

# Bayesian inference of the dense matter equation of state built within mean field models

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# Overview

- NS EOS: "Traditional" and statistical approaches
- Bayesian Inferences
- Our aims:
  - the model dependence of NS EOS
  - the role of accounting for **correlations among  $(E/A_i)$  in PNM**
- Procedure: confront the predictions of two **phenomenological** models subjected to **the same minimal** set of constraint
- Results: posterior PDF and correlations; **role of  $m_{eff}$**
- Conclusions

# NS EOS: "traditional" approaches

NS properties depend on 1D EOS,  $P(e)$

▷ Schematic parametrizations: piece-wise polytrops; param. of the speed of sound

✓ computationally cheap, flexible

✗ no composition info, no physical pinning, no composition, no use in other circumstances

▷ From an (effective) interaction: phenomenological (relativistic and non-relativistic mean field; various interactions); ab initio (variational, quantum Monte Carlo, coupled cluster expansion, diagrammatic, Brueckner Hartree-Fock,  $\chi$ EFT)

✓ physical underpinning, composition, generalisation to other particle species

? validity away from initial conditions; compliance with causality and astrophys. measurements

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[Dutra+, PhysRevC (2012); PhysRevC (2014)] [Oertel+, RMP (2017)] [Burgio+, ProgPartNuclPhys (2021)]

# NS EOS - Bayesian inferences (I)

- availability of astrophys. constraints ( $M_{\max}$ ,  $\Lambda$ , joint  $M - R$  measurements)
- large size of model spaces  
require **statistical tools**

Bayes theorem:  $P(\Theta|D) = \mathcal{L}(D|\Theta) P(\Theta) / \mathcal{Z}$ ,

$\Theta$ : the set of model params, i.e., model (schematic, phenomenological) + priors on parameters

$D$ : the fit data, i.e., constraints (NM param.,  $E/A$  or  $P$  in neutron matter as computed by ab initio, astro. meas.)

$\mathcal{Z}$  = the evidence

**Results:** Posterior PDF for  $\Theta$ ,  $\xi_i(\Theta)$

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[Antoniadis+, Science (2013)] [Arzoumanian+, ApJSS (2018)] [Cromartie+, Nature (2020)] [Fonseca+, ApJL (2021)] [Abbott+, PRL (2017)] [Abbott+, PRX (2019)] [Miller+, ApJL (2019)] [Riley+, ApJL (2019)] [Miller+, ApJL (2021)] [Riley+, ApJL (2021)] [Vinciguerra+, arXiv:2308.09469] [Doroshenko+, Nature (2022)]

# NS EOS - Bayesian inferences (II)

**EOS models:** schematic, phenomenological

**Perspective:** from NS to NM; from NM to NS

**Constraints:** empirical NM params., microscopic calculations of PNM, heavy ion data, astrophys. observations

**Conclusions:**

- dependence on the EOS model;
- sensitivity of posterior distrib. to prior distrib.;
- narrowing down of the parameter space upon progressive incorporation of constr.;
- tension between constraints

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[Lim & Holt, EPJA (2019)] [Raaijmakers+ (2019)] [Guven+, PhysRevC (2020)] [Raaijmakers+, ApJ (2021)]

[Miller+, ApJL (2021)] [Malik+, ApJ (2022)] [Malik+, PhysRevC (2023)] [Beznogov & Raduta, PhysRevC (2023)]

# Our aims

- (1) build EOS models based on phenomenological mean field models
- (2) study the model dependence of EOS models in Bayesian approaches
- (3) study the role of correlations among  $E/A$  in PNM at different densities
- (4) study the link between density dependence of PNM and NS matter

# Setup

## Models:

- M1. non-relativistic mean-field model of nuclear matter with Skyrme effective interactions,
- M2. covariant density functional model with (simplified) density dependent couplings,

## Minimal set of constraints:

- C1. four best known nuclear empirical parameters (NEP):  $n_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $E_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $K_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $J_{\text{sym}}$ ,
- C2.  $(E/A)(n)$  in pure neutron matter (PNM), as computed by  $\chi$ EFT,
- C3.  $M_{\text{max}}/M_{\odot} \geq 2$ ,
- C4. for non-relativistic mean-field model: causality for  $n \leq n_c^*$

