

# Segnali di stranezza e/o deconfinamento nelle stelle compatte

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Collaborazione con gruppi di gravità numerica (Roma, Parma) e con INAF

Collaborazione con gruppi sperimentali di fisica adronica (LNF, Torino)

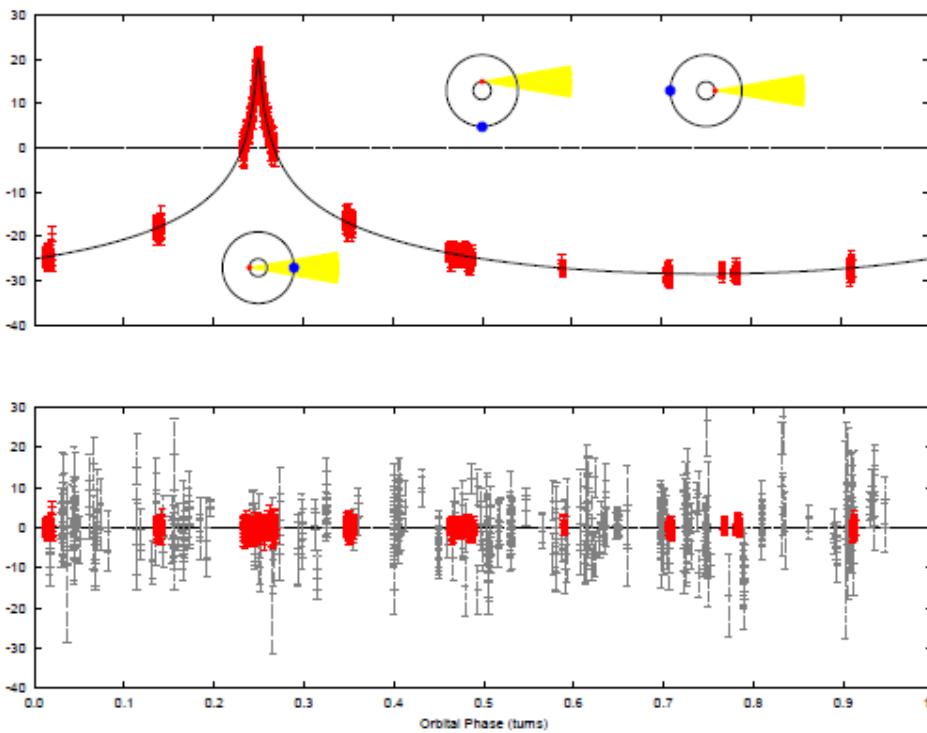
Network europeo (New)-Compstar

- Principali dati osservativi dalle stelle (e dal laboratorio)
  - Massa massima di una stella compatta
  - Energia di simmetria
- Cosa ci si aspetta dalle future osservazioni?
  - Misure del raggio di una stella compatta
  - Misure del momento d'inerzia
- Che implicazioni avranno sulla composizione della materia?
  - Relazione fra compattezza della stella e composizione
  - Raggio minimo di una stella neutronica, iperonica e ibrida (quark e adroni)
  - L'ipotesi di Witten sulla stabilità assoluta della materia a quark strana è testabile tramite le osservazioni?
- Che cosa si potrà imparare dalle osservazioni delle onde gravitazionali prodotte nel merger di due stelle di neutroni?

A milestone for neutron stars physics: PSR J1614-2230,  $M = (1.97 \pm 0.04) \text{ Msun}$   
Demorest et al. Nature 2010

More recently, a second star:  $M = 2.01 \pm 0.04 \text{ M}_\odot$   
Antoniadis et al. 2013

Shapiro delay

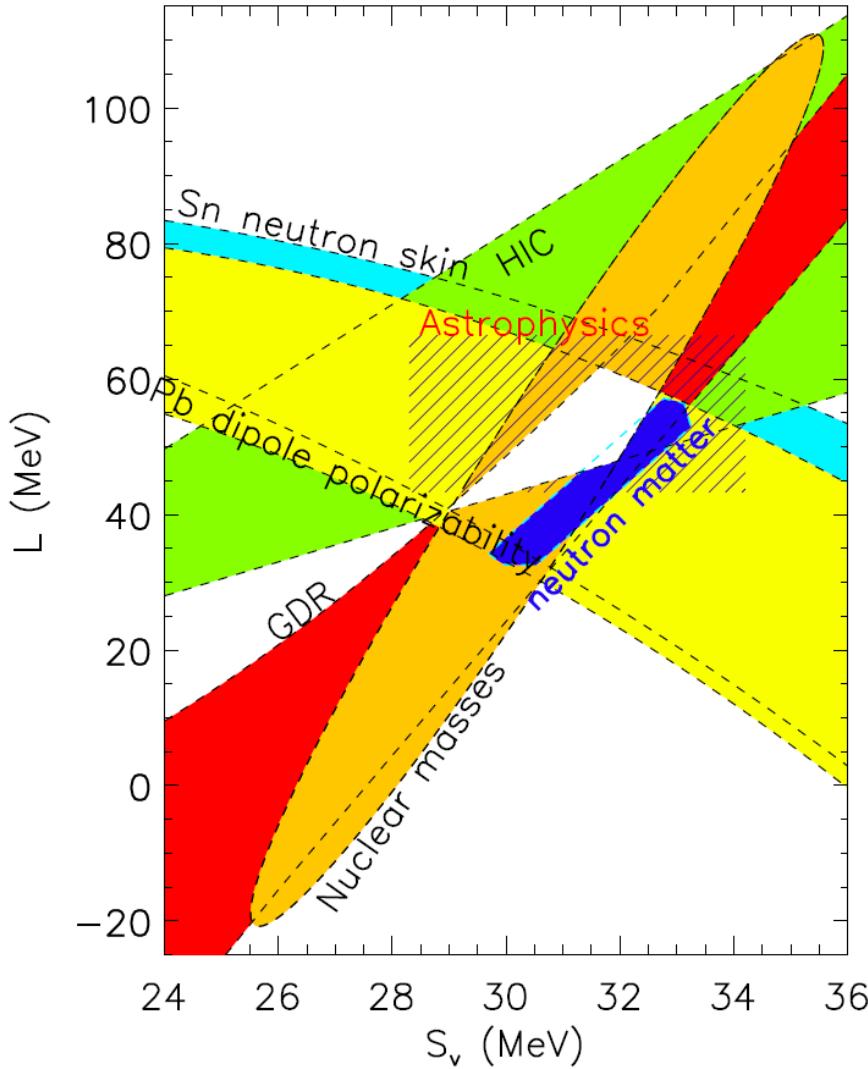


# Nuclear and subnuclear densities: symmetry energy

Hebeler et al. ApJ 773 (2013) 11

$$S_v = \frac{1}{8} \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon(\bar{n}, x)}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{\bar{n}=1, x=1/2}$$

$$L = \frac{3}{8} \frac{\partial^3 \epsilon(\bar{n}, x)}{\partial \bar{n} \partial x^2} \Big|_{\bar{n}=1, x=1/2}$$



# What about $\Delta$ ?

Among the four isobars, the  $\Delta^-$  is likely to appear first in beta-stable matter because it is charge-favored:

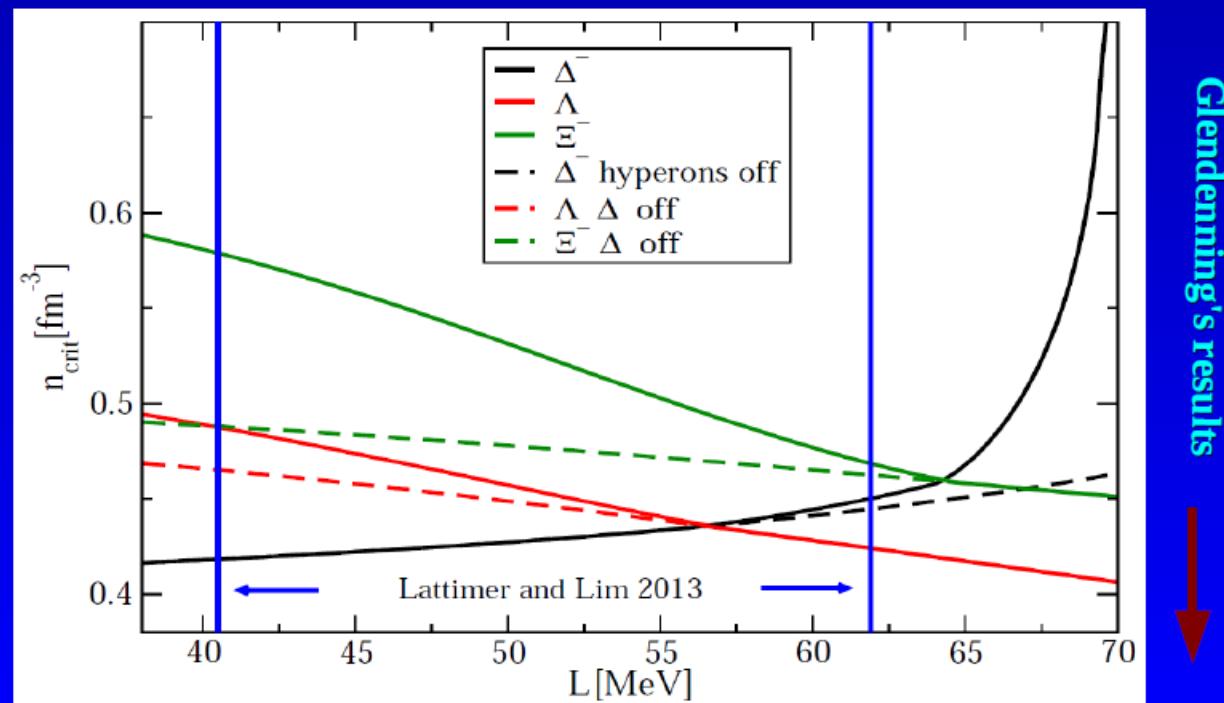
But, it is isospin unfavored:

$$\mu_i = \mu_B + c_i \mu_C$$

$$\mu_i \geq m_i - g_{\sigma i} \sigma + g_{\omega i} \omega + t_{3i} g_{\rho i} \rho$$

Indeed, in old calculations ( see e.g. Glendenning 1985), no deltas are formed in neutron star matter. This is due to the large value of the symmetry energy at densities above saturation.

