

# Nuclear Matter at High Orders from Chiral Effective Field Theory

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Science talk at NSD Staff Meeting

nuclear matter

nuclear physics  
structure & reactions  
of nuclei

astrophysics  
neutron stars,  
supernovae, ...

chiral effective field theory

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Direct detection of gravitational waves

**LIGO**

Livingston Hanford

**multi-messenger astronomy**

+ Virgo  
+ GEO600  
+ ...

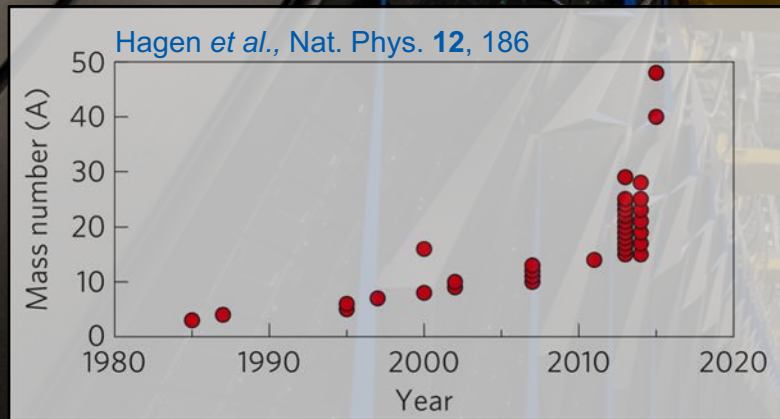
**Nobel Prize in 2017**

**Binary Neutron-Star Merger**

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Next-generation supercomputers

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202 752 CPU Cores  
27 648 NVIDIA GPUs

122.3 peta flops

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**Where** do heavy elements come from?

**How** does the nuclear chart emerge from QCD?

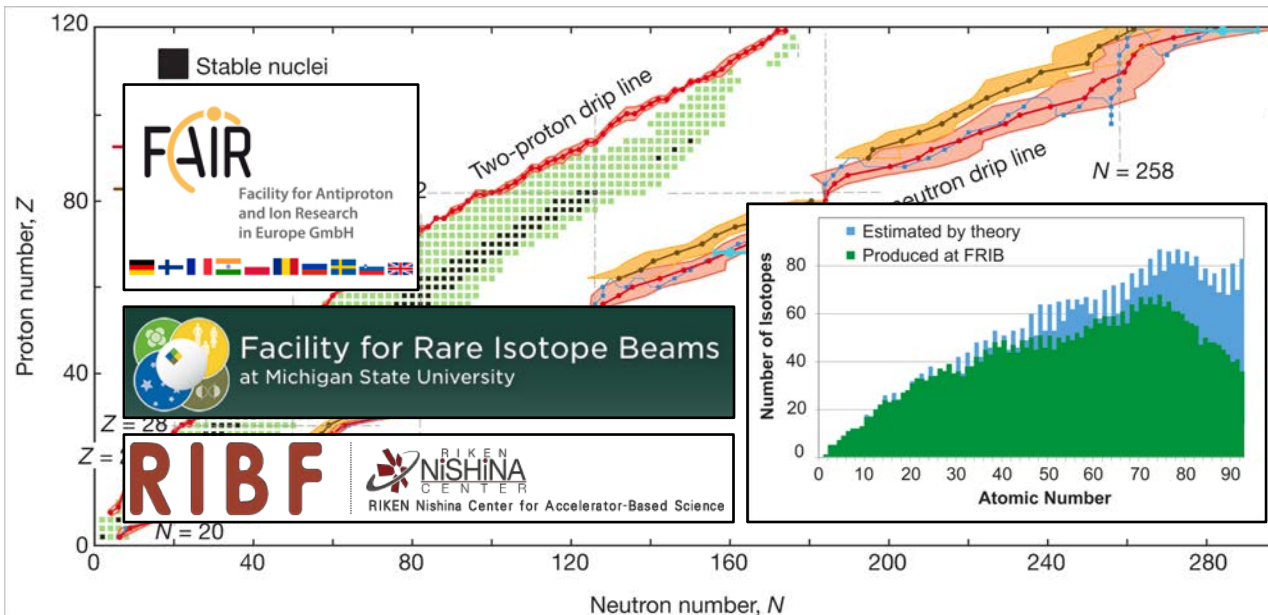
**How** to predict properties of nuclei?

observables

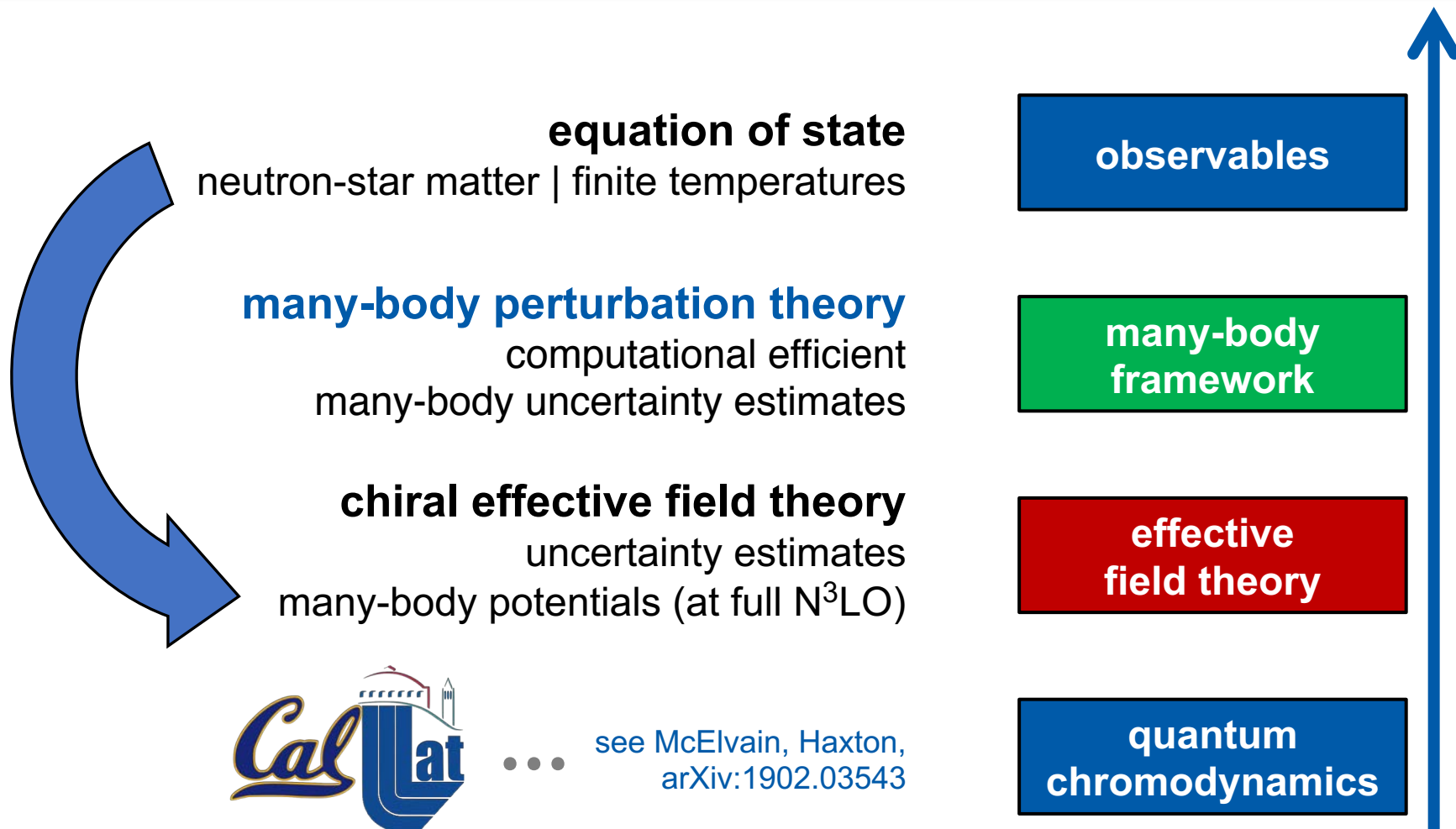
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framework

