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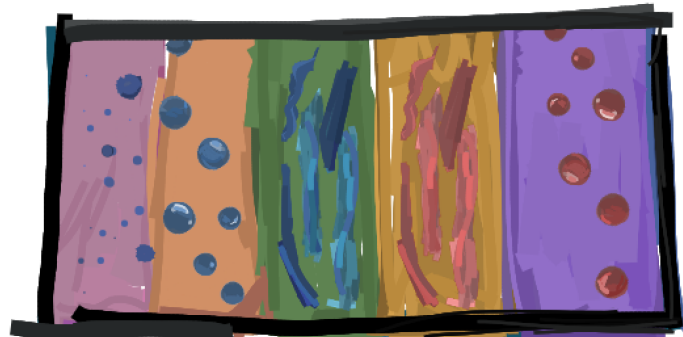
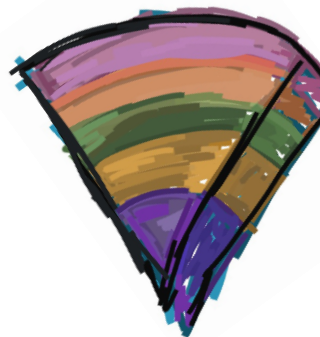
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Crust to core: different nuclear and astrophysical observables for different densities, and systematic errors

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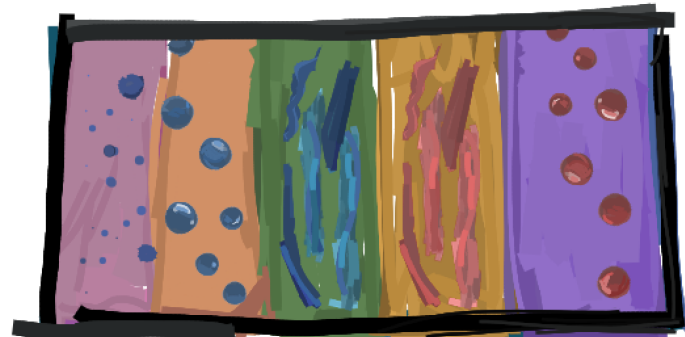
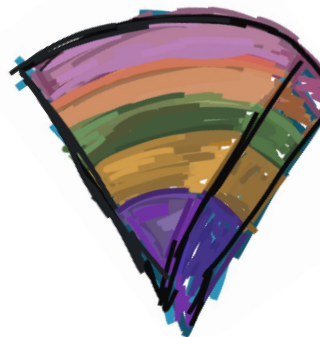
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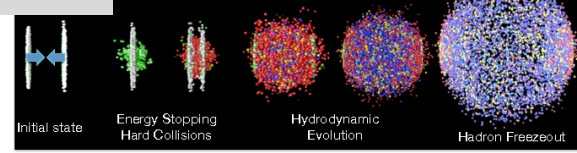
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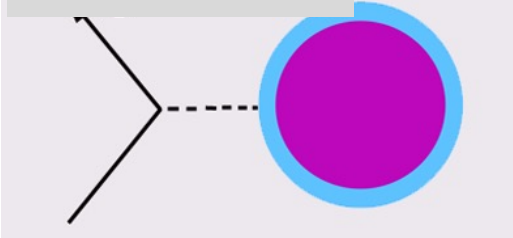
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HIC

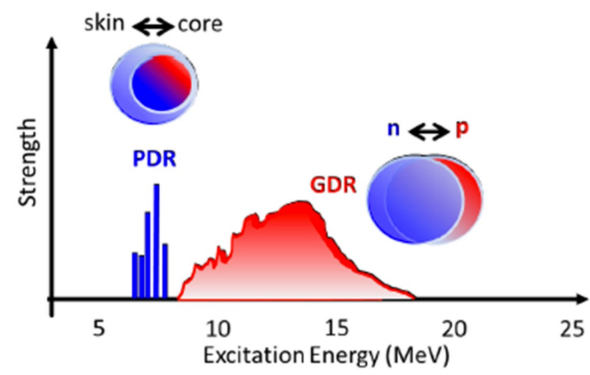


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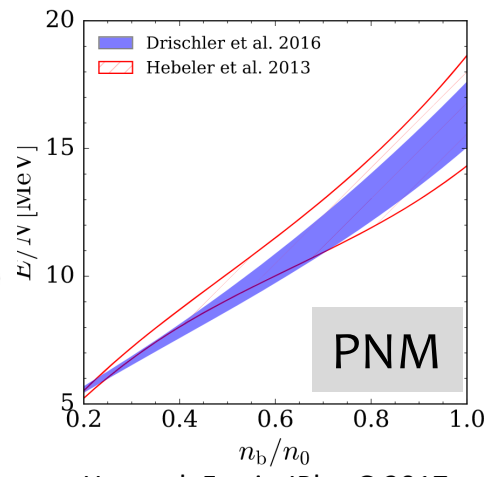
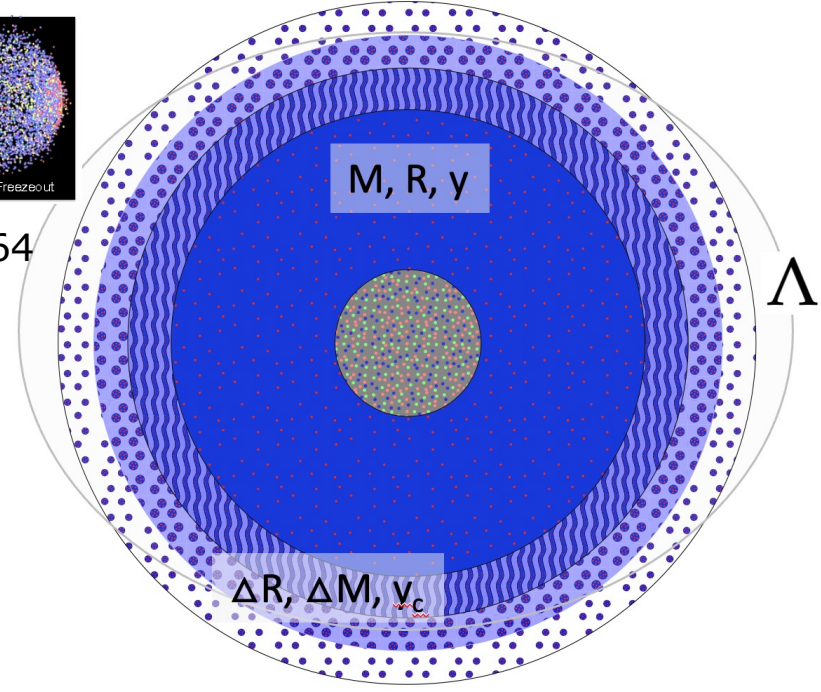


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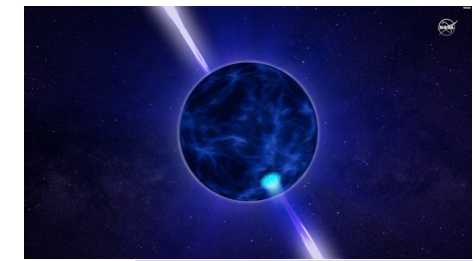
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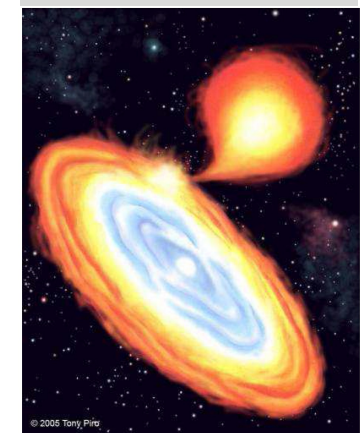
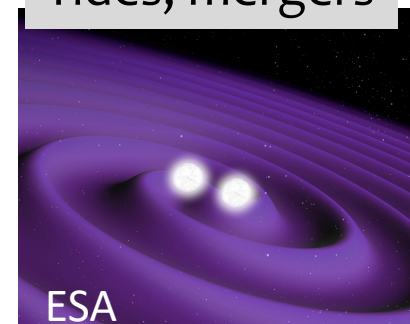


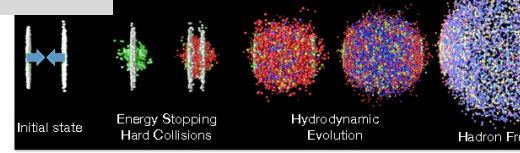
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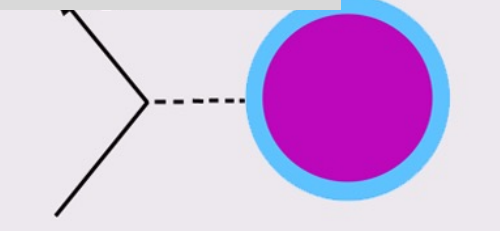
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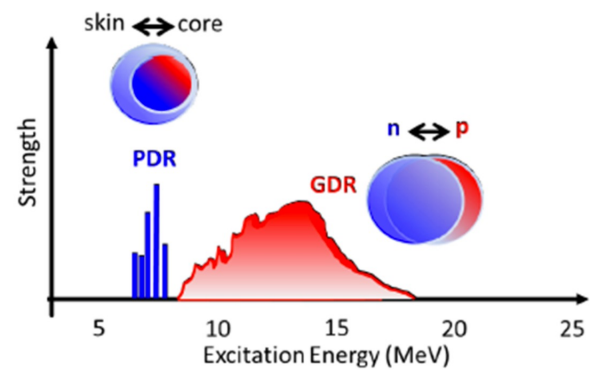


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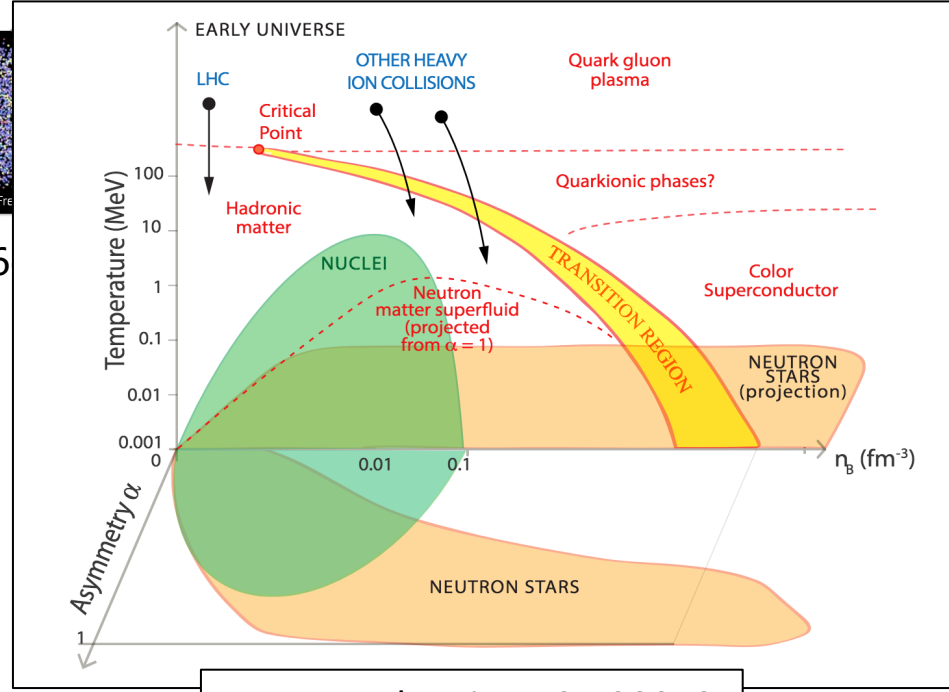


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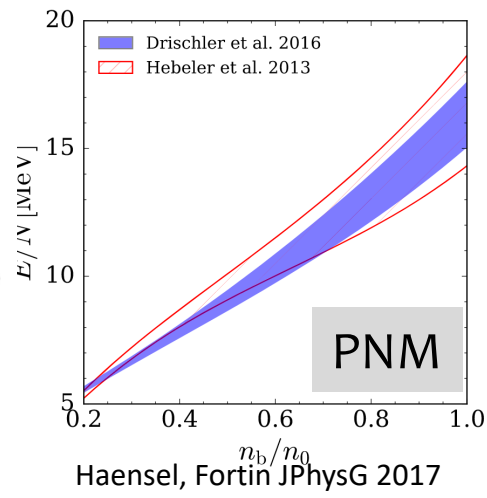


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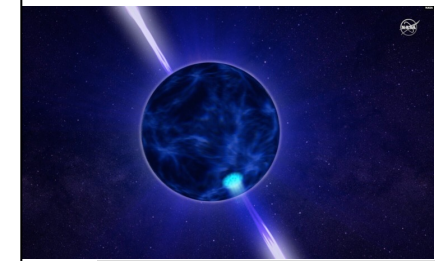
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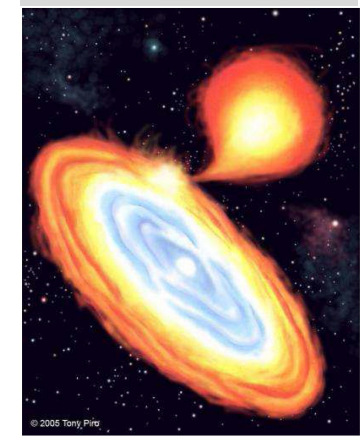
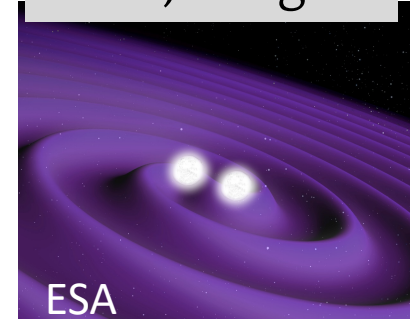


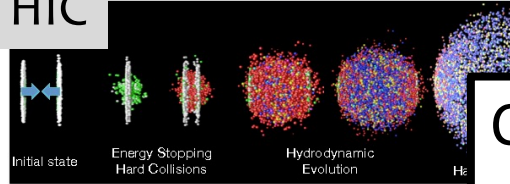
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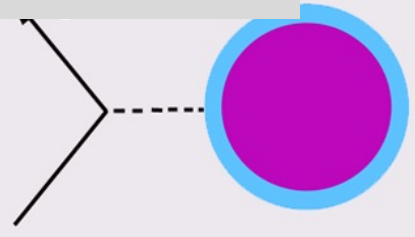
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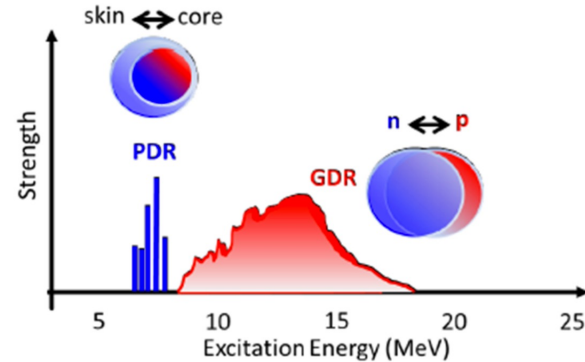


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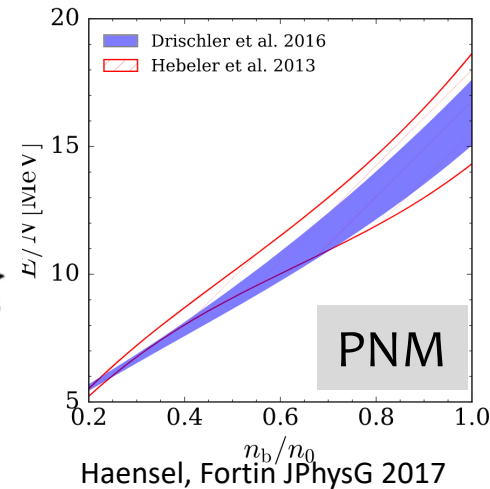


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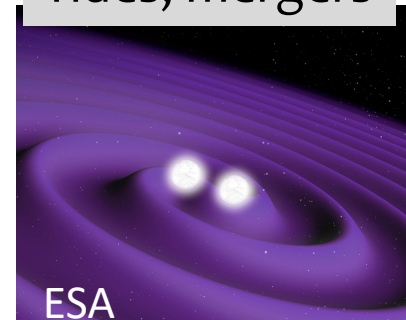
Communication between communities:

- What are we interested in?
- What do we need?
- How are we defining quantities?
- What are the limits of models?
- How are the uncertainties quantified?
- What are the model dependencies?



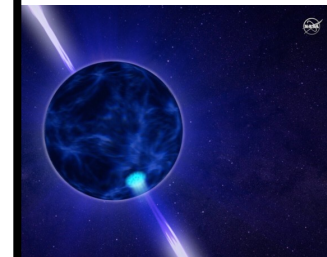
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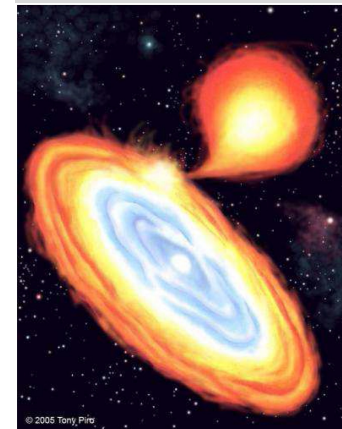


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Some questions

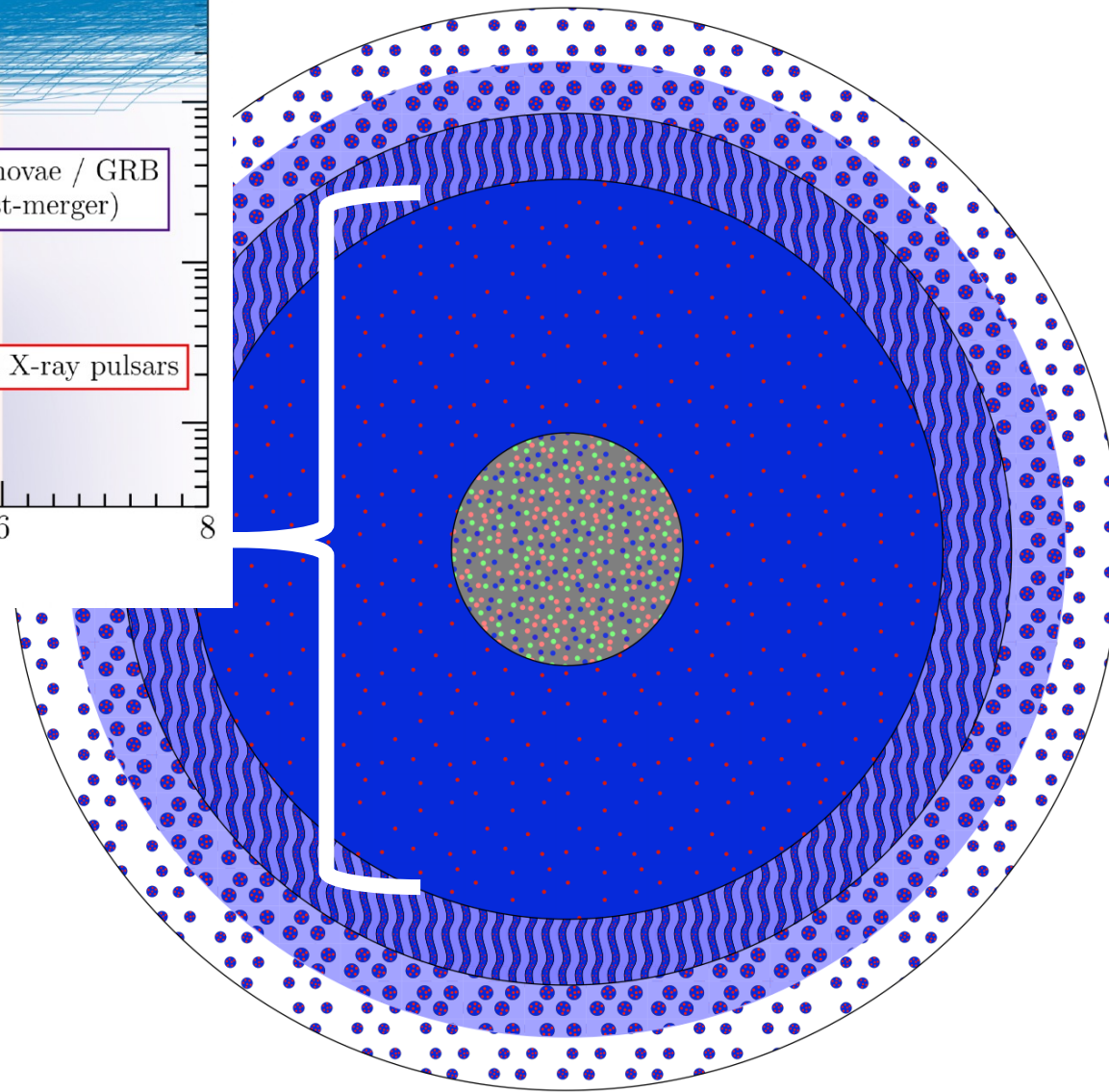
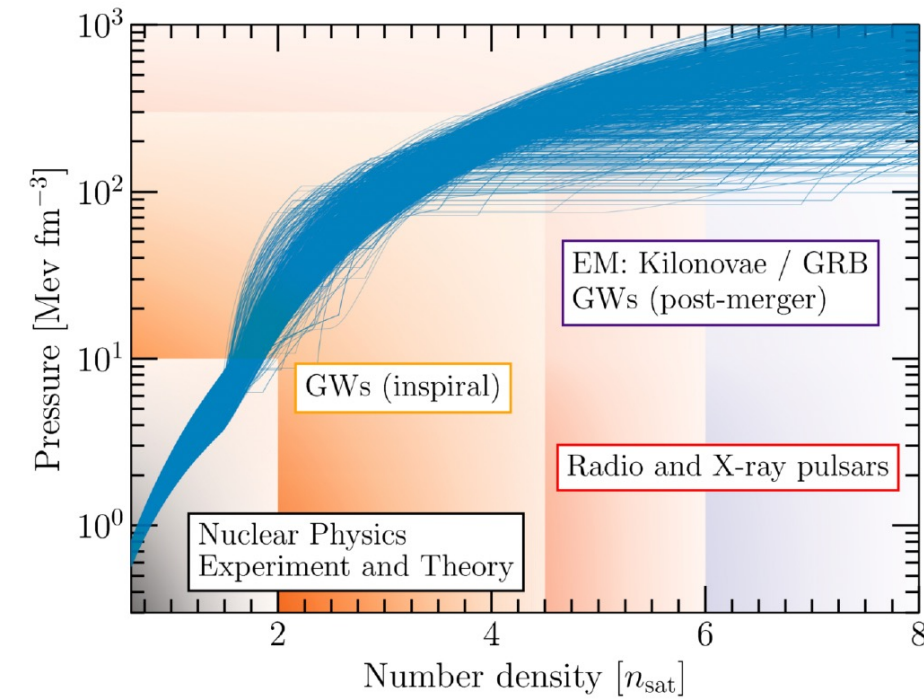
How to combine many nuclear and astro observables minimizing systematic model uncertainties

- Modeling observables as directly as possible
- Different density dependence of models when extrapolating constraints up/down in density
- Which densities are best probed by which observables?
- Including the crust consistently to bring other observables into play

We'll illustrate these considerations schematically, take a look at some examples from the literature and then delve deeper using our own EoS models

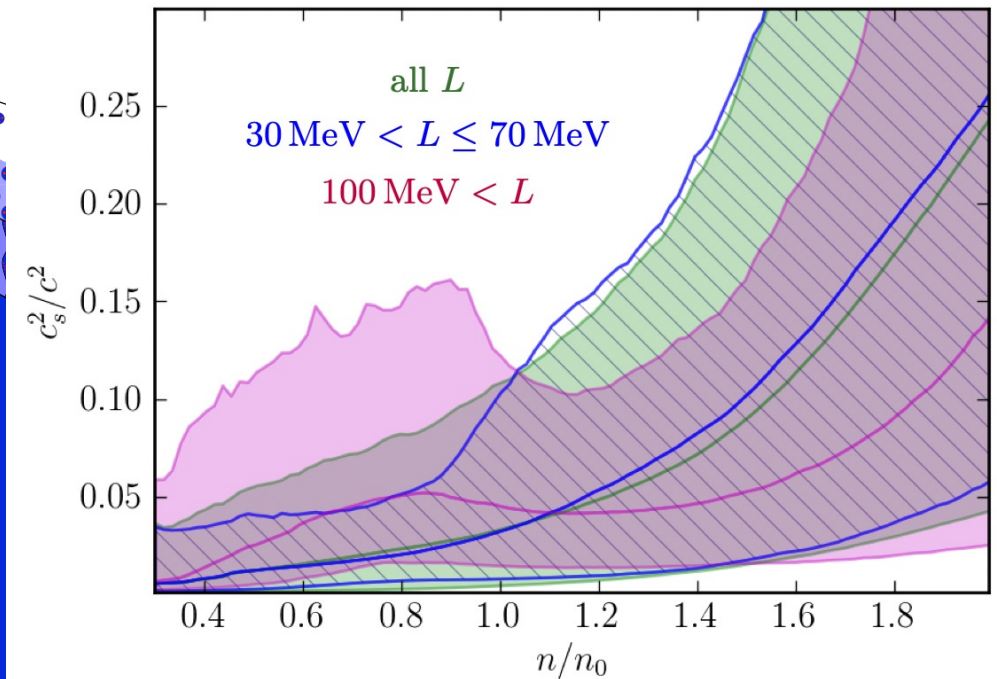
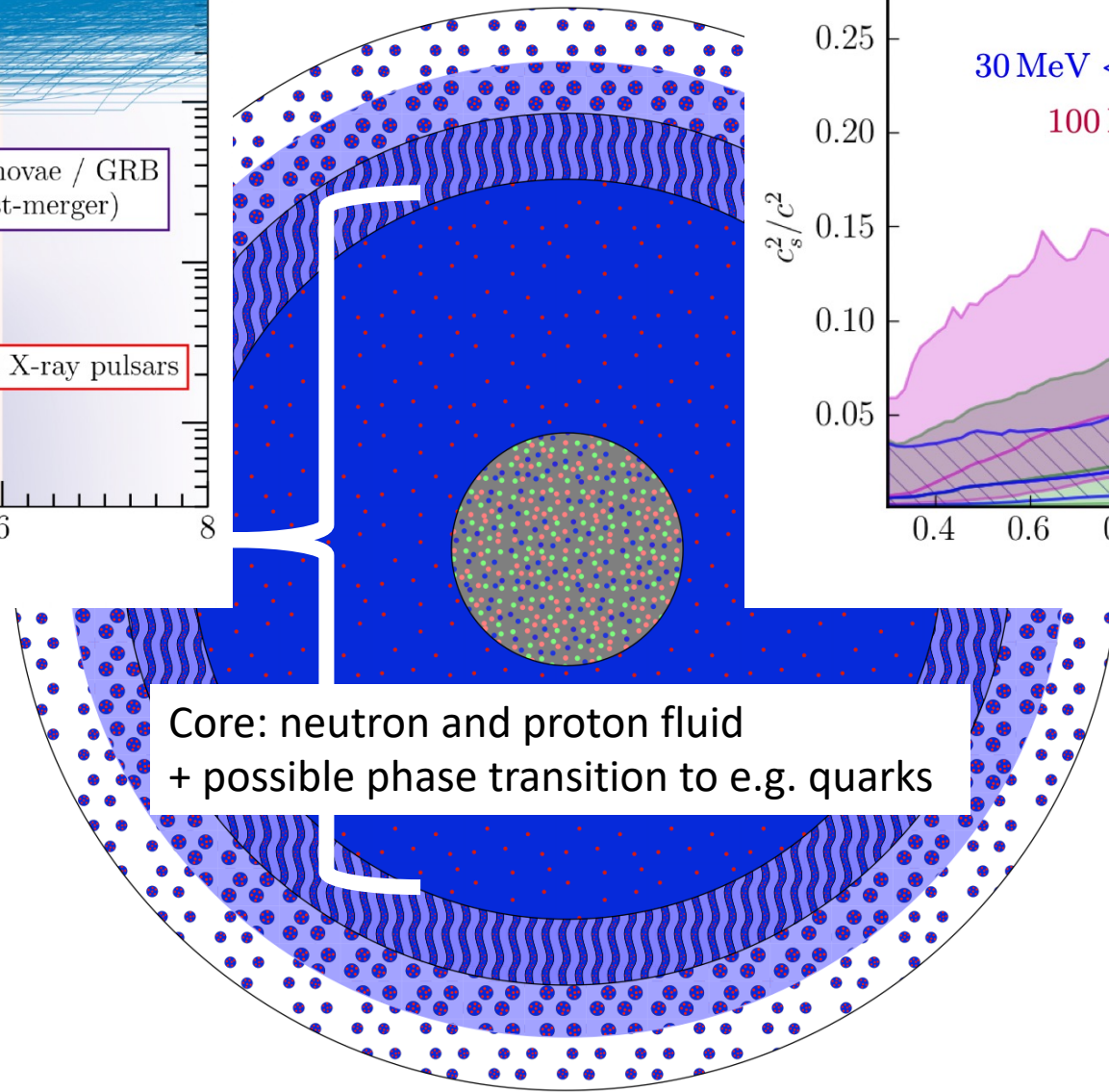
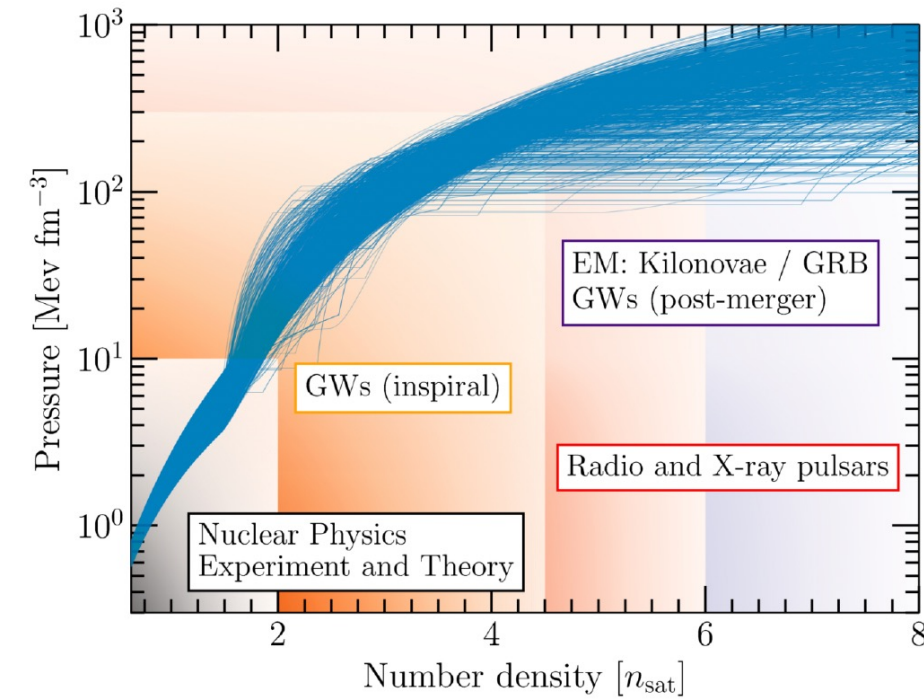
I'm picking out systematic modeling uncertainties in a number of really excellent studies – they are not a slight on the studies!

Modern approach: create ensembles of EOSs/neutron star models for statistical inference



Pang et al, arxiv:2205.08513

And go ahead and infer! To date, emphasis has been on the EOS of the core



Pang et al, arxiv:2205.08513

Essick+ arXiv 2102.10074

The Nuclear Matter Equation of State

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) + L\left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0}\right) + \frac{K_{\text{sym}}}{2}\left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0}\right)^2 + \frac{Q_{\text{sym}}}{6}\left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0}\right)^3 \dots$$

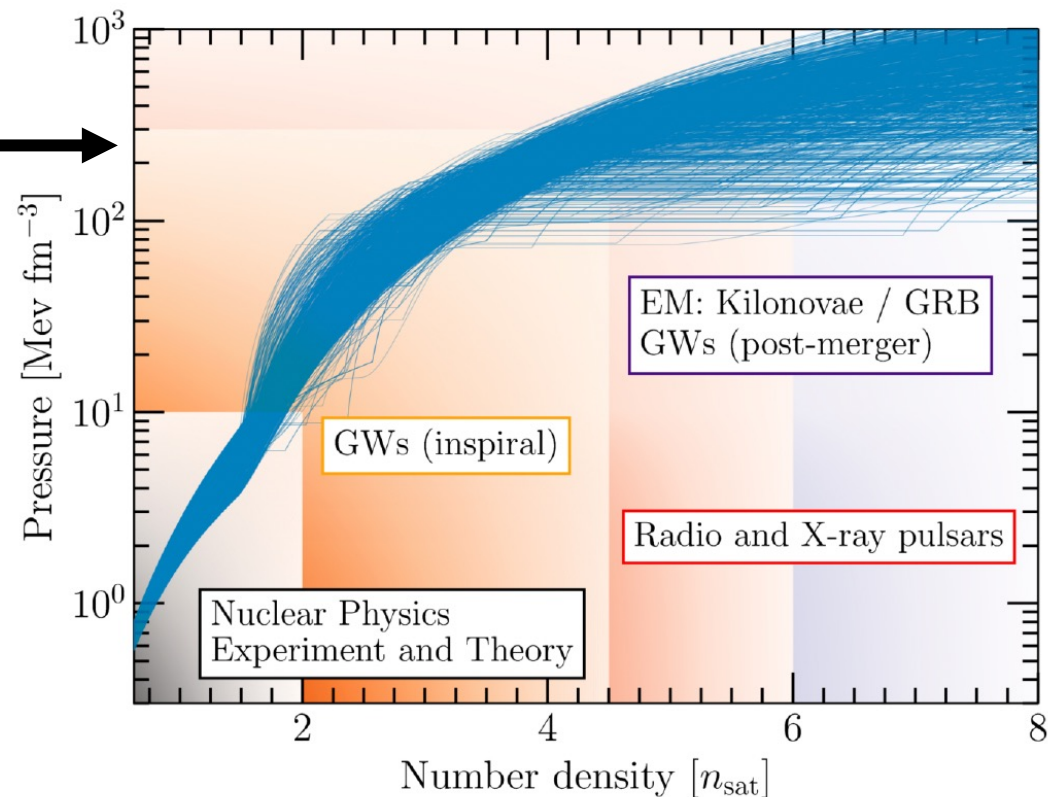
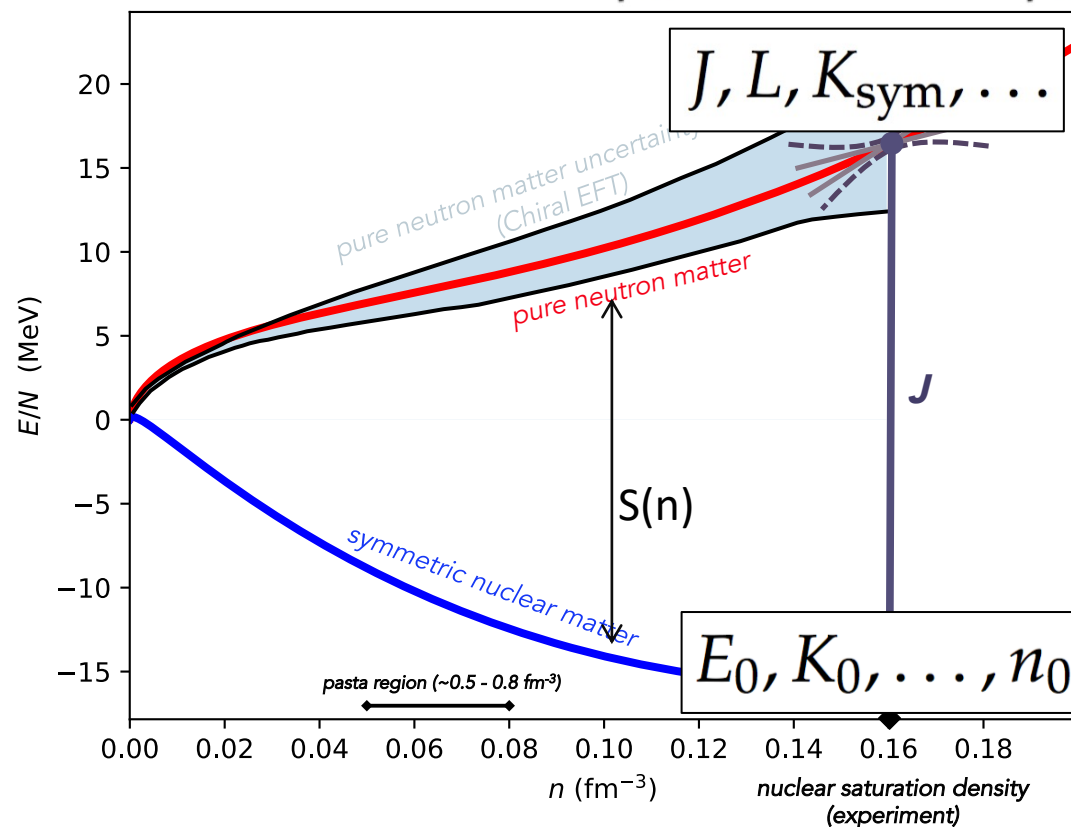


Figure: Lauren Balliet

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Li, arxiv:2105.04629

Symmetry energy: some communication problems

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2. 2nd order or all orders

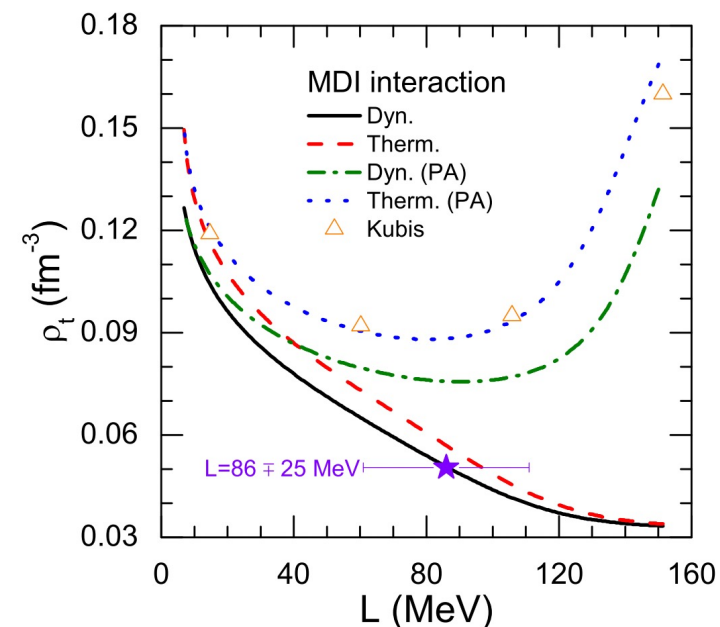
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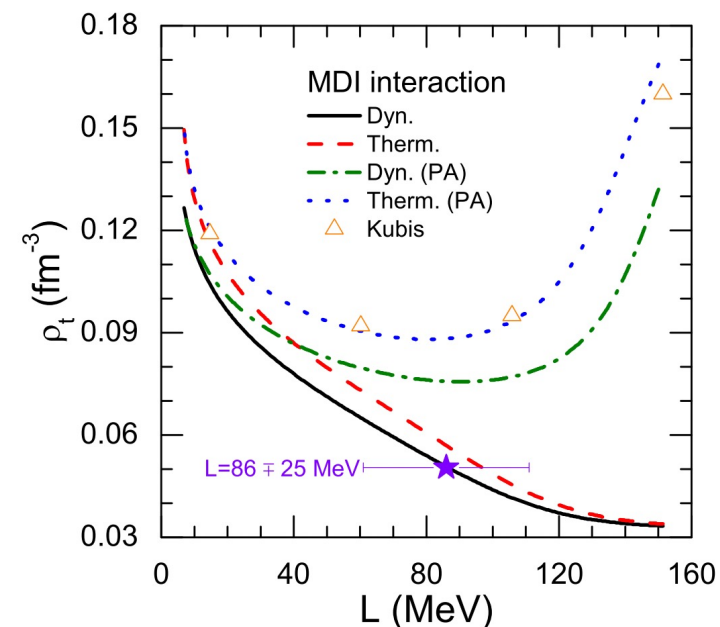
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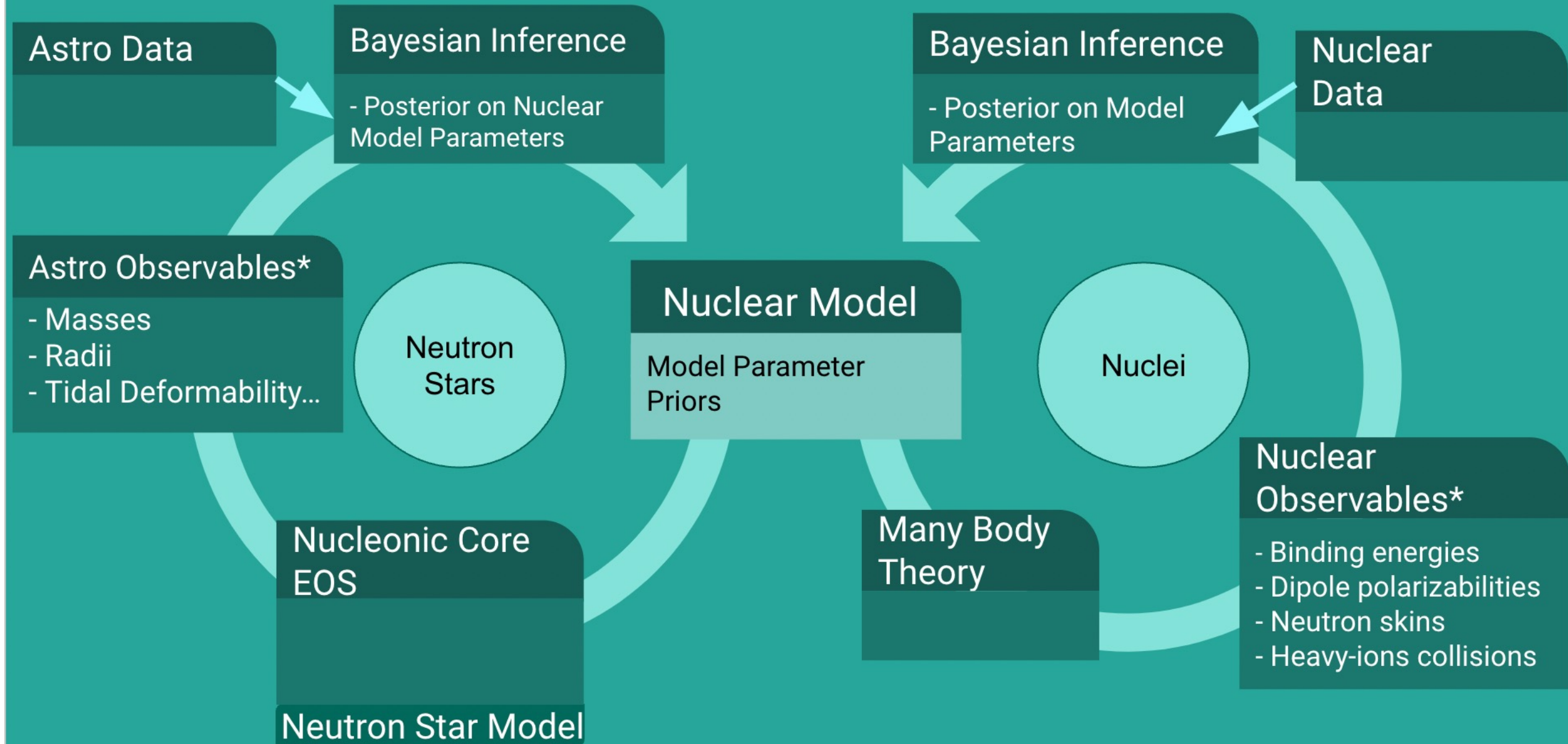


