

# Towards consistent Multi-messenger nuclear & astrophysics with crust

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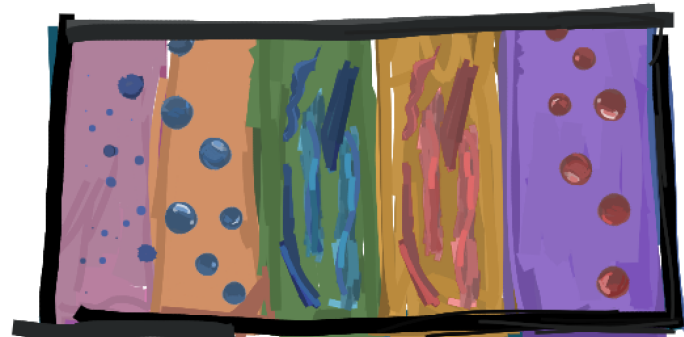
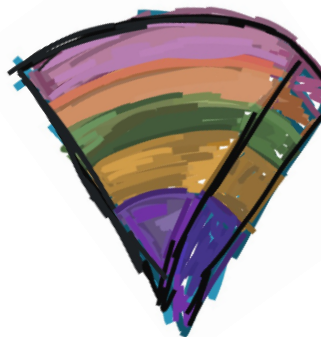
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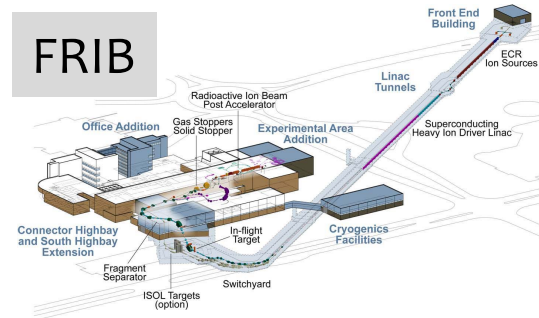


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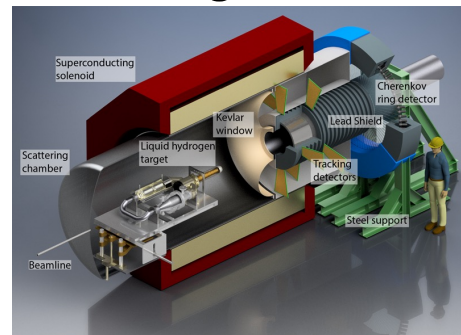


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Strong, Weak, EM signals

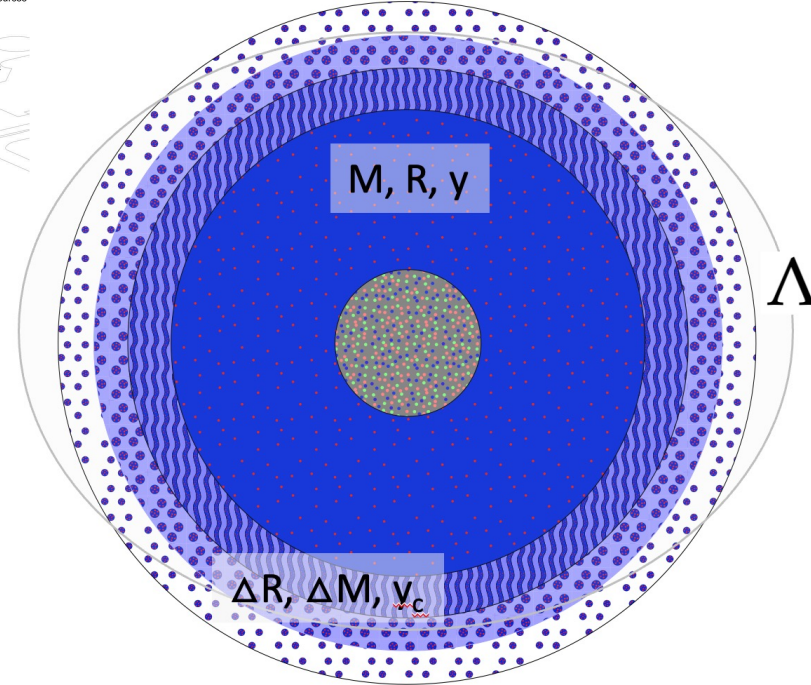


Elliptic flow  
 p/n ratios  
 Pion production  
 Resonance widths,  
 Centroid energies  
 Optical potentials  
 Scattering X-sections



PREX/CREX/MREX

Multimessenger Nuclear & Astro Physics

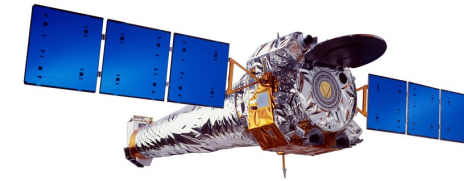


Computation



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Weak, EM, Grav signals



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NICER

X-ray flux and light curves  
 Gravitational waveforms  
 Pulsar timing

PARKES



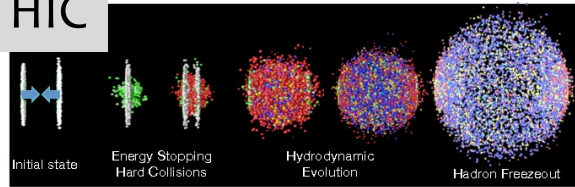
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# Nuclear structure/ dynamics

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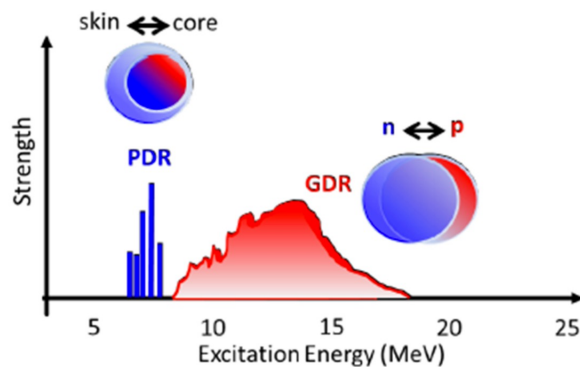


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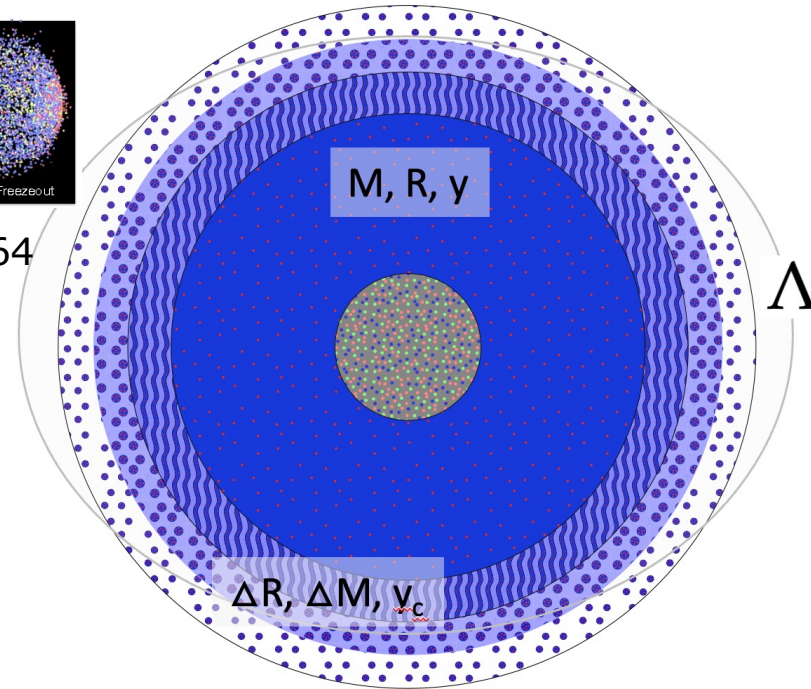


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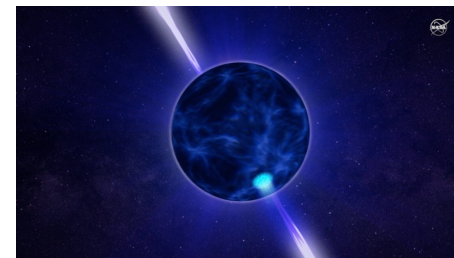
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cooling



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Crust cooling

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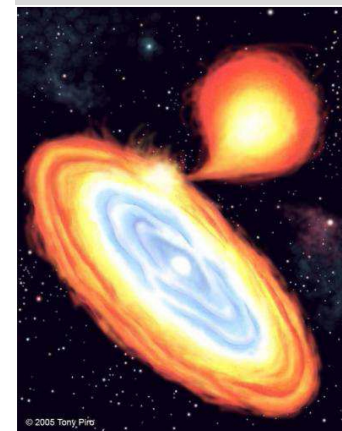
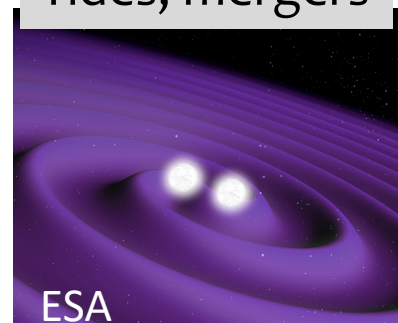
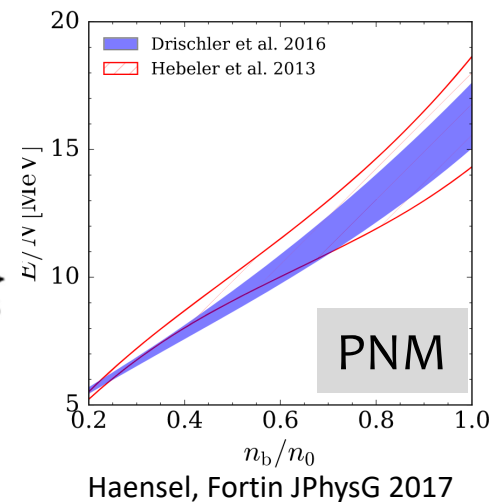


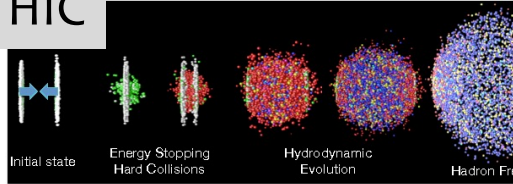
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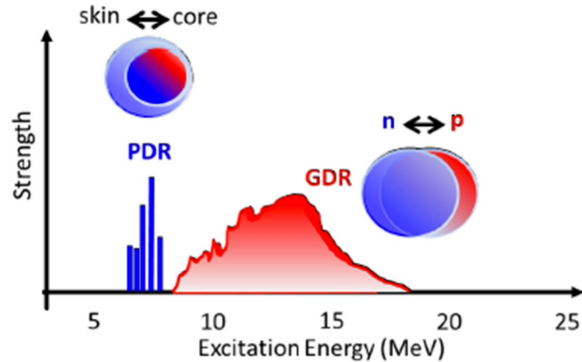


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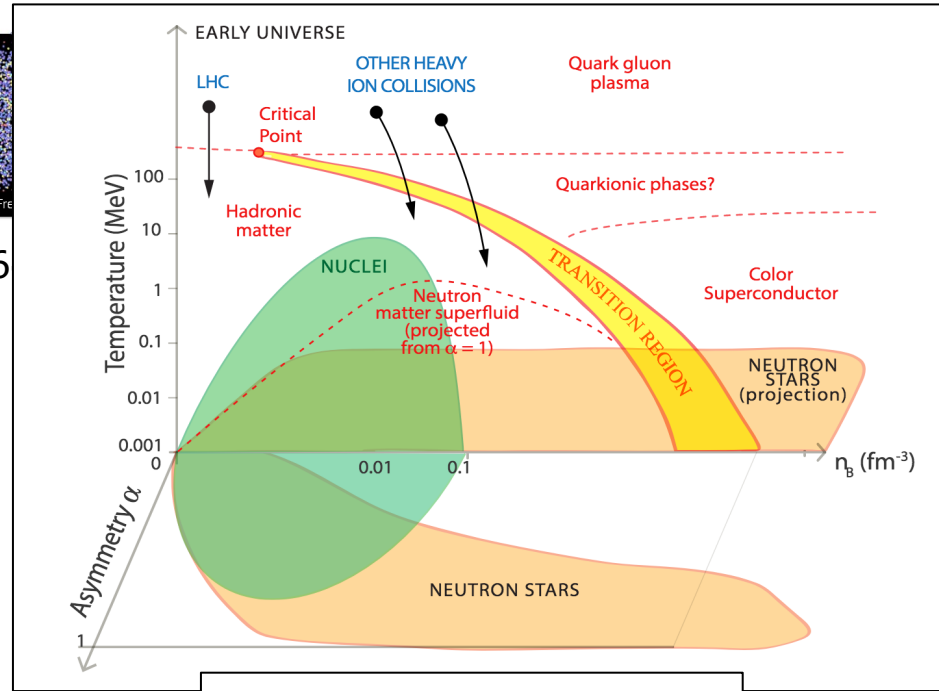


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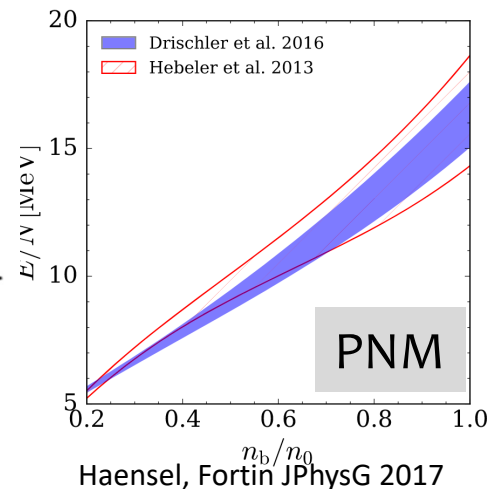


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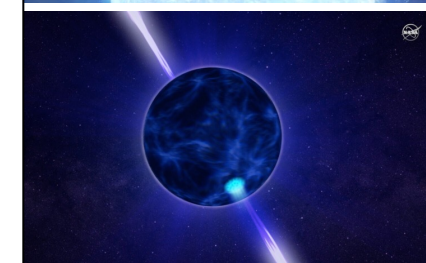
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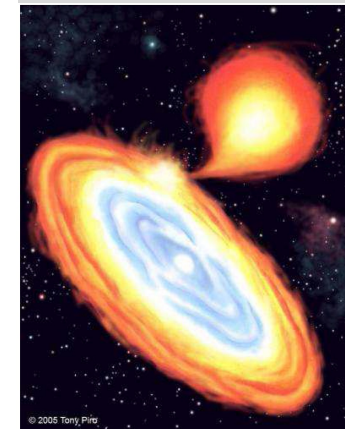
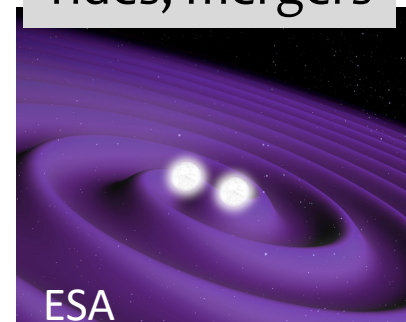


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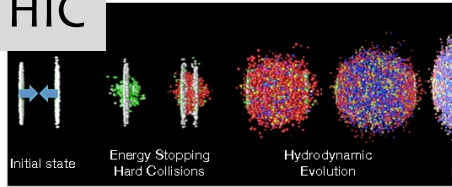


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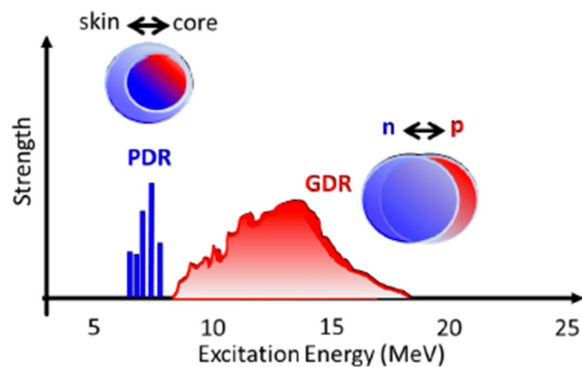


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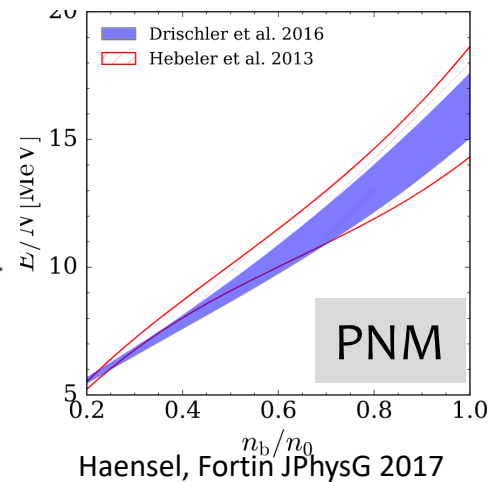
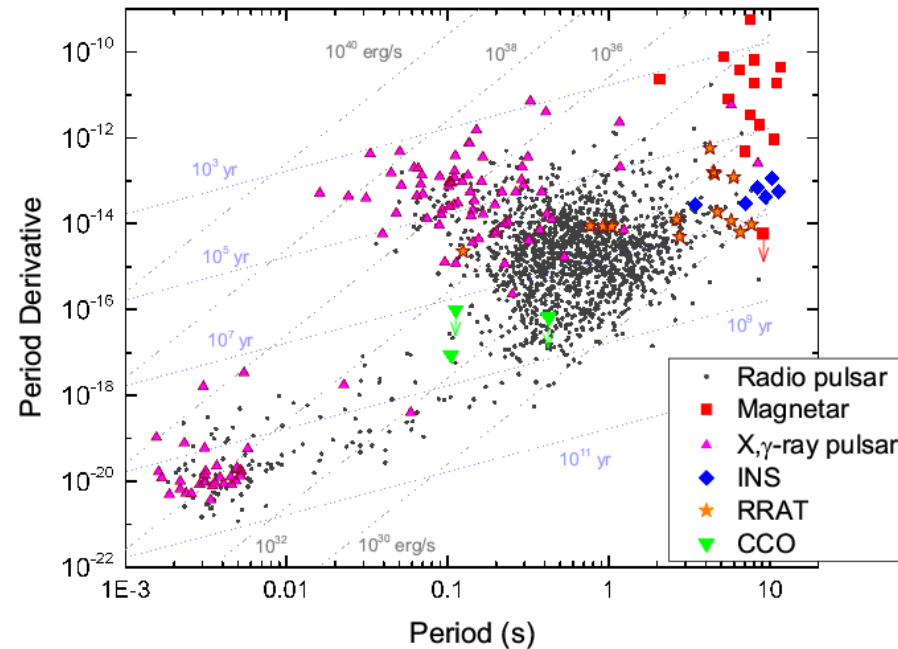


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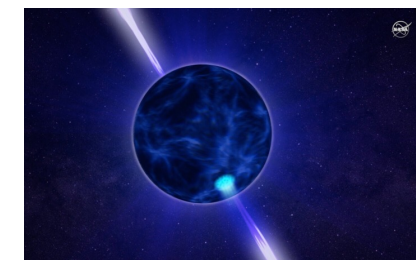
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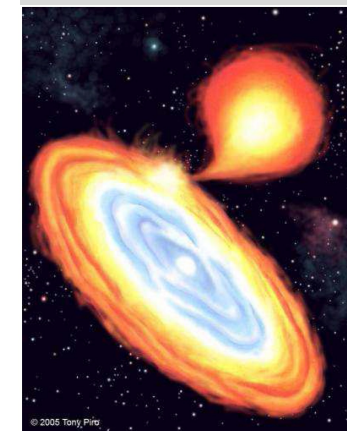
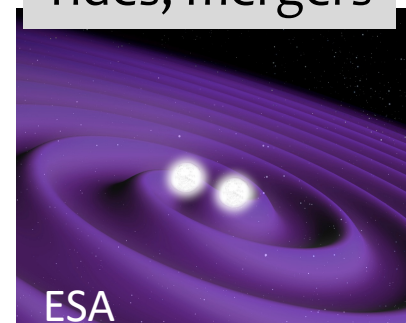


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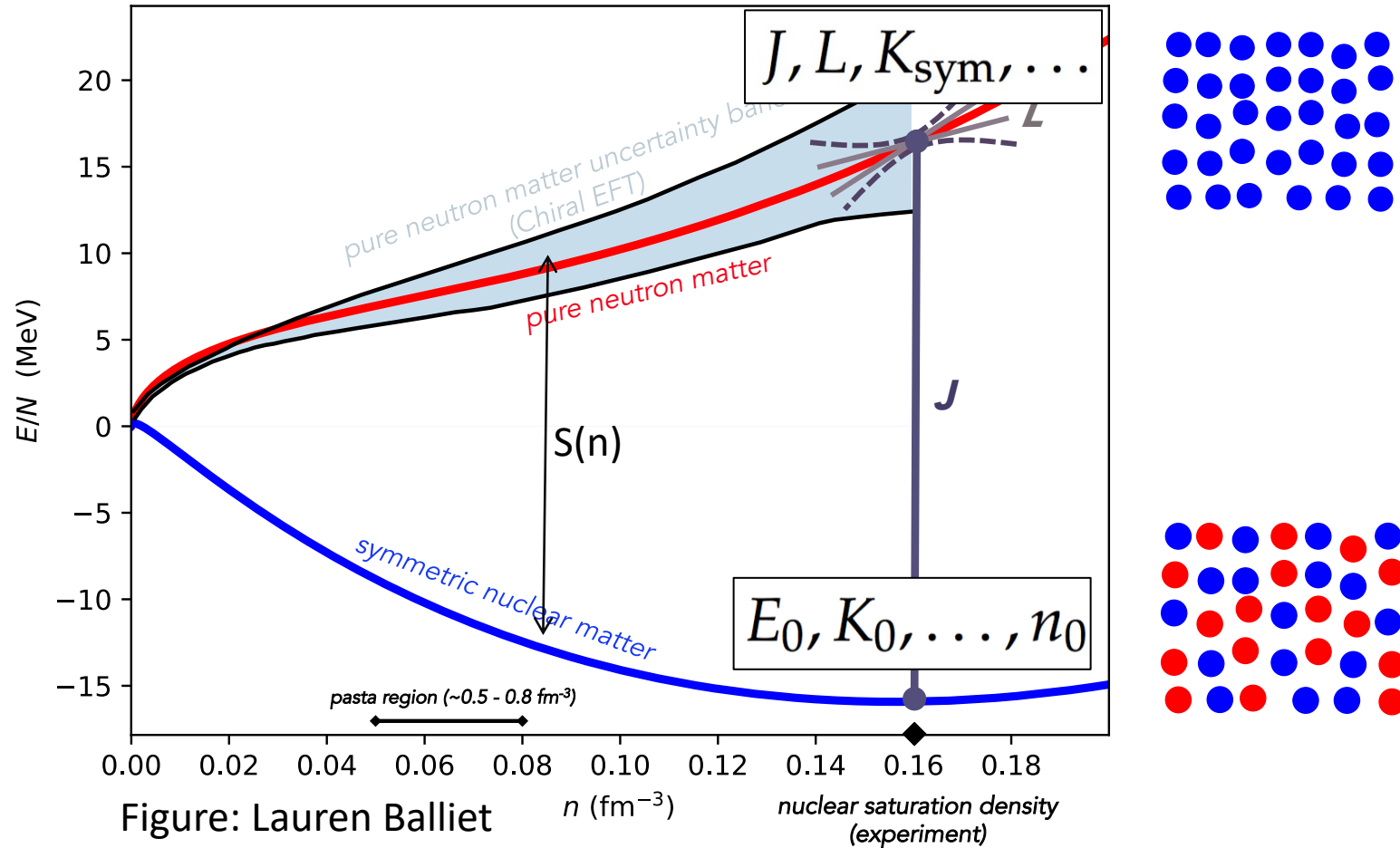
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Giant resonances	Lower and upper limits on neutron star spin periods
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What do we want to do with this (potential data)?



