

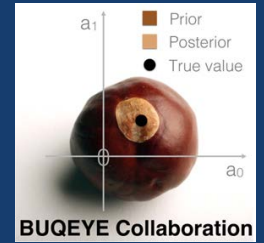
# Microscopic Equation of State Constraints and Bayesian Uncertainty Quantification

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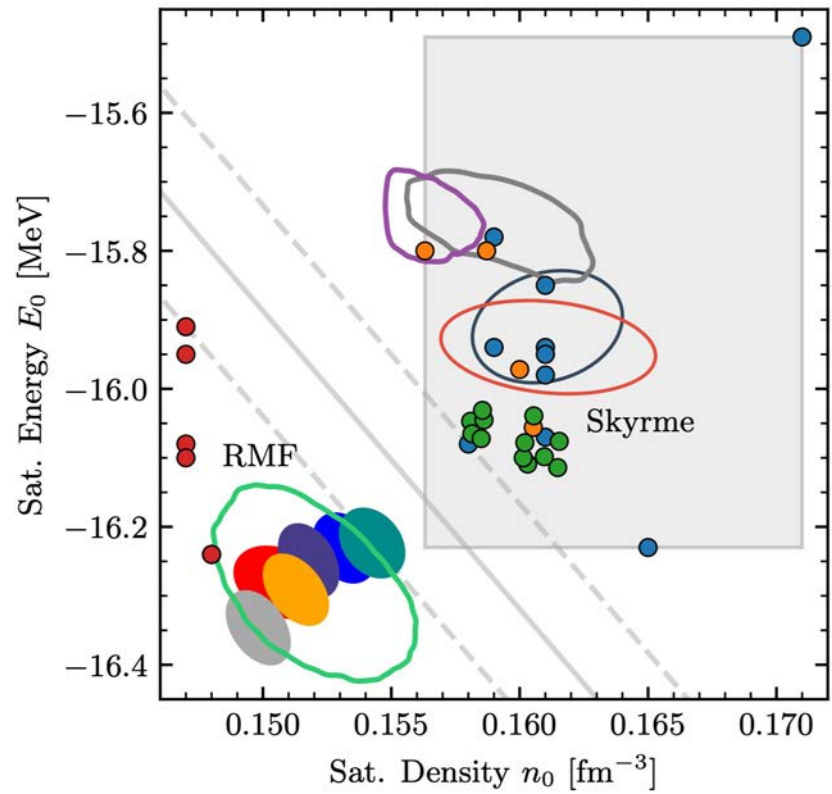
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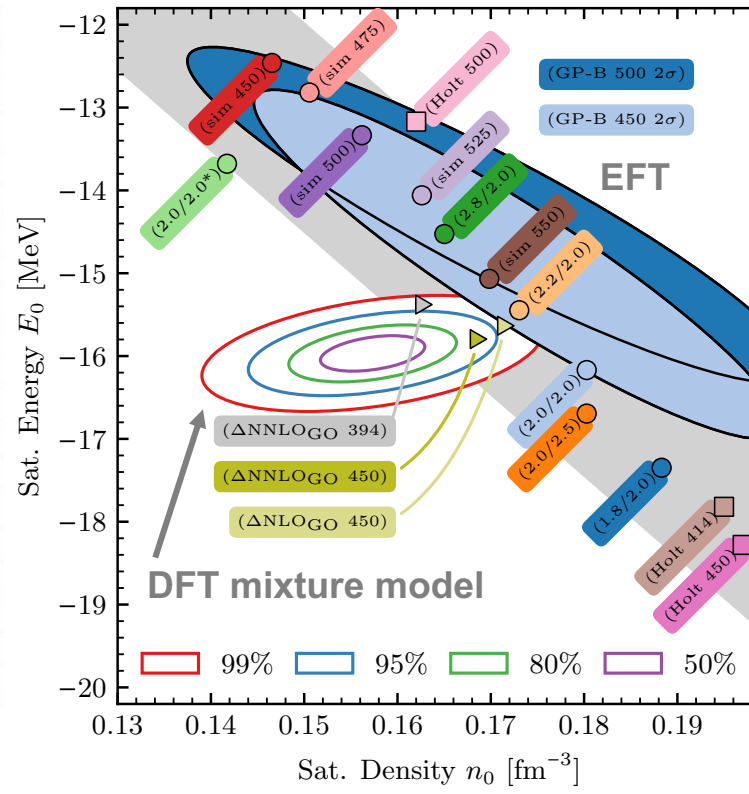
$^{208}\text{Pb}$  neutron skin constraints with  $\pm 0.03$  fm or better are needed: **MREX @ MESA**

$L = 106 \pm 37$  MeV  
PREX-II informed

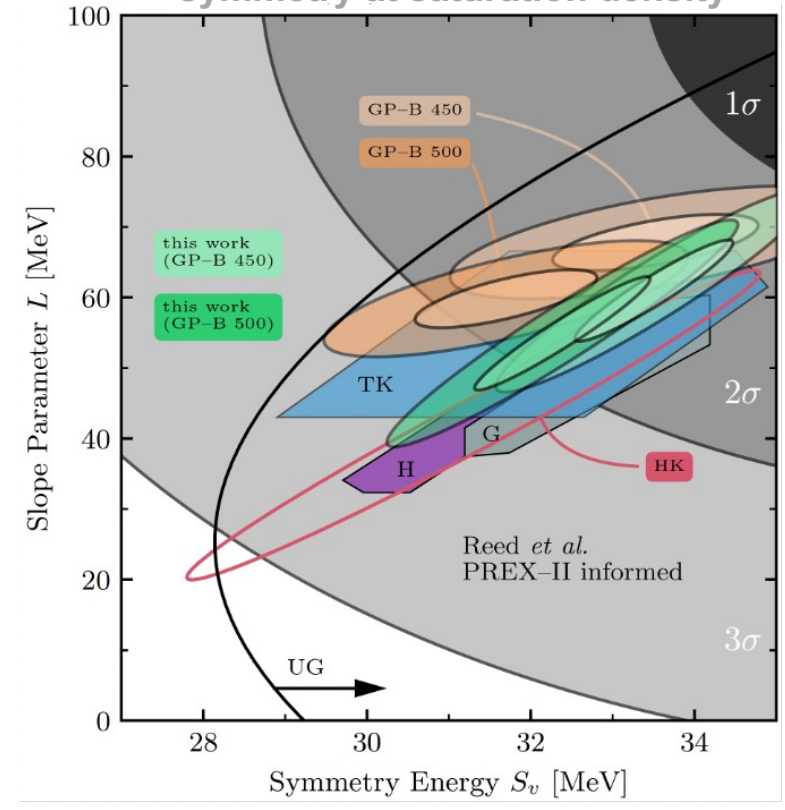
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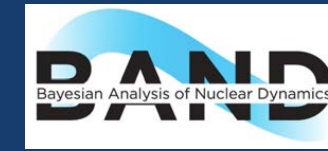
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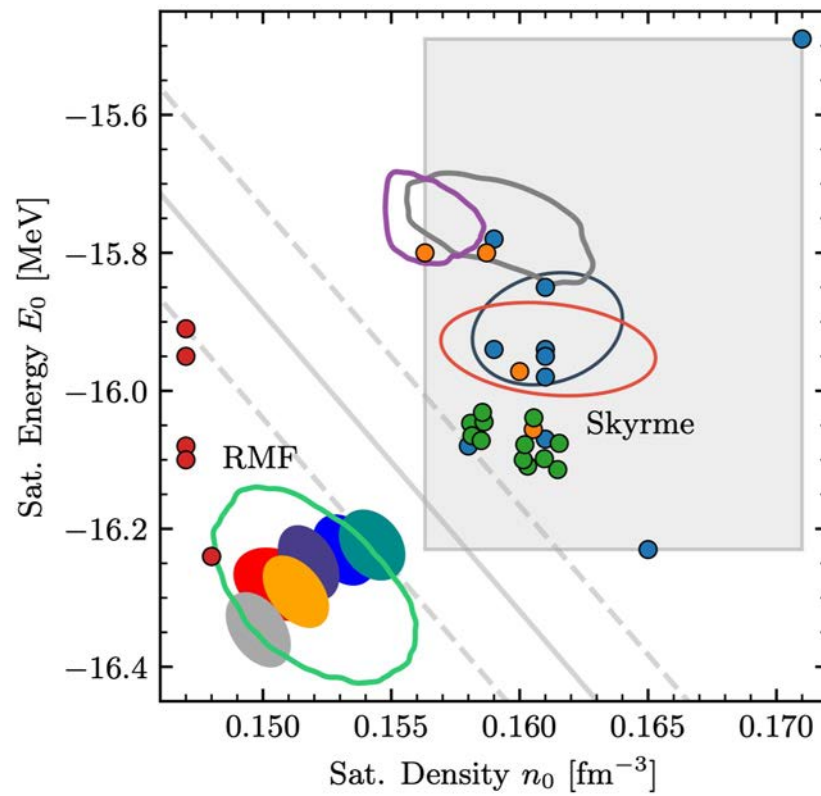
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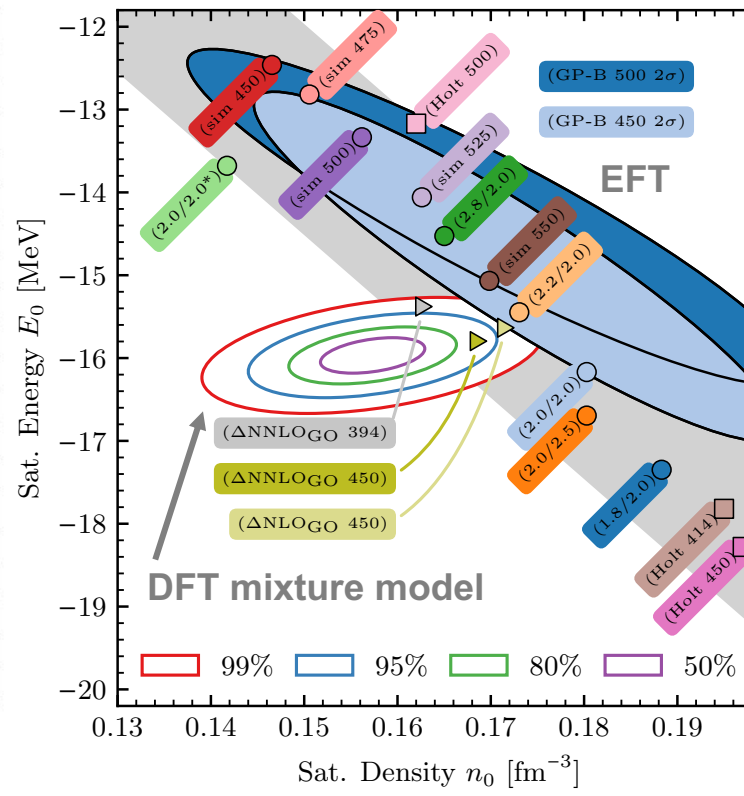
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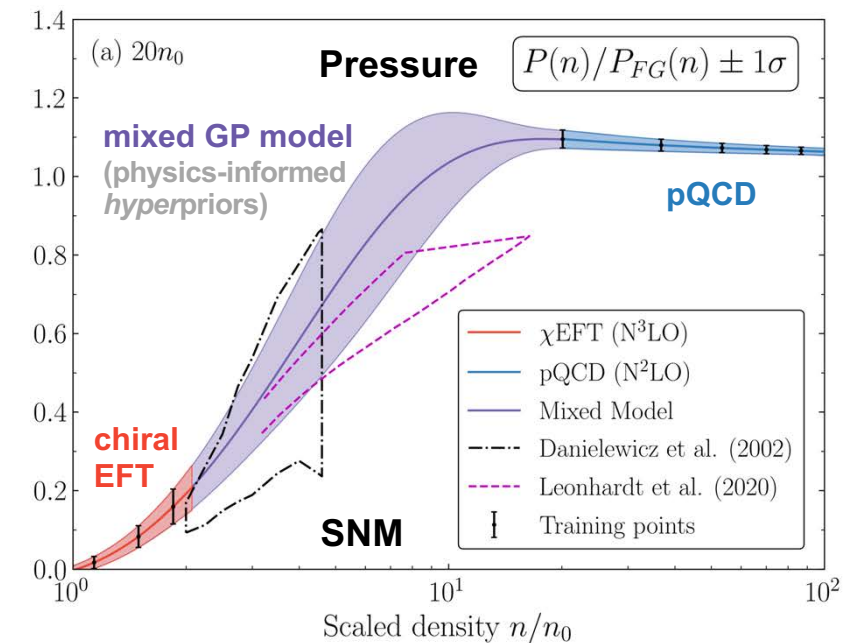
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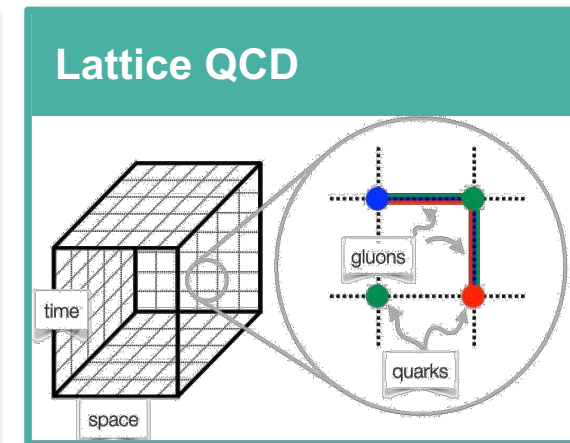
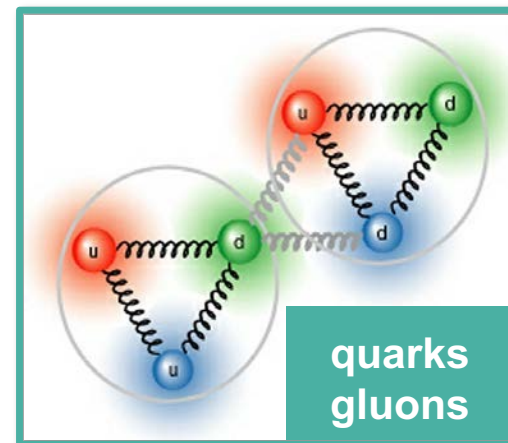
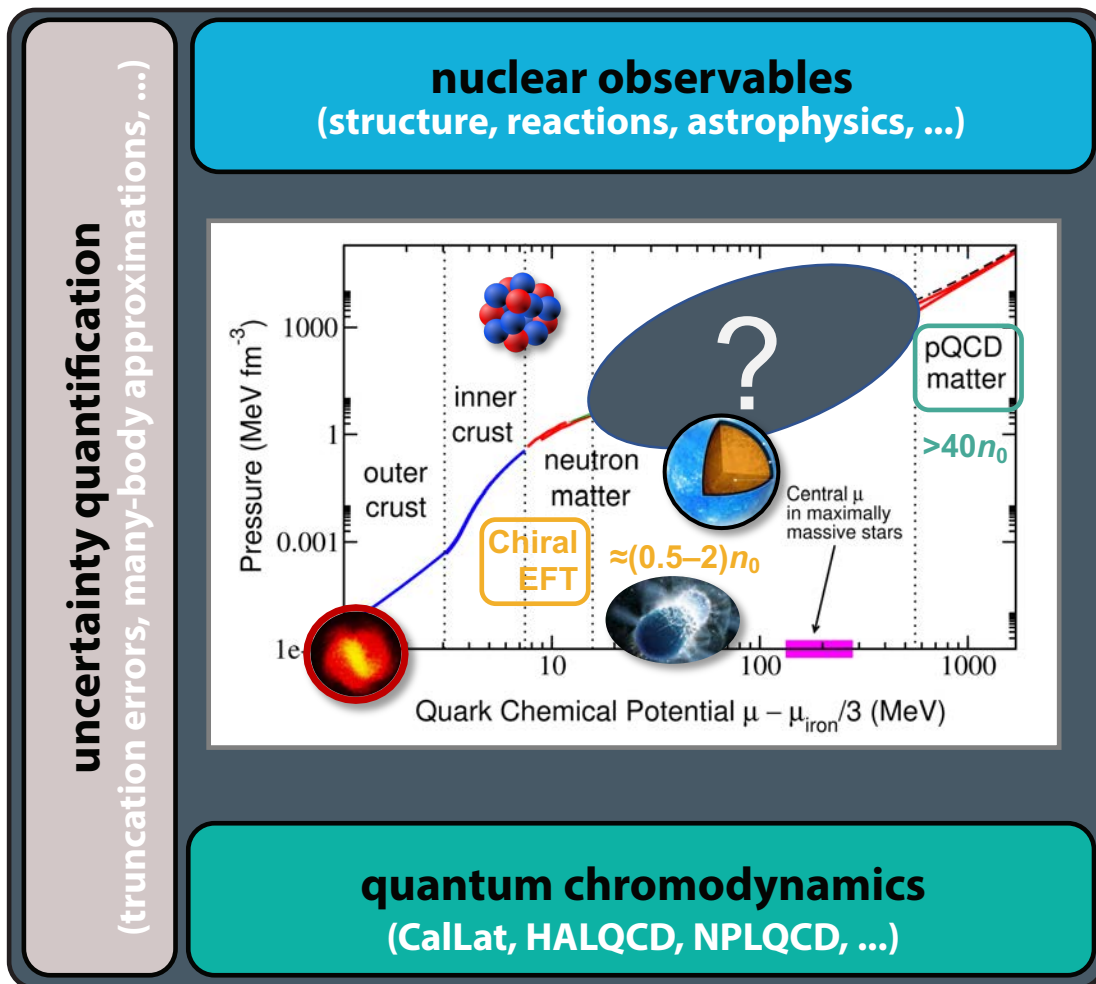
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**Goal: constructing globally predictive, QCD-based EOSs from individual models**

