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Oscillation of Neutron Stars

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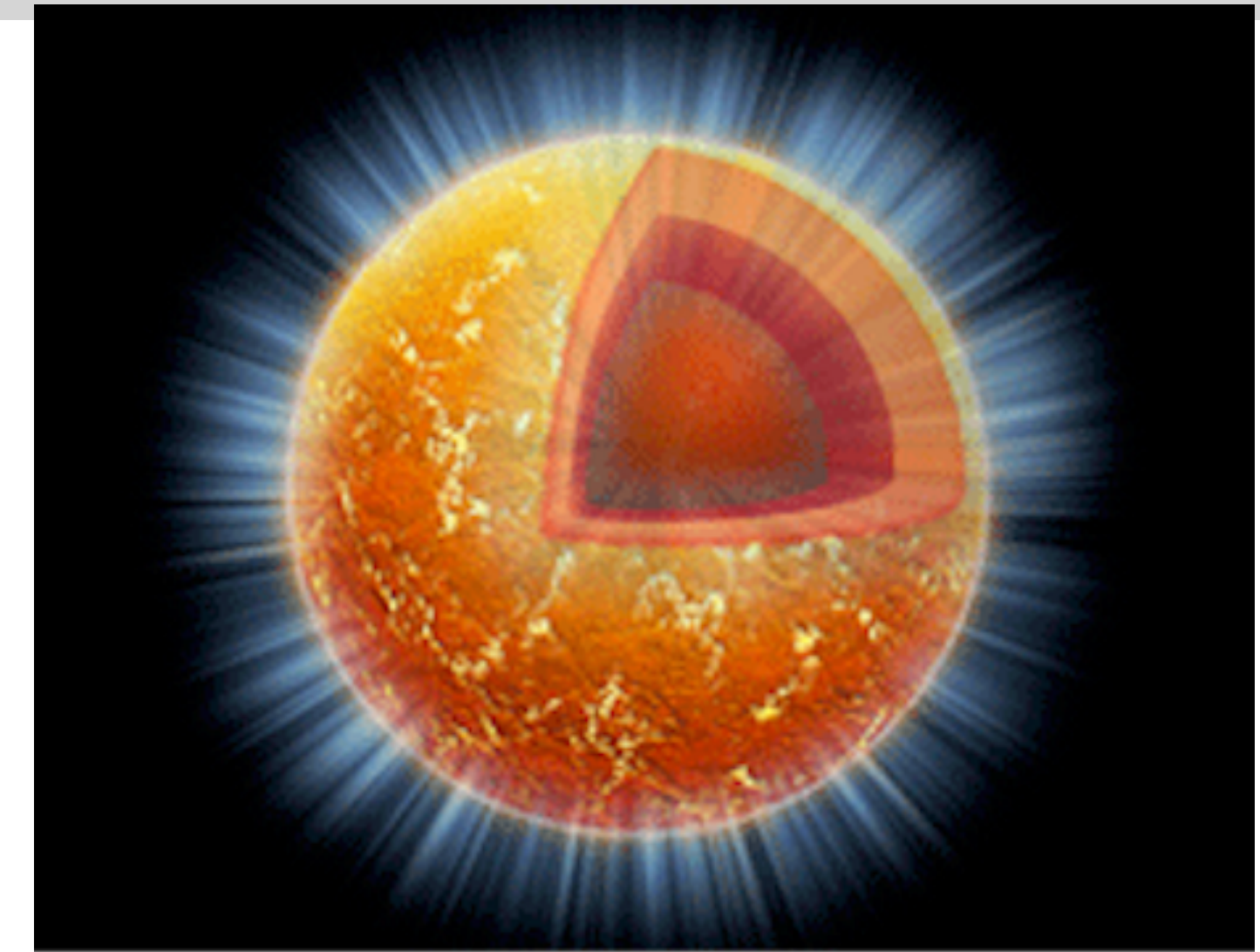
Equation of state (EOS) and structure of neutron star

Neutron Stars - Physics in extremes

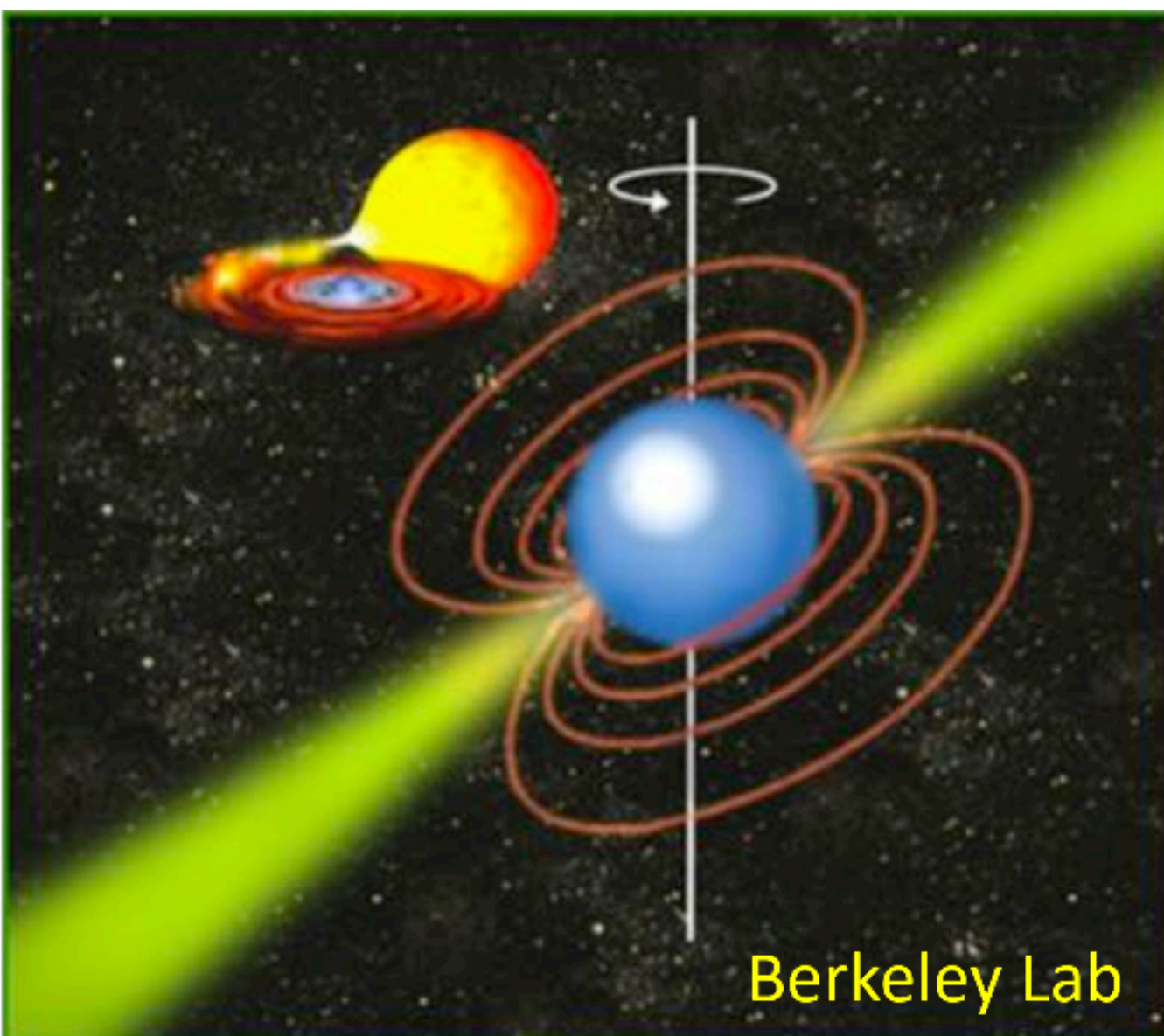
- Compactness $GM/Rc^2 \sim 0.2$, need GR
- Strong interactions are more important

