

# Quarkyonic Matter, a Triple Point, and Chiral Spirals in QCD

## 1. Large $N_c$ , small $N_f$ :

Quark-yonic matter: a quark Fermi sea with a *confined* Fermi surface

*Triple point*. Deconfining critical end point at *large*  $\mu_{qk} \sim N_c^{1/2}$

## 2. A (different) phase diagram for QCD

## 3. Chiral spirals in Quarkyonic matter

## 4. “Purely pionic” effective Lagrangians and nuclear matter:

The unbearable lightness of being (nuclear matter)?

L. McLerran & RDP, 0706.2191.

Y. Hidaka, L. McLerran, & RDP 0803.0279

L. McLerran, K. Redlich & C. Sasaki 0812.3585

Blaschke, Braun-Munzinger, Cleymans, Fukushima, Oeschler,

RDP, McLerran, Redlich, Sasaki, & Stachel (BBMCFOPMRSS) 0909...

T. Kojo, L. McLerran, & RDP 0909....

J. P. Blaizot, M. Nowak, L. McLerran & RDP 09.....

So what *is* Quarkyonic matter?

*Dense* nuclear matter

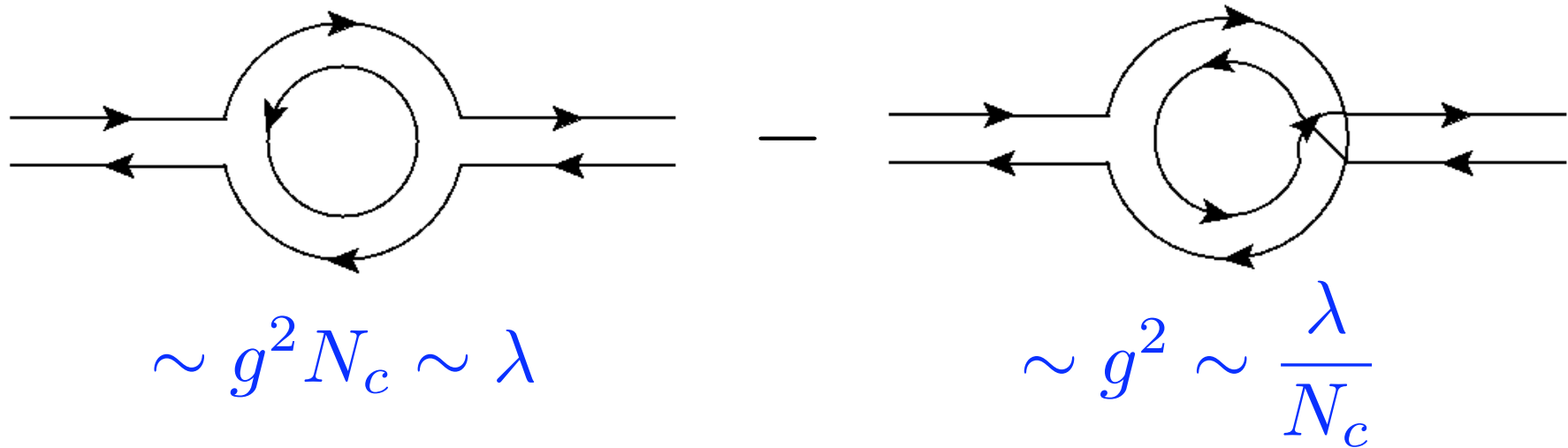
# QCD at large $N_c$ (small $N_f$ )

In  $SU(N_c)$ , gluons matrices,  $N_c \times N_c$ , quarks column vectors.

Denote fund. rep. by a line: quarks have one line, gluons have two.

't Hooft '74: let  $N_c = \# \text{ colors} \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lambda = g^2 N_c$  fixed. Keep  $N_f = \# \text{ flavors}$  finite.

Consider gluon self energy at 1 loop order. For *any*  $N_c$ , color structure in all diagrams (3 gluon & 4 gluon vertices) reduces to (Hidaka & RDP 0906.1751)

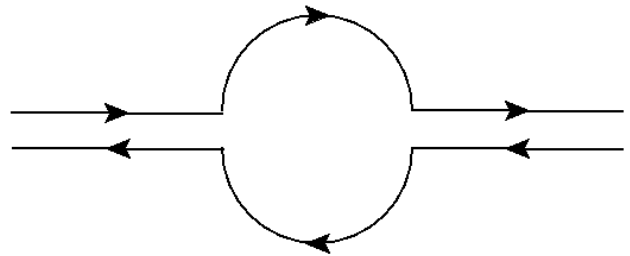


First diagram is “planar”. Second, involving trace, is not, is down by  $1/N_c$ .

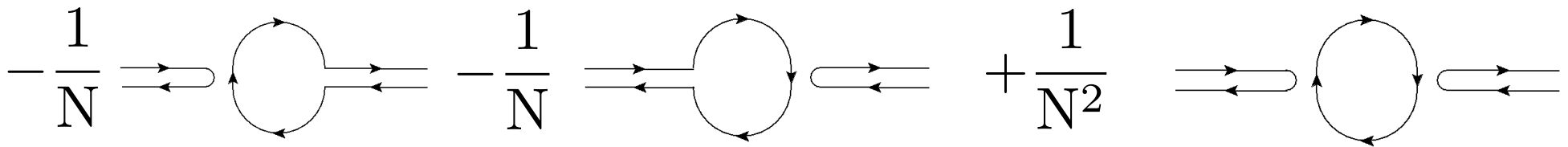
At large  $N_c$  and small  $N_f$ , planar diagrams dominate.

# Large $N_c$ and small $N_f$ : *glue* dominates

Contribution of the quarks to the gluon self energy at 1 loop order, any  $N_c$ :



$$\sim g^2 N_f \sim \frac{1}{N_c} N_f \lambda$$



$$-\frac{1}{N} \text{ (ghost loop)} - \frac{1}{N} \text{ (quark loop)} + \frac{1}{N^2} \text{ (ghost loop)}$$

If  $N_f/N_c \rightarrow 0$  as  $N_c \rightarrow \infty$ , loops *dominated* by gluons, *blind* to quarks.

Quarks act *something* like external sources, not quite.

N.B.: limit of large  $N_c$ , small  $N_f$  is *free* of the pathologies of  $N_f = 0$  (quenched)

No problems considering nonzero quark density,  $\mu_{qk}$ :

quarks do *not* affect gluons when  $\mu_{qk} \sim 1$ !

# Phases at large $N_c$ : *pressure* as an order parameter

$T = \mu_{qk} = 0$ : **confined**, only color singlets. Glueballs, meson masses  $\sim 1$ .  
Baryons *very* heavy, masses  $\sim N_c$ , so no virtual baryon anti-baryon pairs.

$T \neq 0, \mu_{qk} = 0$ :

$T < T_c$ : **Hadrons**.  $T_c \sim \text{mass} \sim 1$ . # hadrons  $\sim 1$ , so pressure =  $p \sim 1$ : *small*.

$T > T_c$ : **Quark-Gluon Plasma**. Deconfined gluons & quarks.  
# gluons  $\sim N_c^2$ , so  $p \sim N_c^2$ : *big*. Dominated by gluons.

$T \neq 0, \mu_{qk} \neq 0$ : usual mass threshold, baryons only when  $\mu_{qk} > M_N/N_c = m_{qk} \sim 1$ .

$T < T_c, \mu_{qk} < m_{qk}$ : **Hadronic “box”** in  $T$ - $\mu_{qk}$  plane: *no* baryons.

$T > T_c$  any  $\mu_{qk}$ : **Quark-Gluon Plasma**. Some quarks, so what,  $p_{qk} \sim N_c$ .

$T < T_c, \mu_{qk} > m_{qk}$ : # quarks  $\sim N_c$ , so  $p \sim N_c$ : *dense nuclear matter (not dilute)*  
*Confined* phase! But Fermi sea of *quarks*? “*Quark-yonic*”

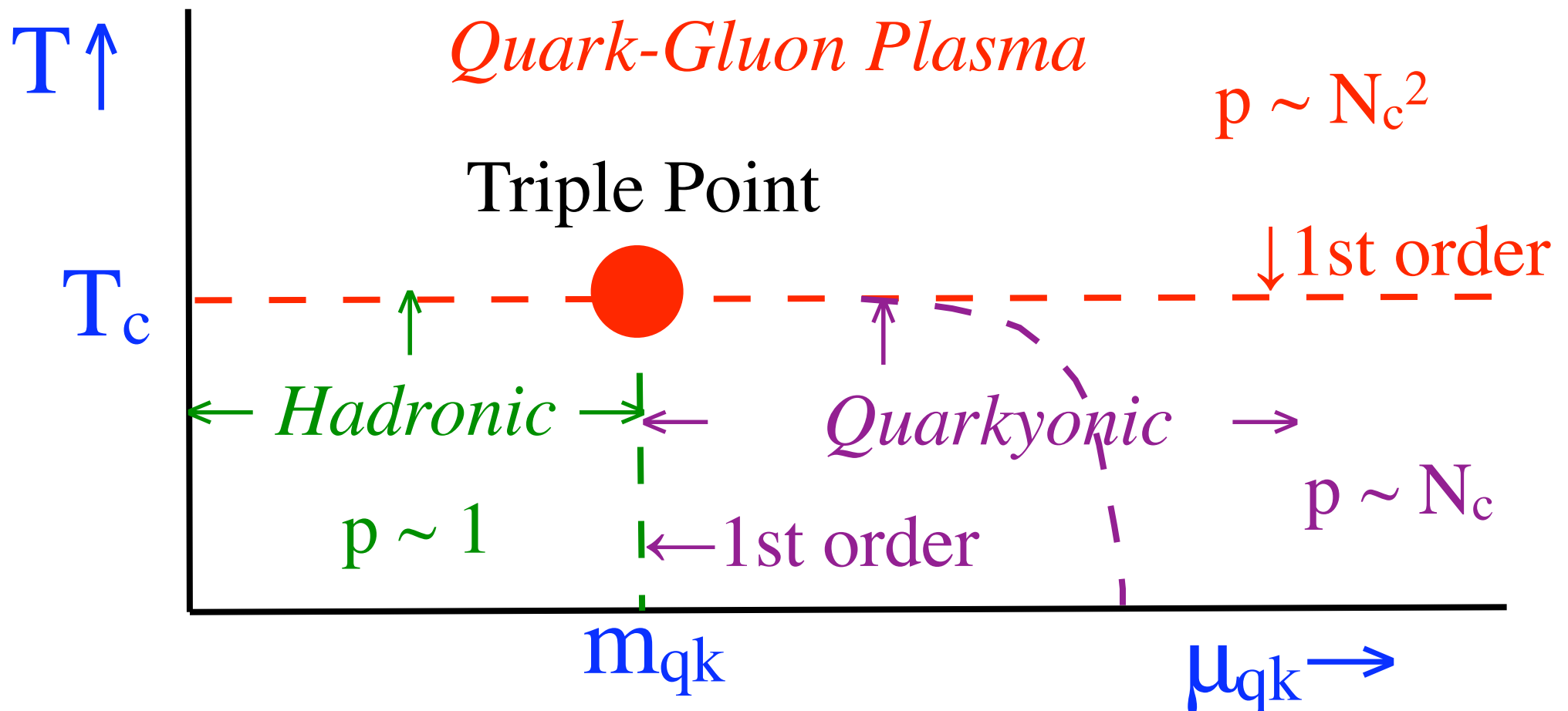
# Phase diagram at large $N_c$ and small $N_f$

Lattice (Teper, 0812.0085): deconfining transition 1st order at  $T \neq 0$ ,  $\mu_{qk} = 0$ .  
 must remain so when  $\mu_{qk} \neq 0$ . *Straight* line in  $T - \mu_{qk}$  plane.

