

# Combining the multiple messengers of neutron star physics

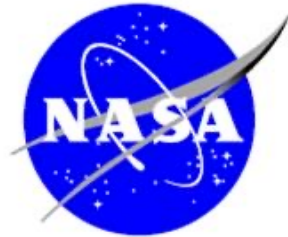
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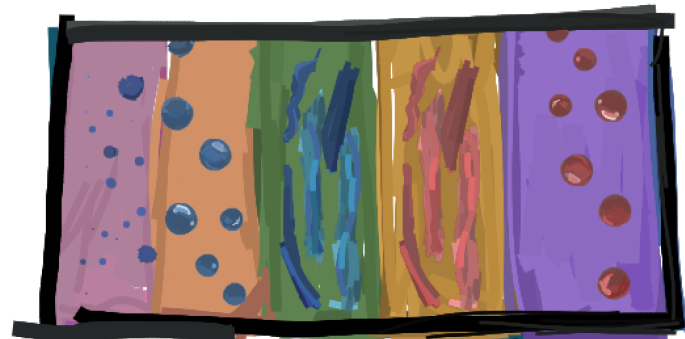
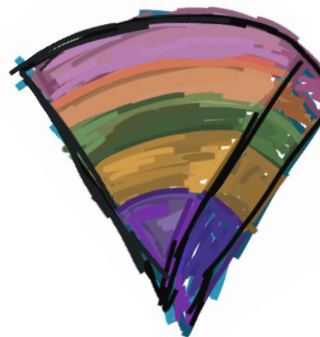
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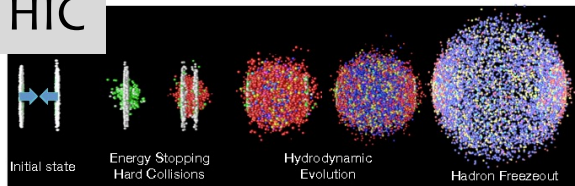
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# Nuclear structure/ dynamics

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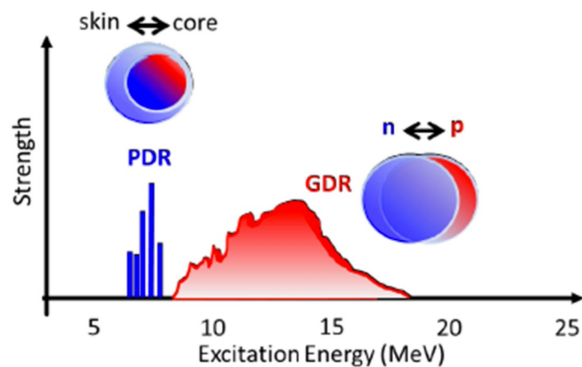


T.K.Nayak, arxiv:1201.4264

neutron skins

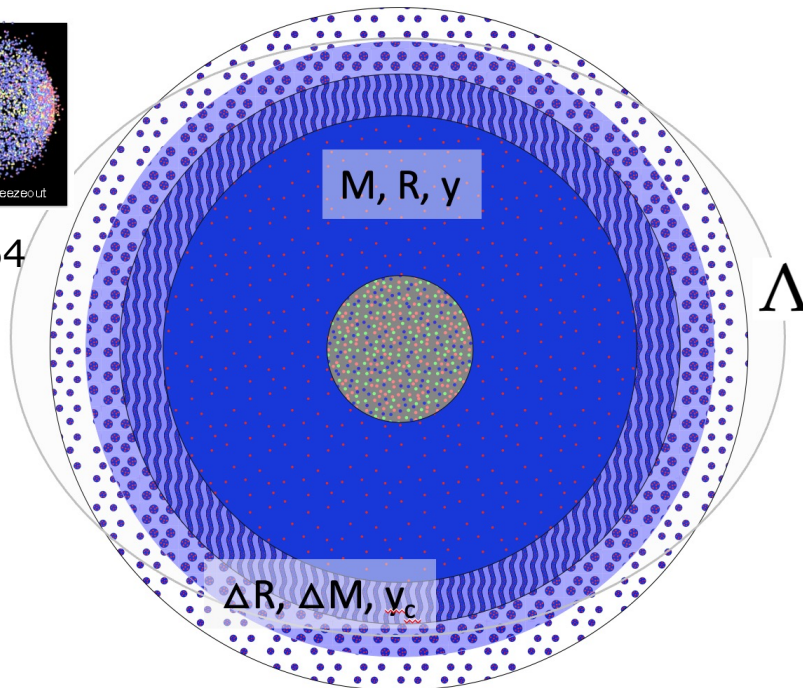


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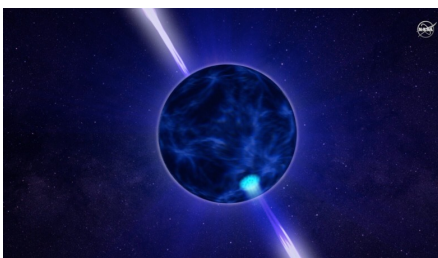
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# Multi-messenger Nuclear & Astro Physics



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Glitches, flares,  
cooling



Hot spots  
Oscillations,  
Crust cooling

Tides, mergers

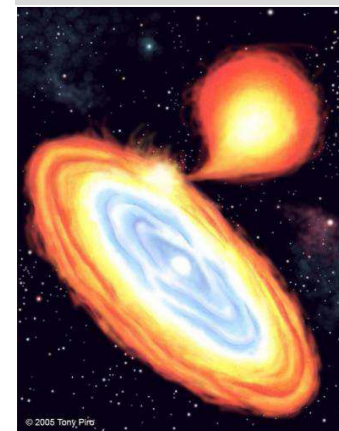
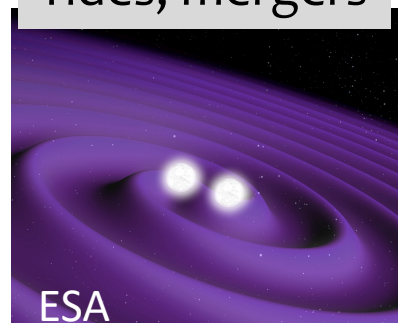
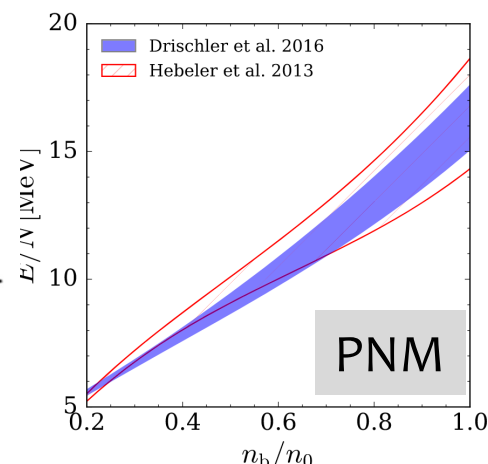


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- credit Tony Piro, 2005.



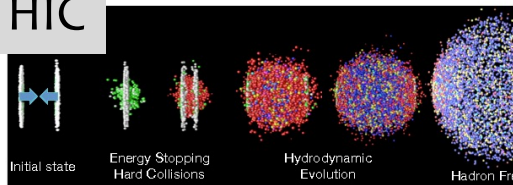
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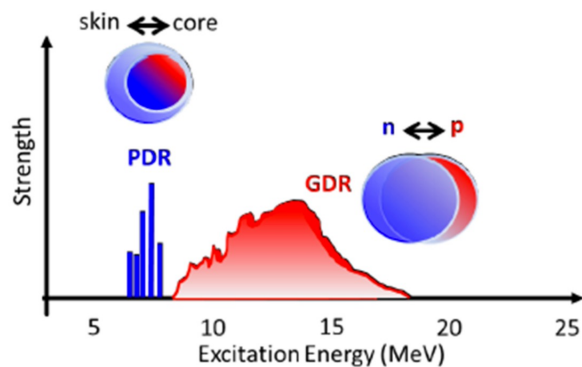


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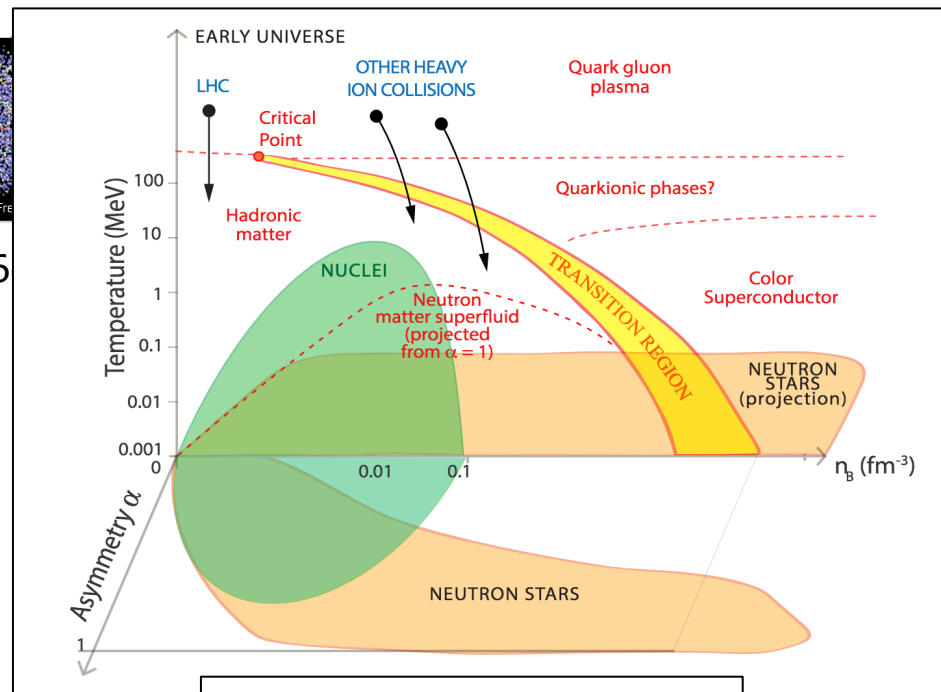


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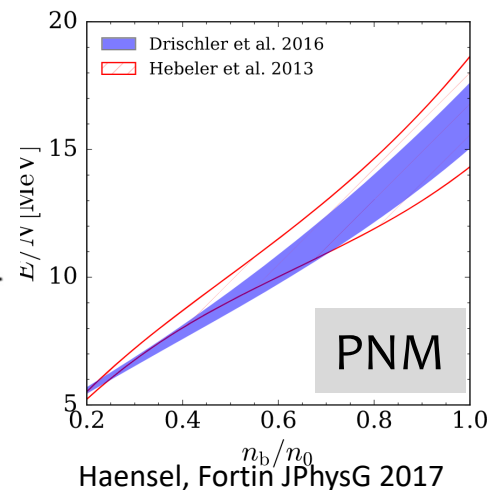


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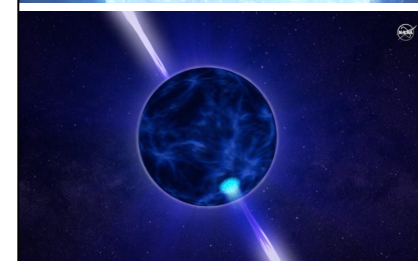
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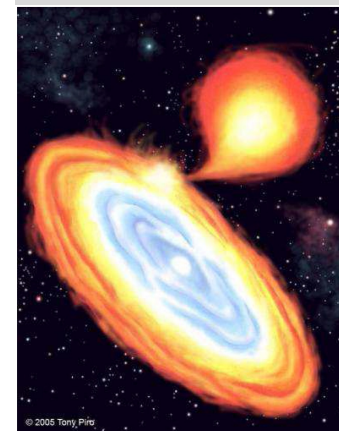
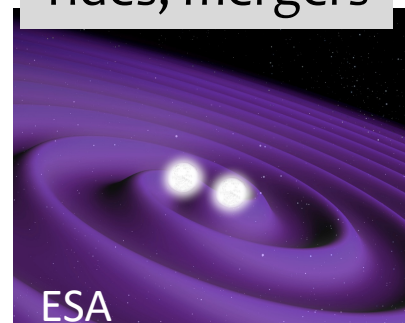


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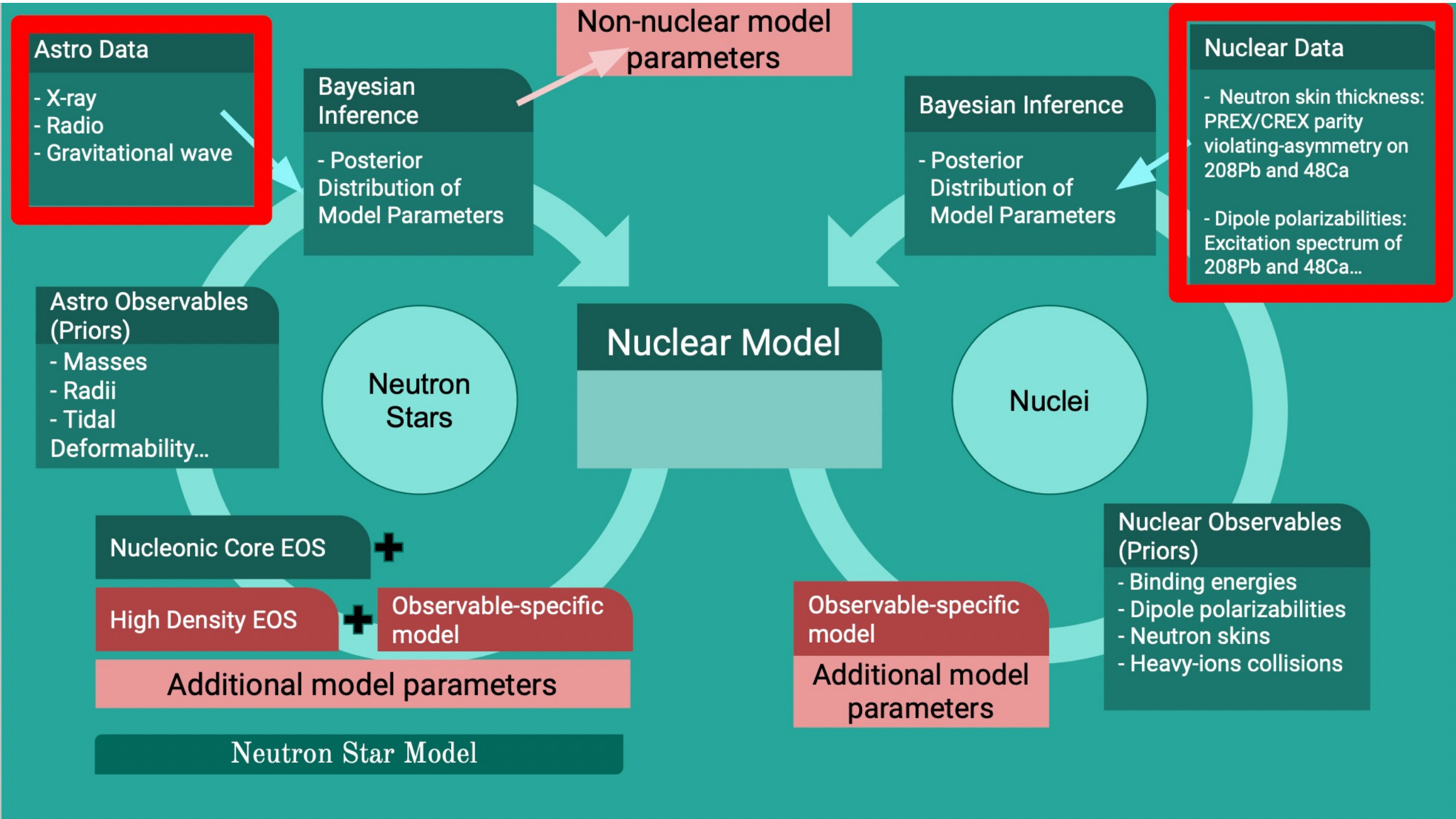
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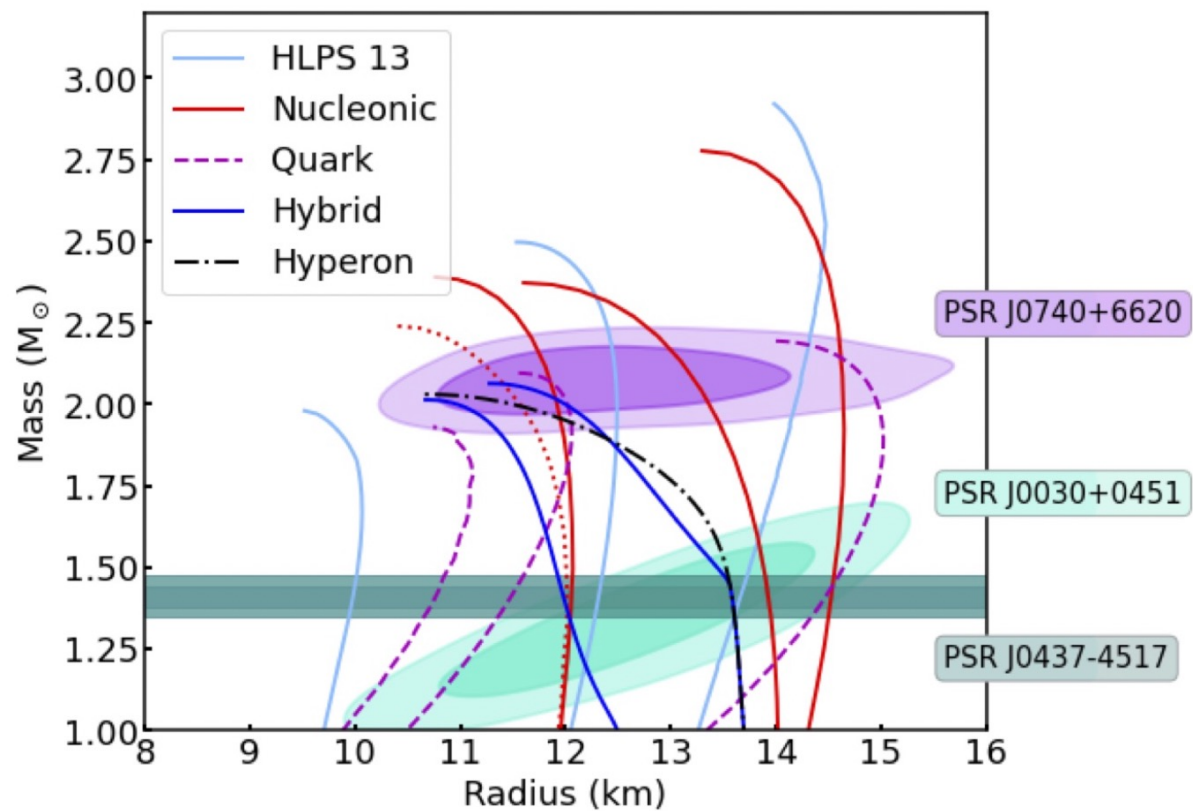
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# Data: Neutron star mass/radii (e.g. NICER)

