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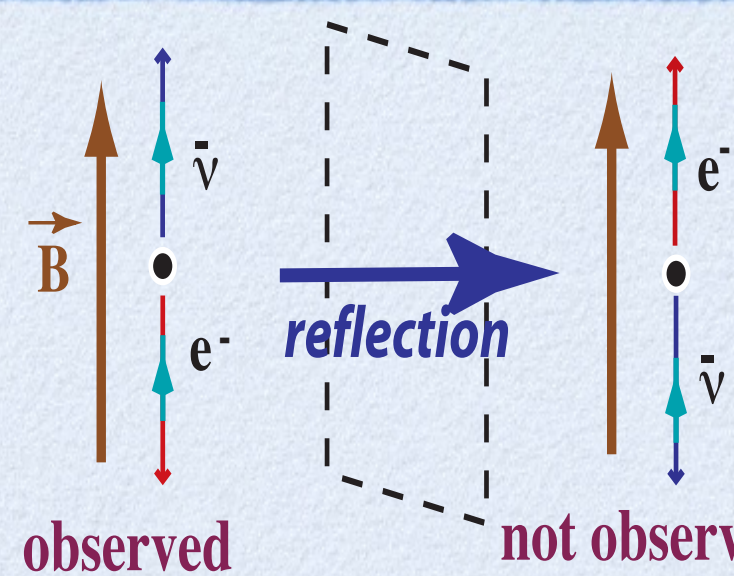
Fermi Theory of the Weak Interactions

The very "first" effective field theory

Weak Interactions

Observed NOT to be invariant under parity transformations

Fermi Theory for weak interactions

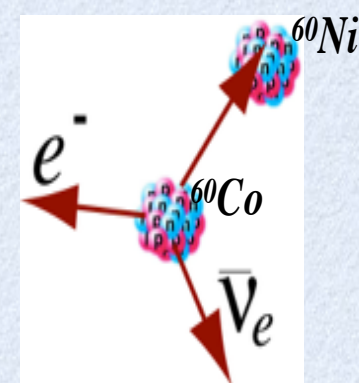
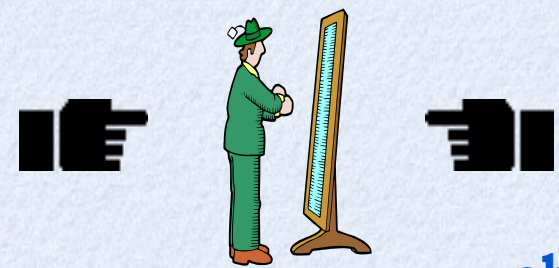


Universal strength: coupling constant G_F

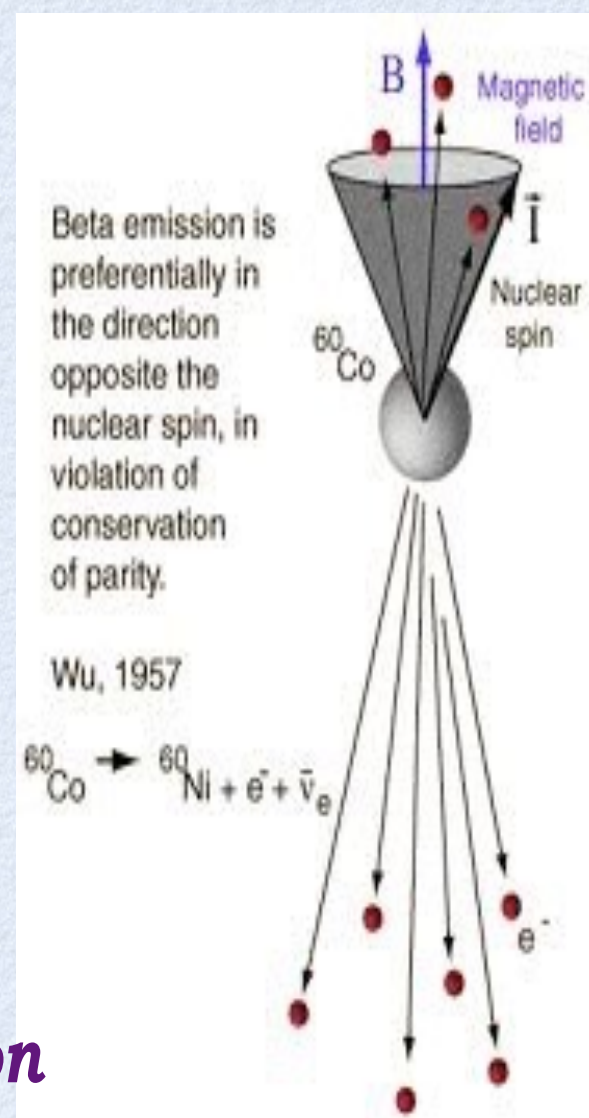
"Effective" low energy theory that explains many observed properties of radioactive nuclear decays

parity transformation (reflection)

$$x, y, z \rightarrow -x, -y, -z$$

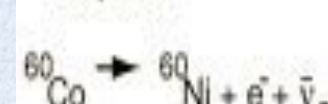


Weak decay of ^{60}Co Nucleus



Beta emission is preferentially in the direction opposite the nuclear spin, in violation of conservation of parity.

Wu, 1957



observed anisotropy in beta-emission when nuclei aligned to a magnetic field

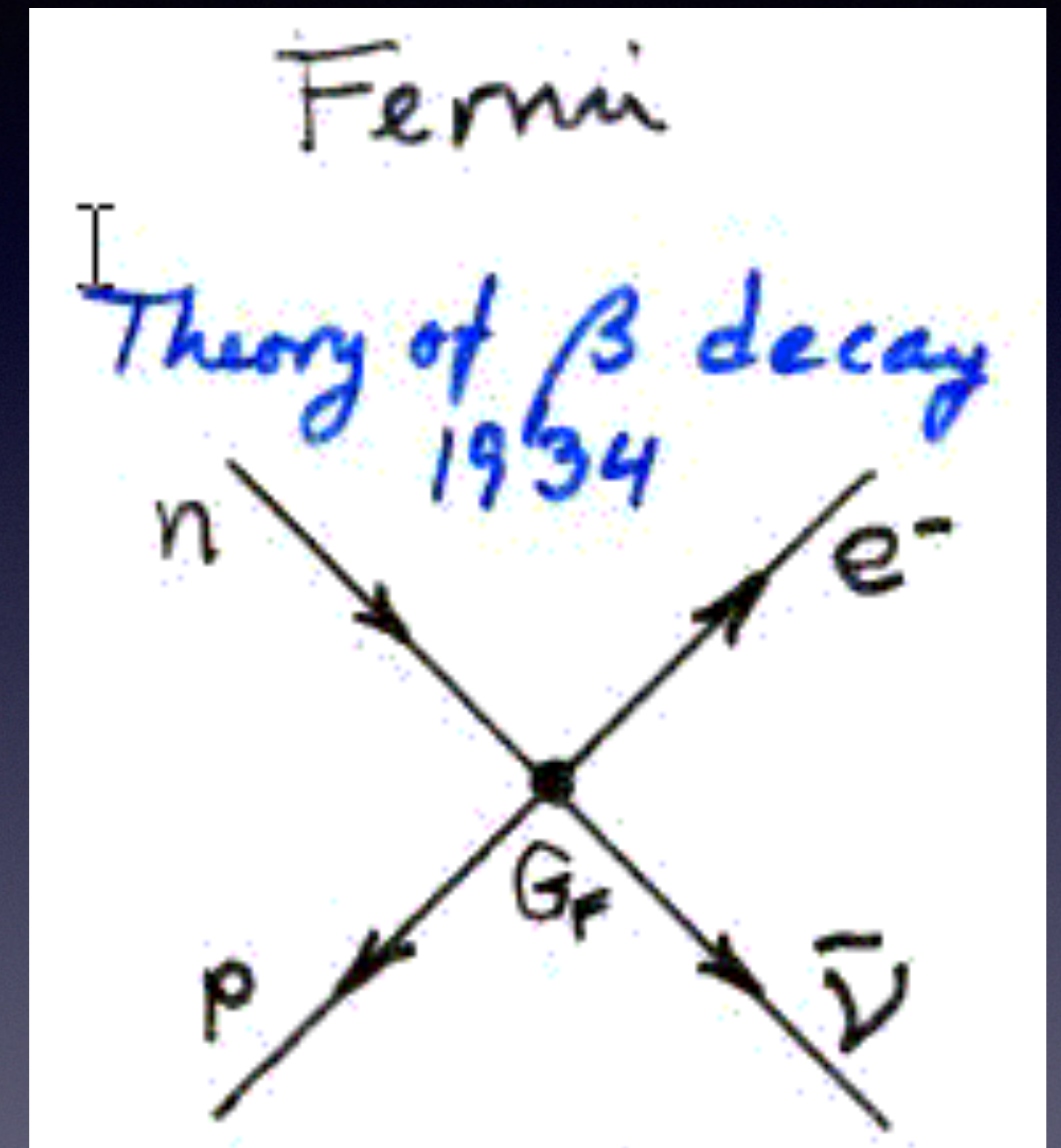
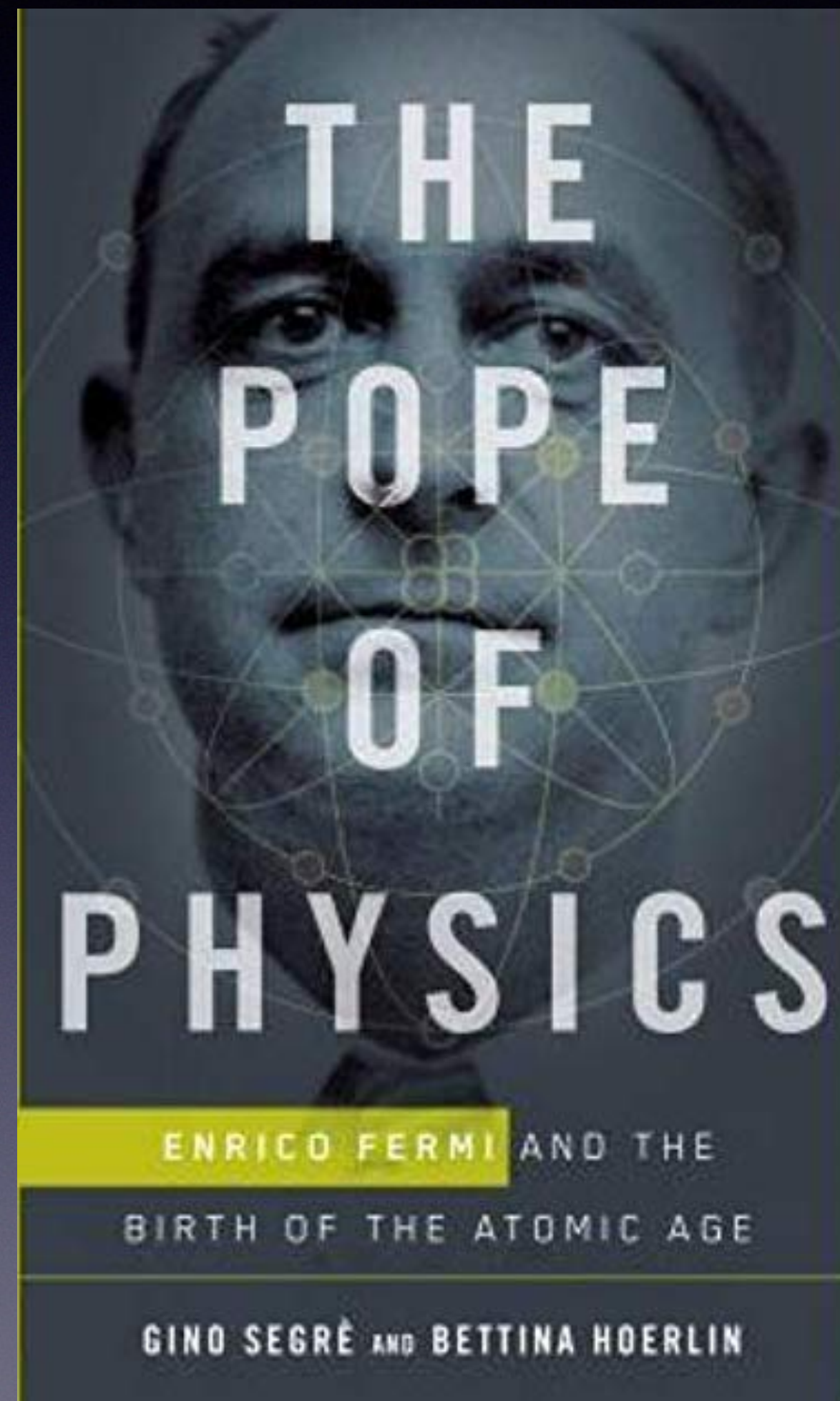
1957

$$\vec{p} = -\vec{p}$$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{L}$$

$$\vec{s} = \vec{s}$$

signature of parity violation



Fermi four-fermion theory of beta decay

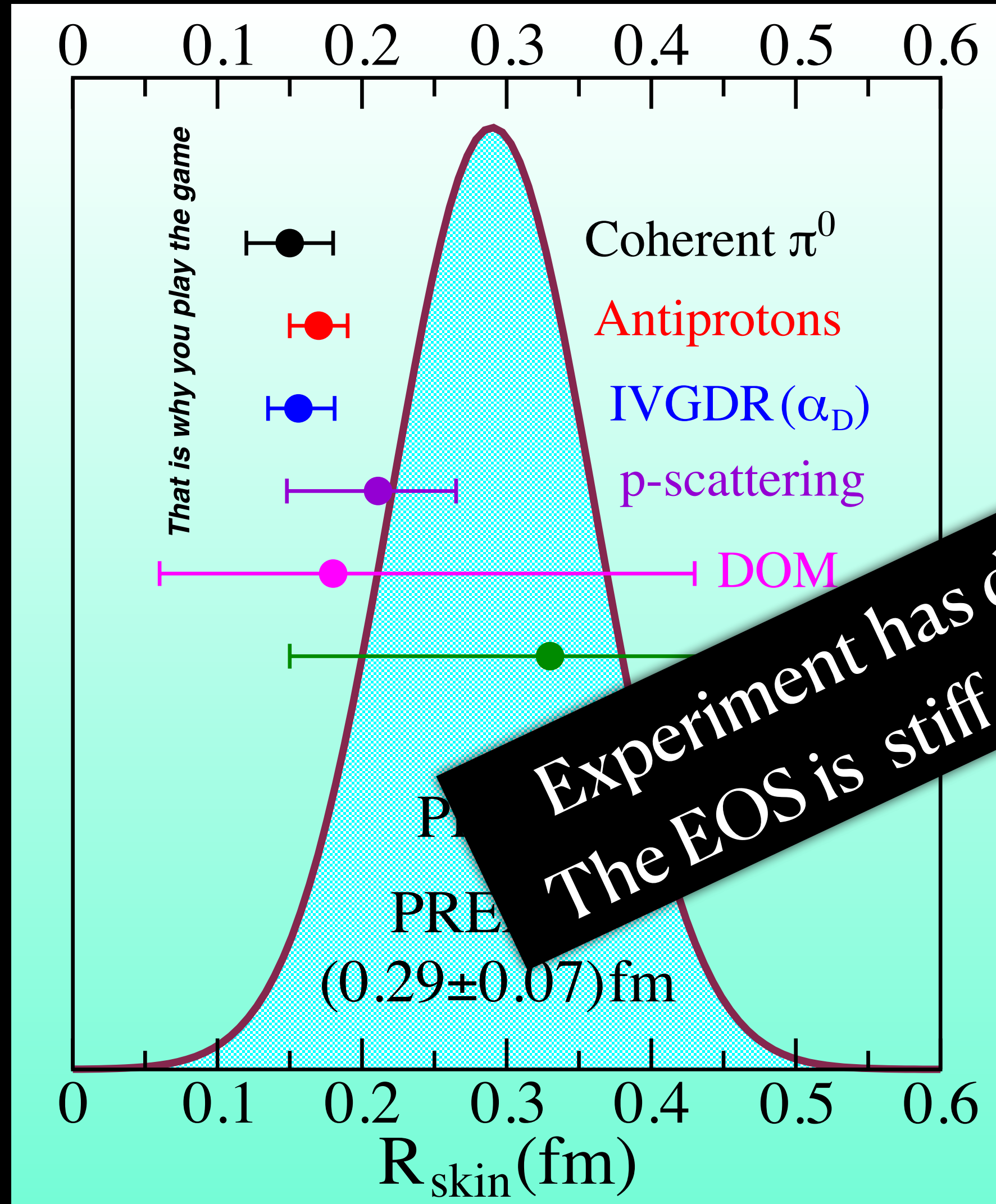
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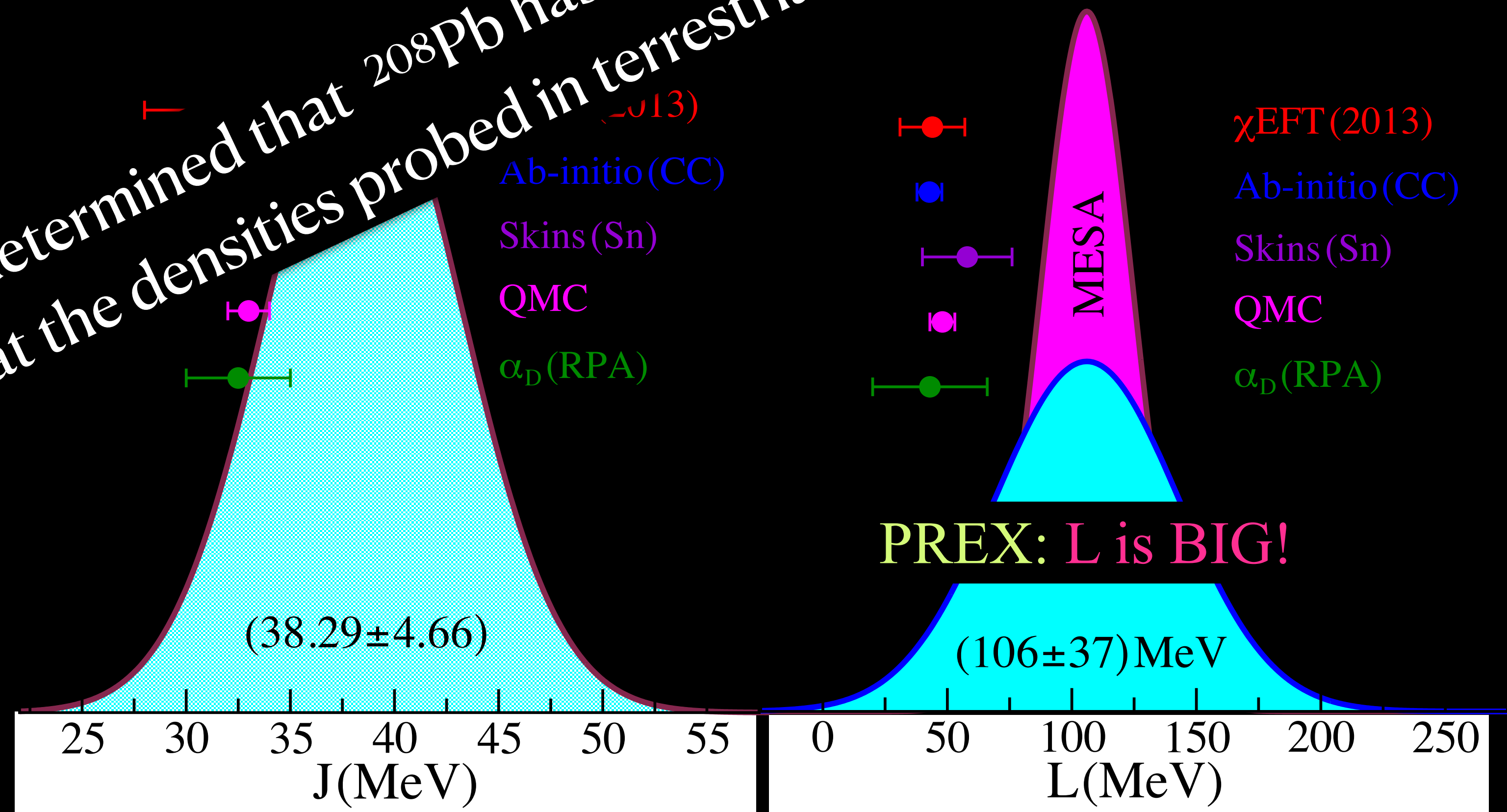
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The neutron skin-thickness of ^{208}Pb determined by electron and proton scattering

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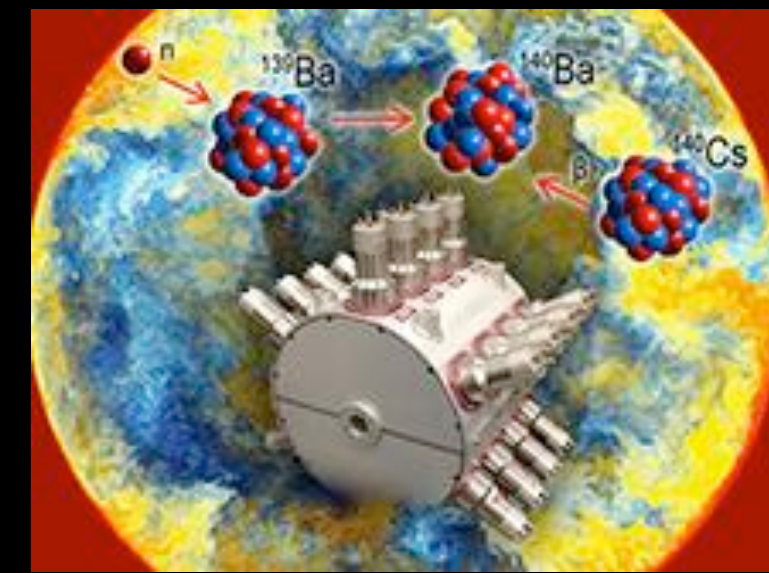
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Abstract: Electron as well as proton elastic scattering is not able to determine the point proton and point neutron densities, $\rho_\tau(r)$, ($\tau = p, n$), separately. If both scatterings are analyzed consistently, those densities would be determined uniquely, since the two densities are observed by different combinations from each other. The previous experiments did not provide $\rho_\tau(r)$ uniquely, but the values of the mean square radii of $\rho_p(r)$, $\langle r^2 \rangle_p$, and of $\rho_n(r)$, $\langle r^2 \rangle_n$, are shown to be determined consistently through the fourth moment of the observed charge density, $\langle r^4 \rangle_c$, in ^{208}Pb . The previous analyses of (γ, π^0) and \bar{p} -nucleus obtained a similar value of $\langle r^2 \rangle_n$, but they do not yield the experimental value of $\langle r^4 \rangle_c$ observed in electron scattering.