How can we develop QCD-based models that are *predictive* across all densities?

Here: nuclear equation of state (EOS)  
Pressure, energy per particle, or sound speed



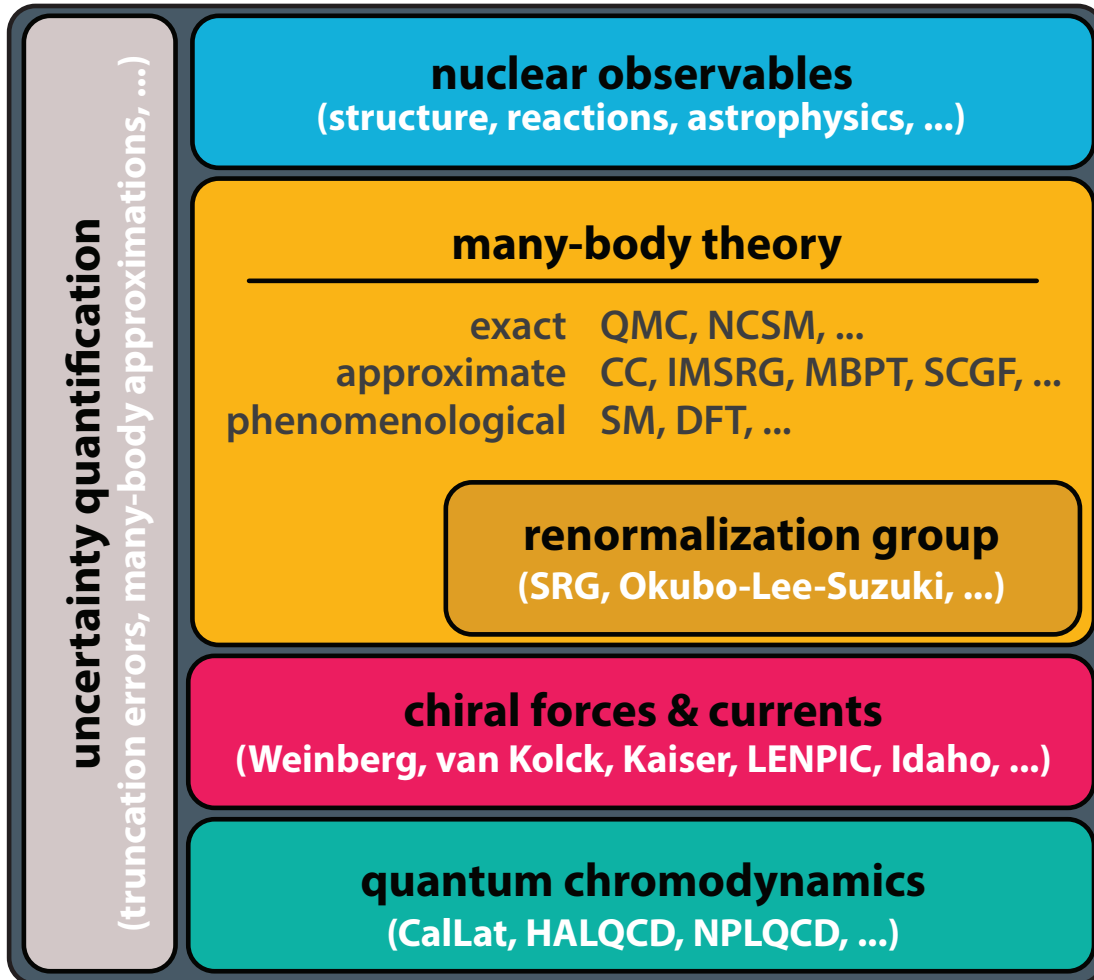
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$$\frac{E}{A}(n, \delta, T)$$

baryon density  $n$   
 neutron excess  $\delta$   
 temperature  $T$

### computational framework

solves the (many-body) Schrödinger equation  
 requires a nuclear potential as input

### chiral effective field theory

provides microscopic interactions consistent with  
 the symmetries of *low-energy* QCD

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Interesting new ML/MOR applications: e.g., Fore, Kim *et al.*, *PRR* **5**, 033062