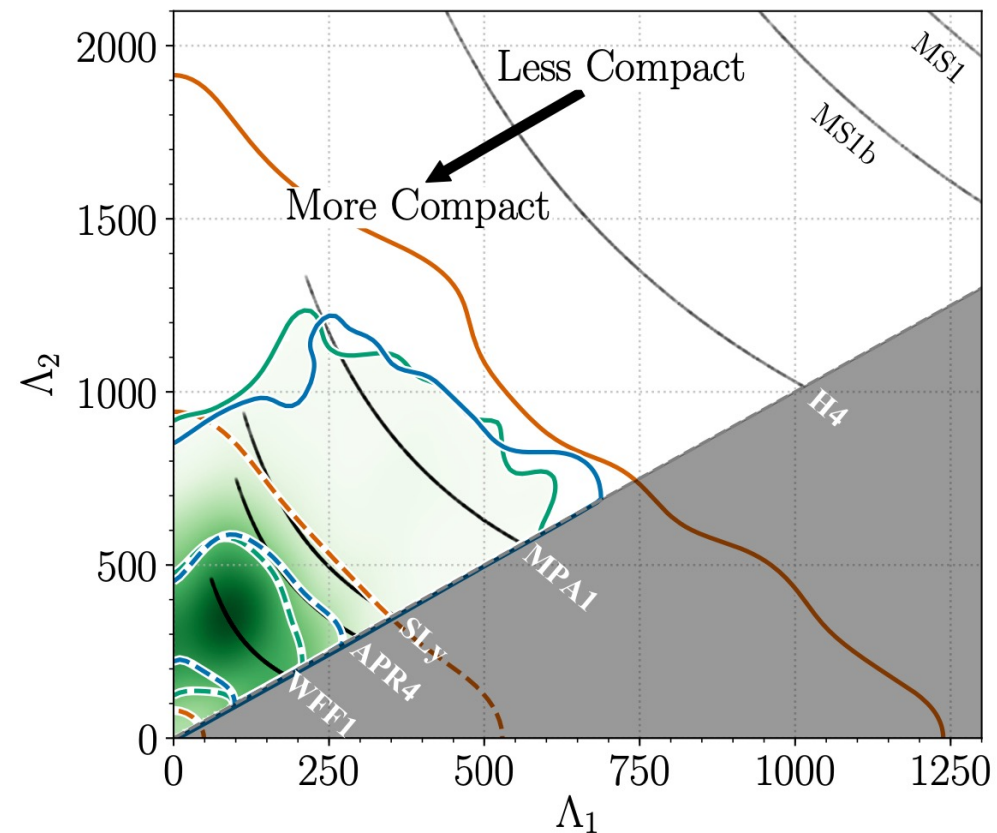


Riley arxiv:1912.05702, arxiv:2105.06980

Miller et al arxiv:2105.06979, arxiv:1912.05705

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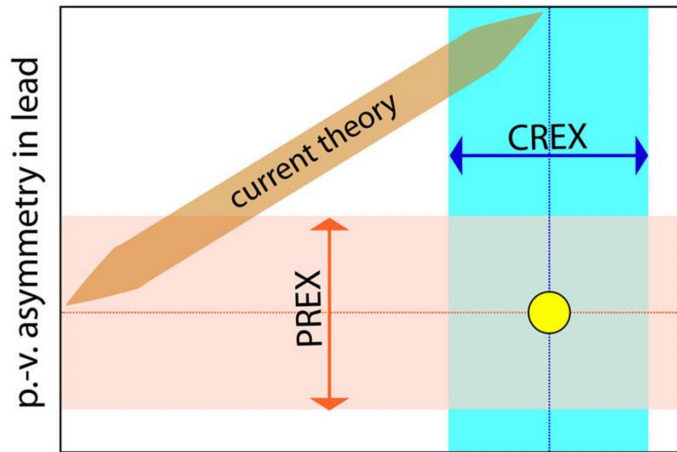
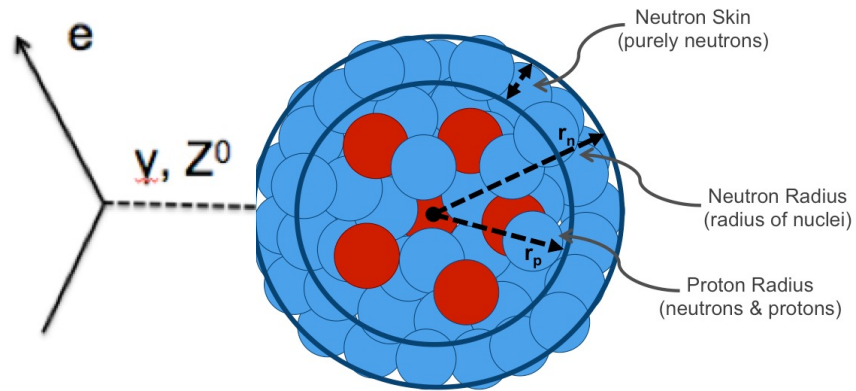
# Data: Tidal Deformability



LIGO/Virgo arxiv:1805.11581

# Data: Neutron Skins

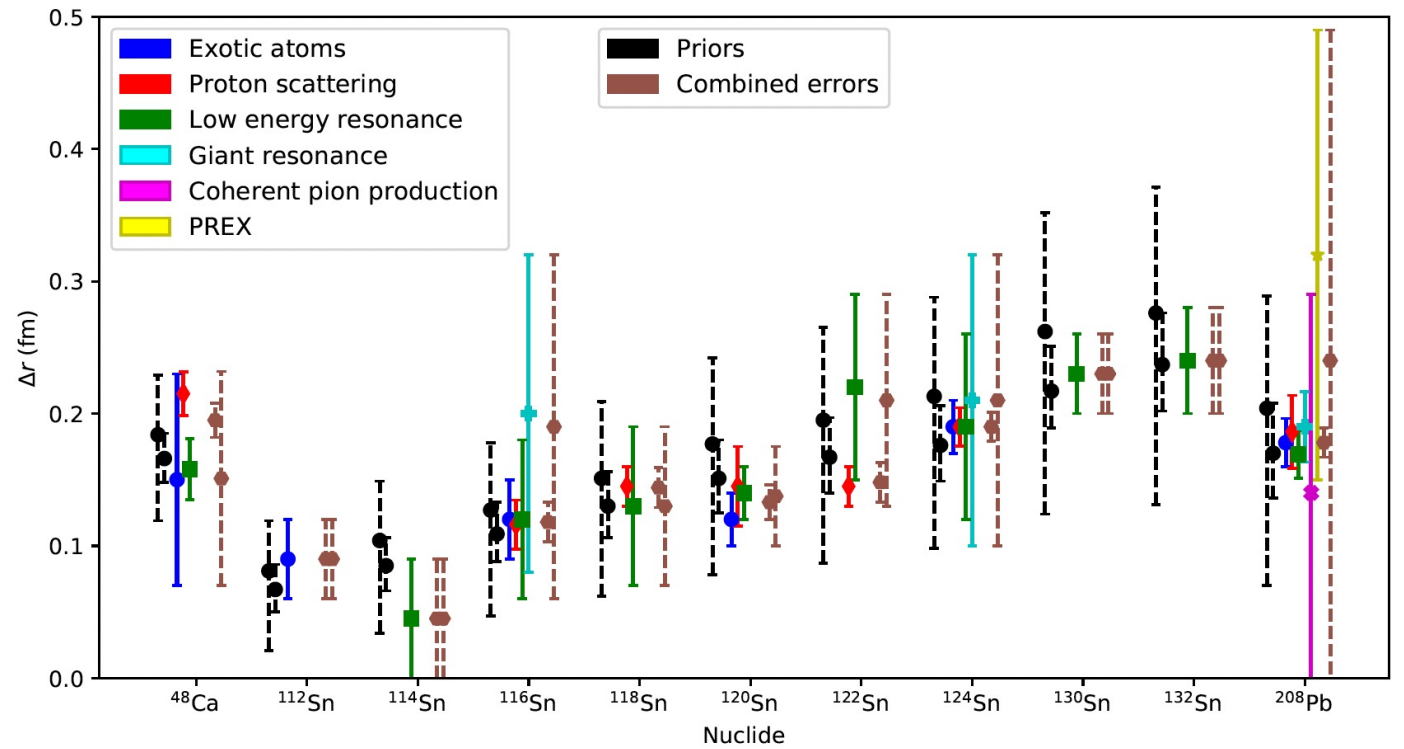
## PREX, CREX



parity-violating asymmetry in calcium

Image: Witold Nazarewicz

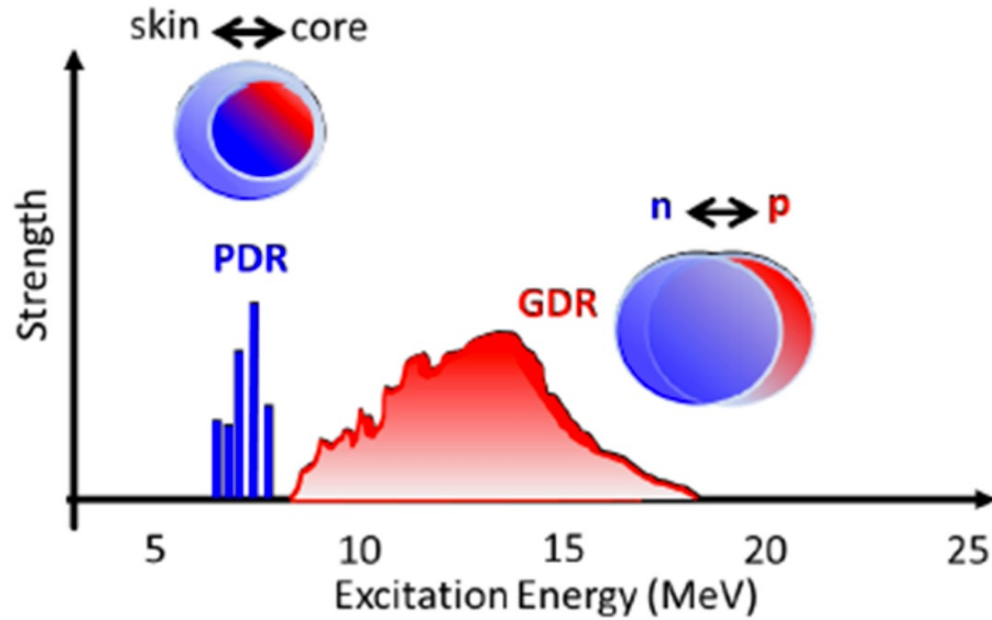
## Other Probes



Newton, Crocombe arxiv:2008.00042

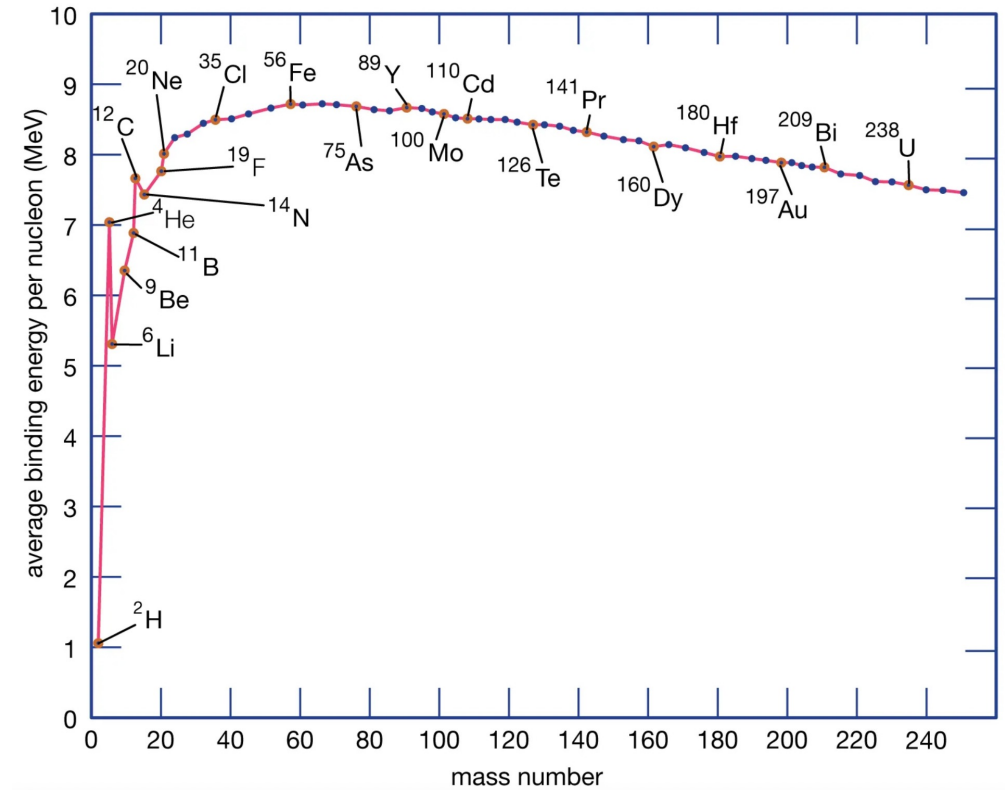


# Data: Dipole Polarizability, Nuclear Masses

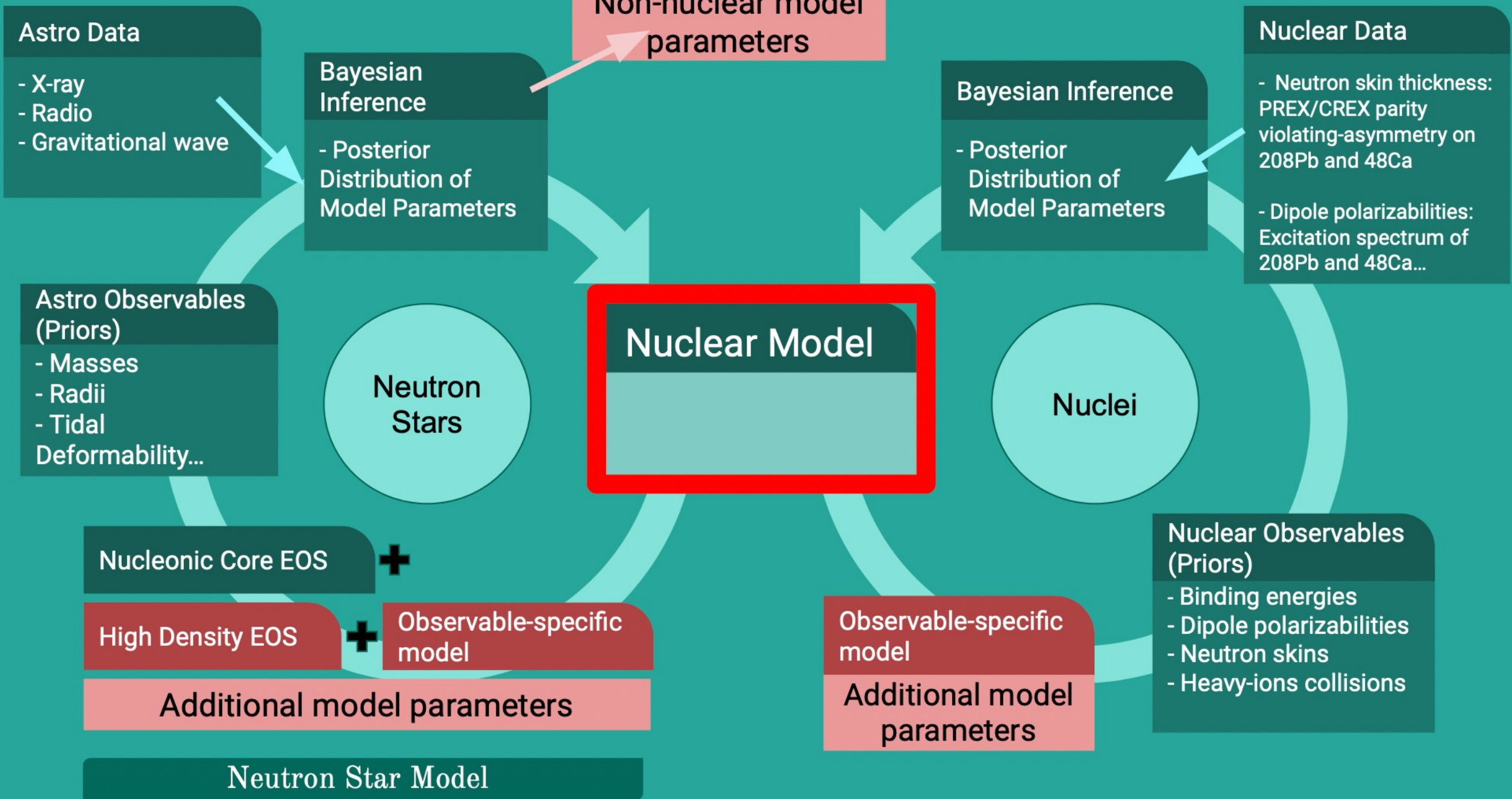


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e.g. proton scattering

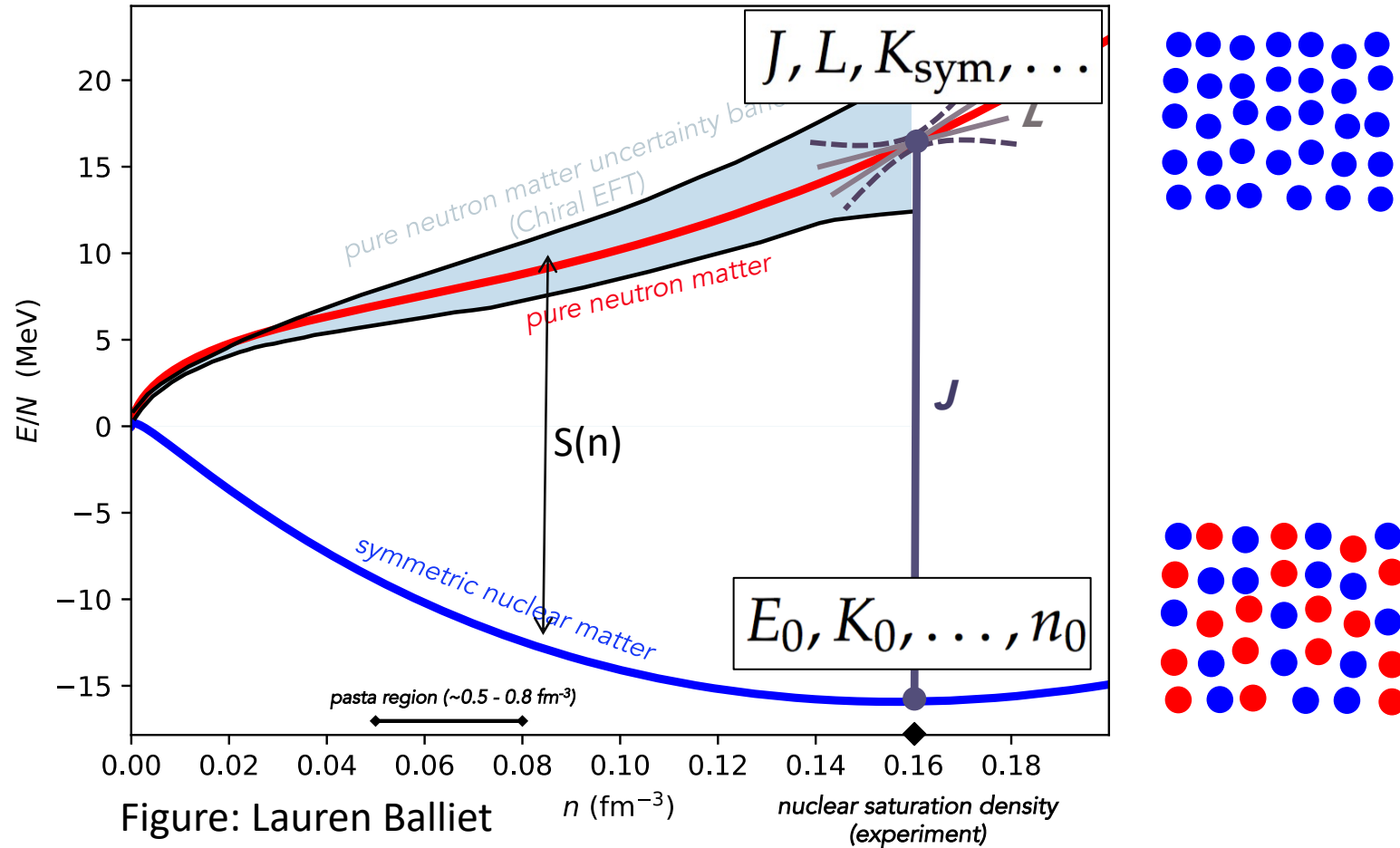


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# The nuclear symmetry energy: parameterizing our ignorance in a physically meaningful way

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



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# 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

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} &= \frac{1}{8}\rho[t_1(2 + x_1) + t_2(2 + x_2)]\tau \\ &+ \frac{1}{8}\rho[t_1(2x_1 + 1) + t_2(2x_2 + 1)](\tau_p y_p + \tau_n y_n)\end{aligned}$$