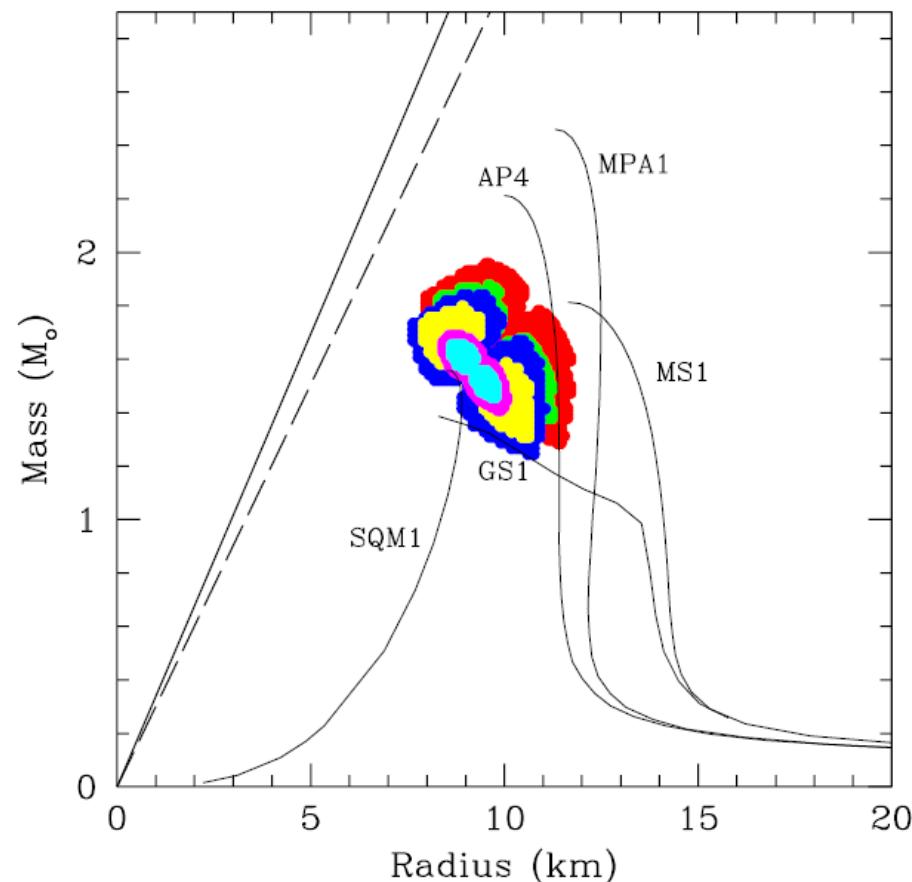
Investigating the role of the symmetry energy on the formation of the deltas by use of the density derivative of the symmetry energy  $L$ , within RMF models  
(Drago, Lavagno, G.P., Pigato 2014)



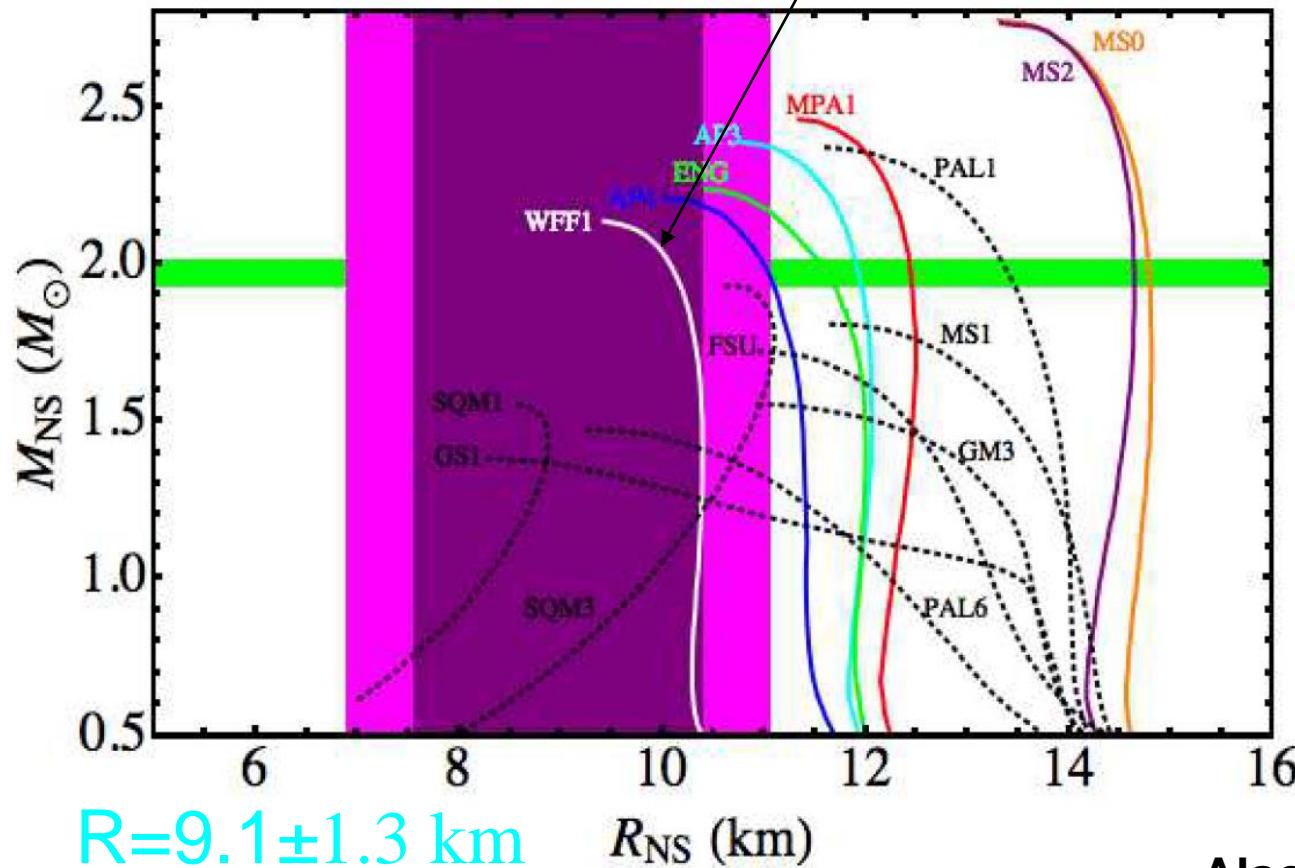
Misura del raggio di una stella compatta tramite  
rivelatori satellitari di raggi-X (LOFT, NICER)

# Indications for SMALL radii: a **VERY** controversial result

Oezel, Baym, Guever PRD82 (2010) 101301



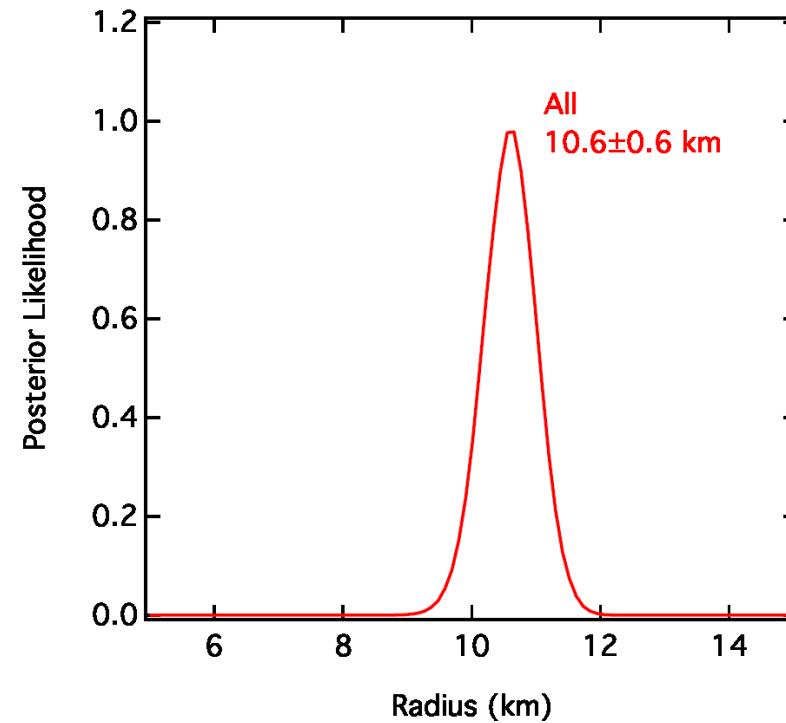
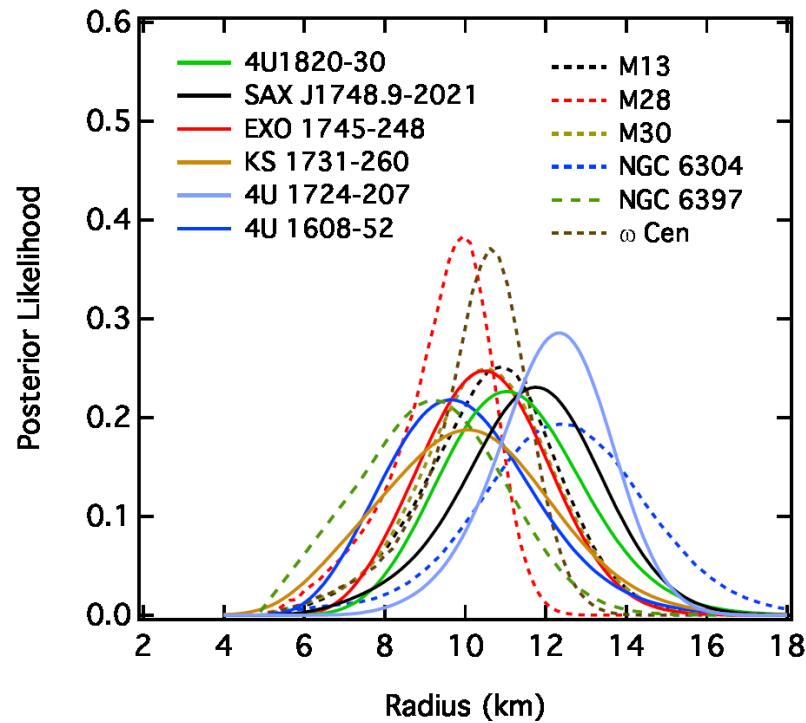
Nice, but just nucleons,  
And it violates causality!



Guillot et al. ApJ772(2013)7  
analysis of 5 QLMXBs

Also Guillot and  
Rutledge  
1409.4306  
 $R = (9.4 \pm 1.2) \text{ km}$

Ozel, Psaltis, Guever, Baym, Heinke, Guillot, ApJ 820(2016)28



Bogdanov, Heinke, Ozel, Guver, arXiv:1603.01630  
R ~ (9.9–11.2) km for a 1.5 M<sub>⊙</sub> star

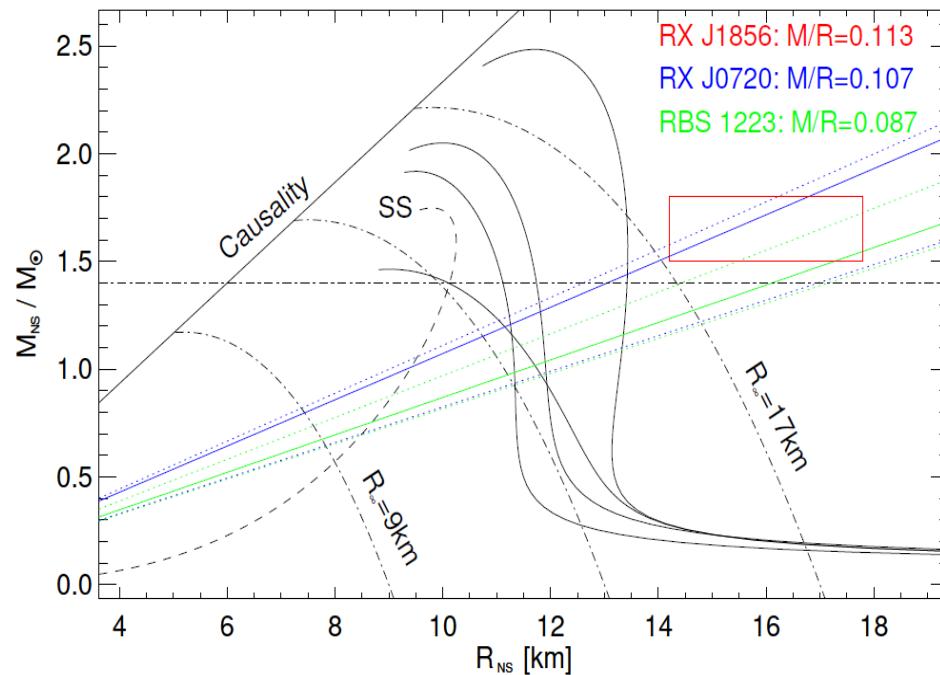
# Indications for LARGE radii

Hambaryan et al 2014

RXJ1856.5-3754

Is the nearest INS and the distance ( $d = 123+11-15$  pc) is known with relatively good accuracy.

