

# Neutron stars in need of holography

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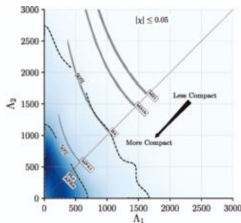
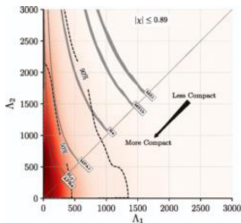
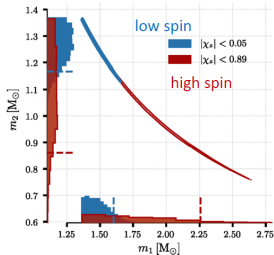


## This year's neutron star collision unlocks cosmic mysteries

# GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral

B. P. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)

Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 161101 – Published 16 October 2017 DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.119.161101>



- Nature was kind enough to give us a neutron star collider
- The measurement of squishiness solves for us QCD!
- Well, maybe not quite yet. . .

# Simple questions from kindergarden

- Already in the 1930s Landau speculated about the existence of neutron stars (NS):  
[Phys. Z. Sowjetunion 1, 285 (1932) p.288]

“... We expect that this must occur when the density of matter becomes so great that atomic nuclei come in contact, forming one gigantic nuclei.”

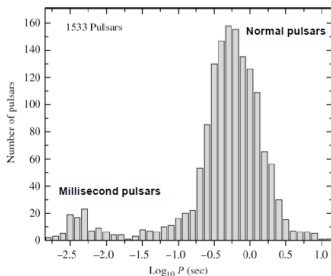


- Yet, my astrophysicist friend posed these questions:  
[J.Nättiä @Saariselkä'18]
  - How big are neutron stars?
  - What is inside them?
  - How does matter behave under immense pressure?
- I am not going to solve these problems today.

- Neutron star characteristics
- Anatomy of TOV
- Equation of state
- Holography
  - Proof of principle
  - More realistic models

**Most** neutron stars are observed as pulsars (highly magnetized rotating star). Observables

- Rotational period  $P, \dot{P}$
- Mass ( $\lesssim 2M_{\odot}$ ), ~~Radius~~ (9 – 13km)
- Luminosity
- Temperature  $\lesssim \text{keV}$
- Magnetic field
- Future: moment of inertia
- From gravitational waves: tidal deformability



# GR is important

- Surface gravitational potential tells how **compact** the object is

$$2C \equiv \frac{2GM}{c^2 R}$$

- GR is important **macroscopically**
- In fact, for **any** static stable star  $2M/R < 8/9$

[Buchdahl'59]

Anywhere inside  $2m(r)/r < 1$

[Hartle'73]

- Coincidentally, limiting case for incompressible star ( $P(r) < \infty, \epsilon = \text{const.}$ ) [Schwarzschild]
- Causality:  $2M/R < 0.69$
- For more realistic case, what is the maximum mass?



$\sim 10^{-10}$



$\sim 10^{-5}$



$\sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$



$\sim 0.2 - 0.4$



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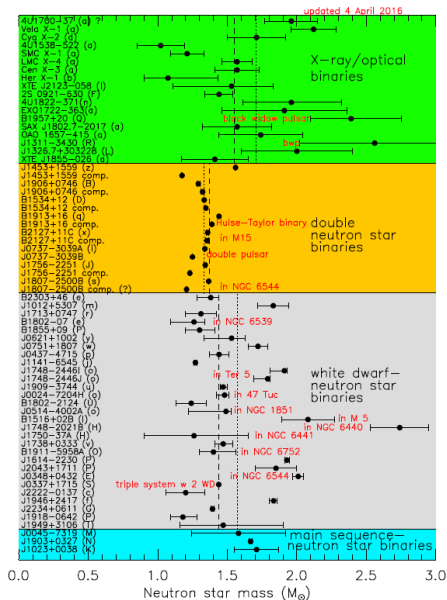
# Neutron star mass measurements

Two accurate Shapiro delay measurements of two solar mass stars

[Demorest et al.'10]

[Antoniadis et al.'13]

$$\Rightarrow M_{max} > 2M_{\odot}$$





# Radius measurements

- Radius very difficult to measure because
  - small  $\sim 10$  km
  - at least hundreds of light years  $\sim 10^{15}$  km away
    - $\Rightarrow 10^{-14}$  radians ; angular resolution of Hubble  $\sim 10^{-7}$
- A possible way to measure is observing cooling of thermonuclear X-ray bursts from NS-white dwarf binaries where NS accretes matter

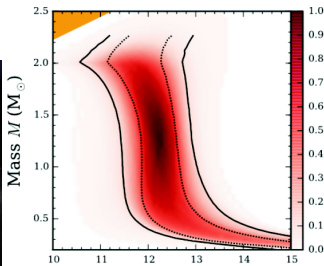
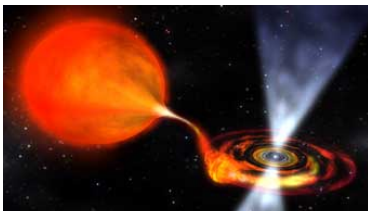
[state-of-the-art e.g. Nättilä et al.'18]

$\Rightarrow$  Controversial results from the thermal spectrum of 5 quiescent LMXB in globular clusters

[Steiner et al.'14  $R = 12.0 \pm 1.4$  km]

vs.

