

Quark matter in compact stars: the Constant Sound Speed parameterization

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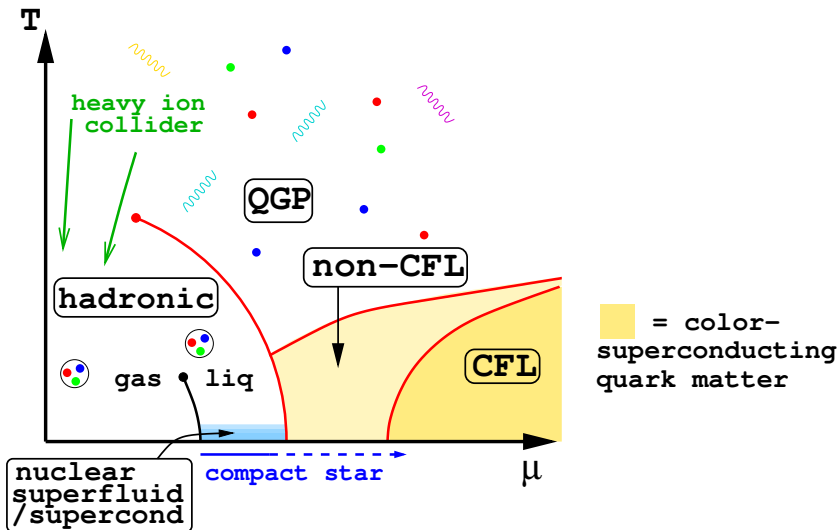
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Schematic QCD phase diagram



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Signatures of quark matter in compact stars

Observable ← Microphysical properties (and neutron star structure) ← Phases of dense matter

	Property	Nuclear phase	Quark phase
mass, radius	eqn of state $\varepsilon(\rho)$	known up to $\sim n_{\text{sat}}$	unknown; many models
spindown (spin freq, age)	bulk viscosity shear viscosity	Depends on phase:	Depends on phase:
cooling (temp, age)	heat capacity	$n p e$	unpaired
	neutrino emissivity	$n p e, \mu$	CFL
	thermal cond.	$n p e, \Lambda, \Sigma^-$	CFL- K^0
glitches (superfluid, crystal)	shear modulus	n superfluid	2SC
	vortex pinning	p supercond	CSL
	energy	π condensate	LOFF
		K condensate	1SC
			...

Constraining QM EoS by observing $M(R)$

There is lots of literature about specific models of quark matter, e.g.

- ▶ MIT Bag Model; (Alford, Braby, Paris, Reddy, nucl-th/0411016)
- ▶ NJL models; (Paoli, Menezes, arXiv:1009.2906; Bonanno, Sedrakian, arXiv:1108.0559)
- ▶ PNJL models (Blaschke et. al, arXiv:1302.6275; Orsaria et. al.; arXiv:1212.4213)
- ▶ hadron-quark $NL\sigma$ model (Negreiros et. al., arXiv:1006.0380)
- ▶ 2-loop perturbation theory (Kurkela et. al., arXiv:1006.4062)
- ▶ MIT bag, NJL, CDM, FCM, DSM (Burgio et. al., arXiv:1301.4060)

We need a **model-independent parameterization** of the quark matter EoS:

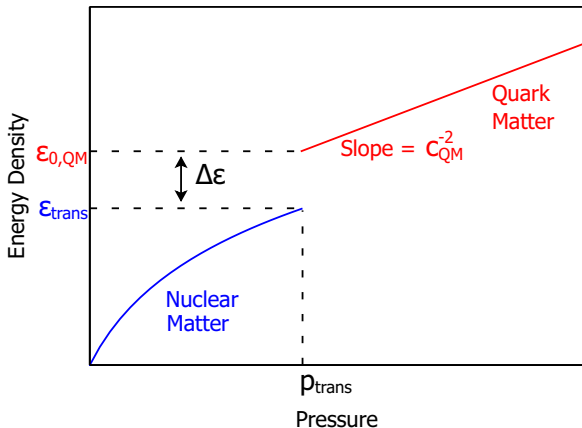
- ▶ framework for relating different models to each other
- ▶ observational constraints can be expressed in universal terms

