Tests of nuclear properties with astronomical observations of neutron stars

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Outline

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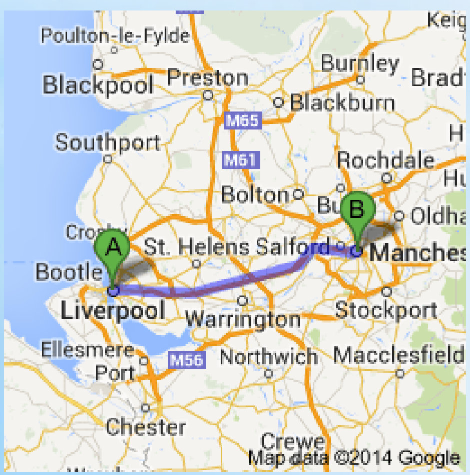
Four examples of testing of nuclear physics with neutron stars

1) EOS from qLMXBs in globular clusters
   (Heinke, WH+, arXiv:1406.1497)

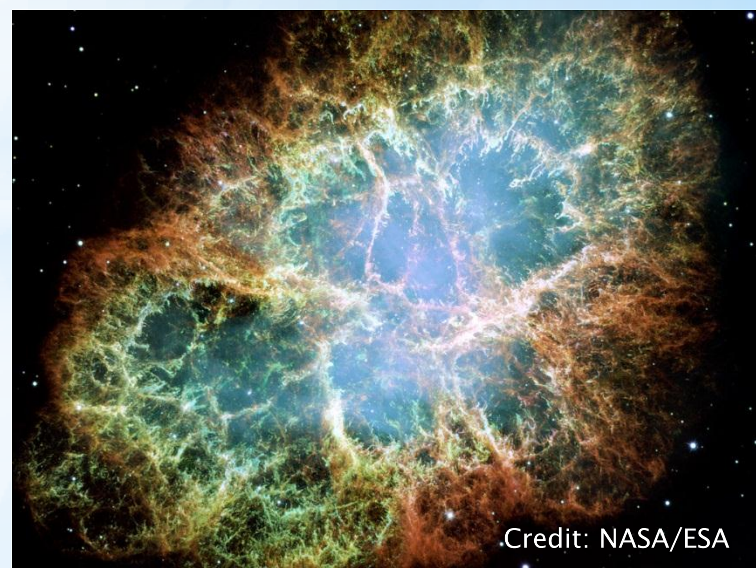
2) EOS and superfluidity/superconductivity from Cassiopeia A NS
   (WH+, in preparation)

3) EOS and superfluidity from pulsar glitches
   (Andersson, WH+, 2012)

4) Gravitational wave-induced r-modes
   (WH+, 2011; Haskell, WH+, 2012; Andersson, WH+, 2014)



~50 km > 2×NS diameter



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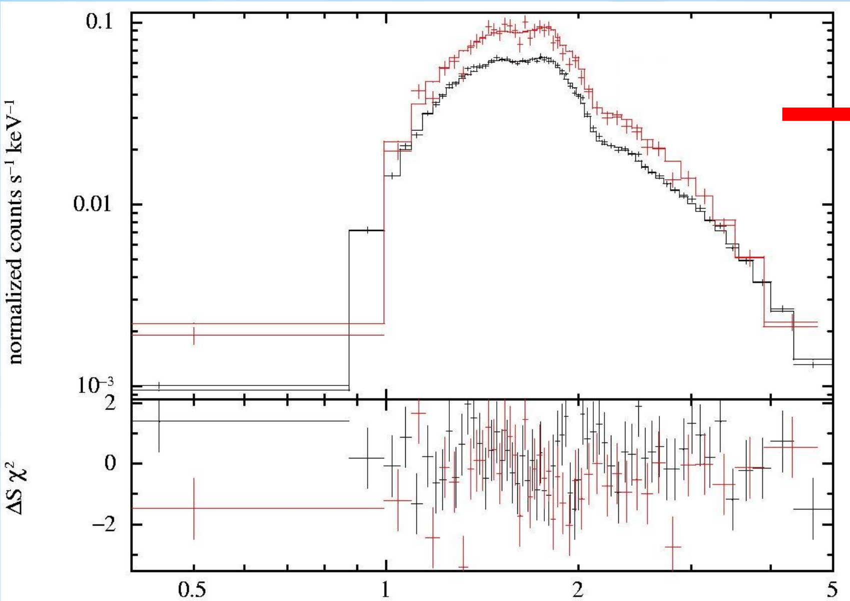
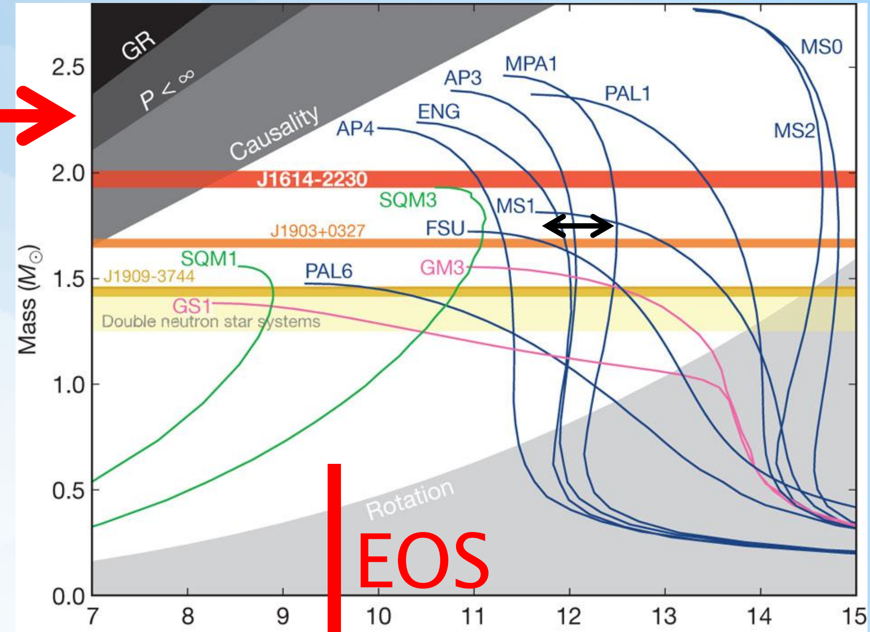
EOS from Neutron Star Surface Radiation



