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# Nuclear Symmetry Energy in Compact Star Matter

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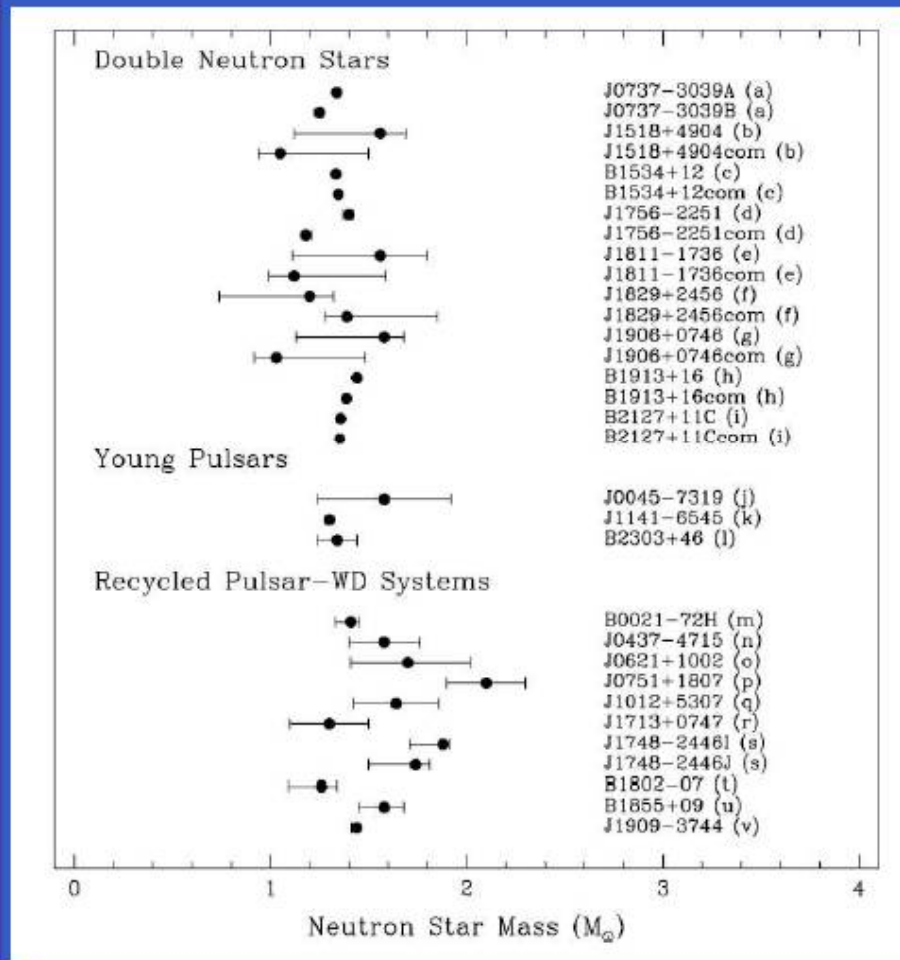
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Hadronic Matter under Extreme Conditions



# I. Compact Stars

- Stars (**neutron stars, quark stars, ..**)
  - ~ solar mass and ~10km or less in size
- Constituents of compact star
  - Hadrons **responsible for mass of star**
    - neutrons, protons, hyperons
    - pions, kaons, .....
  - Leptons
    - electrons, muons,
    - neutrinos(e-, mu-)
  - Exotics ?
- ~ Zero temperature, Charge neutrality

# Masses of Pulsars (Stairs 2006)



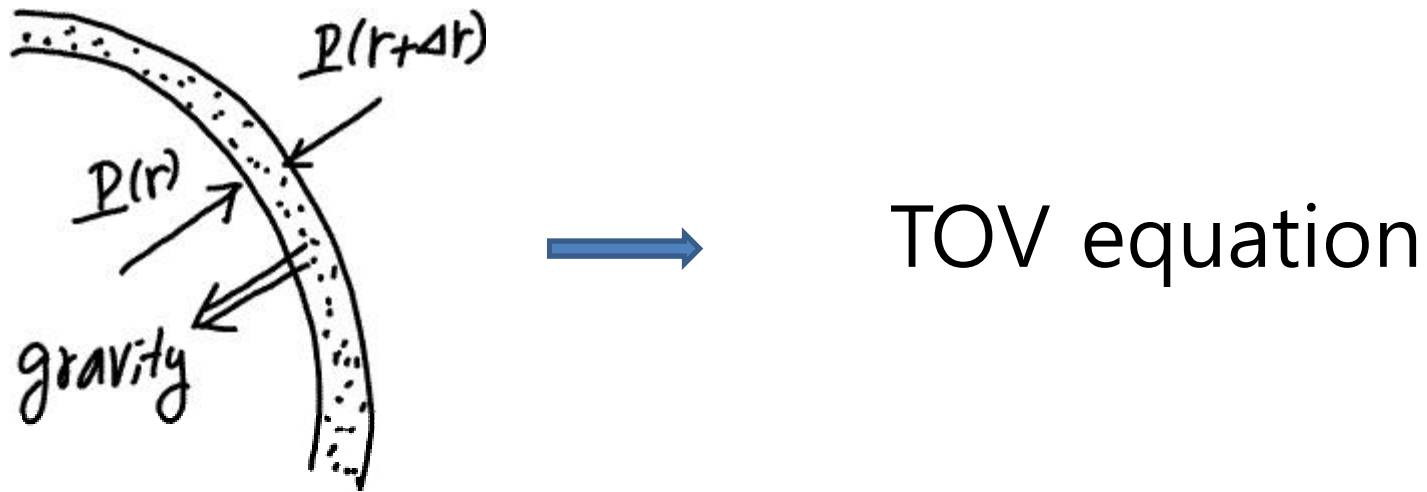
- more than 1800 pulsars known with 140 binary pulsars

- best determined mass:  
 $M = (1.4414 \pm 0.0002)M_{\odot}$   
 Hulse-Taylor pulsar  
 (Weisberg and Taylor, 2004)

- mass of PSR J0751+1807 corr.  
 from  $M = (2.1 \pm 0.2)M_{\odot}$  to  
 $M = (1.14 - 1.40)M_{\odot}$   
 (Nice et al. 2008)

- mass of PSR J1903+0327  
 (not finalized yet):  
 $M = (1.67 \pm 0.01)M_{\odot}$   
 (Freire et al. 2009)