CSS: a fairly generic QM EoS

Model-independent parameterization with

- Sharp 1st-order transition
- Constant [density-indp] Speed of Sound (CSS)

$$\varepsilon(p) = \varepsilon_{\text{trans}} + \Delta\varepsilon + c_{\text{QM}}^{-2}(p - p_{\text{trans}})$$



QM EoS params:

$$p_{\text{trans}}/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}$$

$$\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}$$

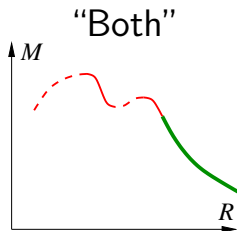
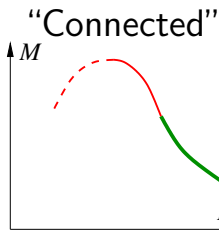
$$c_{\text{QM}}^2$$

Hybrid star $M(R)$

Hybrid star branch in $M(R)$ relation has 4 typical forms

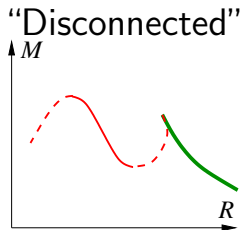
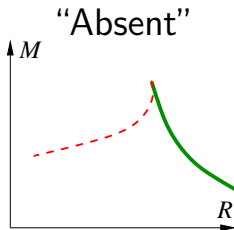
$$\Delta\varepsilon < \Delta\varepsilon_{\text{crit}}$$

small energy density jump at phase transition



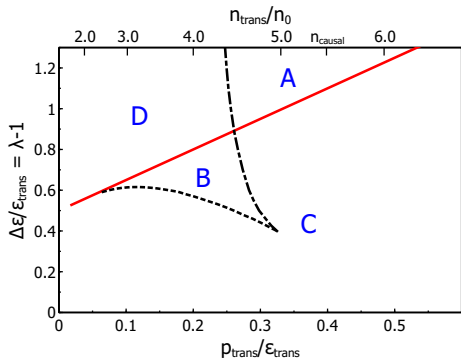
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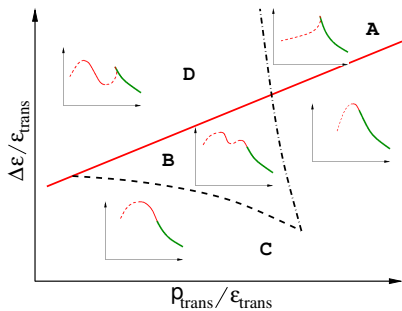


CSS “Phase diagram” of hybrid star $M(R)$

Soft NM + CSS ($c_{\text{QM}}^2 = 1$)



Schematic



Above the red line ($\Delta\epsilon > \Delta\epsilon_{\text{crit}}$),
connected branch disappears

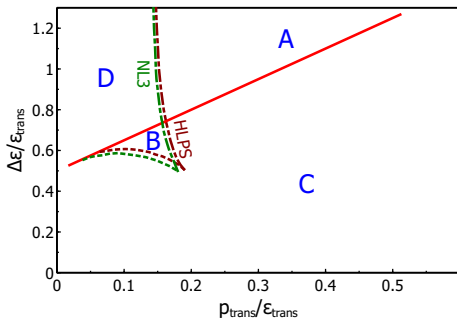
(Seidov, 1971; Schaeffer, Zduunik, Haensel, 1983; Lindblom, gr-qc/9802072)

Disconnected branch exists in regions D and B.