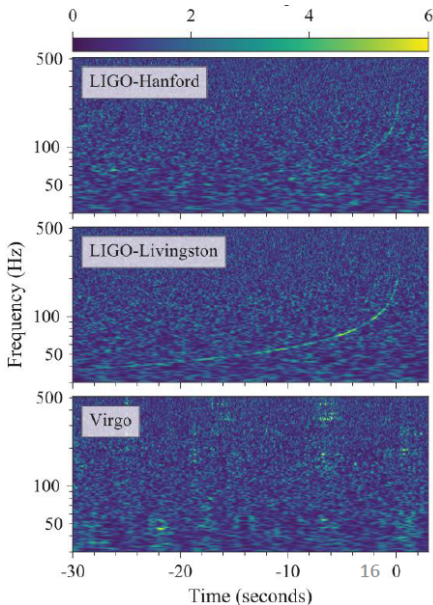
[Guillot et al.'14  $R = 9.4 \pm 1.2$  km]



# GW breakthrough of merging neutron stars

## Novel features:

- EM signatures present if no immediate collapse to a BH
- Ringdown pattern, sensitive to EoS, but frequency too high for LIGO
- Tidal deformabilities of the NSs during inspiral provide a good measure of stellar compactness

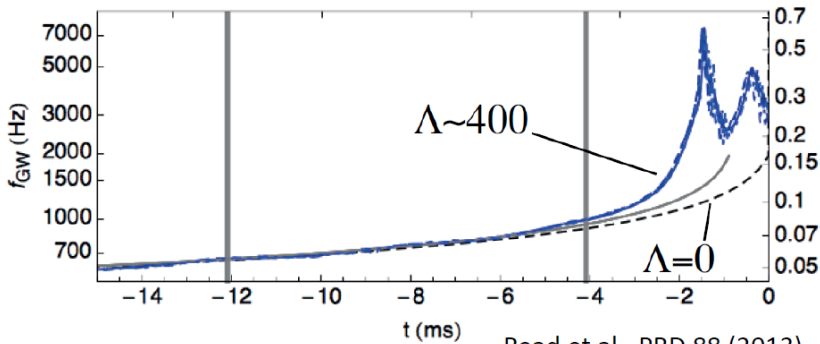


# Tidal deformability

- Tidal deformability

$$Q_{ij} = -\Lambda E_{ij}$$

- Affects the inspiral phase



Read et al., PRD 88 (2013)

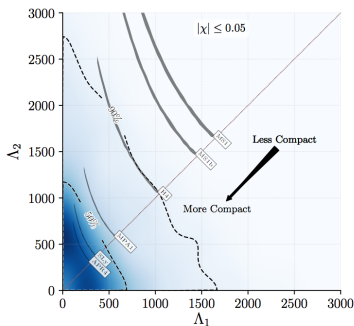
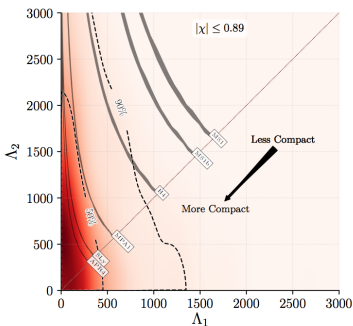
# Bounds on tidal deformability

- No detection by LIGO  $\Rightarrow$  upper bound on tidal deformability

$$\Lambda_{1.4M_{\odot}} < 800 \text{ (low spin prior)}$$

at 90% confidence level

[Abbott et al.'17]



- Updated analysis

[Abbott et al.'18]

$$70 < \Lambda_{1.4M_{\odot}} < 580 \text{ (low spin prior)}$$

# Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkov

# Neutron star structure equations

- GR important  $\rightarrow$  start with Einstein equations ( $\Lambda = 0$ )

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}, \quad \partial_\mu T^\mu_\nu = 0$$

- Non-rotating star with spherical symmetry (TOV equations):

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\nu(r)} dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2Gm(r)}{r}} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2, \quad T_0^0 = \epsilon(r), \quad T_i^j = P(r)\delta_i^j$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = \underbrace{-G \frac{m(r)\epsilon(r)}{r^2}}_{\text{Newtonian}} \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{P(r)}{\epsilon(r)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 P(r)}{m(r)}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1}}_{\text{GR effects}}$$

$$m(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r dr' r'^2 \epsilon(r') \quad \text{mass inside of radius } r$$

# Neutron star structure equations

- Solve (numerically) from  $r = 0$  to  $r = R$  with boundary conditions

$$P(0) = P_c, m(0) = 0$$

$$P(R) = 0, m(R) = M$$

- Catch: need to know **Equation of State**  $P = P(\epsilon)$
- Rotation breaks spherical symmetry and makes the structure equations “slightly” more complicated
  - deforms the star
  - increase of mass ( $\sim 20\%$ ) due rotation
  - drag of local inertial frames (Lense-Thirring effect)
    - numerical solvers available online [e.g. LORENE]
    - can solve perturbatively [Hartle-Thorne '67-68]