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

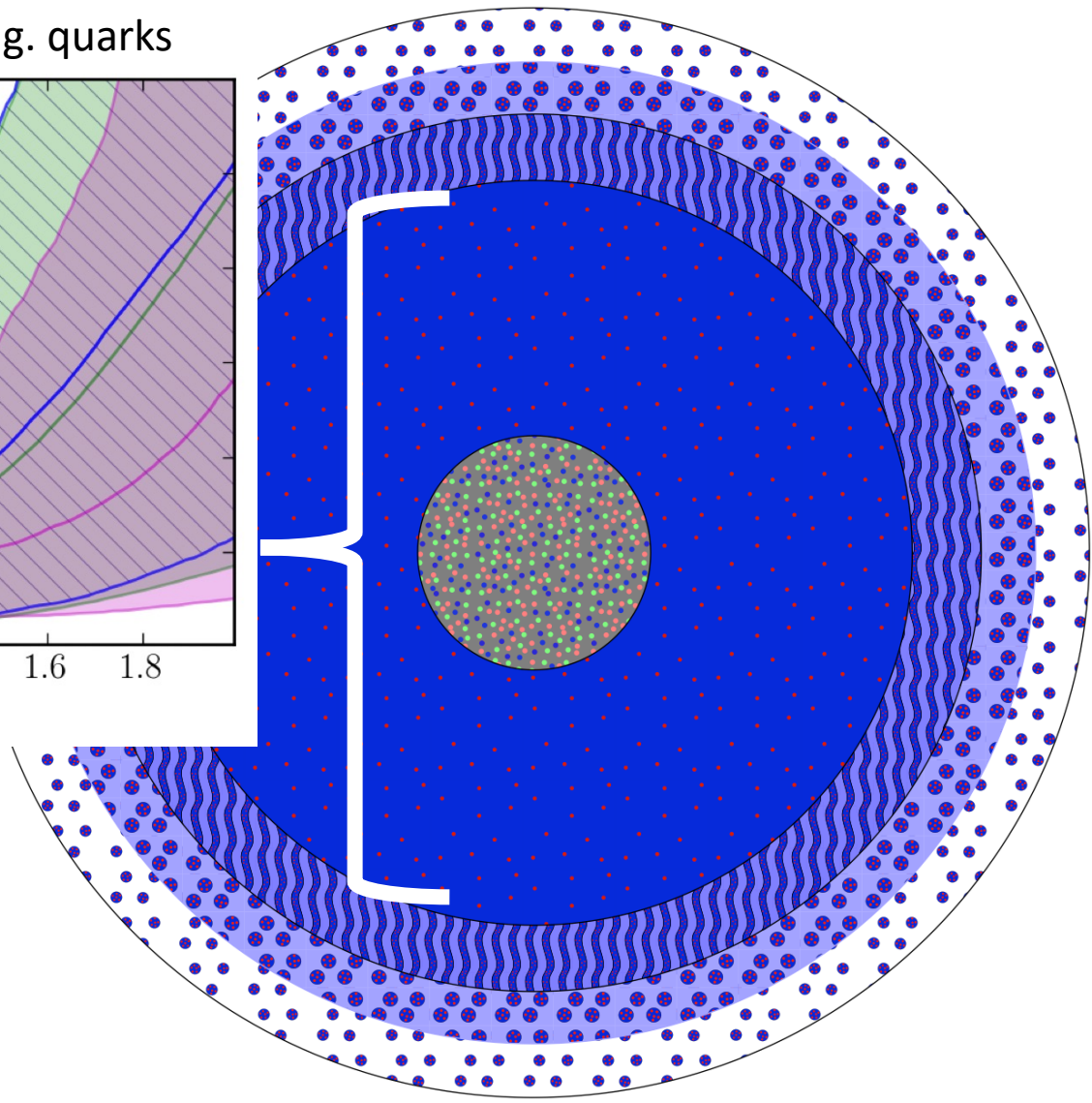
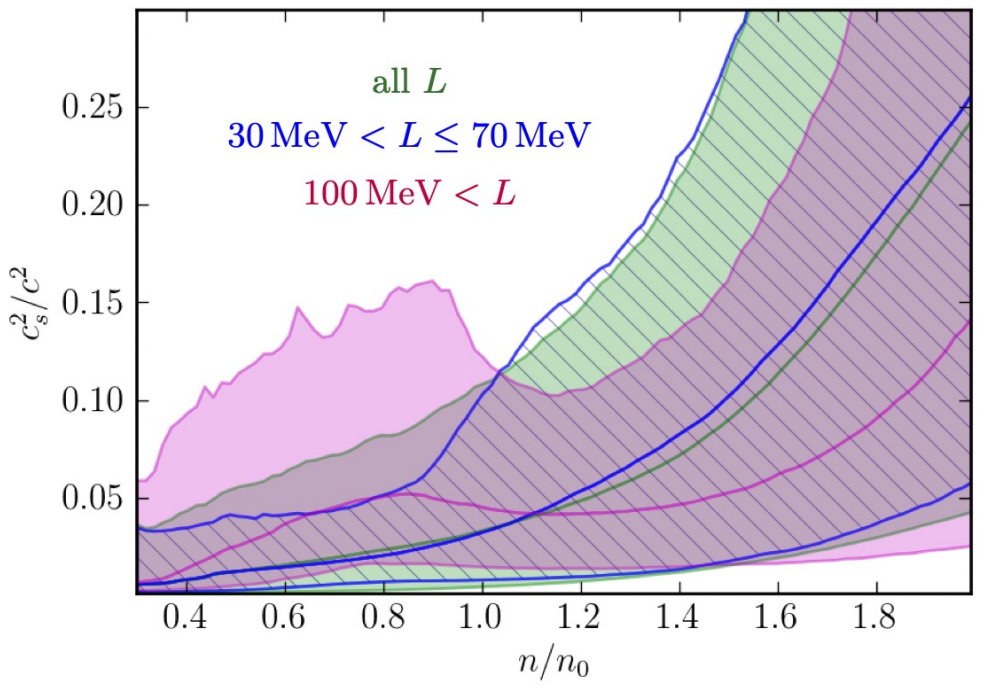
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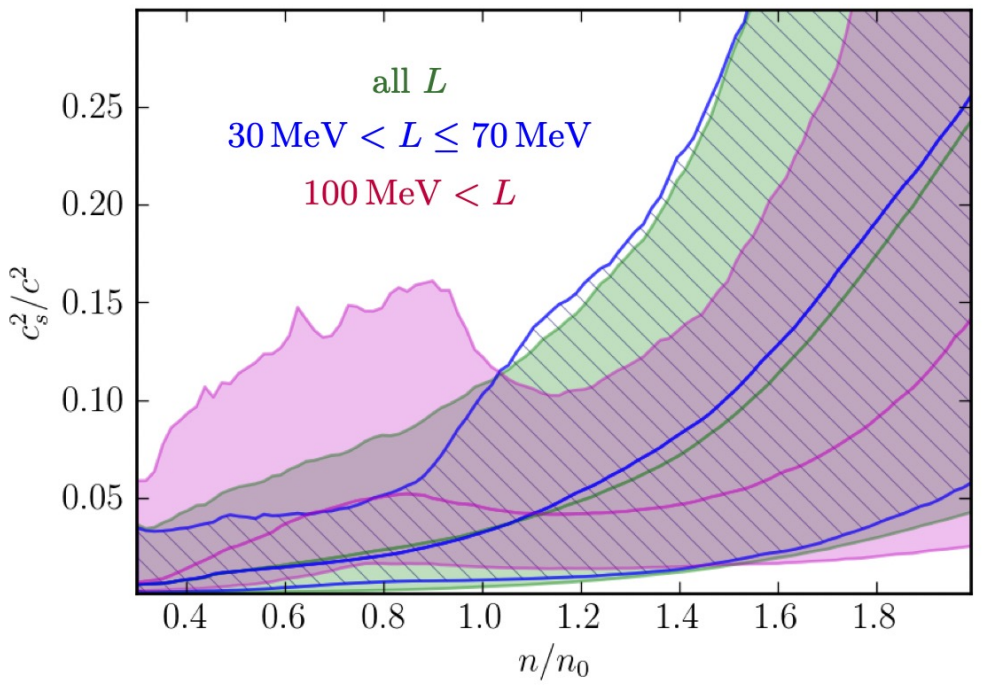
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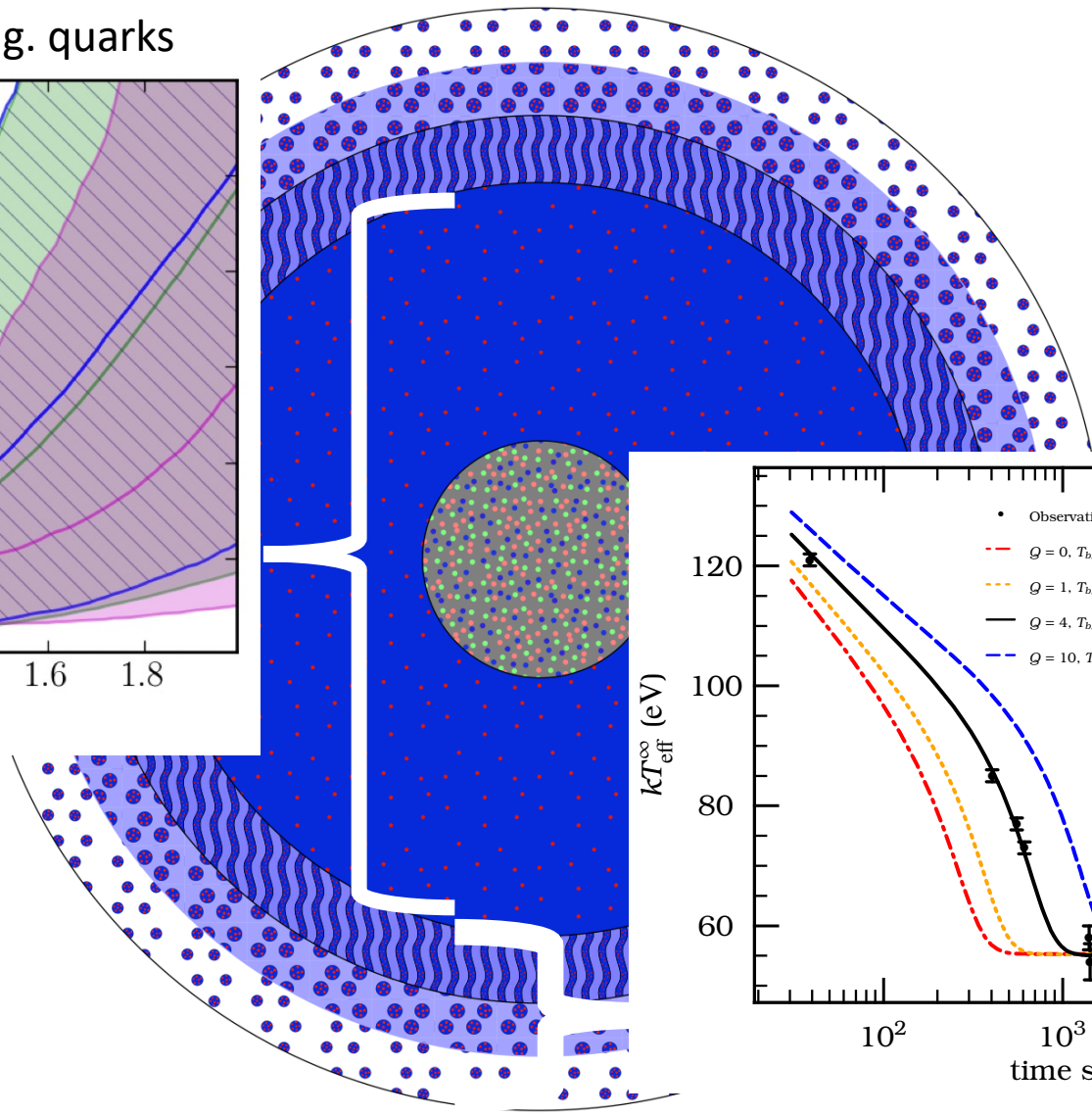
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Can crust models get in on the action?

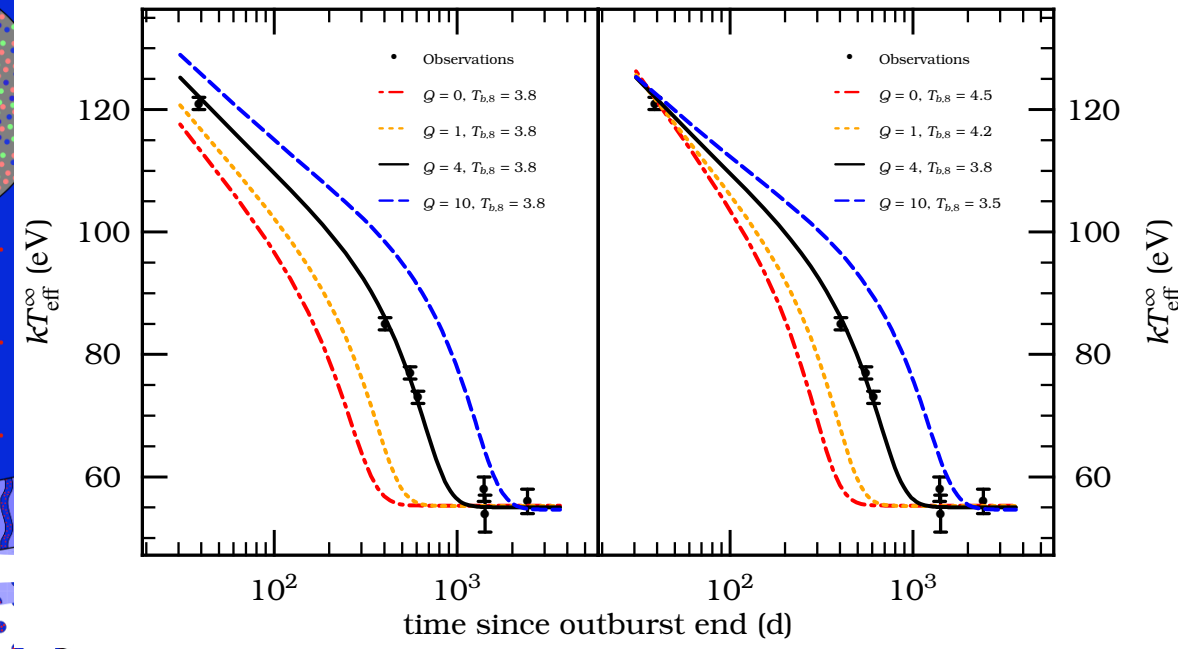
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MXB 1659-29 in quiescence:  
Strong evidence for relatively  
pure crystalline crust with  
superfluid neutrons in the  
inner layer



Brown and Cumming, ApJ 2009

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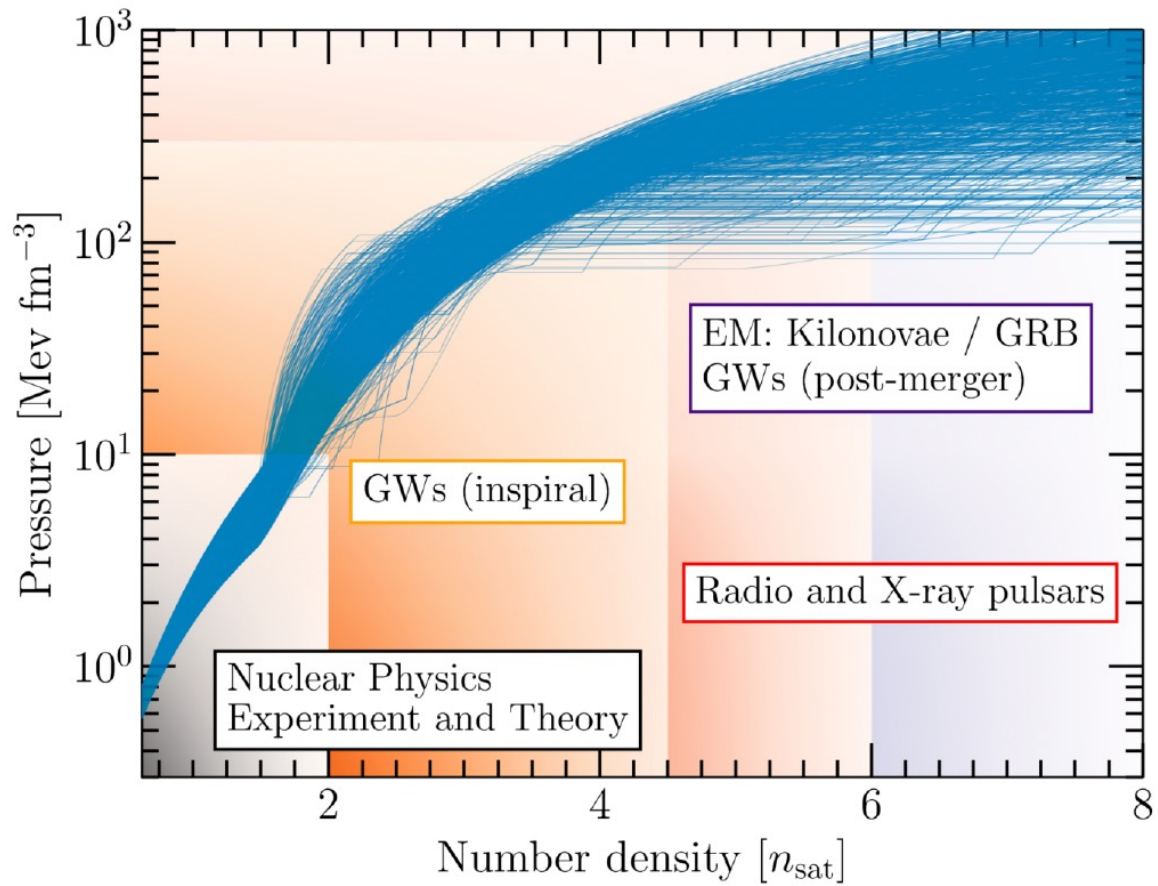
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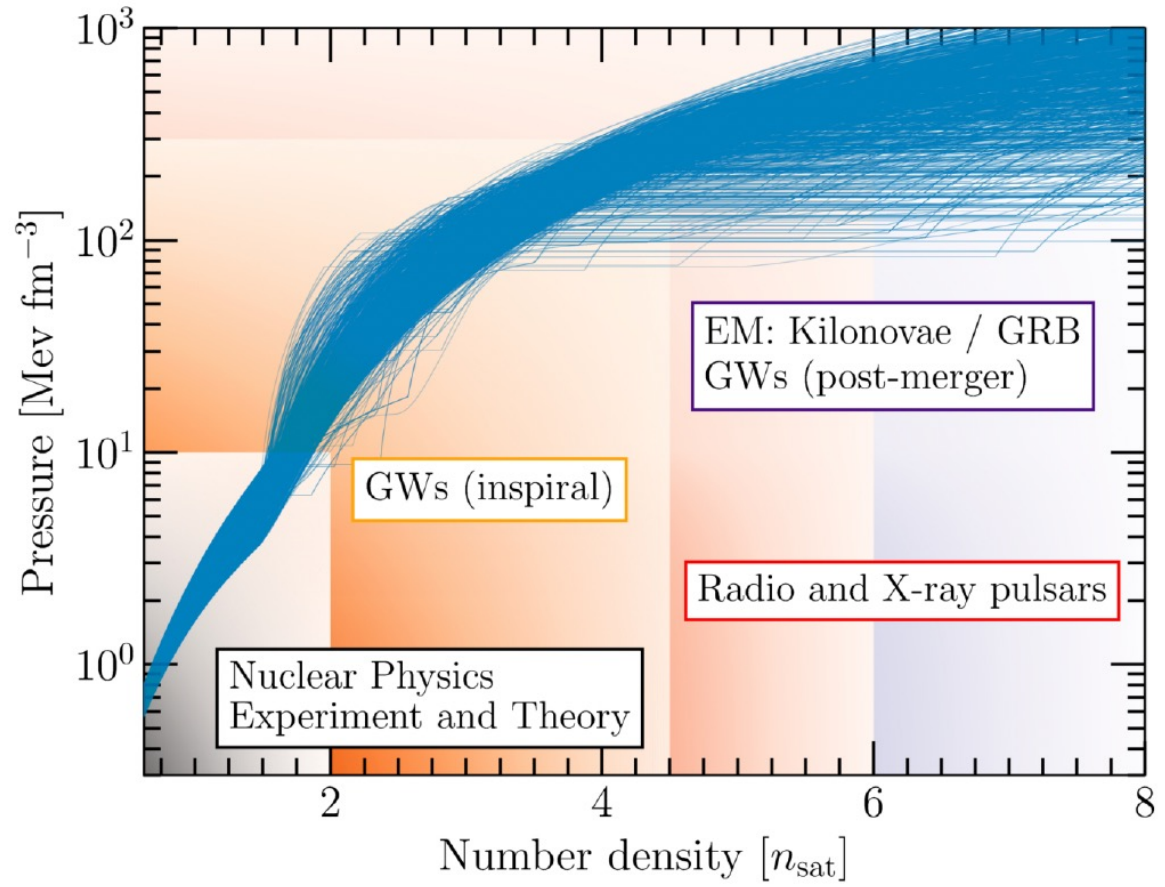


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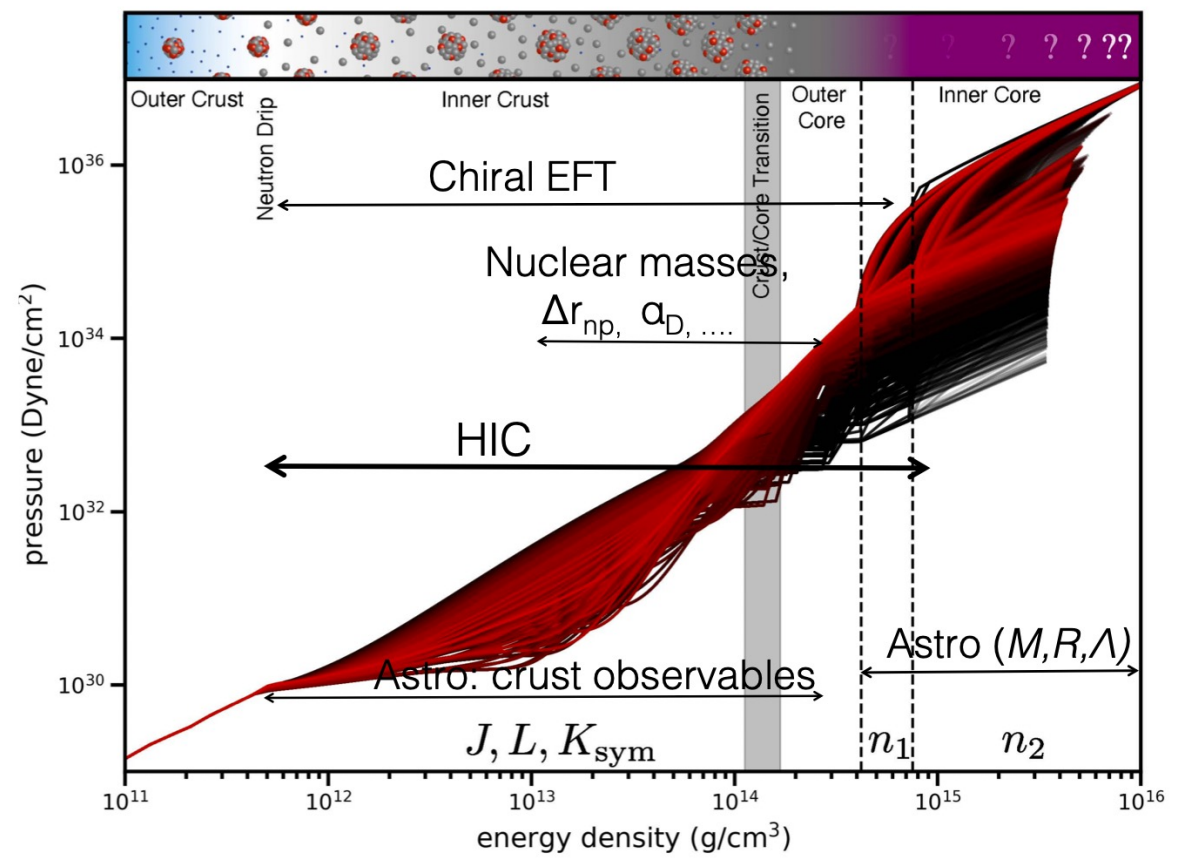
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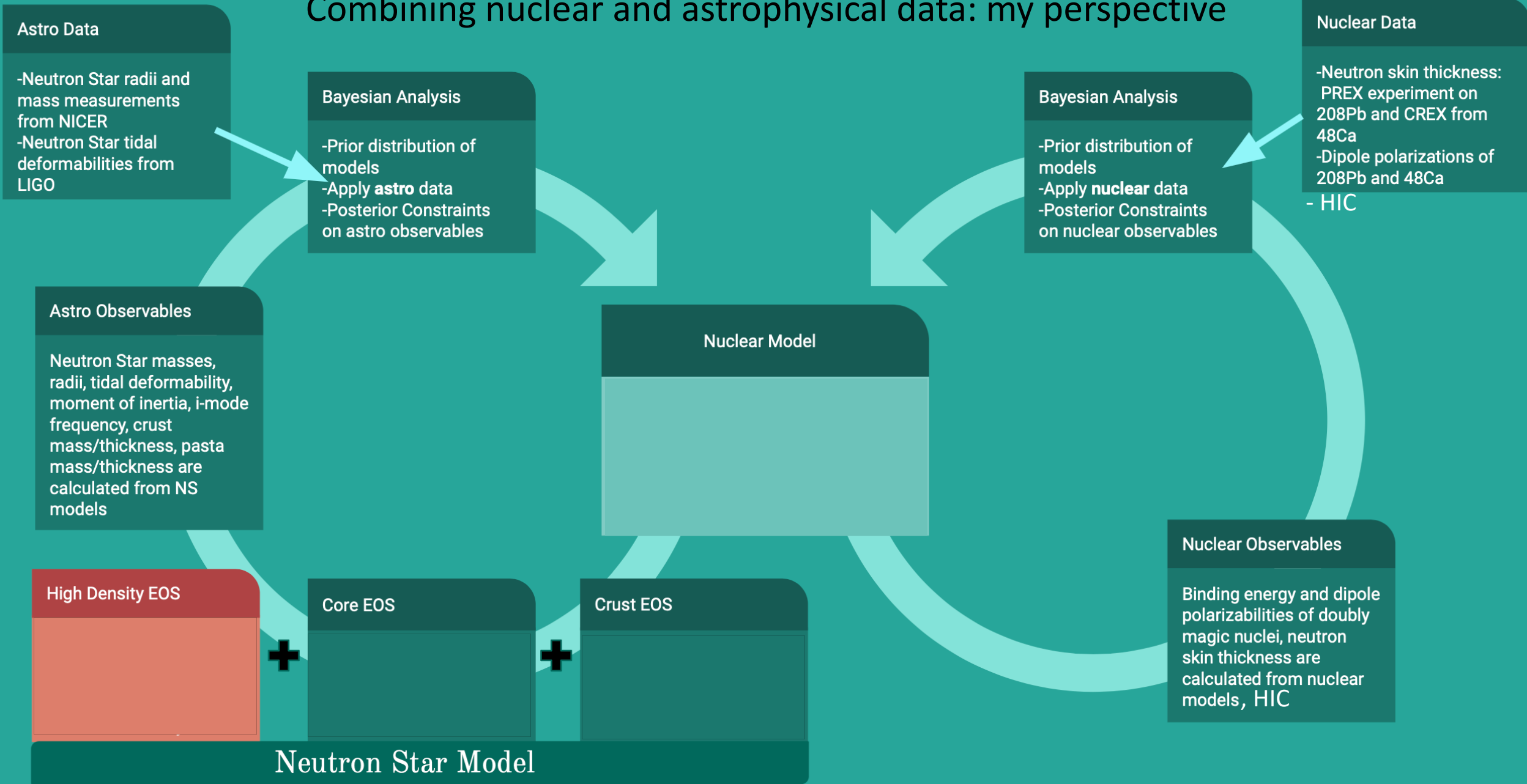
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### Letting the crust join the party