effective  
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chromodynamics



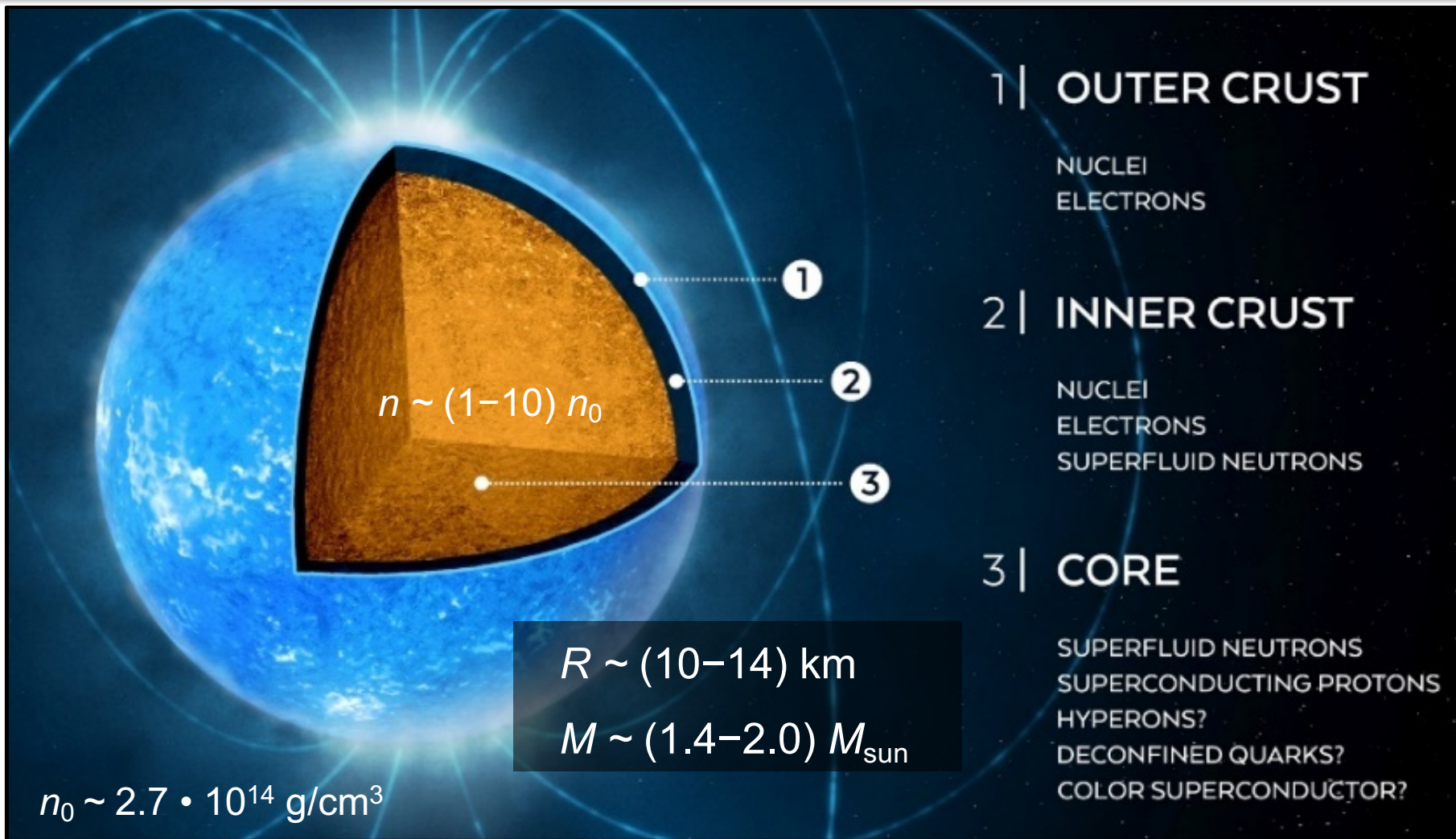
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## Neutron stars

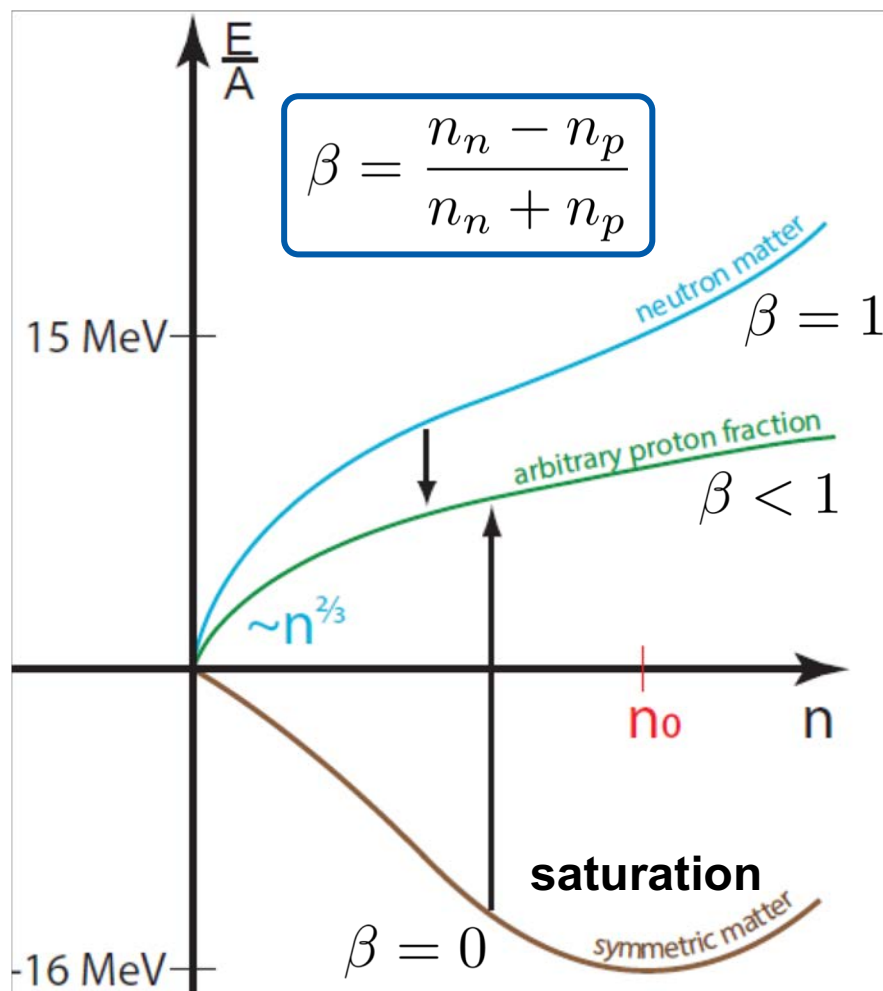
e.g., Watts et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. **88**, 021001



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Homogeneous nuclear matter

see also Baym, arXiv:1902.0127



theoretical **testbed** for benchmarking nuclear forces

- **saturation point:**  
( $n_0 \sim 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ ,  $a_v \sim 16 \text{ MeV}$ )
- **incompressibility:**  
( $K \sim 240 \text{ MeV}$ )
- **symmetry energy** ( $S_v \sim 32 \text{ MeV}$ )  
and its **slope** ( $L \sim 55 \text{ MeV}$ ) at  $n_0$

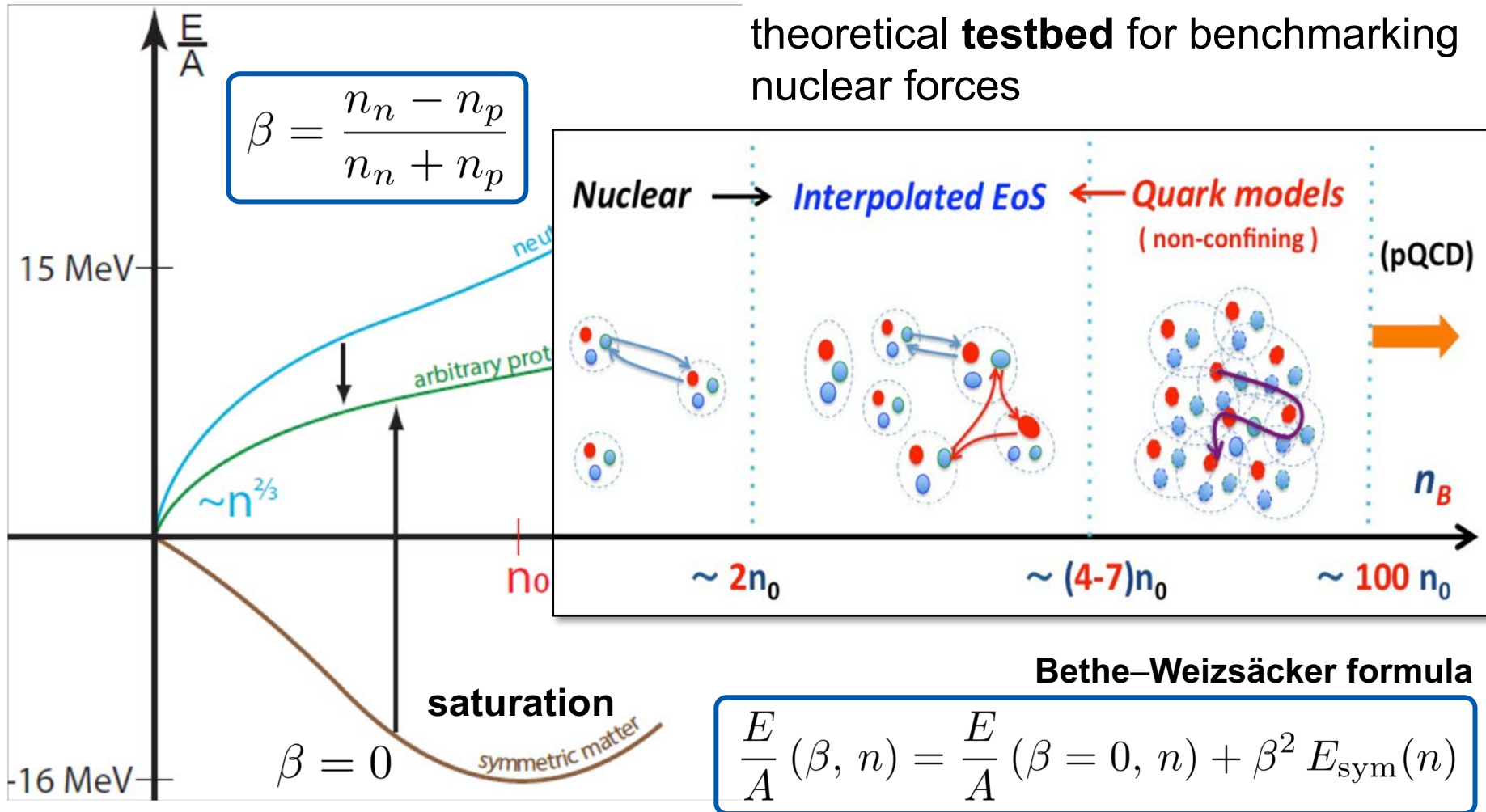
**Bethe–Weizsäcker formula**

$$\frac{E}{A}(\beta, n) = \frac{E}{A}(\beta = 0, n) + \beta^2 E_{\text{sym}}(n)$$

