

# Astrophysical and Laboratory Studies on the Equation of State of Neutron Stars

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# Outline

- **Basic** for neutron star structure and the EOS
- **Recent works** from connecting #consistently neutron star observations and nuclear experiments
- **What we learn** so far

# What is the nature of the particles that make up neutron stars?



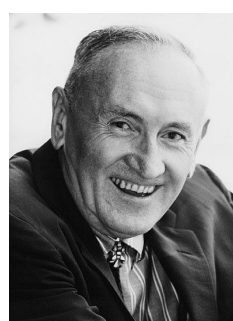
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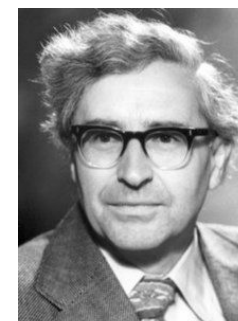
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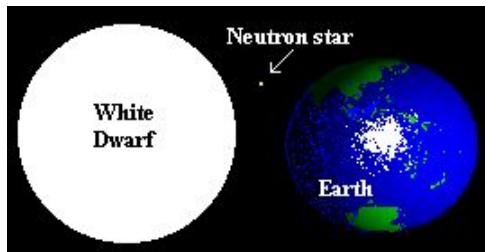
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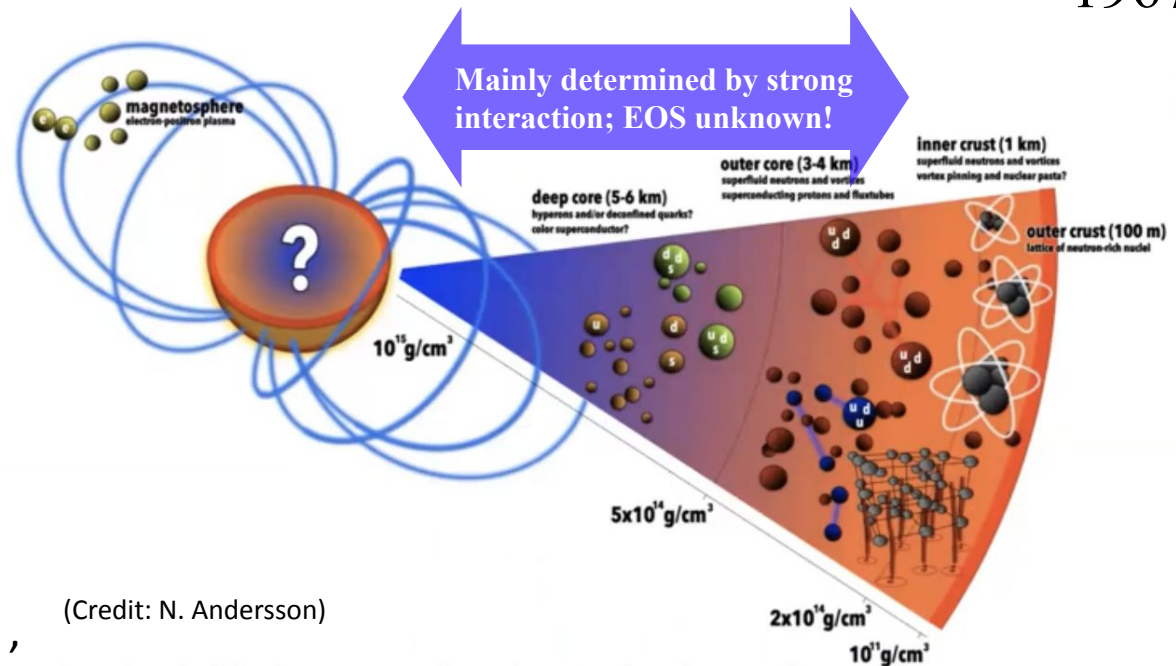
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average density  $\sim 6.9 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$   
 $\sim (2-3)$  normal nuclear density  $\rho_0$



(Credit: N. Andersson)

**Gravity**, holds the star together (gravitational waves!)

**Electromagnetism**, makes pulsars pulse and magnetars flare

**Strong interaction**, determines the internal composition

**Weak interaction**, affects reaction rates - cooling and internal viscosity



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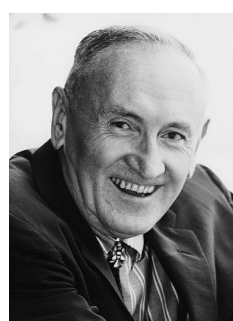
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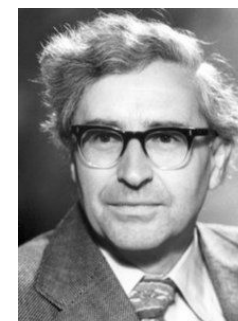
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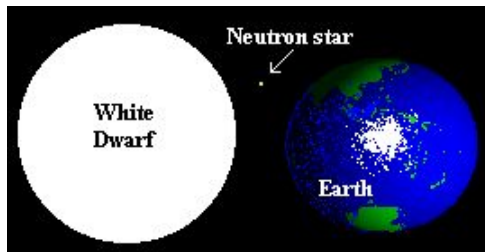
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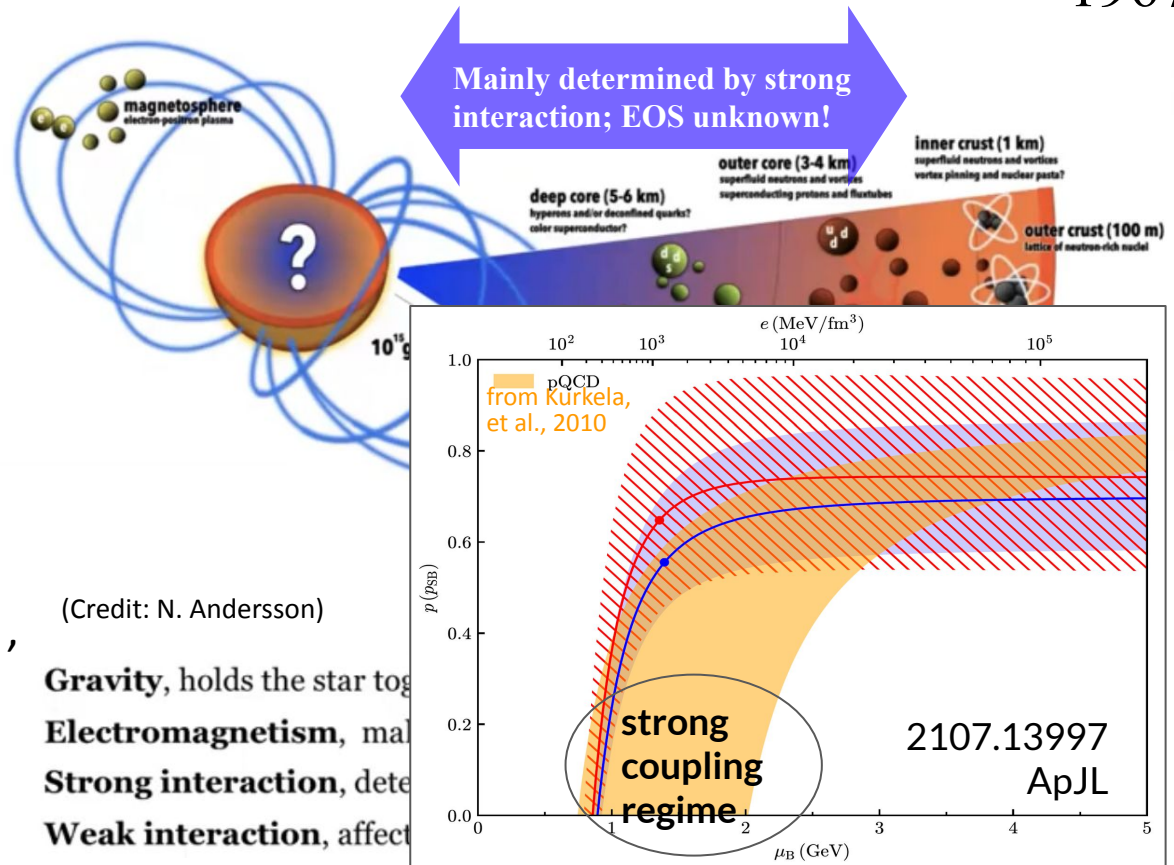
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 **$\sim$ several hundreds MeV;**



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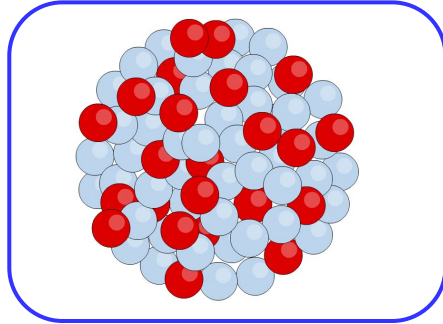
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# Exemplary QMF18 (Zhu et al.) neutron star EOS

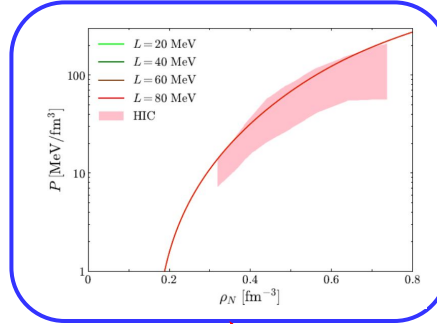
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## 1. Model for interaction between particles



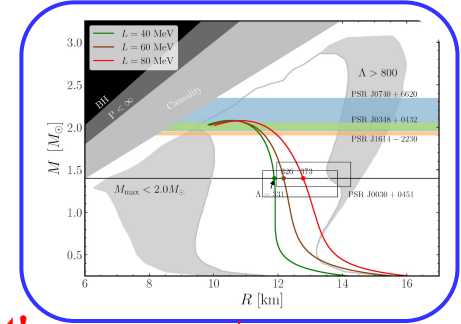
## 2. The EOS

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}\Psi = E\Psi$$



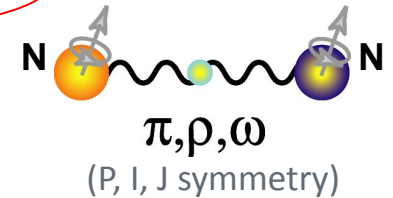
$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

## 3. NS observations (GW, photons, neutrinos)



repeat!

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - M_N^* - g_\omega N \omega \gamma^0 - g_\rho N \rho \tau_3 \gamma^0) \psi - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{3} g_2 \sigma^3 - \frac{1}{4} g_3 \sigma^4 \\ + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \rho)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \rho^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \omega)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} g_\rho N^2 \rho^2 \Lambda_v g_\omega N^2 \omega^2,$$



EOS contribution from isospin-asymmetry part:

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_n + \rho_p} \quad L \equiv 3\rho_0 \frac{dE_{\text{sym}}}{d\rho}(\rho_0)$$

$$E(\rho, \delta) = E_{\text{SNM}}(\rho) + E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) \delta^2,$$

$L$ [MeV]	$g_{\sigma q}$	$g_{\omega q}$	$g_{\rho q}$	$g_2$ [fm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$g_3$	$\Lambda_v$
20	3.8620366	2.9174838	6.9588083	14.6179599	-66.3442468	1.1080665
40	3.8620366	2.9174838	5.4129448	14.6179599	-66.3442468	0.7693664
60	3.8620366	2.9174838	4.5830609	14.6179599	-66.3442468	0.4306662
80	3.8620366	2.9174838	4.0459574	14.6179599	-66.3442468	0.0919661

$\rho_0$	$E/A$	$K$	$E_{\text{sym}}$	$L$	$M_N^*/M_N$
[fm <sup>-3</sup> ]	[MeV]	[MeV]	[MeV]	[MeV]	/
0.16	-16	U(220,340)	U(28,45)	U(20,150)	U(0.55,0.80)

symmetry energy & slope

Zhu et al. ApJ  
1802.05510

# The unknown (high-density) neutron star (core) EOS

The problem is to find the EOS in a regime where laboratory measurements of particle interactions are **inadequate** and the necessary theories of multi-body interactions are still **incomplete** (LQCD,  $\chi$ EFT, etc).

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Pheno

Green's Function Monte Carlo

Chiral Perturbation Theory (ChPT)

Variational Many-Body (VMB; e.g., APR)

$V_{\text{low}k}$  + Renormalization Group

Relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (BHF)

Dirac-Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (DBHF)

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Quark mean-field (QMF)

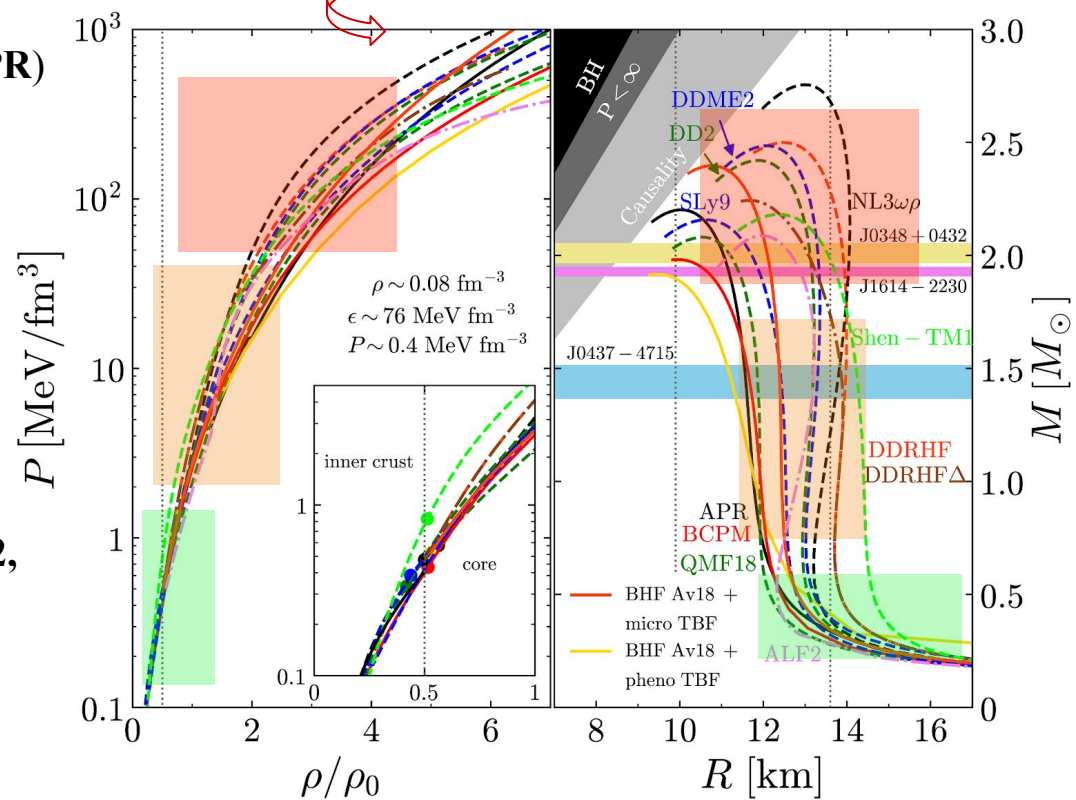
Quark Meson Coupling (QMC)

Relativistic mean-field (RMF; e.g., DD2, NL3, TM1)

Skyrme energy density functional (e.g., BSk20, Sly)

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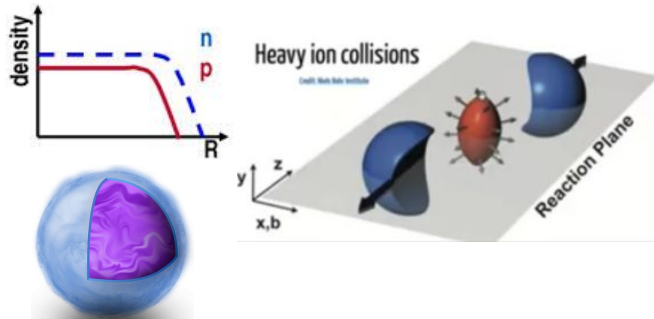
a fan of different predictions on EOS: Better knowledge on uncertain nuclear **symmetry energy** (e.g., from neutron skin width) and **non-nucleon df** at high densities!?



