

Constructing nuclear functionals for neutron stars and nucleosynthesis applications

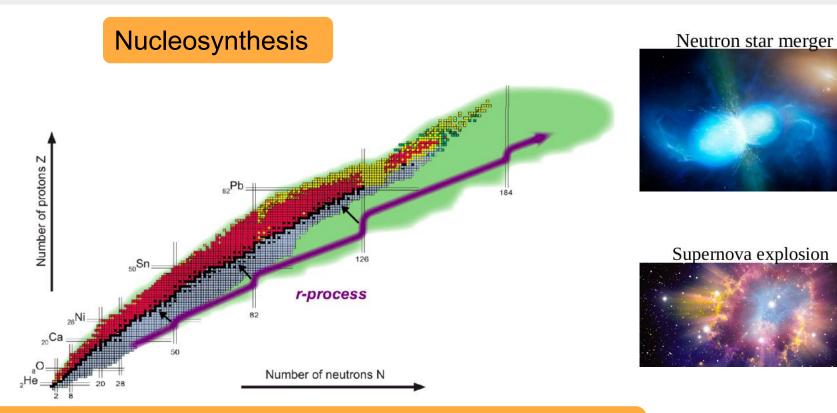
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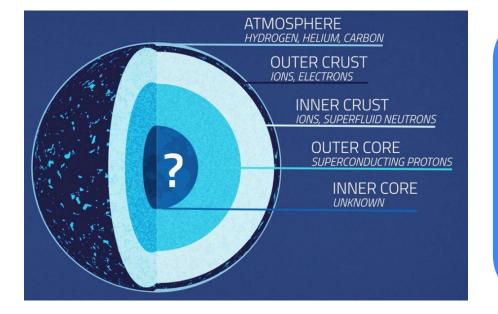
Motivation



Description of **nuclear masses** and **fission** barriers in regions *unknown experimentally*.

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Neutron star physics



Nuclear physics inputs:

- nuclear masses for the NS crust;
- infinite nuclear matter (INM) properties for the NS core and neutron fluid on inner crust.

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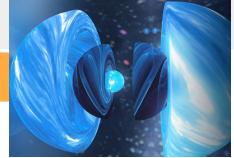
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- Description of masses of nuclei in NS outer-crust.
- INM, *e.g.*, the symmetry energy coefficient J, and its slope L, are crucial for many NS properties, such as **crust-core transition and NS radius**.
- Necessary to describe heavy pulsars.
- Important for the description of superfluids in NS.

See N. Chamel and V. Allard talks.

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New BSk**G** family:

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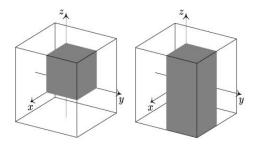
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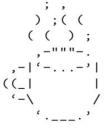
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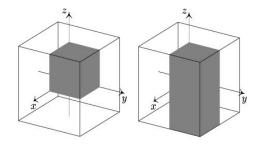
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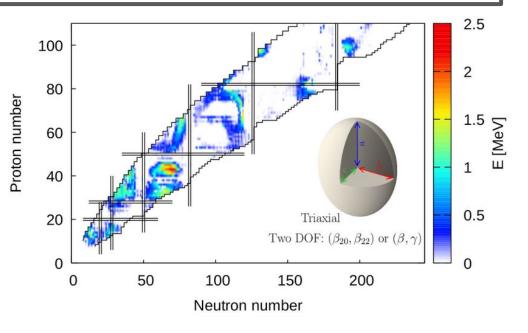
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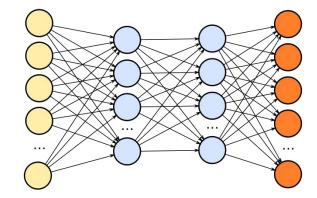
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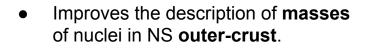
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- allow triaxial deformation.
- machine learning to accelerate the fit.

machine learning as emulator of MOCCa. MOCCa predictions for one nucleus ~ 20 minutes. Machine learning prediction for one nucleus ~ a few seconds.



Astrophysics interest.

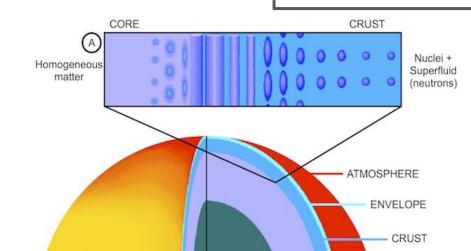


• Nuclear **deformations** are important at the deep layers of the NS inner-crust, where **pasta phases** could be formed.