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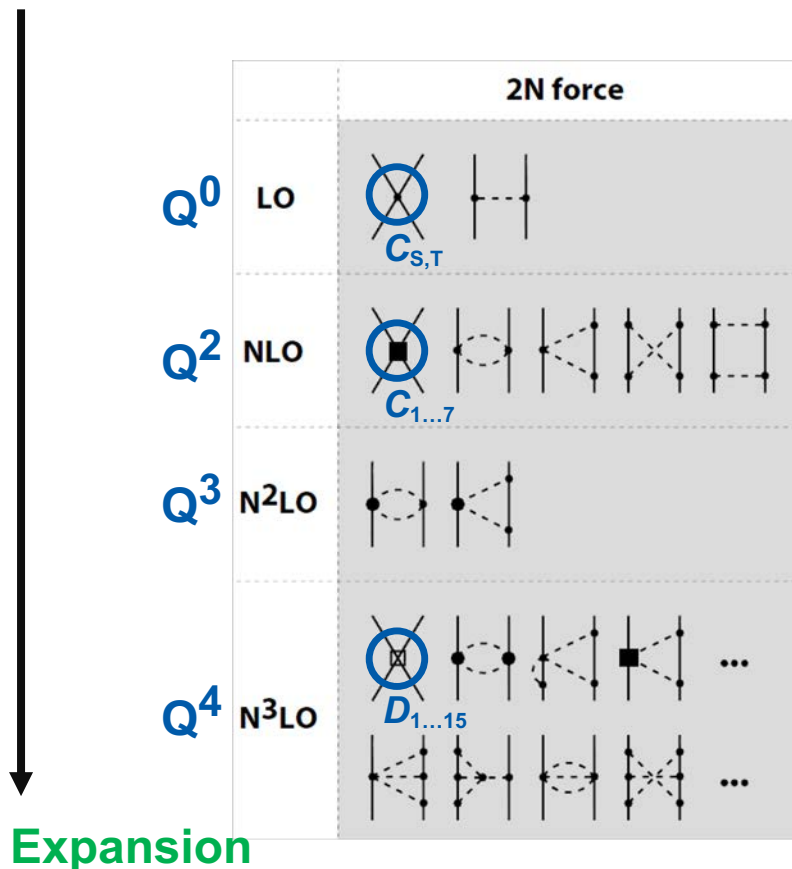




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Chiral effective field theory

e.g., Machleidt, Entem, Phys. Rep. 503, 1



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- **pion exchanges** and short-range **contact interactions** ( $\propto$  LEC)
- systematic expansion enables improvable **uncertainty estimates**

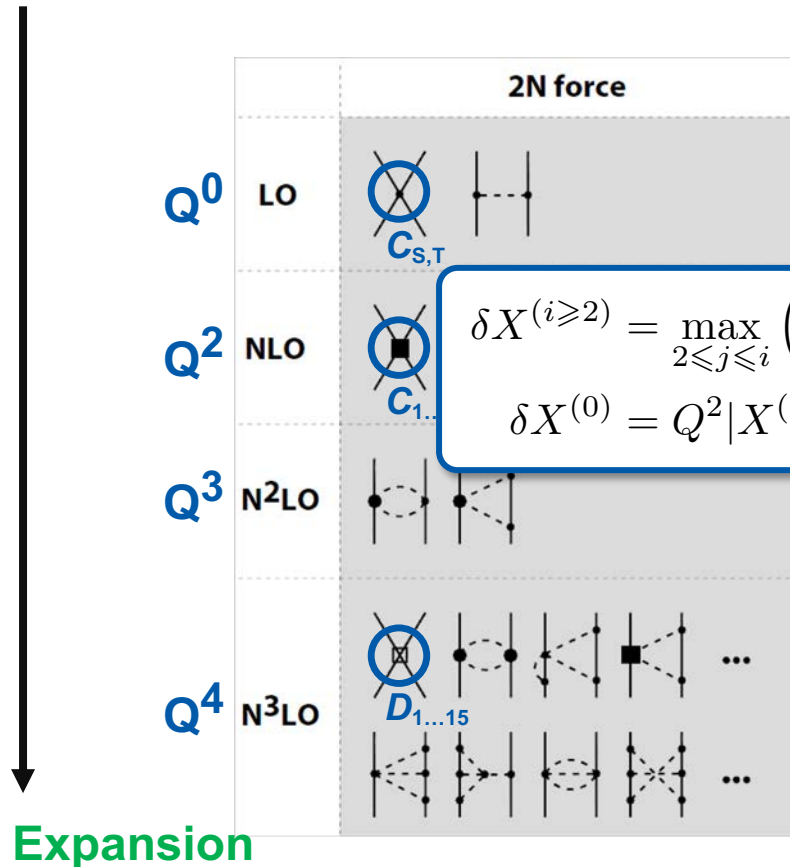
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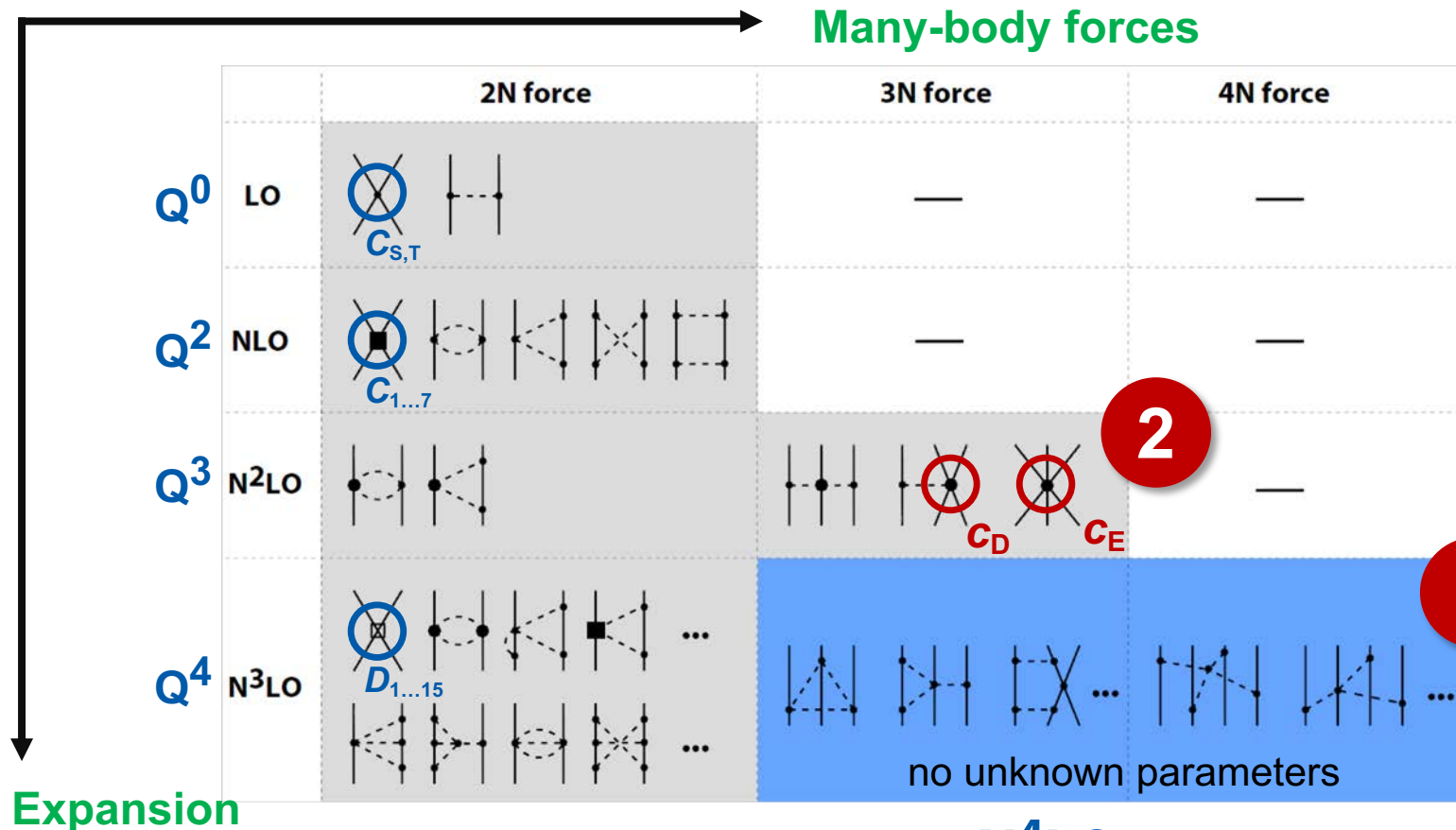
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Hierarchy of nuclear forces in chiral EFT

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S. Weinberg

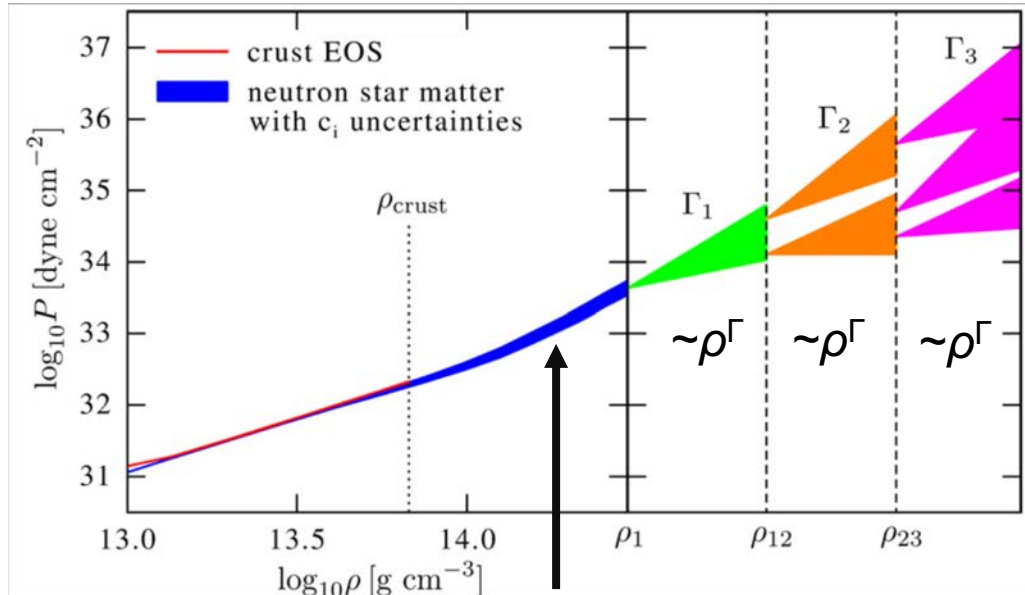
... and ongoing work at **N<sup>4</sup>LO** and even **N<sup>5</sup>LO**...

