

# Neutron stars and holography

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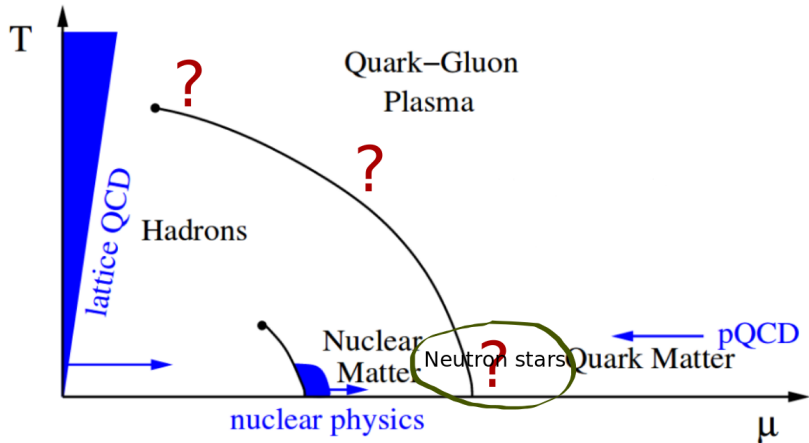
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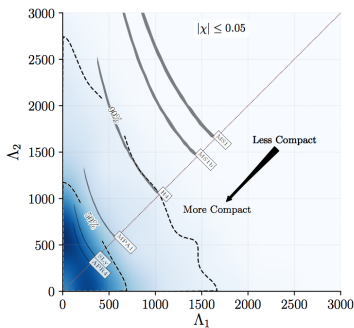
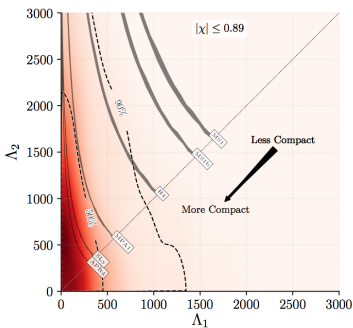
# Motivation



- EoS restricted by CET, pQCD, observations & phenomenology, causality & thermodynamics [see also talk by [Gulminelli](#)]
- Can we restrict EoS more?

# Astrophysical constraints

- Maximal mass  $M > 1.97M_{\odot}$  [Demorest et al.'10, Antoniadis et al.'13]
- Tidal deformabilities:  $70 < \Lambda_{1.4M_{\odot}} < 580$  with 90% credence [LIGO/Virgo'17'18'18]  
[see talk by Porter]
- Even smaller values preferred by the signal
- Essentially a bound for neutron star radius
- Complementary to other radius measurements [see talk by Guillot]

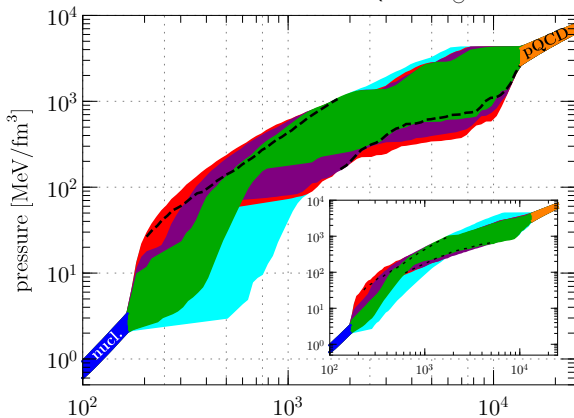


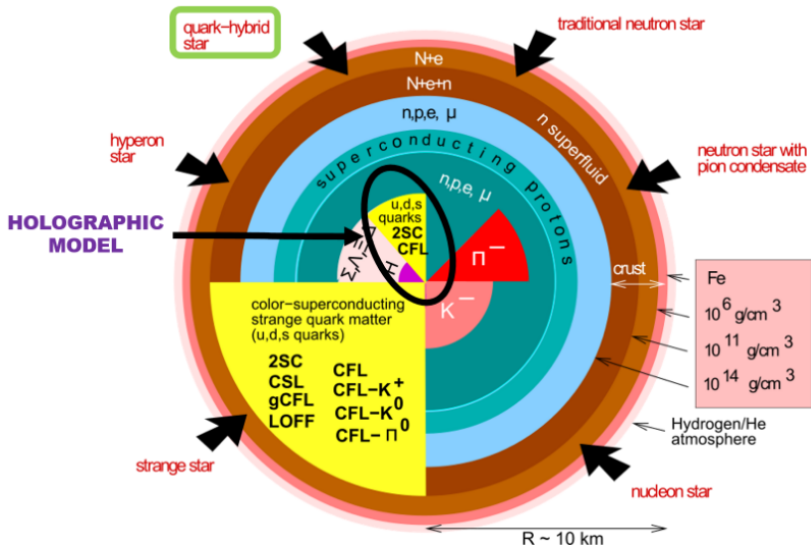
# Interpolated equations of state

State of the art for QCD EoS at  $T = 0$ : interpolations between nuclear EoS and pQCD, constrained by