## Results:

- R1. posterior PDF of eff. int. parameters, NEP, global NS properties ( $M_{\text{max}}$ ,  $R_{1.4}$ ,  $R_{2.0}$ ,  
 $\Lambda_{1.4}$ ,  $\Lambda_{2.0}$ ,  $M_{DU}$ ,  $c_s^{2*}$ ,  $n_c^*$ ,  $P_c^*$ ),
- R2. correlations

# Mean field model (I): non-relativistic with Skyrme eff. int.

Hamiltonian:  $\mathcal{H} = k + h_{int}$ ;  $k = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\tau$

Effective interaction:  $V(r_1, r_2) = t_0(1 + x_0 P_\sigma)\delta(r) + \frac{t_1}{2}(1 + x_1 P_\sigma)[k'^2\delta(r) + \delta(r)k^2]$   
 $+ t_2(1 + x_2 P_\sigma)k' \cdot \delta(r)k + \frac{t_3}{6}(1 + x_3 P_\sigma)[n(R)]^\sigma \delta(r)$ ,

Int. energ. dens.:  $h_{int} = h_0 + h_3 + h_{eff}$ , with  $h_0 = C_0 n^2 + D_0 n_3^2$ ,  $h_3 = C_3 n^{\sigma+2} + D_3 n^\sigma n_3^2$ ,

$$h_{eff} = C_{eff} n\tau + D_{eff} n_3 \tau_3,$$

Depends on 7 parameters:  $\sigma, C_0, D_0, C_3, D_3, C_{eff}, D_{eff}$ , or, alternatively,  
 $n_{sat}, E_{sat}, J_{sym}, D_3, C_{eff}, D_{eff}, \sigma$ .

Analytic expressions for all thermo quantities, including NEPs:

$$\chi_{sat}^{(i)} = \left( \partial^i E_0(n_B, 0) / \partial \chi^i \right) \Big|_{n=n_{sat}}, \quad \chi_{sym; k}^{(j)} = \left( \partial^j E_{sym; k}(n_B, 0) / \partial \chi^j \right) \Big|_{n=n_{sat}},$$

with  $\chi = (n_B - n_{sat})/3n_{sat}$ ,  $\delta = n_3/n$

# Mean field model (II): relativistic with density dep. couplings

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}$

Interactions via exchange of:  $\sigma$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\rho$  mesons.

Density-dependent couplings:  $\Gamma_M(n) = \Gamma_{M,0} h_M(x)$ ,  $x = n/n_{\text{sat}}$ , with

$$h_M(x) = \exp[-(x^{a_M} - 1)], \quad M = \sigma, \omega; \quad h_\rho(x) = \exp[-a_\rho(x - 1)]$$

Energy density:  $e = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sum_{B=n,p} e_{kin,B} + \frac{1}{2} m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 (\rho_3)^2$ ,

6 parameters:  $\Gamma_\sigma$ ,  $\Gamma_\omega$ ,  $\Gamma_\rho$ ,  $a_\sigma$ ,  $a_\omega$ ,  $a_\rho$

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[Typel & Wolter, NuclPhysA (1999)] [Malik+, ApJ (2022)]

# Constraints

Skyrme				RMF			
Quantity	Units	Value	Std. deviation	Ref.	Value	Std. deviation	Ref.
$n_{\text{sat}}$	$\text{fm}^{-3}$	0.16	0.004	[1]	0.153	0.005	[4]
$E_{\text{sat}}$	MeV	-15.9	0.2	[1]	-16.1	0.2	[5]
$K_{\text{sat}}$	MeV	240	30	[1]	230	40	[6,7]
$J_{\text{sym}}$	MeV	30.8	1.6	[1]	32.5	1.8	[8]
$(E/A)_1$	MeV	9.212	0.226	[2]	9.50	0.52	[9]
$(E/A)_2$	MeV	12.356	0.512	[2]	12.68	1.20	[9]
$(E/A)_3$	MeV	15.877	0.872	[2]	16.31	2.13	[9]
$M_G^*$	$M_\odot$	> 2.0	—	[3]	> 2.0	—	[3]
$c_s^{*2}$	$c^2$	< 1	—	—	—	—	—

NM parameters; astro. constr. and causality.

density behavior of PNM as predicted by  $\chi$ EFT;

1, 2, 3:  $n_B = 0.08, 0.12, 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