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Read *et al.*, PRD **79**, 124032; Greif *et al.*, arXiv:1812.08188

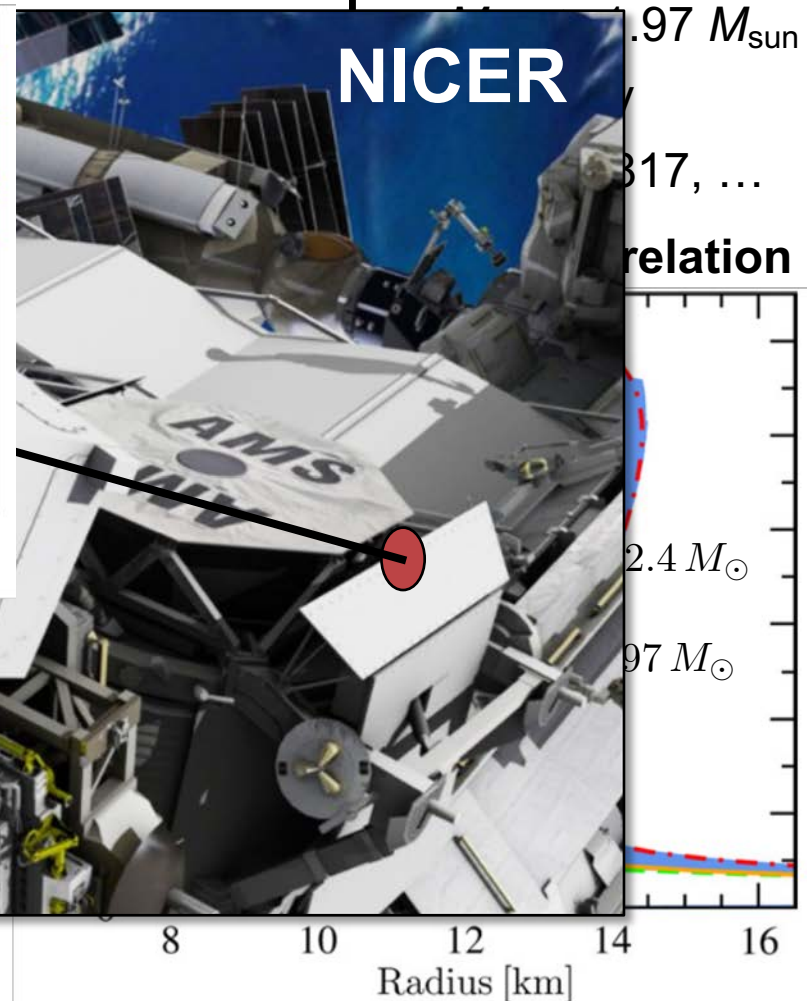
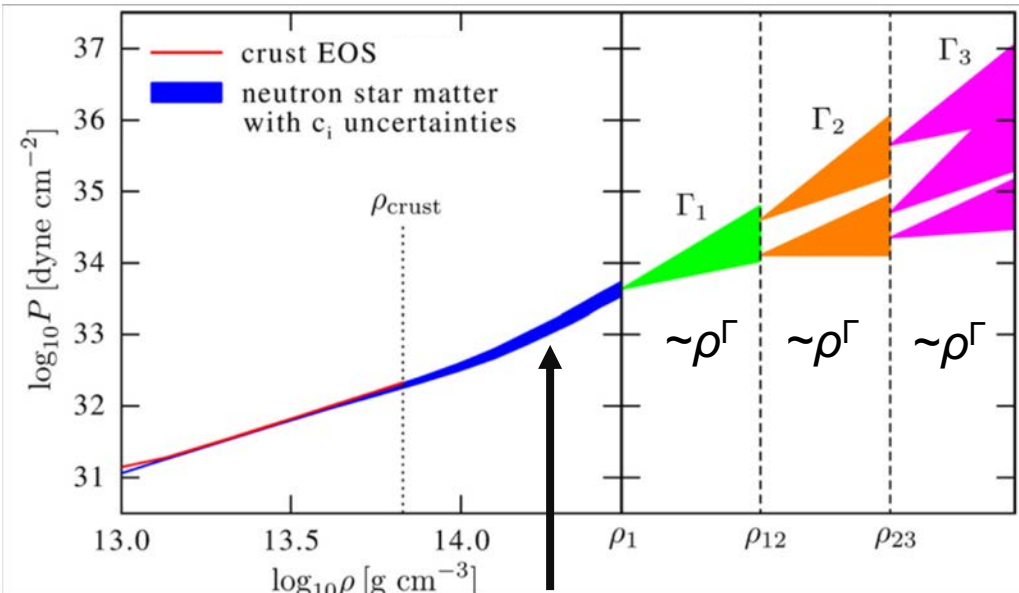


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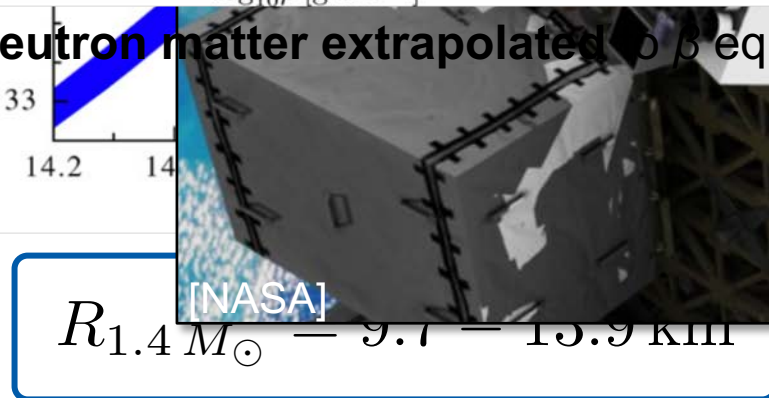
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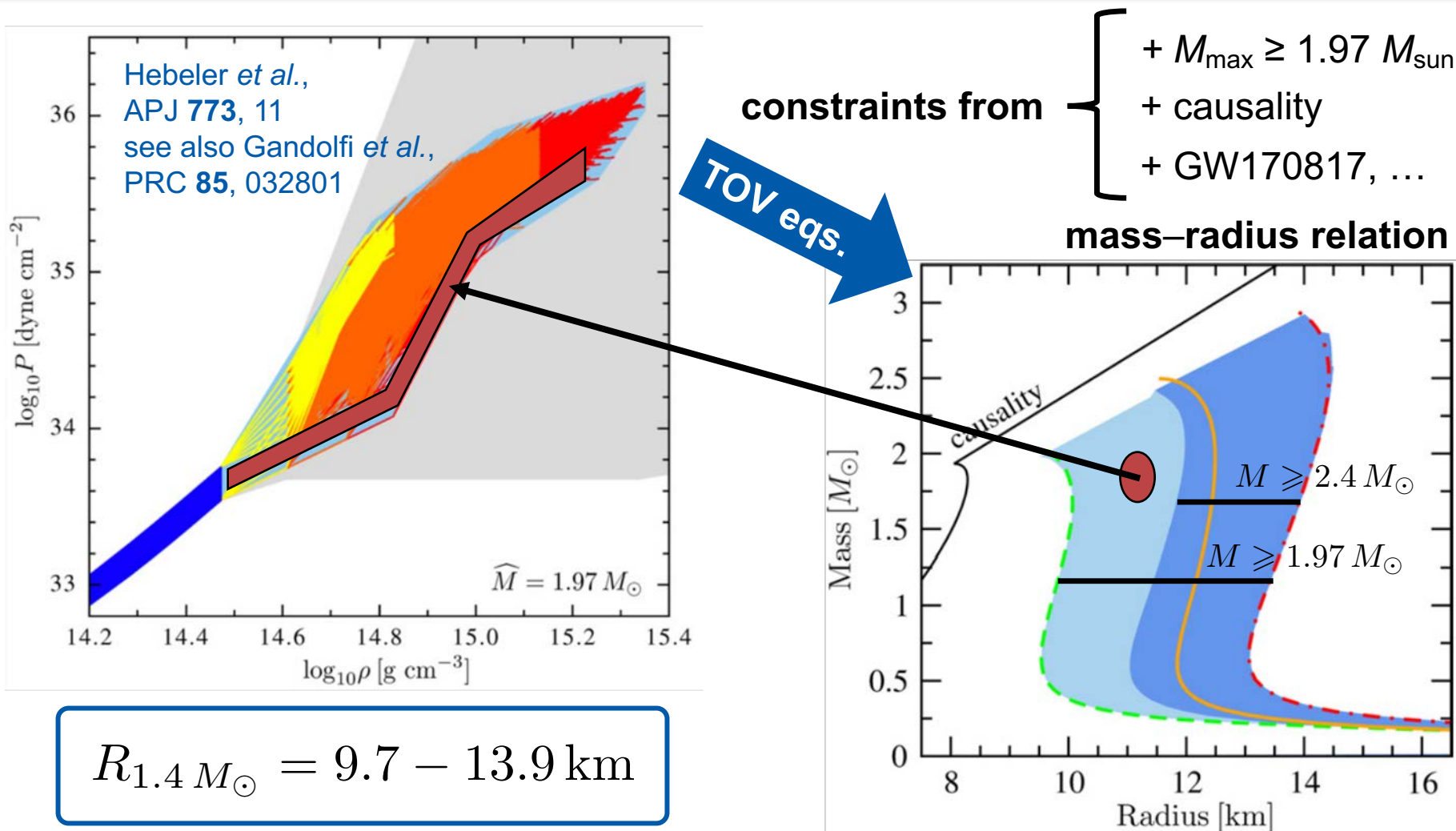
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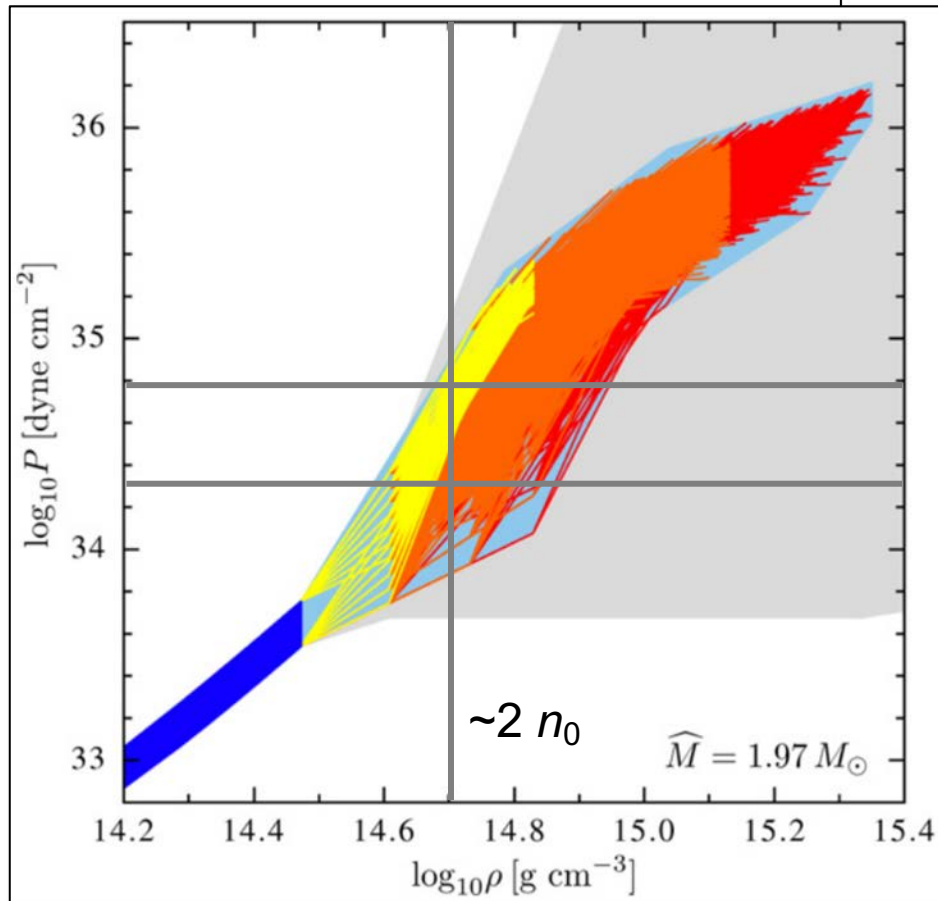
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## Constraining the EOS