《致密物质状态方程：中子星与奇异星》李昂 胡金牛 鲍世绍 申虹 徐仁新, 2019 Nuclear Physics Review (in Chinese)

# Experimental/Observational constraints on the EOS

- finite nuclei (especially neutron-rich, superheavy); ↖ mostly around saturation
- collective flow/transport/meson production in heavy ion collision (HIC);



## • PSR J0030+0451

$$M = 1.34^{+0.15}_{-0.16} M_{\odot}, R = 12.71^{+1.14}_{-1.19} \text{ km} \quad (\text{Riley et al. 2019})$$

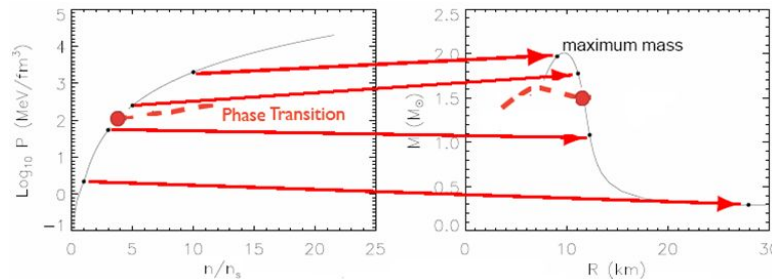
$$M = 1.44^{+0.15}_{-0.14} M_{\odot}, R = 13.02^{+1.24}_{-1.06} \text{ km} \quad (\text{Miller et al. 2019})$$

## • PSR J0740+6620 (Cromartie et al. 2019)

(currently most massive neutron star)

$$M = 2.072^{+0.067}_{-0.066} M_{\odot}, R = 12.39^{+1.30}_{-0.98} \text{ km} \quad (\text{Riley et al. 2021})$$

$$M = 2.062^{+0.090}_{-0.091} M_{\odot}, R = 13.71^{+2.61}_{-1.50} \text{ km} \quad (\text{Miller et al. 2021})$$



(Credit: J. Lattimer)

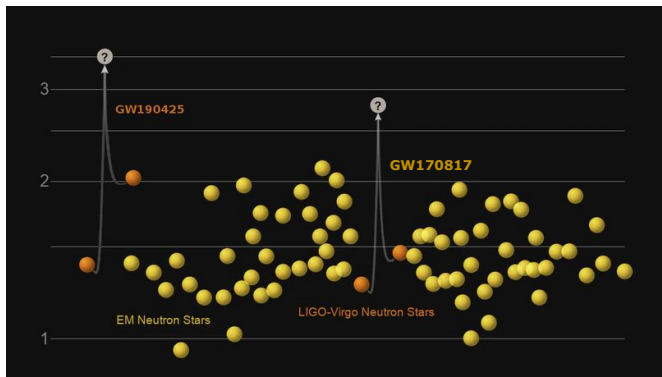
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NICER}}(M, R | \theta_{\text{EOS}} \cup \{\varepsilon_c\}, \mathbb{M}) = P_{\text{KDE}}(M(\theta_{\text{EOS}}; \varepsilon_c), R(\theta_{\text{EOS}}; \varepsilon_c))$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GW}}(d_{\text{GW}} | \theta_{\text{GW}}, \mathbb{M}) \propto \exp \left[ -2 \int_0^\infty \frac{|\tilde{d}(f) - \tilde{h}(f, \theta_{\text{GW}})|^2}{S_n(f)} df \right]$$

strain & waveform  
power spectral density

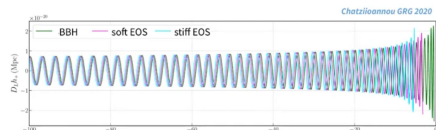
## • neutron star binary:

GW+短伽玛暴SGRB+千新星kilonova

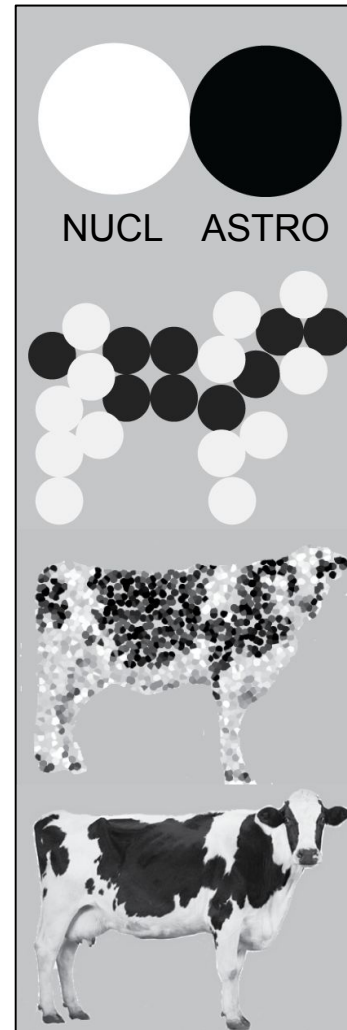


GW170817 (the 'golden' event)

GW190425

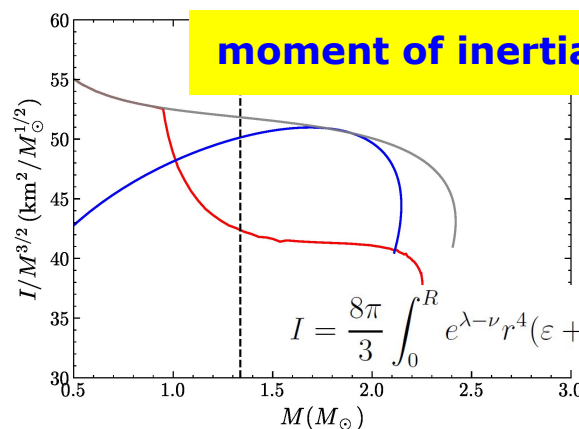
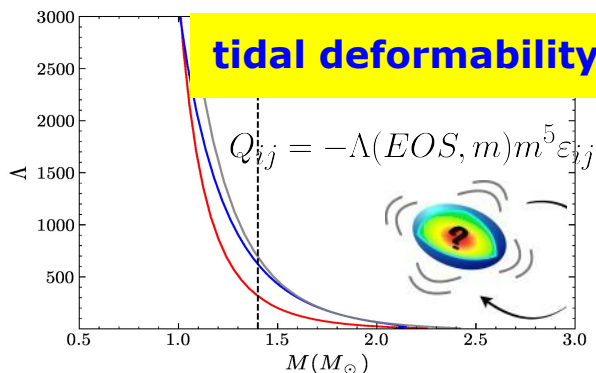
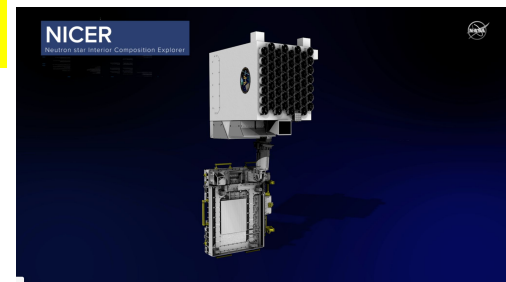
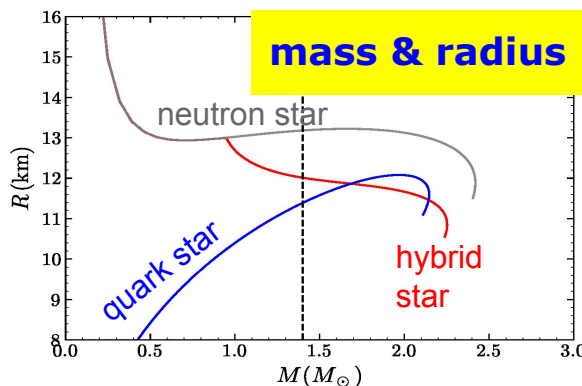
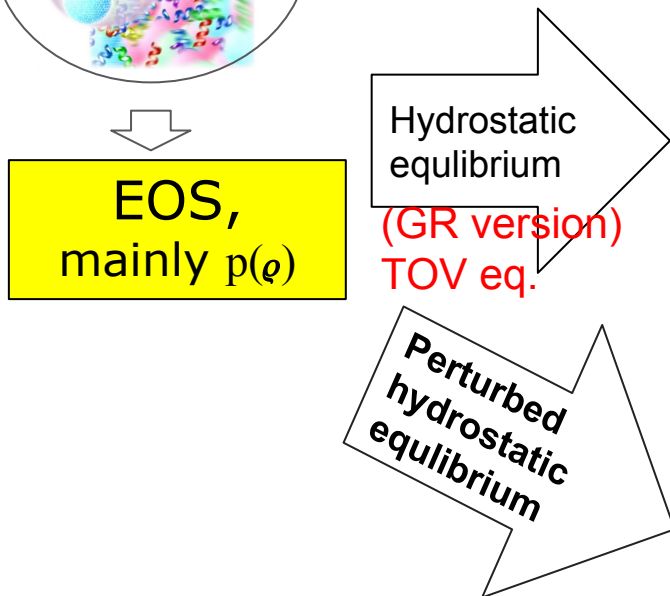
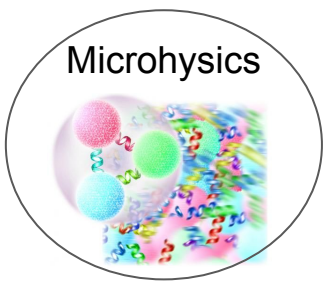


$$\theta_{\text{GW}} = \{M_1, M_2, \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \chi_{1z}, \chi_{2z}, \varphi, \Psi, \theta_{\text{jn}}, t_c, d_L, R, A, \text{Decl.}\}$$





# Macroscopic global properties of NSs have an intrinsic correlation with microphysical EOS

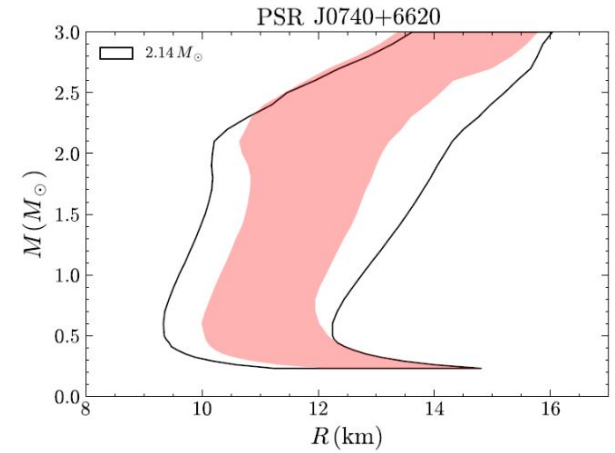
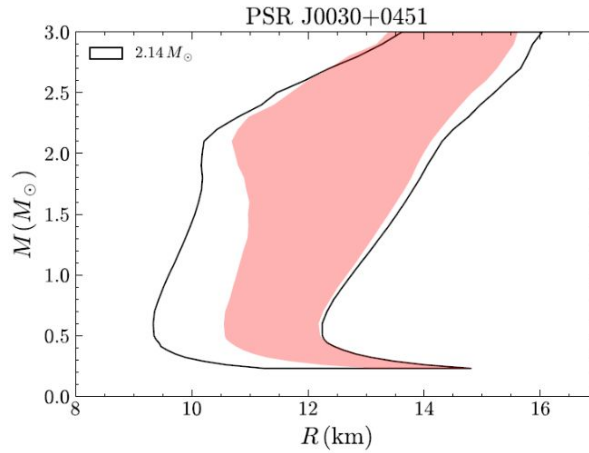
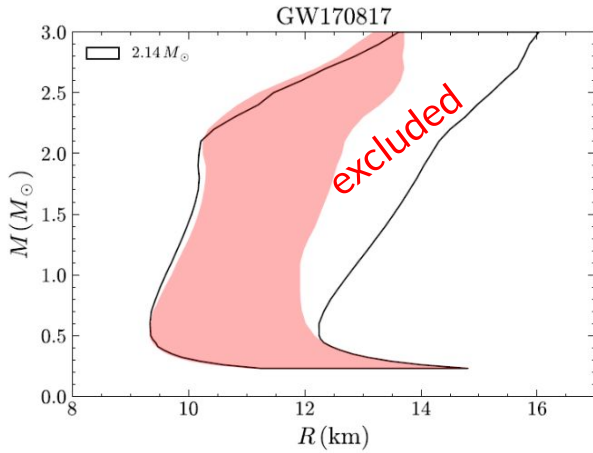


Very exciting future:  
LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA, CE, ET;  
HXMT, NICER, STROBE-X, eXTP;  
FAST, 平方公里阵列射电望远镜(SKA),...