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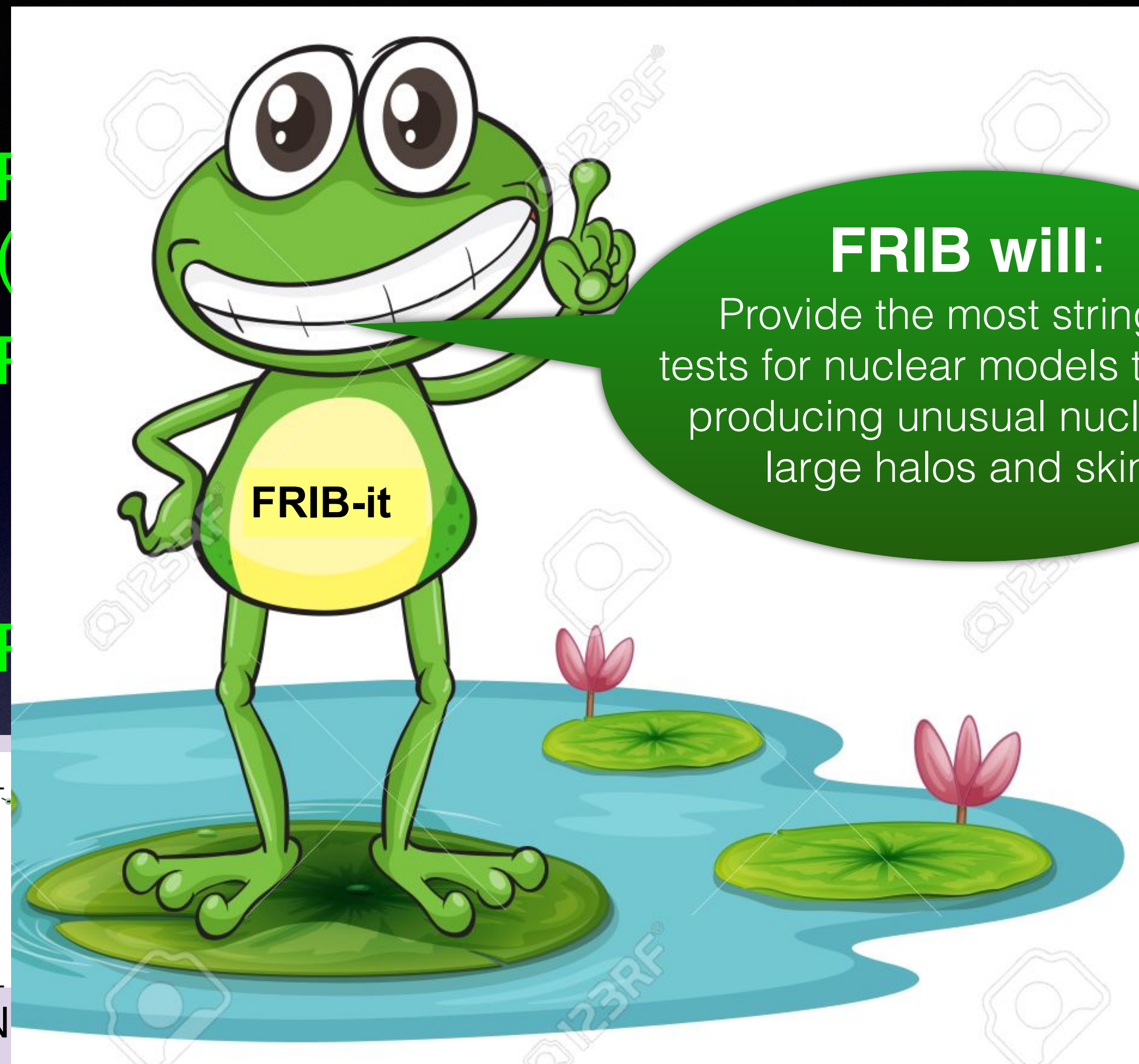


Facility for Rare Isotope Beams at Michigan State University



FRIB RESEARCHERS LEAD TEAM TO MERGE
NUCLEAR PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS AND
ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS TO
ADVANCE EQUATION-OF-STATE RESEARCH

Use PREX/CREX/MREX
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extract the neutron skin
of very exotic
neutron-rich nuclei such
as ^{60}Ca , ^{78}Ni , ^{132}Sn

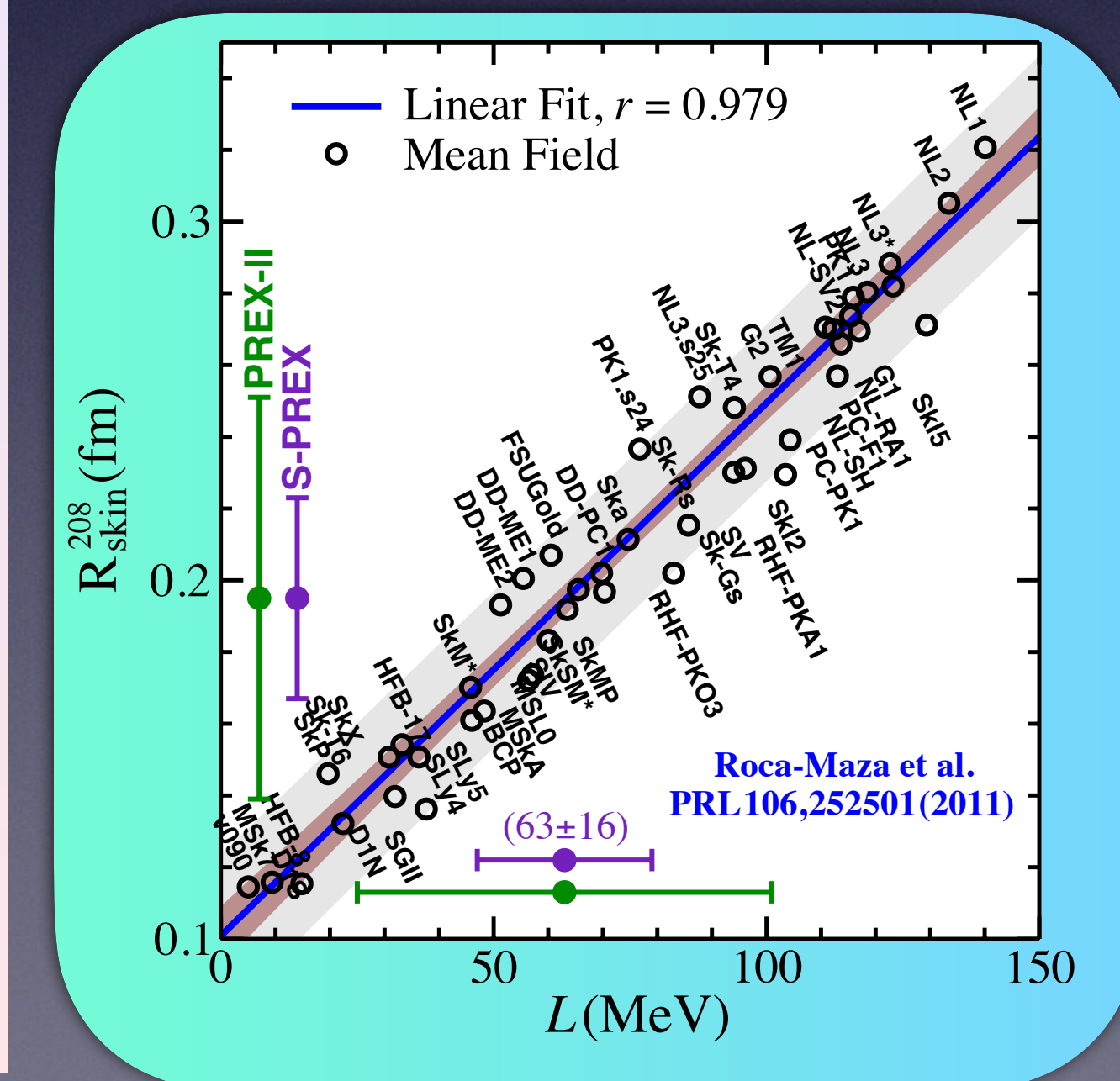
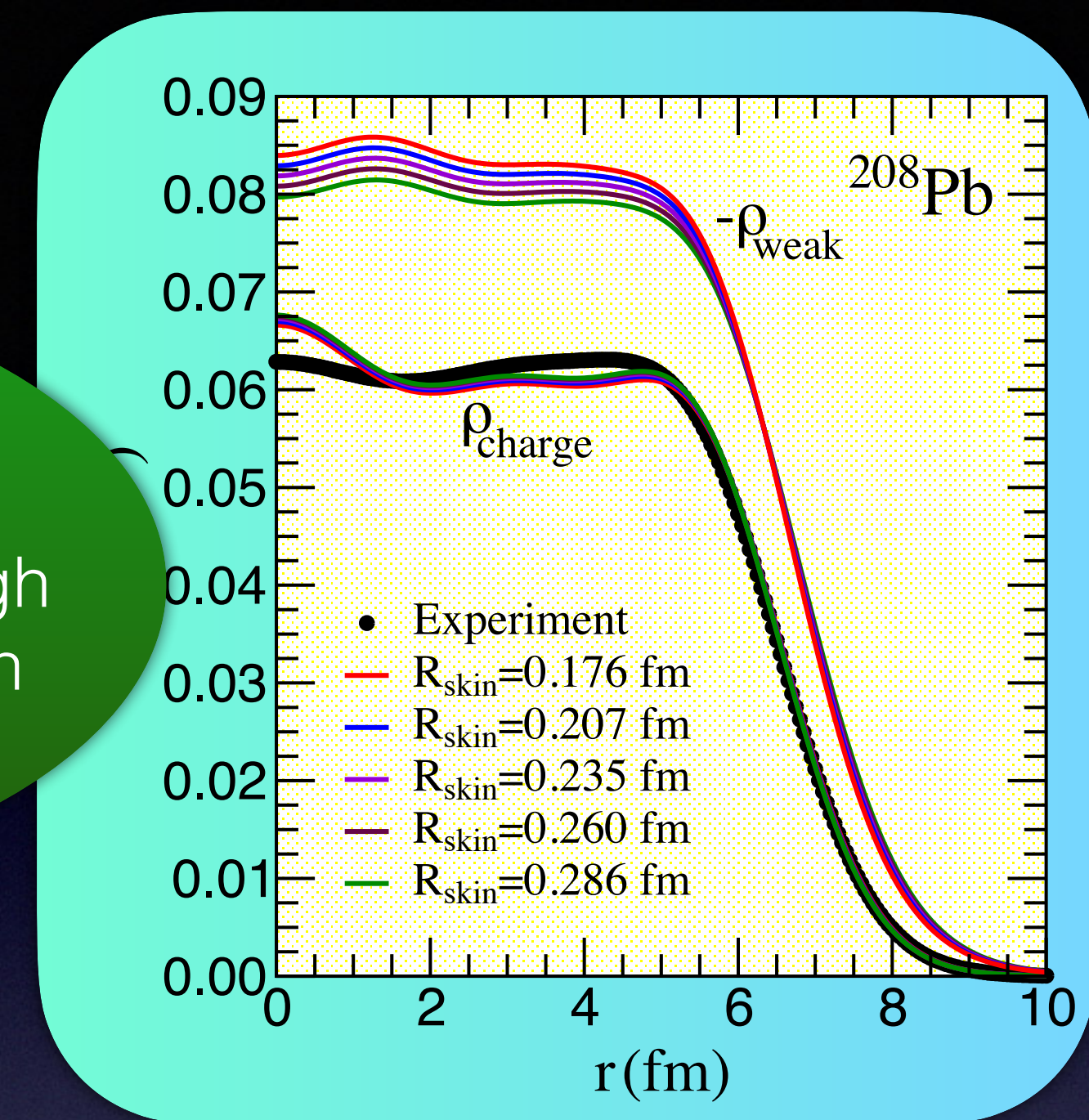


FRIB will:
 Provide the most stringent tests for nuclear models through producing unusual nuclei with large halos and skins

- N
- PV provides a clean measurement of neutron densities (and R_n)

	up-quark	down-quark	proton	neutron
γ -coupling	+2/3	-1/3	+1	0
Z_0 -coupling	$\approx +1/3$	$\approx -2/3$	≈ 0	-1

$$g_v = 2t_z - 4Q \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 2t_z - Q$$

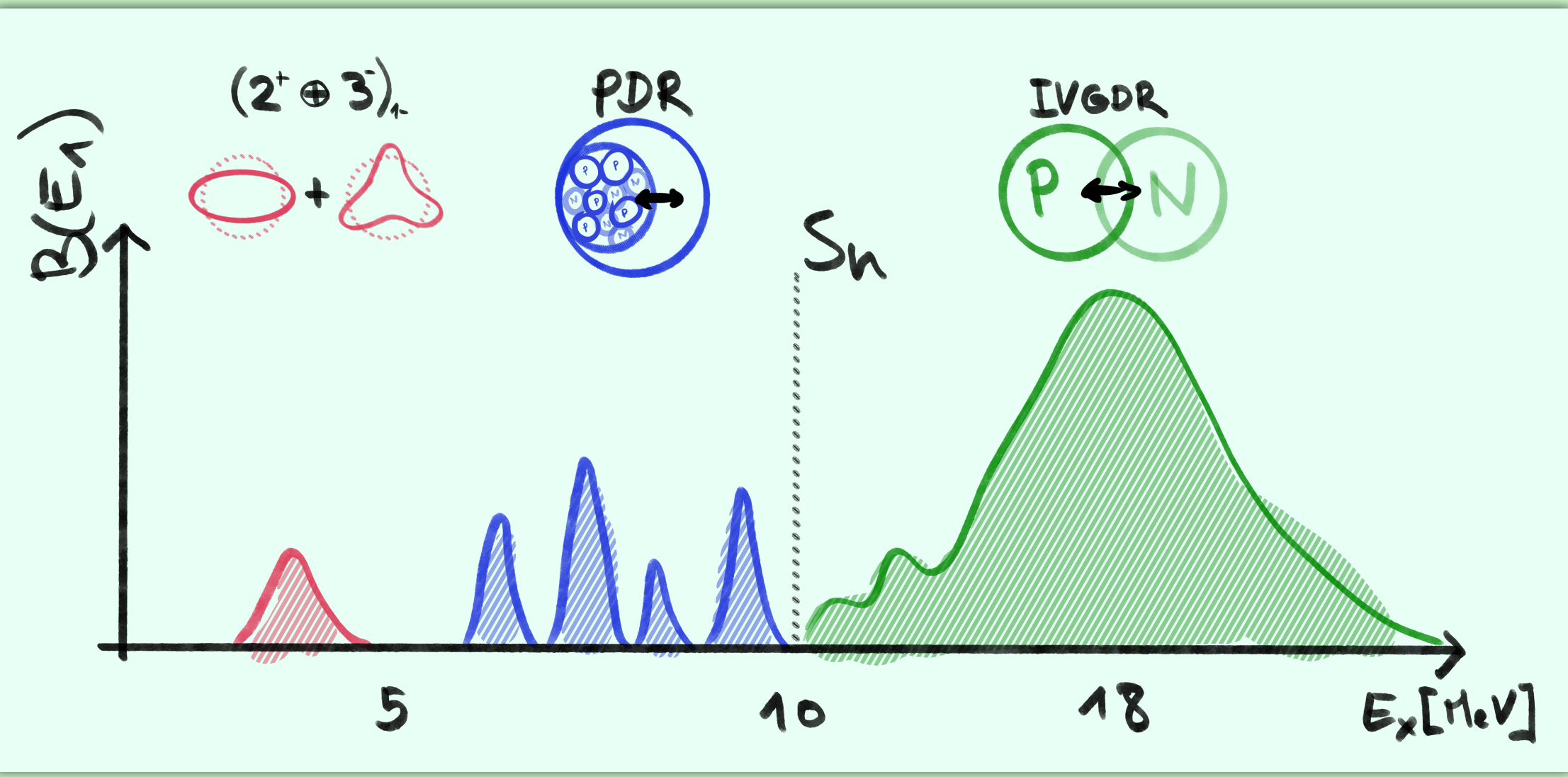


Electric Dipole Response

TOPICAL REVIEW

Neutron skins of atomic nuclei: per aspera ad astra

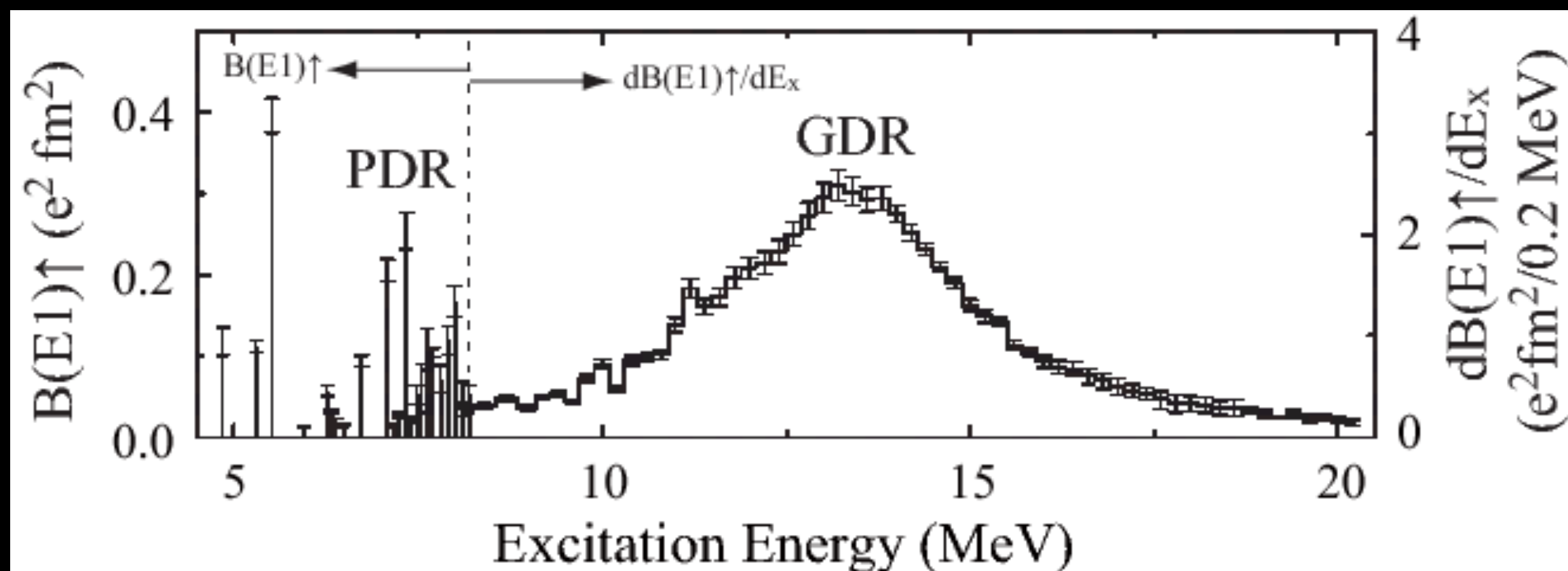
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IVGDR: The quintessential nuclear excitation

- Out-of-phase oscillation of neutrons vs protons
Symmetry energy acts as restoring force
- Pygmy dipole resonance a soft mode with neutron rich skin oscillating against the symmetric core
- High quality data from RCNP, GSI, HIGS, ...