Neill+ 2208.00994; Sorenson+ 2301.13253

# Combining nuclear and astrophysical data: my perspective



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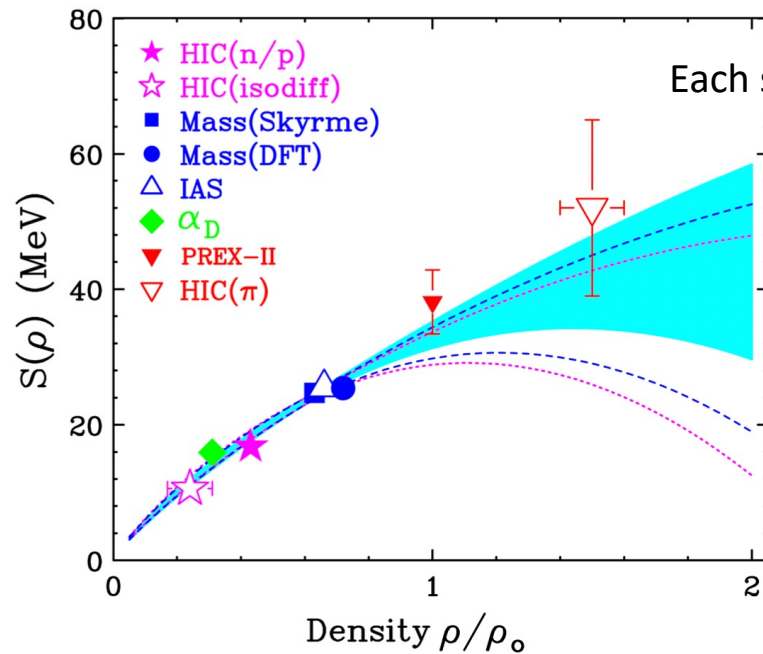
# Different observables give nuclear matter constraints at different densities

Different nuclear models used to extract symmetry energy, EOS from different observables. Uncontrolled systematic modeling error if we combine them

Exacerbated if take J,L,Ksym constraints, which involve extrapolation from density where the observable sits

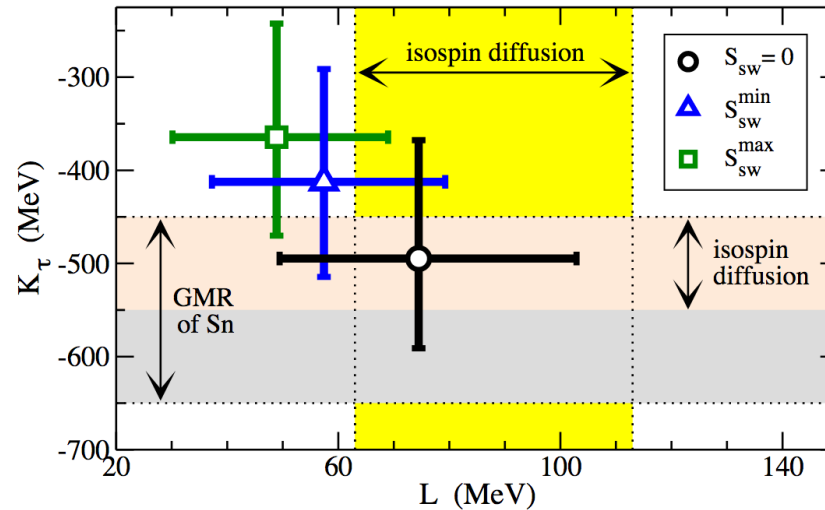
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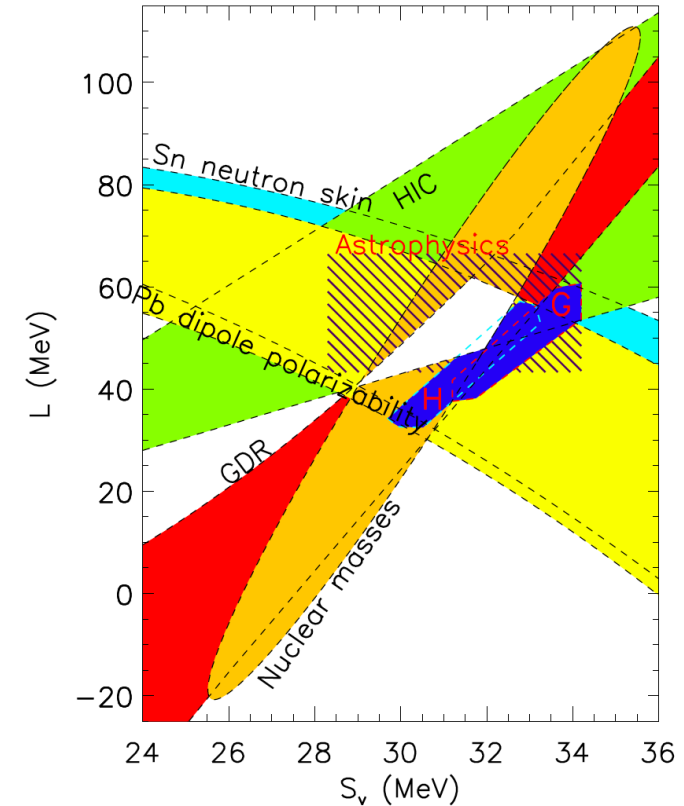


Tsang and Lynch, arxiv:2106.10119

Each study makes a choice of the Energy-Density Functional



Centelles et al, arxiv:0806.2886



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

What I want to do:

Start with an ensemble of nuclear models

Model parameter priors uninformed by experiment and observation

Systematically, and as consistently as possible, add nuclear and astro data to constrain parameters

What I'll show:

- An example of systematic model uncertainty
- Steps towards eliminating it



# 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

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

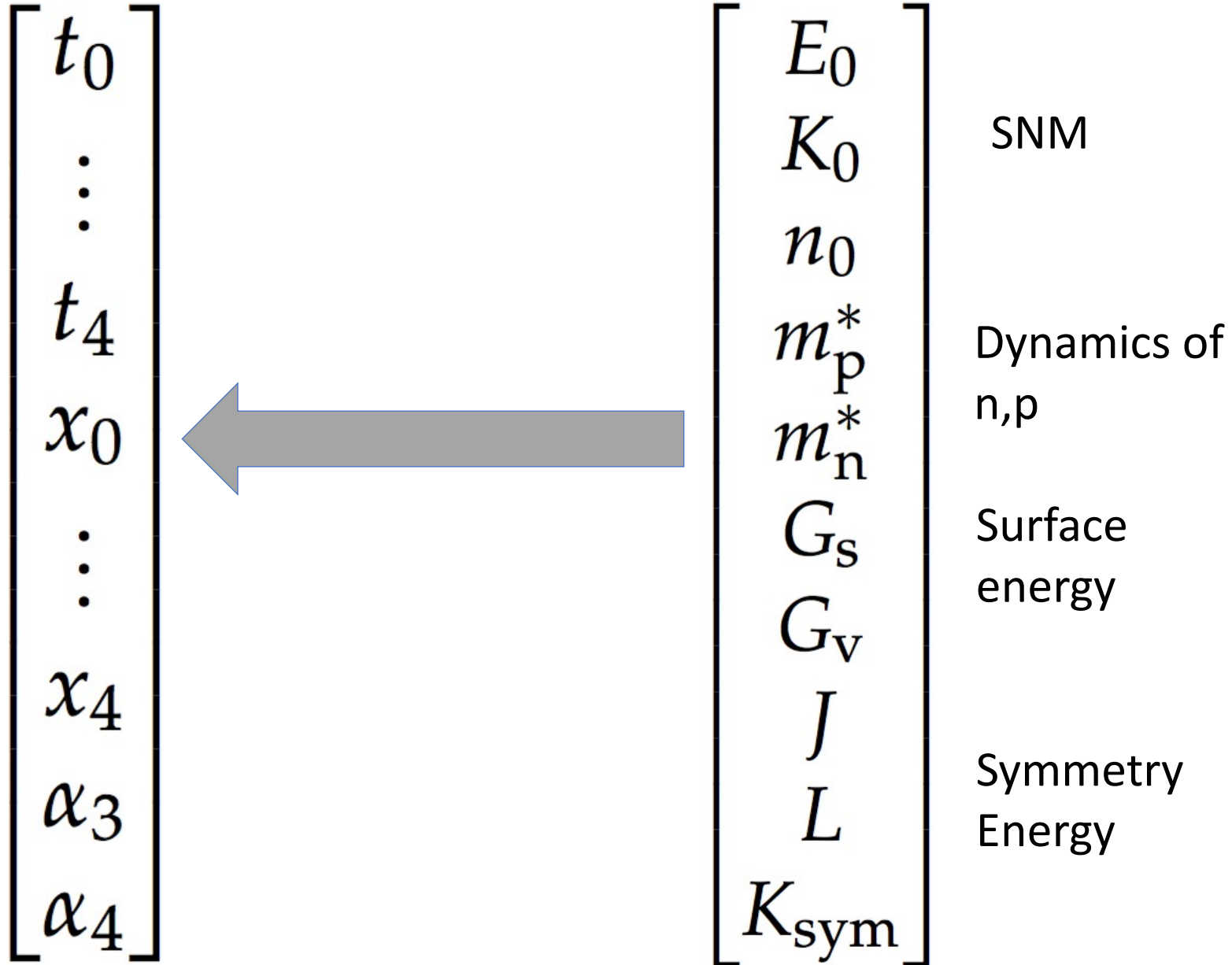
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_{\text{grad}} &= \frac{1}{32}(\nabla\rho)^2[3t_1(2 + x_1) - t_2(2 + x_2)] \\ &- \frac{1}{32}[3t_1(2x_1 + 1) + t_2(2x_2 + 1)][(\nabla\rho_p)^2 + (\nabla\rho_n)^2]\end{aligned}$$

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)

# Map nuclear matter parameters to model parameters and systematically generate models

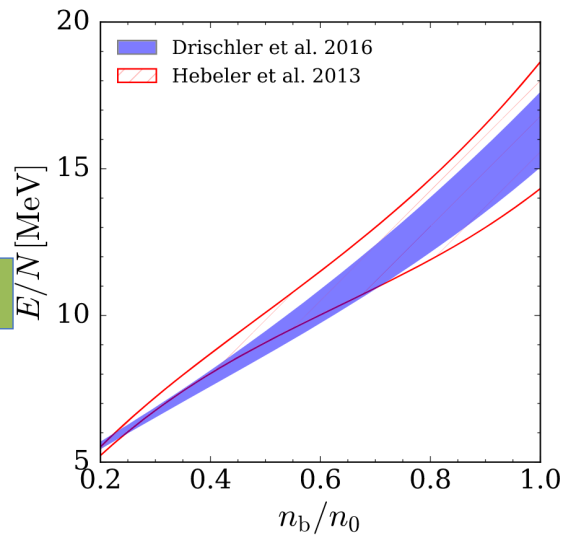


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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \longleftarrow \begin{bmatrix} J \\ L \\ K_{\text{sym}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{bmatrix} \longleftarrow$$



Haensel, Fortin JPhysG 2017  
Lim, Holt arXiv:1702.02898

Fixed: potential  
source of  
systematic model  
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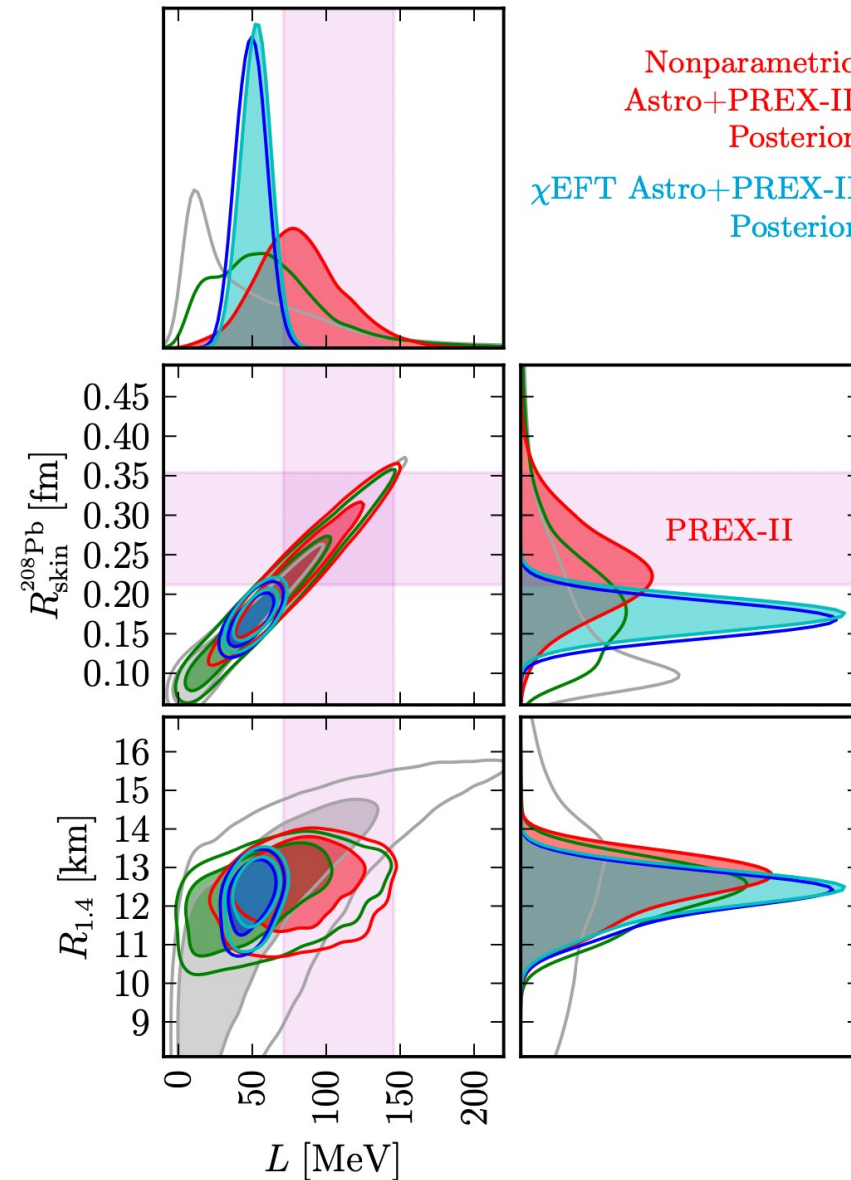
Nuclear masses,  
giant resonances

$\rho_0$ ( $\text{fm}^{-3}$ )	$0.160 \pm 0.005$
$B$ (MeV)	$16.0 \pm 0.5$
$K$ (MeV)	$230 \pm 30$

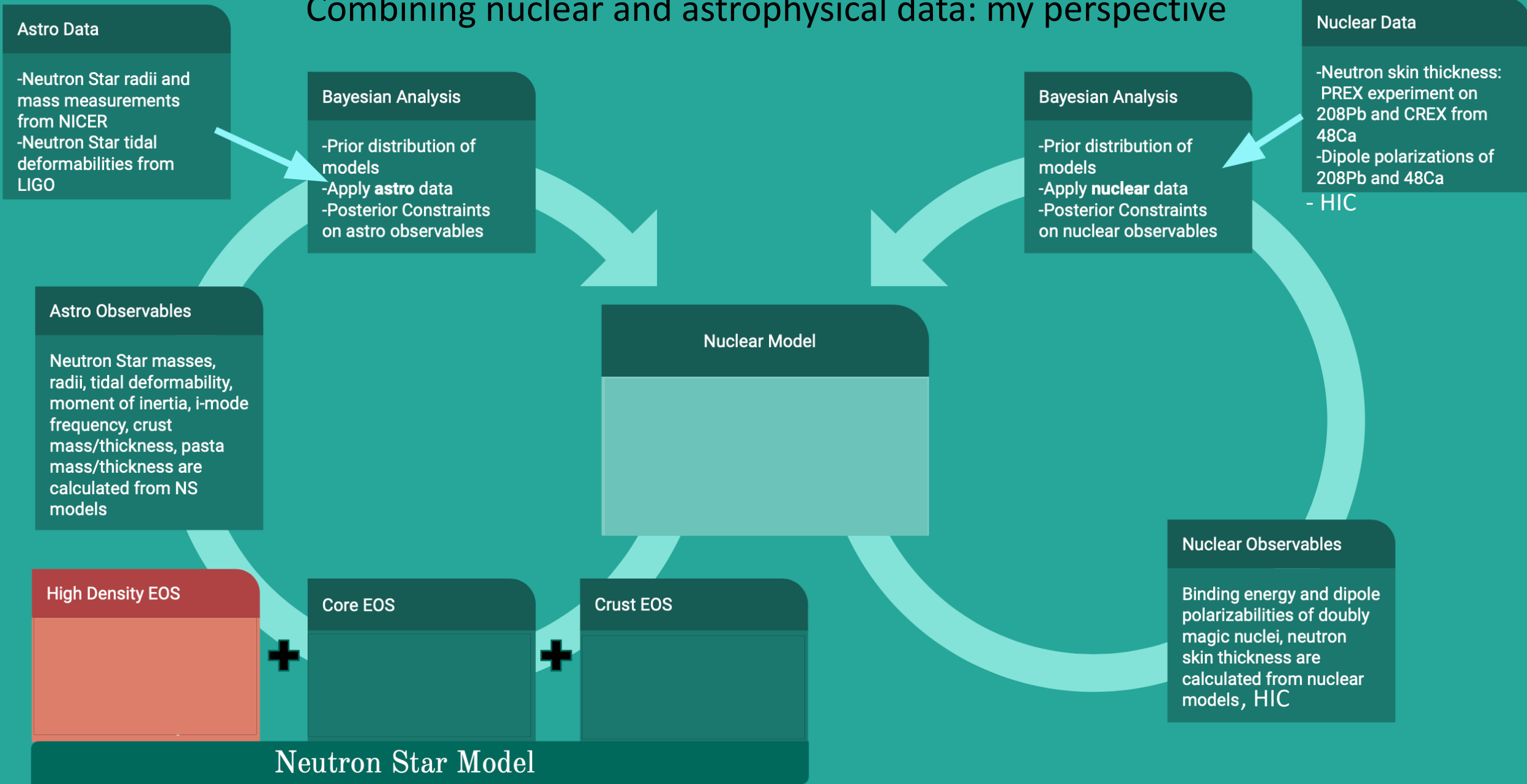
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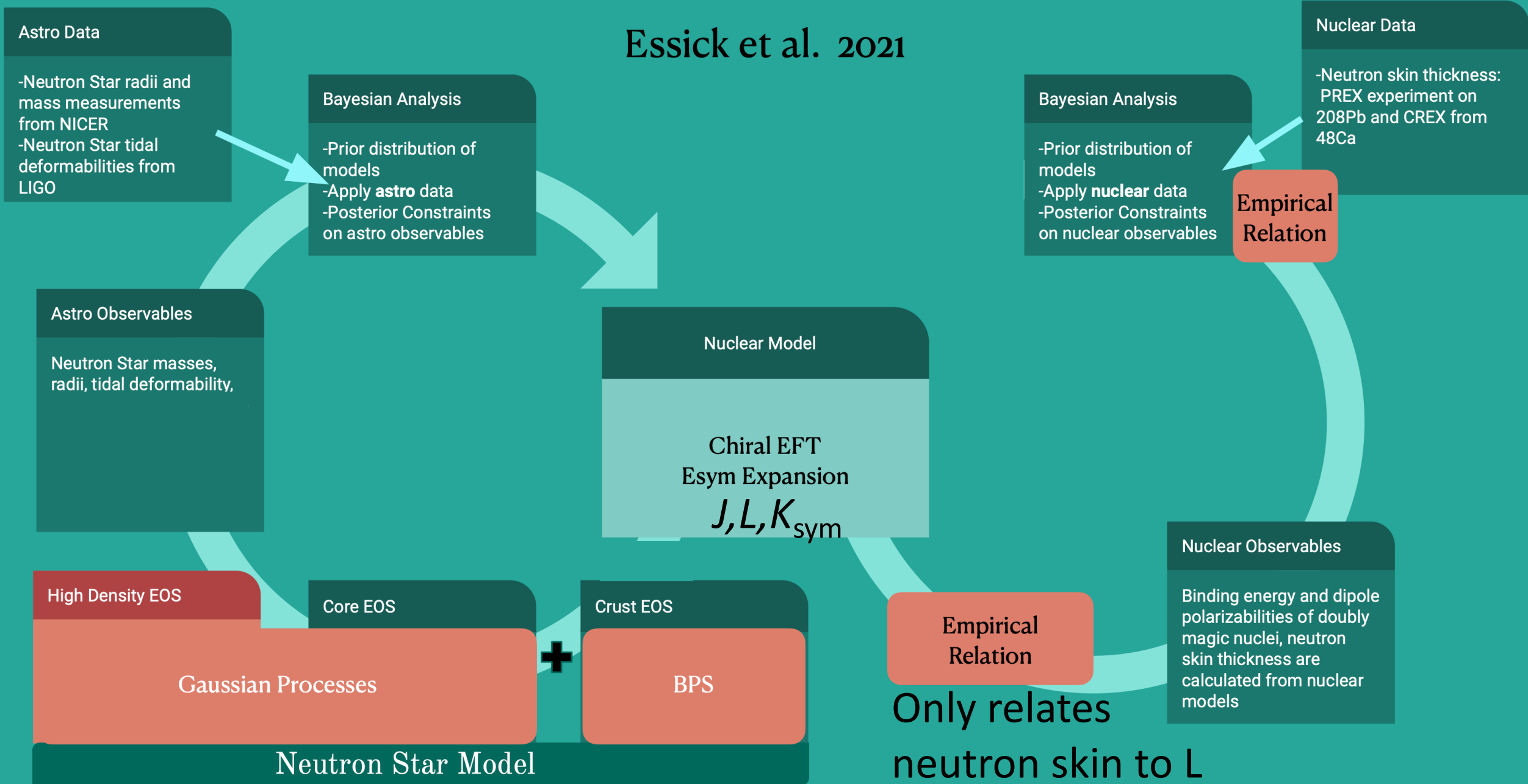
# Systematic model uncertainties: an example



