Reaching conformality in neutron stars

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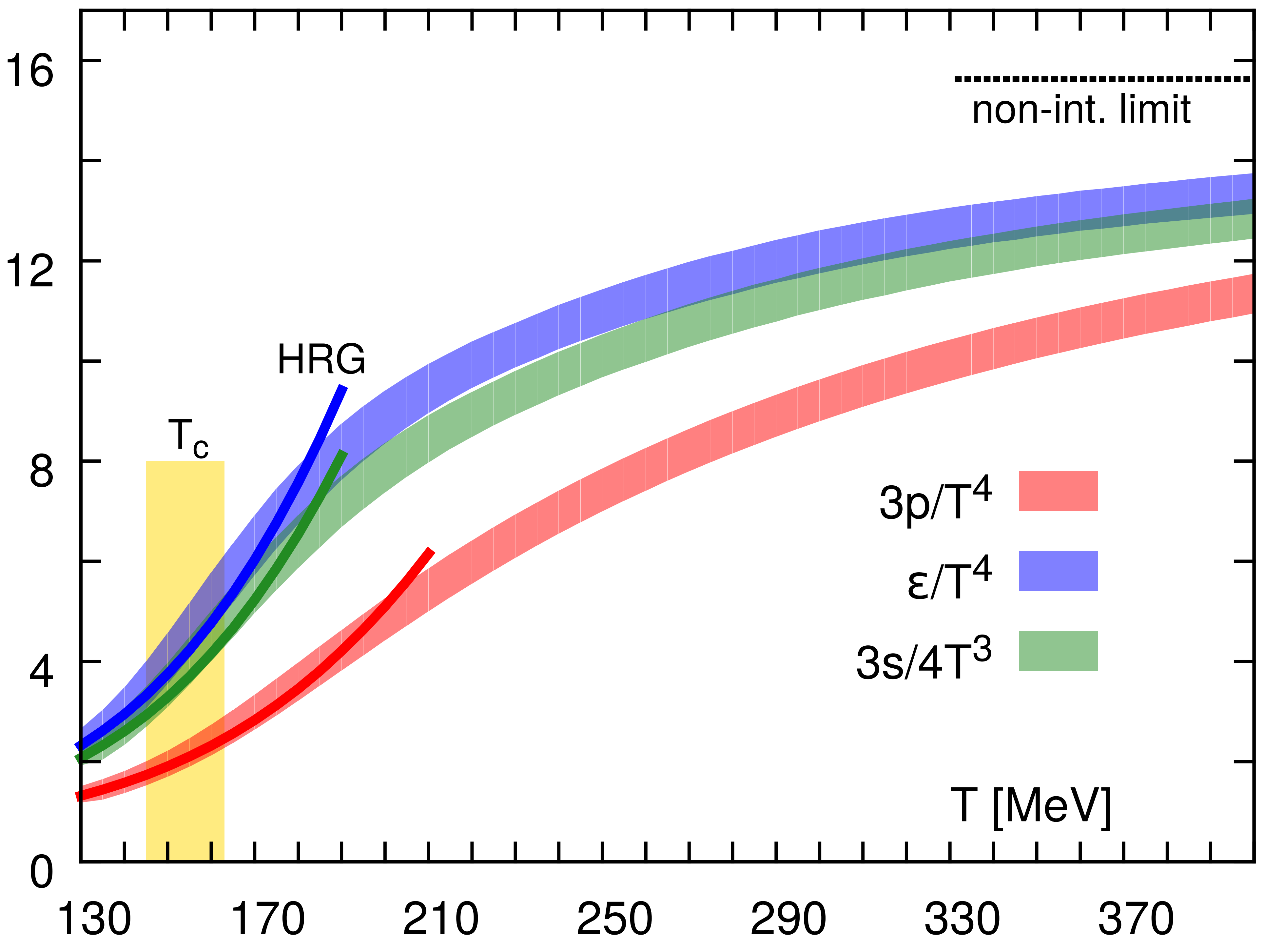
Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics

HotQCD, 2014

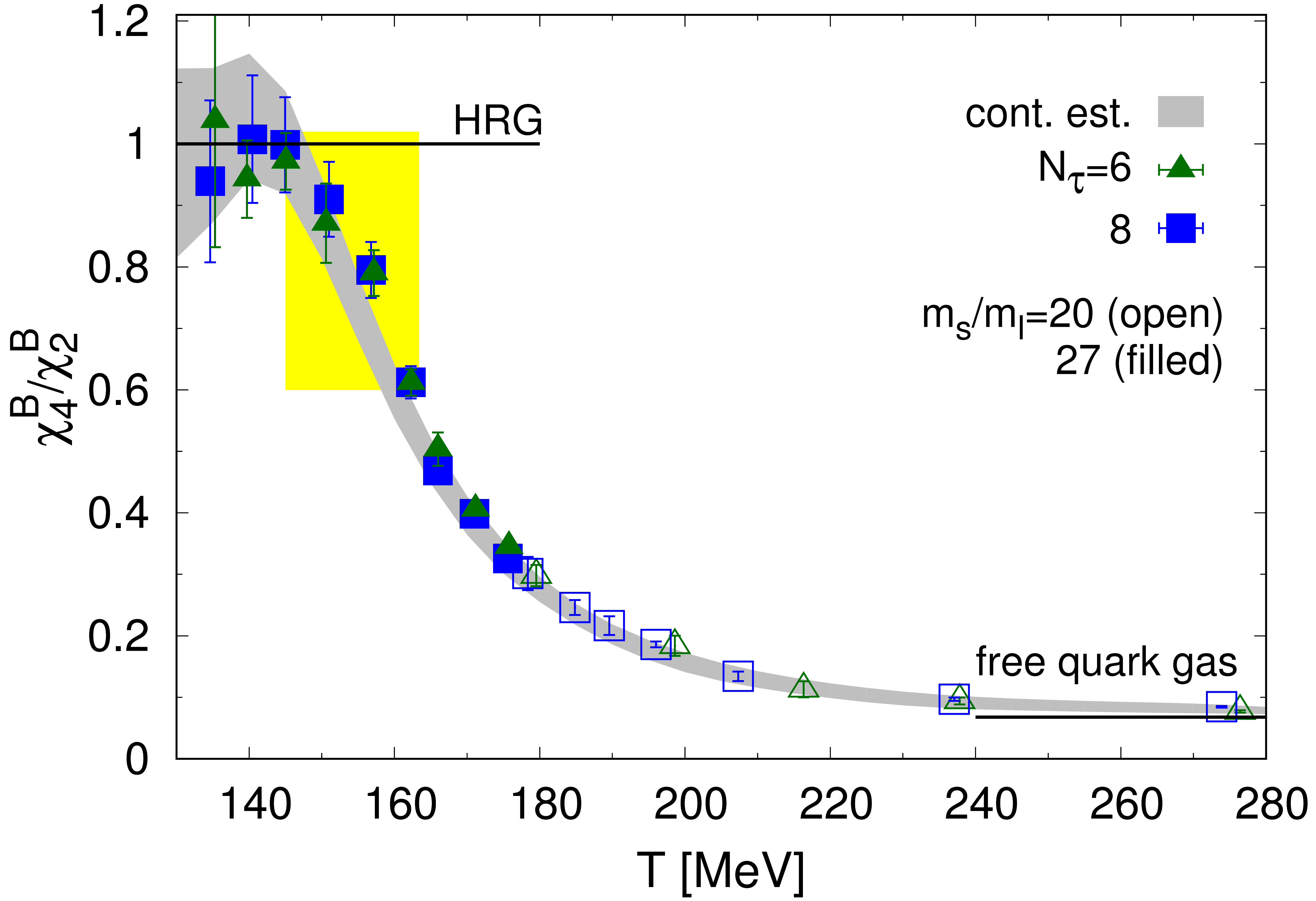


Pressure in the HRG model

$$P^{\mathrm{HRG}} = \sum_{i \in \mathrm{had}} P^{\mathrm{id}}\left(T, \mu_i; m_i\right)$$

Agreement with LQCD EoS up to $\simeq T_c$

HotQCD, 2017



Taylor expansion of LQCD EoS

$$\frac{P}{T^4} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T}\right)^k \frac{\chi_k^B}{k!}, \text{ where } \chi_k^B = \frac{\partial^k P/T^4}{\partial\left(\mu_B/T\right)^k}$$

Kurtosis: $\frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \sim B^2$: breakdown $\sim T_c$: changeover to QGP

Quark Matter in Neutron Stars?

Solid Constraints

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Interpolation methods

- Polytropes, CSS, Linear Speed of Sound

eg. Annala et al, 2018, 2020; Alford et al 2013, 2017, Li et al 2021

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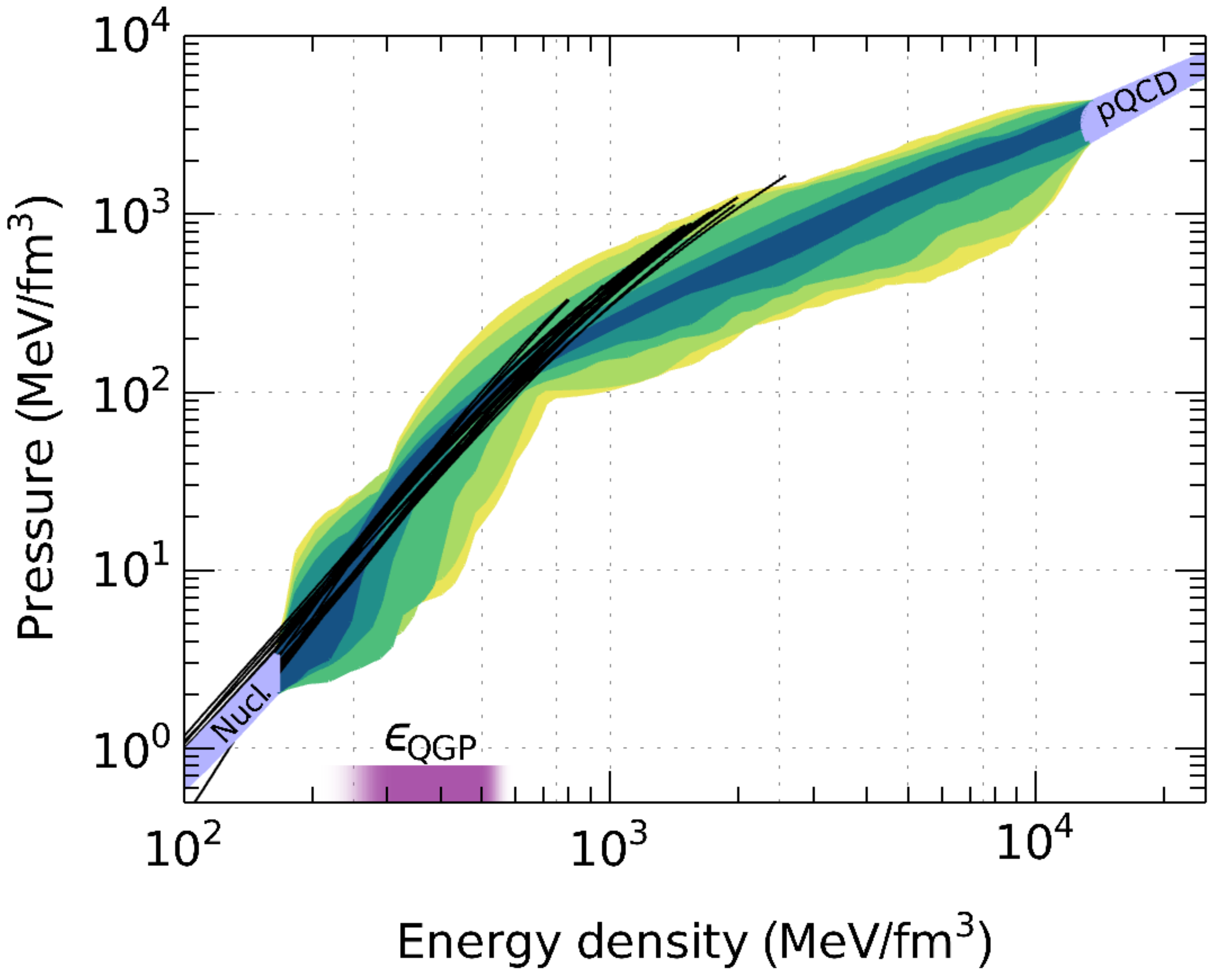
Annala et al 2020



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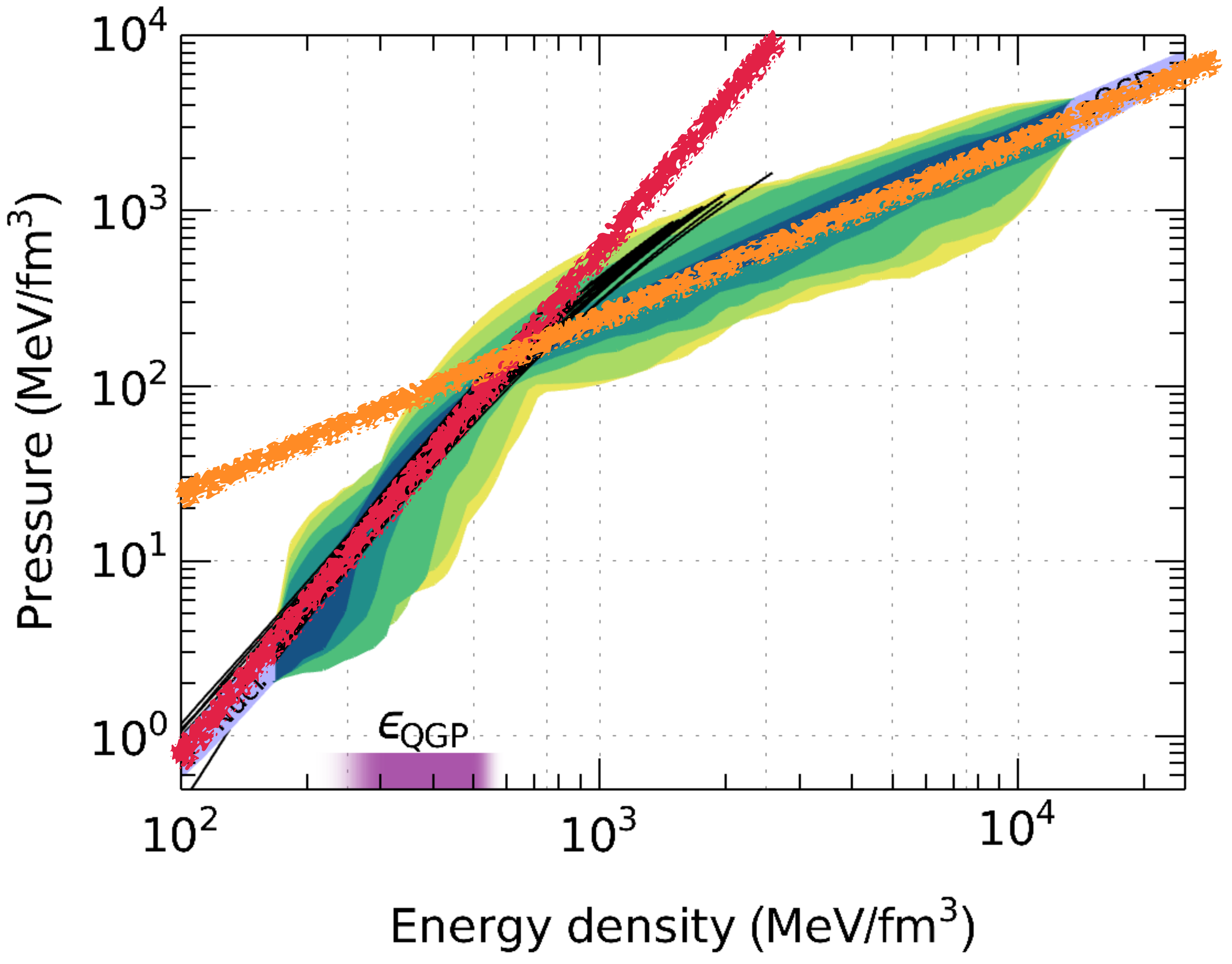

