

Equation of state in neutron stars from a bottom-up holographic QCD model

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An ultimate purpose of QCD studies

To obtain the QCD phase diagram



To challenge it

Focus on neutron stars

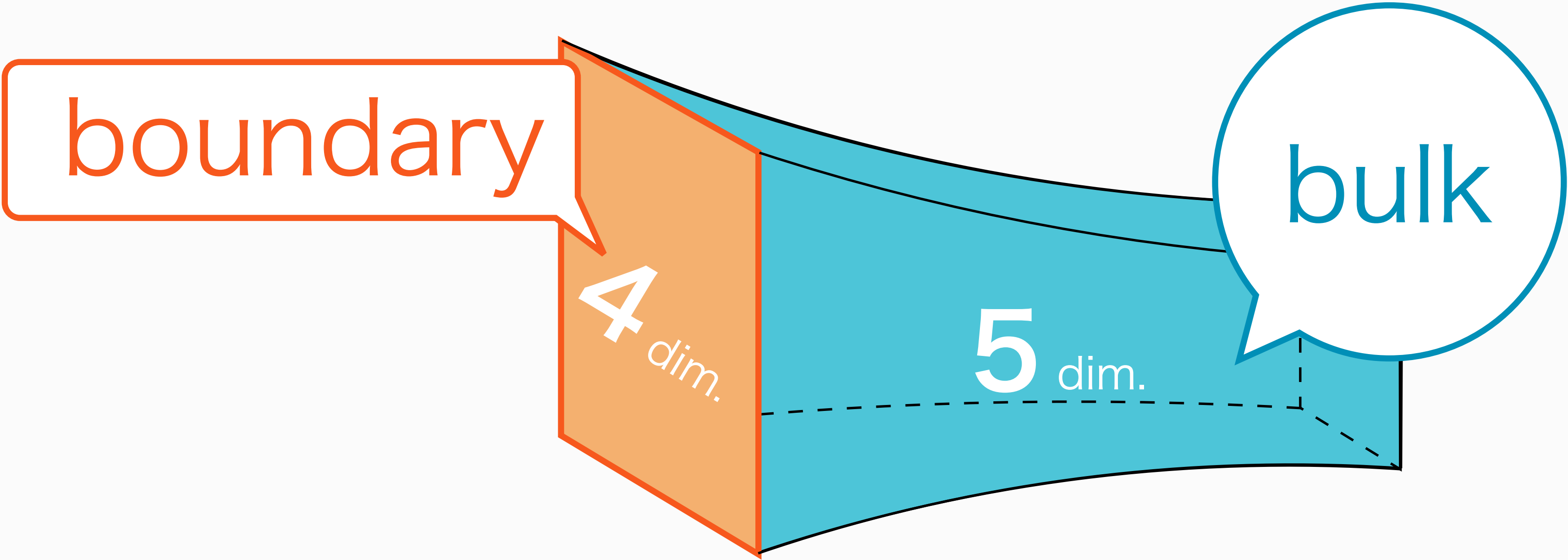
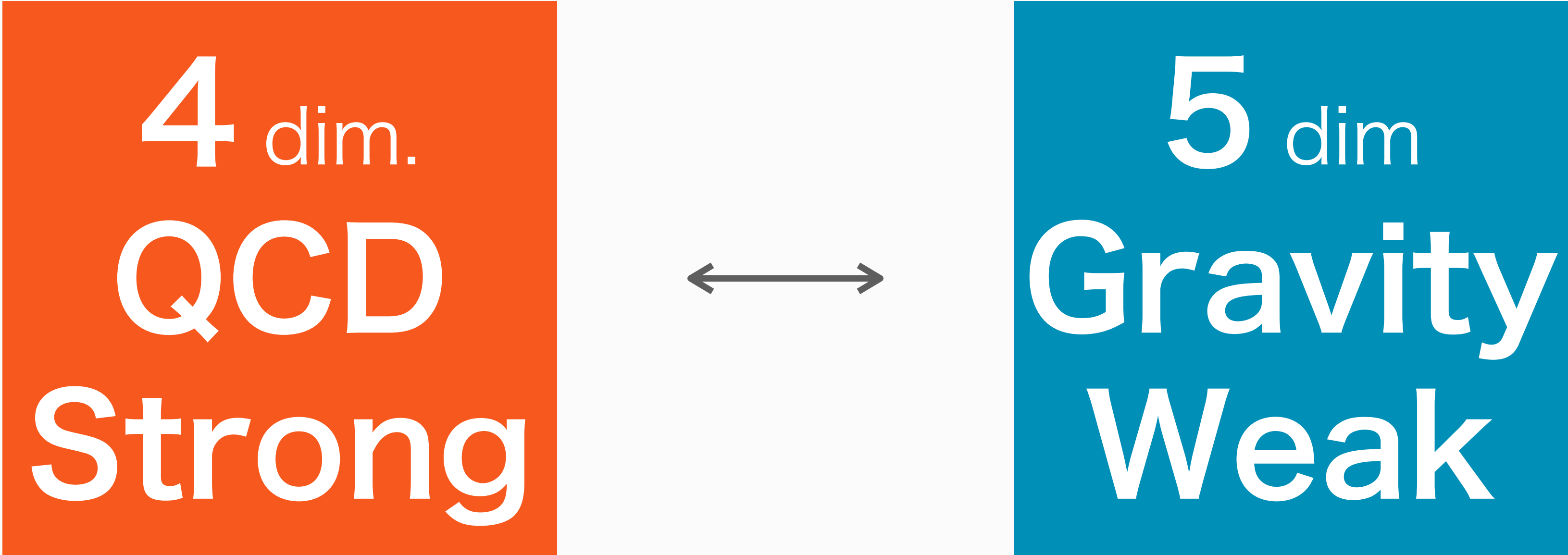
Which model is better?

