

# Effect of hadron-quark phase transition on the Neutron star $f$ -mode oscillations in general relativistic calculations

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# Introduction

Tools for studying compact objects & address the uncertainties in NS EoS:  
The structure parameters like

- Mass
- Radius
- Tidal deformability
- Quasinormal oscillations:  $r$ ,  $p$ ,  $g$ ,  $f$ -modes

Eigenfrequencies of  $f$ -modes  $\sim 2$ kHz ignoring the metric perturbations during fluid oscillations (relativistic Cowling approximation).

# Highlights of our work

- Problem of stellar perturbation with a linearized fully General Relativistic formalism
- Using a Spectral Representation of the tabulated Equation of State (EoS)
- Calculation of  $f$ -mode frequencies for  $\ell = 2$  modes and the corresponding gravitational wave damping time
- Explore correlations of the frequencies and damping times with nuclear matter parameters and stellar observables.

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# The Nuclear EoS set

- NS matter: RMF approach(Walecka Model with  $\sigma$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\rho$  mesons, non-linear self-interaction as well as cross-coupling terms)
- $\sim 9000$  EoS, derived through Bayesian inference ([Malik et al, 2023](#)).
- Minimal constraints on nuclear saturation properties  
 $\rho_0 = 0.153 \pm 0.005 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ , B.E. =  $-16.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
 $K_0 = 230 \pm 40 \text{ MeV}$ , &  $J_0 = 32.5 \pm 1.8 \text{ MeV}$
- Constraints from chiral effective field theory ( $\chi$ EFT) relevant to low-density pure neutron matter
- Constraints derived from perturbative Quantum Chromodynamics (pQCD) at densities pertinent to the core of NS
- Maximum mass of  $2M_{\odot}$

# Spectral representation

- Adiabatic index:

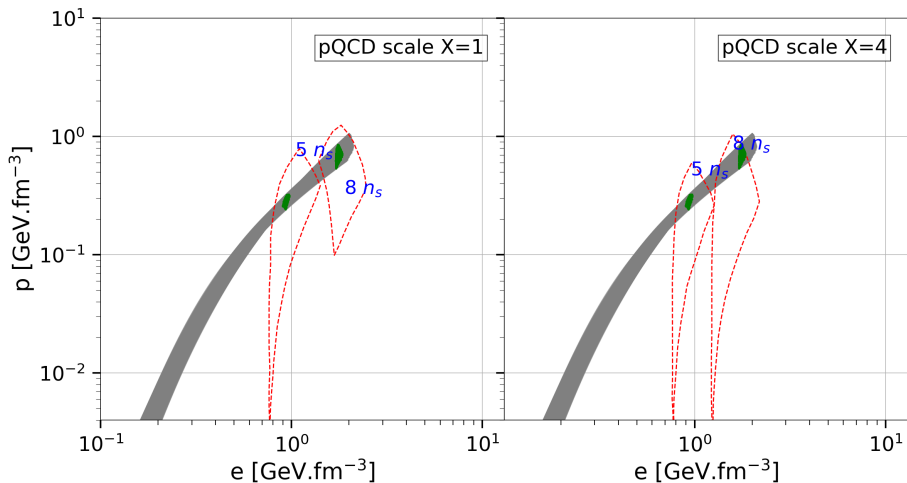
$$\Gamma(p) = \frac{\epsilon + p}{p} \frac{dp}{d\epsilon} \quad (1)$$

- To obtain a pressure-based form, we expand the adiabatic index  $\Gamma(p)$  in terms of the linear combination basis functions  $\Phi_k(p)$  as

