

Symmetries in Nuclear Physics - Wigner and Neutron Star Interiors

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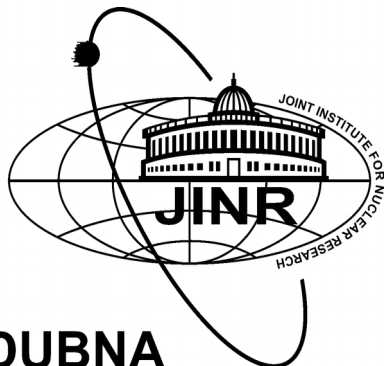
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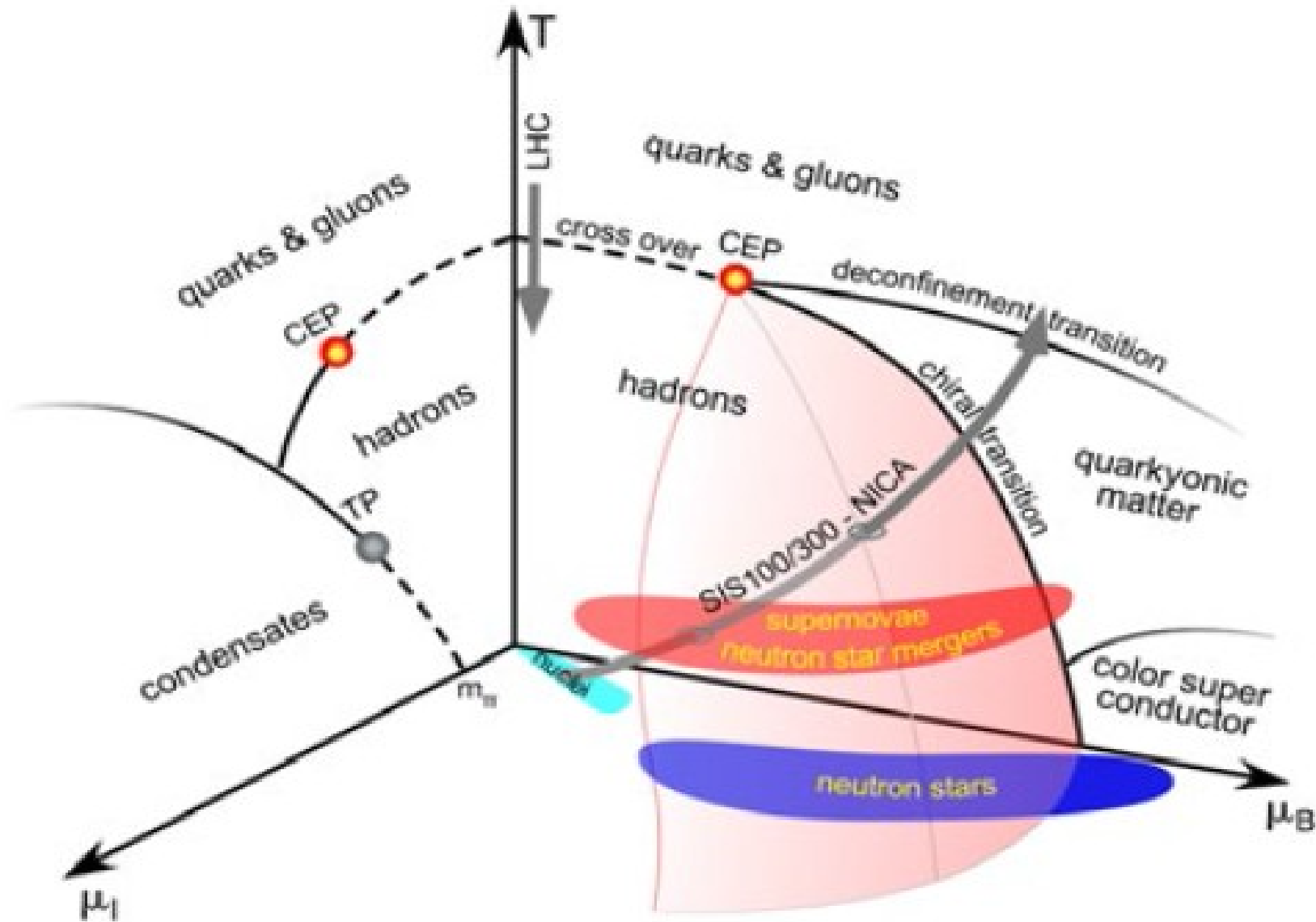
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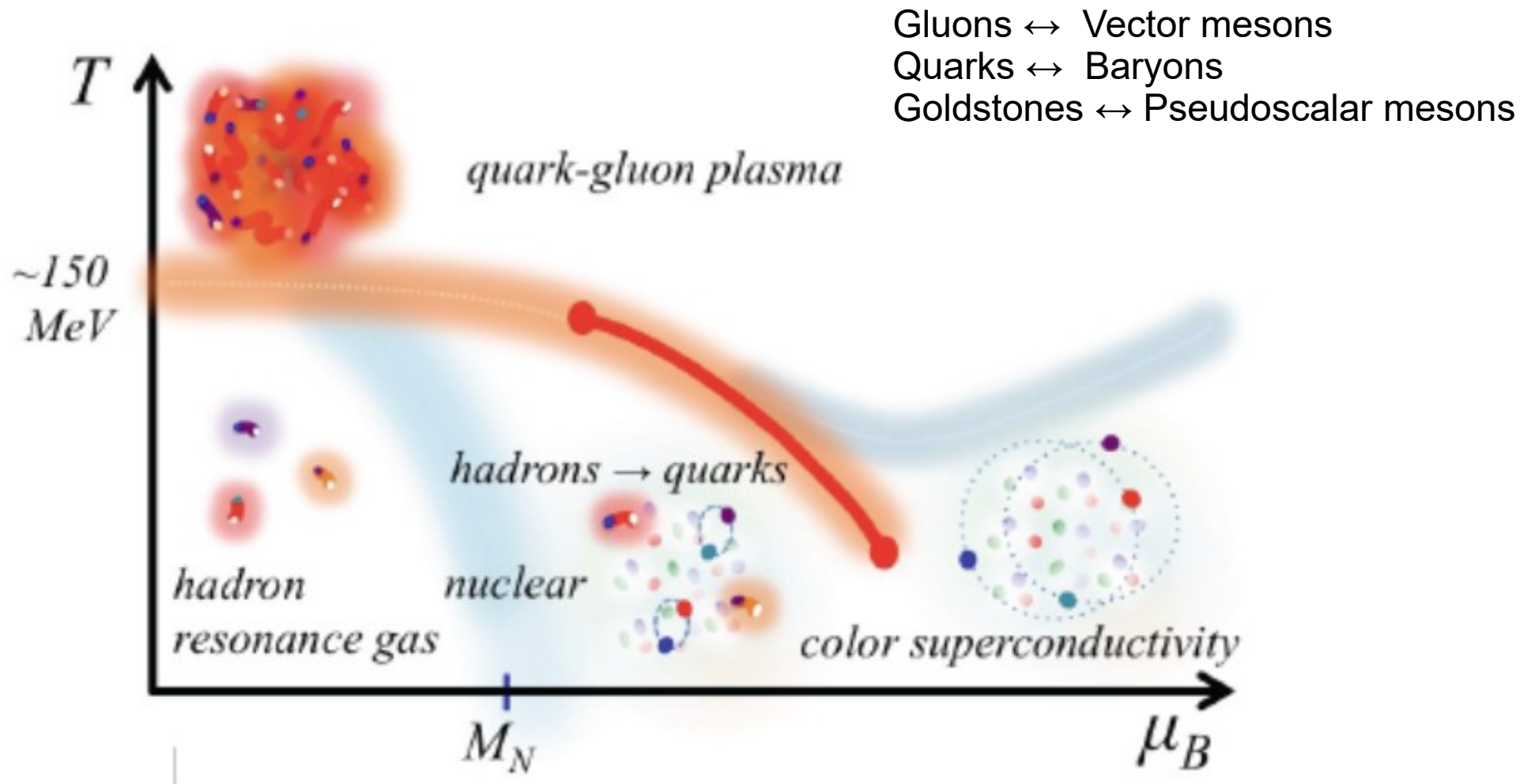
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CEP in the QCD phase diagram: HIC vs. Astrophysics



2nd CEP in QCD phase diagram: Quark-Hadron Continuity?

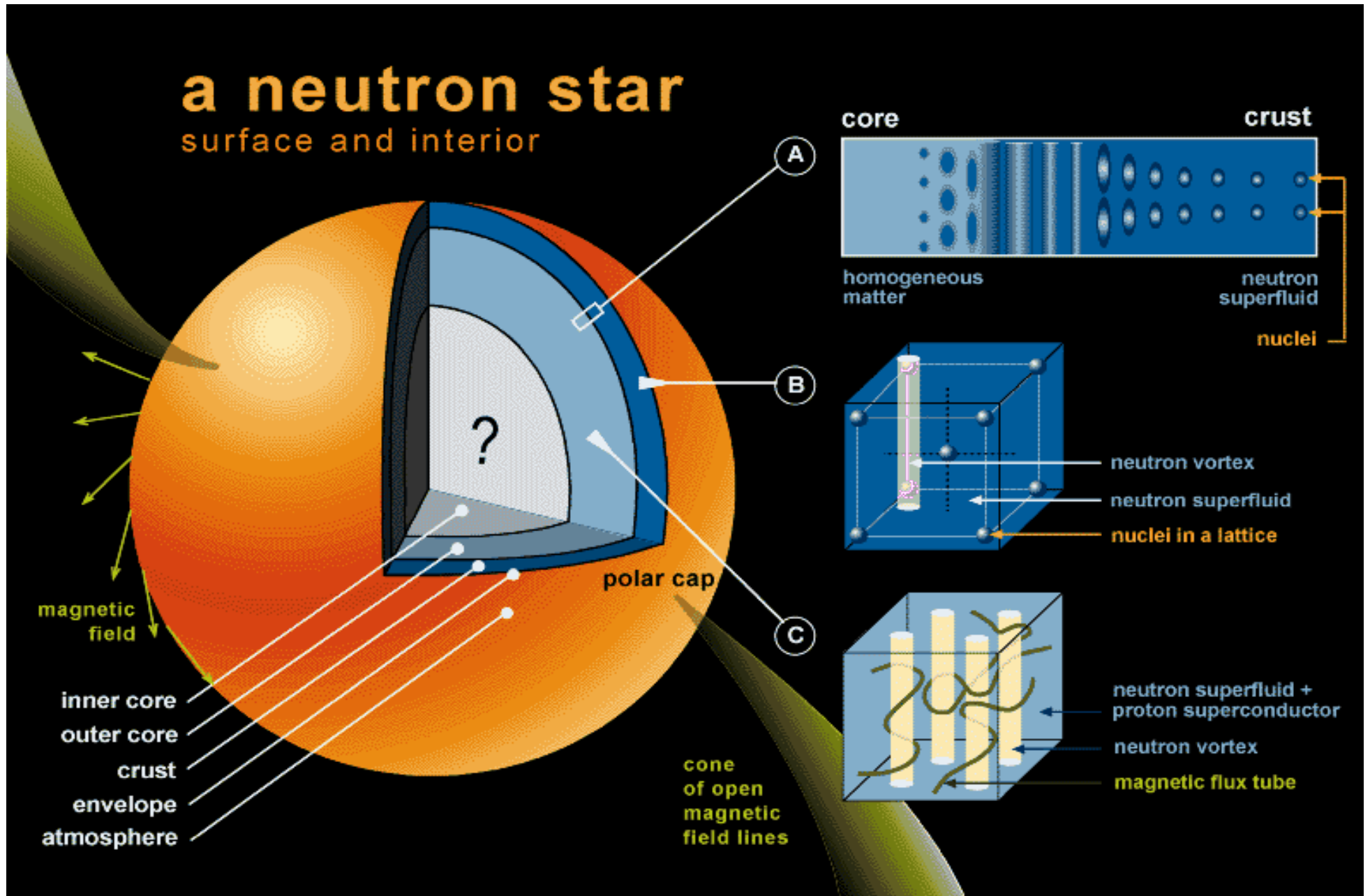


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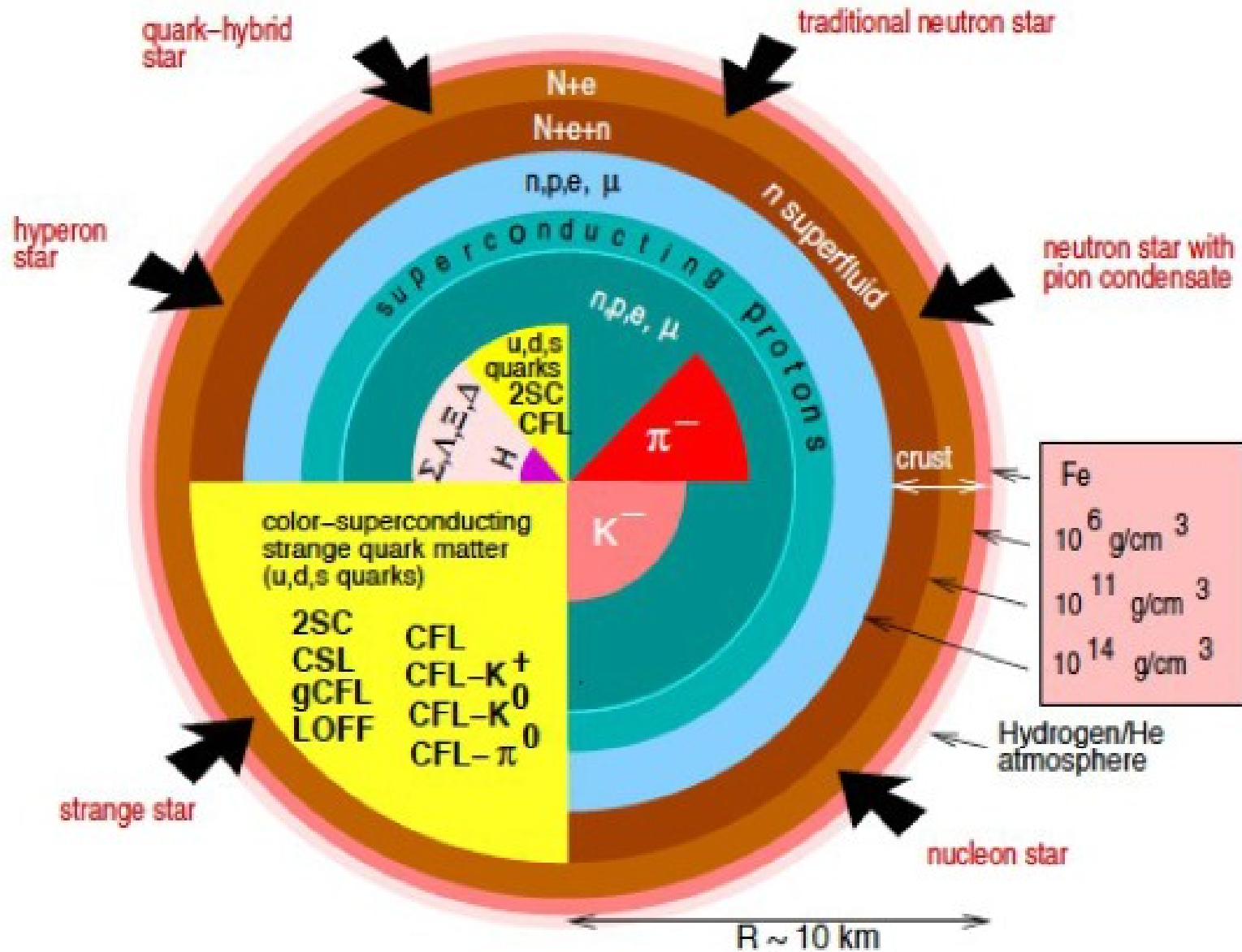
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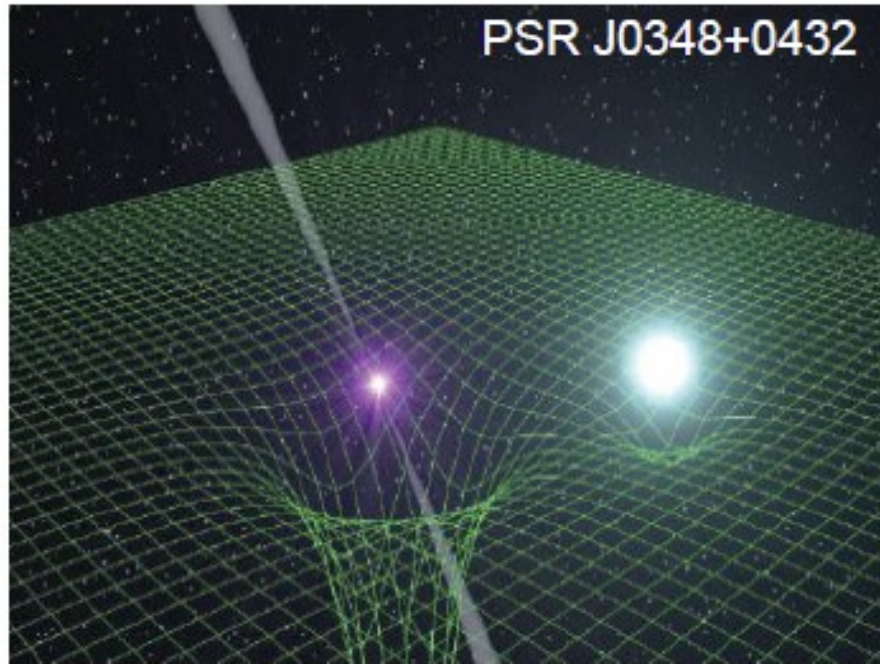
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F. Weber:
 "Neutron Stars -
 Cosmic Labs ..."
 IoP Bristol, 1999

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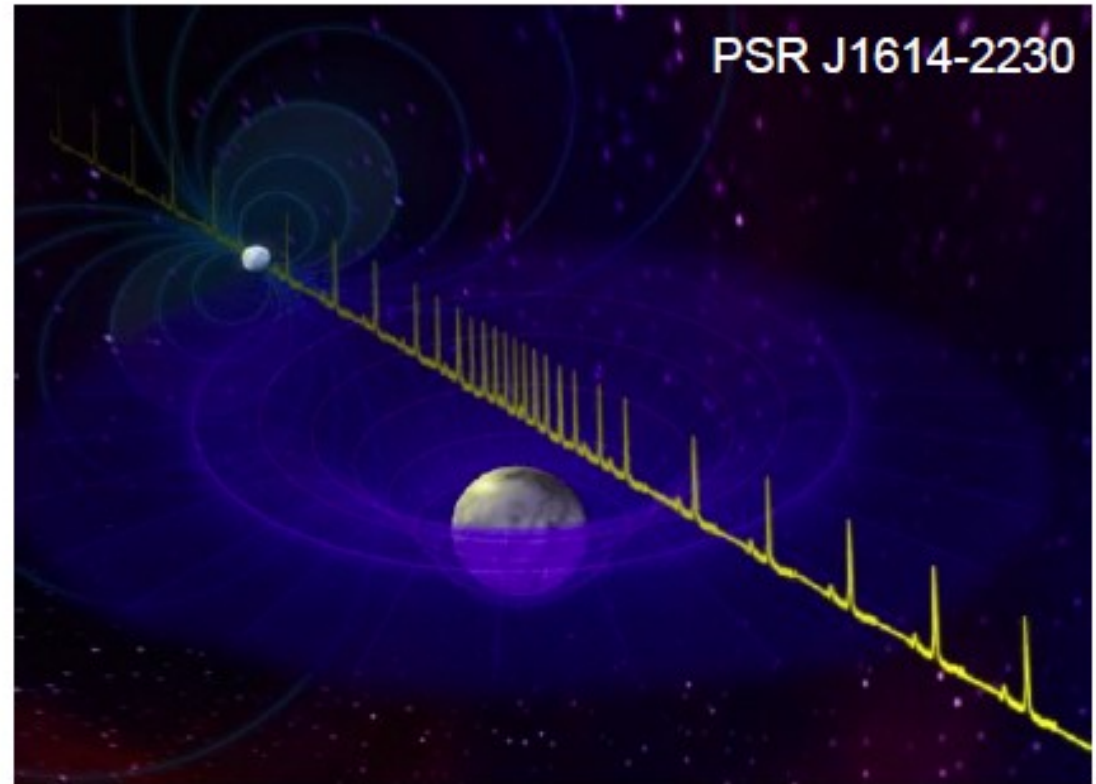
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Antoniadis et al., Science 340 (2013) 448
Demorest et al., Nature 467 (2010) 1081
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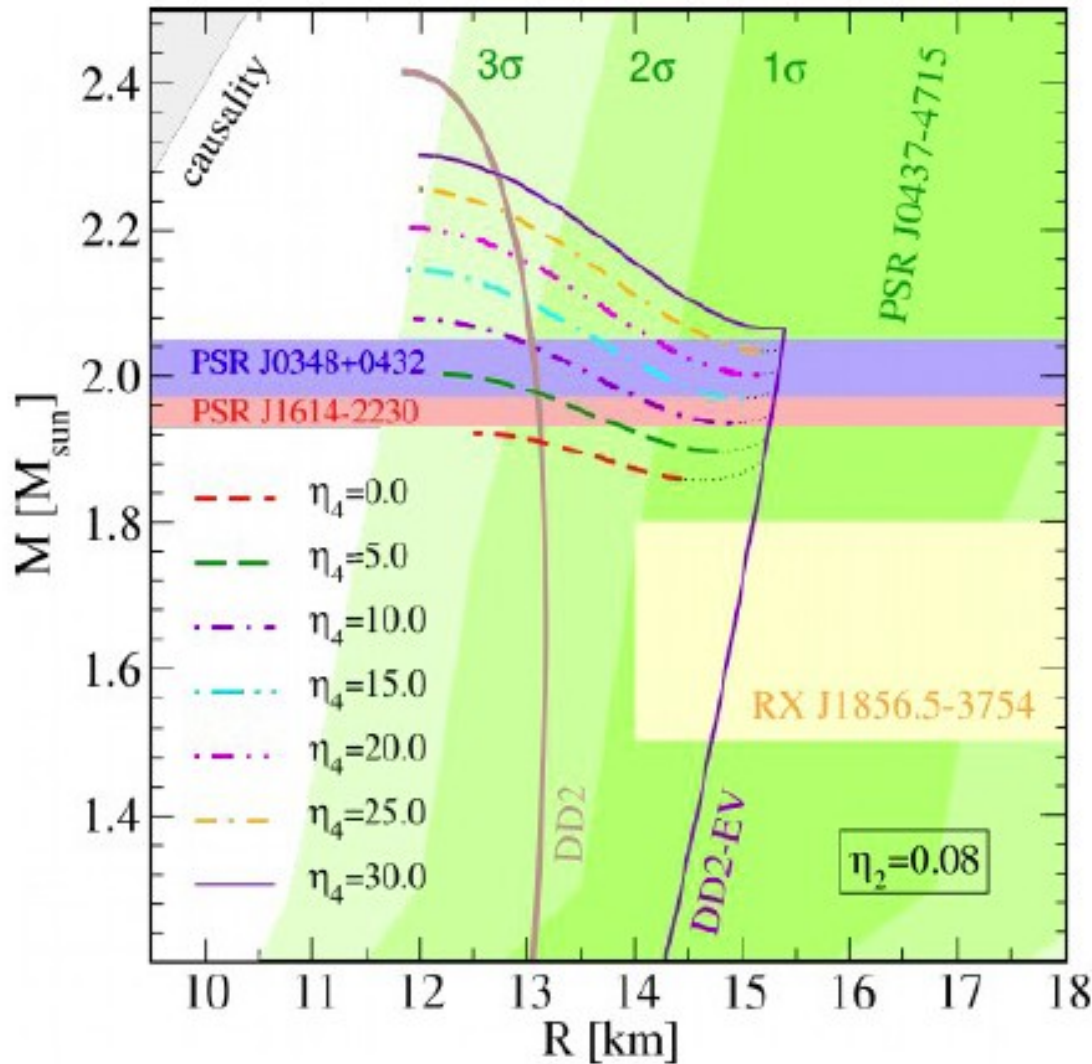


