

# Equation of state developments for nuclear matter

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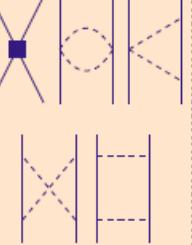
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# Chiral effective field theory for nuclear forces

Systematic expansion (power counting) in low momenta  $(Q/\Lambda_b)^n$

	NN	3N	4N
LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^0}{\Lambda^0}\right)$		—	—
NLO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$		—	—

based on symmetries of strong interaction (QCD)

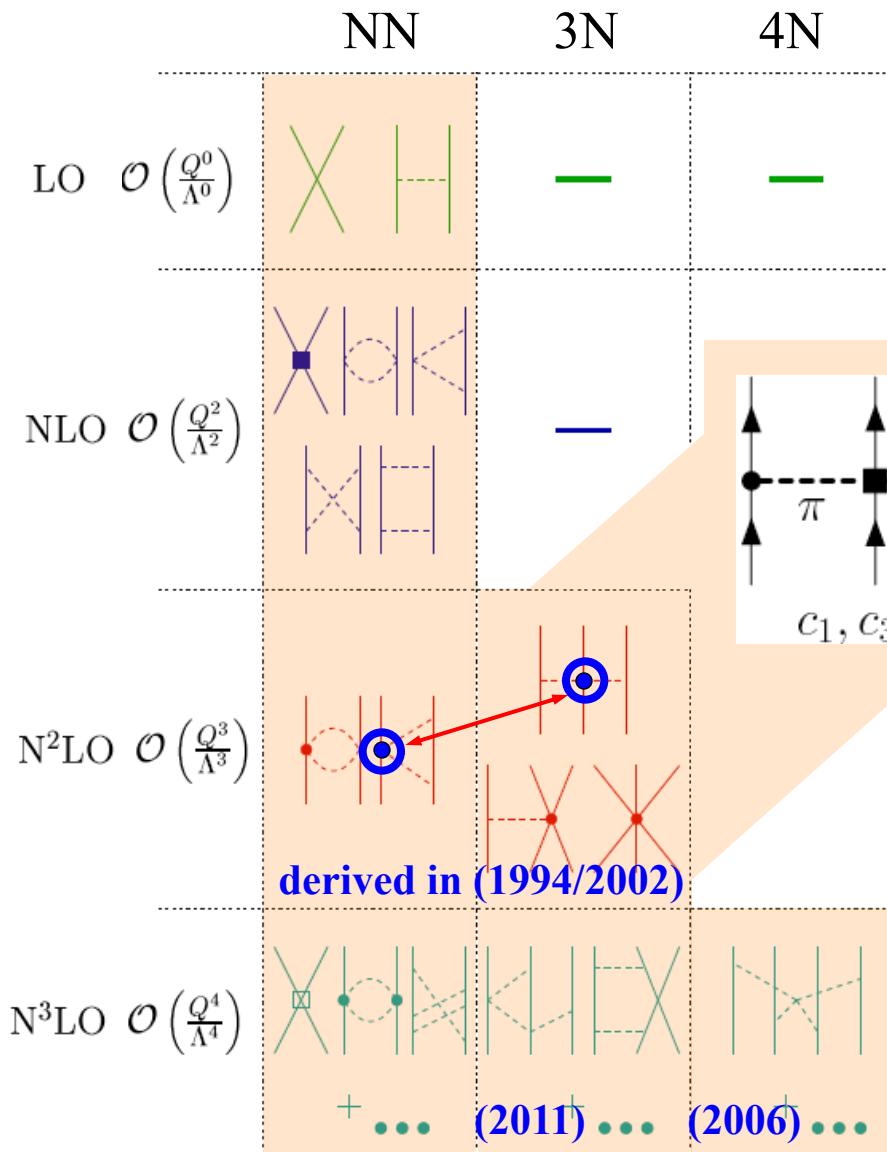
long-range interactions governed by pion exchanges



Weinberg (1990,91)

# Chiral effective field theory for nuclear forces

Systematic expansion (power counting) in low momenta ( $Q/\Lambda_b$ )<sup>n</sup>



powerful approach for  
many-body interactions

only 2 new couplings at  $N^2LO$

all 3- and 4-neutron forces  
predicted to  $N^3LO$

Hebeler, AS (2010), Tews, Krüger et al. (2013)

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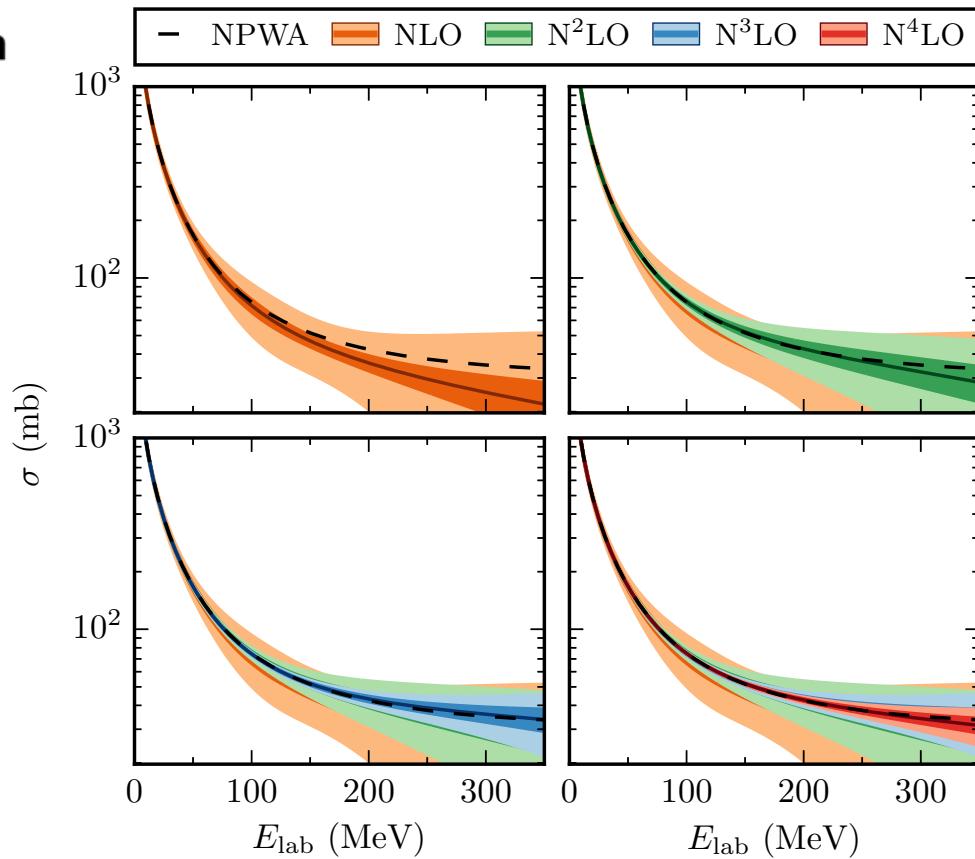
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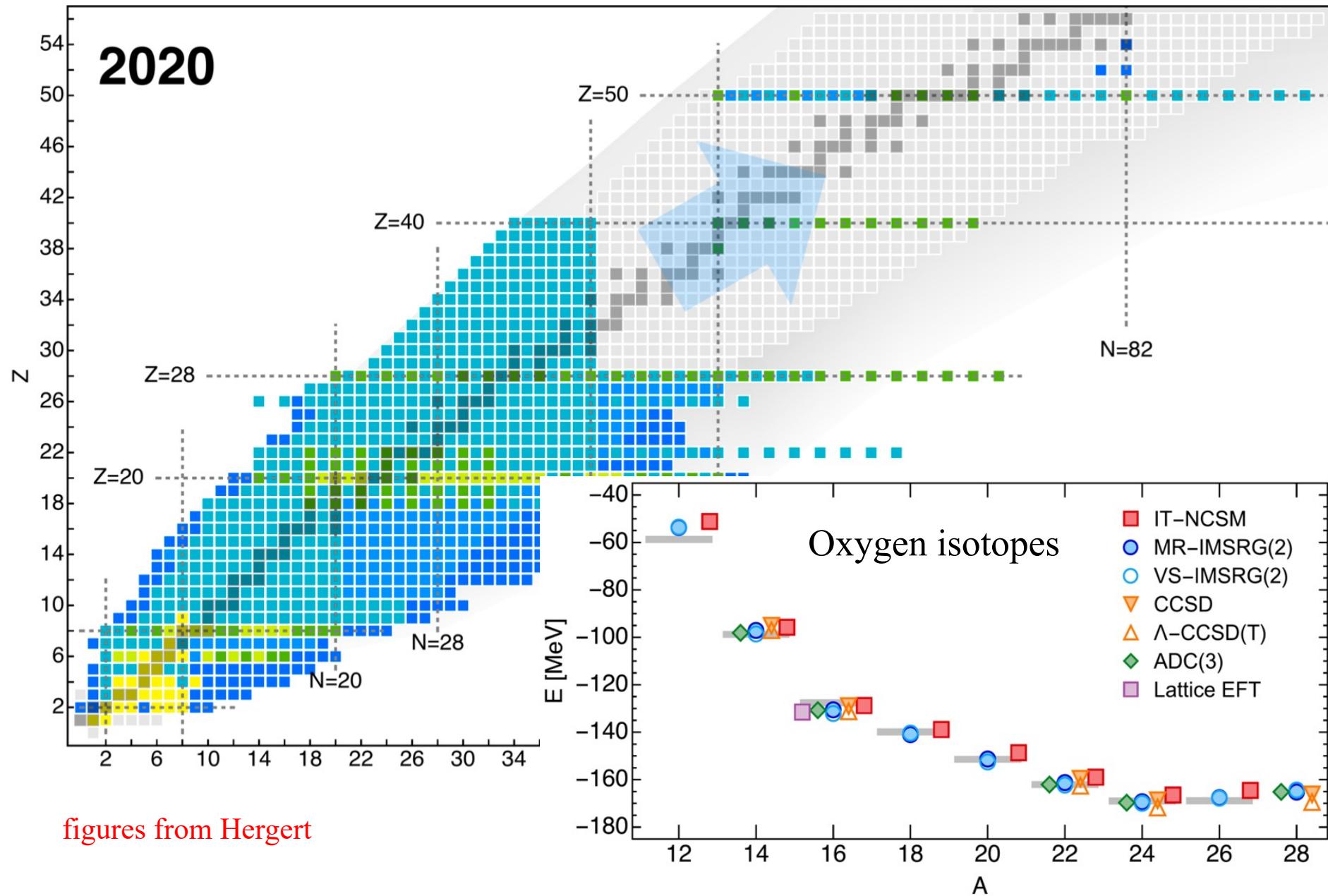
## A recipe for EFT uncertainty quantification in nuclear physics

R J Furnstahl<sup>1</sup>, D R Phillips<sup>2</sup> and S Wesolowski<sup>1</sup>

Bayesian uncertainty estimates and model checking

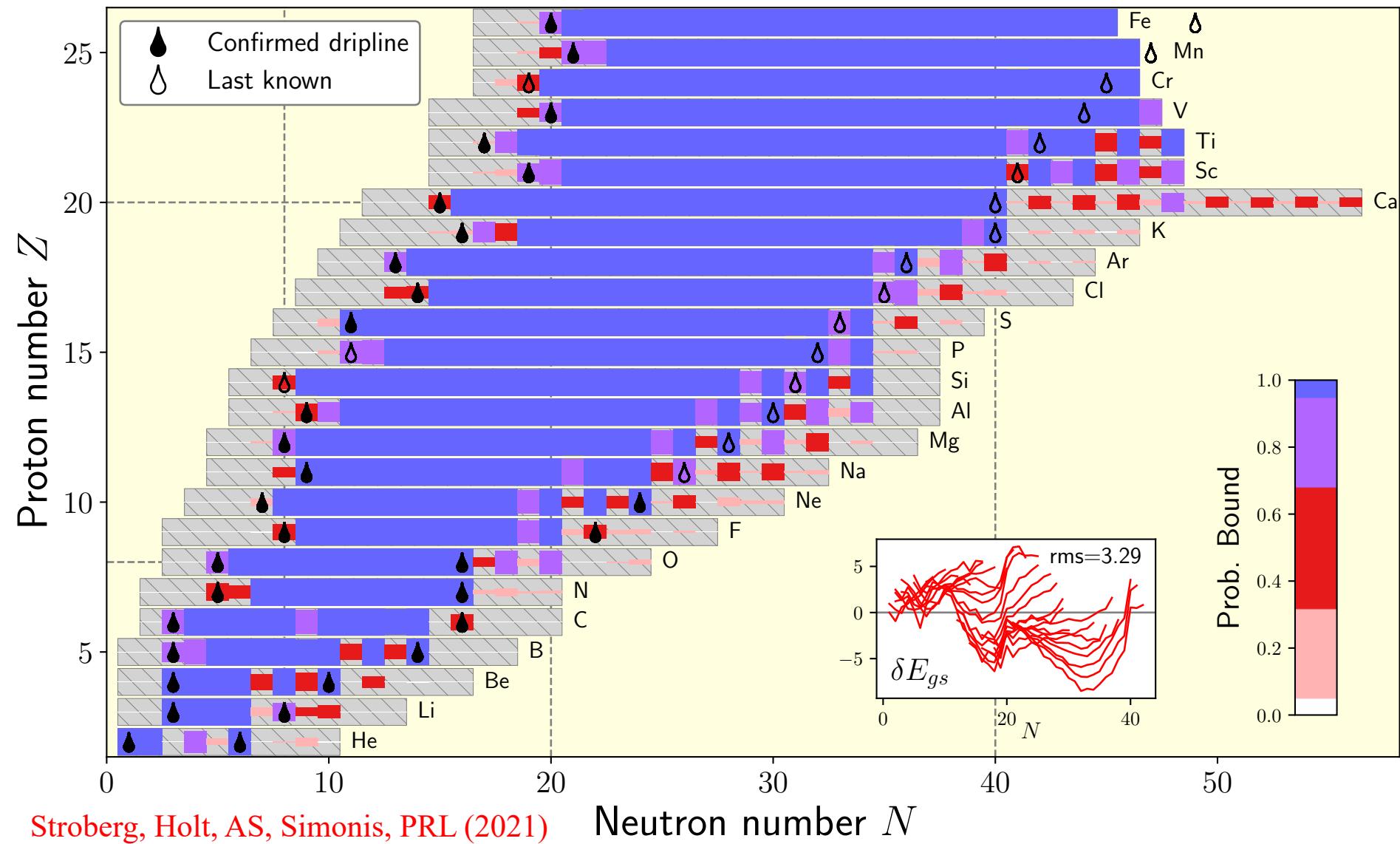


# Great progress in ab initio calculations of nuclei



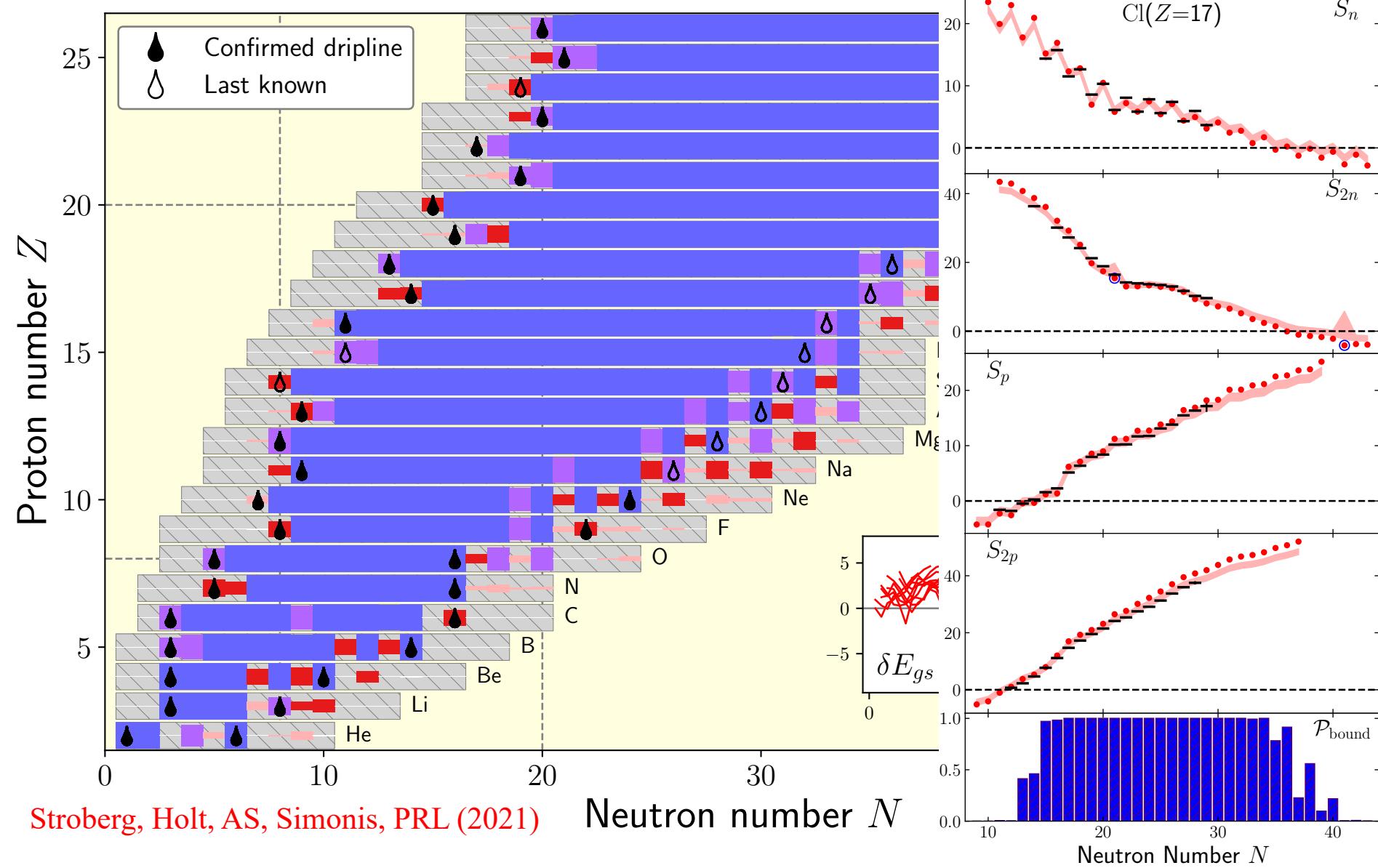
figures from Hergert

# Nuclear landscape based on a chiral NN+3N interaction



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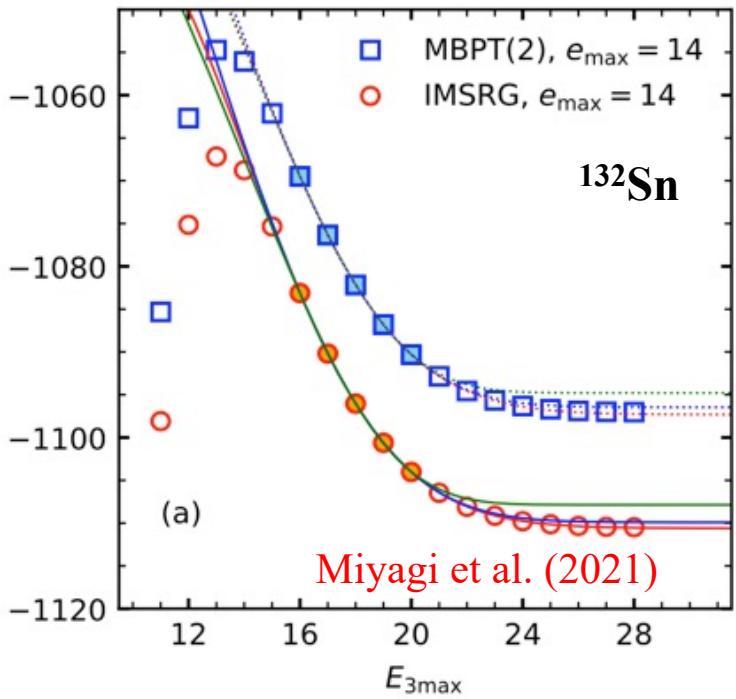


