

# How Binary-Pulsar Orbital Period Measurements Constrain Baryon Dark Decays

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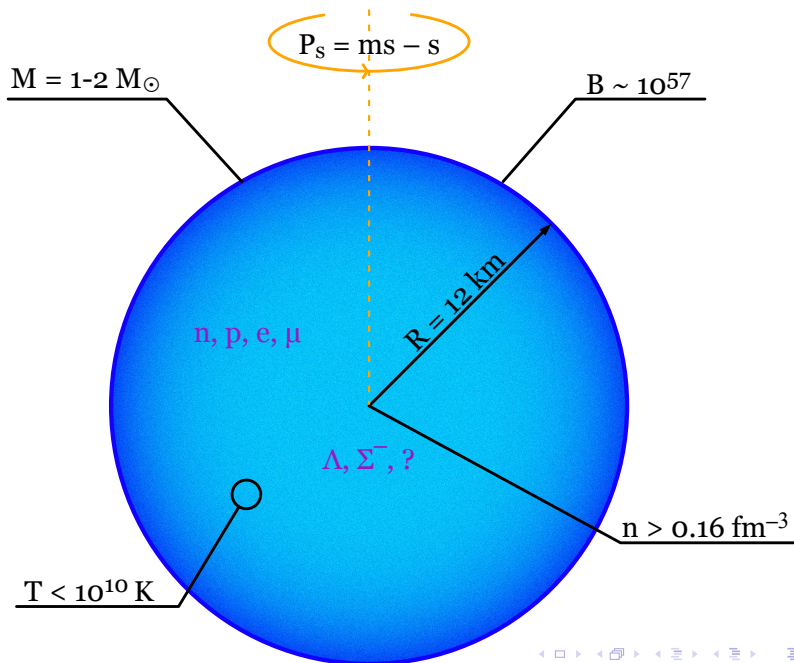
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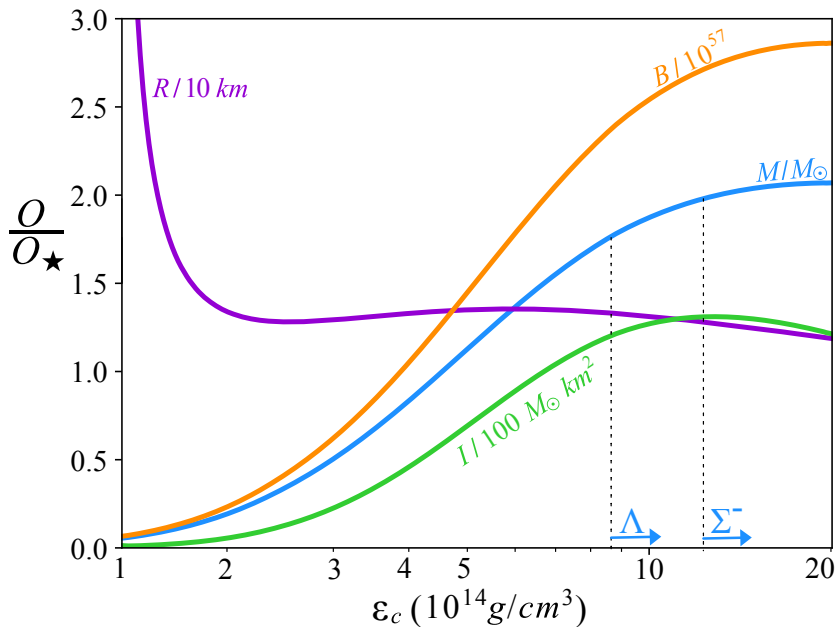
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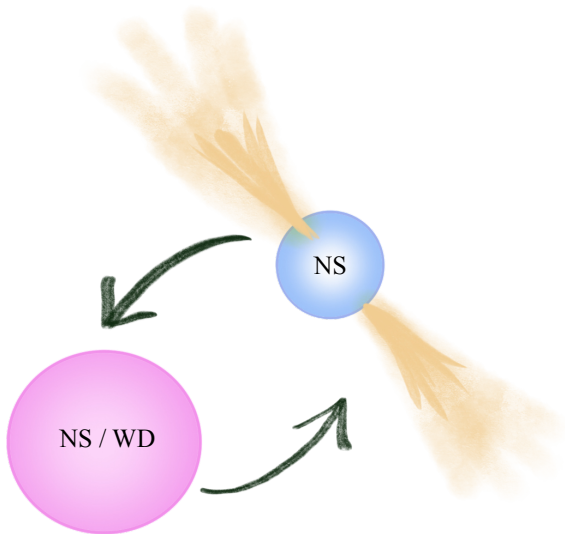
# General Considerations



- Neutron stars cool down to  $T \ll E_{\text{Fermi}} \lesssim \text{GeV}$  within a few seconds after formation.
- Equation of state (EoS): energy density ( $\mathcal{E}$ ) and pressure ( $p$ ) as a function of baryon number density ( $n$ ).
- Structure of static NS ( $\mathcal{E}[r], p[r]$ ) is found by integrating TOV equations with  $\mathcal{E}_c \equiv \mathcal{E}[0]$  up to  $p[R_\star] = 0$  (surface of the star).
- Given an EoS, there is a unique family (*single parameter sequence*) of stars parameterized by  $\mathcal{E}_c$ .
- In the case of a rotating neutron star, or a neutron star with a dark matter core, extra parameters in addition to  $\mathcal{E}_c$  are needed to describe the star uniquely.



# Binary Pulsar Systems



The dominant contributions to the observed relative rate of orbital period decay [Damour and Taylor, 1991]:

$$\left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\text{obs}} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\text{GR}} + \left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\dot{E}}}_{\text{intrinsic}} + \left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\text{ext}}. \quad (1)$$

- 1 Gravitational radiation [Peters, 1964]
- 2 Mass-energy loss
- 3 Extrinsic effects such as Doppler effects caused by the relative acceleration of the binary pulsar with respect to the solar system



Jean's mode of mass ejection [Jeans, 1924]:

$$\left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\dot{E}} = -2 \left(\frac{\dot{M}_1^{\text{eff}} + \dot{M}_2^{\text{eff}}}{M_1 + M_2}\right) \quad (2)$$

$M_{1,2}$ : the masses for each of the components in the binary system.

