

# Renormalization Group Consistent Treatment of NJL Color-Superconductivity

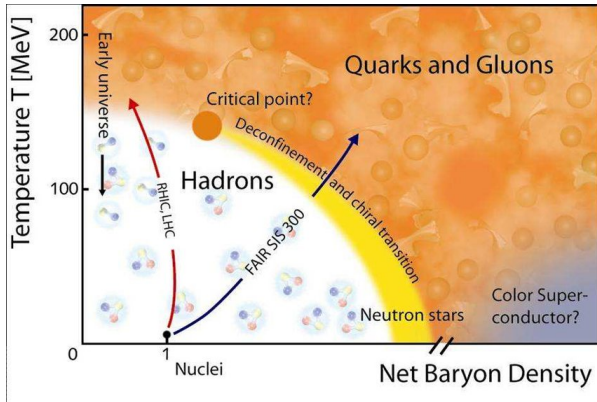
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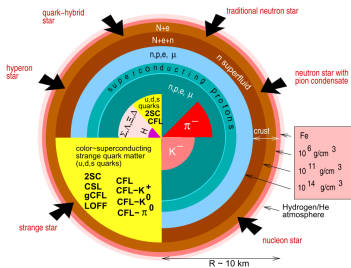


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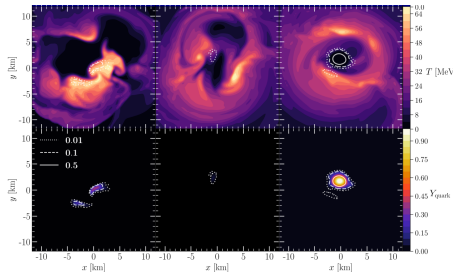
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- Phase structure at large (but not asymptotically large) density and moderate  $T$  is relevant for neutron stars and neutron star mergers



[Weber (1999)]



[Tootle et al. (2022)]

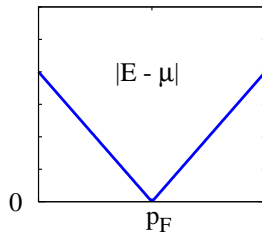
- ▶ Merger simulations: densities produced in merger remnant might be sufficient to produce quark matter
- ▶ Expected implications: Modified post-merger frequency spectrum [Elias R. Most et al. (2019)] [Bauswein et al. (2019)]

**Motivation:** signatures of color superconducting phases in neutron star cores or merger remnants?

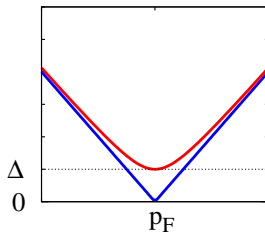
**Method:** Use effective models for studying color superconductivity

- ▶ This talk: Treatment of unphysical regularization artefacts in NJL color superconductivity (cut-off artefacts)
- ▶ Investigations of some astrophysical aspects of the model

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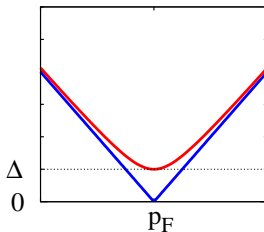


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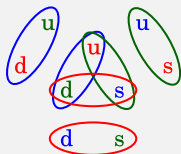
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- ▶ **Solid-state superconductor:** Effective attractive interaction between electrons through the interaction with lattice  $\rightarrow$  phonons
- ▶ **Color superconductor:** QCD: attractive quark-quark interaction
  - at higher densities via a single gluon exchange in the  $\bar{3}$  color channel
  - at intermediate densities also via instanton exchange [Rapp, Schäfer, Shuryak and Velkovsky 1998]

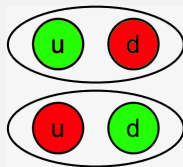
- ▶ diquark condensates:  $\langle q_i \mathcal{O}_{ij} q_j \rangle$
- ▶ Pauli principle:  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{\text{spin}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\text{color}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\text{flavor}} =$  totally antisymmetric
- ▶ most attractive channel: color  $\bar{3}$  and spin 0 (antisymmetric)  $\Rightarrow$  mixing flavors

## Color-flavor-locking (CFL)



Large  $\mu \gg M_s$   
 $SU(3)_{c+L+R} \otimes Z_2$   
 3 finite gap parameters  
 $\Delta_{ud}, \Delta_{us}, \Delta_{ds}$