On a variety of nuclei such as Pb, Sn, Ni, Ca, ...
hopefully in the future along isotopic chains

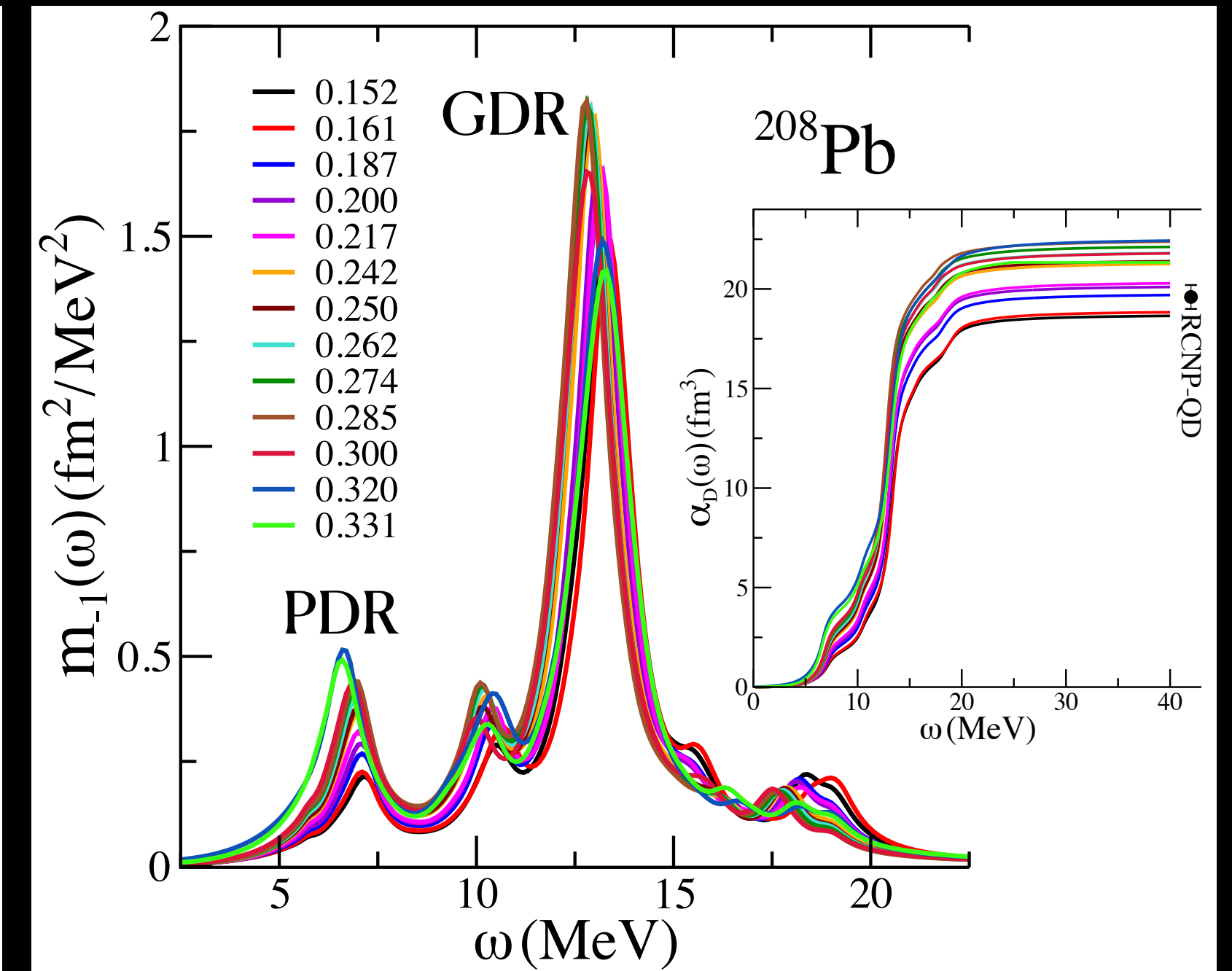
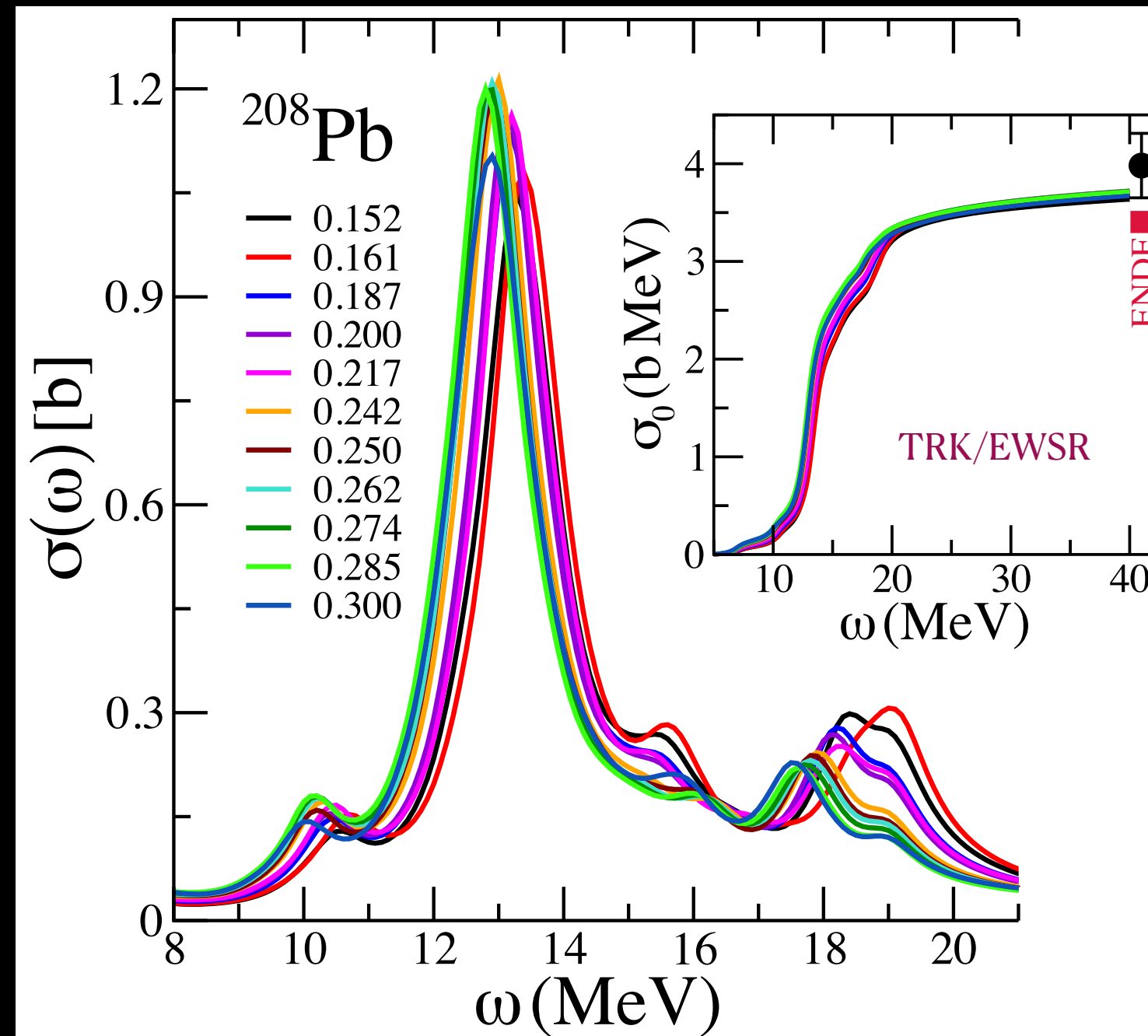
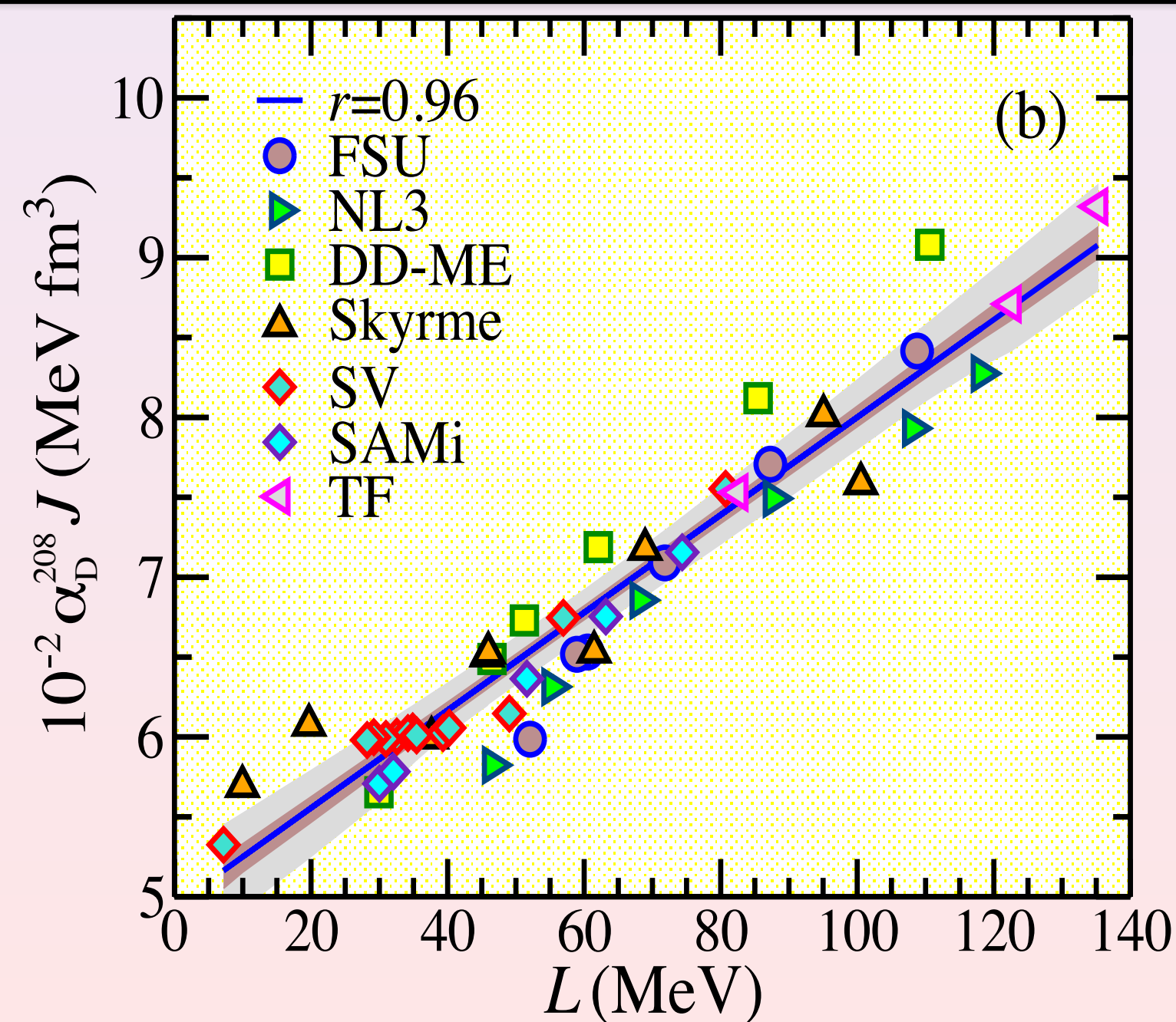


Electric Dipole Polarizability α_D

- A powerful electroweak complement to Rskin (γ -absorption experiments)
 - Correlation to symmetry energy almost as strong as in the case of Rskin
 - Energy weighted sum rule largely model independent
 - Inverse energy weighted sum strongly correlated to L
- Important contribution from PDR**

$$EWSR = \int_0^\infty \sigma(\omega) d\omega \approx 60 \left(\frac{NZ}{A} \right) \text{MeV mb}$$

$$\alpha_D = \left(\frac{\hbar c}{2\pi^2} \right) \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma(\omega)}{\omega^2} d\omega = \left(\frac{8\pi e^2}{9} \right) m_{-1}$$

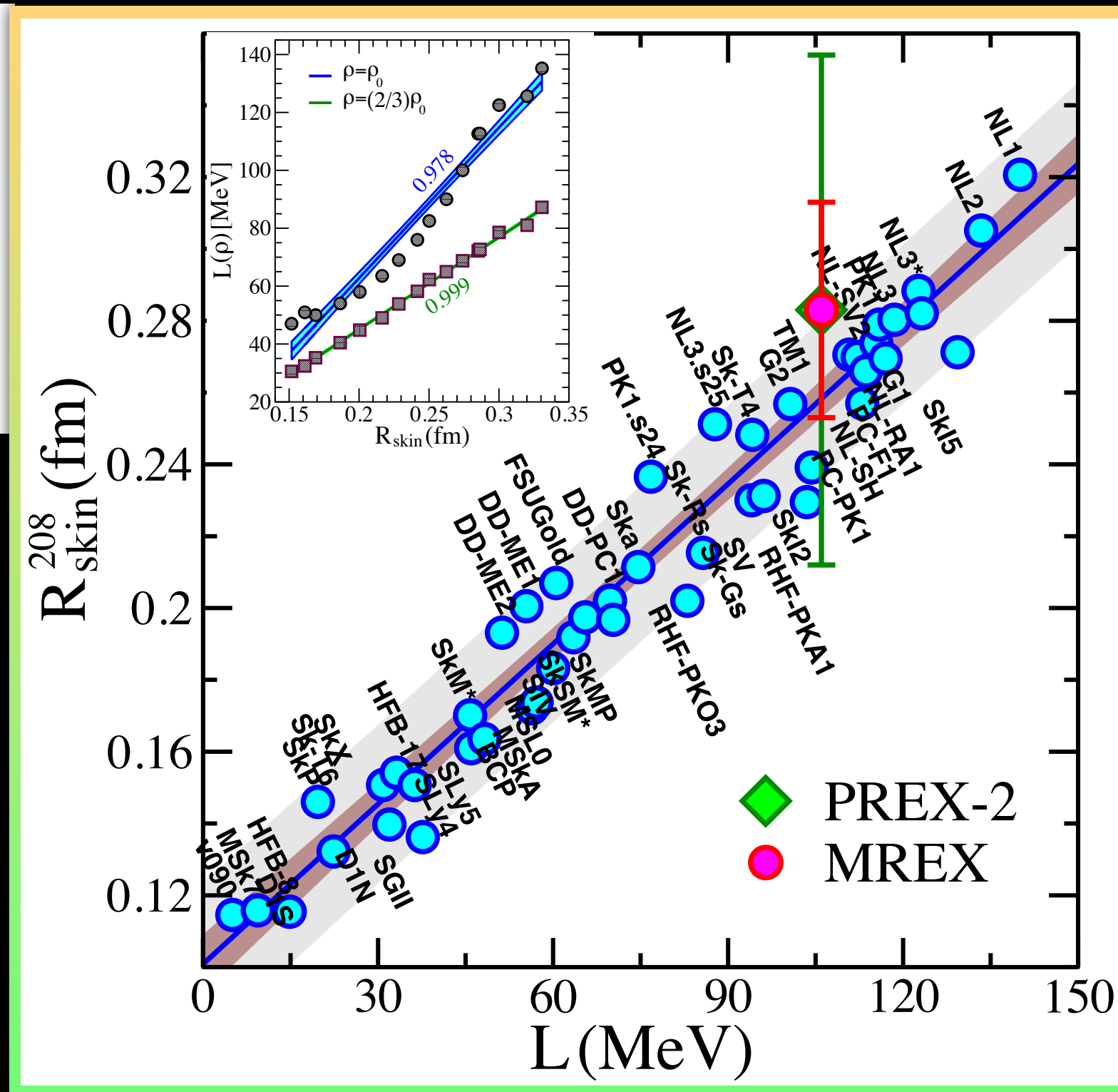
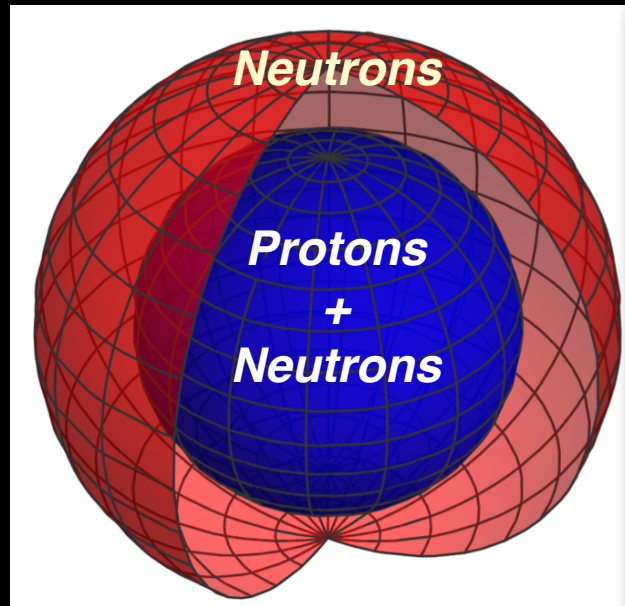


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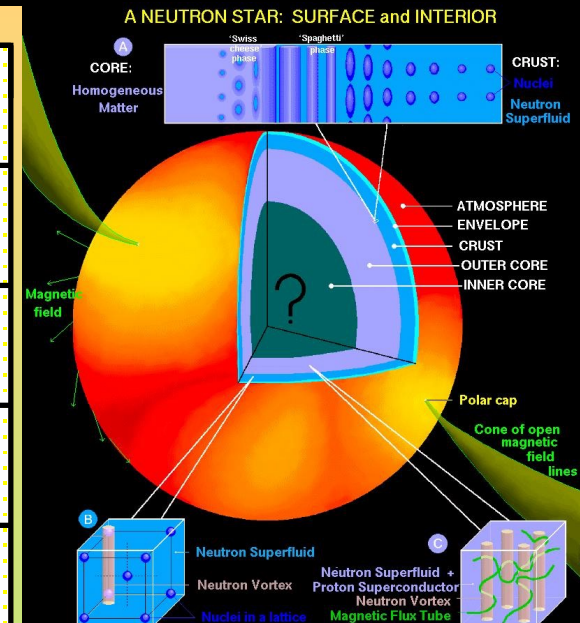
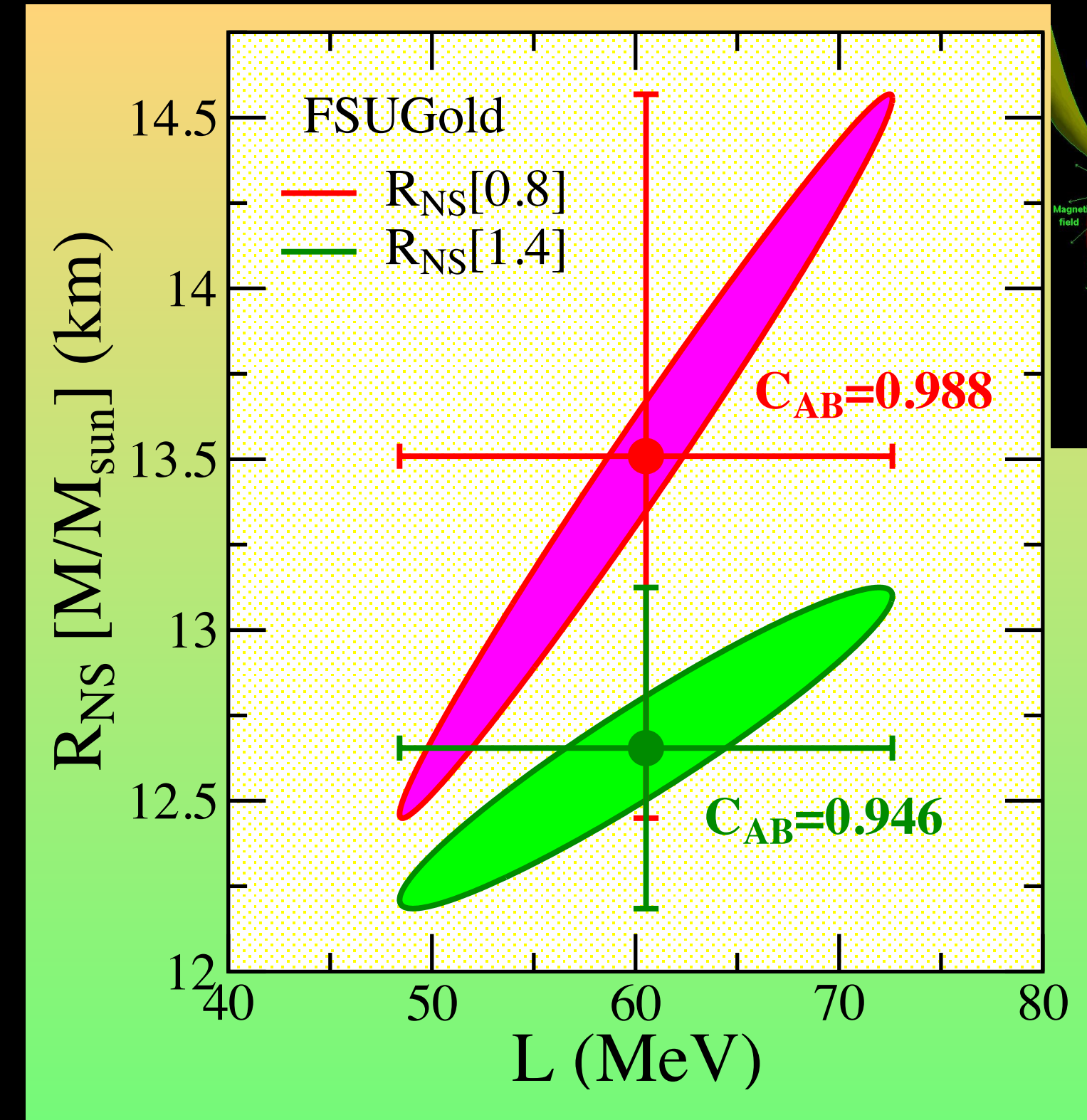


Heaven and Earth

Laboratory Constraints on the EOS



18 orders
 ← →
 magnitude



Nuclear interaction is responsible for describing finite nuclei and neutron stars!