Holographic QCD

- 01 Finite density
- 02 Strong coupling
- 03 Chiral transition

Holographic QCD

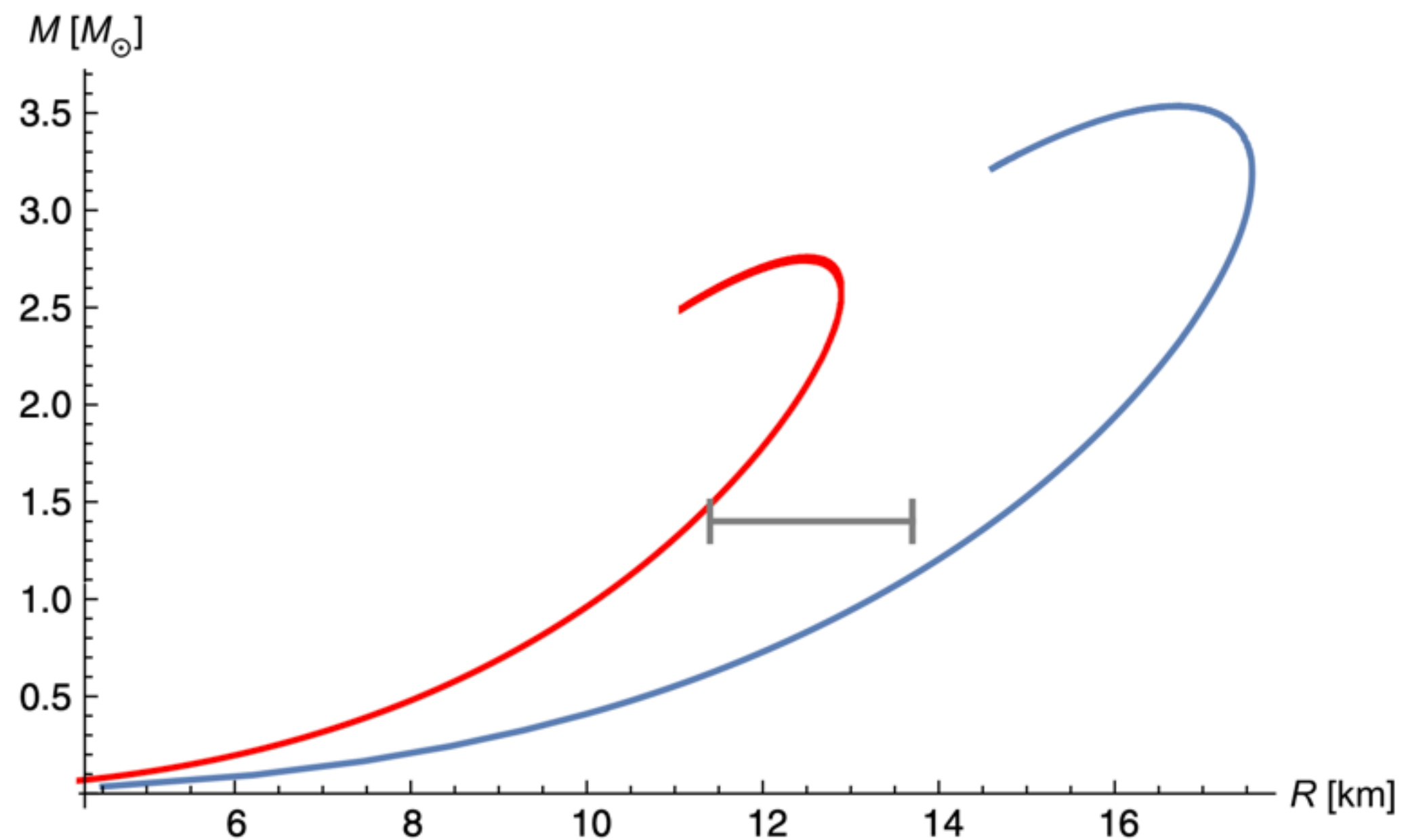
Note: Large N_c limit



Previous study

Hard-wall model

Lorenzo Bartolini, et al., Phys. Rev. D
105, 126014 (2022)



Problems

- Definition of μ_B
- Selection of IR b.c.
- Selection of variables
- Renormalization
- \vdots



Revisit the model

Method

01. Action of matters

Bi-fundamental
Scalar fields

Potential on the hard-wall

$U(2)$ Flavor gauge fields
(Left&Right)

$$S = S_g + S_{CS} + S_\Phi + S_{IR} + S_c$$

Chern-Simons term

L_M, R_M : $SU(2)$ gauge field
 \hat{L}_M, \hat{R}_M : $U(1)$ gauge field
 Φ : scalar field
 $M, N, \dots = 0, 1, 2, 3, z$

$$S_g = -\frac{N_c}{12\pi^2} \int d^4 x dz \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(L_{MN} L^{MN}) + \frac{1}{4} \hat{L}_{MN} \hat{L}^{MN} + \{R \leftrightarrow L\} \right],$$

$$S_{CS} = \frac{N_c}{16\pi^2} \int d^4 x dz \epsilon_{MNPQR} \left[\frac{1}{4} \hat{L}_M \left(\text{Tr}[L_{NP} L_{QR}] + \frac{1}{6} \hat{L}_{NP} \hat{L}_{QR} \right) - \{R \leftrightarrow L\} \right],$$

$$S_\Phi = \frac{N_c}{12\pi^2} \int d^4 x dz \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \text{Tr} [(D_M \Phi)^\dagger D^M \Phi] + 3 \text{Tr} [\Phi^\dagger \Phi] \right\},$$

$$S_{IR} = - \int_{z=z_{IR}} d^4 x m_b^2 \text{tr} [\Phi^\dagger \Phi].$$

$$\mathcal{L}_z = \mathcal{R}_z = 0 \quad (\text{gauge fixing})$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{MN} &= \partial_M L_N - \partial_N L_M - i[L_M, L_N], \\ L_{MN}^a &= \partial_M L_N^a - \partial_N L_M^a + f^{abc} L_M^b L_N^c, \\ D_M \Phi &= \partial_M \Phi - i\mathcal{L}_M \Phi + i\Phi \mathcal{R}_M, \\ \mathcal{L}_M &= L_M^a \frac{\tau^a}{2} + \hat{L}_M \frac{I_2}{2} \\ &(\tau^a : \text{Pauli matrix, } a = 1, 2, 3), \\ N_c &= 3, L = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Ansatz