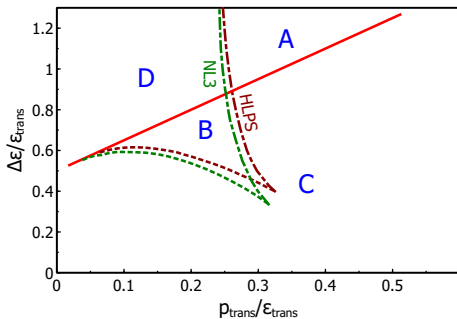
$$\frac{\Delta\epsilon_{\text{crit}}}{\epsilon_{\text{trans}}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\rho_{\text{trans}}}{\epsilon_{\text{trans}}}$$

Sensitivity to NM EoS and c_{QM}^2

$$c_{QM}^2 = 1/3$$

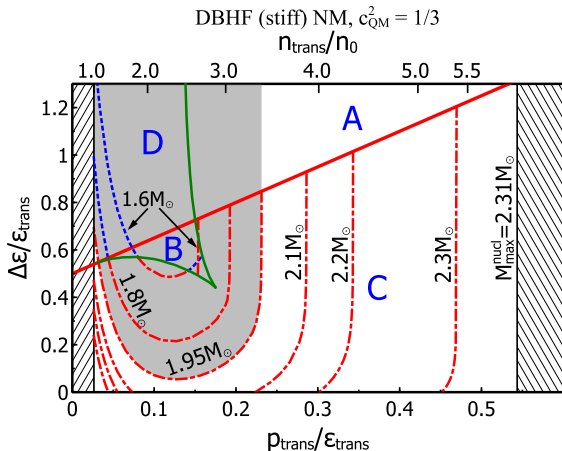


$$c_{QM}^2 = 1$$



- NM EoS (HLPS=soft, NL3=hard) does not make much difference.
- Higher c_{QM}^2 favors disconnected branch.

Constraints on QM EoS from M_{\max}



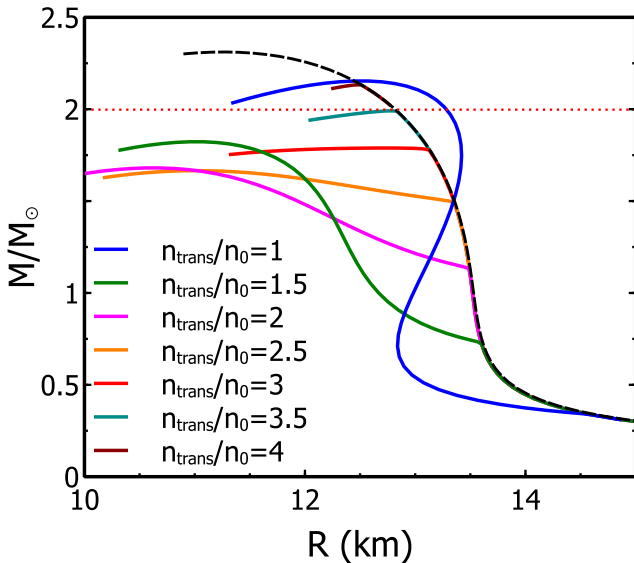
- Increasing $\Delta\varepsilon$ reduces M_{\max}
- Increasing ρ_{trans} at first reduces then increases M_{\max}

2 M_{\odot} observation allows two scenarios:

- high ρ_{trans} : very small connected branch
- low ρ_{trans} : modest $\Delta\varepsilon$, no disconnected branch.

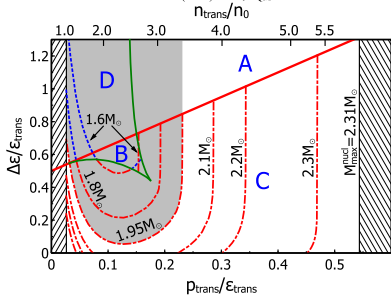
Low ρ_{trans} and high ρ_{trans} windows

DBHF (stiff) NM, $c_{\text{QM}}^2 = 1/3$, $\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}} = 0.4$