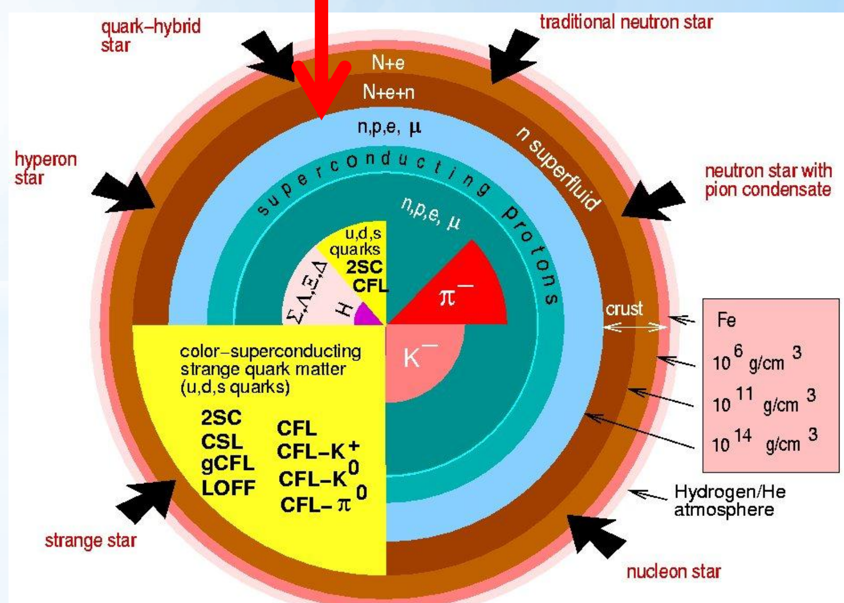
WH & Heinke 2009

M-R



Demorest+ 2010

EOS



Weber 2005

1) X-ray/UV/optical energy spectrum from telescopes (eg *Chandra*, *Hubble*, *XMM*)

2) Fit spectrum with model:

- blackbody: *T*, *R/d*
- atmosphere: redshift $\propto M/R$, surface gravity $\propto M/R^2$, composition, magnetic field

3) Constrain EOS

Neutron star radii from quiescent low-mass X-ray binaries (qLMXBs) in globular clusters

- qLMXBs in globular clusters (GCs)
  - binary star system with NS accreting from low-mass companion, thus X-ray bright
  - globular cluster – mini-galaxy orbiting Milky Way with well-determined distance
  - spectral fit depends on R/d
- Radius constraints using five qLMXB in GC
  - Guillot+ (2013): $R = 9.1_{-1.5}^{+1.3}$ km
    - NGC 6397: $R \approx 6.6 \pm 1.2$ km
    - ω Cen: $R \approx 20.1 \pm 7.3$ km
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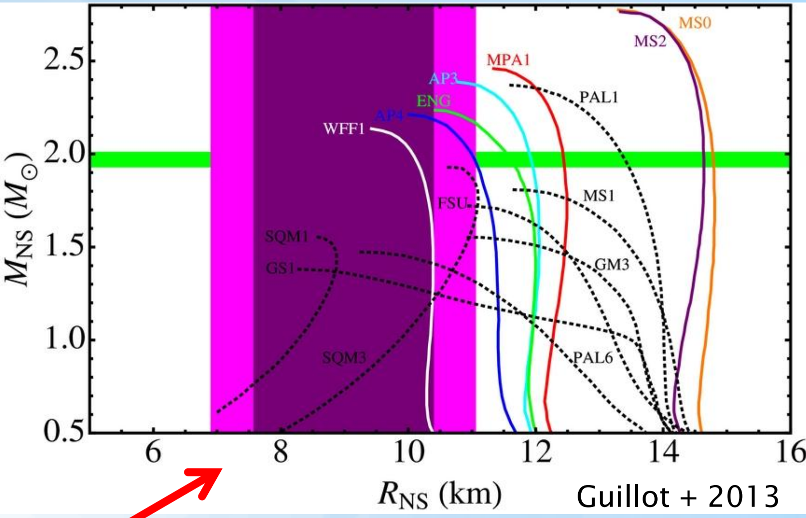

