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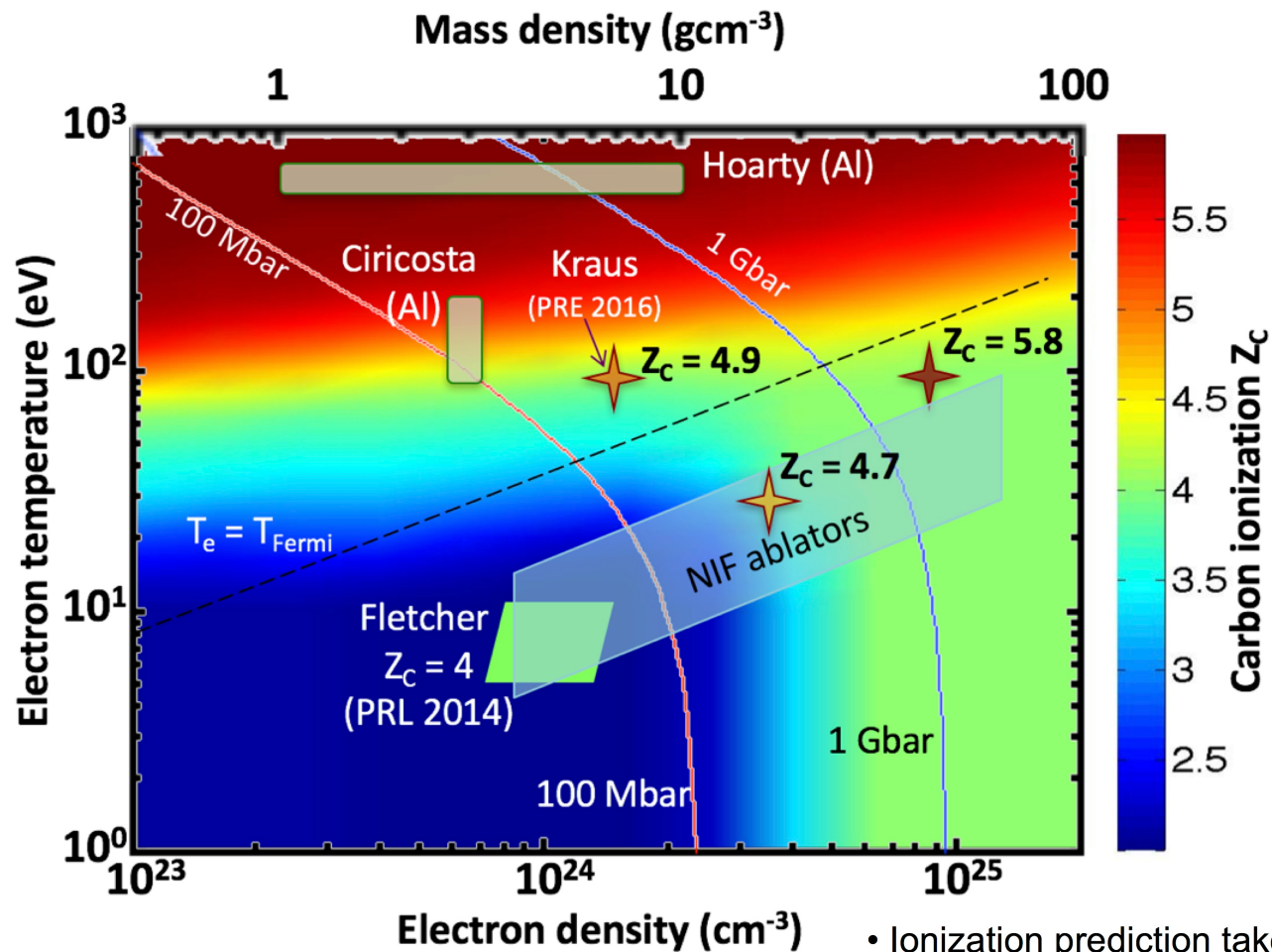
Many-particle systems under extreme conditions

Cluster-virial expansions for correlated matter

G. Röpke, Rostock

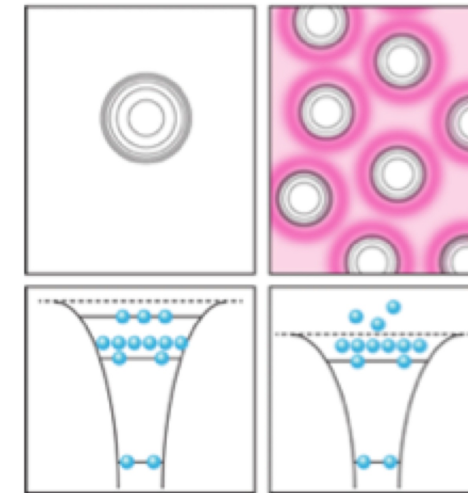


NIF XRTS experiments find higher carbon K-shell ionization than predicted by widely used IPD models (Stewart & Pyatt, OPAL)



• Ionization prediction taken from OPAL

Rogers et al., APJ **456**, 902 (1996)



★ NIF data point

Hoarty et al., PRL **110**, 265003 (2013)

Ciricosta et al., PRL **109**, 065002 (2012)

Fletcher et al., PRL **112**, 145004 (2014)

Kraus et al., PRE **94**, 011202(R) (2016)

[C. Lin et al., PRE **96**, 013202 (2017)]

Nuclear matter phase diagram

Core collapse supernovae

Relevant Parameters:

- **density:**

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

with nuclear saturation density

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

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

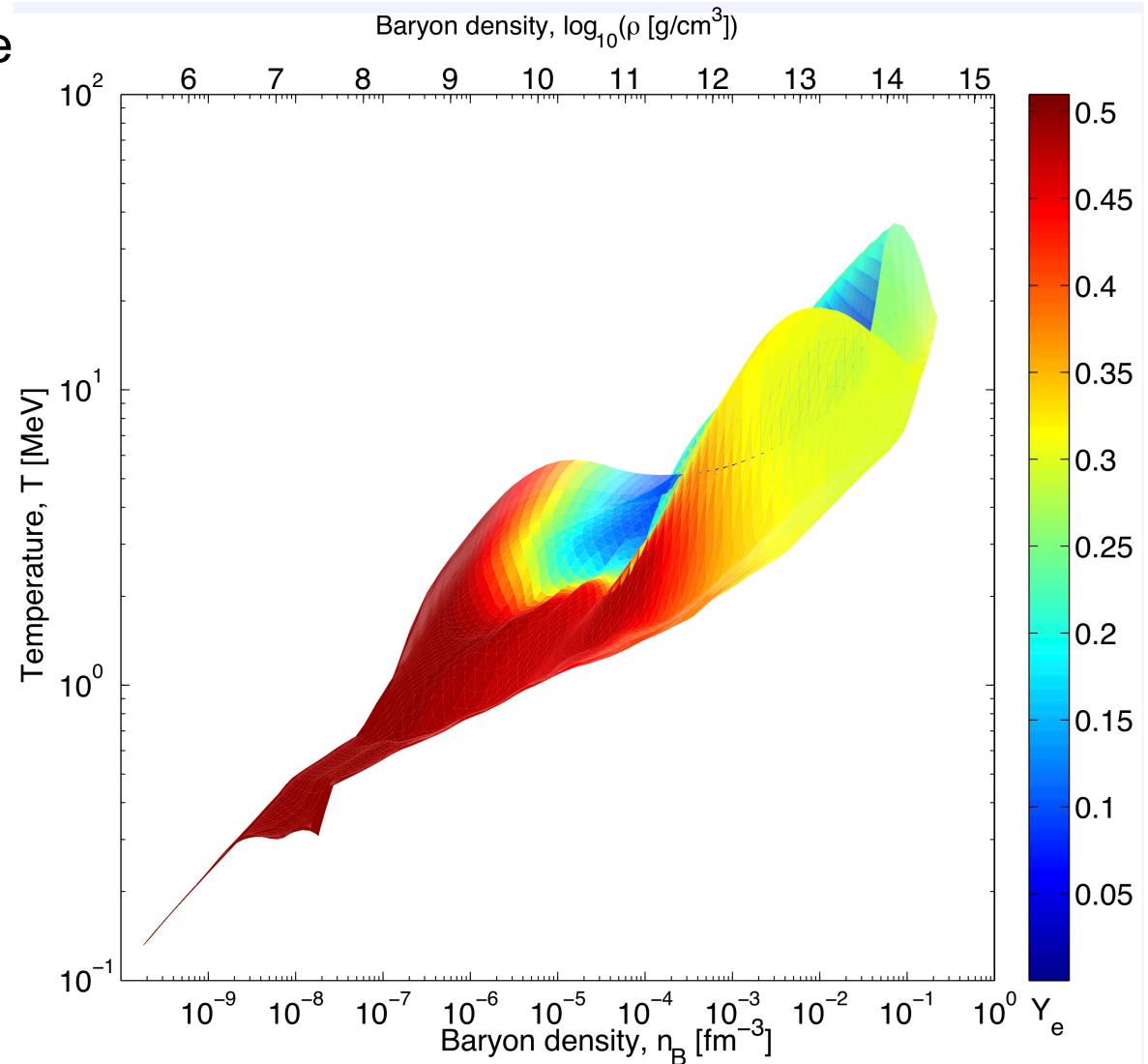
- **temperature:**

$$0 \text{ MeV} \leq k_B T \lesssim 50 \text{ MeV}$$

$$(\hat{=} 5.8 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ K})$$

- **electron fraction:**

$$0 \leq Y_e \lesssim 0.6$$



Outline

1. Equation of state and virial expansions in plasmas
Virial coefficients for the uniform electron gas, interpolation formulas
2. Electrical conductivity: virial expansion for hydrogen plasmas
Inclusion of electron-electron collisions
3. Beth-Uhlenbeck formula for the second virial coefficient
In-medium Schroedinger equation for nuclear matter
4. Cross-over Bose Einstein condensate – BCS pairing
Quartetting in low-density nuclear matter, Hoyle state and α decay
5. Cluster Beth-Uhlenbeck formula, few-body problem, continuum
Cluster-mean field, composition, freeze-out concept

1. Equations of state

many-particle system, temperature T , volume Ω , particle number N , density $n=N/\Omega$
thermodynamic potential: Free energy $F(T, \Omega, N)$

pressure
$$p(T, n) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \Omega} F(T, \Omega, N) \right) \Big|_{T, N}$$

mean potential energy
$$V(T, \Omega, N) = e^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial (e^2)} F(T, \Omega, N)$$

quantum statistical approach: grand canonical ensemble

statistical operator, $T = 1/\beta$, μ chemical potential/ T

$$\rho(\beta, \mu) = \frac{1}{Z_{g.c.}} e^{-\beta H + \mu N} \quad Z_{g.c.} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H + \mu N} \quad p\Omega = -k_B T \ln Z_{g.c.}$$

density
$$n(T, \mu) = \frac{1}{V_{\text{ol}}} \int d^3r \langle \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

$$\text{Tr} \{ \rho \psi^\dagger(1', t') \psi(1, t) \} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \omega (t' - t)} \overset{\text{Fermi function}}{f(\omega)} \underset{\text{spectral function}}{A(1, 1'; \omega)}$$

Correlation function
Green's function method

path integral Monte Carlo (PIMC) simulations

Virial expansions

short-range interaction

$$p^{\text{sr}}(T, n) = b_1^{\text{sr}}(T)n + b_2^{\text{sr}}(T)n^2 + b_3^{\text{sr}}(T)n^3 + \dots$$

second virial coefficient: classical limit $b_2^{\text{sr}}(T) = k_B T \int d^3r (e^{-V(r)/k_B T} - 1)$

Coulomb systems: long-range Coulomb interaction

$$F(T, \Omega, N) = \Omega k_B T \left\{ n \ln n + [\ln(\Lambda^3) - 1]n - A_0(T)n^{3/2} - A_1(T)n^2 \ln n - A_2(T)n^2 - A_3(T)n^{5/2} \ln n - A_4(T)n^{5/2} + \mathcal{O}(n^3 \ln n) \right\}$$

Debye $A_0(T) = \kappa^3 / (12\pi n^{3/2})$ screening parameter $\kappa^2 = ne^2 / (\epsilon_0 k_B T)$

second virial coefficient $A_2(T) = 2\pi\lambda^3 K(\xi) + \frac{\pi}{3} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 k_B T} \right)^3 \ln(\kappa\lambda/n^{1/2})$

thermal wave length $\lambda^2 = \hbar^2 / (mk_B T)$ $\xi = -e^2 / (4\pi\epsilon_0 k_B T \lambda) = (\text{Hartree} / k_B T)^{1/2}$

Homogeneous (uniform) electron gas

specific mean potential energy $v = V/N$

virial expansion $\kappa^2 = \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 k_B T}, \quad \lambda^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{mk_B T}, \quad \tau = \frac{e^2 \sqrt{m}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \sqrt{k_B T} \hbar}.$

$$v(T, n) = v_0(T)n^{1/2} + v_1(T)n \ln(\kappa^2 \lambda^2) + v_2(T)n + v_3(T)n^{3/2} \ln(\kappa^2 \lambda^2) + v_4(T)n^{3/2} + \mathcal{O}(n^2 \ln(n))$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_0(T) &= -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{T^{1/2}}, & v_1(T) &= -\frac{\pi}{2T^2}, \\ v_2(T) &= -\frac{\pi}{T} \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}(1 + \ln(2))\frac{1}{T^{1/2}} + \left(\frac{C}{2} + \ln(3) - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{\pi^2}{24} \right) \frac{1}{T} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sqrt{\pi} \sum_{m=4}^{\infty} \frac{m}{2^m \Gamma(m/2 + 1)} \left(\frac{-1}{T^{1/2}} \right)^{m-1} [2\zeta(m-2) - (1 - 4/2^m)\zeta(m-1)] \right], \\ v_3(T) &= -\frac{3\pi^{3/2}}{2T^{7/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

(atomic units)

fourth virial coefficient? $v_4(T)$

analytical expressions from perturbation theory

Mean potential energy

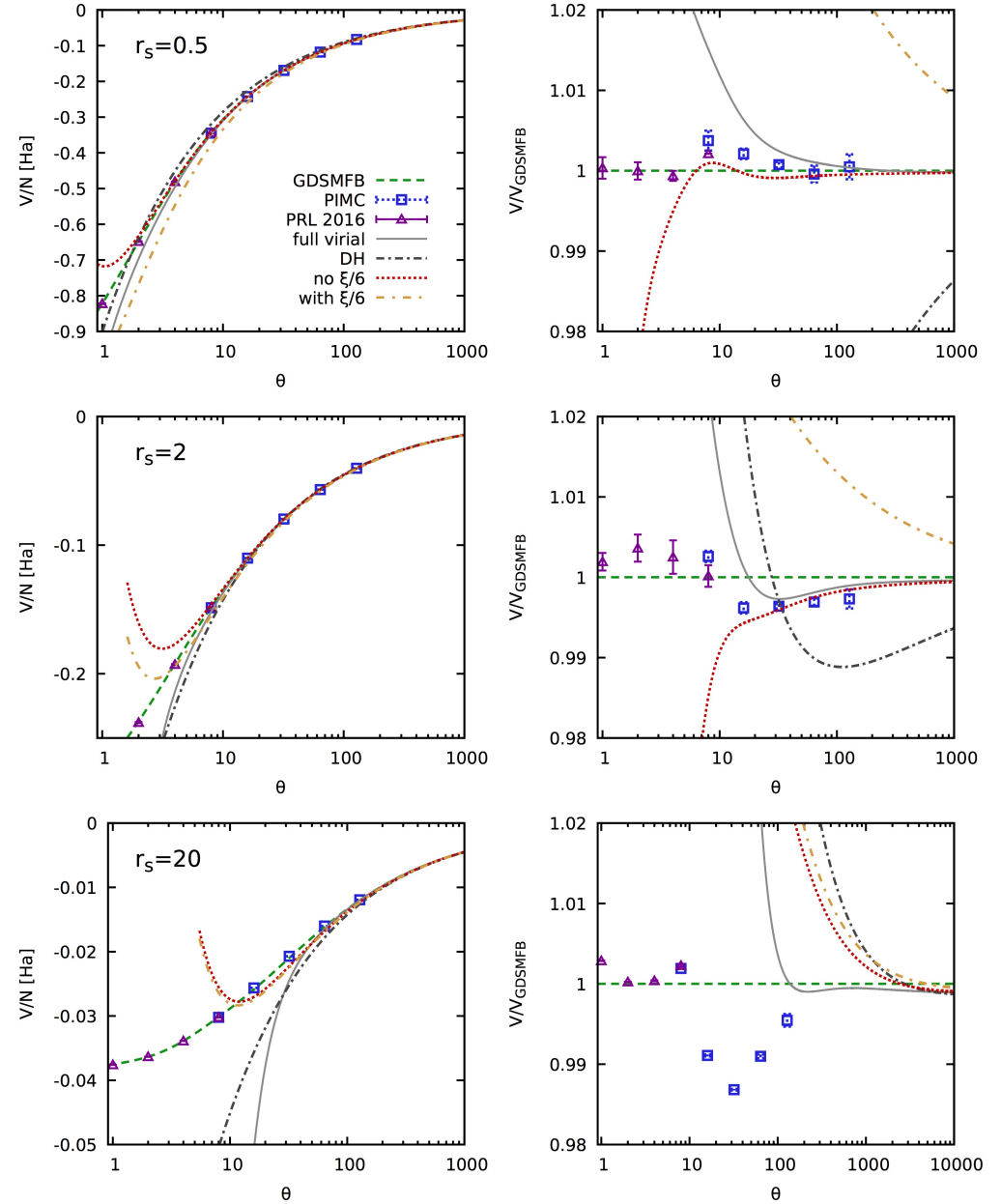
$$\frac{V}{Nk_B T} = -\frac{\kappa^3}{8\pi n} - 2\pi n \lambda^3 \left[-\frac{\xi}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \xi^2 (1 + \ln 2) - \frac{\xi^3}{2} \left(\ln \kappa \lambda + \frac{C}{2} + \ln 3 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\pi^2}{24} \right) \right].$$

$$\frac{V}{Nk_B T} = \frac{V_1}{Nk_B T} + \frac{V_2}{Nk_B T}$$

Exact results, not debated:
Debye, logarithmic ξ^3 -term

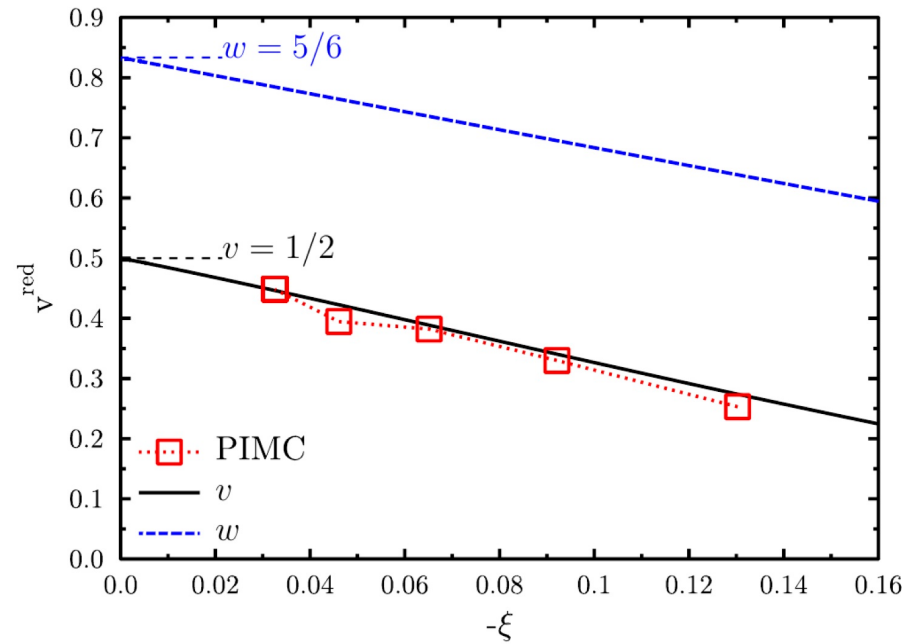
$$\frac{V_1}{Nk_B T} = -\frac{\kappa^3}{8\pi n} + \pi n \lambda^3 \xi^3 \ln(\kappa \lambda)$$

$$v^{\text{red}} = \frac{\Delta v}{\pi n \lambda^3 \xi k_B T} = \left[\frac{V}{Nk_B T} - \frac{V_1}{Nk_B T} \right] \frac{1}{\pi n \lambda^3 \xi}$$