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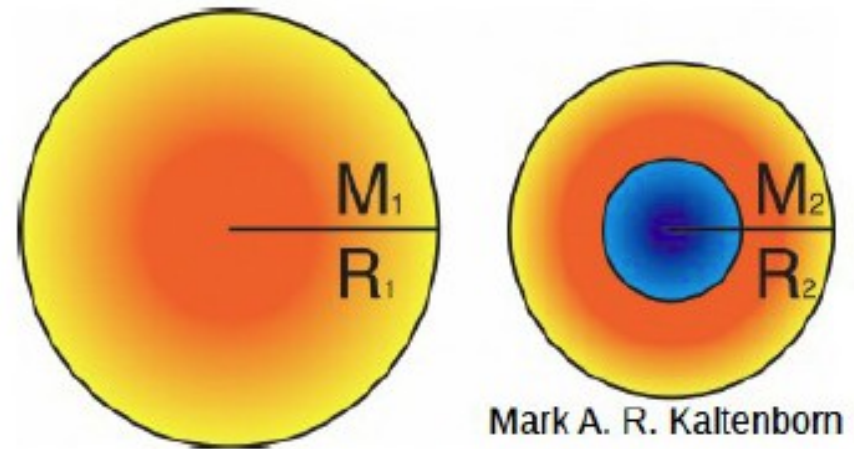
What if they were high-mass twin stars?

→ radius measurement required ! → NICER (2017)

Neutron Star Interiors: Strong Phase Transition?



- Star configurations with same masses, but different radii

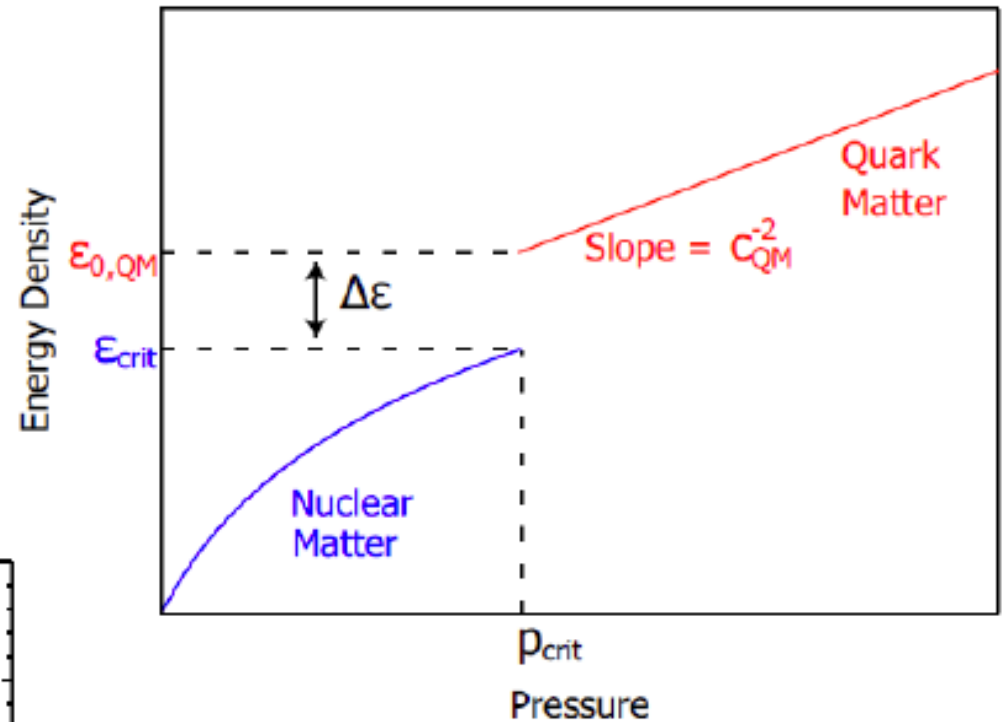
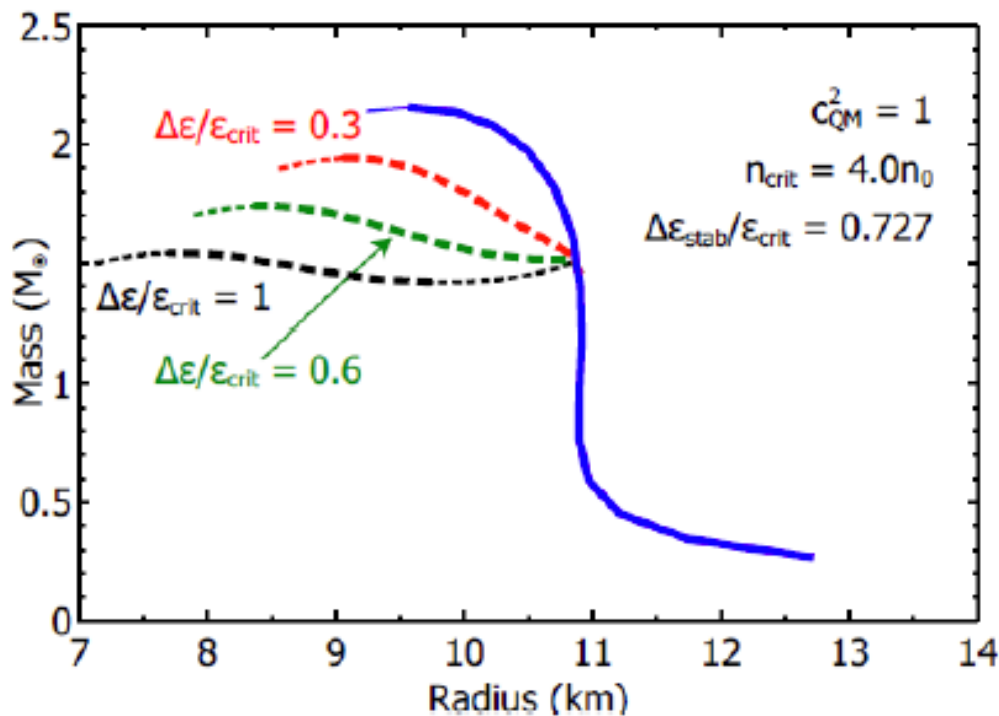


- **New class of EOS, that features high mass twins**
- NASA NICER mission: radii measurements ~ 0.5 km
- Existence of twins implies 1st order phase-transition and hence a critical point

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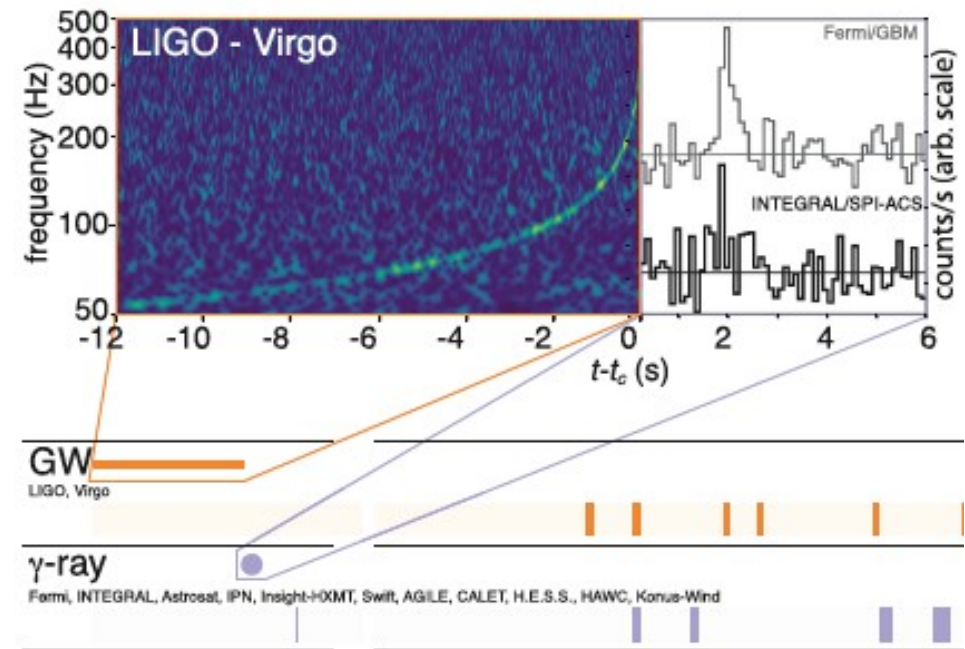
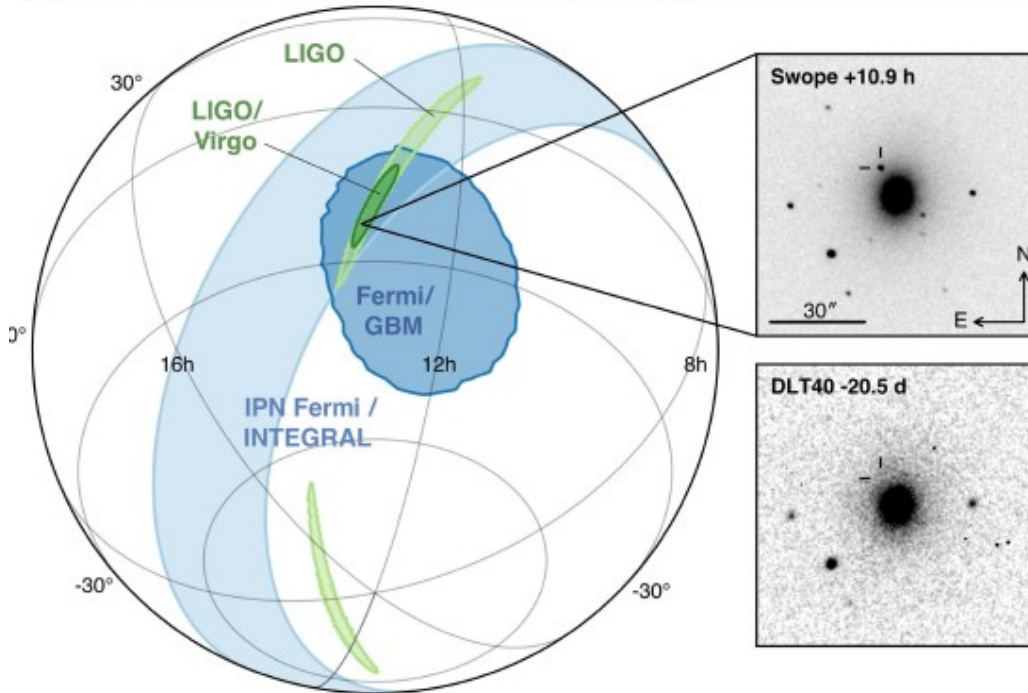
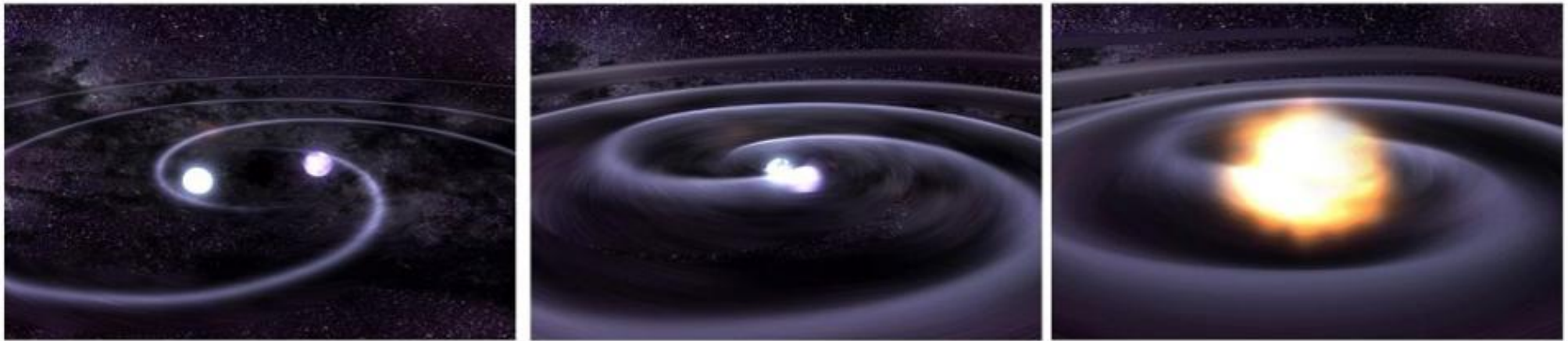
Alford, Han, Prakash, arxiv:1302.4732

First order PT can lead to a stable branch of hybrid stars with quark matter cores which, depending on the size of the “latent heat” (jump in energy density), can even be disconnected from the hadronic one by an unstable branch → “third family of CS”.



Measuring two disconnected populations of compact stars in the M-R diagram would be the detection of a first order phase transition in compact star matter and thus the indirect proof for the existence of a critical endpoint (CEP) in the QCD phase diagram!

Mass-Radius Constraints: GW170817 & NICER



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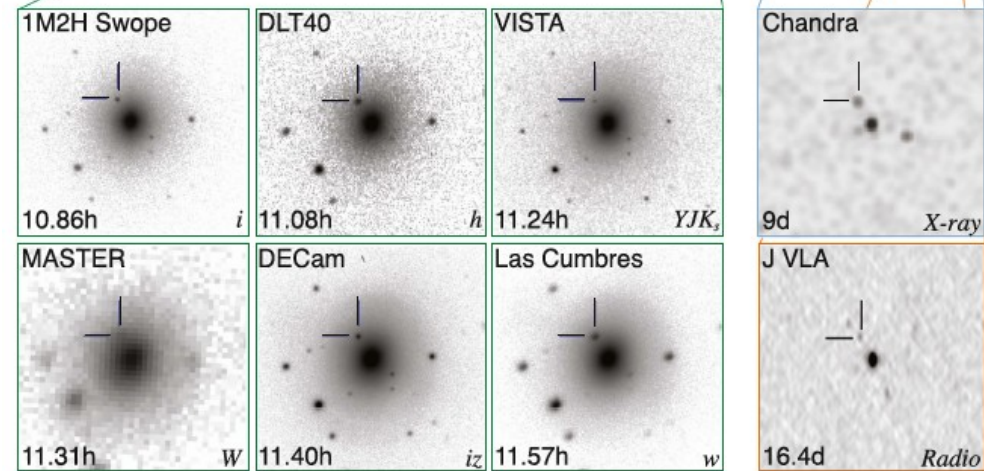
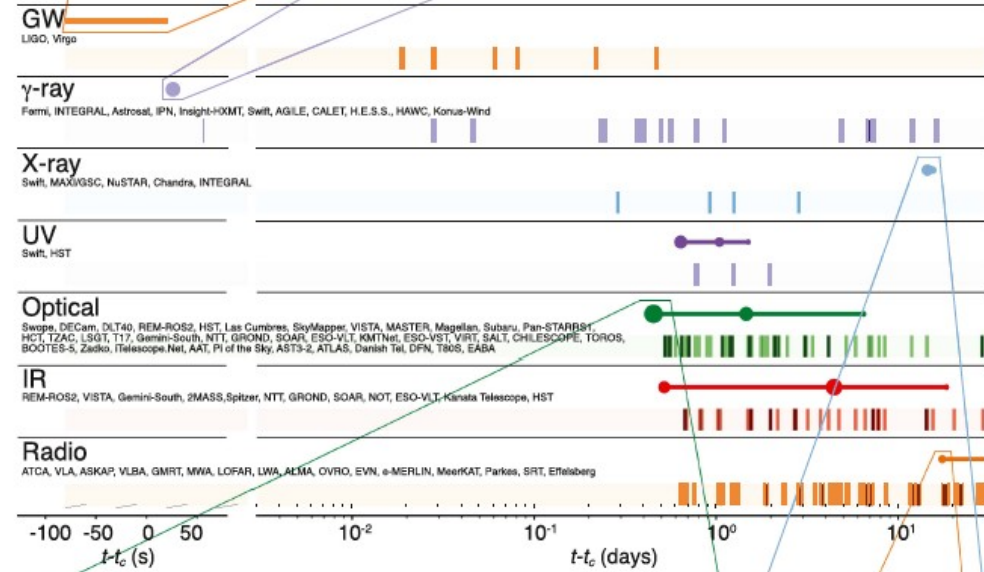
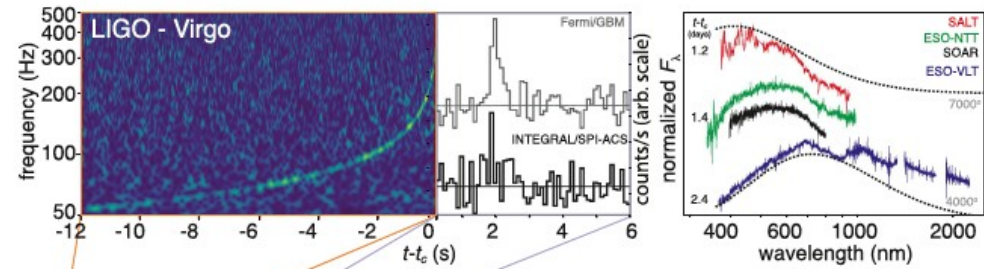
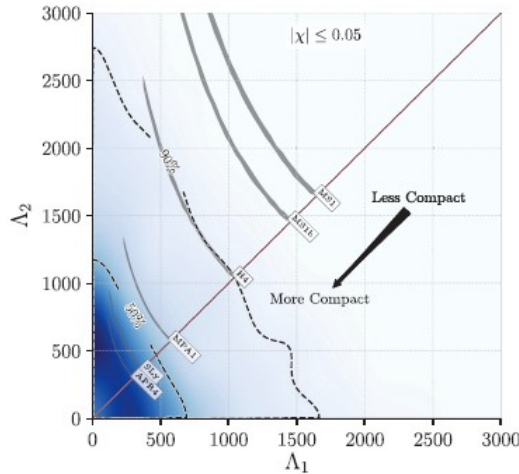
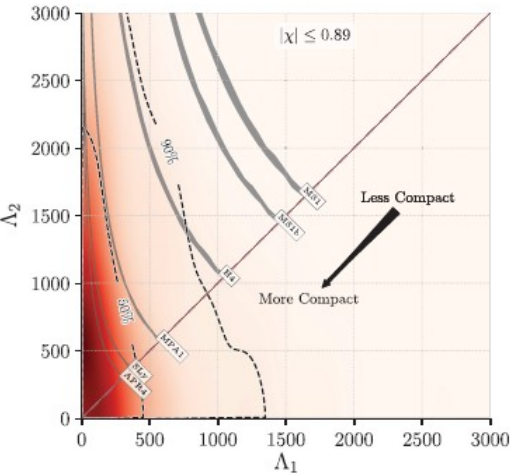
GW170817: NS-NS Merger

Multi-Messenger Astrophysics !!

