

Strange Neutron Stars

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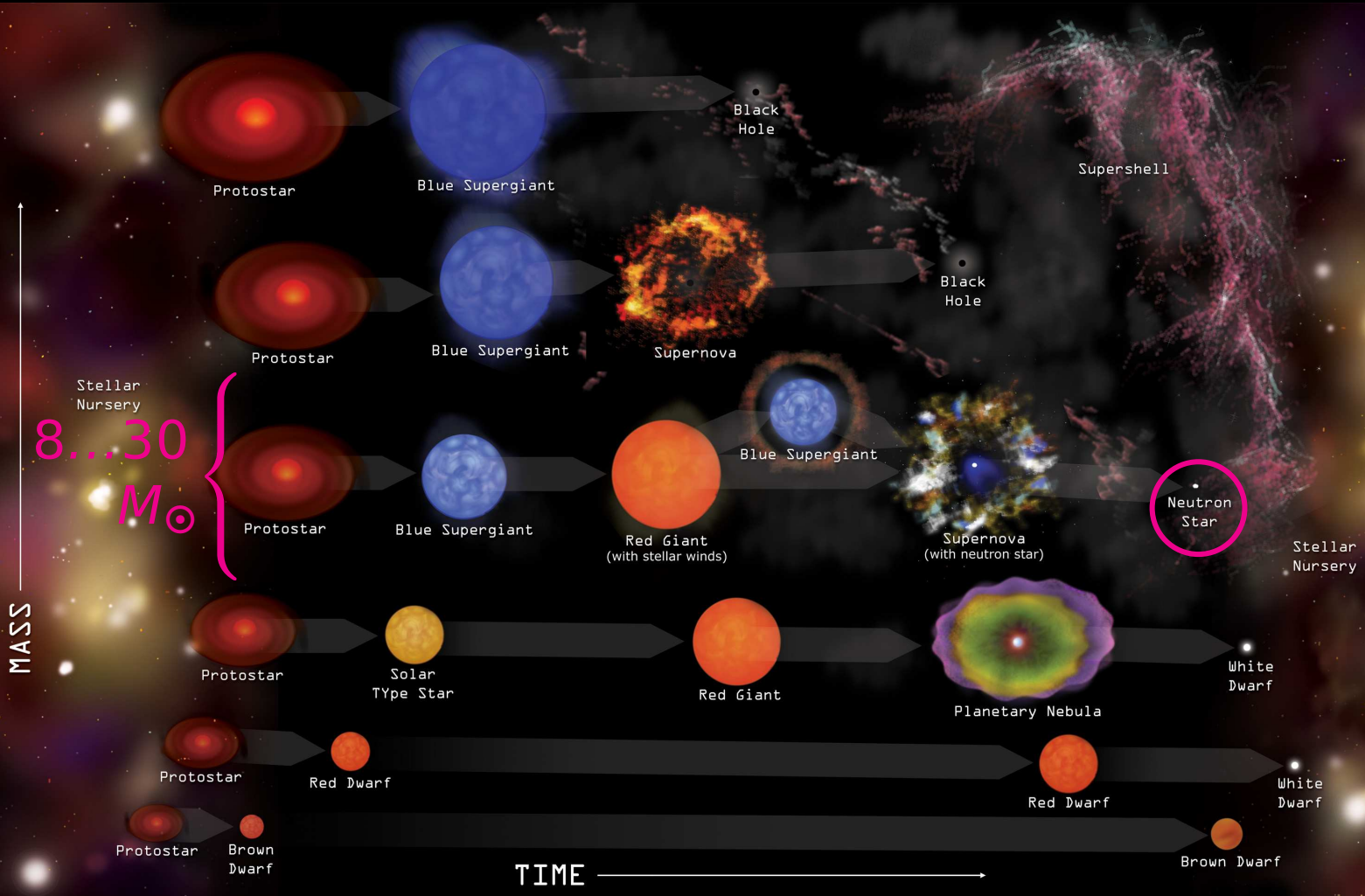
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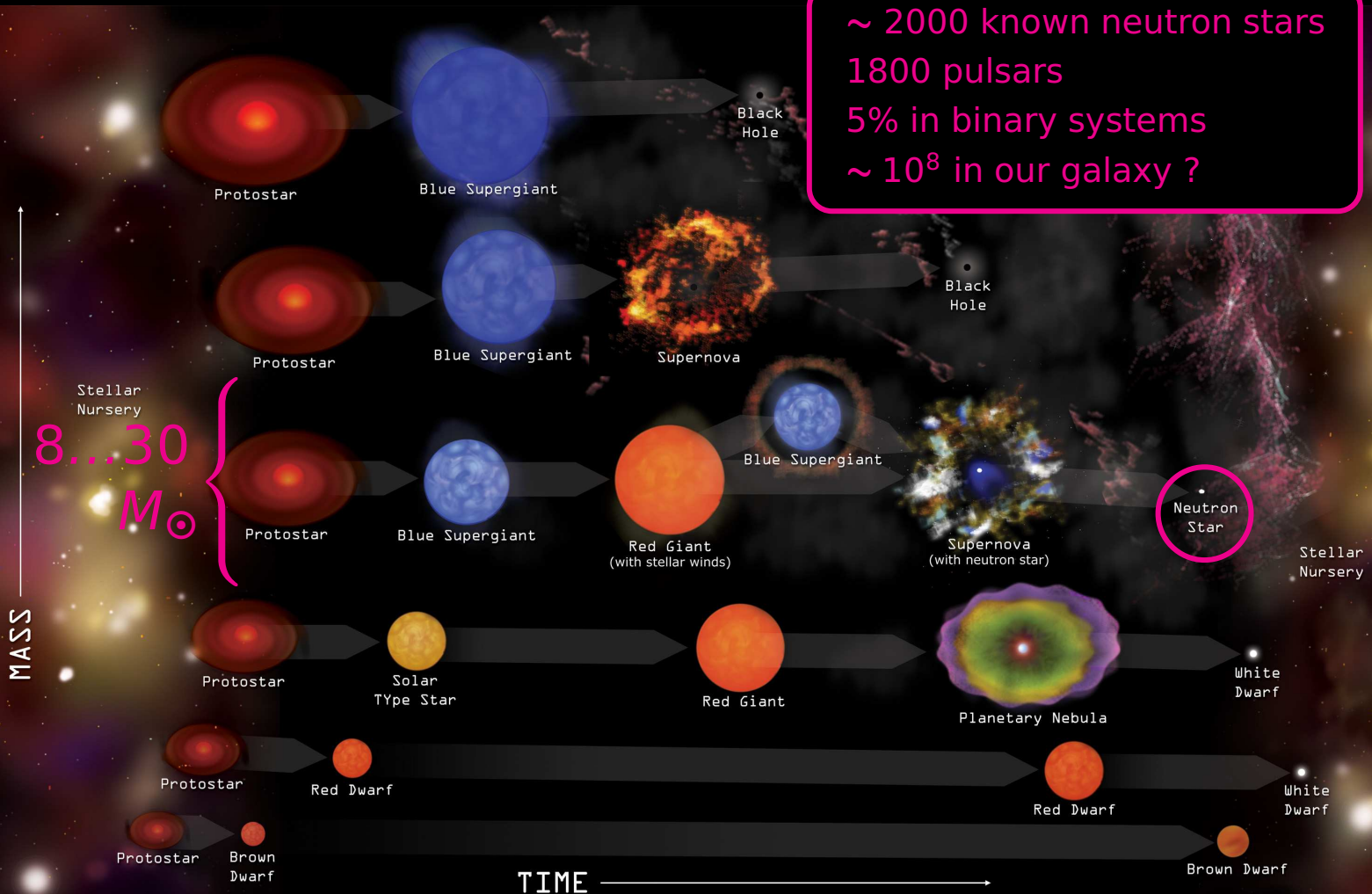
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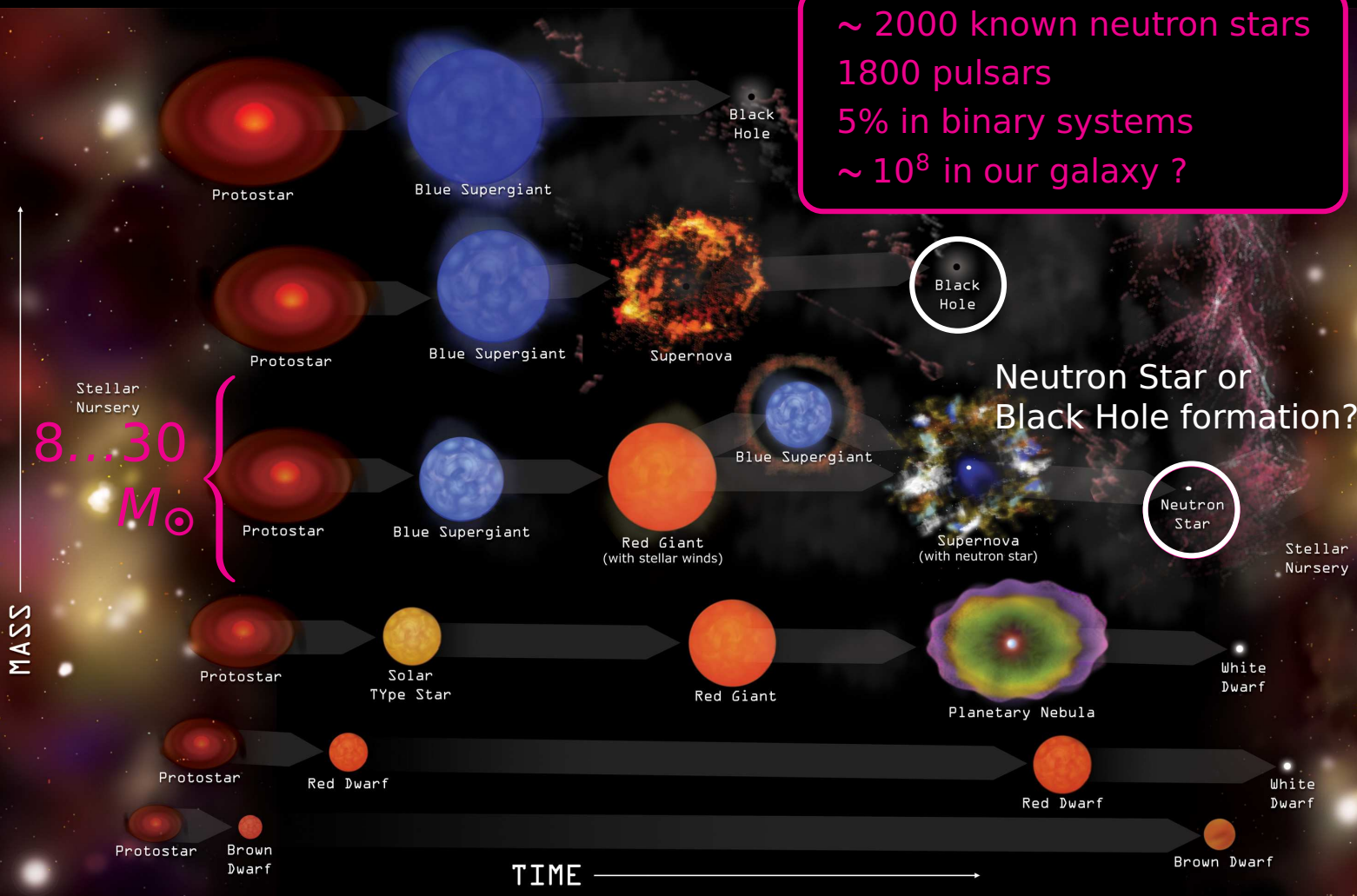
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- BHF approach of hypernuclear matter
- Hypernuclei
- Neutron star properties
- Quark matter and hybrid stars



~ 2000 known neutron stars
1800 pulsars
5% in binary systems
~ 10^8 in our galaxy ?





MASS ↑

TIME →

Stellar Nursery
8...30 M_{\odot}

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Neutron Star or Black Hole formation?