# Constancy of chemical potential and temperature

- The metric function  $\nu(r)$  is gravitational potential. In vacuum above the star glue it to Schwarzschild:

$$e^{\nu(r)} = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{1/2}, \quad r \geq R$$

- Inside the star

$$\frac{d\nu}{dr} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon(r)} \frac{dP(r)}{dr} \left(1 + \frac{P(r)}{\epsilon(r)}\right)^{-1} \leftrightarrow -d\nu = \frac{dP}{P + \epsilon}$$

- Baryon chemical potential is “constant” at any depth:

$$-d\nu = \frac{dP}{\mu n} = \frac{d\mu}{\mu}$$

- For idealized cold NS with iron surface ( $P_{Fe^{56}} = 0 = \mu n - \epsilon$ )

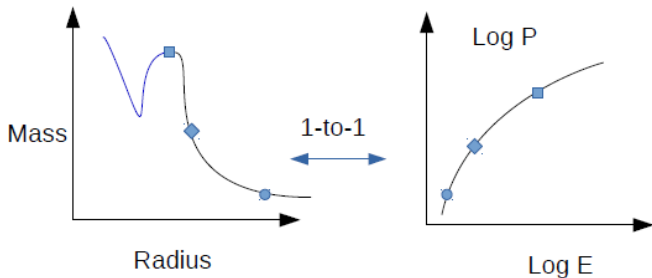
$$\mu(r)e^{\nu(r)} = \text{const.} = \mu_{Fe} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R}\right)^{1/2}, \quad \mu_{Fe} \approx \frac{m(Fe)}{56} \sim 930 \text{ MeV}$$

- For thermal equilibrium:  $T(r)e^{\nu(r)} = \text{const.}$

[Zel'dovich-Novikov'71]

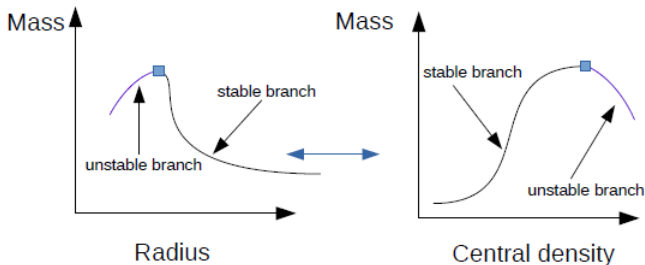


# Solutions of TOV and stability



- Sols of TOV represent **static equilibrium configurations**
  - Charge neutrality
  - Beta equilibrium
- Given central density find a star
- Equation of state is **observable!**

# Solutions of TOV and stability



- Stability is required, necessary:

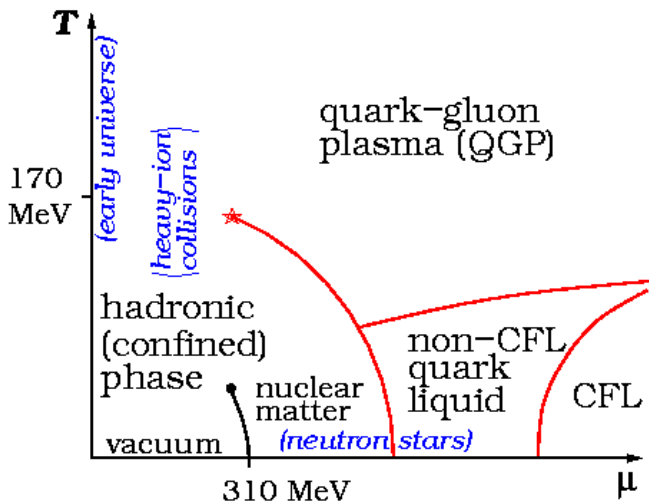
$$\frac{dM}{d\epsilon_c} > 0 \leftrightarrow \frac{dM}{dR} < 0$$

- Sufficient: stable wrt **small radial perturbations** and convection

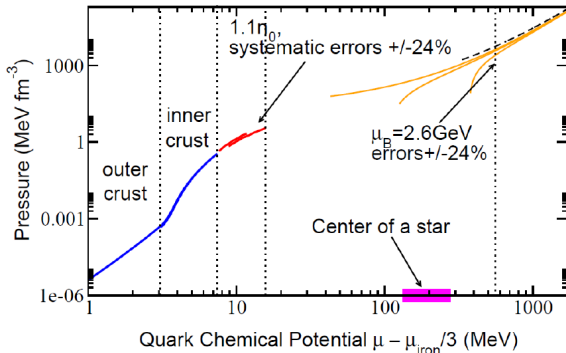
[Kovetz'67, Schutz'70, Detweiler-Ipser'73]

## Equation of State

# QCD phase diagram



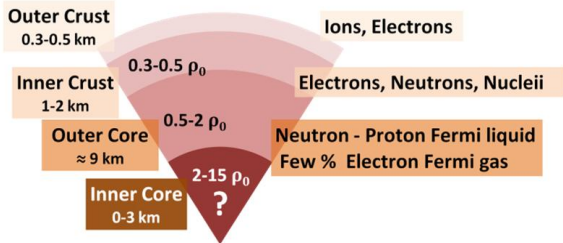
# Nuclear matter EoS



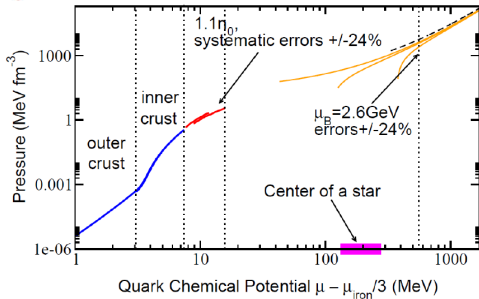
[Kurkela-Fraga-Schaffner-Bielich-Vuorinen '14]