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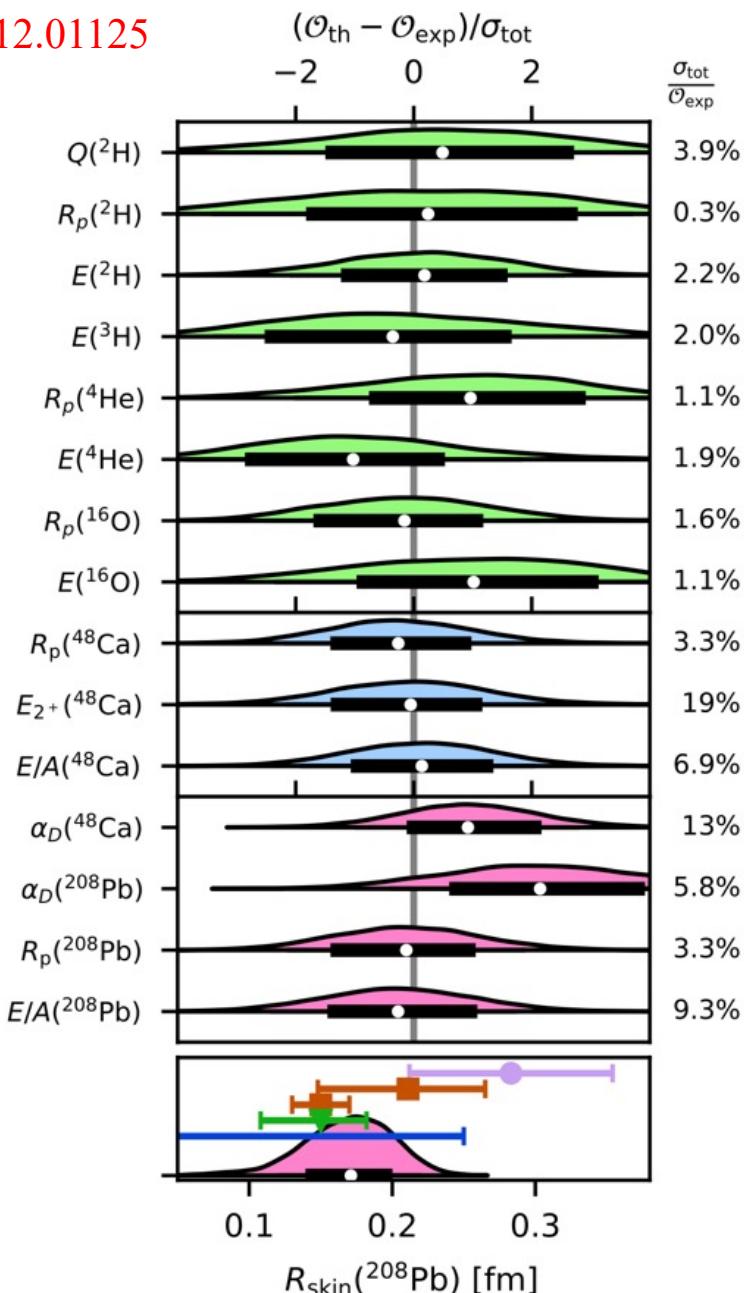
# First ab initio calculations of $^{208}\text{Pb}$

Hu, Jiang, Miyagi et al. [Chalmers, ORNL, TRIUMF], arXiv:2112.01125

enabled by 3N advances

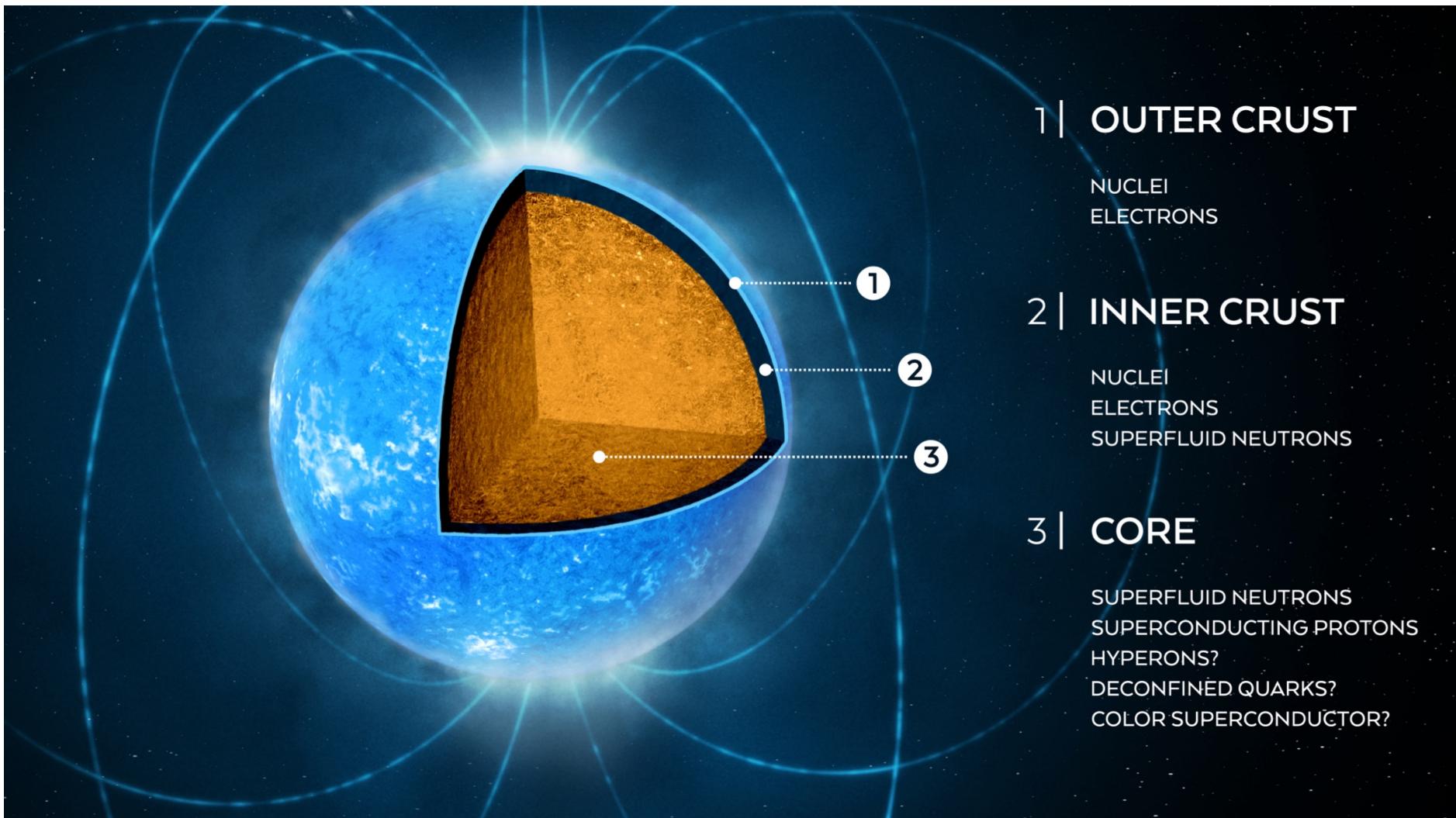


history matching to explore  
uncertainties in NN+3N interactions  
predicted **neutron skin of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$**



# Extreme matter in neutron stars

## governed by the same strong interactions



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# $N^3LO$ calculation of neutron matter and symmetric matter

Monte-Carlo evaluation  
of energy diagrams  
up to 4th order in MBPT

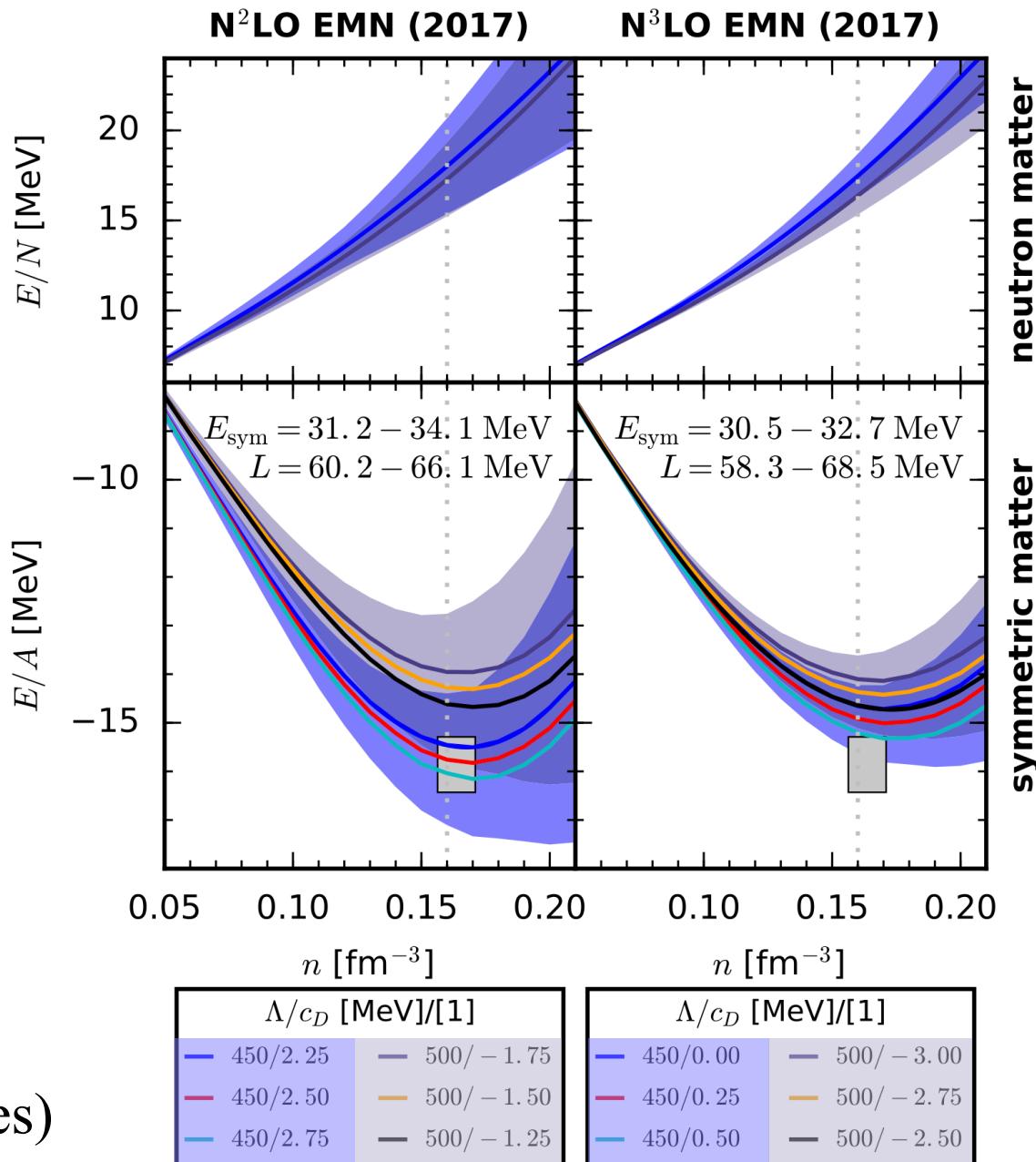
Drischler, Hebeler, AS, PRL (2019)

including NN, 3N, 4N  
3N fit to saturation region

all many-body forces  
to  $N^3LO$  predicted for  
neutron matter

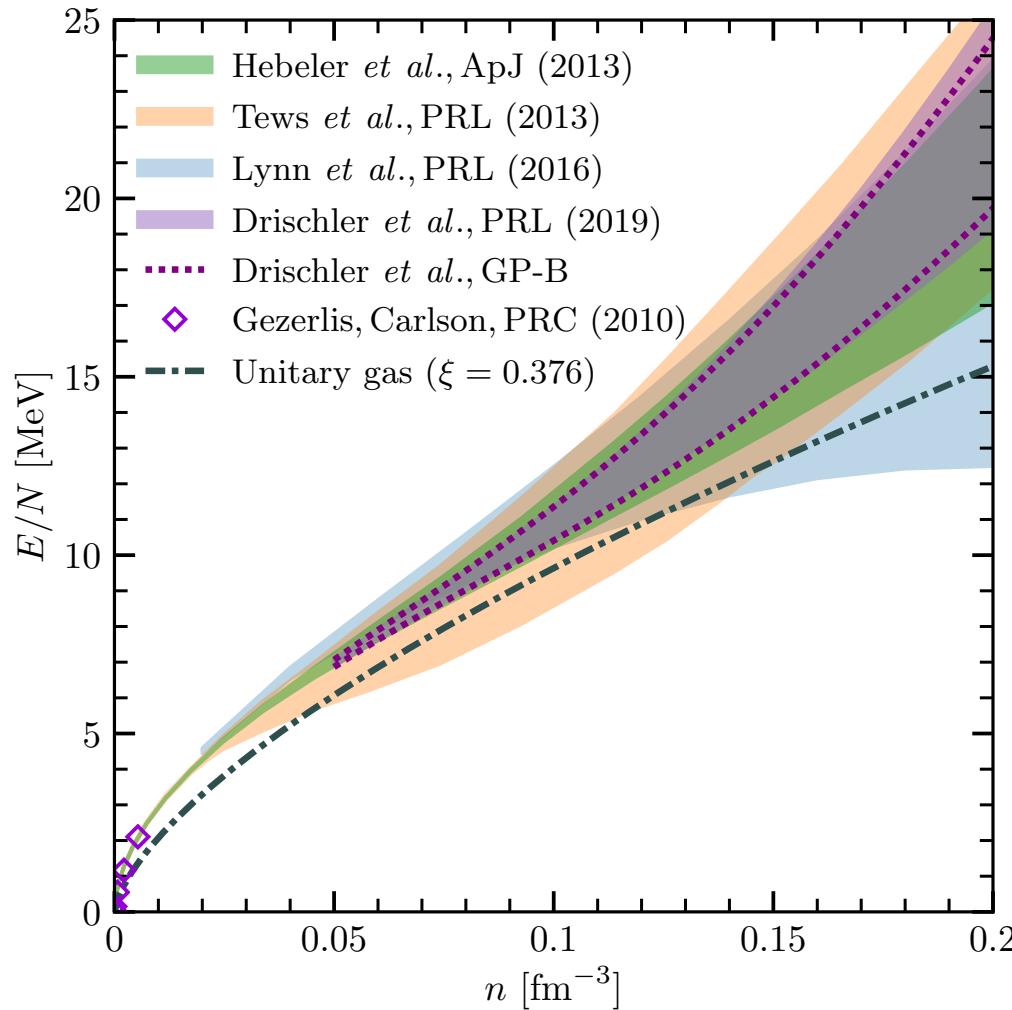
Tews, Krüger, Hebeler, AS, PRL (2013)

systematic improvement  
from  $N^2LO$  to  $N^3LO$   
(EFT uncertainties  
+ cutoff, fit, reg uncertainties)