- [1] Margueron+, PhysRevC (2018); [2] Somasundaram+, PhysRevC (2021); [3] Fonseca+, ApJL (2021); [4] Typel & Wolter, NuclPhysA (1999); [5] Dutra+, PhysRevC (2014); [6] Todd-Rutel & Piekarecz, PhysRevLett (2005); [7] Shlomo+, EPJA (2006); [8] Essik+, PhysRevC (2021); [9] Hebeler+, ApJ (2013);

# Priors

Priors: uniform (uninformative) distributions

Skyrme:  $n_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $E_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $J_{\text{sym}}$ ,  $D_3$ ,  $C_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $D_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\sigma$     $\leftarrow$  mixed eff. int. and NM parameters

RMF:  $\Gamma_\sigma$ ,  $\Gamma_\omega$ ,  $\Gamma_\rho$ ,  $a_\sigma$ ,  $a_\omega$ ,  $a_\rho$     $\leftarrow$  eff. int. parameters

For domains, see [Beznogov & Raduta, PhysRevC (2023); arXiv:2308.1535],  
M. Beznogov's poster & talk

# Likelihood

$$\log \mathcal{L}_q \propto -\chi_q^2 = - \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_n^2 - \sum_{m=1}^M \chi_m'^2 - \sum_{p=1}^P \chi_p''^2,$$

1) Uncorrelated obs., e.g.,  $n_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $E_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $K_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $L_{\text{sym}}$ :

$$-\chi_n^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d_i - \xi_i(\Theta)}{\mathcal{Z}_i} \right)^2$$

2) Correlated obs., e.g., the values that  $E/A$  in PNM takes at various  $n_j$ ,

$$-\chi_m'^2 = -\chi_m^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 (\text{cov}^{-1})_{ij} \delta \mathcal{E}_i \delta \mathcal{E}_j, \quad [\text{Somasundaram+}, \text{PhysRevC (2021)}]$$

3) "Hard-wall", e.g.,  $M_G^*$ ,  $c_s^{*2}$ ,

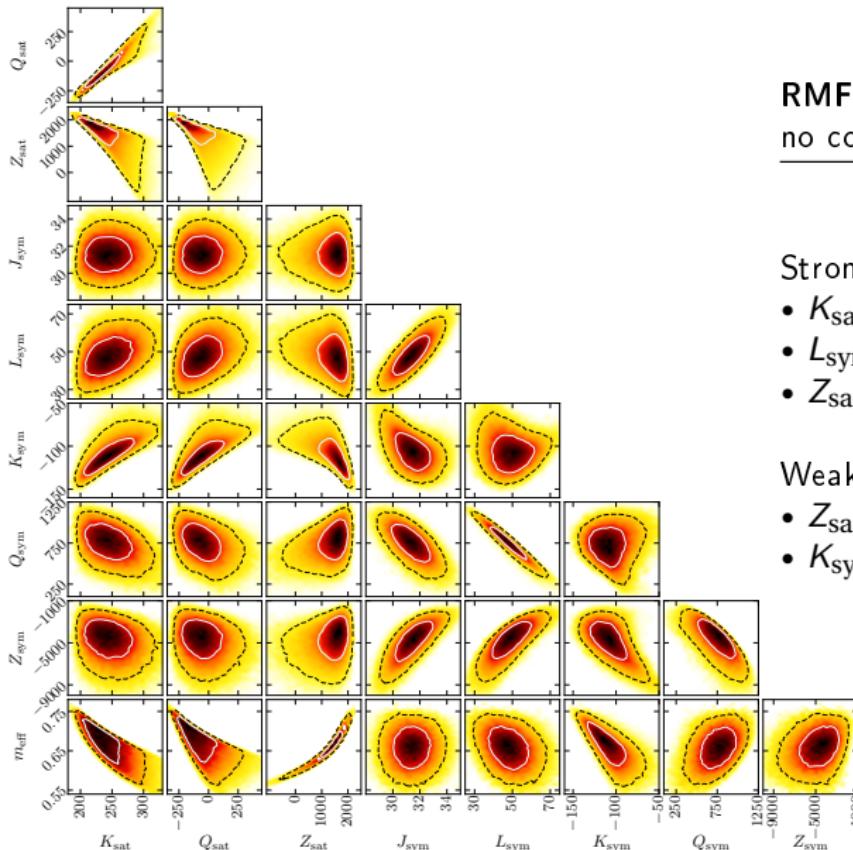
$$-\chi_p''^2 = -10^{10}, \text{ if } M_G^*/M_\odot < 2 \text{ or } c_s^{*2}/c^2 \geq 1$$

