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PREX IS A FASCINATING EXPERIMENT THAT USES PARITY VIOLATION TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE THE NEUTRON RADIUS IN <sup>208</sup>PB. THIS HAS BROAD APPLICATIONS TO ASTROPHYSICS, NUCLEAR STRUCTURE, ATOMIC PARITY NON CONSERVATION AND TESTS OF THE STANDARD MODEL. THE CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN WITH INTRODUCTORY LECTURES AND WE ENCOURAGE NEW COMERS TO ATTEND

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### TOPICS

PARITY VIOLATION

THEORETICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF NEUTRON-RICH NUCLEI AND BULK MATTER

LABORATORY MEASUREMENTS OF NEUTRON-RICH NUCLEI AND BULK MATTER

NEUTRON-RICH MATTER IN COMPACT STARS / ASTROPHYSICS

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### and Neutron Rich Matter in the Heavens and on Earth

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# GW170817: The Beginning of the Multimessenger Era















of the YEAR

BREAKTHROUGH

GW170817





## Tidal Polarizability and Neutron-Star Radii (2017)

## Electric Polarizability:

- Electric field induced a polarization of charge
- A time dependent electric dipole emits electromagnetic waves:  $P_i = \chi E_i$
- Tidal Polarizability (Deformability):
- Tidal field induces a polarization of mass
- A time dependent mass quadrupole emits gravitational waves:  $Q_{ij} = \Lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}$



GW170817 rules out very large neutron star radíi!

Neutron Stars must be compact

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ility) ass emits  $\Lambda = k_2 \left(\frac{c^2 R}{2GM}\right)^5 = k_2 \left(\frac{R}{R_s}\right)^5$ 

The tidal polarizability measures the "fluffiness" (or stiffness) of a neutron star against deformation. Very sensitive to stellar radius!



## The Nuclear Equation of State Density Ladder

### Cosmic Distance Ladder









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### Nuclear EOS Ladder







~ (2.0-4.0) \beta

~ (1.0-2.5) **P** 

~ (0.5-1.5) p



### **Cosmic Distance Ladder**

The cosmic ladder has "rungs" of objects with certain properties that let astronomers confidently measure their distance. Jumping to each subsequent rung relies on methods for measuring objects that are ever farther away, the next step often piggybacking on the previous one.

### Nuclear EOS Density Ladder

The Milladder has "rungs" of objects with rtain properties that let scientists ently measure the **EOS**. Jumping to each subsequent rung relies on methods for measuring objects that are ever **denser**, the next step often piggybacking on the previous one.





## Neutron Stars: Unique Cosmic Laboratories

Neutron stars are the remnants of massive stellar explosions (CCSN) Satisfy the TOV equations: Transition from Newtonian Gravity to Einstein Gravity



Only Physics that the TOV equation is sensitive to: Equation of State







**Nuclear Physics Critical** 

### Status before GW170817

Many nuclear models that account for the properties of finite nuclei yield enormous variations in the prediction of neutron-star radii and maximum mass

Only observational constraint in the form of two neutron stars with a mass in the vicinity of  $2M_{sun}$ 



## The Equation of State of Neutron-Rich Matter

Equation of state: textbook examples

Non-interacting classical gas high temperature, low density limit

 $P(n,T) = nk_{\rm B}T \leftrightarrow P(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{E}$ 

Solution Non-interacting (UR) quantum gas high density, low temperature limit  $P(n, T=0) \approx n^{4/3} \leftrightarrow P(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{E}$ 



Equation of state of neutron-rich matter: NON-textbook example

Strongly-interacting quantum fluid high density, low temperature limit



- Two "quantum liquids" in m-equilibrium
- Charge-neutral system (neutralizing leptons)
- Density dependence and isospin asymmetry of the EOS poorly constrained

 $S(\rho_0) \approx \left( E_{\rm PNM} - E_{\rm SNM} \right) (\rho_0) = J$  $P_{\rm PNM} \approx \frac{1}{2} L \rho_0 \ ({\rm Pressure of PNM})$ 

