

# Nuclear forces and their impact on matter at neutron-rich extremes

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# Main message

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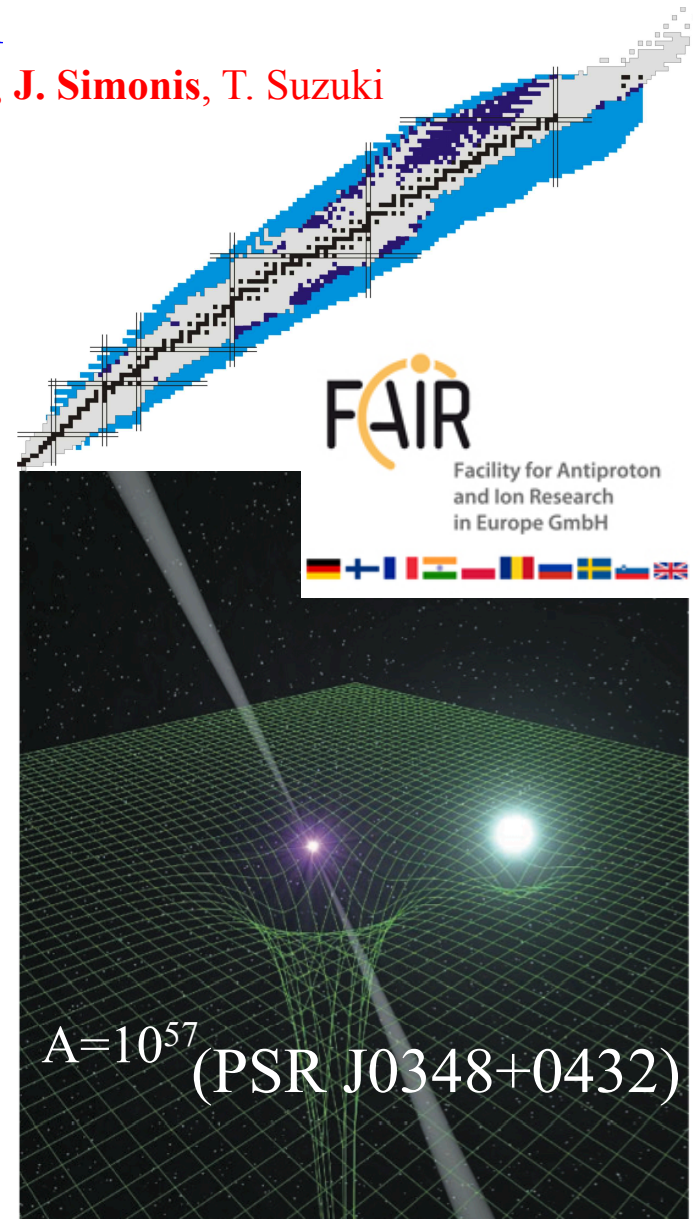
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based on same strong interactions!



# Chiral effective field theory for nuclear forces

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	NN	3N	4N
LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^0}{\Lambda^0}\right)$			
NLO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$			
N <sup>2</sup> LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^3}{\Lambda^3}\right)$			
N <sup>3</sup> LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^4}{\Lambda^4}\right)$			

limited resolution at low energies,  
can expand in powers  $(Q/\Lambda_b)^n$

LO,  $n=0$  - leading order,  
NLO,  $n=2$  - next-to-leading order,...

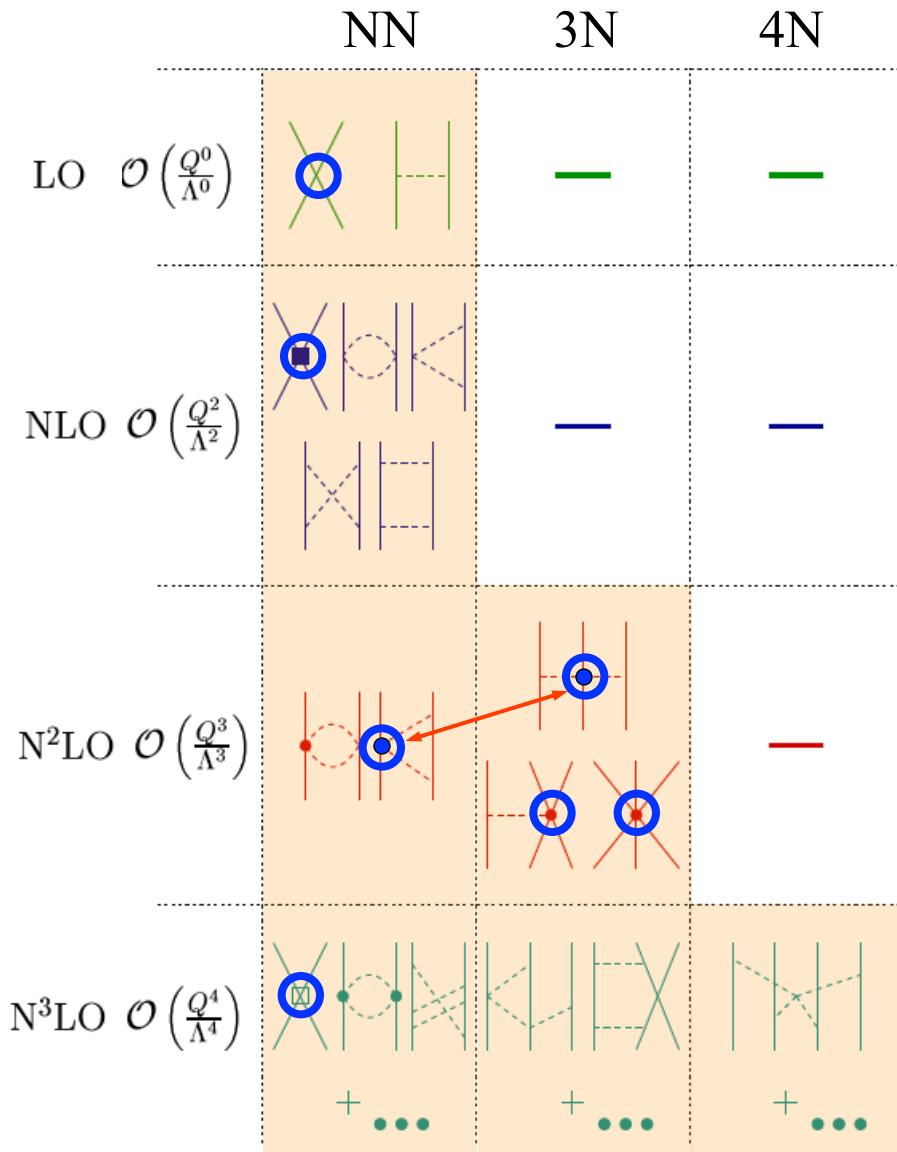
expansion parameter  $\sim 1/3$



Weinberg, van Kolck, Kaplan, Savage, Wise, Bernard, Epelbaum, Kaiser, Machleidt, Meissner,...

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include long-range pion physics

few short-range couplings,  
fit to experiment once

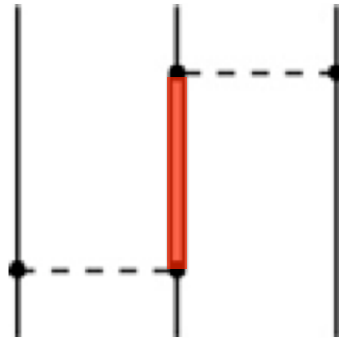
systematic: can work to desired  
accuracy and obtain **error estimates**

consistent **electroweak interactions**  
and **matching to lattice QCD**

# Why are there 3N forces?

Nucleons are finite-mass composite particles,  
can be excited to resonances

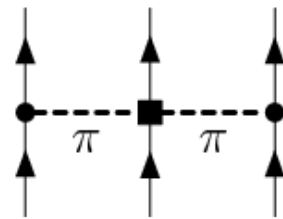
dominant contribution from  $\Delta(1232 \text{ MeV})$



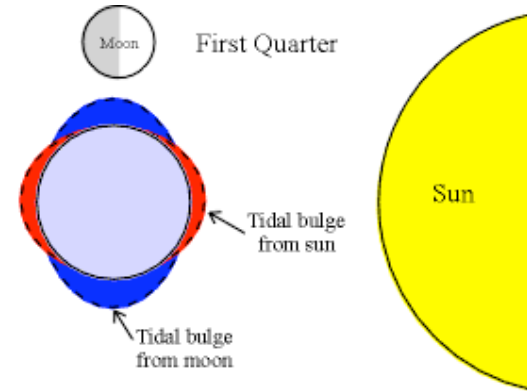
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chiral effective field theory (EFT)

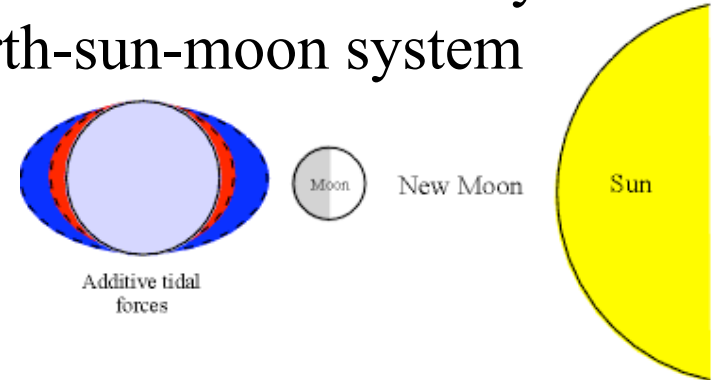
Delta-less ( $\Delta$  is treated as heavy):



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tidal effects lead to 3-body forces  
in earth-sun-moon system



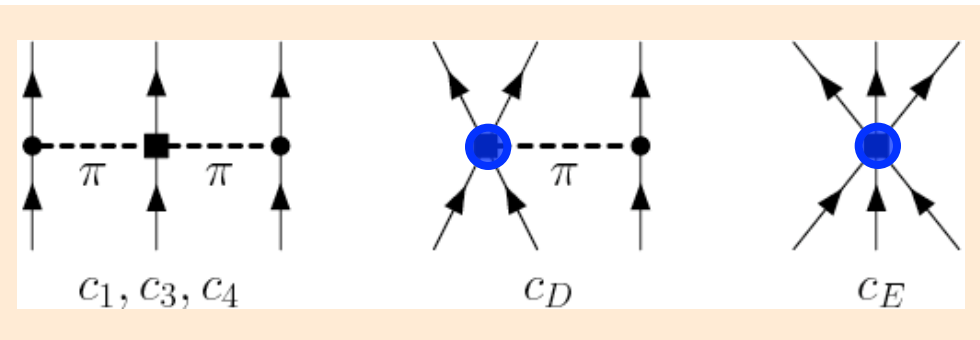
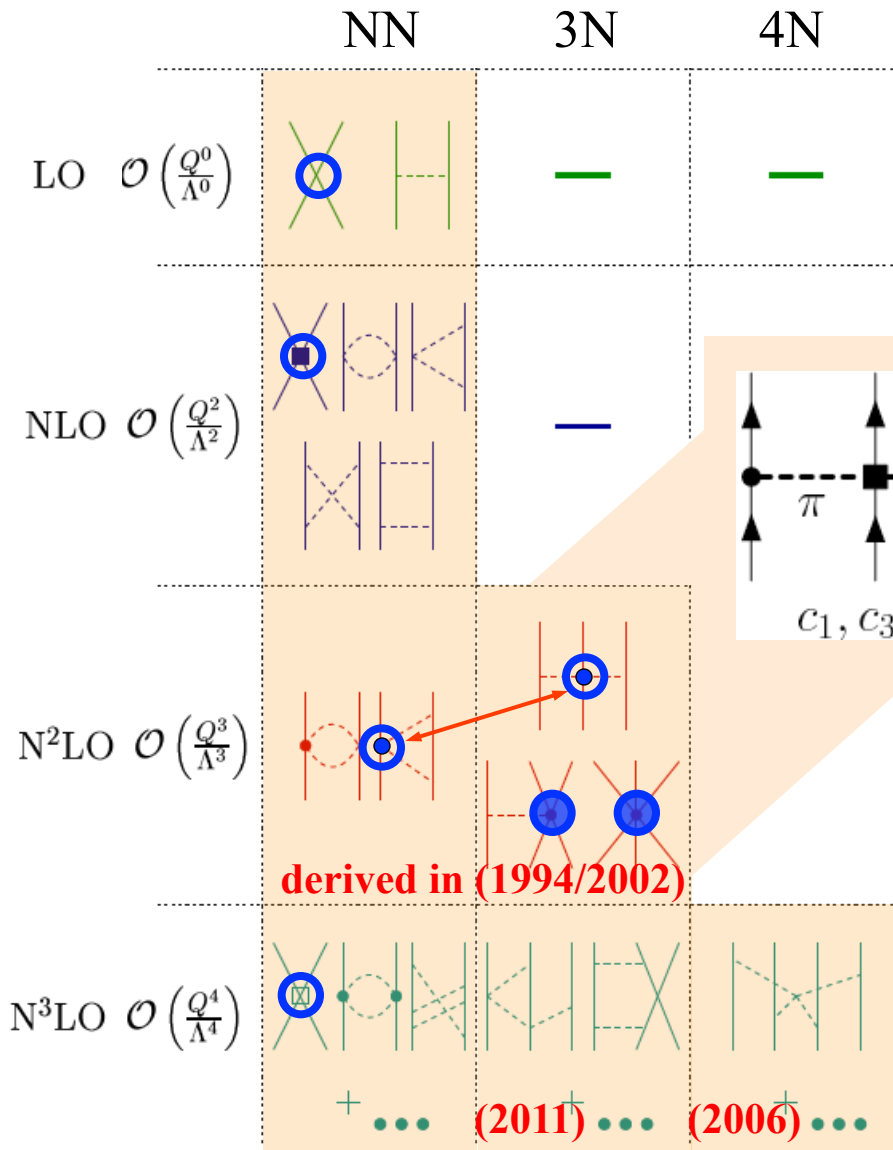
**EFT provides a systematic and powerful approach for 3N forces**

# Chiral effective field theory and many-body forces

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consistent NN-3N-4N interactions

3N,4N: **2 new couplings to N<sup>3</sup>LO**  
**+ no new couplings for neutrons**



$c_i$  from  $\pi$ N and NN **Meissner, LAT 2005**

$$c_1 = -0.9_{-0.5}^{+0.2}, \quad c_3 = -4.7_{-1.0}^{+1.2}, \quad c_4 = 3.5_{-0.2}^{+0.5}$$