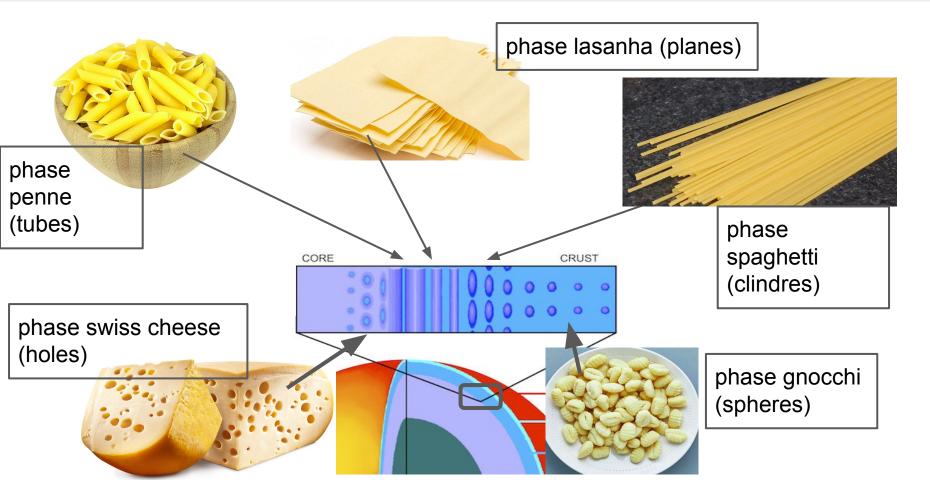
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- triaxial deformation;
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• fission properties included in the fit.



Pasta phases : see talk of N. Shchechilin.



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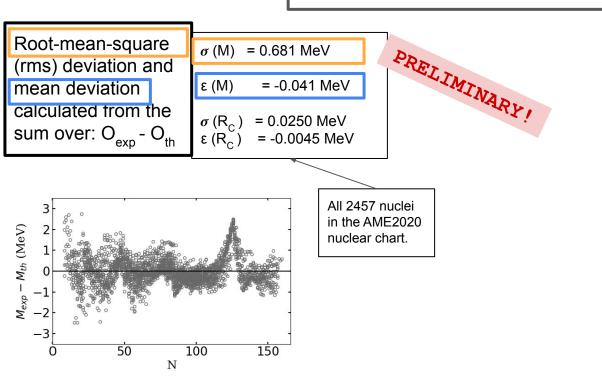
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Not present in previous BSkG models.

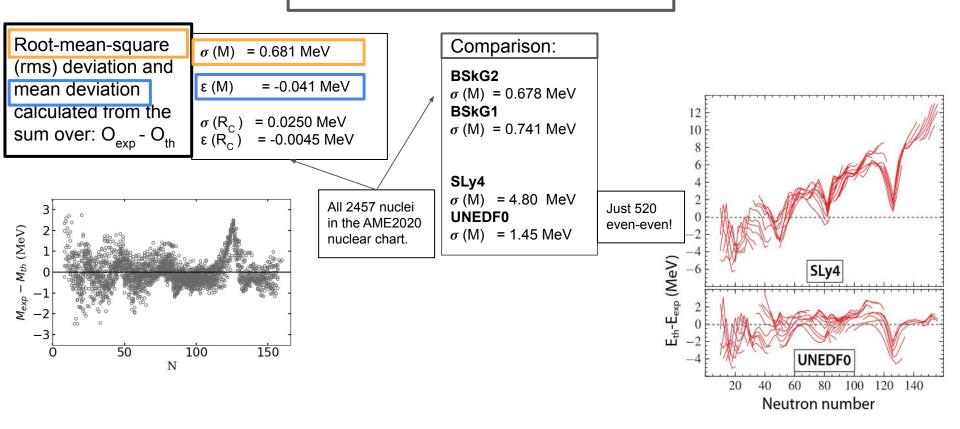
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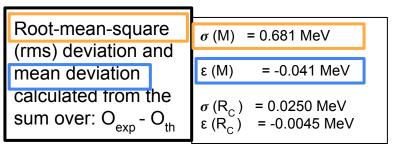
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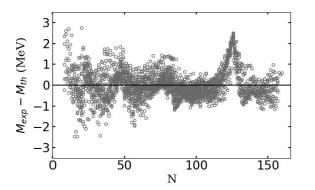


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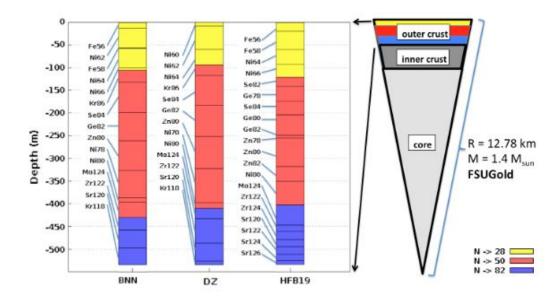
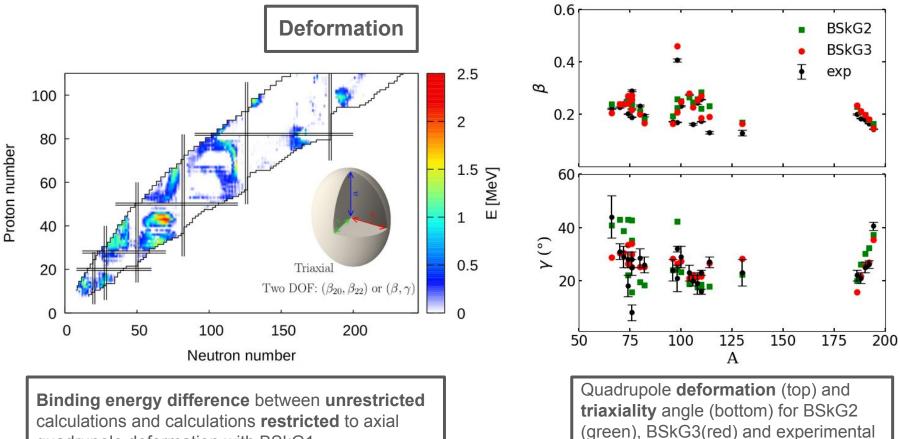


