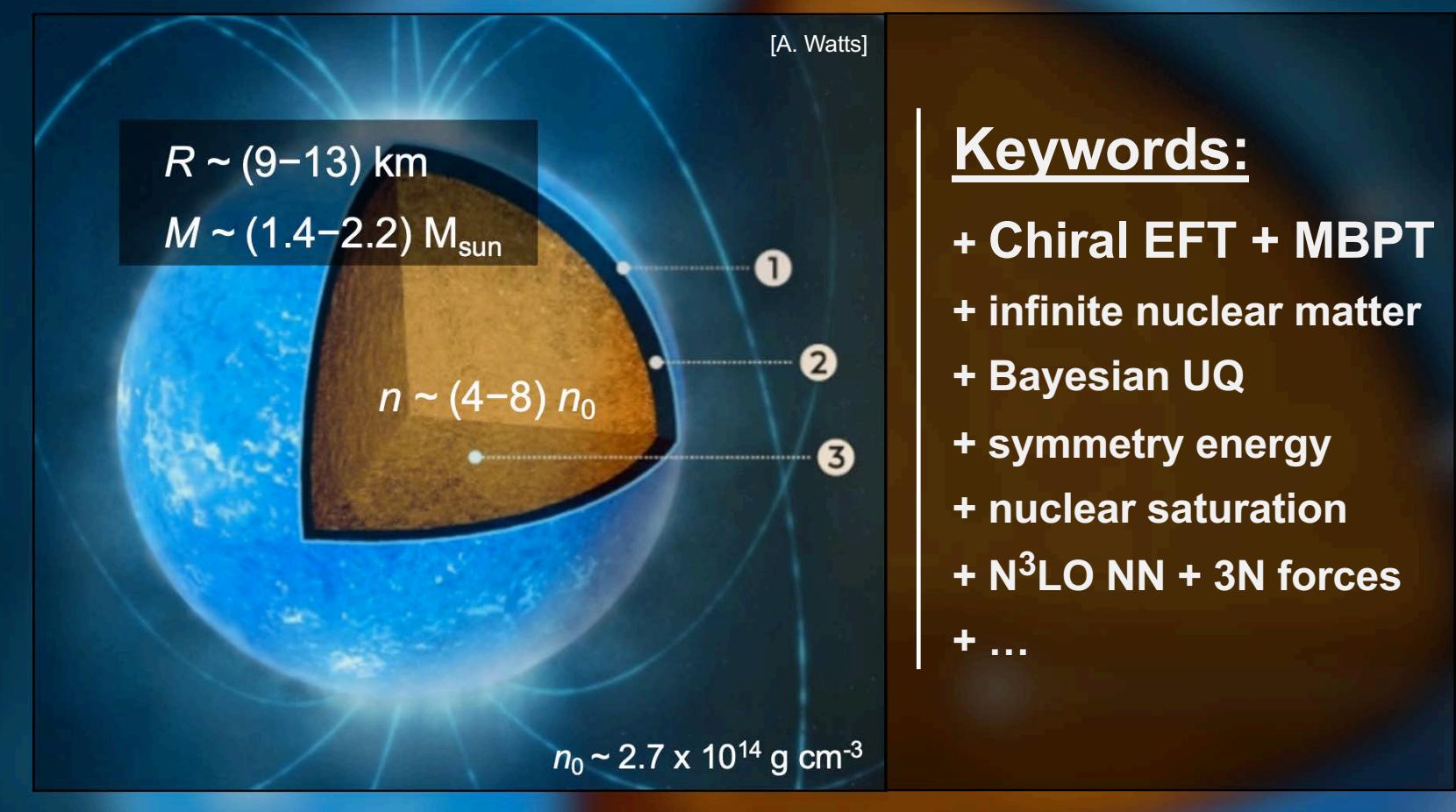


# Nuclear EOS: uncertainty quantification and applications to neutron stars

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Multimessenger astronomy

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[ligo.caltech.edu](http://ligo.caltech.edu)



Binary neutron star merger  
GW170817

- + Virgo
- + GEO600
- + KAGRA
- + ...

What is the secondary object  
in GW190425 and GW190814 ?

$$R_{1.4} \lesssim 13.6 \text{ km}$$

$$M_{\max} \lesssim 2.3 M_{\odot}$$

e.g., see:  
Margalit, Metzger, APJ **850**, 19  
Rezzolla *et. al.*, APJ **852**, L25  
De *et al.*, PRL **121**, 091102  
Capano *et al.*, NA **4**, 625  
Al-Mamun *et al.*, PRL **126**, 061101  
...

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Recent simultaneous  $M$ – $R$  measurement

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$$R = 12.71^{+1.14}_{-1.19} \text{ km}$$