Non-perturbative QCD + many-body interactions

- Electroweak interactions drive the astronomical emission



Credit: NASA/CXC/M.Weiss

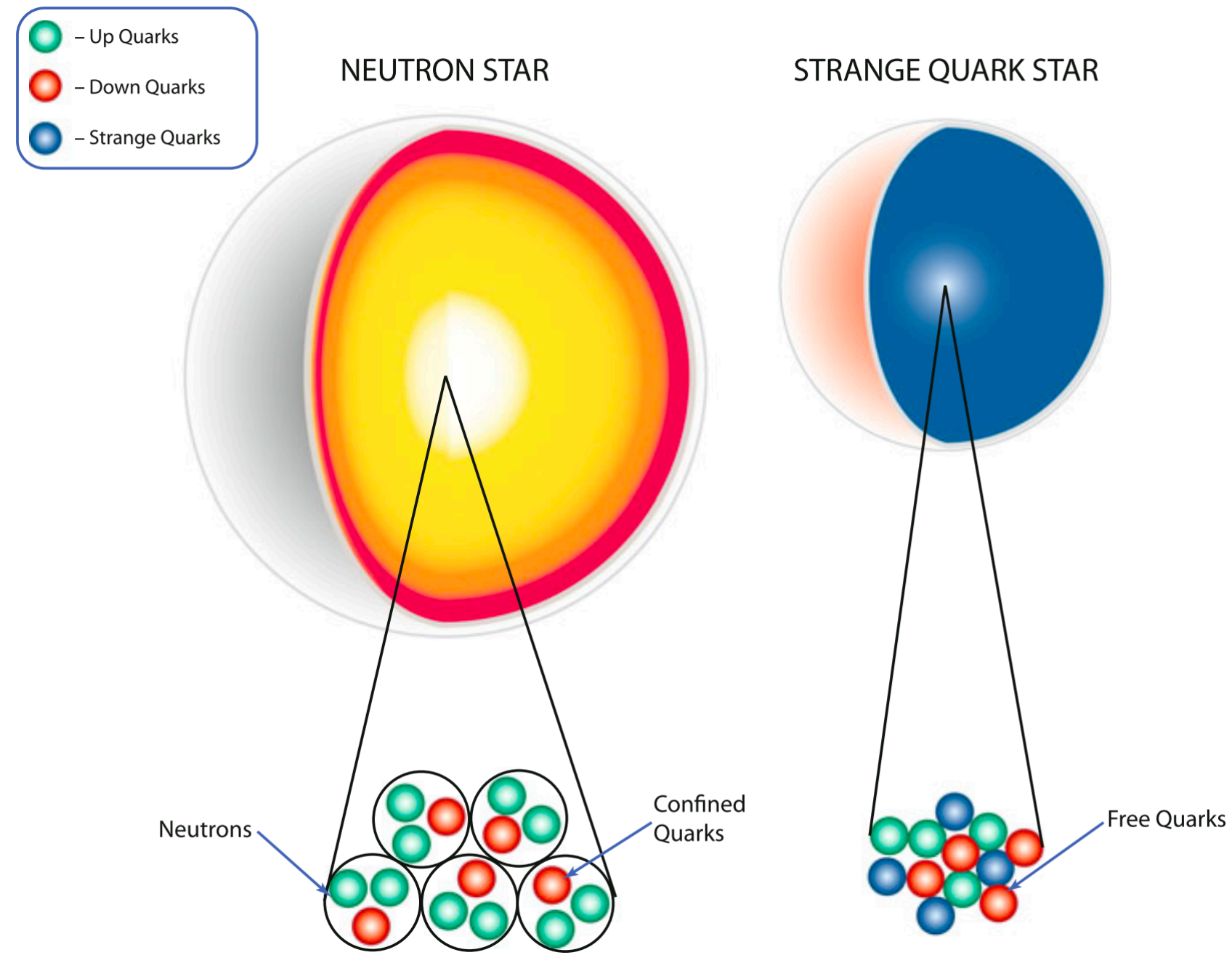


Neutron Stars - a unique interplay among

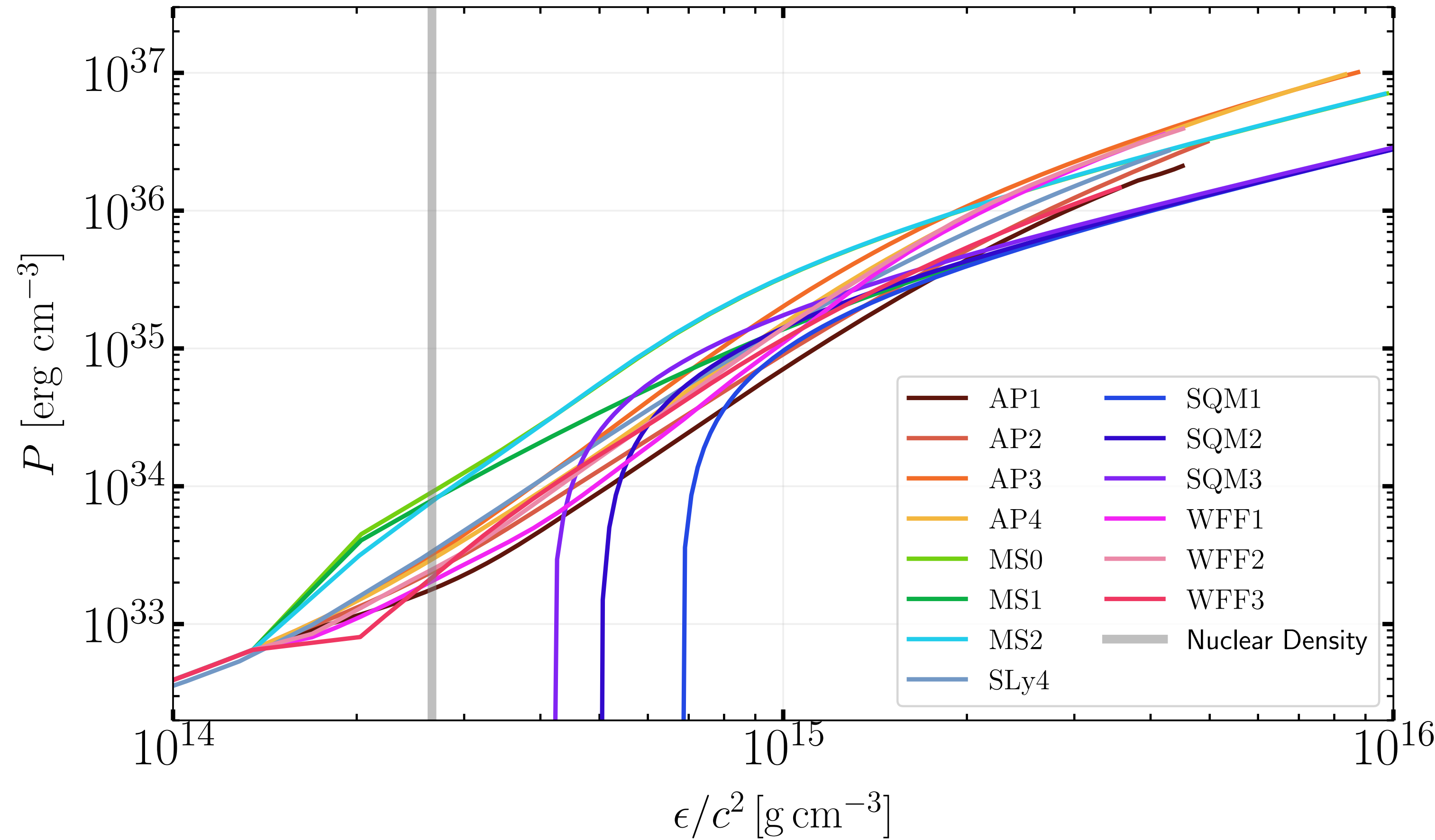
- astrophysics
- gravitational physics
- nuclear physics

After half a century since the discovery, we are **still far from understanding the composition of matter** in their cores!