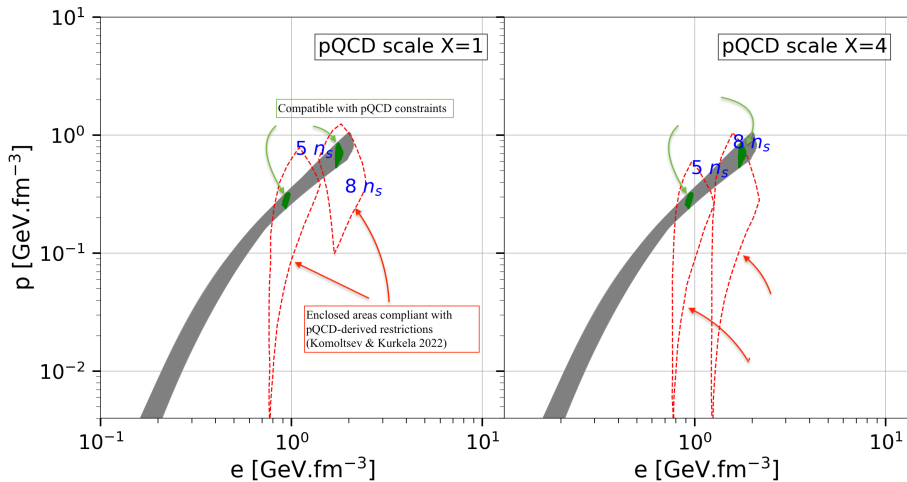
$$\Gamma(p) = \exp \left[ \sum_k \gamma_k \Phi_k(p) \right]. \quad (2)$$

Lindblom, 2010

# EoS Set

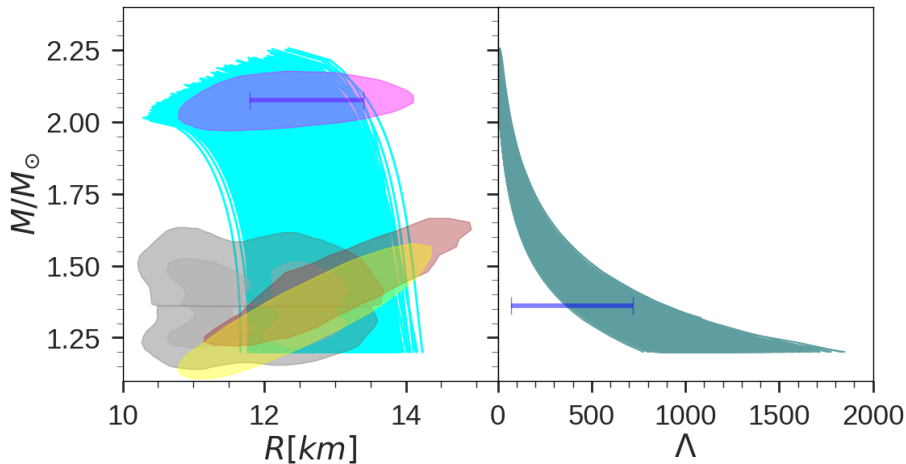


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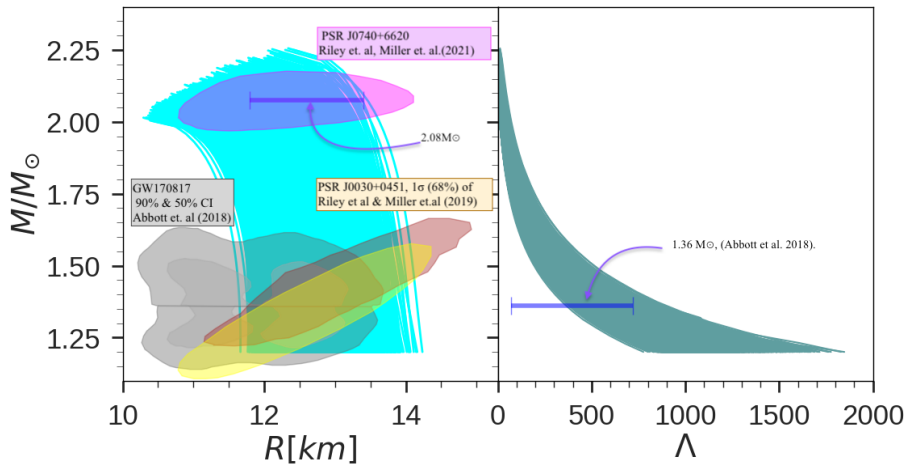
The central density for the maximum mass NS is modeled within  $7 n_s$  ( $n_s = 0.16 \text{fm}^{-3}$ ) across our entire EoS set.