# Chiral EFT calculations of neutron matter

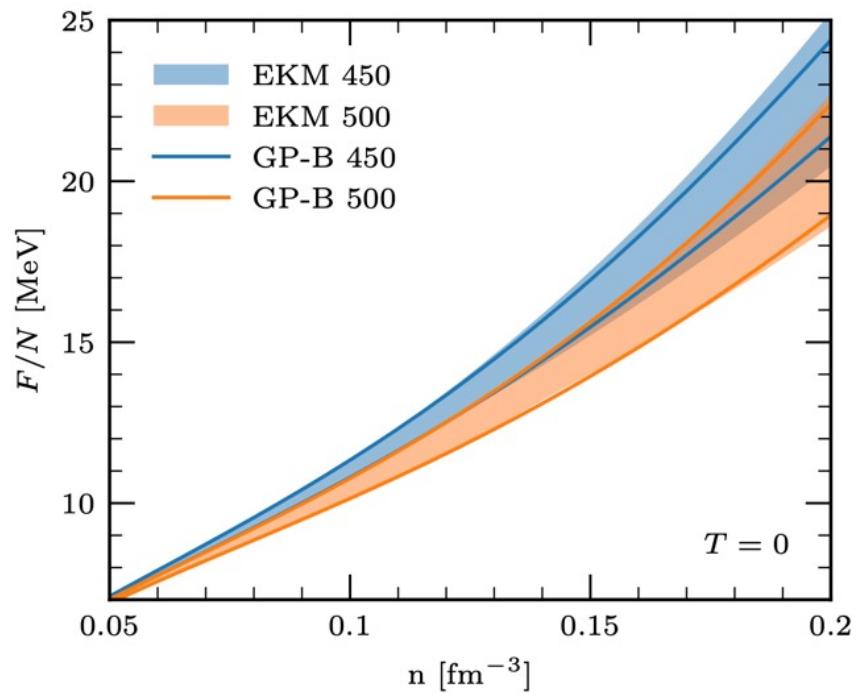
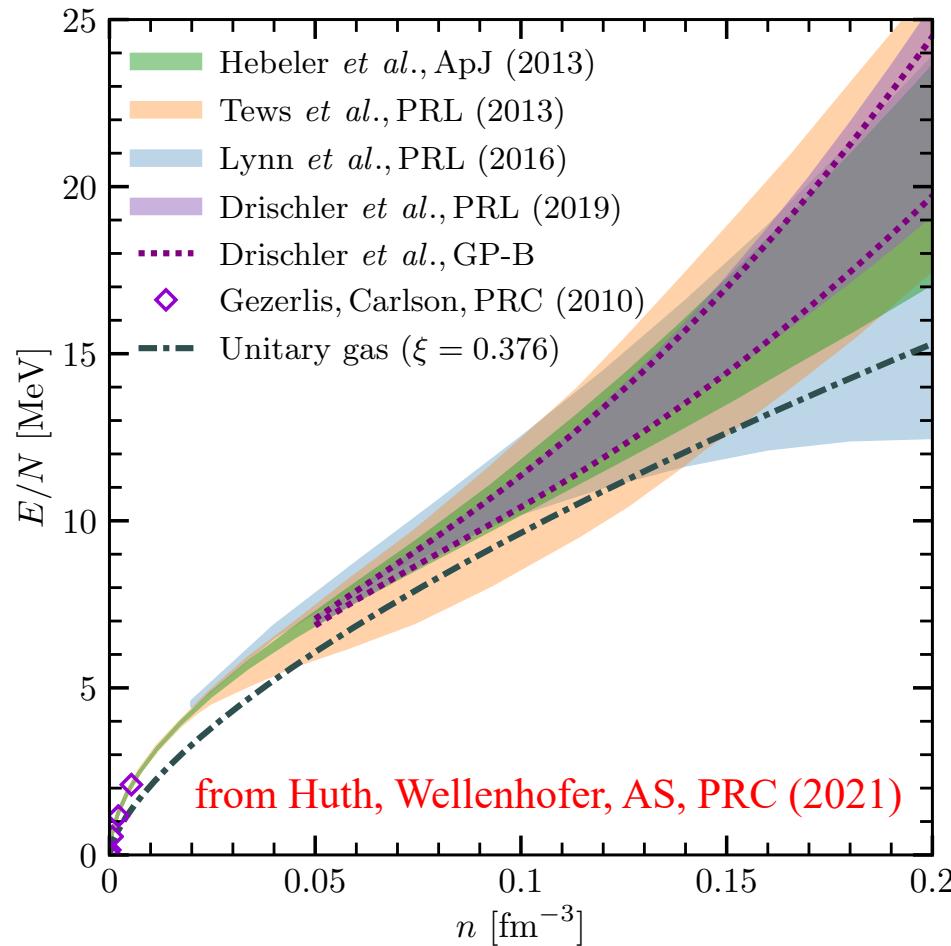
good agreement up to saturation density for neutron matter  
nonlocal/local int. and different calcs. (MBPT, QMC, SCGF, CC)



slope determines  
pressure of  
neutron matter

from Huth, Wellenhofer, AS, PRC (2021)

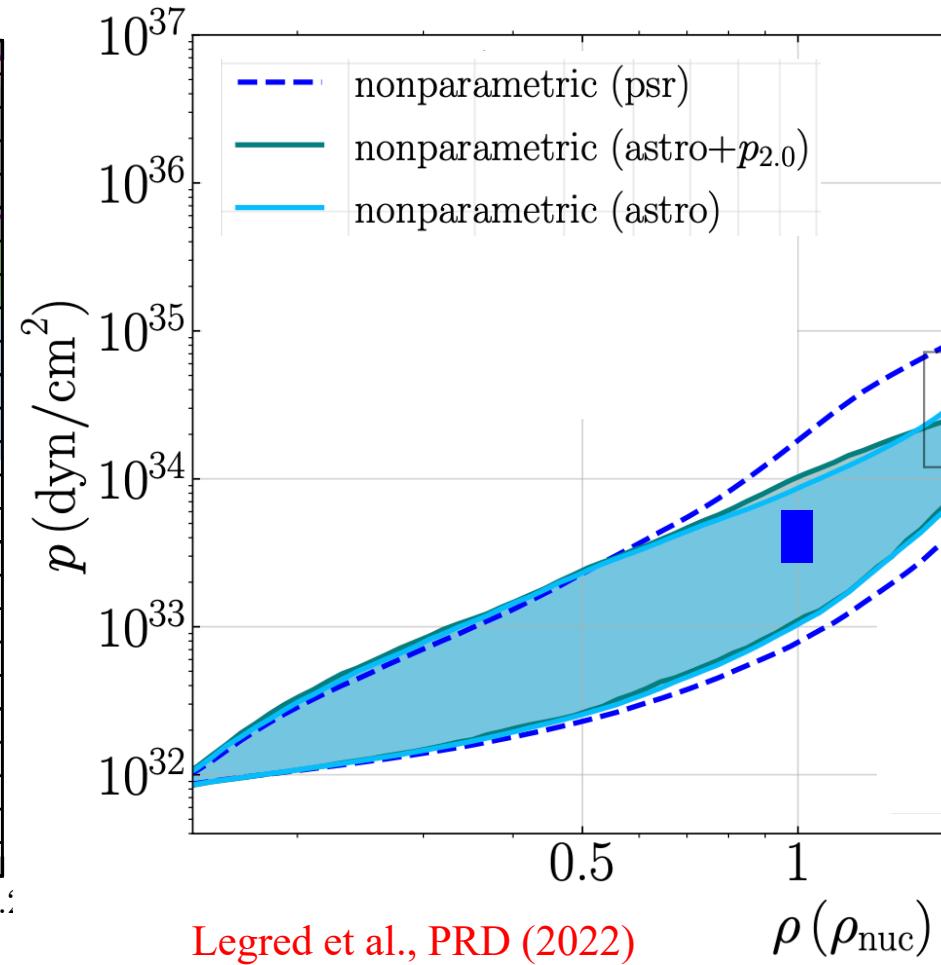
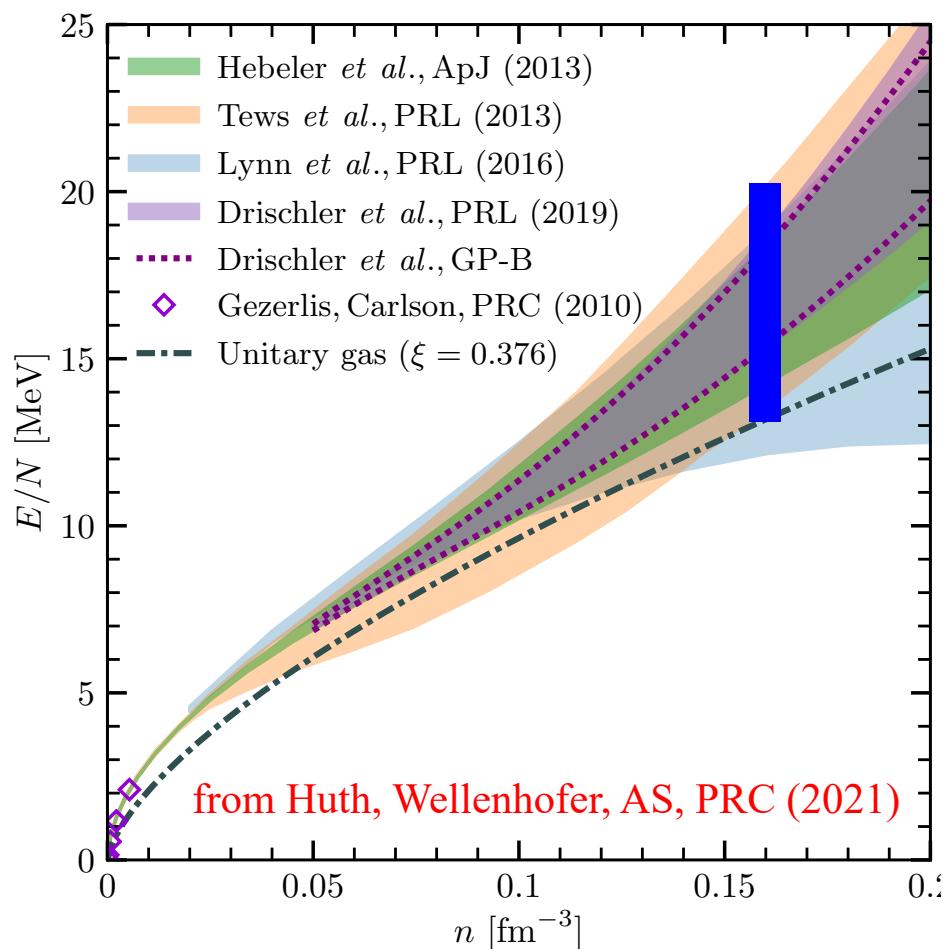
# Chiral EFT calculations of neutron matter - Uncertainties



Keller, Wellenhofer, Hebeler, AS, PRC (2021)

**GP-B** (68%) gives similar bands as order-by-order EFT unc. (**EKM**)  
 from  $Q/\Lambda_b$  expansion  $\Delta X^{(j)} = Q \cdot \max \left( |X^{(j)} - X^{(j-1)}|, \Delta X^{(j-1)} \right)$   
 interaction choices (cutoffs, reg, fit) add to GP-B/EKM uncertainties

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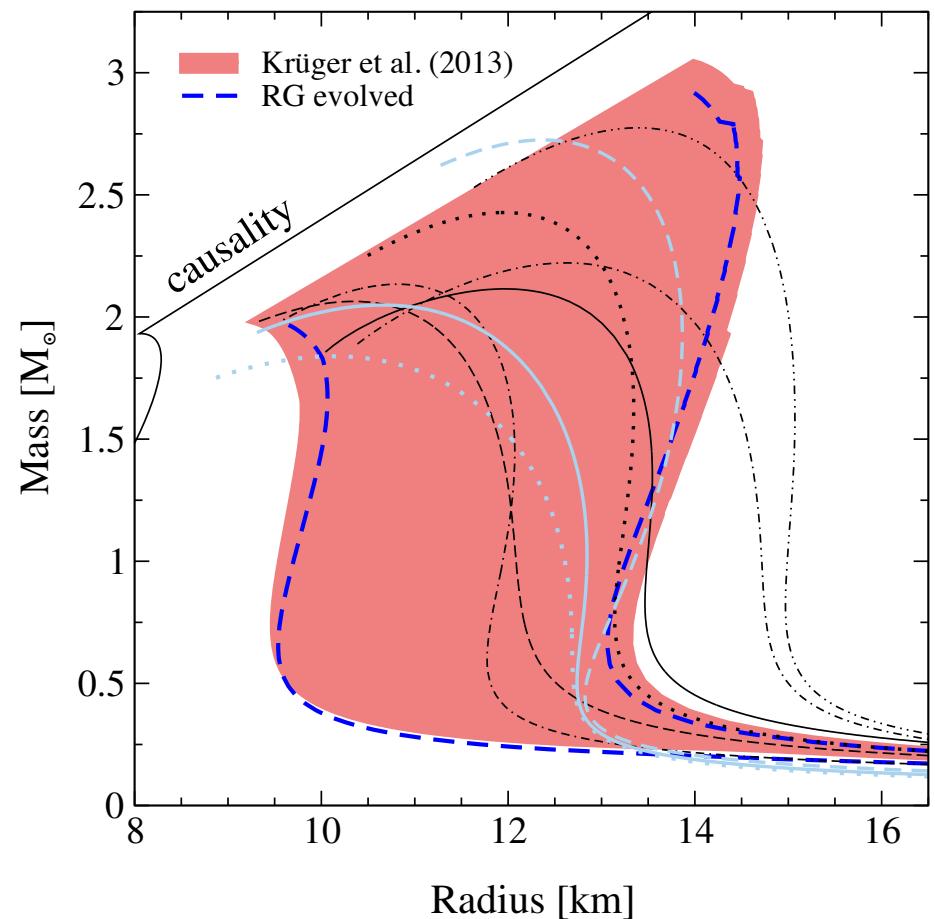
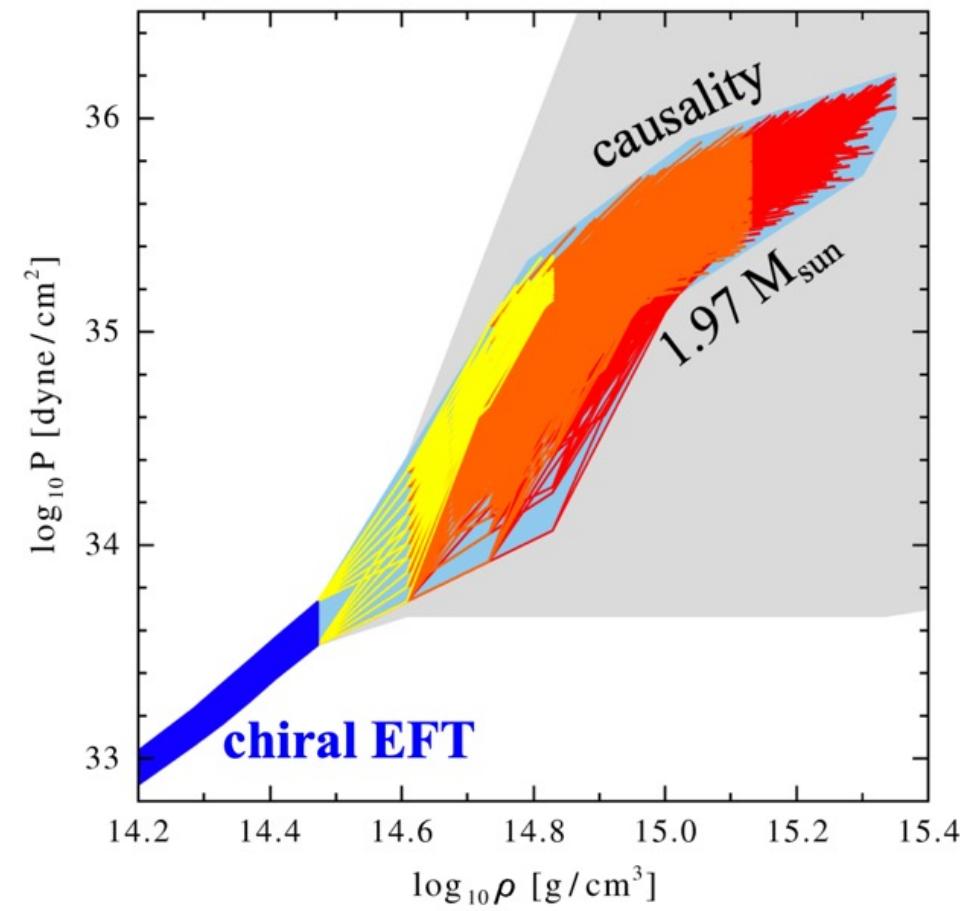


comparison to nonparametric EOS

suggests important nuclear physics constraints between  
nuclear crust at  $\sim 0.1 n_0$  and saturation density