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Low-spin priors ($|\chi| \leq 0.05$)

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Mass ratio m_2/m_1	$0.7\text{--}1.0$
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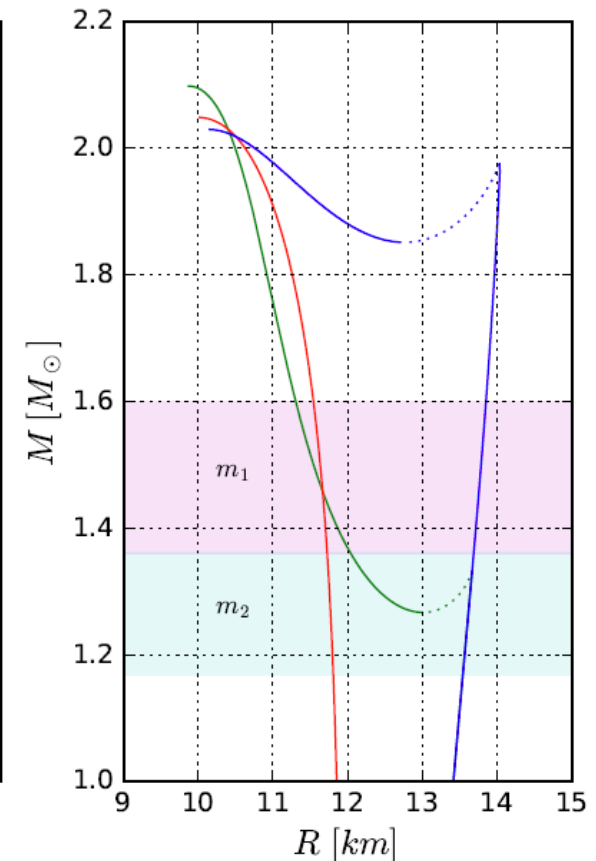
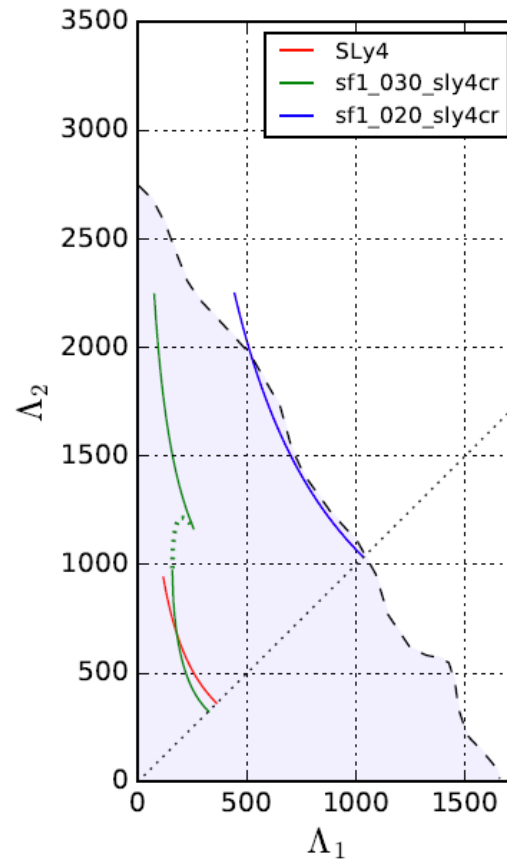
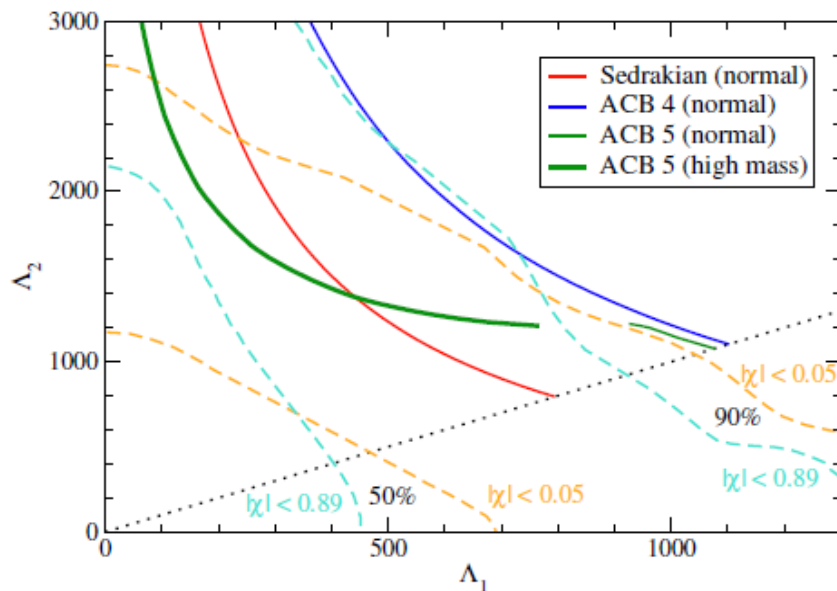
GW170817: NS-NS Merger – Equation of State Constraints

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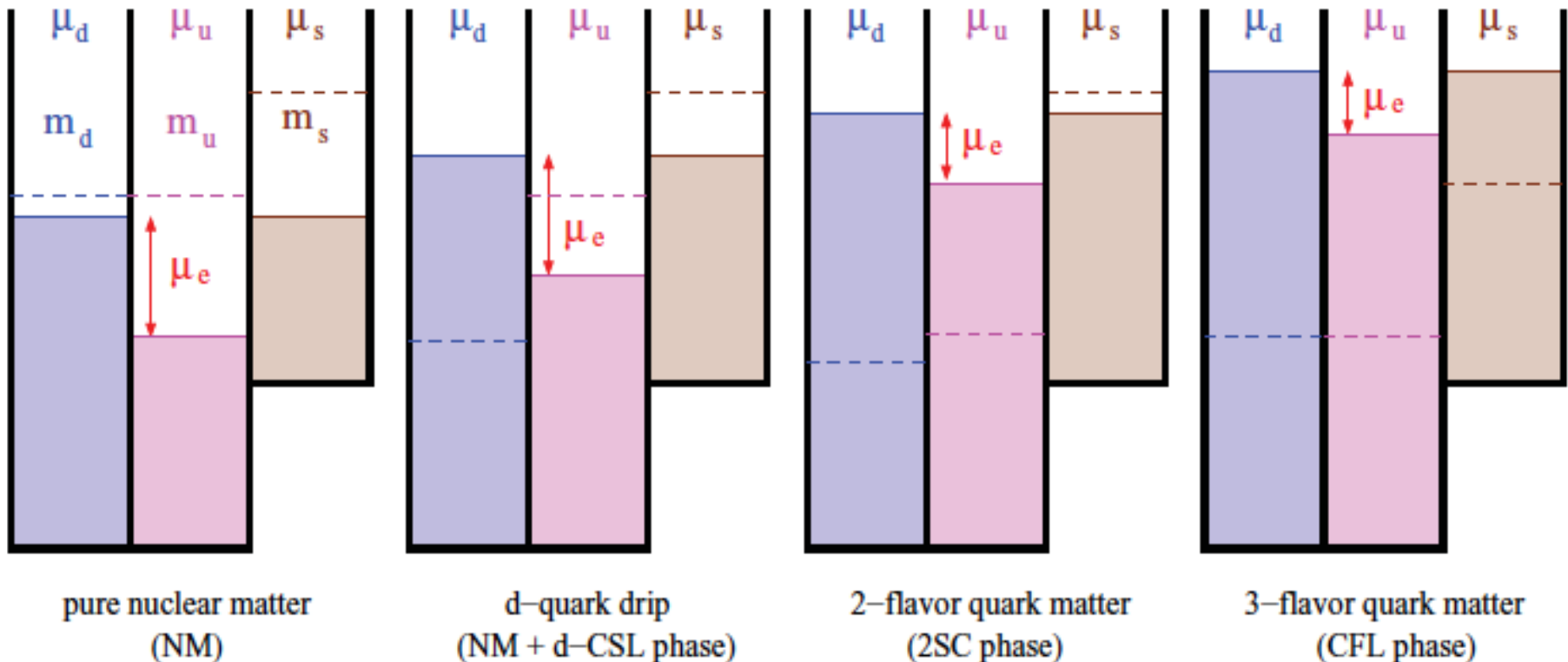
Question: can the heavier NS be a member of The “third family” of hybrid stars with quark core?

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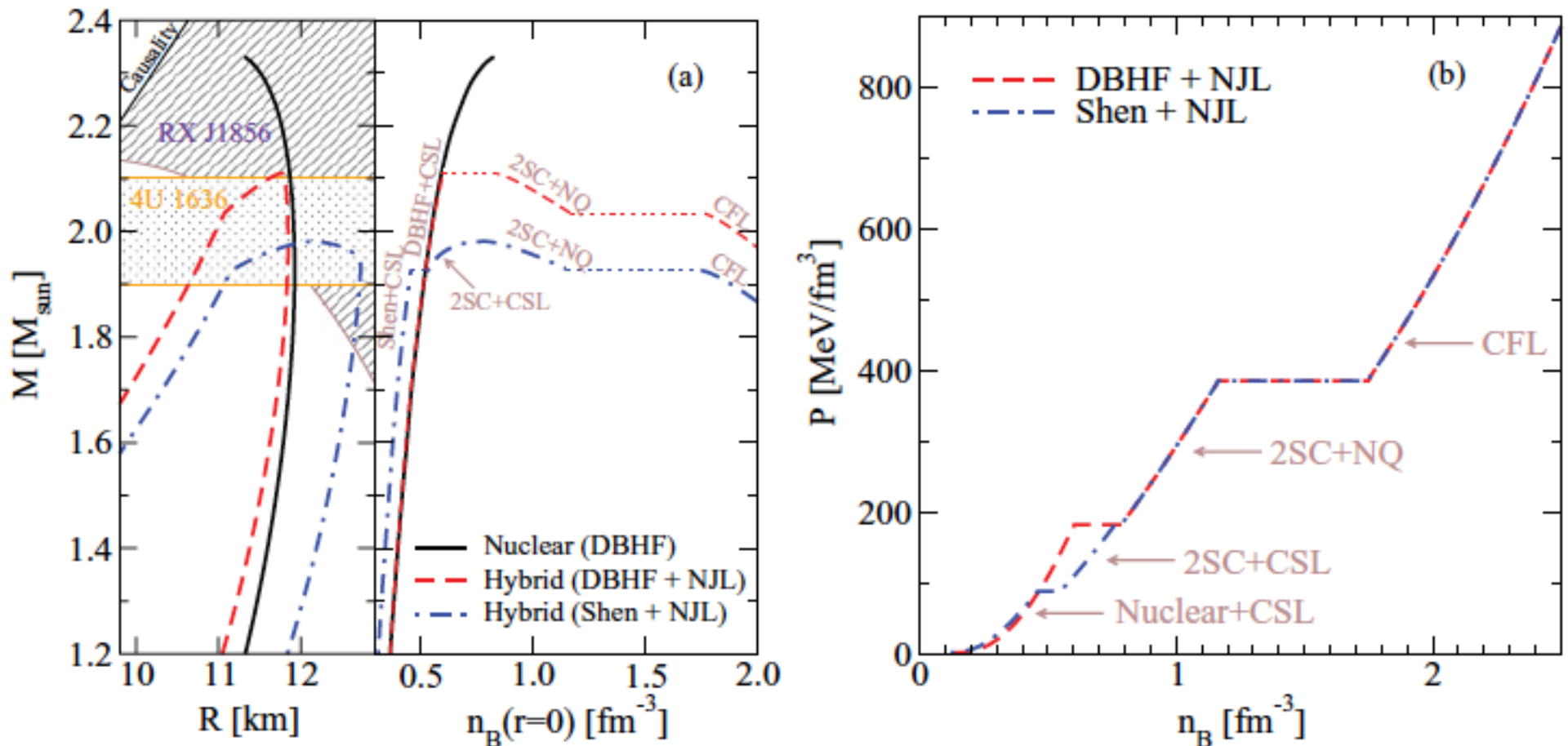
Increasing density



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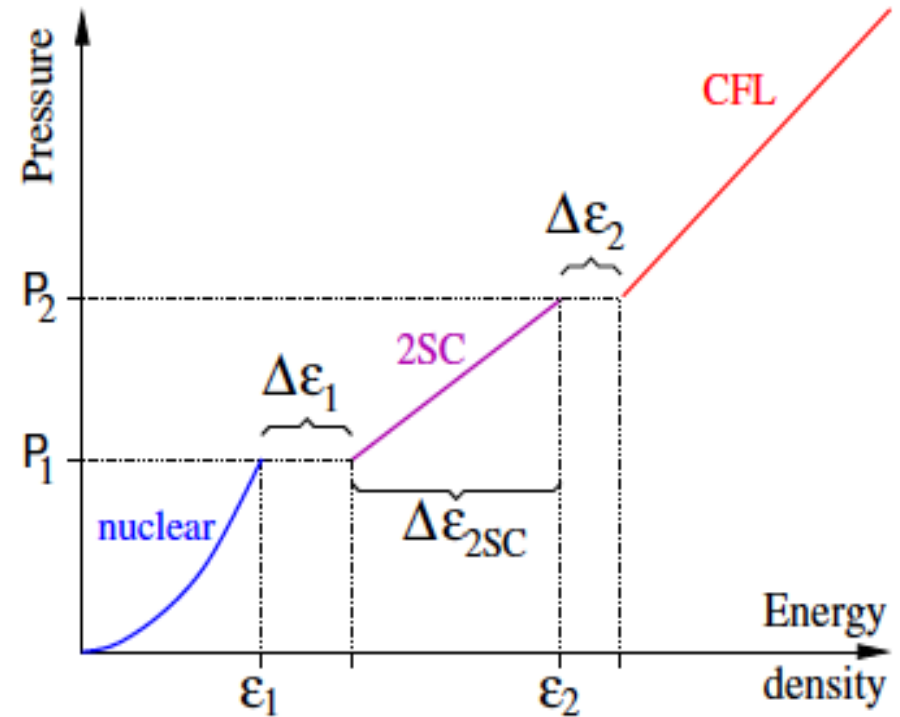
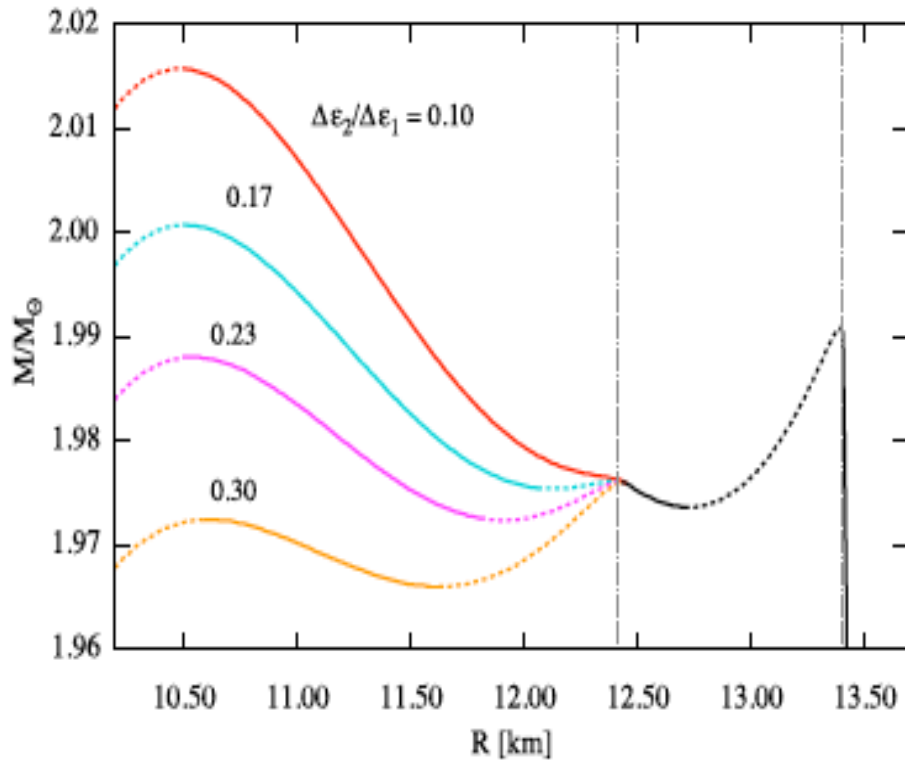


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Measuring Mass vs. Radius



Equation of state



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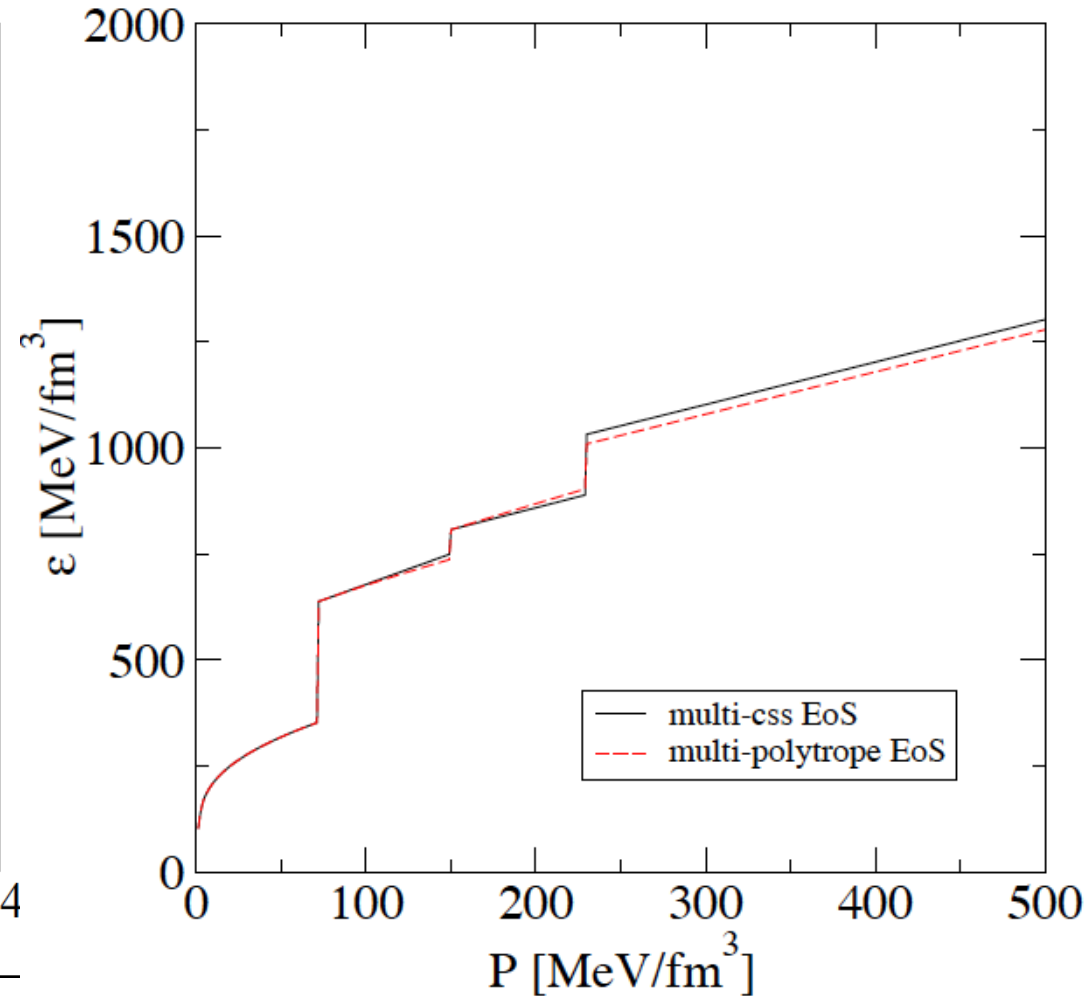
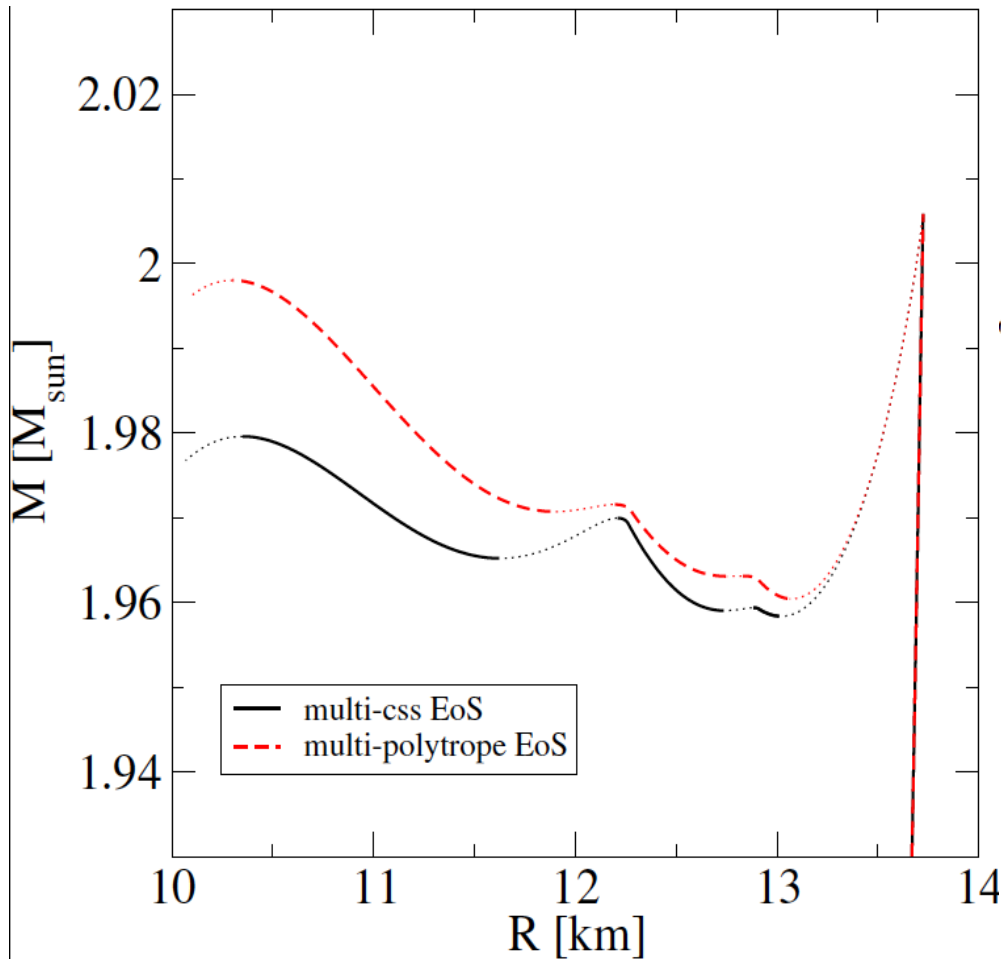
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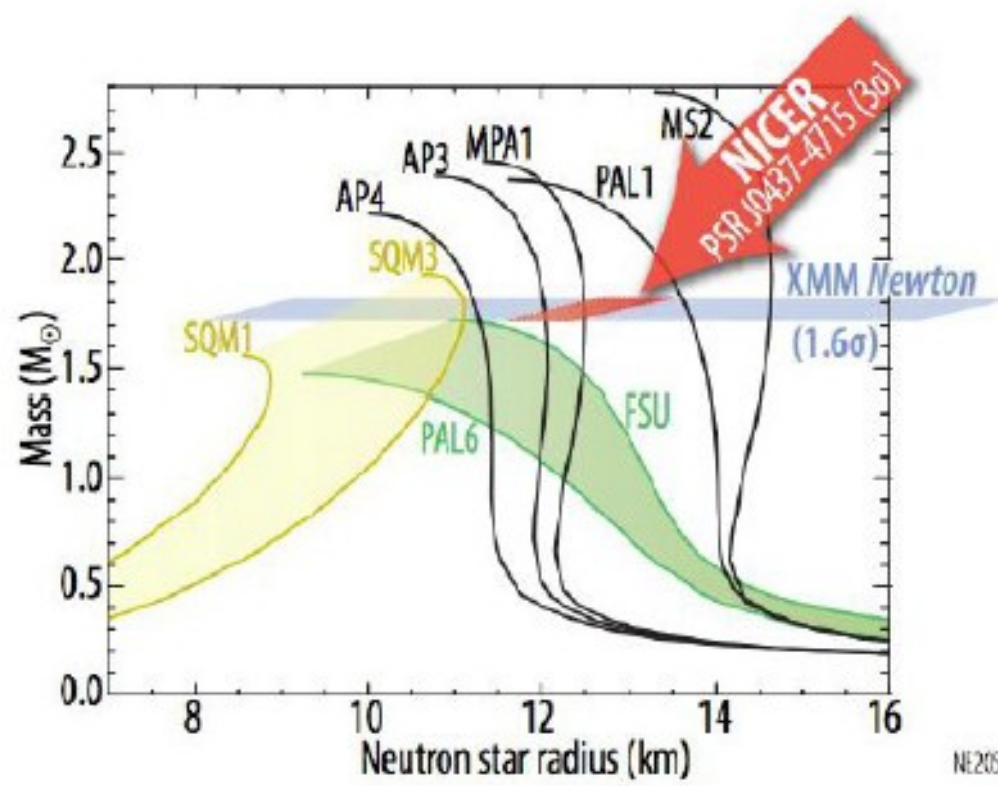
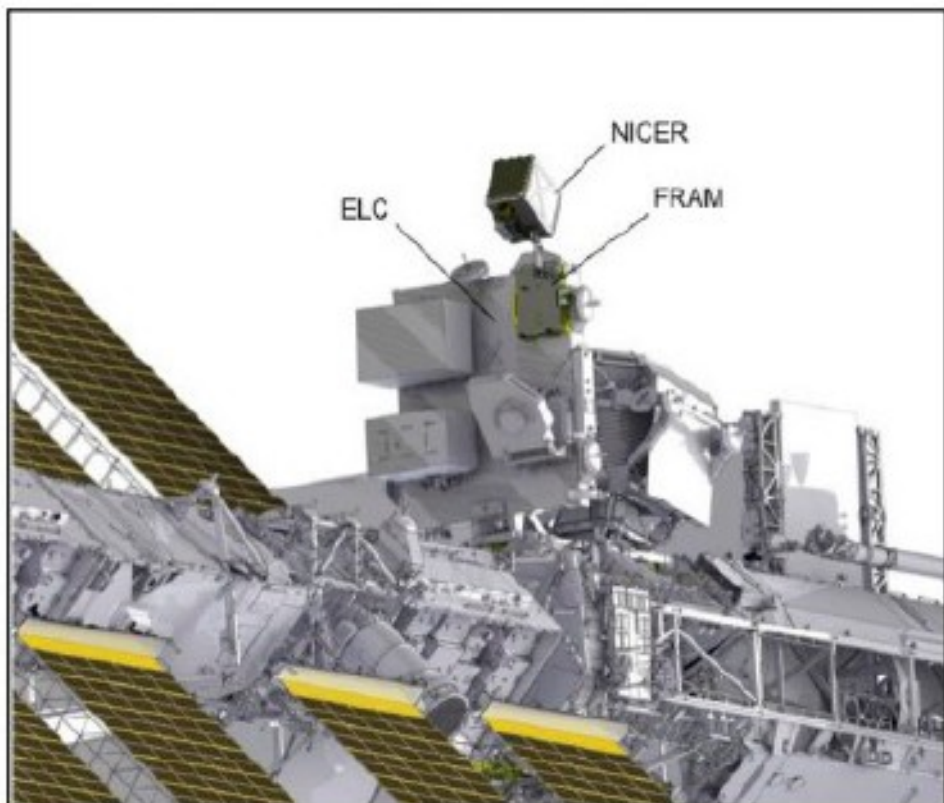
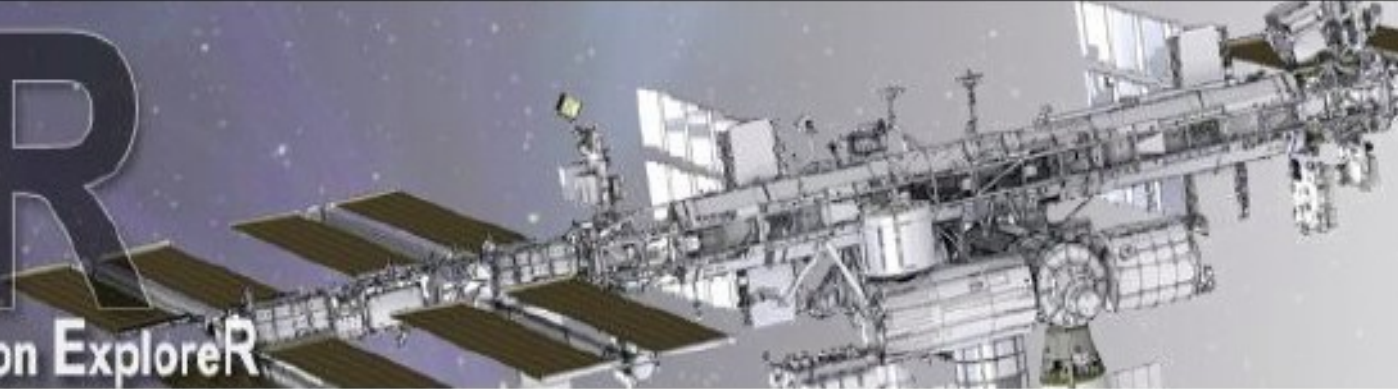
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NICER

Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer

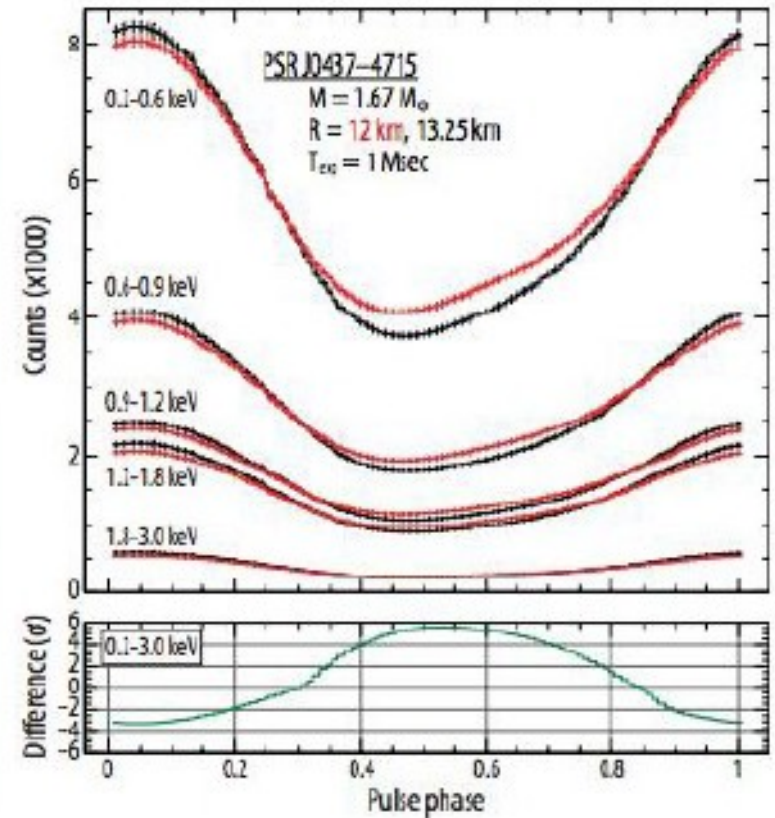
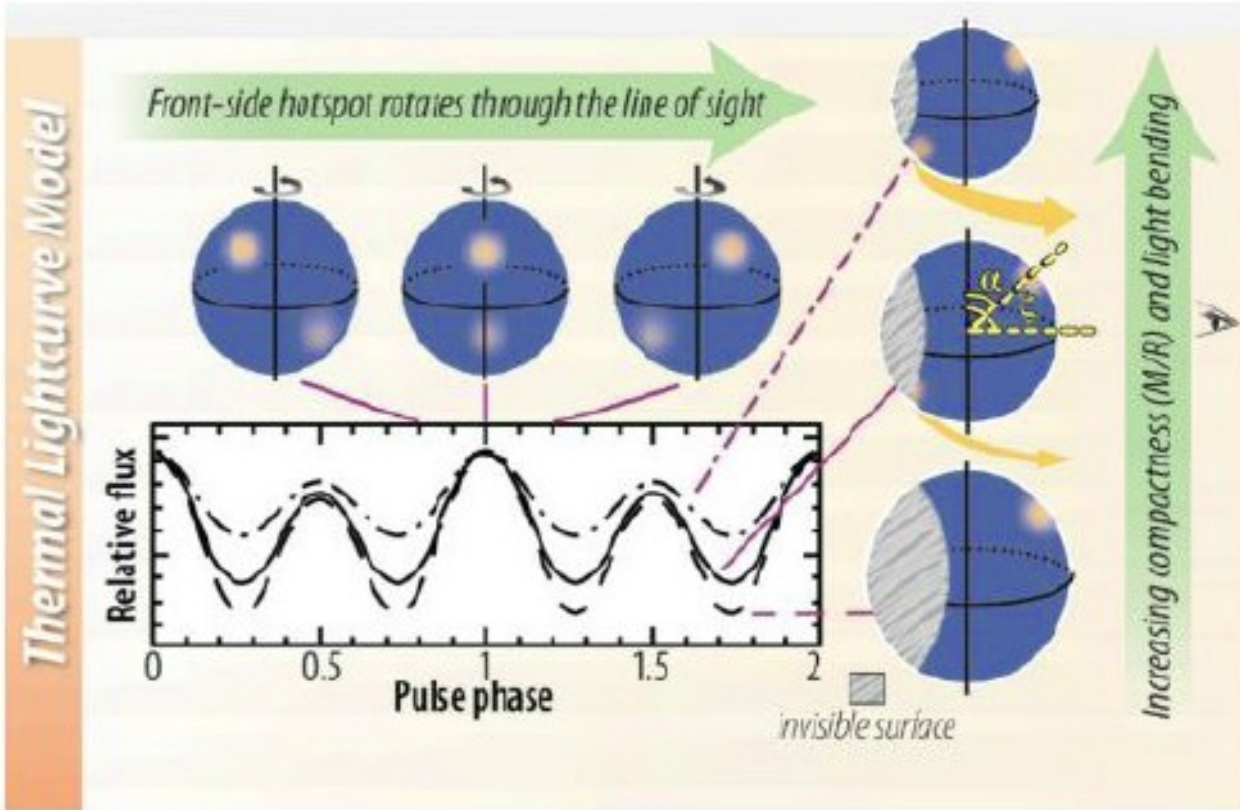
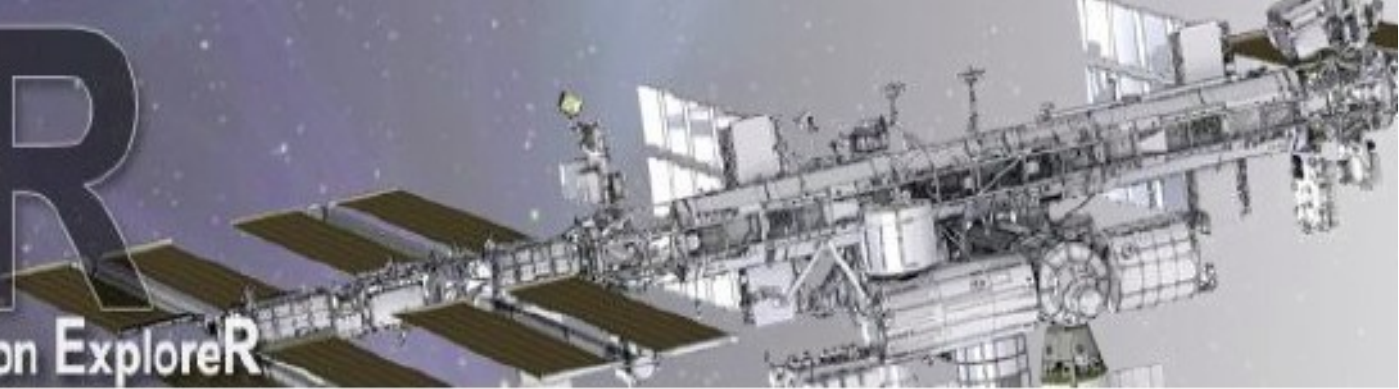


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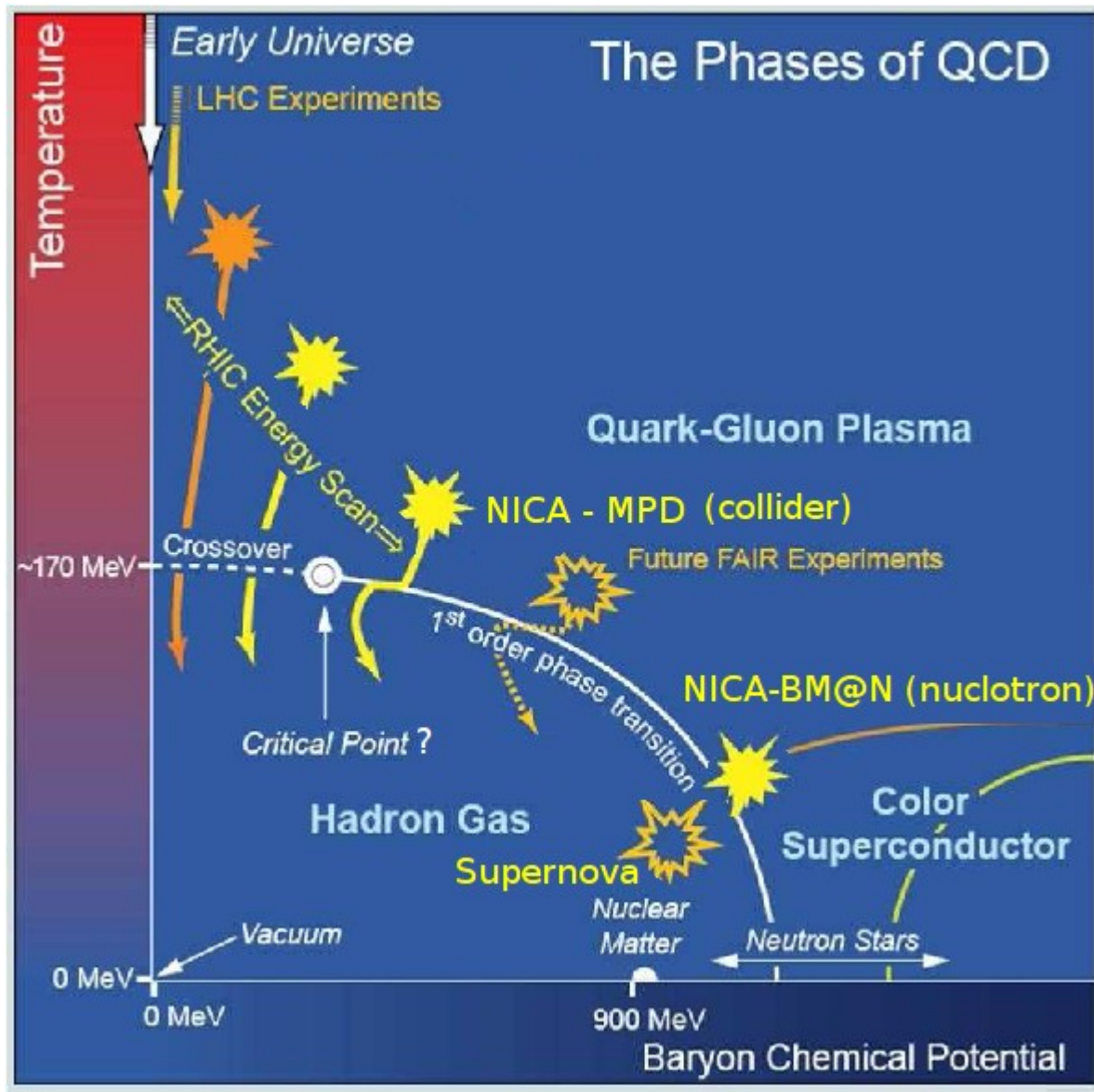
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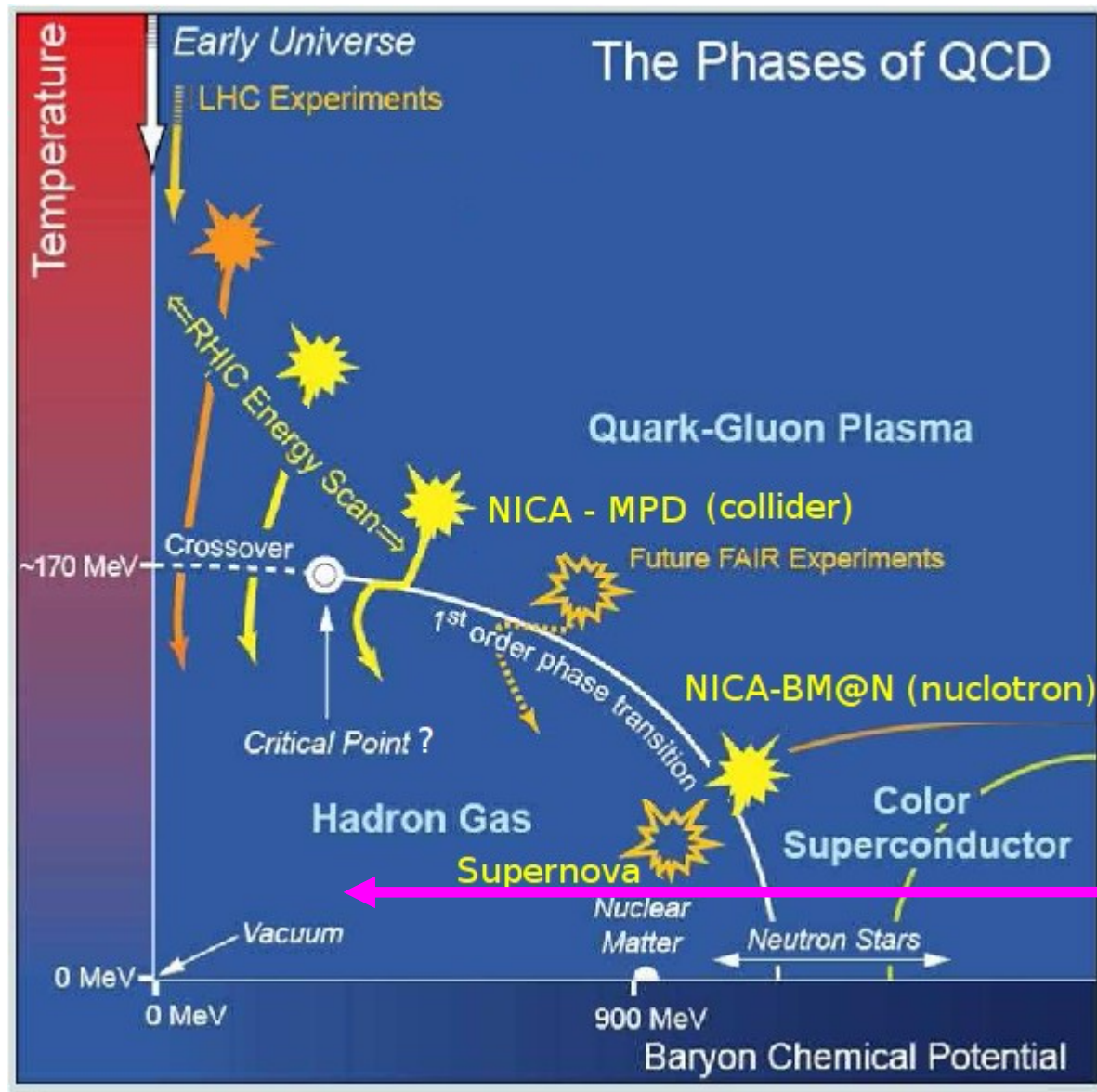