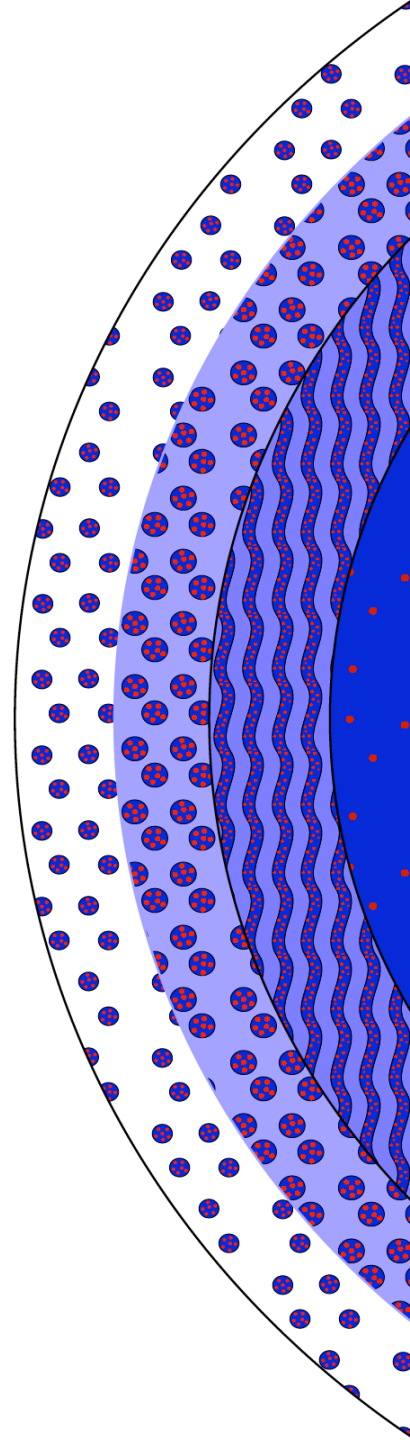
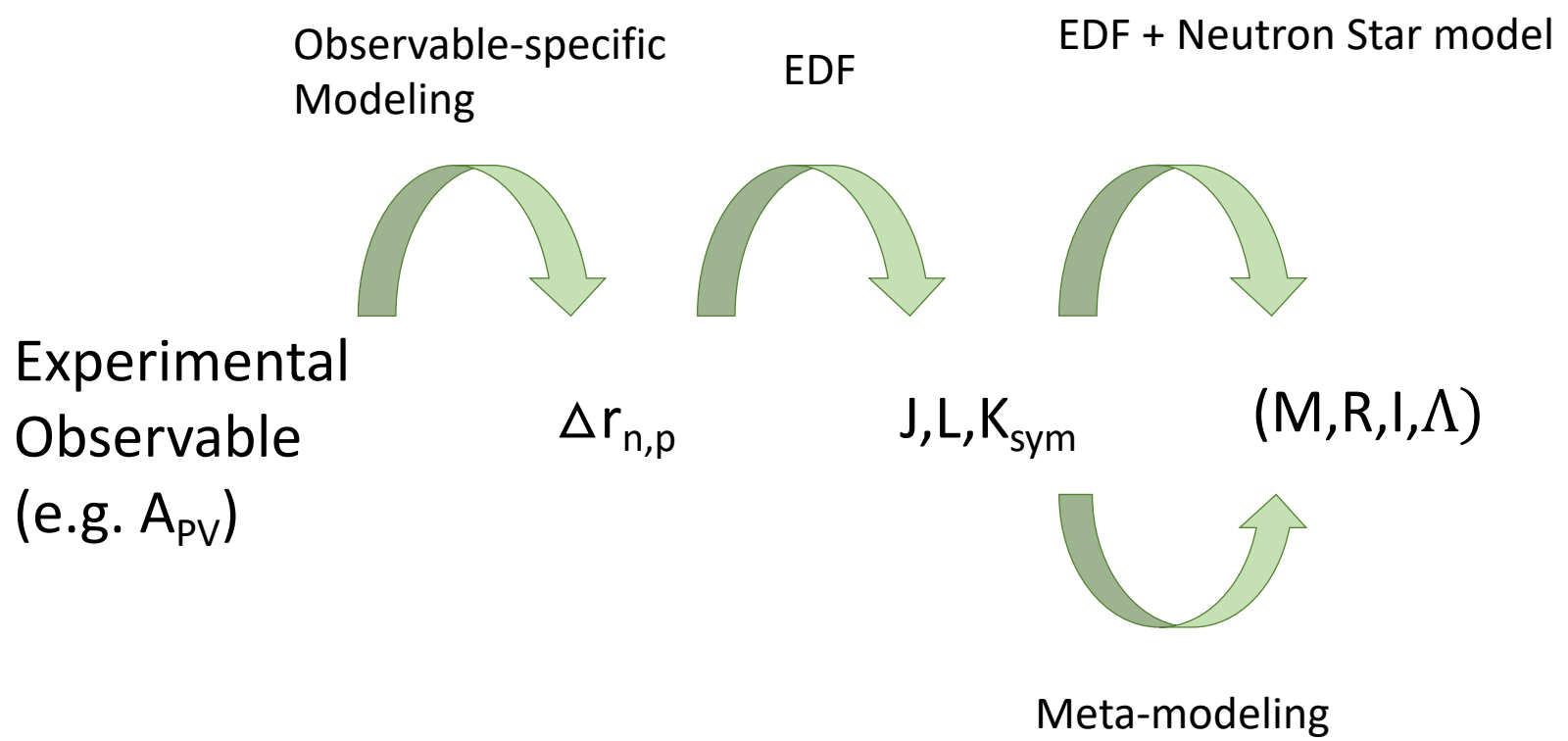
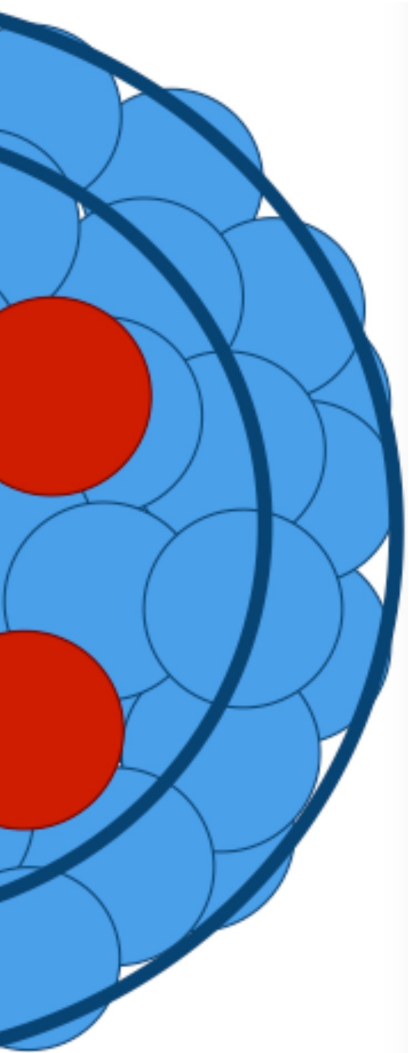
3 body

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

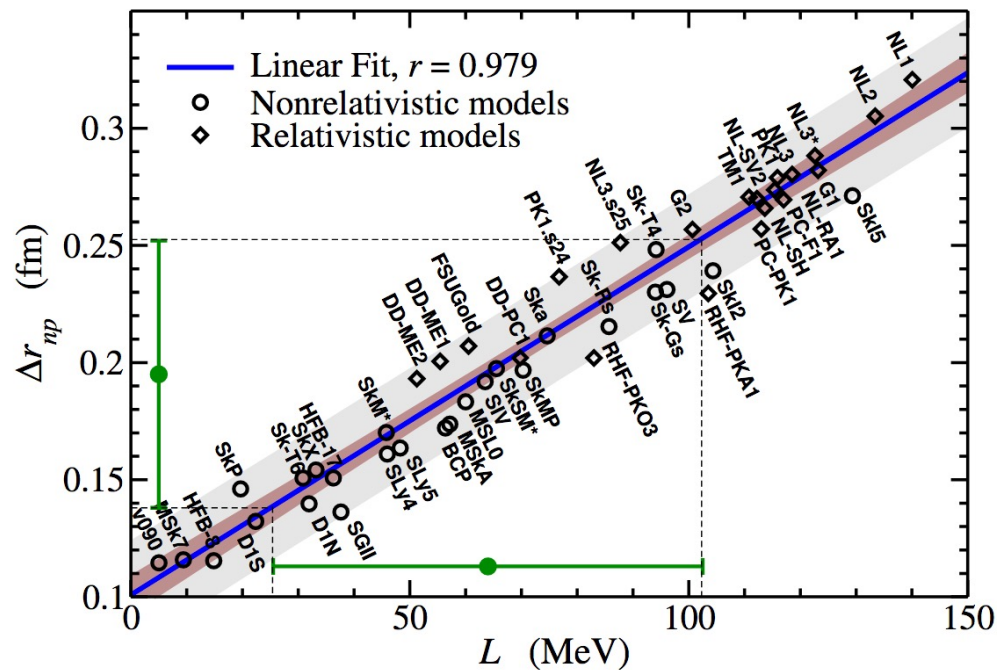
Gradient...

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 skins to stars

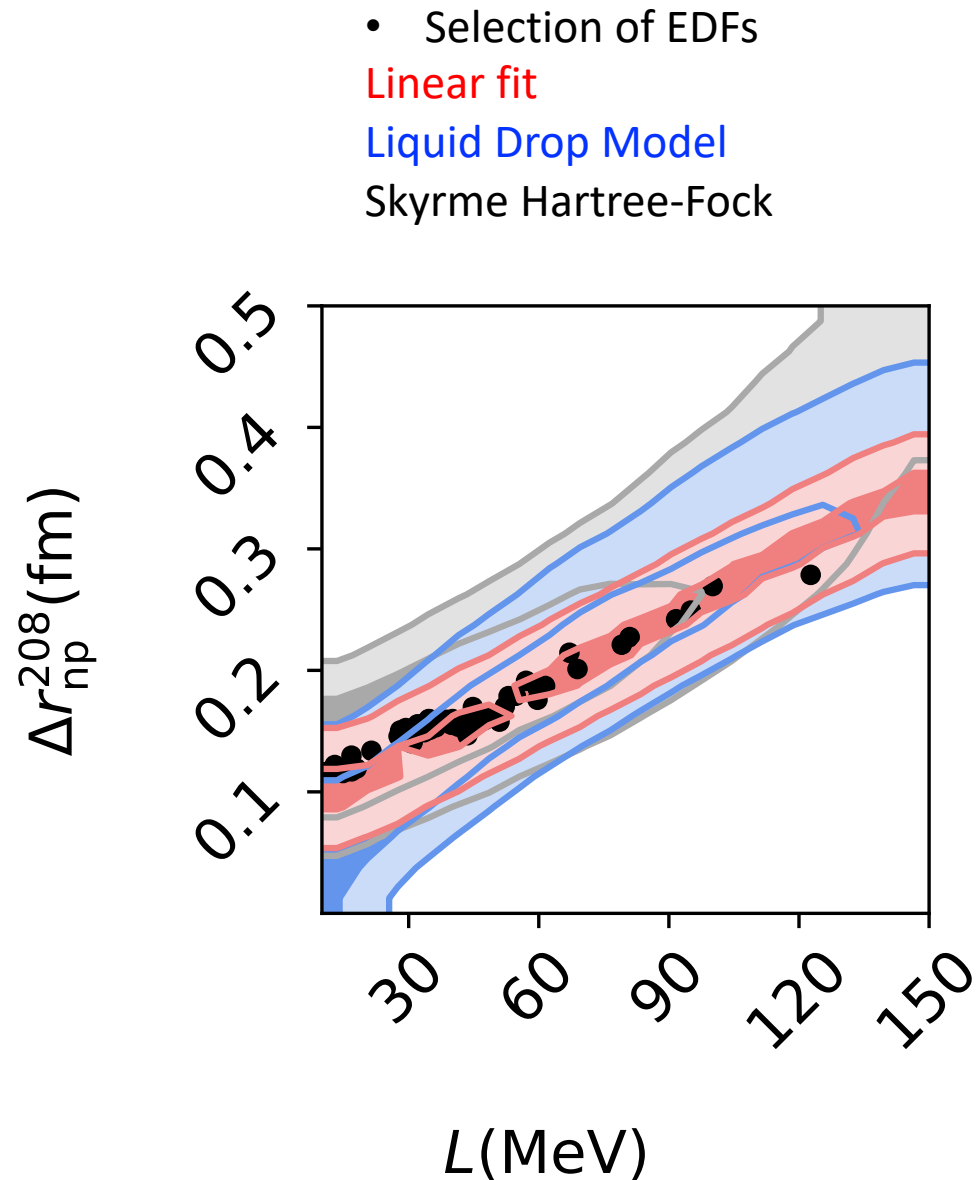


## Existing DFTs predict neutron skin-L relation

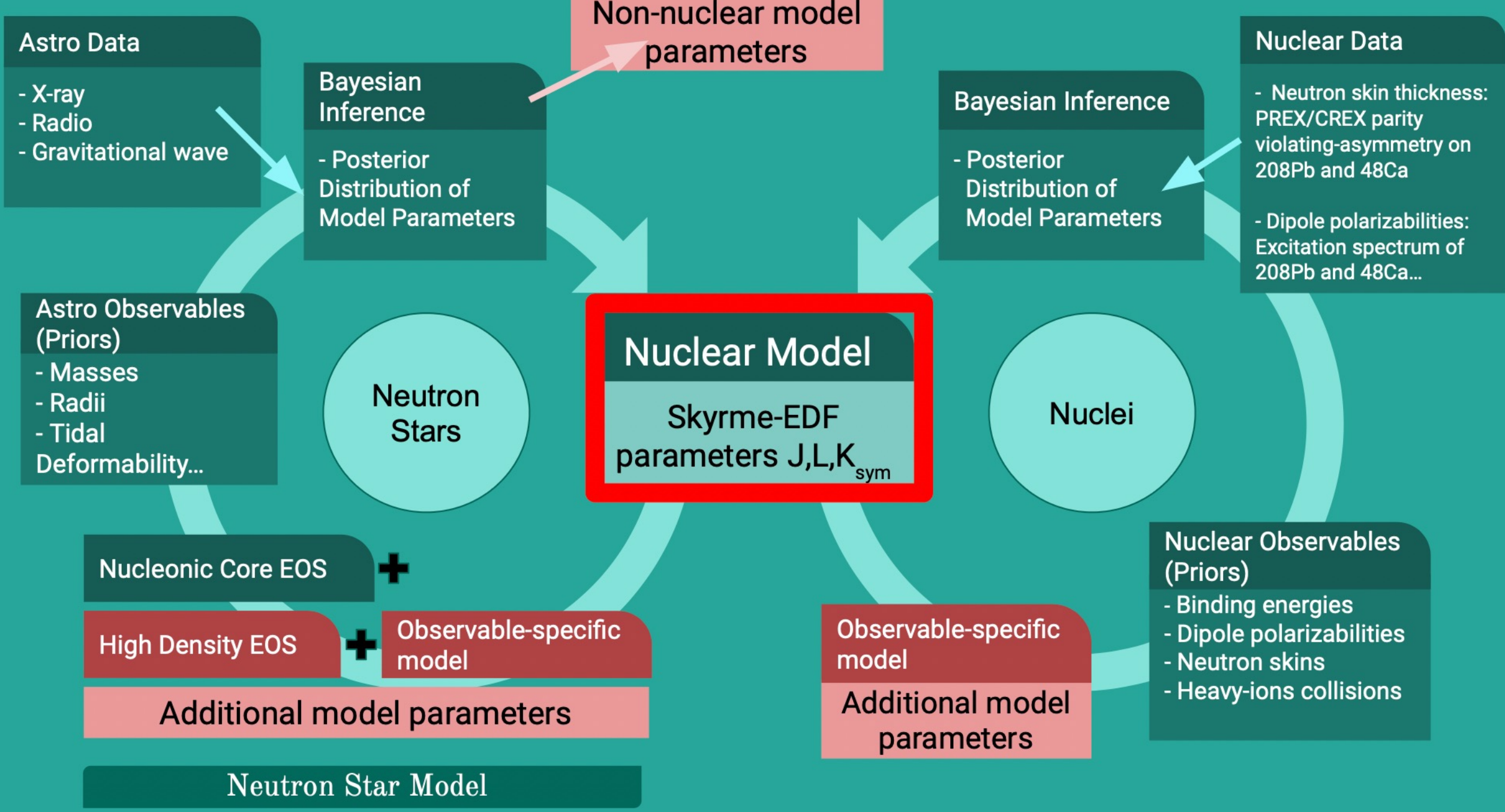


Roca-Maza et al, arxiv:1103.1762

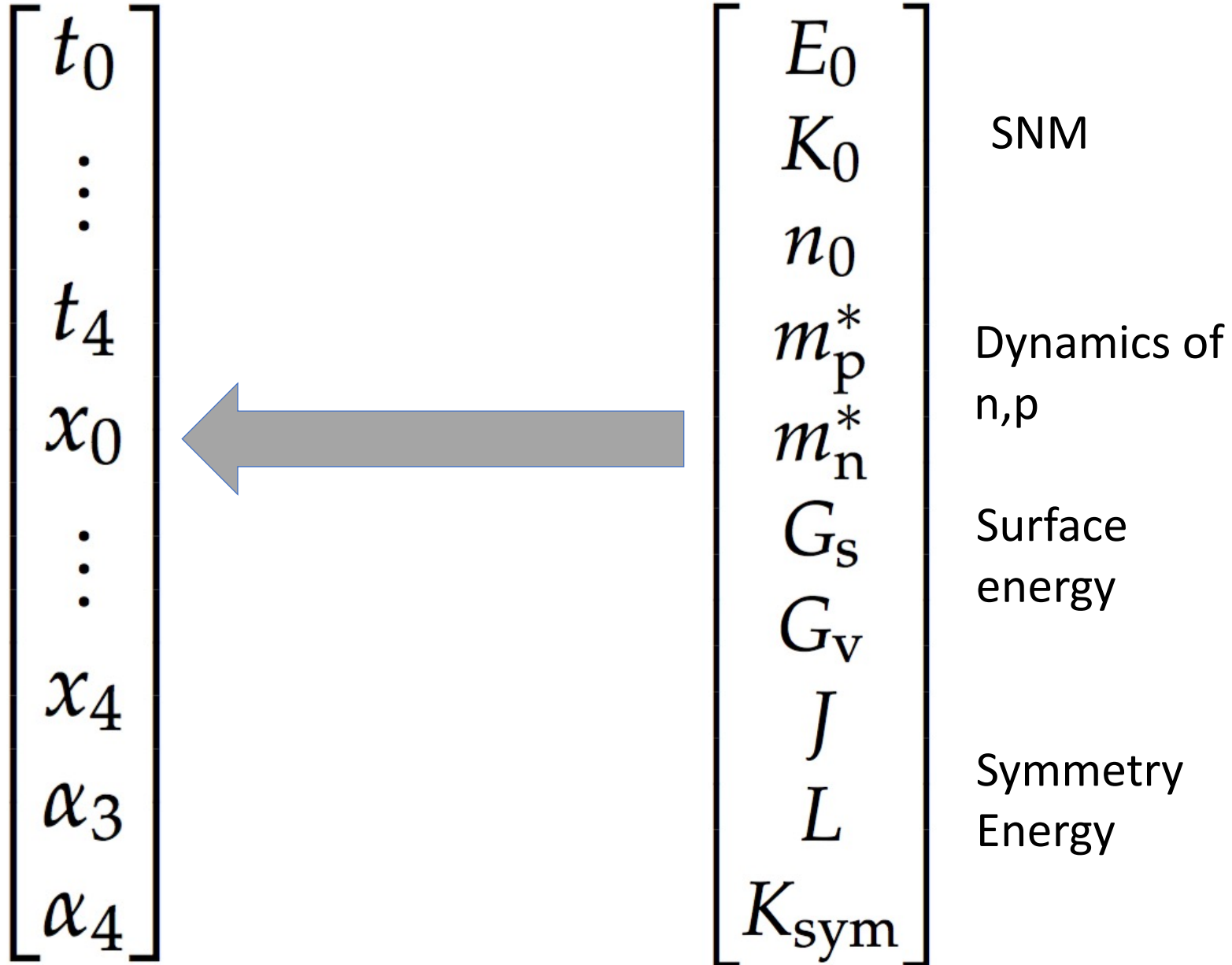
- Models already fit to different datasets which induce additional correlations between symmetry energy parameters
- If, for example, a posterior from Astro observables contains  $J, L$ , and  $K_{\text{sym}}$ . This 3-dimensional parameter space is collapsed to one using the empirical relation