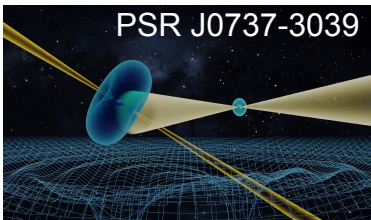
# Important EOS constraints from neutron star observations

GW170817  $\Lambda$  measurement

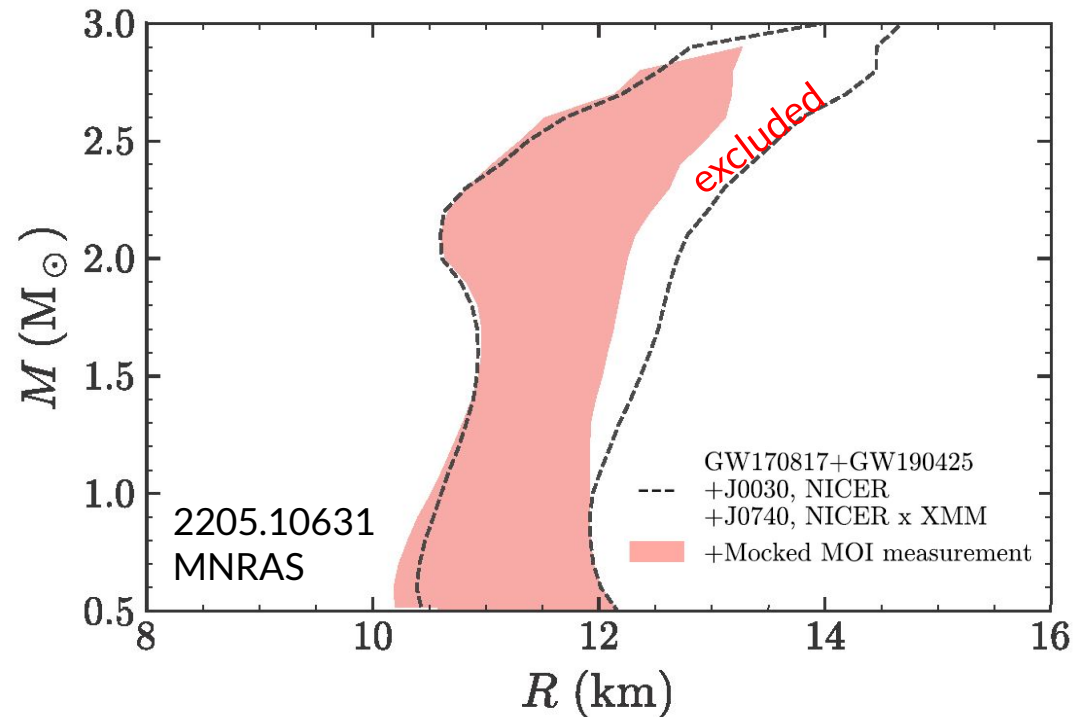
M & R measurements: light neutrons star vs. heavy neutrons star



Future MOI measurement (from e.g., SKA)

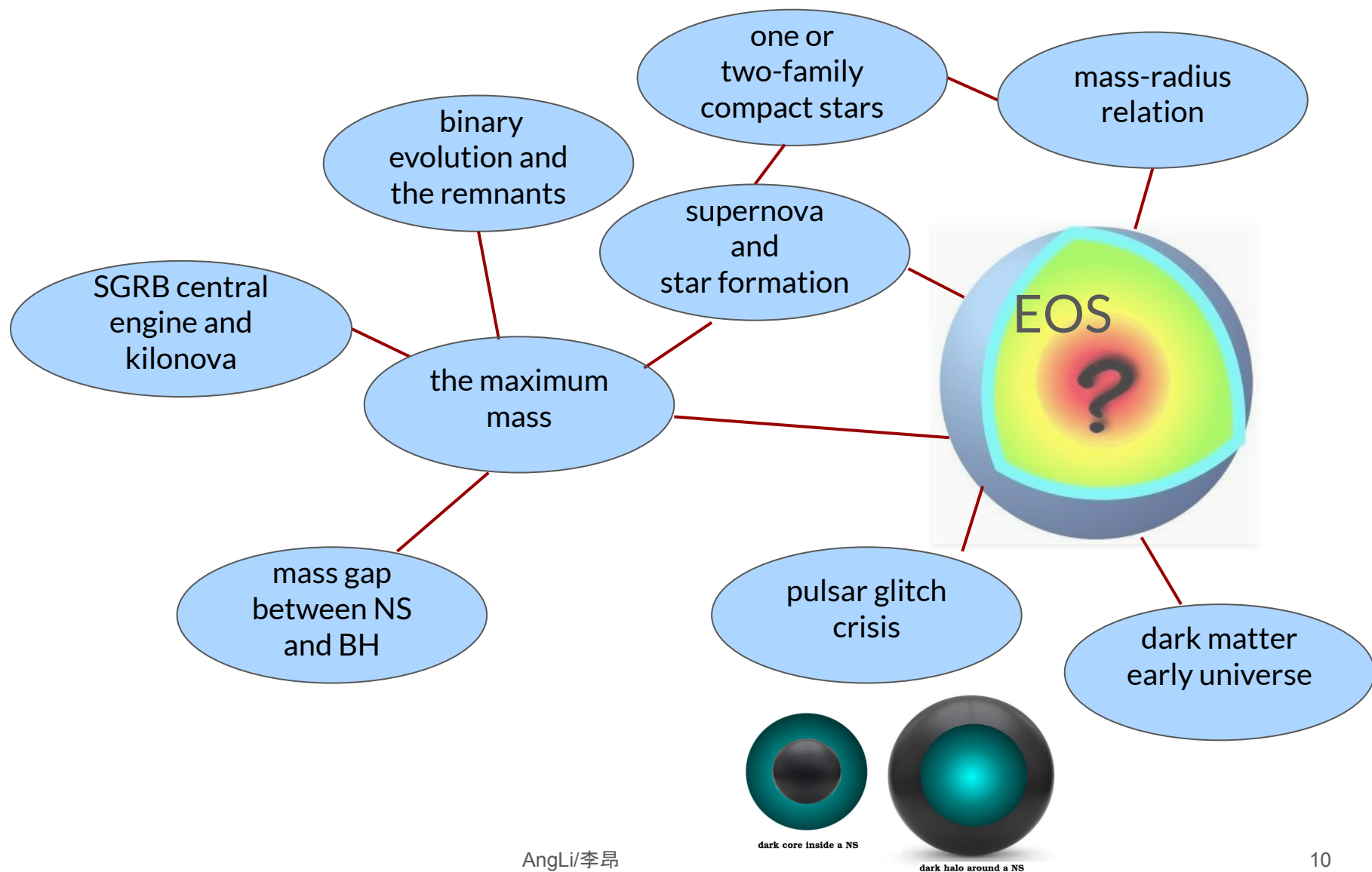


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# Why is understanding dense matter EOS important (for astrophysicists and astronomers)?



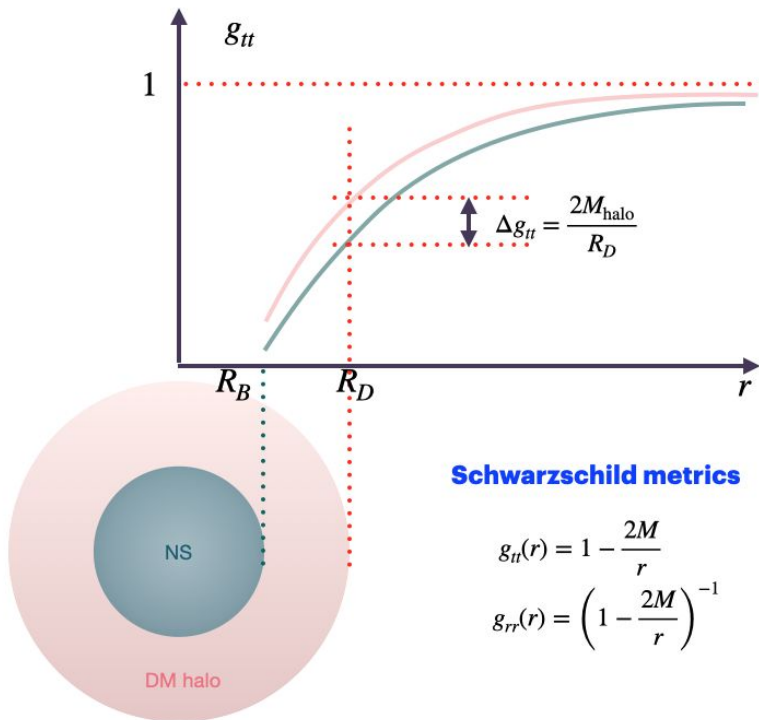


# Dark Matter Admixed Neutron Star Properties in the Light of X-Ray Pulse Profile Observations

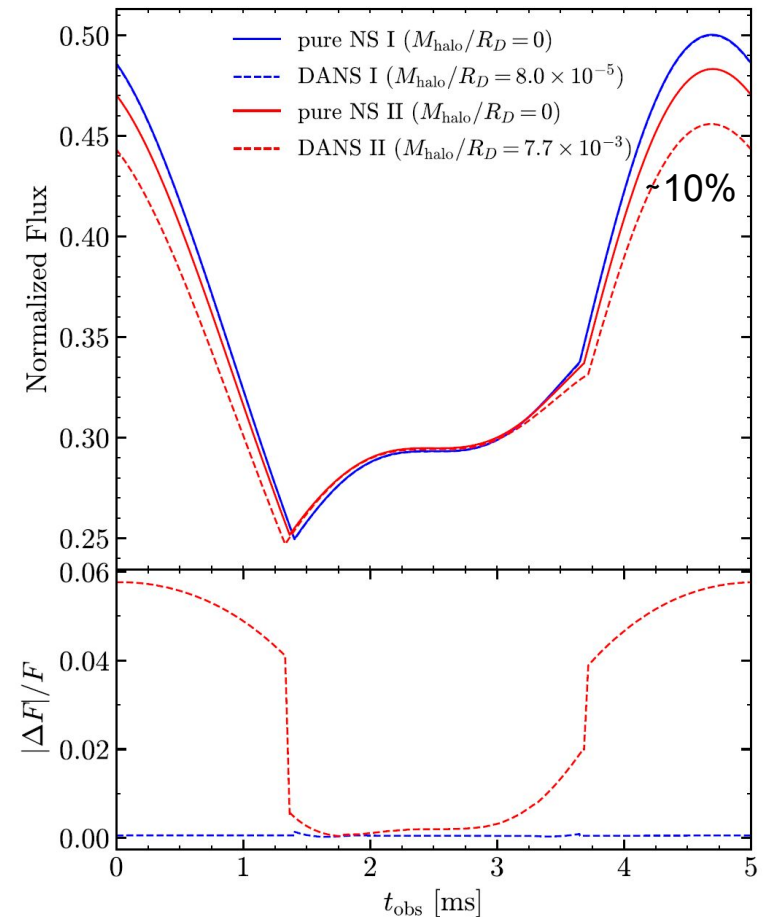
Zhiqiang Miao , Yaofeng Zhu, Ang Li , and Feng Huang 

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Pulses emitted from the surface of the baryonic matter should suffer an **additional** gravitational potential due to DM halo;



NICER, eXTP, ATHENA, STROBE-X,...

