

# Skyrme's energy functional and neutron star matter

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## Hartree-Fock Calculations with Skyrme's Interaction. I. Spherical Nuclei\*

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$$v_{12} = t_0(1 + x_0 P_\sigma) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} t_1 [\delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) k^2 + k'^2 \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)]$$

$$+ t_2 \vec{k}' \cdot \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \vec{k} + i W_0 (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{k}' \times \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \vec{k},$$

$$v_{123}^{(3)} = t_3 \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \delta(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_3).$$

$$v_{12} = \frac{1}{6} t_3 (1 + P_\sigma) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \rho \left( \frac{\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2}{2} \right).$$

“Such a term provides a simple phenomenological representation of many-body effects Skyrme's interaction can be considered as a kind of phenomenological G-matrix which already includes the effect of short-range correlations through its density dependent term.”

“Skyrme's interaction is an approximate representation of the effective nucleon force WHICH IS ONLY VALID FOR LOW RELATIVE MOMENTA “



Tensor force includes mixing between 3S1+3D1 (even) and 3P2+3F2 (odd)

Skyrme, Phil.Mag. 1, 1043 (1956), Nucl.Phys. 9, 615 (1958)

$$\begin{aligned} V^T = & \frac{T}{2} \left\{ \left[ (\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}')(\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}') - \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) \mathbf{k}'^2 \right] \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \right. \\ & \left. + \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \left[ (\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) - \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) \mathbf{k}^2 \right] \right\} \\ & + \frac{U}{2} \{ (\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) (\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) \\ & + (\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) (\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}) \\ & - \frac{2}{3} [(\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) \mathbf{k}' \cdot \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \mathbf{k}] \}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

affects interactions in spin-spin and spin-isospin channels and stability of nuclear matter above saturation density)

Cao, Colo and Sagawa, Phys. Rev. C81, 044302 (2010)

## The Skyrme energy density functional derived from the NN potential:

$$H = K + H_o + H_3 + H_{eff}$$

$K$  - kinetic energy term,  $H_o$  zero-range term,  
 $H_3$  - density dependent term,  $H_{eff}$  - effective mass term  
 $n$  - particle number density,  $\tau$  - kinetic energy density  
Dependent on 8 parameters  $t_0, t_1, t_2, t_3, x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$

$$H_o = \frac{1}{4} t_0 \left[ (2 + x_0) n^2 - (2x_0 + 1)(n_p^2 + n_n^2) \right]$$

$$H_3 = \frac{1}{24} t_3 n^\alpha \left[ (2 + x_3) n^2 - (2x_3 + 1)(n_p^2 + n_n^2) \right]$$

$$H_{eff} = \frac{1}{8} \left[ t_1 (2 + x_1) + t_2 (2 + x_2) \right] \tau n + \\ \frac{1}{8} \left[ t_2 (2x_2 + 1) - t_1 (2x_1 + 1) \right] (\tau_p n_p + \tau_n n_n)$$



In addition, for application in finite nuclei terms dependent on gradient of density and current have to be included:

$H_{fin}$  - finite range simulation term,  $H_{so}$  - spin-orbit term

$H_{sg}$  - tensor coupling with spin and gradient

$$H_{fin} = \frac{1}{32} [3t_1(2 + x_1) - t_2(2 + x_2)] (\nabla n)^2 - \frac{1}{32} [3t_1(2x_1 + 1) - t_2(2x_2 + 1)] [(\nabla n_p)^2 + (\nabla n_n)^2]$$

$$H_{so} = \frac{1}{2} W_0 [J \cdot \nabla n + J_p \cdot \nabla n_p + J_n \cdot \nabla n_n]$$

$$H_{sg} = -\frac{1}{16} (t_1 x_1 + t_2 x_2) J^2 + \frac{1}{16} (t_1 - t_2) [J_p^2 + J_n^2] + H_{coul} + H_{pair}$$

THE PARAMETERS ARE HIGHLY CORRELATED -  
IN PRINCIPLE  
INFINITE NUMBER OF COMBINATIONS EXISTS

More modern parameterization of the Skyrme energy density functional  
 (see for a review Bender et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 75, 121 (2003))

$$E = E_{\text{kin}} + \int d^3r \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}} + E_{\text{Coul}} + E_{\text{pair}} - E_{\text{corr}}. \quad (46)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}} = \sum_{T=0,1} (\mathcal{E}_T^{\text{even}} + \mathcal{E}_T^{\text{odd}}). \quad (47)$$

time-reversal odd  
and even

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_T^{\text{even}} = & C_T^\rho \rho_T^2 + C_T^{\Delta\rho} \rho_T \Delta\rho_T + C_T^\tau \rho_T \tau_T + C_T^J \mathbf{J}_T^2 \\ & + C_T^{\nabla J} \rho_T \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_T, \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

summation over  
isospin T

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_T^{\text{odd}} = & C_T^s \mathbf{s}_T^2 + C_T^{\Delta s} \mathbf{s}_T \cdot \Delta \mathbf{s}_T + C_T^{sT} \mathbf{s}_T \cdot \mathbf{T}_T + C_T^{\nabla s} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{s}_T)^2 \\ & + C_T^j \mathbf{j}_T^2 + C_T^{\nabla j} \mathbf{s}_T \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{j}_T. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