Stellar Nursery

Crab Nebula:

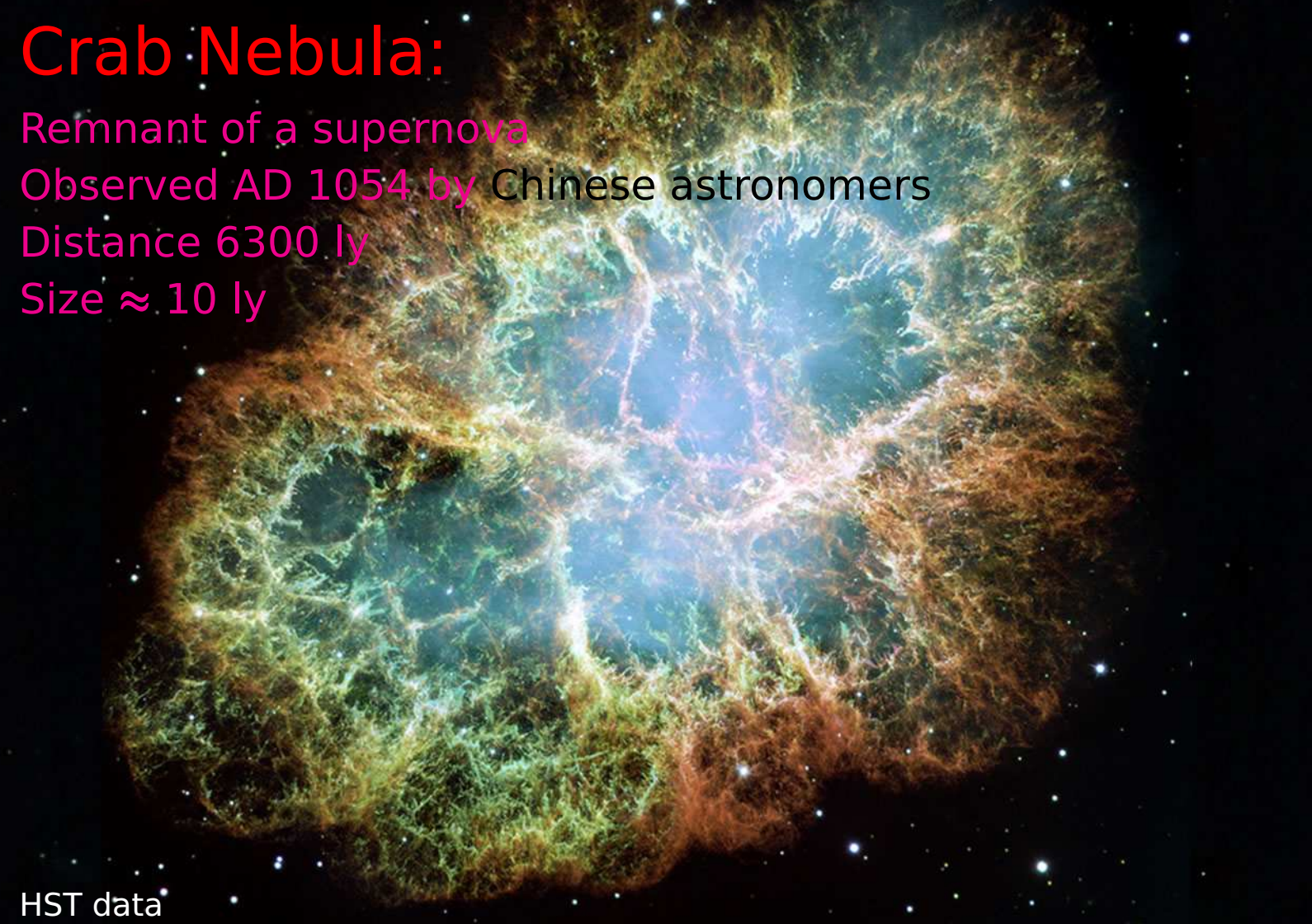
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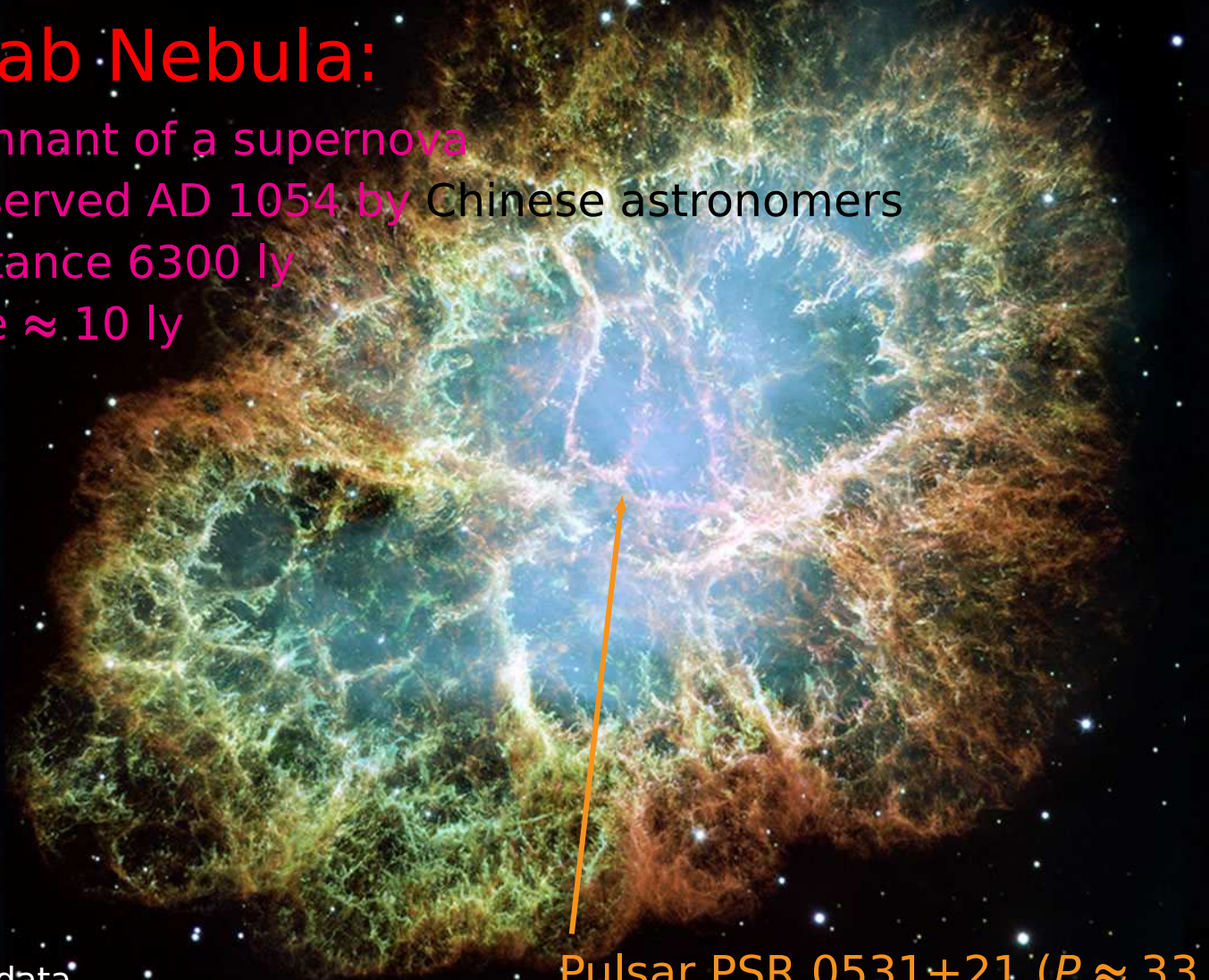
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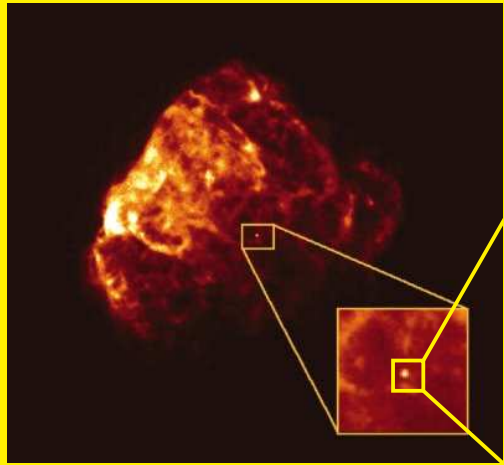
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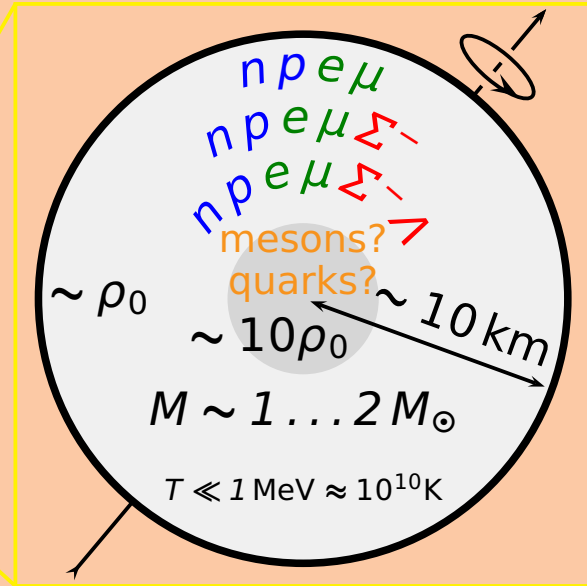
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Pulsar PSR 0531+21 ($P \approx 33$ ms)

Neutron Star Structure from Brueckner Theory:



ROSAT image of *Puppis A*



↪ The only “laboratory” for $\rho_B \sim 10\rho_0$ in the Universe !
Need EOS of nuclear matter including hyperons



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Etna Volcano

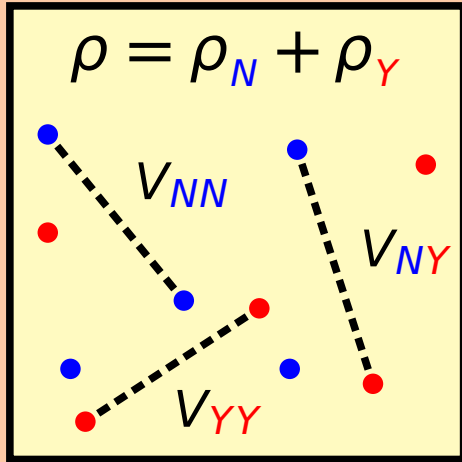
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A satellite view of Earth showing the Western Hemisphere, including North and South America. A large, solid red circle is overlaid on the center of the image, partially obscuring the continents. The text "I'm a neutron star!" is centered within this red circle.

I'm a neutron star!



Hypernuclear Matter:



$N = qq\bar{q}$: $\begin{matrix} n \\ p \end{matrix}$ (939 MeV)

$Y = qq\bar{s}$: $\begin{matrix} \Lambda^0 \\ \Sigma^{+0-} \end{matrix}$ (1116 MeV)
(1193 MeV)

V_{NN} : Argonne, Bonn, Paris, ...

V_{NY} : Nijmegen (NSC89, NSC97, ...)

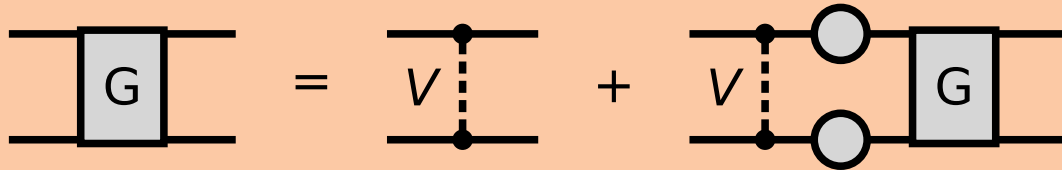
V_{YY} : ? (no scattering data)

In free space weak decay: $Y \rightarrow N + \pi$ etc. ($c\tau \approx 8$ cm)

In dense nucleonic medium the decay is Pauli-blocked !

Brueckner Theory of Nuclear Matter:

- Effective in-medium interaction G from potential V :



parameter-free !

self-consistent



$$e_k = m + \frac{k^2}{2m} + U(k)$$

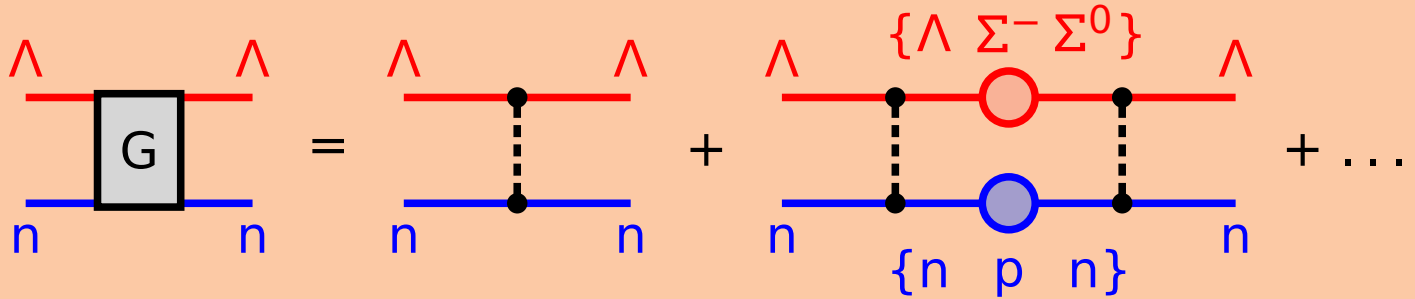
Results: binding energy $\epsilon(\rho_n, \rho_p, \rho_\Lambda, \rho_\Sigma) = \sum_i \sum_{k < k_F^{(i)}} \left[e_k^{(i)} - \frac{U_i(k)}{2} \right]$
 s.p. properties, cross sections, ...

K.A. Brueckner and J.L. Gammel; PR 109, 1023 (1958) for nuclear matter

Extension to hypernuclear matter ...

