

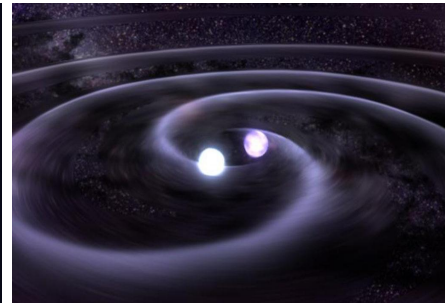
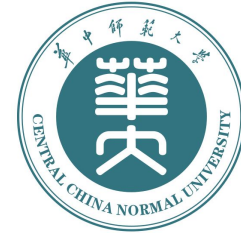
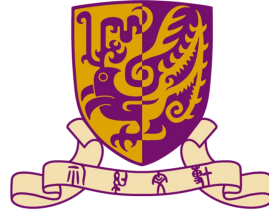
Inferring the Equation of State from Neutron Star Observables via Machine Learning

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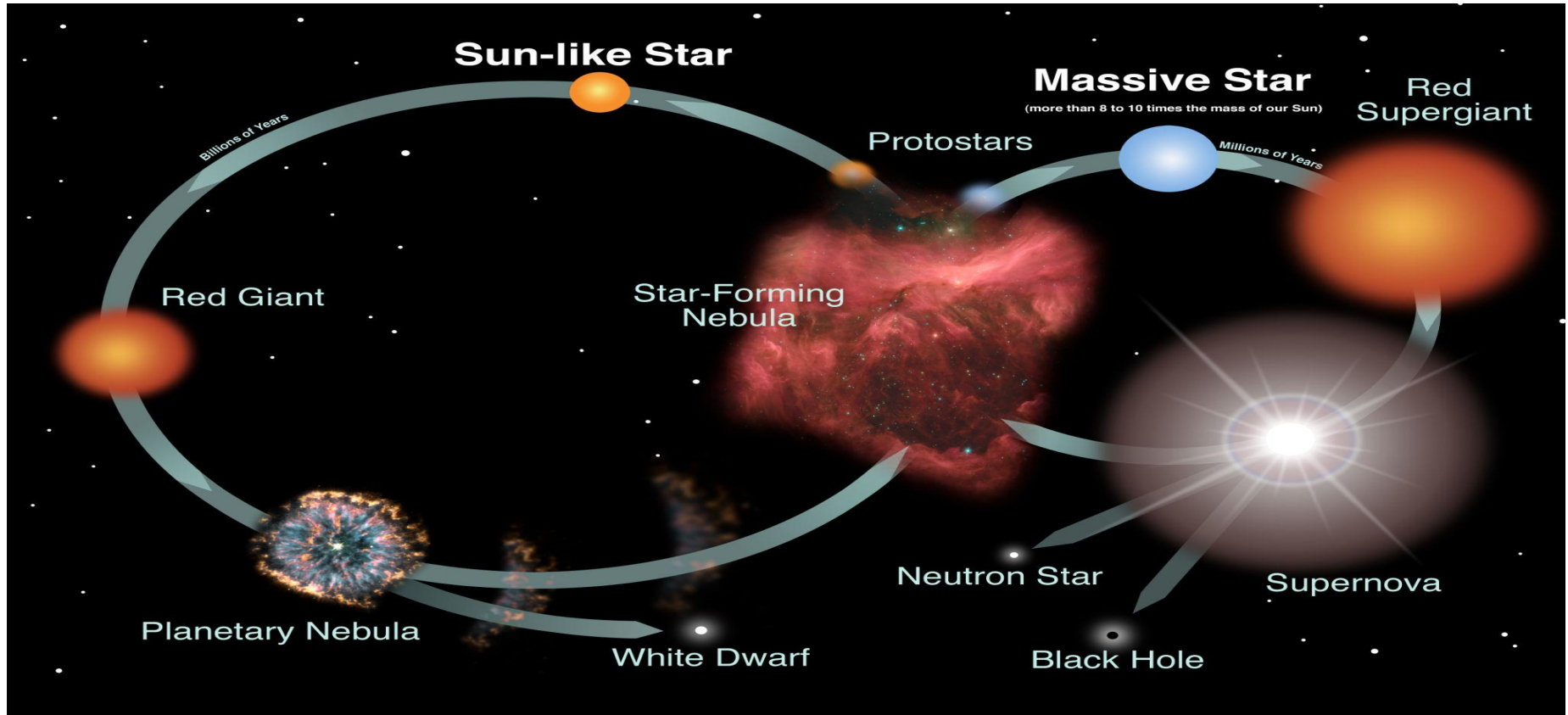
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Life Cycle of Stars



Credit: NASA and the Night Sky Network.

Schwarzschild radius

The Schwarzschild radius is given as,

$$R_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2} \quad (1)$$

The simplified form is $\frac{2GM}{Rc^2}$.

- **If** $\frac{2GM}{Rc^2} \geq 1$ then

The remnant object is said to be a black hole. ($R \approx 9\text{km}$. and $M \geq 3M_{\odot}$)

- **If** $\frac{2GM}{Rc^2} < 1$ then

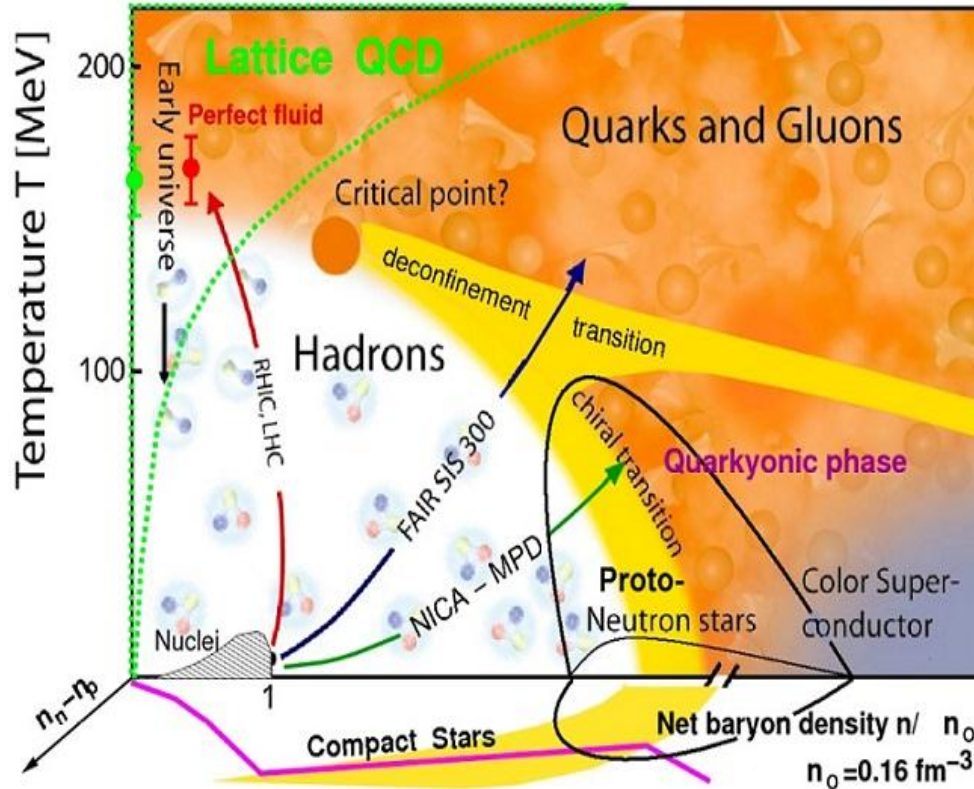
Ref:- T. X. Zhang "The principles and laws of black hole universe." JMP(9.9)(2018)

The remnant object is said to be a neutron star. ($R = 10\text{-}20\text{km}$. and $M < 3M_{\odot}$)

Note:-Gravity plays an important role in distinguishing between these two remnant objects.

