

Can we describe the YM-phase diagram with a perturbative approach?

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a + \bar{D}_\mu \bar{c}^a D_\mu c^a + i h^a \bar{D}_\mu (A_\mu^a - \bar{A}_\mu^a) + \frac{1}{2} m^2 (A_\mu^a - \bar{A}_\mu^a)^2$$

Center-symmetry

→ Polyakov Loop  $\ell$

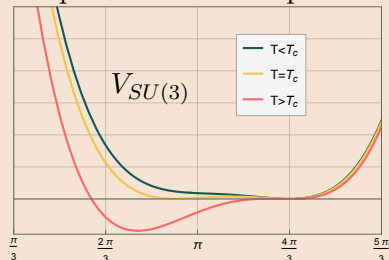
Background gauge ( $\bar{A}_\mu^a$ )

→ access SSB

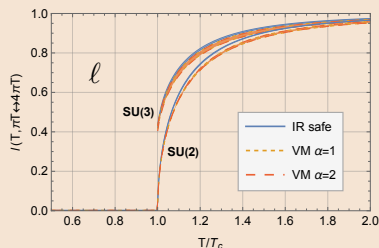
Curci-Ferrari gauge ( $m^2$ )

→ regulate IR

Use quantum effective potential to determine the order parameter  $\ell$ :



→  $T_c, \ell$

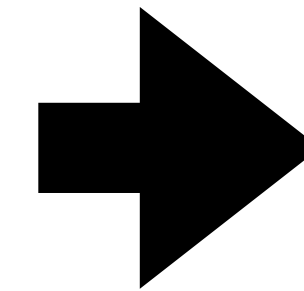
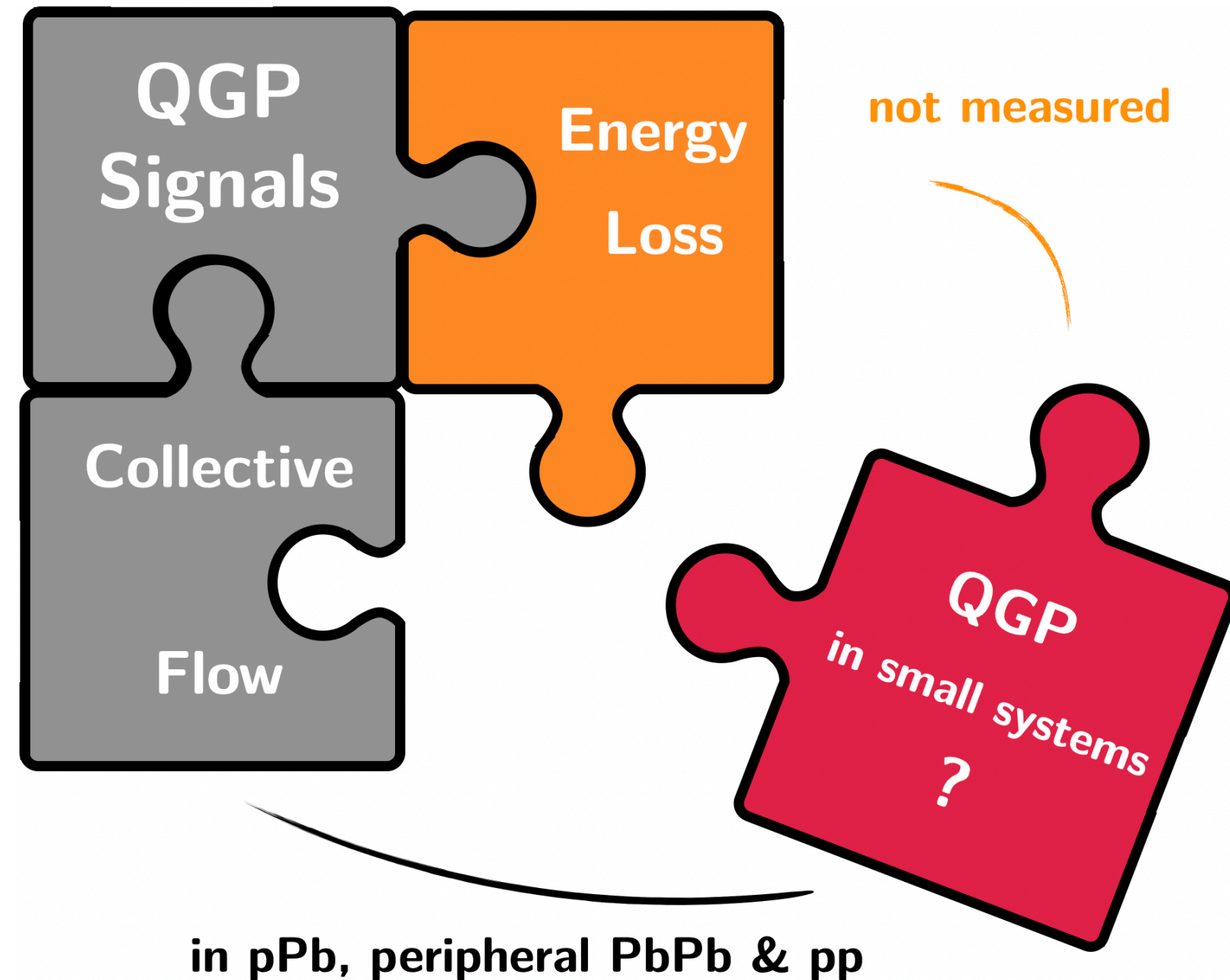


