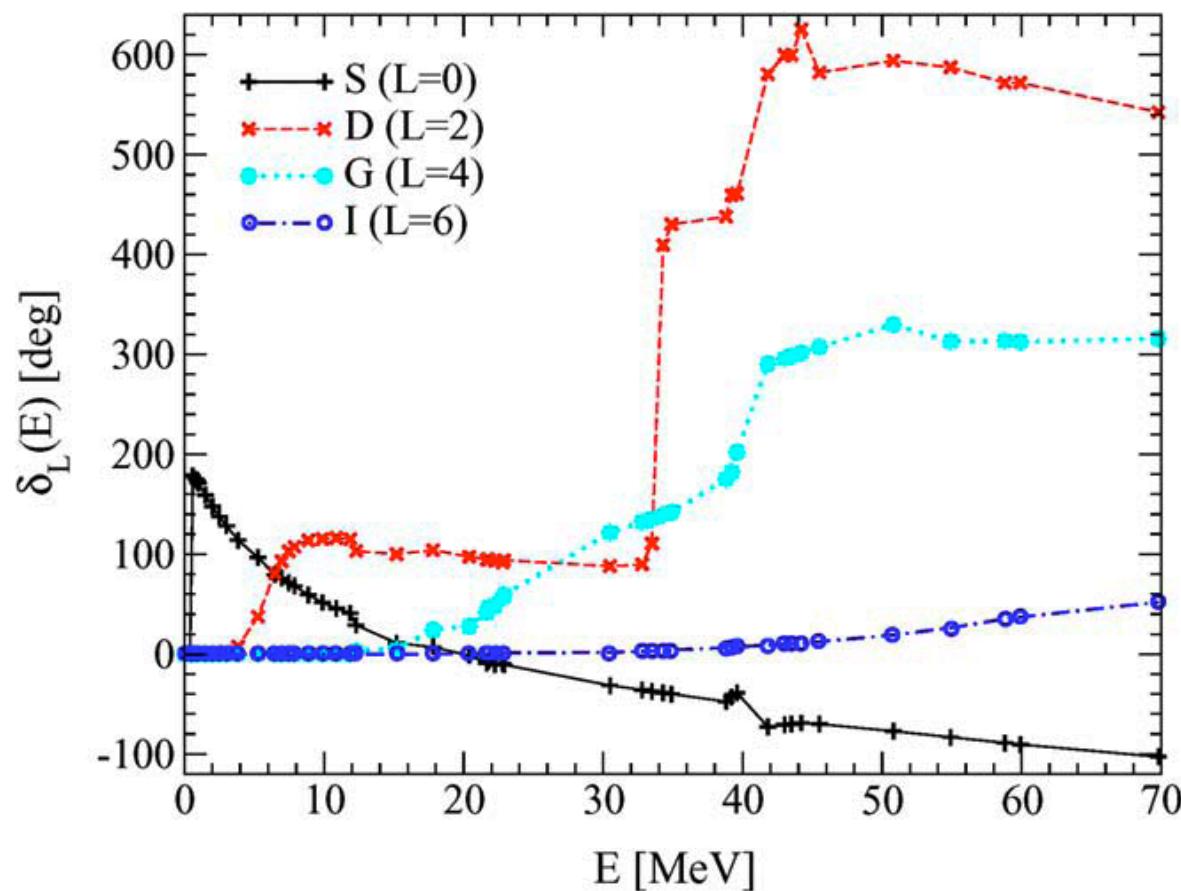
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Light nuclei in supernova envelopes: a quasiparticle gas model  
Phys. Rev. C **80**, 015805 (2009).

# alpha-fraction in symmetric matter



# $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ scattering phase shifts



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

# $\alpha$ -n scattering phase shifts

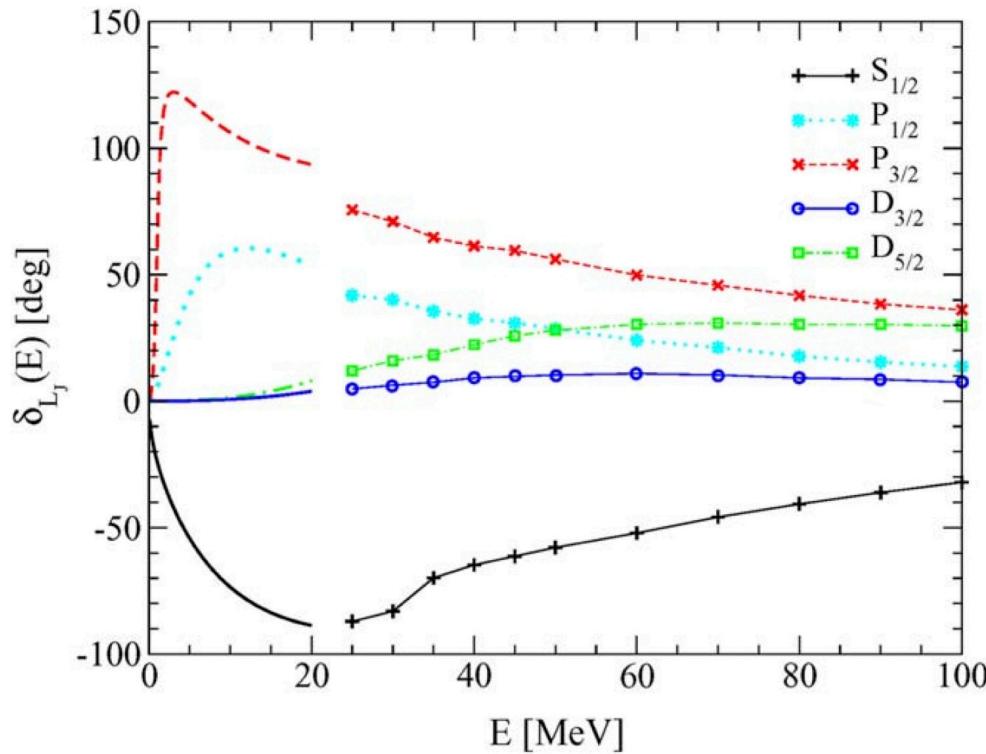


Fig. 2. (Color online.) The phase shifts for elastic neutron-alpha scattering  $\delta_{L_J}(E)$  versus laboratory energy  $E$ . As discussed in the text, the solid lines are from Arndt and Roper [37] and the symbols are from Amos and Karatagliidis [38]. For clarity, we do not show the F-waves included in our results for  $b_{\alpha n}$ .