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# Results

- EOS of nuclear matter & NS
  - posterior PDF for nuclear matter ( $n_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $X_{\text{sat}}^{(i)}$ ,  $X_{\text{sym}}^{(j)}$ ,  $m_{\text{eff}}$ )
  - posterior PDF for NS properties ( $M_{\text{max}}^*$ ,  $R_{1.4}$ ,  $R_{2.0}$ ,  $\Lambda_{1.4}$ ,  $\Lambda_{2.0}$ ,  $M_{DU}$ )
  - **correlations among NM params.; among params. of MN and properties of NS**
- model dependence
- correlations between  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM; strong constraints on NS EOS

# NM parameters: Correlations (I)



RMF

no correl. between  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

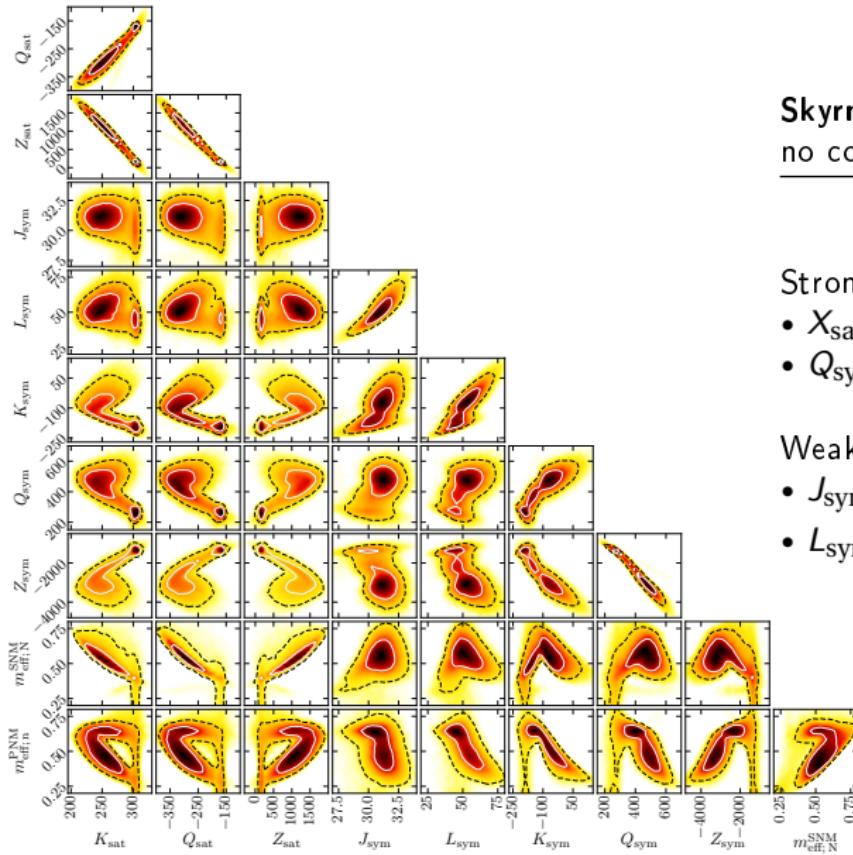
Strong correlations:

- $K_{\text{sat}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sat}}$
- $L_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sym}}$
- $Z_{\text{sat}}$  and  $m_{\text{eff}}$

Weak correlations:

- $Z_{\text{sat}}$  with  $K_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $Q_{\text{sat}}$
- $K_{\text{sym}}$  and  $X_{\text{sat}}$ , with  $X = K, Q, Z$