The EOS model of NSs



Credit: Fortov, Extreme States of Matter, 2016

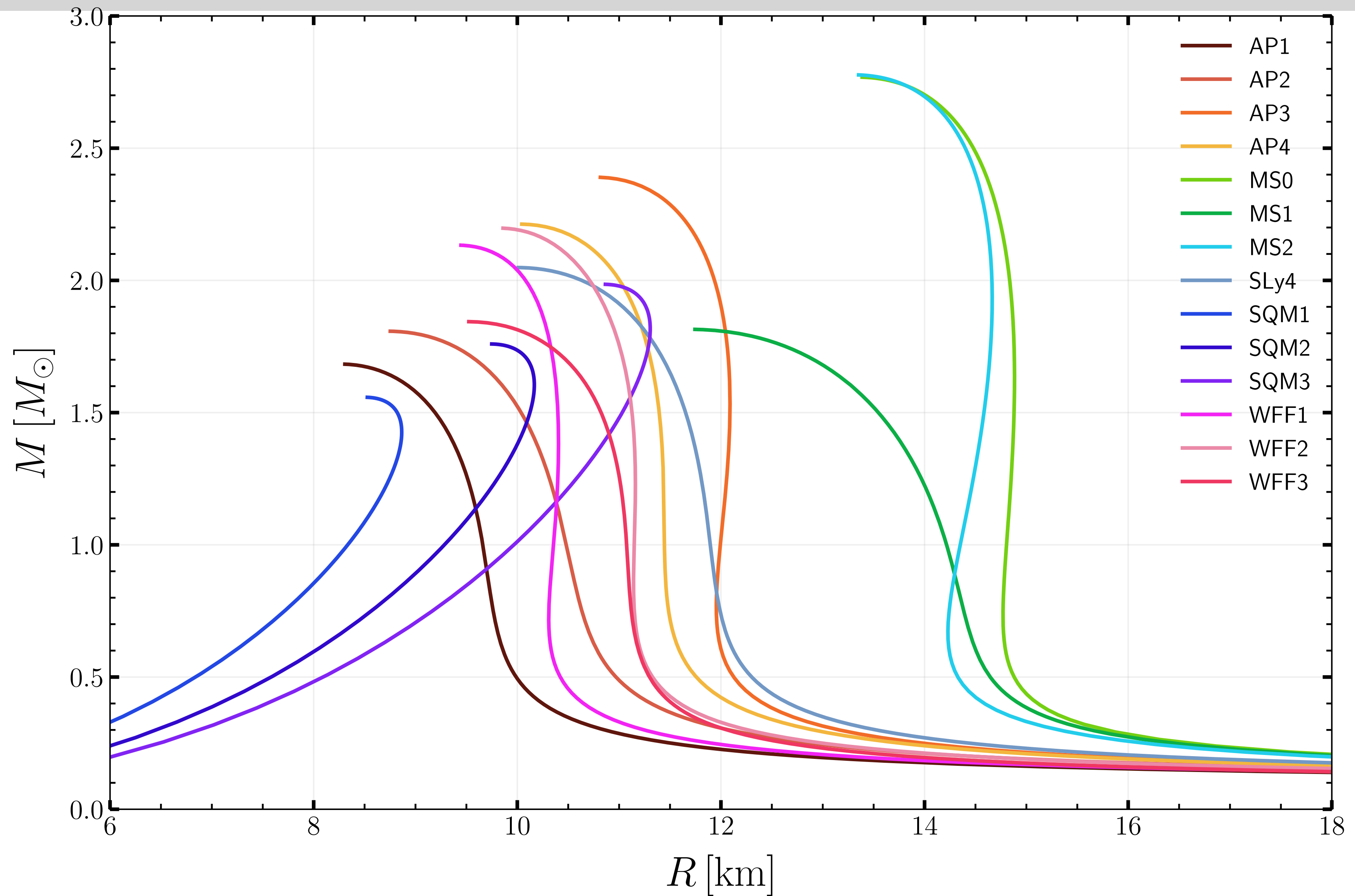


$$\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \epsilon / c^2$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{Gm\epsilon/c^2}{r^2} \left(1 + \frac{P}{\epsilon}\right) \left(1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 P}{mc^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{rc^2}\right)^{-1}$$

↑ Inverse problem
mass and radius

Mass and radius relation



Perturbation analysis in Newtonian gravity

Oscillation modes

Fluid equations:

Mass conservation $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$

Euler equations $\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\rho \nabla \Phi - \nabla P$

Poisson's equation $\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \rho$

The system is completed by providing an **equation of state** (EOS):

$$P = P(\rho, \dots)$$

The gravity (g) mode of the NS

Oscillation modes

Consider the small adiabatic oscillations of a self-gravitating fluid globe

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \delta\rho \quad P = P_0 + \delta P \quad \Phi = \Phi_0 + \delta\Phi$$

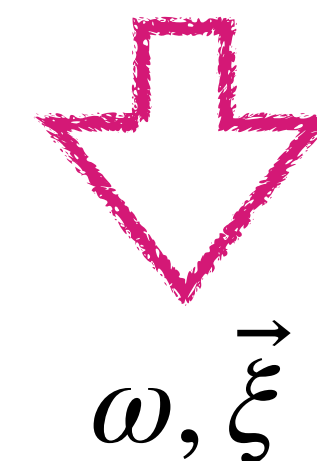
Linearly perturbed fluid equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta\rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{\xi}) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\xi}}{\partial t^2} &= -\nabla \delta\Phi - \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \nabla \Phi - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \delta P \\ \nabla^2(\delta\Phi) &= 4\pi G(\delta\rho) \\ \frac{\Delta P}{P} &= \Gamma_1 \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Assuming $\vec{\xi}(t, \vec{r}) = \vec{\xi}(\vec{r})e^{i\omega t}$

$$-\omega^2 \vec{\xi} + \vec{C}(\vec{\xi}) = 0$$

+
boundary conditions



$\omega, \vec{\xi}$

Eulerian (δ) and Lagrangian (Δ) perturbations are related via: $\Delta Q = \delta Q + \vec{\xi} \cdot \nabla Q$

Oscillation modes

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{\xi}}{\partial t^2} = - \underbrace{\nabla \left(\frac{\delta P}{\rho} \right)}_{\text{pressure}} + \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma_1 P}{\rho} \vec{A} (\nabla \cdot \vec{\xi})}_{\text{buoyancy}} - \nabla \delta \Phi$$