Methodology: Piecewise-linear speed of sound

Annala et al 2020

$$c_s^2 = \frac{n}{\mu}\frac{d\mu}{dn} \qquad c_{s,i}^2 = \frac{(\mu_i - \mu)c_{s,i}^2 + (\mu - \mu_i)c_{s,i+1}^2}{\mu_{i+1} - \mu_i}$$

+

χEFT + pQCD

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Mass measurement of J0740+6620

$M_{\mathrm{TOV}} \geq (2.08 \pm 0.07)\ M_\odot$ Fonseca et al 2021

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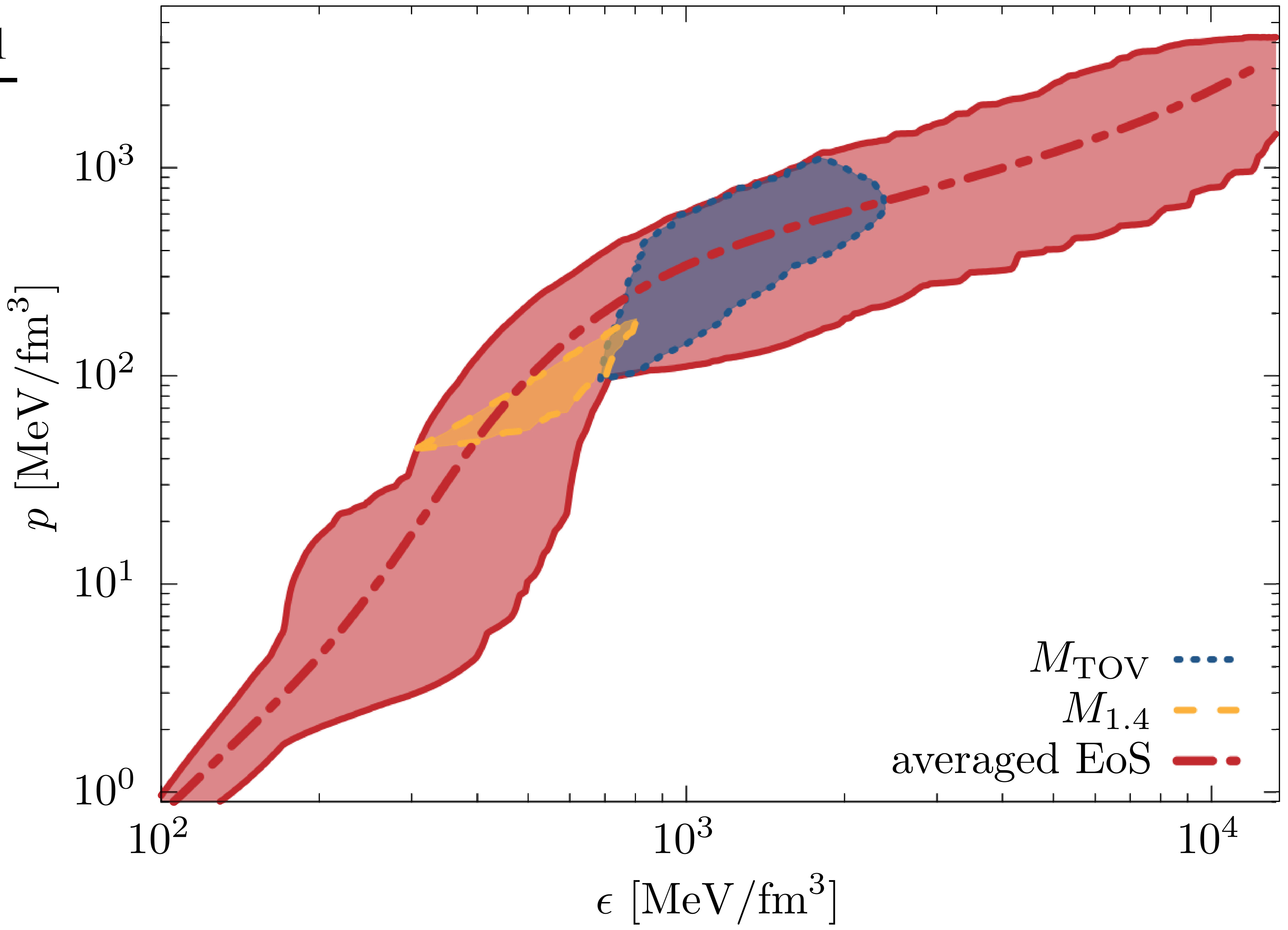
Tidal Deformability from GW170817

$\Lambda_{1.4M_\odot} = 190^{+380}_{-120}$ Abbott et al 2018

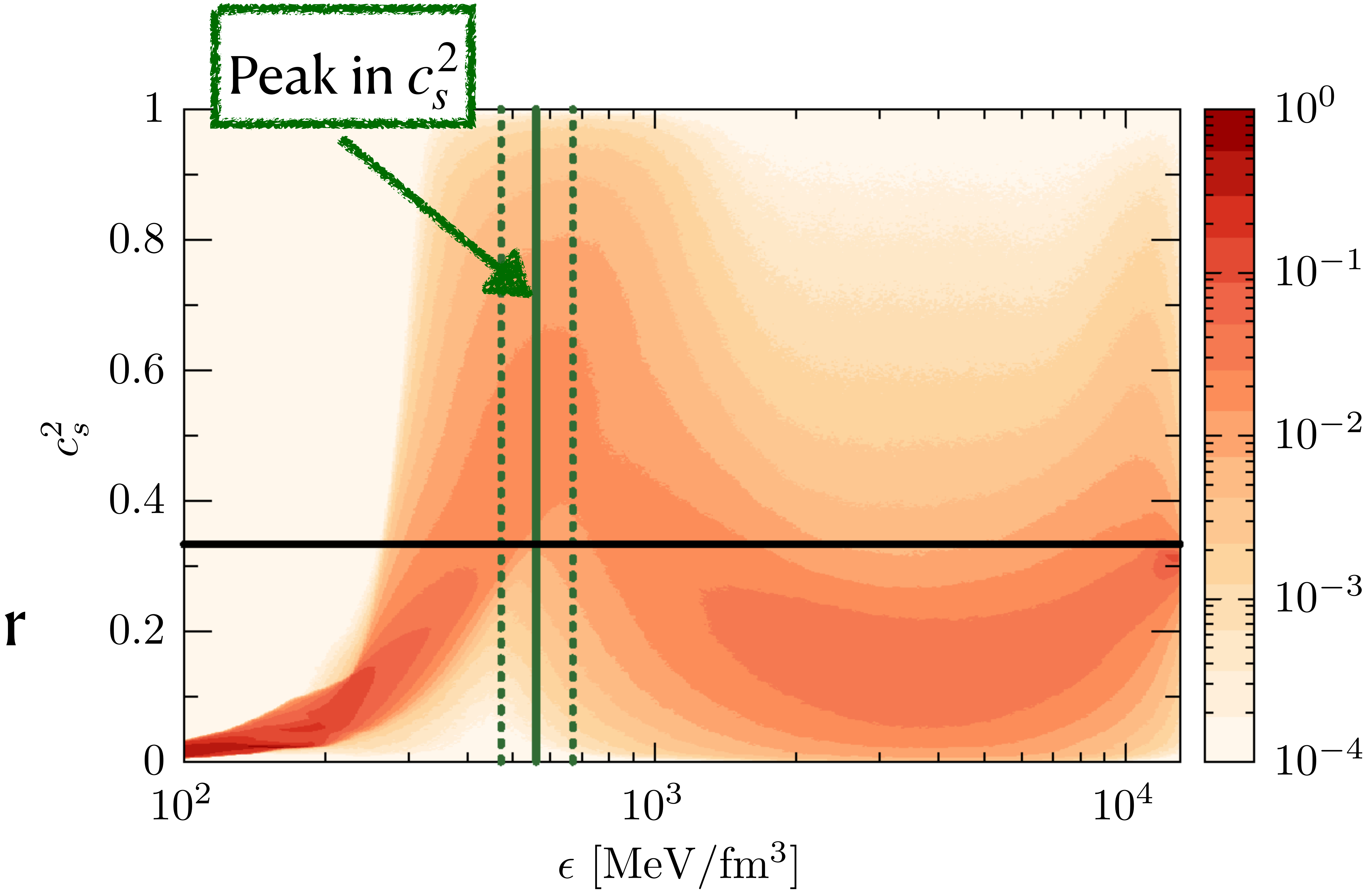


6×10^5 viable Equations of State

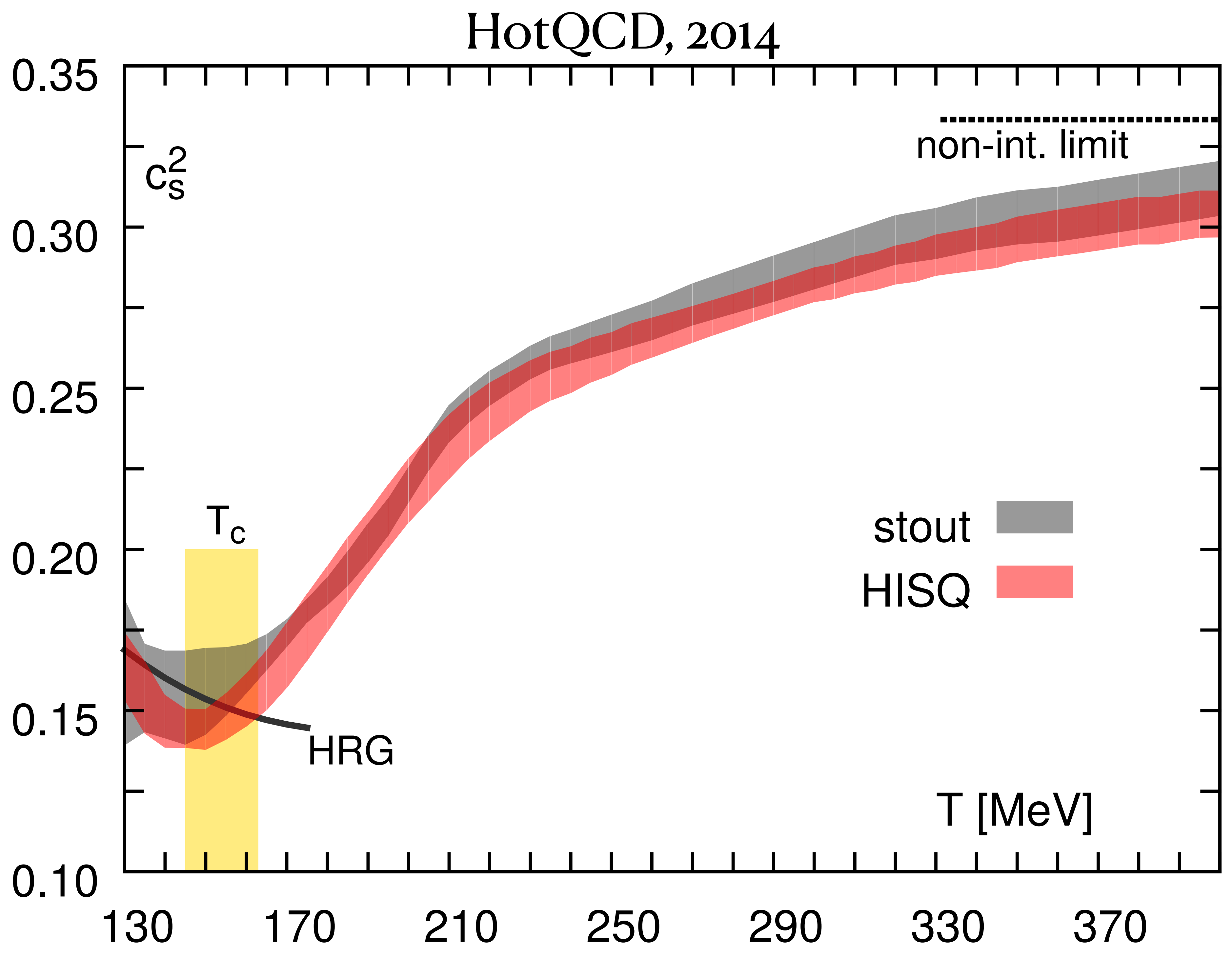
General Structure of Speed of Sound

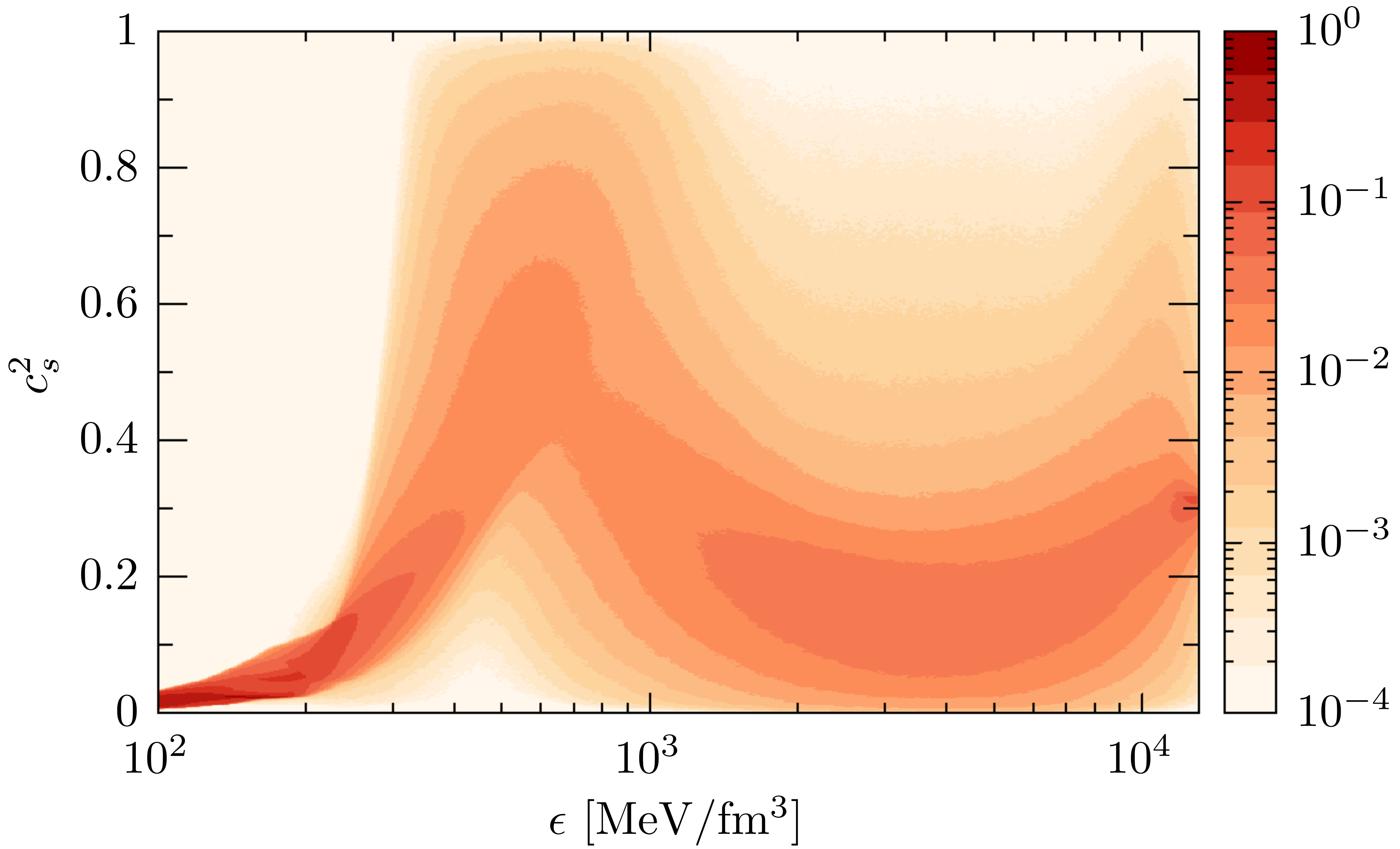
- General peak-dip structure
  Altiparmak et al, 2022