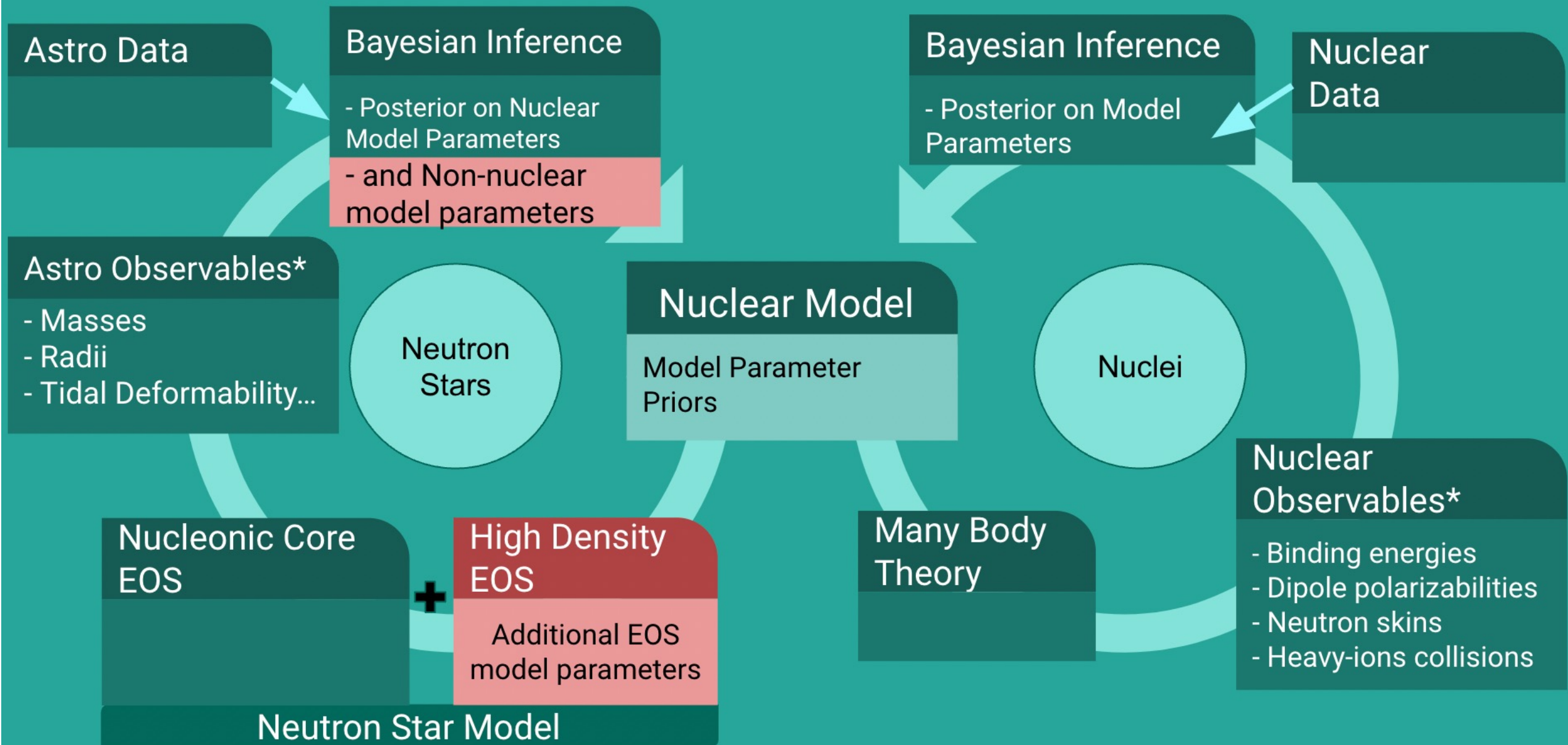
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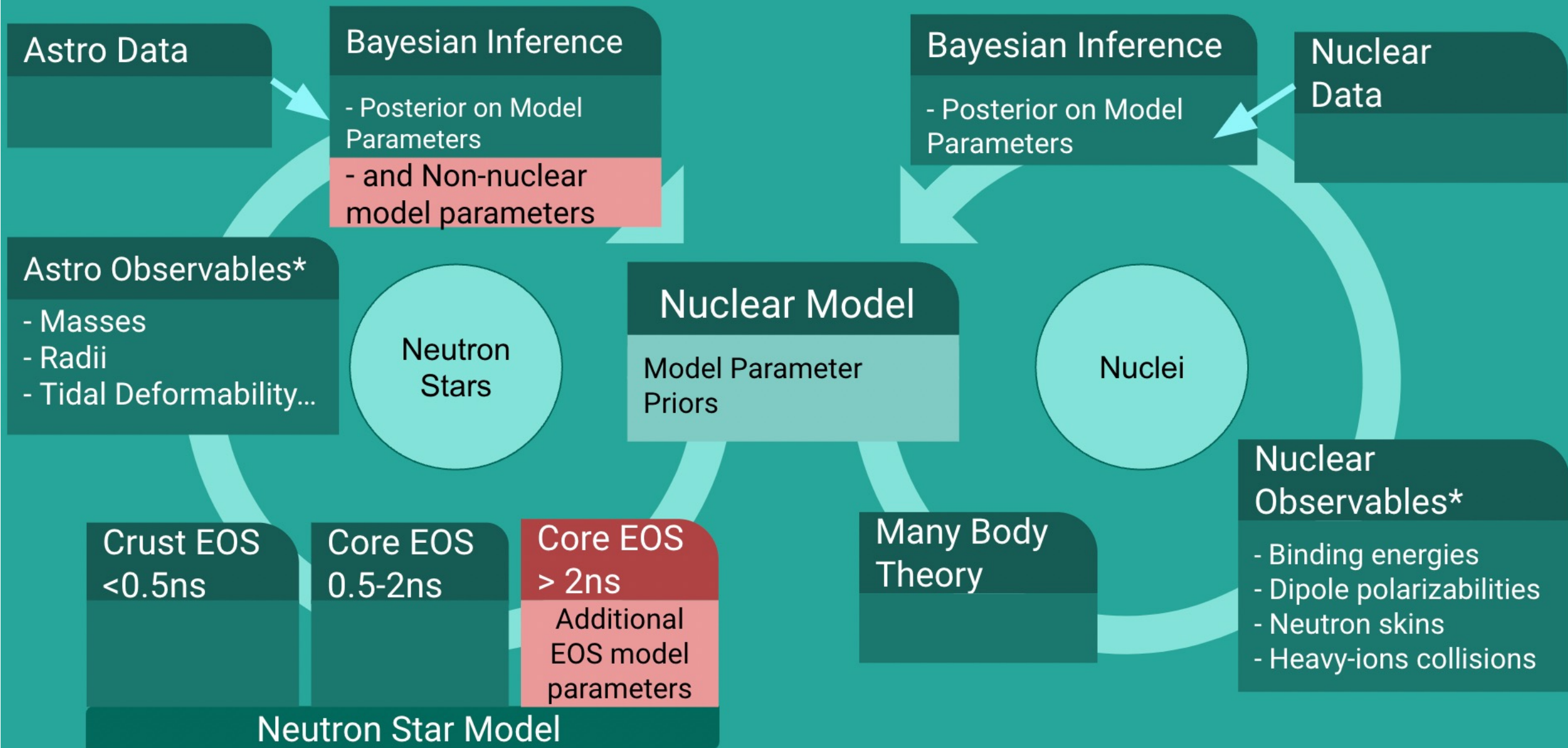


Low Accuracy
High Precision

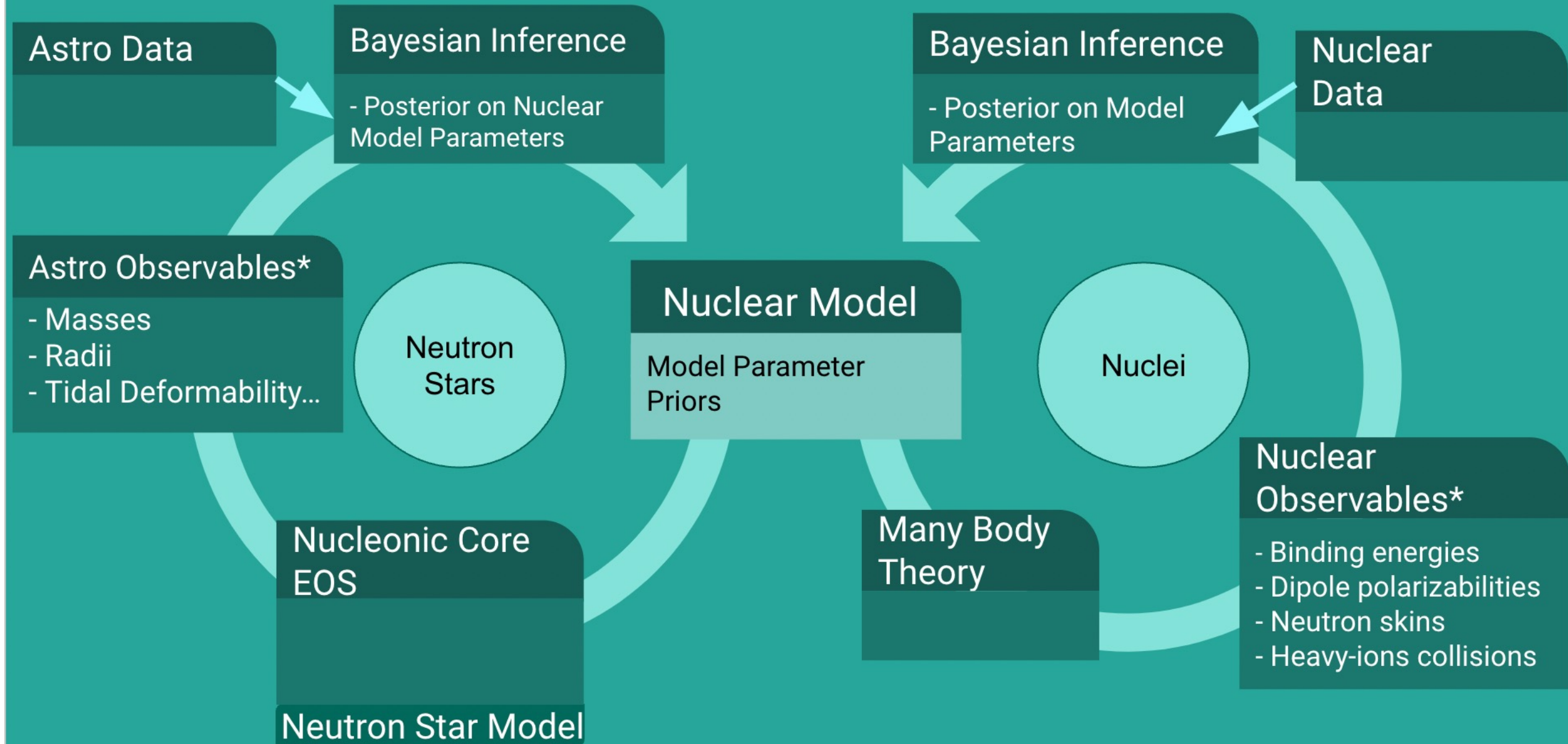
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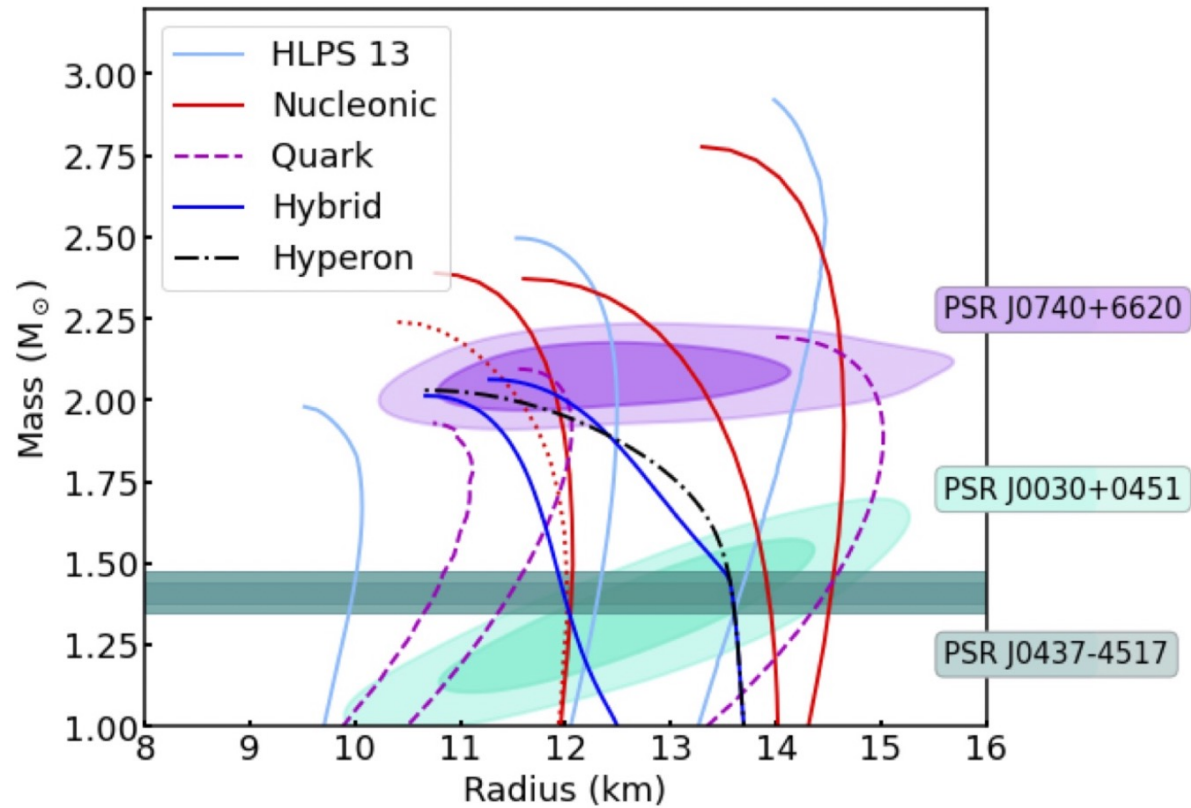




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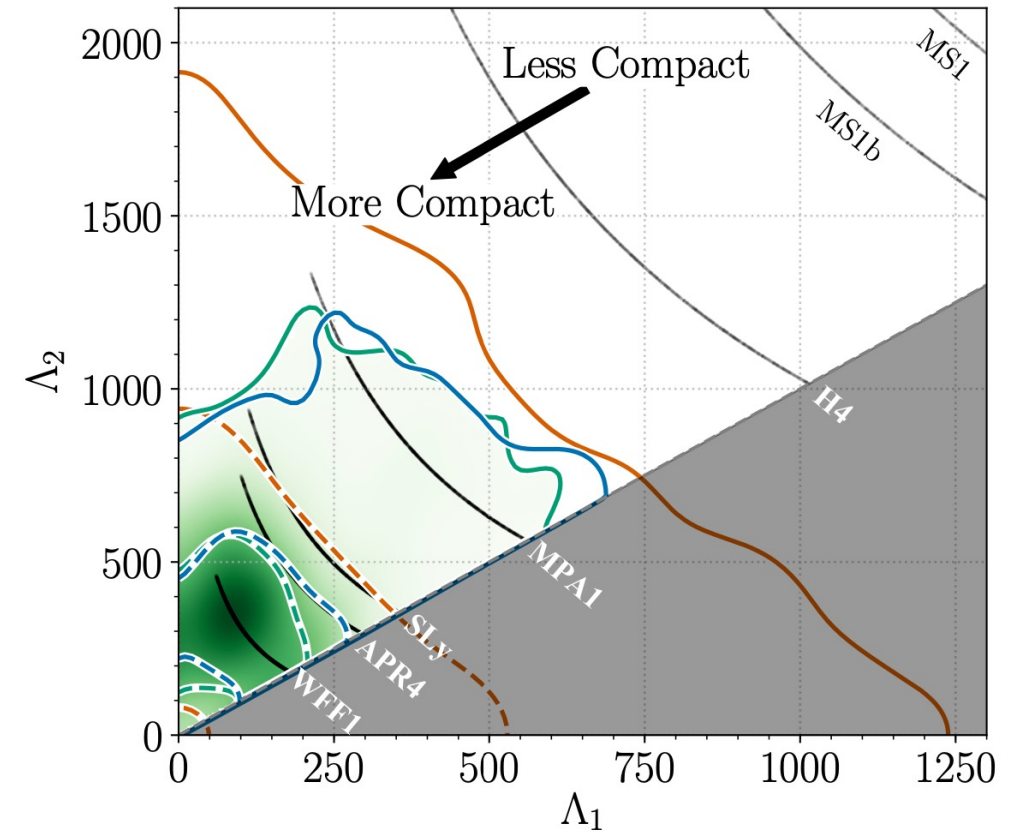


Riley arxiv:1912.05702, arxiv:2105.06980

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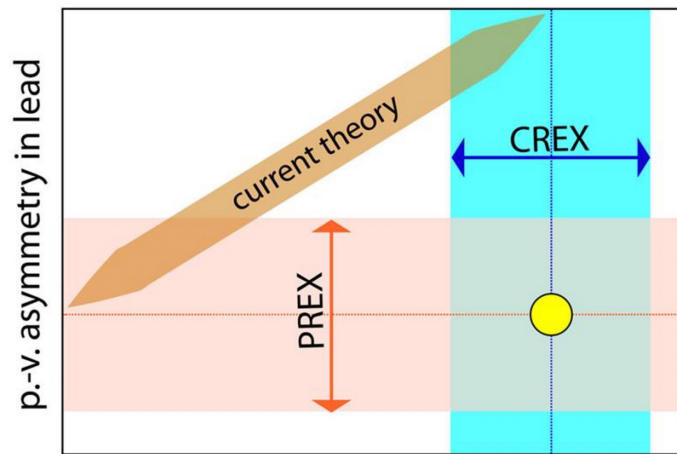
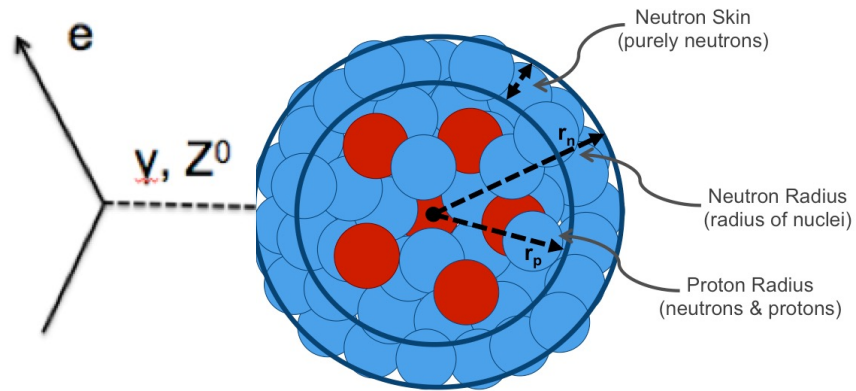
Data: Tidal Deformability



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Data: Neutron Skins

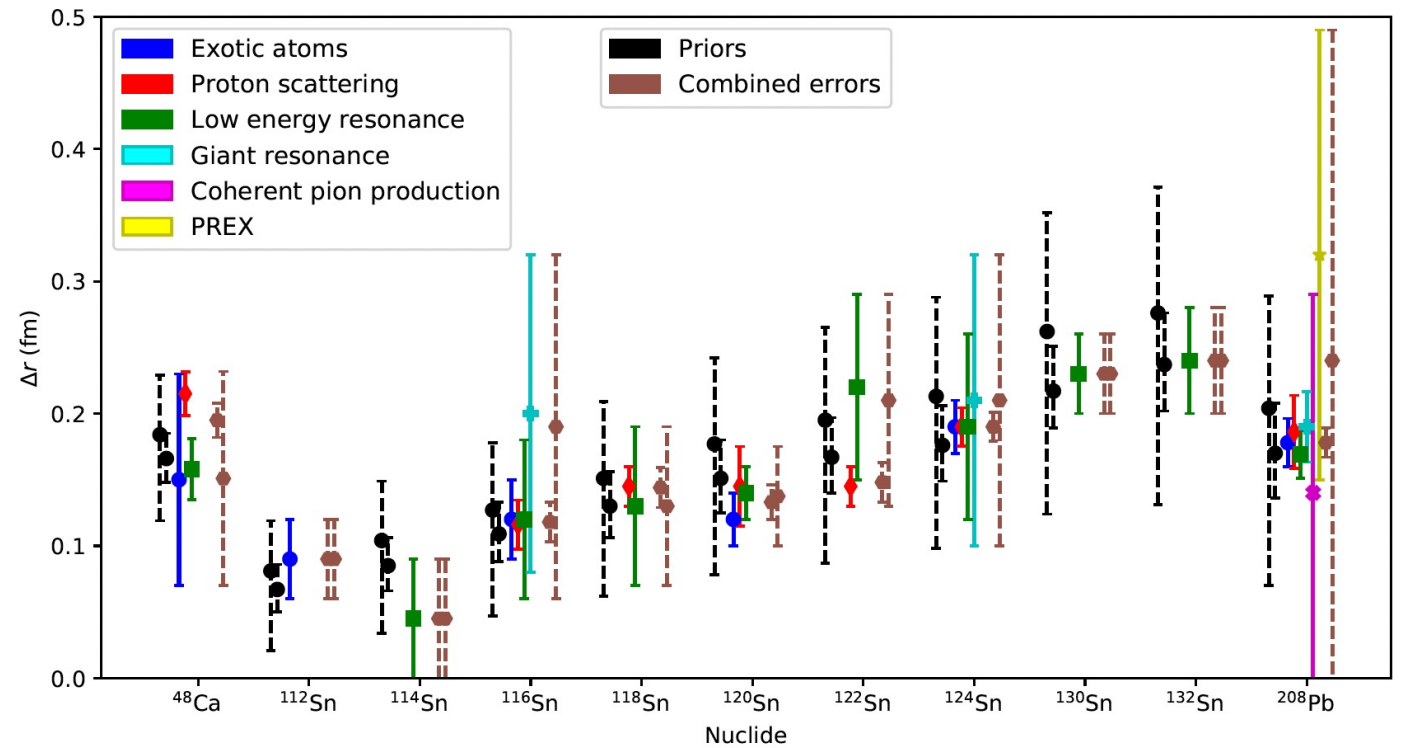
PREX, CREX



parity-violating asymmetry in calcium

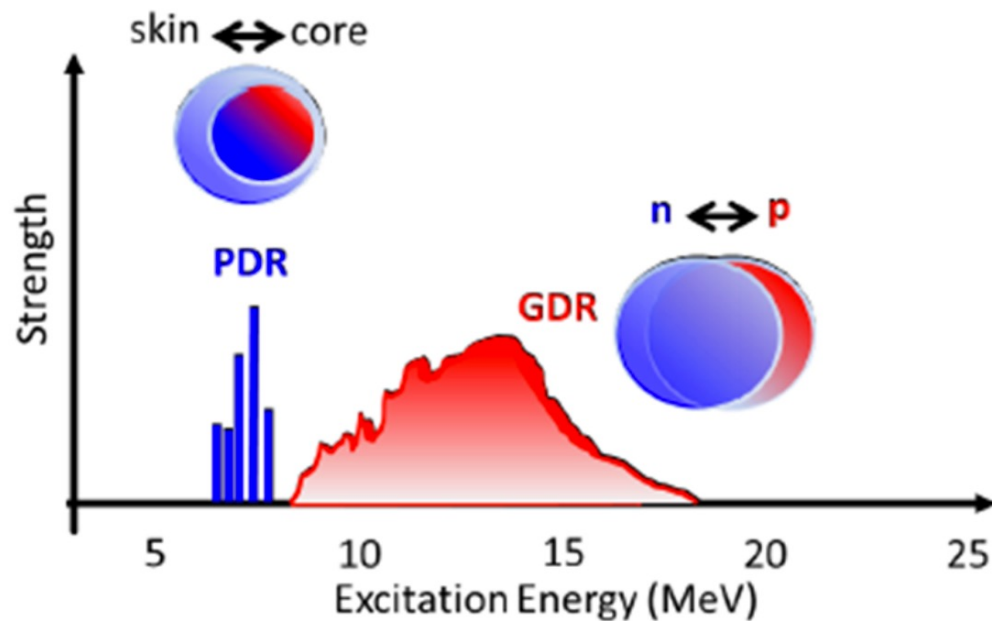
Image: Witold Nazarewicz

Other Probes



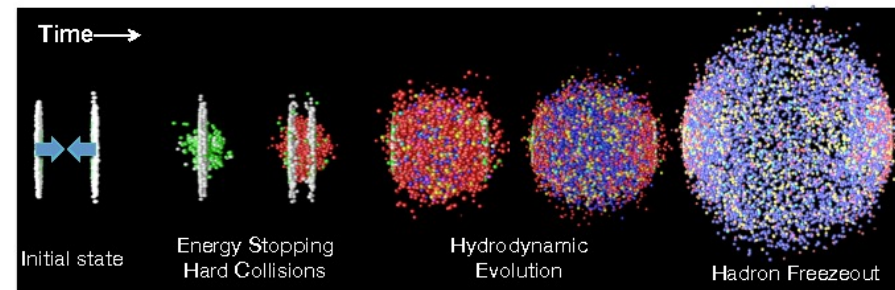
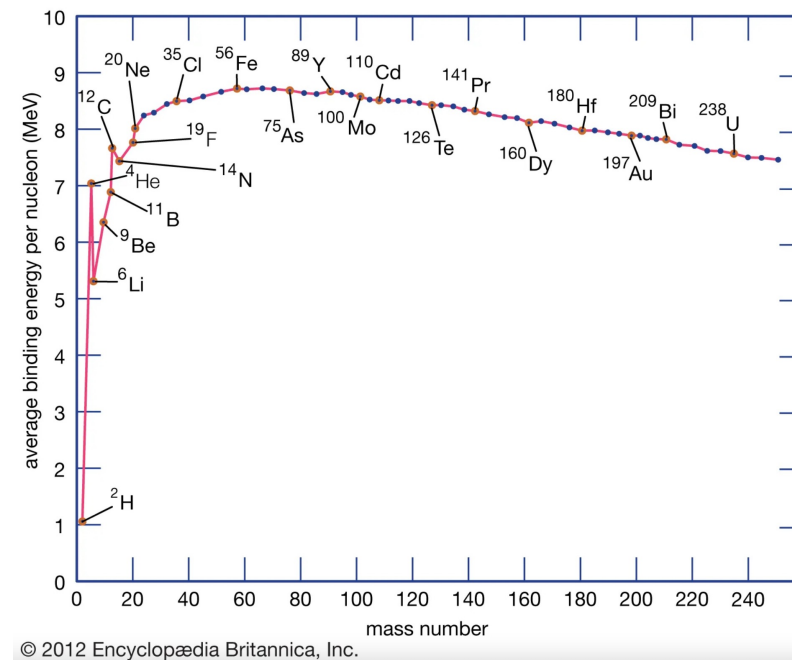
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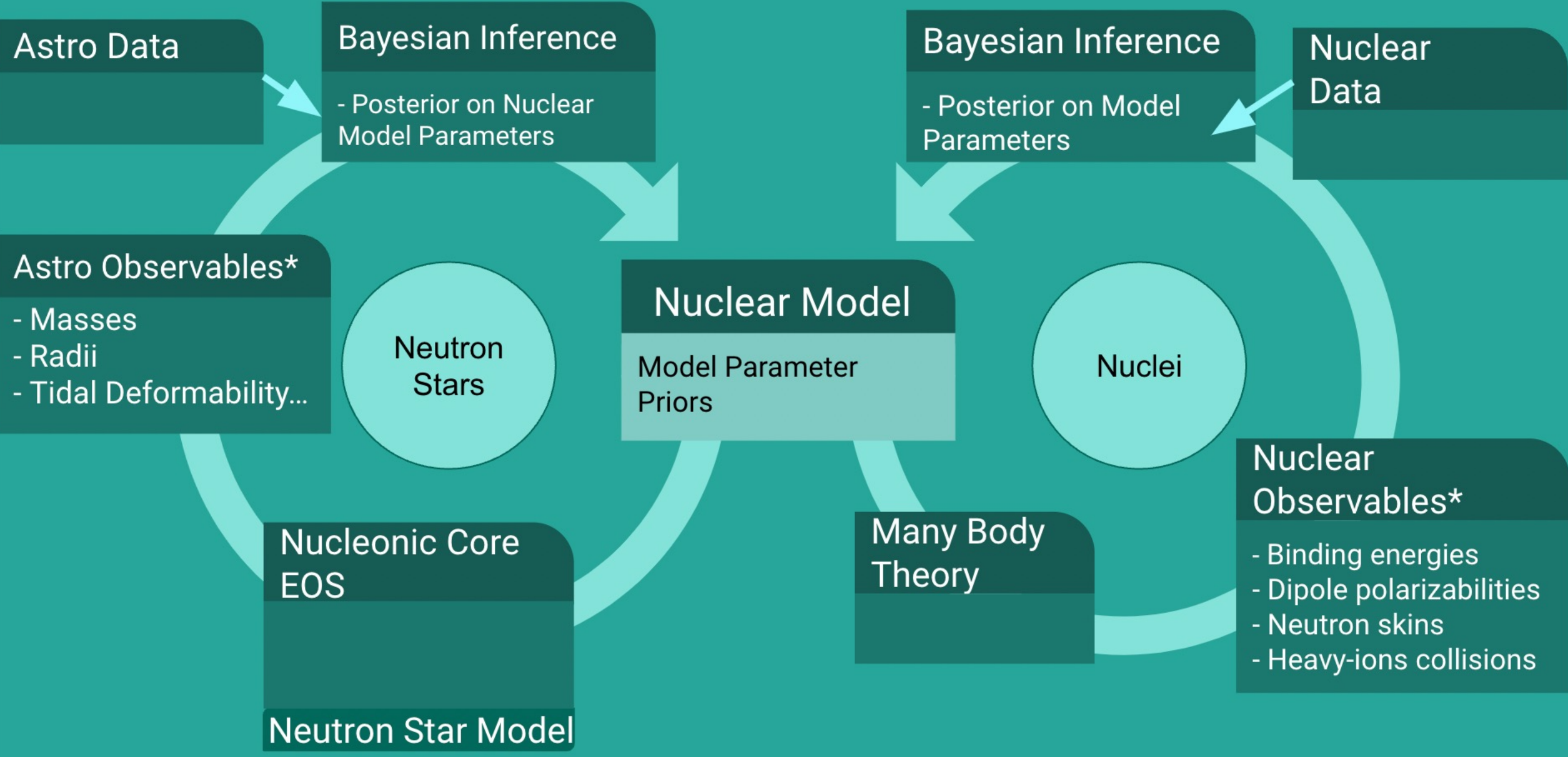
Data: Dipole Polarizability, Nuclear Masses, HIC

