

Holographic dense QCD in the Veneziano limit

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1. Introduction to V-QCD
2. Applications and extensions
 - ▶ Homogeneous nuclear matter
 - ▶ Cold neutron stars and observational constraints
 - ▶ Transport in quark matter
 - ▶ Holographic baryons
 - ▶ Model at finite temperature and density + neutron star mergers [Christian Ecker's talk on Monday]

1. Introduction

Gauge/gravity duality for QCD

- ▶ Motivated by the original AdS/CFT correspondence for $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM: strongly coupled field theory \leftrightarrow classical gravity in higher dimensions

- ▶ Instead of conformality, confinement:
non-AdS/non-CFT duality

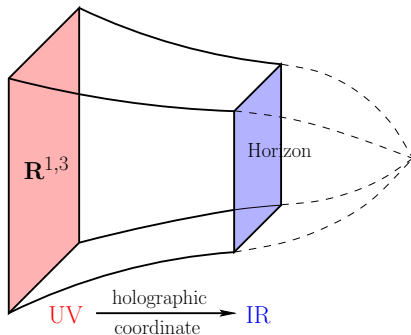
- ▶ Field theory lives on the boundary of the 5D geometry

- ▶ Operators $\mathcal{O}_i(x^\mu) \leftrightarrow$ classical bulk fields $\phi_i(x^\mu, r)$

$$Z_{\text{grav}}(\phi_i|_{\text{bdry}} = J_i(x^\mu)) = \int \mathcal{D} e^{iS_{\text{QCD}} + i \int d^4x J^i(x^\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(x^\mu)}$$

▶ E.g. $\bar{\psi}^j \psi^i \leftrightarrow \phi^{ij} \quad T_{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow g_{\mu\nu} \quad J_\mu \leftrightarrow A_\mu$

- ▶ Thermodynamics of QCD \leftrightarrow thermodynamics of a planar bulk black hole



Gauge/gravity duality for QCD: approaches

Top-down: models directly based on string theory

- ▶ Concrete, fixed string models in 10/11 d with brane configurations
- ▶ Control on what dual field theory is (it's not QCD though)
- ▶ E.g., $D3-D7$ models and

Witten-Sakai-Sugimoto model: $D4-D8-\overline{D8}$

[Talk by Nicolas Kovensky]

Bottom-up: models constructed “by hand”

- ▶ Follow generic ideas of holography, inspiration from top-down
- ▶ Introduce fields for most important operators
- ▶ Lots of freedom → effective 5d description, no link to specific dual theory, comparison with QCD data essential
- ▶ Either a fixed geometry (AdS) or dynamical gravity
- ▶ Examples: hard/soft wall models

[Talk by Lorenzo Bartolini]

This talk: a rich bottom-up model; lots of input from string theory

- ▶ Goal: all-purpose model which mimics QCD closely

Holographic V-QCD

A holographic model for QCD

- ▶ Bottom-up, but trying to follow principles from string theory closely [MJ, Kiritsis 1112.1261; Review MJ 2110.08281]

The model is obtained through a fusion of two building blocks:

1. IHQCD: model for glue inspired by string theory [Gürsoy, Kiritsis, Nitti; Gubser, Nellore]
2. Adding flavor and chiral symmetry breaking via a D-brane setup [Klebanov, Maldacena; Bigazzi, Casero, Cotrone, Iatrakis, Kiritsis, Paredes]

Two bulk scalars: $\lambda \leftrightarrow \text{Tr} F^2$, $\tau \leftrightarrow \bar{q}q$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{V-QCD}} = N_c^2 M^3 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[R - \frac{4}{3} \frac{(\partial\lambda)^2}{\lambda^2} + V_g(\lambda) \right] \\ - N_f N_c M^3 \int d^5x V_{f0}(\lambda) e^{-\tau^2} \sqrt{-\det(g_{ab} + \kappa(\lambda) \partial_a \tau \partial_b \tau + w(\lambda) F_{ab})}$$

Effective model, many potentials V_g , V_{f0} , w , κ – essential to fix them by fitting QCD data \rightarrow predictions for other observables

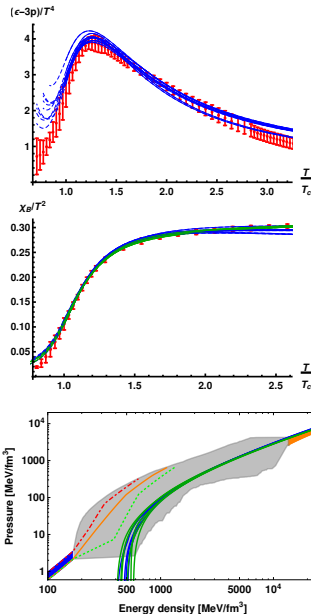
Comparison to data

Constraining the model:

- ▶ Many parameters already fixed by requiring qualitative agreement with QCD
- ▶ Stiff fit to lattice data near $\mu = 0$ (still lots of parameters, but results insensitive to them)
[Gürsoy, Kiritsis, Mazzanti, Nitti 0903.2859; MJ, Jokela, Remes, 1809.07770]
- ▶ Good description of lattice data – nontrivial result!
[Lattice data: Borsanyi et al. 1112.4416, 1309.5258]

Extrapolated V-QCD cold quark matter result compares nicely with known constraints:

[MJ, Jokela, Remes, 1809.07770]



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Homogeneous holographic nuclear matter

Each baryon maps to a solitonic “instanton” configuration of gauge fields in the bulk

[Witten; Gross, Ooguri; ...]