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# Correlations in the medium

$$\sum_2 = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: A loop with two horizontal segments and two vertical segments. Arrows indicate flow from left to right. A dashed vertical line connects the top and bottom segments. The label '(2x)' is above the loop.} \\ + \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 2: Similar to Diagram 1, but the dashed line is positioned differently, crossing the horizontal segments. The label '(2x)' is above the loop.} \\ + \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3: Similar to Diagram 1, but the dashed line is positioned differently, crossing the horizontal segments. The label '(2x)' is above the loop.} \\ + \end{array}$$
  
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cluster mean-field approximation

# EOS at low densities from HIC

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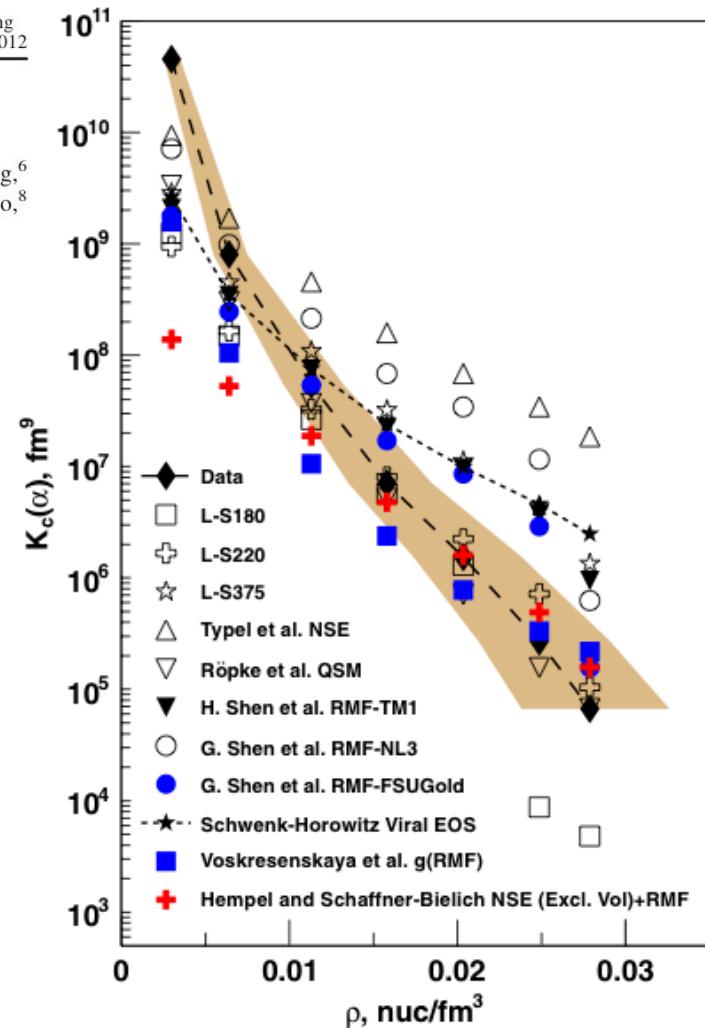
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## Laboratory Tests of Low Density Astrophysical Nuclear Equations of State

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Yields of clusters from HIC: p, n, d, t, h,  $\alpha$   
chemical constants

$$K_c(A, Z) = \rho_{(A,Z)} / [(\rho_p)^Z (\rho_n)^N]$$



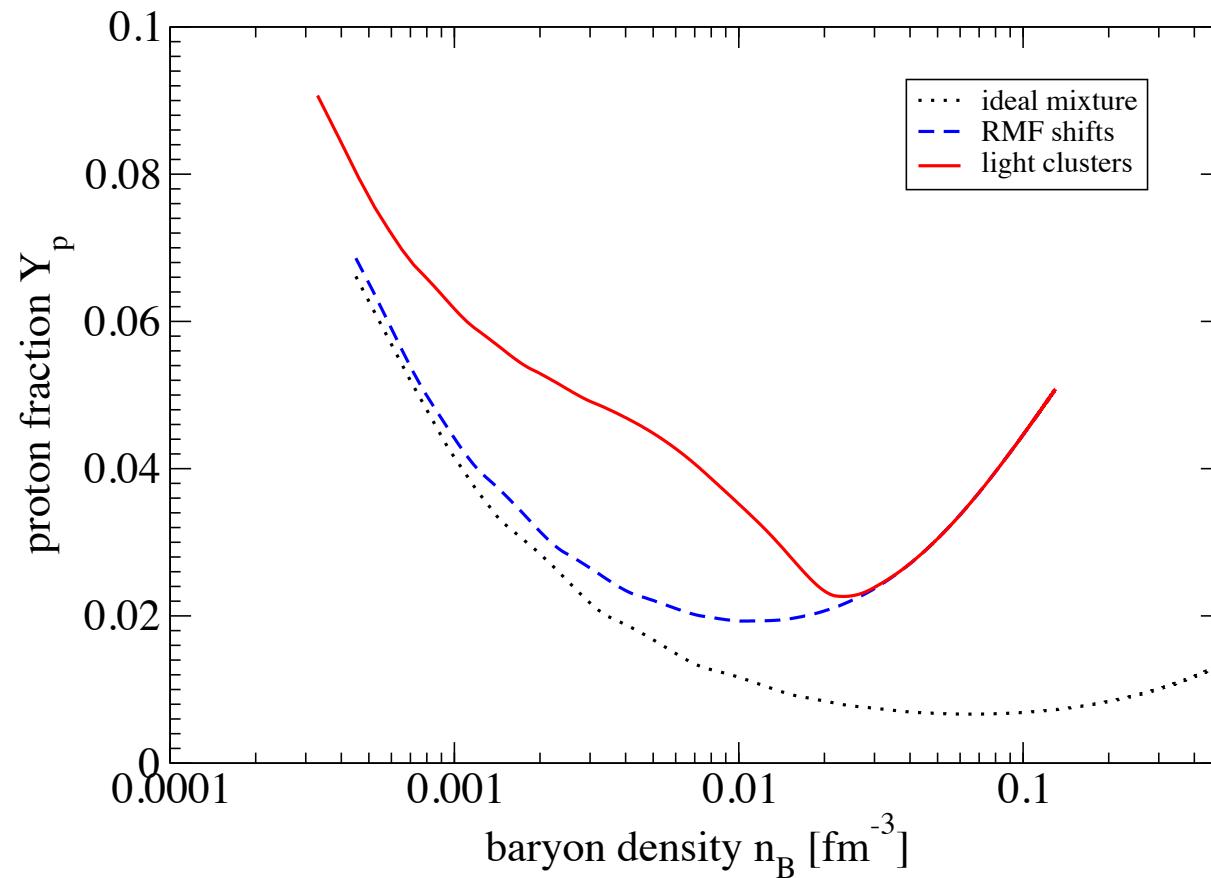
# Influence of cluster formation on $\beta$ equilibrium

$T = 5 \text{ MeV}$

$\mu_\nu = 0$

(no neutrinos)

