



Uniwersytet
Wrocławski



National Science Centre
Project No. 2021/43/P/ST2/03319

BAYESIAN INFERENCE OF HYBRID NEUTRON STAR EQUATIONS OF STATE WITH A COLOR-SUPERCONDUCTING QUARK CORE

Alexander Ayriyan

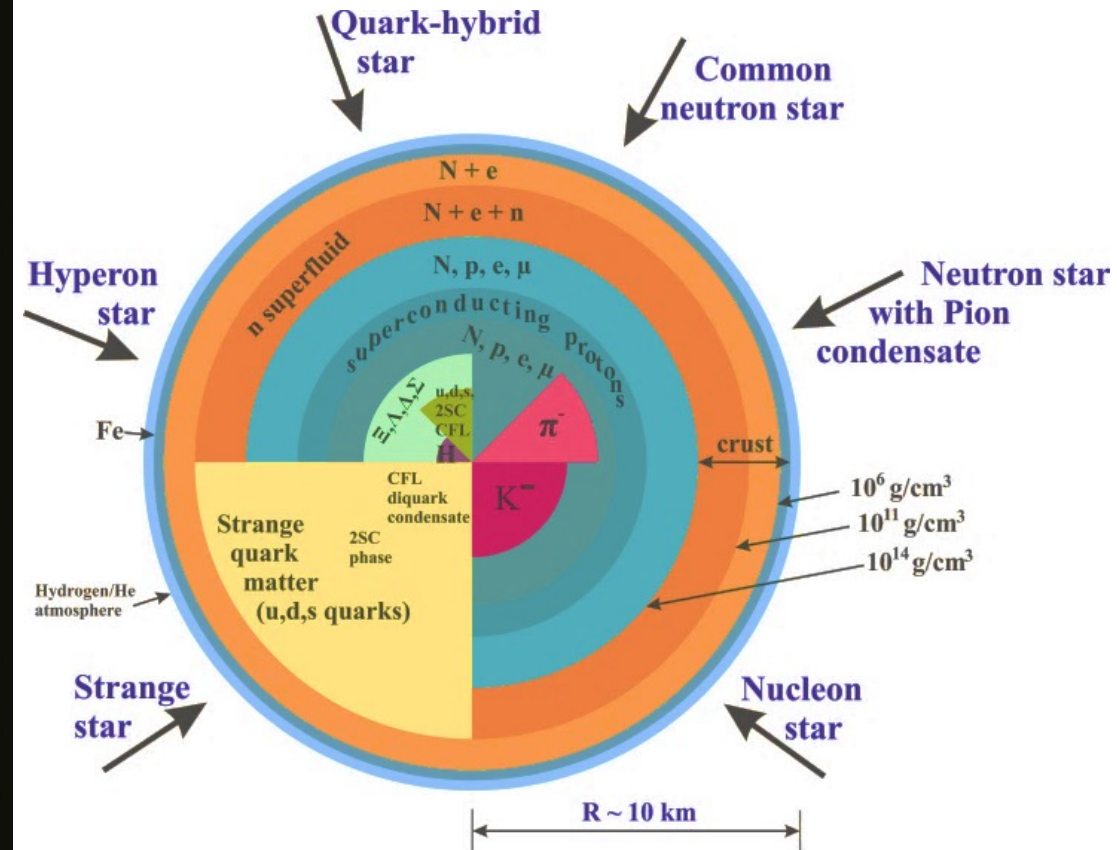
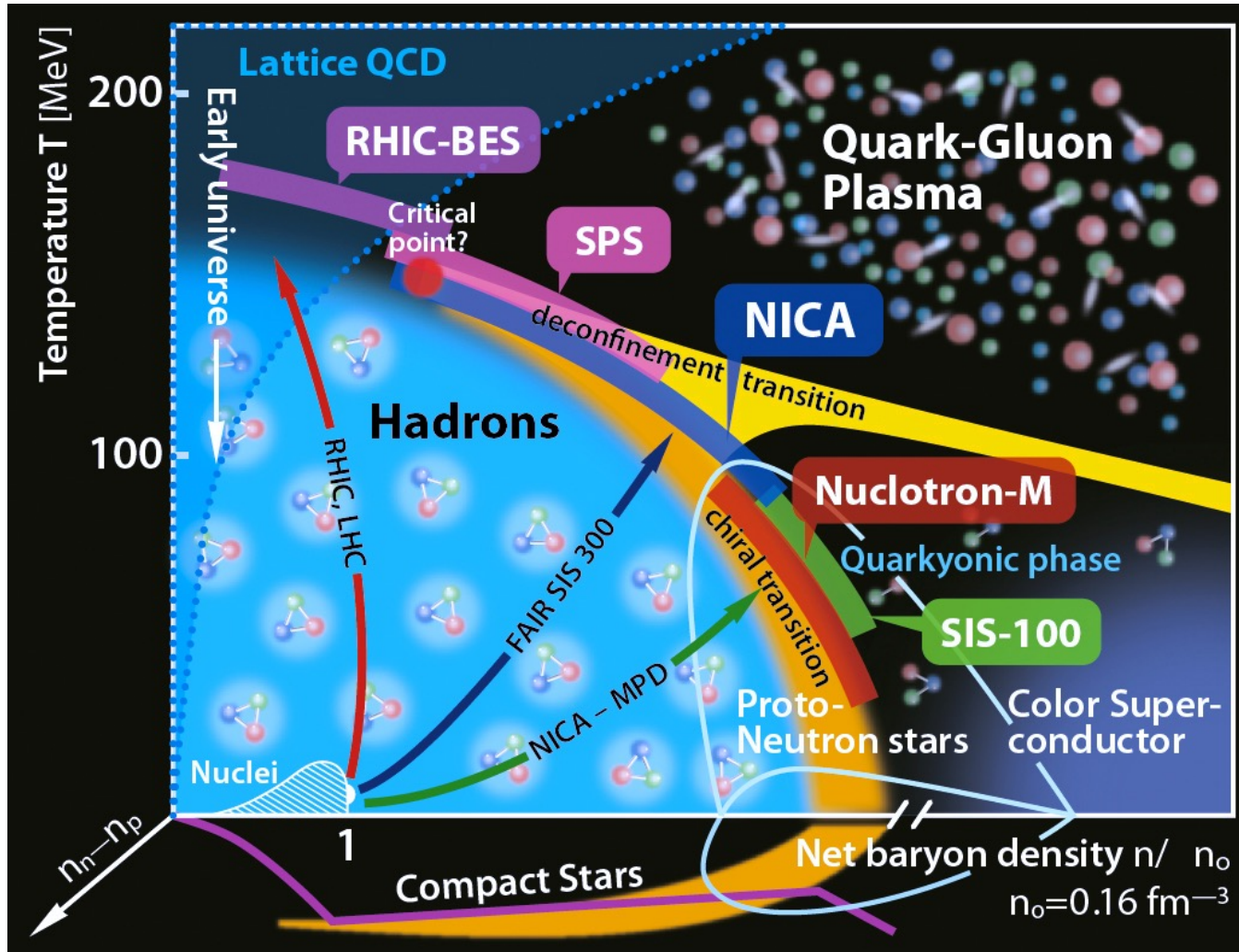
University of Wrocław (Poland)

HUN-REN Wigner Research Centre for Physics

Jan 23, 2026. Budapest

Ayriyan, Blaschke, Carlomagno, Contrera, Grunfeld. Universe 11(5), 141 (2025)
Ayriyan, Ivanytskyi, Blaschke. arXiv:2509.02554 [nucl-th]

NEUTRON STARS



BAYESIAN INFERENCE FROM MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY

Agnostic

- Model-independent
- No evidence to physical quantities

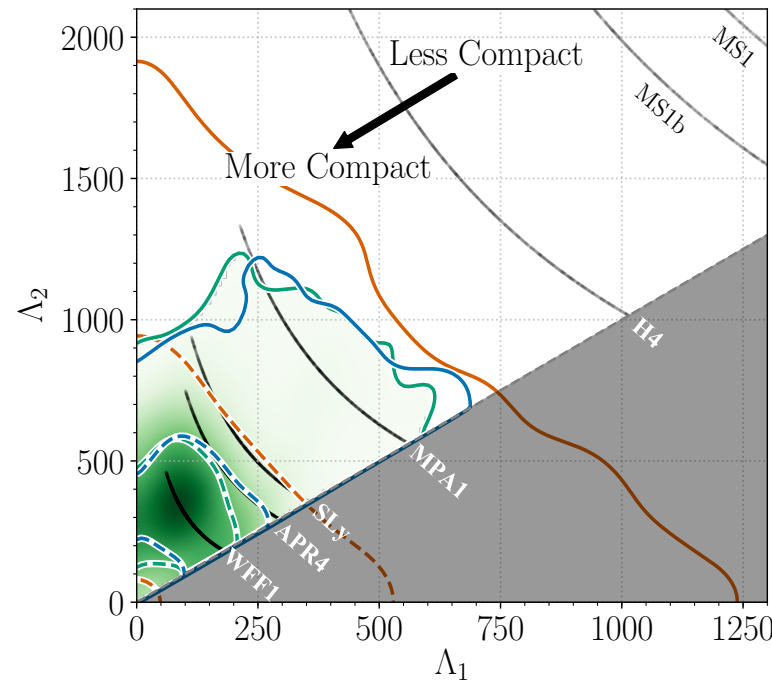
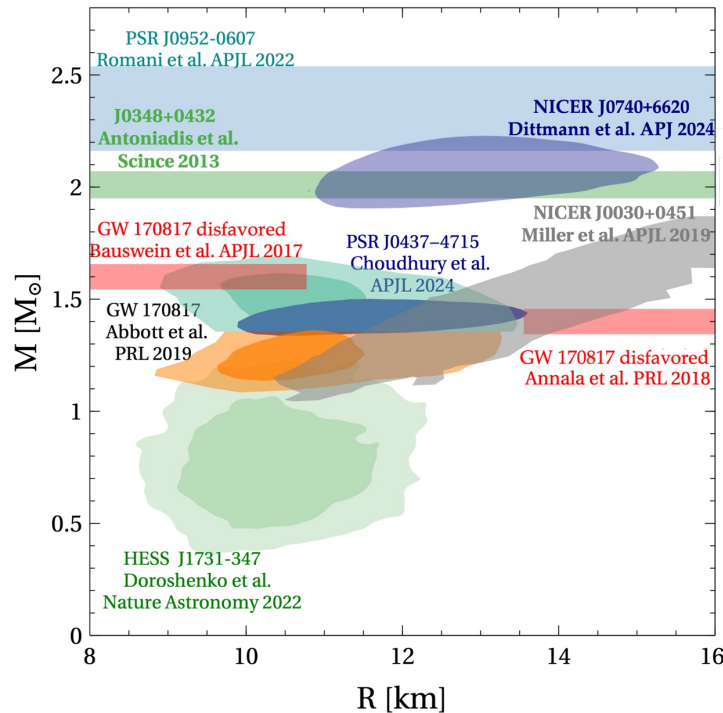
Physics Informed

- Model-dependent
- Quantitative measure of physical parameters

Bayes' theorem:

$$p(H_1 | D, I) = \frac{\overbrace{p(D | H_1, I)}^{\text{Likelihood}} \overbrace{p(H_1 | I)}^{\text{Prior}}}{\underbrace{p(D | I)}_{\text{Evidence}}}$$