The X-ray spectrum does not show any significant absorption feature and the pulsed fraction is quite low ( 1.5%).

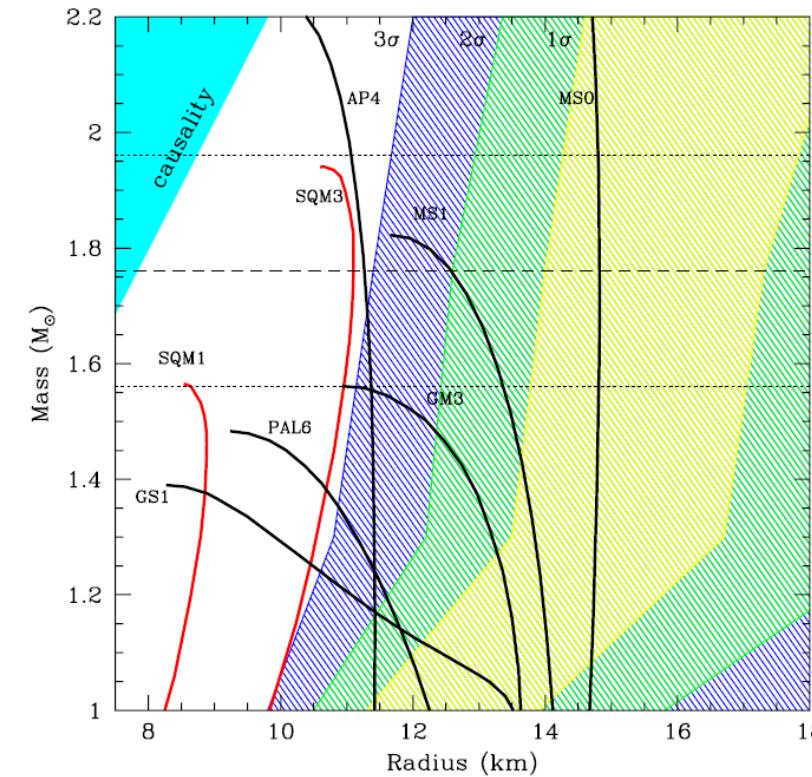


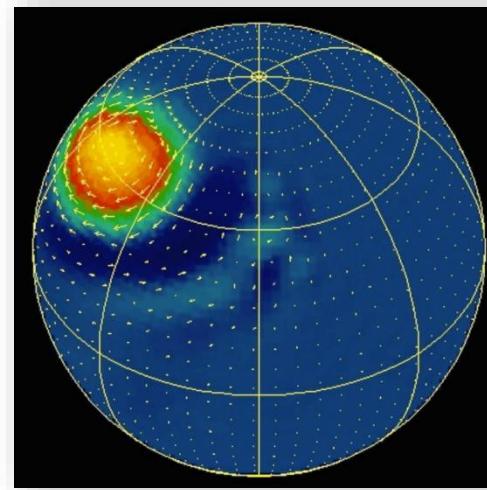
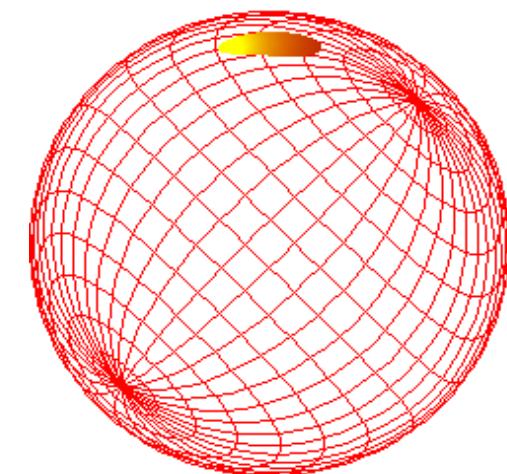
Bogdanov 2013

PSR J0437–4715, XMM-Newton

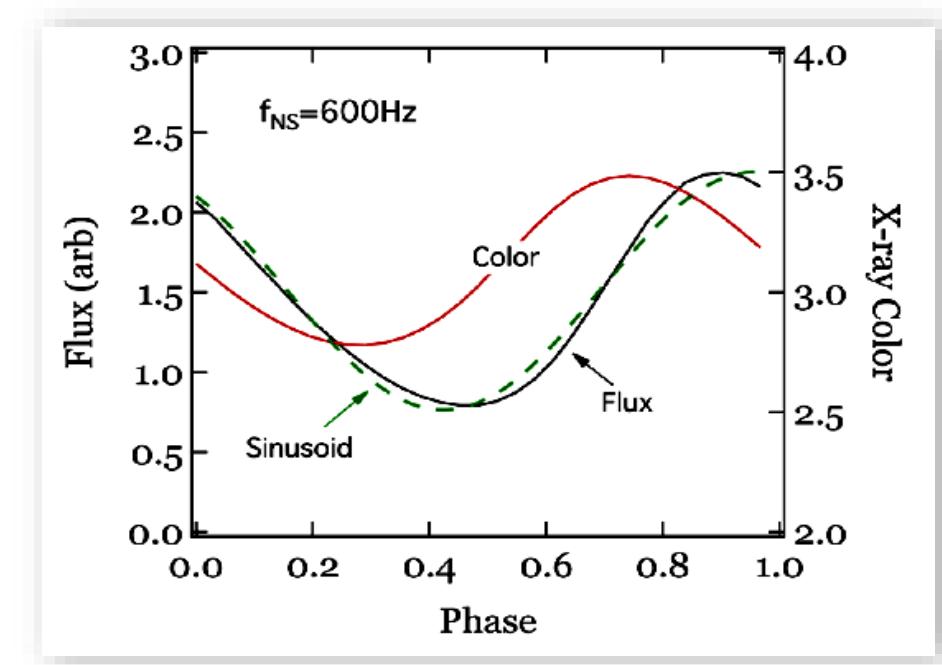
The thermal radiation exhibits at least three components, with the hottest two having total effective areas consistent with the expected polar cap size.

The coolest component, on the other hand, appears to cover a significant portion of the stellar surface





Spitkovsky et al. 2002



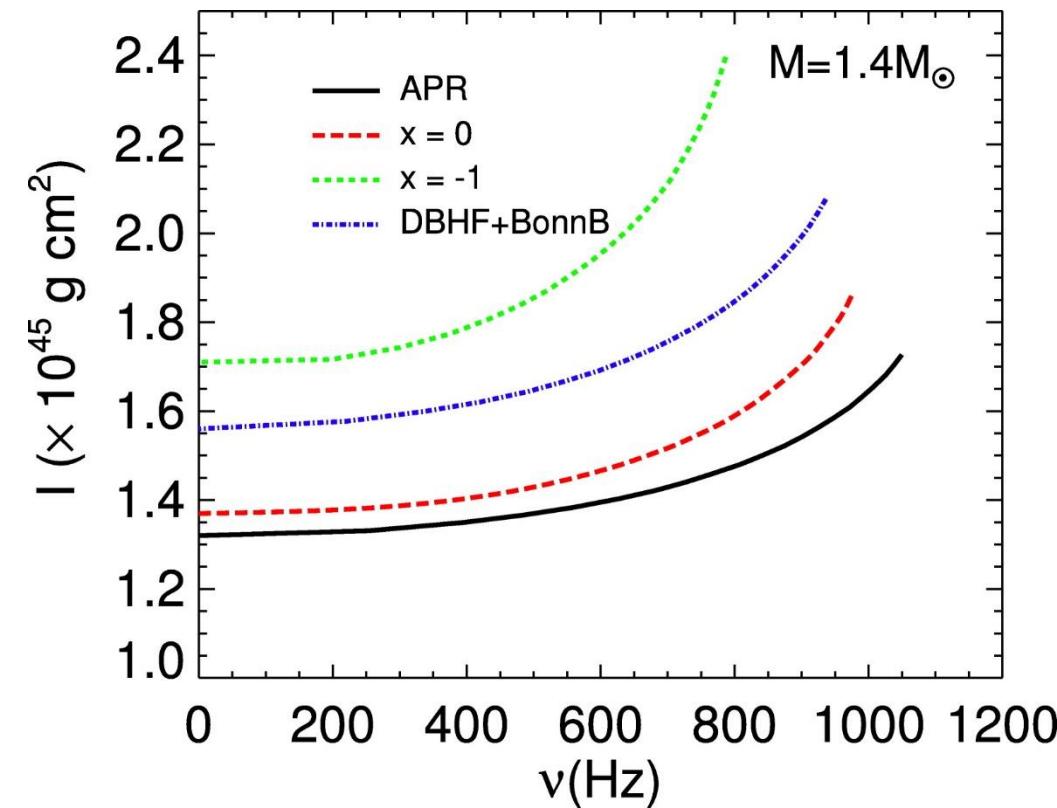
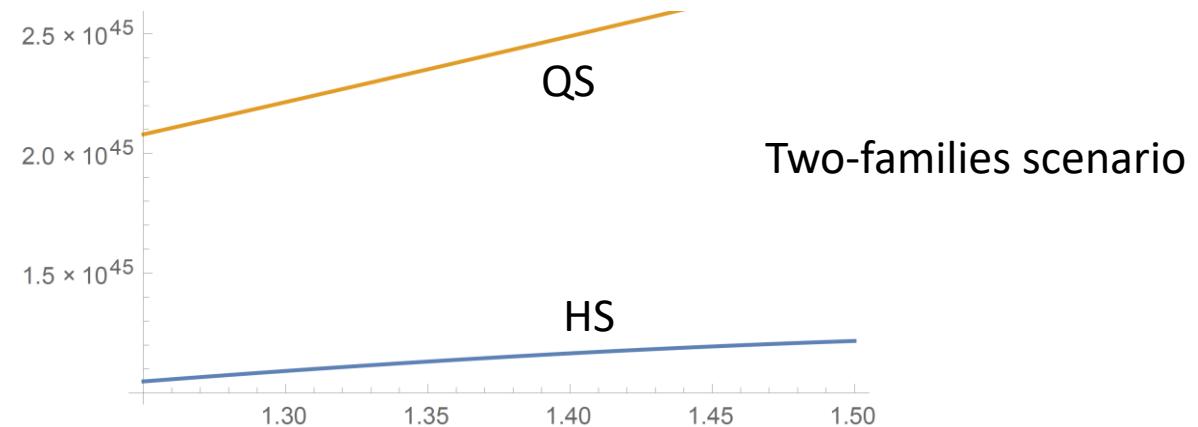
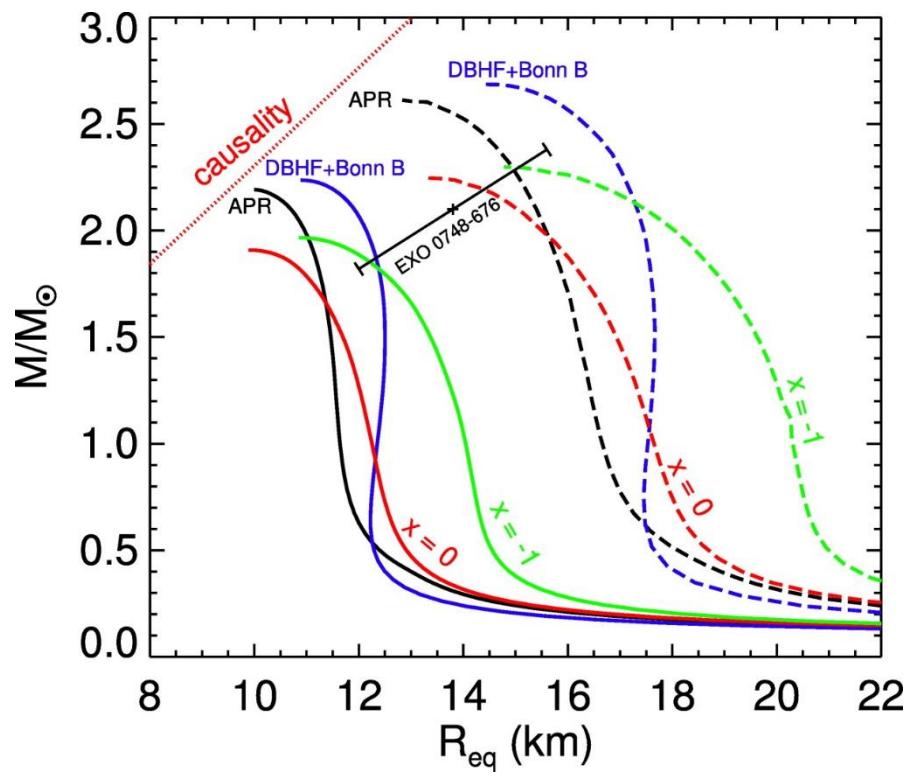
Hotspots on accreting neutron stars generate pulsations whose properties depend on  $M$  and  $R$ .