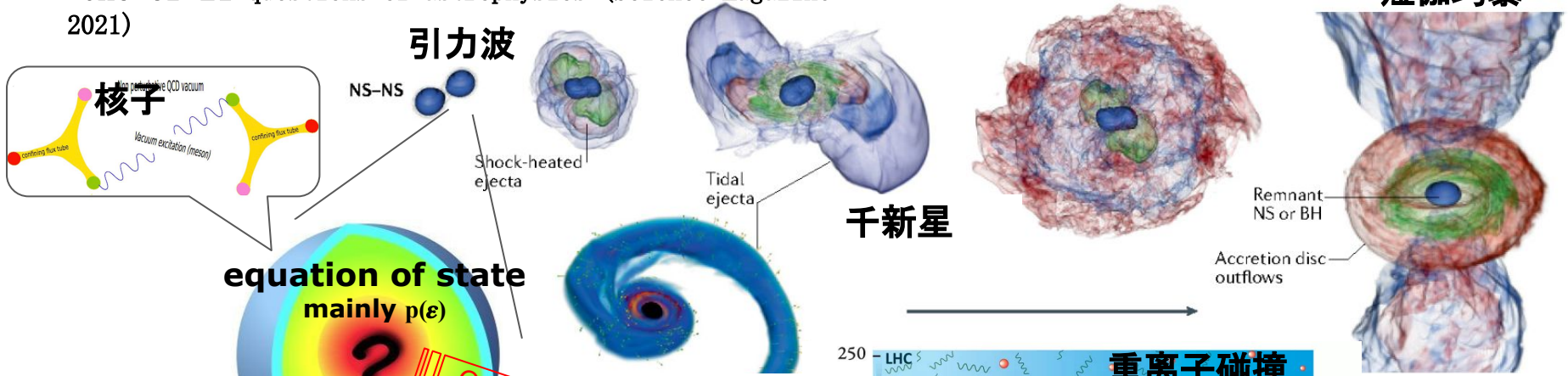


# Is it possible to understand the structure of compact stars and matter?

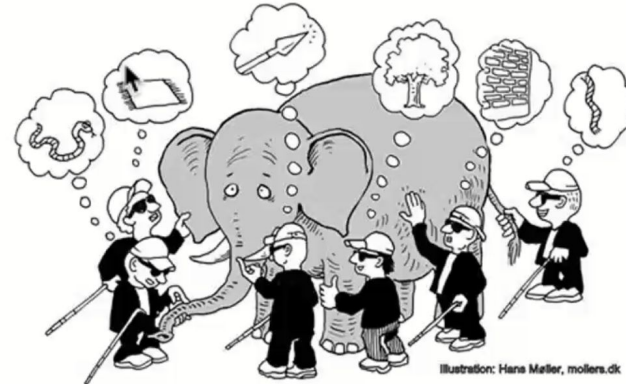
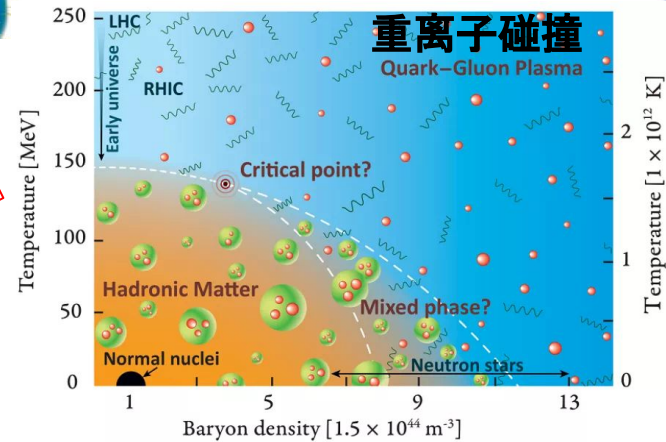
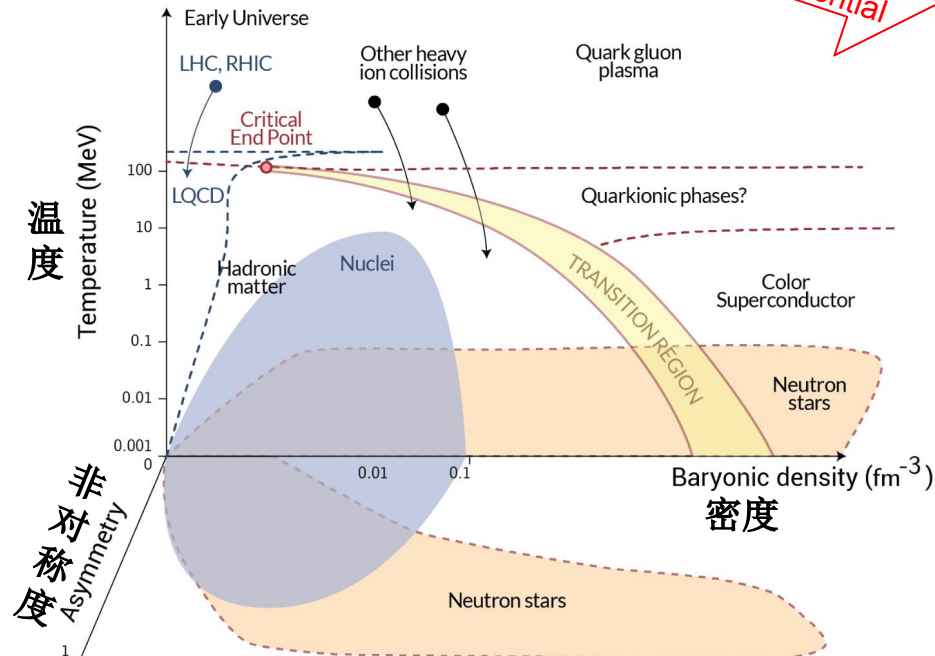
- One of 11 questions of physics (Discover magazine 2002)
- One of 21 questions of astrophysics (Science magazine 2021)

'the big science problem'

短伽玛暴



QCD phase diagram at nonzero chemical potential



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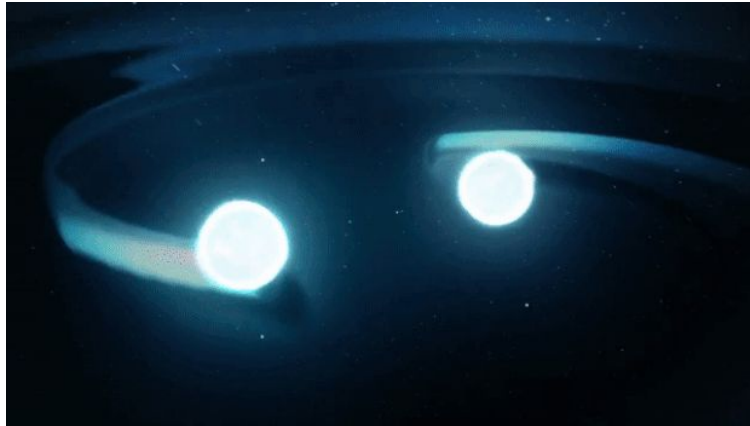
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(Biased selected results; Highlighting work done by our group)
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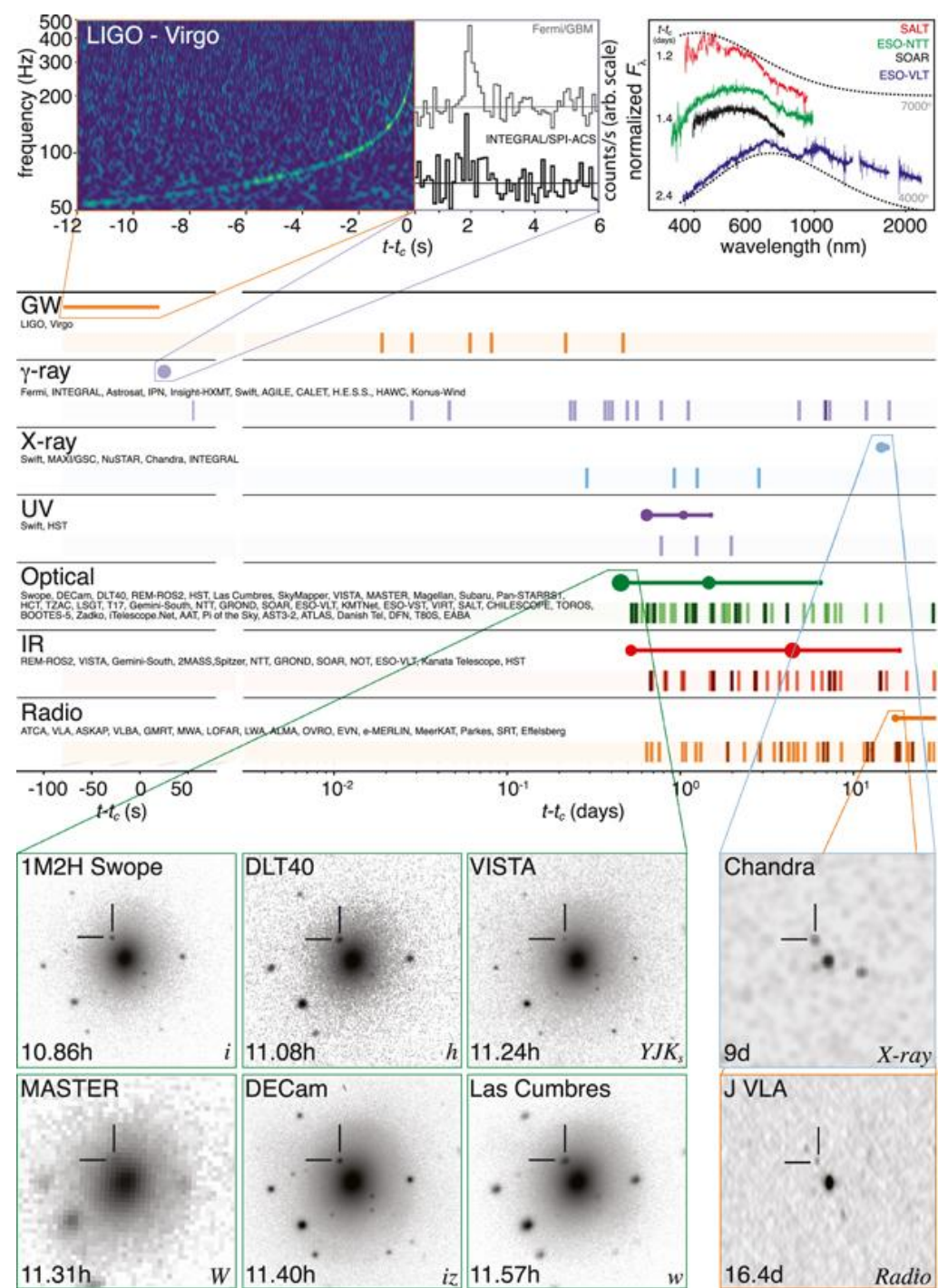
2017物理学十大突破



# The ‘golden’ event of GW170817 brings the best time of neutron star physics!



- GW
- Neutrino: none
- $\gamma$ -ray: 1.7 s
- X-ray: 9 days
- UV/Optical/IR (kilonova): 2 days
- Radio: 16 days

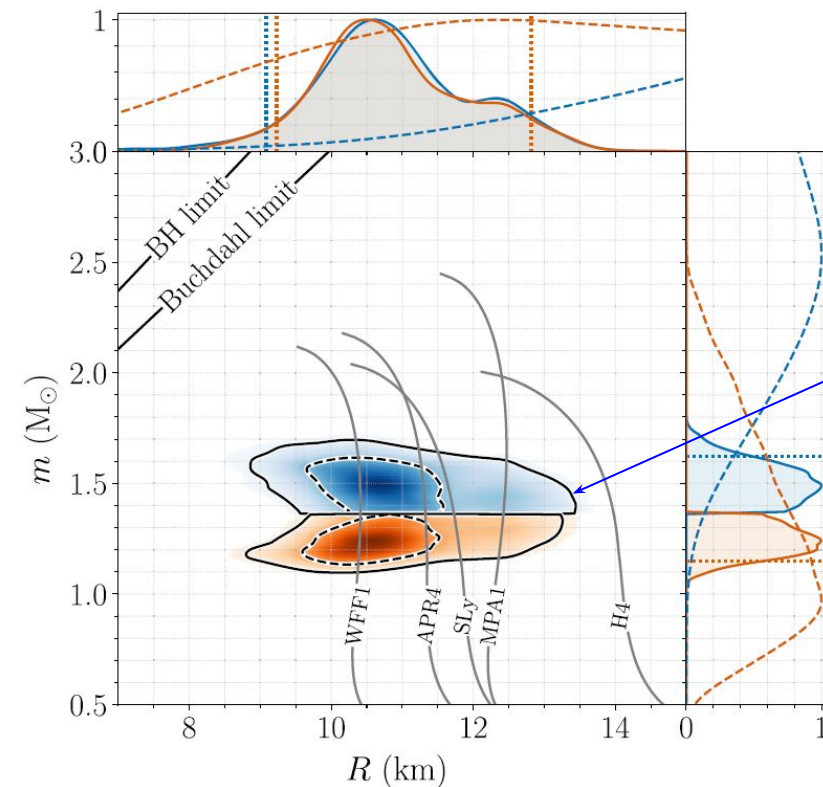


# GW from a binary neutron star inspiral

## GW170817: Measurements of Neutron Star Radii and Equation of State

B. P. Abbott *et al.*\*

(The LIGO Scientific Collaboration and the Virgo Collaboration)



Our results are comparable and consistent with studies that use the tidal measurement from [5] to obtain bounds on NS radii. Using our bound of  $\Lambda_{1.4} < 800$  (the only tidal parameter in [5], which assumed a common EOS for both NSs) and different EOS parametrizations, several studies found  $R_{1.4} \lesssim 13.5$  km [56,58,62,64].

[56] E.-P. Zhou, X. Zhou, and A. Li, *Phys. Rev. D* **97**, 083015 (2018). (2017/11/17 in 4 weeks, 1711.04312)

$$\Lambda = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left( \frac{R}{M} \right)^5$$

(1.36, 1.60)  $M_\odot$   
(1.16, 1.36)  $M_\odot$

2017/10/16正式公布 (67 preprints):  
<http://blogs.cornell.edu/arxiv/2017/10/16/gw1708>

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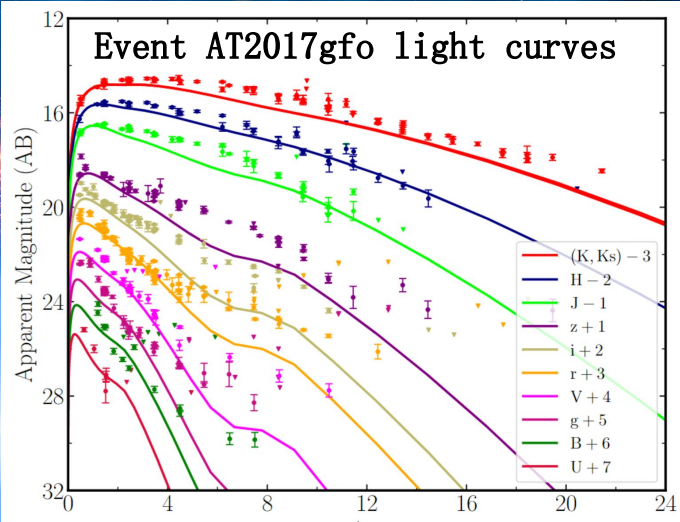




# A Bayesian Inference of a Relativistic Mean-field Model of Neutron Star Matter from Observations of NICER and GW170817/AT2017gfo

Zhenyu Zhu<sup>1</sup> , Ang Li<sup>2</sup> , and Tong Liu<sup>2</sup> 

**Kilonova** light curves connect with **the EOS** through the quasi-universal relations between the properties of the ejecta (the ejected mass, velocity, opacity, or electron fraction) and **binary** parameters (the mass ratio and reduced tidal deformability).