**$c_D, c_E$  fit to light nuclei only**

# Nuclei bound by strong interactions

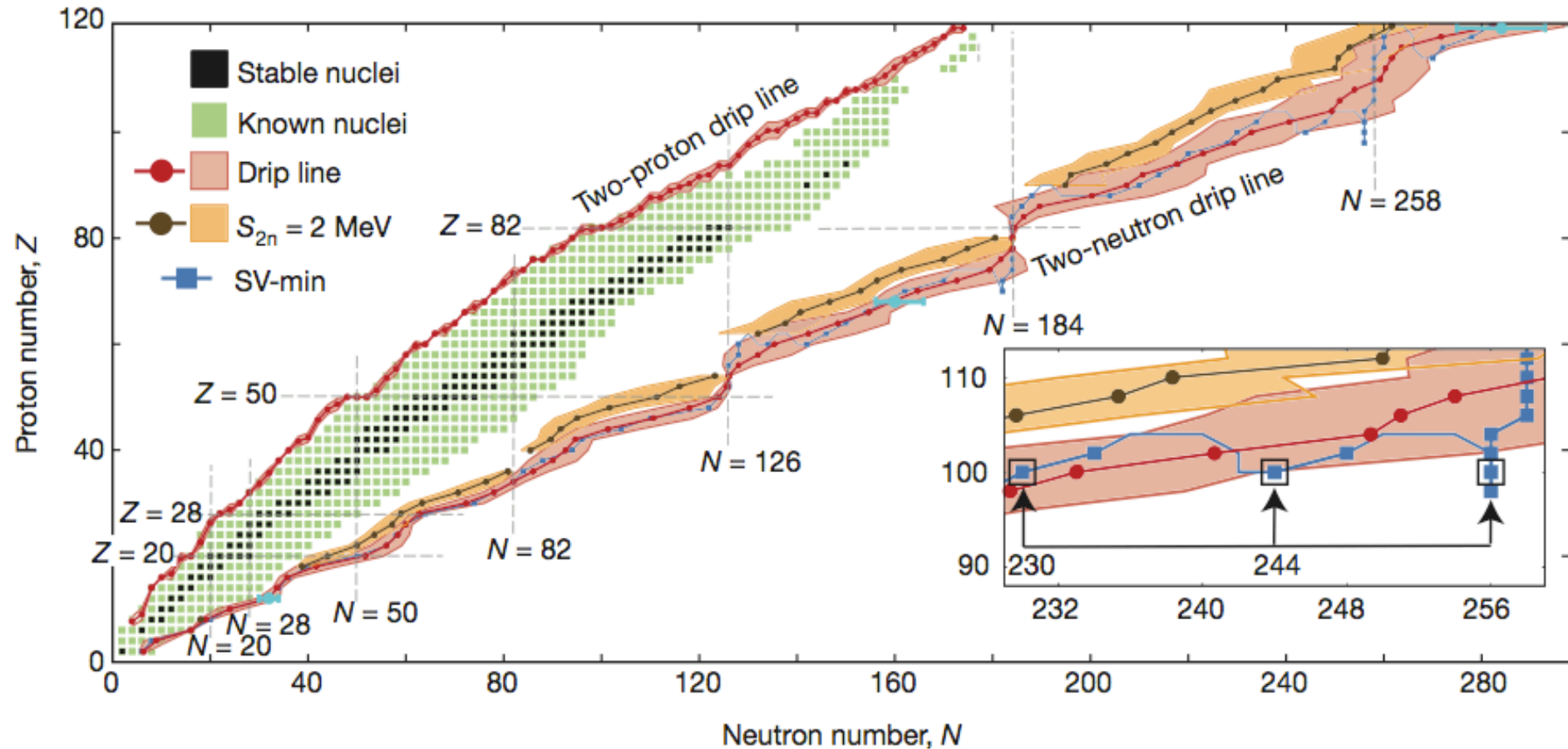
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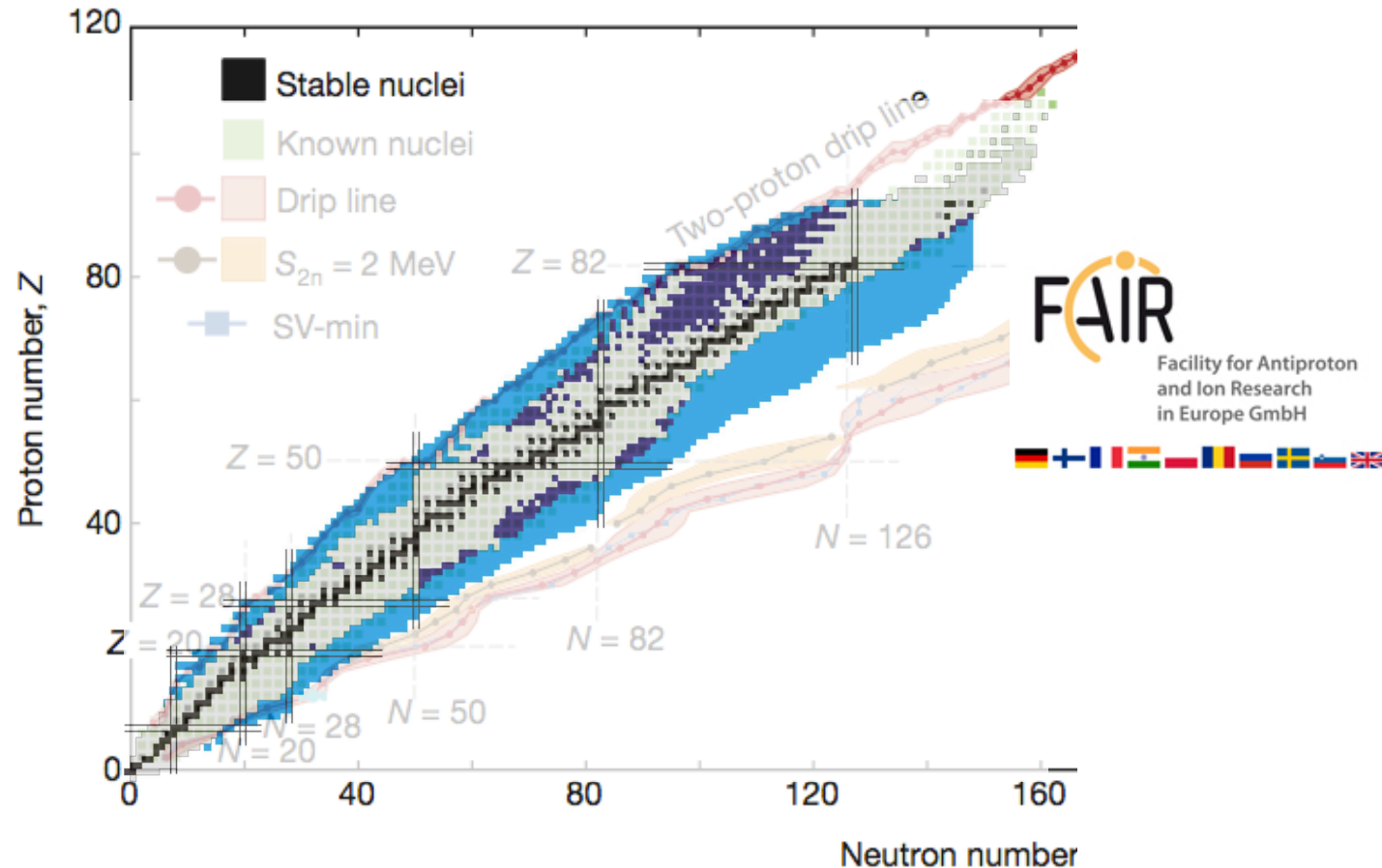
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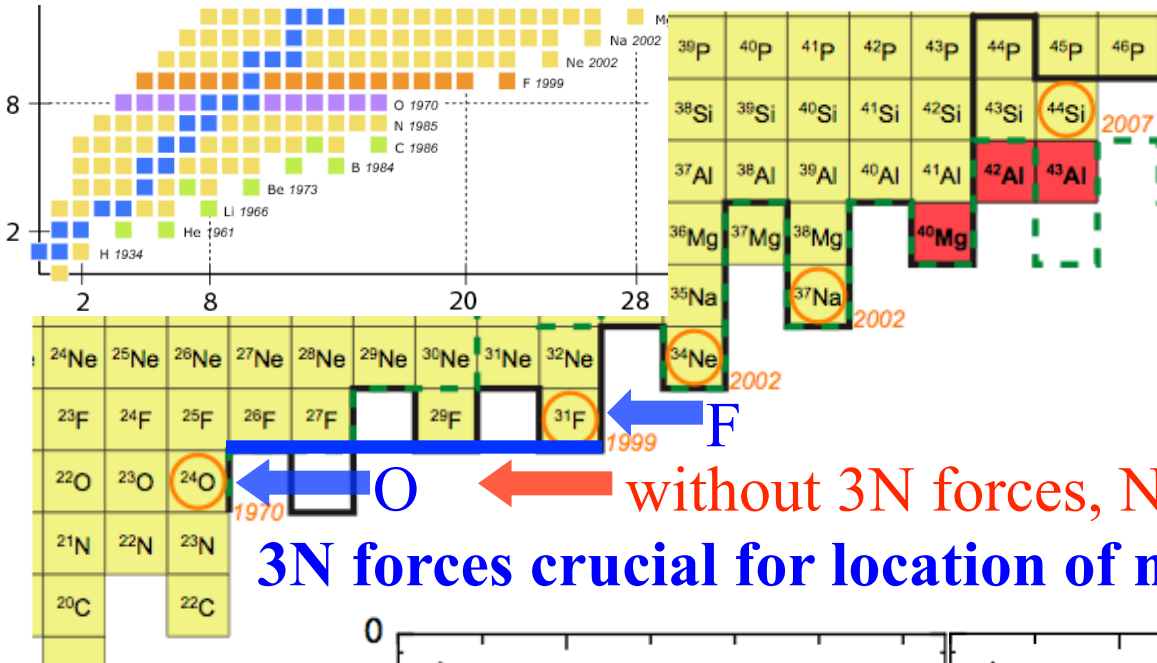
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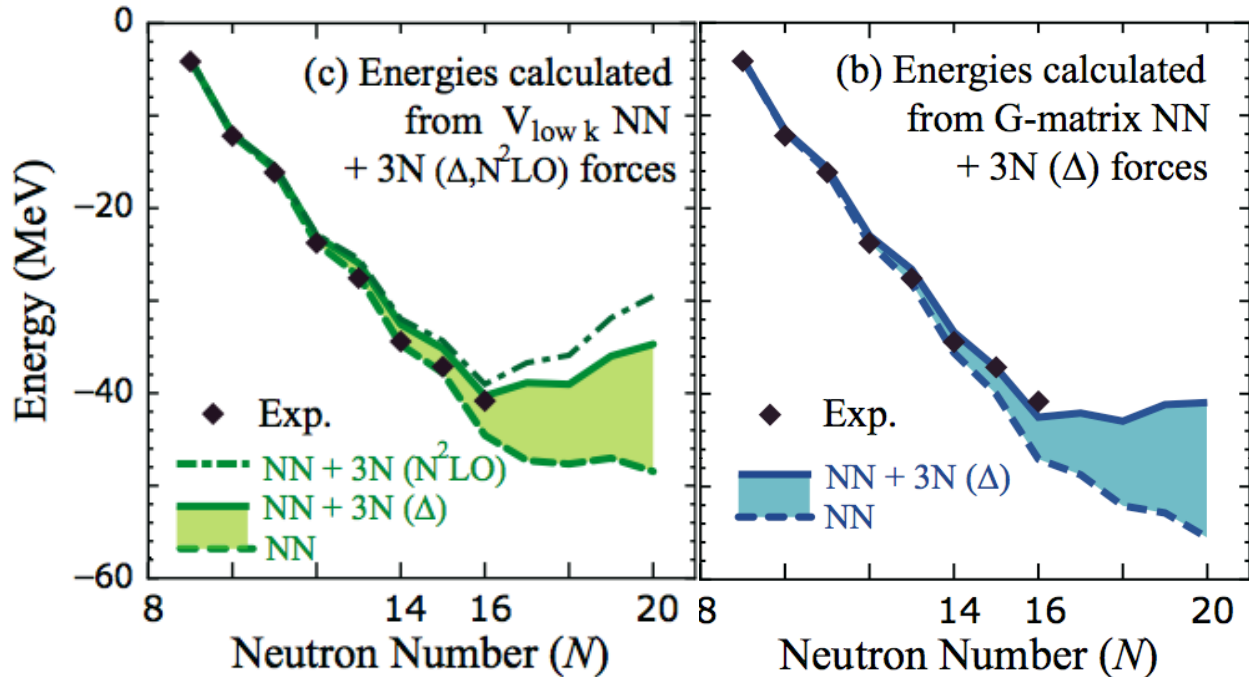




# The oxygen anomaly Otsuka, Suzuki, Holt, AS, Akaishi, PRL (2010)



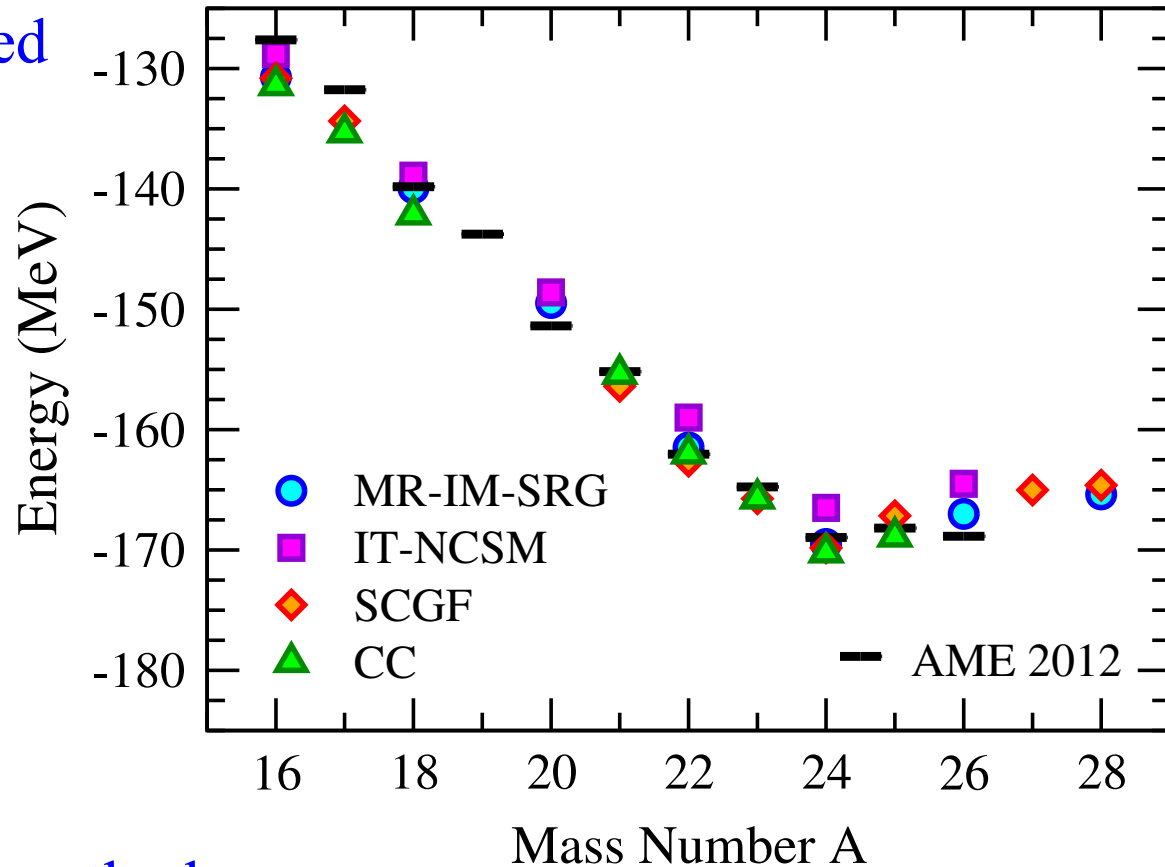
without 3N forces, NN interactions too attractive  
**3N forces crucial for location of neutron dripline**



# Ab initio calculations of the oxygen anomaly

impact of 3N forces confirmed in large-space calculations

based on same SRG-evolved  
NN+3N interactions



using different many-body methods:

Coupled Cluster theory/CCEI [Hagen et al., PRL \(2012\)](#), [Jansen et al., PRL \(2014\)](#)

Multi-Reference In-Medium SRG and IT-NCSM [Hergert et al., PRL \(2013\)](#)

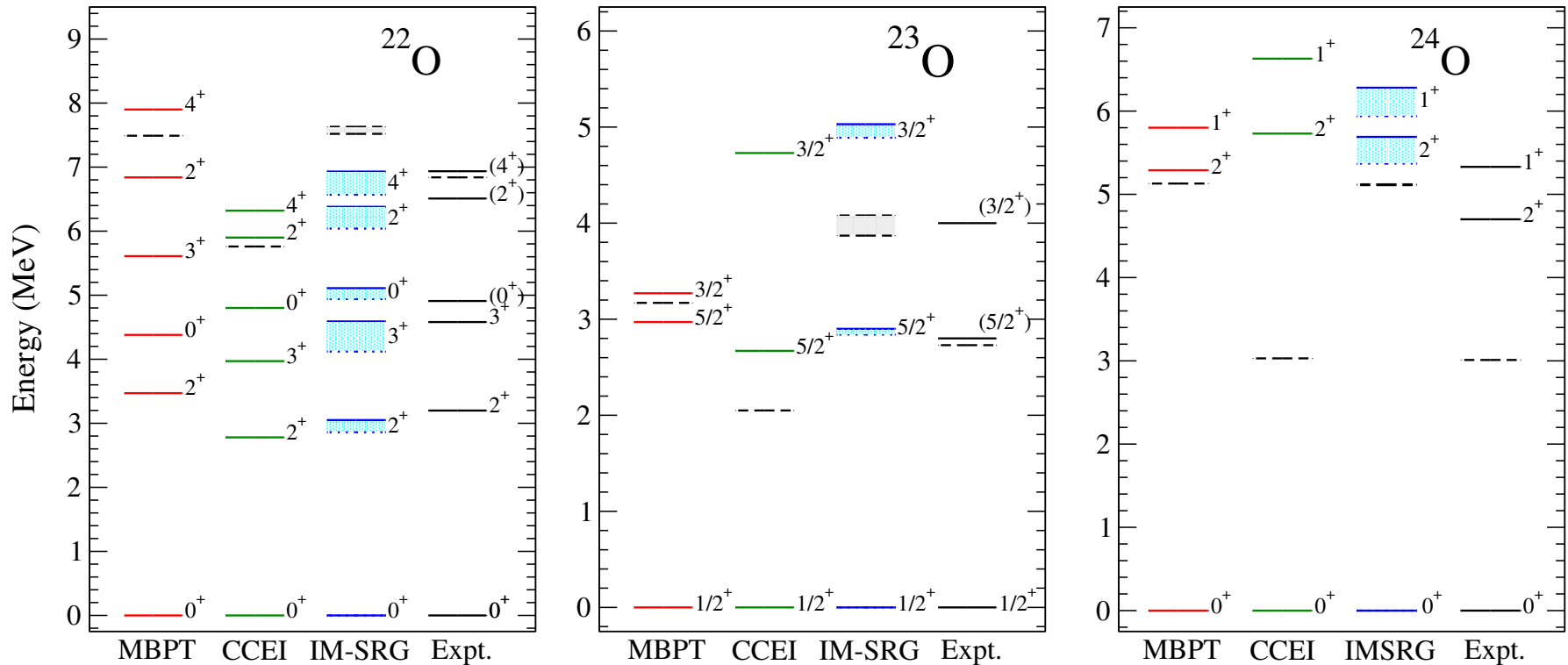
Self-Consistent Green's Function methods [Cipollone et al., PRL \(2013\)](#)

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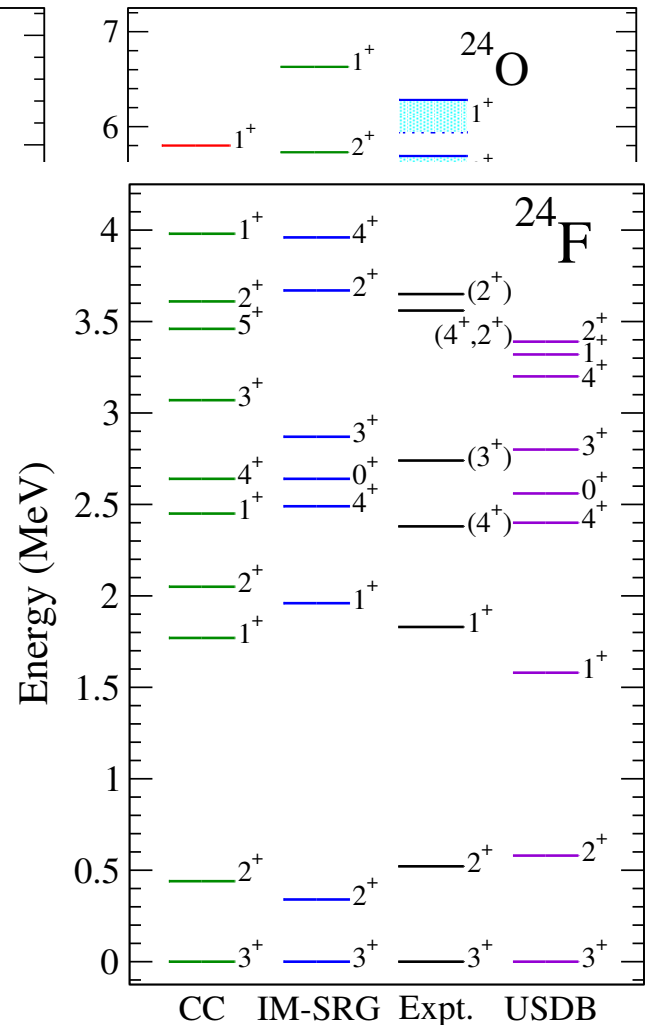
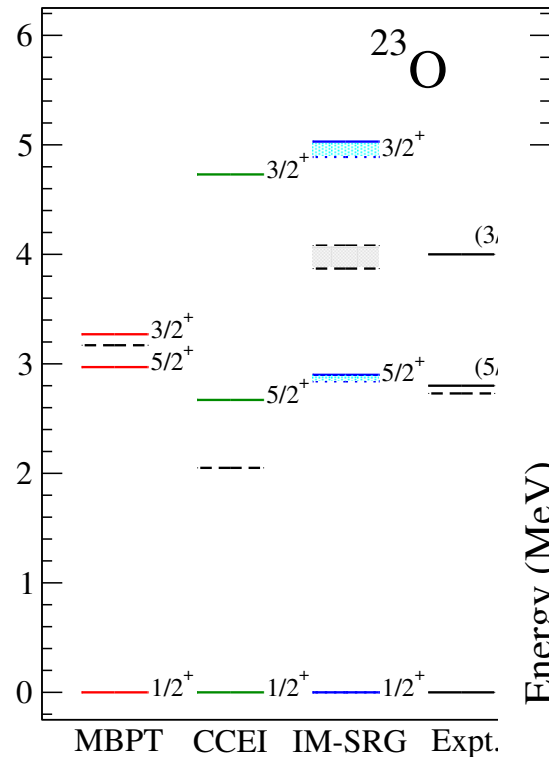
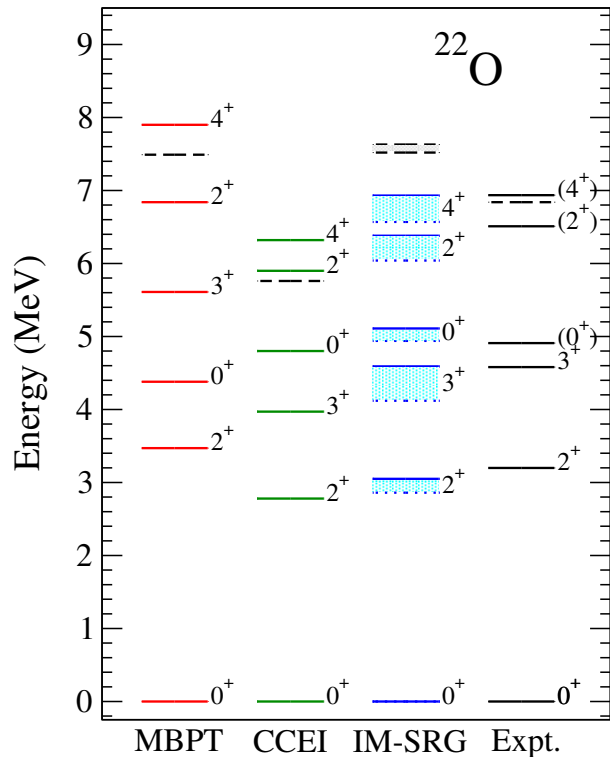
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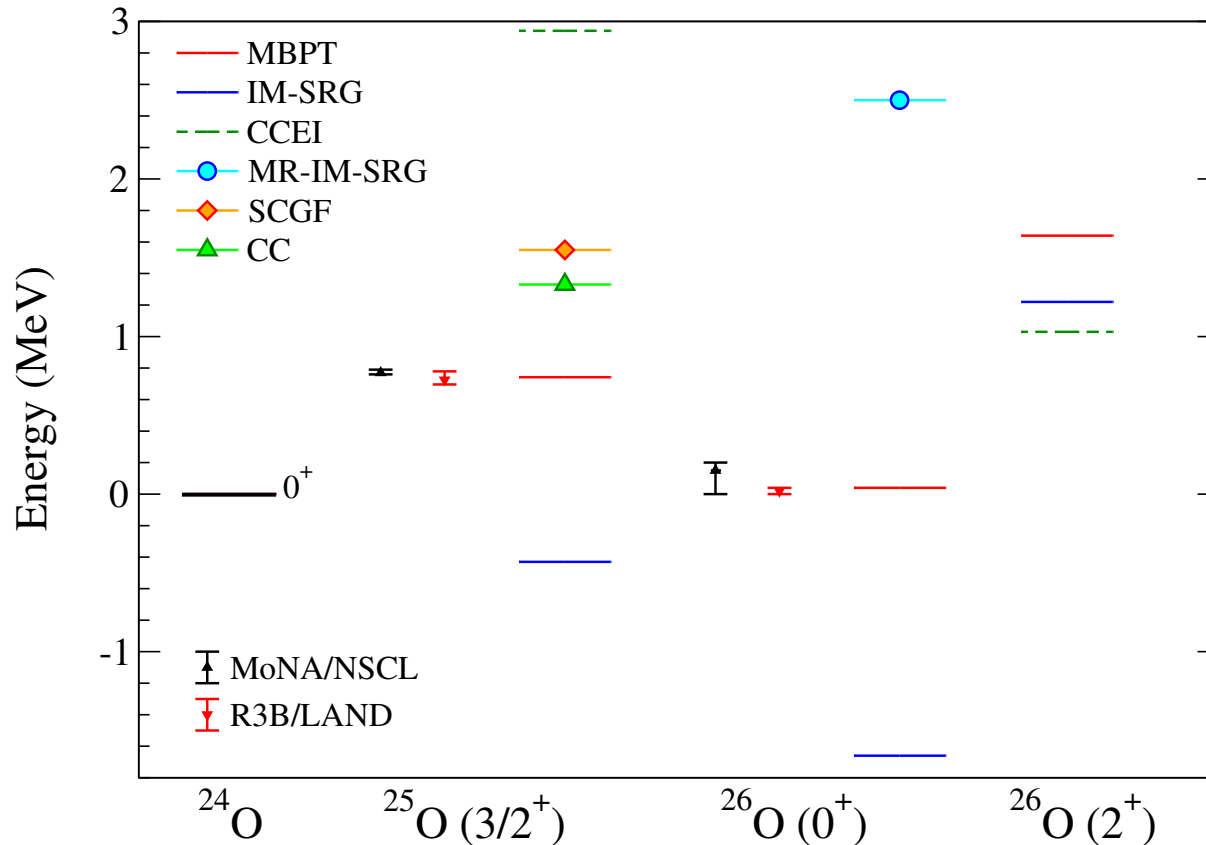