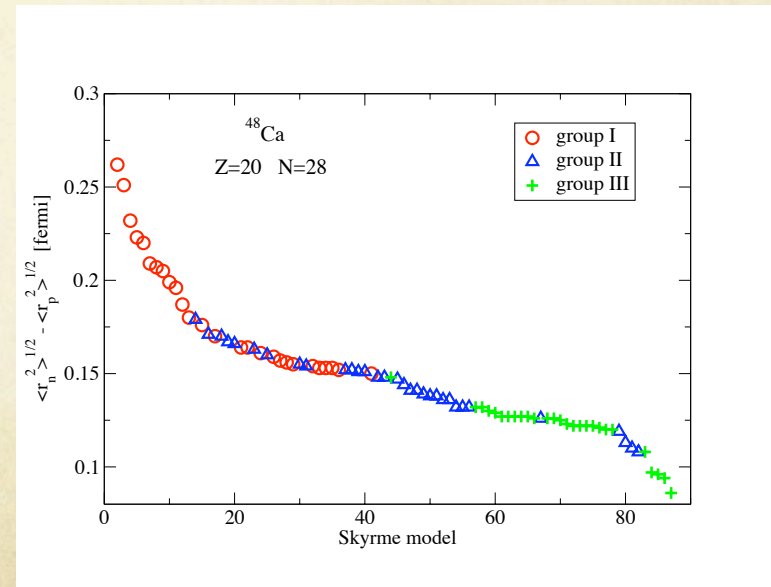
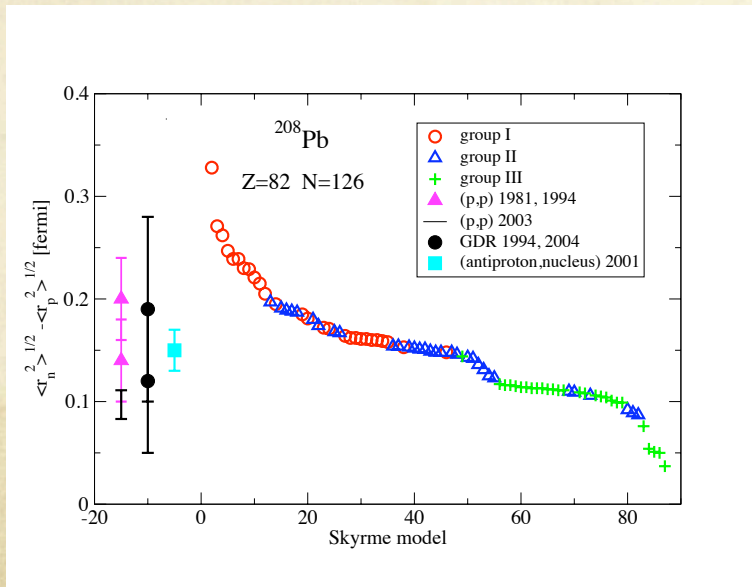
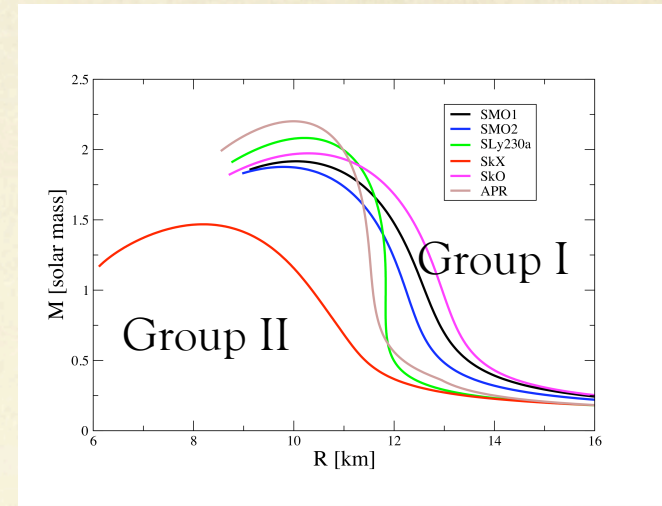
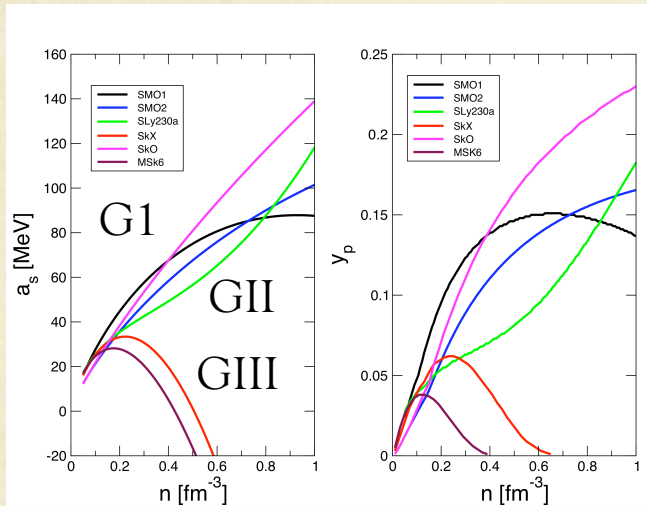
direct correspondence  
between coupling  
constants C and  
the usual parameters  
t and x e.g.

$$C_0^\rho = \frac{3}{8} t_0 + \frac{3}{48} t_3 \rho_0^\alpha,$$

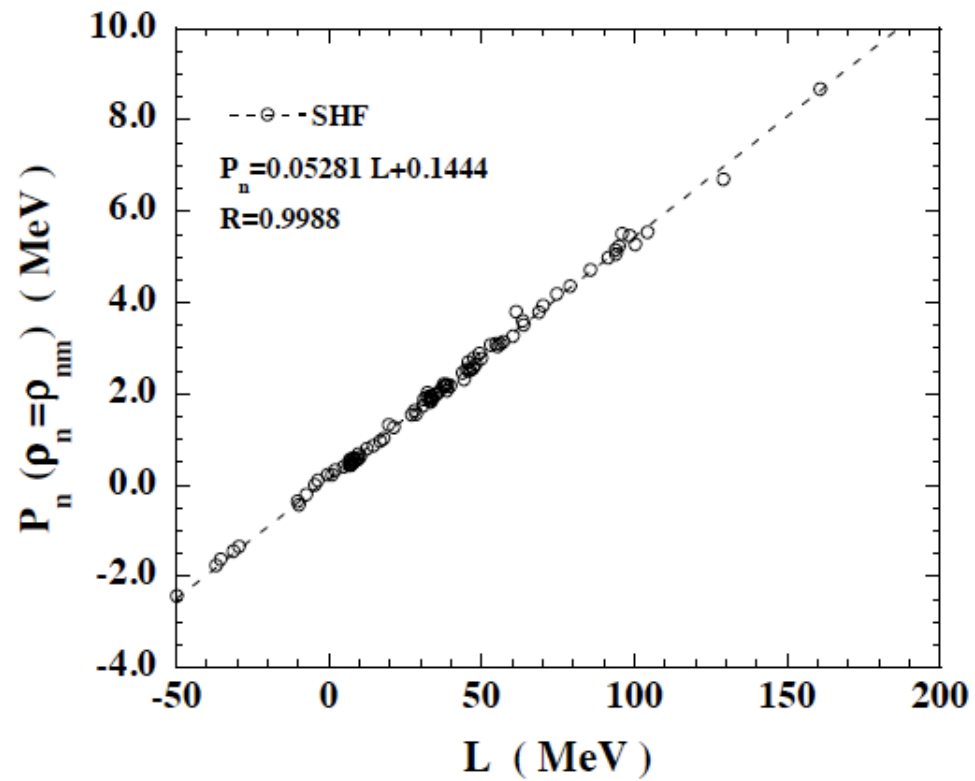


# 2003 87 Skyrme parameterizations tested: Stone et al PRC C68, 034324

Sorting criteria: density dependence of the symmetry energy and existence of cold neutron stars