# Impact on neutron stars (pre LIGO) Hebeler, Lattimer, Pethick, AS, ApJ (2013)

constrain high-density EOS by causality, require to support  $2 M_{\text{sun}}$  star



predicts neutron star radius: 9.7 - 13.9 km for M=1.4 M<sub>sun</sub>

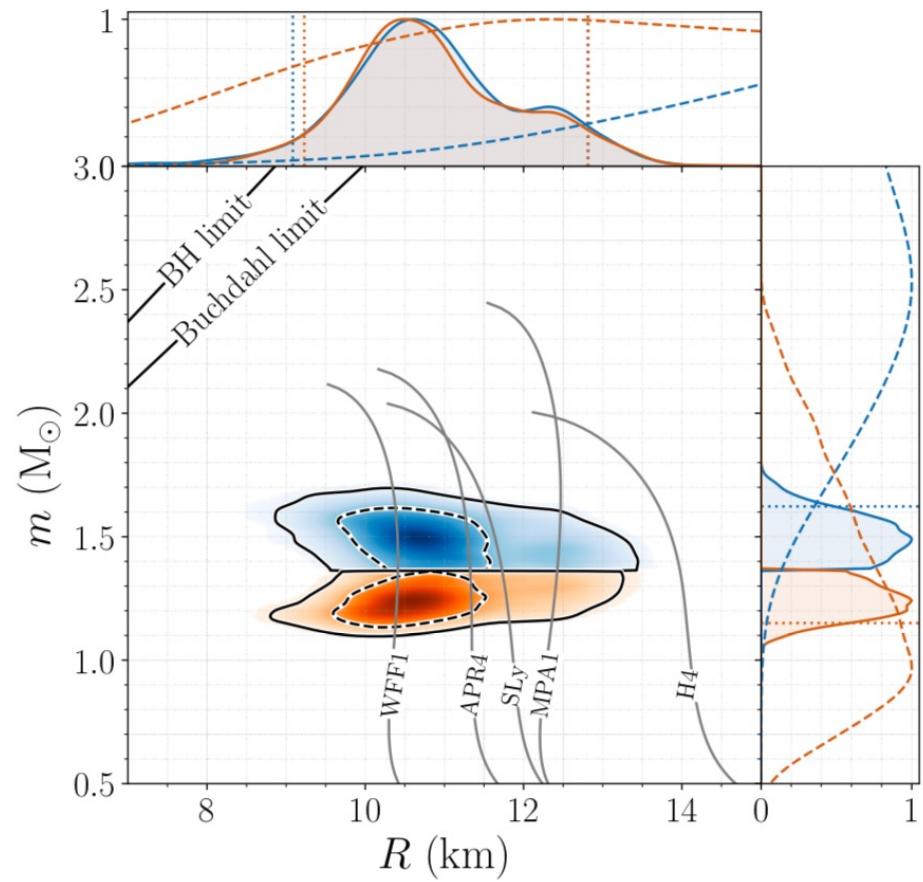
1.8 - 4.4 n<sub>0</sub> modest central densities

# Neutron star radius from GW170817

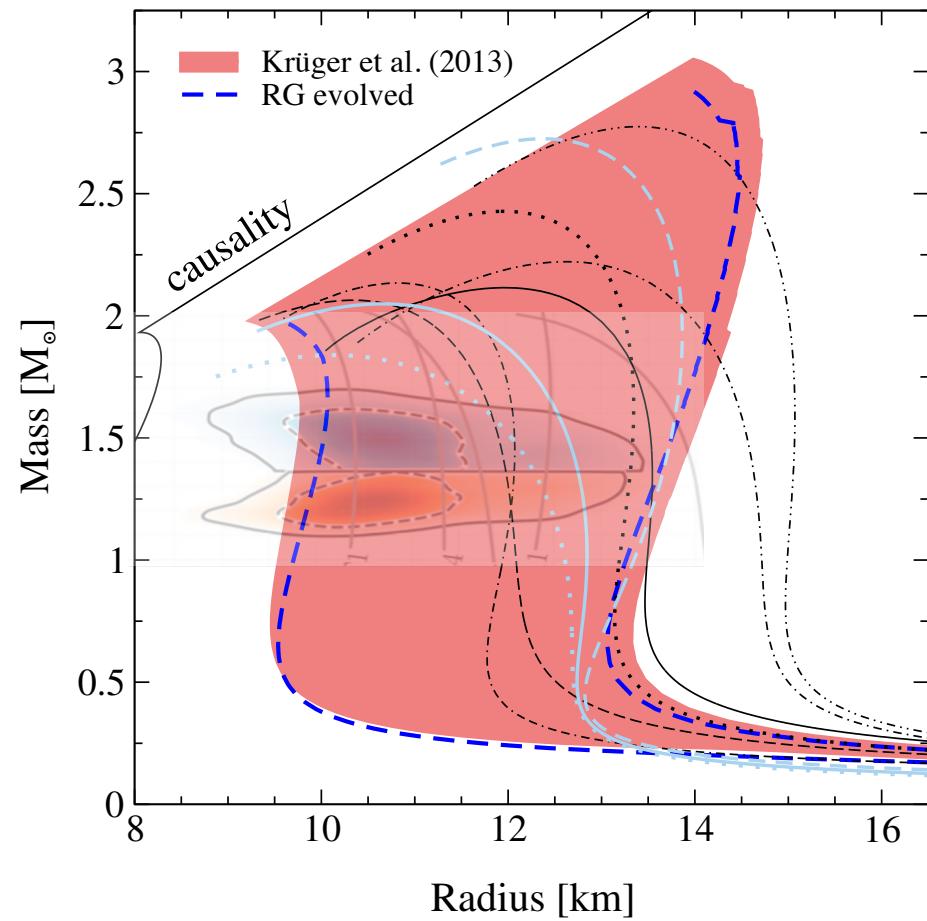
chiral EFT + general EOS extrapolation: 9.7 - 13.9 km for  $M=1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$

## GW170817: Measurements of neutron star radii and equation of state

The LIGO Scientific Collaboration and The Virgo Collaboration  
(compiled 30 May 2018)



very consistent with  
GW170817 from LIGO/Virgo

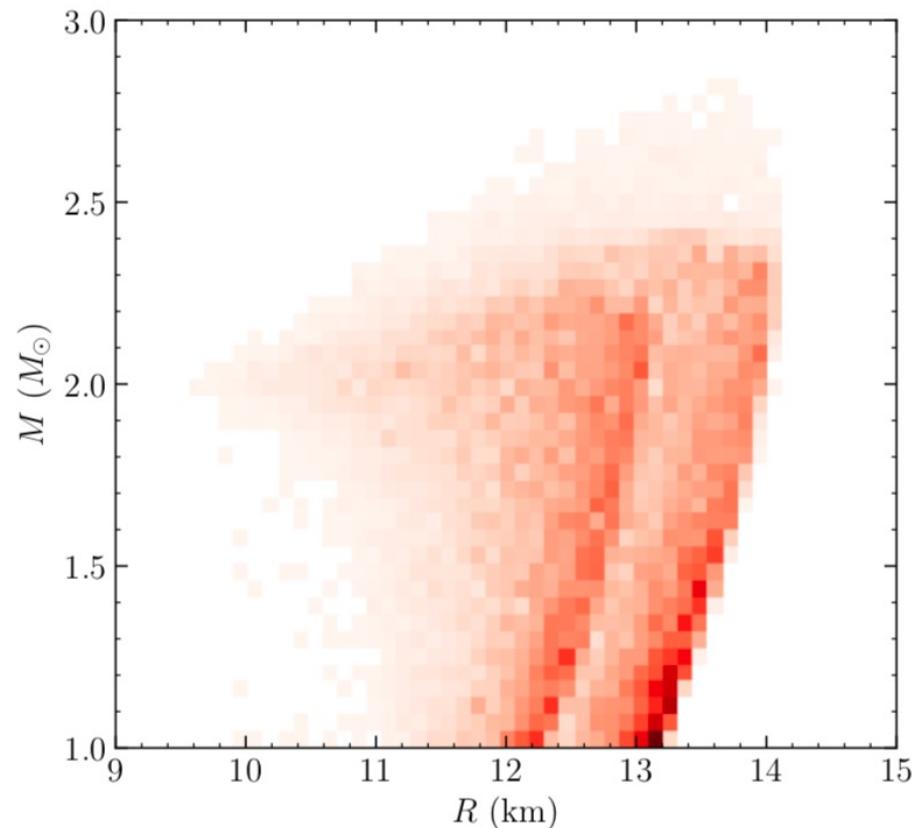
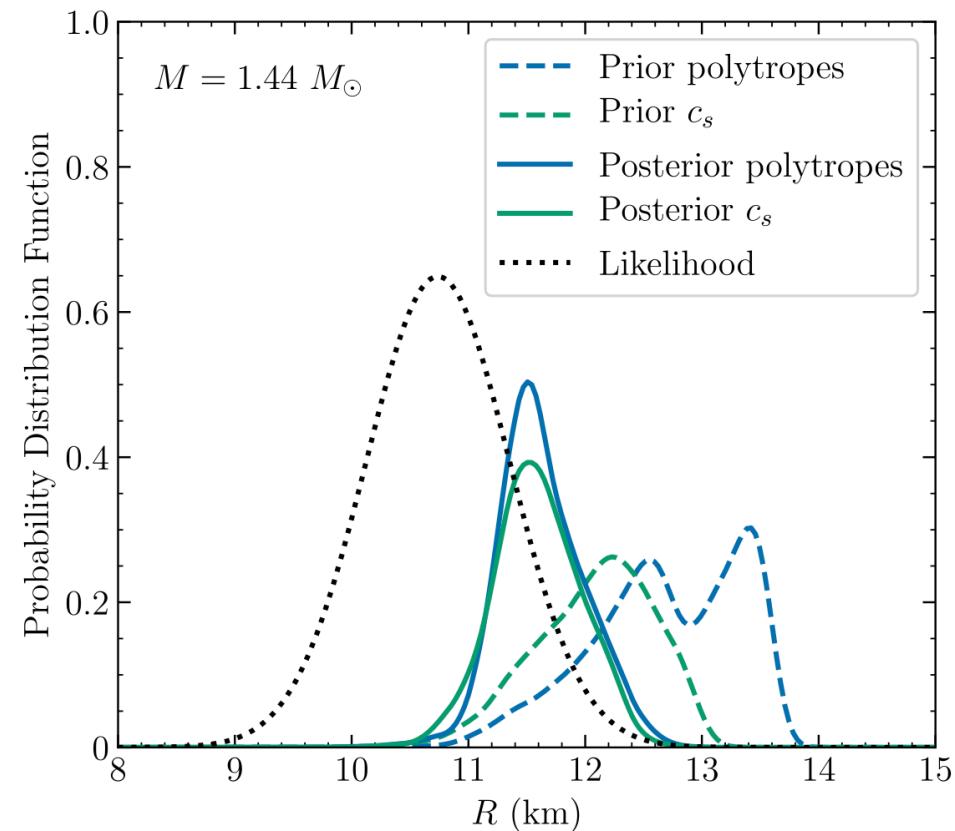


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Bayesian inference vs. maximum extent, and prior sensitivities

Greif, Raaijmakers et al., MNRAS (20219)

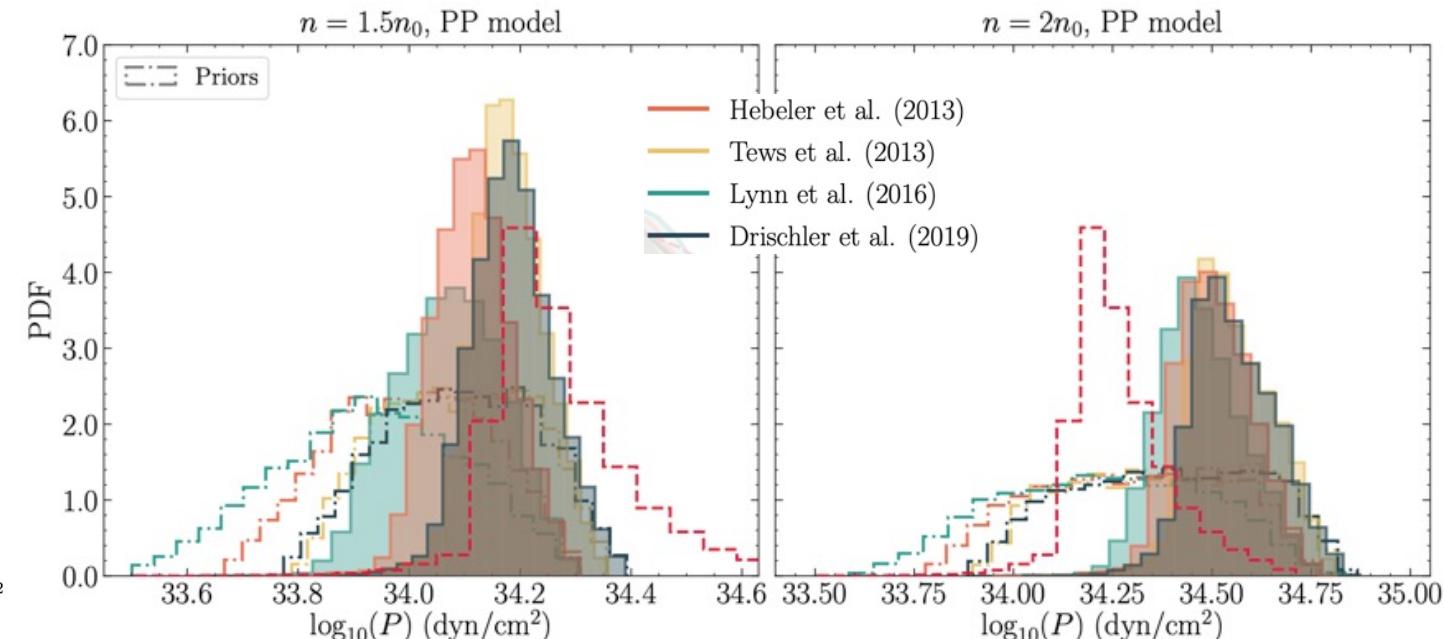
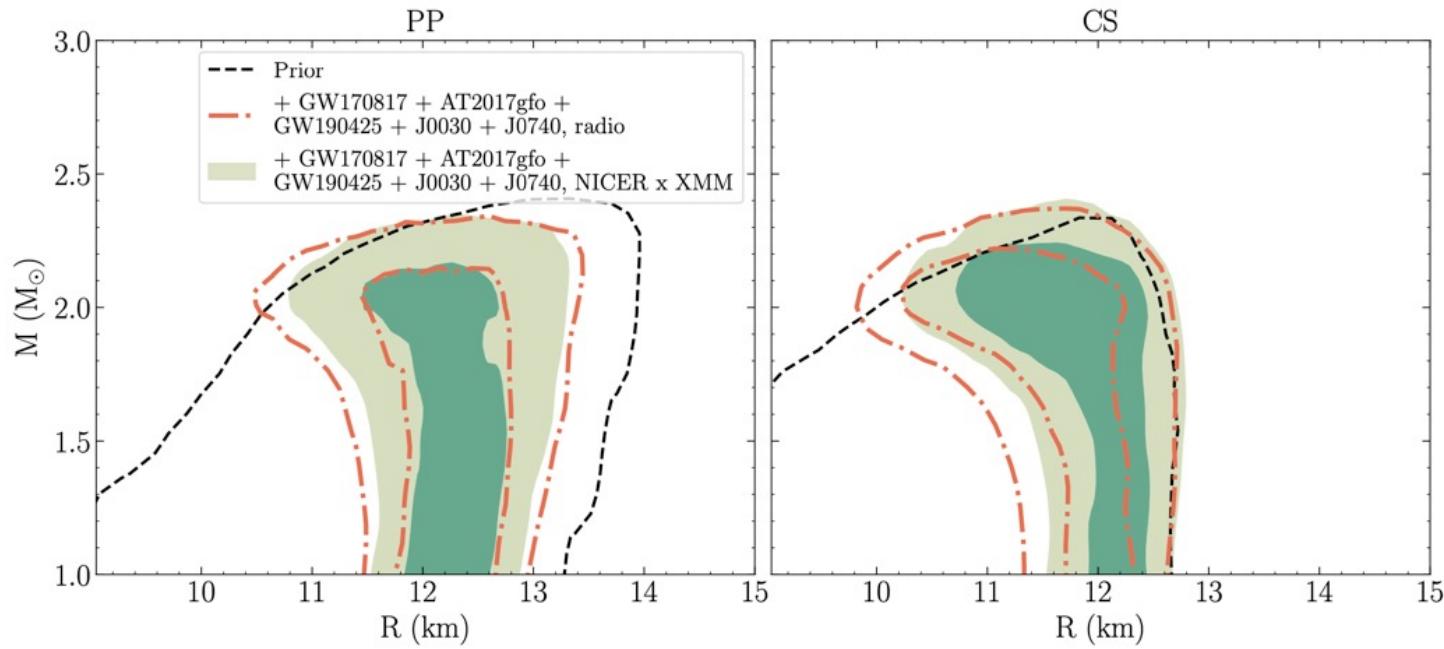