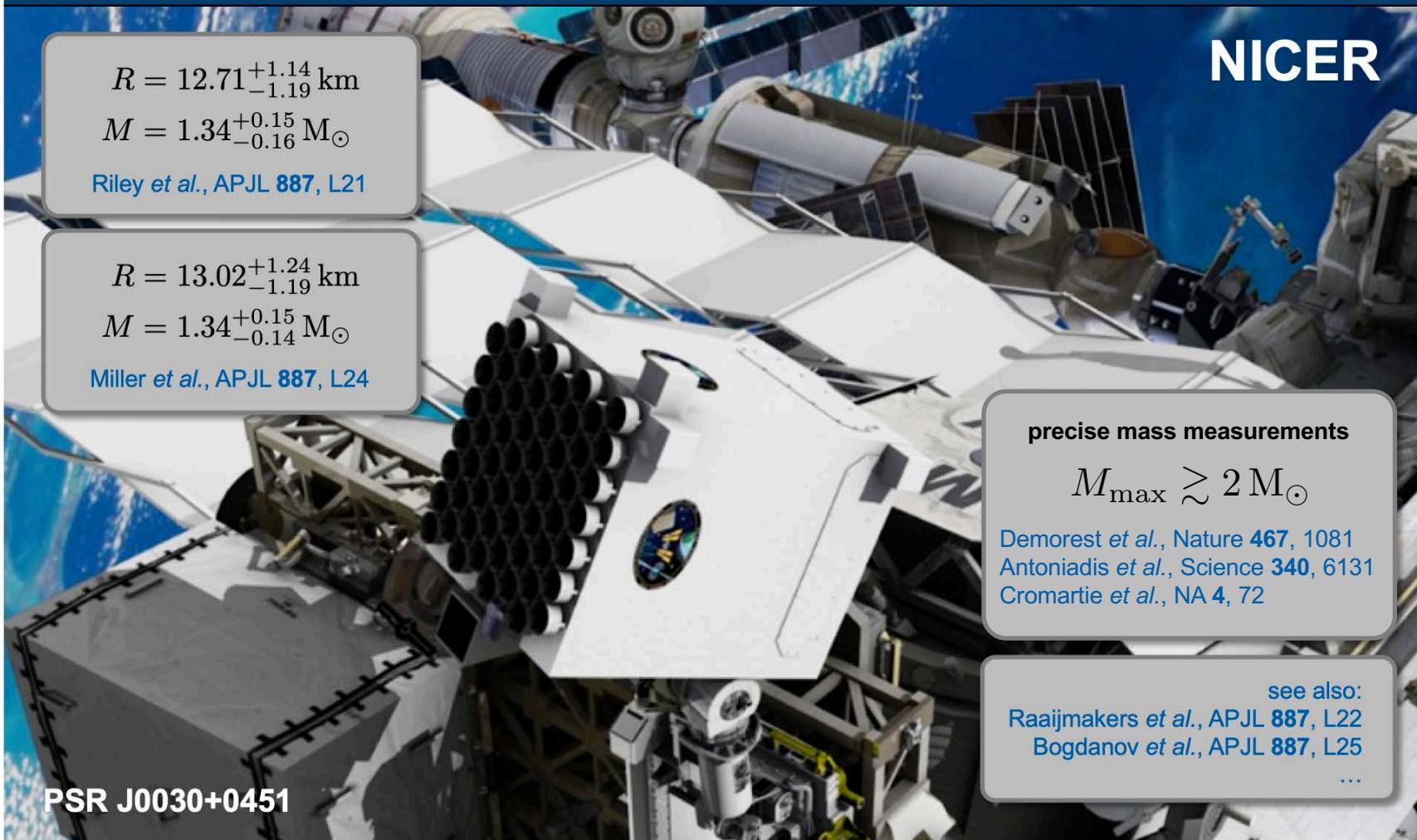
$$M = 1.34^{+0.15}_{-0.16} M_{\odot}$$

Riley *et al.*, APJL 887, L21

$$R = 13.02^{+1.24}_{-1.19} \text{ km}$$

$$M = 1.34^{+0.15}_{-0.14} M_{\odot}$$

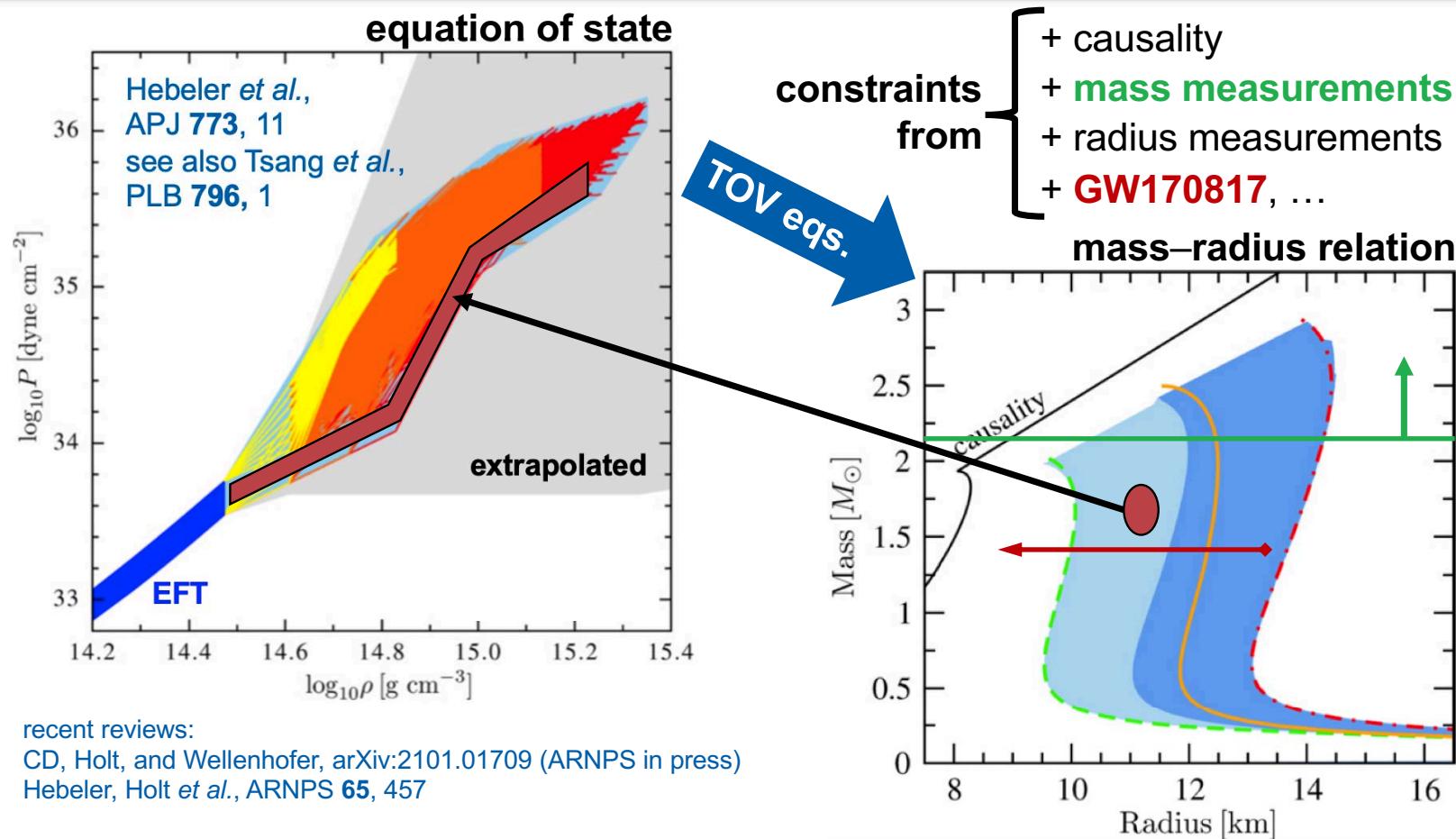
Miller *et al.*, APJL 887, L24



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Direct correspondence:  $M$ – $R$  relation and EOS

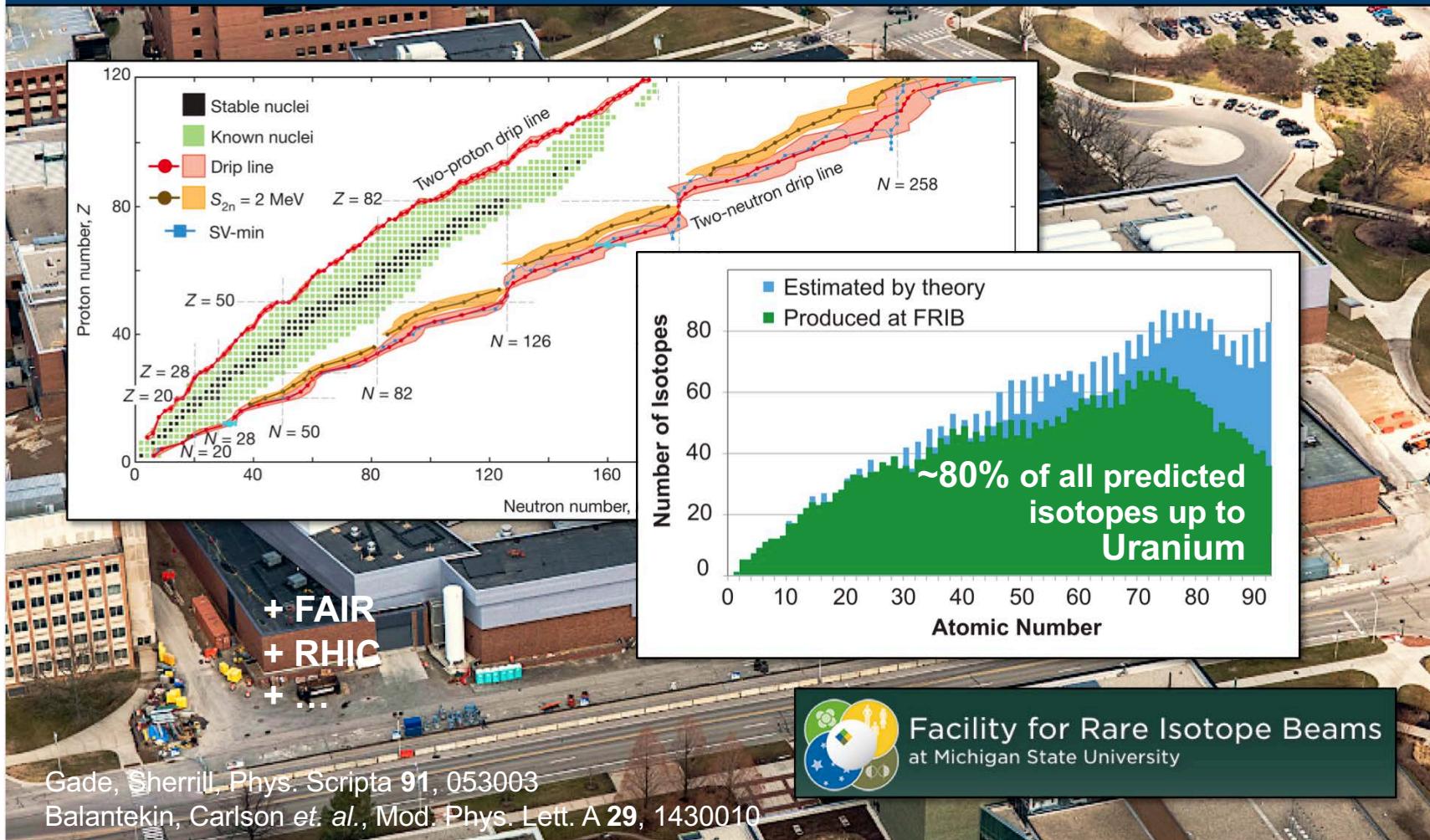


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## Beam facilities

Erler et al., Nature 486, 509–512



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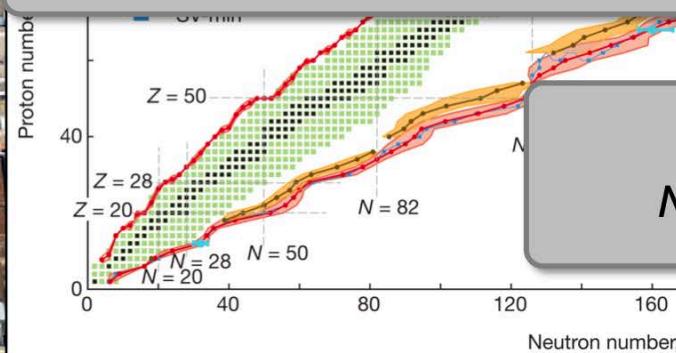
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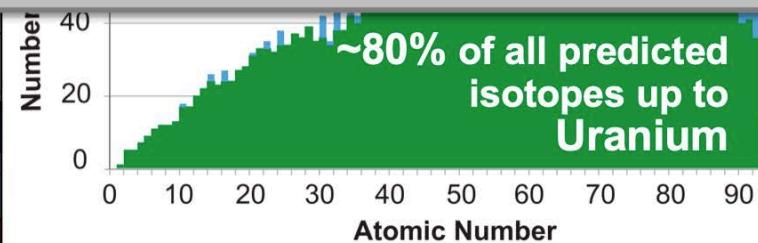
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See Artemis Spyrou's talk (next week)

*Nuclear and astrophysical considerations of *i*-process nucleosynthesis*



See Heiko Hergert's talk (in 2 weeks)  
*Novel ab initio methods for nuclear structure*



+ FAIR  
+ RHIC  
+ ...

