

# Probing hadron-quark mixed phase in twin stars using f-modes

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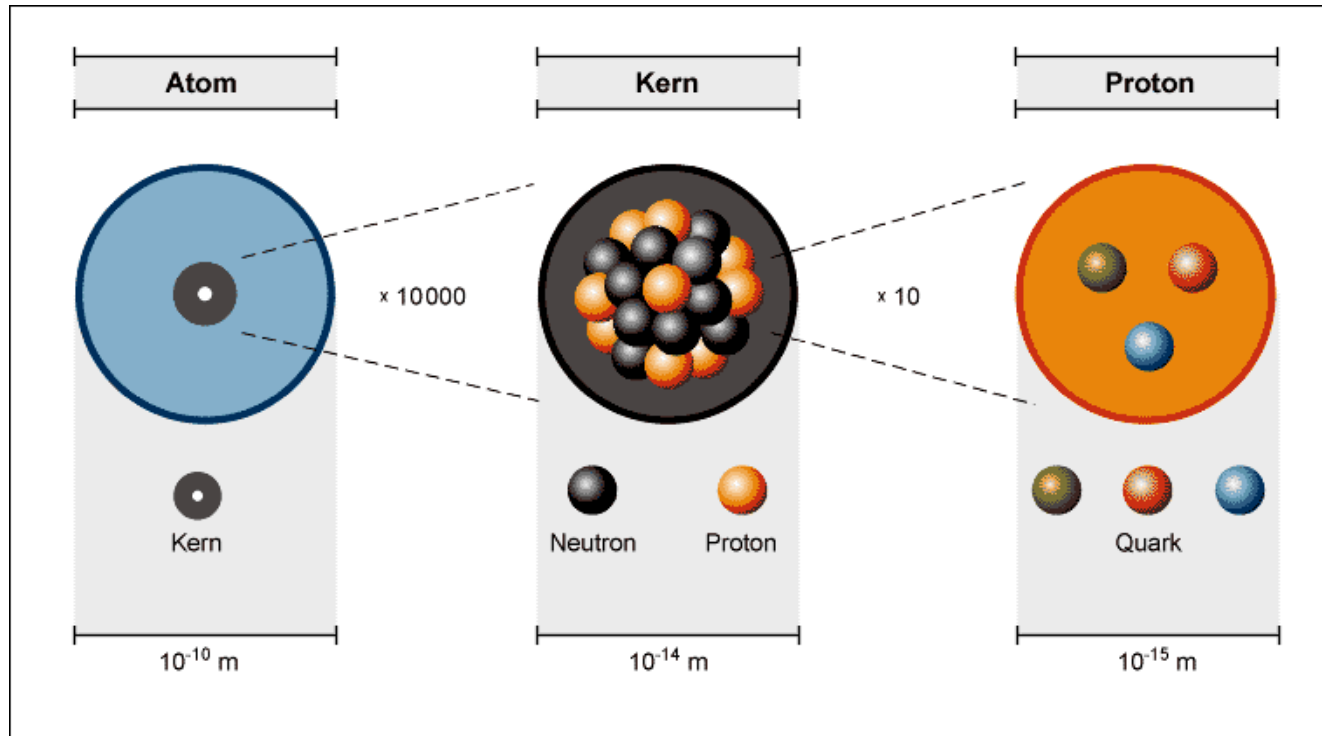
# Outline

- A brief introduction to the physics of compact stars.
- The neutron star twins scenario and the role of pasta phases.
- Study of f-modes in compact stars and their observation with third-generation gravitational wave detectors.

# Motivation

- New channels of multi-messenger observations like gravitational radiation from merger events of binary systems of compact stars or radio and X-ray signals from isolated pulsars allow to study their most basic structural properties like mass, radius, compactness, cooling rates and compressibility of their matter.
- Nuclear measurement and experiments have narrowed the Equation of State (EoS) uncertainty in the lowest to intermediate density range.
- Violent, transient energetic emissions are associated not only with the strong magnetic fields and extreme gravity in the proximity of NS but with explosive, evolutionary stages often triggered by mass accretion from companion stars. It is expected that  $f$ -modes are excited in many of these astrophysical processes.

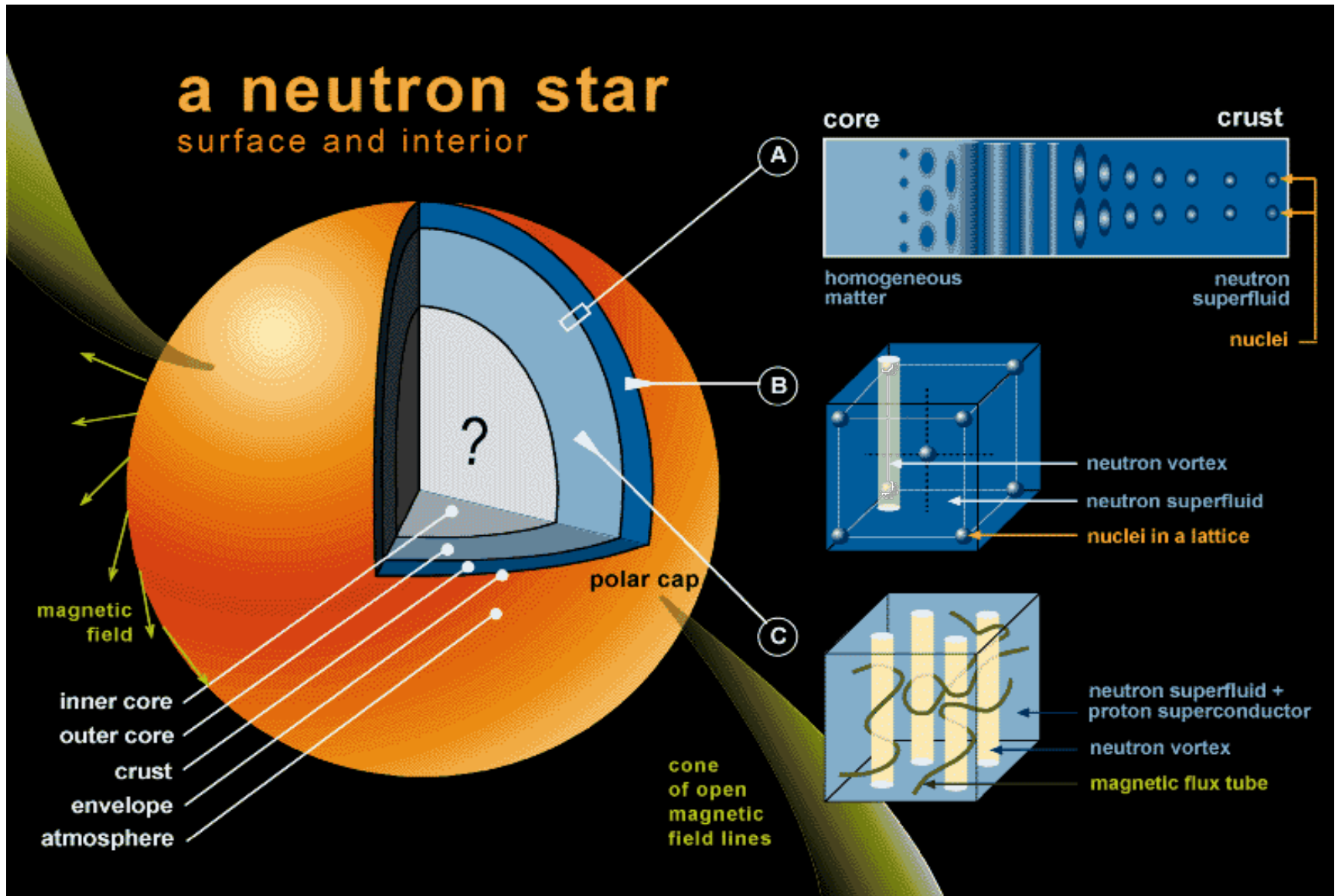
# Superdense objects – what is inside?