- ▶ Such instantons have been studied in many models, including V-QCD (see below)
- ▶ However, dense nuclear matter requires studying many-instanton solutions
- ▶ Extremely challenging!
- ▶ Set $N_f = 2$ and try first a simple approximation scheme (homogeneous), reasonable at high densities?

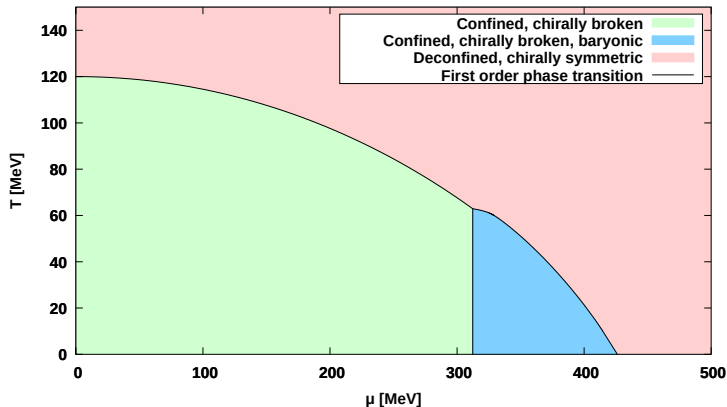
[Rozali, Shieh, Van Raamsdonk, Wu 0708.1322]

$$A^i = h(r)\sigma^i$$

[Li,Schmitt,Wang 1505.04886; Elliot-Ripley,Sutcliffe,Zamaklar 1607.04832]

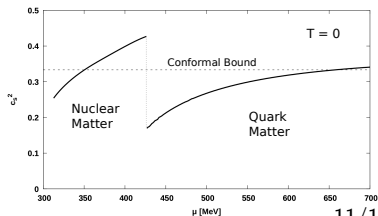
[See also talks by Kovensky and Bartolini]

Phase diagram at zero quark mass



Stiff EoS (high c_s^2) in the nuclear matter phase \Rightarrow helps to pass the bounds from neutron star observations!

[Ishii, MJ, Nijs, 1903.06169]

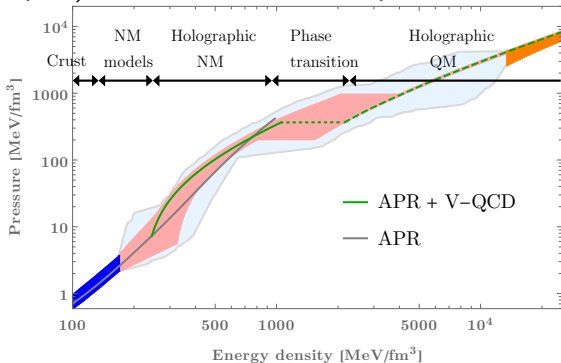


Hybrid Equations of State

V-QCD nuclear matter description not reliable at low densities

⇒ use traditional models (effective field theory) instead

- ▶ Match nuclear models (low densities) with V-QCD (high densities)
- ▶ Variations in model parameters give rise to the band
- ▶ Same (holographic) model for nuclear and quark matter phases!



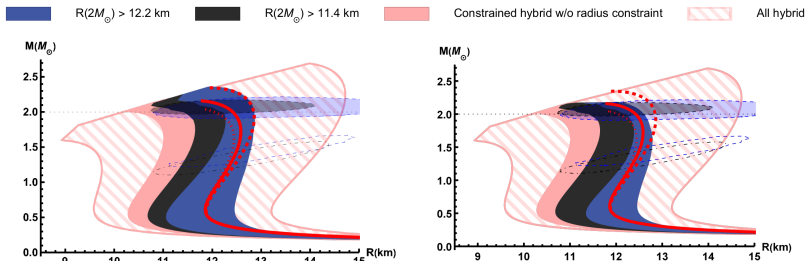
Without and
with holography

Comparison to neutron star observations

Plug the equations of state into TOV equations

⇒ $M(R)$ curves for neutron stars

- ▶ Pink region: GW170817 measurement and $M_{\text{TOV}} > 2.0M_{\odot}$
- ▶ Black and blue regions: additional constraints from Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) data
[Miller et al. 2105.06979; Riley et al. 2105.06980]



[Jokela, MJ, Remes, 2111.12101]

- ▶ Right: additional constraint from GW170817:

$$M_{\text{TOV}} < 2.19M_{\odot}$$

[Margalit, Metzger 1710.05938; Annala et al. 2105.05132]

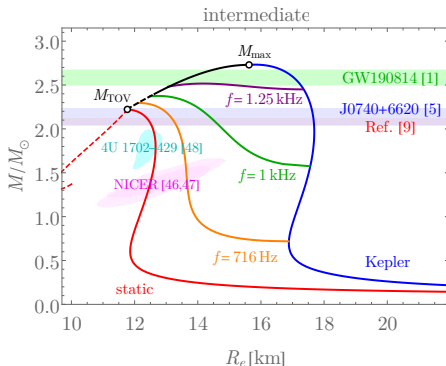
Rapidly spinning holographic neutron stars

GW190814: LIGO/Virgo observed a merger of a $23M_{\odot}$ black hole with a $2.6M_{\odot}$ compact object

[2006.12611]

- ▶ $2.6M_{\odot}$ falls in the “gap”: a black hole or a neutron star?