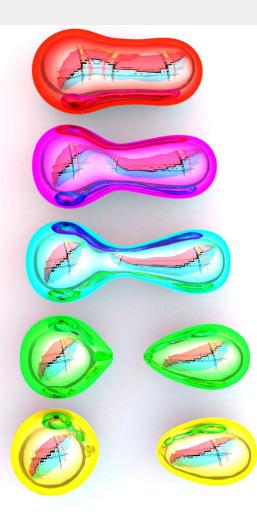
Fig. 4. Composition of a canonical $1.4 M_{\odot}$ neutron star with a 12.78 km radius as predicted by three mass models: "BNN-world", DZ, and HFB19.

Figure from: J. Piekarewicz & R. Utama, Acta Phys. Pol. B 47, 659 (2016)



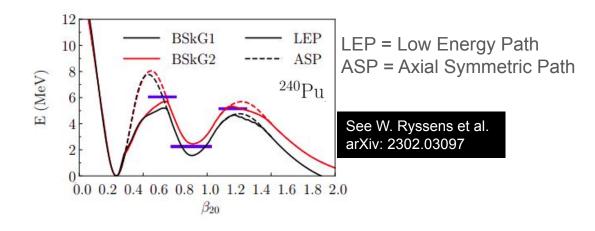
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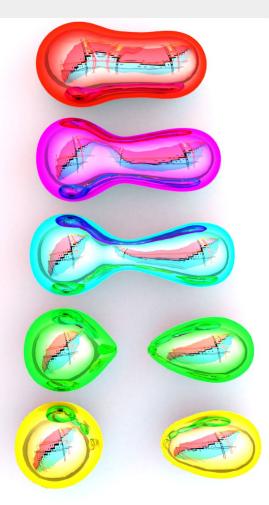
quadrupole deformation with BSkG1.



Fission barriers

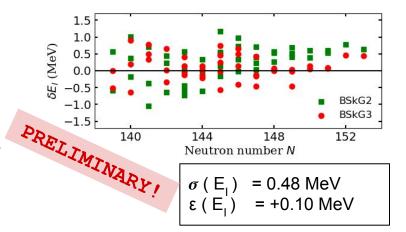
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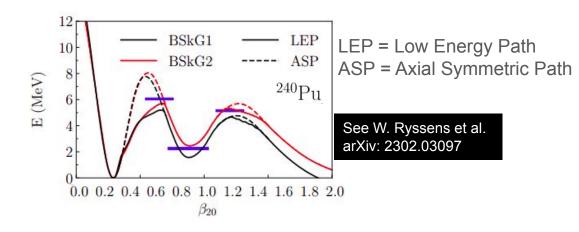


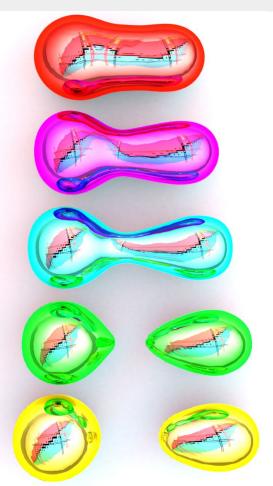


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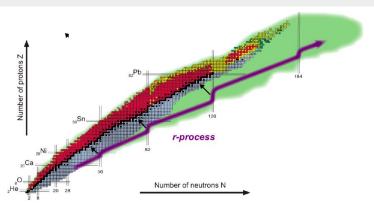
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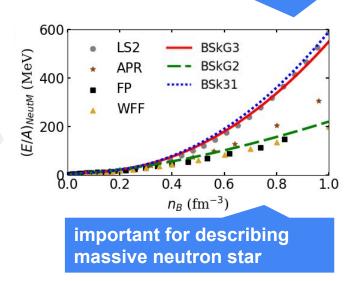
Fission properties impact several aspects of the r-process such as:

- "fission recycling";
- the **r-process abundances** in the $110 \le A \le 170$ region;
- the production of cosmic chronometers such as Th and U;
- the heating rate of kilonovae.