# Finding Energy-Loss in Small Systems

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precise **no-quenching** baseline  
+  
study of systematic uncertainties

Inclusive ( $R_{AA}$ ) and semi-inclusive ( $I_{AA}$ )  
nuclear modification factors in **oxygen-oxygen** collisions

Major limitation: **Uncertainties from nuclear parton distribution functions**



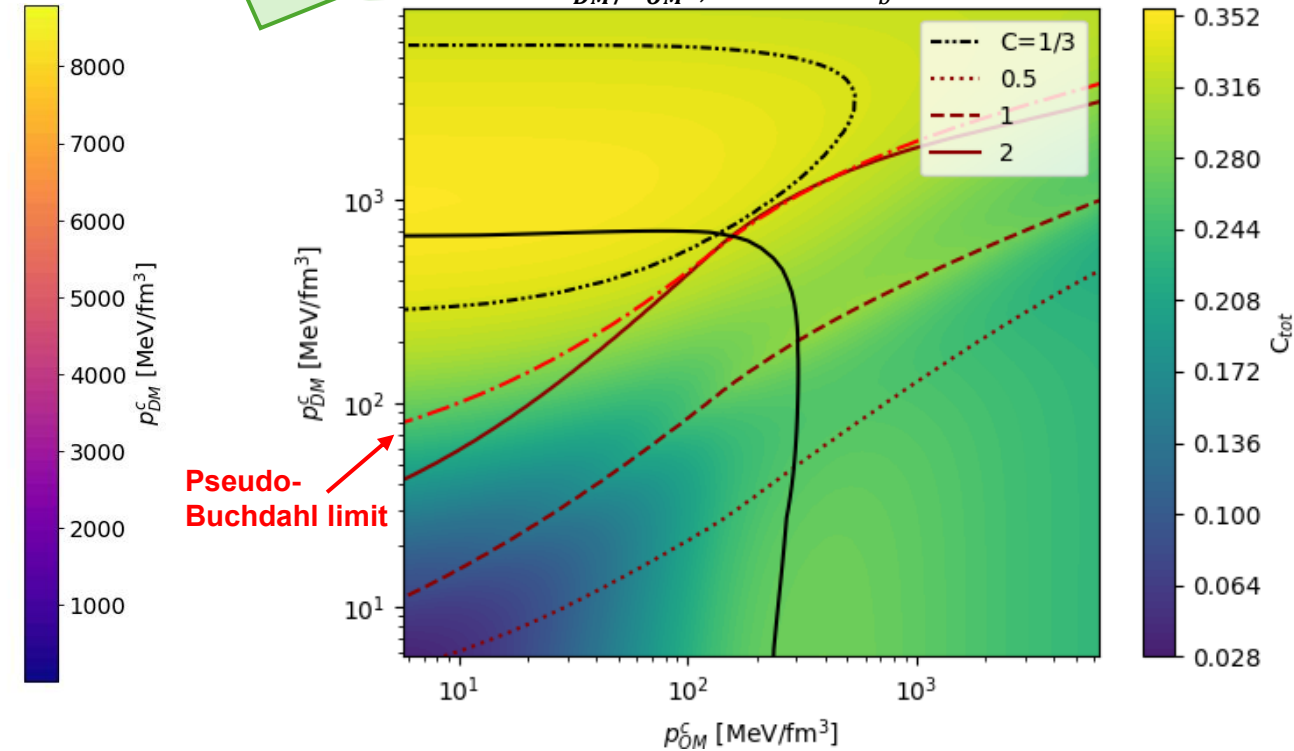
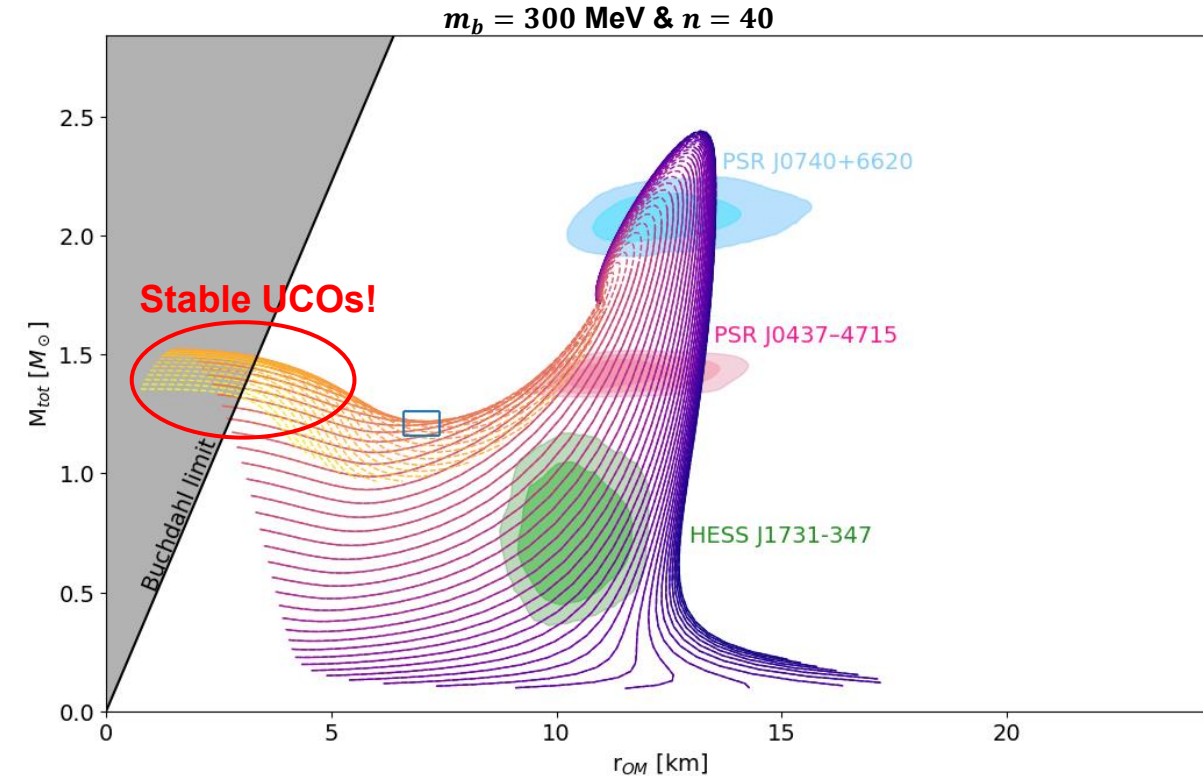
# Ultra-compact neutron stars with dark matter – Sarah Pitz & Jürgen Schaffner-Bielich

