Uncertainty estimates for neutron-rich nuclei and neutron stars

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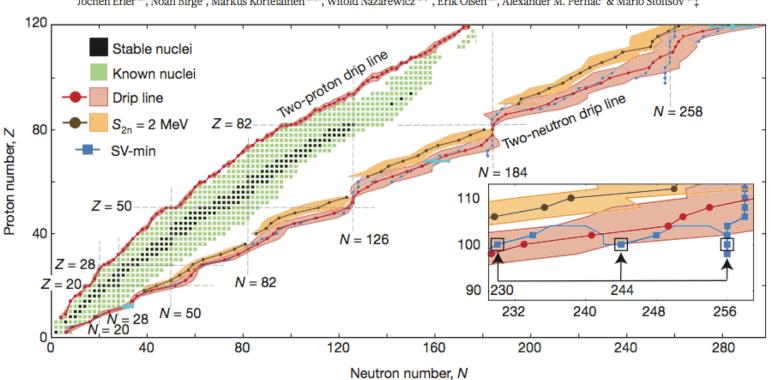
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Nuclei bound by strong interactions

doi:10.1038/nature1118

The limits of the nuclear landscape

Jochen Erler^{1,2}, Noah Birge¹, Markus Kortelainen^{1,2,3}, Witold Nazarewicz^{1,2,4}, Erik Olsen^{1,2}, Alexander M. Perhac¹ & Mario Stoitsov^{1,2}.



How does the nuclear chart emerge from quantum chromodynamics?

Lattice QCD and effective field theories of the strong interaction for few nucleons for all nuclei

Chiral effective field theory for nuclear forces

Separation of scales: low momenta
$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = Q \ll \Lambda_b$$
 breakdown scale ~500 MeV $\frac{1}{NN} = \frac{1}{3N} = \frac{1}{4N} = \frac{1}{N} = \frac{$

short-range couplings,

fit to experiment once



consistent NN-3N-4N interactions

 $N^3LO \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^4}{\Lambda^4}\right)$

new developments in power counting, uncertainty quantification, optimization ISNET-6 et al., ...

consistent electroweak interactions and matching to lattice QCD

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

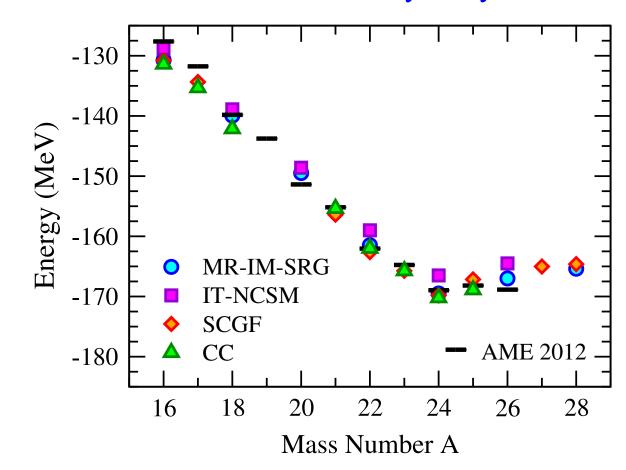
Ab initio calculations of neutron-rich oxygen isotopes

based on same NN+3N interactions with different many-body methods

CC 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)

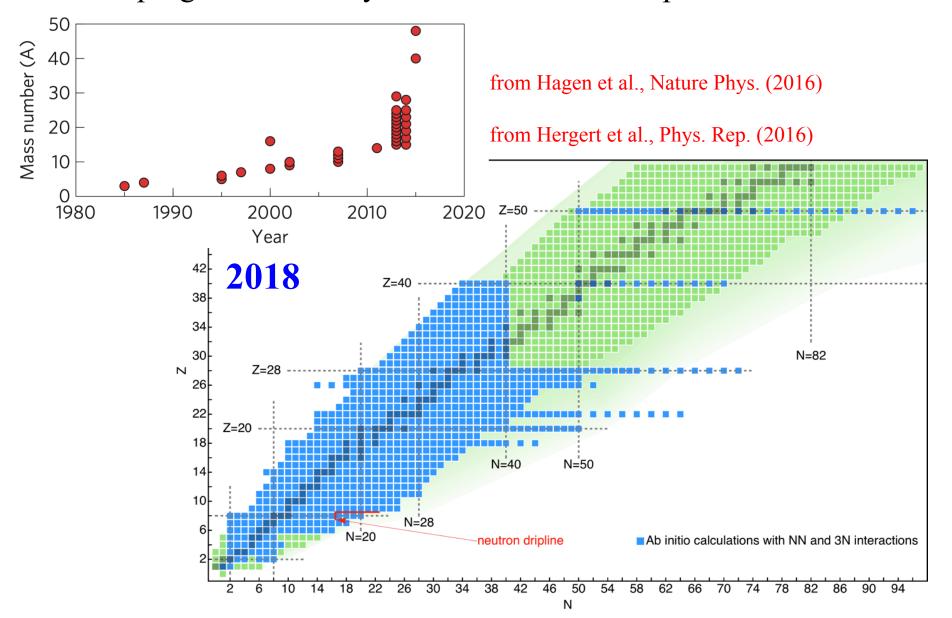
Self-Consistent Green's Functions Cipollone et al., PRL (2013)