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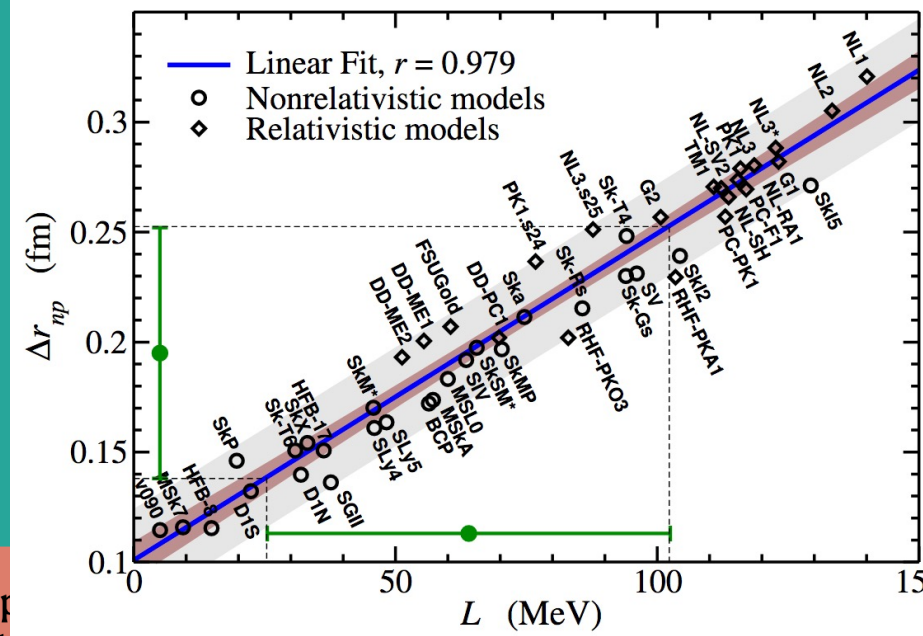
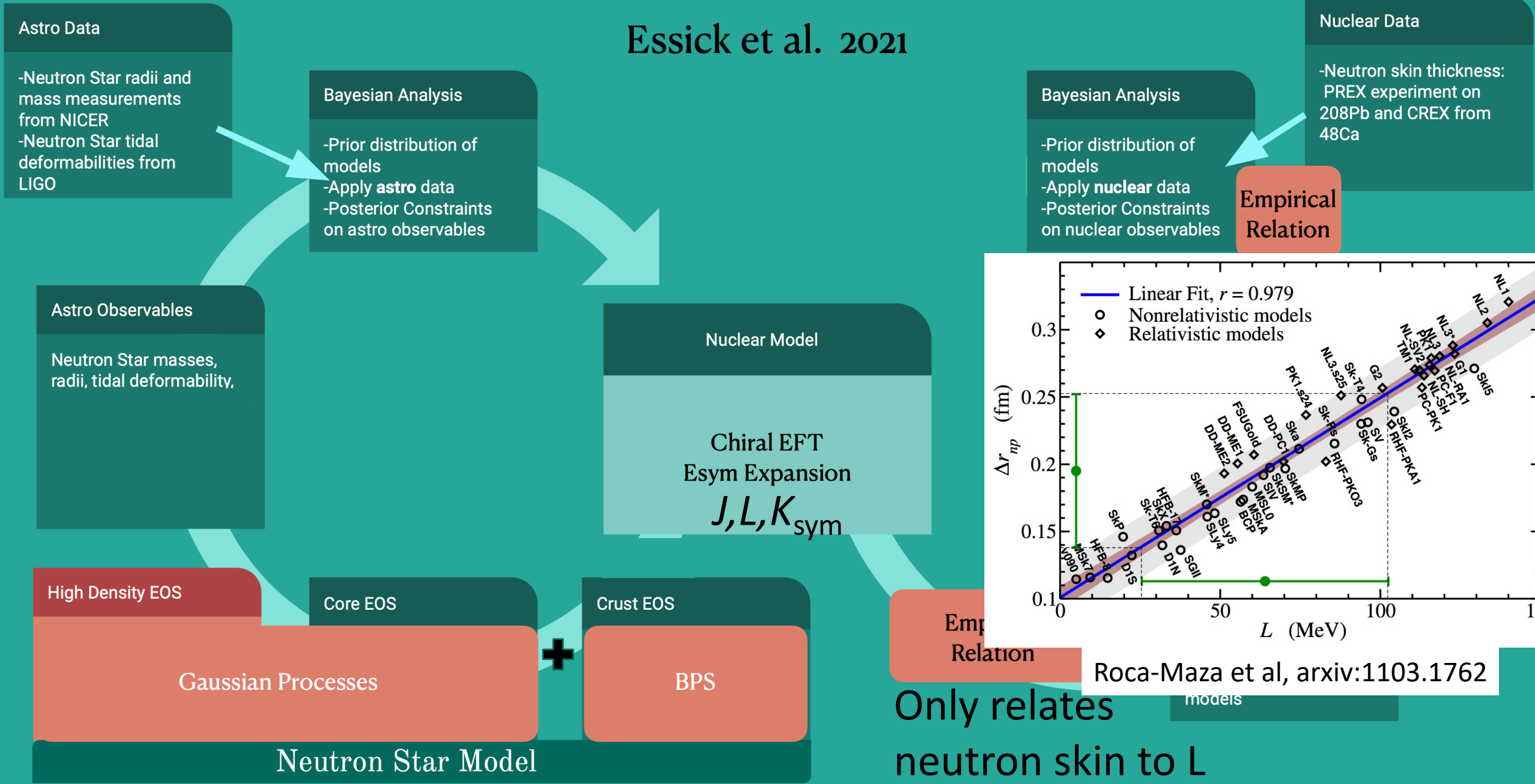


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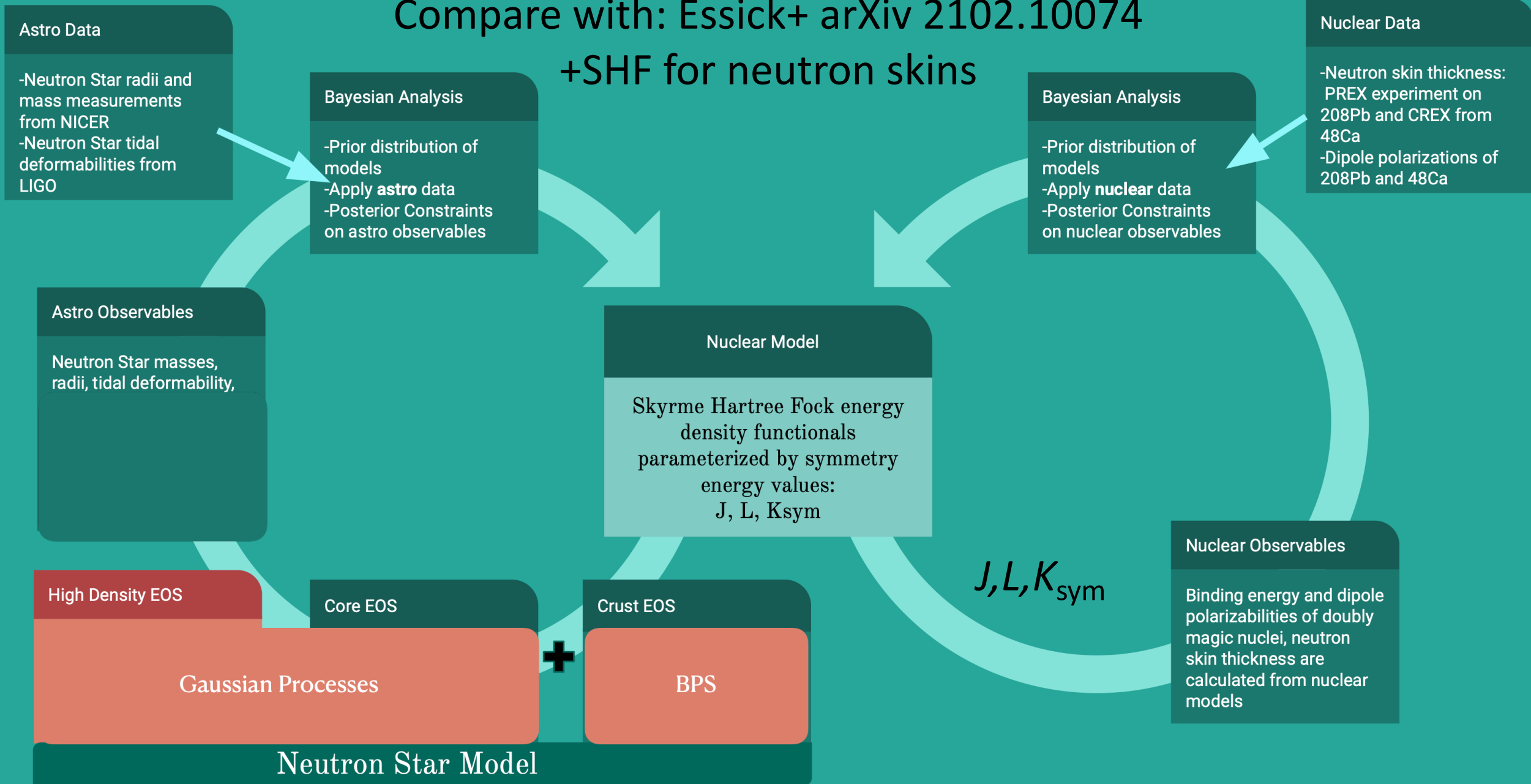


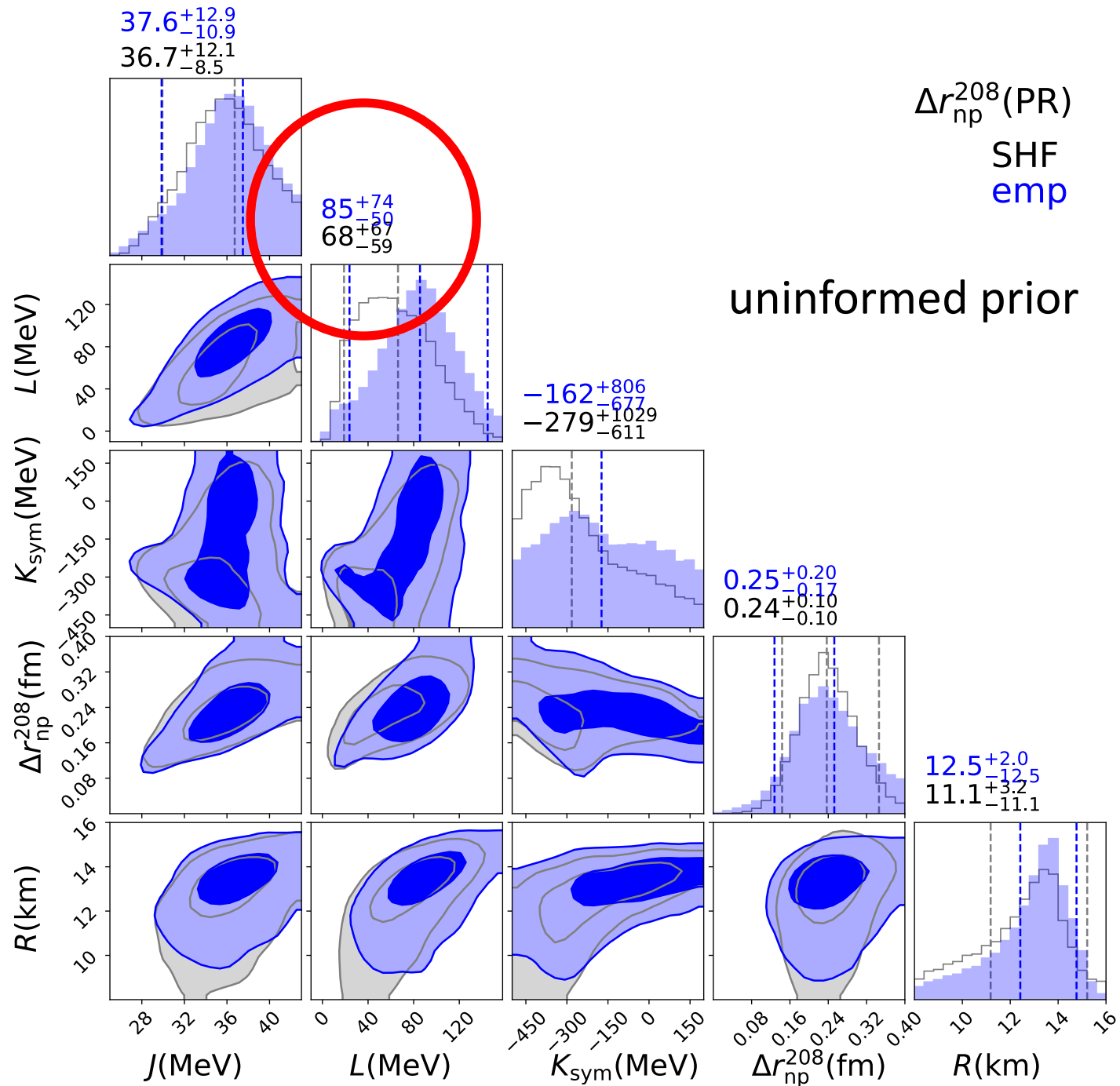
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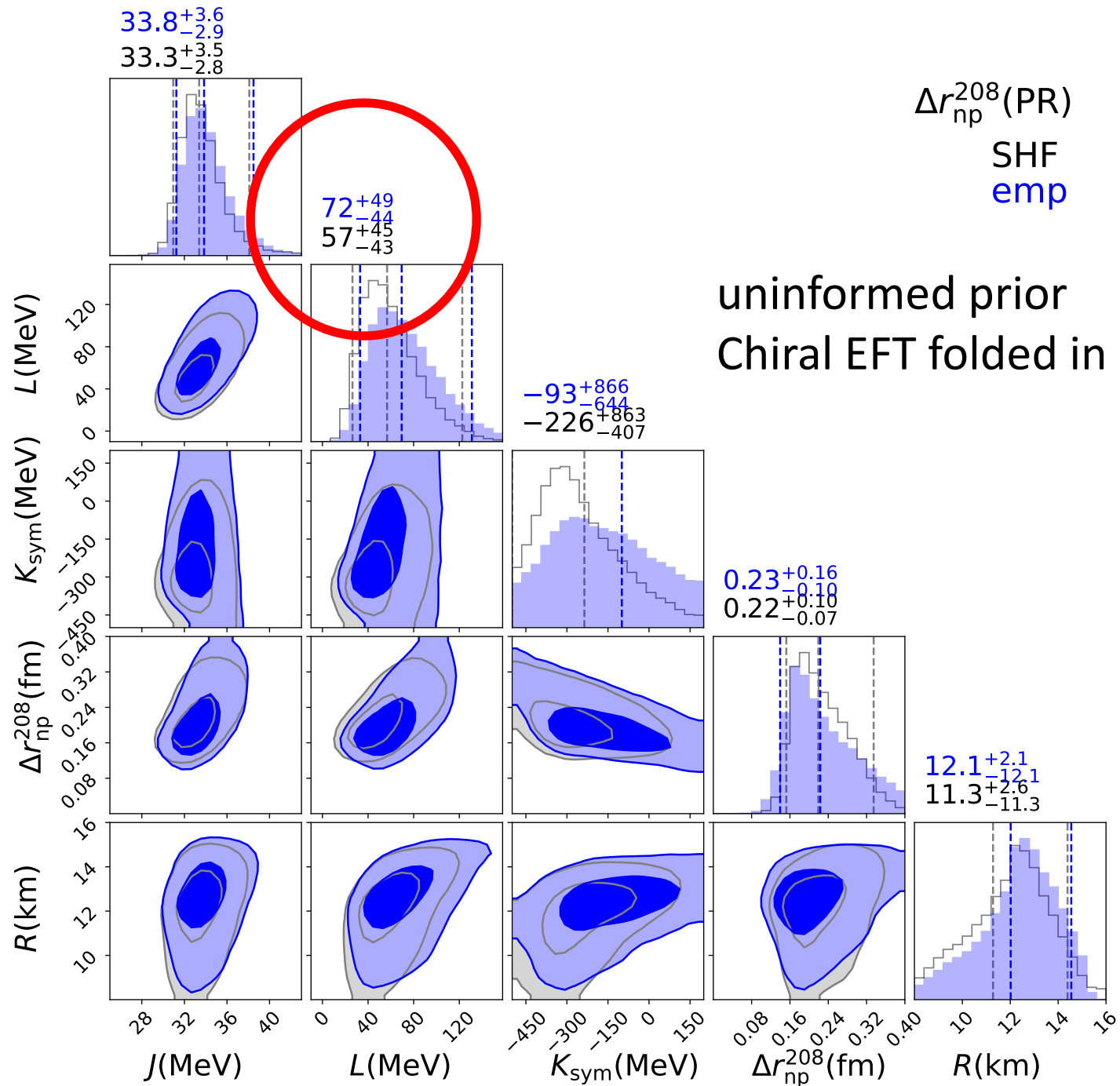
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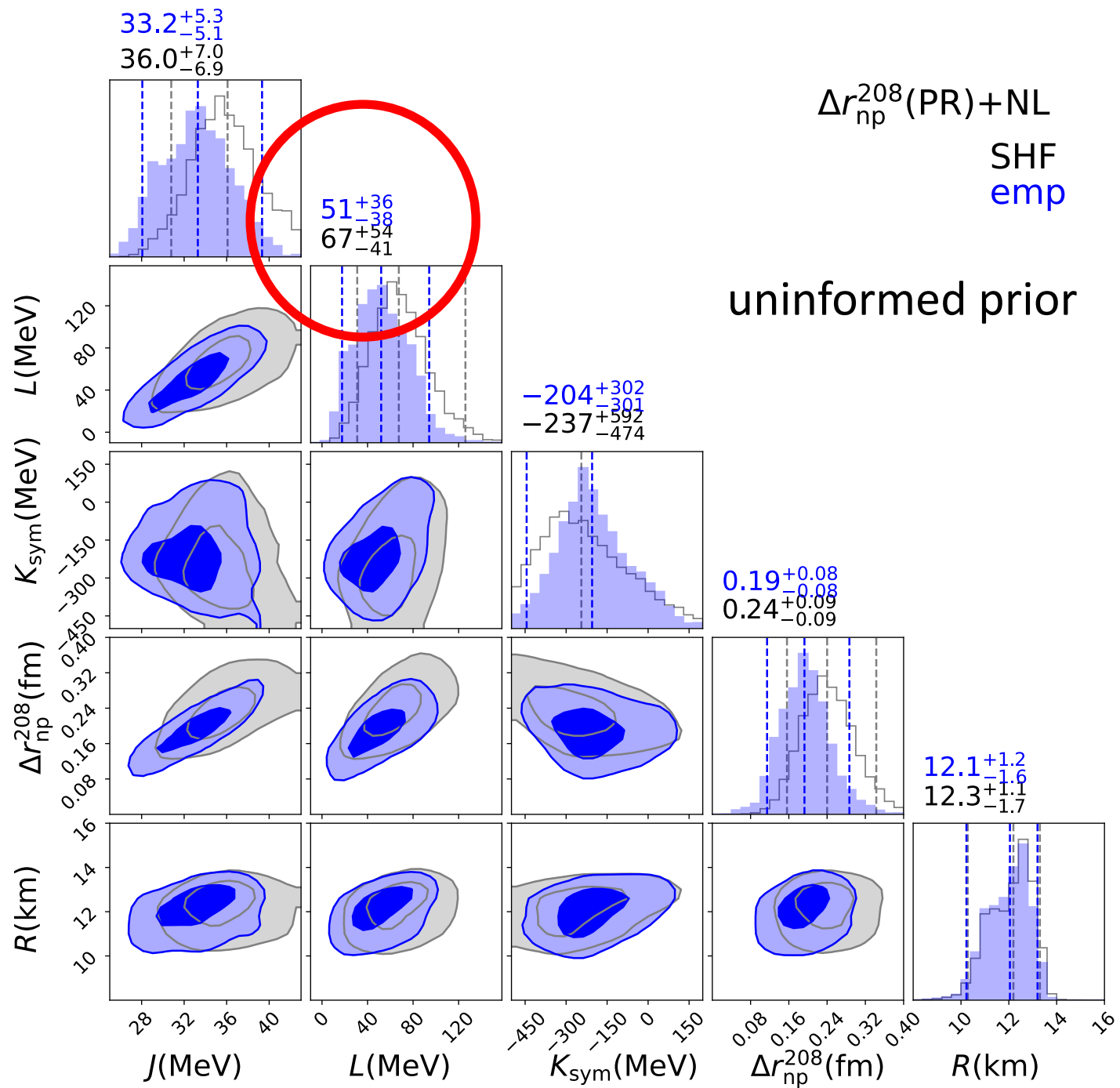
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## +SHF for neutron skins