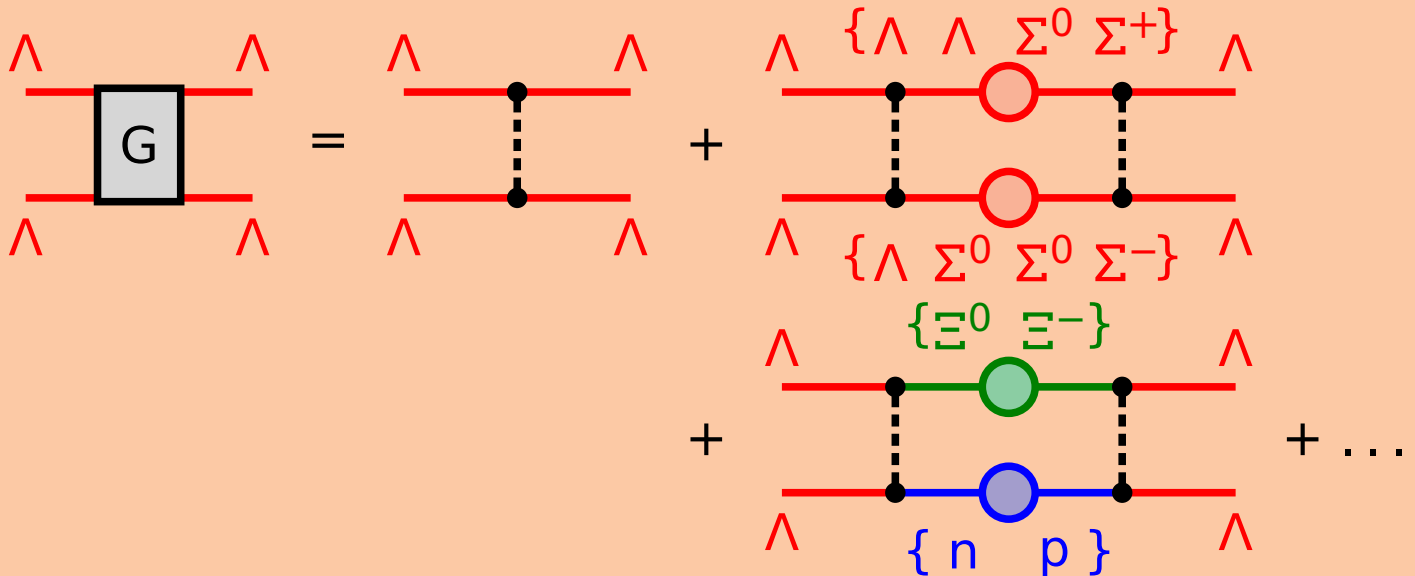
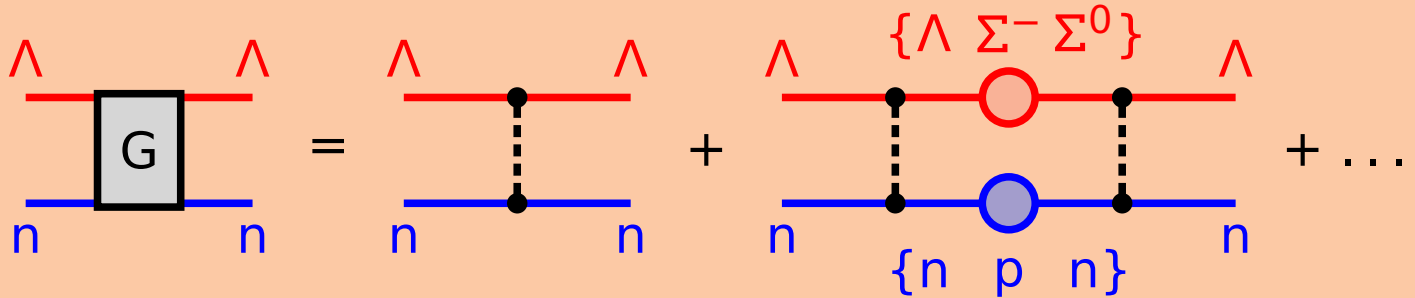
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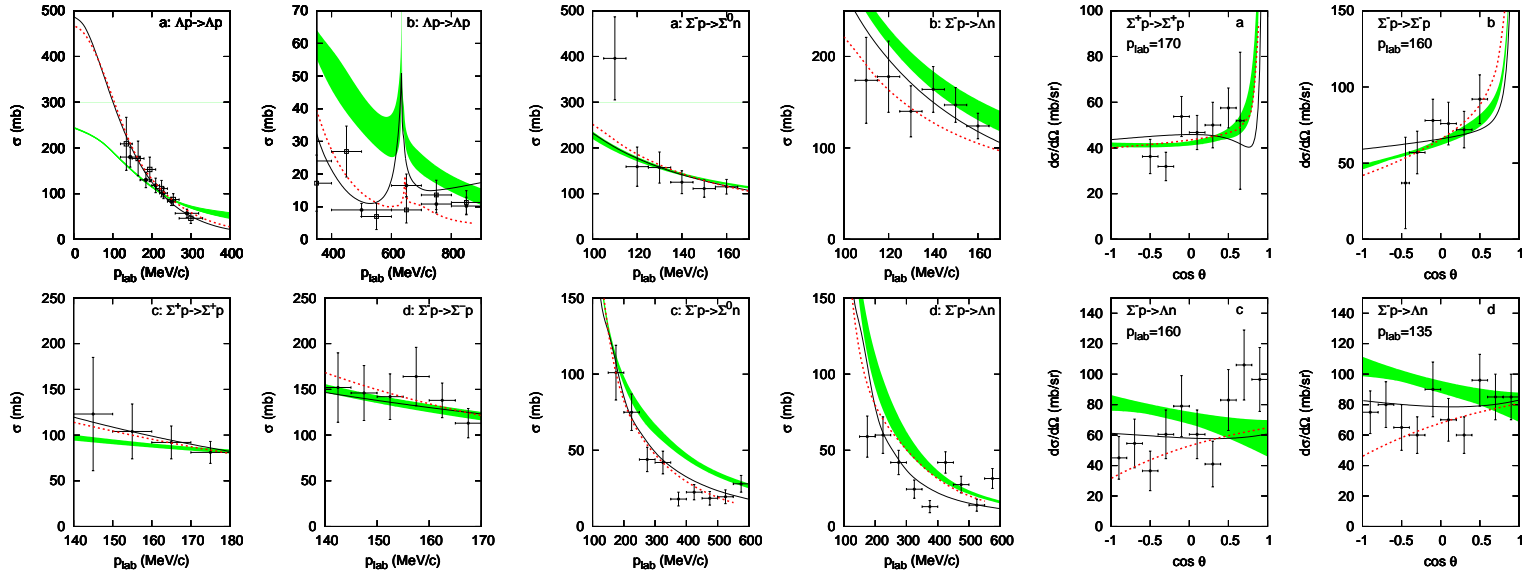
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NY Cross Section Data:

Polinder & Haidenbauer & Meissner, NPA 779, 244 (2006)



— NSC97f — Jülich04 — EFT LO

Data from the 1960's !

↪ Need more and better data

Lambda Hypernuclear Chart:

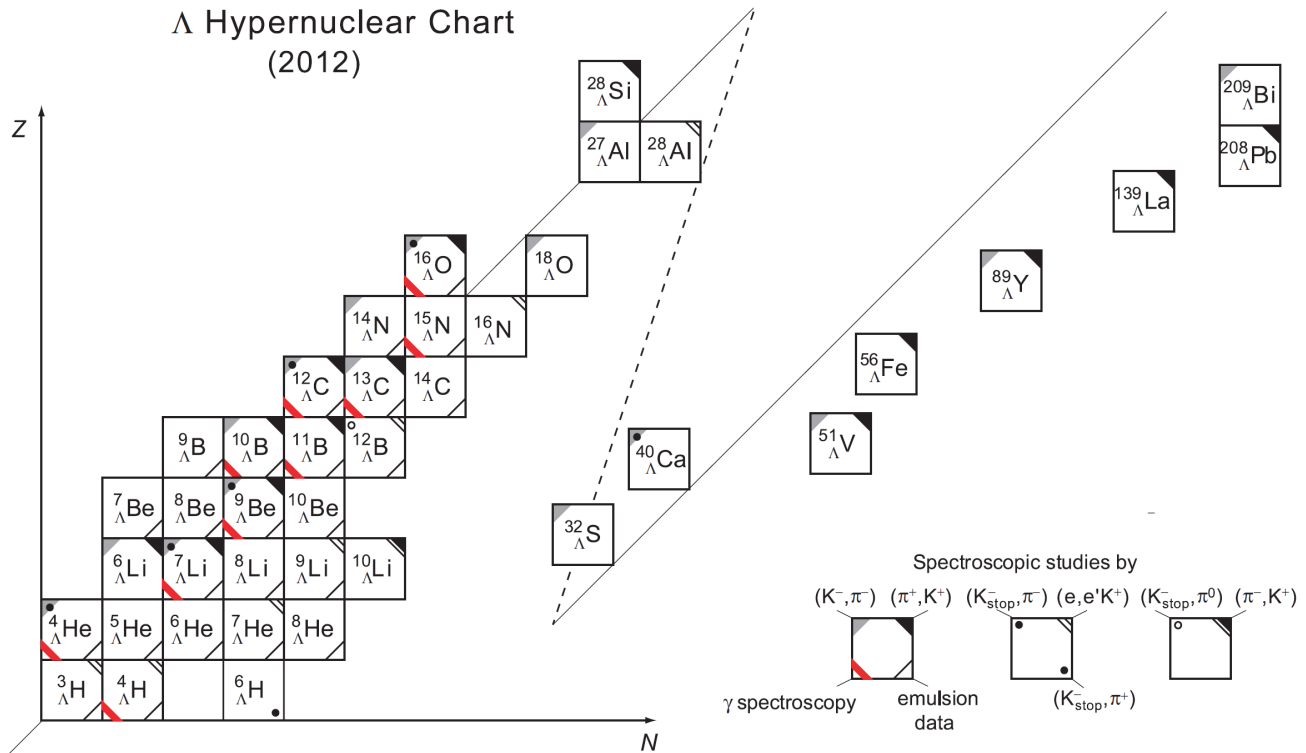


Fig. 2. Λ hypernuclear chart as of 2012.

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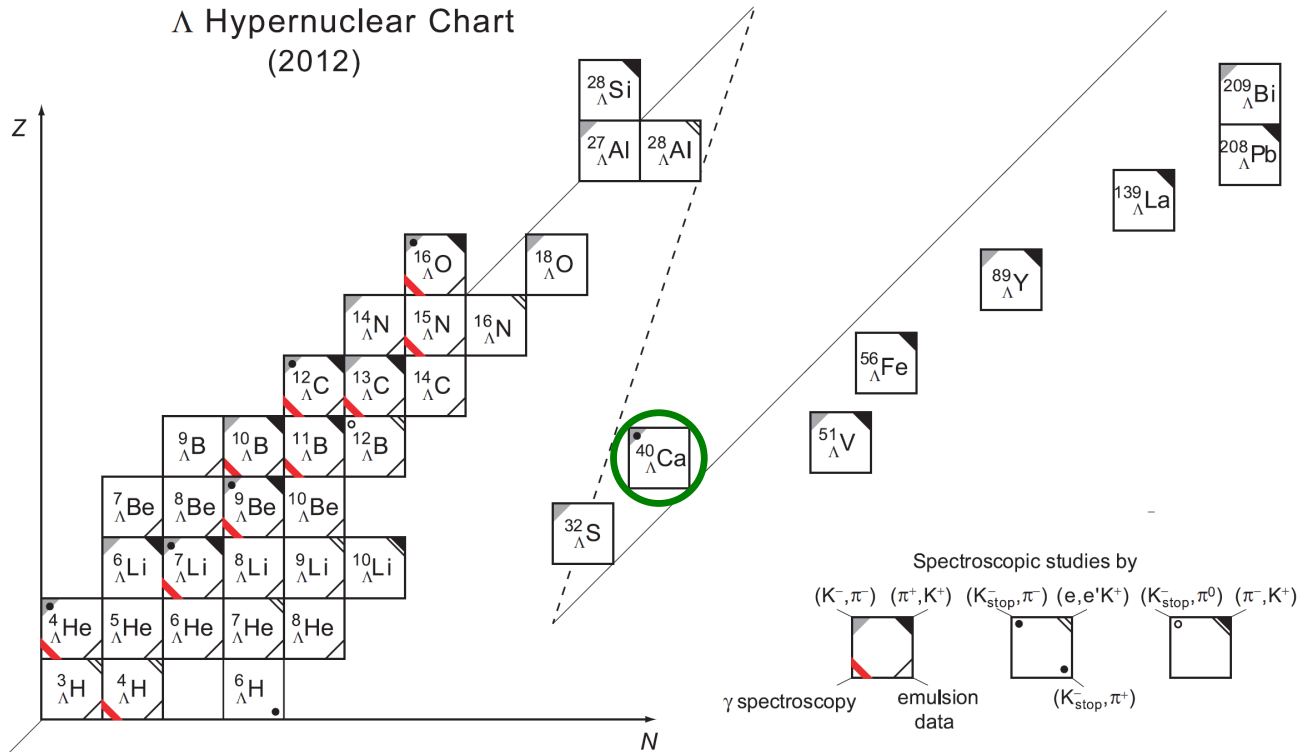
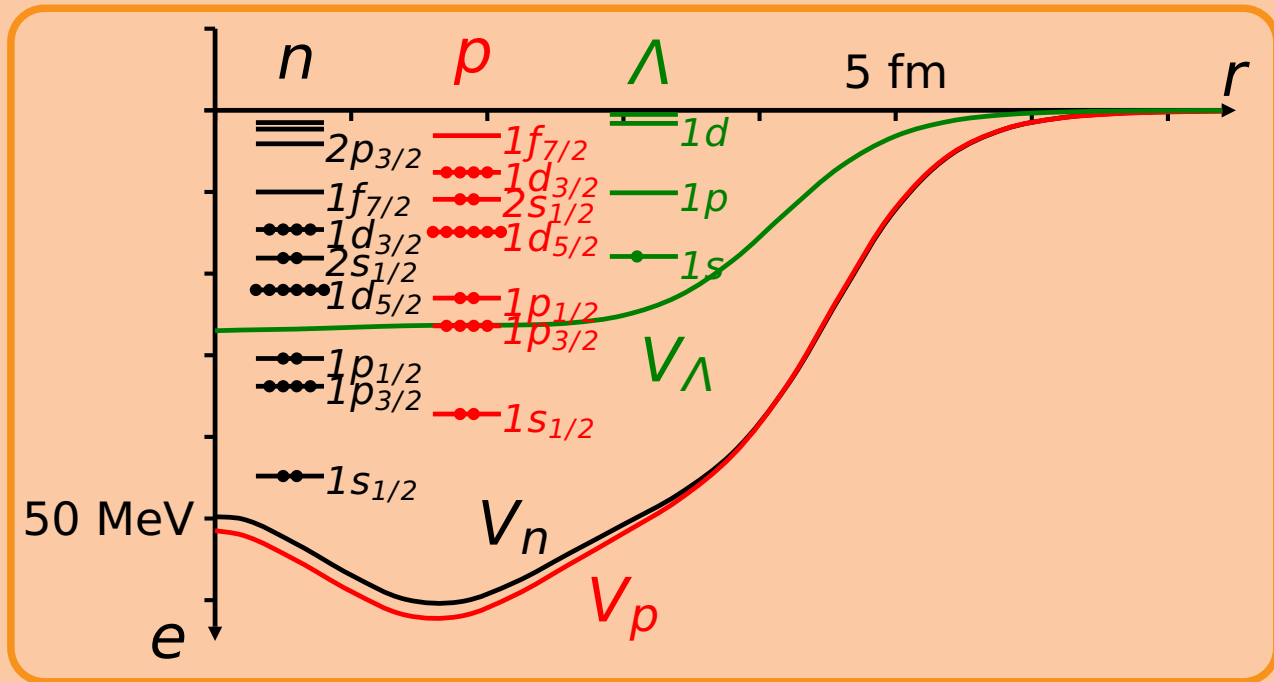