Equation of state of the uniform electron gas

$$v^{\text{red}} = \frac{\Delta v}{\pi n \lambda^3 \xi k_B T} = \left[\frac{V}{N k_B T} - \frac{V_1}{N k_B T} \right] \frac{1}{\pi n \lambda^3 \xi}$$



$$B_2(T) = A_2(T) - \frac{\pi}{3} \lambda^3 \xi$$

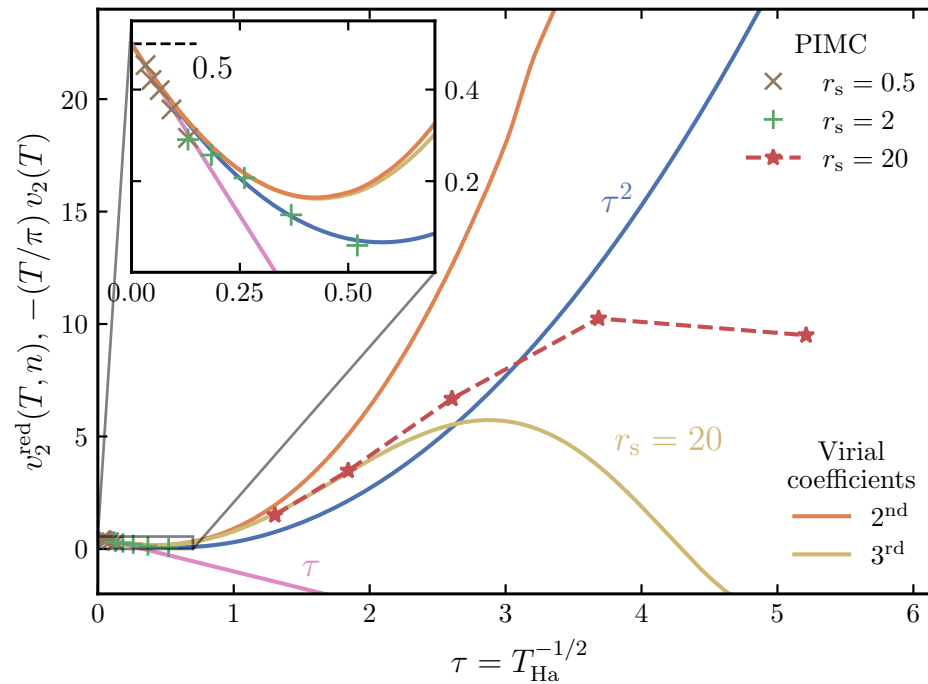
Figure 10. Dependence of the reduced interaction energy per particle v^{red} (56) on the Born parameter ξ for the density of $r_s = 0.5$. Red squares: PIMC data from this work, solid black line labelled v : virial expansion Eq. (45), dashed blue line: including the debated $\xi/6$ term (denoted by w).

Virial plot

extraction of the second virial coefficient

$$v^{(1)}(T, n) = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{T^{1/2}} n^{1/2} - \frac{\pi}{2T^2} n \ln\left(\frac{4\pi n}{T^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_2^{\text{red}}(T, n) &= [v^{\text{PIMC}} - v^{(1)}(T, n)] \frac{-T}{\pi n} = \frac{-T}{\pi} v_2(T) + \mathcal{O}(n^{1/2} \ln(n)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} (1 + \ln(2)) \tau + \left(\frac{C}{2} + \ln(3) - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{\pi^2}{24} \right) \tau^2 + \mathcal{O}(\tau^3) + \mathcal{O}(n^{1/2} \ln(n)) \end{aligned}$$

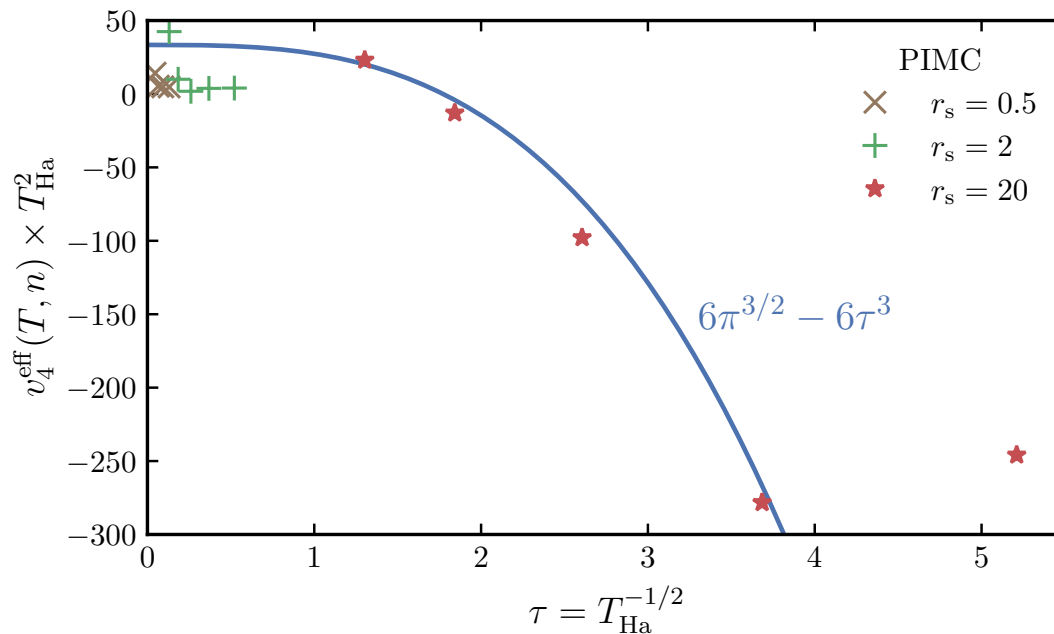


Fourth virial coefficient

extraction of the fourth virial coefficient

$$\Delta v_3^{\text{red}}(T, n) = \left[v^{\text{PIMC}} - v^{(1)}(T, n) - v_2(T)n - v_3(T)n^{3/2} \ln\left(\frac{4\pi n}{T^2}\right) \right] \frac{T}{\pi n},$$

$$v_4^{\text{eff}}(T, n) = \Delta v_3^{\text{red}}(T, n) \frac{\pi}{T n^{1/2}} = v_4(T) + \mathcal{O}(n^{1/2} \ln(n))$$



Interpolation formulas:

G.R., T. Dornheim, J. Vorberger,
D. Blaschke, B. Mahato,
submitted, arXiv: 2310.17583

Two-component plasmas: Thermodynamics of atomic and ionized hydrogen:
Analytical results versus equation-of-state tables and Monte Carlo data

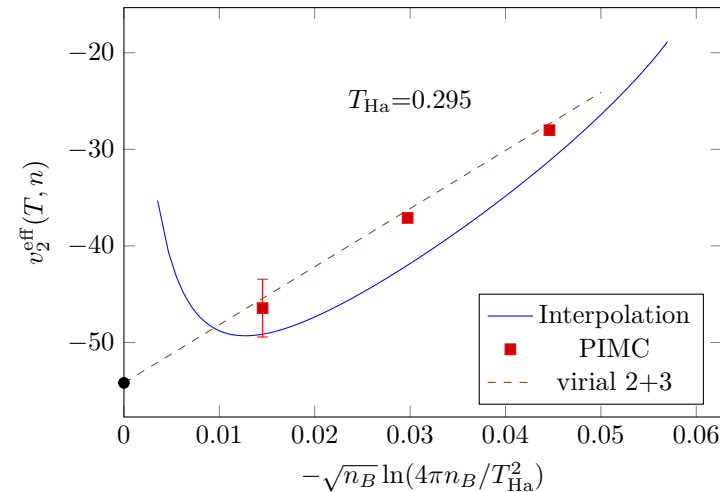
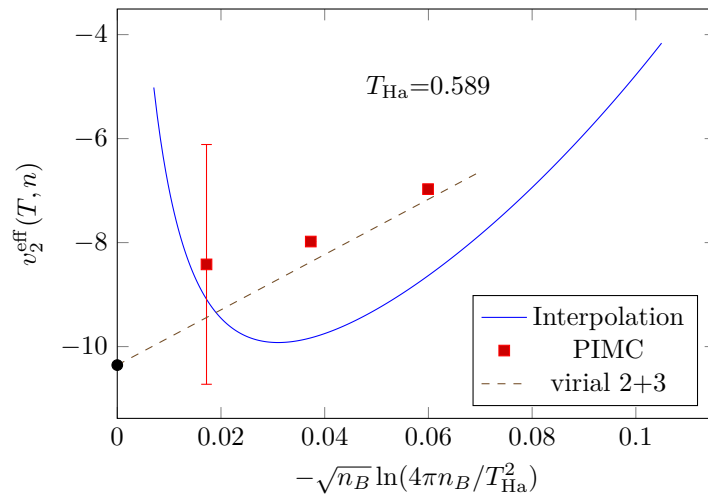
A. Alastuey and V. Ballenegger, Phys. Rev. E **86**, 066402 (2012)

Virial plots for isotherms

$$v_2^{\text{eff}}(T, n) = \left[v(T, n) - v_0(T)n_B^{1/2} - v_1(T)n_B \ln \left(\frac{4\pi n_B}{T_{\text{Ha}}^2} \right) \right] / n_B$$

$$v_2^{\text{eff}}(T, n) = v_2(T) + v_3(T)n_B^{1/2} \ln(4\pi n_B/T_{\text{Ha}}^2) + \mathcal{O}[n^{1/2}].$$

Isotherms for $T_{\text{Ha}} = 0.589$ and 0.295



Interpolation formula for the free energy (S.Groth et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 135001 (2017))

$$f_{\text{XC}}^{\text{GDSMFB}}(r_s, \Theta) = -\frac{1}{r_s} \frac{a(\Theta) + b(\Theta)\sqrt{r_s} + c(\Theta)r_s}{1 + d(\Theta)\sqrt{r_s} + e(\Theta)r_s},$$

$$v(r_s, \Theta) = 2f_{\text{XC}}(r_s, \Theta) + r_s \left. \frac{\partial f_{\text{XC}}(r_s, \Theta)}{\partial r_s} \right|_{\Theta}$$

G.R., T.Dornheim, J Vorberger, D.Blaschke, B.Mahato, submitted, arXiv: 2310.17583

2. Electrical conductivity of plasmas

- Kinetic theory (Boltzmann equation): Spitzer (low-density limit)
- Linear response theory: Kubo formula (warm dense matter)

$$\sigma(T, \mu) = \frac{e^2 \beta}{3m^2 V_{\text{ol}}} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt e^{\epsilon t} \int_0^1 d\lambda \langle \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{P}(t + i\hbar\beta\lambda) \rangle$$

electron total momentum $\mathbf{P} = \sum_k \hbar \mathbf{k} a_k^\dagger a_k$

- Generalized linear response theory (unified)
- Fluctuation-dissipation theorem: equilibrium correlation functions
- Green functions: perturbation theory, diagram techniques

Kubo-Greenwood formula, DFT-MD simulations: electron-electron collisions included?

(M. P. Desjarlais et al. 2017, N.R. Shaffer and C.E. Starrett 2020)

$$\text{Re}[\sigma(\omega)] = \frac{2\pi e^2}{3m_e^2 \omega \Omega} \sum_k w_k \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 [f(\epsilon_{j,k}) - f(\epsilon_{i,k})] |\langle \Psi_{j,k} | \hat{p}_\alpha | \Psi_{i,k} \rangle|^2 \delta(\epsilon_{i,k} - \epsilon_{j,k} - \hbar\omega)$$

Conductivity of warm dense matter including electron-electron collisions:

H. Reinholz, G. R., S. Rosmej, R. Redmer, Phys. Rev. E **91**, 043105 (2015).

DFT-MD contains e-e interaction only in mean-field approximation,
wrong low-density limit of electrical conductivity (Lorentz-model)

Virial Expansion of the Electrical Conductivity of Hydrogen Plasmas

dc conductivity $\sigma(n, T) = \frac{(k_B T)^{3/2} (4\pi\epsilon_0)^2}{m_e^{1/2} e^2} \sigma^*(n, T)$

dimensionless resistivity: **virial expansion**

$$\rho^*(n, T) = 1/\sigma^*(n, T) = \rho_1(T) \ln \frac{1}{n} + \rho_2(T) + \rho_3(T) n^{1/2} \ln \frac{1}{n} + \dots$$

dimensionless parameters $\Gamma = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 k_B T} \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \hat{n}_e \right)^{1/3} \quad \Theta = \frac{2m_e k_B T}{\hbar^2} (3\pi^2 \hat{n}_e)^{-2/3}$

$$\rho^*(n, T) = \tilde{\rho}_1(T) \ln \left(\frac{\Theta}{\Gamma} \right) + \tilde{\rho}_2(T) + \dots$$

$$\tilde{\rho}(x, T) = \frac{\rho^*}{\ln(\Theta/\Gamma)} = \tilde{\rho}_1(T) + \tilde{\rho}_2(T)x + \dots \quad x = 1/\ln(\Theta/\Gamma) \quad \text{virial plot}$$

exact results $\rho_1^{\text{Spitzer}} = 0.846 \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}_2(T) = \tilde{\rho}_2^{\text{QLB}} = 0.4917$

(benchmarks)

V. S. Karakhtanov, Contrib. Plasma Phys. **56**, 343 (2016)

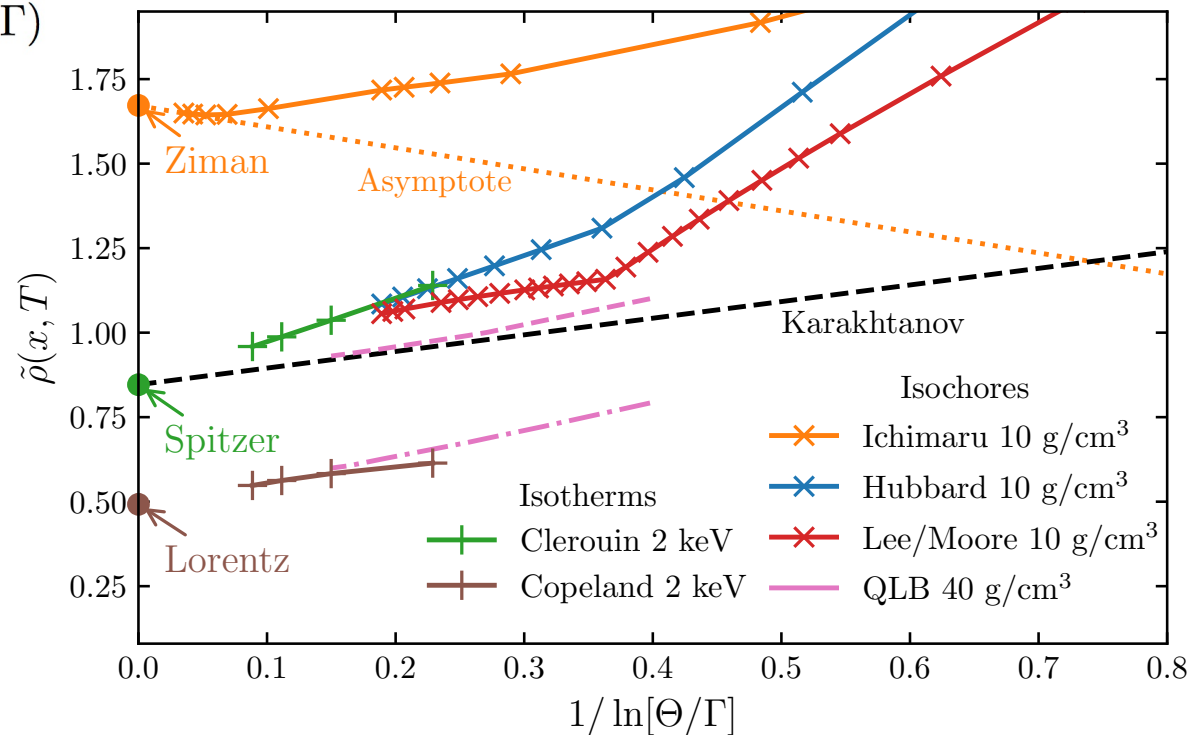
Virial Expansion of the Electrical Conductivity of Hydrogen Plasmas

$$\tilde{\rho}(x, T) = \frac{\rho^*}{\ln(\Theta/\Gamma)}$$

$$\rho_1^{\text{Ziman}} = \frac{2}{3}(2\pi)^{1/2} = 1.67109$$

$$\rho_1^{\text{Spitzer}} = 0.846$$

$$\rho_1^{\text{Lorentz}} = \frac{1}{16}(2\pi^3)^{1/2} = 0.492126$$



Clerouin, Copeland: [P. E. Grabowski et al. High Energy Dens. Phys. 37, 100905 \(2020\)](#),
[Review of the first charged-particle transport coefficient comparison Workshop](#)