- Peak similar to quarkyonic matter
  McLerran, Reddy, 2019; Pang et al, 2023



Local maximum at $\epsilon_{\text{peak}} = 0.56^{+0.11}_{-0.09}$ GeV/fm^3 with $c_s^2 = 0.82 \pm 0.08$





$$c_s^2 = \frac{S}{T}\frac{dT}{dS} < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{n}{\mu}\frac{d\mu}{dn} > \frac{1}{3}$$

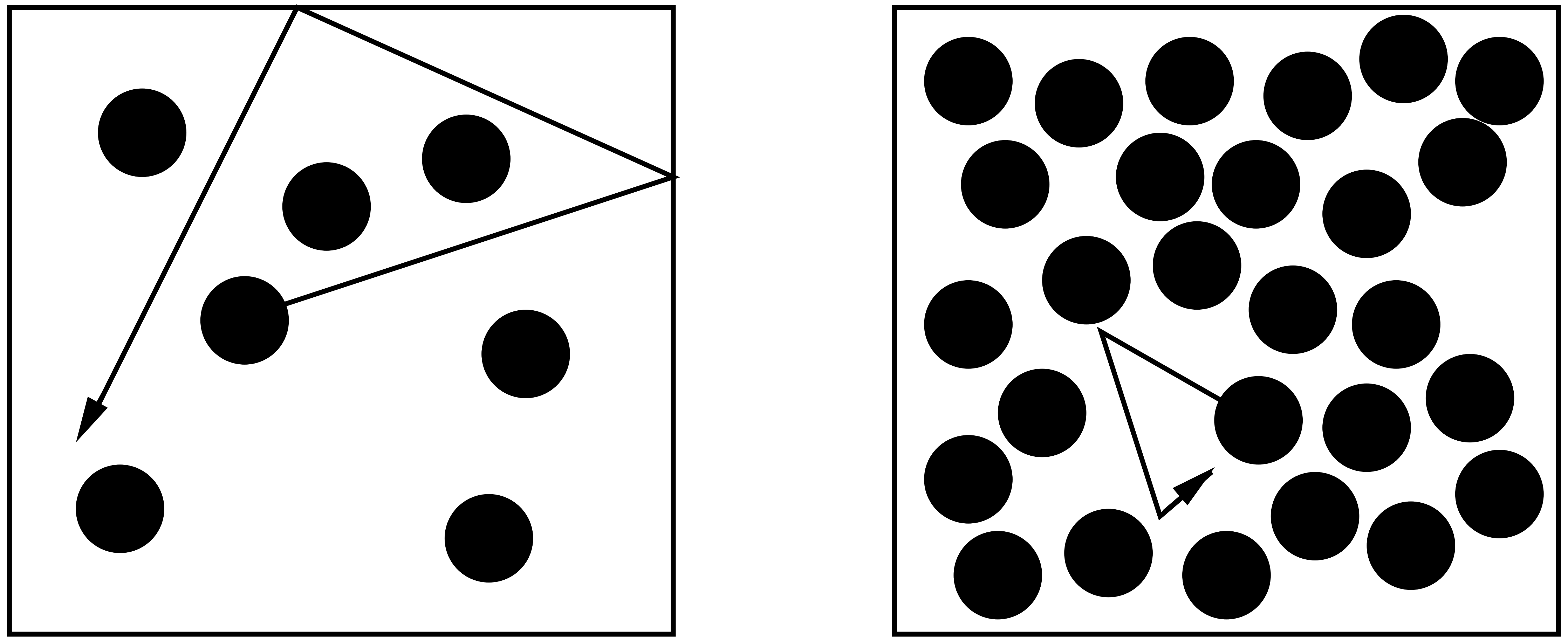
- Attractive interactions with resonance formation
- Chiral symmetry restoration and deconfinement

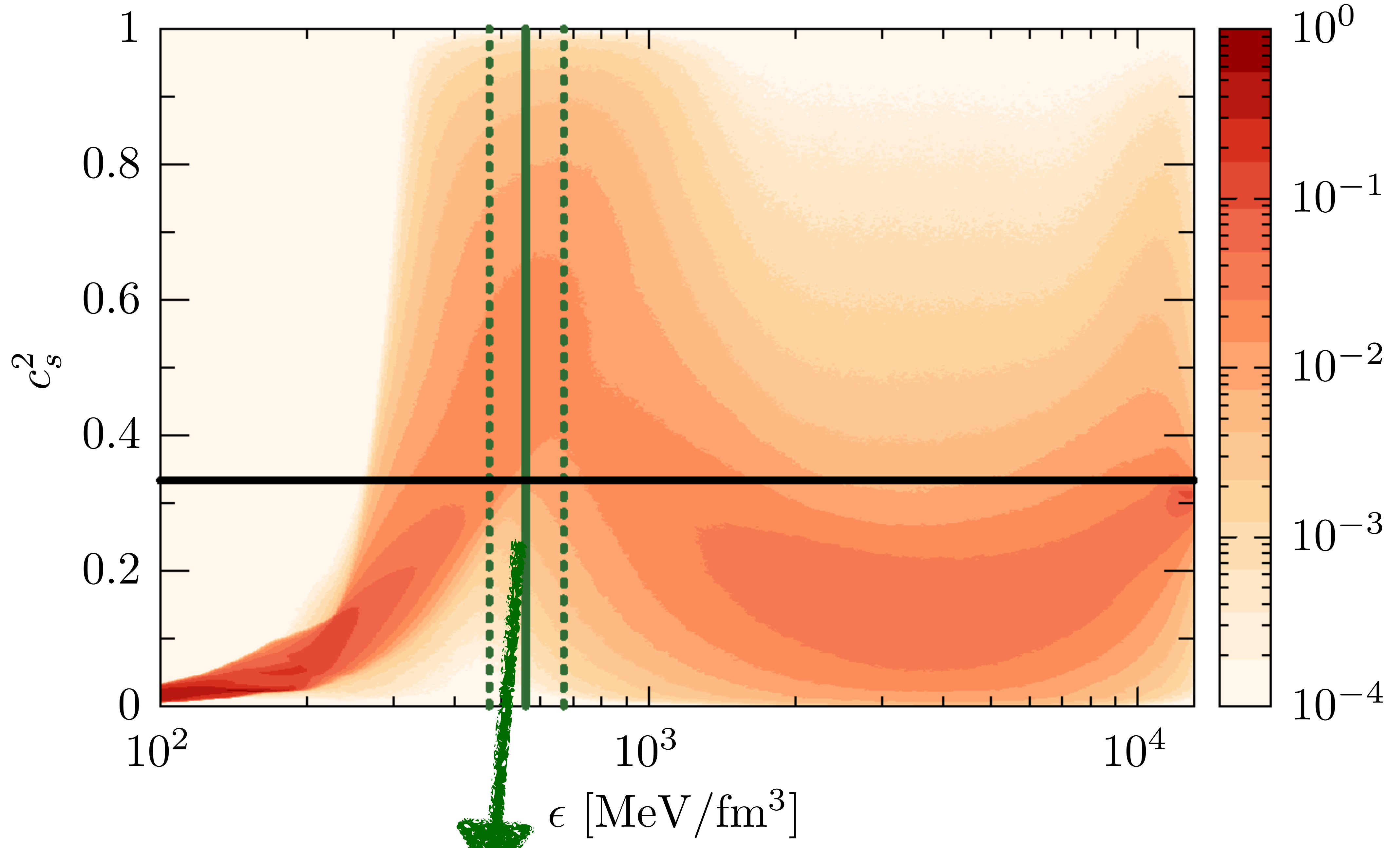
- Dominance of repulsive interactions
- Onset of quark or quarkyonic, or baryquark matter?

Non-monotonicity ⟷ Change of phase

Percolation theory vs speed of sound

see e.g. Satz, 1998; Castorina et al, 2009; Fukushima, 2020





Percolation theory: $n_c = 1.22/V_0$

$$n_{\text{peak}} = 0.54^{+0.09}_{-0.07}\ \text{fm}^{-3}$$

Avg. proton radius: $R_0 = 0.80 \pm 0.05\ \text{fm}$

Wang et al 2022

$$n_c = 0.57^{+0.12}_{-0.09}\ \text{fm}^{-3}$$

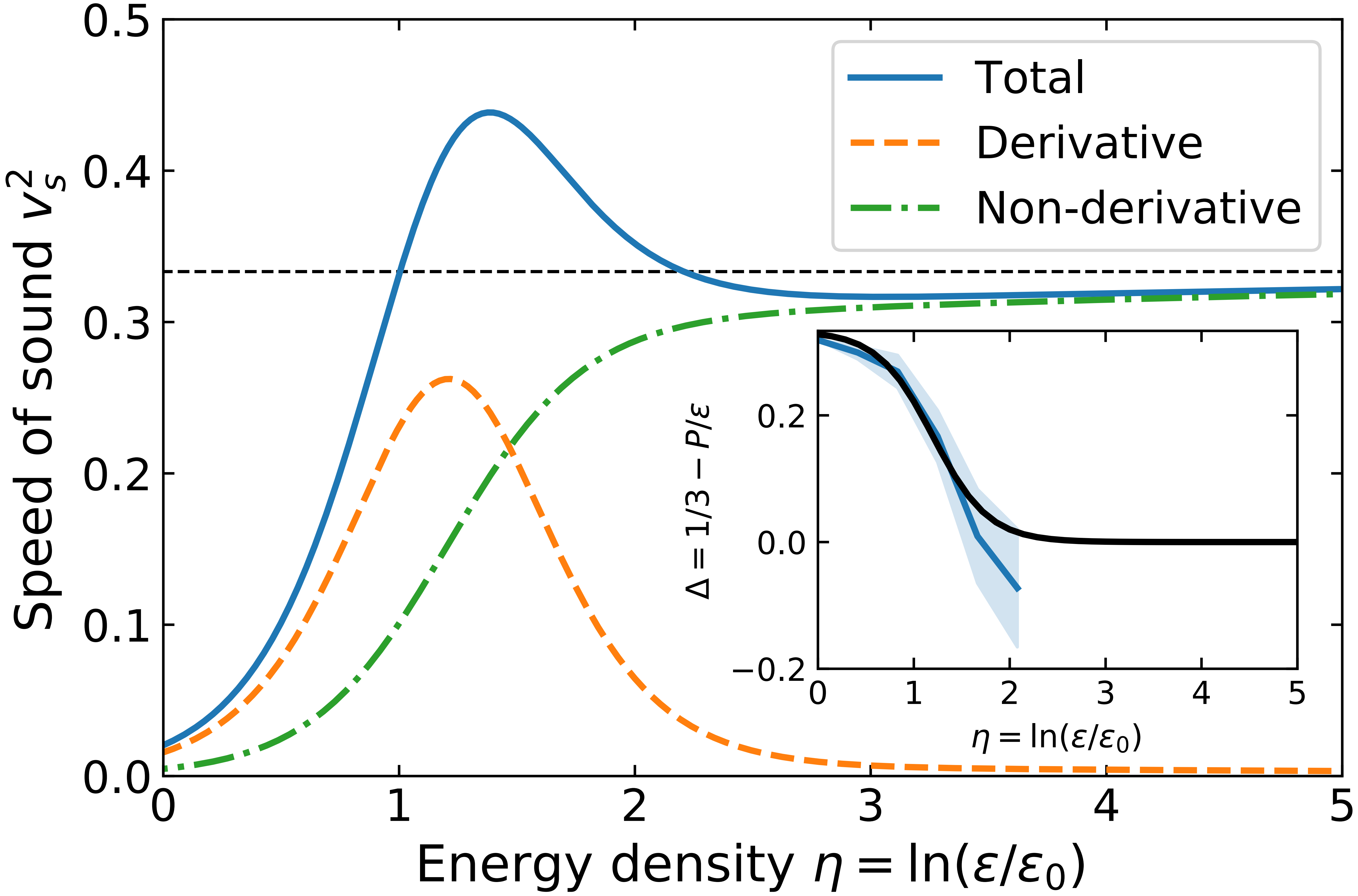
Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76\ \text{TeV}$

Andronic et al 2018

$$n_c = 0.60 \pm 0.07\ \text{fm}^{-3}$$

Speed of Sound as Trace Anomaly

Fujimoto et al 2022



Trace Anomaly: $\Delta = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{p}{\epsilon}$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{d\left(\epsilon \frac{p}{\epsilon}\right)}{d\epsilon} = \frac{1}{3} - \Delta - \epsilon \frac{d\Delta}{d\epsilon}$$