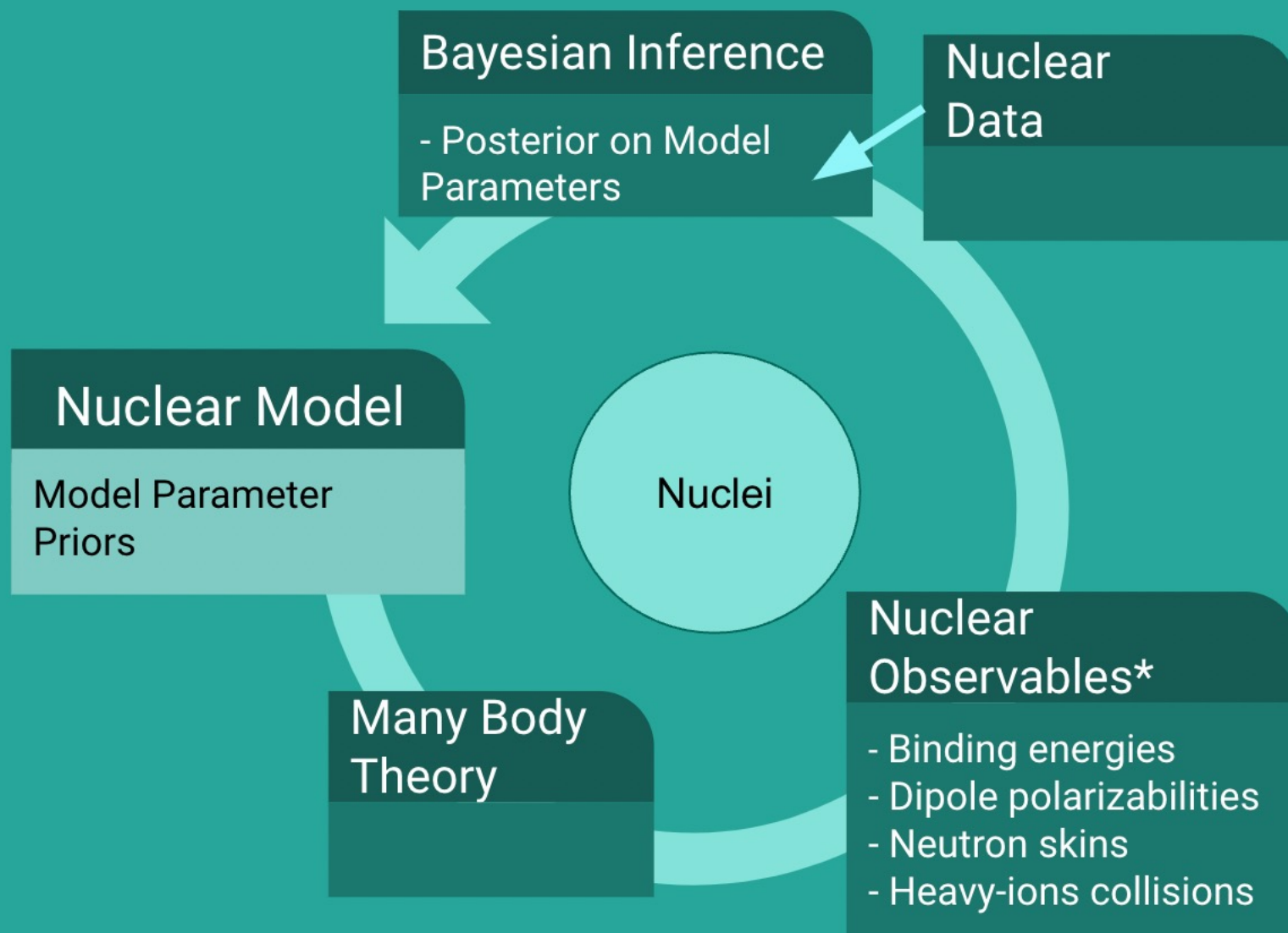


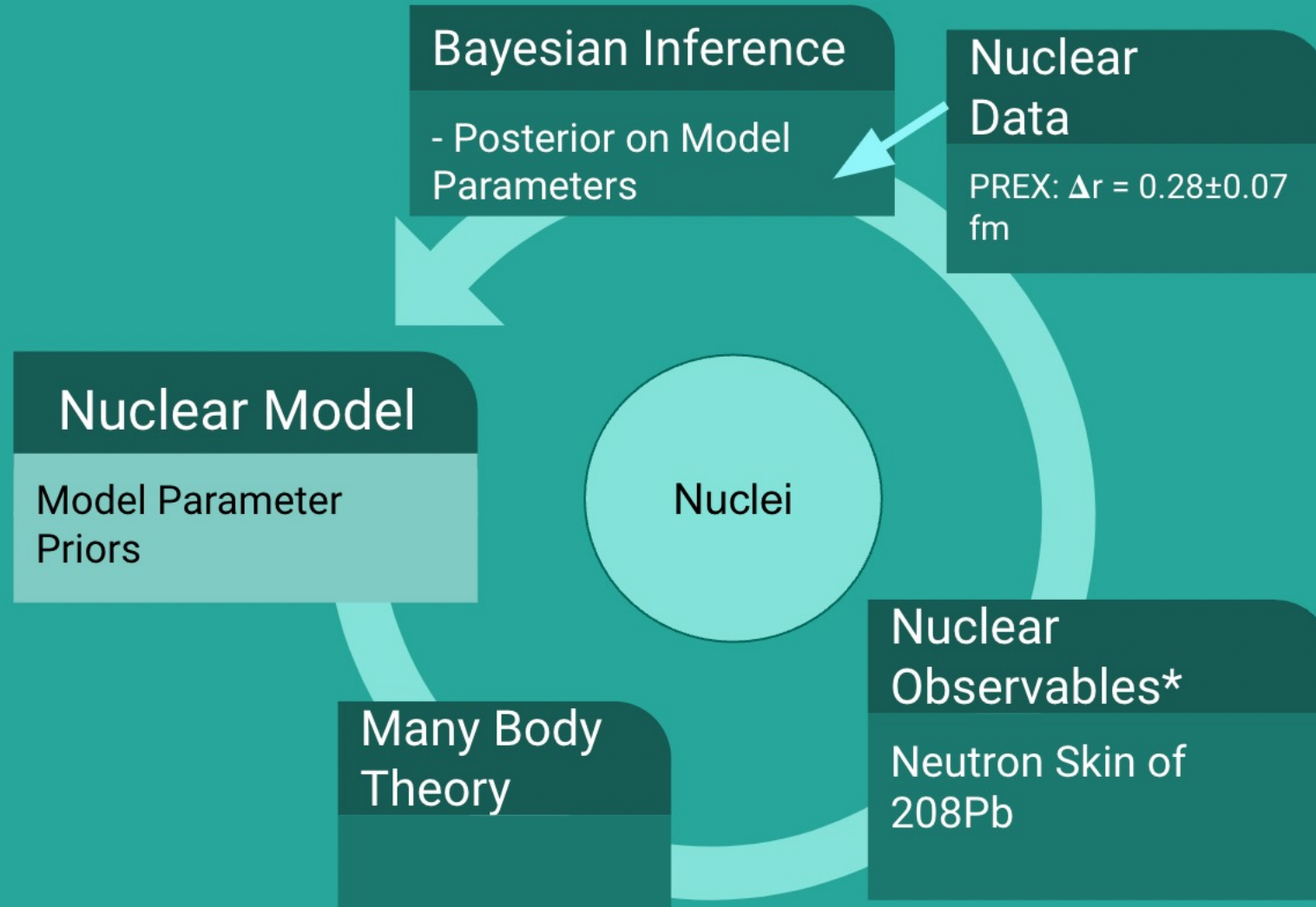
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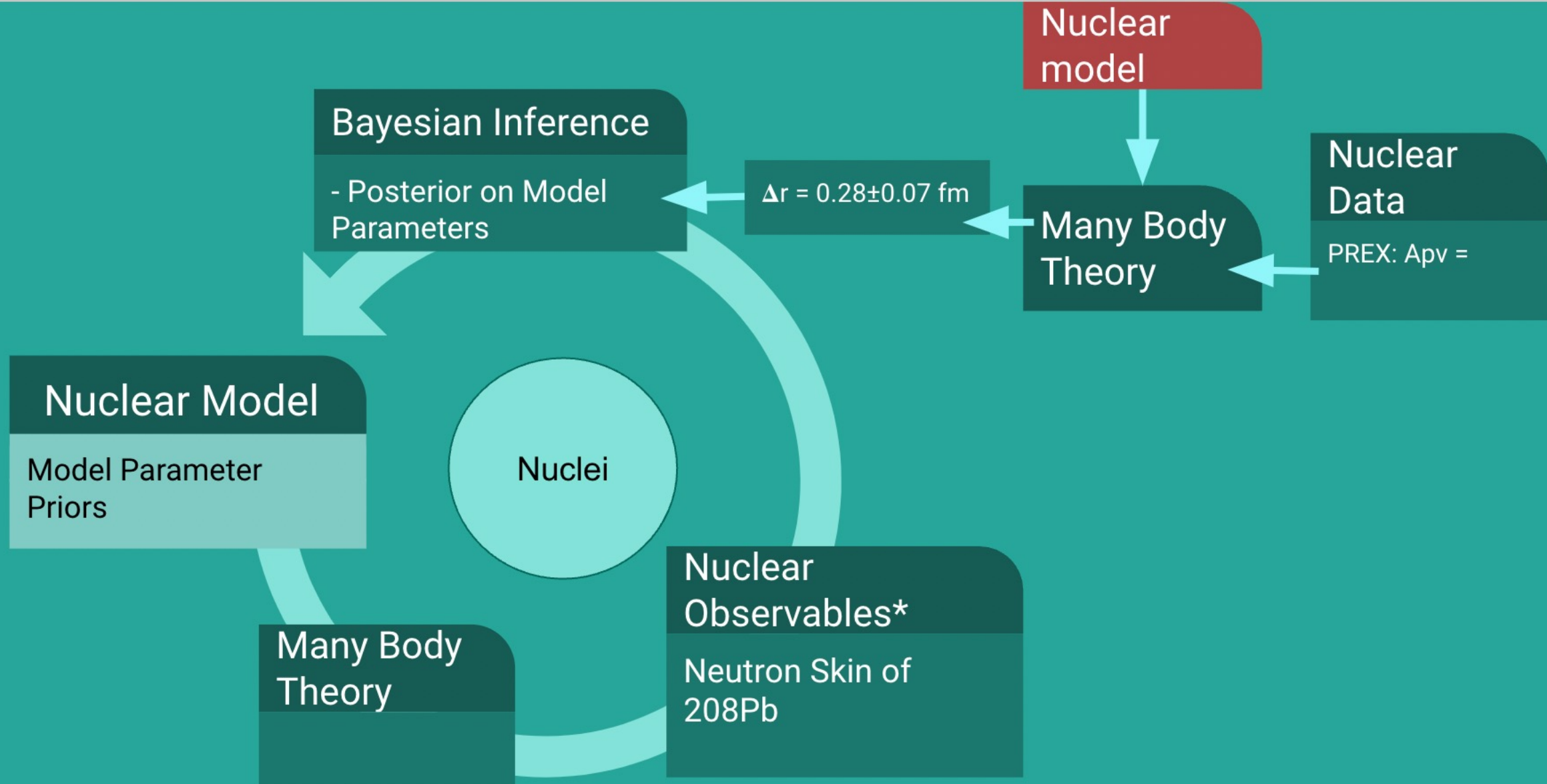
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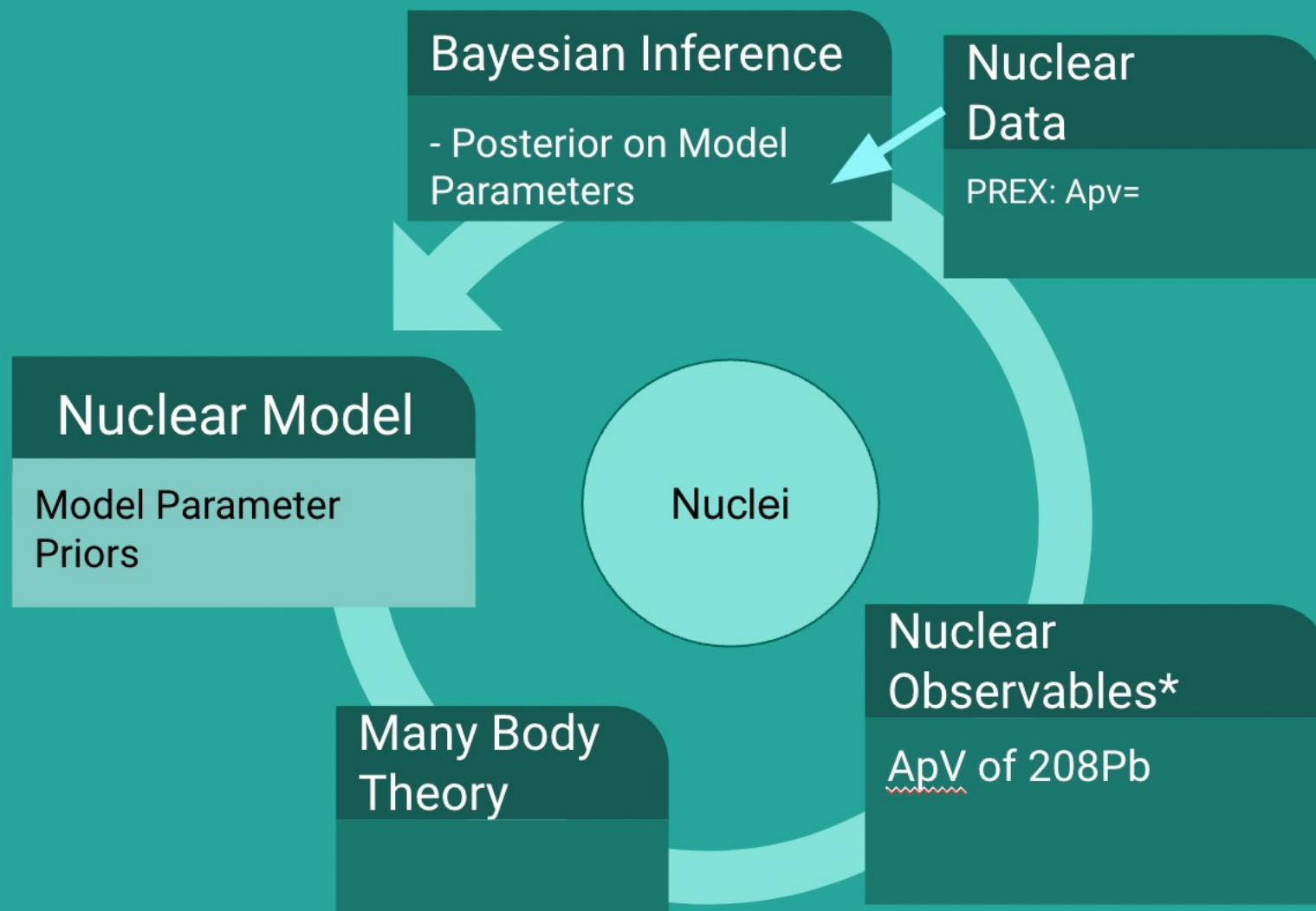












Astro Data

Grav. Waveform
X-ray light curves
Pulsar timing

Waveform model
X-ray light curve
model
Atmosphere model...

Bayesian Inference

- Posterior on Nuclear
Model Parameters
- and Non-nuclear
model parameters

Astro Observables*

- Masses
- Radii
- Tidal Deformability...

Neutron
Stars

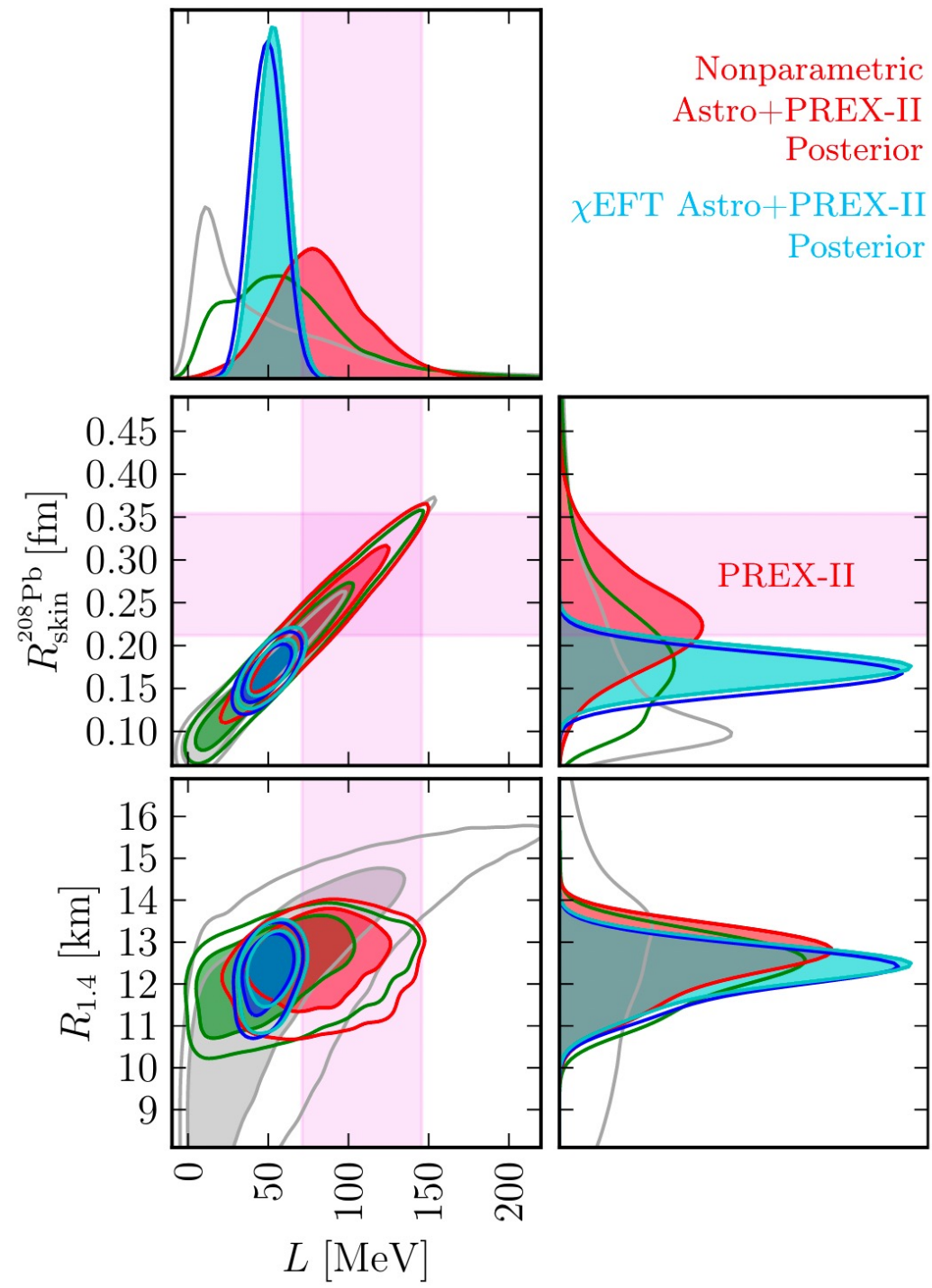
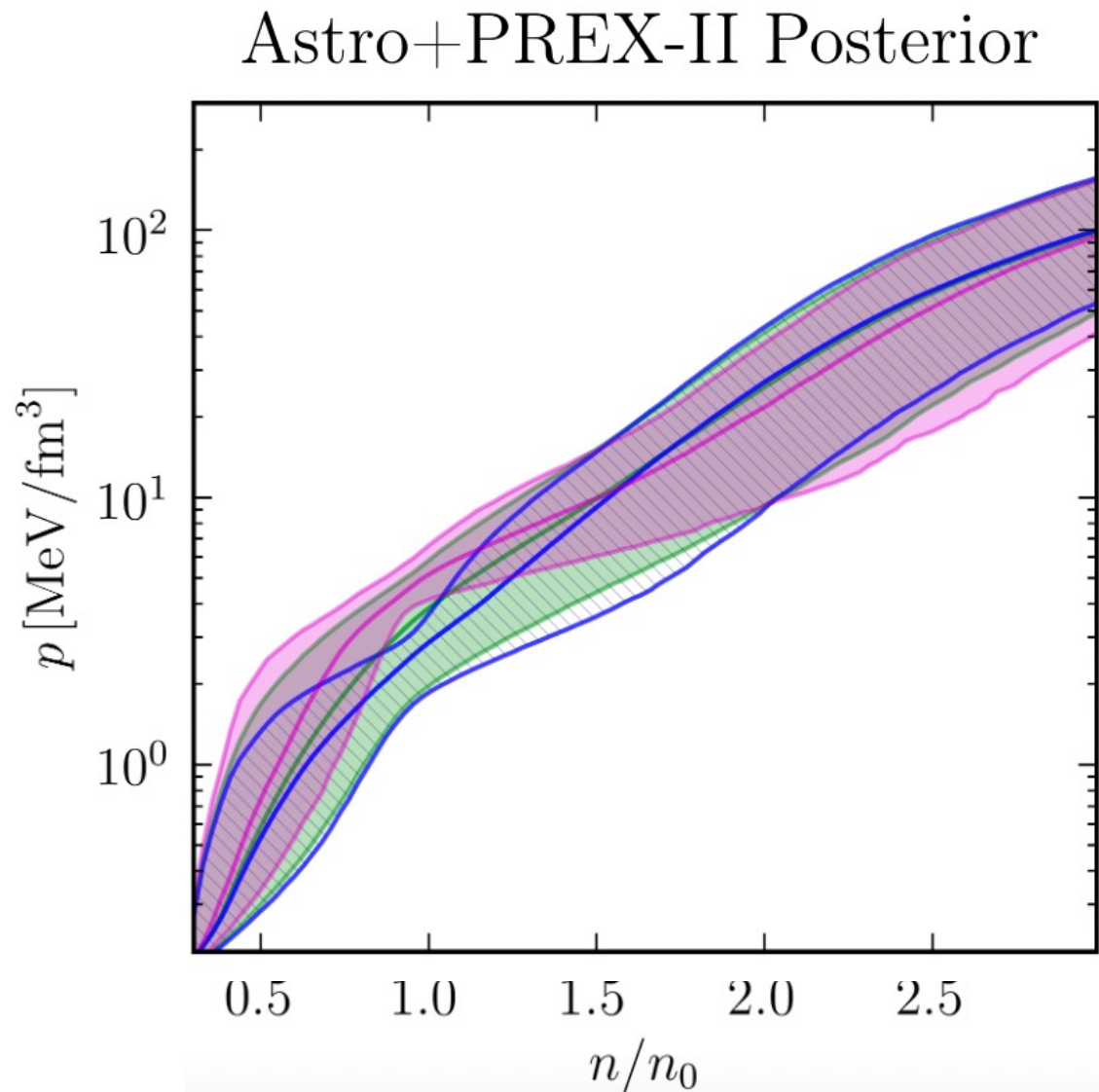
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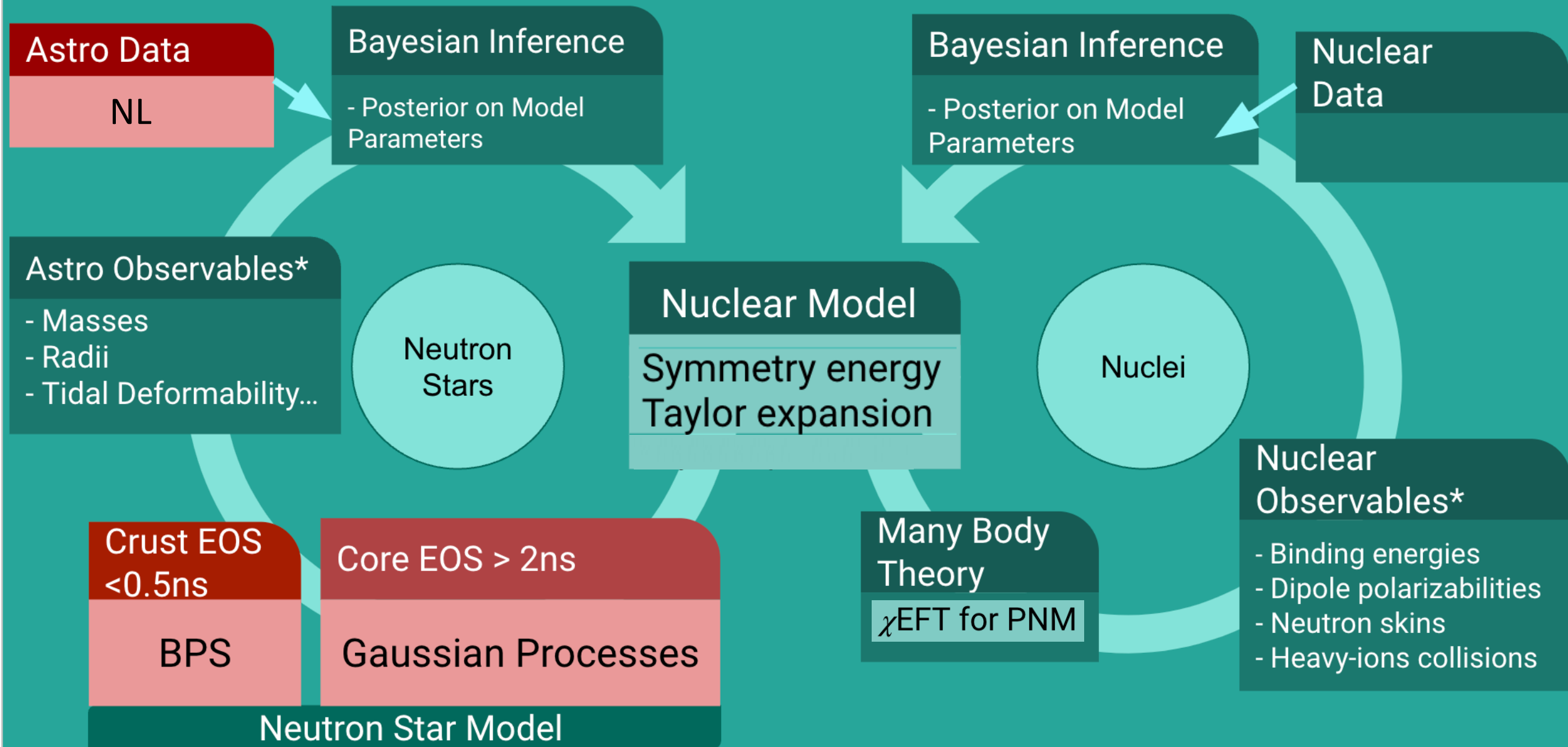
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Nucleonic Core
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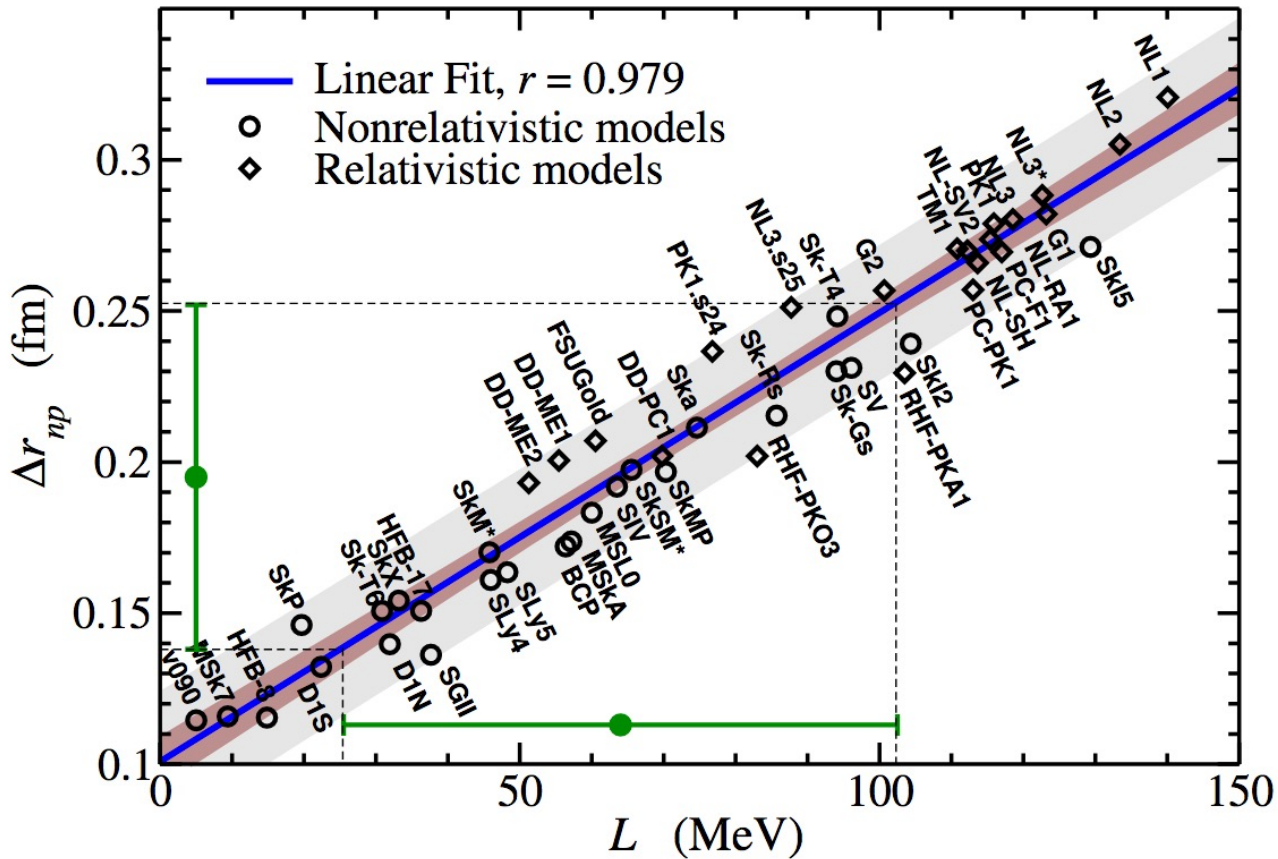
Neutron Star Model

Example 1: Essick+ arXiv 2102.10074

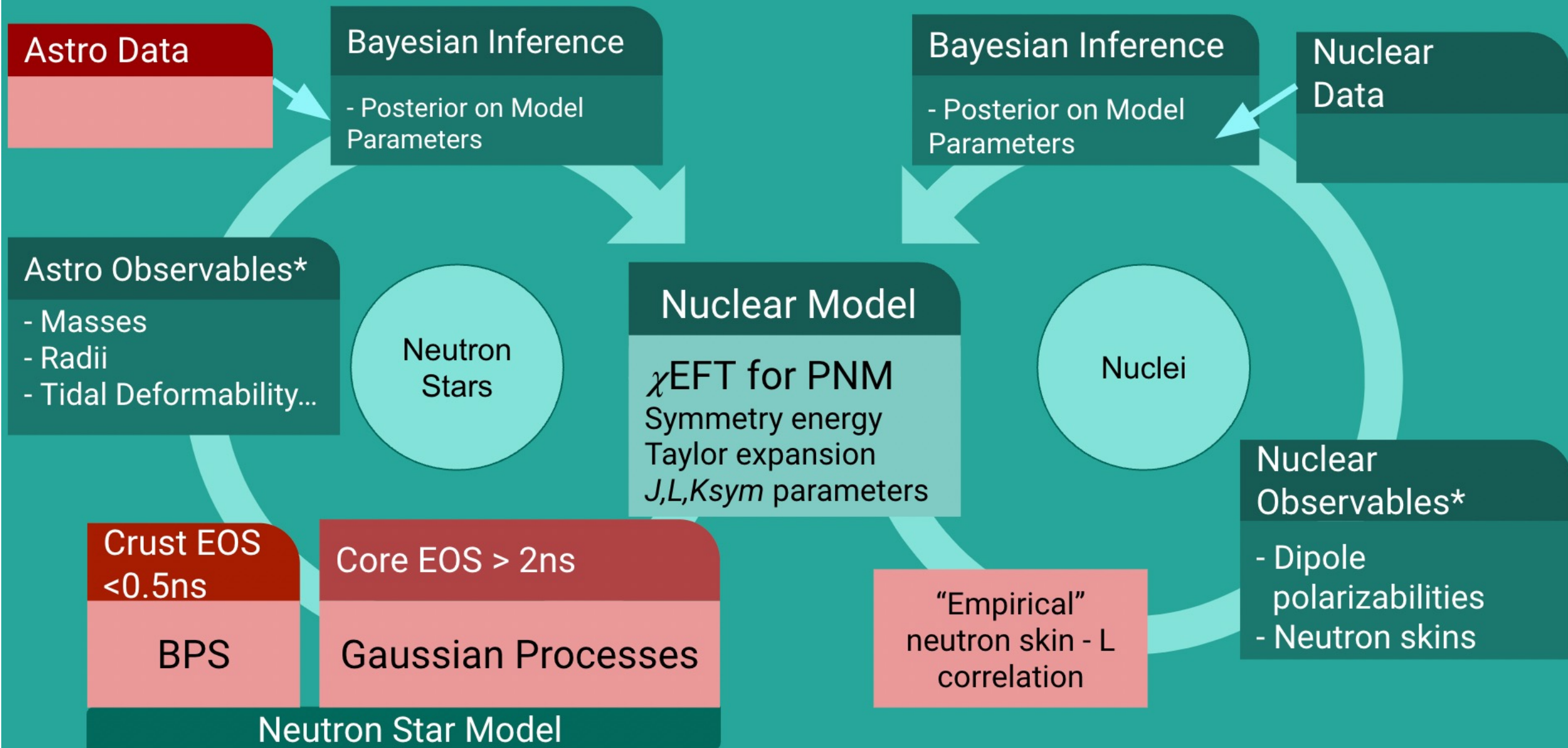


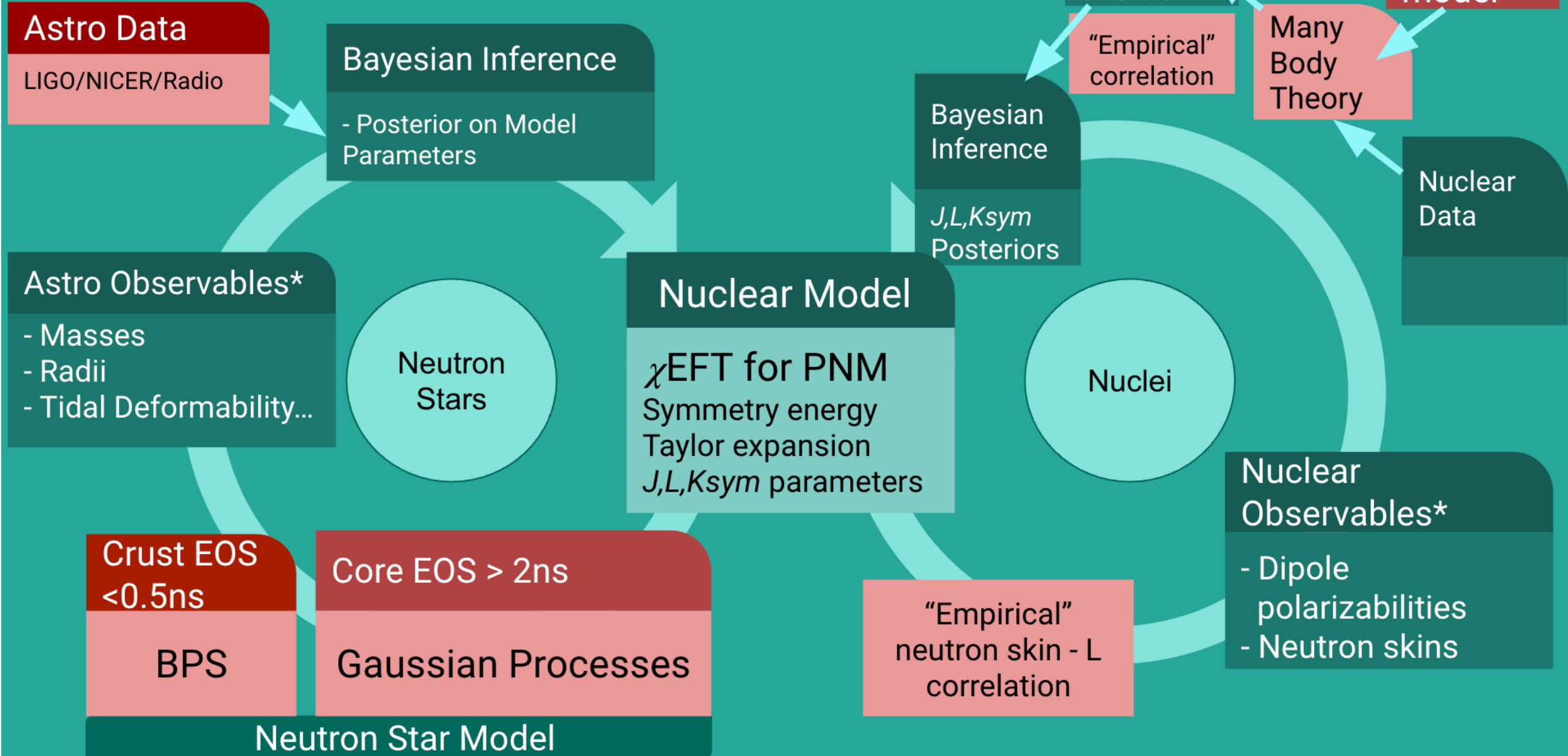


Connecting L to neutron skin: Existing DFTs predict neutron skin-L relation

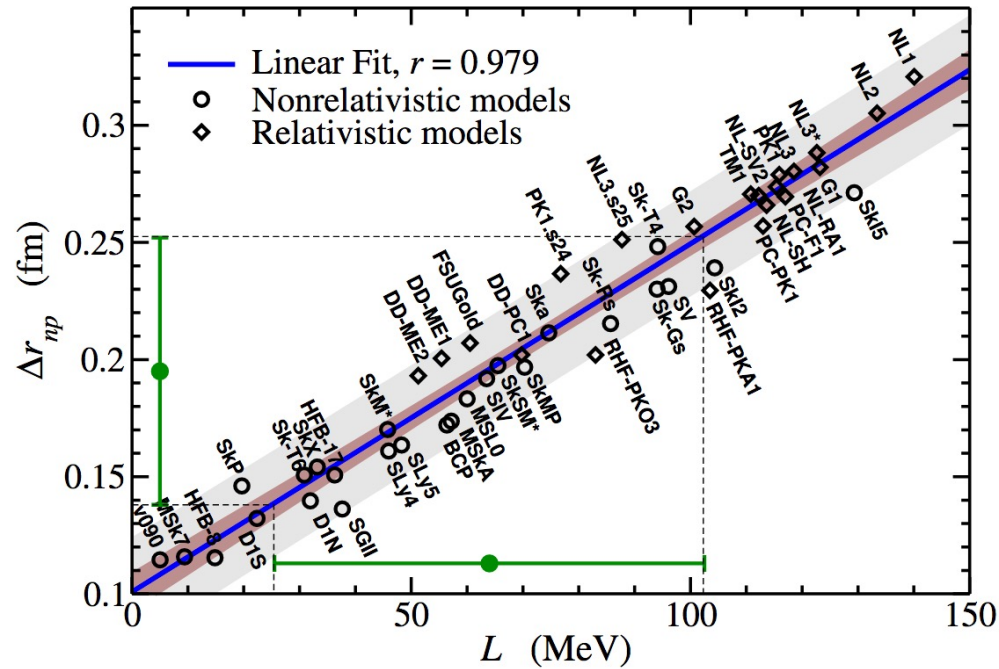


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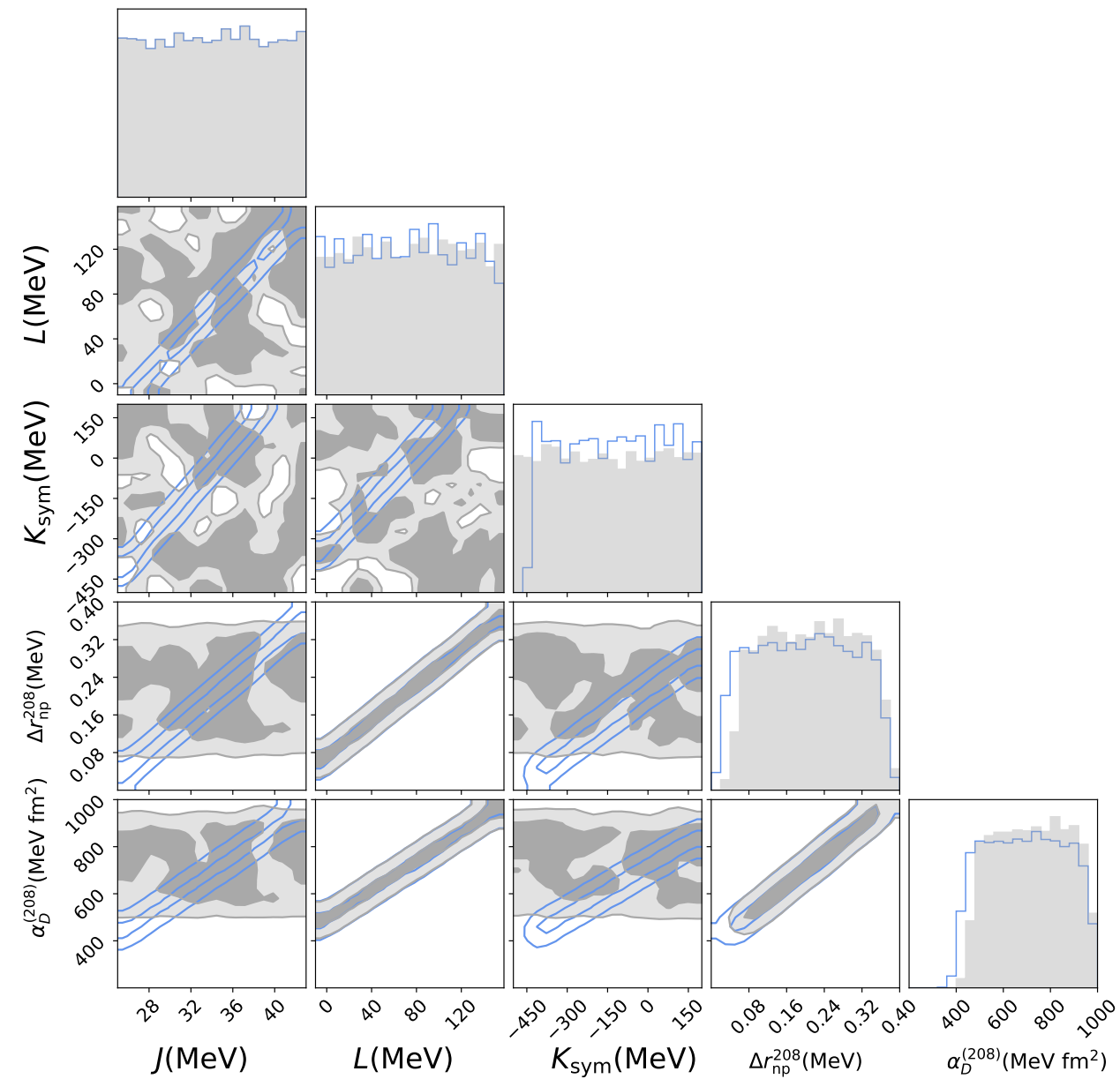
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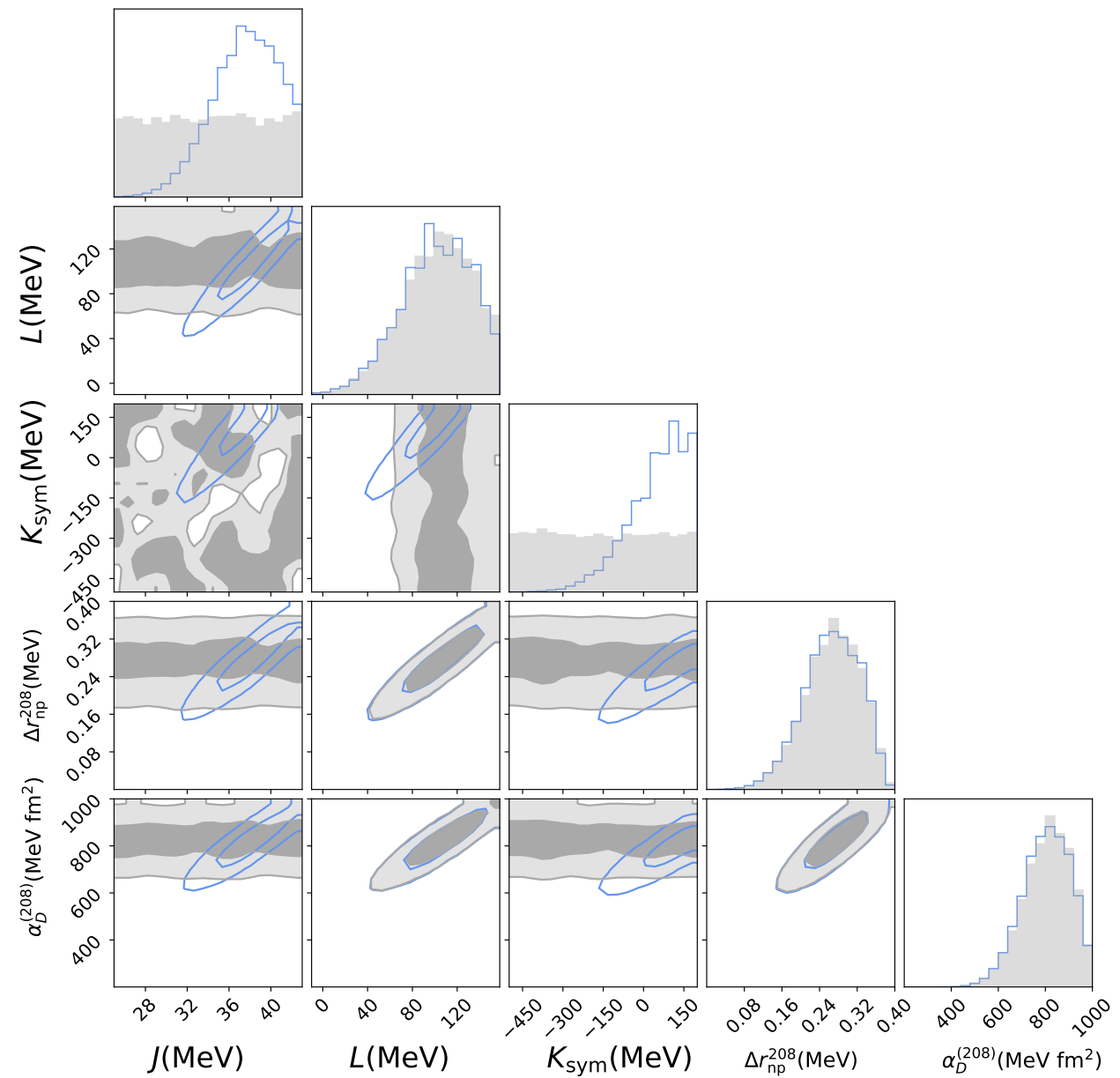
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- Models already fit to different datasets which induce additional correlations between symmetry energy parameters
- This relation *includes* nuclear binding energy data, something that can be obscured
- Induces correlations between J, L, K_{sym}, L