# Combined merger and NICER constraints

Raaijmakers et al.,  
ApJL (2020), (2021)  
for mass-radius

equation of state  
at 1.5 and 2  $n_0$

astro prefers  
higher pressures



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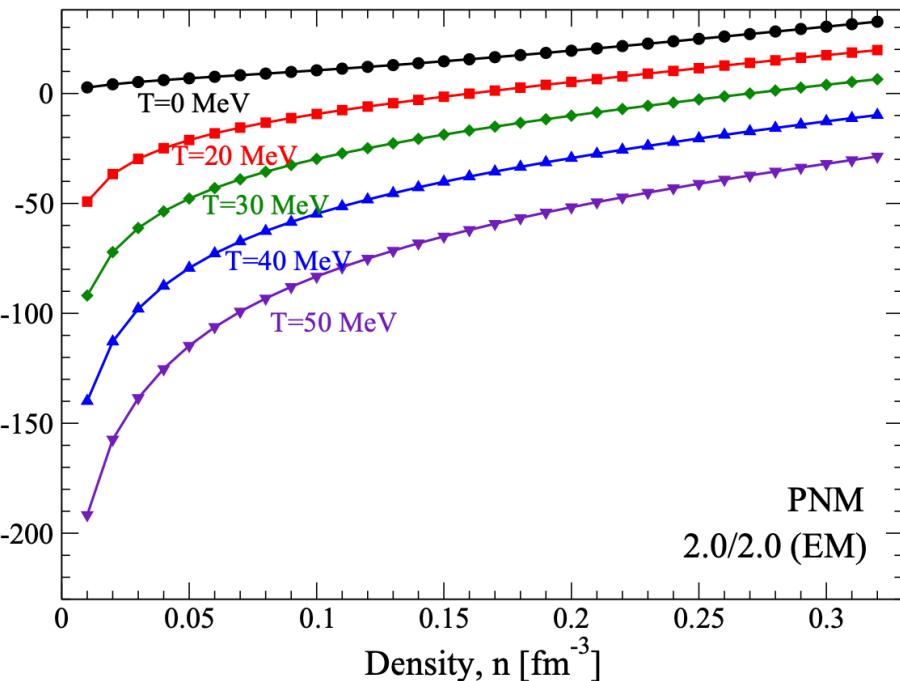
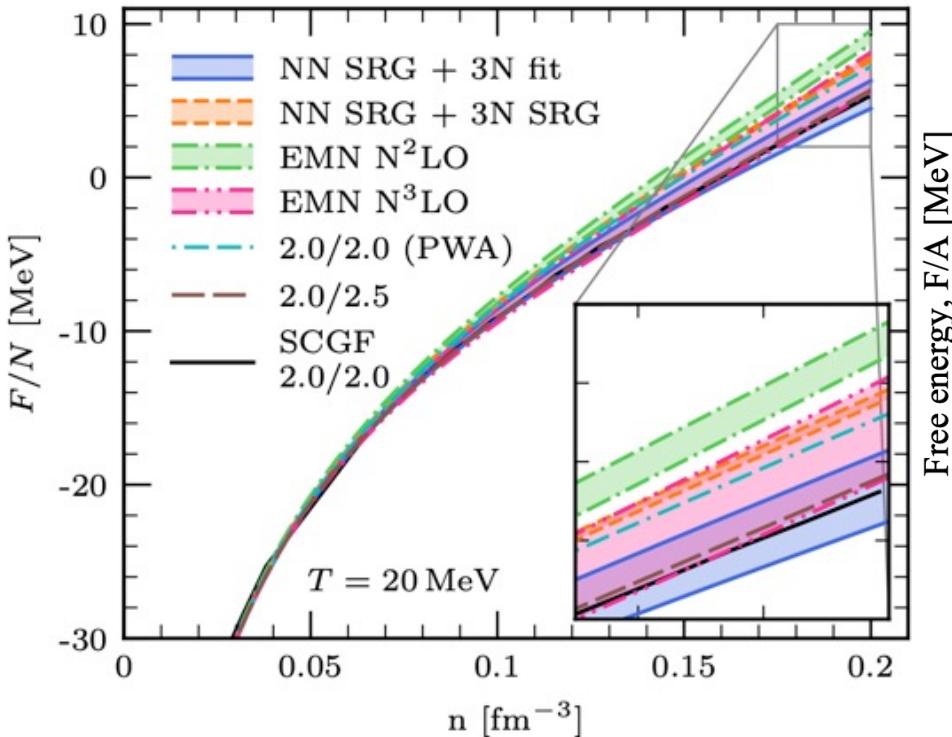
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# Neutron matter at finite temperature

similar thermal effects for different NN+3N interactions

Keller, Wellenhofer, Hebeler, AS, PRC (2021)

SCGF (2.0/2.0): Carbone, AS, PRC (2019)

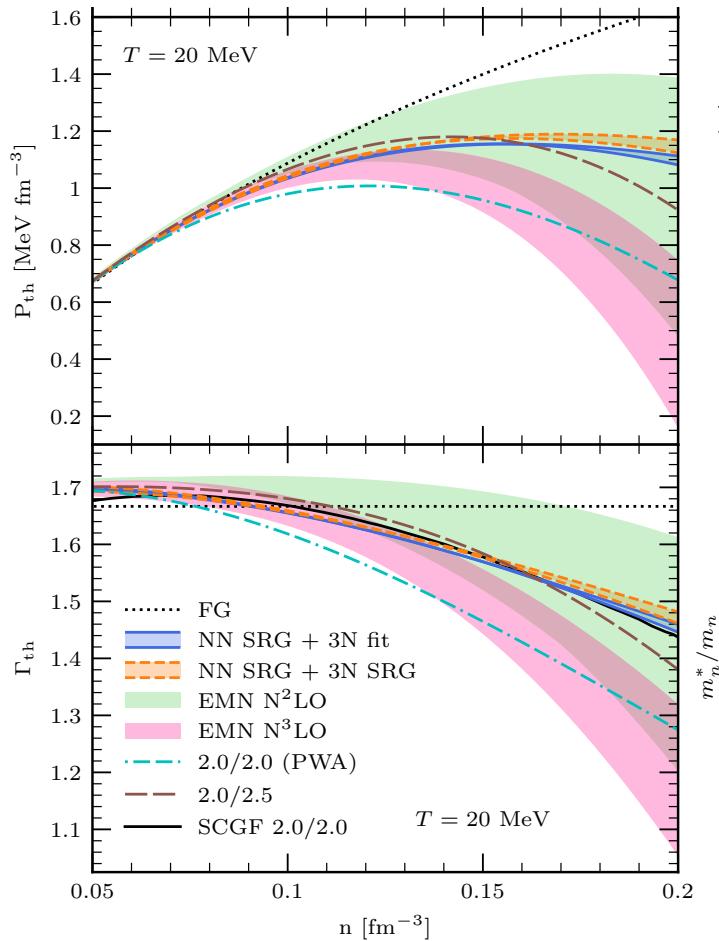


# Thermal effects governed by effective mass

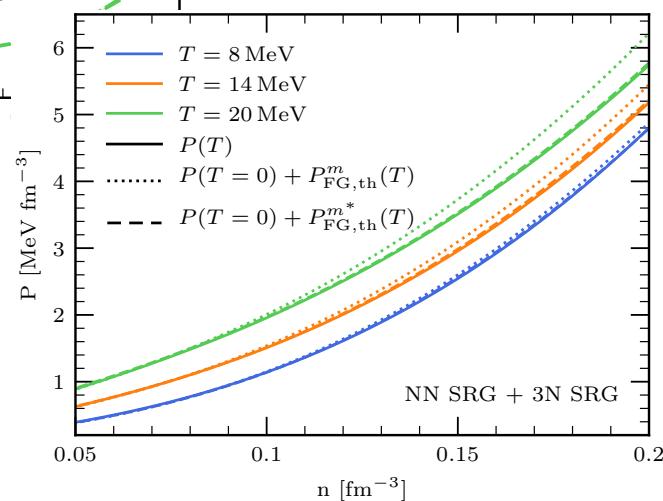
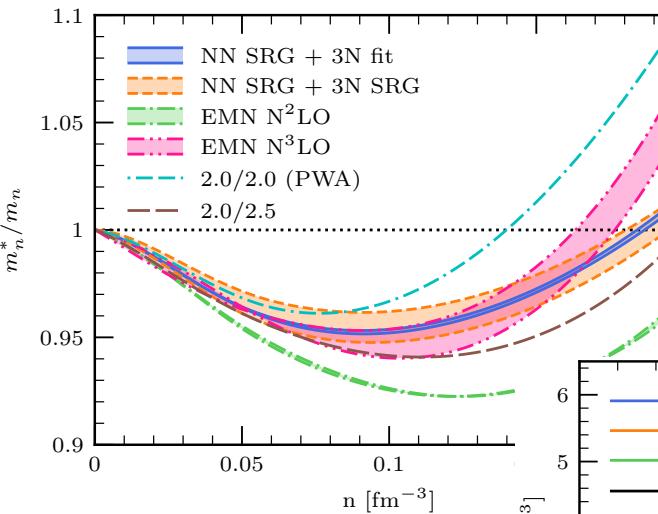
decreasing thermal pressure due to repulsive 3N contributions

increasing effective mass  $m^*$  beyond  $n_{\text{sat}}$

$$\Gamma_{\text{th}}^*(n) = \frac{5}{3} - \frac{n}{m_n^*} \frac{\partial m_n^*}{\partial n}$$



$$\Gamma_{\text{th}}(T, n) = 1 + \frac{P_{\text{th}}(T, n)}{\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}}(T, n)}$$



# Impact on core-collapse supernova simulations

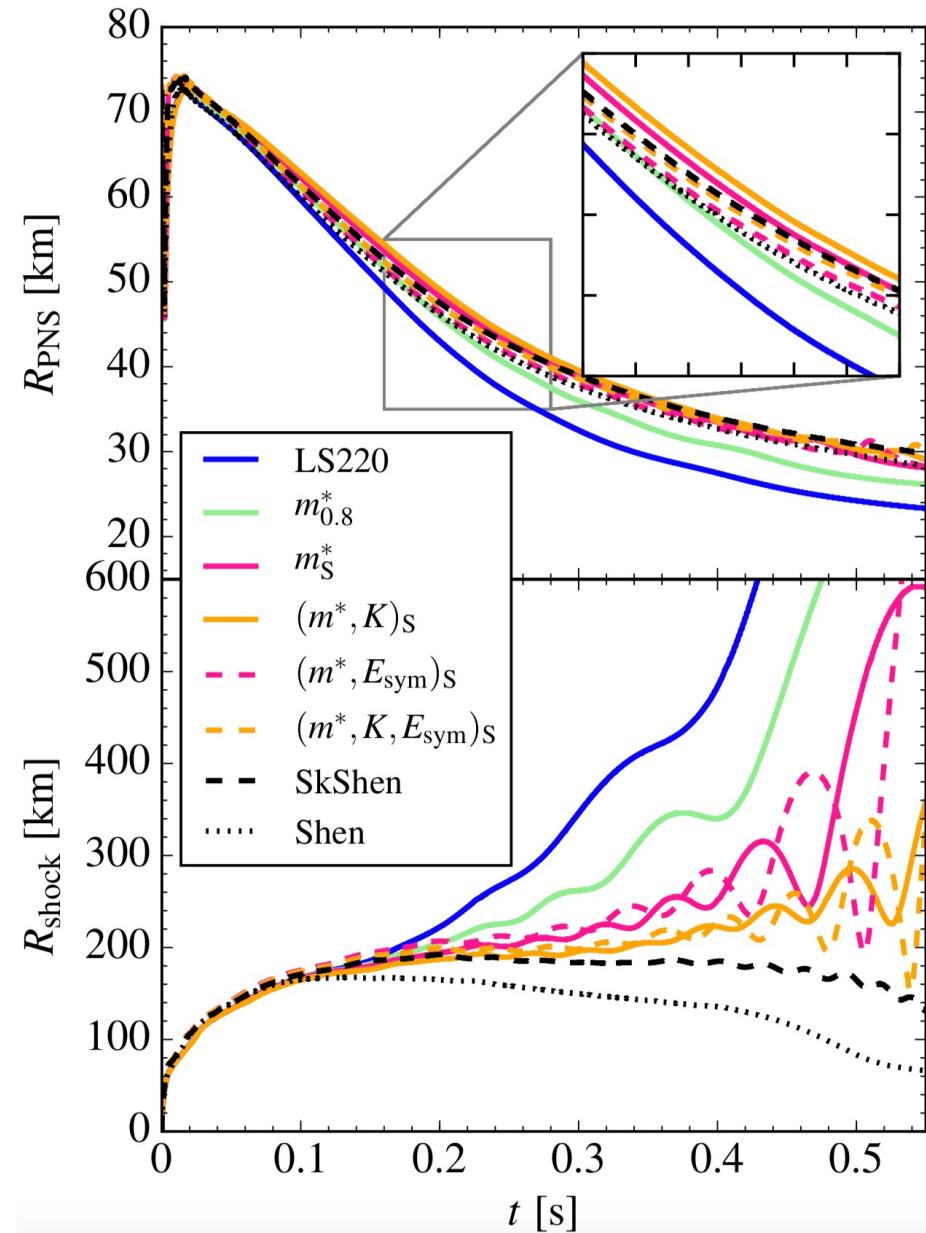
Yasin, Schäfer, Arcones, AS, PRL (2019)

constructed EOS that systematically vary nuclear matter properties between LS and Shen et al. EOS

	$m^*/m$	$K$	$E_{\text{sym}}$	$L$	$n_0$	$B$
LS220	1.0	220	29.6	73.7	0.155	16.0
Shen	0.634	281	36.9 <sup>a</sup>	110.8	0.145	16.3
Theo.	0.9(2)	215(40)	32(4)	51(19)	0.164(7)	15.86(57)

thermal contributions/ $m^*$  are key for proto-neutron star contraction

faster contraction aids supernova shock to more successful explosion



# EOS for arbitrary proton fraction and temperature

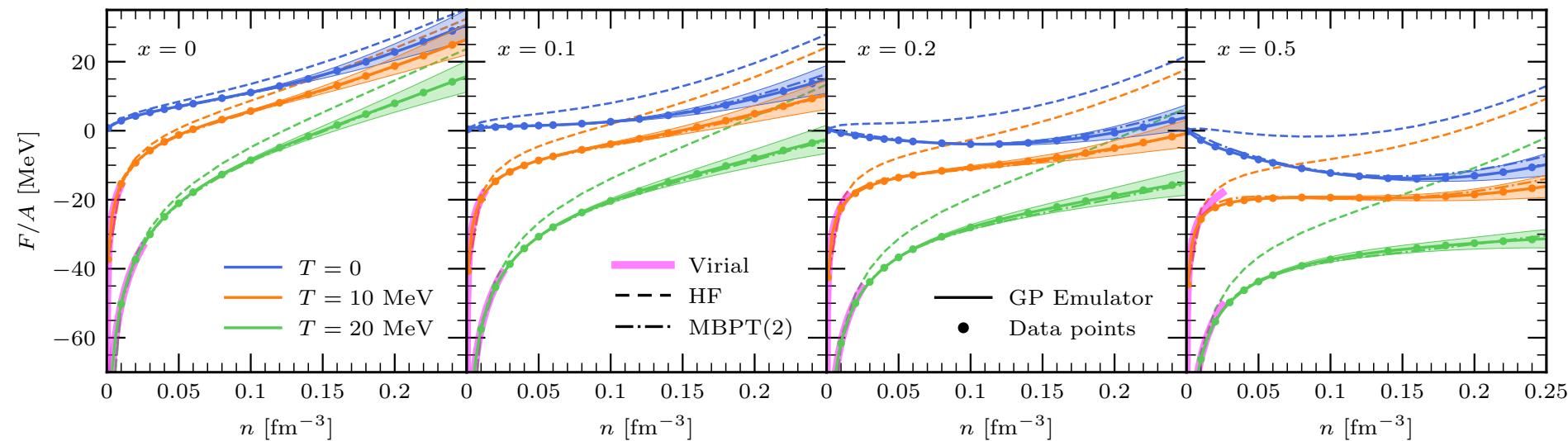
Keller, Hebeler, AS, arXiv:2204.14016

based on chiral EFT NN+3N interactions (EMN 450) to N<sup>3</sup>LO

order-by-order EFT uncertainties  $\Delta X^{(j)} = Q \cdot \max(|X^{(j)} - X^{(j-1)}|, \Delta X^{(j-1)})$   
(small) many-body uncertainties at MBPT(3)

excellent reproduction of free energy data by Gaussian process

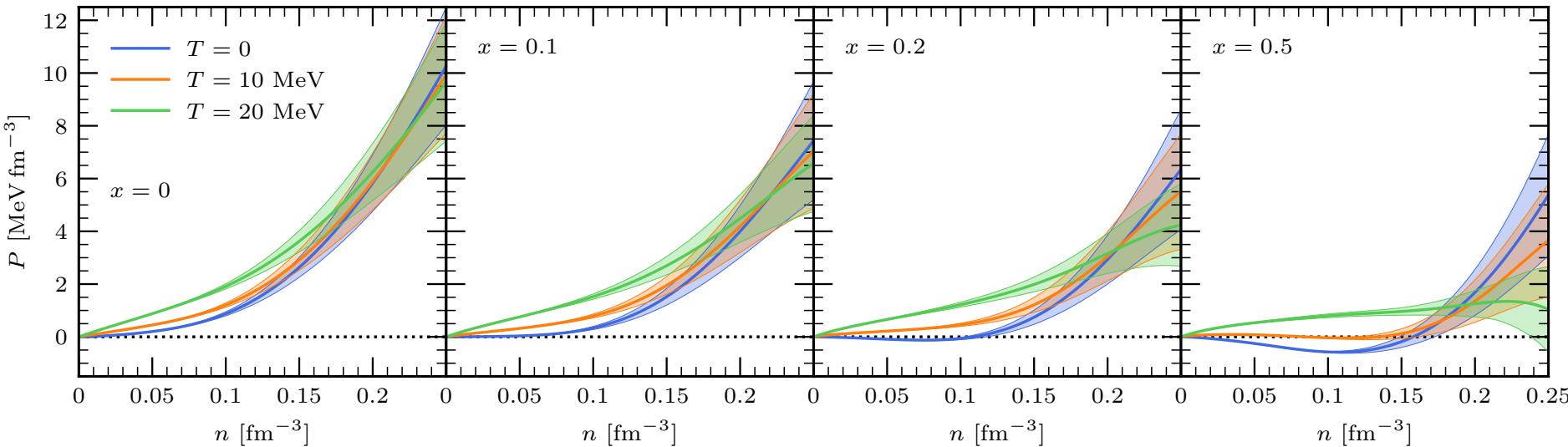
agrees with model-indep. virial EOS Horowitz, AS, NPA (2006) at low densities