# Modern theory of nuclear forces

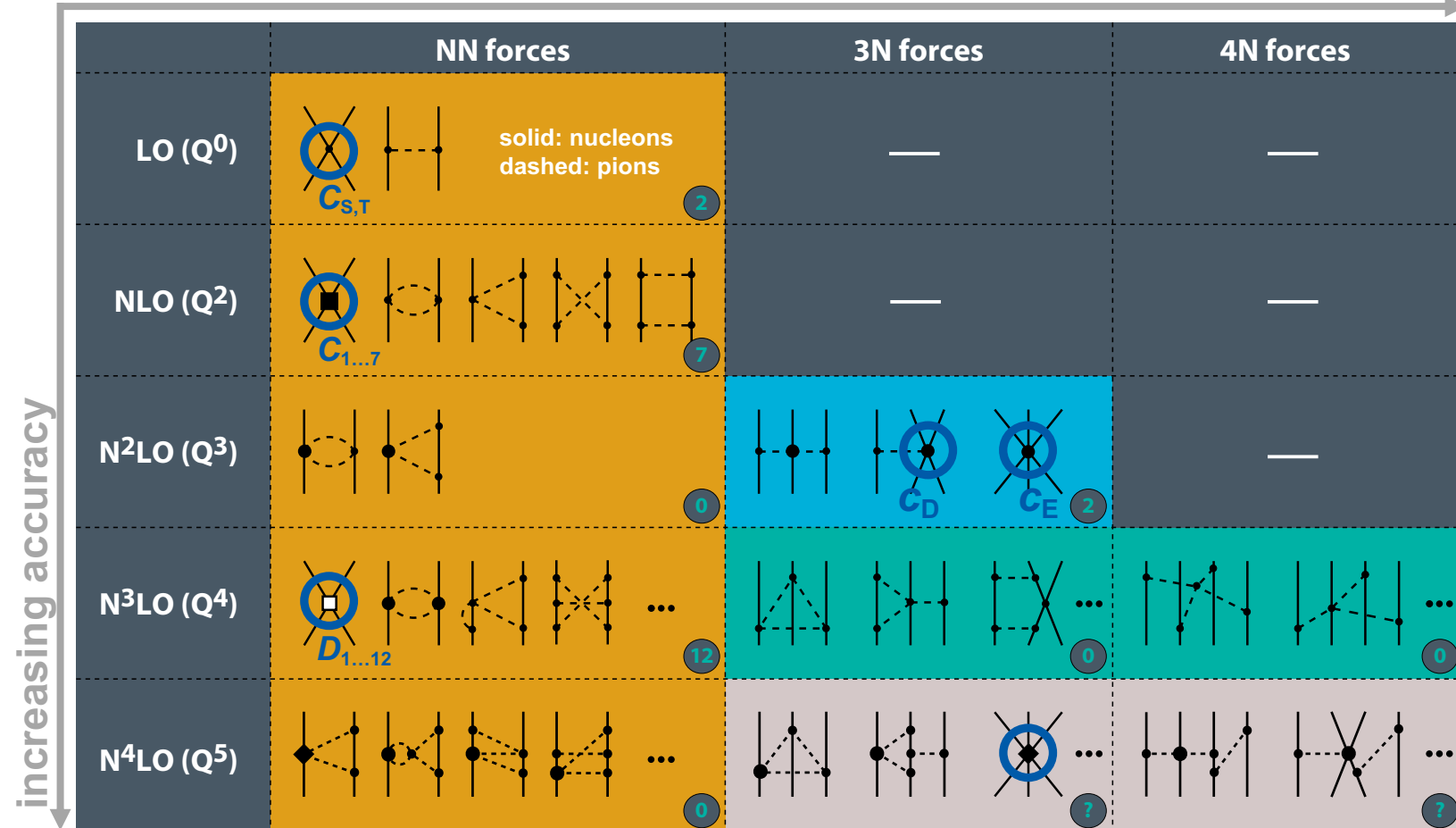


## Hierarchy of chiral nuclear forces up to N<sup>4</sup>LO

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

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

multi-nucleon forces →



### Chiral effective field theory

dominant approach to deriving  
*microscopic* interactions consistent with  
the symmetries of low-energy QCD

degrees of freedom: **nucleons & pions**

EFT expansion enables **uncertainty quantification** (EFT truncation errors)

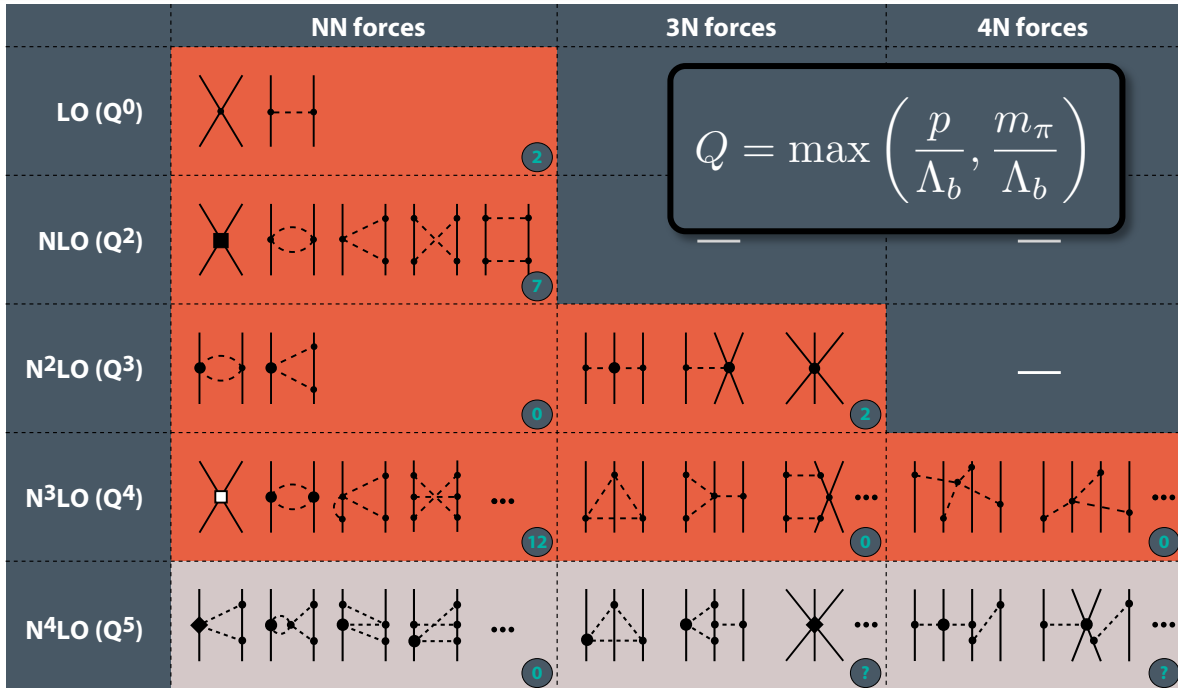
fit the **unknown couplings** to  
experimental (or lattice) data

- NN: phase shifts & deuteron
- 3N: binding energies, charge radii, ...  
(only 2 couplings through N<sup>3</sup>LO)

For recent reviews of **delta-full EFT**, see, e.g.:  
Piarulli & Tews, *Front. Phys.* **7**, 245; Piarulli & Schiavilla, *Few Body Syst.* **62**, 10

# First rigorous uncertainty quantification

CD, Furnstahl, Melendez, and Phillips, PRL 125, 202702



$\{y_0, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_k\}$ 

predict observable  $y$  order by order in the chiral expansion

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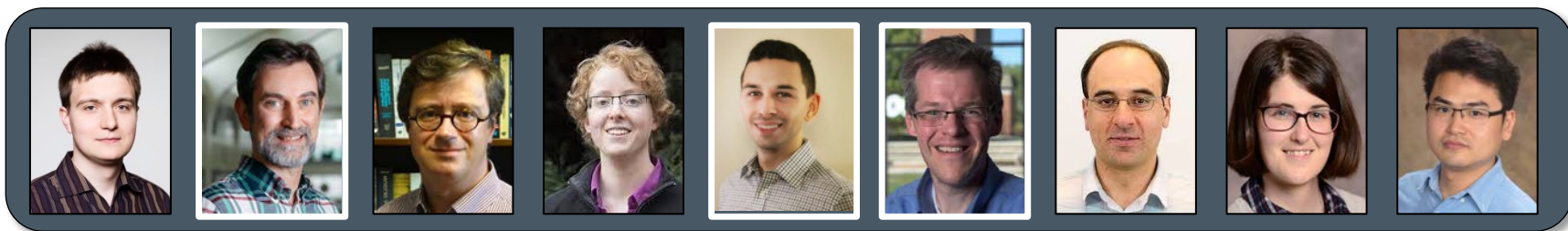
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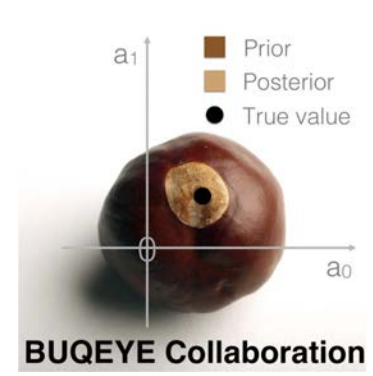
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learn hyperparameters of that GP & compute to-all-orders truncation error



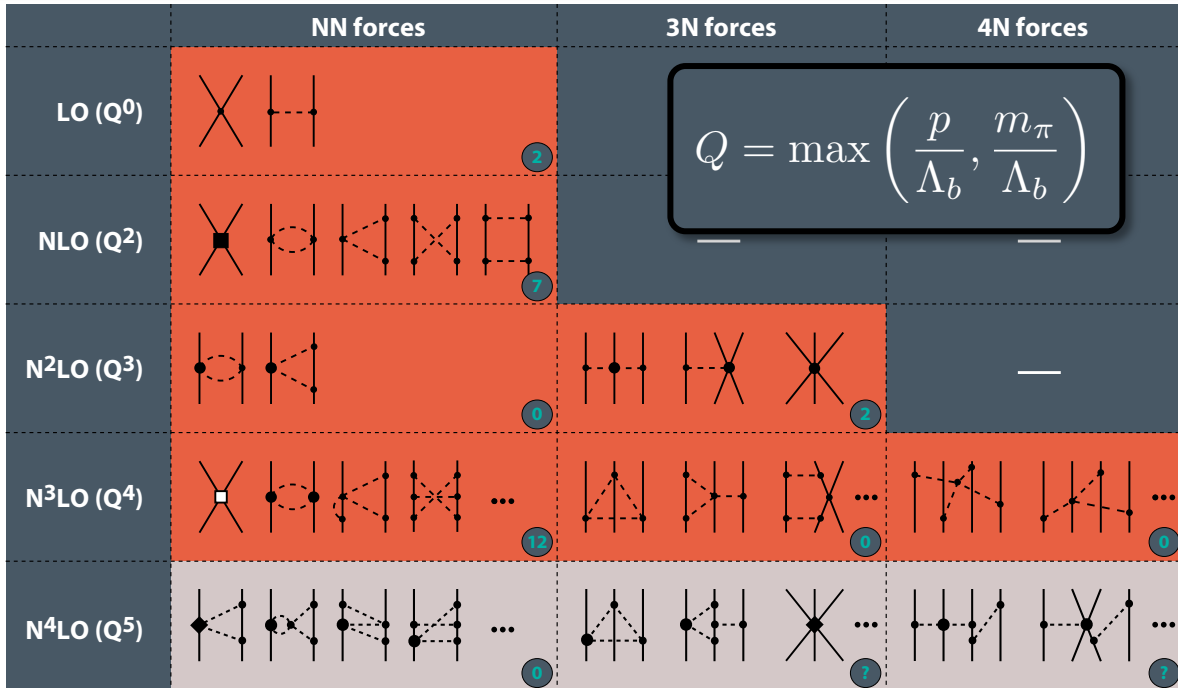
Open-source software & tutorials (Jupyter): <https://buqeye.github.io>



