

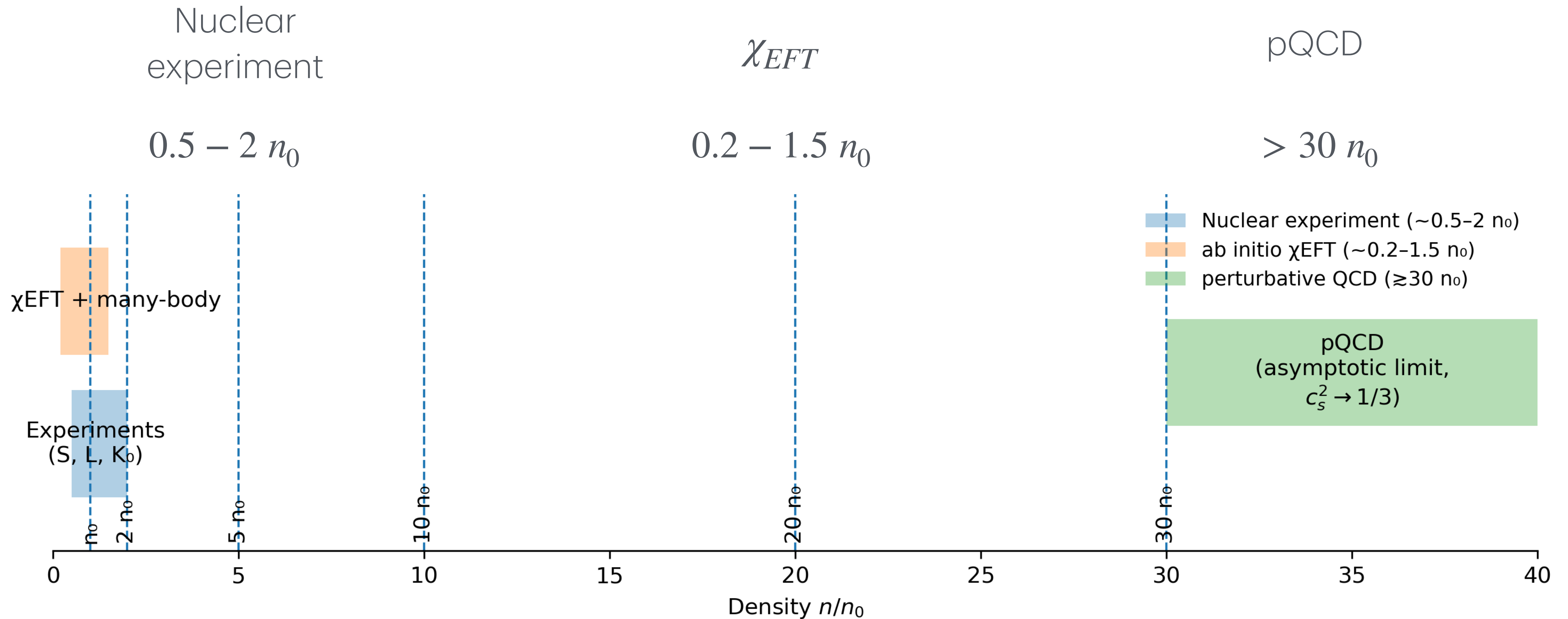
AN ALMOST CAUSAL META-MODEL

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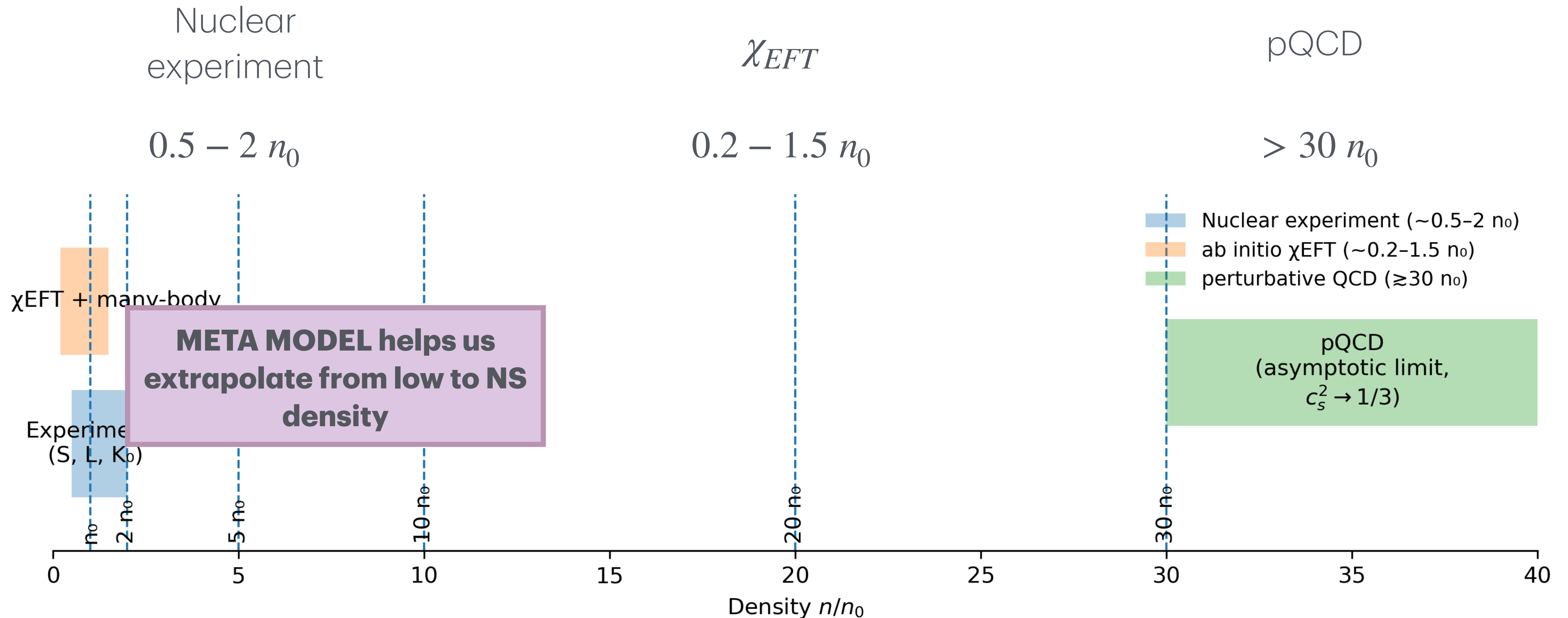


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Motivation: Nuclear EoS uncertainty



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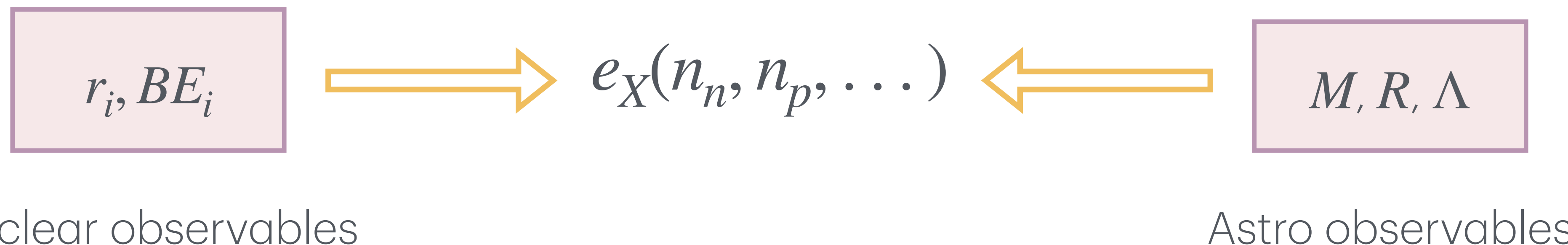
Meta-modelling of the EoS: Exploring the EoS space