# NM parameters: Correlations (II)



## Skyrme

no correl. between  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

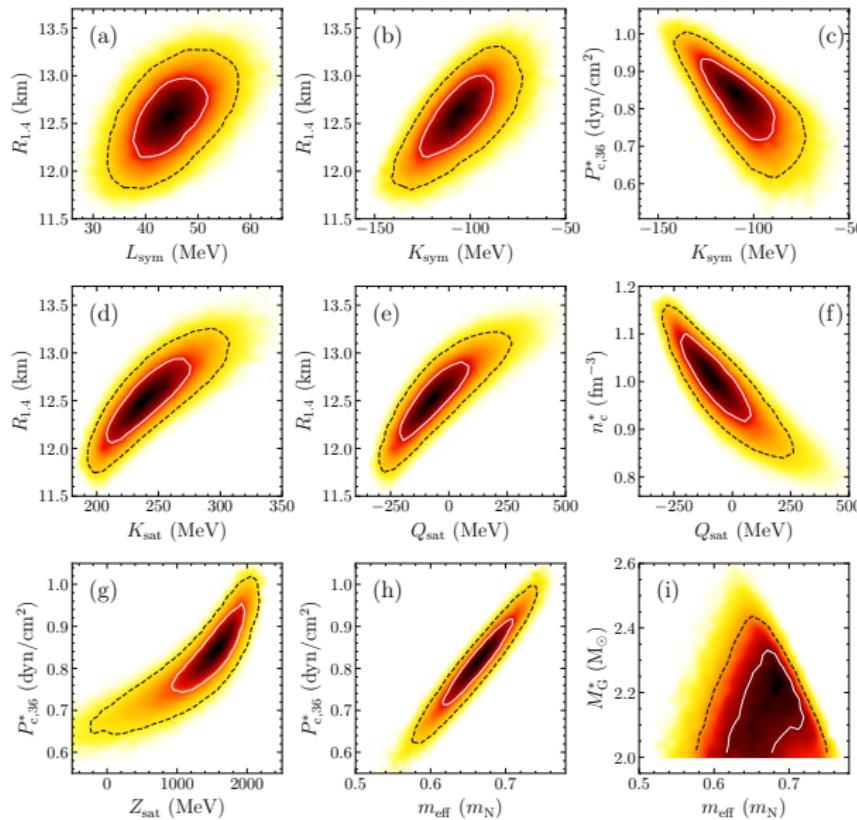
Strong correlations:

- $X_{\text{sat}}$  and  $Y_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $X, Y = K, Q, Z$
- $Q_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Z_{\text{sym}}$

Weak correlations:

- $J_{\text{sym}}$  and  $L_{\text{sym}}$
- $L_{\text{sym}}$  and  $K_{\text{sym}}$ ;  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sym}}$

# NM parameters vs. NS properties (I)

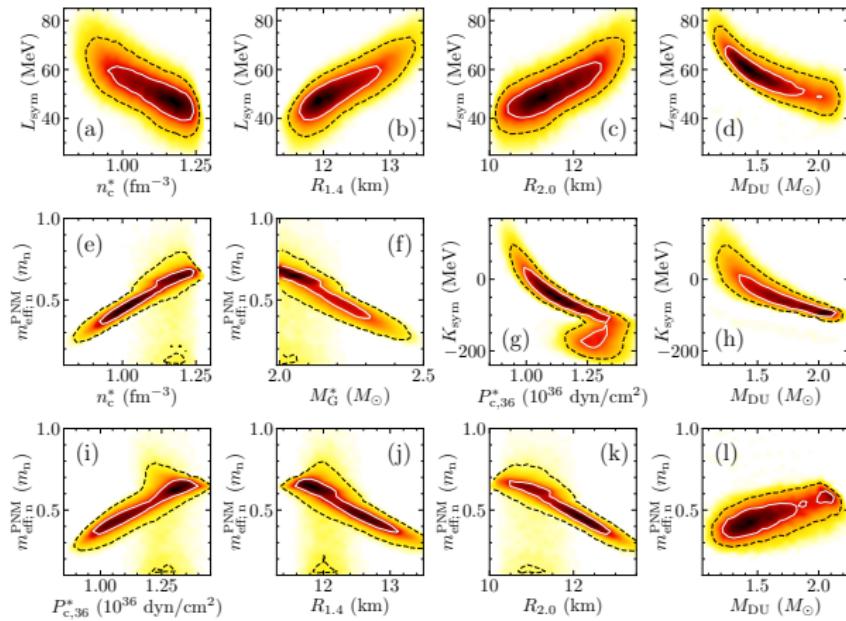


## RMF

- $L_{\text{sym}}, K_{\text{sym}}$  are weakly correl. with  $R_{1.4}$
- $K_{\text{sat}}, Q_{\text{sat}}$  are weakly correl. with  $R_{1.4}$
- $K_{\text{sym}}, Z_{\text{sat}}$  are weakly correl. with  $P_{c}^*$
- $m_{\text{eff}}$  is strongly corr. with  $P_{c}^*$