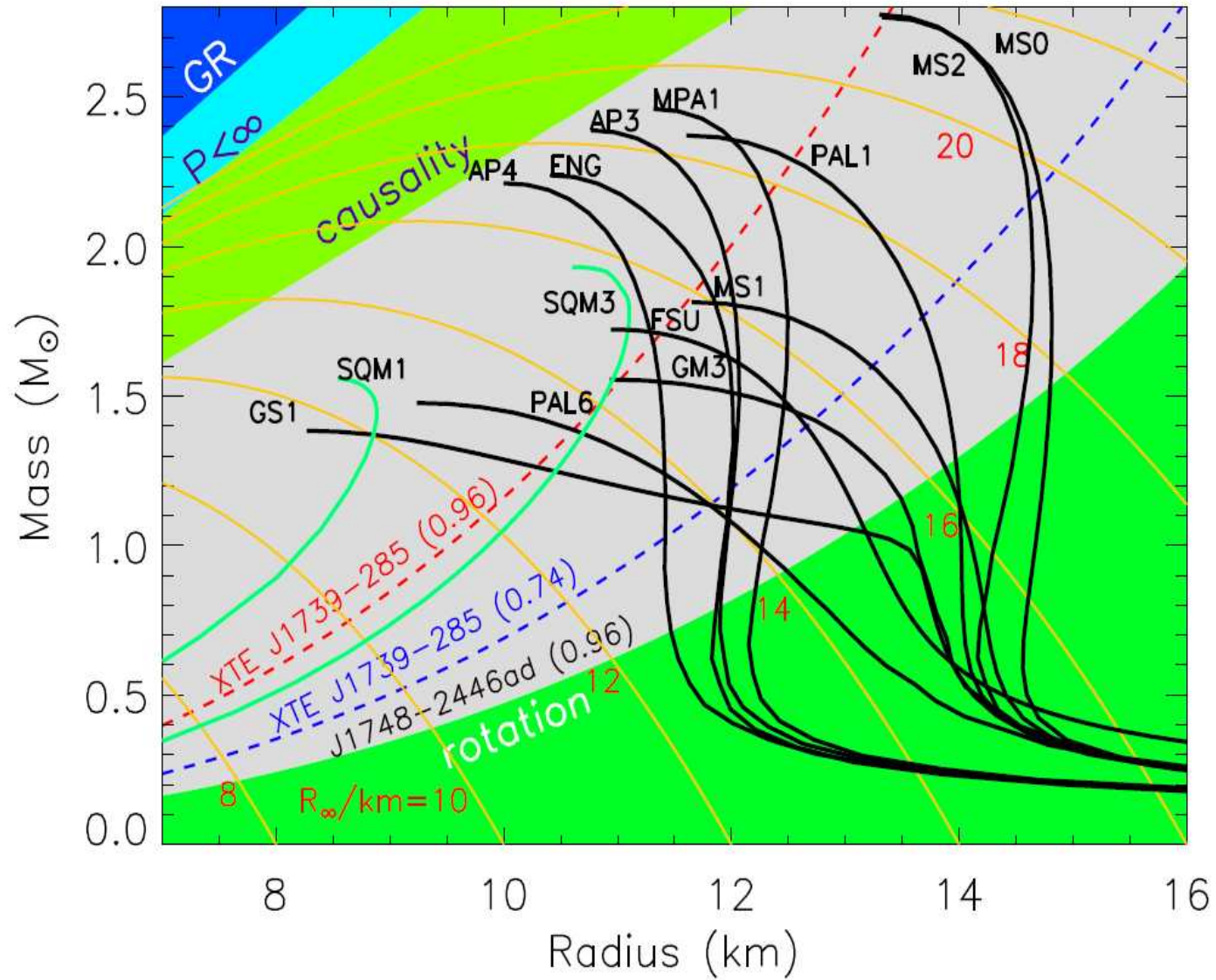
- Stars and Gravity



- Equation of state(EOS) of compact star  
energy density and pressure

$$P = n^2 \frac{\partial(\epsilon/n)}{\partial n}$$

- Higher nucleon number density inside  
 $n = 0 \rightarrow n_0 \rightarrow 6n_0 \rightarrow$ 
  1. Change of **nucleon-nucleon interaction** with density
  2. Emerging of **new hadrons** with density  
kaons, hyperons(strange hadrons), ..
- **Dense Hadronic Matter at the Core**  
 $\rightarrow$  Change of EOS with density



J.M. Lattimer and M. Prakash, Phys.Rept.442:109-165,2007

## II. Hadronic Interactions

- Fermi pressure of nucleons  
+ Strong interaction
- Nucleon-nucleon repulsion and attractions
- N-N interaction is known only upto nuclear density,  $n_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

- Heavier nuclei

Mass formula (Weizsäcker, 1935; Bethe and Bacher, 1936)

Binding energy of a nucleus ( $A = Z + N$ )

$$B(N, Z) = b_{\text{vol}}A - b_{\text{surf}}A^{2/3} - \frac{1}{2}b_{\text{sym}}\frac{(N - Z)^2}{A} - \frac{3}{5}\frac{Z^2e^2}{R_c}$$

- Dense nuclear matter

$$E(n, N_p) \simeq m_N + \frac{3}{5}E_F^0 \left(\frac{n}{n_0}\right)^{2/3} + S(n)(1 - 2N_p)^2 + V(n)$$

$$E_F^0 = \frac{(3\pi^2 n_0/2)^{2/3}}{2m} = 37.2\text{MeV}$$

- $n > n_0$ , ??????
- Lattice QCD, Effective theory for hadrons,  
Many body interactions, ...



# III. Nuclear Symmetry Energy

- Measure of n-p asymmetry in nuclear interaction
- In nuclear matter

$$E(n, N_p) \simeq m_N + \frac{3}{5} E_F^0 \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^{2/3} + S(n)(1 - 2N_p)^2 + V(n)$$

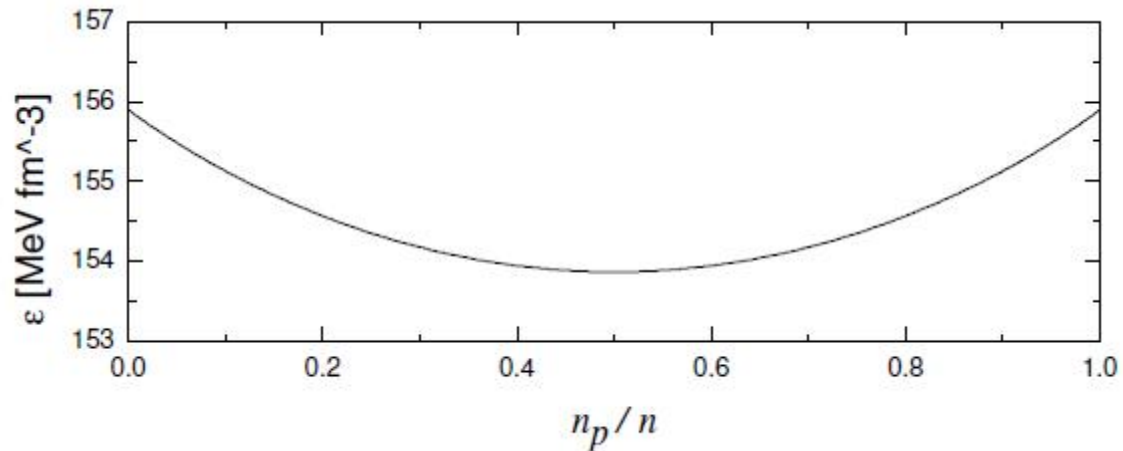
$$S(n) = \mathcal{S}_{\text{free}}(n) + \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}(n)$$

$$S(n_0) \sim 30 \text{ MeV}$$

- Non-interacting n-p system

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{8\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{p_F} (p^2 + m_n^2)^{1/2} p^2 dp$$

$$n_n = \frac{8\pi}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^2 dp$$



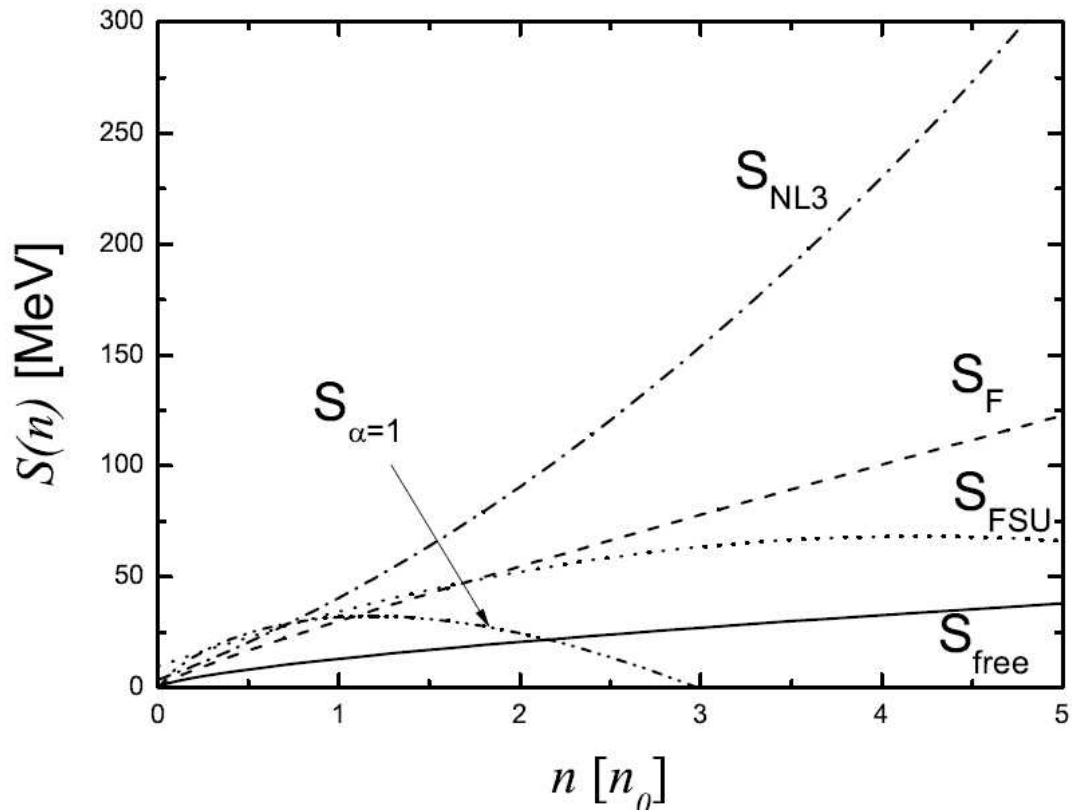
$$S_{free}(n) = \left(2^{2/3} - 1\right) \frac{3}{5} E_F^0 \left(\frac{n}{n_0}\right)^{2/3}$$

# Phenomenological forms of symmetry energy

$$S_F(n) = (2^{2/3} - 1) \frac{3}{5} E_F^0 \left[ \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^{2/3} - F(n) \right] + S_0 F(n)$$

$$S_\alpha = (2^{2/3} - 1) \frac{3}{5} E_F^0 \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^{2/3} + A(\alpha) \frac{n}{n_0} + [18.6 - A(\alpha)] \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^{B(\alpha)}$$

