Darmstadt Lecture 1 – History and Global Structure

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Pulsars: The Early History

- 1932 Landau suggests the existence of giant nucleus stars.
- 1932 Chadwick discovers the neutron.

1934 Baade & Zwicky predicts the existence of neutron stars as the end products of supernovae.

- **1939** Oppenheimer and Volkoff predict the upper mass limit of neutron star.
- **1964** Hoyle, Narlikar and Wheeler predict neutron stars rapidly rotate.
- **1964** Prediction that neutron stars have intense magnetic fields.
- 1966 Colgate and White incorporate neutrinos into supernova hydrodynamics.
- **1966** Wheeler predicts the Crab nebula is powered by a rotating neutron star.
- **1967** Pacini makes the first magnetic pulsar model.
- **1967** C. Schisler discovers a dozen pulsing radio sources, including one in the Crab pulsar, using secret military radar in Alaska.
- **1967** Hewish et al. discover the pulsar PSR 1919+21, Aug 6.

1968 Discovery of a pulsar in the Crab Nebula which was slowing down, ruling out binary models. Also clinched the connection with core-collapse supernovae.

- **1968** T. Gold identifies pulsars with rotating magnetized neutron stars.
- **1968** The term "pulsar" first appears in print, in the Daily Telegraph.
- **1969** Vela pulsar glitches observed; evidence for superfluidity in neutron stars.
- **1971** Accretion powered X-ray pulsar discovered by Uhuru (*not* the Lt.).
- 1974 Hewish awarded Nobel Prize (but Jocelyn Bell Burnell was not).

Pulsars: Later Discoveries

1974 Lattimer & Schramm suggest neutron star mergers make the r-process.

1974 First binary pulsar, PSR 1913+16, discovered by Hulse and Taylor.

1979 Taylor et al. observe orbital decay due to gravitational radiation in the PSR 1913+16 system, leading to their Nobel Prize in 1993.

- **1979** Chart recording of PSR 1919+21 used as album cover for *Unknown Pleasures* by Joy Division (#19/100 greatest British albums ever).
- 1982 First millisecond pulsar, PSR B1937+21, discovered by Backer et al.
- **1992** Wolszczan and Frail find first extra-solar planets around PSR B1257+12.
- 1988 First black widow pulsar, PSR 1957+20, discovered by Fruchter et al.
- **1992** Duncan & Thompson predict existence of magnetars.
- **1994** Discovery of PSR J0108-1431 which has the lowest known dispersion measure and is possibly the closest known pulsar.
- **1998** Li & Paczynski propose neutron star mergers make kilonovae.

2004 Largest burst of energy in our Galaxy since Kepler's SN 1604 is observed from magnetar SGR 1806-20. It was brighter than the full moon in gamma rays and radiated more energy in 0.1 second than the Sun does in 100,000 years.

- 2004 Hessels et al. discover the fastest (716 Hz) pulsar, PSR J1748-2446ad.
- **2005** Burgay et al. discover the first binary with two pulsars, PSR J0737-3039.
- **2013** Measurement of largest mass, 2.01 M_{\odot} , for PSR J0348+0432.
- **2013** Ransom et al. discover a pulsar in a triple system with 2 white dwarfs.
- 2017 LVC discovers the first binary neutron star merger, GW170817.



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Stellar Structure in the Newtonian Limit

In the Newtonian limit, the structure equations are

$$\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi\rho r^2, \qquad \frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{Gm\rho}{r^2}$$

There are a number of analytic solutions. $\rho = \rho_c = \text{constant yields}$

$$m = \frac{4\pi}{3}\rho_c r^3, \qquad p = \frac{G\rho_c M}{2R}\left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right].$$

The central pressure is $p_c = G\rho_c M/(2R) = 3GM/(8\pi R^3)$.