no correl.  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

# NM parameters vs. NS properties (II)



no correl. ( $E/A$ )<sub>i</sub> in PNM

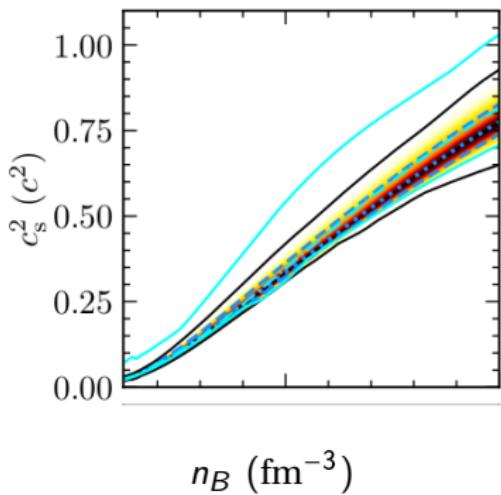
## Skyrme

- $L_{\text{sym}}, K_{\text{sym}}$  are correl. with  $R_{1.4}, R_{2.0}, M_{DU}$
- $L_{\text{sym}}$  is correl. with  $n_c^*$
- $m_{\text{eff}}$  is correl. with  $n_c^*, P_{\text{c}}^*, M_G^*, R_{1.4}, R_{2.0}, M_{DU}$

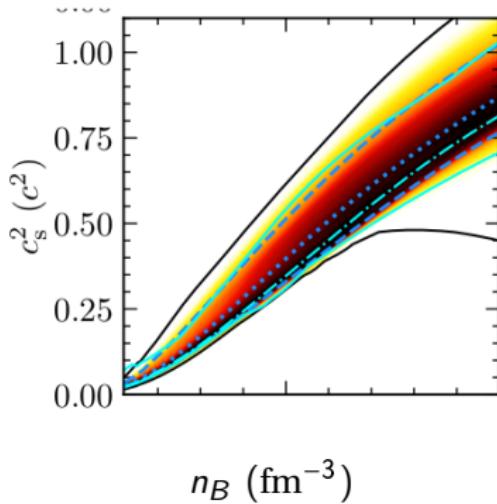
# Correlations between $(E/A)_i$ : $c_s^2(n_B)$ in NS

Skyrme

with corr.



no correl. among  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

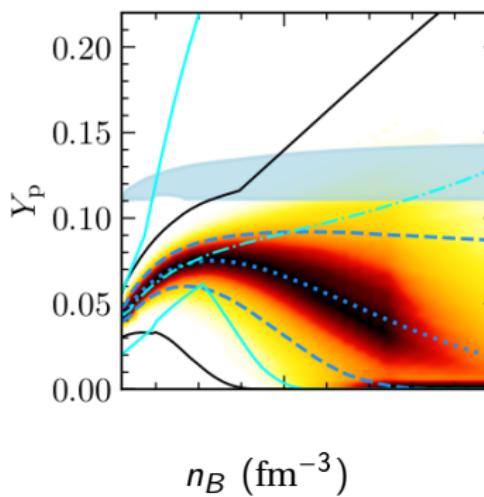


- accounting for correl. further constrains the EOS

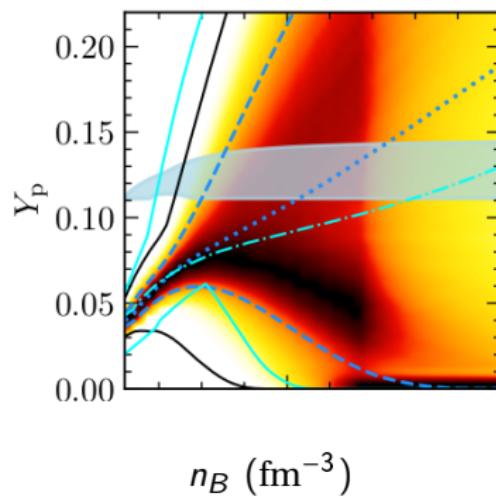
# Correlations between $(E/A)_i$ : $Y_p(n_B)$ in NS

