

COMPACT STAR CONSTRAINTS ON THE HIGH-DENSITY EOS

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Abstract

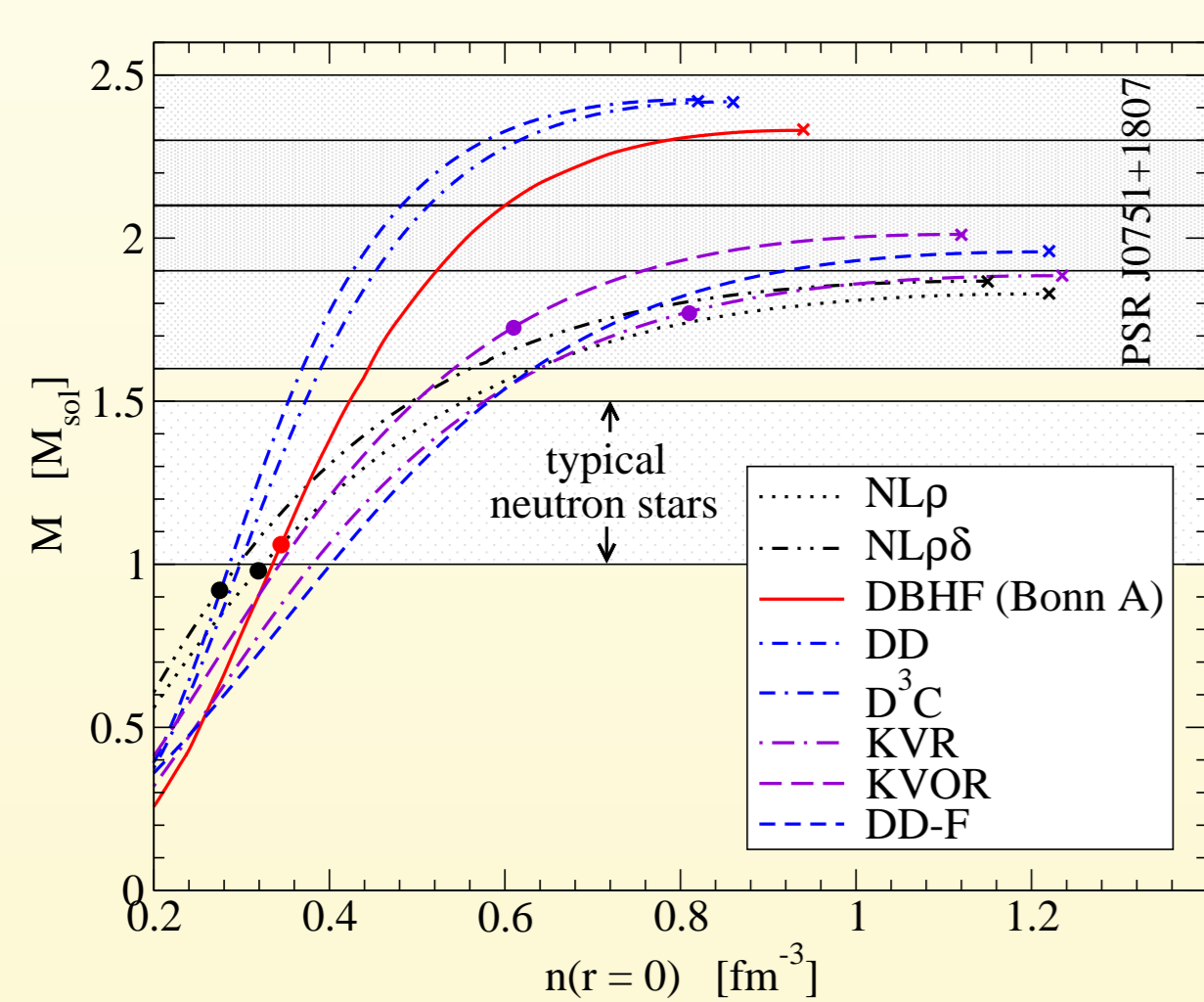
A new scheme for testing nuclear matter equations of state (EoS) at high densities using constraints from neutron star phenomenology is suggested [1]. An acceptable EoS shall not allow the direct Urca (DU) process to occur in neutron stars with masses below $1.5 M_{\odot}$ and not to be in conflict with the known Temperature-Age data of observed objects. Compact star constraints include the mass measurements of $2.1 \pm 0.2 M_{\odot}$ (1σ level) for PSR J0751+1807 [2], of $2.0 \pm 0.1 M_{\odot}$ from the innermost stable circular orbit for 4U 1636-536 [3], the baryon mass - gravitational mass relationships from Pulsar B in J0737-3039 and the mass-radius relationships from quasiperiodic brightness oscillations in 4U 0614+09 [4] and from the thermal emission of RX J1856-3754[5]. The scheme also includes comparison with LogN-LogS data within a population synthesis approach [6]. It is applied to a set of relativistic EoS constrained otherwise from nuclear matter saturation properties [1]. A possible transition to quark matter is discussed for a three-flavor NJL model [7], parametrized from the meson properties in vacuum [8].