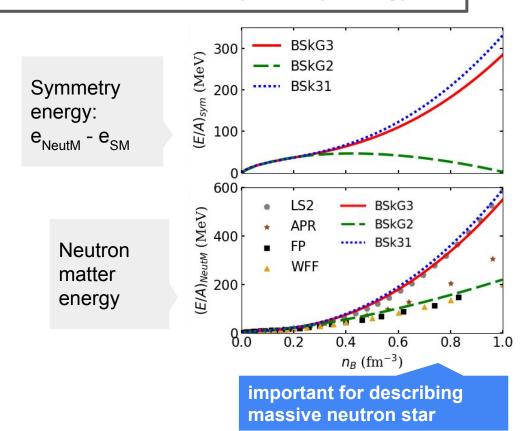
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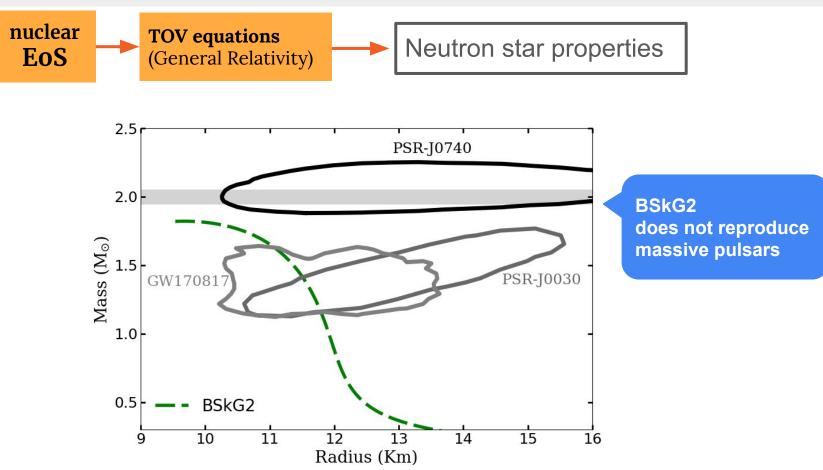
Constraint in *high density* neutron matter energy included in the fit protocol

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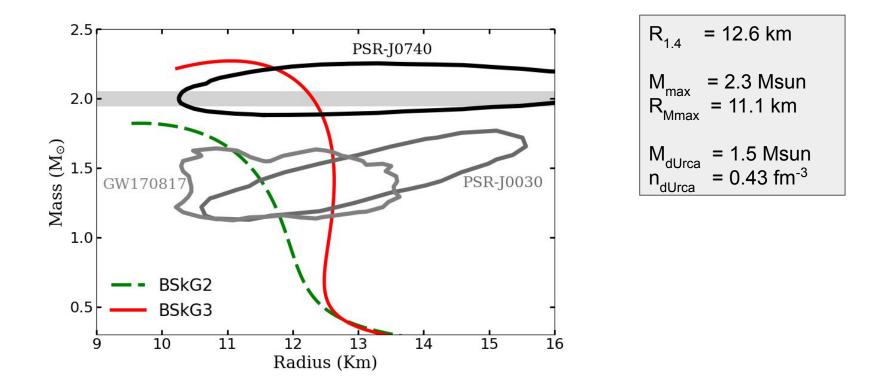


Neutron matter (NeutM) & symmetry energy

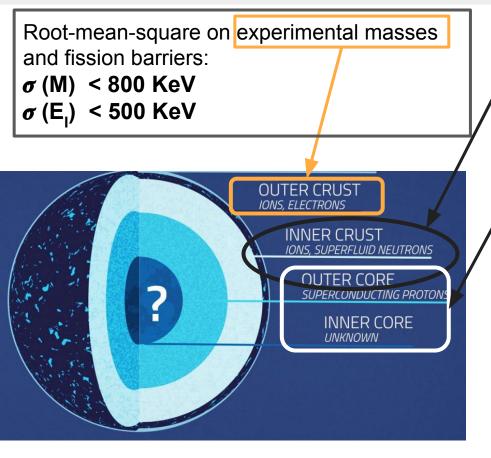




Neutron star properties



Summary



- new **pairing** prescription with self-energy corrections (important for neutron and proton **superfluids** in NS **crust and core**);

- the stiff neutron matter EoS at high densities, which avoids the collapse of NS and allows the description of heavy pulsars;

The road ahead:

- systematic exploration of symmetry energy;
- move to finite temperature EoS;
- Fine-tune time-odd terms.

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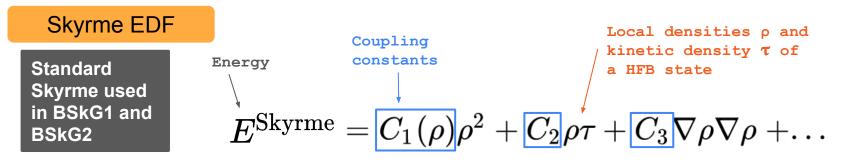


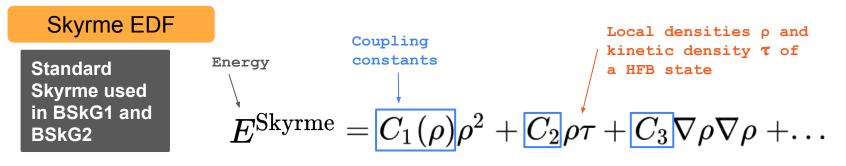
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Extended Skyrme used in BSkG3

$$E^{ ext{BSkG3}} = C_1(
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ho^2 + C_2(
ho)
ho au + C_3(
ho)
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ho
abla
ho + \dots$$
 $C_2(
ho) = C_2(t_1, x_1, t_2, x_2) + C_2(t_4, x_4)
ho^eta + C_2(t_5, x_5)
ho^\gamma$

where t1,x1,...,t5,x5 are Skyrme parameters.