Homogeneous Ansatz

“Mean-field approximation”

$$\Phi = \omega_0(z) \frac{I_2}{2}$$



Current quark mass
Chiral condensate

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -\mathcal{R}_0 = \hat{a}_0(z) \frac{I_2}{2}$$



Baryon chemical potential
Baryon number density

$$\mathcal{L}_i = -\mathcal{R}_i = -H(z) \frac{\tau^i}{2}$$



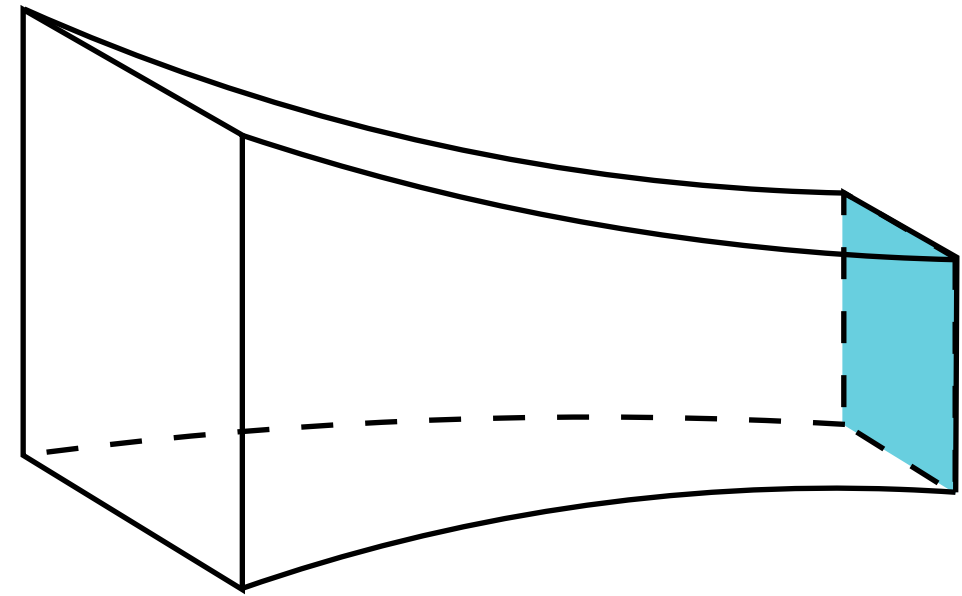
Axial vector potential
Axial vector meson condensate

02. IR b.c.

Note: $z_{\text{IR}} = 1$

Mesonic IR b.c. ($z = z_{\text{IR}}$)

$$\mu_B < \mu_c$$



b.c.

Neumann

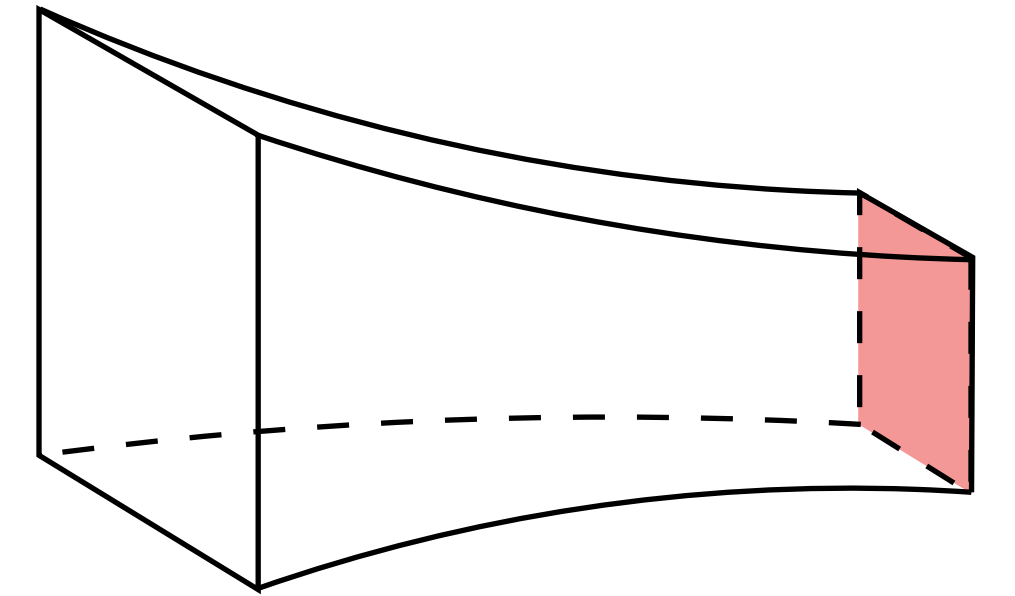
$$\partial_z \omega_0(z_{\text{IR}}) = -\frac{12\pi^2}{N_c} \left(3kH^2 \omega_0 + m_b^2 \omega_0 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \omega_0^3 \right),$$

$$\partial_z \hat{a}_0(z_{\text{IR}}) = 0,$$

$$\partial_z H(z_{\text{IR}}) = 0.$$

Baryonic IR b.c. ($z = z_{\text{IR}}$)

$$\mu_B \geq \mu_c$$



b.c.