Originally presented in [PRC 97, 025805 (2018)]

Parametric representation of the energy density $\epsilon_X(n_n, n_p, \dots)$ as a function of the different species

The variation of the parameters set X makes possible to explore the EoS space compatible with the hypothesis of a matter with the chosen species

Both nuclear and Astro observables are accessible



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Montefusco et al [in prep]

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free fermi gas energy density
for $npe\mu$ matter

Nuclear asymmetry
 $\delta = 1 - 2(x_e + x_\mu)$

Quartic correction

$$e_4(n) = A \frac{n/n_0}{1 + (n/n_0)^B}$$

Nucleonic Potential
(per baryon)

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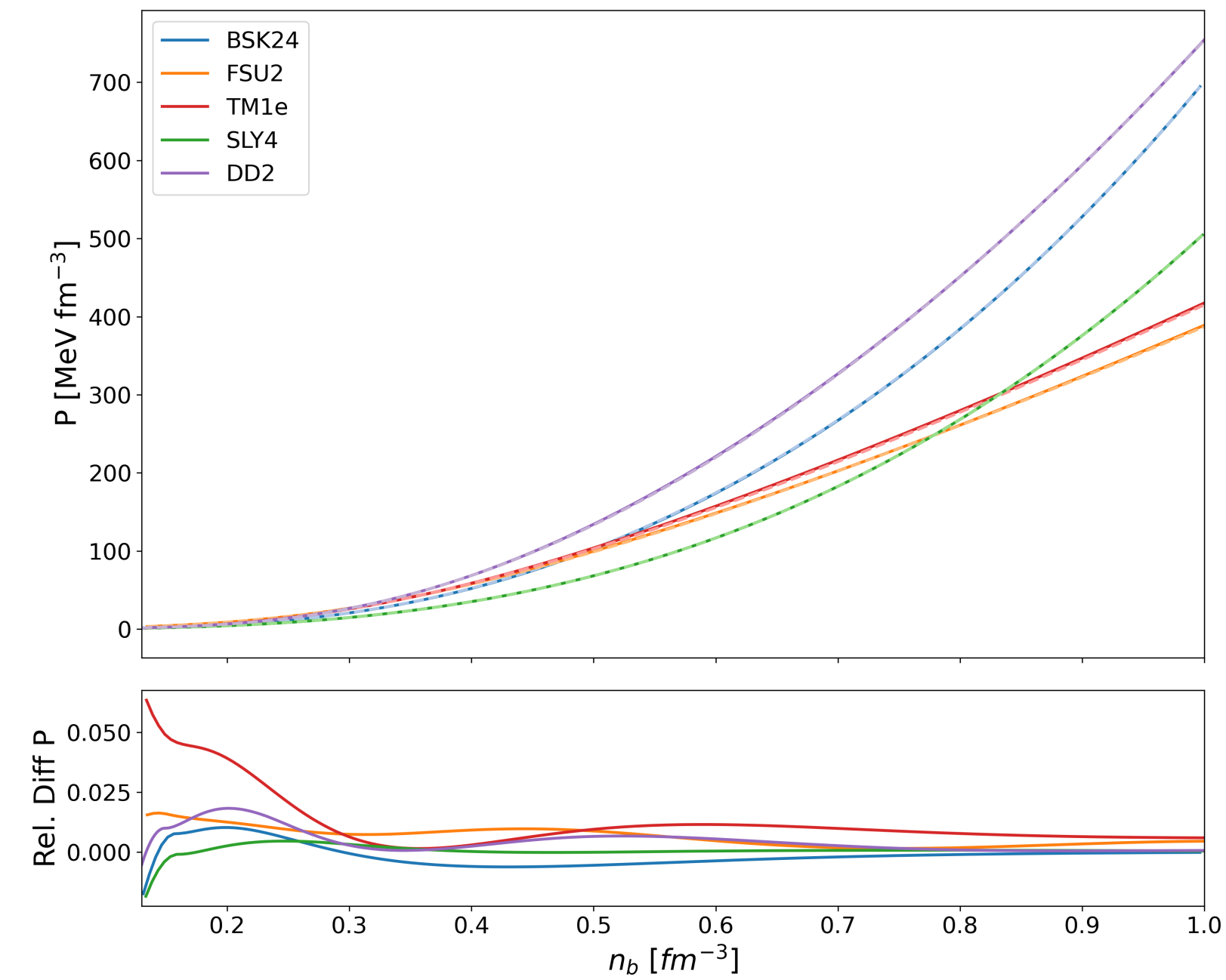
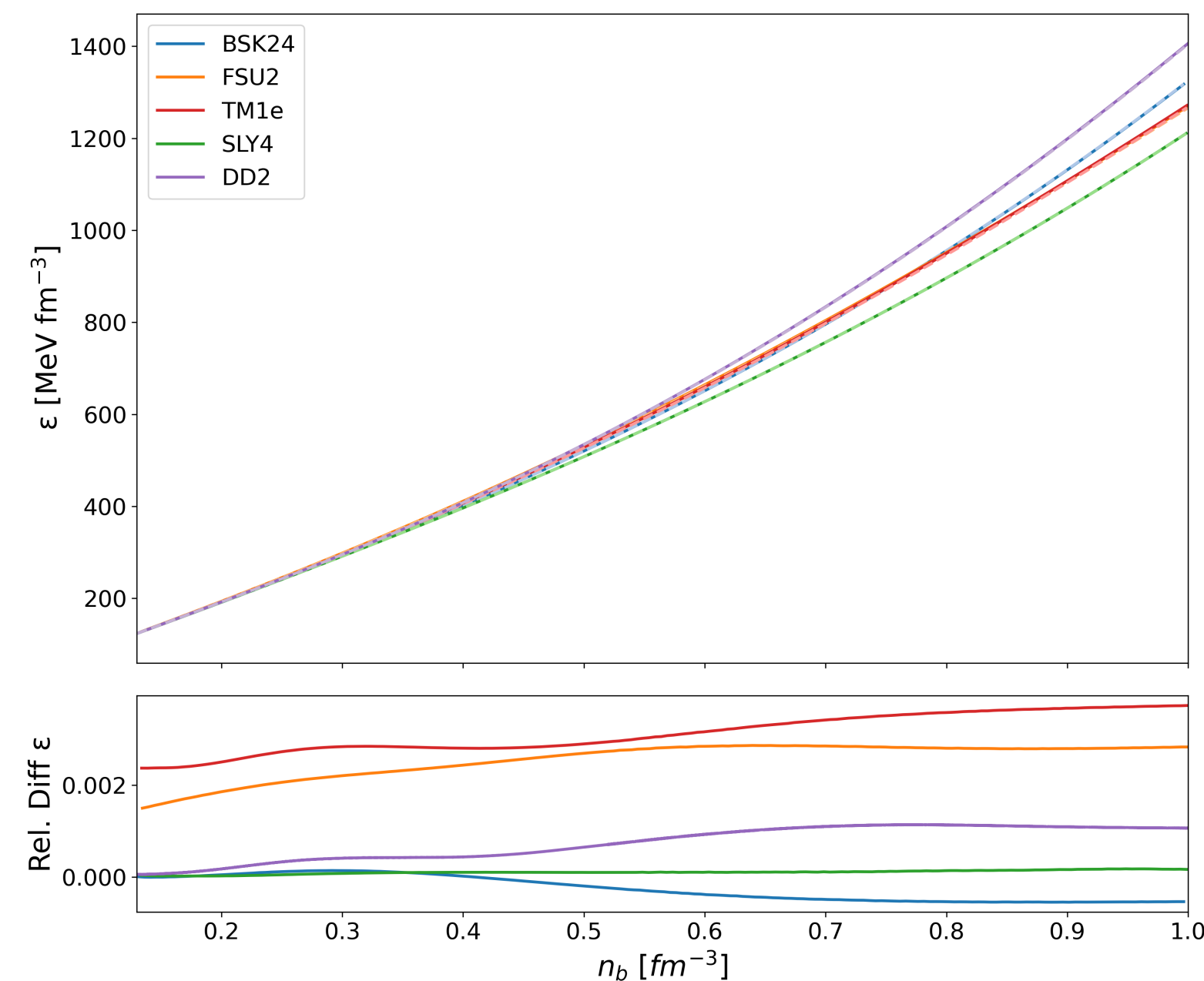
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Test the flexibility of the model to
reproduce β -equilibrated EoS

