



Gravitational-wave constraints on the neutron-star-matter Equation of State

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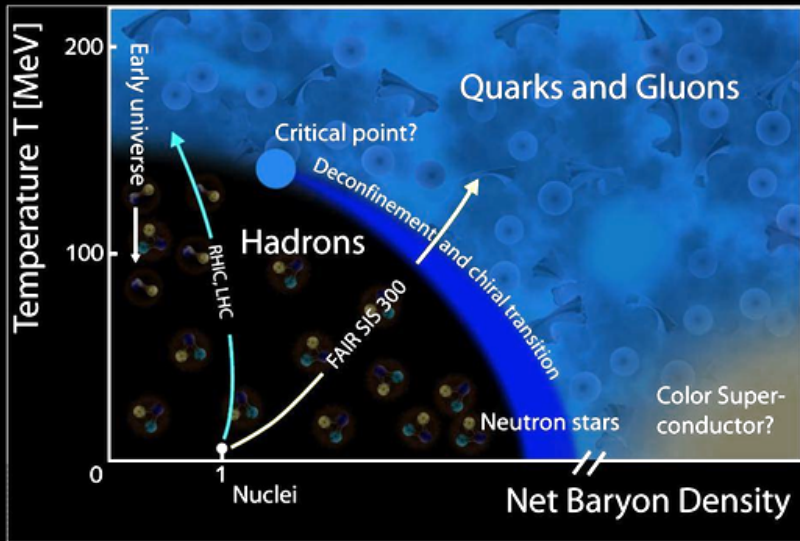
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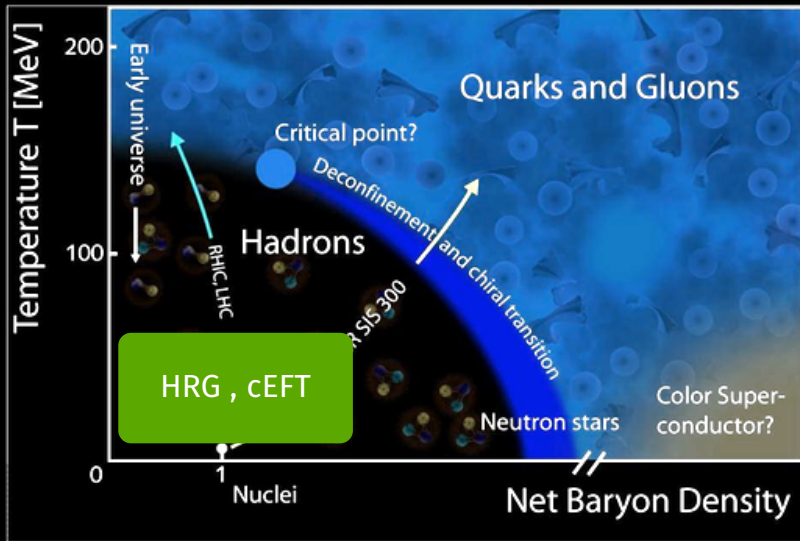
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Matching: the idea