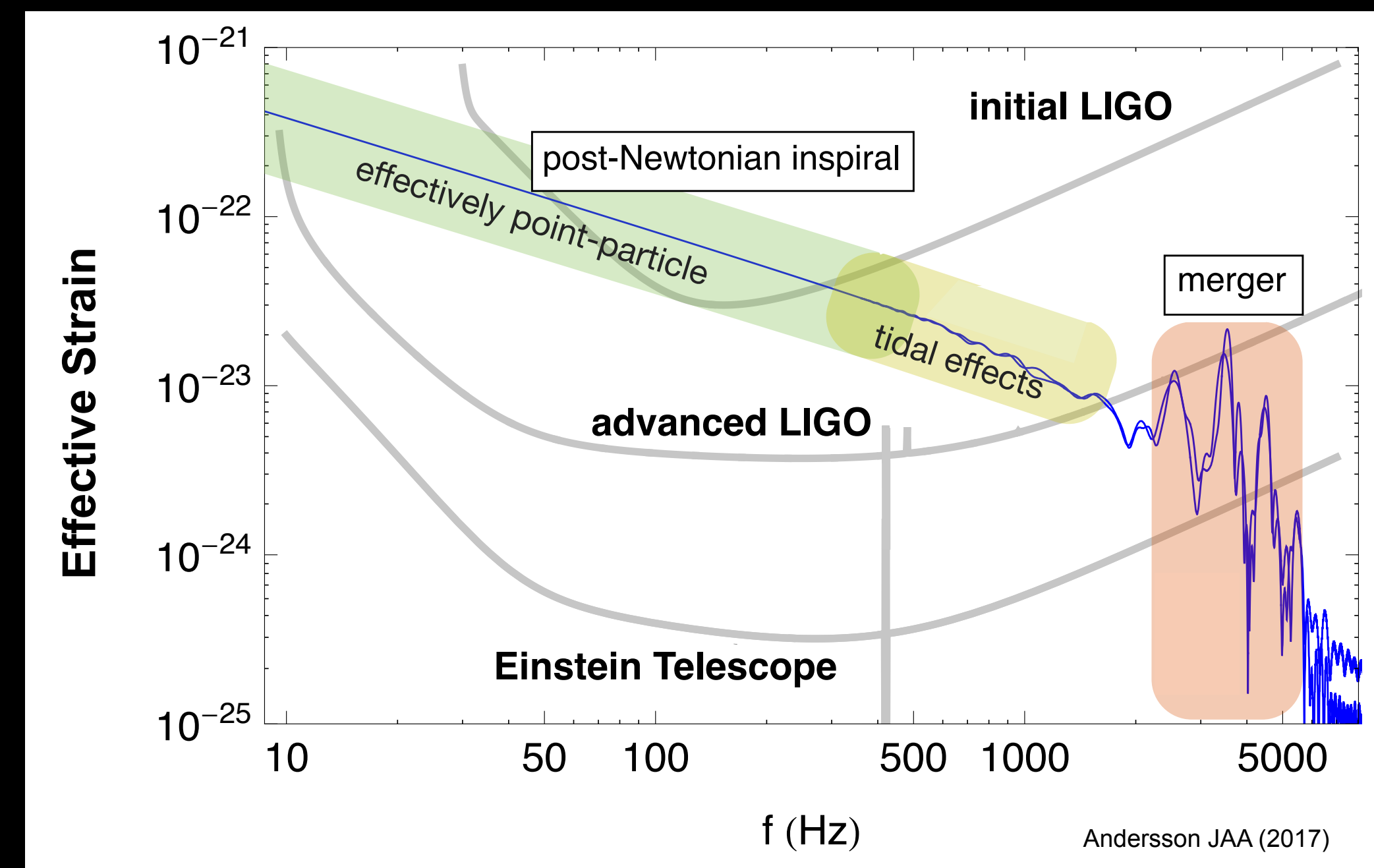
The slope of the symmetry energy L controls both the neutron skin of heavy nuclei as well as the radius of (low mass) neutron stars — objects that differ in size by 18 orders of magnitude!

“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 → 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)*



Dimensionless strain:

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{2G}{c^4} \ddot{I}(t)$$

I = mass quadrupole moment of the source
 R = source distance

$$\text{If } \ddot{I}(t) \rightarrow M a^2 \omega^2$$

$$h(t) = \left(\frac{2GM}{c^2 R} \right) \left(\frac{a}{\lambda} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{R_s}{R} \right) \left(\frac{a}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

$$\sim 10^{-2} \left(\frac{R_s}{R} \right) \sim 10^{-23} \text{ @ [40 Mpc]}$$

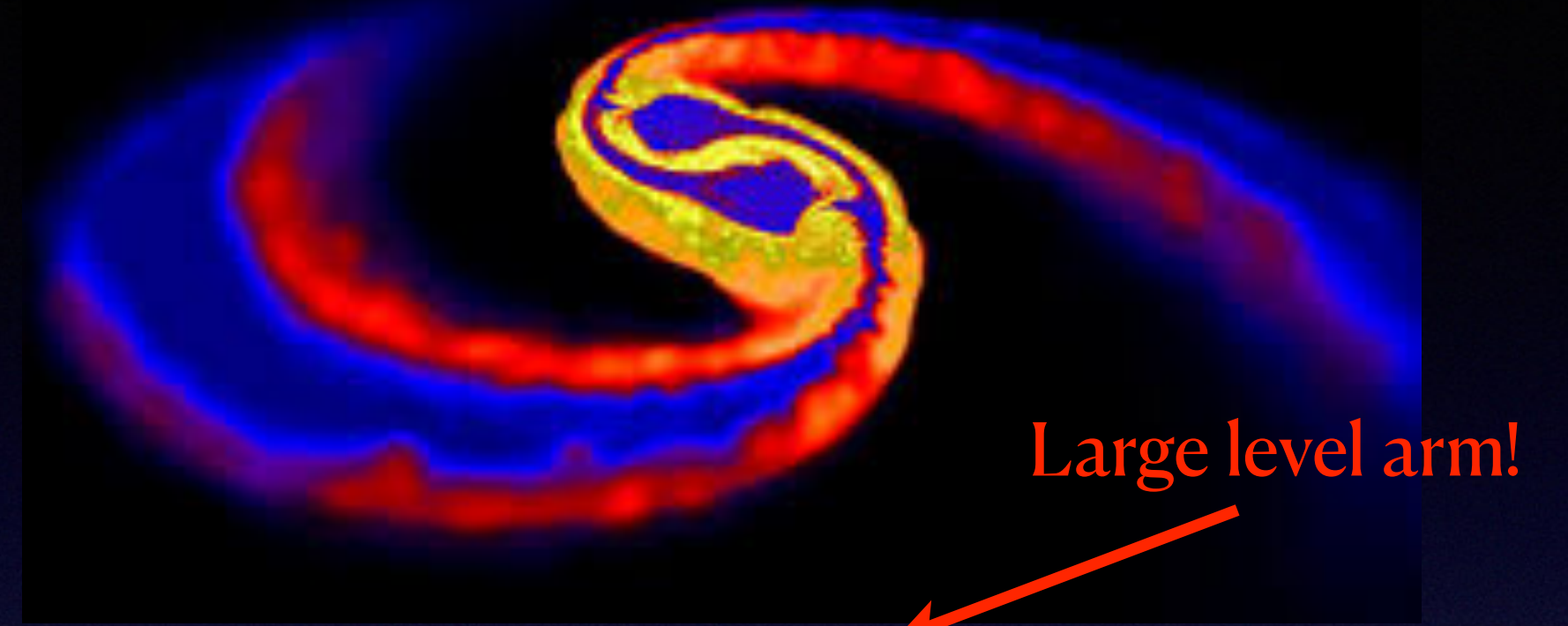
At $h=10^{-21}$ and with an arm length of 4km displacement is 1000 times smaller than proton!

GW170817: Tidal Polarizability (2017)

Electric Polarizability: $P_i = \chi E_i$

Tidal Polarizability (Deformability):

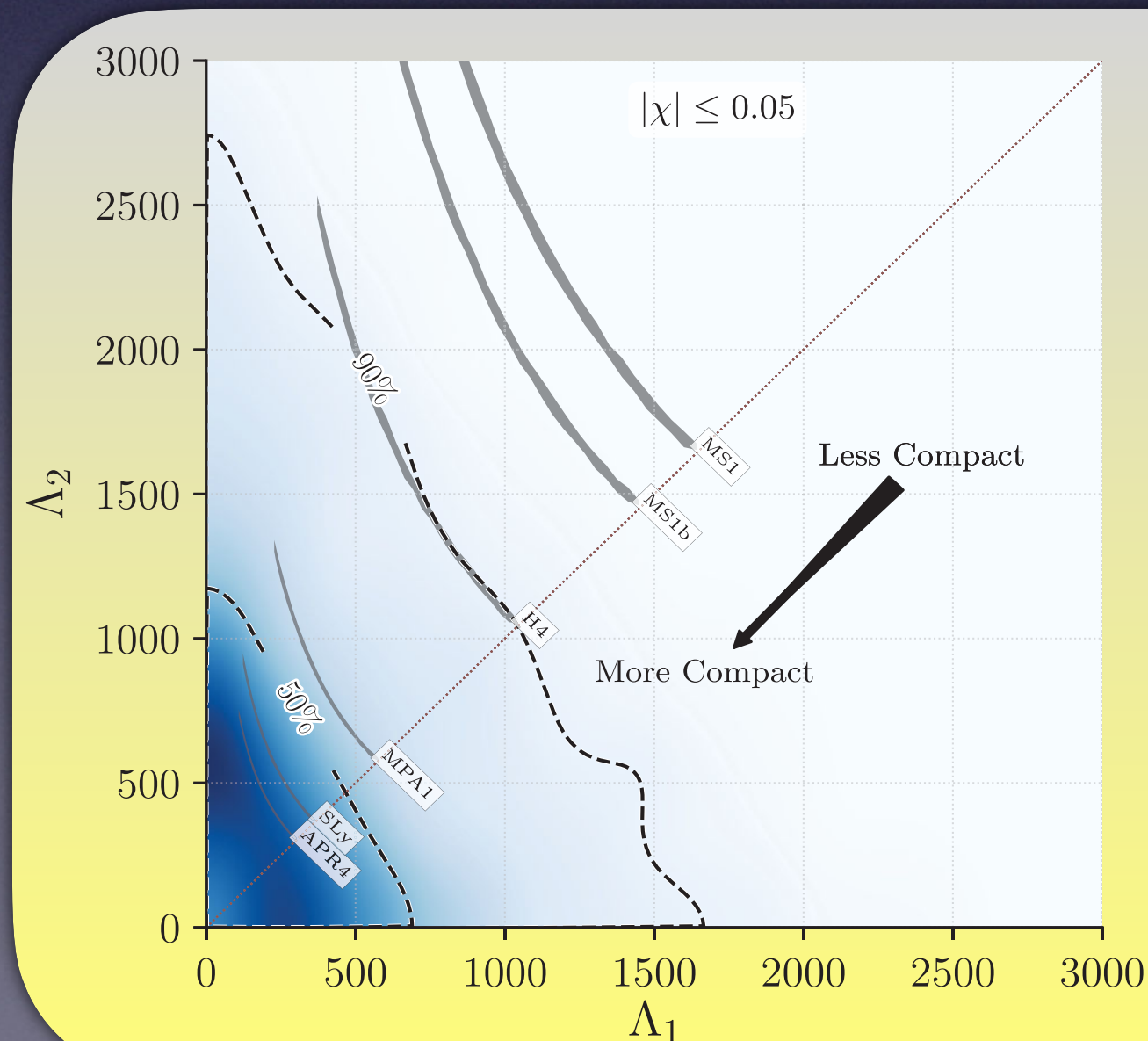
- Tidal field induces a mass polarization
- A time dependent mass quadrupole emits gravitational waves



$$Q_{ij} = \Lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

Micro-Macro

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



GW170817 rules out very large neutron star radii

Neutron Star must be compact

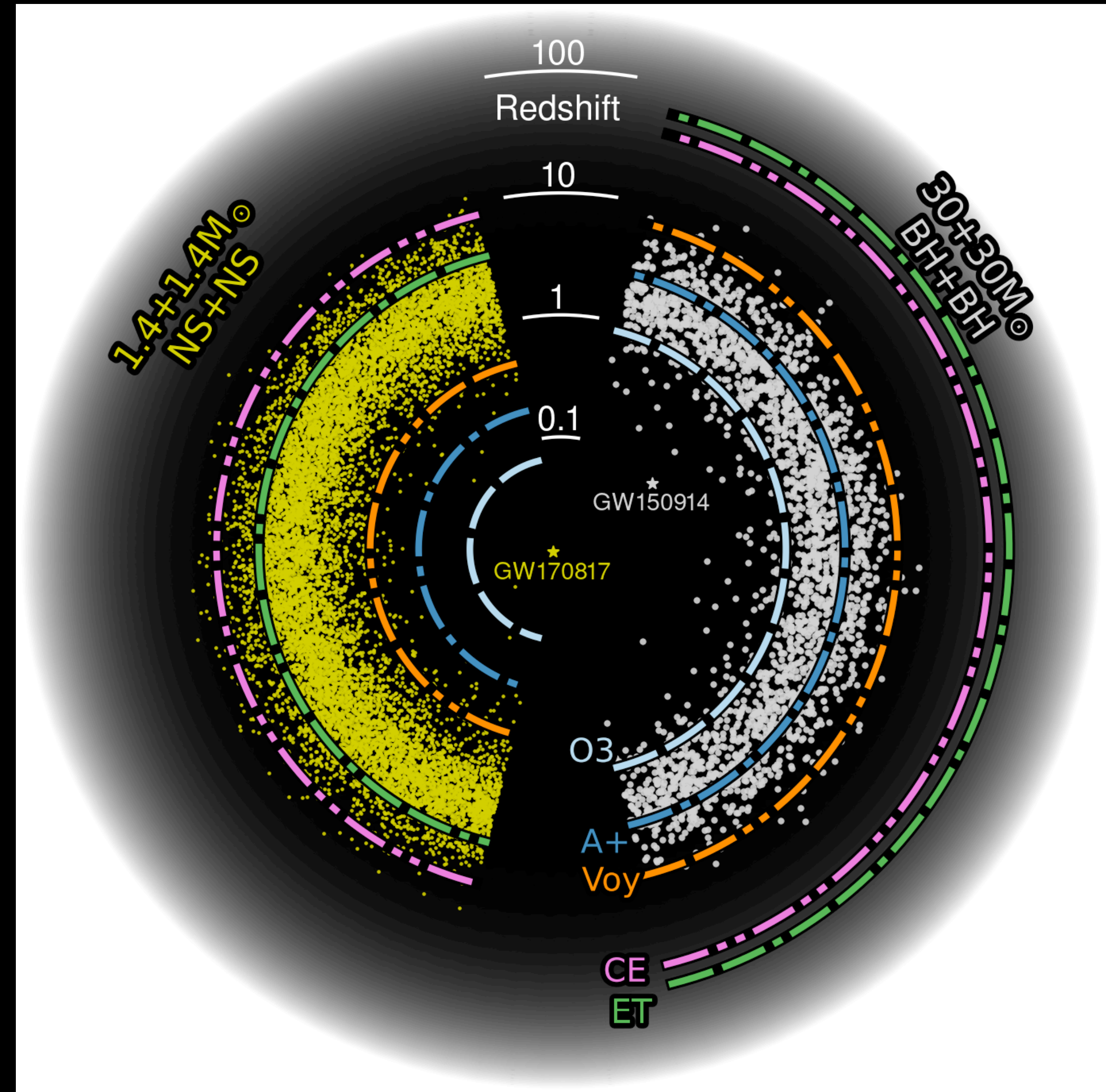
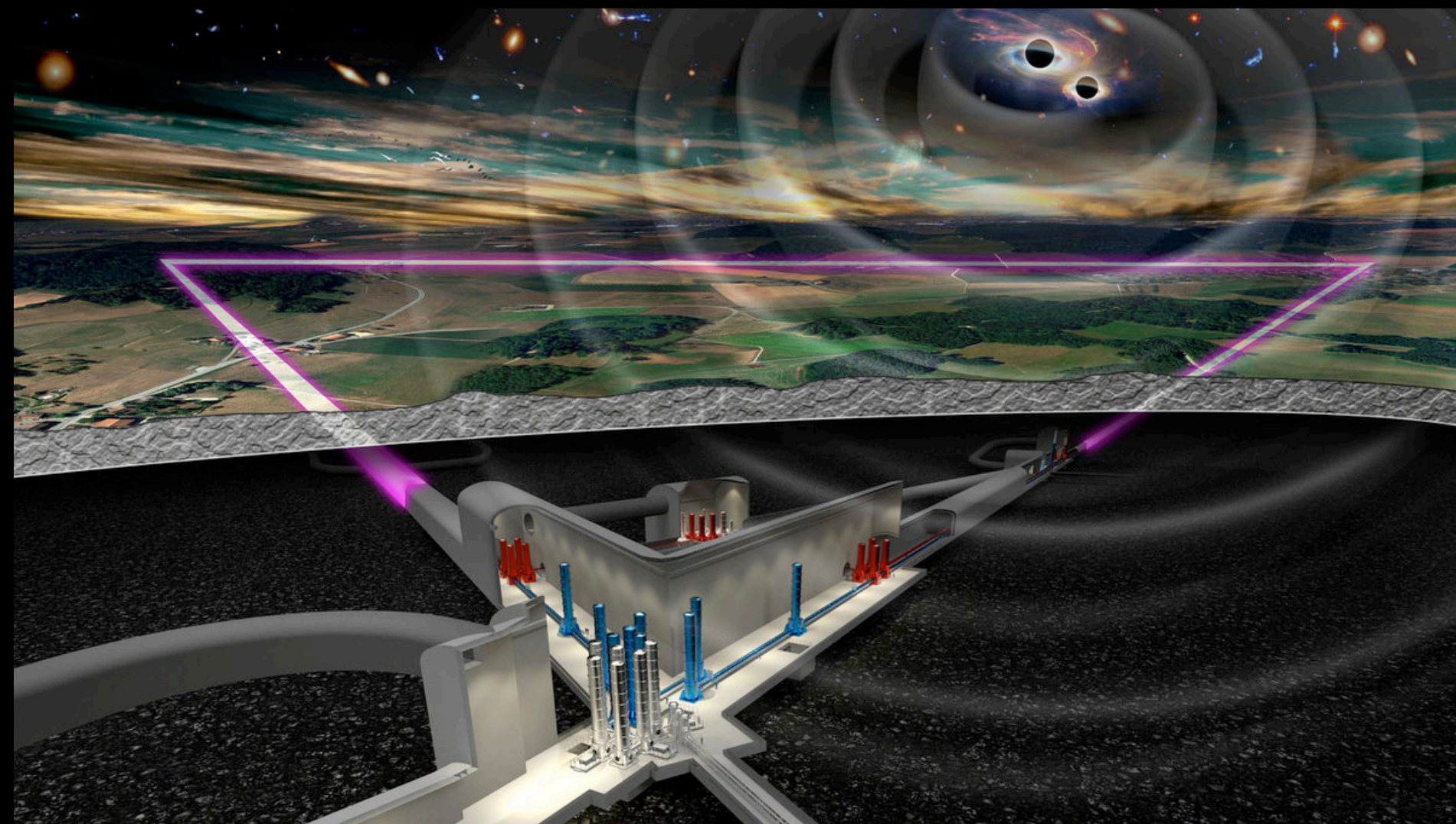
**Soft EOS!
Small L!**

$$\Lambda_{1.4} = 390_{-120}^{+190} \text{ (90\%)}$$

(Latest LIGO/Virgo analysis)