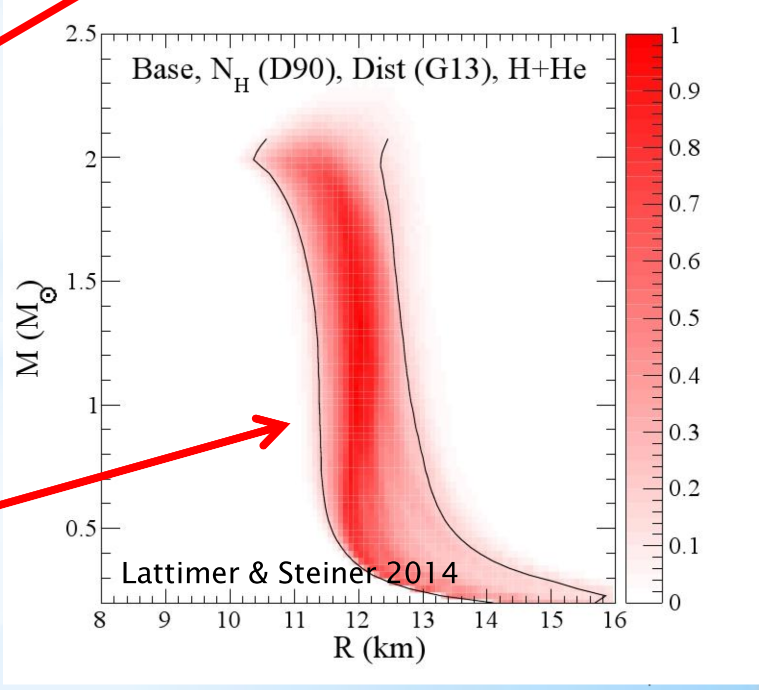

Neutron star radii from qLMXBs in globular clusters

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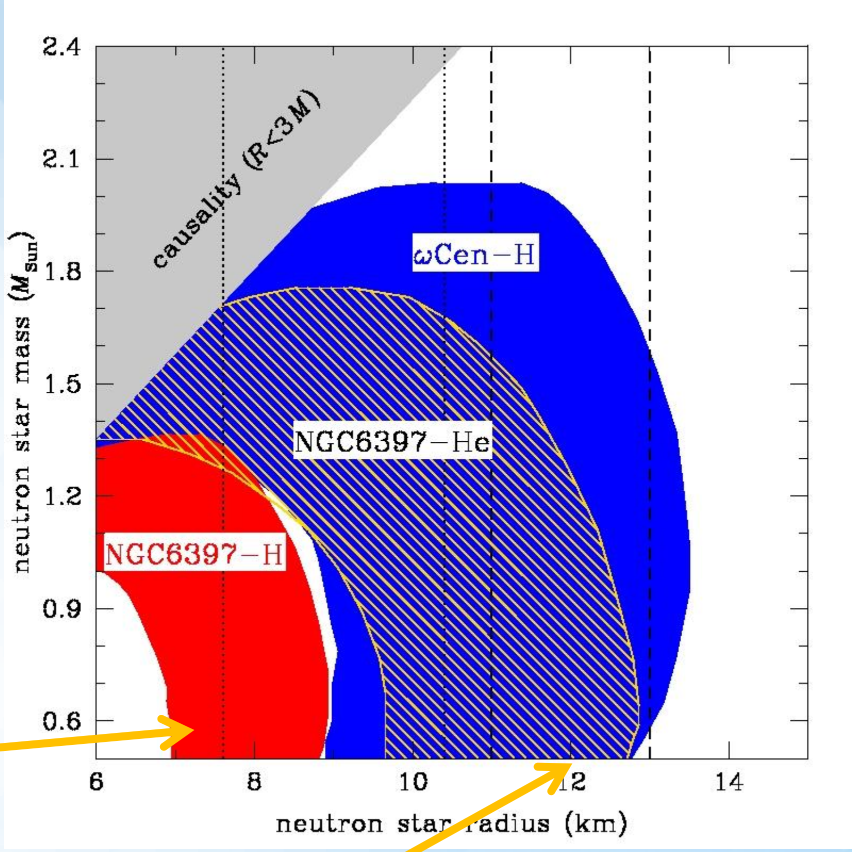
- NGC 6397
  - *Hubble* observations place upper limit on hydrogen on companion
    - ⇒ possible helium white dwarf
    - ⇒ **NS has helium surface (?)**



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  - redshift – M/R
  - brightness – R^2
  - surface gravity – M/R^2

- Neutron star cooling
  - detailed EOS info (eg particle abundances)
  - superfluid & superconducting gap energies

- Detailed constraints from using specific EOS
  - APR (A18+δv+UIX*) – $M_{dU} > 1.96\ M_{sun}$
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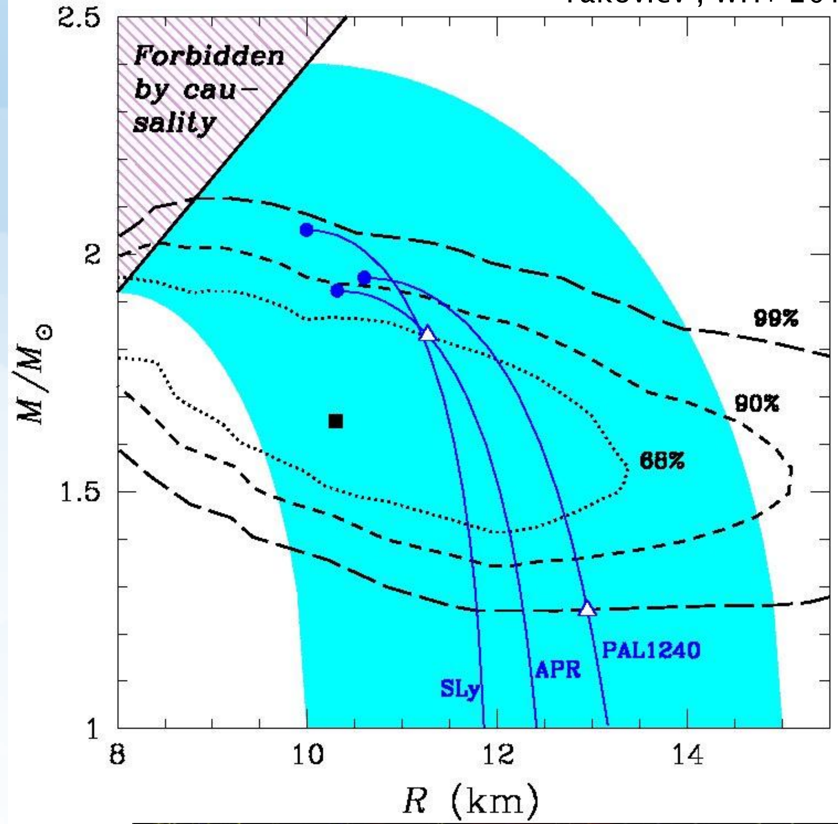
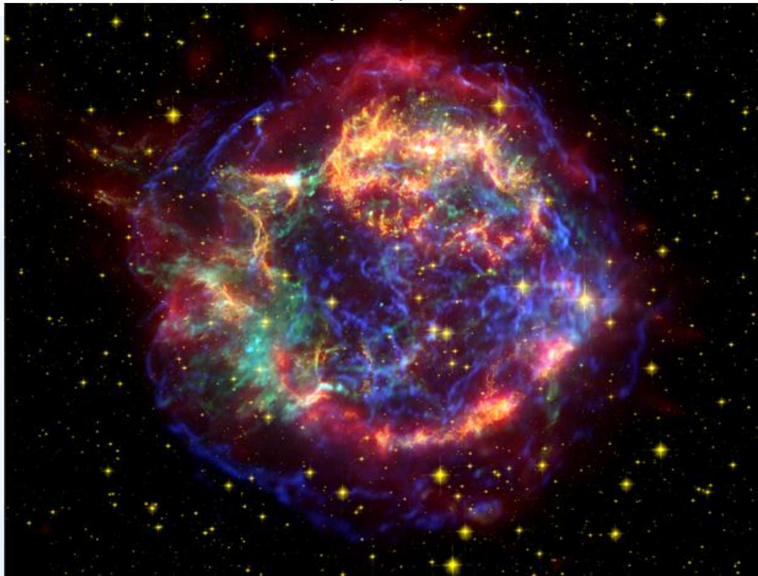
  - BSk21 – $M_{dU} > 1.59\ M_{sun}$