Hadronic/Quarkyonic transition: energy density jumps by  $N_c$ , 1st order?

Chiral transition: in Quarkyonic phase?

True triple point!



# Lattice: (pure glue) SU(3) close to SU( $\infty$ )

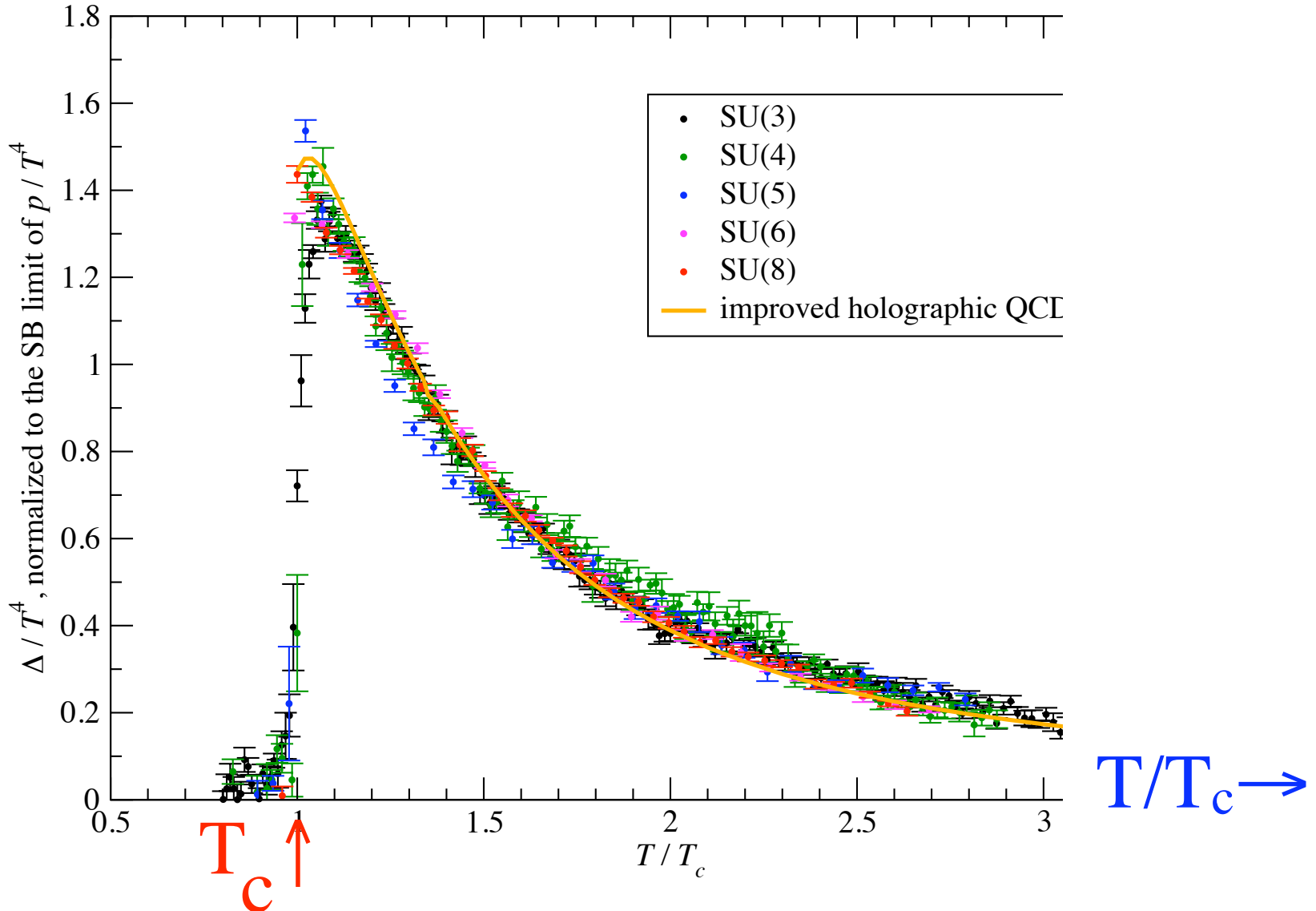
Panero, 0907.3719: SU( $N_c$ ), no quarks,  $N_c = 3, 4, 5, 6, 8$ .

Deconfining transition first order,  $N_c = 3$  close to  $N_c = \infty$

$$\frac{e - 3p}{N^2 T^4} \sim \text{const.}$$

Improved holographic: *fit* of scalar potential

$$\frac{e - 3p}{N^2 T^4}$$





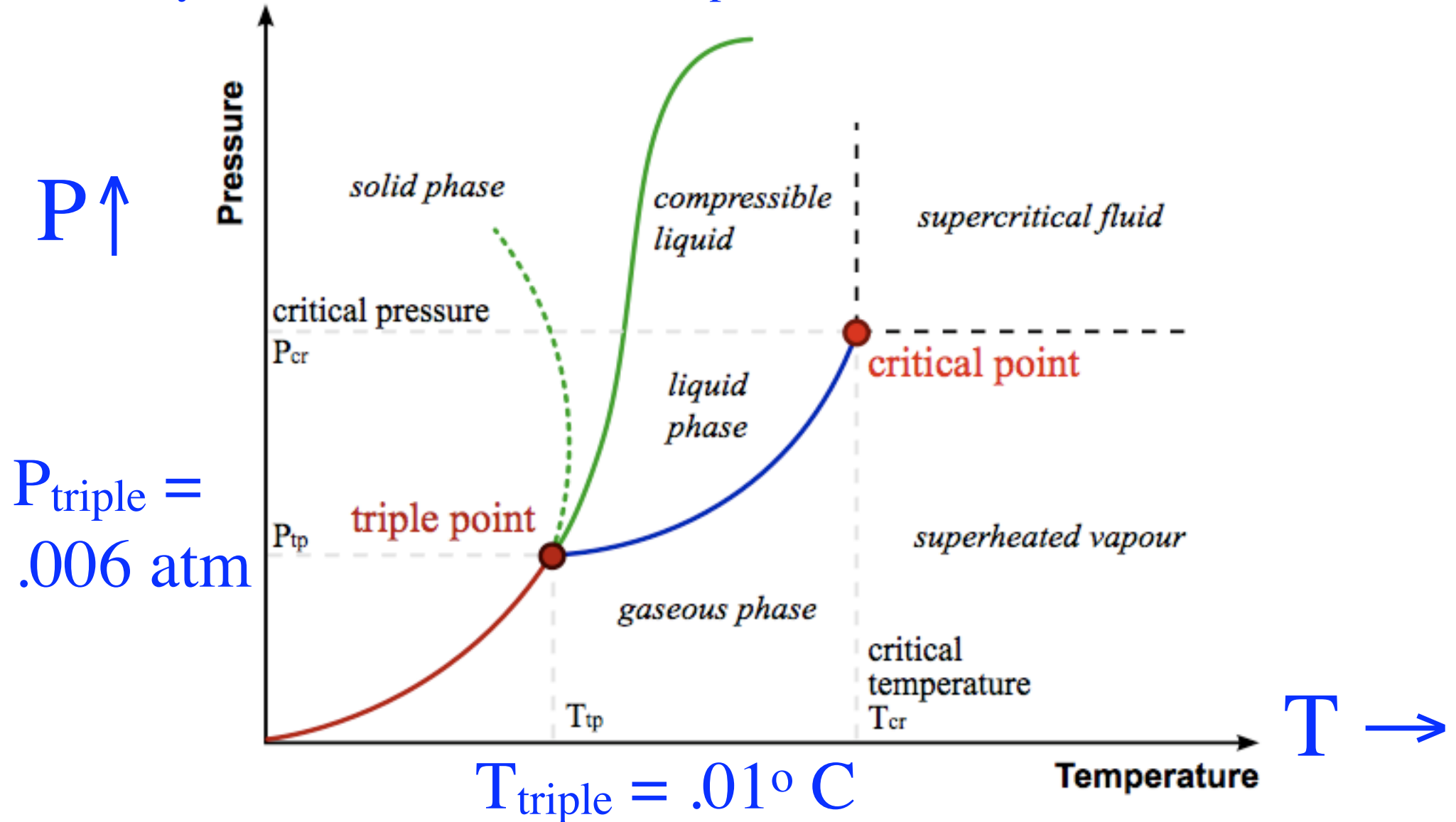
# Triple point for water

Triple point where three lines of first order transitions meet.

E.g., for ice/water/steam, in plane of temperature and pressure.

(Generalizes: four lines of first order transitions meeting is a quadruple point.)

Generically, *distinct* from critical (end) point, where one first order line ends.



# Quarkyonic phase at large $N_c$ , large $\mu$ ?

Let  $\mu \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  but  $\sim N_c^0$ . Coupling runs with  $\mu$ , so pressure  $\sim N_c$  is close to perturbative! How can the pressure be (nearly) perturbative in a confined theory?