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Hypernuclei: Typical Example: ${}^{40}_{\Lambda}\text{Ca}$:



- Theoretical model:

- Skyrme-Hartree-Fock (SHF) [Vautherin & Brink, PRC 5, 626 (1972)]
- Standard NN force: SIII, SGII, Ski4, SLy4, ...
- Effective microscopic $N\Lambda$ force from BHF results ...

Extended SHF Model for Hypernuclei:

- Total energy of the hypernucleus:

$$E = \int d^3r \epsilon(r)$$

Energy density functional:

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_N[\tau_n, \tau_p, \rho_n, \rho_p, \mathbf{J}_n, \mathbf{J}_p] + \epsilon_\Lambda[\tau_\Lambda, \rho_\Lambda, \rho_N]$$

Local densities:

$$\rho_q = \sum_{i=1}^{N_q} |\phi_q^i|^2, \quad \tau_q = \sum_{i=1}^{N_q} |\nabla \phi_q^i|^2, \quad \mathbf{J}_q = \sum_{i=1}^{N_q} \phi_q^{i*} (\nabla \phi_q^i \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})/i$$

i : occupied states, N_q : number of particles $q = n, p, \Lambda$

- SHF Schrödinger equation:

$$\left[-\nabla \cdot \frac{1}{2m_q^*(r)} \nabla + V_q(r) - i\nabla W_q(r) \cdot (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \right] \phi_q^i(r) = -e_q^i \phi_q^i(r)$$

- SHF mean fields:

$$V_N = V_N^{\text{SHF}} + \frac{\partial \epsilon_{N\Lambda}}{\partial \rho_N} \quad , \quad V_\Lambda = \frac{\partial \epsilon_{N\Lambda}}{\partial \rho_\Lambda} \quad , \quad W_\Lambda = 0$$

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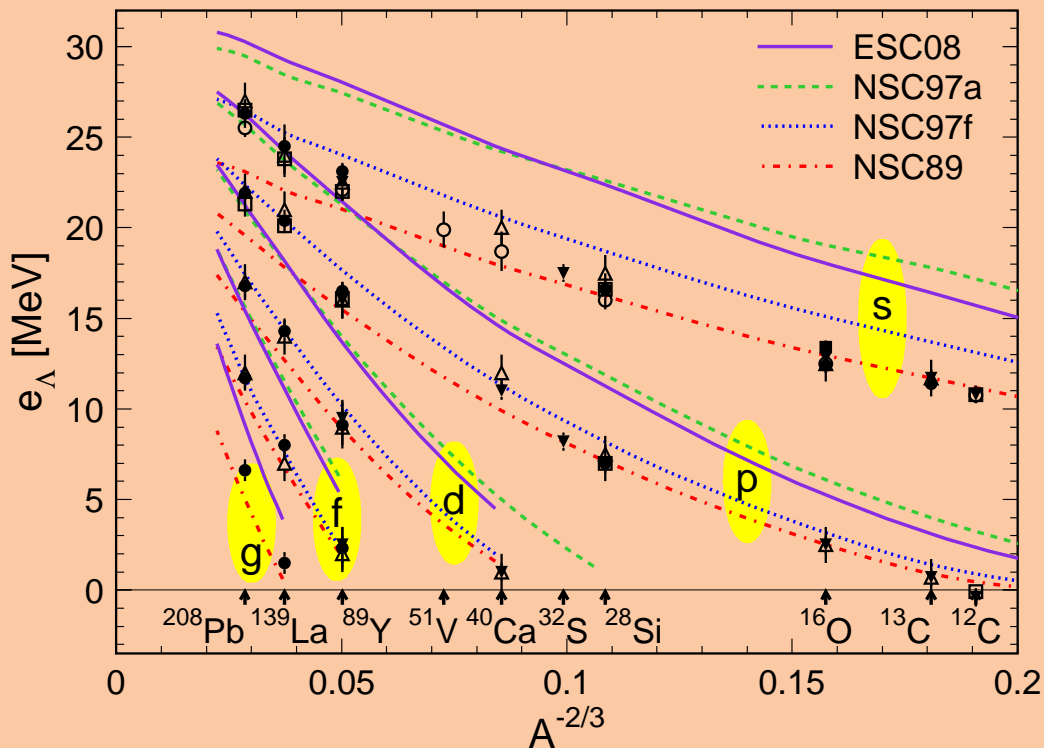
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Results: Single- Λ Hypernuclei:

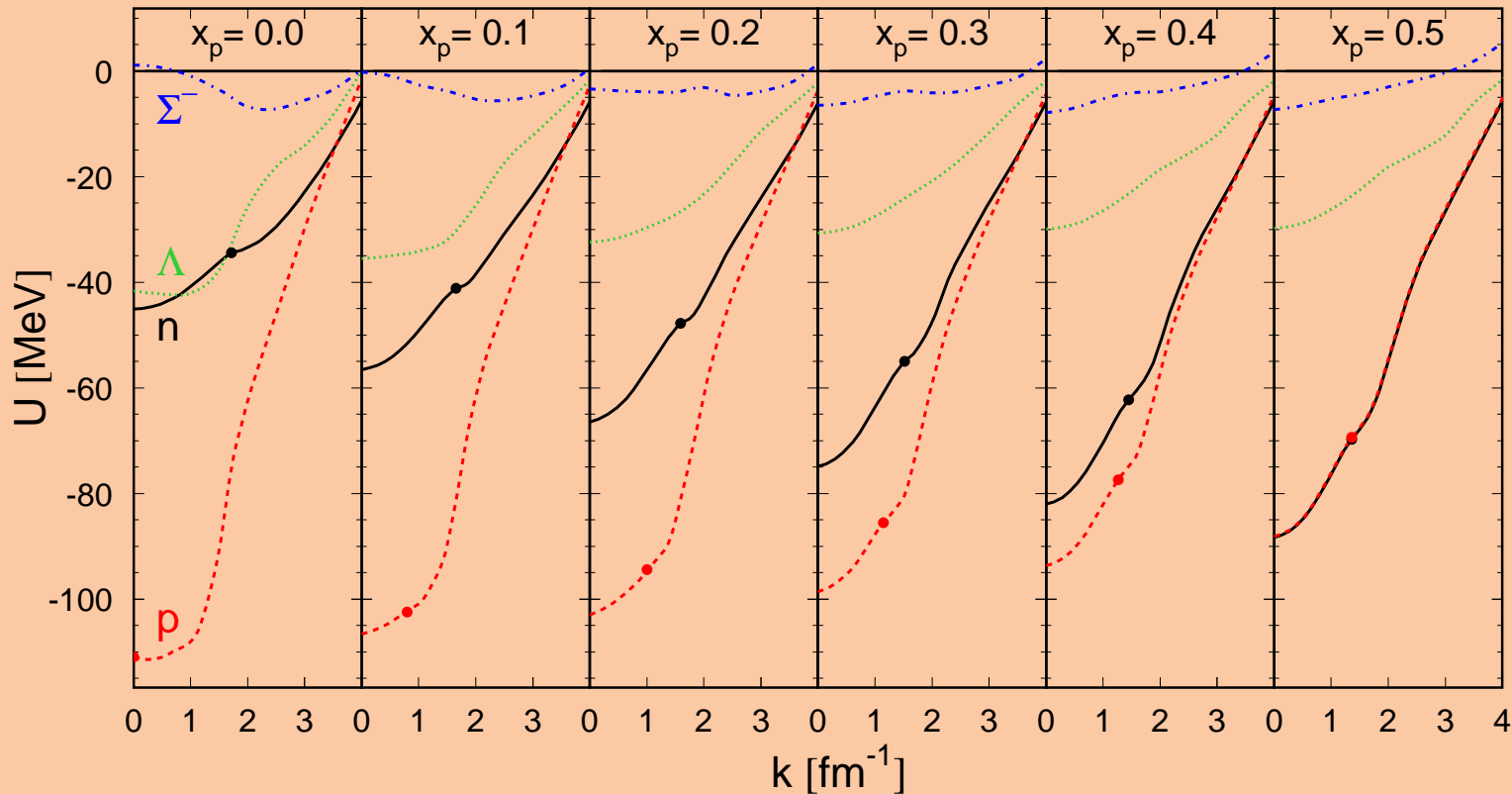
- Lambda single-particle levels:



➡ Best agreement with NSC89 and NSC97f potentials
No indication of strong hyperon TBF

- Single-particle potentials in nuclear matter ($\rho_N = \rho_0$):

V18+UIX' NN & NSC89 YN, $\rho_N = 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3}$, $\rho_\Lambda = \rho_\Sigma = 0$

