

# Role of Hyperons on the Hadron Star to Quark Star Conversion Model

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# Compact Objects

## Hadronic Stars (HS)

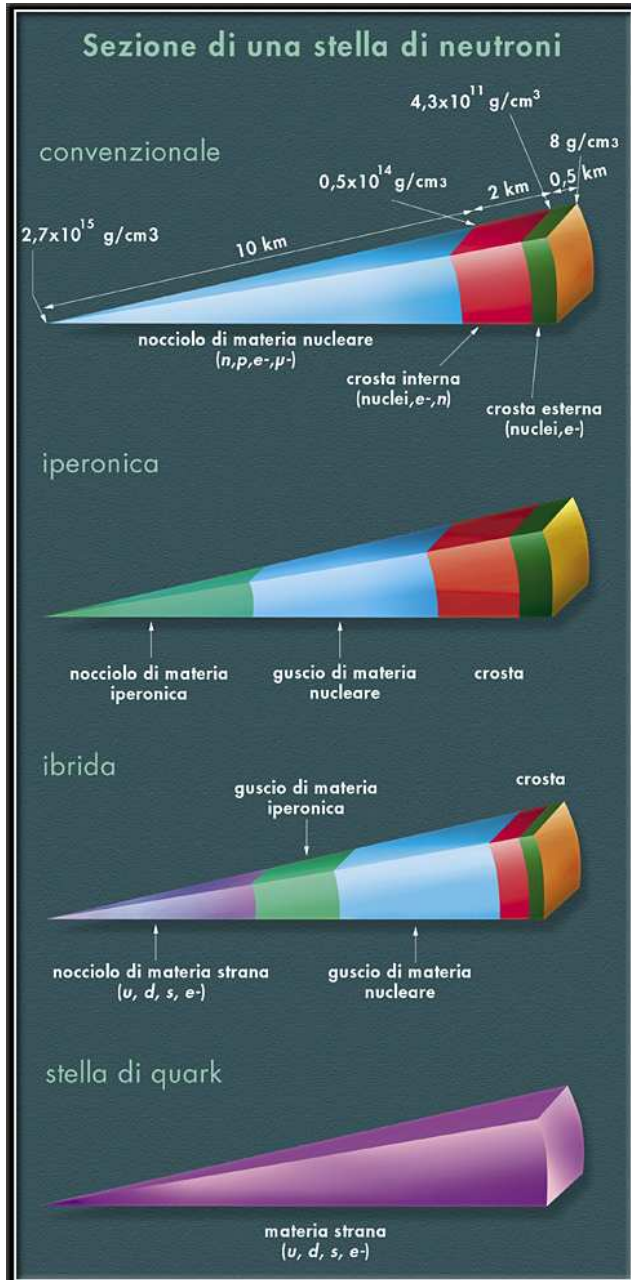
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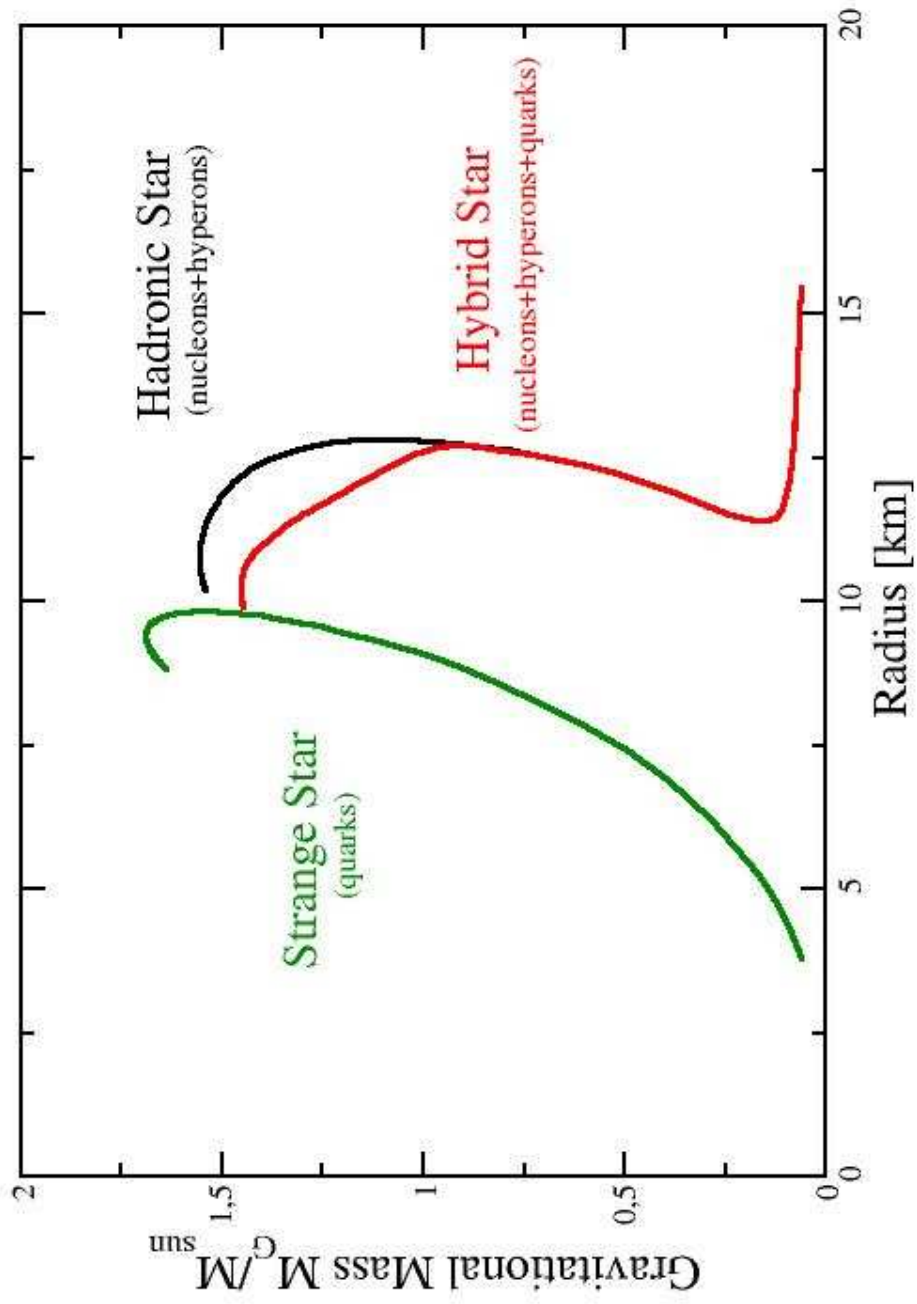
- Hyperonic Stars