Posterior



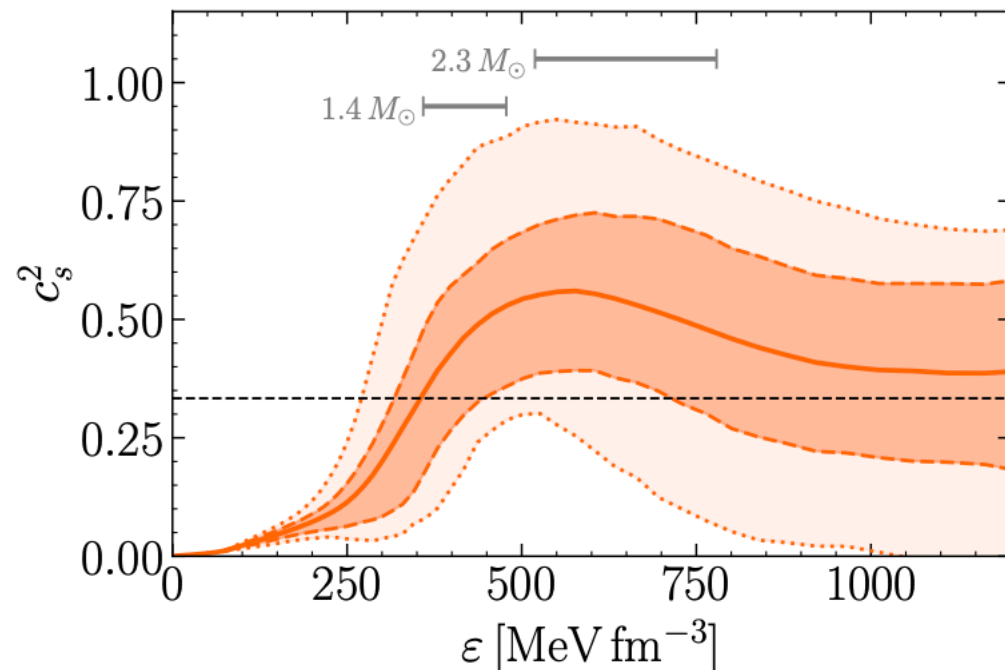
$$P(E_{MR} | \pi_i) = \int_{l_2} \mathcal{N}(\mu_R, \sigma_R, \mu_M, \sigma_M, \rho) d\tau + \int_{l_3} \mathcal{N}(\mu_R, \sigma_R, \mu_M, \sigma_M, \rho) d\tau$$

$$P(E_{GW} | \pi_i) = \int_{l_{22}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau + \int_{l_{32}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau + \int_{l_{23}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau + \int_{l_{33}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau$$

$$P(E_A | \pi_i) = \Phi(M_i, \mu_A, \sigma_A) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \text{erf} \left(\frac{M_i - \mu_A}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_A} \right) \right]$$

SPEED OF SOUND IN NEUTRON STARS

Brandes, Weise & Kaiser. PRD108, 094014 (2023)



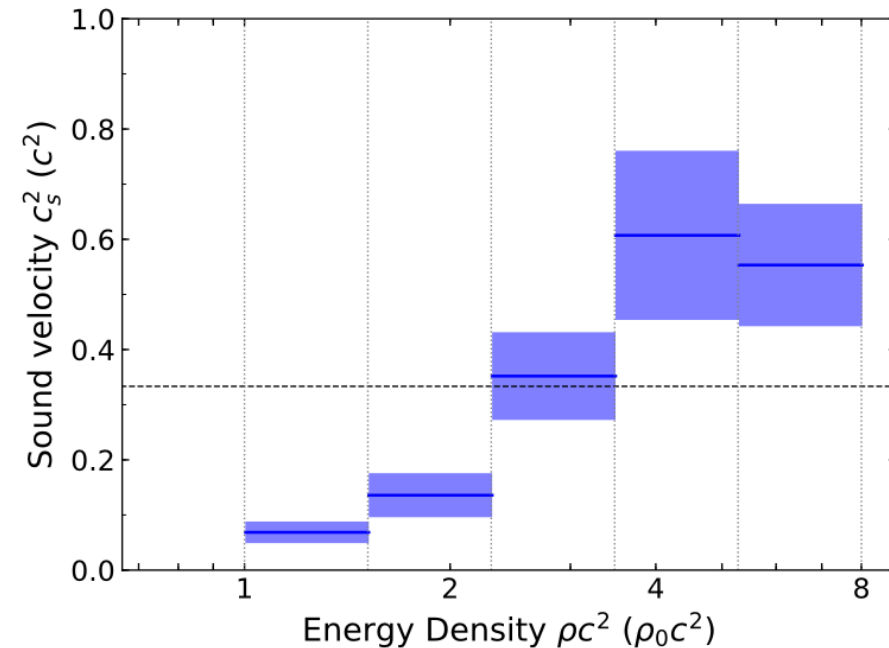
$$c_s^2(\epsilon, \theta) = \frac{(\epsilon_{i+1} - \epsilon)c_{s,i}^2 + (\epsilon - \epsilon_i)c_{s,i+1}^2}{\epsilon_{i+1} - \epsilon_i}$$

Annala et al. Nature Phys. 16, 907 (2020)

QM: $c_s^2 \leq 1/3$

HM: $\max(c_s^2) > 0.5$

Fujimoto, Fukushima & Murase. PRD101, 054016 (2020)



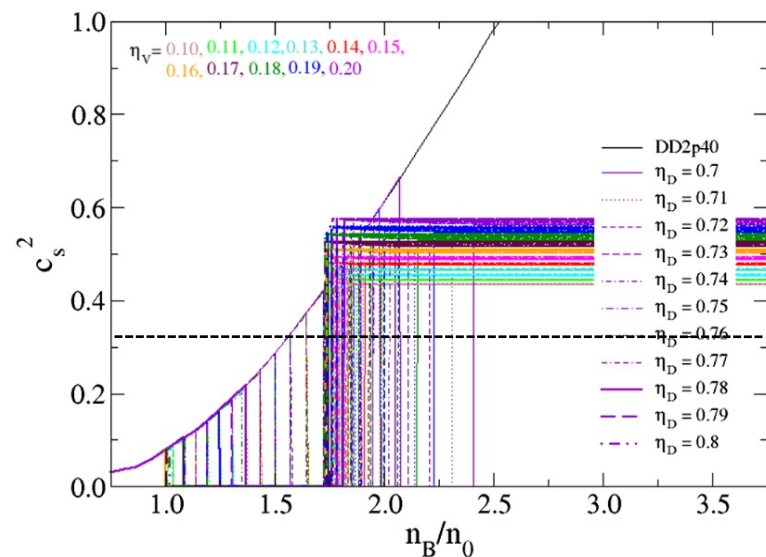
$$p_i = p_{i-1} + c_{s,i}^2(\rho_i - \rho_{i-1})$$

CSC: $c_s^2 \gg 1/3$

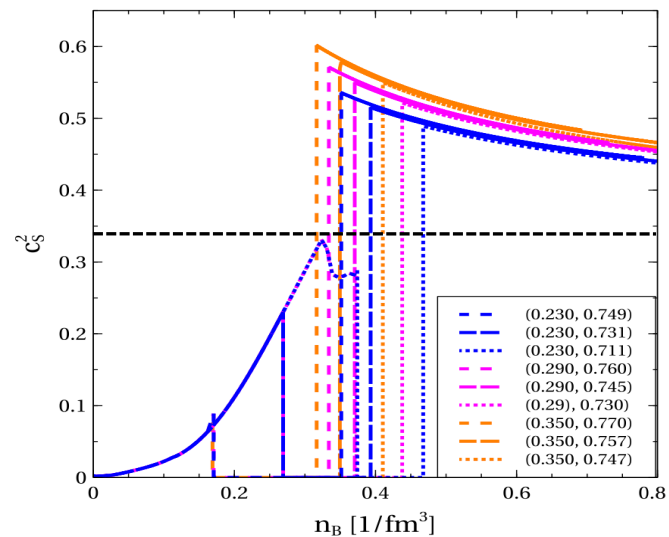
PhT is before or after the peak?

$\rho_0 \approx 150$ MeV/fm³

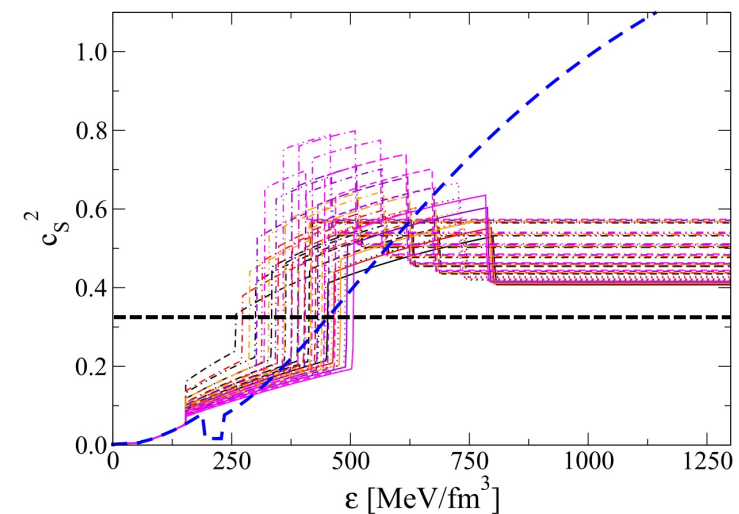
POSSIBLE PHASE TRANSITION TO CSC MATTER



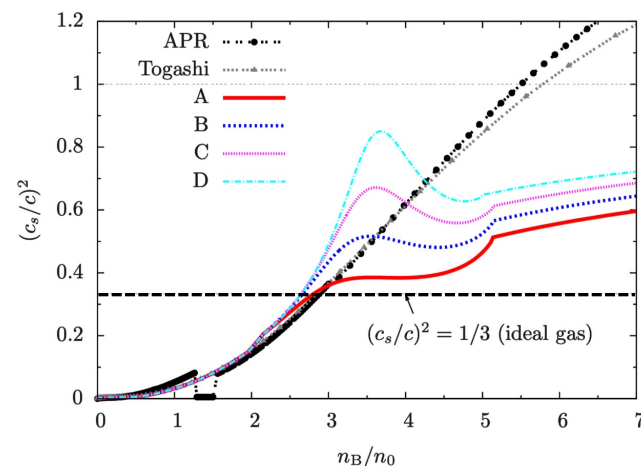
Shahrbaf et al. PRD107, 054011 (2023)



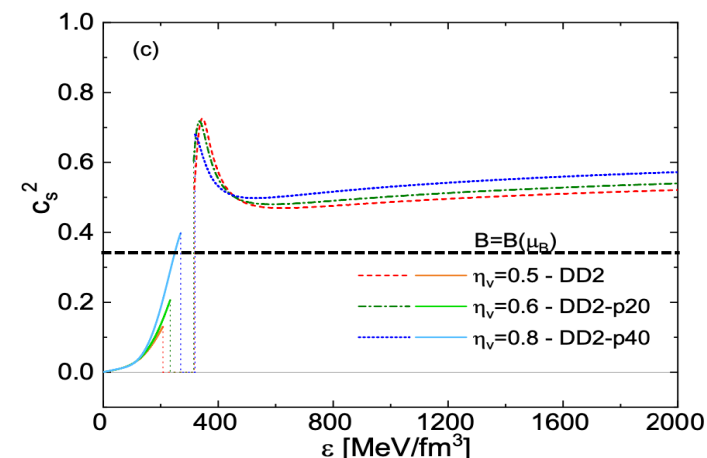
Gärtlein et al. PRD108, 114028 (2023)



Ayriyan et al. EPJA57, 318 (2021)



Baym et al., ApJ885, 42 (2019)



Contrera et al. PRC105, 045808 (2022)

CONSEQUENCES

- Bayesian inference based on multi-messenger astronomy data supports a high peak in the speed of sound ($\max(c_s^2) > 0.45$) at $\varepsilon=350\text{-}600 \text{ MeV/fm}^3$
- Conclusion that high sound speeds ($c_s^2 > 1/3$) indicates only hadronic phase was made without considering CSC matter, while phase transition to CSC shows $c_s^2 > 0.45$.
- Multi-messenger astronomy data meets CSC matter