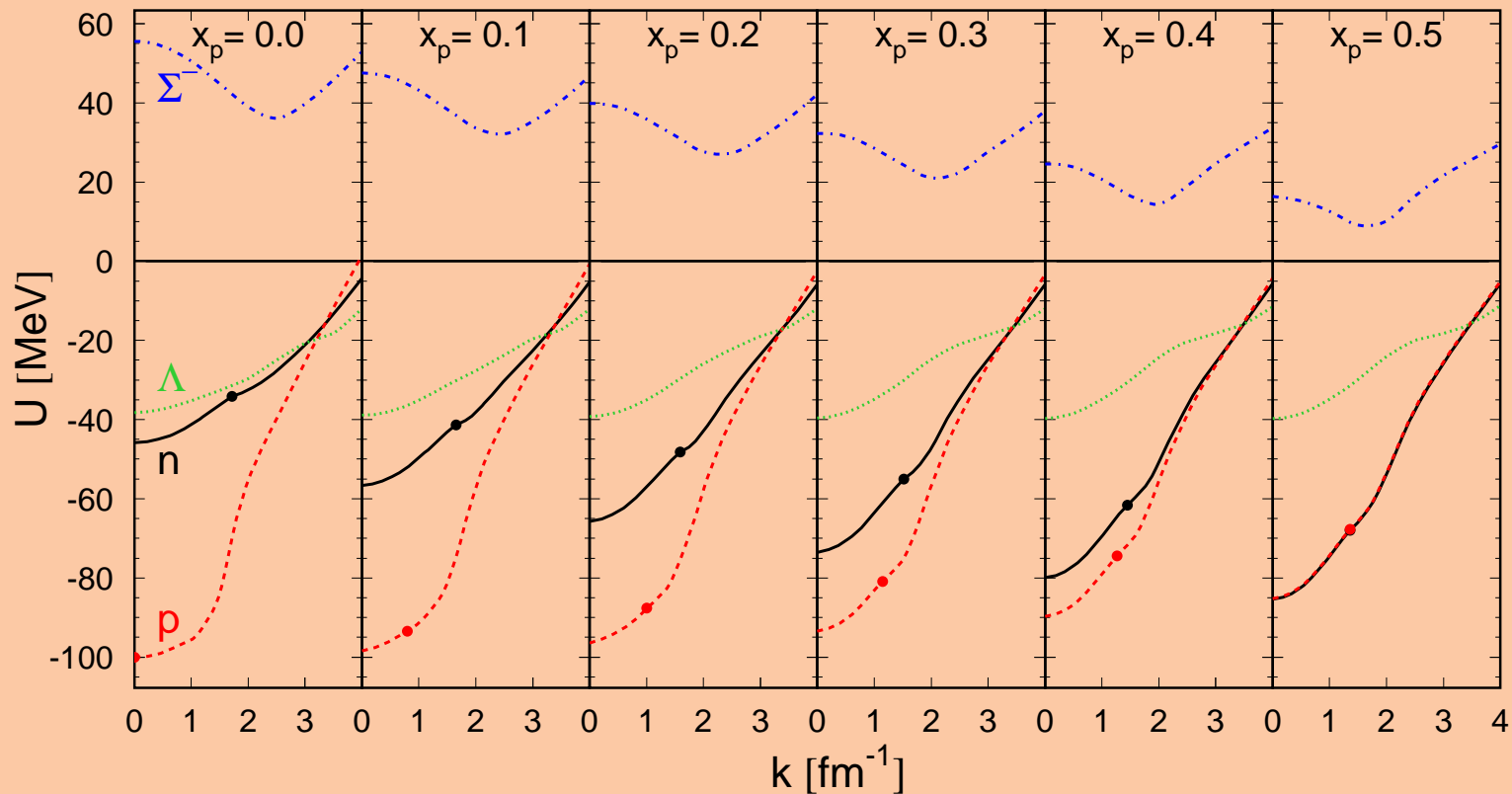


➡ Hyperons are weaker bound than nucleons

Only slight dependence on proton fraction $x_p = \rho_p/\rho_N$

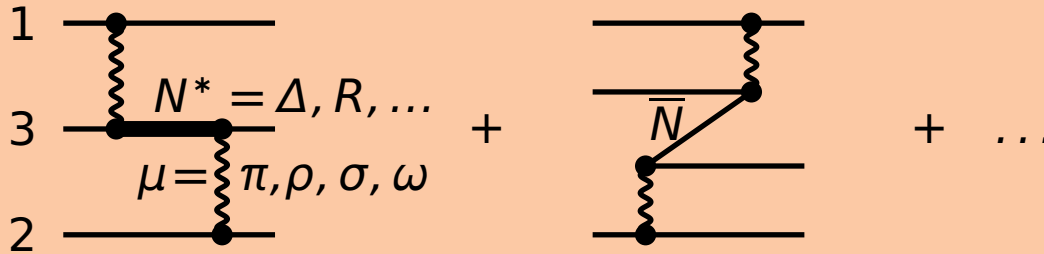
● Results with ESC08b *NY* potential:

V18+TBF NN & ESC08 YN , $\rho_N = 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3}$, $\rho_\Lambda = \rho_\Sigma = 0$



↪ Σ^-N interaction is repulsive

Three-Nucleon Forces:



- Only small effect required [$\delta(B/A) \approx 1$ MeV at ρ_0]
- Model dependent, no final theory yet
- Use and compare microscopic and phenomenological TBF...
 - Microscopic TBF of P. Grangé et al., PRC 40, 1040 (1989):
Exchange of $\pi, \rho, \sigma, \omega$ via $\Delta(1232), R(1440), N\bar{N}$
Parameters compatible with two-nucleon potential (Paris, V_{18}, \dots)
 - Urbana IX phenomenological TBF:
Only 2π -TBF + phenomenological repulsion
Fit saturation point

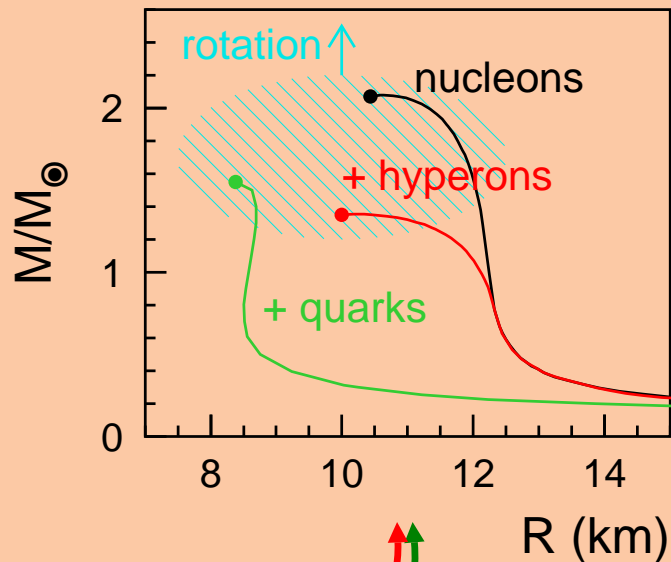
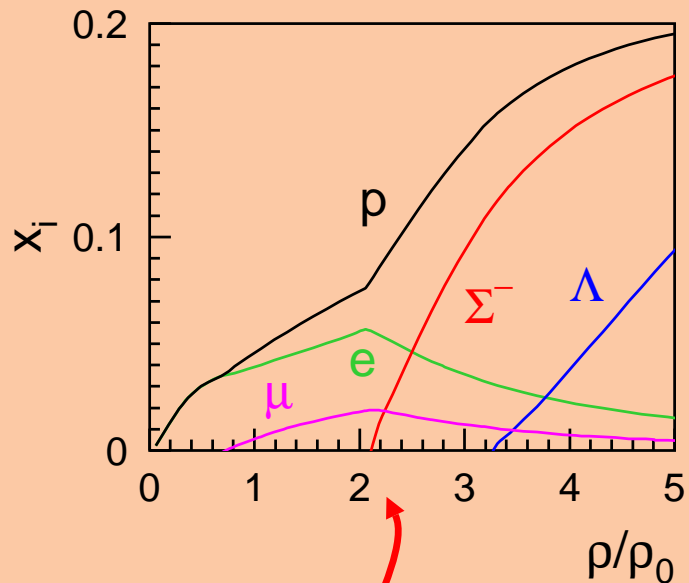
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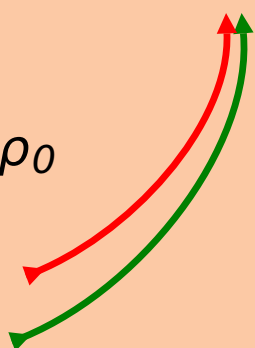
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 $\mu_{\Sigma^0} = \mu_\Lambda = \mu_n$
 $\mu_{\Sigma^+} = \mu_p$

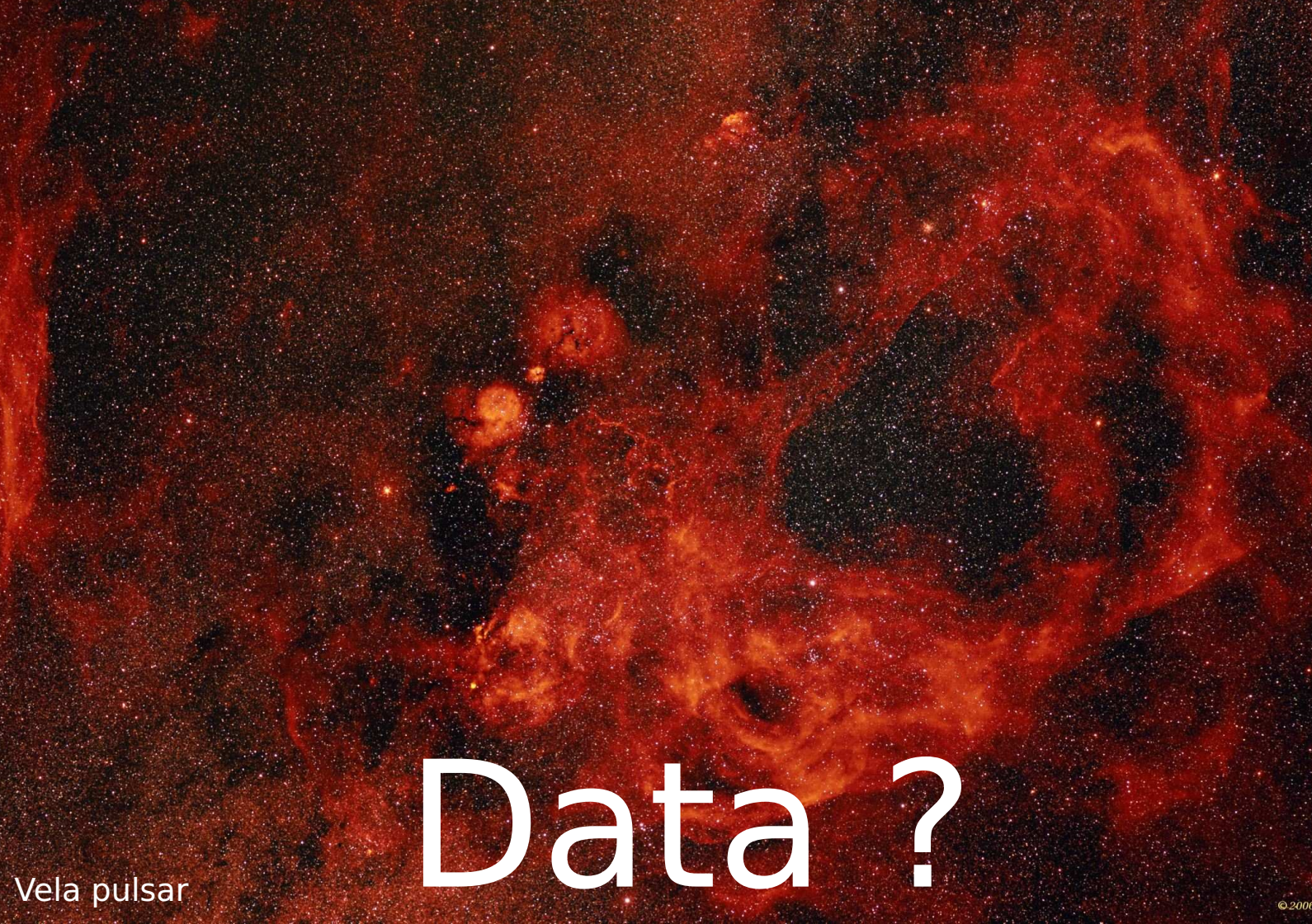
- Typical results:



- Hyperon onset occurs at $\rho \sim 2 \dots 3 \rho_0$

- NS structure including hyperons
 . . . and including quark matter



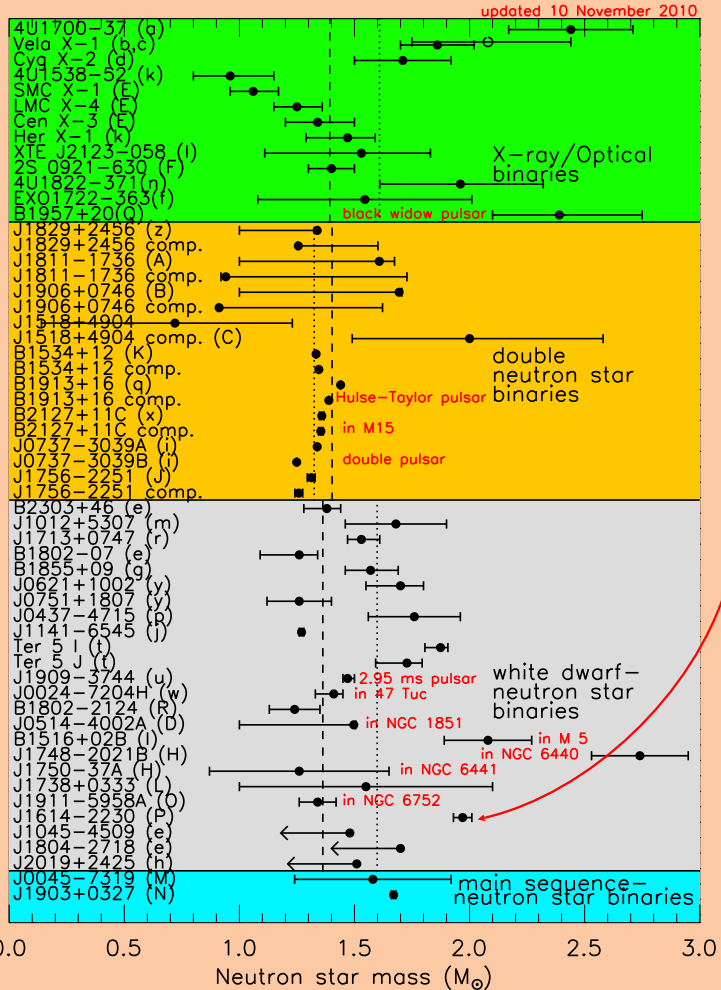


Data ?

Vela pulsar

Observational Data: Masses

Courtesy of J. Lattimer



Two candidates for $\sim 1.7M_{\odot}$

Recent: $\sim 1.97M_{\odot}$ (Nature 09466) !?

