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#### Strong, Weak, EM signals



Elliptic flow p/n ratios Pion production Resonance widths, Centroid energies Optical potentials Scattering X-sections



Computation

Randy Wong/LLNL

PREX/CREX/MREX

Multimessenger Nuclear & Astro Physics

M, R, y

#### Weak, EM, Grav signals





#### NICER

X-ray flux and light curves Gravitational waveforms Pulsar timing

#### PARKES









#### Nuclear structure/ dynamics



#### T.K.Nayak, arxiv:1201.4264



Abrahamyan+, PRL 108, 112592 (2012)





Figure: Artist's impression of a LMXB - credit Tony Piro, 2005.



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#### The phase diagram of nuclear matter



Watts et al arxiv:1501.00042









$$E_0(\rho) = E_0(\rho_0) + \frac{K_0}{2} (\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0})^2 + \frac{J_0}{6} (\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0})^3,$$



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$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_{0}) + L(\frac{\rho - \rho_{0}}{3\rho_{0}}) + \frac{K_{\text{sym}}}{2}(\frac{\rho - \rho_{0}}{3\rho_{0}})^{2} + \frac{J_{\text{sym}}}{6}(\frac{\rho - \rho_{0}}{3\rho_{0}})^{3}$$

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Li, arxiv:2105.04629



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$$P_{\rm NS}(n_0) \approx \frac{n_0}{3}L + 0.048n_0 \left(\frac{J}{30}\right)^3 \left(J - \frac{4}{3}L\right)$$

Lattimer, Prakash; astro-ph/0002232

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#### Symmetry energy constraints





HIC

Time---->











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Neutron skin thickness



Abrahamyan+, PRL 108, 112592 (2012)

Parity-violating electron scattering

Collective isovector dipole excitations (PDR, GDR)



Bracco, Lanza, Tamii, PPNP 106, 360 (2019)

Proton inelastic scattering

PREX  $\Delta r_{np}^{208Pb} = 0.283 \pm 0.071$  fm CREX:  $\Delta r_{np}^{48Ca} = 0.121 \pm 0.035$  fm

RCNP: 
$$\alpha_D^{208Pb} = 20.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ fm}$$
  
RCNP:  $\alpha_D^{48Ca} = 2.07 \pm 0.22 \text{ fm}$ 



Newton, Crocombe arxiv:2008.00042

#### Calculating nuclear structure

Density Functional Theory (e.g. Skyrme)

 $\mathcal{H}_{\delta} = rac{1}{4} t_0 
ho^2 [(2+x_0) - (2x_0+1)(y_p^2+y_n^2)]$ 

Local interaction

$$\mathcal{H}_{
ho} = rac{1}{4} t_3 
ho^{2+lpha_3} [(2+x_3) - (2x_3+1)(y_p^2+y_n^2)] \ + rac{1}{4} t_4 
ho^{2+lpha_4} [(2+x_4) - (2x_4+1)(y_p^2+y_n^2)]$$

Density dependent

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{8} \rho [t_1(2+x_1) + t_2(2+x_2)]\tau$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8} \rho [t_1(2x_1+1) + t_2(2x_2+1)](\tau_p y_p + \tau_n y_n)$$
3 body

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\text{grad}} &= \frac{1}{32} (\nabla \rho)^2 [3t_1 (2 + x_1) - t_2 (2 + x_2)] \\ &- \frac{1}{32} [3t_1 (2x_1 + 1) + t_2 (2x_2 + 1)] [(\nabla \rho_p)^2 + (\nabla \rho_n)^2) \end{aligned}$$
Gradient..

Used in a variational principle on total energy leads to coupled Schrödinger-like equations for the wavefunctions. Solutions converge to ground state (Hohenberg-Kohn theorem)

## From models to nuclei and nuclear matter

Parameterization Based on fits to masses, radii, s.p. levels, fission barriers...