Yakovlev , WH+ 2011





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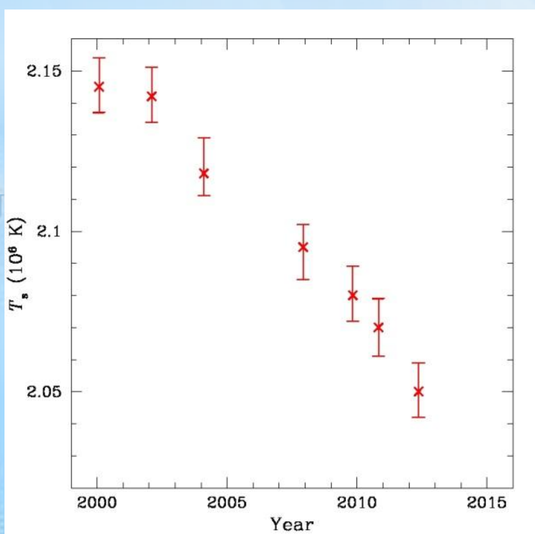

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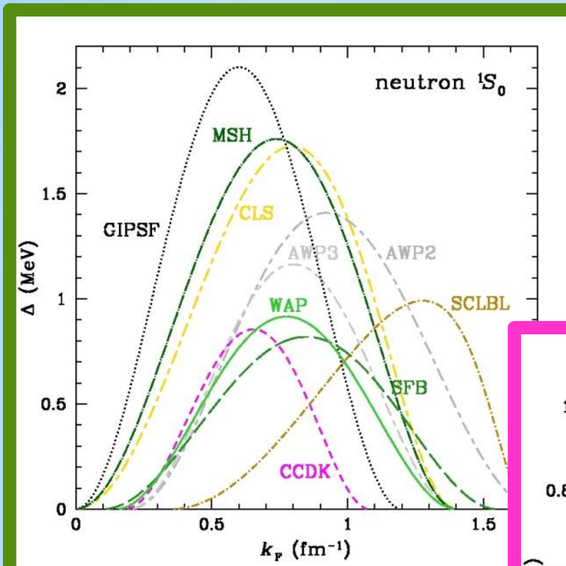
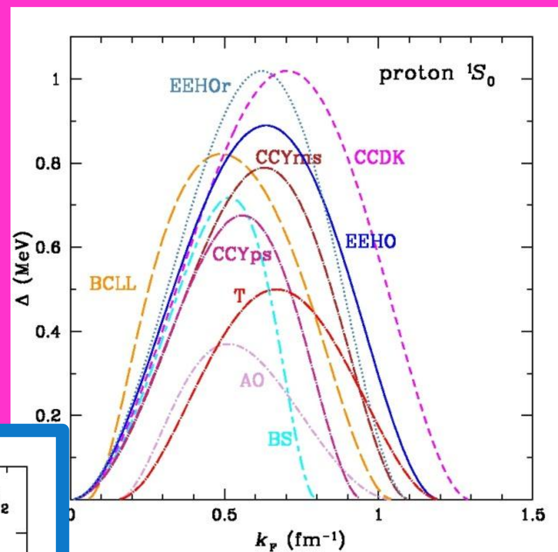
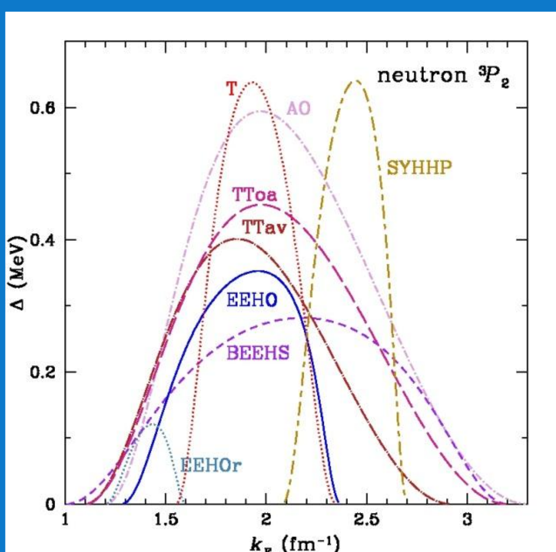
Superfluid and Superconductor Gap Energies



SCLBL: Schulze, Cugnon, Lejeune, Baldo, Lombardo (1996)
BS: Baldo & Schulze (2007)
BEEHS: Baldo, Elgaroy, Engvik, Hjorth-Jensen, Schulze (1998)
see, however, Ding, Rios, Polls+ 2014





- sf/sc characterized by energy $\Delta(k_F)$ where $k_F \propto n^{1/3}$
- Matter becomes sf/sc when $T < T_c(\Delta)$
- 3 sf/sc (pairing) types in NS:
  - inner crust-core – n singlet $^1S_0$
  - core – proton singlet $^1S_0$
  - core – neutron triplet $^3P_2$-$^3F_2$
- Parameterize theoretical models by (see Kaminker et al 2001; Andersson et al 2005)

$$\Delta = \Delta_0 \, (k_F - k_0)^2 \, / \, [(k_F - k_0)^2 + k_1] \times (k_F - k_2)^2 \, / \, [(k_F - k_2)^2 + k_3]$$

  - 9 neutron singlet models
  - 9 proton singlet models
  - 8 neutron triplet models