### GW170817: Measurements of Neutron Star Radii and Equation of State

B. P. Abbott *et al.*\*

(The LIGO Scientific Collaboration and the Virgo Collaboration)

Received 5 June 2018; revised manuscript received 25 July 2018; published 15 October 2018)

In August 2017, the LIGO and Virgo observatories made the first direct detection of gravitational waves from the coalescence of a neutron star binary system. The detection of this gravitational-wave signal, GW170817, offers a novel opportunity to directly probe the properties of matter at the extreme conditions in the interior of these stars. The initial, minimal-assumption analysis of the LIGO and Virgo data placed constraints on the tidal effects of the coalescing bodies, which were then translated to constraints on the equation of state (EOS) of neutron stars. Here, we expand upon previous analyses by working under the hypothesis that both bodies in the binary are described by the same equation of state and have spins within the range observed in binary neutron stars. Our analysis employs two methods: the use of equation-of-state-insensitive relations between various macroscopic properties of the neutron stars and the use of an efficient reconstruction of the defining function  $p(\rho)$  of the equation of state itself. From the LIGO and Virgo data and the first method, we measure the two neutron star radii as  $R_1 = 10.8^{+2.0}_{-1.7}$  km for the heavier star and  $R_2 = 10.7^{+2.1}_{-1.5}$  km for the lighter star at the 90% credible level. If we additionally require that the EOS supports neutron stars with masses larger than  $1.97 M_{\odot}$  as required from electromagnetic observations and employ the equation-of-state parametrization, we further constrain  $R_1 = 11.9^{+1.4}_{-1.4}$  km and  $R_2 = 11.4^{+1.4}_{-1.4}$  km at the 90% credible level. Finally, we obtain constraints on  $p(\rho)$  at supranuclear densities, where the pressure is at twice nuclear saturation density measured at  $3.5^{+2.7}_{-1.7} \times 10^{34}$  dyn  $\text{cm}^{-2}$  at the 90% level.

Annala, Gorda *et al.*, PRL **120**, 172703

Margalit, Metzger, APJ **860**, 2

Most, Weih *et al.*, PRL **120**, 261103

Lim, Holt, PRL **121**, 062701

Tews, Margueron *et al.*, PRC **98**, 045804

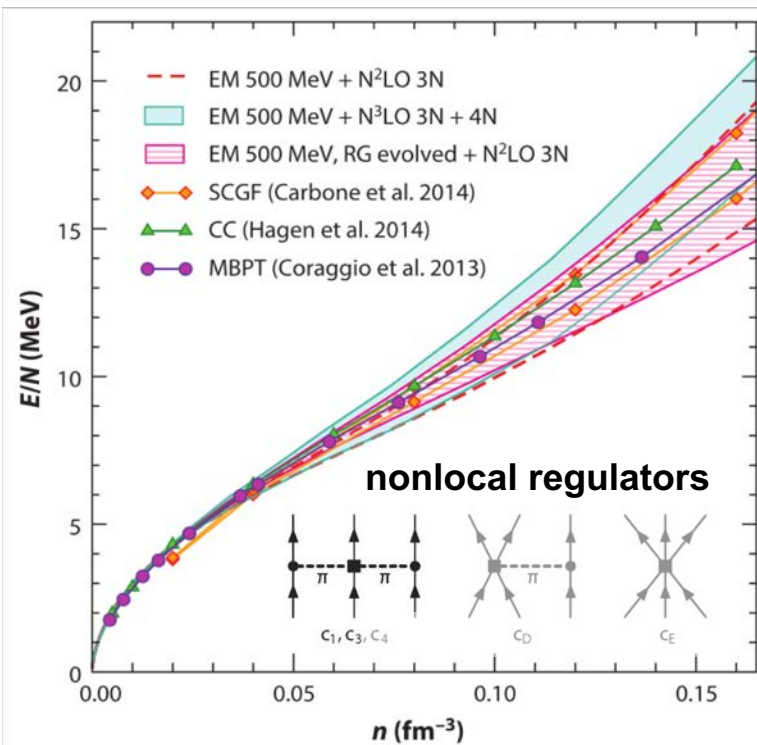
Coughlin, Dietrich *et al.*, arXiv:1812.04803

Tews, Margueron *et al.*, arXiv:1901.09874

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## Neutron-matter EOS

Hebeler *et al.*, ARNPS 65, 457



for QMC, see Carlson, Gandolfi, Tews, ...

**Remarkable agreement** between  
many-body frameworks and **different**  
Hamiltonians

not so obvious in **symmetric matter**

Explore, quantify, reduce uncertainties from

1

chiral convergence

2

many-body convergence



**push state-of-the-art MBPT  
calculations to higher orders**



# Nuclear Matter at High Orders from Chiral Effective Field Theory

Significant challenges!

CD, Hebeler, Schwenk, PRL 122, 042501



## Higher orders: particle-hole contributions

Coraggio *et al.*, PRC 89, 044321; Holt, Kaiser, PRC 95, 034326



## Approximated normal-ordering

Holt *et al.*, PRC 81, 024002; Hebeler, Schwenk, PRC 82, 014314



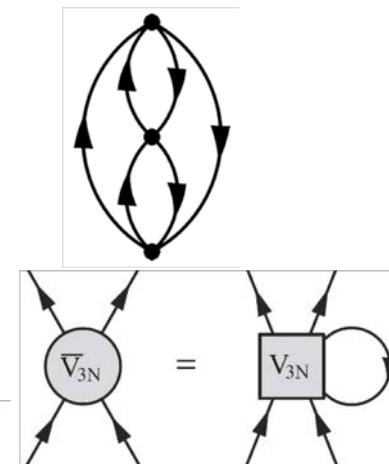
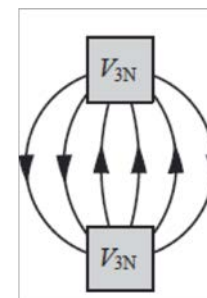
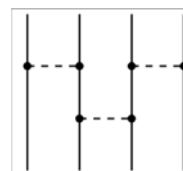
## Neglected residual 3N diagrams

Hagen *et al.*, PRC 89, 014319; Kaiser, EPJ A 48, 58



## Higher many-body forces

Hebeler *et al.*, PRC 91, 044001



development of a novel  
**Monte Carlo** framework

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Stevenson, Int. J. Mod. Phys. C 14, 1135