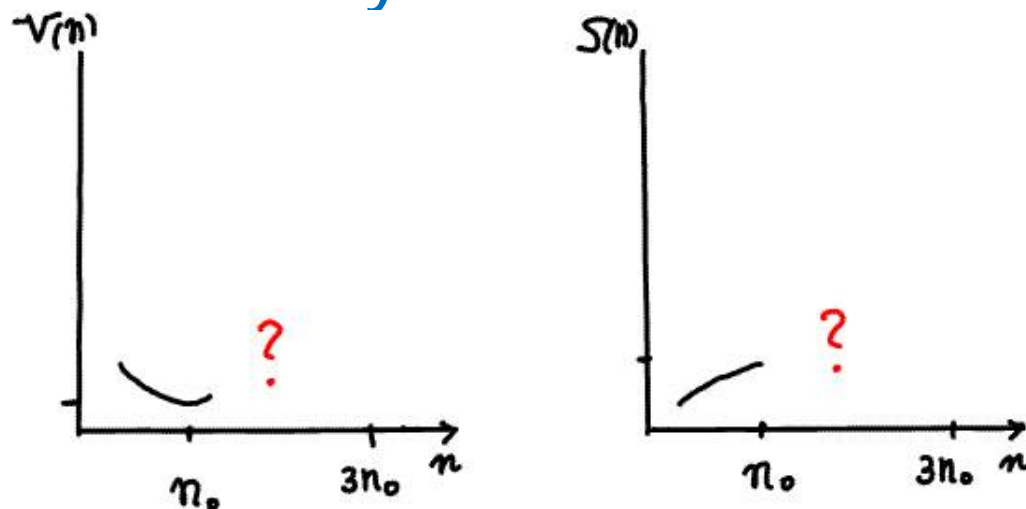
$$S_3(n) \simeq S_0^* + L\rho + \frac{1}{2}K\rho^2$$

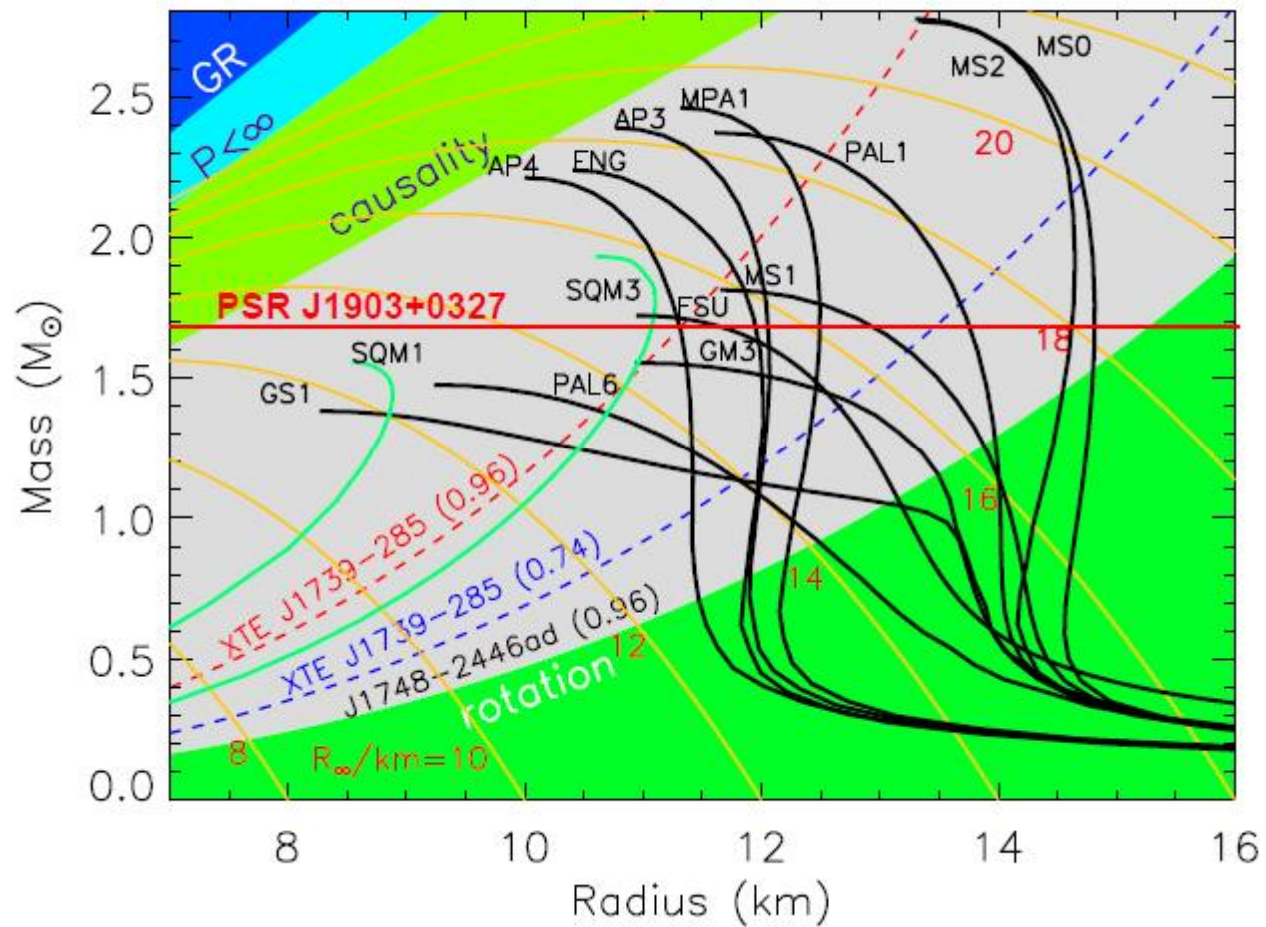


- Up to nuclear density ,  $n_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$
- Compact star,  $n > n_0$  with central density  $n_{\text{center}} > 3 n_0$

$S(n)$ ?  $V(n)$ ?

- Simple extrapolation of what are known at low density nuclear matter?





# IV. Nuclear symmetry energy in compact stars

- What is the role of symmetry energy (n-p asymmetry) in compact star?
- Symmetry energy provides a channel for new degrees of freedom in n-p system **via weak interaction:**
  - muon,
  - strange particles (kaon, hyperon) ,...

# Symmetry energy and weak equilibrium in compact star

- chemical potential of neutron and proton

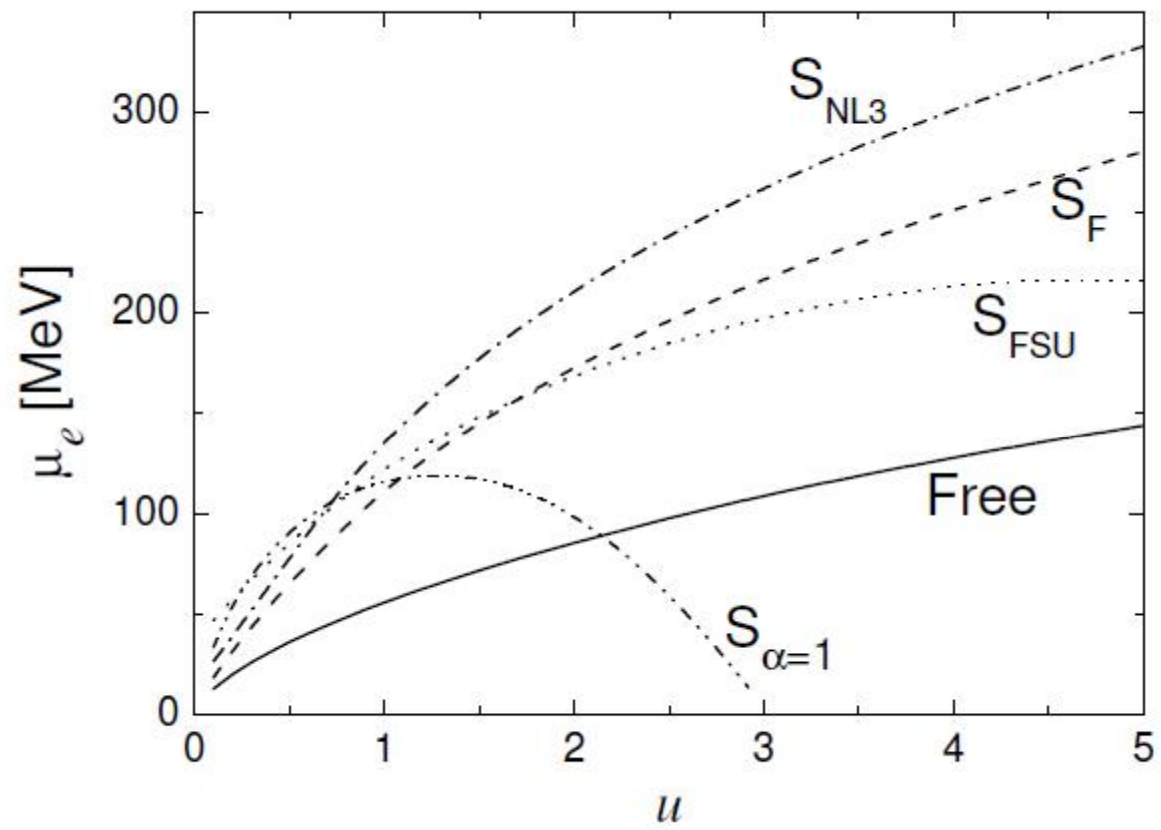
$$\mu_n - \mu_p = 4(1 - 2N_p)S(n)$$

- beta equilibrium with electron

$$n \rightarrow p + e \implies \mu_n - \mu_p = \mu_e$$

- charge neutrality condition

$$n_p = n_e$$





- Strong interaction

$$\mu_n - \mu_p = 4(1 - 2N_p)S(n) + [K, \Sigma, \Xi \dots]$$

- Weak equilibrium with new degrees of freedom,

$$\mu_n - \mu_p = \mu_\mu(m_\mu)$$

$$\mu_{K^-}(m_{K^-}^*)$$

$$\mu_e = \mu_{\Sigma^-} - \mu_n$$

$$\mu_{\Xi^-} - \mu_\Lambda$$

- Kaon condensation, hyperon matter, ..