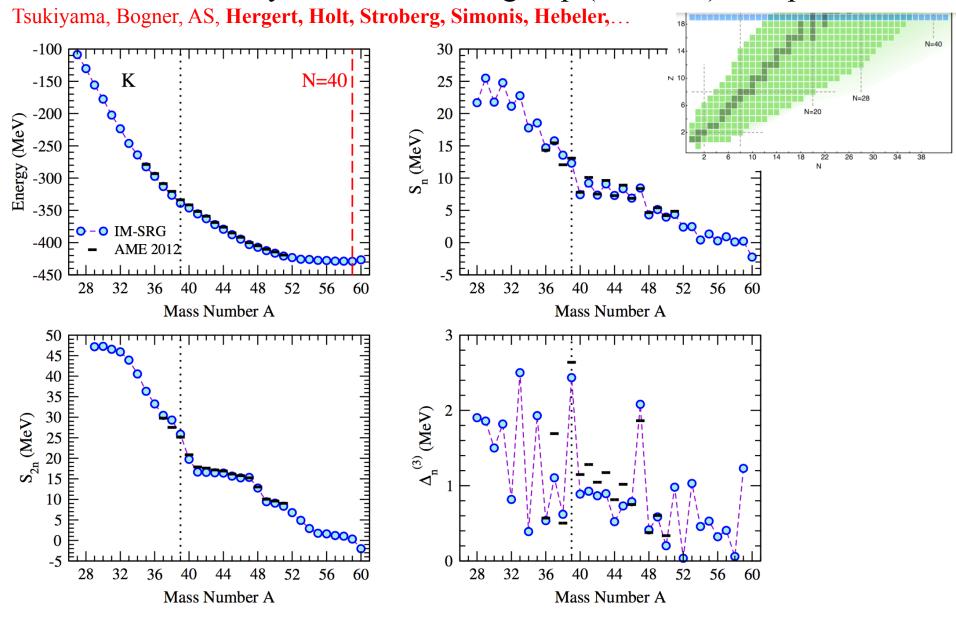
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Progress in ab initio calculations of nuclei

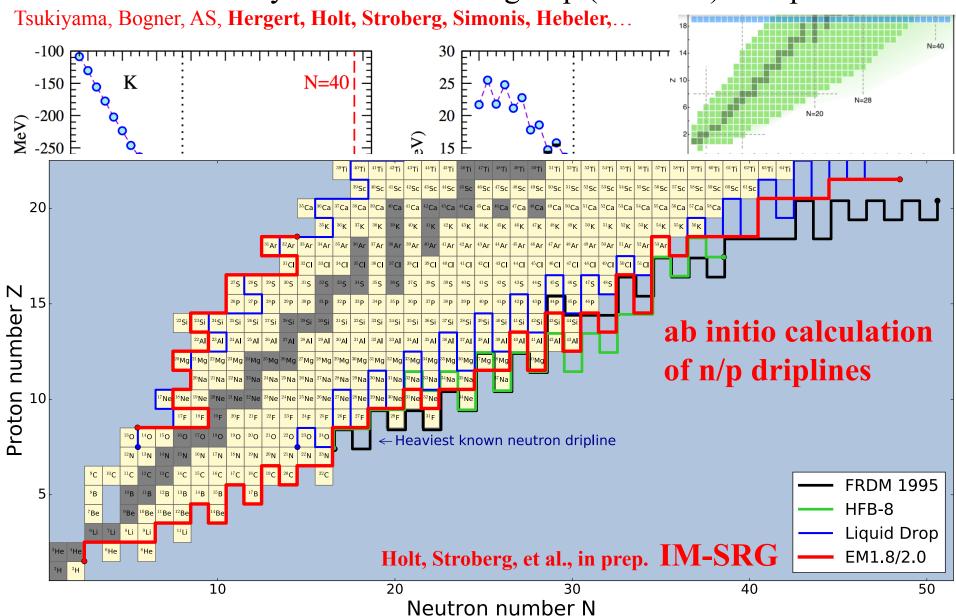
dramatic progress in last 5 years to access nuclei up to $A \sim 50$



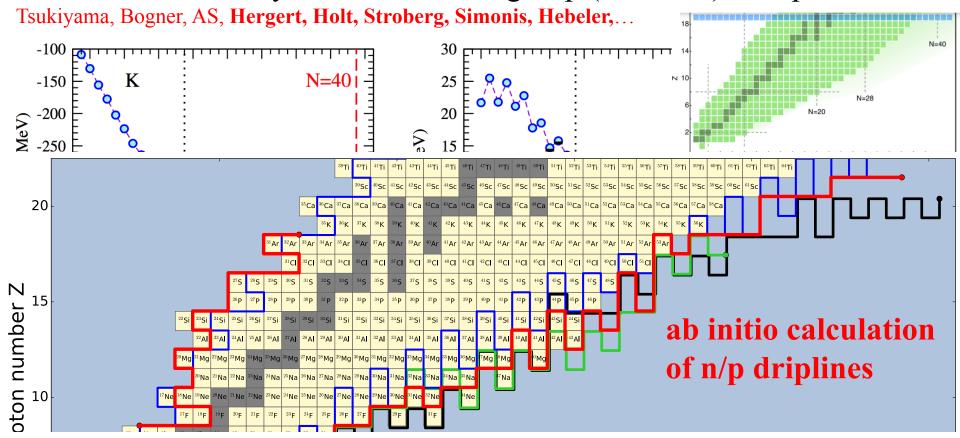
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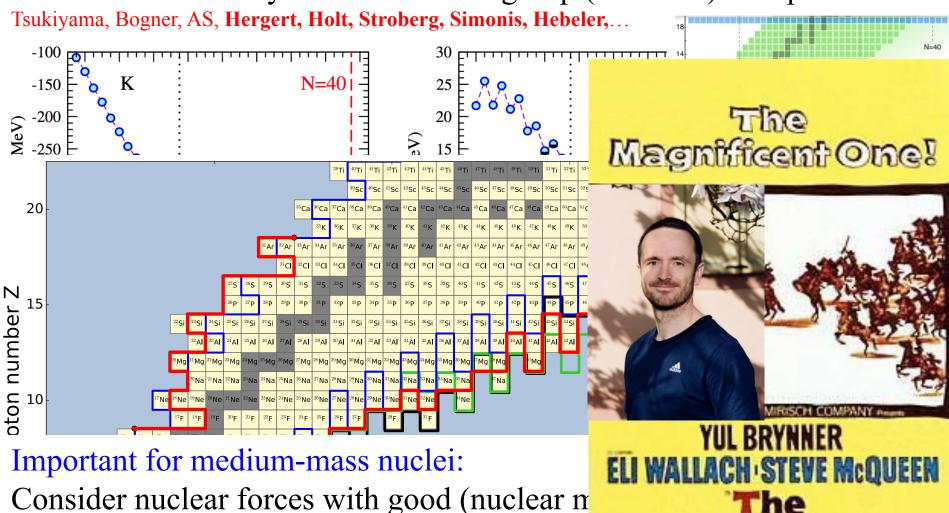
Important for medium-mass nuclei:

Consider nuclear forces with good (nuclear matter) saturation properties

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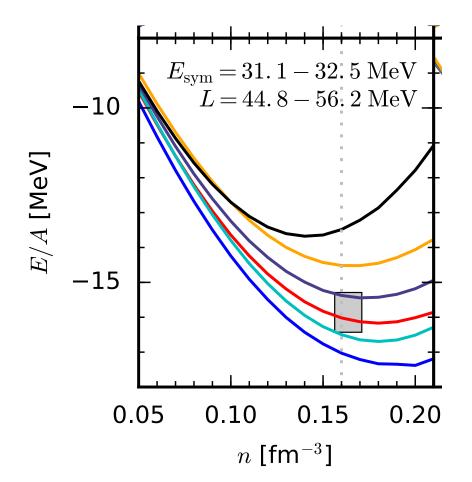
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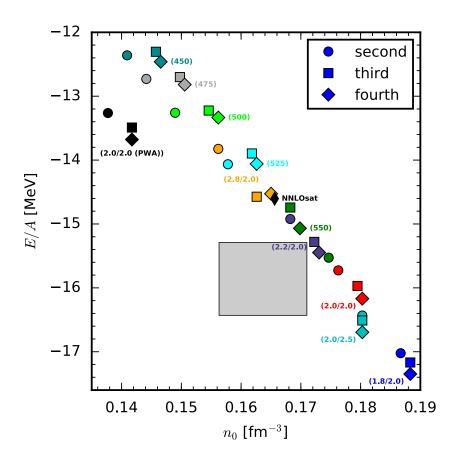
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Monte-Carlo calculation of all energy diagrams up to 4th order in MBPT

Drischler, Hebeler, AS, arXiv:1710.08220, automated 5th and 6th order calculation, Drischler et al. in prep.

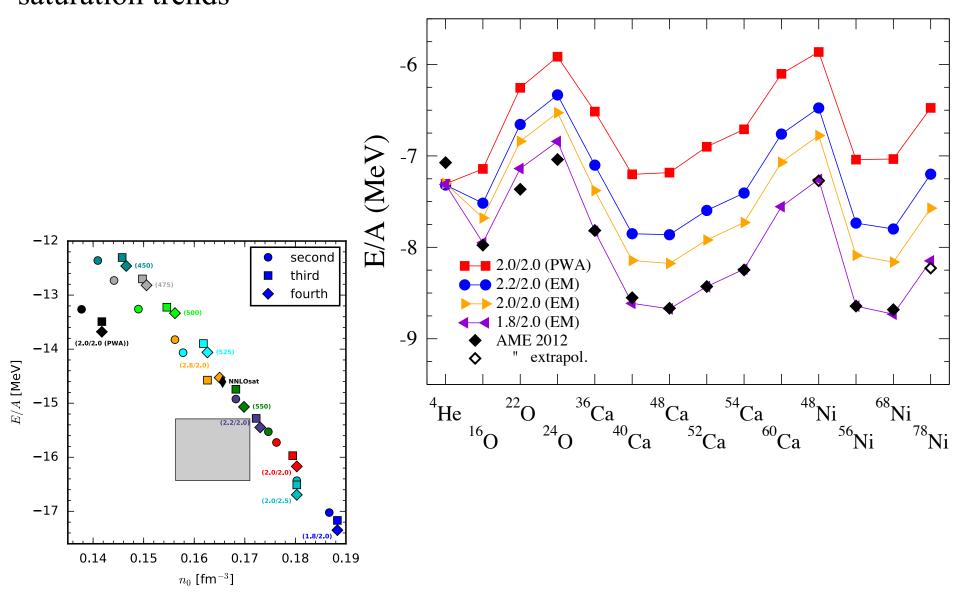
chiral order	Λ/c_D	second order			third order	fourt1	fourth order	
	,	NN-only	NN+3N	3N res.	NN+3N	NN-only	$NN+3N^a$	
$\overline{{ m N}^3{ m LO/N}^2{ m LO}}$	$\lambda/\Lambda = 1.8/2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$	-2.30	-2.24	-0.40	-0.10	-0.20	-0.07	