Constrain the space of the
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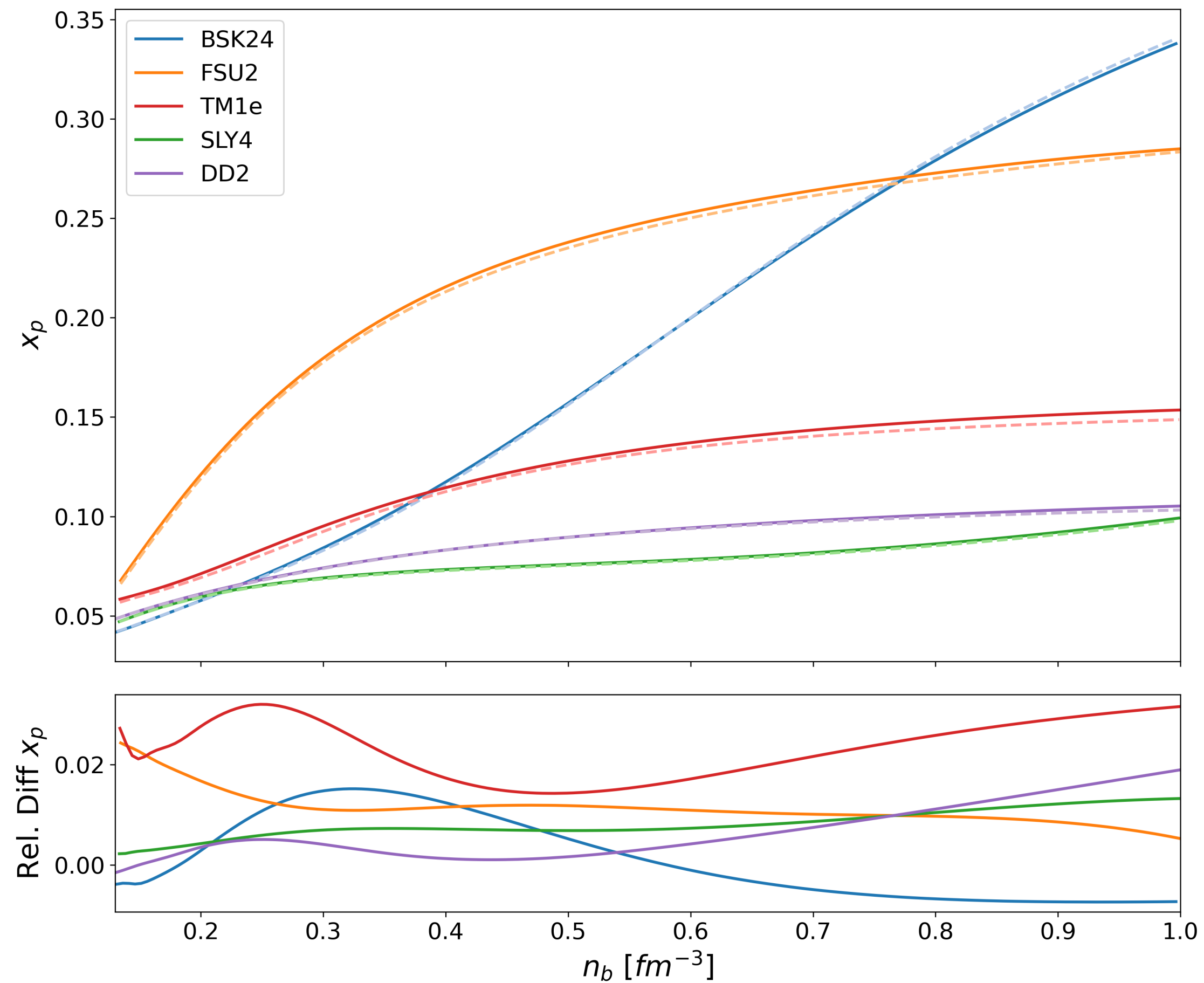
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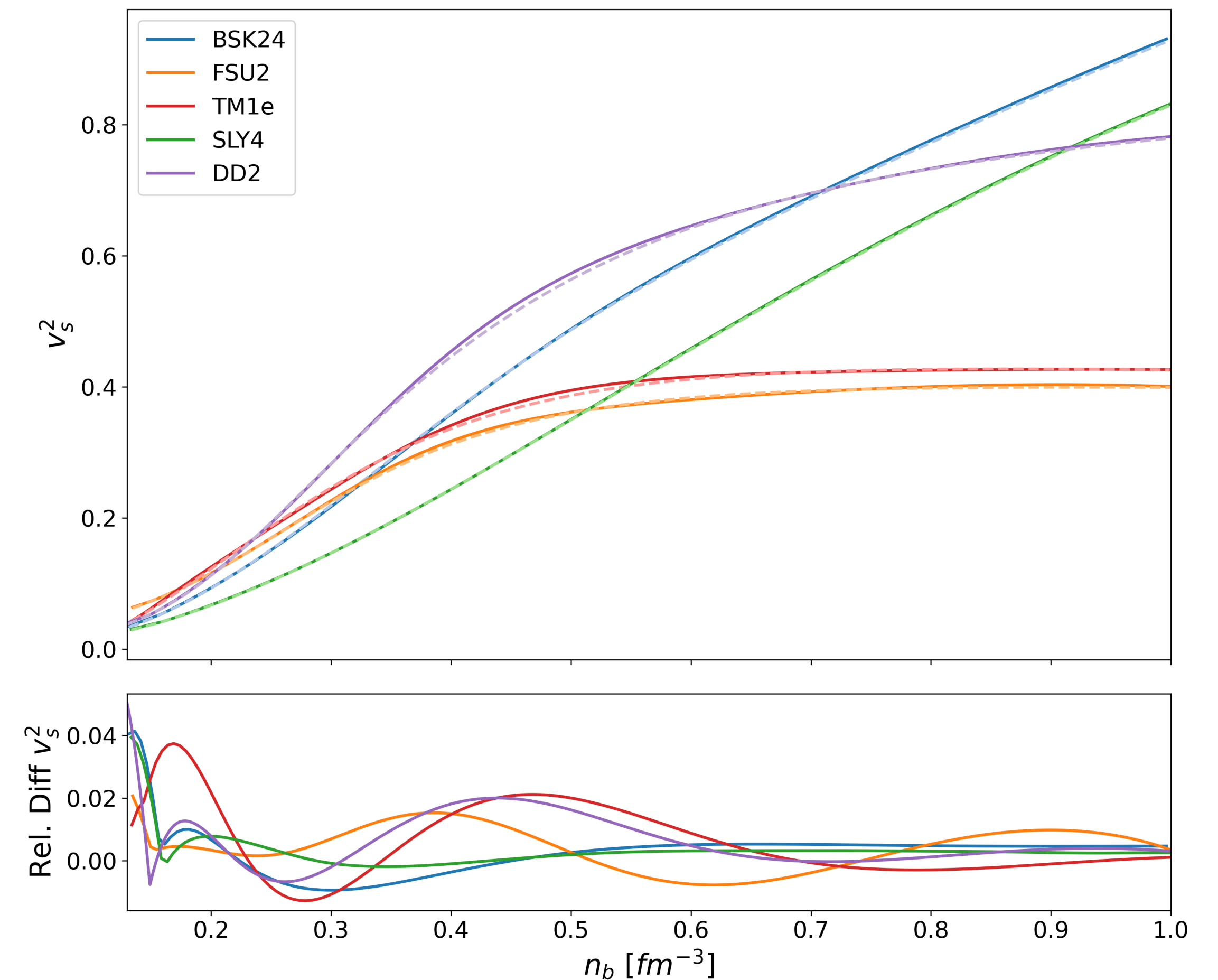