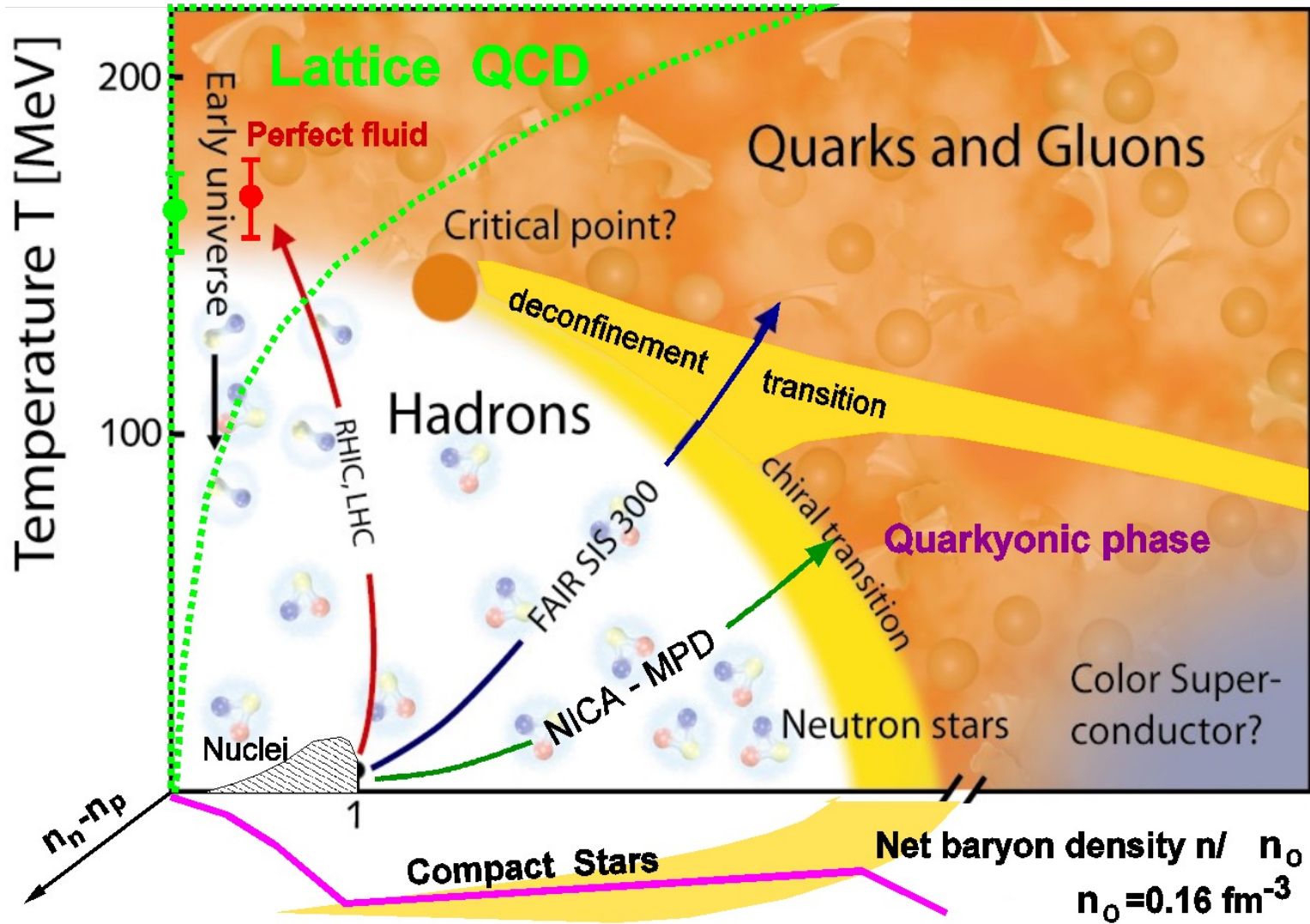
Nucleus, A nucleons:  $R_A = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ cm } A^{1/3}$ ;  $\rho_0 = A \cdot 1.67 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ g} / (4\pi/3 R_A^3) = 2.3 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$

Neutron star:  $R = 10 \text{ km}$ ;  $\rho = 2 \text{ Mo} / (4\pi/3 R^3) = 4 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ g} / (4 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^3) = 10^{15} \text{ g/cm}^3 = 4 \rho_0$

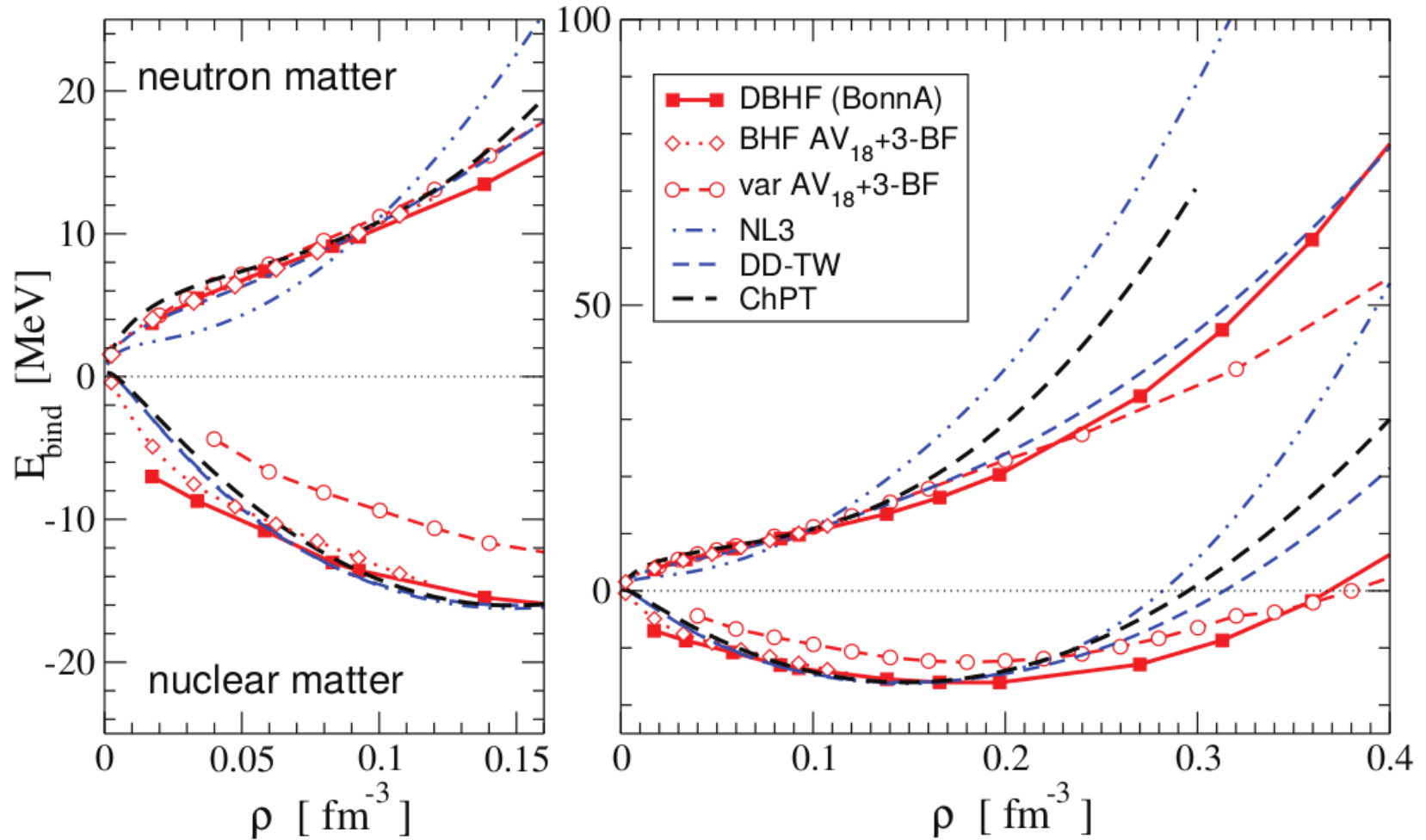
# Superdense objects – what is inside?



# Critical Endpoint in QCD



# Nuclear Matter



# Neutron Star Equation of State

The energy per nucleon in neutron star core matter is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{tot}}(n, \{x_i\}) &= E_{\text{b}}(n, x_p) + E_{\text{lep}}(n, x_e, x_\mu) , \\ E_{\text{b}}(n, x_p) &= E_0(n) + S(n, x_p) \\ E_{\text{lep}}(n, x_e, x_\mu) &= E_e(n, x_e) + E_\mu(n, x_\mu) , \end{aligned}$$

where  $n = n_p + n_n$  is the total baryon density and  $x_i = n_i/n$ ,  $i = p, e, \mu$  are the fractions of protons, electrons and muons, respectively. The baryonic part is very well described by the parabolic approximation w.r.t. the asymmetry

$$\alpha = \frac{n_n - n_p}{n_n + n_p} = 1 - 2x_p,$$

resulting in  $S(n, x_p) = (1 - 2x_p)^2 E_s(n)$ . The leptonic contribution is a sum of the Fermi gas expressions for the contributing leptons  $l = e, \mu$

$$E_l(n, x_l) = \frac{1}{n} \frac{p_{F,l}^4}{4\pi^2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + z_l^2} \left( 1 + \frac{z_l^2}{2} \right) - \frac{z_l^4}{2} \text{Arsinh} \left( \frac{1}{z_l} \right) \right] ,$$

where  $z_l = m_l/p_{F,l}$ . For massless leptons ( $z_l \rightarrow 0$ ), this expression goes over to

$$E_l(n, x_l) \Big|_{m_l=0} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{p_{F,l}^4}{4\pi^2} = \frac{3}{4} (3\pi^2 n)^{1/3} x_l^{4/3} .$$