Pressure: dominated by quarks far from Fermi surf.: *perturbative*,

$$p_{\text{qk}} \sim N_c \mu^4 (1 + g^2(\mu) + g^4(\mu) \log(\mu) + \dots)$$

Within  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  of Fermi surface: *confined states*.

$$p_{\text{qk}} \sim N_c \mu^4 (\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/\mu)^2, \text{ *non-perturbative*.}$$

Within skin, only confined states contribute.

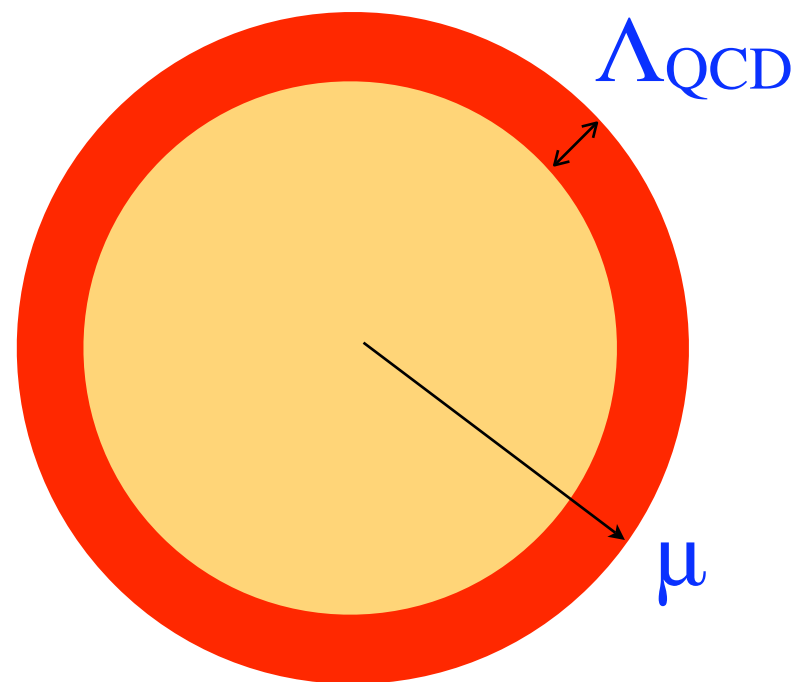
Fermi sea of quarks + Fermi surface of bar-yons  
= “quark-yonic”.  $N=3$ ?

Pressure dominated by quarks.

But transport properties *dominated* by confined states near Fermi surface!

For QCD: what is (cold) nuclear matter like at high density?

Just a quark NJL model?



# Deconfining critical end point at (large) $\mu_{qk} \sim N_c^{1/2}$

Semi-QGP theory of deconfinement: Hidaka & RDP 0803.0453

$$A_0 = \frac{T}{g} Q$$

For large  $\mu$ : compute one loop determinant in background field.

Korthals-Altes, Sinkovics, & RDP hep-ph/9904305

$$S_{qk} = \text{tr} (\mu + i T Q)^4, T^2 \text{tr} (\mu + i T Q)^2, N_c^2 T^4 V(Q)$$

RDP '09: for large  $\mu$ , expand:

$$S_{\mu \sim \sqrt{N_c}, T \sim 1}^{qk} \sim N_c \mu^4 - 6 \mu^2 T^2 \text{tr} Q^2 + \dots \sim N_c^3, N_c^2 (\text{tr} Q^2 / N_c)$$

Consider  $\mu \sim N_c^{1/2}, T \sim 1$ : gluons *do* feel quarks.

Term  $\mu^4 \sim N_c^3$  dominates, but *independent* of  $Q$  and temperature.

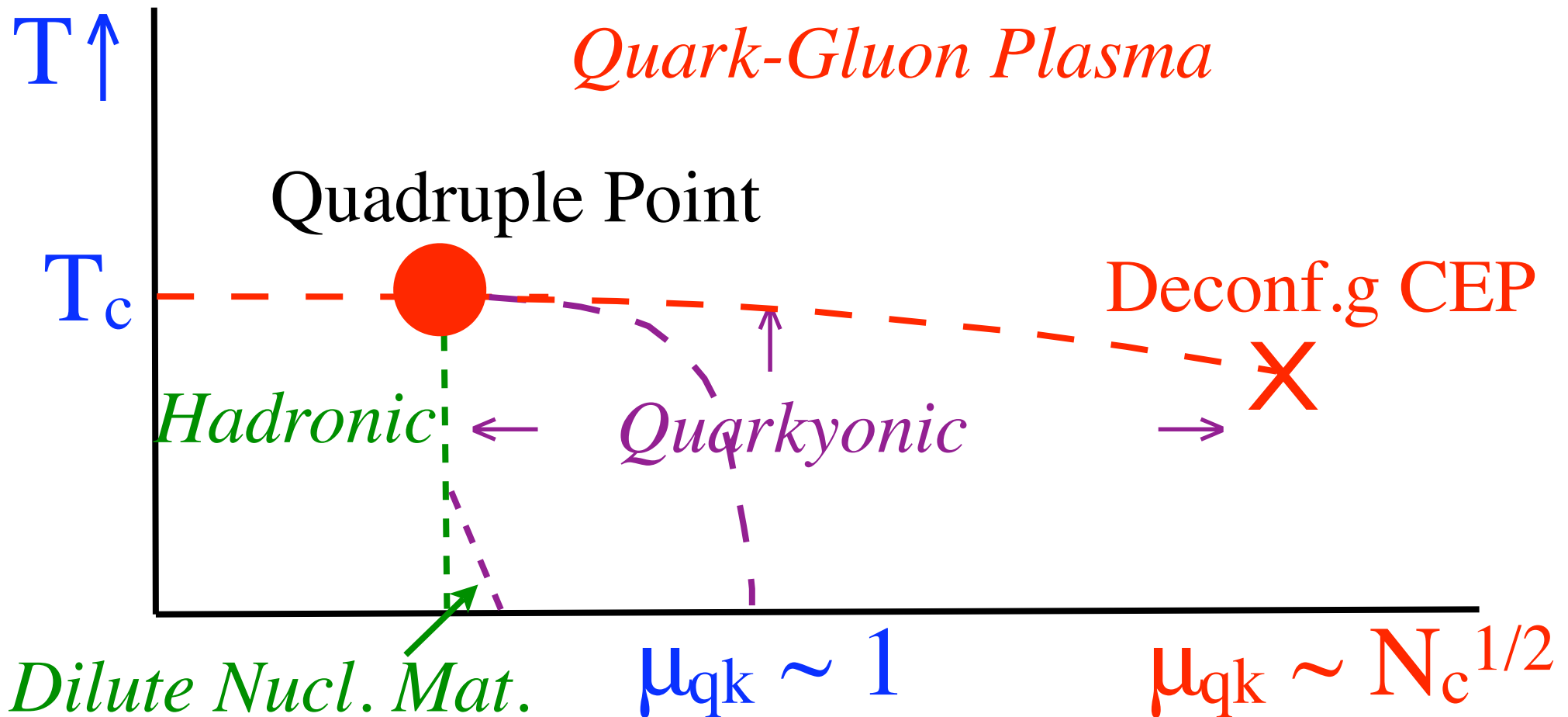
Term  $\mu^2 \sim N_c^2$   $Q$ -dependent. Breaks  $Z(N_c)$  symmetry, so washes out 1st order deconfining transition: **Deconfining Critical End Point (CEP)**

# Phase diagram at large $N_c$ and small $N_f$ , II

About deconfining Critical End Point (CEP), smooth transition between deconfined and quarkyonic phases.

Since gluons are sensitive to quarks for such large  $\mu$ , expect curvature in line. Triple point still well defined, as coincidence of three 1st order lines.