Neumann
+
Dirichlet

$$\partial_z \omega_0(z_{\text{IR}}) = -\frac{12\pi^2}{N_c} \left(3kH^2 \omega_0 + m_b^2 \omega_0 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \omega_0^3 \right),$$

$$\hat{a}_0(z_{\text{IR}}) = A = 4,$$

$$H(z_{\text{IR}}) = B.$$

03. UV b.c.

UV b.c. ($z = 0$)

$$\partial_z \omega_0(0) = m = 3 \text{ MeV}$$



Current quark mass

$$\hat{a}_0(0) = \mu$$

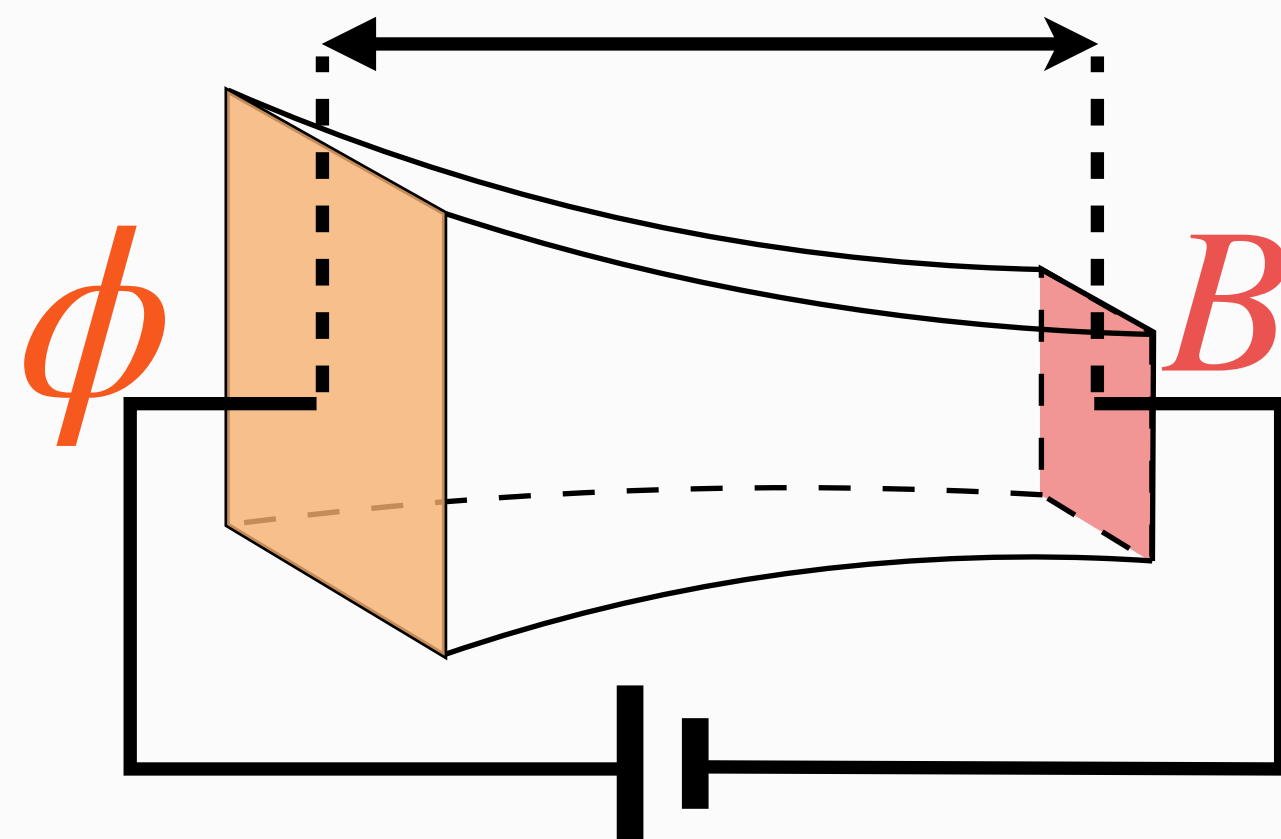


Baryon chemical potential

$$H(0) = \phi = B \in \{0.2, 0.4, 0.6\}$$



Axial vector potential



Make “no difference of potential”