NS MASS AND RADIUS

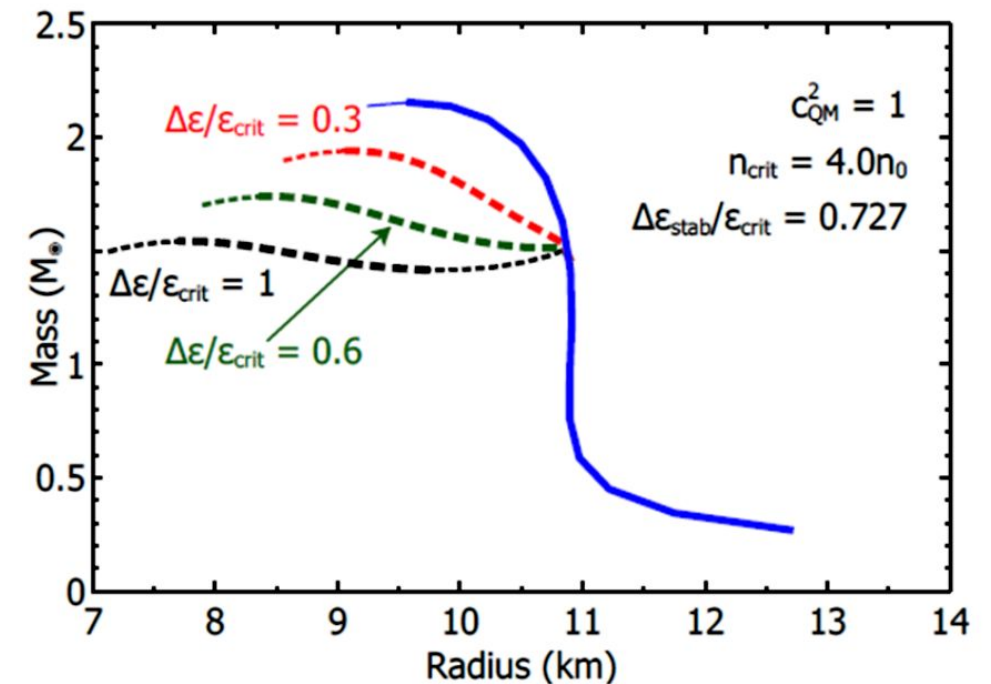
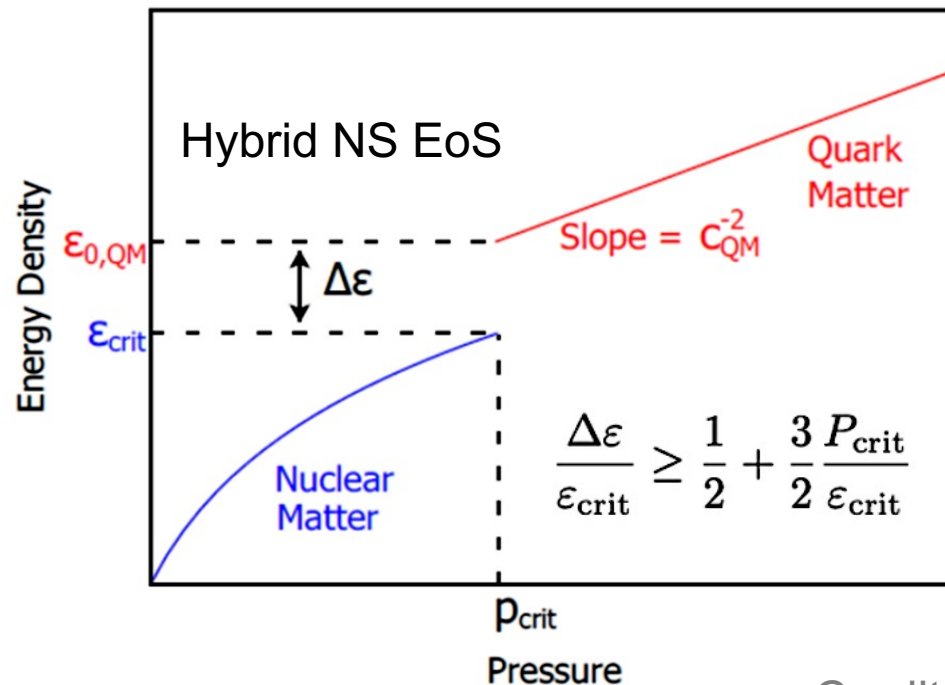
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dP(r)}{dr} = -\frac{GM(r)\varepsilon(r)}{r^2} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{P(r)}{\varepsilon(r)}\right) \left(1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 P(r)}{M(r)}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM(r)}{r}\right)} \\ \frac{dM(r)}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \varepsilon(r). \end{cases}$$

$m(0) = 0$ (no mass at the center)

$P(0) = P_c$ (central pressure from the EoS)

$P(R) = 0$ (no pressure at the surface)

$M = m(R)$ (total gravitational mass)



Credit from Alford, Han & Prakash. PRD88, 083013 (2013)

BA FORMALISM

Bayes' theorem provides the posterior distribution of the parameters (η_D, η_V) :

$$p((\eta_D, \eta_V)|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D} | (\eta_D, \eta_V)) p(\eta_D, \eta_V)}{p(\mathcal{D})},$$

where: $p((\eta_D, \eta_V)|\mathcal{D})$ is the posterior distribution, $p(\mathcal{D} | (\eta_D, \eta_V))$ is the full likelihood, $p(\eta_D, \eta_V)$ is the prior distribution, $p(\mathcal{D})$ is the evidence.

The prior distribution is taken to be equiprobable:

$$p(\eta_D, \eta_V) = \frac{1}{|(\eta_D, \eta_V)|} = \frac{1}{N}$$

The full likelihood is obtained by production of the likelihoods for all independent observations D_α :

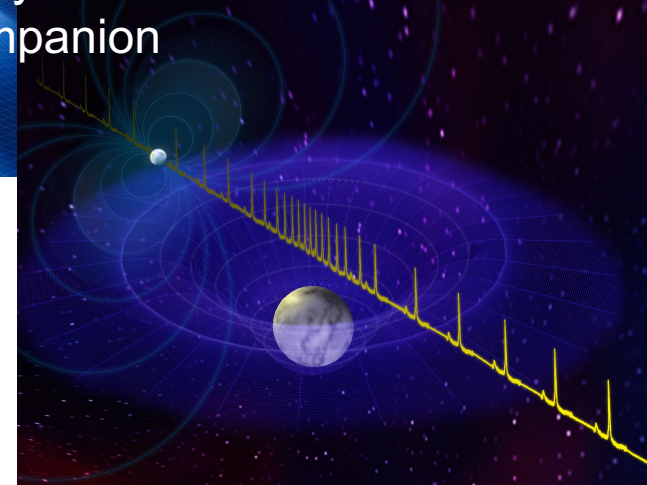
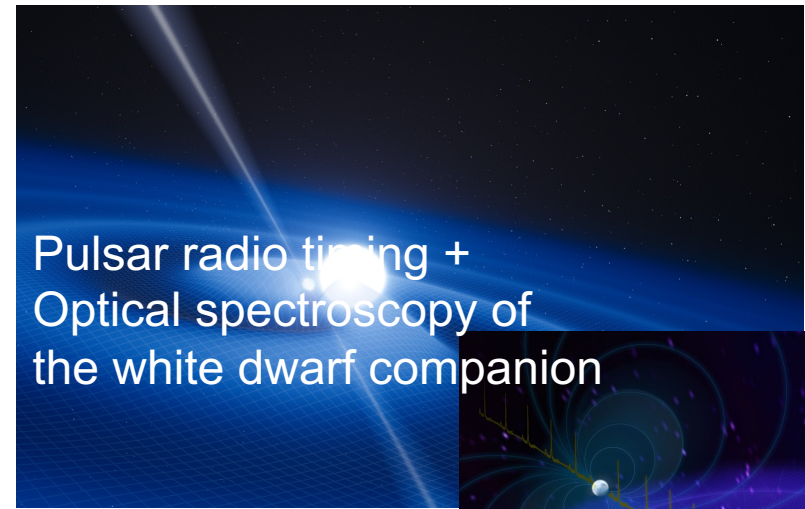
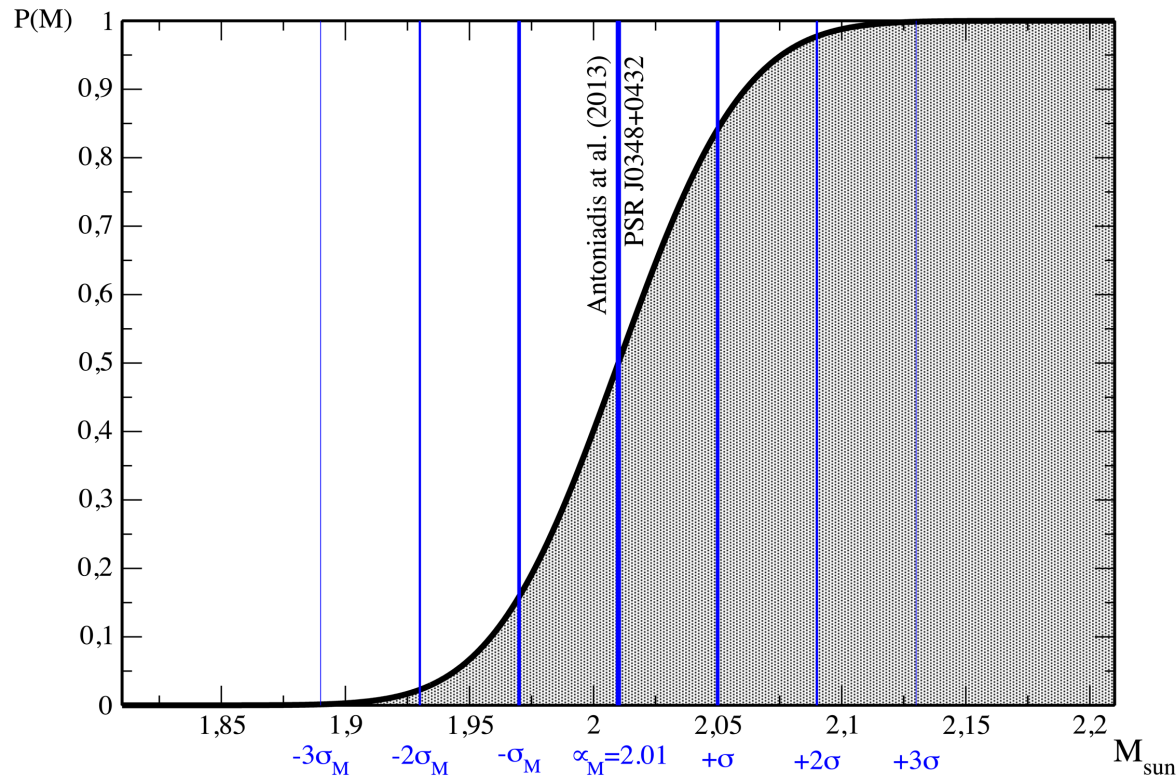
$$p(\mathcal{D} | (\eta_D, \eta_V)) = \prod_{\alpha}^N p(D_\alpha | (\eta_D, \eta_V)).$$

The evidence $p(\mathcal{D})$ is obtained by marginalizing over all possible values of (η_D, η_V) :

$$p(\mathcal{D}) = \sum_{(\eta_D, \eta_V)} p(\mathcal{D} | (\eta_D, \eta_V)) p(\eta_D, \eta_V).$$

LOWER LIMIT OF MAXIMUM MASS

$$p(D_M | (\eta_D, \eta_V)) = F_{\mathcal{N}}(M_{\max}(\eta_D, \eta_V); \mu_M, \sigma_M)$$