Hadronic and Quark EoS

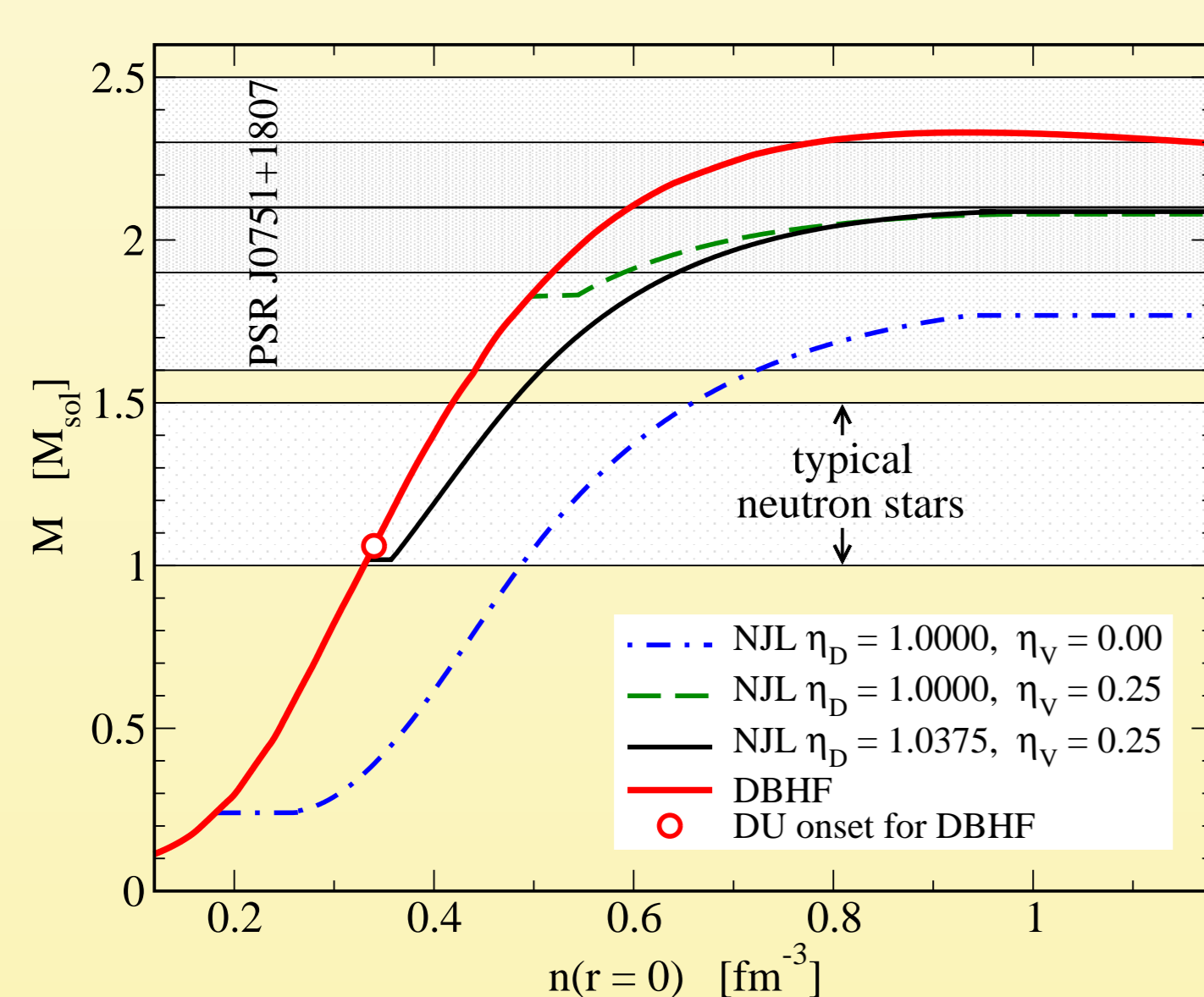
- Relativistic meanfield EoS for **Hadronic matter** are contrasted to the microscopic Dirac-Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (DBHF) approach [9], where the nucleon self-energy Σ is based on the T-matrix for a Bonn A potential.
- The **Quark matter** EoS is derived for a three-flavor Chiral Quark Model (NJL) with coupling to scalar diquark (η_D) and vector meson (η_V) meanfields [7].

Maximum mass & DU constraint

- Stable configurations for different hadronic models [1]. Filled circles denote the DU threshold.



- Stable configurations for different hybrid models



- Hybrid stars can have a mass of $M \approx 2.1 M_{\odot}$ (η_V)
- Masses of $2.1 M_{\odot}$ require the EoS to be rather stiff.