Gade, Sherrill, Phys. Scripta **91**, 053003

Balantekin, Carlson *et. al.*, Mod. Phys. Lett. A **29**, 1430010

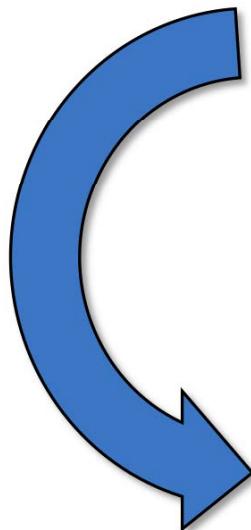


Facility for Rare Isotope Beams  
at Michigan State University

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CD, Haxton, McElvain *et al.*, arXiv:1910.07961 (PPNP in press)



**equation of state**  
neutron-star matter | nuclear saturation

**many-body perturbation theory**  
computational efficient  
many-body uncertainty estimates

**chiral effective field theory**  
systematic expansion of nuclear forces  
truncation error estimates



**NPLQCD**

...

**observables**

**many-body framework**

**effective field theory**

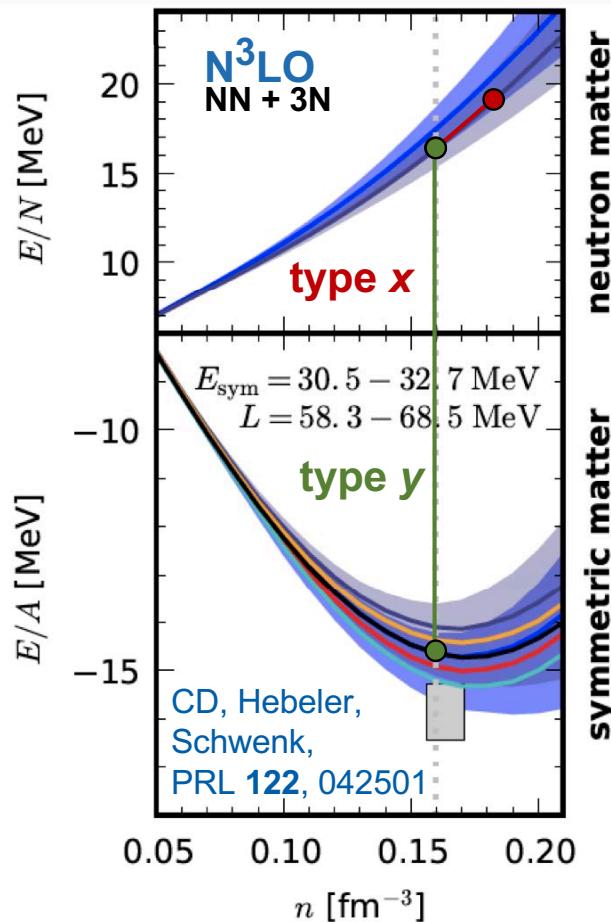
**quantum chromodynamics**

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## Nuclear matter calculations

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e.g., Hebeler, Holt *et al.*, ARNP **65**, 457



**great progress** in predicting the **EOS** of infinite matter and the structure of **neutron stars** at densities  $\lesssim n_0$

Hebeler, Lattimer *et al.*, APJ **773**, 11  
Carbone, Rios *et al.*, PRC **88**, 044302

**needed:** *statistically robust comparisons* between nuclear **theory** and recent **observational constraints**

Lonardoni, Tews *et al.*, PRR **2**, 022033(R)  
Piarulli, Bombaci *et al.*, PRC **101**, 045801

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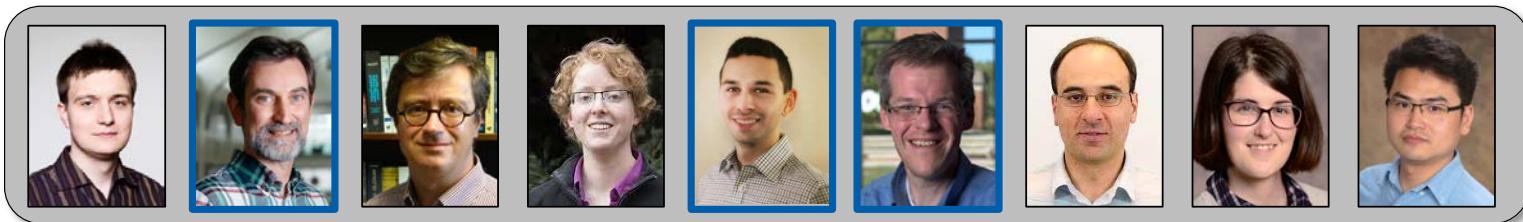
**But:** existing predictions **only** provided **rough estimates** for the with-density-growing **EFT truncation error**, and did *not* account for **correlations**

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New framework for UQ of the infinite-matter EOS

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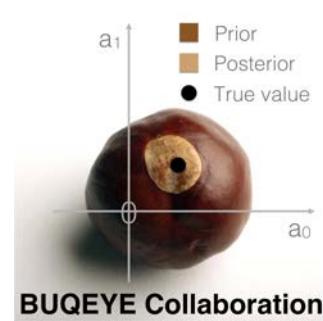


## CD, Furnstahl, Melendez, and Phillips

*How well do we know the neutron-matter equation of state at the densities inside neutron stars? A Bayesian approach with correlated uncertainties, PRL 125, 202702*

## CD, Melendez, Furnstahl, and Phillips

*Effective Field Theory Convergence Pattern of Infinite Nuclear Matter, PRC 102, 054315*



Bayesian  
Uncertainty  
Quantification:  
Errors for  
Your  
EFT

UQ framework available at  
<https://buqeye.github.io>

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## CD, Furnstahl, Melendez, and Phillips

How can we...  
equation...  
stars?  
...efficiently **quantify and propagate** theoretical **uncertainties** of  
uncertainty in the EOS (such as EFT truncation errors) to derived quantities

...allows us to...

CD, Melendez, Phillips  
Effect of uncertainty in the EOS on the properties of neutron stars  
Infinite-matter EOS: uncertainty quantification and applications to neutron stars

» **statistically robust uncertainty estimates**  
for key quantities of **neutron stars**

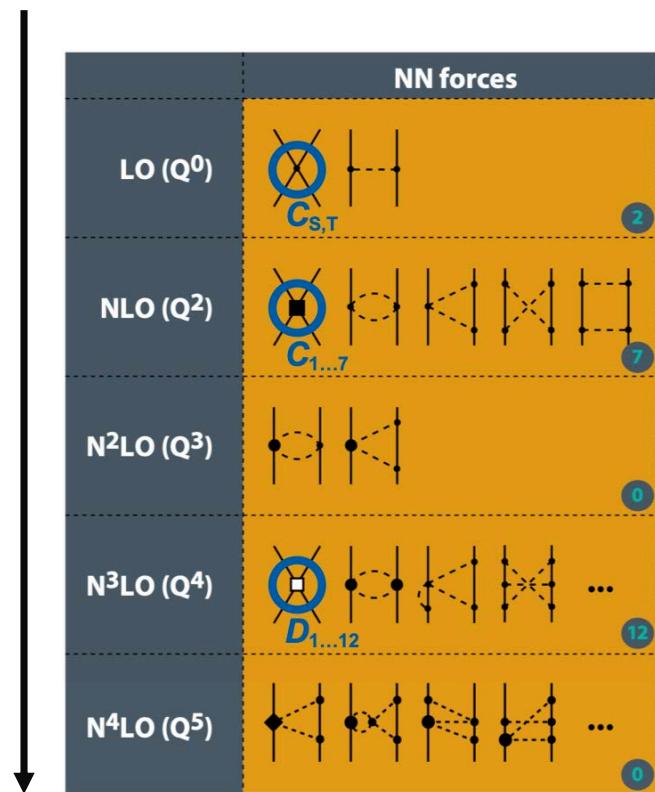
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## Hierarchy of nuclear forces in chiral EFT

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e.g., Machleidt, Entem, Phys. Rep. 503, 1



### Expansion

Weinberg, van Kolck, Kaplan, Savage, Wise, Epelbaum, Kaiser, Krebs, Machleidt, Meißner, ...