- Low density pretty well-understood
- In order to reach and pass  $n_s$ , need to treat neutron interactions systematically: **Chiral Effective Theory**  
[NNLO Tews et al.'13, Hebeler et al.'13]
- High density pQCD at 3 loops for **unpaired**  $m_q \neq 0$   
[Kurkela-Romatschke-Vuorinen'09]

# Nuclear matter EoS



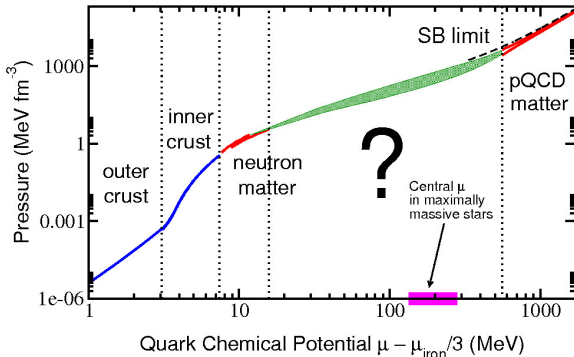
- CET  
 $n \leq n_s \sim 0.16 \text{fm}^{-3}$  :  
 $n \sim 5n_s$
- pQCD  $\mu_q > 1\text{GeV}$  :  
 $\mu_q < 500\text{MeV}$
- Lattice  $\mu_q \ll T$  :  
 $T \sim 0.1\text{MeV}$



# Connecting the extremes

- Traditionally two methods:
  - Pheno models, eg. MIT bag model, NJL
  - Parametrize ignorance by a controlled interpolation: **polytropes**
- Realistic EoS needs to
  - satisfy **causality**  $dP/d\epsilon \leq 1$  & **stability**  $dP/d\epsilon > 0$
  - conform with  $M_{max} > 2M_{\odot}$  &  $\Lambda_{1.4M_{\odot}} = 70 \dots 580$  (slow-spin

prior)  $\Rightarrow$  likely **stiff** somewhere,  $\frac{dP}{d\epsilon} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . [Bedaque-Steiner'14]



# Polytropes

- Interpolation w/ piecewise polytropic EoSs

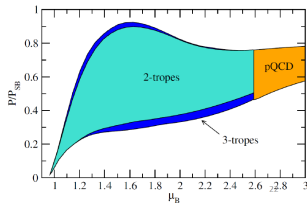
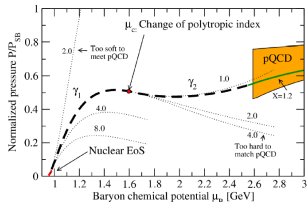
$$p_i(n) = \kappa_i n^{\gamma_i}$$

varying all relevant parameters

Require:

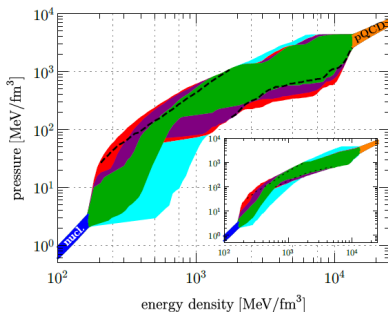
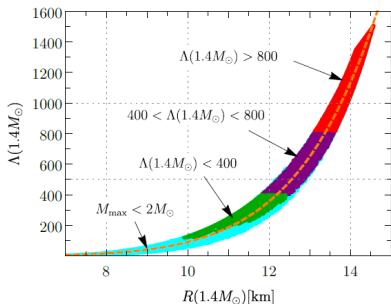
- 1 Smooth matching to nuclear and quark matter EoS
- 2 Continuity of  $p$ ,  $n$ , possibly allow 1st order phase trans.
- 3 Subluminality
- 4  $M_{max} > 2M_{\odot}$
- 5 LIGO bound

[Annala-Gorda-Kurkela-Vuorinen'17]





# Tidal deformability as radius measurement?



- Assuming **no 1st order phase transition** in the outer crust:  
[Annala-Gorda-Kurkela-Vuorinen'17]

$$\Lambda \leftrightarrow R$$

- If transition, **non-monotonic**

[1711.06244]

# Holography

# Use holography to connect the dots

- Strongly coupled  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  good proxy for heavy ion physics [see list by Mateos' talk]
- However, to mimic cold and dense QCD:
  - need finite density of fundamental flavors  $N_f \neq 0$ , while vanilla  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  only adjoints
  - $N_c = 3$  is actually very important for baryon structure, color superconductivity etc.
  - need ~~SUSY~~ and ~~conformality~~ and impose confinement
  - need different (bare) masses for the quarks
- No holographic dual to even come close to meet these criteria

The idea is

Compute EoS using AdS/CFT  $\Rightarrow$  use TOV equations to build the star in flat space