## Hybrid Stars (HyS)

Quark Stars

## Strange Stars (SS)





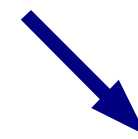
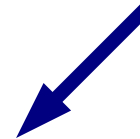
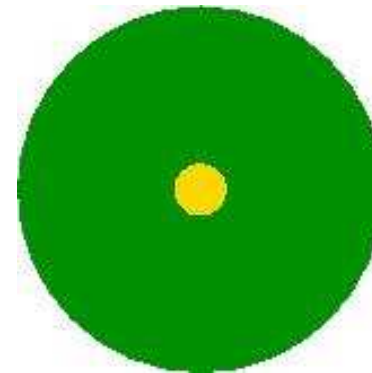
# Scenario for HS to HyS(SS) conversion

Central Pressure increase due to  
spin down or mass accretion

Formation of drop of QM



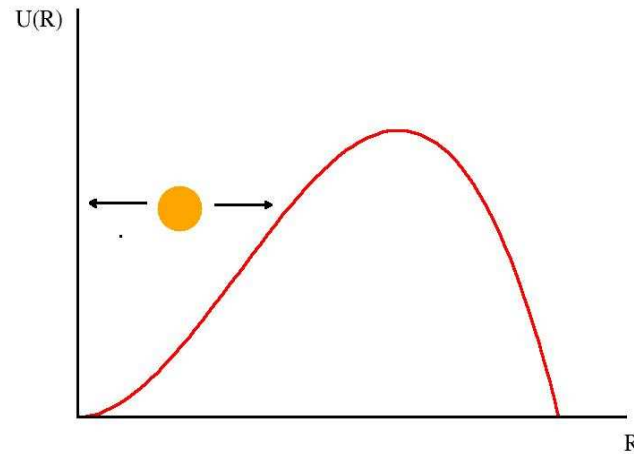
$$P_{central} > P_{critical}$$



The Hadron Star lives in a metastable state with a “mean-life time” related with the nucleation time to form a drop of QM.