"Stiff"→ L large

"Soft"  $\longrightarrow$  L small







## PREX-II (Oct 29, 2020) Ciprian Gal - DNP Meeting



**Conservation of difficulty:** PVES provides the cleanest determination of the EOS (Pvs E) of neutron-rich matter in the immediate vicinity of saturation density



### Heroic effort from our experimental colleagues

- Coherent p<sup>0</sup> g-production PRL 112, 242502 (2014)
- 8 Antiprotons PRL 87, 082501 (2001) PRC 76, 014311 (2007)
- Electric dipole polarizability PRL 107, 062502 (2011)
- Elastic p-nucleus scattering PRC 82, 044611 (2010)
- Dispersive optical model PRL 125, 102501 (2020)

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PRL 108, 112502 (2012)



## The Quest for the EOS: Status After GW170817

GW170817: first detection of Gravitational Waves from a binary neutron-star merger (obtained a wealth of information!) *GW190425*: second detection of BNS ٩ (Hanford offline; no sky localization) ● *GW190814*: BNS or NSBH merger? (2.6 M<sub>sun</sub> heaviest NS or lightest BH?) ● *J0740+6620*: Most massive star (2019)

(2.14 M<sub>sun</sub> — Thankful Cromartie et al) ● *J0030+0451*: NICER aboard the ISS (2019) (First ever mass-radius determination)

PREX-II: Neutron-skin thickness of <sup>208</sup>Pb (Just announced at DNP meeting!)

Terrestrial experiments









Powerful synergy developing between terrestrial experiments, electromagnetic observations, and gravitationalwave detections: A brand new era of Multimessenger Astronomy!



## Status After GW170817: The start of a golden era



### Tantalizing Possibility

- Laboratory Experiments suggest large neutron radii for Pb
- Gravitational Waves suggest small stellar radii



 $\lesssim 1\rho_0$  $\gtrsim 2\rho_0$ • Electromagnetic Observations suggest large stellar masses  $\geq 4\rho_0$ 

Exciting possibility: If all are confirmed, this tension may be evidence of a softening/stiffening of the EOS (phase transition?)

### **RCNP: Electric Dipole** PREX-II Constraints on the Polarizability of 208Pb EOS of Neutron Rich Matter



### The incompressibility of neutron rich matter: Why is tin so fluffy?



### Workshop on Nuclear Incompressibility

University of Notre Dame July 14-15, 2005

The Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics (JINA) will organize a 2-day Workshop focused on **Nuclear Incompressibility and the Nuclear Equation of State**, to be held at the University of Notre Dame during July 14-15, 2005.

This meeting follows a similar Workshop held at Notre Dame in January 2001, and the Symposium on Nuclear Equation of **State used in Astrophysics Models**, held at the ACS meeting in Philadelphia last Summer.

The primary aim of the Workshop is to bring together interested physicists from the areas of Astrophysics, Giant Resonances, and Heavy-Ion Reactions, to discuss current status of experiments and theoretical models related to nuclear incompressibility and the equation of state, and to explore what experiments might be needed to clarify some of the outstanding issues.

Most of the Workshop will be devoted to talks, with a lot of time allowed for discussions and interactions. In that spirit, we will follow a somewhat flexible schedule for the talks.

There is no registration fee but participants are requested to register via the **webpage** (www.jinaweb.org), so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

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The Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics May 18, 2005

Outcome: A window into L through systematic measurements of the GMR across a long isotopic chain



"Fluffy"?

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PRL 99, 162503 (2007)

### Isotopic Dependence of the Giant Monopole Resonance in the Even-A<sup>112-124</sup>Sn Isotopes and the Asymmetry Term in Nuclear Incompressibility

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The Giant Monopole Resonance in the Sn Isotopes: Why is Tin so

### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

week ending 19 OCTOBER 2007

### PHYSICAL REVIEW C 86, 024303 (2012)

Giant monopole resonances and nuclear incompressibilities studied for the zero-range and separable pairing interactions

 $K_0(\alpha) = K_0 + K_\tau \alpha^2;$  $K_{\tau} = K_{\rm sym}$ 

### Onwards and upwards to GMRs in unstable nuclei!

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94304 (2008)



