

# The boundaries on the mass of Sexaquark as a candidate for dark matter

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## What is a Sexaquark?

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- S:  $Q=0$ ,  $B = 2$ ,  $s = -2$
- Three diquarks in spin-color-flavor-singlet state
- $m_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 2231$  MeV
- The lowest channel for  $\Lambda$  decay:

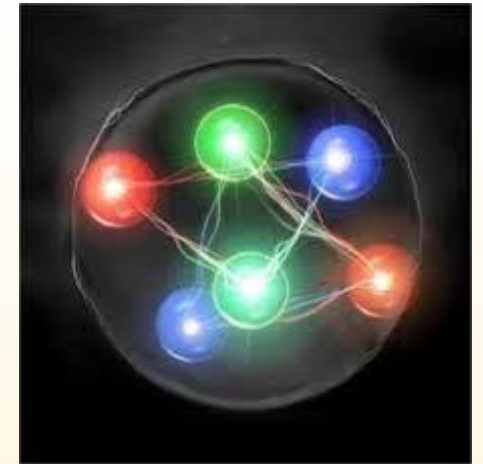
$$\Lambda \rightarrow p + e + \bar{\nu}$$

$$m_{\Lambda} + m_p + m_e = 1115.5 + 938 + 0.5 = 2054 \text{ MeV}$$

$$2(m_p + m_e) = 2(938 + 0.5) = 1877 \text{ MeV}$$

if  $2054 \text{ MeV} < m_s < 2231 \text{ MeV}$ : S decays

- If  $m_s \leq (m_{\Lambda} + m_p + m_e) = 2054 \text{ MeV}$ , S decays with a lifetime more than the age of the universe
- If  $m_s \leq 2(m_p + m_e) = 1877 \text{ MeV}$ : S is absolutely stable



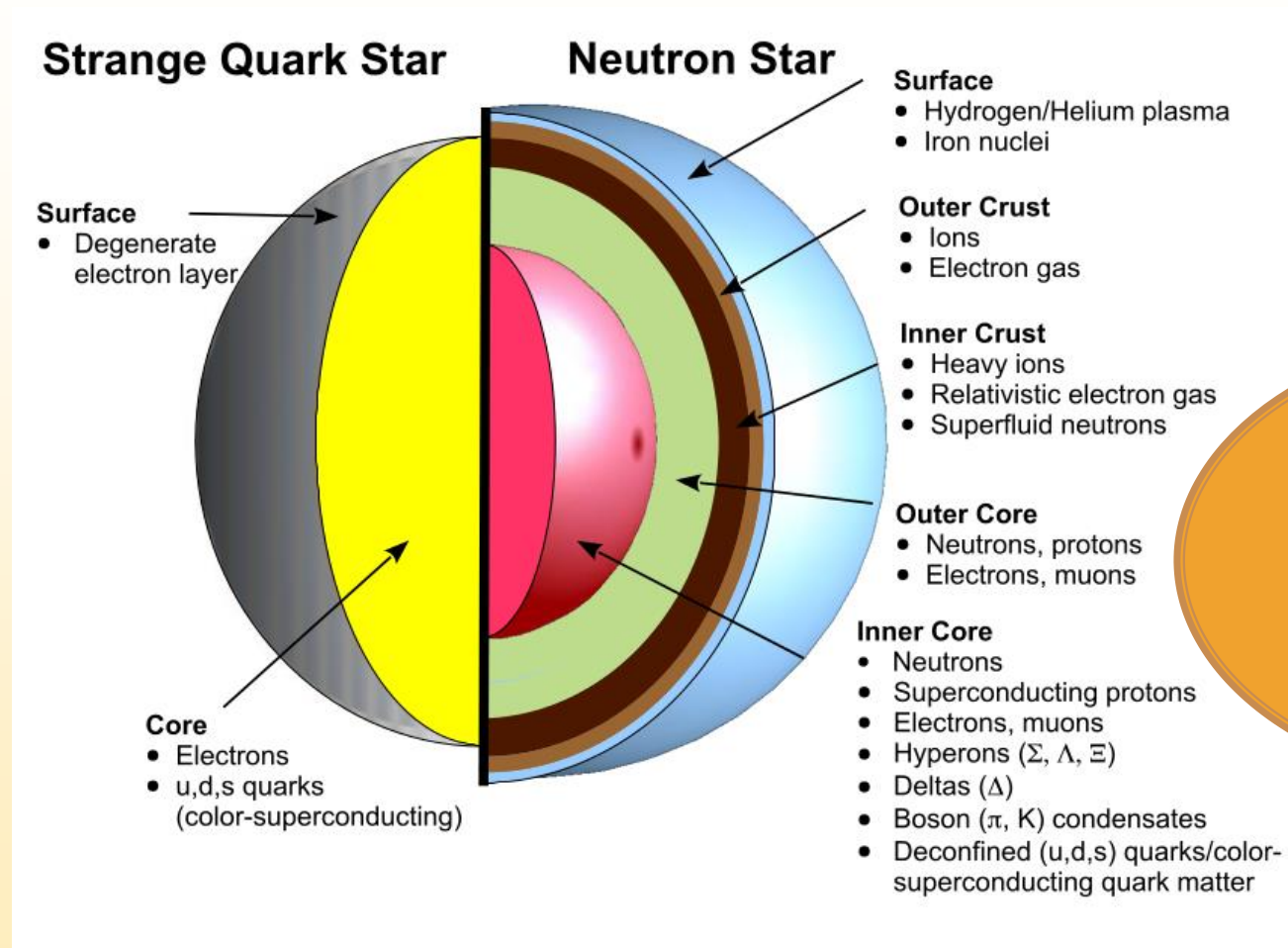
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G. R. Farrar, (2022), arXiv:2201.01334 [hep-ph]

G. R. Farrar, (2018), arXiv:1805.03723 [hep-ph]

# What are the consequences for Neutron Stars?

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Also probably dibaryons like  $d^*(2380)$  or  $S(m_S < 2054)$   
As compact, bosonic multiquark state

The high density of the inner core of neutron star, makes it a suitable environment for forming Sexaquark.