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 $J, L, K_{\text{sym}},$ 

svm

### Wide range of symmetry energy dependence



## Correlations are revealed between nuclear matter parameters and nuclear properties



Roca-Maza et al, arxiv:1103.1762

Roca-Maza et al, arxiv: 1510.01874



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Essick et al: 2107.05528








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# The overarching strategy

- Choose an EDF with enough degrees of freedom to mitigate the influence of choosing that EDF rather than any other.
- Prepare ensembles of parameterizations of the EDF that distributed over a wide range of the space of nuclear matter parameters (Priors)
- Choose methods of modeling nuclei and neutron star crust which account for as much physics as possible in as reasonable way as possible while being computationally expeditious (10,000s-100,000s models will need to be sampled)
- Use ensemble to calculate nuclear observables, unified crust-core EOS and astro observables
- Add data, construct Likelihoods -> MCMC sampling of posterior probability distribution of the EOSs

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Priors

 $P(J, L, K_{sym})$ 

A uniform grid of Skyrme models

Red – Uninformative priors

Blue – Pure neutron matter priors (Fermi liquid theory) Holt&Lim PLB 2018





Newton, Crocombe arxiv:2008.00042

# Starting from a set of systematically generated EDFs with minimal symmetry energy assumptions



















Figure: Lauren Balliet







Skyrme Hartree-Fock SkyrmeRPA Comp Phys Comms, 184, (2013)



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 $P(J, L, K_{\text{sym}} | \mathcal{D})$ 







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Drischler, arxiv:2004.07232



Li,Xie,Xu arxiv:2007.07669

### Neutron skins: Sn





Drischler, arxiv:2004.07232

### Pb208, Ca48 Dipole Polarizability





Drischler, arxiv:2004.07232







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#### Drischler, arxiv:2004.07232









# $P(\text{Fraction of pasta}|\mathcal{D})$





A number of ways pasta and the physics of the crust-core boundary leave signatures on observables have tentatively been put forward



Magnetic field evolution - Pons Nature Physics, 9, 7, 431-434 (2013) Mountains on neutron stars - Gearheart, Newton, Li, MNRAS 418 (2011) Crust oscillations... - Gearheart+, MNRAS 418 (2011)

... leading to resonant shattering – Neill+, MNRAS 504, 2021 Pulsar glitches – Graber+, Apj 865, 23 (2018) Evolution of r-modes – Wen+Phys Rev C, 85, 025801 (2012) Vidana Phys Rev C 85, 045808 (2012)

## The amount of crust and pasta is highly nuclear-EOS dependent

Model	$ ho_{tt}$	$Y_{p,tt}$	$P_{tt}$	$ ho_{td}$	$Y_{p,td}$	$P_{td}$
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BHF-1	0.061	0.023	0.193			
$BHF-1_{para}$	0.083	0.026	0.400			
BHF-2	0.078	0.027	0.370			
$\mathrm{BHF}\text{-}2_{\mathrm{para}}$	0.094	0.028	0.571			
Skyrme						
BSk14	0.090	0.033	0.483	0.081	0.030	0.381
BSk16	0.096	0.037	0.502	0.087	0.035	0.402
BSk17	0.095	0.036	0.499	0.086	0.034	0.397
$G_{\sigma}$	0.063	0.013	0.278	0.054	0.010	0.172
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SkI5	0.061	0.014	0.271	0.051	0.010	0.149
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Ducoin+	Phys Rev	C83 045810	(2011)	)
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$\overline{R}$	10.49	10.78	10.79
$\Delta M_c$	0.0299~(2.07%)	0.0122~(0.84%)	0.0125~(0.86%)
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$\Delta M_{dn}$	• • •	•••	0.0051 (0.35%)
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Dinh Thi+ arxiv: 2109.13638

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## Modeling the crust

3D Skyrme HF: n,p degrees of freedom



Newton+ arxiv:2104.11835

Pictures: Lauren Balliet

 $\mathcal{H}_{\delta} + \mathcal{H}_{\rho} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{grad}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{Coul}}$ 

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# CLDM:Bulk fluid and surface degrees of freedom



Newton et al arxiv: 1110.4043 Balliet+; arxiv:2009.07696

$$\mathcal{H}_{\delta} + \mathcal{H}_{\rho} + \mathcal{H}_{eff} - \sigma(y_p)$$

Nuclear EDF: Bulk + separate surface energy function specific model: LLPR 1985

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## $P(\text{Fraction of pasta}|\mathcal{D})$





Priors: crust models



Balliet+; arxiv:2009.07696

(Unitary gas bounds: Tews et al, arxiv:1611.07133 PNM: Drischler, arxiv:2004.07232)