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Spectrum of  $^{24}\text{F}$  Cáceres et al., 1501.01166

# Beyond the neutron dripline in oxygen

Pioneering experiments with MoNA/NSCL, R3B-LAND and at RIBF



calculations with NN+3N forces, continuum needs to be included

MBPT includes residual 3N forces, more important with N [Simonis et al \(2013\)](#)

challenging and large sensitivity to method and NN+3N forces

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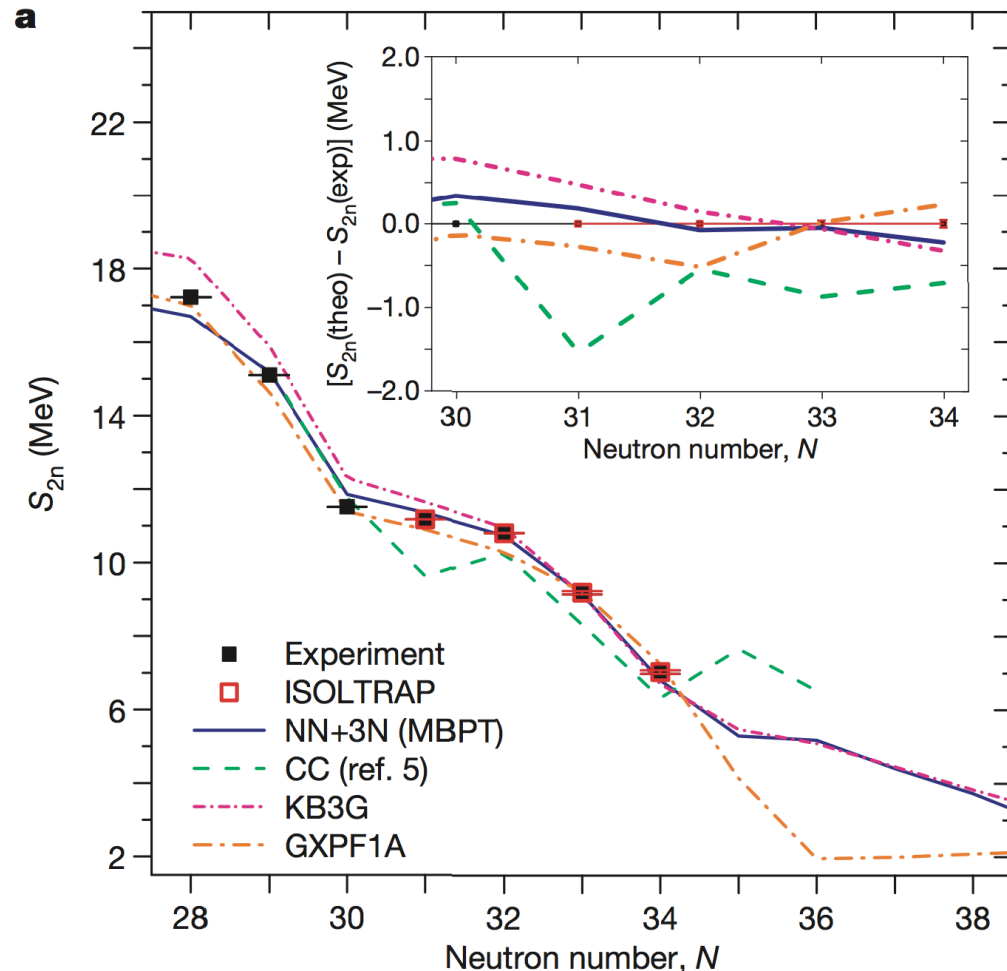
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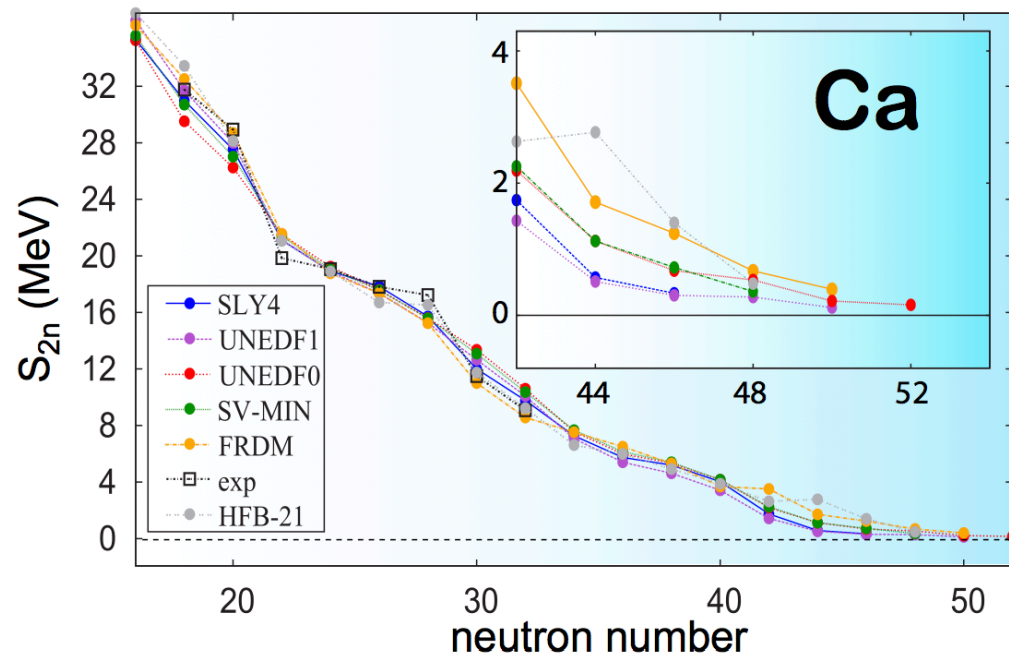
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interesting continuum effects for very neutron-rich Ca

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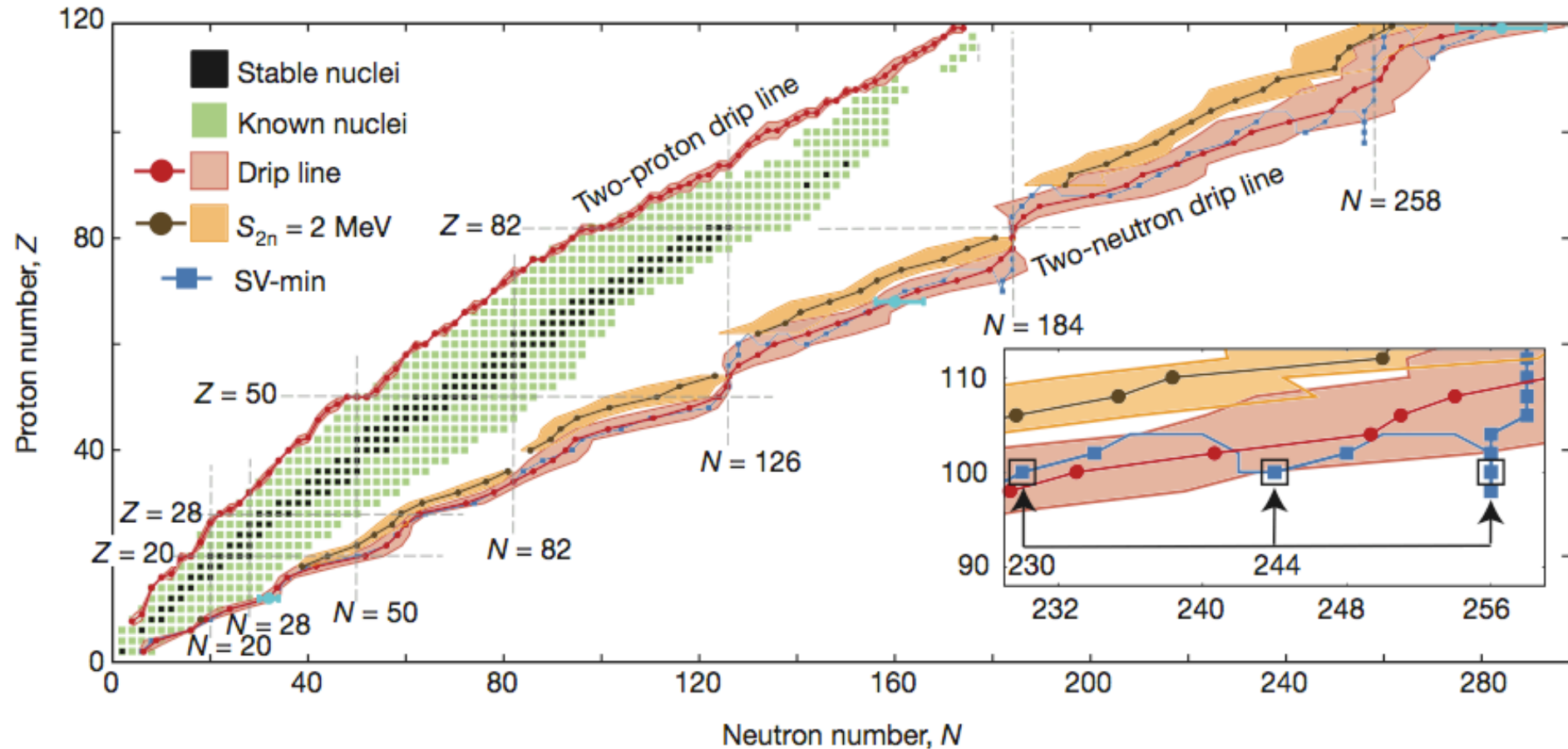
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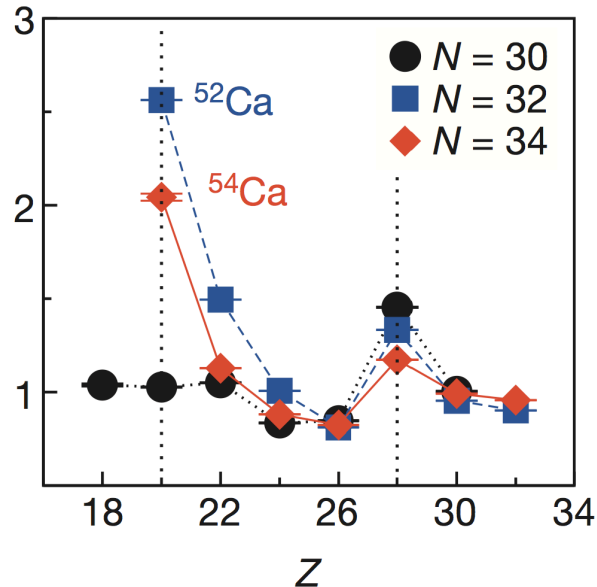
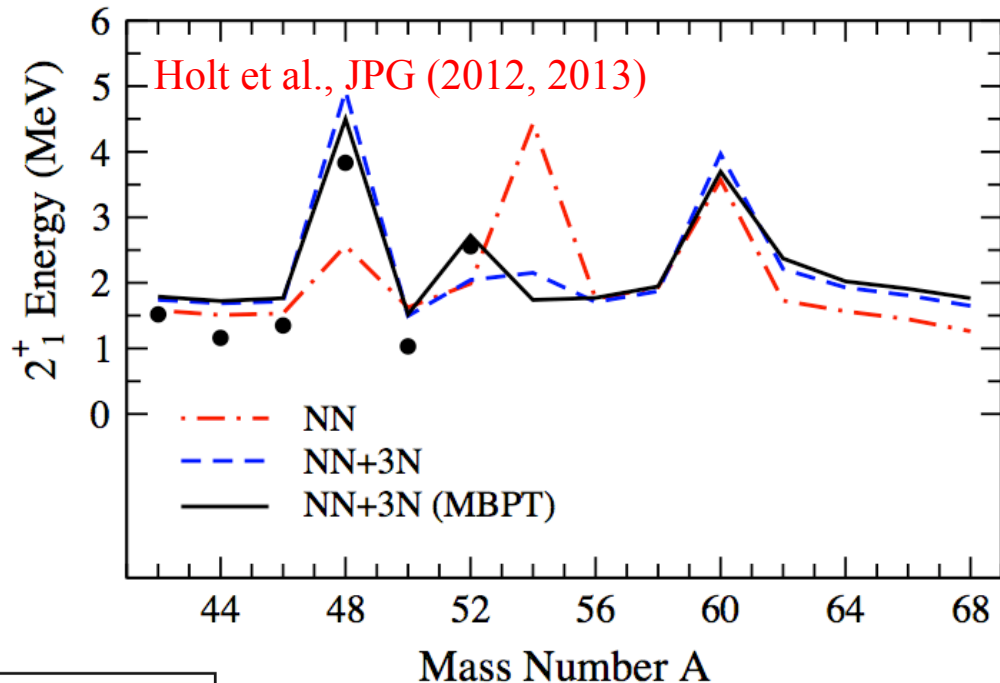
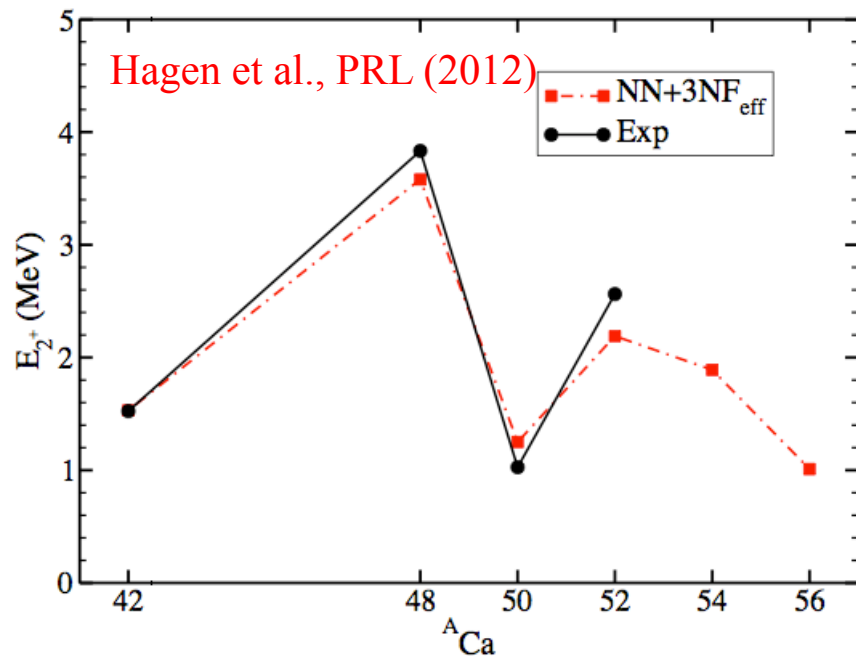
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 Steppenbeck et al., Nature (2013)