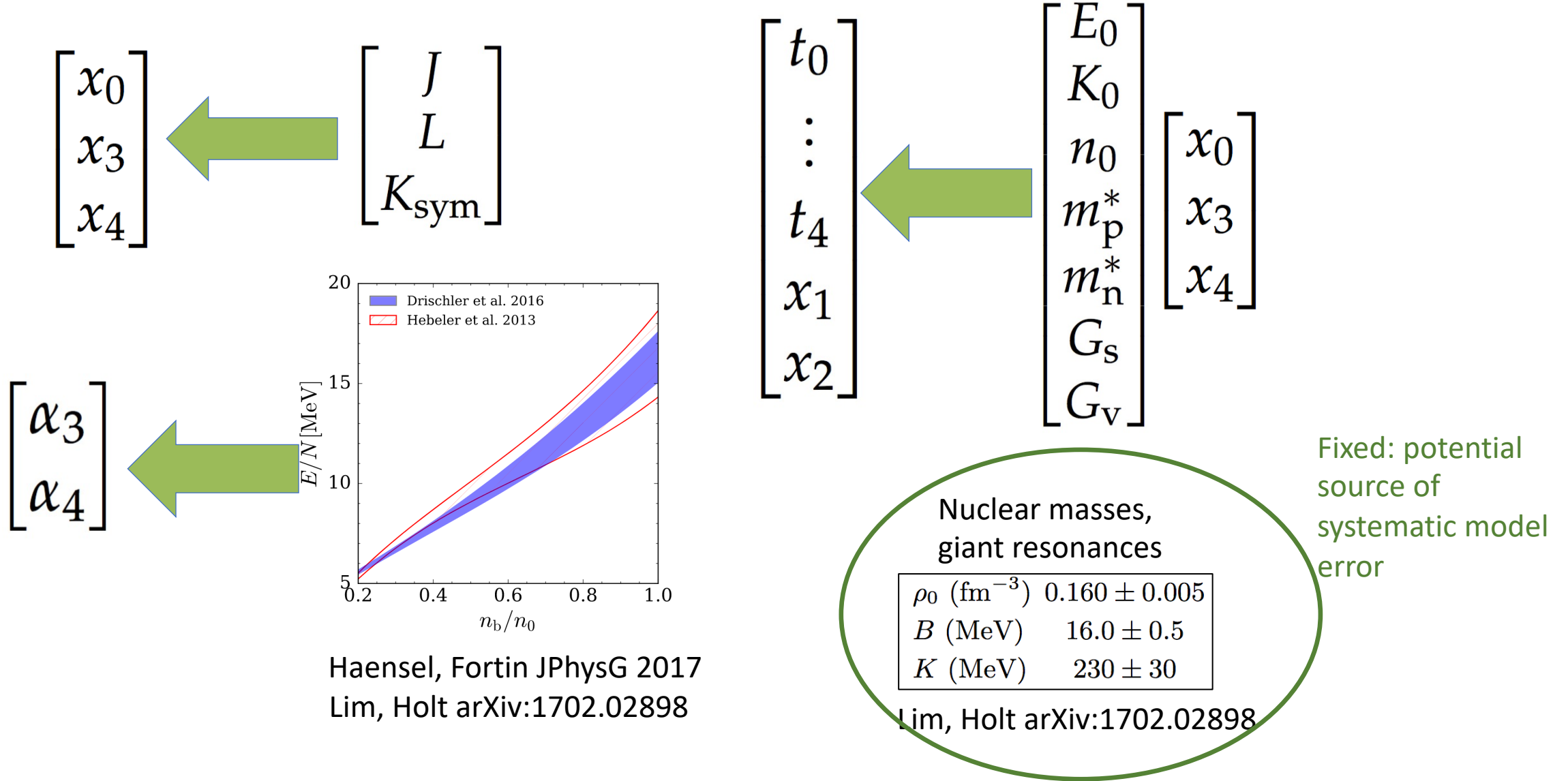




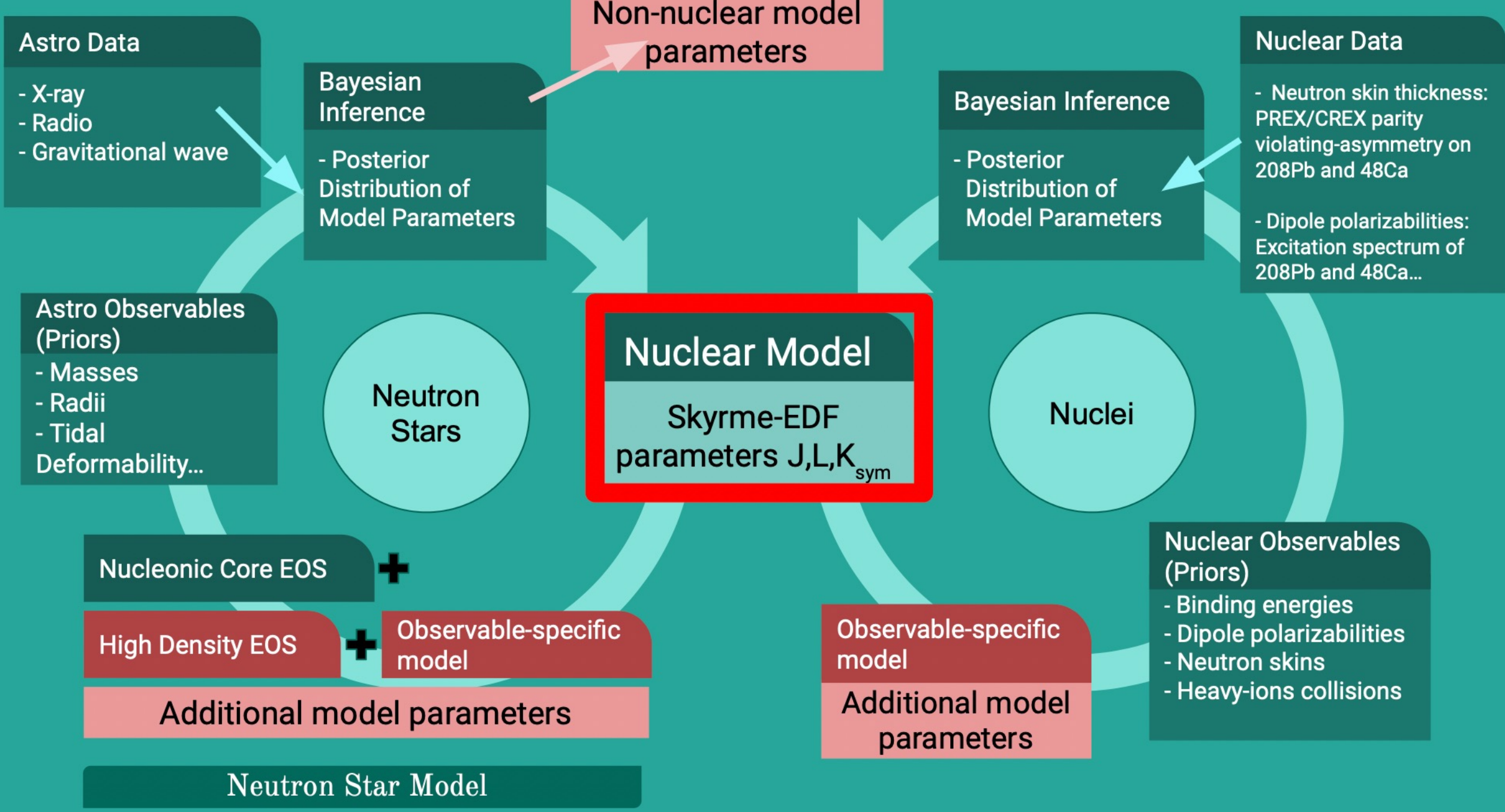
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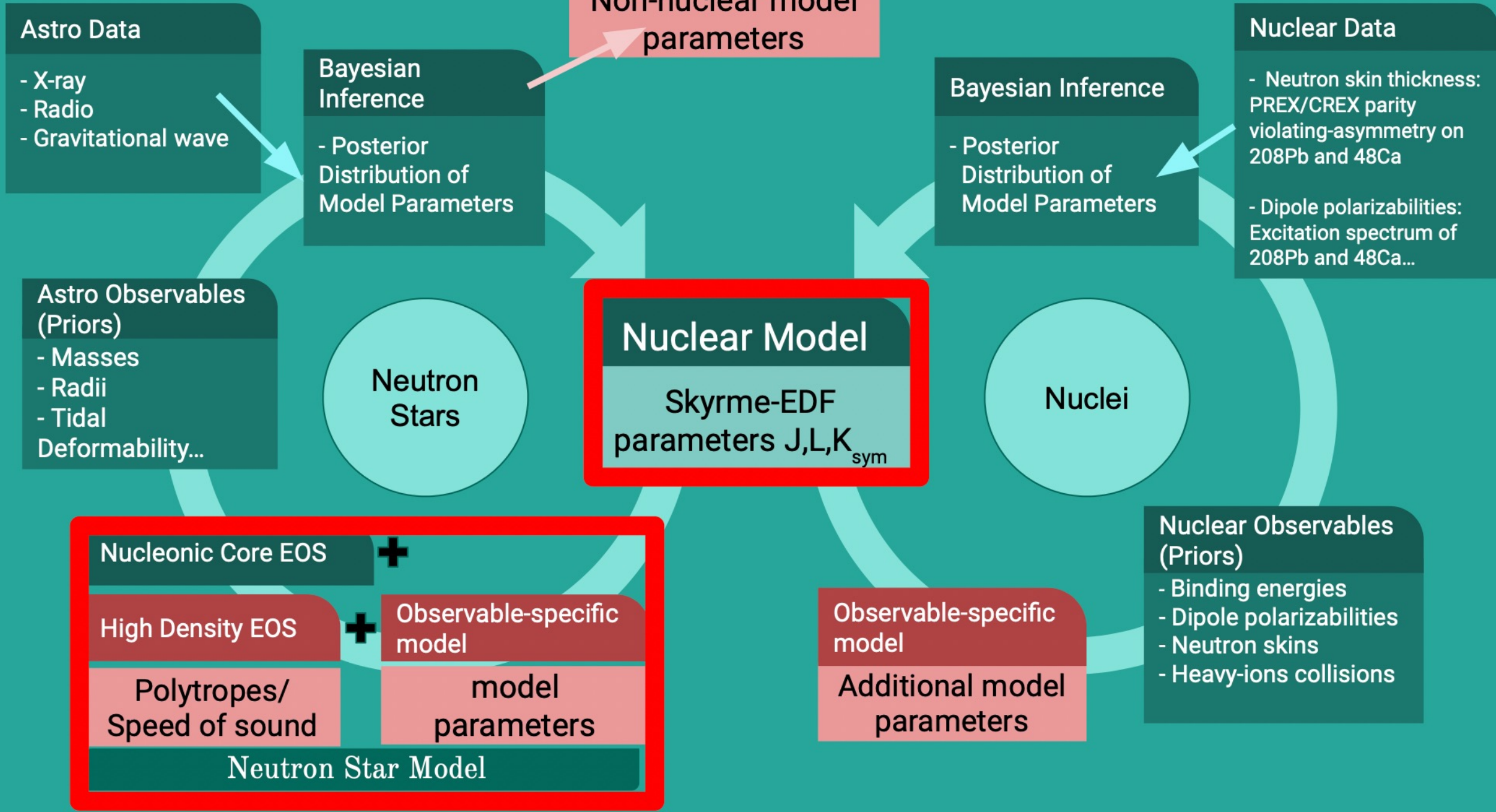


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+

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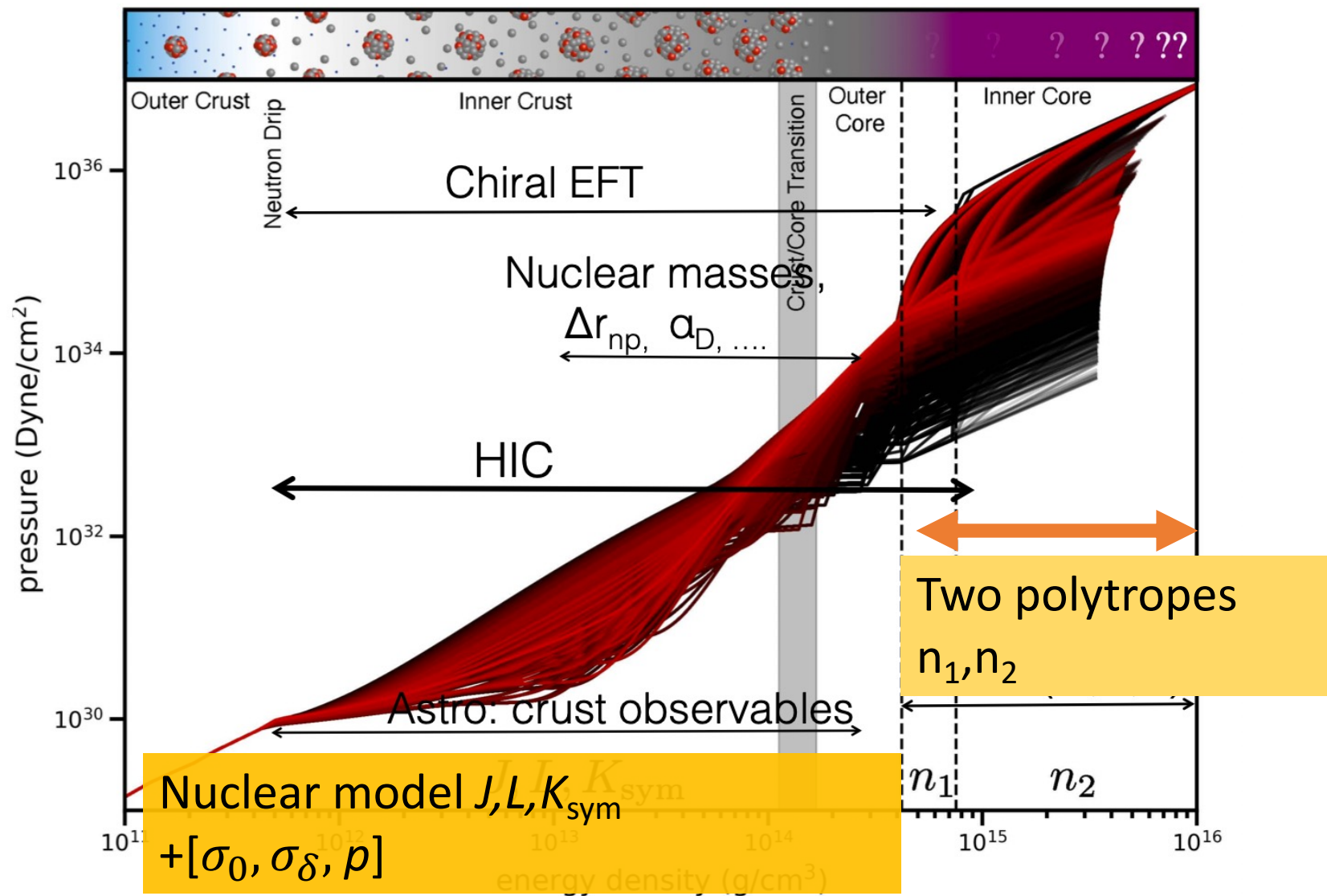
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Speed of sound

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Neutron Star Model

# Model parameters



Neill+ 2208.00994; Sorenson+ 2301.13253



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**Priors: uniform**

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

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

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

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

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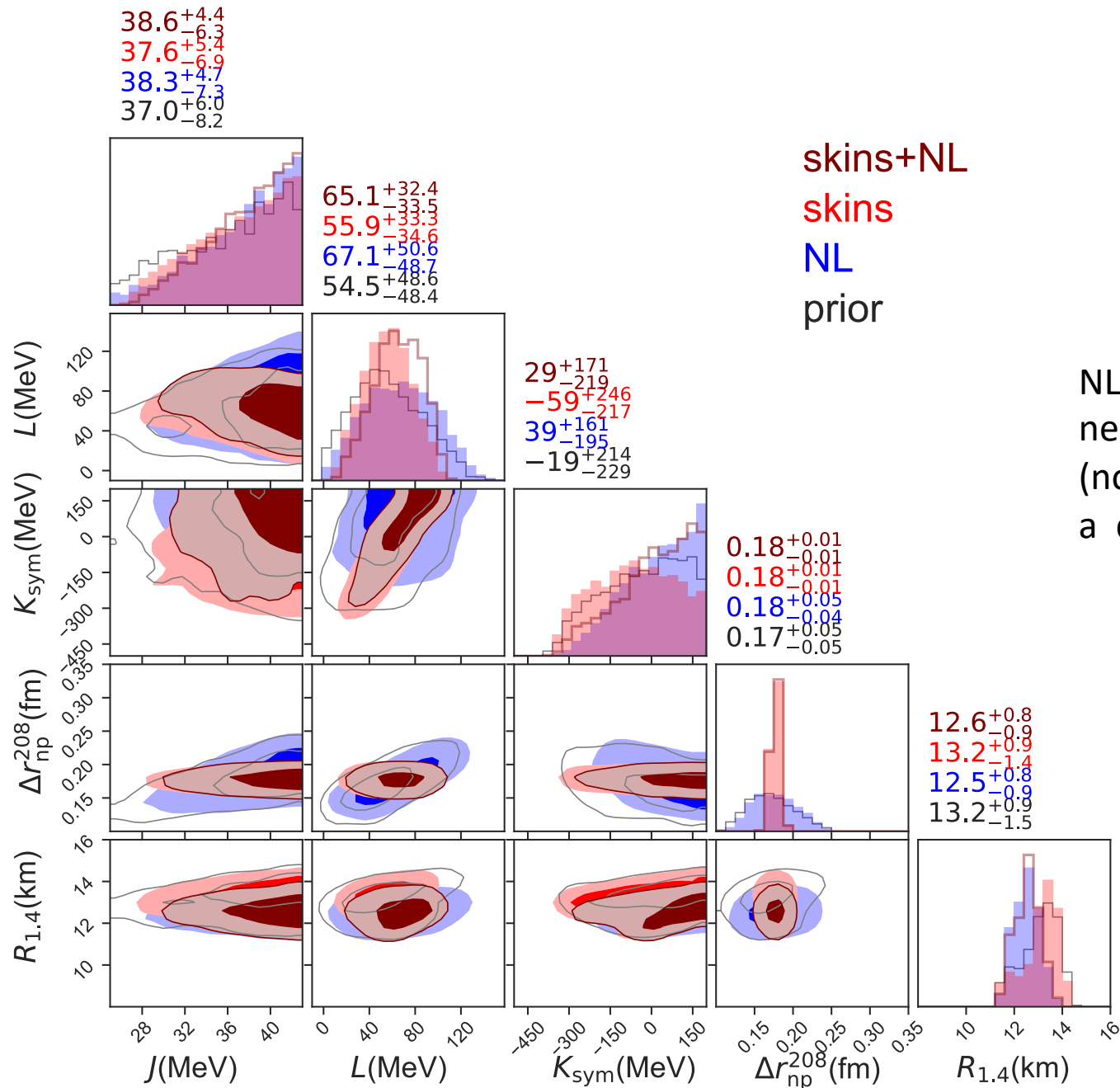
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skins+NL  
skins  
NL  
prior

NL prefers stiffer  $L, K_{\text{sym}}$   
neutron skins prefer softer  
(note: PREX alone would come to a different conclusion)

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(with apologies to Matt Groening)