Ichimaru, Hubbard, Lee/More: [F. Lambert, V. Recoules, A. Decoster, J. Clerouin, M. Desjarlais, Phys. Plasmas 18, 056306 \(2011\)](#)

Free electron density

Kubo-Greenwood formula: conductivity, DFT-MD

Carbon, $T = 100$ eV, $n = 50$ g cm⁻³

$$\sigma^{\text{tot}}(\omega) = \frac{2\pi e^2}{3\Omega\omega} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\nu\mu} (f_{\mathbf{k}\nu} - f_{\mathbf{k}\mu}) |\langle \mathbf{k}\nu | \hat{\mathbf{v}} | \mathbf{k}\mu \rangle|^2 \times \delta(E_{\mathbf{k}\mu} - E_{\mathbf{k}\nu} - \hbar\omega).$$

$$\sigma^{\text{tot}}(\omega) = \sigma^{\text{f-f}}(\omega) + \sigma^{\text{b-f}}(\omega) + \sigma^{\text{b-b}}(\omega)$$

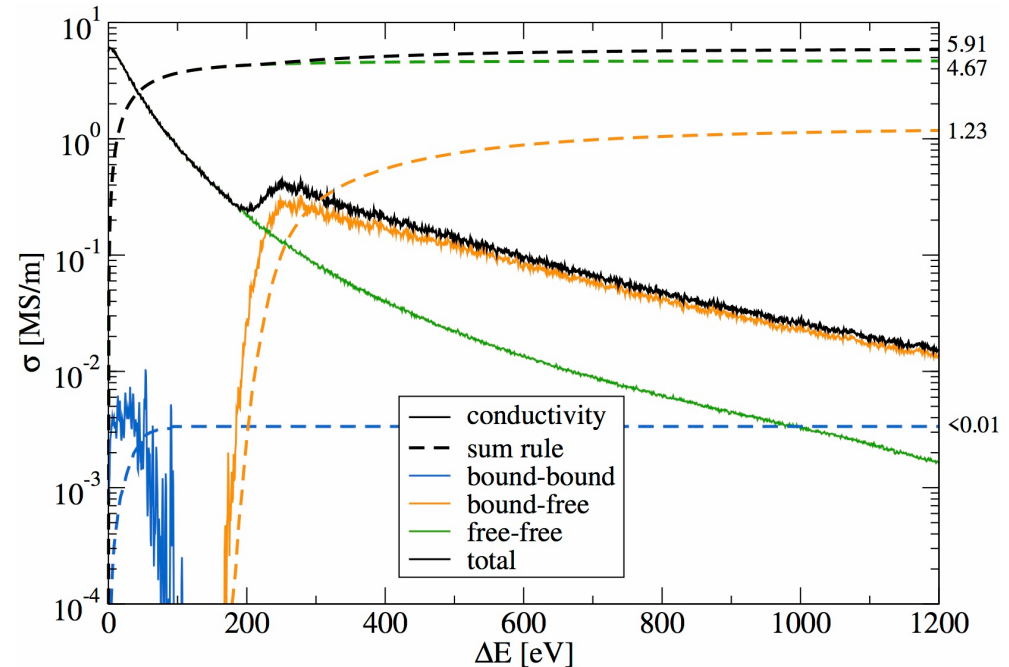
final sum rule values

Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn sum rule

$$Z^{\text{tot}} = \frac{2m_e V}{\pi e^2 n_i} \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \sigma^{\text{tot}}(\omega)$$

Ionization degree $Z^{\text{free}}/Z^{\text{tot}}$

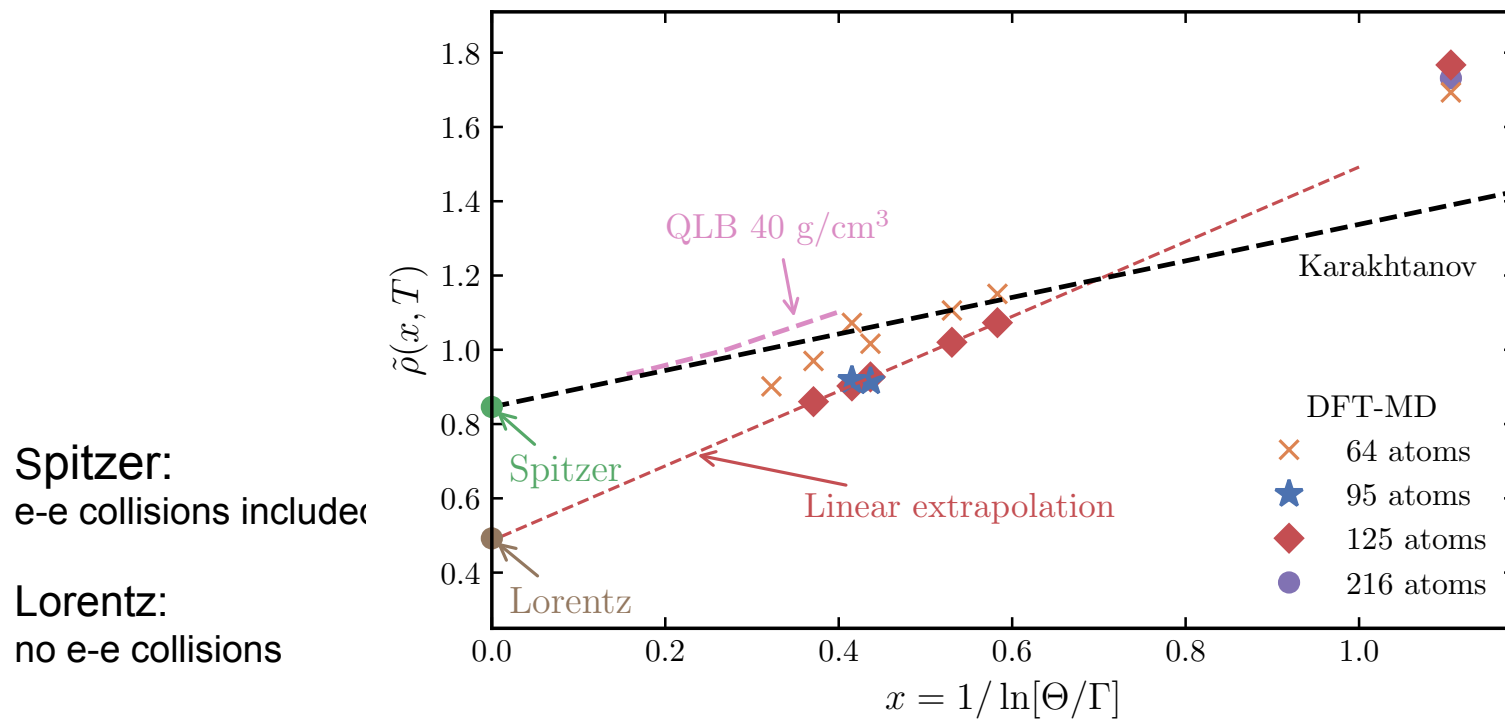
$$Z^{\text{free}} = \frac{n_e^{\text{free}}}{n_i} = \frac{2m_e V}{\pi e^2 n_i} \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \sigma^{\text{f-f}}(\omega)$$



M. Bethkenhagen et al., Phys. Rev. Research 2, 023260 (2020)

Virial Expansion of the Electrical Conductivity of Hydrogen Plasmas

DFT-MD simulations: are electron-electron collisions rigorously included?



F. Lambert, V. Recoules, A. Decoster, J. Clerouin, M. Desjarlais, Phys. Plasmas **18**, 056306 (2011)

M. Desjarlais, C. Scullard, L. Benedict, H. Whitley, R. Redmer, Phys. Rev. E **95**, 033203 (2017)

G. R., M. Schoerner, M. Bethkenhagen, R. Redmer, Phys. Rev. E **104**, 045204 (2021)

PIMC simulations can solve the problem of the contribution of e – e collisions

3. Quantum statistical approach

The total density as well as the DoS are given by the **spectral function** A ,

$$n_e^{\text{total}}(T, \mu_e, \mu_a) = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \hat{f}_e(\omega) A_e(1, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \hat{f}_e(\omega) D_e(\omega)$$

$$|1\rangle = |\mathbf{p}_1, \sigma_1\rangle$$

which is related to the Green function and the self-energy as

$$A(1, \omega) = 2 \text{Im} G(1, \omega - i0) = 2 \text{Im} \frac{1}{\omega - E(1) - \Sigma(1, \omega - i0)} \quad E(1) = p_1^2/(2m)$$

A **cluster decomposition** for the self-energy is possible so that a quasiparticle (free) contribution can be separated,

$$A_e(1, \omega) \approx \frac{2\pi \delta(\omega - E_e^{\text{quasi}}(1))}{1 - \frac{d}{dz} \text{Re} \Sigma_e(1, z)|_{z=E_e^{\text{quasi}} - \mu_e}} - 2 \text{Im} \Sigma_e(1, \omega + i0) \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\omega + \mu_e - E_e^{\text{quasi}}(1)}$$

$$E^{\text{quasi}}(1) = p_1^2/(2m) + \text{Re} \Sigma(1, \omega)|_{\omega=E^{\text{quasi}}(1)}$$

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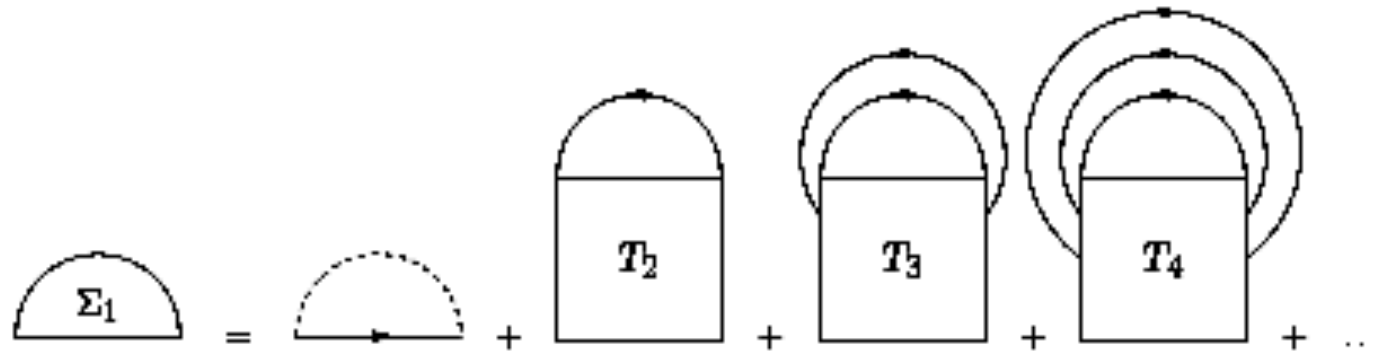
$$A_e(1, \omega) \approx \frac{2\pi \delta(\omega - E_e^{\text{quasi}}(1))}{1 - \frac{d}{dz} \operatorname{Re} \Sigma_e(1, z)|_{z=E_e^{\text{quasi}} - \mu_e}} - 2 \operatorname{Im} \Sigma_e(1, \omega + i0) \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\omega + \mu_e - E_e^{\text{quasi}}(1)}$$

We obtain the generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck formula (**quasiparticles**)

$$n_e^{\text{total}}(T, \mu_e, \mu_a) = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_1 f_e(E^{\text{quasi}}(1)) + \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \sum_{i, \gamma} Z_i e^{\beta \mu_i} \left[\sum_{\nu}^{\text{bound}} (e^{-\beta E_{i, \gamma, \nu}} - 1) + \frac{\beta}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dE e^{-\beta E} \left\{ \delta_{i, \gamma}(E) - \frac{1}{2} \sin[2\delta_{i, \gamma}(E)] \right\} \right]$$

In-medium Schrödinger equation for $E_{i, \gamma, \nu}(T, \mu)$, $\delta_{i, \gamma}(T, \mu)$, channel (spin...) γ

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)

Effective wave equation for the deuteron in matter

Green functions, spectral function, quasiparticles, self energy, Bethe-Salpeter equation

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

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

self-energy Pauli-blocking

phase space occupation:
Fermi distribution function

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

Thouless criterion

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

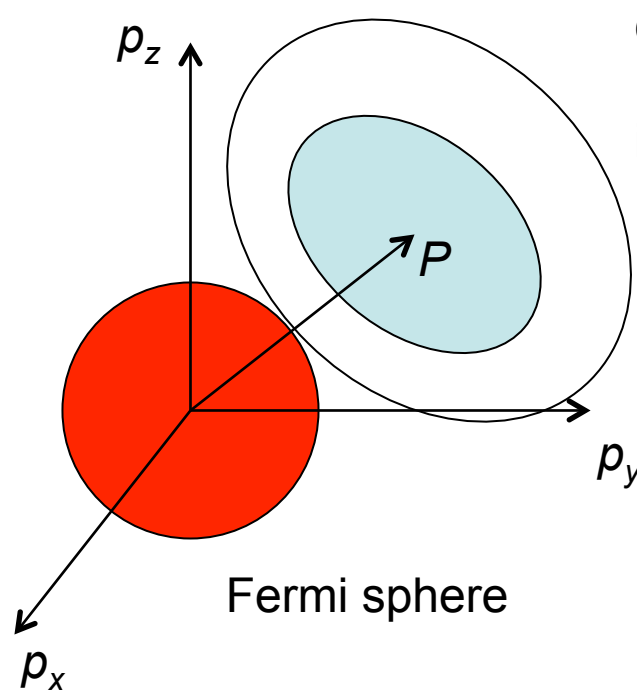
BEC-BCS crossover:

medium:

uncorrelated mean field (-> shell model)

correlated mean field (-> α matter)

Pauli blocking – phase space occupation



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

P - center of mass momentum

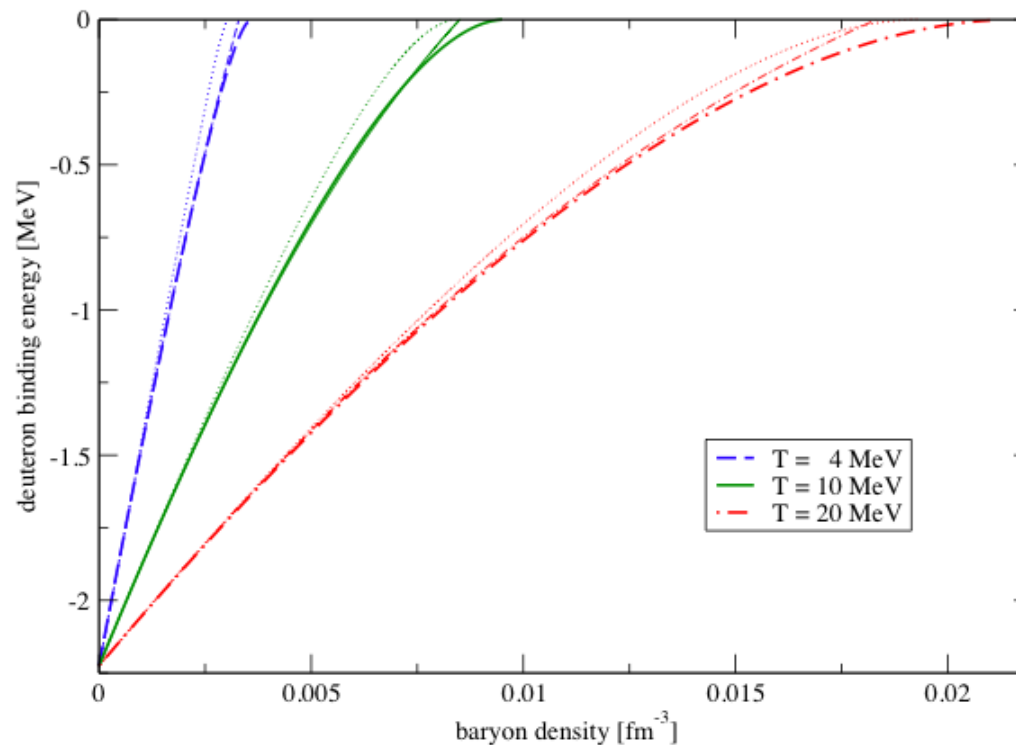
The Fermi sphere is forbidden,
deformation of the cluster wave function
in dependence on the c.o.m. momentum P