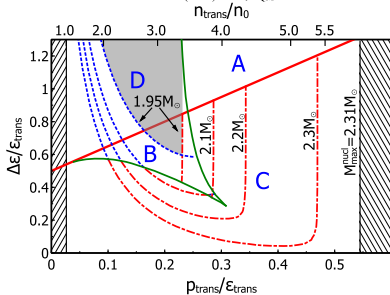


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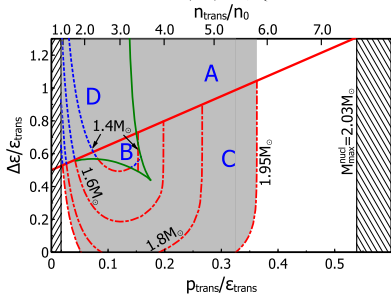
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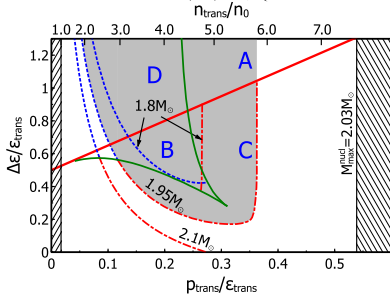
DBHF (stiff) NM, $c_{\text{QM}}^2 = 1$



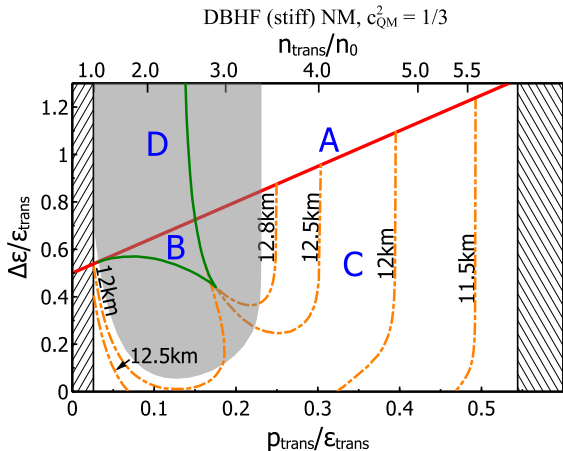
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Radius of heaviest star $R_{\max M}$



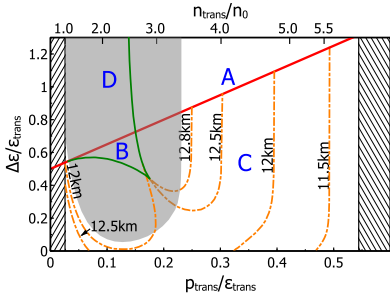
Heaviest star is typically the smallest, so lower limit on $R_{\max M}$ is the minimum radius of compact stars.

High p_{trans} : very short connected hybrid branch, radius like that of heaviest hadronic star.

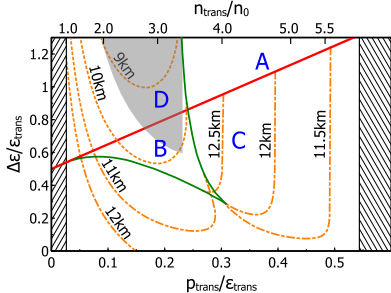
Low p_{trans} : need to zoom in.