Another analytic case is $p = K \rho^2$. Now we find

$$ho =
ho_c rac{\sin\sqrt{2\pi G/K}r}{\sqrt{2\pi G/K}r}, \qquad p_c = K
ho_c^2, \qquad M = rac{4}{\pi}
ho_c R^3, \qquad R = \sqrt{rac{\pi K}{2G}}.$$

The causality limit, $dp/d\rho = c^2$, is reached when $GM/R = c^2$. Still another case is $\rho = \rho_c [1 - (r/R)^2]$, leading to

$$p = \frac{4\pi}{15} G \rho_c^2 R^2 \left[1 - \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 + 2 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^4 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^6 \right] = \frac{2\pi}{15} G \rho^2 R^2 \left(1 + \frac{\rho}{\rho_c} \right),$$

$$M = 8\pi \rho_c R^3 / 15, \qquad p_c = 4\pi G \rho_c^2 R^2 / 15.$$

This becomes acausal when $GM/R = 4c^2/5$.

Newtonian Polytropes

In many situations, it can be convenient or a good approximation to assume $p = K \rho^{\gamma}$ where K and γ are constants for the whole star. Such configurations are called polytropes of index $n = 1/(\gamma - 1)$.

We can determine the gravitational potential energy, where the Newtonian potential is $\phi = -m/r$. Noting that in general

$$d\Omega = -\frac{Gmdm}{r} = -4\pi Gm\rho r dr = 4\pi r^3 p = 3V dp, \qquad \Omega = -3\int_V p dV,$$

we determine Ω for a polytrope:

$$\begin{split} \Omega &= -\int_{V} \frac{Gmdm}{r} = -\frac{G}{2} \int_{V} \frac{d(m^{2})}{r} = -\frac{GM^{2}}{2R} + \frac{G}{2} \int_{V} m \frac{dp}{\rho} = \\ &= -\frac{GM^{2}}{2R} + \frac{n+1}{2} G \int_{V} md \left(\frac{p}{\rho}\right) = -\frac{GM^{2}}{2R} - \frac{n+1}{2} G \int_{V} \frac{p}{\rho} dm \\ &= -\frac{GM^{2}}{2R} - \frac{n+1}{2} G \int_{V} pdV = -\frac{GM^{2}}{2R} + \frac{n+1}{6} \Omega \\ &= -\frac{3}{5-n} \frac{GM^{2}}{R}. \end{split}$$

Polytropes in Nature

Non-degenerate, non-relativistic ionized gas (nuclei + electrons) including radiation pressure, with $\beta = p_{gas}/p_{rad}$ fixed: Can apply to moderate- to high-mass main-sequence stars, $\gamma = 4/3$.

$$T = \left[\frac{3N_0k_B}{\mu\beta a}(1-\beta)\right]^{1/3}\rho^{1/3}$$
$$\rho = \frac{N_0k_B}{\mu}\rho T + \frac{a}{3}T^4 = \frac{N_0k_B}{\mu\beta} \left[\frac{3N_0k_B}{\mu\beta a}(1-\beta)\right]^{1/3}\rho^{4/3},$$

Stars in convective equilibrium, for which the entropy is constant, radiation pressure is negligible, and the gas is non-relativistic. Can apply to stars forming on the Hayashi track, or to very low-mass main sequence stars, $\gamma = 5/3$.

$$s = \frac{5}{2} - \ln\left[\left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2mk_BT}\right)^{3/2} \rho \frac{N_0 k_B}{\mu}\right] = \text{ constant}$$
$$p = \frac{N_0 k_B}{\mu} \rho T = \frac{\hbar^2 \rho}{2m} \left(\frac{N_0 k_B}{\mu}\right)^{5/3} e^{2s/3 - 5/3} = K \rho^{5/3}.$$

An isothermal, non-degenerate perfect gas with pairs, radiation and electrostatic interactions negligible. Could be a dense molecular cloud core prior to its collapse, $\gamma = 1$:

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{N_0 k_B}{\mu} \rho T.$$

An incompressible fluid.

A zeroth order approximation to a neutron star, $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$.

Non-relativistic degenerate fermions.

Can apply to low-density white dwarfs and cores of evolved stars, $\gamma = 5/3$.

Relativistic degenerate fermions.

Can apply to high-density white dwars, $\gamma = 4/3$.

Cold matter at planetary core densities.