# Charge neutrality and $\beta$ -equilibrium

Under neutron star conditions charge neutrality holds,

$$x_p = x_e + x_\mu .$$

The  $\beta$ -equilibrium with respect to the weak interaction processes  $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$  and  $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$  (and similar for muons), for cold neutron stars (temperature  $T$  below the neutrino opacity criterion  $T < T_\nu \sim 1$  MeV) implies

$$\mu_n - \mu_p = \mu_e = \mu_\mu .$$

The chemical potentials are defined as

$$\mu_i = \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i}{\partial n_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} E_i(n, \{x_j\}) , \quad i, j = n, p, e, \mu ,$$

where  $\varepsilon_i = n E_i(n, \{x_j\})$  is the partial energy density of species  $i$  in the system. From the above equations:

$$\mu_e = 4(1 - 2x)E_s(n) .$$

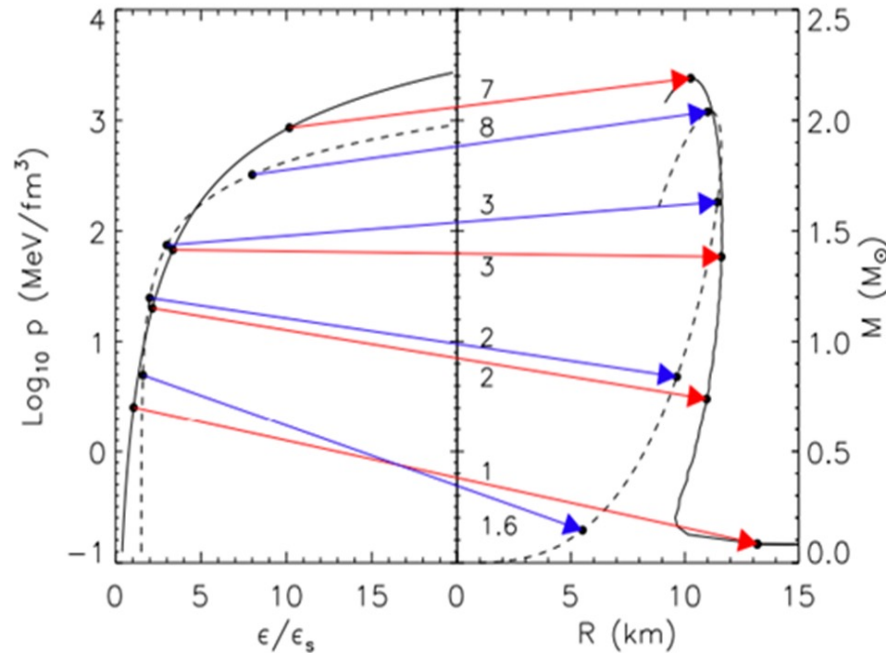
Since electrons in neutron star interiors are ultrarelativistic,

$$\mu_e = \sqrt{p_{F,e}^2 + m_e^2} \approx p_{F,e}, \text{ and } p_{F,e} = (3\pi^2 n_e)^{1/3} = (3\pi^2 n)^{1/3} (x - x_\mu)^{1/3} ,$$

$$\frac{x - x_\mu}{(1 - 2x)^3} = \frac{64E_s^3(n)}{3\pi^2 n} , \quad (x - x_\mu)^{2/3} - x_\mu^{2/3} = \frac{m_\mu^2}{(3\pi^2 n)^{2/3}} .$$

The total pressure is then given as  $P(n) = n^2 \left( \frac{\partial E_{\text{tot}}}{\partial n} \right) .$

# Compact Star Sequences (M-R $\Leftrightarrow$ EoS)



James Lattimer,  
Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.  
62, 485 (2012),  
arXiv:1305.3510

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{(\varepsilon + p/c^2)G(m + 4\pi r^3 p/c^2)}{r^2(1 - 2Gm/rc^2)}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \varepsilon \quad p(\varepsilon)$$

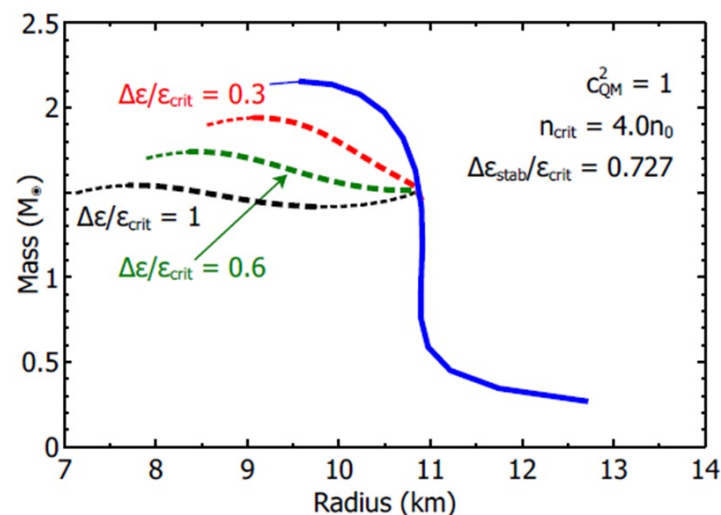
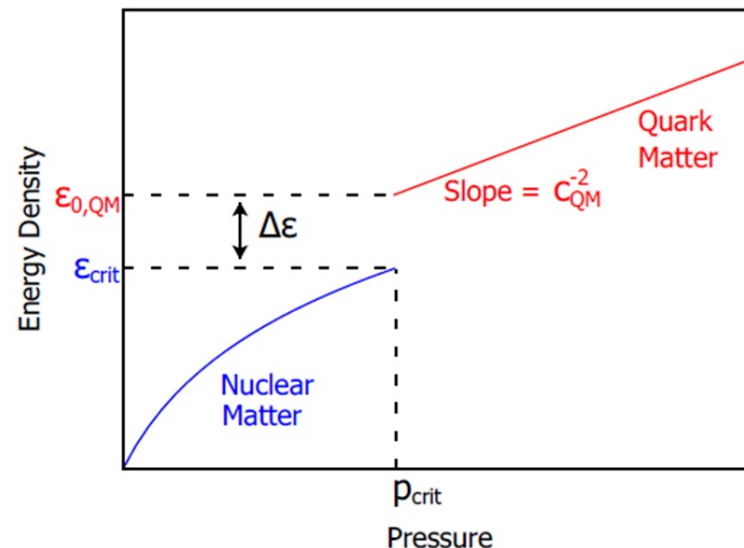
- TOV Equations
- Equation of State (EoS)



# Compact Star Mass Twins and the AHP scheme

- 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 represent 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!