Ref:- T.J. Maccarone (Black Holes and Neutron Stars)

Phase Diagram of Dense Matter



- Why NSs are so interesting in the universe?
- What possible structure, composition and dynamics could be of these stars?

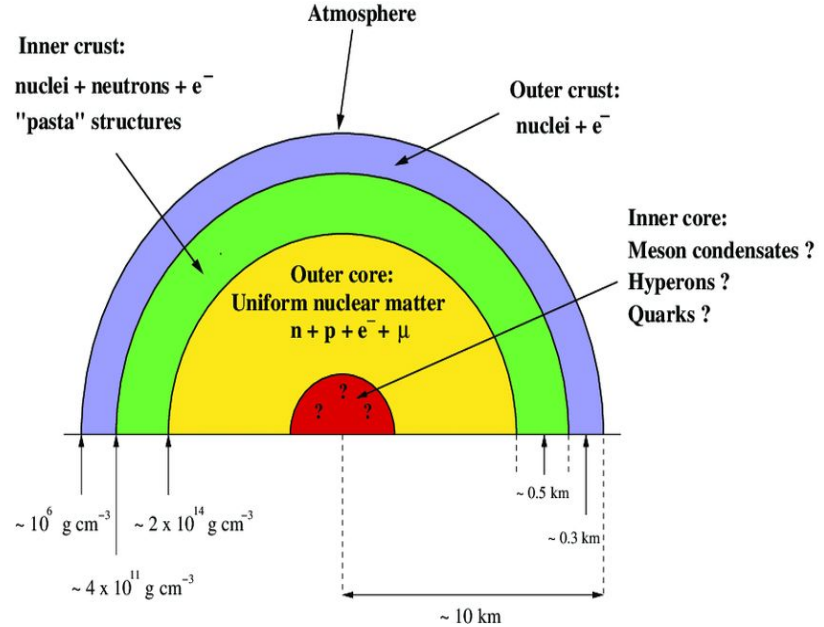
Structure and Composition of Neutron Stars

Strange Quark Star

- Surface**
- Degenerate electron layer
- Core**
- Electrons
 - u,d,s quarks (color-superconducting)

Neutron Star

- Surface**
- Hydrogen/Helium plasma
 - Iron nuclei
- Outer Crust**
- Ions
 - Electron gas
- Inner Crust**
- Heavy ions
 - Relativistic electron gas
 - Superfluid neutrons
- Outer Core**
- Neutrons, protons
 - Electrons, muons
- Inner Core**
- Neutrons
 - Superconducting protons
 - Electrons, muons
 - Hyperons (Σ , Λ , Ξ)
 - Deltas (Δ)
 - Boson (π , K) condensates
 - Deconfined (u,d,s) quarks/color-superconducting quark matter



Equation of State of Dense Matter

❖ Microscopic Models: (upto 2.8×10^{14} g.cm⁻³ density)

- Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (BHF) and Dirac-BHF theories (R.Brockmann et al.(PRC 42,(1990))).
- Chiral perturbation theory (K. Hebeler, PRL 105 (2010))

❖ Phenomenological Models:

- Non-Relativistic mean field (Skyrme interactions) (Miller et al., PRC (2003))
- Relativistic mean field (RMF) models (J. D. Walecka, Adv. Nucl. Phys. 16,(1986))

❖ Meta Models:

- Taylor expansion
- n/3 expansion
- polytropic expansion
- Speed of Sound Model

EOS from Phenomenological Models

Non-Relativistic Skyrme Model

- ❑ It is constructed for finite nuclei and nuclear matter at saturation density.
- ❑ The Hamiltonian density can be written as

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{K} + \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_3 + \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}$$

where, \mathcal{K} : kinetic energy term

\mathcal{H}_0 : zero-range term

\mathcal{H}_3 : Density dependent term

\mathcal{H}_{eff} : Effective-mass term.

Non-Relativistic Skyrme Model

Zero range term :

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \frac{1}{4} t_0 \left[(2 + x_0) \rho^2 - (2x_0 + 1) (\rho_p^2 + \rho_n^2) \right]$$

Density dependent term :

$$\mathcal{H}_3 = \frac{1}{24} t_3 \rho^\sigma \left[(2 + x_3) \rho^2 - (2x_3 + 1) (\rho_p^2 + \rho_n^2) \right]$$

$\sigma = 1$: Incompressibility, $K_0 > 300$ MeV but $\frac{1}{3} \leq \sigma \leq \frac{2}{3}$: $K_0 = 240$ MeV
(\sim Experimental value)

Effective mass term :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} &= \frac{1}{8} [t_1(2 + x_1) + t_2(2 + x_2)] \tau \rho \\ &+ \frac{1}{8} [t_2(2x_2 + 1) - t_1(2x_1 + 1)] (\tau_p \rho_p + \tau_n \rho_n) \end{aligned}$$

Relativistic Mean Field(RMF)($\sigma\omega\rho$) Model

- ❑ The interaction between nucleon happen through the exchange of mesons.
- ❑ Isoscalar meson: σ (long range attractive), $m_\sigma=550\text{MeV}$
- ❑ Isovector meson: ω (short range repulsive), $m_\omega=783\text{MeV}$
- ❑ Isovector meson: ρ (strong repulsive), $m_\rho=769\text{ MeV}$
- ❑ The effective lagrangian density is,

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_N + \mathcal{L}_M + \mathcal{L}_{NL} + \mathcal{L}_{leptons}$$

Relativistic Mean Field

□ The all terms are as,

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \bar{\Psi} \left[\gamma^\mu \left(i\partial_\mu - g_\omega \omega_\mu - \frac{1}{2} g_\rho \mathbf{t} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu \right) - (m_N - g_\sigma \sigma) \right] \Psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_M &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 \right] - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{(\omega)} F^{(\omega)\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu \\ &- \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu}^{(\rho)} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{(\rho)\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{NL} &= -\frac{1}{3} b m_N g_\sigma^3 (\sigma)^3 - \frac{1}{4} c (g_\sigma \sigma)^4 + \frac{\xi}{4!} g_\omega^4 (\omega_\mu \omega^\mu)^2 \\ &+ \Lambda_\omega g_\rho^2 \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu g_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{leptons} = \bar{\Psi}_I \left[\gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu - m_I) \Psi_I \right], \text{ where } \Psi_I (I = e^-, \mu^-)$$

EOS from Meta Models

Taylor expansion:-

- ❑ The total energy density per nucleon is expressed as,

$$E(\rho, \delta) = \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} (a_n + b_n \delta^2) \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right)^n,$$

- ❑ The coefficients are expressed in terms nuclear matter parameters.

n/3 expansion:-

$$E(\rho, \delta) = \sum_{n=2}^6 (a'_{n-2} + b'_{n-2} \delta^2) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{n}{3}}.$$

- ❑ The coefficients are expressed in the linear combinations of nuclear matter parameters.