## 27 Skyrme parameterizations – all of the group I



Yoshida and Sagawa, private communication, 2010



## Symmetry energy in nuclear matter:

$$S(n) = \mathcal{E}(n, I = 0) - \mathcal{E}(n, I = 1).$$

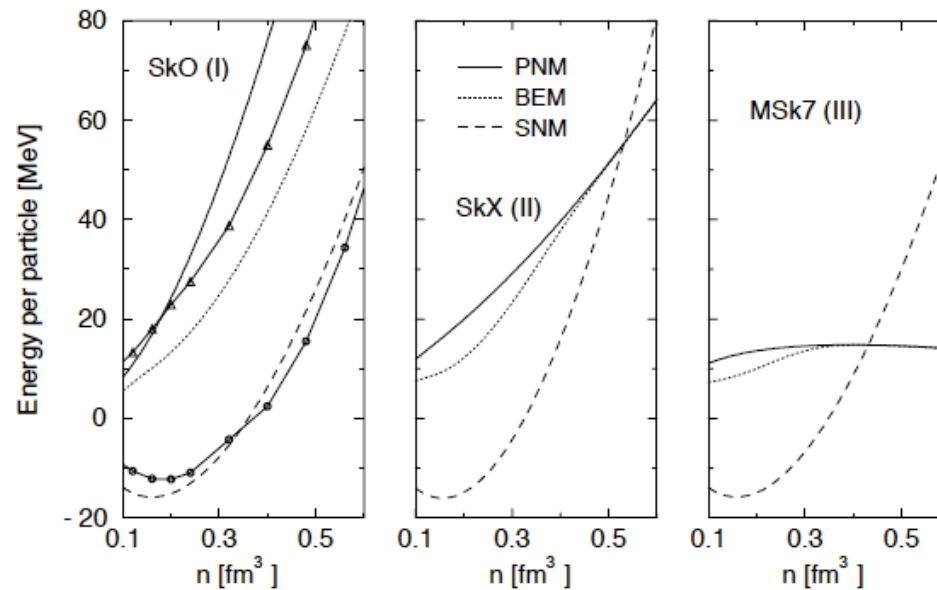
Approximately equal to the the asymmetry coefficient in the semiempirical mass formula:

$$a_{\text{sym}} = \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{E}}{\partial I^2} \right|_{I=0} = \frac{n^2}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{E}}{\partial \tilde{n}^2} \right|_{\tilde{n}=0}.$$

(i)  $\mathcal{E}(n, I = 0)$  a minimum energy of matter at a given density

(ii) all higher derivatives in the expansion are negligible

THE PROBLEM WITH UNDERSTANDING OF THE SYMMETRY ENERGY IS MAINLY CAUSED BY OUR POOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE NN INTERACTION



also mentioned  
by D.T.Khoa  
and A. Steiner

2009 144 Skyrme parameterizations 2009 (database Stone, Lee, Danielewicz)  
COMPSTAR meeting Coimbra, Portugal, February 2009

$$E_{sym}(\rho) \approx E_{sym}(\rho_0) + \frac{L}{3} \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{K_{sym}}{18} \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^2, \quad (38)$$

where  $L$  and  $K_{sym}$  are the slope and curvature of the symmetry energy at  $\rho_0$

$$L = 3\rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial E_{sym}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho=\rho_0}, \quad (39)$$

$$K_{sym} = 9\rho_0^2 \left. \frac{\partial^2 E_{sym}(\rho)}{\partial \rho^2} \right|_{\rho=\rho_0}. \quad (40)$$

$$K_{asym} = K_{sym} - 6L$$

$L = 88 \pm 25$  MeV Vela pulsar glitches Xu et al PRC **77**, 014302 (2008).  
arXiv:0807.4477v1 [nucl-th].

$K_{asym} = -550 \pm 100$  MeV GMR Li et al PRL 99, 162503 (2007)