## Skyrme

with corr.



no correl. among  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

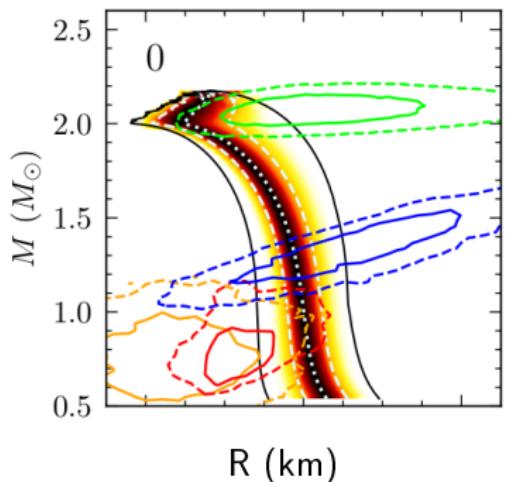


- accounting for correl. further constrains the EOS

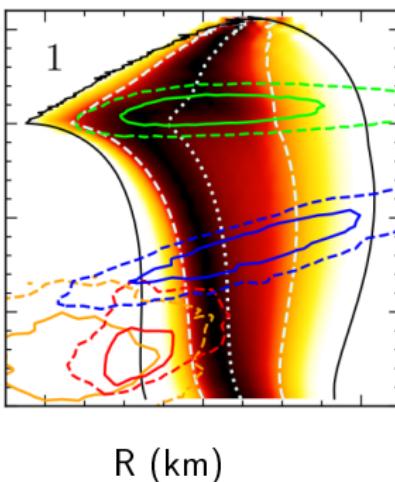
# Correlations between $(E/A)_i$ : M-R

## Skyrme

with corr.



no correl. among  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

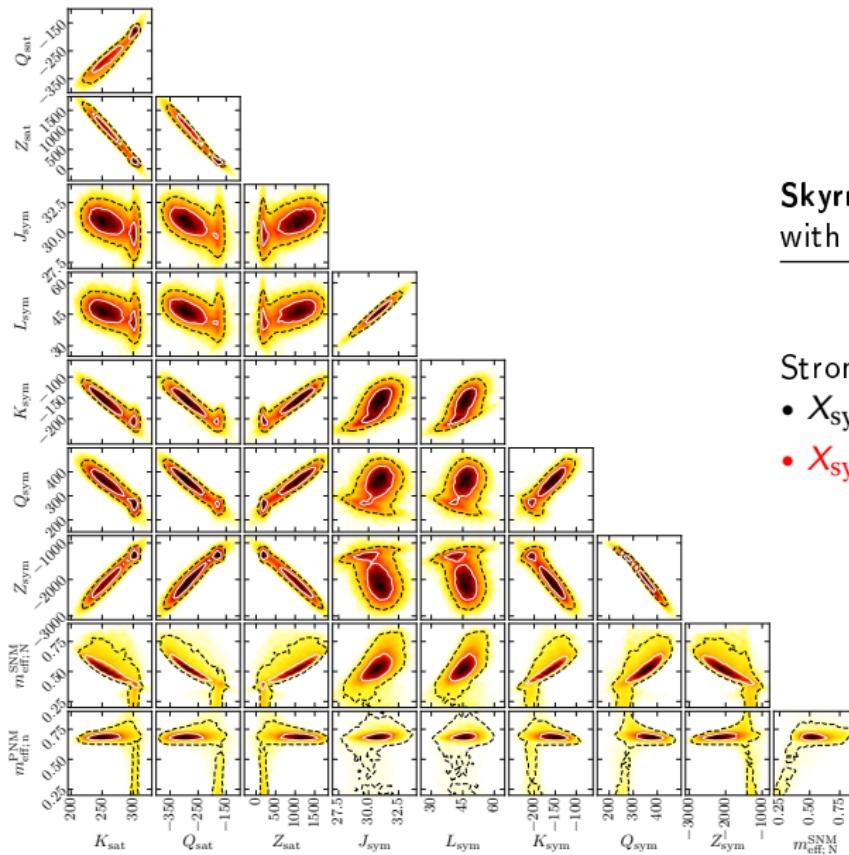


- accounting for correl. further constrains the EOS

green: PSR J0740+6620 [Miller+, ApJL (2021)]; blue: PSR J0030+0451 [Miller+, ApJL (2019)];

red, orange: HESS J1731-34 [Doroshenko+, Nature (2022)]