- Pulsar timing is used to limit neutron-mirror neutron mixing [Goldman et al., 2019].
- Here we constrain baryon number violation (BNV) in pulsars that belong to a binary system.
- Examples of BNV:  $n \rightarrow 3\nu$ ,  $nn \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,  $\Lambda \rightarrow \chi\gamma$ .
- The mapping between BNV rates and  $\dot{M}^{\text{eff}}$  is in general dependent on the specific BNV processes, and also complicated.

# Quasi-Equilibrium BNV Formalism

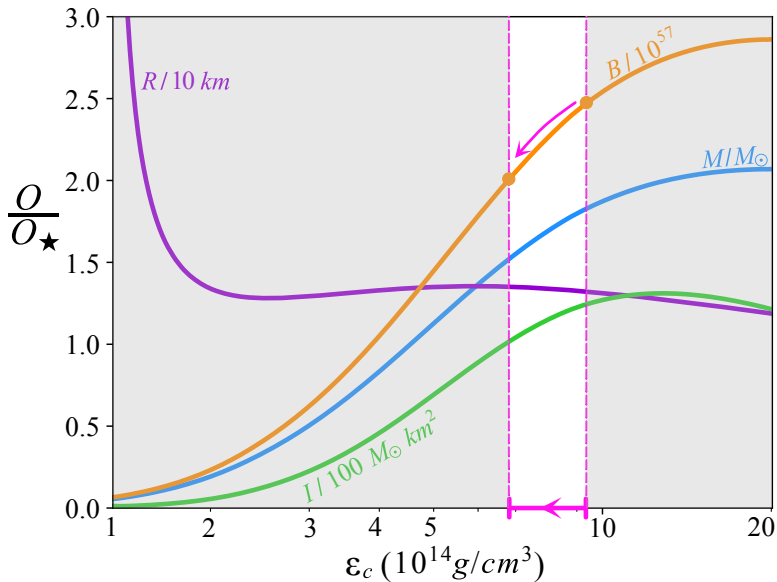
Quasi-equilibrium BNV formalism is a minimal framework for studying BNV in a model-independent way, which requires the following conditions:

- 1 BNV rate must be slower than the dynamical and chemical responses of the star.
- 2 No significant accumulation of new particles, beyond those already included in the EoS Lagrangian, within the star.

# Quasi-Equilibrium BNV Formalism

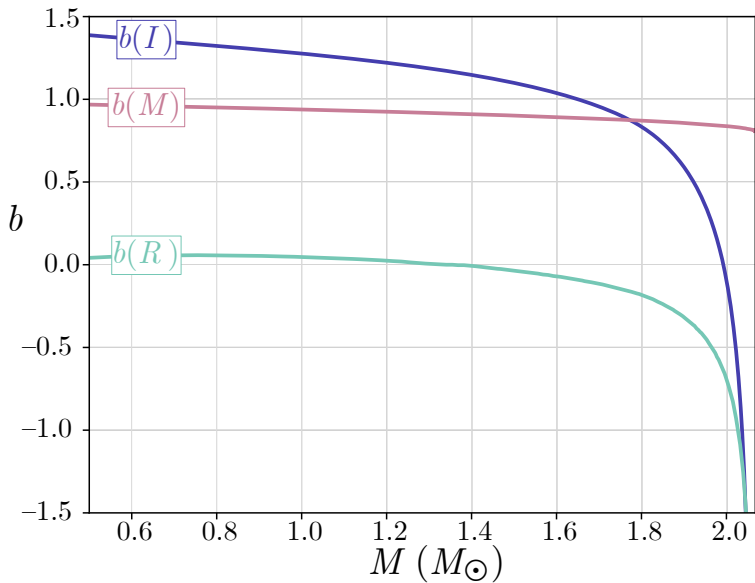
Consequently:

- The instantaneous state of a neutron star is given by the same (baryon number conserving) EoS.
- Neutron star observables ( $\mathcal{O}$ ) will evolve along their equilibrium trajectories, and at a rate determined by the EoS and total baryon number loss rate ( $\dot{B}$ ).



Parameterize the quasi-equilibrium change in an observable ( $\mathcal{O}$ ) as a result of a change in  $B$  by

$$\frac{\dot{\mathcal{O}}}{\mathcal{O}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{B}{\mathcal{O}} \times \frac{\partial_{\mathcal{E}_c} \mathcal{O}}{\partial_{\mathcal{E}_c} B} \right)}_{b(\mathcal{O})} \frac{\dot{B}}{B} \equiv b(\mathcal{O}) \times \frac{\dot{B}}{B} \quad (3)$$



Quasi-equilibrium mass loss:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{M}^{\text{eff}} &\equiv \frac{d}{dt} \left( M + \frac{1}{2} I \Omega^2 \right) \\
 &= \underbrace{b(M) \left( \frac{\dot{B}}{B} \right) M + b(I) \left( \frac{\dot{B}}{B} \right) \left( \frac{2\pi^2 I}{P_s^2} \right)}_{\text{BNV}} - \frac{4\pi^2 I \dot{P}_s}{P_s^3}, \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

Energy-loss term due to **BNV** and **spin-down**:

$$\left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\dot{E}} = \left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\text{BNV}} + \left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\dot{\Omega}}, \quad (5)$$

with each of the contributions given by

$$\left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\text{BNV}} = \frac{-2}{M_1 + M_2} \sum_{i=1,2} \left(\frac{\dot{B}_i}{B_i}\right) \left[ b_i(M) M_i + b_i(I) \left(\frac{2\pi^2 I_i}{P_{s,i}^2}\right) \right], \quad (6)$$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b}\right)^{\dot{\Omega}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{M_1 + M_2} \left( \frac{I_1 \dot{P}_{s,1}}{P_{s,1}^3} + \frac{I_2 \dot{P}_{s,2}}{P_{s,2}^3} \right). \quad (7)$$



# Binary Pulsar Candidates

We consider three binary systems:

Name	J1614–2230	J0737–3039A/B	J0348+0432
$M_p (M_\odot)$	1.908(16)	1.34 $^{+0.000012}_{-0.000014}$	2.01(4)
$M_c (M_\odot)$	0.172(3)	1.25 $^{+0.000013}_{-0.000011}$	0.172(3)
$P_b$ (h)	208.48( $\pm 1.2 \times 10^{-9}$ )	2.45 [ $\pm 2.4 \times 10^{-11}$ ]	2.46 [ $\pm 1.68 \times 10^{-10}$ ]
$\dot{P}_b^{\text{obs}} (10^{-12})$	1.57(13)	-1.247920(78)	-0.273(45)
$(\frac{\dot{B}}{B})_{2\sigma}^{\text{BNV}} (\text{yr}^{-1})$	$2.0 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-10}$

J1614–2230: [Arzoumanian et al., 2018, Alam et al., 2021]

J0737–3039A/B: [Burgay et al., 2003], [Kramer et al., 2021]

J0348+0432: [Boyles et al., 2013, Lynch et al., 2013], [Antoniadis et al., 2013]

# General Dense Matter Framework

# Relating Macroscopic and Microscopic Limits

BNV Microphysics



Rate of change in baryon number  $\dot{B}$

# Framework for Including the Medium Effects

- High densities in NS: Use relativistic mean-field approximation
- Assume that baryons are in a classical mesonic background and solve the equation of motions.
- The baryon wave-function in uniform medium is

$$\psi(x) = e^{-ik \cdot x} u(k^*, \lambda), \quad (8)$$

in which  $k^{*\mu} \equiv k^\mu - \Sigma^\mu = \left\{ E^*(k^*), \vec{k} - \vec{\Sigma} \right\}$  and  $u(k^*, \lambda)$  satisfies the Dirac equation:

$$(\not{k}^* - m^*) u(k^*, \lambda) = 0, \quad (9)$$

in which  $m^* \equiv$  effective mass,  $\Sigma^\mu \equiv$  baryon self-energy and

$$E(k) = E^*(k) + \Sigma^0 = \sqrt{(m^*)^2 + \left( \vec{k} - \vec{\Sigma} \right)^2} + \Sigma^0. \quad (10)$$

$$\Sigma^0 > 0, \quad \vec{\Sigma}_{\text{nm}} = 0.$$

# Equation of State (EoS)

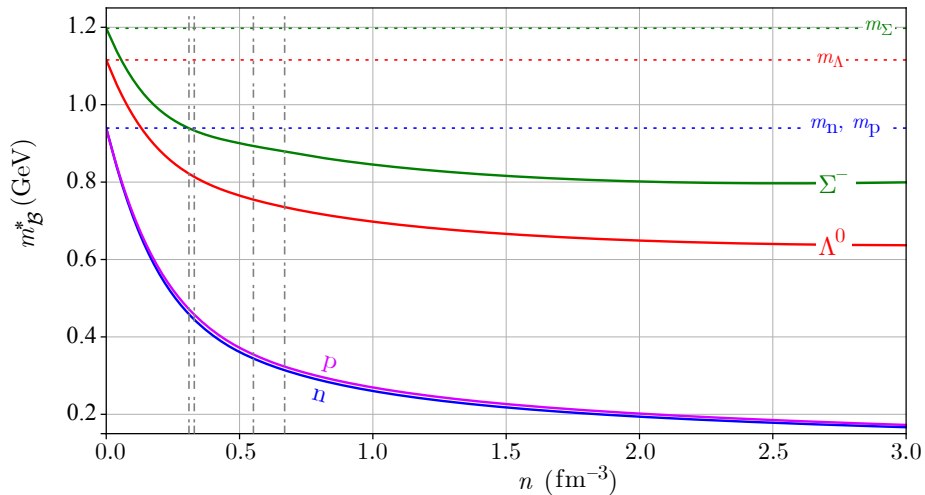
- We choose an EoS based on a non-linear hadronic SU(3) CMF model [Papazoglou et al., 1999, Dexheimer and Schramm, 2008]
- Baryonic degrees of freedom: nucleons ( $n, p$ ), hyperons ( $\Lambda, \Sigma, \Xi$ ) and the spin-3/2 resonances ( $\Delta, \Sigma^*, \Xi^*, \Omega$ )
- Baryons interact via exchange of scalar ( $\sigma, \delta, \zeta, \chi$ ) and vector mesons ( $\rho^\mu, \omega^\mu, \phi^\mu$ ).
- Effective masses are generated by the scalar meson VEVs, except for a small explicit mass term  $\delta m_i \sim 150$  MeV:

$$m_i^* = g_{i\sigma} \langle \sigma \rangle + 2g_{i\delta} \langle \delta_3 \rangle I_{3i} + g_{i\zeta} \langle \zeta \rangle + \delta m_i, \quad (11)$$

- Baryon self-energy is given by

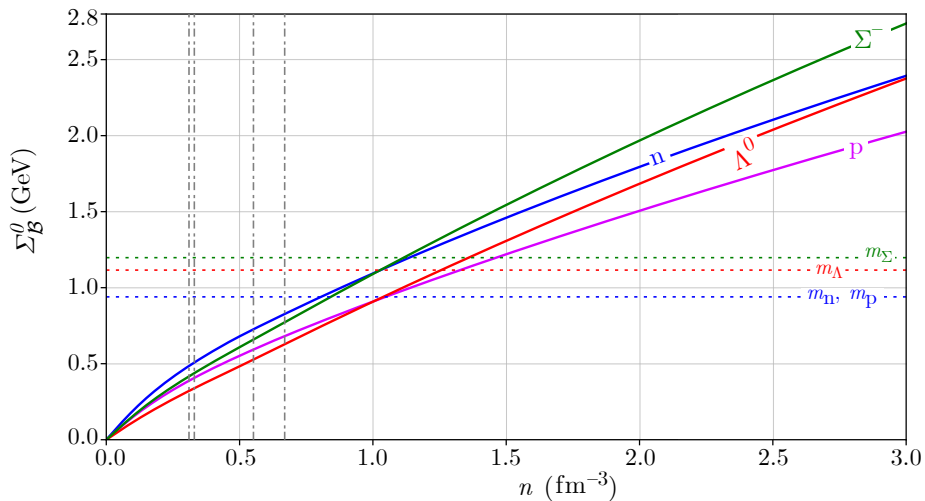
$$\Sigma_i^0 = g_{i\omega} \langle \omega^0 \rangle + g_{i\rho} \langle \rho_3^0 \rangle I_{3i} + g_{i\phi} \langle \phi^0 \rangle. \quad (12)$$