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# Stellar perturbation

- Einstein Eqn:  $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$
- A small perturbation:  $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^0 + h_{\mu\nu}$
- The static spherically symmetric background metric

$$ds^2 = - e^{\nu(r)} [1 + r^l H_0(r) e^{i\omega t} Y_{lm}(\phi, \theta)] c^2 dt^2 \\ + e^{\lambda(r)} [1 - r^l H_0(r) e^{i\omega t} Y_{lm}(\phi, \theta)] dr^2 \\ + [1 - r^l K(r) e^{i\omega t} Y_{lm}(\phi, \theta)] r^2 d\omega^2 - 2i\omega r^{l+1} H_1(r) e^{i\omega t} Y_{lm}(\phi, \theta) dt dr$$

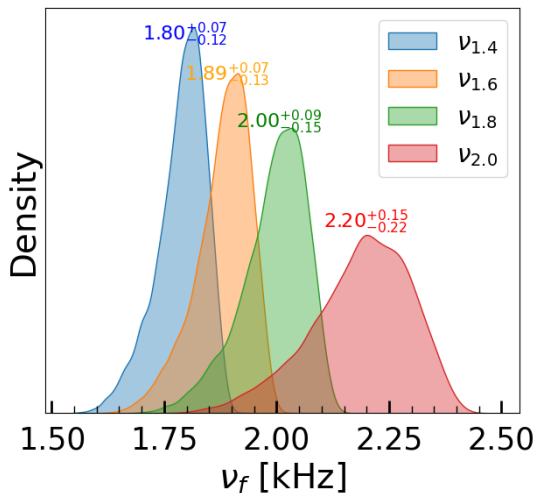
- $e^{i\omega t}$ : time-dependence of the perturbed metric components
- $H_0$ ,  $H_1$ , and  $K$  are radial perturbations,  $Y_m^l$  contains the angular part
- This metric leads to four coupled linear differential equations for the four perturbation functions:  $H_1$ ,  $K$ ,  $W$ , and  $X$  over the variable  $r$
- These equations describe non-radial oscillations inside the star

Lindblom & Detweiler, 1983 and Detweiler & Lindblom, 1985

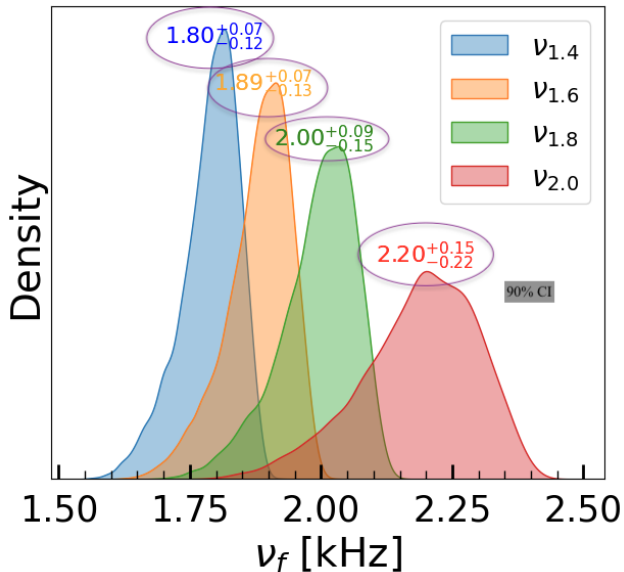
# Solutions of perturbation equations in-out of NS

- Einstein equations govern the dynamics both inside and outside NS.
- Integrate the 4 perturbation equations inside the star with appropriate boundary conditions.
- Integrate the Zerilli equations outside NS to find the quasinormal mode frequency for a given star
- Outside the star, determination of frequency and damping time of the QNMs become an eigenfrequency problem, subject to appropriate boundary conditions both at NS surface and at spatial infinity.
- The real part of  $\omega$  represents actual frequency of QNM oscillations, the imaginary part corresponds to an exponential damping.
- The internal structure and dynamics of the matter inside NS influence the frequencies and damping times of the QNMs via the boundary condition at the surface of the NS.