**modern approach** to nuclear forces:

- QCD is nonperturbative at the low-energy scales of nuclear physics
- use relevant instead of the fundamental degrees of freedom: e.g., **nucleons** and **pions**
- **pion exchanges** and short-range **contact interactions** ( $\propto$  LECs)
- **systematic expansion** enables improvable **uncertainty estimates**

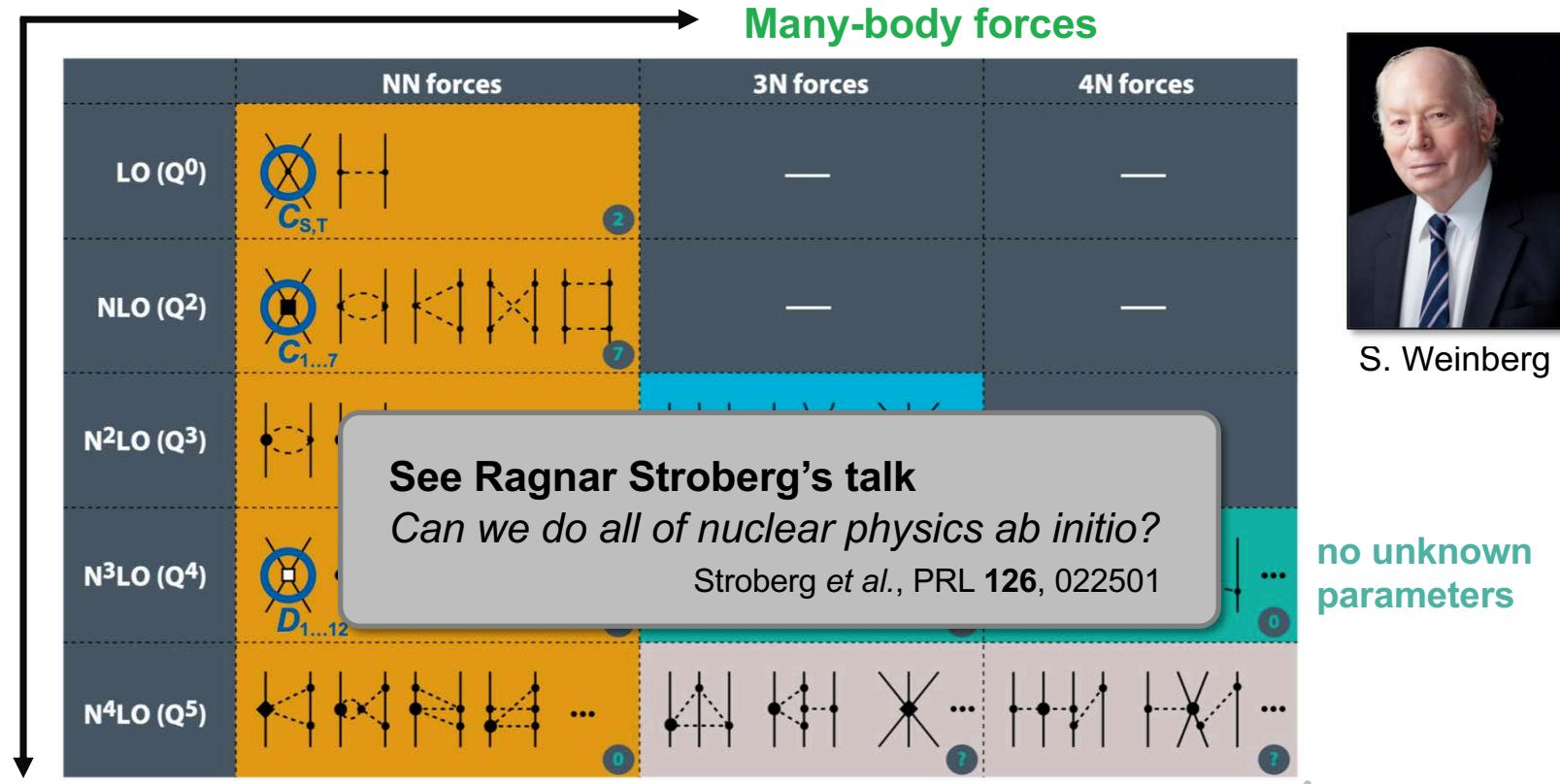
$$Q = \max \left( \frac{p}{\Lambda_b}, \frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_b} \right) \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

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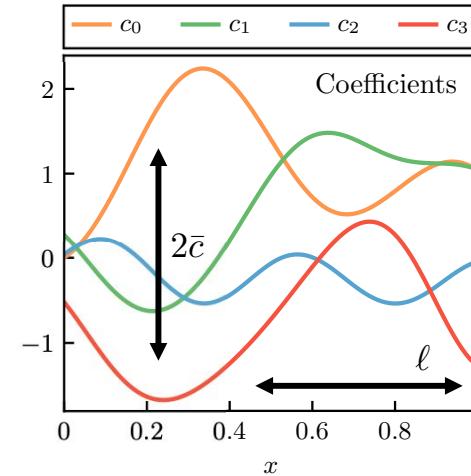
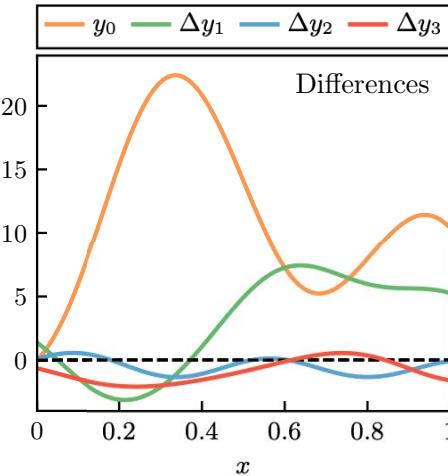
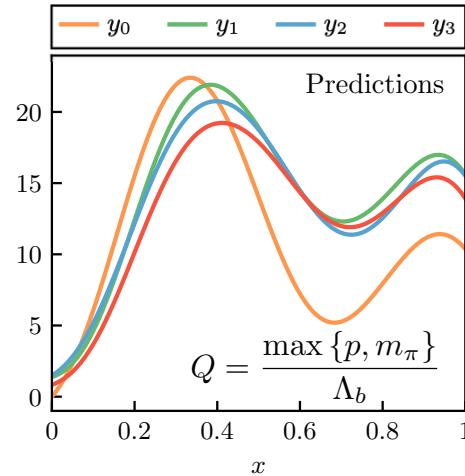
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Melendez, Furnstahl *et al.*, PRC 100, 044001

**predict observable  $y_k$  order by order in EFT**

$$\Delta y_n = y_n - y_{n-1}$$

**treat all  $c_n$  as independent draws from a Gaussian Process**



$$y_k = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=0}^k c_n Q^n$$

**infer EFT truncation error**

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Note:  $c_n$  are *not* the EFT's LEC