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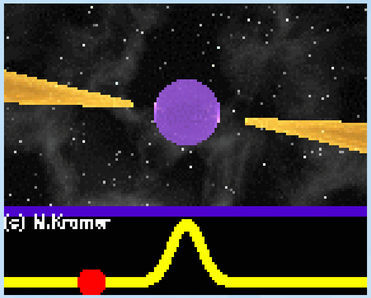
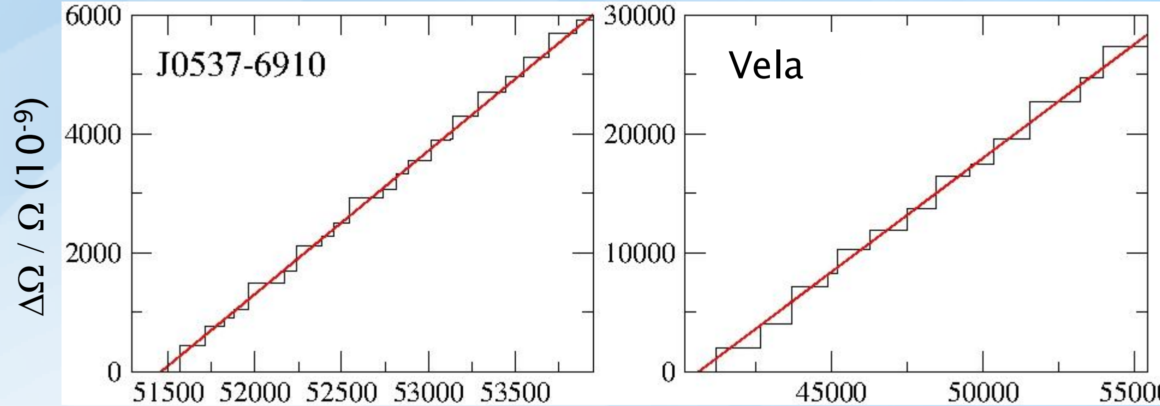
Preliminary Conclusions

Pulsar Glitches: The Crust is Not Enough

Andersson, WH+, PRL, 109, 241103 (2012); see also Chamel (2013)

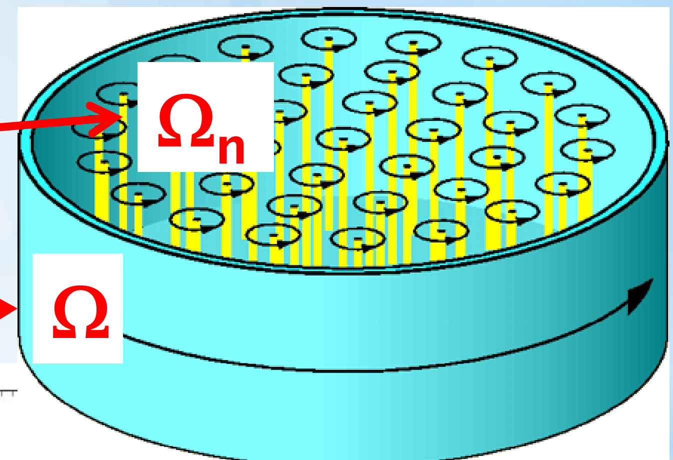




- Track spin evolution of 11 pulsars

- Model: Two-component moment of inertia
  1. inner crust superfluid
     - no spin-down since vortices pinned
  2. outer crust (+ core)
     - spin-down by EM radiation

       $\Rightarrow$ glitch when $\Delta\Omega / \Omega$ too big

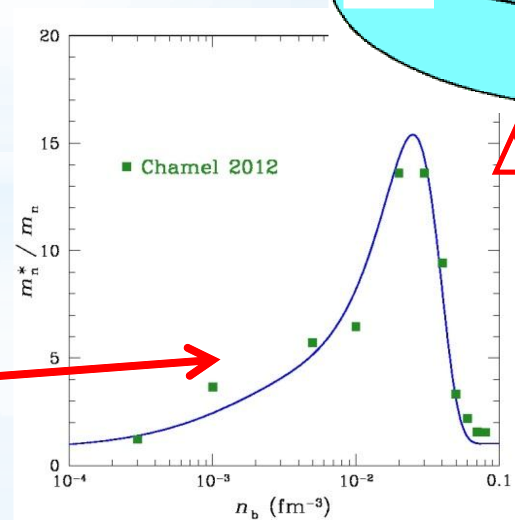


$\Delta\Omega \propto \Omega_n - \Omega$

- Requires angular momentum/moment of inertia reservoir
  - $I_{crust} / I_{total} \approx [-\Omega/(d\Omega/dt)]\ (\Sigma\ \Delta\Omega^i/\Omega)/t_{obs}$

    $= 2\ \tau_c\ A\ \langle m_n^* \rangle / m_n$

    superfluid entrainment (Chamel 2012)



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The Crust is Not Enough

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- Superfluid entrainment increases neutron effective mass (Chamel 2012)
- Glitches need mom of inertia reservoir 4-8% e.g., Vela: 7%
- NS models provide < 8 %

- Possible solutions:
  - stiff EOS and low NS mass
  - crust superfluid extends into core ($\propto L$) (see eg Hooker, Newton, Li 2013)
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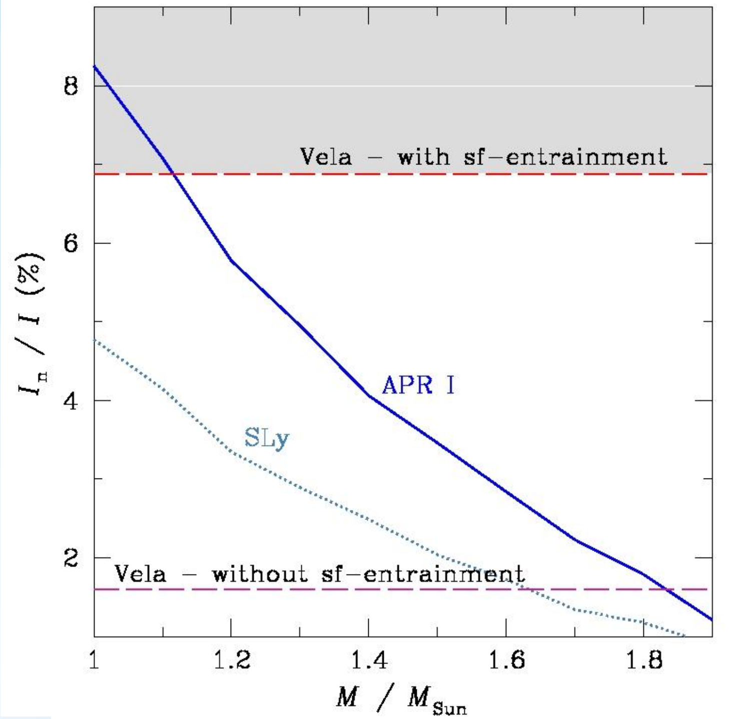