# Choosing your model

- Top-down (correct calculation, wrong theory)
  - Compact stars in  $AdS_5$  [de Boer-Papadodimas-Verlinde'09]
  - Quark stars in Sakai-Sugimoto and D4-D6 [Burikham-Hirunsirisawat-Pinkanjanarod'10]  
[Kim-Lee-Shin-Wan'11&'14]  
[Ghoroku-Kubo-Tachibana-Toyoda'13]
  - Add quenched flavors to  $\mathcal{N} = 4 \rightarrow$  D3-D7 models [1603.02943,1711.06244]
  - Stiff phases from consistent truncations; no NS yet [U(1)<sub>R</sub>:1609.03480,1707.00521]  
[U(1)<sub>B</sub>:work in progress]
  - Increasing number of papers on cold holographic EoS at finite  $\mu$ , not stiff [e.g. Noronha et al.]
- Bottom-up (less correct calculation, less wrong theory)
  - V-QCD [works in progress]
  - Family of models with stiff phases [1609.03480,1707.00521]

## Proof of principle

- Start with the simplest model
- $\mathcal{N} = 2$  SQCD theory:  $\mathcal{N} = 4$   $SU(N_c)$  SYM +  $N_f$  hypers in fundamental
- Gravity dual: probe D7-branes in  $AdS_5 \times S^5$  [Karch-Katz'02]
- Focus on black hole embeddings at finite density and  $T \ll \mu_q$  [Mateos et al.'07]
- Identify as the quarkyonic phase in large- $N_c$  QCD [McLerran-Pisarski'07]

# Proof of principle Fun digression

- Equation of state is analytic

[Karch-O'Bannon'07]

$$p = \kappa^2 (\mu_q^2 - m_0^2)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\mu^3 T, T^4)$$

$$n = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} \rightarrow \epsilon = \mu n - p = 3p + 4\kappa^2 m_0^2 \sqrt{p}$$

- TOV is known to be soluble analytically e.g. for  
[Buchdahl'67, Lattimer lecture notes, textbooks]

$$\epsilon = -\sqrt{5p} + 12\sqrt{p_* p}$$

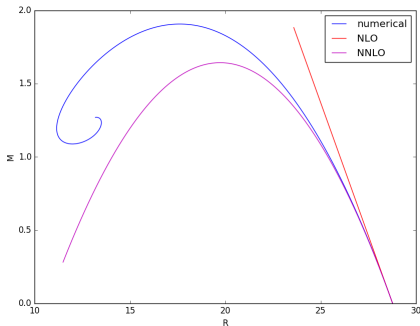
and

$$\epsilon \propto p^{1/\gamma} \rightarrow R \sim M^{\frac{\gamma-2}{3\gamma-4}}$$

- Here at low  $p$  we have  $\gamma = 2$  and can set up perturbation in terms of

$$\varepsilon \equiv \frac{\mu_c - m_0}{m_0} \ll 1 \leftrightarrow \text{parametrically } \varepsilon \sim C = \frac{GM}{R} \ll 1$$

# ~~Proof of principle~~ Fun digression



- Scaling symmetry of TOV:  
 $p \rightarrow a^2 p, \epsilon \rightarrow a^2 \epsilon, r \rightarrow r/a, m \rightarrow m/a$
- Find

$$c_0 M = R^{(0)} - R - \frac{c_1}{c_0 R^{(0)}} (R - R^{(0)})^2 + \dots$$

- For any  $m_0$ , good approx upto  $C \approx 0.116$



- Equation of state

[Karch-O'Bannon'07]

$$p = \kappa^2(\mu_q^2 - m_0^2)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\mu_q^3 T, T^4)$$
$$n_q = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu_q} \rightarrow \epsilon = \mu_q n_q - p = 3p + 4\kappa^2 m_0^2 \sqrt{p}$$
$$\kappa^2 = \# \frac{N_c N_f}{\lambda_{YM}}$$

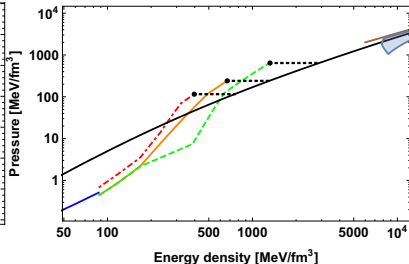
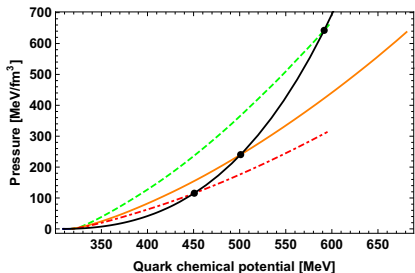
- Extrapolate to pQCD  $\mu_q \rightarrow \infty$ :  $N_c = 3 = N_f$ ,  $\lambda_{YM} \approx 10.74$
- Maintain charge neutrality &  $\beta$ -equilibrium:

$$\mu_e = 0, \mu_u = \mu_d = \mu_s \equiv \mu_q$$

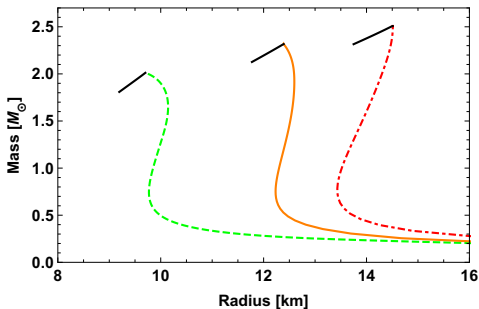
- Point of zero pressure as for  $\text{Fe}^{56}$  in vacuum:

$$m_0 \approx 310 \text{ MeV}$$

# Matching to state-of-the-art EoSs from CET



- Strong 1st order transitions at phenomenologically reasonable densities  $2.4 - 6.9 n_s$ , can support  $2M_{\odot}$
- No quark matter cores