# A RELATIVISTIC DENSITY FUNCTIONAL APPROACH TO HYPERNUCLEAR MATTER WITH SEXAQUARK (DD2Y-T+S)

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$$\Omega = \Omega(\{\mu_i\}) \quad \& \quad \mu_i = B_i\mu_b + Q_i\mu_q + S_i\mu_s + L_i\mu_l$$

$$n_B = \sum_i B_i n_i^{(v)} = n_p^{(v)} + n_n^{(v)} + n_\Lambda^{(v)} + n_{\Sigma^+}^{(v)} + n_{\Sigma^0}^{(v)} + n_{\Sigma^-}^{(v)} + n_{\Xi^0}^{(v)} + n_{\Xi^-}^{(v)} + 2n_S^{(v)}$$

- ❖ All constituent particles are considered as quasiparticles in the medium with effective mass and effective chemical potentials.

$$m_i^* = m_i - S_i, \mu_i^* = \mu_i - V_i$$

S. Typel and H. H. Wolter, Nucl. Phys. A **656**, 331 (1999)

$S_i$  : *Scalar potential*

$$S_i = \Gamma_{i\sigma}\sigma \quad \Gamma_{im} = g_{im}\Gamma_m(n_{cpl})$$

$V_i$  : *Vector potential*

$$V_i = \Gamma_{i\omega}\omega + \Gamma_{i\rho}\rho + \Gamma_{i\phi}\phi + B_i V^{(r)} + W_i^{(r)}$$

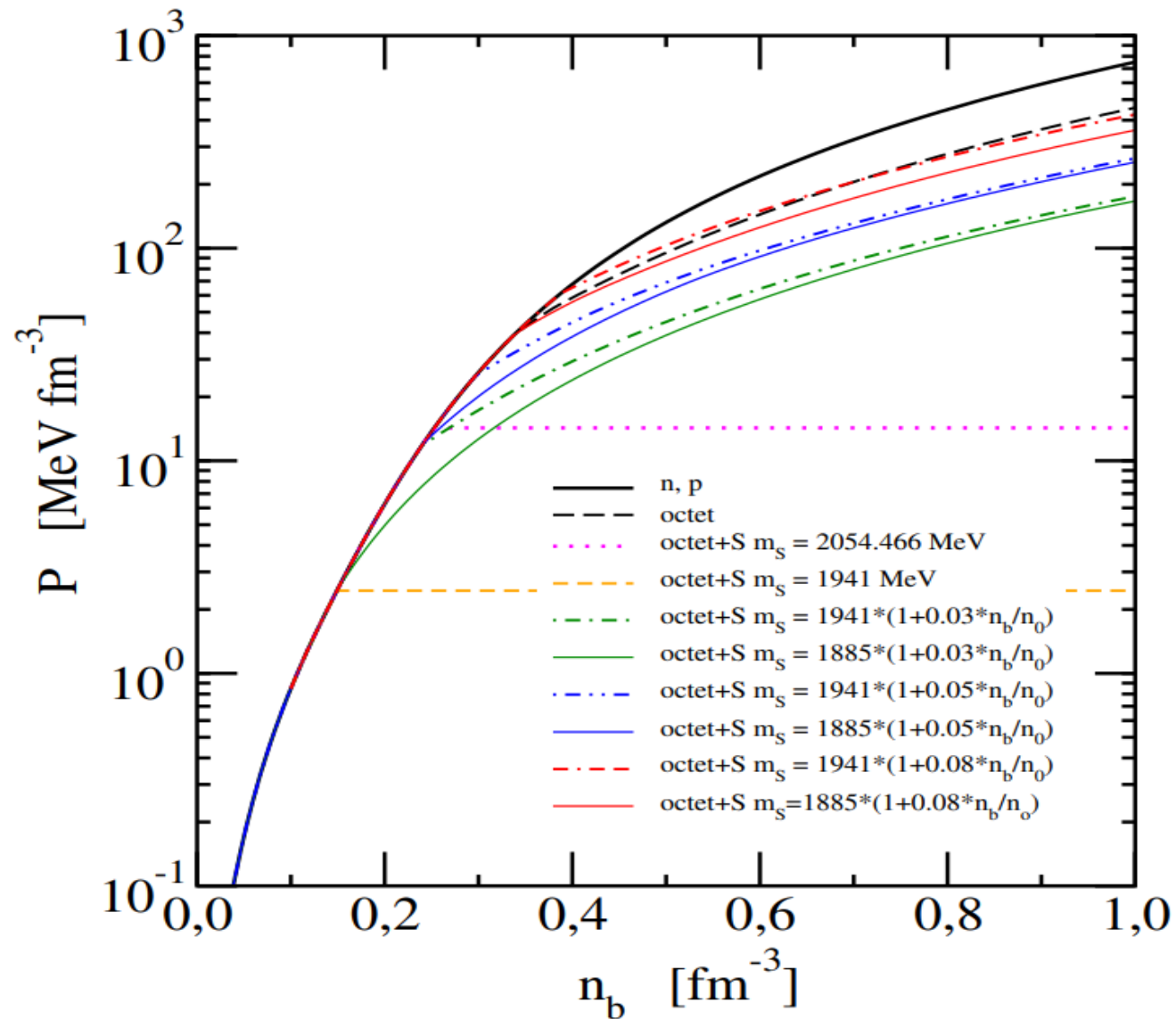
- ❖ The substructure of S and its interactions are not known yet. So it has been considered as an ideal bosonic gas with the mass as the only parameter.
- ❖ A constant mass of S violates the stability of NS.
- ❖ A linear mass shift has been assumed instead of a meson-coupling interaction as all medium effects.

$$S_S = -\Delta m_S \quad V_S = W_S^{(r)} \quad \Delta m_S = m_S \left( 1 + x_S \frac{n_B}{n_0} \right)$$

- ❖ This assumption results in an increase of the S onset density as well as the condensation density so that there is still an increase of the pressure at higher densities.