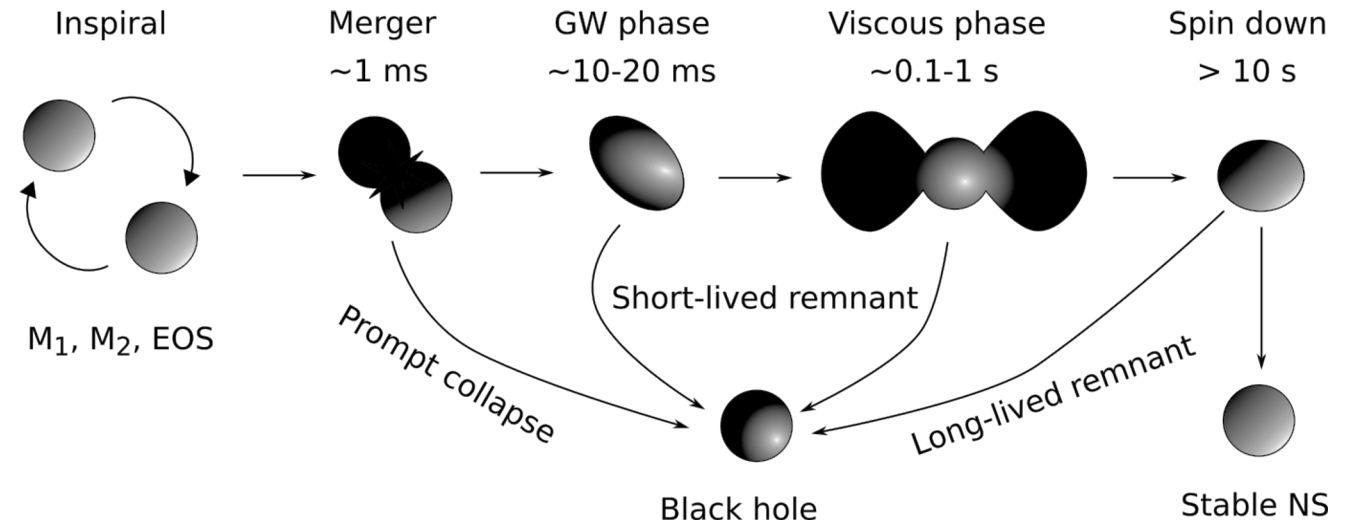
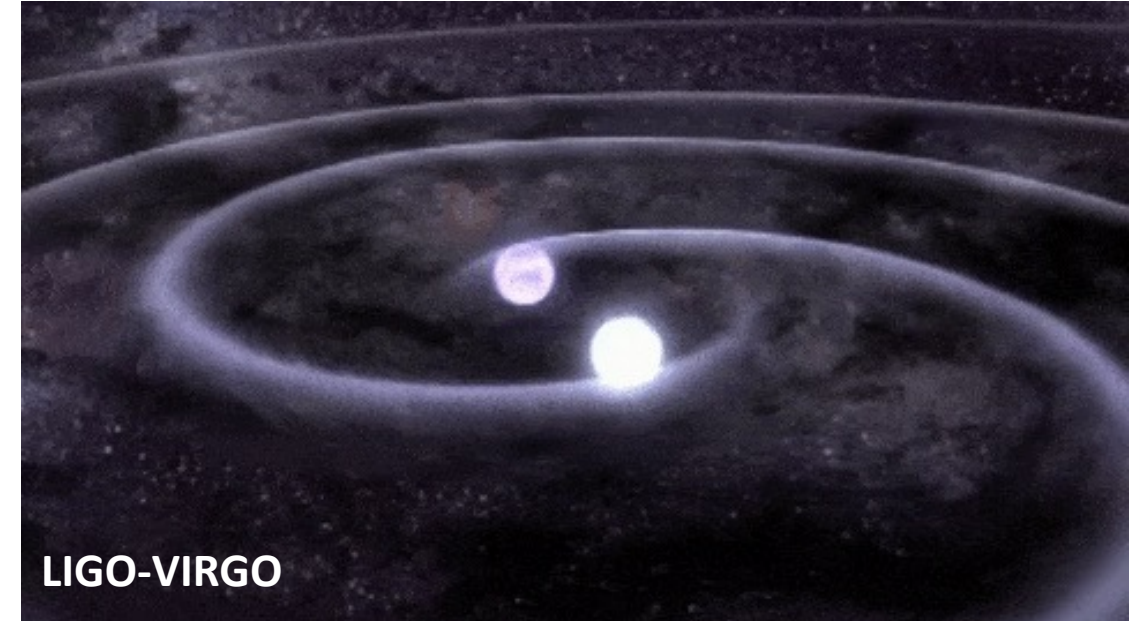
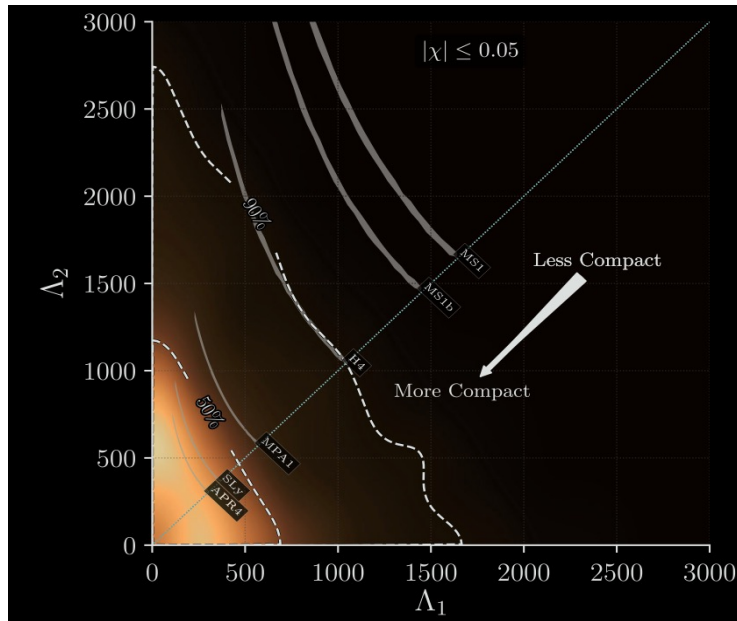


PSR J0348+0432 $M = 2.01 \pm 0.04 - 0.04 M_{\odot}$
[Antoniadis et al. (2013)]

PSR J0952-0607 $M = 2.35 \pm 0.17 - 0.17 M_{\odot}$
[Romani et al. (2022) „Black Widow“ pulsar]
(included to the extended set)

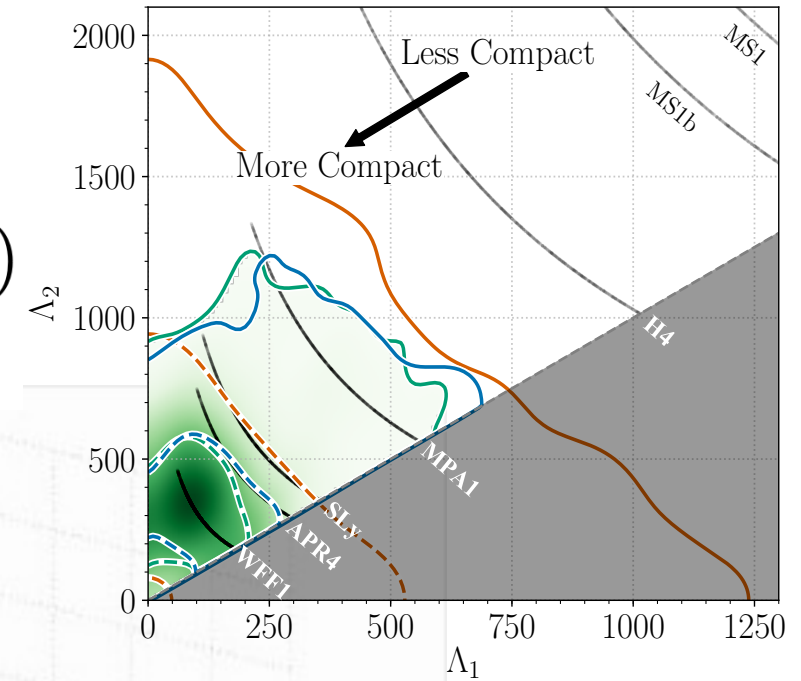
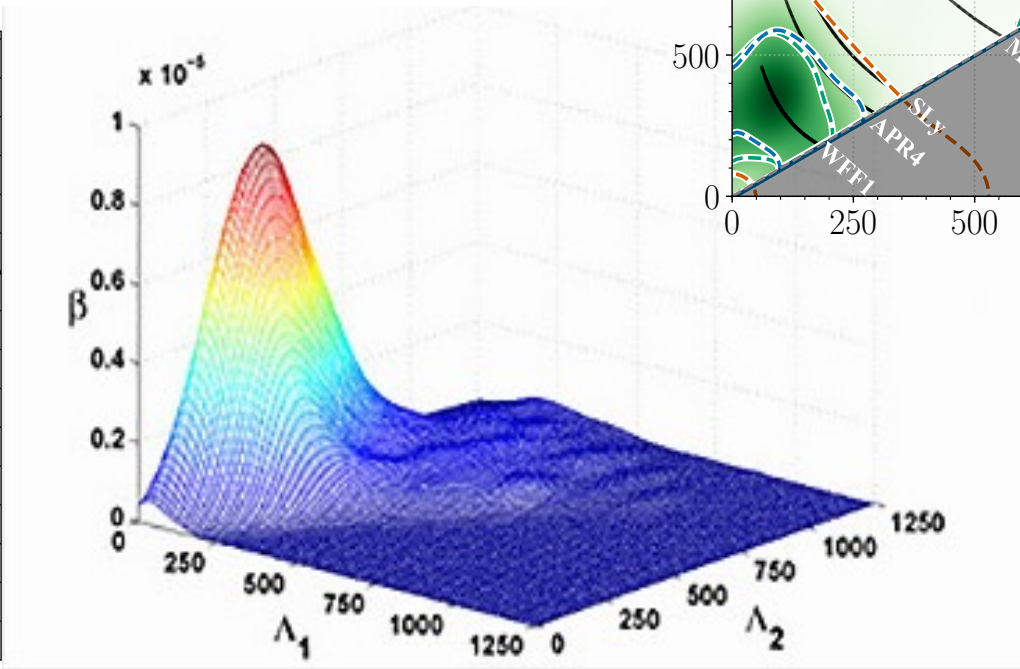
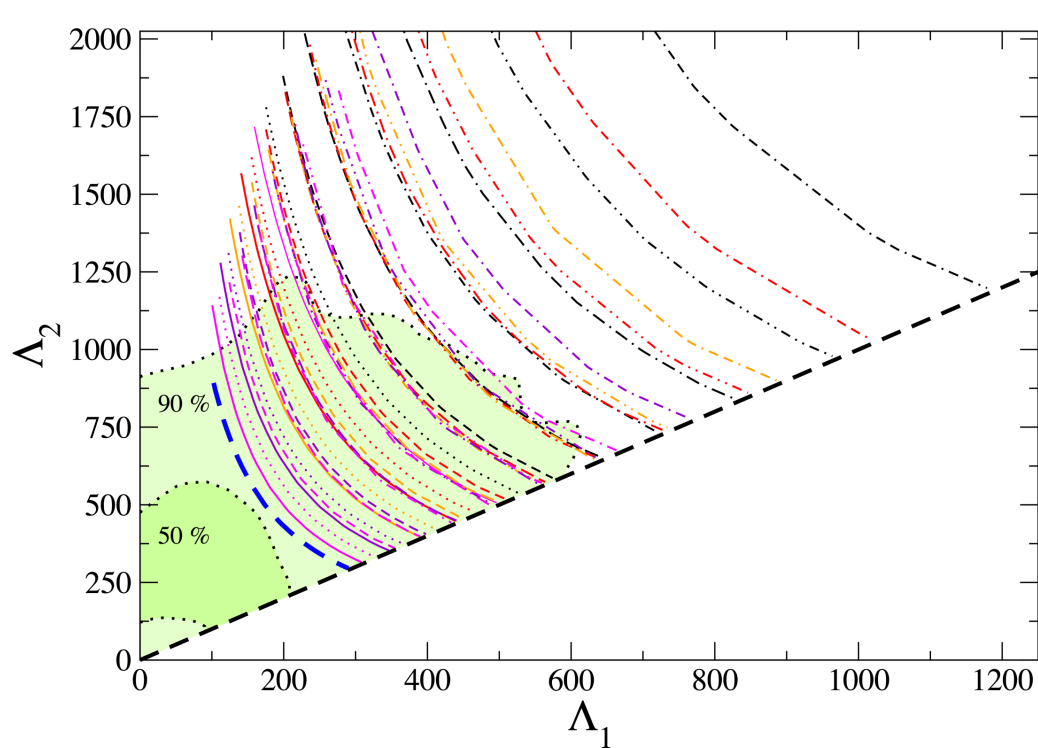
Λ_1 - Λ_2 RELATION FROM GW170817

Primary mass m_1	$1.36\text{--}1.60 M_\odot$
Secondary mass m_2	$1.17\text{--}1.36 M_\odot$
Chirp mass $\mathcal{M}$	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M_\odot$
Mass ratio m_2/m_1	$0.7\text{--}1.0$
Total mass m_{tot}	$2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.01} M_\odot$
Radiated energy E_{rad}	$> 0.025 M_\odot c^2$
Luminosity distance D_L	$40^{+8}_{-14} \text{ Mpc}$
Viewing angle Θ	$\leq 55^\circ$
Using NGC 4993 location	$\leq 28^\circ$
Combined dimensionless tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$	≤ 800
Dimensionless tidal deformability $\Lambda(1.4M_\odot)$	≤ 800