## Effective Masses (CMF-1)

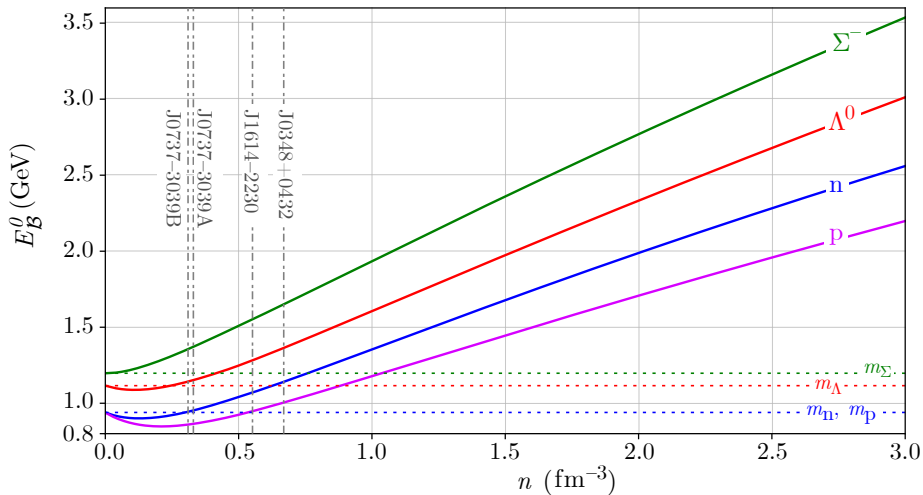


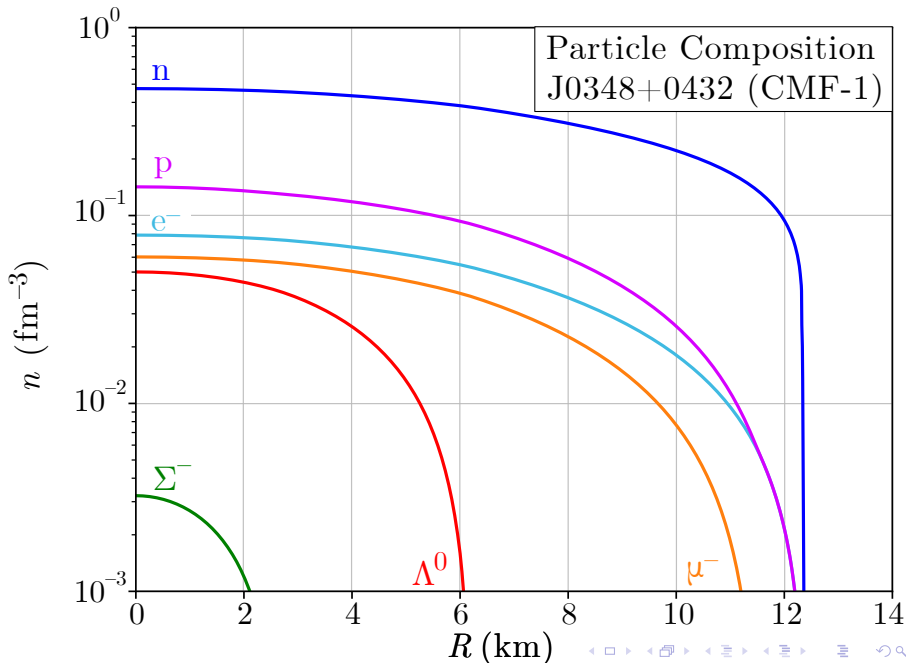


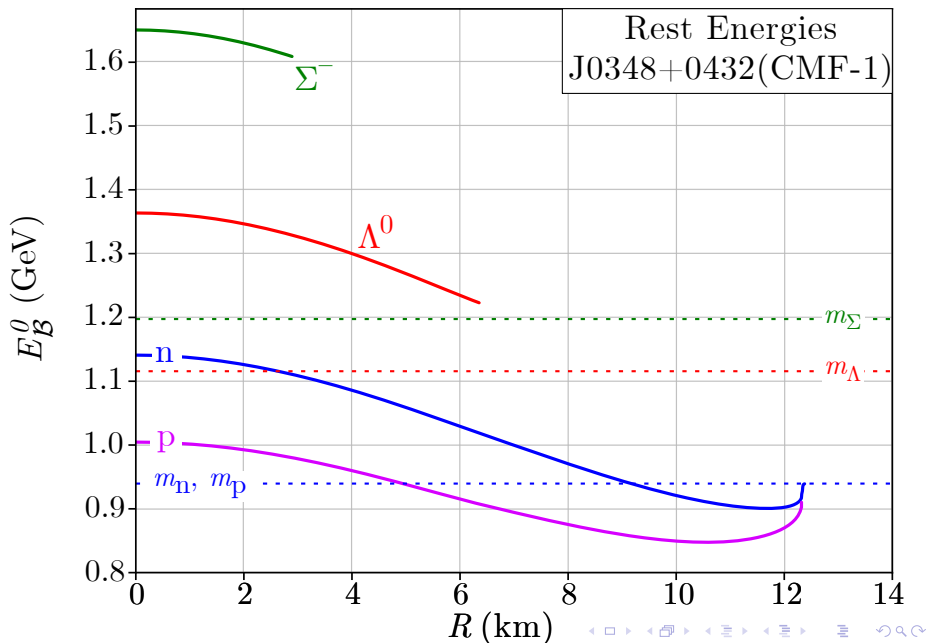
## Self-Energies (CMF-1)



## Rest Energies (CMF-1)







# Particle Physics Model

# Baryon Dark Decay Models

- Add a Dirac fermion  $\chi$  with baryon number  $B = +1$  which interacts with SM quarks [Heeck, 2021]:

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = \bar{\chi}(i\not{\partial} - m_\chi)\chi + \left( \frac{u_i d_j d_k \chi_L^c}{\Lambda_{ijk}^2} + \frac{Q_i Q_j d_k \chi_L^c}{\tilde{\Lambda}_{ijk}^2} + \text{h.c.} \right), \quad (13)$$

- Flavor structure can be introduced in renormalizable models, e.g., [Fornal and Grinstein, 2018, Fajfer and Susič, 2021] with colored scalars  $S_1 \sim (\bar{3}, 1, 1/3)$ , or  $\bar{S}_1 \sim (\bar{3}, 1, -2/3)$ .