DU constraint

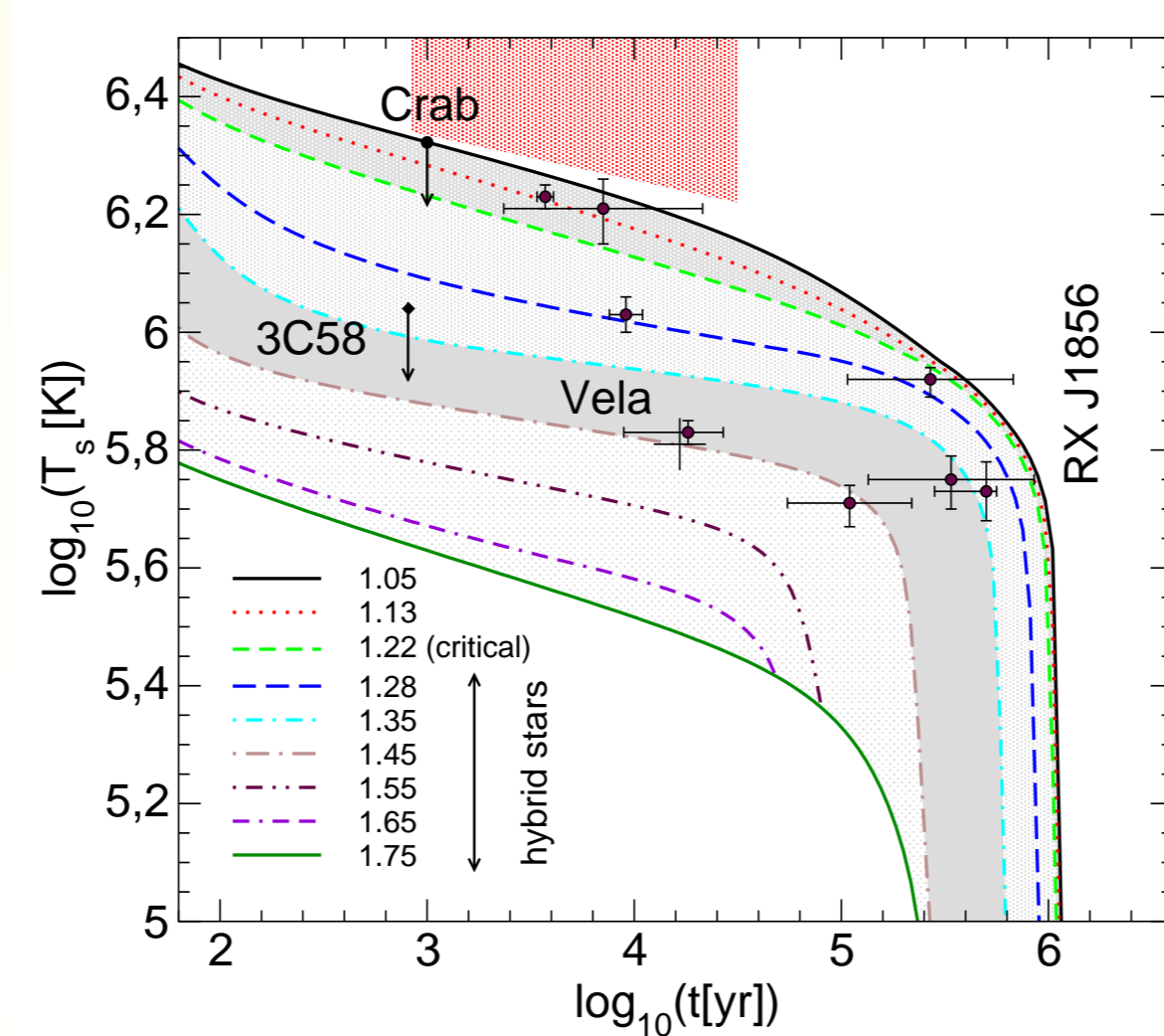
- **Direct Urca (DU) processes** - the β -decay, $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$, is the most effective mechanism cooling compact stars. Even under consideration of nucleon superfluidity it leads to an **unacceptable fast cooling** of NSs in disagreement with present observational soft X-ray data in the temperature - age diagram [10, 11]

- **Avoiding DU-cooling requires a rather soft asymmetry energy in nuclear matter and all quarks to be gapped in quark matter.**