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

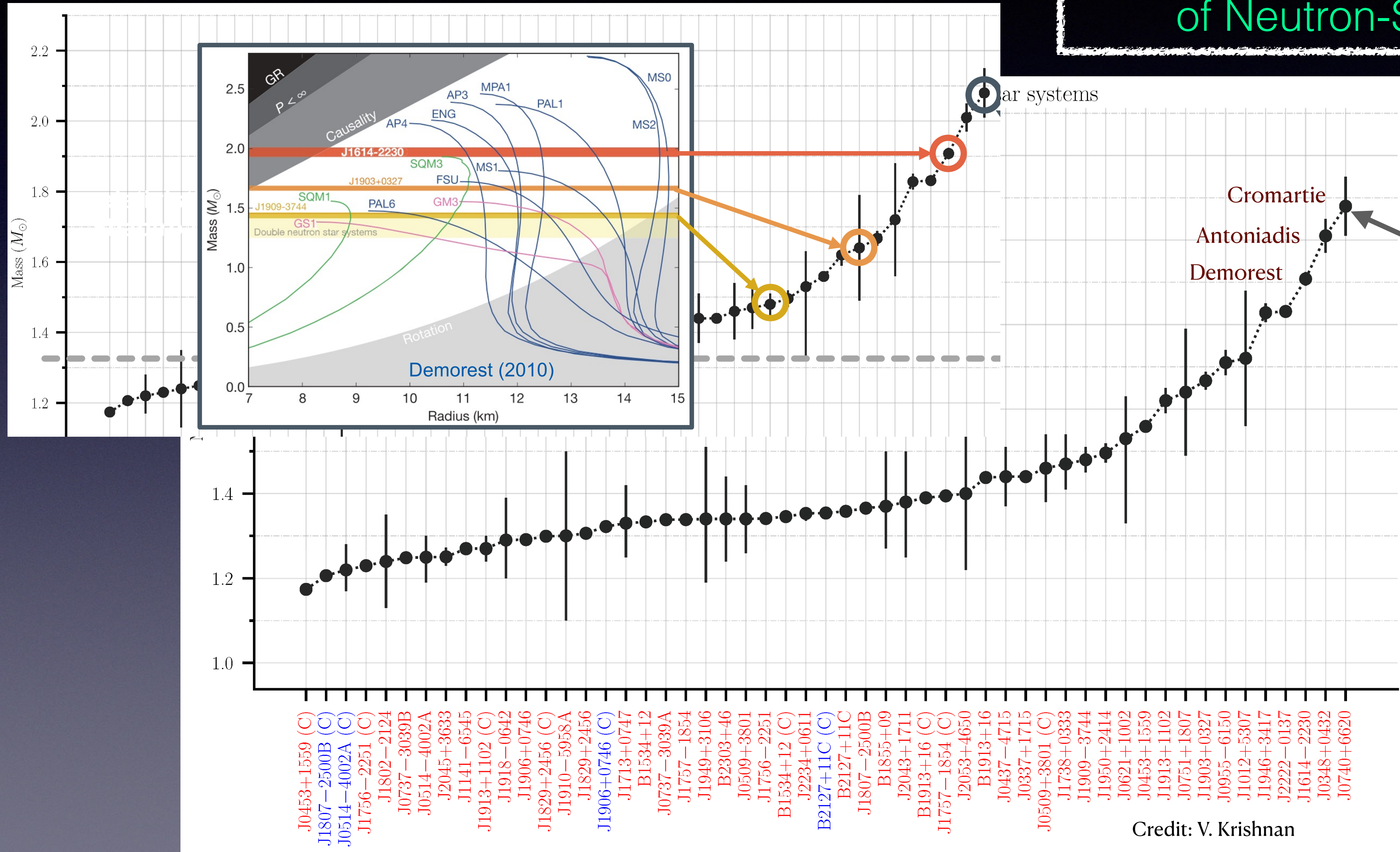
Gravitational Waves: Past, Present and Future



Thursday Afternoon Session: Anna Puecher

Progress in the determination of massive neutron stars — constraining the EOS at the highest densities

Mass-vs-Radius profile is the Holy Grail of Neutron-Star Structure



What is the maximum neutron star mass?

$M = 2.08 \pm 0.07 M_{\odot}$
J0740+6620
 (heaviest precisely known)

radii are difficult to measure

canonical neutron star

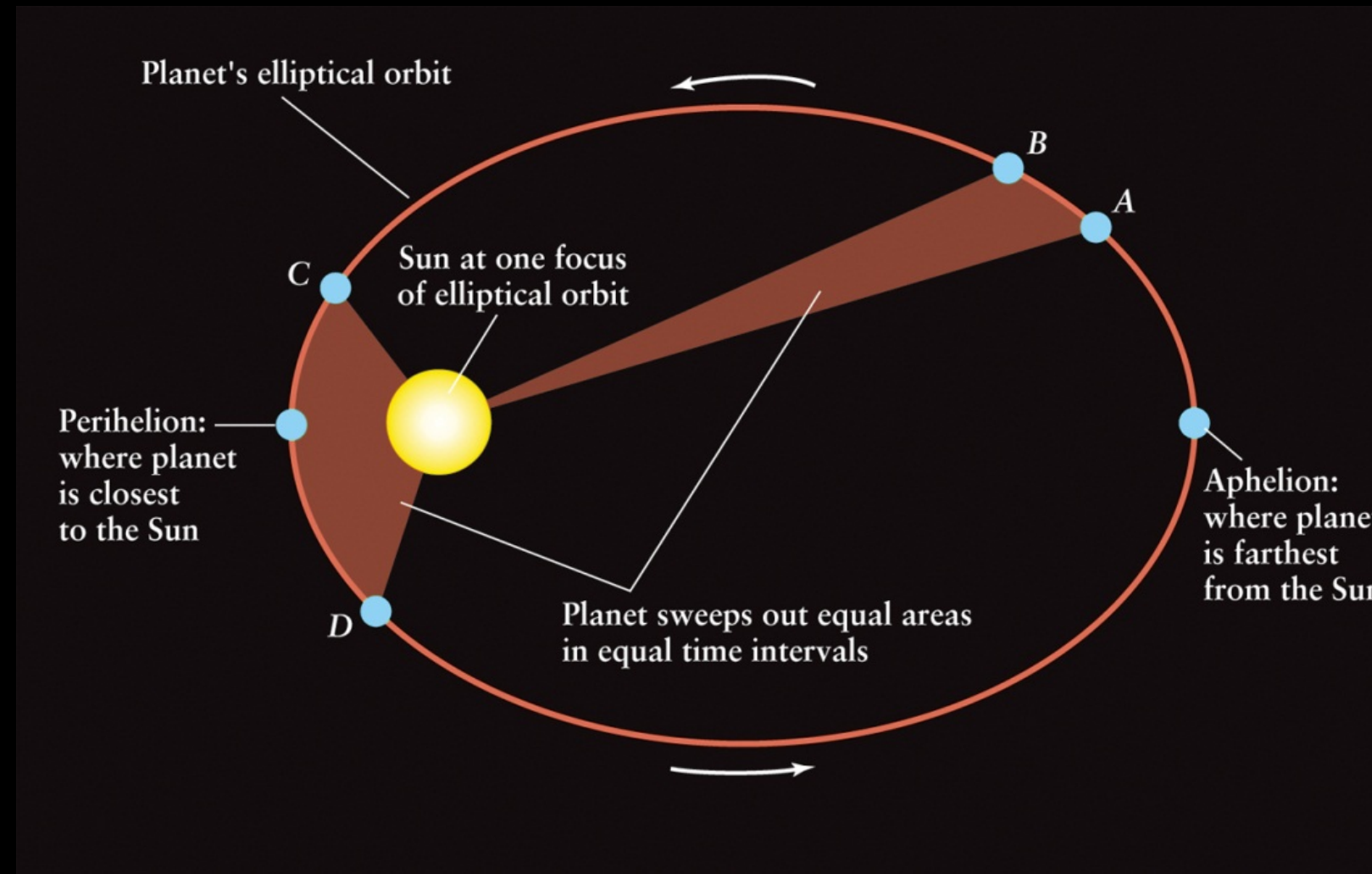
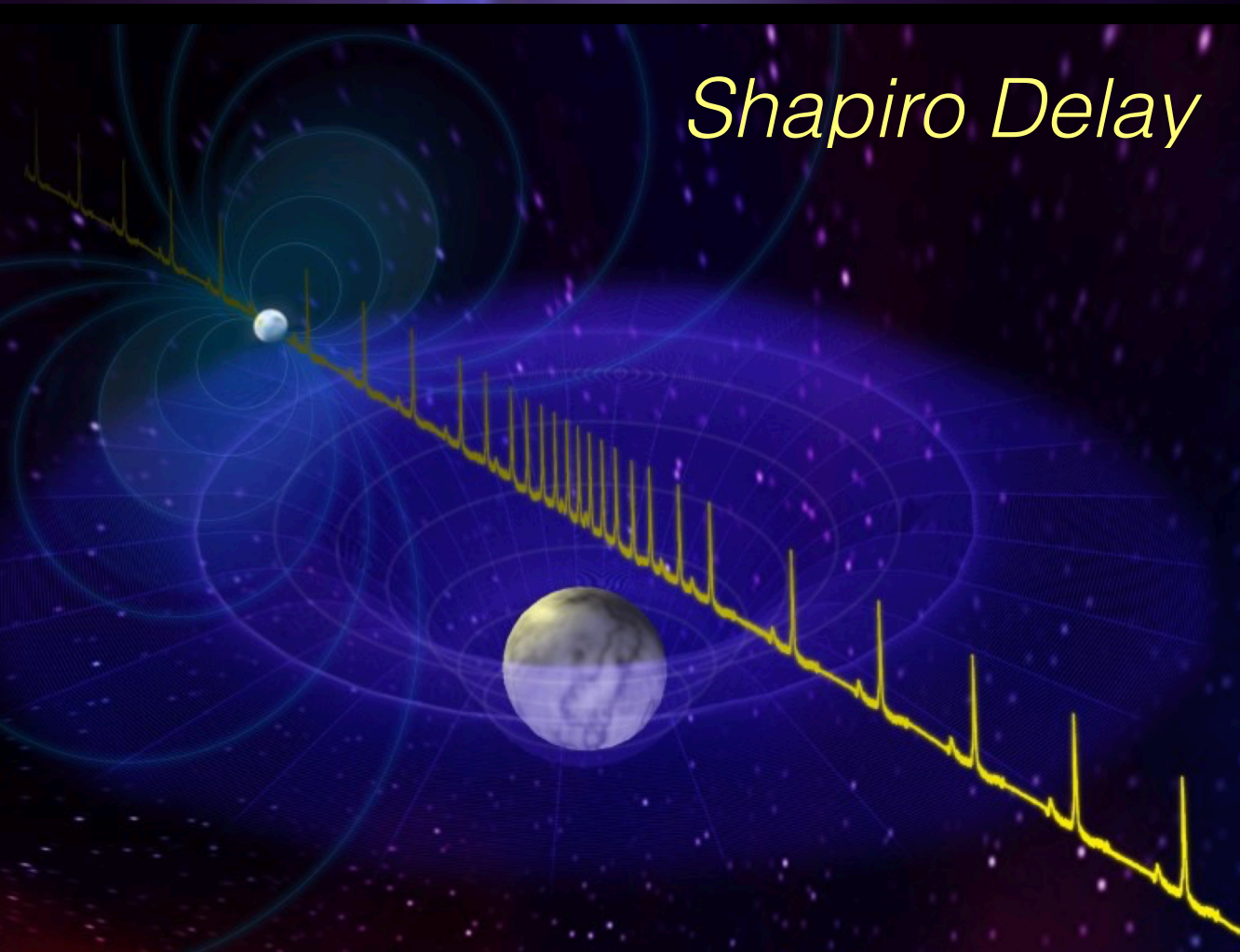
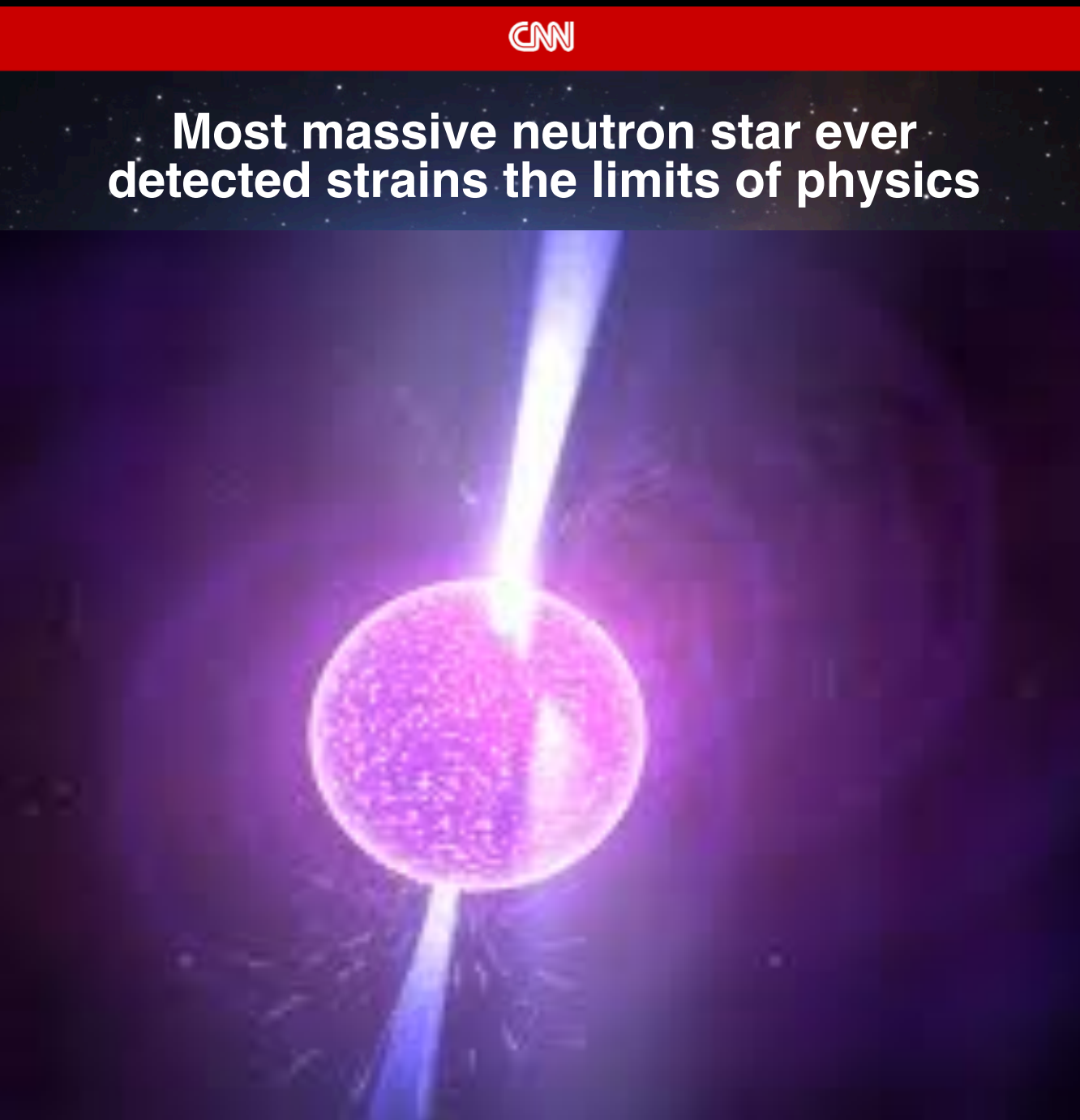
$M = 1.908(16) M_{\odot}$
 J1614-2230: Demorest et al. (2010)

$M = 2.01(4) M_{\odot}$
 J0348+0432: Antoniadis et al. (2013)

Credit: V. Krishnan

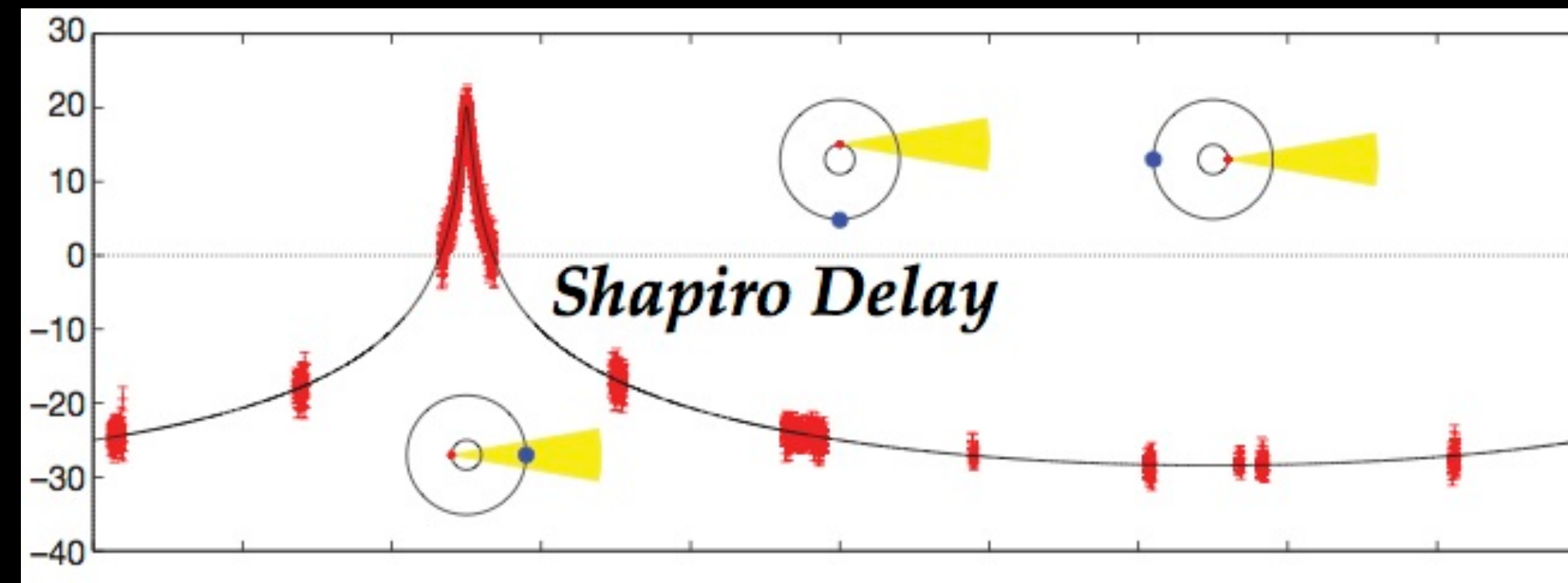
Measuring Heavy Neutron Stars (2019)

Shapiro Delay: General Relativity to the Rescue



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

$$G(M_{\text{ns}} + M_{\text{wd}}) = 4\pi^2 \frac{a^3}{P^2}$$



Shapiro delay — a purely General Relativistic effect can break the degeneracy

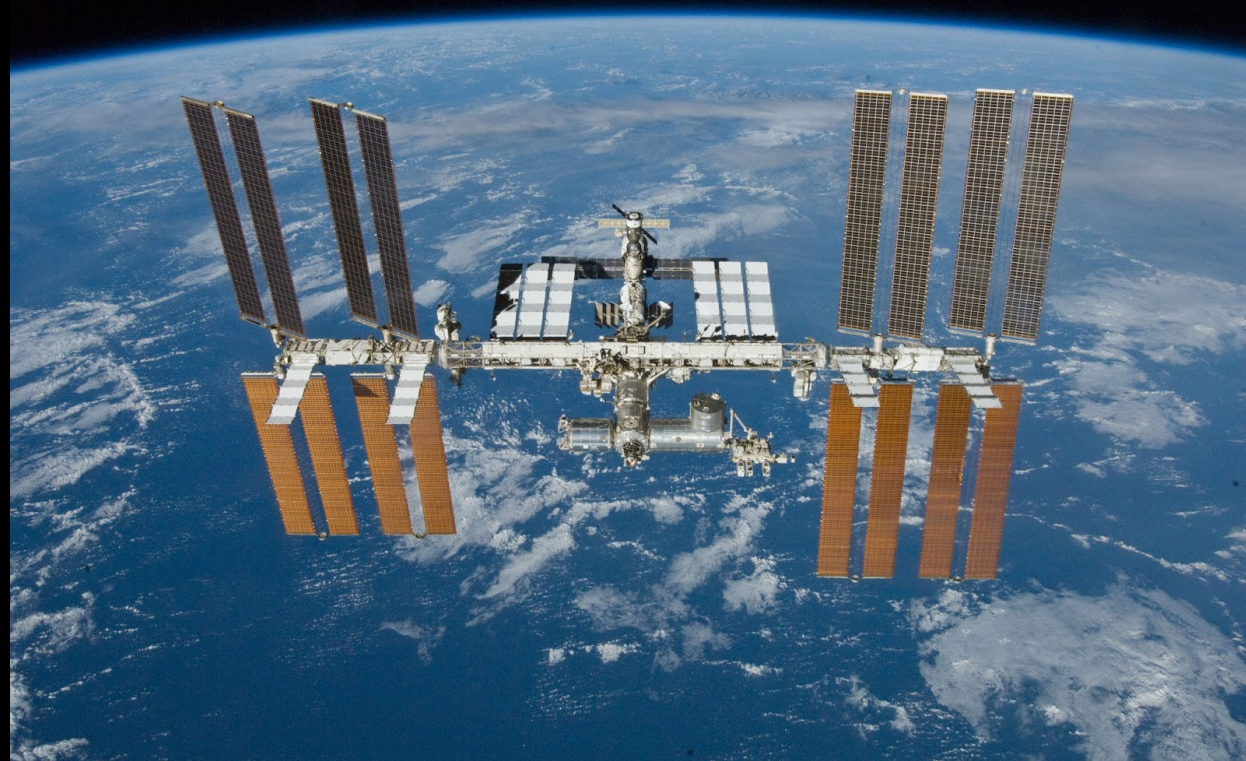
Stiff EOS!
Large L!

$$\delta t = \frac{2GM_{\text{WD}}}{c^3} \ln \left(\frac{4R_{\star}R_{\oplus}}{d^2} \right) \approx 10\mu s$$

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

Neutron-star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) Simultaneous Mass and Radius Measurements (2019-2021)

NICER was launched from Kennedy's Space Center on June 3, 2017 aboard SpaceX Falcon 9 Rocket and docked at the International Space Station two days later.