geometric sum

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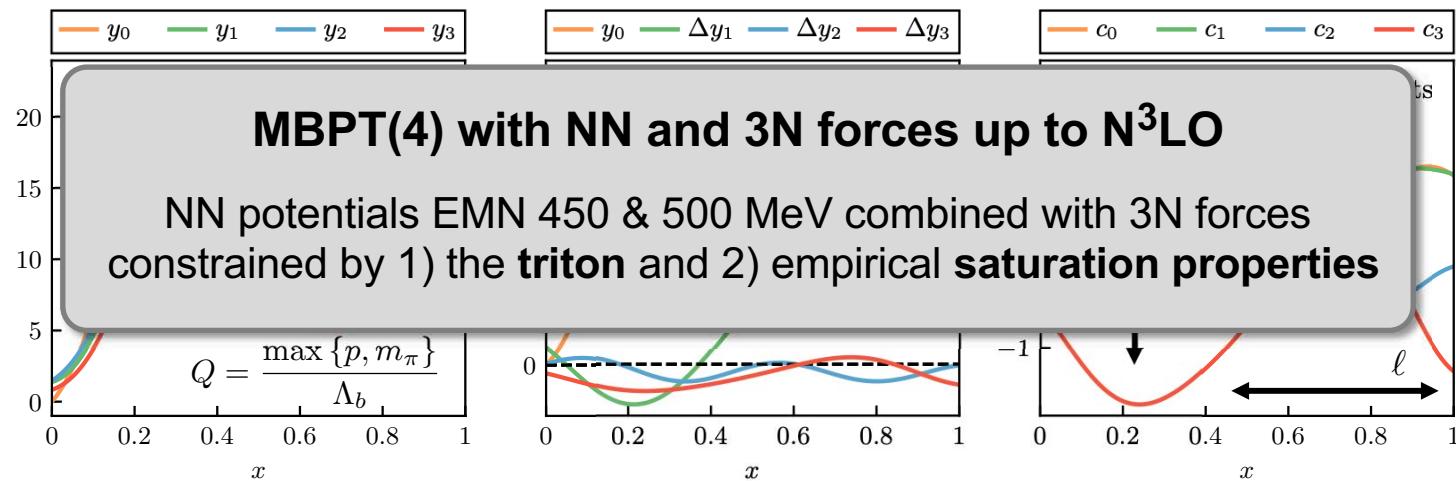
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Efficient Monte Carlo framework

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CD, Hebeler, Schwenk, PRL 122, 042501



**efficient evaluation** of **MBPT diagrams**  
with **NN**, **3N**, and **4N forces** (single-particle basis)

- **implementing diagrams** has become **straightforward** (incl. particle-hole terms)
- multi-dimensional momentum integrals:  
(improved) VEGAS algorithm
- acceleration: openMP, MPI, and CUDA
- **controlled computation** of arbitrary interaction and many-body diagrams



**EOS up to high orders**

automatic code generation

**analytic form of the diagrams**

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Significant challenges are past!

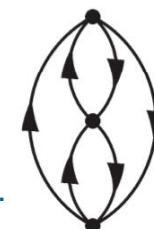
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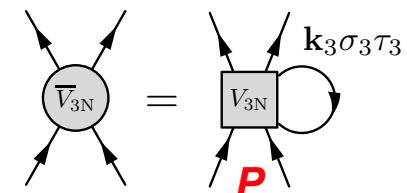
## Higher orders: particle-hole contributions

Coraggio *et al.*, PRC 89, 044321; Holt, Kaiser, PRC 95, 034326, ...



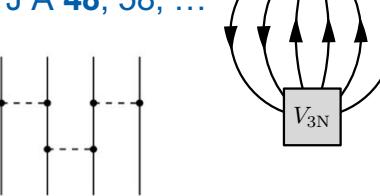
## No approximations for 3N normal ordering

CD *et al.*, PRC 93, 054314; Holt *et al.*, PRC 81, 024002, ...



## Include residual 3N diagram(s)

Hagen *et al.*, PRC 89, 014319; Kaiser, EPJ A 48, 58, ...



## Higher many-body forces

Epelbaum, PLB 639, 256, ...



application of a novel  
Monte Carlo framework

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Number of diagrams in MBPT

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Stevenson, Int. J. Mod. Phys. C **14**, 1135

**The number of diagrams increases rapidly!**

**1, 3, 39, 840, 27 300, 1 232 280, ...**

$n =$  2 3 4 5 6 7

**Integer sequence A064732:**

Number of labeled Hugenholtz diagrams with  $n$  nodes.



**ADG: Automated generation and evaluation of many-body diagrams I. Bogoliubov many-body perturbation theory**

Pierre Arthuis, Thomas Duguet, Alexander Tichai, Raphaël-David Lasserri, Jean-Paul Ebran  
Comput. Phys. **240**, 202

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Important physics questions

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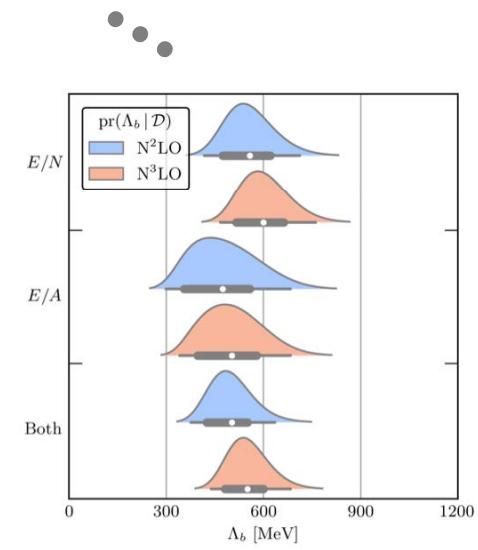
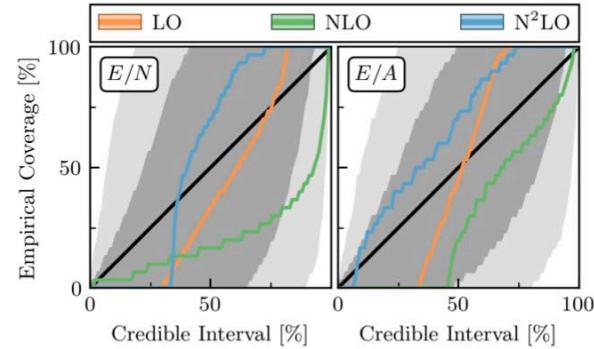
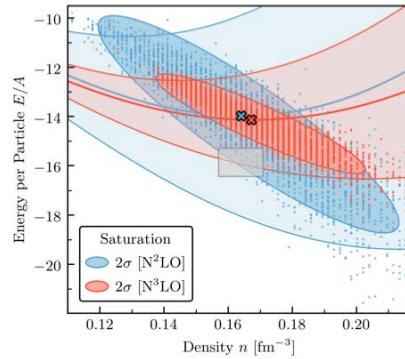
CD, Melendez *et al.*, PRC 102, 054315

**Does chiral EFT perform as advertised in medium? If so, where does it break down? If not, how to identify a more efficient EFT?**

**How well** can chiral EFT reproduce the *empirical* properties at the  $1\sigma$  level? Can we trust the uncertainty estimates?

**How predictive** is chiral EFT at  $\sim 2n_0$ ? And what are the astrophysical implications?

CD, Han, Lattimer, Prakash, Reddy, Zhao, arXiv:2009.06441



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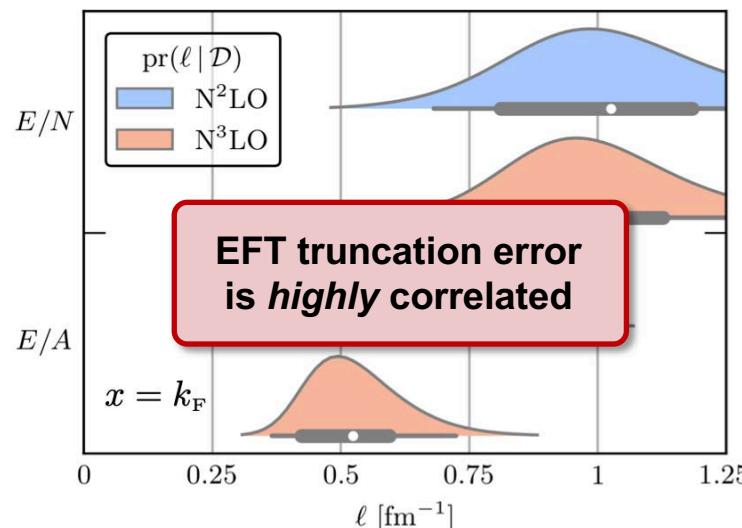
## Bayesian inference

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CD, Melendez *et al.*, PRC 102, 054315

How correlated  
is nuclear matter ?