## 2SC



Intermediate  $\mu \lesssim M_s$   
 $SU(2)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R \otimes$   
 $U(1)_{\bar{B}} \otimes Z_2$   
 1 finite gap parameter  $\Delta_{ud}$

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Mean field approximation: Linearise theory around condensates

$$\phi_f = \langle \bar{\psi}_f\psi_f \rangle \quad f = u, d, s$$

$$\Delta_A = -2G\eta_D \langle \bar{\psi}^c\gamma_5\tau_A\lambda_A\psi \rangle \quad A = 2(ud), 5(us), 7(ds)$$

Then minimizing with respect to these condensates

- ▶  $\Lambda', G, K, m$  fitted to vacuum meson spectrum
- ▶ Regularization: sharp 3-momentum cutoff  $\Lambda' = 602\text{MeV}$

- ▶ Chemical potential matrix in color-flavor space:

$$\mu_{f,c} = \mu + Q_f \mu_Q + \lambda_{3,c} \mu_3 + \lambda_{8,c} \mu_8$$

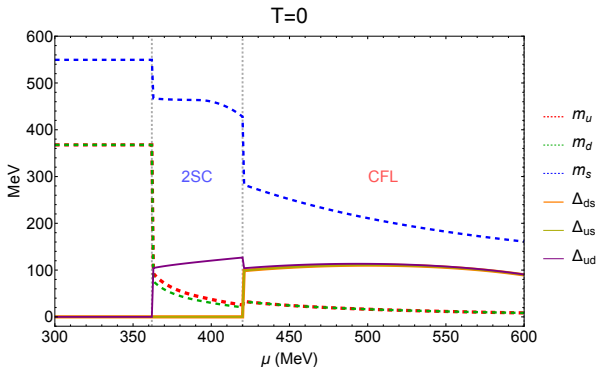
$$\text{e.g. } \mu_{u,r} = \mu + \frac{2}{3} \mu_Q + \mu_3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \mu_8$$

- ▶ Neutron star: Enforce charge and color-neutrality locally, i.e. for every phase:

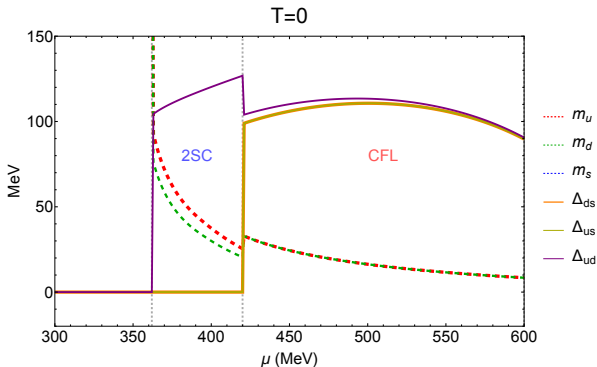
$$\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu_Q} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu_3} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu_8} = 0$$

- ▶ Leptonic contribution:  $e^-$  and  $\mu^-$  in  $\beta$ -equilibrium  $\mu_e = \mu_\mu = -\mu_Q$
- ▶ Optimization problem with nonlinear constraints
  - 3 quark mass gap equations
  - 3 diquark gap equations
  - 3 neutrality constraints
  - in total 9 equations to be solved self-consistently

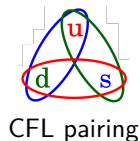
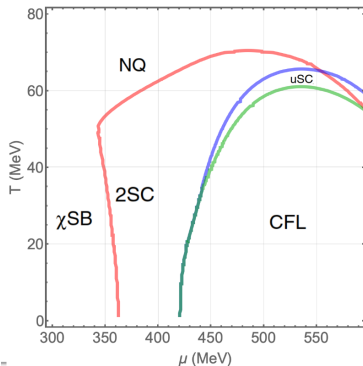
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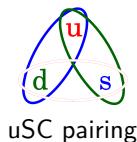
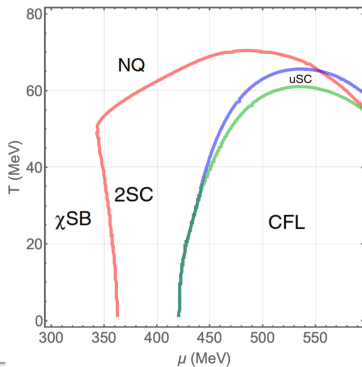
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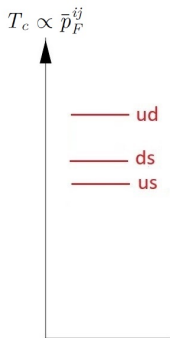