Alford, Han, Prakash,  
 Phys. Rev. D 88, 083013 (2013)  
 arxiv:1302.4732

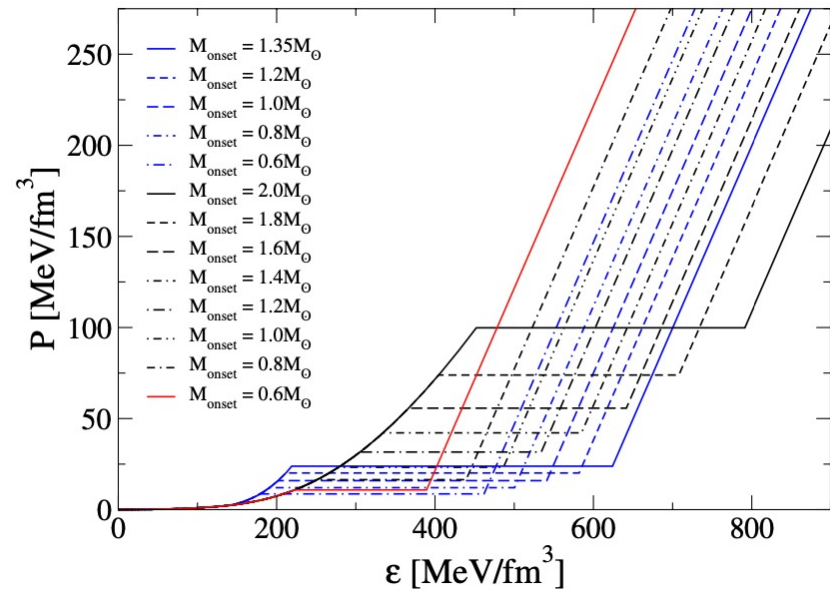


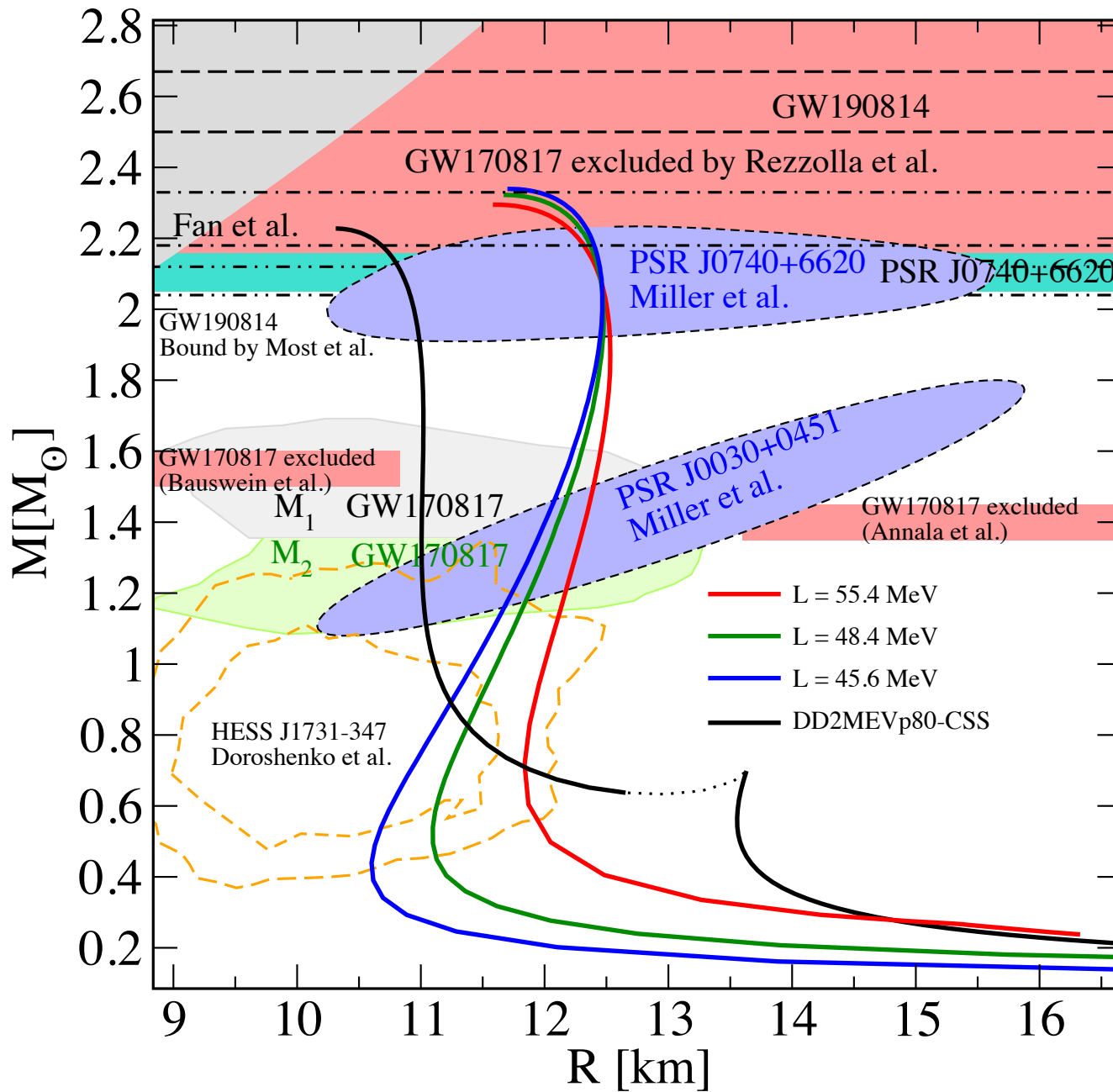
# Compact Star Mass Twins

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

Model	$M_{\text{onset}}$ [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$n_{\text{trans}}$ [ $1/\text{fm}^3$ ]	$\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}$ [ $\text{MeV}/\text{fm}^3$ ]	$p_{\text{trans}}$ [ $\text{MeV}/\text{fm}^3$ ]	$\Delta\varepsilon$ [ $\text{MeV}/\text{fm}^3$ ]	$c_{\text{QM}}$ [ $c$ ]
DD2p80	0.7	0.193	185.223	10.3131	268.573	0.9

$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon_{\text{crit}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{p_{\text{trans}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}}$$





# Piecewise polytrope EoS

Hebeler et al., ApJ 773, 11 (2013)

$$P_i(n) = \kappa_i n^{\Gamma_i}$$

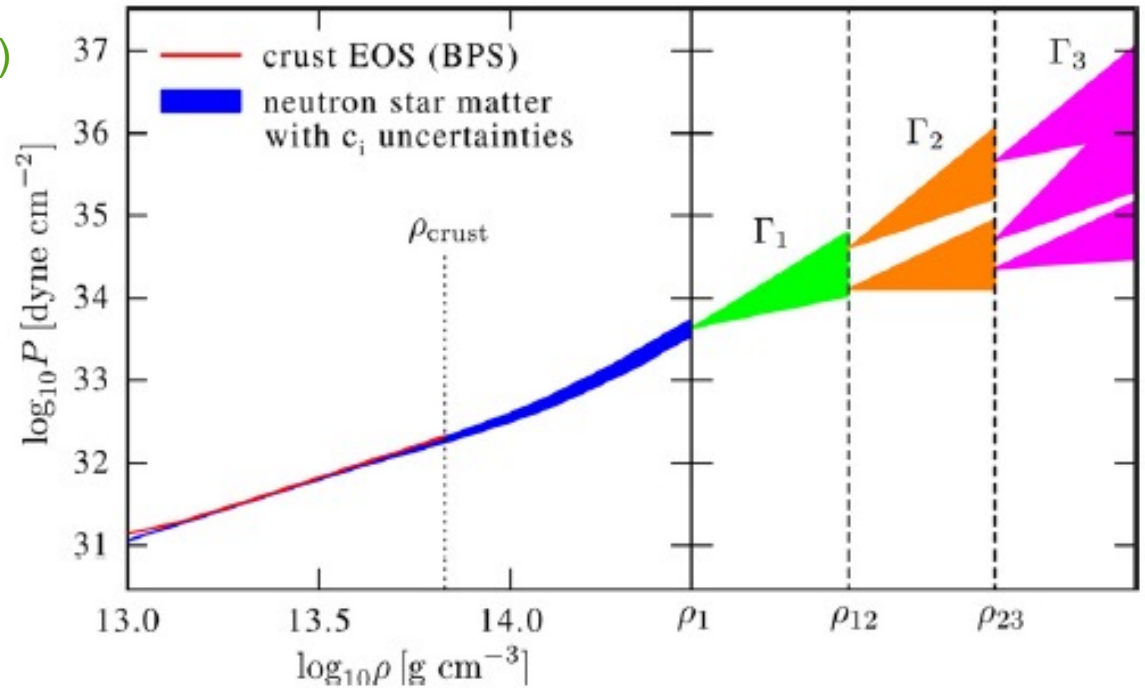
$$i = 1 : n_1 \leq n \leq n_{12}$$

$$i = 2 : n_{12} \leq n \leq n_{23}$$

$$i = 3 : n \geq n_{23} ,$$

Here, 1<sup>st</sup> order PT in region 2:

$$\Gamma_2 = 0 \text{ and } P_2 = \kappa_2 = P_{\text{crit}}$$



$$P(n) = n^2 \frac{d(\varepsilon(n)/n)}{dn},$$

$$\varepsilon(n)/n = \int dn \frac{P(n)}{n^2} = \int dn \kappa n^{\Gamma-2} = \frac{\kappa n^{\Gamma-1}}{\Gamma-1} + C,$$

$$\mu(n) = \frac{P(n) + \varepsilon(n)}{n} = \frac{\kappa \Gamma}{\Gamma-1} n^{\Gamma-1} + m_0,$$

$$n(\mu) = \left[ (\mu - m_0) \frac{\Gamma-1}{\kappa \Gamma} \right]^{1/(\Gamma-1)}$$

$$P(\mu) = \kappa \left[ (\mu - m_0) \frac{\Gamma-1}{\kappa \Gamma} \right]^{\Gamma/(\Gamma-1)}$$

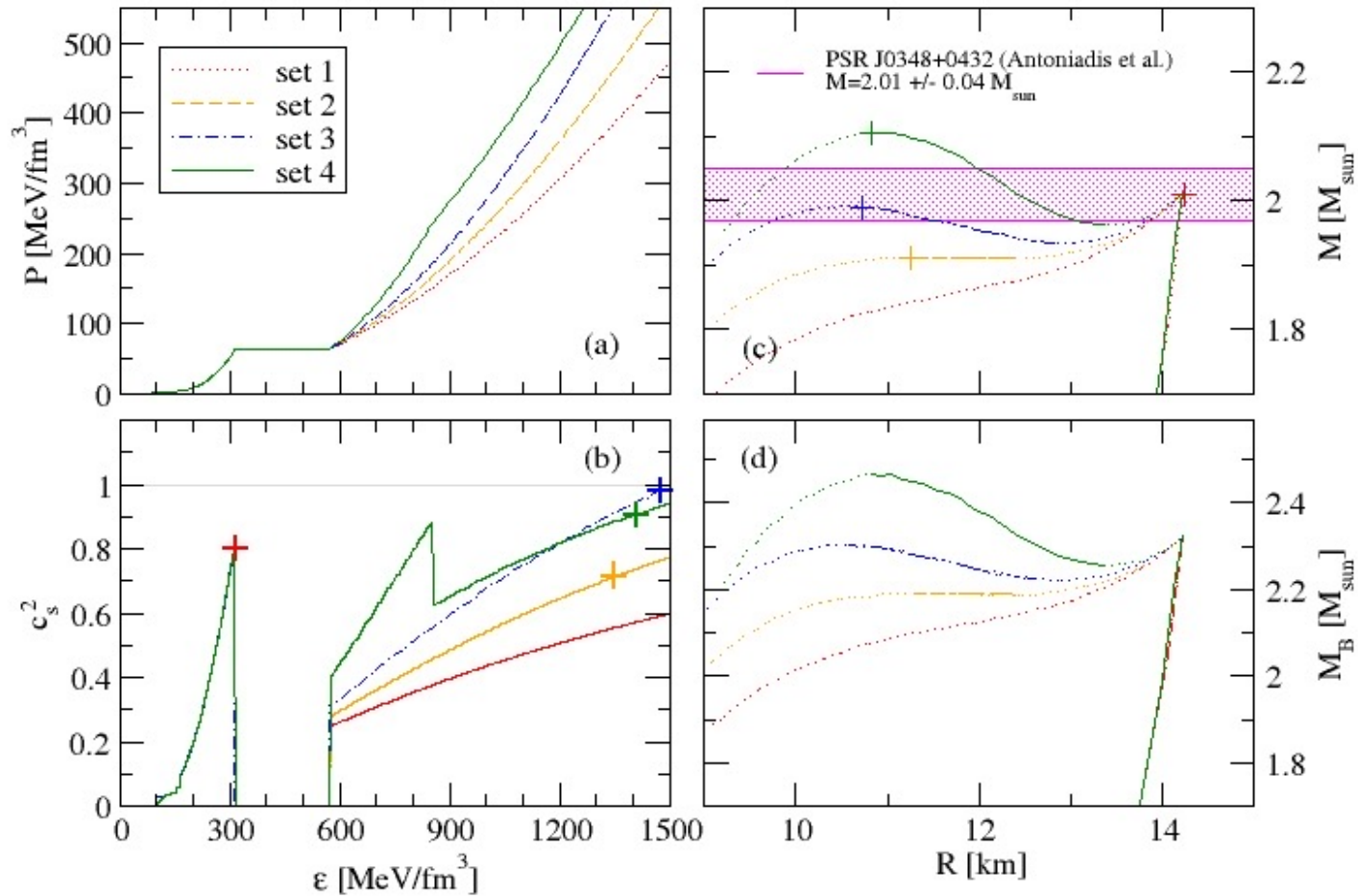
Maxwell construction:

$$P_1(\mu_{\text{crit}}) = P_3(\mu_{\text{crit}}) = P_{\text{crit}}$$

$$\mu_{\text{crit}} = \mu_1(n_{12}) = \mu_3(n_{23})$$

Seidov criterion for instability:  $\frac{\Delta \varepsilon}{\varepsilon_{\text{crit}}} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{3} \frac{P_{\text{crit}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{crit}}}$

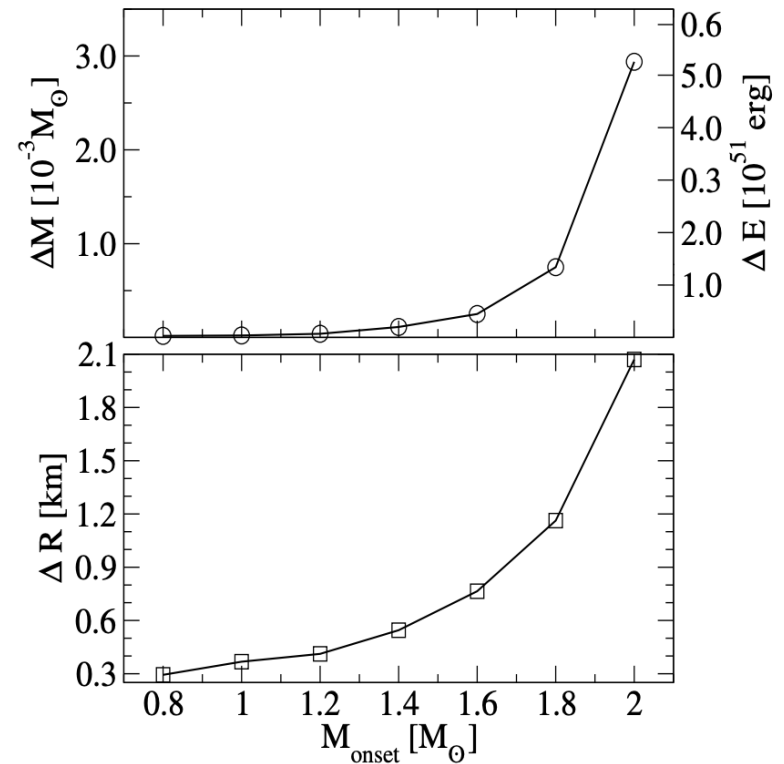
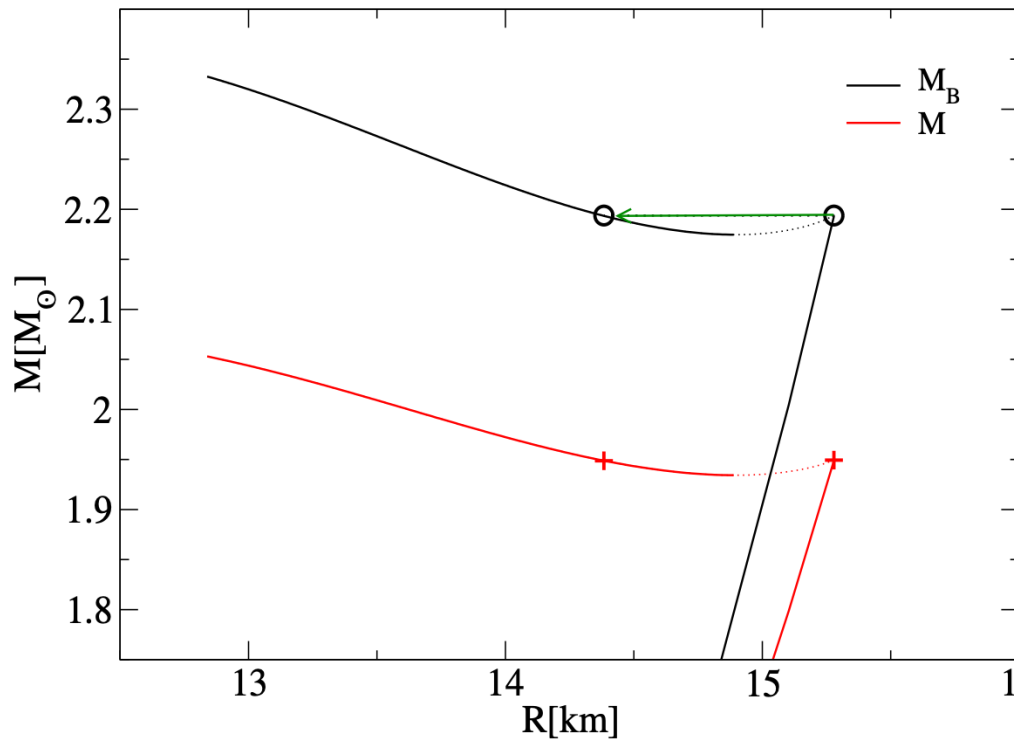
# Compact Star Twins



Alvarez-Castillo, Blaschke (2017)

High mass twins from multi-polytrope equations of state  
arXiv: 1703.02681v2, Phys. Rev. C 96, 045809 (2017)

# Mass Twins – Energy Released





# The EoS Model : Phenomenological Description

- > [A. Ayriyan, H. Grigorian, EPJ Web of Conferences, p. 03003,\(2018\).](#)
- > [A. Ayriyan, N. Bastian, D. Blaschke, H. Grigorian, K. Maslov, D. N. Voskresensky, PRC 97, 045802 \(2018\),.](#)
- > [V. Abgaryan, D. Alvarez-Castillo, A. Ayriyan, D. Blaschke, H. Grigorian, Universe, 4, 94 \(2018\).](#)

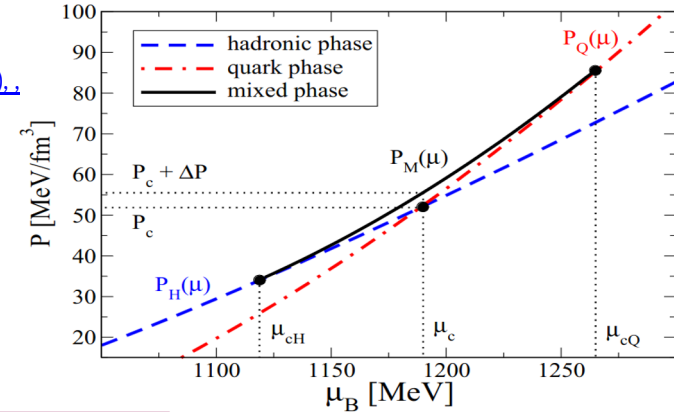
- ★ Surface tension effect leads to existence of pasta phases.
- ★ A parabolic interpolation method used to construct the mix

$$p(\mu) = \begin{cases} p^H(\mu), & \mu \leq \mu_{cH}, \\ P^M(\mu) = \alpha_2(\mu - \mu_c)^2 + \alpha_1(\mu - \mu_c) + P_c + \Delta P, & \mu_{cH} \leq \mu \leq \mu_{cQ}, \\ p^Q(\mu), & \mu \geq \mu_{cQ} \end{cases}$$

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \mu_{cH}, \mu_{cQ}$

Determined from the continuity of pressure and its derivative.

- ★ Mix Phase is parametrized by  $\Delta p = \Delta P/P_c$ .
- ★  $\Delta p = 0$  : Maxwell Construction.