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Proton fraction



Speed of sound



Bayes inference

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Informed prior sampling the χ_{EFT} band¹
of PNM energy with a metropolis MCMC

At this stage we have 10^9 models

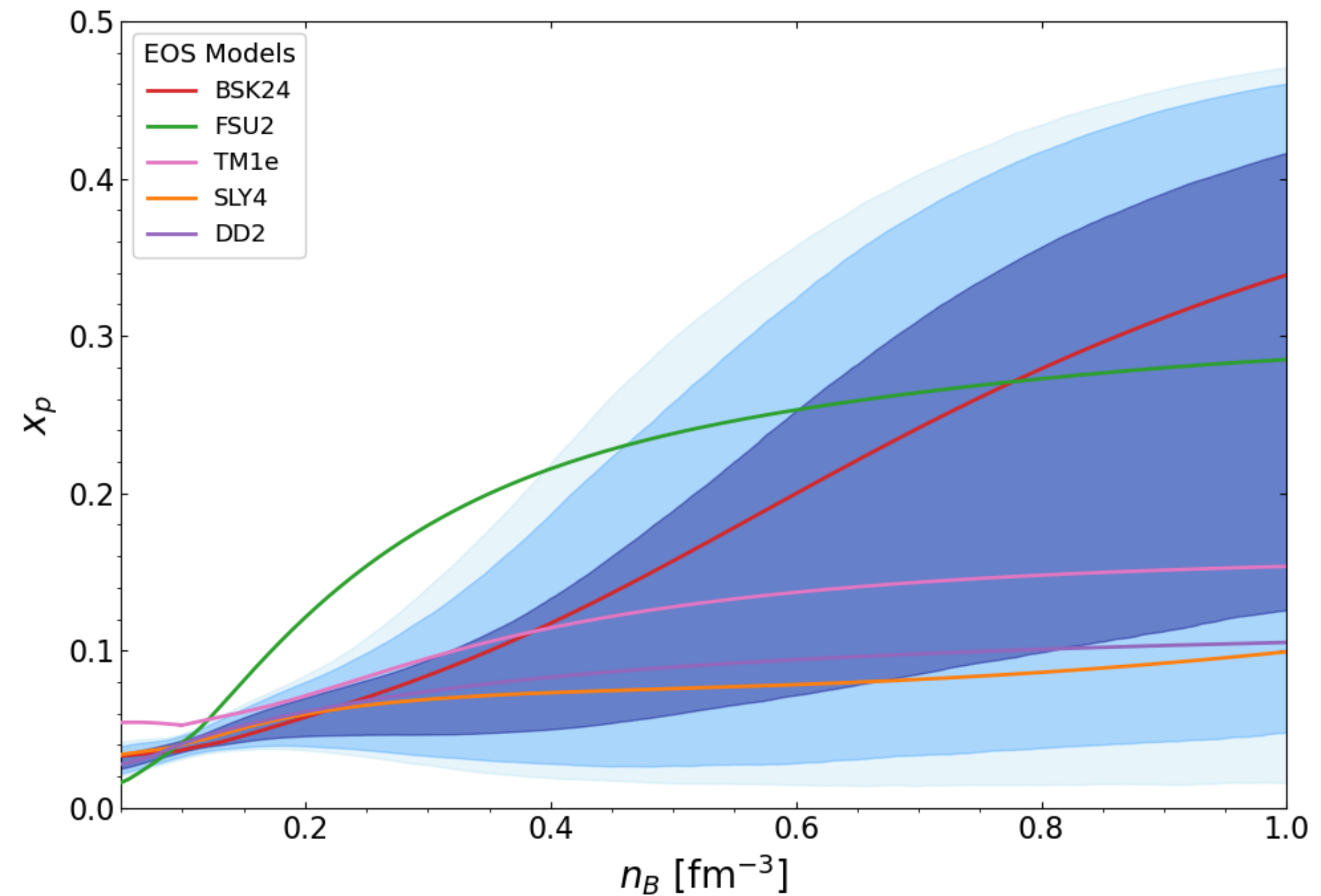
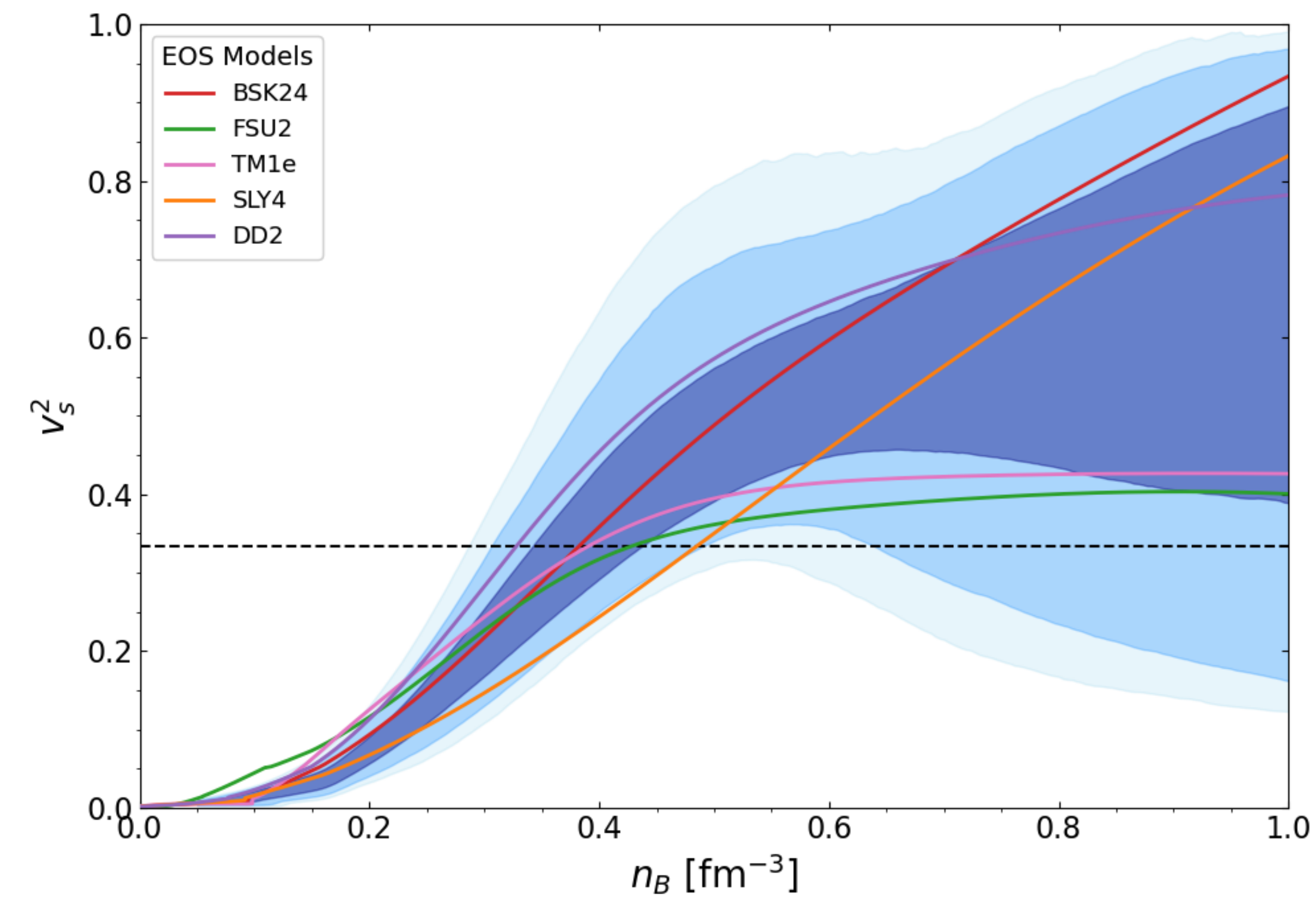