- ▶ Holographic EoSs easily compatible with the neutron star interpretation
- ▶ However requires **fast rotation**, $f \gtrsim 1$ kHz



[Demircik, Ecker, MJ, 2009.10731]

Transport of cool quark matter

Beyond the EoS: **transport properties**

- ▶ (Bulk) viscosity relevant for neutron star merger dynamics?
- ▶ Viscosities \leftrightarrow instabilities (r -modes) in spinning NSs
- ▶ Conductivities relevant for NS cooling and equilibration after NS merger

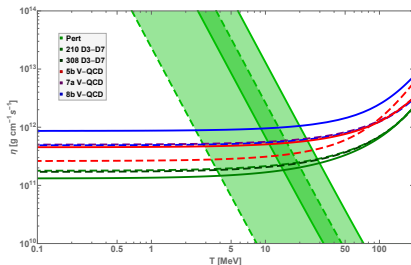
[Review: Schmitt, Shternin, 1711.06520]

However transport is challenging to analyze...

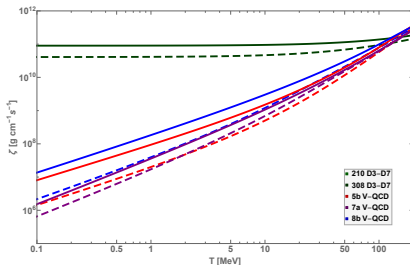
- ▶ While the EoS of dense and cold QCD matter has large uncertainties, even less is known about transport
- ▶ Only available first-principles result for quark matter: leading order pQCD analysis in the unpaired phase
[Heiselberg, Pethick, PRD 48(1993)2916]
- ▶ We carry out the strong coupling analysis in both D3-D7 and V-QCD models
[Hoyos, Jokela, MJ, Subils, Tarrio, Vuorinen 2005.14205; 2109.12122]

Transport of cool quark matter

$\log \eta$ vs. $\log T$



$\log \zeta$ vs. $\log T$



- ▶ Predictions for viscosities for unpaired quark matter (dashed $\mu = 450$ MeV, solid $\mu = 600$ MeV)
- ▶ Large deviation from perturbative results
- ▶ Notice that our (small) results assume “idealized” case: only QCD contributions, no weak interactions or electrons
[Improvement on this in progress]

The holographic baryon

Holographic description of the baryon may be useful

- ▶ To understand the properties and structure of baryons
- ▶ To model dense nuclear matter and neutron stars

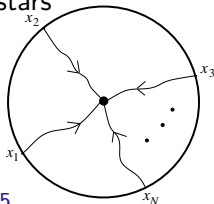
Recall the standard AdS/CFT duality:

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM is dual to IIB sugra on $\text{AdS}_5 \times S^5$

- ▶ Baryons are objects where N_c fundamental strings (\leftrightarrow quarks) can end
- ▶ Obtained by wrapping a D5 brane over the S^5
[Witten hep-th/9805112]
- ▶ For AdS_5 , boils down to solitons of 5D gauge fields in the bulk

$$\mathcal{L}_B \sim -\kappa \int d^5x \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu}^2$$

- ▶ Similar to the BPST instanton in 4D Yang-Mills
- ▶ “Upgrade” of the Skyrmion picture
- ▶ Studied a lot in Witten-Sakai-Sugimoto and hard-wall models



Solitons in V-QCD

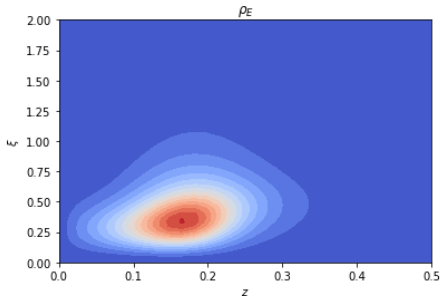
Towards a realistic holographic description of baryons

- ▶ Use V-QCD: a model with gluons and (dynamical) quarks
- ▶ Solve numerically
 1. The fully backreacted background – quark and gluon sectors simultaneously
 2. The soliton in the probe limit
- ▶ Highly technical and challenging problem!

Soliton mass ~ 1050 MeV

Work in progress:
stay tuned for
further results. . .

[MJ, Kiritsis, Nitti, Préau to appear]

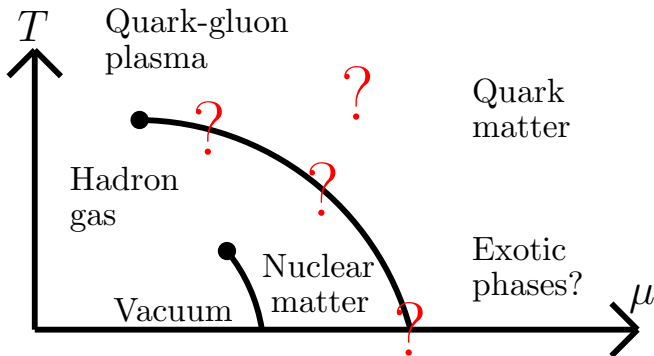


Conclusion

- ▶ (Effective) holography, combined with other approaches, is useful to study dense QCD
- ▶ Using V-QCD with simple approximations, we obtained predictions for
 - ▶ Cold equation of state
 - ▶ Neutron star $M(R)$ curves
 - ▶ Transport of quark matter
 - ▶ Static properties of baryons
 - ▶ And also finite T model and neutron star mergers [C. Ecker's talk]
- ▶ Lots of work in progress. . .
 - ▶ Proper implementation of different quark flavors
 - ▶ Coupling to weak currents
 - ▶ Striped instabilities and color superconductivity
 - ▶ ...

Thank you!