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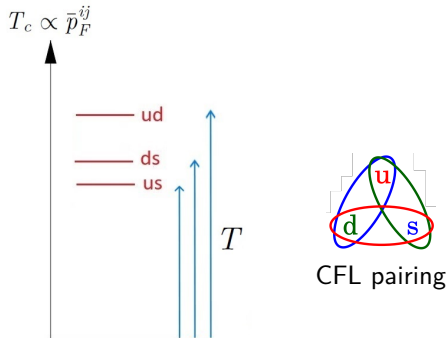


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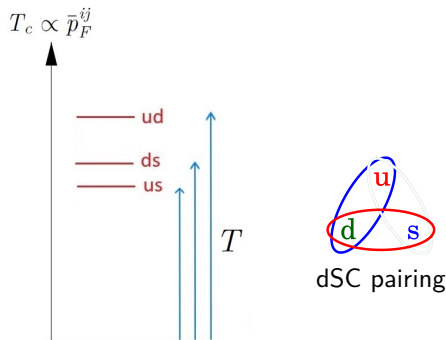
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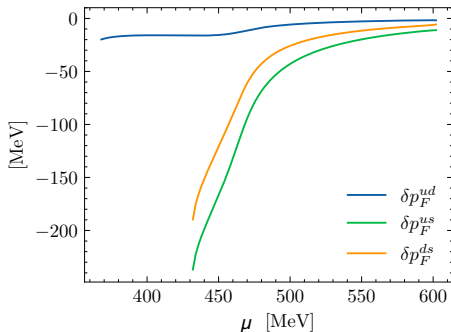
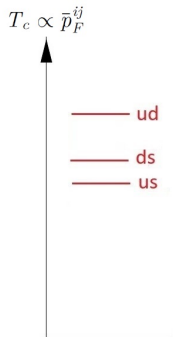


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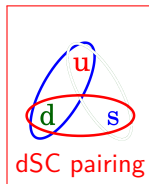
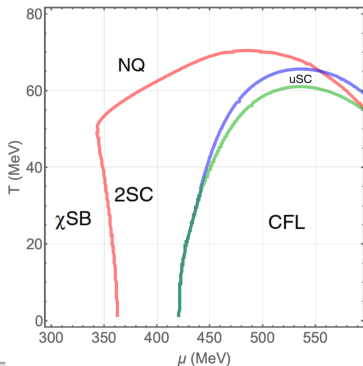
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## Solution to Regularization artefacts:

- ▶ Use *renormalization group-consistent* regularization presented by Braun et al (2016)

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## Renormalization group consistency and low-energy effective theories

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- ▶ Scale dependent effective action  $\Gamma_k$  includes all physics above momentum scale  $k$
- ▶ *Full Quantum effective action*  $\Gamma$  includes all scales  $\Gamma := \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \Gamma_k$
- ▶ Renormalization group calculation: Ansatz for theory at scale  $\Lambda$  is evolved to  $k = 0$  by solving the RG-flow equation

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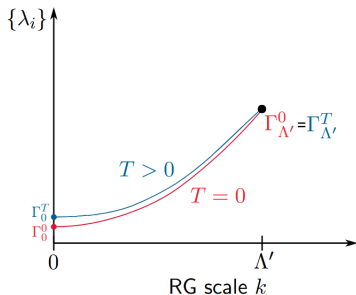
The full quantum effective action must not depend on the initial scale  $k = \Lambda$

$$\Lambda \frac{d\Gamma}{d\Lambda} = 0.$$

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$$\Gamma(\mu, T) = \Gamma_{\Lambda}(\mu, T) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{p < \Lambda} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} T \cdot \text{Tr} \log \frac{S^{-1}}{T} \quad (1)$$

**Problem:**  $\Lambda'$  isn't big enough with respect to all scales of the system when in medium:  $\Lambda' \sim \mu, T, \Delta_i, M_j$ .