**LOFT CAN RECOVER  $M$  AND  $R$   
SIMULTANEOUSLY BY FITTING THE PHOTON  
ENERGY-DEPENDENT PULSE PROFILE.**



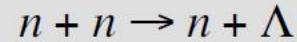
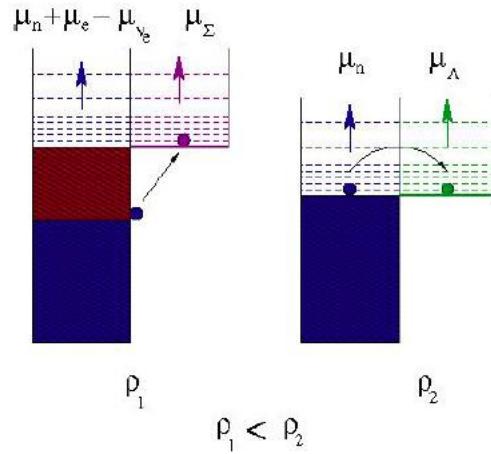
Misura del momento d'inerzia di una stella  
compatta tramite radiotelescopi (SKA)

# Moments of inertia for various EoSs, slow rotating stars.



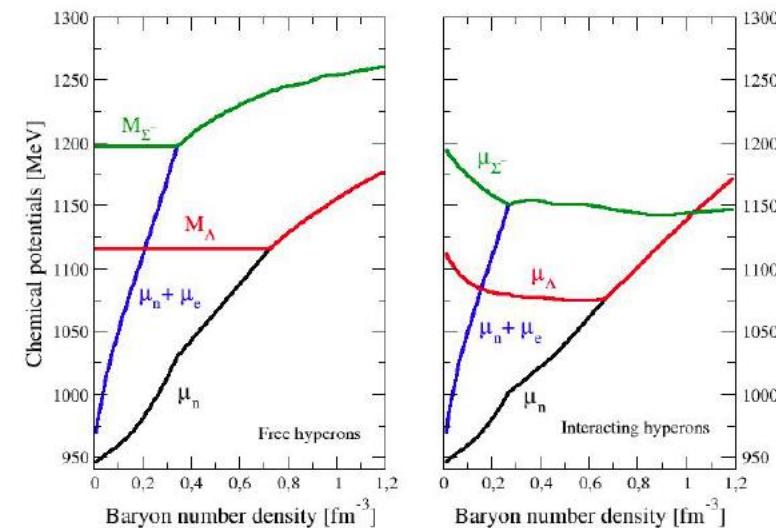
Iperoni (e risonanze delta)  
nelle stelle compatte

Hyperons are expected to appear in the core of neutron stars at  $\rho \sim (2-3)\rho_0$  when  $\mu_N$  is large enough to make the conversion of N into Y energetically favorable.



$$\mu_{\Sigma^-} = \mu_n + \mu_{e^-} - \mu_{\nu_{e^-}}$$

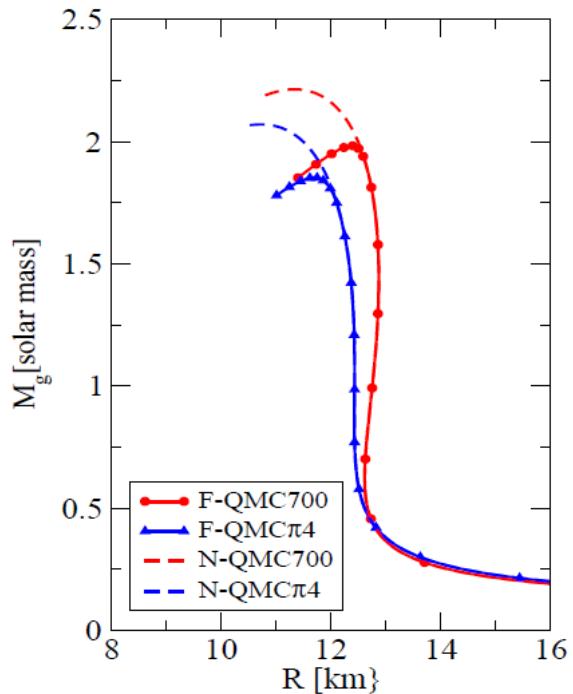
$$\mu_\Lambda = \mu_n$$



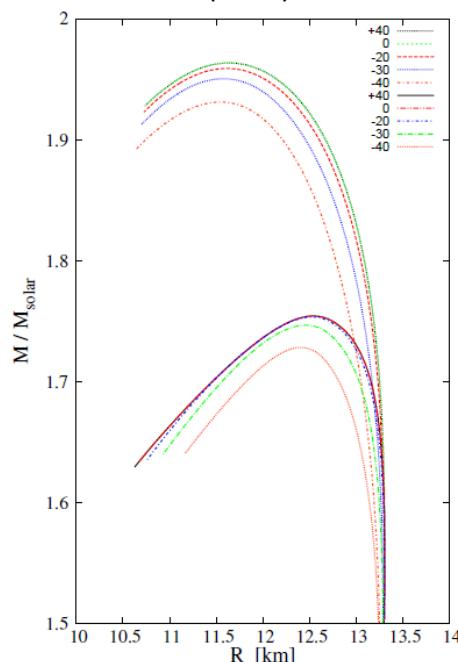
# Hyperons in compact stars

Few experimental data allow to fix some of the interactions parameters.