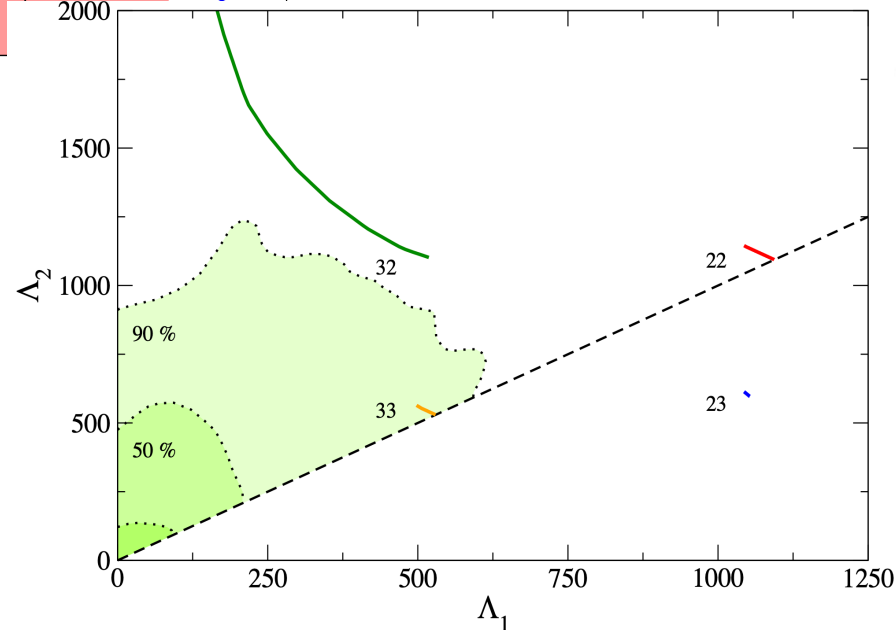
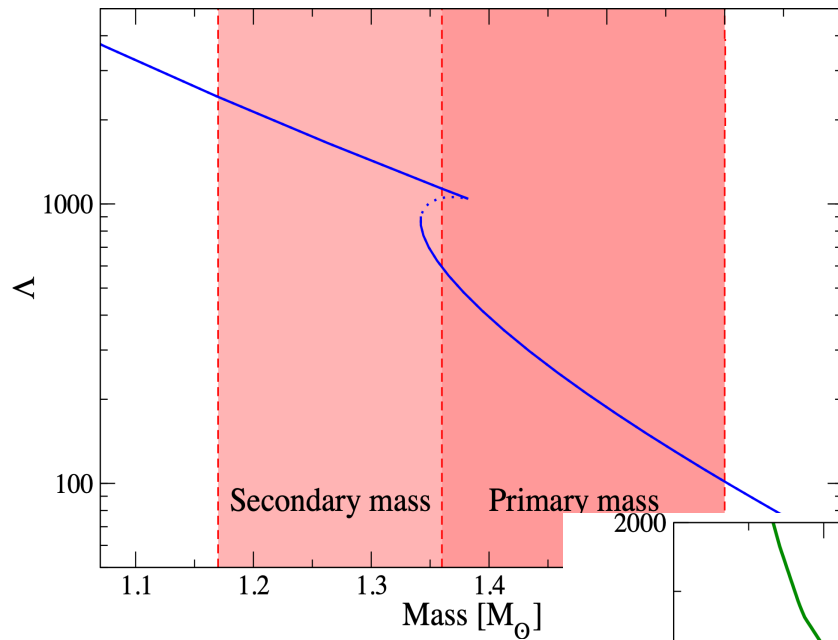
Λ_1 - Λ_2 RELATION FROM GW170817

$$p(D_{GW} | (\eta_D, \eta_V)) = \int_{\Lambda_1 \Lambda_2} f_{GW}(\Lambda_1(\eta_D, \eta_V), \Lambda_2(\Lambda_1))$$



LIGO-P1800115-v12 <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-P1800115/public> (2018)

Λ_1 - Λ_2 RELATION FROM GW170817 (2)



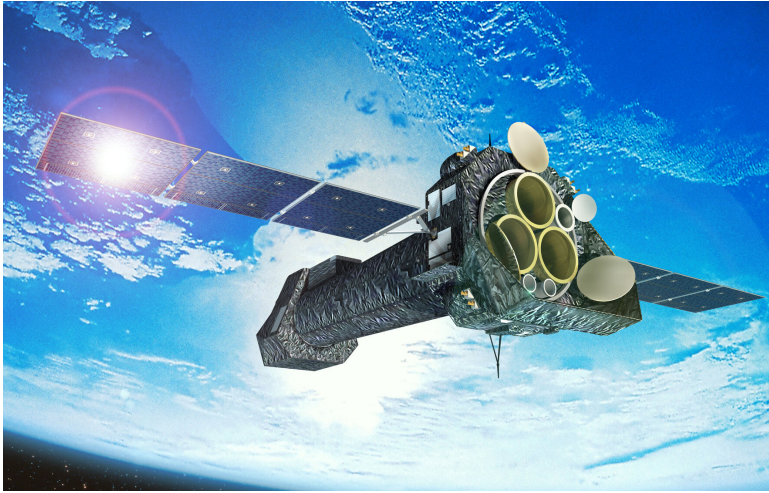
$$P(E_{GW} | \pi_i) = \int_{l_{22}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau +$$

$$+ \int_{l_{32}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau +$$

$$+ \int_{l_{23}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau +$$

$$+ \int_{l_{33}} \beta(\Lambda_1(\tau), \Lambda_2(\tau)) d\tau$$

FROM X-RAY OBSERVATIONS TO PULSAR MASS AND RADIUS



XMM-Newton

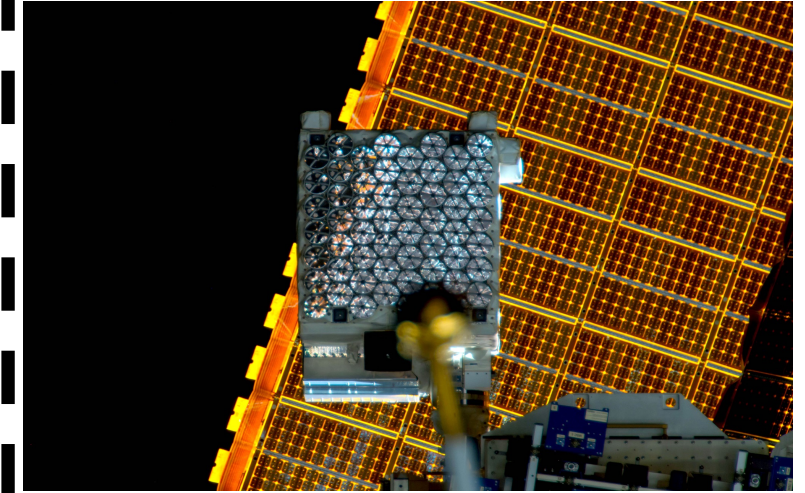
Satellites

- large mirror area
- produces quality spectra
- helps measure background



Chandra

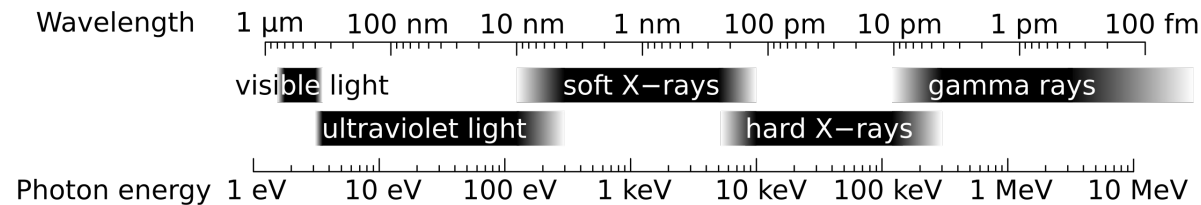
- ultra-high spatial resolution
- provides high-resolution spectra
- helps remove background



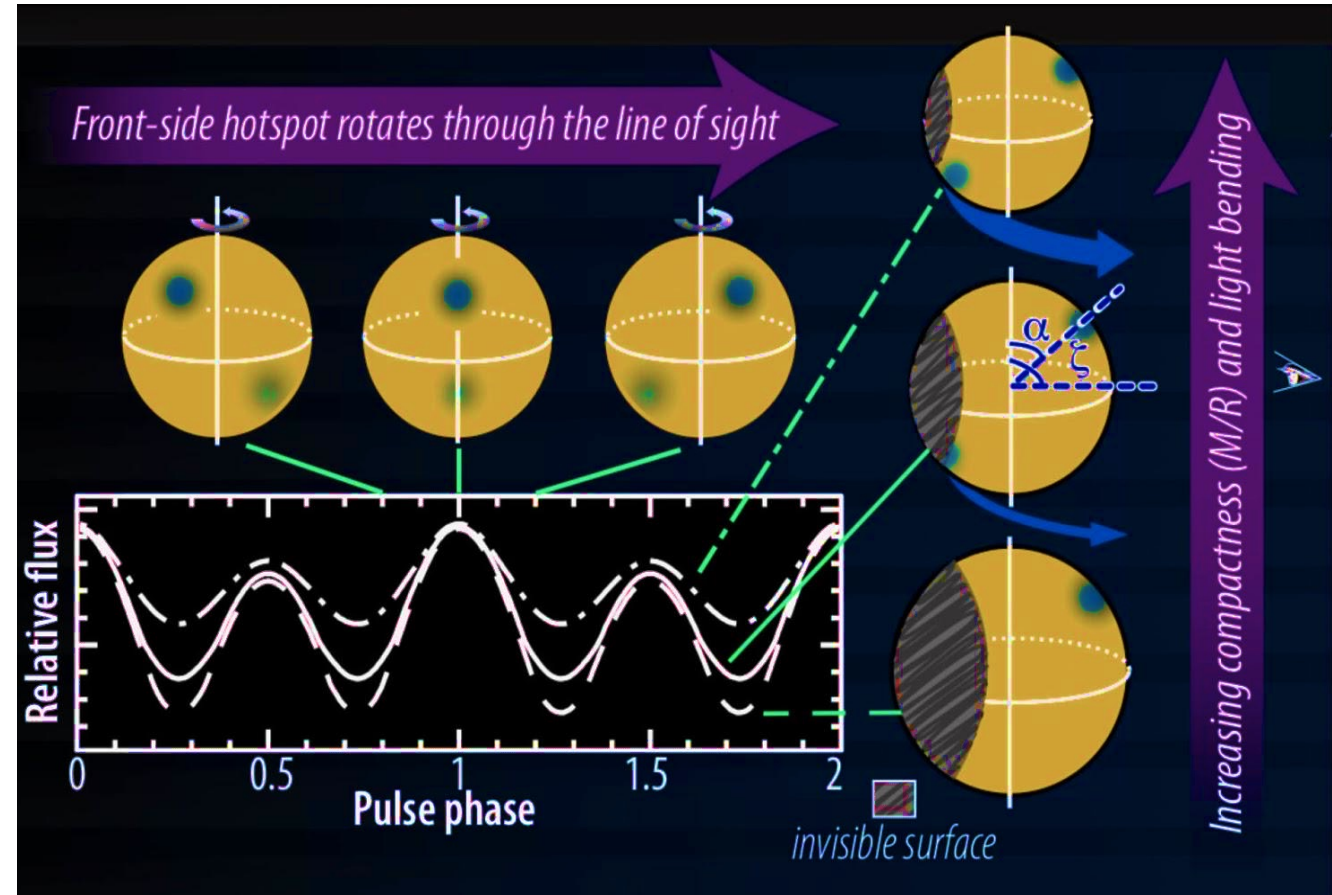
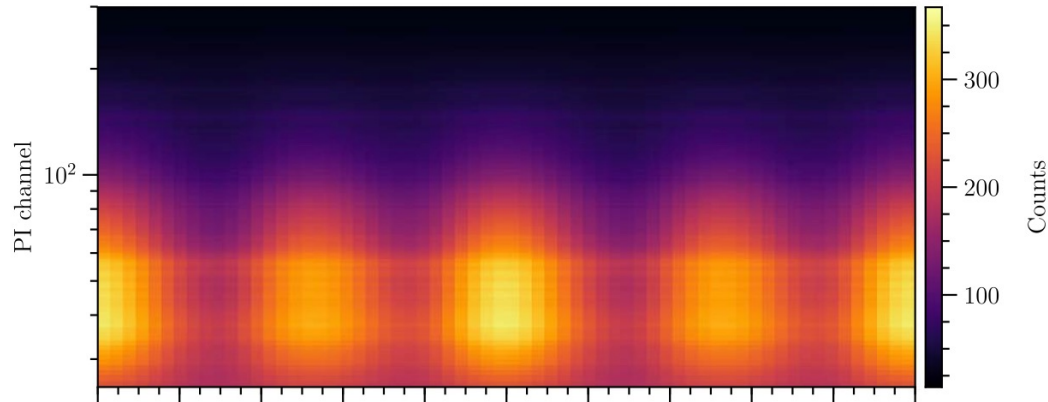
NICER