Ref. Patra et. al. PRD (2022)

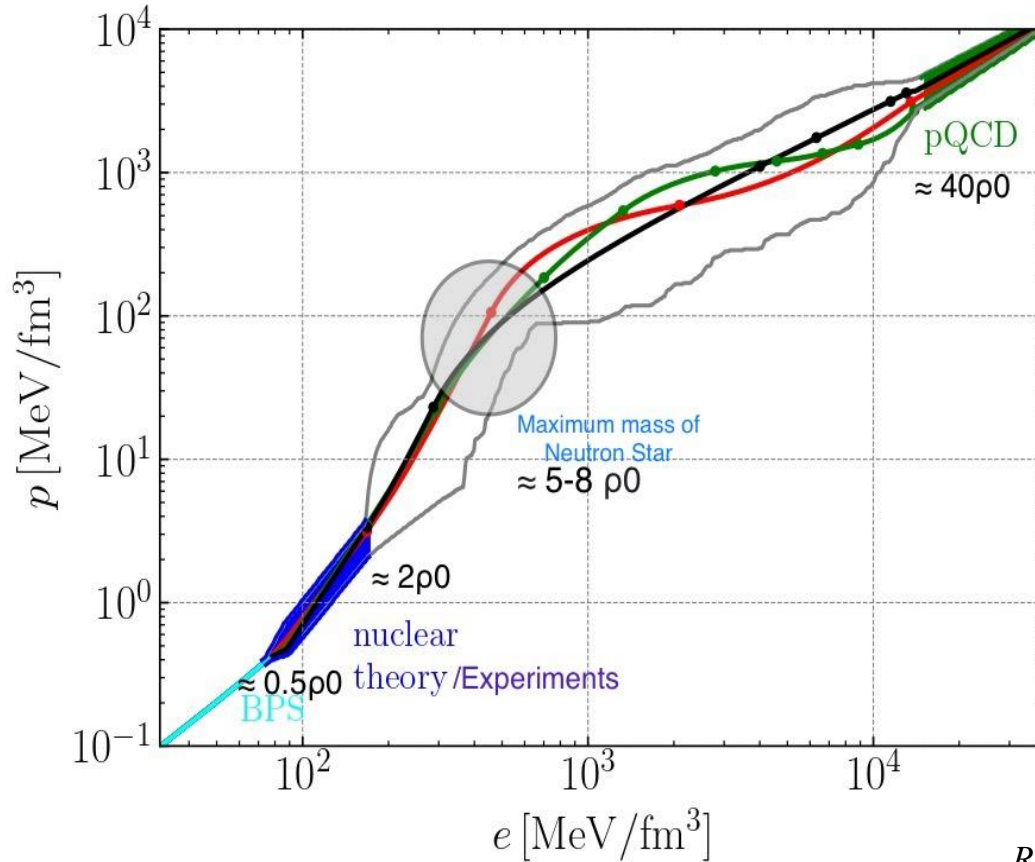
Polytropic expansion:-

$$p(\varepsilon) = K_i \varepsilon^{\gamma_i}, \quad \varepsilon_{i-1} < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_i.$$

- ❑ Depending upon the different segments, one can calculate the EOS.

Ref. Huth et al. Nature (2022)

Validation of Equation of State



Relation of NMPs with Equation of State

$$e(\rho, \delta) = e_{snm}(\rho) + e_{sym}(\rho)\delta^2$$

$$e_0 = e_{snm}(\rho_0)$$

$$K_0 = 9(\rho_0)^2 e''_{snm}(\rho_0)$$

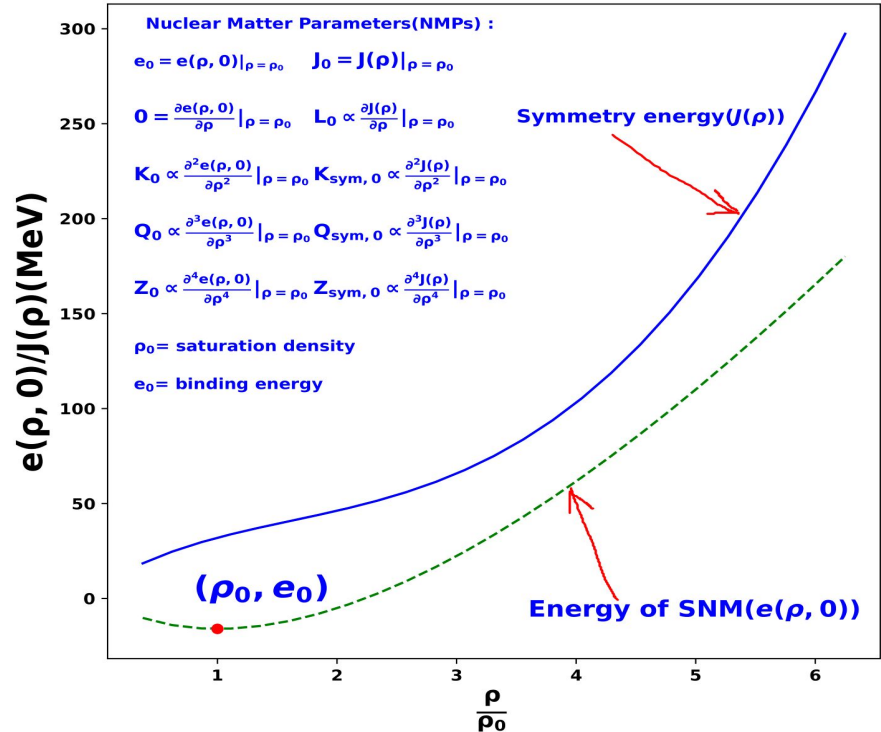
$$Q_0 = 27(\rho_0)^3 e'''_{snm}(\rho_0)$$

$$J_0 = e_{sym}(\rho_0)$$

$$L_0 = 3(\rho_0) e'_{sym}(\rho_0)$$

$$K_{sym,0} = 9(\rho_0)^2 e''_{sym}(\rho_0)$$

$$Q_{sym,0} = 27(\rho_0)^3 e'''_{sym}(\rho_0)$$



Nuclear Theory & Experiments Constraints

- $e_0 = -16.0 \pm 0.3$ MeV and $\rho_0 = 0.16 \pm 0.005$ (few percentage uncertainties)
- $J_0 = 32.5 \pm 2.5$ MeV & $K_0 = 240 \pm 20$ MeV (about 10% uncertainties)
- $L_0 = 20-130$ MeV (more than 20% uncertainties)
- $K_{\text{sym}0}, Q_0, Z_0, Q_{\text{sym}0}$ and $Z_{\text{sym}0}$ are not well known.