# QM drop formation

A **virtual QM drop** moves back and forth in the **potential well** separating the two phases on a time  $\tau$  set by the **strong interaction**

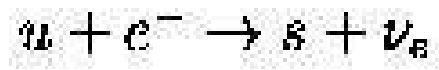
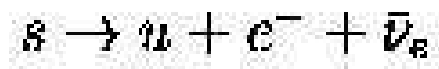
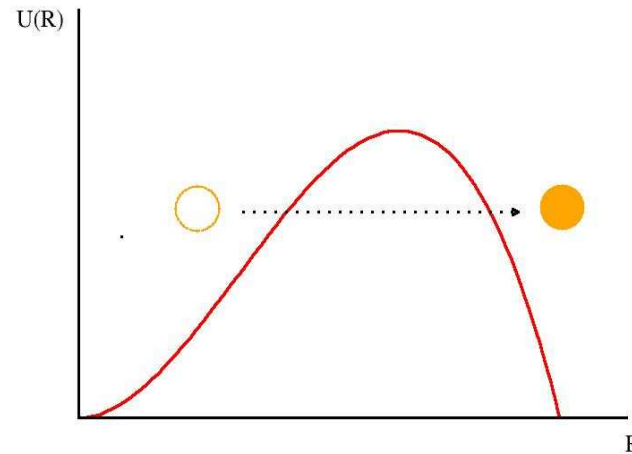


Quark flavor conserved during deconfinement

Equal to that of  $\beta$ -stable hadronic system at the static transition point

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_u \\ x_d \\ x_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_p \\ x_n \\ x_\Lambda \\ x_{\Sigma^+} \\ x_{\Sigma^0} \\ x_{\Sigma^-} \\ x_{\Xi^0} \\ x_{\Xi^-} \end{pmatrix}$$

After a time  $\tau$  the **virtual QM drop** tunnels the **potential well** becoming a **real QM drop**



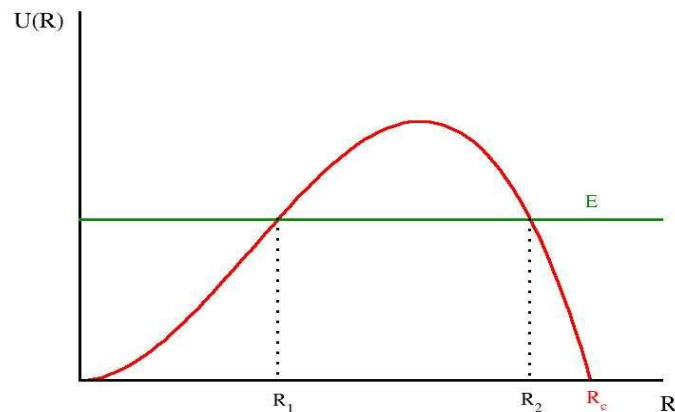
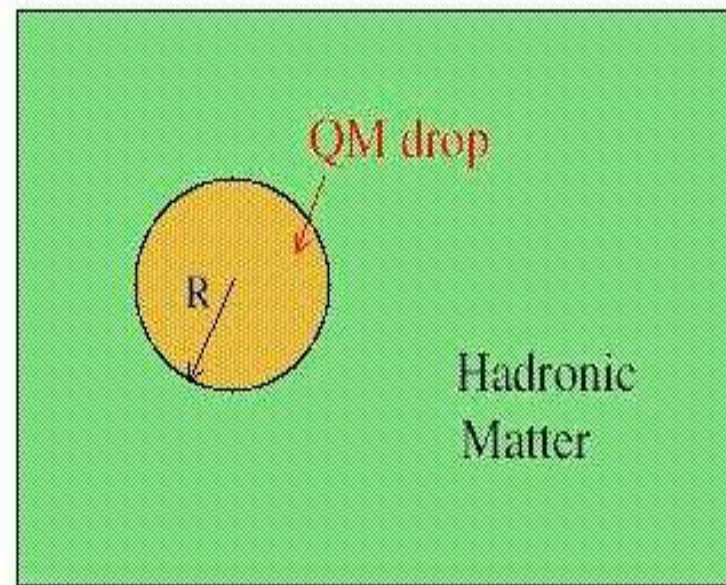
**Weak interactions** acts changing the **quark flavor fraction** of deconfined QM drop to lower its energy and a drop of  **$\beta$ -stable SQM** is formed

# Lifshitz-Kagan quantum nucleation theory

Quantum fluctuation of a **virtual drop of QM** in HM

$$L = -M(R) \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{dR}{dt}\right)^2} + M(R) - U(R)$$

$$M(R) = 4\pi\rho_H \left(1 - \frac{n_Q}{n_H}\right) R^3$$



$$U(R) = \frac{4}{3}\pi n_Q (\mu_Q - \mu_H) R^3 + 4\pi\sigma R^2$$

$$\sigma \sim 10 - 50 \text{ MeV} / \text{fm}^2$$

# Nucleation Time

Oscillation frequency of the virtual drop inside the potential well and Penetrability of the potential barrier (WKB)