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- Two-fluid NS with scalar, bosonic DM
- **Stiff self-interaction** potential:
- Stability analysis: radial density perturbations

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{2^{n/2}} (\phi^* \phi)^{n/2}$$

HESS, XTE J1814-338,  
GW230529? OM or DM?  
Causality!



- Stable NS with  $M_{\text{tot}} \leq 1.5 M_{\odot}$  ( $m_b = 300 \text{ MeV}$ ) or  $M_{\text{tot}} \geq 3.4 M_{\odot}$  ( $m_b = 200 \text{ MeV}$ ) and  $R_{\text{OM}} < 8 \text{ km}$ !
- Compact enough to have a light-ring  $\Rightarrow$  black hole mimicker
- Model describes HESS J1731-347, XTE J1814-338 and GW230529

$\Rightarrow$  could be smoking gun signal for DM

Check out my poster for  
the other plots



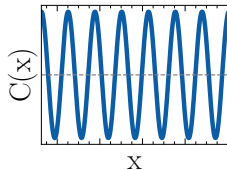
# Exotic phases in finite density QCD?

## The Quantum Pion Liquid using lattice field theory

- ▶ At intermediate  $\mu$  and  $T$ : Explore phases with spatial modulated (mesonic) quantities

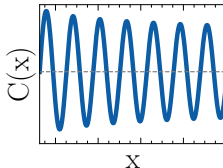
### Inhomogeneous phase(IP)

- ▶  $\langle \phi_j \rangle \sim \langle \bar{\psi} \Gamma_j \psi \rangle = f_{\text{os}}(\mathbf{x})$   
with, e.g.,  $f_{\text{os}} \sim \cos(kx)$
- ▶  $\langle \phi(x)\phi(0) \rangle \sim C_{\text{osc}}(x)$
- ▶ Translational SSB!



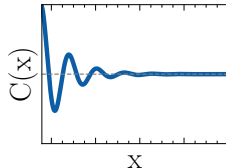
### Liquid crystal

- ▶  $\langle \phi_j \rangle \sim \langle \bar{\psi} \Gamma_j \psi \rangle = \text{const.}$
- ▶ Disordering through phonon fluctuations
- ▶  $\langle \phi(x)\phi(0) \rangle \sim C_{\text{osc}}(x)|x|^{-\beta}$



### Quantum $\pi$ liquid( $Q\pi L$ )

- ▶  $\langle \phi_j \rangle \sim \langle \bar{\psi} \Gamma_j \psi \rangle = \text{const.}$
- ▶ Disordering through Goldstones of chiral SSB
- ▶  $C(x) \sim e^{-mx} C_{\text{osc}}(x)$



- ▶ (Model) evidence for  $Q\pi L$  instead of, e.g., IP from two different approaches

# Electric field effects on hot and dense media

Osvaldo Ferreira\* and Eduardo Souza Fraga



$$\xi = \frac{1}{2e^2} \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \lim_{k_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_{00}^{T \neq 0}(k_0, k)}{\partial k^2}$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{2e^2} \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \lim_{k_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial^2 \Pi_S^{T \neq 0}(k_0, k)}{\partial k^2}$$

(Endrődi and Markó, JHEP, 2022)

(OF and Eduardo S. Fraga, PRD, 2024)

The susceptibilities are associated to **power corrections** to the photon polarization tensor.