Trace anomaly more informative than speed of sound

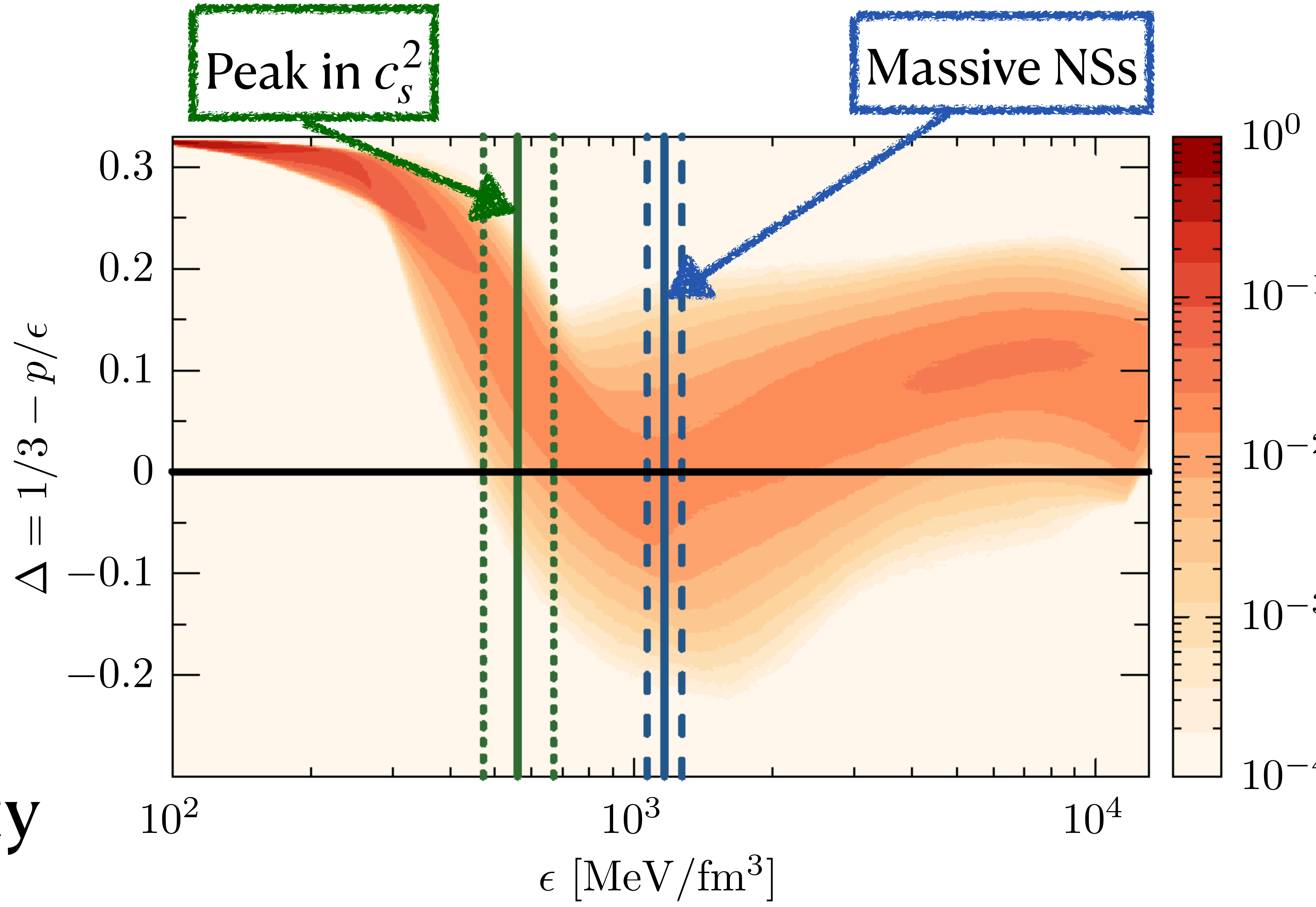
Measure of conformality

Δ monotonic up to $\simeq \epsilon_{\mathrm{TOV}}$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \Delta - \epsilon\frac{d\Delta}{d\epsilon}$$

Maximum in c_s^2

Fast approach to comformality



$\Delta \simeq 0$ at $\epsilon \simeq 1$ GeV/fm^3

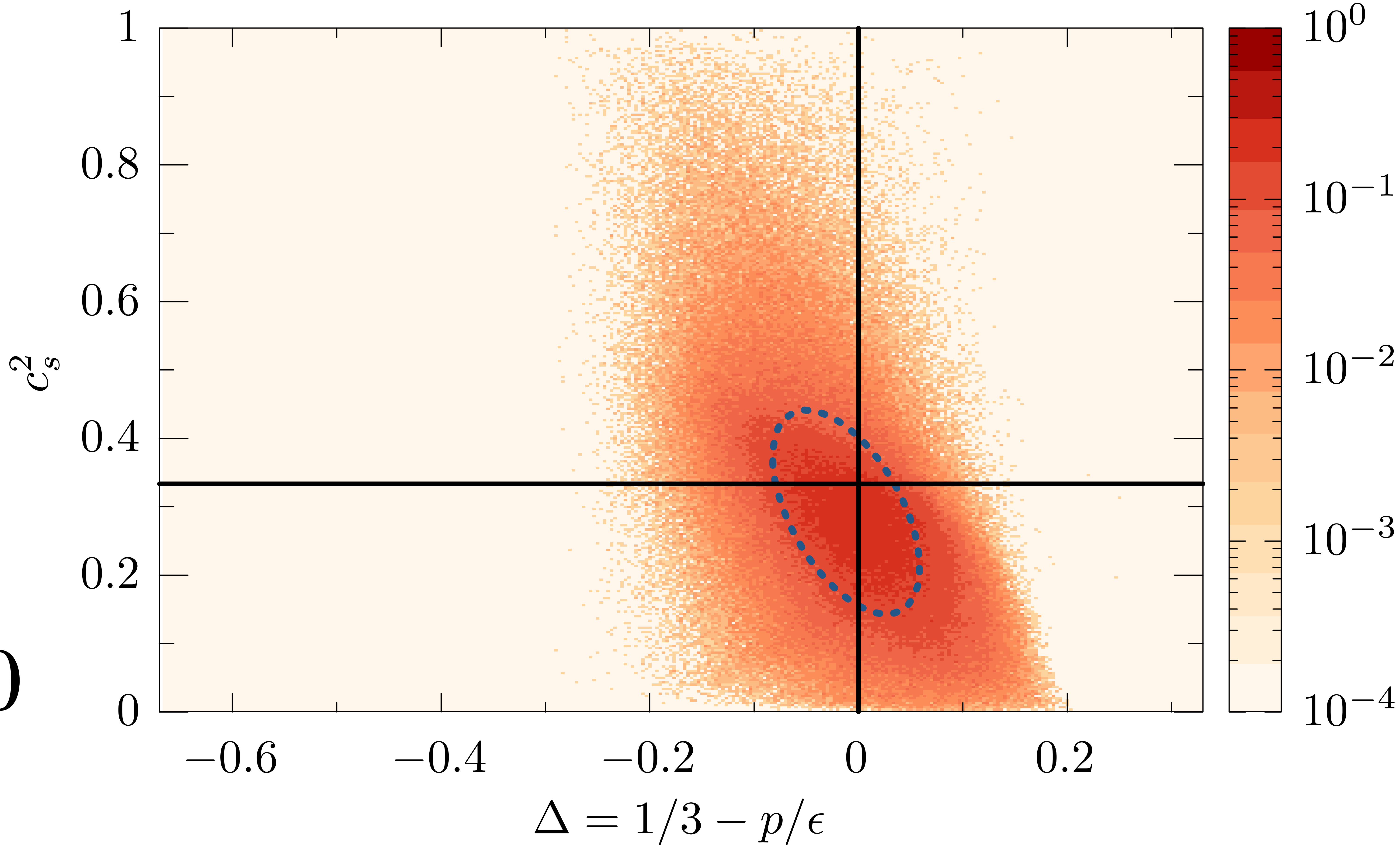
c_s^2 and Δ in Heavy Neutron Stars

Conformality:

$$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } \Delta = 0$$

$$c_{s,\,\mathrm{TOV}}^2 = 0.28 \pm 0.16 \simeq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Delta_{\mathrm{TOV}} = -0.01 \pm 0.03 \simeq 0$$



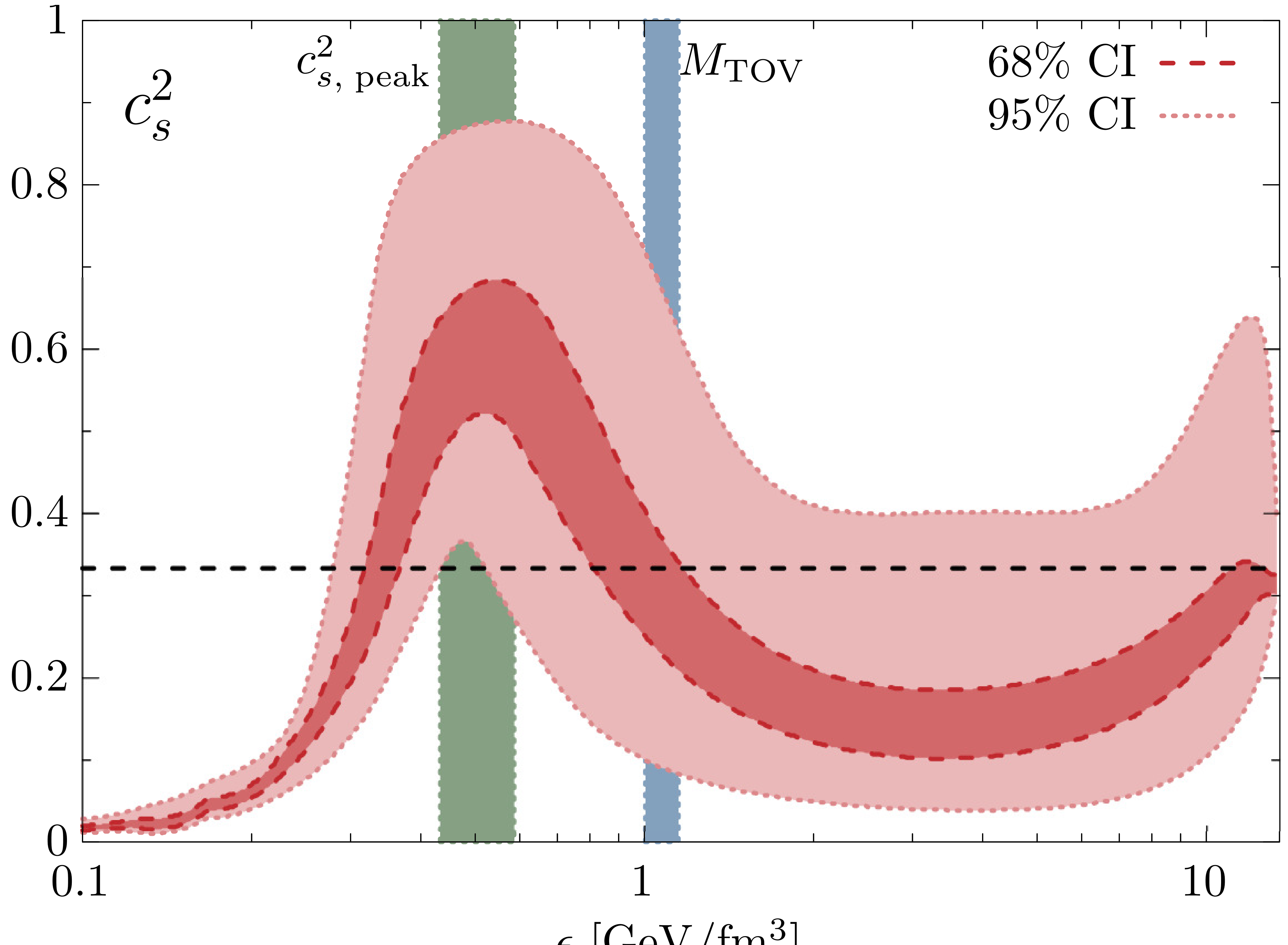
Matter almost conformal in the cores of maximally massive NSs

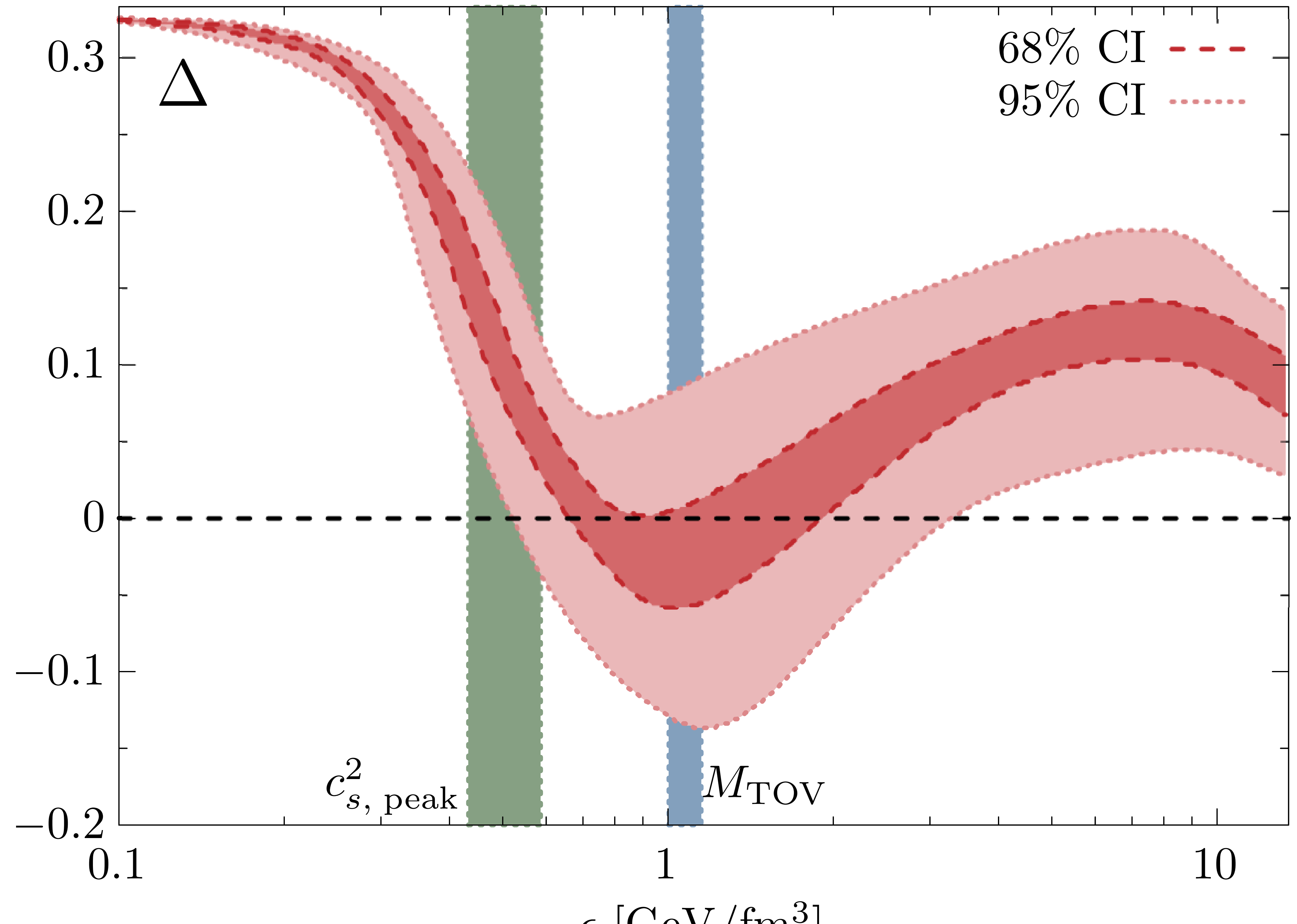
Measures of conformality

Fujimoto et al 2022

$$c_s^2 \simeq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{p}{\epsilon} \simeq 0$$