Degenerate non-relativistic electrons plus nuclear Coulomb lattice pressure, but electrons are not uniformly distributed due to Coulomb effects, $\gamma = 10/3$.

Structure of Newtonian Polytropes

Form dimensionless variables $\xi = r/A$ and $\theta = (\rho/\rho_c)^{1/n}$. Substitute these relations into the Newtonian hydrostatic equilibrium equations:

$$\frac{1}{\xi^2}\frac{d}{d\xi}\left(\xi^2\frac{d\theta}{d\xi}\right) = -\theta^n,$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{(n+1)K}{4\pi G}}\rho_c^{(1-n)/n},$$

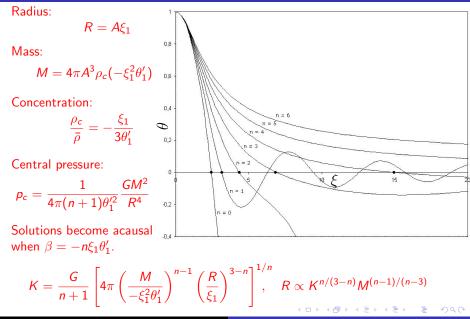
with boundary conditions $\theta = 1$ and $\theta' = d\theta/d\xi = 0$ at $\xi = 0$. The surface $\theta = 0$ is at the radius $\xi = \xi_1$. This is the **Lane-Emden** equation.

n	γ	$ heta(\xi)$	ξ_1	$-\xi_1^2 \theta_1'$	$-\xi_1/(3 heta_1')$	$[4\pi(n+1)\theta_1'^2]^{-1}$
0	∞	$1-\xi^2/6$	$\sqrt{6}$	$2\sqrt{6}$	1	$3/(8\pi)$
1	2	$\sin(\xi)/\xi$	π	π	$\pi^{2}/3$	$\pi/8$
3/2	5/3		3.654	2.714	5.992	0.7704
2	3/2		4.353	2.411	11.40	1.638
3	4/3		6.897	2.018	54.19	11.05
3.25	17/13		8.011	1.950	88.15	20.36
4	5/4		14.97	1.797	622.3	247.5
5	6/5	$(1+\xi^2/3)^{-1/2}$	∞	$\sqrt{3}$	∞	

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Polytrope Solution Details



Einstein's Equations for the Schwarzschild Interior Solution

Einstein's equations for this metric are:

$$8\pi\varepsilon = \frac{1}{r^2}(1 - e^{-2\Lambda}) + e^{-2\Lambda}\frac{2}{r}\frac{d\Lambda}{dr},$$

$$8\pi\rho = -\frac{1}{r^2}(1 - e^{-2\Lambda}) + e^{-2\Lambda}\frac{2}{r}\frac{d\Phi}{dr},$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{dr} = -(\rho + \varepsilon)\frac{d\Phi}{dr}.$$

We use units such that G = c = 1, so that $1M_{\odot}$ is equivalent to 1.475 km, and a pressure of 1 MeV fm⁻³ is equivalent to $1.3229 \cdot 10^{-6}$ km⁻². The first can be integrated to give

$$e^{-2\Lambda} = 1-2m/r$$
, $\frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \varepsilon$, $m = 4\pi \int_0^r \varepsilon r'^2 dr' = \frac{r}{2} \ln \left(1-e^{-2\Lambda}\right)$.

The second and third combined give the so-called TOV equation:

$$-rac{dp}{dr}rac{1}{arepsilon+p}=rac{d\Phi}{dr}=rac{m+4\pi r^{3}p}{r(r-2m)},\qquad r\leq R$$

At the center $r \to 0$, $dp/dr = d\varepsilon/dr = d\Phi/dr = d\Lambda/dr = 0$ and $m = 4\pi r^3 \varepsilon_c/3 \to 0$; at the surface $r \to R$, p = 0, m = M and $\Phi = -\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - \frac{2M}{R}}$.

