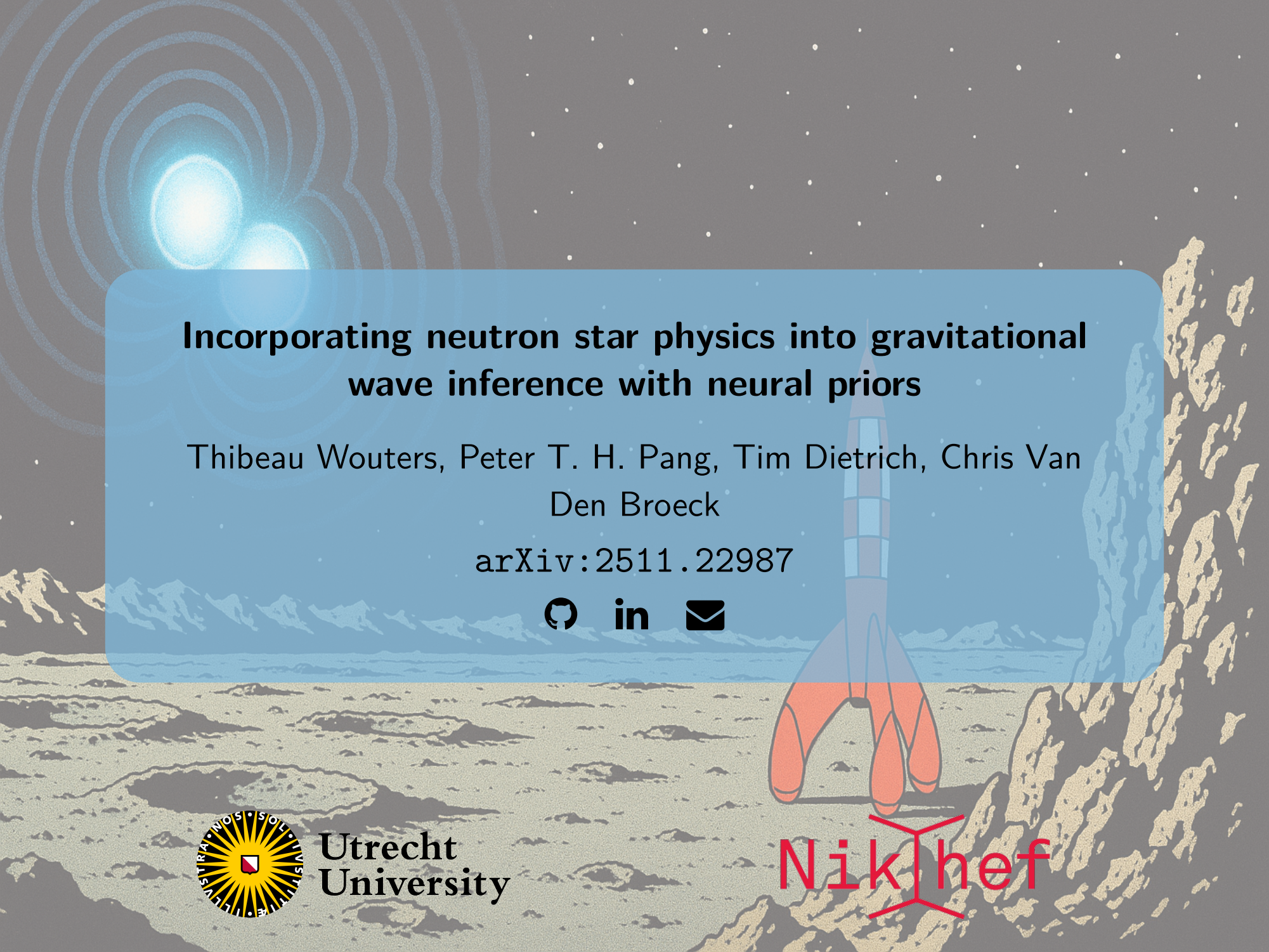

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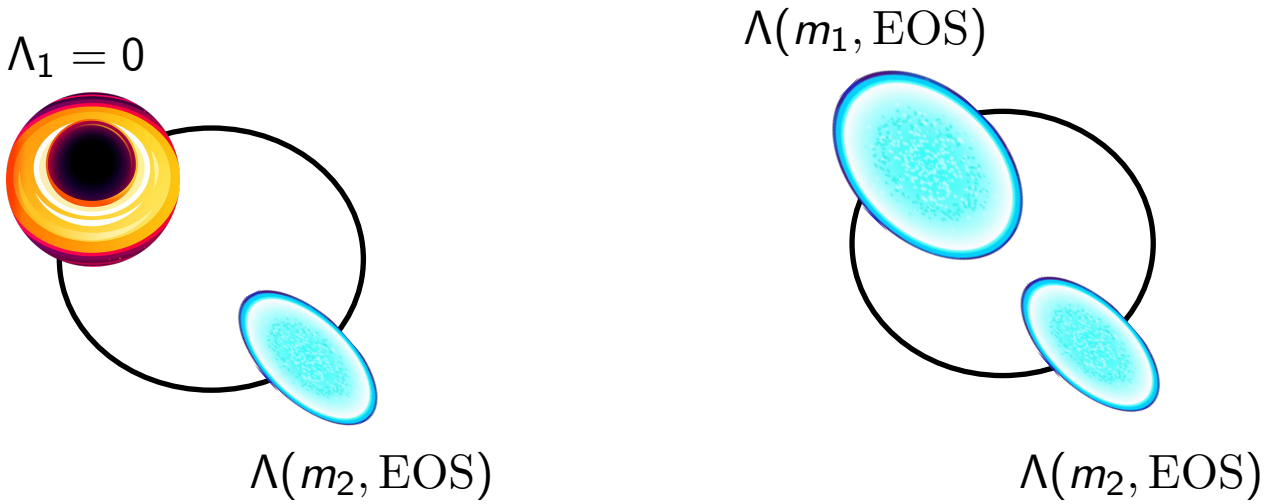

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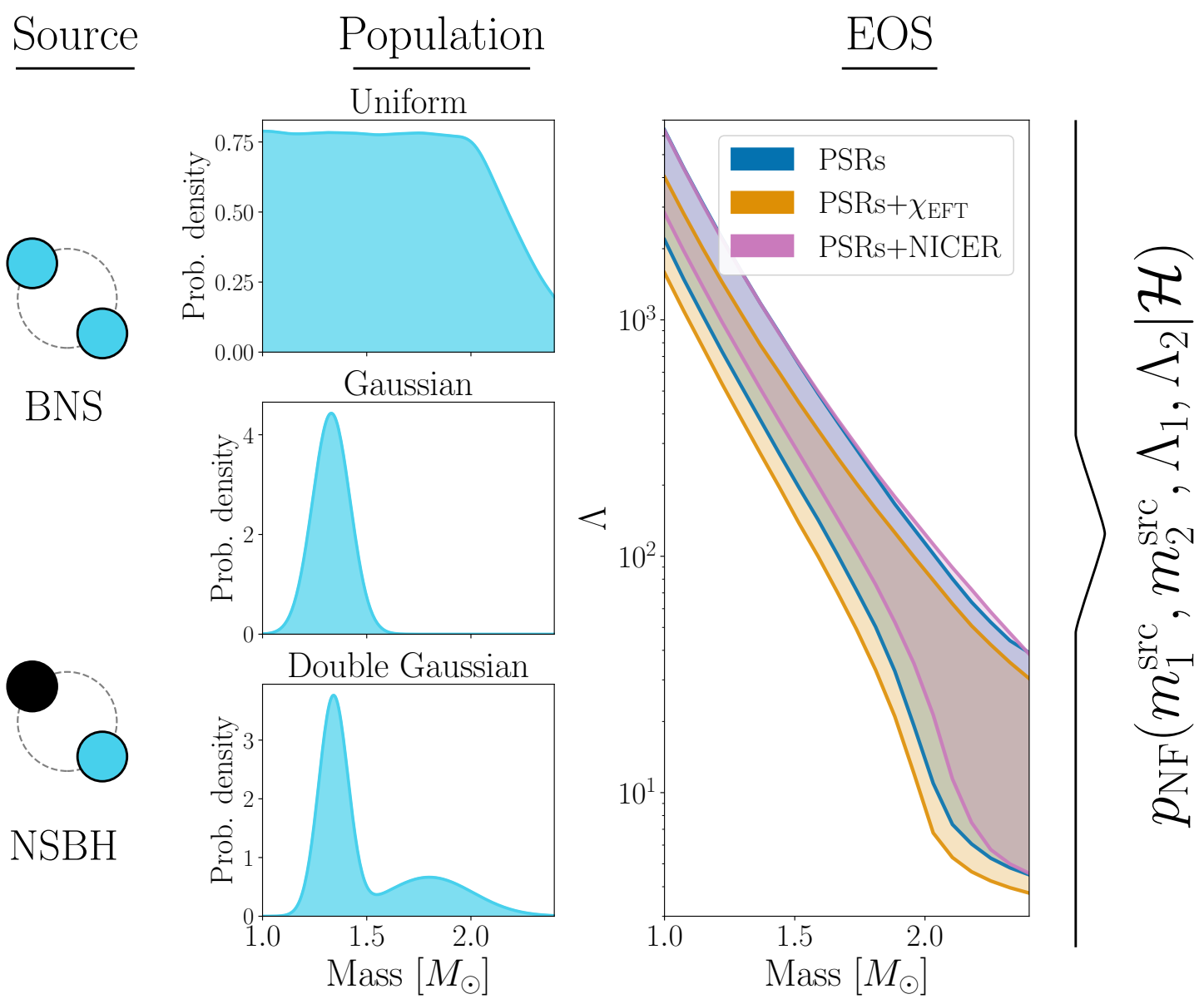