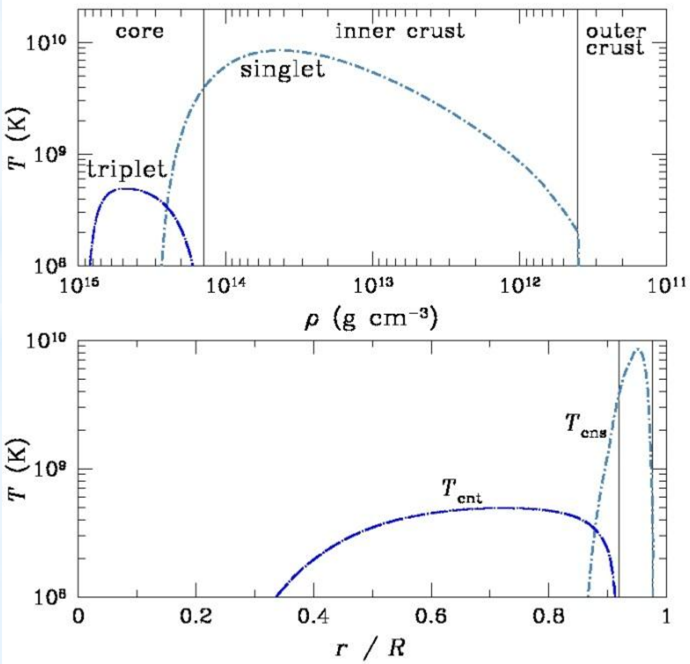

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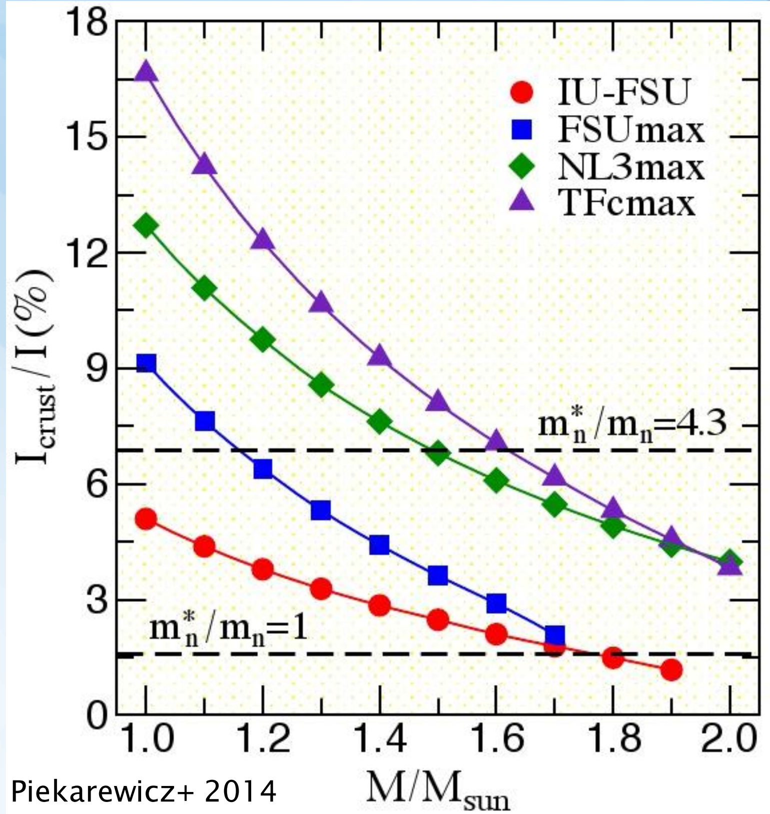
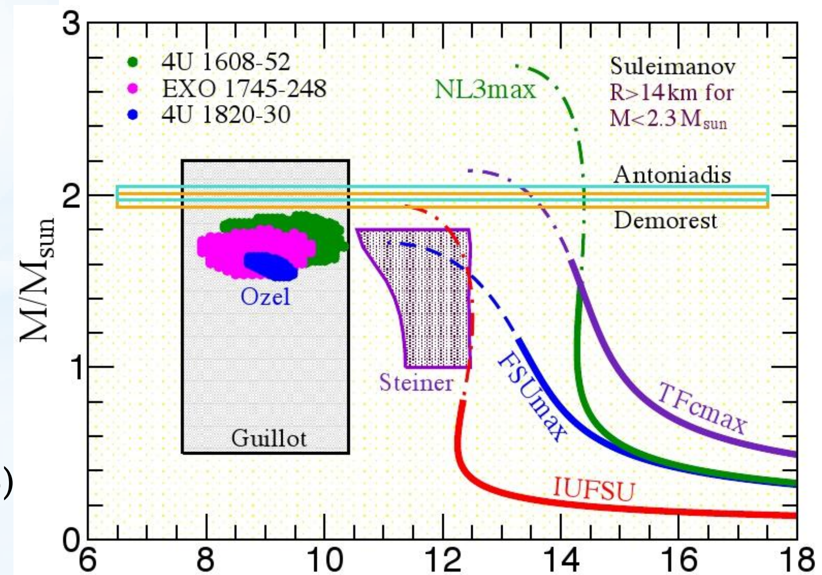
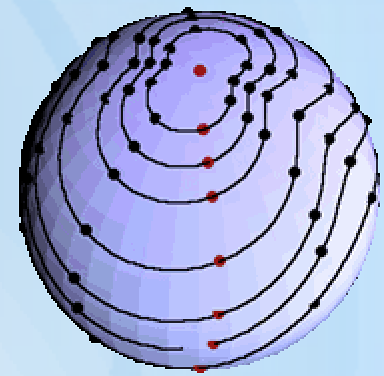


Piekarewicz+ 2014



Piekarewicz+ 2014

R-mode oscillations and X-ray detection(?)