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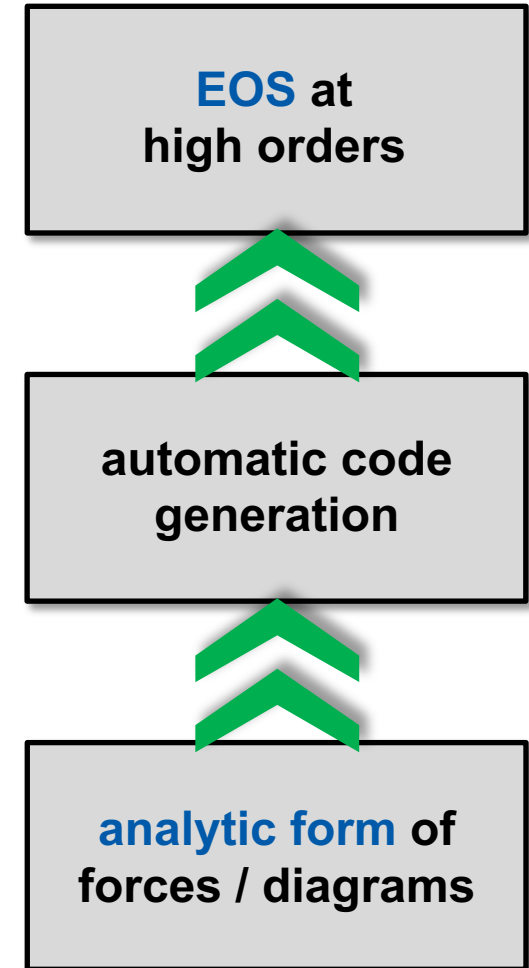
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Efficient Monte Carlo framework



**efficient evaluation** of **diagrams** in **MBPT**  
(single-particle basis)

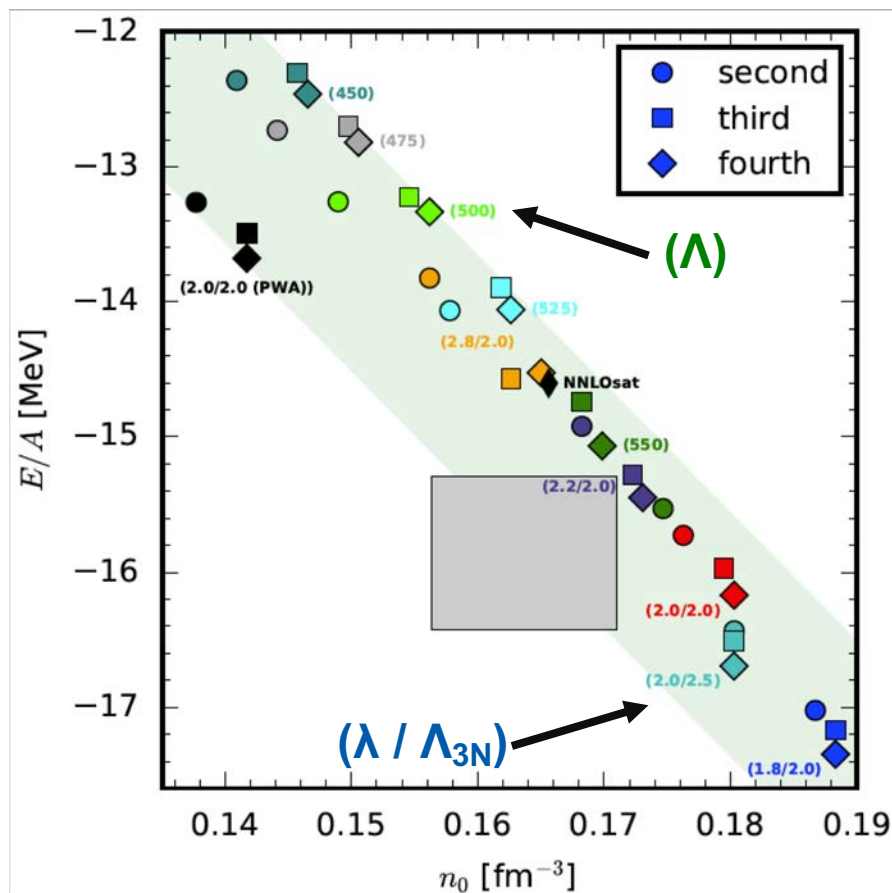
- using analytic expressions: **NN**, **3N**, **4N** forces (nonlocal) up to  $N^3\text{LO}$
- **implementing diagrams** has become **straightforward** (all terms)
- multi-dimensional momentum integrals: Lepage's Vegas algorithm
- **computational beast**: automated computation of many diagrams



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## Nuclear saturation

potentials: Hebeler *et al.*, PRC **83**, 031301



## contributions from

- NN (4<sup>th</sup>), NN plus 3N (3<sup>rd</sup>),
- residual 3N–3N term (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hebeler *et al.*, PRC **83**, 031301

Carlsson *et al.*, PRX **6**, 011019

## good many-body convergence

» interactions are perturbative  
for these densities

## Coester-like linear correlation

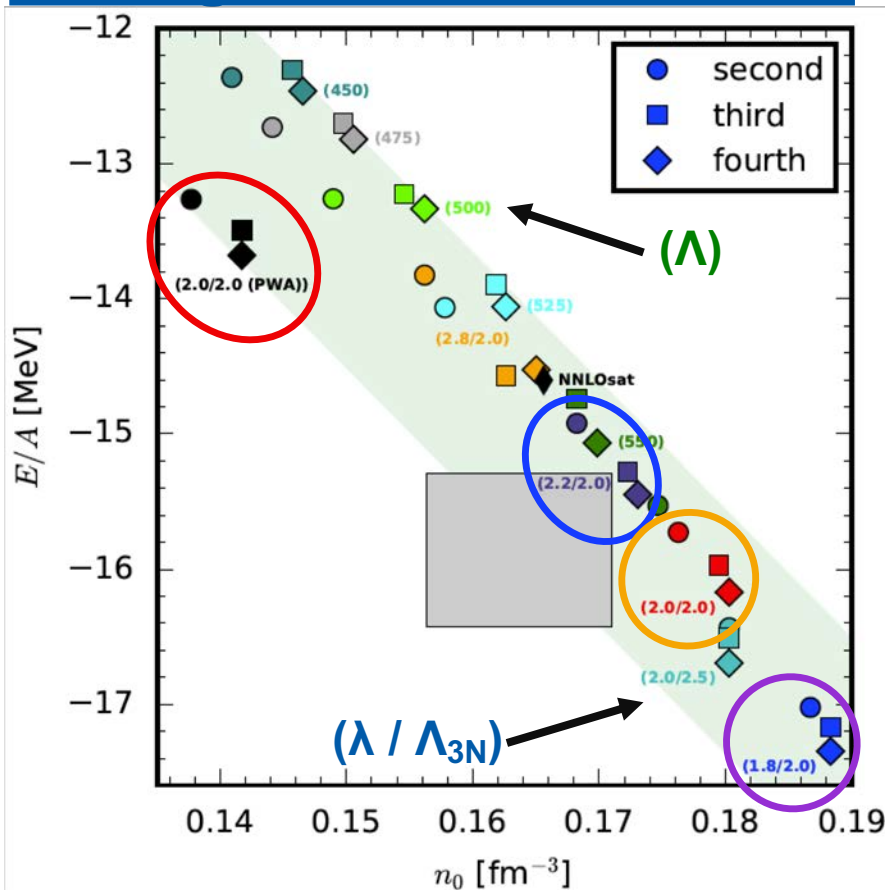
Coester *et al.*, PRC **1**, 769

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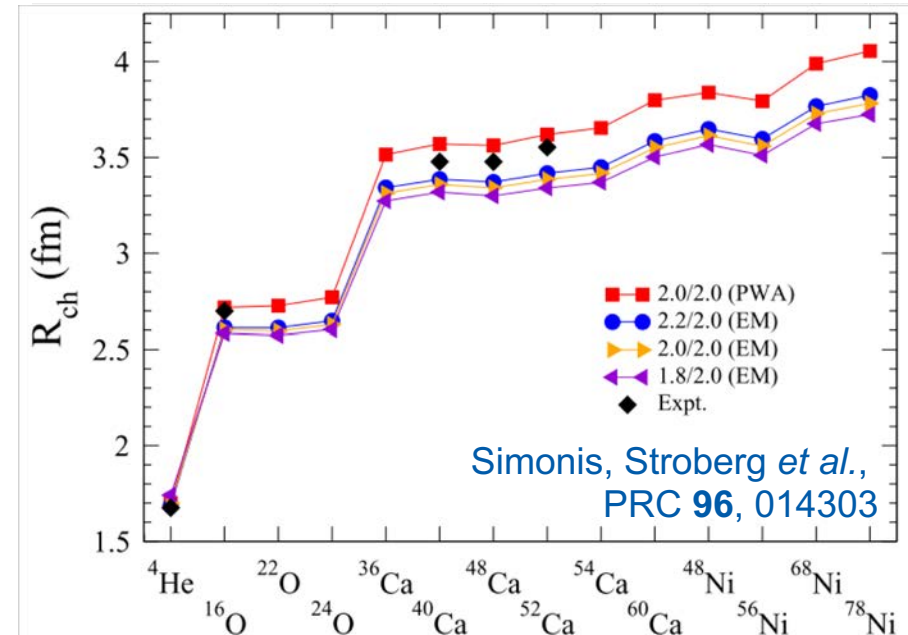
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## Homogeneous Matter