- Hadron interaction at high density

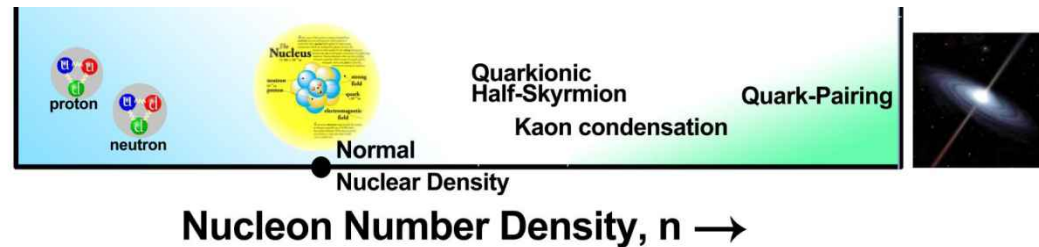
$$S(n) \quad [K, \Sigma, \Xi \dots] \quad m_{K^-}^*$$

- Chiral perturbation theory
- Tensor force with BR scaling
- Three body forces
- HLS
- Skyrminion on the lattice
- hQCD

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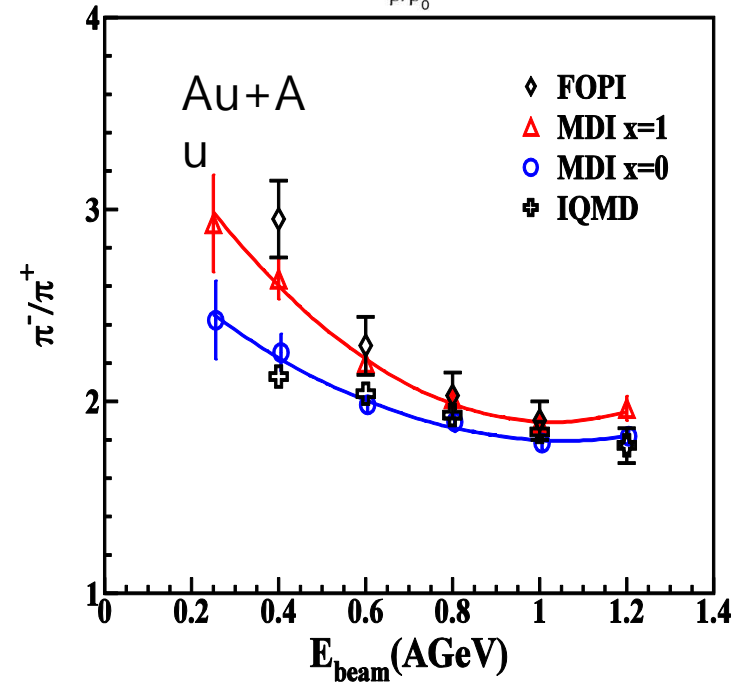
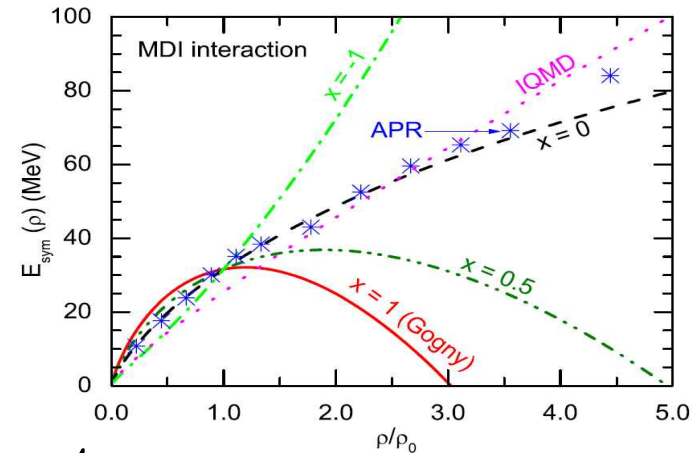
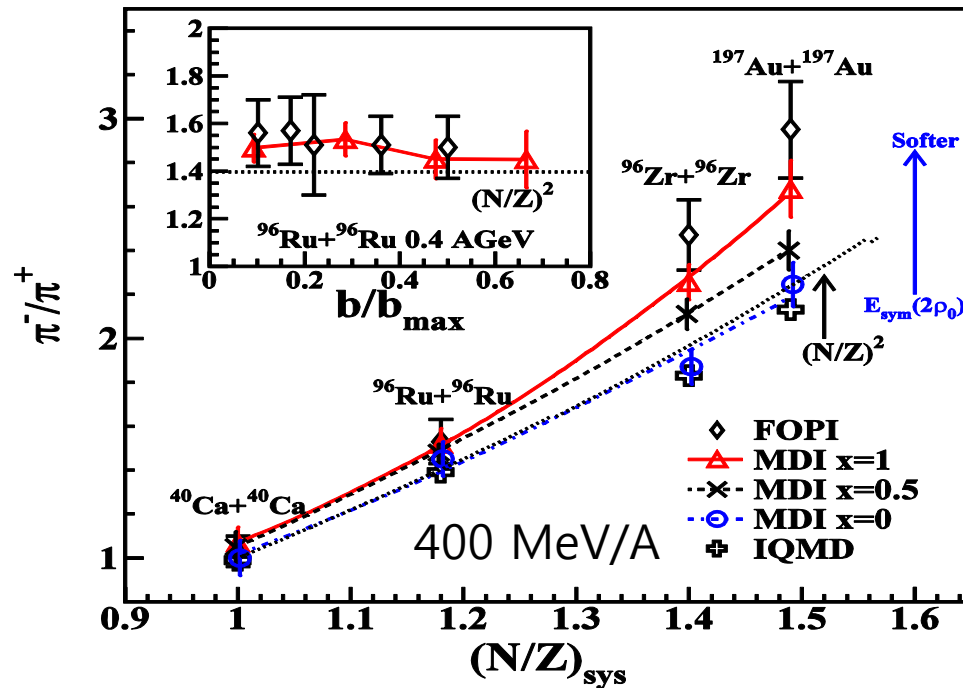
piece-wise effective theories(or polytropic EOS)

....,  $n(i) < n < n(i+1)$ , ..



# V. Supersoft symmetric energy

Transport model analysis using IBUU04  
 Z. Xiao, B.A. Li, L.W. Chen, G.C. Yong  
 and M. Zhang, PRL 102, 062502 (2009)



# "Supersoft" is a disaster?

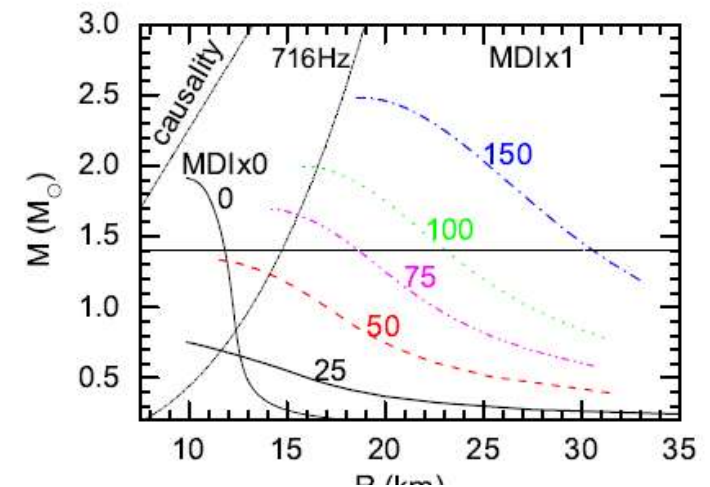
If Nature chose the "supersoft"  $E_{SS}$

There could be NO stable neutron stars *unless* ...!!

But Nature is full of neutron stars including the Hulse-Taylor binary pulsar.

Drastic way out by D.H. Wen *et al*, PRL **103**, 211102 (09):  
*Modify* Newtonian gravity, which could be *emergent*  
 (e.g., *a la* E. Verlinde, arXiv:1001.0785).