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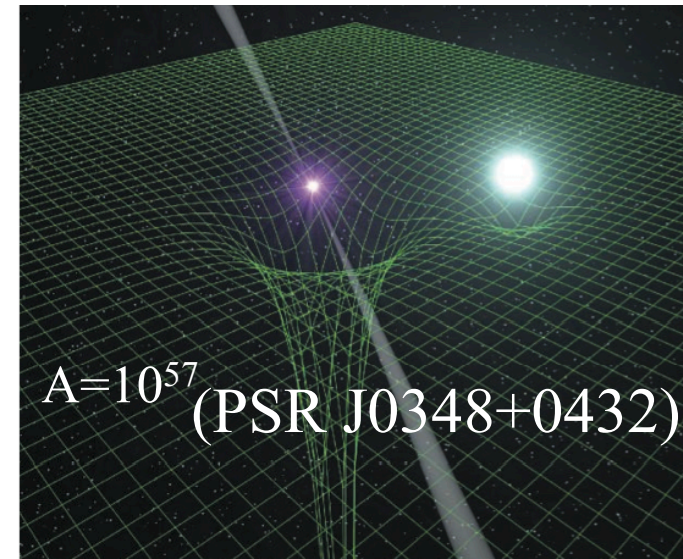
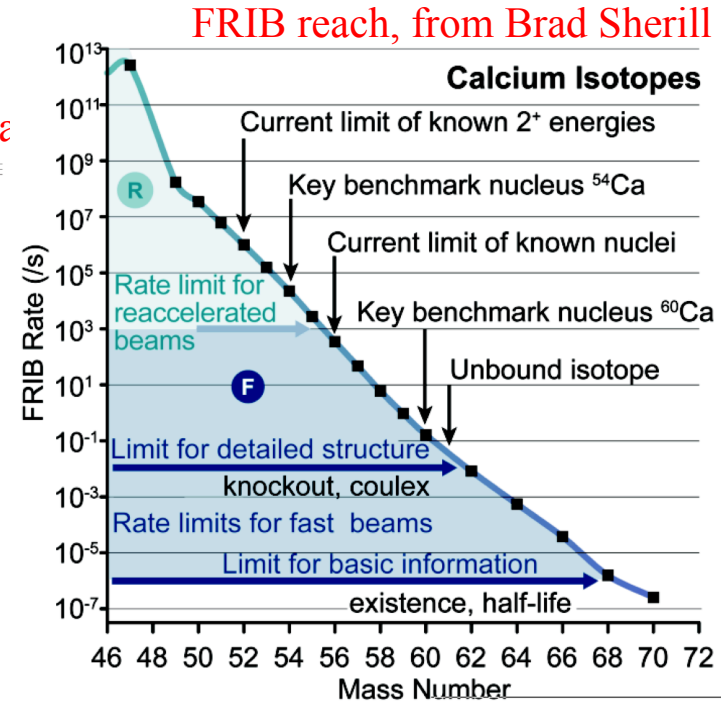
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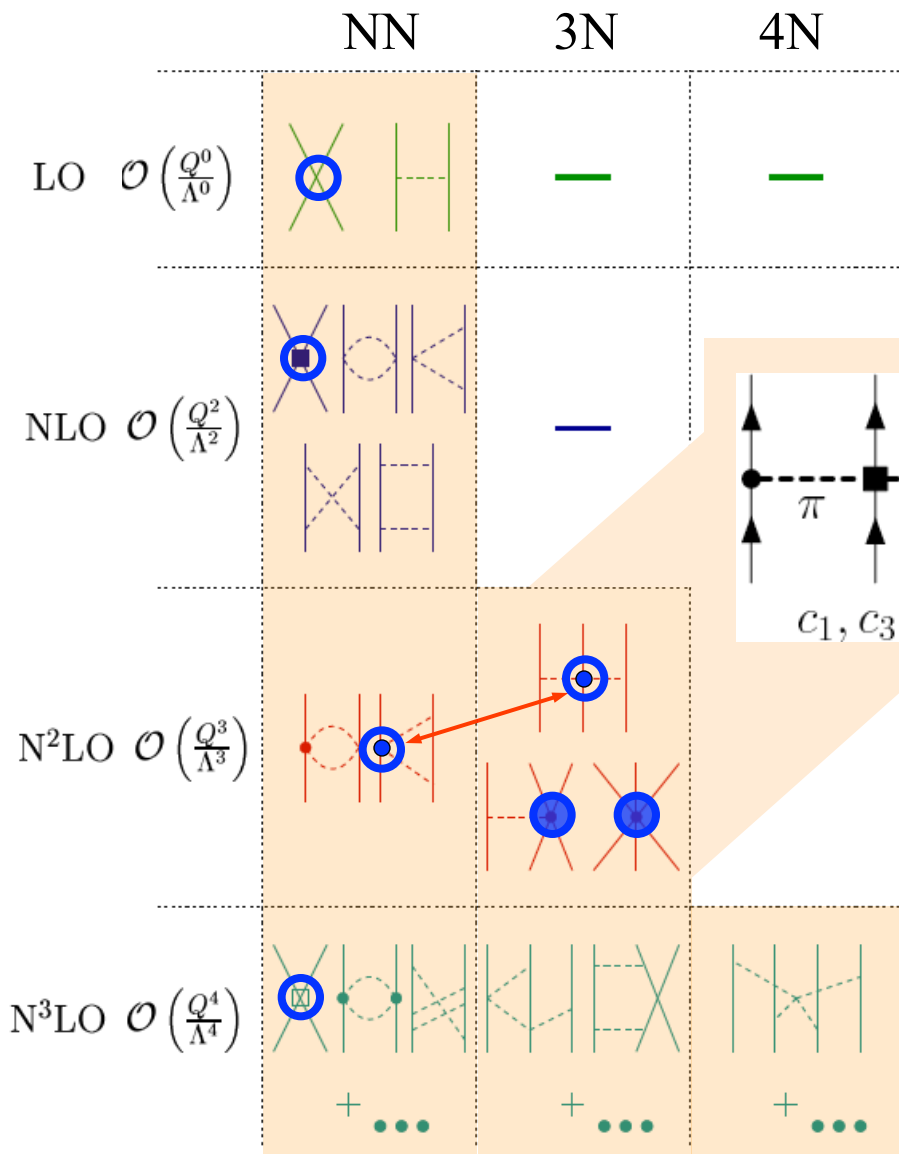
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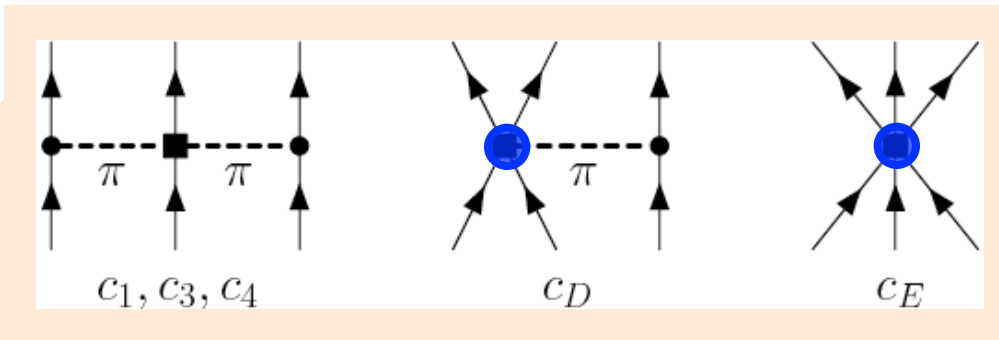


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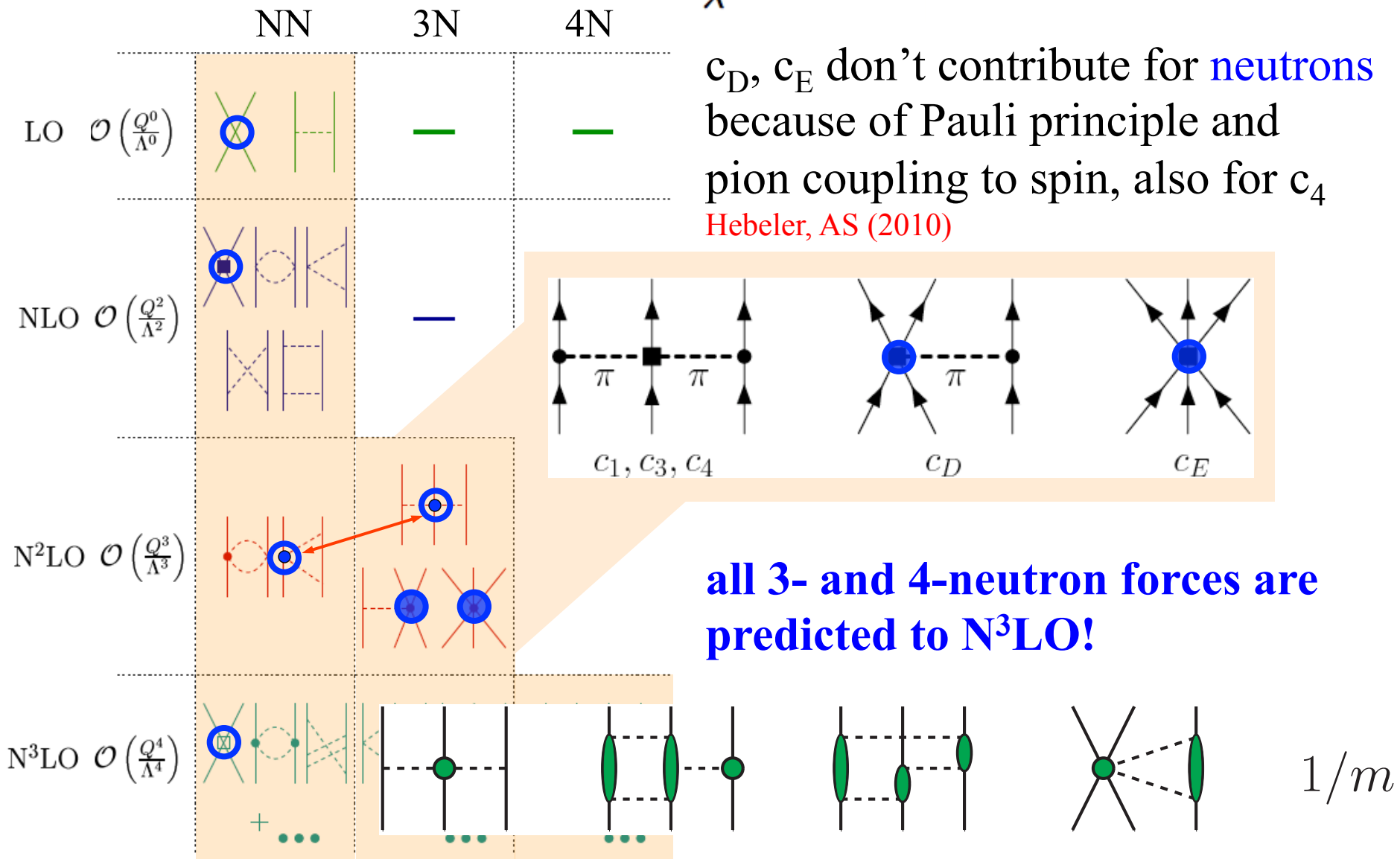
$c_D, c_E$  don't contribute for **neutrons** because of Pauli principle and pion coupling to spin, also for  $c_4$   
 Hebeler, AS (2010)



**all 3- and 4-neutron forces are predicted to N<sup>3</sup>LO!**

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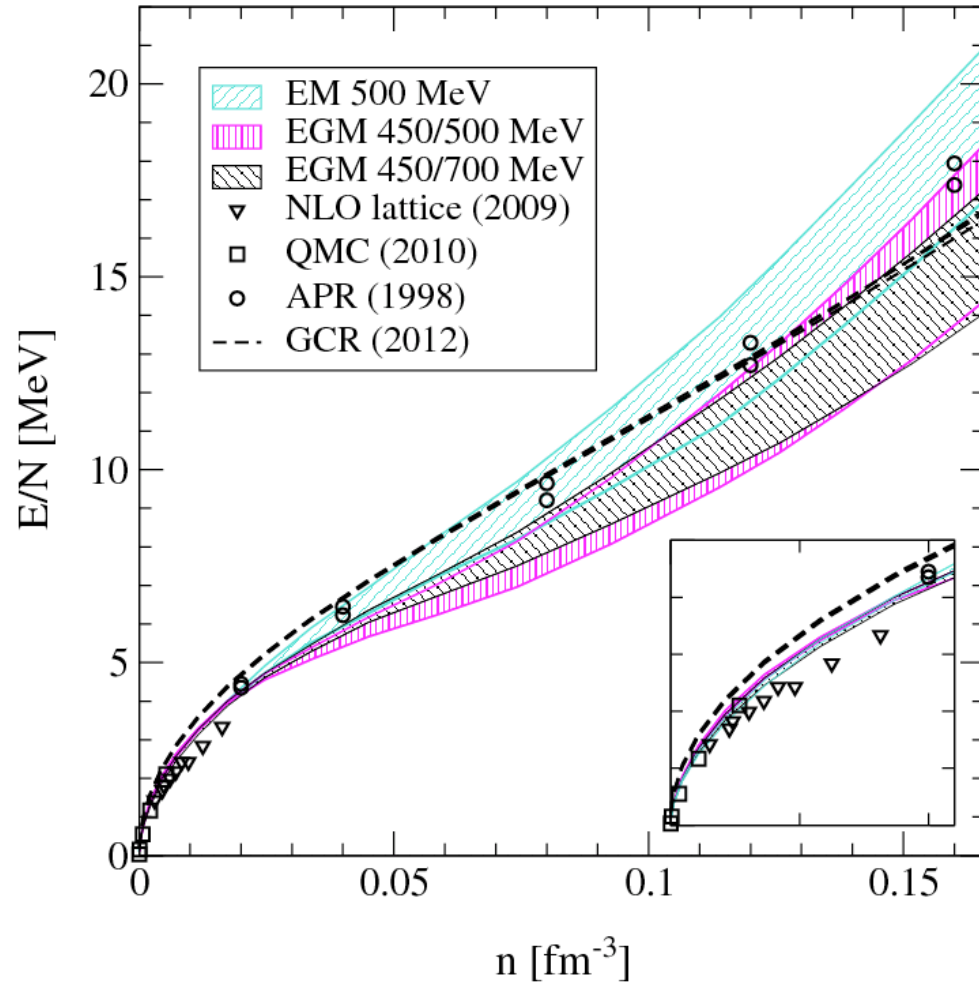
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includes uncertainties from NN, 3N (dominates), 4N



good agreement with  
Quantum Monte Carlo  
calculations at low densities

# Large scattering lengths: universal thermodynamics

energy per particle  $\frac{E}{N} = \xi \left( \frac{E}{N} \right)_{\text{free}} = \xi \frac{3k_F^2}{10m}$

with universal Bertsch parameter  $\xi$

Quantum Monte Carlo:  $\xi=0.372(5)$

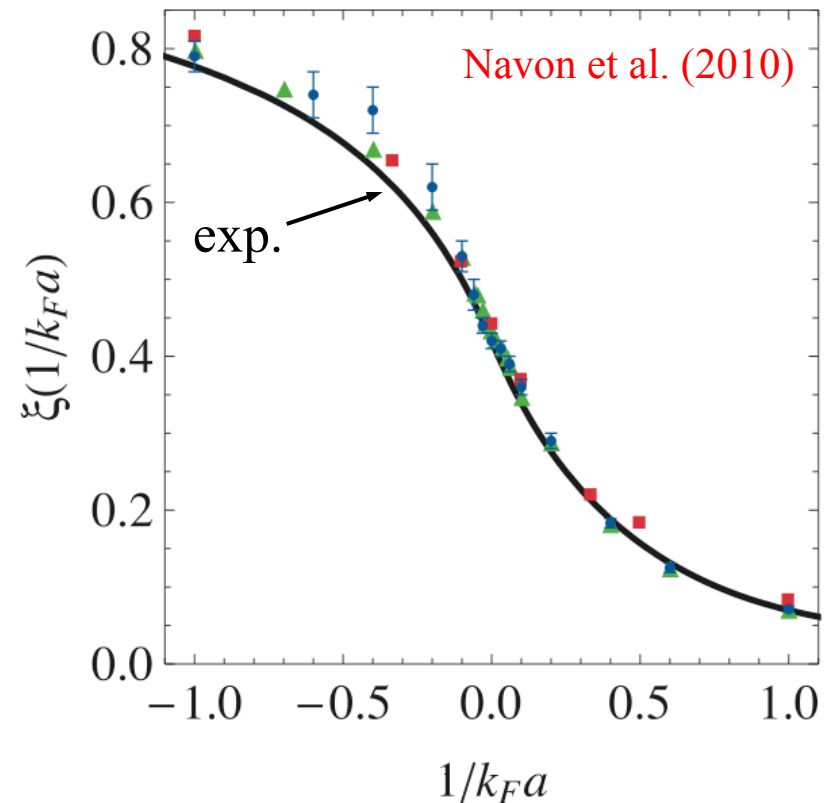
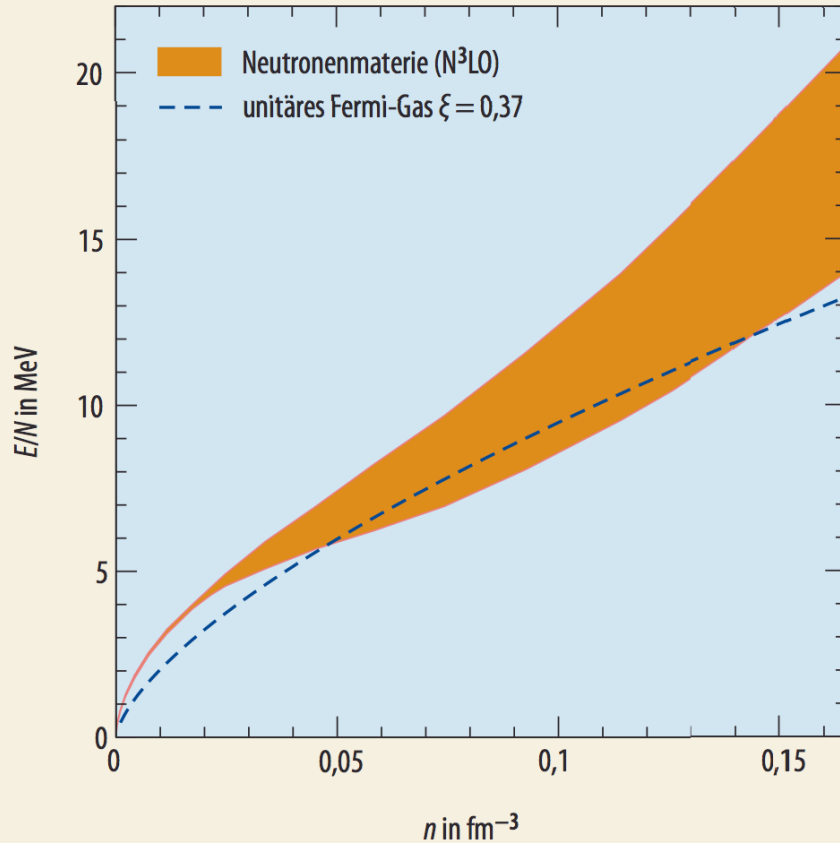
Carlson et al. (2012)

most precise results with  ${}^6\text{Li}$

$\xi=0.370(5)(8)$

Ku et al. (2012), Zürn et al. (2013)