We extract 5×10^5 models that
pass through the remaining filter:

- AME2020 nuclear masses table
- Maximum observed NS mass from
radio-timing of PSRJ0348 and
PSRJ0740
- Tidal deformability from GW170817
event detected by Ligo/Virgo
collaboration
- NICER+XMN M-R measurements of
PSRJ0030, PSRJ0347, PSRJ0614 and
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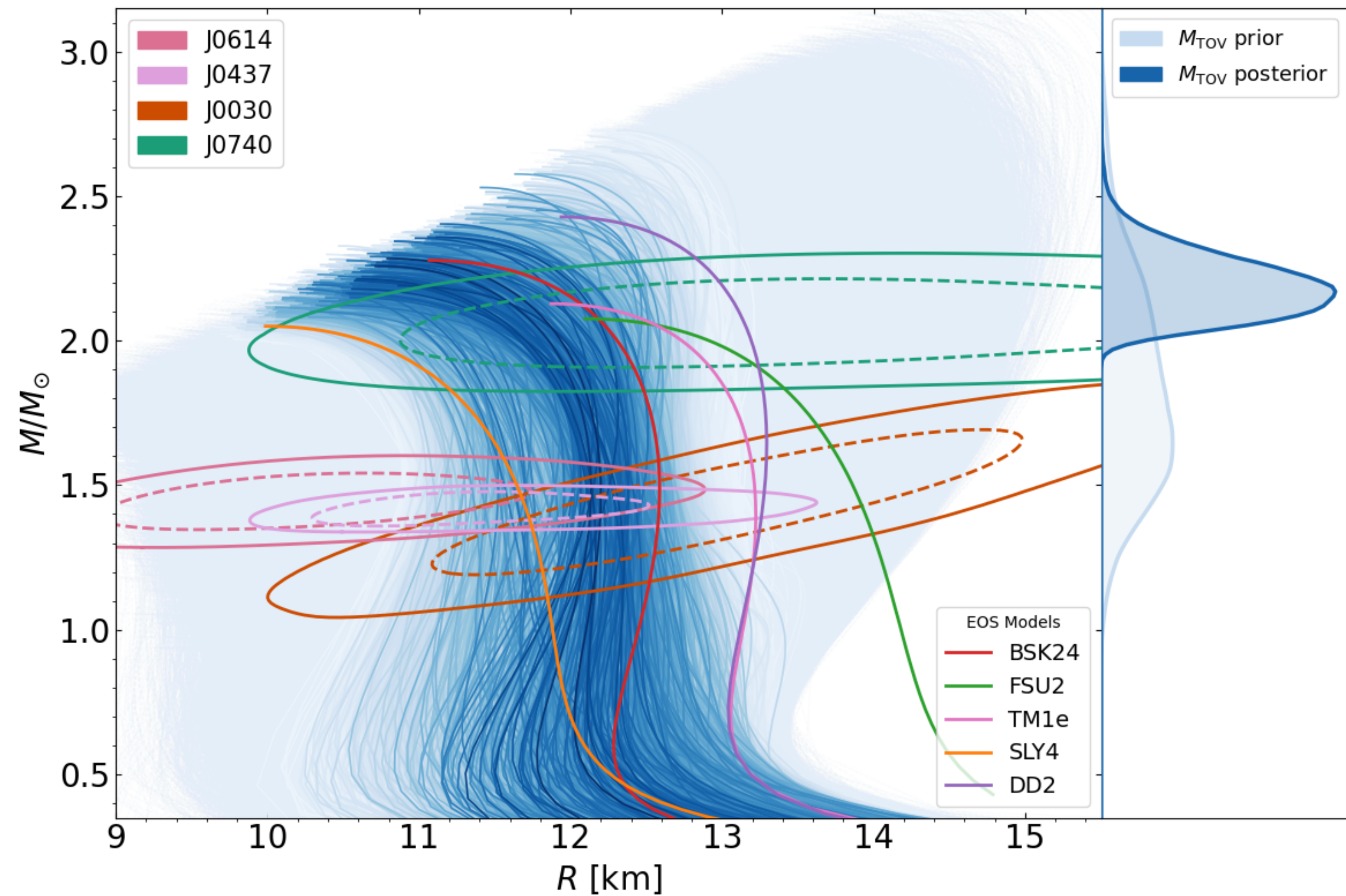
[1] Huth et al, 2021, Phys. Rev. C, 103, 025803