*Chiral transition?*

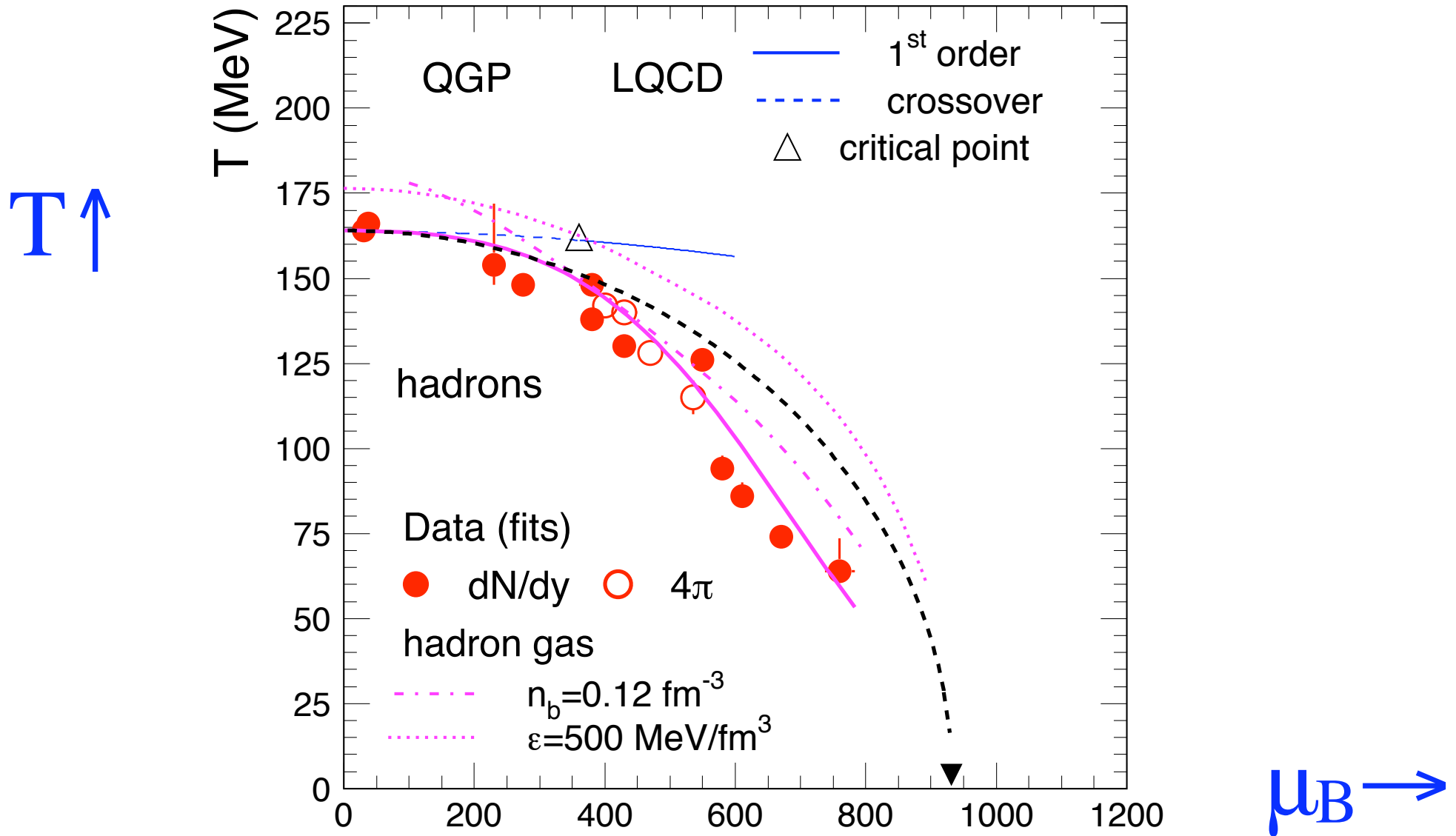


*So what does this have to do with experiment?*

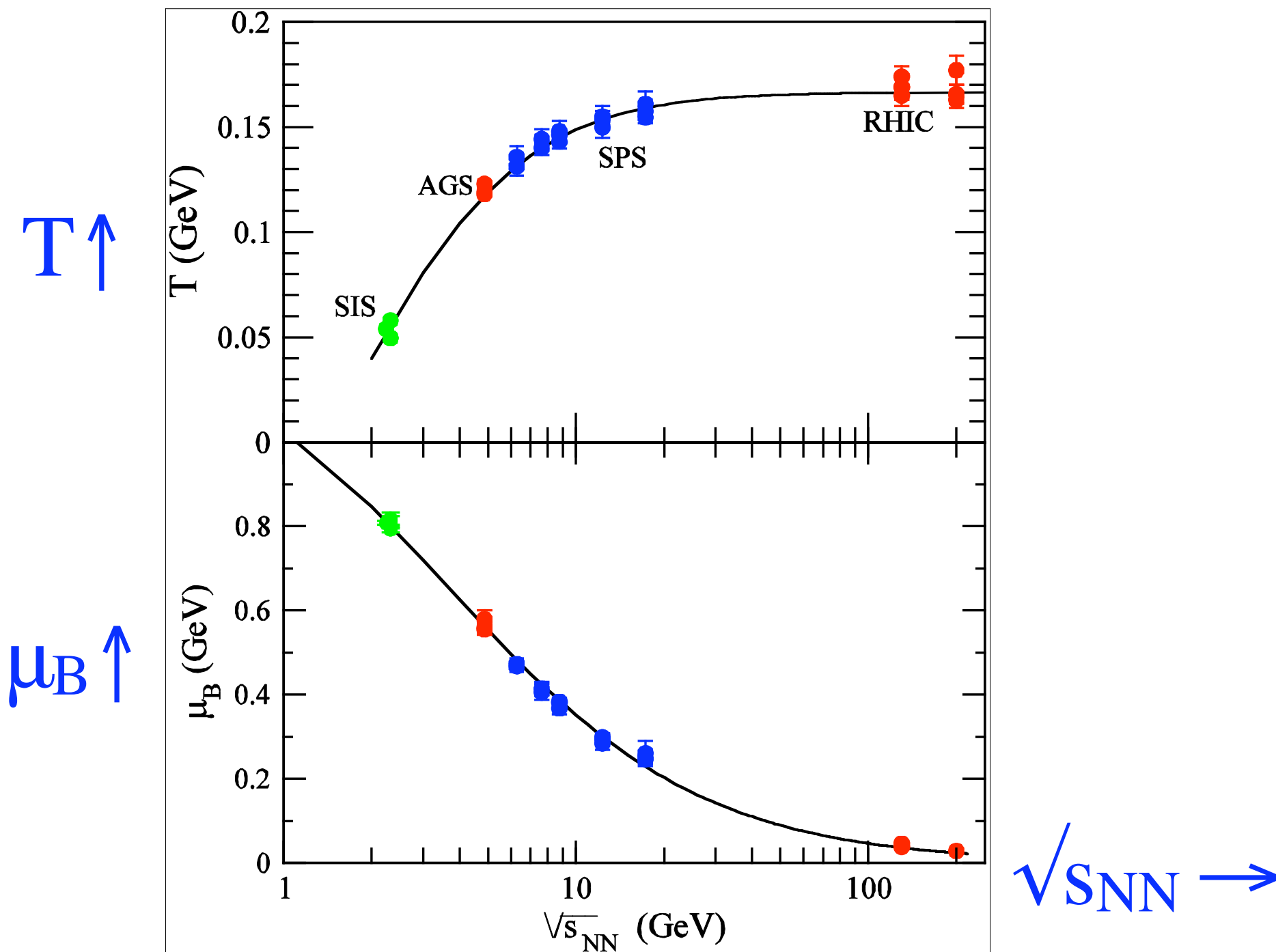
Strange “MatterHorn”  $\approx$  Triple Point?

# Wonderous utility of statistical/hadron resonance gas models

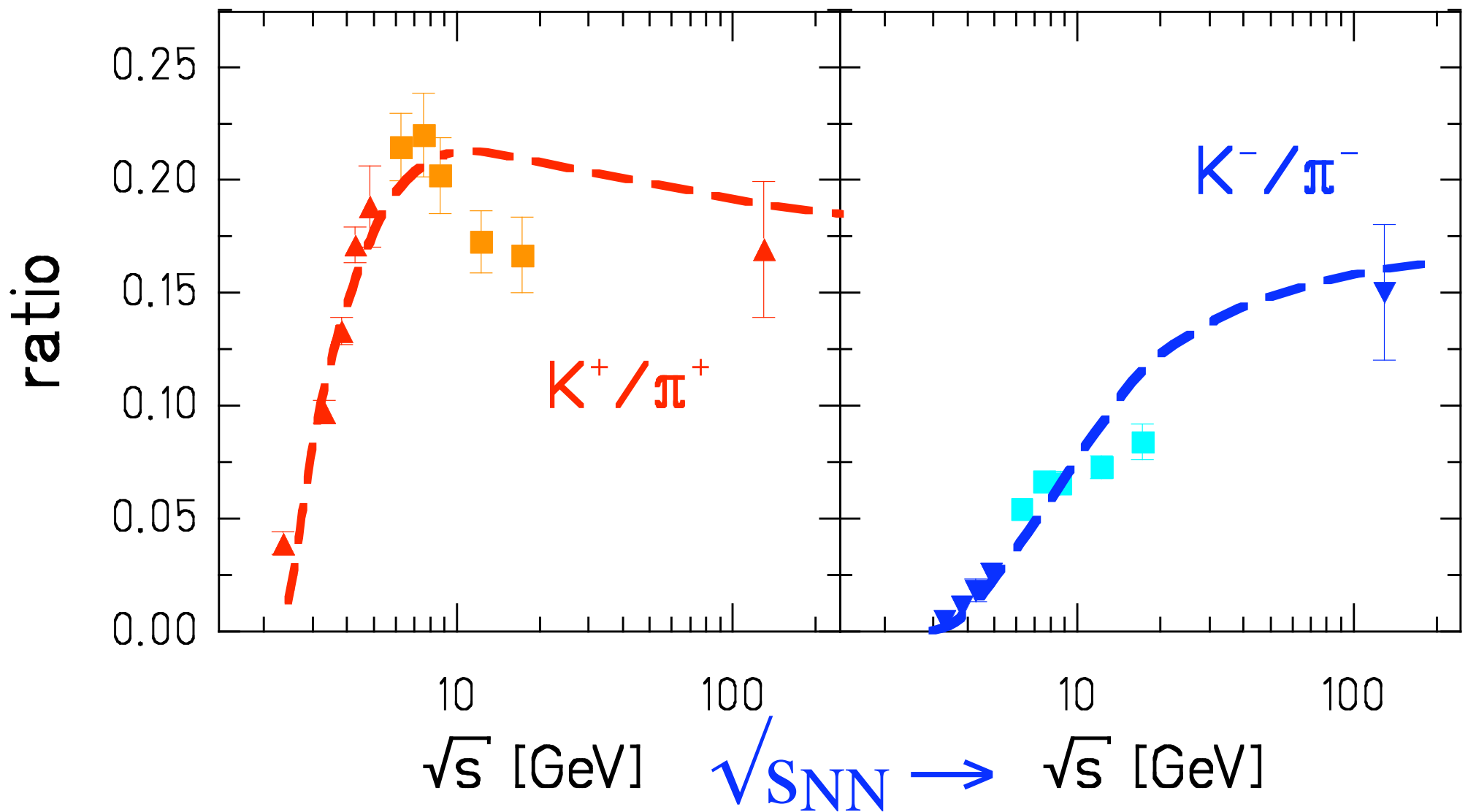
Chemical equilibration at SIS, AGS, SPS, RHIC, and onto NICA and FAIR:  
Braun-Munzinger, Cleymans, Oeschler, Redlich, Stachel  
plus: Bialas, Biro, Broniowski, Florkowski, Levai, Ko, Satz + ...