Symmetric matter				
Constraints	n (fm ⁻³)	P_{SNM} (MeV/fm ³)		Ref.
HIC(DLL)	0.32	10.1 ± 3.0		[77]
HIC(FOPI)	0.32	10.3 ± 2.8		[50]
Asymmetric matter				
Constraints	n (fm ⁻³)	$S(n)$ (MeV)	P_{sym} (MeV/fm ³)	Ref.
Nuclear structure				
α_D	0.05	15.9 ± 1.0		[69]
PREX-II	0.11		2.38 ± 0.75	[66, 70, 71]
Nuclear masses				
Mass(Skyrme)	0.101	24.7 ± 0.8		[65, 66]
Mass(DFT)	0.115	25.4 ± 1.1		[66, 67]
IAS	0.106	25.5 ± 1.1		[66, 68]
Heavy-ion collisions				
HIC(Isodiff)	0.035	10.3 ± 1.0		[66, 72]
HIC(n/p ratio)	0.069	16.8 ± 1.2		[66, 73]
HIC(π)	0.232	52 ± 13	10.9 ± 8.7	[66, 74]
HIC(n/p flow)	0.240		12.1 ± 8.4	[51, 66, 75, 76]

Tolman–Oppenheimer–Volkoff Equations

- Consider the general static, spherically symmetric metric as

$$d\tau^2 = e^{2\nu(r)} dt^2 - e^{2\lambda(r)} dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2\theta d\phi^2$$

- Using Einstein's field equation, we will get,

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{G \cdot \epsilon(r) \cdot m(r)}{r^2} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{p(r)}{\epsilon(r)}\right] \cdot \left[1 + \frac{4\pi \cdot r^3 \cdot p(r)}{m(r)}\right] \cdot \left[1 - \frac{2G \cdot m(r)}{r}\right]^{-1}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \epsilon(r)$$

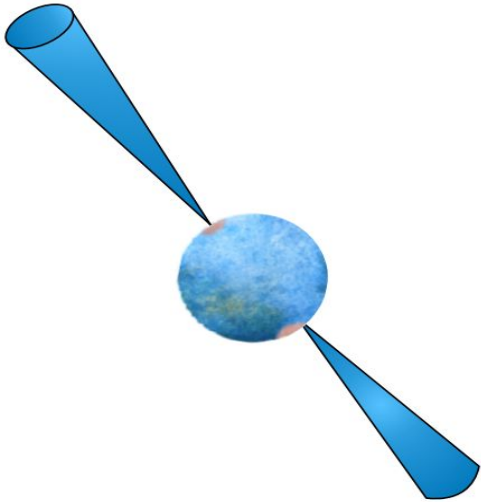
- Conditions to solve above the eqs.
 - At, $r=0$, $M(r=0)=0$ At, $r=R$, $P(r=R) \approx 0$

Multimessenger Observables

Radio timing

Mass measurement PSR J0740

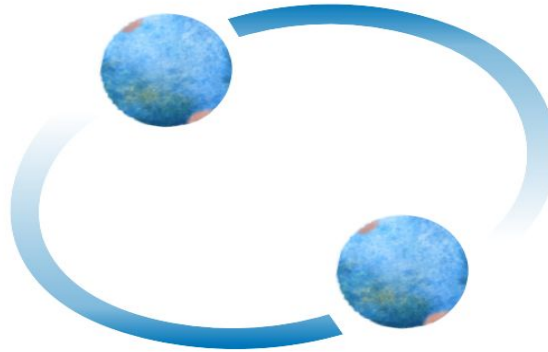
Fonseca et al. (2021), [2104.00880](#)



Radio pulsars

Gravitational wave signals

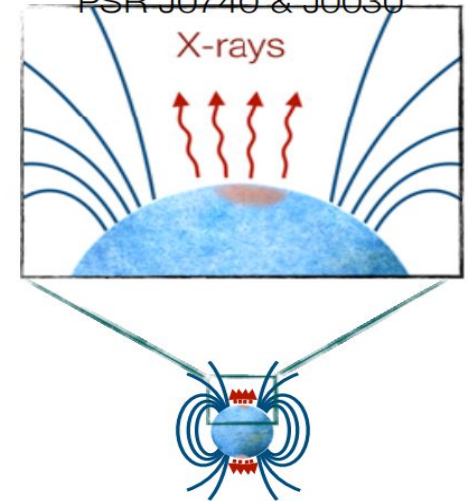
Tidal deformability measurement
GW170817 & GW190425



*Binary neutron star &
black hole - neutron star mergers*

X-ray pulse profile modeling

Mass-radius measurement
PSR J0740 & J0030

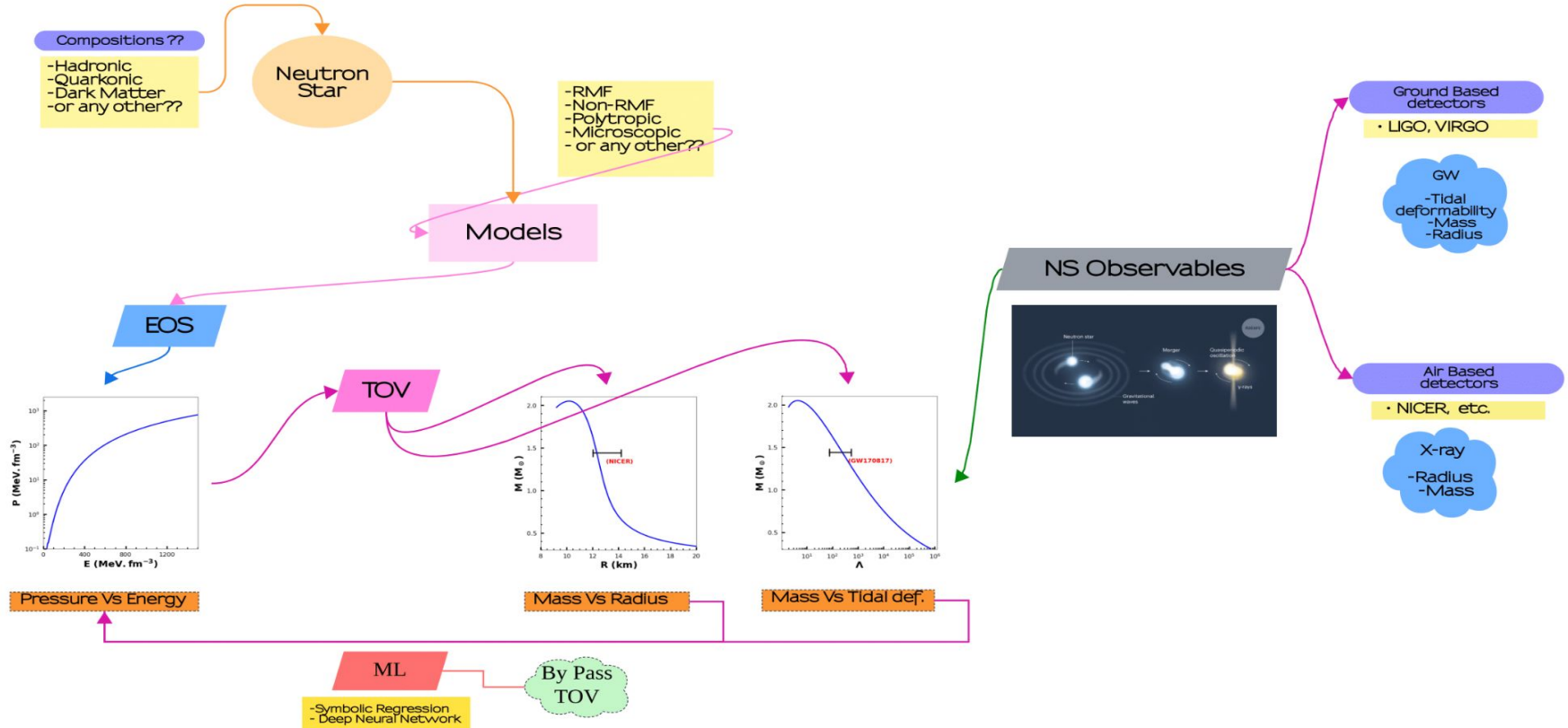


X-ray pulsars

Astrophysical Constraints

		$M(M_{\odot})$	R (km)	Λ
NANO Grav	PSR J0740+6620	$2.14^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$	$12.39^{+1.30}_{-0.98}$	
LIGO/Virgo	BNS	1.4	$12.0^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$	190^{+390}_{-120}
NICER	PSR J0030+0451	$1.34^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$	$12.71^{+1.14}_{-1.19}$	
		$1.44^{+0.15}_{-0.14}$	$13.02^{+1.24}_{-1.06}$	
	PSR J0740+6620	$2.07^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$12.39^{+1.30}_{-0.98}$	
		$2.08^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$13.7^{+2.6}_{-1.5}$	