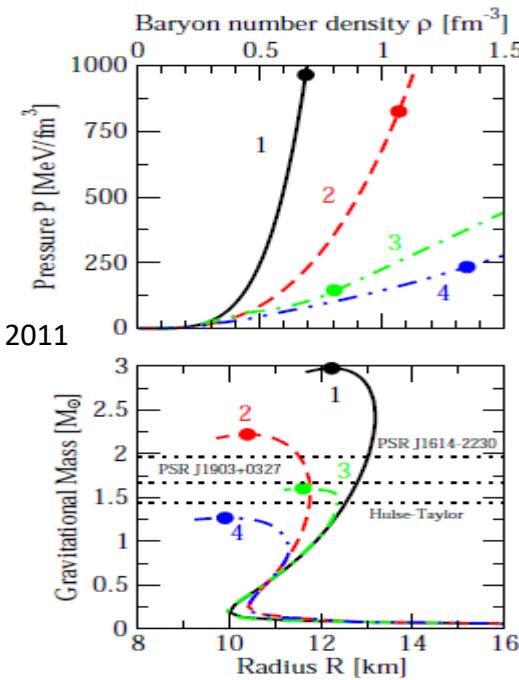
Stone et al. NPA 792(2007)341



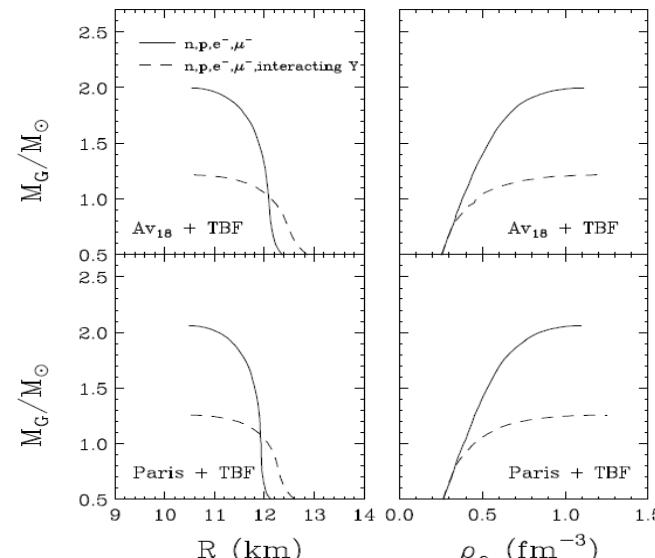
Weissenborn et al.  
NPA 881(2011)62



Vidana et al 2011



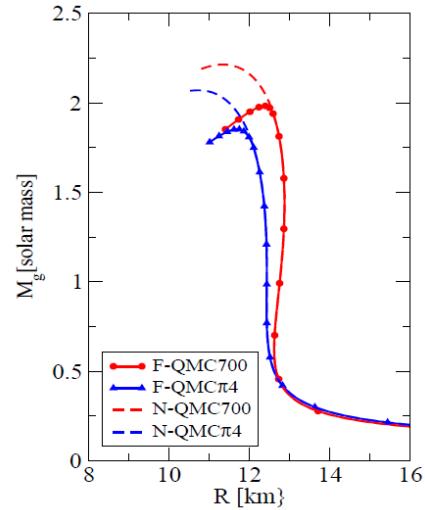
Baldo et al 2000



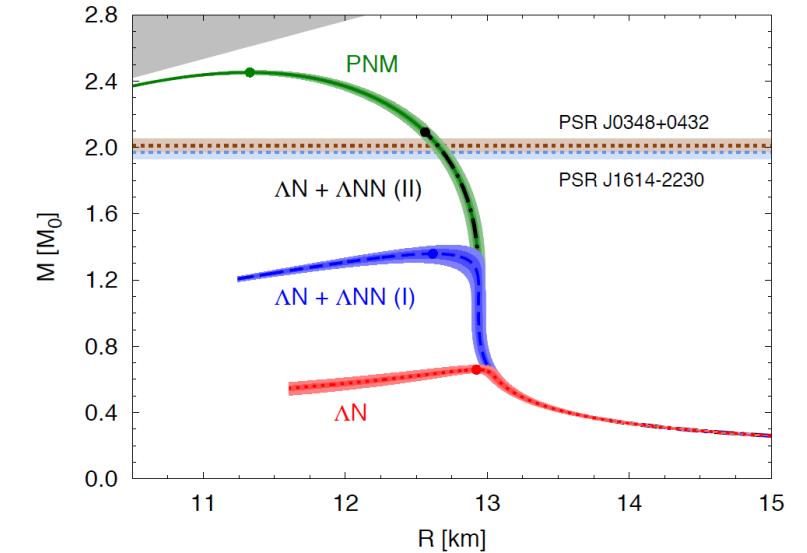
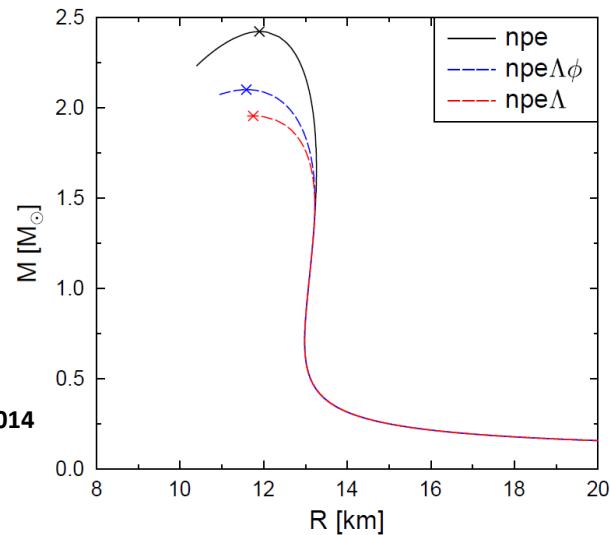
The 2Msun limit can be fulfilled within RMF models.  
In microscopic non-relativistic calculations it is fulfilled  
only if very strong and repulsive 3-body forces  
YNN are present (Pederiva et al. 2014).

# Minimum radius for a $1.4 M_s$ star: hadronic stars

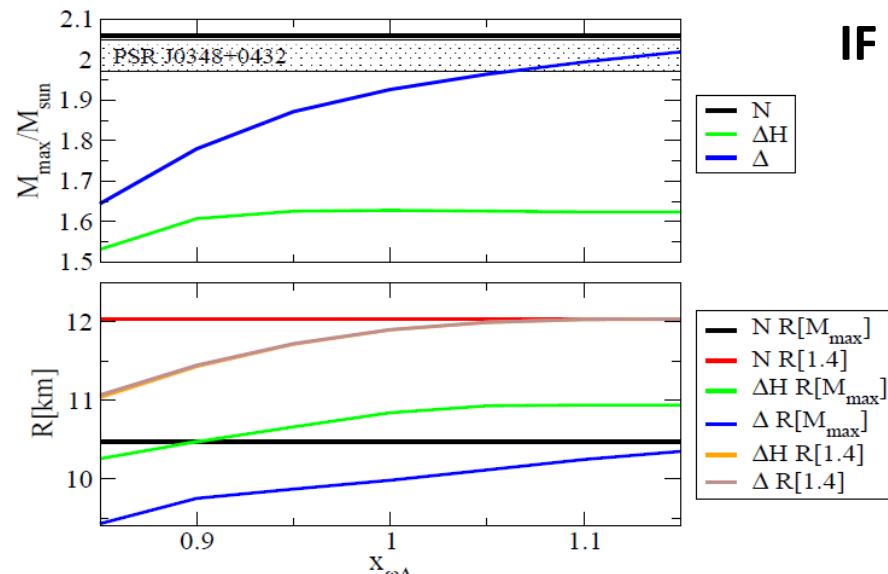
Stone et al 2006



Banik et al. 2014



**Hyperonic stars:  $R_{1.4} > 12$  km  
IF the  $2 M_s$  constraint needs to be imposed**



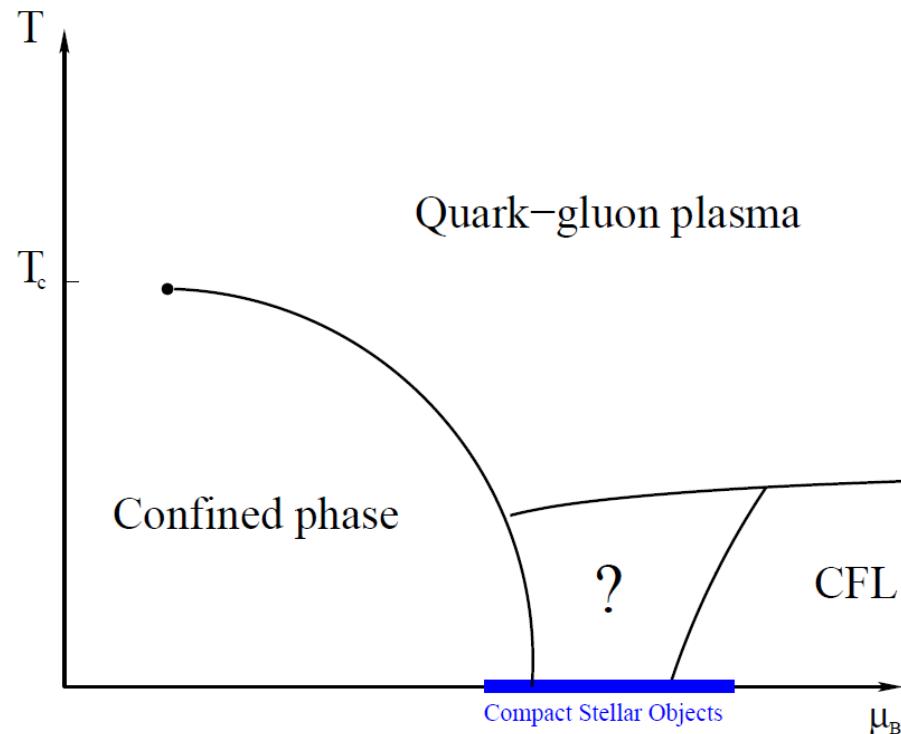
Delta – resonance stars  
 $R_{1.4}$  order of (10-11) km,  
BUT the maximum mass  
is smaller than  $2 M_s$

Quark deconfinati e stelle ibride  
(adroni nella parte esterna del core e quark in quella interna)

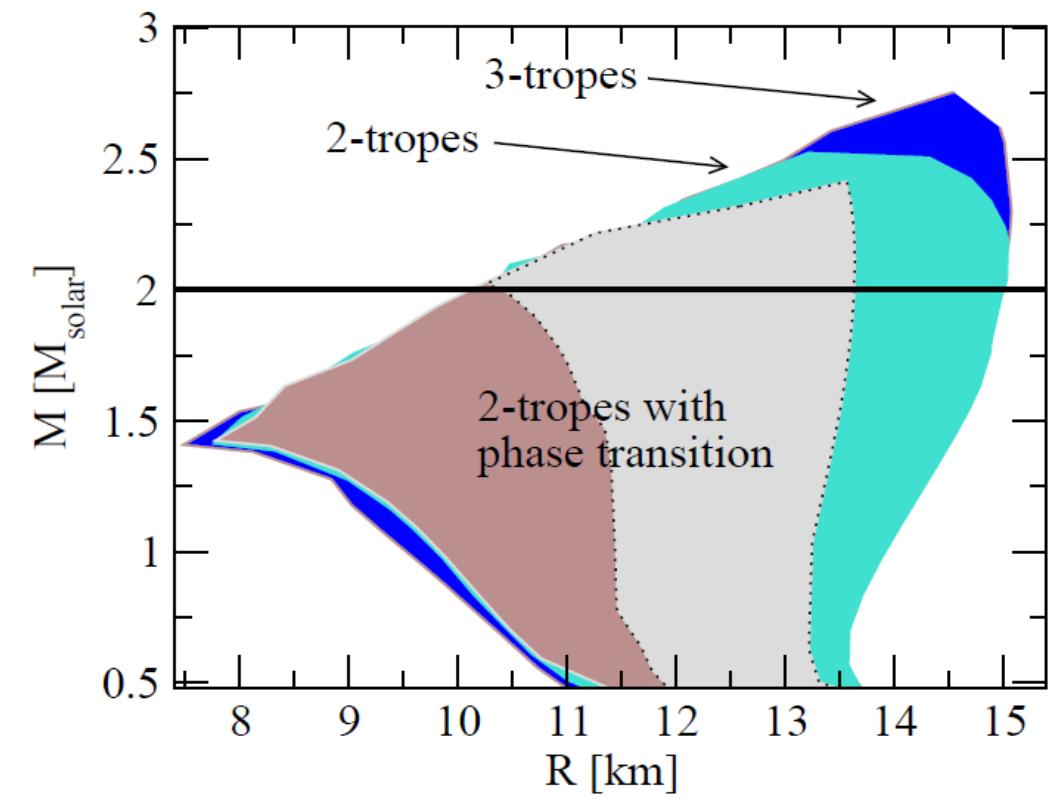
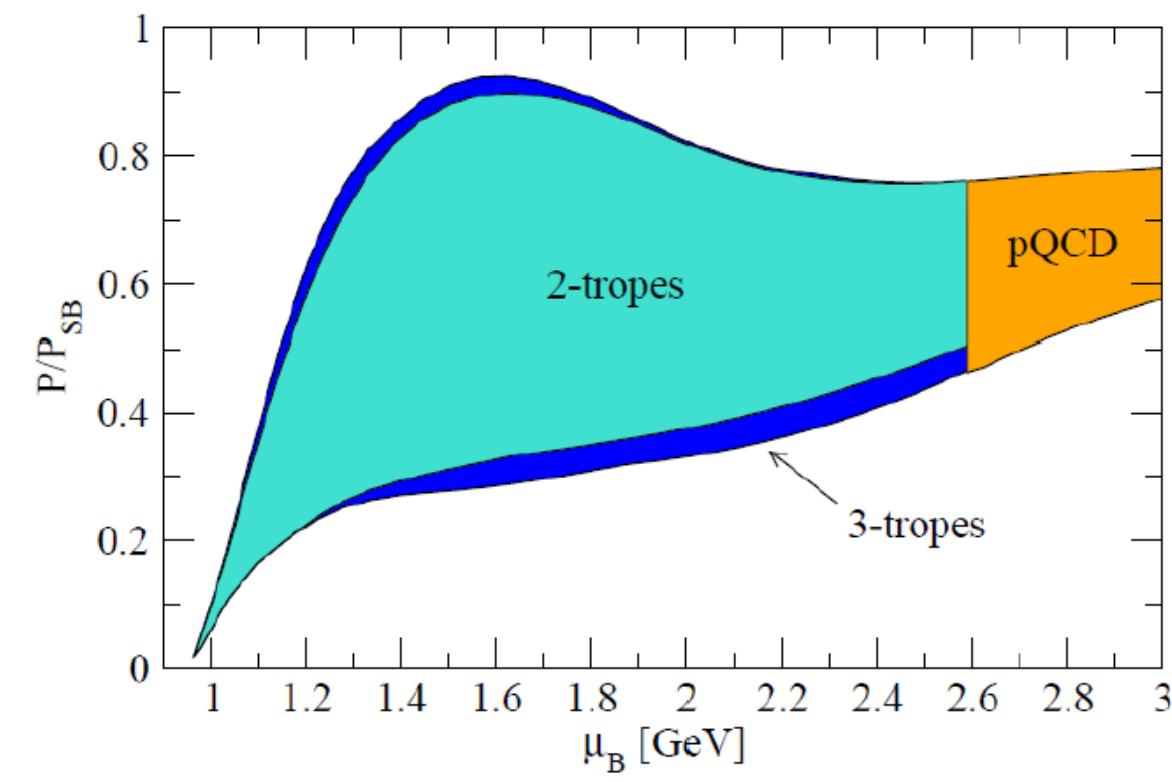
# Deconfined quarks can appear at large densities

At which densities and following which dynamics is still unknown, but conditions for their existence can be derived based only on general properties of hadronic and of quark matter.