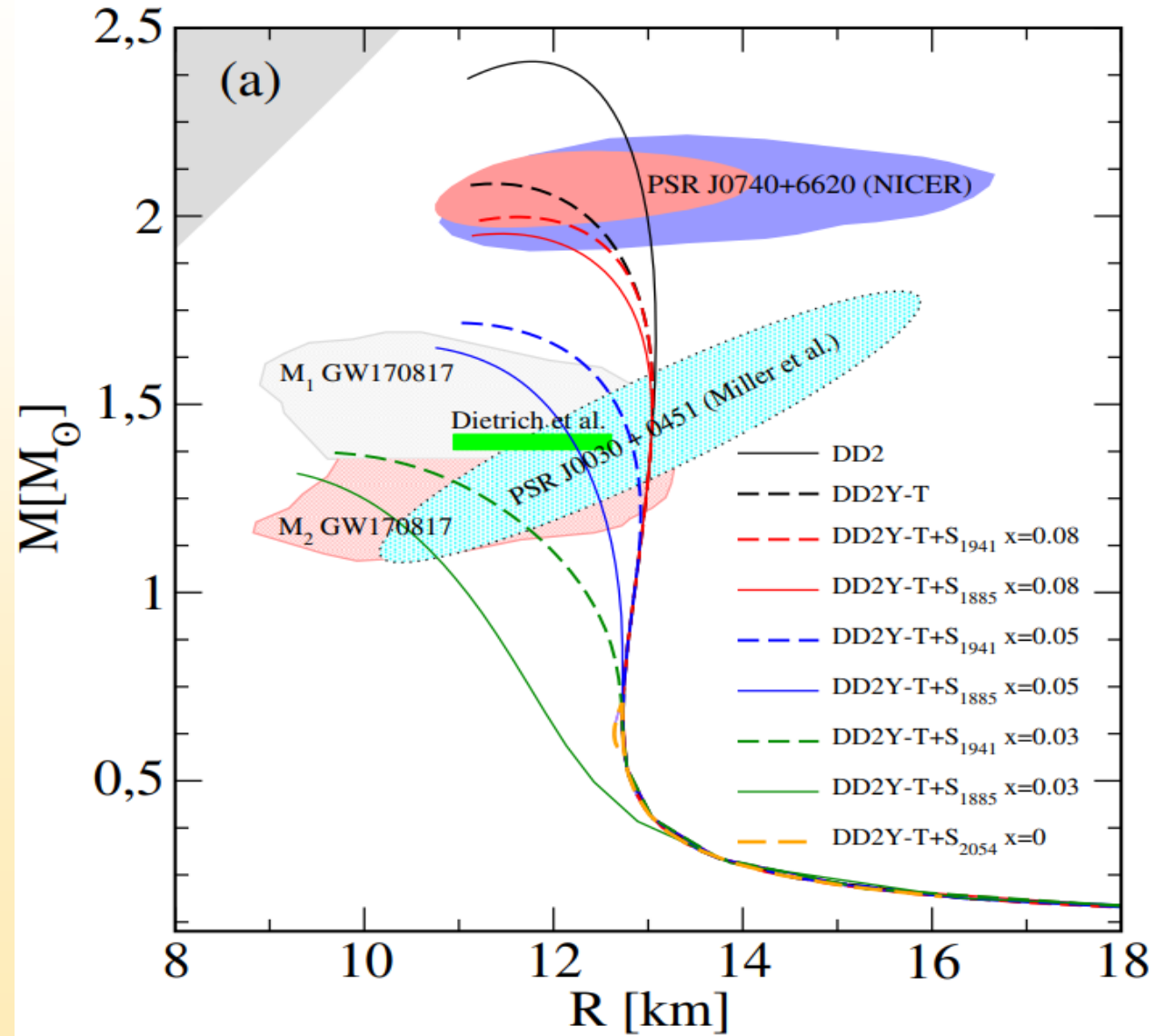
$$P = -\Omega. \quad f = \varepsilon = \Omega + \sum_i \mu_i n_i^{(v)}$$