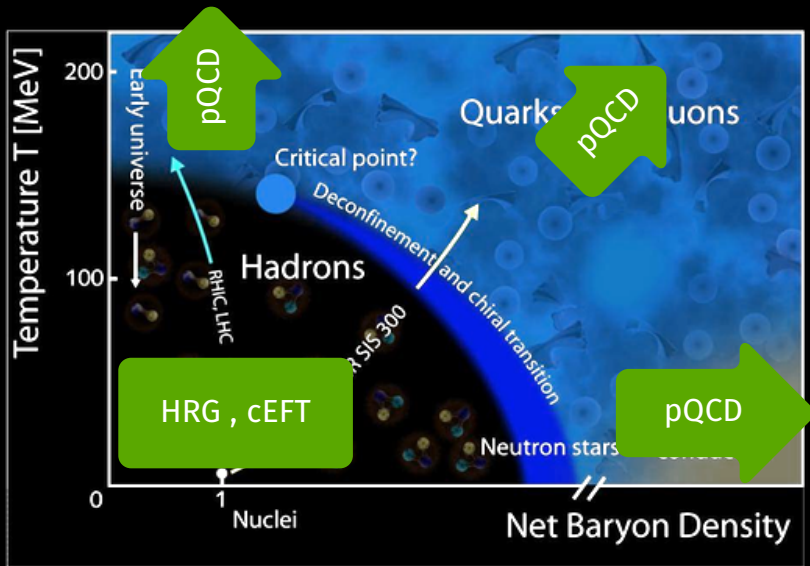
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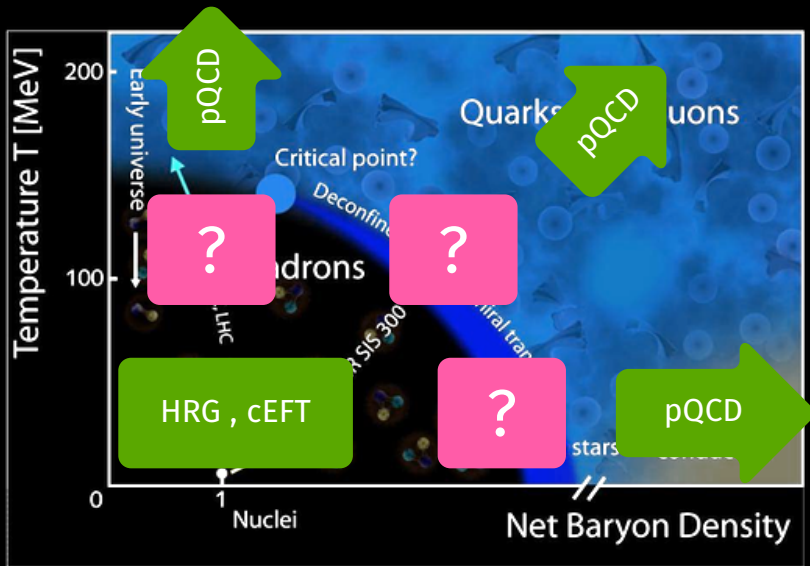
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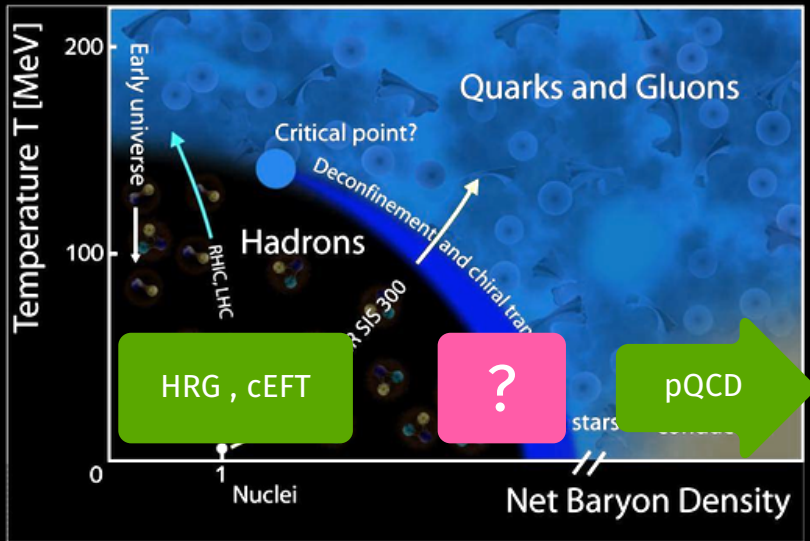
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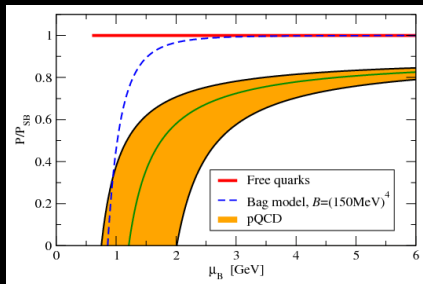
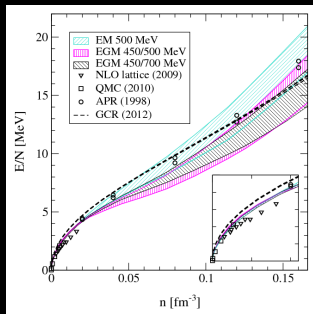
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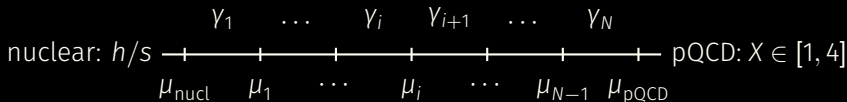
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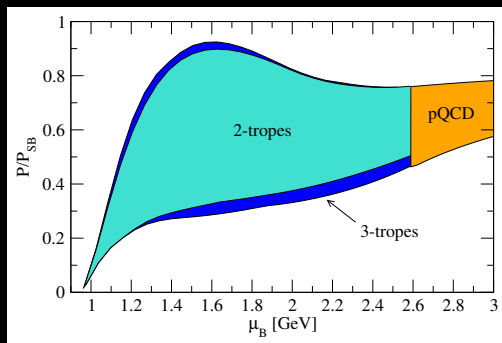