Motivation



Methodology

Collection of EOSs

- Non-Linear RMF (NL)
- Density Dependent RMF (DDB)
- NL RMF including Hyperon (NL-Hyp)
- ComPOSE (ComP)
- Speed of Sound Extraction (CSE)
- Piecewise Polytrope (PWP)
- Spectral Representation (SR)

Malik et. al (2023)

Malik et. al (2022)

Providencia et. al (2022)

Compose.obspm.fr

Huth et. al (2022)

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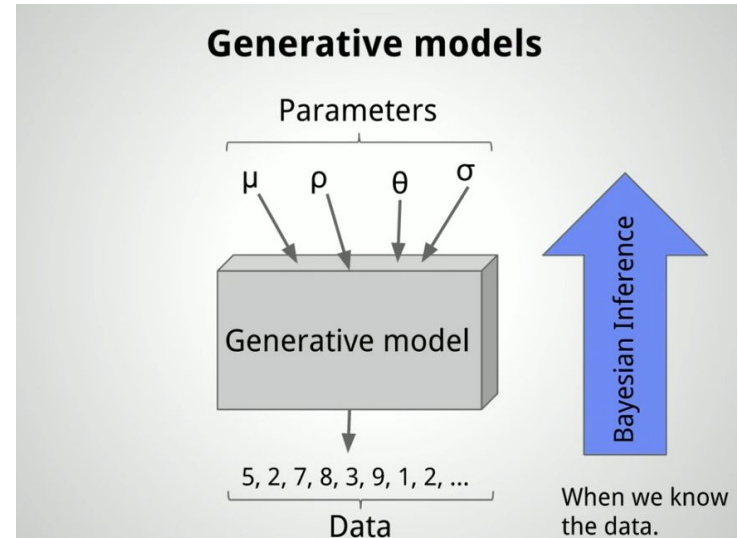
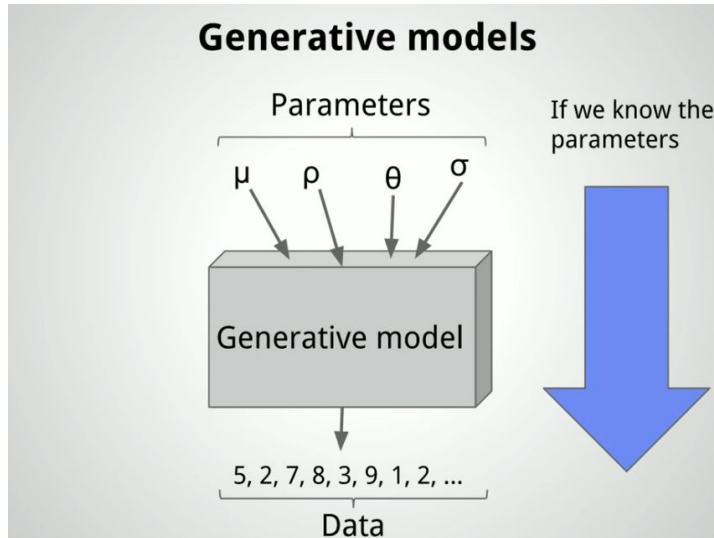
Lindblom et. al (2022)

What is Bayesian Analysis?

This method requires basically three things such as,

- **Data**
- **A generative model**
- **Priors**

What is the Generative model?



Bayesian Analysis

The Bayes' theorem is defined by,

$$P(\theta|D) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(D|\theta)P(\theta)}{\mathcal{Z}}.$$

- θ and D denote the set of model parameters and the fit data.
- The $P(\theta|D)$ is the posterior distribution of the parameters.
- $\mathcal{L}(D|\theta)$ is the likelihood function and $P(\theta)$ is the prior for the model parameters.
- \mathcal{Z} is called as evidence/normalization-constant.

Likelihoods

Gaussian Likelihood:-

$$\mathcal{L}(D|\theta) = \prod_j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d_j - m_j(\theta)}{\sigma_j} \right)^2}.$$

- The index j runs over all the data. d_j and m_j are the data and corresponding median values.
- The σ_j are the adopted uncertainties.

For GW:-

$$\begin{aligned} P(d_{\text{GW}}|\text{EoS}) &= \int_{m_2}^{M_u} dm_1 \int_{M_l}^{m_1} dm_2 P(m_1, m_2|\text{EoS}) \\ &\times P(d_{\text{GW}}|m_1, m_2, \Lambda_1(m_1, \text{EoS}), \Lambda_2(m_2, \text{EoS})) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{\text{GW}} \end{aligned}$$

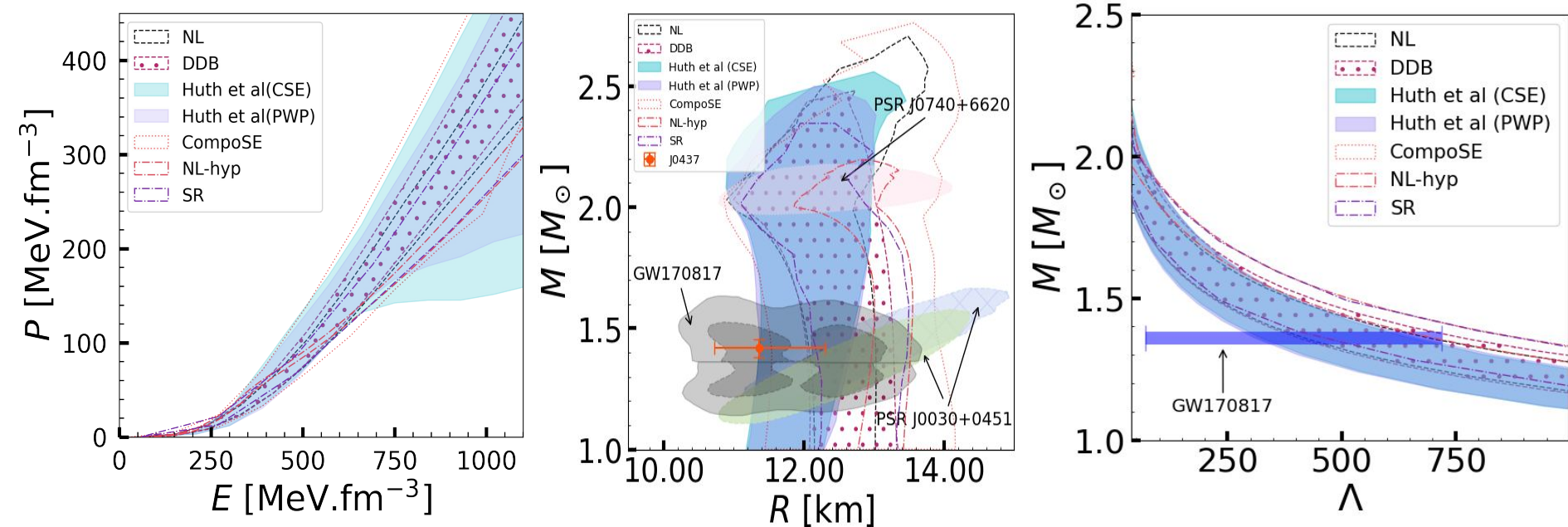
For NICER:-

$$\begin{aligned} P(d_{\text{X-ray}}|\text{EoS}) &= \int_{M_l}^{M_u} dm P(m|\text{EoS}) \\ &\times P(d_{\text{X-ray}}|m, R(m, \text{EoS})) \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{\text{NICER}} \end{aligned}$$