# 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

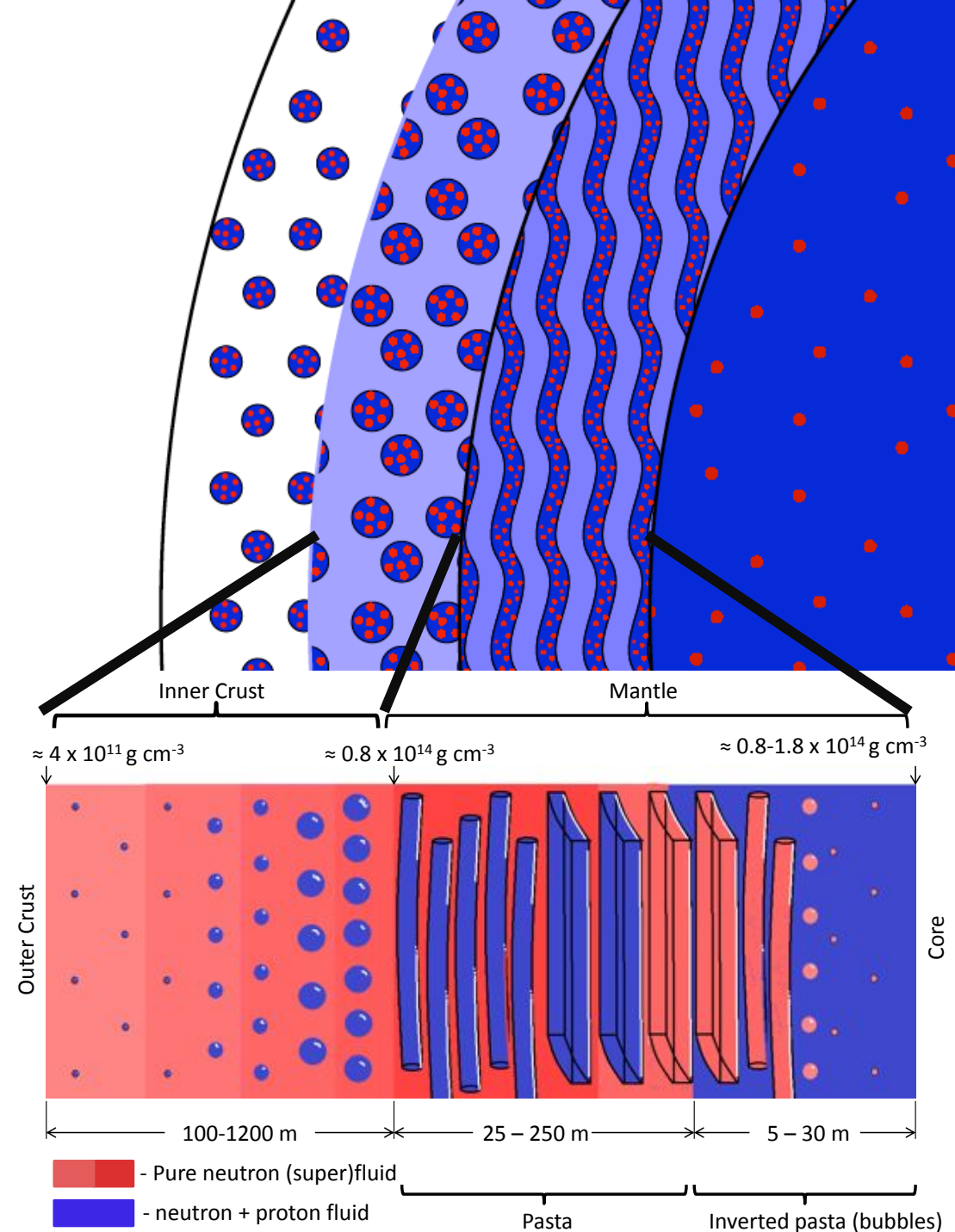
Tsang et al PRL108, 2012

Chamel, Haensel,

Living Reviews in Relativity 2008

Constraining the symmetry energy:

Newton+ EPJA 2014





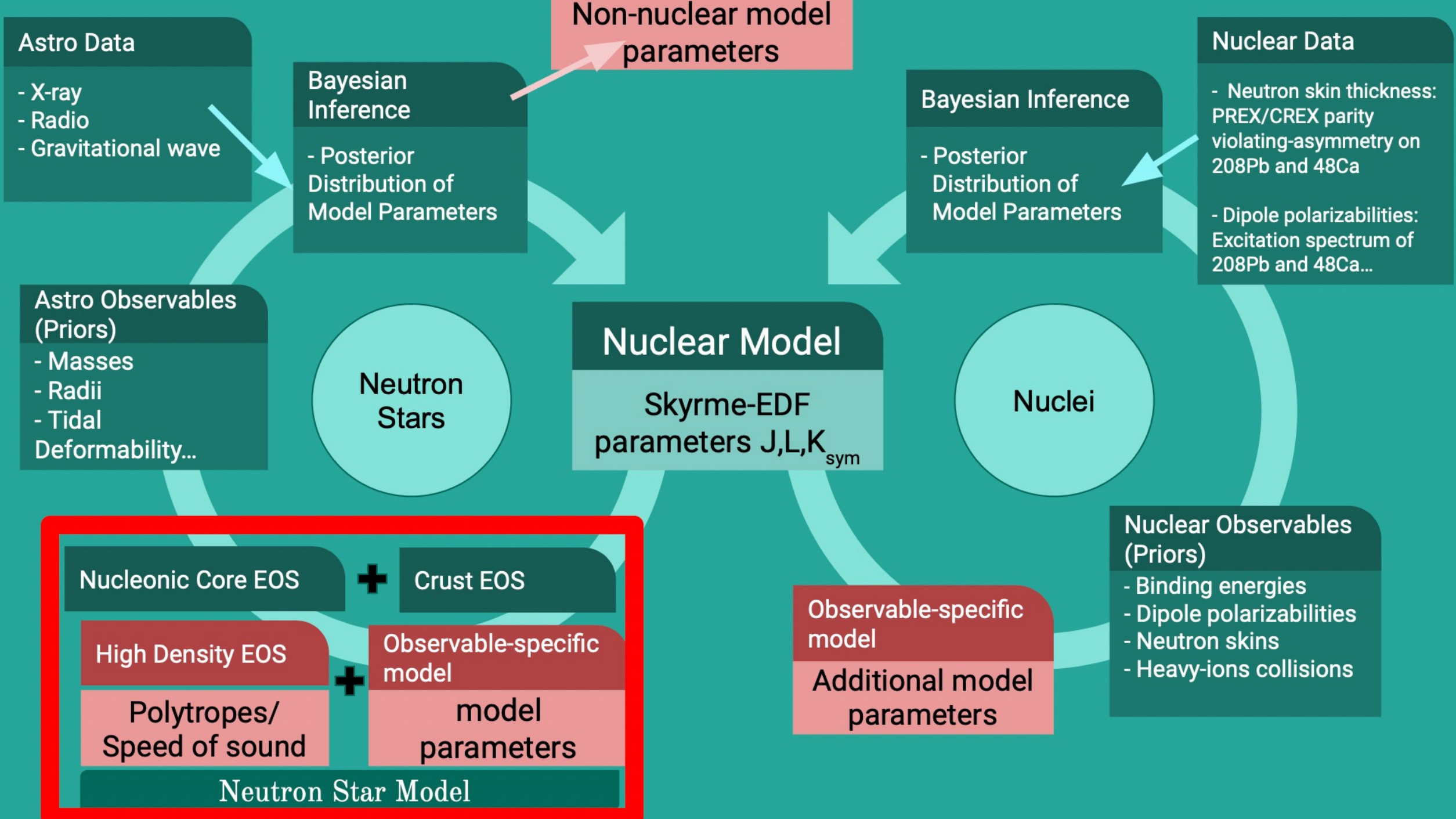
# NUCLEAR PASTA RECIPE: ANGEL HAIR WITH CARROTS



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."

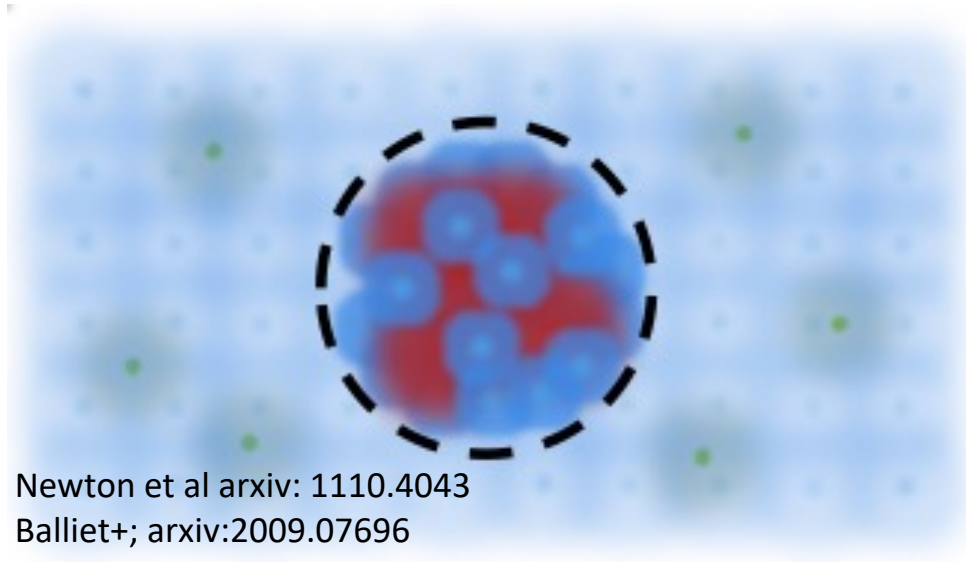
Given this exciting discovery, Barilla Executive Chef Lorenzo Boni decided to get creative and make his own version of nuclear pasta using Barilla Angel Hair, carrots, red bell peppers and Romano cheese. A few pieces of Barilla Collezione Orecchiette and some sprinkles of Barilla Pastina make the perfect 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>



# Modeling the crust

CLDM: Bulk fluid and surface degrees of freedom



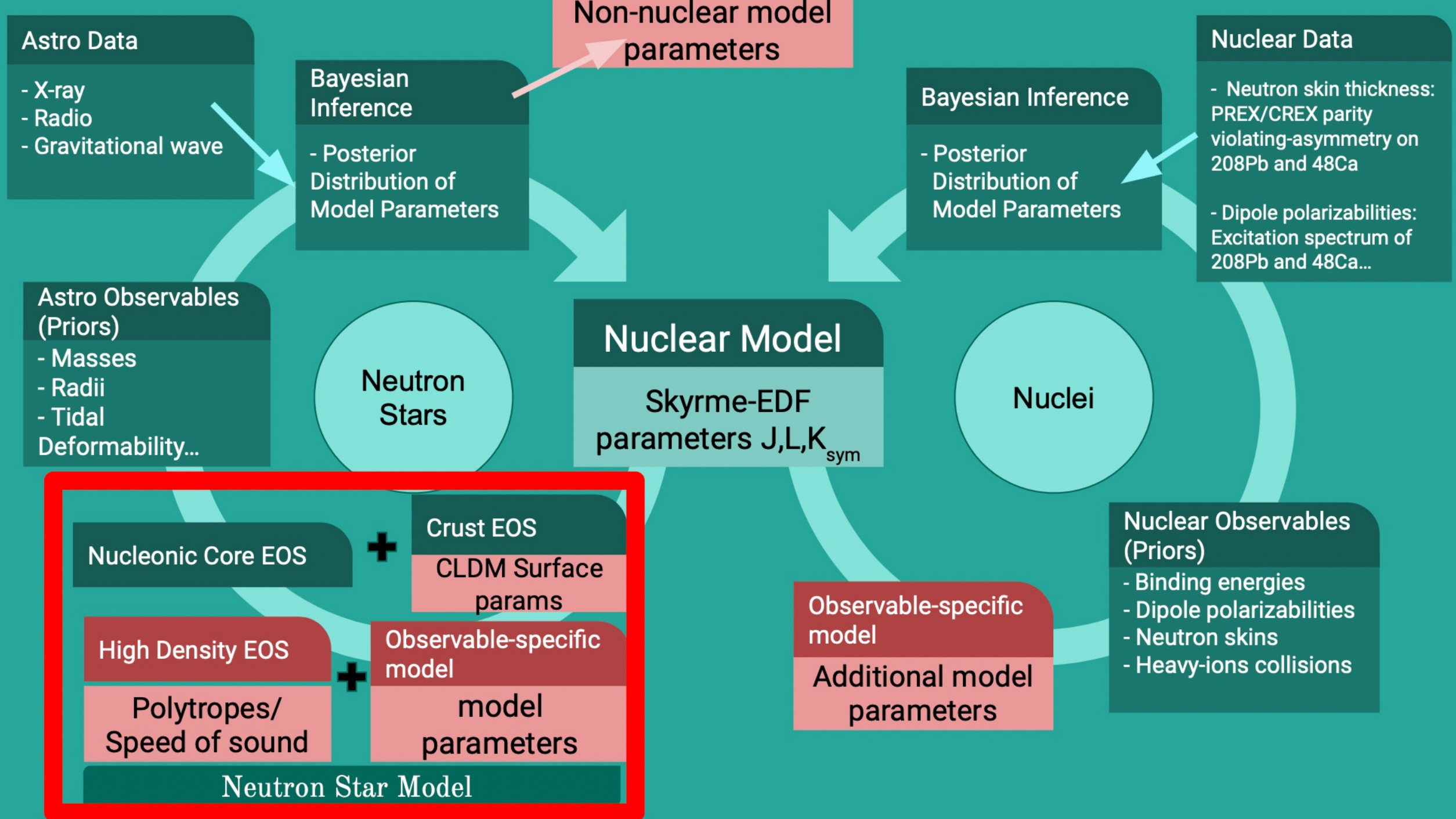
$$\mathcal{H}_\delta + \mathcal{H}_\rho + \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} \quad \sigma_s(y_p) = \sigma_0 \frac{2^{p+1} + b}{\frac{1}{y_p^p} + b + \frac{1}{(1-y_p)^p}}$$

Skyrme provides uniform nuclear and neutron fluid model+ surface energy function (Lattimer, Lamb, Pethick, Ravenhall 1985)

Nuclear model parameters  $J, L, K_{\text{sym}}$

Surface parameters  $\sigma_0, \sigma_\delta, \rho$





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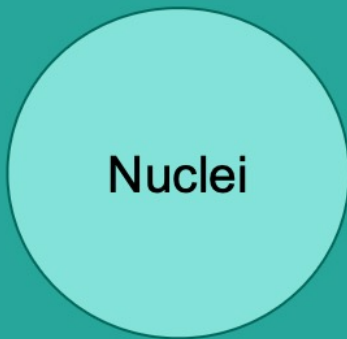
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CLDM Surface params

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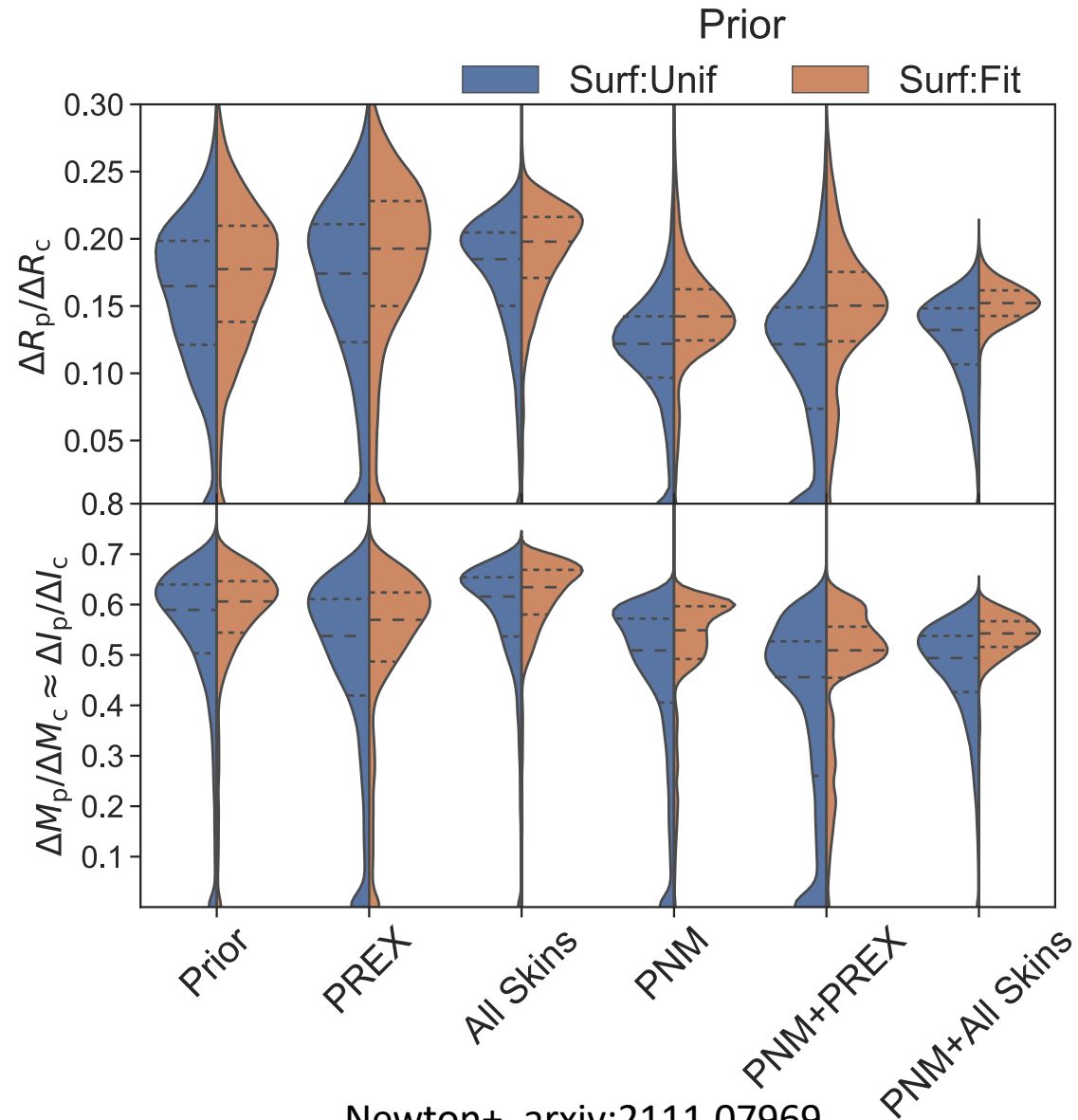
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# Relative thickness and mass of pasta



Newton+, arxiv:2111.07969

Balliet+, arxiv:2009.07696

# Concordance of CLDM models

$$\Delta R_p / \Delta R_c = 0.132^{+0.023}_{-0.041}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta M_p / \Delta M_c &\approx \Delta I_p / \Delta I_c \\ &= 0.51^{0.08}_{-0.22} \end{aligned}$$

$$y_p = 0.111^{0.017}_{-0.17}$$

$$y_{cc} = 0.041^{0.007}_{-0.006}$$

Newton+, arxiv:2111.07969

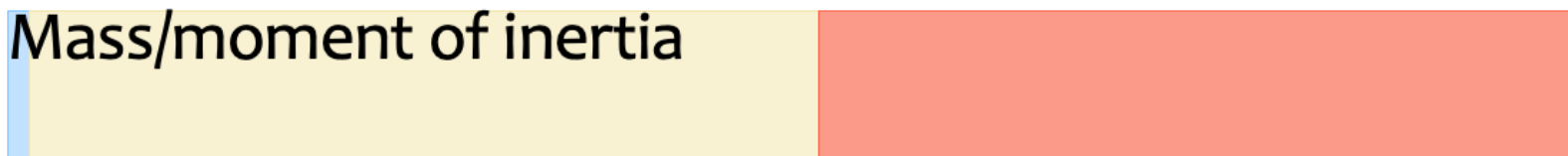
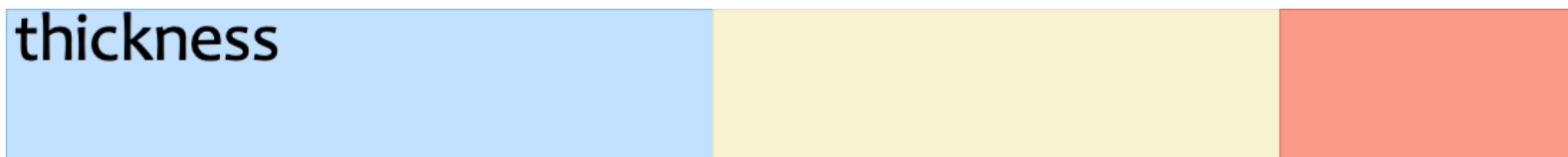
Force	BBP	SKM	FPS
$R$	10.49	10.78	10.70
$\Delta M_c$	0.0299 (2.07%)	0.0122 (0.84%)	0.0125 (0.86%)
$\Delta M_d$	0.0242 (1.67%)	0.0103 (0.71%)	0.0084 (0.58%)
$\Delta M_n$	...	...	0.0062 (0.43%)
$\Delta M_{dn}$	...	...	0.0051 (0.35%)
$I$	61.56	60.89	62.57
$\Delta I_c$	2.74 (4.45%)	1.21 (1.99%)	1.22 (1.94%)
$\Delta I_d$	2.22 (3.60%)	1.02 (1.68%)	0.82 (1.32%)
$\Delta I_n$	...	...	0.59 (0.94%)
$\Delta I_{dn}$	...	...	0.48 (0.77%)

Lorenz et al PRL70 (1993)

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{pasta}} / R_{\text{crust}} &= 0.128 \pm 0.047 \\ I_{\text{pasta}} / I_{\text{crust}} &= 0.480 \pm 0.137 \\ m_{\text{pasta}} / m_{\text{crust}} &= 0.485 \pm 0.138 \end{aligned}$$