$$\nu_0 = \left( \frac{dI}{dE} \right)^{-1} \text{ at } E = E_0$$

$$p_0 = \exp \left[ -\frac{A(E_0)}{\hbar} \right]$$

$$I(E) = 2 \int_{R_2}^{R_1} dR \sqrt{[2M(R) + E - U(R)][E - U(R)]}$$

$$A(E) = 2 \int_{R_1}^{R_2} dR \sqrt{[2M(R) + E - U(R)][U(R) - E]}$$

Action over and under the barrier

Nucleation time

$$\tau = \left( \nu_0 p_0 N_c \right)^{-1}, \quad N_c \sim 10^{48}$$



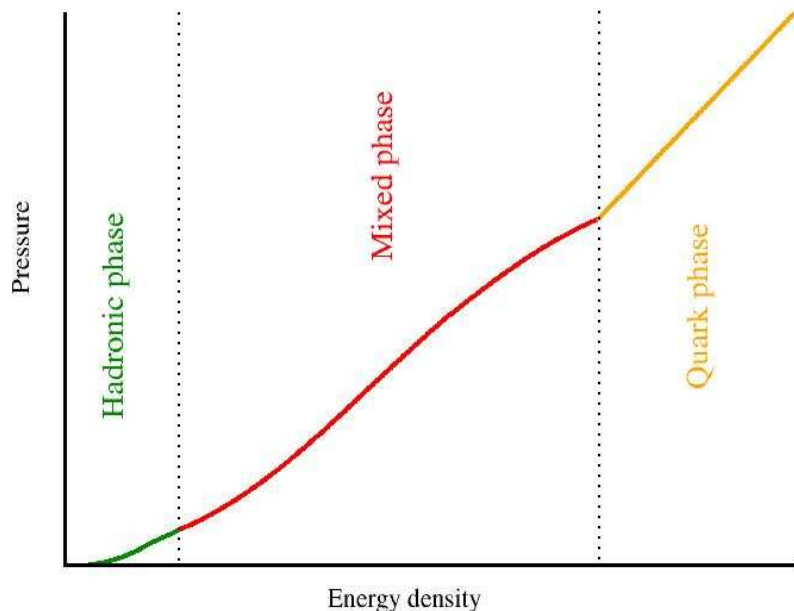
# The EoS of dense matter

**GM1:**  $K=300$  MeV,  $m^*/m=0.7$

**GM3:**  $K=240$  MeV,  $m^*/m=0.78$

$B/A=-16.3$  MeV,  $\rho=0.153$

$a_{\text{sym}}=32.5$  MeV



**Hadronic phase:** Relativistic Mean Field Theory of hadrons interacting meson exchange.  
[Glendenning & Moszkowsky, Phys. Rev. Lett. 67 (1991)]