$2N - 3$ free parameters per polytropic EoS, plus nuclear & pQCD parameters.

CEFT-pQCD EOS BAND: THEORY

Thermodynamic consistency, subluminality, matching to nuclear & pQCD, place stringent constraints on values of γ_i, μ_i .

In past, $N = 2, 3$ taken to be sufficient: e.g.,



Our current procedure: Generate 90,000 3-trope and 170,000 4-trope matched EoSs that are

- thermodynamically consistent
- subluminal ($c_s^2 < 1$) everywhere

Take no constraints on the parameters ($\gamma_i \in [0, 15]$, $\mu_i \in [\mu_{\text{nucl}}, \mu_{\text{pQCD}}]$, and $X \in [1, 4]$.) \therefore effectively allow for 1st order phase transitions.

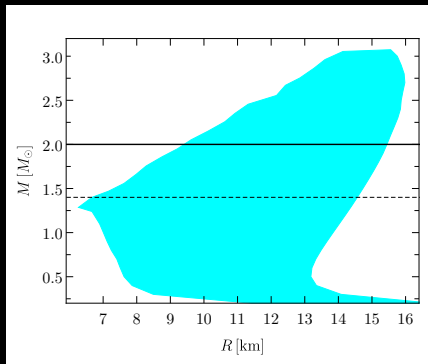
We find EoSs to be roughly uniformly distributed in γ_i , μ_i and X so the entire parameter space is satisfactorily covered.

Observations

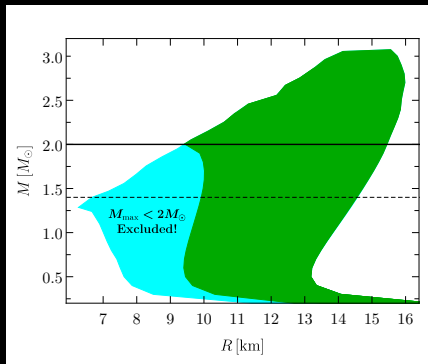
1. Old: existence of $2M_{\odot}$ star (Demorest et al. 2010, Antoniadis et al. 2013)
2. **New**: LIGO/Virgo GW constraint on tidal deformability:
 $\Lambda(1.4M_{\odot}) < 800$:

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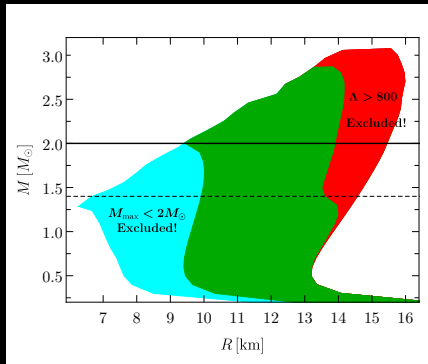