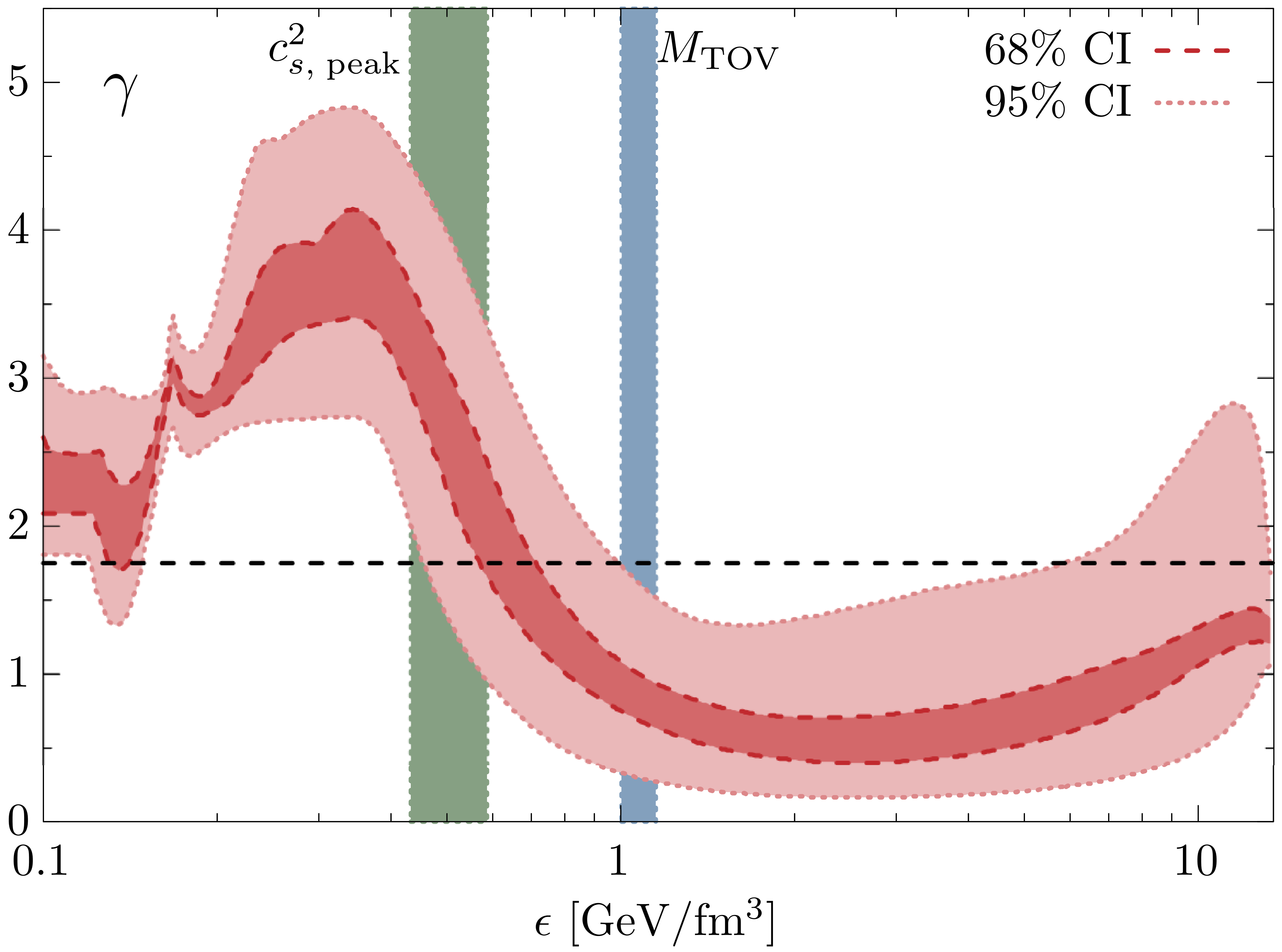


Measures of conformality 2

$$\gamma = \frac{\epsilon}{p} c_s^2 = \frac{c_s^2}{1/3 - \Delta} \lesssim 1.75$$

$$d_c = \sqrt{\Delta^2 + (\epsilon \Delta')^2} \lesssim 0.2$$

Annala et al 2020



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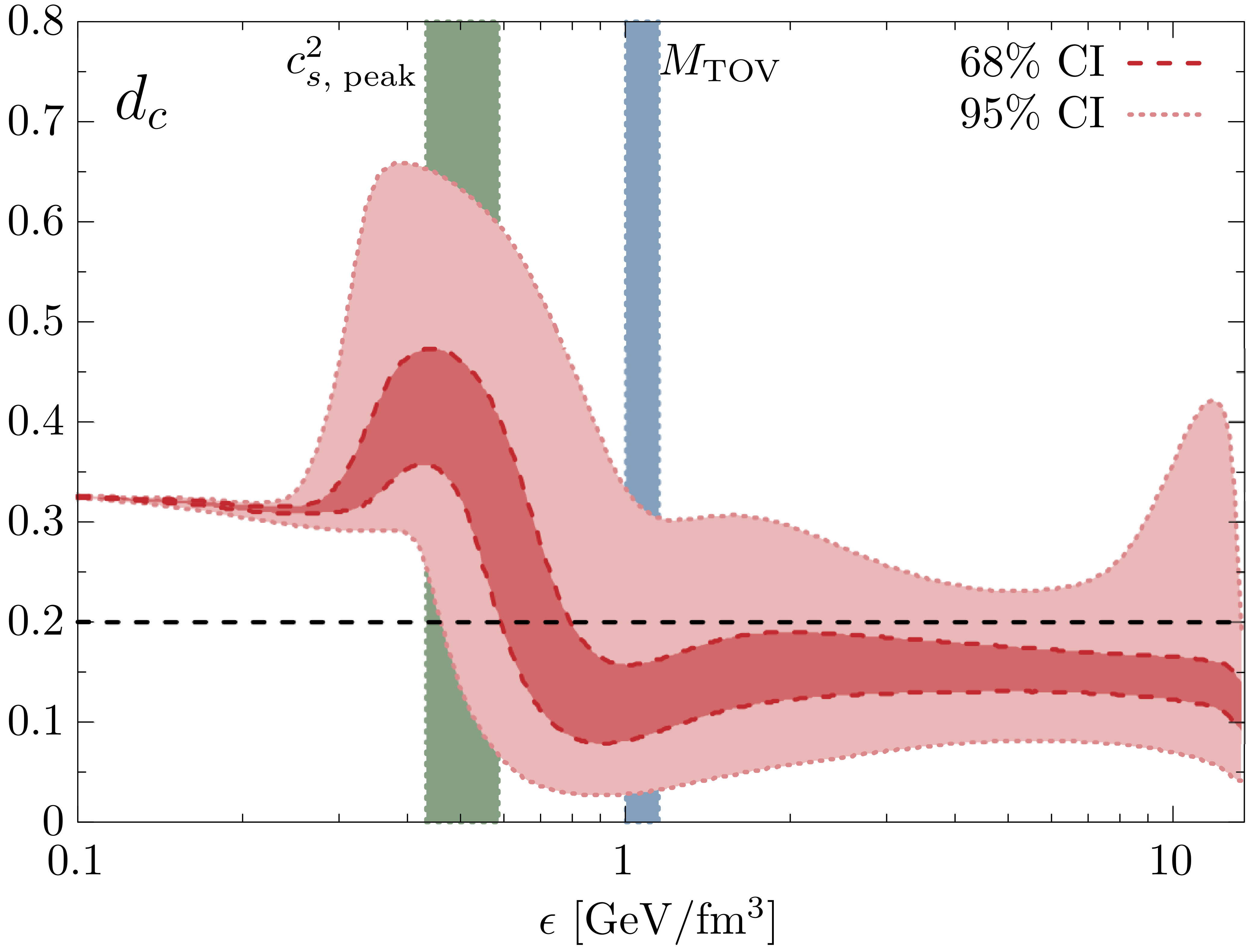


Curvature of the energy per particle

Pressure from $\frac{\epsilon}{n} \to p = n^2 \frac{d\epsilon/n}{dn}$

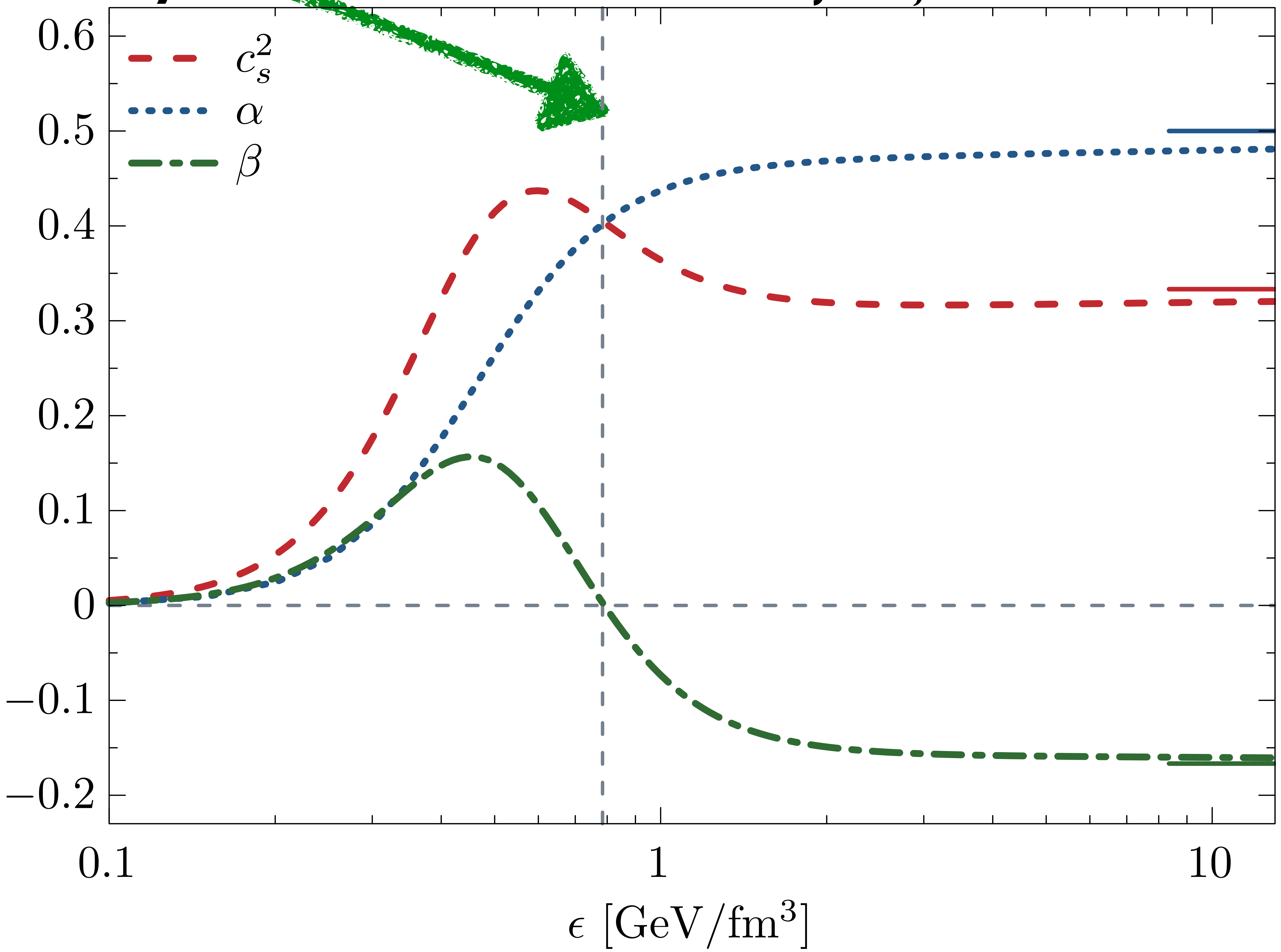
$$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{\mu}\frac{dp}{dn} = \alpha + \beta$$

$$\alpha = 2\frac{n}{\mu}\frac{d\epsilon/n}{dn} = 2\frac{1/3 - \Delta}{4/3 - \Delta}$$

