## Probing exotic matter in neutron stars

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#### NS vs. Strange Quark Star structure



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#### Neutron Star Composition

- Different exotic matter associated with different phase transitions
- Can easily be seen in speed of sound but not necessarily in mass-radius



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### Parametric approach

- More controlled speed of sound parametric form can help to determine neutron-star composition
- Maximum stellar mass and radius can determine width, density, and height of bumps

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## With 1<sup>st</sup> order Phase Transition

- Zero speed of sound not ruled by observation of massive stars
- But constrained by extremely massive objects

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#### High-Density Limit

- There are many degeneracies
- But high-density behavior could be determined by large mass, small radius measurement
- \*  $M \ge 2.91 \pm 0.08 M_{Sun}$ implies  $n_{cent} \lesssim 4 n_{sat}$



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#### **Comparison with Other Systems**

- \* Cold catalyzed neutron stars cores:  $Y_Q = 0 \rightarrow 0.2$  (0.1)
- \* Heavy-ion collisions:  $Y_Q = 0.4 \rightarrow 0.5$  (also have  $Y_S=0$ )
- \* Supernovae explosions/proto-neutron stars:  $Y_Q = 0.1 \rightarrow 0.5$  (0.4)
- \* Neutron-star mergers ?



#### **Neutron-Star Merger Simulation**

- \* 3D (T,n<sub>B</sub>,Y<sub>Q</sub>) CMF tables with 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition
- \* Into coupled Einstein-hydrodynamics system (*Frankfurt/IllinoisGRMHD* code)
- Hot ring forms first, then a very hot region in the center with quarks





#### Simulation

#### \* Our simulation (Youtube) PRL 122 (2019) 6, 061101 e-Print: <u>1807.03684</u>



#### Merger in the QCD Phase Diagram

 Background: 2D (T,n<sub>B</sub>) CMF EoS with 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition for Y<sub>Q</sub>=Q/B=0.05



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#### Merger in the QCD Phase Diagram

- \* 3D CMF EoS with 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition
- Hypermassive star with final mass of 2.9 M<sub>Sun</sub> at ~5 ms (after deconfinement

but before collapse to black hole)



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#### Merger in the QCD phase Diagram

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 and density 
 during
 merger



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#### More Merger Phase Diagrams

★ Tracking maximum temperature ● and density ◆



- Increase in abs. value of charged EPJA 56 (2020) 2, 59 e-Print: 1910.13893
   chemical potential until phase transition, when it drops
- Decrease in charge fraction of core when quarks appear (never reaching heavy-ion/supernovae conditions)

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\* T,  $\tilde{\mu}$ ,  $Y_Q$  with charge fraction  $Y_Q = Q/B = 0 \rightarrow 0.5$ and Gibbs free energy per baryon  $\tilde{\mu} = \mu_B + Y_Q \mu_Q$ 

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- \* Larger Y<sub>Q</sub> (at fixed T) pushes the phase transition to larger  $\widetilde{\mu}$
- \* Lower Y<sub>Q</sub> (at fixed T) pushes the phase transition to lower  $\widetilde{\mu}$ !
- Changes due to Y<sub>Q</sub> effects on stiffness (particle population) on each side



#### 3D QCD Phase Diagrams ( $Y_s=0$ )



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#### **Chemical Equilibrium Lines**

- \* Leptons in chemical equil. with baryons/quarks  $\mu_Q = -\mu_{e,\mu}$
- \* Charge neutrality  $Y_Q = Y_{lepton}$ , finite strangeness  $Y_S \neq 0$



#### Comparison with Low-Energy Collision

\* CMF with excluded volume that reproduces crossover

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\* Final merger mass of 2.9  $M_{Sun}$  and collision with  $E_{lab}$  = 450 MeV



Present similar temperatures/entropies per baryon

#### **Comparison of Phase Diagrams**

\* Similar trajectories (other than stellar cold center and hot ring) allow connection of merger mass with lab energy