momentum space

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

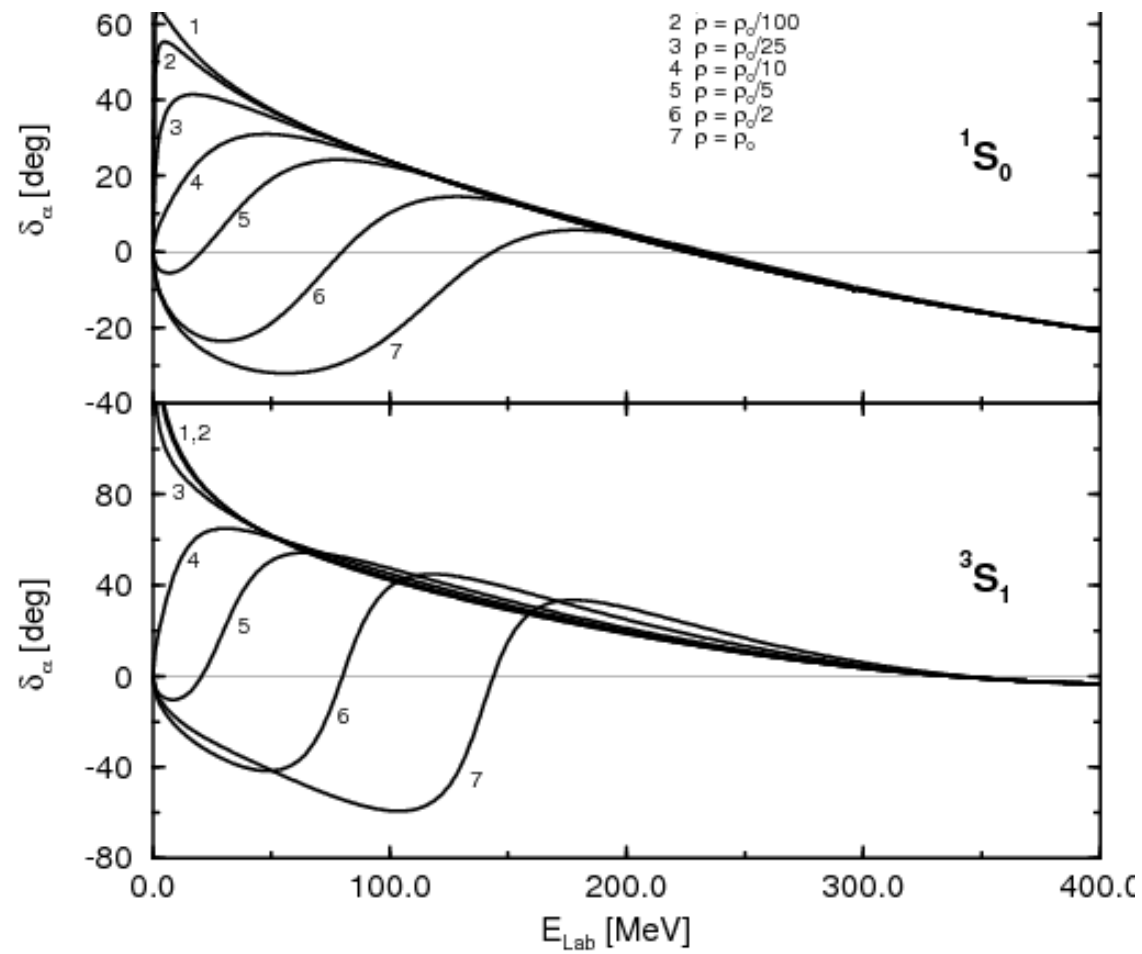
Dependence on nucleon density, various temperatures,
zero center of mass momentum



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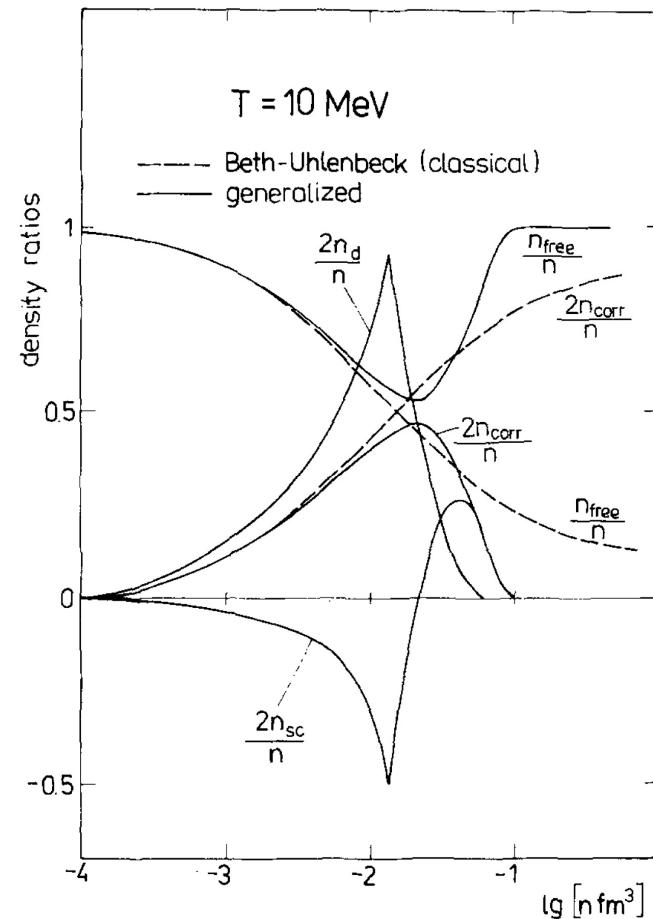
fit formula

Scattering phase shifts in matter



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_{free} and n_{corr} predicted by the two approaches in the low and high density limit!

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 $E_{A, \nu, K}$

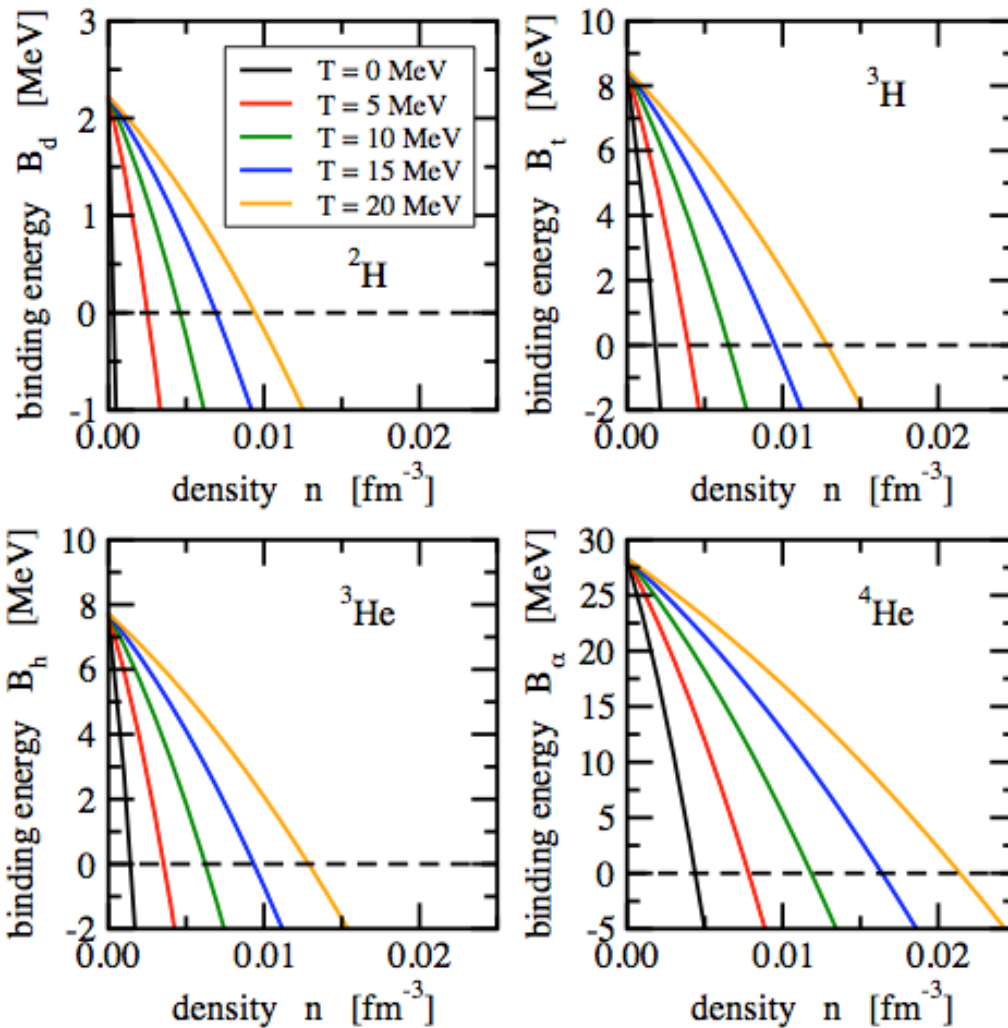
ν : internal quantum number

excited states, continuum correlations

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

- **Medium effects**: correct behavior near saturation
self-energy and **Pauli blocking shifts** of binding energies,
Coulomb corrections due to screening (Wigner-Seitz, Debye)

Shift of Binding Energies of Light Clusters



Symmetric matter

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

EOS: continuum contributions

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

$$z_{A,c}^{\text{part}}(\mathbf{P}; T, \mu_n, \mu_p) = e^{(N\mu_n + Z\mu_p)/T} \left\{ \sum_{\nu_c}^{\text{bound}} g_{A,\nu_c} e^{-E_{A,\nu_c}(\mathbf{P})/T} \Theta [-E_{A,\nu_c}(\mathbf{P}) + E_{A,c}^{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{P})] + z_{A,c}^{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{P}) \right\}$$

separation: bound state part – continuum part ?

$$z_c^{\text{part}}(\mathbf{P}; T, n_B, Y_p) = e^{[N\mu_n + Z\mu_p - N E_n(\mathbf{P}/A; T, n_B, Y_p) - Z E_p(\mathbf{P}/A; T, n_B, Y_p)]/T} \\ \times g_c \left\{ \left[e^{-E_c^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{P}; T, n_B, Y_p)/T} - 1 \right] \Theta [-E_c^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{P}; T, n_B, Y_p)] + v_c(\mathbf{P}; T, n_B, Y_p) \right\}$$

parametrization (d – like):

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

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

G. R., PRC 92,054001 (2015)

Few-body problem and continuum contributions ?

4. Effective wave equation for the deuteron in matter

Green functions, spectral function, quasiparticles, self energy, Bethe-Salpeter equation

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

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

self-energy
Pauli-blocking

phase space occupation:
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:

medium:

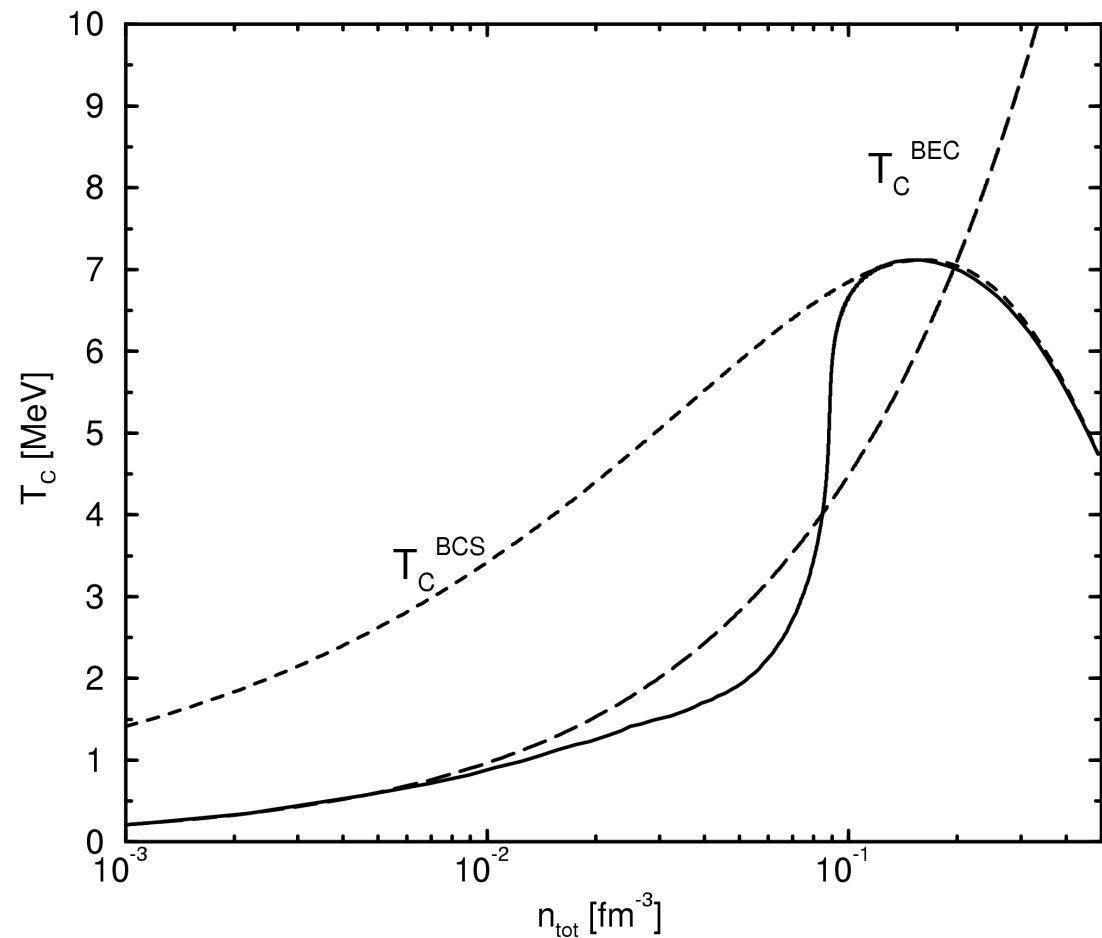
uncorrelated mean field (-> shell model)

correlated mean field (-> α matter)

2. Quantum condensate

Bose-Einstein-
Condensation
of deuterons
(BEC)

Bardeen-Cooper
Schrieffer
pairing
(BCS)



T. Alm *et al.* Z. Phys. **A337**, 355 (1990)

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

M. Baldo *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **52**, 975 (1995)

Meng Jin, M. Urban, and P. Schuck, Phys. Rev. C **82**, 024911 (2010)

Few-particle Schrödinger equation in a dense medium

α particles are strongly bound (7.07 MeV/A) compared to deuterons (1.1 MeV/A)

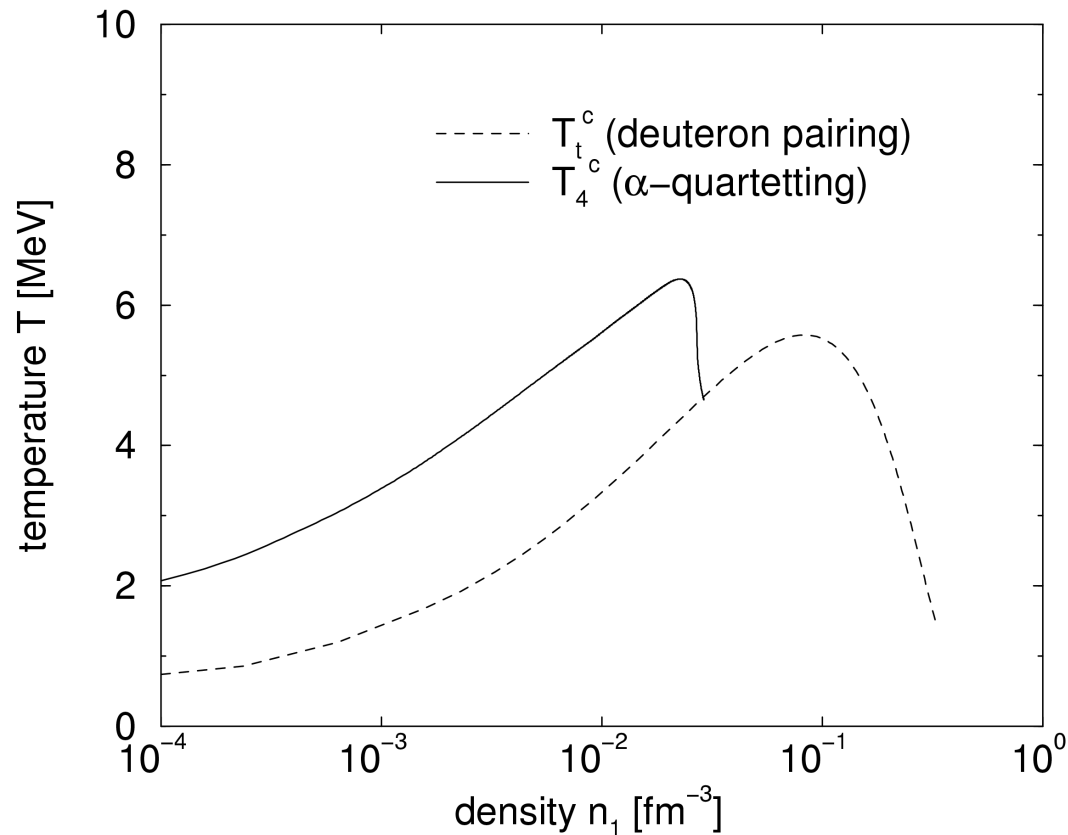
4-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

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

Thouless criterion
for quantum condensate:

$$E_{n,P=0}(T, \mu) = 4\mu$$

α -cluster-condensation (quartetting)



G.R., A.Schnell, P.Schuck, and P.Nozieres, PRL 80, 3177 (1998)

Is there a sharp transition from quartetting to pairing ?