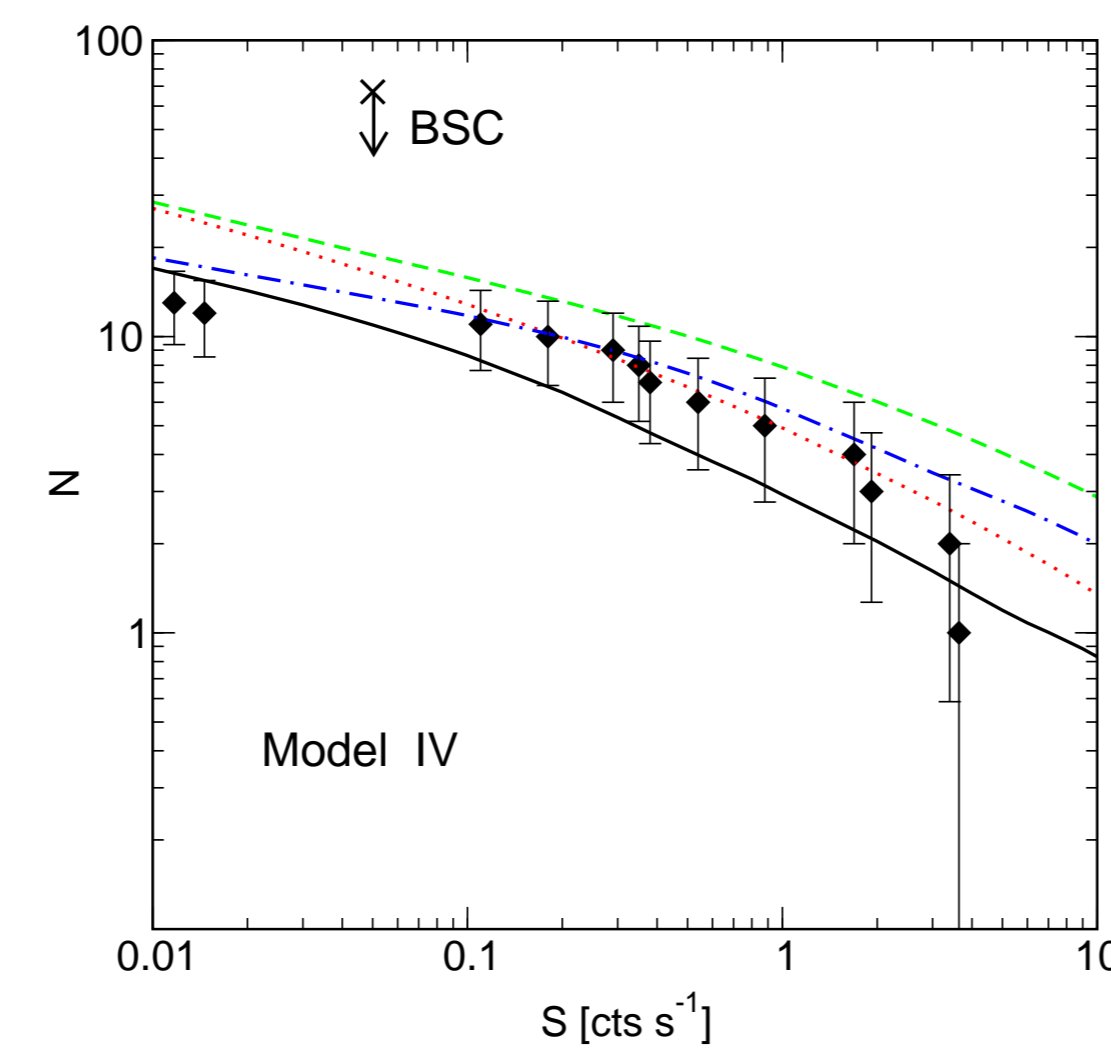
Temperature-Age & Log N-Log S

- Additionally to the explanation of the known Temperature-Age data **cooling calculations shall not predict the existence of young and hot objects ($3 < \log_{10}(t/yr) < 4.5$) with temperatures higher than the temperatures of already observed objects.**