# Distribution: $f$ -mode frequencies for different NS mass 1.4 - 2.0 $M_{\odot}$

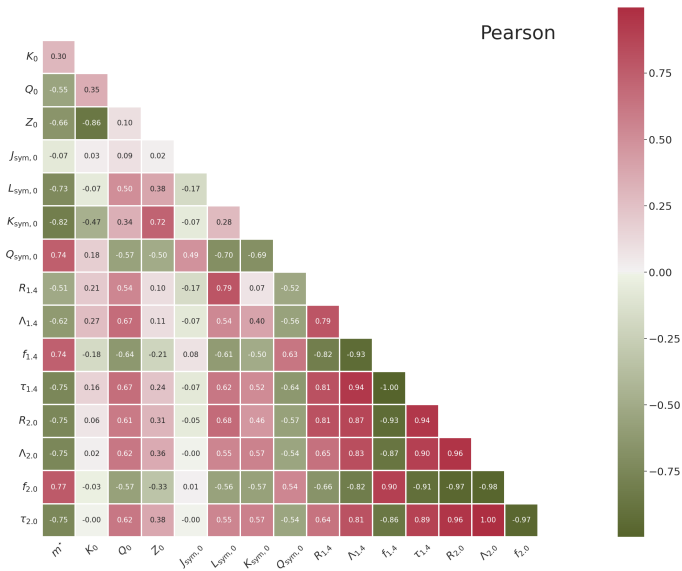


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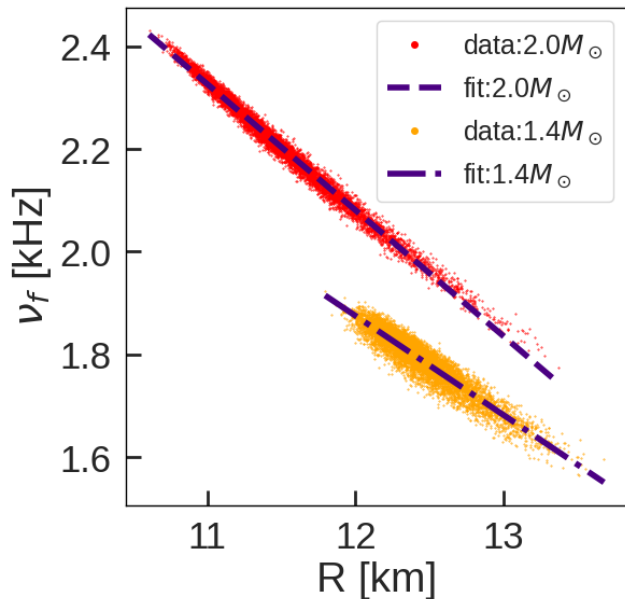


$f$ -mode frequency measurement by the next generation detectors could potentially lead to more constrained NS EoS domain

# Heatmap: $f$ -mode frequencies, nuclear matter parameters, NS observables



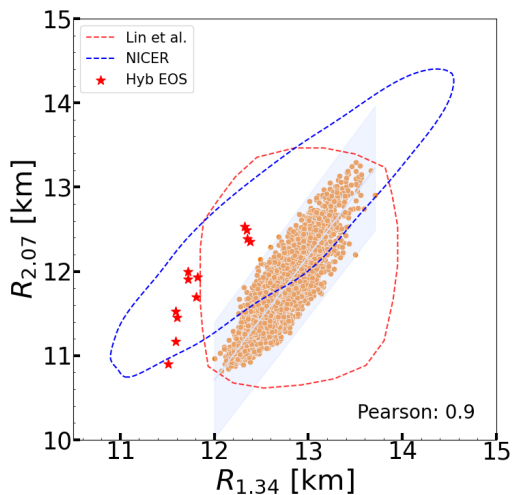
## Correlation: $f$ -mode frequency and NS radius