$$\hat{\phi} \propto \phi - B = 0$$

Parameters

01

AdS radius
&
place of the hard-wall

Fit from M-R plot

$$L = z_{\text{IR}} = (800 \text{ MeV})^{-1}$$

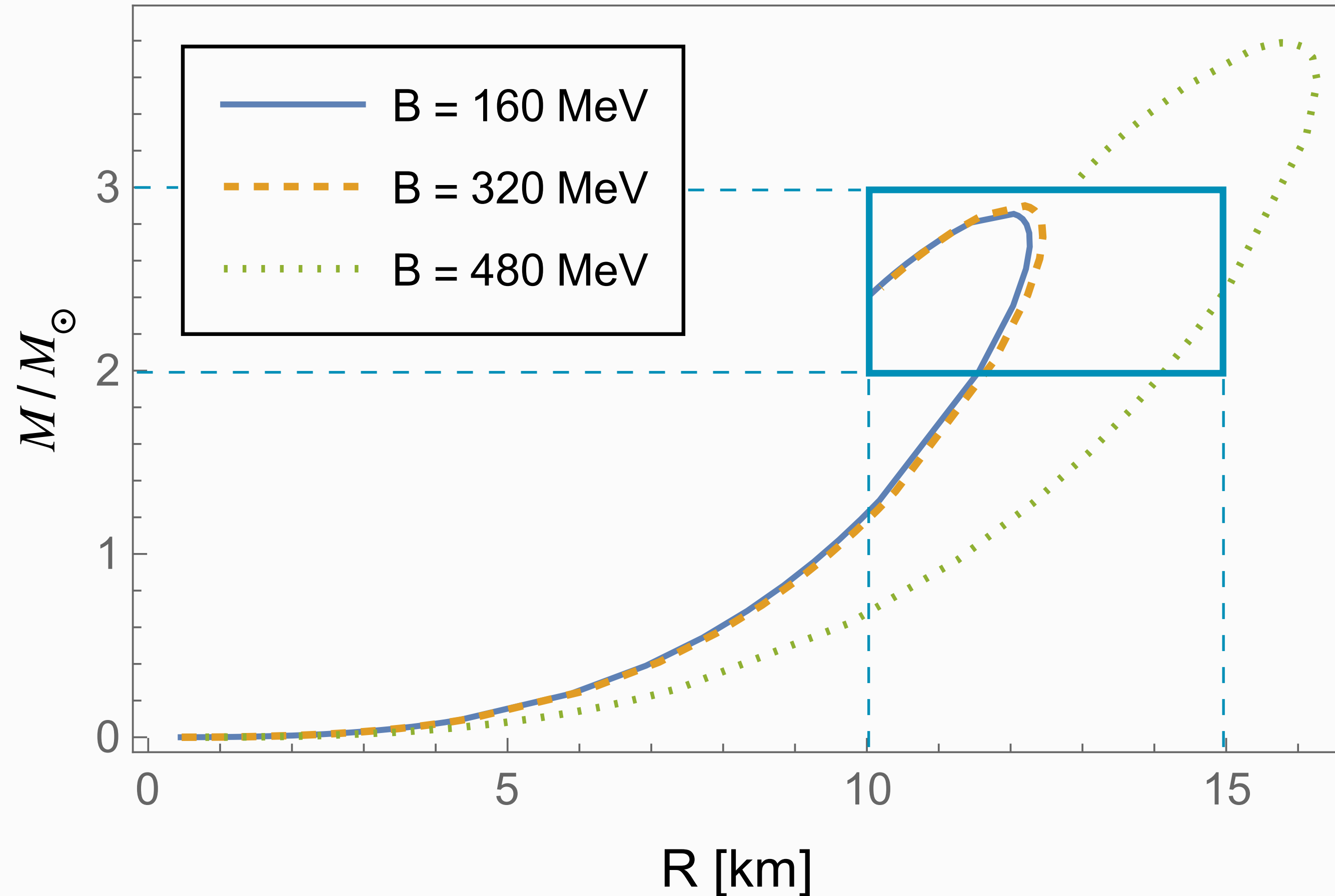
02

Chiral condensate
in the mesonic phase

Lattice result

$$\xi_0 = (251 \text{ MeV})^3$$

H. Fukaya, et al., PRL **98**, 172001 (2007)



Self-binding(?), stiff matter
(Quark star like)