Hot Spots

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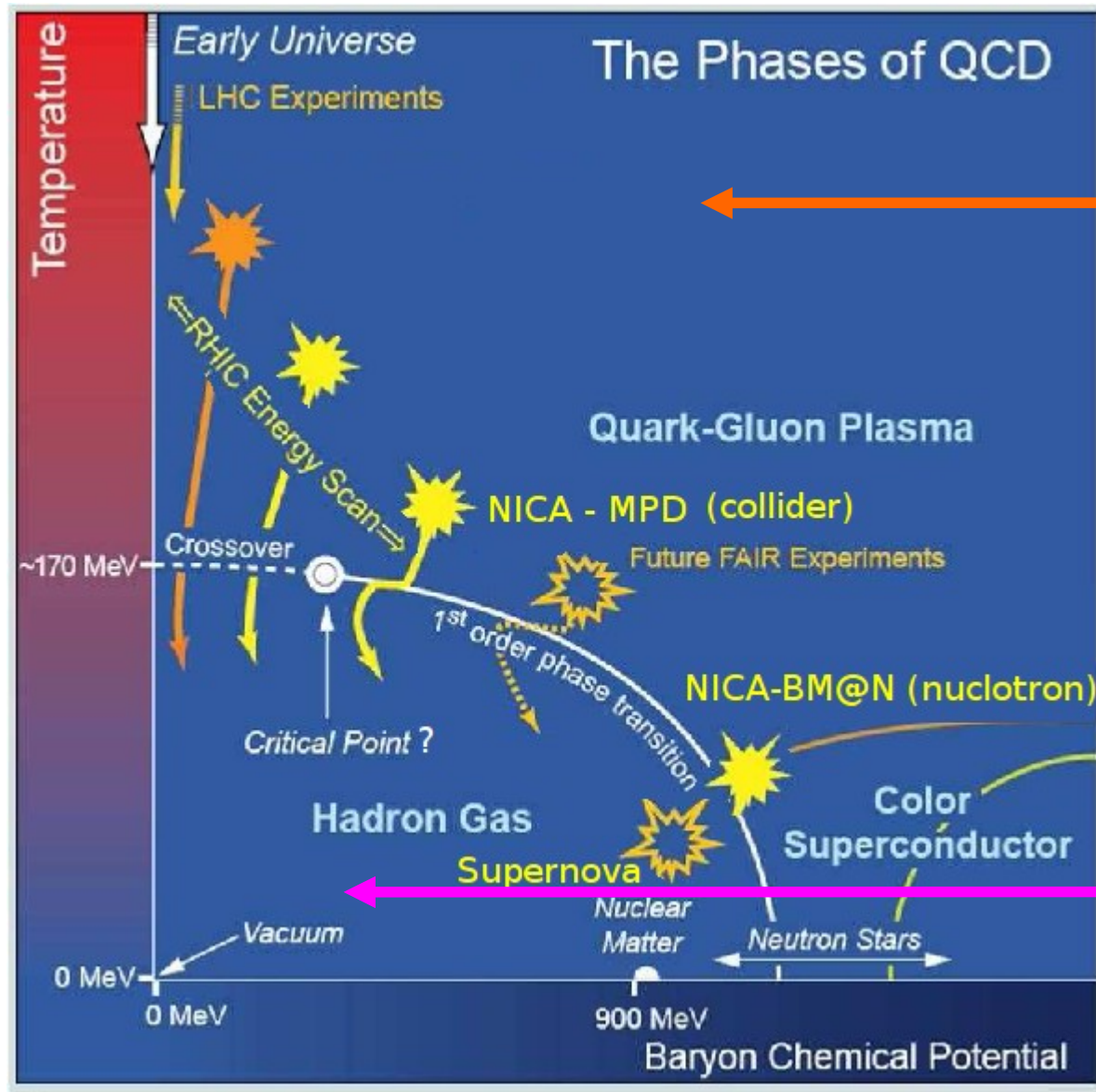
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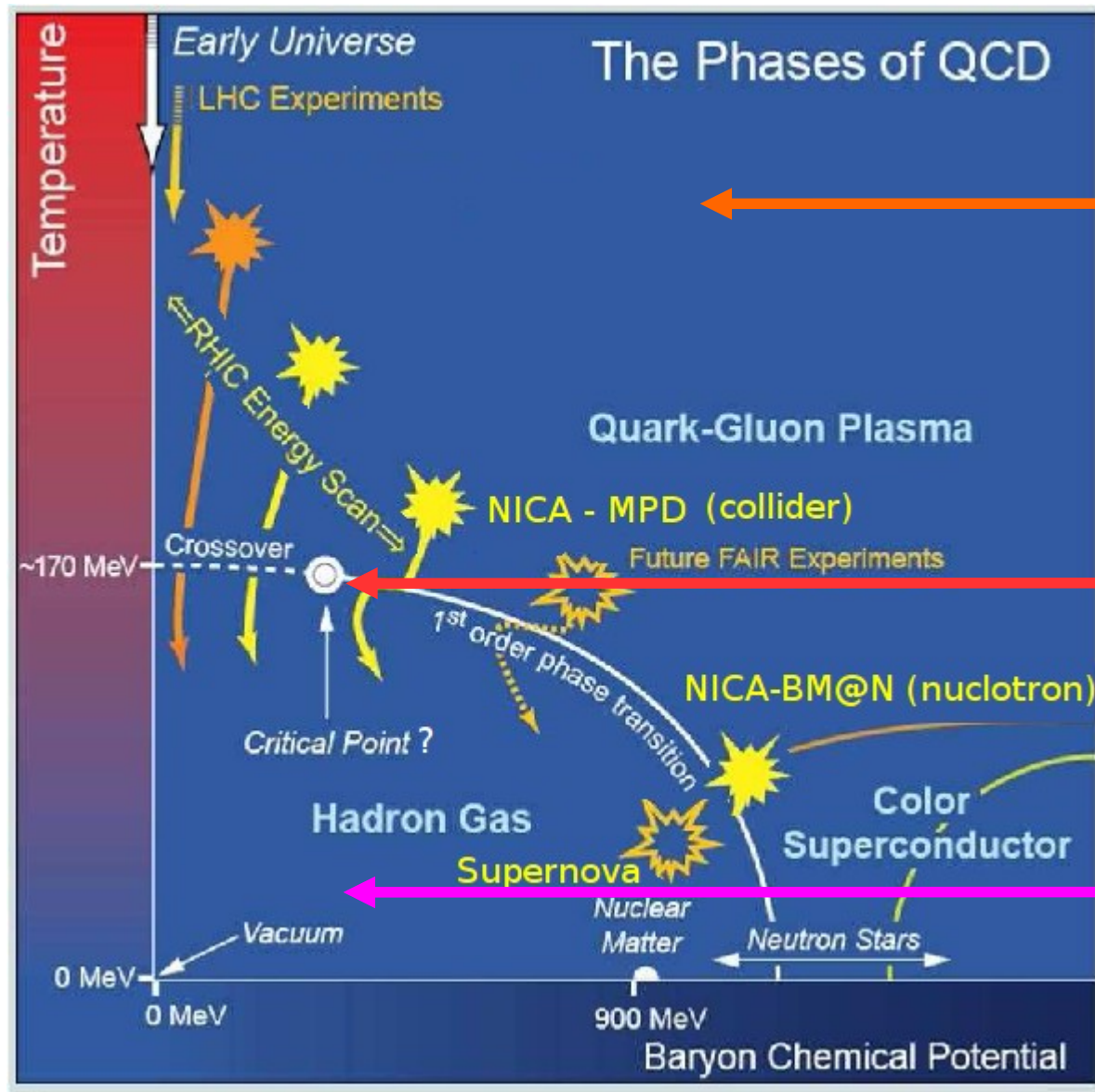
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QCD Phase transition(s)

Mott dissociation of hadrons,
Deconfinement, χ SR

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Φ -derivable approach, 2-loop approximation

J.-P. Blaizot, E. Iancu, A. Rebhan, Phys. Rev. D 63 (2001) 065003

Skeleton expansion for thermodynamic potential and entropy

$$\beta\Omega[D] = -\log Z = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log D^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \Pi D + \Phi[D]$$

$$-\Phi[D] = \frac{1}{12} \text{Tr} \left(\text{circle with horizontal line} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \text{Tr} \left(\text{two circles} \right) + \frac{1}{48} \text{Tr} \left(\text{circle with two horizontal lines} \right) + \dots$$

↑
Inv. Temp: 1/T

↑
trace in conf. Space

↑
self-energy related to D

Dyson equation: $D^{-1} = D_0^{-1} + \Pi$

Free propagator D_0 is known

Essential property of $\Omega[D]$ is Stationarity under variation of D: $\delta \Omega[D] / \delta D = 0$

This implies $\delta \Phi[D] / \delta D = 1/2 \Pi$

Physical propagator and selfenergy are defined self-consistently !

Self-consistent approximations are defined by the choice of Φ

→ Φ – derivable theories

G. Baym, Phys. Rev. 127 (1962) 1391; Vanderheyden & Baym; J. Stat. Phys. 93, 843 (1998)

Approximately selfconsistent thermodynamics

Matsubara summation:

$$\Omega/V = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} n(\omega) [\text{Im} \log(-\omega^2 + k^2 + \Pi) - \text{Im} \Pi D] + T\Phi[D]/V$$

Analytic properties:

$$D(\omega, k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk_0}{2\pi} \frac{\rho(k_0, k)}{k_0 - \omega}, \quad \text{Im} D(\omega, k) \equiv \text{Im} D(\omega + i\epsilon, k) = \frac{\rho(\omega, k)}{2}.$$

Thermodynamics from entropy density: $S = -\partial(\Omega/V)/\partial T$.

$$S = - \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial T} \text{Im} \log D^{-1}(\omega, k) + \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial T} \text{Im} \Pi(\omega, k) \text{Re} D(\omega, k) + S'$$

$$S' \equiv - \left. \frac{\partial(T\Phi/V)}{\partial T} \right|_D + \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\partial n(\omega)}{\partial T} \text{Re} \Pi \text{Im} D \longrightarrow 0$$

for two-loop skeleton diagrams

Loosely speaking: S' accounts for residual interactions of “independent quasiparticles”

$$d/d\omega [\text{Im} \log D^{-1} + \text{Im} \Pi \text{Re} D] = 2 \text{Im} [D \text{Im} \Pi (d/d\omega D^*) \text{Im} \Pi] = 2 \sin^2 \delta d\delta/d\omega, \text{ for } D = |D|e^{i\delta}$$

D. B., G. Baym & G. Roepke, in preparation (2017)

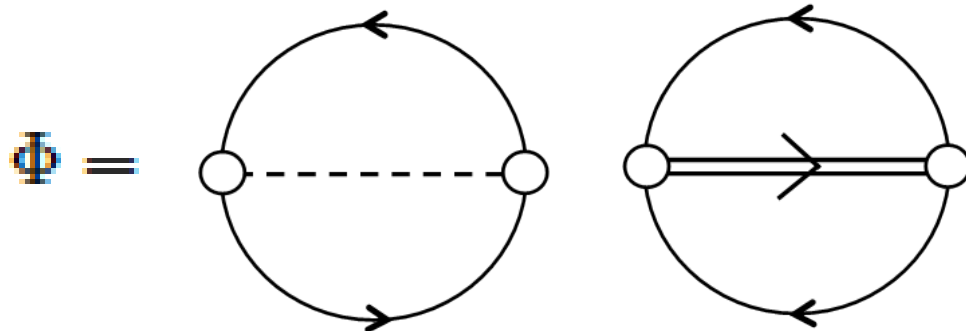
Φ-derivable Q-M-D PNJL model, 2-loop approximation

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \frac{T}{V} \sum_{i=Q,M,D} c_i \text{Tr} \{ \ln [S_i^{-1}] + [S_i \Pi_i] \} + \Phi [S_Q, S_M, S_D] ,$$

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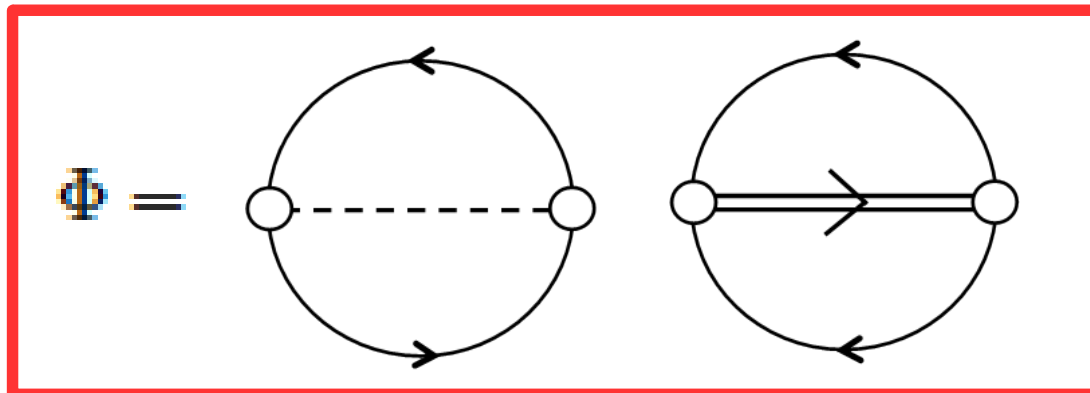
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$$(\text{Im} \ln S^{-1})' = -\text{Im}(S\Pi') = \underbrace{S'_R \Pi_I - S_I \Pi'_R}_{2 \text{Im}(S\Pi_I S^{*'}\Pi_I)} - \underbrace{(\Pi_I S'_R + S_R \Pi'_I)}_{(\Pi_I S_R)'}$$

Use optical theorems ...

$$S\Pi_I = \sin \delta e^{i\delta}, \quad S^{*'}\Pi_I = -i\delta' \sin \delta e^{-i\delta}, \quad 2 \text{Im}(S\Pi_I S^{*'}\Pi_I) = -2\delta' \sin^2 \delta.$$

Generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck EoS

$$\Omega = - \sum_{i=Q,M,D} d_i \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} T \ln[1 - e^{-(\omega - \mu_i)/T}] \sin^2 \delta_i(\omega, \mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \delta_i(\omega, \mathbf{q})}{\partial \omega}$$

Effect of the sin² term ... example: Breit-Wigner ...

$$\delta_i(\omega) = -\arctan \left[\frac{\omega_i \Gamma_i}{\omega^2 - \omega_i^2} \right], \quad \frac{\partial \delta_i(\omega)}{\partial \omega} = \frac{2\omega \omega_i \Gamma_i}{(\omega^2 - \omega_i^2)^2 + \omega_i^2 \Gamma_i^2},$$

$$\sin^2 \delta_i(\omega) \frac{\partial \delta_i(\omega)}{\partial \omega} = \frac{2\omega(\omega_i \Gamma_i)^3}{[(\omega^2 - \omega_i^2)^2 + \omega_i^2 \Gamma_i^2]^2}.$$

“Squared Breit-Wigner” ...
 Vanderheyden & Baym (1998)
 Morozov & Roepke (2009)

Conclusion:

High-mass twins (HMTs) with quark matter cores can be obtained within different hybrid star EoS models, e.g.,

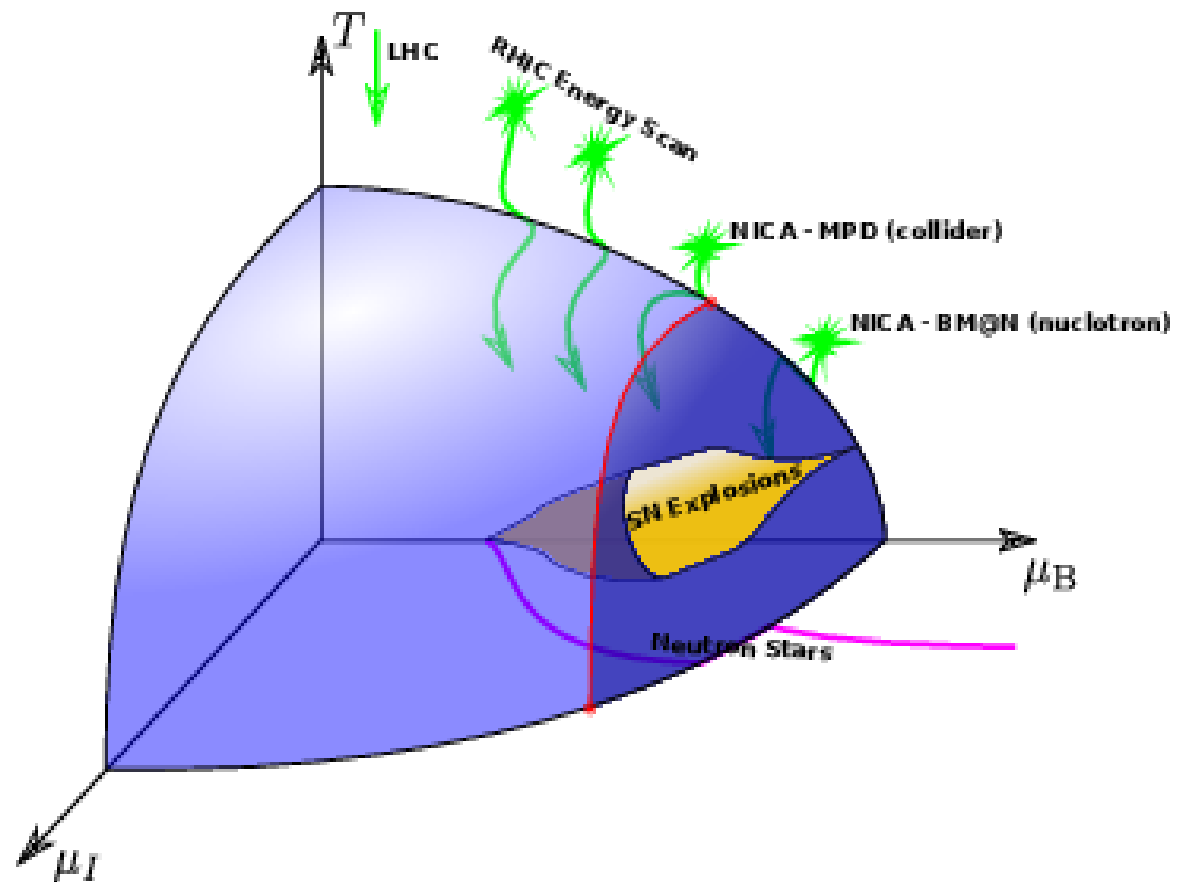
- constant speed of sound
- higher order NJL
- piecewise polytrope
- density functional

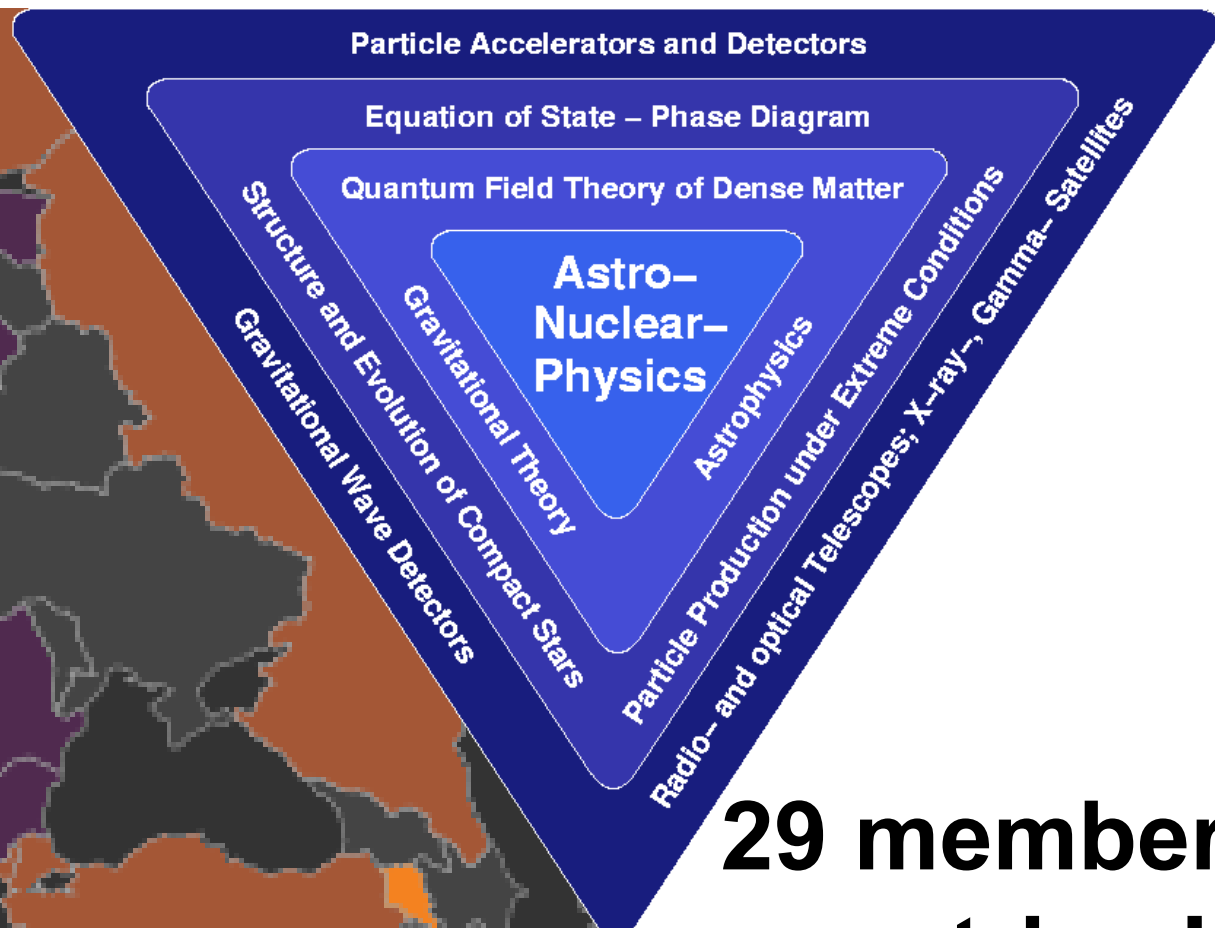
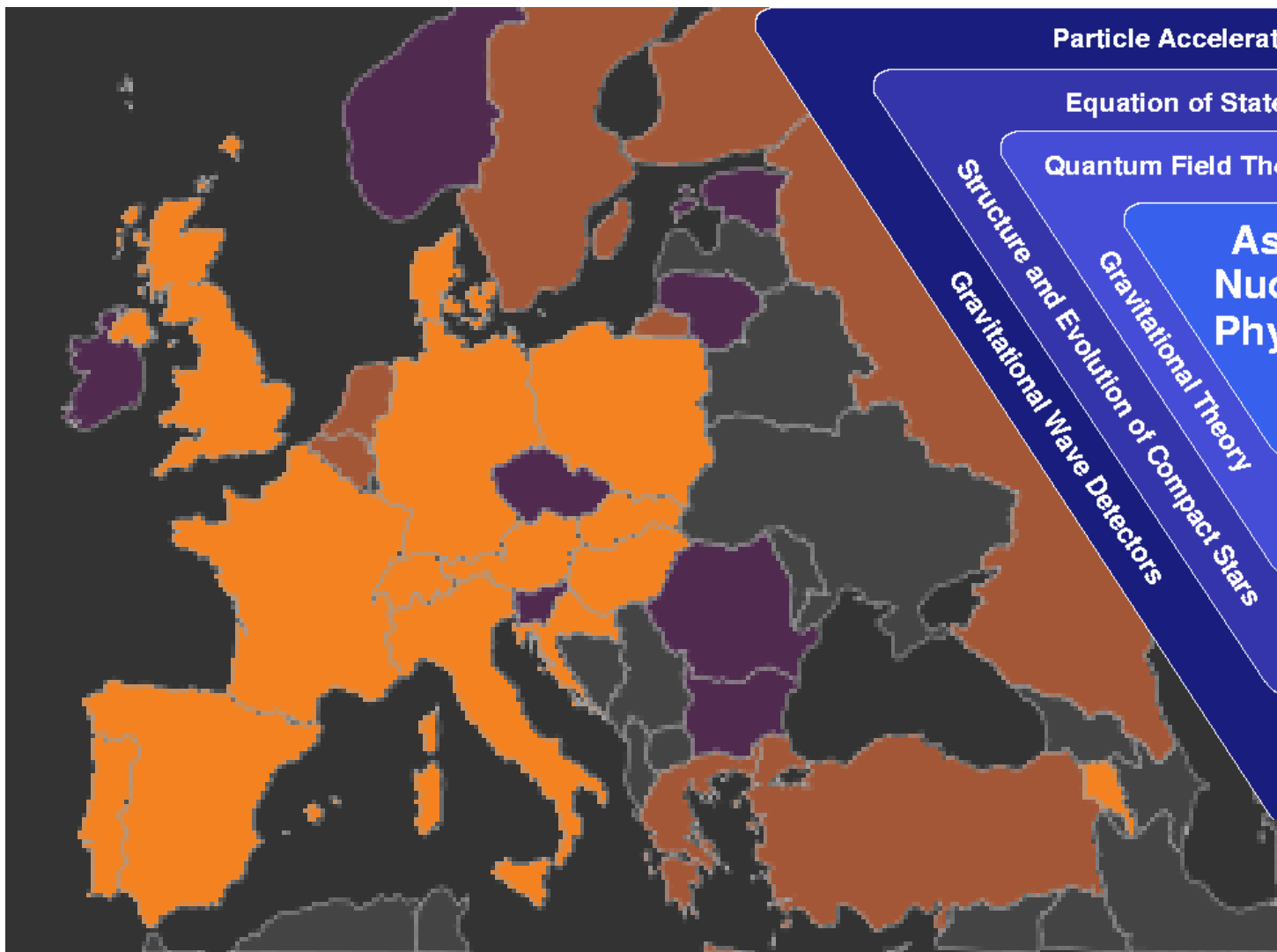
HMTs require stiff hadronic and quark matter EoS with a strong phase transition (PT)