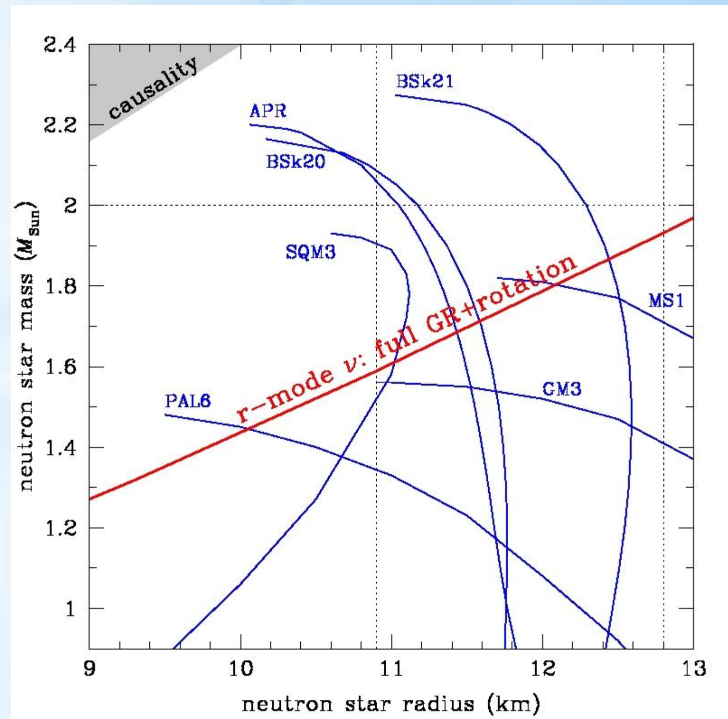
- Fluid oscillations in rotating stars with quadrupolar (corotating) frequency

$$\nu = (2/3)\times\Omega_s$$

- Observed in NS XTE J1751-305
  (Strohmayer & Mahmoodifar 2014)

$$\nu = 0.5727597\times\Omega_s$$

- Andersson, WH+, MNRAS, 442, 1786 (2014):
  - Relativistic corrections to mode frequency
  - Observed oscillation amplitude and spin evolution inconsistent with r-mode theory



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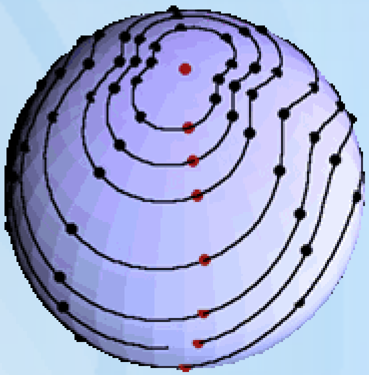
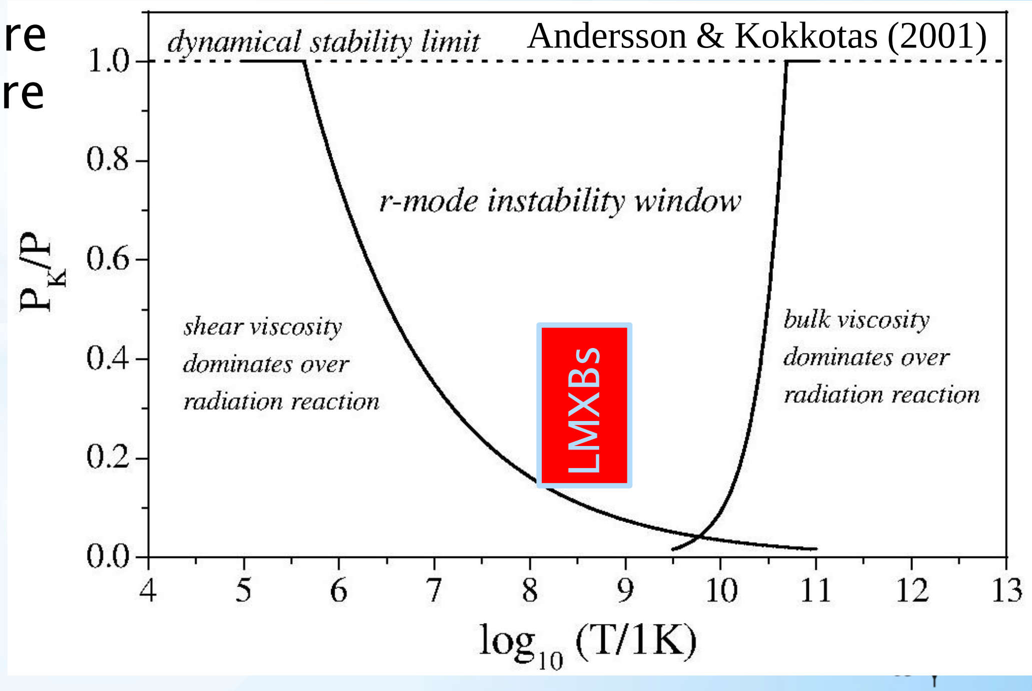
R-mode instability and emission of gravitational waves



- Fluid oscillations in rotating stars
- Generically unstable
  (Andersson 1998; Friedman & Morsink 1998):
  - GW emission drives r-mode growth
  - Viscosity damps r-mode
    - shear viscosity at low temperature
    - bulk viscosity at high temperature
  - R-mode (in)stability criterion

$$t_{gw}(\nu_s) = t_{visc}(\nu_s, T)$$



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Physics of r-mode instability

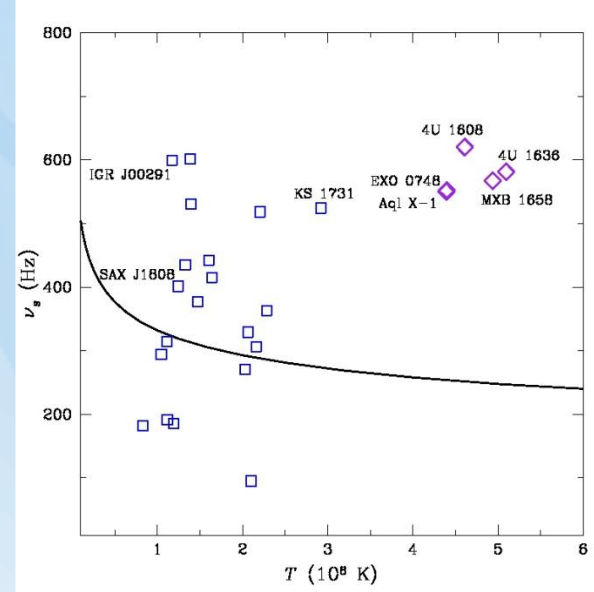
WH+, PRL, 107, 101101 (2011);
Haskell, WH+, MNRAS, 424, 93 (2012)