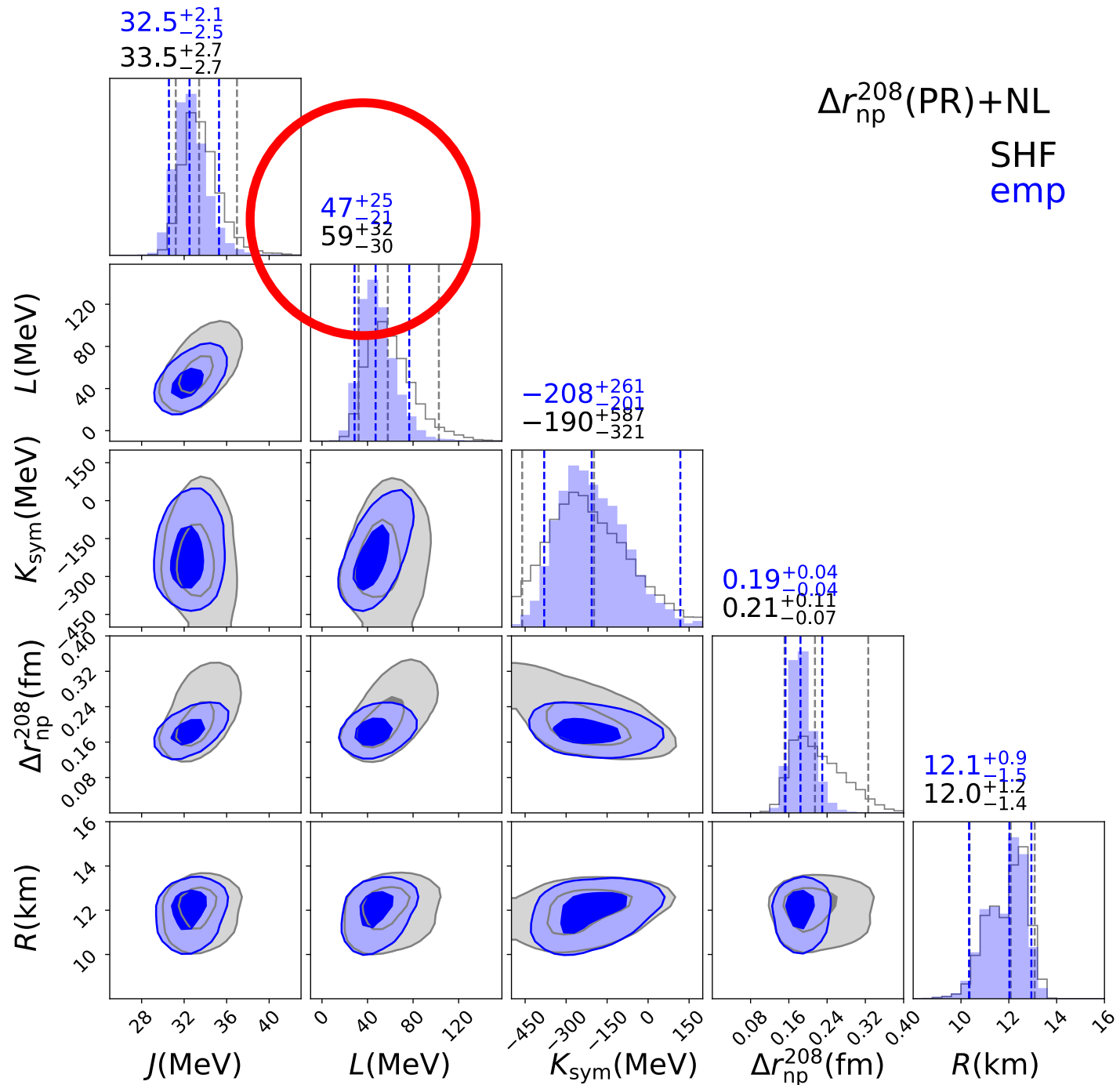


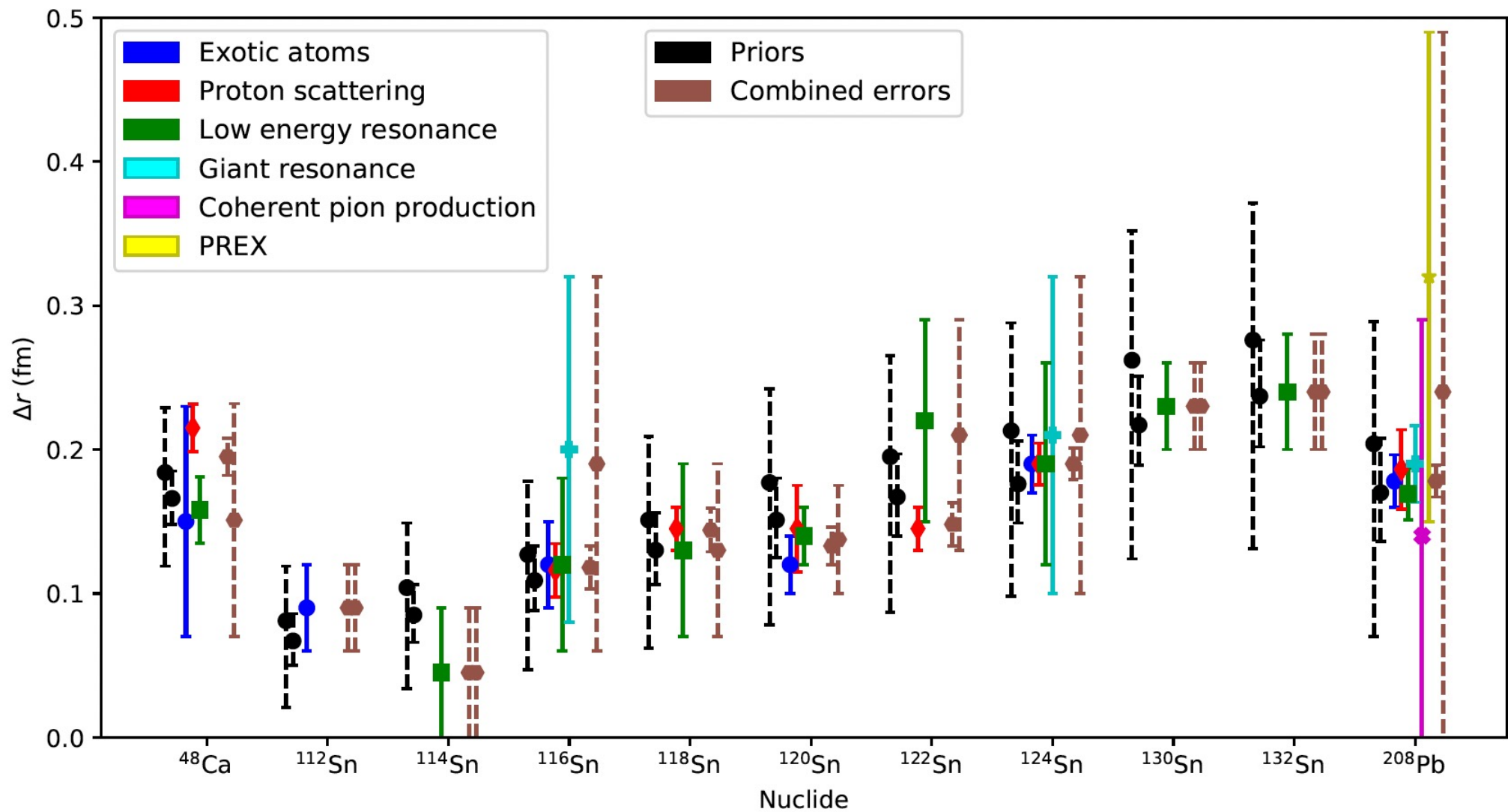


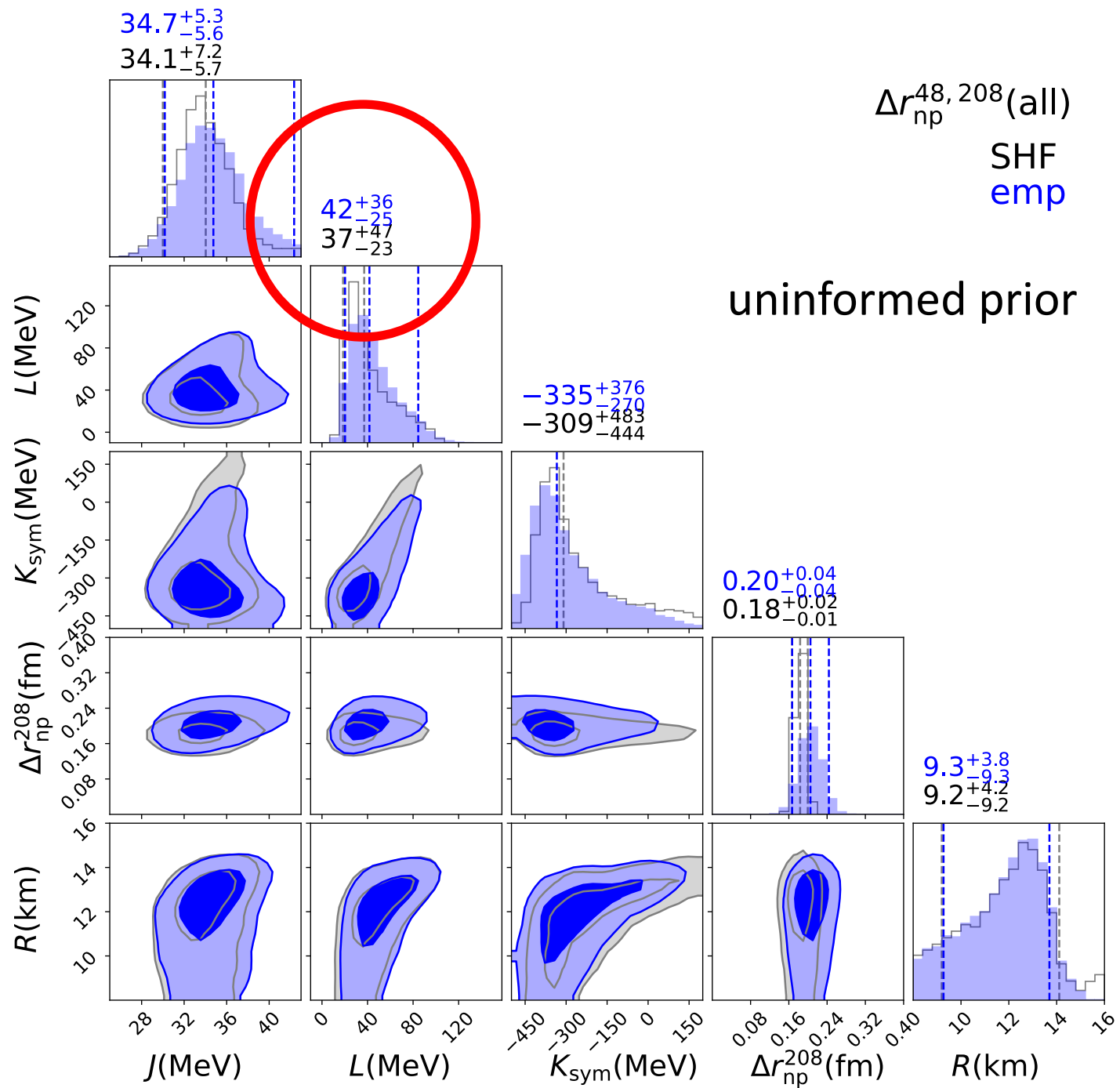


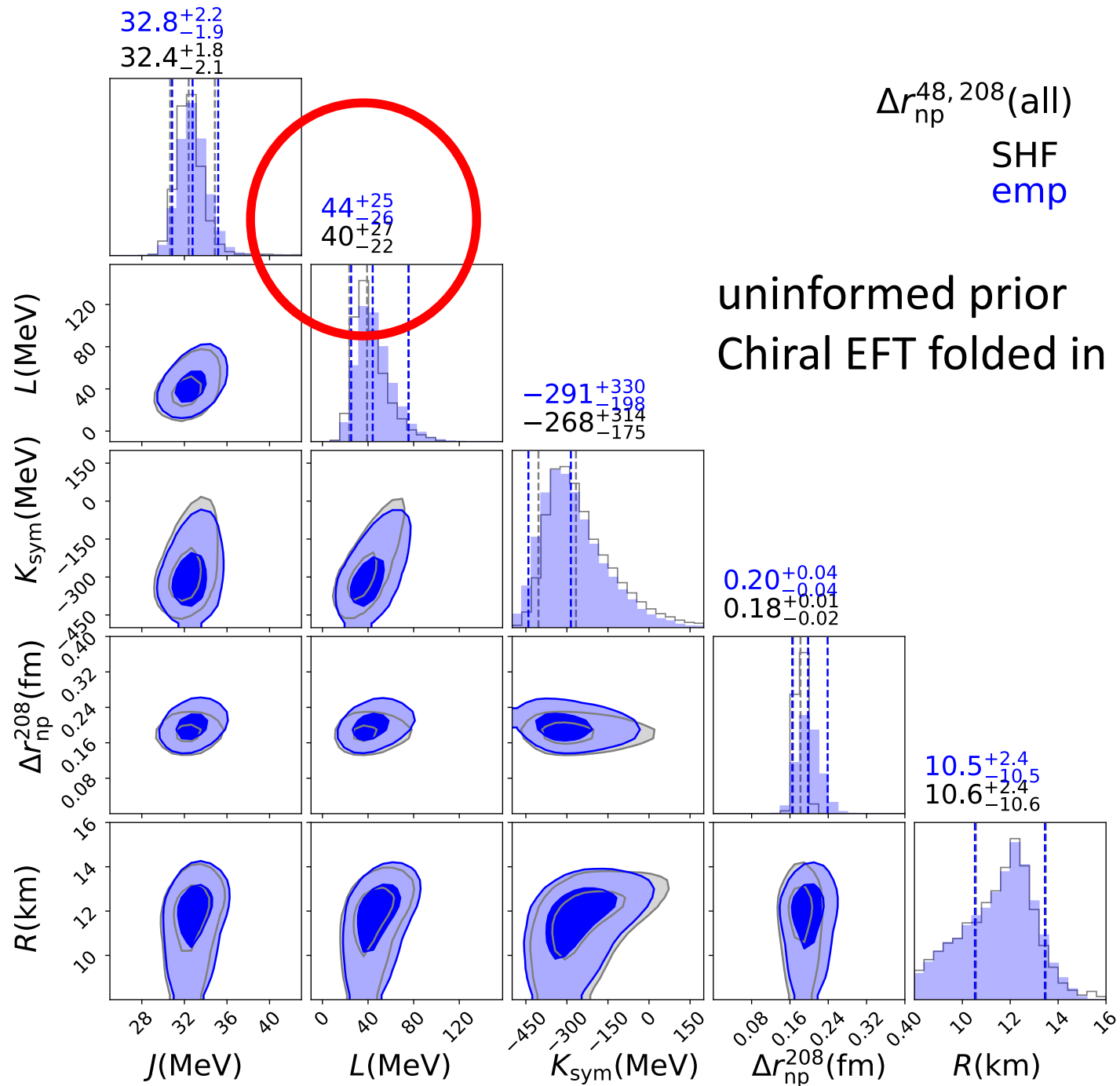


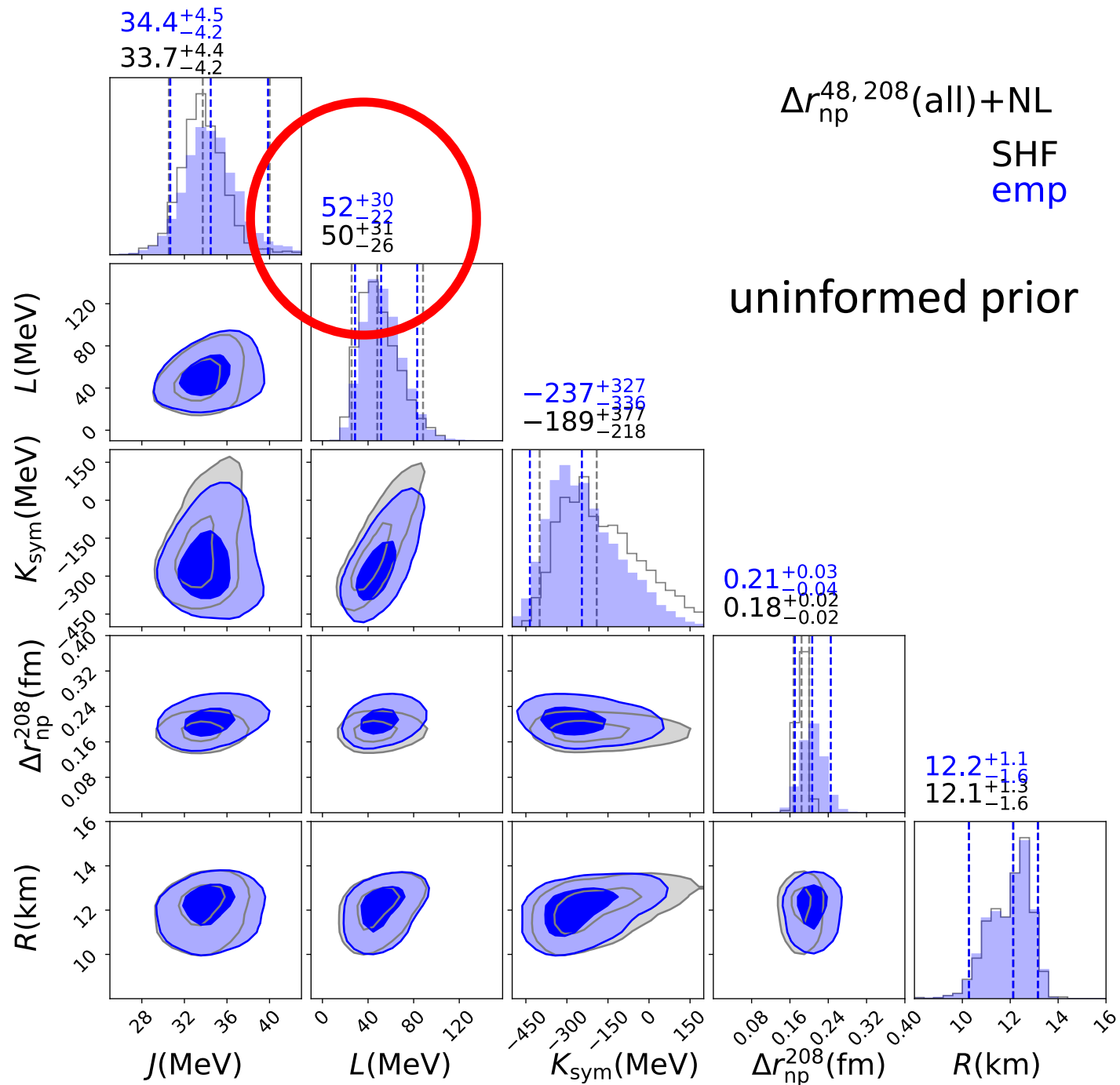




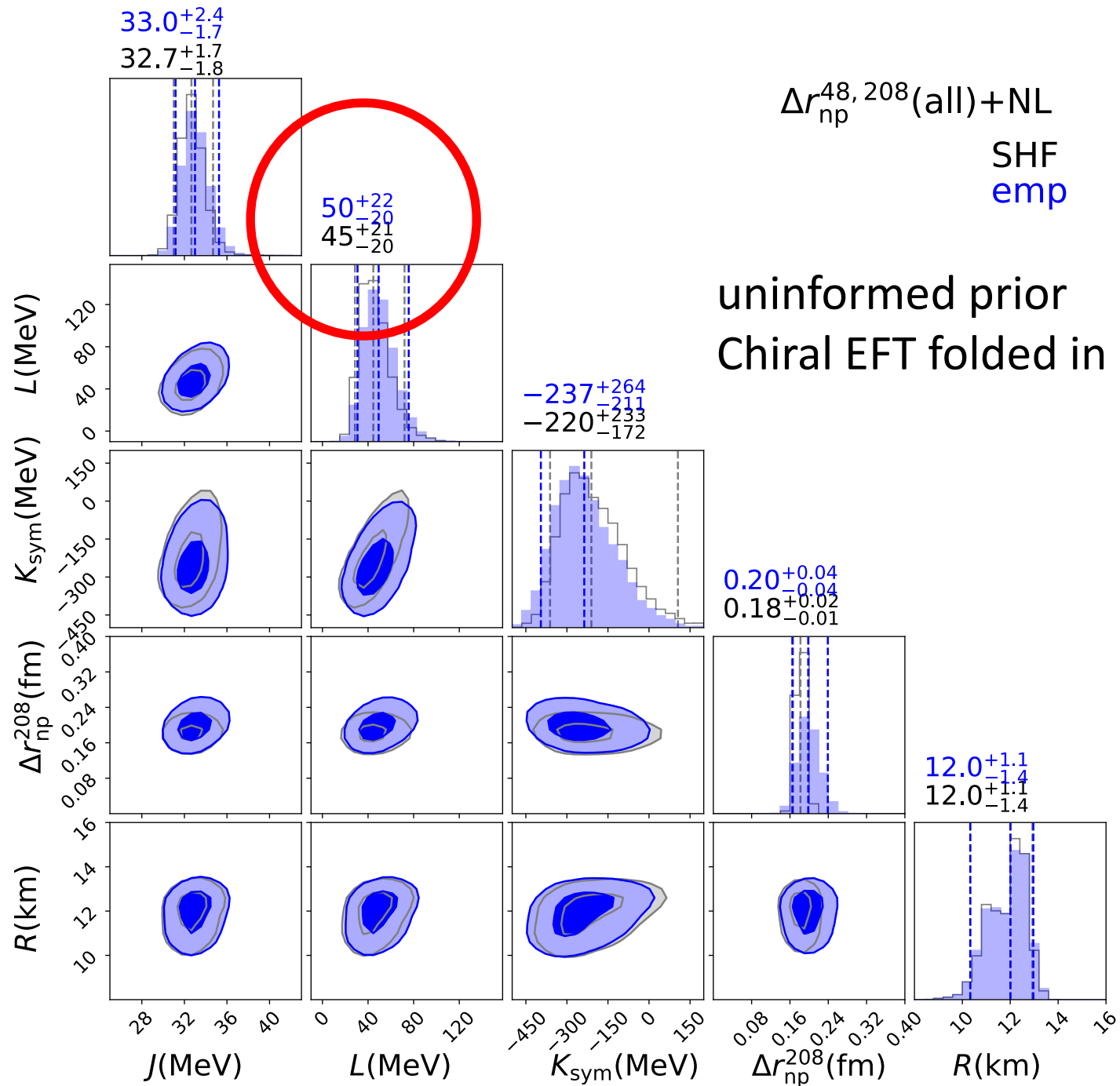






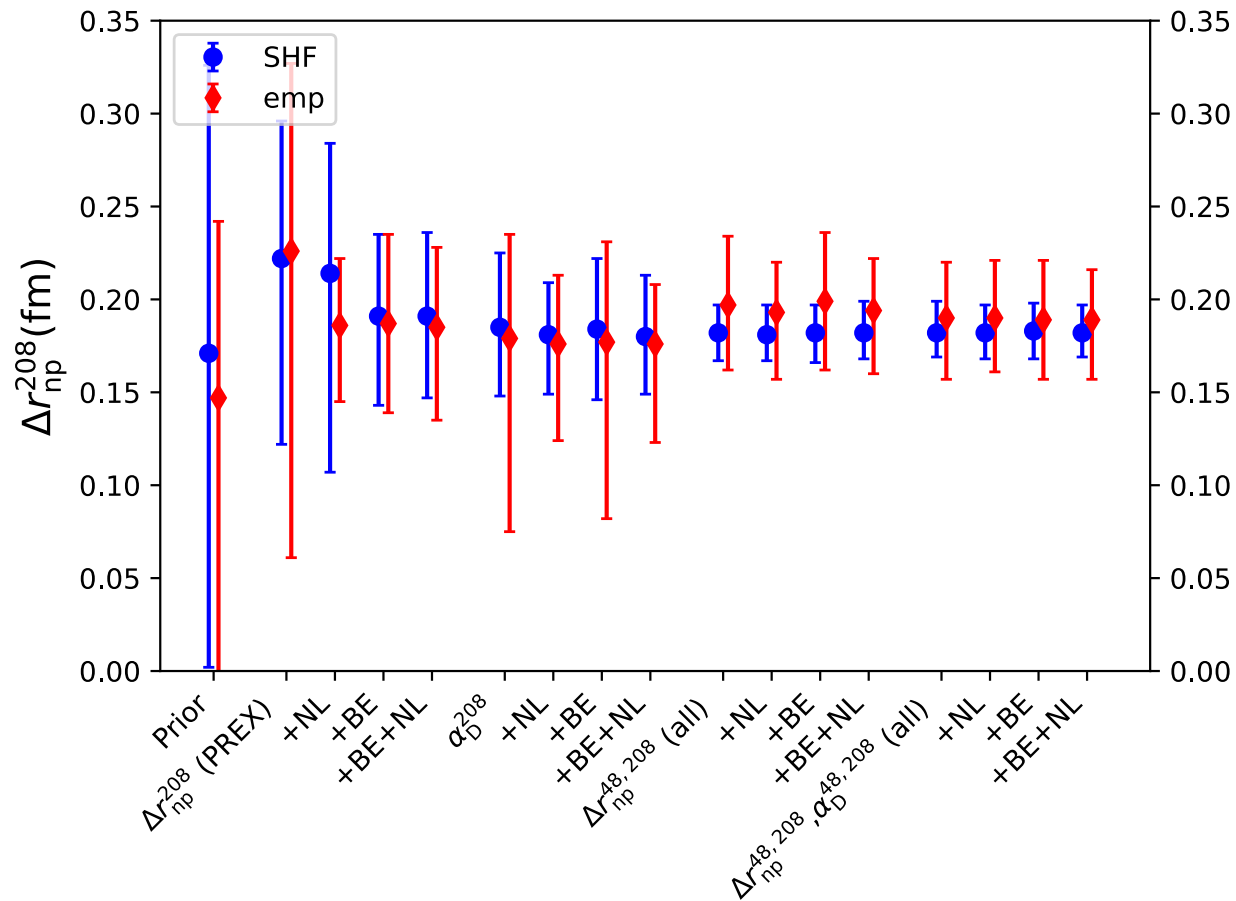
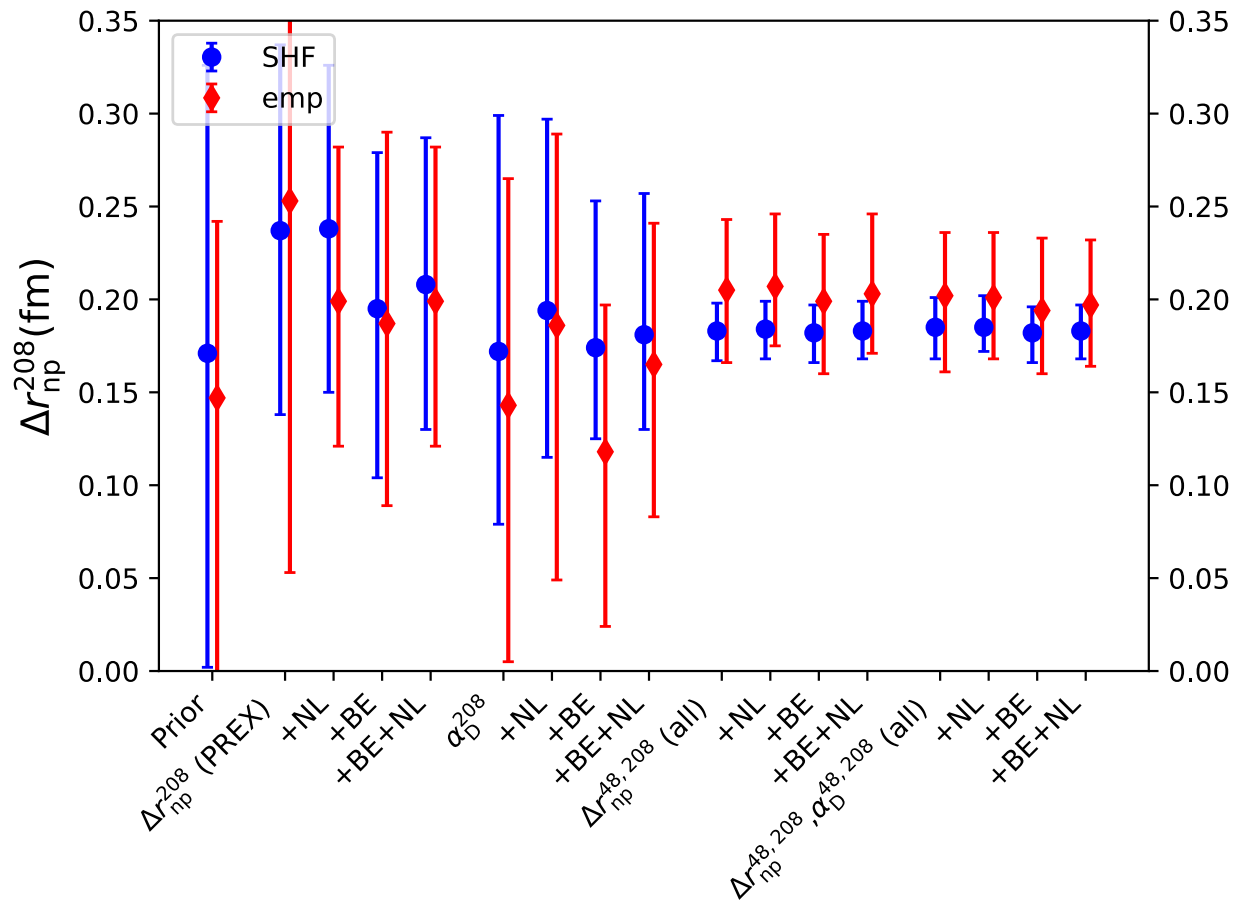