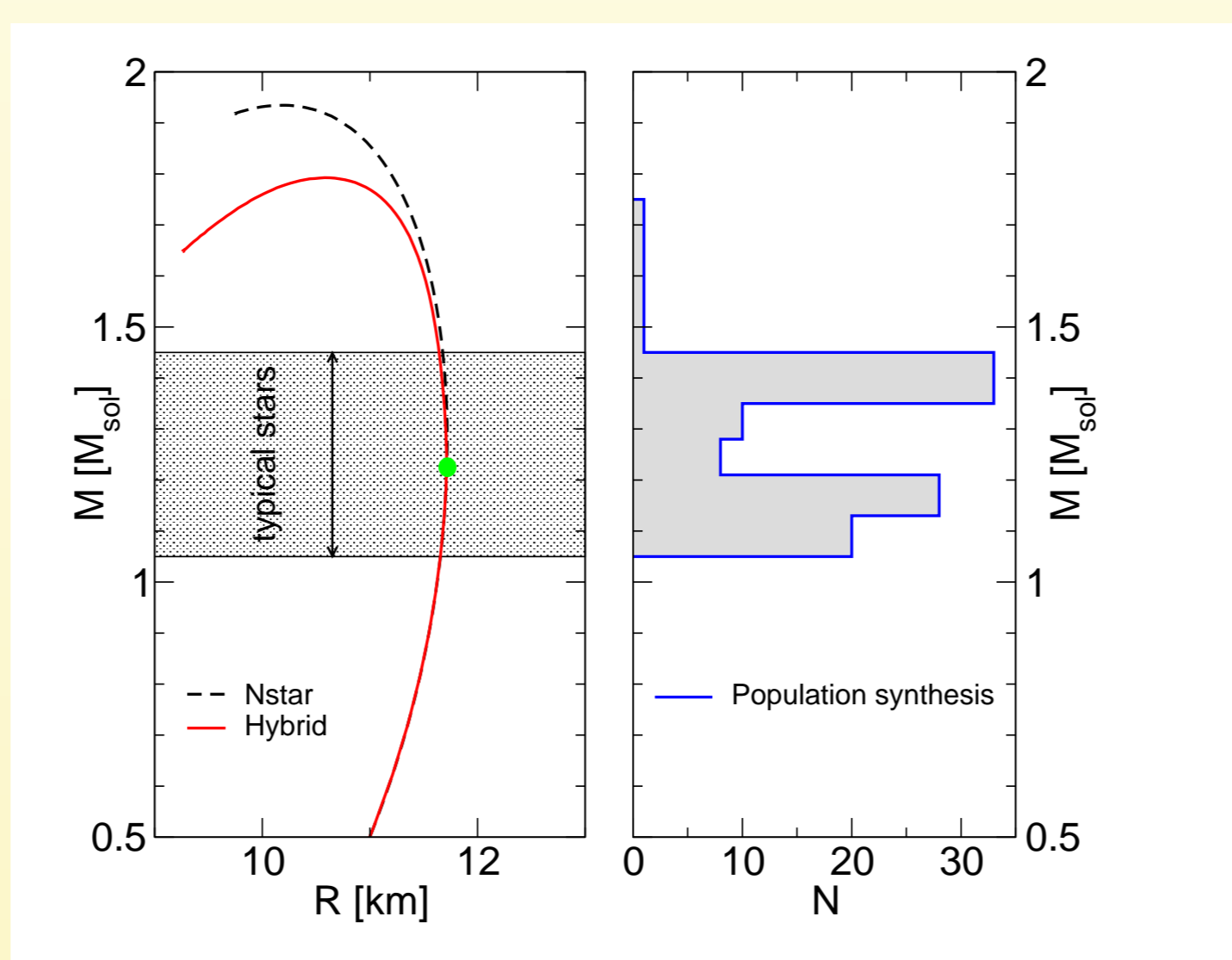
→ **Brightness Constraint**[12]



- LogN-LogS constraint emerges from results of NS cooling calculations and population synthesis models for young, nearby NSs [6].



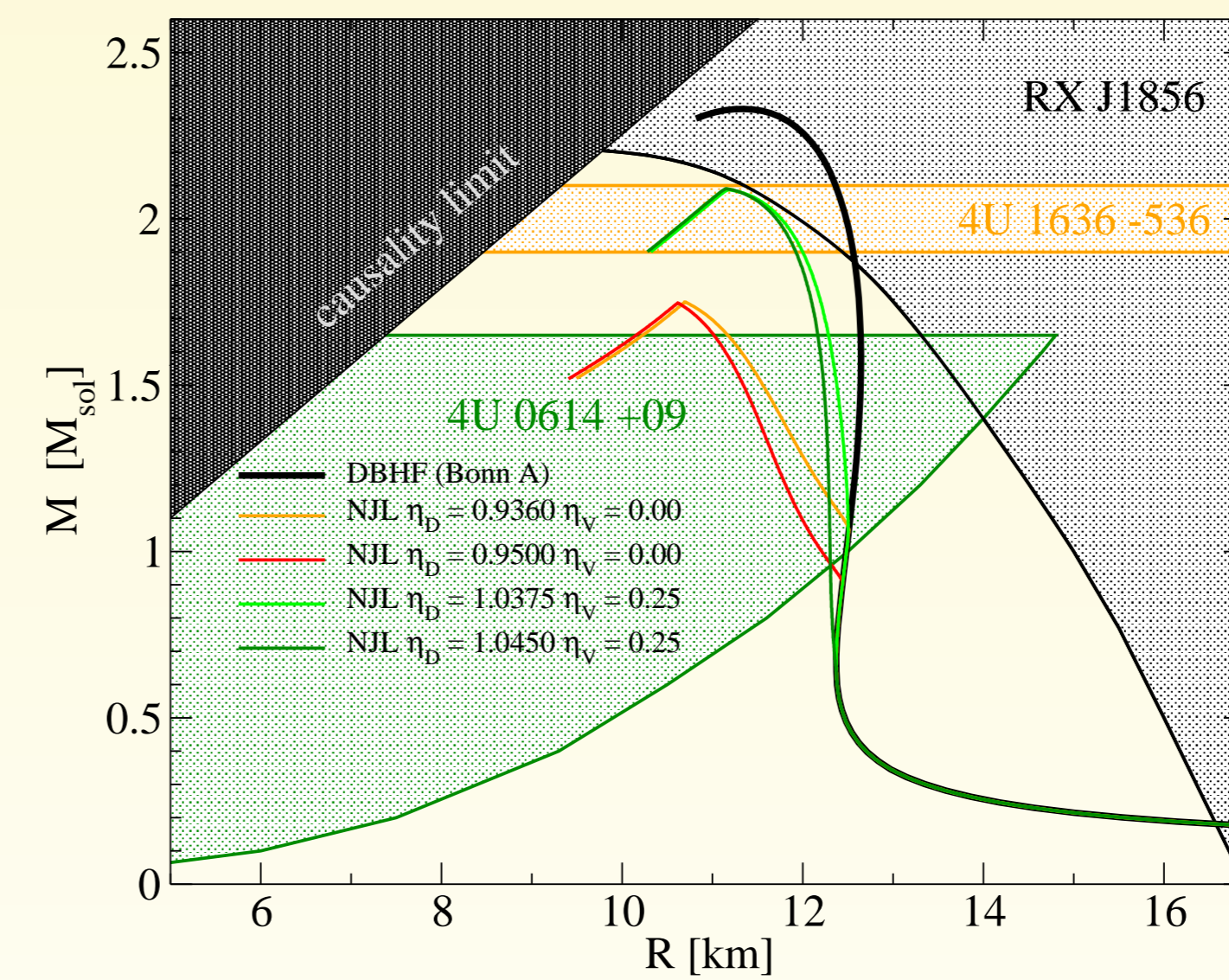
- **Constraint requires a rather broad spectrum of masses for young nearby NSs.**