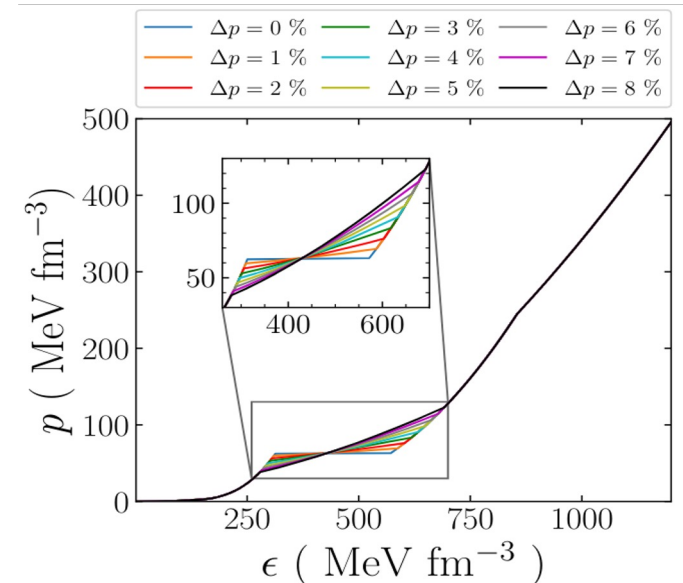
## ACB4 Parametrization:

- > [D. E. Alvarez-Castillo, D. Blaschke, PRC, 96, 045809,\(2017\),](#)
- > [V. Paschalidis, K. Yagi, D. Alvarez-Castillo, D. Blaschke, A Sedrakian, PRD, 97, 084038, \(2018\).](#)

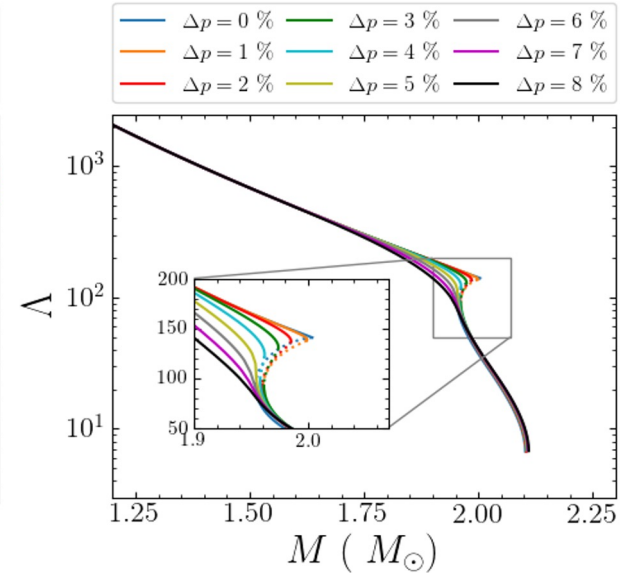
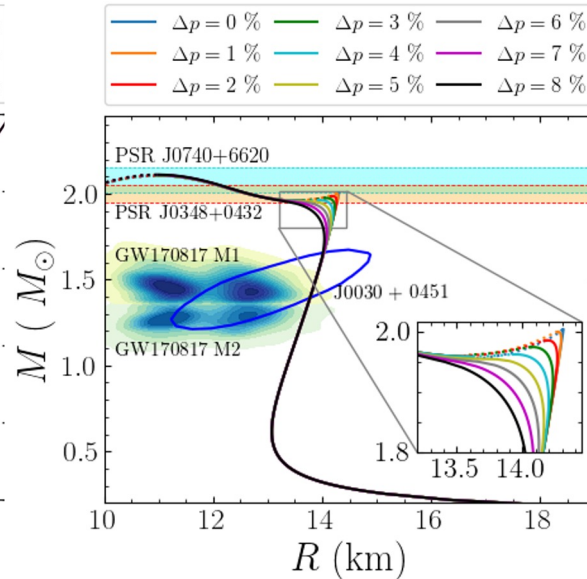
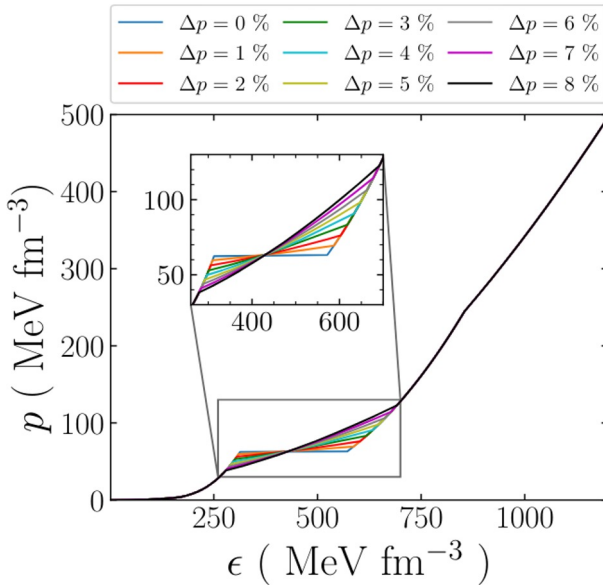
$$P(n) = \kappa_i \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^{\Gamma_i}, \quad n_i < n < n_{i+1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 4$$

$$P(\mu) = \kappa_i \left[ (\mu - m_{0,i}) \frac{\Gamma_i - 1}{\kappa_i \Gamma_i} \right]^{\frac{\Gamma_i}{(\Gamma_i - 1)}}$$

$i$	$\Gamma_i$	$\kappa_i$ [MeV fm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$n_i$ [fm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$m_{0,i}$ [MeV]
1	4.921	2.1680	0.1650	939.56
2	0.0	63.178	0.3174	939.56
3	4.00	0.5075	0.5344	1031.2
4	2.80	3.2401	0.7500	958.55

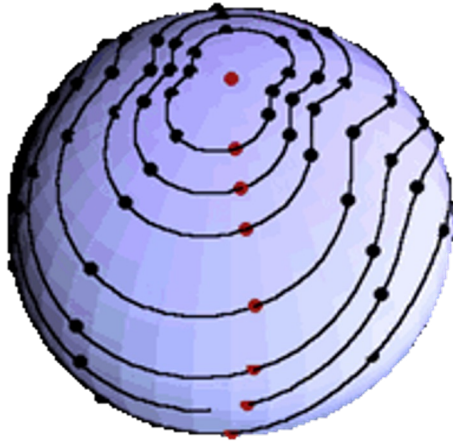


# Stellar Properties

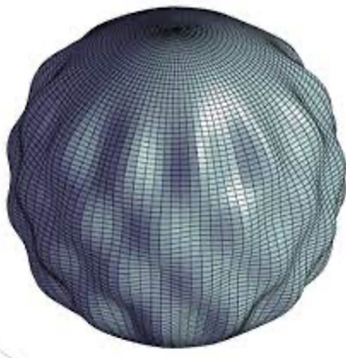


- ❖ The second and third family merge to form a single branch for  $\Delta p > 4\%$ .
- ❖ Precise measurement of  $M$ - $R$  required for detection of twin star.
- ❖ The jump  $\Delta\Lambda$  (if any) can be measured  $\sim 15\%$  ( $< 90\%$  CI) with next-generation GW detectors ([P. Landry & K. Chakravarti, arXiv:2212.09733, 2022](#)).