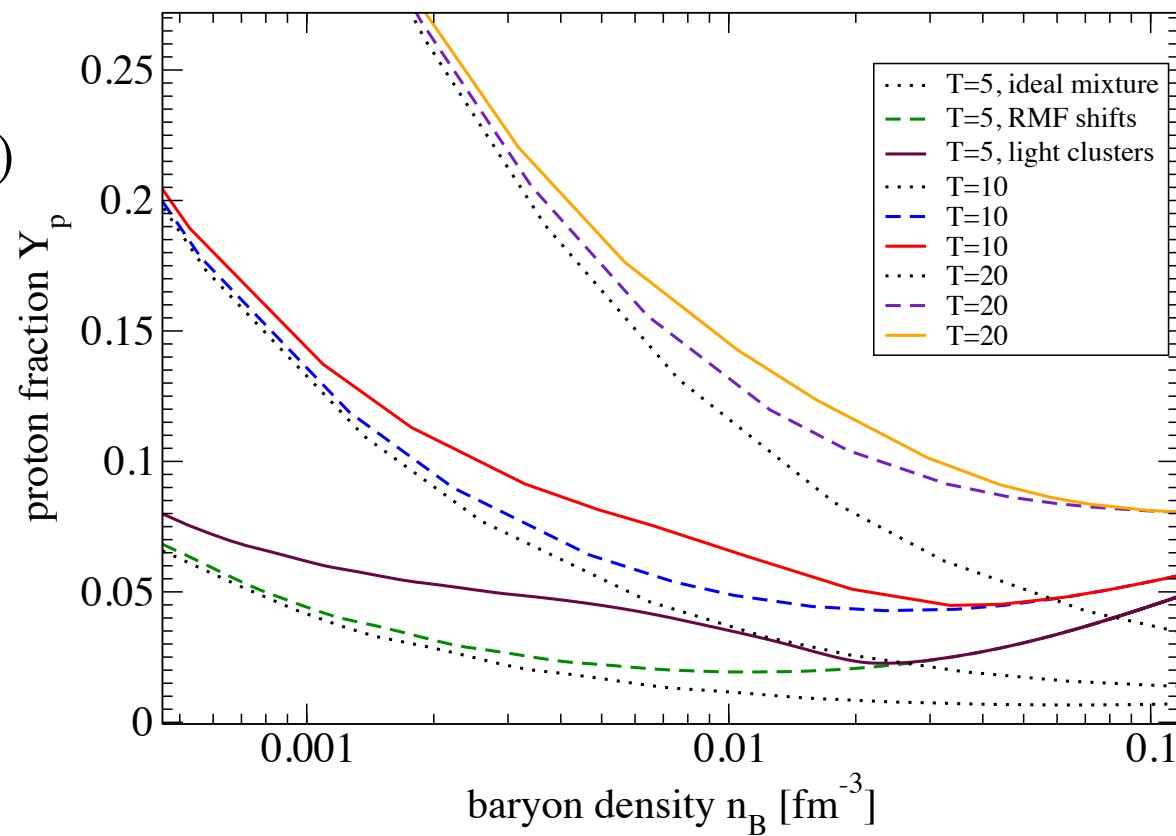
- Ideal mixture
- RMF shifts
- Including light elements



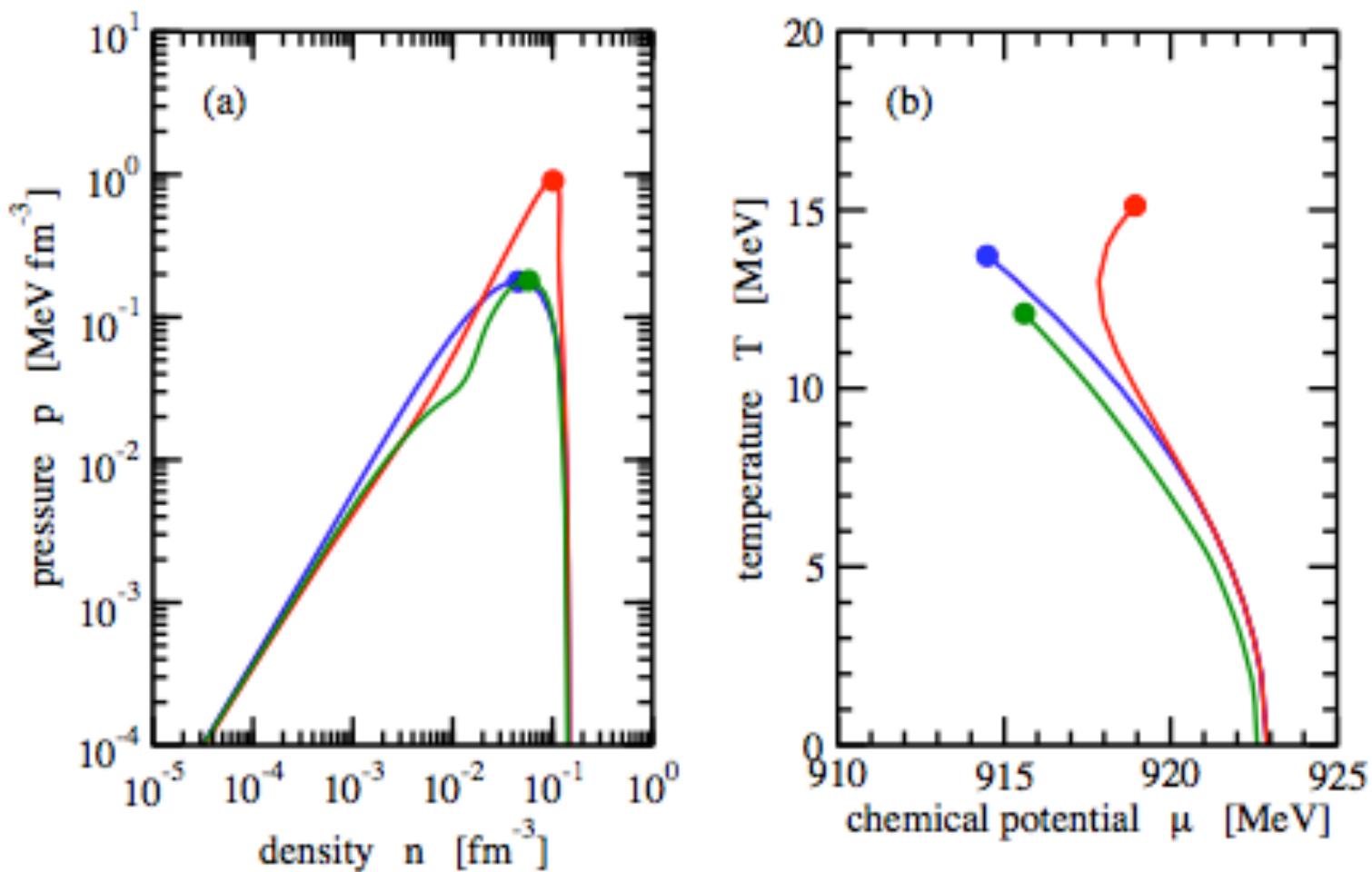
# Influence of cluster formation on $\beta$ equilibrium