# EoS for hadronic matter

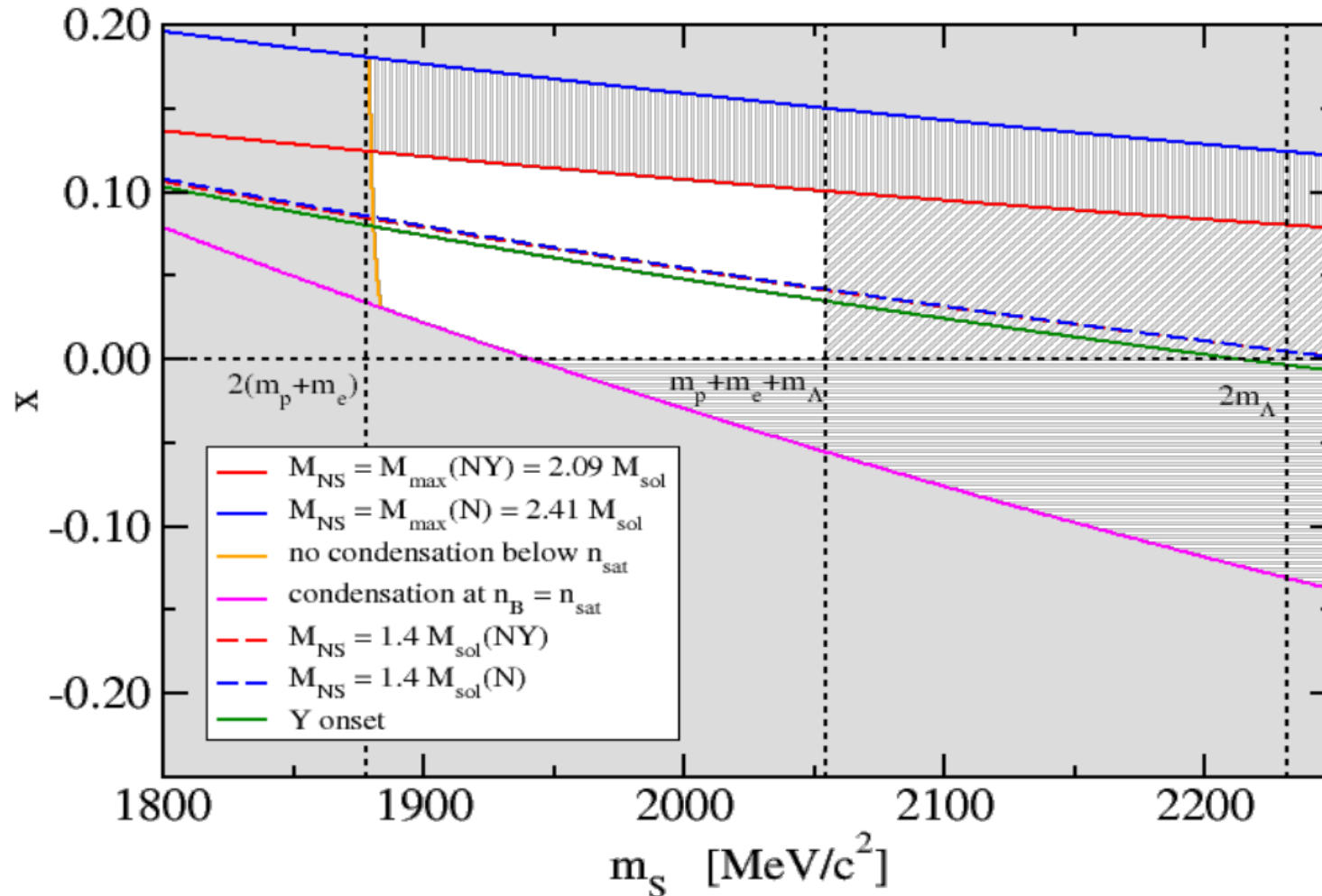


# Mass-Radius curves from TOV equations for pure hadronic EoS and the sexaquark dilemma

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# Constraints on the mass and the slope of mass shift for the Sexaquark







# Phase Transition from Hadronic matter to deconfined Quark matter

M. Sh, D. Blaschke, S. Typel, G. R. Farrar and D. E. Alvarez-Castillo,  
Phys. Rev. D (105) (2022)

## Quark matter EoS

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The simple parameterization of CSS with 3 free parameters:  $A, c_s, B$

$$P(\mu) = A \left( \frac{\mu}{\mu_x} \right)^{1+\beta} - B$$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{dP}{d\varepsilon}$$

$$n = \frac{dP}{d\mu}, \quad \varepsilon = -P + \mu n$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{c_s^2}, \quad \mu_x = 1 \text{ GeV}$$

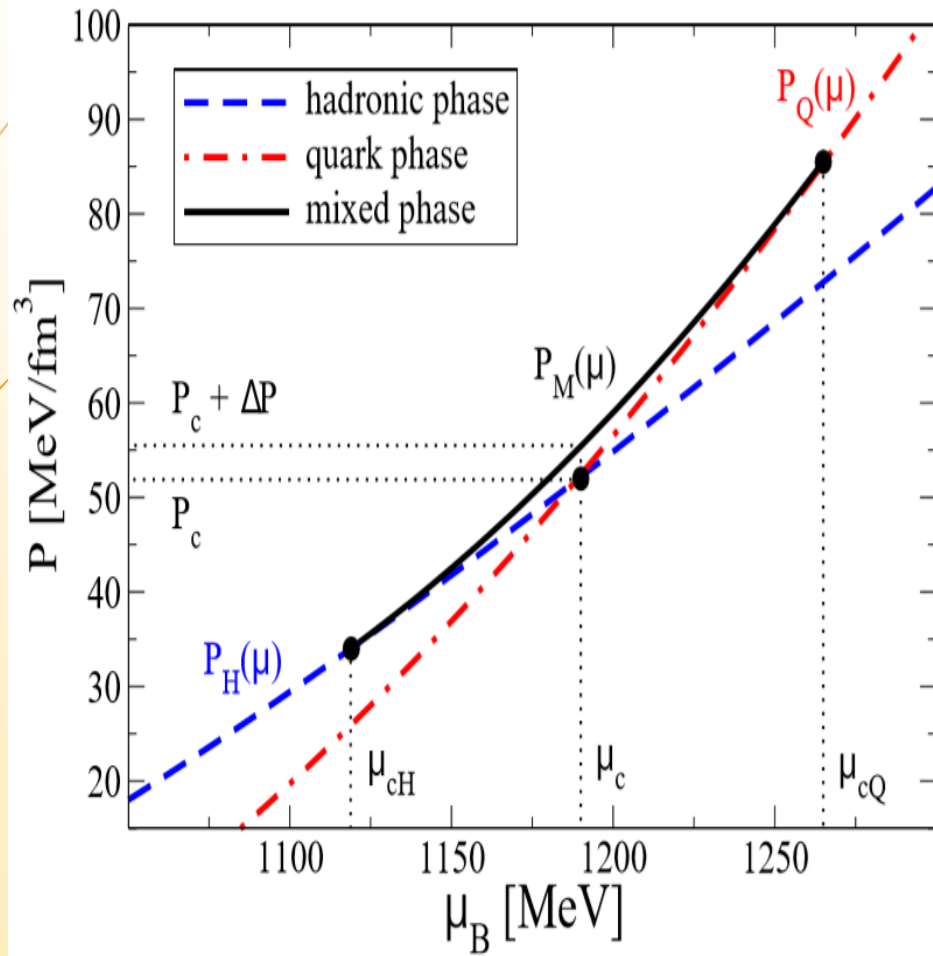
$B$  can be either constant or  $\mu$ -dependent:  $B = B_0 + B_{eff}$

J. L. Zdunik and P. Haensel, *Astron. Astrophys.* 551, A61 (2013)

- The favorable parameters of nlNJL have been obtained from Bayesian analysis
- nlNJL EoS has been mapped to CSS parameterization.
- For the phase transition, both the Maxwell construction (MC) and replacement interpolation construction (RIC) are used.