# Gravitational Waves from NS



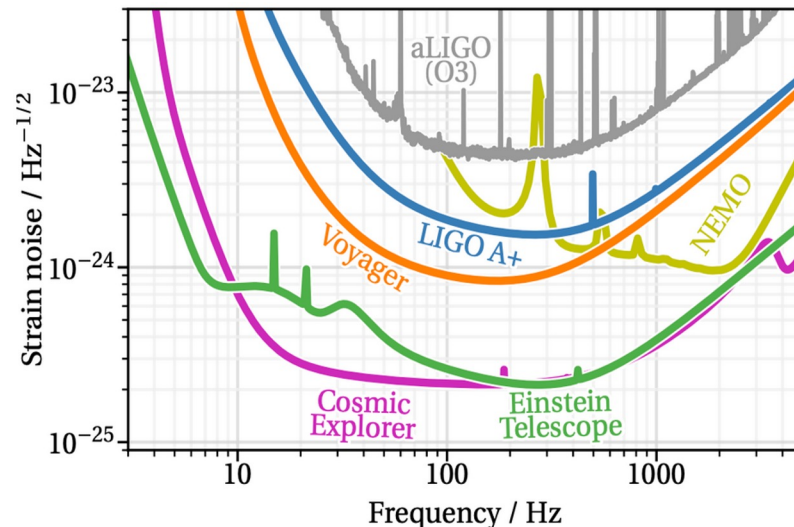
Credit: C. Hanna and B. Owen



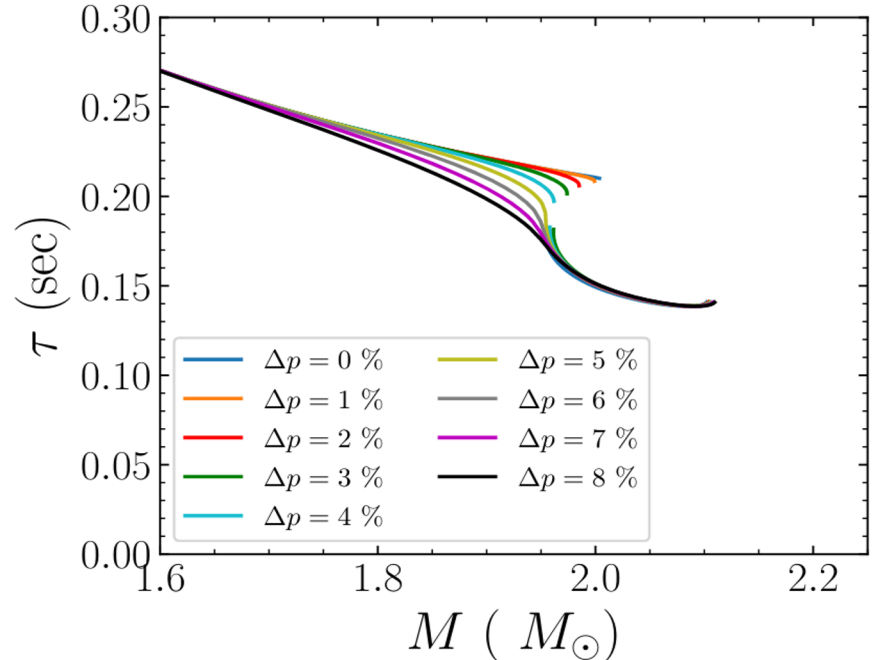
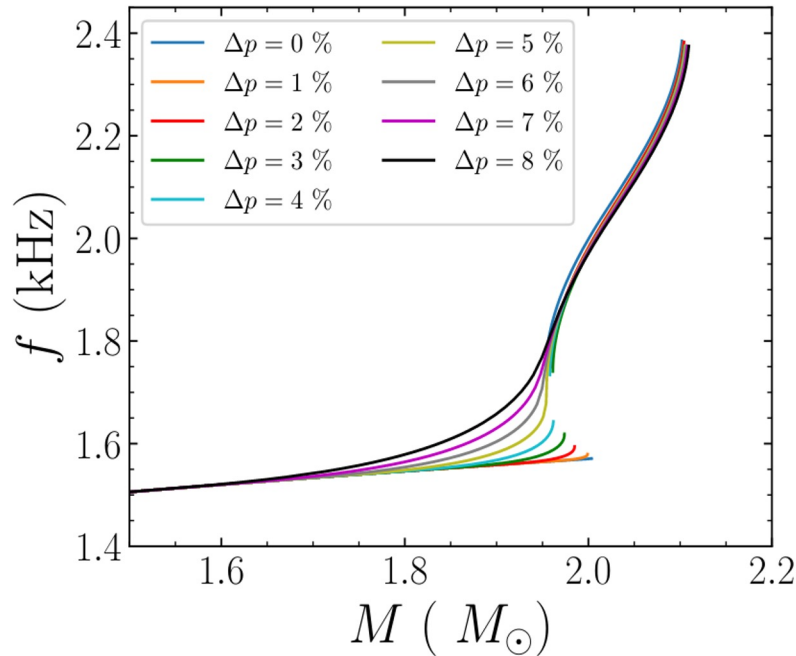
Credit: CERN/Indico

PC: [cosmicexplorer.org/sensitivity](http://cosmicexplorer.org/sensitivity)

- Non-radial QNMs raised from time varying quadrupole deformations are source of GWs.
  - fundamental (f) mode,
    - no node, probe for mean density, ( $1 \text{ kHz} < f < 3 \text{ kHz}$ )
  - pressure (p) mode,
    - Sound speed, ( $5 \text{ kHz} < f < 10 \text{ kHz}$ )
  - gravity (g) mode,
    - ( $50 \text{ Hz} < f < 500 \text{ Hz}$ )
- R-mode, for rotating stars only.
  - Viscosity, ( $0.5 \text{ kHz} < f < 2 \text{ kHz}$ )
- Space-time (w) mode.
  - $5 \text{ kHz} < f$



# f-mode characteristics



- f-mode characteristics are obtained within **General relativistic** formalism.
- Sudden increase (decrease) in the frequency (damping time) observed with appearance of twin star.
- Detections of f-mode GWs from compact stars with known mass may reveal the presence of twin stars.
- Simultaneous measurement of  $M$ - $f$  (from binary system) can be used to comment on twin stars.

# Asteroseismology and Universal Relations

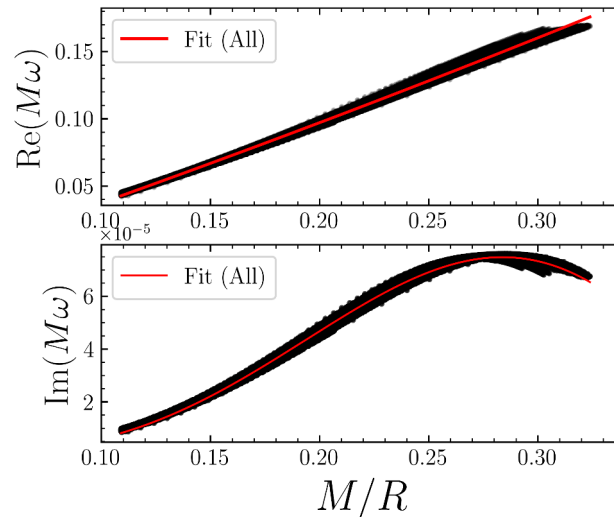
- URs among f-mode characteristics ( $f$ ,  $\tau_f$  or  $\omega=2\pi f+1/\tau_f$ ) and NS observables.

$$f(\text{kHz}) = a_r + b_r \sqrt{\frac{M}{R^3}}$$

Empirical relations (EOS dependent)

$$\text{Re}(M\omega) = a_0 + a_1 \left(\frac{M}{R}\right) + a_2 \left(\frac{M}{R}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Im}(M\omega) = b_0 \left(\frac{M}{R}\right)^4 + b_1 \left(\frac{M}{R}\right)^5 + b_2 \left(\frac{M}{R}\right)^6$$

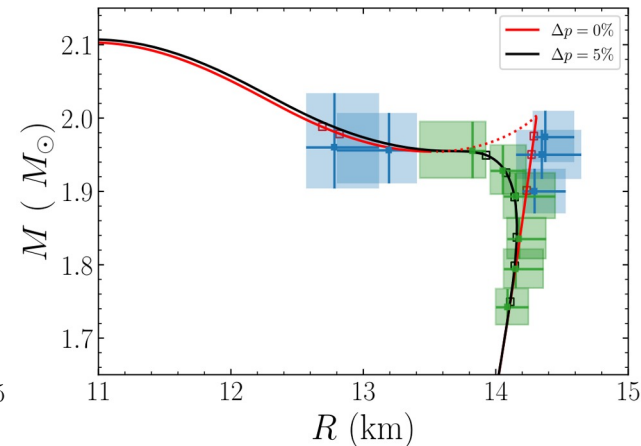
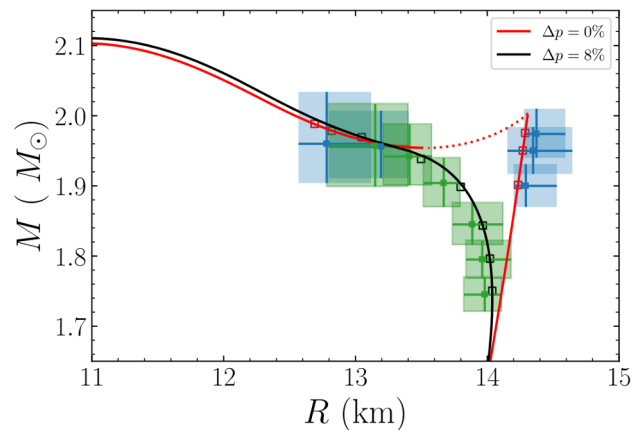
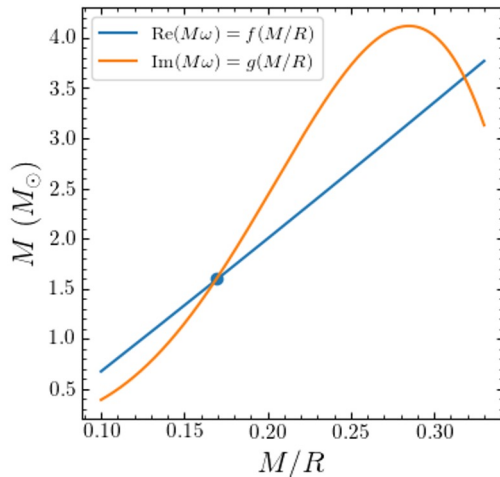


	Re( $M\omega$ )		Im( $M\omega$ )
$a_0$	$-0.027 \pm 9 \times 10^{-5}$	$b_0$	$(9.81 \pm 0.004) \times 10^{-2}$
$a_1$	$0.610 \pm 0.0015$	$b_1$	$(-4.444 \pm 0.003) \times 10^{-1}$
$a_2$	$0.049 \pm 0.002$	$b_2$	$(4.91 \pm 0.0045) \times 10^{-1}$

- Scaled Universal relations are more useful.
- The URs can be used for EoS inference.
- URs involving tidal deformability have also been examined.

# Compact star observables from f-mode observations: the role of UR Uncertainty

- ❖ Determination under the assumption that  $f$ ,  $\tau$  are measured precisely.
- ❖ Errors on UR results uncertainties on  $M$ - $R$ .



- ★ The presence of the twins maybe confirmed with exact measurement of  $f$ , and  $\tau$ .
- ★ The unstable branch of  $\Delta p = 0\%$  can be distinguished from the connecting stable branch of  $\Delta p = 8\%$ .
- ★ Differentiating among  $\Delta p = 0\%$  and  $\Delta p = 5\%$  is more challenging.