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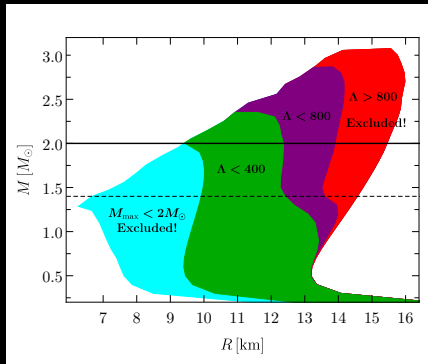
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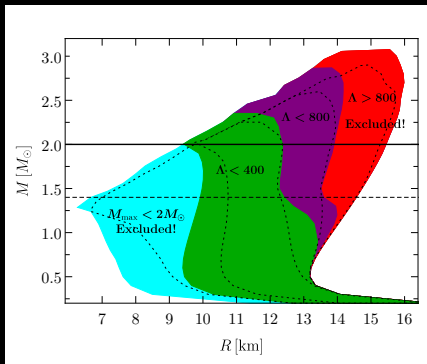
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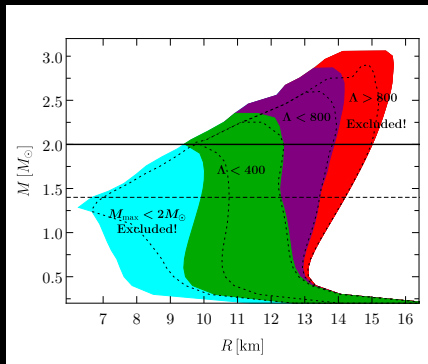
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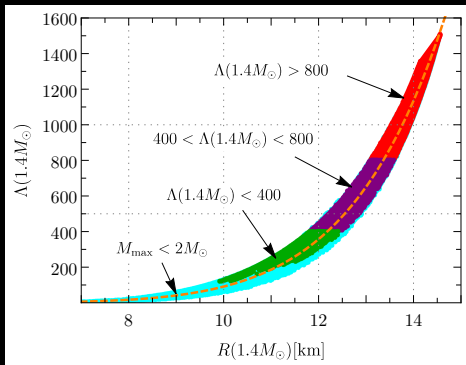
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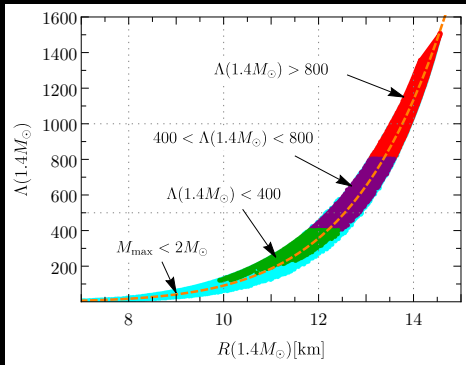


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- Constraint on $0.6 \leq \gamma_1 \leq 6.7$, if first polytrope required to last until $1.5n_s$.

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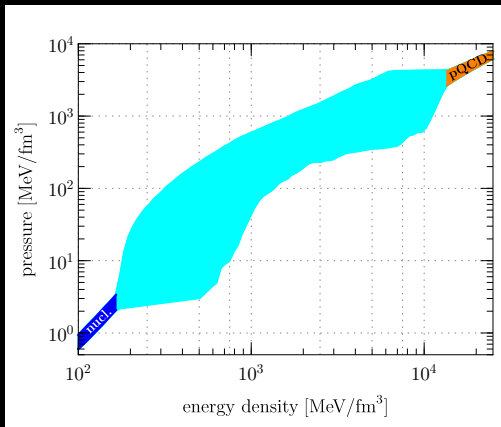


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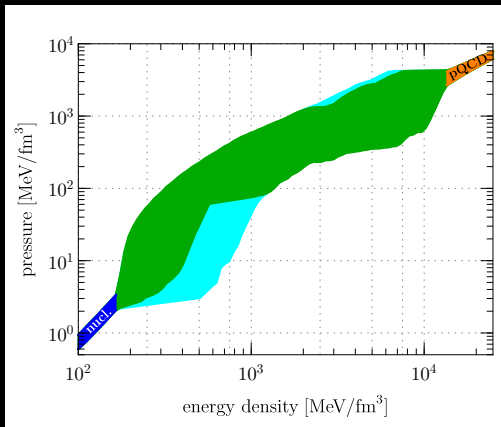


- $\Lambda(R) = 2.88 \times 10^{-6} (R/\text{km})^{7.5}$ approximates well.
- $2M_\odot$ constraint gives $\Lambda(1.4M_\odot) > 120$.