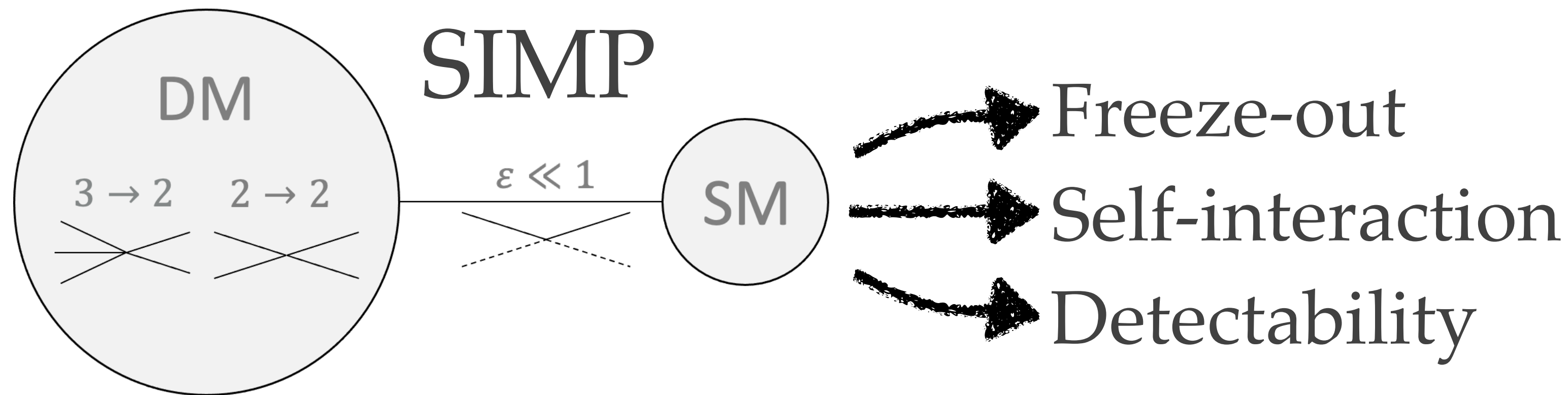
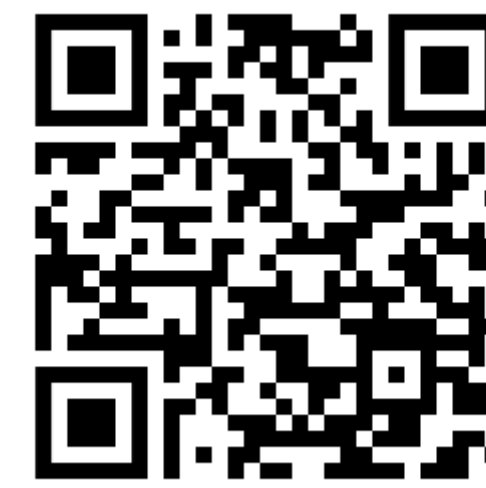


HTL methods for finite temperature and density calculations.  
(Gorda et al, PRD, 2023)  
(Carignano et al, Phys.Lett.B, 2018),  
(Manuel et al, PRD, 2016)  
and references therein.