$$\boxed{\beta = \frac{n^2}{\mu}\frac{d^2\epsilon/n}{dn^2} = c_s^2 - \alpha}$$

$\beta = 0$

Model by Fujimoto et al 2022

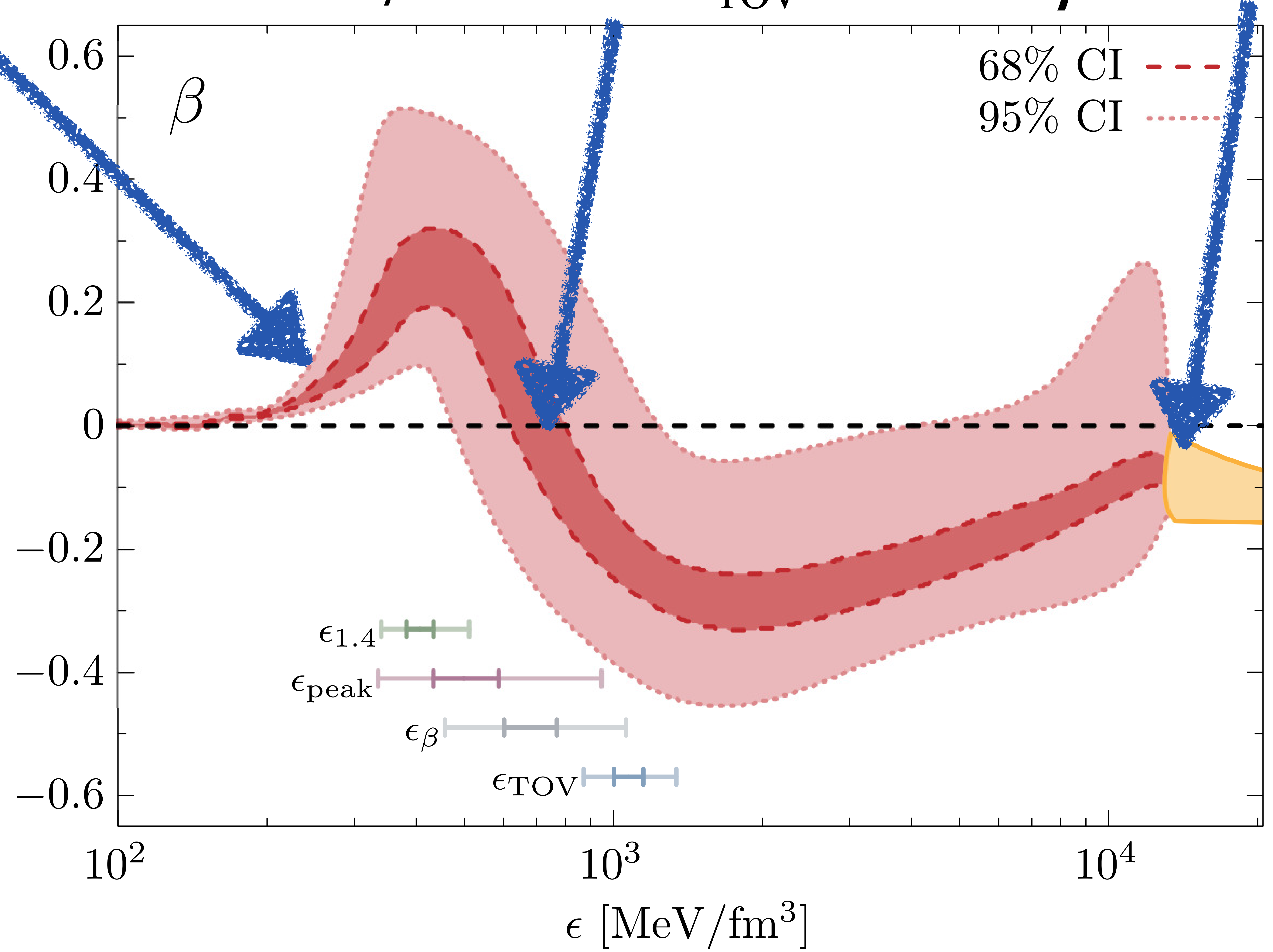


$\beta = 0 \to$ changeover to conformal regime

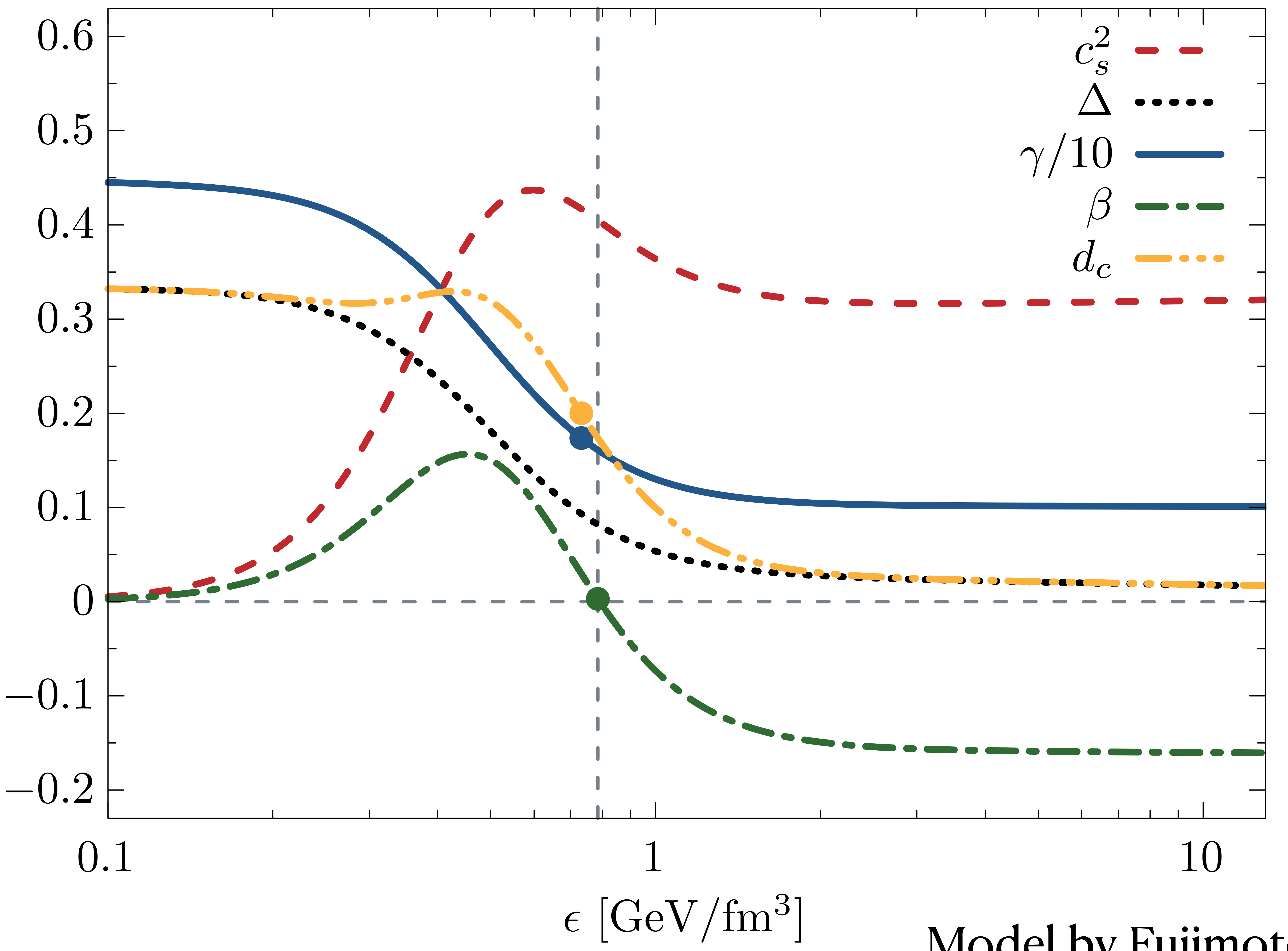
$\beta \simeq c_s^2 > 0$

$\beta < 0$ at $\epsilon \simeq \epsilon_{\rm TOV}$

$\beta \simeq -1/6$



Changeover consistent other measures



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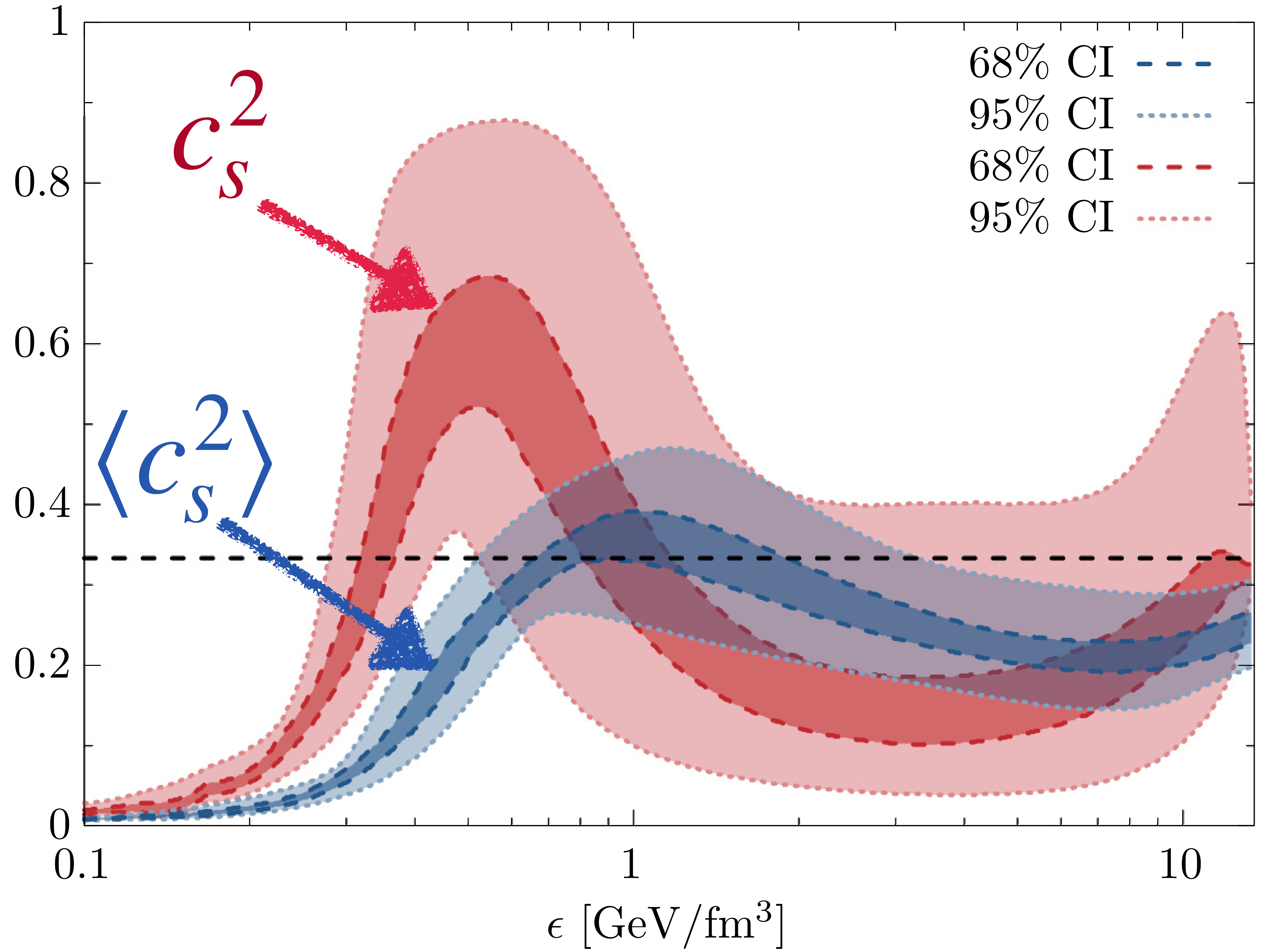
Average Speed of Sound

$$\frac{p}{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{\epsilon}\int_0^{\epsilon} d\epsilon' \frac{dp}{d\epsilon'} = \langle c_s^2 \rangle$$

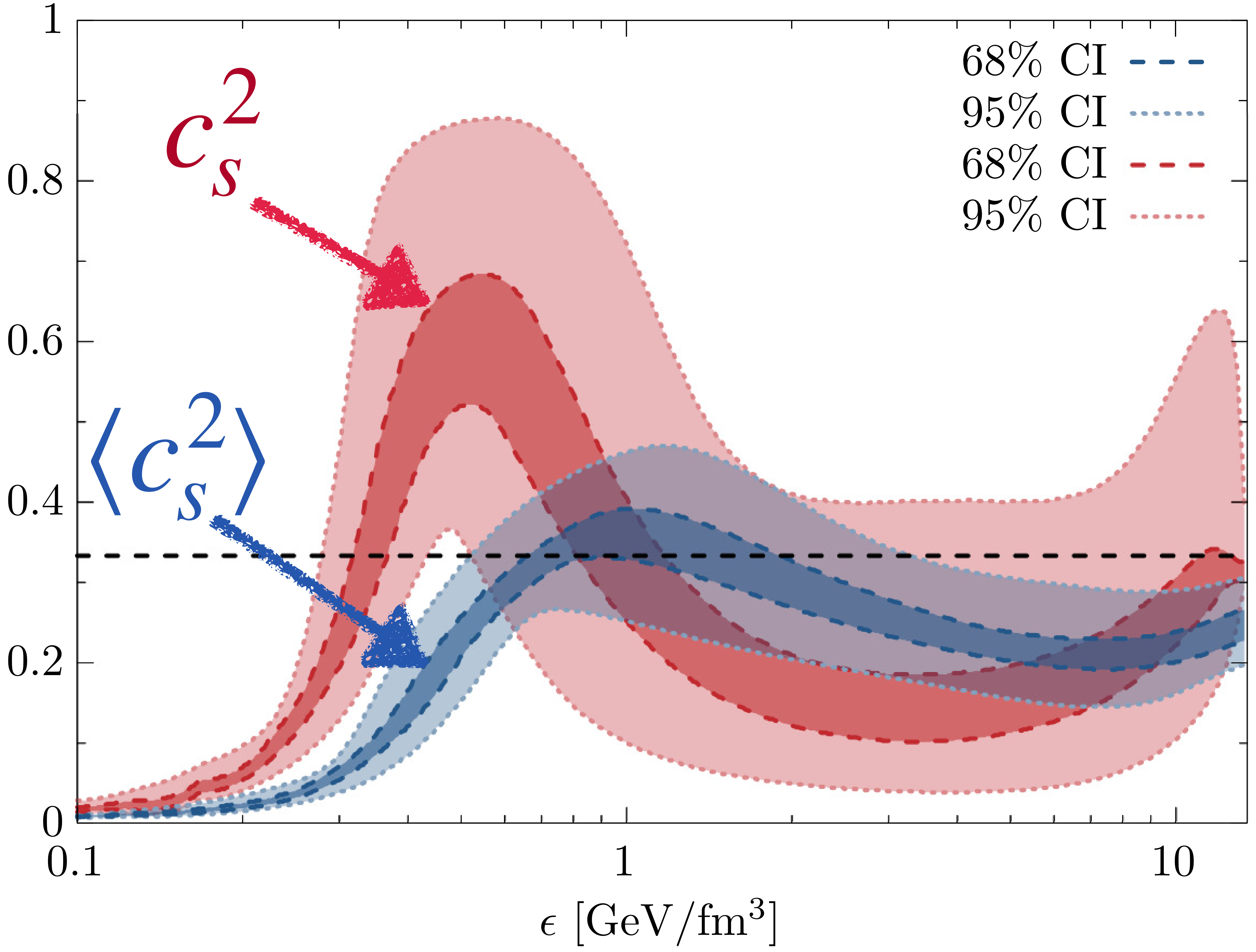
$$\Delta = \frac{1}{3} - \langle c_s^2 \rangle \qquad \epsilon\Delta' = \langle c_s^2 \rangle - c_s^2$$

$$\gamma = c_s^2 / \langle c_s^2 \rangle$$



Conformality : $\Delta \simeq 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathrm{c_s^2} \simeq 1/3$ and $\epsilon\Delta' \simeq 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathrm{c_s^2} \simeq \langle \mathrm{c_s^2} \rangle$