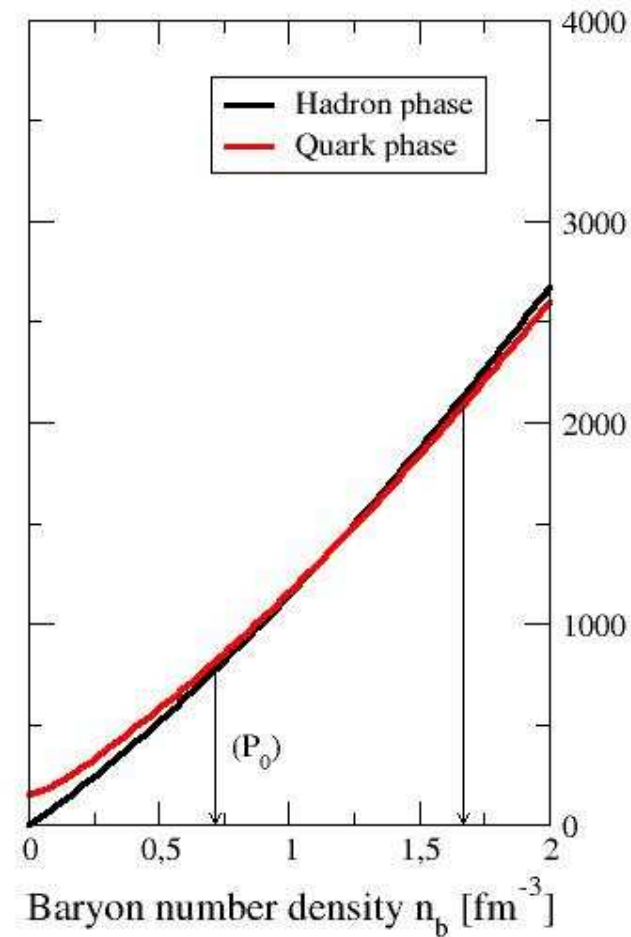
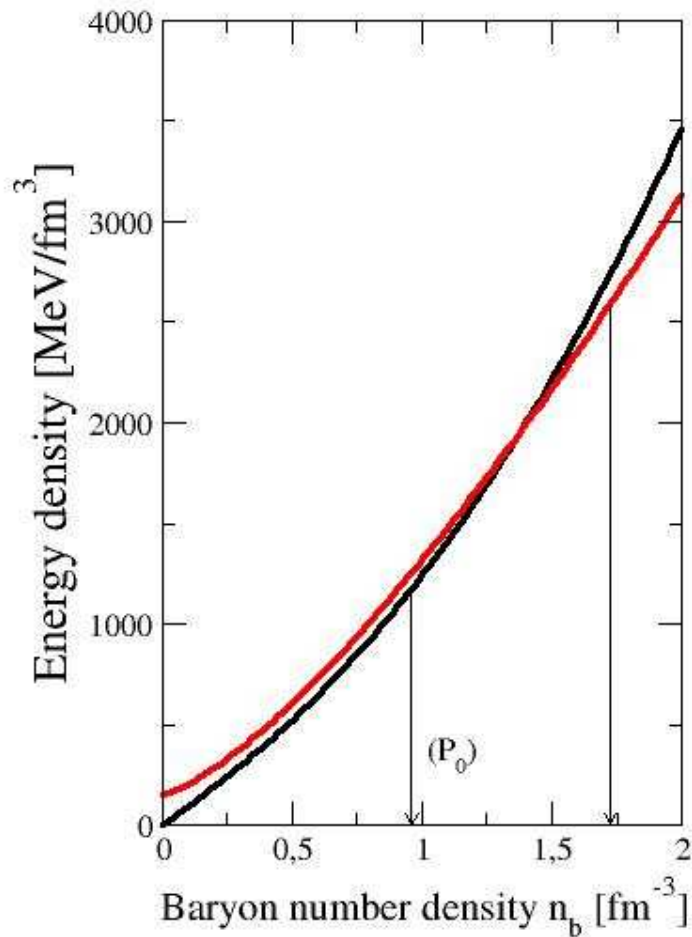
**Mixed phase:** Gibbs construction for a multicomponent system with two conserved “charges”.  
[Glendenning, Phys. Rev. D 46 (1992)]