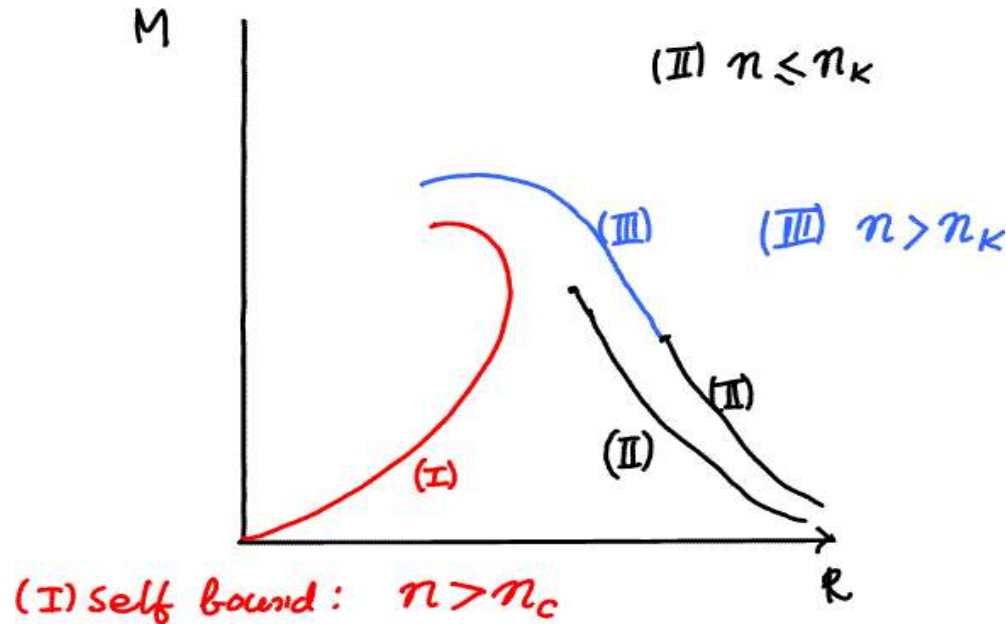
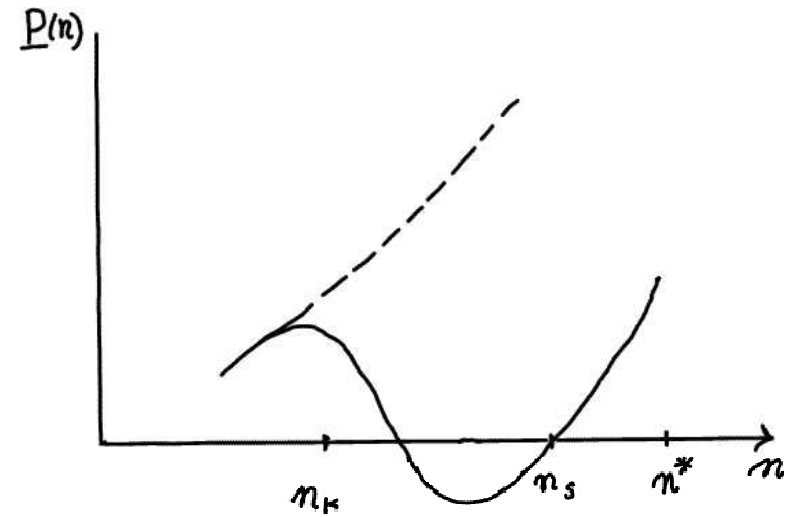
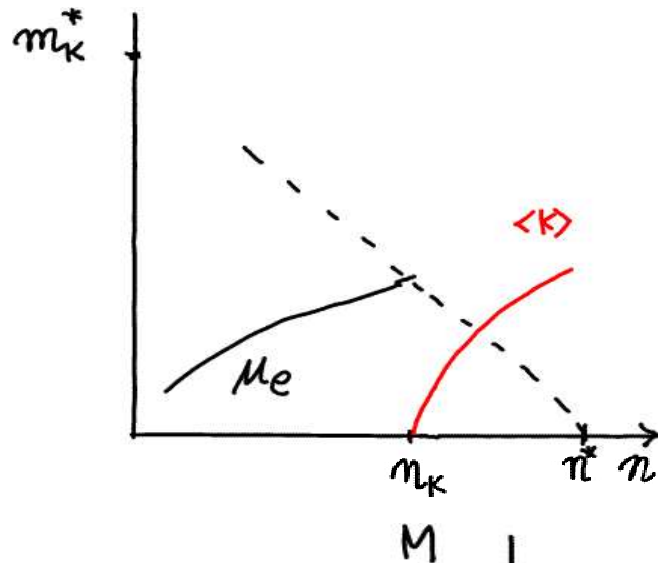
But kaons will not condense,

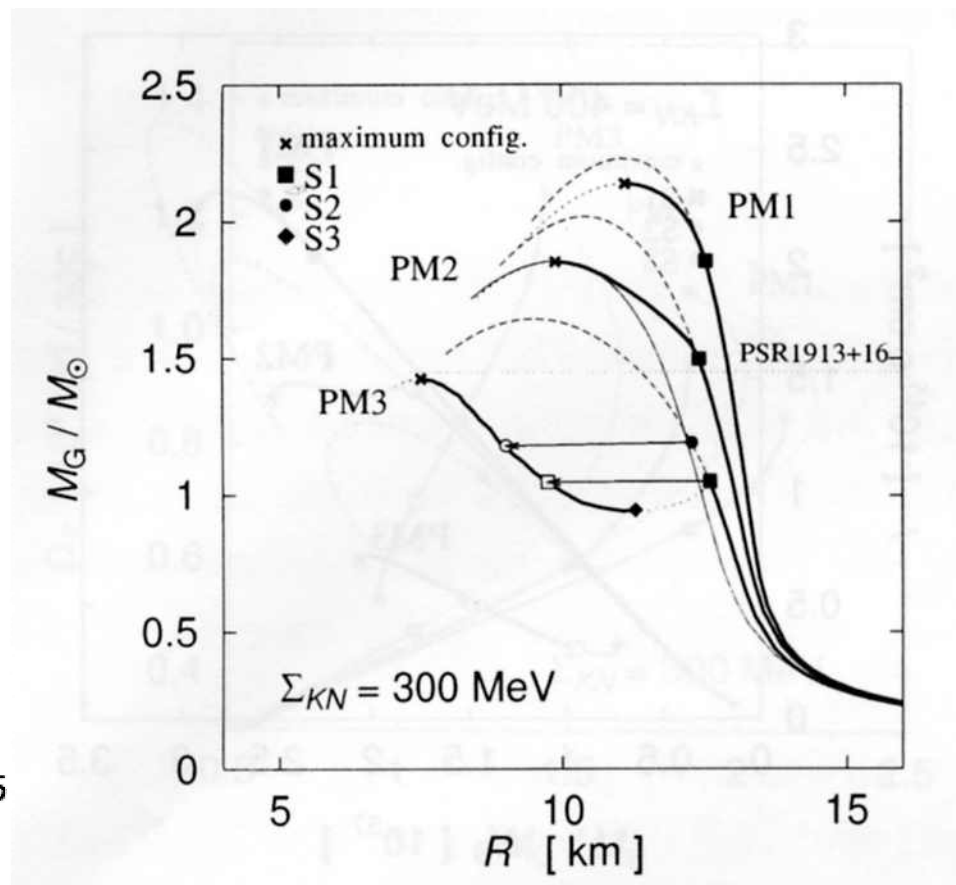
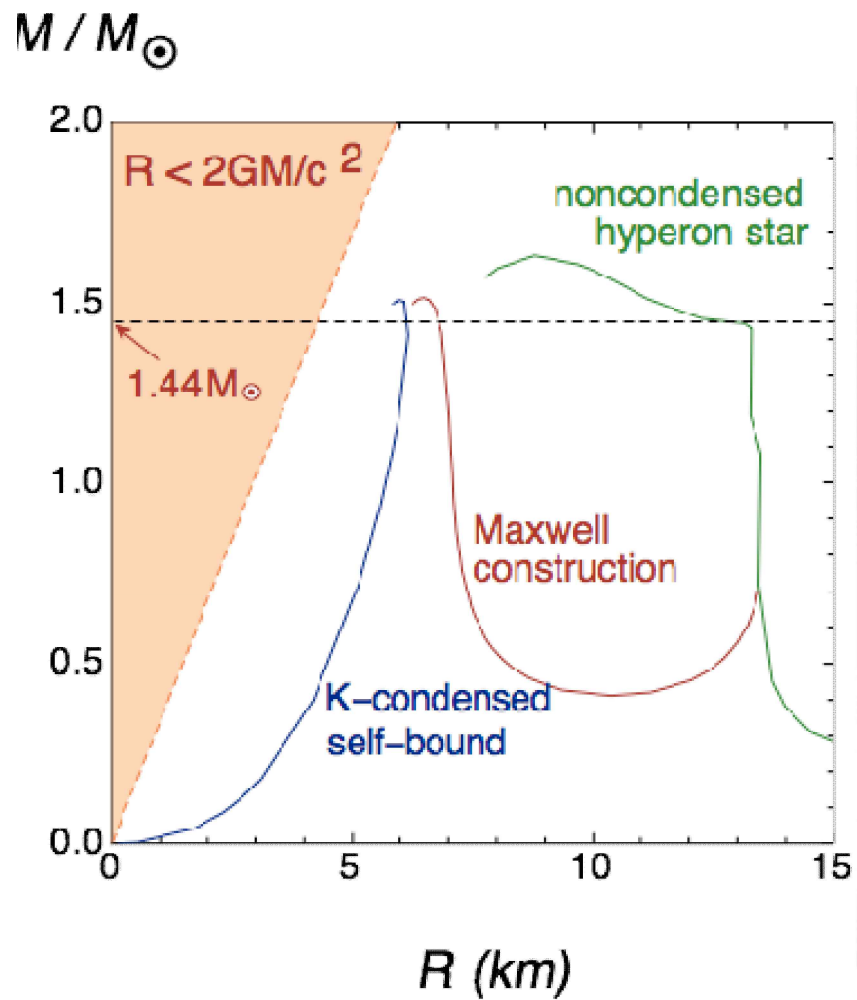


## VI. Possible structure with Strangeness

- When the difference between chemical potentials of proton and neutron becomes comparable to kaon mass or hyperon mass in medium, the corresponding strange particles begin populating and the EOS get changed significantly.
- **Kaon condensation**
  - Kaplan and Nelson,
  - Bethe and Brown,
  - Brown, Rho and Kubodera, ...