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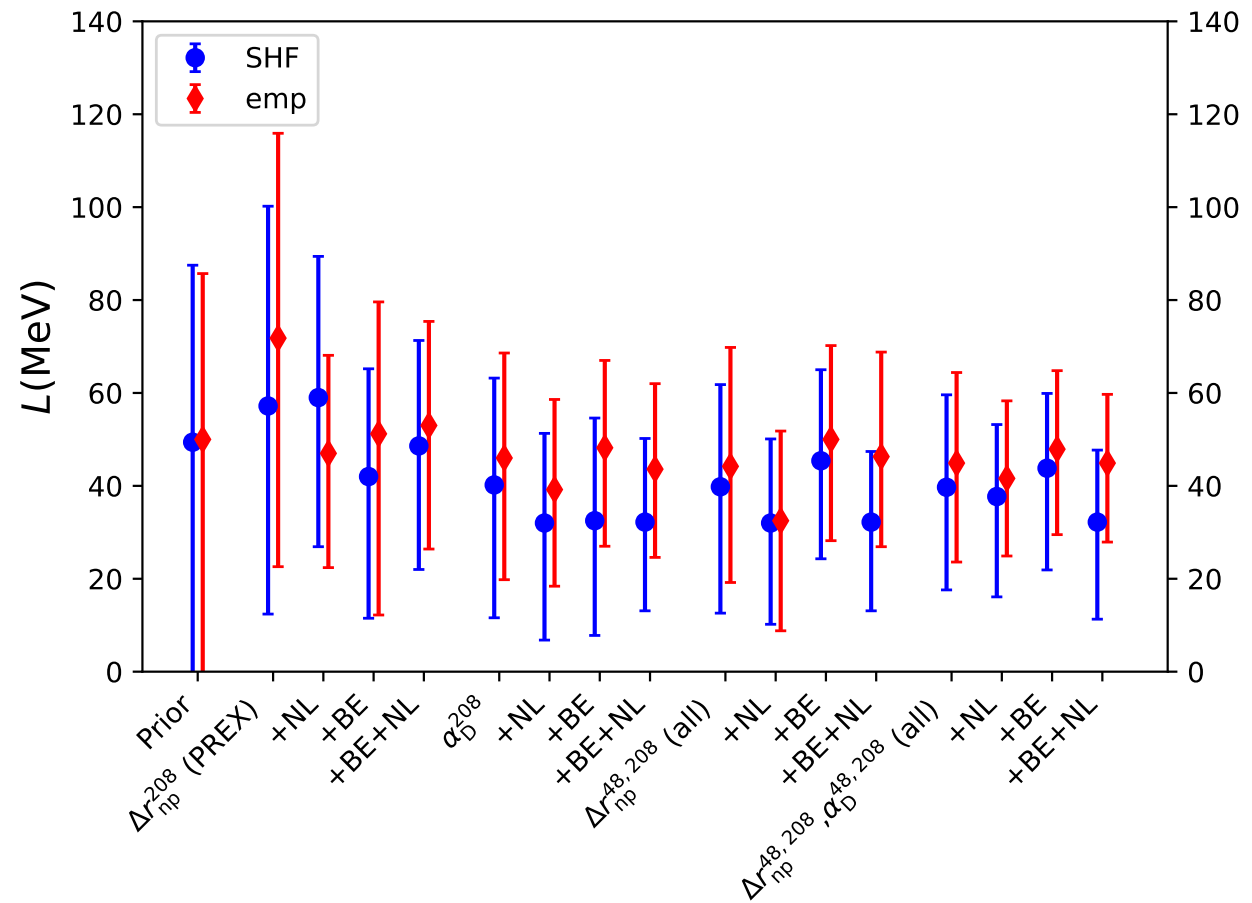
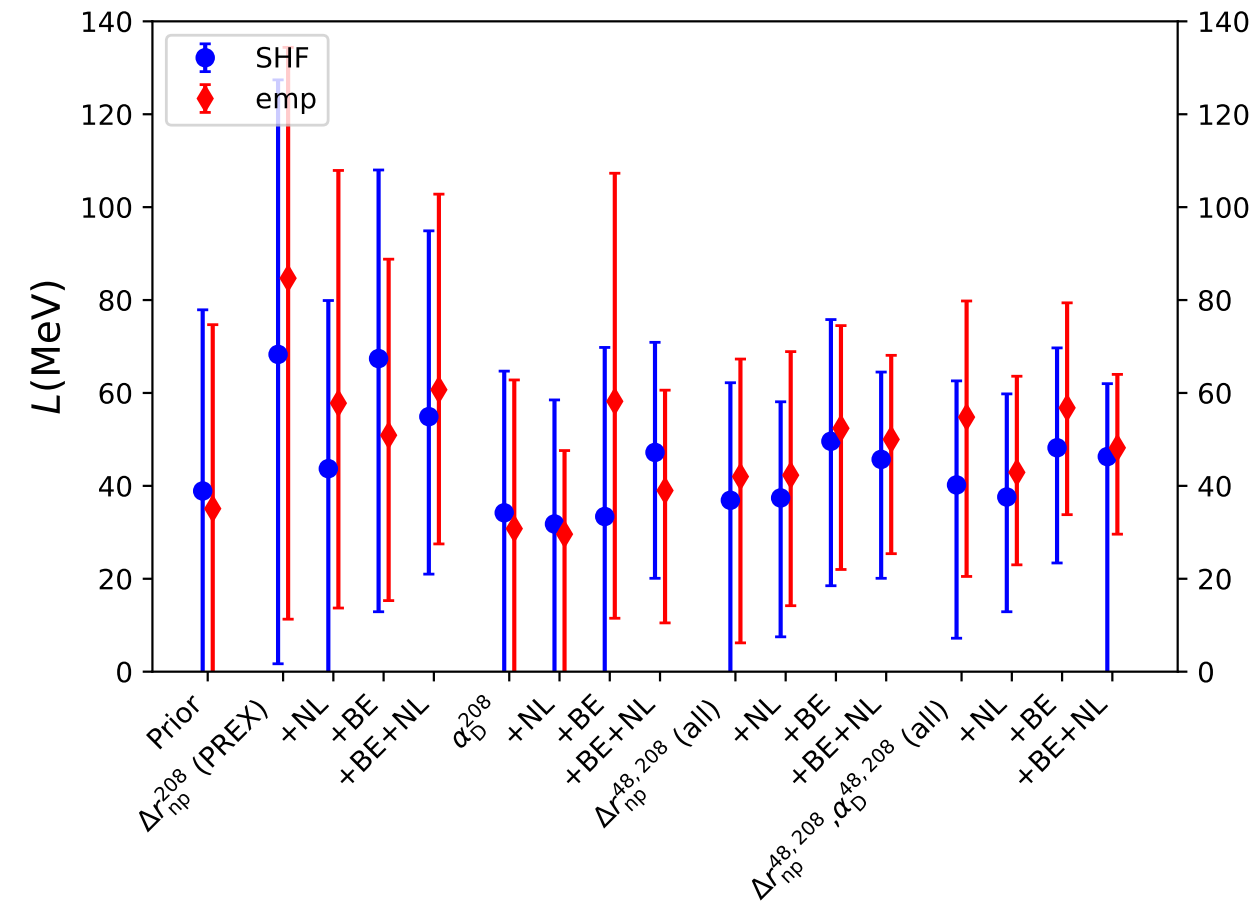
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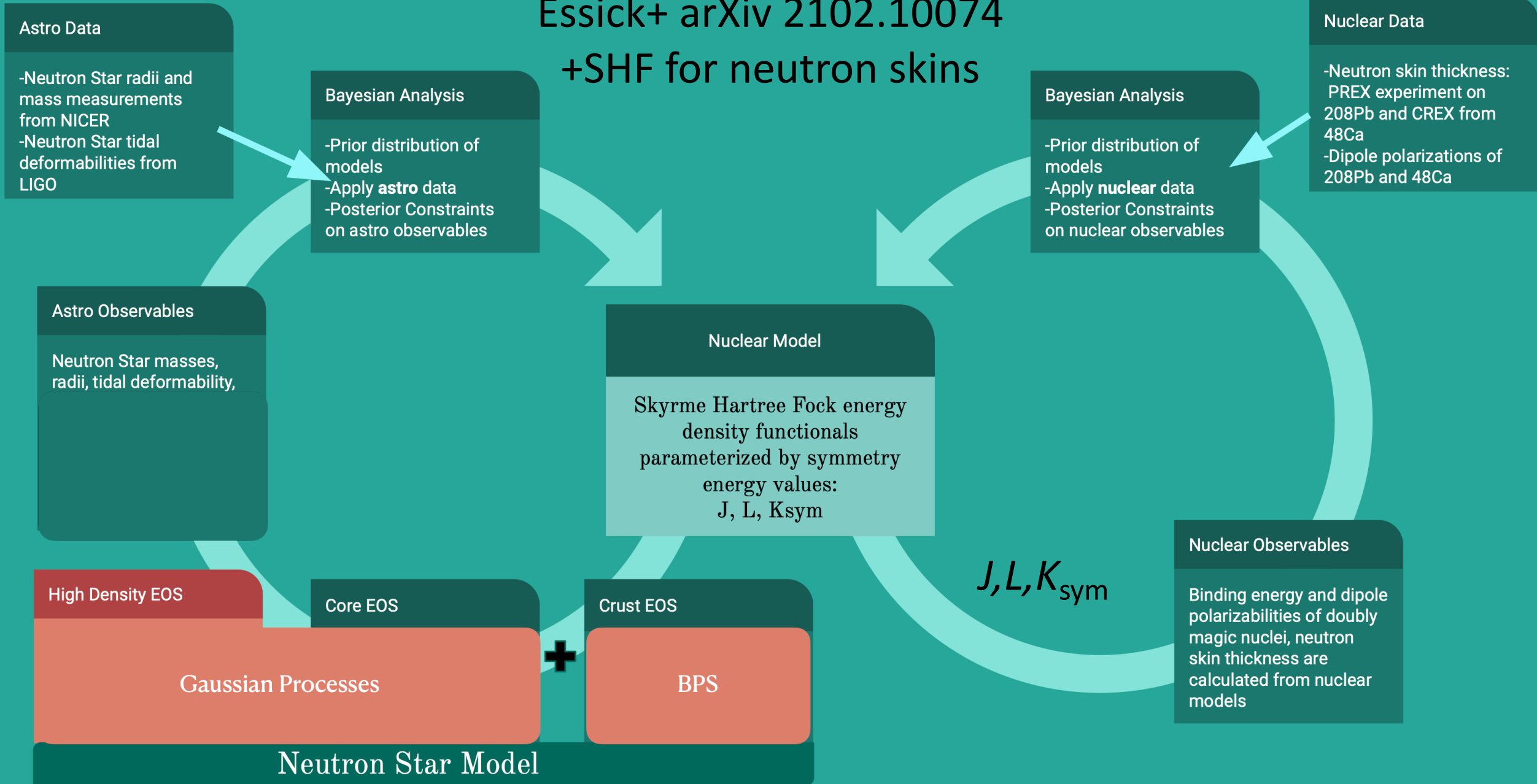
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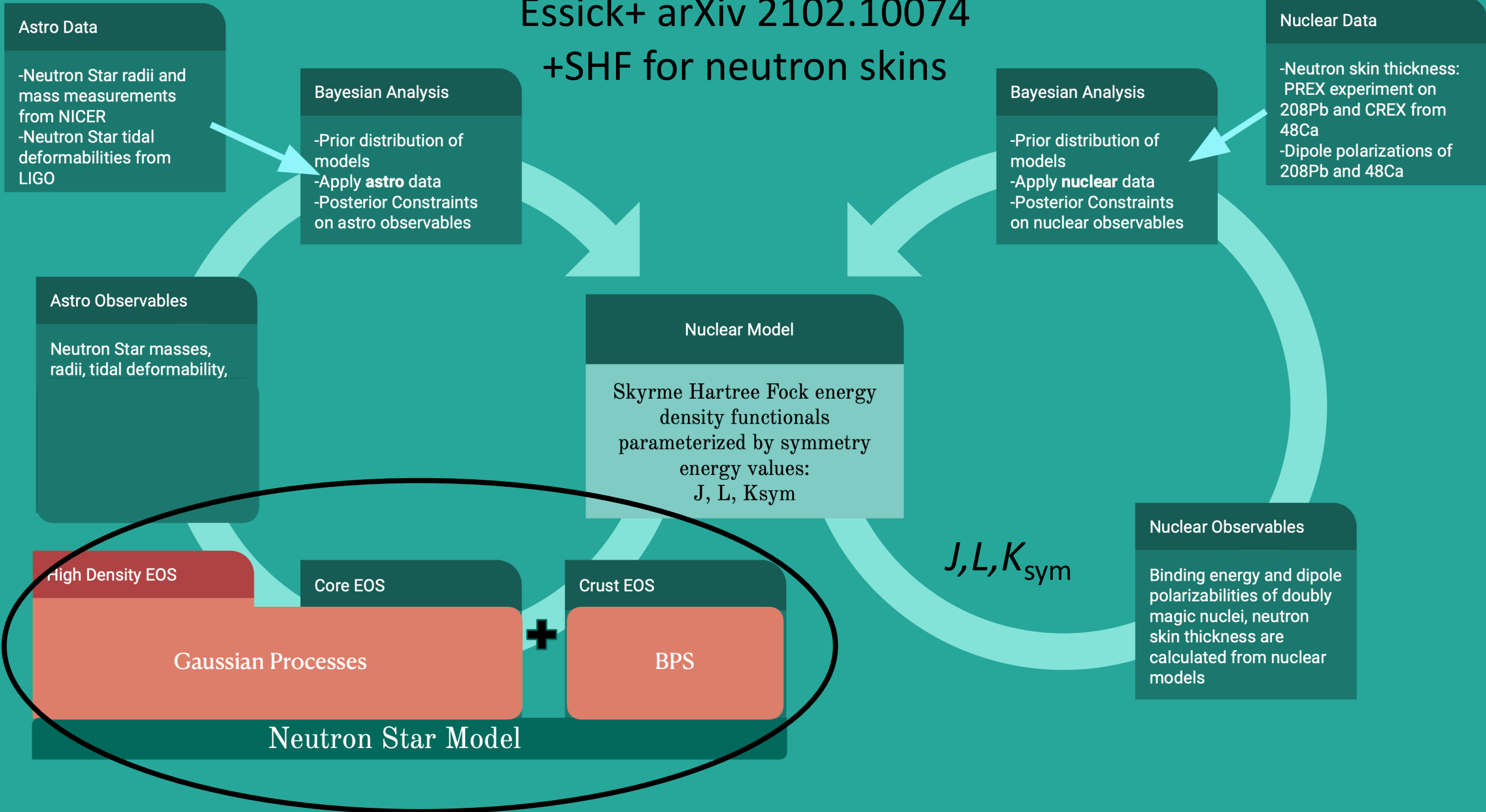
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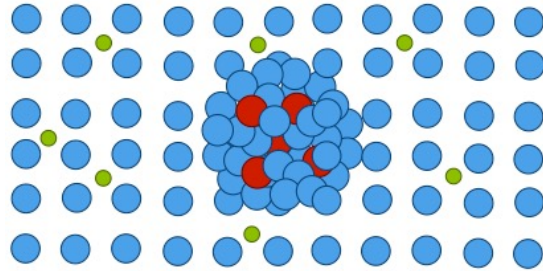
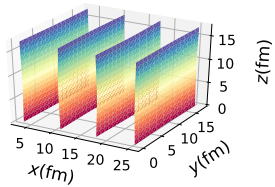
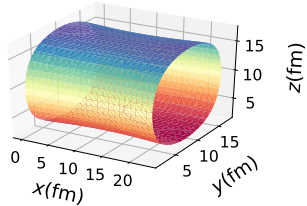