Quantum condensate: quartetting

Ideal Bose condensate : $|0\rangle = b_0^\dagger b_0^\dagger \cdots b_0^\dagger |vac\rangle$

α -particle condensate : $|\Phi_{\alpha C}\rangle = C_\alpha^\dagger C_\alpha^\dagger \cdots C_\alpha^\dagger |vac\rangle$

In r -space :

$$\langle \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \cdots, \vec{r}_{4n} | \Phi_{\alpha C} \rangle = \mathcal{A} \left\{ \Phi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \vec{r}_4) \Phi(\vec{r}_5, \vec{r}_6, \vec{r}_7, \vec{r}_8) \cdots \Phi(\vec{r}_{4n-3}, \vec{r}_{4n-2}, \vec{r}_{4n-1}, \vec{r}_{4n}) \right\}$$

In comparison with pairing :

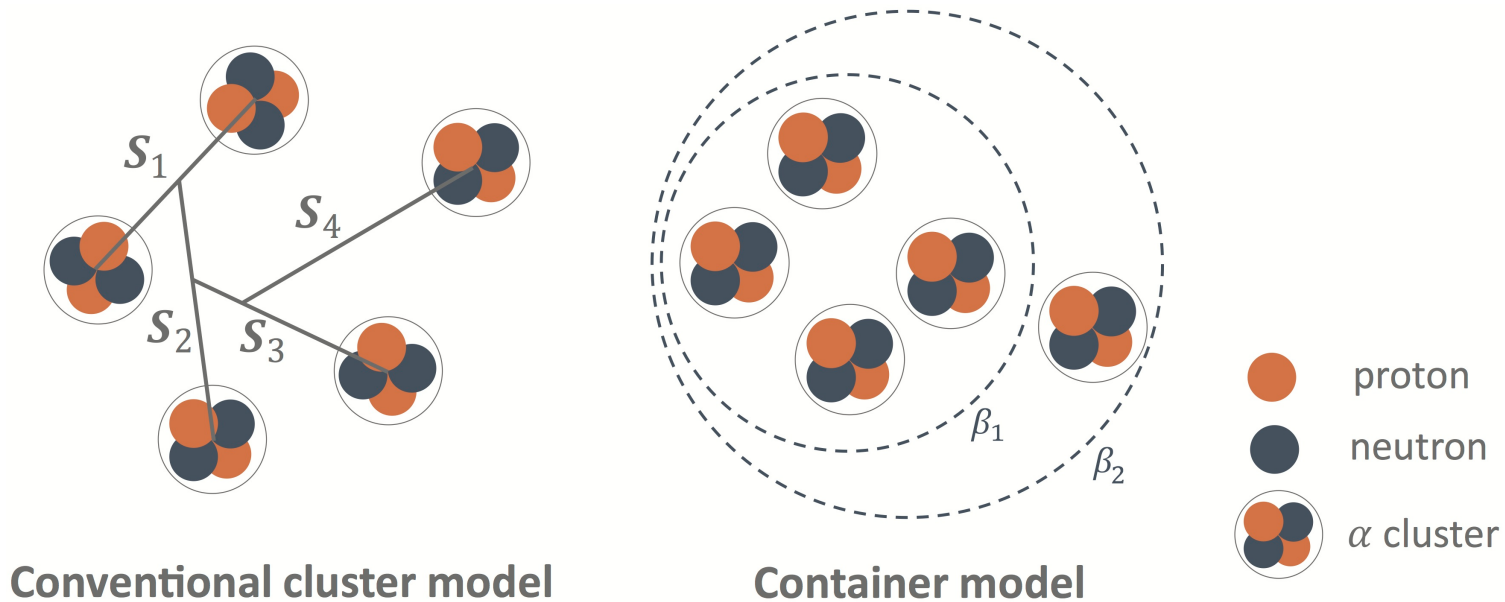
$$\langle \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \cdots | \text{BCS} \rangle = \mathcal{A} \left\{ \Phi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \Phi(\vec{r}_3, \vec{r}_4) \cdots \right\}$$

A. Tohsaki et al., PRL 87, 192501 (2001)

The α condensate state in $4n$ nuclei

The **Hoyle state** as Bose-like gas of 3 α clusters, shell model not applicable
 α condensation is a general phenomenon: ^{12}C , ^{16}O , ^{20}Ne , ...

Container picture: B. Zhou et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 262501 (2013)



B. Zhou, Y. Funki, H. Horiuchi, Y. Ma, G. R., P. Schuck, A. Tohsaki, T. Yamada,
to be published

Is there a sharp transition from quartetting to pairing ?

5. Cluster virial expansion for nuclear matter within a quasiparticle statistical approach

Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck approach

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

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

avoid double counting

$$n^{\text{CMF}} : \sum_A \text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{A\}}$$

$$\text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{A\}} = \text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{A\}} + \text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{A\}} \text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{A\}} \Sigma^{\text{CMF}}$$

generating functional

$$\Sigma^{\text{CMF}} = \text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{A\}} \text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{B\}} \text{qu} \xrightarrow{\{A\}}$$

Cluster - mean field approximation

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

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

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

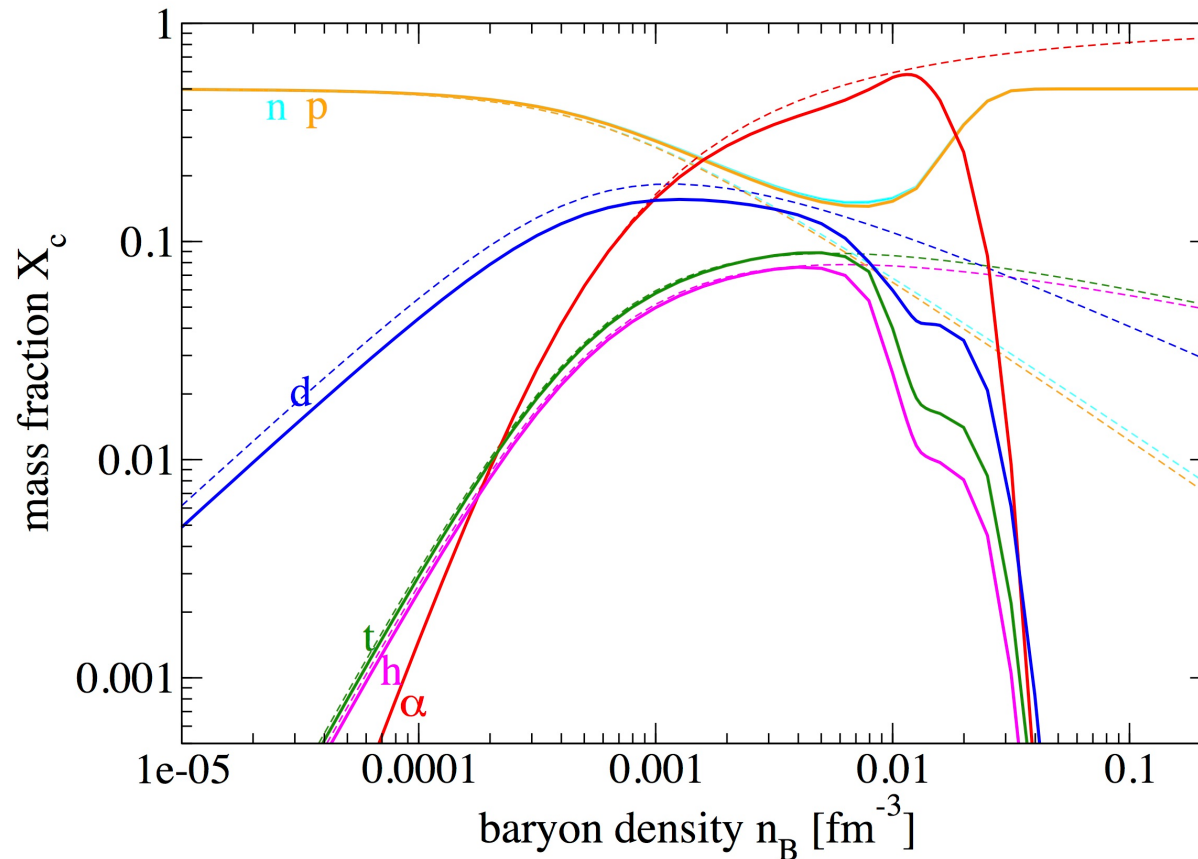
$$\Delta V_{12}^{A, mf} = -\frac{1}{2} [f^*(1) + f^*(2)] V(12, 1'2') - \sum_{BvP} \sum_{2^* \dots B''} f_B(E_{BvP}) \sum_i V_{1i} \psi_{BvP}^*(22^* \dots B^*) \psi_{BvP}(2'2'' \dots B'')$$

phase space occupation

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

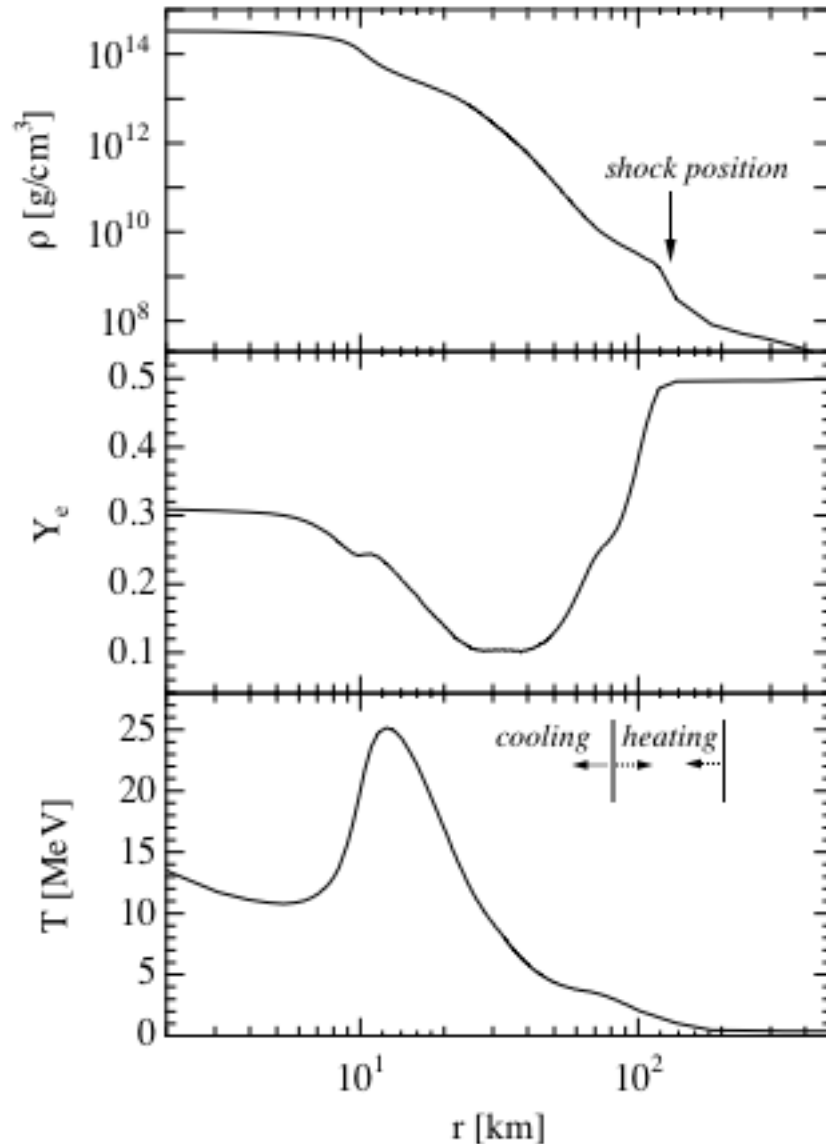
self-consistent solutions for clusters in a clustered medium ?

Light Cluster Abundances



Composition of symmetric matter in dependence on the baryon density n_B , $T = 5$ MeV. Quantum statistical calculation (full) compared with NSE (dotted).

Core-collapse supernovae



snapshot

density

proton fraction, and

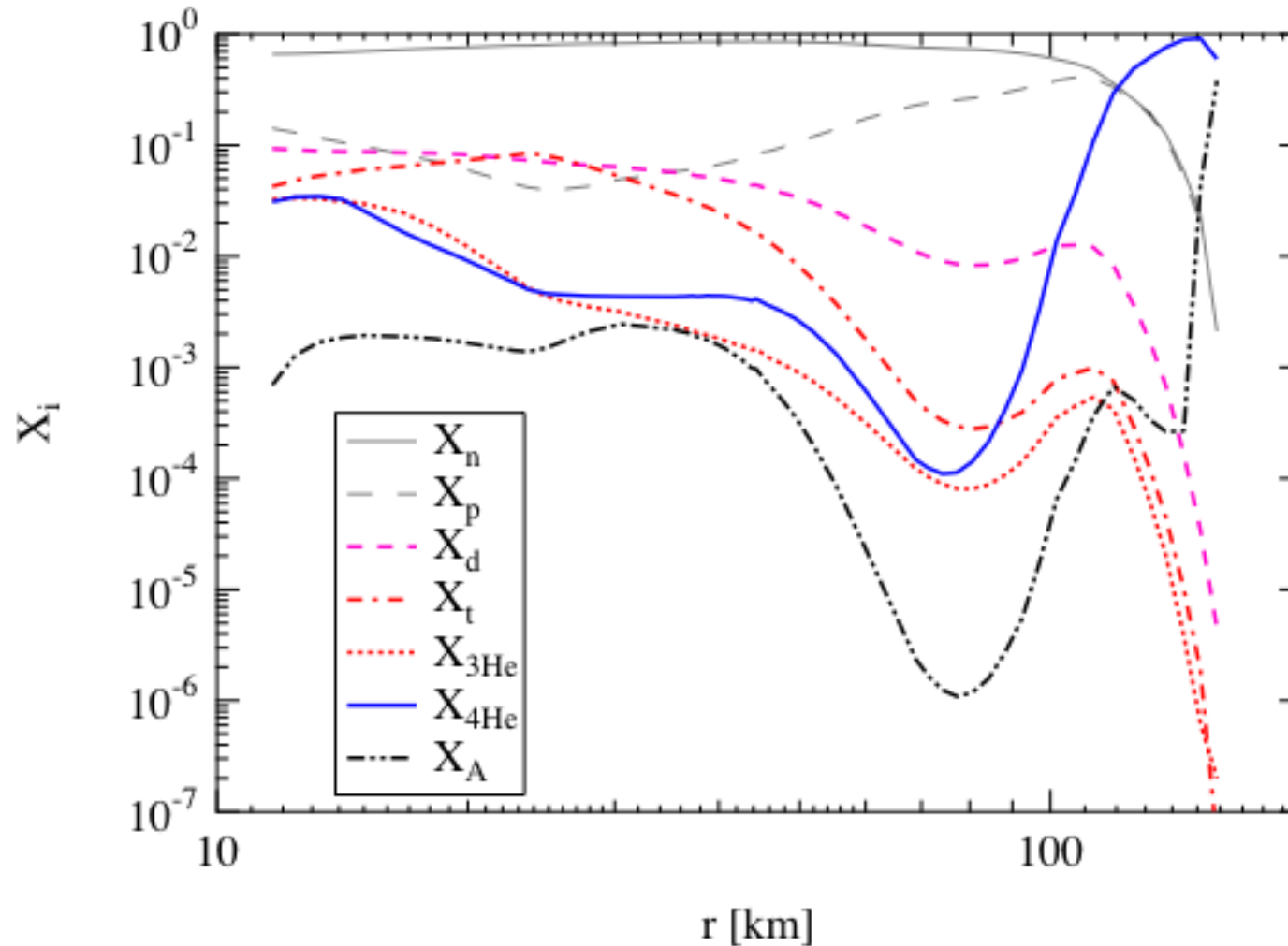
temperature profile

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, G. R.,
Astrophys.J. **629**, 922 (2005)

Composition of supernova core



Mass fraction X
of light clusters
for a post-bounce
supernova core

K. Sumiyoshi,
G. R.,
PRC 77,
055804 (2008)

EoS at low densities from HIC

PRL 108, 172701 (2012)

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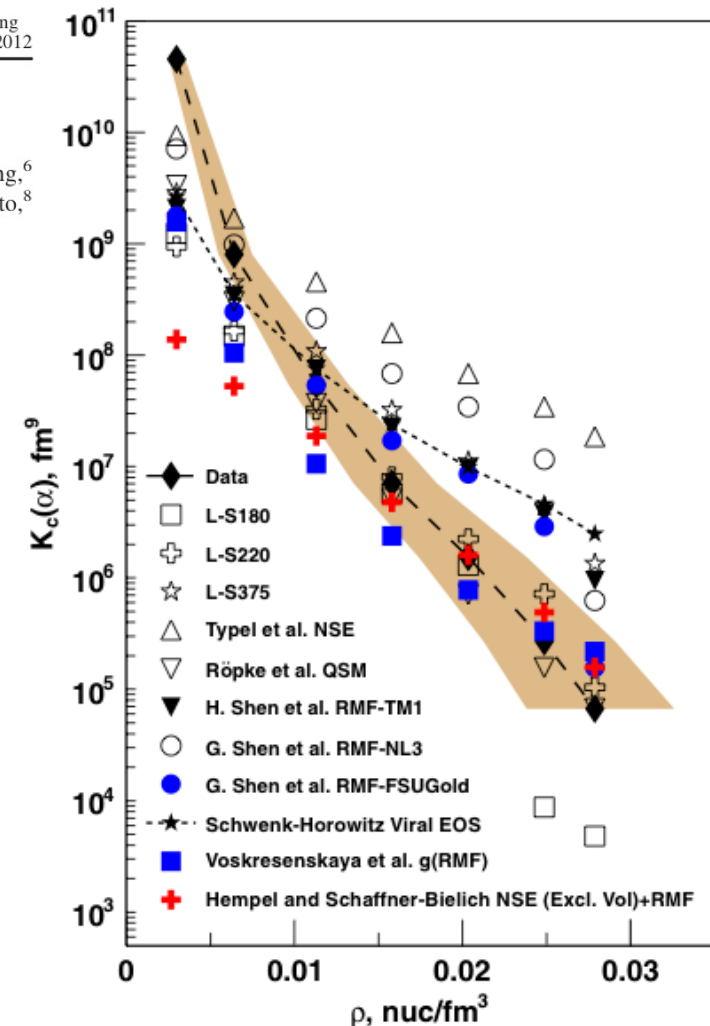
Laboratory Tests of Low Density Astrophysical Nuclear Equations of State

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Yields of clusters from HIC: p, n, d, t, h, α
chemical constants