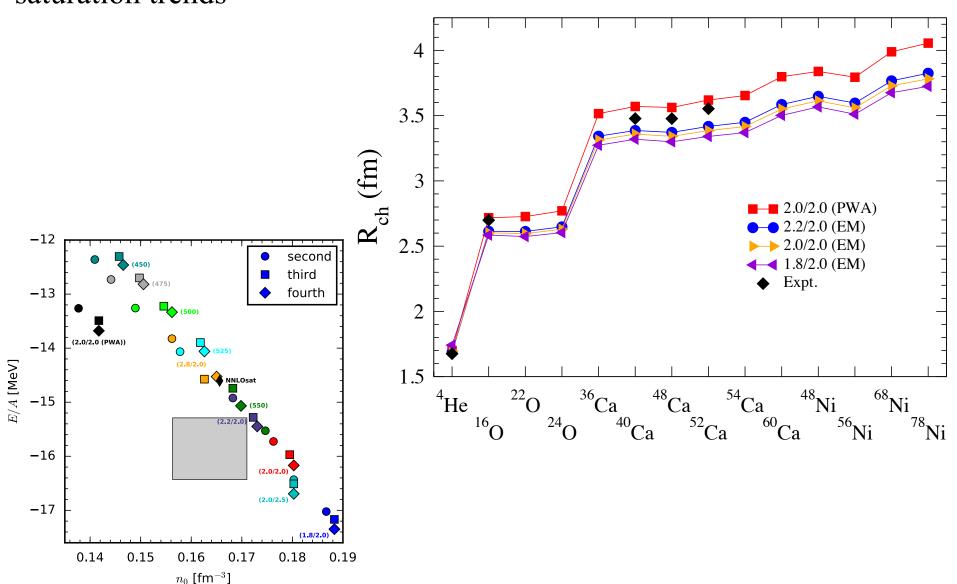
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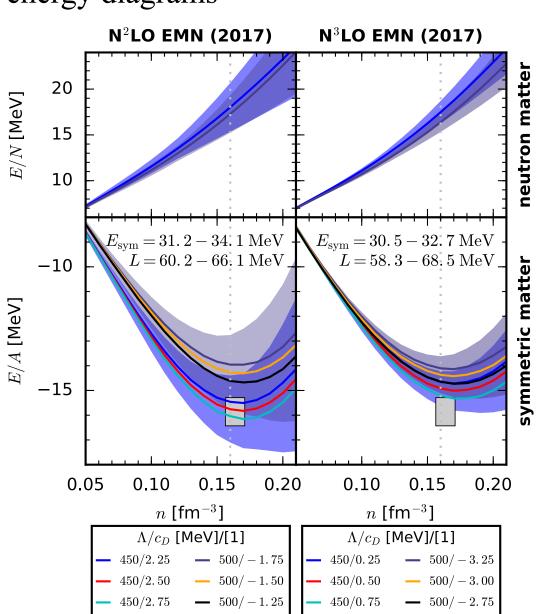
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including NN, 3N, 4N 3N fit to saturation region

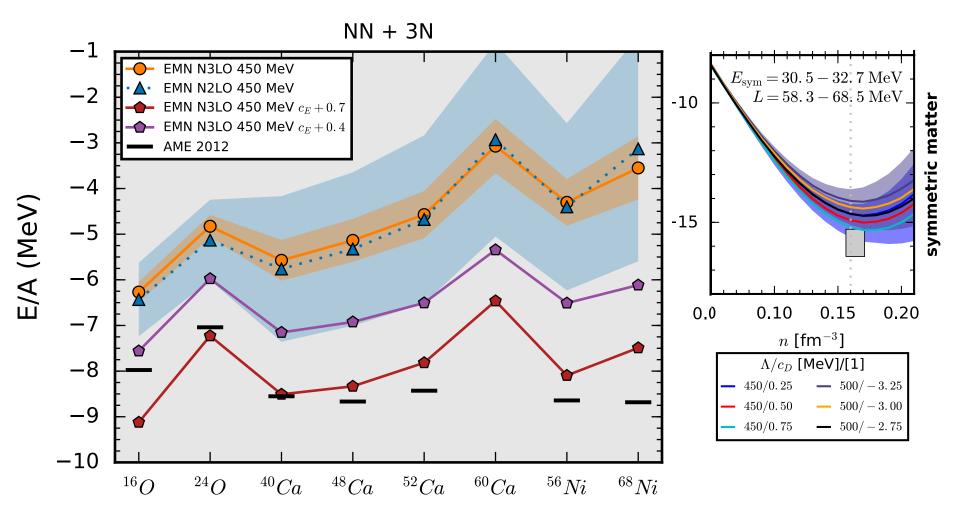
systematic improvement from N²LO to N³LO

first full N³LO Hamiltonians for use in nuclear structure and EOS calculations



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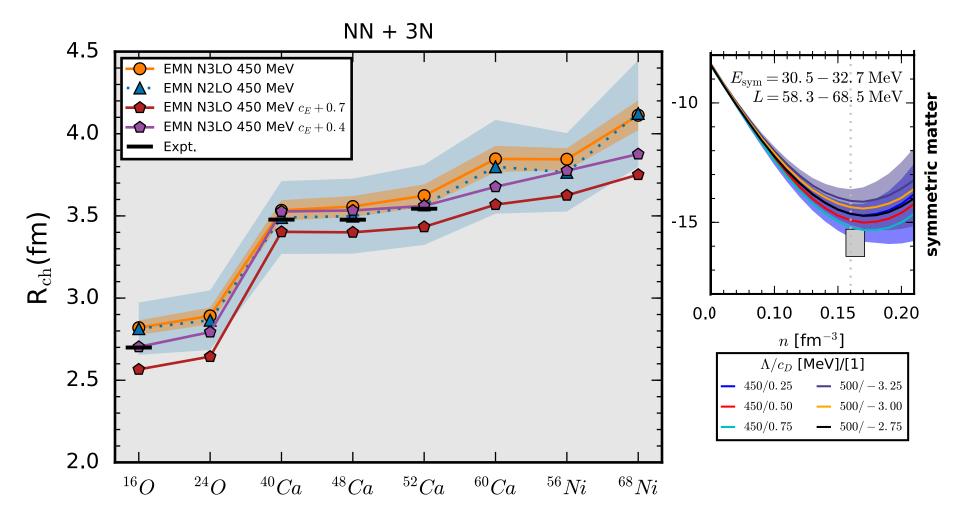
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Are EFT uncertainty estimates sufficient? Full statistical modeling at N³LO will be challenging.