The QCD phase diagram



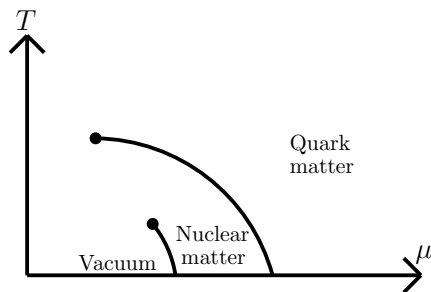
Focus in this talk: phases at high density

- ▶ Nuclear matter: dense liquid of protons and neutrons – density \gtrsim density of large nuclei
- ▶ Quark matter: densely packed phase of free quarks and gluons

Laboratory experiments challenging ($T_{QCD} \sim 10^{12}$ K), in particular at high density – lots of effort

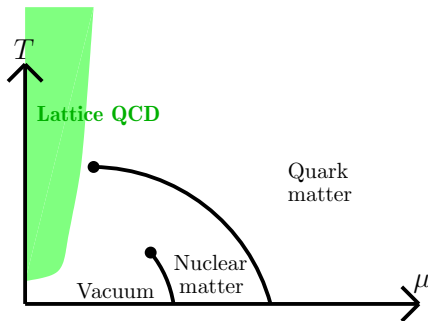
- ▶ Recent and future progress: LHC, RHIC, FAIR, NICA, ...

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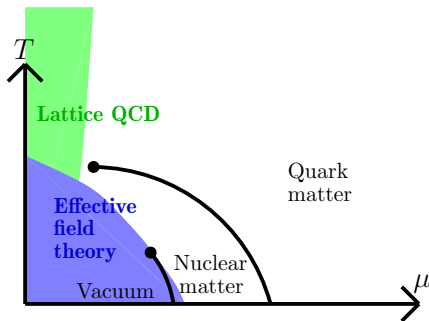
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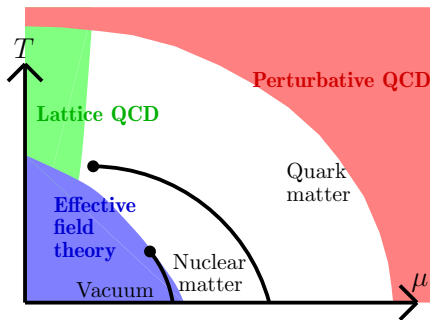
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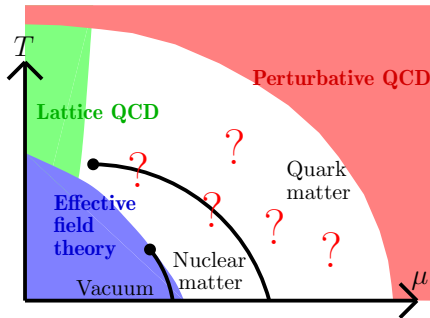
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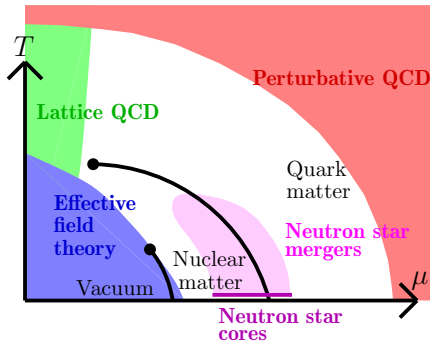
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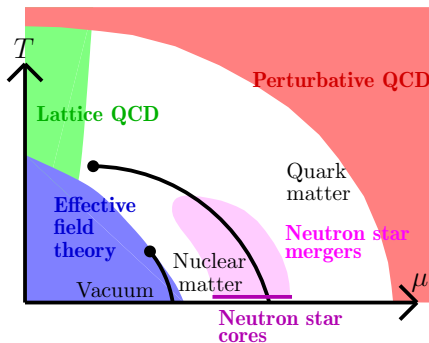
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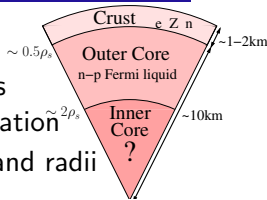
White region strongly coupled \Rightarrow use holography?

Interpolate between known results using holography?

Neutron stars

Neutron stars: extremely dense cold QCD matter

- ▶ Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff (TOV) equations map equation of state (EoS) to mass-radius relation
- ▶ EoS can be constrained by measuring masses and radii



Mass measurements: dozens of results using various methods

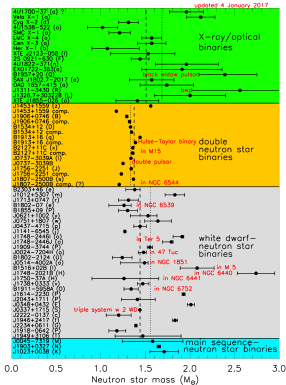
- ▶ Highest masses from Shapiro delay measurement of NS – white dwarf binaries J0348+0432 and J0740+6620:

$$M_{\max} \gtrsim 2M_{\odot}$$

[Antoniadis et al 1304.6875
Cromartie et al 1904.06759]

Radius measurements: more challenging, high uncertainties

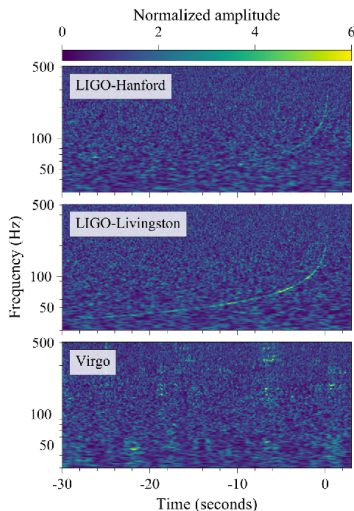
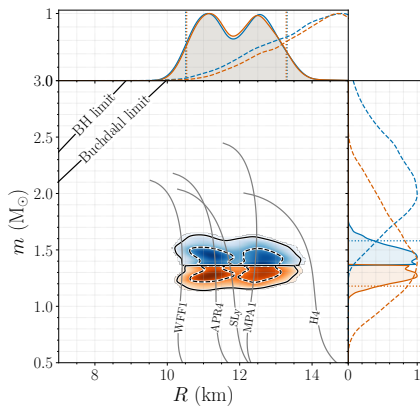
- ▶ Cooling after X-ray bursts \Rightarrow radii around 10-15 km