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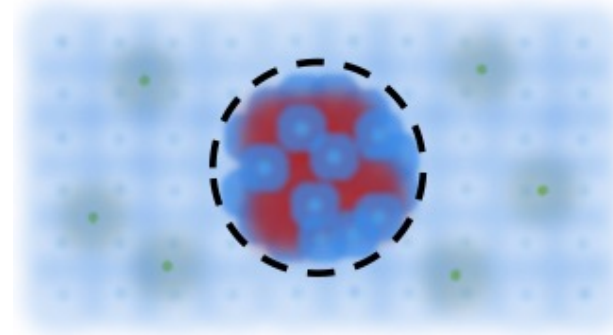
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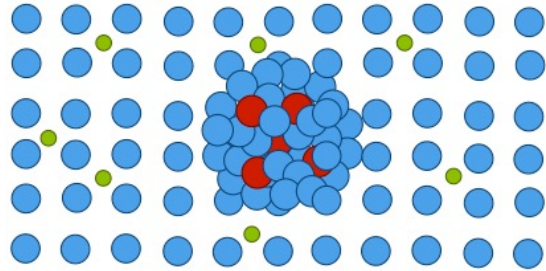
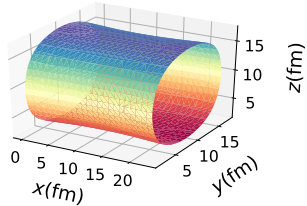
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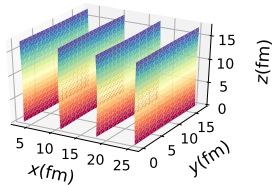
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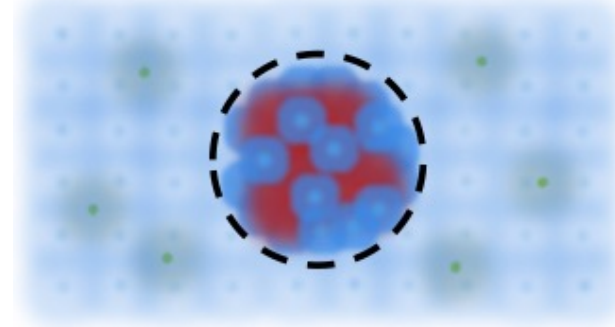
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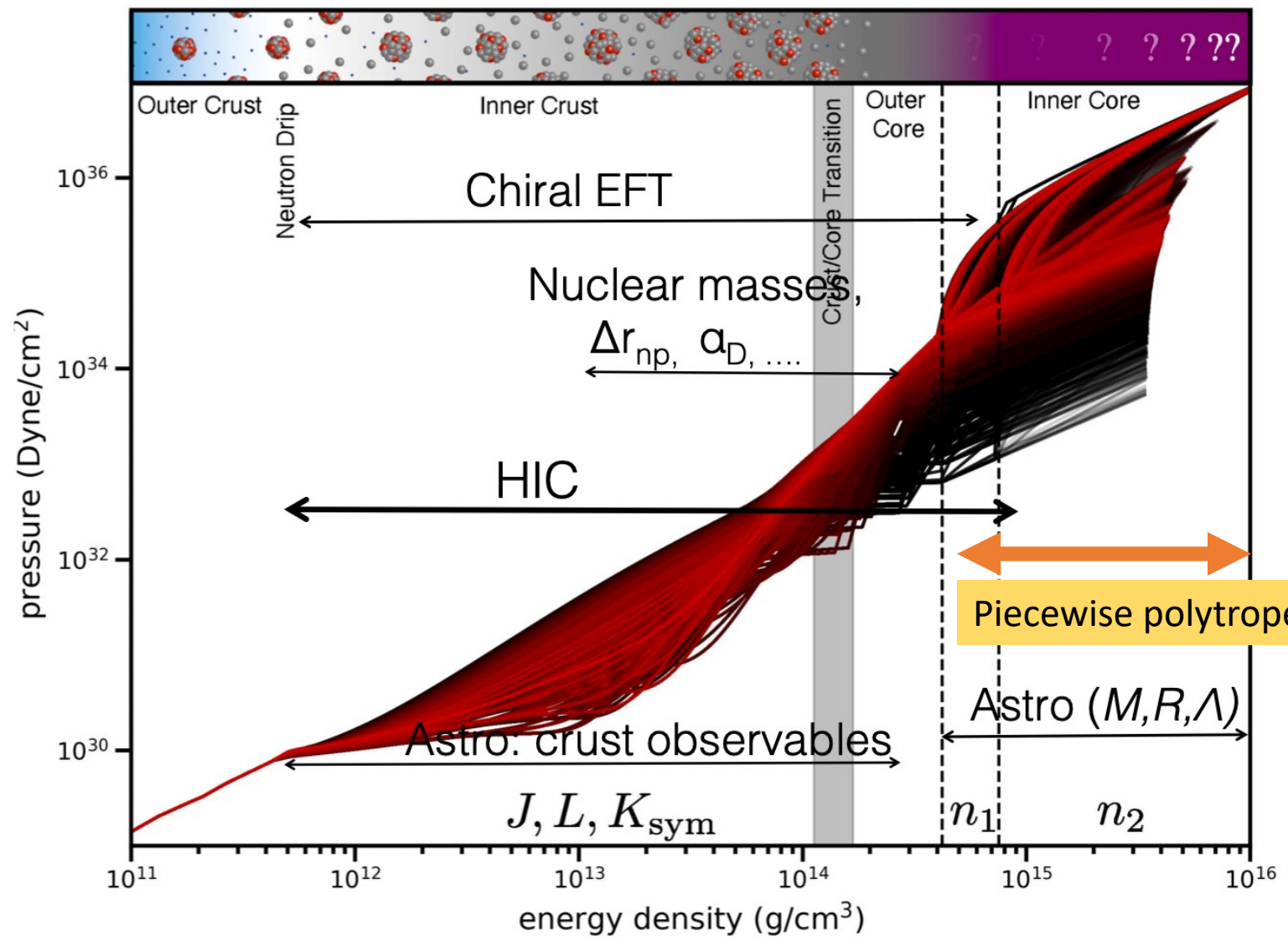
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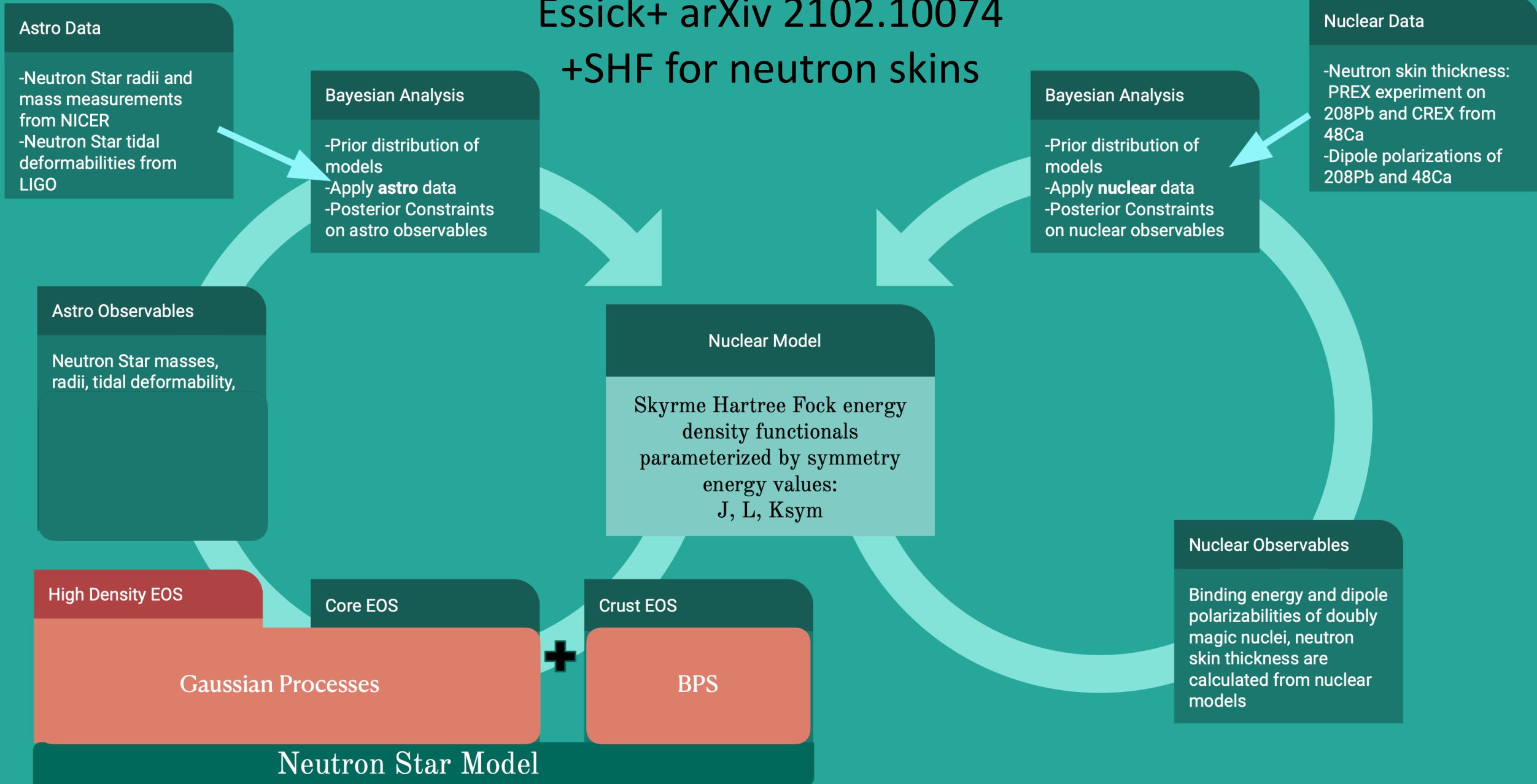
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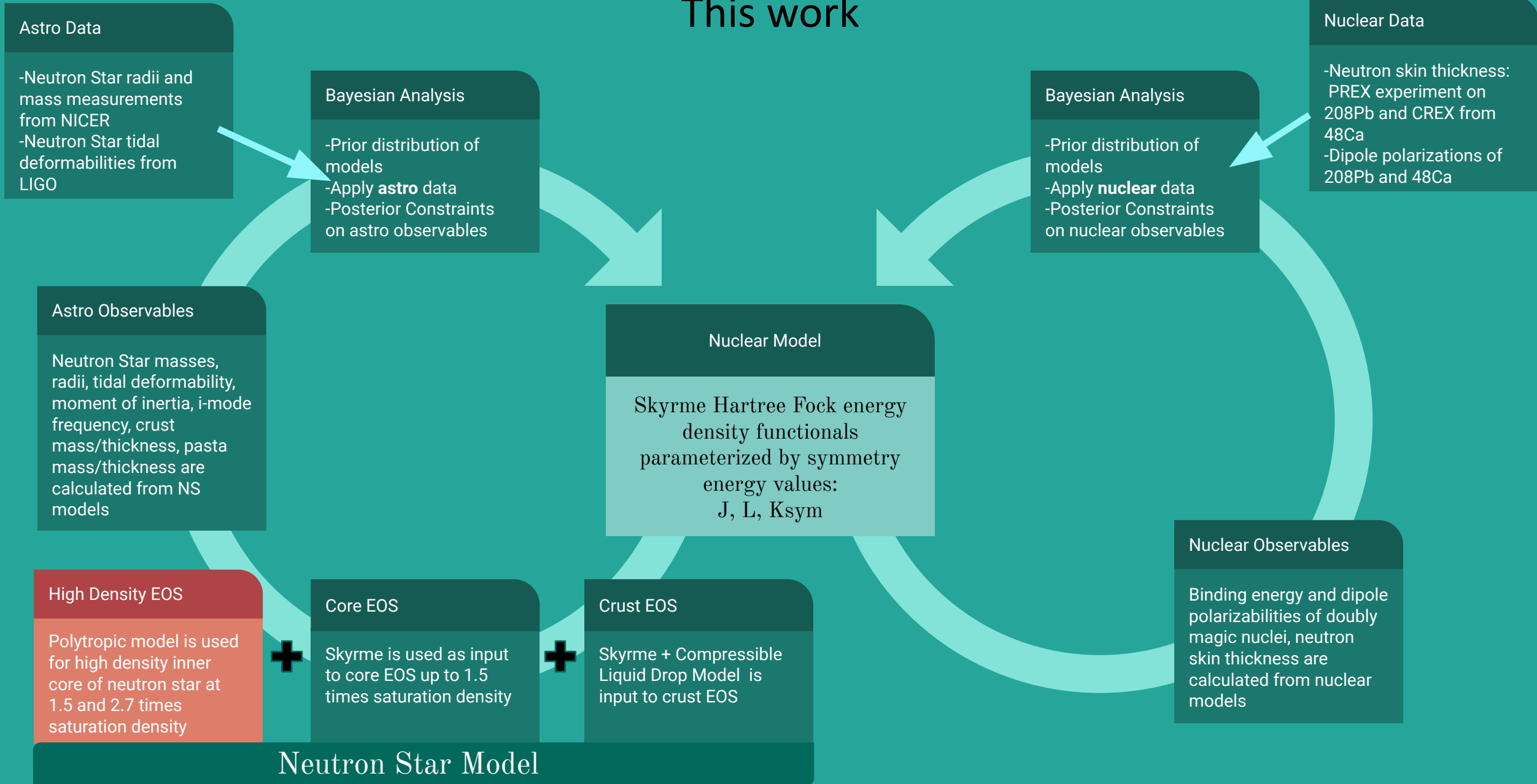
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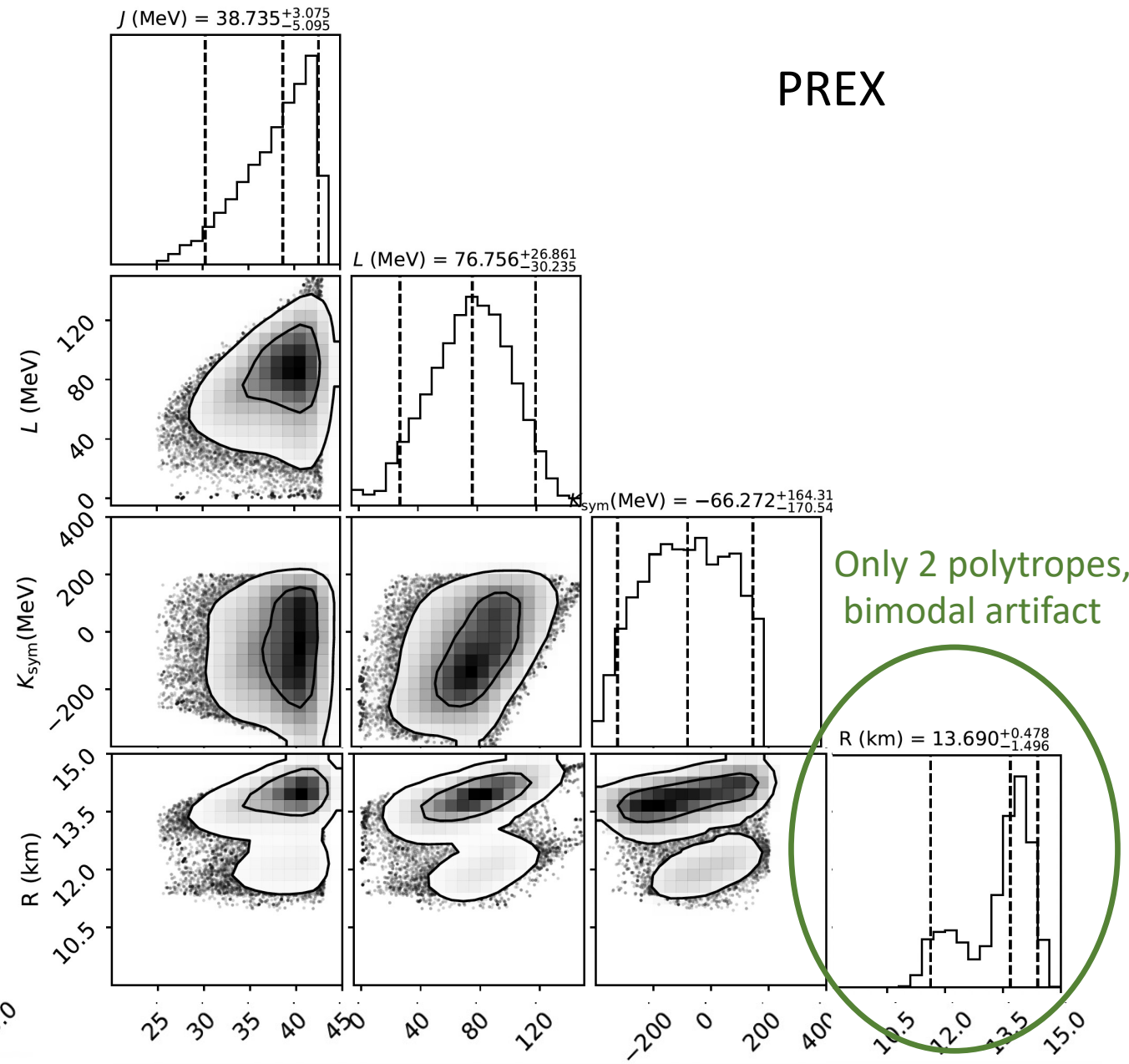
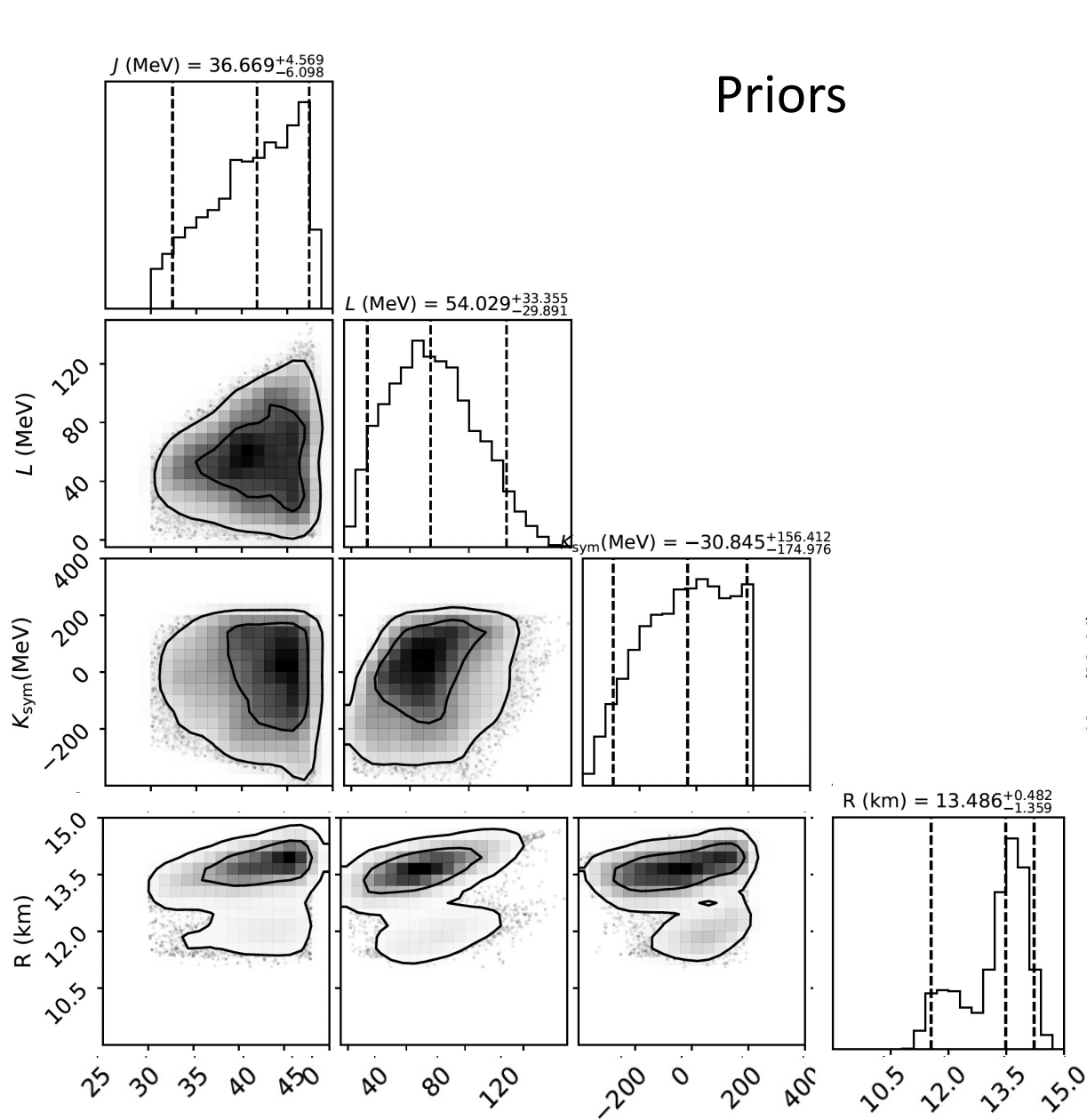
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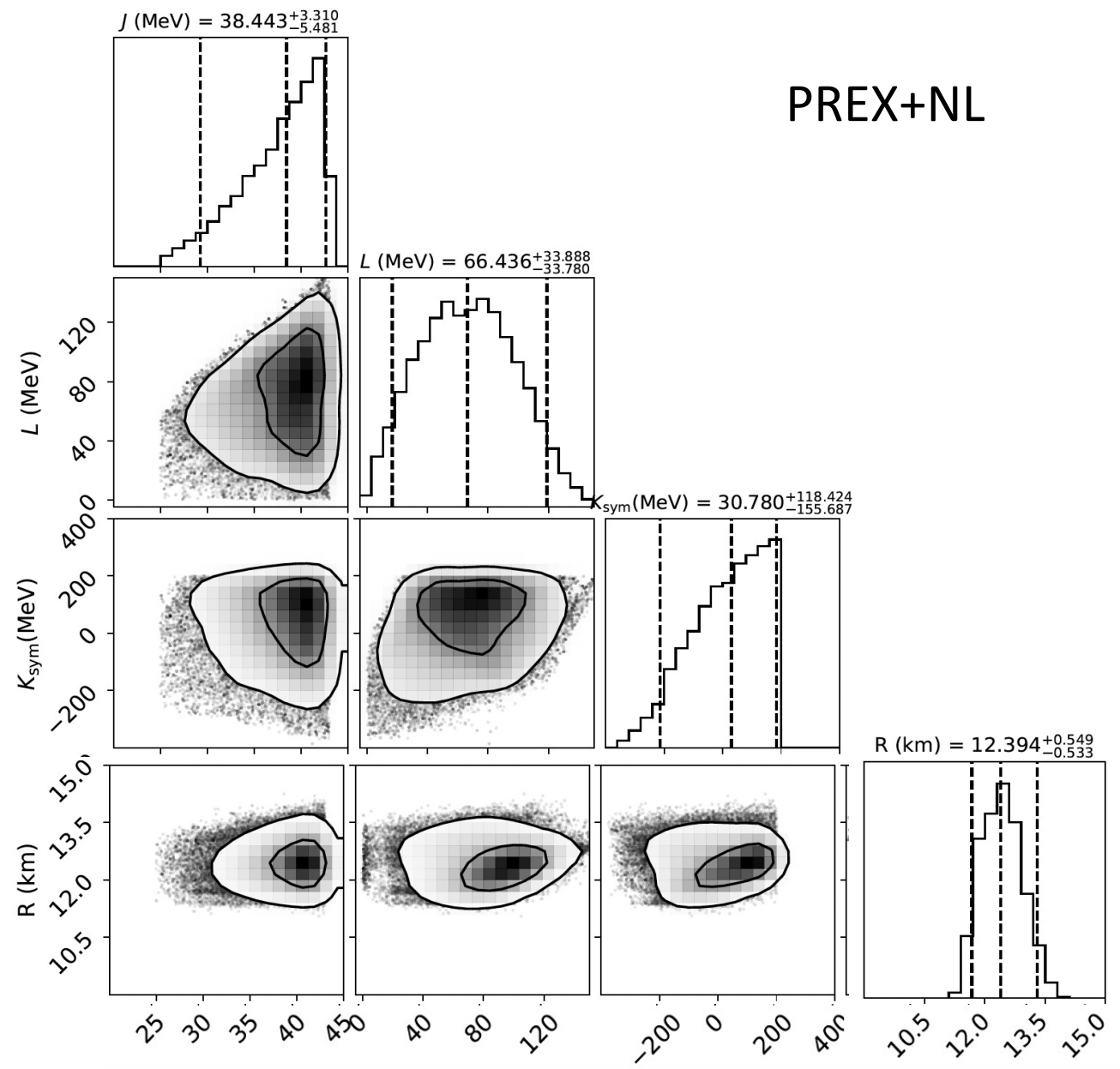
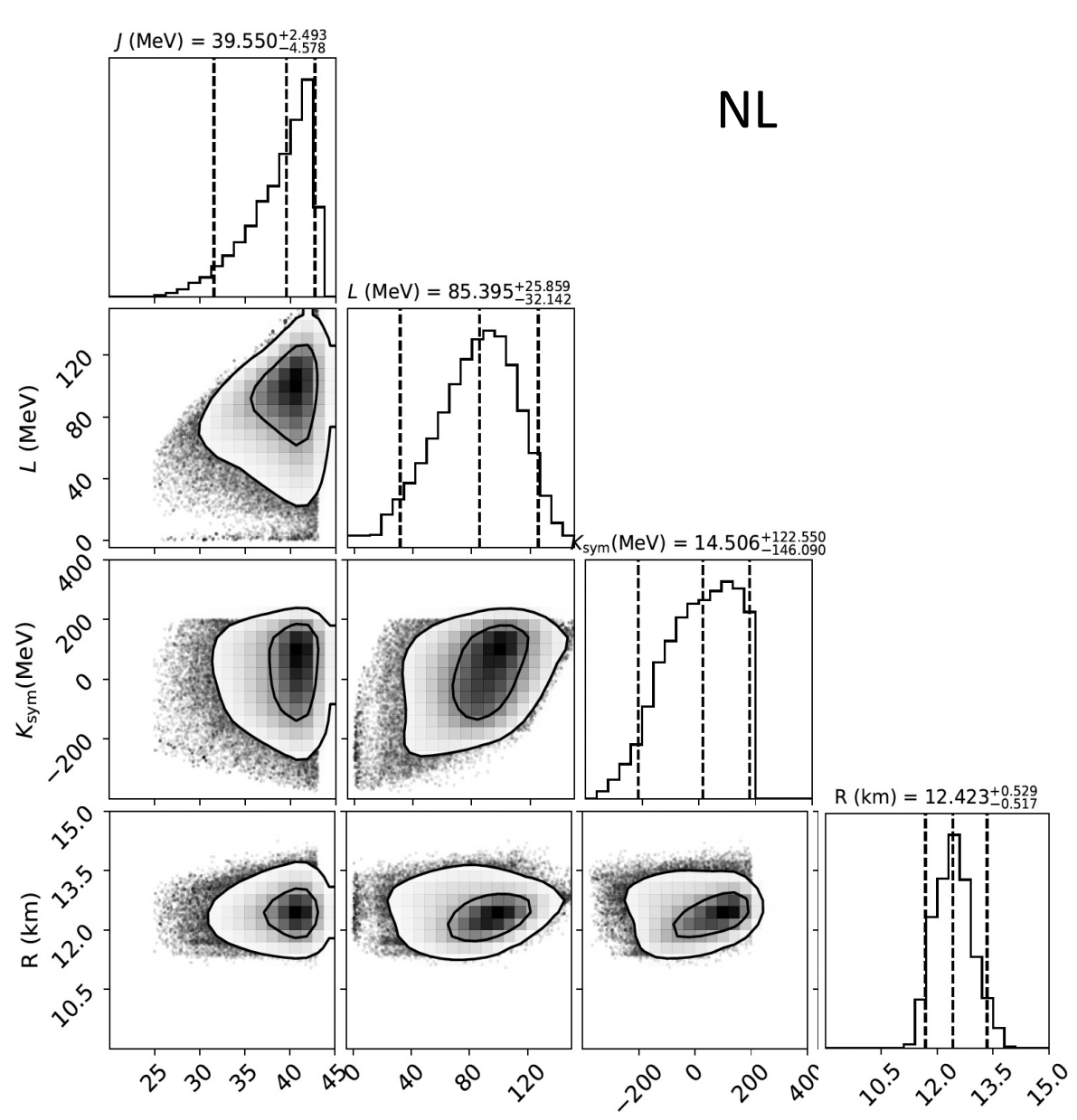


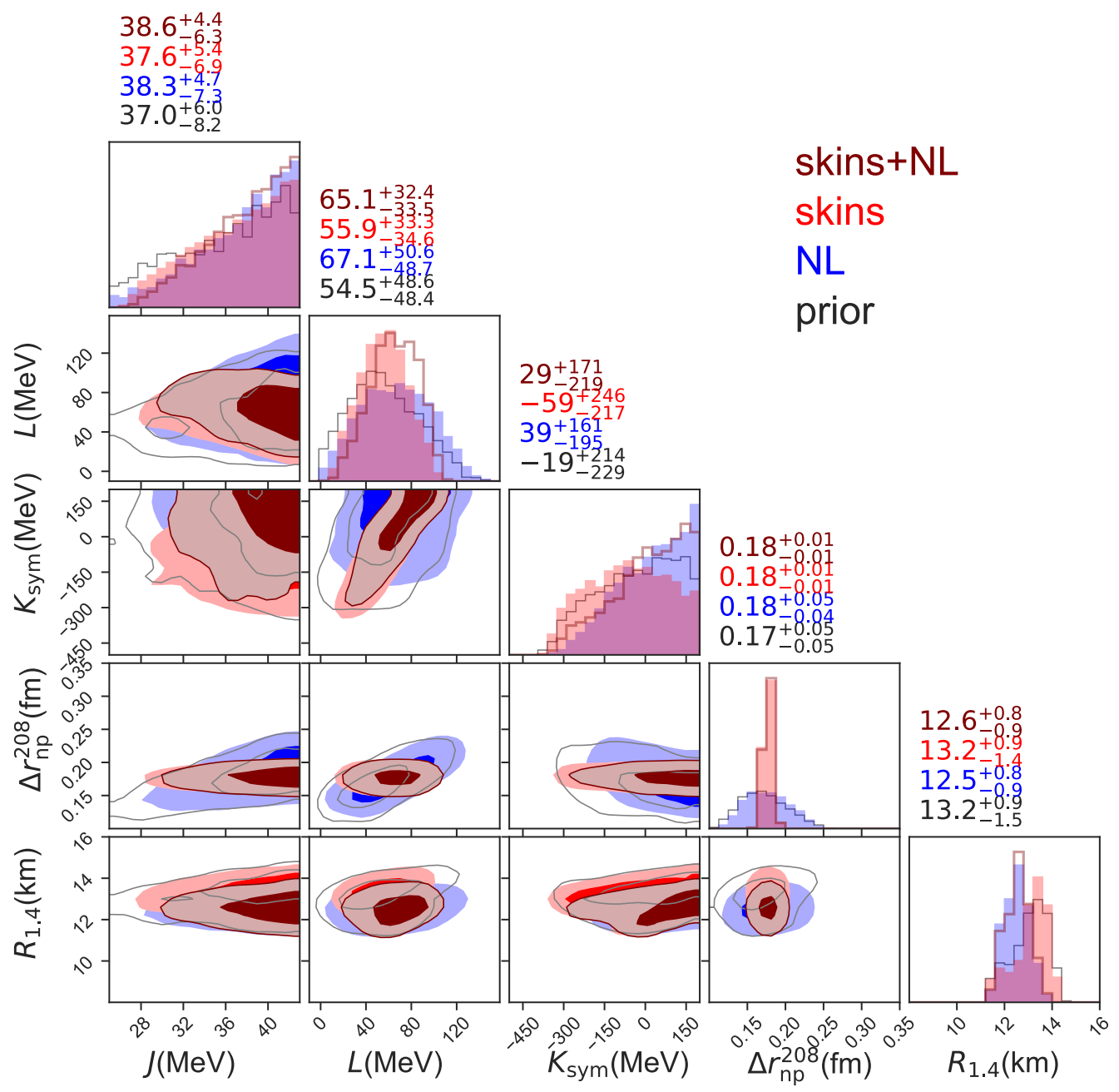
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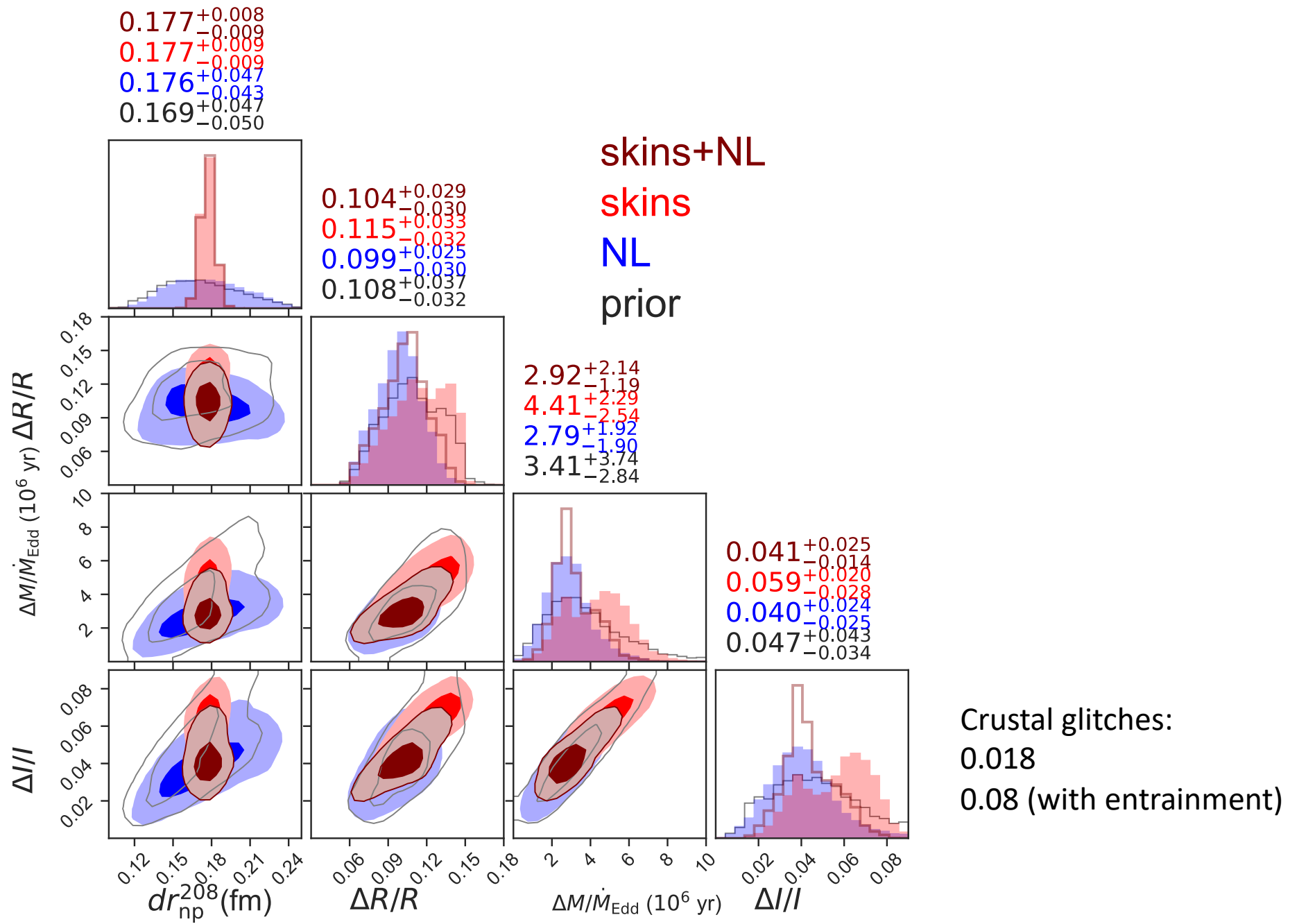
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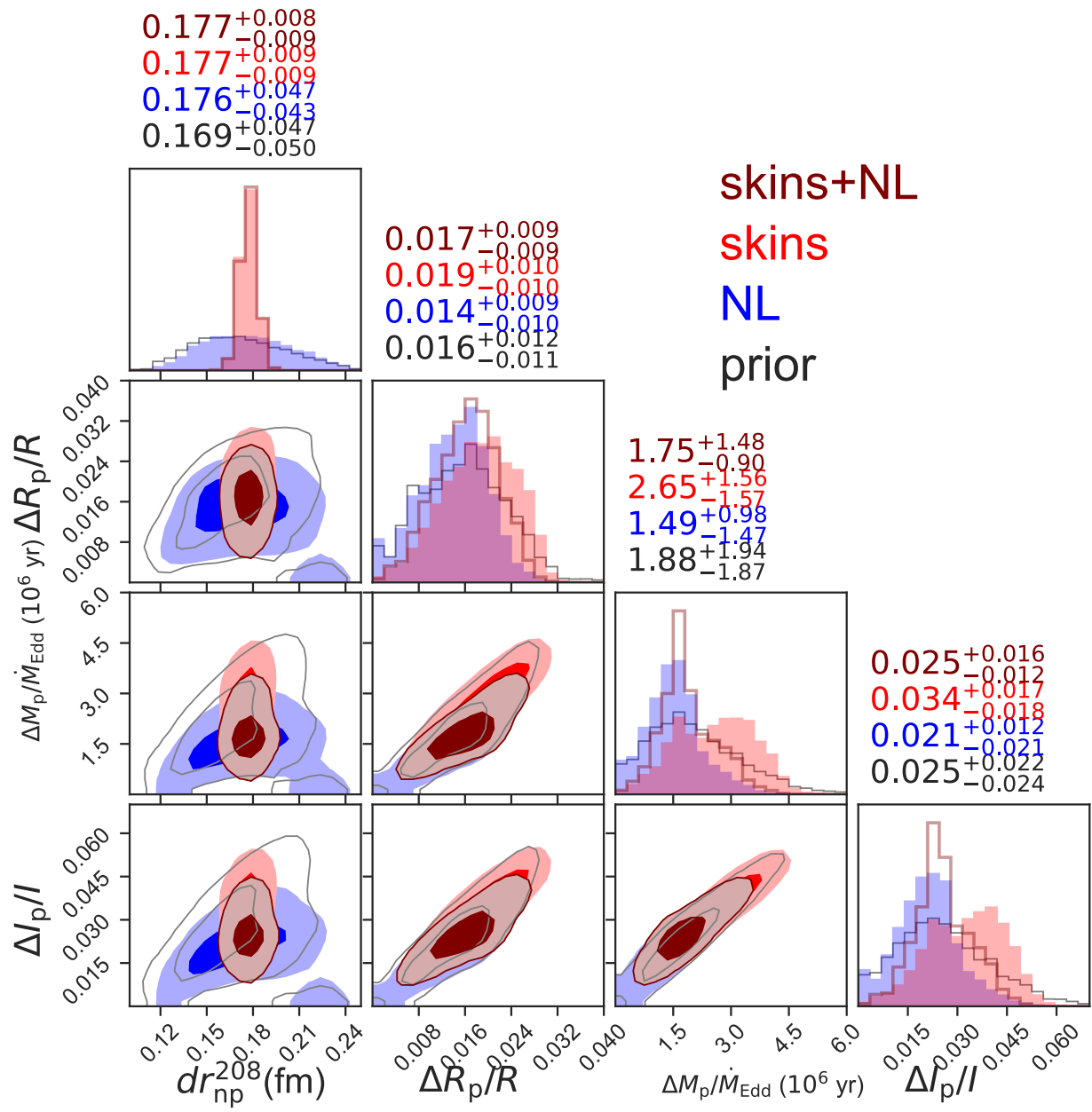