Ingredients of the mass model

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We represent an atomic nucleus with N neutrons and Z protons with a many-body state of the Bogoliubov type, whose total energy E_{tot} we define as:

$$E_{\rm tot} = E_{\rm HFB} + E_{\rm corr} \,. \tag{1}$$

We call $E_{\rm HFB}$ the mean-field energy and $E_{\rm corr}$ is a set of corrections that account (approximately) for correlations that cannot be captured by single mean-field reference state constructed from separate neutron and proton orbitals. More precisely, the mean-field energy consists of five parts:

$$E_{\rm HFB} = E_{\rm kin} + E_{\rm Sk} + E_{\rm pair} + E_{\rm Coul} + E_{\rm cm}^{(1)},$$
 (2)

which are, respectively, the kinetic, Skyrme, pairing and the Coulomb energy and the one-body part of the centre-of-mass correction [24]. The correction energy E_{corr} is written in terms of three parts:

$$E_{\rm corr} = E_{\rm rot} + E_{\rm cm}^{(2)} + E_{\rm W} \,,$$
 (3)

$$E_{\rm Sk} = \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \sum_{t=0,1} \left[\mathcal{E}_{t,\rm e}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{E}_{t,\rm o}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \,,$$

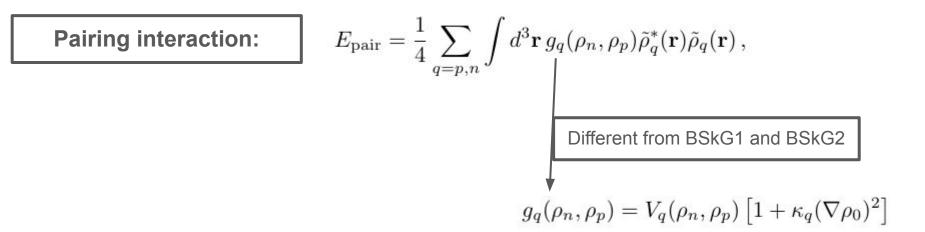
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{t,e}(\mathbf{r}) &= C_t^{\rho\rho}(\rho_0) \,\rho_t^2(\mathbf{r}) + C_t^{\rho\tau}(\rho_0) \,\rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \,\tau_t(\mathbf{r}) \\ &+ C_t^{\rho\nabla J} \rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \,\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_t(\mathbf{r}) \\ &+ C_t^{\rho\Delta\rho} \,\rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \,\Delta\rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \\ &+ C_t^{\nabla\rho\nabla\rho}(\rho_0) \,\nabla \rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla \rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \\ &+ C_t^{\rho\nabla\rho\nabla\rho}(\rho_0) \,\rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \rho_0(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla \rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{t,o}(\mathbf{r}) &= C_t^{ss}(\rho_0) \,\mathbf{s}_t(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{s}_t(\mathbf{r}) + C_t^{jj}(\rho_0) \,\mathbf{j}_t(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{j}_t(\mathbf{r}) \\ &+ C_t^{j\nabla s} \,\mathbf{j}_t(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{s}_t(\mathbf{r}) . \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

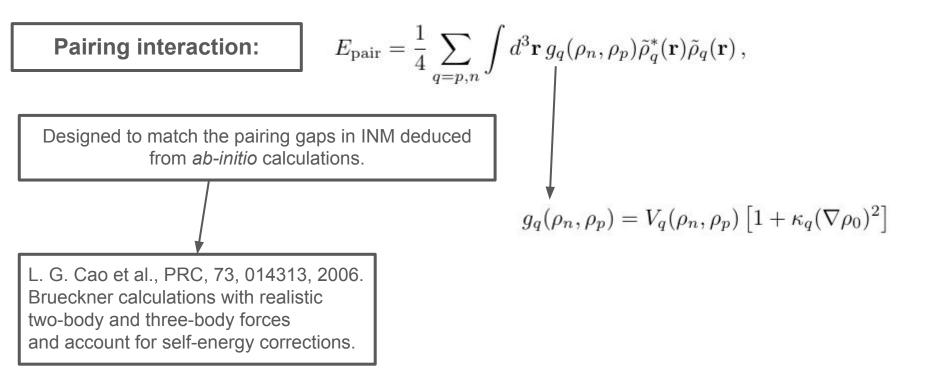
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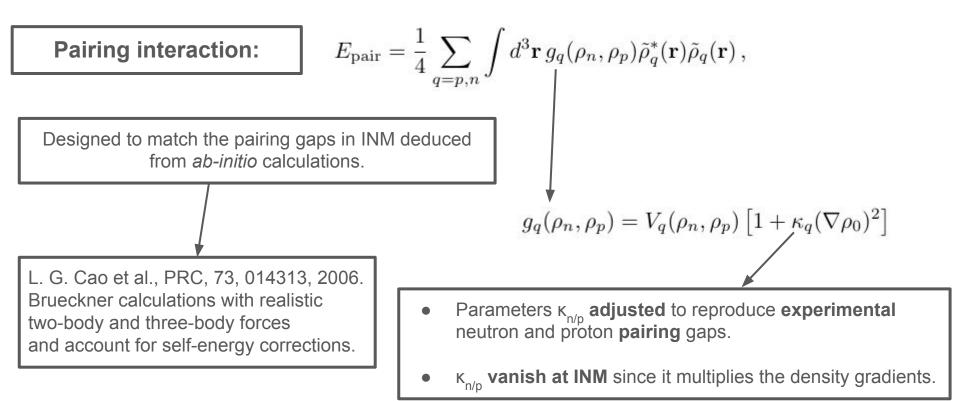
$$C_t^{\nabla\rho\nabla\rho}(\rho_0) = +\frac{3}{8}C_{0t}^+(t_4, x_4)\rho_0^\beta - \frac{1}{8}C_{0t}^-(t_5, x_5)\rho_0^\gamma, \quad (9)$$

$$C_t^{\rho \nabla \rho \nabla \rho}(\rho_0) = -\frac{1}{2} C_{0t}^+(t_4, x_4) \rho_0^{\beta - 1} \,. \tag{10}$$