More and better results expected in near future! E.g. NICER [Lattimer]

LIGO/Virgo constraints from GW170817

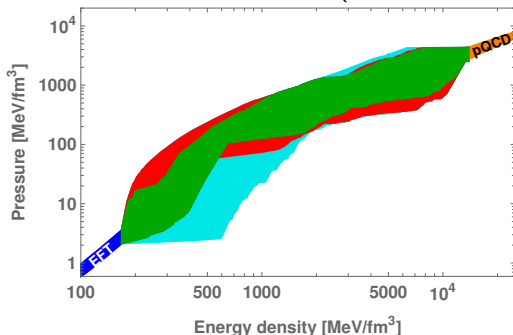
- ▶ The tidal deformability Λ measures how strongly neutron stars deform in gravitational field
- ▶ Inspiral phase GW signal gives an upper bound $\Lambda \lesssim 580$
- ▶ Implies a rough upper bound for neutron star radius: $R \lesssim 13.5$ km



Constraints on equation of state (EoS)

State of the art for QCD EoS at $T = 0$: interpolations between nuclear EoS and pQCD, constrained by

1. Mass bound $M_{\text{max}} > 2M_{\odot}$ (excludes cyan area)
2. LIGO constraint from GW170817: (excludes red area)



[Adapted from Annala, Gorda, Kurkela, Vuorinen 1711.02644]

Source of uncertainties: physics at strong coupling \Rightarrow

Can holographic methods be used to reduce uncertainties further?

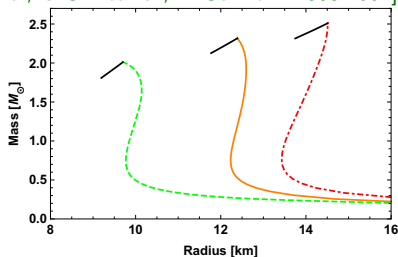
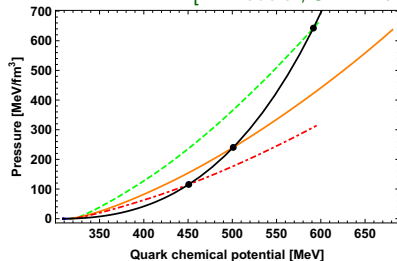
Recent progress on dense holographic QCD

For **quark matter**, use D3-D7 top down model: $\epsilon = 3p + \frac{\sqrt{3}m^2}{2\pi} \sqrt{p}$
[Karch, O'Bannon, 0709.0570]

- ▶ $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM + $N_f = 3$ probe hypermultiplets in the fundamental representation

For **nuclear matter** use with **stiff**, **intermediate**, and **soft** “extrapolations” of EFT results

[K. Hebeler, J. M. Lattimer, C. J. Pethick, A. Schwenk 1303.4662]



- ▶ Strong first order nuclear to quark matter transitions
- ▶ Neutron stars with “holographic” quark matter core (black curves) are unstable

[Hoyos, Rodriguez, Jokela, Vuorinen 1603.02943]

Varying the quark mass m one can get quark stars and hybrid stars

[Annala, Ecker, Hoyos, Jokela, Rodriguez-Fernandez, Vuorinen 1711.06244]

- ▶ Sizeable deviations from universal I-Love-Q relations

[Yagi, Yunes, 1303.1528]

Including running of the quark mass + color superconductivity

[Bitaghsir Fadafan, Cruz Rojas, Evans, 1911.12705; 2009.14079]

- ▶ Possibility of an intermediate χ SB deconfined phase
- ▶ Stiffer holographic equations of state (high speed of sound)
- ▶ Quark matter cores

Using Einstein-Maxwell-dilaton for quark matter

[Mamani, Flores, Zanchin, 2006.09401]

(Largish) quark stars also studied in Witten-Sakai-Sugimoto and in D4-D6 models

[Burikham, Hirunsirisawat, Pinkanjanarod, 1003.5470
Kim, Shin, Lee, Wan, 1108.6139, 1404.3474]

This talk: towards more realistic model of quark matter?

Ansatz for potentials, ($x = 1$)

$$V_g(\lambda) = 12 \left[1 + V_1 \lambda + \frac{V_2 \lambda^2}{1 + \lambda/\lambda_0} + V_{\text{IR}} e^{-\lambda_0/\lambda} (\lambda/\lambda_0)^{4/3} \sqrt{\log(1 + \lambda/\lambda_0)} \right]$$

$$V_{f0}(\lambda) = W_0 + W_1 \lambda + \frac{W_2 \lambda^2}{1 + \lambda/\lambda_0} + W_{\text{IR}} e^{-\lambda_0/\lambda} (\lambda/\lambda_0)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{w(\lambda)} = w_0 \left[1 + \frac{w_1 \lambda/\lambda_0}{1 + \lambda/\lambda_0} + \bar{w}_0 e^{-\lambda_0/\lambda w_s} \frac{(w_s \lambda/\lambda_0)^{4/3}}{\log(1 + w_s \lambda/\lambda_0)} \right]$$

$$V_1 = \frac{11}{27\pi^2} , \quad V_2 = \frac{4619}{46656\pi^4}$$

$$W_1 = \frac{8 + 3 W_0}{9\pi^2} ; \quad W_2 = \frac{6488 + 999 W_0}{15552\pi^4}$$

Fixed UV/IR asymptotics \Rightarrow fit parameters only affect details in the middle

Constraining the potentials

In the UV ($\lambda \rightarrow 0$):

- ▶ UV expansions of potentials matched with perturbative QCD beta functions \Rightarrow asymptotic freedom and logarithmic flow of the coupling and quark mass, as in QCD

[Gürsoy, Kiritsis 0707.1324; MJ, Kiritsis 1112.1261]

In the IR ($\lambda \rightarrow \infty$): various qualitative constraints

- ▶ Linear confinement, discrete glueball & meson spectrum, linear radial trajectories
- ▶ Existence of a “good” IR singularity
- ▶ Correct behavior at large quark masses
- ▶ Working potentials often string-inspired power-laws, multiplied by logarithmic corrections (i.e, first guesses usually work!)