Constraints on QM EoS from $R_{\text{max}M}$

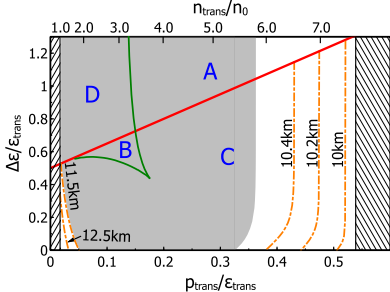
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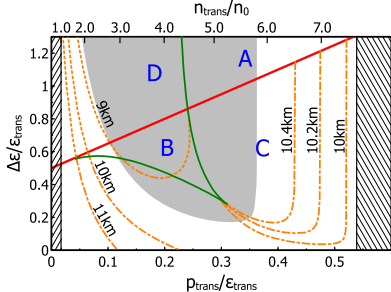
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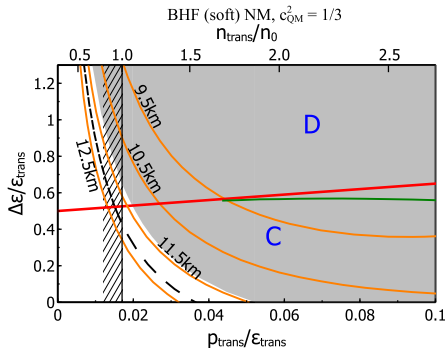
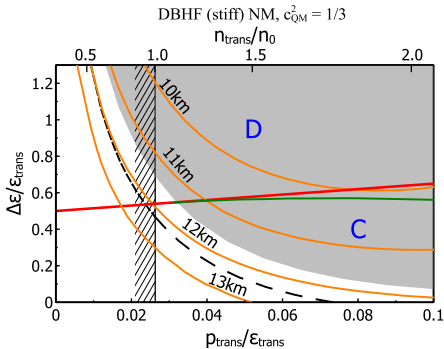
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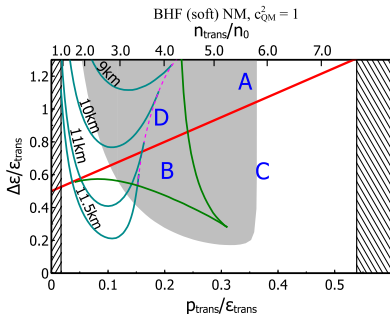
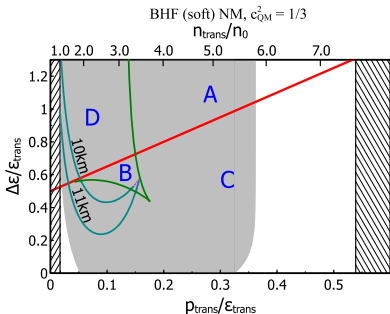
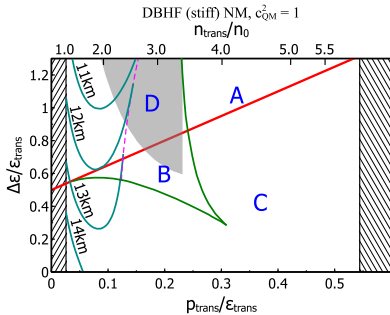
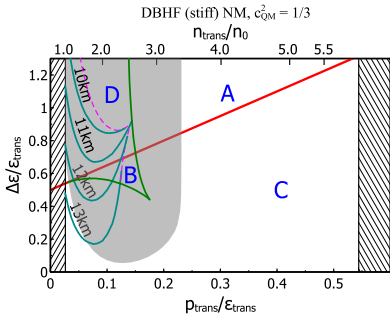


Focus on low ρ_{trans} and $c_{\text{QM}}^2 = 1/3$

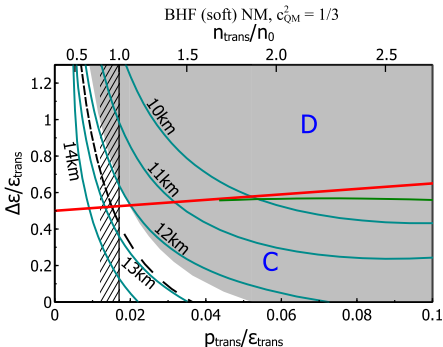
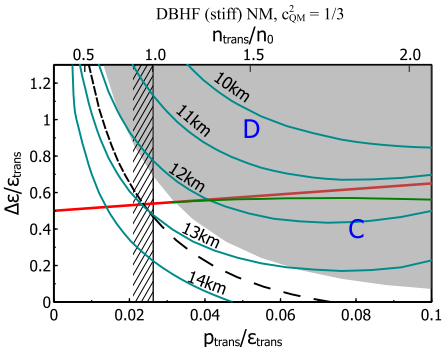