**Bayesian  
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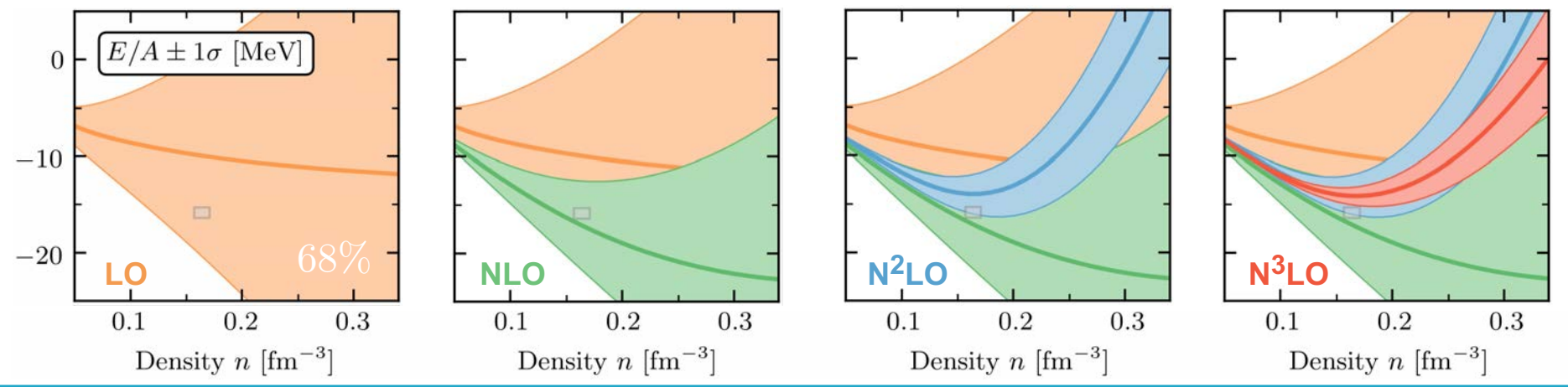
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## An example: symmetric matter

$$y = \frac{E}{A}, \quad k = 4 \quad (\text{N}^3\text{LO})$$

Uncertainty bands depict 68% credibility regions

$$y = y_k + \delta y_k$$





# Correlated EFT truncation error model (revisited)

your EFT

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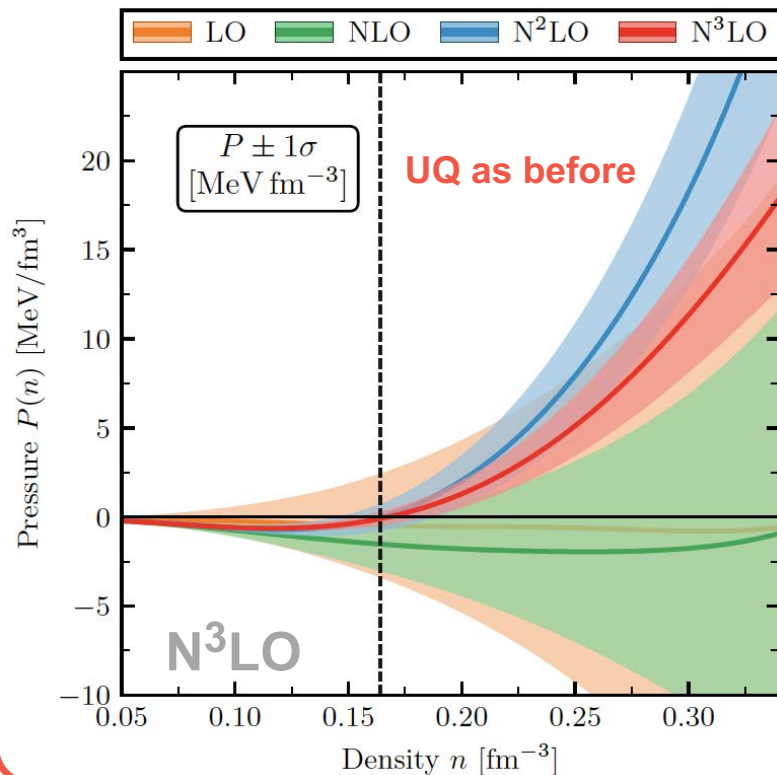
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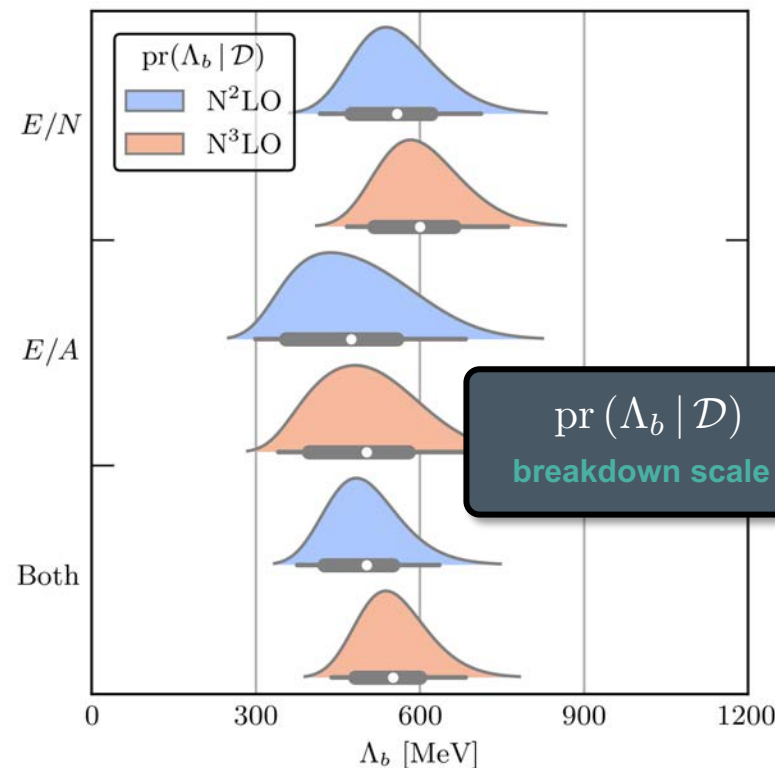
$$P(n) = n^2 \frac{d}{dn} \frac{E}{A}(n)$$

At what *density* does chiral EFT break down, and why?

## Chiral EFT



## Bayesian inference of the in-medium breakdown scale



Increasing accuracy

- LO (Q<sup>0</sup>)
- NLO (Q<sup>2</sup>)
- N<sup>2</sup>LO (Q<sup>3</sup>)
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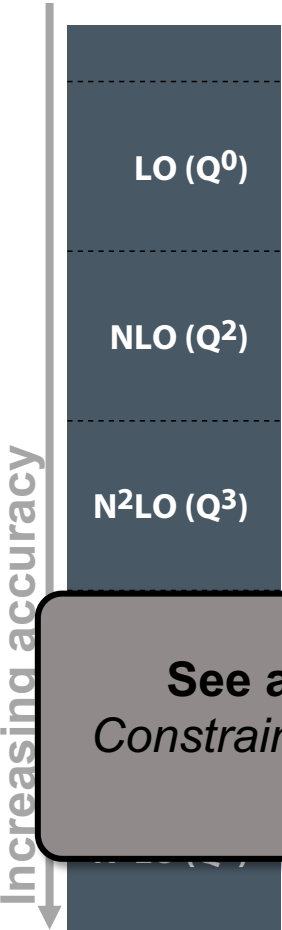
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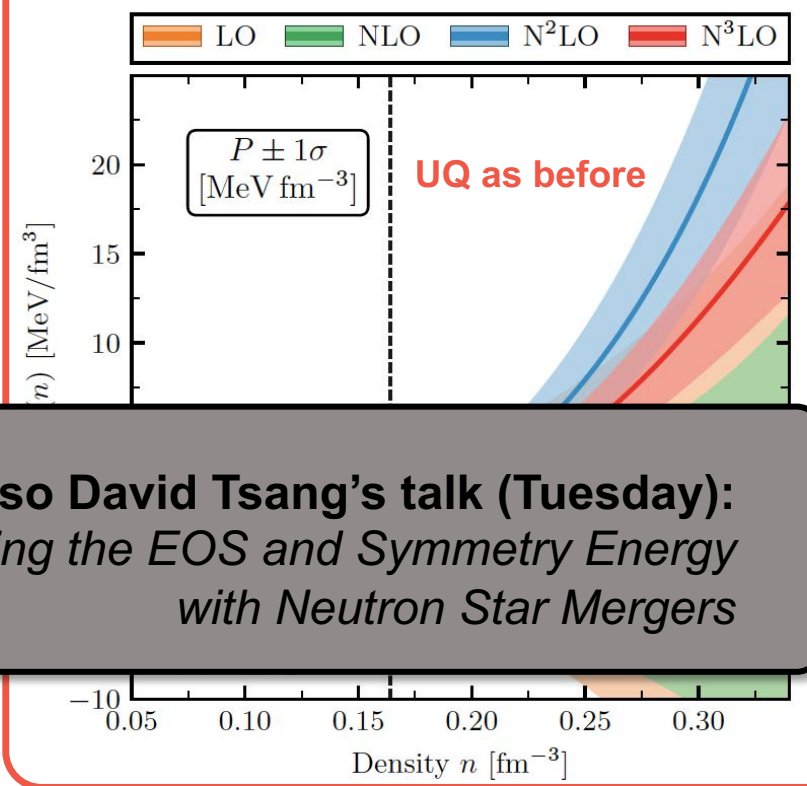
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need to infer the breakdown scale  
the computation

See also Duncan Neill's talk (Thursday):  
*Resonant shattering flares as asteroseismic tests of chiral effective field theory*