# Smooth evolution in $T$ , $\mu_{\text{Baryon}}$ with $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$



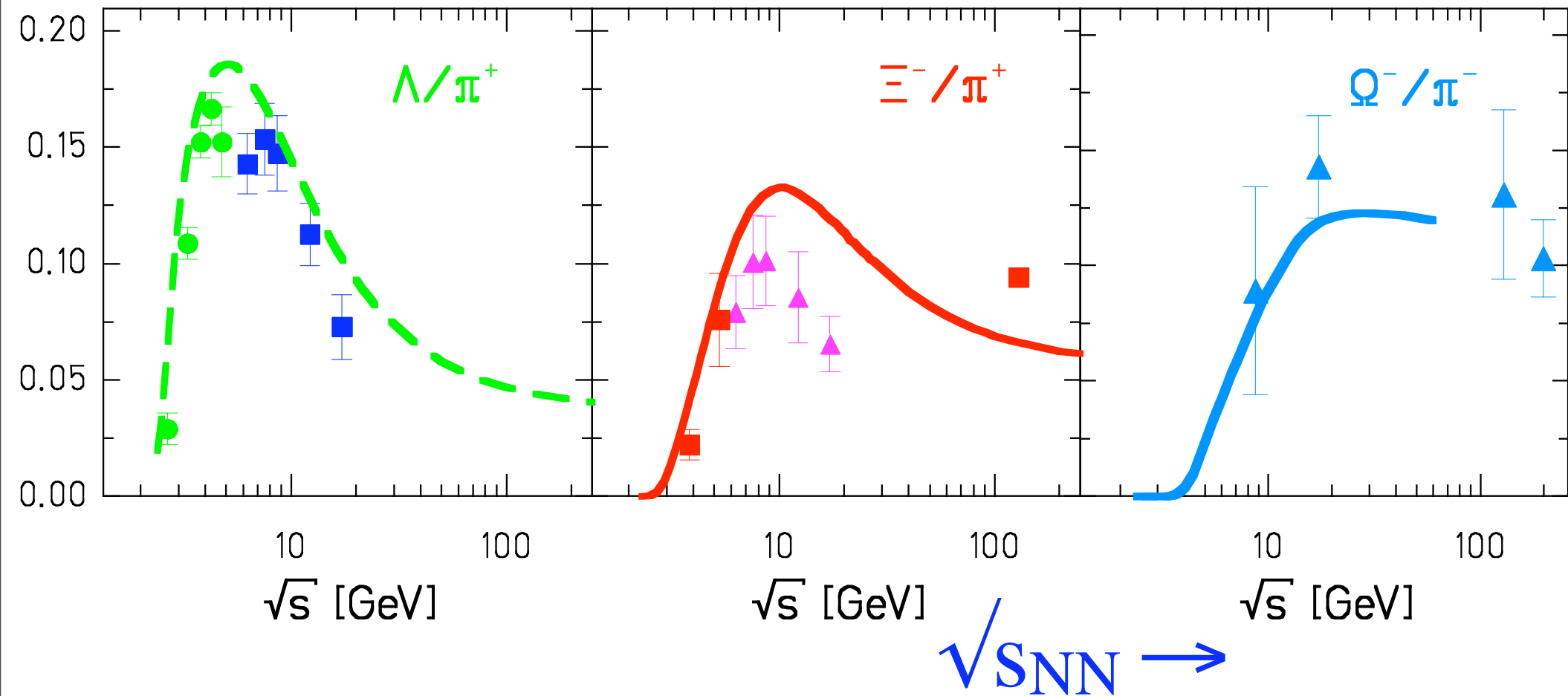
# Strange MatterHorn: peak in $K^+/\pi^+$ , *not* $K^-/\pi^-$





# Strange MatterHorn: also in baryons

*Natural* to have peaks in  $K^+/\pi^+$ , strange baryons: start with (s s-bar) pairs.  
At  $\mu \neq 0$ , strange quarks combine into baryons, anti-strange into pions.  
For different baryons, peaks do not occur at same energy, but nearby, so not true phase transition, but approximate.

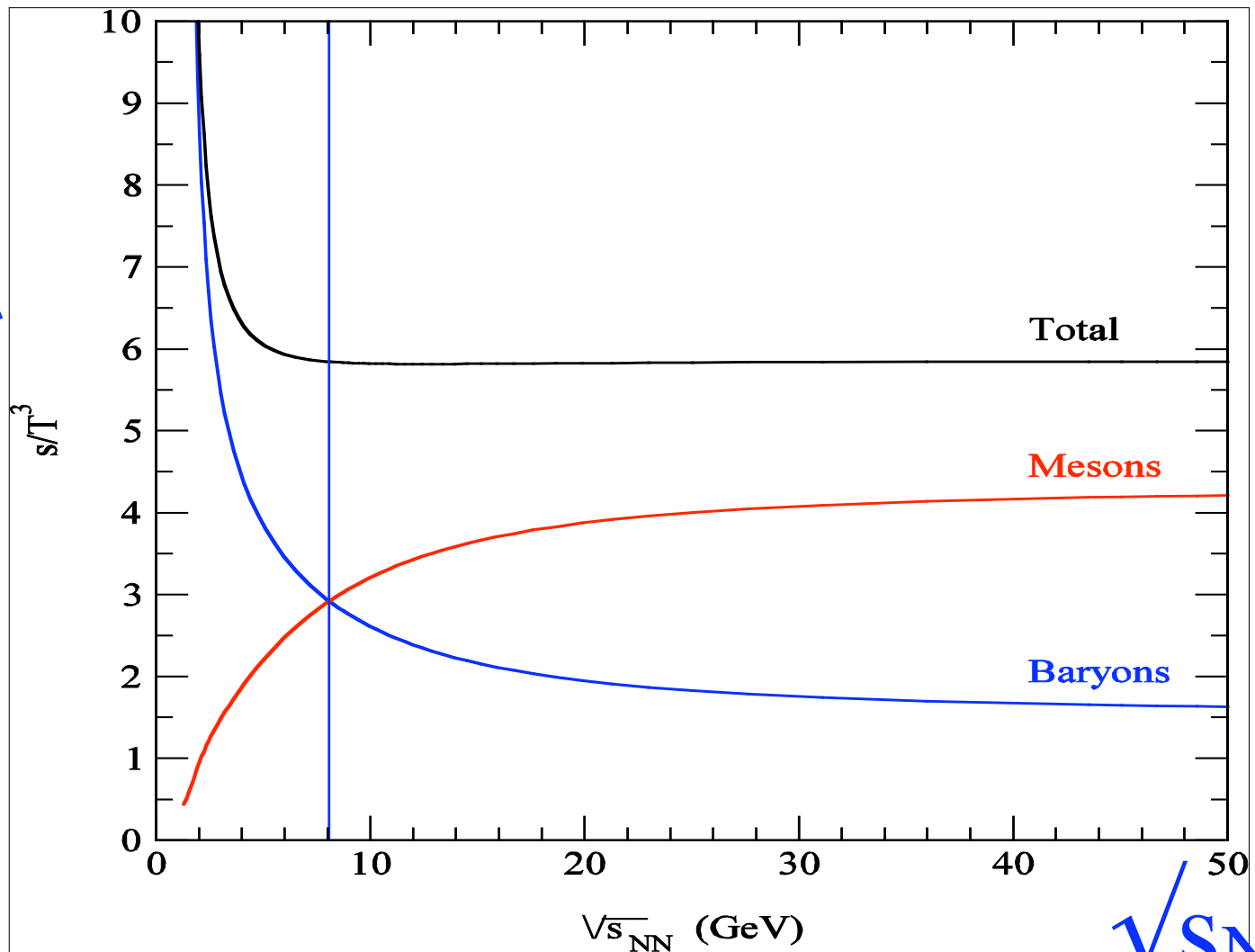


# Strange MatterHorn and the triple point?

Usual explanation of MatterHorn: transition from baryons to mesons at freezeout.

Or: changing from Hadronic/Quarkyonic boundary to Hadronic/QGP boundary:  
i.e., (approximate) triple point.