Dependence on T  
 $\mu_\nu = 0$  (no neutrinos)

- Ideal mixture
- RMF shifts
- Including light elements



# Liquid-vapor phase transition



blue: no light cluster, green: with light clusters, QS, red: cluster-RMF

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

# $\alpha$ -matter and cluster-virial expansion

- Bound states may become dominant:  
Treat it like new species (chemical picture)
- Cluster expansion:  
Introduce corresponding fugacities (chemical potentials)
- Inclusion of continuum states:  
scattering phase shifts, Beth-Uhlenbeck formula
- Introduce quasiparticles and avoid double counting;  
transition to the high-density region

# Bound state formation in many-fermion systems

## Examples:

Quark-gluon plasma: hadrons; deconfinement phase transition

Nucleon systems: nuclei; nuclear matter

Electron-ion plasma: atoms; metals

Electron-hole plasma: exciton; electron-hole droplets

## Properties:

Equation of state, transport coefficient, dynamical structure factor

## Theoretical approaches:

Simulations, Path integral, Quantum statistics of many-particle systems:

- Lagrangian/Hamiltonian
- Green functions (Feynman diagrams, partial summations, chemical picture)
- Self-energy, spectral function
- Correlation functions, physical properties

# Nucleon-nucleon interaction

QCD? Effective Lagrangians, interaction potentials (PEST)

$$\text{singlet (nn, pp): } a = -23.678 \text{ fm}, r = 1.726 \text{ fm} \quad k \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + r_0 \frac{k^2}{2}$$
$$\text{triplet (pn): } a = 5.396 \text{ fm}, r = 2.729 \text{ fm}, E = -2.225 \text{ MeV}$$

Separable 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

$\alpha$  ... channel

$N$  ... rank

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

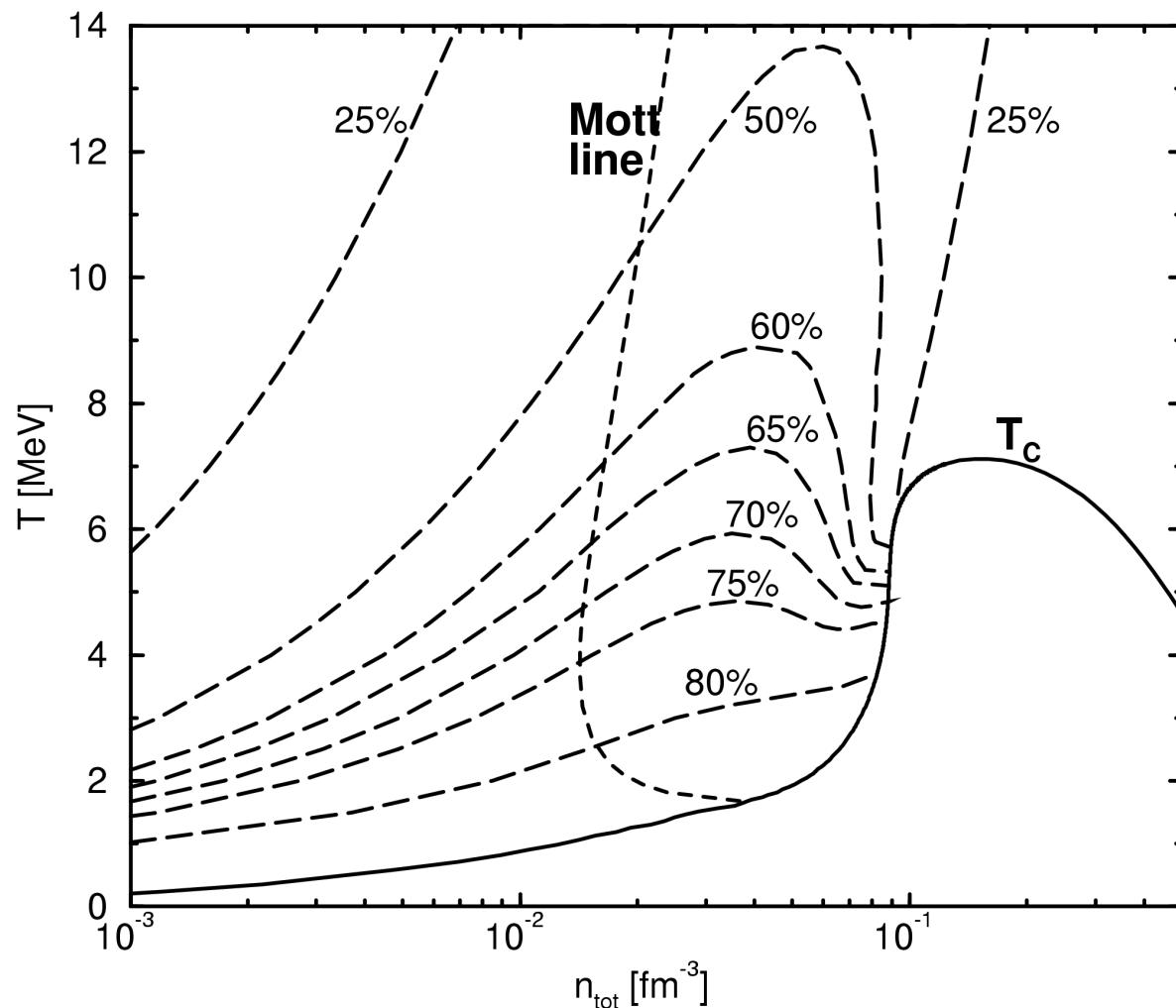
$L, L'$  orbital angular momentum

Weak interaction - beta equilibrium? Coulomb interaction?