$$\nu_{f,x} = aR_x + b$$

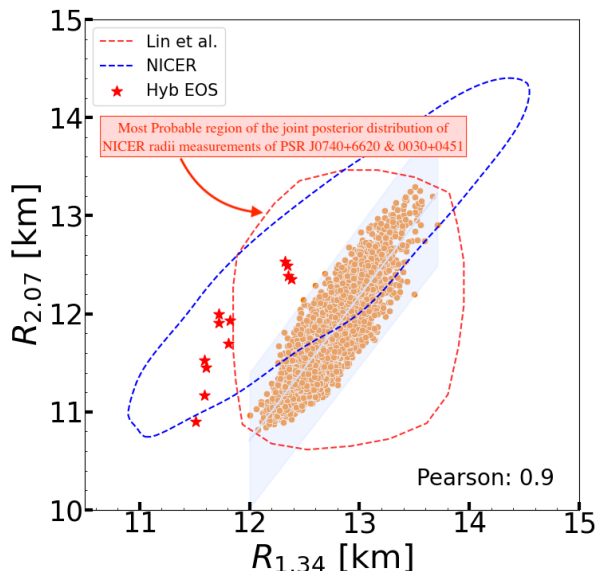
- $1.4M_{\odot}$ :  
 $a = -0.1202 \pm 0.0007$ ,  
 $b = 3.307 \pm 0.0096$
- $2.0M_{\odot}$ :  
 $a = -0.2367 \pm 0.0004$ ,  
 $b = 4.948 \pm 0.0057$

## Correlation: Radius domain

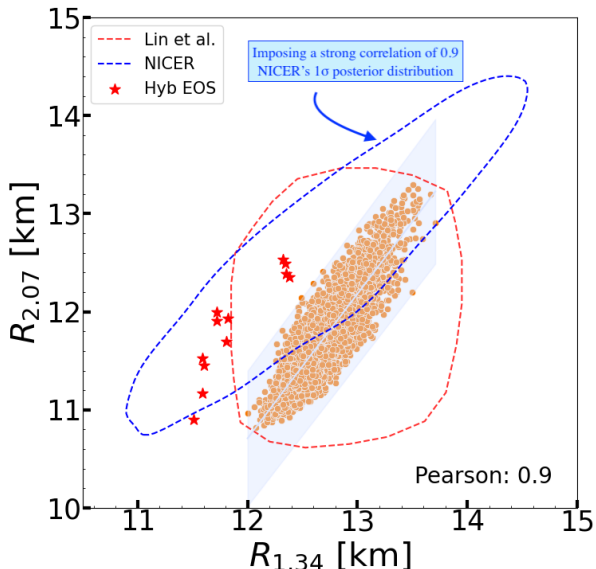




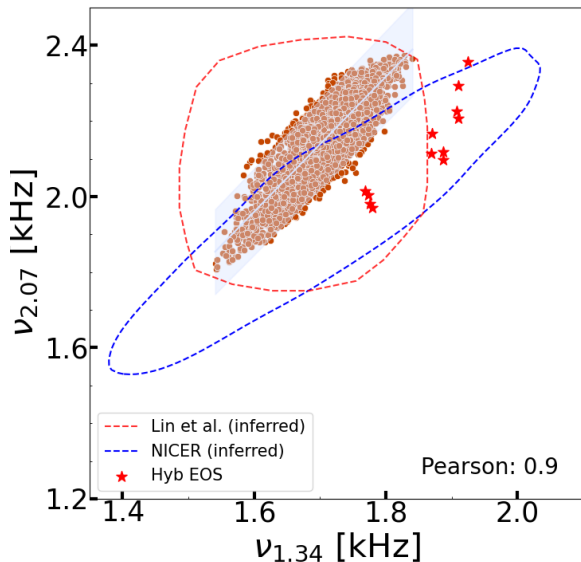
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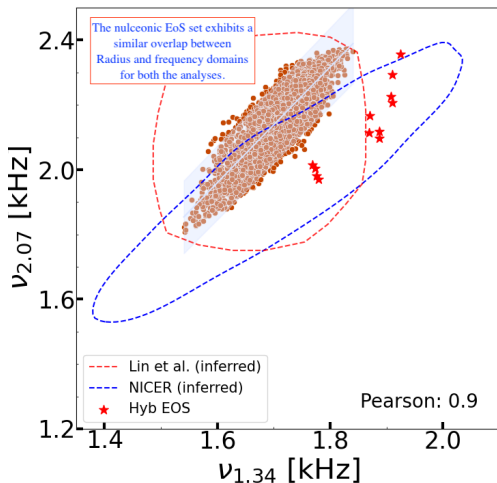
## Correlation: Frequency domain