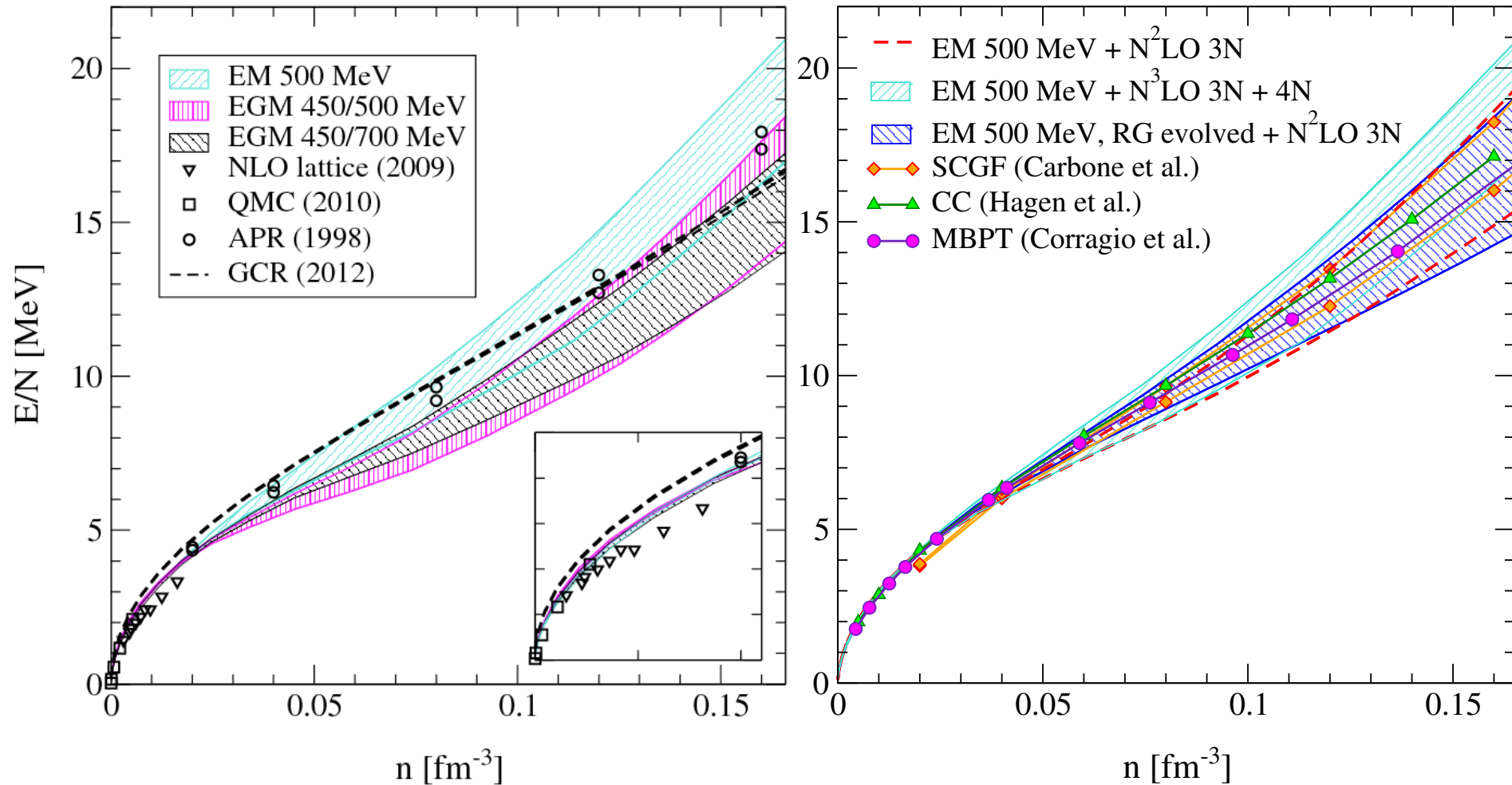
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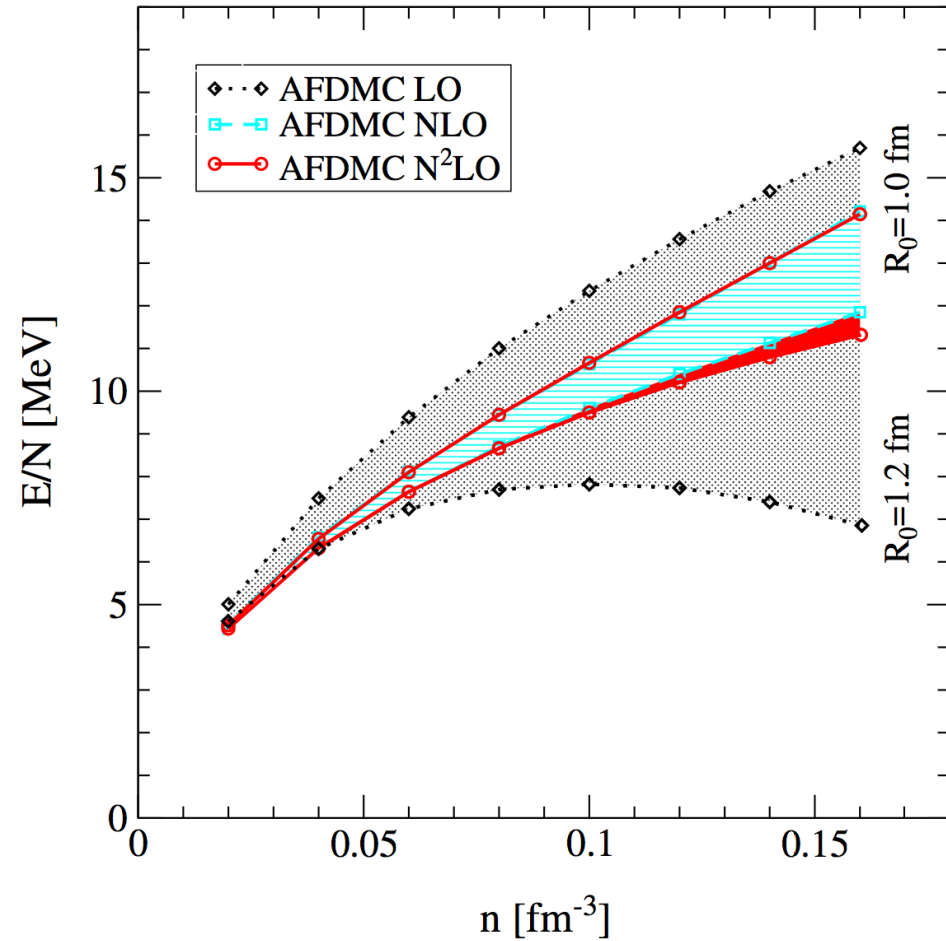
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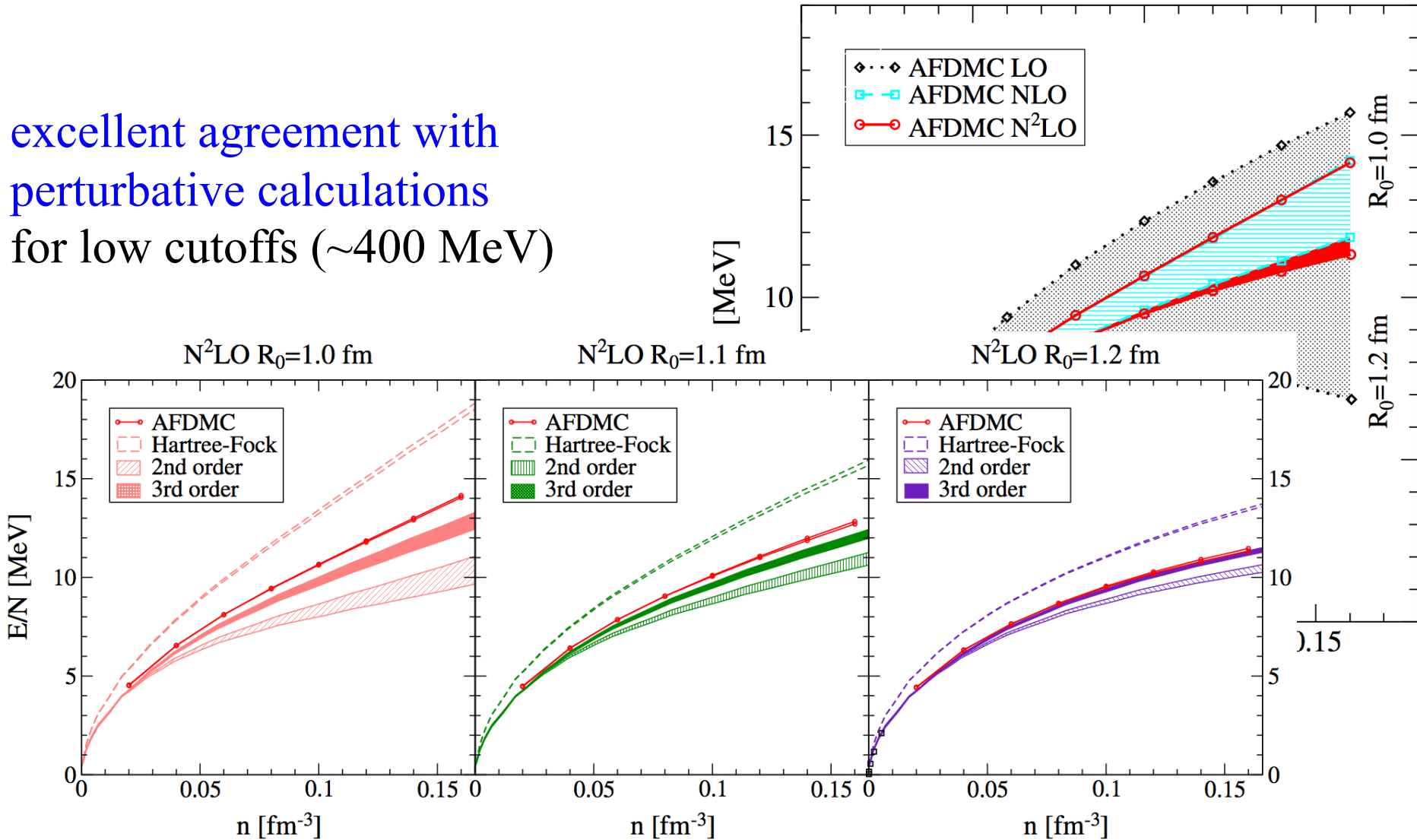
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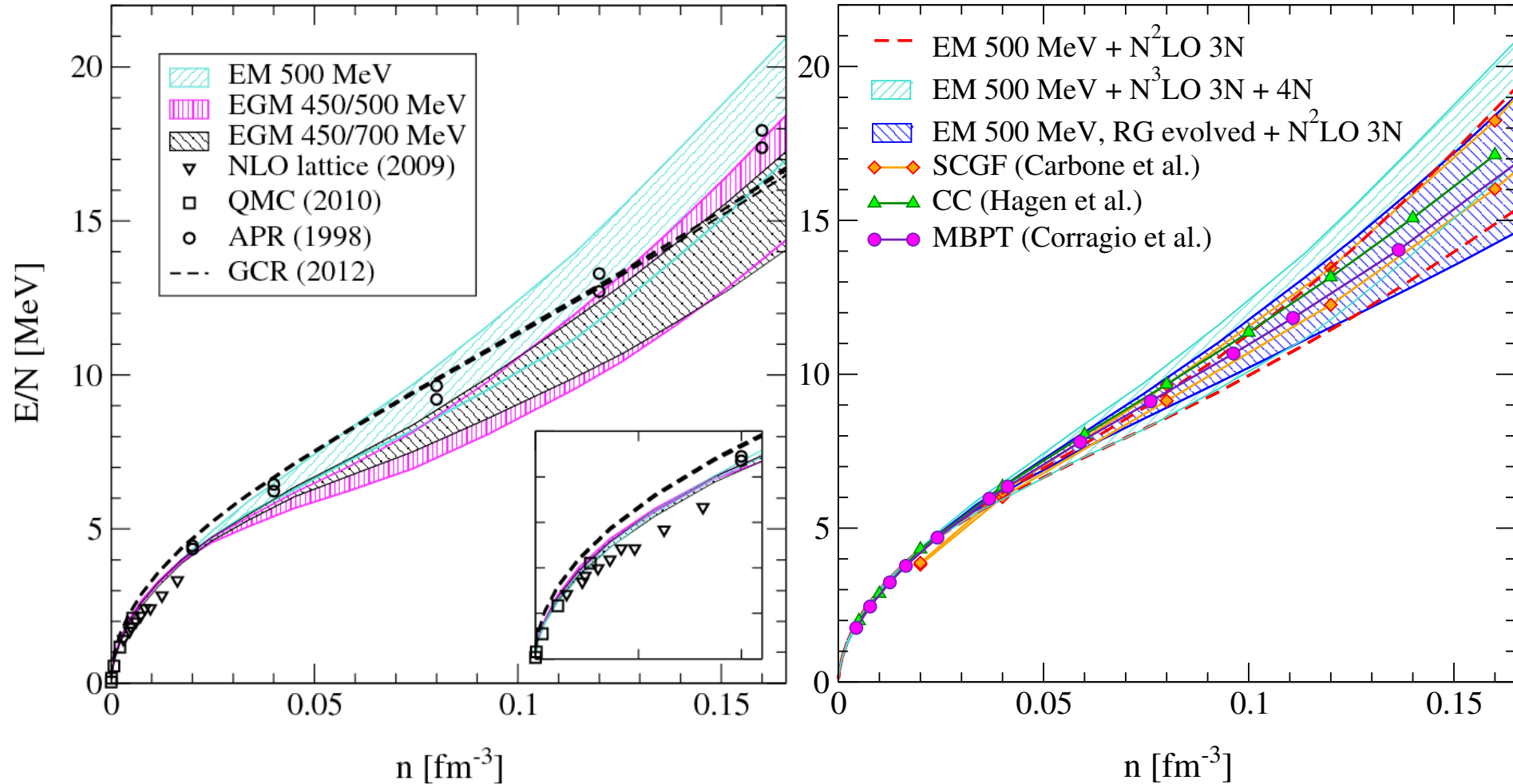
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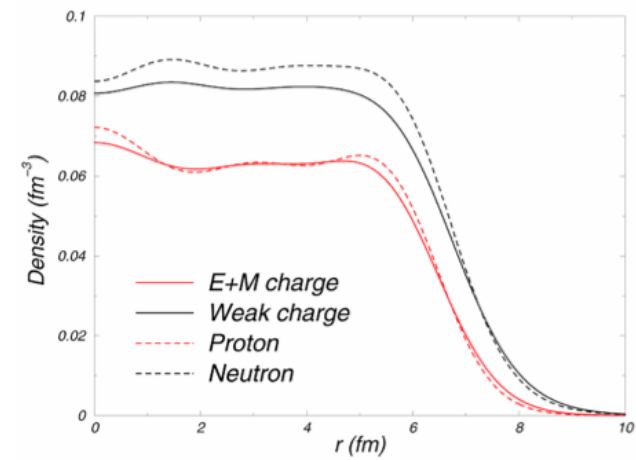
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Hebeler, Lattimer, Pethick, AS, PRL (2010)

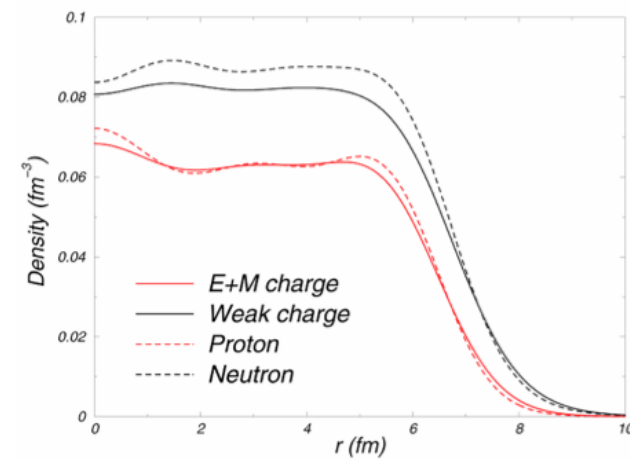


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neutron skin of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ :  $0.17 \pm 0.03$  fm ( $\pm 18\%$  !)

Hebeler, Lattimer, Pethick, AS, PRL (2010)



in excellent agreement with extraction from dipole polarizability

$0.156 + 0.025 - 0.021$  fm Tamii et al., PRL (2011)

PREX: neutron skin from parity-violating electron-scattering at JLAB

goal II:  $\pm 0.06$  fm Abrahamyan et al., PRL (2012)

MAMI: coherent pion photoproduction

$0.15 + 0.04 - 0.06$  fm Tabert et al., PRL (2014)

# Symmetry energy and pressure of neutron matter

neutron matter band predicts  
symmetry energy  $S_v$  and  
its density derivative  $L$

comparison to experimental  
and observational constraints  
Lattimer, Lim, ApJ (2012), EPJA (2014)

neutron matter constraints

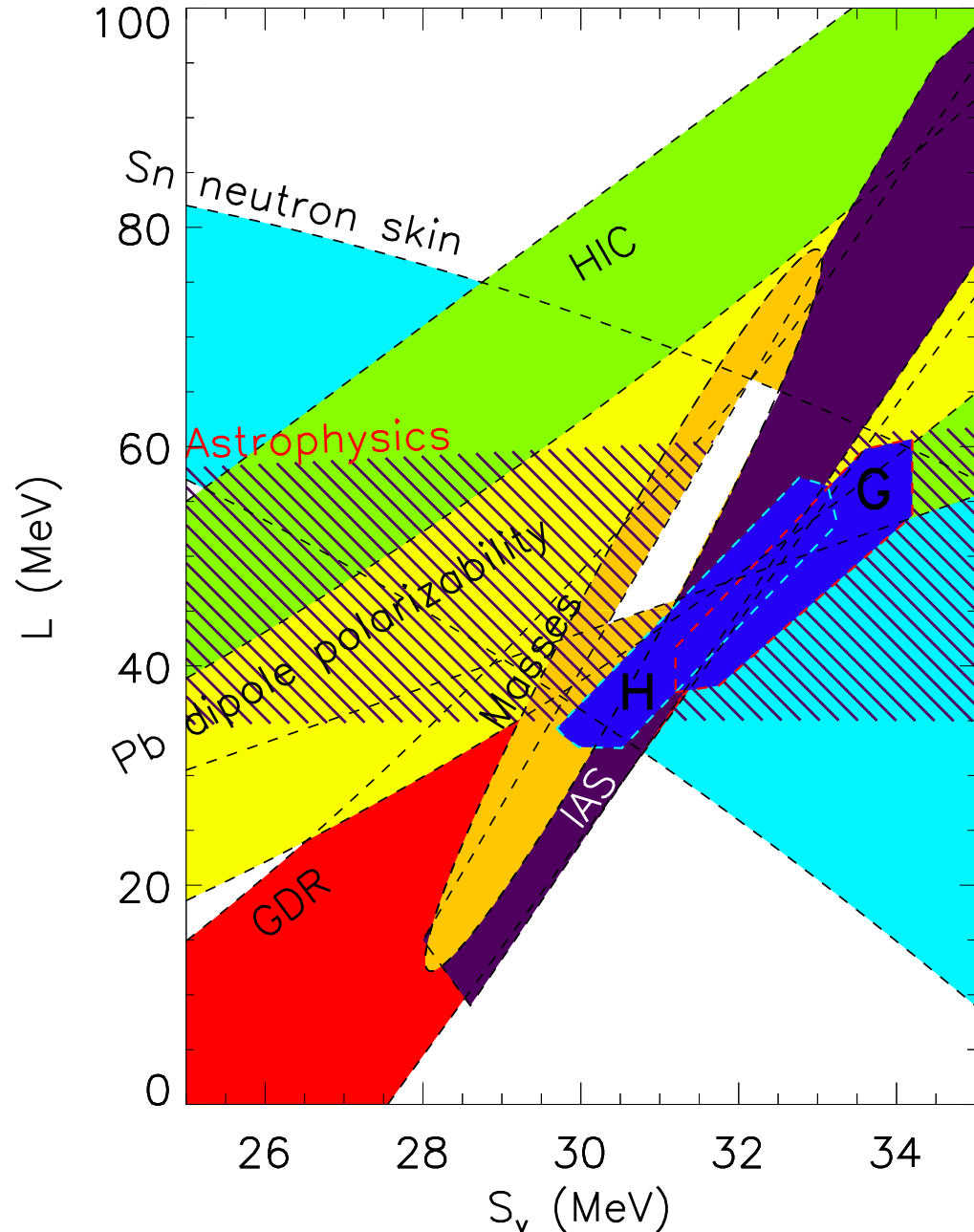
H: Hebeler et al. (2010)

G: Gandolfi et al. (2011)

provide tight constraints!