$\text{pr}(\ell | \mathcal{D})$   
correlation length

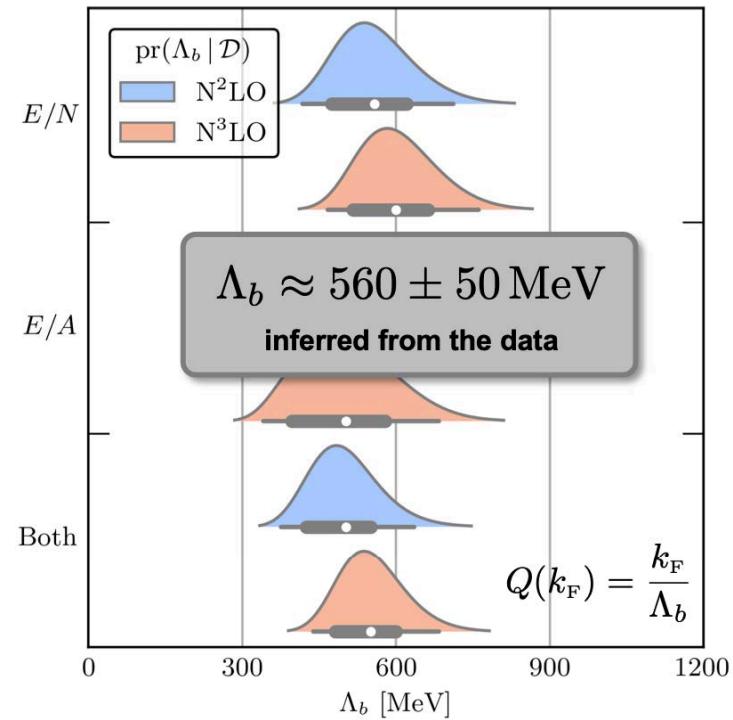


to be  
compared with

$$k_F^{\max} = \begin{cases} 2.2 \text{ fm}^{-1} & \text{PNM} \\ 1.7 \text{ fm}^{-1} & \text{SNM} \end{cases}$$

Where does the  
EFT break down ?

$\text{pr}(\Lambda_b | \mathcal{D})$   
breakdown scale



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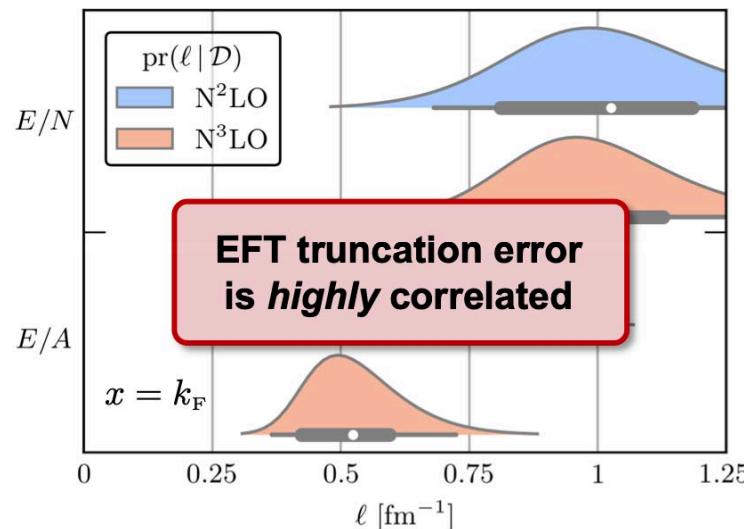
Propagating type-x uncertainties

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CD, Melendez *et al.*, PRC 102, 054315

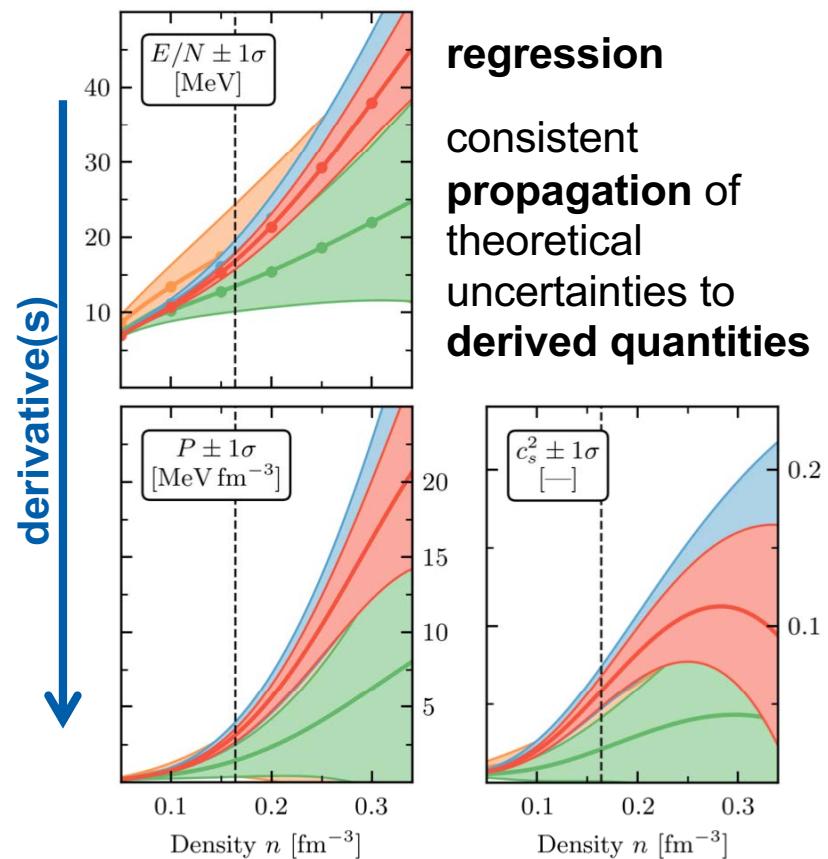
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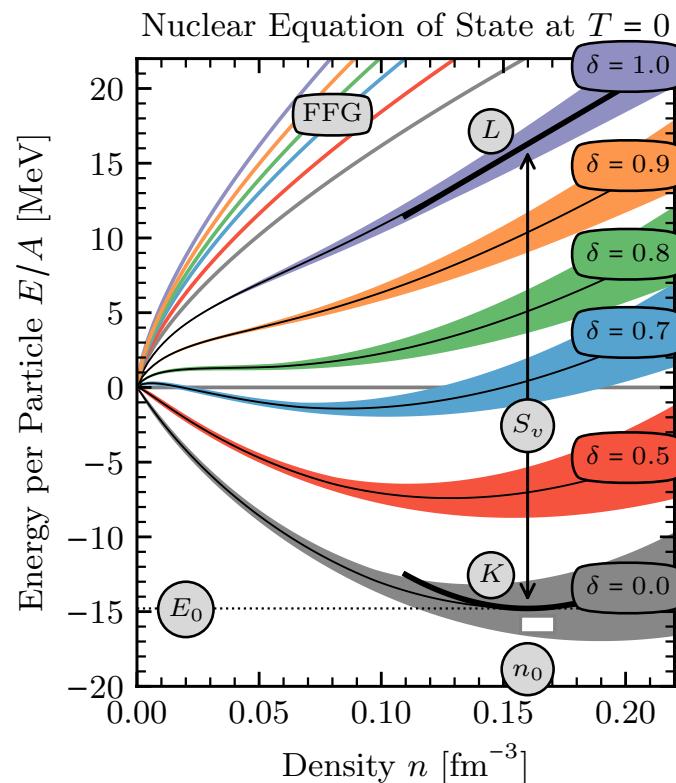


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## Parameters of the low-density EOS

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CD, Holt, and Wellenhofer, arXiv:2101.01709