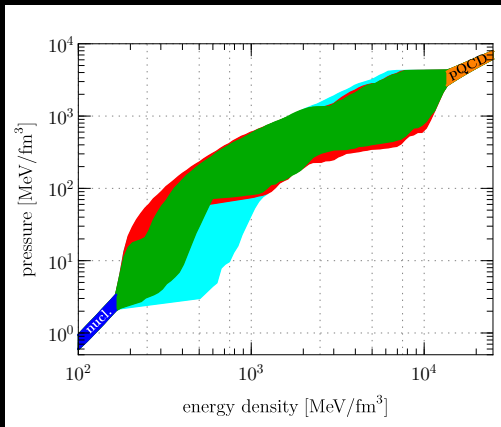
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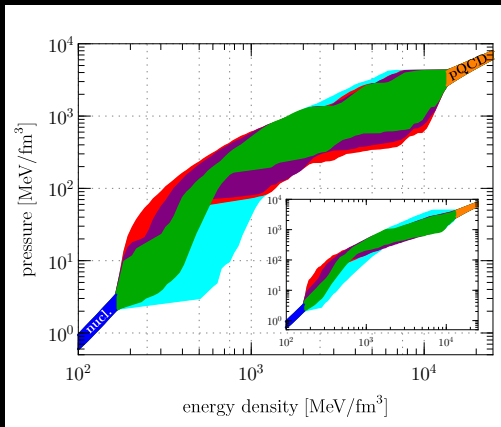
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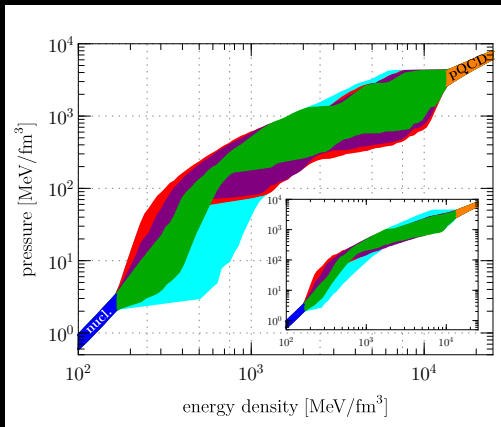
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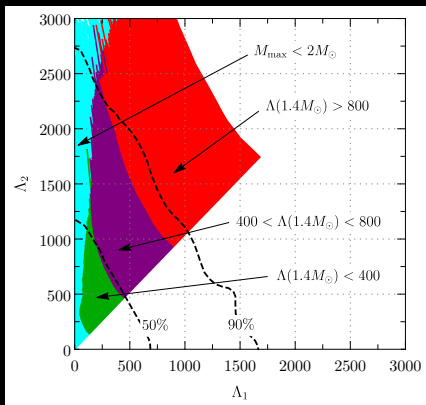
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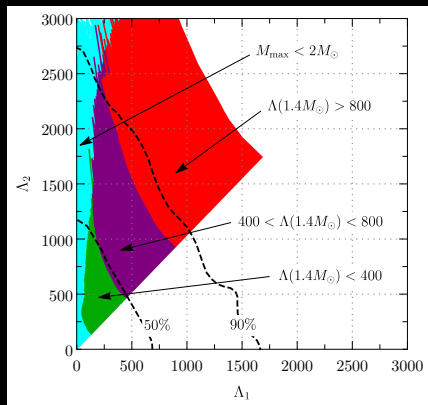
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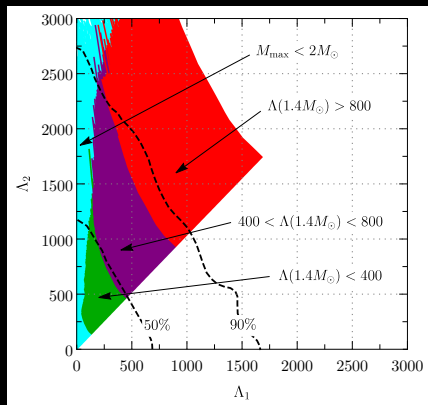


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 - **Bounds from $2M_{\odot}$ and LIGO/Virgo:**
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 - Observational astronomy now providing stringent bounds on the collective properties of dense QCD matter.

Thank you!