Installed on ISS

- focusing on single object
- pulse shape (timing)
- measures compactness



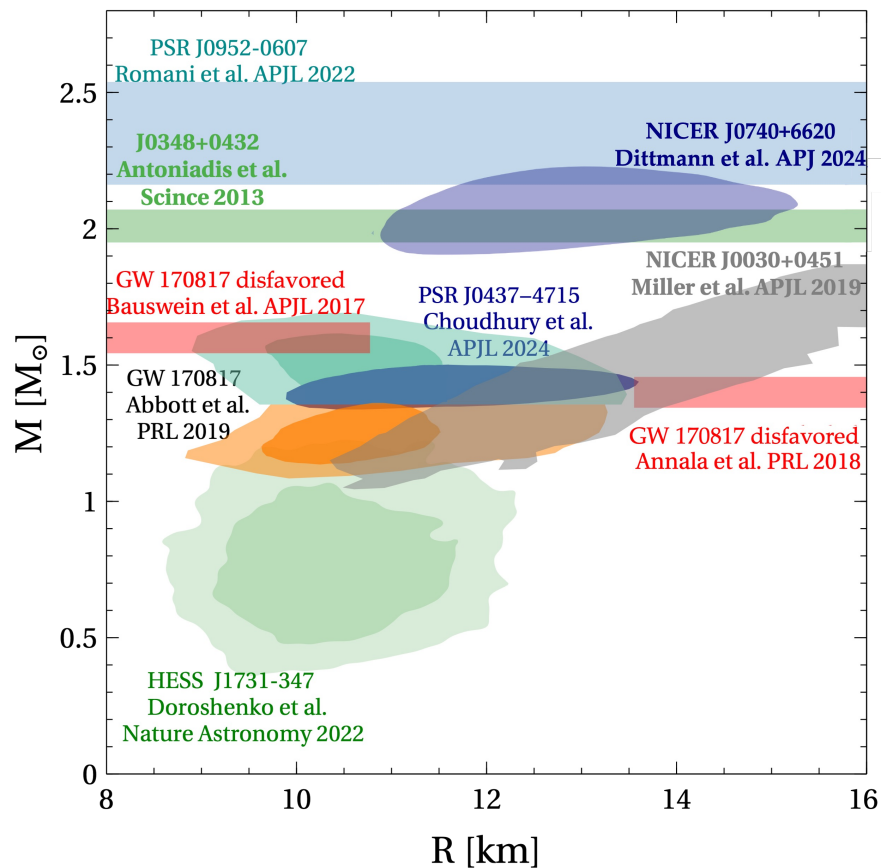
FROM X-RAY OBSERVATIONS TO PULSAR MASS AND RADIUS



$$C = \frac{2GM}{Rc^2} \quad z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-C}} - 1 \quad R_\infty = R(1+z)$$

MASS-RADIUS CONSTRAINTS (2)

$$p(D_{MR} | (\eta_D, \eta_V)) = \int_{MR} f_{MR}(M(\eta_D, \eta_V), R(M))$$



(A) PSR J0030+0451: $M = 1.44^{+0.07}_{-0.07} M_{\odot}$
and $R = 13.7^{+2.6}_{-1.5}$ km

(B) PSR J0740+6620: $M = 2.08^{+0.07}_{-0.07} M_{\odot}$
and $R = 13.7^{+2.6}_{-1.5}$ km

(C) PSR J0437-4715: $M = 1.418^{+0.037}_{-0.037} M_{\odot}$
and $R = 11.36^{+0.95}_{-0.63}$ km

(D) HESS J1731-347: $M = 0.77^{+0.20}_{-0.17} M_{\odot}$
and $R = 10.04^{+0.86}_{-0.78}$ km

(included to the extended set)

HYBRID NS EoS: DD2 + 2FNLNJL

Two-flavor color-superconducting quark matter with 3DFF nonlocal chiral quark model defined by an effective Euclidean action functional that in the case of two light flavors is given by

$$S_E = \int d^4x \left\{ \bar{\psi}(x) (-i\not{\partial} + \hat{m} - \gamma_0 \hat{\mu}) \psi(x) - \frac{G_S}{2} [j_S^f(x) j_S^f(x) + \eta_D [j_D^a(x)]^\dagger j_D^a(x) - \eta_V j_V^\mu(x) j_V^\mu(x)] \right\}.$$

$$j_S^f(x) = \int d^4z g_S(z) \bar{\psi}(x + \frac{z}{2}) \Gamma_f \psi(x - \frac{z}{2}),$$

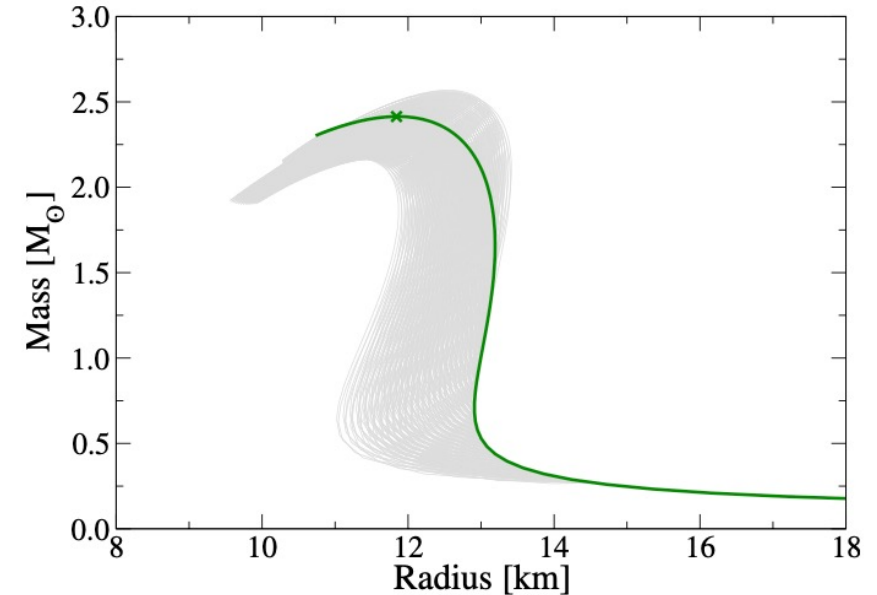
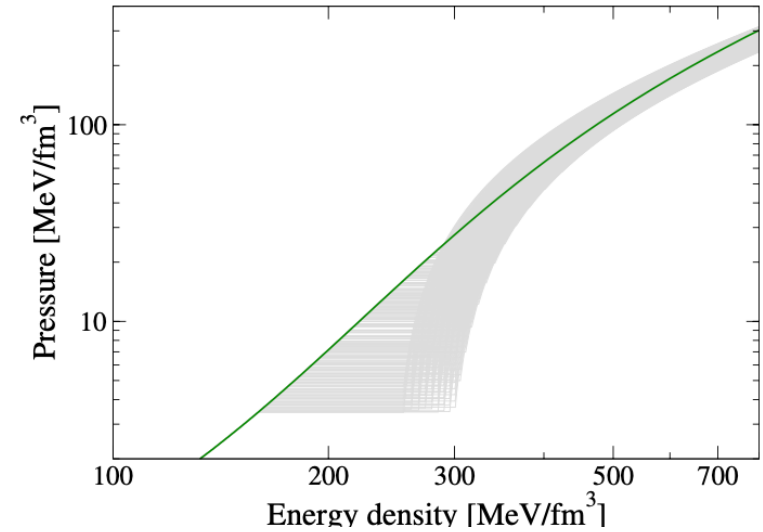
$$j_D^a(x) = \int d^4z g_D(z) \bar{\psi}_C(x + \frac{z}{2}) i\gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_a \psi(x - \frac{z}{2}),$$

$$j_V^\mu(x) = \int d^4z g_V(z) \bar{\psi}(x + \frac{z}{2}) i\gamma^\mu \psi(x - \frac{z}{2}),$$

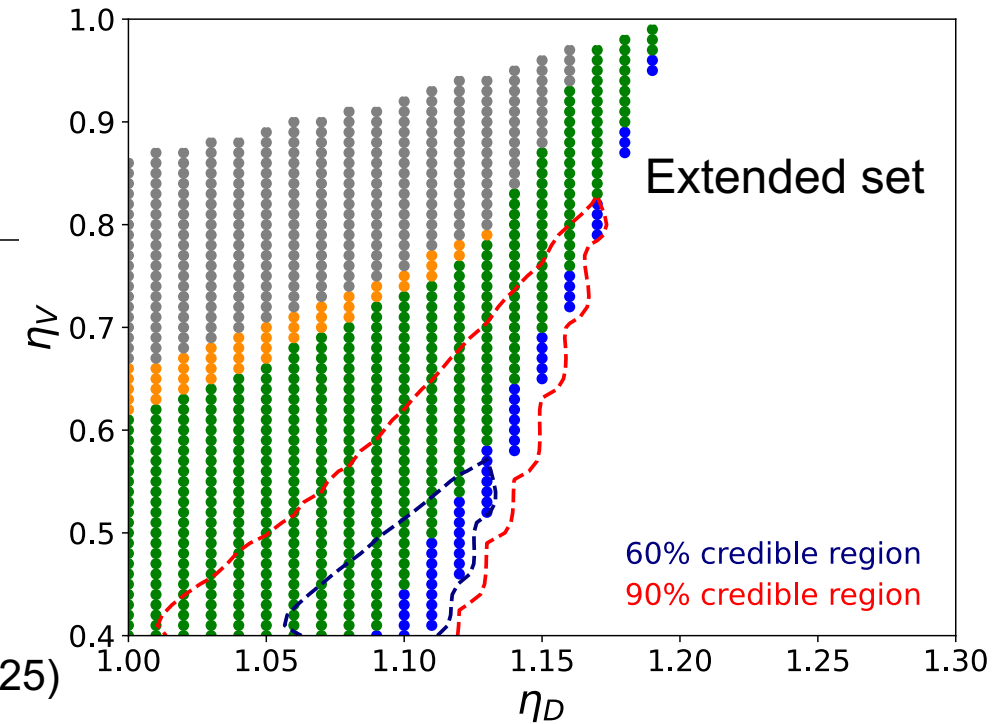
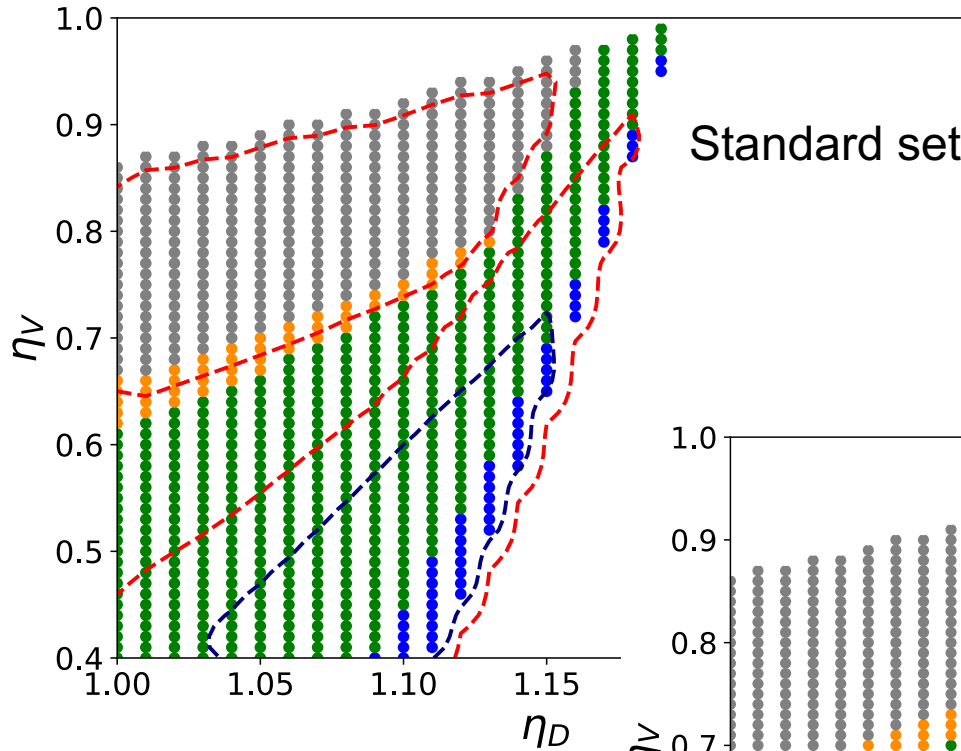
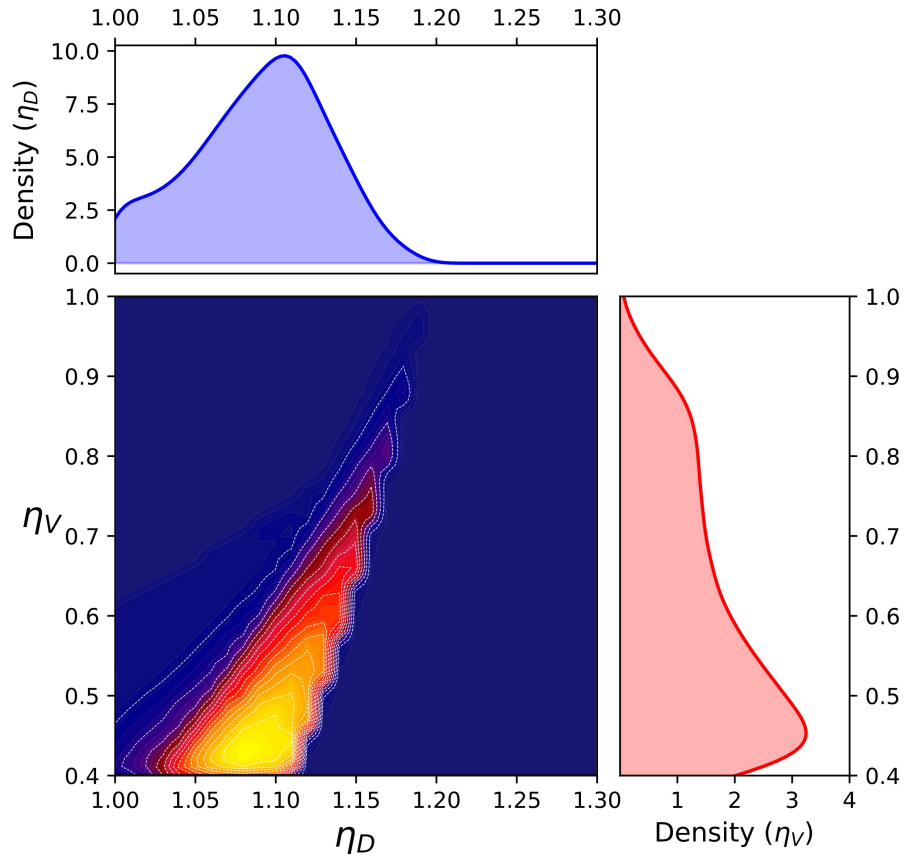
For the nonlocality a Gaussian ansatz is employed