# Stars with kaon condensed matter





Muto et al.

Strange quark star with kaon-condensed surface (K. Kim, M. Rho and HKL in progress)

- For a hadron system, where kaon chemical potential becomes much smaller about electron mass, there is no leptons to balance the positive charge of protons but kaons.
- This is equivalent to strange quark matter with high enough density where strange quark mass can be neglected.
- It can define the transition surface between hadronic phase with kaon condensation and strange quark matter



# Hadronic Matter

# Quark Matter

$$p \Rightarrow u u d$$

$$n \Rightarrow u d d$$

$$K^- \Rightarrow s \bar{u}$$

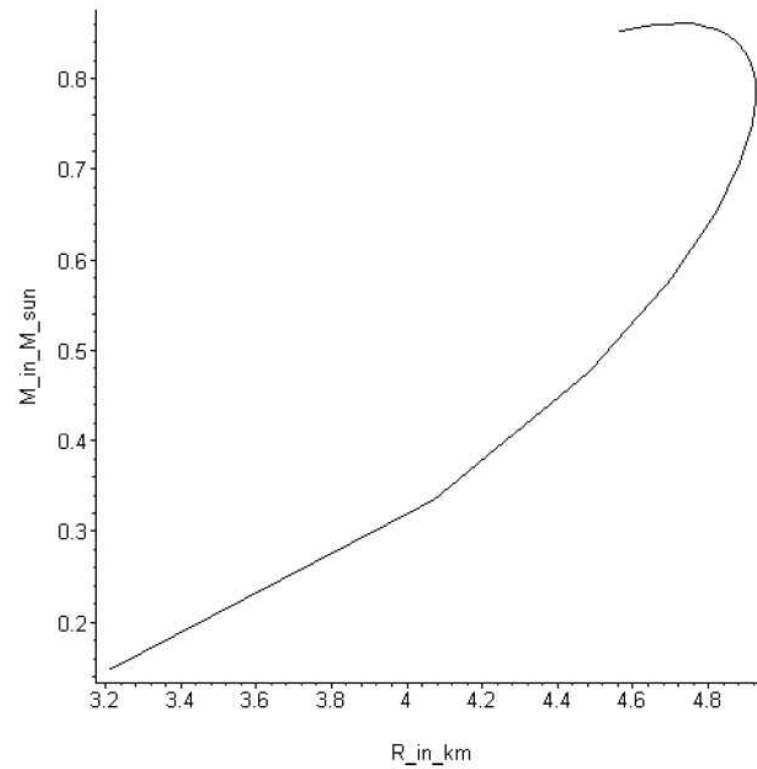
$$\mu_K = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_s = \mu_u$$

$$\mu_n = \mu_p \Rightarrow \mu_u = \mu_d$$

Kaon condensation  
At zero chemical potential

SQM

- SQ star with self bound kaon surface



preliminary

## VII. Hadronic crystal-structure at higher density?

- Nucleon crystal structure at the core of compact star **at higher density**
- Solitonic description → Skyrmions on the lattice
- Density dependence of symmetry energy and effective mass of roaming particles through(kaon mass)

# Appearance of fractionized skyrmions

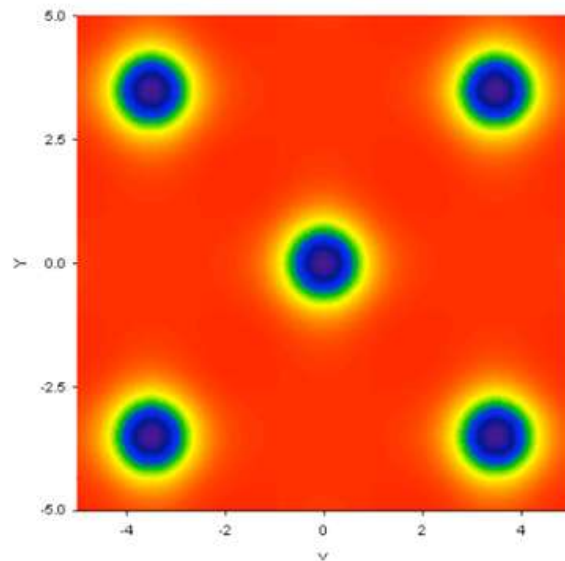
B.Y. Park et al, 1999

$$U = e^{2i\pi/f_\pi} \longrightarrow \text{skyrmion}$$

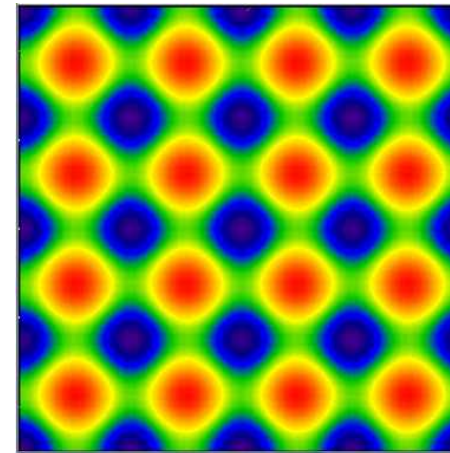
$$U = \xi_L \xi_R^\dagger, \quad \xi_{L,R} \longrightarrow \text{half-skyrmion}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi = \frac{f_\pi^2}{2} \{ \text{Tr} [ |D_\mu \xi_L|^2 + |D_\mu \xi_R|^2 ] \}$$

- Simulate dense matter by putting skyrmions in FCC crystals and squeeze them:  $1/2$ -skyrmions in CC appear at  $n_{1/2}$

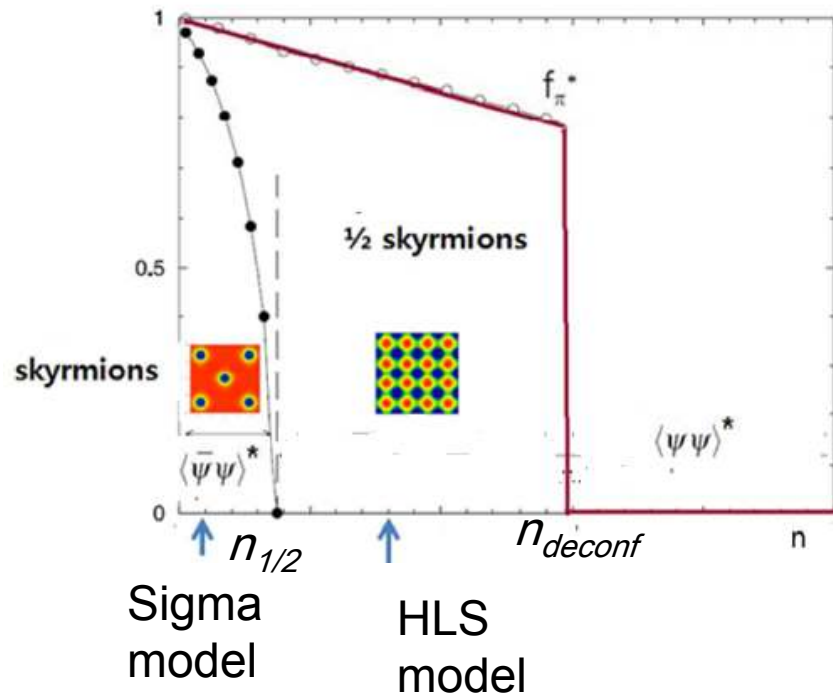


skyrmions



Half-skyrmions

# "Phase"structure



The  $\frac{1}{2}$ -skymion phase at  $n \geq n_{1/2}$  is characterized by

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = 0, \quad f_\pi \neq 0, \quad a = 1, \quad \frac{m_\rho^*}{m_\rho} \ll 1$$

i.e. "vector mode"

Rough estimate:  $n_{1/2} \sim (1.3 - 2) n_0$

# What does the $\frac{1}{2}$ -skyrmion phase do to $E_{sym}$ ?

Symmetry energy  $\sim 1/N_c$

Collective-quantize the (neutron) skyrmion matter

I. Klebanov, 1985

➡ Isospin rotation

$$U(\vec{r}, t) = A(t)U_0(\vec{r})A^\dagger(t)$$

$$E^{\text{tot}} = AM_{cl} + \frac{1}{2A\lambda_I} I^{\text{tot}}(I^{\text{tot}} + 1)$$