[Annala-Gorda-Kurkela-Vuorinen'17]

- Speed of sound  $< c$
- Highest observed neutron star mass  $\approx 2.0 M_{\odot}$  (cyan area)
- LIGO observation of neutron star merger GW170817: upper bound on tidal deformability ( $\Lambda_{1.4M_{\odot}} < 800$ : red area)





## Top-down phenomenology

- Find a solvable theory (as similar as possible)
- Extrapolate to QCD
- Compare with experiments/observations
- Goal: qualitative features

gives feedback to

## Bottom-up phenomenology

- Construct a model (capturing right degrees of freedom)
- Fit parameters to experiments/observations
- Extrapolate to regime of interest
- Goal: quantitative results

# Proof of concept: $\mathcal{N} = 4$ with quenched quarks

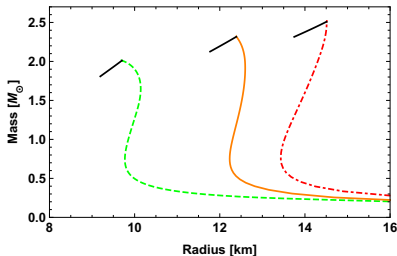
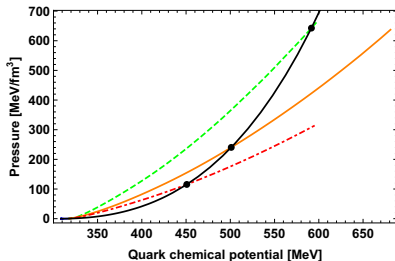
- Works really well w/ heavy ion pheno
- Equation of state from D3-D7 top down model:

$$\epsilon = 3p + \frac{\sqrt{3}m^2}{2\pi} \sqrt{\rho}$$

[Hoyos-NJ-Rodriguez-Vuorinen'16]

- Matched with **stiff**, **intermediate**, and **soft** nuclear EoSs

[Hebeler-Lattimer-Pethick-Schwenk'13]



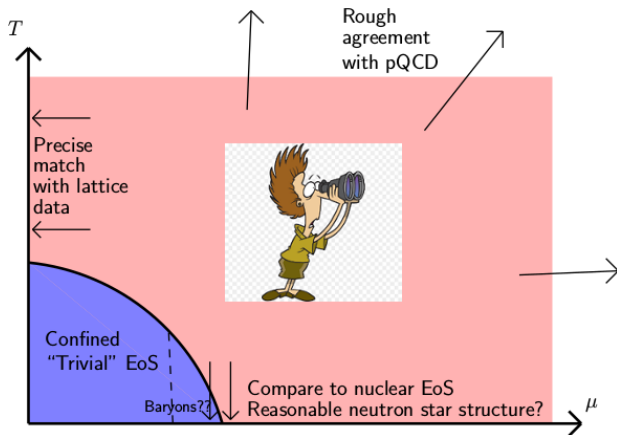
- Neutron stars with “holographic” quark matter core (black curves) are unstable

This talk: what are the results for a more realistic holographic model?

# Modeling QCD in bottom-up holography

Idea: constrain holographic model using available data

- In particular, extrapolate lattice data to finite  $\mu$
- Complementary to the top-down approach



Goal: a good model of the (deconfined) QCD EoS for all  $T$  and  $\mu$



# Holographic V-QCD: the fusion

A specific model with dynamical quarks, obtained by fusing together:

- 1 IHQCD: model for glue inspired by string theory (dilaton gravity)

[Gürsoy-Kiritsis-Nitti, Gubser-Nellore]

- 2 Add flavor and chiral symmetry breaking via tachyon brane actions

[Klebanov-Maldacena, Bigazzi-Casero-Cotrone-Kiritsis-Paredes;  
Gürsoy-Kiritsis-Nitti, Iatrakis-Kiritsis-Paredes]

Consider 1. + 2. in the Veneziano limit with full backreaction:

$N_c \rightarrow \infty$  and  $N_f \rightarrow \infty$  with  $x \equiv N_f/N_c$  fixed

$\Rightarrow$  V-QCD models

[Järvinen-Kiritsis'11]

- A very good overall model for physics of QCD over most of the parameter space ( $N_f/N_c$ ,  $m_q$ ,  $T$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $B$ ,  $\theta$  ...)

