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## Reaching percolation and confromal limits in neutron stars

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In this talk, I discuss the statistically determined equation of state of dense matter that fulfills the multimessenger constraints and determine the properties of dense matter found in neutron stars. I demonstrate that the speed of sound and trace anomaly are driven towards their conformal values at the center of maximally massive NSs. I argue that the local peak of the speed of sound is located at values of energy and particle densities consistent with deconfinement and percolation conditions in QCD matter. I also demonstrate that the curvature of the energy per particle may serve as an approximate order parameter that signifies the onset of strongly coupled conformal matter in the NS core.

## talk based is on:

[1] M. Marczenko, L. McLerran, K. Redlich, C. Sasaki, Phys.Rev.C 107 (2023) 2, 025802

[2] M. Marczenko, K. Redlich, C. Sasaki, Phys.Rev.D 109 (2024) 4, L041302

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