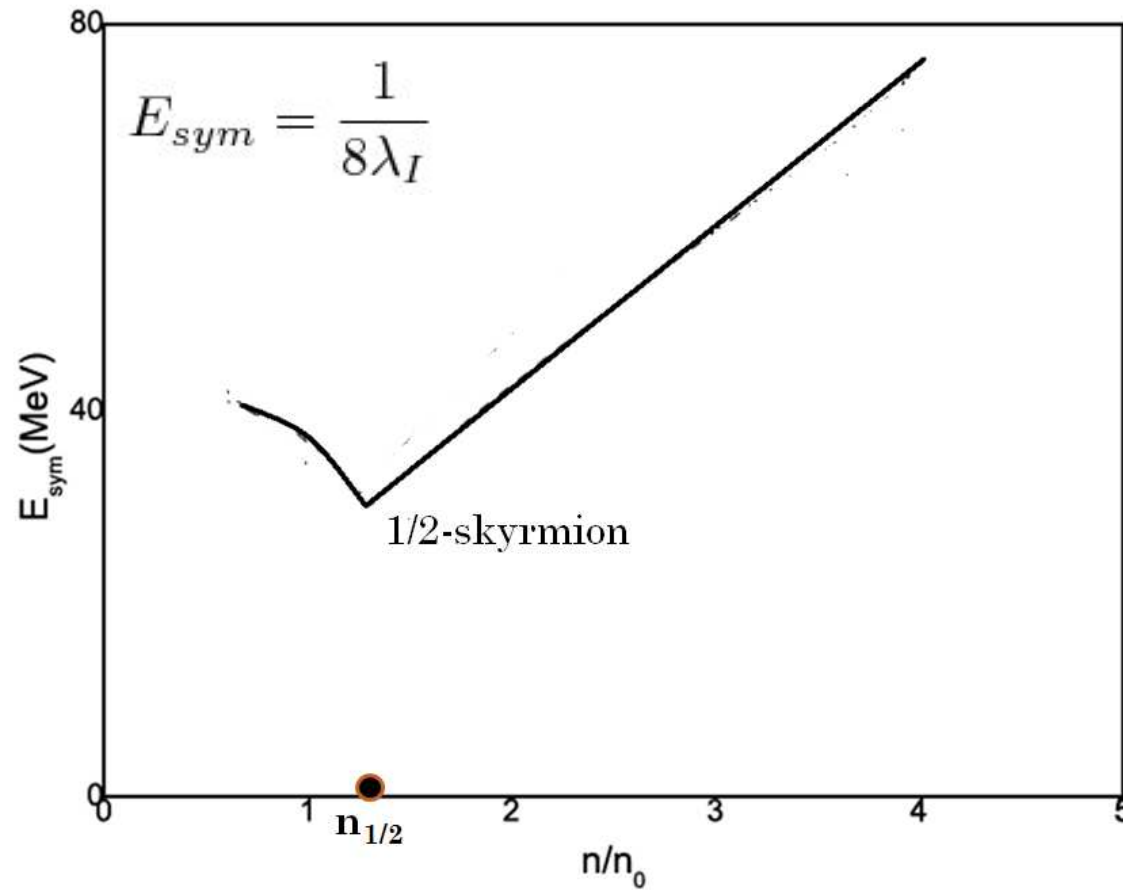
$$I^{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2}A\delta \quad \delta = (n_p - n_n)/(n_n + n_p)$$

$$E = M_{cl} + \frac{1}{8\lambda_I} \delta^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_{sym} = \frac{1}{8\lambda_I}$$

Moment of inertia

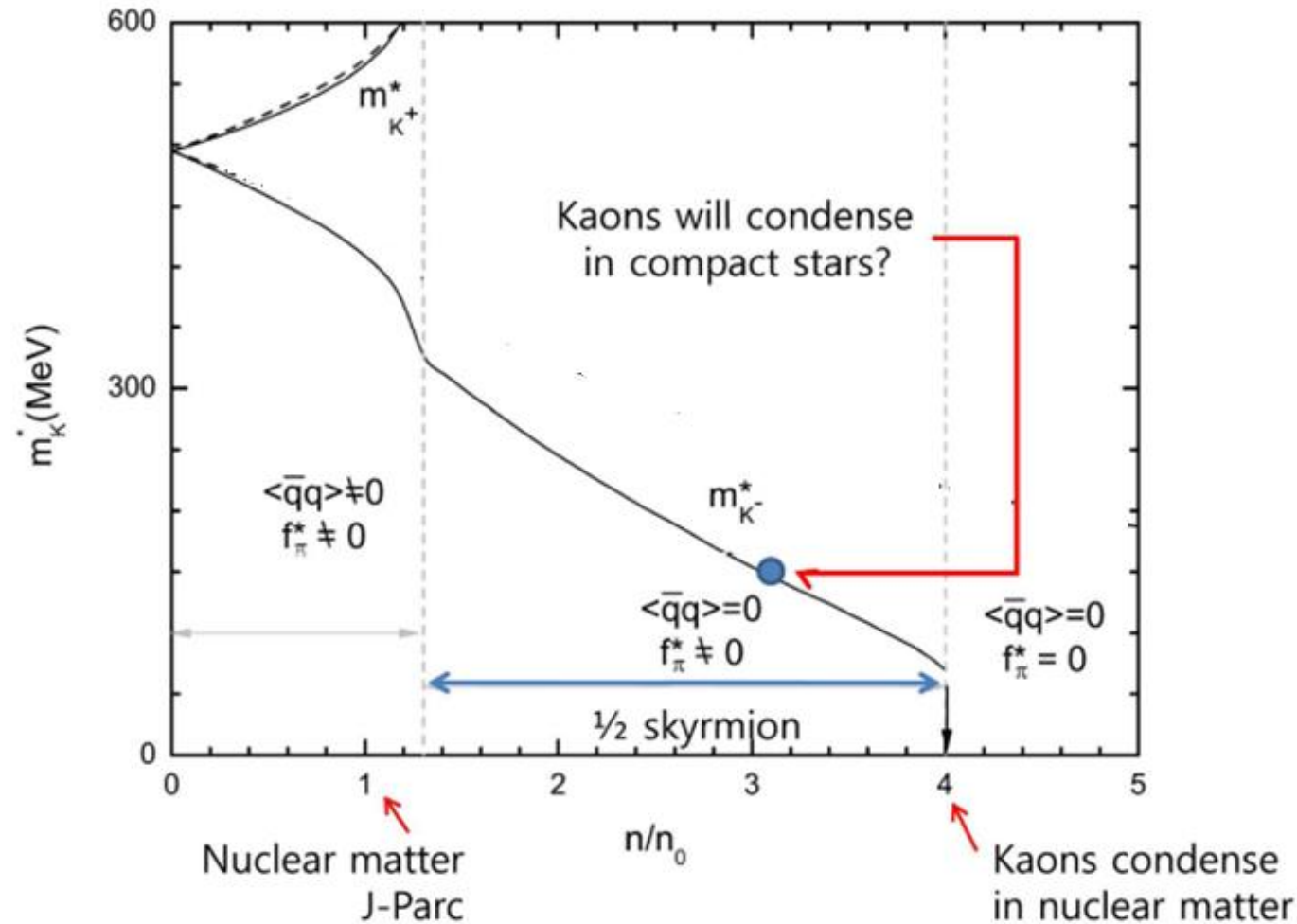
# $E_{sym}$ from half-skyrmion matter

H.K. Lee, B.Y. Park, R. 2010



# Anti-kaon "roaming" through $1/2$ -skyrmion matter: Wess-Zumino term

How to measure isospin spirals?





# How to understand the cusp at $n_{1/2}$ in "standard" nuclear physics?

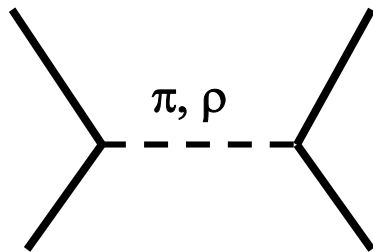
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In-medium scaling

# How to concoct the $E_{ss}$

Possible mechanism: medium-scaling tensor forces

C. Xu & B.A. Li, arXiv:0910.4803



$$V_M^T(r) = S_M \frac{f_{NM}^2}{4\pi} m_M \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 S_{12} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{(m_M r)^3} + \frac{1}{(m_M r)^2} + \frac{1}{3m_M r} \right] e^{-m_M r} \right)$$

$$M = \pi, \rho, S_{\rho(\pi)} = +1(-1).$$

Tensor forces cancel: Exploit medium-enhanced cancelation to describe the C14 dating by J.W. Holt et al, PRL **100**, 062501 (08)