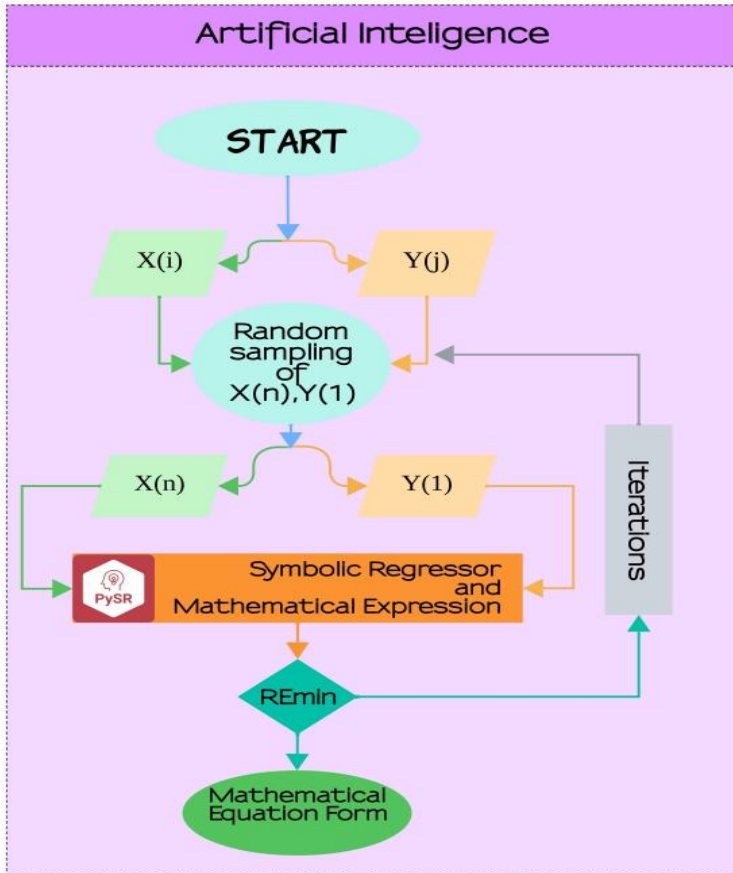
Aim

1. *Find M_{\max} in terms of EOS parameters*
2. *Find EOS parameters in terms of M - R & M - Λ*

EOS and Mass-Radius-Tidal deformability Curves



Sampling for Symbol Regression



Steps for SR

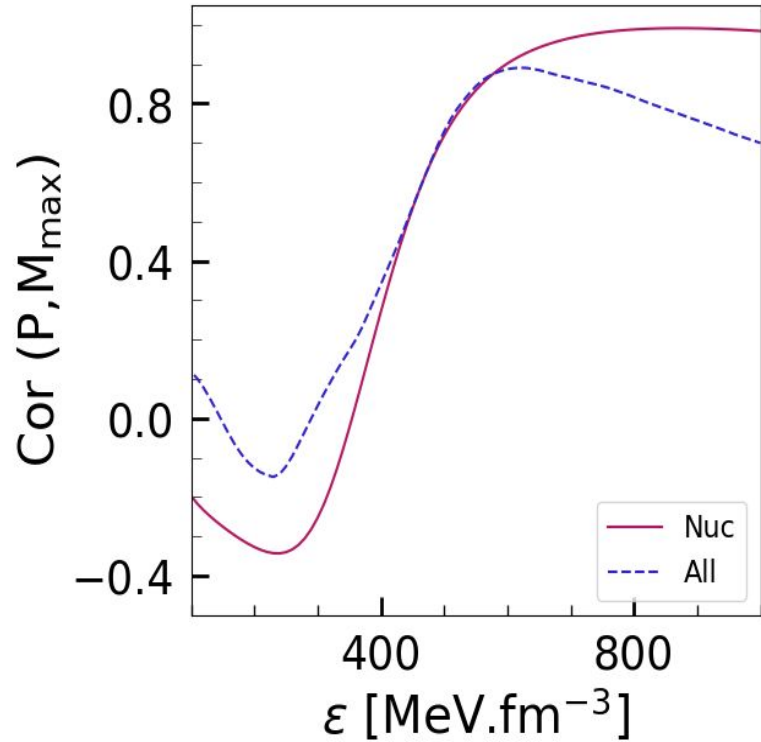
- Keep Features Vectors ($X(i)$)
- Corresponding Target Vectors ($Y(j)$)
- Choosing One Target ($Y(1)$)
- Python Symbolic Regression (PySR)
- Finding Equation whose relative error (RE) has Minimum
- Final Output expression

Find M_{\max} in terms of EOS parameters

- ❑ Inputs/Features : Density, Energy density & Pressure
- ❑ Outputs/Target : Maximum mass of NSs

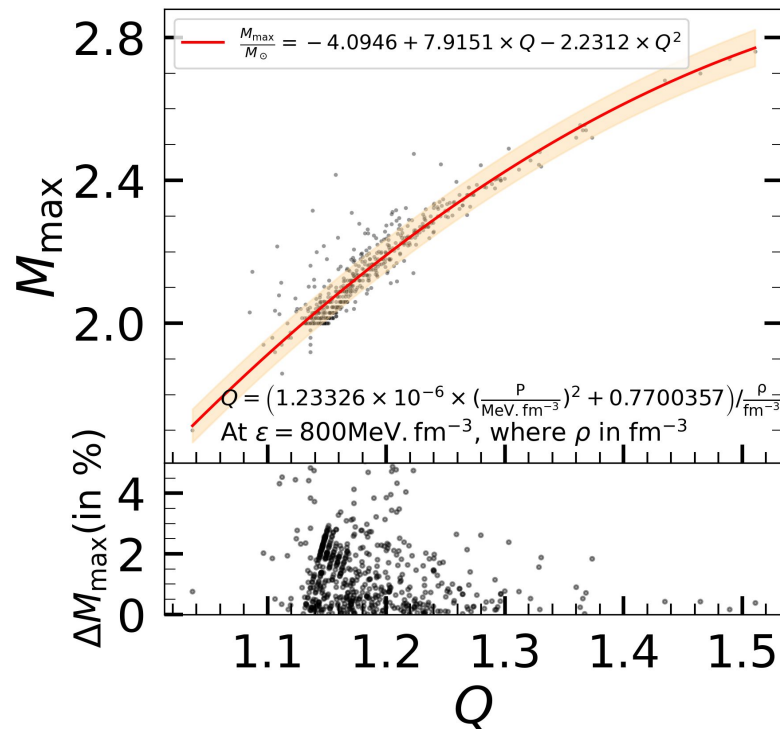
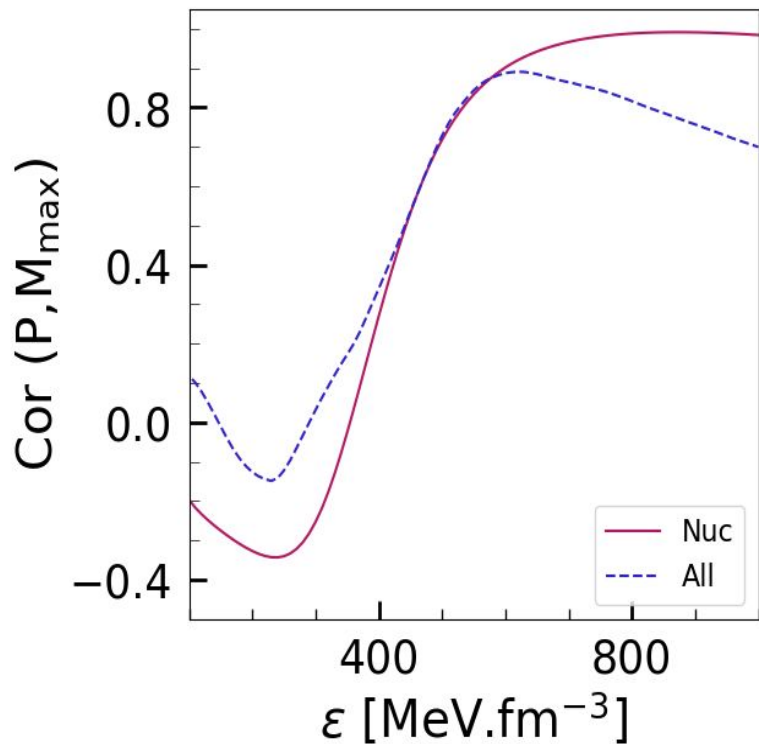
Note: All , We have 700 EOSs, obtained randomly selecting 100 EOSs from each sets.