Dinh Thi+ arxiv: 2109.13638

Outer • inner (nuclei) • pasta

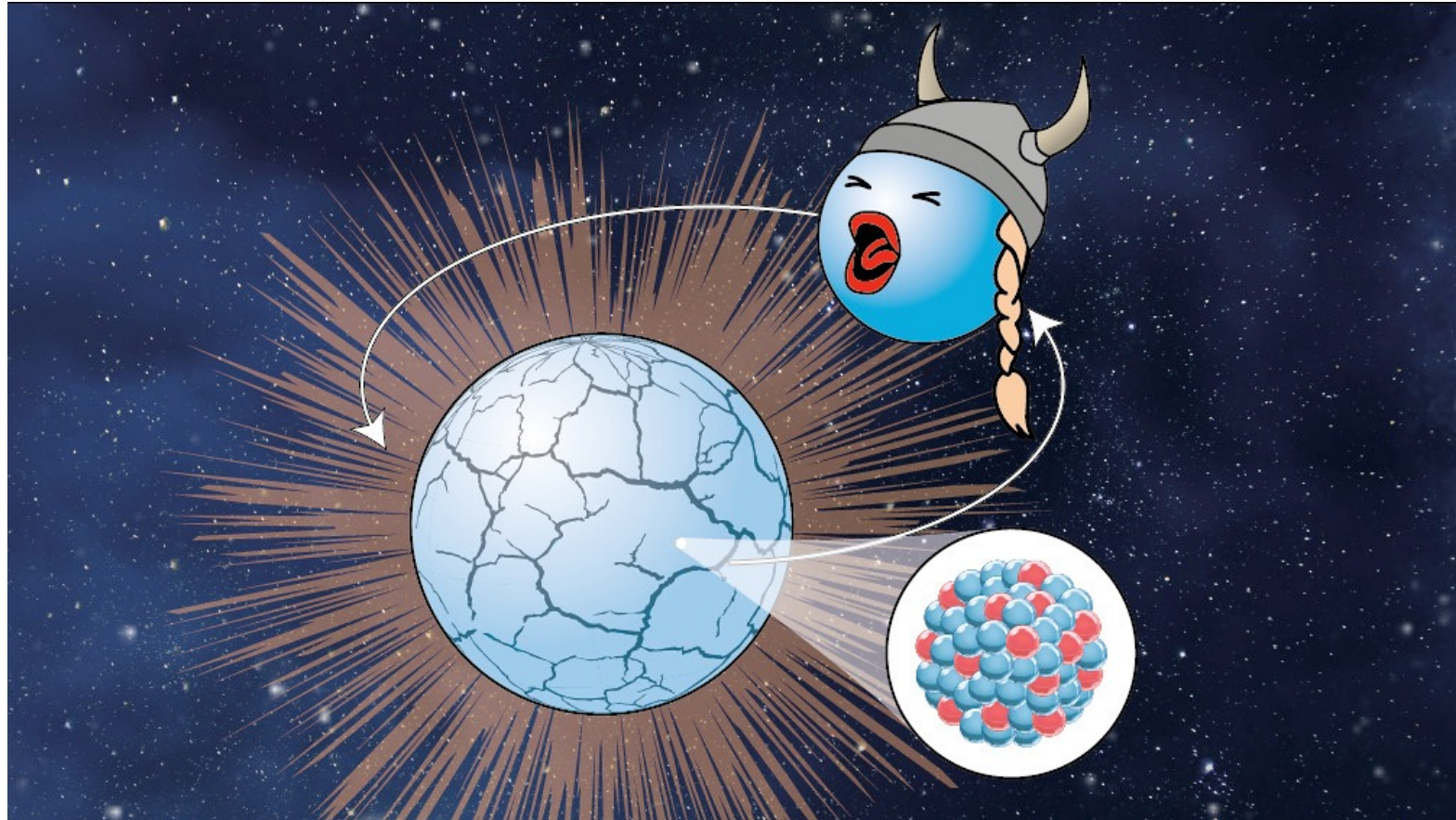


# Application: resonant crust-shattering flares

Neill, Newton & Tsang, MNRAS 504, 2021

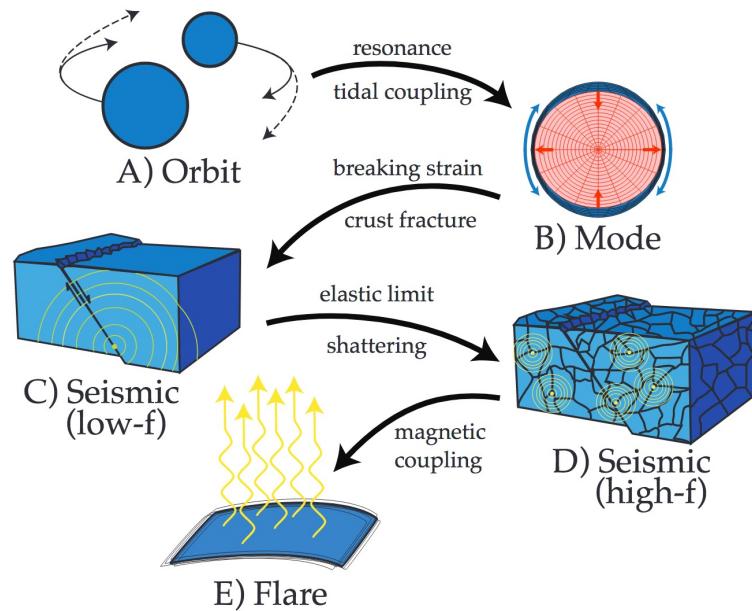
Neill, Preston, Newton, Tsang, PRL130, 2022

Neill, Tsang, Newton, MNRAS 532, 1, 827



Picture: David Tsang

The elastic crust can be made to resonantly vibrate by the tidal field of its companion – something we can potentially measure!



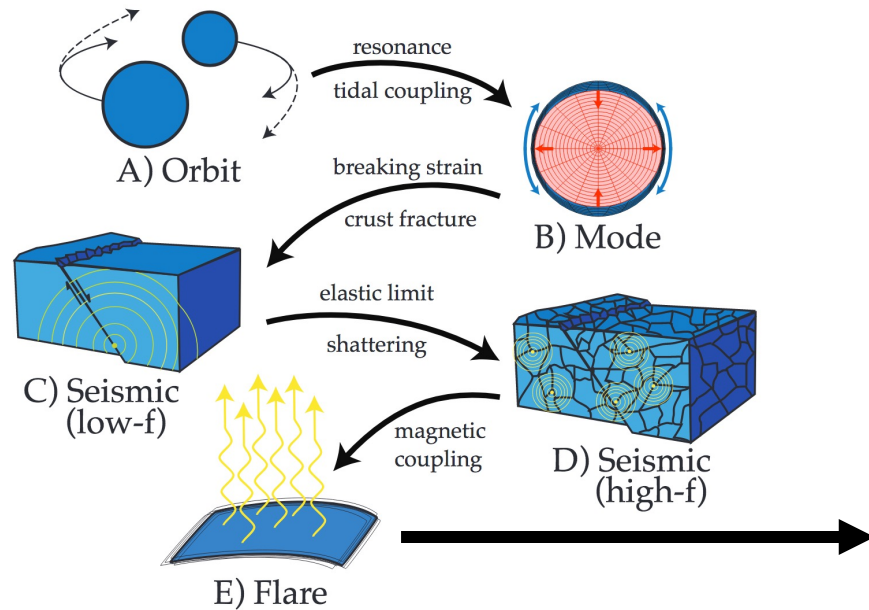
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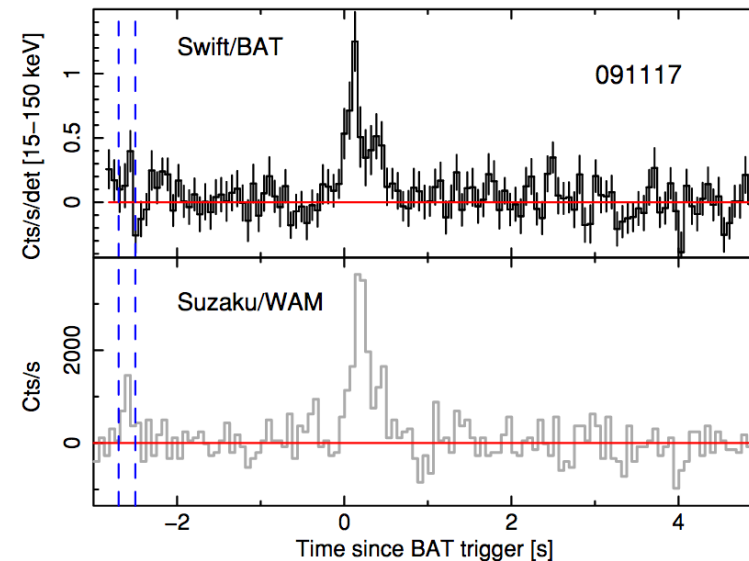
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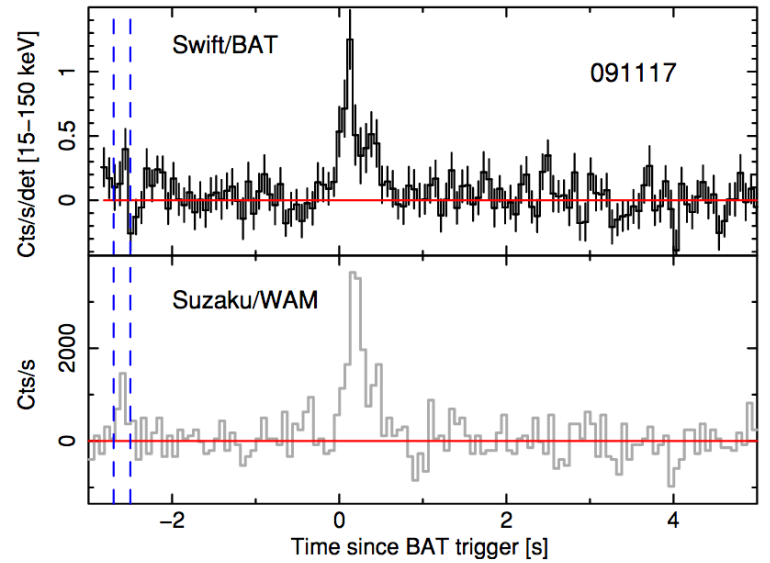
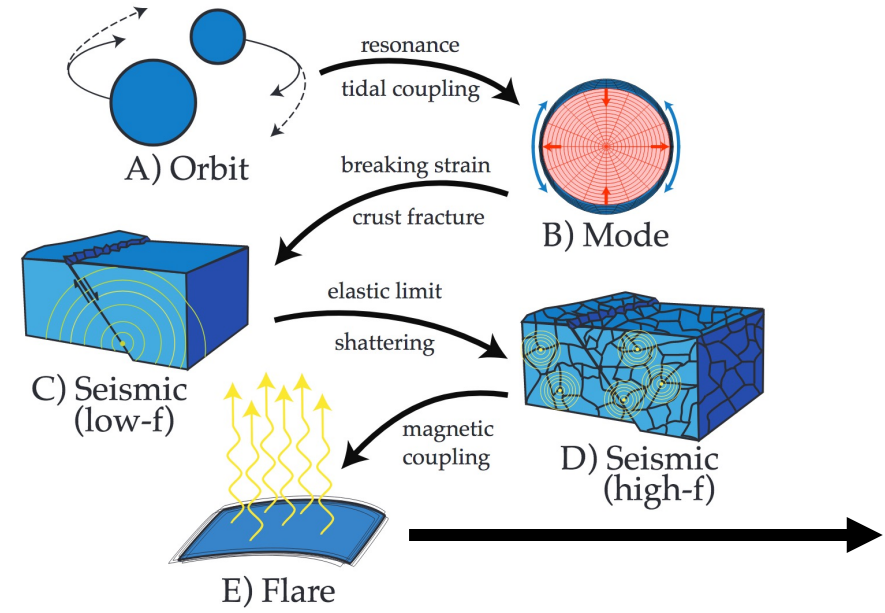
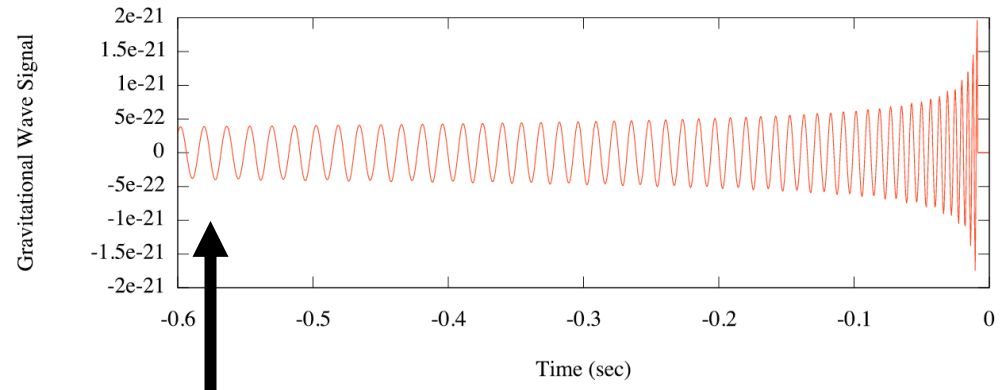
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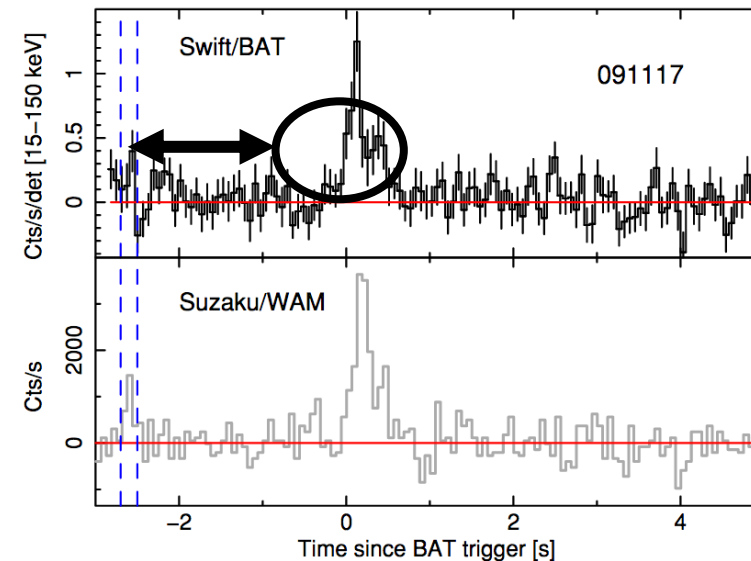
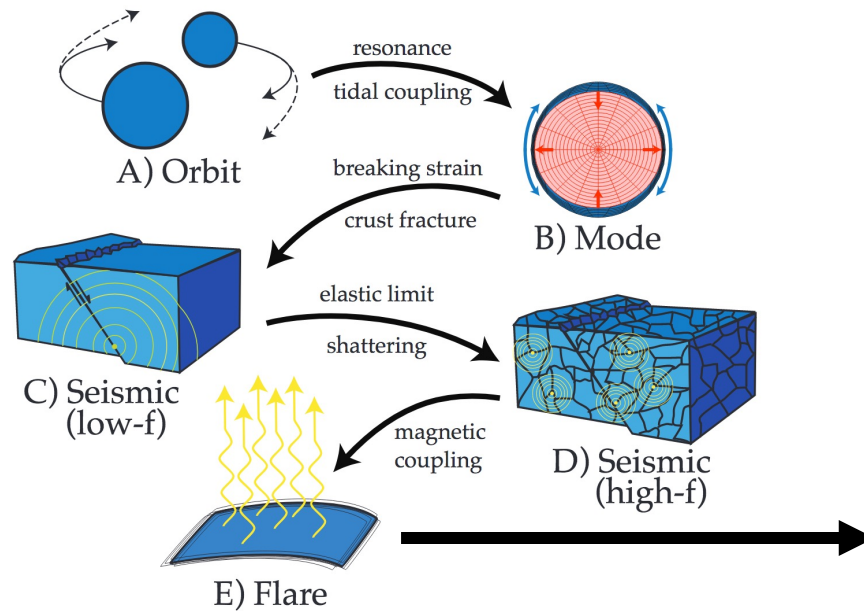
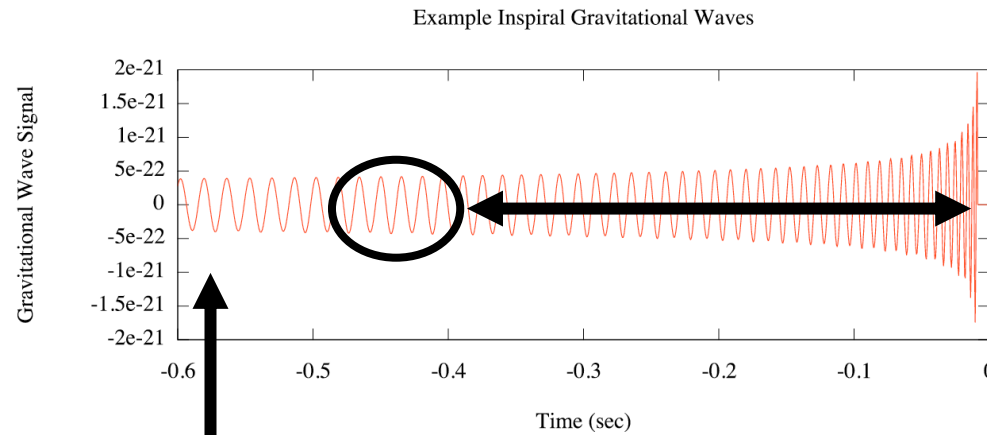
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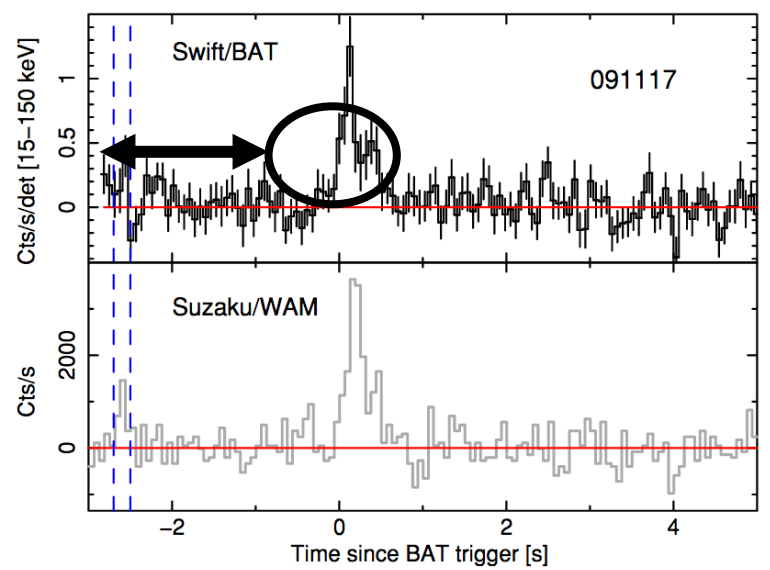
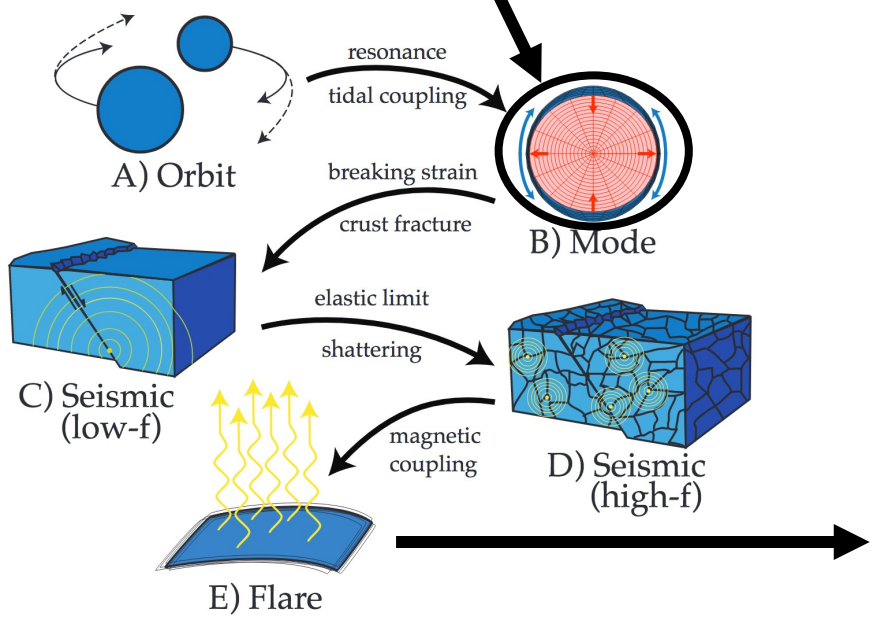
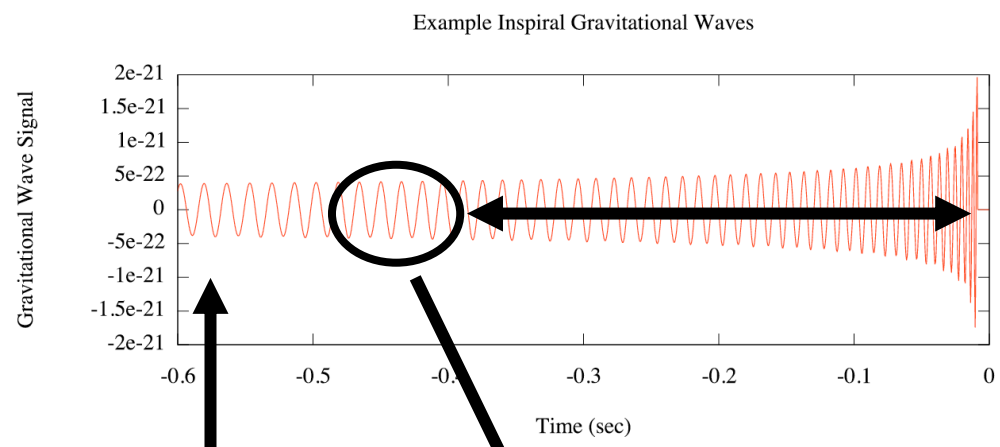
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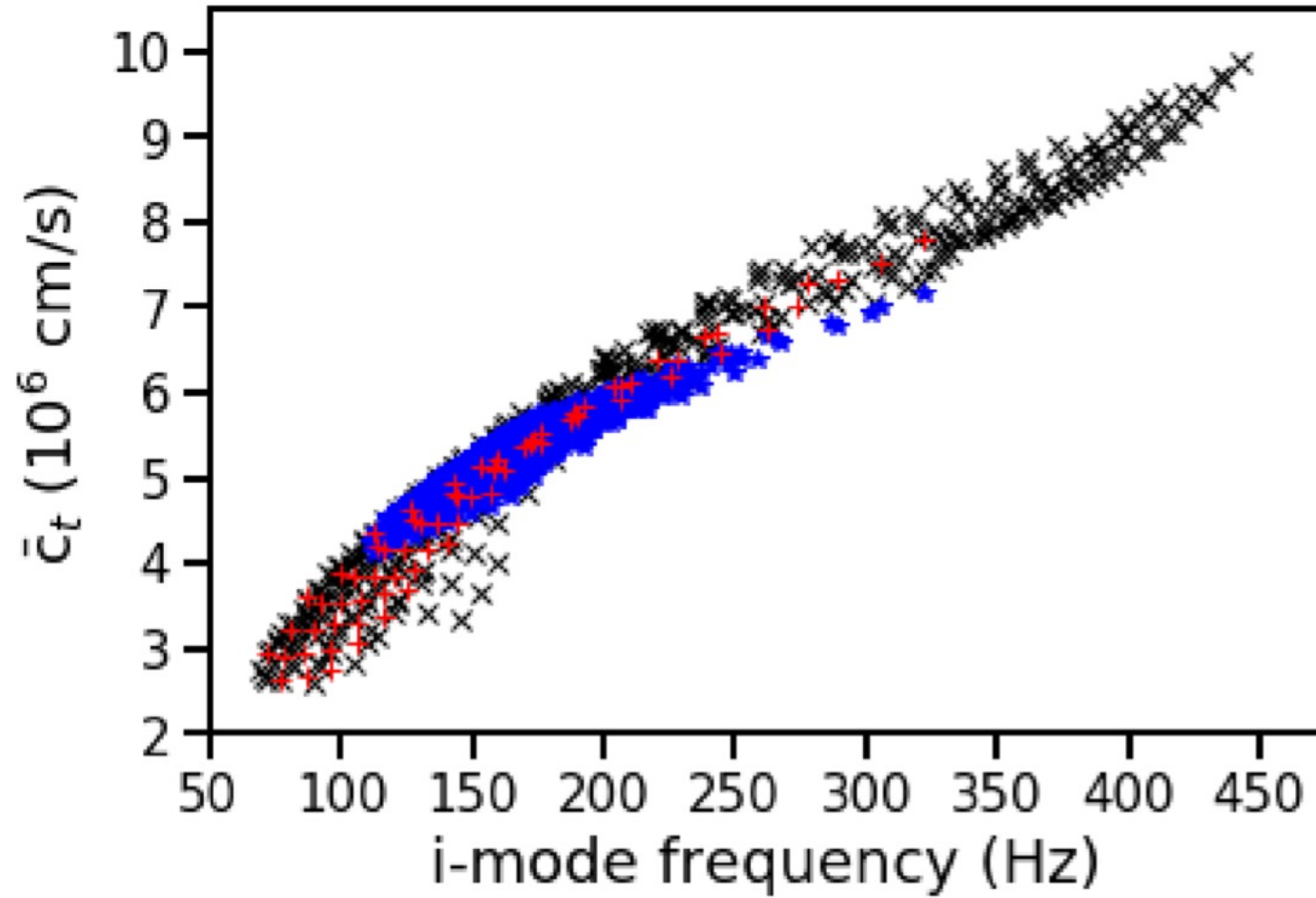