Need accurate data of “high-mass” neutron stars !

No combined (M, R) measurements!
(Would practically fix the EOS)

Observational Data: Radii

The Best Measured Neutron Star Radii

| Name | R_∞ (km/D) | D (kpc) | $kT_{\text{eff},\infty}$ (eV) | N_{H} (10^{20} cm^{-2}) | Ref. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| omega Cen (Chandra) | 13.5 ± 2.1 | 5.36 $\pm 6\%$ | 66^{+4}_{-5} | (9) | Rutledge et al (2002) |
| omega Cen** (XMM) | 13.6 ± 0.3 | 5.36 $\pm 6\%$ | 67 ± 2 | 9 ± 2.5 | Gendre et al (2002) |
| M13** (XMM) | 12.6 ± 0.4 | 7.80 $\pm 2\%$ | 76 ± 3 | (1.1) | Gendre et al (2002) |
| 47 Tuc X7 (Chandra) | 34_{-13}^{+22} | 5.13 $\pm 4\%$ | 84^{+13}_{-12} | $0.13^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$ | Heinke et al (2006) |
| M28** (Chandra) | $14.5_{-3.8}^{+6.9}$ | 5.5 $\pm 10\%$ | 90_{-10}^{+30} | 26 ± 4 | Becker et al (2003) |
| M30 (Chandra) | $16.9_{-4.3}^{+5.4}$ | -- | 94_{-12}^{+17} | $2.9^{+1.7}_{-1.2}$ | Lugger et al (2006) |
| NGC 2808 (XMM) | ?? | 9.6 (?) | 103_{-33}^{+18} | 18^{+11}_{-7} | Webb et al (2007) |

$$R_\infty < 5\%$$

Caveats:

- All IDd by X-ray spectrum (47 Tuc, Omega Cen now have optical counterparts)
- calibration uncertainties

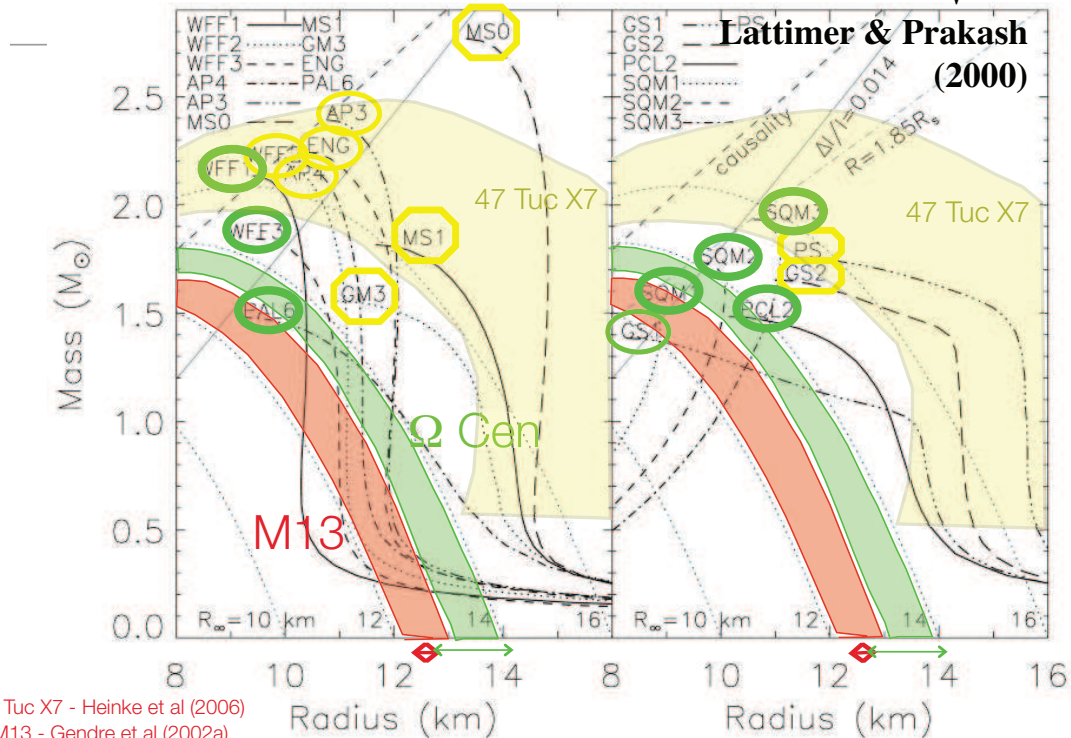
Distances:

Carretta et al (2000),
Thompson et al (2001)

Mass-Radius Constraints:

Best Mass-Radius Constraints on the Equation of State

$$R_{\infty} = \frac{R_{NS}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM_{NS}}{c^2 R_{NS}}}}$$

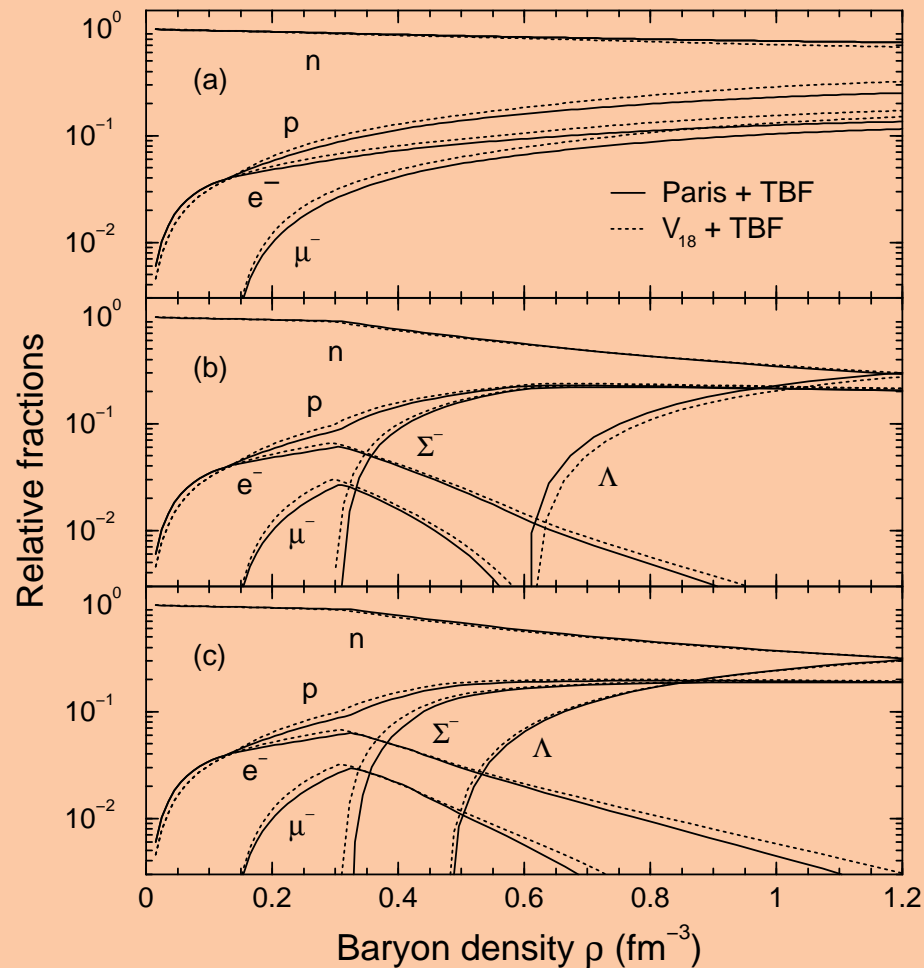


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 M13 - Gendre et al (2002a)
 Omega Cen - Gendre et al (2002b)



BHF Results ...

● Composition of neutron star matter:

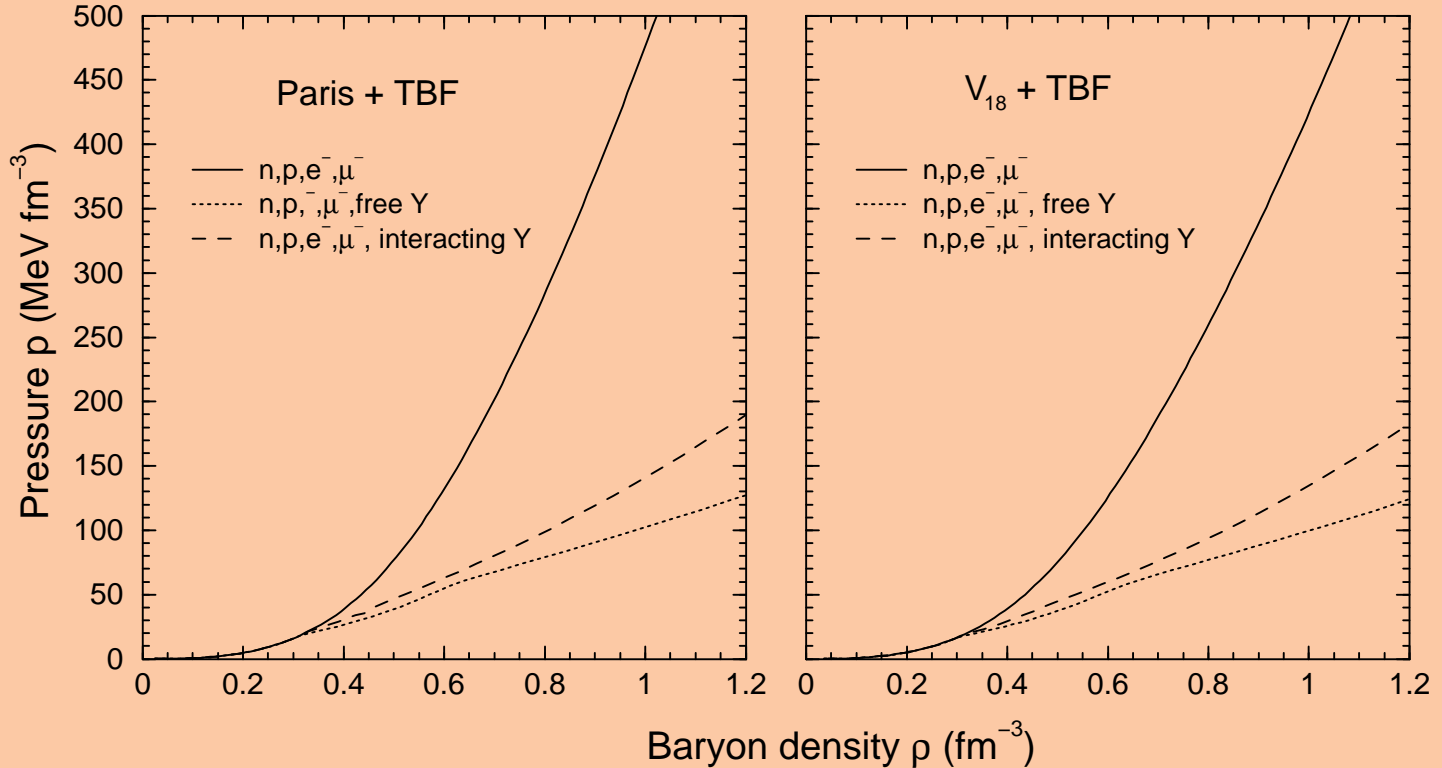


No hyperons

Free hyperons

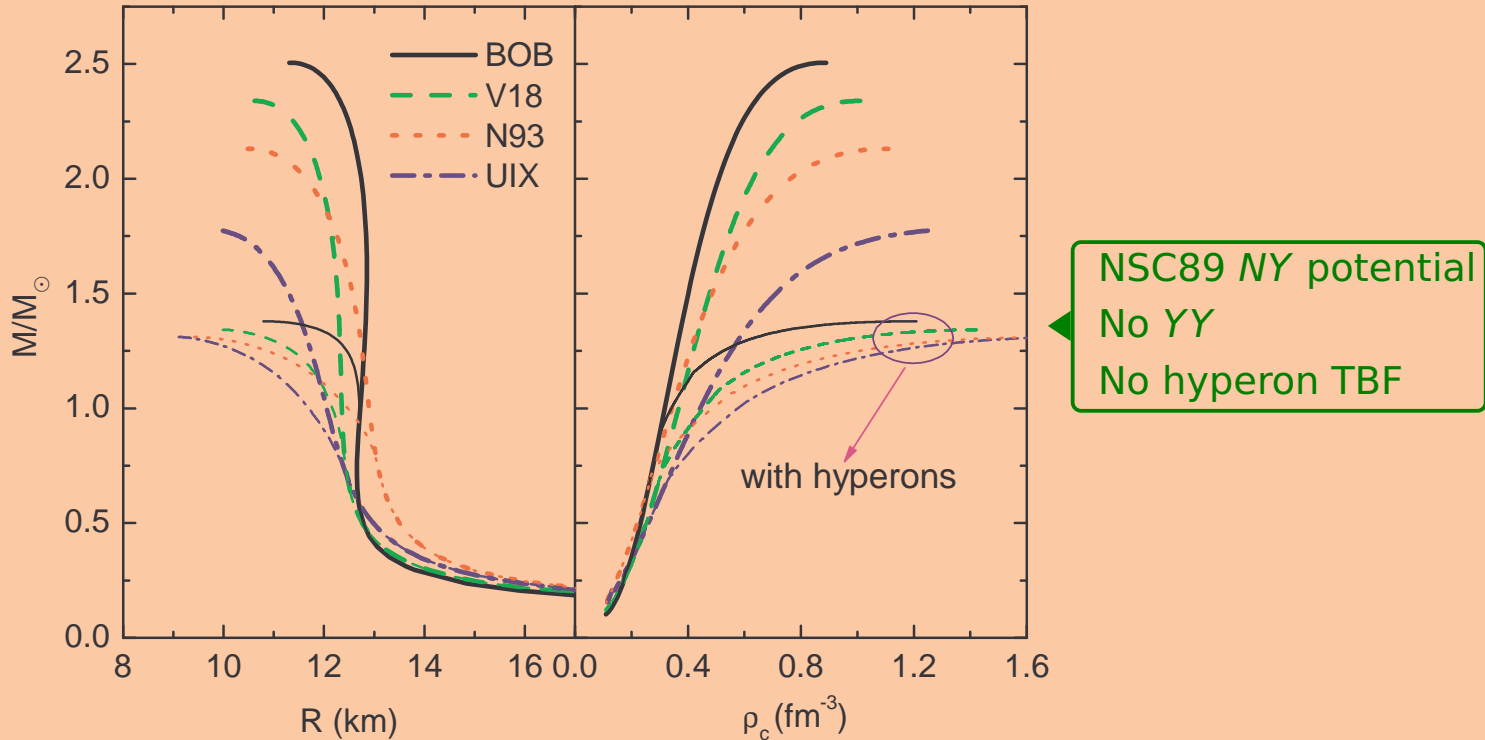
Interacting hyperons
(Σ^- repulsive, Λ attractive)
NY interaction determines
Y onset