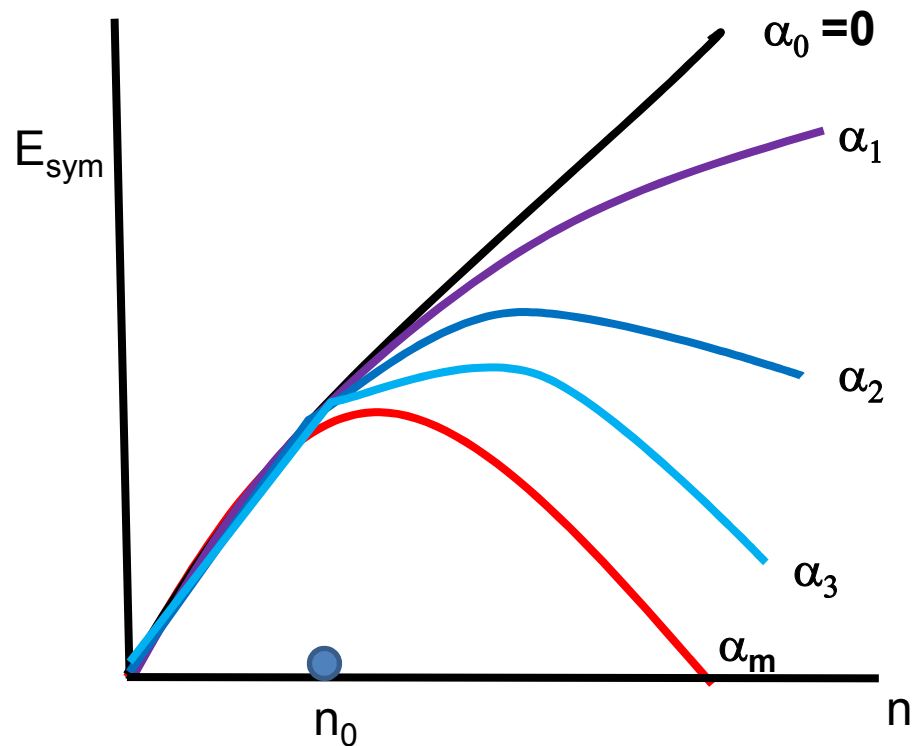
Assumed scaling:  $\frac{m_\rho^*}{m_\rho} \approx \frac{m_N^*}{m_N} \approx \frac{f_\pi^*}{f_\pi} \approx 1 - \alpha \frac{n}{n_0}$

# Apply to $E_{\text{sym}}$

C. Xu & B.A. Li, arXiv:0910.4803

$$\frac{m_{\rho}^*}{m_{\rho}} \approx \frac{m_{\text{N}}^*}{m_{\text{N}}} \approx \frac{f_{\pi}^*}{f_{\pi}} \approx 1 - \alpha \frac{n}{n_0} \quad \text{for all density } (n)$$

$$\Phi_i(n) = 1 - \alpha_i (n/n_0) \quad 0 = \alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \alpha_3 \dots < \alpha_m \approx 0.2$$

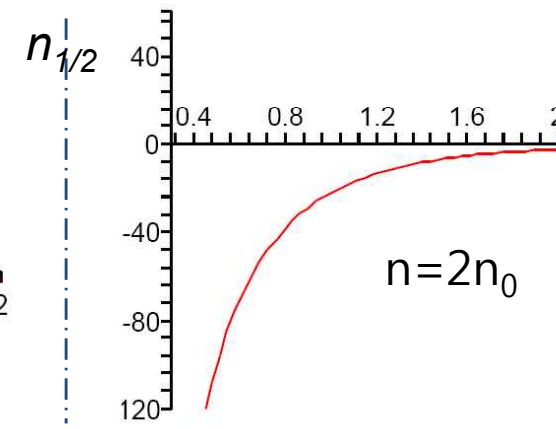
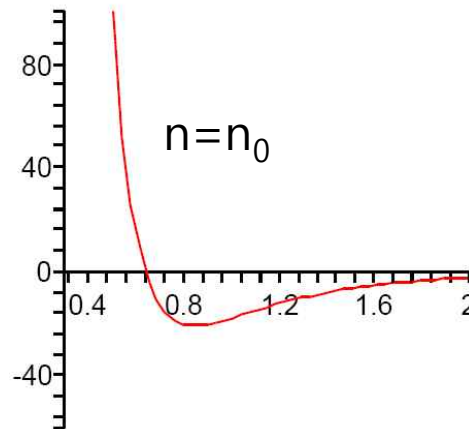
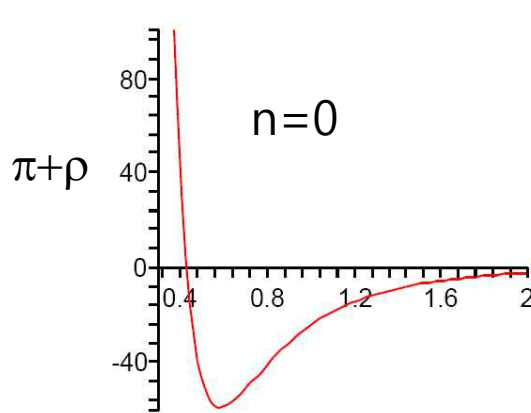


# Tensor forces are drastically modified in the $1/2$ -skyrmion phase

“standard”  
nuclear  
physics

For density  $n < n_{1/2}$  :  $\frac{m_\rho^*}{m_\rho} \approx \frac{m_N^*}{m_N} \approx \frac{f_\pi^*}{f_\pi} \approx 1 - \alpha \frac{n}{n_0}$

For density  $n \geq n_{1/2}$  :  $\frac{m_N^*}{m_N} \approx \frac{f_\pi^*}{f_\pi} \lesssim 1, \quad \frac{m_V^*}{m_V} \approx \frac{g_V^*}{g_V} \approx \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^*}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle}$



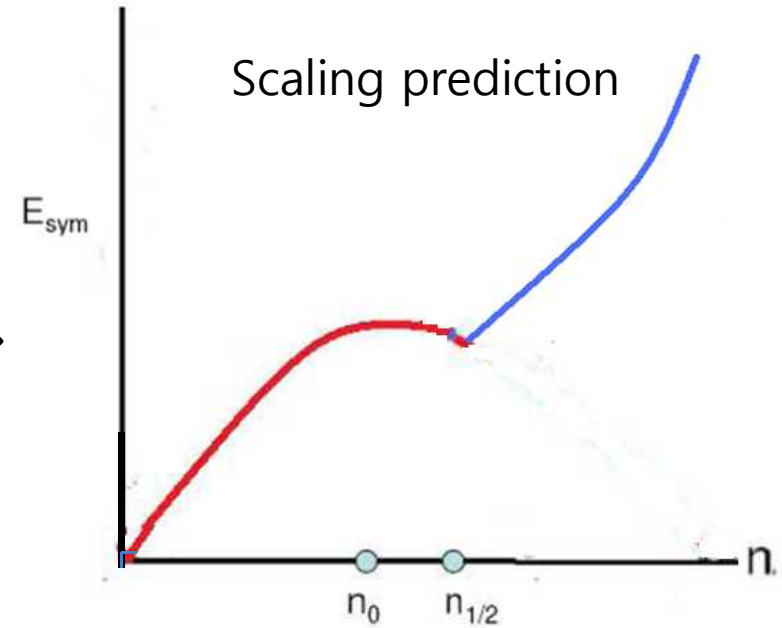
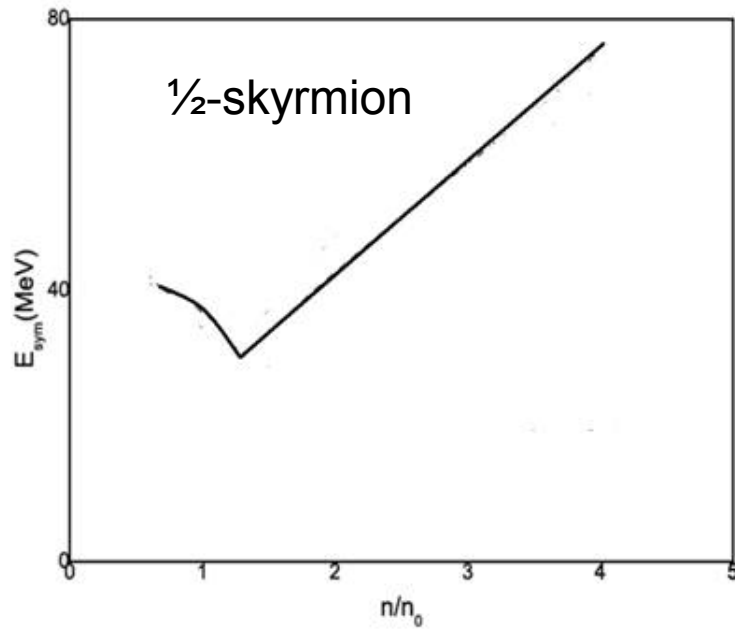
Decreasing tensor

Increases

$$R \equiv \frac{f_{N\rho}^*}{f_{N\rho}} \approx \frac{g_V^*}{g_V} \frac{m_\rho^*}{m_\rho} \frac{m_N}{m_N^*}$$

Above  $n_{1/2}$ , the  $\rho$  tensor gets “killed,” enabling the *pions ( $\pi^0$ 's) to condense*  
 → pionic crystal in dense neutron matter ( e.g., Pandharipande and Smith 74).

# 1/2-skyrmion vs. scaling



This prediction could be checked or falsified at FAIR or even RIB (e.g., KoRIA) machines

# Summary

- Higher density,  $n > n_0$  at the core of compact star → **new physics**
- **Symmetry energy** (n-p asymmetry) :  
new degrees of freedom into n-p system  
in weak equilibrium (crust and core)
- Emergence of **strangeness** at the core
- kaon condensation, hyperon degrees of freedom

**Mass, radius and compositions,....**

**Cooling, GW, GRB, .....**