The Uniform Density Solution in GR

Assume
$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_c$$
. Then the inconsistency
 $p = n^2 \frac{dU}{dn} = n^2 \frac{d(\varepsilon/n - m_b)}{dn} = -\varepsilon_c$
requires that $n = n_0$ and $U = U_0$. One finds with compactness $\beta \equiv M/R$:
 $m = \frac{4\pi}{3}\varepsilon_0 r^3$, $e^{\Phi} = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{1 - 2\beta} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - 2\beta(r/R)^2}$,
 $e^{-\Lambda} = \sqrt{1 - 2\beta\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2}$, $p = \varepsilon_c \frac{\sqrt{1 - 2\beta} - \sqrt{1 - 2\beta(r/R)^2}}{\sqrt{1 - 2\beta(r/R)^2} - 3\sqrt{1 - 2\beta}}$,

The central pressure p_c becomes infinite when $\beta \leq 4/9$. This is the limiting compactness for **any** spherically symmetric star (**Buchdahl's Theorem**). Causality requires that $p_c < \varepsilon_c$, or $\beta \leq 3/8$ (although $c_s^2 = dp/d\varepsilon = \infty$ for this solution in any case.) We show later that $\beta \leq 0.354$ is the real causal limit. Assuming $U_0 = 0$, the binding energy is analytic

$$\frac{\mathrm{BE}}{M} = \frac{3}{4\beta} \left(\frac{\sin^{-1} \sqrt{2\beta}}{\sqrt{2\beta}} - \sqrt{1-2\beta} \right) - 1 \simeq \frac{3\beta}{5} + \frac{9\beta^2}{14} + \cdots$$

In the case that U_0/m_b is finite, this expansion becomes

$$\frac{\mathrm{BE}}{M} \simeq \left(1 + \frac{U_0}{m_b}\right)^{-1} \left[-\frac{U_0}{m_b} + \frac{3\beta}{5} + \frac{9\beta^2}{14} + \cdots\right].$$
$$I \simeq 0.4MR^2 \left(1 - 0.87\beta - 0.3\beta^2\right)^{-1}$$

Buchdahl's Solution

A more realistic solution, with vanishing density at the surface, was discovered in 1967 by Buchdahl. It is the only known analytic solution with a specific equation of state, an extension of an n = 1 polytrope ($p \propto \varepsilon^2$ for $\varepsilon \to 0$): $\varepsilon = \sqrt{p_*p} - 5p$,

where p_* is a parameter. Define two parametric radial variables

$$u = rac{eta \sin Ar'}{Ar'}, \qquad r' = rac{r(1-2eta)}{1-eta+u}$$

where $A^2 = 2\pi p_*(1-2\beta)^{-1}$. Then it is found that

$$e^{2\Phi} = (1 - 2\beta) \frac{1 - \beta - u}{1 - \beta + u},$$

$$e^{2\Lambda} = \frac{(1 - 2\beta)(1 - \beta + u)}{(1 - \beta - u)(1 - \beta + \beta \cos Ar')^2},$$

$$p = \frac{A^2 u^2}{8\pi} \frac{1 - 2\beta}{(1 - \beta + u)^2} = \frac{u}{2} \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \beta - 3u/2},$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{A^2 u}{4\pi} \frac{1 - 2\beta}{(1 - \beta - 3u/2)(1 - \beta + u)^2},$$

$$nm_b = \sqrt{pp_*} \left(1 - 4\sqrt{\frac{p}{p_*}}\right)^{3/2}, \qquad c_s^2 = \frac{dp}{d\varepsilon} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{p_*}{p_*}} - 5\right)^{-1}.$$

For this solution, the radius, central pressure, energy and number densities, and binding energy and moment of inertia are

$$R = (1 - \beta) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2p_*(1 - 2\beta)}},$$

$$p_c = \frac{p_*}{4} \beta^2, \qquad \varepsilon_c = \frac{p_*}{2} \beta (1 - 5\beta/2), \qquad n_c m_b = \frac{p_*}{2} \beta (1 - 2\beta)^{3/2},$$

$$\frac{BE}{M} = \frac{(1 - 1.5\beta)}{(1 - \beta)\sqrt{1 - 2\beta}} - 1 \approx \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{\beta^2}{2} + \frac{3\beta^3}{4} + \cdots$$

$$\frac{I}{MR^2} \simeq \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{\pi^2}\right) \left(1 - 1.81\beta + 0.47\beta^2\right)^{-1}$$

The limit $p_c \leq \varepsilon_c$, required by causality, implies $\beta \leq 1/3$. However, the real causality condition, $c_{s,c} \leq 1$, implies $\beta \leq 1/6$.