NICER measures the compactness of the Neutron Star **by looking at the back of the star!**

Pulse Profile: The stellar compactness controls the light profile from the hot spot

$$\xi = \frac{2GM}{c^2 R} = \frac{R_S}{R}$$

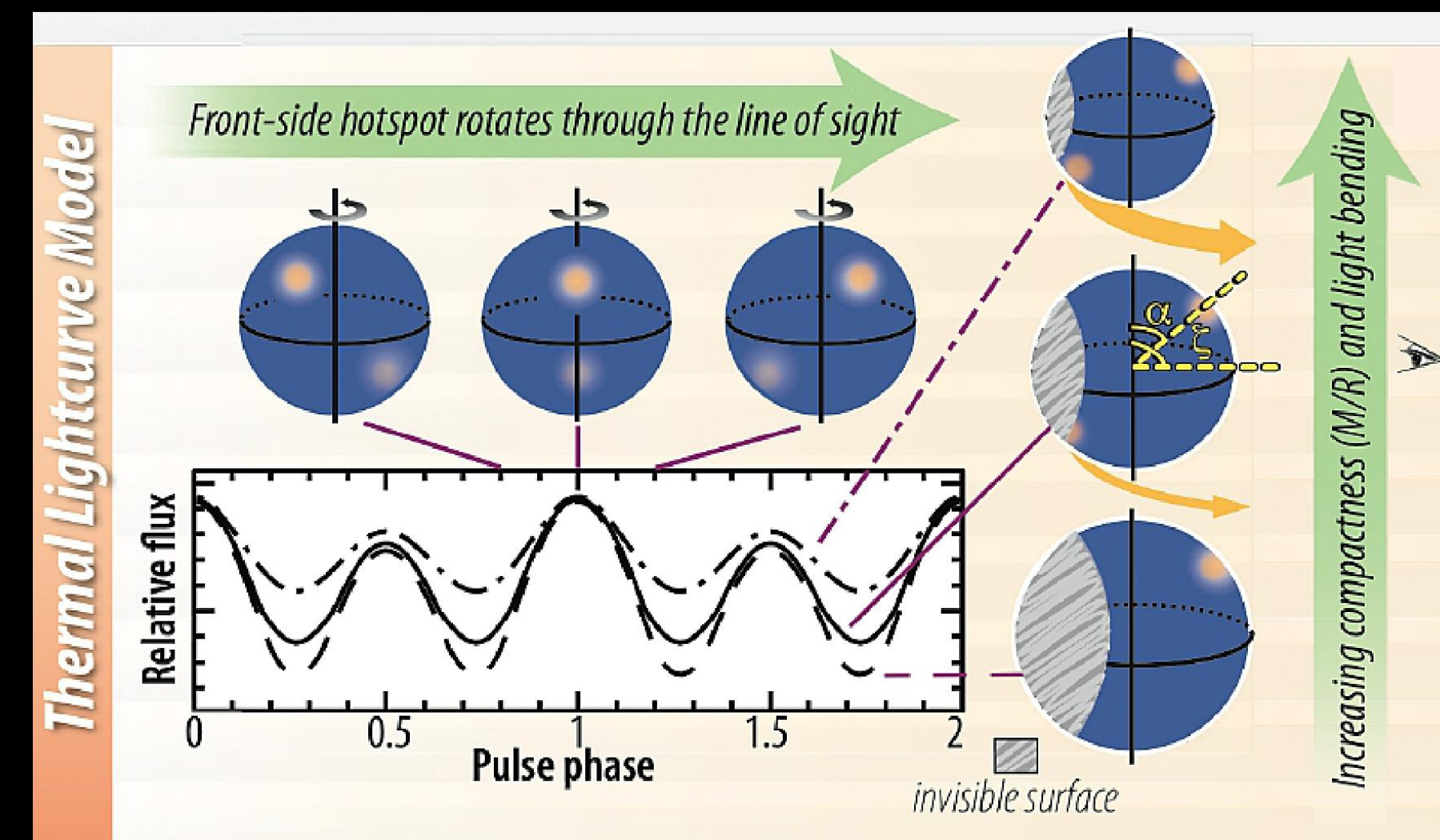
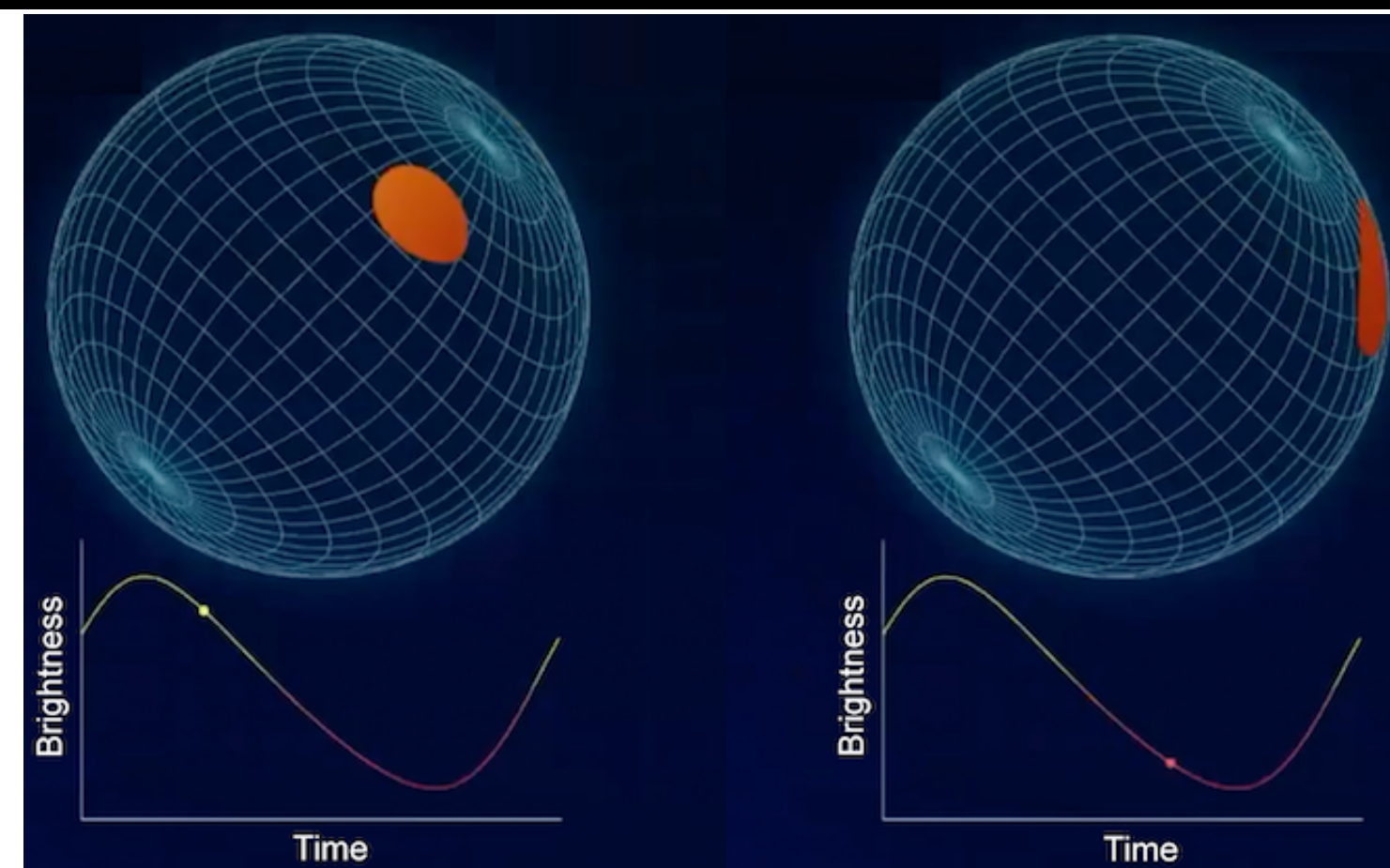
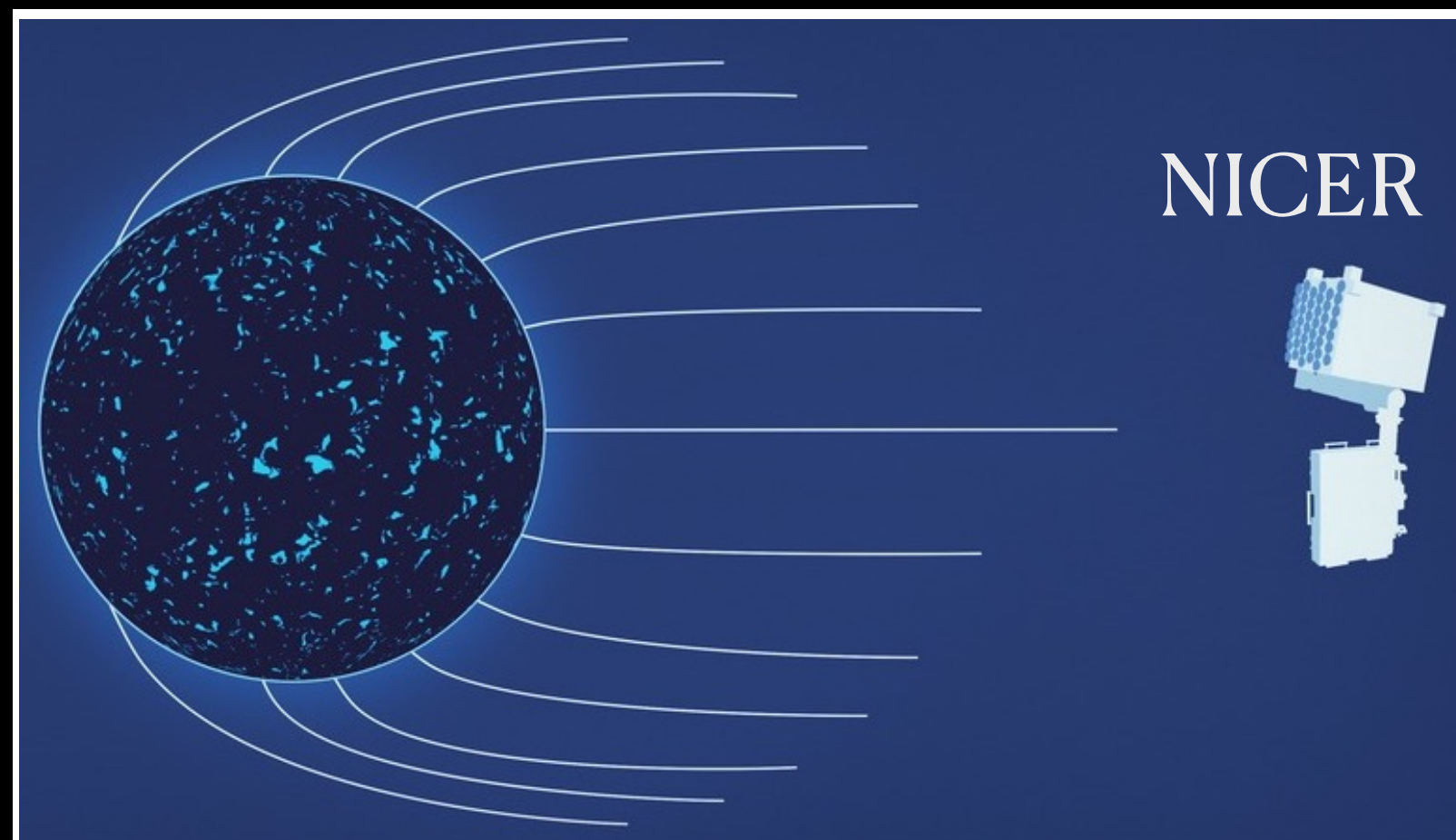
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Shapiro delay: Cromartie *et al.* (2020)

$R_{2.0} = 12.39^{+1.30}_{-0.98}$ km
Riley *et al.* (2021)

$R_{2.0} = 13.7^{+2.6}_{-1.5}$ km
Miller *et al.* (2021)