Composition and speed of sound



Mass Radius

We cover a wide range of masses and radii

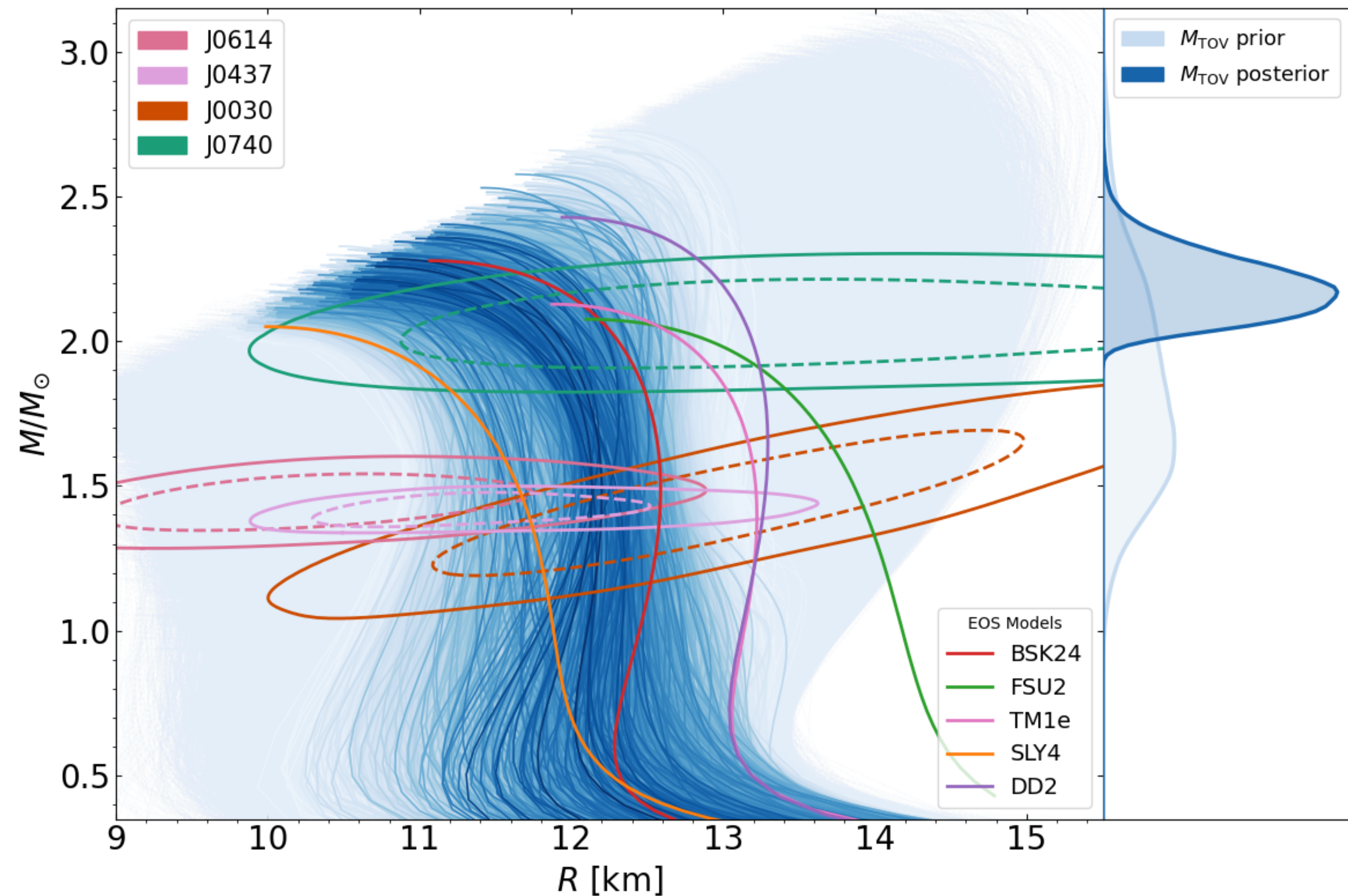


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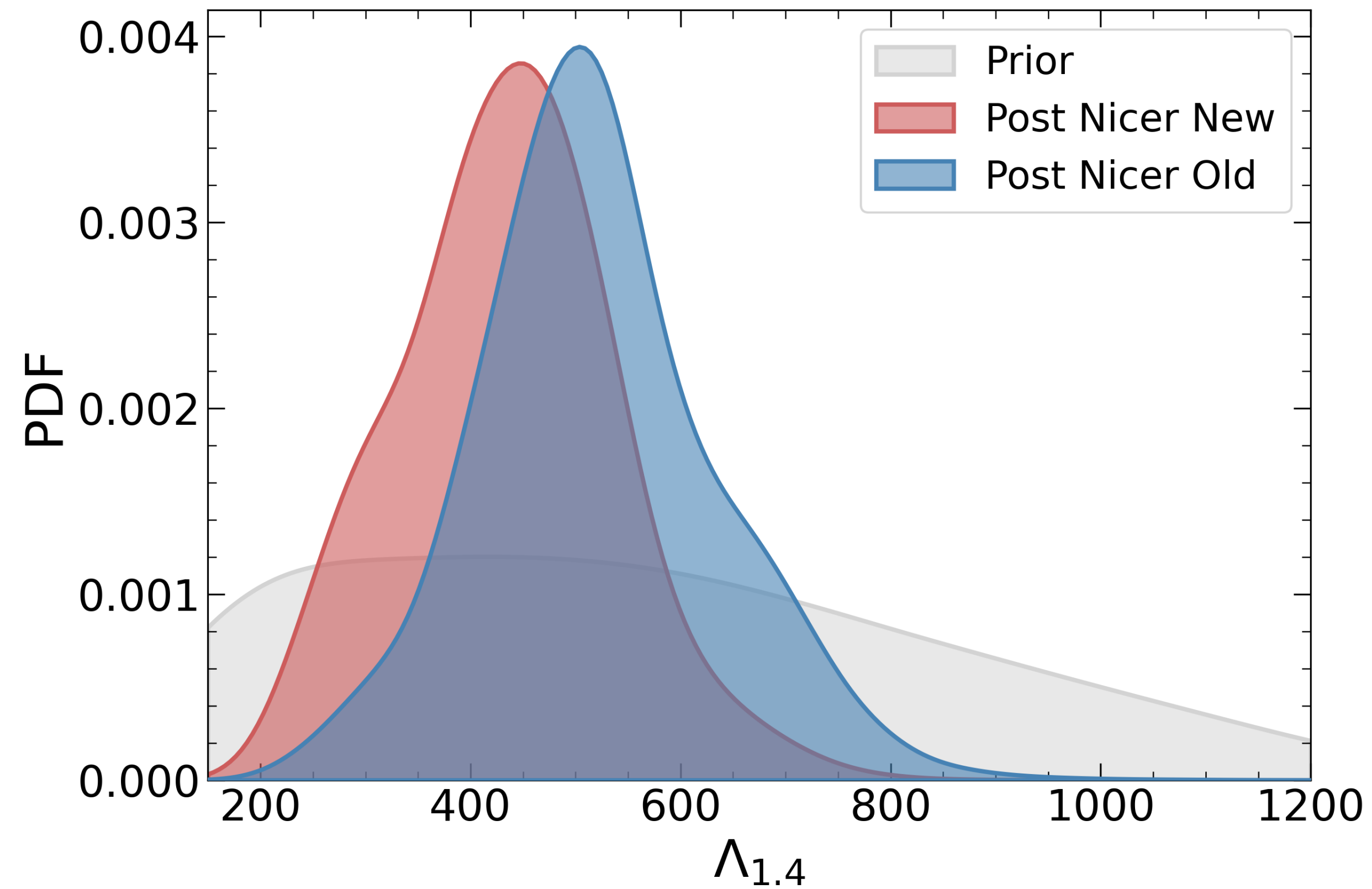
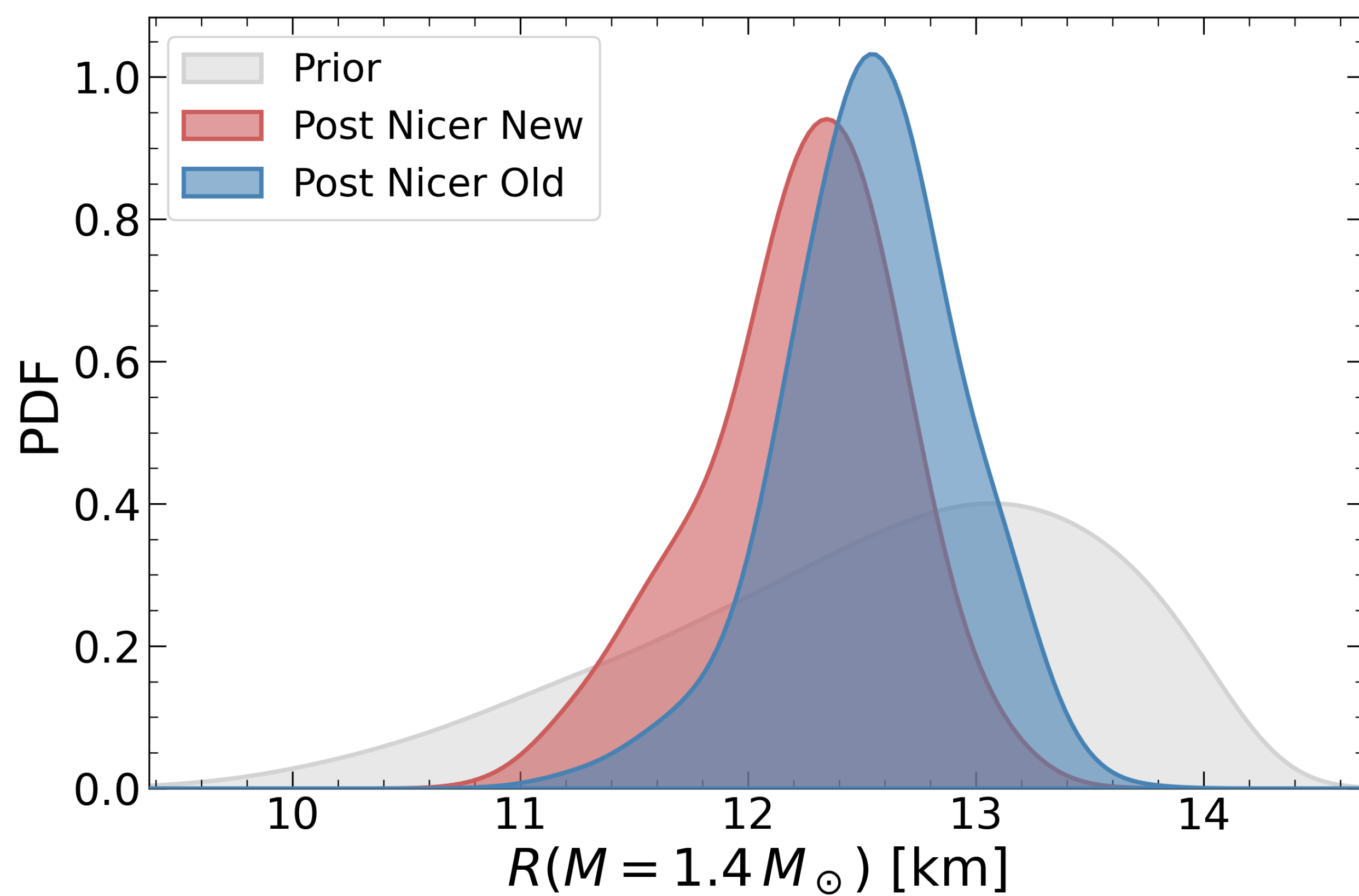
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The two newest nicer data suggest a soft EoS