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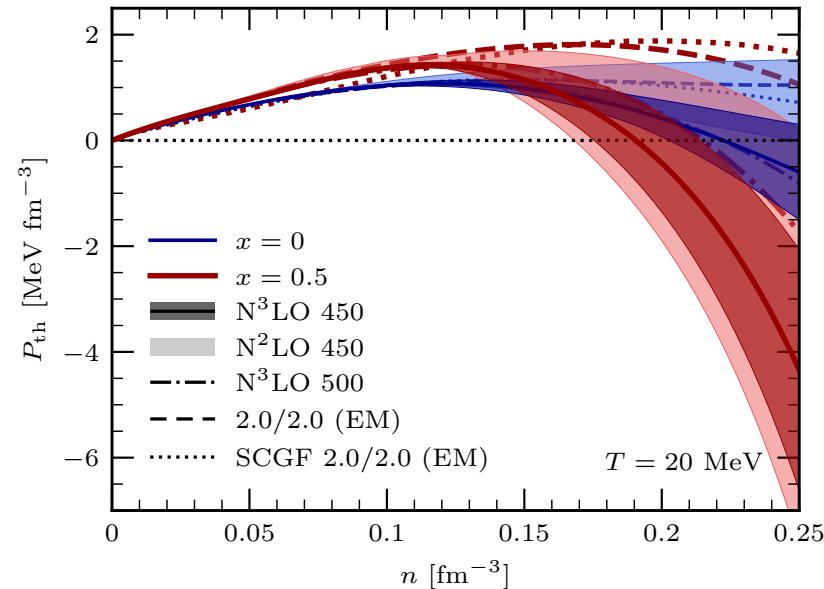
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GP emulator to calculate pressure (thermodyn. consistent derivatives)



pressure isotherms cross at higher densities → negative thermal expansion

thermal part of pressure decreases with increasing density,  
observed for different chiral orders,  
cutoffs and interactions



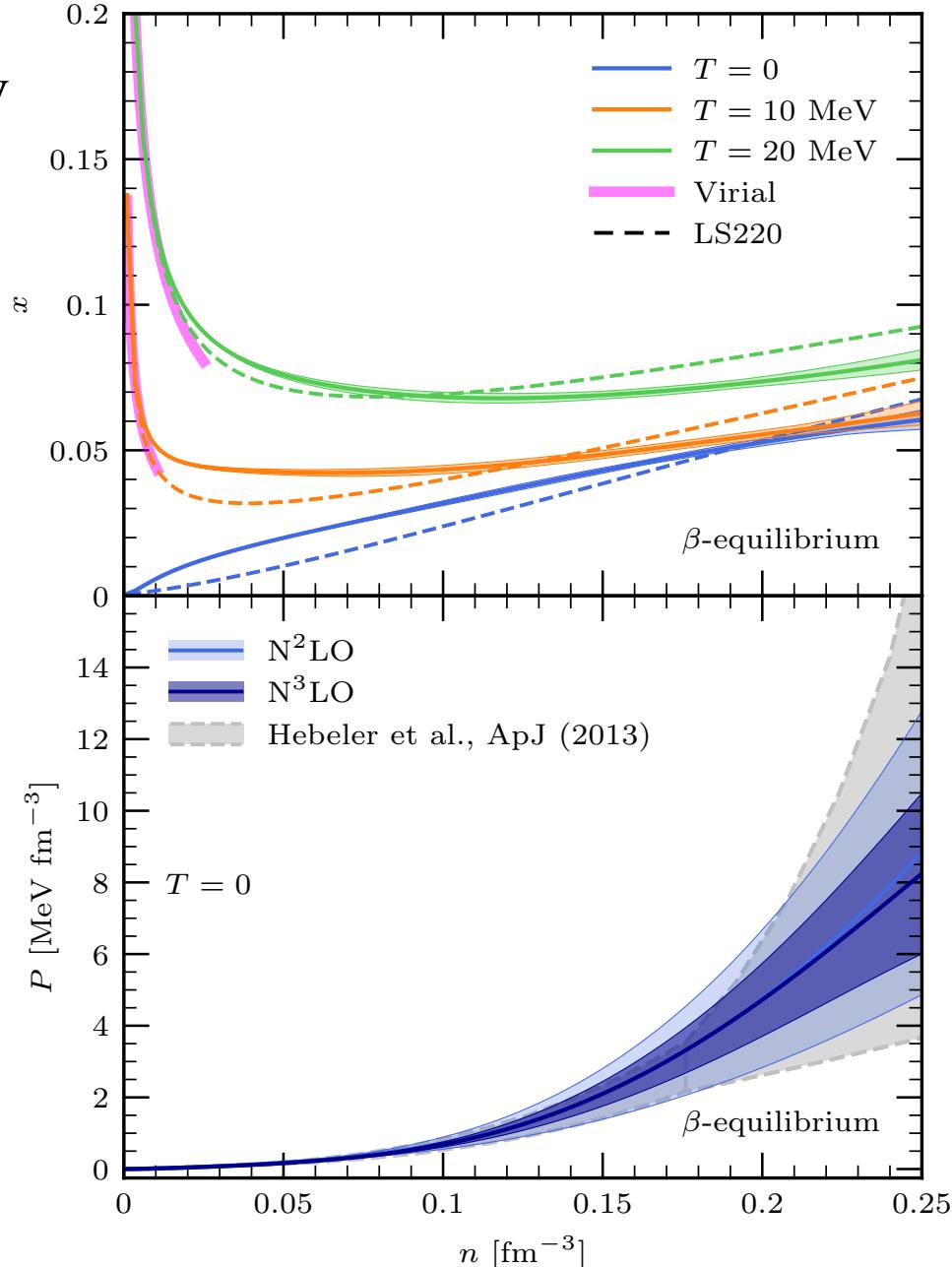
# EOS for neutron star matter in beta equilibrium

Keller, Hebeler, AS, arXiv:2204.14016

use GP emulator to access arbitrary proton fraction,  
solve for beta equilibrium

EOS of neutron star matter  
at N<sup>2</sup>LO and N<sup>3</sup>LO,  
no indication of EFT breakdown

N<sup>3</sup>LO band prefers higher  
pressures, improvement over  
older calculations



# Applications to speed of sound and symmetry free energy

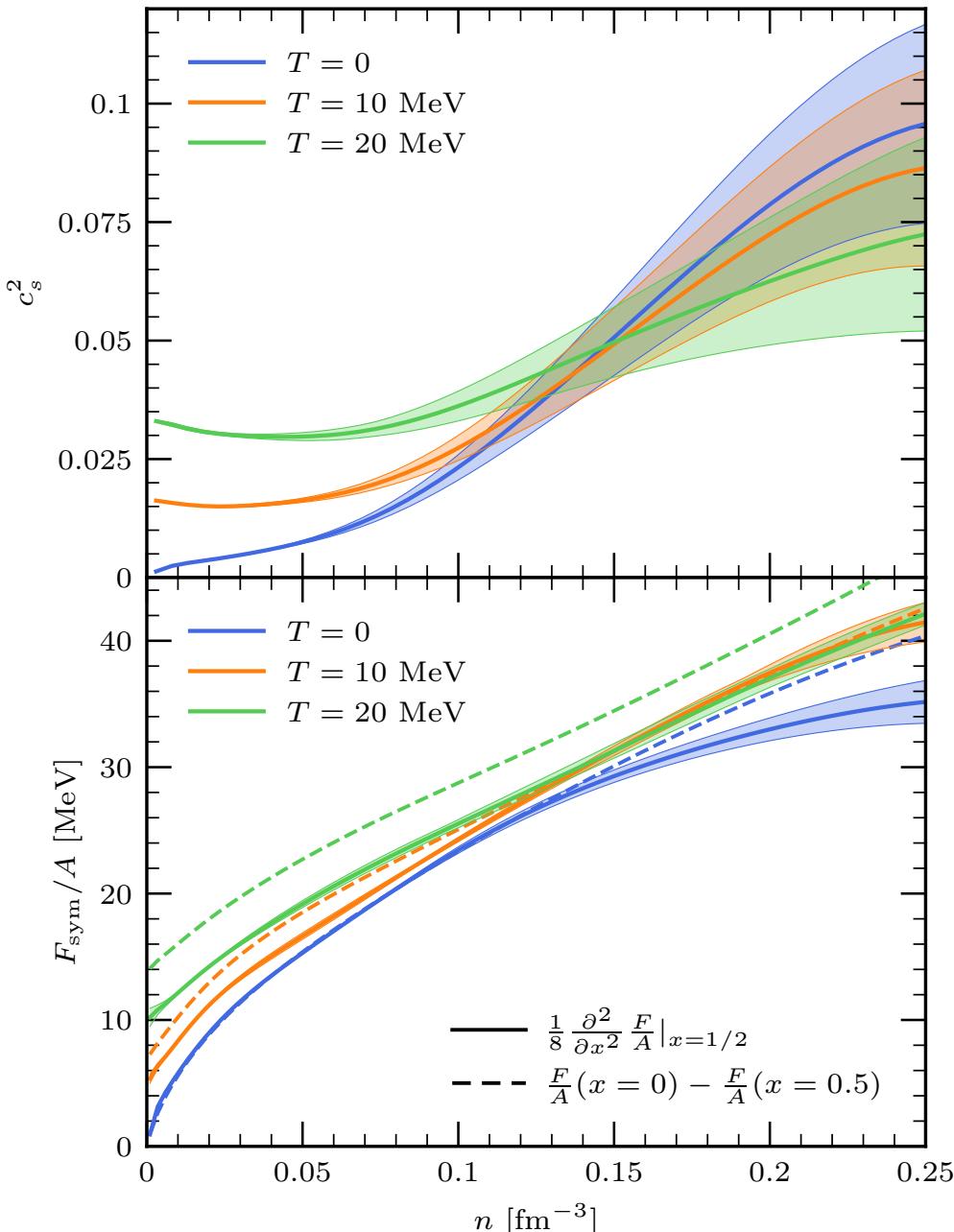
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speed of sound for neutron matter  
at constant entropy

high-density behavior with  
increasing T similar to pressure

symmetry energy tightly  
constrained at fixed density

difference in definition mainly  
due to kinetic energy ( $m^*$ )



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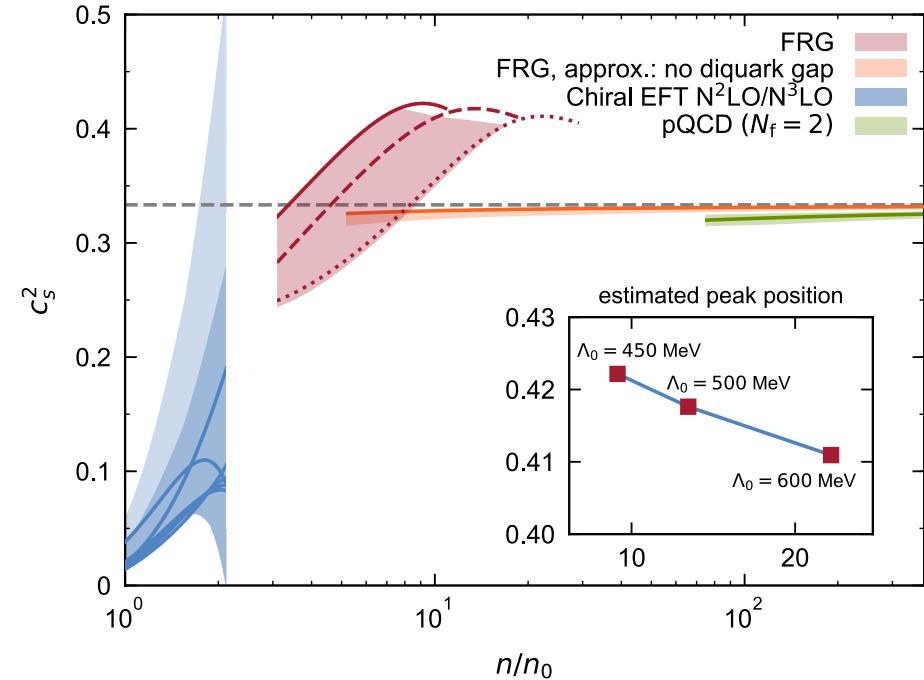
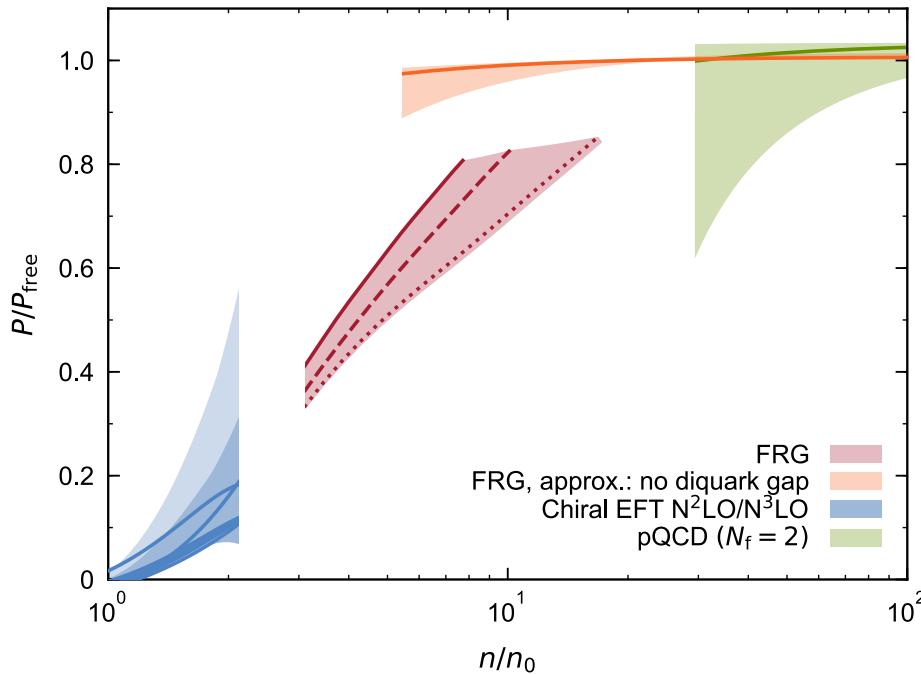
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# Functional RG: From QCD to intermediate densities

based on QCD at high densities

symmetric matter ( $m_u = m_d$ , no s quark, no electroweak interactions)

Leonhardt, Pospiech, Schallmo, Braun et al., PRL (2020)



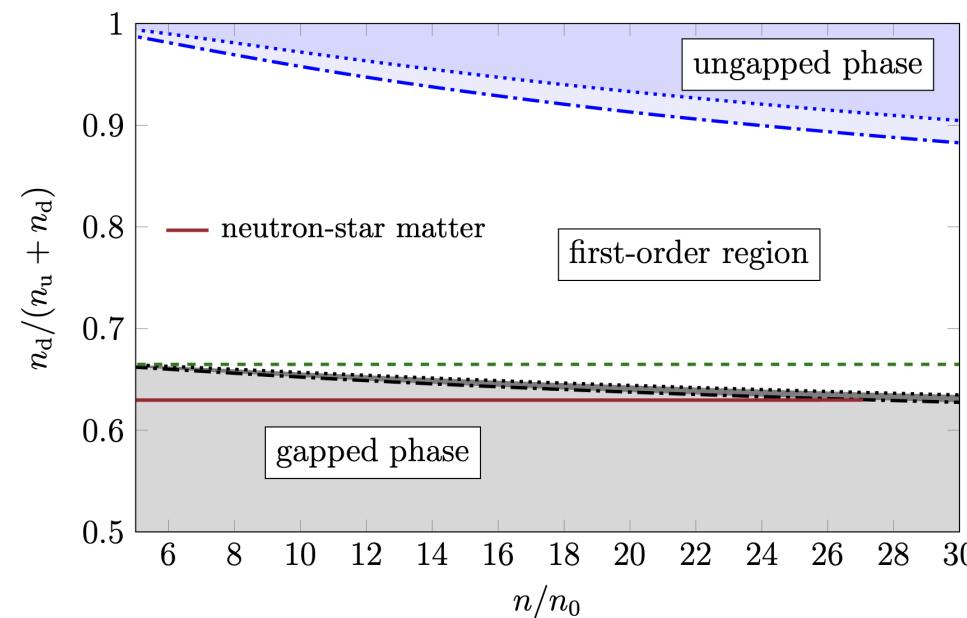
promising consistency between  
chiral EFT and FRG and pQCD

diquark correlations crucial  
for intermediate densities  
and high speed of sound

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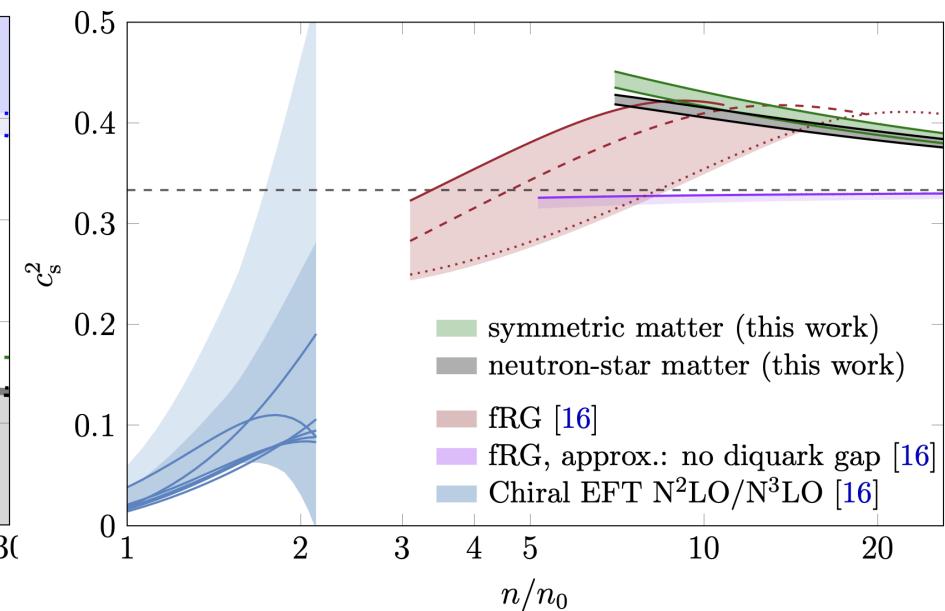
neutron star matter ( $m_u=m_d$ , no s quark)