Can one define a representative class of Hamiltonians? (To probe uncertainties beyond statistical fits, from regulators,...)

How do we best include information from nuclear matter (or other anchor points)?

Is there a way to factor in success of a particular Hamiltonian?

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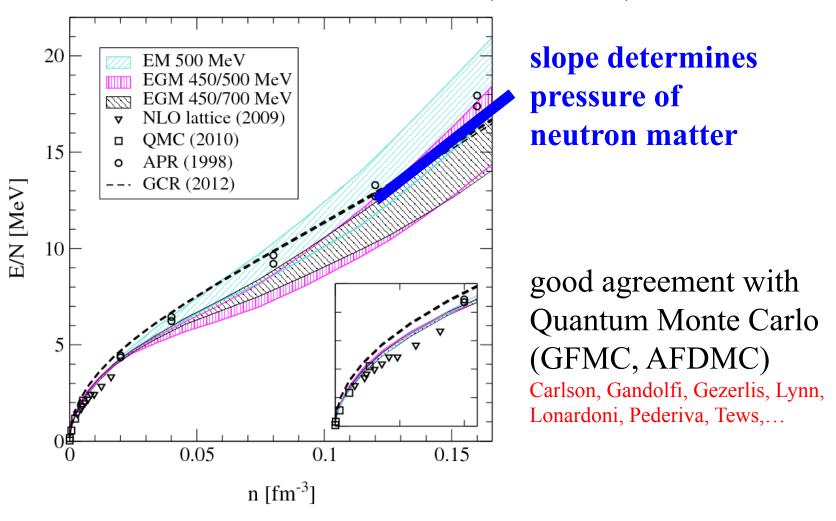
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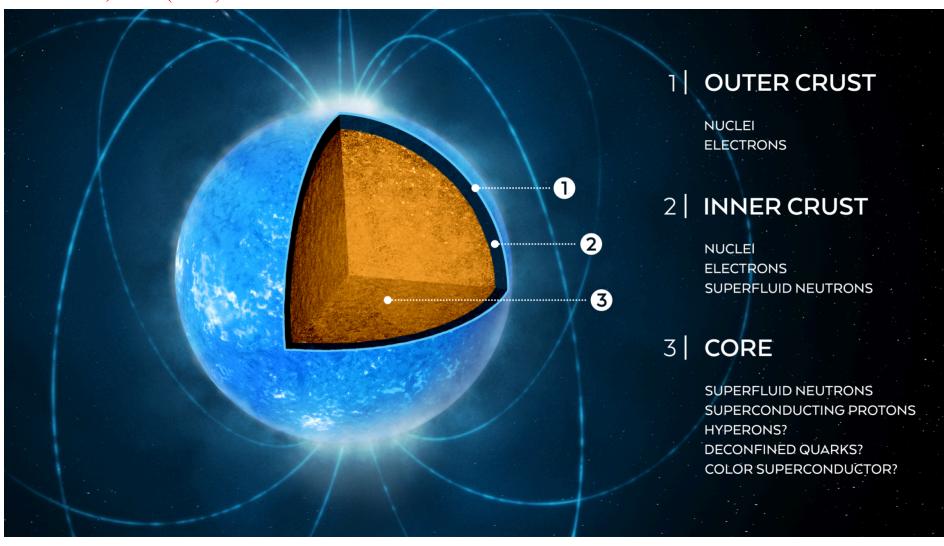
Complete N³LO calculation of neutron matter

first complete N³LO result Tews et al., PRL (2013) includes uncertainties from NN, 3N (dominates), 4N



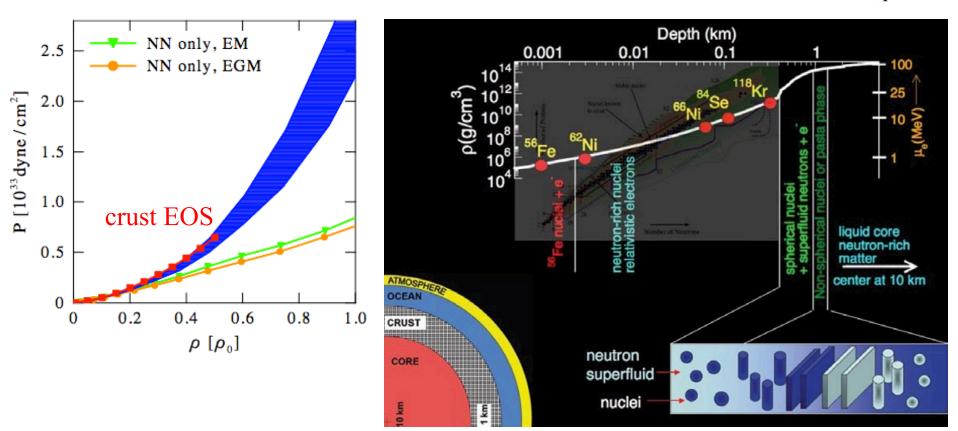
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Watts et al., RMP (2016)