Implications of vanishing trace anomaly



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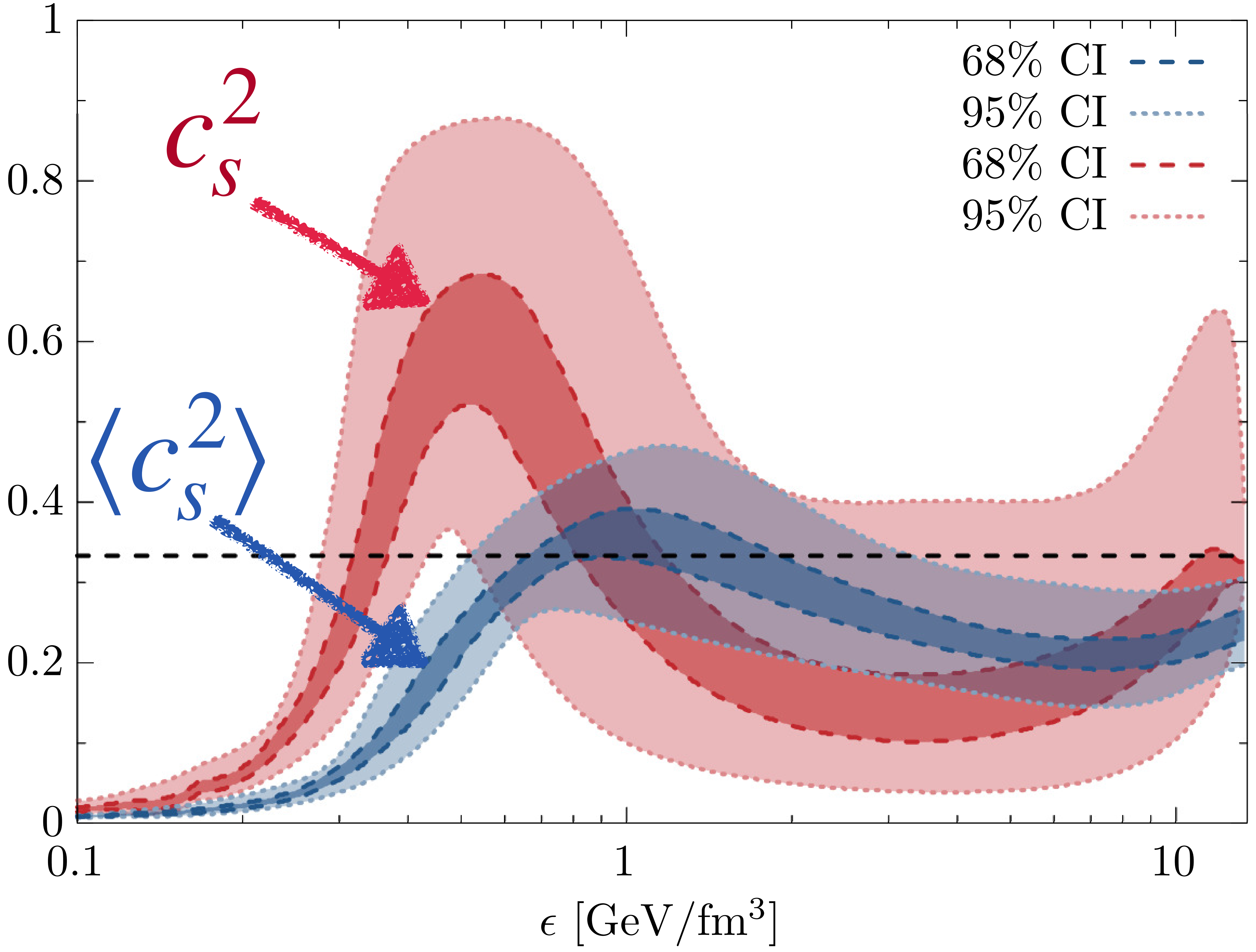

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- c_s^2 must exceed 1/3
- c_s^2 features maximum at $\epsilon \leq \epsilon_{\mathrm{TOV}}$
- consequences for NS phenomenology

Fujimoto et al 2022

Implications of vanishing trace anomaly 2

$$\langle c_s^2 \rangle_c = \langle c_s^2 \rangle_l \frac{\epsilon_l}{\epsilon_c} + \alpha \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon_l}{\epsilon_c} \right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Average c_s^2 at $\langle \epsilon_l, \epsilon_c \rangle$

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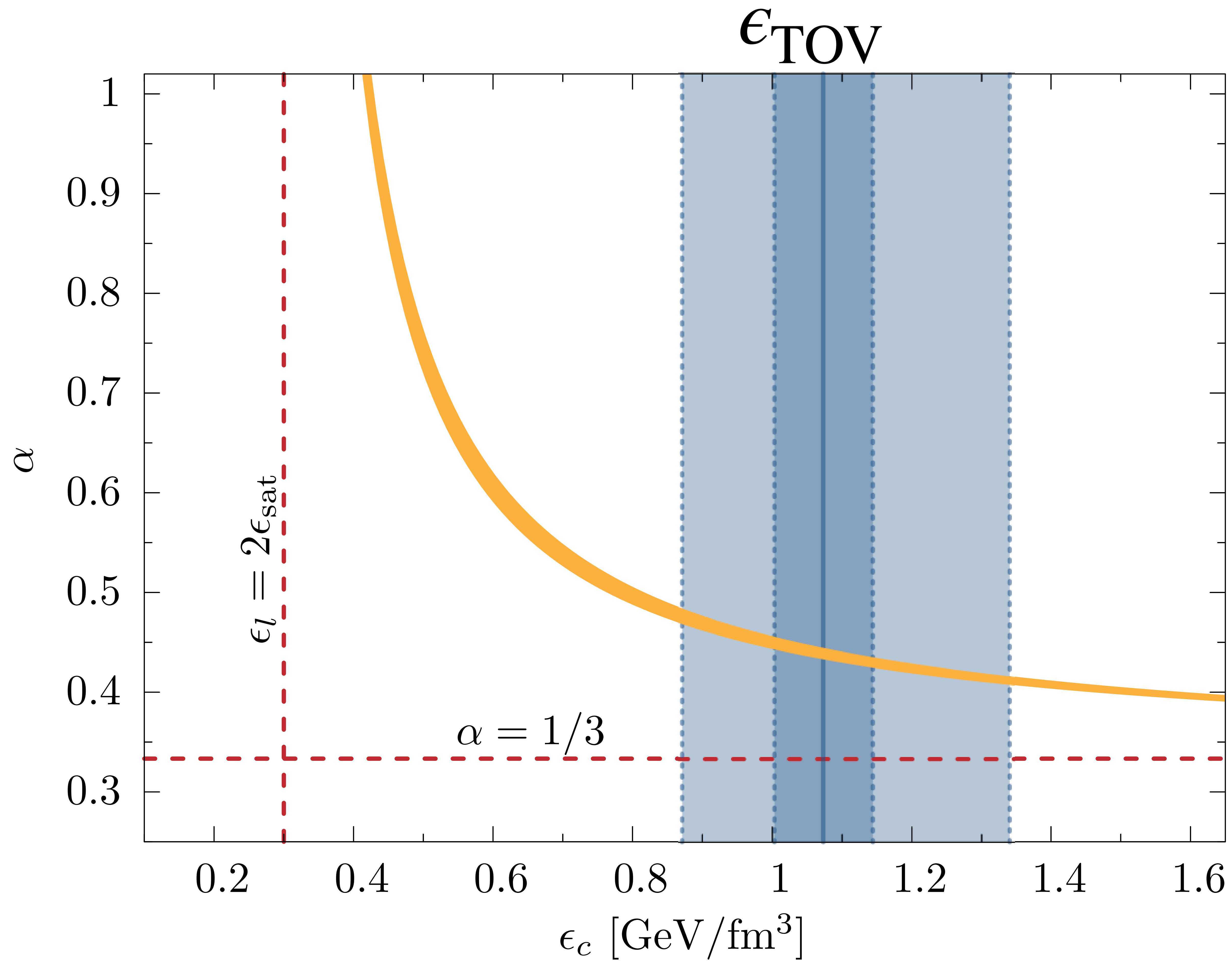

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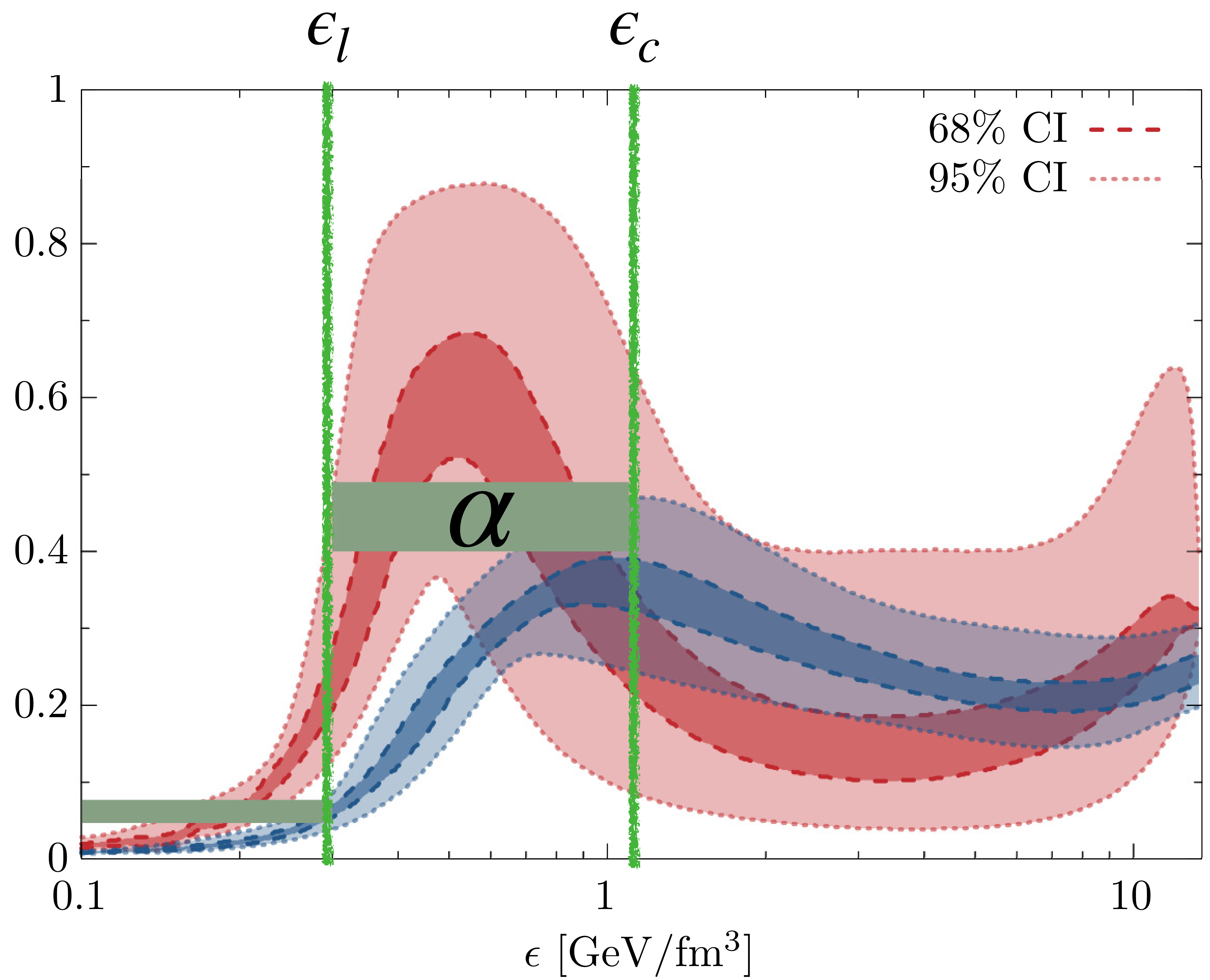

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Summary

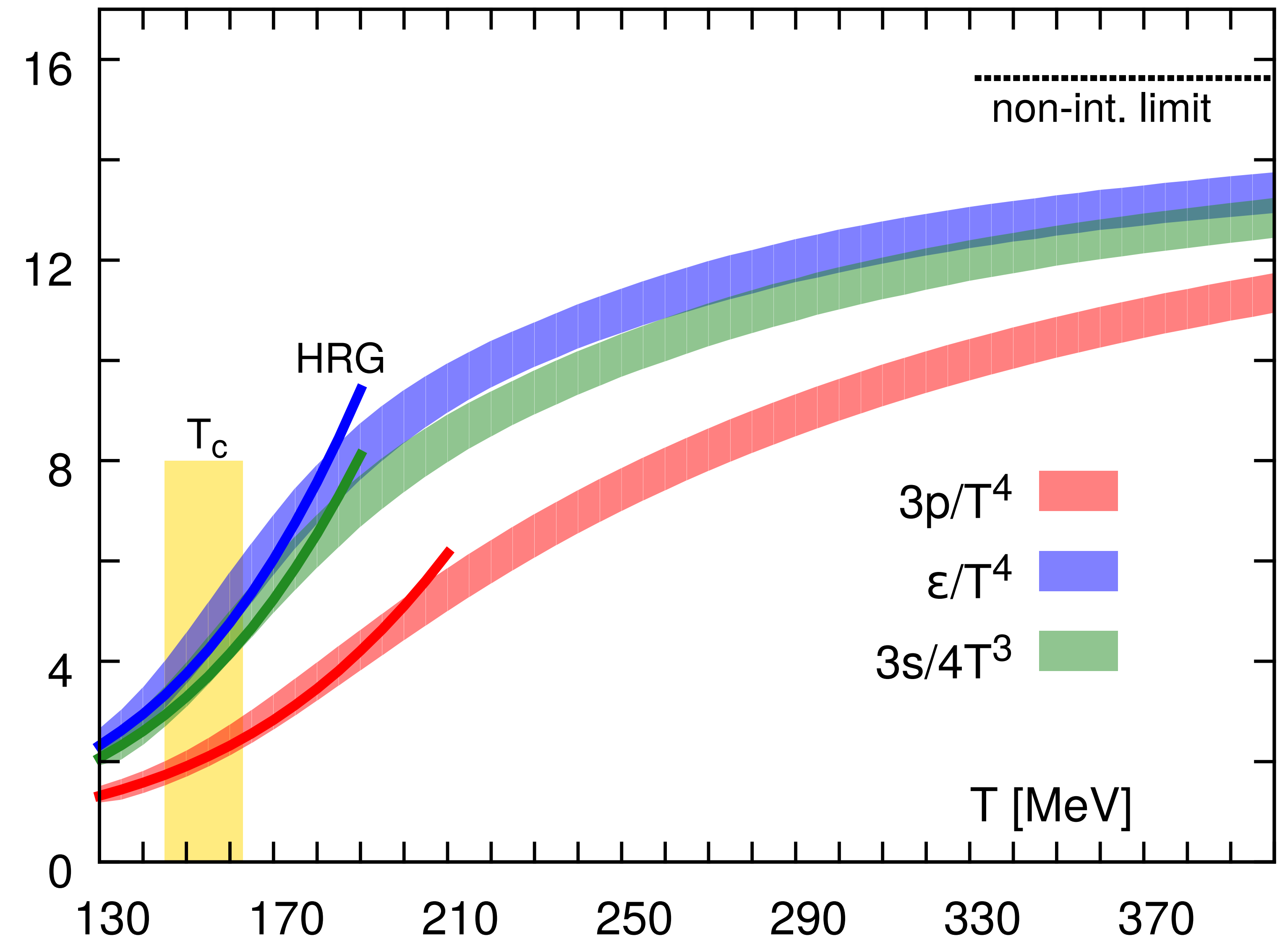
Maximum of c_s^2 consistent with percolation threshold