- The Hybrid star cooling behavior fits these constraints assuming the existence of a 2SC phase with X-gaps.

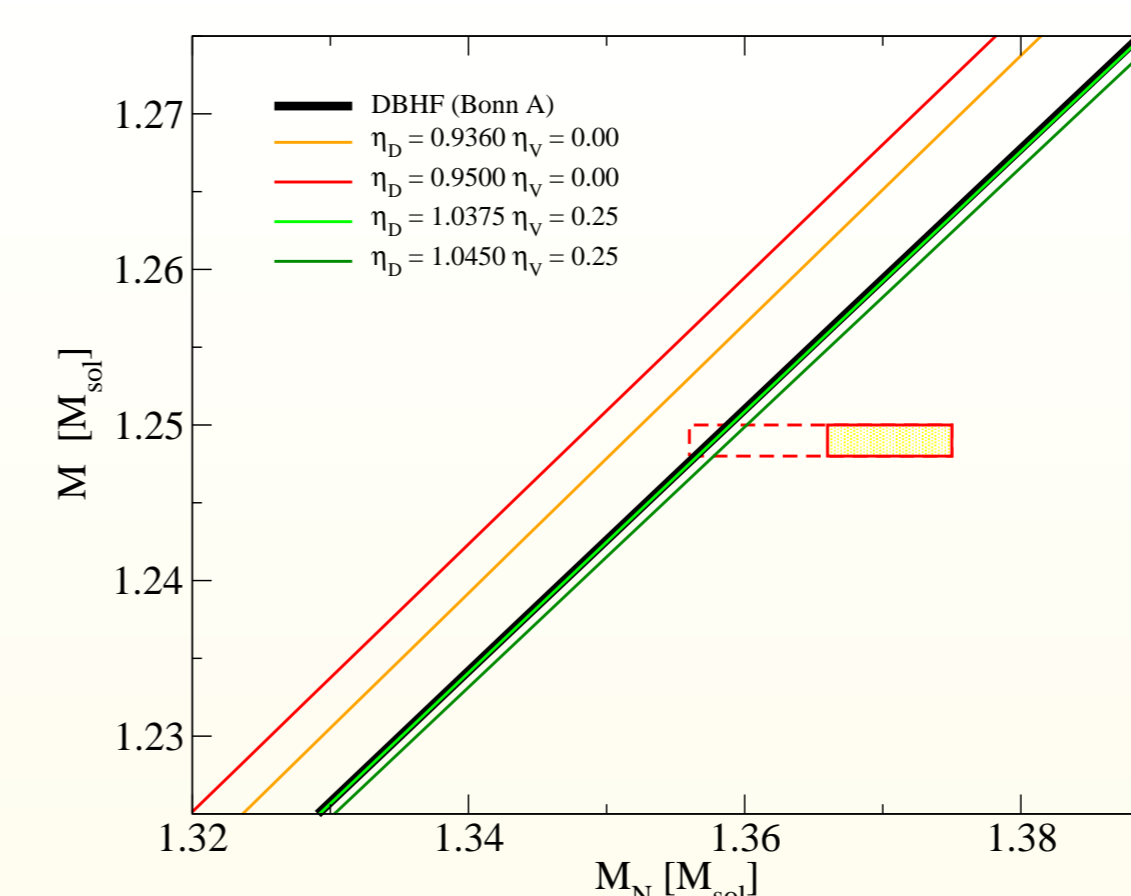
Mass-Radius constraints

- **An upper bound in the mass-radius plane** is derived from the quasiperiodic oscillations (QPOs) of the low-mass X-ray binary (LMXB) 4U 0614+09 [3].
- For some LMXB's there are measurements of the frequency corresponding to the innermost stable circular orbit $r_{ISCO} \approx 6M$. For the NS in the system 4U 1636-536 a **mass limit of $2.0 \pm 0.1 M_{\odot}$** has been obtained [4].