**Quark phase:** EoS based on the MIT Bag Model for hadrons.  
[Farhi & Jaffe, Phys. Rev. D 46 (1992)]

# The Equation of State

Without hyperons

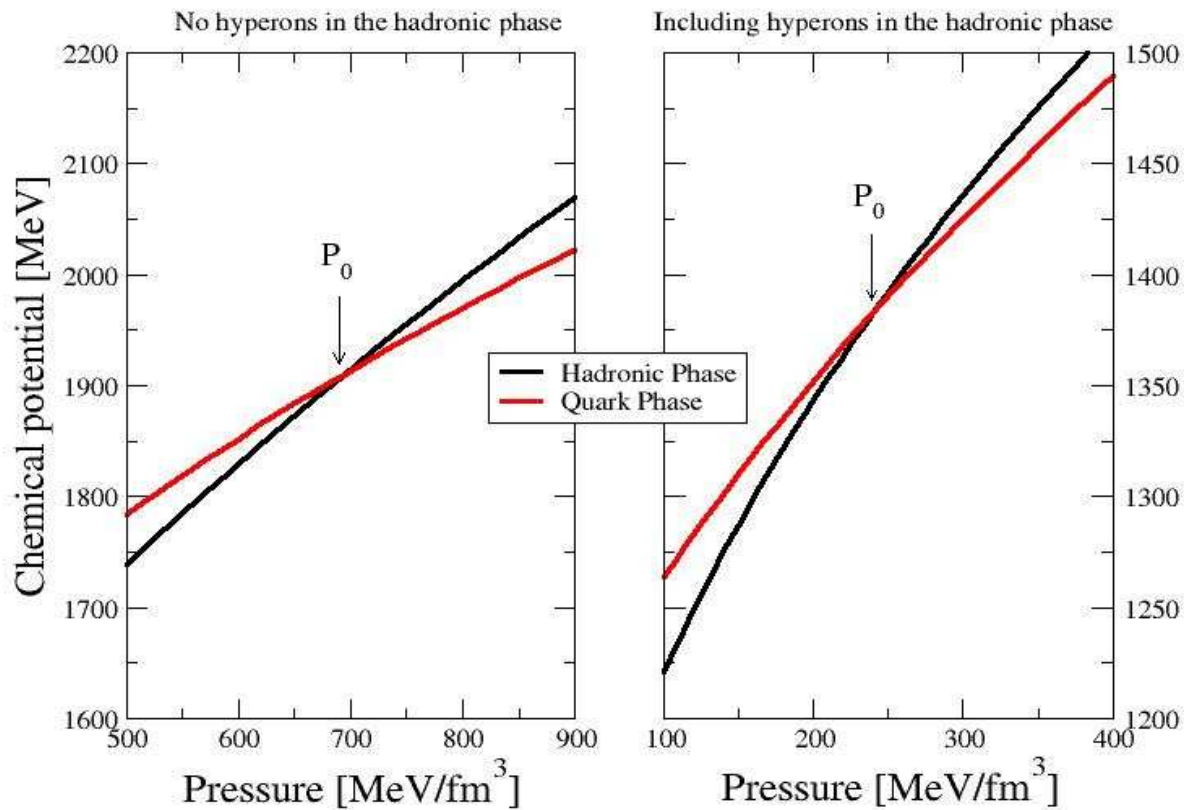
With hyperons



# Chemical potentials

Without hyperons

With hyperons

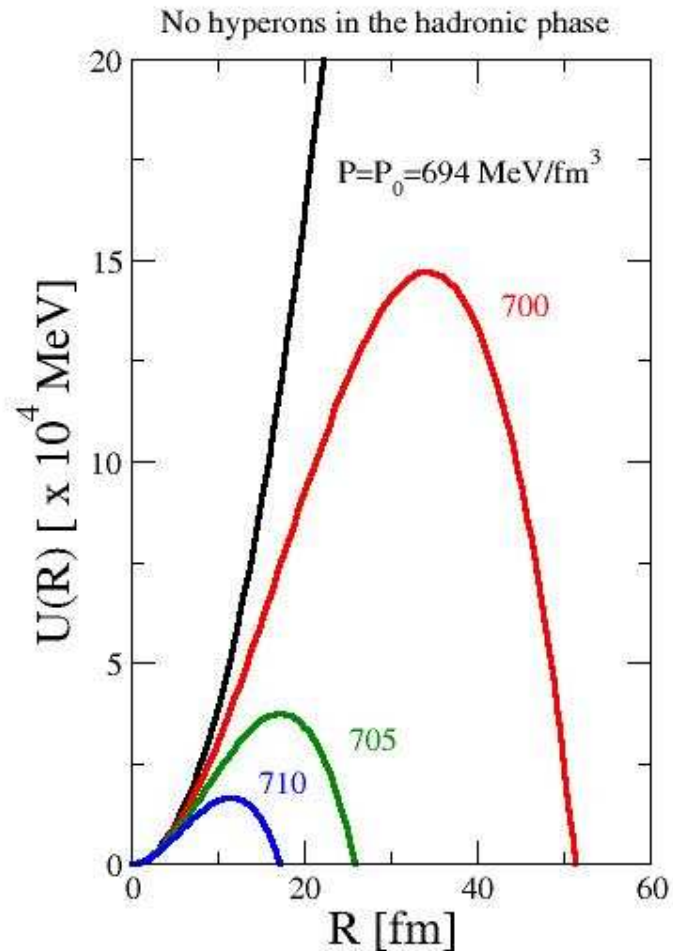


$$\mu_H = \mu_Q \equiv \mu_0, \quad P_H(\mu_0) = P_Q(\mu_0) \equiv P_0$$

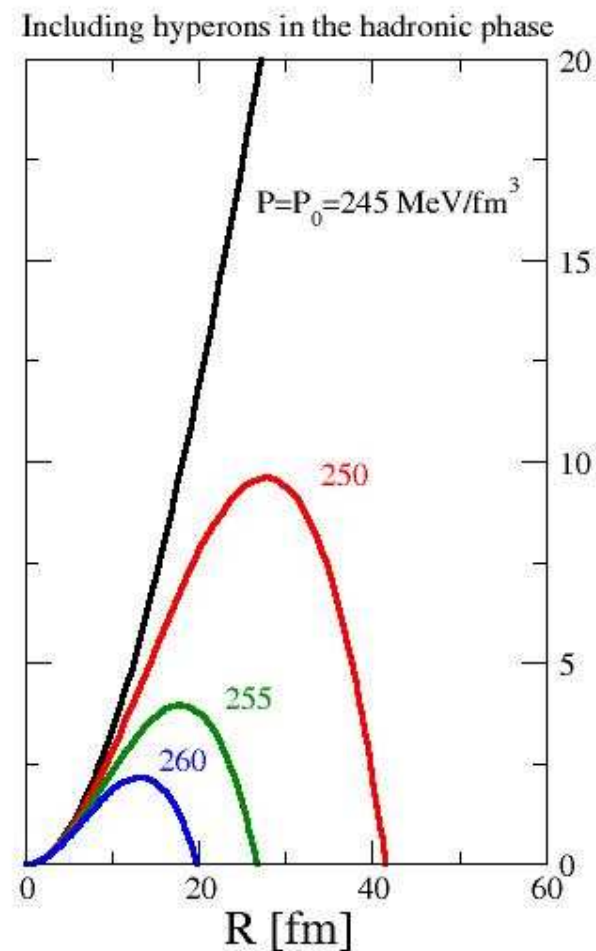
$$\mu_H = \frac{\epsilon_H + P_H}{n_H}, \quad \mu_Q = \frac{\epsilon_Q + P_Q}{n_Q}$$