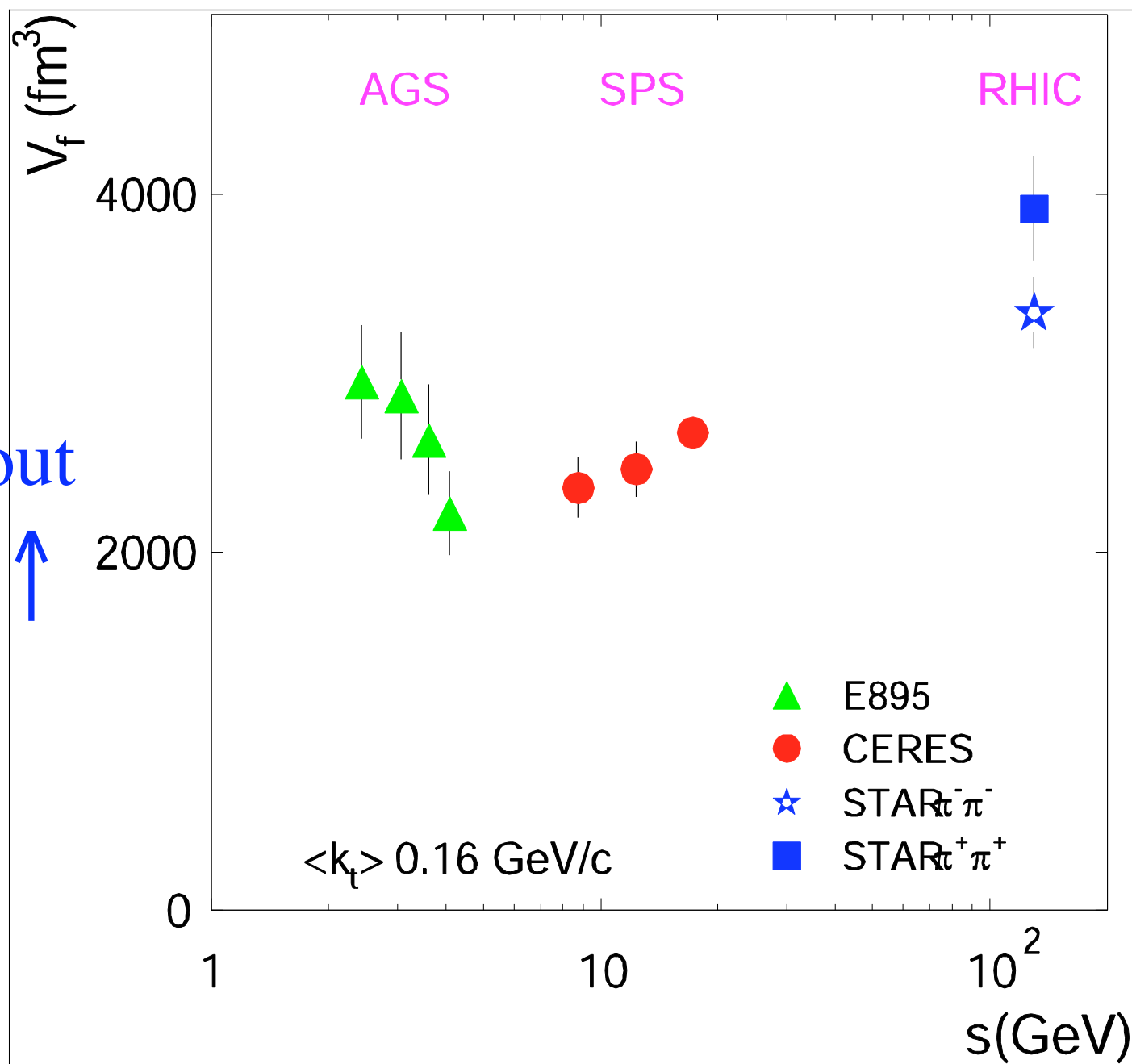
entropy  
density/ $T^3$   $\uparrow$



$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$   $\rightarrow$

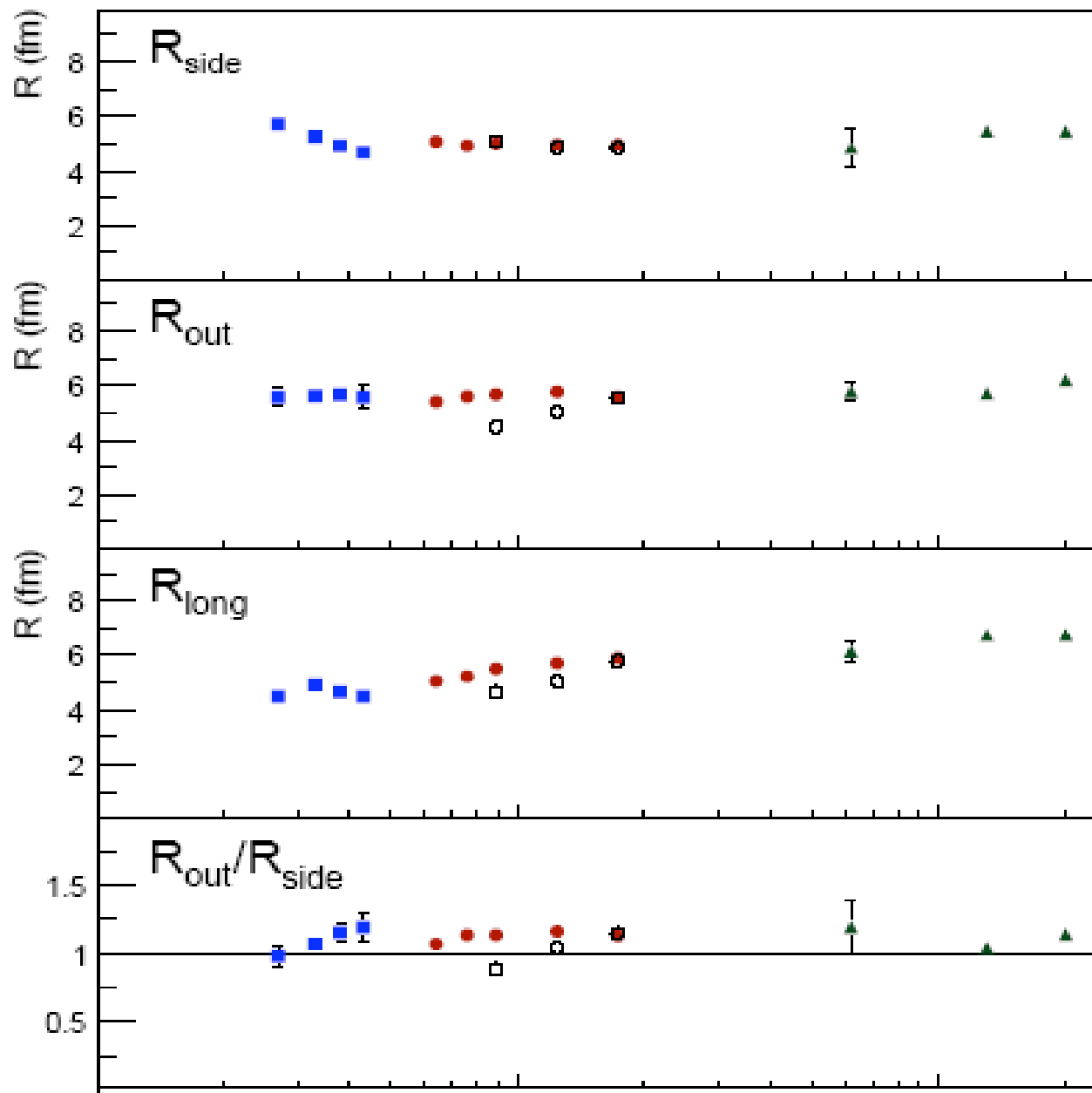
# HBT radii: minimum near strange MatterHorn?

freeze out  
volume ↑



$\sqrt{s_{NN}} \rightarrow$

# HBT radii: flat from NA49.



$\sqrt{S_{NN}} \rightarrow$

# Triple point versus critical end point

Critical endpoint: correlation lengths *diverge*.

Hence: HBT radii should *increase*.

Effects should be greatest on the lightest particles, *not* the heaviest:

$K^+/\pi^+$  should *decrease*, not *increase*. *Neither* is seen in the data.

Assume that at triple point, chiral transition splits from deconfining.

Leading operator which couples the two transitions is

Mocsy, Sannino, & Tuominen, hep-ph/0301229, 0306069, 0308135, 0403160:

$$c_1 \ell \text{tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi \sim c_1 \ell (\pi^2 + K^2 \dots)$$

If this coupling  $c_1$  flips sign, transitions diverge. Hence  $c_1 = 0$  at triple point?

If so, leading coupling then becomes

$$c_2 \ell \text{tr} M \Phi \sim c_2 \ell (m_\pi^2 \pi^2 + m_K^2 K^2 + \dots)$$

This coupling is proportional to mass squared: *bigger* for kaons than pions!

Enhancement of  $K^+/\pi^+$ , strange baryons due to dense environment.

Implicitly: line for chiral transition crossover, not 1st order.

# Quarkyonic Chiral Spirals

# “Chiral spirals” in the chiral Gross-Neveu model

Schon & Thies, hep-th/0003195; 0008175; Thies, 06010243: coined term  
Basar & Dunne, 0806.2659, Basar, Dunne, & Thies, 0903.1868

Chiral Gross-Neveu model  
in 1+1 dimensions:

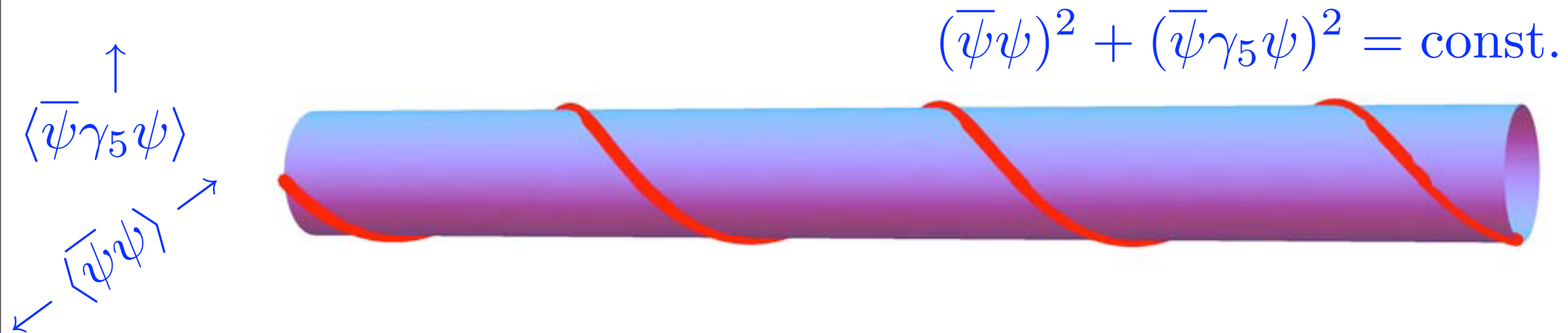
$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi + G \left( (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi)^2 \right)$$

Continuous chiral symmetry:

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i\theta\gamma_5} \psi$$

Model *exactly* soluble as # flavors  $\rightarrow \infty$ .

At  $\mu \neq 0$ : periodic structure (crystal) which *oscillates* in space: “*chiral spiral*”  
In chiral limit, oscillations symmetric about zero.



Why lattice? Bosonization in 1+1 dim.'s:

Fermion current gives spatially varying scalar field

$$\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \psi = \partial_1 \phi$$

# Chiral spiral for QCD in 1+1 dimensions

Bringoltz, 0901.4035: 't Hooft model, QCD in 1+1 D, with *massive* quarks.