#### **Conclusions and Outlook**

- \* New tight constraints on neutron-star masses and radii can inform us about dense neutron-star matter
- Neutron-star mergers create unique ideal conditions to achieve and detect deconfinement to quark matter in astrophysics
- Comparisons among heavy-ion collisions and neutron stars can be very useful but must be done with care (Y<sub>Q</sub>, Y<sub>S</sub>, leptons, ...)
- \* Charge/isospin fractions affect significantly the deconfinement to quark matter:  $\mu_{\rm B}$  at deconfinement can change by up to 130 MeV and  $\mu_{\rm Q,I}$  by up to 330 MeV



# Equation of state: from heavy-ion collisions to neutron stars

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3D phase diagrams:

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## CMF (Chiral Mean Field) Model

- Non-linear realization of the linear sigma model
- Includes baryons (+ leptons) and quarks
- Baryon and quark effective masses

$$M_B^* = g_{B\sigma}\sigma + g_{B\delta}\tau_3\delta + g_{B\zeta}\zeta + M_{0_B} + g_{B\Phi}\Phi^2$$
$$M_q^* = g_{q\sigma}\sigma + g_{q\delta}\tau_3\delta + g_{q\zeta}\zeta + M_{0_q} + g_{q\Phi}(1 - \Phi)$$

- 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transitions or crossovers
- Potential for  $\Phi$ (deconfinement order parameter)  $U = (a_o T^4 + a_1 \mu_B^4 + a_2 T^2 \mu_B^2) \Phi^2$  $+ a_3 T_o^4 \ln(1 - 6\Phi^2 + 8\Phi^3 - 3\Phi^4)$
- Fitted to reproduce nuclear physics, astrophysics, lattice QCD
- In agreement with perturbative QCD

## Tidal Deformability

- Normalized stellar quadripole deformation by companion
- Calculated from finite-size effects in end of inspiral: 76 → 1045 with 90% confidence (De et. al 2018)
- Related to NS radius of M=1.4 M<sub>sun</sub> (Raithel et. al 2018)
- Universal relation?



Inspiral

Ringdown

Merger

## **Exploring Isovector Coupling**

- Using 3 relativistic EoS's that fulfil standard nuclear and astrophysical constraints: NL3, MBF, and CMF
- New vector-isovector channel  $L_{\omega\rho} = g_{\omega\rho}g_{\omega}^2 g_{\rho}^2 \omega_{\mu} \omega^{\mu} \rho_{\mu} \rho^{\mu}$ suggested by Horowitz and Piekarewicz  $\omega \rho$  coupling



- Non-trivial relation between  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  and  $\mathrm{R_{1.4M}_{Sun}}$ 

## **Exploring Isovector Coupling**

 New vector-isovector channel also in much better agreement with Effective Field Theory calculations from Hebeler et. al (2013) available for low densities



# What have we learned about dense matter from GW190814

- Merger of  $_{23.2^{+1.1}_{-1.0}}\,M_{Sun}$  black hole and a  $_{2.59^{+0.08}_{-0.09}}\,M_{sun}$  object
- New quark-vector interactions increase masses to  $>_2 M_{sun}$
- Rotation close to the Kepler frequency reproduces  $\sim 2.5~M_{sun}$  stars with hyperons and quarks



Exotic degrees of freedom are not excluded

## Magnetic massive stars

- Maximum fields allowed by axi-symmetric GR codes not enough to change significantly equation of state
- But decrease in hyperon fraction could increase stellar masses enough to explain GW190814 without rotation
- Stellar radius becomes much larger
- Still, exotic degrees of freedom are not excluded!



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## Hadronic Merger Simulations



## Merger Simulation with Deconf.

- 3D (T,  $\rho_{\text{B}}\text{,}\text{Y}_{\text{c}}\text{)}$  CMF EoS with/without quarks
- Solve coupled Einstein-hydrodynamics system using Frankfurt/IllinoisGRMHD code (FIL)
- Interesting results for final masses of 2.8 and 2.9 M<sub>sun</sub>



• Effects from quarks (h, f, phase) only after the merger <sup>35</sup>

## Inside Hypermassive Neutron Star

• At 5 ms after merger



- Increase of temperature, entropy per baryon, and s-quark fraction at phase transition
- Reaching heavy-ion entropies but with lots of net strangeness