M. Sh., et al., *Phys. Rev. D* (107) (2023)

# Replacement Interpolation construction (RIC) A Mixed Phase Approach



$$P_M(\mu) = a(\mu - \mu_c)^2 + b(\mu - \mu_c) + P_c + \Delta P.$$

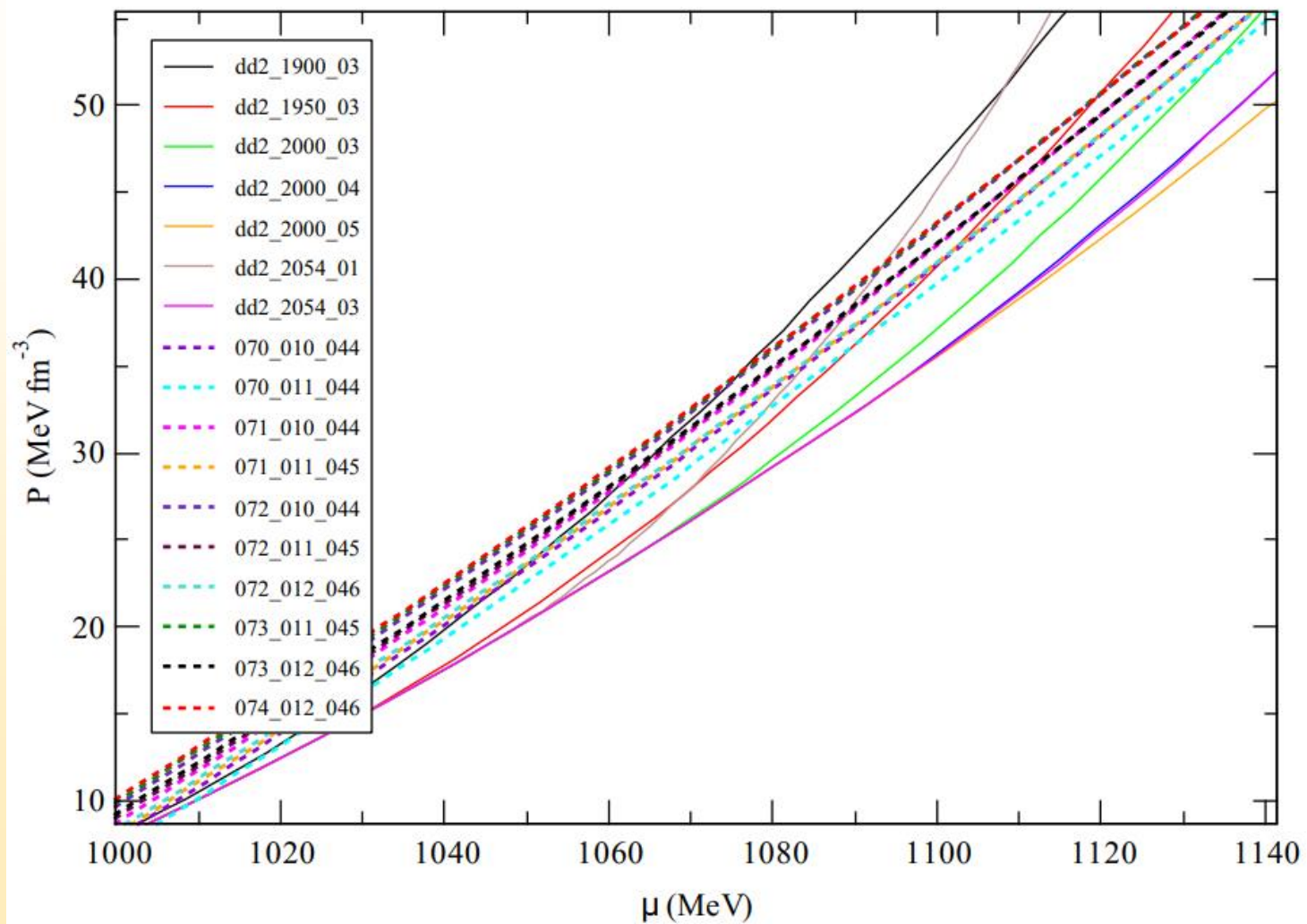
$$P_M(\mu_c) = P_c + \Delta P = P_M.$$

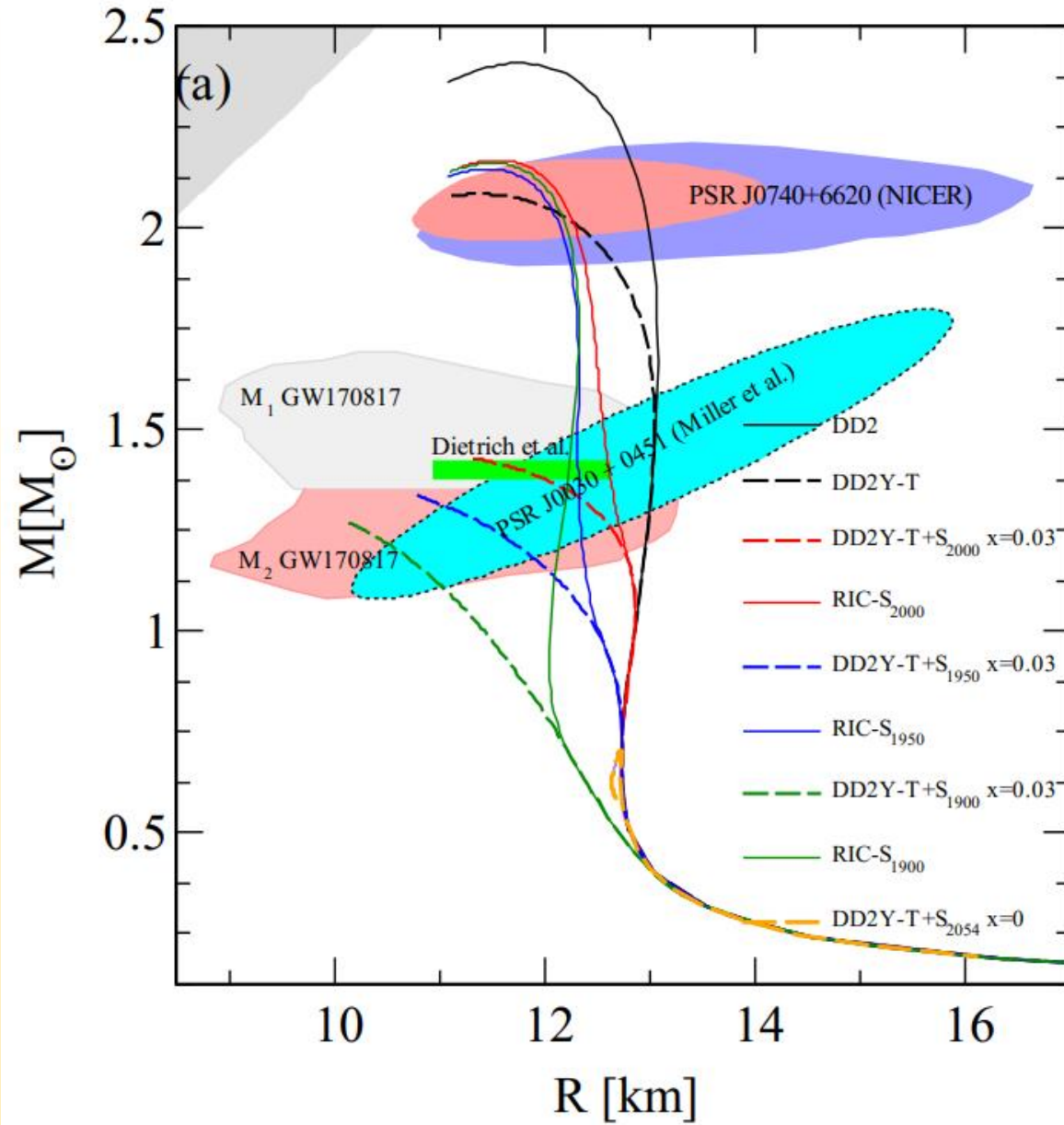
$$P_M(\mu_{cH}) = P_H(\mu_{cH}) = P_H,$$

$$P_M(\mu_{cQ}) = P_Q(\mu_{cQ}) = P_Q,$$