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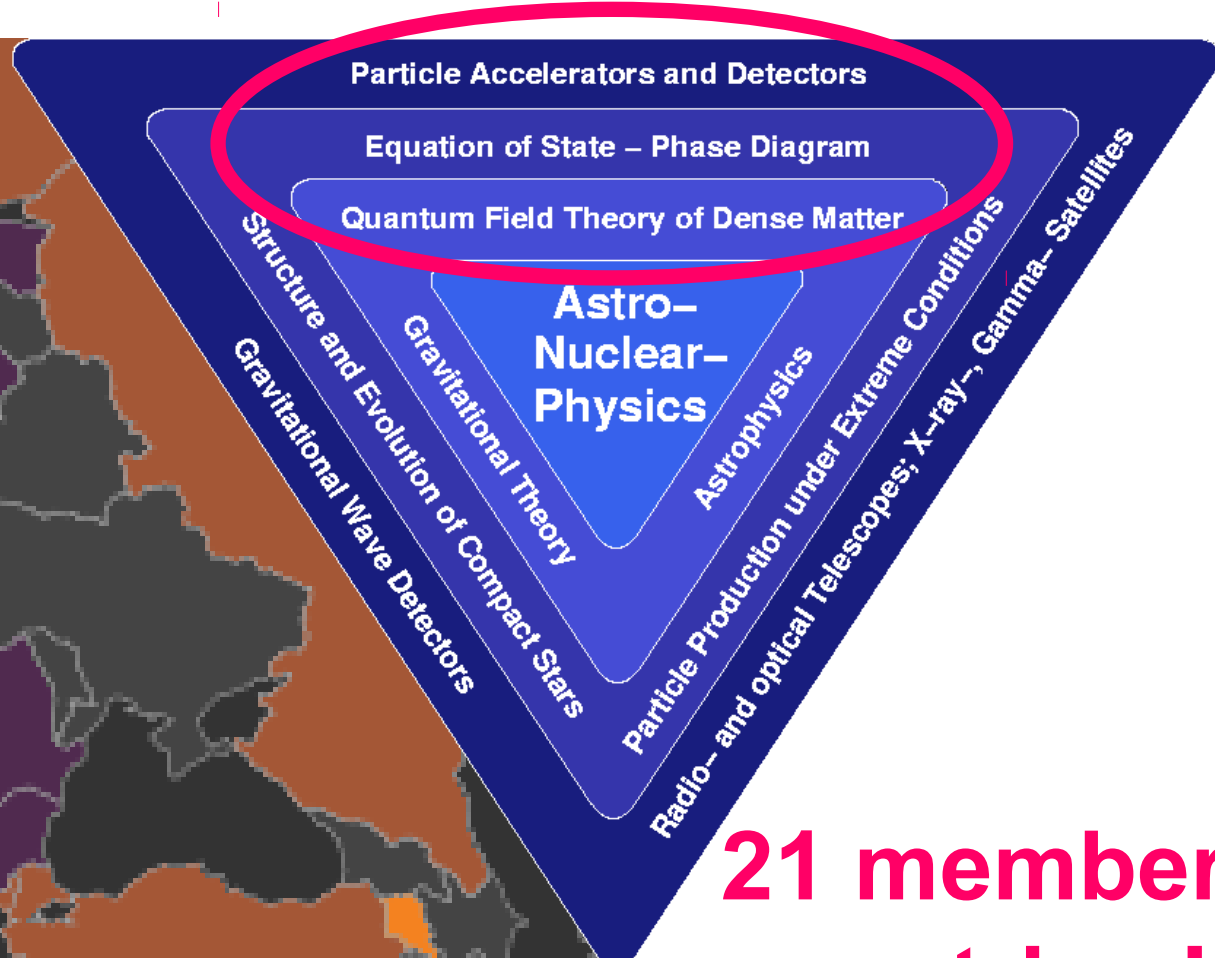
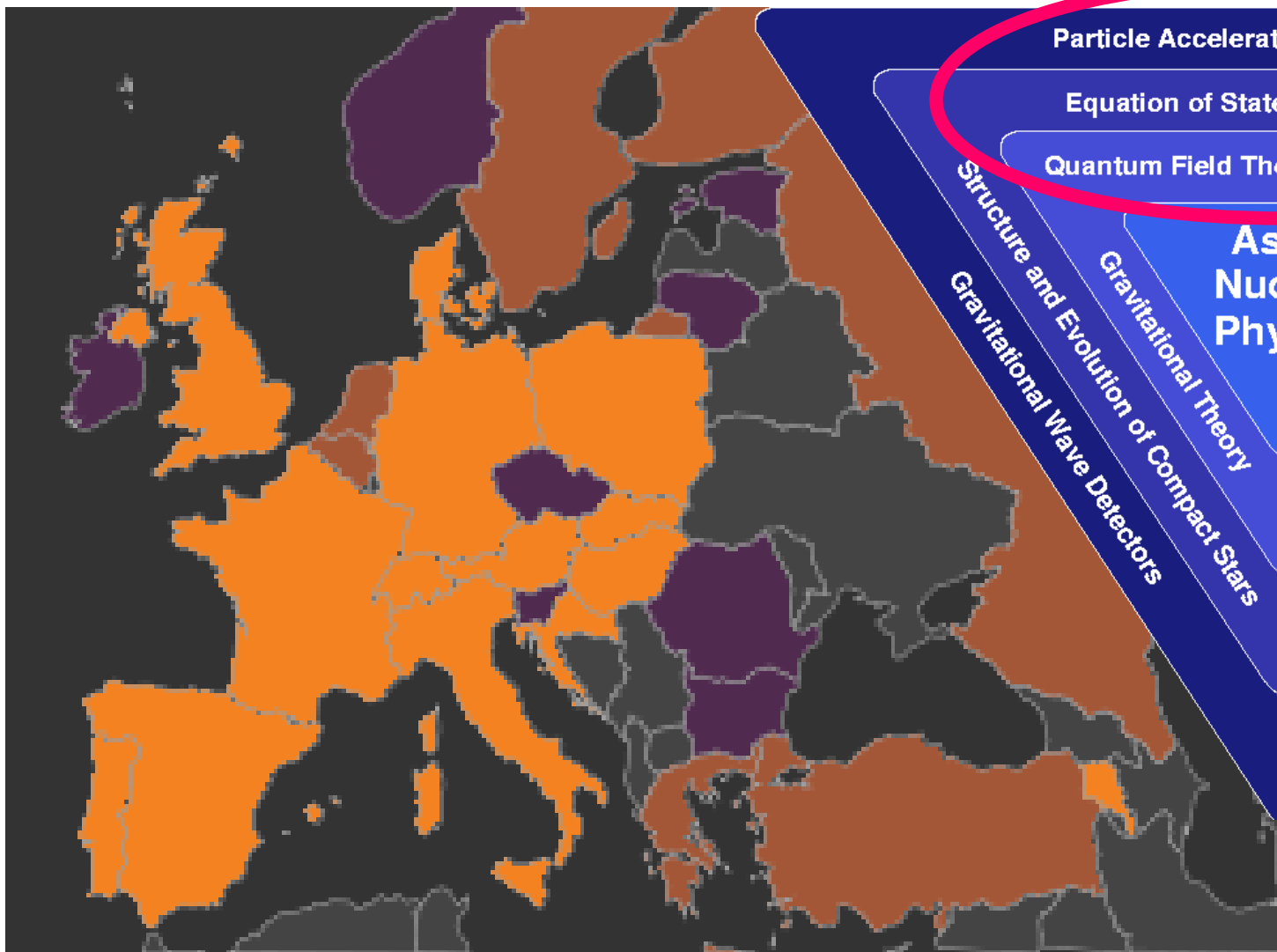


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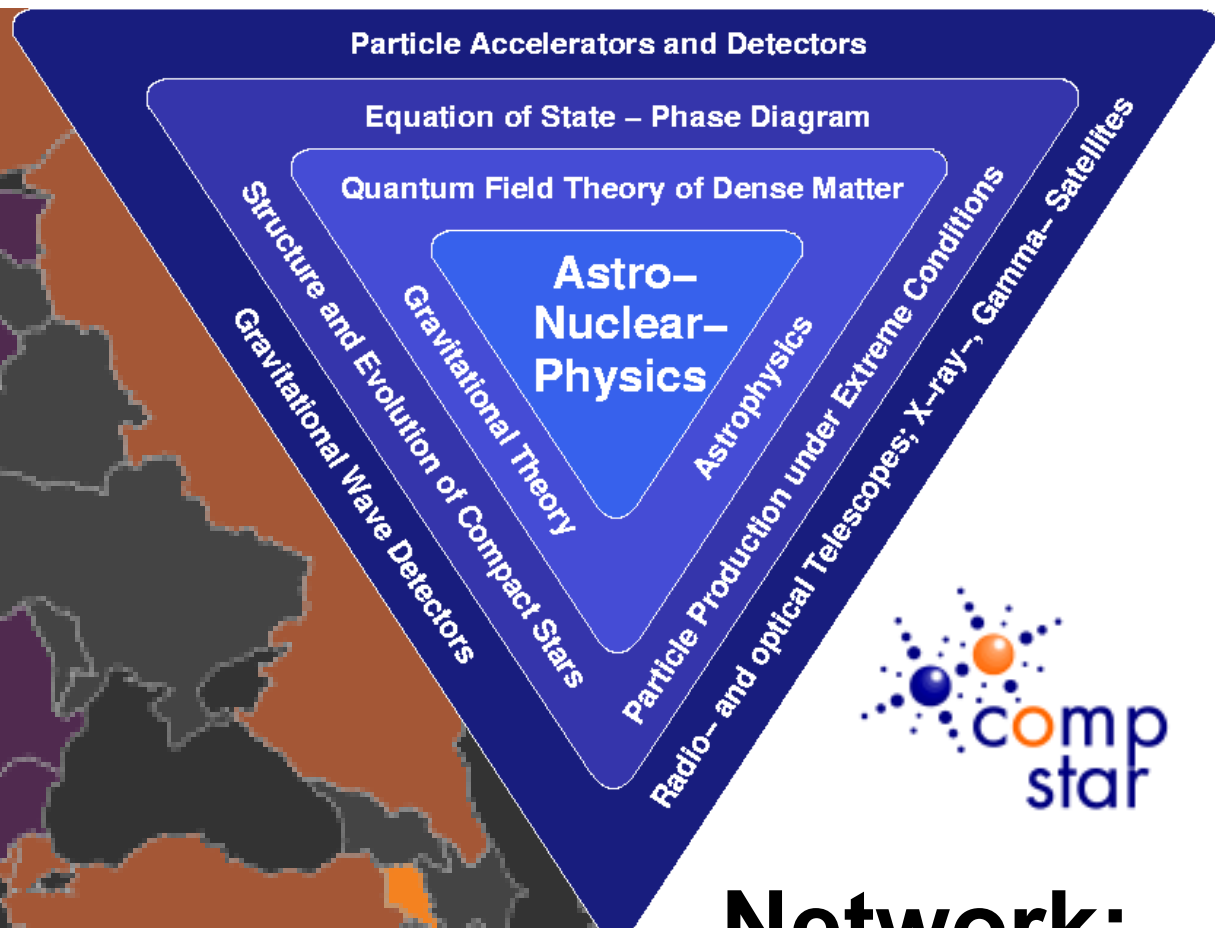
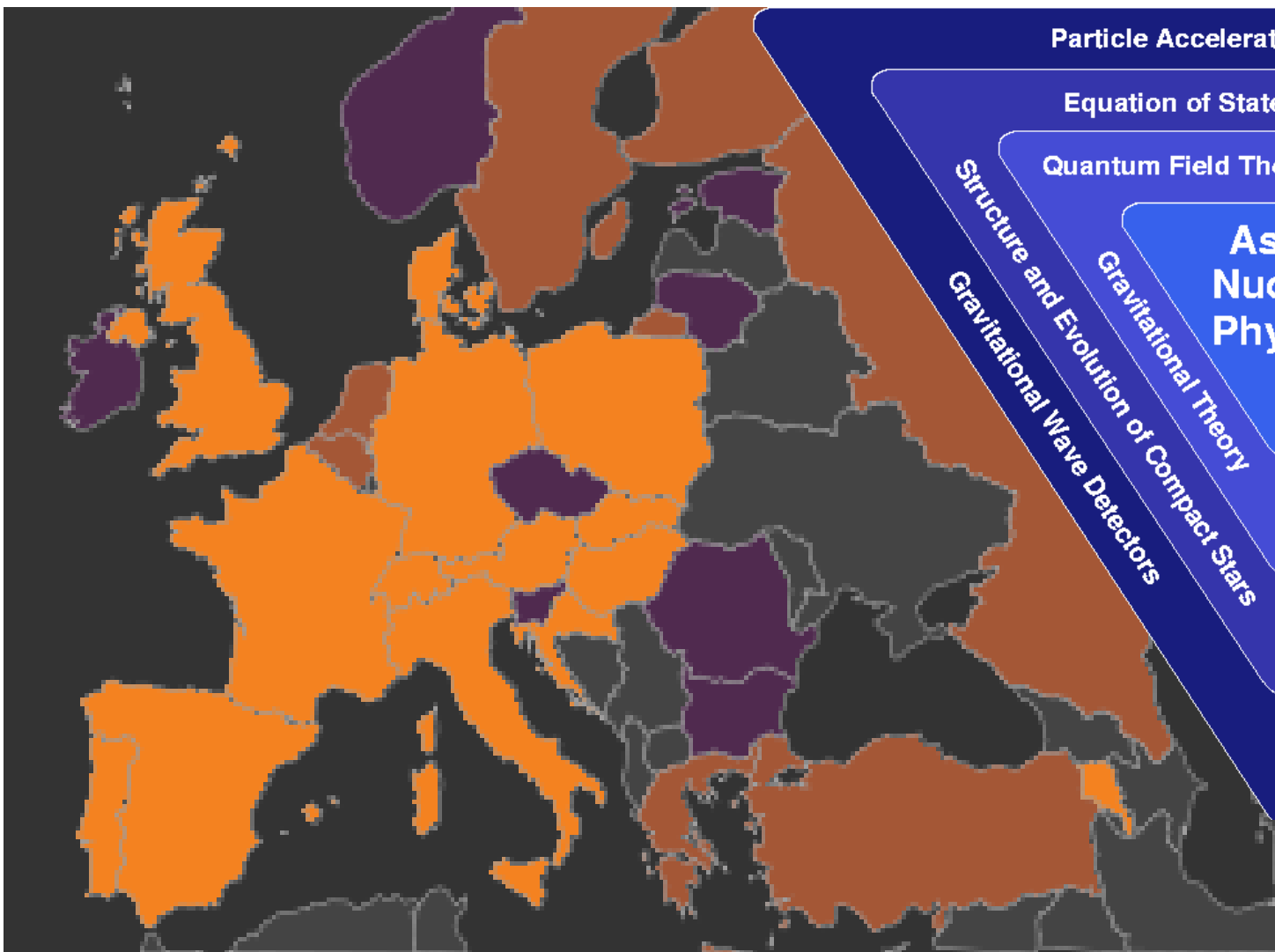
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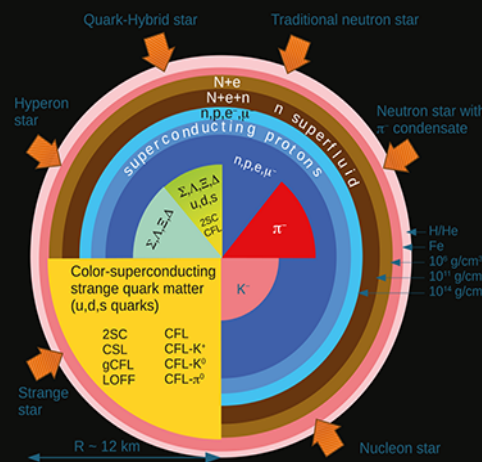


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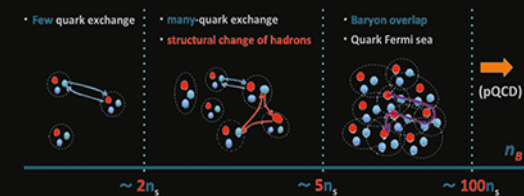
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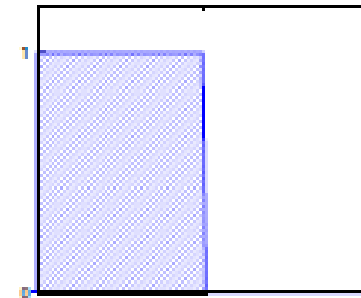
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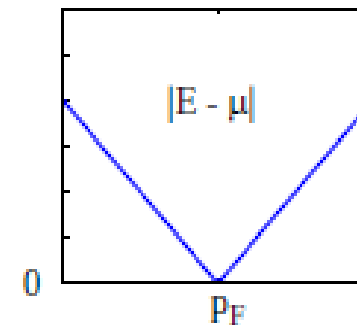
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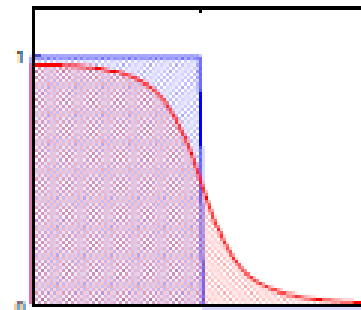
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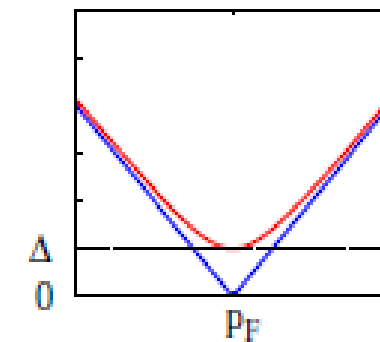
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 - reorganisation of the Fermi surface
 - **gaps**

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free energy



- QCD: attractive qq interaction → **diquark condensates**

Field operators

- quark field operator: $q(x) = \begin{pmatrix} q_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ q_{4N_f N_c}(x) \end{pmatrix}$
 - 4 Dirac $\times N_f$ flavor $\times N_c$ color components
 - annihilates a quark or creates an antiquark
- transposed operator: $q^T = (q_1, \dots, q_{4N_f N_c})$
- adjoint operator: $q^\dagger, \quad \bar{q} = q^\dagger \gamma^0$
 - annihilates an antiquark or creates a quark

Quark-antiquark condensates

- quark-antiquark condensates: $\langle \bar{q} \hat{O} q \rangle$
 - \hat{O} = operator in color, flavor, and Dirac space (including derivatives)
- examples:
 - “chiral condensate”: $\langle \bar{q} q \rangle$
 - quark number density: $\langle \bar{q} \gamma^0 q \rangle = \langle q^\dagger q \rangle$
 - electric charge density:
$$\langle \bar{q} \hat{Q} \gamma^0 q \rangle = \frac{2}{3} n_u - \frac{1}{3} n_d - \frac{1}{3} n_s, \quad \hat{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix}_f$$
 - color charge densities

Diquark condensates

- diquark condensates: $\langle q^T \hat{O} q \rangle \equiv \langle g.s. | q^T \hat{O} q | g.s. \rangle$
 - qq annihilates two quarks
 - baryon number (formally) not conserved!
(ground state does not have fixed baryon number.)