EOS of neutron star matter:



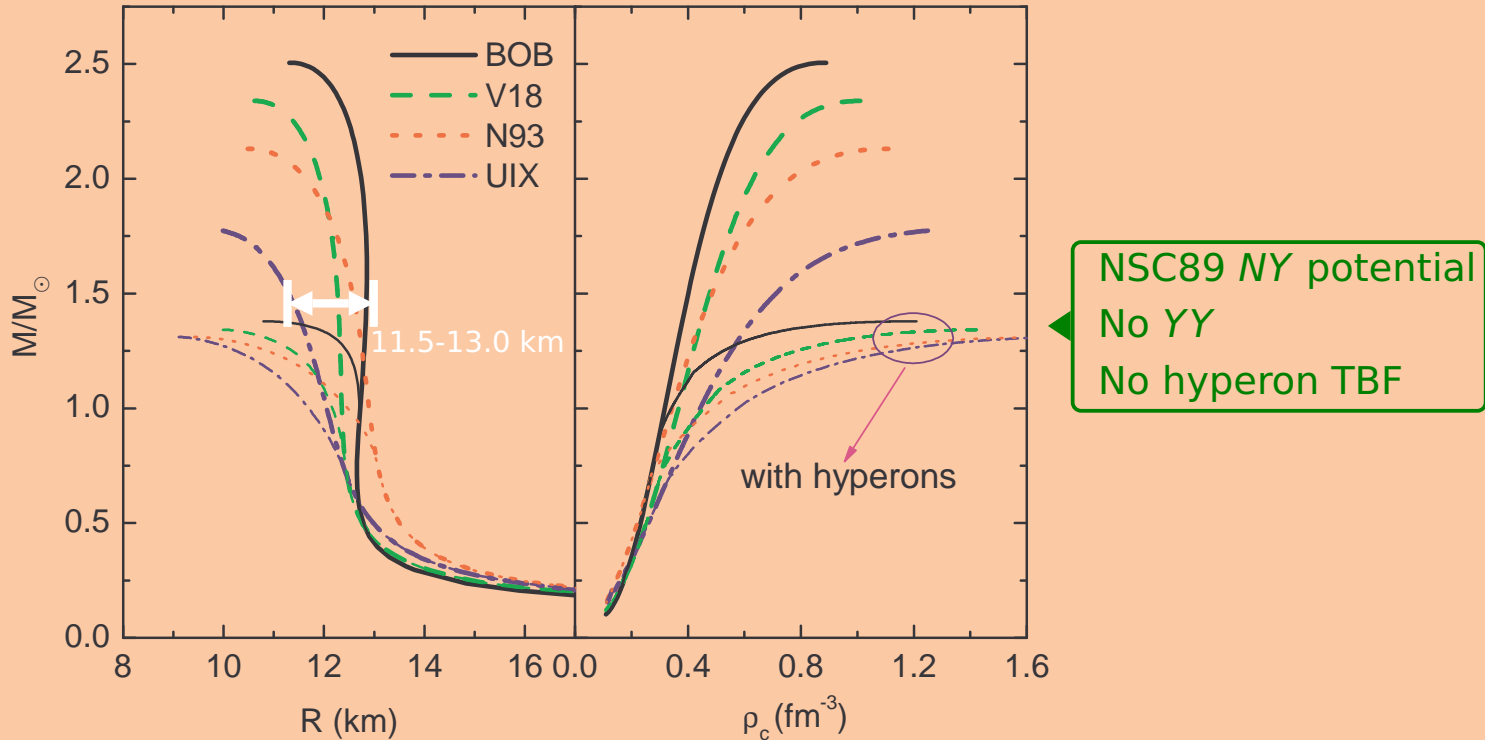
Strong softening due to hyperons !
(More Fermi seas available)

- Mass-radius relations with different nucleonic TBF:



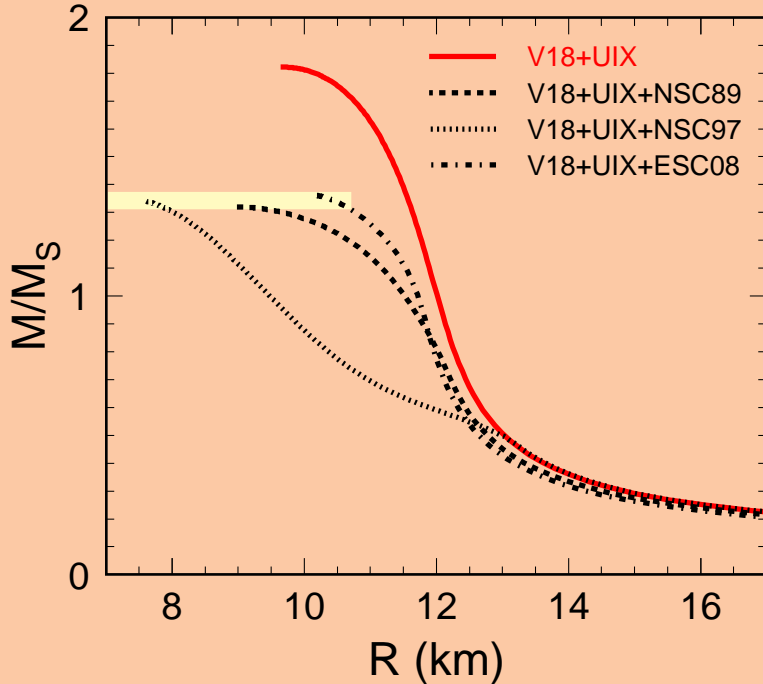
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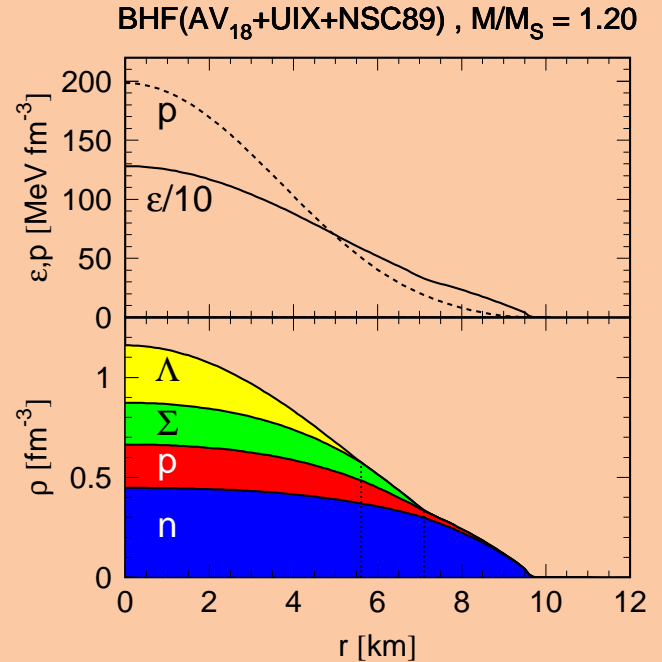
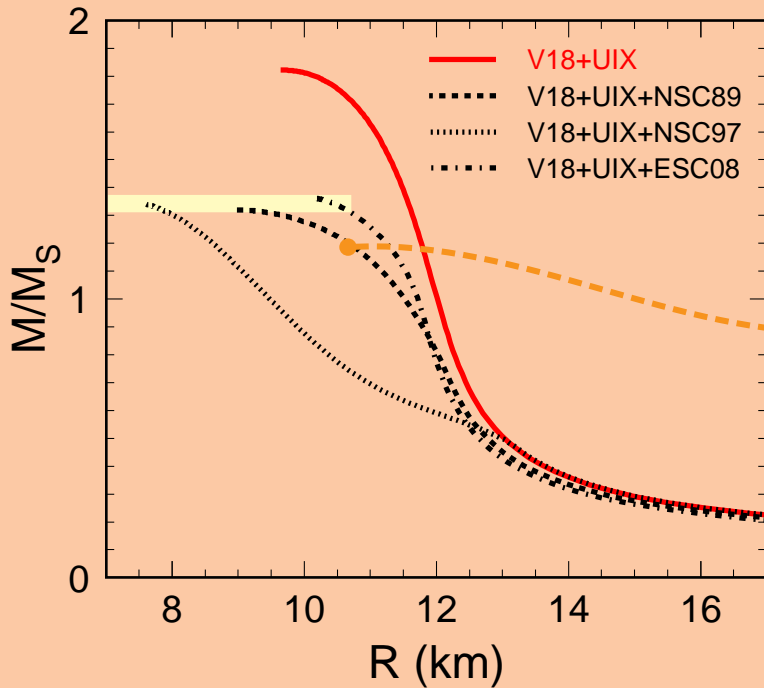


Maximum mass independent of potentials !

Maximum mass too low ($< 1.4 M_{\odot}$) !

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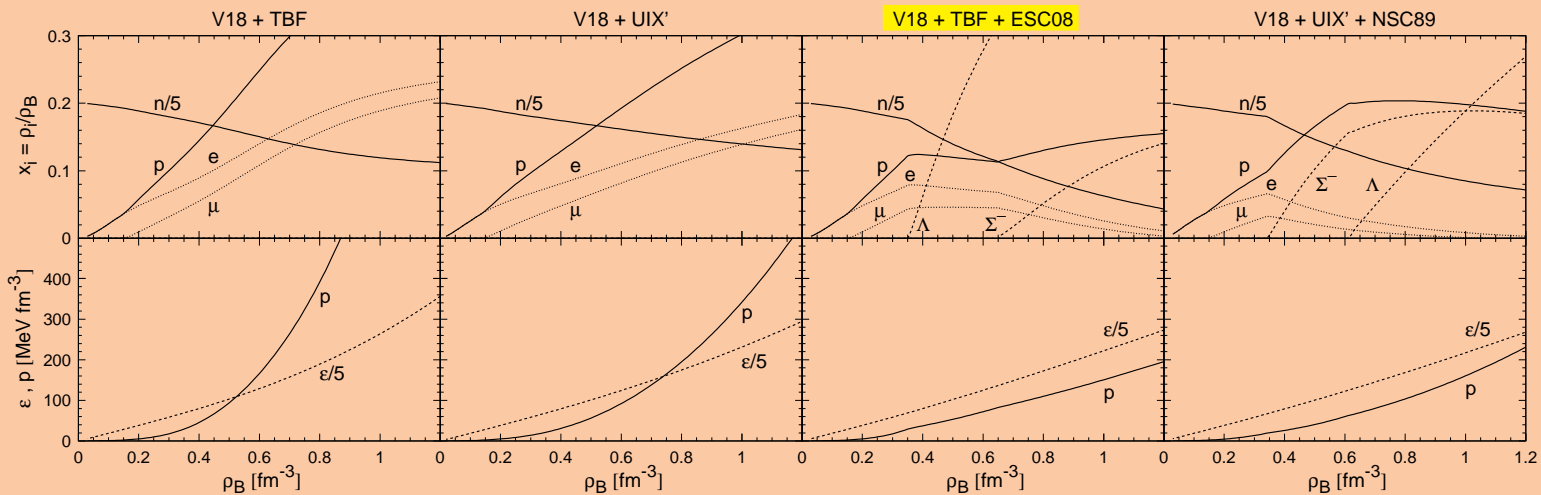
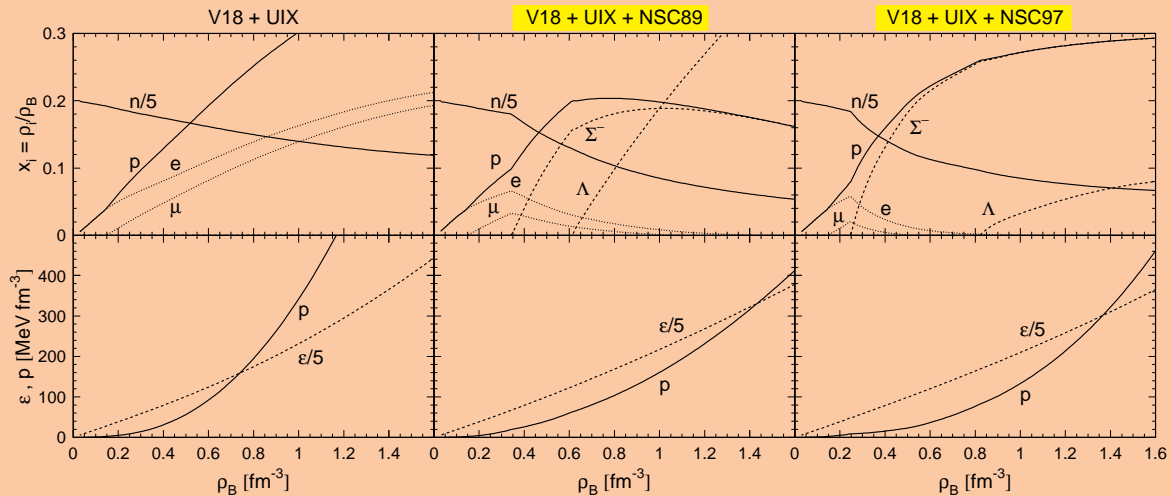