## The Incompressibility of Neutron-Rich Matter



 $K_{\tau} = K_{\text{sym}} - 6L - \frac{Q_0}{K_0}L$  $\alpha = \left(\frac{N-Z}{N+Z}\right)_{132} = 0.24 \rightarrow \alpha^2 = 0.06$ 

 $K_0(\alpha) = K_0 + K_\tau \alpha^2$ 

Even a neutron-rich nucleus as <sup>132</sup>Sn provides a short lever arm (a<sup>2</sup>=0.06)
FSUGold2 — consistent with PREX and hence with a very large value of L— is inconsistent with RCNP data!
RCNP seems to like an even larger L!



Who ordered THAT!?!?



# Who Ordered That?

### **Preliminary Observations:**

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- CREX result is consistent with a thin neutron skin prediction (e.g. coupled cluster calculations) and is strongly inconsistent with predictions of a very thick skin
- At this point it appears potentially challenging for DFT models to reproduce both the CREX result of a thin skin in <sup>48</sup>Ca and the PREX result of a relatively thick skin in <sup>208</sup>Pb.

Caryn Palatchi







### Isidor Isaac Rabi





No theoretical model that I know of can reproduce both!

DNP

October 12, 2021



### Comparing to Theory

### **Observation:**

• CREX result is consistent with a thin neutron skin prediction (e.g. coupled cluster calculations) and is strongly inconsistent with predictions of a very thick skin







Figure taken from J.Mammei CevNS 2019 talk (Jorge Piekarewicz plot), shows various curves for a family of R<sub>nskin</sub> = Rn-Rp values. Also DOM and NNLO (coupled cluster). Warning: theories shown may (or may not) require further SO correction.



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### Conclusions: We have entered the golden era of neutron-star physics

- Astrophysics: What is the minimum mass of a black hole? S
- **C.Matter Physics: Existence of Coulomb-Frustrated Nuclear Pasta?**
- General Relativity: Can BNS mergers constrain stellar radii? S
- Nuclear Physics: What is the EOS of neutron-rich matter? S
- Particle Physics: What exotic phases inhabit the dense core? S
- Machine Learning: Extrapolation to where no man has gone before? S

Neutron Stars are the natural meeting place for interdisciplinary, fundamental, and fascinating physics!





Radio Waves

### Multi-messenger Astronomy with **Gravitational Waves**



K-rays/Gamma-rays



Neutrinos



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- Marc Salinas





KEEP CALM AND CHECK **BACKUP SLIDES** 







 Charge (proton) density known with enormous precision • Probed via parity-conserving elastic e-scattering Weak-charge (neutron) density known very poorly known Probed via parity-violating asymmetry in elastic e-scattering • Z<sub>0</sub> couples preferentially to neutrons in the target  $\int (d\sigma)$  $(d\sigma)$ 

$$A_{\rm PV} \equiv \left[ \frac{\left( \overline{d\Omega} \right)_R - \left( \overline{d\Omega} \right)_L}{\left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_R + \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_L} \right] = \left( \frac{G_{\rm F}Q^2}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}} \right)_L$$



Parity Violating e-Nucleus Scattering Searching fo our most accurate picture of the nuclear weak-charge distribution!



 $\left(\frac{Q^2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \frac{F_{wk}(Q^2)}{F_{ch}(Q^2)} \simeq 10^{-6}$ 

proton	neutron
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## PREX-2021: L is BIG!

Electroweak experiments will provide fundamental anchors for future campaigns at FRIB and other exotic beam facilities



- How Does Matter Organize Itself? What is the ground state of matter at a given density? The Anatomy of a Neutron Star
- Atmosphere (10 cm): Shapes Thermal Radiation (L=4psR<sup>2</sup>T<sup>4</sup>) Envelope (100 m): Huge Temperature Gradient (10<sup>8</sup>K 410<sup>6</sup>K) Outer Crust (400 m): Coulomb Crystal (Exotic neutron-rich nuclei) Inner Crust (1 km): Coulomb Frustration ("Nuclear Pasta") Outer Core (10 km): Uniform Neutron-Rich Matter (n,p,e,m) Inner Core (?): Exotic Matter (Hyperons, condensates, quark matter)