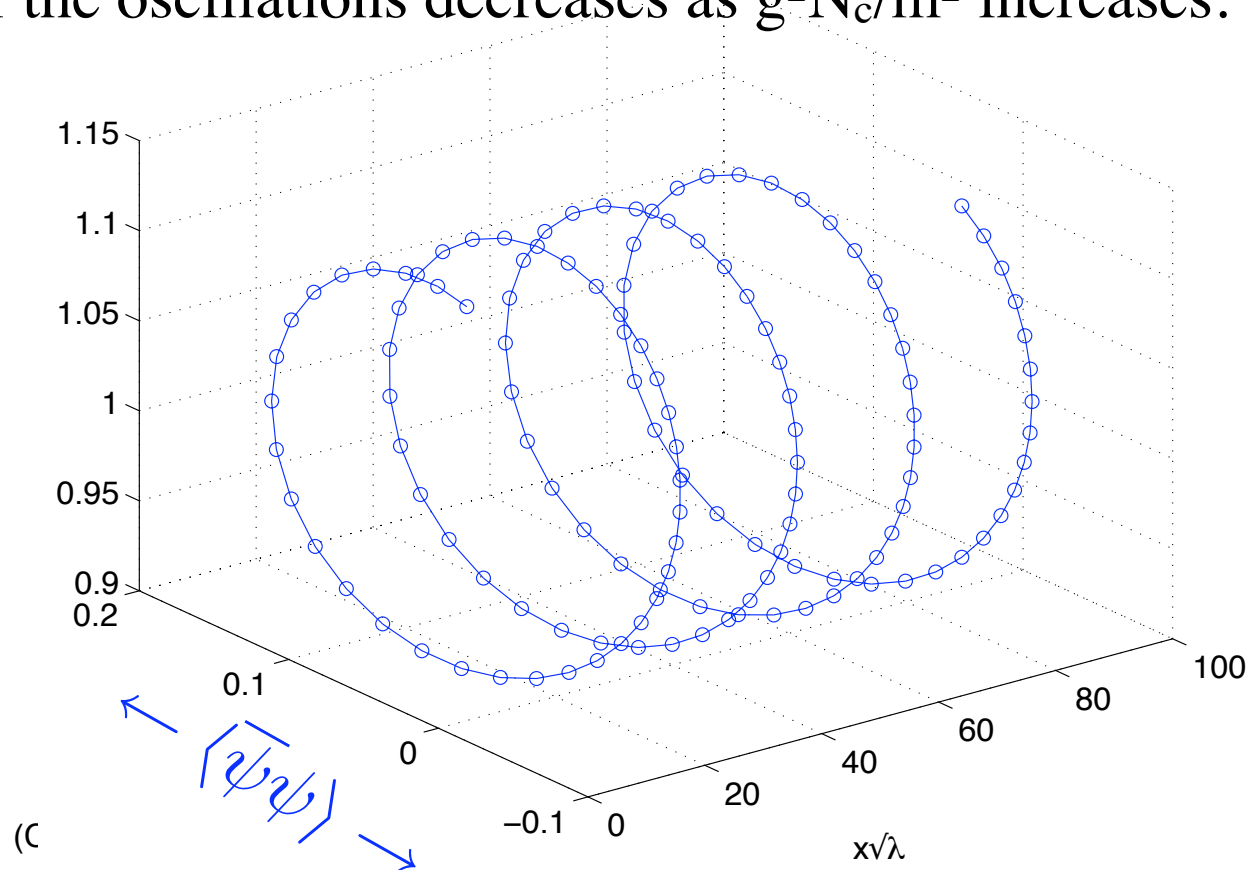
Works in Coulomb gauge, in *canonical* ensemble: fixed baryon number.

Solves numerically equations of motion under constraint of nonzero baryon #

Finds “chiral spiral”, with oscillations about *nonzero* value:

magnitude of the oscillations decreases as  $g^2 N_c / m^2$  increases.

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi \rangle$$





# Quarkyonic Matter: from 4D to 2D

Simplest model of confinement:  $\Delta_{\text{gluon}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\sigma}{(P^2)^2} \left( \delta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{P^\mu P^\nu}{P^2} \right)$

Bethe-Salpeter kernel for a meson:



For quarks near the Fermi surface, can neglect transverse momenta,  $p_\perp$ :

$$ip_0 - \mu + \sqrt{(p_F + p_1)^2 + p_\perp^2} \approx ip_0 + p_1 + p_\perp^2 / 2\mu + \dots$$

So can integrate over  $p_\perp$   
in the gluon propagator:

$$\int d^2 p_\perp \frac{1}{(p_0^2 + p_1^2 + p_\perp^2)^2} = \frac{1}{p_0^2 + p_1^2}$$

End up with an effective model for QCD (at nonzero density) in 1+1 dimensions.

# $SU(2 N_f)$ symmetry for $N_f$ flavors of 2D quarks

Start with a chiral basis:

$$\psi_{R,L} = (1 \pm \gamma_5) \psi / 2$$

and introduce helicity projections:

$$\psi_{R\pm,L\pm} = (1 \pm \gamma_0 \gamma_1) \psi / 2$$

Effective quark Lagrangian in 1+1 D: **Shuster & Son, hep-ph/9905448**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{qk}} = \sum_{R,L} \sum_{\pm} \bar{\psi}_{R\pm,L\pm} (\gamma^0 (\partial_0 - i\mu) + \gamma^1 \partial_1) \psi_{R\pm,L\pm}$$

For  $N_f$  flavors, have  $SU(2N_f)$  symmetry in 1+1 D. Like heavy quark symmetry.

1+1 D Dirac matrices =  $\Gamma^\mu$  :  $\Gamma_5 = \Gamma^0 \Gamma^1$  .

For one flavor:

$$\Psi = (\psi_{R+}, \psi_{R-}, \psi_{L-}, \psi_{L+})$$

QCD Lagrangian maps directly:

$$(\bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma^1 \psi) \rightarrow (\bar{\Psi} \Gamma^0 \Psi, \bar{\Psi} \Gamma^1 \Psi)$$

Condensates map as:

$$(\bar{\psi} \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \psi) \rightarrow (\bar{\Psi} \Psi, \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_5 \Psi)$$

Many terms break  $SU(2N_f)$  symmetry:

$$\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \tau_3 \psi \rightarrow \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_5 \tau_3 \Psi$$

# Chiral Spirals in 1+1 D and 3+1 D

Effective quark Lagrangian in 1+1 D: 2D gluons plus 2D quarks:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{qk}} = \bar{\Psi} (i\not{D}_{2D} + \mu\Gamma^0) \Psi ; g_{2D}^2 = g^2 \sigma$$

Perform anomalous chiral rotation *linear* in x:  $\Psi \rightarrow \exp(i\mu\Gamma_5 x) \Psi$

Find: anomalous chiral rotation *removes*  $\mu$  from quark Lagrangian.

Fischler, Kogut & Susskind '79 :  $\Gamma^1 \Gamma_5 = \Gamma^0$

*In 1+1 dimensions, Fermi sea => vacuum.*

Where is the Fermi density? From the anomaly. Chiral condensate:

$$\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle_{\mu=0} \rightarrow \cos(2\mu x) \langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle_{\mu} + i \sin(2\mu x) \langle \bar{\Psi} \Gamma_5 \Psi \rangle_{\mu}$$

$\langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle_{\mu=0} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  Chiral Spiral (= Chiral Density Wave) in Fermi sea.

For 4D quarks, chiral spiral = condensate in helicity:

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle = \cos(2\mu x) c ; \langle \bar{\psi} \gamma^0 \gamma^1 \psi \rangle = i \sin(2\mu x) c$$

# (Many) Massless Modes about Chiral Spirals

Excitations near the Fermi surface:

Witten '84: non-Abelian bosonization for QCD.  $a, b = 1 \dots N_c$ .  $i, j = 1 \dots N_f$ .

$$J_+^{ij} = \bar{\psi}^{a,i} \psi^{a,j} \sim g^{-1} \partial_+ g ; \quad J_+^{ab} = \bar{\psi}^{a,i} \psi^{b,i} \sim h^{-1} \partial_+ h .$$

Steinhardt '80. Affleck '86. Frishman & Sonnenschein, hep-th/920717...

Armoni, Frishman, & Sonnenschein, hep-th/0011043..

QCD in 1+1 D: “fractionalization” of color and flavor.

Flavor currents: Wess-Zumino Witten model. *Many* massless excitations!

Color currents: gauged WZW model. Massive excitations of 't Hooft model

1+1 D: only quasi long range order. At large  $N_c$ , disorders at scales  $\exp(-N_c)$ .

Effective 1+1D model embedded in 3+1D.

Transverse dimensions: break  $SU(2 N_f)$  to  $SU(N_f)$ , produce true long range order.

# Quarkyonic Chiral Spirals versus ...

Chiral Density Waves (CDW) in *perturbative* regime:

Deryagin, Grigoriev, & Rubakov '92. Shuster & Son, hep-ph/9905448.

Rapp, Shuryak, and Zahed, hep-ph/0008207.

Shuster & Son: in perturbative regime, CDW only wins for  $N_c > 1000 N_f!$

Large  $N_c$ : Quarkyonic Chiral Spirals until  $\mu \sim \sqrt{N_c}$ .

QCD: *certainly* color superconductivity for asymptotically high density.

*Quarkyonic Chiral Spirals (QCS) for intermediate density? Both pionic & kaonic*

QCS analogous to pion condensation: (Migdal '71, Sawyer & Scalapino '72...)

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \cos(2\mu x) \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_0 ; \langle \bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi \rangle = i \sin(2\mu x) \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_0$$

Pion condensation *like* chiral spiral in 1+1 D, *differs* from QCS in 3+1 D.

3+1 D NJL models (Nickel 0906.5295): flavor sym in 3+1 D  $\neq$  1+1 D so *no* QCS

Kaon condensation (Kaplan & Nelson '86) constant  $\langle K^- \rangle$ , *not* QCS.

*Do* expect kaonic QCS in QCD (if pionic QCS exist)!

The unbearable lightness of being (nuclear matter)

# Nucleon-nucleon potentials from the lattice

Ishii, Aoki & Hatsuda, PACS-CS, 0903.5497

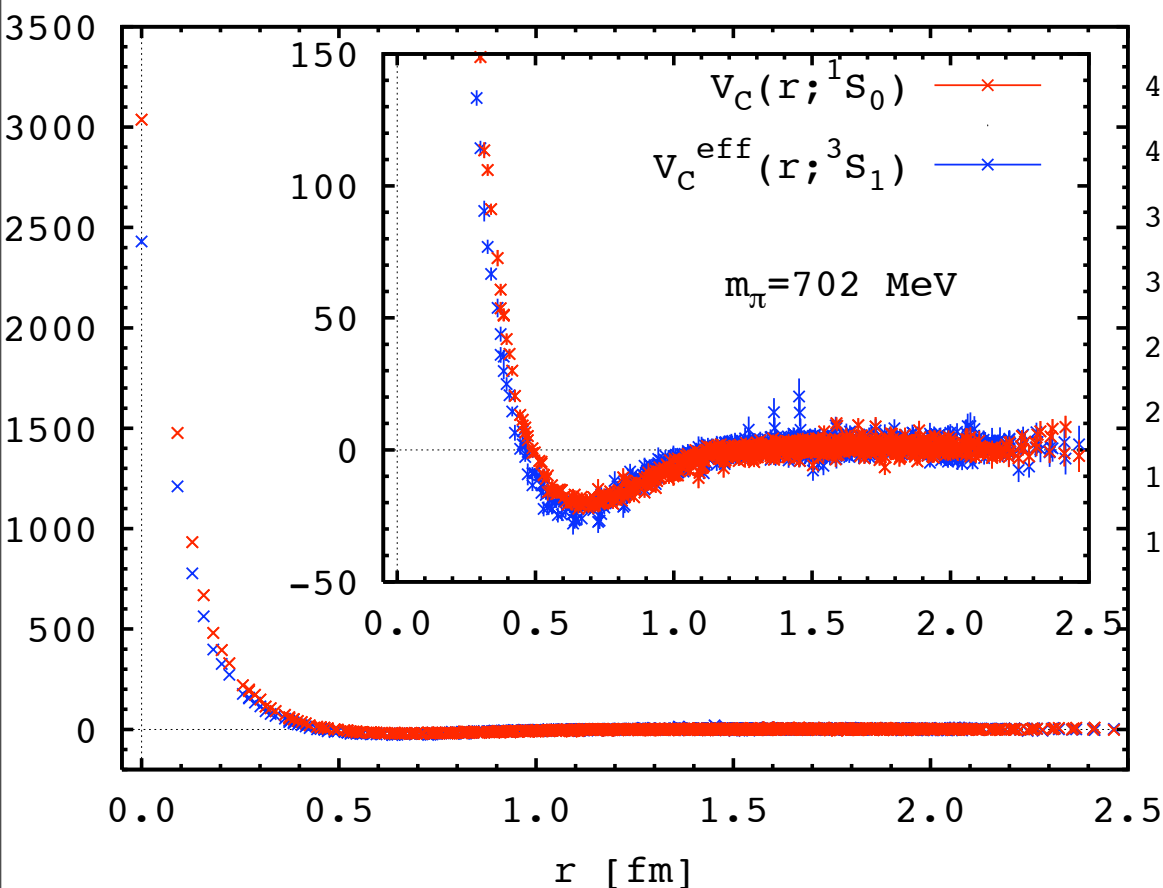
Nucleon-nucleon potentials from quenched and 2+1 flavors.