[Gürsoy, Kiritsis, Nitti 0707.1349; MJ, Kiritsis 1112.1261; Arian, Iatrakis, MJ, Kiritsis 1309.2286, 1609.08922; MJ 1501.07272]

Final task: determine the potentials in the middle, $\lambda = \mathcal{O}(1)$

- ▶ Qualitative comparison to lattice/experimental data

Constraining the model at $\mu \approx 0$

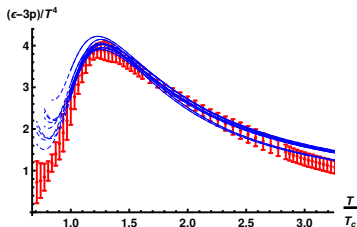
Stiff fit to lattice data near $\mu = 0$ (many parameters, but results insensitive to them)

[Gürsoy, Kiritsis, Mazzanti, Nitti 0903.2859;
MJ, Jokela, Remes, 1809.07770]

- ▶ Many parameters already fixed by requiring qualitative agreement with QCD
- ▶ Good description of lattice data – nontrivial result!

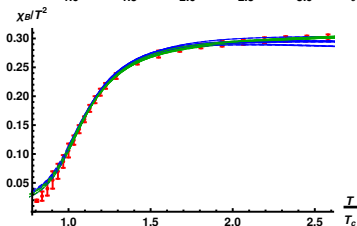
Interaction measure,
2+1 flavors

Lattice data: Borsanyi et
al. 1309.5258



Baryon number
susceptibility

Lattice data: Borsanyi et
al. 1112.4416



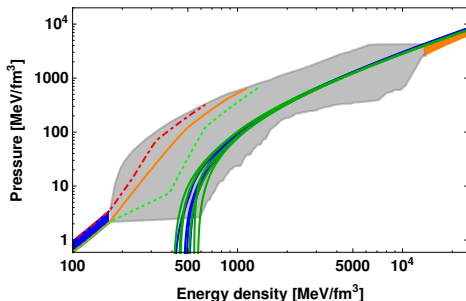
Extrapolated EoSs of cold quark matter

The V-QCD cold quark matter result compares nicely to known constraints:

- ▶ Band of allowed equations of state (EoSs) (gray, polytropic interpolations)
- ▶ Stiff, intermediate, and soft nuclear EoSs

[Hebeler, Lattimer, Pethick,
Schwenk 1303.4662]

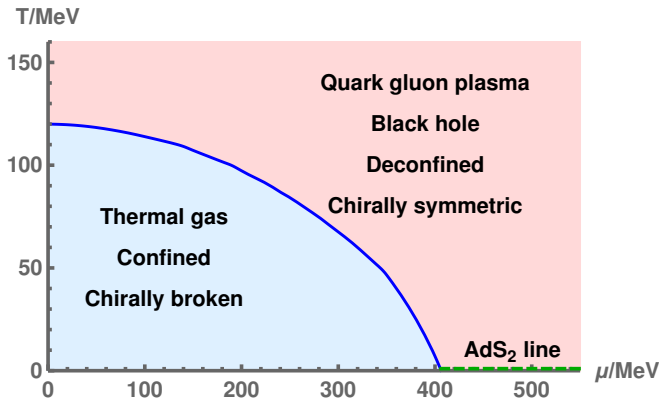
[MJ, Jokela, Remes, 1809.07770]



Approach similar in spirit to studies of the QCD critical point

[DeWolfe, Gubser, Rosen 1012.1864; Knaute, Yaresko, Kämpfer 1702.06731;
Critelli, Noronha, Noronha-Hostler, Portillo, Ratti, Rougemont, 1706.00455]

Phase diagram with quark matter



- ▶ With quark matter only, expected phase diagram
- ▶ Cold QM equation of state (EoS) and location of the $T = 0$ phase transition agree with constraints

Homogeneous nuclear matter in V-QCD

Nuclear matter in the probe limit: consider full brane action

$S = S_{\text{DBI}} + S_{\text{CS}}$ where

[Bigazzi, Casero, Cotrone, Kiritsis, Paredes; Casero, Kiritsis, Paredes]

$$S_{\text{DBI}} = -\frac{1}{2} M^3 N_c \mathbb{T}r \int d^5x V_{f0}(\lambda) e^{-\tau^2} \left(\sqrt{-\det A^{(L)}} + \sqrt{-\det A^{(R)}} \right)$$
$$A_{MN}^{(L/R)} = g_{MN} + \delta_M^r \delta_N^r \kappa(\lambda) \tau'(r)^2 + \delta_{MN}^{rt} w(\lambda) \Phi'(r) + w(\lambda) F_{MN}^{(L/R)}$$

gives the dynamics of the solitons (will be expanded in $F^{(L/R)}$) and

$$S_{\text{CS}} = \frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} \int \Phi(r) e^{-b\tau^2} dt \wedge \left(F^{(L)} \wedge F^{(L)} - F^{(R)} \wedge F^{(R)} + \dots \right)$$

sources the baryon number for the solitons

► Extra parameter, $b > 1$, to ensure regularity of solutions

Set $N_f = 2$ and consider the **homogeneous** SU(2) Ansatz

[Rozali, Shieh, Van Raamsdonk, Wu 0708.1322]

$$A_L^i = -A_R^i = h(r) \sigma^i$$

[Ishii, MJ, Nijs, 1903.06169]