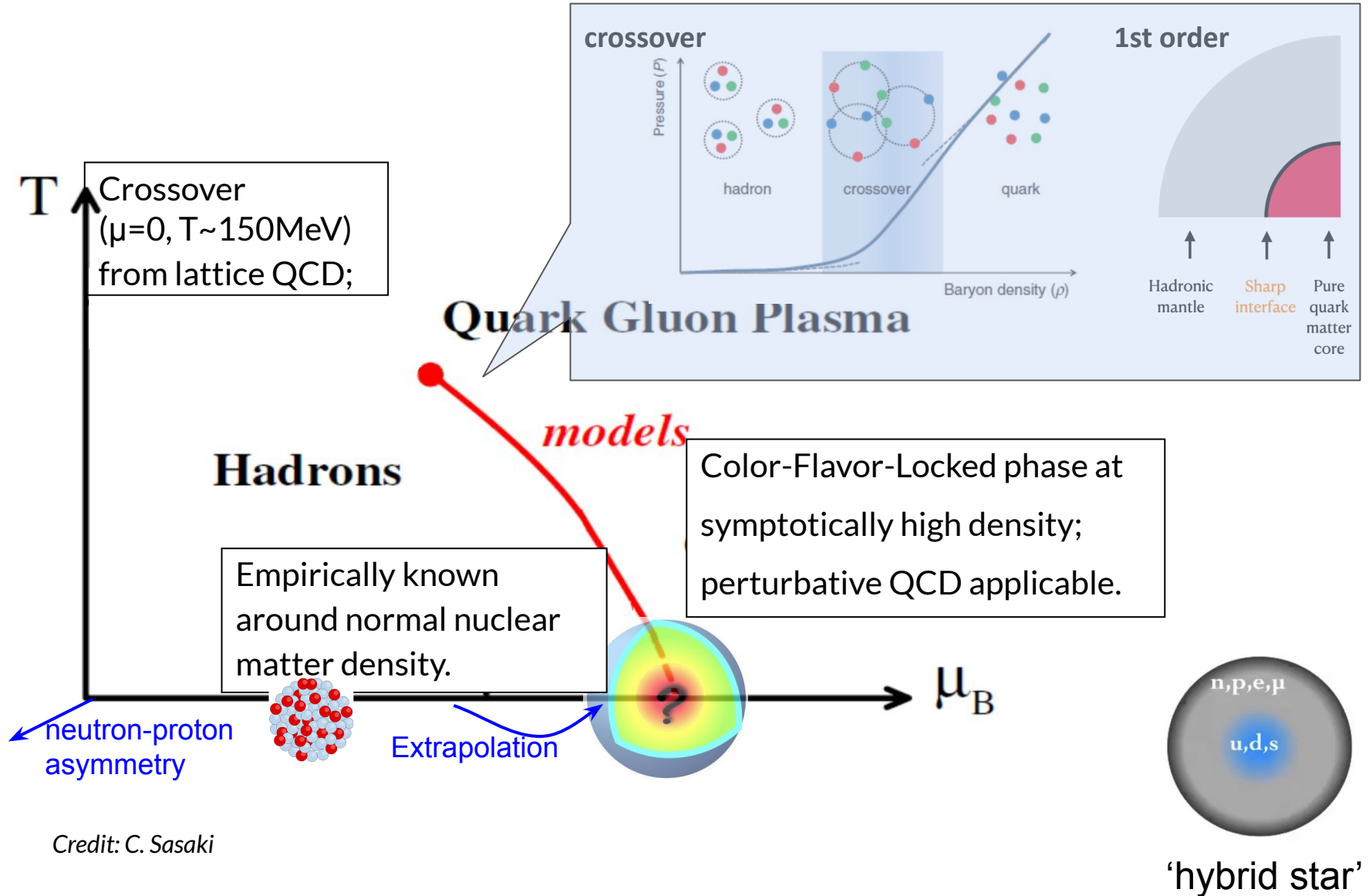
From the referee “The paper is very interesting and presents **new** strategies for studying the equation of state of dense matter. It is also one of the few papers performing a bayesian analysis in which the equation of state is computed within a model of **nuclear** interactions.”

Parameters	AT2017gf	GW170817/AT2017gf	GW170817+NICER	GW170817/AT2017gf+NICER
$J_0$ (MeV)	$32.9321^{+1.8031}_{-2.3807}$	$33.0866^{+1.6679}_{-2.4922}$	$32.7278^{+1.9317}_{-2.1386}$	$33.0410^{+1.7229}_{-2.5494}$
$K_0$ (MeV)	$231.5976^{+27.6173}_{-10.1760}$	$230.5804^{+23.9437}_{-9.2084}$	$250.8818^{+25.1076}_{-27.2728}$	$230.2890^{+22.0389}_{-9.0966}$
$L_0$ (MeV)	$33.7546^{+19.8140}_{-11.6658}$	$35.3533^{+17.1443}_{-13.1968}$	$53.1642^{+26.3730}_{-24.9273}$	$34.4599^{+18.2543}_{-12.5515}$
$M_N^*/M_N$	$0.7887^{+0.0100}_{-0.0211}$	$0.7904^{+0.0083}_{-0.0172}$	$0.7166^{+0.0446}_{-0.0517}$	$0.7604^{+0.0250}_{-0.0198}$
$R_{1.4}$ (km)	$11.4107^{+0.2875}_{-0.2229}$	$11.3930^{+0.2364}_{-0.2123}$	$12.3821^{+0.5311}_{-0.5639}$	$11.6367^{+0.2121}_{-0.2312}$
$\Lambda_{1.4}$	$255.0494^{+41.1186}_{-26.4017}$	$251.2908^{+32.4407}_{-25.4602}$	$440.8698^{+123.4322}_{-107.7413}$	$300.2940^{+26.9738}_{-36.7643}$

Massive PSRs + GW  
+ kilonova + X-ray

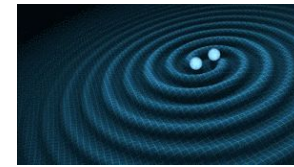
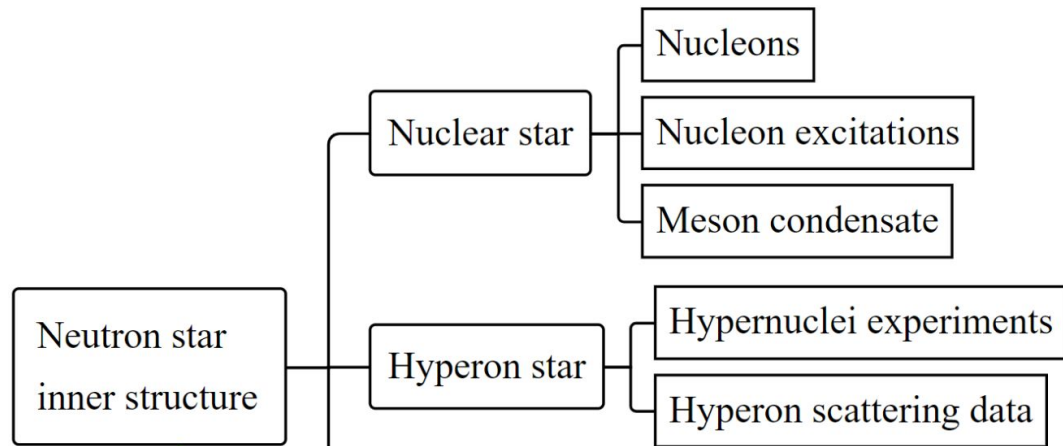


# Hadrons to quarks if too dense or too hot



Credit: C. Sasaki

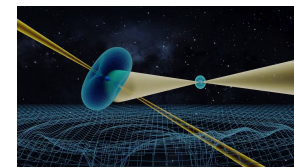
# Neutron star zoo



GW170817  
GW190425



PSR J0030+0415  
PSR J0740+6620



PSR J0737-3039  
upcoming ~10% accuracy  
moment of inertia  
measurement

## In the following,

Hybrid star with deconfined quarks

EOS model for hadronic phase

Thermal, dynamic, chemical equilibrium

EOS model for quark phase

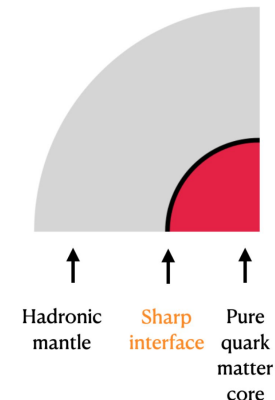
Quark star

Quark matter that can be self bound

to appear in “The Equation of  
State of Pulsars”: Contributed  
Chapter of upcoming book  
《Pulsar Astronomy:  
State-of-the-Art of Chinese  
Instruments》

## Where the phase transition happens?

(assuming assume nucleons and electrons, is in equilibrium with  
a gas of deconfined u, d, s quarks and leptons)



# Interplay of nuclear symmetry energy with strangeness phase transition

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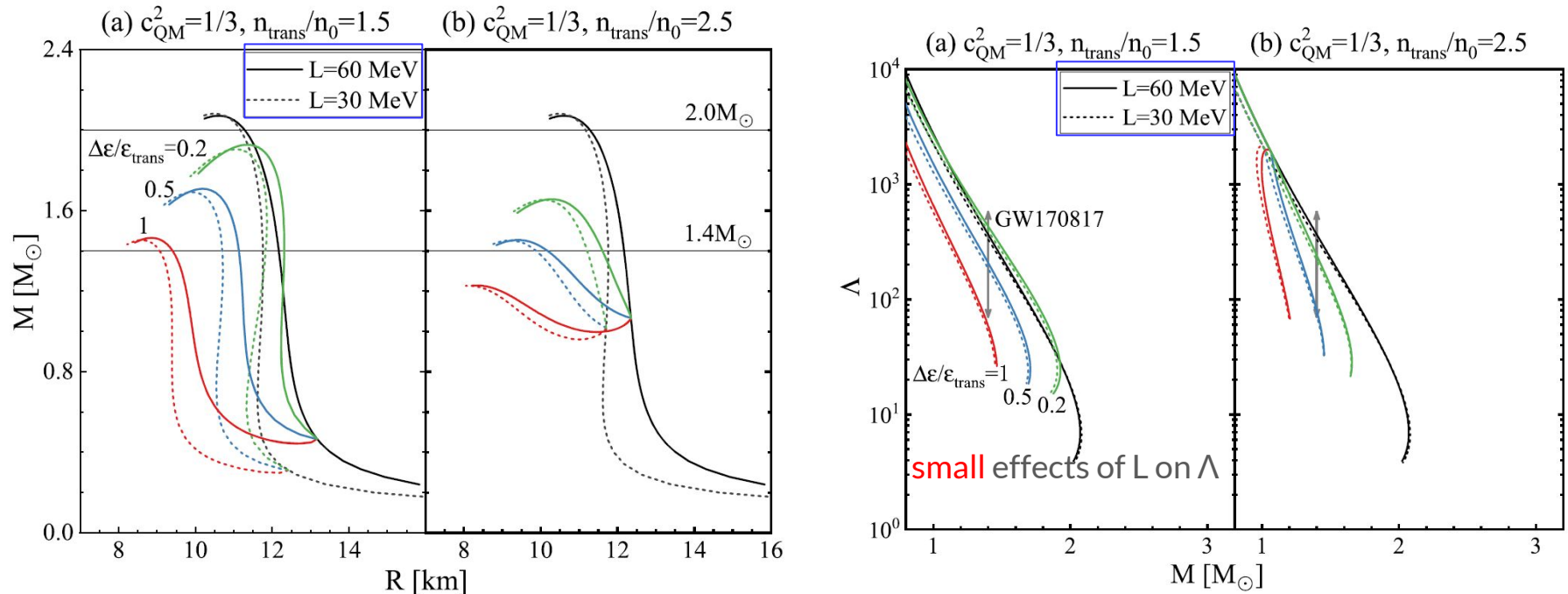


## Constraining Hadron-quark Phase Transition Parameters within the Quark-mean-field Model Using Multimessenger Observations of Neutron Stars

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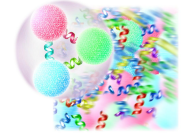
QMF hadronic EOS (symmetry energy slope  $L = 30-60$ ) plus Constant-speed-sound ( $n_{\text{trans}}, \Delta\epsilon, c_{\text{QM}}$ ) parametrization characterizing high-density (quark matter) phase;

**Phase transition dominate when appear:** Measuring  $\Lambda$  alone may **NOT** completely determine the density dependence of the symmetry energy.





# Phase transitions are of central interest in physics



Open issues:

Order of transitions? Physics on interfaces? Finite T effects? hep-ph? nucl-th? cond-mat? astro-ph.HE?

## New Neutron Star Equation of State with Quark–Hadron Crossover

Gordon Baym<sup>1,2</sup>, Shun Furusawa<sup>2,3</sup>, Tetsuo Hatsuda<sup>4</sup>, Toru Kojo<sup>5</sup> , and Hajime Togashi<sup>6,7</sup>

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## Tidal Deformations of Hybrid Stars with Sharp Phase Transitions and Elastic Crusts

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Rong-Gen Cai, Song He, Li Li, and Yuan-Xu Wang

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Constantinos Constantinou, Sophia Han (韩君), Prashanth Jaikumar, and Madappa Prakash

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## Differentiating between sharp and smoother phase transitions in neutron stars

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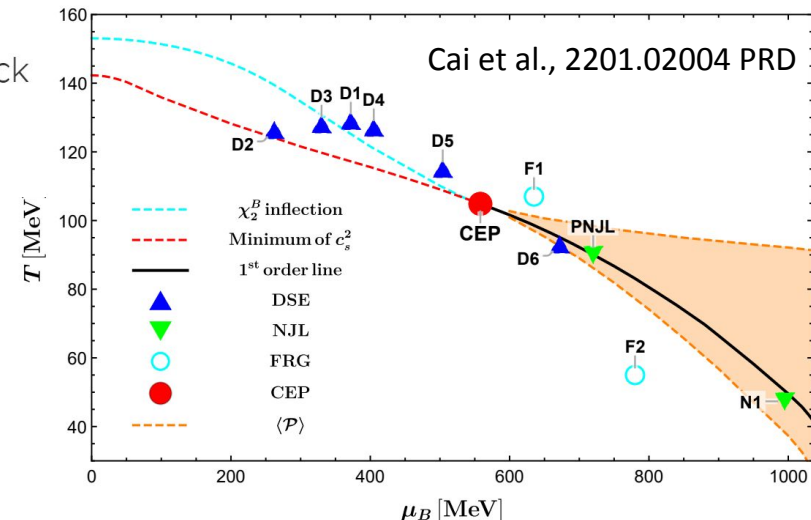
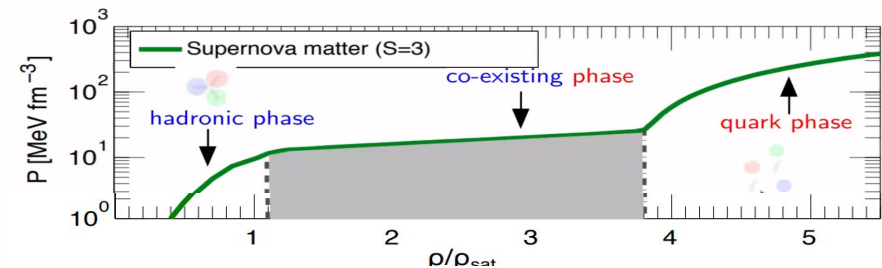
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## Quark deconfinement as a supernova explosion engine for massive blue supergiant stars