We consider the EOS, $\rho = \rho(P, S)$

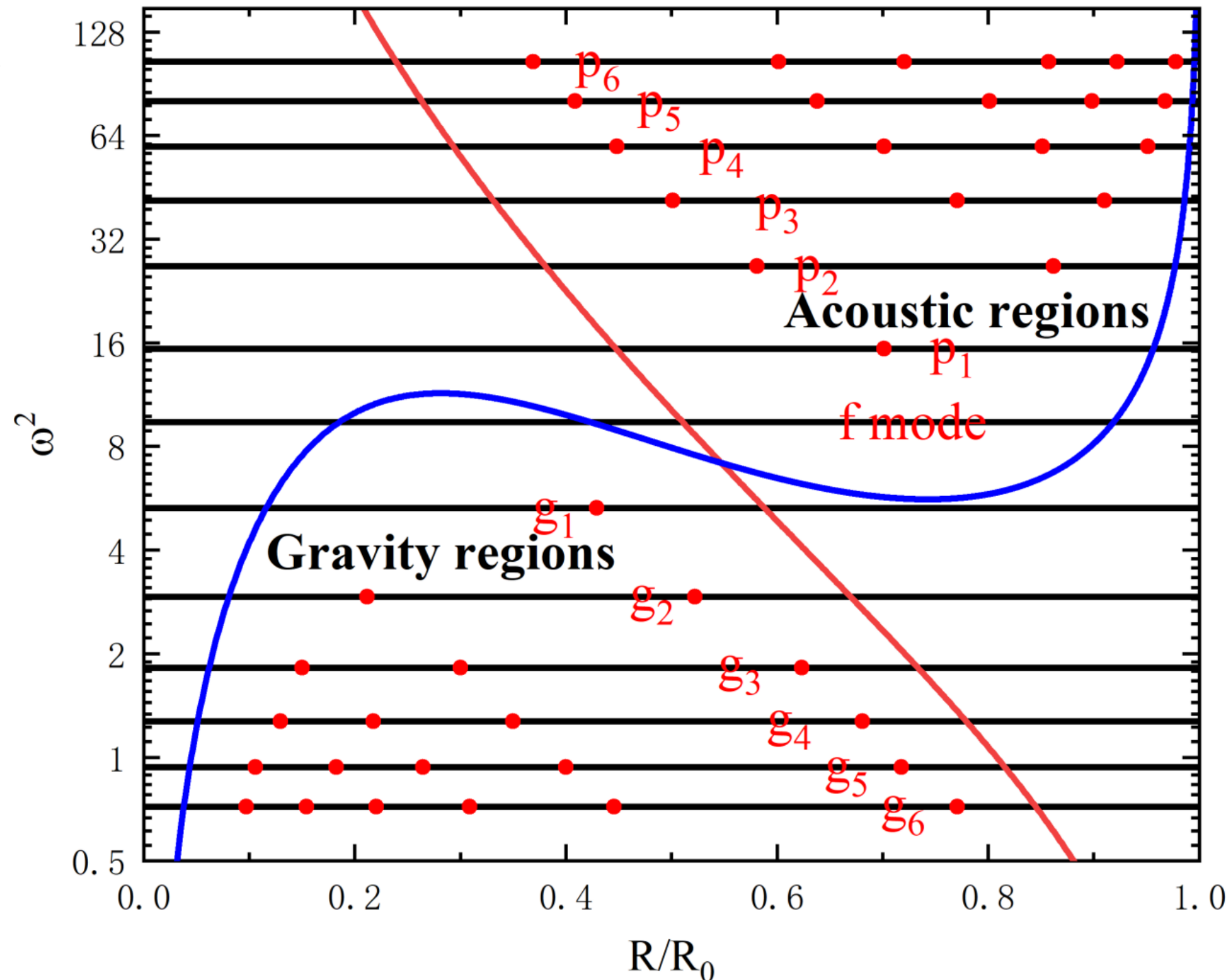
Buoyancy frequency (g-mode)

$$N^2 = -Ag = g^2 \left(\frac{1}{c_e^2} - \frac{1}{c_s^2} \right) > 0$$

$$A = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dr} - \frac{1}{\Gamma_1 P} \frac{dP}{dr}$$

- Composition gradient
- Density discontinuity
- Temperature

Li et al., 2023



The pseudo-Newtonian gravity

Motivation

(1) Numerical simulations

I: The pseudo-Newtonian formulations are commonly used in the numerical simulations of core-collapse supernova (CCSN)

Marek et al. (2006), Mueller et al. 2008, Yakunin et al. 2015, Morozova et al. 2018, OConnor et al. 2018

II: Many works have identified features in the GW signals associated with the **g-mode of the proto-neutron star (PNS)**

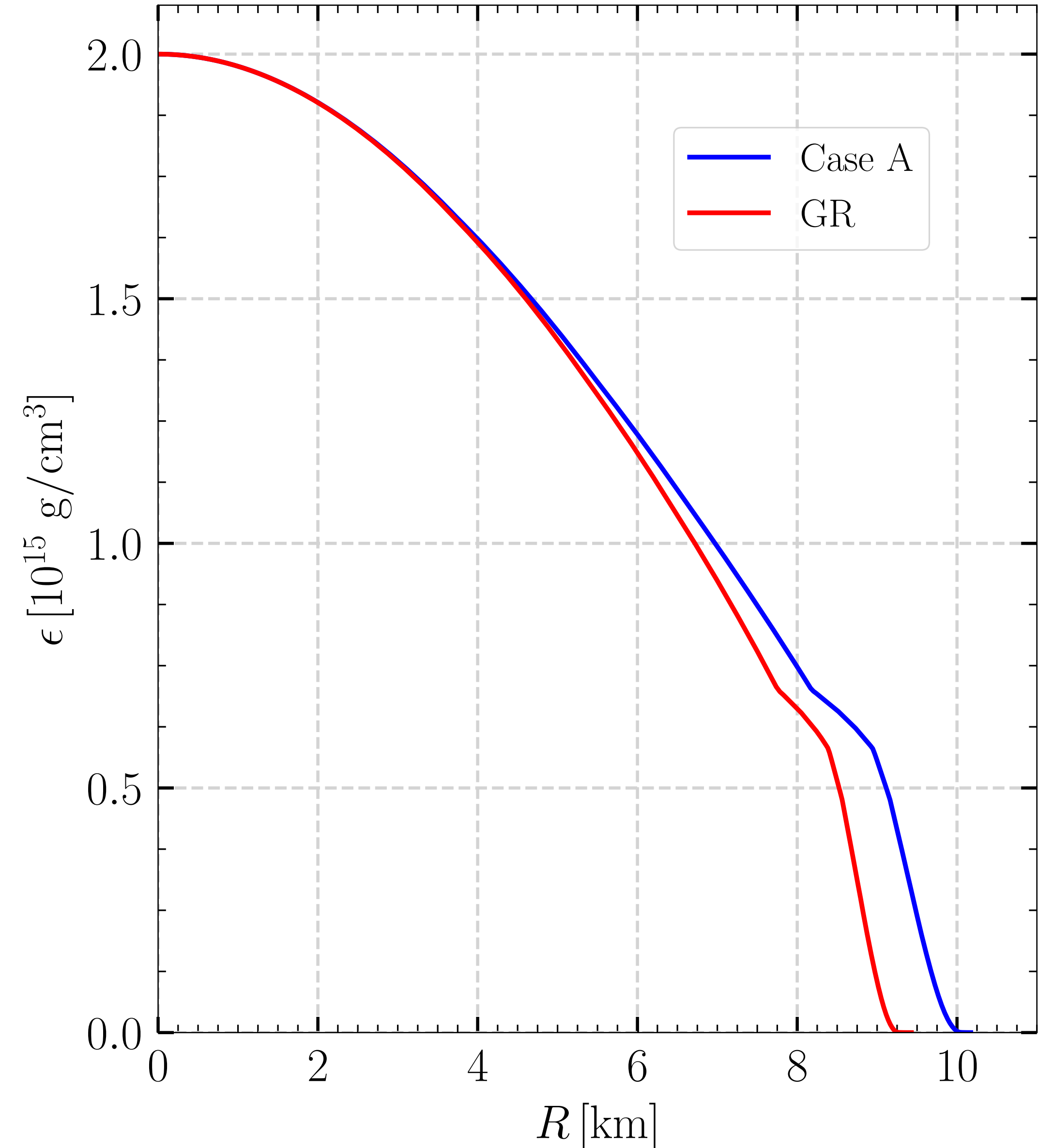
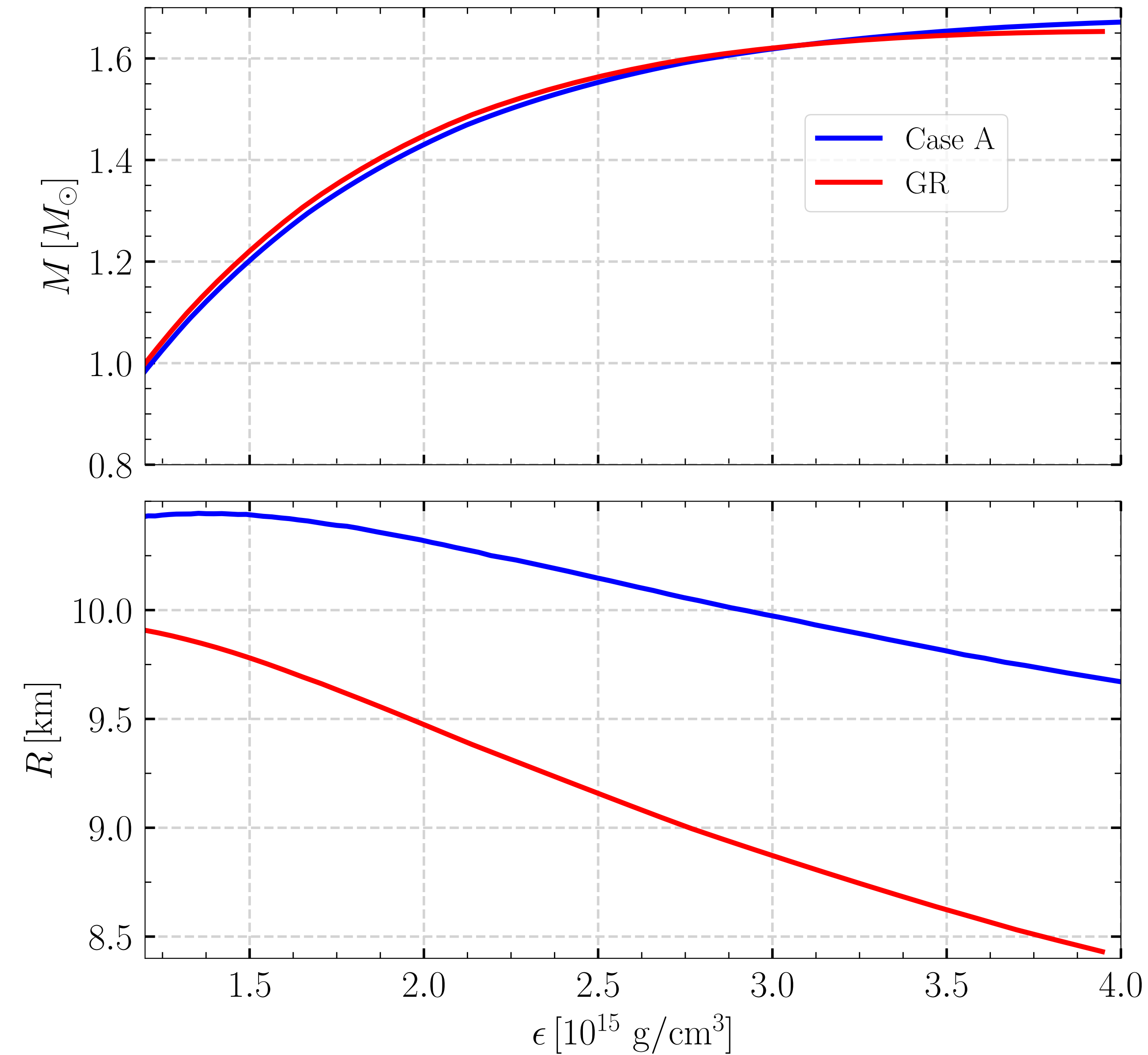
Murphy et al. 2009, Mueller et al. 2012, Cerda-Duran et al. 2013, Kuroda et al. 2016, Andresen et al. 2016