# Composition of symmetric nuclear matter

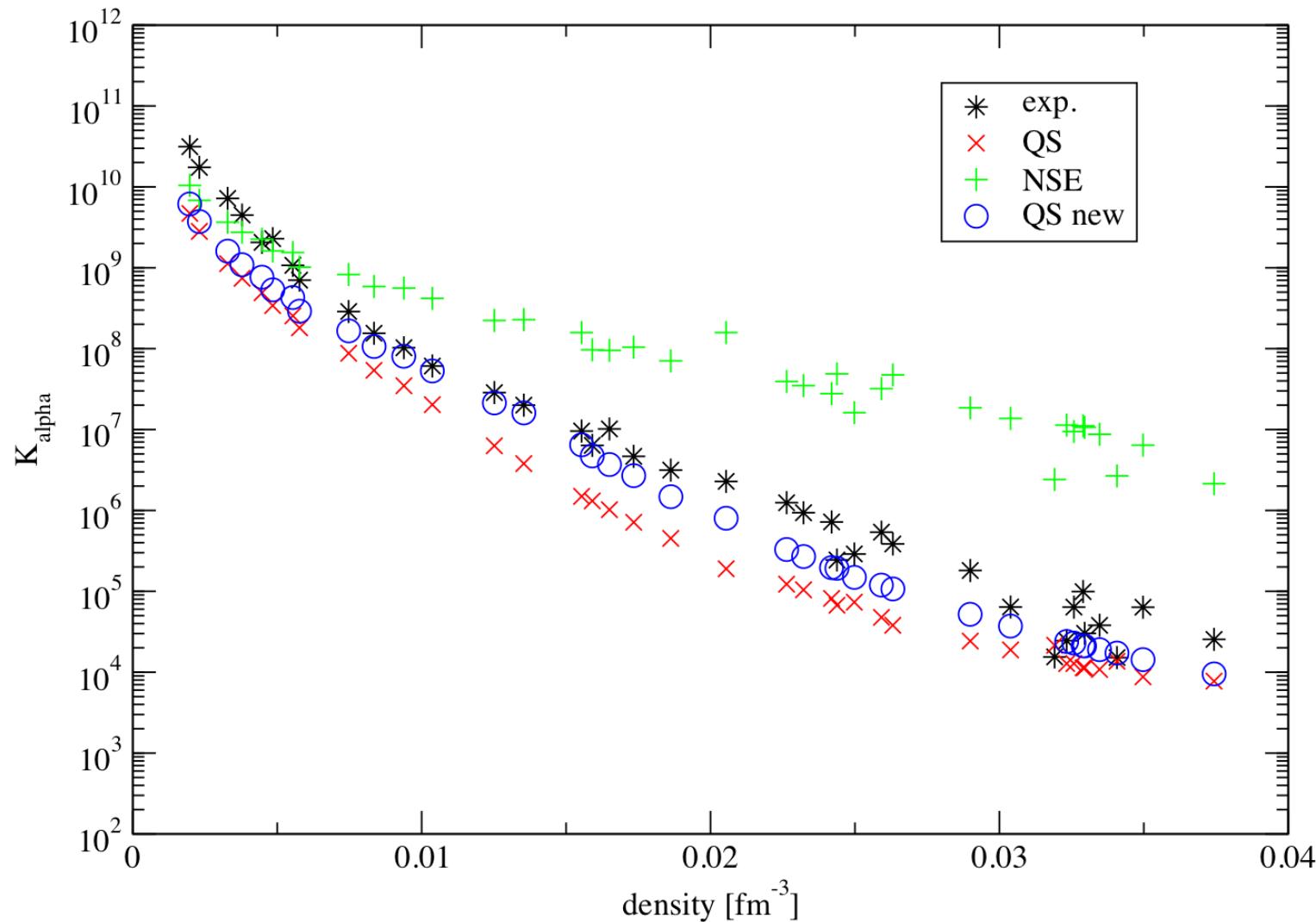
Fraction of correlated matter  
(virial expansion,  
Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck approach,  
contribution of bound states,  
of scattering states,  
phase shifts)