The first of these equations is an explicit M - R relation with scaling factor p_* ,

$$\frac{M}{R} = \sqrt{\frac{2p_*R^2}{\pi}}\sqrt{\frac{2p_*R^2}{\pi} - 1} + 1 - \frac{2p_*R^2}{\pi}.$$

This can also be written as a quartic equation for R(M).

The Newtonian limit, $\beta \to 0$, has $R = (2p_*/\pi)^{-1/2}$. As expected, this is independent of M. The causal limit has $R = (5/4)(3p_*/\pi)^{-1/2}$, which is only 2.06% larger.

Tolman VII Solution

This is a realistic solution, discovered by Tolman in 1939, in which $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_c (1 - x)$ where $x = (r/R)^2$.

$$e^{-2\Lambda} = 1 - \beta x (5 - 3x) = 1 - \frac{2m}{r},$$

$$e^{2\Phi} = (1 - 5\beta/3) \cos^2 \phi,$$

$$p = \frac{1}{4\pi R^2} \left[\sqrt{3\beta} e^{-\Lambda} \tan \phi - \frac{\beta}{2} (5 - 3x) \right],$$

$$n = \frac{(\varepsilon + P)}{m} \frac{\cos \phi}{\cos \phi_1},$$

$$\phi = \frac{w(x = 1) - w}{2} + \phi_1,$$

$$\phi_1 = \phi(x = 1) = \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\beta}{3(1 - 2\beta)}} \right),$$

$$w = \ln \left[x - \frac{5}{6} + \frac{e^{-\Lambda}}{\sqrt{3\beta}} \right].$$

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Central values of p/ε and the square of the sound speed are

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{p}{\varepsilon} \\ _{c} \end{pmatrix}_{c} = \frac{2 \tan \phi_{c}}{5} \sqrt{\frac{1}{3\beta}} - \frac{1}{3},$$

$$c_{s,c}^{2} = \tan \phi_{c} \left(\frac{1}{5} \tan \phi_{c} + \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{3}} \right).$$

There is no analytic result for the binding energy, but a series expansion is

$$\frac{\mathrm{BE}}{M} \simeq \frac{11\beta}{21} + \frac{7187\beta^2}{18018} + \frac{68371\beta^3}{306306} + \cdots$$

In order that p_c remain finite, this solution is limited to $\phi(x = 0) < \pi/2$, or $\beta < 0.3862$.

$$rac{I}{MR^2}\simeqrac{2}{7}\left(1-1.1eta-0.6eta^2
ight)^{-1}$$

Causality ($c_{s,c} < 1$) requires $\beta < 0.2698$.

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Narai's Solution

Yet another analytic solution was discovered by Narai in 1950 using the parametric variable r',

$$r=\frac{e}{c}\frac{r'}{\cos f}\sqrt{1-2\beta}.$$

The metric functions are expressed in terms of auxiliary functions f and g:

$$e^{-\Lambda} = \sqrt{1 - 3\beta} \left(\frac{r'}{R'}\right)^2 \tan f,$$

$$e^{\Phi} = \sqrt{1 - 2\beta} \frac{e \cos g}{c \cos f},$$

$$f = \cos^{-1} e + \sqrt{\frac{3\beta}{4}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r'}{R'}\right)^2\right],$$

$$g = \cos^{-1} c + \sqrt{\frac{3\beta}{2}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r'}{R'}\right)^2\right].$$

The quantities e and c are

$$e^{2} = \cos^{2} f(R') = \frac{2 + \beta + 2\sqrt{1 - 2\beta}}{4 + \beta/3}$$

$$c^{2} = \cos^{2} g(R') = \frac{2e^{2}}{2e^{2} + (1 - e^{2})(7e^{2} - 3)(5e^{2} - 3)^{-1}}.$$