Pions heavy: 700 MeV (left) and 300 MeV (right)

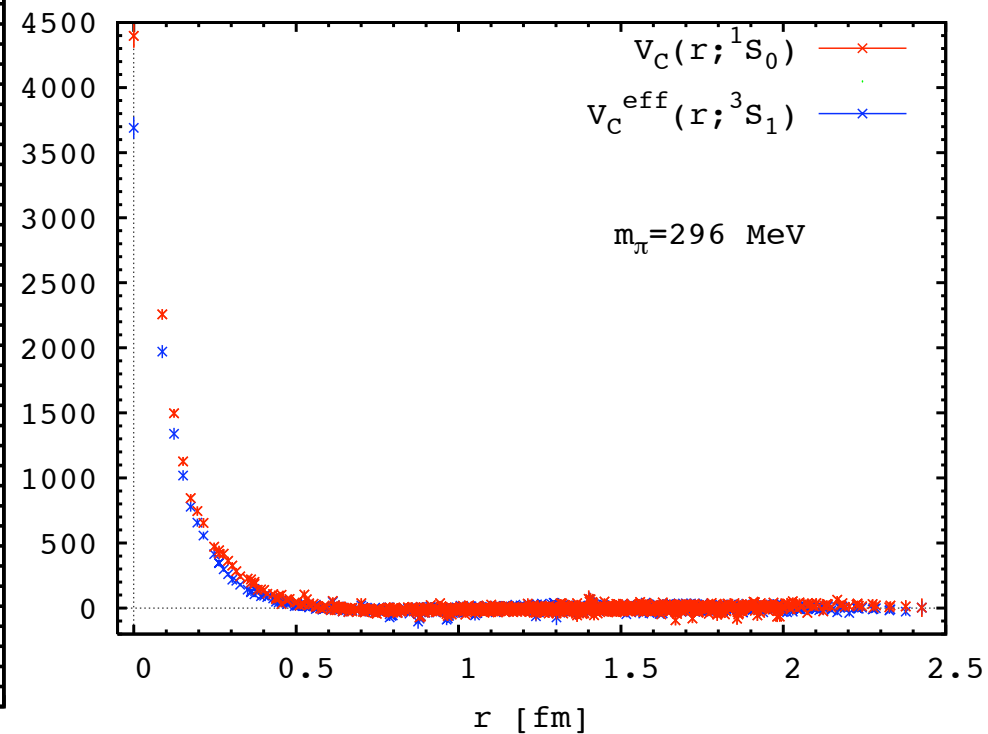
Standard lore: delicate cancellation. *So why independent of pion mass?*

Essentially zero potential plus strong hard core repulsion

$m_\pi = 702 \text{ MeV}$



$m_\pi = 296 \text{ MeV}$



# Purely pionic nuclear matter

At infinite  $N_c$ , integrate out *all* degrees of freedom *except* pions:

Lagrangian power series in  $U = e^{i\pi/f_\pi}$ ,  $V_\mu = U^\dagger \partial_\mu U$

*Infinite # couplings*: Skyrme *plus* complete Gasser-Leutwyler expansion,

$$\mathcal{L}_\pi = f_\pi^2 V_\mu^2 + \kappa [V_\mu, V_\nu]^2 + c_1 (V_\mu^2)^2 + c_2 (V_\mu^2)^3 + \dots$$

All couplings  $\sim N_c$ , every mass scale  $\sim$  typical hadronic.

Need *infinite* series, but nothing (special) depends upon exact values

Valid for momenta  $< f_\pi$ , masses of sigma, omega, rho...

*Large  $N_c$  version of in-medium chiral perturbation theory:*

W. Weise & ...: 0808.0856, 0802.2212, 0801.1467, 0712.1613, 0707.3154 +...

Higher time derivatives, but no acausality at low momenta.



# Purely pionic nuclear matter: *free* baryons

From purely pionic Lagrangian, take baryon as stationary point.

Find baryon mass  $\sim N_c$ , some function of couplings.

Couplings of baryon dictated by chiral symmetry:

$$\bar{\psi} \left( i\not{\partial} + M_B e^{i\tau \cdot \pi \gamma_5 / f_\pi} \right) \psi$$

By chiral rotation,  $W = \exp(-i\pi\gamma_5/2f_\pi)$

$$\mathcal{L}_B = \bar{\psi} (iW^\dagger \not{\partial} W + M_B) \psi \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi} \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \not{\partial} \pi \psi + \dots$$

At large  $\sim N_c$ ,  $f_\pi \sim N_c^{1/2}$  is *big*. Thus for momenta  $k <$  hadronic, interactions are *small*,  $\sim 1/f_\pi^2 \sim 1/N_c$ .

Thus: baryons from chiral Lag. free at large  $N_c$ , down to distances  $1/f_\pi$ .

Manifestly special to chiral baryons. True for u, d, s, but *not* charm?

# The Unbearable Lightness of Being (Nuclear Matter)

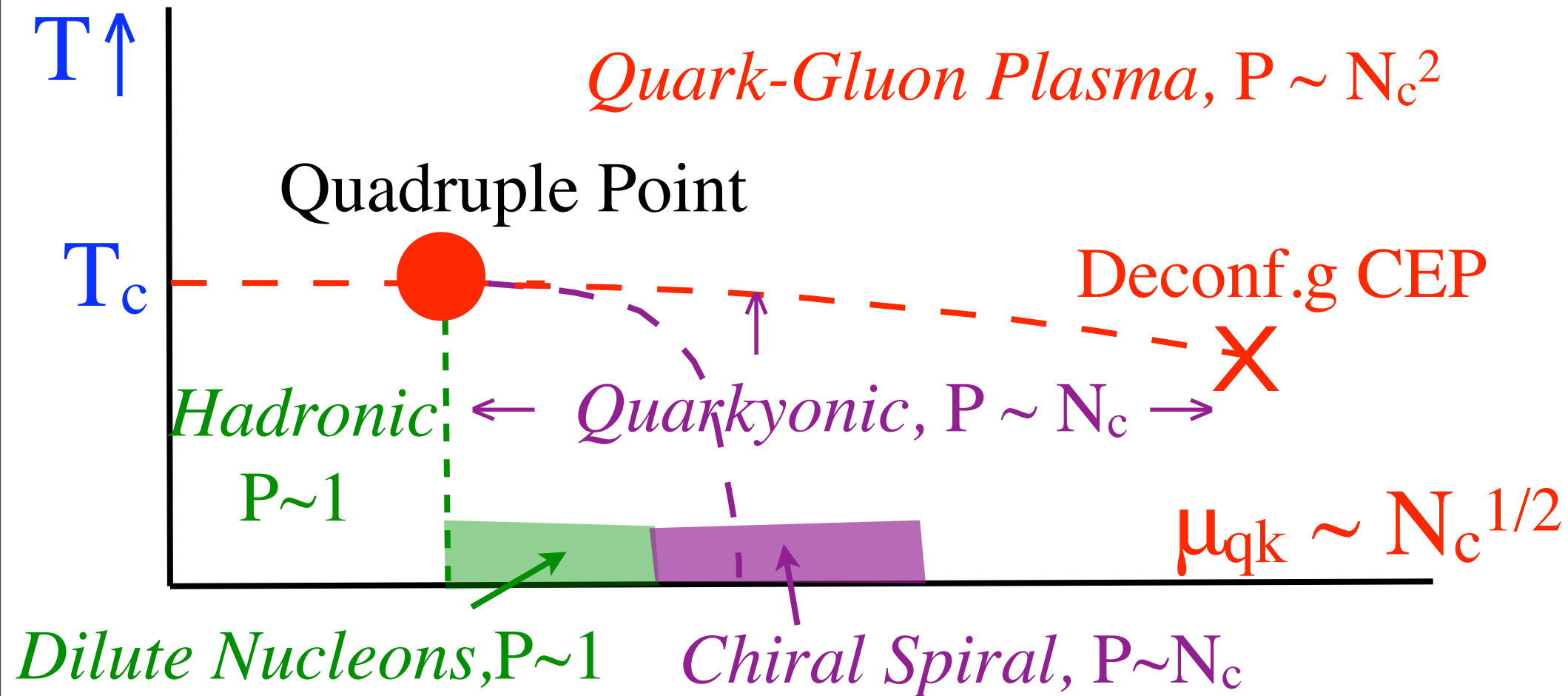
Use purely pionic Lagrangian for all of nuclear matter?

Then pressure  $\sim 1$ , and *not*  $N_c$ . Like hadronic phase, *not* quarkyonic.

Unlike standard lore, where pressure(nucl mat) grows quickly,  $\sim N_c$

Red line: 1st order. Green line: Baryons condense. Purple: chiral trans.

IF chiral transition 1st order, etc, Quadruple Point where *four* phases coexist.



# Today's phase diagram for QCD