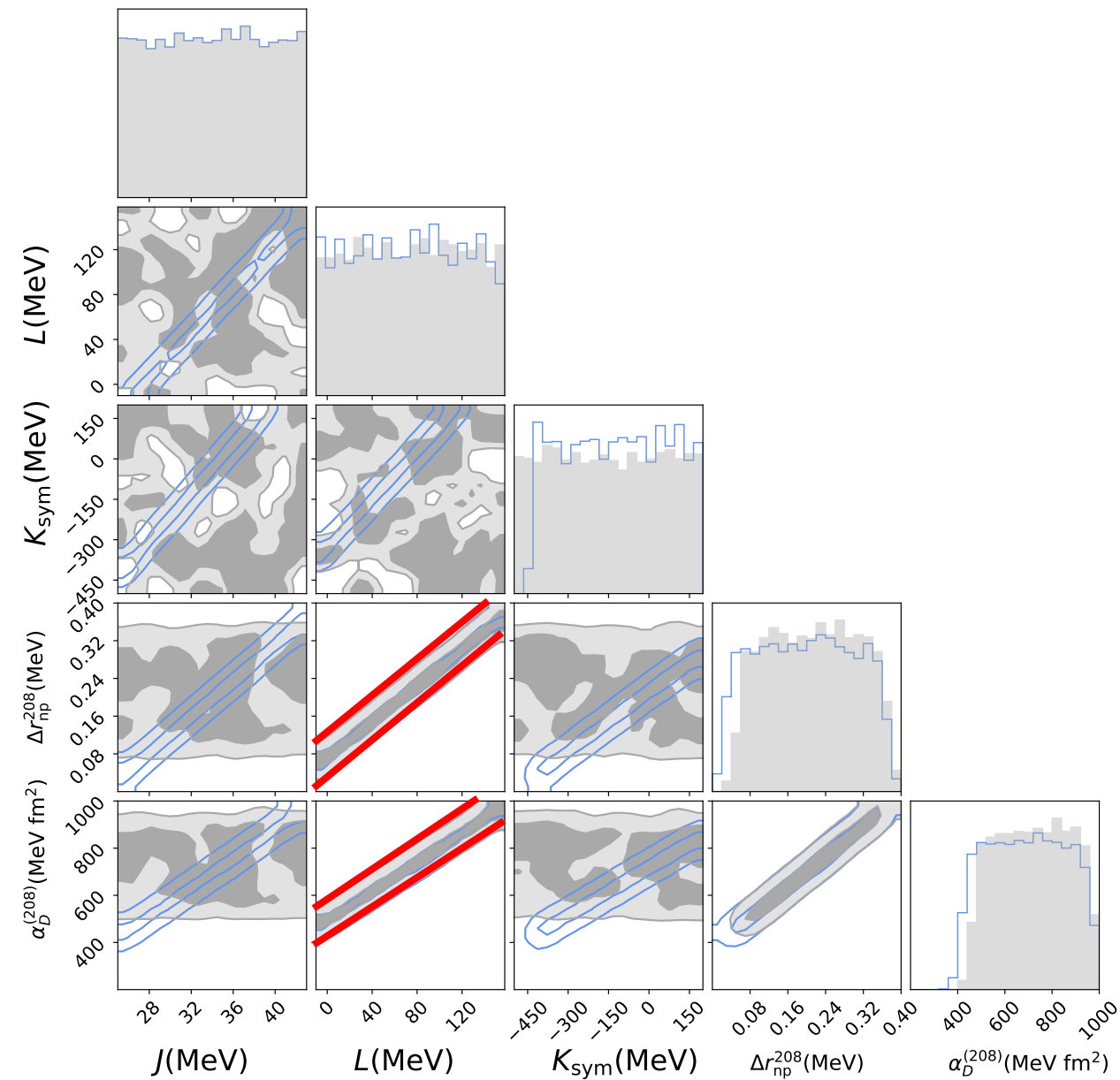
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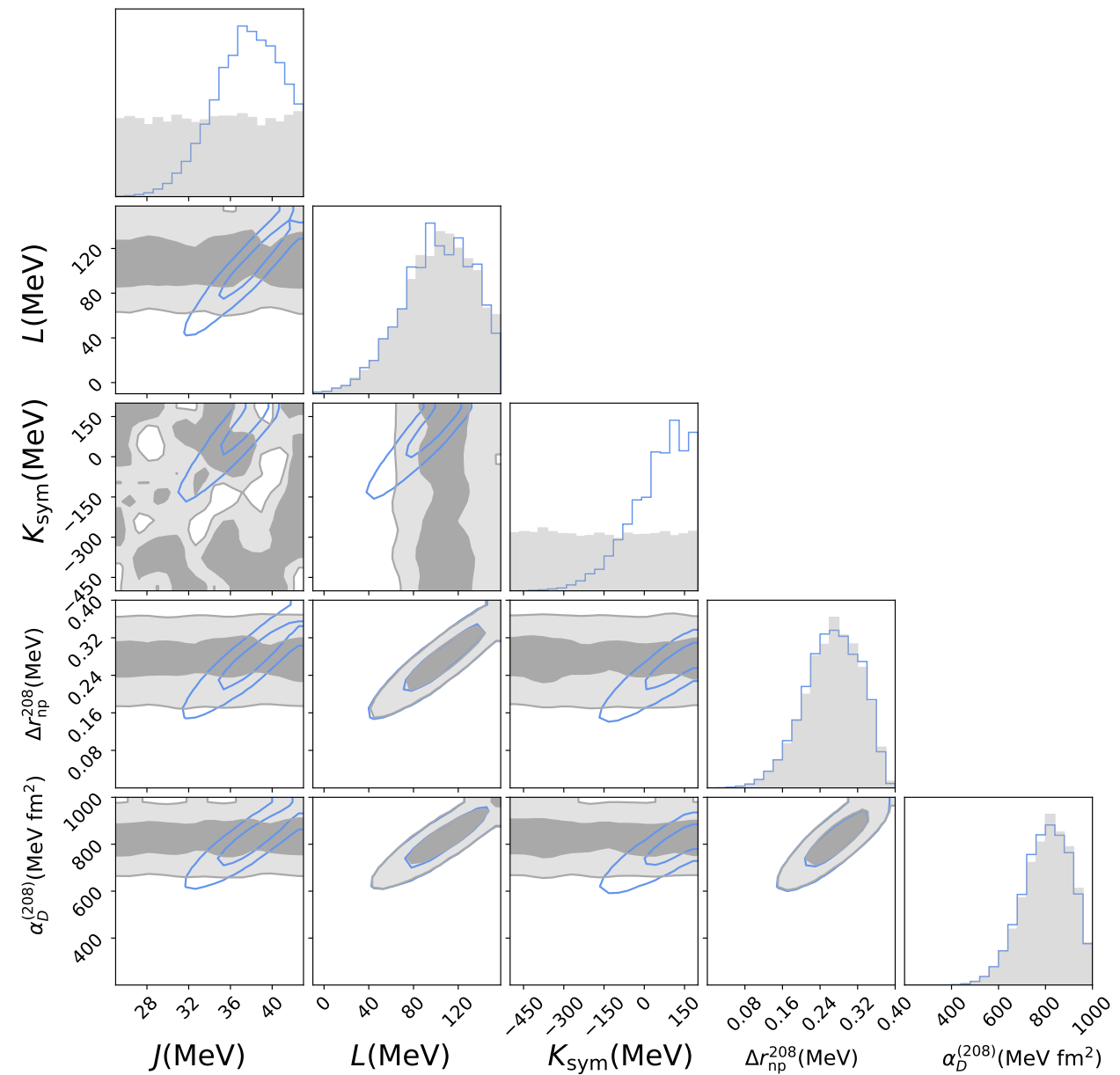
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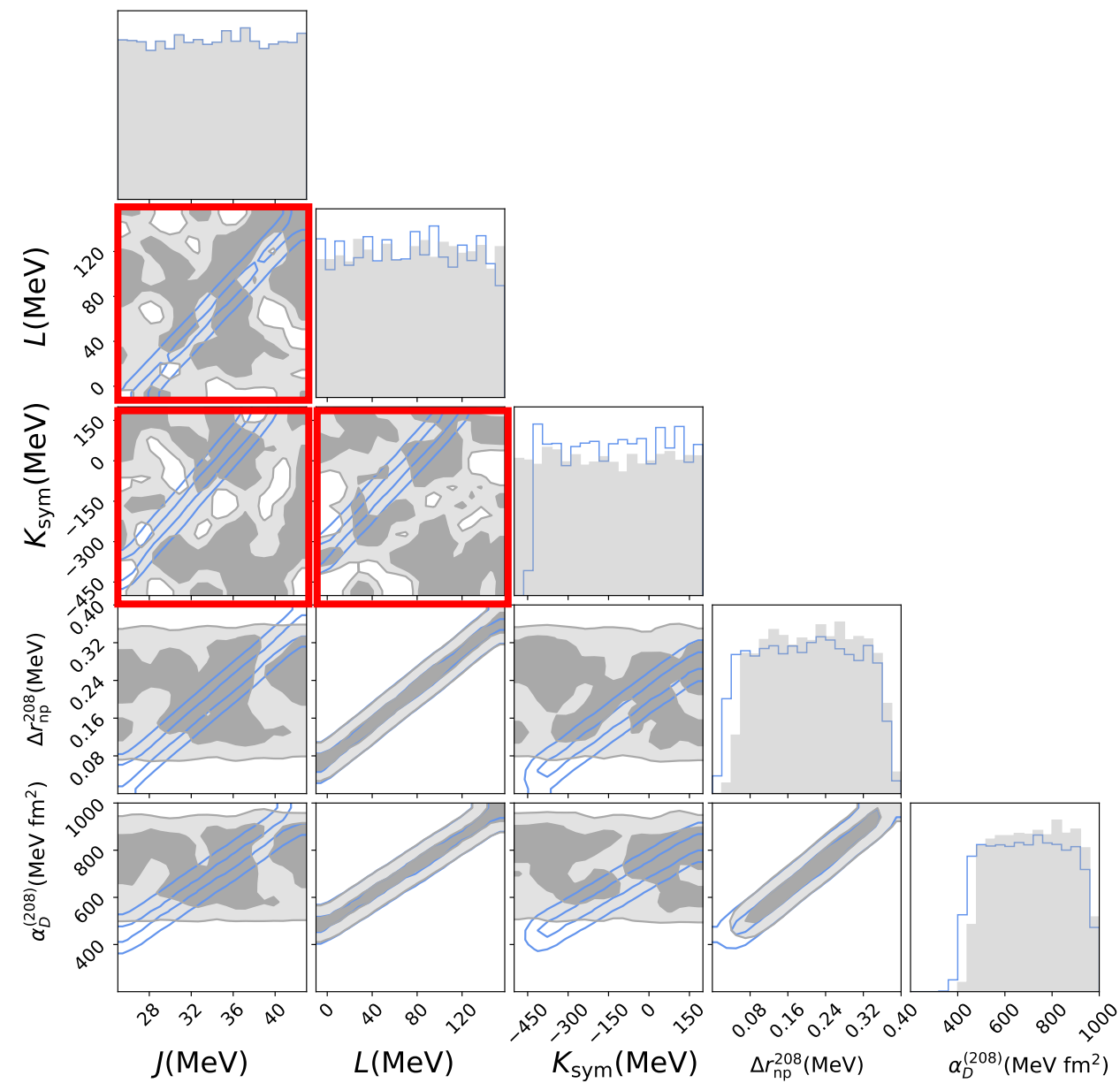
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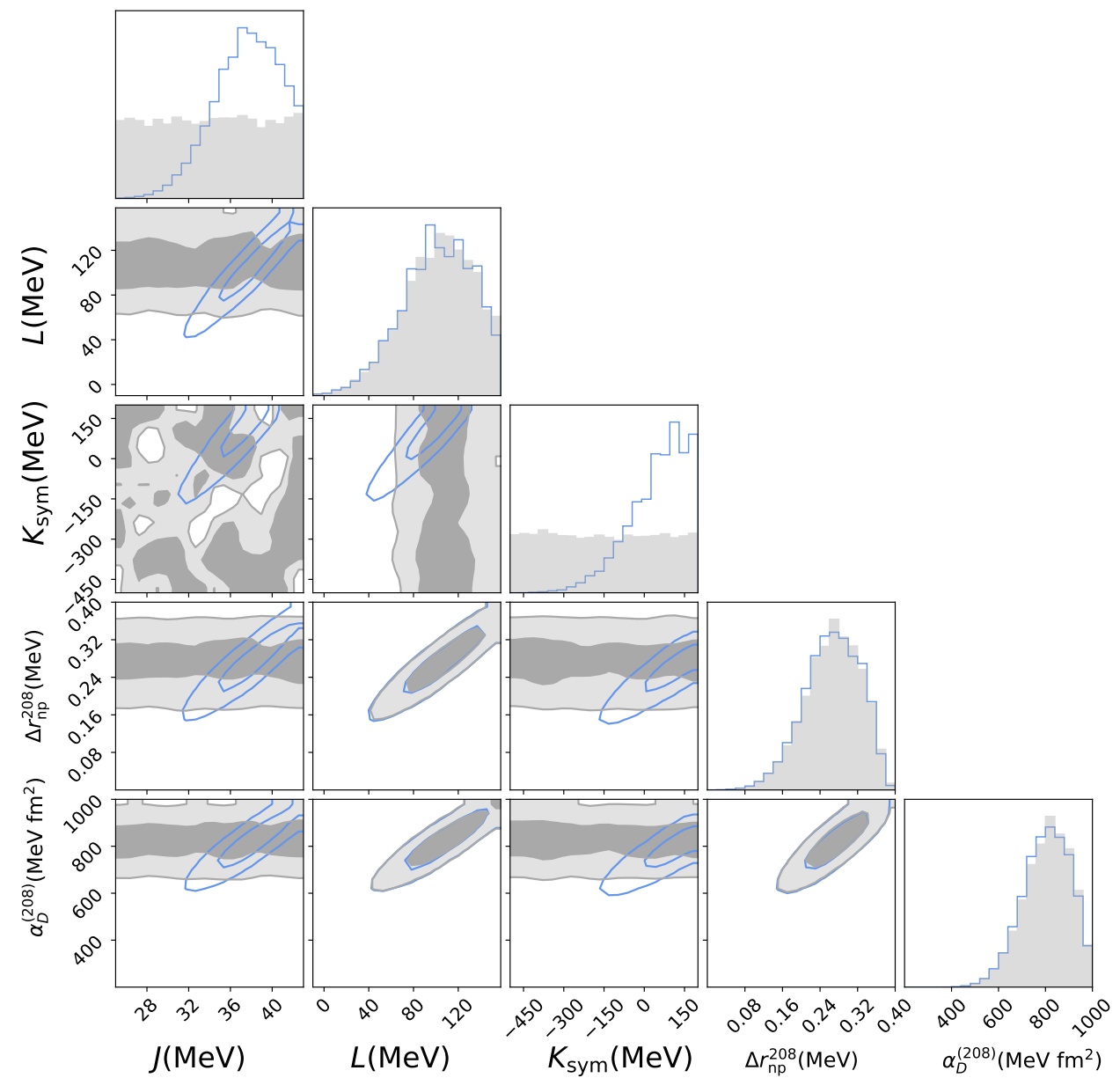
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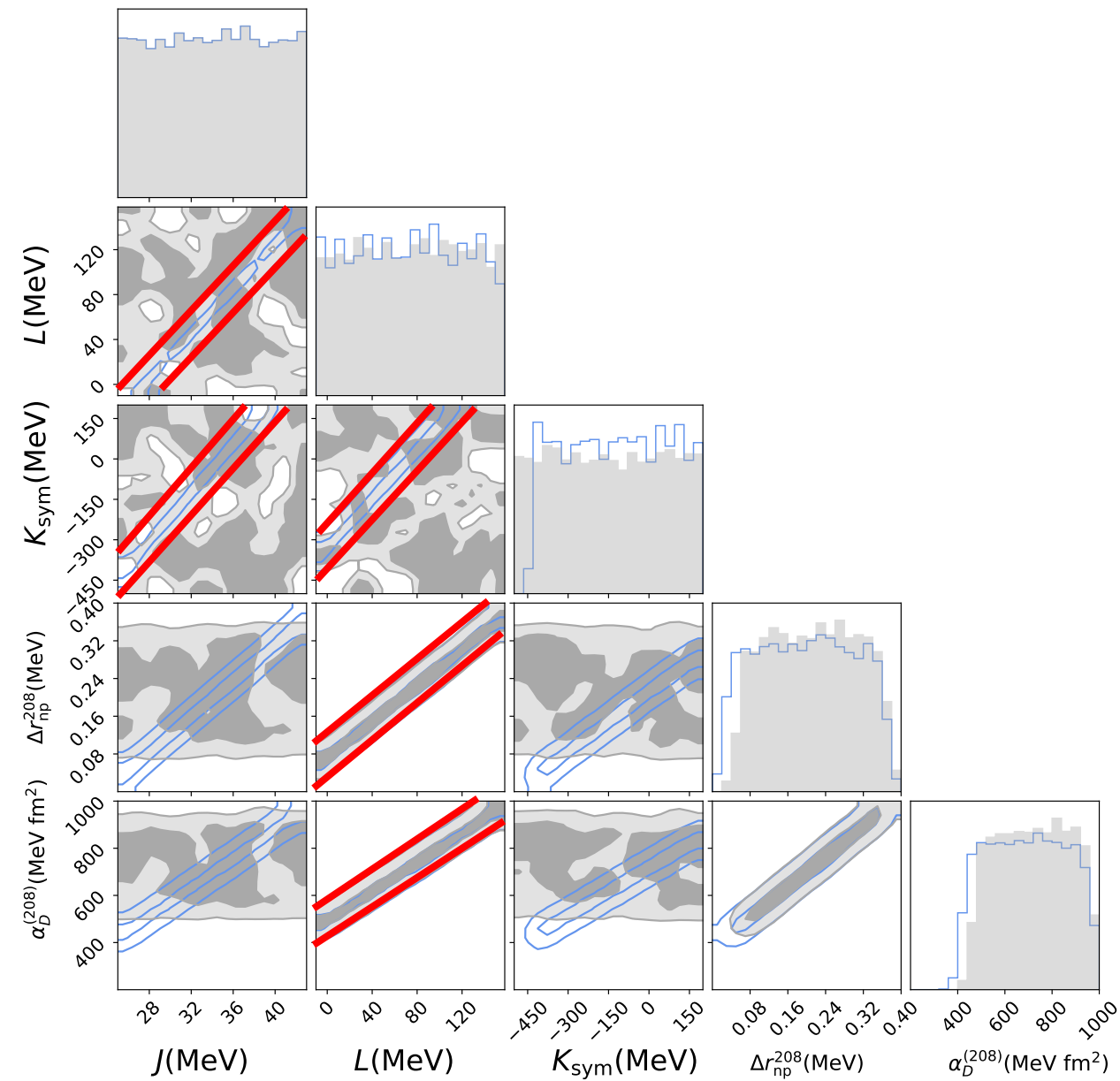
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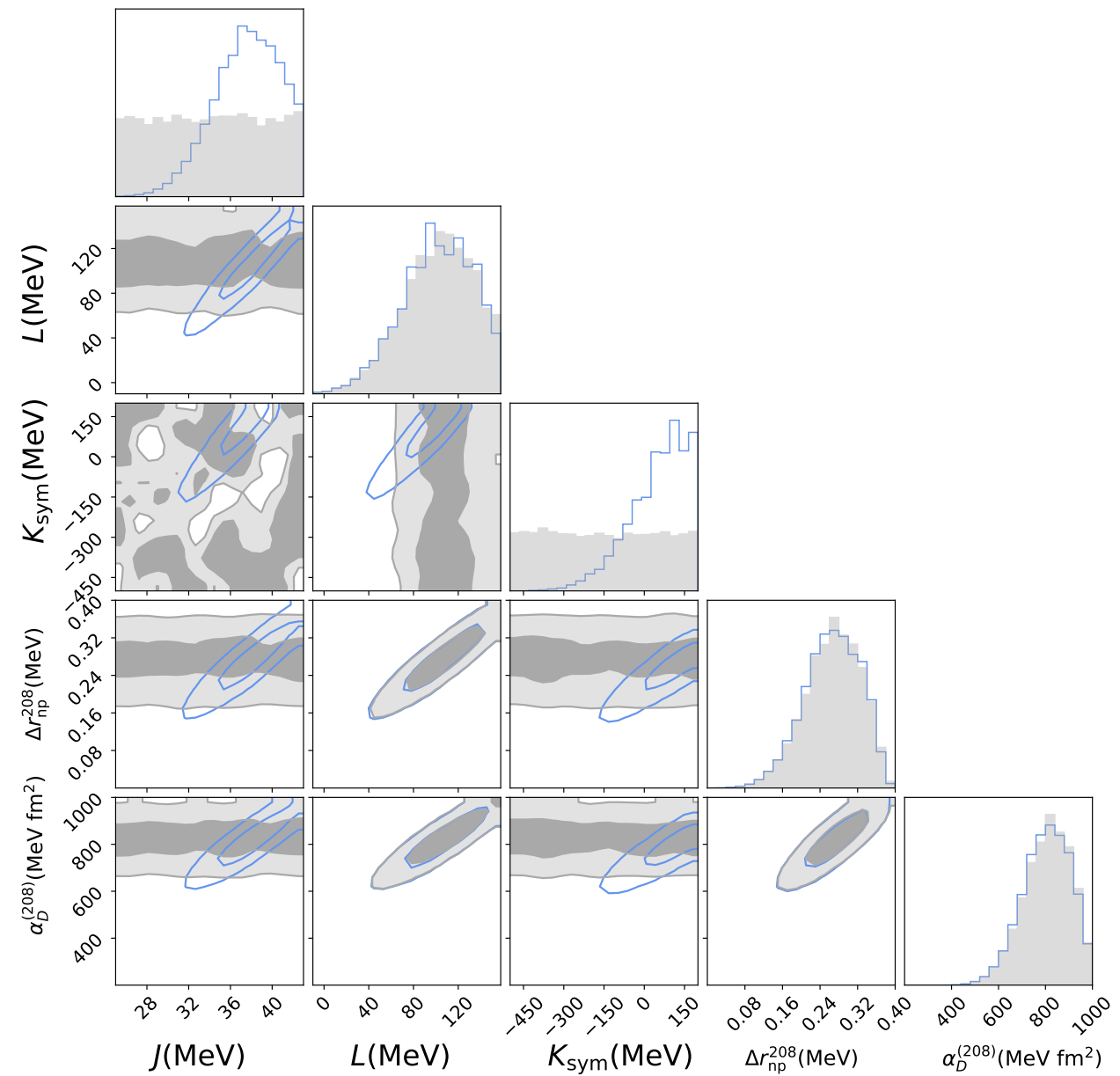
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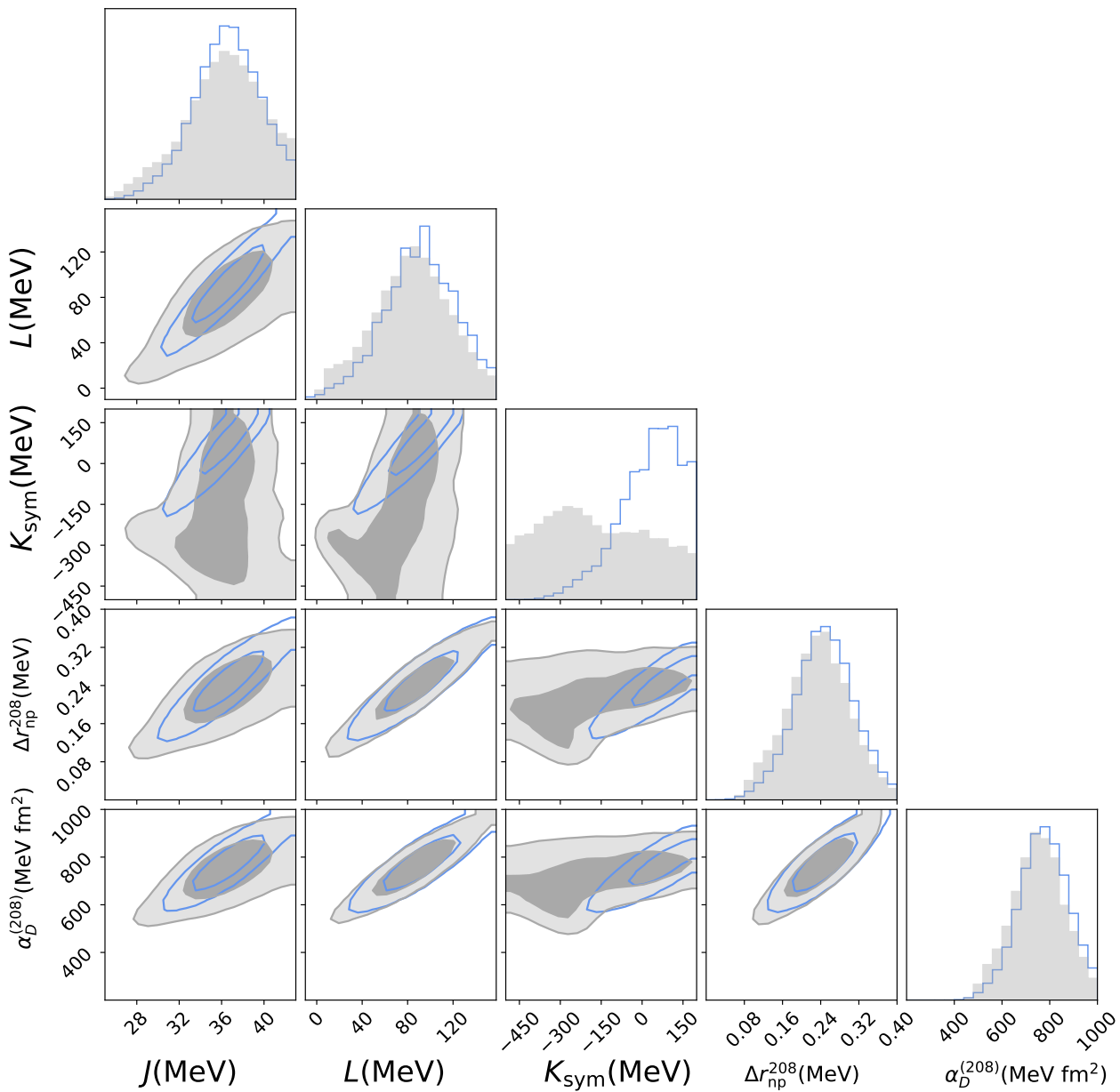
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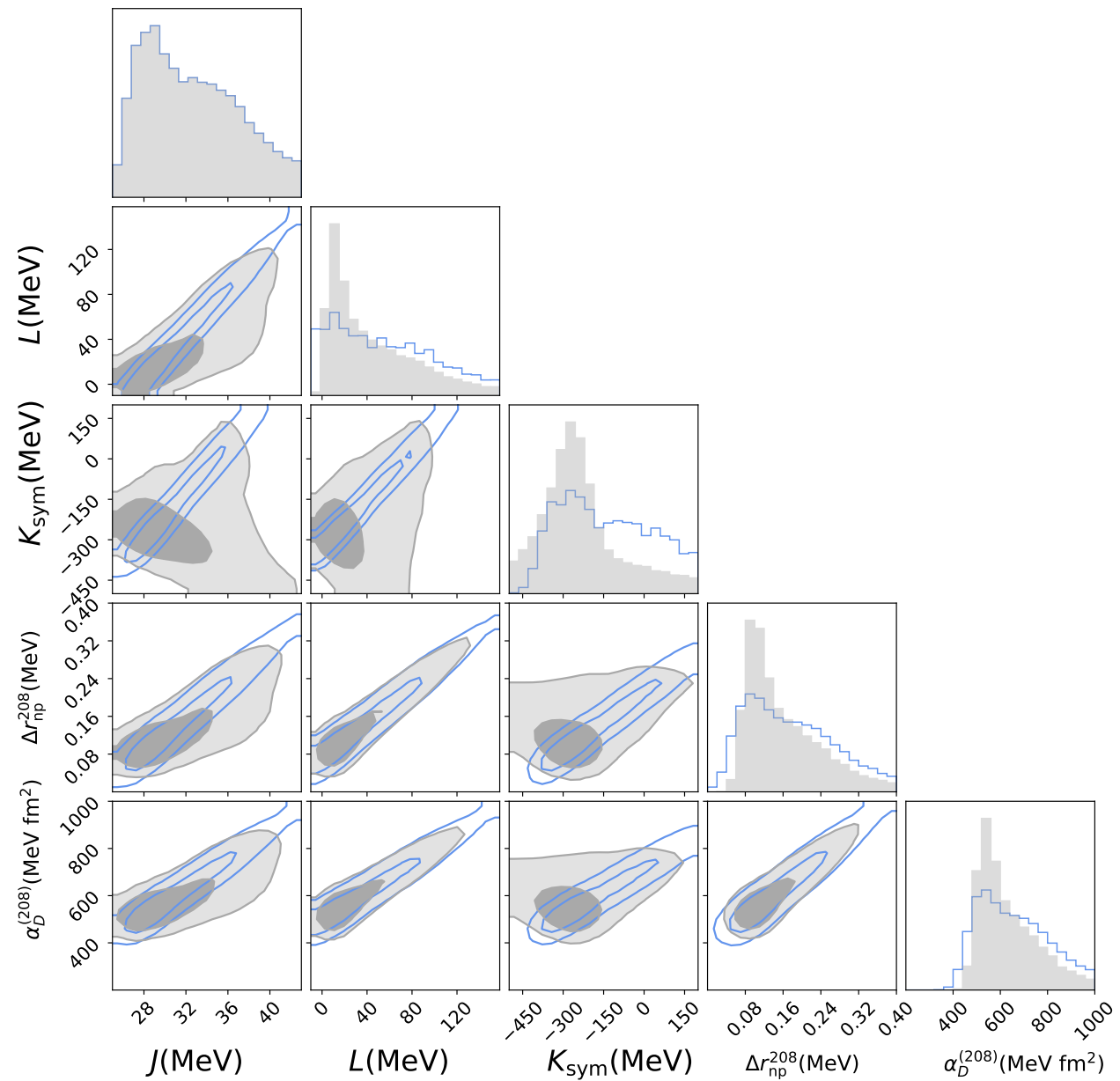
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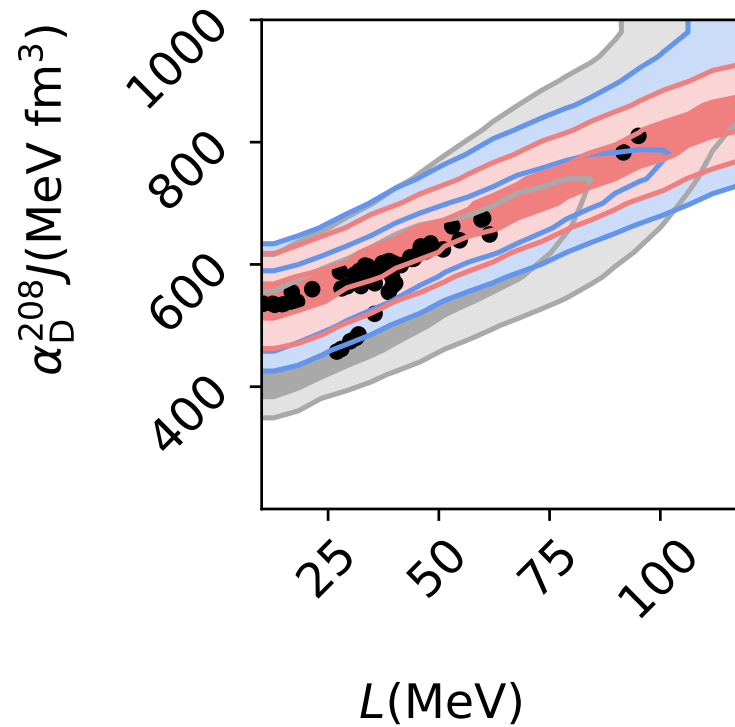
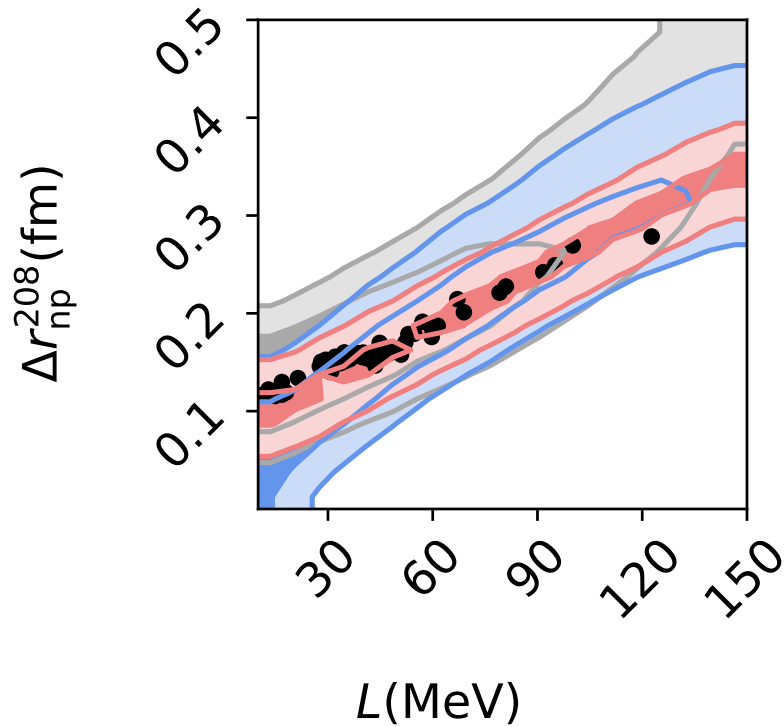
ASTRO+PREX



ASTRO+CREX



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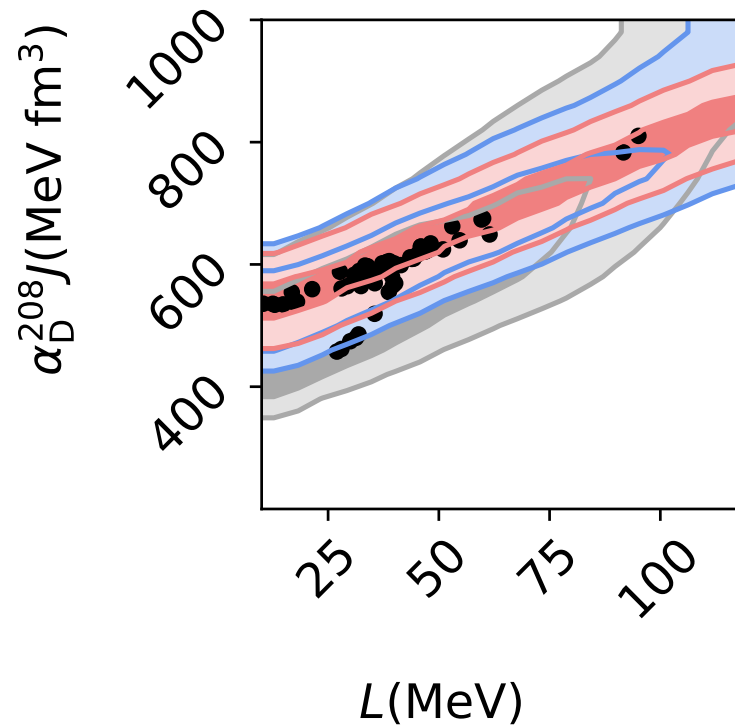
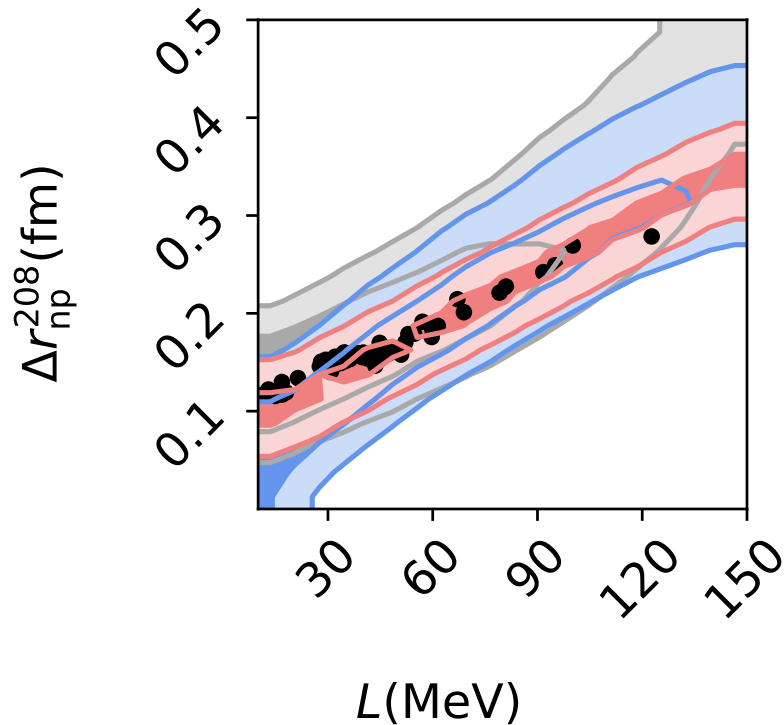
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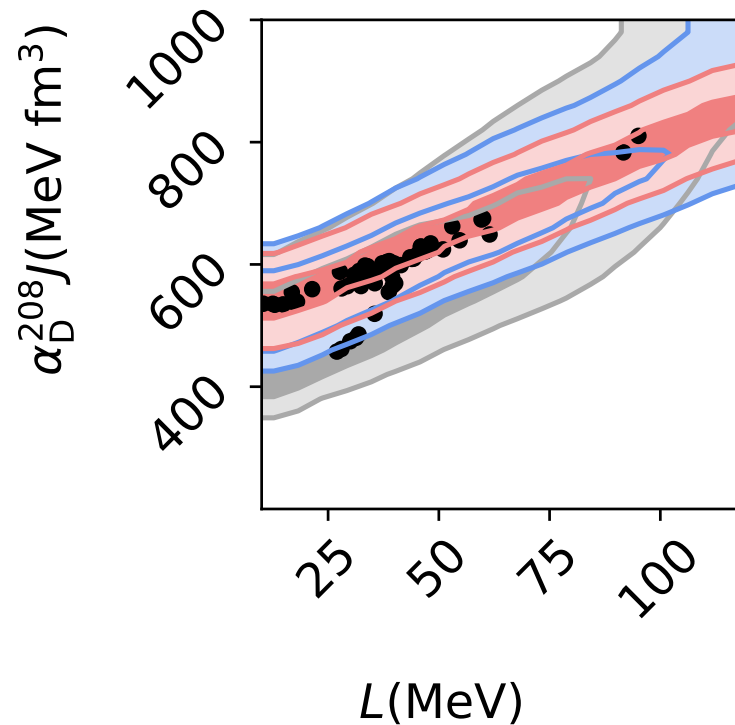
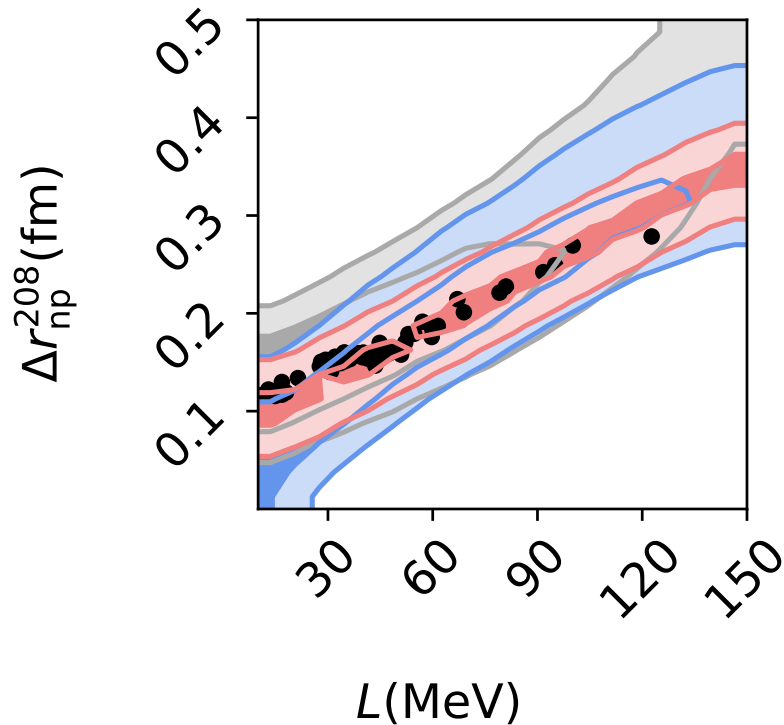
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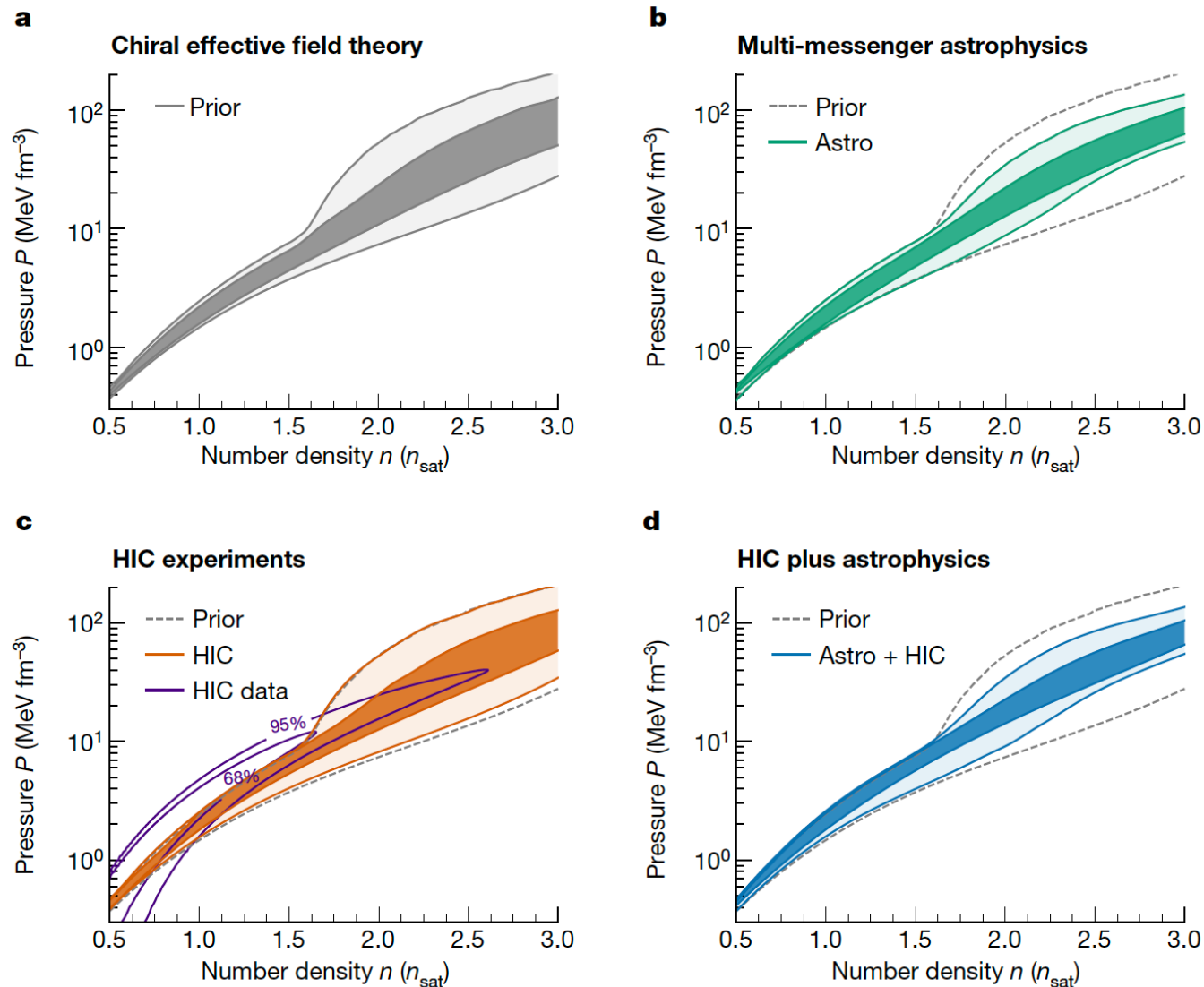
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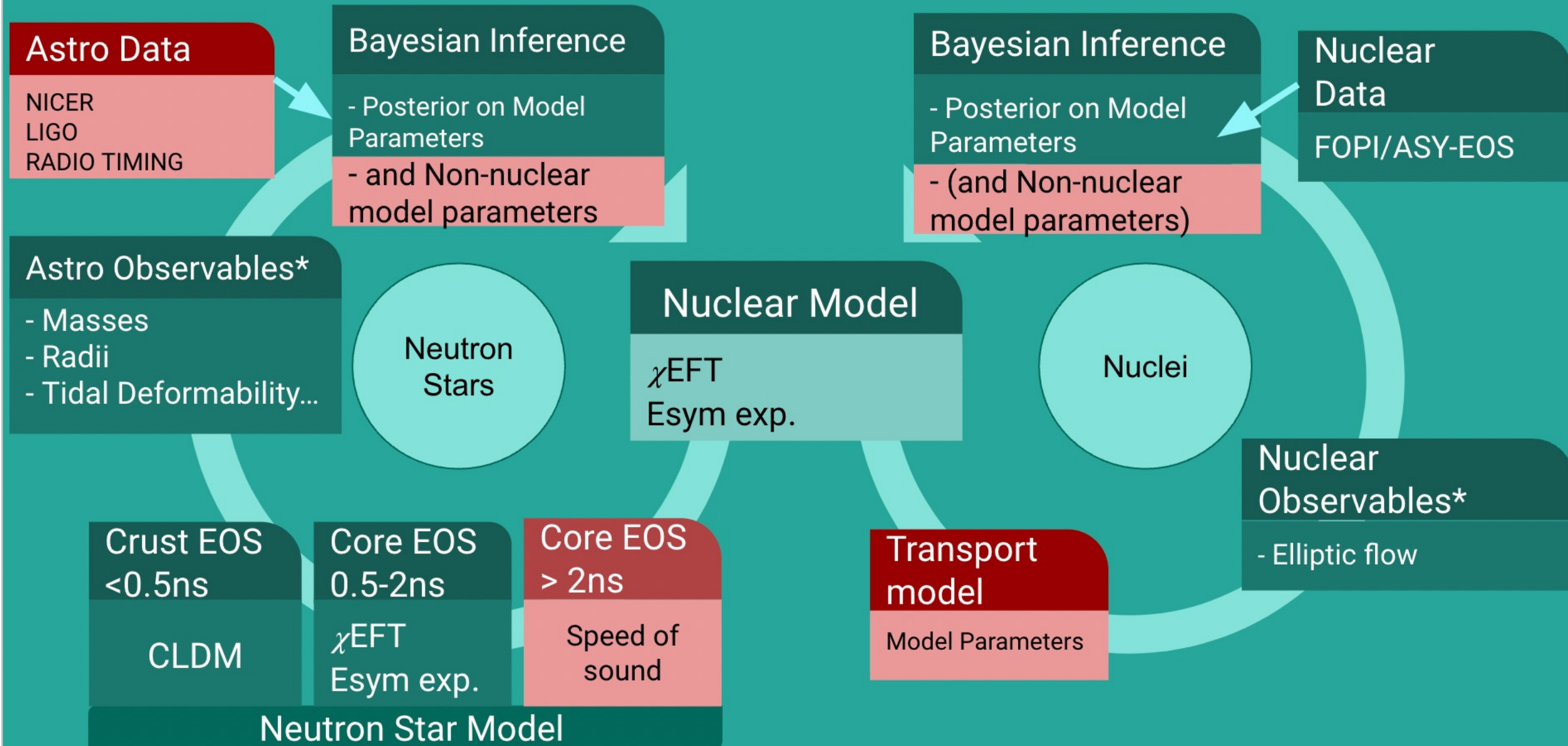
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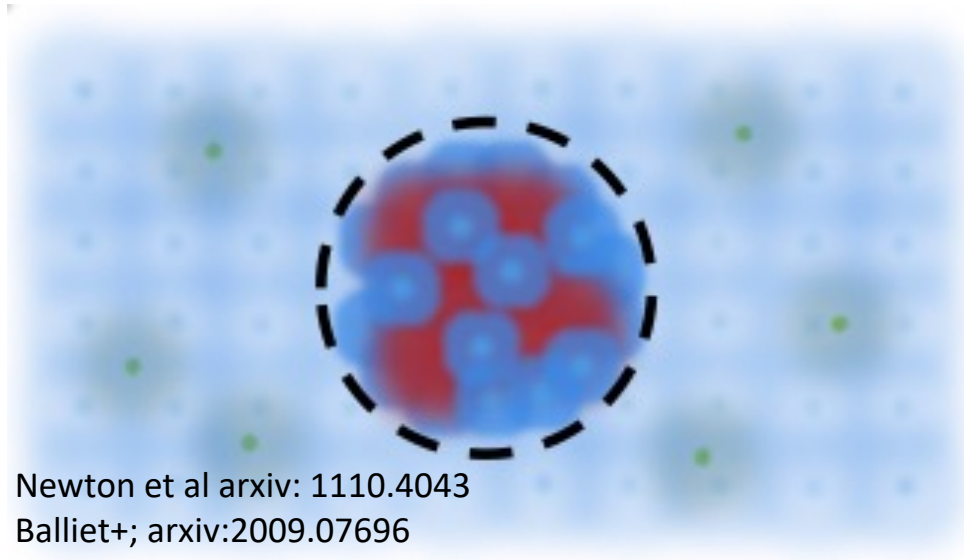
Example 2: Huth+, Nature 276,606 (2022)