Relation of Maximum Mass of NS with EOS



Note: All (700 EOSs = 100 EOSs from each set)

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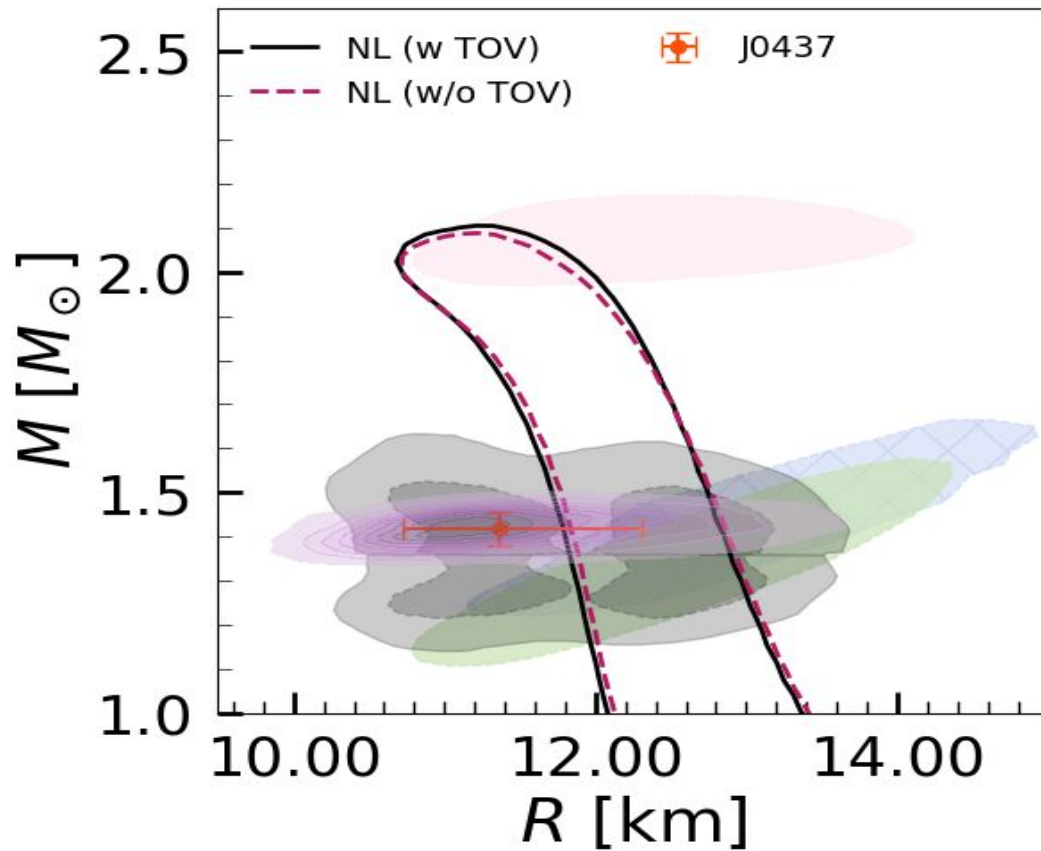
Application of M_{\max} relation

-In Bayesian analysis, EOSs are filtered with $M_{\max} > 2$ Solar mass.

Table 1: Bayesian Inference: the Pymultinest Sampler is employed with 1500 live points on the Deucalion HPC, University of Coimbra, Portugal. The system's large-x86 partition utilizing 4 nodes, each equipped with 128 CPUs. More information can be found at <https://docs.macc.fccn.pt/>

Model	Total Likelihood evaluated	Total Samples in Posterior	Sampling Time (Sec)	CPU Hr
NL (w TOV)	307018	8291	6828.08	971.10
NL (w/o TOV)	283718	8245	896.49	127.50

Application of Mmax relation



Find EOS parameters in terms of M-R & M- Λ

- ❑ Inputs/Features : Mass, Radius and Tidal deformability as a mass range of 1 to 2 solar mass
- ❑ Outputs/Target : Energy density & Pressure

Direct link between M-R with EOS

$$\frac{\epsilon}{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm}^{-3}} = \frac{15500 \left(\left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^3 + 1.0188 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^2 + \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)}{\left(\frac{R}{\text{km}} \right)^2} - \frac{3100 \left(\frac{R}{\text{km}} \right) \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^2 + 46747.7117}{\left(\frac{R}{\text{km}} \right)^2} \quad (3)$$