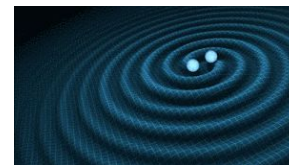
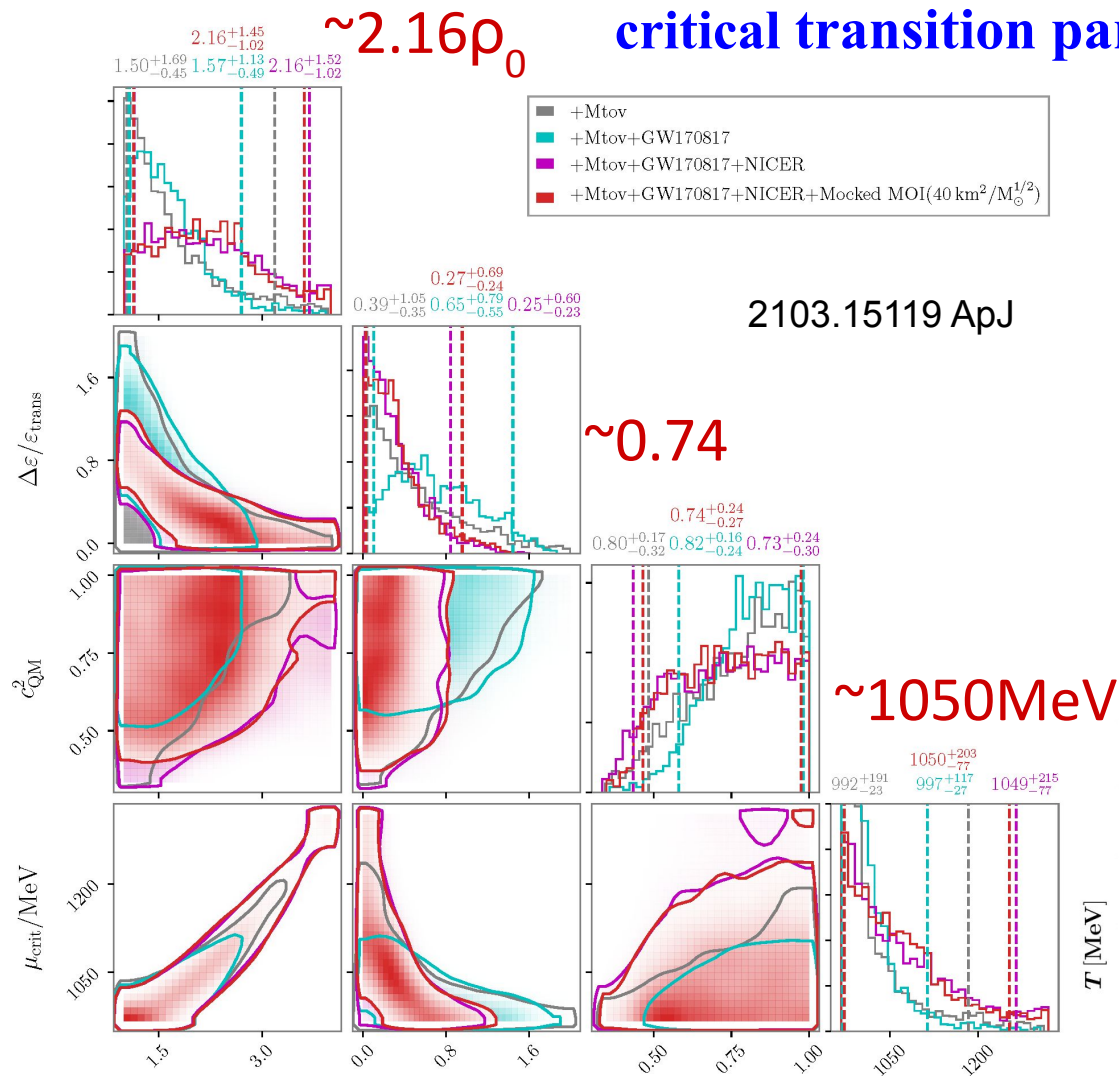
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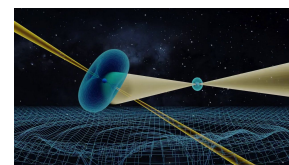
# Using realistic EOS prior explicitly including phase transitions for the study of critical transition parameters



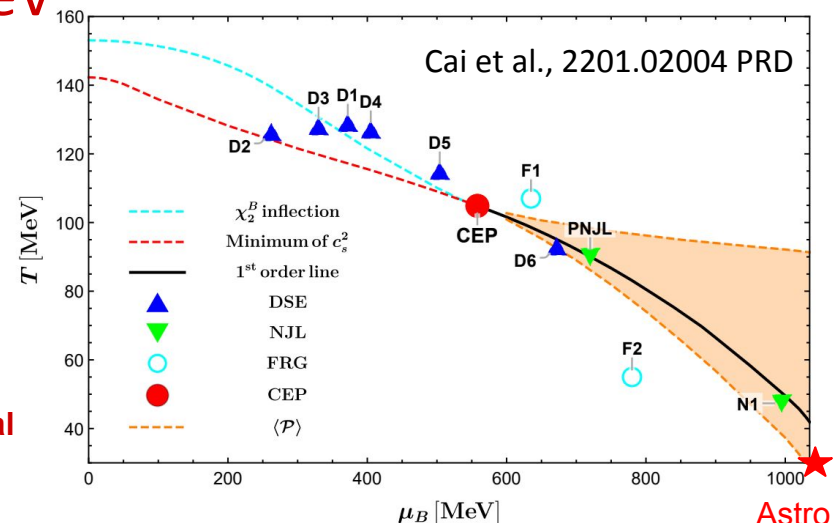
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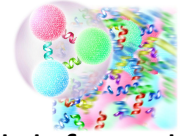


$n_{\text{trans}}/n_0$   $\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}$   $c_{\text{QM}}^2$   
{transition density, transition strength,  
sound speed squared in quark matter}

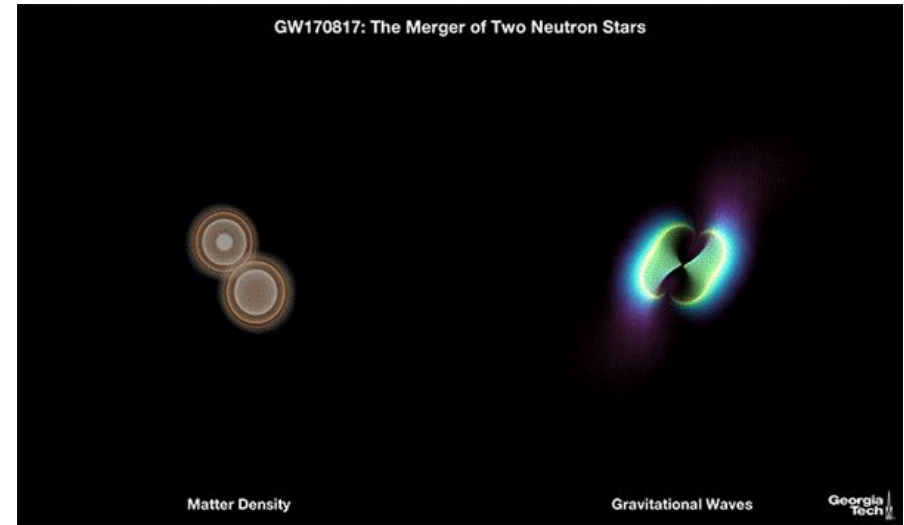
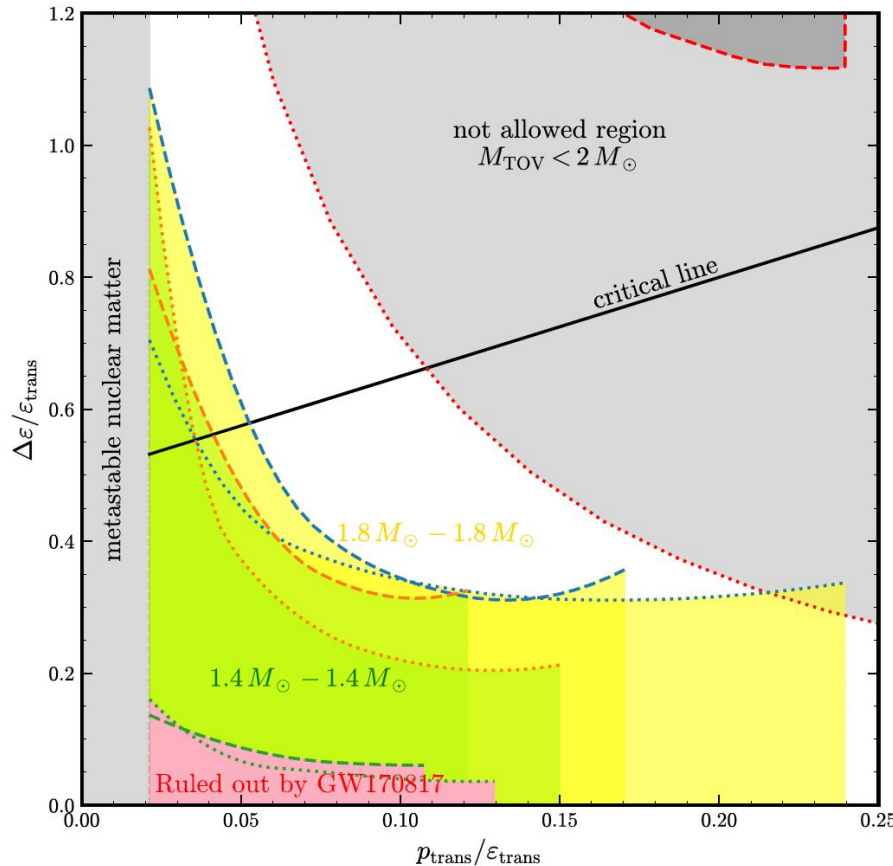
$\mu_{\text{crit}}/\text{MeV}$   
critical chemical  
potential

**prior:** full parameter space from  $1/\sqrt{3}$  (the conformal limit in perturbative QCD matter) to 1 (the causal limit)

# Static + Dynamic tide



- Static tidal: Quasi-equilibrium approximation, (i.e., the tidal field changes slowly); Tidal deformability
- Dynamic tidal: tidal-induced composition mode (or interfacial mode), discontinuity g-mode oscillation. 轨道运动与星体振荡将产生共振，加大被探测到的可能。



Green/Yellow: 3rd generation GW detectors 对于一个  $1.4/1.8 M_{\odot}$  双星系统的可探测空间

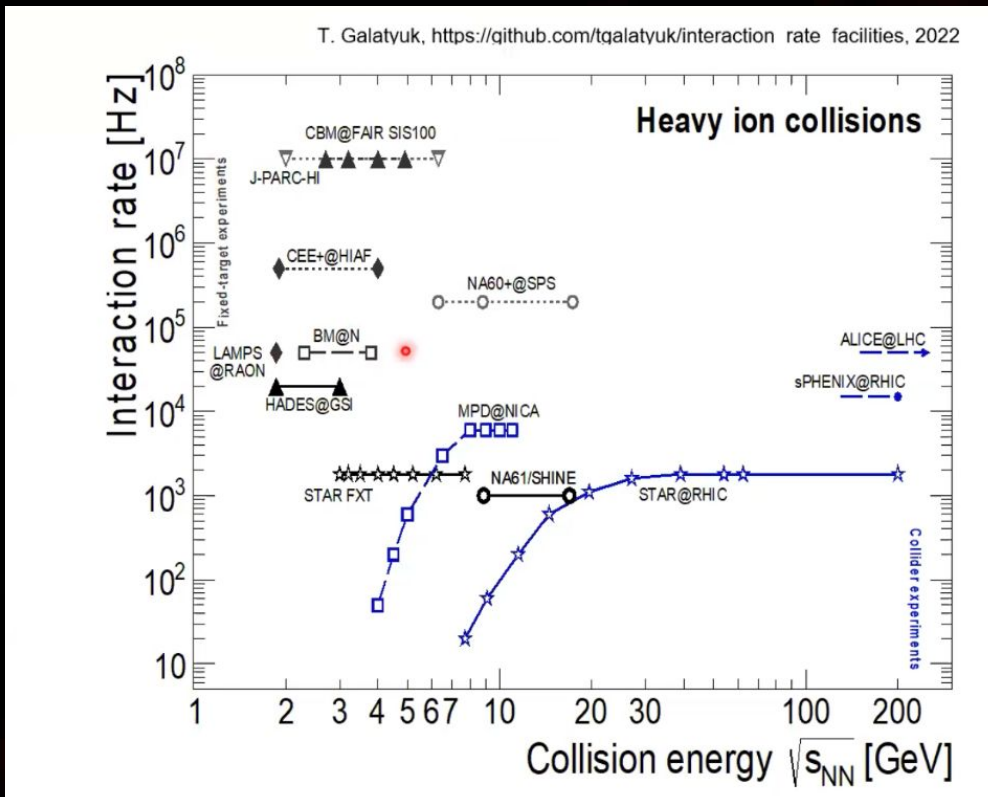


- Available GW170817 data **exclude** low transition threshold ( $p_{\text{trans}}/\epsilon_{\text{trans}} \lesssim 0.12$ ) and weak transition ( $\Delta \epsilon/\epsilon_{\text{trans}} \lesssim 0.06$ )

Miao, Zhou, & Li, arXiv:2305.08401

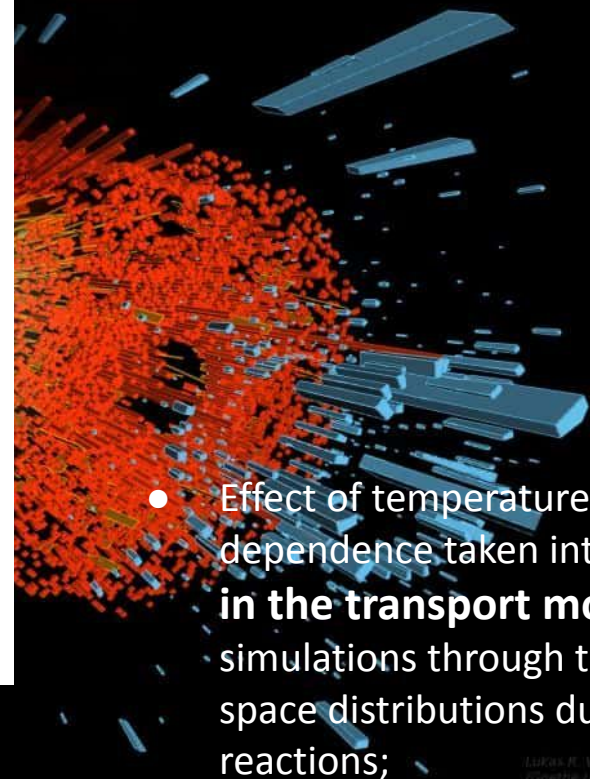


Where & how the phase transition happens is a matter of recent debate not only in astrophysics but also within the theory of high energy ( $\sim \text{GeV}$ ) heavy-ion collisions.