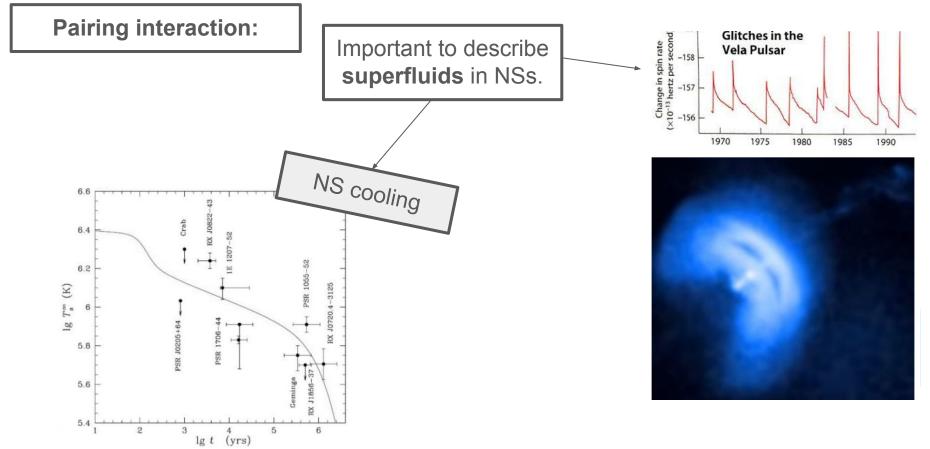
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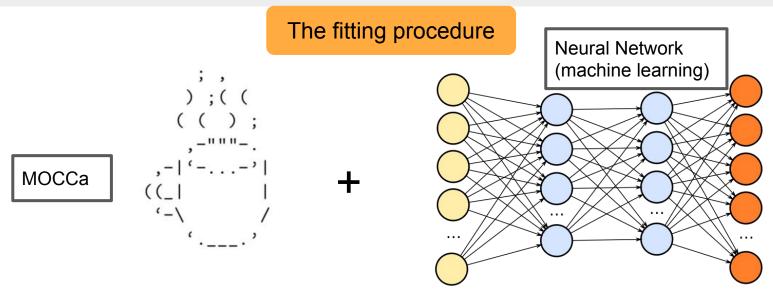




The BSkG3 interaction



The BSkG3 functional



- Fitted to experimental masses, charge radii, proton and neutron pairing gaps,
- constrain infinite nuclear matter properties.

Deformed nuclei are important to describe pasta configurations in NS

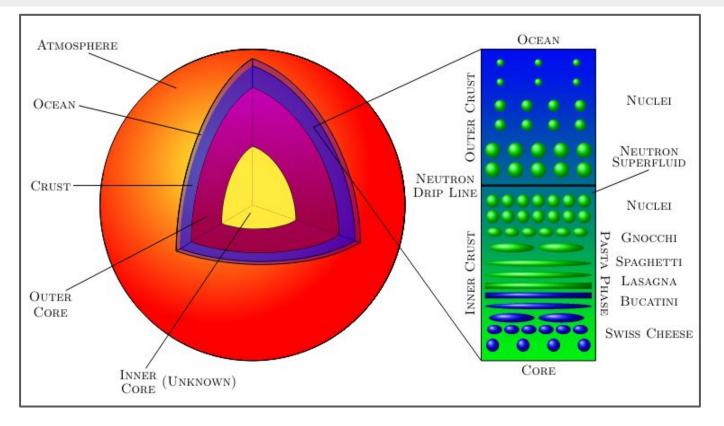
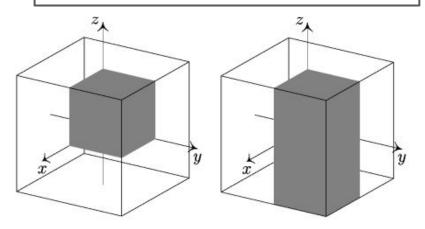


Figure from: Javier F. Acevedo et al JCAP 03, 038 (2020).

HFB solver

Modular Cranking Code = MOCCa

HFB solver at **3D coordinate-space on Lagrangian mesh** from W. Ryssens et al, W. R. PhD Thesis, ULB (2016).