$K_{\infty} = 240 \pm 20$  MeV Moller and Nix

$a_s \Rightarrow 27 - 38$  MeV Stone and Reinhard

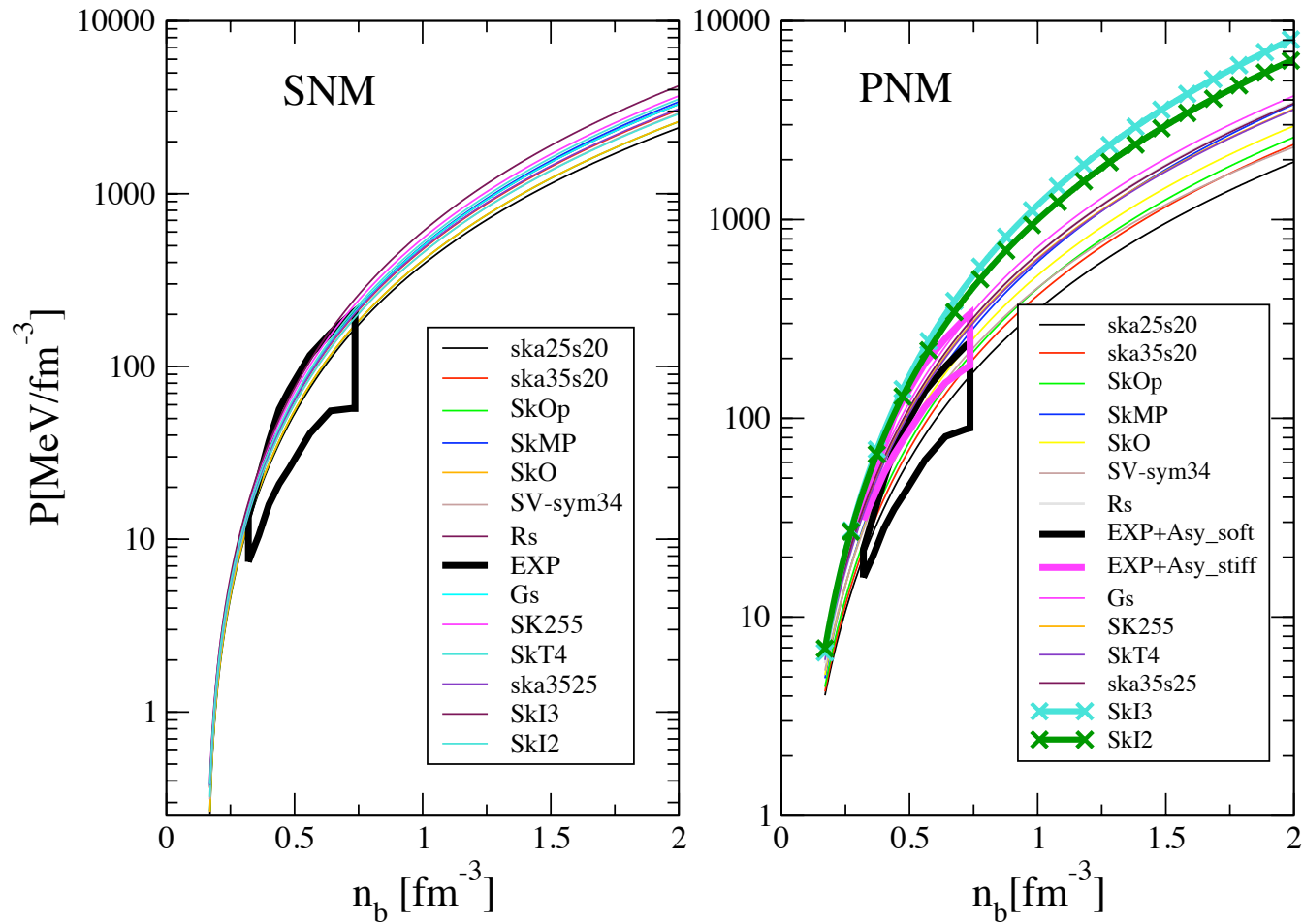


## Only 13 out of 144 parameter sets survived

	t0	t1	t2	t3	t4	x0	x1	x2	x3	x4	$\alpha$
ska25s20	-2180.48	281.49	-160.44	14577.80	0.14	-0.80	0.00	0.06	103.20	103.20	0.25
ska35s20	-1768.83	263.86	-158.34	12904.80	0.13	-0.80	0.00	0.01	100.80	100.80	0.35
SkOp	-2099.42	301.53	154.78	13526.46	-0.03	-1.33	-2.32	-0.15	143.90	-82.89	0.25
SkMP	-2372.24	503.62	57.28	12585.30	-0.16	-0.40	-2.96	-0.27	80.00	80.00	0.17
SkO	-2103.65	303.35	791.67	13553.25	-0.21	-2.81	-1.46	-0.43	176.58	-198.75	0.25
SV-sym34	-1887.37	323.80	351.78	12597.30	-0.23	-0.96	-1.78	-0.72	69.65	20.28	0.30
Rs	-1798.00	335.97	-84.81	11083.90	-0.40	0.00	0.00	-0.87	60.80	60.80	0.30
Gs	-1800.16	336.23	-85.74	11113.50	-0.49	0.00	0.00	-1.03	60.93	60.93	0.30
SK255	-1689.35	389.30	-126.07	10989.60	-0.15	0.12	0.00	-0.74	47.70	0.00	0.36
SkT4	-1808.80	303.40	-303.40	12980.00	-0.18	-0.50	-0.50	-0.50	56.50	56.50	0.33
ska35s25	-1772.73	276.85	-162.36	12899.78	-0.14	-0.80	0.00	-0.49	101.00	101.00	0.35
SkI3	-1762.88	561.61	-227.09	8106.20	0.31	-1.17	-1.09	1.29	94.25	0.00	0.25
SkI2	-1915.43	438.45	305.45	10548.90	-0.21	-1.74	-1.53	-0.18	60.30	60.30	0.25

Second set of constraints: **Danielewicz et al – Science**

Skyrme sets reduced to 11 – SKI3 and SkI2 did not pass PNM

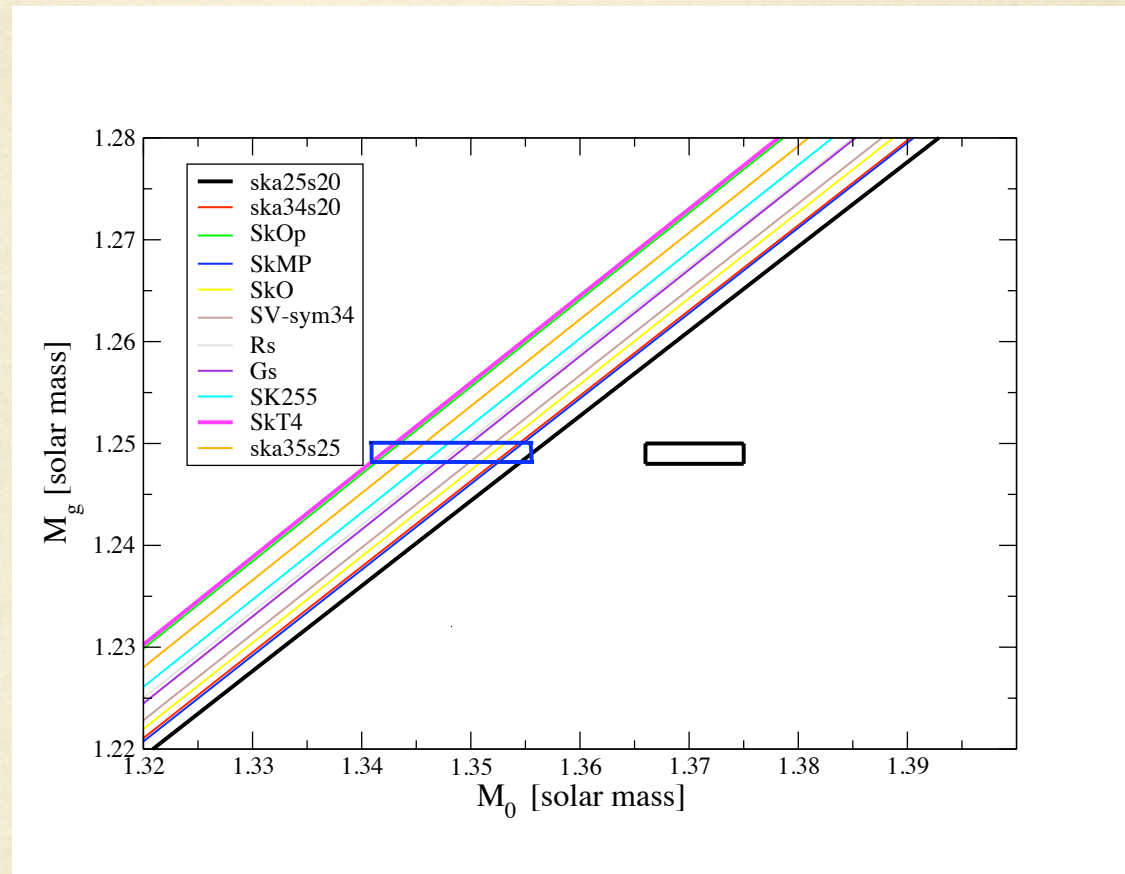




Third constraint:

Low mass neutron star - *The double pulsar J0737-3039* :

Podsiadlowski et al. *Mon.Not.R.Astron.Soc.* 361, 1243 (2005)

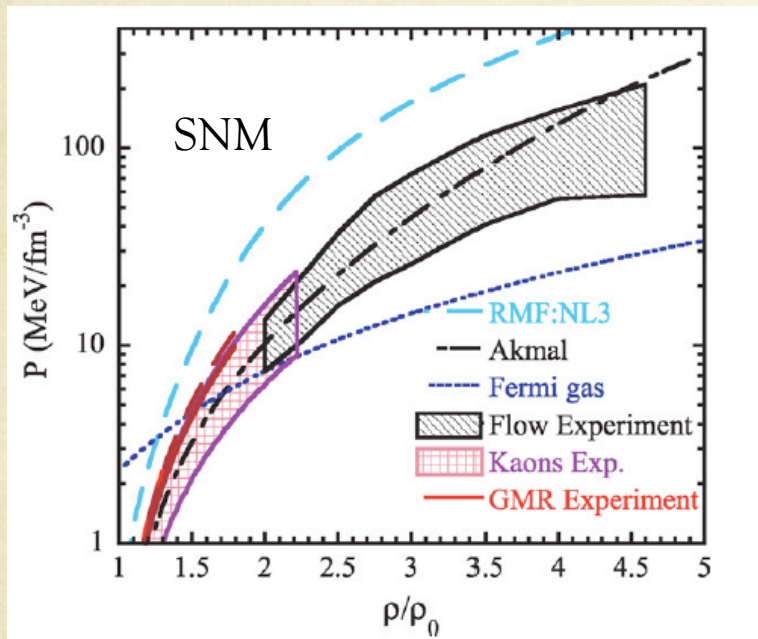


Prediction of  $0.019 - 0.024 M_{\text{solar}}$  loss in the progenitor mass

## 2010 Testing 195+5 Skyrme parameterizations

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Constraints used in the 2009 analysis were extended mainly for low density pure neutron matter (Schwenk and Pethick, PRL 95, 160401 )2005 and Epelbaum Eur.Phys.J. A40,199 (2009)