- Bogoliubov rotation:

$$|g.s.\rangle = \prod_{\vec{p}, s, c, c'} \left[\cos \theta_s^b(\vec{p}) + \varepsilon_{3cc'} e^{i\xi_s^b(\vec{p})} \sin \theta_s^b(\vec{p}) b^\dagger(\vec{p}, s, u, c) b^\dagger(-\vec{p}, s, d, c') \right] \\ \left[\cos \theta_s^d(\vec{p}) + \varepsilon_{3cc'} e^{i\xi_s^d(\vec{p})} \sin \theta_s^d(\vec{p}) d^\dagger(\vec{p}, s, u, c) d^\dagger(-\vec{p}, s, d, c') \right] |0\rangle$$

- quasiparticles = superpositions of particles and holes (+ antiparticles) which annihilate $|g.s.\rangle$

Diquark condensates

- diquark condensates: $\langle q^T \hat{O} q \rangle$

- Pauli principle: $q_i q_j = -q_j q_i$

$$\Rightarrow q^T \hat{O} q = q_i \hat{O}_{ij} q_j = -q_j \hat{O}_{ij} q_i = -q_j \hat{O}_{ji}^T q_i = -q^T \hat{O}^T q$$

→ \hat{O} must be **totally antisymmetric**: $\hat{O}^T = -\hat{O}$

Operators in flavor and color space

- Pauli matrices (for two flavors):

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tau_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tau_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{symmetric triplet}}, \quad \underbrace{\tau_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{antisymm. singlet}}$$

- Gell-Mann matrices (for three flavors or colors):

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{1}, \lambda_1, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_6, \lambda_8}_{\text{symmetric sextet}}, \quad \underbrace{\lambda_2, \lambda_5, \lambda_7}_{\text{antisymmetric antitriplet}}$$

- antitriplet: The vector $\langle q^T \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_7 \\ -\lambda_5 \\ \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} q \rangle$ transforms like an antiquark $\bar{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{r} \\ \bar{g} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$ under $SU(3)_c$.

Operators in Dirac space

- hermitean basis of 4×4 matrices: $\mathbf{1}, i\gamma_5, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu\gamma_5, \sigma^{\mu\nu}$
- charge conjugation matrix: $C = i\gamma^2\gamma^0$
 - properties: $C = C^* = -C^T = -C^\dagger = -C^{-1}$
- antisymmetric:
 - $C\gamma_5$ (scalar)
 - C (pseudoscalar)
 - $C\gamma^\mu\gamma_5$ (vector)
- symmetric:
 - $C\gamma^\mu$ (axial vector)
 - $C\sigma^{\mu\nu}$ (tensor)

Combined operators

	symmetric	antisymmetric
Dirac	$C\gamma^\mu, C\sigma^{\mu\nu}$ A T	$C, C\gamma_5, C\gamma_5\gamma^\mu$ P S V
$U(2)$	$\underbrace{\mathbf{1}, \tau_1, \tau_3}_3$	$\underbrace{\tau_2}_1$
$U(3)$	$\underbrace{\mathbf{1}, \lambda_1, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_6, \lambda_8}_6$	$\underbrace{\lambda_2, \lambda_5, \lambda_7}_3$

• combination: Dirac \otimes flavor \otimes color

$$\text{totally antisymmetric} = \begin{cases} (\text{antisymmetric})^3 \\ (\text{symmetric})^2 \times \text{antisymmetric} \end{cases}$$

→ many possibilities ...

Two-flavor color superconductors

- important example: $\langle q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_A \lambda_{A'} q \rangle$
- spin 0, antisymmetric in color and flavor
- 2 flavors: $q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$, $\tau_A = \tau_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- 3 colors: $q = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ g \\ b \end{pmatrix}$, $\lambda_{A'} \stackrel{e.g.}{=} \lambda_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\langle q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 q \rangle \sim \underbrace{(\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow)}_{\text{spin}} \otimes \underbrace{(ud - du)}_{\text{flavor}} \otimes \underbrace{(rg - gr)}_{\text{color}}$$

Symmetry properties: color

- only red and green quarks are paired:

$$\langle q^T \lambda_2 q \rangle \sim \langle rg - gr \rangle \hat{=} \langle \bar{b} \rangle \quad \text{“antiblue”}$$

→ $SU(3)_c$ “spontaneously” broken to $SU(2)_c$

→ 5 of 8 gluons receive a mass (“Meissner effect”)

- more general ansatz?

$$\langle q^T (\alpha \lambda_2 + \beta \lambda_5 + \gamma \lambda_7) q \rangle = \alpha \langle \bar{b} \rangle - \beta \langle \bar{g} \rangle + \gamma \langle \bar{r} \rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ -\beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

- can always be rotated into the “antiblue” direction by a global color transformation $q \rightarrow \exp(i\theta_a \cdot \frac{\lambda_a}{2}) q$

→ equivalent to the “simple” ansatz

Symmetry properties: global symmetries

- $\delta \equiv \langle q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 q \rangle$

- baryon number:

$$B: \quad q \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} q \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \rightarrow e^{2i\alpha} \delta \quad \text{broken}$$

but: There is a **conserved** “modified baryon number”:

$$\tilde{B} \quad q \rightarrow e^{i\alpha(1-\sqrt{3}\lambda_8)} q \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \rightarrow \delta$$

- chiral symmetry:

- $SU(2)_V: \quad q \rightarrow e^{i\theta_a \frac{\tau_a}{2}} q \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \rightarrow \delta$

- $SU(2)_A: \quad q \rightarrow e^{i\theta_a \frac{\tau_a}{2}} \gamma_5 q \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \rightarrow \delta \quad \text{conserved}$

Three-flavor color superconductors

- scalar color-antitriplet condensates:

- $s_{AA'} = \langle q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_A \lambda_{A'} q \rangle$

- notation:

- $\tau_A =$ antisymmetric flavor generator
- $\lambda_{A'} =$ antisymmetric color generator

- two flavors, three colors:

- $\tau_A = \tau_2, \quad A' \in \{2, 5, 7\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{s} = (s_{22}, s_{25}, s_{27})$

- can always be rotated into “antiblue” direction:

$$\vec{s} \rightarrow \vec{s}' = \vec{s} U = (s'_{22}, 0, 0), \quad U \in SU(3)_c$$

- three flavors, three colors:

- $A, A' \in \{2, 5, 7\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad s = (s_{AA'}) = \begin{pmatrix} s_{22} & s_{25} & s_{27} \\ s_{52} & s_{55} & s_{57} \\ s_{72} & s_{75} & s_{77} \end{pmatrix}$

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- $SU(3)_c$ rotation: $\rightarrow s' = s U = \begin{pmatrix} s_{22} & s_{25} & s_{27} \\ 0 & s_{55} & s_{57} \\ 0 & 0 & s_{77} \end{pmatrix}$

- In general, that's all we can do ...

- three degenerate flavors: $M_u = M_d = M_s$

→ $SU(3)_f$ -symmetric

→ diagonalization by combined color and flavor rotations:

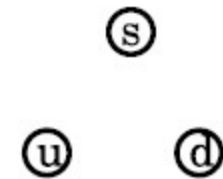
$$s \rightarrow s' = V s U = \begin{pmatrix} s_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s_{55} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_{77} \end{pmatrix}, \quad U \in SU(3)_c, \quad V \in SU(3)_f$$

Pairing patterns

- eight possible phases:

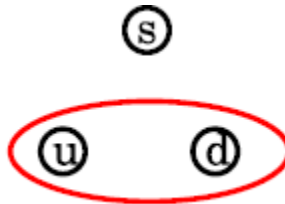
normal quark matter (NQ)

$$s_{22} = s_{55} = s_{77} = 0$$



2SC phase

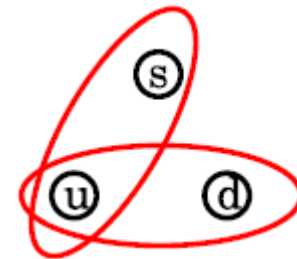
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+ two more phases of this kind

uSC phase

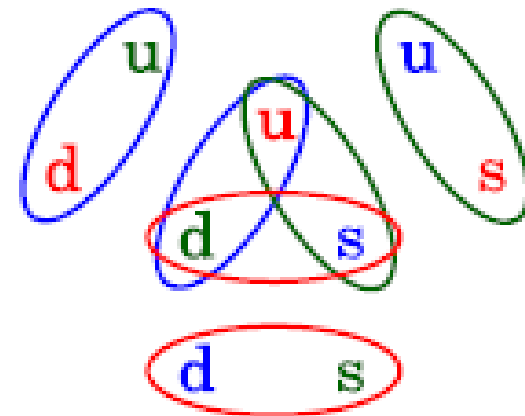
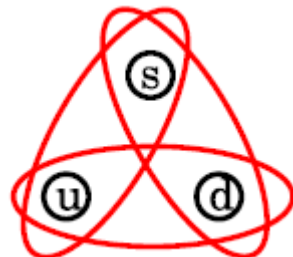
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CFL phase

$$s_{22}, s_{55}, s_{77} \neq 0$$



- CFL pairing pattern (more explicitly):

$$(\uparrow\downarrow - \downarrow\uparrow) \otimes \left(\begin{aligned} &\Delta_2 (ud - du) \otimes (rg - gr) \\ &+ \Delta_5 (ds - sd) \otimes (gb - bg) \\ &+ \Delta_7 (su - us) \otimes (br - rb) \end{aligned} \right)$$

Color-flavor locking

- symmetries:

- color: $SU(3)_c$ **completely broken** → 8 massive gluons

- chiral: $SU(3)_A$ " → 8 Goldstone bosons

- $SU(3)_V$ "

but: **symm.** under "locked" color-flavor rotations $q \rightarrow e^{i\theta_a(\tau_a - \lambda_a^T)} q$

- baryon #: **broken** → 1 scalar Goldstone boson

- electromagnetism:

- **invariant** under (local) $q \rightarrow \exp(i\alpha\tilde{Q})q$

$$\tilde{Q} = Q - \frac{\lambda_3}{2} - \frac{\lambda_8}{2\sqrt{3}} = \text{diag}_f\left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right) - \text{diag}_c\left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

- "rotated photon" = $\cos \varphi$ photon + $\sin \varphi$ gluon

→ **no electromagnetic Meissner effect!**

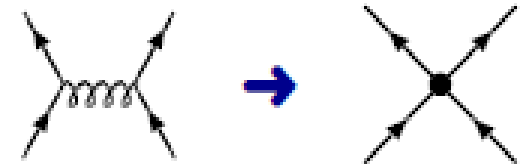
- all quarks carry integer \tilde{Q} charge

NJL model for color superconductivity

- “color-current interaction”

- replace gluon exchange by point interactions:

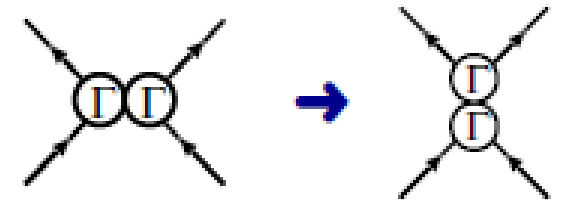
$$\mathcal{L}_{int}(x) \stackrel{e.g.}{=} -g (\bar{q}(x) \gamma^\mu \lambda_a q(x))^2$$



- Fierz transformation

- identically rewrite particle-antiparticle interactions as particle particle interactions:

$$(\bar{q} \Gamma^{(I)} q)^2 = \sum_D d_D^I (\bar{q} \Gamma^{(D)} C \bar{q}^T) (q^T C \Gamma^{(D)} q)$$



- toy model (two flavors):

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = H \sum_{A=2,5,7} (\bar{q} i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A C \bar{q}^T) (q^T C i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q)$$

$$(H = \frac{N_c+1}{2N_c} g)$$

Nambu-Gorkov formalism

- interaction Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = H \sum_{A=2,5,7} (\bar{q} i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A C \bar{q}^T) (q^T C i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q)$$

- artificially double # d.o.f. (*Nambu-Gorkov spinors*):

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ C\bar{q}^T \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{\Psi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{q}, q^T C)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{int} = 4H \sum_{A=2,5,7} \bar{\Psi} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Psi \bar{\Psi} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Psi$$

- vertices:

$$\begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \text{red dot} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{blue dot} \\ \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} = 4Hi \Gamma_A^\uparrow \otimes \Gamma_A^\downarrow = 4Hi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Nambu-Gorkov propagator

- kinetic term + chemical potential:


$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{kin} + \mu q^\dagger q &= \bar{q}(i\partial + \mu\gamma^0)q \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\bar{q}(i\partial + \mu\gamma^0)q - q^T C(i\overleftarrow{\partial} + \mu\gamma^0)C\bar{q}^T] \\ &= \bar{\Psi} \begin{pmatrix} i\partial + \mu\gamma^0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i\overleftarrow{\partial} - \mu\gamma^0 \end{pmatrix} \Psi \\ &= \bar{\Psi}(x) S_0^{-1}(x) \Psi(x)\end{aligned}$$

- inverse bare propagator in momentum space:

$$S_0^{-1}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \not{p} + \mu\gamma^0 & 0 \\ 0 & \not{p} - \mu\gamma^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Selfconsistency problem

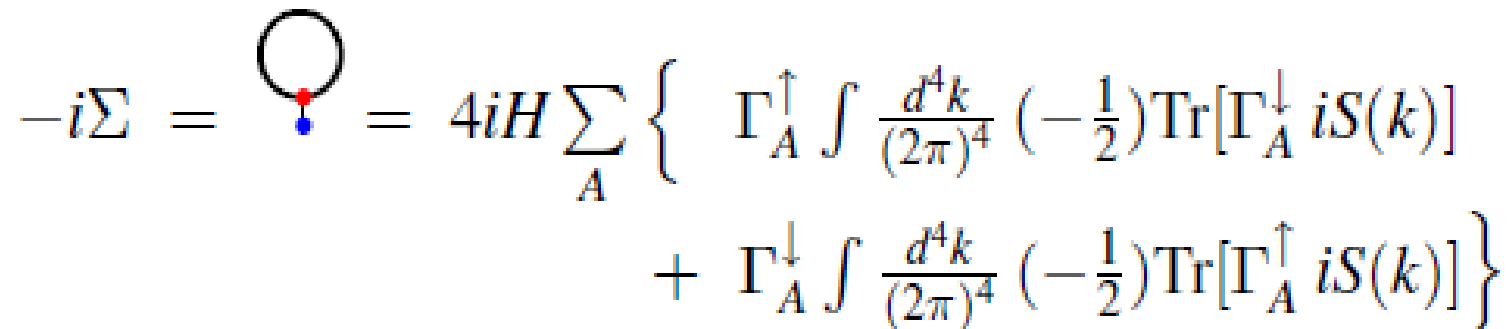
- dressed propagator (Hartree approximation):



$$iS(p) = iS_0(p) + iS_0(p) (-i\Sigma) iS(p)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow S^{-1}(p) = S_0^{-1}(p) - \Sigma$$

- self-energy:



$$-i\Sigma = \text{loop} = 4iH \sum_A \left\{ \Gamma_A^\uparrow \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Tr}[\Gamma_A^\downarrow iS(k)] + \Gamma_A^\downarrow \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{Tr}[\Gamma_A^\uparrow iS(k)] \right\}$$

→ selfconsistency problem!

Gap equation

- selfconsistency problem: $S^{-1} = S_0^{-1} - \Sigma[S]$

- ansatz:

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Delta \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 \\ \Delta^* \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \not{p} + \mu \gamma^0 & \Delta \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 \\ -\Delta^* \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 & \not{p} - \mu \gamma^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- strategy:

invert S^{-1} \rightarrow calculate $\Sigma[S]$ \rightarrow compare with ansatz

- result:

$$\Delta = 16H \Delta i \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \left(\frac{1}{k_0^2 - \omega_-^2} + \frac{1}{k_0^2 - \omega_+^2} \right) \quad \text{“gap equation”}$$

quasiparticle dispersion laws: $\omega_{\mp} = \sqrt{(|\vec{k}| \mp \mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2}$

Propagator

- dressed propagator: $S = \begin{pmatrix} \not{p} + \mu\gamma^0 & \Delta \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 \\ -\Delta^* \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 & \not{p} - \mu\gamma^0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$
 - dimension: $2 \times 4 \times N_f \times N_c$
→ 48×48 matrix for $N_f = 2, N_c = 3$
 - inversion straight forward, but some work required ...

- diagonalization:

$$S(p^0, \vec{p}) = U(\vec{p}) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{p^0 - \lambda_1(\vec{p})} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \frac{1}{p^0 - \lambda_{48}(\vec{p})} \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger(\vec{p}) \gamma^0$$

- $U(\vec{p}) =$ unitary matrix, does not depend on p^0 !

Dispersion relations

- 48 eigenvalues
= 24 quasiparticle dispersion relations:

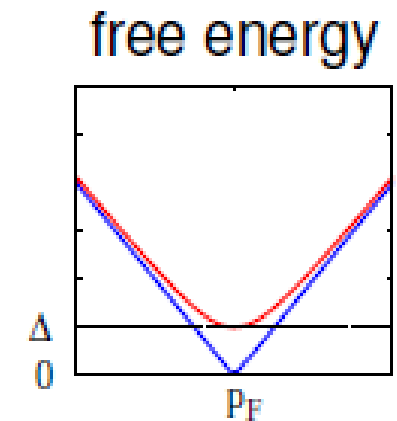
- $\omega_{-}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{(|\vec{p}| - \mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2}$ (8-fold)

- $\omega_{+}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{(|\vec{p}| + \mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2}$ (8-fold)

- $\epsilon_{-}(\vec{p}) = \left| |\vec{p}| - \mu \right|$ (4-fold)

- $\epsilon_{+}(\vec{p}) = \left| |\vec{p}| + \mu \right|$ (4-fold)

- + 24 quasiholes: $-\omega_{\mp}(\vec{p}), -\epsilon_{\mp}(\vec{p})$



red and green quarks

" antiquarks

blue quarks

" antiquarks

Dispersion relations (CFL)

- 72 eigenvalues

= 36 quasiparticle dispersion relations:

- $\omega_{8,-}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{(|\vec{p}| - \mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2}$ (16-fold)

quark octet \times spin

- $\omega_{8,+}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{(|\vec{p}| + \mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2}$ (16-fold)

antiquark ”

- $\omega_{1,-}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{(|\vec{p}| - \mu)^2 + |2\Delta|^2}$ (2-fold)

quark singlet \times spin

- $\omega_{1,+}(\vec{p}) = \sqrt{(|\vec{p}| + \mu)^2 + |2\Delta|^2}$ (2-fold)

antiquark ”

- + 36 quasiholes: $-\omega_{8,\mp}(\vec{p}), -\omega_{1,\mp}(\vec{p})$

Gap equation: solutions

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- turning out the sum, $T \rightarrow 0$:

$$\Delta = \frac{4H}{\pi^2} \Delta \int k^2 dk \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_-(k)} + \frac{1}{\omega_+(k)} \right\}$$

- solutions:

- trivial solution: $\Delta = 0$

- other solutions? $\int k^2 dk \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_-(k)} + \frac{1}{\omega_+(k)} \right\} \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{\pi^2}{4H}$

$$\Delta \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{\omega_-(k)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{|k-\mu|} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int \dots \rightarrow \infty$$

→ nontrivial solutions always exist for $H > 0$!