HIC: nearly symmetric hot matter

Neutron star matter: beta-stable cold matter



- Effect of temperature dependence taken into account **in the transport model** simulations through the phase space distributions during the reactions;

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(Goethe University Frankfurt)  
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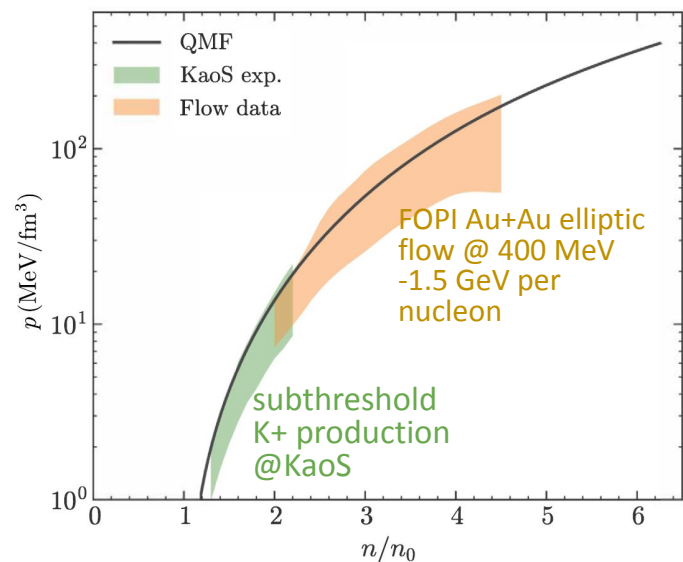
- Different EOS input->

# Testing the phase transition parameters inside neutron stars with the production of protons and lambdas in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

Ang Li<sup>1,\*</sup>, Gao-Chan Yong<sup>2,3</sup>, and Ying-Xun Zhang<sup>4,5</sup>

## ● Input for HIC study via **AMPT**

$$\varepsilon(p) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon_{\text{HM}}(p), & p < p_{\text{trans}} \\ \varepsilon_{\text{HM}}(p_{\text{trans}}) + \Delta\varepsilon + c_{\text{QM}}^{-2}(p - p_{\text{trans}}), & p > p_{\text{trans}}, \end{cases}$$

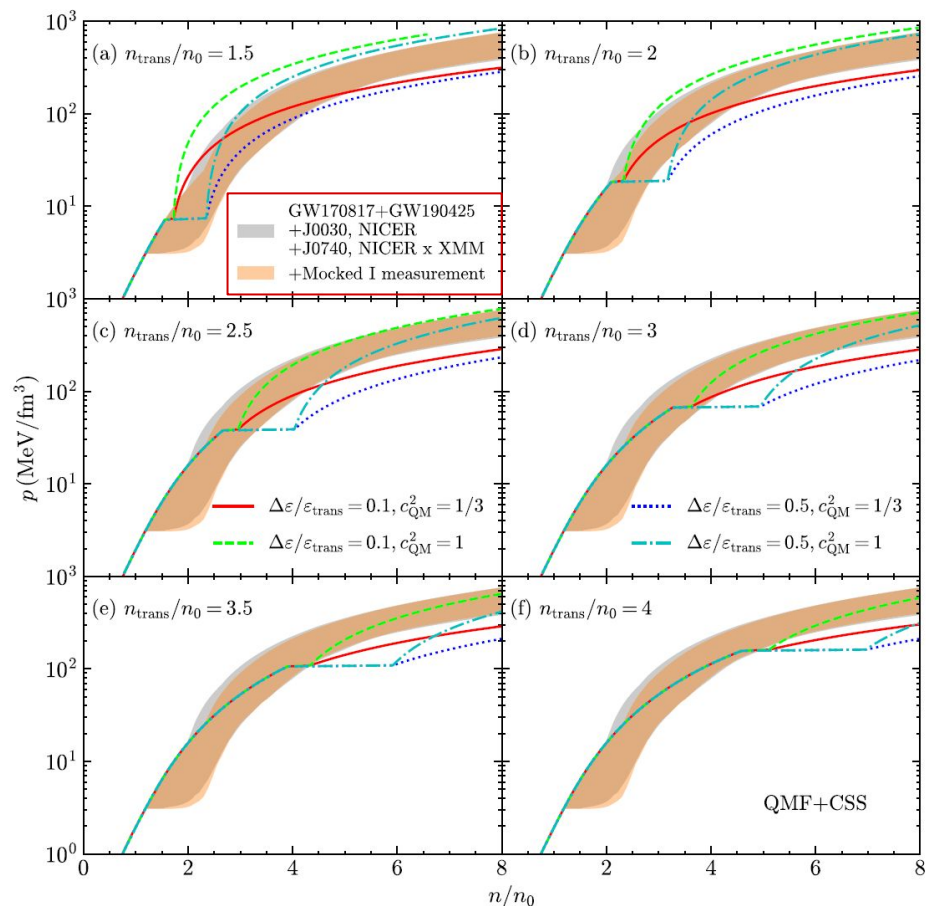


The single baryonic potential used in the transport model is derived from the QMF EOS:

$$U(n) = \partial\varepsilon_{\text{pot}}/\partial n.$$

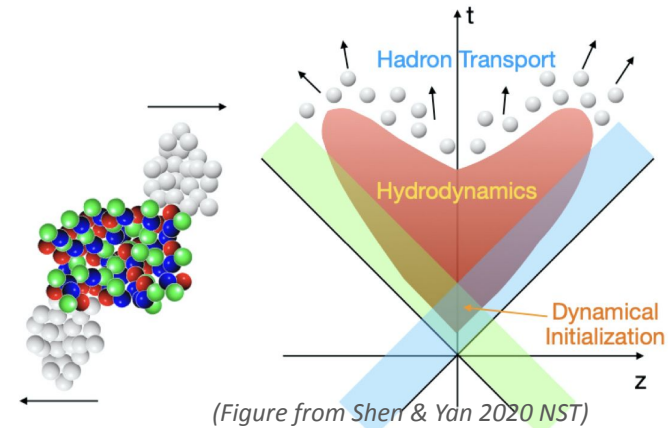
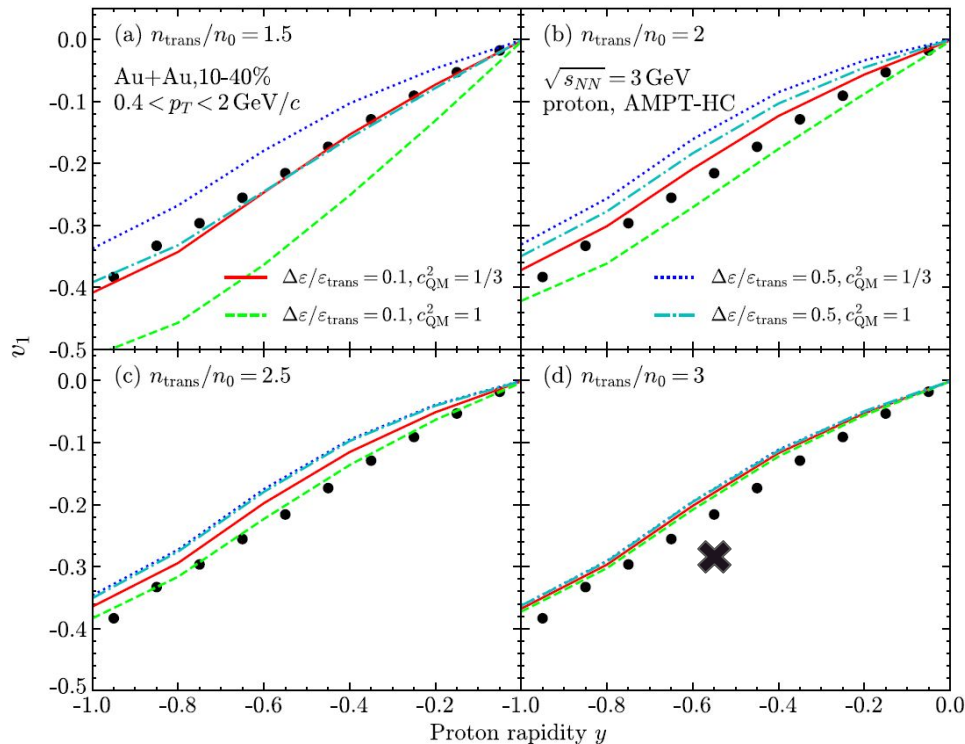
$$U_{\Lambda}(n) = \frac{2}{3}U(n)$$

## ● Input for NS study



# Proton directed/elliptic flow (3GeV): Transition density sensitive

- Two colliding nuclei produce collective motion of nucleons and fragments, depends sensitively on the gradient of pressure (i.e., soft/stiff EOS);
- STAR@RHIC 3GeV, 4.5GeV (Abdallah et al., PLB 2022; Abdallah et al., PRC 2021)



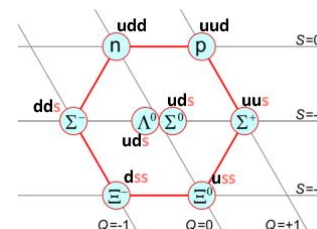
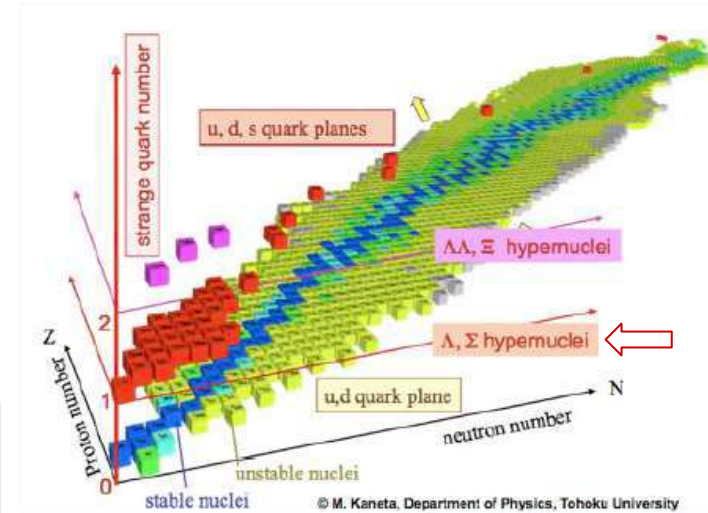
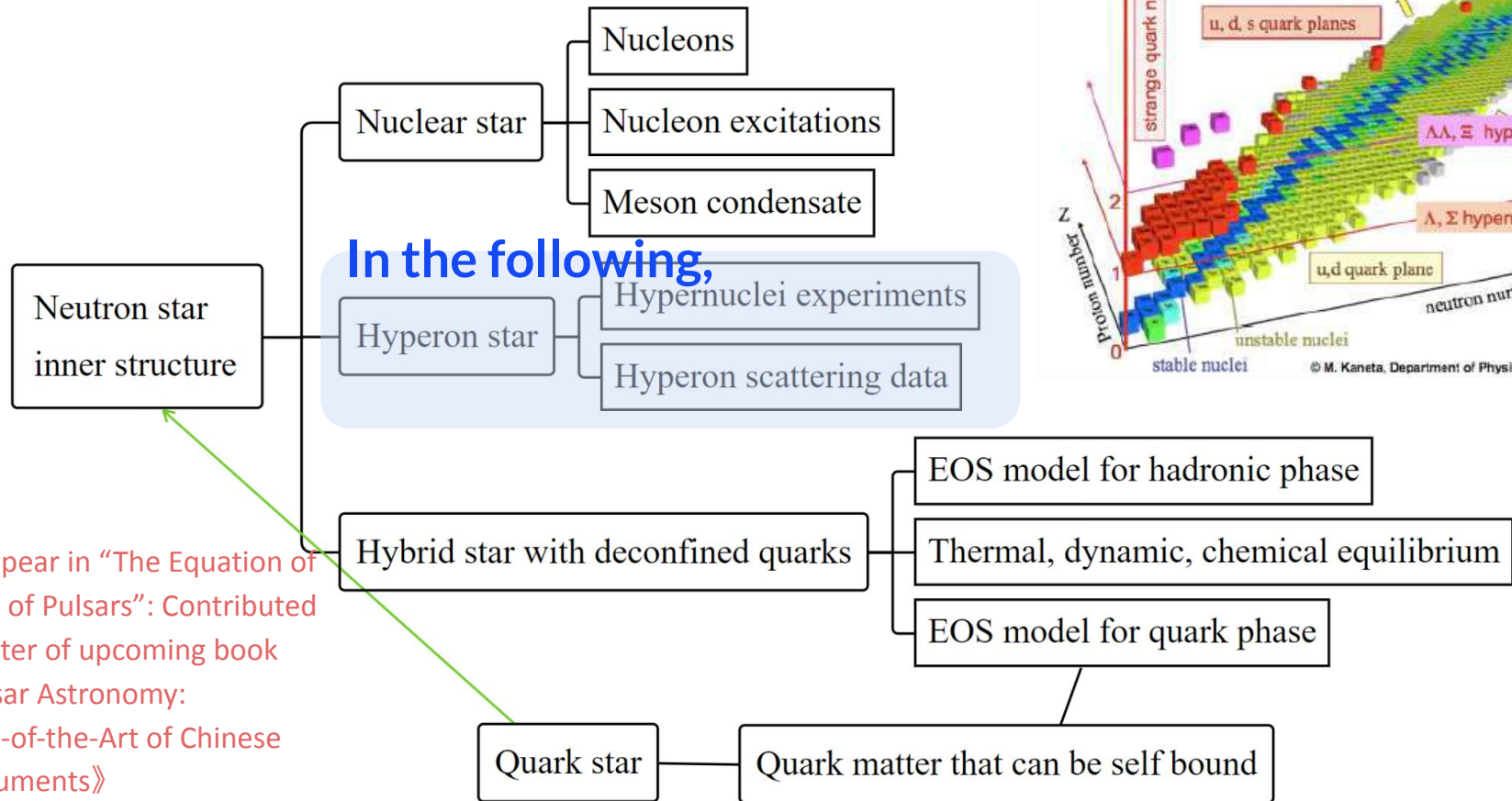
Favor a relatively low phase transition density  $< \sim 2.5n_0$ , consistent with NS observations.

From the referee “The work presents an **interesting** and **long-standing** problem of **creating a bridge** between astrophysics, GW physics, and heavy-ion collisions.”