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• ... in spite of different compositions:



Inclusion of Quark Matter:

- Problem:

Large theoretical uncertainties, limited predictive power

- Strategy:

Use available eff. quark models (MIT, NJL, CDM, DSM, ...) in combination with the hadronic EOS

- Important constraint:

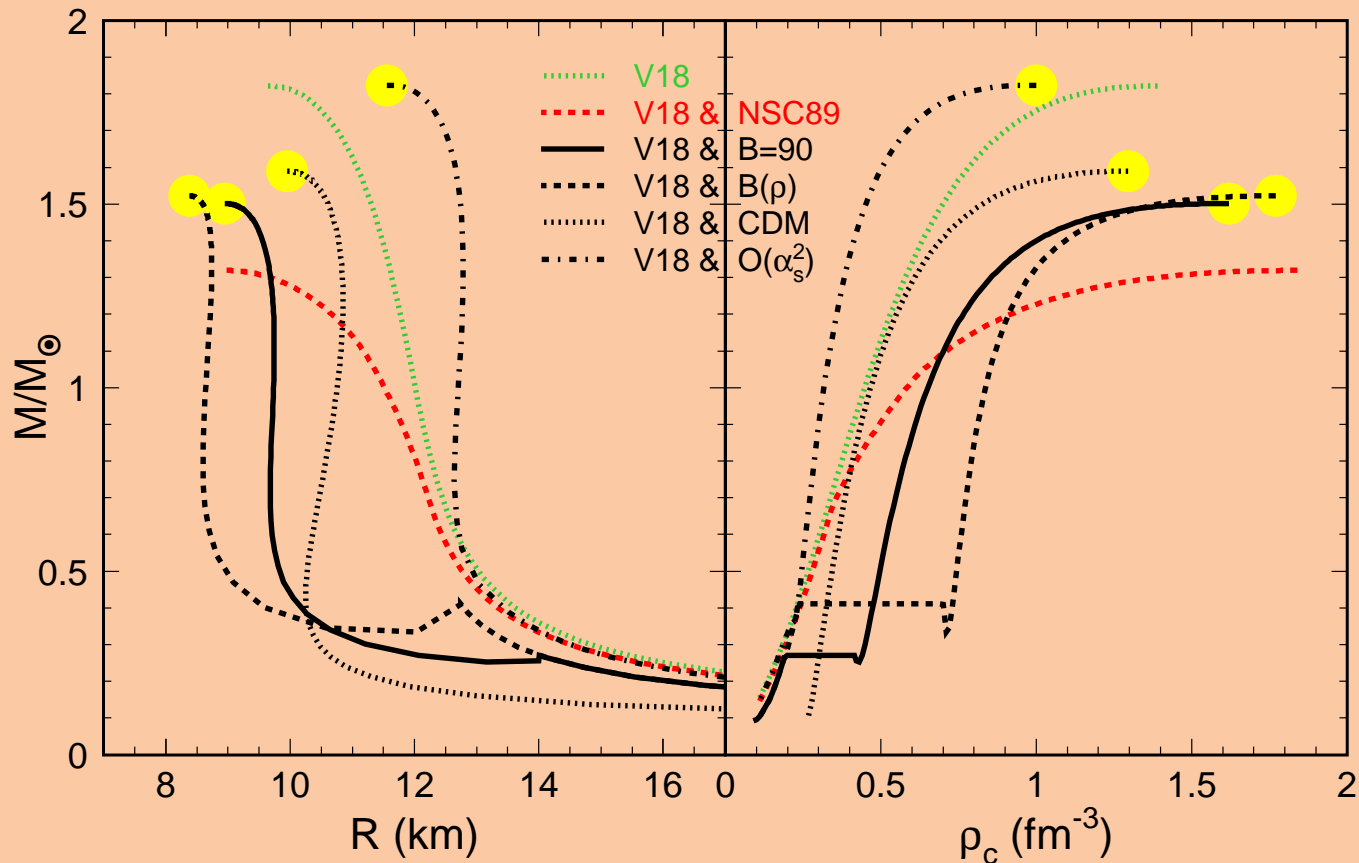
In symmetric matter phase transition not below $\approx 3\rho_0$

↪ MIT model requires density dependent bag “constant”:

$$\epsilon_Q = B + \sum_{f=u,d,s} \frac{3m_f^4}{8\pi^2} \left[\sqrt{x_f^2 + 1} \left(2x_f^3 + x_f \right) - \operatorname{arsinh}(x_f) \right] + \alpha_s \times \dots$$

$B(\rho) = B_\infty + (B_0 - B_\infty) \exp \left[-\beta \left(\rho / \rho_0 \right)^2 \right]$

• Different quark EOS: bag models, color dielectric model:



NJL, Dyson-Schwinger models: hyperons prevent phase transition

➔ Maximum masses: $1.5 \dots 1.9 M_\odot$, Radii are different !

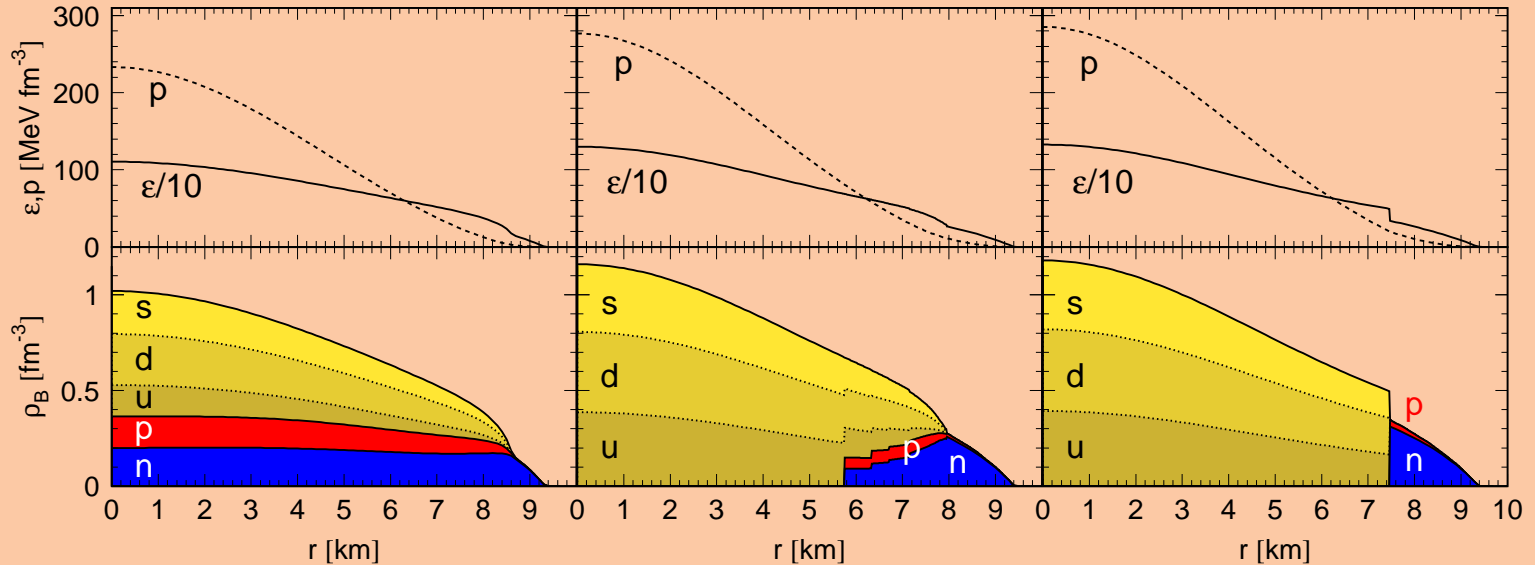
• Neutron star profiles:

Bulk Gibbs

Screened Gibbs

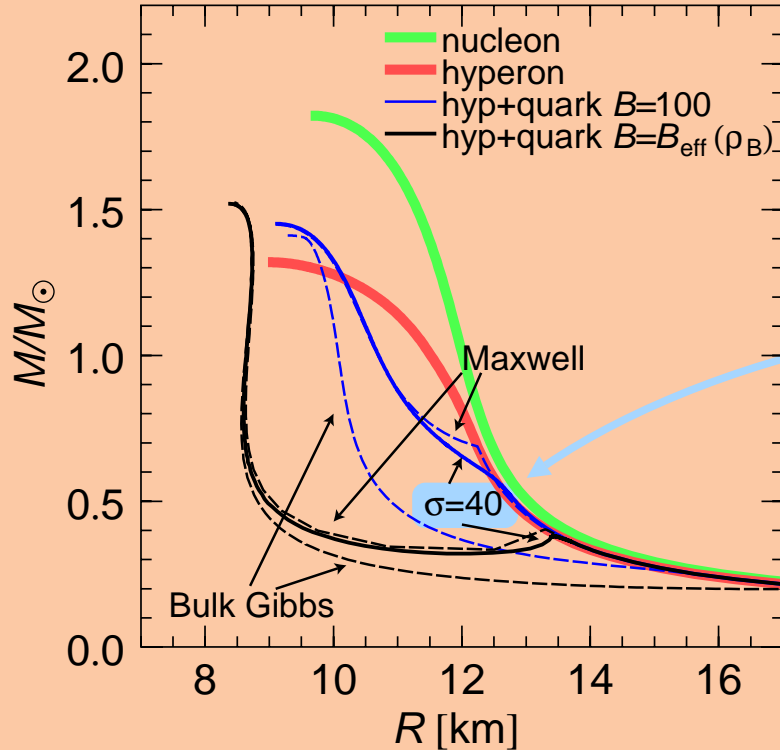
Maxwell

BHF[V18+UIX+NSC89] & MIT[B=100, $\alpha=0, \sigma=40$], $M/M_\odot=1.40$

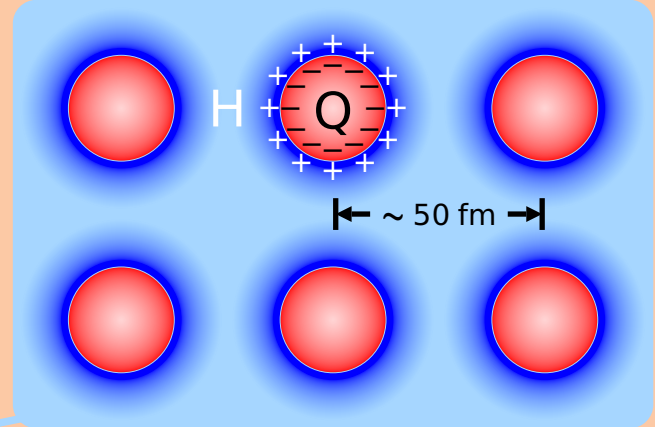


- Hyperons replaced by strange quark matter
- Very different possible internal structures
- Surface tension + screening enforce 'quasi' Maxwell construction (exact for $\sigma \gtrsim 70 \text{ MeV/fm}^2$)

- Mass-radius relations with different hadron-quark phase transition constructions:



e.m. interaction vs. surface tension :



- Screened Gibbs constr. very close to Maxwell construction
- Maximum mass independent of phase transition

Summary:

- Neutron star physics probes the 4 fundamental interactions:
 - Gravitation: Densest object in the Universe
 - Strong: Nuclear EOS
 - Weak: Beta-equilibrium of matter, Neutrino physics
 - EM: Charge-neutrality, Mixed-phase structures

Conclusions:

- Hyperons cannot be ignored !
- BHF EOS with hyperons predicts M_{\max} not above $\sim 1.4 M_{\odot}$
- Need “quark matter” to reach higher masses
- Currently $M_{\max} \approx 1.9 M_{\odot}$ for hybrid stars in this approach

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Do we know GR at $10 \rho_0$?