Braun, Schallmo, arXiv:2204.00358



suggests ungapped quark matter phase is at very high densities

may push validity of pQCD to higher densities



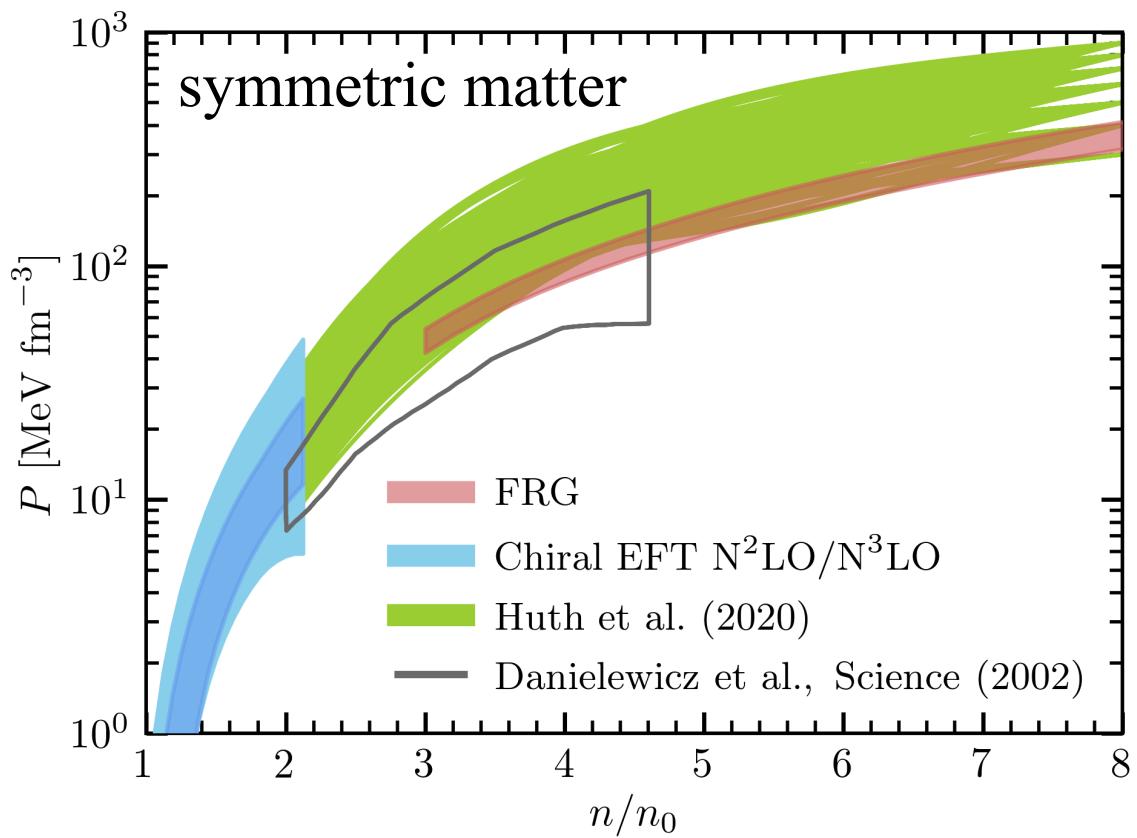
diquark gap gives large speed of sound up to high densities

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comparison to **new EOS functionals** with  $2 M_{\text{sun}} + \text{LIGO/Virgo, NICER}$   
Huth, Wellenhofer, AS, PRC (2021)

comparison to  
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Danielewicz et al., Science (2002)



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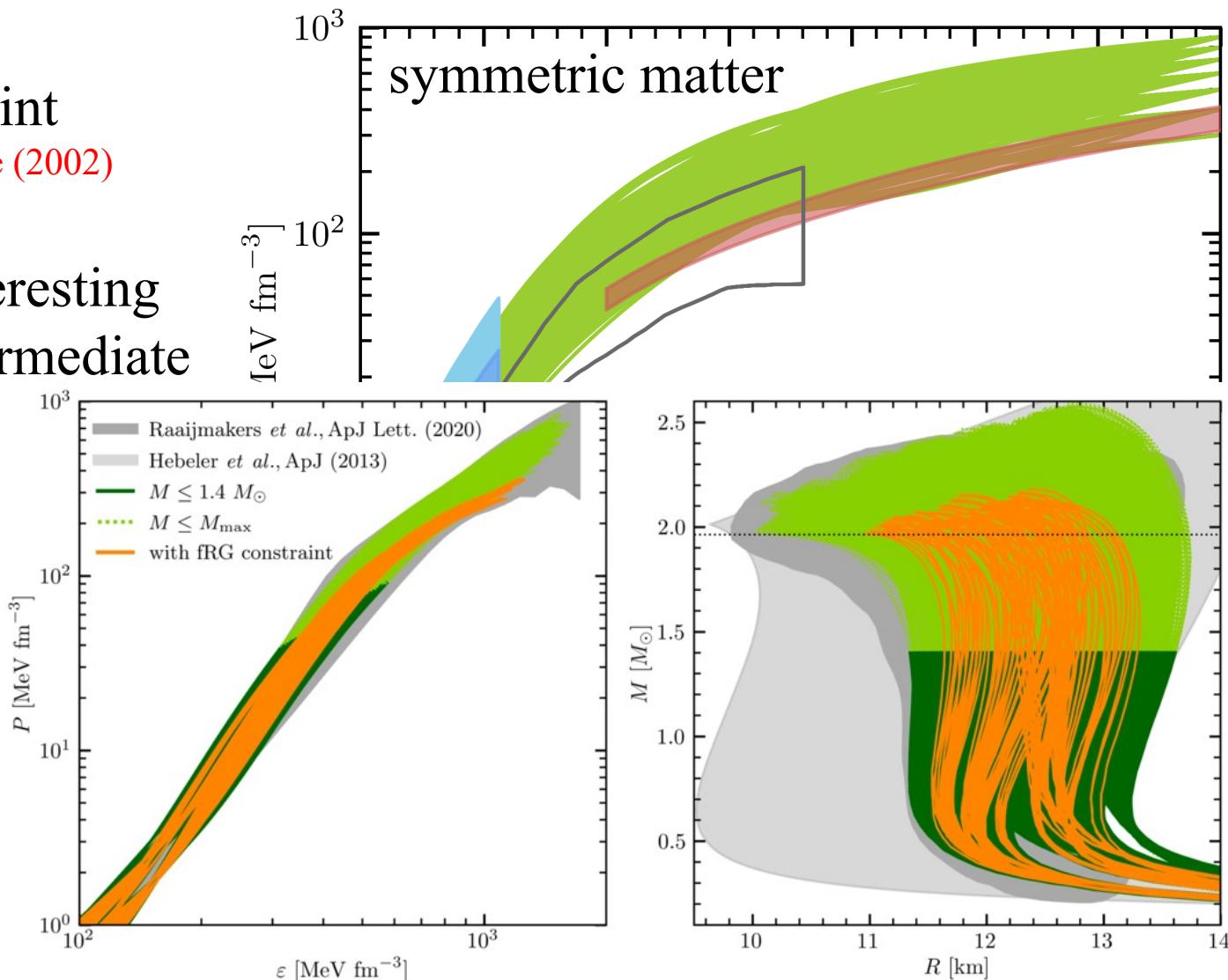
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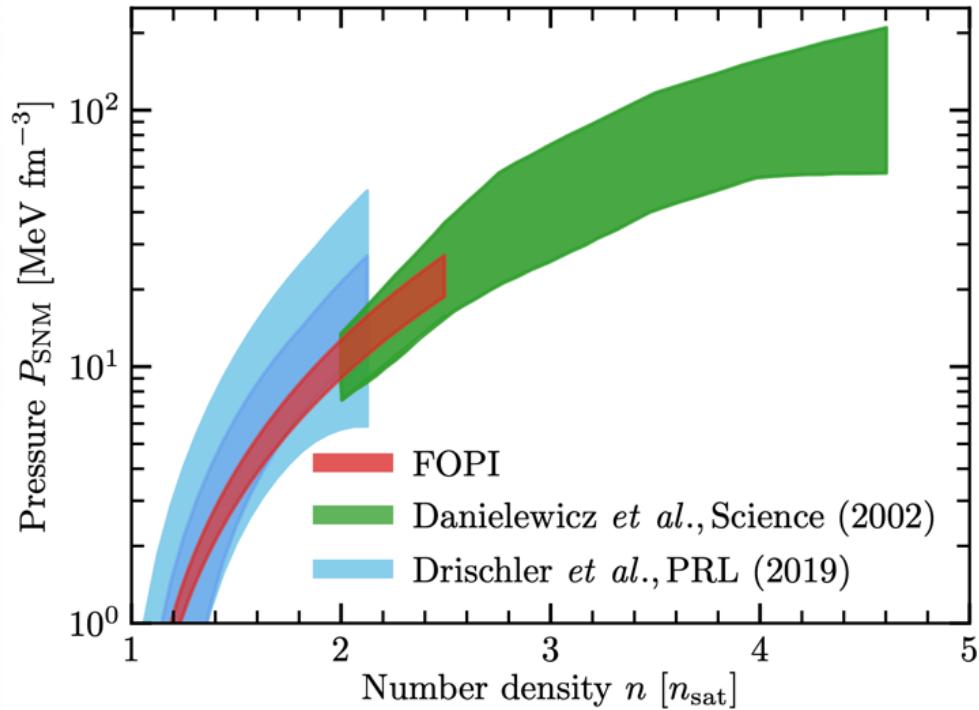
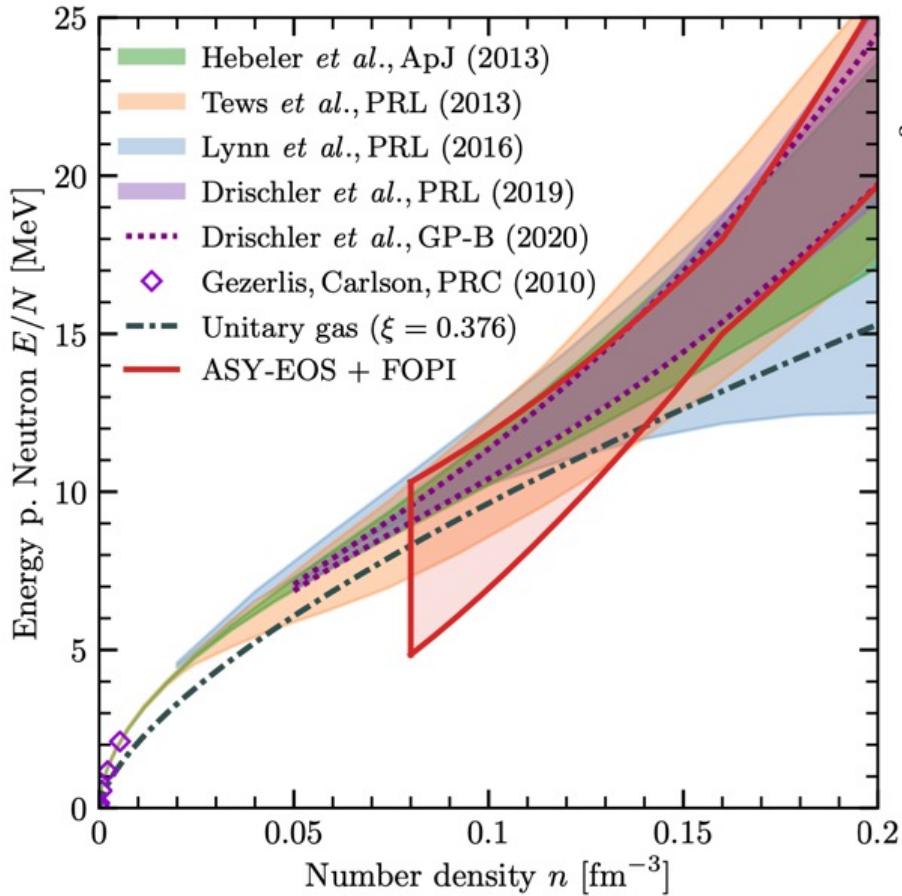
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**fRG** provides interesting  
constraints at intermediate  
densities



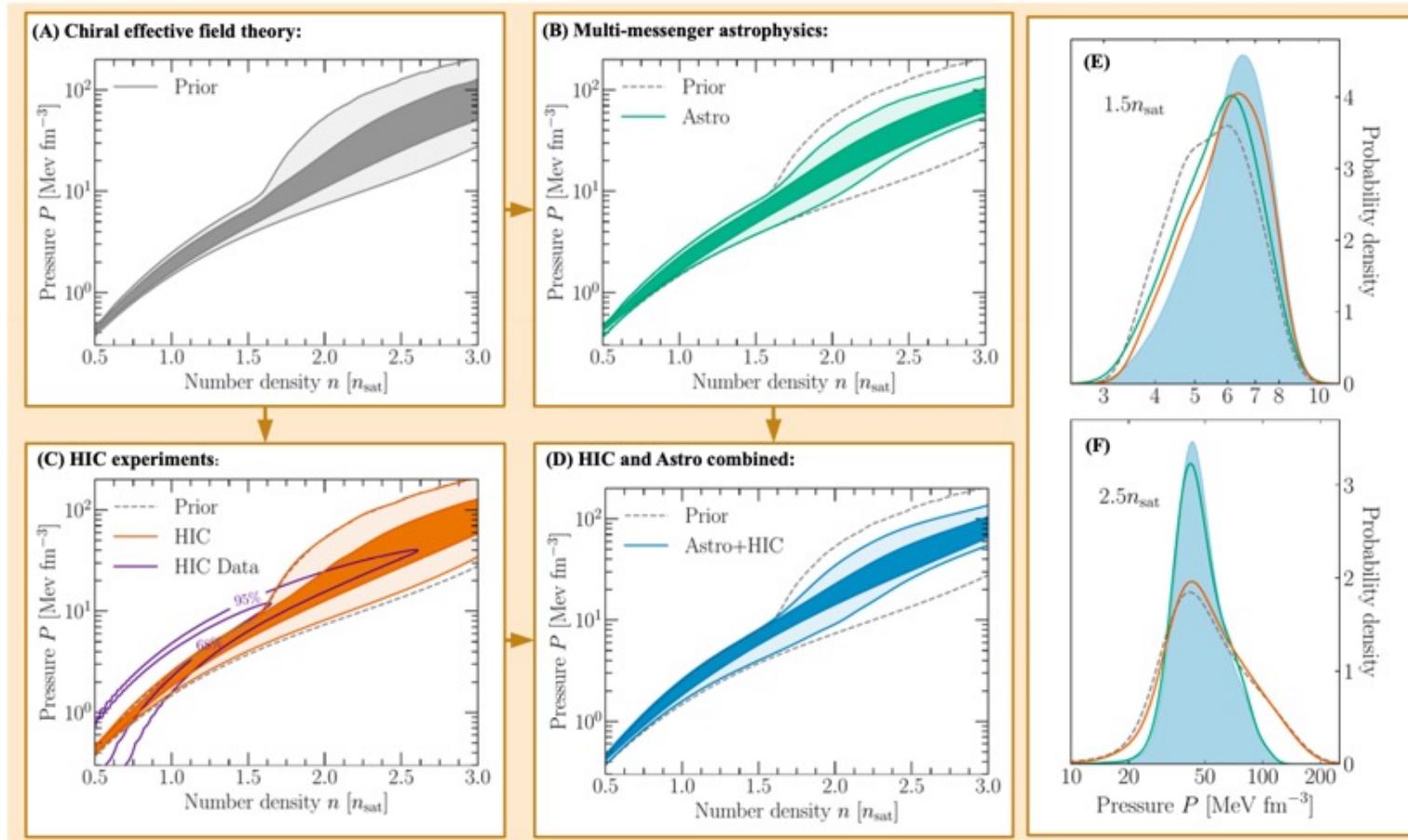
# Constraints from heavy-ion collisions Huth, Pang et al., Nature (2022)

include in addition to chiral EFT: constraints from ASY-EOS and FOPI for neutron and symmetric matter with different functionals



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inclusion of HIC constraints prefers higher pressures, similar to NICER, overall remarkable consistency with chiral EFT and astro constraints



improves HIC constraints for  
interm. densities very interesting

	Prior	Astro only	HIC only	Astro + HIC
$P_{1.5n_{\text{sat}}}$	$5.59^{+2.04}_{-1.97}$	$5.84^{+1.95}_{-2.26}$	$6.06^{+1.85}_{-2.04}$	$6.25^{+1.90}_{-2.26}$
$R_{1.4}$	$11.96^{+1.18}_{-1.15}$	$11.93^{+0.80}_{-0.75}$	$12.06^{+1.13}_{-1.18}$	$12.01^{+0.78}_{-0.77}$