# Potential barrier

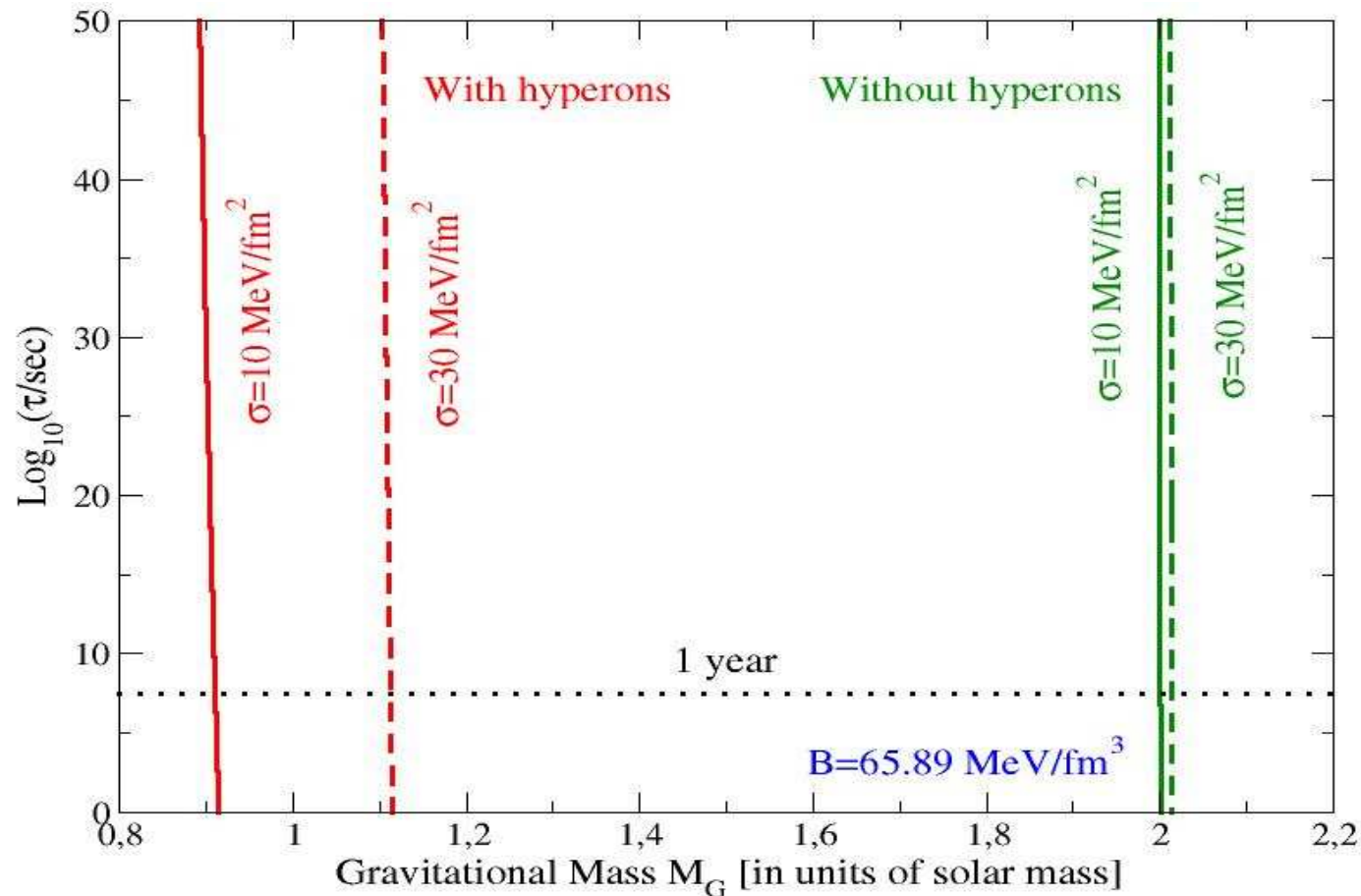
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# Hadronic Star mean-life time