### New constraints on L:

$L < 70$  MeV Newton and Bao\_An Li PRC80, 065809 (2009)

$L = 65 \pm 15$  MeV Carbone et al., PRC 81, 041301(2010)

$L = 58 \pm 18$  MeV Chen et al., [arXiv:1004.4672v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/1004.4672v1)

$$E_{sym}(\rho) \sim J \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma$$

Shetty et al, PRC75, 034602 (2007)

$$0.69 < \gamma < 1.05$$

11 constraints altogether

Lynch et al., Prog.Nucl.Part.Phys. 62, 427 (2009)



## Preliminary results:

3 models satisfied all constraints

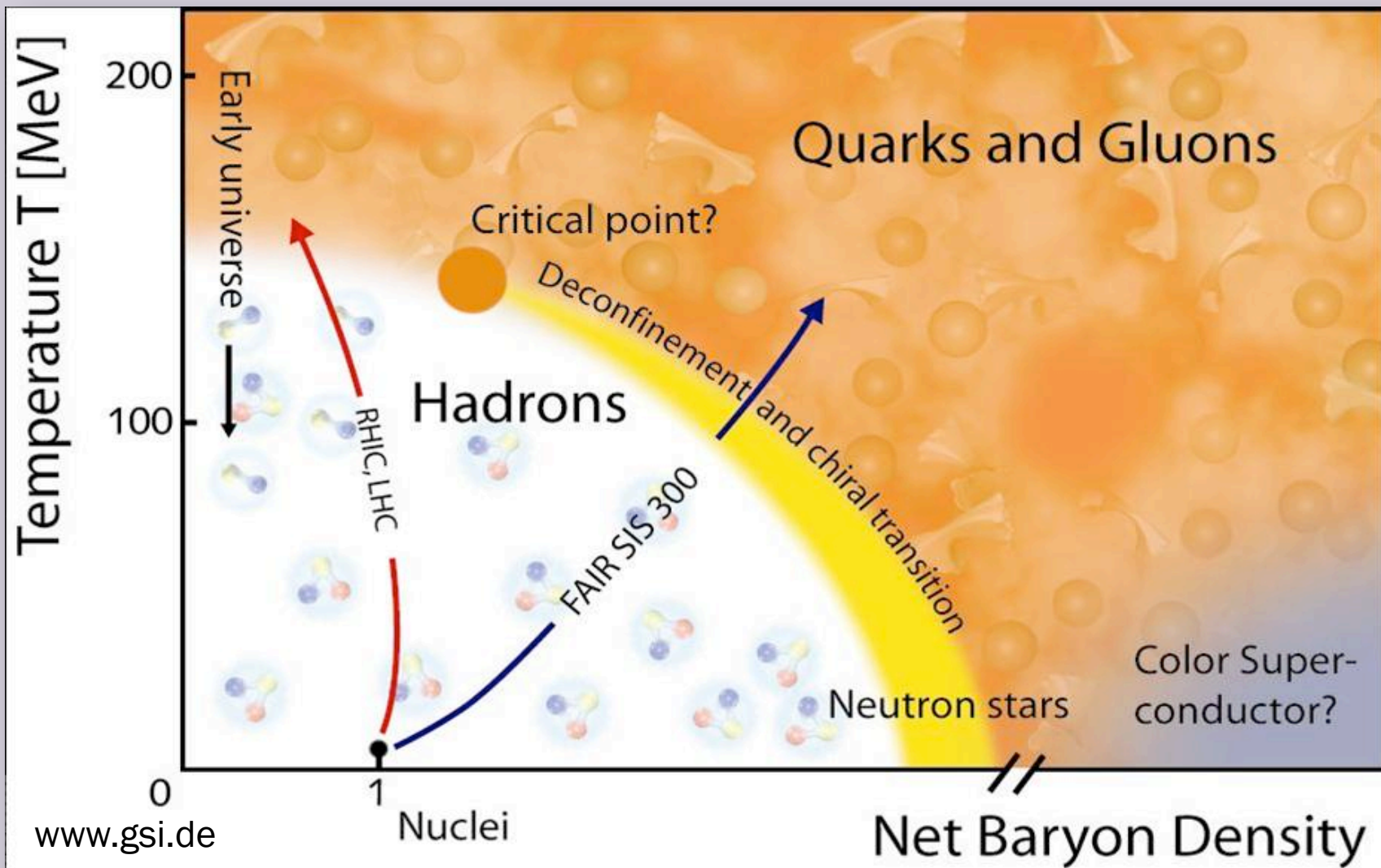
- \* SKa25s20
- \* SKa35s20
- GSKI

6 models satisfied 10 constraints

- \* SKa35s25
- SKT4
- \* SKO'
- NRAPR
- QMC700
- QMC750

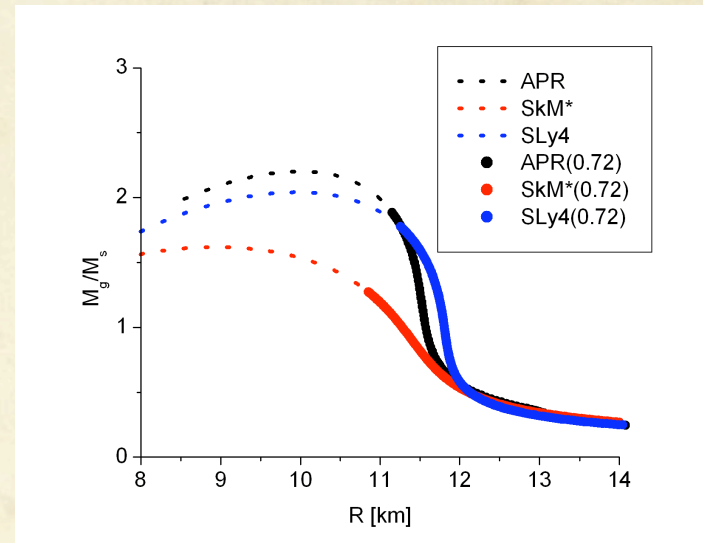
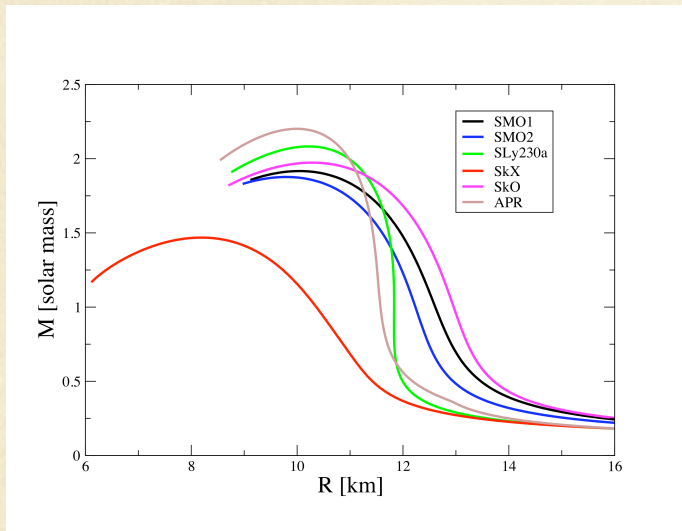
- Key issues:
1. Could we understand why these parameterizations are preferred
  2. Detailed understanding of the **WEIGHT** and **APPLICABILITY** of the constraints

# Can we apply directly HIC based constraints directly to neutron star matter?





Can we safely extrapolate Skyrme calculation to many times nuclear saturation density?  
 “Skyrme’s interaction is an approximate representation of the effective nucleon force WHICH IS ONLY VALID FOR LOW RELATIVE MOMENTA “ i.e. low densities.