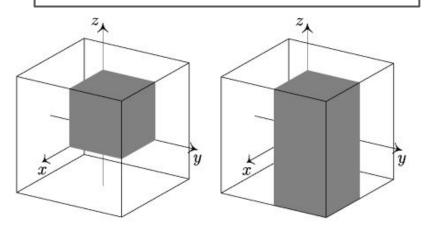


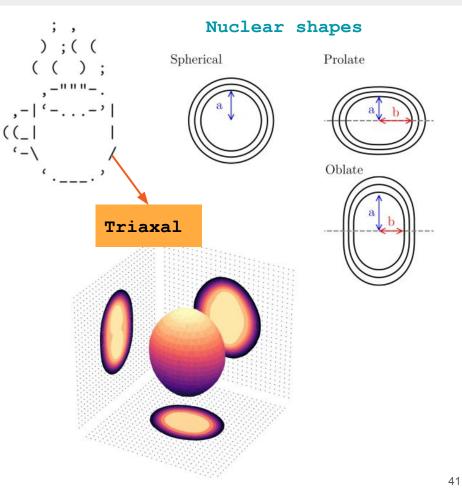


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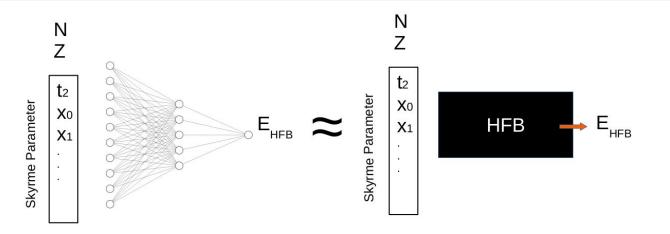
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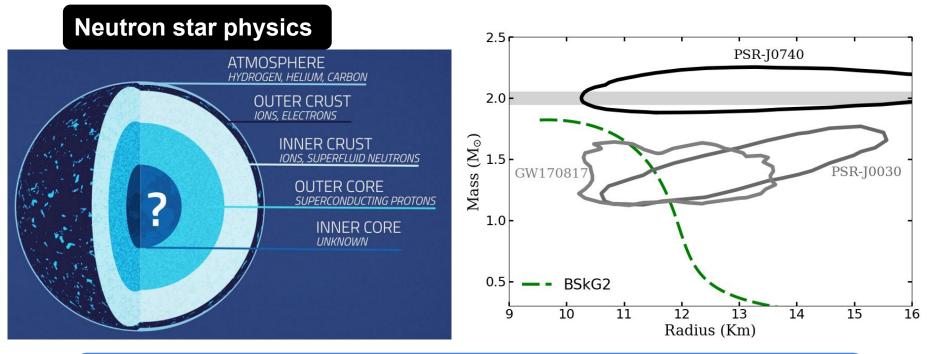


- 1. Create a dataset of MOCCa results.
- 2. Adjust a machine learning system to create an emulator of the HFB solver.
- 3. Adjust the mass model parameters using the emulator.

Machine learning prediction for one nucleus \sim a few seconds. MOCCa predictions for one nucleus \sim 20 minutes.

4. The mass table is computed with MOCCa.

Motivation



Previous BSkG forces failed to reproduce massive neutrons stars.

The BSkG3 functional

The fitting procedure

- Deduce INM equations, e.g., symmetry energy, energy per particle, compressibility, effective mass, etc.
 I = I(t x x) K = K (t x x) m* = m* (t x x)
 - $J = J(t_2, x_0, x_1, ...), K_V = K_V(t_2, x_0, x_1, ...), m_{s/v}^* = m_{s/v}^*(t_2, x_0, x_1, ...),$
- 2. Impose constraints in the INM; obtain Skyrme parameters from the fit.

The BSkG3 functional

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- 1. Deduce INM equations, e.g., symmetry energy, energy per particle, compressibility, effective mass, etc. $J = J(t_2, x_0, x_1, ...), K_V = K_V(t_2, x_0, x_1, ...), m_{s/v}^* = m_{s/v}^*(t_2, x_0, x_1, ...),$
- 2. Impose constraints in the INM; obtain Skyrme parameters from the fit.

- Novelty at BSkG3: impose constraint at neutron matter energy (NeutM) at high density (1 fm⁻³) E_{NeutM}(at 1 fm⁻³) = E_{NeutM}(t₄,t₅,...,t₂,x₀,x₁, ...) ∈ [550, 600 MeV].
- 2. Possible thanks to the **extended Skyrme** form which contains t_4 and t_5 terms (density dependent extension of t_1 and t_2).
- 3. Ensures a **stiff** neutron matter **equation of state** (essential for **neutron stars**).