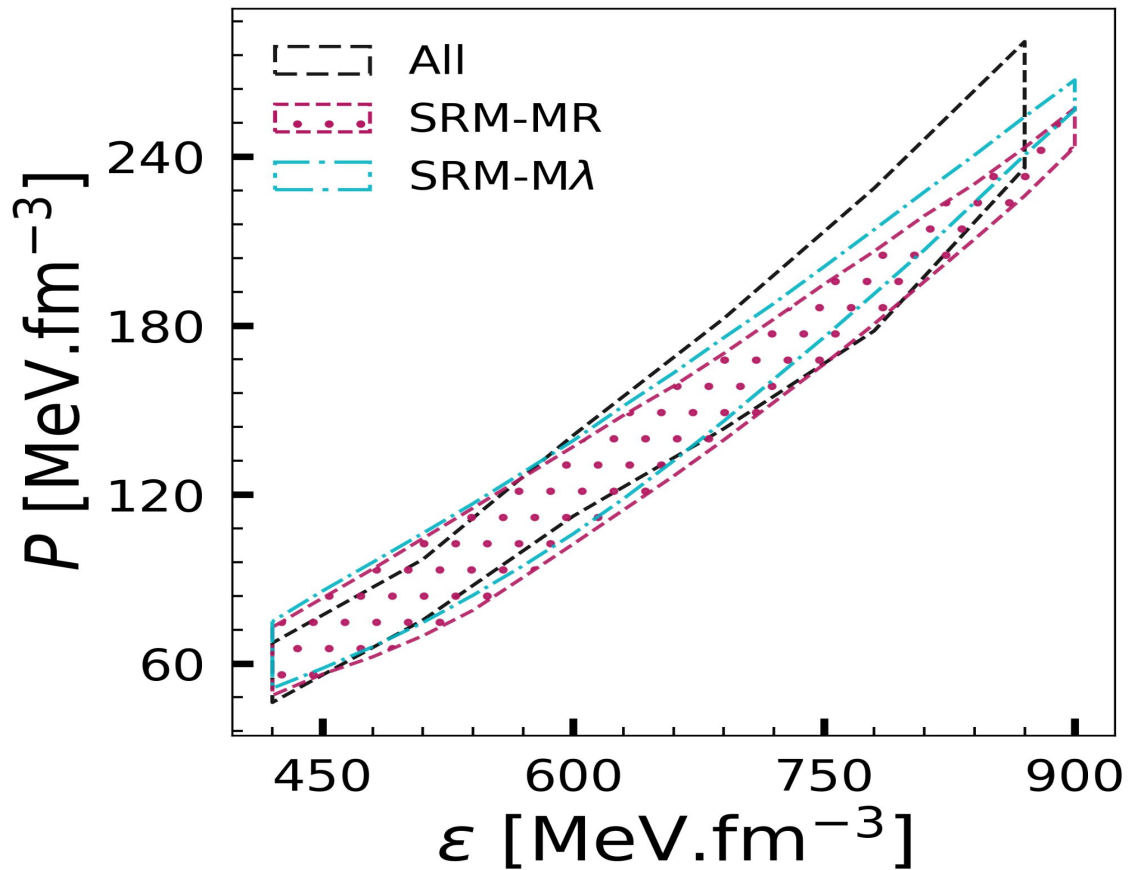
$$\frac{P}{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm}^{-3}} = \frac{5 \times 10^{5.54094} \times 10^{\left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)}}{\left(\frac{R}{\text{km}} \right)^{5.54094}} + 18.55325 \quad (4)$$

Direct link between $M-\Lambda$ with EOS

$$\frac{\epsilon}{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm}^{-3}} = 155 \left(\left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right) + 30.4241 \right)^{1.06601} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\text{km}^5} \right)^{-0.03318}$$

$$\frac{P}{\text{MeV} \cdot \text{fm}^{-3}} = \frac{873161.2165 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)}{\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\text{km}^5} \right) + 2057.0829} \quad (6)$$

Application of Our relations



Individual Relative Error (RE)

Table 2: The optimal equations obtained through feature and target variable minimization. In this context, "Y" specifically denotes the ϵ , and P , while the features "X" pertain to the neutron star properties, i.e. mass M , radius R and tidal deformability λ , in a mass range of 1-2 M_{\odot} . We provide the relative error values, "RE" for all the datasets.

Y	X	Eqs.	Datasets [RE (%)]							
			NL	NL-hyp	CompOSE	CSE	PWP	DDB	SR	All
ϵ	[M,R]	3	3.4	5.8	6.2	10.2	11.0	4.4	4.5	5.5
P	[M,R]	4	5.3	5.3	6.0	7.8	9.3	5.2	5.5	5.7
ϵ	[M, λ]	5	3.8	7.0	4.6	7.4	7.5	4.0	5.2	5.1
P	[M, λ]	6	6.5	7.9	8.4	11.9	8.9	6.7	7.4	7.5

Summary

- We found the maximum mass of NS constraints which helps to reduce the computational time during Bayesian Analysis.
- We successfully reconstructed the EOS from radius and tidal deformability of NS within a mass range 1-2 solar masses.

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n/3 expansion

$$E(\rho, 0) = \sum_{n=2}^6 (a'_{n-2}) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{n}{3}}, \quad (7)$$

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = \sum_{n=2}^6 (b'_{n-2}) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{n}{3}}, \quad (8)$$

$$E(\rho, \delta) = \sum_{n=2}^6 (a'_{n-2} + b'_{n-2} \delta^2) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{n}{3}}. \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 \\ 0 \\ K_0 \\ Q_0 \\ Z_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 & 10 & 18 \\ 8 & 0 & -8 & -10 & 0 \\ -56 & 0 & 40 & 40 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a'_0 \\ a'_1 \\ a'_2 \\ a'_3 \\ a'_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_0 \\ L_0 \\ K_{\text{sym},0} \\ Q_{\text{sym},0} \\ Z_{\text{sym},0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 & 10 & 18 \\ 8 & 0 & -8 & -10 & 0 \\ -56 & 0 & 40 & 40 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b'_0 \\ b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

$$a'_0 = \frac{1}{24}(360\varepsilon_0 + 20K_0 + Z_0),$$

$$a'_1 = \frac{1}{24}(-960\varepsilon_0 - 56K_0 - 4Q_0 - 4Z_0),$$

$$a'_2 = \frac{1}{24}(1080\varepsilon_0 + 60K_0 + 12Q_0 + 6Z_0),$$

$$a'_3 = \frac{1}{24}(-576\varepsilon_0 - 32K_0 - 12Q_0 - 4Z_0),$$

$$a'_4 = \frac{1}{24}(120\varepsilon_0 + 8K_0 + 4Q_0 + Z_0),$$

$$b'_0 = \frac{1}{24}(360J_0 - 120L_0 + 20K_{\text{sym},0} + Z_{\text{sym},0}),$$

$$b'_1 = \frac{1}{24}(-960J_0 + 328L_0 - 56K_{\text{sym},0} - 4Q_{\text{sym},0} - 4Z_{\text{sym},0}),$$

$$b'_2 = \frac{1}{24}(1080J_0 - 360L_0 + 60K_{\text{sym},0} + 12Q_{\text{sym},0} + 6Z_{\text{sym},0}),$$

$$b'_3 = \frac{1}{24}(-576J_0 + 192L_0 - 32K_{\text{sym},0} - 12Q_{\text{sym},0} - 4Z_{\text{sym},0}),$$

$$b'_4 = \frac{1}{24}(120J_0 - 40L_0 + 8K_{\text{sym},0} + 4Q_{\text{sym},0} + Z_{\text{sym},0}). \quad (12)$$

Speed of Sound EOS

- The velocity of sound for $\rho > \rho_{c_s}(1.5 - 2\rho_0)$ is given as,

$$\frac{c_s^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{3} - c_1 \exp\left[-\frac{(\rho - c_2)^2}{n_b^2}\right] + h_p \exp\left[-\frac{(\rho - n_p)^2}{w_p^2}\right] \left[1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(s_p \frac{\rho - n_p}{w_p}\right)\right].$$

- If energy density ($\epsilon(\rho_{c_s})$), the pressure ($P(\rho_{c_s})$) and the derivative of energy density ($\epsilon'(\rho_{c_s})$) are known

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{i+1} &= \rho_i + \Delta\rho, \\ \epsilon_{i+1} &= \epsilon_i + \Delta\epsilon \\ &= \epsilon_i + \Delta\rho \frac{\epsilon_i + P_i}{\rho_i}, \\ P_{i+1} &= P_i + c_s^2(\rho_i)\Delta\epsilon.\end{aligned}$$