FFG: free Fermi gas;  $\delta = (n_n - n_p)/n$ : isospin asymmetry

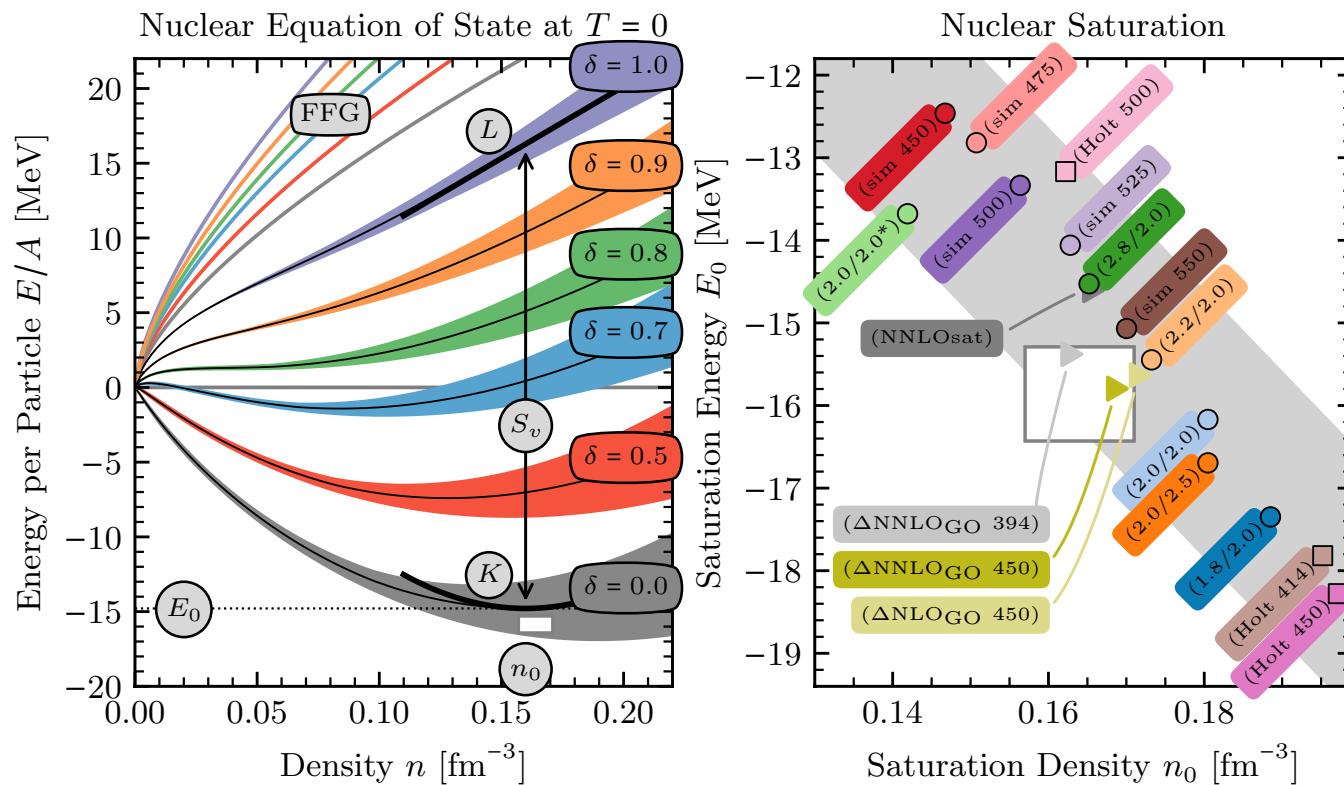
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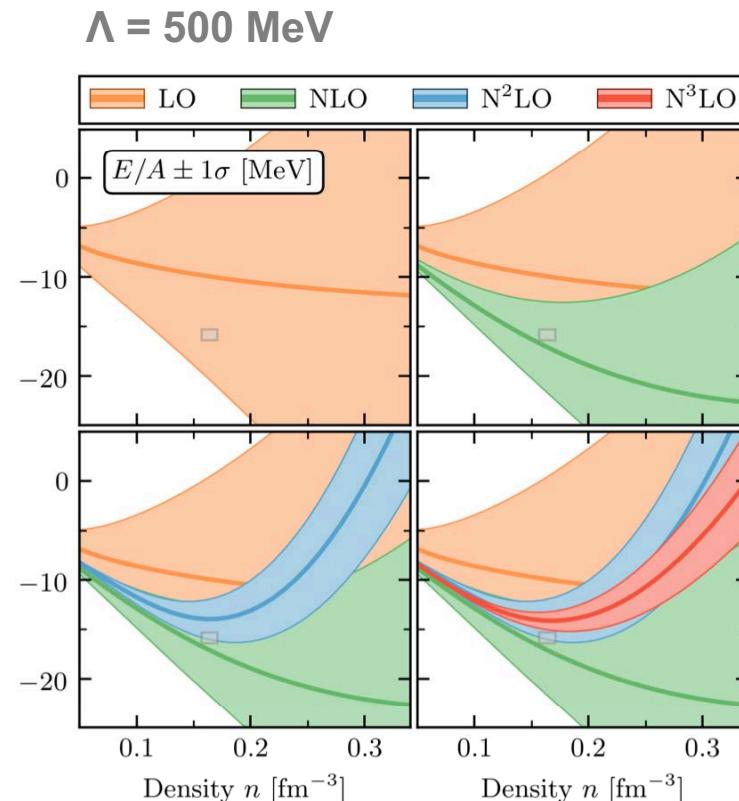
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SNM and the saturation point

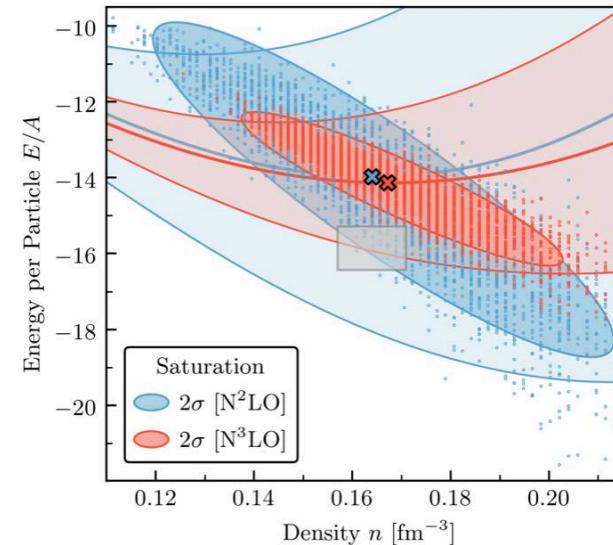
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CD, Melendez *et al.*, PRC 102, 054315



see also CD, Hebeler, Schwenk, PRL 122, 042501

$$\text{pr} \left( \frac{E}{A}(n_0), n_0 \mid \mathcal{D} \right)$$



two-dimensional Gaussian

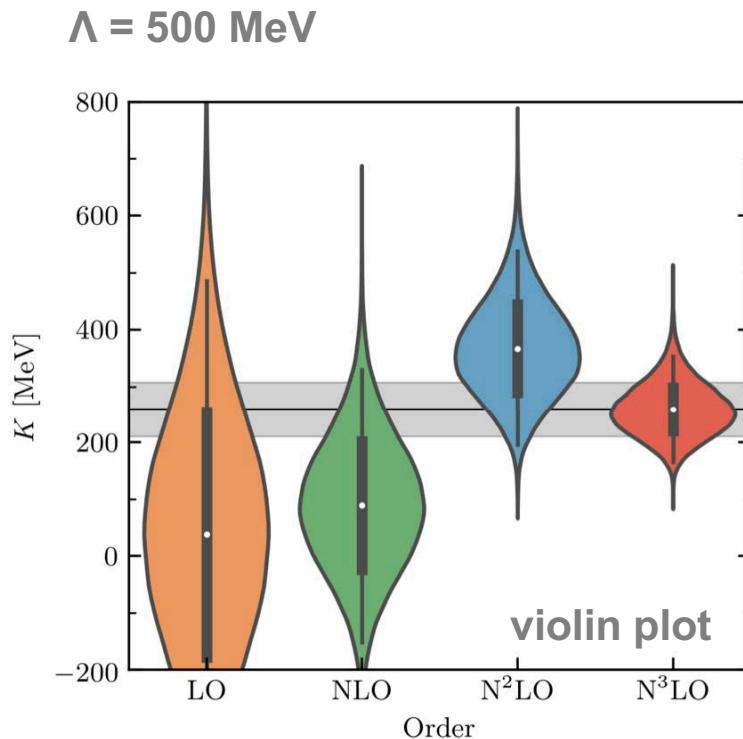
$$\begin{bmatrix} n_0 \\ \frac{E}{A}(n_0) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.170 \\ -14.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.016^2 & -0.015 \\ -0.015 & 1.0^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Incompressibility of SNM

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CD, Melendez *et al.*, PRC 102, 054315



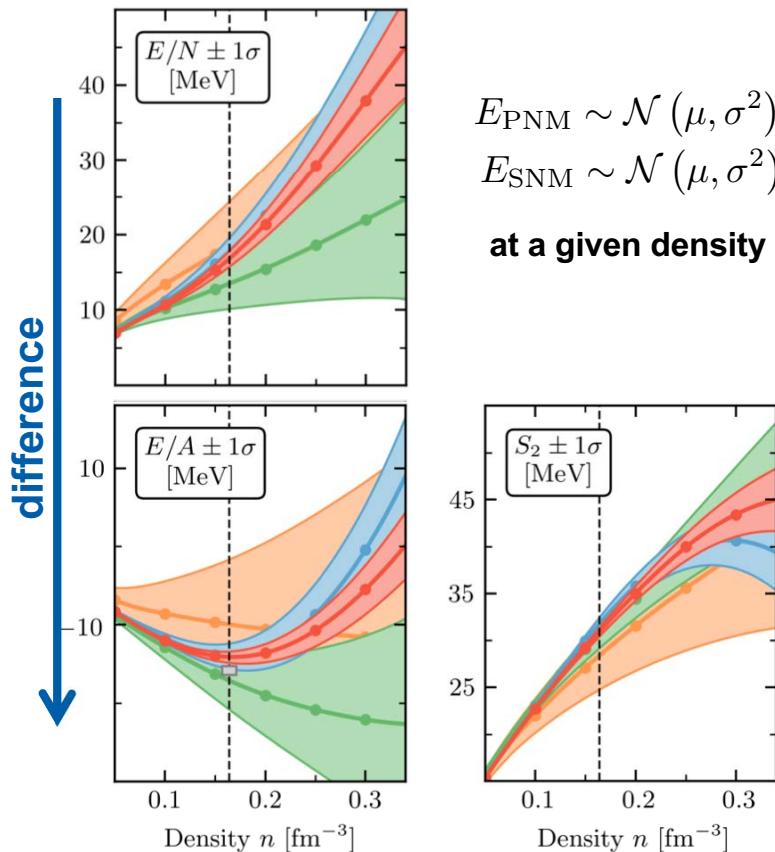
for connections to experiment, see, e.g.,  
Roca-Maza and Paar, PPNP 101, 96

