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Observations of gravitational waves from neutron star mergers offer the first access to possible vacuum energy contributions of new QCD phases at large densities. Measurements of this sort have the potential to turn neutron stars into laboratories for fundamental physics: they can provide a new test of the gravitational properties of vacuum energy, and determine the size of the QCD contributions to vacuum energy.

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