# Generalize, strange matter hypothesis

- Quarks in atomic nuclei are confined within nucleons:

$$\frac{E_{u,d}}{A} > \frac{E(Fe^{56})}{56} \sim 930 \text{ MeV}$$

- Strange matter hypothesis: three-flavor quark matter absolutely stable in vacuum ( $p = 0$ ):

[Bodmer'71, Terazawa'79, Witten'84]

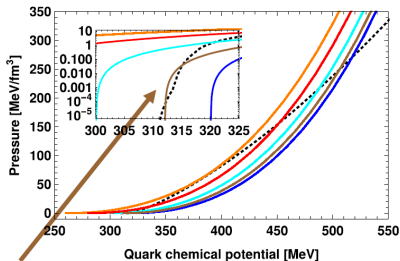
$$\frac{E_{SQM}}{A} = \frac{\epsilon}{n_B} < \frac{E(Fe^{56})}{56}$$

- Point of zero pressure

$m_0$  free parameter

- Other parameters as before

# Equations of state, part dos

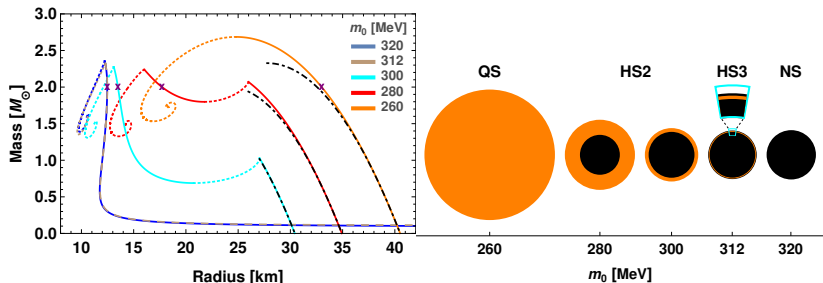


Two crossings

$\mu_0 < \mu_N$  quark matter  
 $\mu_0 \approx \mu_N$   
 $\mu_0 \approx \mu_N$  } both phases  
 $\mu_0 \approx \mu_N$   
 $\mu_0 > \mu_N$  nuclear matter

- Dashed curve “intermediate” HLPS
- Can have 1st order phase transition both at low and high density

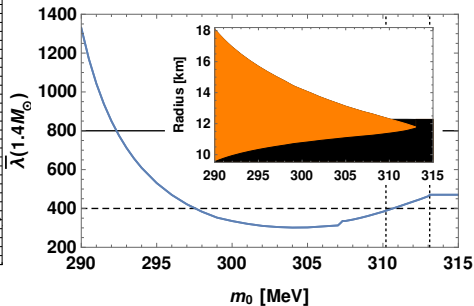
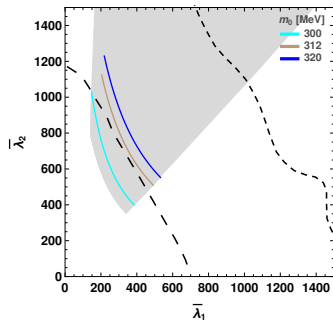
# Hybrid stars with outer or inner crust made of QM



- QS & HS2: three-flavor QM absolutely stable
- HS2 & HS3 also found in some other pheno models

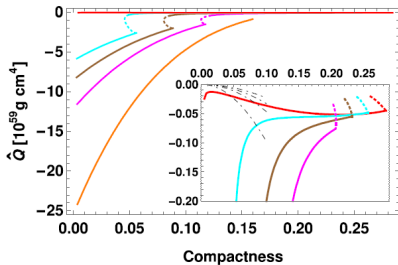
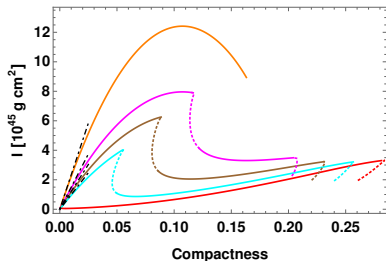
[Alford-Braby-Paris-Reddy'04]

# Tidal deformabilities



- Tidal deformabilities fit GW observations
- Hybrid stars are actually “better fit” than neutron stars
- Heat up, numerics,  $\eta(T, \mu_q)$  is on the correct ballpark for HS3  
[Mateos-Myers-Thomson'06+ $\mu$  vs. Caballero-Postnikov-Horowitz-Prakash'08]
- How then can we distinguish our hybrid stars from NS?