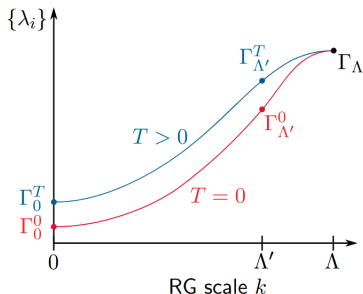




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**Assumption:**  $\Lambda$  bigger than all scales of the system:  $\Lambda \gg \mu, T, \Delta_i, M_j, \Lambda'$ .  
Then  $\Gamma_\Lambda(\mu, T) \approx \Gamma_\Lambda(\mu = 0, T = 0)$  can be calculated from flow equation in vacuum



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$$\epsilon_{\pm} = \sqrt{(E \pm \mu)^2 + \Delta^2}$$

$$\Gamma(\mu, T, \chi) \supset \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\Lambda} dp p^2 (\epsilon_+ + \epsilon_-) \supset \mu^2 \Delta^2 \log \Lambda$$

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- ▶ In the case of color superconductivity: vacuum part can't be separated from the medium part → issue of medium divergence
- ▶ 3-flavour NJL color-superconductivity suffers from a medium divergence

$$\mu^2(\Delta_{ud}^2 + \Delta_{us}^2 + \Delta_{ds}^2) \log \Lambda$$

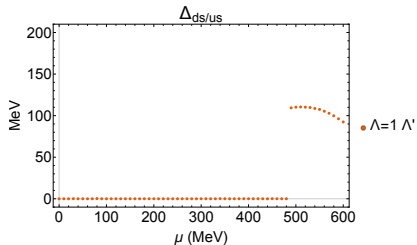
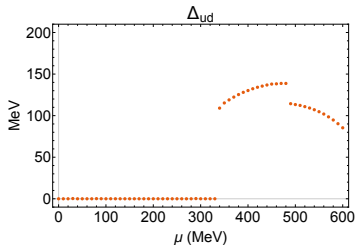
this divergence can be balanced by including a counterterm

$$Y_k(\Delta)\mu^2 \quad \text{with} \quad Y_k(\Delta) = 0 \text{ for } k < \Lambda'$$

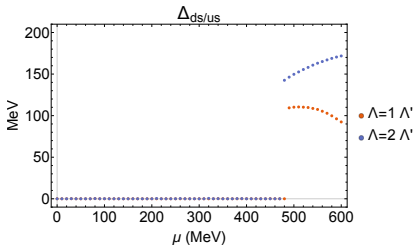
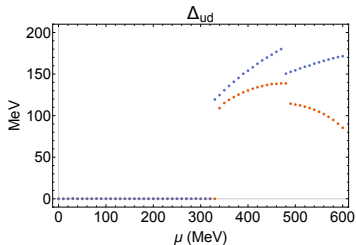
in the Lagrangian: renormalization of the medium part → **Note that we are not renormalizing a QFT!**

- ▶ This choice of counter-term is equivalent to regularizing the corresponding term raised in the expansion of the medium part

Flowing up to the original cut-off scale  $\Lambda = \Lambda'$  (i.e. not RG consistent )

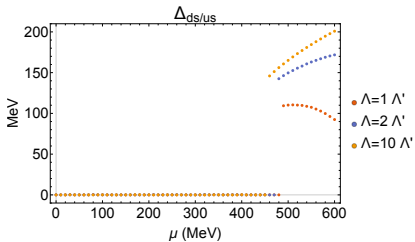
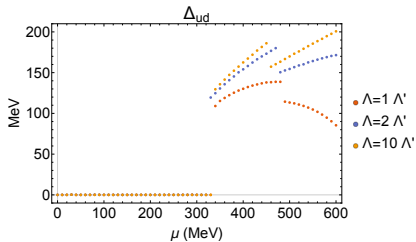


Flowing up to  $\Lambda = 2\Lambda'$

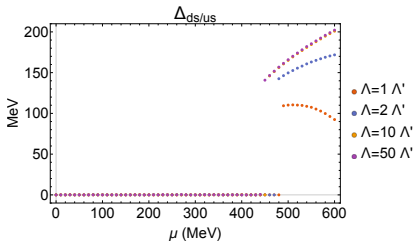
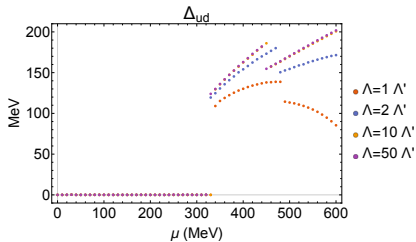