Modeling the crust

CLDM: Bulk fluid and surface degrees of freedom



Newton et al arxiv: 1110.4043

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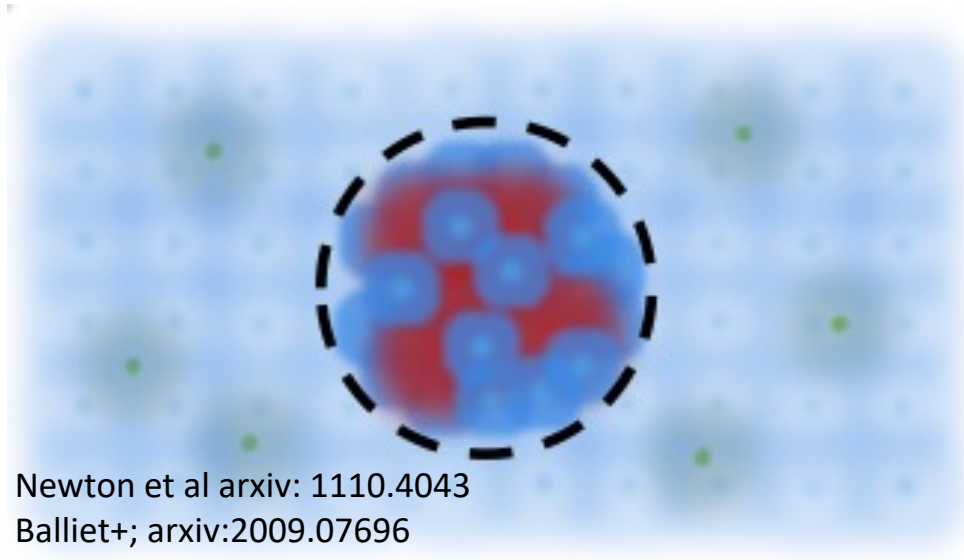
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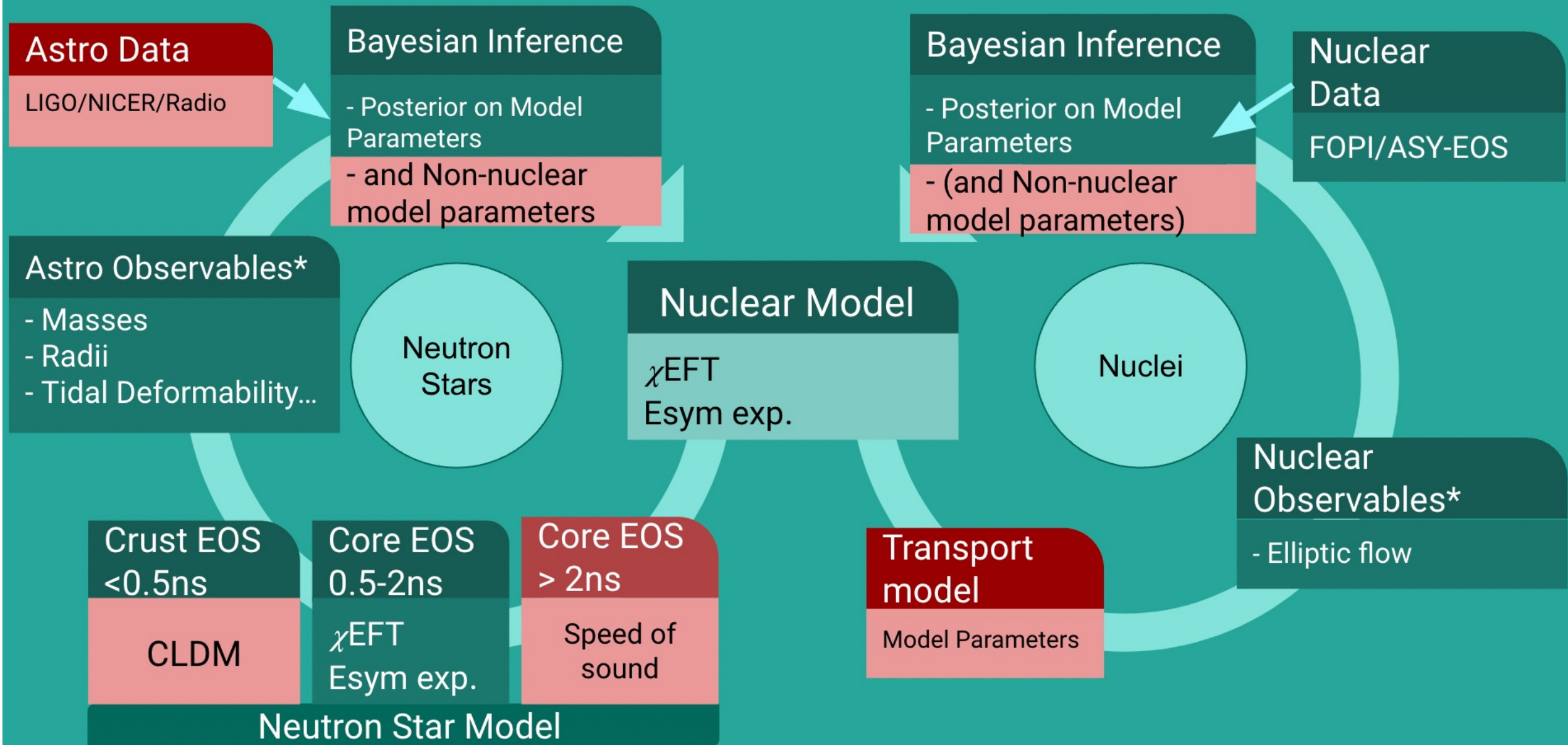
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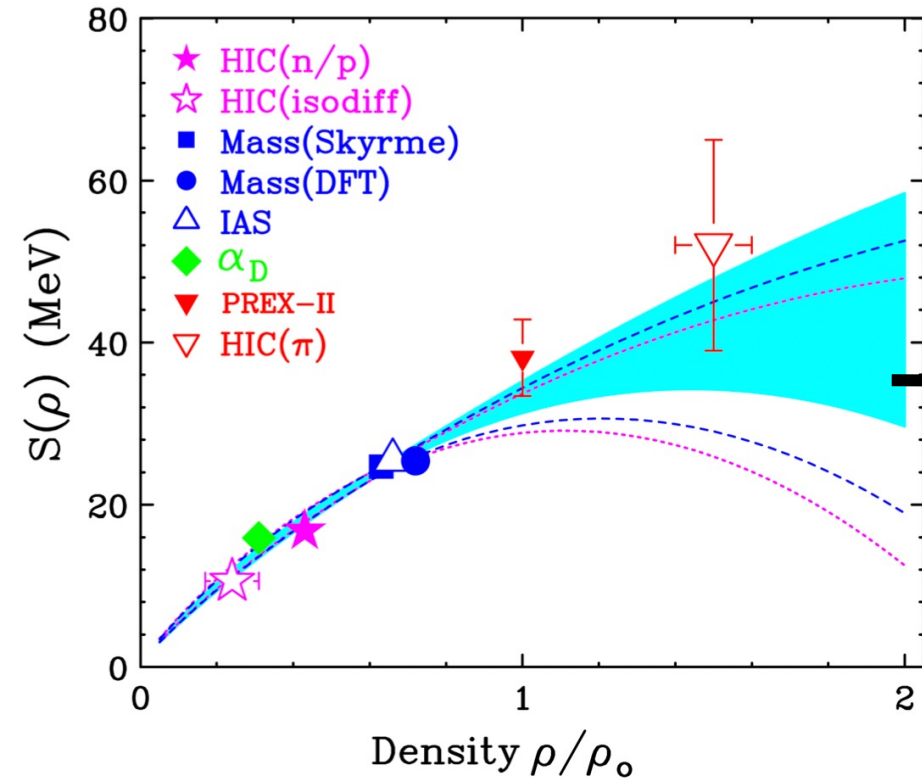


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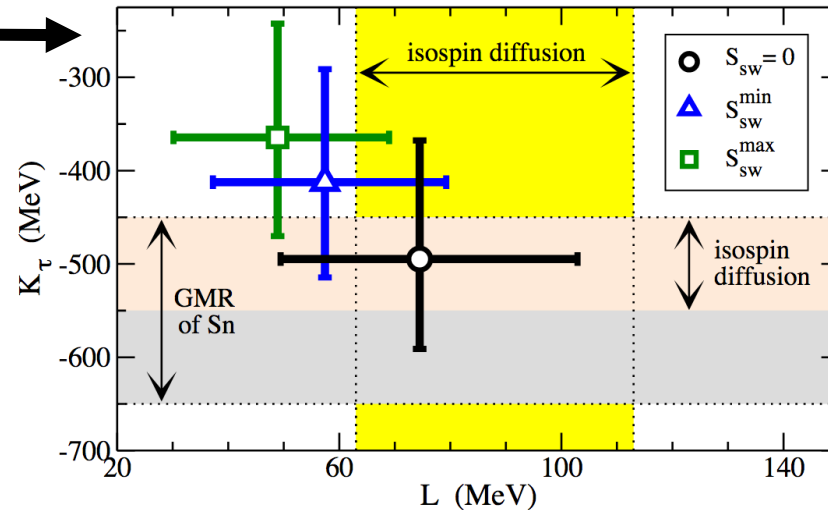


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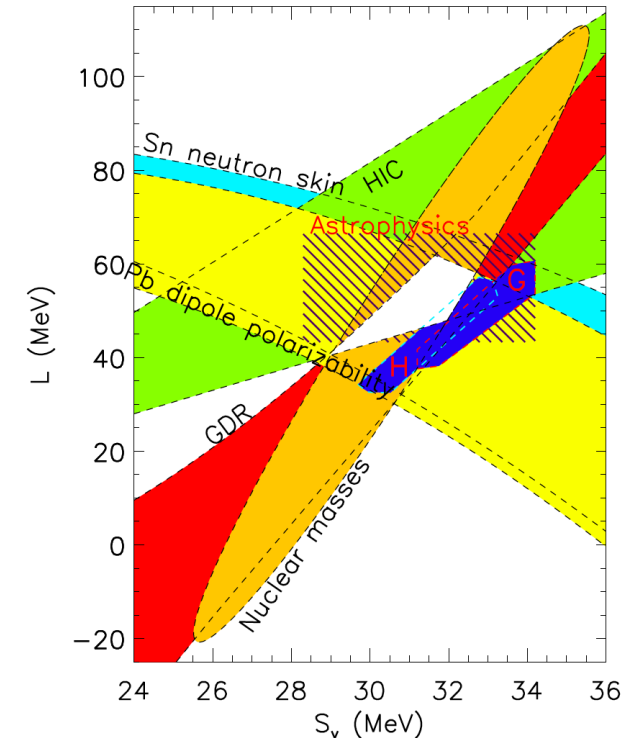
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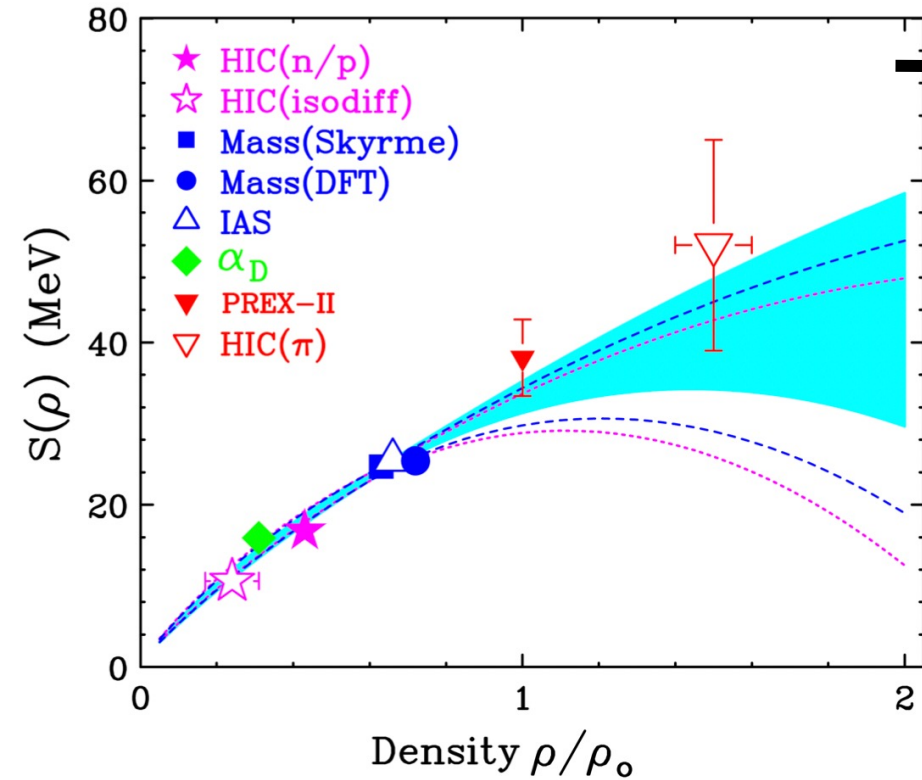
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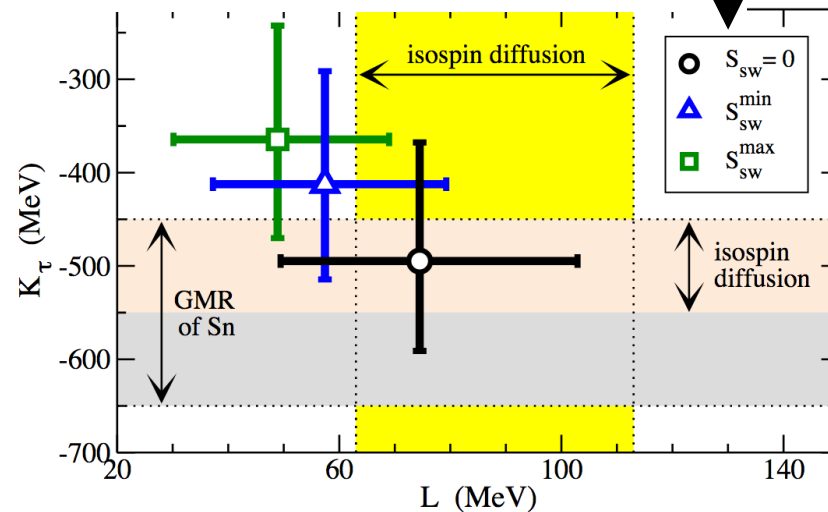
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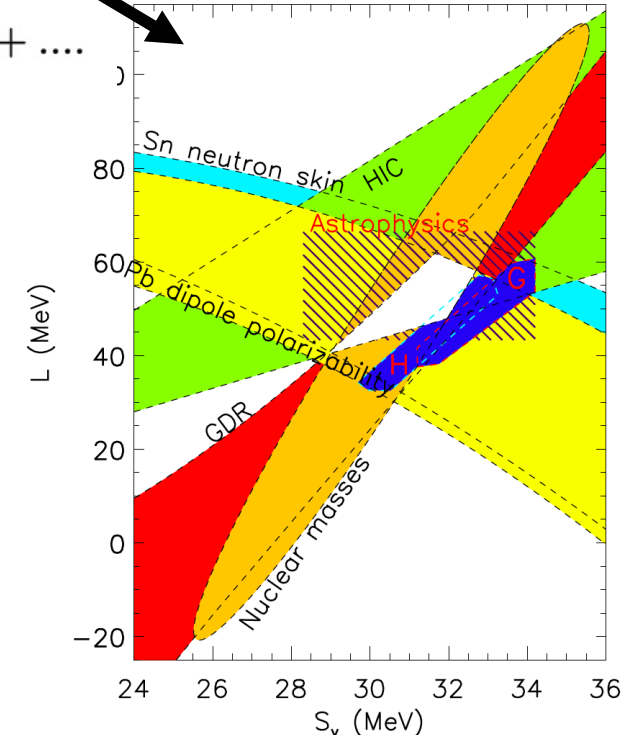
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χ EFT
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Meta-model

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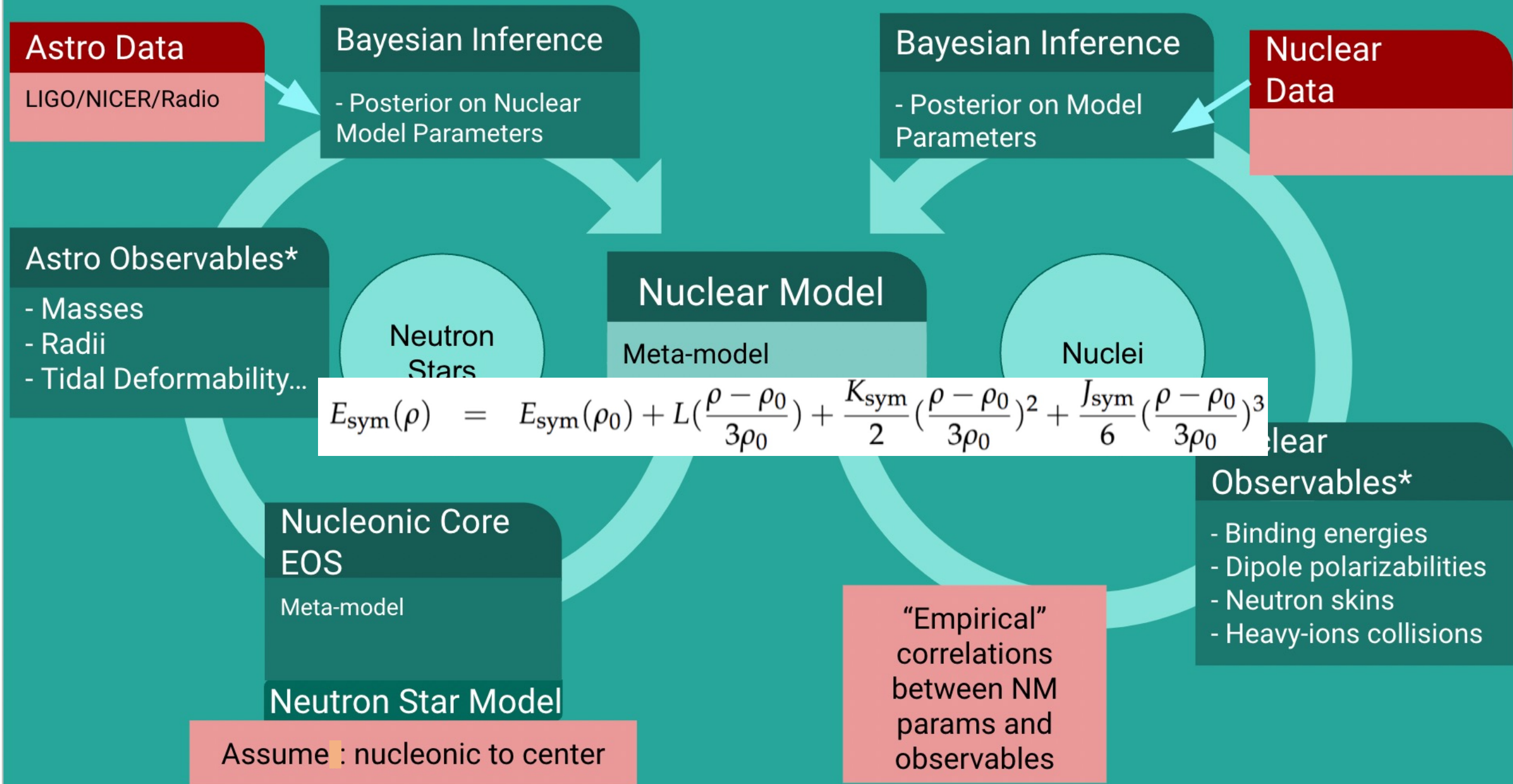
Assume: nucleonic to center

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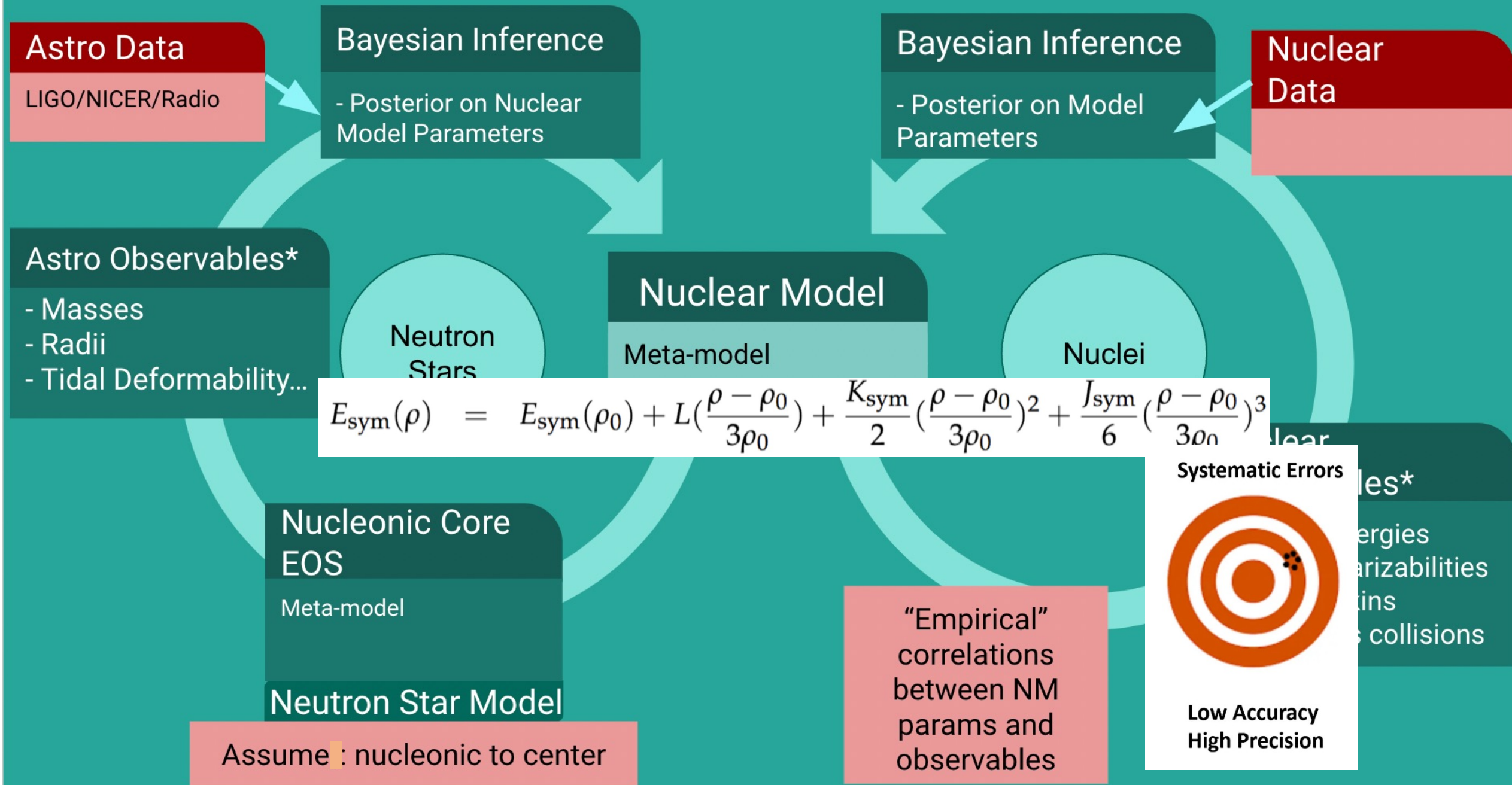
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“Empirical” correlations between NM params and observables

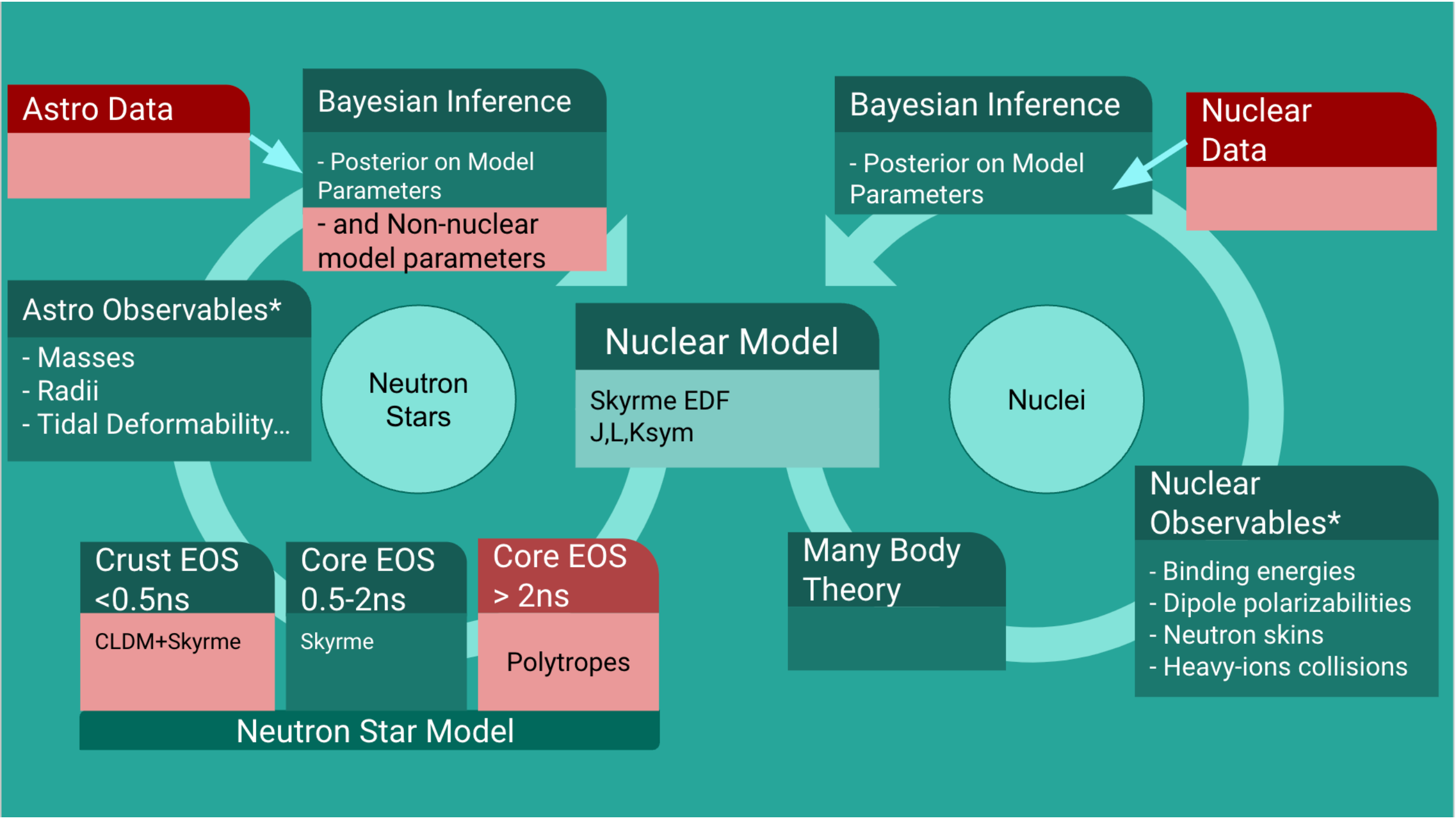
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An example of an inference of the symmetry energy parameters
Using both neutron star crust and core data and nuclear properties.



Our choice of model: Skyrme-Hartree-Fock

Density Functional Theory (e.g. Skyrme)

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

Local interaction

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_\rho &= \frac{1}{4}t_3\rho^{2+\alpha_3}[(2+x_3) - (2x_3+1)(y_p^2+y_n^2)] \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}t_4\rho^{2+\alpha_4}[(2+x_4) - (2x_4+1)(y_p^2+y_n^2)]\end{aligned}$$

Density dependent

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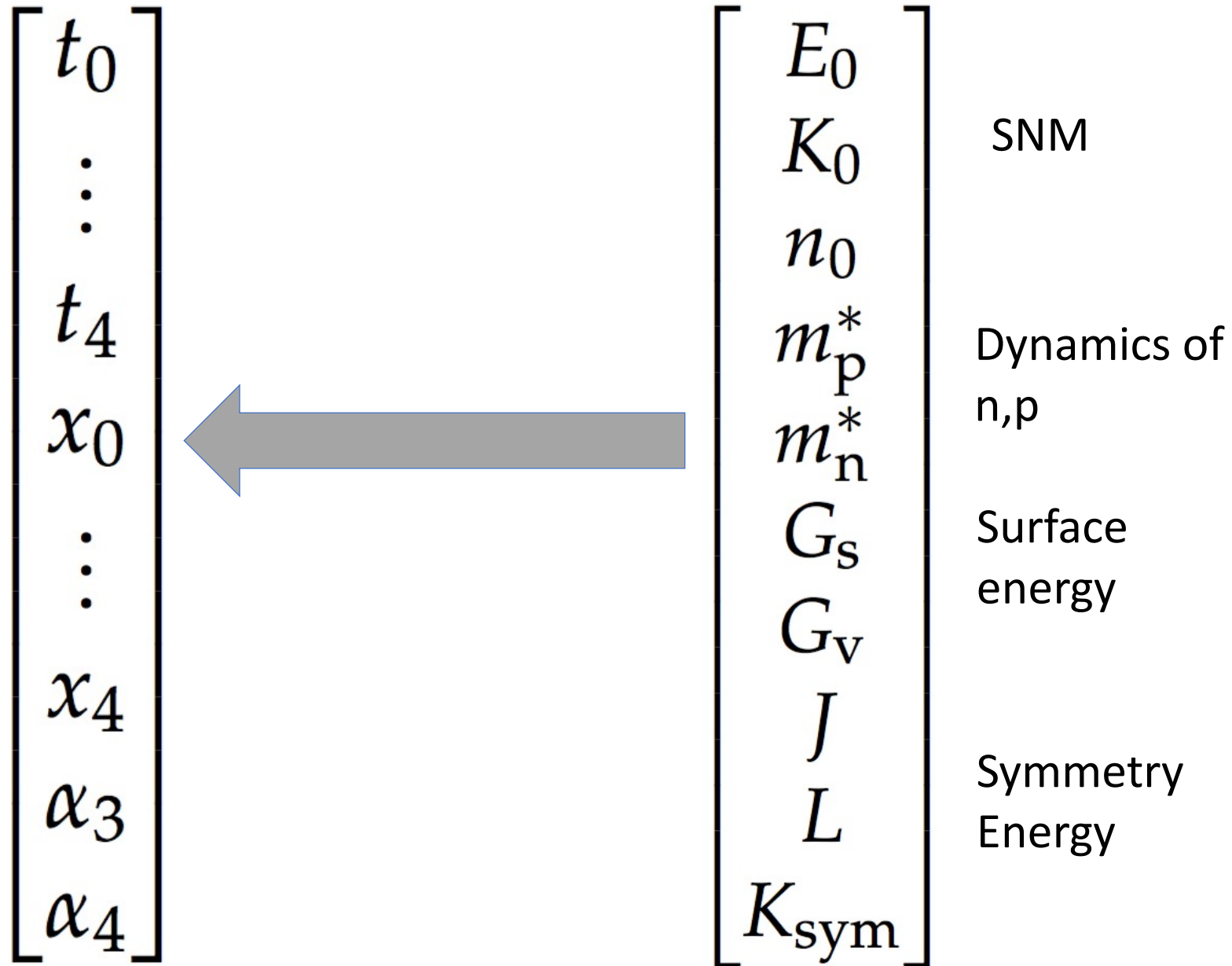
3 body

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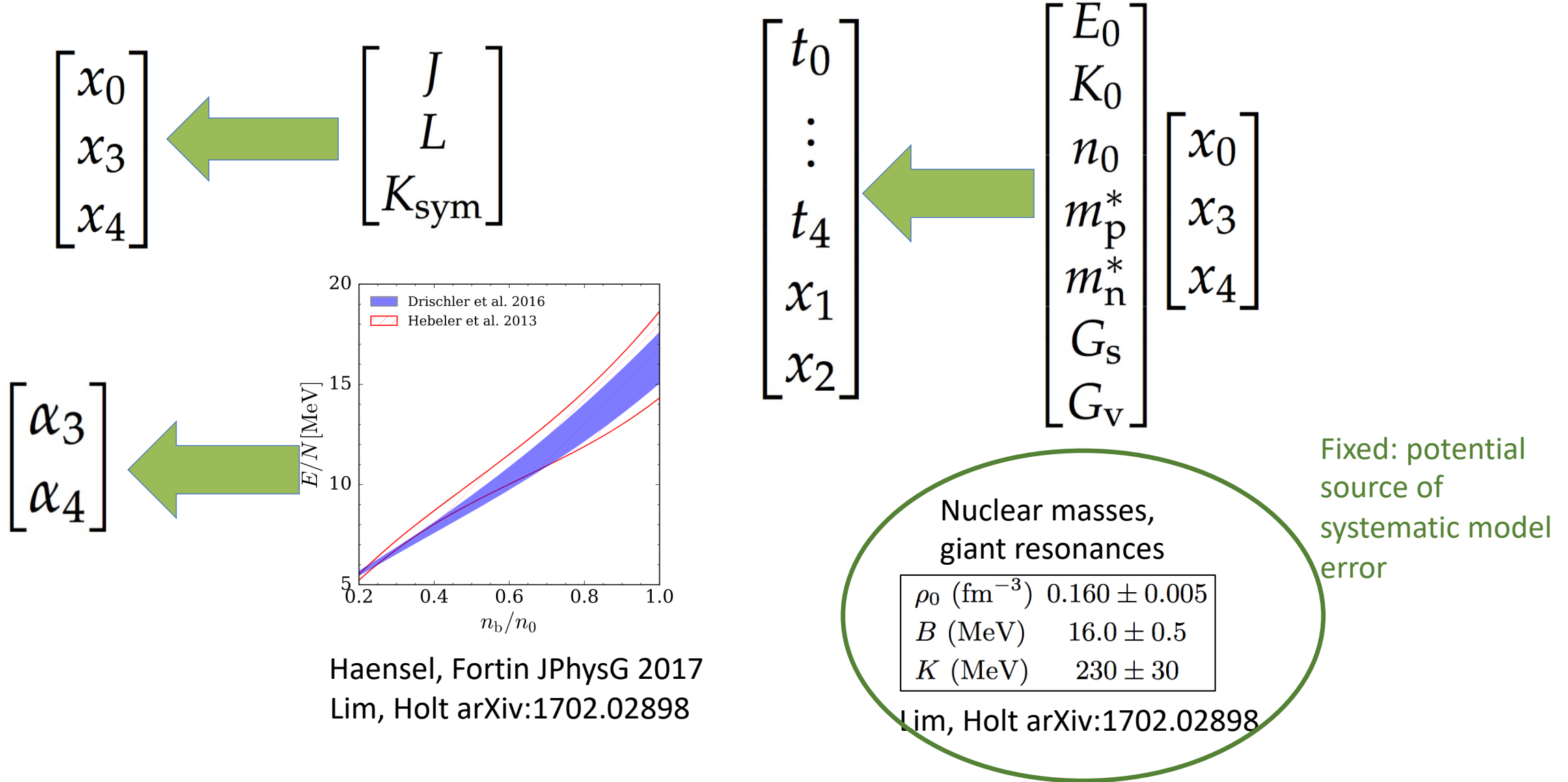
Gradient...