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

inhomogeneous,
non-equilibrium



Nonequilibrium statistical operator (NSO)

principle of weakening of initial correlations (Bogoliubov, Zubarev)

$$\rho_\epsilon(t) = \epsilon \int_{-\infty}^t e^{\epsilon(t_1-t)} U(t, t_1) \rho_{\text{rel}}(t_1) U^\dagger(t, t_1) dt_1$$

time evolution operator $U(t, t_0)$ relevant statistical operator $\rho_{\text{rel}}(t)$

selection of the set of relevant observables $\{B_n\}$

self-consistency relations $\text{Tr}\{\rho_{\text{rel}}(t) B_n\} \equiv \langle B_n \rangle_{\text{rel}}^t = \langle B_n \rangle^t$

maximum of information entropy $S_{\text{rel}}(t) = -k_B \text{Tr}\{\rho_{\text{rel}}(t) \log \rho_{\text{rel}}(t)\}$

generalized Gibbs distribution $\rho_{\text{rel}}(t) = \exp\left\{-\Phi(t) - \sum_n \lambda_n(t) B_n\right\}$

von Neumann equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varrho_\epsilon(t) + \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, \varrho_\epsilon(t)] = -\epsilon (\varrho_\epsilon(t) - \varrho_{\text{rel}}(t))$$
$$\varrho(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \varrho_\epsilon(t)$$

Expanding nuclear matter: freeze-out and reaction processes (feed-down)

Freeze-out at heavy ion collisions

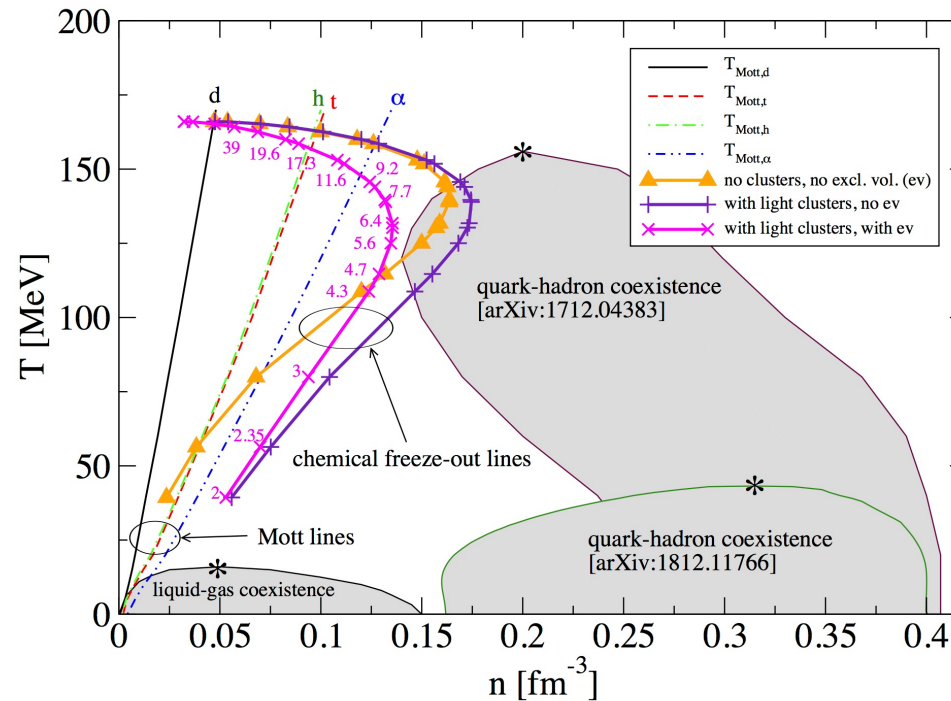


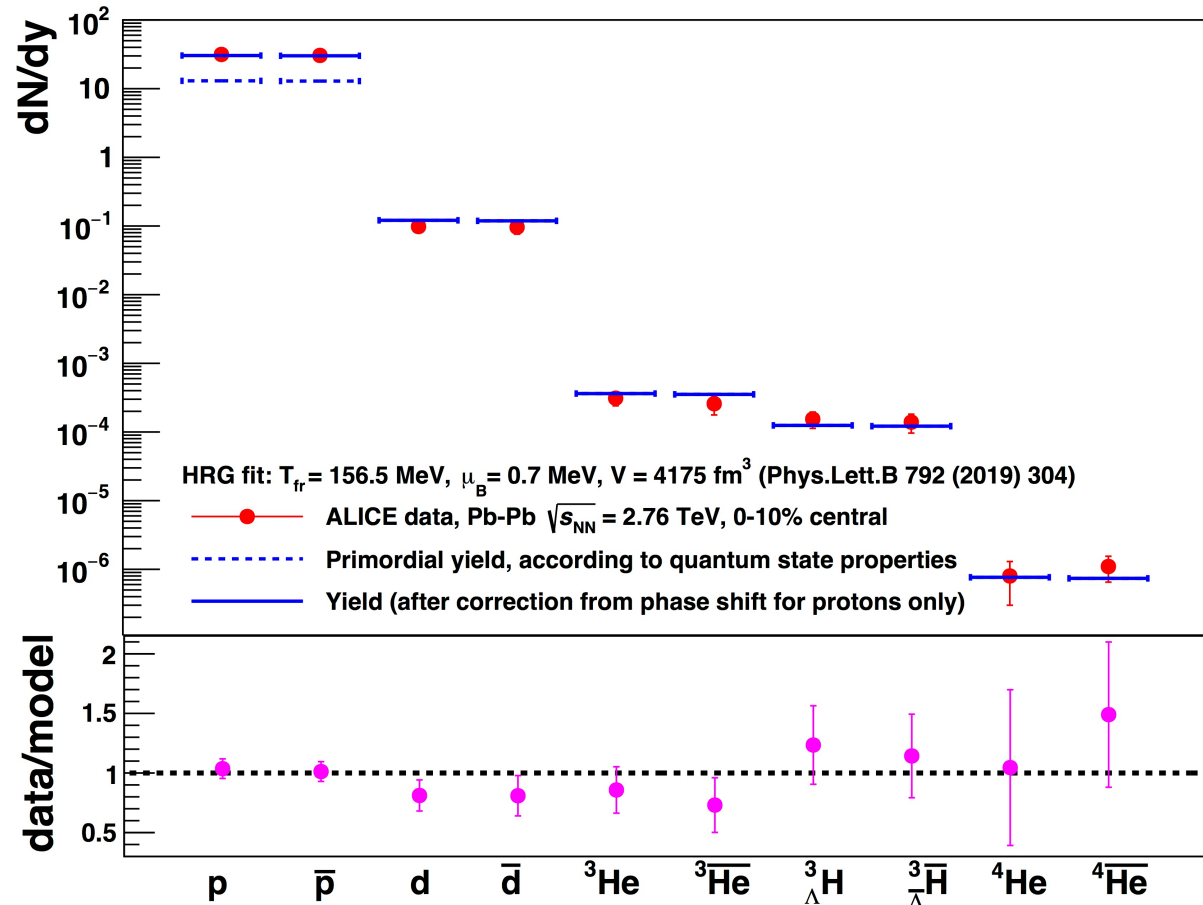
Fig. 1. Chemical freezeout lines in the temperature density plane (phase diagram) together with Mott lines for light clusters. The coexistence regions for the nuclear gas-liquid transition and for two examples of the hadron-quark matter transition are shown as grey shaded regions together with their critical endpoints. For details, see text.

Cluster formation at LHC/CERN

ALICE@LHC

Excellent description
of data by the
statistical model
(chemical equilibrium)

$T = 156 \text{ MeV}$



Beth-Uhlenbeck formula for interaction with further particles:

B. Doenigus, G.R., D. Blaschke, Phys. Rev. C **106**, 044908 (2022)

Outline/Conclusions

1. Equation of state and virial expansions in plasmas
Virial coefficients for the uniform electron gas, interpolation formulas: **PIMC**
2. Electrical conductivity: virial expansion for hydrogen plasmas
Inclusion of electron-electron collisions: **DFT-MD, PIMC**
3. Beth-Uhlenbeck formula for the second virial coefficient
In-medium Schroedinger equation for nuclear matter: **Few-body problem**
4. Cross-over Bose Einstein condensate – BCS pairing
Quartetting in low-density nuclear matter, Hoyle state and α decay: **AMD**
5. Cluster Beth-Uhlenbeck formula, continuum correlations
Cluster-mean field, composition, freeze-out concept: **self-consistent cluster**

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Electron-electron collisions and transport coefficients

Lorentz limit: electron-electron collisions not included in DFT-MD simulations.

slope from quantum Lenard-Balescu: dynamical screening by electrons

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}_2(T) = \tilde{\rho}_2^{\text{QLB}} = 0.4917$$

slope: fit gives 0.9886, static screening by electrons and ions:

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\rho}_2(T) = \frac{\pi^{3/2}}{24\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{11}{2} - 3C + \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \pi^2 \right) \right] = 1.06036$$

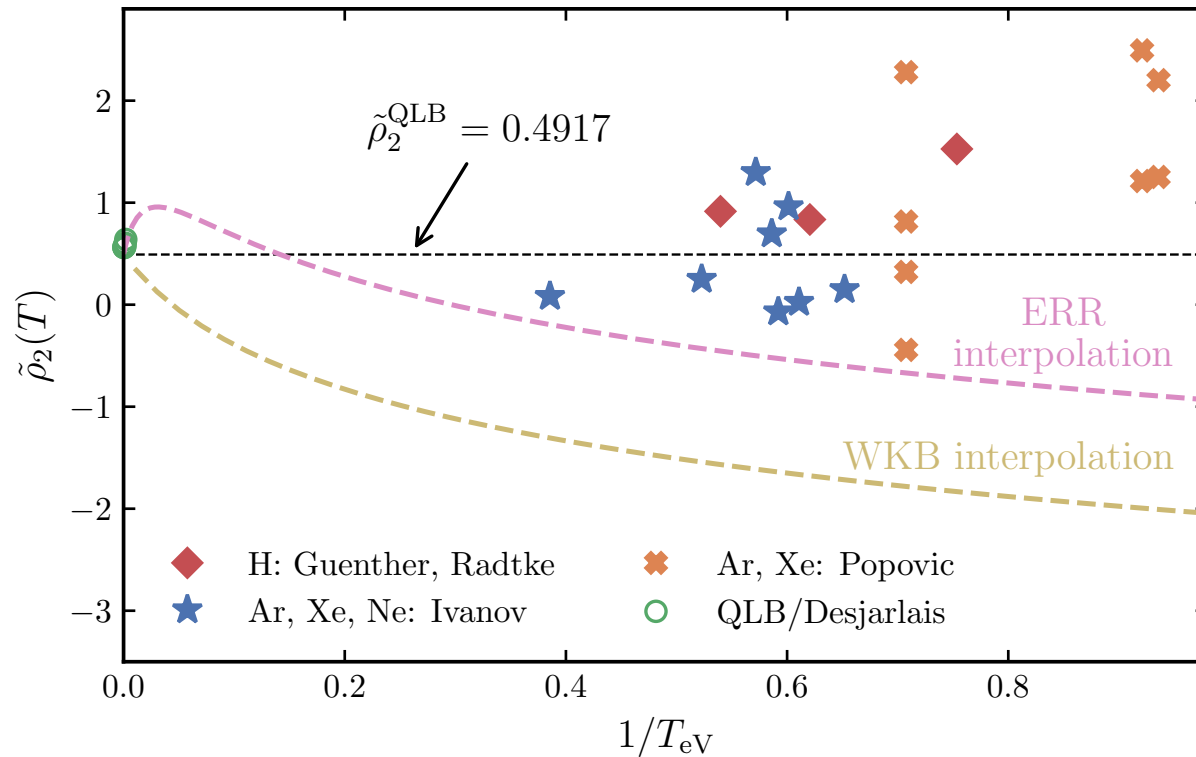
PIMC simulations can solve the problem of the contribution of e – e collisions

Higher order correlation functions?

Electronic transport coefficients from density functional theory across the plasma plane
M. French, G. R., M. Schörner, M. Bethkenhagen, M. P. Desjarlais, R. Redmer
Phys. Rev. E **105**, 065204 (2022)

Experiments

second virial coefficient: $\tilde{\rho}_2^{\text{eff}}(n, T) = \frac{32405.4}{\sigma(n, T)[\Omega\text{m}]} \left(\frac{T}{\text{eV}} \right)^{3/2} - 0.846024 \ln \left(\frac{\Theta}{\Gamma} \right)$



densities high,
temperatures low:

partially ionized plasmas;
ionization degree,
electron-atom collisions

Interpolation formulas, ERR: A Esser, R. Redmer, G. R., Contrib. Plasma Phys. **43**, 33 (2003).

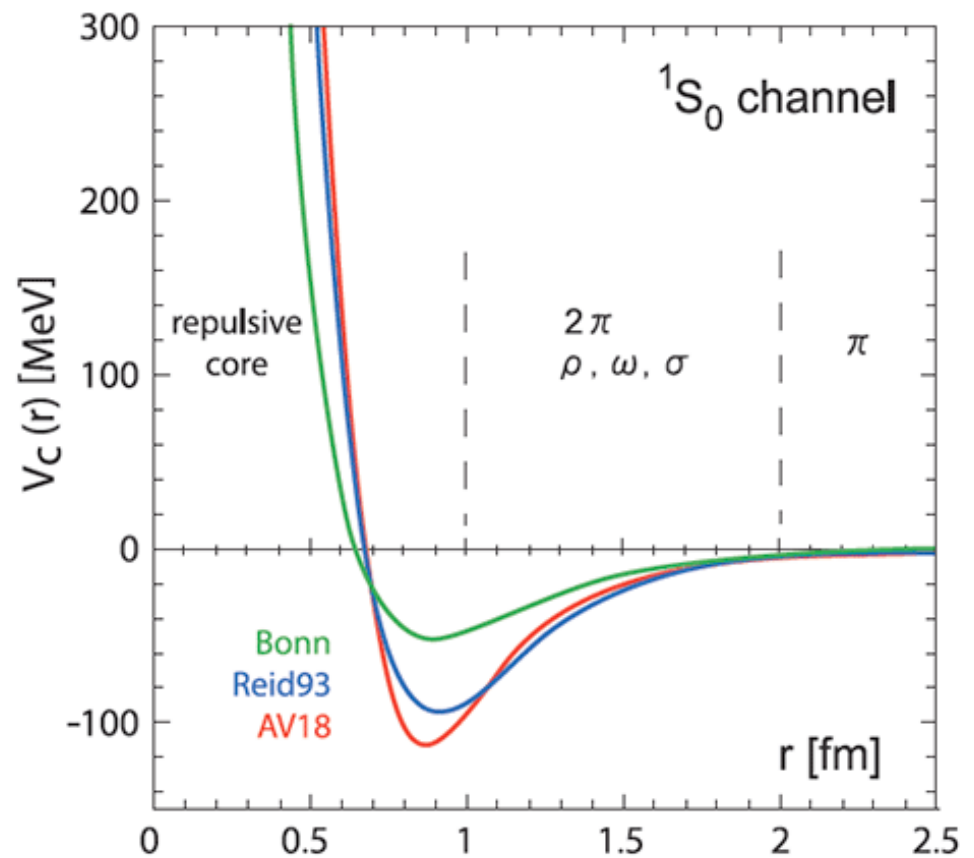
WKB:

$$\tilde{\rho}_2(T_{\text{eV}}) \approx 0.4917 + 0.846 \ln \left[\frac{1 + 8.492/T_{\text{eV}}}{1 + 25.83/T_{\text{eV}} + 167.2/T_{\text{eV}}^2} \right]$$

G. R., M. Schoerner, M. Bethkenhagen, R. Redmer, , Phys. Rev. E **104**, 045204 (2021) Supplemental material

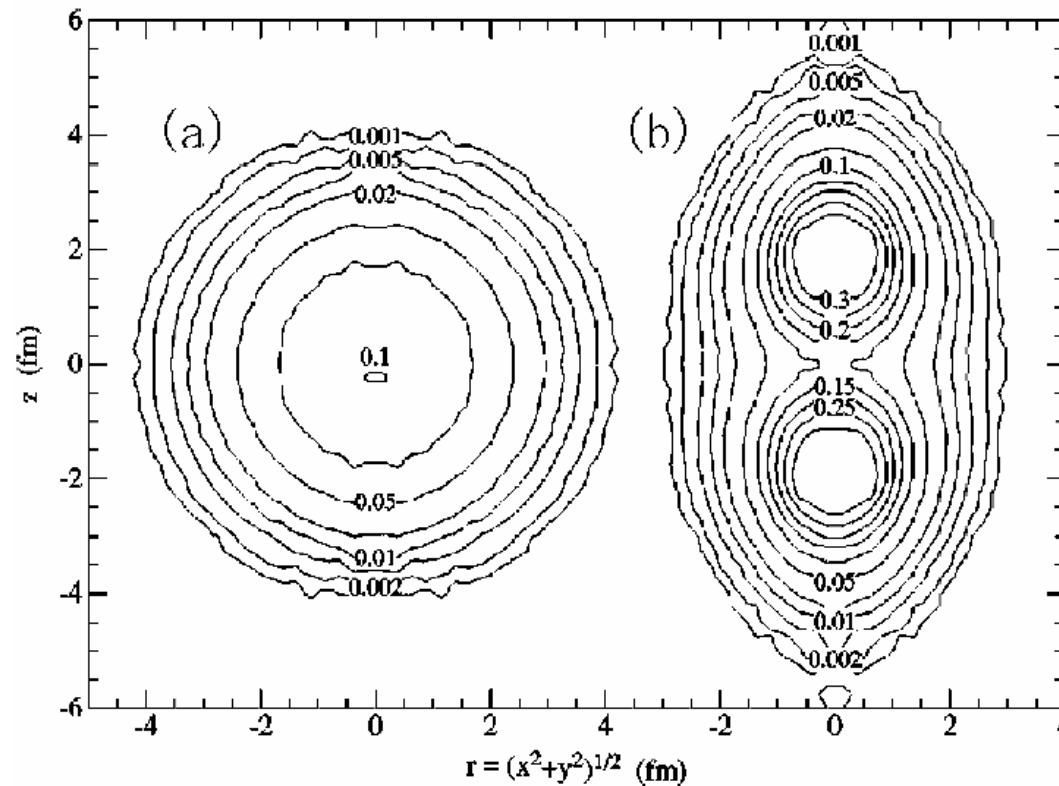
nucleon-nucleon interaction potential

- Effective potentials
(like atom-atom potential)
binding energies, scattering
- non-local, energy-dependent?
QCD?
- microscopic calculations
(AMD, FMD)
- single-particle descriptions:
Thomas-Fermi approximation
shell model
density functional theory (DFT)
- correlations, clustering
low-density $n\alpha$ nuclei, Volkov