$$g_i(\vec{p}) = \exp(-\vec{p}^2 / \Lambda_i^2), \quad i = S, D,$$

Ayriyan, Blaschke, Carlomagno, Contrera, Grunfeld. Universe 11(5), 141 (2025)

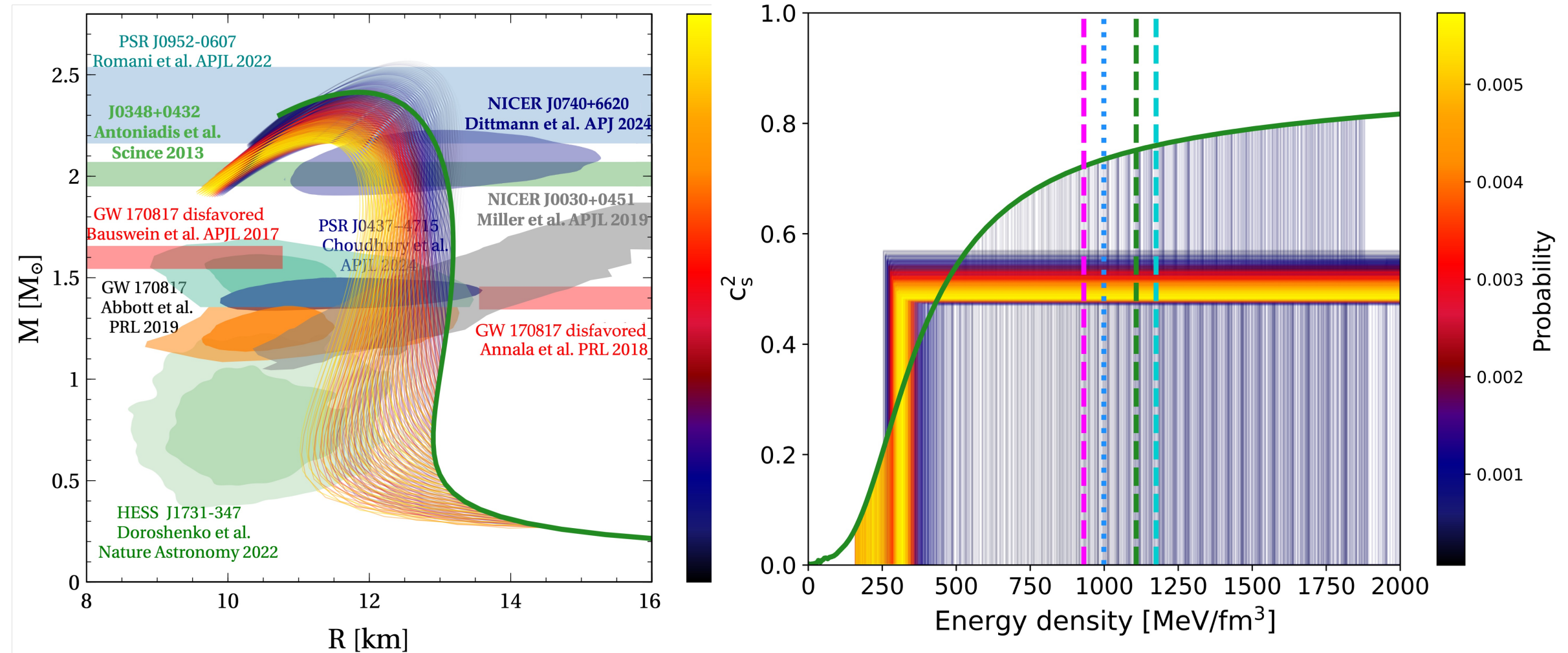


BA RESULTS (1)



Ayriyan, Blaschke, Carlomagno, Contrera, Grunfeld. Universe 11(5), 141 (2025)

BA RESULTS (2)



Ayriyan, Blaschke, Carlomagno, Contrera, Grunfeld. Universe 11(5), 141 (2025)

HYBRID NS EoS: DD2Y + 3FNLNJL

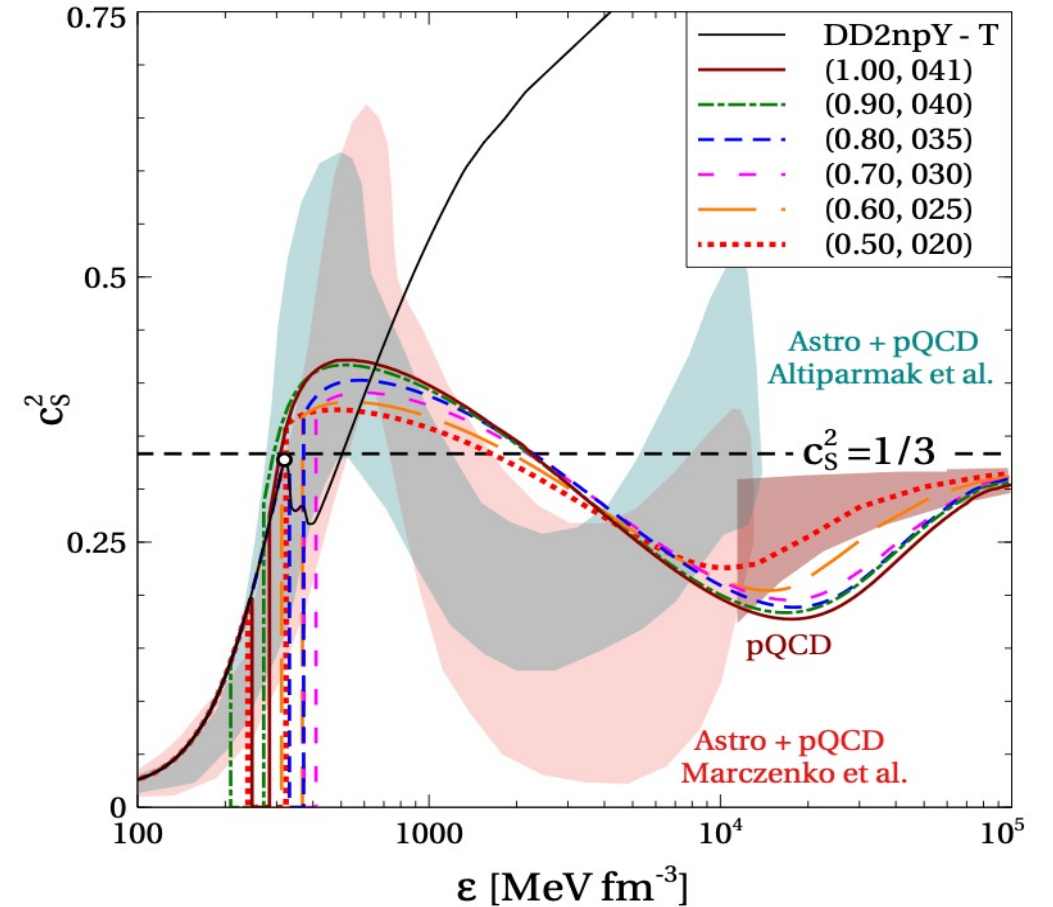
Three-flavor nonlocal NJL model with vector repulsion
and CFL color-superconductivity

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & \bar{q}(i\not{\partial} - m + \mu\gamma_0)q \\ & + G_S \sum_{a=\overline{0,8}} s_a s_a - G_V j_\mu j^\mu + 3G_D \sum_{a,b=2,5,7} d_{ab}^+ d_{ab} \\ s_a(x) = & \int dz g(z) \bar{q}\left(x + \frac{z}{2}\right) \tau_a q\left(x - \frac{z}{2}\right), \\ j_\mu(x) = & \int dz g(z) \bar{q}\left(x + \frac{z}{2}\right) \gamma_\mu q\left(x - \frac{z}{2}\right), \\ d_{ab}(x) = & \int dz g(z) \bar{q}\left(x + \frac{z}{2}\right) i\gamma_5 \tau_a \lambda_b q^c\left(x - \frac{z}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

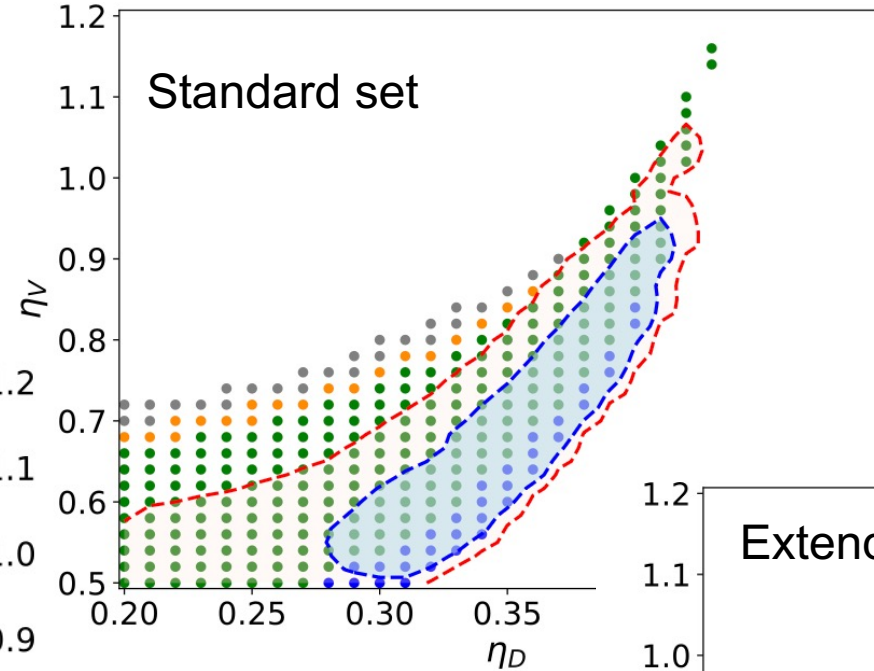
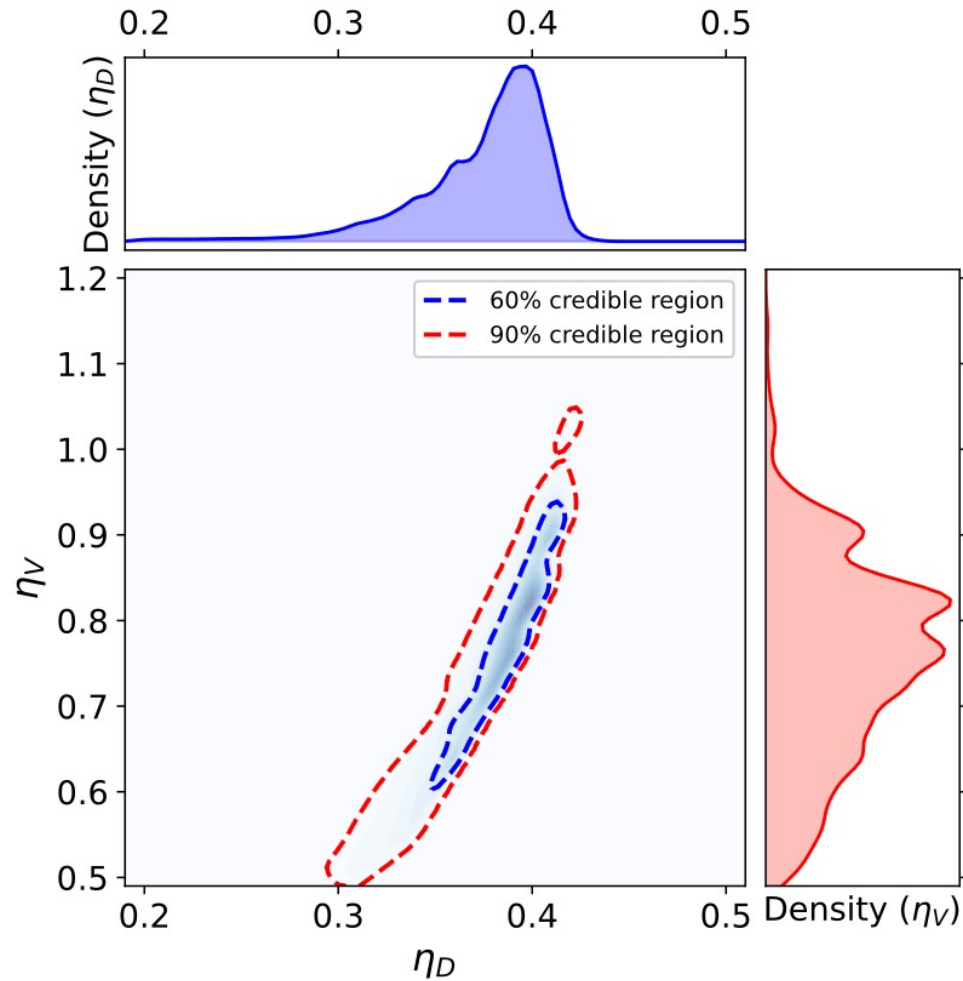
For the nonlocality an ansatz is employed