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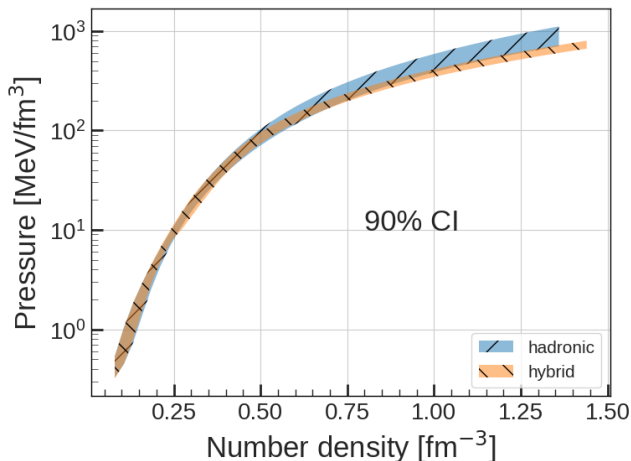
- $1.34M_{\odot}$ :  
 $a = -0.1794$ ,  
 $b = 3.9891$
- $2.07M_{\odot}$ :  
 $a = -0.2360$ ,  
 $b = 4.9283$

# Correlation: Frequency domain



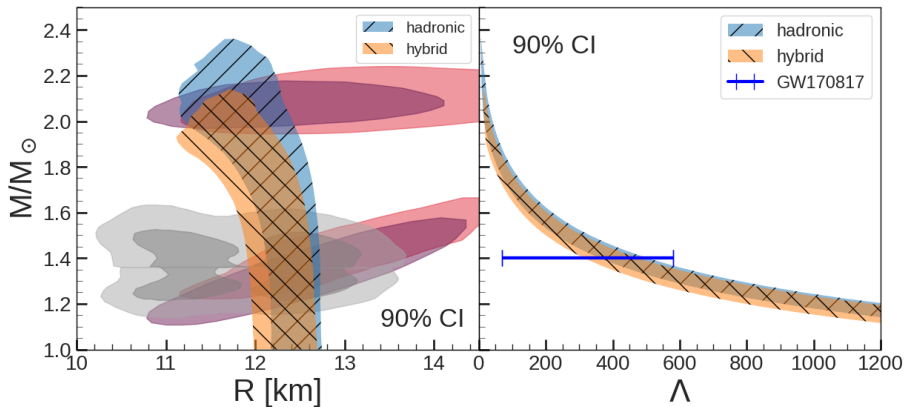
- However, the partial overlap between the nucleonic EoS and this NICER bound suggests nucleon-only bound for higher masses may not be sufficient.
- The **stars** are calculated values for Quark-Hadron hybrid EoS from CompOSE, they fit comfortably within the NICER bound.

