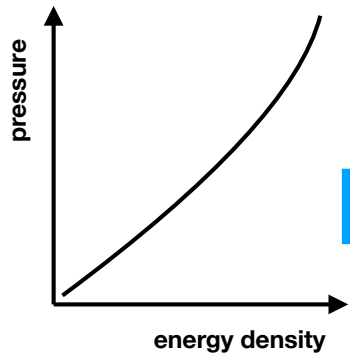


# Neutron stars

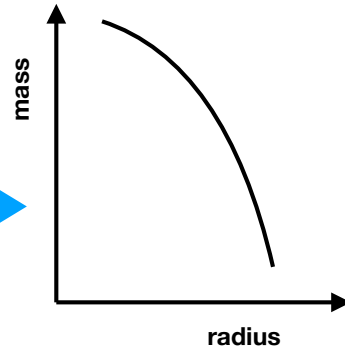
# The problem

**Equation of State  
(4 params)**



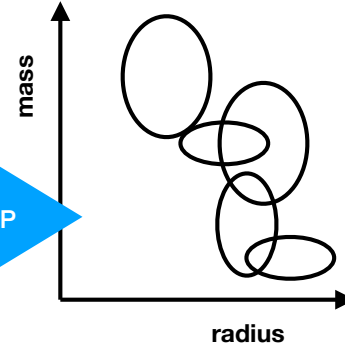
Nuclear theory

**Mass-Radius  
relation  
(2 params:  $M, R$ )**

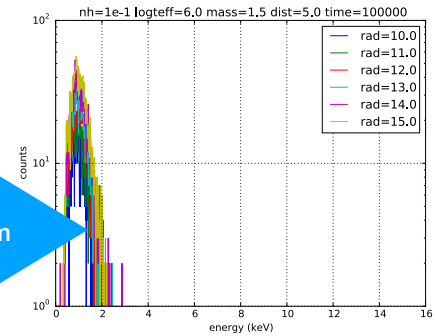


add Nuis P

**Star parameters**  
2 params: (mass, radius)  
3 nuis params (dist, temp, dust)



XSPEC Sim



**Neutron Star  
X-ray data  
(1024 chan, 80% empty)**

## Training data

Fixed EOS, sample of  $(M, R)$  pairs  
For each  $M, R$  pair, add 3 nuisance param  
generate sample spectra

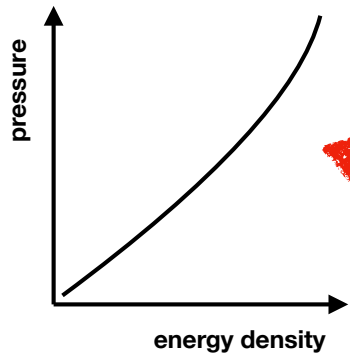
## Inference

End-to-end: spectra  $\rightarrow$  EOS  
Also might try: spectra  $\rightarrow$  star  
star  $\rightarrow$  EOS

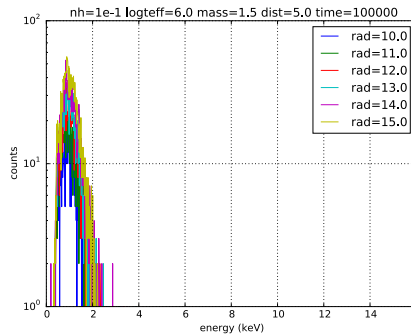
MLLR method: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.04699>

# Uncertainties (1)

**Equation  
of State  
(4 params)**



**Neutron Star  
X-ray data  
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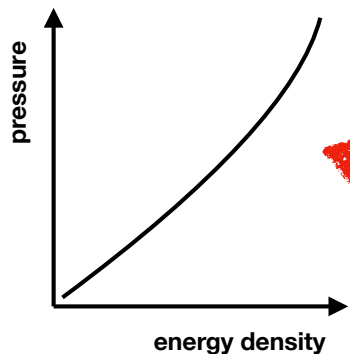


## Statistical uncertainty

- due to Poisson noise in spectrum
- Make 100 copies of spectrum with additional noise
- Use variance in output as estimate of statistical uncertainty

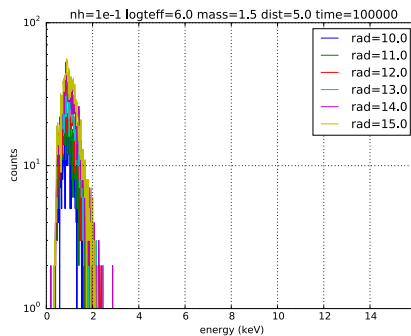
# Uncertainties (2)

**Equation  
of State  
(4 params)**



**Star parameters**  
2 params: (mass, radius)  
3 nuis params (dist, temp, dust)

**Neutron Star  
X-ray data  
(1024 chan, 80% empty)**



## Systematic uncertainty

- Spectrum affected by NPs as well as POIs
- Parameterize network in NP <https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07913>
- Input: spectrum + NP
- Output: EOS
- Application: get EOS as function of NP
- Can then fold in various priors on NP; establish an envelope for EOS