Results

Grand potential density

Two transitions

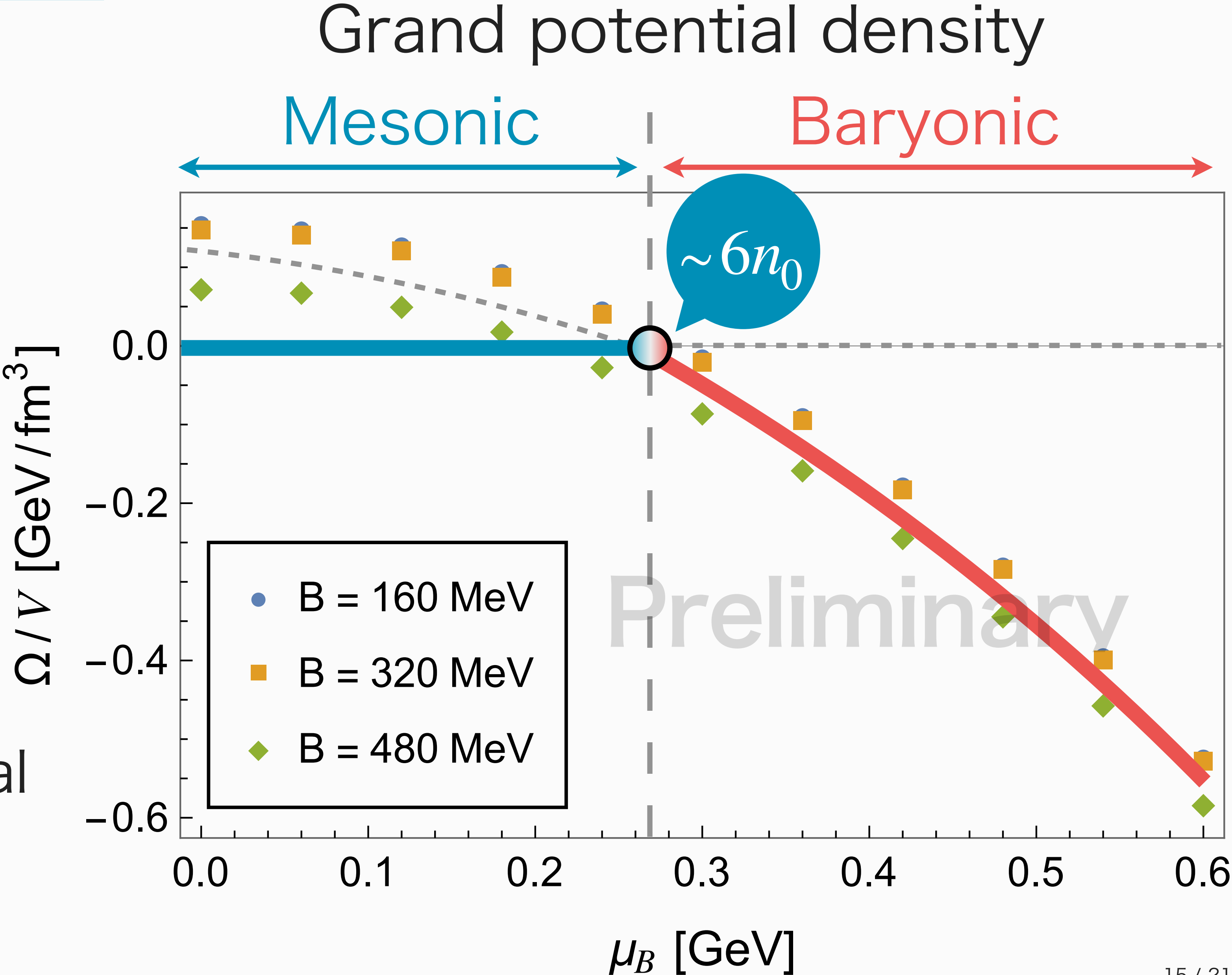
- Chirality
- Baryon number density

All transitions are

1st transition

Critical chemical potential

$$\mu_B \sim 270 \text{ MeV}$$



Chiral condensate

Chiral condensate remains

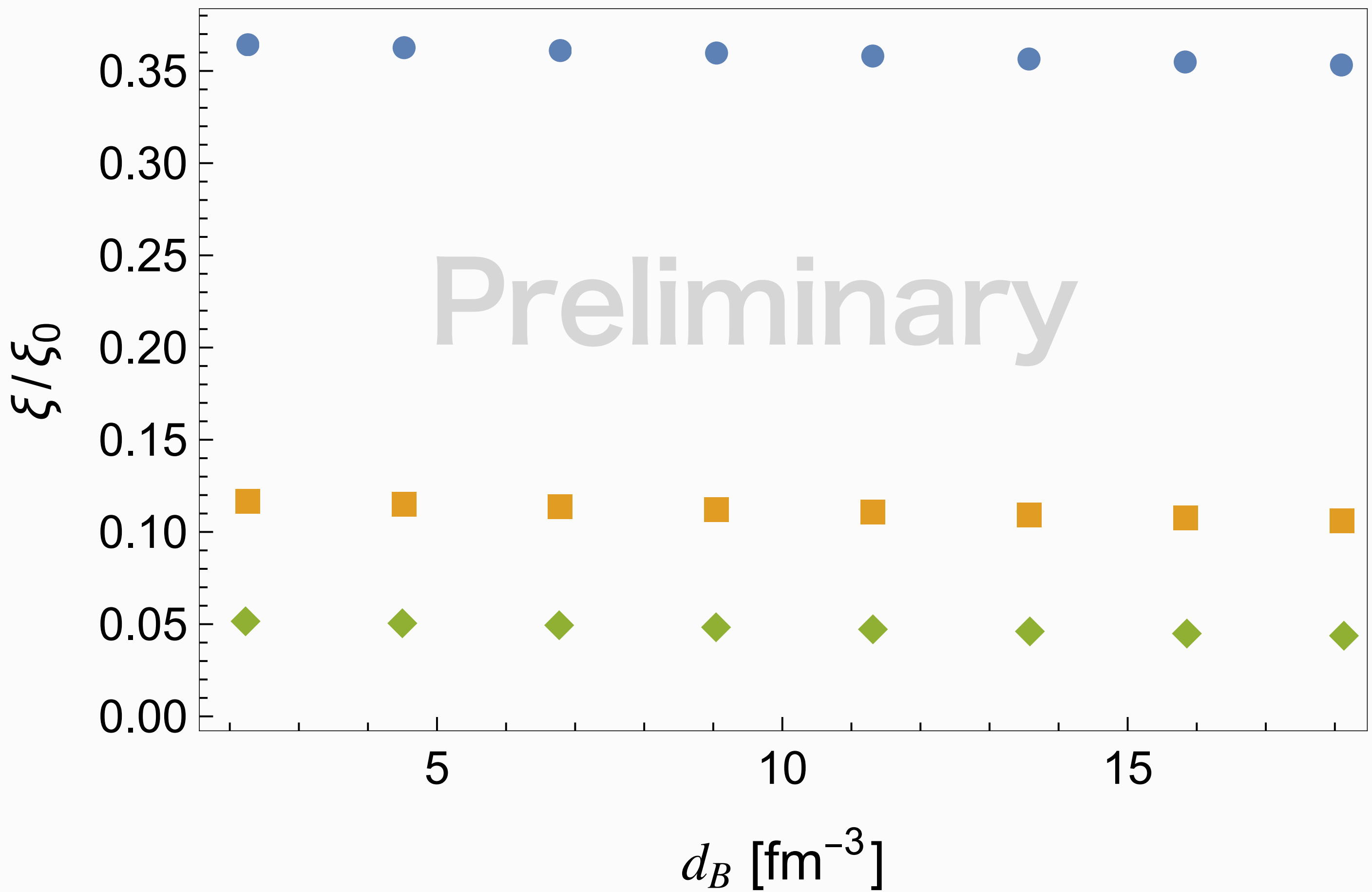
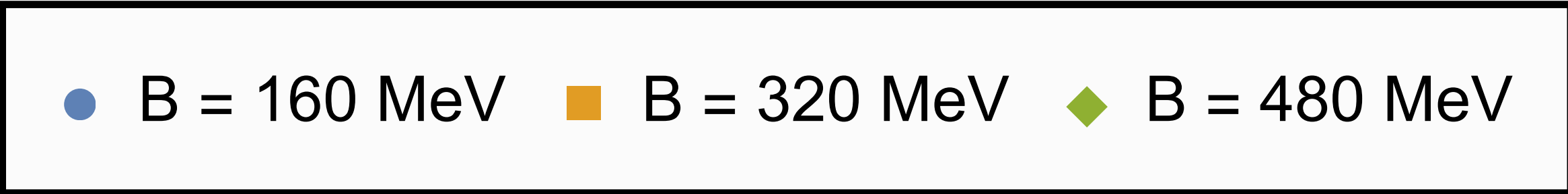
$\sim 35\%$