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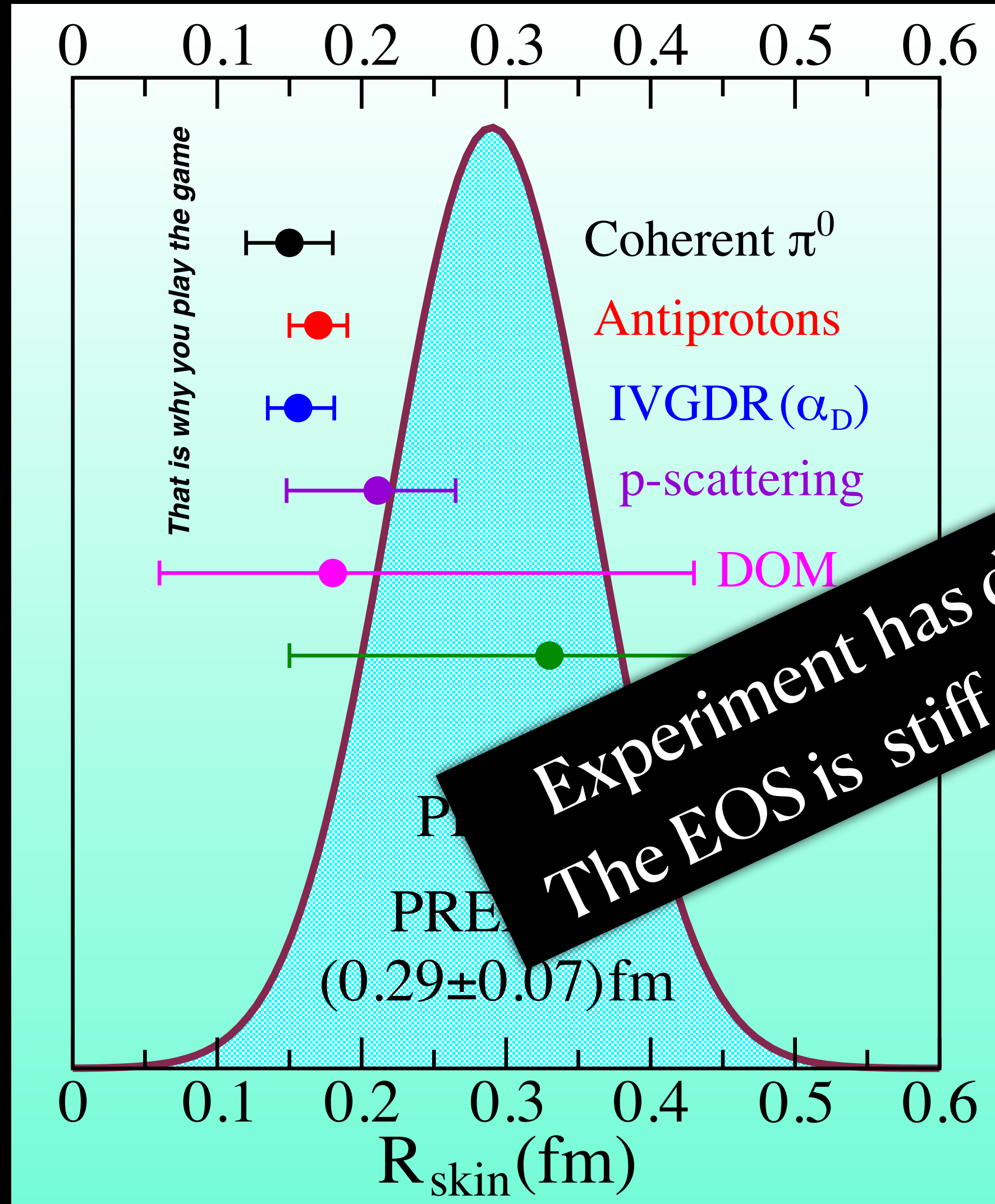
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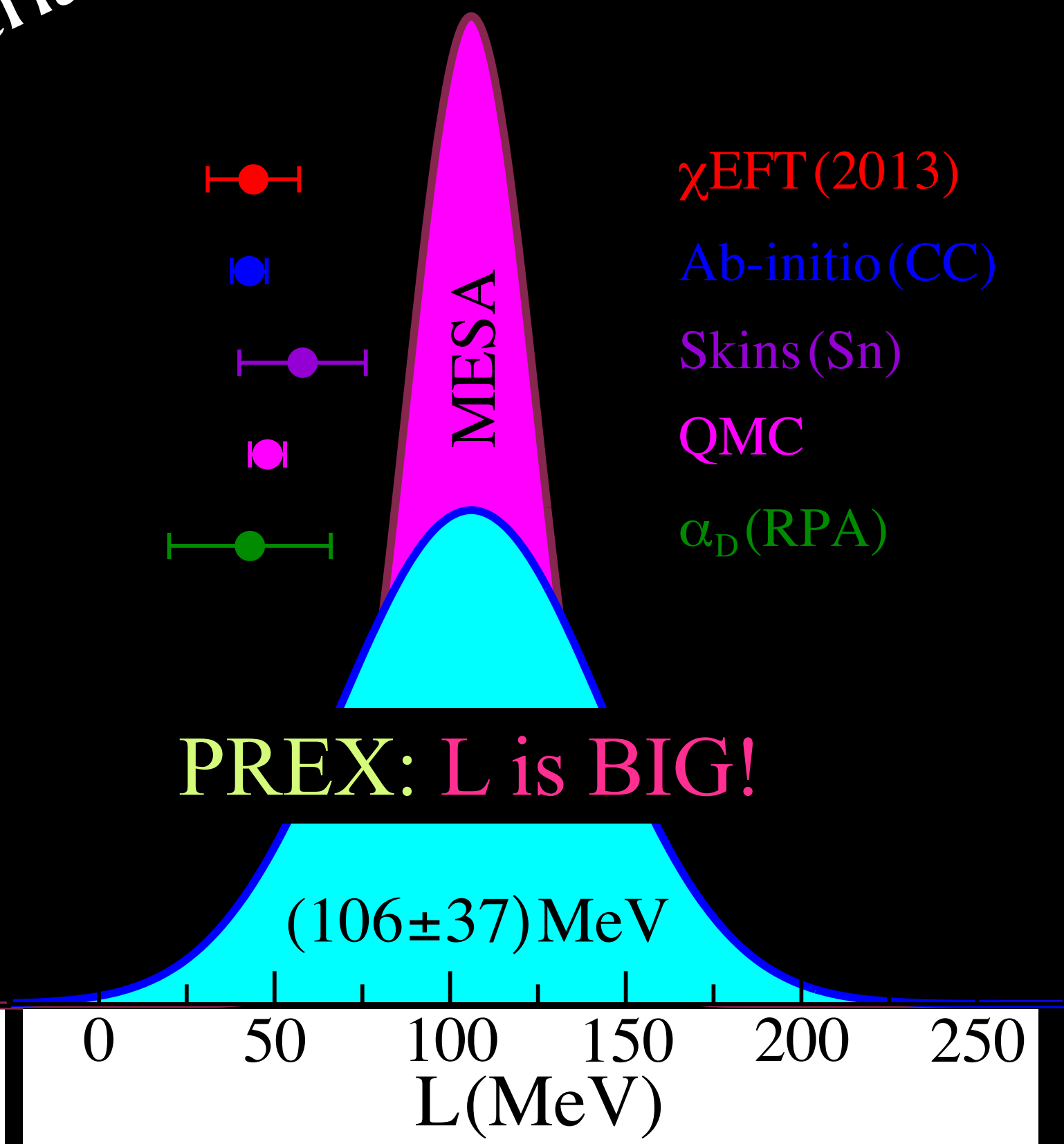
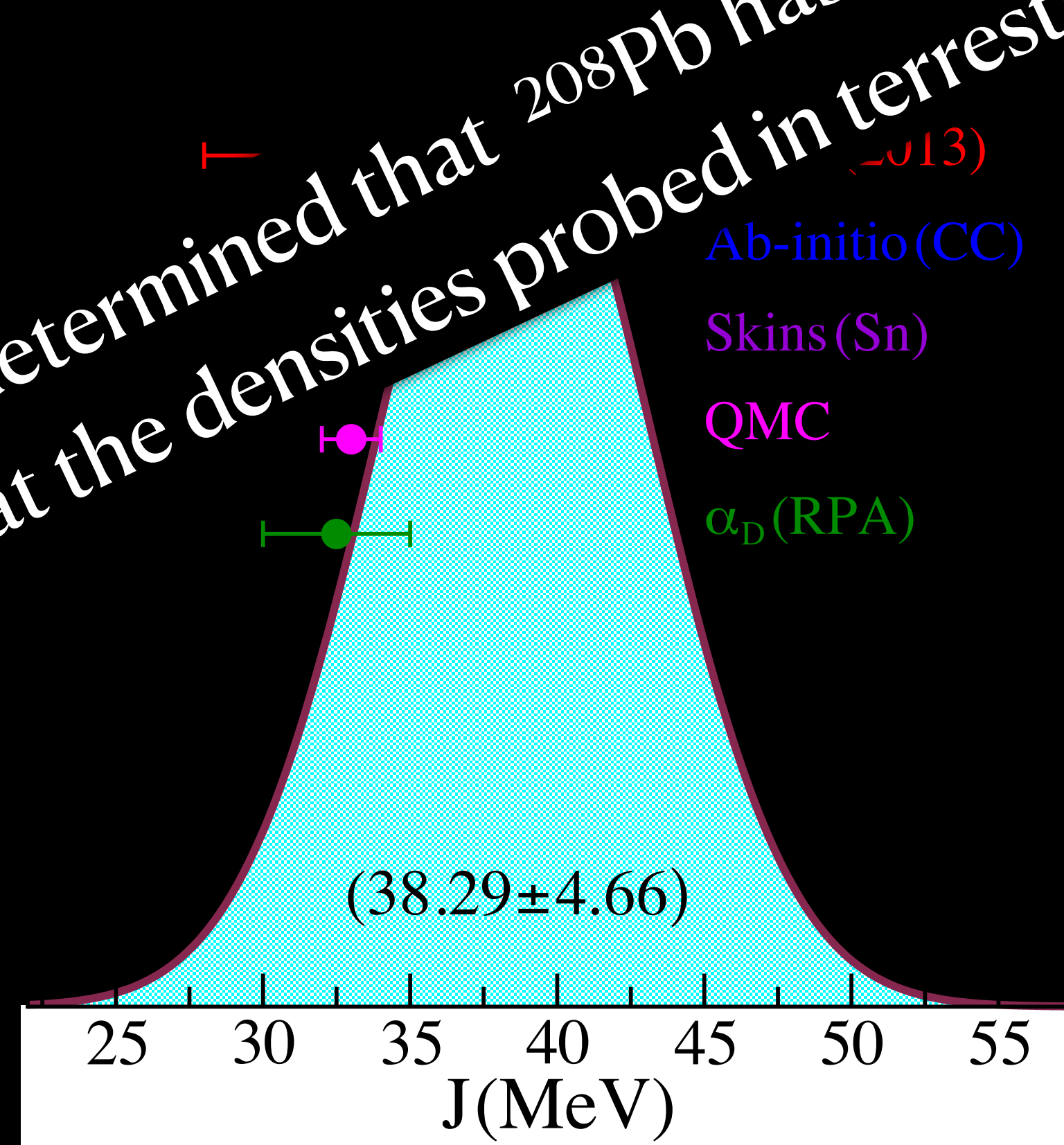
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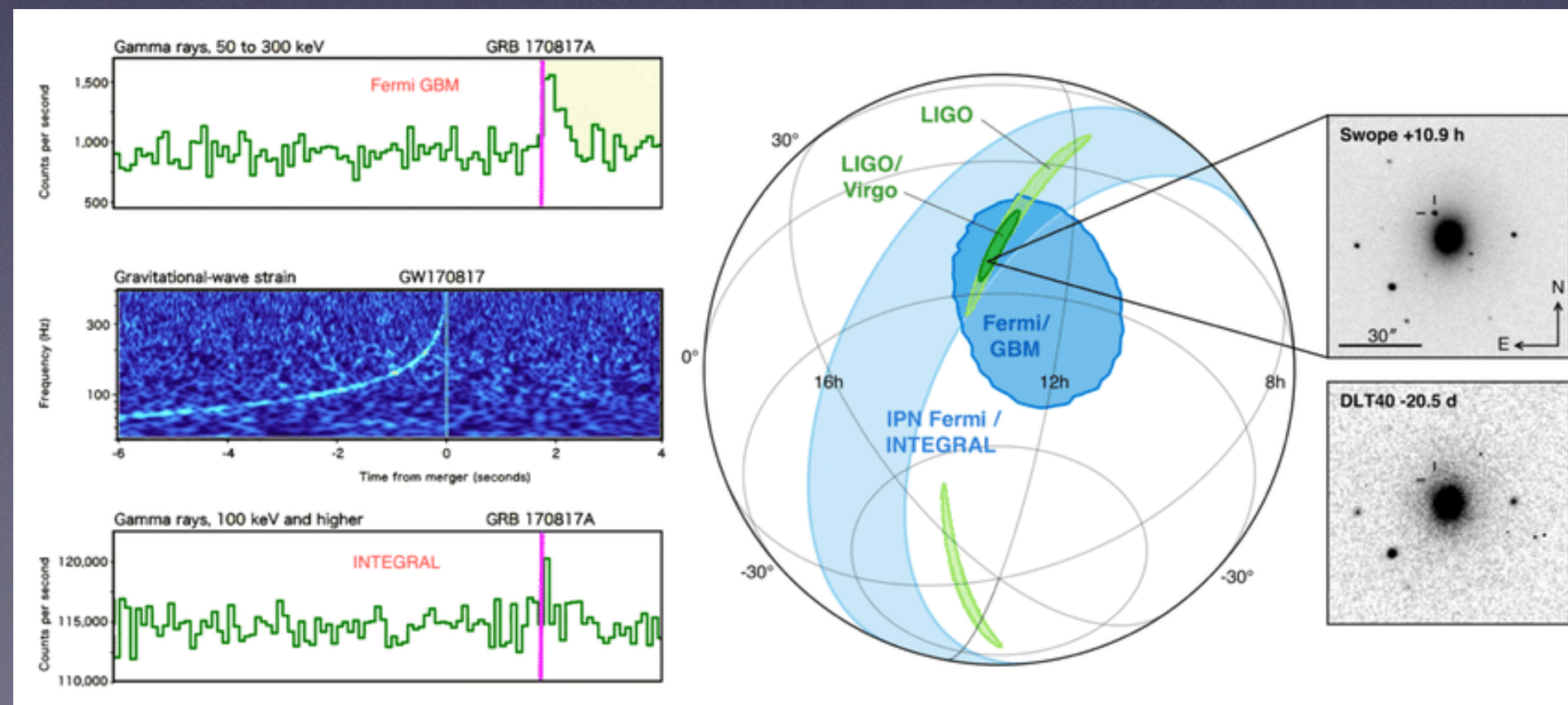
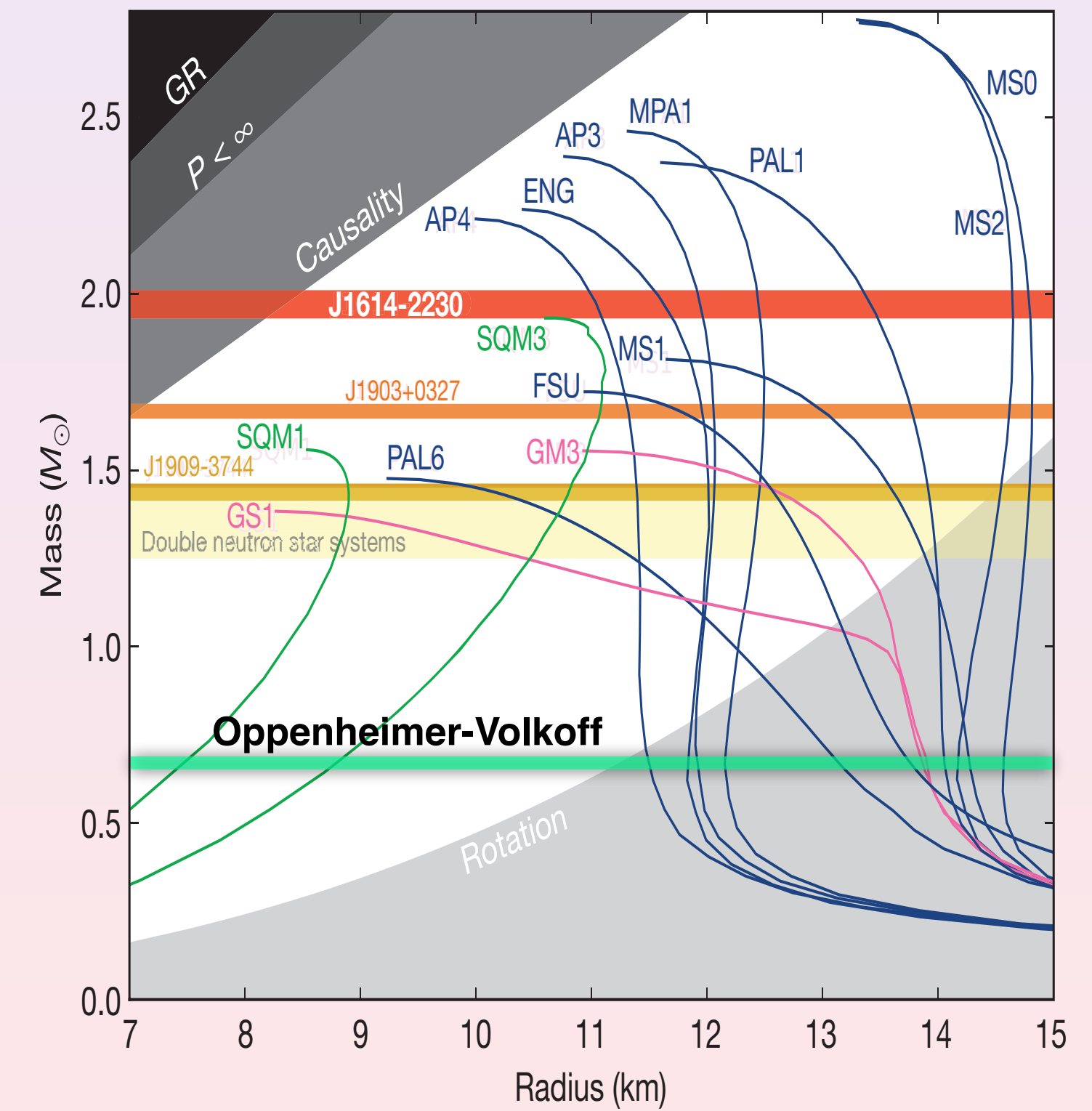
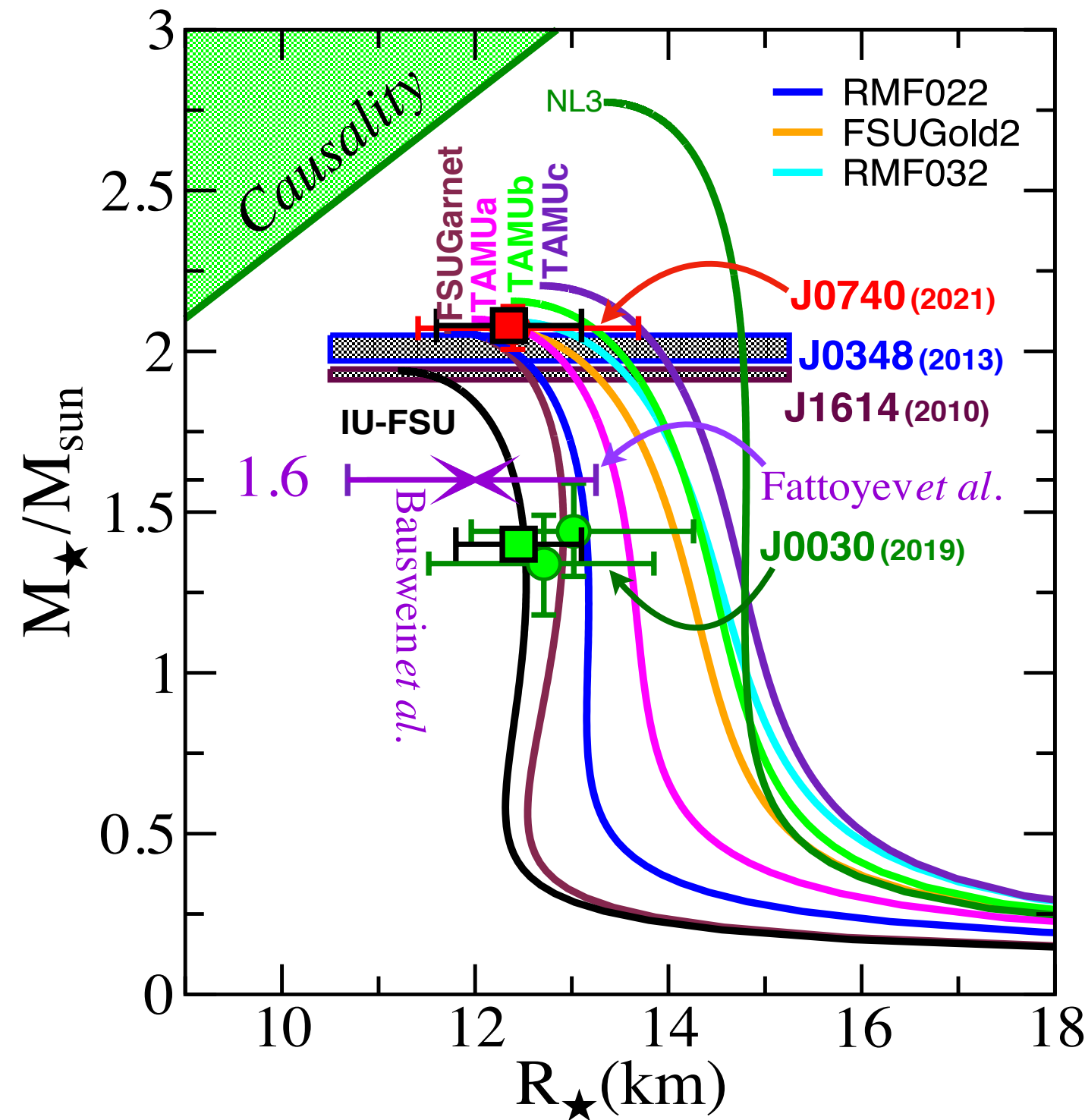
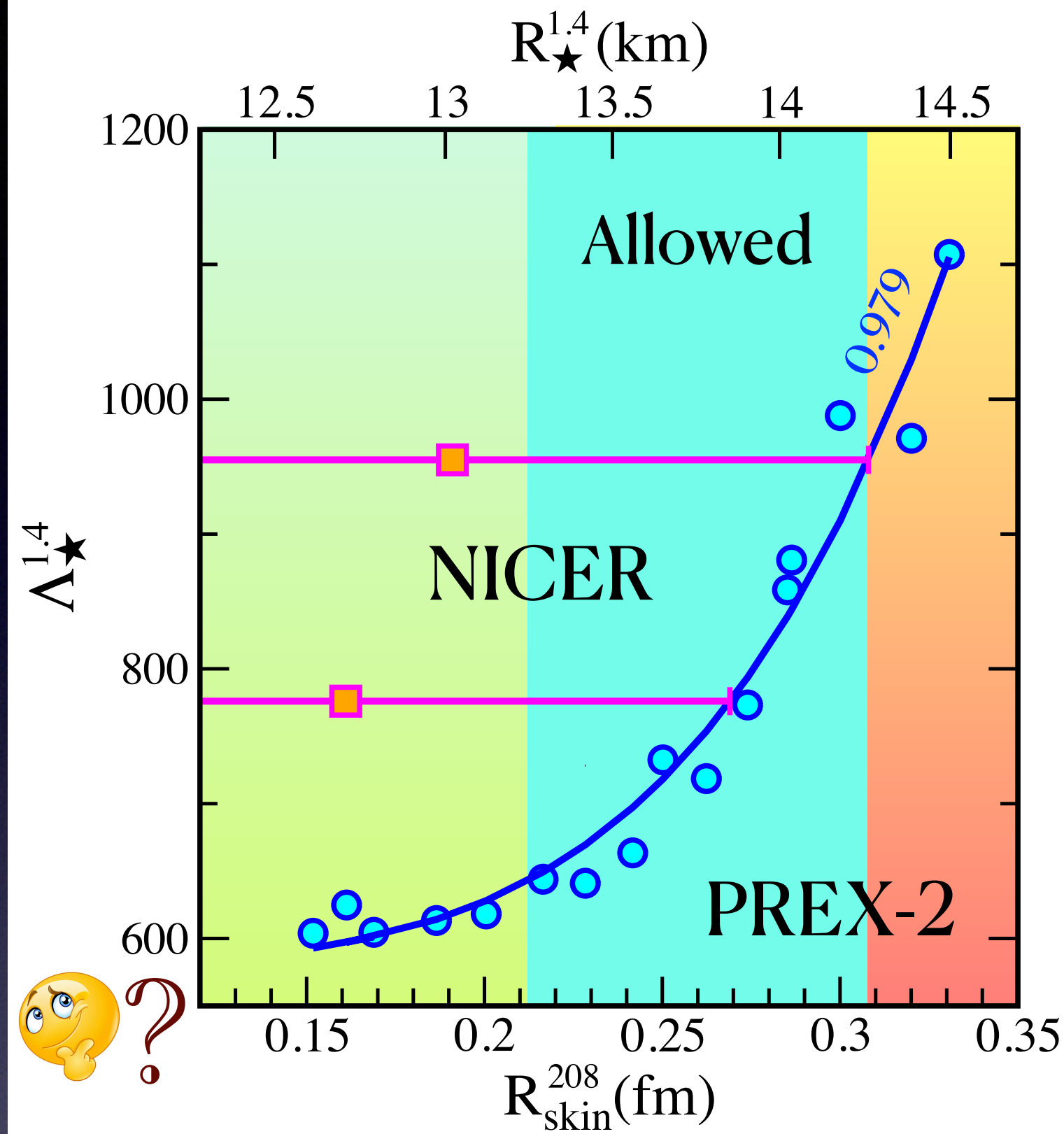
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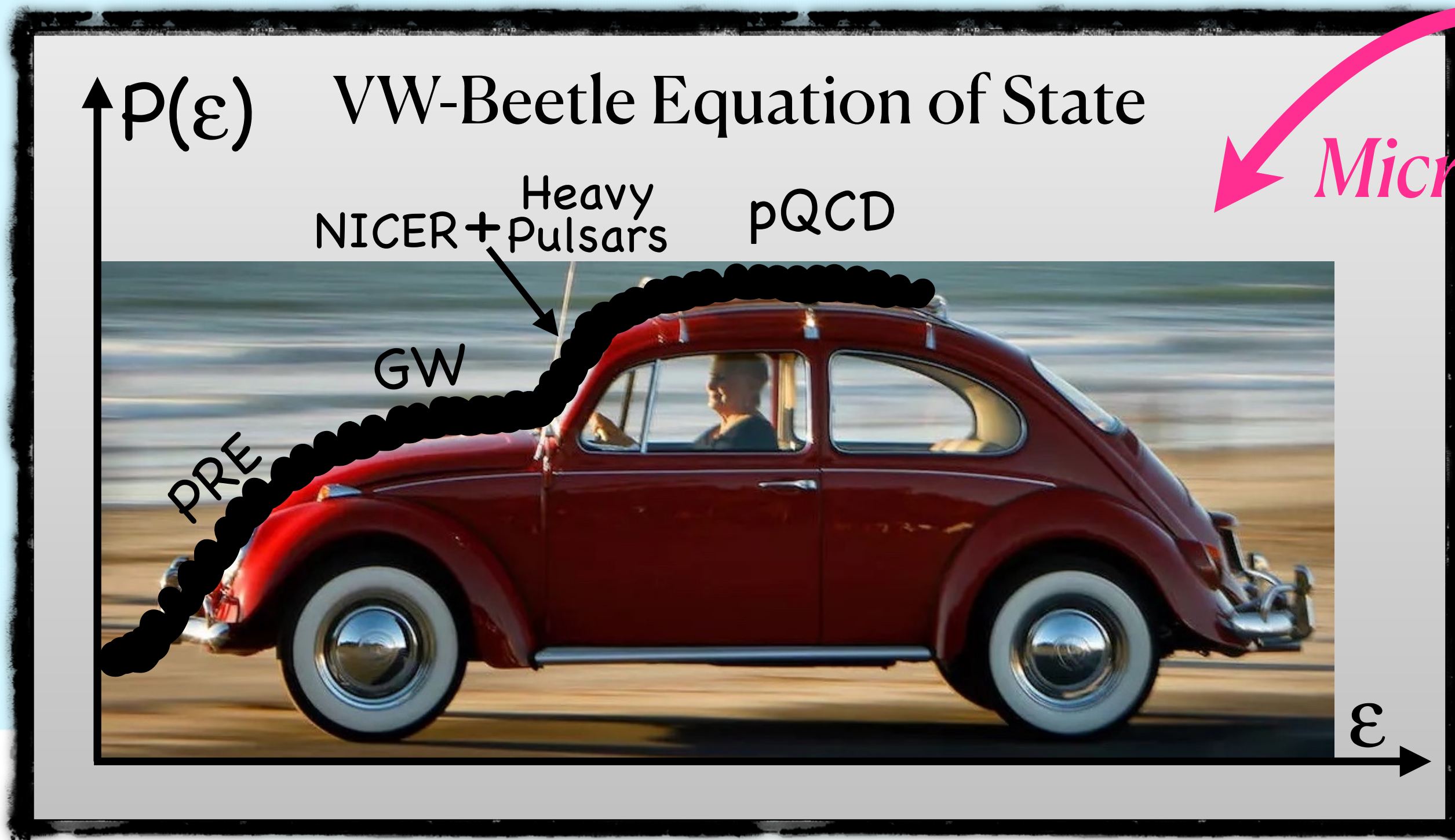
The Dawn of a Golden Era in Neutron-Star Physics