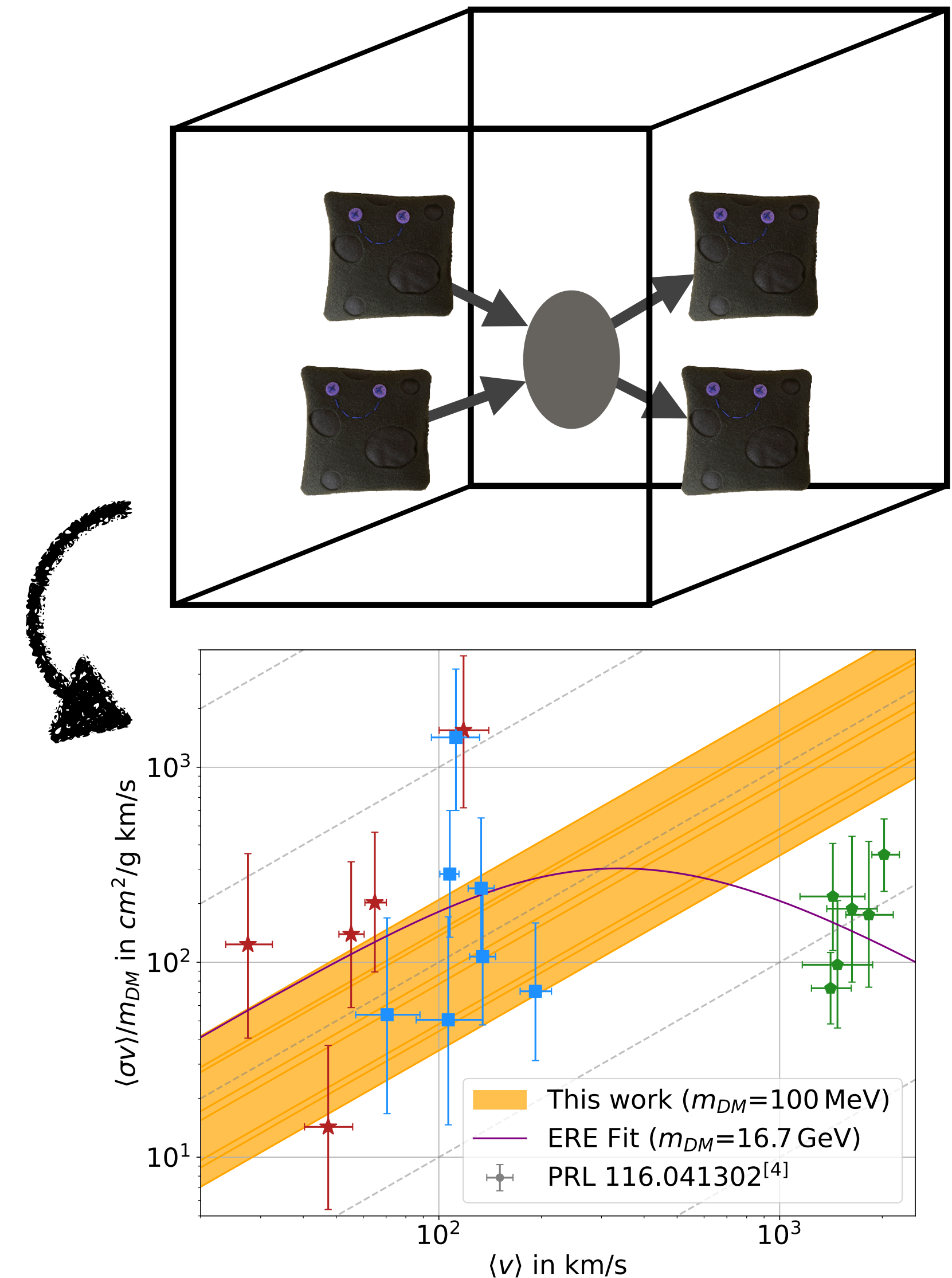


# Dark Matter Scattering on the lattice

Yannick Dengler, Axel Maas & Fabian Zierler



- ❖  $Sp(4)$  is a minimal realisation
- ❖ Rich Hadron Sector
- ❖ Dark matter candidates are the Pions
- ❖ Lattice results can be directly compared to astro-data