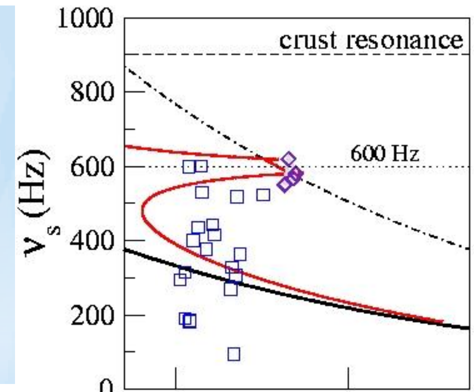
- Instability window for GWs is uncertain

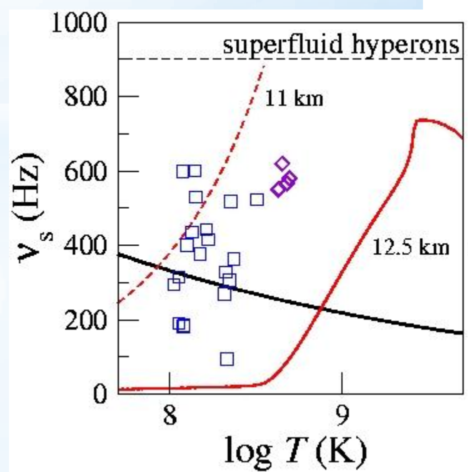
- GW sources counter to expectations

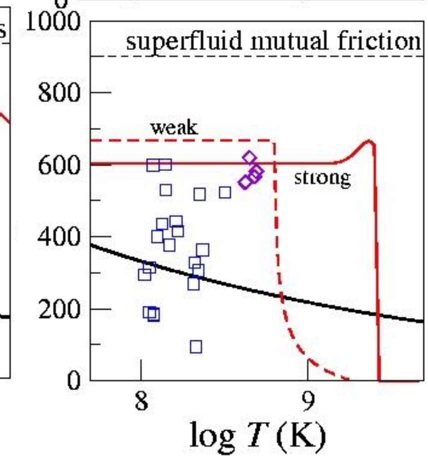
- Rich physics arena
  - core temperature estimates:
    - envelope composition
    - thermal conductivity
    - neutrino emission

  - window shape:
    - crust-core transition/elasticity
      (see eg Wen, Newton, Li 2012; Vidana 2012;
      De La Mota talk)
    - superfluidity (critical temperature, hyperons, mutual friction)
    - EOS (strange matter, quarks)
    - magnetic field (damping and strength)
    - non-linearity and saturation









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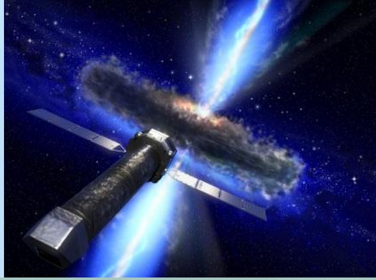
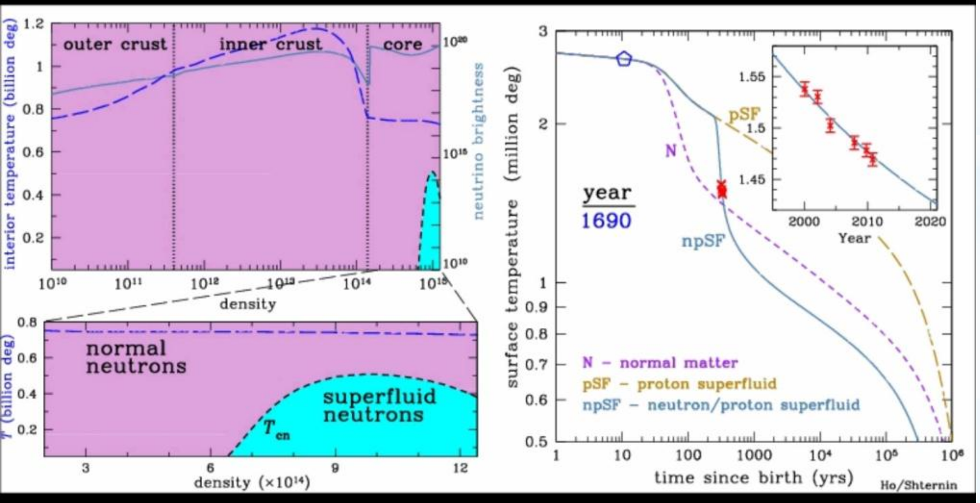
Summary

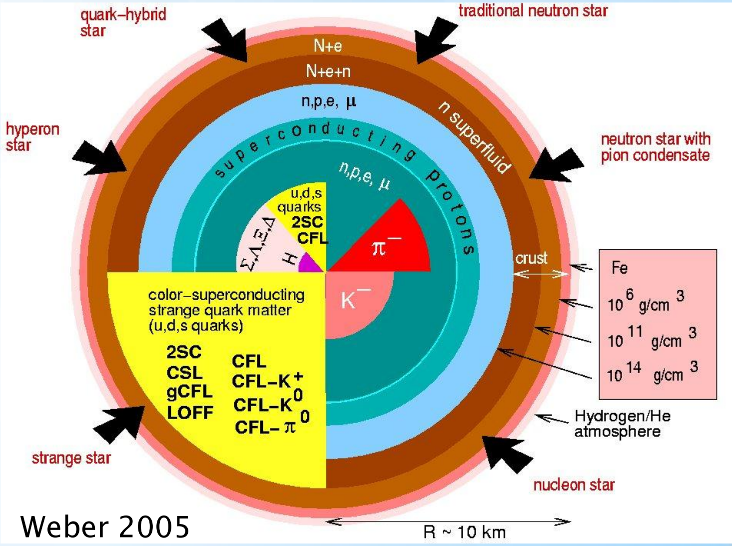
- Neutron stars are unique astronomical tool for nuclear physics (EOS and sf/sc gaps)
  - quiescent low-mass X-ray binaries
  - Cas A X-ray spectra and cooling
  - radio pulsar glitches
  - r-modes and gravitational waves



- Request for astrophysically-useful parameterization of nuclear properties

- **By studying the big and far, we can understand the small and near.**





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