(2) Perturbative calculations

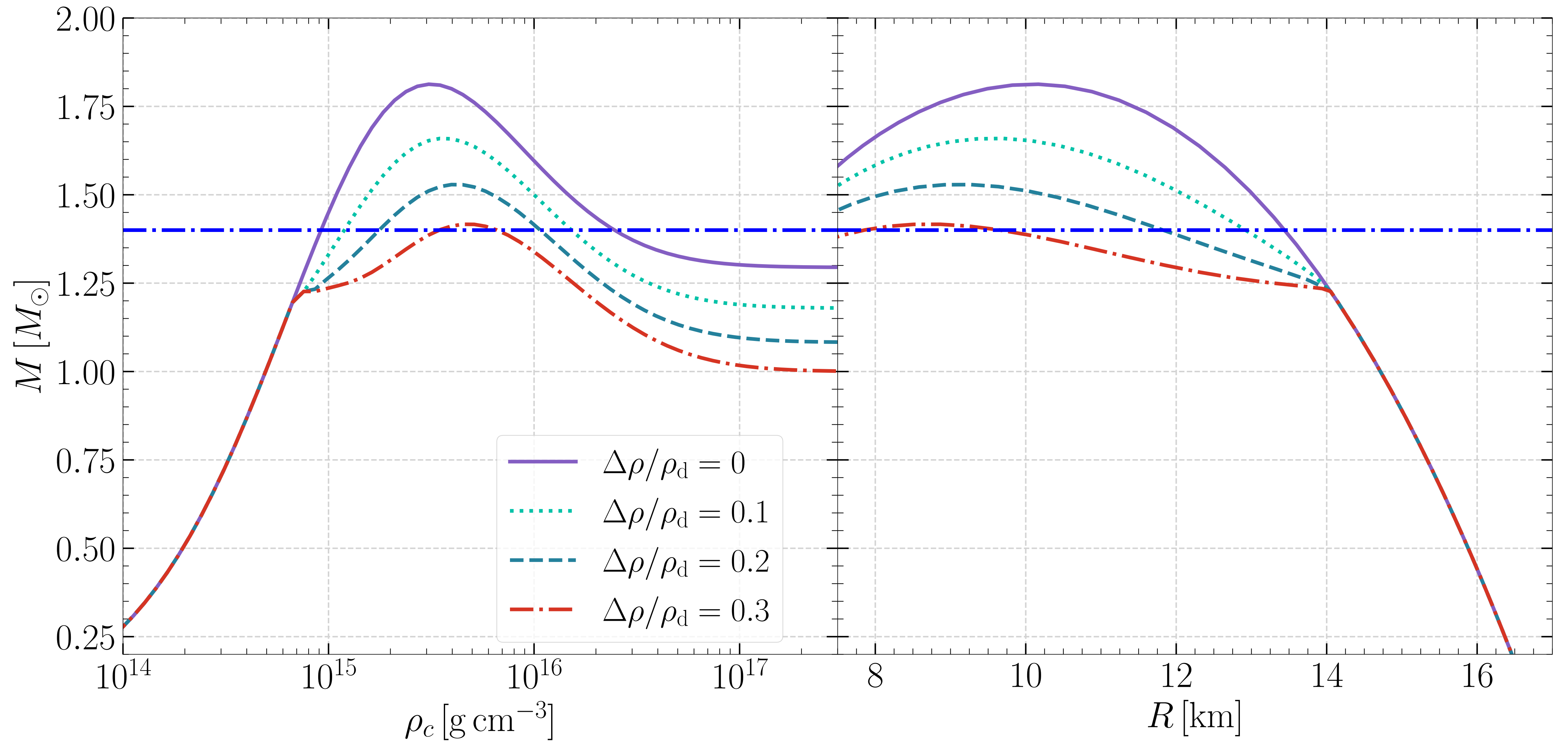
Tang and Lin (2022) studied the radial and non-radial oscillation modes of NSs in pseudo-Newtonian gravity

only considered the barotropic oscillations of NSs (f and p modes)