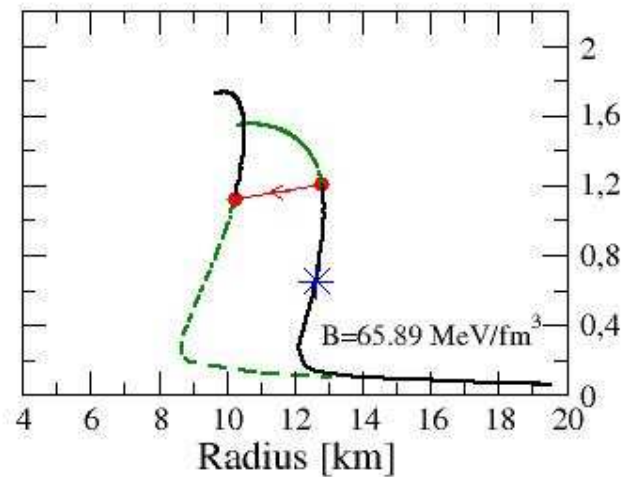
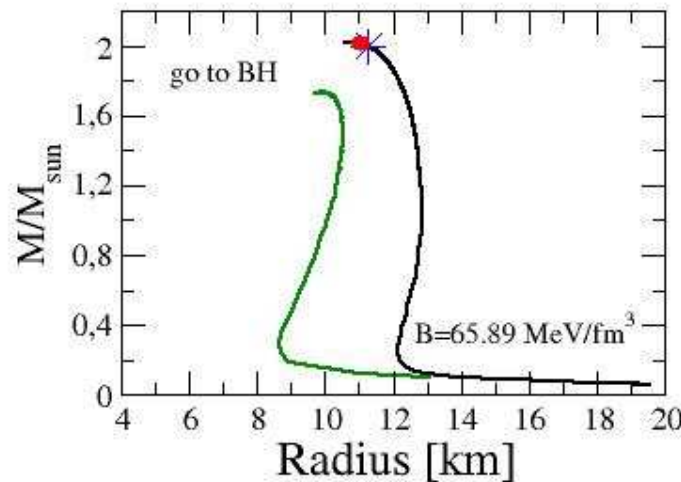
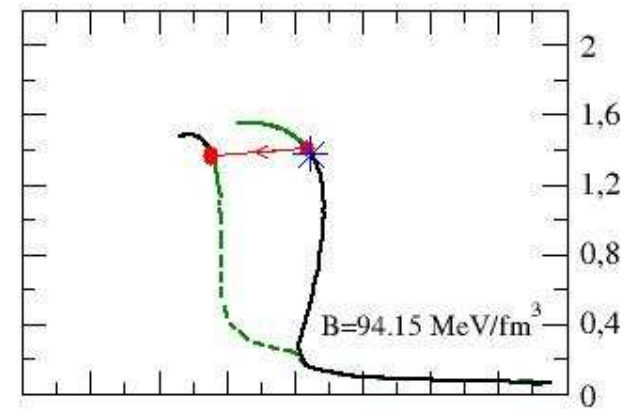
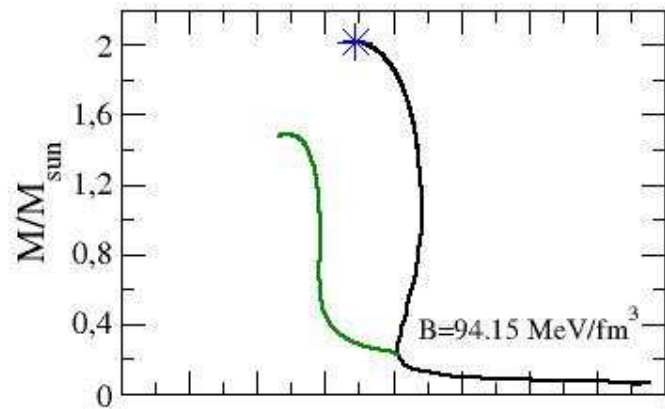


The increase of less than  $0.01 M_{\text{sun}}$  reduces  $\tau$  from  $\tau \gg \text{age universe}$  to a  $\tau$  of few years

# Conversion of a HS into a HyS(SS)

Without hyperons

With hyperons



# Summary and Conclusions

- I-. Existence of two different families of compact objects: Hadronic Stars and Hybrid or Strange Stars.
- II-. Hadronic Stars are metastable to “decay” to Hybrid Stars or to Strange Stars. The HS mean-life time range within  $\tau \gg$  age of the universe to few years (days) and depends dramatically on the central pressure.
- III-. The conversion mechanism is favoured by the presence of hyperons.