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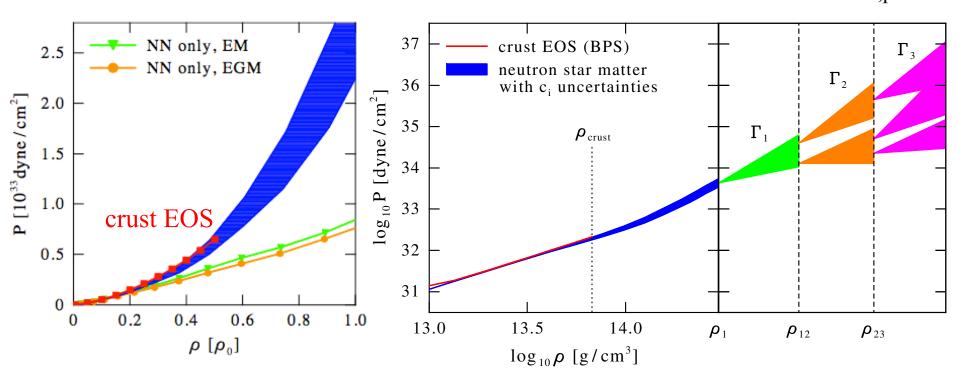
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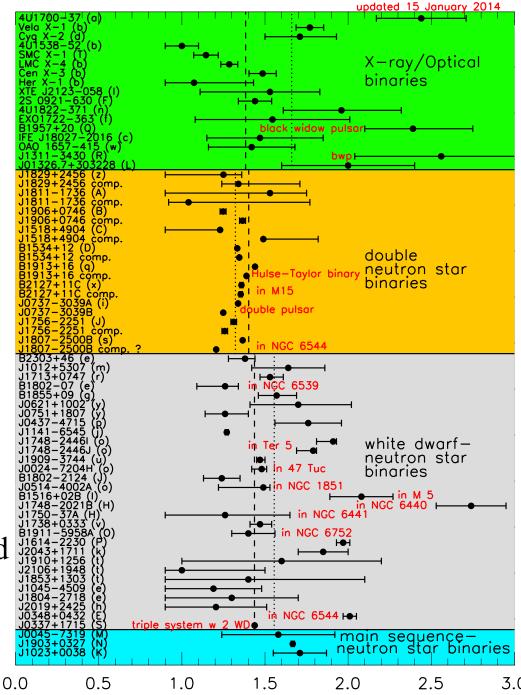


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extend uncertainty band to higher densities using piecewise polytropes allow for soft regions



from Jim Lattimer



Neutron star mass (M_{\odot})

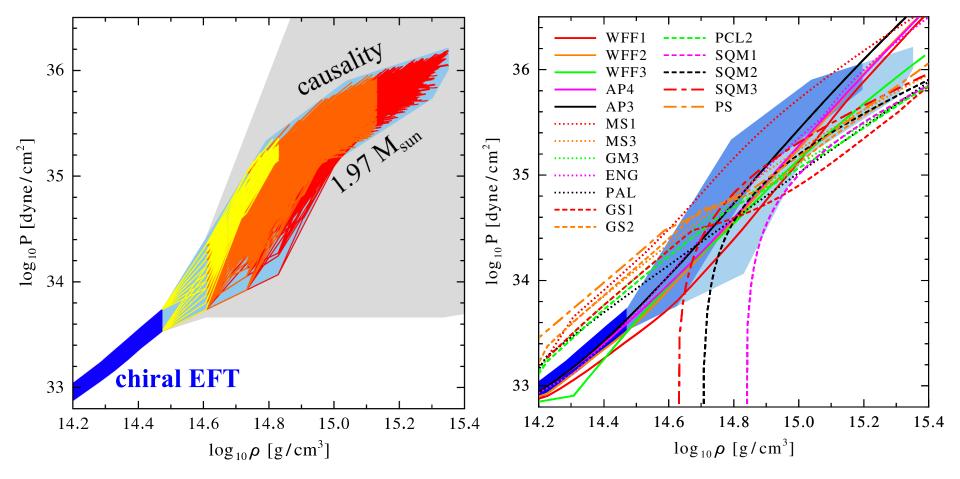
two 2 M_{sun} neutron stars observed

Demorest et al, Nature (2010),

Antoniadis et al., Science (2013)

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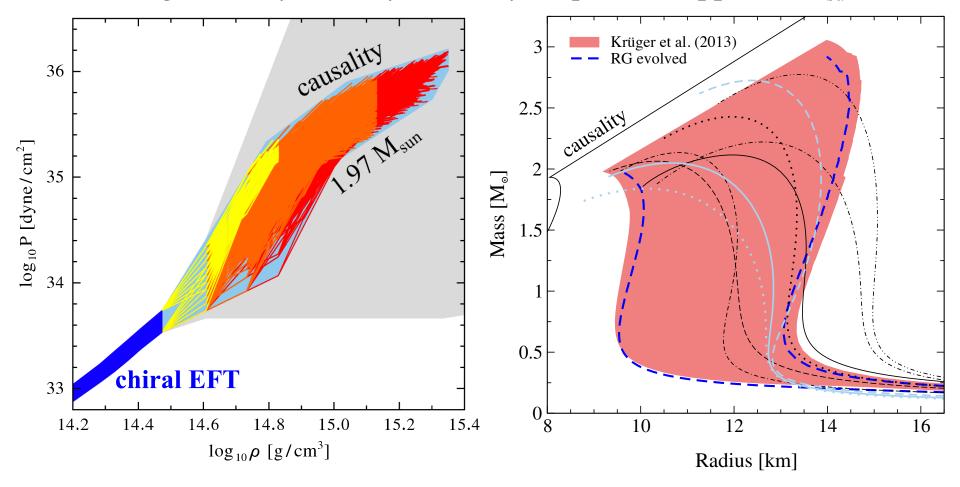
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predicts neutron star radius: 9.7-13.9 km for M=1.4 M_{sun} 1.8-4.4 ρ_0 modest central densities

speed of sound needs to exceed $\sim 0.65c$ to get 2 M_{sun} stars Greif et al.