The general relativistic and pseudo-Newtonian gravity

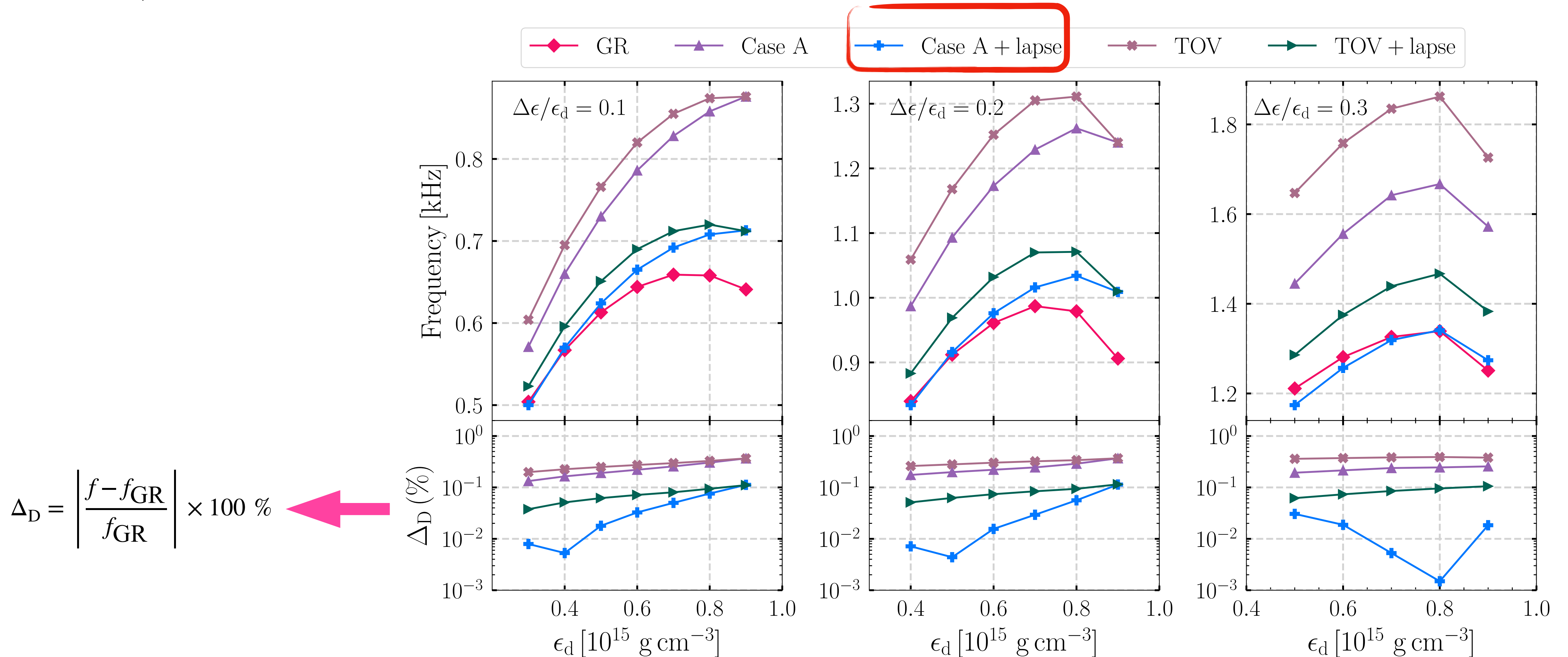


Density discontinuity



The g-mode of NSs: density discontinuity

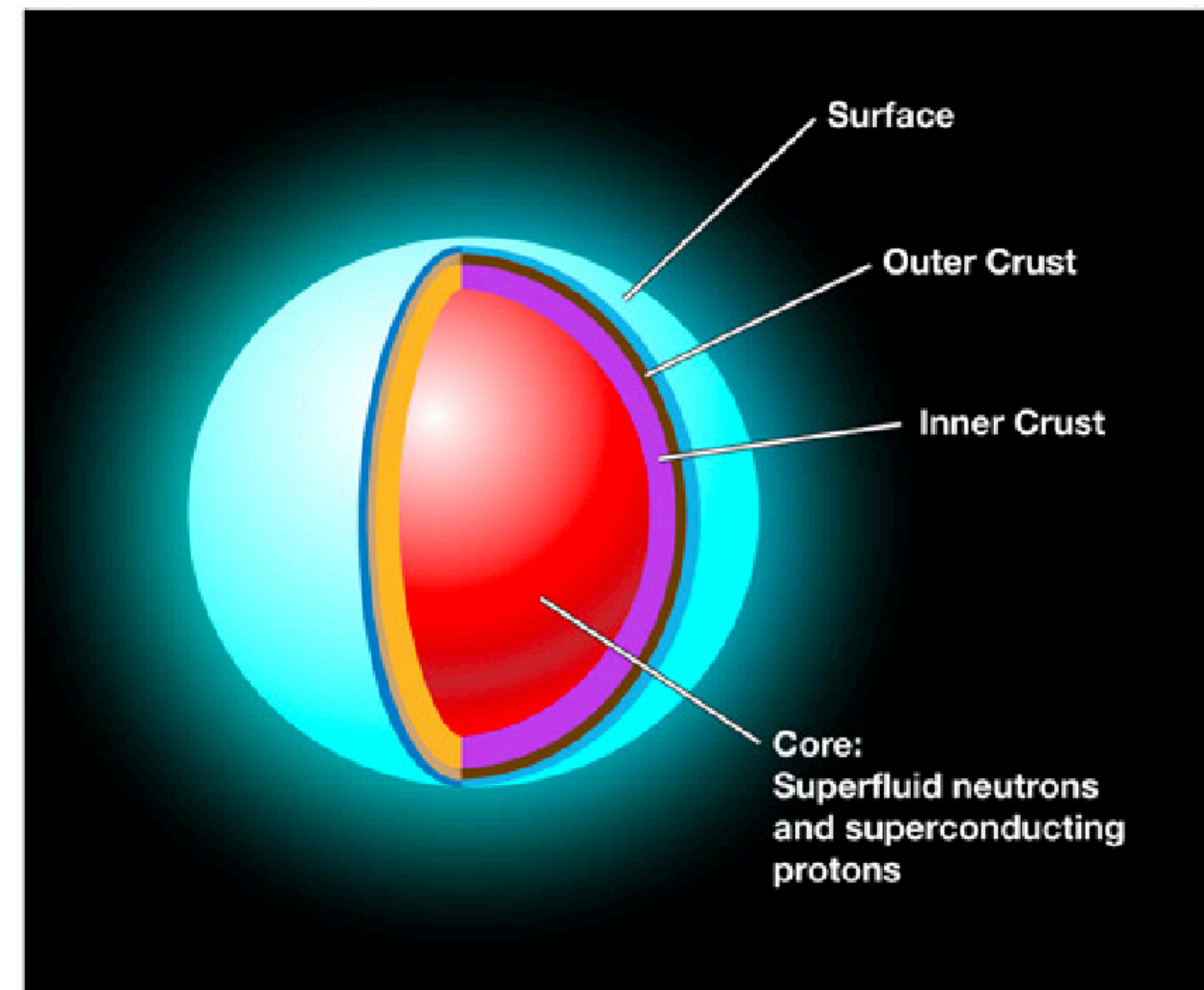
The g-mode frequencies in **pseudo-Newtonian** treatments can be approximated remarkably well to the **GR** solutions, with **relative errors in the order of 1%**



Structure of Neutron Star Crust

Even though the crust of a neutron star represents about **1%** of the stellar mass and **10%** of the radius, it is thought to be related to various astrophysical phenomena:

- (1) Pulsar glitch
- (2) X-ray (super)bursts
- (3) Gravitational wave emission
(mountains)
- (4) Giant flares from soft gamma-ray
repeaters and quasiperiodic oscillations
(QPOs)



Credit: Chamel, 2016

Structure of neutron star crust

(1): Structure of the outer crust

The matter at densities below neutron drip is not only relevant for **neutron star crusts** but also for **white dwarfs**