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

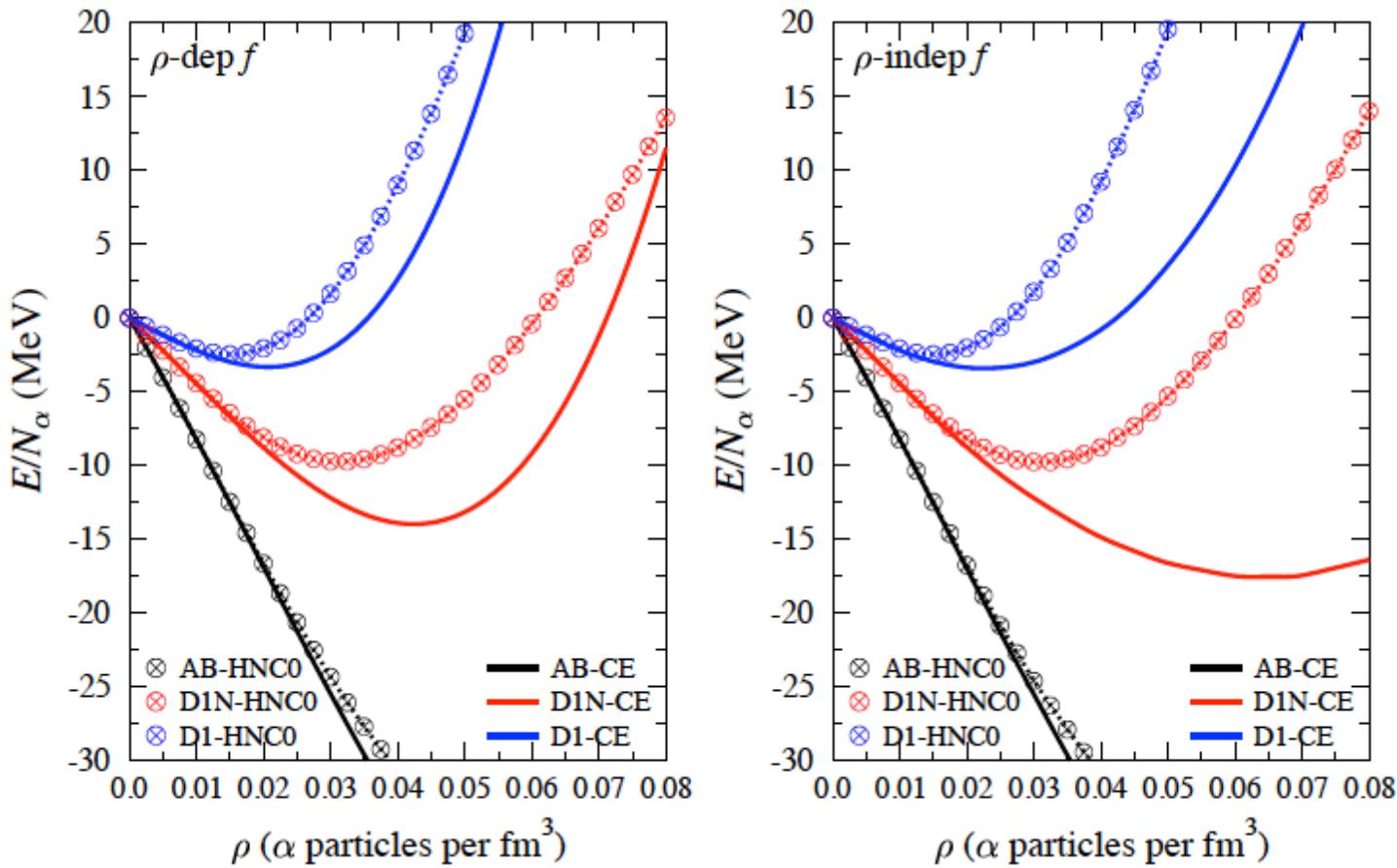


# QS versus NSE: comparison with data

40Ar124Sn K<sub>alpha</sub>



# 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

# Composition of dense nuclear matter

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

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

mass number  $A$

charge  $Z_A$

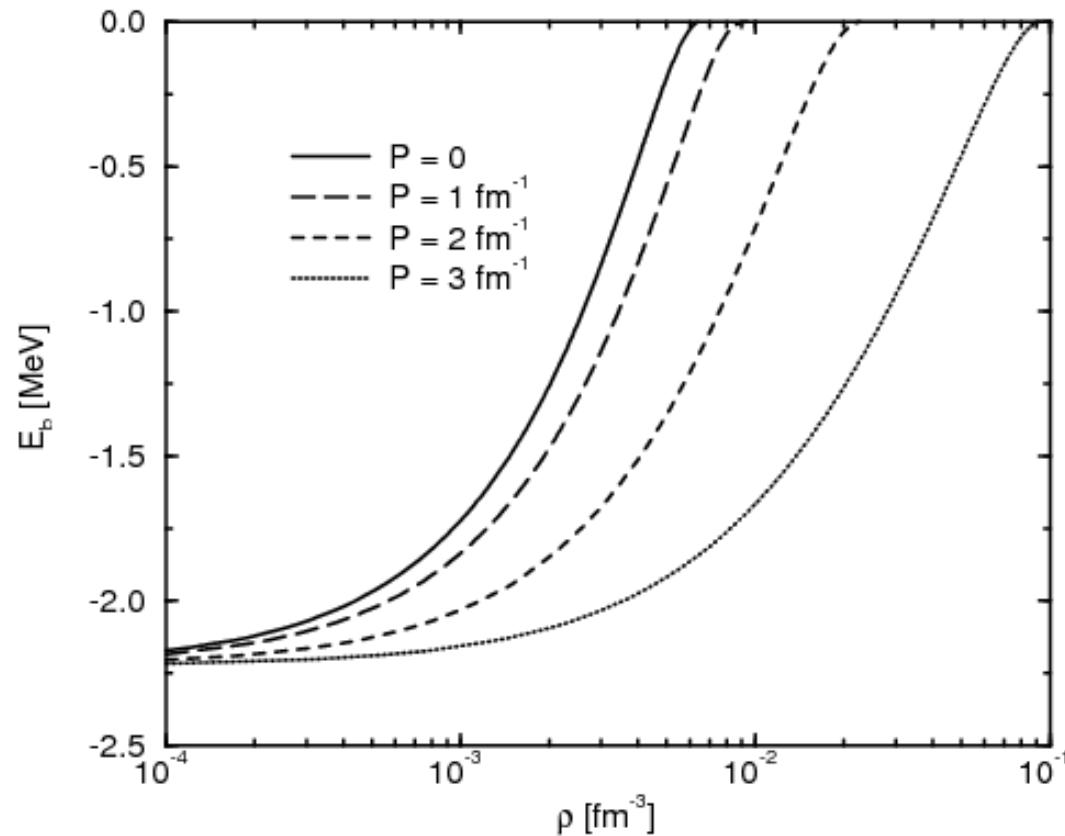
energy  $E_{A,\nu K}$

$\nu$ : internal quantum number

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

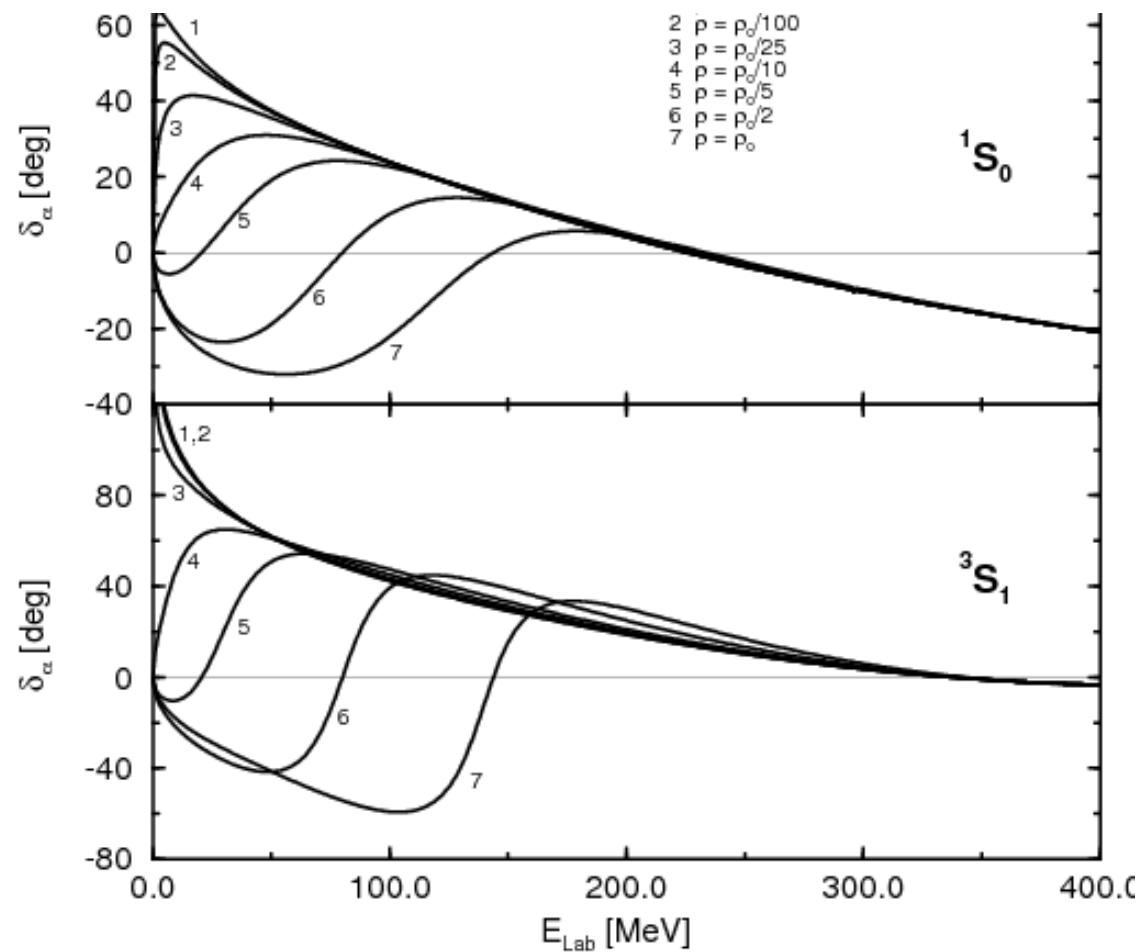
- Inclusion of excited states and continuum correlations
- Medium effects:  
**self-energy** and **Pauli blocking shifts** of binding energies,  
Coulomb corrections due to screening (Wigner-Seitz,Debye)
- Bose-Einstein condensation