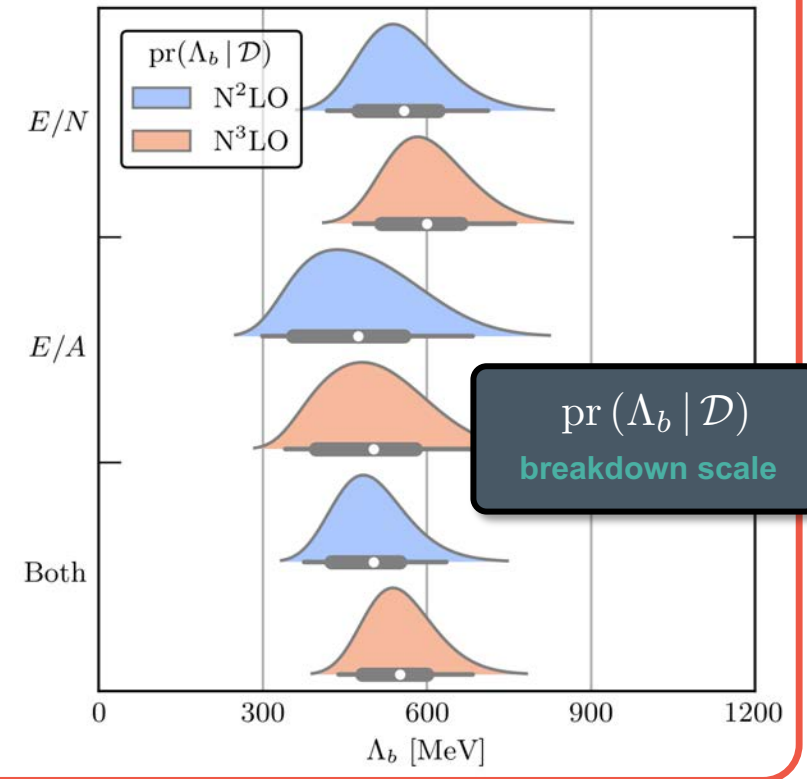
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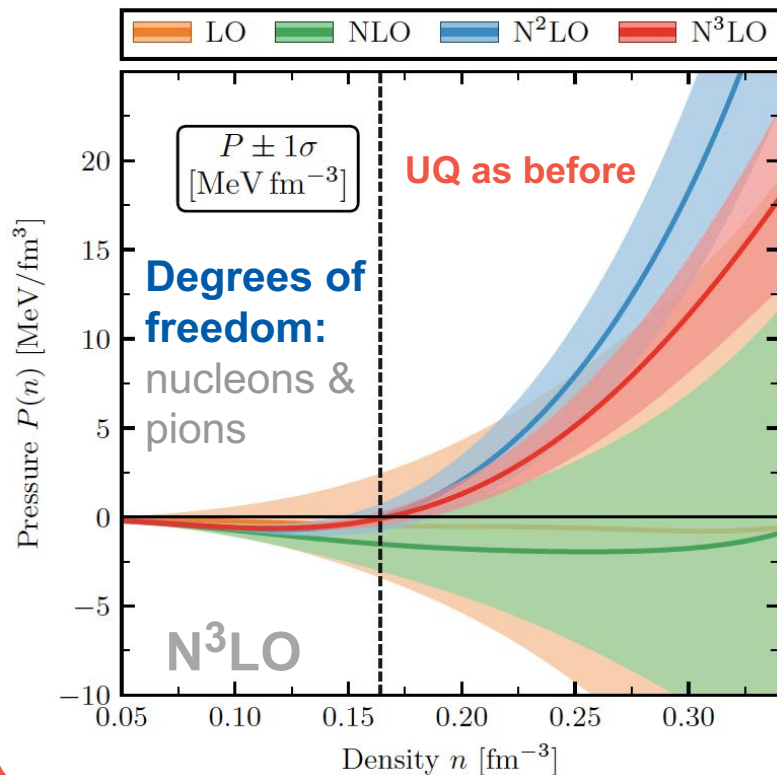
NLO ( $Q^2$ )

N<sup>2</sup>LO ( $Q^3$ )

N<sup>3</sup>LO ( $Q^4$ )

N<sup>4</sup>LO ( $Q^5$ )

Chiral EFT



pQCD

Perturbative expansion in  
the strong coupling constant  
(at the two-loop level)

$$\alpha_s(\bar{\Lambda}) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 L} \left[ 1 - \frac{2\beta_1 \ln L}{\beta_0^2 L} \right]$$

$$L = \ln(\bar{\Lambda}^2 / \Lambda_{MS}^2), \quad \bar{\Lambda} = 2X\mu,$$

$$\frac{P(\mu)}{P_{FG}(\mu)} \simeq 1 + \underline{a_{1,1}} \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\bar{\Lambda})}{\pi} \right) + N_f \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\bar{\Lambda})}{\pi} \right)^2 \left[ \underline{a_{2,1}} \ln \left( \frac{N_f \alpha_s(\bar{\Lambda})}{\pi} \right) + \underline{a_{2,2}} \ln \frac{\bar{\Lambda}}{2\mu} + \underline{a_{2,3}} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3),$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_{1,1} &= -2 \\ a_{2,1} &= -1 \\ a_{2,2} &= -4.8333 \\ a_{2,3} &= -8.0021 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Degrees of freedom: massless quarks  
(*up* & *down*, with equal chemical potential  $\mu$ ) and gluons

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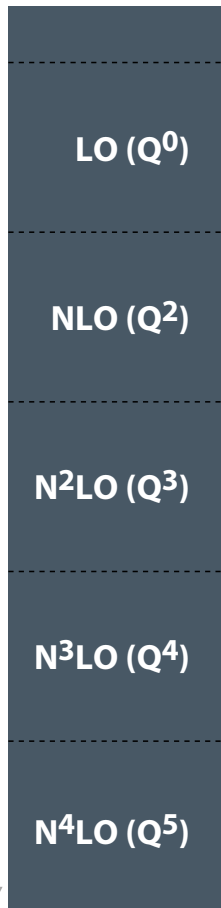
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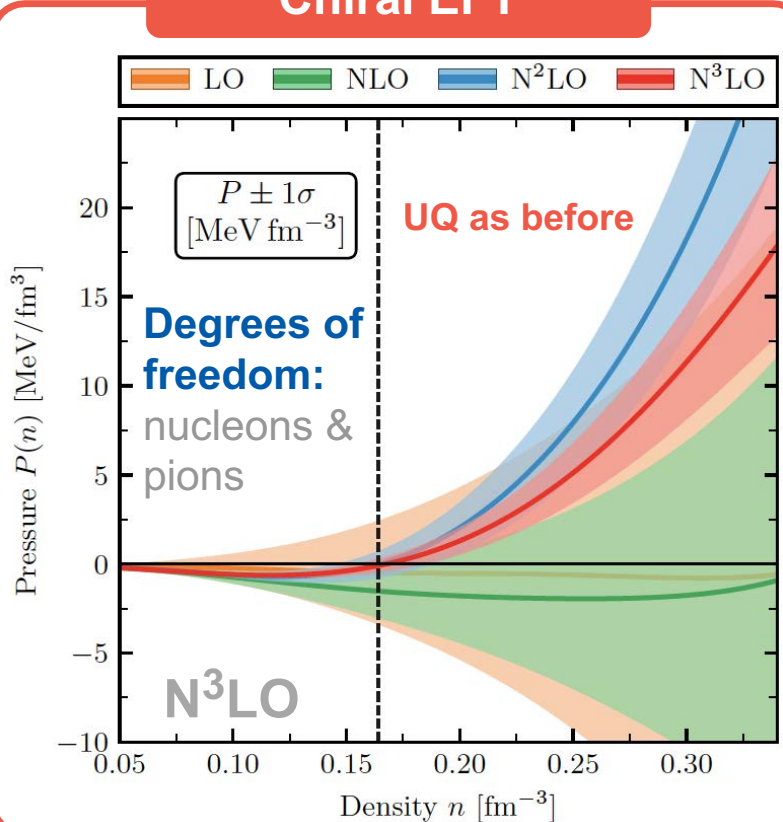
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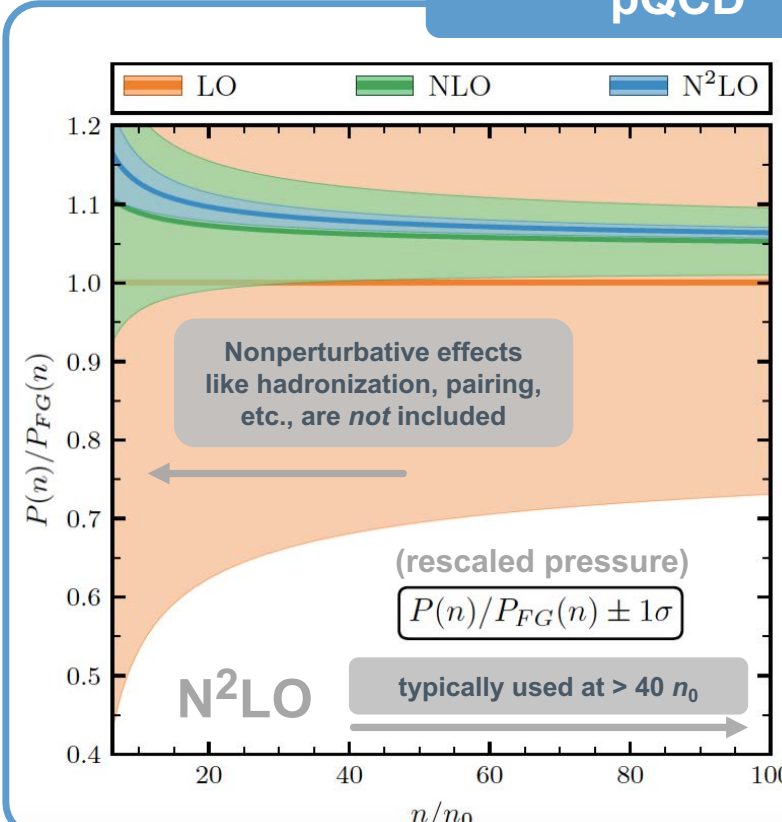
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Truncation error estimation:

$$Q = \frac{N_f}{\pi} \alpha_s (\bar{\Lambda}(\mu_{FG}))$$

$$y_{\text{ref}} = P_{FG}(n) \text{ (two-loop level)}$$

Kohn-Luttinger-Ward  
inversion:

$$P(\mu) \rightarrow P(n)$$

(consistent up to the  
desired order in pQCD)

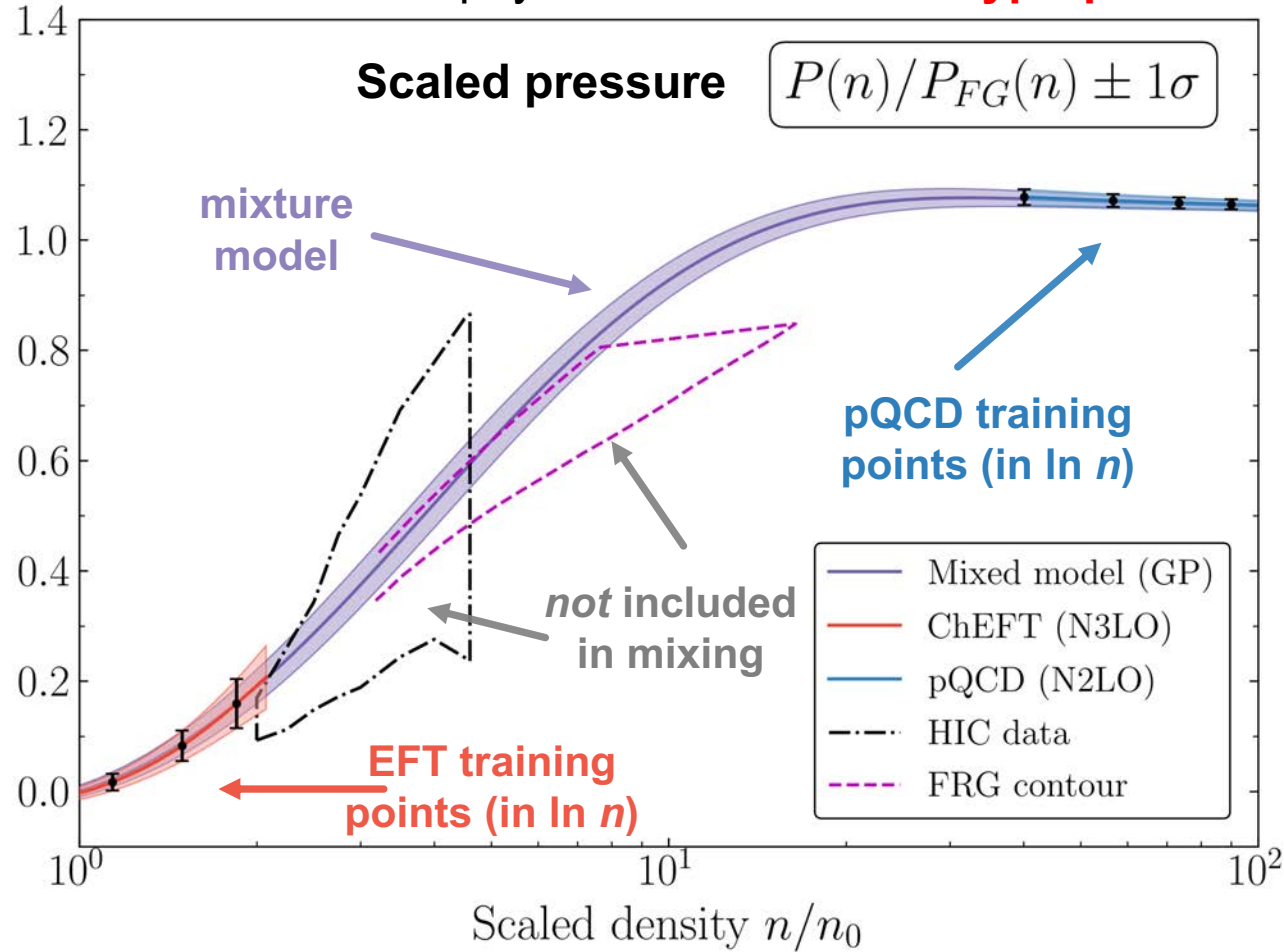
pQCD prediction:

$$P(\mu)$$

workflow

# Curvevise mixing of random variables

One can include physics constraints via **hyperpriors**



Here, only 2 models:

- 1: Chiral EFT
- 2: pQCD

random variable (at a given density) corresponding to the predictions of model  $i$

(assumes common mean)

$$Y^{(i)} = F + \delta Y^{(i)}$$

QCD, with **prior**

$$\sim \text{GP}[0, \kappa_f(x, x')]$$

kernel choice: here, RBF  
(hyperparameters estimated from data)

BUQEYE truncation error

$$\sim \text{GP}[0, \kappa_y^{(i)}(x, x')]$$

full, block-diagonal covariance matrix

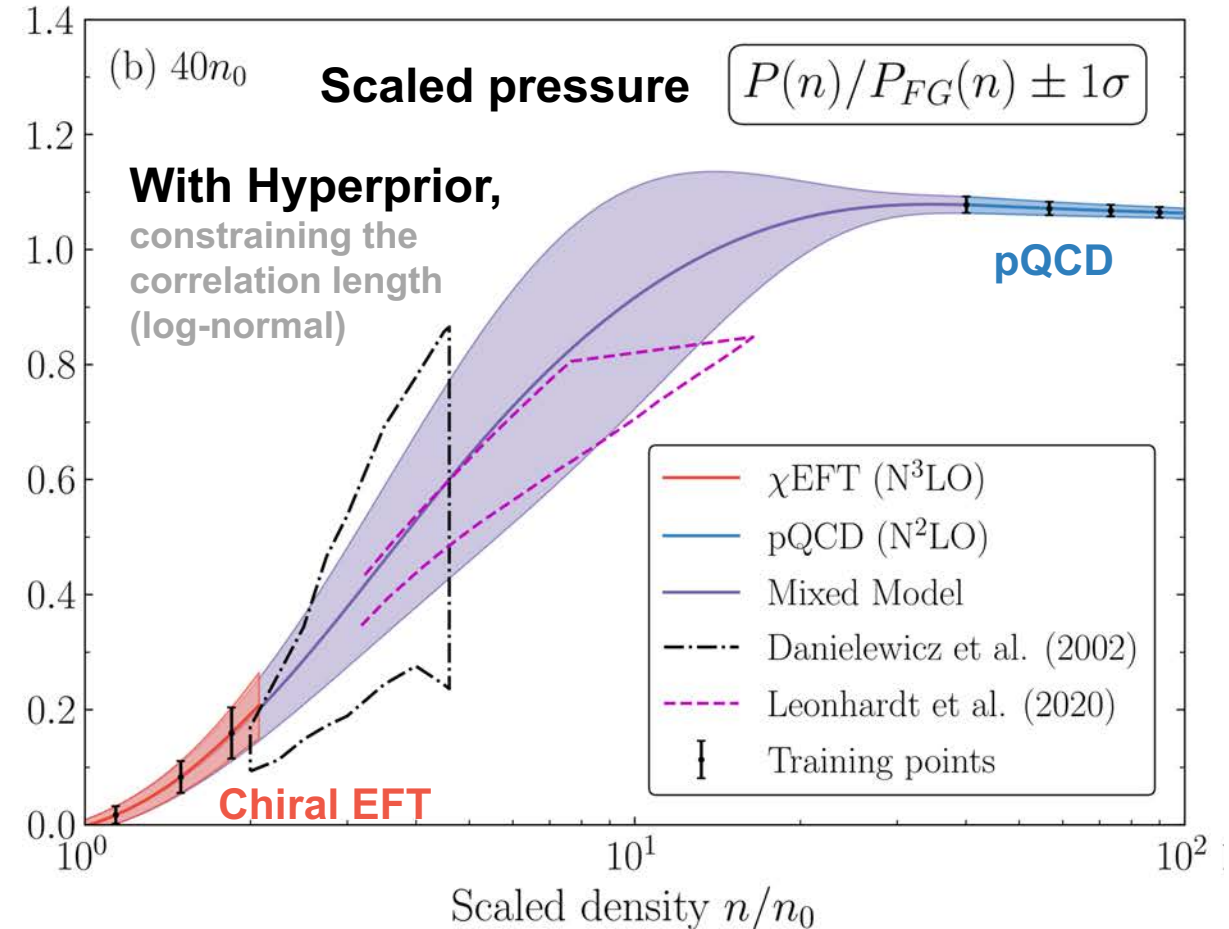
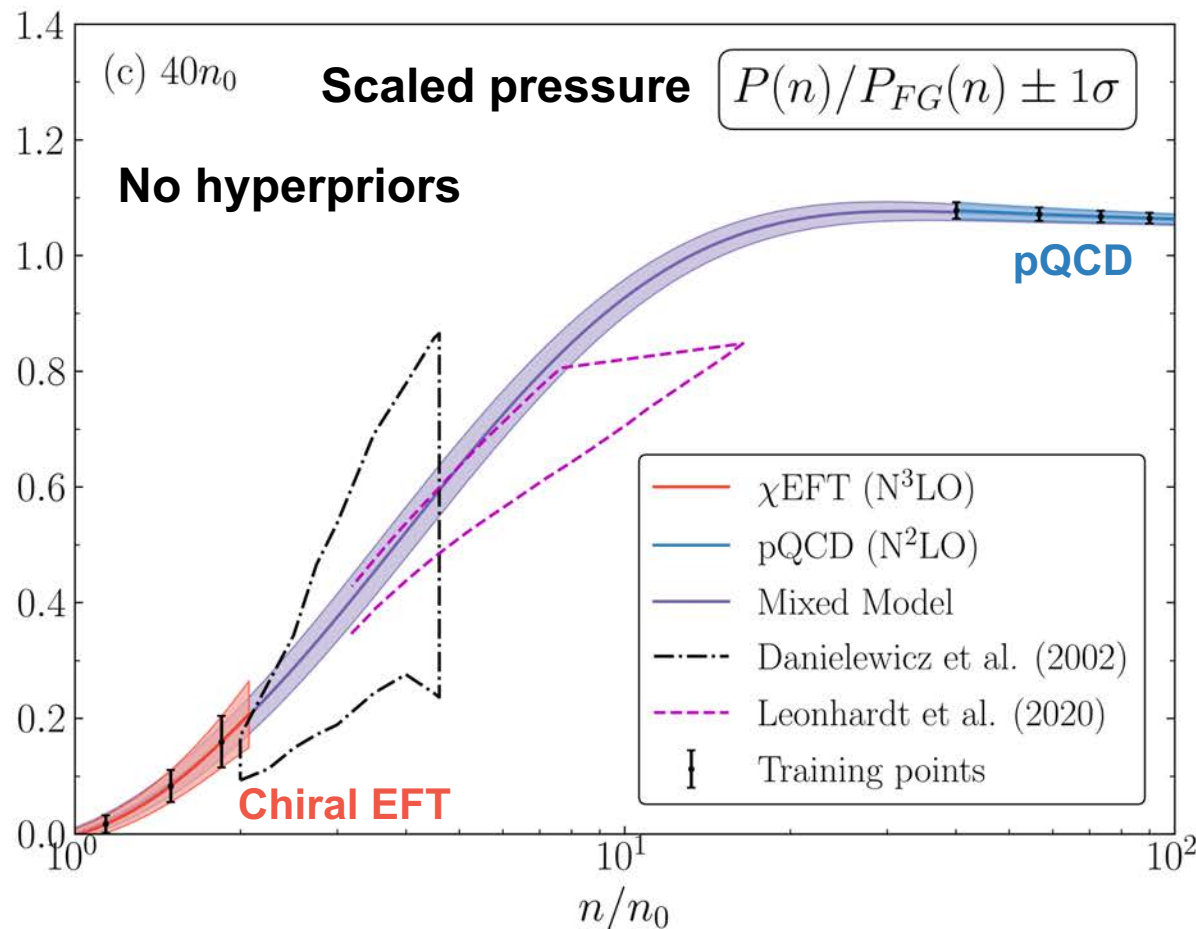
We found for the BMM:

$$\vec{F} \mid \vec{y}, K_y, K_f \sim \mathcal{N}[\vec{\mu}, \Sigma]$$

**Assumptions (not necessarily satisfied, validation needed):**

- $F$  is smooth, precluding *discontinuous* phase transitions
- stationarity: persistence in size & length scale of EOS's variability

$$\vec{\mu} \equiv \Sigma B_t^T K_y^{-1} \vec{y}, \quad \Sigma \equiv (K_f^{-1} + B_t^T K_y^{-1} B_t)^{-1}$$



Inferred **long correlation lengths** render uncertainty on the mixed EOS very small due, even smaller than each model

**Unrealistic, large impact of pQCD on chiral EFT region**

We placed a *hyperprior* on the correlation length to **enforce small covariances between EFT & pQCD**