# Inclusion of Observational Uncertainties

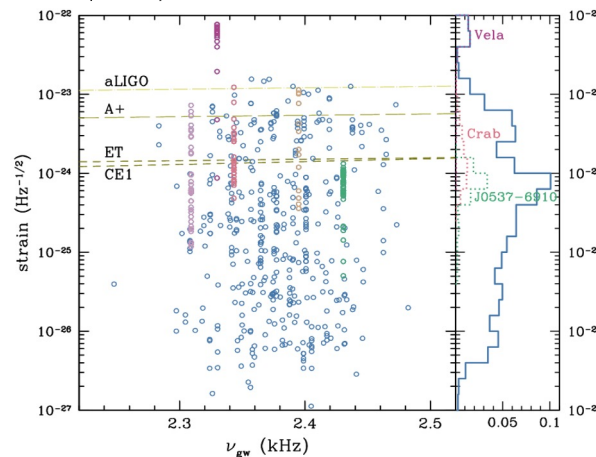
- F-mode being excited during pulsar glitches. All the energy radiated through GW.
- The burst waveform is modelled as an exponentially damped oscillation.

$$h(t) = h_0 \exp(-t/\tau_f) \sin(2\pi\nu_f t), \quad t > 0 \quad (\text{B.J. Owen,2010, Ho et al. 2020})$$

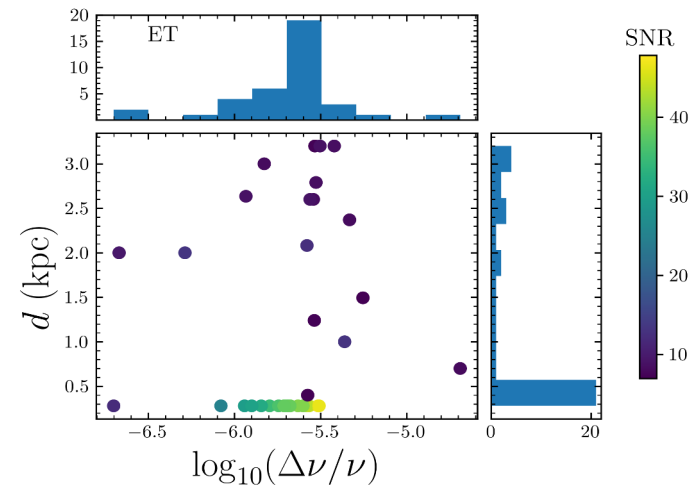
$$h_0 = 4.85 \times 10^{-17} \sqrt{\frac{E_{\text{gw}}}{M_{\odot} c^2}} \sqrt{\frac{0.1 \text{sec} \cdot 1 \text{kpc}}{\tau_f d}} \left( \frac{1 \text{kHz}}{\nu_f} \right)$$

## f-modes GW

$$E_{\text{gw}} = E_{\text{glitch}} = 4\pi^2 I \nu^2 \left( \frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} \right)^2$$



Ho et al, PRD 101, 103009 (2020)



B. K. Pradhan, D. Pathak, and D. Chatterjee, ApJ 956 38, (2023)

- B. Abbott et al., LVC, [ApJ 874 163, 2019.](#)
- R. Abbott et al., LVK, [PhRvD, 104, 122004, 2021.](#)
- R. Abbott, et al., LVK, [arXiv:2210.10931, 2022.](#)
- R. Abbott, et al., LVK, [arXiv:2203.12038, 2022.](#)
- D. Lopez et al., [PhRvD, 106, 103037, 2022](#)



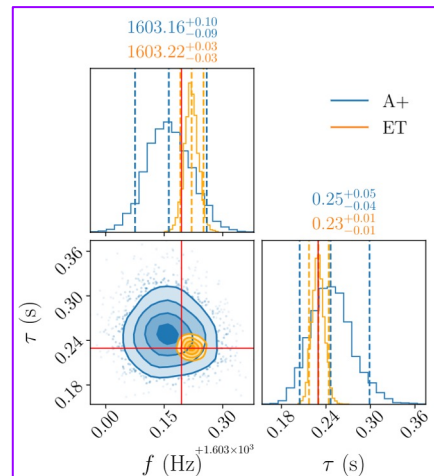
# Inclusion of Observational Uncertainties

- Parameter Estimation for GW signal parameters are carried out using **Bilby**.
- Priors are kept,
  - logUniform in  $E_{\text{gw}}$ .
  - $\nu_f \in \text{U}[800, 3500]$  Hz.
  - $\tau_f \in \text{U}[0.05, 0.7]$  s.
  - Distance is fixed.

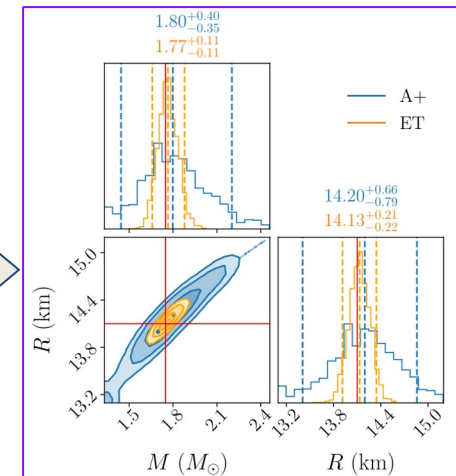
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$$h_0 = 4.85 \times 10^{-17} \sqrt{\frac{E_{\text{gw}}}{M_{\odot} c^2}} \sqrt{\frac{0.1 \text{sec} \cdot 1 \text{kpc}}{\tau_f d}} \left( \frac{1 \text{kHz}}{\nu_f} \right)$$

- Frequency can be measured accurately in A+ and ET.
- Damping time can have error ~20-50% in A+ and ~5-15% in ET.
- M-R posterior is obtained using UR.
- Within a 90% CI, M can be measured to ~6% in ET.
- Within a 90% CI, R can be measured to ~2% in ET.
- Error on M,R are large in A+.



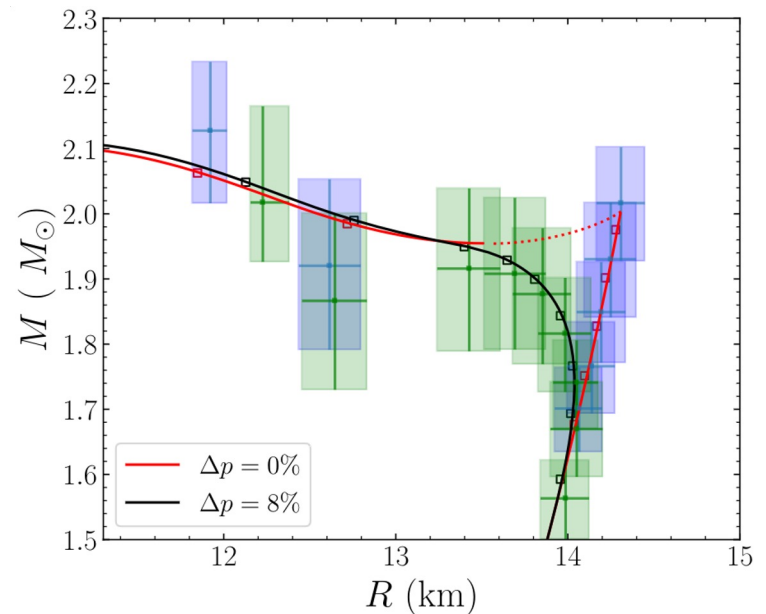
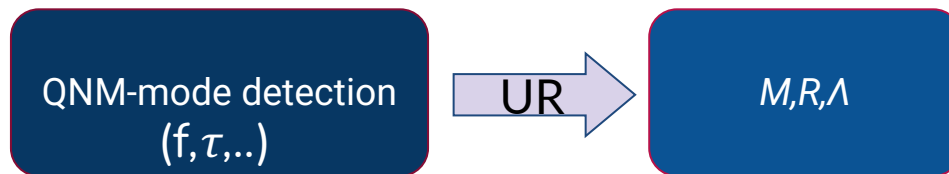
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# Inclusion of Observational Uncertainties

- Glitching pulsars data taken from the [Jodrell Bank Glitch catalogue](#).
- Spin frequency, distance ( $d$ ) and sky position to each pulsar are assigned from [ATNF Pulsar Catalogue](#).
- Consider few random mass configurations with an assumed EOS model.
- Then f-mode frequency, damping time, moment of inertia to pulsars from the assumed EoS model.



- The measurement of  $R$  from f-mode observation may confirm the presence of twins.
- More challenging for low mass twins. However, we have more observations at low masses.
- Differentiating the nature of  $\Delta p$  is more challenging.

# Outlook

- Multi-messenger astronomy and collider experiments will continue probing the properties of dense matter.
- Bayesian Analysis and Machine Learning methods are useful for estimation of unknown physical parameters.
- f-mode oscillation of hybrid stars and twin stars involving the “pasta phase” has been investigated.
- Re-examination of the asteroseismology problem considering the twin stars.
- Precise f-mode measurement provides suitable scenario for twin star detection.

# Outlook

- f-mode GW detection with next-generation GW offers a promising scenario for confirming the existence of the twin stars.
- Distinguishing the nature of hadron-quark crossover phase transition requires further studies. Interestingly, accretion onto neutron stars can potentially excite fundamental modes in connection with neutrino emissions allowing for probing for phase transitions, see [arXiv:2311.15992](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.15992).
- Consideration of the effect of rotation and magnetic fields can potentially improve this study.
- A detailed Bayesian study is in progress to constrain the pasta phase parameters from f-mode/binary observation.

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