- ▶ $R_{\text{max}M}$ contours closely follow mass contours
- ▶ $M_{\text{max}} > 1.95 M_{\odot}$ requires $R > 11.25$ km
- ▶ dashed line is $M_{\text{max}} = 2.1 M_{\odot}$, requires $R > 12.1$ km
- ▶ Observation of a smaller star \Rightarrow high transition pressure or $c_{\text{QM}}^2 > 1/3$

Constraints on QM EoS from $R_{1.4M_{\odot}}$



Low transition pressure and $R_{1.4 M_{\odot}}$

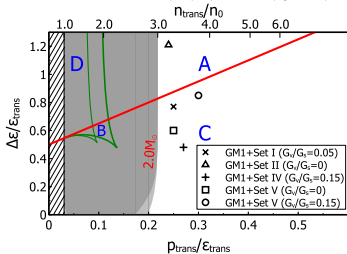


- ▶ $R_{1.4 M_{\odot}}$ contours roughly follow mass contours
- ▶ $M_{\text{max}} > 1.95 M_{\odot}$ requires $R_{1.4 M_{\odot}} > 12 \text{ km}$ ($n_{\text{trans}} \approx n_0$), rising with n_{trans} .
- ▶ dashed line is $M_{\text{max}} = 2.1 M_{\odot}$, requires $R_{1.4 M_{\odot}} > 12.7 \text{ km}$
- ▶ Observation of a smaller $1.4 M_{\odot}$ star $\Rightarrow c_{\text{QM}}^2 > 1/3$.
- ▶ If ρ_{trans} is high then no hybrid stars have mass $1.4 M_{\odot}$

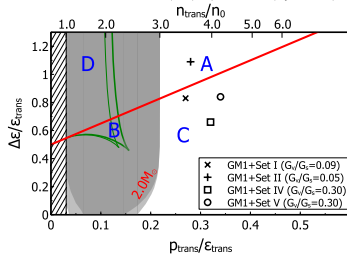
compare Lattimer arXiv:1305.3510: $R > 11 \text{ km}$.

NJL models in CSS space

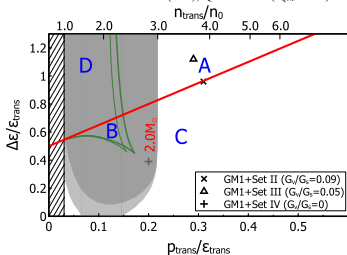
Hadronic: GM1 (soft); Quark: CSS ($c_{QM}^2 = 0.2$)



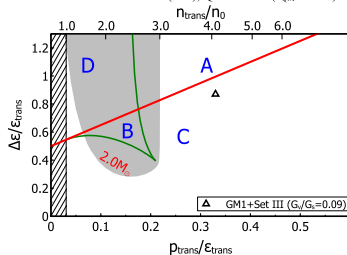
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Hadronic: GM1 (soft); Quark: CSS ($c_{QM}^2 = 0.46$)



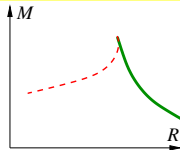
Summary of CSS

- ▶ CSS (Constant Speed of Sound) is a generic parameterization of the EoS close to a sharp first-order transition to quark matter.
- ▶ Any specific model of quark matter with such a transition corresponds to particular values of the CSS parameters $(p_{\text{trans}}/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}, \Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}, c_{\text{QM}}^2)$. Its predictions for hybrid star branches then follow from the generic CSS phase diagram.
- ▶ Every observation, e.g. observing a $2M_{\odot}$ neutron star, \Rightarrow constraint on CSS parameters.
E.g., for soft NM we need $c_{\text{QM}}^2 \gtrsim 1/3$
(But note that $c_{\text{QM}}^2 = 1/3 - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ in pert QCD).
- ▶ More measurements of M and R would strengthen the constraints.
- ▶ Models of quark matter tend to have $c_{\text{QM}}^2 \sim 1/3$ and high transition pressure \Rightarrow very short hybrid branch.