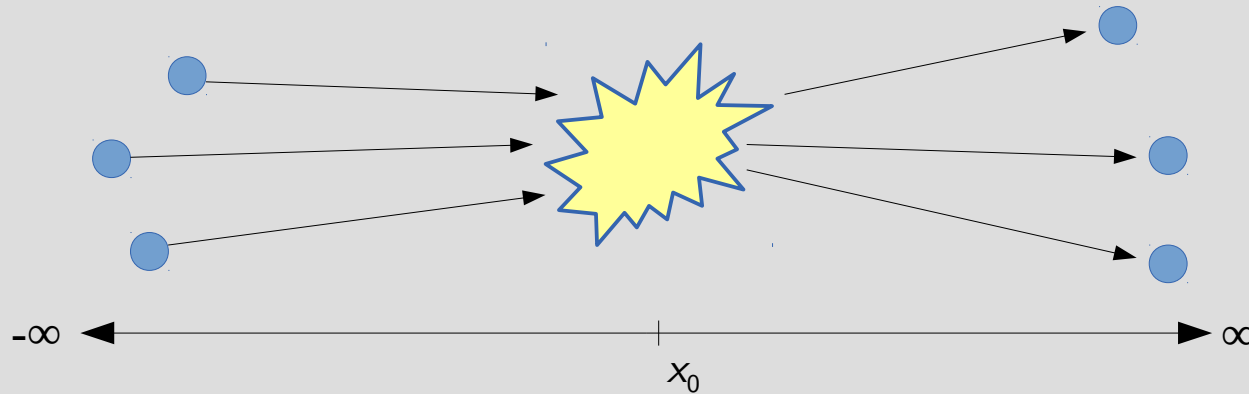


# Non-perturbative constraints on perturbation theory at finite temperature

(Based on: P. Lowdon\*, O. Philipsen, *JHEP* 08, 167 (2024) [2405.02009])

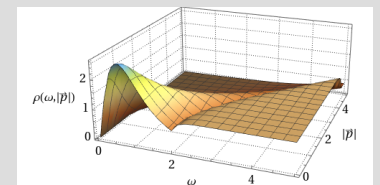
**Problem:** Perturbation theory is known to break down when  $T > 0$

**Why?** Non-trivial physics cannot occur when  $T > 0$  if the scattering states have purely real dispersion relations  $\omega = E(\mathbf{p})$ : dissipative effects of the thermal medium are *everywhere*, need to take these into account in the definition of these states!



→ This is a consequence of a non-perturbative QFT constraint: the *Narnhofer-Requardt-Thirring Theorem* [Commun. Math. Phys. 92, 247 (1983)]

**Solution:** perform  $T > 0$  perturbation theory with propagators that have non-real dispersion relations from the outset! → “**Thermoparticles**”





# Adjoint correlator(s) of Chromoelectric fields at NLO in Finite T

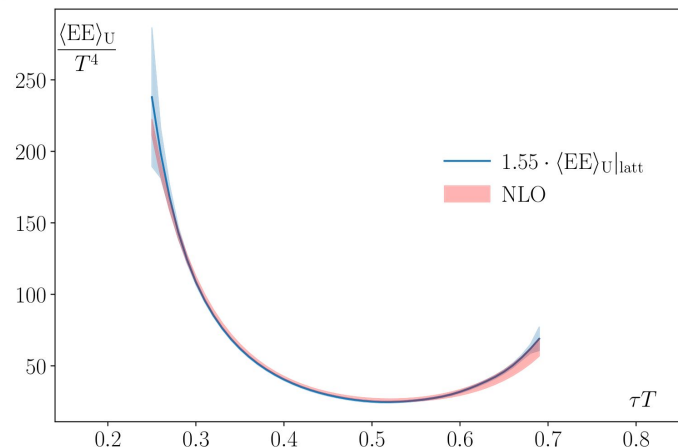
1. Motivation: Evolution of heavy quarkonium in QGP  
**OQS + pNRQCD**

2. Evolution quantified by two transport coefficients:  
 $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$

$$\kappa = \frac{g^2}{6N_c} \text{Re} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle T E_i^a(t) U^{ab}(t,0) E_i^b(0) \rangle \quad \gamma = \frac{g^2}{6N_c} \text{Im} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle T E_i^a(t) U^{ab}(t,0) E_i^b(0) \rangle$$

3.  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  depend on Chromoelectric correlators:

$$\langle EE \rangle_U \equiv \langle E_a^i(0) W^{ab}(0,\tau) E_b^i(\tau) \rangle$$