*magic 1.8 / 2.0 (EM) agrees well with experimental data!*

## Finite Nuclei



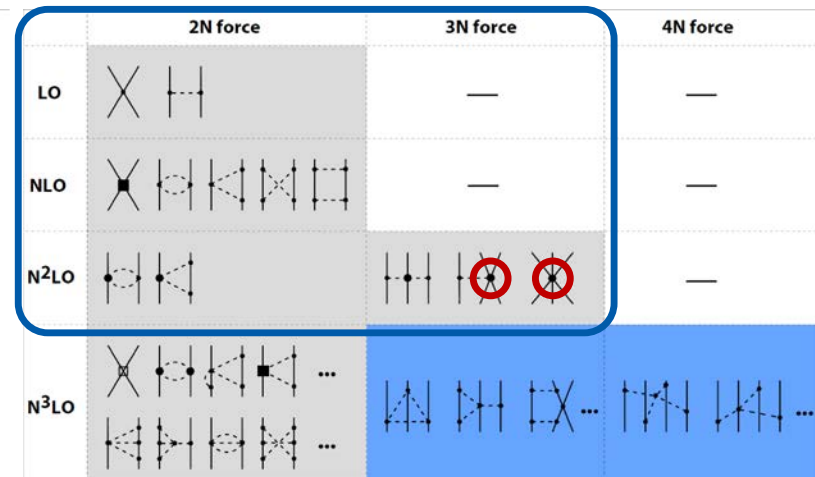
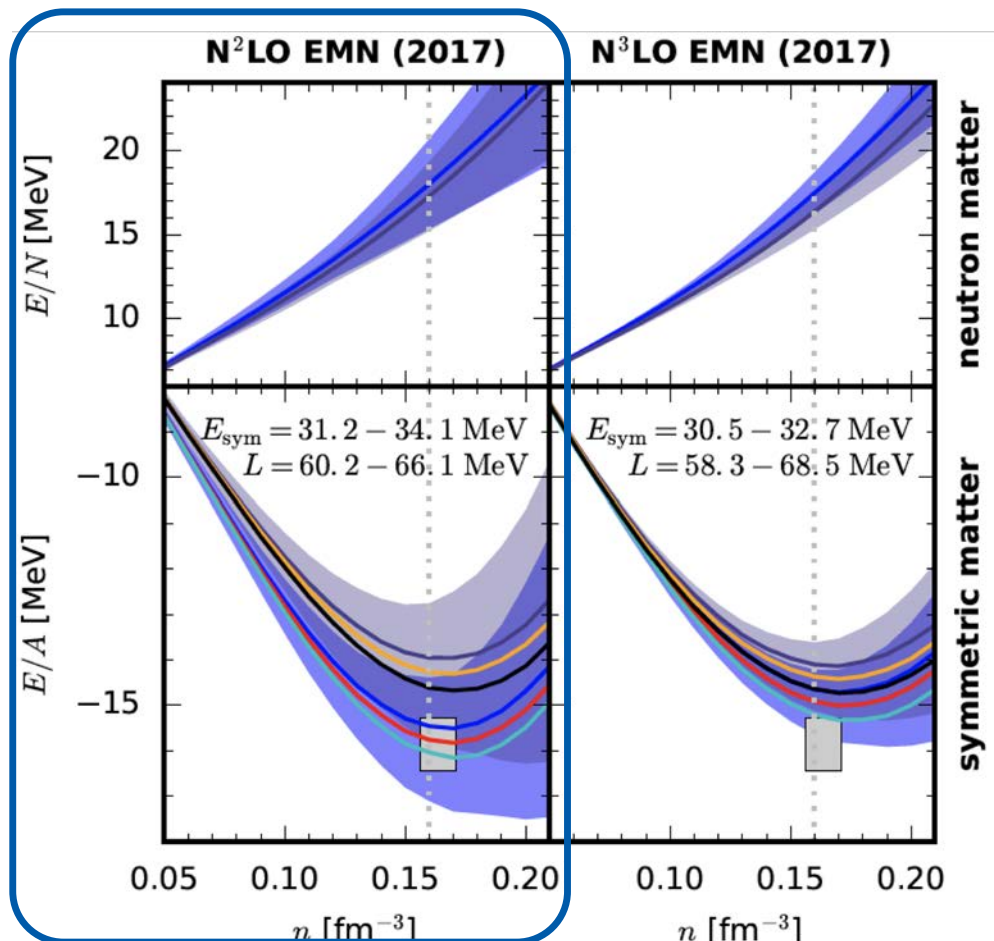
Simonis, Stroberg *et al.*,  
PRC 96, 014303

CD, Hebeler, Schwenk, PRL 122, 042501

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Fits to empirical saturation point

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left column:

$\Lambda/c_D$ [MeV]/[1]	
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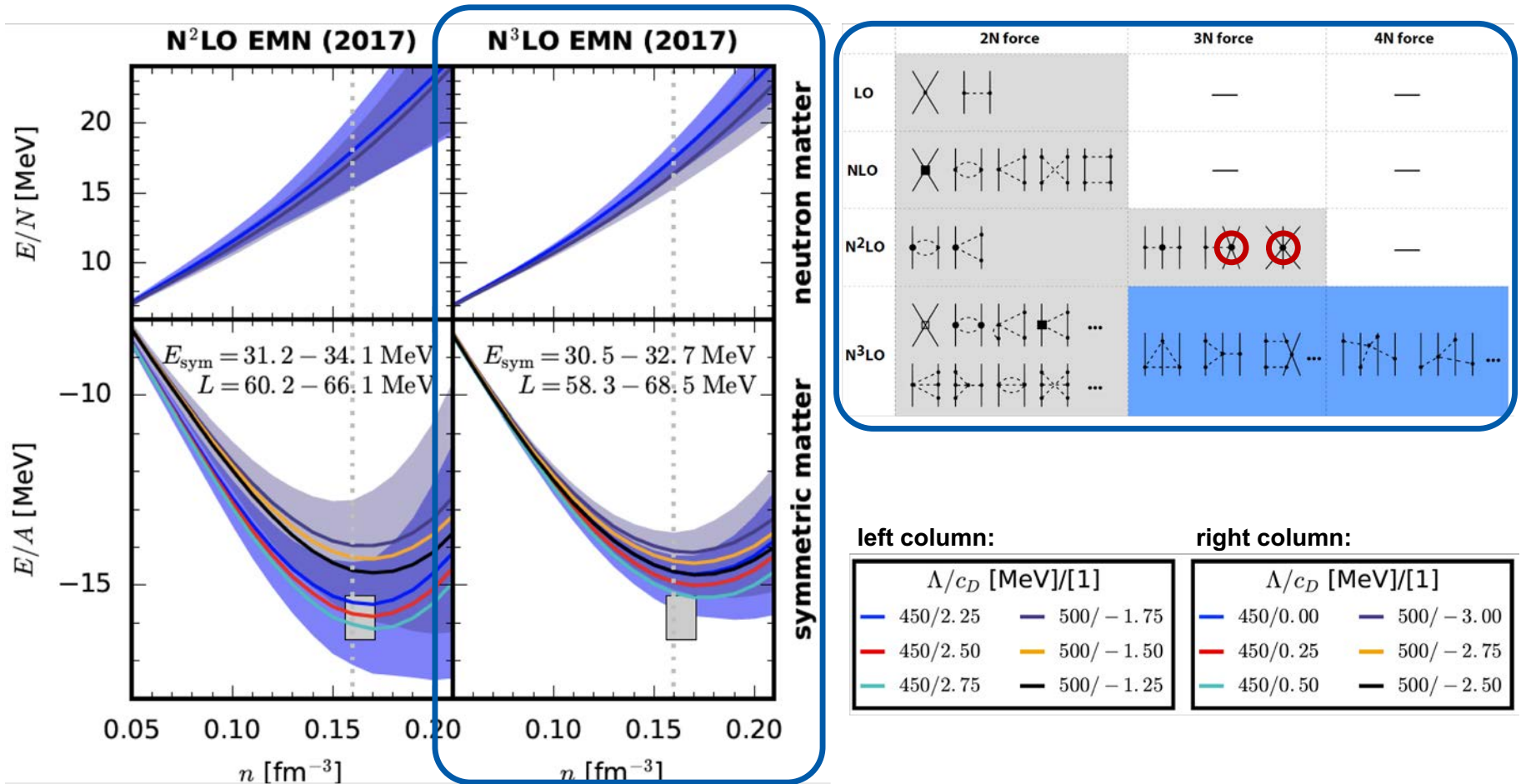
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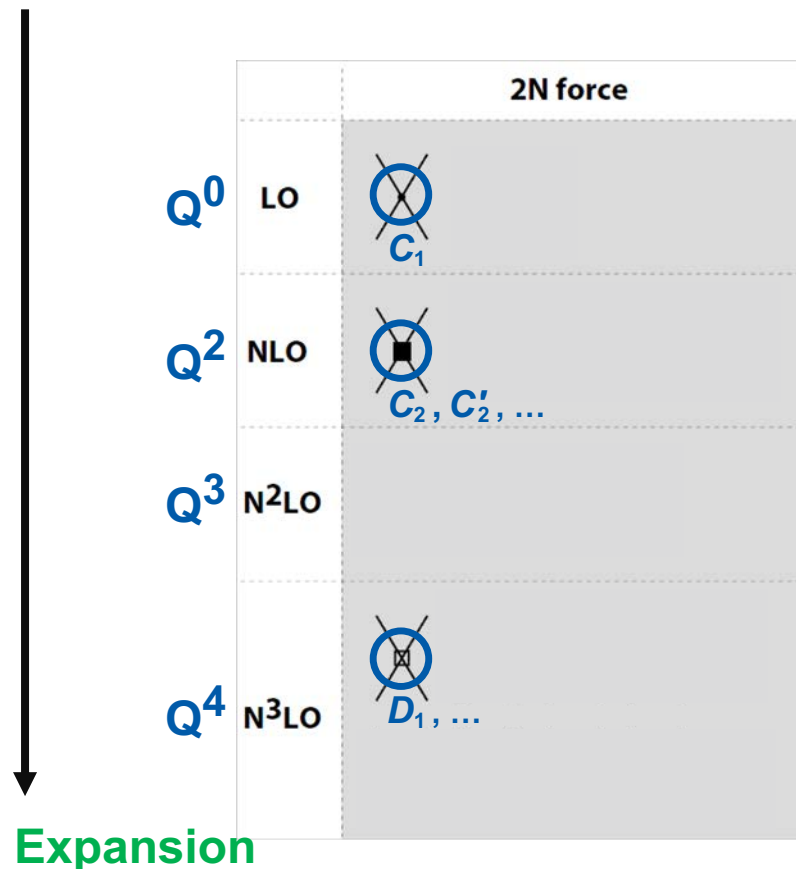