$$g_{\mathbf{k}} = \exp(-\mathbf{k}^2/\Lambda^2)$$

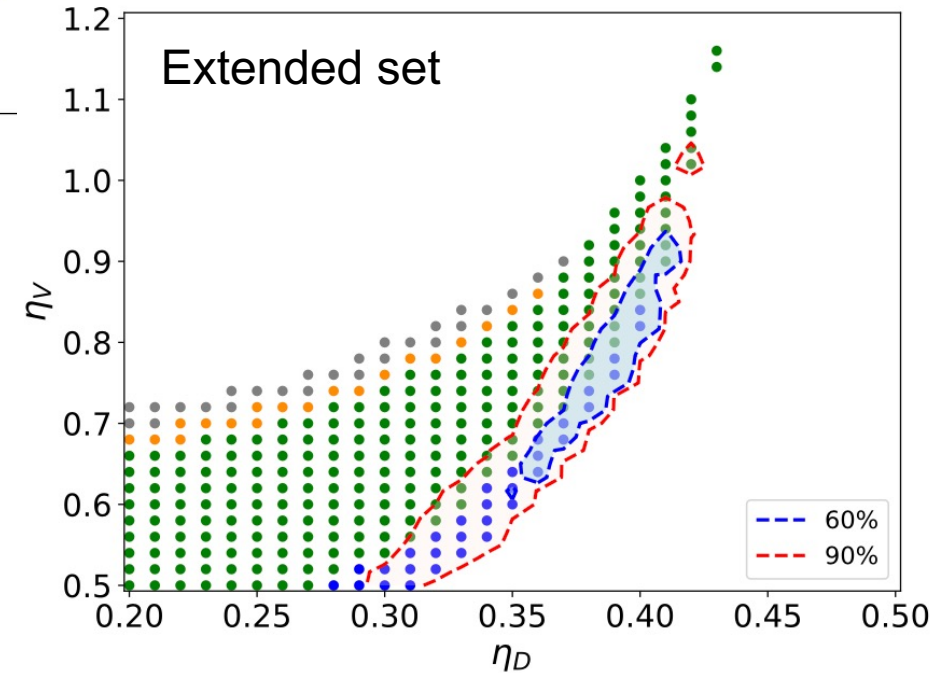
Ivanytskyi. Phys.Rev.D 111 (2025) 3, 034004 (arXiv:2409.05859)



BA RESULTS (1)

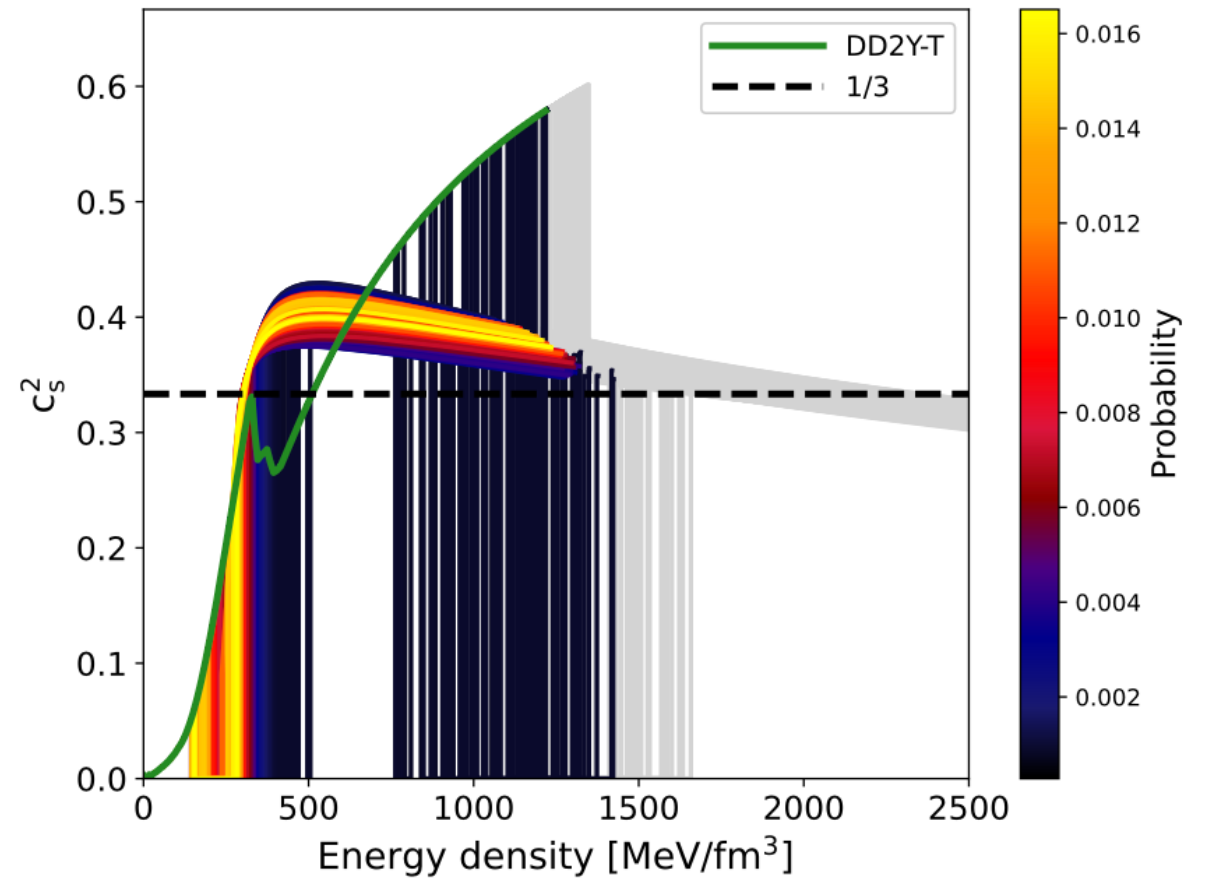
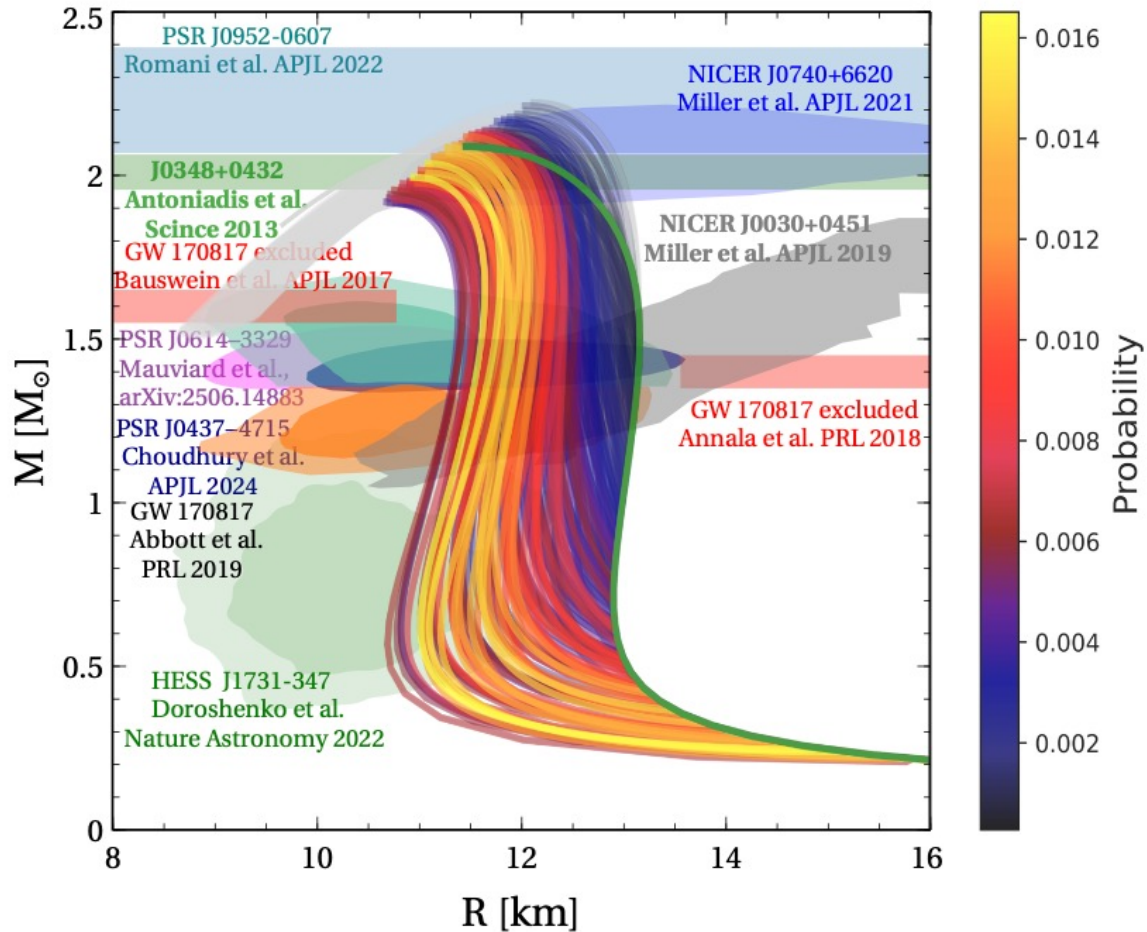


NSs with CFL quark cores are one-two orders of magnitude more favourable than purely hadronic ones.



Ayriyan, Ivanytskyi, Blaschke. arXiv:2509.02554 [nucl-th]

BA RESULTS (2)



Ayriyan, Ivanytskyi, Blaschke. arXiv:2509.02554 [nucl-th]

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- Multi-messenger astronomy data supports color superconducting matter
- Stable hybrid stars found only in a limited region of the EOS parameter space.
- Credibility regions (60% and 90%) were identified in the (η_V, η_D) parameter space measuring Lagrangian parameters.
- Favor hybrid EOS with early deconfinement
- Disfavor hybrid EOS with very high maximum masses due to insufficient compactness from tidal deformability constraints.
- Color superconductivity is essential to achieve small radii ($R_{1.4} \sim 12$ km) consistent with HESS J1731.
- Strong vector interactions are required only when imposing the high-mass constraint from PSR J0952-0607.
- The presence of a quark core in neutron stars is one to two orders of magnitude more probable than their absence.

Ayriyan, Blaschke, Carlomagno, Contrera, Grunfeld. Universe 11(5), 141 (2025)

Ayriyan, Ivanytskyi, Blaschke. arXiv:2509.02554 [nucl-th]