# NM parameters: Correlations (III)



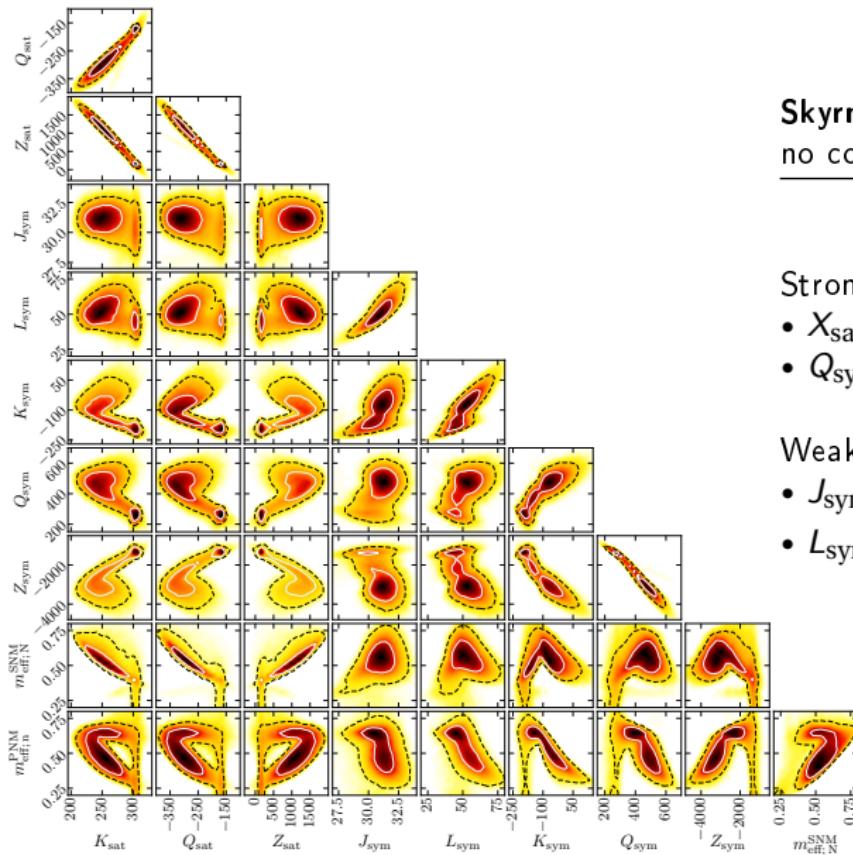
**Skyrme**

with correl. between  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

Strong correlations:

- $X_{\text{sym}}$  with  $Y_{\text{sym}}$ ,  $X, Y = J, L, K, Q, Z$
- $X_{\text{sym}}$  with  $Y_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $X, Y = K, Q, Z$

# NM parameters: Correlations (II)



## Skyrme

no correl. between  $(E/A)_i$  in PNM

Strong correlations:

- $X_{\text{sat}}$  and  $Y_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $X, Y = K, Q, Z$
- $Q_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Z_{\text{sym}}$

Weak correlations:

- $J_{\text{sym}}$  and  $L_{\text{sym}}$
- $L_{\text{sym}}$  and  $K_{\text{sym}}$ ;  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sym}}$

# Conclusions

- Bayesian inference of dense matter EOS derived within
  - Non-rel. mean field approach with Skyrme eff. int.
  - RMF model with density dep. couplings
- minimally constrained
  - four NEP:  $n_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $E_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $K_{\text{sat}}$ ,  $J_{\text{sym}}$
  - $E/A(n)$  in PNM as predicted by  $\chi$ EFT
  - $M_{\text{max}}/M_{\odot} \geq 2$ ,  $c_s^2/c^2 \leq 1$
- posterior PDF of NEP and their correlations depend on the model; on the constraints
- NS prop. show correlations with Landau/Dirac effective masses
- accounting for correl. among  $E/A$  in PNM adds constraints

[Beznogov & Raduta, PhysRevC (2023)] [Beznogov & Raduta, arXiv:2308.1535]