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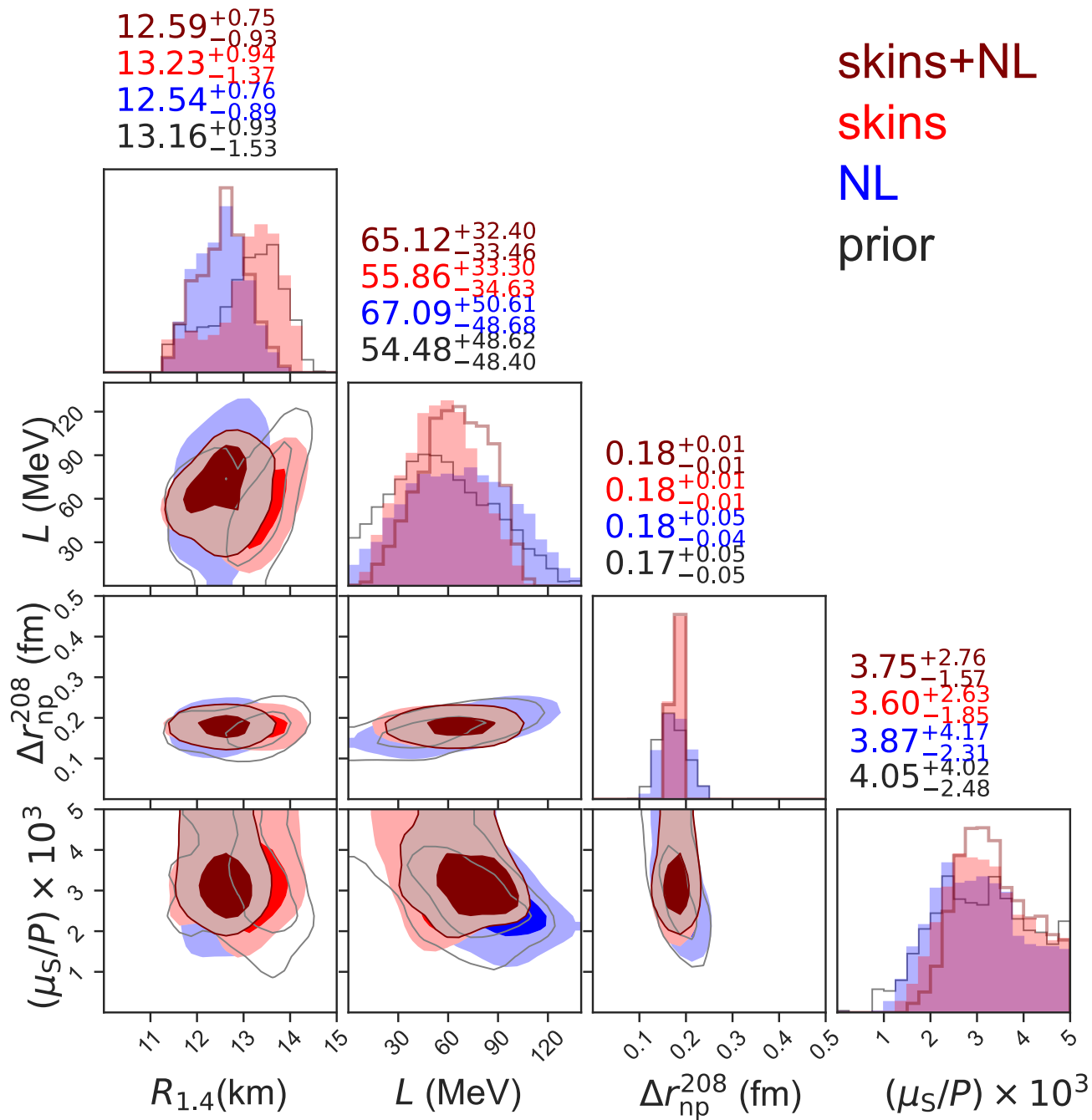
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Strong correlation between shear speed and *i*-mode frequency



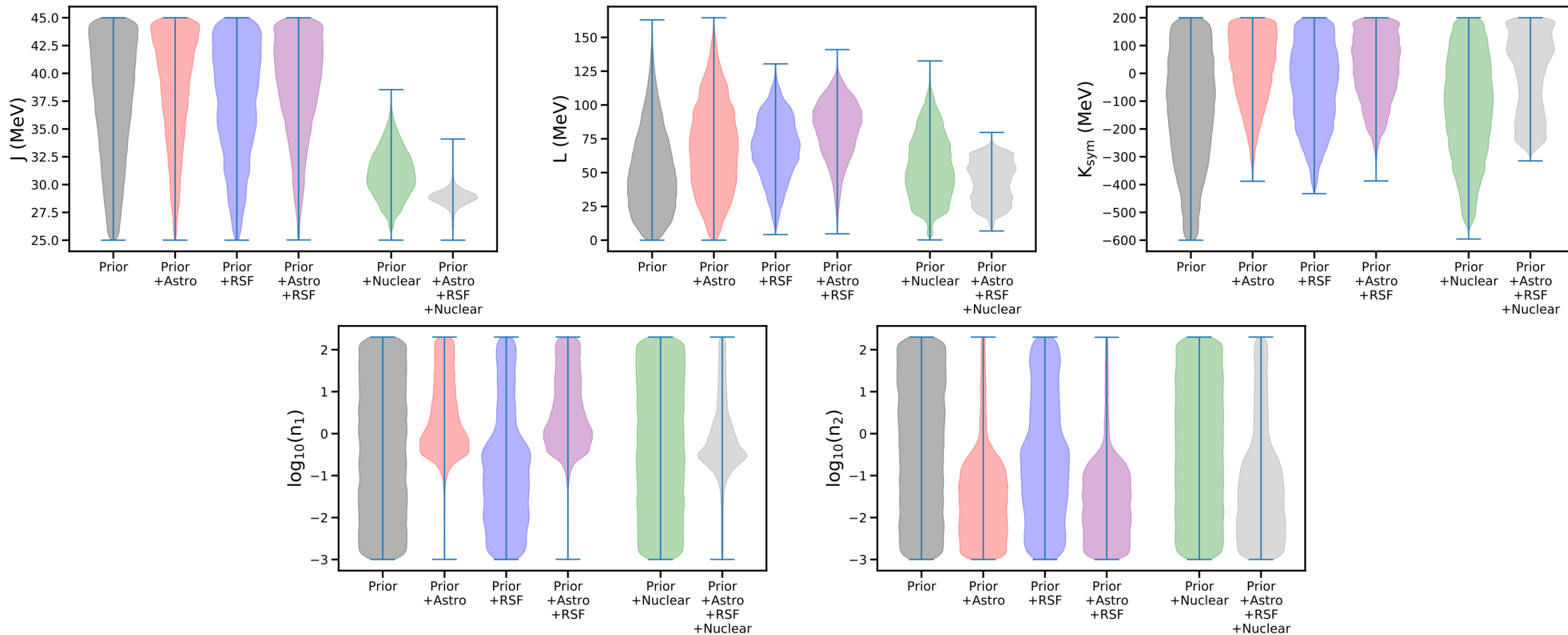
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We can also obtain the posteriors on the shear modulus at the base of crust (with and without pasta)

(using form of Strohmayer+1991)

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



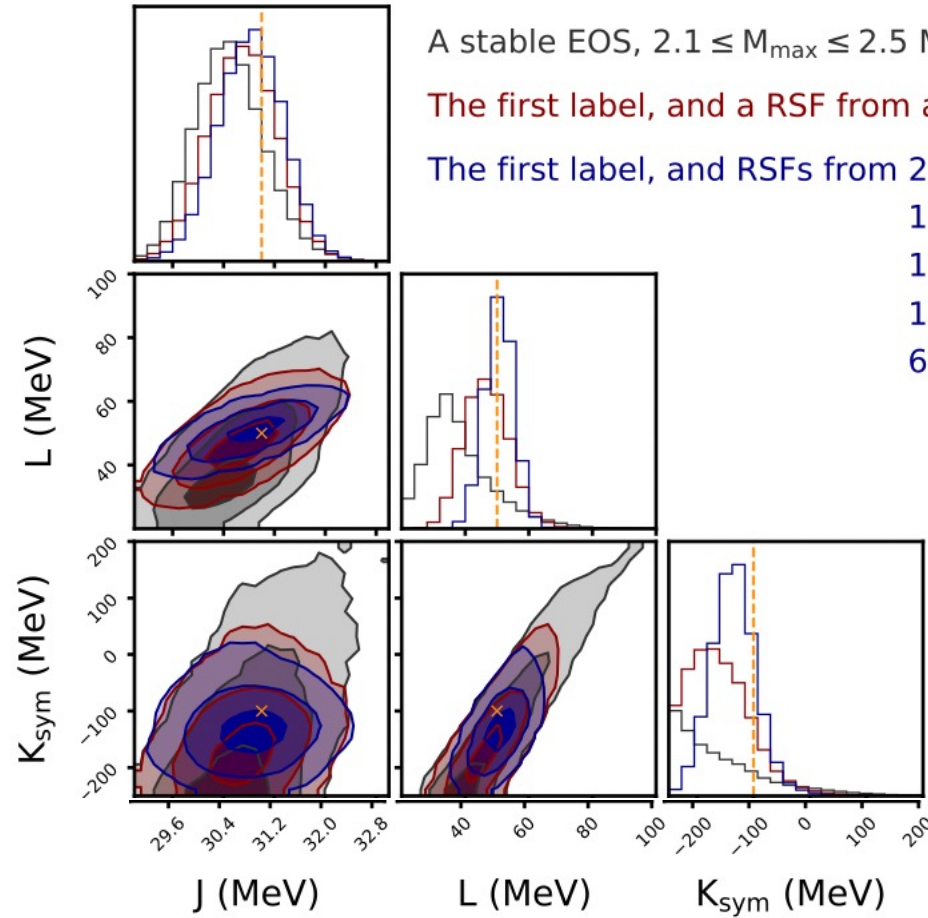
- $J$  not constrained by astro
- $L$  constrained by nuclear, RSF
- $K_{\text{sym}}$  constrained by RSF/NL
- Polytrope parameters constrained by NL

# Take-aways

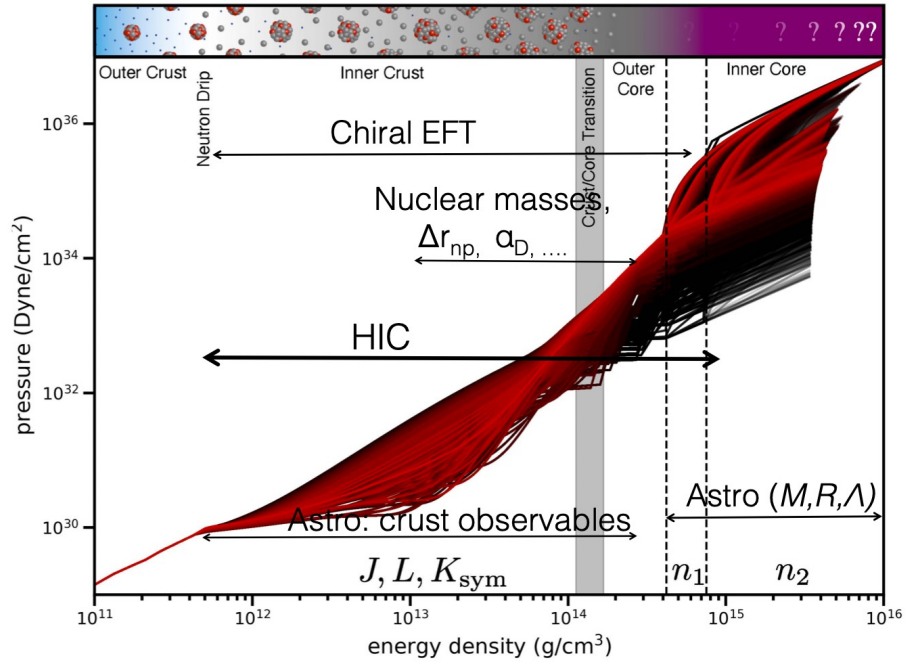
- Many paths to enlightenment, presented here is perhaps one
- Microscopic model, DFT. Uninformative priors on its parameters. Add in empirical information through statistical modeling of data
- Allows us to step closer to the quantities we actually measure
- Don't forget the crust! Many observables are sensitive to the layers of the neutron star around the crust-core transition, *exactly where much of our experimental measurements probe*
- Crust physics is messy, requiring modeling at several different scales, so quantifying uncertainty in the EOS is important
- But we have a lot of data that probes that physics (glitches, crust cooling,...)
- $L$ ,  $K_{\text{sym}}$  are sensitive to astrophysical observables, even when we decouple higher densities.