Smaller length scales result in larger uncertainty bands

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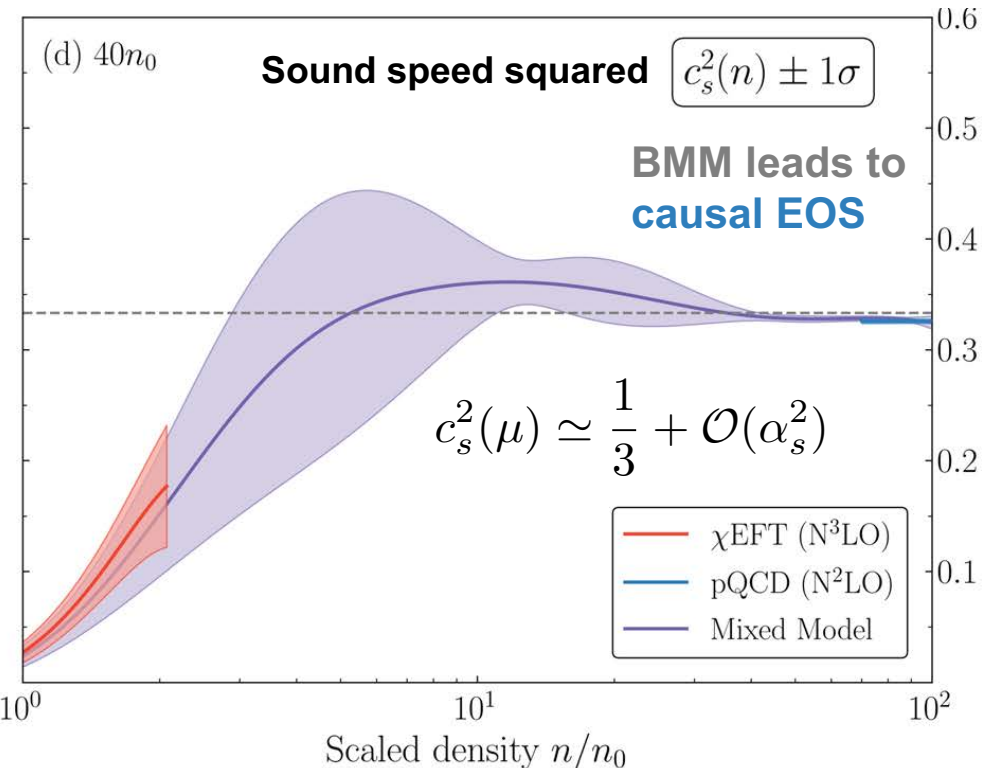
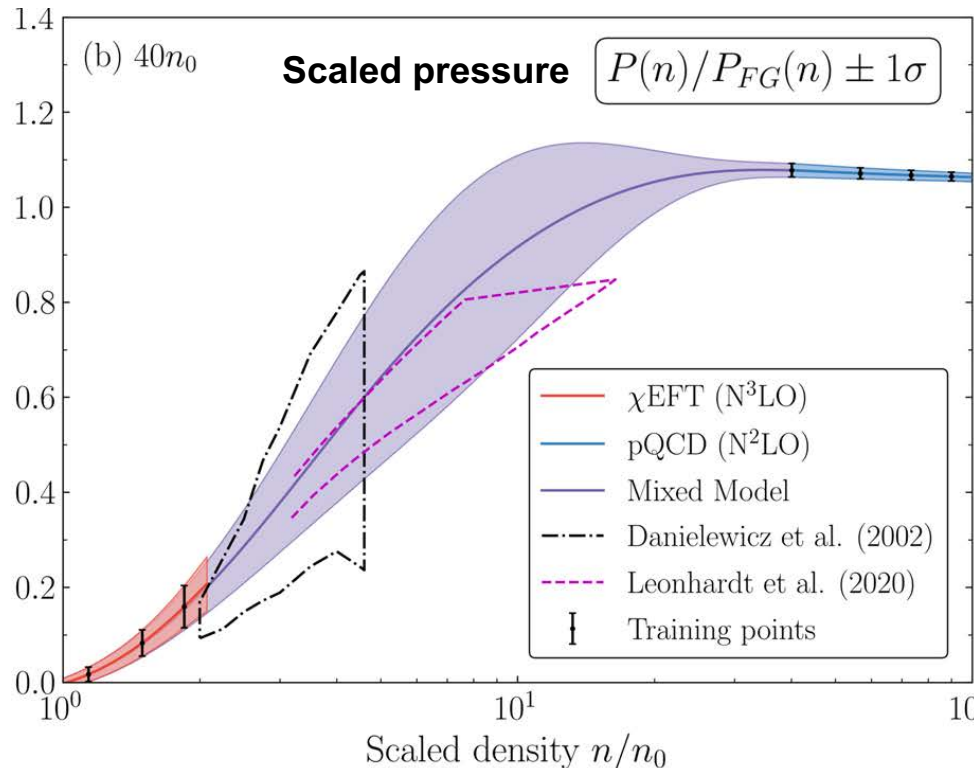
What is the lowest density for including pQCD constraints?



Open-Source Software:  
**Taweret** (BAND framework)



$$n \geq 40n_0$$



The **mixed model** approaches the **conformal limit** from below, as expected

$$\longrightarrow c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

pQCD:  
two massless  
quark flavors

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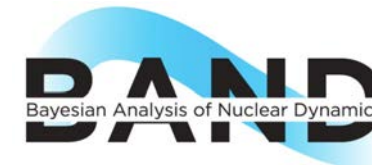
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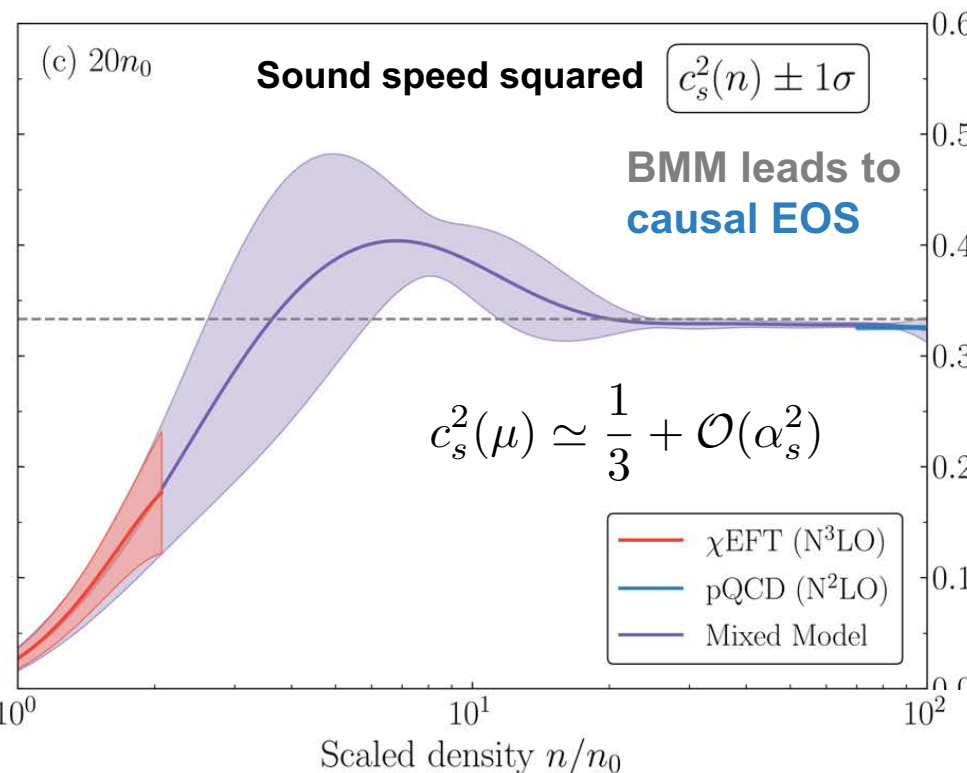
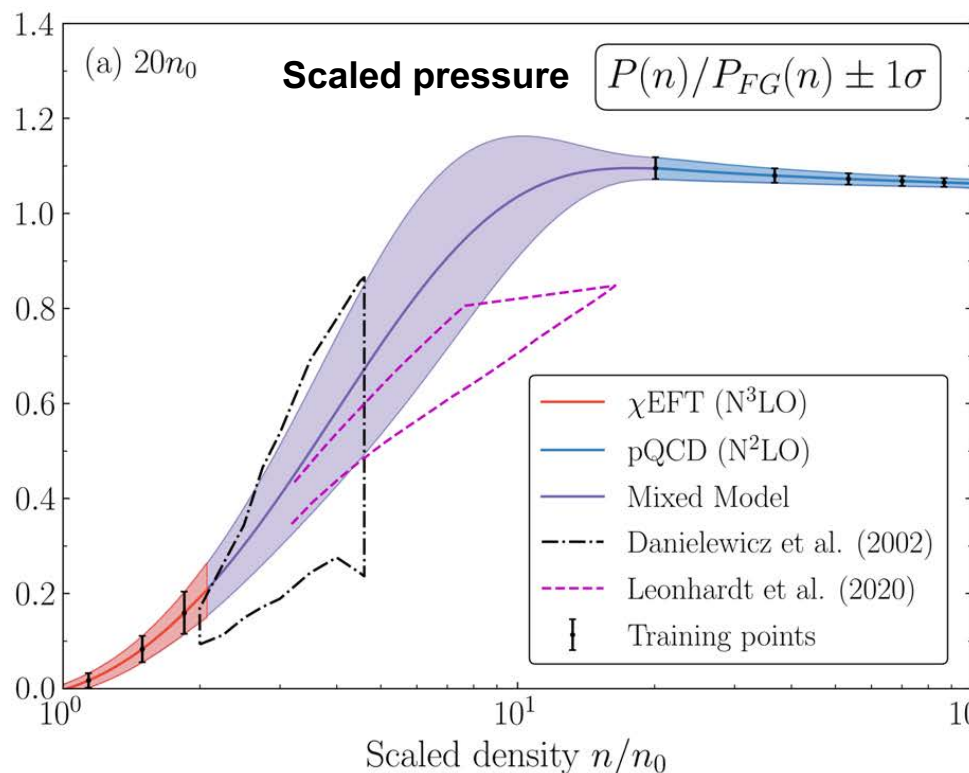
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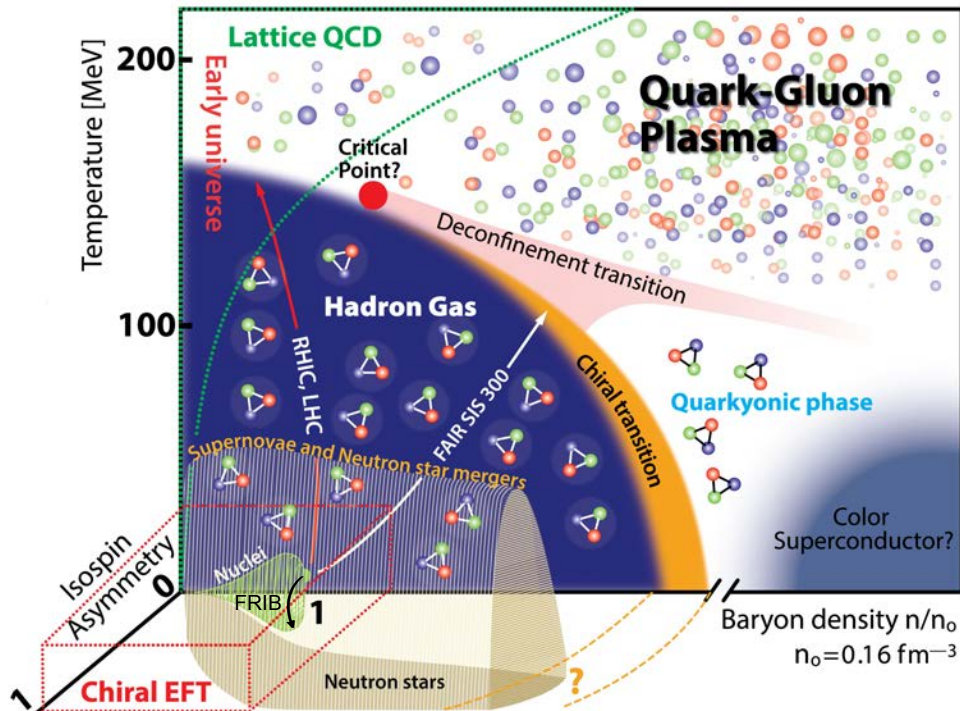
- 1 Chiral EFT enables **microscopic calculations** of nuclei and infinite matter at  $n \lesssim 2n_0$  (and finite temperature) **with quantified uncertainties**
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$a_1$  Prior  
Posterior  
True value