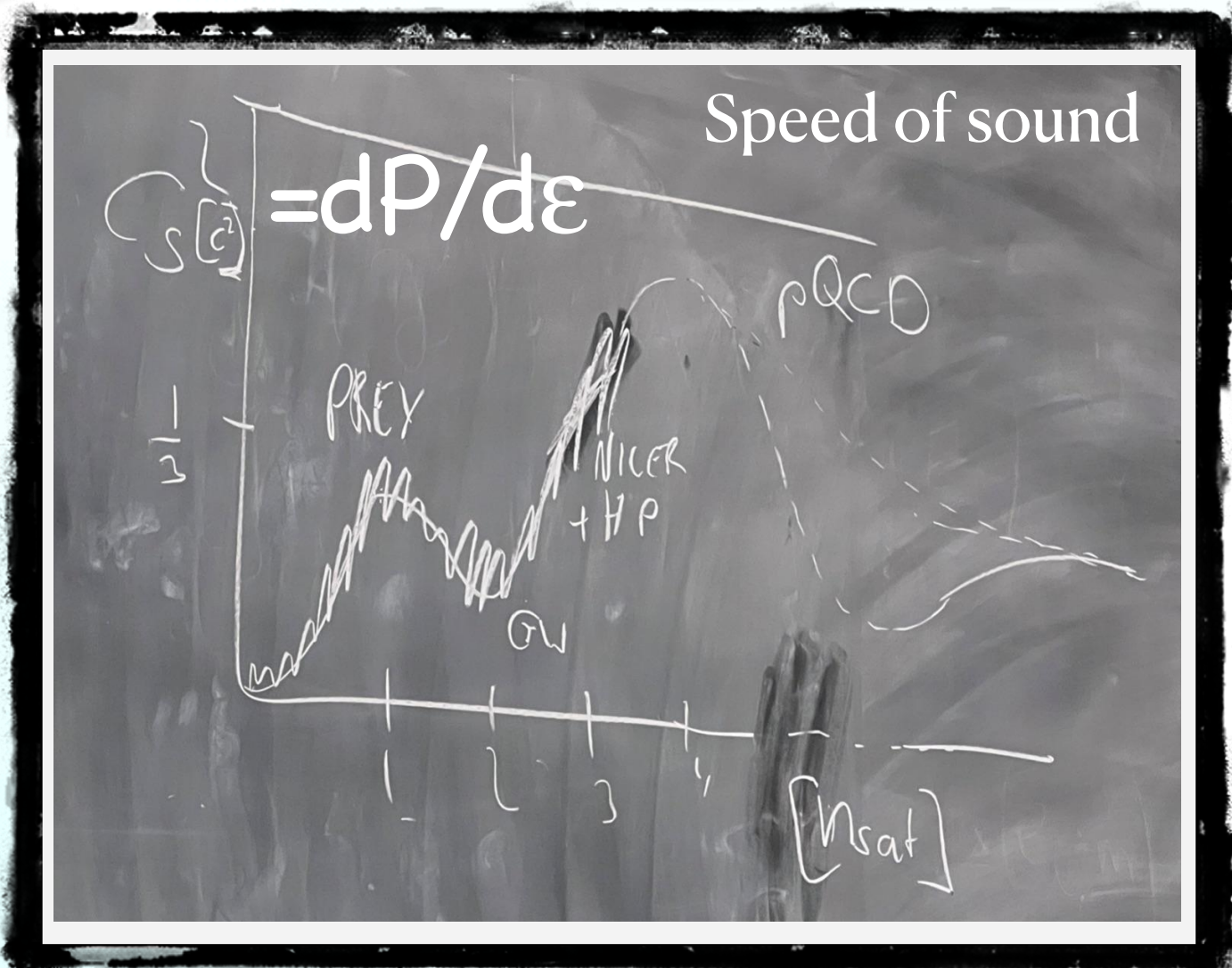
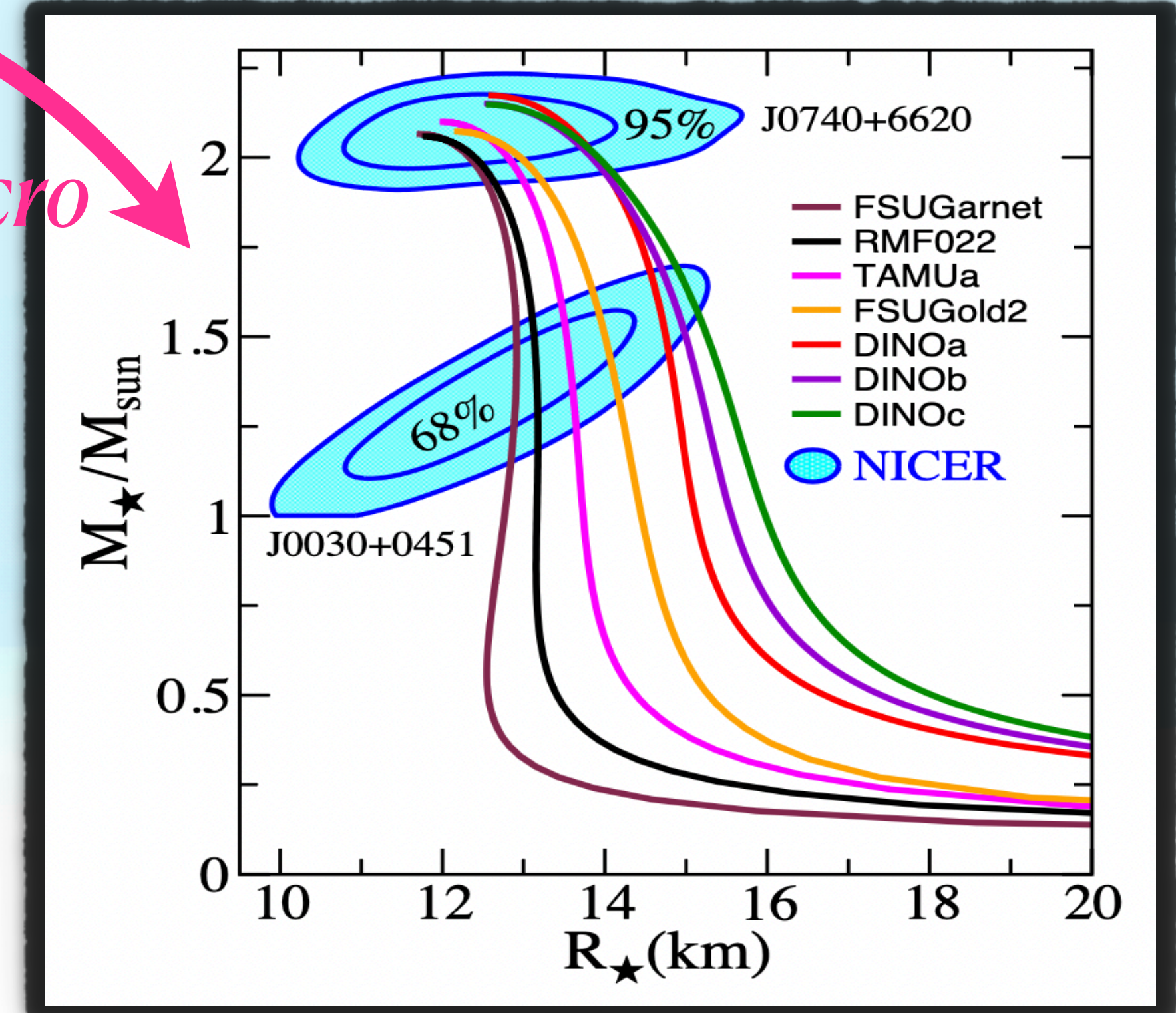
What have we learned since GW170817

- PREX suggest a **stiff** EOS around saturation density although CREX has muddled the waters!
- LIGO-Virgo favor a **soft** EOS at around $2n_0$ although see Gamba et al., PRD 103, 124015 (2021)
- NICER/Pulsar Timing suggest a **stiff** EOS at $\sim 4n_0$

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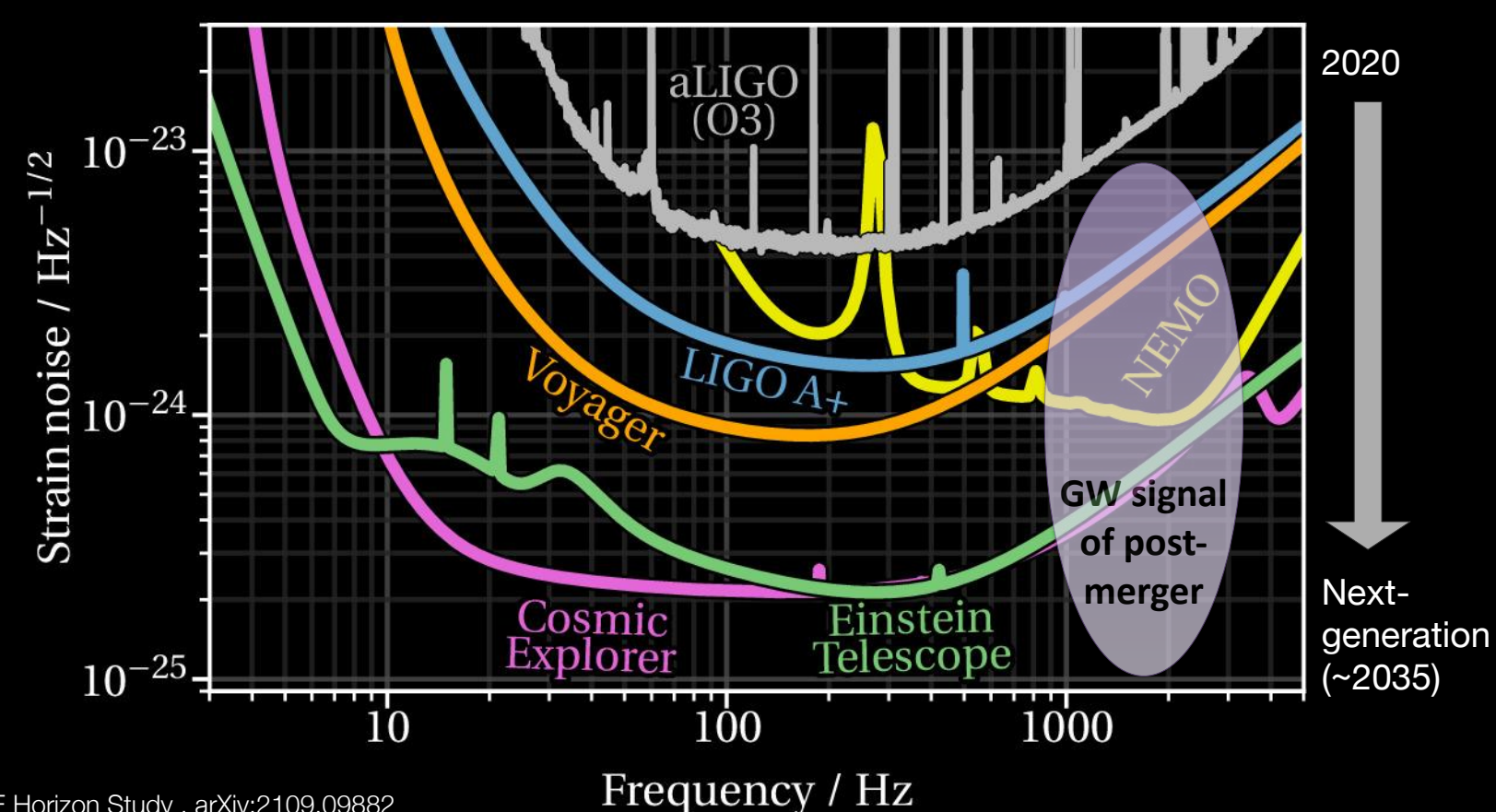
Tantalizing Possibility

- Laboratory Experiments suggest large neutron radii for Pb $\lesssim 1\rho_0$
- Gravitational Waves suggest small stellar radii $\gtrsim 2\rho_0$
- Electromagnetic Observations suggest large stellar masses $\gtrsim 4\rho_0$

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

Neutron-Rich Matter in Heaven

GW Landscape



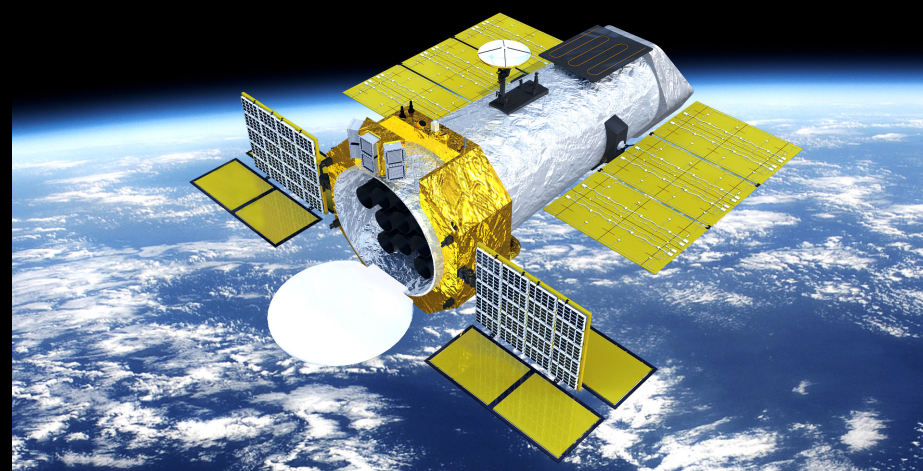
CE Horizon Study, arXiv:2109.09882

Third-generation GW observatories with unprecedented sensitivity will detect gravitational-wave sources across the entire universe. With up to millions of detections per year!

LARGE AREA X-RAY SPECTRAL-TIMING

New telescopes will be needed – larger area, wider X-ray band than NICER

eXTP



Chinese-European project
Zhang et al. 2019

STROBE-X

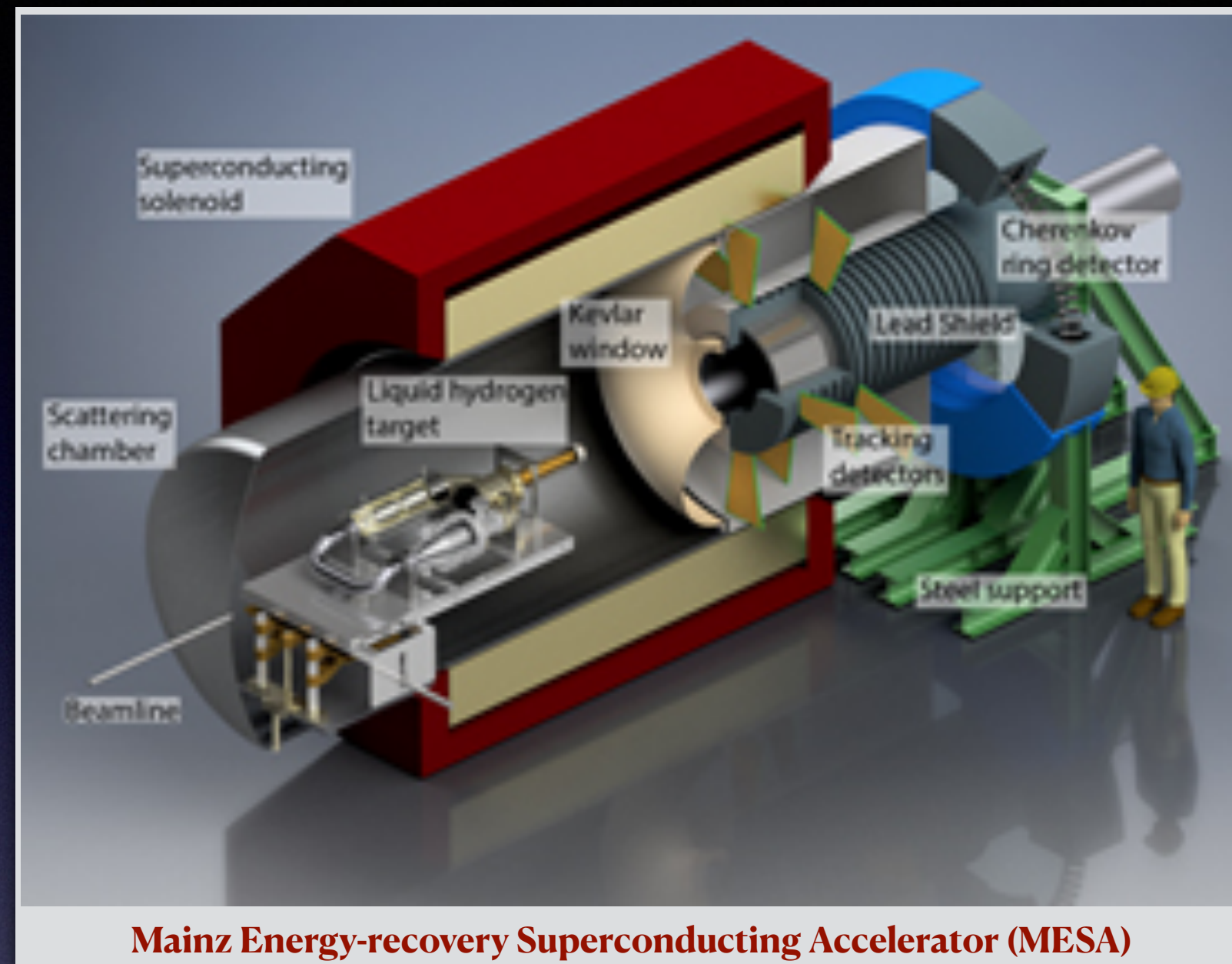


NASA probe-class proposal
Ray et al. 2019, @strobexastro

Analysis pipelines being developed and tested using simulated and real (RXTE/NICER) data

New x-ray observatories with exceptional capabilities optimized for the study of the ultra dense matter EOS will measure the mass-radius relation for more than 20 pulsars over an extended mass range!

Neutron-Rich Matter on Earth



The MESA Facility will provide the most precise measurement of the neutron skin thickness of ^{208}Pb



The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams will produce exotic nuclei at the limits of stability that will inform the EOS at the densities of relevance to atomic nuclei