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)

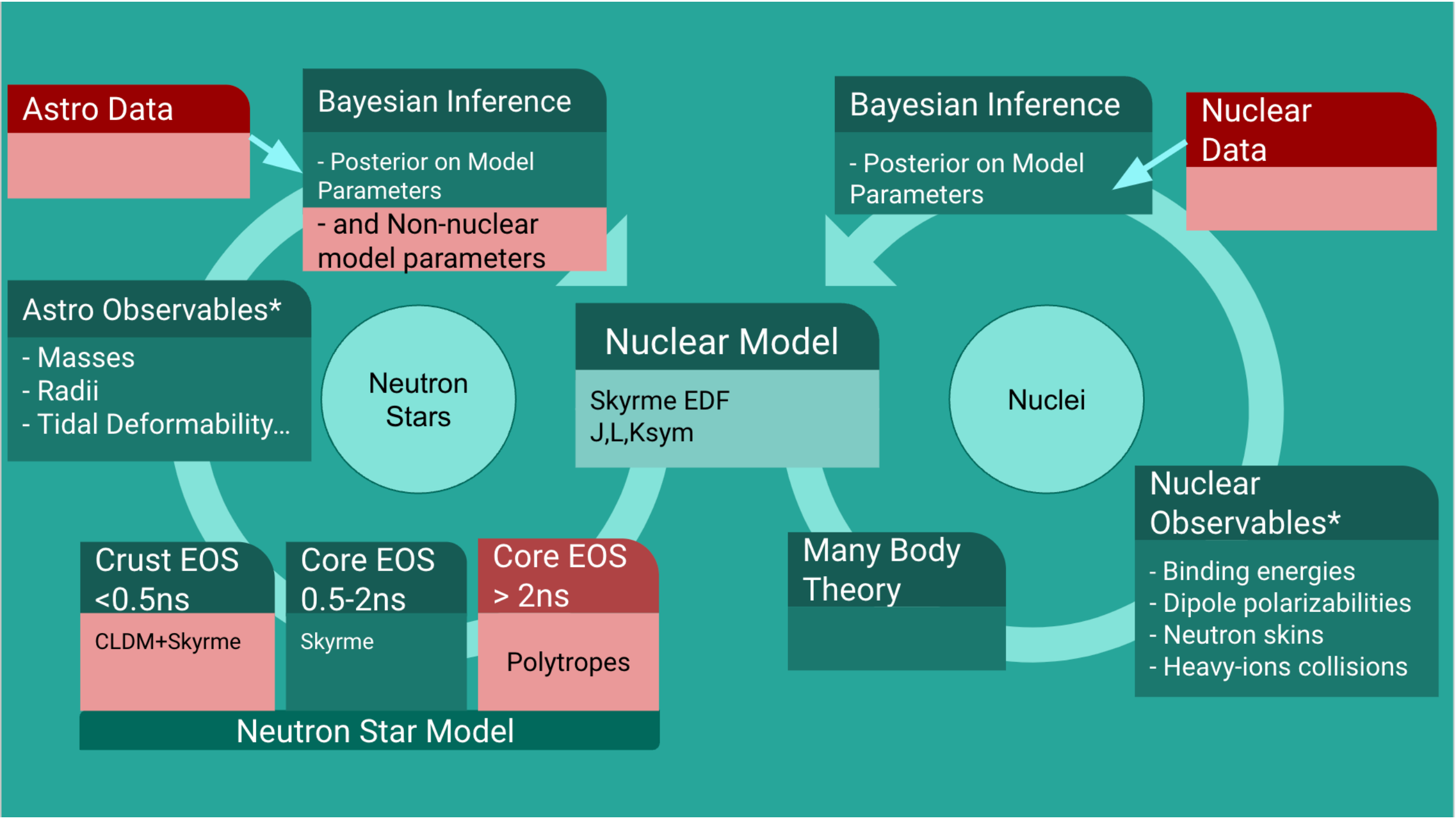
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Priors: uniform

$25 < J < 43 \text{ MeV}$

$0 < L < 160 \text{ MeV}$

$-500 < K_{\text{sym}} < 200 \text{ MeV}$

$-3 < \log n_1, \log n_2 < 2$

PNM in crust is stable

$M_{\text{max}}/M_{\text{sun}} > 2$

Don't use chiEFT (want to
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Nuclei

Crust EOS
<0.5ns

CLDM+Skyrme

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Skyrme

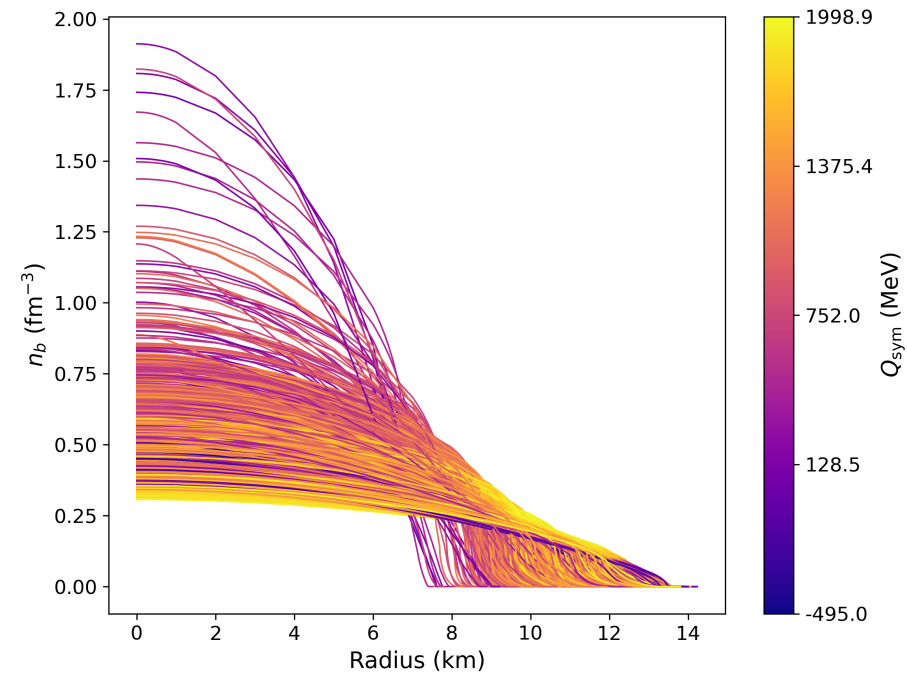
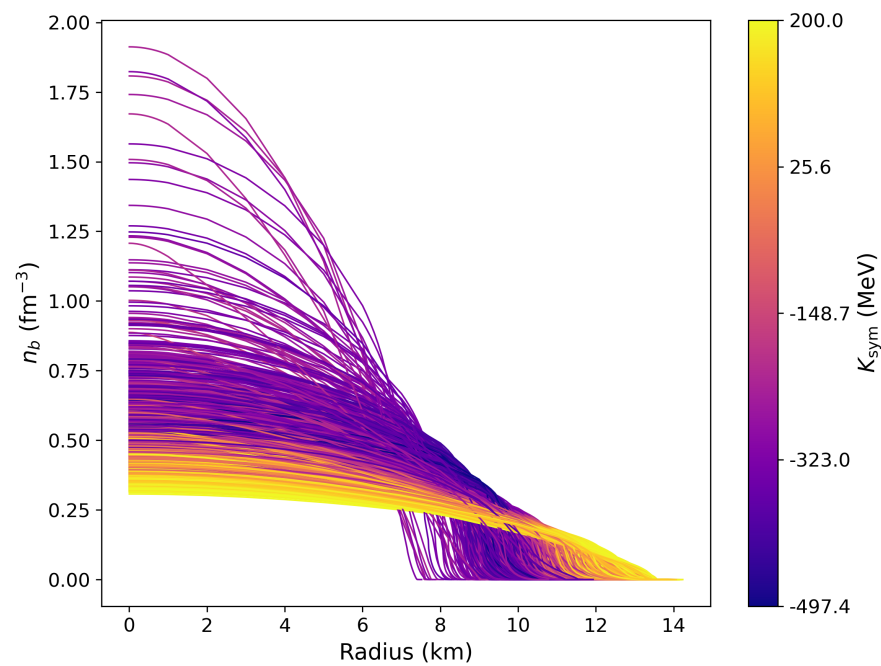
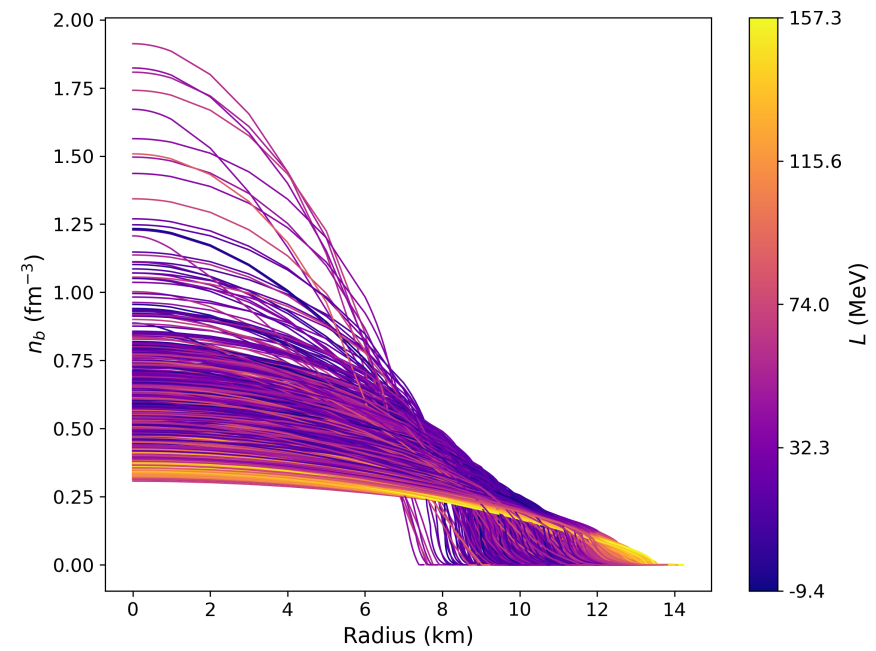
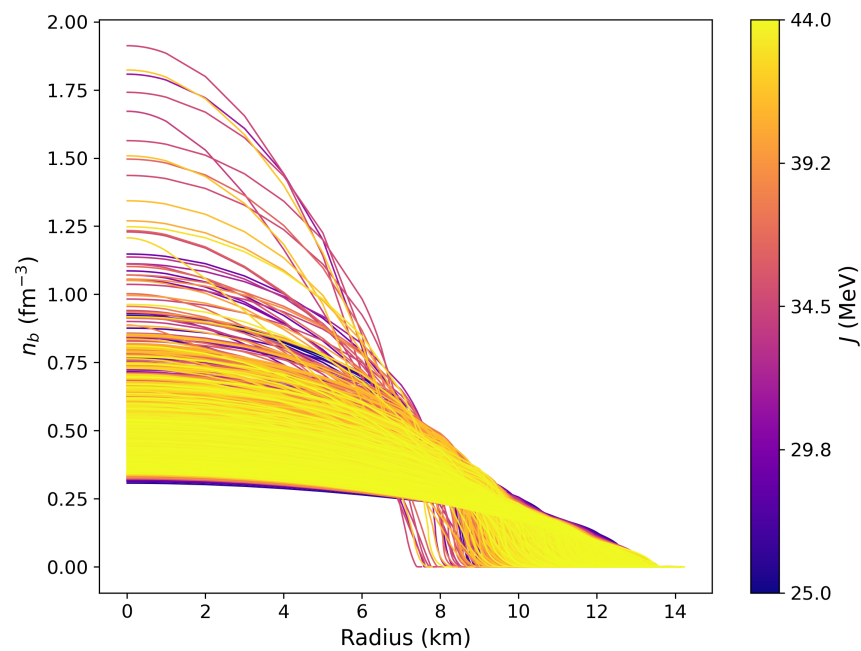
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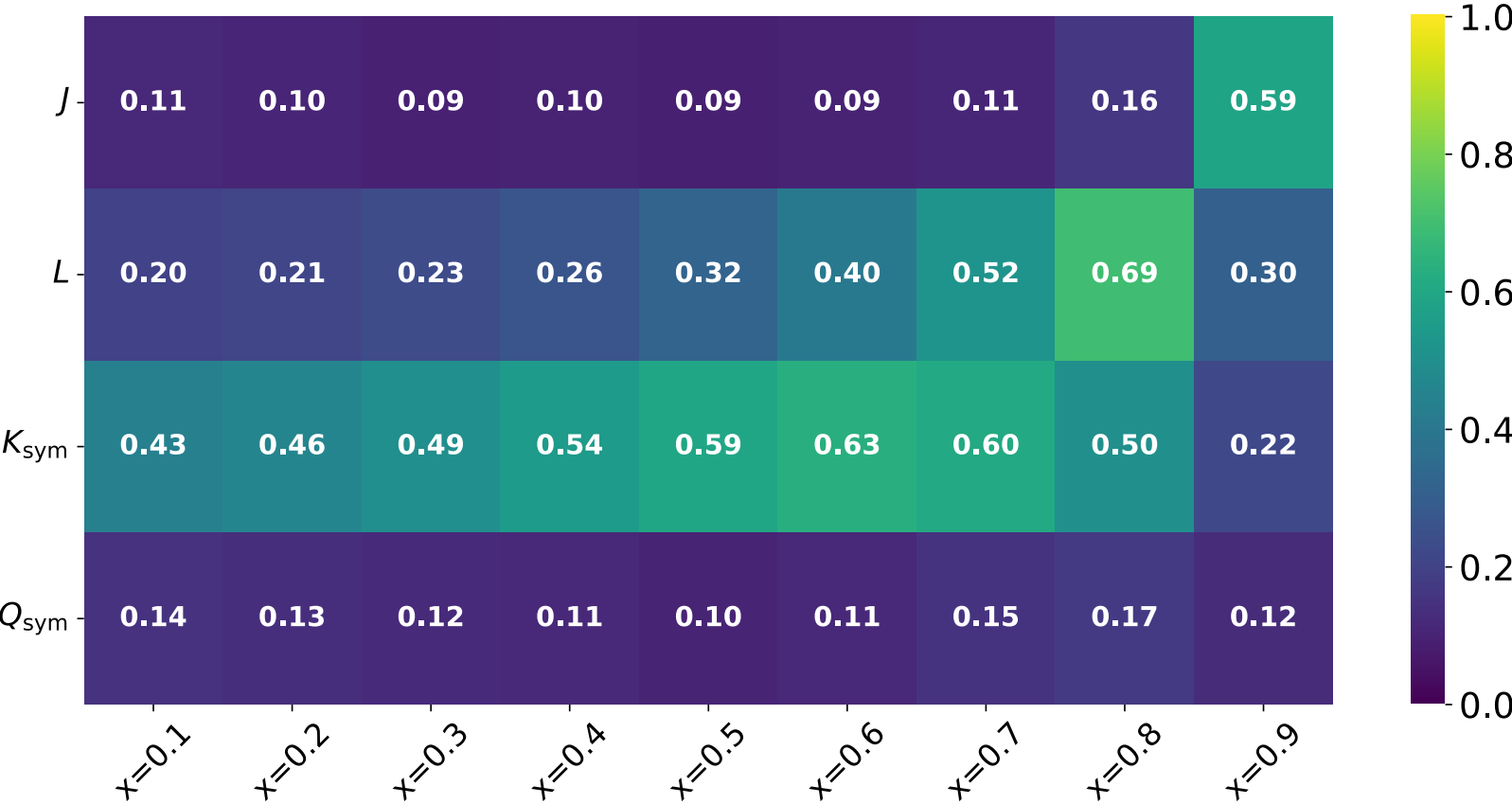
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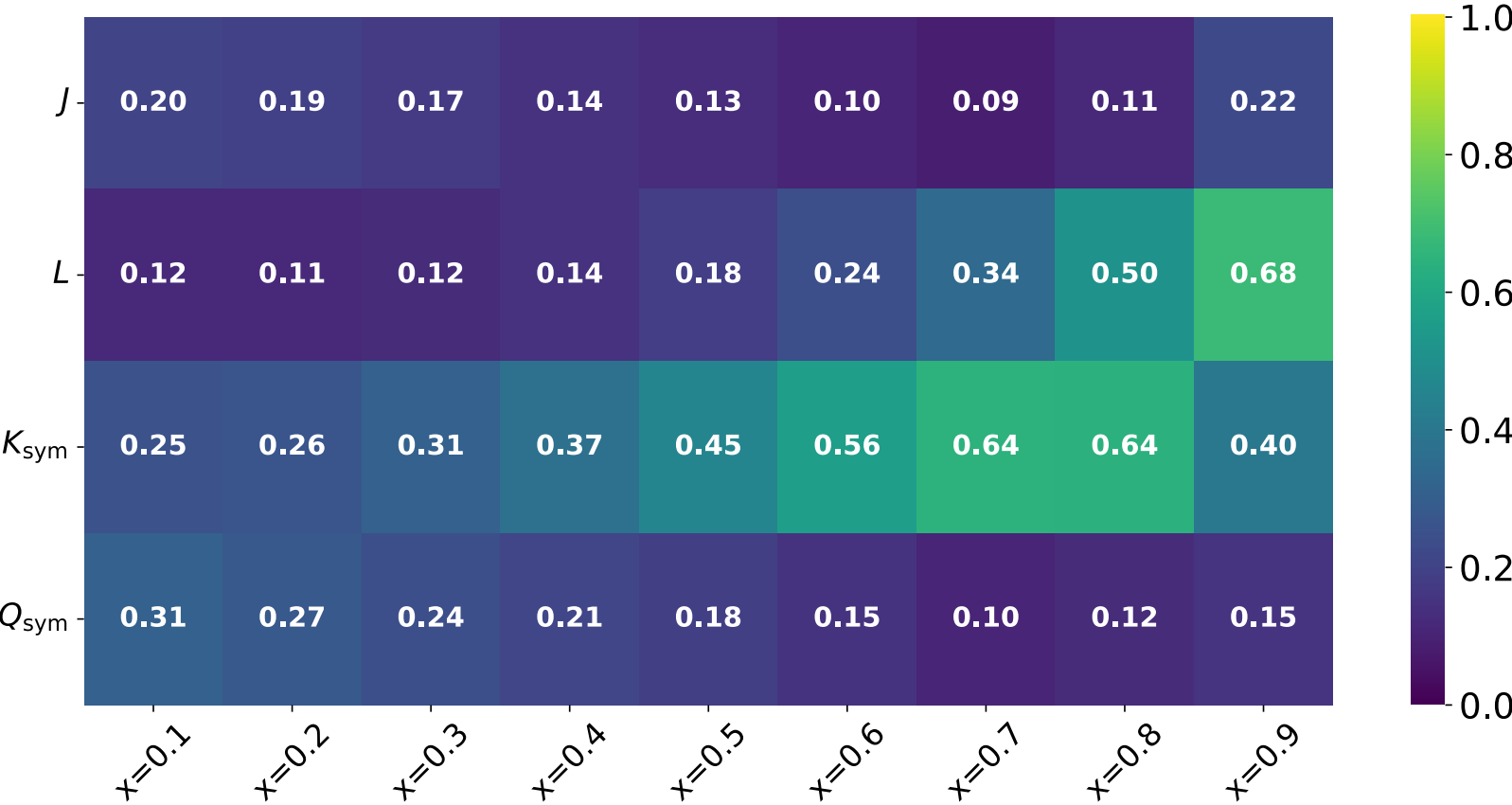
Density profiles of a $1.4M_{\text{sun}}$ star (priors)



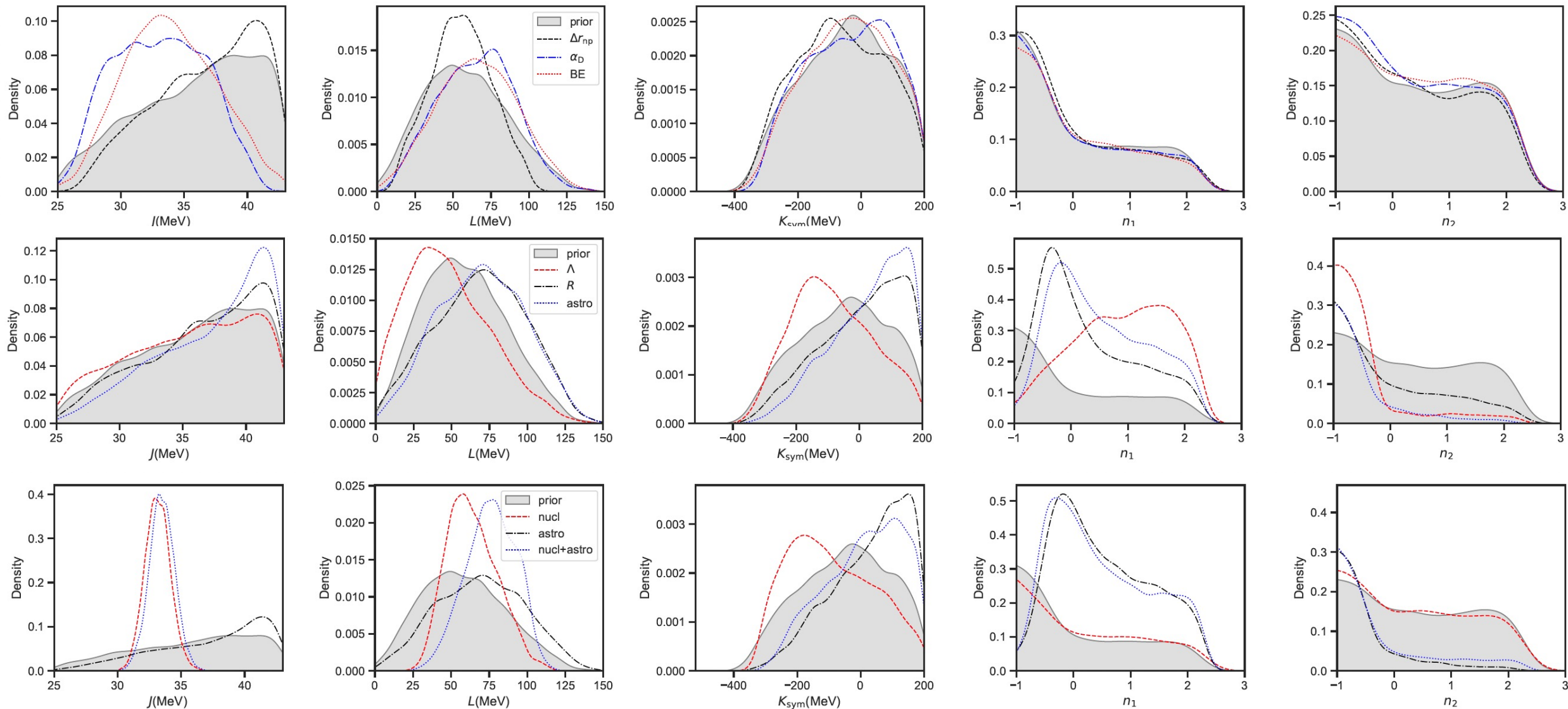
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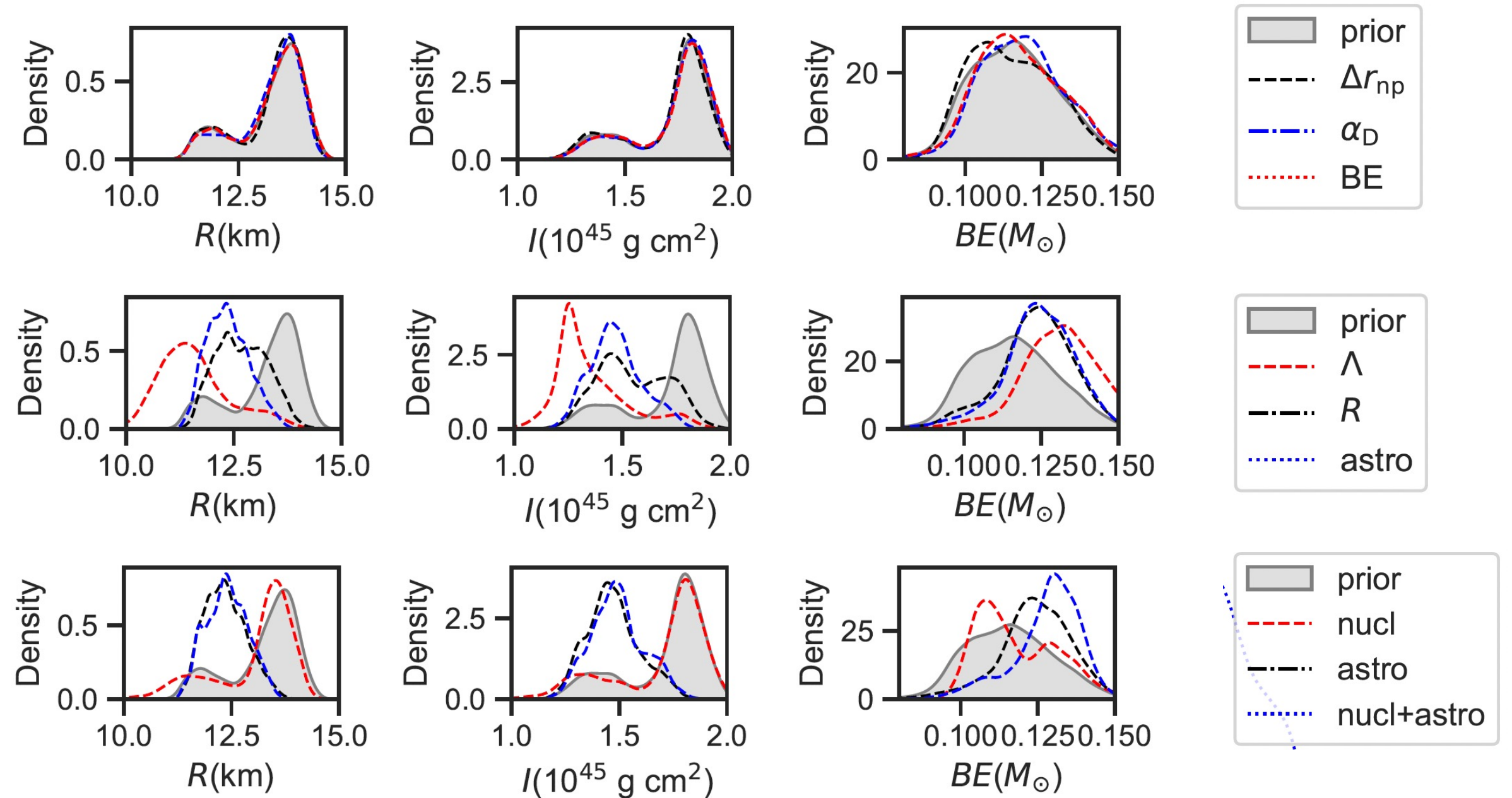
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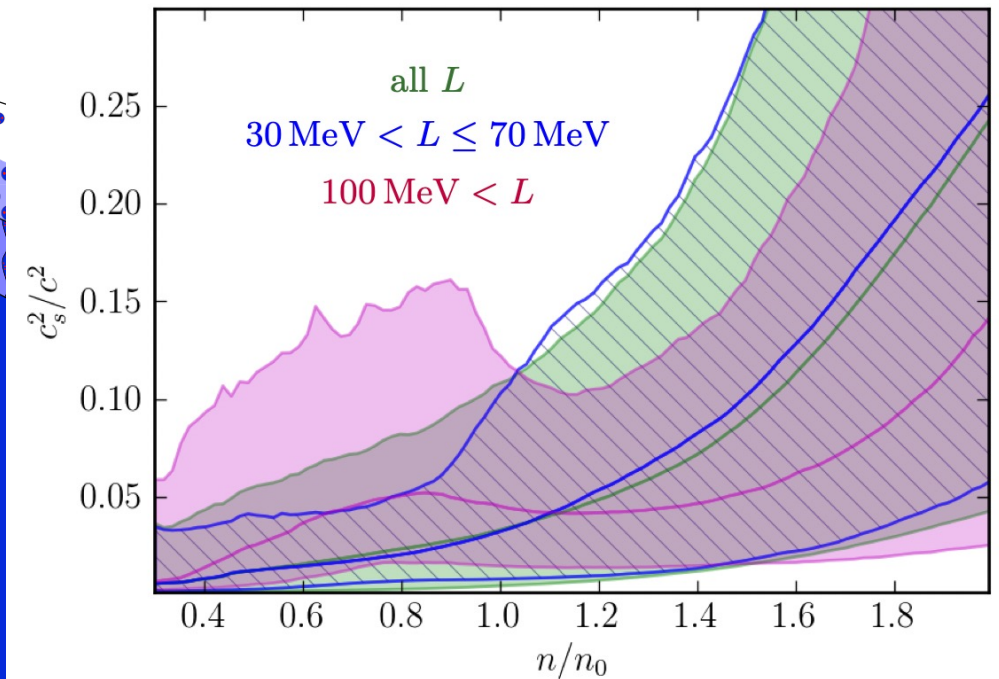
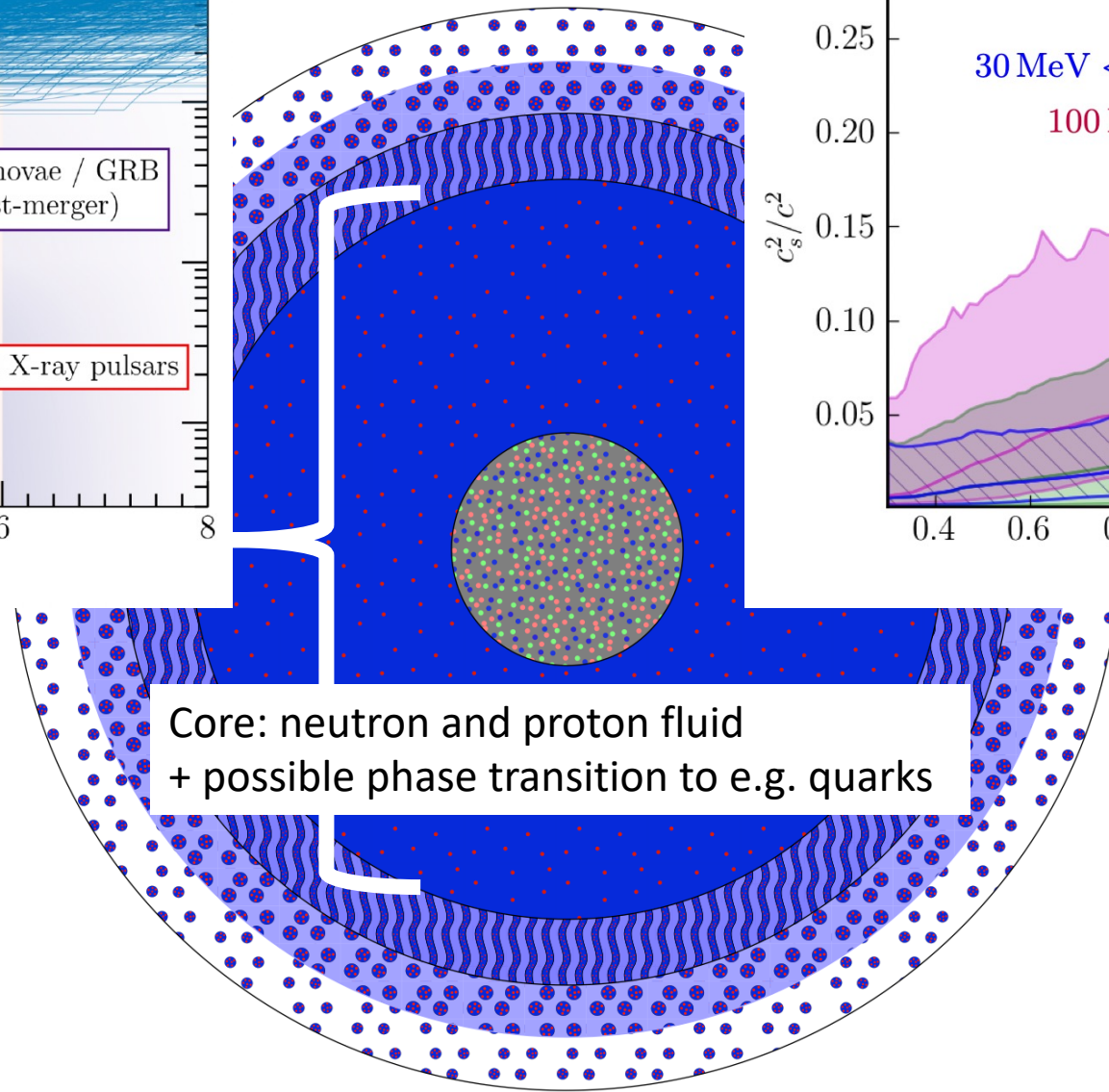
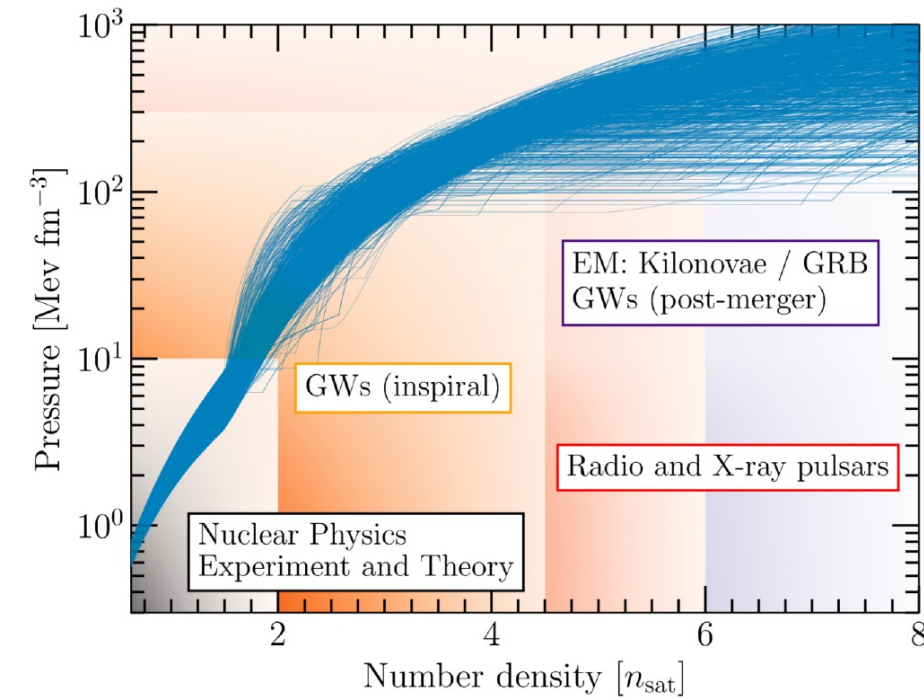
Posteriors on EOS model parameters



Posteriors on neutron star structure



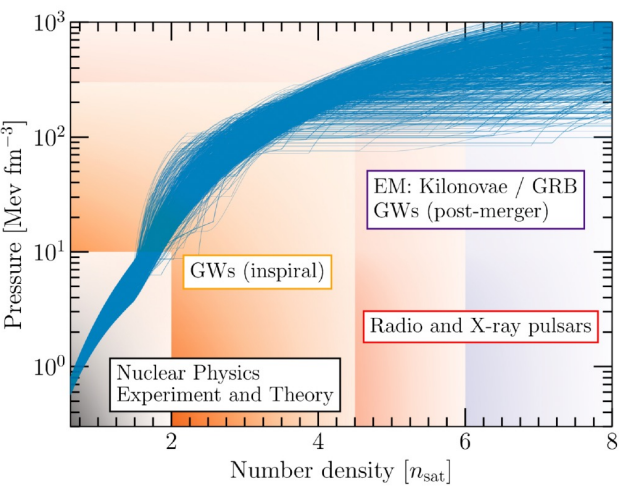
And go ahead and infer! To date, emphasis has been on the EOS of the core



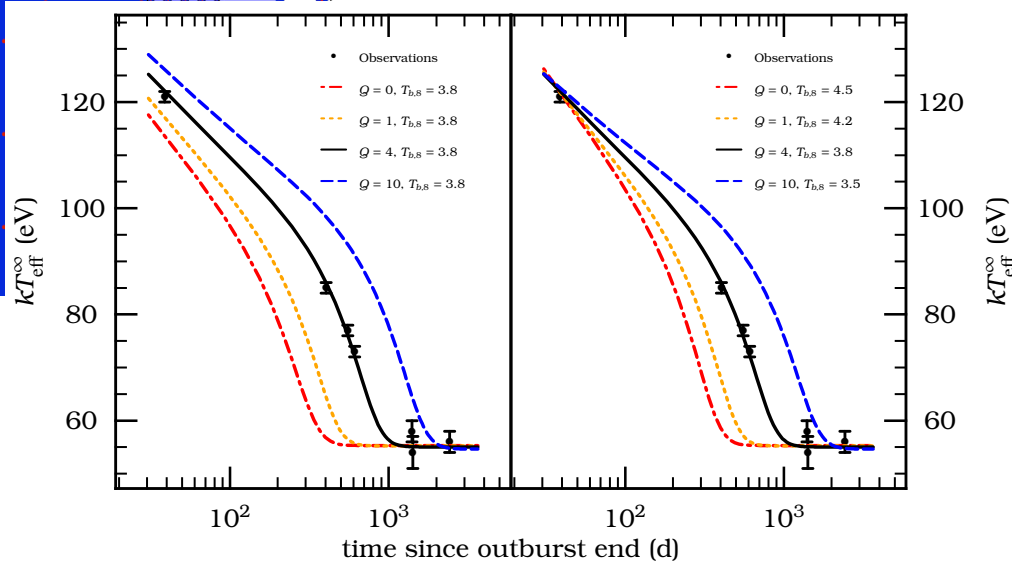
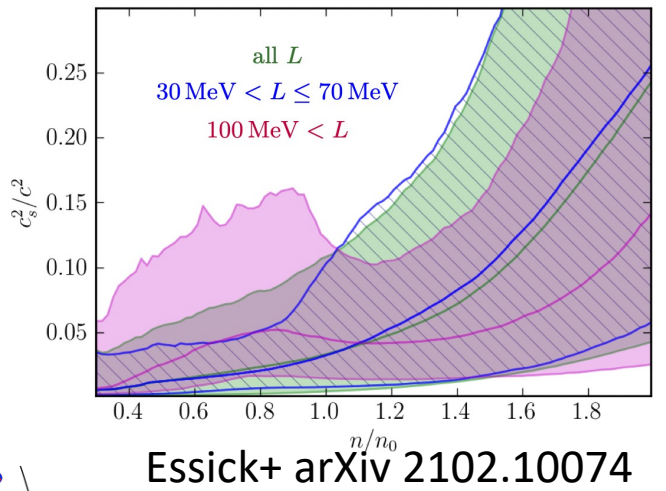
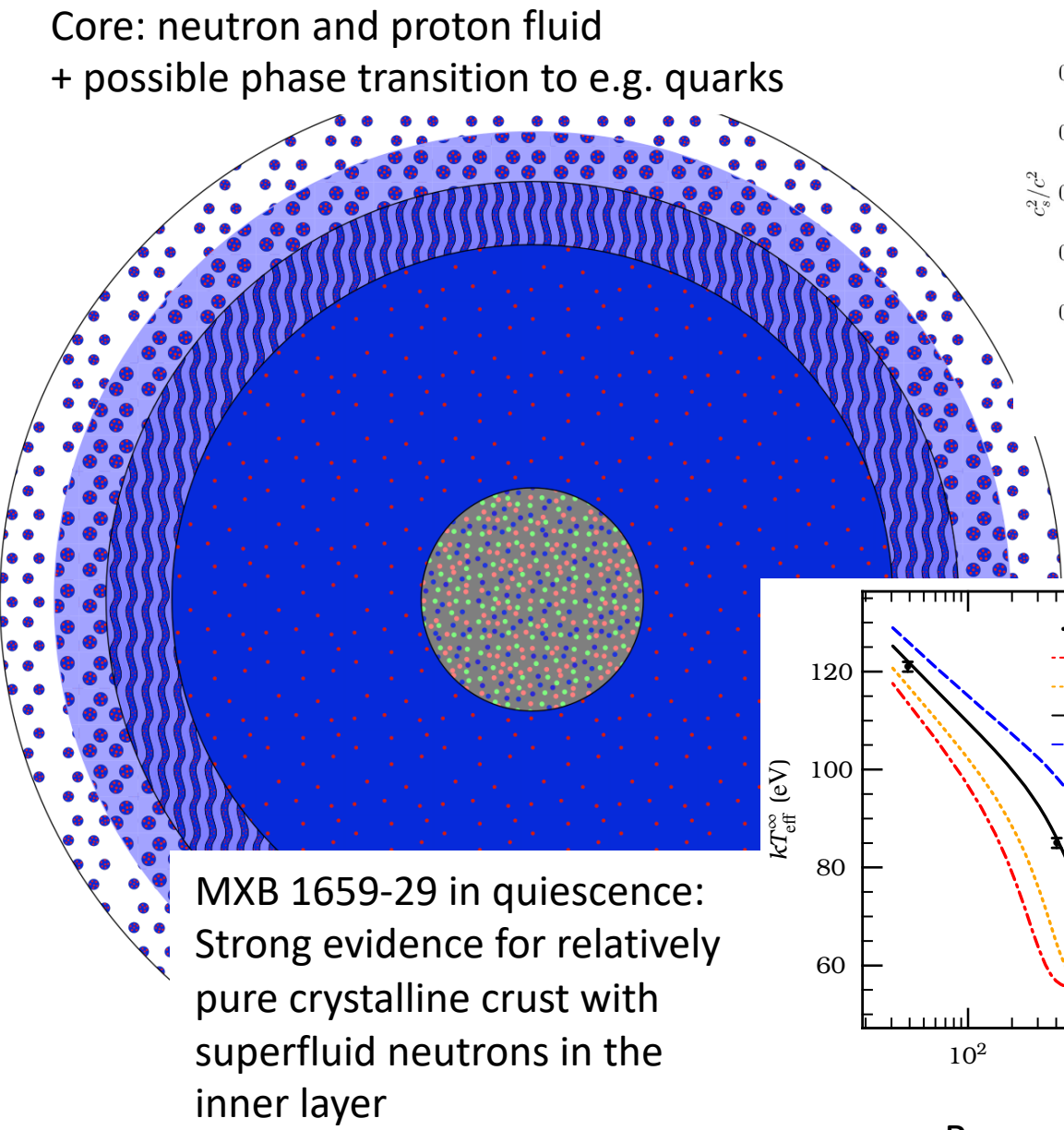
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But the crust is there too, and several observables are sensitive to it