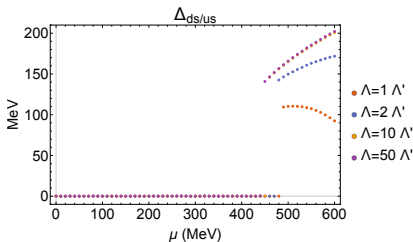
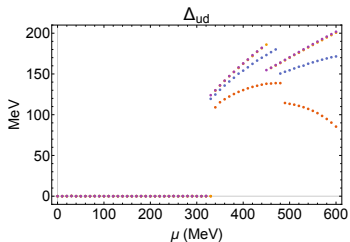


Flowing up to  $\Lambda = 10\Lambda'$



Flowing up to  $\Lambda = 50\Lambda'$





- ▶ At  $\Lambda \approx 10\Lambda'$ , results become almost independent of  $\Lambda$
- ▶ Expected Increasing trend  $\rightarrow$  cut-off artefacts removed
- ▶ Gap values become enlarged for the same diquark coupling

- ▶ For a generalized chemical potential analytically derived form of divergence

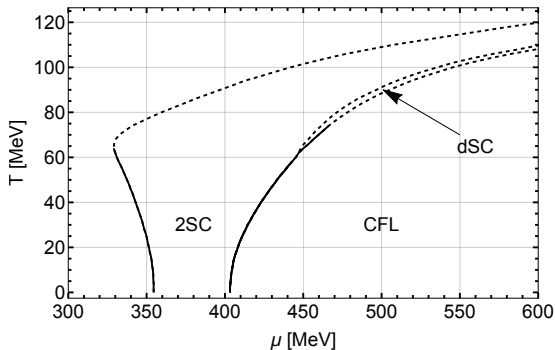
$$\left( \Delta_{ud}^2 \bar{\mu}_{ud}^2 + \Delta_{us}^2 \bar{\mu}_{us}^2 + \Delta_{ds}^2 \bar{\mu}_{ds}^2 \right) \log \Lambda$$

with  $\bar{\mu}_{ij}$  being the average chemical potential of quark flavour species  $i$  and  $j$

- ▶ These divergences should be removed for an RG consistent model
- ▶ Behaviour of divergence suggests that

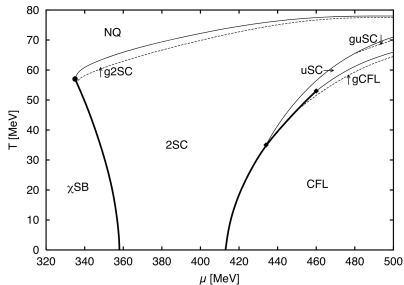
$$\mathcal{L}^R \supset \frac{1}{2} Y_{ud}(\Delta_{ud}) \bar{\mu}_{ud}^2 + \frac{1}{2} Y_{ds}(\Delta_{ds}) \bar{\mu}_{ds}^2 + \frac{1}{2} Y_{us}(\Delta_{us}) \bar{\mu}_{us}^2$$

- ▶ One can analytically drive the expression for these 3 renormalization factors

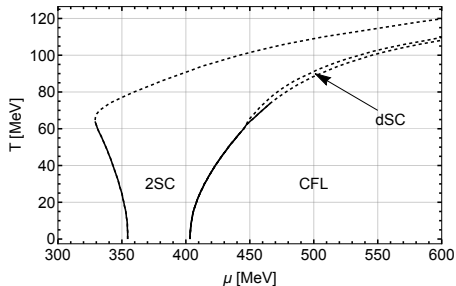


- ▶ Cut-off artefacts are removed
  - Expected increasing trend of phase boundaries
  - No uSC phase
- ▶ Expected dSC phase appears in CFL melting: **Puzzle solved**

[Rüster et al. (2005)]