EoS	$M_{\max}$	R[km]	$x$ [ $n_s$ ]
SMO1	1.92	10.0	7.8
SMO2	1.86	10.2	7.3
SLy230a	2.08	10.2	7.2

EoS	$M_{\max}$	R[km]	$x$ [ $n_s$ ]
SkX	1.39	7.92	13.4
SkO	1.97	10.4	10.4
APR	2.2.0	10.0	7.1

**Answer:** Skyrme models should not be used to calculate maximum mass-radius but should be safe up to about about 3 times the saturation density

## What to do next?

I. Keep constructing EoS using different models  
keep changing when new constraints become available



Indefinitely long process

II. Look for significant physics and defensible parameters  
Understand relevance of different approaches



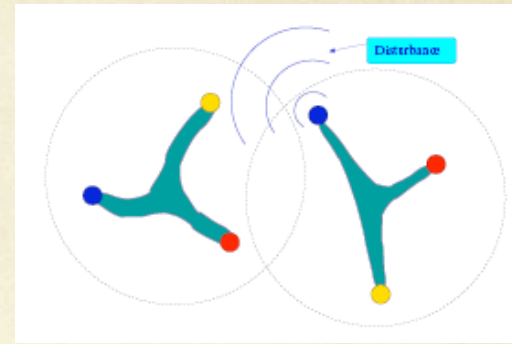
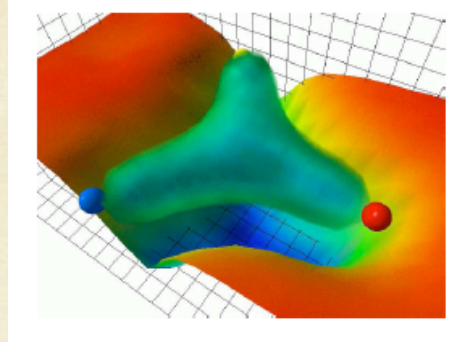
Difficult, long, but we may gain

increased predictive power and control over the models

**Rewarding at the end**



Quark-Meson Coupling Model: Stone, Guichon et al., NPA 792, 341 (2007)



(Leinweber et al.,  
<http://www.physics.adelaide.edu.au/cssm/lattice/>)

Quark level – baryons modeled by (virtual) quark bags  
quarks from different bags interact via meson fields –  
interpreted as QCD vacuum fluctuations (outside the bags)

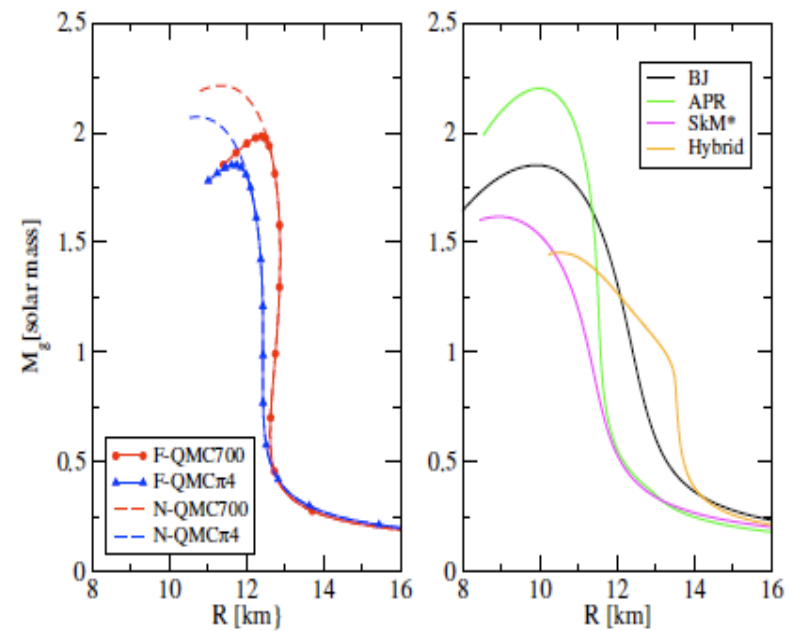
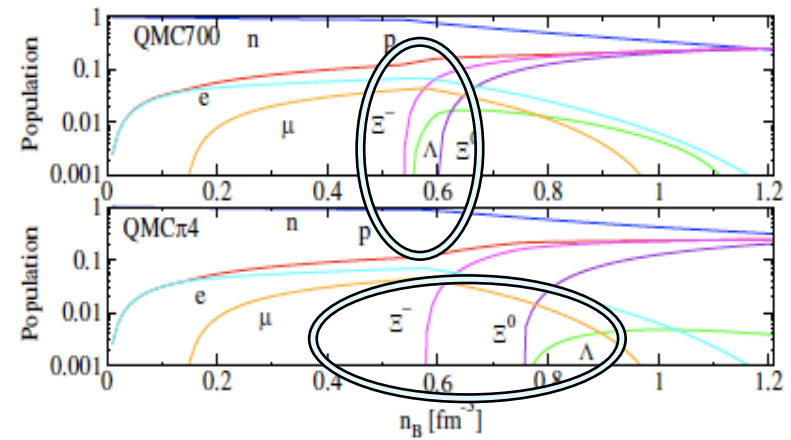
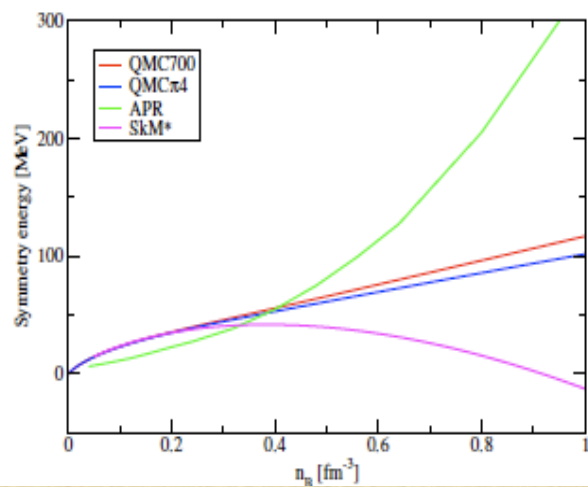
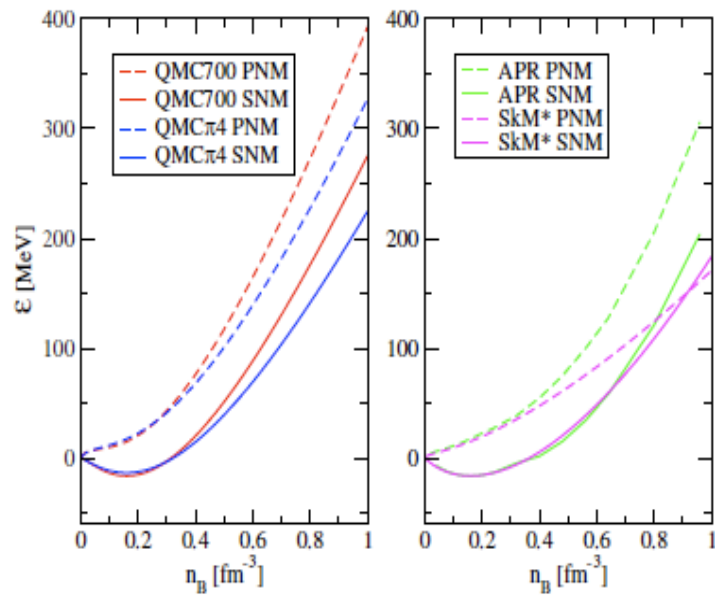
Full Baryon Octet,  $\sigma$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\rho$  mesons (experimental meson masses for  $\rho$  and  $\omega$ )