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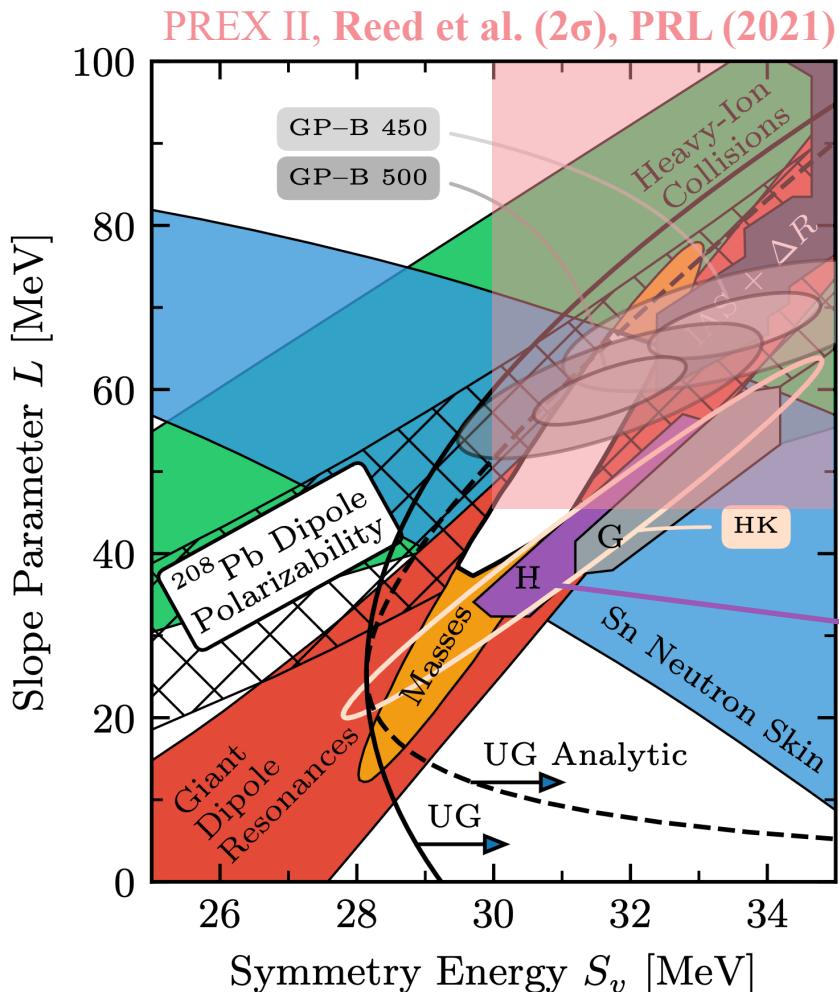
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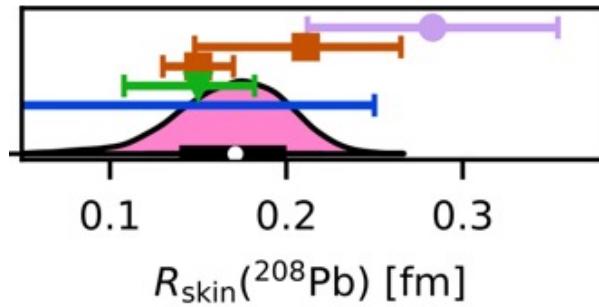
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# Symmetry energy vs. L parameter

based on Lattimer, Lim, ApJ (2013)



Ab initio calc of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  neutron skin  
Hu, Jiang, Miyagi et al., arXiv:2112.01125



Region H corresponds to  
 $^{208}\text{Pb}$  neutron skin: 0.14-0.20 fm  
Hebeler, Lattimer, Pethick, AS, PRL (2010)

MREX precision goal  $\pm 0.03$  fm  
very important (ideally better)

Note: not all regions are at same saturation density

# Impact of PREX and $^{208}\text{Pb}$ dipole polarizability

Essick, Landry, AS, Tews, PRL, PRC (2021)

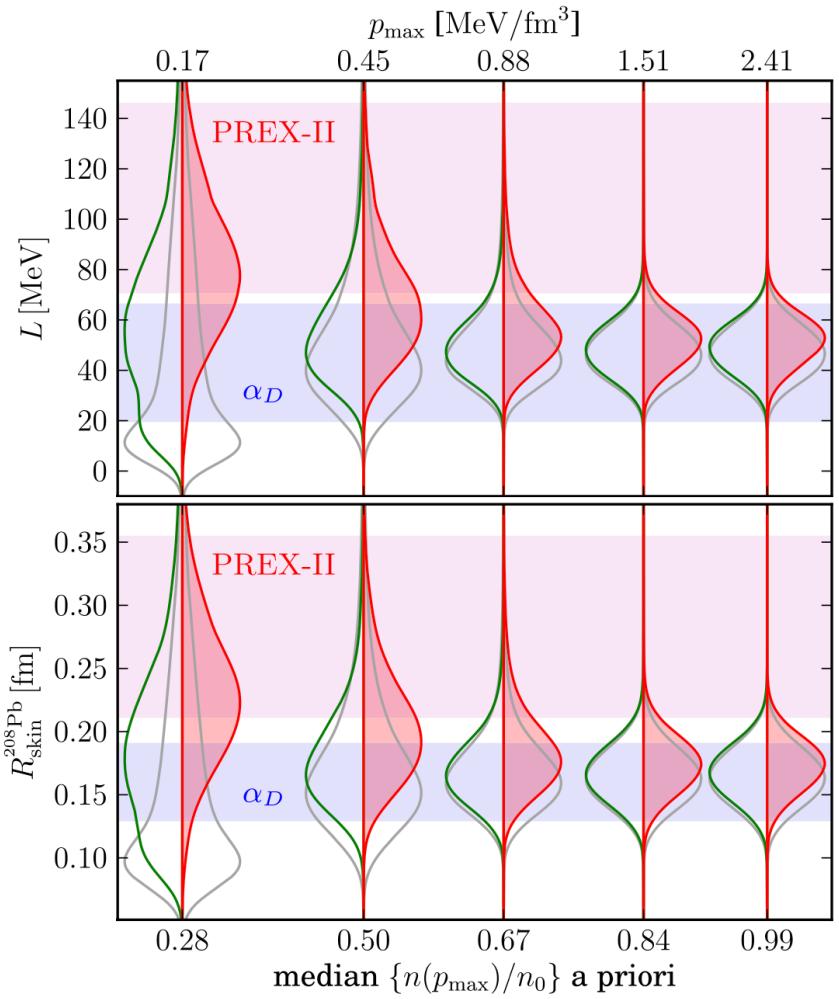
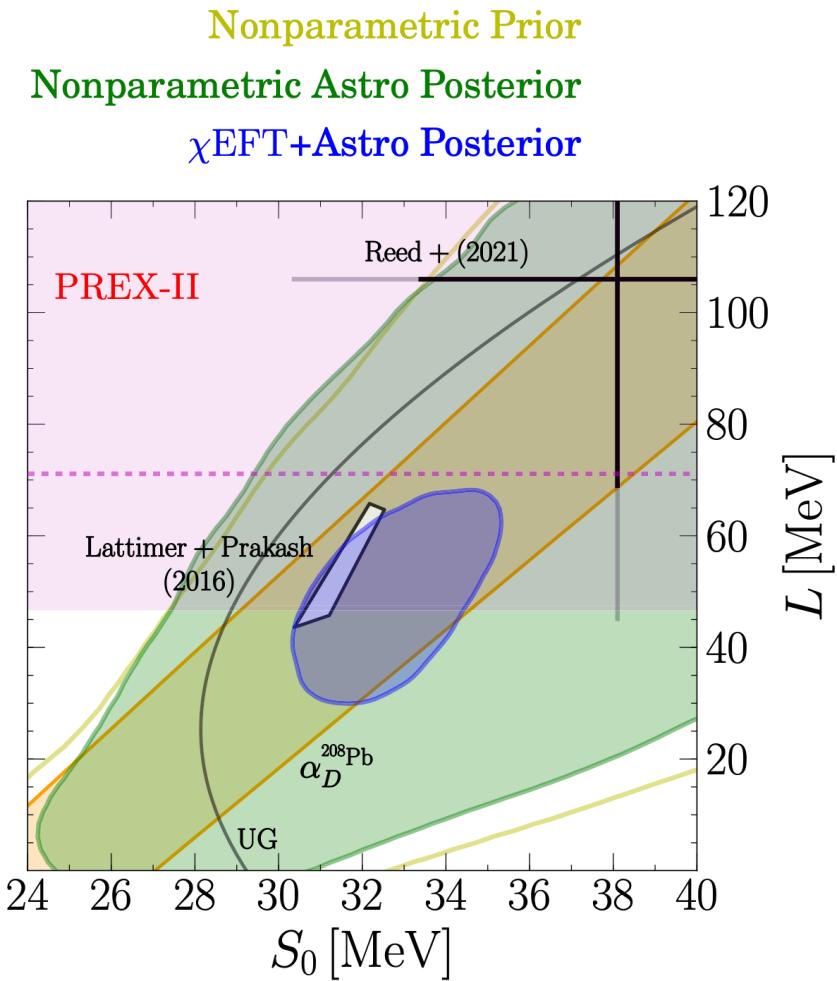


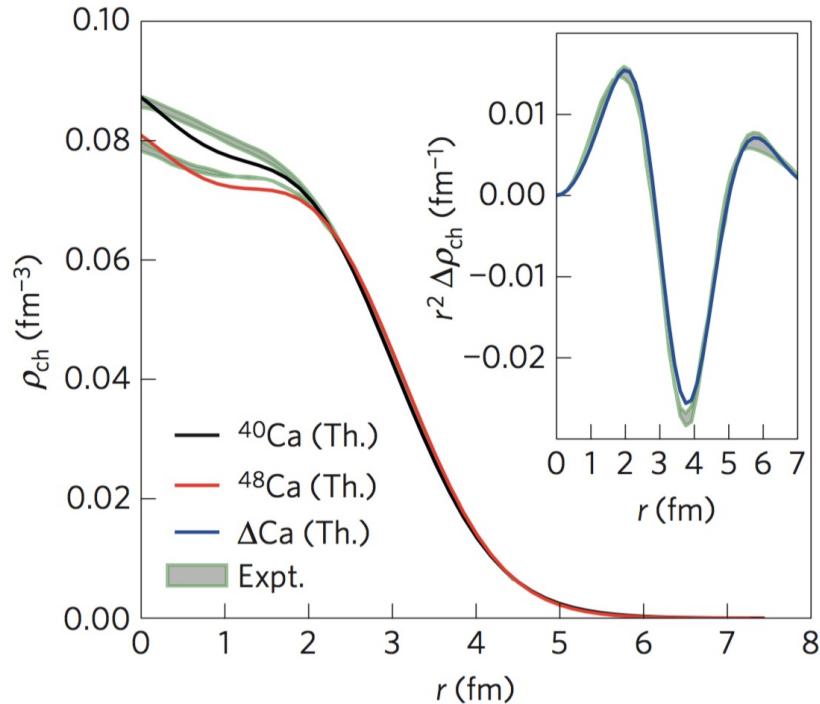
FIG. 2. Prior (gray, unshaded), Astro posterior (green, left-unshaded), and Astro + PREX-II posterior (red, right-shaded)

$^{208}\text{Pb}$  dipole polarizability Tamii et al., PRL (2021)  
very consistent with  $\chi\text{EFT+Astro}$  posterior

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Hagen et al., Nature Phys. (2015)

ab initio calculations lead to charge distributions consistent with exp



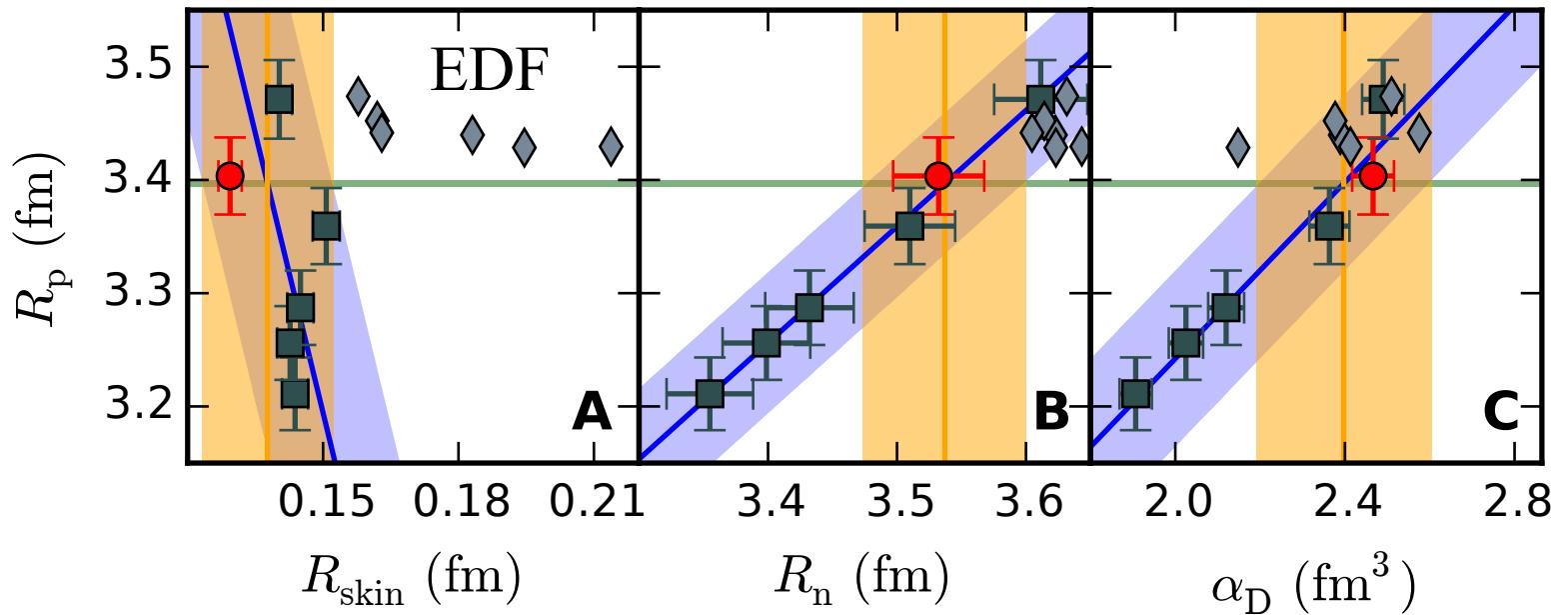
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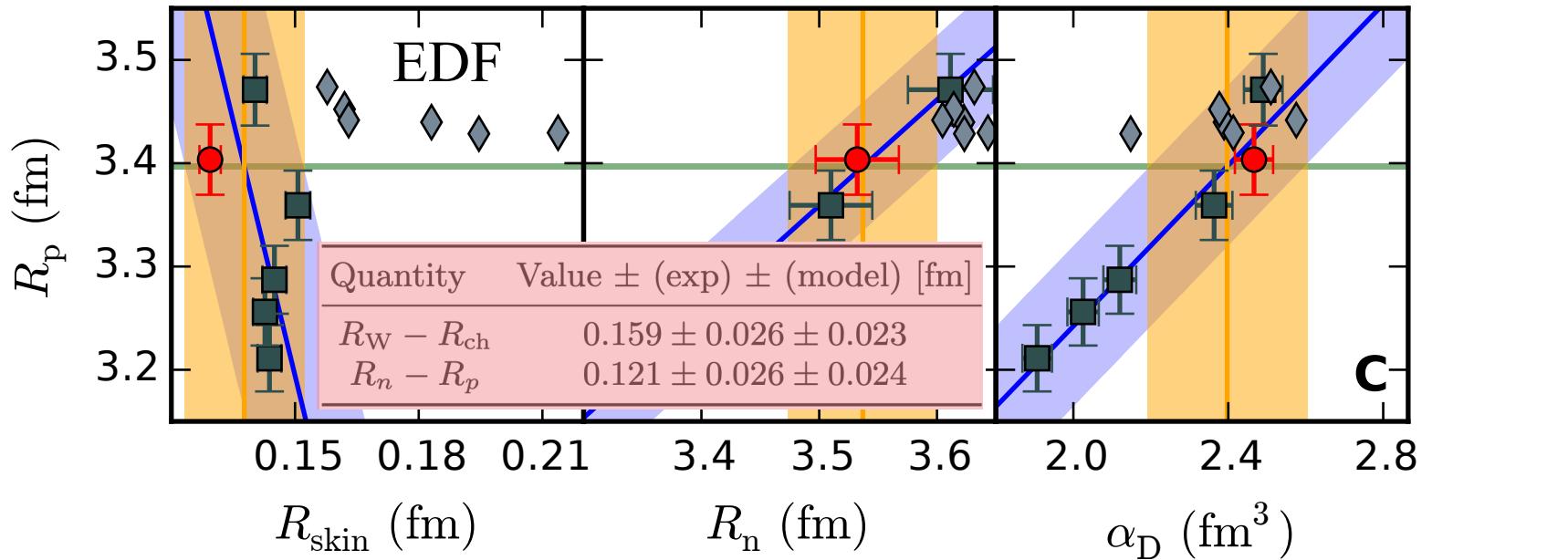
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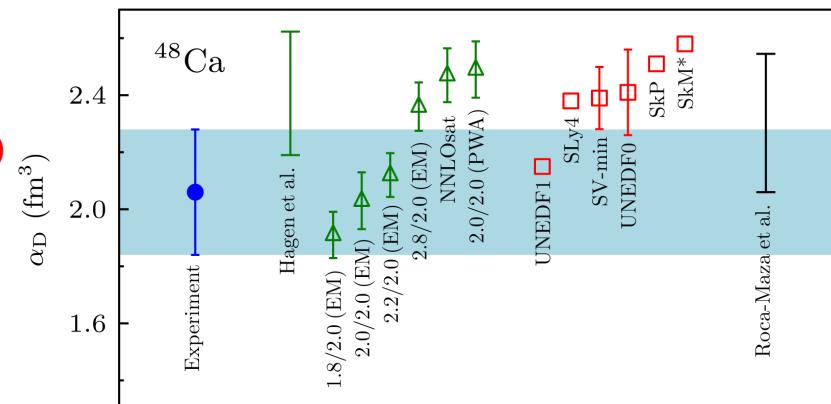
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agrees with dipole polarizability from  
Darmstadt-Osaka exp Birkhan et al., PRL (2017)  
+ with CREX result Adhikari et al., PRL (2022)



## Summary

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ab initio calculations based on chiral EFT interactions for many nuclei and matter: cold, finite T, arbitrary proton fraction

reliable results up to  $1-1.5 n_0$  with controlled uncertainties: EFT truncation + systematic uncertainties

astro, heavy-ion collisions, functional RG provides insights to intermediate densities

chiral EFT agrees with many experiments for (n-rich) nuclei +  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  dipole polarizability, CREX – precise PREX/MREX needed