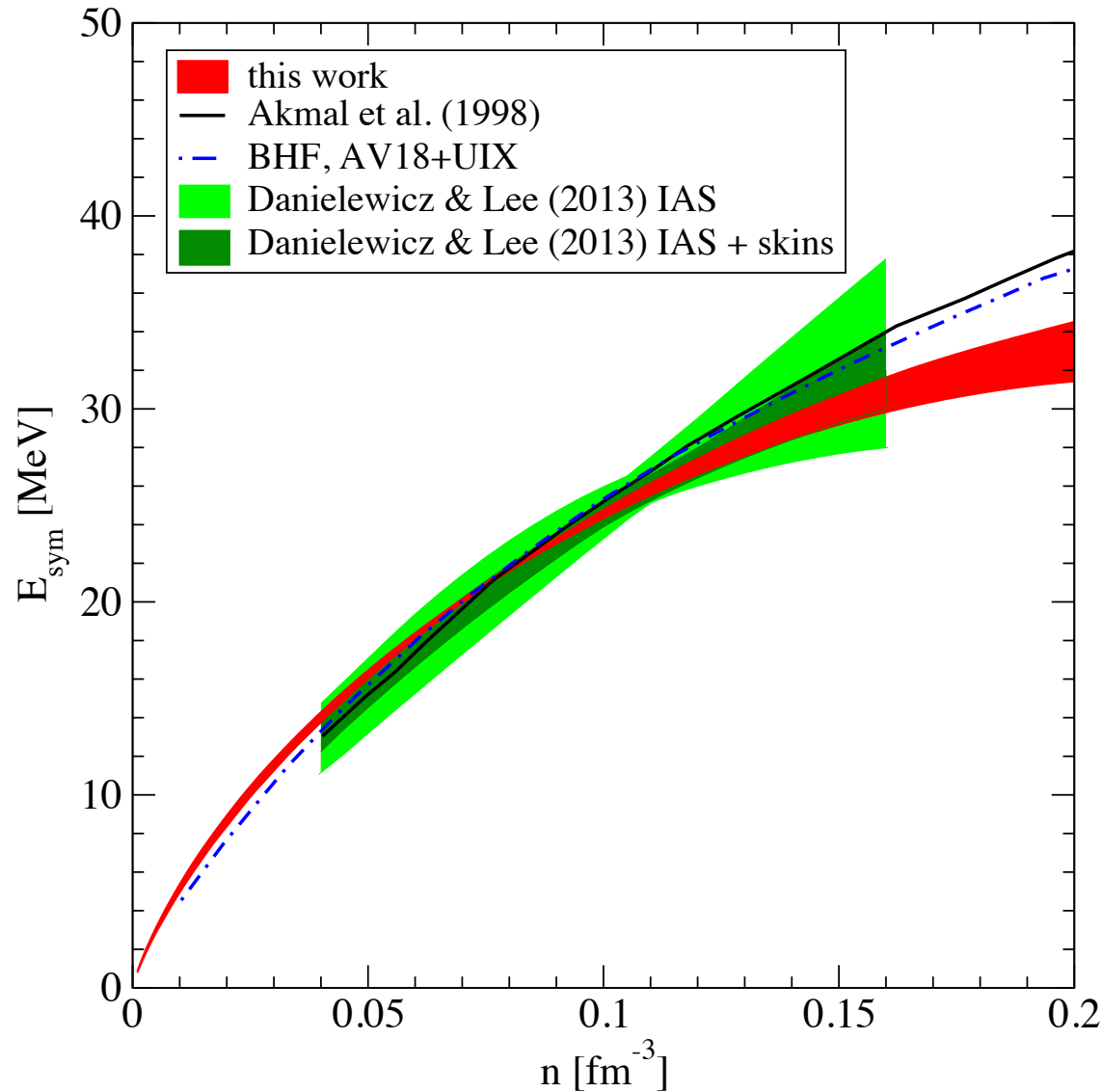
combined with Skyrme EDFs  
predicts neutron skin  
 $^{208}\text{Pb}$ : 0.182(10) fm

Brown, AS (2014)

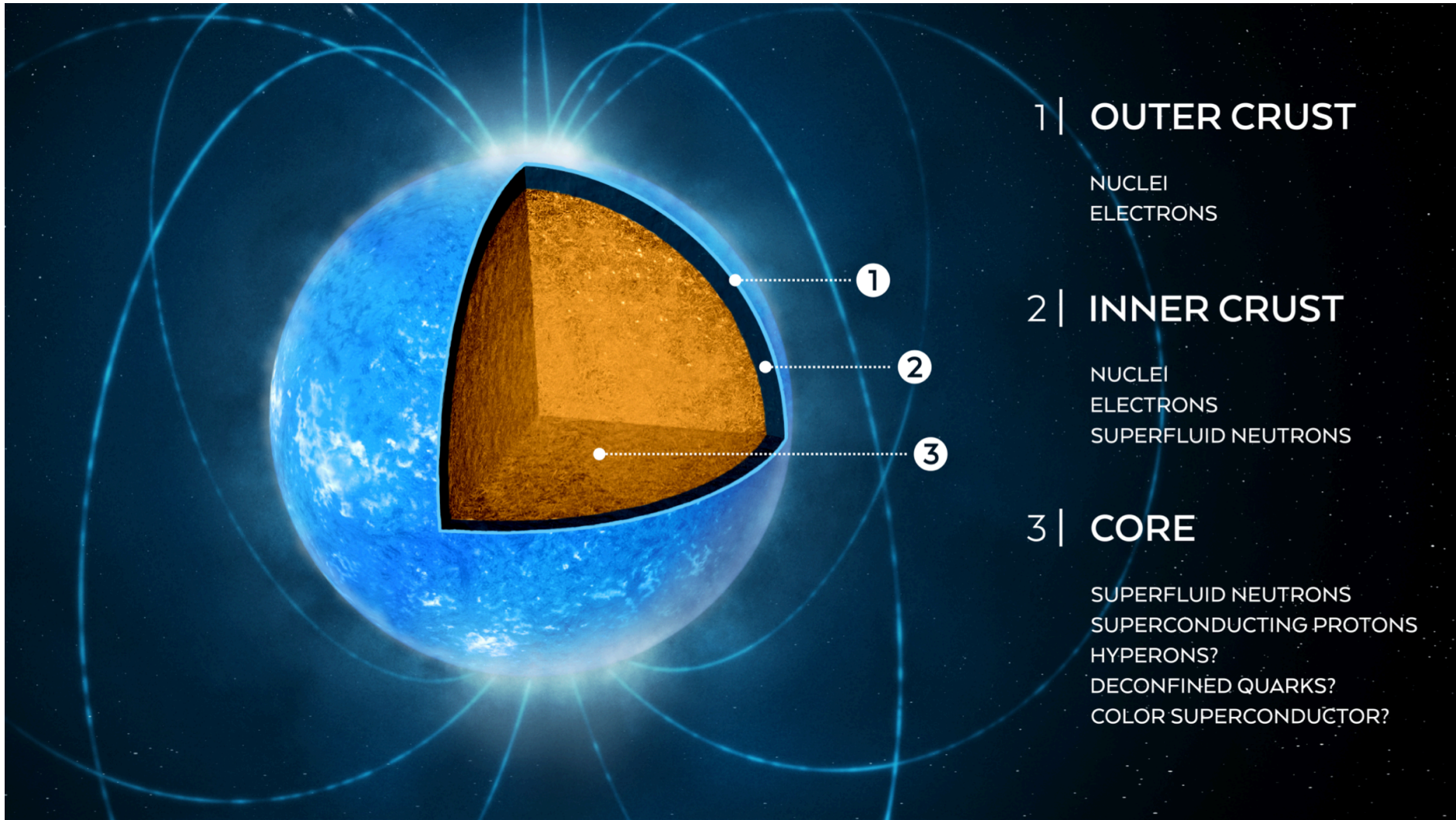


# Calculations of asymmetric matter Drischler, Soma, AS, PRD (2014)

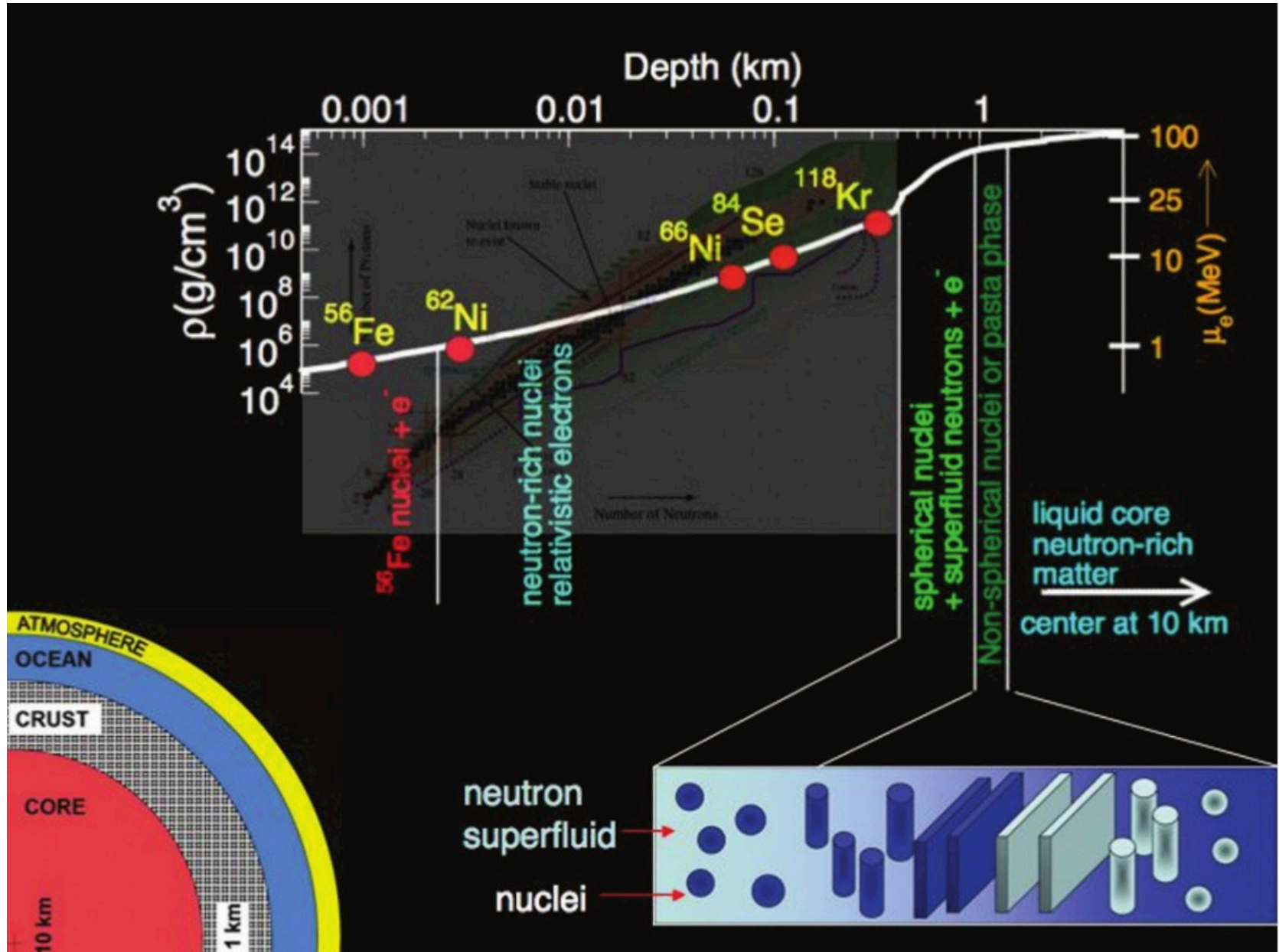
$E_{\text{sym}}$  comparison with extraction from isobaric analogue states (IAS)  
3N forces fit to  ${}^3\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}$  properties only



# Neutron matter and neutron stars



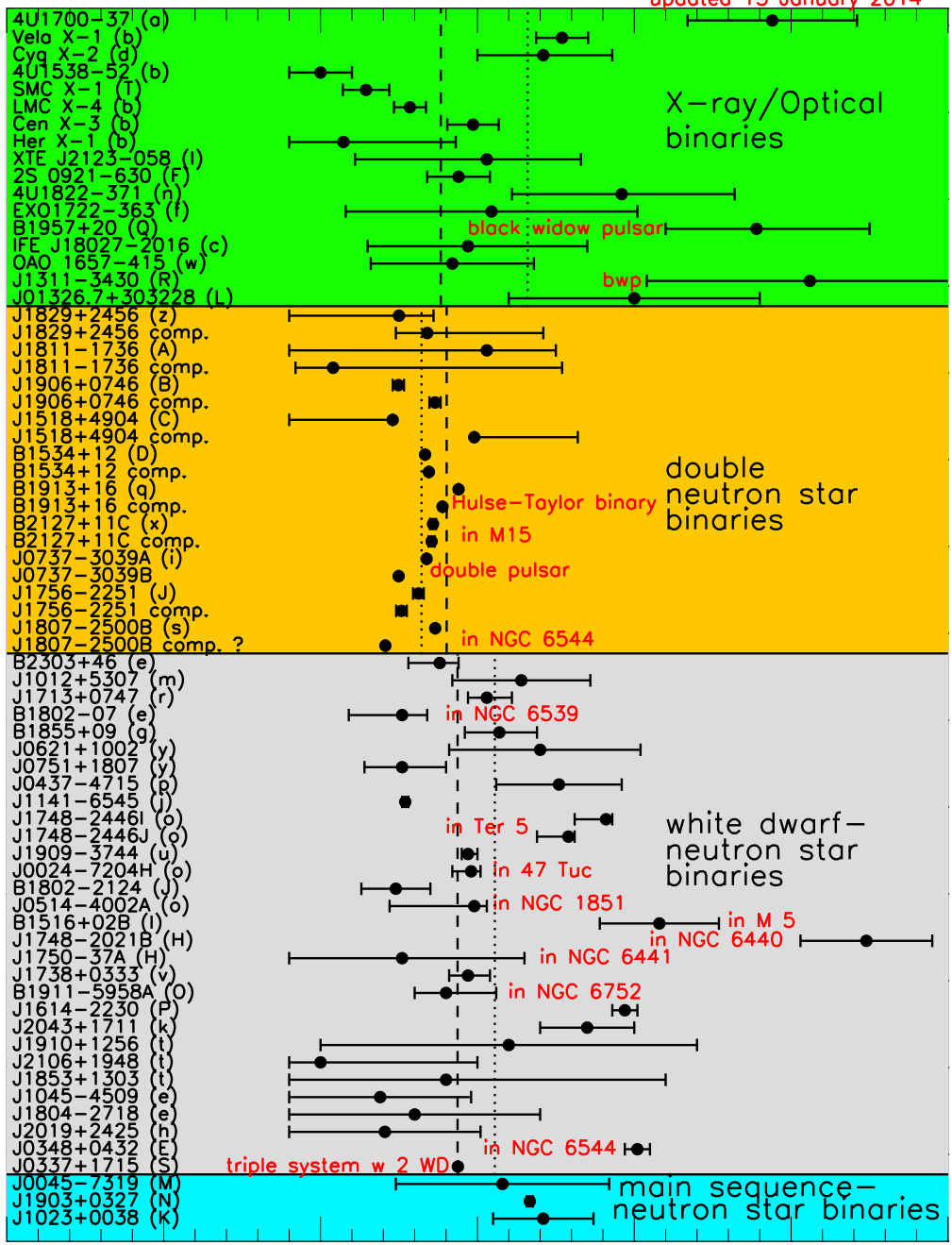
# Neutron matter and neutron stars





# Chart of neutron star masses

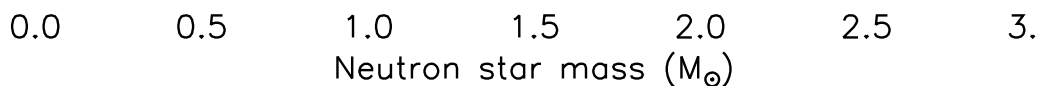
from Jim Lattimer



## two $2 M_{\text{sun}}$ neutron stars observed

Demorest et al, Nature (2010),

Antoniadis et al., Science (2013)



# Discovery of the heaviest neutron star

## A two-solar-mass neutron star measured using Shapiro delay

P. B. Demorest<sup>1</sup>, T. Pennucci<sup>2</sup>, S. M. Ransom<sup>1</sup>, M. S. E. Roberts<sup>3</sup> & J. W. T. Hessels<sup>4,5</sup>

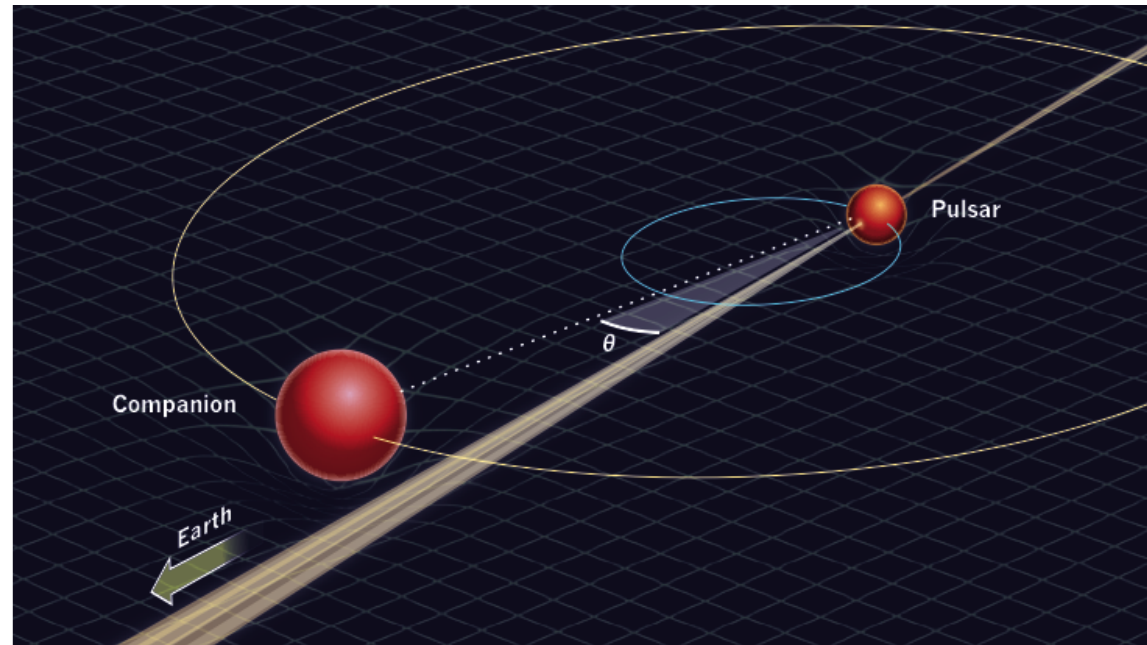
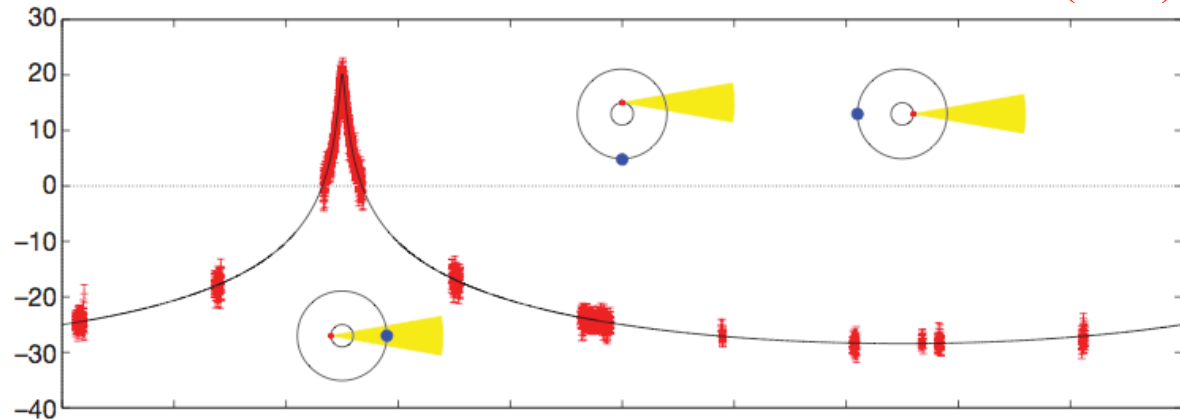
Nature (2010)

direct measurement of  
neutron star mass from  
increase in signal travel  
time near companion

J1614-2230

most edge-on binary  
pulsar known ( $89.17^\circ$ )  
+ massive white dwarf  
companion ( $0.5 M_{\text{sun}}$ )

heaviest neutron star  
with  $1.97 \pm 0.04 M_{\text{sun}}$



# Discovery of the heaviest neutron star (2013)

## RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY

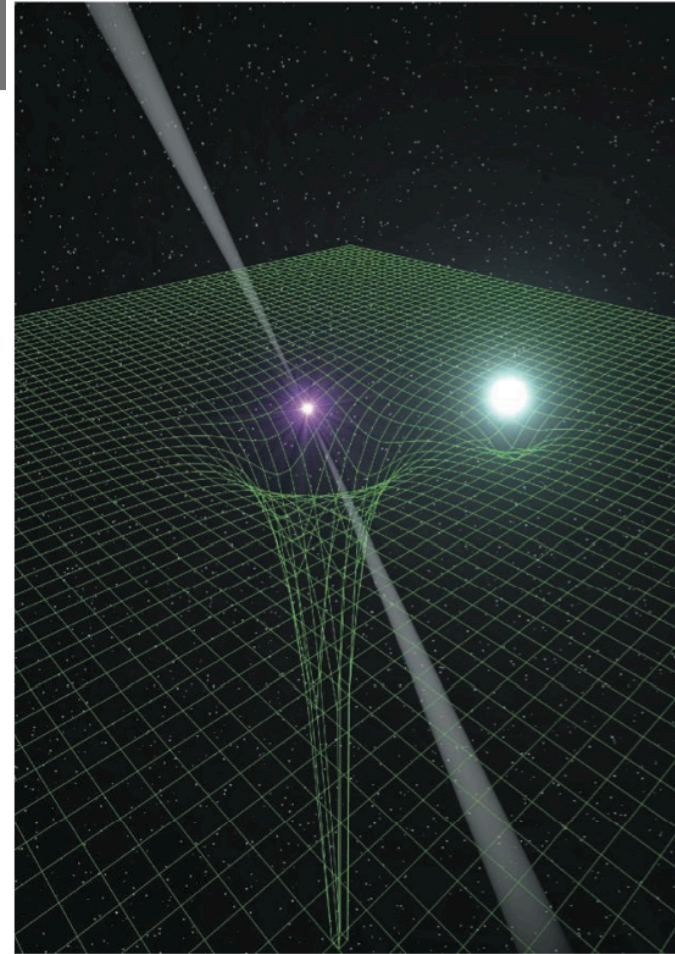
### A Massive Pulsar in a Compact Relativistic Binary

John Antoniadis,\* Paulo C. C. Freire, Norbert Wex, Thomas M. Tauris, Ryan S. Lynch, Marten H. van Kerkwijk, Michael Kramer, Cees Bassa, Vik S. Dhillon, Thomas Driebe, Jason W. T. Hessels, Victoria M. Kaspi, Vladislav I. Kondratiev, Norbert Langer, Thomas R. Marsh, Maura A. McLaughlin, Timothy T. Pennucci, Scott M. Ransom, Ingrid H. Stairs, Joeri van Leeuwen, Joris P. W. Verbiest, David G. Whelan

**Introduction:** Neutron stars with masses above  $1.8 M_{\odot}$ , possess extreme gravitational fields, which may give rise to phenomena outside general relativity. Hitherto, these strong-field deviations have not been probed by experiment, because they become observable only in tight binaries containing a high-mass pulsar and where orbital decay resulting from emission of gravitational waves can be tested. Understanding the origin of such a system would also help to answer fundamental questions of close-binary evolution.