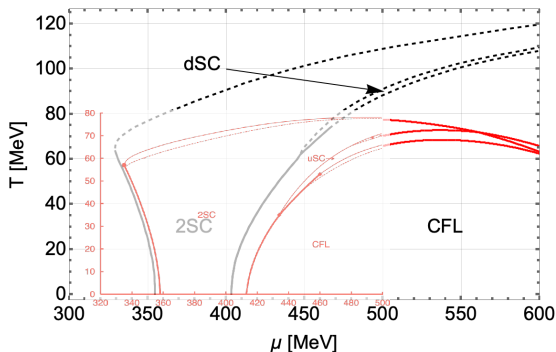


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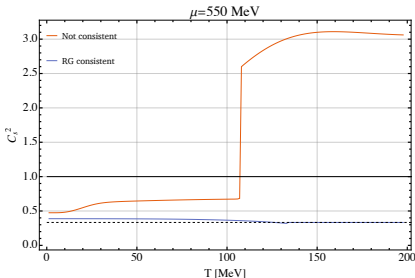
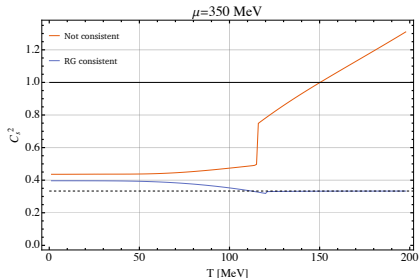
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- ▶ Equation of State: Energy density  $\epsilon = -P + \mu n + sT$  as a function of  $P$
- ▶ Connects microphysics to astrophysics of neutron stars via TOV equation  $\rightarrow$  Mass-radius curves
- ▶ **Example:** Speed of sound indicates the stiffness of the EOS: Higher  $C_s$  means stiffer EOS  $\rightarrow$  higher TOV mass
  - $C_s^2 = \left. \frac{dP}{d\epsilon} \right|_s$
  - Causality:  $C_s^2 < 1$
  - Chiral limit:  $C_s^2 = 1/3$



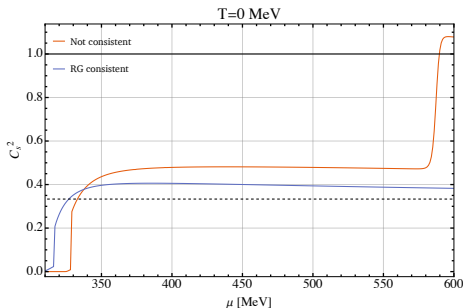
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- ▶ Above the  $T_c$  at high densities speed of sound should go to the chiral limit  $C_s^2 = 1/3$ 
  - can only be achieved if the medium part is not regularized
  - RG consistent treatment automatically satisfies this



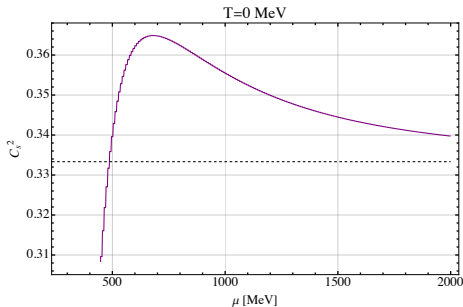
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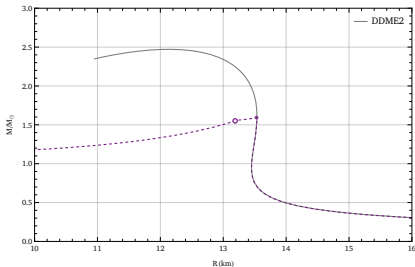
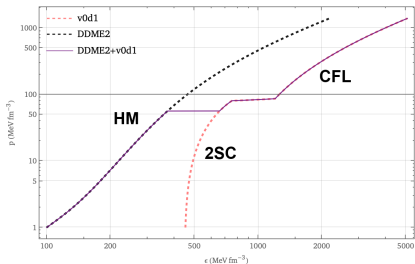
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## Procedure:

- ▶ Choose EoS for Hadronic Matter (HM) at low densities that satisfies all observational constraints (here: relativistic mean-field model with density-dependent couplings DDME2 [Lalazissis et al. (2005)])
- ▶ Calculate Maxwell construction:  $\{P, \mu_B, T\}_{\text{HM}} = \{P, \mu_B, T\}_{\text{QM}}$  in  $\beta$ -equilibrium at the point of the phase transition  
By construction, this gives a first order phase transition from HM to QM
- ▶ Calculate M-R-relation