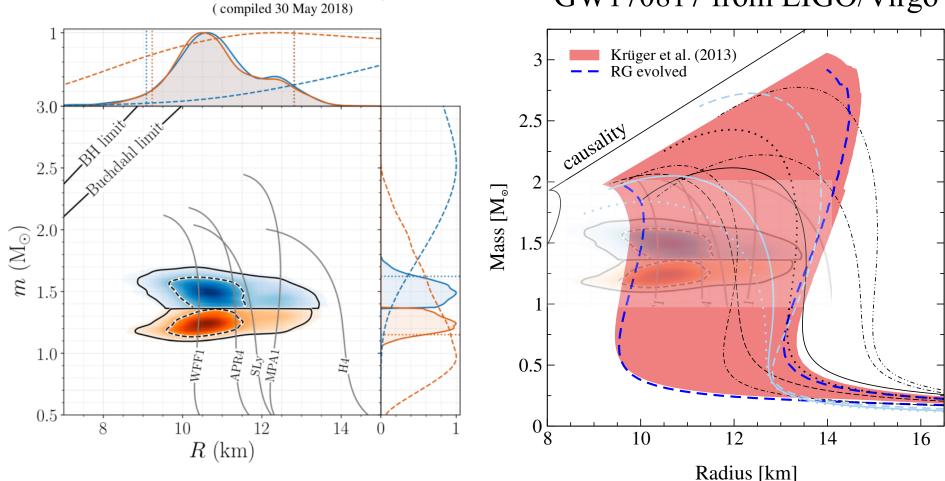
Neutron star radius from GW170817

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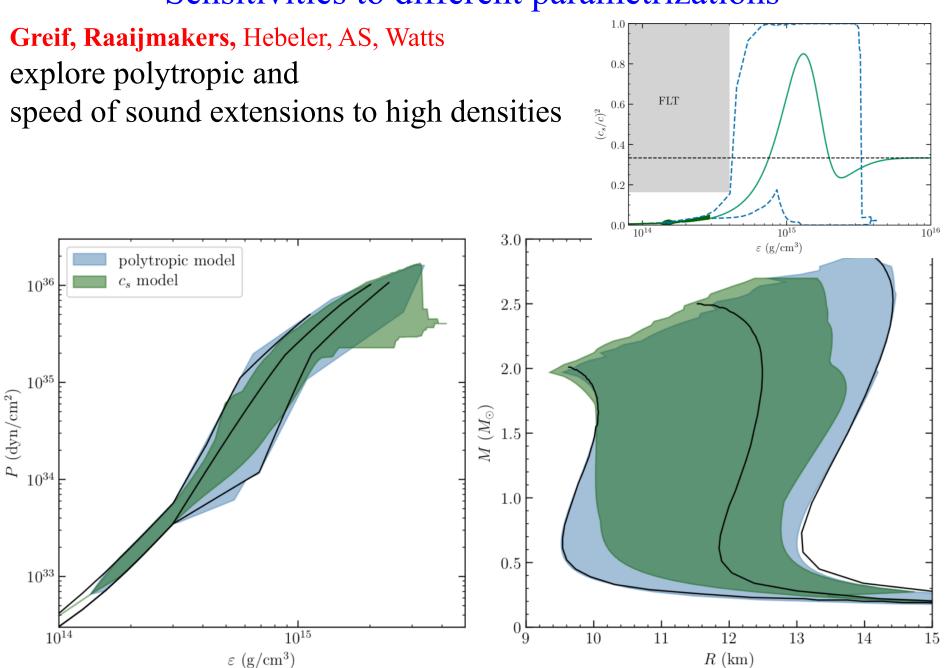
GW170817: Measurements of neutron star radii and equation of state