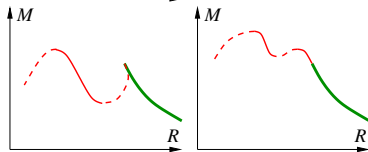
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We could identify a phase transition to a high-density phase

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occurs if $\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}$ is large enough



(B,D) Disconnected branch
can occur with $M_{\text{max}} \gtrsim 2M_{\odot}$ if nuclear *and*
quark matter are both stiff ($c_{\text{QM}}^2 \sim 1$)

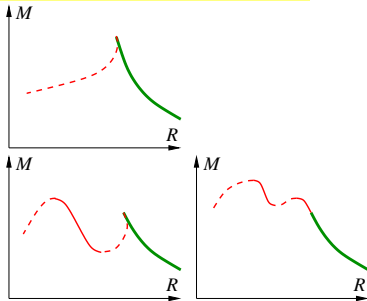


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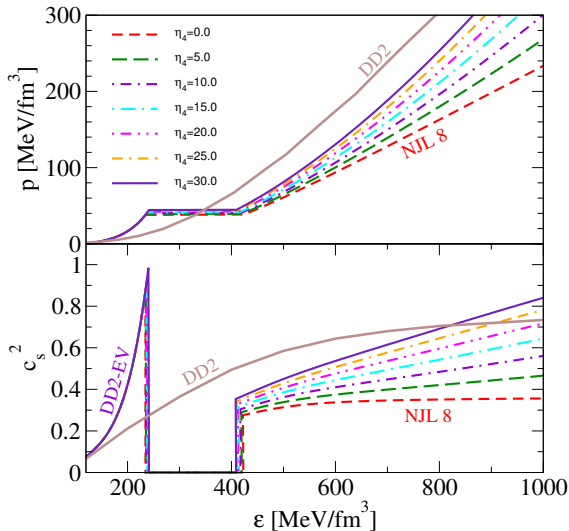
- ▶ better measurements of M and R
- ▶ knowledge of nuclear matter EoS

We could benefit from:

- ▶ theoretical constraints on parameters of QM EoS
($p_{\text{trans}}/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}$, $\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon_{\text{trans}}$, c_{QM}^2)

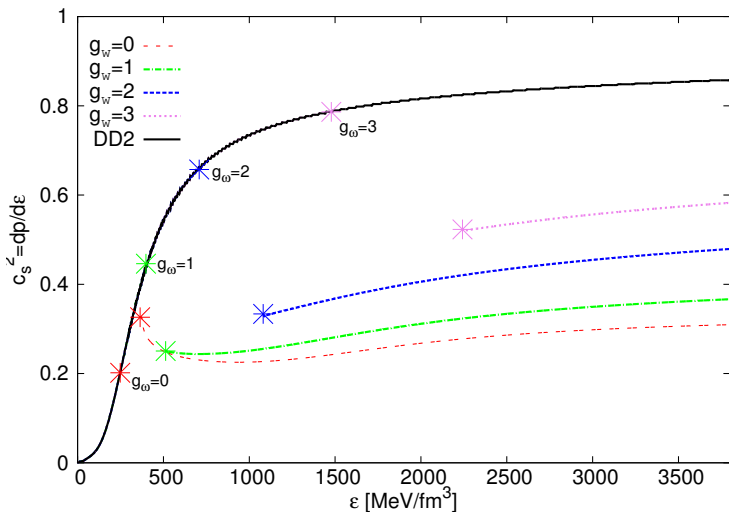
Density-independent c_{QM}^2 ?