Discontinuity and smeared instantons

With the homogeneous Ansatz $A_i^a(r) = h(r)\delta_i^a$ baryon number vanishes for any smooth $h(r)$:

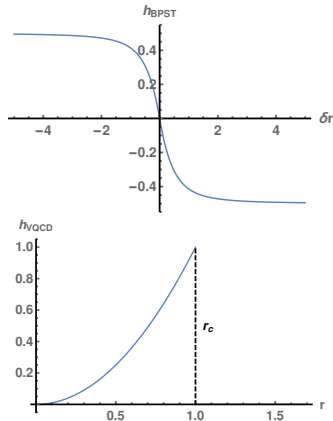
$$N_b \propto \int dr \frac{d}{dr} [\text{CS - term}] = 0$$

How can this issue be avoided?

- ▶ Smearing the BPST soliton in **singular Landau gauge**:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A_i^a \rangle &\sim \int \frac{d^3x \ \eta_{i4}^a \ \delta r}{(\delta r^2 + x^2 + \rho^2)(\delta r^2 + x^2)} \\ &\sim - \frac{\delta_i^a \ \delta r}{\sqrt{\delta r^2 + \rho^2} + |\delta r|} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ This suggests a solution: introduce a discontinuity in $h(r)$ at $r = r_c$
- ▶ The discontinuity sources nonzero baryon charge!



Combining with other approaches

The V-QCD EoS as such is however not fully satisfactory:

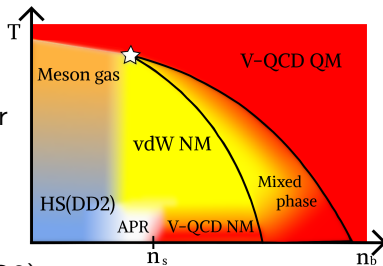
1. Our (homogeneous) approach for nuclear matter only works at high densities
2. Temperature dependence is trivial in the confined phases, and therefore also for holographic nuclear matter
 - ▶ This is a large N_c issue, T dependence would arise from loops

Solutions:

1. At low densities for nuclear matter, use “traditional” nuclear theory results
 - ⇒ choose the Hempel-Schaffner-Bielich model with DD2 interactions (HS(DD2))
[Typel et al. 0908.2344; Hempel, Schaffner-Bielich 0911.4073]
2. Since no reliable results available, borrow T dependence from basically the simplest reasonable model
 - ⇒ use van der Waals (vdW) gas (protons, neutrons, electrons)
[Ecker, MJ, Nijs, van der Schee 1908.03213]
[Jokela, MJ, Nijs, Remes 2006:01141]
[Demircik, Ecker, MJ 2112.12157]

Overview of the hybrid model

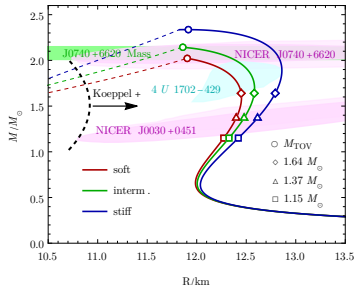
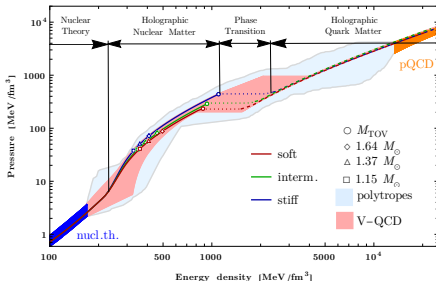
- ▶ V-QCD for quark matter and cold dense nuclear matter
- ▶ Van der Waals model extrapolates dense V-QCD nuclear matter to finite T
- ▶ At low density, choose HS(DD2)
- ▶ At medium density, use APR cold EoS (using only HS(DD2) would lead to tension with neutron star observations)
- ▶ Add QCD mesons to HS(DD2), important to describe the critical point



[Demircik, Ecker, MJ 2112.12157]

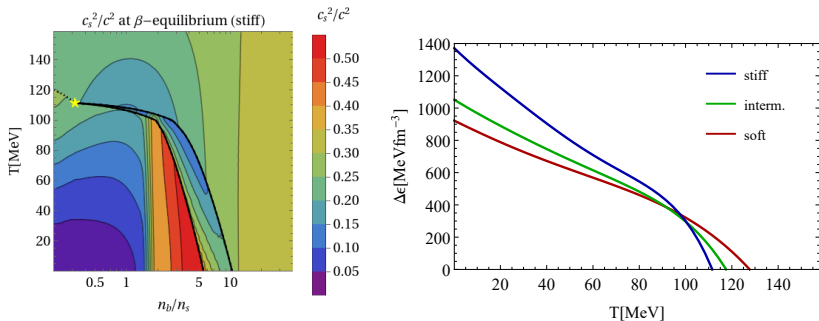
Cold EoS and known constraints

- ▶ Three choices of EoSs: **soft**, **intermediate**, and **stiff** \leftrightarrow the degrees of freedom of V-QCD left free by fit to lattice data
- ▶ Compared to bands of all feasible cold matter EoS: **Without** and **with** holography



- ▶ Plug EoSs in TOV: neutron star $M(R)$ curves (left plot)
- ▶ Compares well with mass/radius observations