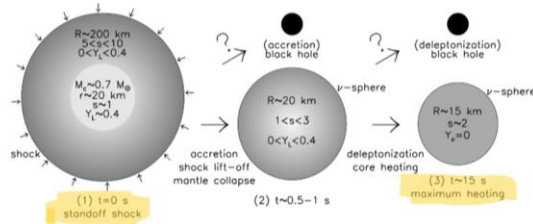


# Determining proto-neutron stars' minimal mass with a chirally constrained nuclear equation of state

Selina Kunkel, Stephan Wystub and Jürgen Schaffner-Bielich

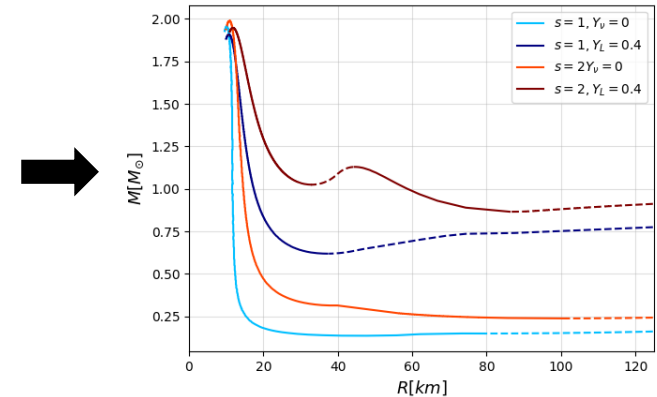
## Proto-neutron star:

- Hot!
- Constant entropy per baryon
- Constant lepton fraction



Variation of constant  $S/N$  and  $Y_L$  leads to different mass configurations for different evolution stages!

## Mass-Radius Curve:

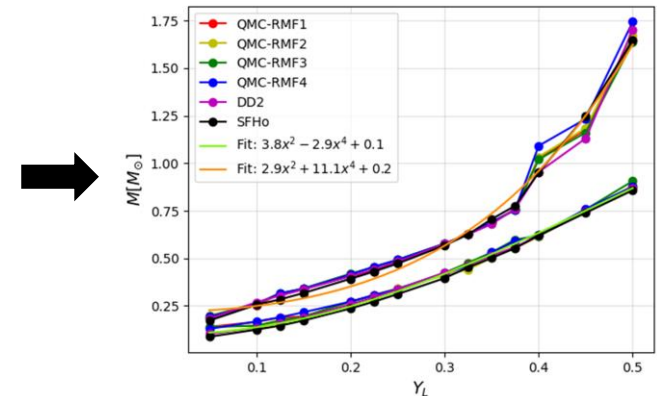


## Chiral EFT:

- Effective Field Theory that includes chiral symmetry in terms of an expansion parameter  $Q/\Lambda_\chi$
- Relevant degrees of freedom are nucleons  
→ Good for describing neutron matter!
- Limits of application:  $0.5n_0 - (1n_0 - 2n_0)$
- Uncertainty estimates give constraints on equation of state

Similarities between equations of state which fulfill chiral EFT!

## Minimal mass dependency on lepton fraction:



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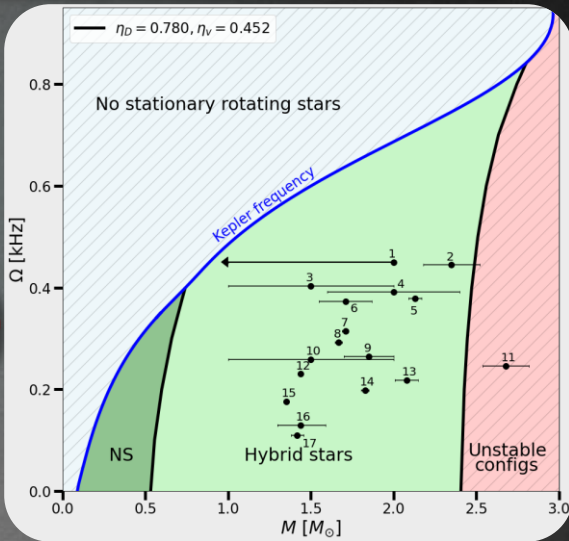
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