DD2-EV(nuclear) + NJL with 8 quark interactions
(Blaschke et al., arXiv:1411.2856)



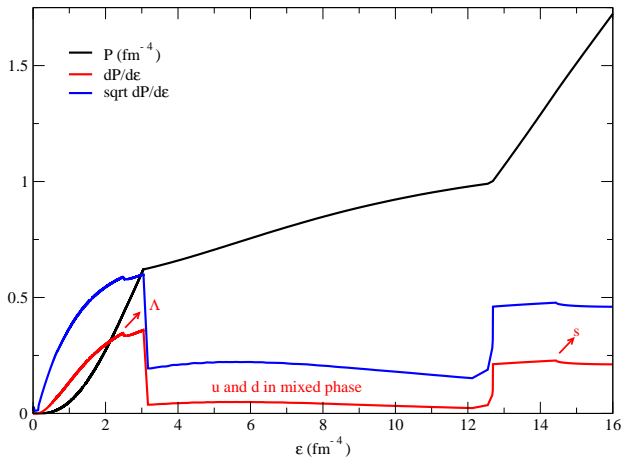
Density-independent c_{QM}^2 ?

$SU(3)$ quark-meson model (quarks + Yukawa interaction via scalar and vector mesons) (Schaffner-Bielich et al, arXiv:1510.00180)



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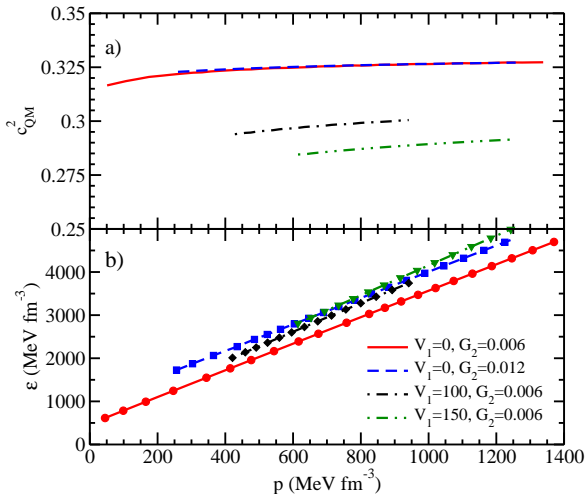
Chiral Mean Field model (quarks with Yukawa coupling to isoscalar and isovector mesons) (e.g. Schramm, Dexheimer, Negreiros, arXiv:1508.04699)



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Field Correlator Method

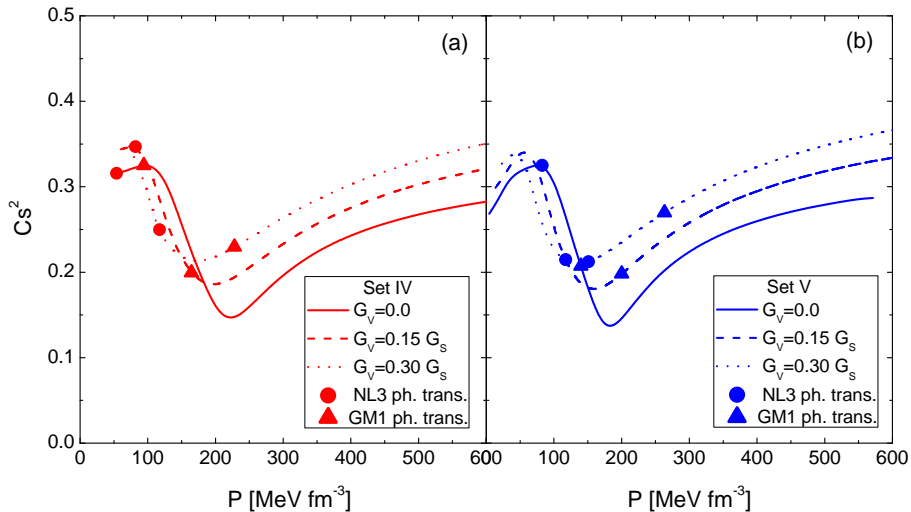
(Simonov and Trusov, hep-ph/0703228)



Density-independent c_{QM}^2 ?

Local NJL model with vector repulsive interaction

(Orsaria, Rodrigues, Weber, Contrera, arXiv:1308.1657)



Density-independent c_{QM}^2 ?

Non-local NJL model with vector repulsive interaction

(Orsaria, Rodrigues, Weber, Contrera, arXiv:1308.1657)