The BSkG functionals

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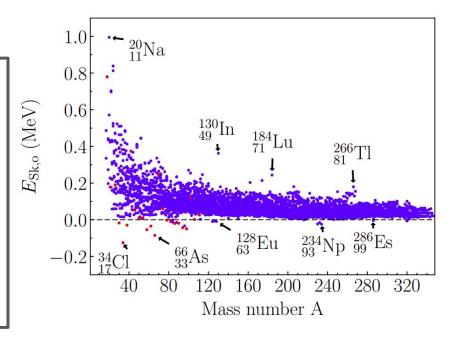
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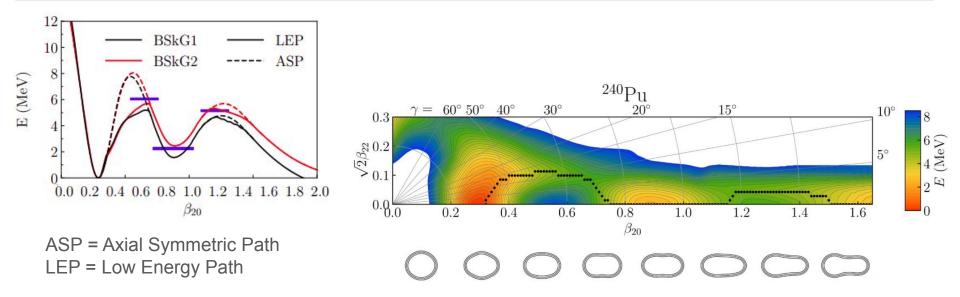
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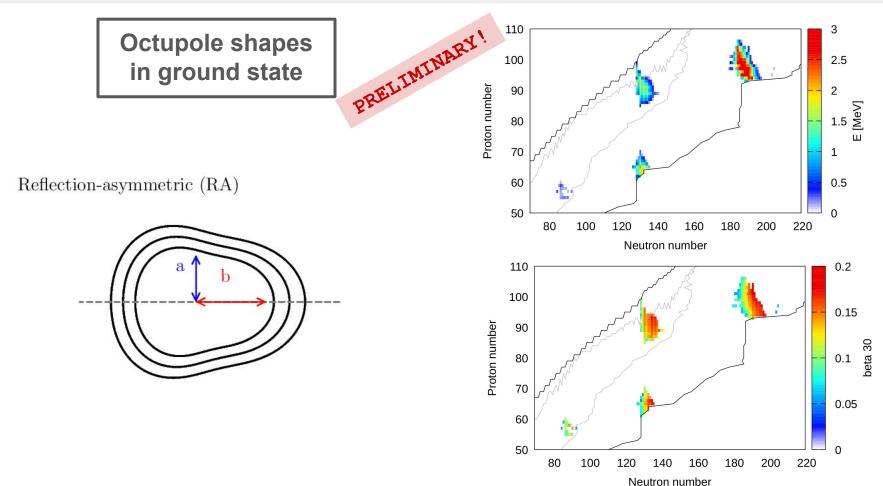
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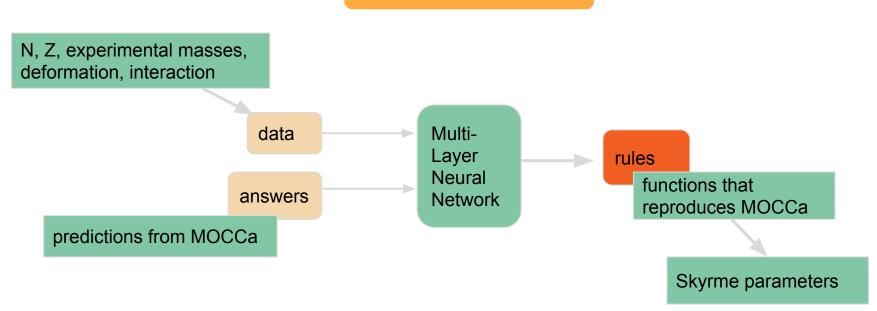
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too simple. (usually with no shell structure, neutron skin, pairing correlations...) *ab-initio*: from the bare nucleon-nucleon interaction.

not (yet) feasible to describe thousands of nuclei along the nuclear chart.

A good compromise:

Energy density functional (EDF): an effective description of nuclei based on one-body densities.

Allows for predictions across the entire nuclear chart, firmly founded on a **microscopic description** of the nucleus.

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- EDF to calculate self-consistently the nuclei binding energies.
- Skyrme nucleon-nucleon interaction + Hartree-Fock many-body method.
- Fitted to a large number of experimental masses.
- **Pairing** channel first computed with BCS approximation (Tondeur 1977). From HFB-1 models the **Bogoliubov** method is applied.
- Constrained on infinite nuclear matter properties (saturation density, symmetry energy, etc).
- Axial symmetry + harmonic oscillator basis.
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- BSkG1: coordinate space representation on a **3D mesh**, allows for **triaxial** nuclei. *Machine learning tools as emulator* for the parameter adjustment.
- BSkG2: break time-reversal symmetry: includes time-odd terms on EDF (no more EFA) + information on fission barriers included on the fit procedure.

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Improvement on *pairing* channel. Functional fitted to ab-initio calculations of pairing gaps with self-energy corrections.

Important for the neutron **superfluid** present on **neutron star inner-crust**.

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Further explorations of Skyrme-Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov mass formulas. XVI. Inclusion of self-energy effects in pairing

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Two extra density depend terms on EDF. Already present on BSk-18 to BSk-32, it helps to obtain a *stiff neutron matter equation of state*, and maintained a good reproduction of experimental masses.

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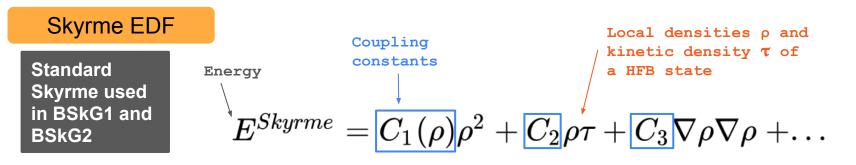
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Extended Skyrme used in BSkG3

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