Thermodynamic variables are

$$p = \frac{\cos f}{4\pi R'^2} \frac{c^2}{e^2} \sqrt{3\beta} \left\{ \sqrt{2} \cos f \tan g \left[1 - \sqrt{3\beta} \left(\frac{r'}{R'} \right)^2 \tan f \right] - \frac{1}{2} \sin f \left[2 - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{3\beta} \left(\frac{r'}{R'} \right)^2 \tan f \right] \right\},$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{3\beta}}{4\pi R'^2 \sqrt{1 - 2\beta}} \frac{c^2}{e^2} \left[3 \sin f \cos f - \sqrt{\frac{3\beta}{4}} \left(\frac{r'}{R'} \right)^2 (3 - \cos^2 f) \right],$$

$$m = \frac{r'^3}{R'^2} \frac{e}{c} \frac{\tan f}{\cos f} \sqrt{3\beta(1 - 2\beta)} \left[1 - \sqrt{\frac{3\beta}{4}} \left(\frac{r'}{R'} \right)^2 \tan f \right].$$

The pressure-density ratio and sound speed at the center are

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{p_c}{\rho_c} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sqrt{2} \cot f(0) \tan g(0) - 2 \right), \\ &c_{s,c}^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(2 \tan^2 g(0) - \tan^2 f(0) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The central pressure and sound speed become infinite when $\cos g(0) = 0$ or when $\beta = 0.4126$, and the causality limit is $\beta = 0.223$. This solution behaves similarly to Tolman VII.

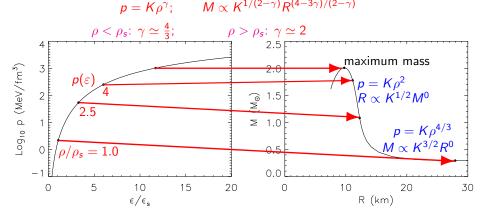
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Neutron Star Structure

Newtonian Gravity:

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{Gm\rho}{r^2}; \qquad \frac{dm}{dr} = 4\pi\rho r^2; \qquad \rho c^2 = \varepsilon$$

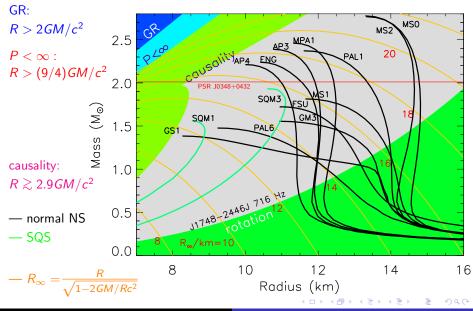
Newtonian Polytrope:



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Mass-Radius Diagram and Theoretical Constraints



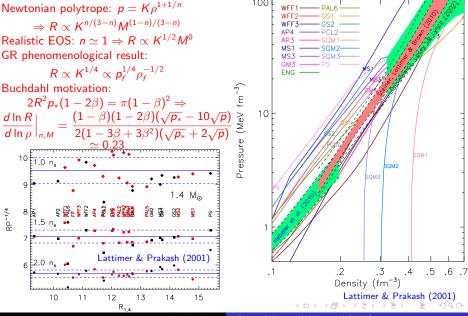
Why do radii of stars with masses $1.2M_{\odot} \lesssim M \lesssim 1.8M_{\odot}$ have such a small variation (±0.5 km) about a **common** radius \hat{R} ? Why do different equations of state predict such a wide range of common radii (9 km $\lesssim \hat{R} \lesssim 15$ km)?

Answers:

In the density range $\rho_s \lesssim \rho \lesssim 3\rho_s$ equations of state that satisfy the $2M_{\odot}$ maximum mass constraint generally predict $P \propto \rho^2$.

The common radius seems to be determined by the pressure of neutron star matter in the density range $\rho_s \lesssim \rho \lesssim 2\rho_s$.

Pressure - Radius Correlation



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