## Measuring Heavy Neutron Stars (2019) Shapiro Delay: General Relativity to the Rescue

CINN

### Most massive neutron star ever detected strains the limits of physics

Shapiro Delay





 $\approx 10 \mu s$ 

 $\frac{GM_{\rm wd}}{1}\ln\left(\frac{4r_1r_2}{r_2}\right)$ 

Newtonian Gravity sensitive to the total mass of the binary Kepler's Third Law

$$G(M_{\rm ns} + M_{\rm wd}) = 4\pi^2 \frac{1}{4}$$

Shapíro delay — a purely General Relatívístic effect can break the degeneracy

Cromartie et al. (2020)  $M = 2.08 \pm 0.07 M_{\odot}$ 





## Electroweak Probes of Nuclear Densities



### Science

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10<sup>-2</sup>

 $10^{-3}$ 

 $F_{ch}(q)$ 

### **Observation of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering**

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## "Listening" to the GW Signal LIGO-Virgo detection band

- Early BNS Inspiral:
- Indistinguishable from two colliding black holes
- Analytic "Post-Newtonian-Gravity" expansion Orbital separation:1000 km (20 minutes)
- Late BNS Inspiral:
- Tidal effects become important
- Sensitive to stellar compactness  $\longrightarrow$  EOS Orbital separation: 200 km (2 seconds)

### BNS Merger:

GRelativity in the strong-coupling regime

• Numerical simulations with hot EOS Orbital separation: 50 km (0.01 seconds)

$$\begin{array}{c} 10^{-21} & \text{initial LIGO} \\ 10^{-22} & \text{post-Newtonian inspiral} \\ 10^{-23} & \text{advanced LIGO} \\ h(t,z) = h_{\mu\nu} e^{i(ot-kz)} = h_{\nu}(t-z/c) + h_{\lambda}(t-z/c) \\ h(t,z) = h_{\mu\nu} e^{i(ot-kz)} = h_{\nu}(t-z/c) + h_{\lambda}(t-z/c) \\ \hline \\ h(t,z) = h_{\mu\nu} e^{i(ot-kz)} = h_{\nu}(t-z/c) + h_{\lambda}(t-z/c) \\ \hline \\ e^{iest} h_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_{\nu} & h_{\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & h_{\nu} & -h_{\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \hline \\ H(t) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{2G}{c^4} \ddot{I}(t) \\ H(t) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{2G}{c^4} \dot{I}(t) \\ H(t) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{2G}{c$$

At  $h=10^{-21}$  and with an arm length of 4km dísplacement is 1000 times smaller than proton!



## The New Periodic Table of the Elements

Colliding neutron stars revealed as source of all the gold in the universe



### The Origin of the Solar System Elements

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19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 >	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 56	52 Te	53 	54 Xe
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The optical counterpart SSS17a produced at least 5% solar masses (1029 kg!) of heavy elements demonstrating that NS-mergers play a role in the r-process



### The Composition of the Outer Crust Enormous sensitivity to nuclear masses

Composition emerges from relatively simple dynamics 8 Competition between electronic and symmetry energy

$$E/A_{\rm tot} = M(N,Z)/A + \frac{3}{4}Y_e^{4/3}k_{\rm F} + \text{lattice}$$

8 Mass measurements of exotic nuclei is essential For neutron-star crusts and r-process nucleosynthesis





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on neutron stars





## Nuclear Theory meets Machine Learning

 Use DFT to predict nuclear masses Train BNN by focusing on residuals
 $M(N, Z) = M_{DFT}(N, Z) + \delta M_{BNN}(N, Z)$  Systematic scattering greatly reduced

Predictions supplemented by theoretical errors



Re-generating Richard Feynman



reduced theoretical errors

Train with AME2012 then predict AME2016





## "We have detected gravitational waves; we did it" David Reitze, February 11, 2016



### The dawn of a new era: GW Astronomy Initial black hole masses are 36 and 29 solar masses Final black hole mass is 62 solar masses; 3 solar masses radiated in Gravitational Waves!







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