Ideas concerning which phases can exist at densities relevant for compact stars are discussed e.g. in Anglani, Casalbuoni, Ciminale, Gatto, Ippolito, Mannarelli, Ruggieri, Rev.Mod.Phys. 86 (2014) 509



Kurkela et al. 2014  
Hybrid stars:  $R_{1.4} > 11.5$  km



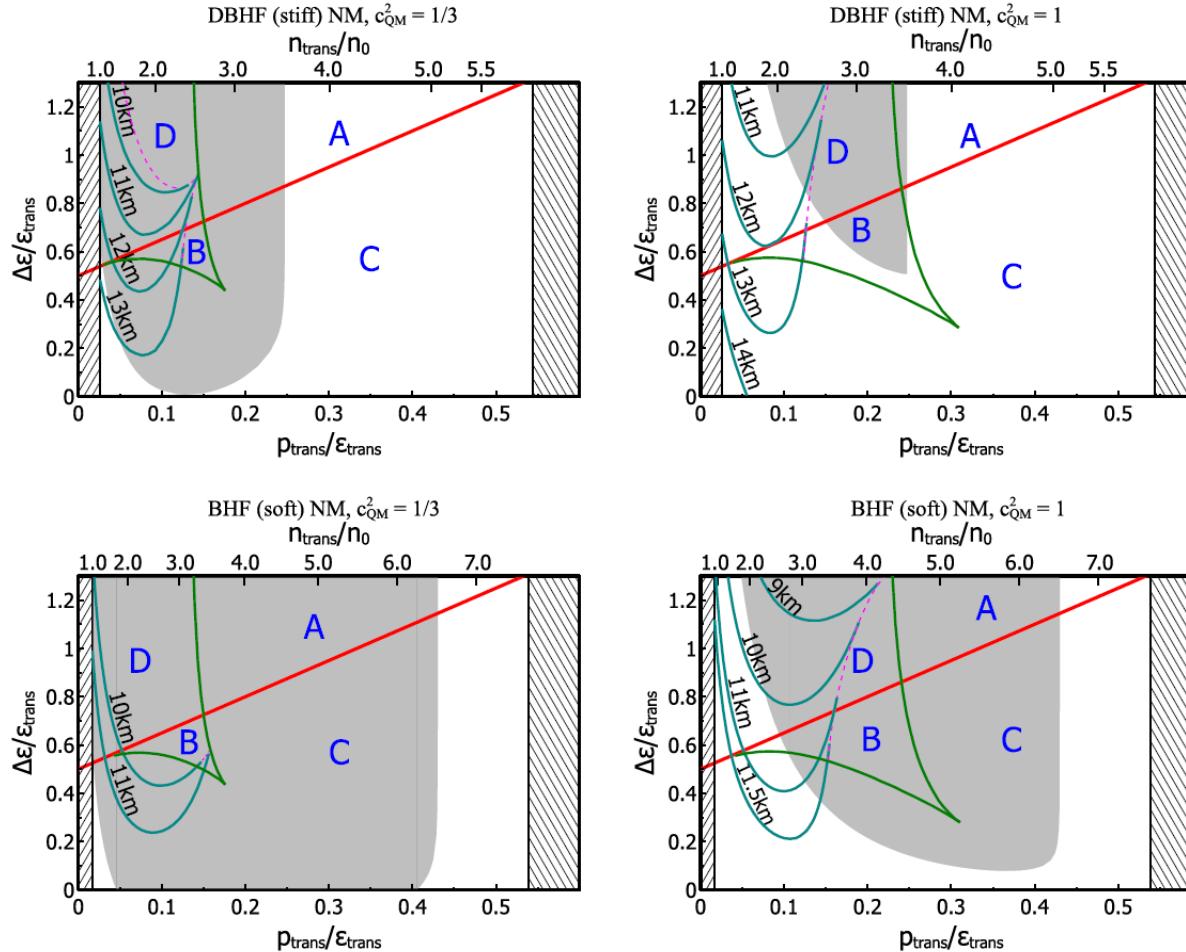


FIG. 4: (Color online). Contour plots similar to Fig. 3 showing the radius of a hybrid star of mass  $M = 1.4 M_\odot$  as a function of the CSS parameters. Such stars only exist in a limited region of the space of EoSs [delimited by dashed (magenta) lines]. The grey shaded region is excluded by the observational constraint  $M_{\text{max}} > 2 M_\odot$ . For a magnified version of the low-transition-pressure region for  $c_{\text{QM}}^2 = 1/3$ , see Fig. 5.

Radii smaller than about 11 km for stars of  $M = 1.4 M_\odot$  are possible ONLY if  $c^2$  is close to 1. Not very realistic.

Stelle strane (anche dette stelle di quark): interamente costituite da quark deconfinati

# The Strange Matter hypothesis

Bodmer (1971), Terazawa (1979), Witten (1984): BTW hypothesis

Three-flavor ***u,d,s*** quark matter, in equilibrium with respect to the weak interactions, could be the true ground state of strongly interacting matter, rather than  $^{56}\text{Fe}$

$$E/A|_{\text{SQM}} \leq E(^{56}\text{Fe})/56 \sim 930.4 \text{ MeV}$$

## Stability of Nuclei with respect to ***u,d*** quark matter

The success of traditional nuclear physics provides a clear indication that **quarks in the atomic Nucleus are confined within protons and neutrons**

$$E/A|_{\text{ud}} \geq E(^{56}\text{Fe})/56$$

# The Strange Matter hypothesis



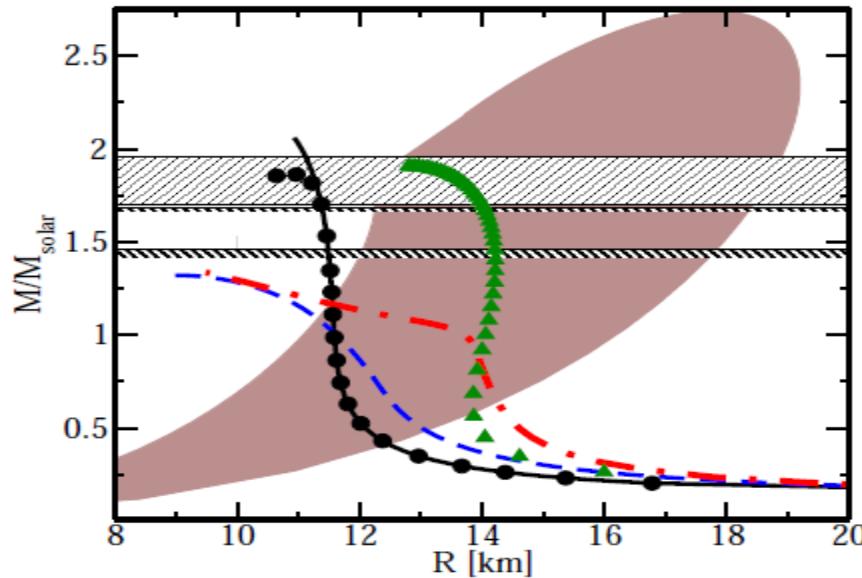
## Strange Stars

**new family of compact stars made of  
strange quark matter (*u,d,s* quark matter)**

# Can Bodmer-Witten hypothesis on the absolute stability of strange quark matter be realized by using various models of quark dynamics?

- MIT bag model: **YES** Farhi and Jaffe, 1984
  - Parameters are not well constrained in the model, no chiral dynamics, but there is confinement
- Chiral models without confinement: **NO** Klaehn and Fischer 2015
  - The low density behaviour forces masses to be too large to satisfy BW
- Chiral models with a «confining» B: **maybe** Zacchi, Stiele, Schaffner-Bielich 2015
  - IF there is a parameters' space for BW it corresponds to too low densities or it falls back into a MIT-bag scenario in which chiral symmetry plays no role.
- Schwinger-Dyson model with a «confining» B: **YES** Chen, Wei, Schulze 2016
- Chiral models with confinement (Color Dielectric model): **YES** Dondi, Drago, Pagliara in preparation

# Hybrid stars or quark stars?



Kurkela et al PRD81(2010)105021

pQCD calculations: "... equations of state including quark matter lead to hybrid star masses up to  $2M_s$ , in agreement with current observations.

For strange stars, we find **maximal masses of  $2.75M_s$**  and conclude that confirmed observations of compact stars with  $M > 2M_s$  would strongly favor the existence of stable strange quark matter"

**Before the discoveries of the  $2M_s$  stars!!**

# The two-families scenario

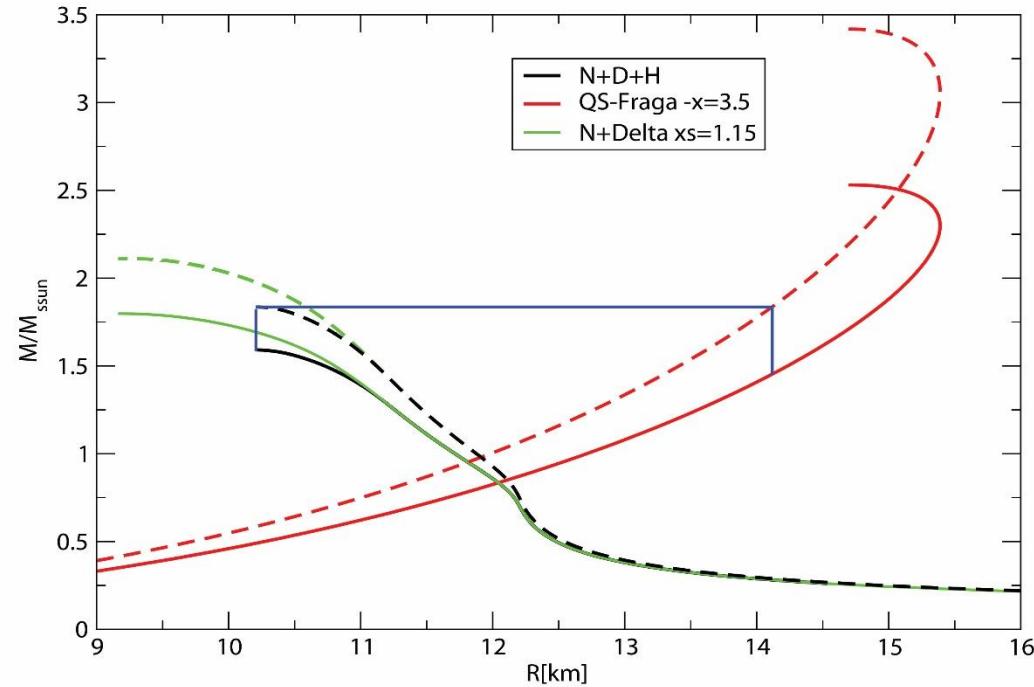
Stars having very small radii are made of neutrons, protons, hyperons...

Stars having very large masses are strange quark stars

Why conversion should then occur?

Quark stars are more bound:  
at a fixed total baryon number they have a smaller gravitational mass than hadronic stars.