- The thermal radiation of the isolated pulsar RX J1856 determines a **lower bound** for its mass-radius relation [5].
- **The M-R constraint implies a stiff EoS.**

Gravitational mass- Baryon mass

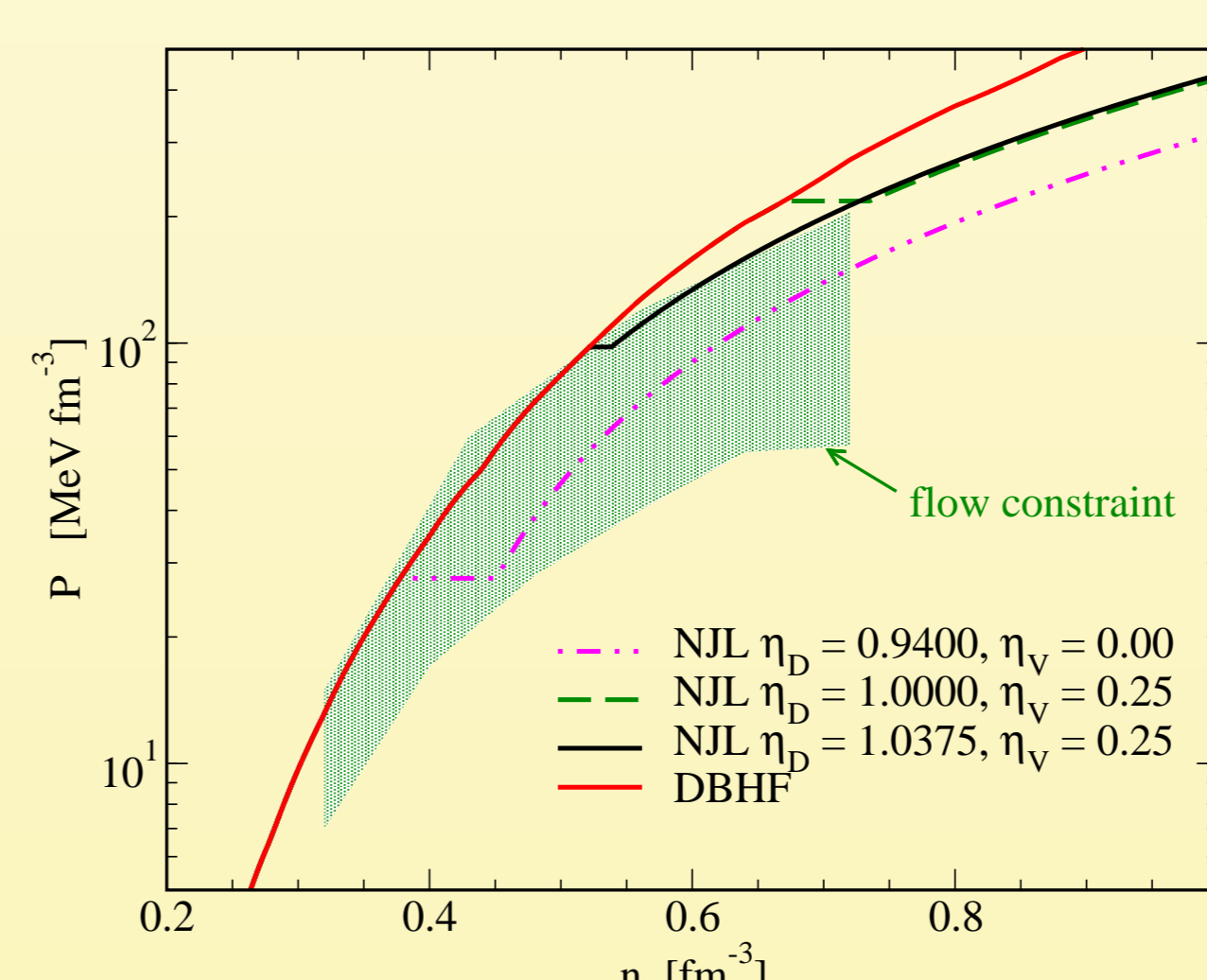


- Pulsar B in the double pulsar system J0737-3039 has a mass $M = 1.249 \pm 0.001 M_{\odot}$ [13]. Assuming mass conservation during the progenitors collapse its baryon mass is $1.366 M_{\odot} \leq M_N \leq 1.375 M_{\odot}$ [3].