In the UV ( $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ ) match with pQCD:

- Match with perturbative QCD beta function at two loops
- Asymptotic freedom
- Logarithmic flow of the coupling and mass

[Gürsoy-Kiritsis'07, Järvinen-Kiritsis'11]

In the IR ( $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ ): various qualitative constraints

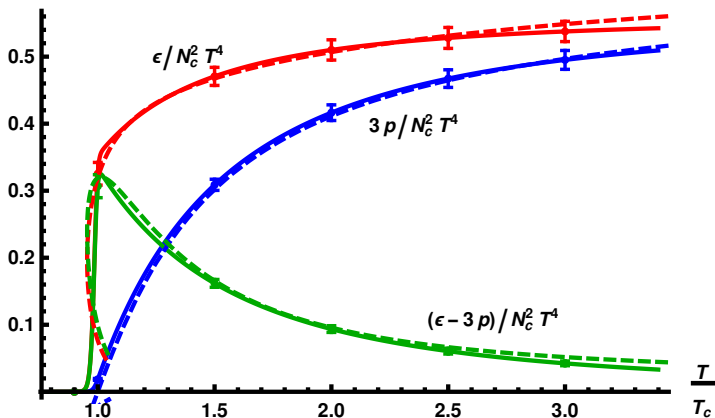
- Linear confinement
- Discrete glueball & meson spectrum
- Linear radial Regge trajectories
- Correct behavior at large quark masses

[Gürsoy-Kiritsis-Nitti'07, Järvinen-Kiritsis'11, Alean-Iatrakis-Järvinen-Kiritsis'13&'16, Järvinen'15]

Final task: determine the potentials in the middle,  $\lambda = \mathcal{O}(1)$

- Qualitative comparison to experimental data
- Quantitative fit to lattice QCD ([this talk](#))

# Fitting glue sector



- Revisited the fits by [Gürsoy-Kiritsis-Mazzanti-Nitti'09]
- Fit to large  $N_c$  YM lattice data

[Panero'09]

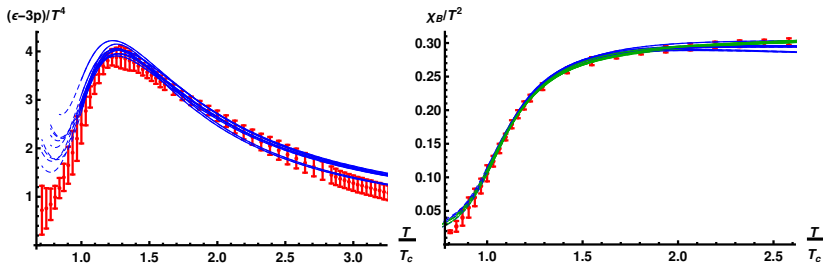
# Fitting flavor sector

Precision fit of QCD EoS at finite  $\mu$  and  $T$ :

- Fit to lattice data at  $\mu = 0$  as well as possible + require agreement with pQCD at large  $\mu$  and  $T$

[Borsanyi et al.'11'13]

- Predict the EoS elsewhere
- Well constrained description even at  $\mu = \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{QCD})$

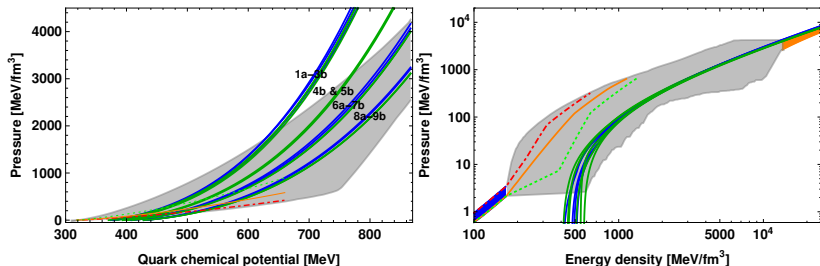


# Extrapolated EoSs of cold QCD

After fit to lattice data the V-QCD result compared to

- EoSs interpolated between chiral effective theory and pQCD (gray band)
- **Stiff**, **intermediate**, and **soft** nuclear EoSs

[Hebeler-Lattimer-Pethick-Schwenk'13]



We use

- 1 **Interpolated EoSs** between chiral effective theory at low densities and pQCD to model the **baryonic phase**
  - 2 **V-QCD EoSs**, with various parameter choices, to model the **deconfined phase**
- Essentially all possible EoSs consistent with the holographic model and known physics
  - $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  interpolated EoSs  $\times$   $\mathcal{O}(10)$  holographic EoSs

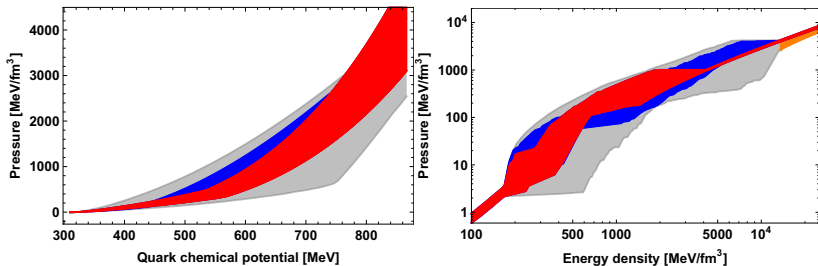
We apply astrophysical constraints:

- 1 Maximal neutron star mass  $> 1.97M_{\odot}$
- 2 LIGO: tidal deformability  $70 \leq \Lambda \leq 580$

# Results: $T = 0$

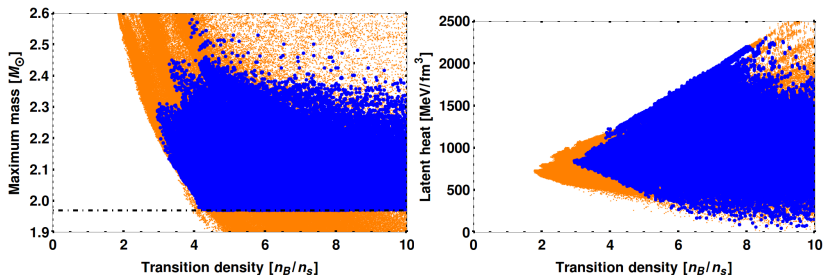
All constructed EoSs and those passing astrophysical constraints and for  $n_B/n_s \lesssim 10$

- Holographic band is really narrow
- $p - e$  band cut from below ( $> 1.97M_\odot$ ) and above ( $\Lambda_{1.4M_\odot} < 580$ )
- Allowed EoS are really constrained



All constructed EoSs and those passing astrophysical constraints

- Only strong first order transitions between the two phases (assuming reasonable transition densities)
- Consequently, no neutron stars with quark matter cores
- Constraint on the latent heat at the transition

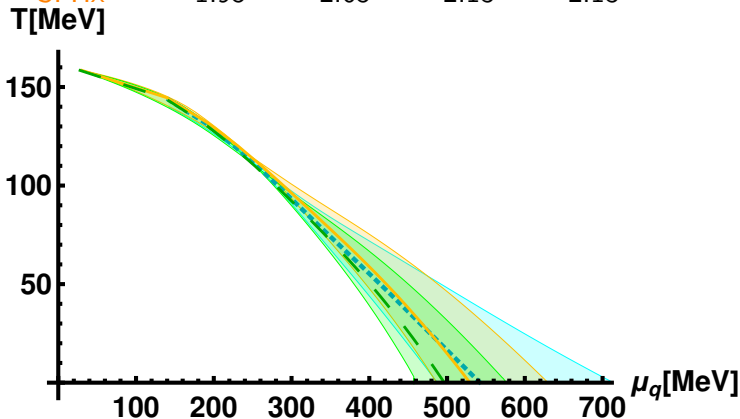




# Results: $T \neq 0$

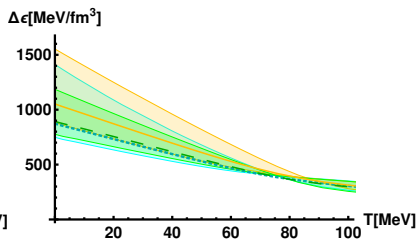
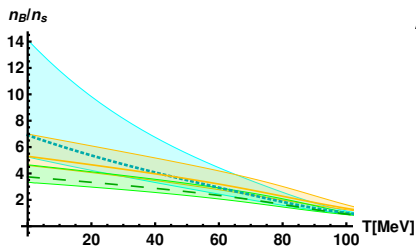
- Only  $T \neq 0$  ones which  $\sim$ pass astrophysical constraints

$M_{\max}/M_{\odot}$	Pot. <b>5b</b>	Pot. <b>7a</b>	Pot. <b>8b</b>	Pure NM
DD2	2.05	2.20	2.38	2.42
IUF	1.91	1.95	1.95	1.95
SFHx	1.95	2.05	2.13	2.13



# Results: $T \neq 0$

- Transition density not too high
- Latent heat decreases with  $T$ , making it below  $1 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$
- Quark matter core should be observable in merger  
[Most-Papenfort-Dexheimer-Hanuske-Schramm-Störmer-Rezzolla'18, Bauswein-Bastian-Blaschke-Chatziioannou-Clark-Fischer-Oertel'18]



- Main results:
  - V-QCD fits very nicely lattice data at  $\mu = 0$  and
  - gives reasonable looking predictions at low  $T$  and intermediate  $\mu$
  - Cold neutron stars with **stable** “holographic” quark matter cores look unlikely
  - Nontrivial constraints: latent heat at transition
  - Quark matter core possible to be formed in a merger
- Several possible extensions
  - Finite  $B$  and CP-odd physics can be “turned on”
  - Transport, emissivities
  - Out-of-equilibrium properties
  - Holographic confined phase
  - Effects of flavor dependent quark masses