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Pionless effective field theory

Wellehofer, CD, Schwenk, arXiv:1812.08444



apply many-body perturbation theory

$$\langle \mathbf{p}' | V_{\text{NN}} | \mathbf{p} \rangle = \left[ C_0(\Lambda) + C_2(\Lambda) \frac{\mathbf{p}'^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}{2} + C'_2(\Lambda) \mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathbf{p} + \dots \right] \times \theta(\Lambda - p) \theta(\Lambda - p')$$

$$\langle \mathbf{p}' \mathbf{q}' | V_{\text{3N}} | \mathbf{p} \mathbf{q}' \rangle = \left[ D_0(\Lambda) + \dots \right] \times \theta(\Lambda - p) \theta(\Lambda - p') \theta(\Lambda - q) \theta(\Lambda - q')$$

match LECs to effective-range expansion

$$C_0 = \frac{4\pi a_s}{M} \quad C_2 = C_0 \frac{a_s r_s}{2} \quad C'_2 = \frac{4\pi a_p^3}{M}$$

e.g.,

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{MBPT}} \sim \int_0^\Lambda dq \frac{q^2}{q^2 - p^2}$$

renormalize LECs perturbatively to cancel divergences:  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$

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Fourth order

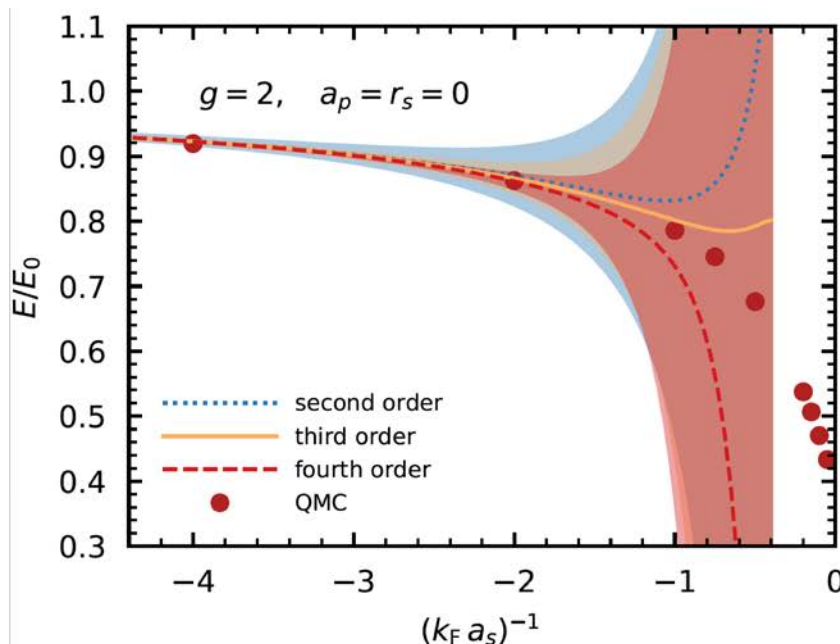
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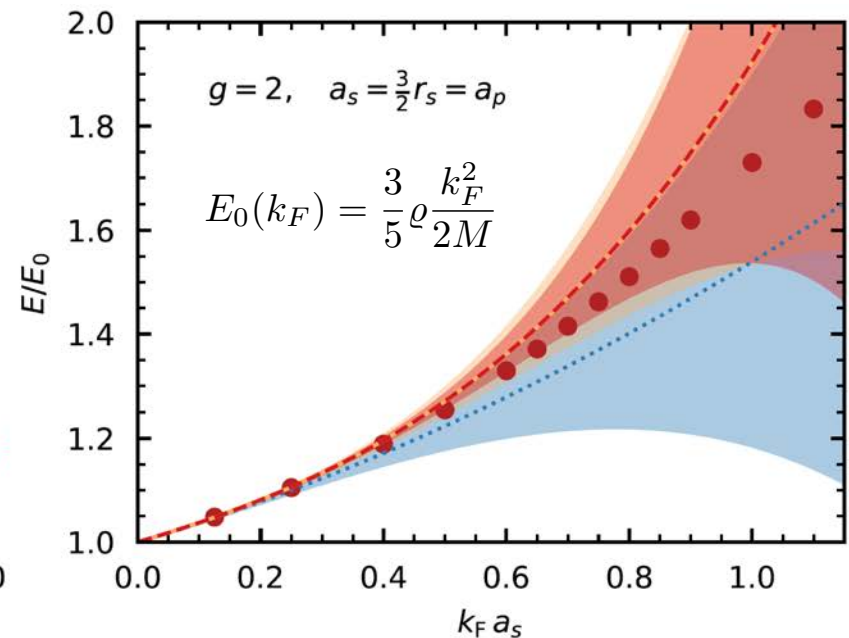
$$E(k_F) = E_0 \left( 1 + \sum_{\nu=1}^N X_\nu (k_F a_s)^\nu \right)$$

uncertainty estimate at order  $N$

$$X_{N+1} = \pm \max[X_{\nu \leq N}]$$



QMC: Gandolfi *et al.*, ARNPS **65**, 303



QMC: Pilati *et al.*, PRL **105**, 030405

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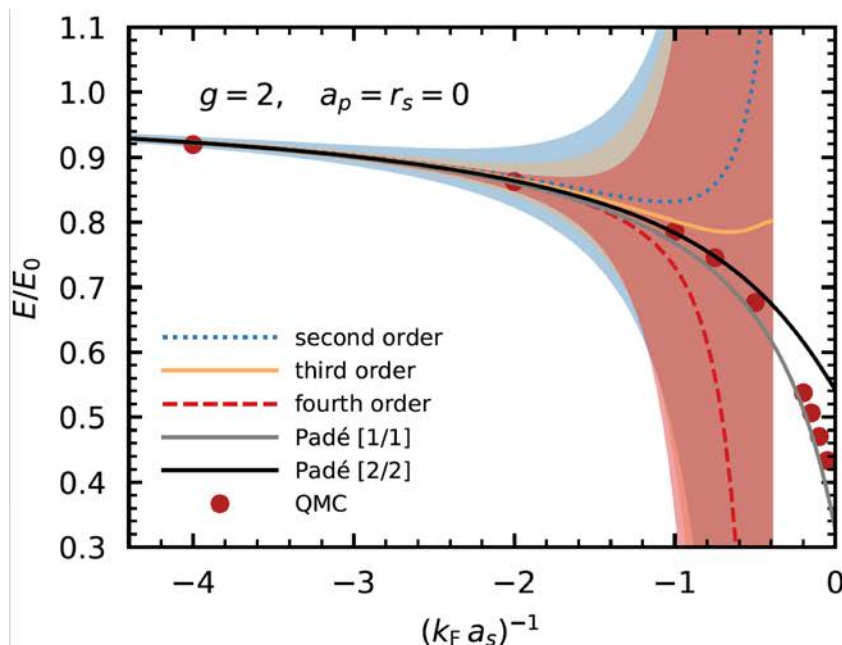
Bertsch parameter  $\xi_n = 0.33 \dots 0.54$

is consistent with cold atomic gases:  $\xi_n = 0.45$

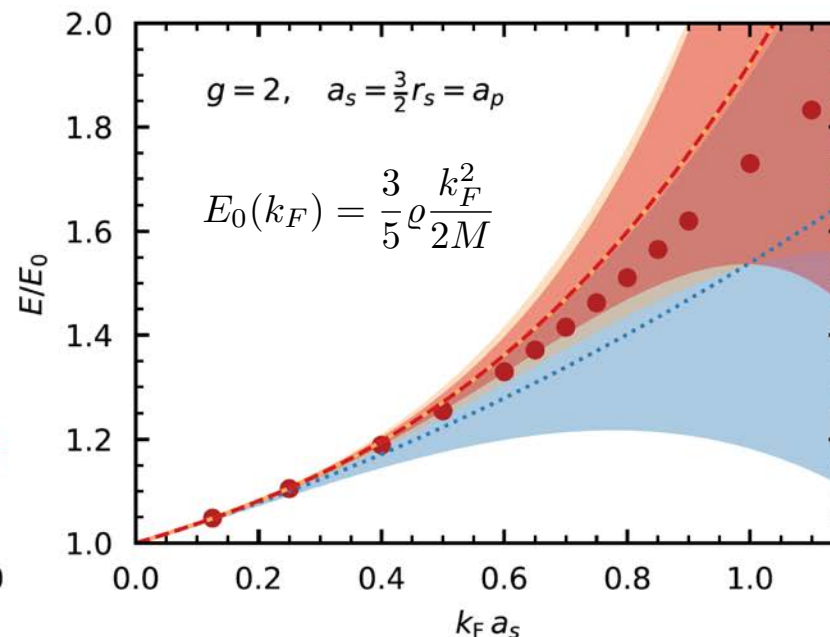
*Ku et al., Science 335, 563*

Padé resummation

$$[n, m] = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^m p_j x^j}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^n q_k x^k}$$



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## Summary and outlook

- 1 Perform zero-T calculations (up to 6<sup>th</sup> order)**  
resummation, higher-order single-particle spectra, ...
- 2 Work out finite-T extension (to high orders)**  
finish developments, study thermodynamic properties, ...
- 3 Construct high-density/temperature EOS**  
observational constraints, interface to astrophysics, ...
- 4 Quantify theoretical uncertainties**  
Bayesian truncation errors: naturalness, breakdown scale, ...

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