- **This requires a rather strong binding of the compact star.**

Flow constraint from HIC

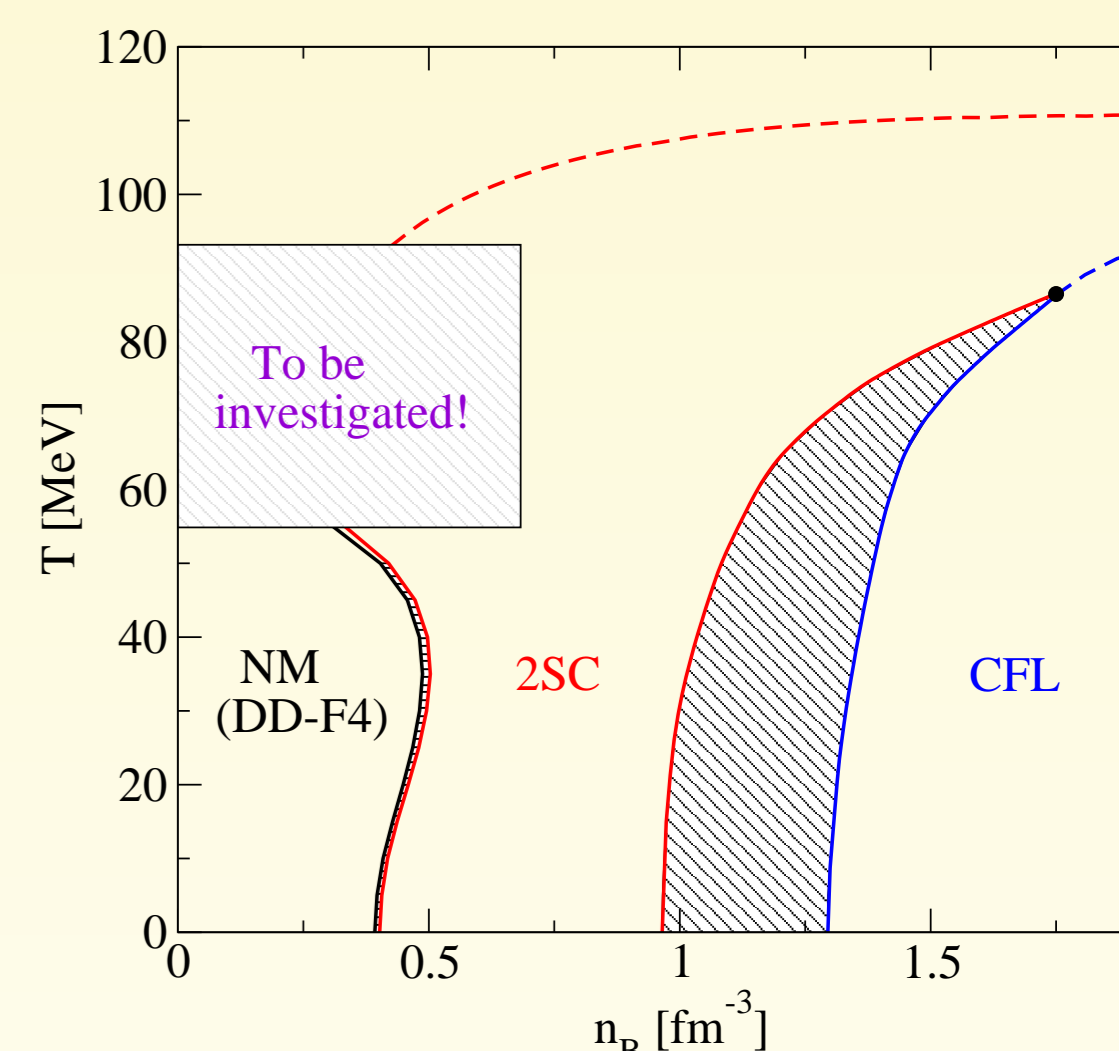
- The analysis of the elliptic flow in heavy ion collisions within a kinetic theory constrains an allowed region in the pressure-density diagram of symmetric nuclear matter [14]



- **The flow constraint rules out very stiff EoS.**

Phase diagram for HIC

- The phase diagram shows a very weak order (almost cross-over) phase transition to quark matter. **At low temperatures matter and quark matter with color conductivity are rather similar, therefore phase transition is not strong.**



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Summary

- A test scheme for the high density EoS by the present phenomenology of compact stars and heavy ion collisions is developed.
- The application of this scheme for EoS with a deconfinement phase transition allows to identify the most of compact objects and hybrid stars.
- The phase transition to quark matter can be a solution for those nucleon stars which otherwise would not satisfy constraints for the high-density baryonic matter ($n > 3 n_0$).

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