## Baryon Dark Decay Models

Neutron decay anomaly	$\mathcal{O}_d = u d d \chi$	$m_{\text{DS}} \lesssim m_n$
Hyperon dark decay	$\mathcal{O}_s = u d s \chi$	$m_{\text{DS}} \lesssim m_\Lambda$
B-Mesogenesis	$\mathcal{O}_b = u d b \chi$	$m_{\text{DS}} \lesssim m_B$

- $\mathcal{O}_s$  can be constrained by the duration of the neutrino pulse from SN1987A [Alonso-Álvarez et al., 2021]:  $\text{Br}(\Lambda \rightarrow \chi\gamma) < 1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
- We consider the effects of  $n \rightarrow \chi\gamma$  and  $\Lambda \rightarrow \chi\gamma$  induced by

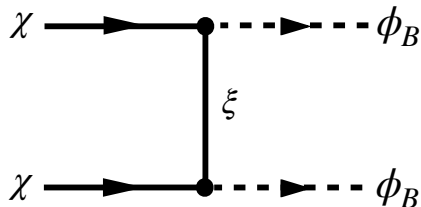
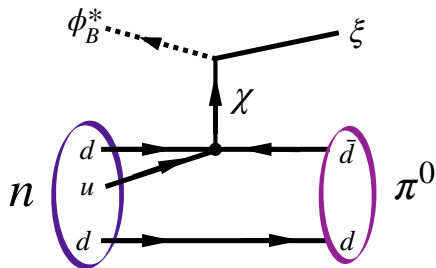
$$\mathcal{L}_n = \bar{n} \left( i\not{\partial} - m_n + \frac{g_n e}{8m_n} \sigma^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \right) n + \bar{\chi} (i\not{\partial} - m_\chi) \chi + \varepsilon_{n\chi} (\bar{n}\chi + \bar{\chi}n), \quad (14)$$

$$g_n = -3.826, g_\Lambda = -1.226 \text{ [Workman et al., 2022]}$$

A minimal dark sector that avoids  $\chi$  accumulation in the star, and induced nucleon decays [Elor et al., 2019]:

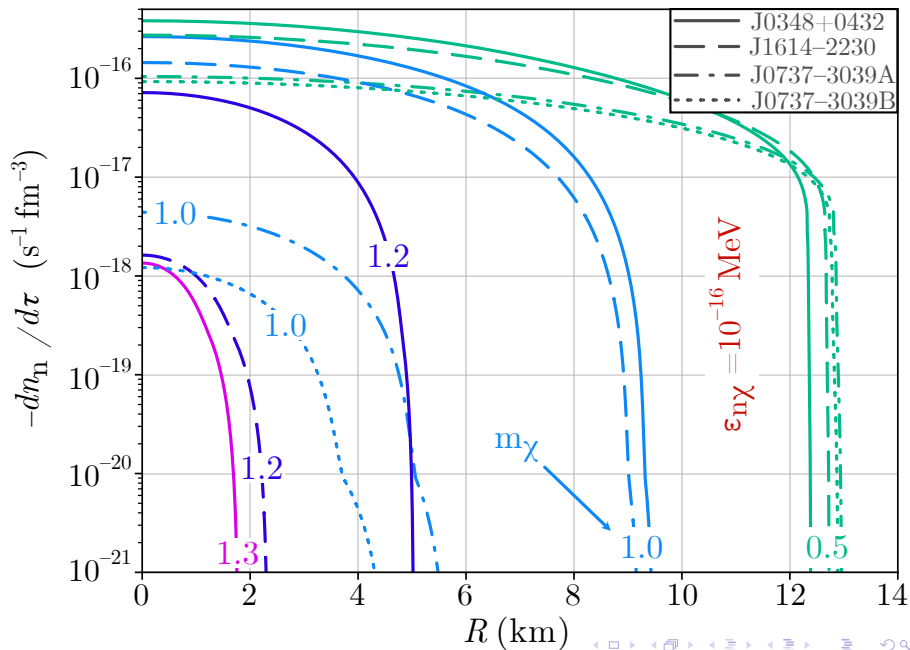
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dark}} \supset y_d \bar{\chi} \phi_B \xi + \text{h.c.}, \quad (15)$$

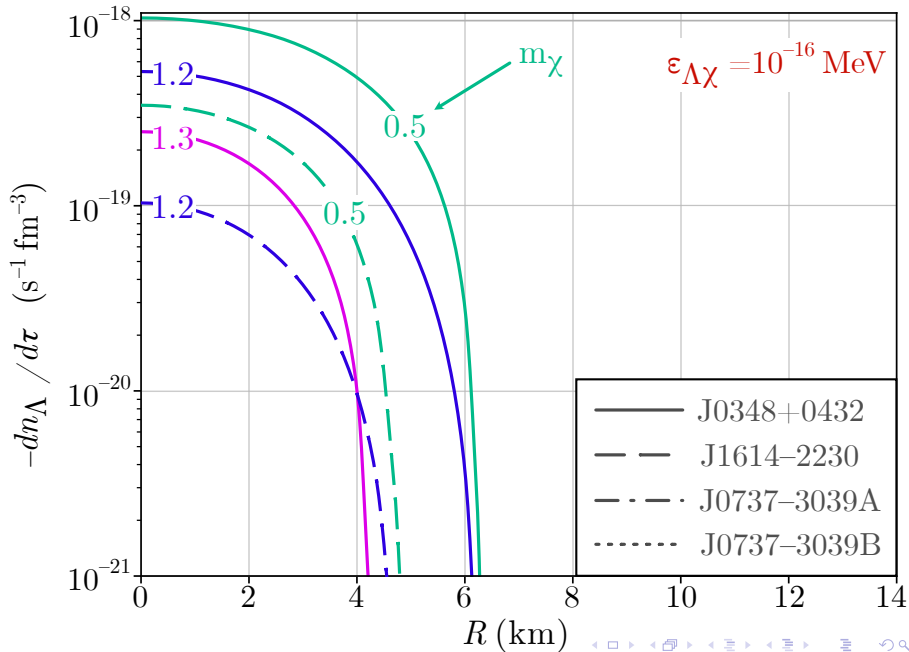
- $\phi_B$ : complex scalar with  $B = +1$ ,  $Z_2$  odd
- $\xi$ : Majorana fermion,  $Z_2$  odd,  $m_\xi > m_n$
- $\chi$ ,  $n$ , and  $p$ :  $Z_2$  even