**Methods:** We report on radio-timing observations of the pulsar J0348+0432 and phase-resolved optical spectroscopy of its white-dwarf companion, which is in a 2.46-hour orbit. We used these to derive the component masses and orbital parameters, infer the system's motion, and constrain its age.

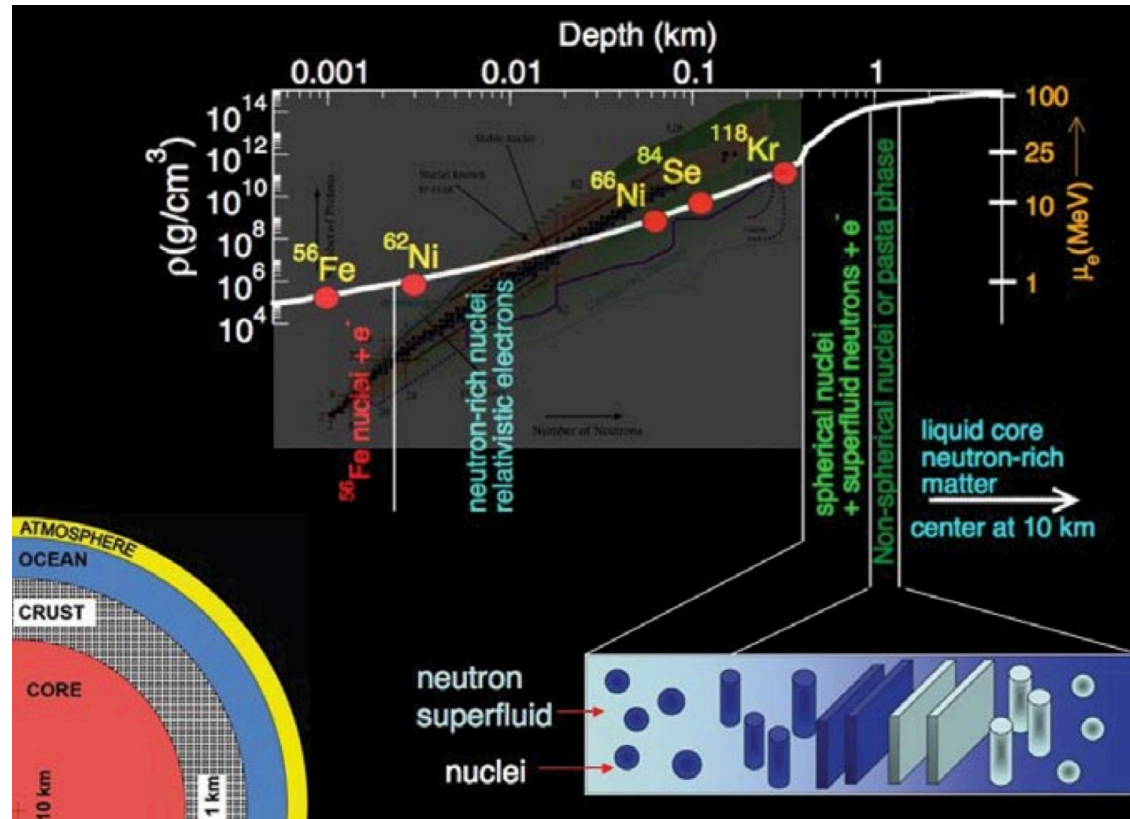
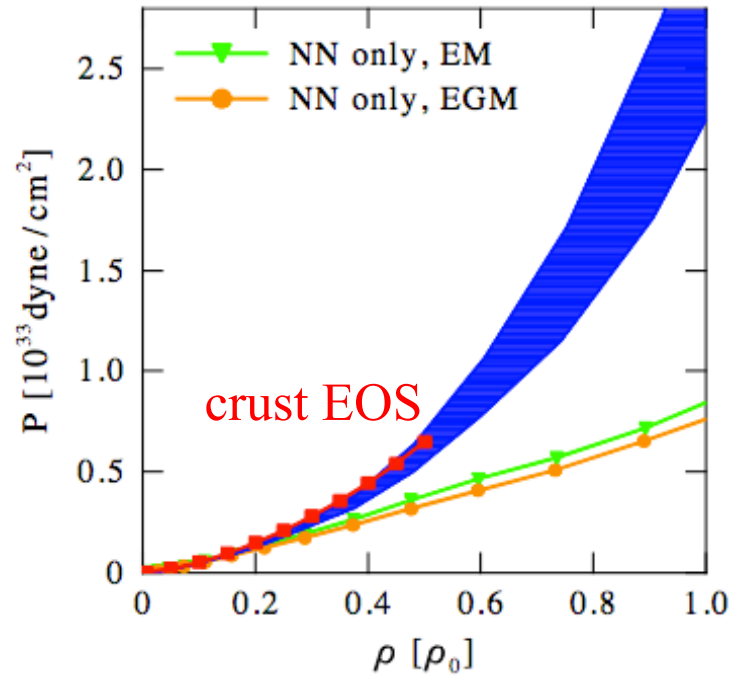
**Results:** We find that the white dwarf has a mass of  $0.172 \pm 0.003 M_{\odot}$ , which, combined with orbital velocity measurements, yields a pulsar mass of  $2.01 \pm 0.04 M_{\odot}$ . Additionally, over a span of 2 years, we observed a significant decrease in the orbital period,  $\dot{P}_b^{\text{obs}} = -8.6 \pm 1.4 \mu\text{s year}^{-1}$  in our radio-timing data.



**Artist's impression of the PSR J0348+0432 system.** The compact pulsar (with beams of radio emission) produces a strong distortion of spacetime (illustrated by the green mesh). Conversely, spacetime around its white dwarf companion (in light blue) is substantially less curved. According to relativistic theories of gravity, the binary system is subject to energy loss by gravitational waves.

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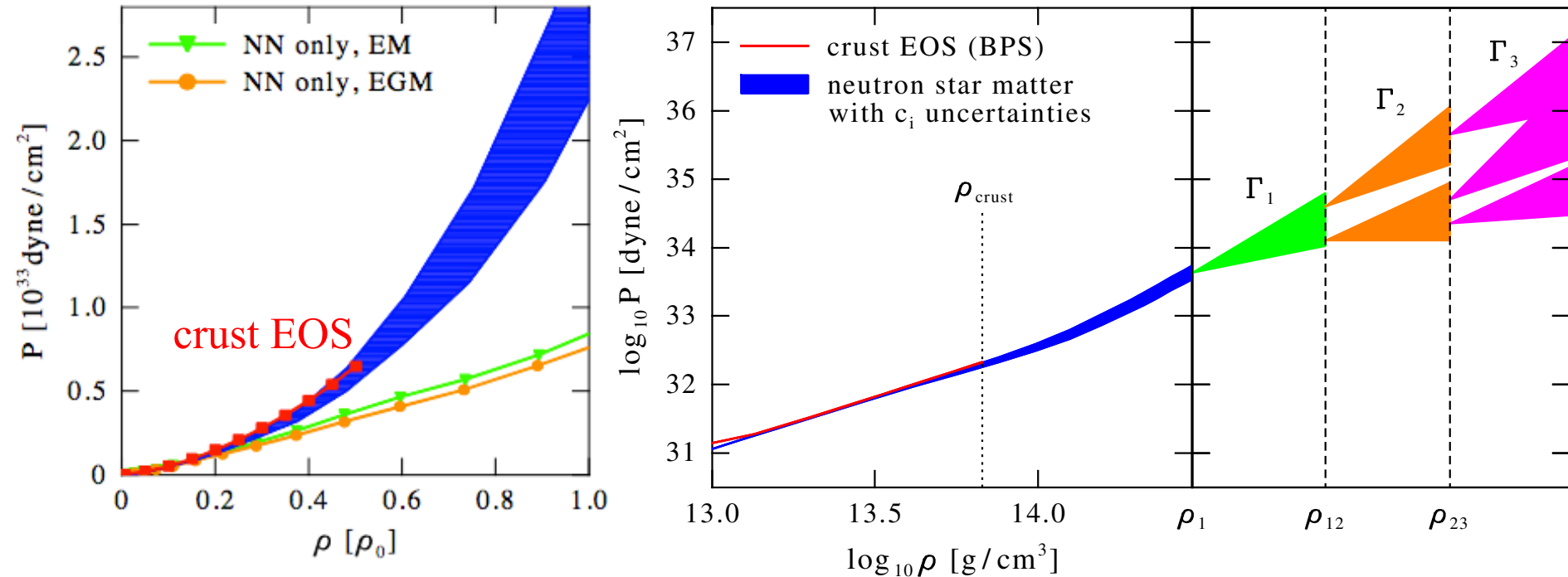
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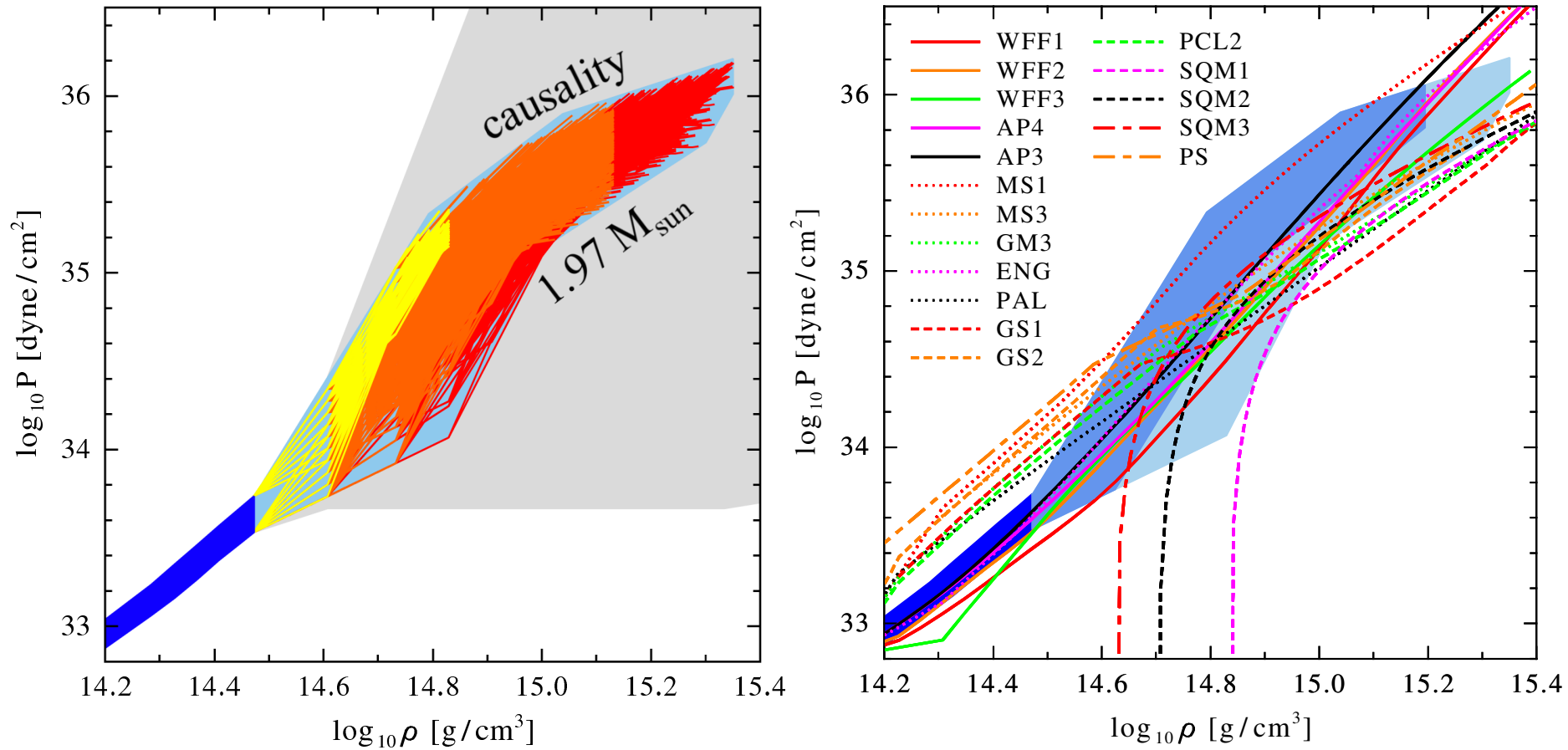


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extend uncertainty band to higher densities using piecewise polytropes  
allow for soft regions

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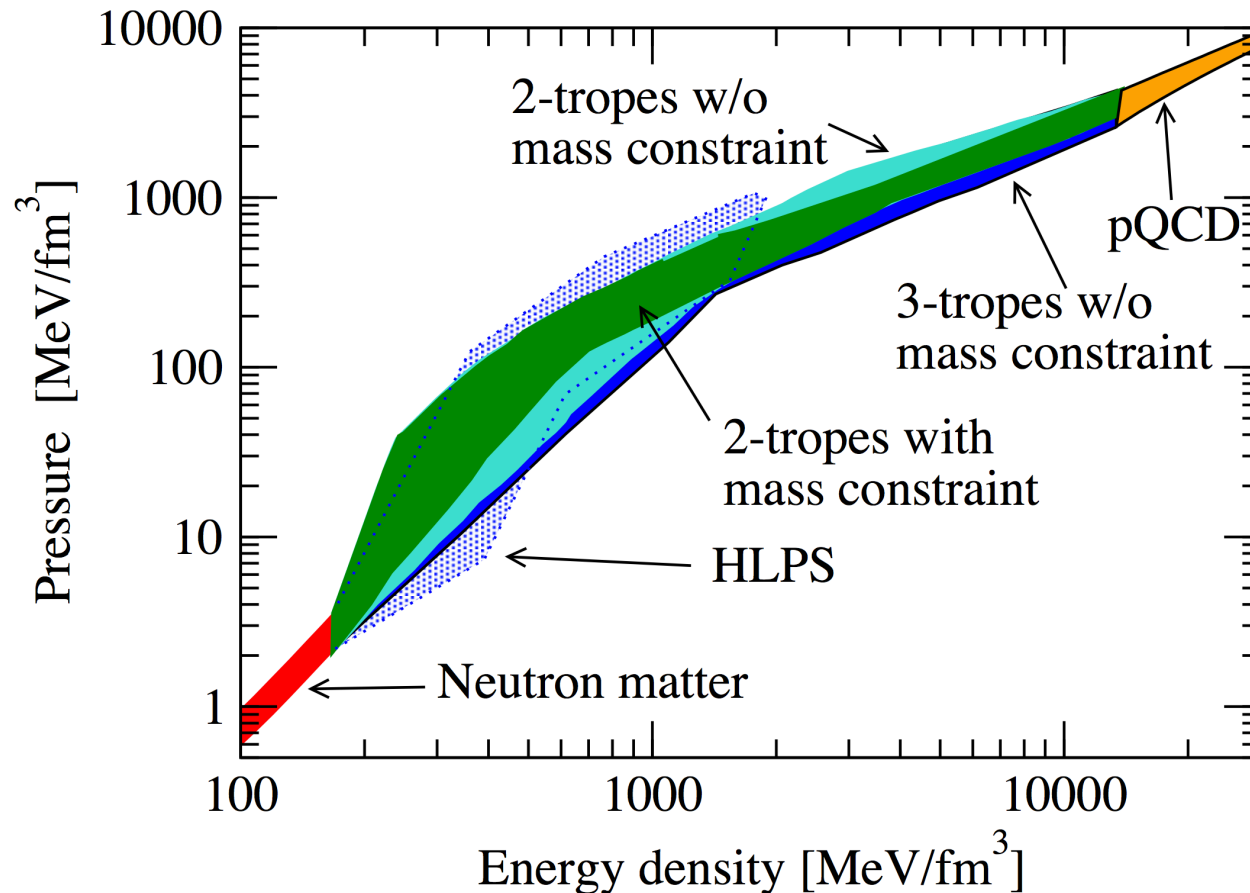


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# Connecting the equation of state to pQCD calculations