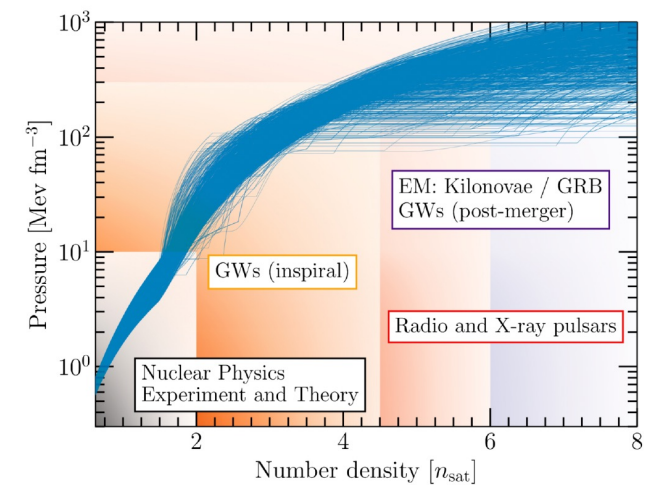


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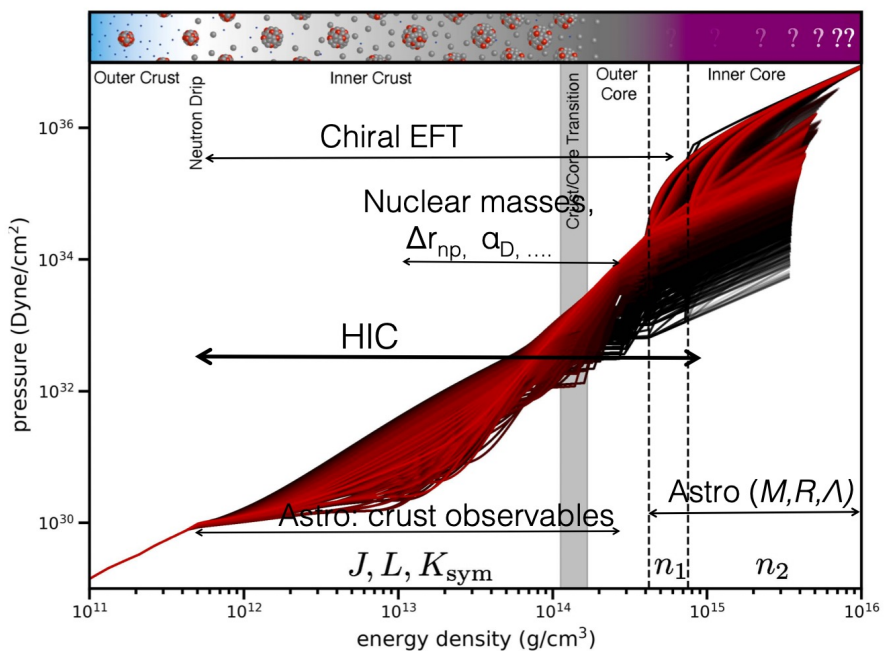


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So let's include the crust when we build our ensembles

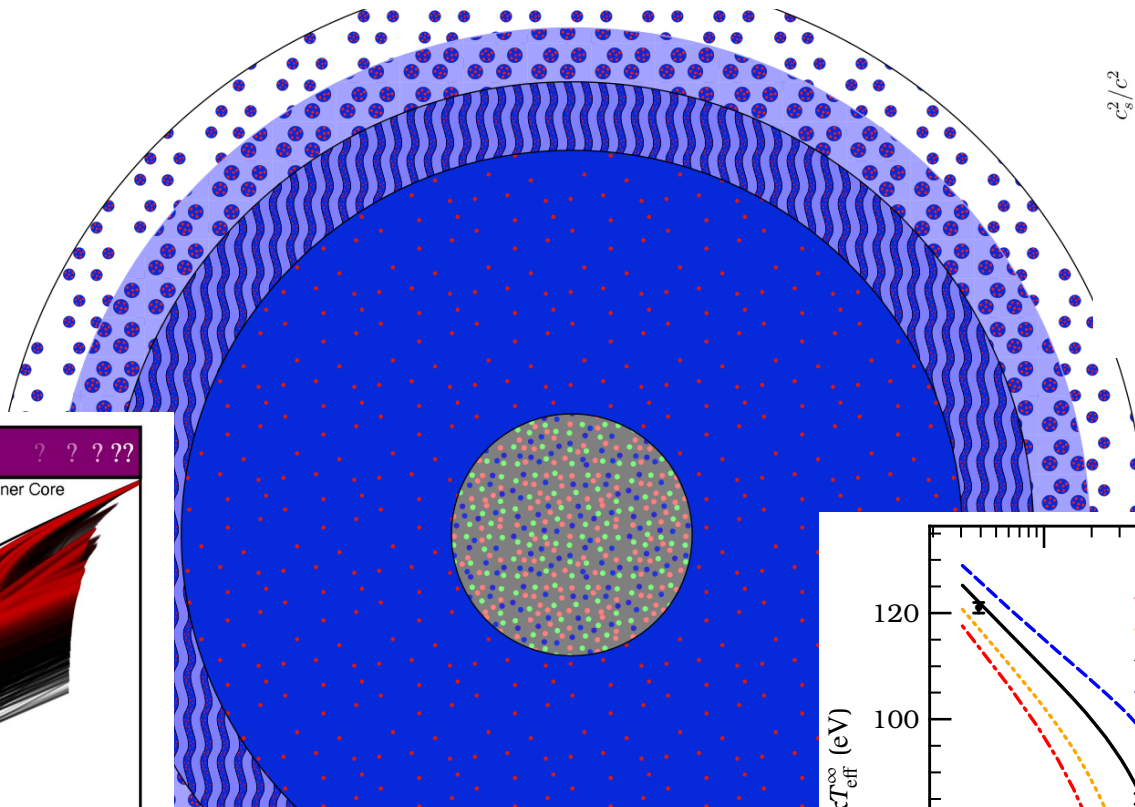


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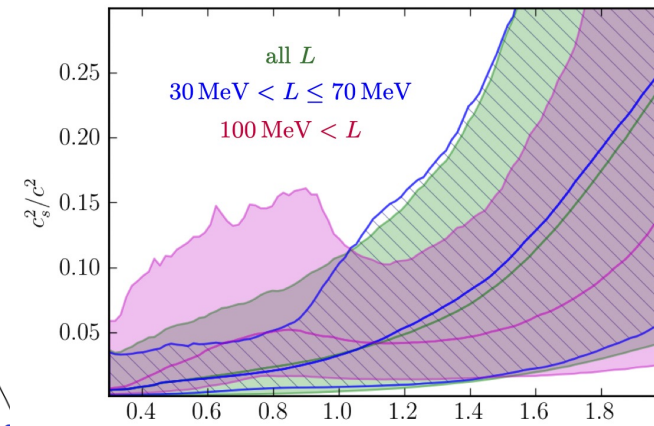


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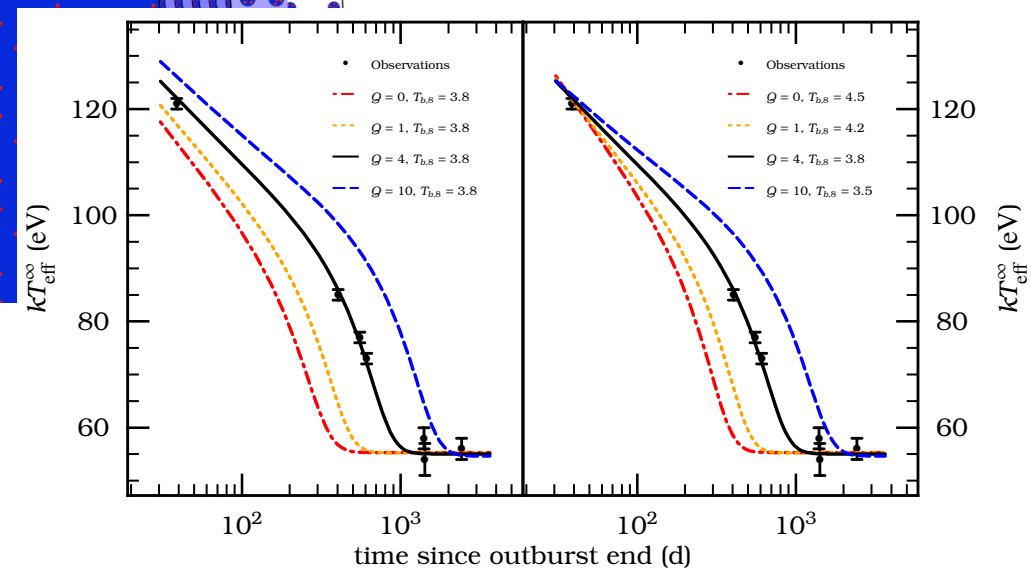
Core: neutron and proton fluid
+ possible phase transition to e.g. quarks



MXB 1659-29 in quiescence:
Strong evidence for relatively
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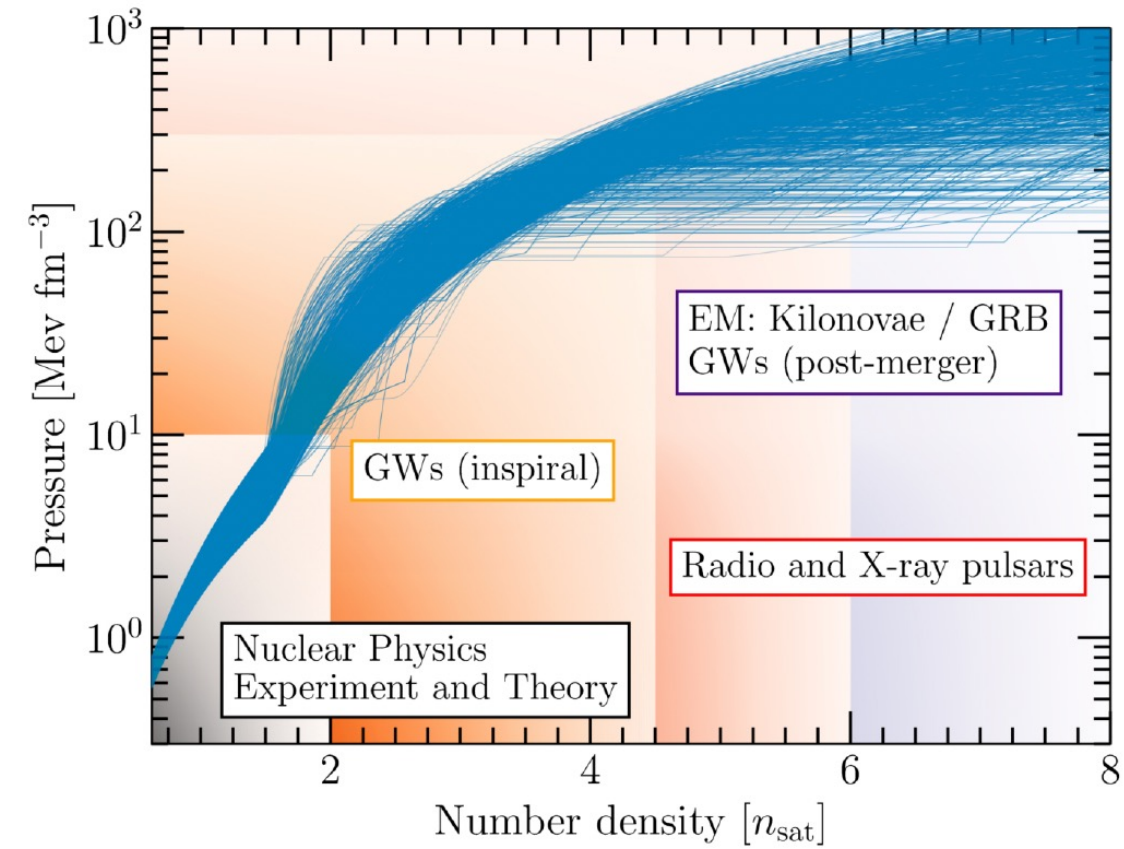
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Experiments such as neutron skin and dipole polarizability probes EOS below mostly saturation density, how relevant are those in determine neutron star properties?



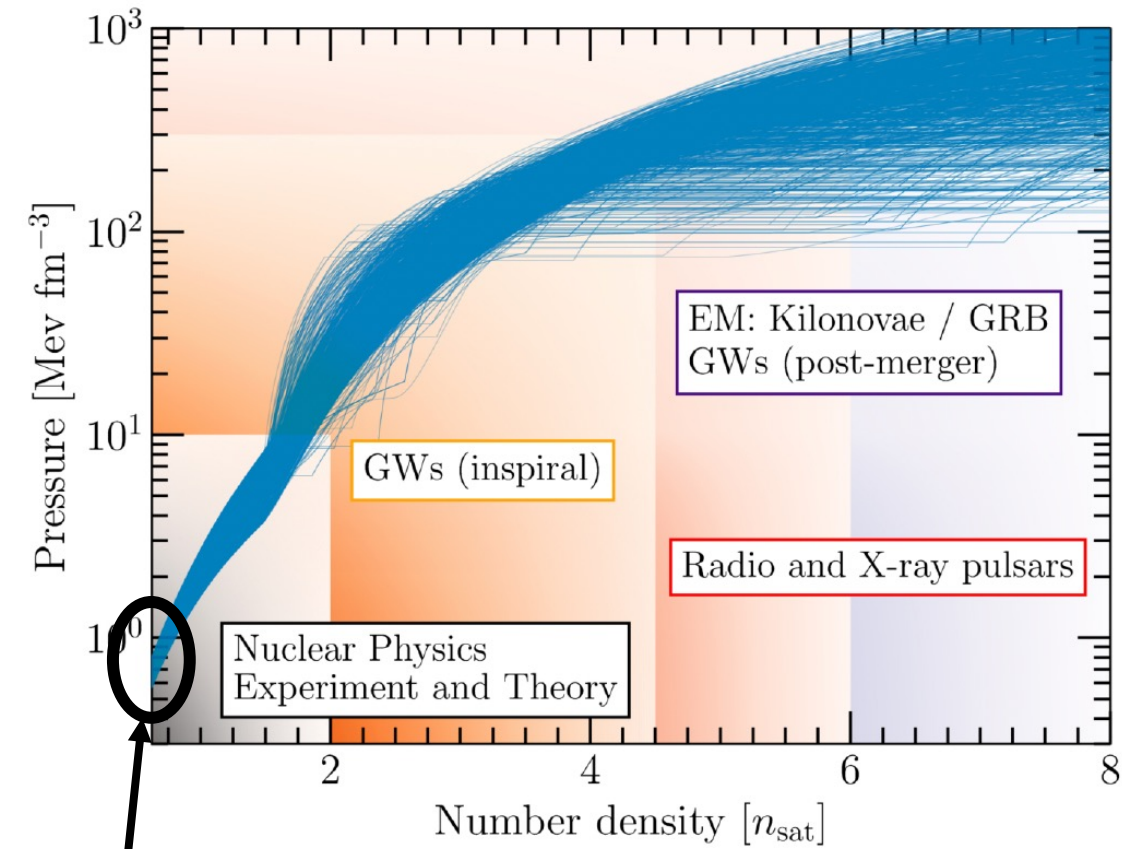
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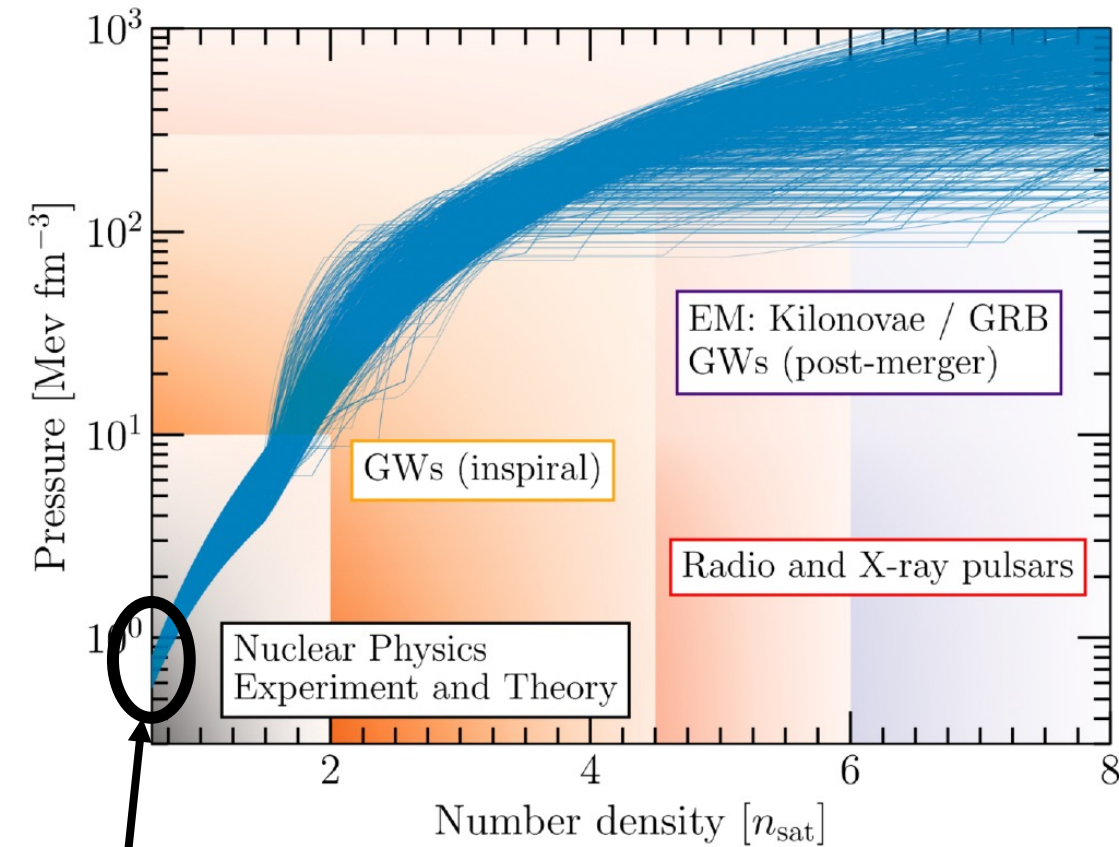
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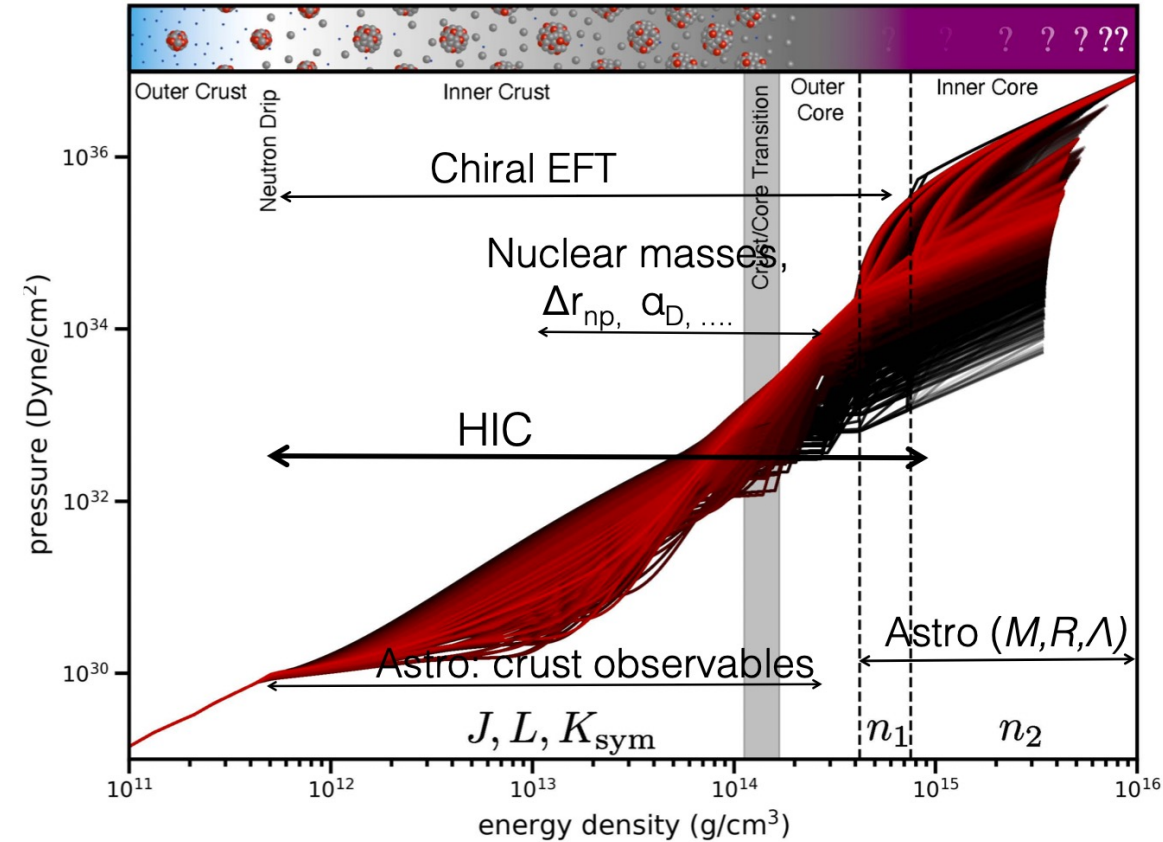
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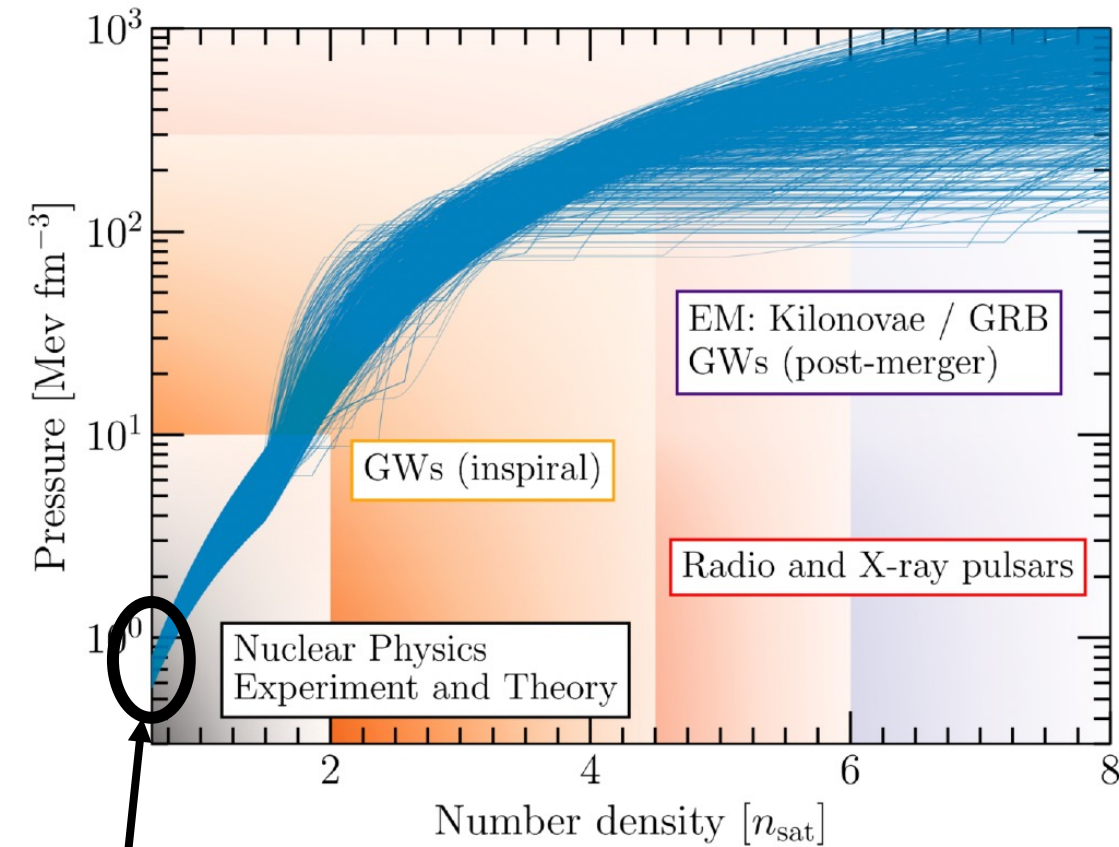
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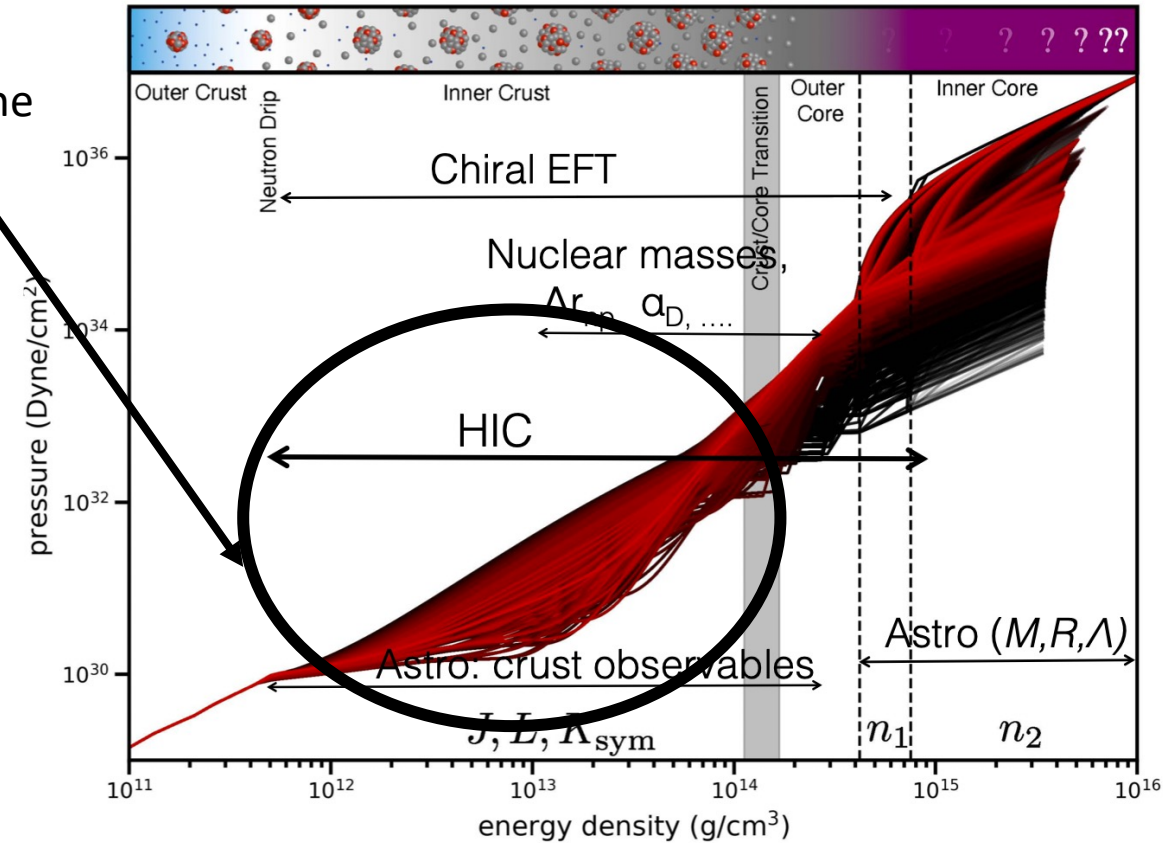
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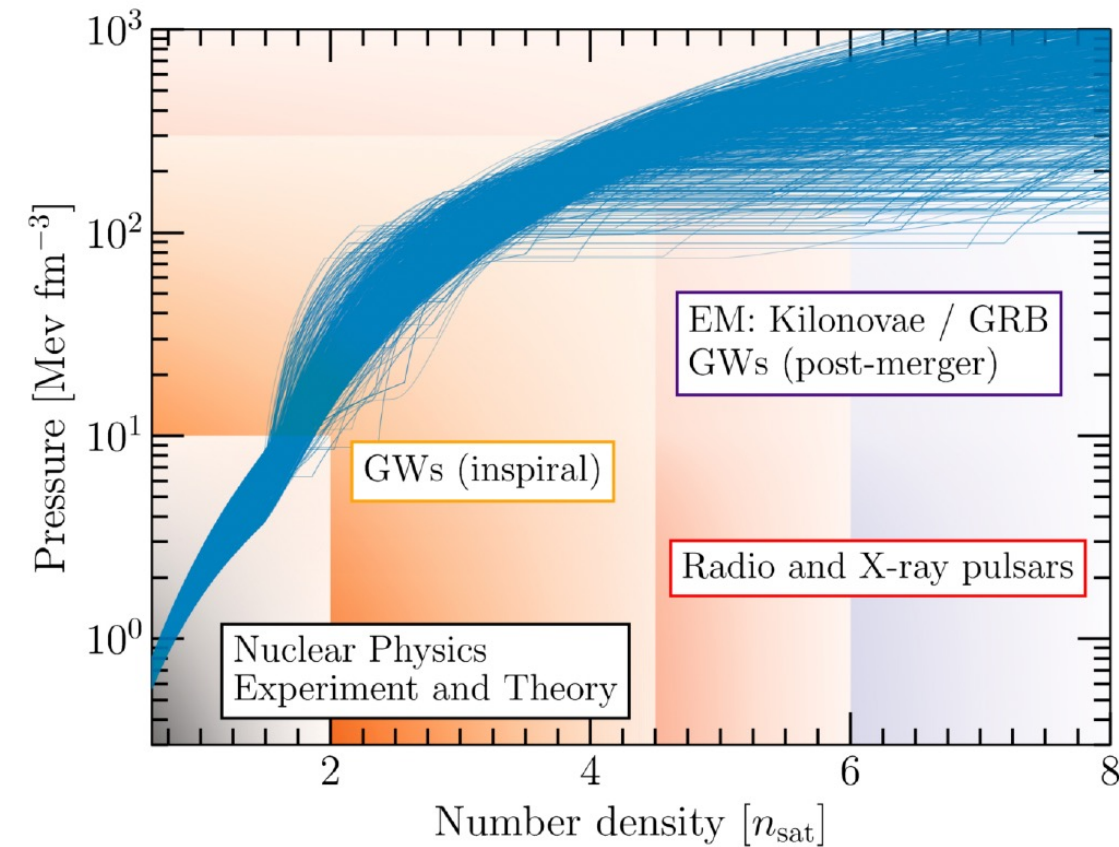
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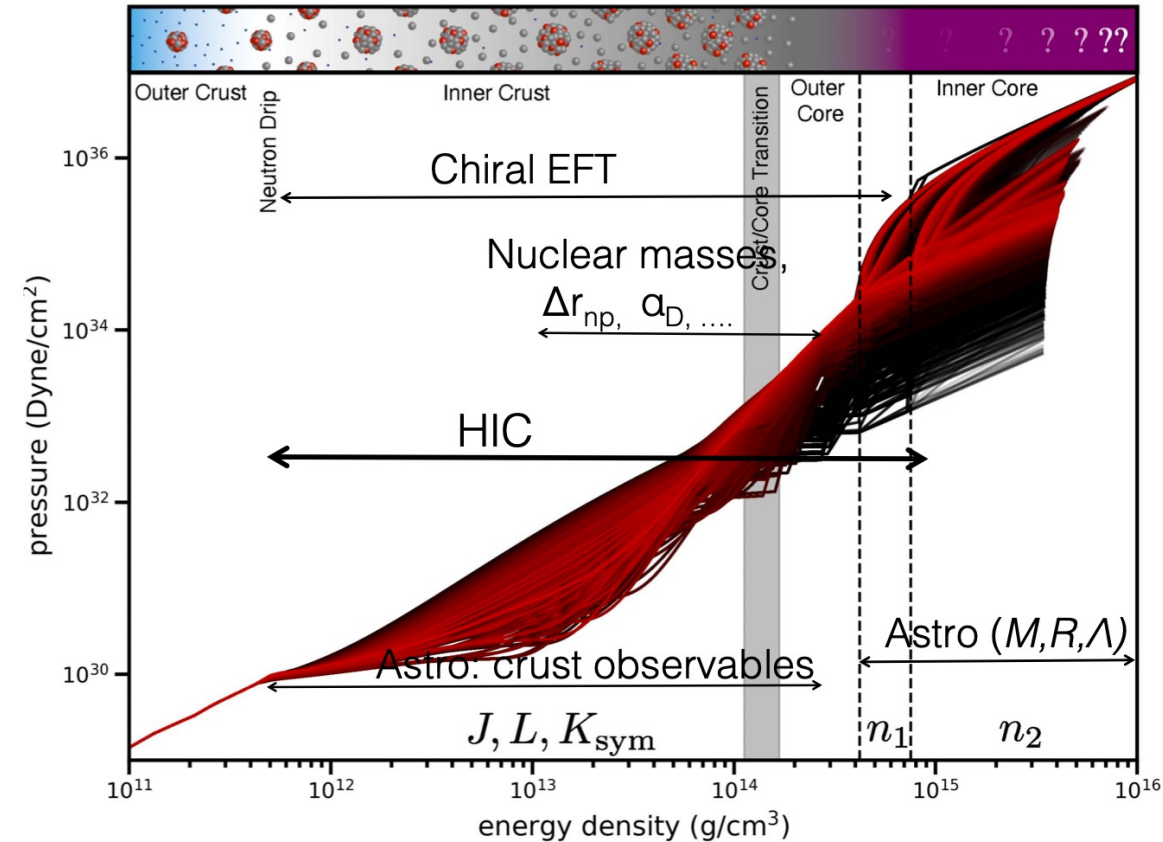


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Core consistent with crust needed for inference of bulk properties



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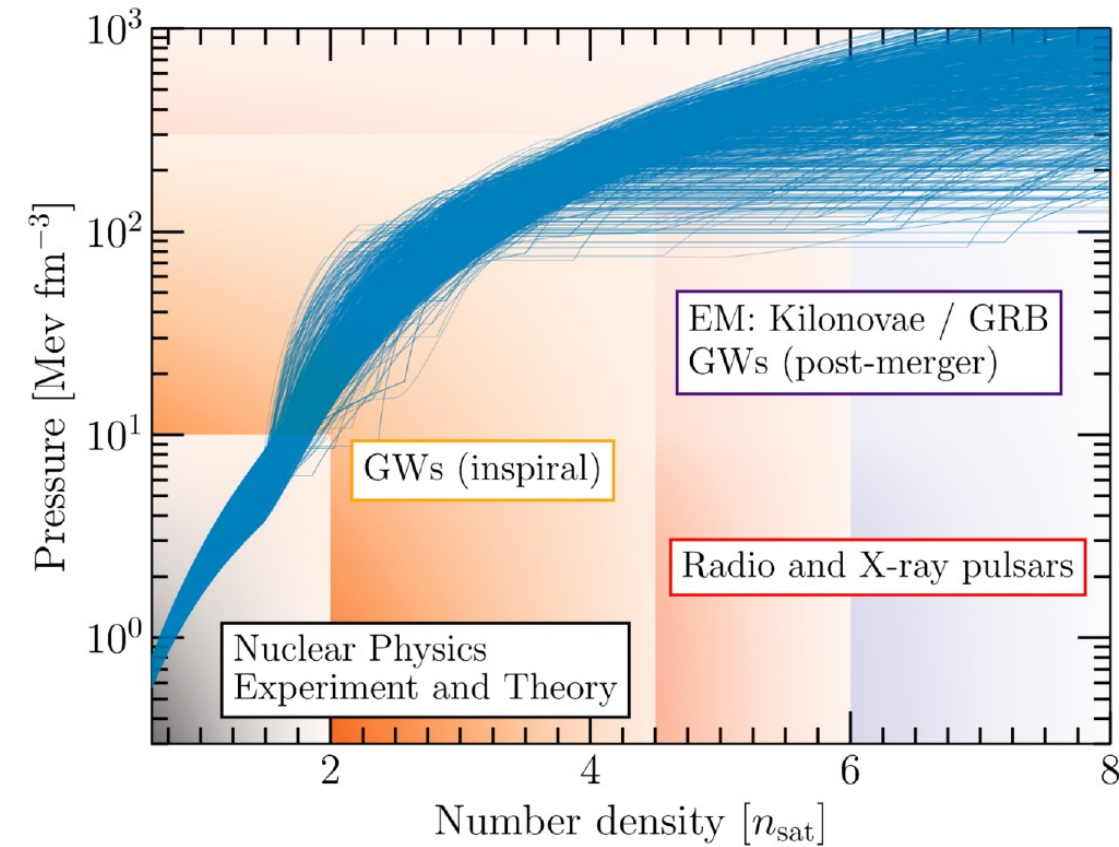
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Crust inconsistent with core EOS leads to **errors up to 5% in radius inference – that's 0.5km**

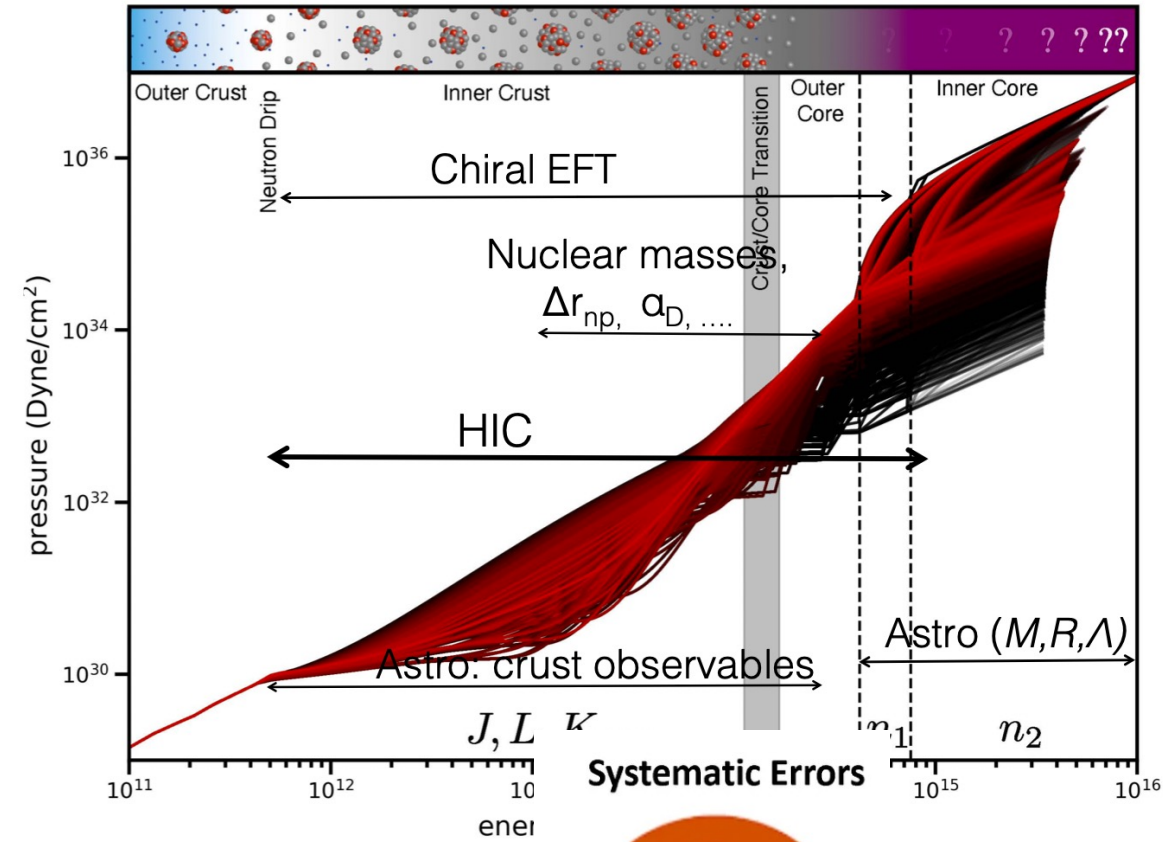
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Pang et al, arxiv:2205.08513