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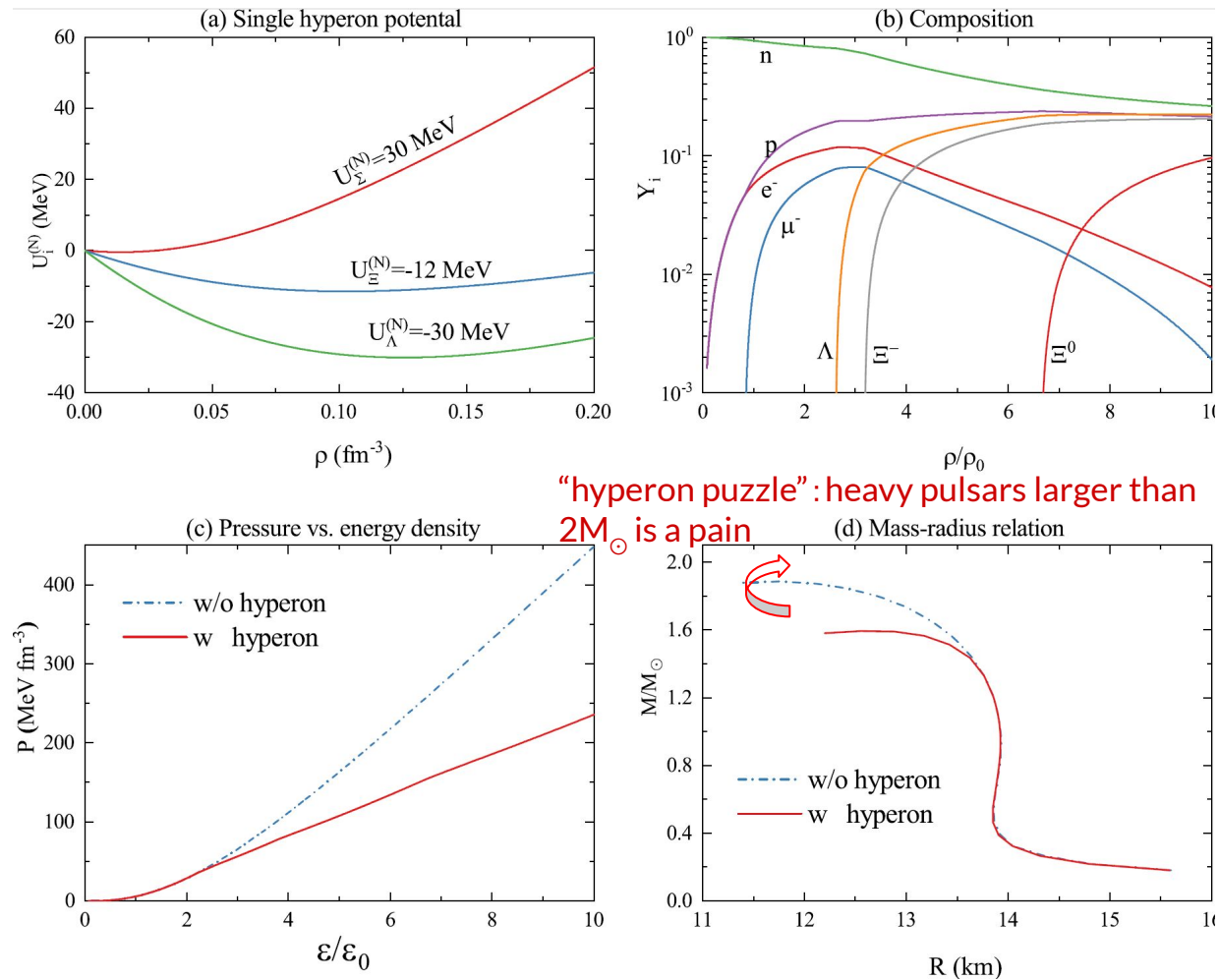


# Neutron star zoo



# Many theoretical and experimental ambiguities regarding hyperon interaction (NY, YY,...)

- **Microscopic** scheme, e.g., BHF;
- Nijmegen soft-core NY potentials (NSC89/ESC08...) model, fitted to the available experimental NY **scattering data**: presently, 4233 NN data, 52 NY data;
- **Phenomenological** scheme, e.g., RME/QMF;
- Dressed baryon-meson( $\sigma\omega\rho$ ...) coupling constants, fitted to **hypernuclei data** ( $>\sim 40 \Lambda$  hypernuclei, a few  $\Lambda\Lambda$  hypernuclei,  $\Xi$  hypernuclei).

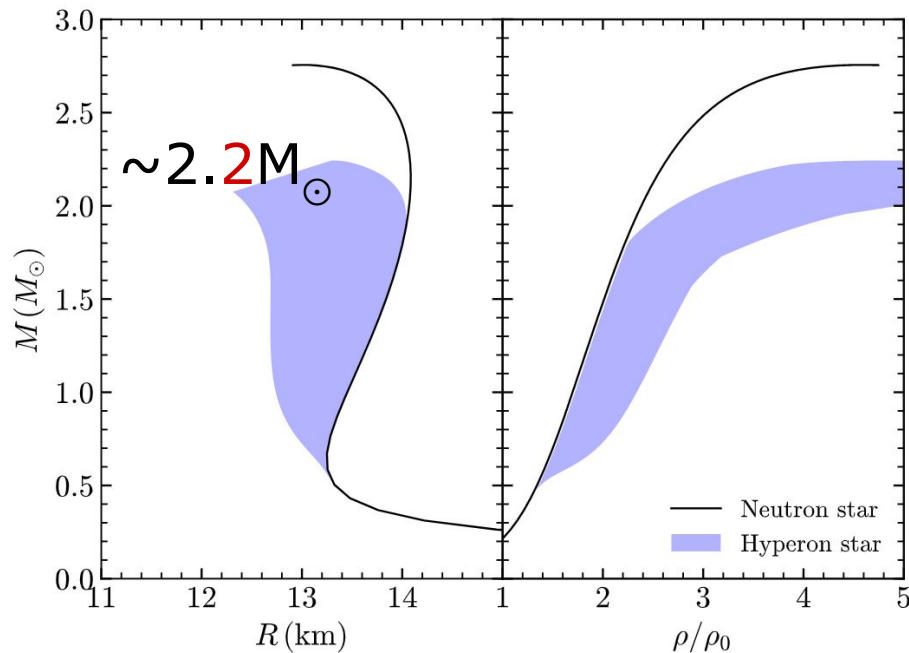


《Neutron star equation of state...》AL, Zhu, Zhou, Dong, Hu, & Xia 2020 J. High Energy Astrophys.

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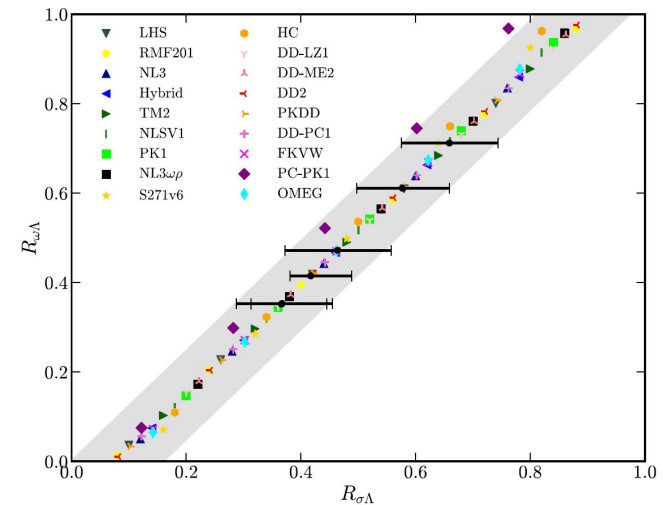
# Astrophysical Implications on Hyperon Couplings and Hyperon Star Properties with Relativistic Equations of States

Xiangdong Sun<sup>1</sup> , Zhiqiang Miao<sup>1</sup> , Baoyuan Sun<sup>2</sup> , and Ang Li<sup>1</sup> 



Due to hyperons, the maximum mass is lowered by  $\sim 20\%$ :  $M_{\max} = 2.176^{+0.085}_{-0.202} M_{\odot}$  (68% credible interval).

correlation from fitting calculated  $\Lambda$  separation energies of eleven  $A \geq 12$   $\Lambda$  hypernuclei (Rong et al., 2021)



From the referee “The present article **addresses a long-standing issue** in neutron star physics, namely the hyperon puzzle. The authors **incorporate new information from hypernuclei** calculations and treat the hyperon couplings in a more general way than what exists in the present literature. This is an **interesting work that can have important future implications.**”





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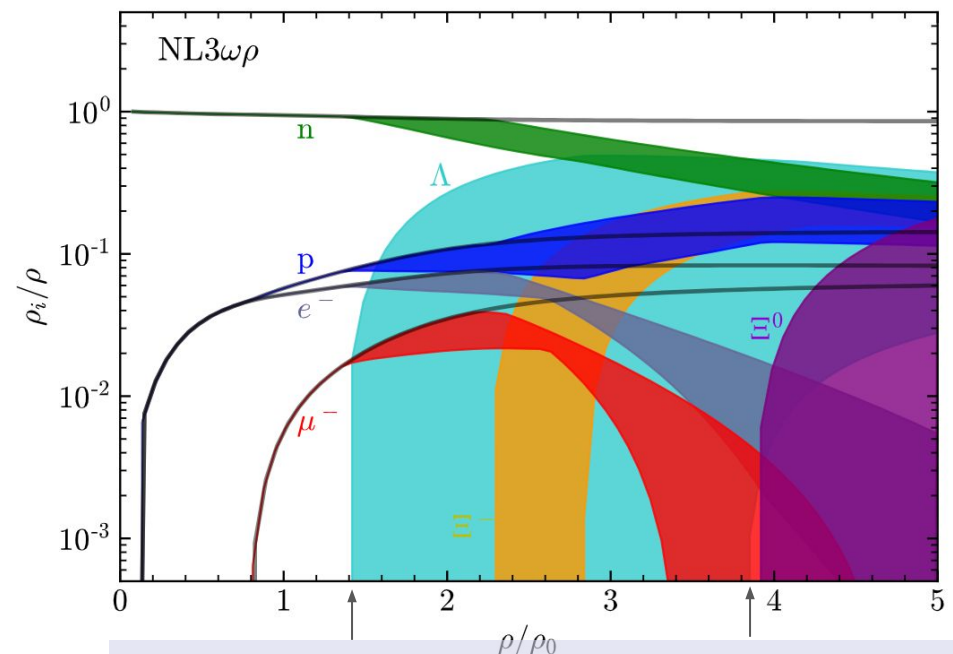
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an RMF with density dependent couplings. The authors of Sun et al. (2023) have recently developed a Bayesian inference approach, in the framework of several nuclear RMF, to determine how GW and NICER measurements constrain the  $\Lambda - \sigma$  and  $\Lambda - \omega$  couplings, while fixing the  $\Sigma$  and  $\Xi$  couplings to reasonable values. A major advantage of this methodology is the possibility, once the inference is completed, to discuss the possible composition of matter or the nuclear properties. In the present study, we will base our approach

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Huang, Raaijmakers, Watts,  
Tolos, & Providência,  
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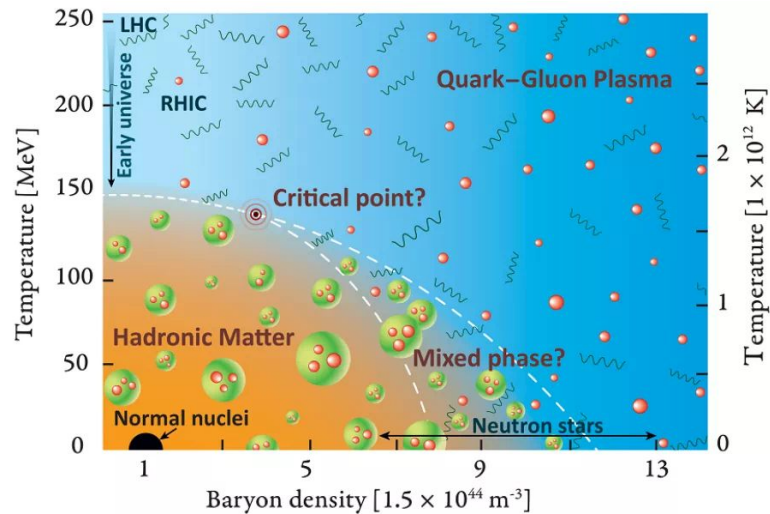


threshold density of  $\Lambda$  hyperons:  $\sim 1.4\text{--}3.8\rho_0$

**More hypernuclear data necessary to understand hyperon interaction: theory+exp.+obs.!**

# Very exciting future for the study of neutron star EOS~!

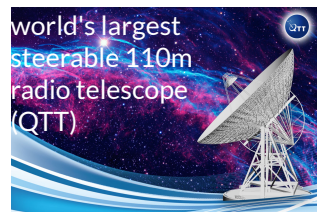
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# Quarks and Compact Stars

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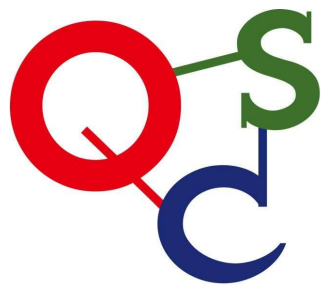
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Abstract Submission: August 31st, 2023



# What we learn so far

- NS radius is controlled mainly by the density dependence of the nuclear symmetry energy around  $\rho_0$ , while the maximum mass is a reflection of the EOS stiffness at, e.g.,  $\gtrsim 5\rho_0$ ;
- The EOS is moderately stiff: Microscopic pure neutron stars theoretical upper limit  $\sim 2.4$ ; maximum mass  $\sim 2.2$  when including strangeness (also applied to quark stars);
- An enhancement in the sound speed is necessary to fulfill the two-solar-mass constraint of pulsars for neutron stars, not necessarily the case for quark stars;
- NS observations can help with the parameters of phase transition and hyperon interaction;
- Consistency of the quark deconfinement phase transition parameters in NSs and in HICs;
- NSs provide effective & complementary approaches to cosmology!
- Global properties like mass, radius do not effectively distinguish various phase states with similar EOSs, not mentioned the nonperturbative QCD; MANY things to be done theory+exp.+obs.!

# Thank you

A surreal image of an astronaut surfing on a massive wave in space. The astronaut is in a white suit, riding a yellow surfboard on the crest of a large, curling blue and white wave. The background is a deep blue space with stars and the horizon of the Earth visible at the bottom.

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