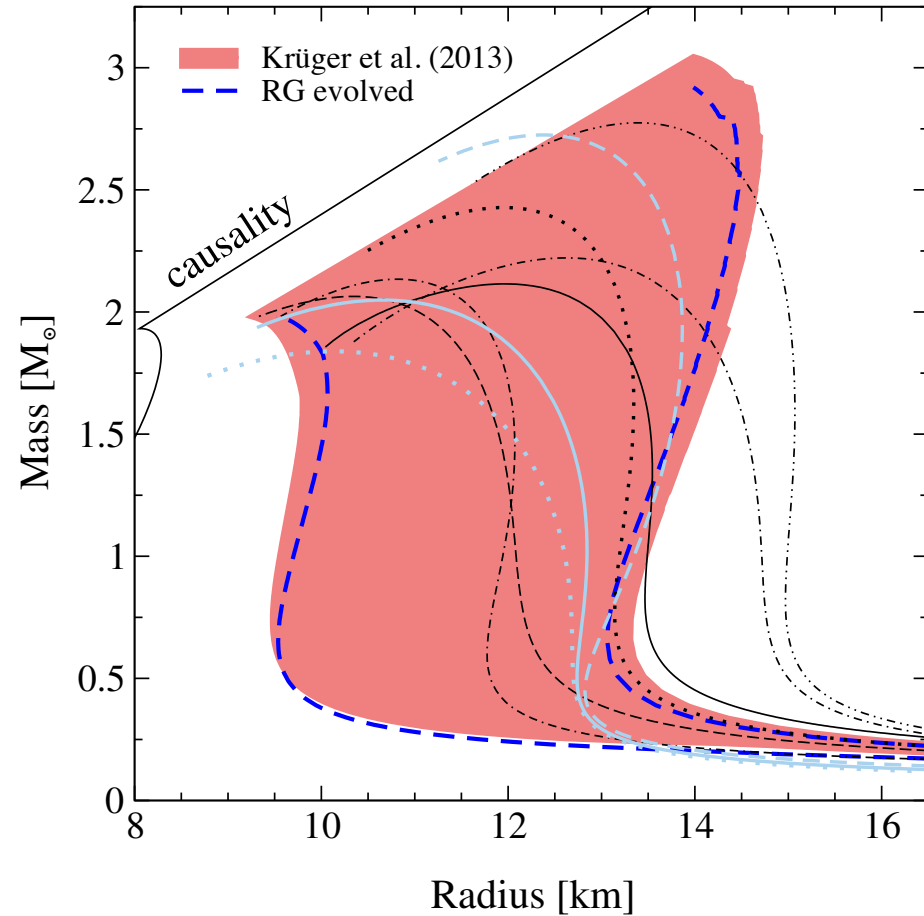
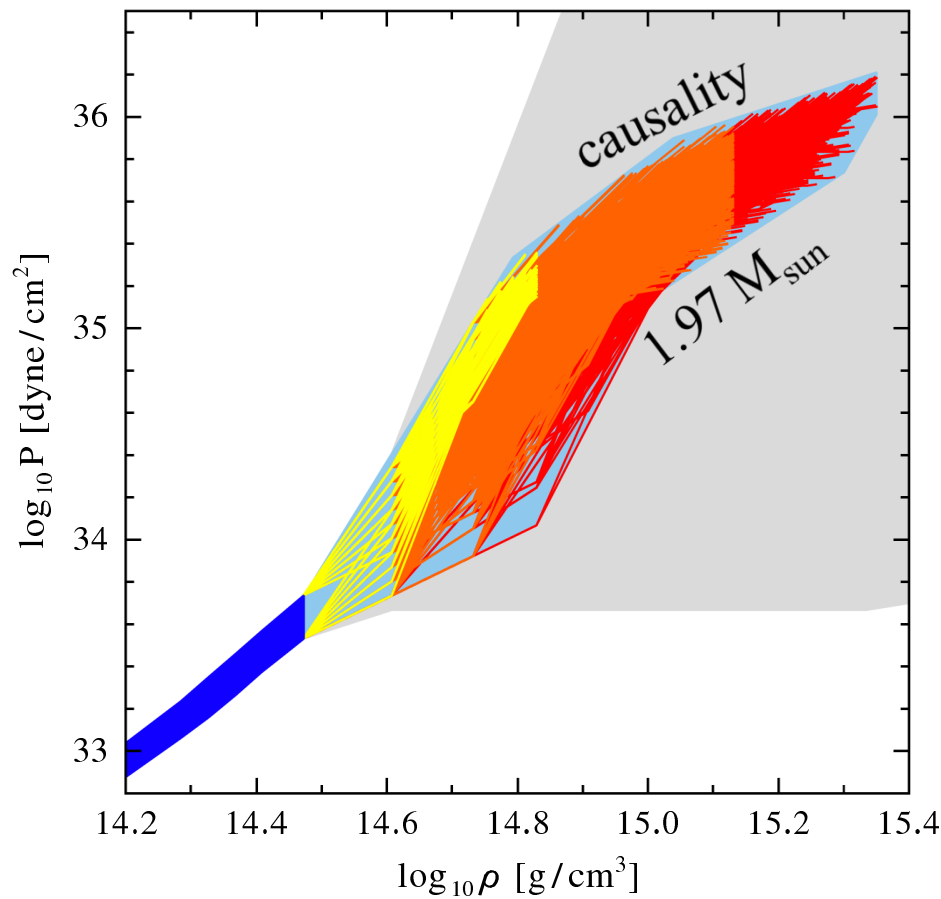
recent  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  calculation of quark matter in perturbative QCD provides constraint at very high densities

interpolating between **neutron matter calculations** and **pQCD** gives consistent EOS band [Kurkela, Fraga, Schaffner-Bielich, Vuorinen, ApJ \(2014\)](#).



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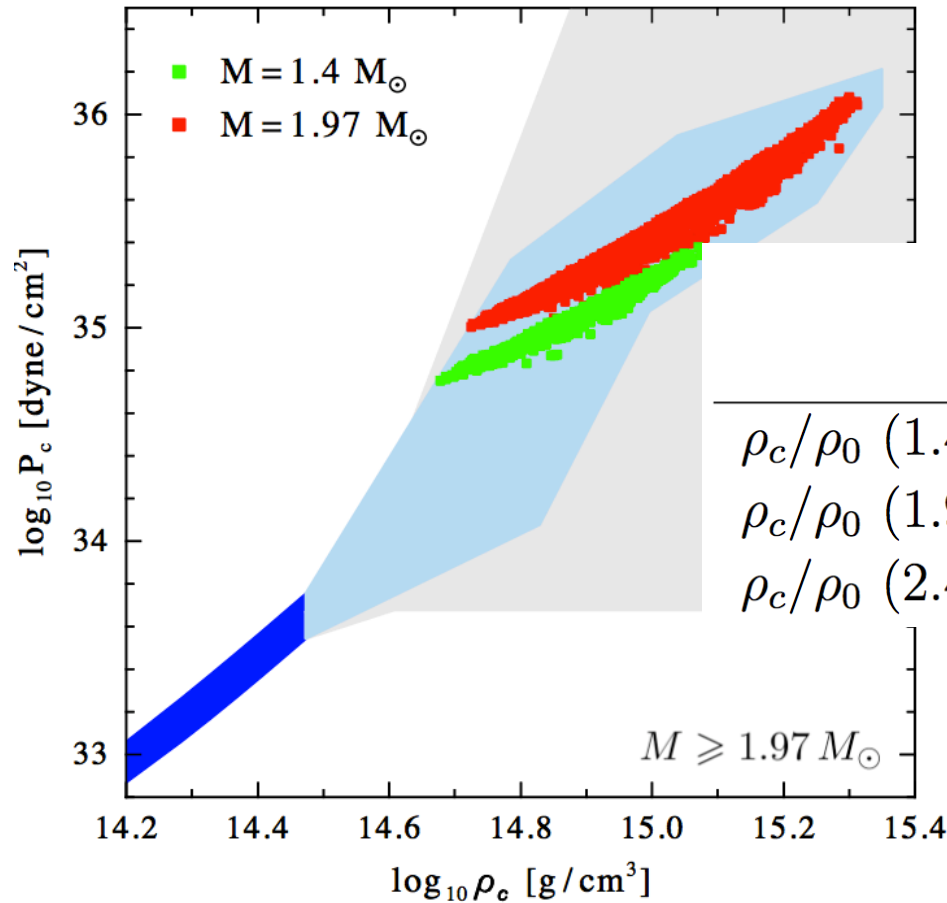
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predicts neutron star radius: 9.7-13.9 km for  $M=1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$  ( $\pm 18\%$  !)



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	$\widehat{M} = 1.97 M_{\odot}$		$\widehat{M} = 2.4 M_{\odot}$	
	min	max	min	max
$\rho_c / \rho_0 (1.4 M_{\odot})$	1.8	4.4	1.8	2.7
$\rho_c / \rho_0 (1.97 M_{\odot})$	2.0	7.6	2.0	3.4
$\rho_c / \rho_0 (2.4 M_{\odot})$			2.2	5.4

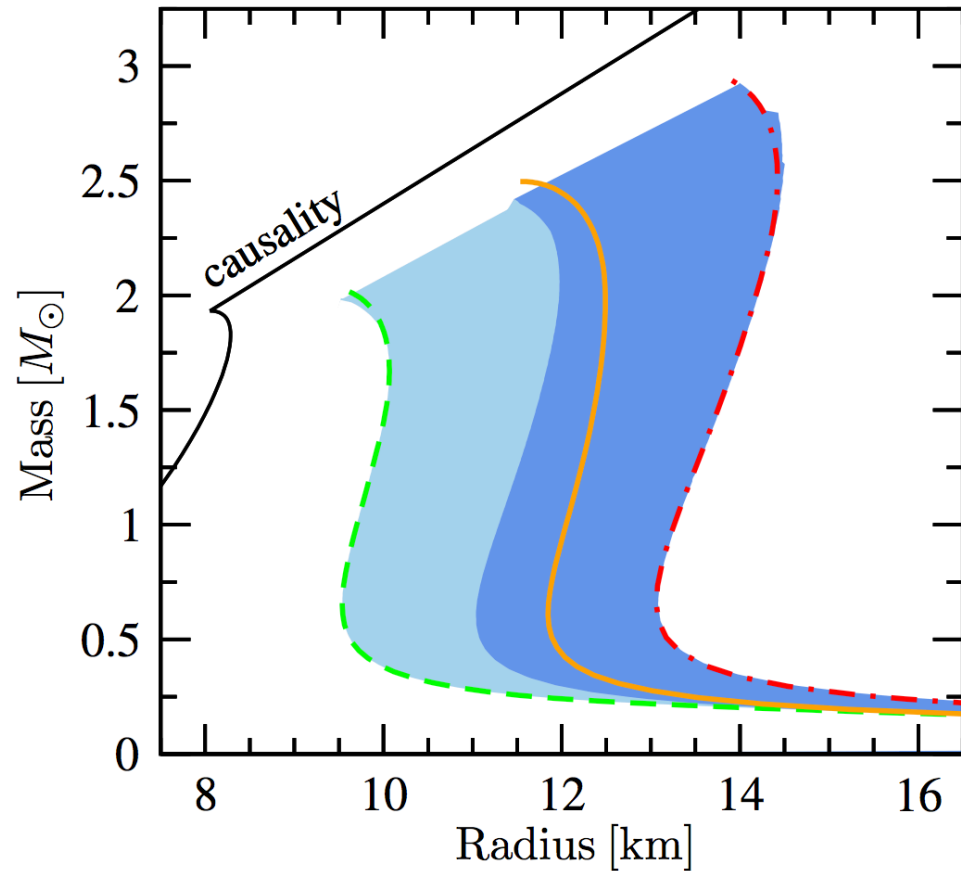
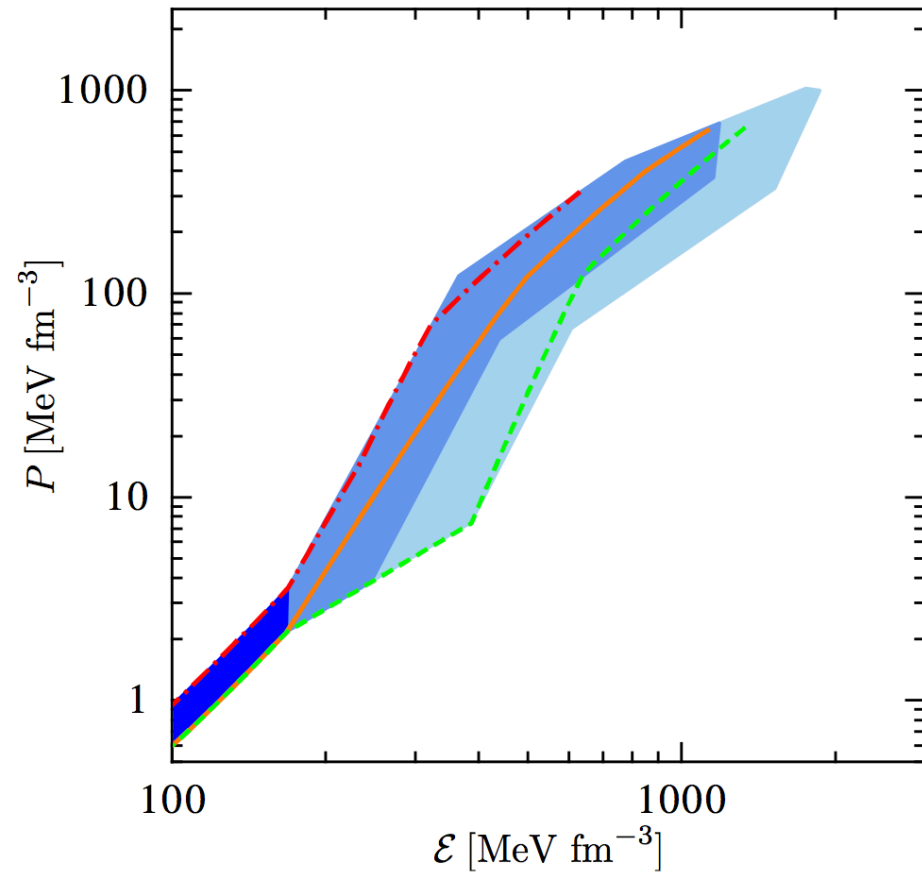
**central densities**  
**for  $1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$  star: 1.8-4.4  $\rho_0$**

not very high momenta!

# Representative equations of state

all EOS for cold matter in beta equilibrium should go through our band

constructed 3 representative EOS for users: **soft**, **intermediate**, **stiff**



# Neutron-star mergers and gravitational waves

explore sensitivity to neutron-rich matter in neutron-star merger predictions for gravitational-wave signal, including NP uncertainties

Bauswein, Janka, PRL (2012)

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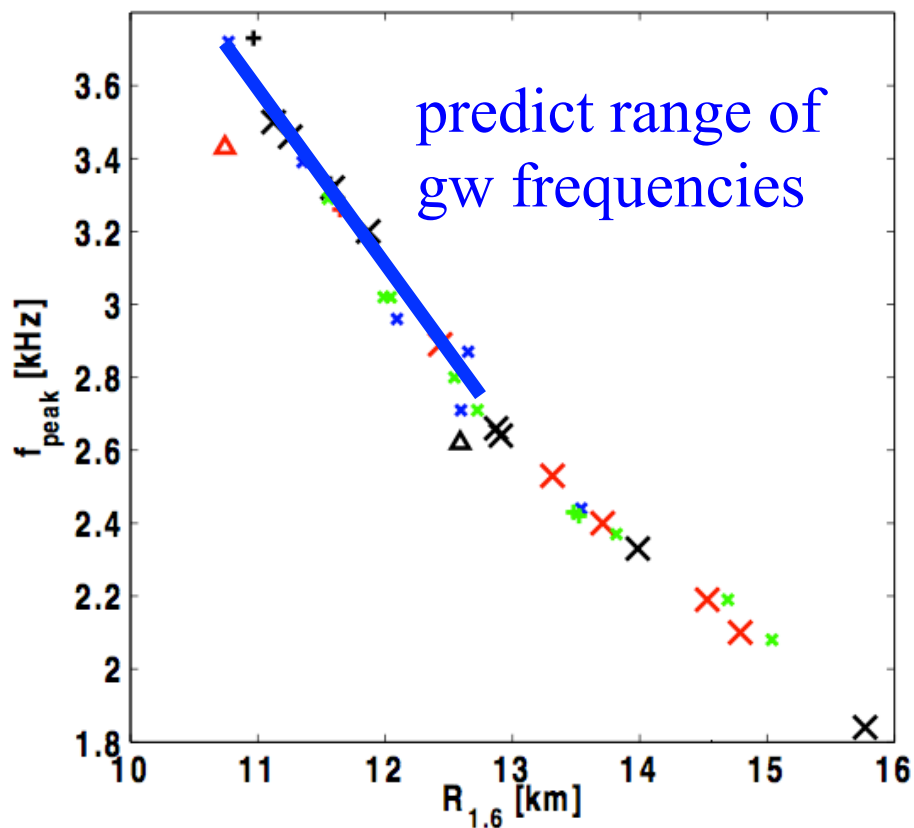
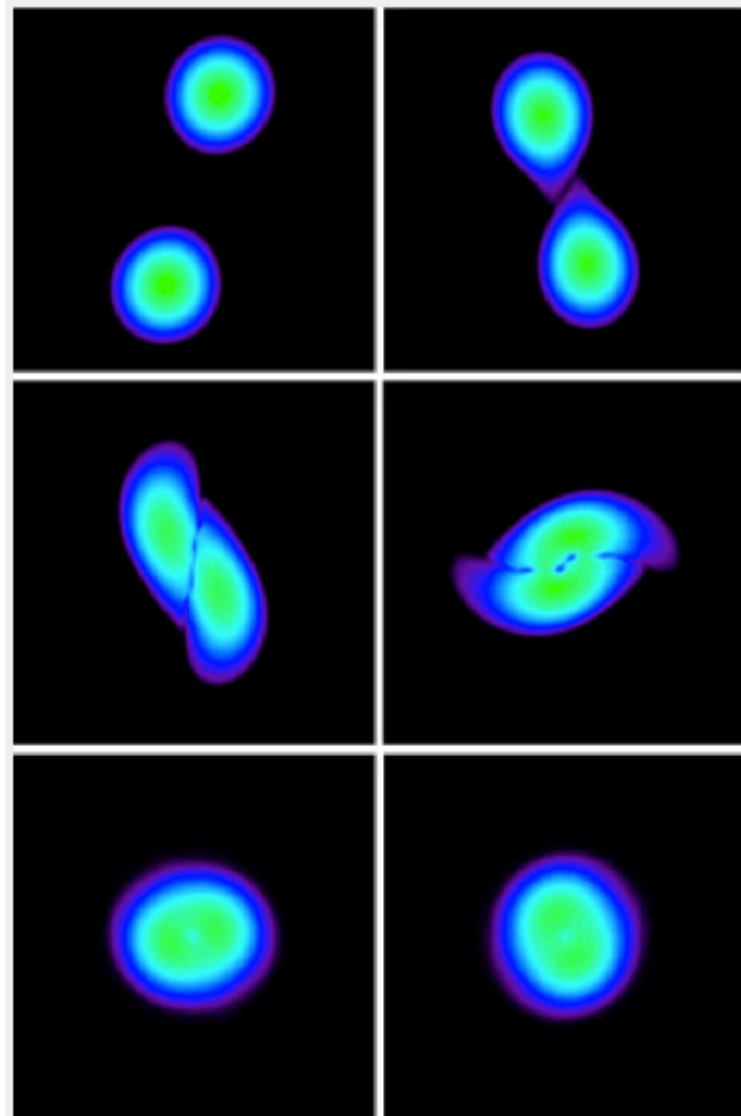
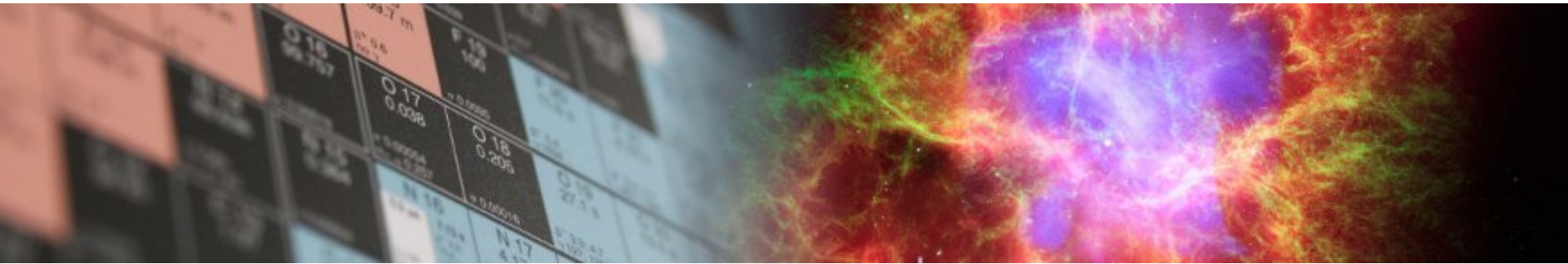


FIG. 10: Peak frequency of the postmerger GW emission versus the radius of a nonrotating NS with  $1.6 M_{\odot}$  for different EoSs. Symbols have the same meaning as in Fig. 8.



# Summary

Chiral EFT opens up unified description of matter from lab to cosmos



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Nuclear forces and their impact on **neutron-rich nuclei**

**S.K. Bogner, H. Hergert, J.D. Holt, J. Menéndez, T. Otsuka, J. Simonis, T. Suzuki**

on **neutron-rich matter** and **neutron stars**

**C. Drischler, K. Hebeler, T. Krüger, J.M. Lattimer, C.J. Pethick, V. Somá, I. Tews**

**future:** consistent electroweak interactions from chiral EFT  
lattice QCD to connect chiral EFT to QCD