The hadronic stars are stable till when some strangeness component (e.g. hyperons) starts appearing in the core.  
Only at that point quark matter nucleation can start.



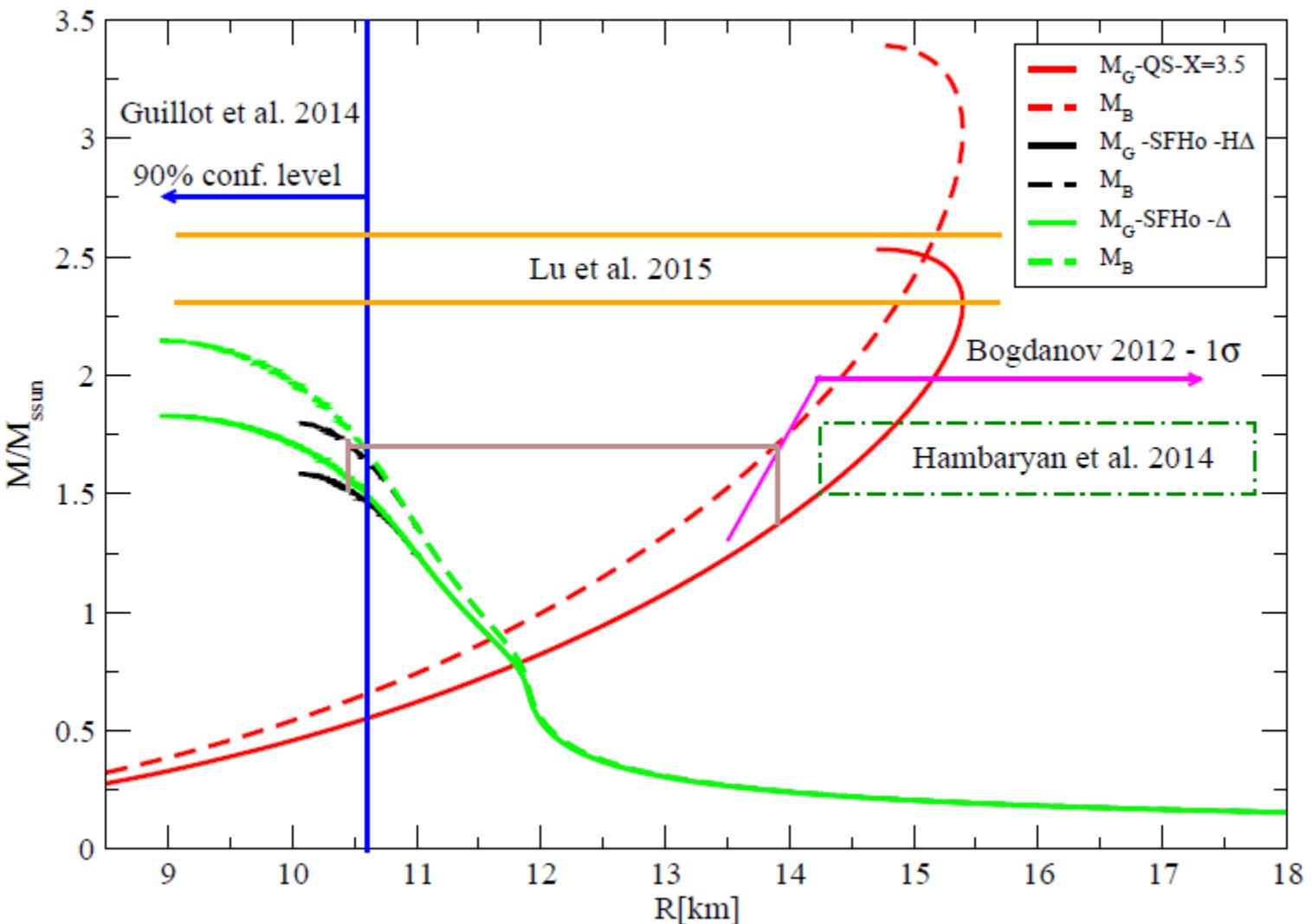
The maximum mass of a quark star can be as large as  
 $2.75 M_s \geq 2 \times (1.3 \div 1.4) M_s$ . (Dynamically stable up to almost 1.3+1.3)

Therefore **it is possible to have a ultra-massive quark star produced by the merging of two normal-mass neutron stars.**

The post-merging e.m. signal of the associated short GRB could show a quasi-plateau emission, similar to the one observed in many long GRBs.

# Previsions and tests of the two-families scenario

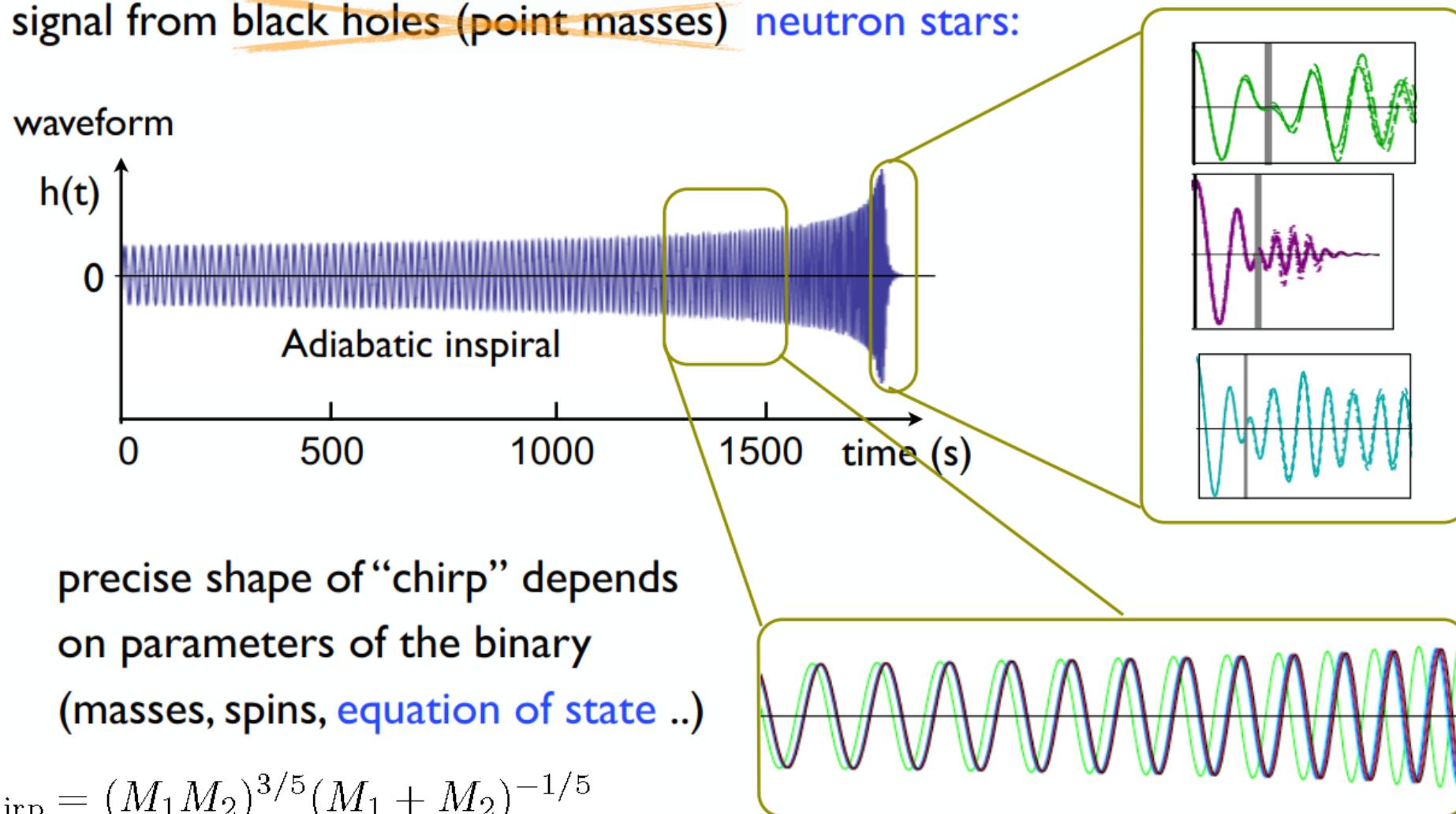
- Radii (NICER, LOFT)
- Anomalous mass distribution (SKA)
- Moment of inertia (SKA)
- GW signal in NS-NS merger (LIGO & VIRGO)
- Implications for long and short Gamma Ray Bursts (**see poster of A. Pili et al.**)



Cosa impariamo dal segnale in onde gravitazionali generato dalla coalescenza di due stelle di neutroni?

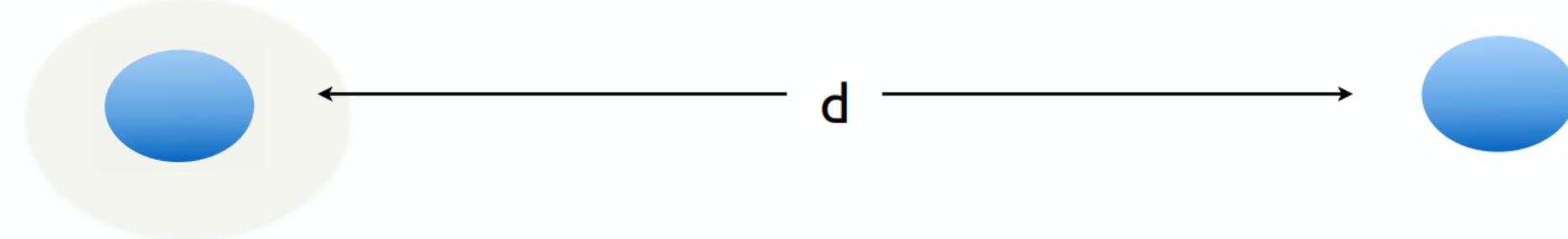
# Gravitational wave signal from coalescing binaries

- expect to observe  $\sim$  tens of NS binary inspirals per year [0.4-400]
- signal from black holes (point masses) neutron stars:



From T. Hinderer

# NS in a binary

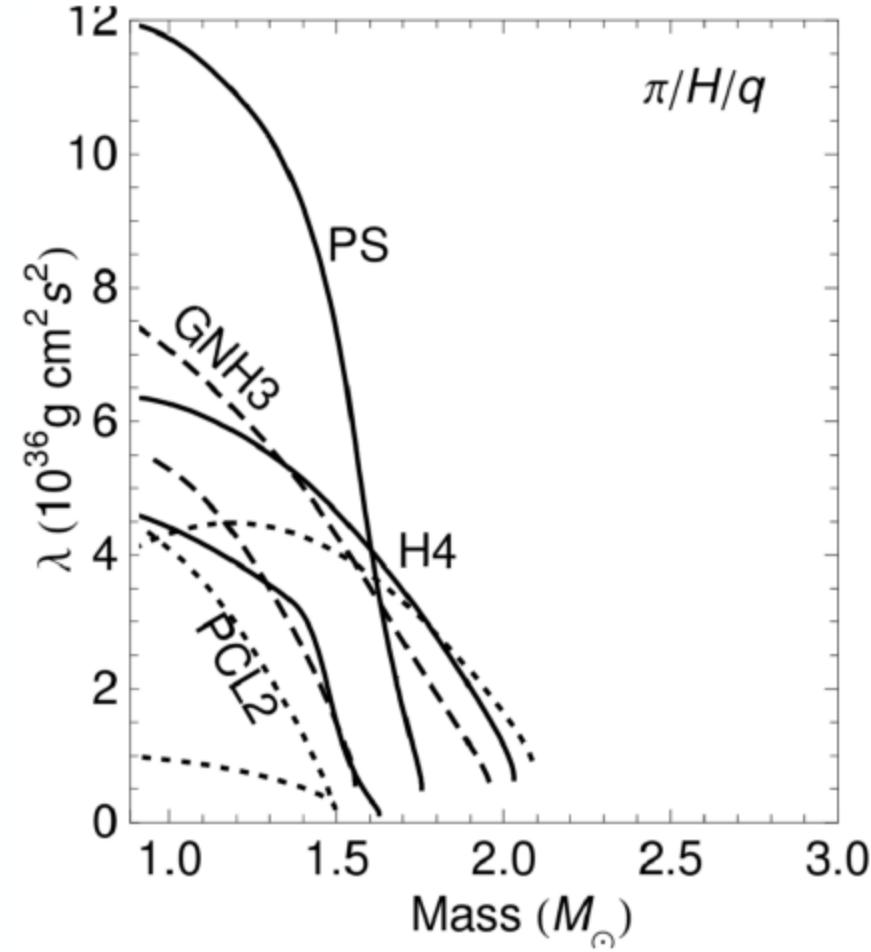
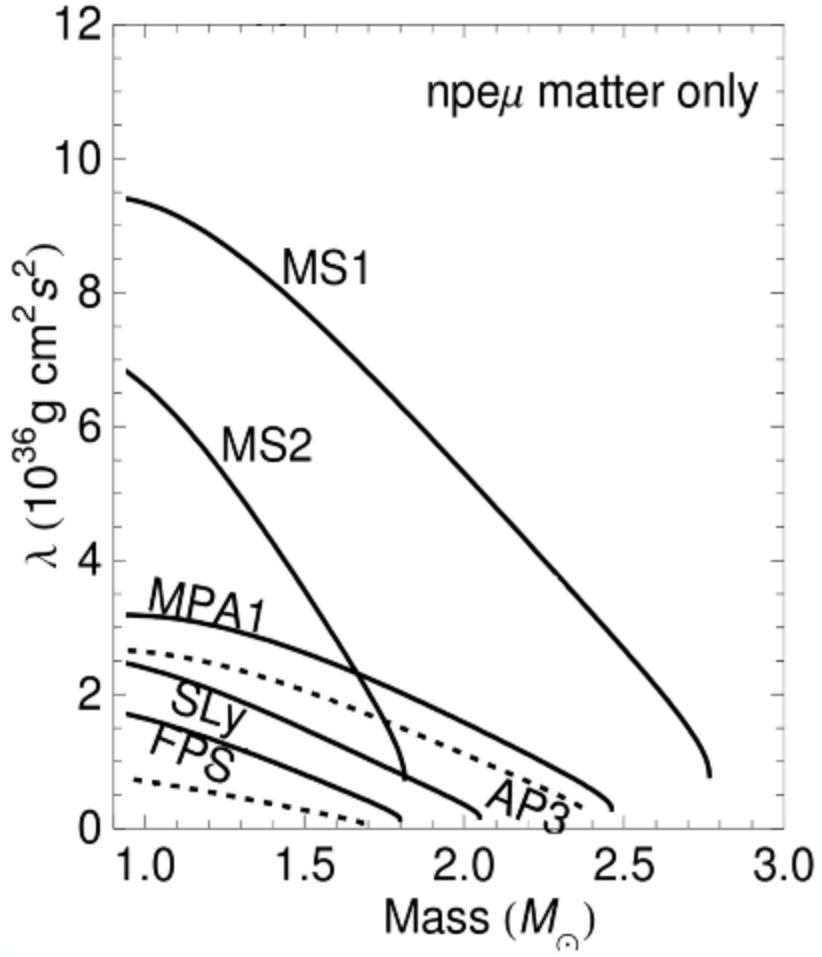


- companion's tidal field  $\mathcal{E}$  induced quadrupole
  - leading order linear response:  
$$Q = -\lambda \mathcal{E}$$
 definition of tidal deformability  $\lambda$
  - quantities defined by the asymptotic gravitational potential:

$$\frac{(1 + g_{tt})}{2} = -\frac{m}{r} - \frac{3 \mathcal{Q} Y_{20}(\theta, \phi)}{2r^3} + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{E} r^2 Y_{20}(\theta, \phi) + \dots$$

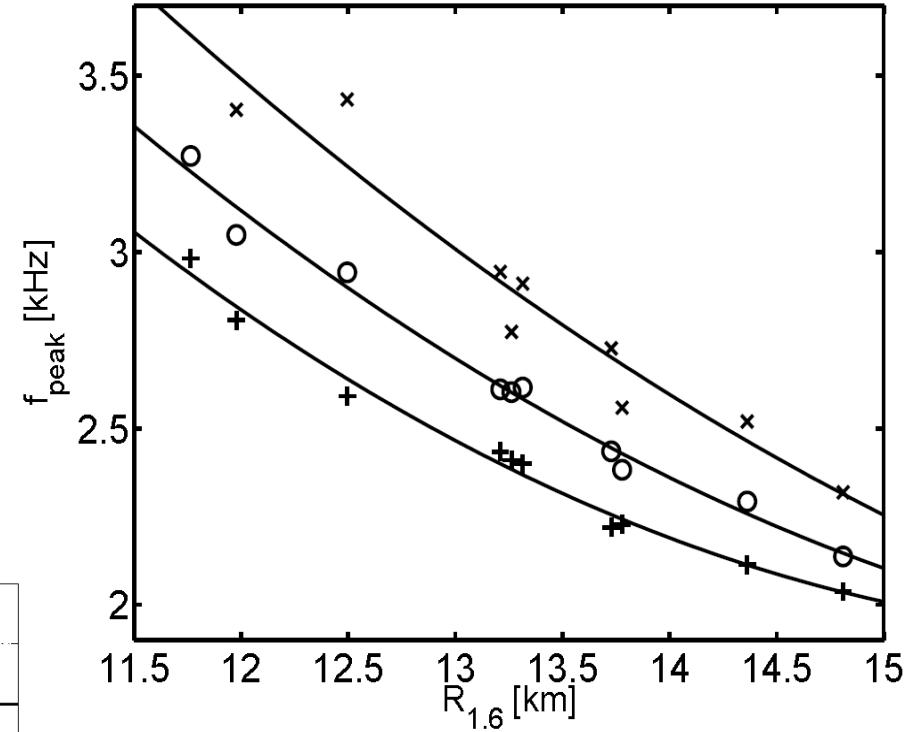
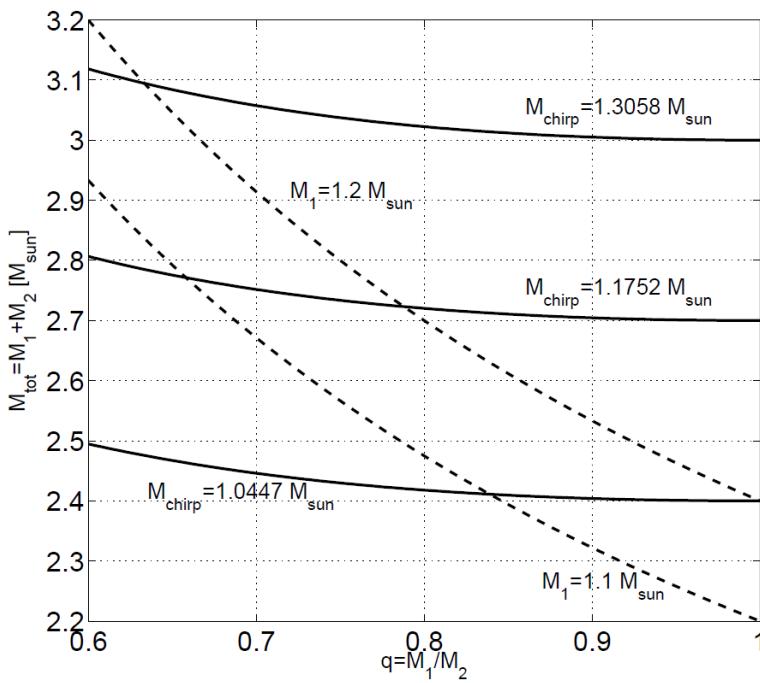
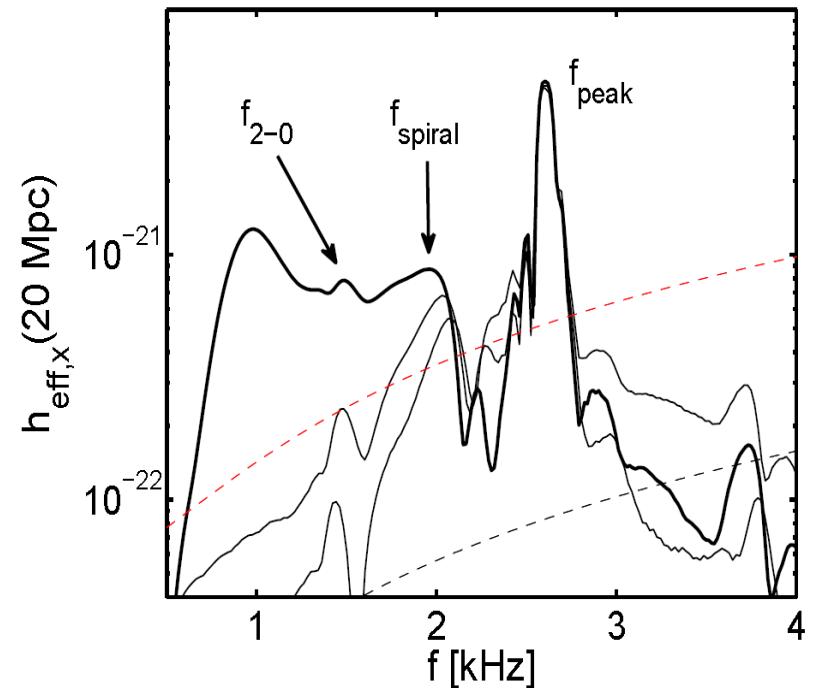
# $\lambda$ vs. mass for various EoS



Hinderer, Lackey,  
Lang & Read 2009

# Radii from post-merger analysis

Bauswein, Stergioulas, Janka 2015



# Conclusioni

New measurements of masses and radii challenge nuclear physics:  
tension between high mass and small radii. A  $2.4 M_s$  candidate already exists.

New missions (NICER, LOFT), reaching a precision of  $\sim 1\text{ km}$  in the measure of radii ,  
can clarify the composition of compact stars, similarly a measure of the moment of inertia  
with a precision of about 20-30 percent (SKA):

- $R_{1.4} \geq 13 \text{ km}$  or  $I_{45} \geq 1.6$  purely nucleonic stars ( $\rho_{\max} \leq 3 \rho_0$ )
- $11.5 \text{ km} < R_{1.4} < 13 \text{ km}$  or  $1.3 \leq I_{45} \leq 1.6$  hyperonic or hybrid stars ( $\rho_{\max}$  as large as  $5 \rho_0$ )
- $R_{1.4} \ll 11.5 \text{ km}$  or  $I_{45} \ll 1.3$  two families of compact stars



Witten's hypothesis verified!

Decisive data expected from x-ray satellites, radiotelescopes and GW detectors

*Possible search of precursor signals in hypernuclei with  $S = -2$  ?*