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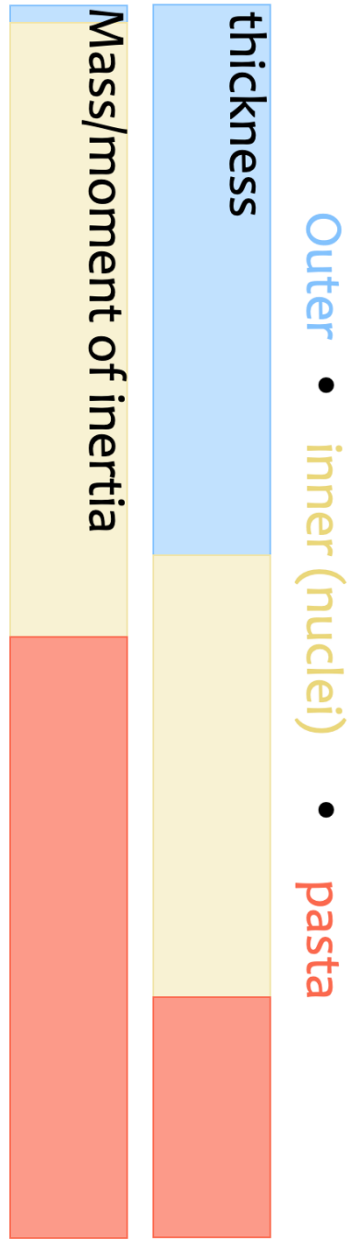


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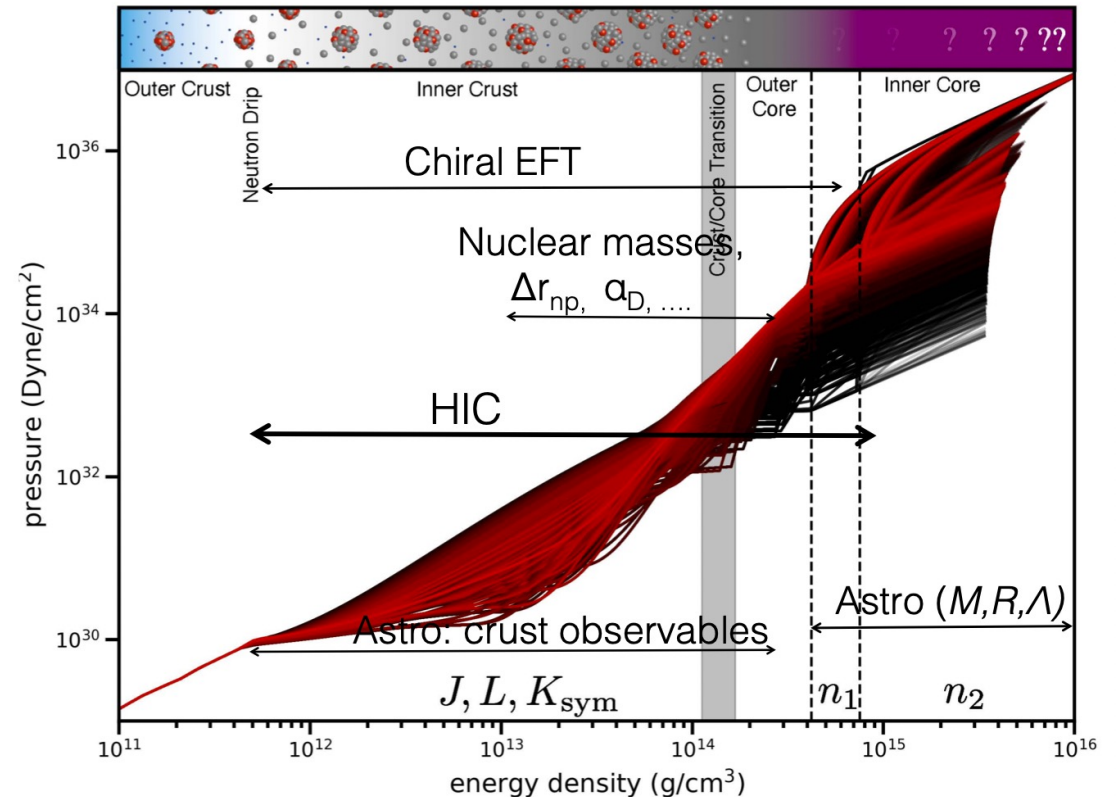
# Take-aways

Different choices of nuclear model lead to systematically different inferences of nuclear and Astro observables

Example: using correlations between symmetry energy and nuclear observables from nuclear models already fit to disparate data can lead to systematically different predictions

One way forward is to center modeling around An energy density functional with sufficient degrees of freedom to explore EOS parameter space in an unbiased way, but no more

Nuclear physics has much to say about the *crust* so let's include it; both nuclear and astro data can tell us about the crust.



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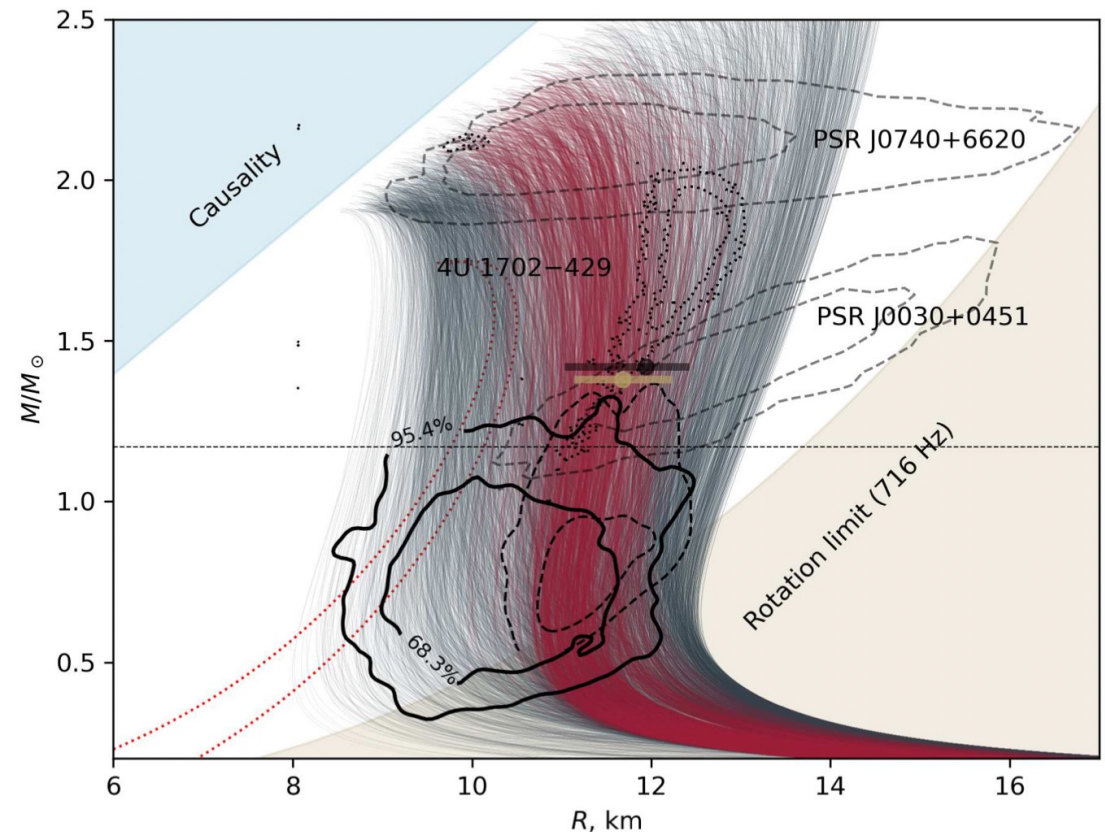
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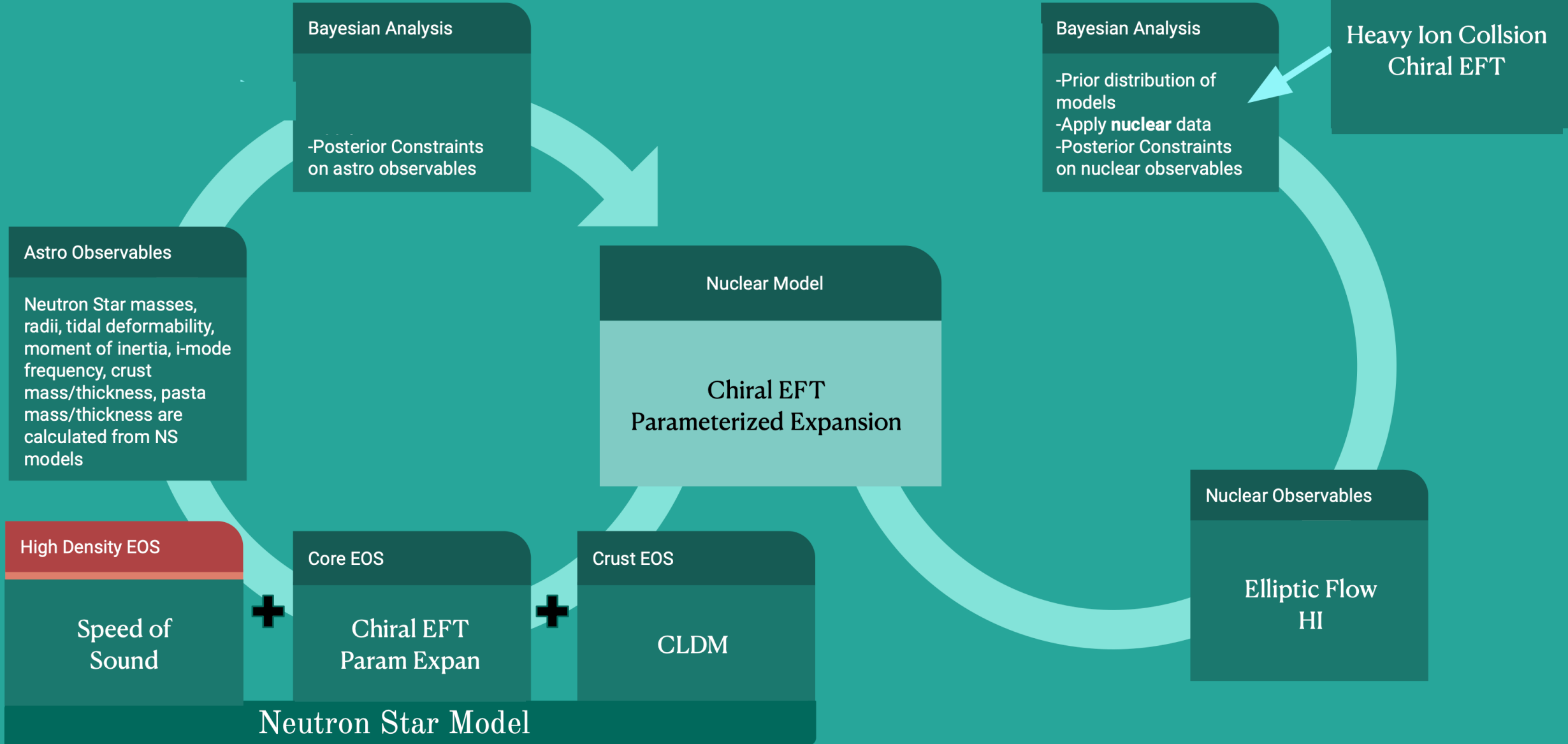
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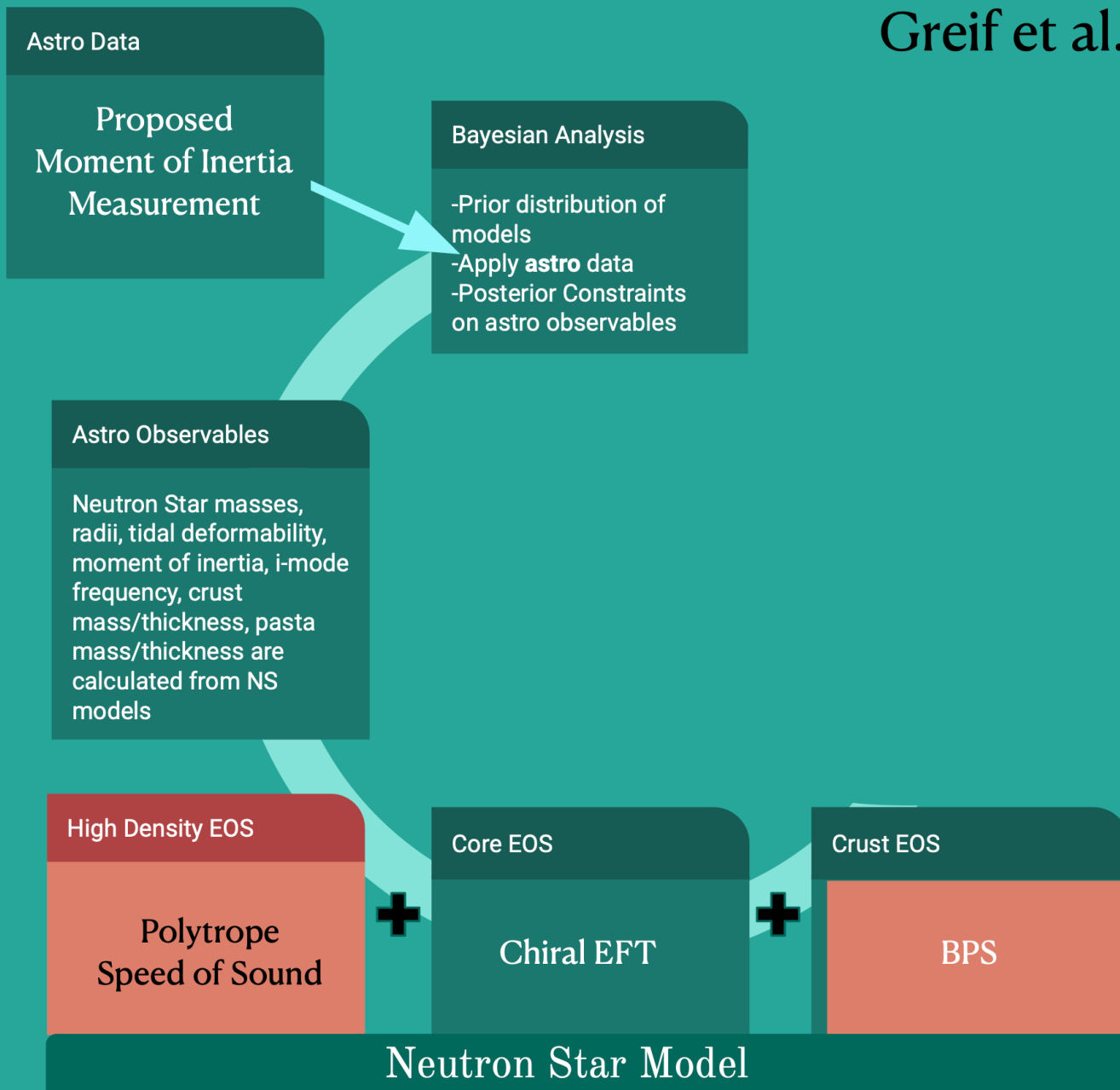


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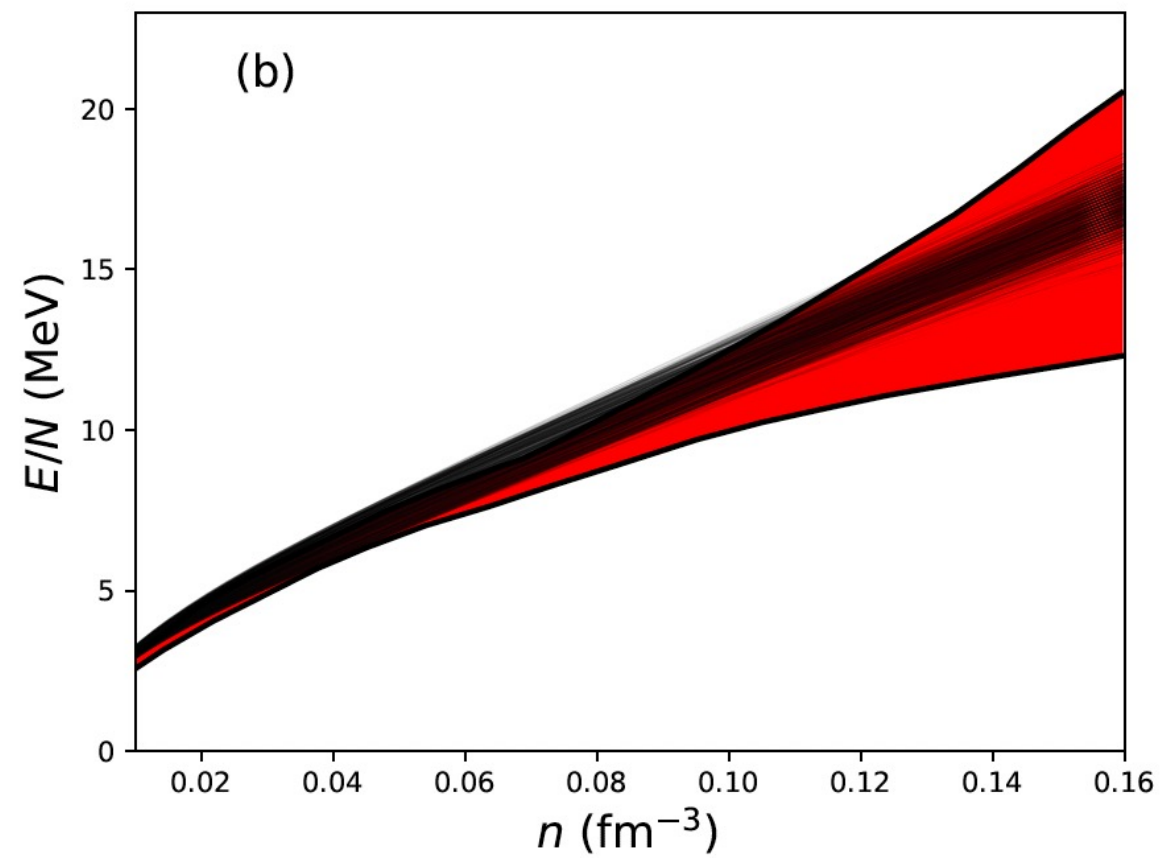
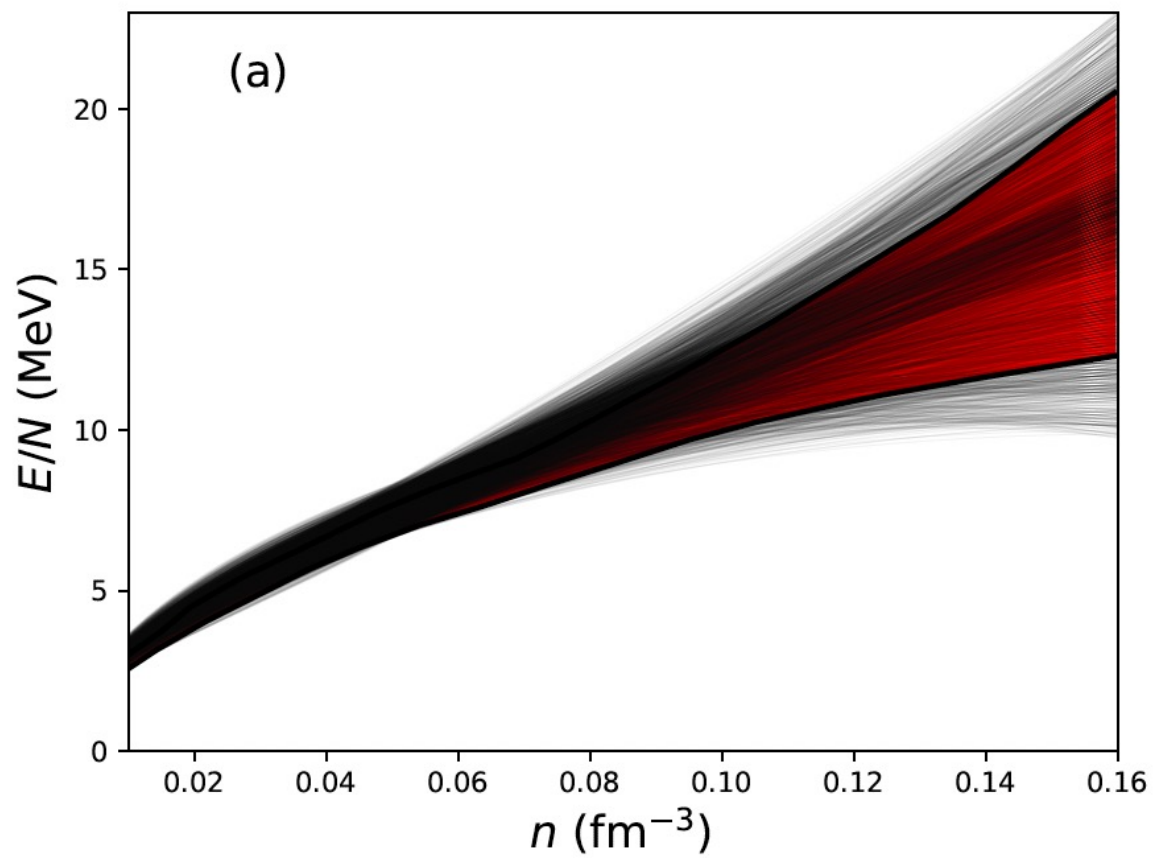


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