5. Nuclear structure and reactions

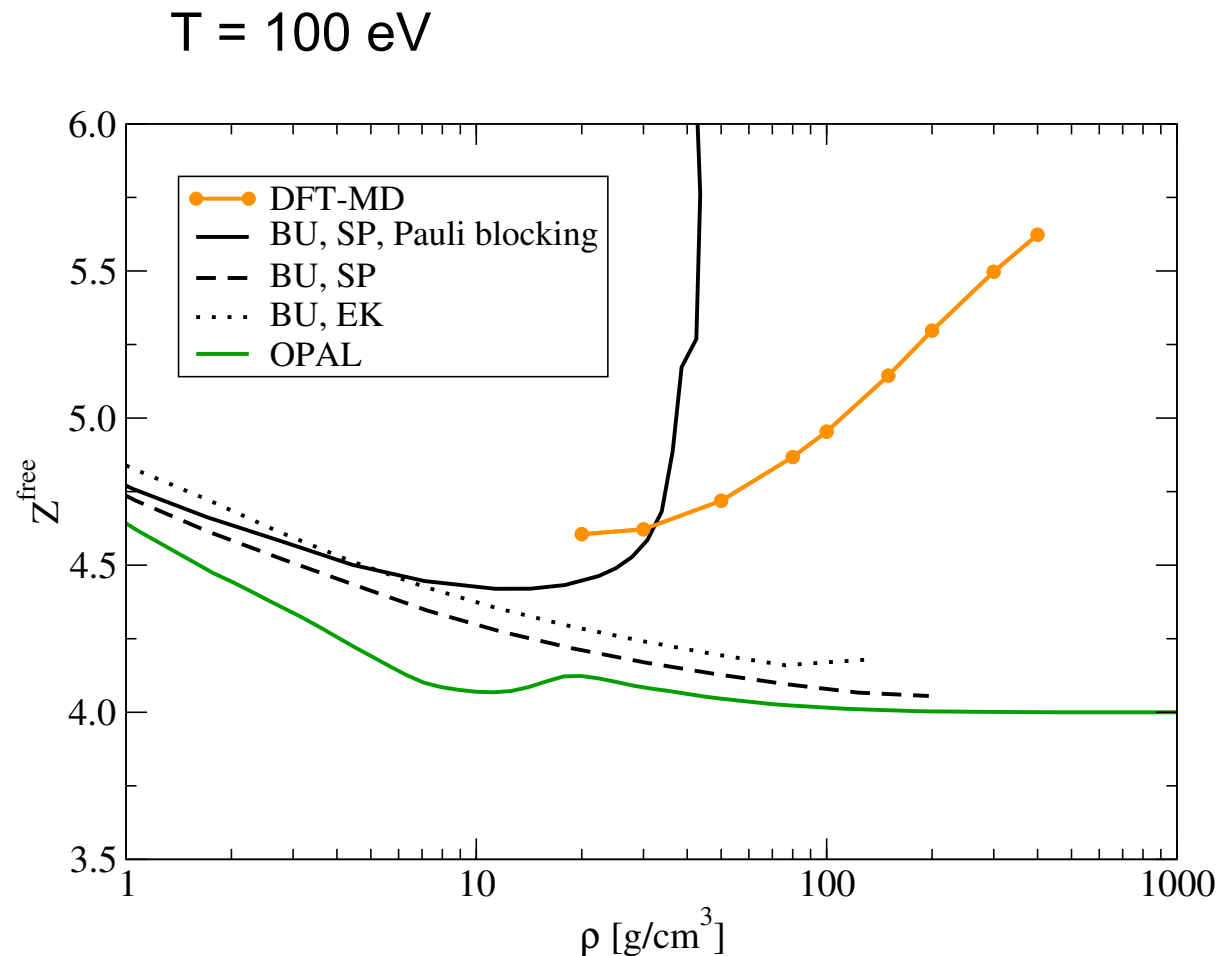
α cluster structure of ^8Be



R.B. Wiringa et al.,
PRC 63, 034605 (01)

Contours of constant density, plotted in cylindrical coordinates, for $^8\text{Be}(0^+)$.
The left side is in the laboratory frame while the right side is in the intrinsic frame.

Ionization degree for carbon



Ionization degree of carbon Z^{free} derived from DFT- MD simulations (orange line) compared to predictions of OPAL (green line) and Beth-Uhlenbeck (BU) calculations (black lines).

BU results incorporate the EK and SP models, respectively.

Solid line takes into account Pauli blocking effects in addition.

3. Clusters in an external potential

c. o. m. coordinate $\mathbf{R}$, relative coordinates $\mathbf{s}_j$ $\Psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s}_j) = \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R}) \Phi(\mathbf{R})$

normalization $\int d\mathbf{R} |\Phi(\mathbf{R})|^2 = 1$ $\int d\mathbf{s}_j |\varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R})|^2 = 1$

N. Gidopoulos, E. Gross (2014)

Wave equation for the c.o.m. motion

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2Am} \nabla_{\mathbf{R}}^2 \Phi(\mathbf{R}) - \frac{\hbar^2}{Am} \int d\mathbf{s}_j \varphi^{\text{intr},*}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R}) [\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R})] [\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \Phi(\mathbf{R})] \\ - \frac{\hbar^2}{2Am} \int d\mathbf{s}_j \varphi^{\text{intr},*}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R}) [\nabla_{\mathbf{R}}^2 \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R})] \Phi(\mathbf{R}) + \int d\mathbf{R}' W(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}') \Phi(\mathbf{R}') = E \Phi(\mathbf{R})$$

c.o.m. effective potential

$$W(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}') = \int d\mathbf{s}_j d\mathbf{s}'_j \varphi^{\text{intr},*}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R}) [T[\nabla_{\mathbf{s}_j}] \delta(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}') \delta(\mathbf{s}_j - \mathbf{s}'_j) + V(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s}_j; \mathbf{R}', \mathbf{s}'_j)] \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}'_j, \mathbf{R}')$$

Wave equation for the intrinsic motion

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{Am} \Phi^*(\mathbf{R}) [\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \Phi(\mathbf{R})] [\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R})] - \frac{\hbar^2}{2Am} |\Phi(\mathbf{R})|^2 \nabla_{\mathbf{R}}^2 \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R}) \\ + \int d\mathbf{R}' d\mathbf{s}'_j \Phi^*(\mathbf{R}) [T[\nabla_{\mathbf{s}_j}] \delta(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}') \delta(\mathbf{s}_j - \mathbf{s}'_j) + V(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{s}_j; \mathbf{R}', \mathbf{s}'_j)] \Phi(\mathbf{R}') \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}'_j, \mathbf{R}') = F(\mathbf{R}) \varphi^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{s}_j, \mathbf{R})$$

G. R. et al., PRC 90, 034304 (2014)

Quartet wave function

Four-particle wave equation in position space representation

$$[E_4 - \hat{h}_1 - \hat{h}_2 - \hat{h}_3 - \hat{h}_4] \Psi_4(\mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 \mathbf{r}_3 \mathbf{r}_4) = \int d^3 \mathbf{r}'_1 d^3 \mathbf{r}'_2 \langle \mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_2 | B V_{N-N} | \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2 \rangle \Psi_4(\mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_2 \mathbf{r}_3 \mathbf{r}_4) \\ + \int d^3 \mathbf{r}'_1 d^3 \mathbf{r}'_3 \langle \mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_3 | B V_{N-N} | \mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}'_3 \rangle \Psi_4(\mathbf{r}'_1 \mathbf{r}_2 \mathbf{r}'_3 \mathbf{r}_4) + \text{four further permutations.}$$

Single-nucleon Hamiltonian $\hat{h} = \frac{\hbar^2 p^2}{2m} + [1 - \sum_i^{\text{occ.}} |n\rangle \langle n|] V^{\text{mf}}(r)$

Pauli blocking B $B(1, 2) = [1 - f_1(\hat{h}_1) - f_2(\hat{h}_2)]$

Local density approximation: momentum representation, no coupled gradient terms, Thomas-Fermi

Intrinsic motion: in-medium interaction

c.o.m. effective potential $W(\mathbf{R}) = W^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{R}) + W^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{R}) \quad W^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{R}) = W^{\text{mf}}(\mathbf{R}) = V_{\alpha-O}^{\text{Coul}}(R) + V_{\alpha-O}^{\text{N-N}}(R)$

$$W^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{R}) = 4E_F[n_B(\mathbf{R})], \quad E_F(n_B) = (\hbar^2/2m)(3\pi^2 n_B/2)^{2/3}.$$

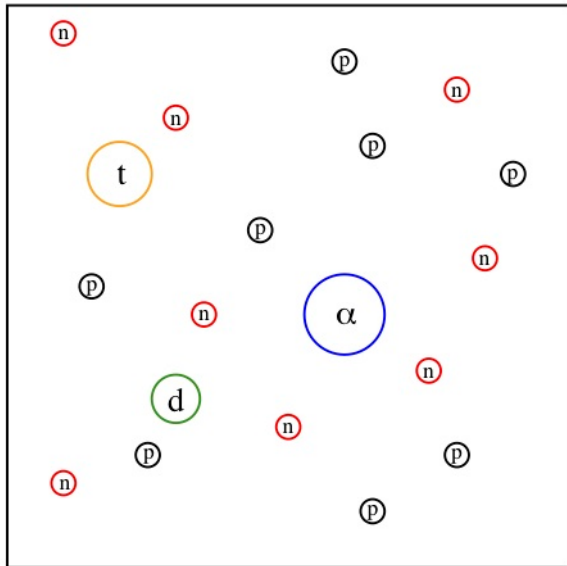
$$W^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{R}) = -B_\alpha + W^{\text{Pauli}}[n_B(\mathbf{R})], \quad n_B \leq n_{\text{crit}}$$

$$W^{\text{Pauli}}(n_B) \approx 4515.9 \text{ MeV fm}^3 n_B - 100935 \text{ MeV fm}^6 n_B^2 + 1202538 \text{ MeV fm}^9 n_B^3$$

Nuclear statistical equilibrium (NSE)

Chemical picture:

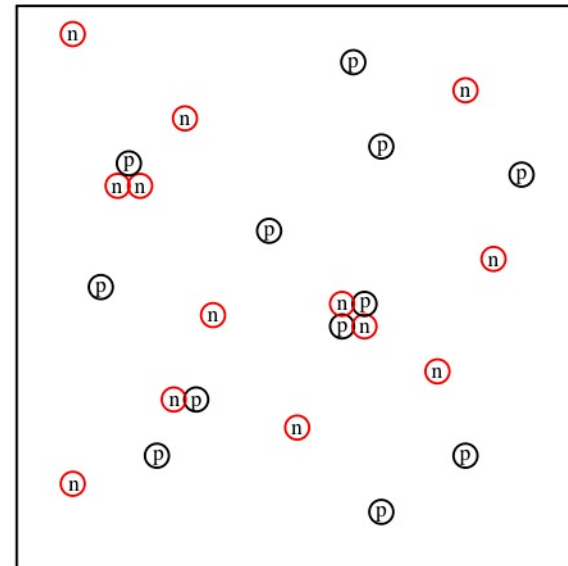
Ideal mixture of reacting components
Mass action law



Interaction between the components
internal structure: Pauli principle

Physical picture:

"elementary" constituents
and their interaction

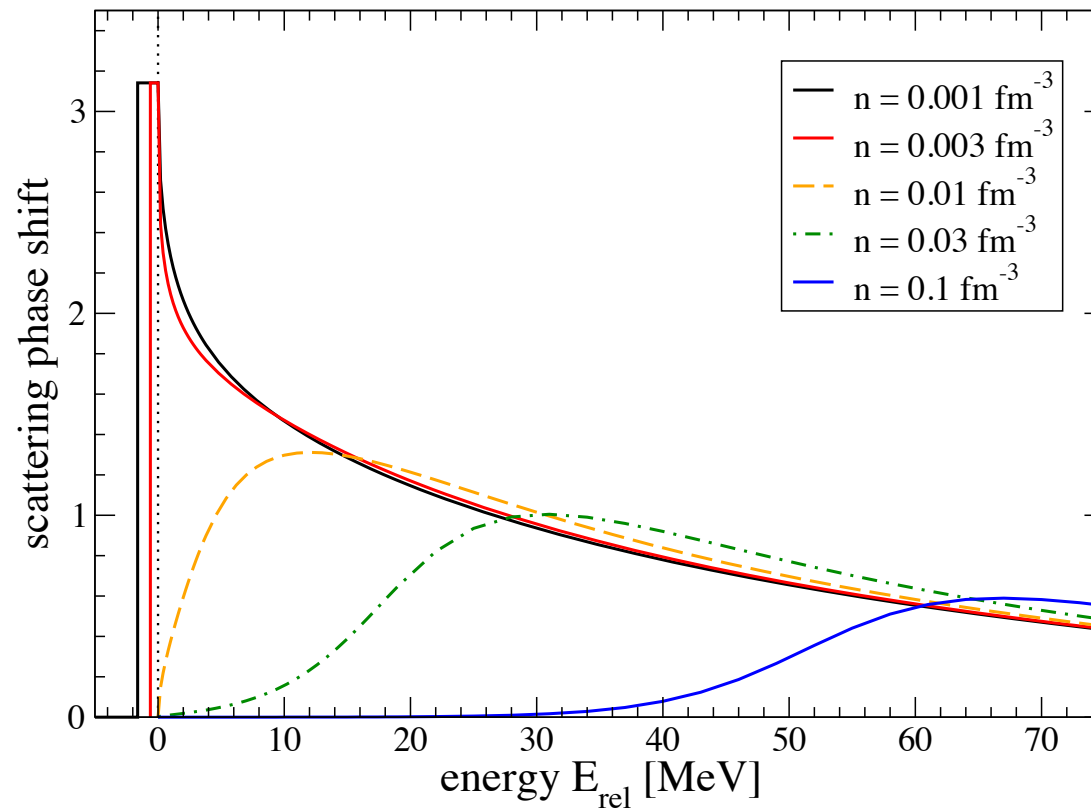


Quantum statistical (QS) approach,
quasiparticle concept, virial expansion

Deuteron-like scattering phase shifts

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

$T = 5 \text{ MeV}$



Tamm-Dancoff

deuteron bound state -2.2 MeV

G. Roepke, J. Phys.: Conf. Series 569, 012031 (2014)
Phys. Part. Nucl. 46, 772 (2015) [arXiv:1408.2654]

Different approximations

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bound state formation

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(clusters:) chemical equilibrium

medium effects

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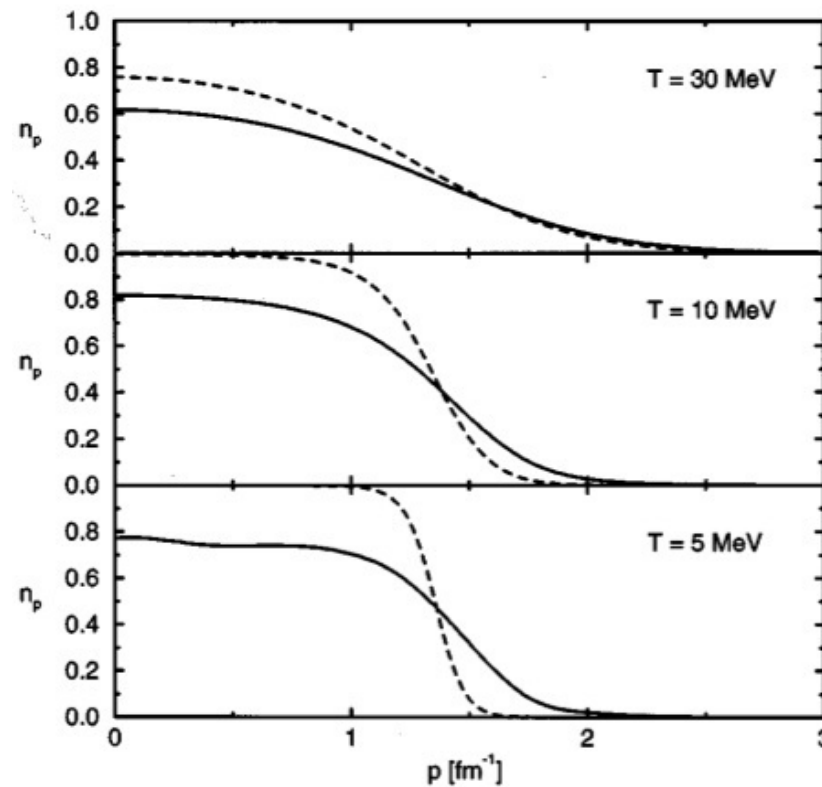
Chemical equilibrium

with quasiparticle clusters:

self-energy and Pauli blocking

Single nucleon distribution function

Dependence on temperature



saturation density

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

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continuum contribution

Second virial coefficient:
account of continuum contribution,
scattering phase shifts, Beth-Uhl.Eq.