# Other characteristics

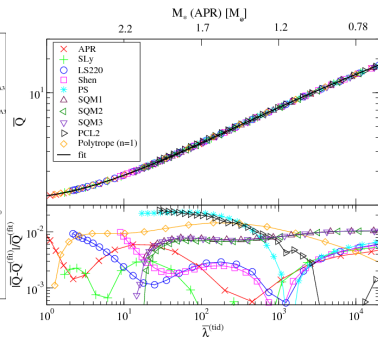
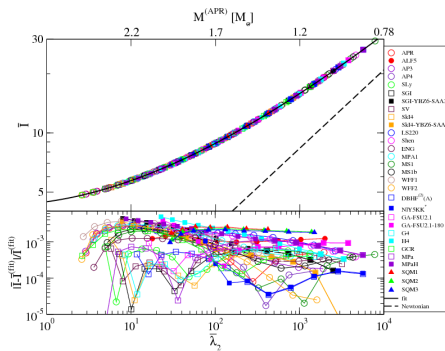
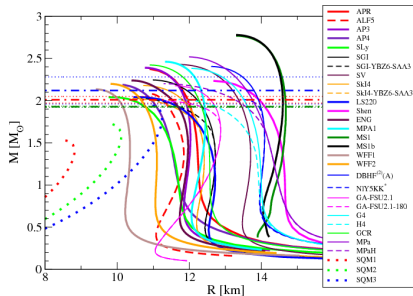


- Consider stars with small angular velocity
- Compute **moment of inertia** and **quadrupole moment of mass distribution** [Glendenning's book, Hartle-Thorne'68, Raithel-Özel-Psaltis'16]
- Analytics for QM tails

$$\bar{I} \approx 0.261 C^{-2}$$
$$\bar{Q} \approx -30.35 C$$

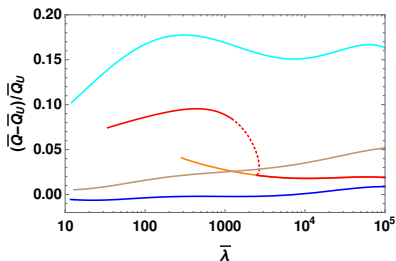
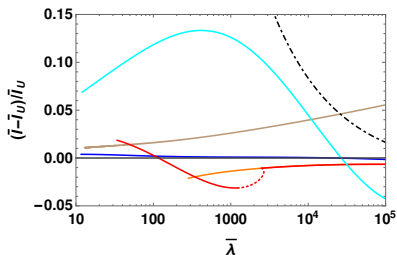
# I-Love-Q relations

- Take a plethora of EoS
- Assume **no 1st order phase transition** in the crust
- They all obey universal relations to within  $\sim 1\%$   
[Yagi-Yunes'13]

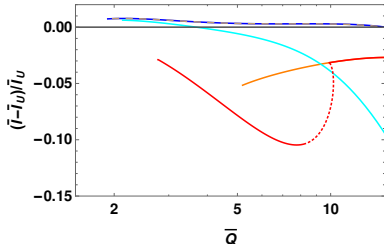




# Violation of I-Love-Q relations



- Hybrid stars can violate universal relations up to  $\sim 15\%$
- **Conjecture:** violation if strong 1st order phase transition in the crust



More realistic model: V-QCD

- For longer intro, see Matti Järvinen's talk
- Bottom-up holographic theory to mimic QCD as closely as possible
- Three potentials to be fitted against available lattice QCD data at  $\mu = 0$
- Extrapolate from there to finite  $\mu$

[Järvinen-Kiritsis'11]

Two bulk scalars  $\lambda = e^\phi \leftrightarrow g^2 N_c$ ,  $\tau \leftrightarrow \bar{q}q$

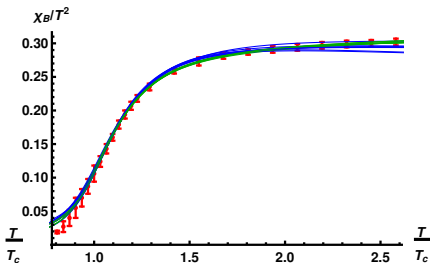
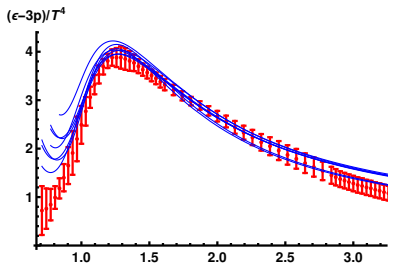
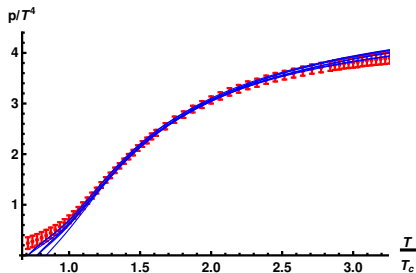
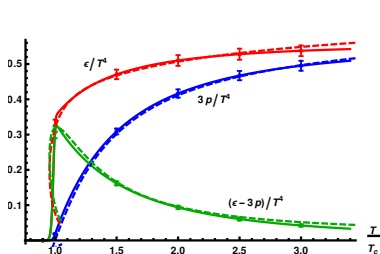
- Model physics in chirally symmetric phase ( $m_q = 0$ ), set  $\tau = 0$ :

$$S_{V-QCD} = N_c^2 M^3 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[ R - \frac{4}{3} \frac{(\partial\lambda)^2}{\lambda^2} + V_g(\lambda) \right] \\ - N_f N_c M^3 \int d^5x V_{f0}(\lambda) \sqrt{-\det(g_{ab} + w(\lambda) F_{ab})} \\ F_{rt} = \Phi'(r) \quad , \quad \Phi(\infty) = \mu_q$$