4 parameters, fitted to symmetric nuclear matter and symmetry energy

Works both for finite nuclei and nuclear matter

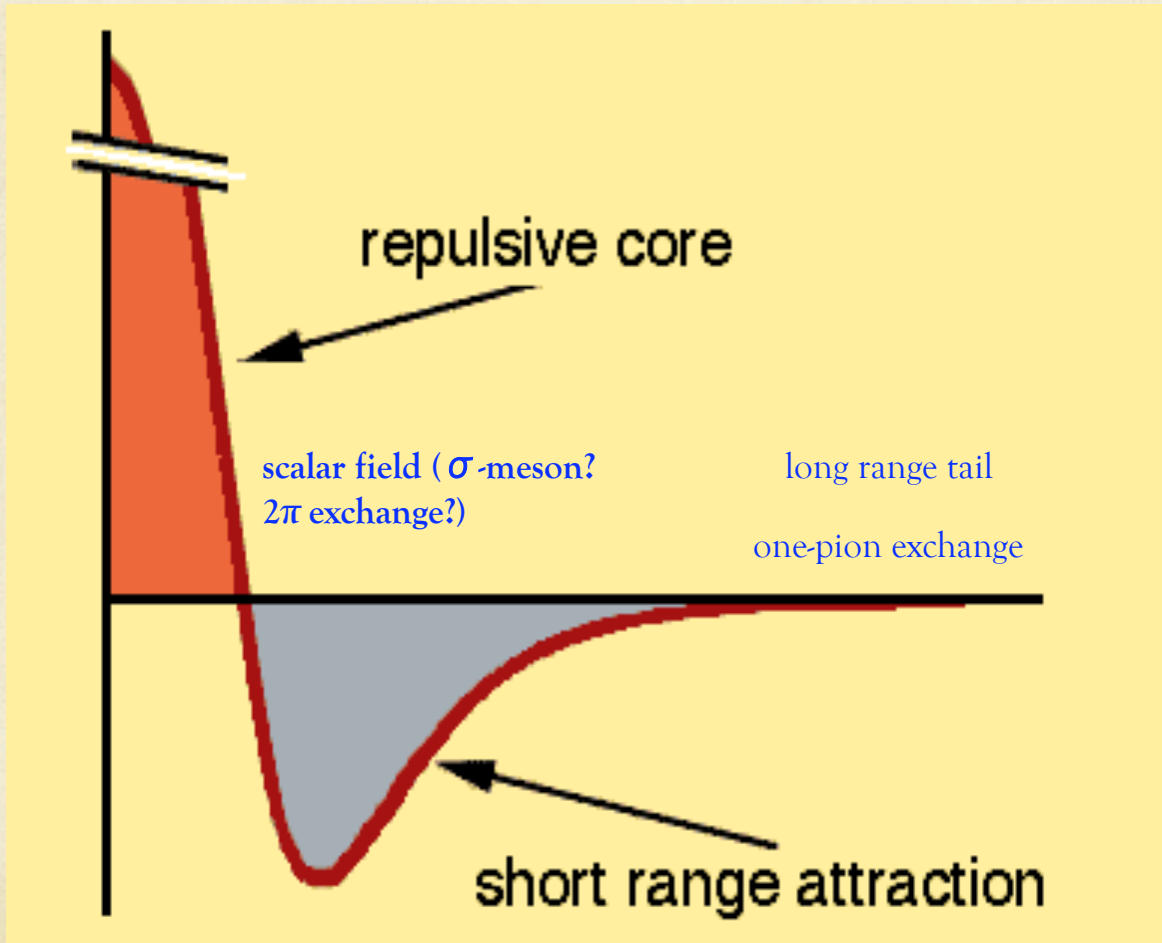
At low densities behaves like a Skyrme model, at higher densities includes relativistic corrections  
applicable to higher densities provided baryons maintain their identity

# Problem? QMC700 $K=340$ MeV, QMC $\pi$ 4 $K=260$ MeV





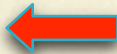
# Schematic model of the nucleon-nucleon force



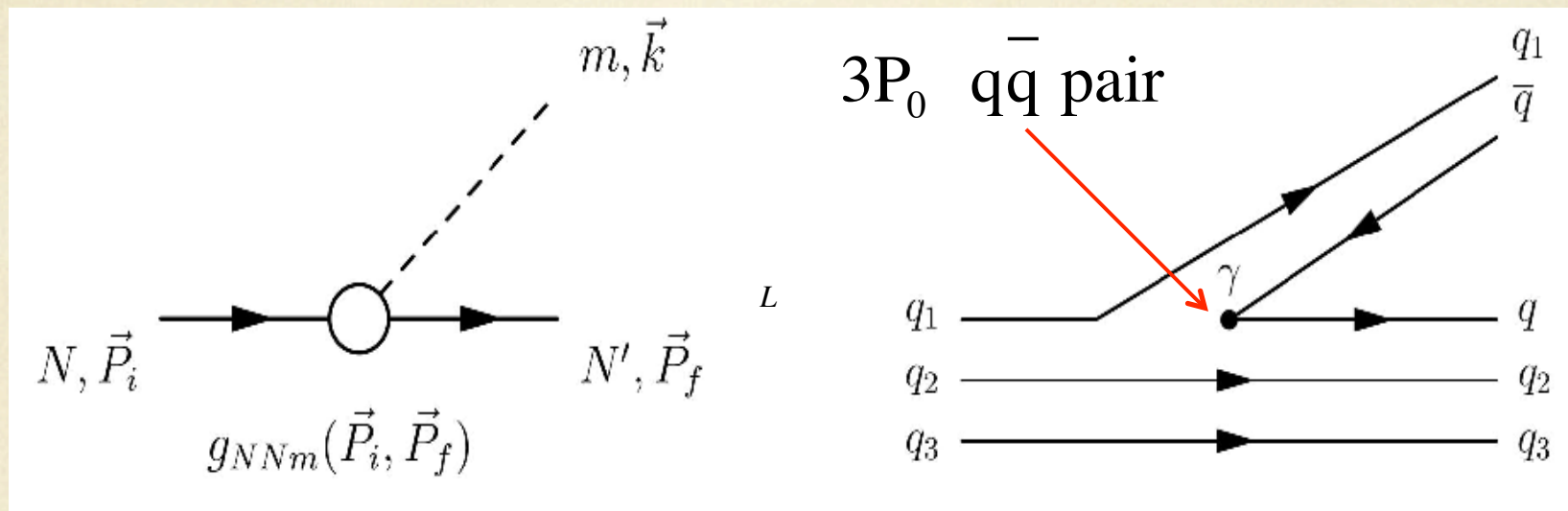
Choose only these three terms instead of all mesons used in meson exchange theory of nuclear forces