chemical & physical picture

Cluster virial approach:
all bound states (clusters)
scattering phase shifts of all pairs

medium effects

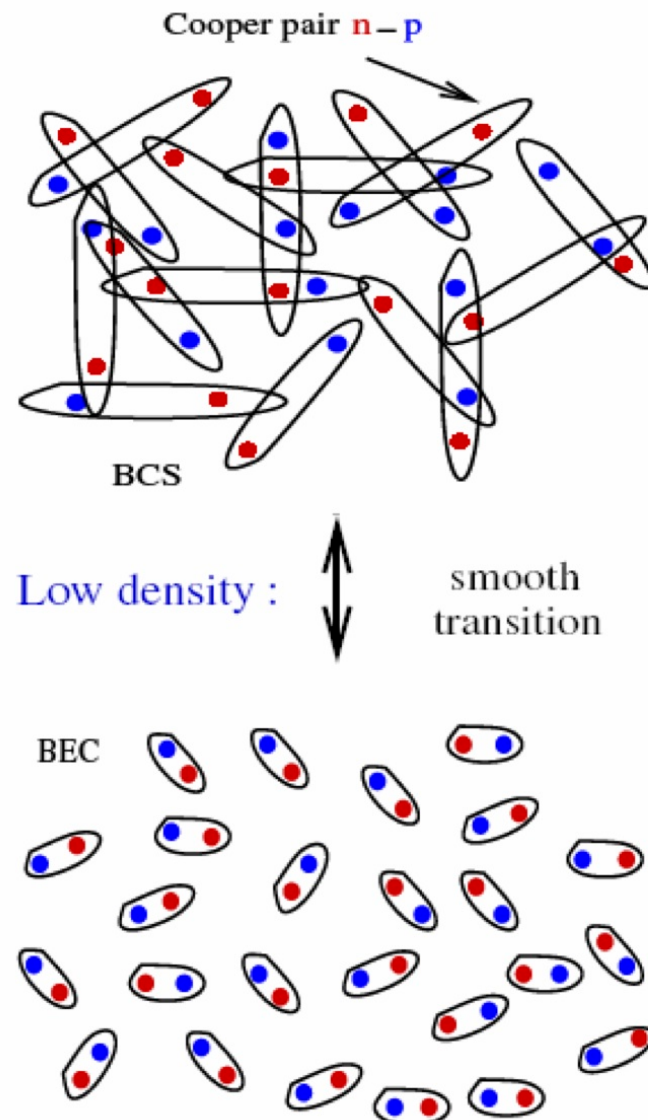
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Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck formula:
medium modified binding energies,
medium modified scattering phase shifts

Correlated medium:
phase space occupation by all bound states
in-medium correlations, quantum condensates

Crossover from BEC to BCS pairing



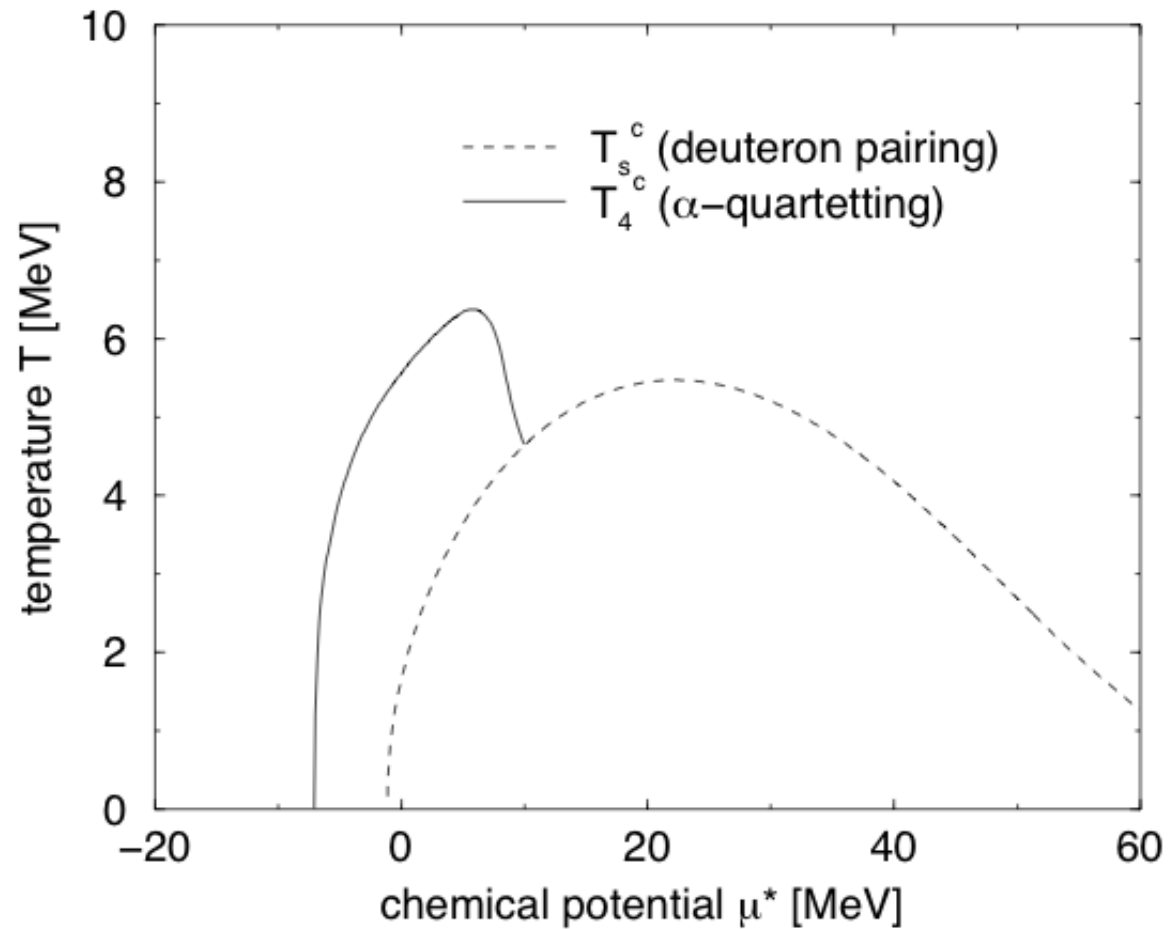
High Density
n-p Cooper pairs
Strongly overlapping
not Bosons



α - Particles
Only Exist
in Low Density
BEC Phase

gas of Deuterons
~ Bosons

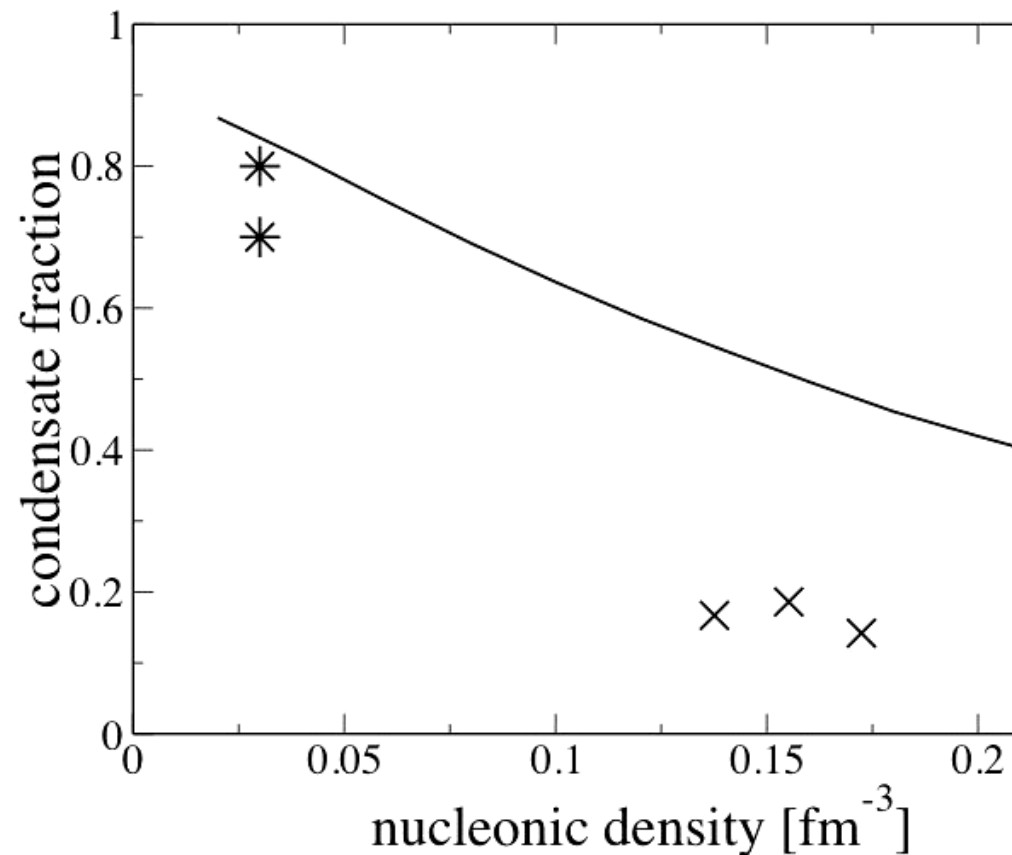
α -cluster-condensation (quartetting)



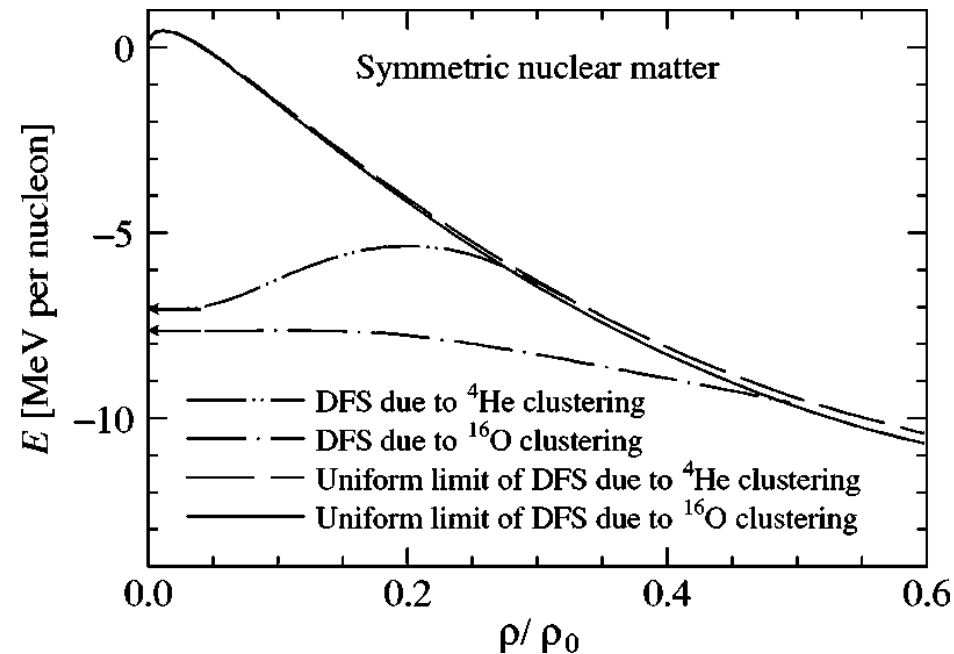
G.R., A.Schnell, P.Schuck, and P.Nozieres, PRL 80, 3177 (1998)

Suppression of condensate fraction

- Alpha-alpha interaction (Ali/Bodmer),
no Pauli blocking:
- Variational calculation (Clark/Jastrow approach
to the alpha-particle
condensate amplitude)
(crosses)
- First order approximation
(full line)
- Yamada/Schuck's
result for condensate
in C12 - O2+
(stars)



Clustering phenomena in nuclear matter below the saturation density

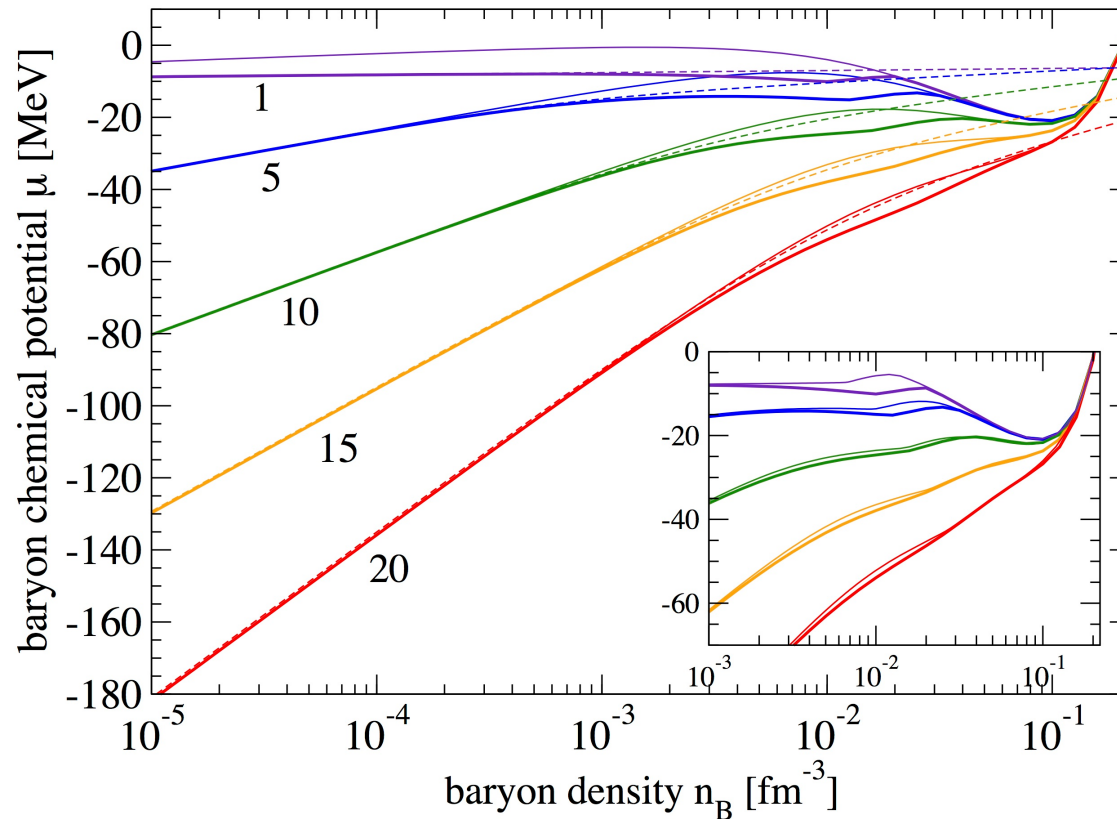


Overhauser: density-fluctuated states (DFSs) instead of plane-wave states.

Energy curves of DFSs due to α and ${}^{16}\text{O}$ clustering in the symmetric nuclear matter. The density of matter is normalized by the saturation density of the uniform matter.

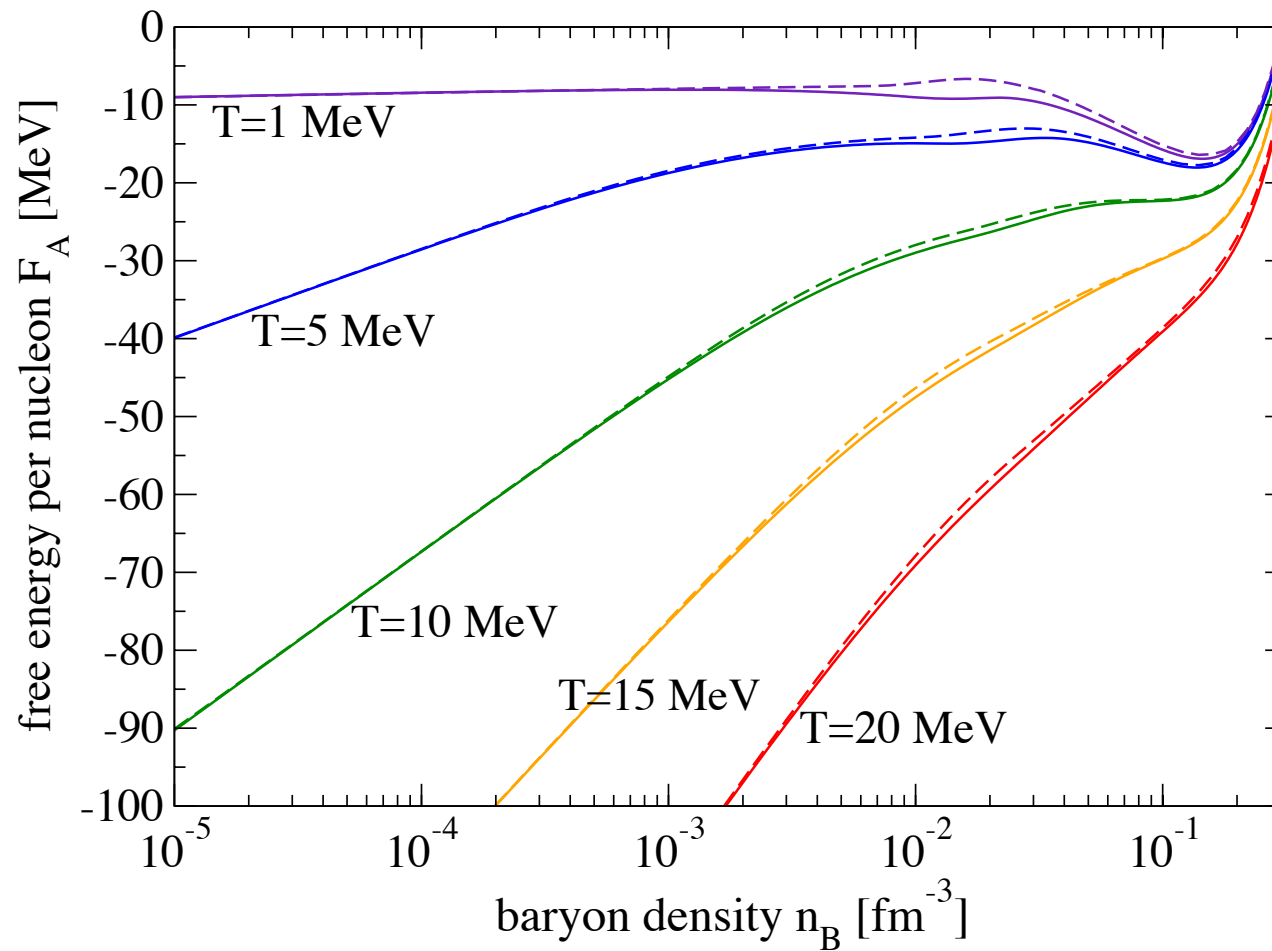
Hiroki Takemoto et al.,
PR C 69, 035802 (2004)

Equation of state: chemical potential



Chemical potential for symmetric matter. $T=1, 5, 10, 15, 20$ MeV.
QS calculation compared with RMF (thin) and NSE (dashed).
Insert: QS calculation without continuum correlations (thin lines).

Symmetric matter: free energy per nucleon



Dashed lines: no continuum correlations