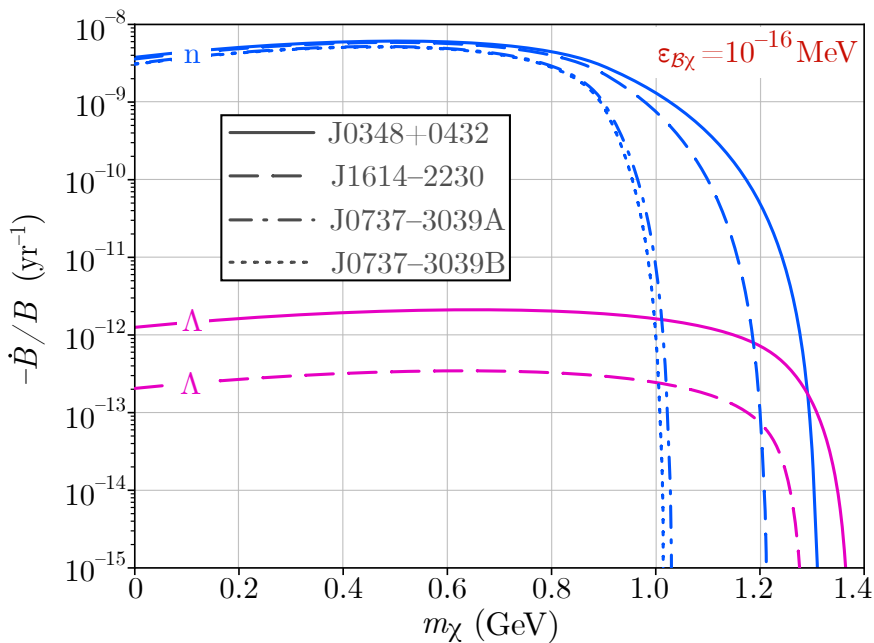


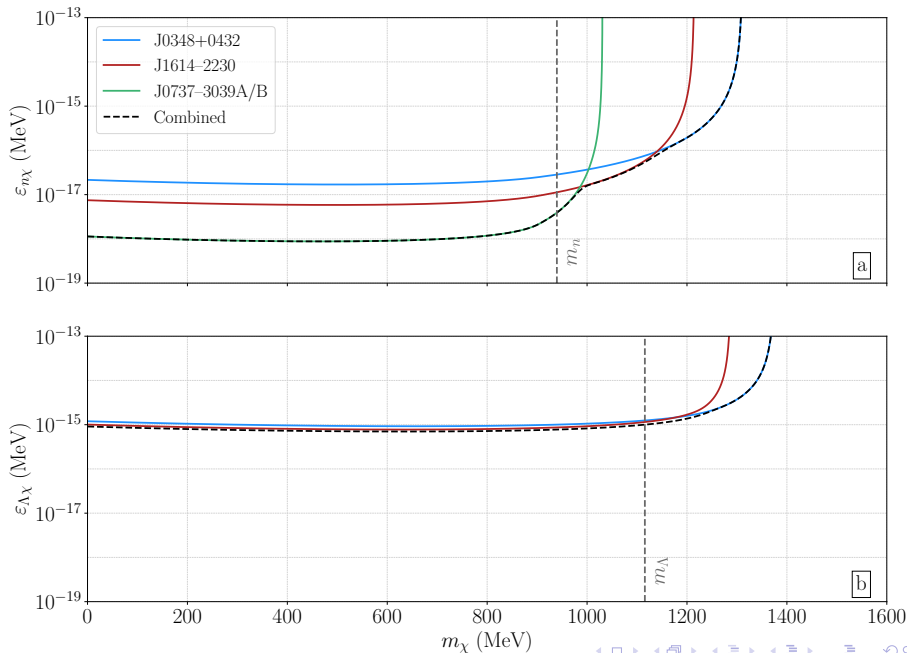


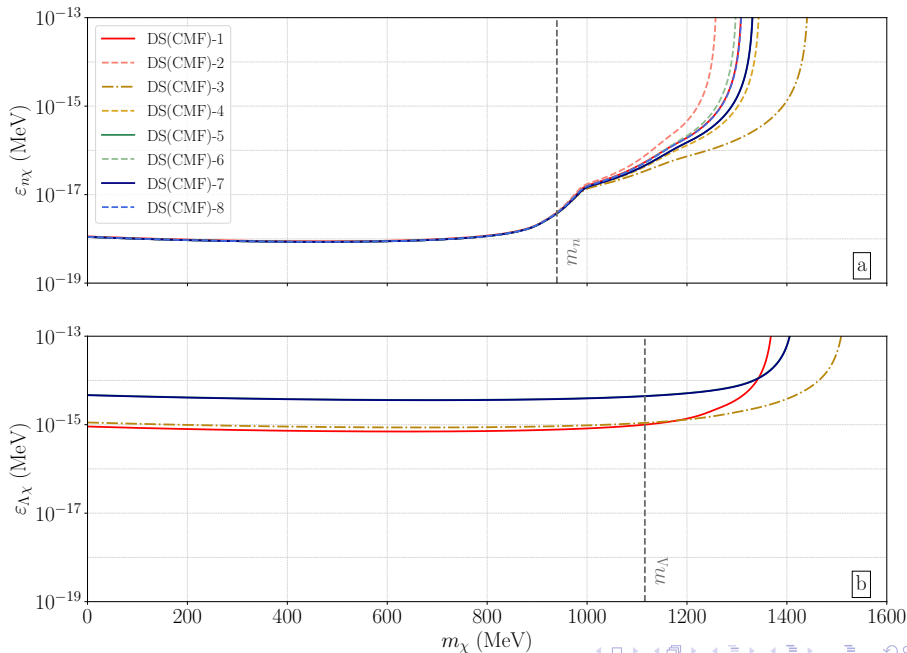
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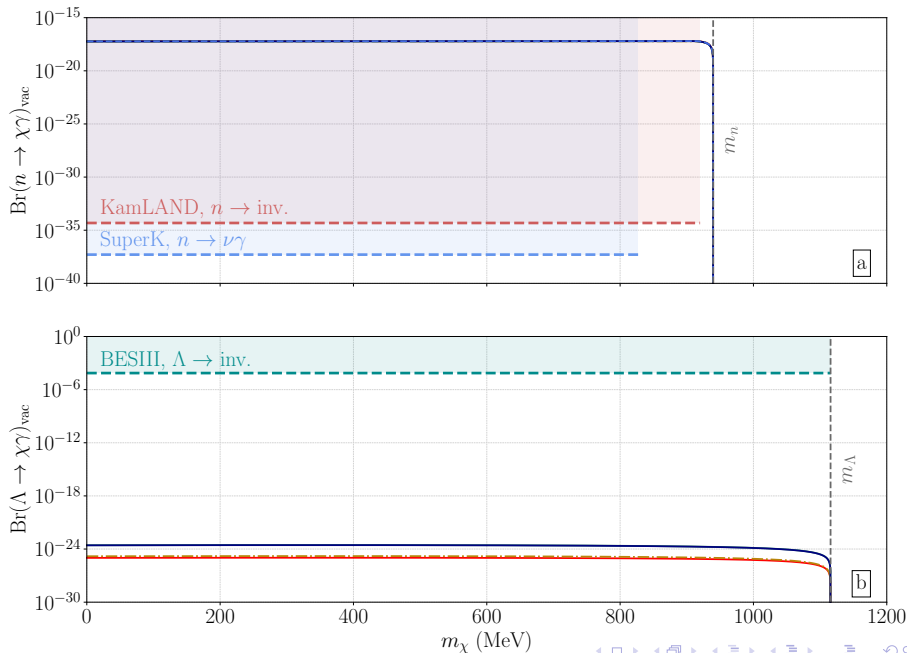


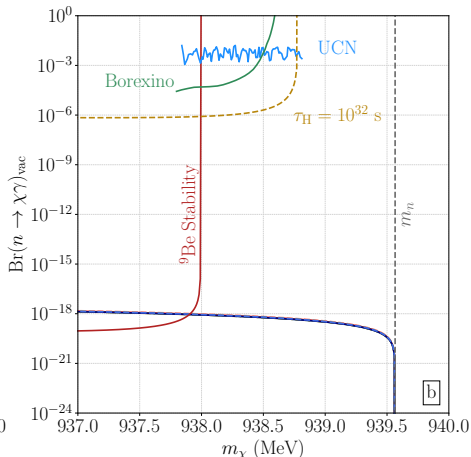
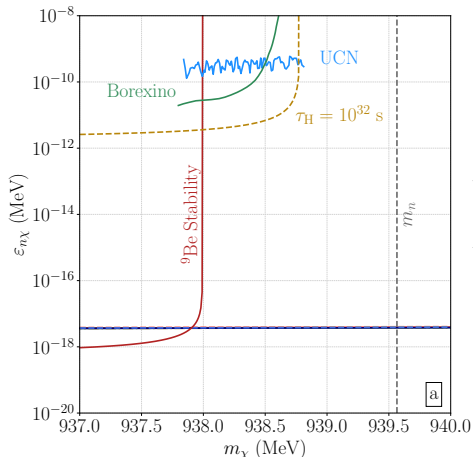












- UCN:  $n \rightarrow \chi\gamma$  [Tang et al., 2018]
- Borexino:  $H \rightarrow \nu\chi\gamma$  [McKeen and Pospelov, 2020]
- ${}^9\text{Be}$ : Metal-poor stars [Rich and Boesgaard, 2009]  
 $(\tau \gtrsim 3 \times 10^9 \text{ yrs [McKeen et al., 2021]})$



# Conclusion

- Neutron star observations are complementary to terrestrial studies of BNV:
  - Huge reservoir of baryons
  - Heavy NS may contain hyperons (e.g.,  $\Lambda^0, \Sigma^-$ )
  - Higher kinematical reach due to extreme repulsion (compared with rates in vacuum and within nuclei)
- Quasi-equilibrium BNV relocates the neutron star along its one-parameter sequence.
- Orbital periods of pulsar binaries can lead to stringent constraints on this generic class of BNV:  $\Gamma_{\text{BNV}} \lesssim 10^{-13} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .
- Our hyperonic limits are 20 orders of magnitude better than the terrestrial bounds.