The LIGO Scientific Collaboration and The Virgo Collaboration

excellent agreement with GW170817 from LIGO/Virgo

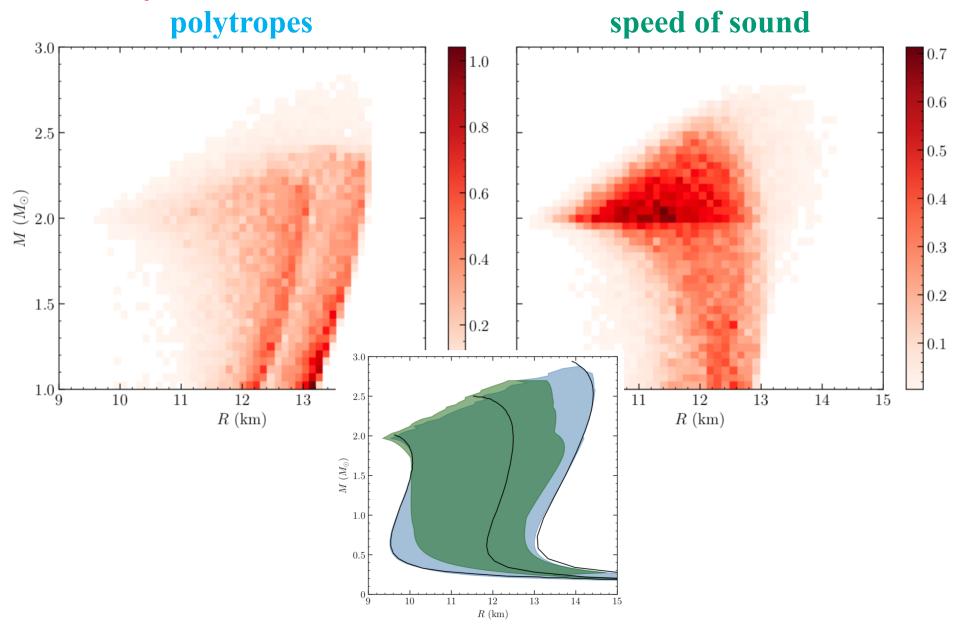


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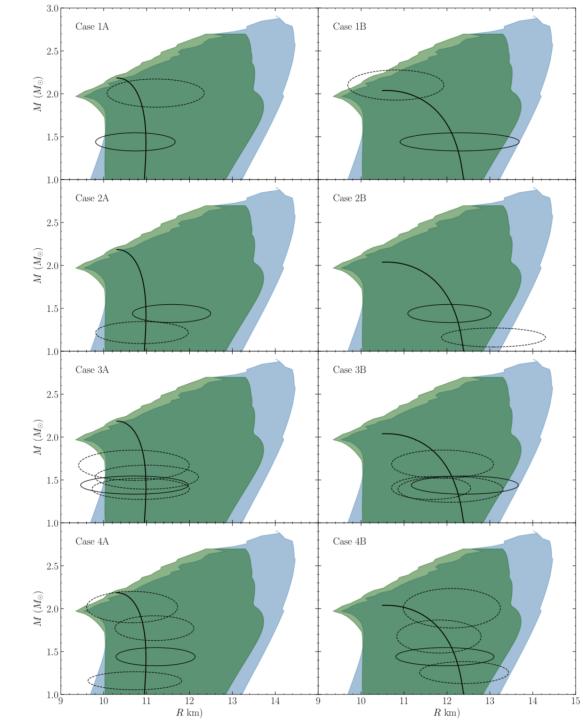
Sensitivities to different parametrizations: Prior distributions

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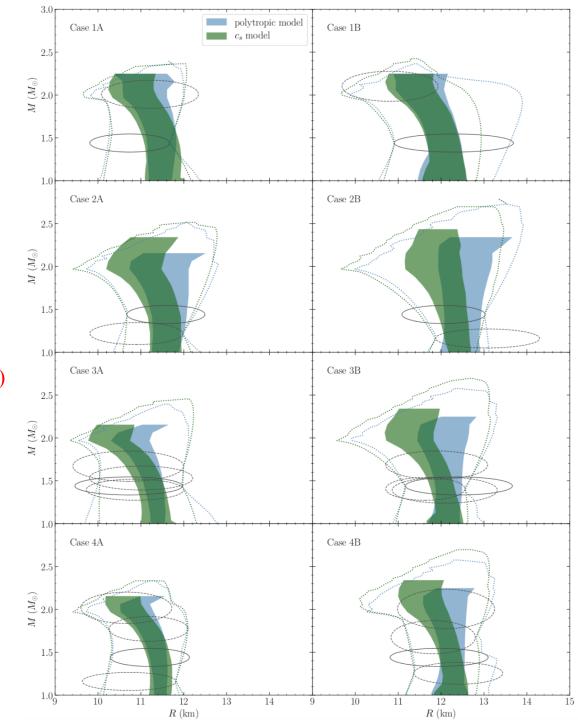


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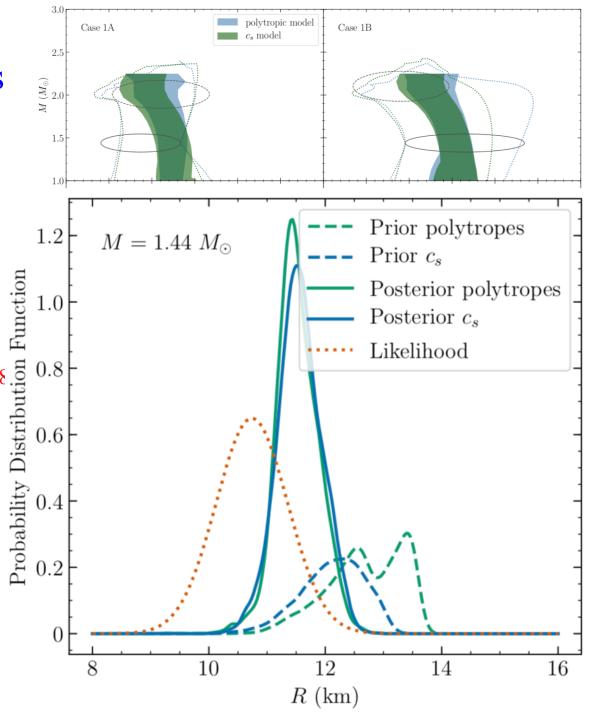


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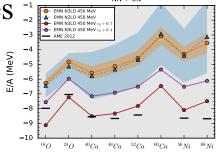
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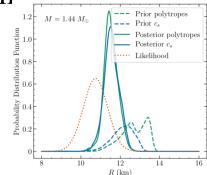
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