Thermodynamic potential

- back to our Lagrangian:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} = \bar{q}(i\partial + \mu\gamma^0)q + H \sum_{A=2,5,7} (q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q)^\dagger (q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q)$$

- linearize \mathcal{L}_{int} around $\Delta = -2H \langle q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_A q \rangle$

and use Nambu-Gorkov spinors to get :

$$\mathcal{L}_{MF} = \bar{\Psi} \begin{pmatrix} i\partial + \mu\gamma^0 & \Delta \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 \\ -\Delta^* \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 & -i\partial - \mu\gamma^0 \end{pmatrix} \Psi - \frac{|\Delta|^2}{4H} \equiv \bar{\Psi} S^{-1} \Psi - \mathcal{V}$$

- thermodynamic potential:

$$\Omega(T, \mu) = -T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \ln \left(\frac{1}{T} S^{-1}(i\omega_n, \vec{k}) \right) + \mathcal{V}$$

- $\ln A = \ln((1 - (1 - A))) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (1 - A)^n$
- useful formula: $\text{Tr} \ln A = \ln \text{Det} A$

Thermodynamic potential

- result after Matsubara summation:

$$\Omega(T, \mu) = - \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &8 \left(\frac{\omega_-}{2} + T \ln(1 + e^{-\omega_-/T}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\omega_+}{2} + T \ln(1 + e^{-\omega_+/T}) \right) \\ &+ 4 \left(\frac{\epsilon_-}{2} + T \ln(1 + e^{-\epsilon_-/T}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\epsilon_+}{2} + T \ln(1 + e^{-\epsilon_+/T}) \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \\ + \frac{|\Delta|^2}{4H}$$

Thermodynamic quantities

- standard thermodynamic relations:

- pressure: $p = -\Omega$

- density: $n = -\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\mu}$

- entropy density: $s = -\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial T}$

- energy density: $\varepsilon = -p + Ts + \mu n$

Minima

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- stable solutions = minima

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \Delta^*} = -T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(S \frac{\partial S^{-1}}{\partial \Delta^*} \right) + \frac{\Delta}{4H} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

- inverse propagator:

$$S^{-1}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \not{p} + \mu\gamma^0 & \Delta \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 \\ -\Delta^* \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 & \not{p} - \mu\gamma^0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial S^{-1}}{\partial \Delta^*} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = i\Gamma_2^\downarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta = 4H T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [iS \Gamma_2^\downarrow] \quad \text{gap equation!}$$

Condensation energy

- free energy gain: $\delta\Omega = \Omega(\Delta) - \Omega(0)$

- simplifications: neglect antiparticles, $T = 0$

$$\rightarrow \Omega(\Delta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int p^2 dp \sqrt{(p - \mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2} + \frac{|\Delta|^2}{4H}$$

- gap equation:

$$\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\Delta^*} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int p^2 dp \frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{(p-\mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2}} + \frac{\Delta}{4H} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega(\Delta) = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int p^2 dp \frac{(p-\mu)^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\Delta|^2}{\sqrt{(p-\mu)^2 + |\Delta|^2}}$$

- integrand strongly peaked at $|\vec{p}| = \mu \rightarrow \int p^2 dp \approx \mu^2 \int dp$

- Taylor expansion of the remaining integral in Δ

$$\rightarrow -\delta\Omega \propto \mu^2 \Delta^2$$

CFL pairing in the bag model

- bag-model pressure for unpaired quark matter at $T = 0$:

- $$\Omega_{BM}(\mu, \mu_Q) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} \sum_f \int_0^{p_F^f} dp p^2 (\sqrt{p^2 + m_f^2} - \mu_f) + B$$

- $$\mu_u = \mu + \frac{2}{3}\mu_Q, \quad \mu_d = \mu_s = \mu - \frac{1}{3}\mu_Q, \quad p_F^f = \sqrt{\mu_f^2 - m_f^2}$$

- effects of BCS pairing:

- equalize Fermi momenta
- pairing energy (expressed through the gap)

- CFL phase:

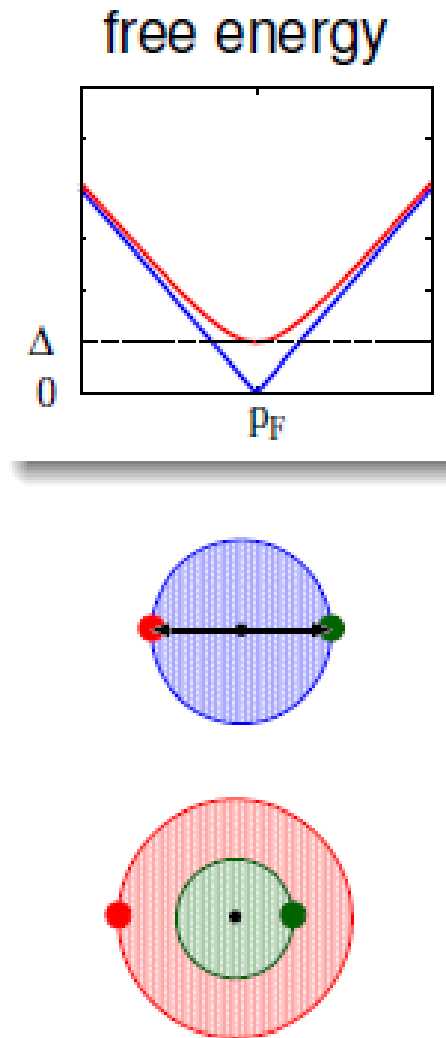
- $$\Omega_{BM}^{CFL}(\mu) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} \sum_f \int_0^{p_F^{common}} dp p^2 (\sqrt{p^2 + m_f^2} - \mu) - \frac{3\Delta^2 \mu^2}{\pi^2} + B$$

- $$p_F^{common} = 2\mu - \sqrt{\mu^2 + \frac{m_s^2}{3}} \quad (\text{for } m_u = m_d = 0)$$

→ parameters: masses, B , Δ

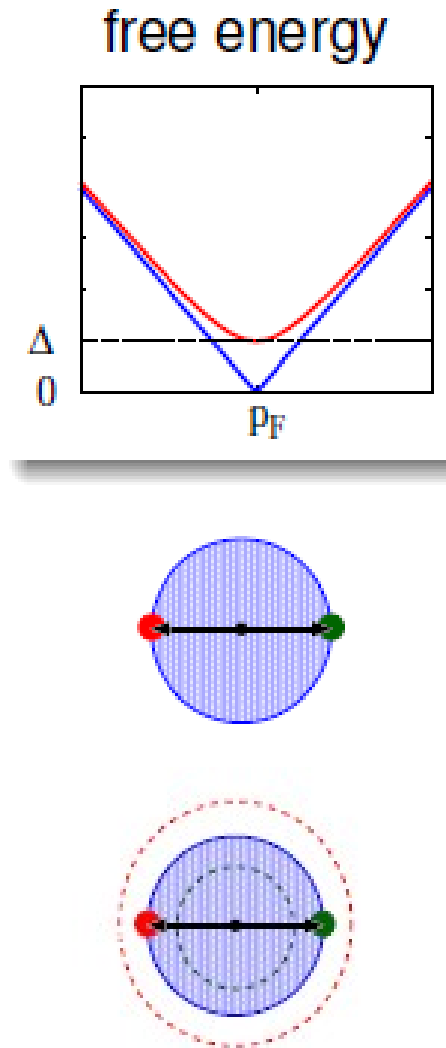
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 - BCS pairing favored if $E_{binding} > E_{pair\ creation}$
 - approximately: $\frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{2}} \gtrsim \delta p_F$



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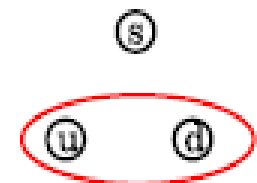
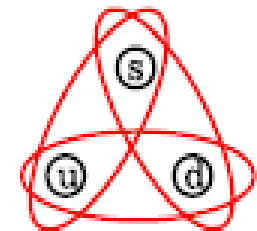
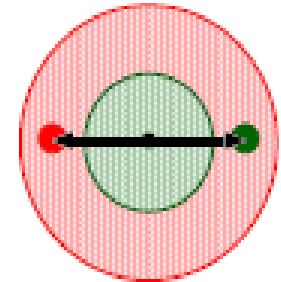
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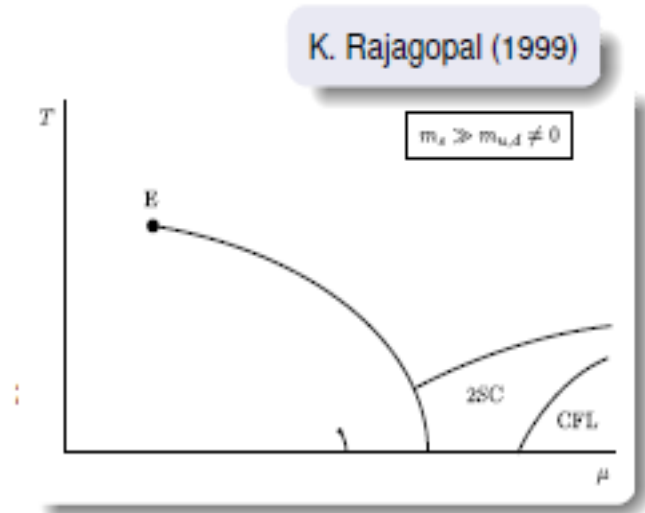


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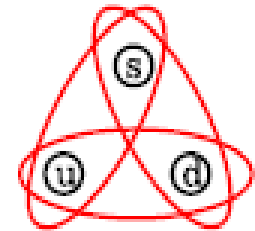
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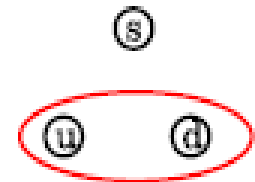
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3-flavor NJL model

- Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{\bar{q}q} + \mathcal{L}_{qq}$
 - free part: $\mathcal{L}_0 = \bar{q}(i\partial - \hat{m})q$, $\hat{m} = \text{diag}_f(m_u, m_d, m_s)$
 - quark-antiquark interaction (as used earlier):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\bar{q}q} = G \left\{ (\bar{q}\tau^a q)^2 + (\bar{q}i\gamma_5\tau^a q)^2 \right\} \\ - K \left\{ \det_f(\bar{q}(1 + \gamma_5)q) + \det_f(\bar{q}(1 - \gamma_5)q) \right\}$$

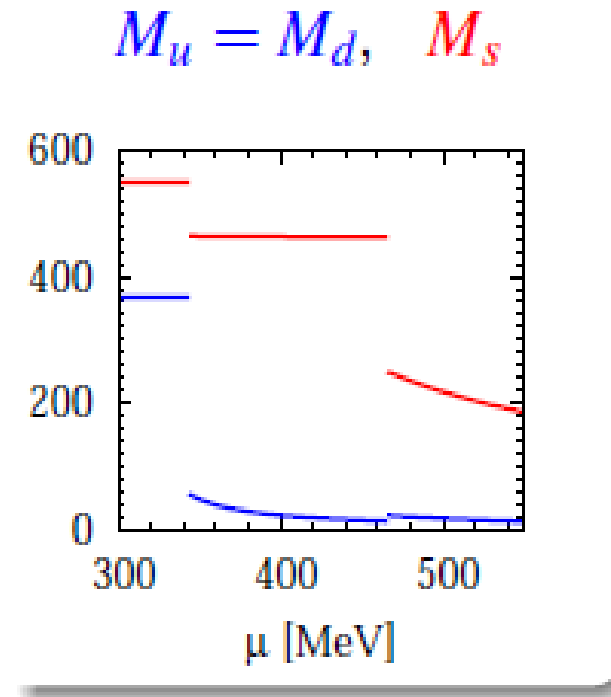
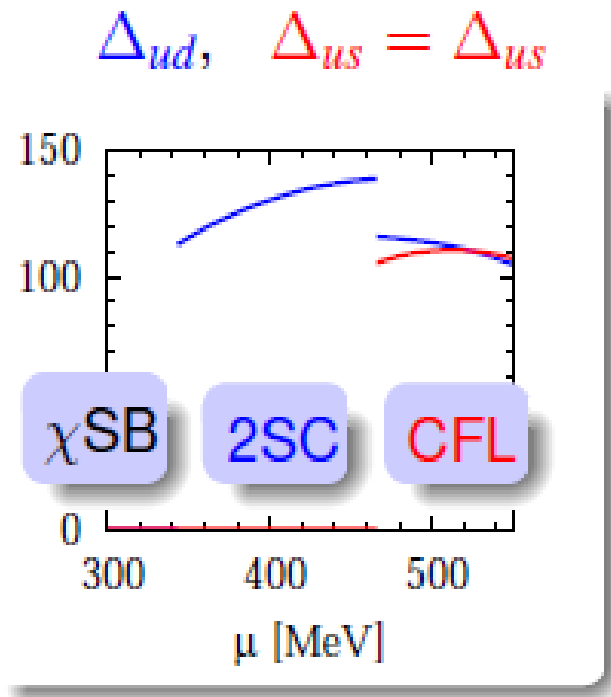
- quark-quark interaction:

$$\mathcal{L}_{qq} = H (\bar{q} i\gamma_5\tau_A \lambda_{A'} C \bar{q}^T)(q^T C i\gamma_5\tau_A \lambda_{A'} q)$$

- mean-field approximation:
 - $\bar{q}q$ -condensates: $\langle \bar{u}u \rangle$, $\langle \bar{d}d \rangle$, $\langle \bar{s}s \rangle \leftrightarrow$ dynamical masses
 - qq -condensates: $\langle ud \rangle$, $\langle us \rangle$, $\langle ds \rangle \leftrightarrow$ diquark gaps

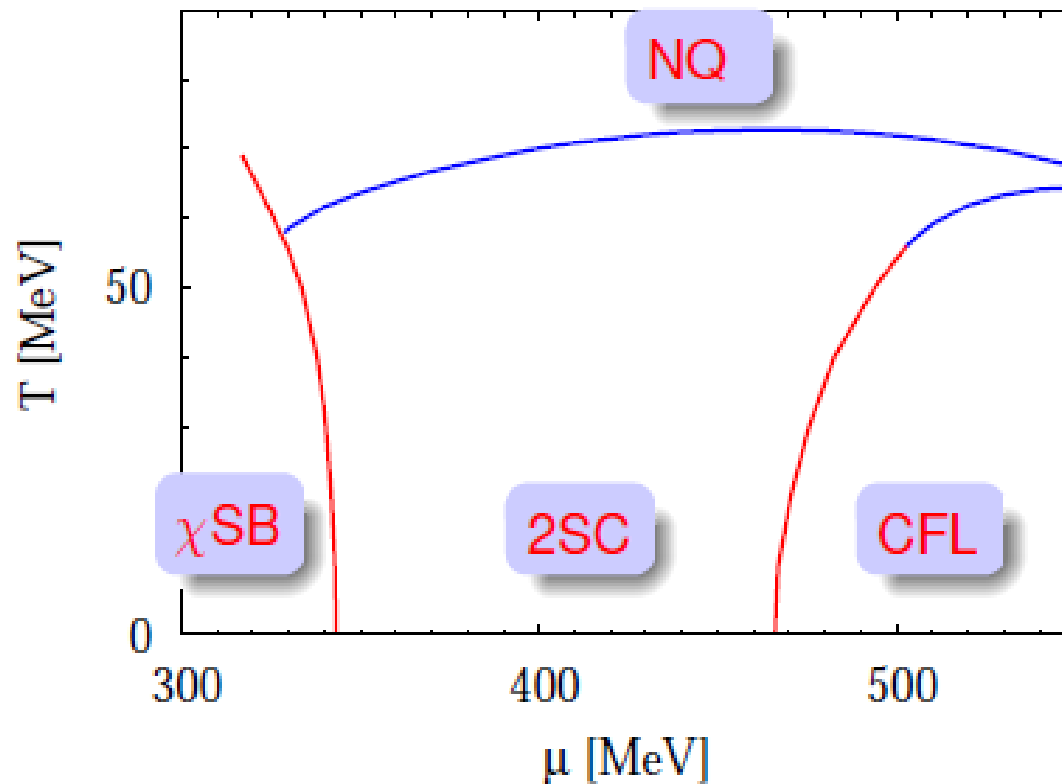
Results for $T=0$

- “realistic” parameters
- isospin symmetry

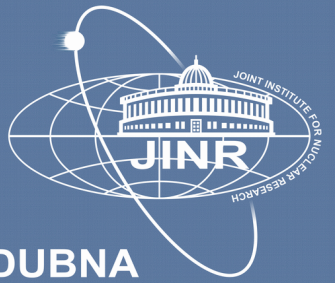


→ strong interdependencies between dynamical masses and diquark gaps

Phase diagram



phase transitions
— 1st order
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Exploring hybrid star matter at NICA

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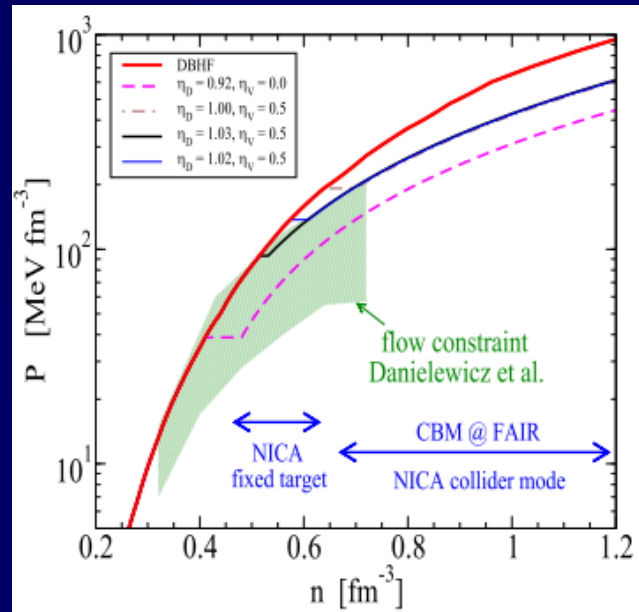
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Heavy-Ion Collisions



- stiff EoS
(at flow limit)

- low n_{crit}
(at NICA fixT)

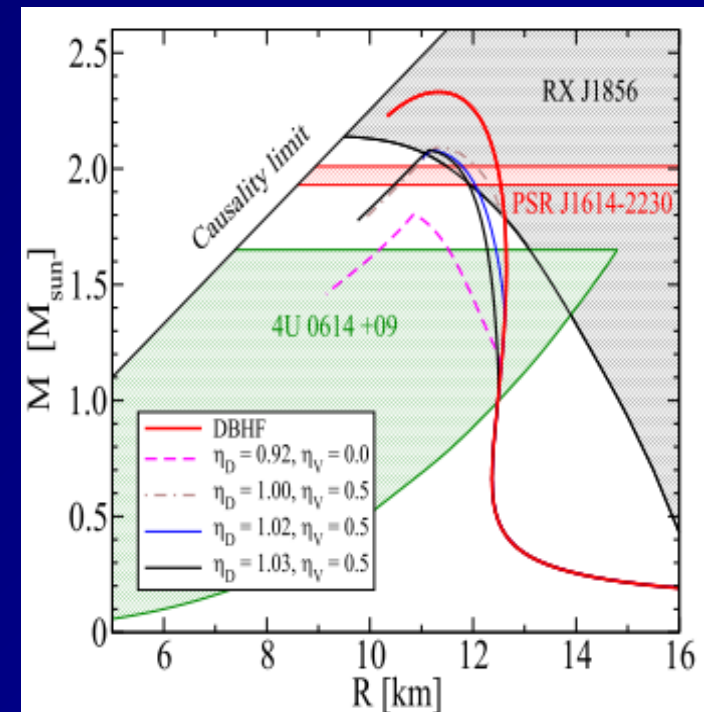
- soft EoS
(dashed line)

- high M_{max}
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- low M_{onset}
(all NS hybrid)

- excluded
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Compact Stars



Proposal:

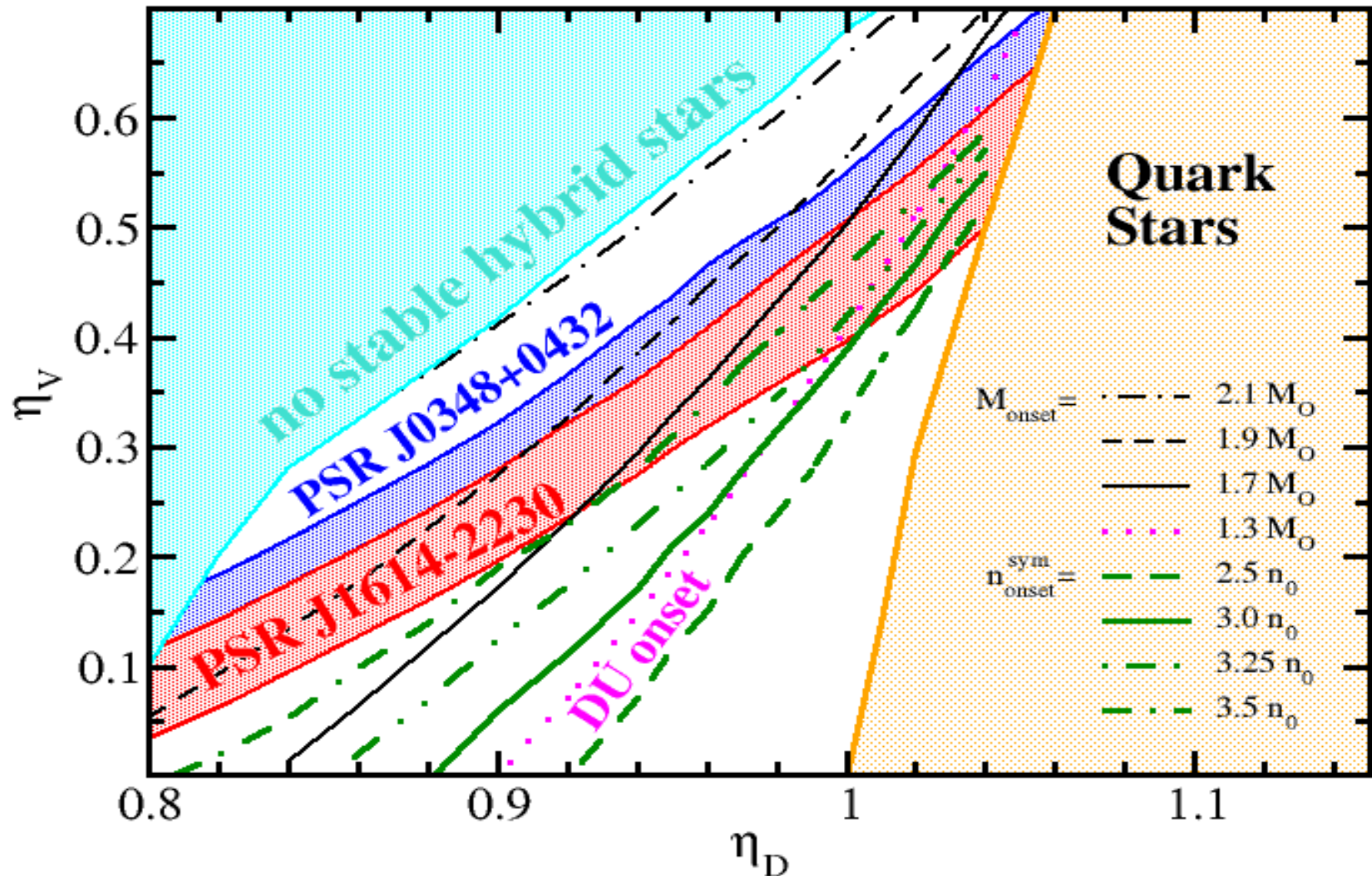
1. Measure transverse and elliptic flow for a wide range of energies (densities) at NICA and perform Danielewicz's flow data analysis ---> constrain stiffness of high density EoS
2. Provide lower bound for onset of mixed phase ---> constrain QM onset in hybrid stars

„The CBM Physics Book”, Springer LNP 841 (2011), pp.158-181

NICA White Paper, <http://theor.jinr.ru> → BLTP TWikipages

Quark matter in $2M_{\text{sun}}$ neutron stars?

→ only color superconducting + vector int.



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