# Pressure vs Number Density: Hybrid-Hadronic Comparison

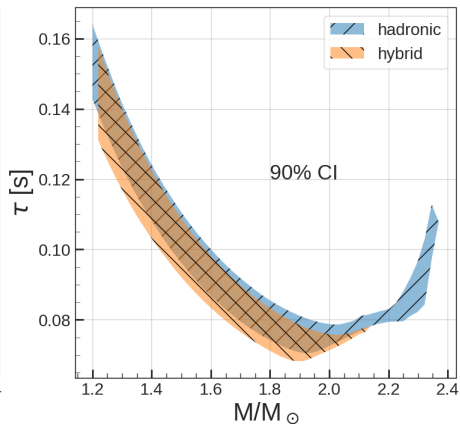
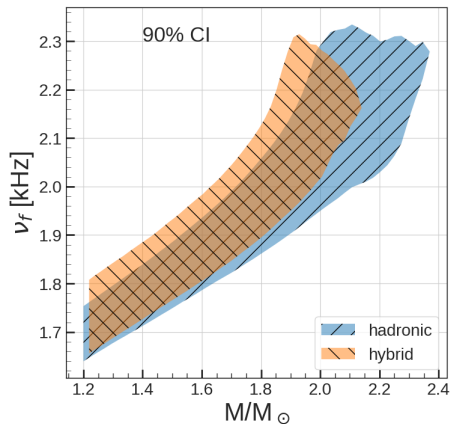


QUARK EoS: MFTQCD formalism [Albino et al, 2021](#)

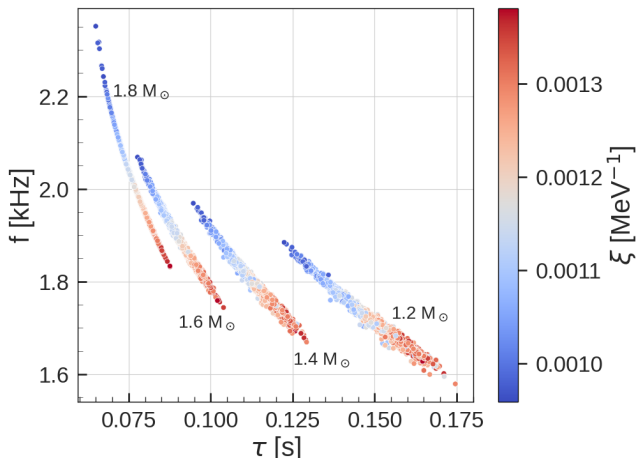
# Mass-Radius and Mass-Tidal deformability: Hybrid-Hadronic Comparison



# $f$ -mode frequencies and GW damping times against stellar mass: Hybrid-Hadronic Comparison



# Correlation between $f$ -mode frequencies and damping times with variation of the MFTQCD model parameter $\xi$



$\xi \equiv g/m_G$ ,  $g$  strong coupling constant,  $m_G$  dynamical gluon mass



# Summary

- Significant correlation between  $f$ -mode frequency and NS radius with our set of EoS.
- Notable correlation between the radii of NS  $1M_{solar}$  &  $2.0M_{solar}$  using a robust Nucleonic EoS set.
- Assuming this correlation on joint NICER measurements not fully compatible; slopes of radius differ from nucleonic set predictions. Similar discrepancies were noted in the f-mode domain.
- Hybrid EoS shows promising results, potentially resolving inconsistencies with NICER data.

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# Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_N + \mathcal{L}_M + \mathcal{L}_{NL} + \mathcal{L}_{leptons} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \bar{\Psi} \left[ \gamma^\mu \left( i\partial_\mu - g_\omega \omega_\mu - \frac{1}{2} g_\rho \mathbf{t} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu \right) - (m_N - g_\sigma \sigma) \right] \Psi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_M &= \frac{1}{2} [\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2] - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{(\omega)} F^{(\omega)\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{F}_{\mu\nu}^{(\rho)} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{(\rho)\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu \end{aligned}$$

where  $F^{(\omega,\rho)\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^{(\omega,\rho)\nu} - \partial^\nu A^{(\omega,\rho)\mu}$  are the vector meson tensors.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{NL} &= -\frac{1}{3} b m_N g_\sigma^3 (\sigma)^3 - \frac{1}{4} c (g_\sigma \sigma)^4 + \frac{\xi}{4!} g_\omega^4 (\omega_\mu \omega^\mu)^2 \\ &\quad + \Lambda_\omega g_\rho^2 \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu g_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{leptons} = \bar{\Psi}_l \left[ \gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu - m_l) \Psi_l \right]$$