$$n_M(\mu_{cH}) = n_H(\mu_{cH}),$$

$$n_M(\mu_{cQ}) = n_Q(\mu_{cQ}).$$

RIC for the reconfinement region with a negative value of  $-\Delta P$ 



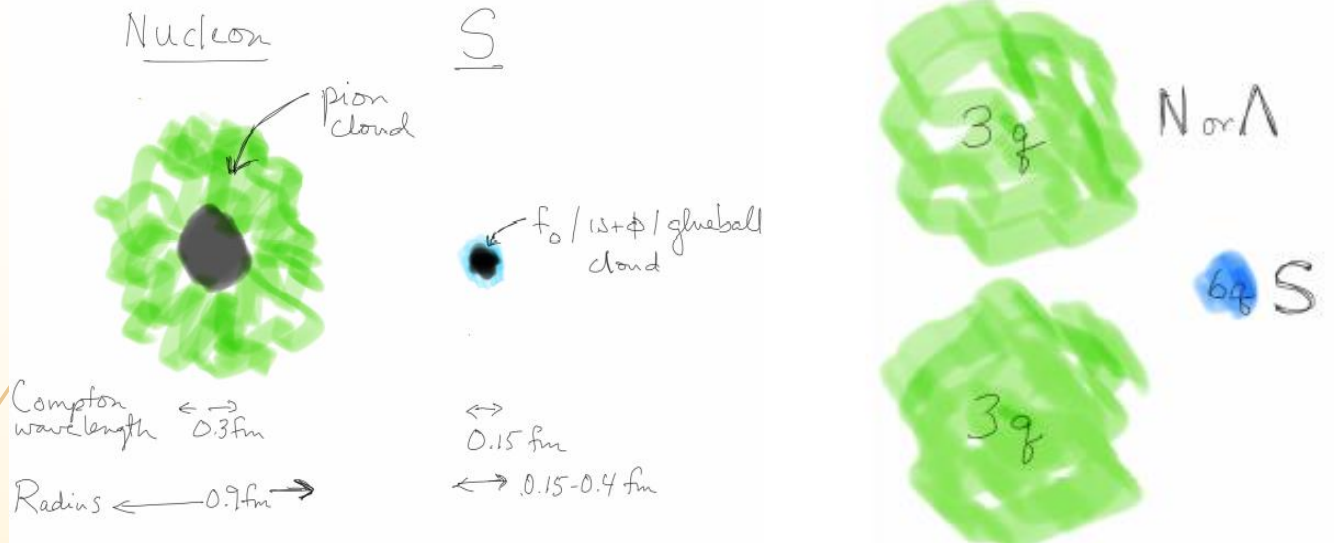
- ❑ Sexaquark as a dark matter candidate can appear in the core of NS using RIC.
- ❑  $1885 \text{ MeV} < m_S < 2000 \text{ MeV}$ .
- ❑ The results are model dependent.
  
- ❖ The Hadronic model can be still improved.