# Deuterons in nuclear matter



$T=10 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $P$ : center of mass momentum

# Scattering phase shifts in matter



# Outline

- Correlations and **bound state formation** in fermion systems
  - The chemical picture, Green functions, spectral functions
- Correlations in nuclear systems
  - where it occurs, what do we know: nuclei, stars, HIC; effective interactions
- Many-particle theory: Equation of state, generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck eq.
  - Low-density limit: Mass action law, nuclear statistical equilibrium, virial expansion
  - Near saturation: quasiparticles, dissolution of bound states, correlated mean field
- Applications:
  - Equation of state in SN explosions, HIC, Hoyle-like states, surface correlations
- **Quantum condensates** in nuclear matter:
  - Pairing vs. quartetting, BEC-BCS crossover
- Bose condensates in finite systems:
  - Suppression of condensate, HFB and cluster formation (pairing and quartetting)
- Applications

# Signatures of clustering

- Nuclear structure: Hoyle state, states near the threshold  
n-alpha decay
- rms radii: comparatively large, low-density matter, skin?
- Nuclear reactions, alpha decay (preformation at the surface)
- Yields of light elements in HIC, equation of state and symmetry energy
- Excited states

Clustering is not “exotic”.

It is a general feature of (low density) nuclear systems.

# Mott points from cluster yields

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## Experimental Determination of In-Medium Cluster Binding Energies and Mott Points in Nuclear Matter

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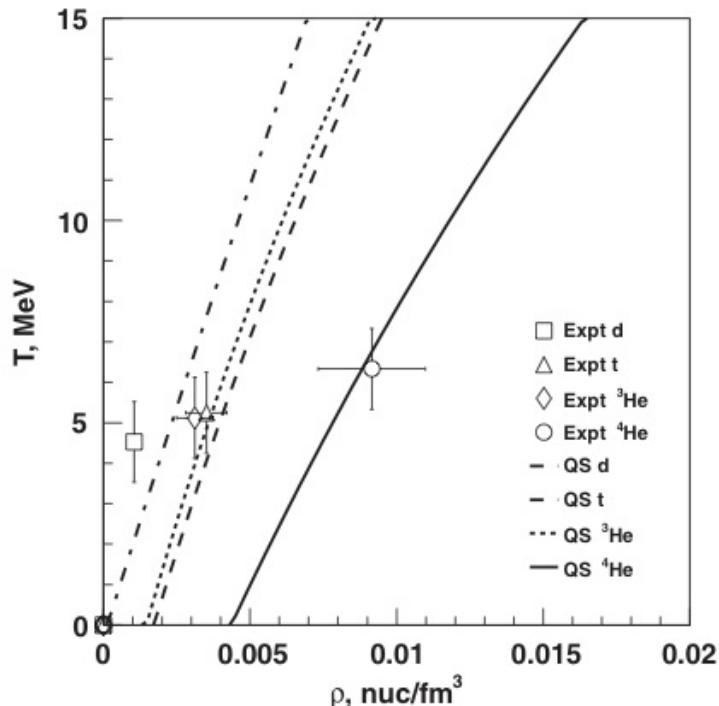
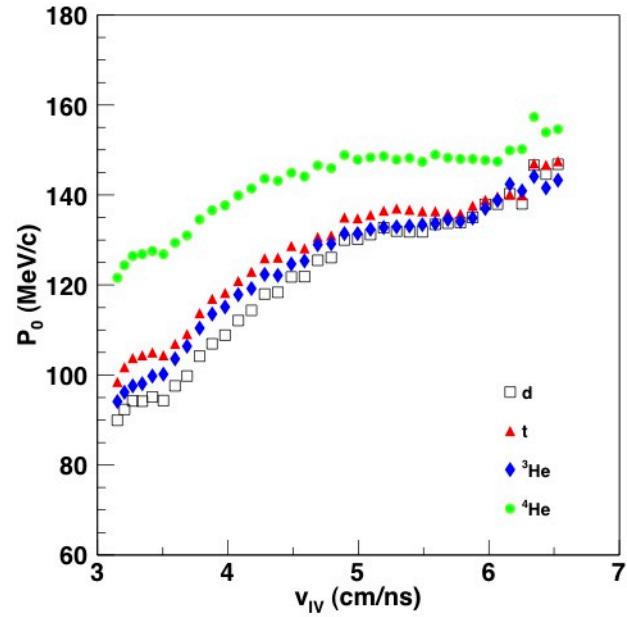


FIG. 3. Comparison of experimentally derived Mott point densities and temperatures with theoretical values. Symbols represent the experimental data. Estimated errors on the temperatures are 10% and on the densities 20%. Lines show polynomial fits to the Mott points presented in Ref. [1].