Results: phase transition and critical point



- ▶ Low T : strong 1st order nuclear to quark matter transition and mixed phase
- ▶ High T : weak first order transition \approx crossover
- ▶ Critical point with
$$110 \text{ MeV} \lesssim T_c \lesssim 130 \text{ MeV}$$
$$480 \text{ MeV} \lesssim \mu_{bc} \lesssim 580 \text{ MeV}$$
- ▶ Close to results in other (simpler) holographic models

Simulating Binary Neutron Star Mergers

Have to solve the 3+1D General Relativistic hydrodynamics equations:

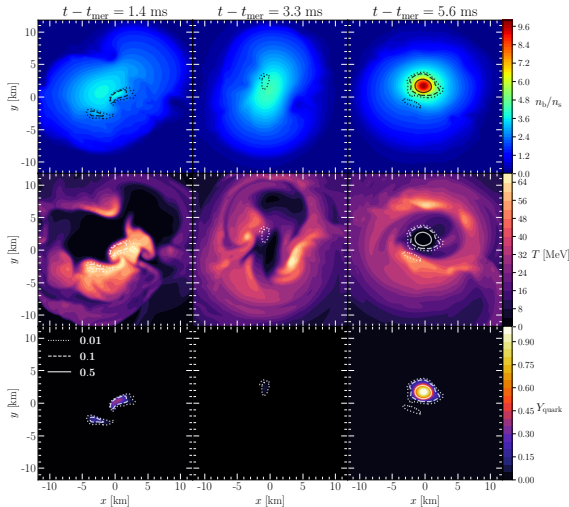
$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}, \quad \nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \nabla_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

with initial spacetime and fluid distribution modelling a NS binary system

- ▶ Equation of State $p = p(n_b, T, Y_e)$ as input – use V-QCD hybrid EoS
- ▶ Spectral code Frankfurt University/Kadath (FUKA) for initial data
[Papenfort, Tootle, Grandclement, Most, Rezzolla 2103.09911]
- ▶ Frankfurt/Illinois (FIL) code for binary evolution with tabulated EoS
[Most, Papenfort, Rezzolla 1907.10328]
- ▶ Implemented in the Einstein Toolkit
[<http://einstein toolkit.org>]
- ▶ Need supercomputing: Project BNSMIC with 100 million core-hours on HAWK at the High-Performance Computing Center Stuttgart

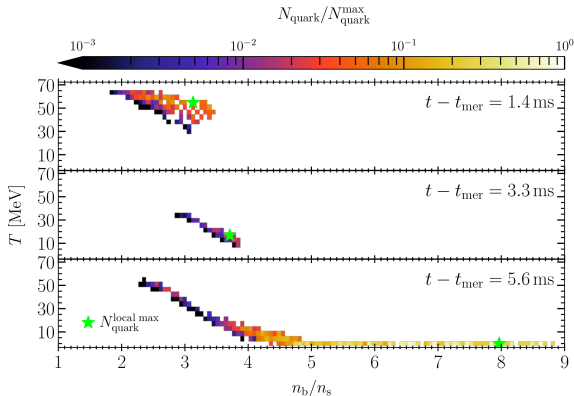
Hot, Warm and Cold Quarks

Simulations with parameters chosen to match with GW170817



Hypermassive neutron star after merger (soft EoS, $M_1/M_2 = 0.7$)
[Tootle, Ecker, Topolski, Demircik, MJ, Rezzolla 2205.05691]

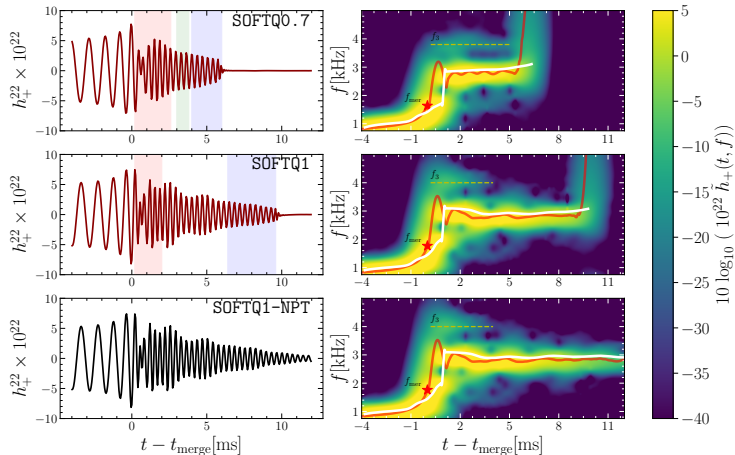
- ▶ **Hot** quarks: in the hottest region at early times
- ▶ **Warm** quarks: at intermediate times due to complicated post-merger dynamics
- ▶ **Cold** quarks: in the densest core at late times



[Tootle, Ecker, Topolski, Demircik, MJ, Rezzolla 2205.05691]

details

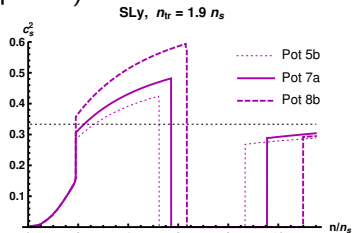
Imprint on Gravitational Waves



- ▶ Most significant signature of the phase transition: short lifetime of remnant
- ▶ Early collapse in tension with electromagnetic signal from GW170817 \Rightarrow constrains the EoS – soft model disfavored

Speed of sound and comparison to FRG

Speed of sound (squared) as a function of density



- ▶ Relatively mild dependence on model parameters
- ▶ Similar predictions as with the functional renormalization group method!