$M_{TOV} > 2.5M_{\odot}$ is disfavored



NICER softening



Summary

We propose an almost causal
meta-model

— Its flexibility was tested by fitting five widely different nucleonic EoSs



It reproduces the energy density,
pressure, vs_2 and composition
within few percent

— We have performed a bayesian inference including the latest nicer measurements



The model offers a wide range on NS
features which is pushed towards the
softer side from new Nicer results

BACKUP SLIDES

Fitting existing EoS

Test the flexibility of the model to reproduce β -equilibrated EoS

Constrain the space of the unphysical parameters

We have chosen: Sly4, BSK24, DD2, FSU2 and TM1e

Procedures

- Fix the NMP up to second order from COMPOSE
- Fix e_4 parameters from PNM expansion
- Keep e_4 fixed and fit e_0 at least up to n_{tov} on SM
- Repeat the same for e_2 on PNM while keeping both e_0 and e_4 fixed

FIT: results for SNM and PNM

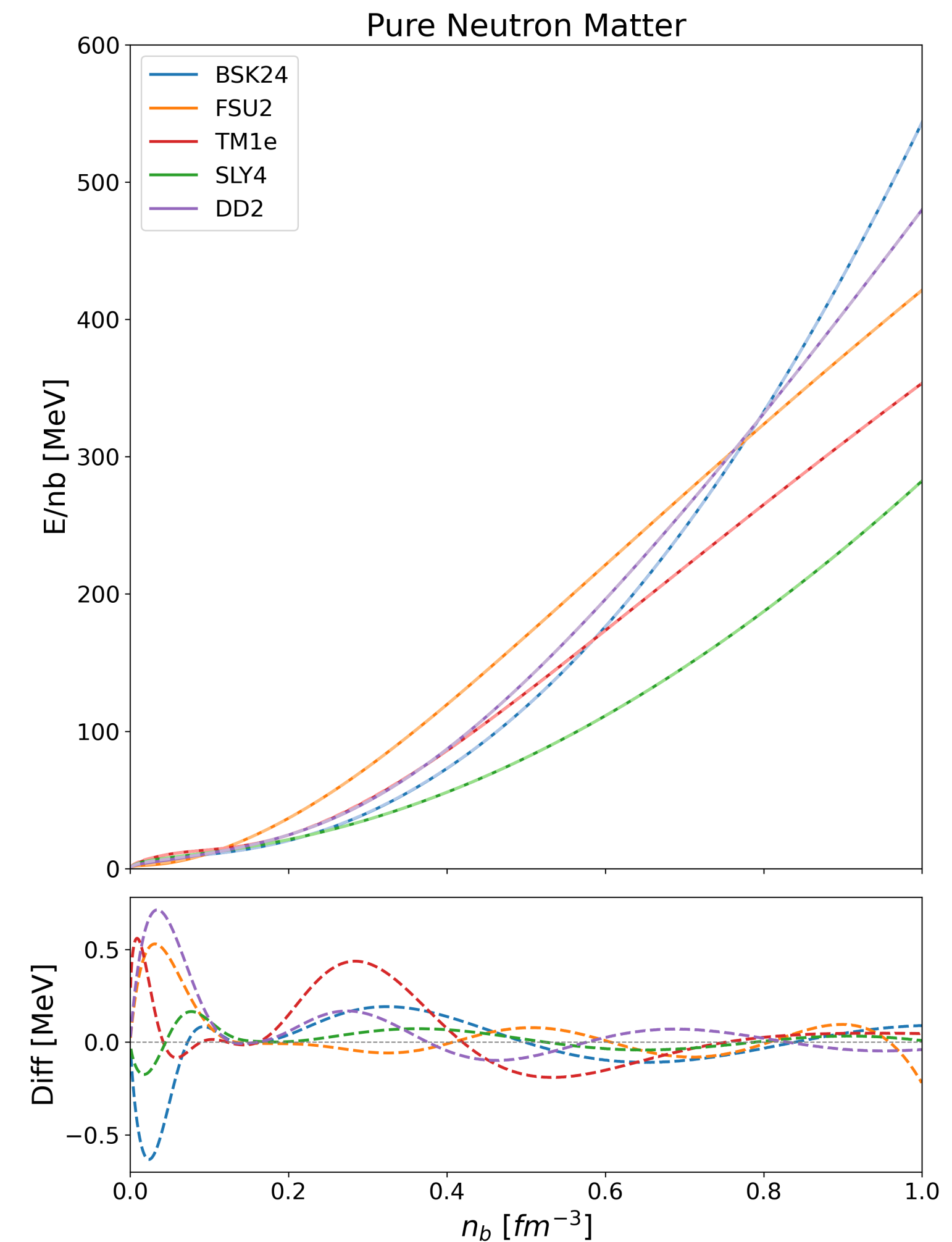
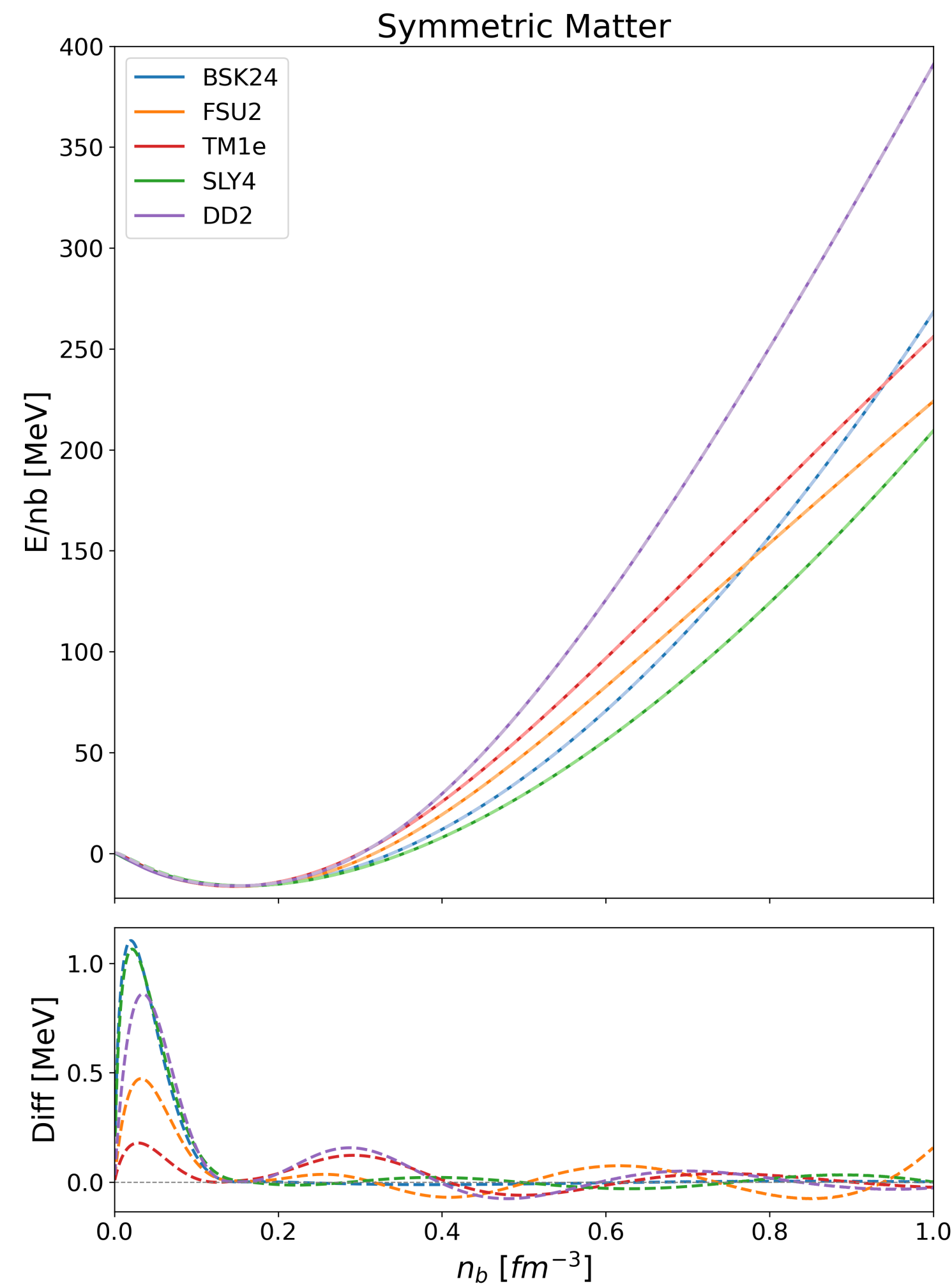
We found satisfying results with