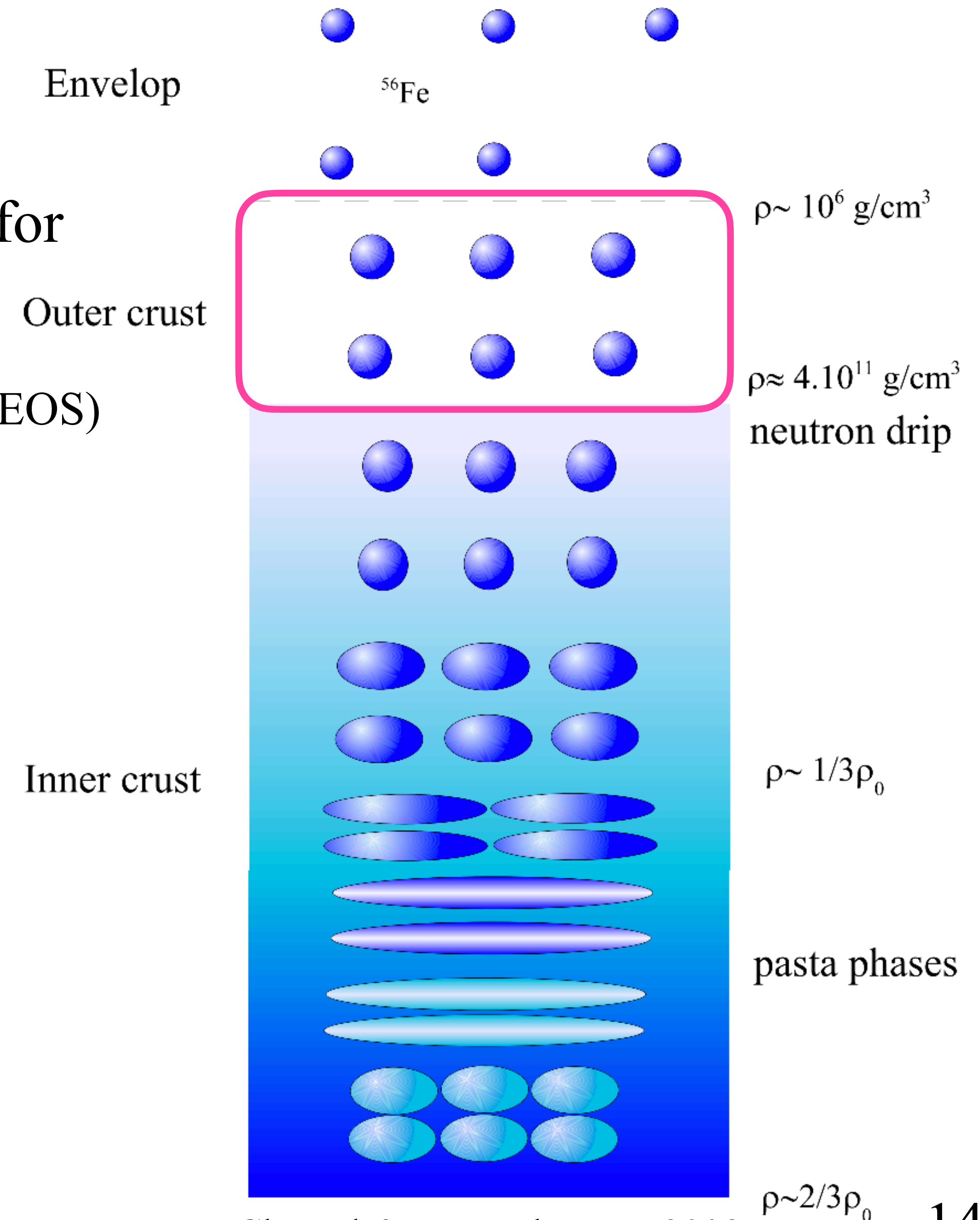
Following the classical paper of Baym, Pethick, and Sutherland, 1971 (BPS EOS)

Total energy density:

$$\epsilon = n_N E\{A, Z\} + \epsilon_e + \epsilon_L$$

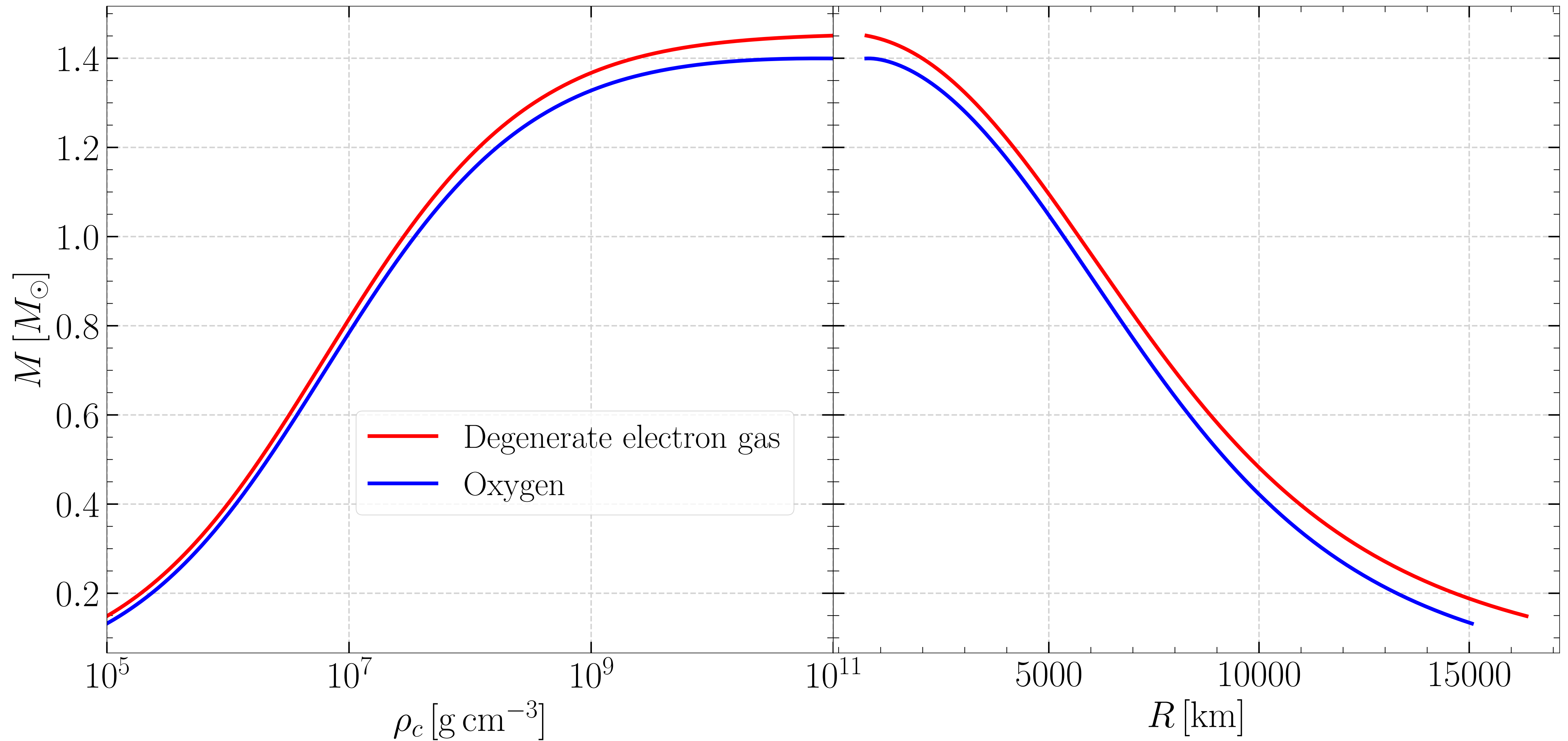
n_N is the number density of nuclei

$E\{A, Z\}$ is the energy of a nucleus with Z protons and $(A-Z)$ neutrons



Crystallized white dwarfs

Mass-central density/radius relation for crystallized white dwarfs



Observations: quasi-periodic oscillations (QPOs)