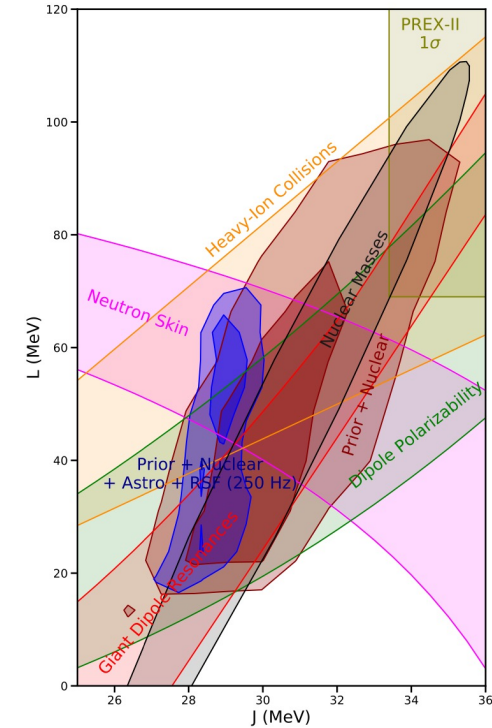
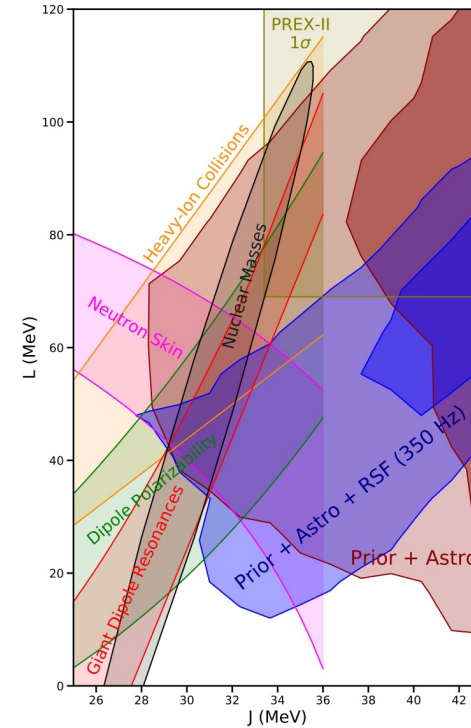
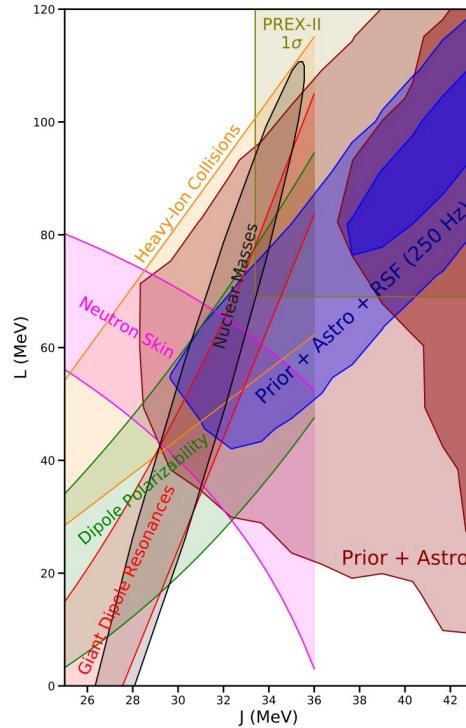
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Many observables bear the signature of crust physics

There is already a lot of data related to Crust observables

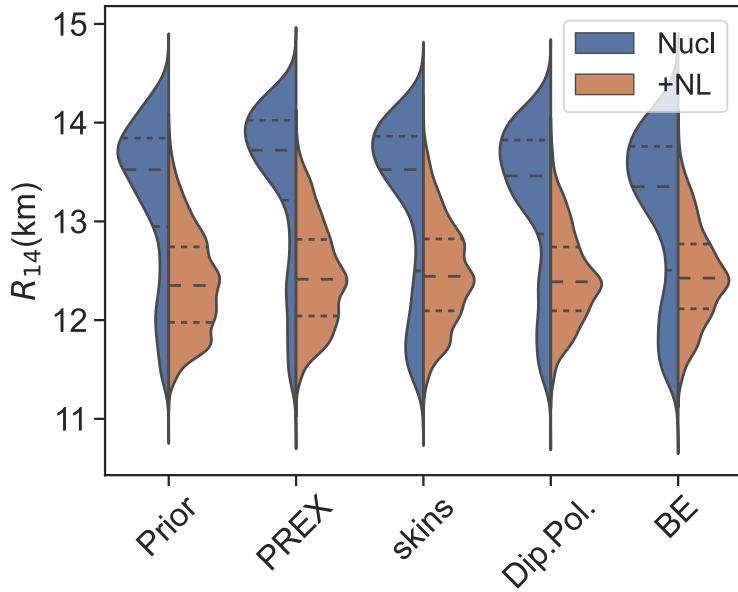
TO use this data to uncover crust physics, we need to include crust models in our statistical inference pipelines



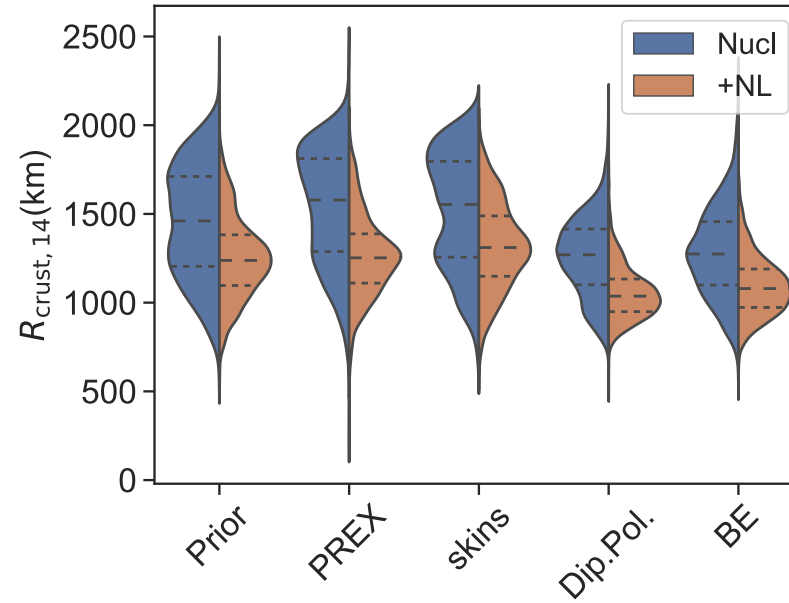
It is possible to construct neutron star and nuclear models with a single central nuclear model (we do

Measuring crust physics constrains Astro (radius, etc) and nuclear (symmetry energy)  
- example: RSF

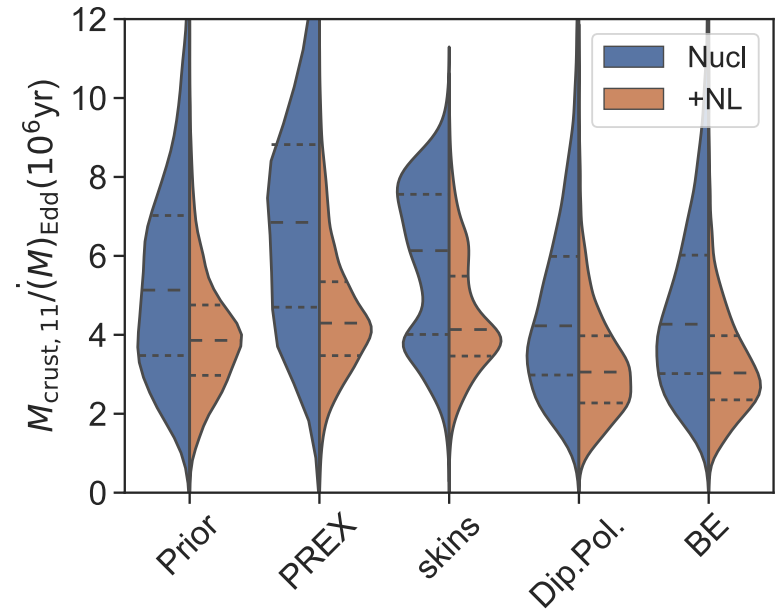
# Both nuclear data and astrophysical radius/tidal deformability measurements inform crust



Nuclear: Almost nothing to say  
Everything to say



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Astro: A lot to say



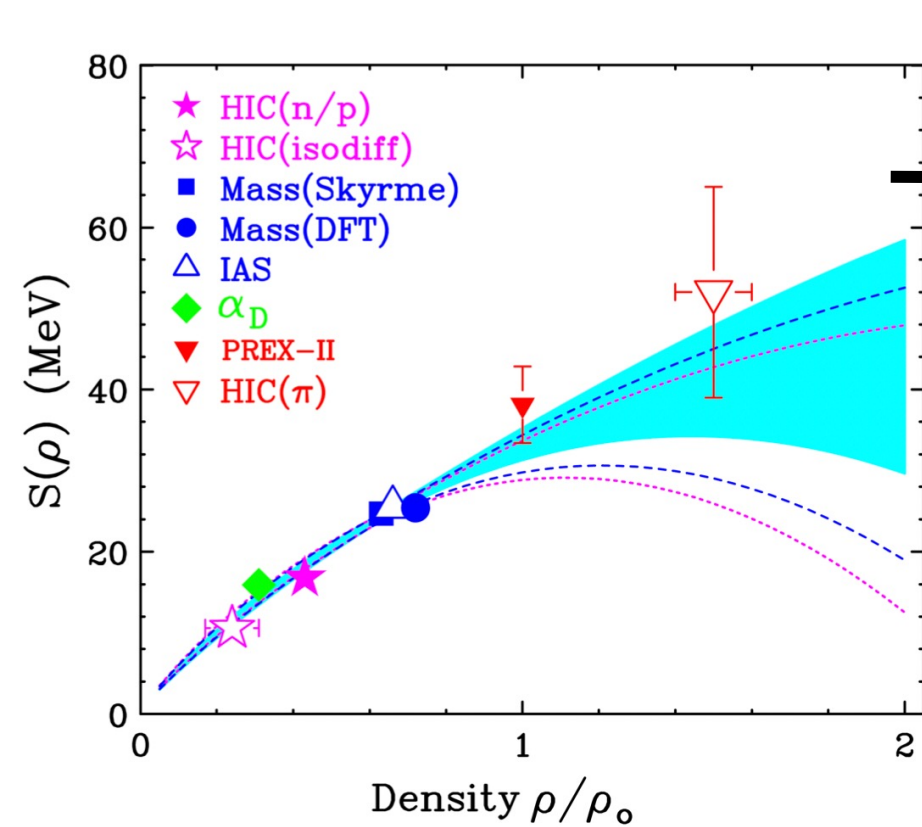
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Neutron skins prefer thicker, more massive crusts than dipole polarizability, BE  
Astro data: Prefers significantly thinner, less massive crusts



Different observables constrain at different densities...

... so resulting constraints on nuclear matter parameters at saturation density involve model-dependent extrapolation

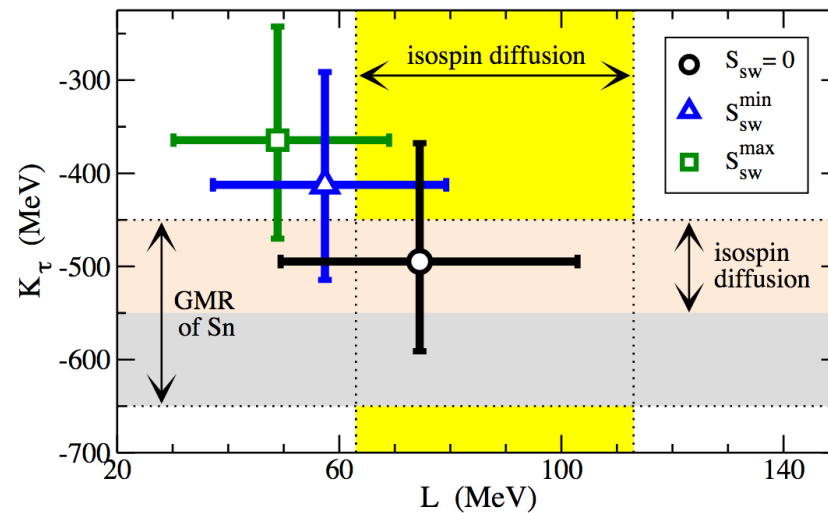


Tsang and Lynch, arxiv:2106.10119

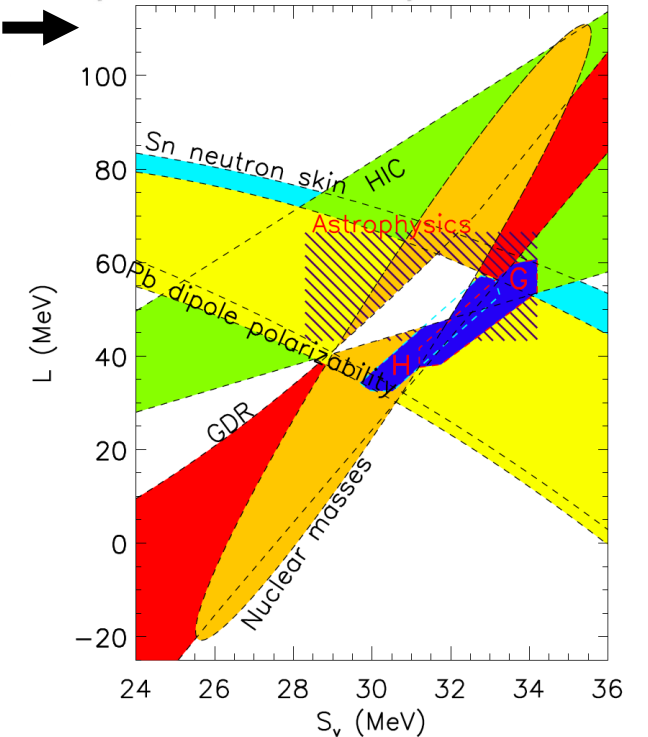
$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) + L\left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0}\right) + \frac{K_{\text{sym}}}{2}\left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0}\right)^2 + \frac{J_{\text{sym}}}{6}\left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0}\right)^3$$

$$S_{\text{RMF}}(\rho) = A(\rho)\rho^{2/3} + B(\rho)\rho,$$

$$S_{\text{SHF}}(\rho) = a\rho^{2/3} - b\rho - c\rho^{5/3} - d\rho^{\sigma+1}$$



Centelles et al, arxiv:0806.2886



Lattimer, Lim ApJ771(2013)  
Lattimer, Steiner EPJA50 (2013)

$$\begin{aligned} \rho\omega^2 U = & \rho \frac{d\hat{\chi}}{dr} - A\Gamma_1 p \hat{\alpha} - \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{1}{3} \mu \hat{\alpha} \right) + \frac{d\mu}{dr} \left( \hat{\alpha} - 2 \frac{dU}{dr} \right) \\ & - \mu \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dU}{dr} \right) - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} U \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{2\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} V - \frac{2}{r^2} U \right), \end{aligned}$$

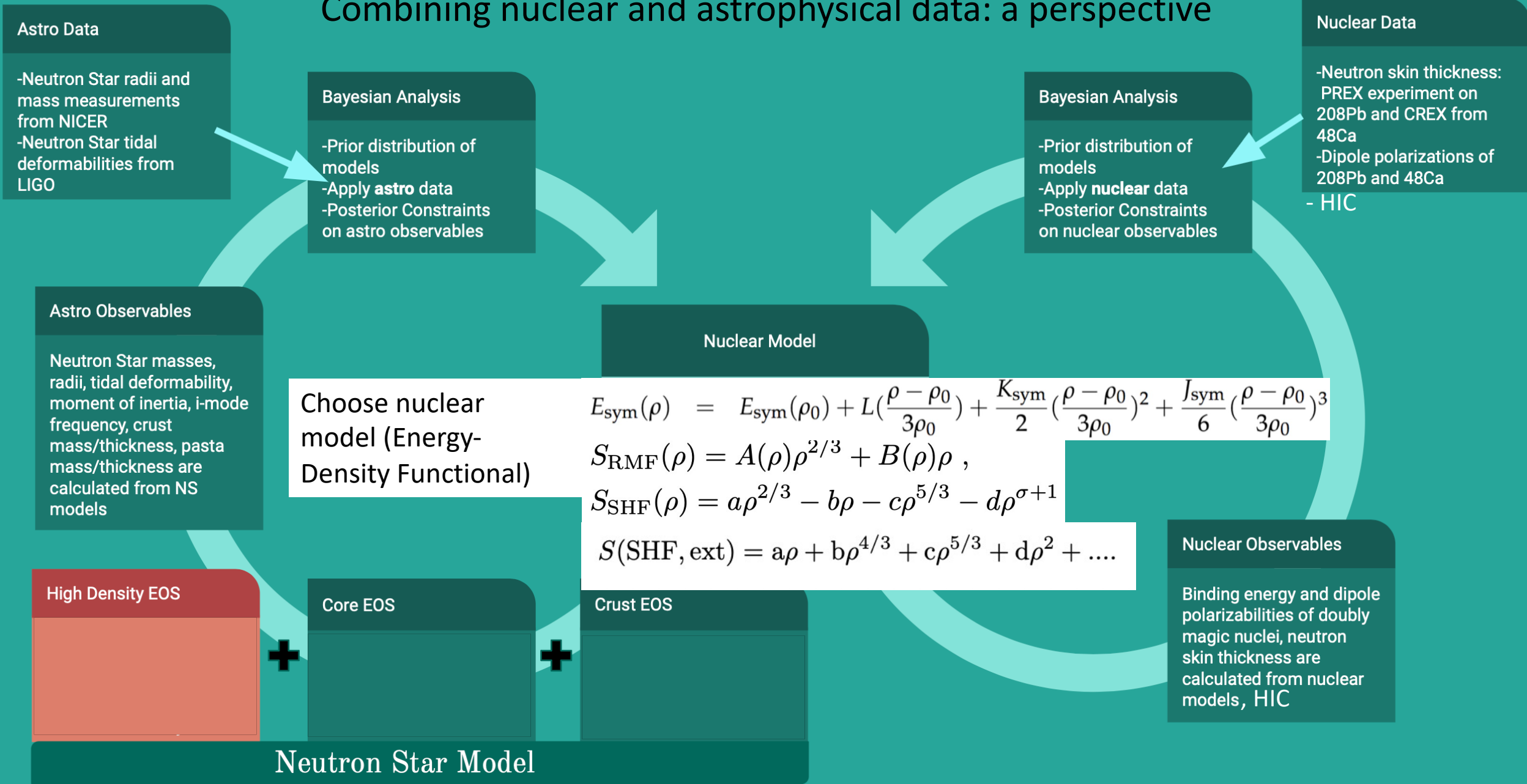
$$\begin{aligned} \rho\omega^2 V = & \rho \frac{\hat{\chi}}{r} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\mu \hat{\alpha}}{r} - \frac{d\mu}{dr} \left( \frac{dV}{dr} - \frac{V}{r} + \frac{U}{r} \right) \\ & - \mu \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dV}{dr} \right) - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} V + \frac{2}{r^2} U \right), \end{aligned}$$

where:<sup>2</sup>

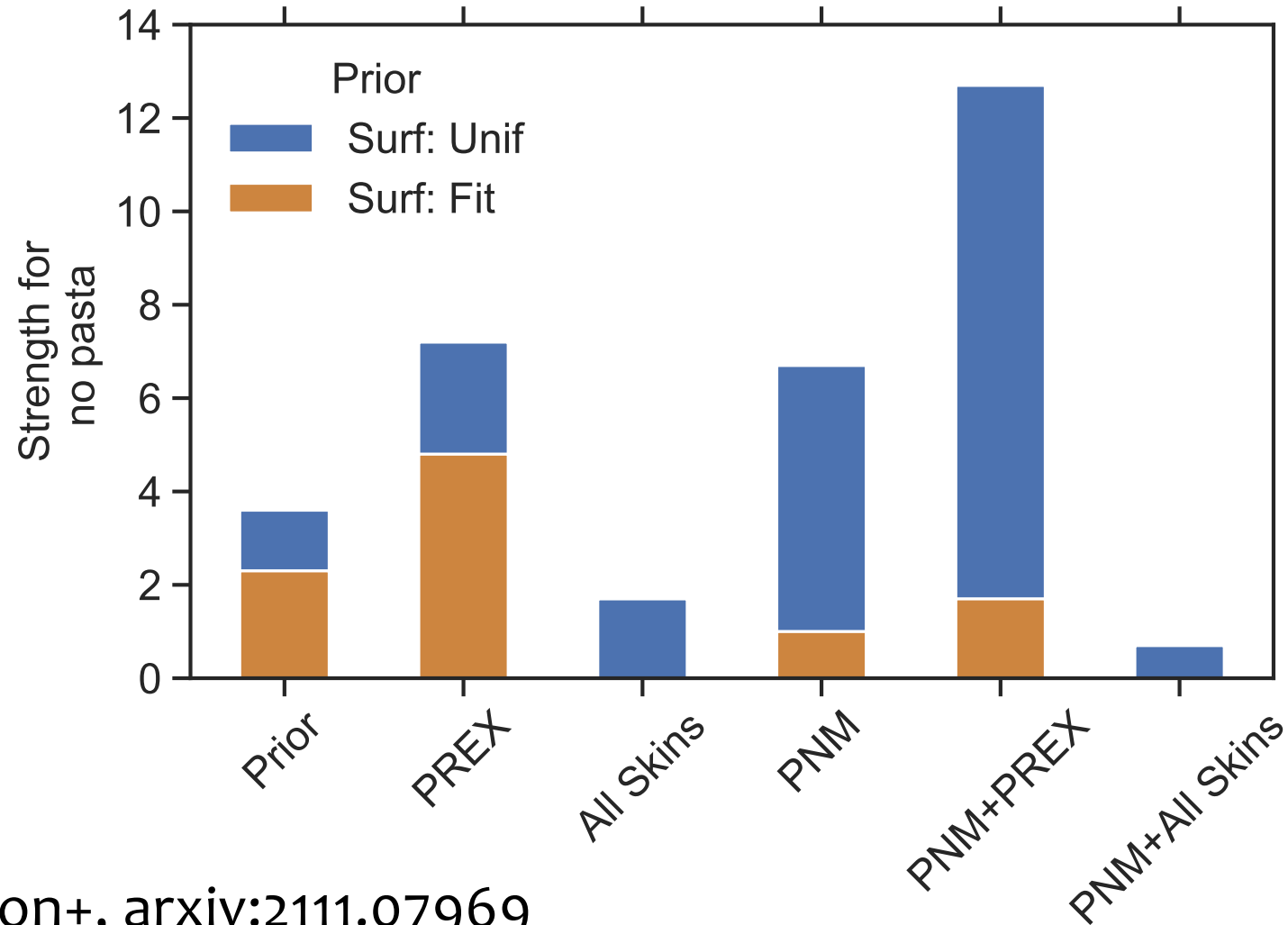
$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} (r^2 U) - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r} V,$$

$$\hat{\chi} = -\frac{\Gamma_1 p}{\rho} \hat{\alpha} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} U.$$

# Combining nuclear and astrophysical data: a perspective



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



Newton+, arxiv:2111.07969

Balliet+, arxiv:2009.07696