Thank you 😊

# Size of a Sexaquark

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❖ If S is a  $\Lambda\Lambda$  molecule:  
 $r_S \approx 2$  fm like deuteron

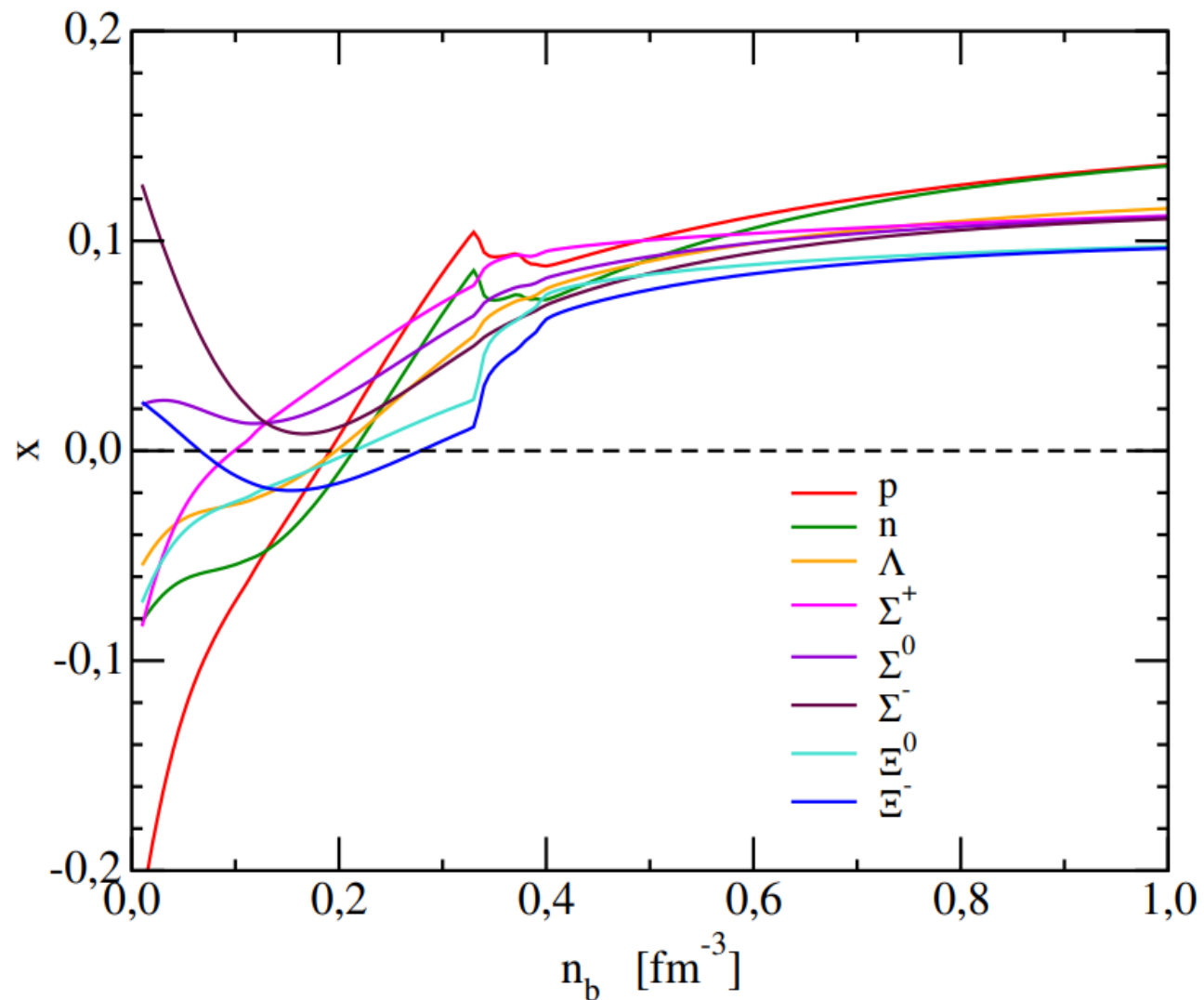
❖ If S is a bound state of 3 diquark:  
 $r_S \approx 0.5$  fm

- If S is a Molecule state,  $\Lambda\Lambda$ , since  $\Lambda$  is a color neutral particle, two  $\Lambda$ s can be bound only by exchange color neutral particles like mesons
- If S is a complex system of 3 colored diquark, these objects should interact via color force which is much stronger than meson exchange force at short distances.
- G. Farrar suggests hyperfine attraction between uudds quarks in S which is the strongest interaction in singlet configuration.
- The binding is maximal in sexaquark channel and S should be more compact than normal hadrons