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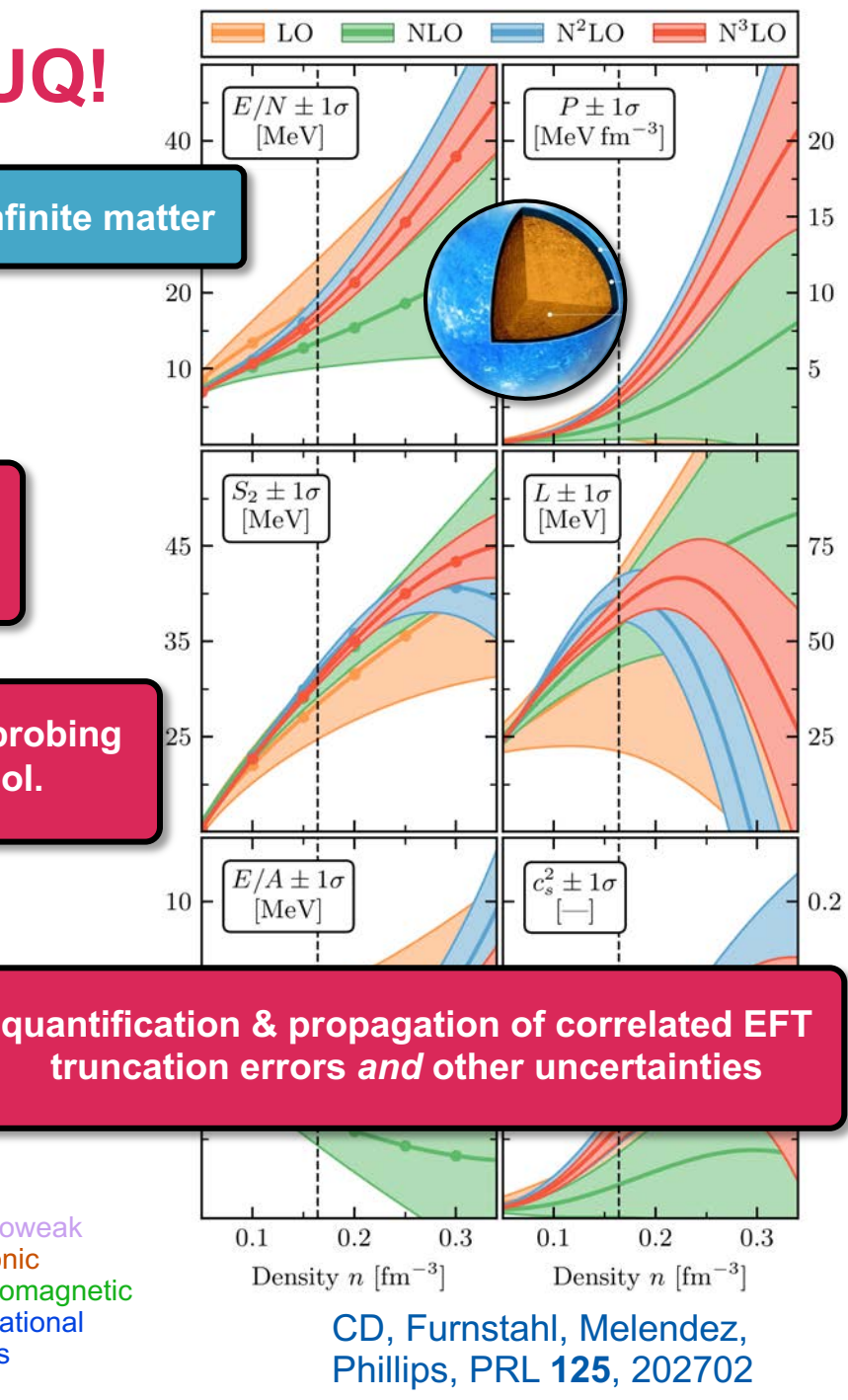
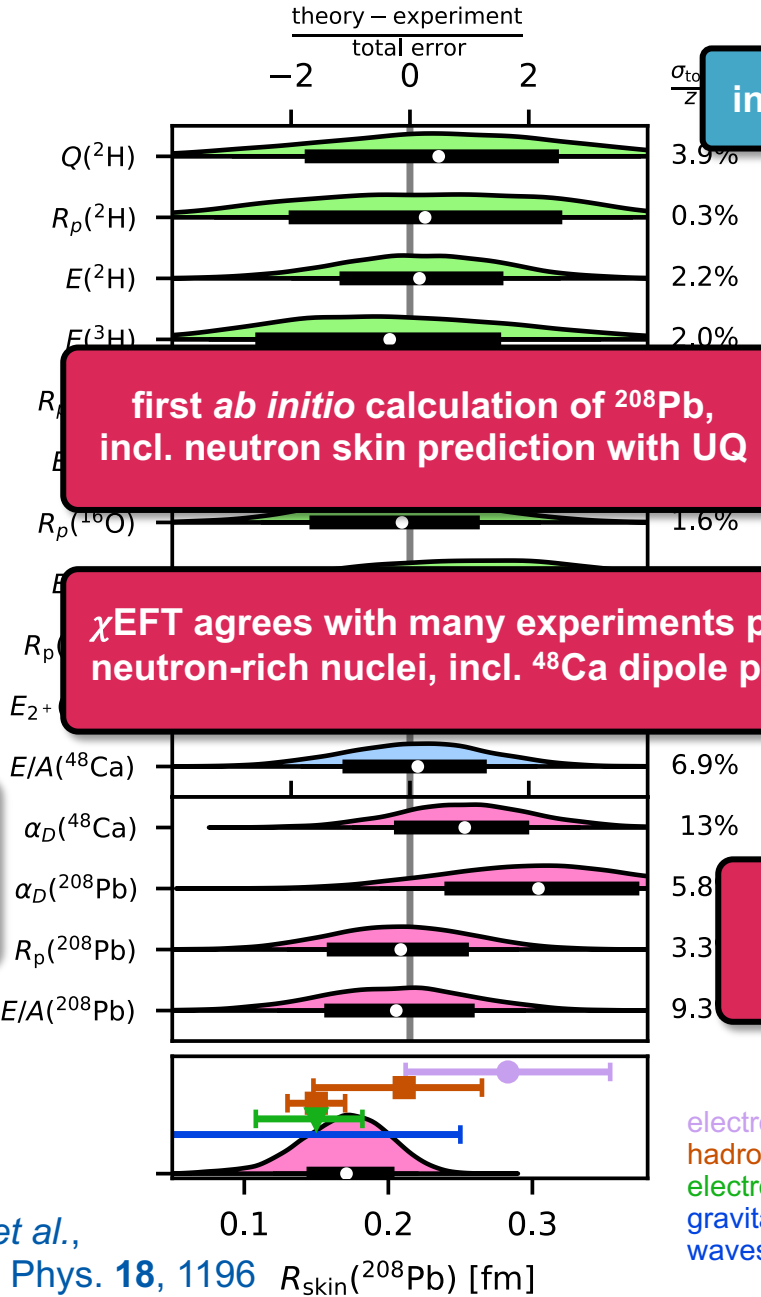
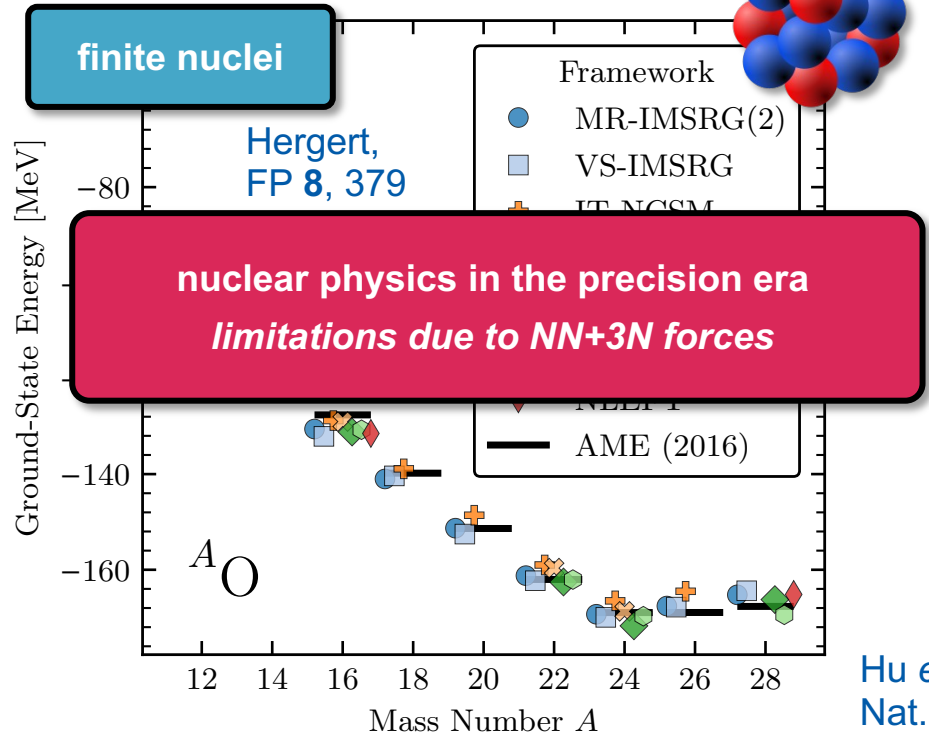
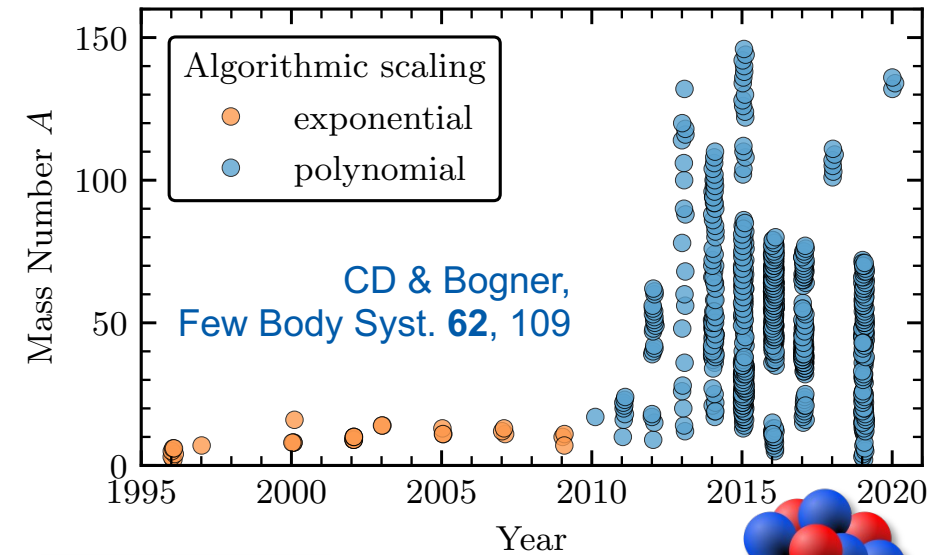
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