# Oxford Model meson-exchange

Relativistic effective field theory



Meson exchange using 3P0 Model



1. Matrix element of quark model quark-antiquark creation operator convoluted with quark model nucleon and meson wave functions yields meson emission amplitudes
2. Mapping these amplitudes on the effective field equivalents yields **COUPLING CONSTANTS AND EFFECTIVE FORM-FACTORS (GAUSSIAN FORM)**



# Oxford Model – soft core

Colored spin-spin hyperfine contact interaction between quarks in different nucleons, followed by constituents interchange  
Barnes et al. PRC 48, 539 (1993):

$$H_I = \sum_{i < j; i, j = 1}^3 -\frac{8\pi\alpha_s}{3m_i m_j} \mathbf{s}_i \cdot \mathbf{s}_j \delta(\mathbf{x}_{ij}) \sum_{a=1}^8 \frac{\lambda_i^a}{2} \frac{\lambda_j^a}{2},$$

Individual quark-level scattering amplitudes and core model are converted into a effective nucleon-nucleon (NN) potential

**the Oxford potential**

## Parameterization: (for application in partial wave decomposition)

-widths of nucleon ( $\alpha$ ) and meson ( $\beta$ ) wave functions  
constrained by the quark model and fixed in all partial wave  
channels for all terms in the Lagrangian;

$\alpha = \beta = 0.4$  for all terms [ $\sigma$ , pion, ( $\omega$ )]

N-pion coupling constant: fixed to 13.0

N-sigma coupling constant: set to 6.0

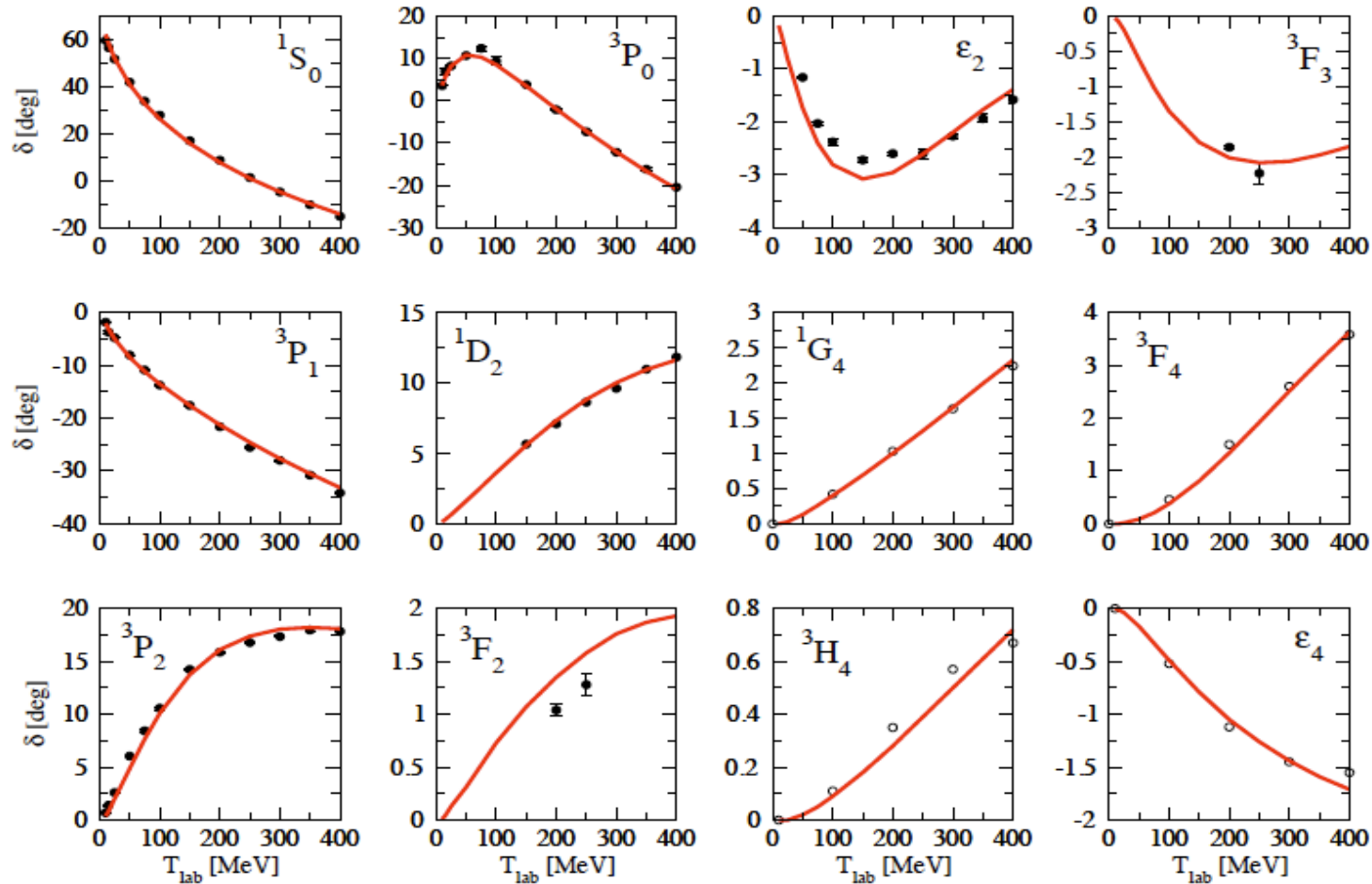
mass of pion: fixed to  $m_{\pi^{(\pm)}}$  = 139.57 MeV  $m_{\pi_0}$  = 134.76 MeV

mass of sigma: varied with partial wave channel  
350 - 650 MeV

ONE variable parameter per partial wave channel  
parameters have physical meaning!



# T=1 (triplet np channel) NN Phase Shifts



## Deuteron properties (bound NN state)

Property	Oxford	CD-Bonn	Nijmegen	Experiment	
$B_d$ [MeV]	2.2245	2.224575	2.224575	2.224575(9)	(fit)
$r_m$ [fm]	1.976	1.966	1.9676	1.971(6)	(prediction)
$Q_d$ [fm <sup>2</sup> ]	0.285	0.270	0.271	0.2859(3)	(prediction)
$P_D$ [%]	5.76	4.85	5.67		(prediction)

Triton calculation in progress...



This is just a beginning.....