# Thank You!



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# Back-up Slides



## GR Formalism of NS

- Line element for a static spherically symmetric system

$$d\tau^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = e^{2\nu(r)} dt^2 - e^{2\lambda(r)} dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \quad (16)$$

- Static perfect fluid:

$$T_0^0 = \mathcal{E}, \quad T_i^i = -p \quad (i = 1, 2, 3). \quad (17)$$

- $g_{11}(r) = -\exp(2\lambda(r)) = -(1 - 2M(r)/r)^{-1}$ , with  $M(r)$  being the total mass included within radius  $r$ :

$$M(r') = 4\pi \int_0^{r'} \mathcal{E}(r) r^2 dr. \quad (18)$$

- Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff (TOV):

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{[p(r) + \mathcal{E}(r)] [M(r) + 4\pi r^3 p(r)]}{r [r - 2M(r)]}. \quad (19)$$

# Baryon Number in Neutron Star

- The baryon number current is given in terms of the fluid velocity ( $u^\mu$ ) and the baryon number density ( $n$ ) by  $j^\mu(r) = n(r)u^\mu$ .
- The invariant 4-volume is given by  $\sqrt{-g} d^4x$  ( $g \equiv \det[g_{\mu\nu}]$ )
- The total baryon number in a static, spherically symmetric neutron star is given by

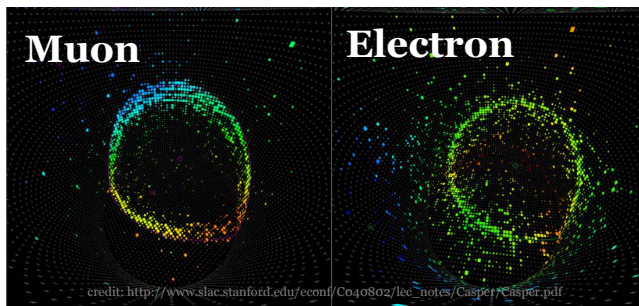
$$B = \int j^0(r) \sqrt{-g} d^4x = 4\pi \int_0^R \left[1 - \frac{2M(r)}{r}\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} r^2 n(r) dr, \quad (20)$$

in which we used  $\sqrt{-g} = \exp(\nu(r) + \lambda(r)) r^2 \sin \theta$ .

# Experiments

# Super-Kamiokande

- A Cherenkov neutrino detector filled with water ( $\sim 10^{34}$  nucleons).
- Can probe interactions with the electrons or nuclei of water via detection of Cherenkov radiation by its PMTs.



Example:

- $\tau(n \rightarrow \nu\gamma) > 5.5 \times 10^{32}$  yr [Takhistov et al., 2015]
- Electron-like ring ( $\gamma$ ) with  $100 \text{ MeV} < E < 1000 \text{ MeV}$ .

# Kamioka Liquid Scintillator Antineutrino Detector

- Antineutrino detector via inverse- $\beta$  decay
- Liquid scintillator (hydrocarbon)
- Search for nuclear deexcitation signals from neutron (two-neutron) disappearance ( $^{12}\text{C}$ ):
  - $\tau(n \rightarrow \text{inv}) > 5.8 \times 10^{29}$  yr [Araki et al., 2006]
  - $\tau(nn \rightarrow \text{inv}) > 1.4 \times 10^{30}$  yr [Araki et al., 2006]
- Correlated triple signal to eliminate background:
  - Neutron scattering ( $E_1 \subset 0.9\text{--}25$  MeV)
  - Neutron capture ( $\tau \sim 210 \mu\text{s}$ ,  $E_2 \subset 1.8\text{--}2.6$  MeV)
  - $\beta^+$  decay of the residual nuclei ( $^{10}\text{C}$ ,  $^9\text{C}$ , or  $^8\text{B}$ ,  $E_3 \subset 1.5\text{--}3.8$  MeV)

Limits are at 90% C.L.

# Experiments with Hyperons

- Hyperons are less abundantly produced and short-lived.
- CLAS @ Jefferson Lab [McCracken et al., 2015]:
  - $\Lambda$  produced by a photon beam incident on a liquid hydrogen target through  $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda$ .
  - $\text{Br}(\Lambda \rightarrow M^\pm l^\mp) \lesssim 10^{-7} - 10^{-6}$  [ $M^\pm \equiv \pi^\pm, K^\pm, l^\mp \equiv e^\mp, \mu^\mp$ ]
  - $\tau(\Lambda \rightarrow M^\pm l^\mp) \gtrsim 10^{-12} - 10^{-11}$  yr
- Invisible decays of the  $\Lambda$  produced in  $J/\Psi \rightarrow \Lambda \bar{\Lambda}$  at Beijing electron-positron collider (BESIII [Ablikim et al., 2021]):
  - $\bar{\Lambda}$  is explicitly constructed ( $\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p} + \pi^+$ )
  - $\text{Br}(\Lambda \rightarrow \text{invisible}) < 7.4 \times 10^{-5}$
  - $\tau(\Lambda \rightarrow \text{invisible}) \gtrsim 10^{-13}$  yr

Limits are at 90% C.L., and  $\tau_{\text{Decay}}(\Lambda) \sim 10^{-17}$  yr.

# Supernova SN1987A Bounds

Constraining hyperon dark decays (apparent BNV) via  $\mathcal{O} = u d s \chi$  with SN1987A [Alonso-Álvarez et al., 2021]:

- Dark particles produced in  $\Lambda$  decays that are energetic enough to escape the gravitational potential drain energy from the PNS.

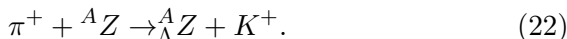
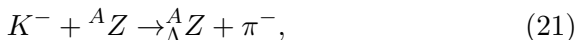
→ Leads to a new cooling mechanism.

- Constrained by [Alonso-Álvarez et al., 2021] the duration of the neutrino pulse from SN1987A:

- $\text{Br}(\Lambda \rightarrow \chi\gamma) < 1.6 \times 10^{-7}$
- $\text{Br}(\Lambda \rightarrow \chi\pi^0) < 1.1 \times 10^{-7}$
- $\text{Br}(\Lambda \rightarrow \xi\phi) \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-9}$

# Hyperons in NS?

- Hyperons (Y) are naturally expected to show up at high densities ( $n \sim 2-3 n_0$ ) as the baryon chemical potential increases.
- Need measurements of Y-N, Y-Y and Y-N-N interactions.
- Kaon and pion beams can be used to produce hypernuclei via



- We know that  $U_{\Lambda}(n_0) \approx -30$  MeV,  $U_{\Sigma^-}(n_0) \approx +30 \pm 20$  MeV,  $U_{\Xi}(n_0) \approx -15$  MeV. [Gal et al., 2016]
- More data on double hypernuclei (e.g.,  ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$ ) needed to understand  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$  interaction: Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex (J-PARC), PANDA experiment at FAIR in Germany.