Vector interaction provides stiffness of the equation of state at high temperatures to reach  $2M_{\odot}$  hybrid stars [Klöhn et al (2007, 2013), Alaverdyan (2022)]

$\mathcal{L} =$

$$\bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi$$

kinetic term

$$+ G \sum \left[ (\bar{\psi}\tau_a\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau_a\psi)^2 \right]$$

scalar NJL interaction

$$- K \left[ \det_f(\bar{\psi}(\mathbb{1} + \gamma_5)\psi) + \det_f(\bar{\psi}(\mathbb{1} - \gamma_5)\psi) \right]$$

't Hooft (KMT) interaction

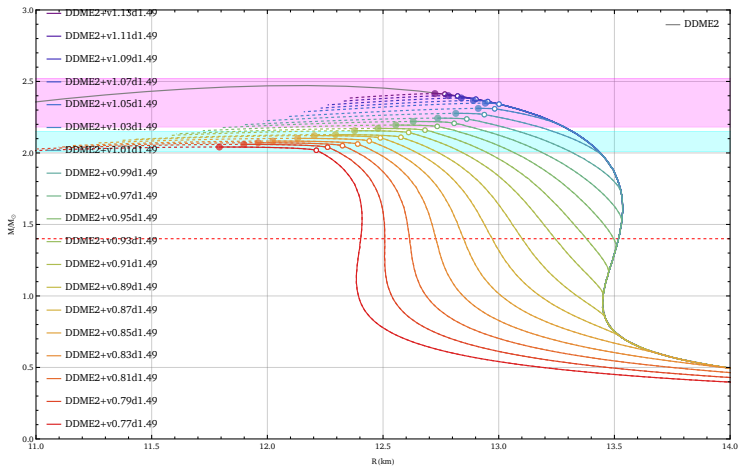
$$+ G \eta_D \sum (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau_A\lambda_{A'}\psi^c)(\bar{\psi}^c i\gamma_5\tau_A\lambda_{A'}\psi)$$

diquark interaction

$$- G \eta_V (\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi)^2$$

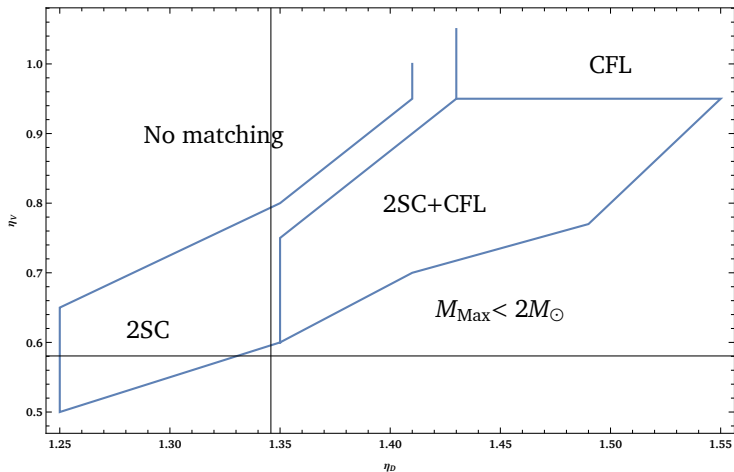
vector interaction

- ▶ 2 free parameters  $\eta_D, \eta_V$  can be constrained by observational constraints on the static EoS of isolated hybrid stars

Variation of the vector coupling at constant  $\eta_D = 1.49$ 

**Message:** Model allows for hybrid EoS containing stable 2SC, 2SC+CFL and CFL-cores consistent with the observation of  $2M_\odot$  neutron stars

## Work in preparation



## Summary

- ▶ NJL color-superconductivity suffers from cut-off artefacts
- ▶ RG-consistent formulation systematically removes the cutoff artefacts and changes the phase diagram in terms of critical temperatures, diquark condensate values and phase transition points
- ▶ RG-consistent formulation for neutral CSC matter is in agreement with expected dSC phase in CFL melting pattern
- ▶ Different type of possible phase transitions to CSC matter in agreement with astrophysical observations
- ▶ We can limit free parameters of the model by the astrophysical constraints

## Outlook

- ▶ Main interest: Study imprints of color superconductivity in neutron star mergers
- ▶ Publishing results...

Thank you for listening!