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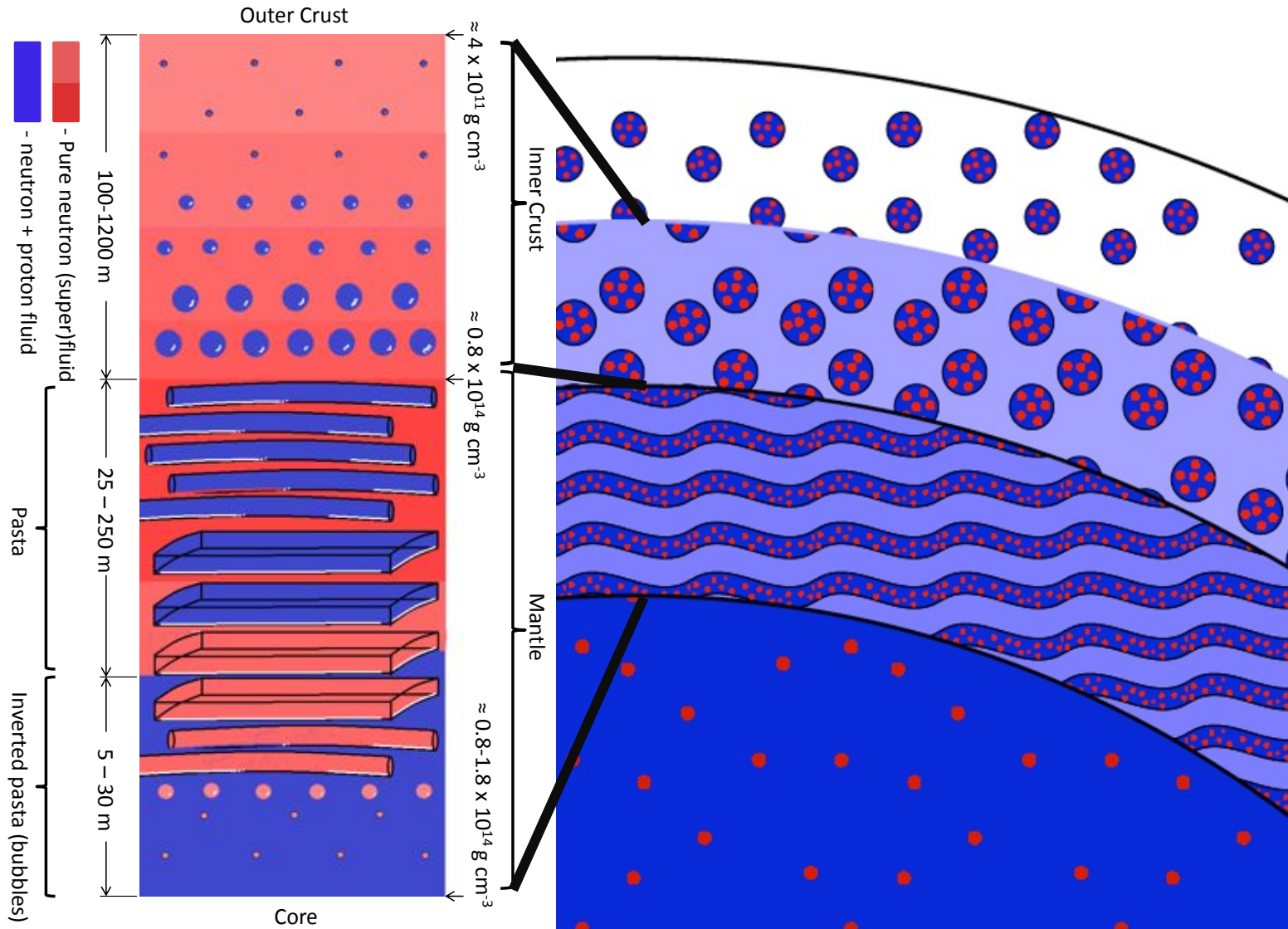
Low Accuracy
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MODELING

Crust structure



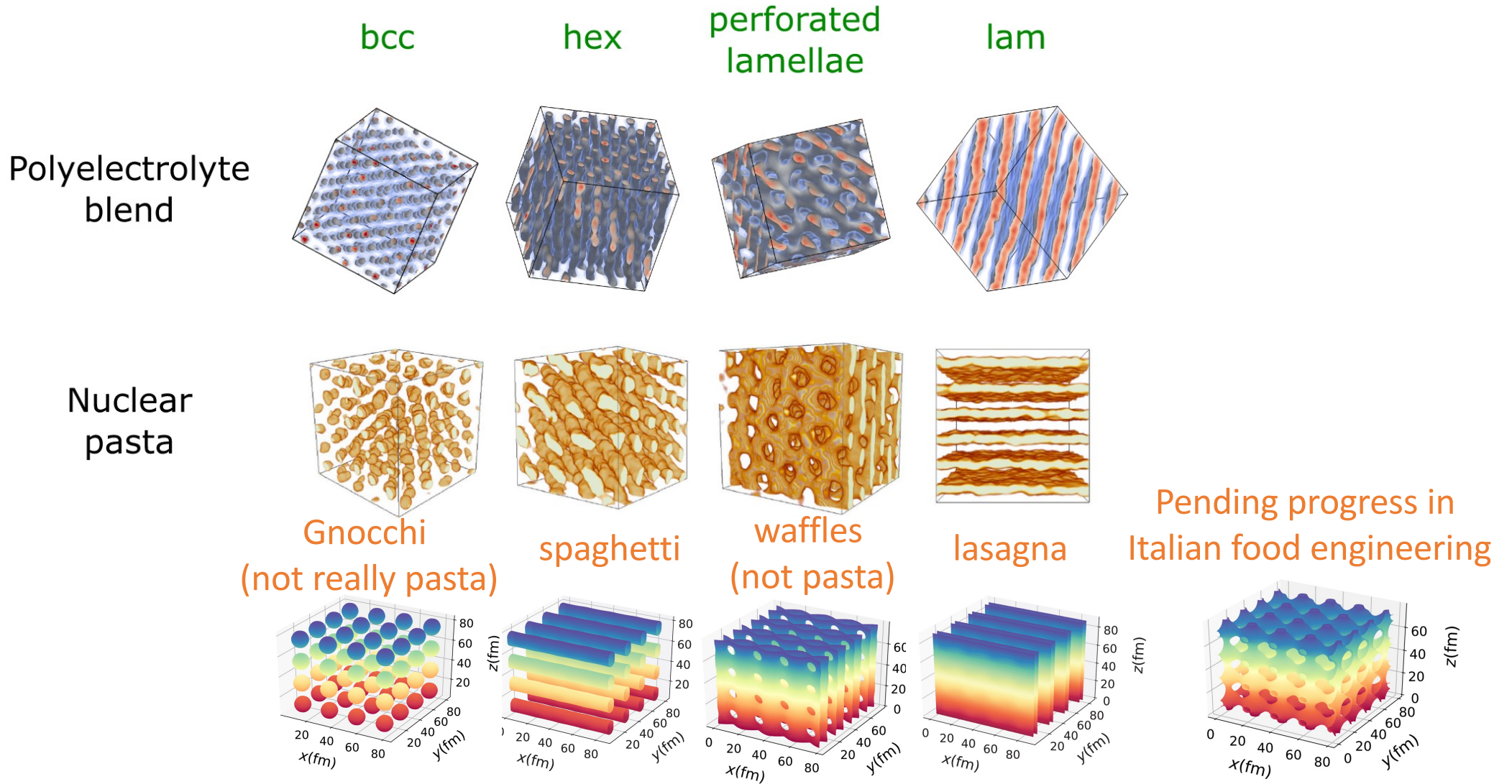
Outer crust: nuclei, e^- , elastic solid

Inner crust: nuclei, e^- , n ; two components (elastic solid, neutron superfluid)

Mantle: crust-core interface region; deformed, continuous nuclear clusters, e^- , n ; soft condensed matter

Crust breaking, mountains, crust modes... originate at the bottom of the crust (e.g. Morales, Horowitz 2409.14482)

Driven by competition between short range attractive and long-range repulsive interactions - a generic feature of soft-condensed matter systems



Rumyantsev, dePablo: Macromolecules 53, 2020

Molecular dynamics simulations: Caplan, Horowitz, Rev. Mod. Phys. 89, 041002 (2017)

Quantum simulations: Newton et al, arxiv:2104.11835

Structure of Matter below Nuclear Saturation Density

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It will be interesting to explore the consequences of these spaghettilike and lasagnalike phases of dense matter. Their physical properties will have to reflect the great departure from isotropy that these phases possess. Neutrino scattering

properties. After all, the cooking of spaghetti, while it spoils the perfect straightness of the strands, does not destroy the characteristic short-range order.

NUCLEAR PASTA RECIPE: ANGEL HAIR WITH CARROTS



crammed into a 20km-wide sphere... Because of the immense gravity, the outer layers of neutron stars freeze solid to form a crust that surrounds a liquid core. Below the crust, protons and neutrons compete and end up forming long cylindrical shapes or flat planes. These have become known as 'spaghetti' and 'lasagna'—or nuclear pasta."

Given this exciting discovery, Barilla Executive Chef Lorenzo Boni decided to get creative and make his own version of nuclear pasta using Barilla Angel Hair, carrots, red bell peppers and Romano cheese. A few pieces of Barilla Collezione Orecchiette and some sprinkles of Barilla Pastina make the perfect garnish for the plate. Try it for dinner tonight—it's out of this world!

<https://www.barilla.com/en-us/posts/2018/10/22/nuclear-pasta-recipe-angel-hair-with-carrots>



Why care about the crust?

Pulsar glitches

[Link, Lattimer, Epstein PRL 1999](#)

Magnetic field evolution

[Pons, Viganò, Rea, Nature Physics 2013](#)

Crust cooling

[Newton, Murphy, Li ApJL 2013](#)

[Brown and Cumming, ApJ 2009](#)

[Horowitz+, PRL 2015](#)

GWs from mountains

[Caplan, Horowitz, Schneider, PRL 2018](#)

Spin evolution, r-modes

[Fattoyev, Newton, Li PRC 2014](#)

Crust shattering flares

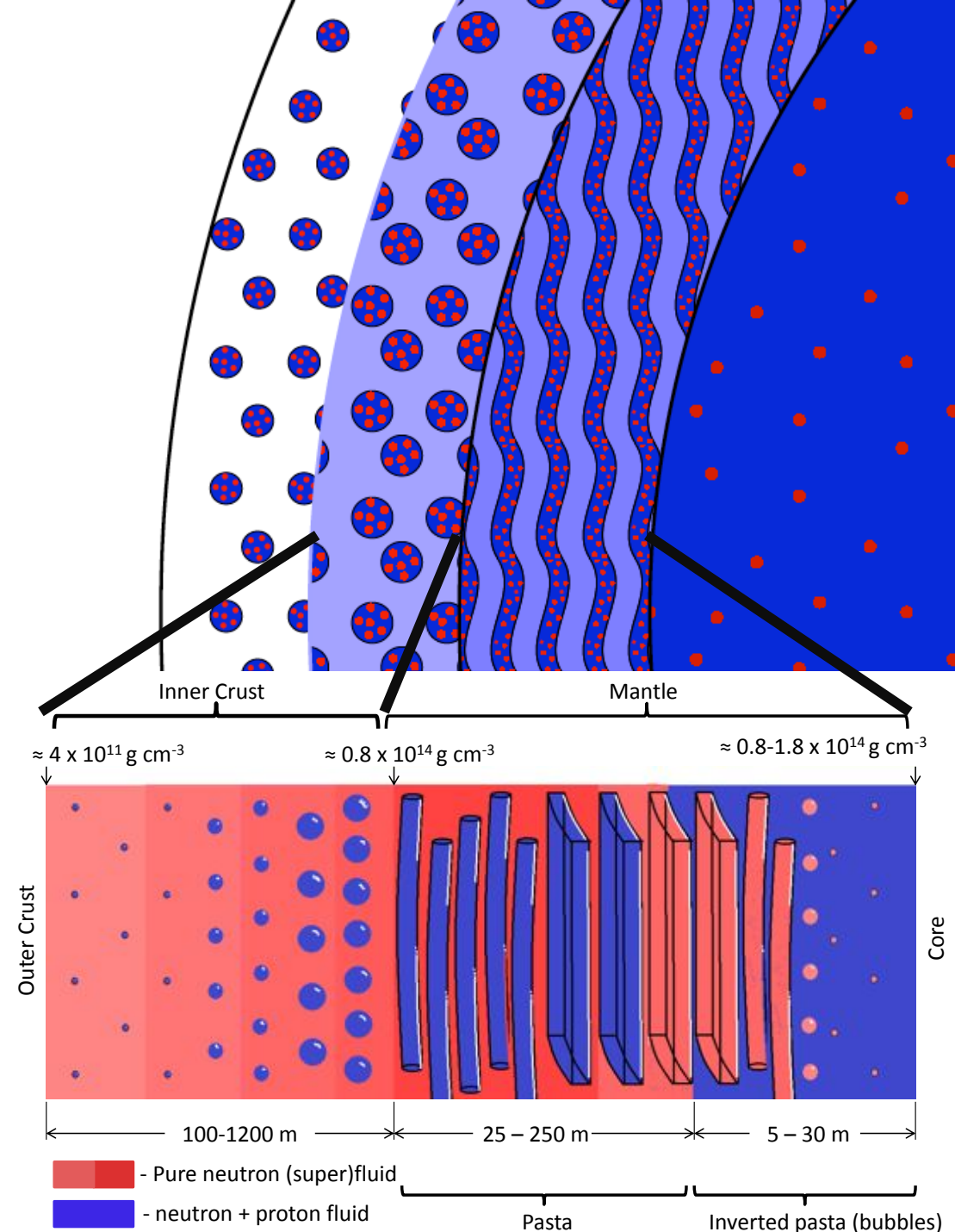
[Tsang et al PRL108, 2012](#)

Chamel, Haensel,

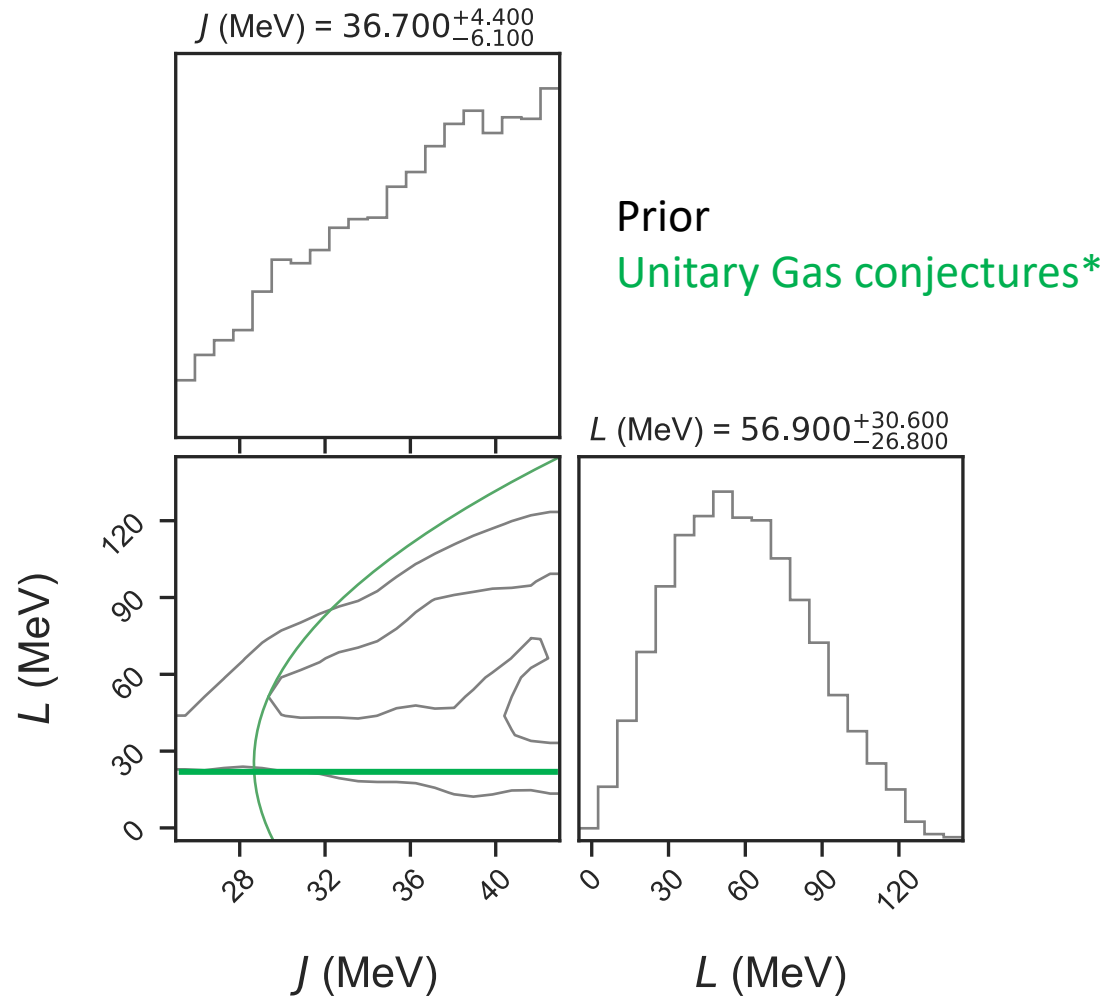
[Living Reviews in Relativity 2008](#)

Constraining the symmetry energy:

[Newton+ EPJA 2014](#)

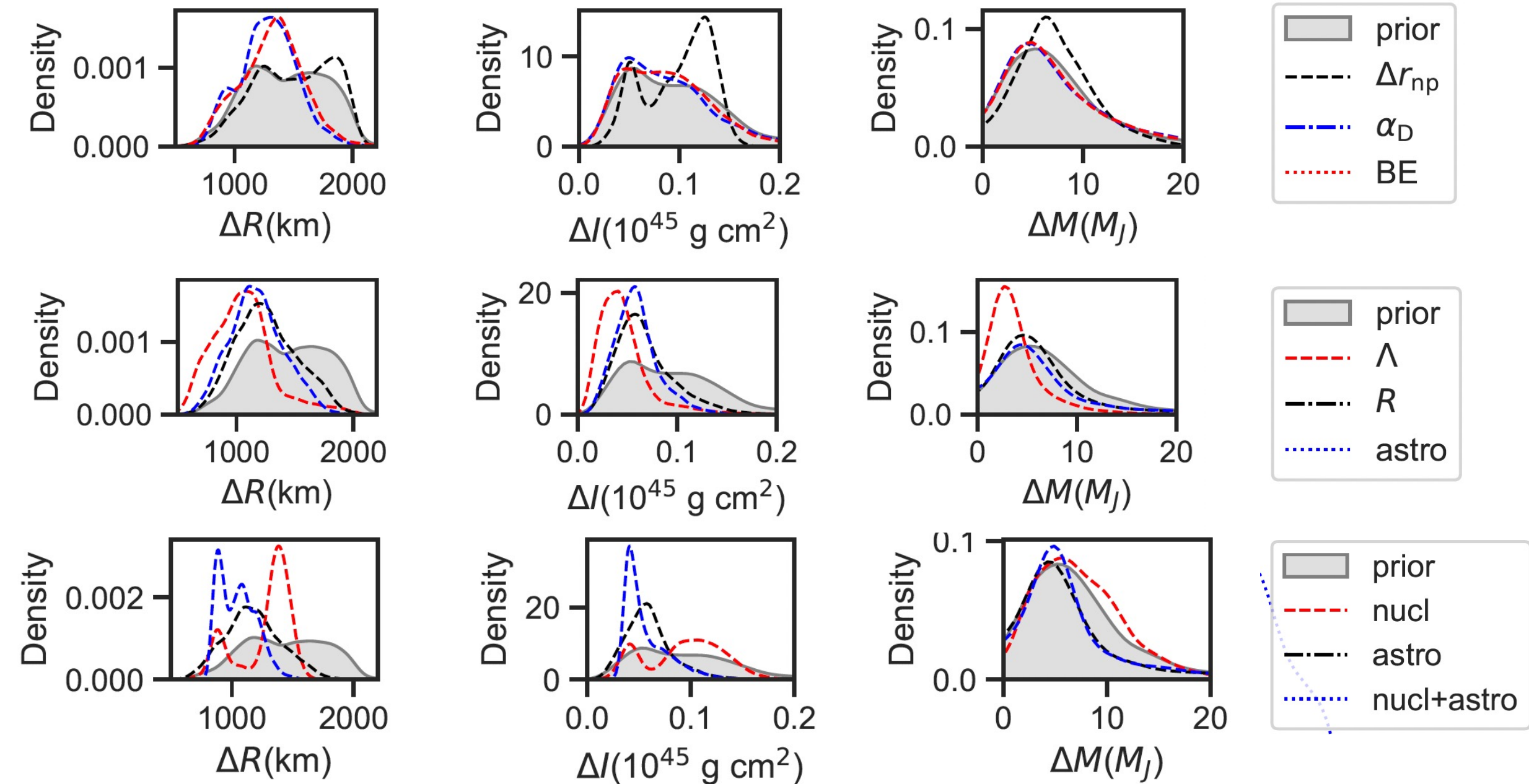


Unitary Gas Constraint equivalent-ish to “The crust exists!”

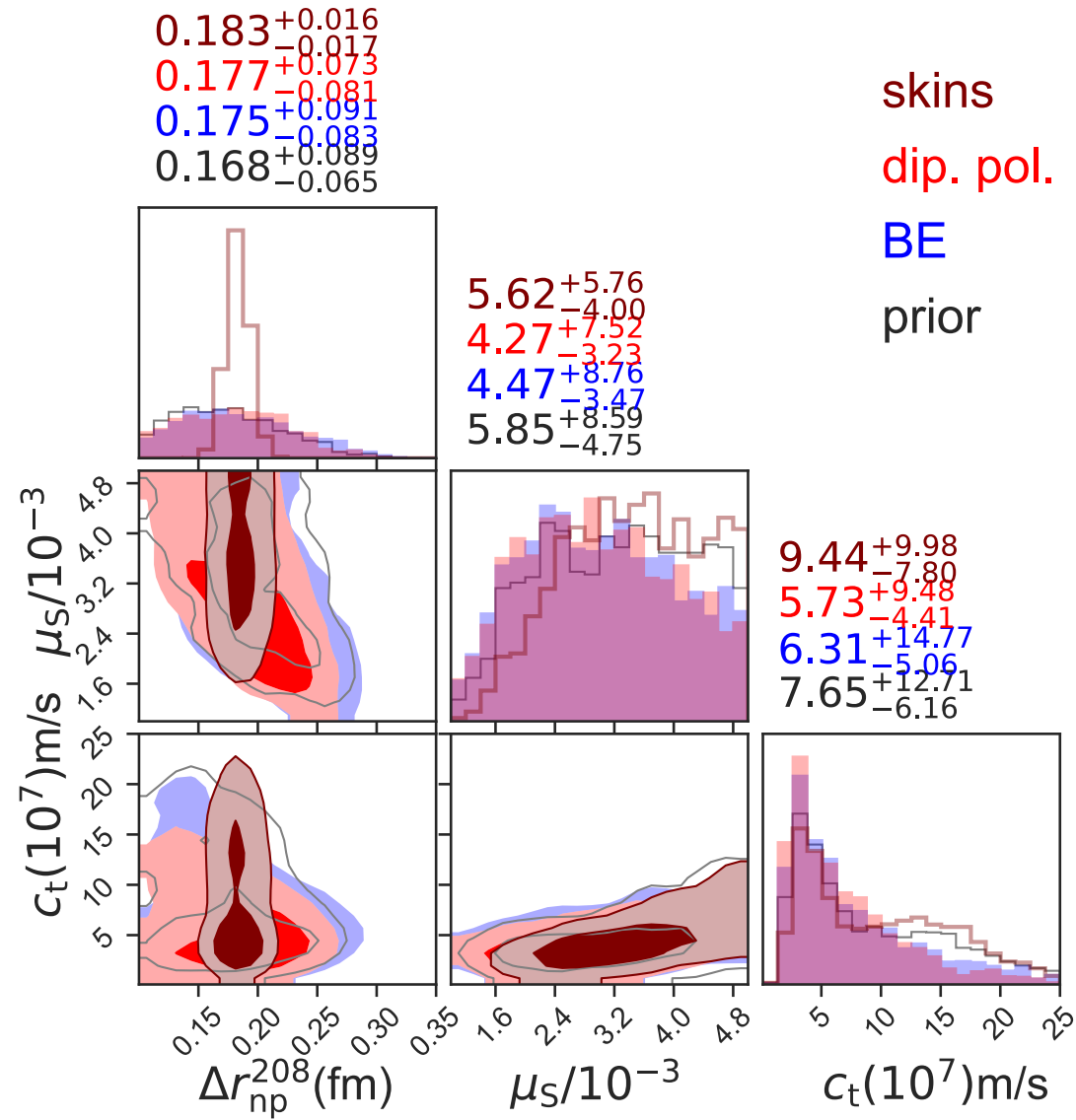


*The energy and pressure of pure neutron matter is higher at all densities than those of a unitary gas (Tews+ arxiv:1611.07133)

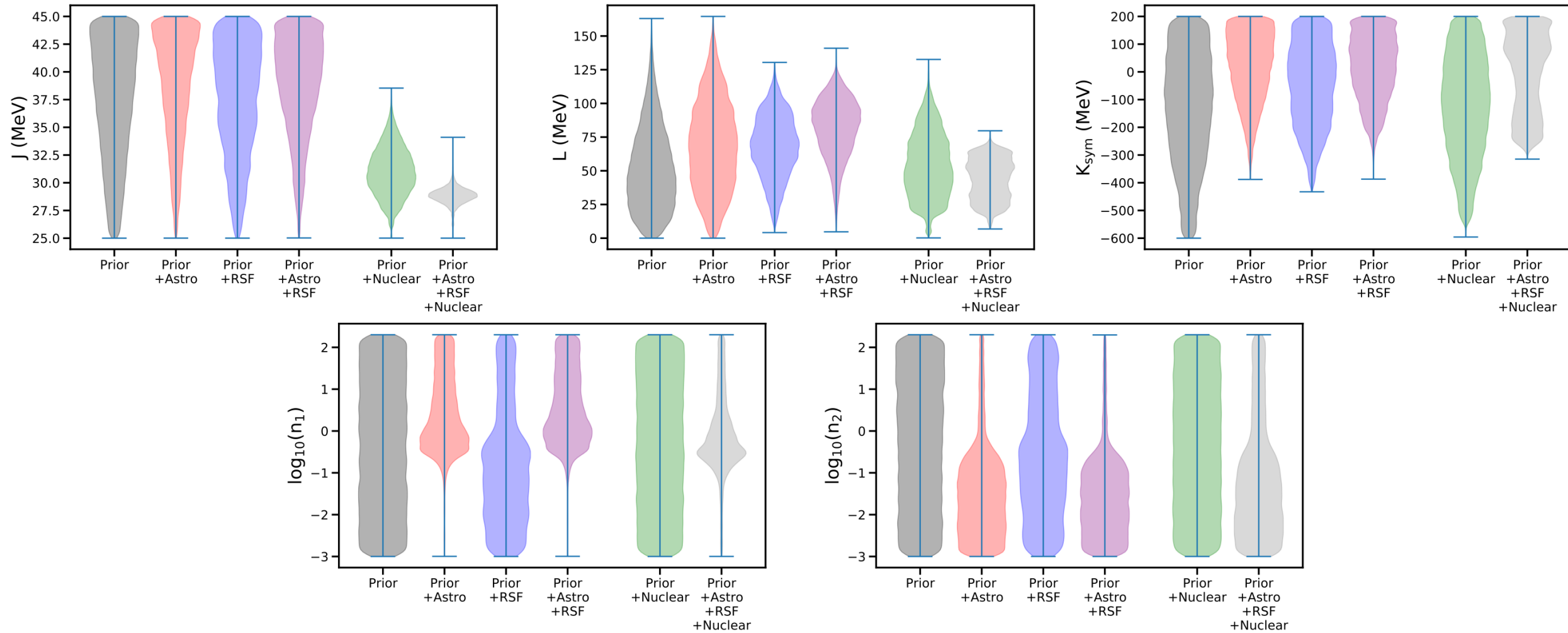
Posteriors on neutron star crust



Shear modulus and speed at base of crust



Inference using a synthetic detection of an RSF at a frequency of 250 Hz, comparison with Nicer-Ligo and nuclear binding energy data



- J not constrained by astro
- L constrained by nuclear, RSF
- K_{sym} constrained by RSF/NL
- Polytrope parameters constrained by NL

Point ions

$$\mu = \frac{0.1194 (Ze)^2}{r_c^3} \frac{1}{r_c}$$

Ogata, Ichimura Phys. Rev. A, 42, 4867

$$\mu = \frac{0.1106 (Ze)^2}{r_c^3} \frac{1}{r_c}$$

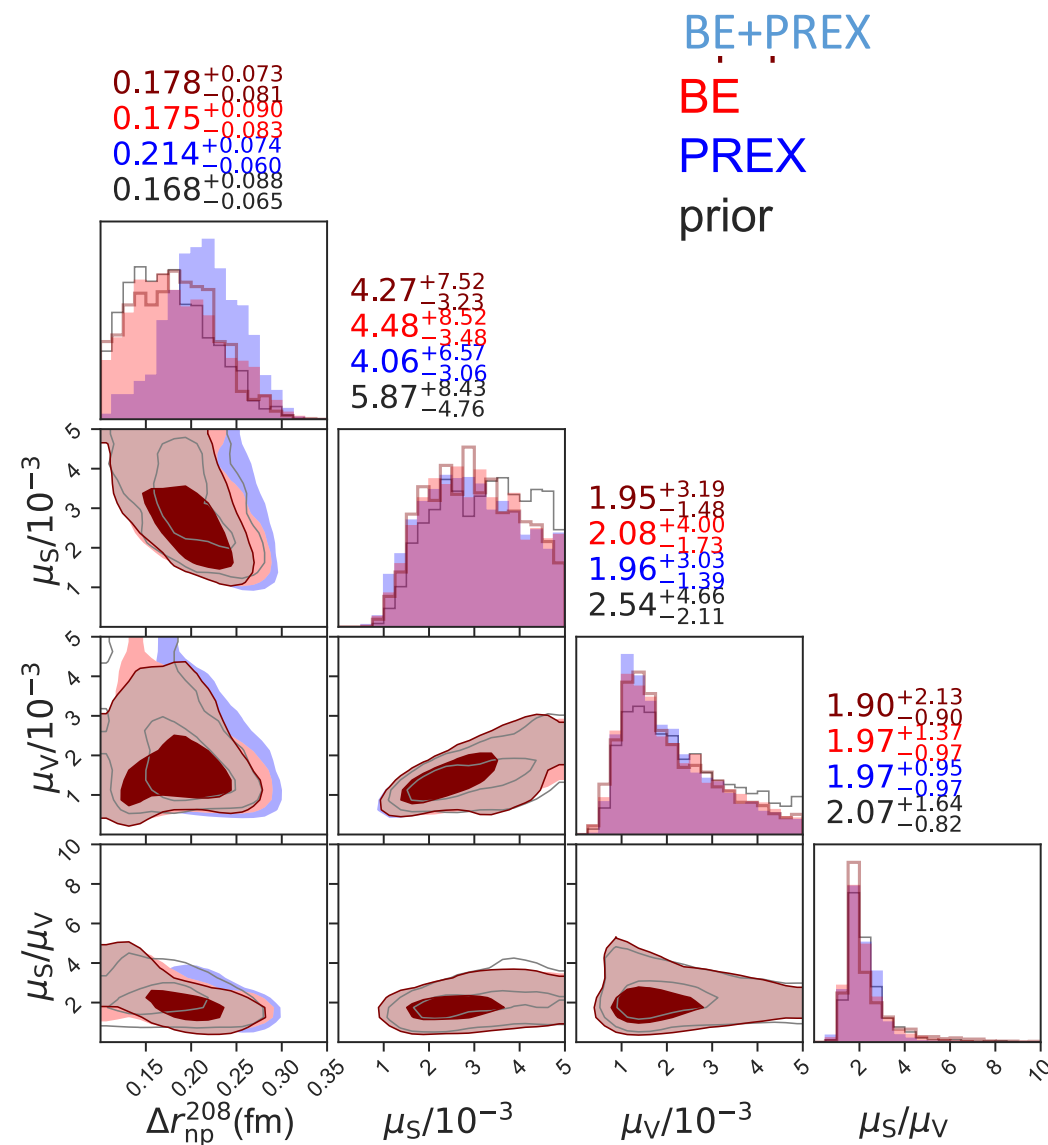
Horowitz, Hughto arxiv:0812.2650

Uniformly oriented lasagna

$$\mu_{\text{Las}} \leq 0.32 \left[\frac{1}{r_c^3} \frac{(Ze)^2}{r_c} \left(\frac{\sigma}{r_c} \right)^2 (1-u)^2 \right]^{1/3}$$

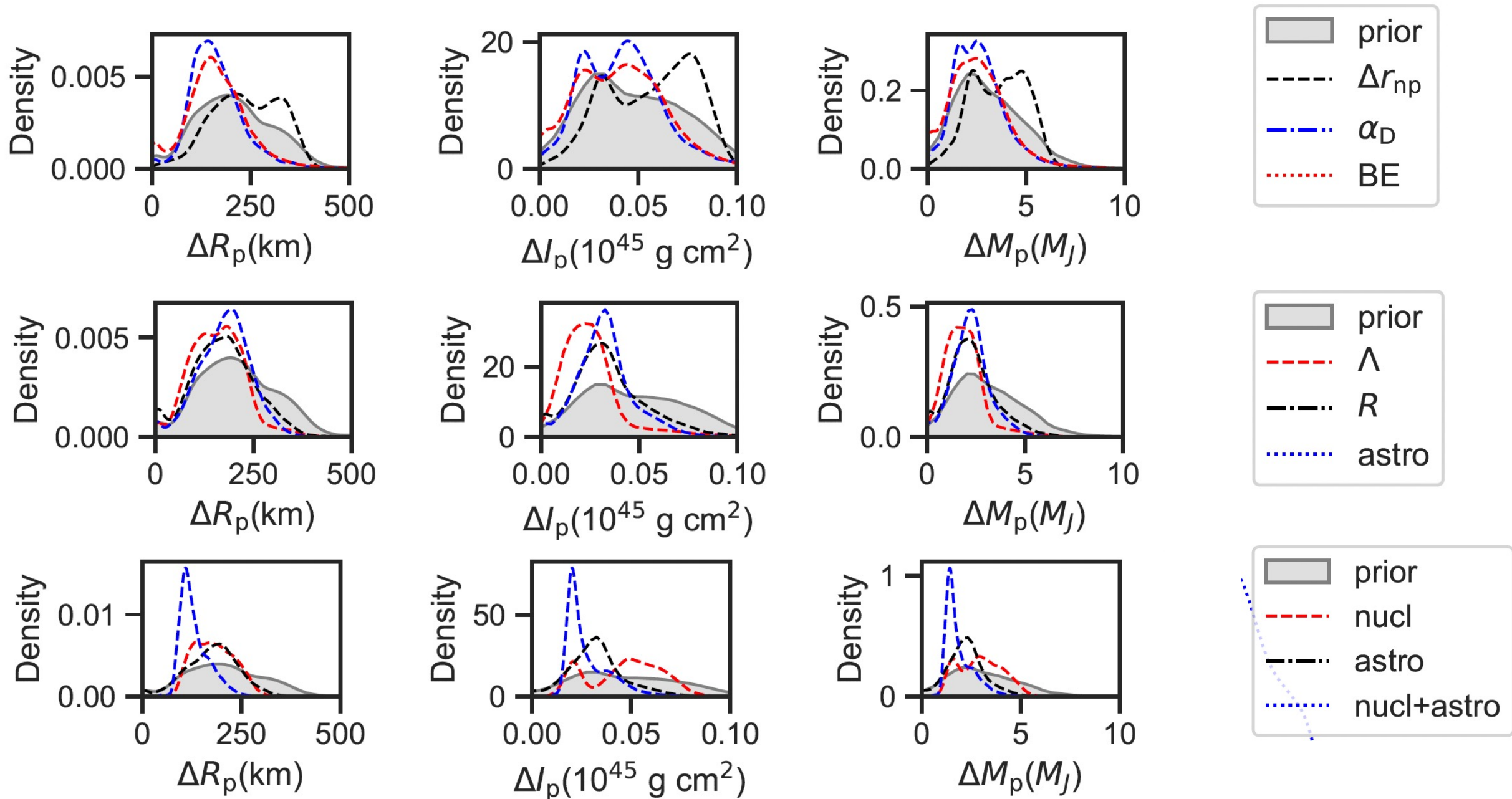
Pethick, Zheng, Kobayakov arxiv:2003.13430

Nuclear surface tension



Danger: overestimate by factor of 2

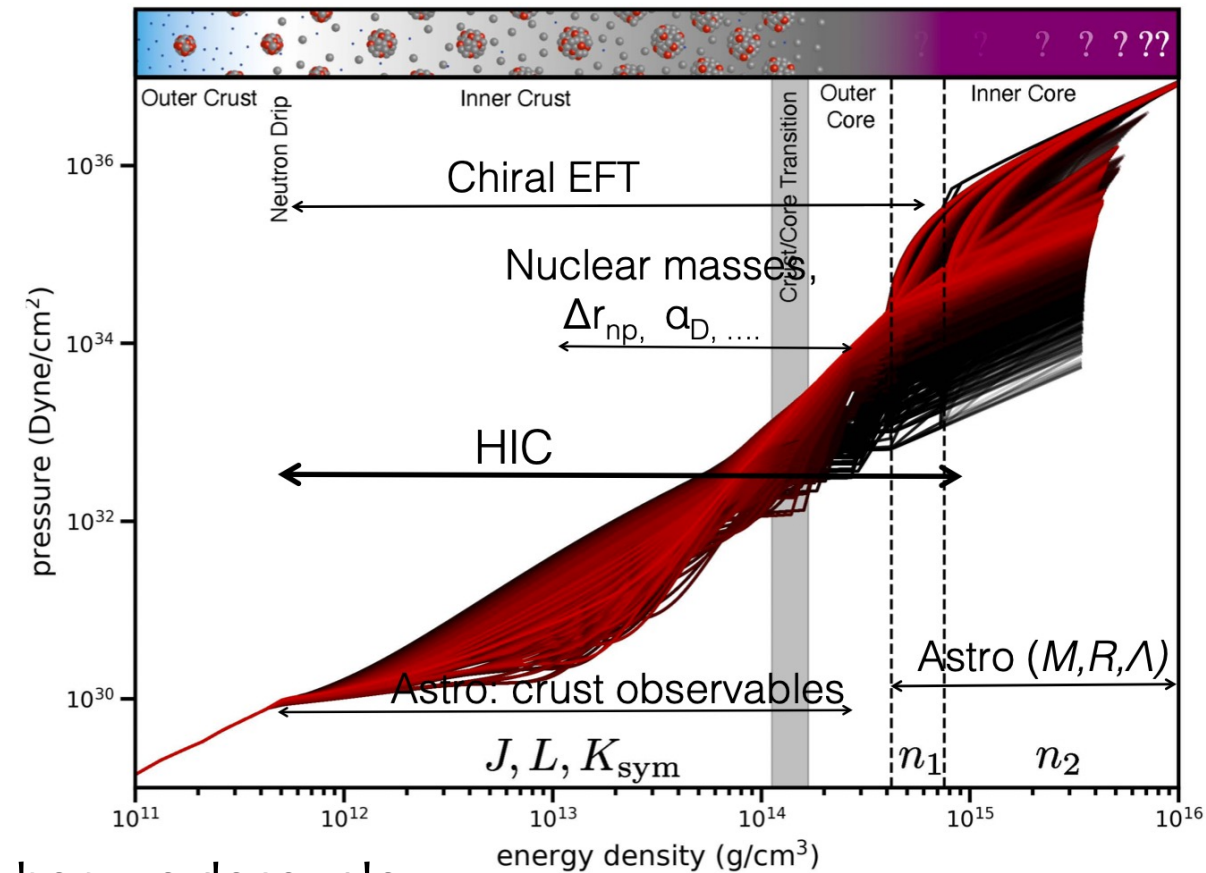
Posteriors on nuclear pasta



Take-aways

Communication!

- Make explicit
 - model dependencies and assumptions
 - Nuclear matter extrapolations to different densities
- In MMNA analysis, work towards getting at the things we measure consistently
- Don't forget the crust! Many observables are sensitive to the layers of the neutron star around the crust-core transition, *exactly where much of our experimental measurements probe*
- L , K_{sym} are sensitive to astrophysical observables, even when we decouple higher densities.



Density functional theory allows access to NS EOS and nuclear observables consistently
 Proof of concept with Resonant Shattering Flares: there are astrophysical observables that directly probe the symmetry energy