# Lindblom-Detweiler equations 1

The gravitational wave equations can be written as a set of four coupled linear differential equations for the four perturbation functions:  $H_1$ ,  $K$ ,  $W$ , and  $X$ , which do not diverge inside the star for any given value of  $\omega$  (Lindblom, 1983).

$$\begin{aligned} r \frac{dH_1}{dr} &= - \left[ l + 1 + 2be^\lambda 4\pi r^2 e^\lambda (p - \epsilon) \right] H_1 \\ &\quad + e^\lambda [H_0 + K - 16\pi(\epsilon + p)V], \\ r \frac{dK}{dr} &= H_0 + (n + 1)H_1 + \left[ e^\lambda Q - l - 1 \right] K \\ &\quad - 8\pi(\epsilon + p)e^{(\lambda/2)} W \end{aligned}$$

## Lindblom-Detweiler equations 2

$$\begin{aligned} r \frac{dW}{dr} &= -(l+1) \left[ W + l e^{\lambda/2} V \right] \\ &\quad + r^2 e^{\lambda/2} \left[ \frac{e^{-\nu/2} X}{(\epsilon + p) c_{eq}^2} + \frac{H_0}{2} + K \right], \\ r \frac{dX}{dr} &= -lX + \frac{(\epsilon + p) e^{(\nu/2)}}{2} \left\{ (3e^\lambda Q - 1)K \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{4(n+1)e^\lambda Q}{r^2} V + (1 - e^\lambda Q) H_0 \\ &\quad + (r^2 \omega^2 e^{-\nu} + n + 1) H_1 - \left[ 8\pi(\epsilon + p) e^{\lambda/2} + 2\omega^2 e^{\lambda/2 - \nu} r^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda/2}}{r^2} \frac{d\nu}{dr} \right) \right] W \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{eq}^2 = dp/d\epsilon$  is the equilibrium speed of sound of NS matter undergoing oscillations.

# Fluid perturbations

- Perturbations of the energy-momentum tensor of the fluid also need to be taken into account in the Einstein equation.
- Components of Lagrangian displacement vector  $\xi^a(r, \theta, \phi)$  describes the perturbations of the fluid inside the star:

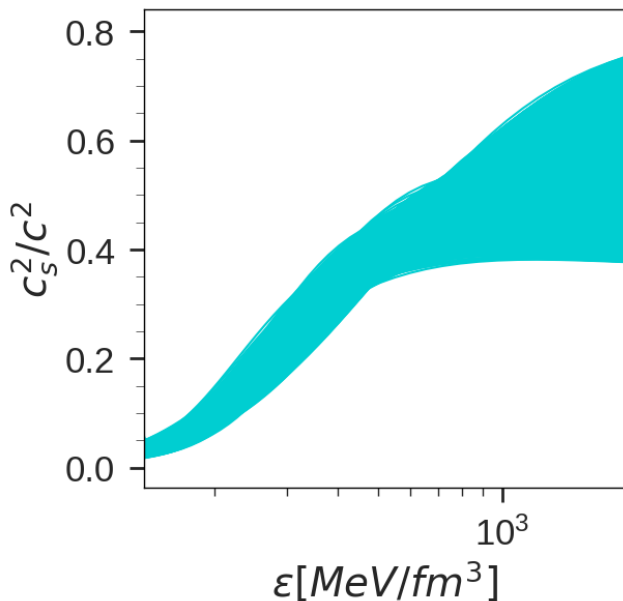
$$\xi^r = r^{l-1} e^{-\lambda/2} W Y_m^l e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\xi^\theta = -r^{l-2} V \partial_\theta Y_m^l e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\xi^\phi = -\frac{r^{l-2}}{\sin^2\theta} V \partial_\theta Y_m^l e^{i\omega t},$$

where  $W$  and  $V$  are functions with respect to  $r$  that describe fluid perturbations. Fluid perturbations exist only inside the star.

## Speed of Sound



## Damping time