Maximally

Partial restoration of Chiral symmetry

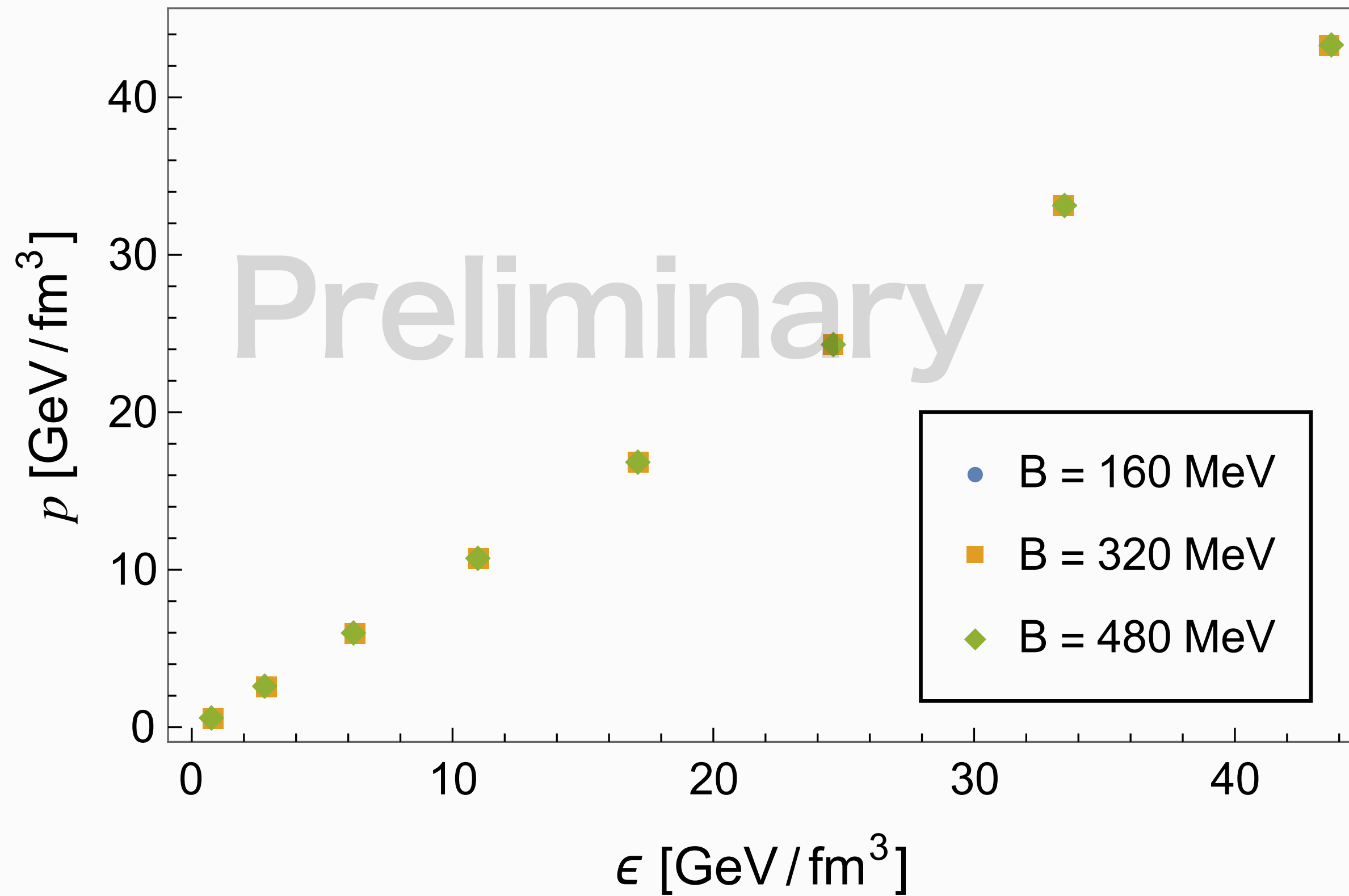
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Chiral condensate (baryonic phase)