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Type-y: nuclear symmetry energy

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CD, Furnstahl *et al.*, PRL 125, 202702



$$E_{\text{PNM}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$E_{\text{SNM}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

at a given density

$$S_2(n) \approx \frac{E}{N}(n) - \frac{E}{A}(n)$$

**Reminder: Statistics 101**

$$S_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{S_2}, \sigma_{S_2}^2)$$

$$\mu_{S_2} = \mu_{\text{PNM}} - \mu_{\text{SNM}}$$

$$\sigma_{S_2}^2 = \sigma_{\text{PNM}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{SNM}}^2$$

$$- 2\sigma_{\text{PNM}}\sigma_{\text{SNM}}\rho$$

correlation coefficient  $-1 \leq \rho \leq +1$

Can result in smaller uncertainties than one might naively expect.

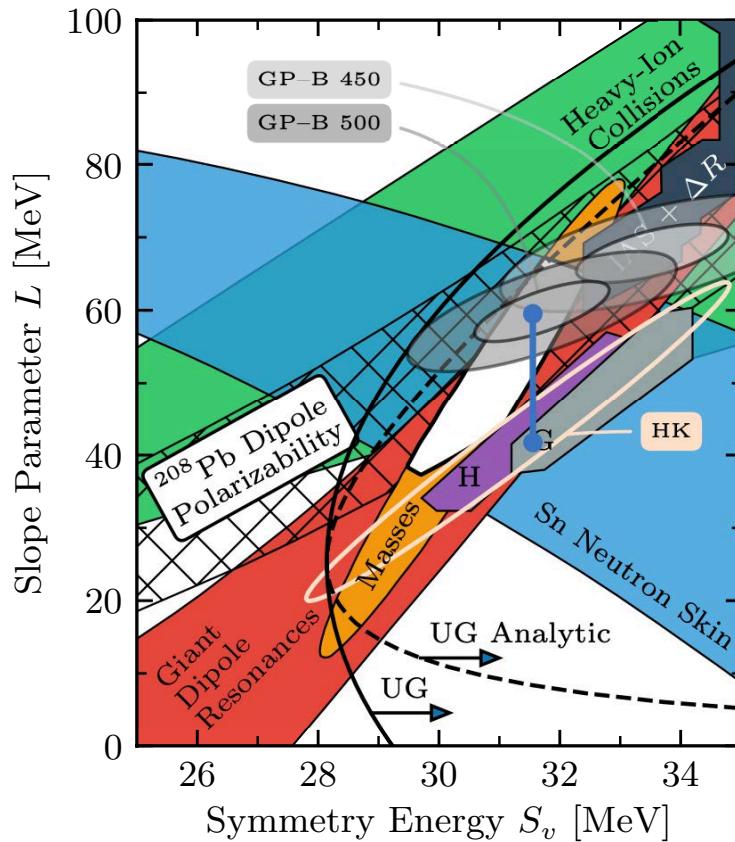
See, e.g., Wen & Holt, arXiv:2012.02163; Somasundaram, CD, Tews *et al.*, arXiv:2009.04737 for  $S_{2k>2}(n)$

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$S_v$ – $L$  correlation (as compiled by Lattimer *et al.*)

CD, Furnstahl *et al.*, PRL 125, 202702



$$S_2(n) \equiv S_v + \frac{L}{3} \left( \frac{n - n_0}{n_0} \right) + \dots$$

! Excellent agreement with experiment  
Lattimer and Lim, APJ 771, 51

$$\text{pr}(S_v, L | \mathcal{D}) = \int dn_0 \text{pr}(S_2, L | n_0, \mathcal{D}) \text{pr}(n_0 | \mathcal{D})$$

$$\text{pr}(n_0 | \mathcal{D}) \approx 0.17 \pm 0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3}$$

2σ ellipse (light yellow) is completely within the *conjectured* unitary gas limit

predicted range in  $S_v$  **agrees** with other **theoretical constraints**; but ~15 MeV stronger density-dependence of  $S_2(n_0)$

GP–B (500): two-dimensional Gaussian

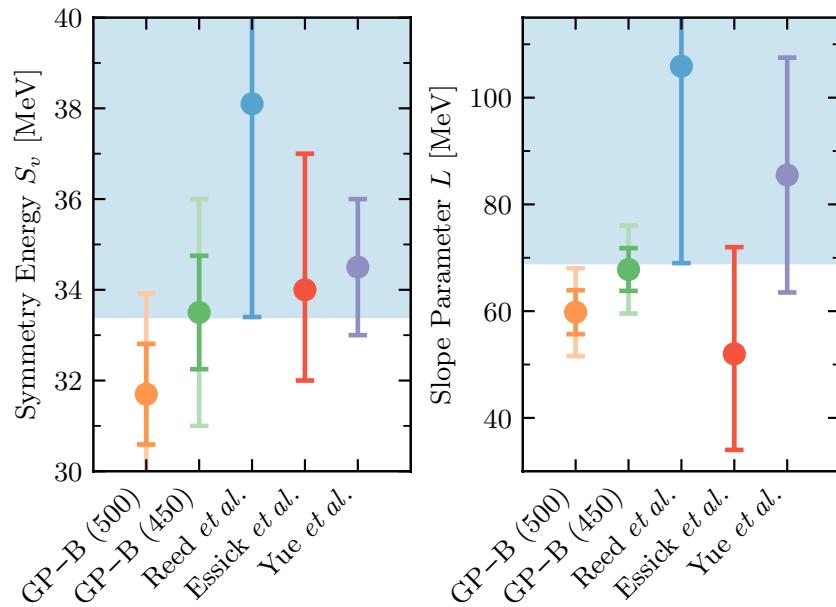
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Constraints derived from PREX-II

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see also Yue *et al.*, arXiv:2102.05267



## PREX-II:

- **uncertainties are still large**
- **extracted  $R_{\text{skin}}$  (and  $L$ ) consistent with joint posterior (1 $\sigma$  level) but overall allows for stiffer EOS at  $\sim n_0$**

## Parity violating elastic e scattering

$$R_{\text{skin}} ({}^{208}\text{Pb}) = 0.283 \pm 0.071 \text{ fm}$$

PREX collaboration, arXiv:2102.10767

## Exploiting strong correlations (EDFs)

$$S_v = 38.1 \pm 4.7 \text{ MeV}$$

$$L = 105.9 \pm 36.9 \text{ MeV}$$

Reed *et al.*, arXiv:2101.03193

## Astron. data + chiral EFT only (incl. GP-B)

$$R ({}^{208}\text{Pb}) = 0.18^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \text{ fm}$$

$$S_v = 34^{+3}_{-2} \text{ MeV} \quad L = 52^{+20}_{-18} \text{ MeV}$$

Essick *et al.*, arXiv:2102.10074

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Summary and outlook

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1

## set a new standard for UQ in infinite-matter calculations

- correlations within *and* between observables are crucial for reliable UQ
- need for *statistically* robust comparisons between theory, observation, and experiment
- efficiently quantify and propagate EOS uncertainties to derived quantities

2

## statistically robust analysis of the EOS up to $N^3\text{LO}$

- excellent agreement of predicted  $S_v-L$  correlation with experiment
- PNM and SNM show a regular EFT convergence pattern with increasing order
- extracted  $\Lambda_b$  is consistent with NN scattering •  $N^2\text{LO}$  coefficient may be an outlier

3

## improved NN+3N potentials up to $N^3\text{LO}$ are needed

- Hüther *et al.*, PLB 808, 135651; Hoppe *et al.*, PRC 100, 024318; ...

4

## full Bayesian UQ: MCMC for LECs & hyperparameters

- consistently include uncertainties in the LECs of chiral interactions
- compute nuclear saturation properties using Bayesian optimization

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