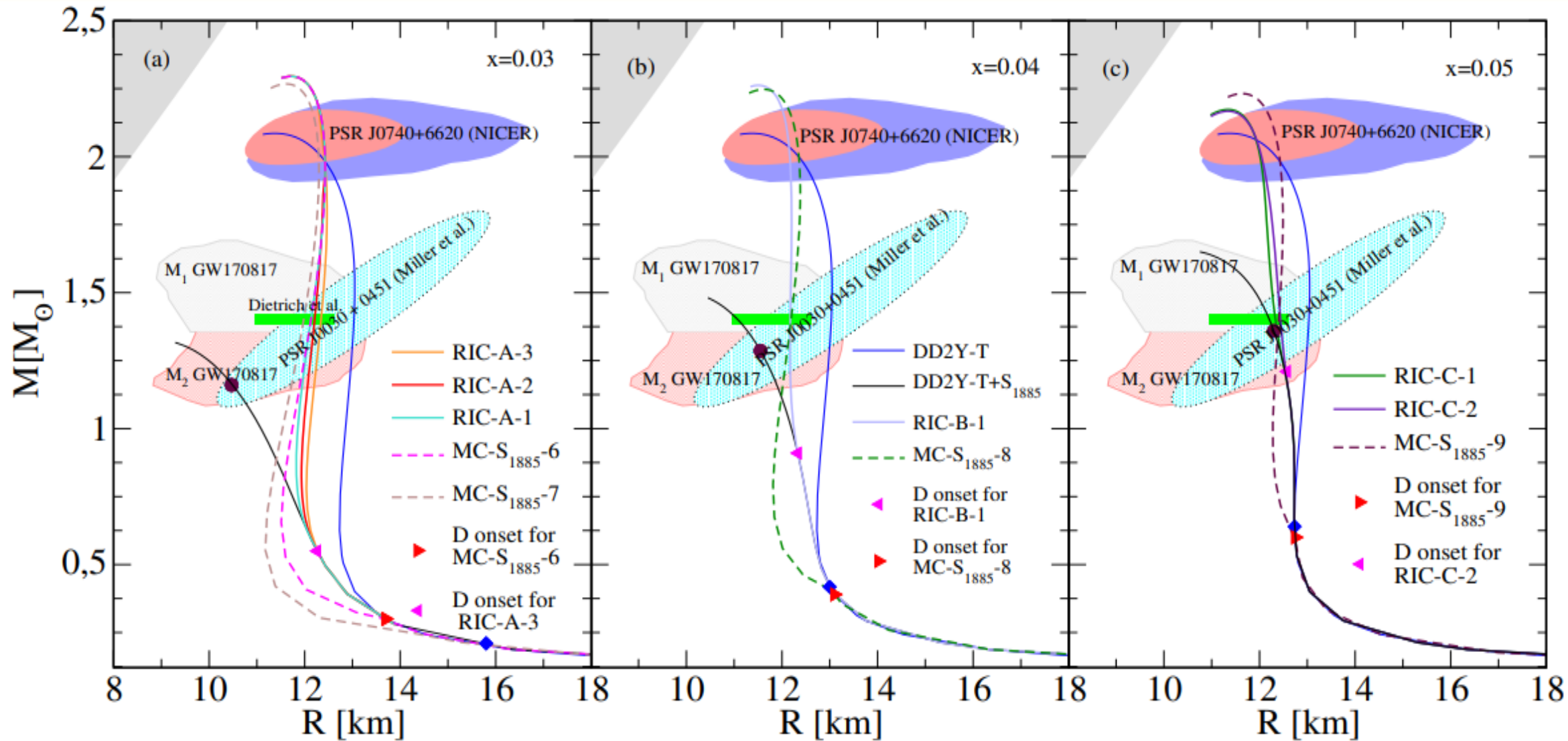
# The effective slope of mass shift for all octet baryons within DD2Y-T considering the effective potential and effective mass

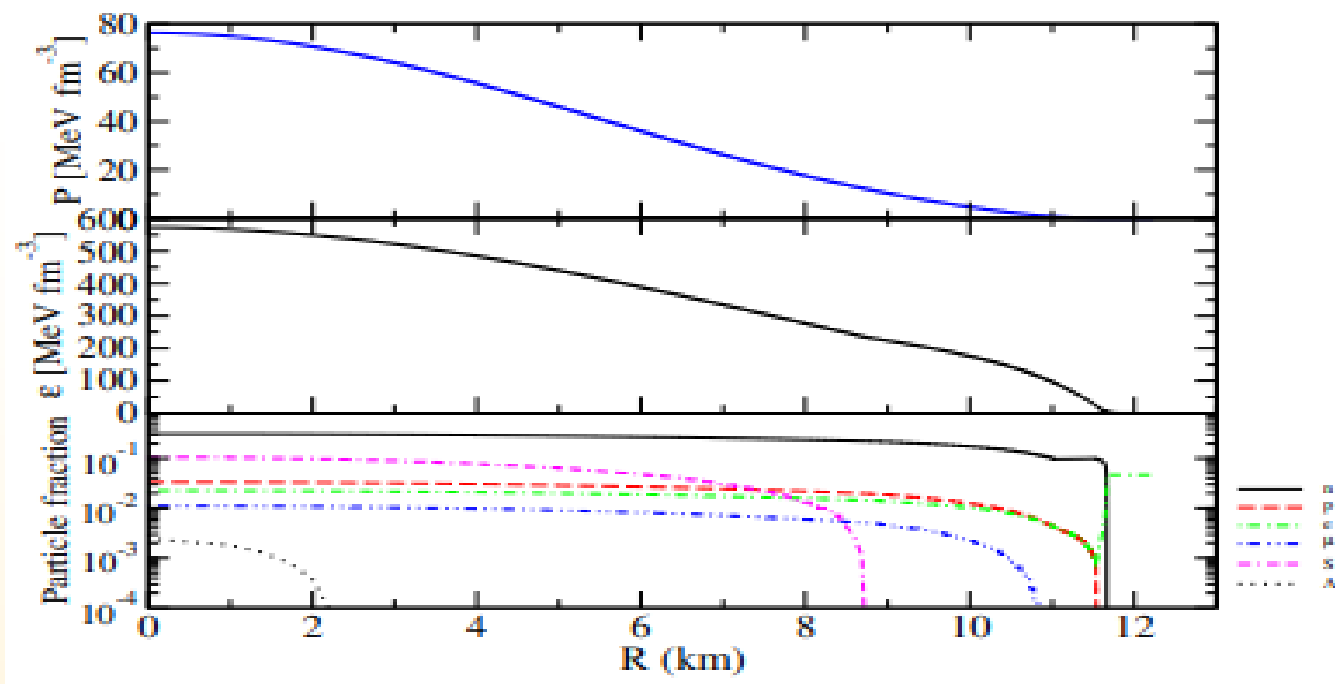
$$x_i = \frac{n_0}{m_i} \frac{dU_i}{n_B}$$

The values of  $x$  which have been used as the slope of the mass shift of S, are in agreement with the value of  $x$  for other octet baryons at the range of density where we expect S onset.









MP<sub>6</sub>,  $M=2 M_{\text{sun}}$