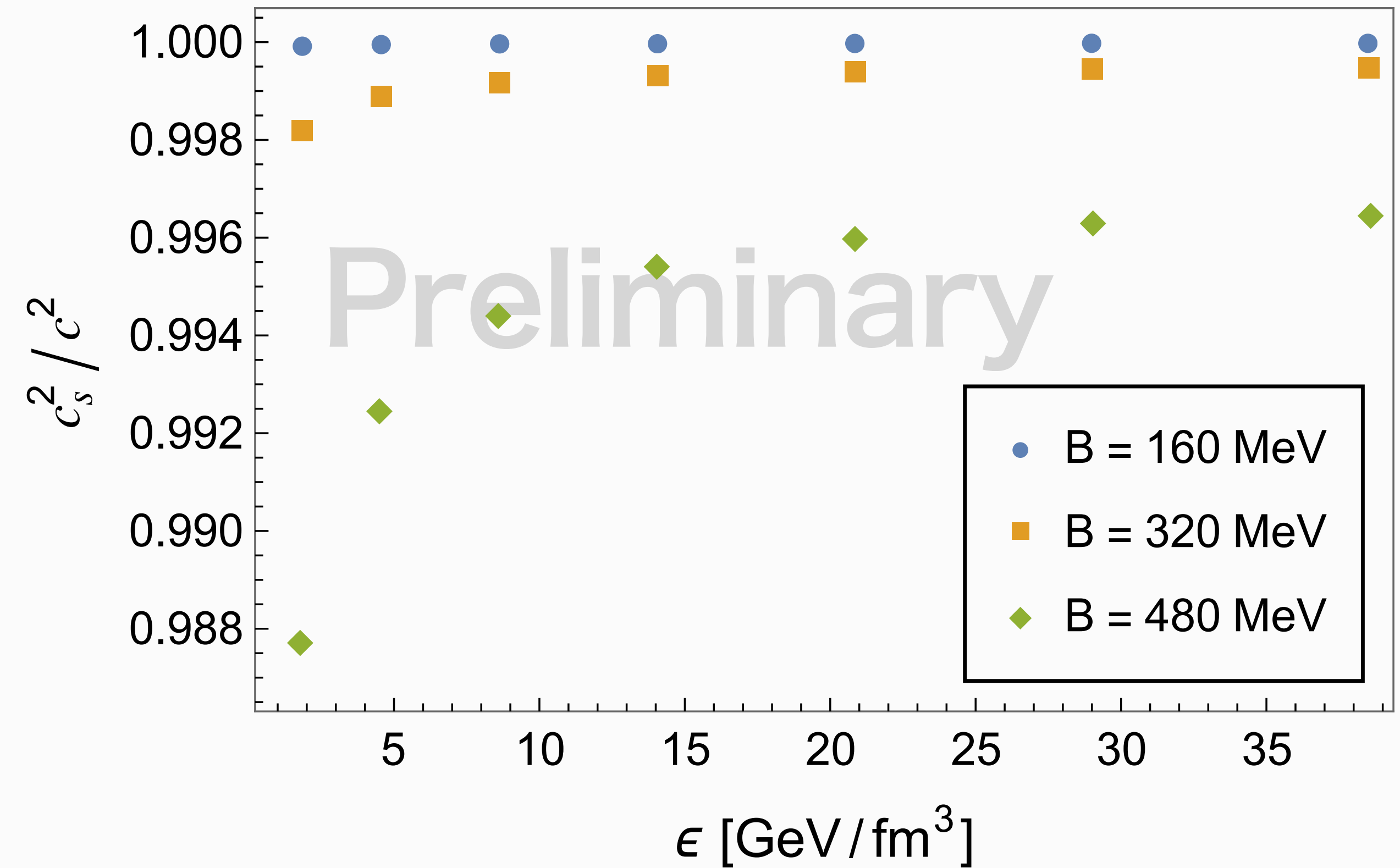
EoS & Speed of sound

EoS (baryonic phase)



The EoS is
Linear function
with gradient $\simeq 1$

Speed of sound (baryonic phase)



► **Speed of sound $\simeq 1$**

Discussion

What is the matter?

Properties

- Six times $n_0 \simeq 1.7 \text{ fm}^{-3}$
- Self-binding matter (?)
- Speed of sound ~ 1
- Color confinement



**High density
nuclear matter**

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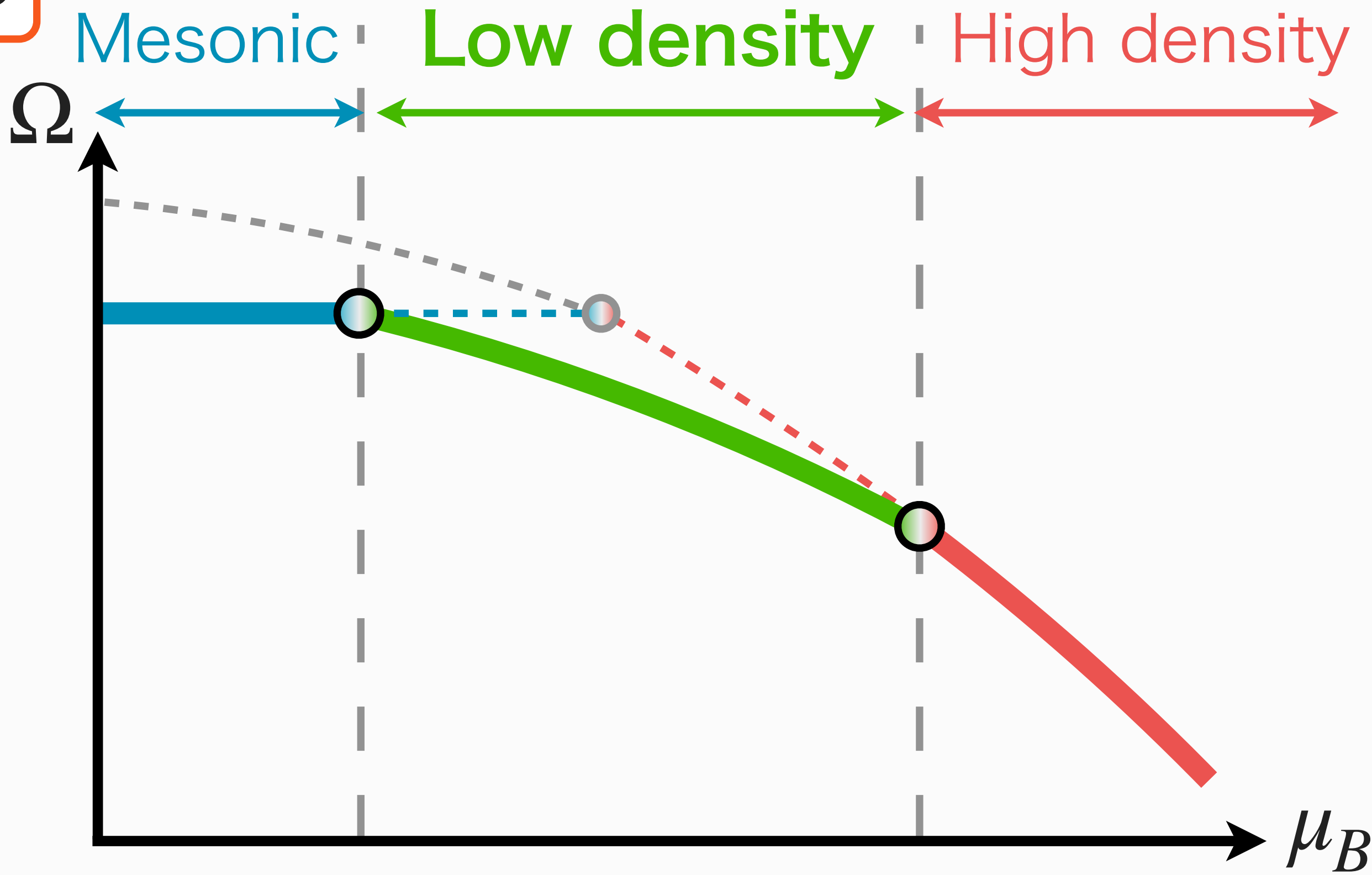
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Unreliable

High density
nuclear matter

The Ansatz is not suitable
for low density region

Need another Ansatz



Abstract

Purpose

- Studying the QCD EoS from holographic QCD

Method

- Hard-wall model + **Switching IR b.c.**

Result

- Baryonic matter appears with first transition
- **Partial restoration of chiral symmetry**

Discussion

- The matter is a high density nuclear matter
- We need low density Ansatz