Giant flares in SGRs

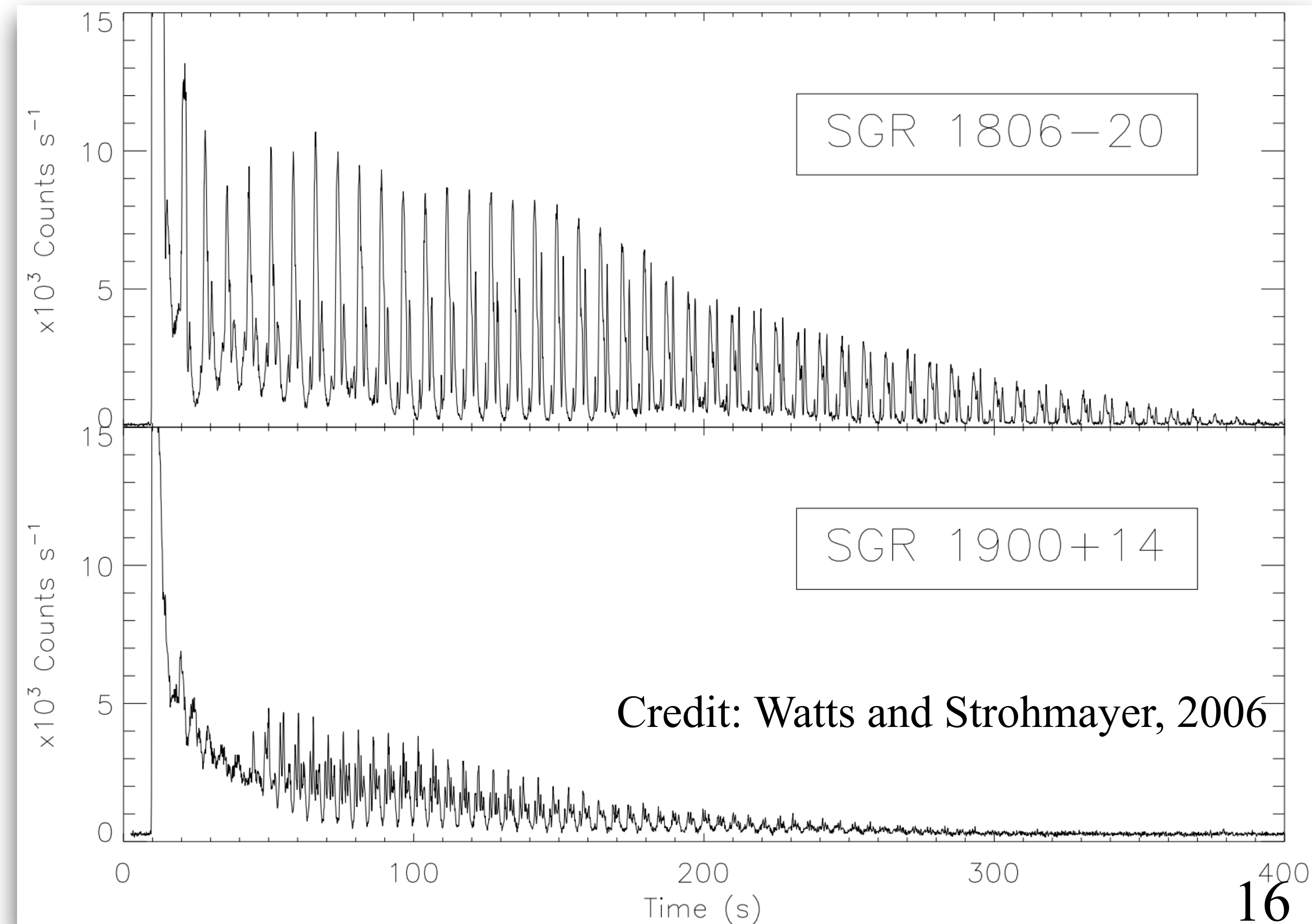
Credit: Watts and Strohmayer, 2006

A decaying tail for several hundred seconds follows the flare

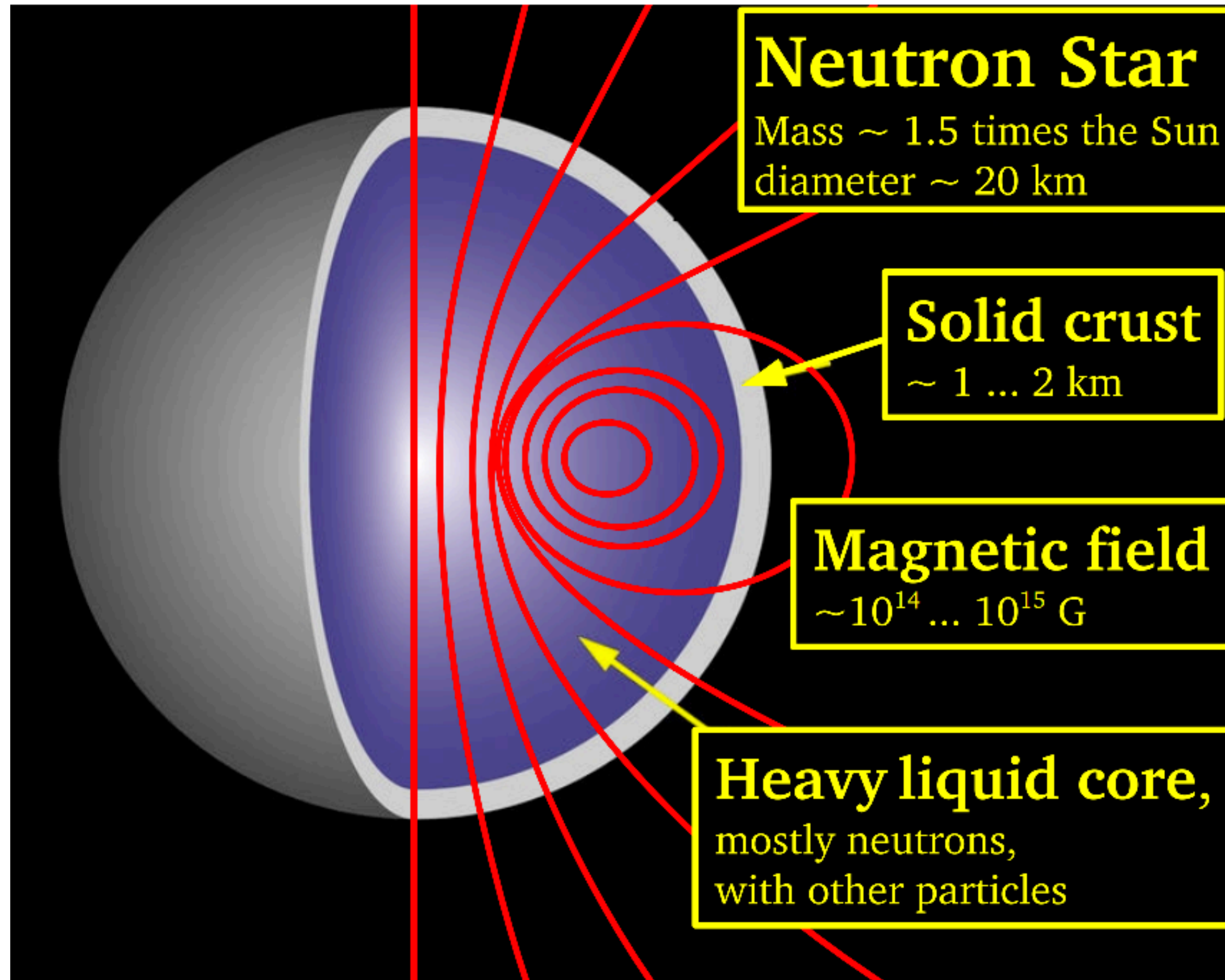
QPOs in decaying tail

Israel et al., 2005; Strohmayer and Watts, 2005;
Watts and Strohmayer, 2006

- SGR 1900+14 (1998): 28, 53, 84, 155 Hz
- SGR 1806-20 (2004): 18, 26, 29, 92.5, 150, 626.5, 720, 976, 1837, 2384 Hz



Where do the QPOs come from? Are they Starquakes?



Credit: Michael Gabler, 2014

Possible origin of the observed frequencies

(I) Discrete Shear modes (**crust**)?

(II) Alfvén oscillations:
coupled crust-core oscillations?

with or without superfluid effects,
pasta phases, ...

(III) **Magnetospheric**: oscillations?

(Glampedakis et al. 06; Levin 07; Van Hoven & Levin 11 & 12; Colaiuda et al. 10 & 11 & 12; Gabler et al. 11, 12, 13, 16, & 18, Passamonti 12, 13, 14 & 16, Sotani et al. 07, 08, 13, 14, 15...)



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