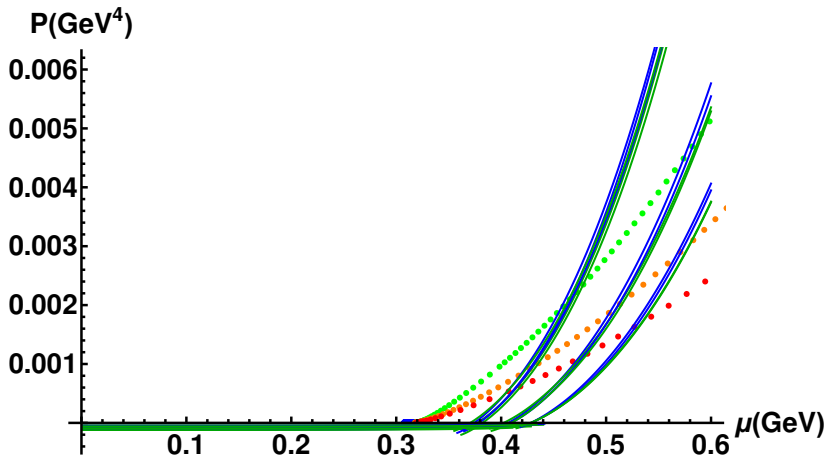
- Functions  $V_g$ ,  $V_{f0}$ ,  $w$  and two parameters:  $M$  and the dynamical energy scale  $\Lambda$  to be determined
- Use both qualitative features (e.g. confinement, asymptotic freedom) and fit to lattice/experimental data

[Järvinen et al. work in progress]

# Fitting to full QCD data at $\mu = 0$

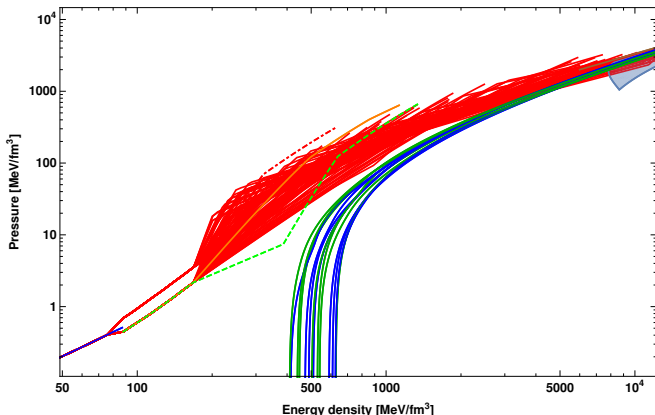


# Pressures for $T = 0$



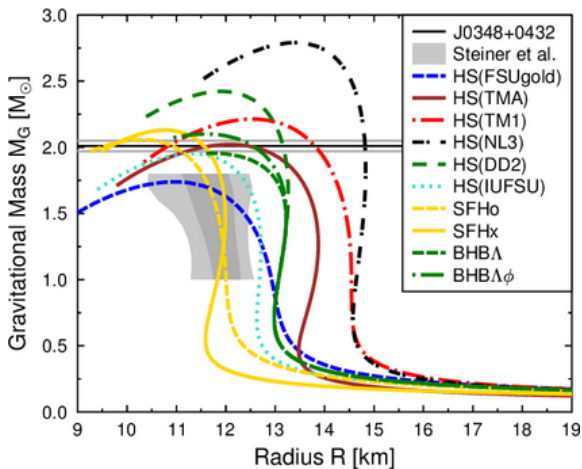
- Pressures automatically at the correct place

# Matching with polytropes



- Low density use tritropes assuming **no transition** and **no lower bound** on  $M$
- **Conjecture:** Strong 1st order phase transition is generic!
  - ⇒ Upper bound on  $M$

# Finite temperature: Choosing nuclear matter EoS

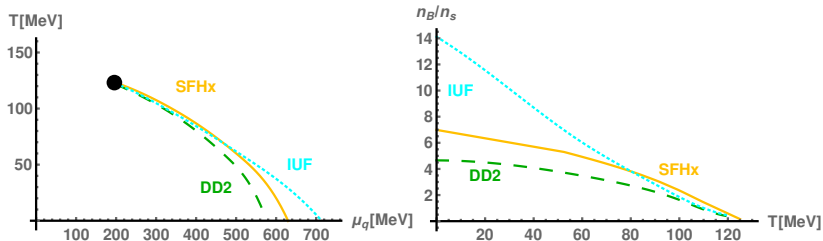


- Only few EoS (DD2, SFHx, IUFSU) available from nuclear side at  $T \neq 0$  that survive LIGO/Virgo

[<https://astro.physik.unibas.ch/people/matthias-hempel/equations-of-state.html>]



# Phase diagram



- Strong 1st order phase transition at  $T = 0$  as in D3-D7
- Critical point at the same ballpark for all EoS

Thank you!