# Symmetry energy at medium densities

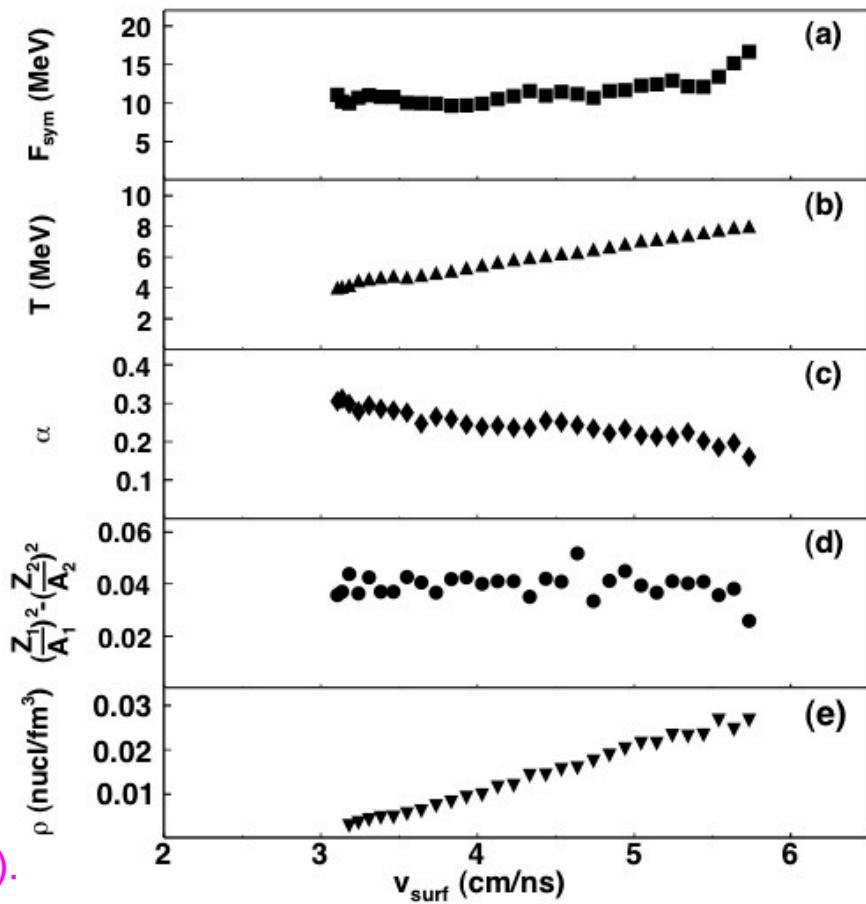
The Nuclear Matter Symmetry Energy at  $0.03 \leq \rho/\rho_0 \leq 0.2$

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Coalescence parameter,  
Mekjian model

R. Wada et al., Phys. Rev. C 85, 064618 (2012).



# In-medium modification of transport properties of dense matter

- D. Blaschke, G. Röpke, H. Schulz, A.D. Sedrakian,  
Nuclear in-medium effect on the thermal conductivity and viscosity of neutron star matter  
**PL B 338, 111 (1994)**
- D. Blaschke, G. Röpke, H. Schulz, A.D. Sedrakian, D. Voskresensky,  
Nuclear in-medium effects and neutrino emissivity of neutron stars.  
**M. N. R. A. S. 273, 596 (1995)**

# Supernova

Crab nebula, 1054 China, PSR 0531+21

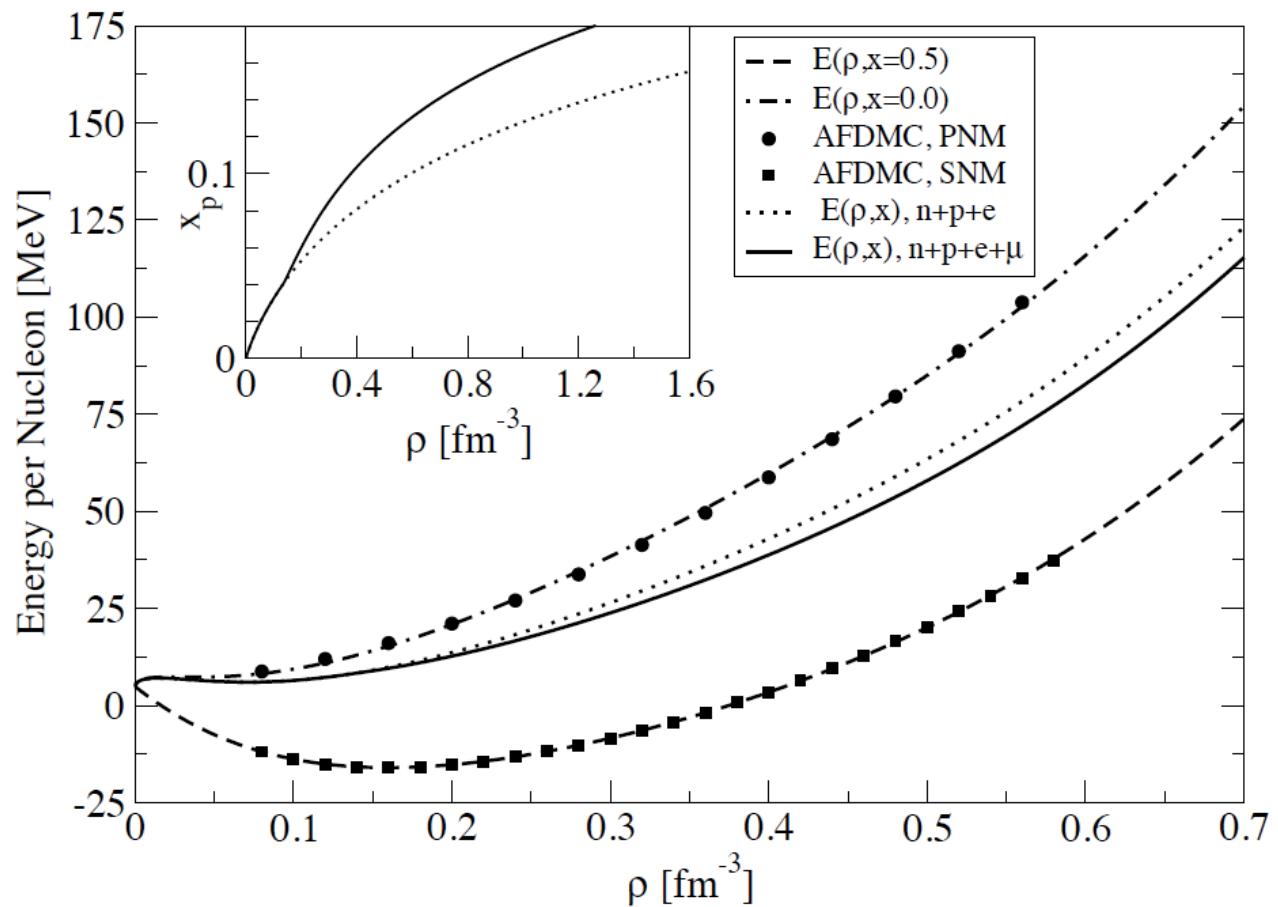


M1, the Crab Nebula. Courtesy of NASA/ESA

# Nuclear matter equation of state

- Nuclear systems: Quasiparticle approach  
Brueckner, HFB; Skyrme, Relativistic Mean Field (RMF)
- Account of correlations in warm dense matter:  
two-particle (deuteron, pairing),  
four-particle (alpha-like) correlations, light elements
- Low-density regions: Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium (NSE)  
Hoyle-like states in light expanded nuclei,  
surface of nuclei, neck emission, alpha matter...
- Quantum statistical approach ( $n < 0.15 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ ,  $T < 20 \text{ MeV}$ )  
Equation of state, Beth-Uhlenbeck formula  
disappearance of clusters at high densities, Pauli blocking
- Experimental signatures  
Heavy Ion Collisions (HIC), Symmetry energy, SN explosions, ...

# Diffusion Monte Carlo EOS calculation



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