Matter seems to be conformal in the cores of massive NSs

Curvature of ϵ/n can quantify restoration of conformal symmetry

Thank You

Summary



16
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8
4
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130
170
210
250
290
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non-int. limit
HRG
T_c
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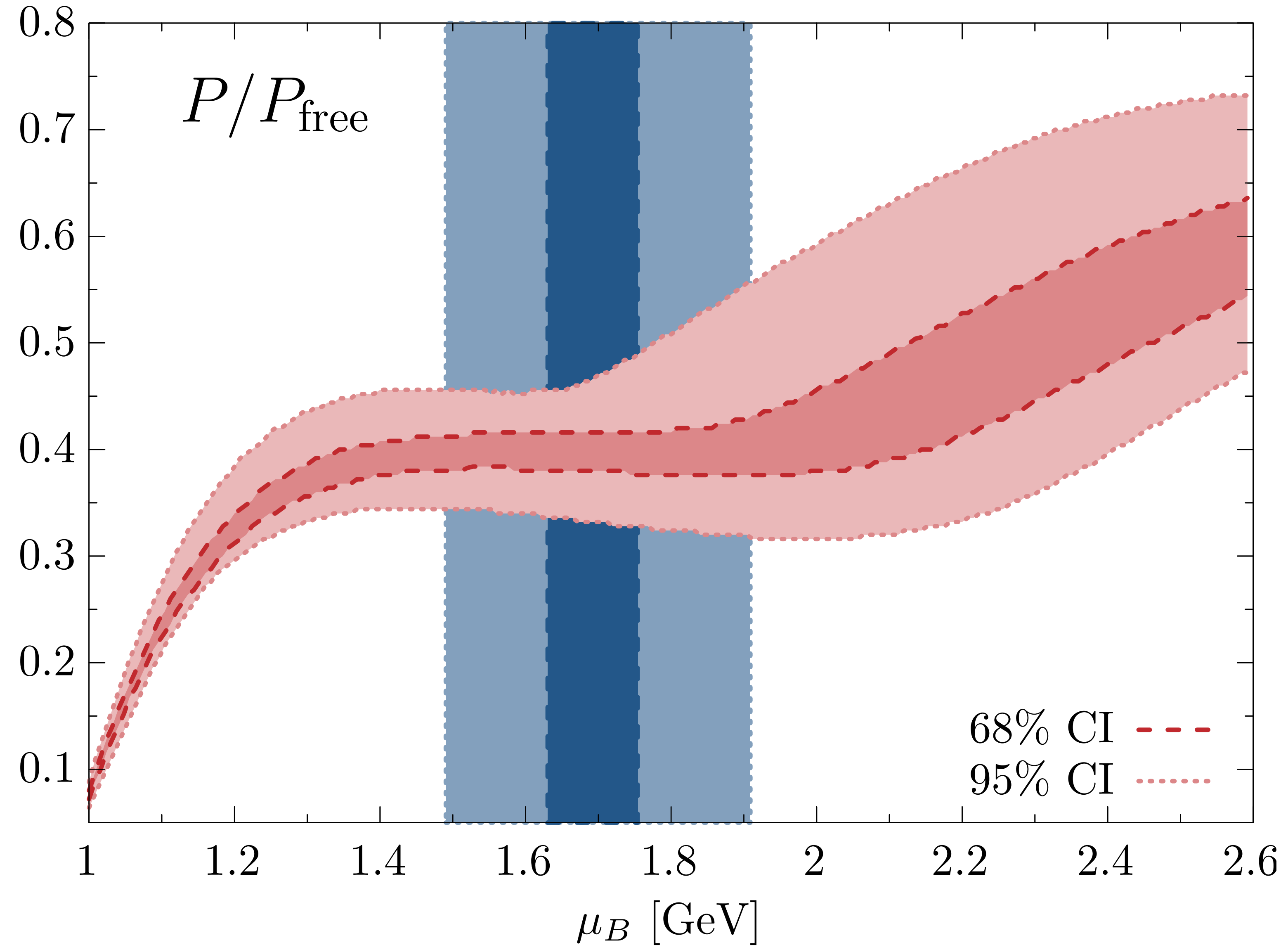
ε/T^4
$3s/4T^3$
T [MeV]



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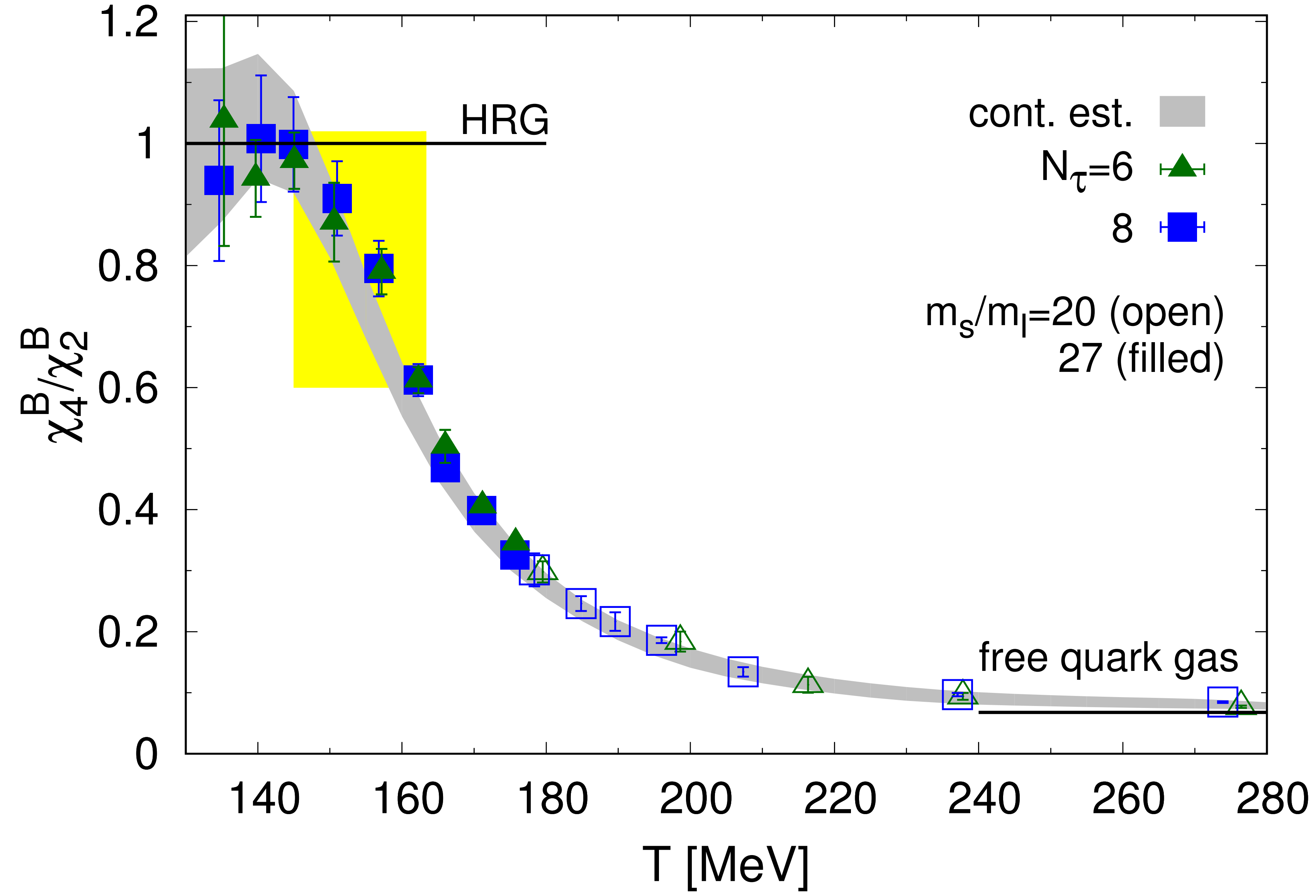
P/P_{free}
68% CI
95% CI
μ_B [GeV]



1.2
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140
160
180
200
220
240
260
280
χ_4^B/χ_2^B
HRG
cont. est.
N_τ=6
8
m_s/m_l=20 (open)
27 (filled)
free quark gas
T [MeV]

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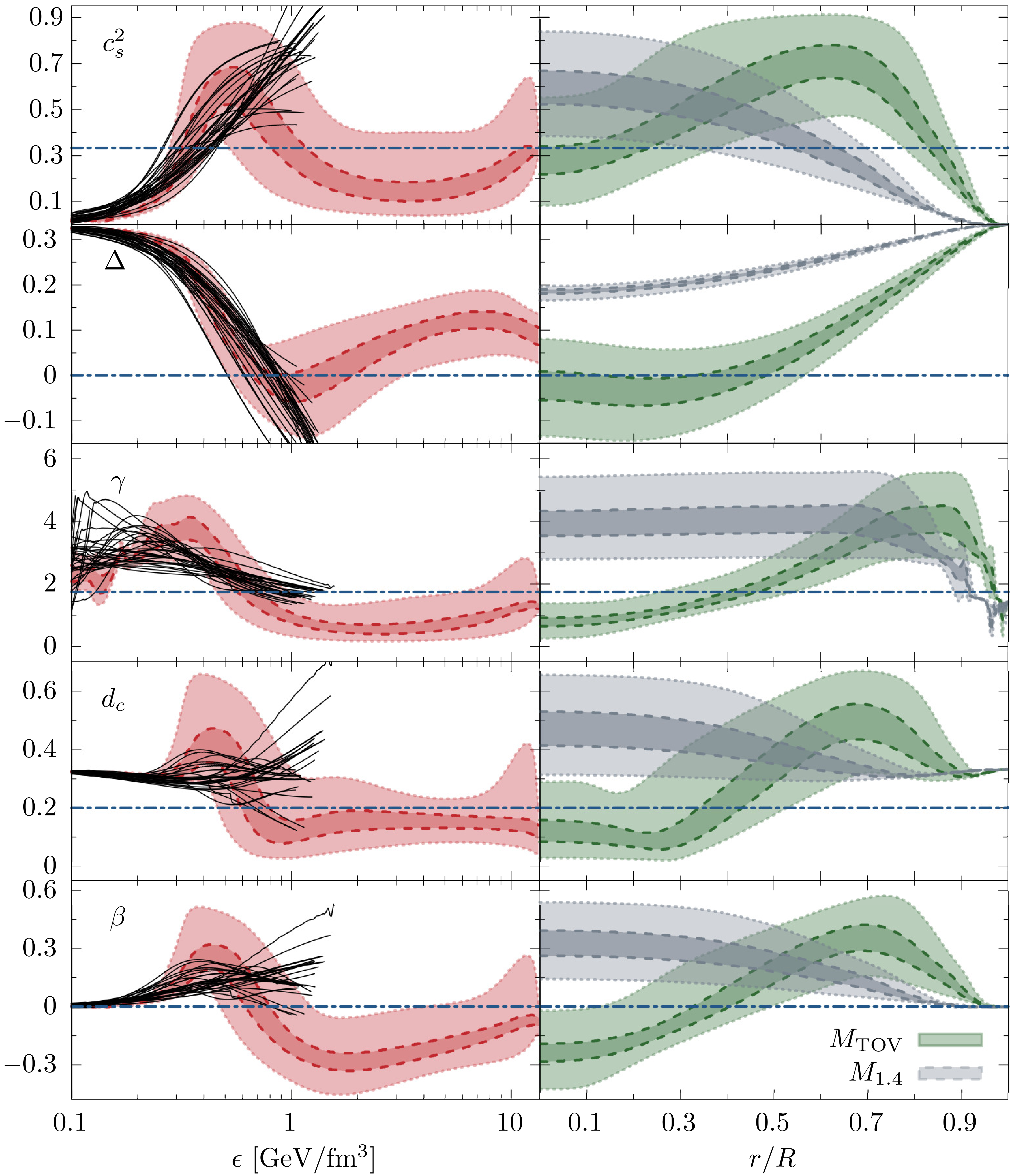
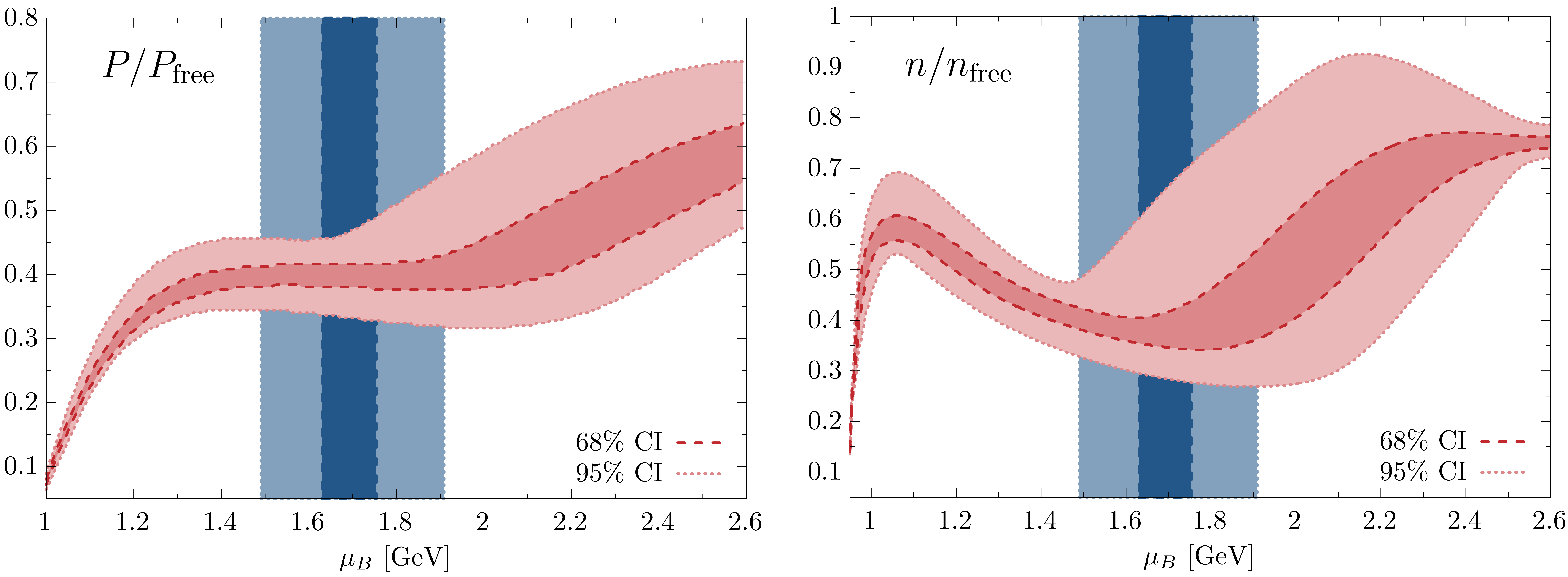

c_s^2
Δ
γ
d_c
β
ϵ [GeV/fm^3]
r/R
$M_{\rm TOV}$
$M_{1.4}$

Equation of State



Net-baryon number susceptibility