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#### Results: relative thickness and mass of pasta



$$\frac{\Delta R_{\rm p}}{\Delta R_{\rm c}} \approx \frac{\mu_{\rm cc} - \mu_{\rm p}}{\mu_{\rm cc} - \mu_{\rm 0}}$$
$$\frac{\Delta M_{\rm p}}{\Delta M_{\rm c}} \approx \frac{P_{\rm p}}{P_{\rm cc}}$$

Combining our best experimental and computational data:

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= 0.49^{+0.06}_{-0.11}
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#### Relative thickness and mass of pasta: agreement with other studies





Dinh Thi+ arxiv: 2109.13638

#### Relative thickness and mass of pasta: agreement with other studies



#### There's a non-negligible range of models that predicts no pasta



#### Newton+, arxiv:2111.07969 Balliet+, arxiv:2009.07696

**Proton fractions** 



Crust-core transition pressure and chemical potential



$$P_{\rm cc} = 0.38(0.42)^{+0.08(0.07)}_{-0.09(0.07)}$$

$$\mu_{\rm cc} = 12.7(13.3)^{+2.0(1.8)}_{-2.1(1.9)}$$

Responsible for crust thickness

Newton+, arxiv:2111.07969 Balliet+, arxiv:2009.07696 Crust-core transition pressure and chemical potential



Crust-core transition pressure and chemical potential













High density EOS: piecewise polytrope tuned to give max masses > 2.0  $M_{SUN}$  up until causality is violated



Read+, arxiv:0812.2163; see also works by Steiner, Lattimer, Özel

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Polytropes versus continuing the nuclear matter comparison/ extrapolating EDF to arbitrarily highly



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#### Sample of our resulting equations of state



#### By the way, about the crust core transition...



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Newton et al; arxiv:2112.12108



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#### Linking crust and core models, nuclear and astro data: M=1.4M<sub>SUN</sub>



Newton et al; arxiv:2112.12108

12km star: With just NICER/LIGO data, crust can contribute 0.96-1.8 km

c.f. uncertainty from different ways of matching EoS ≈ 0.7km; Fortin et al arxiv: 1604.01944

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Newton et al; arxiv:2112.12108

Glitches: MoI of fraction of crust must exceed 0.016 (0.08 when entrainment is high)

(crust is not/maybe enough Andersson arxiv:1207.0633/Piekarewicz arxiv:1404.2660)

Symmetry energy constraints from nuclear and astro



#### **Crust Composition: Uninformative Priors**



Balliet+; arxiv:2009.07696



Number of EOSs

 $c_{33} = 3E_{\text{surf}}$  $E_{\text{surf}} = 2E_{\text{Coul}}$ 






## Resonant shattering flares: combining crust and core observables



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Neill, Preston, Tsang, Newton in prep



Fortin et al; arxiv:1604.01944

Pearson et al MNRAS481,2994–3026 (2018) Chamel et al arxiv:1904.12477



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Newton et al; arxiv:2112.12108

## Some thoughts

Attempt at a framework to connect neutron star bulk and crust observables with nuclear data as consistently as possible

Consistency: eliminate systematic errors that may arise when different models are used to propagate information across multiple physical characteristics

Many rich astro datasets require crust modeling to interpret. We want to bring these into our multimessenger club

Not a replacement for precision modeling

Radius measurements are not going to be able to ignore the crust too much longer

## Assumptions/limitations

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- Refit a subset of our 1000 Skyrmes using simulated annealing method
- Fit the resulting differences in observables with Gaussian a conservative estimate



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Pasta: a complex, glassy system. Multiple shapes coexist in microscopic domains. *Should* affect transport properties. How much is there?



Newton et al arxiv:2104.11835

## Increasing energy of local minimum



f**m**<sup>-3</sup>

## Increasing energy of local minimum



## Possible sources of resistivity



Electron scattering off domain boundaries (annealing may lead to most energetically favorable domain growing)



# Electron scattering off disordered pasta (temperature dependent)



## Accreted Crusts: Deep crustal heating, impurity (J,L,K<sub>sym</sub>)



Steiner, arxiv:1202.3378 Partially accreted: Sulieman et al, arxiv:2203.14735