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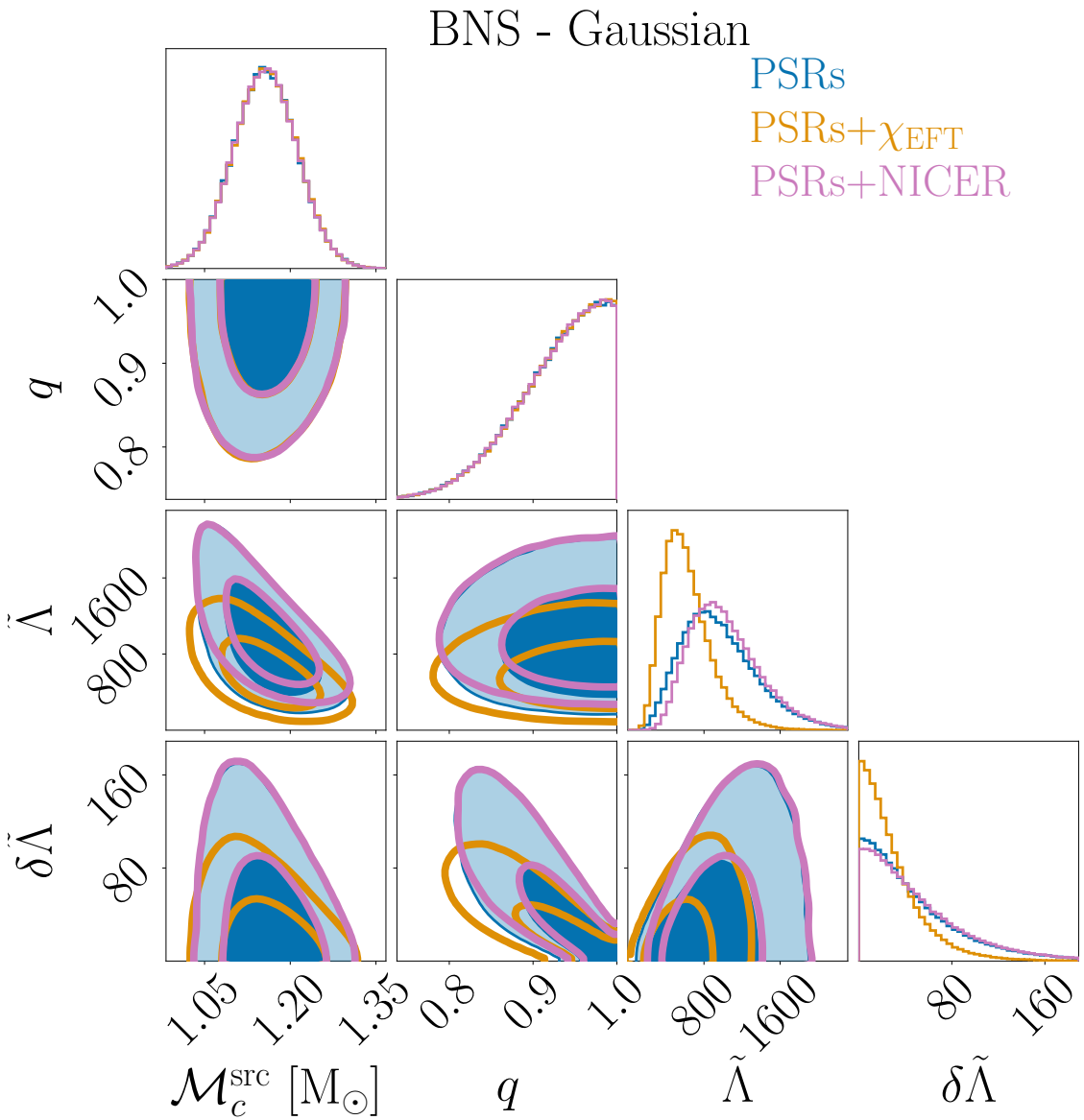
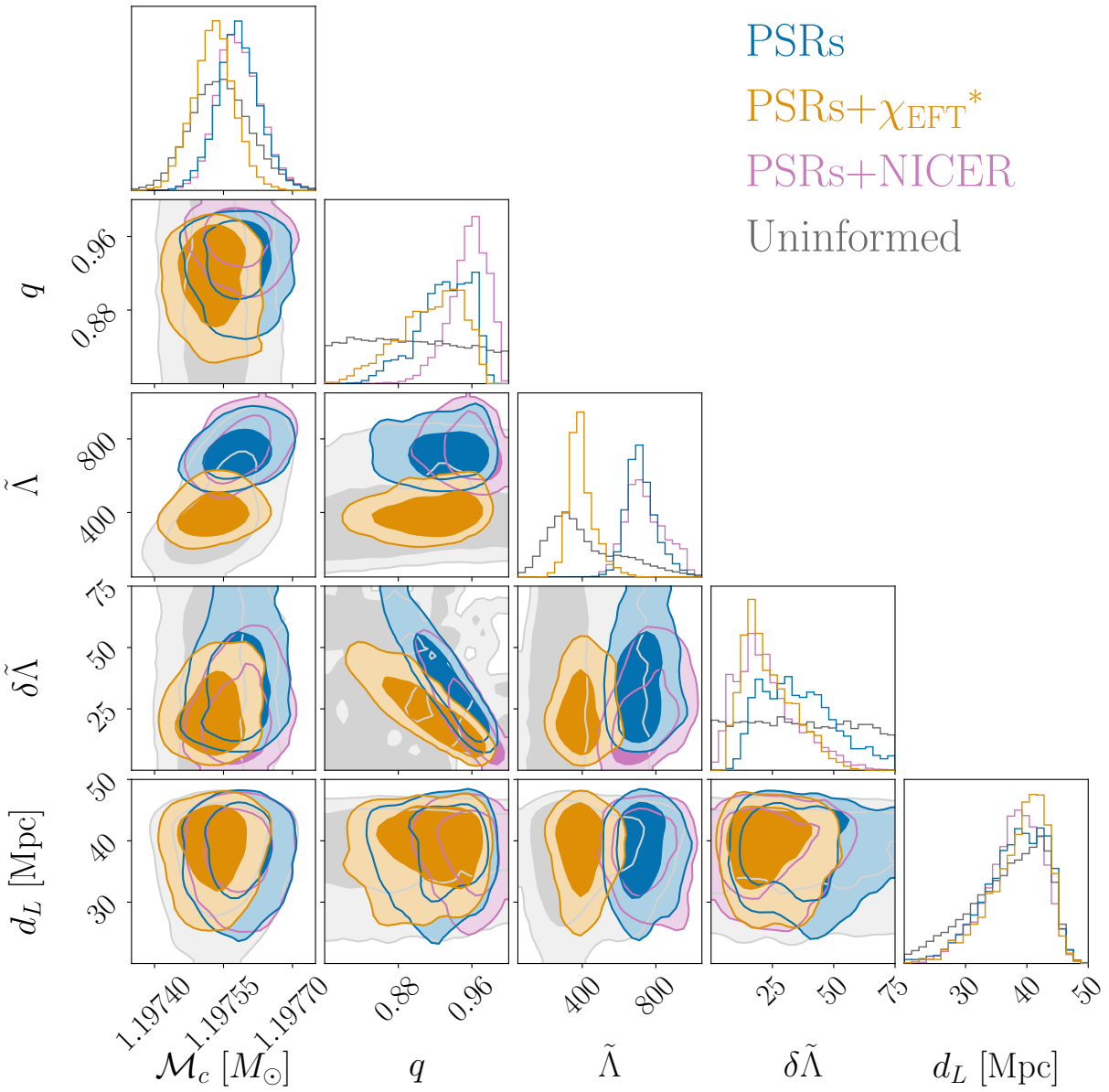
Example prior



GW170817 posteriors with EOS informed priors



Closing thoughts

- **Neural priors**: encode non-trivial prior information (including uncertainties)
- Implemented in BILBY, but works with any stochastic sampler
  - Appealing for GPU-based samplers (FLOWMC, BLACKJAX)
- Bayesian source classification:
  - GW170817: BNS, soft EOS
  - GW230529: NSBH favored over BNS
- ML for 'informed' sampling (cf. Michael Williams's talk)
- Code is open source
  - ThibeauWouters/neural-priors
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Thanks for listening!