$$g_{0,2} = 0$$

Less Parameters!

Before saturation the accuracy is limited

Focus on astrophysics



Nucleonic potentials

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$h_{0,1,2}$ are fixed through a simple mapping with the NMP up to second order

h_3 controls the stiffness/softness at high density

a_0, b_0 and c_0 balance the numerator for causality

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s_0 is fixed by the request of the energy
vanishing at $n = 0$

x is cubic to not modify the mapping with
NMP up to second order

g_0 takes care of causality while w_0 tunes
the dominant range of the correction

e_2 is built with the same structure

Quartic correction in δ for the PNM

E_{sym} / J , L_{sym} and K_{sym} are usually defined
starting from:

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 e}{\partial \delta^2} \right|_{x=0} \delta=0$$

By fixing the “sym” parameters of a given EoS with the quadratic expansion in δ , we would not reproduce the PNM ($\delta = 1$) around saturation density

We introduce a term in the energy density to correct this
behavior:

$$e_4(n) = A \frac{n/n_0}{1 + (n/n_0)^B}$$

Metamodel representation of the nucleonic EoS

A possible scheme could be

$$\epsilon_X(n_n, n_p) = \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} n_n^{\xi_i} n_p^{\theta_j},$$

where $X = (\alpha_{ij}, \xi_i, \theta_j)$ can be set to reproduce a given known function $\epsilon(n_n, n_p)$ or to explore novel energy density behaviors beyond those established in the literature

All the other relevant zero-temperature thermodynamic quantities are obtained in the standard way:

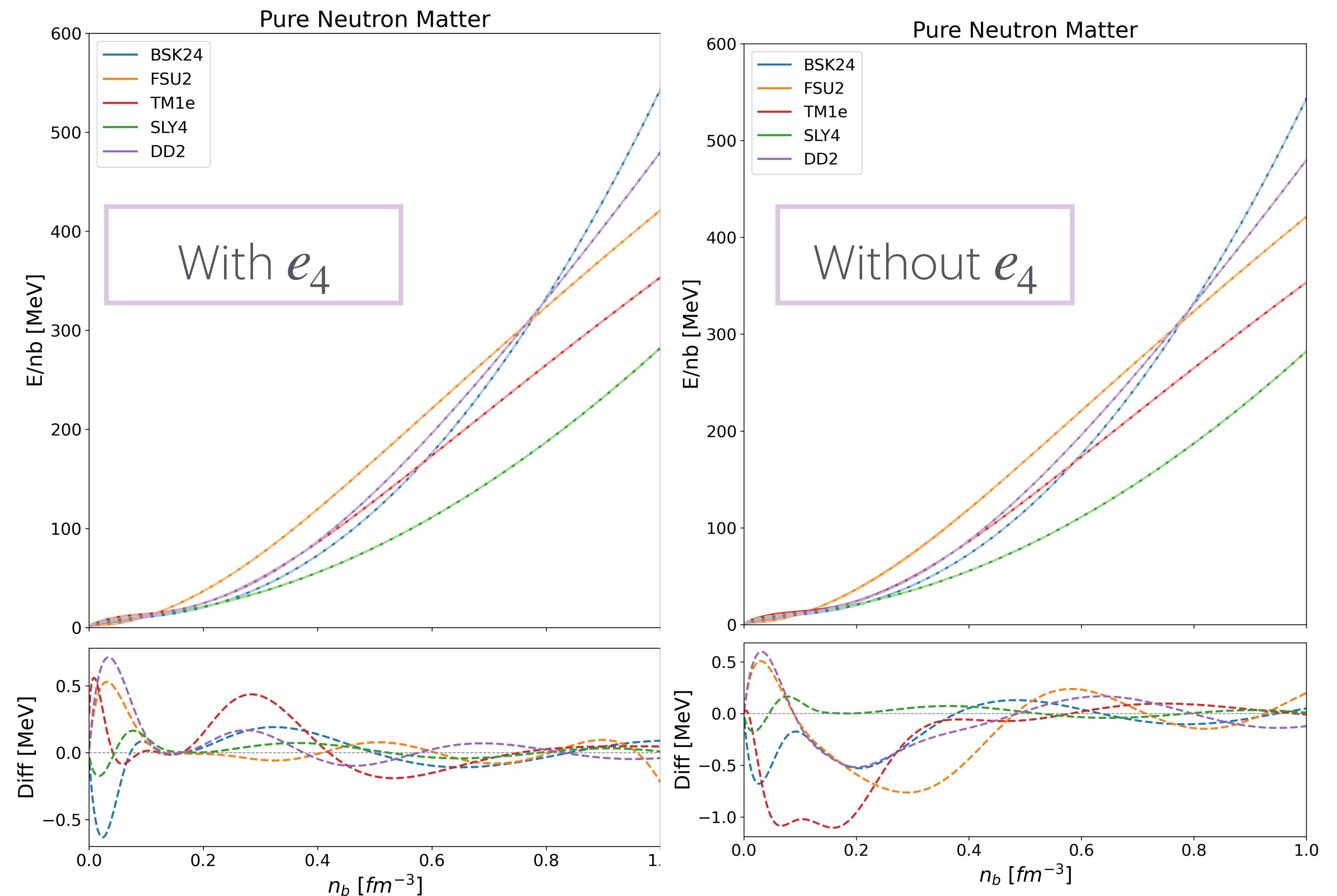
$$\mu_X^q(n_n, n_p) = \partial_q \epsilon_X, \quad P_X(n_n, n_p) = \sum_{q=n,p} n_q \mu_X^q - \epsilon_X,$$

where $q = n, p$

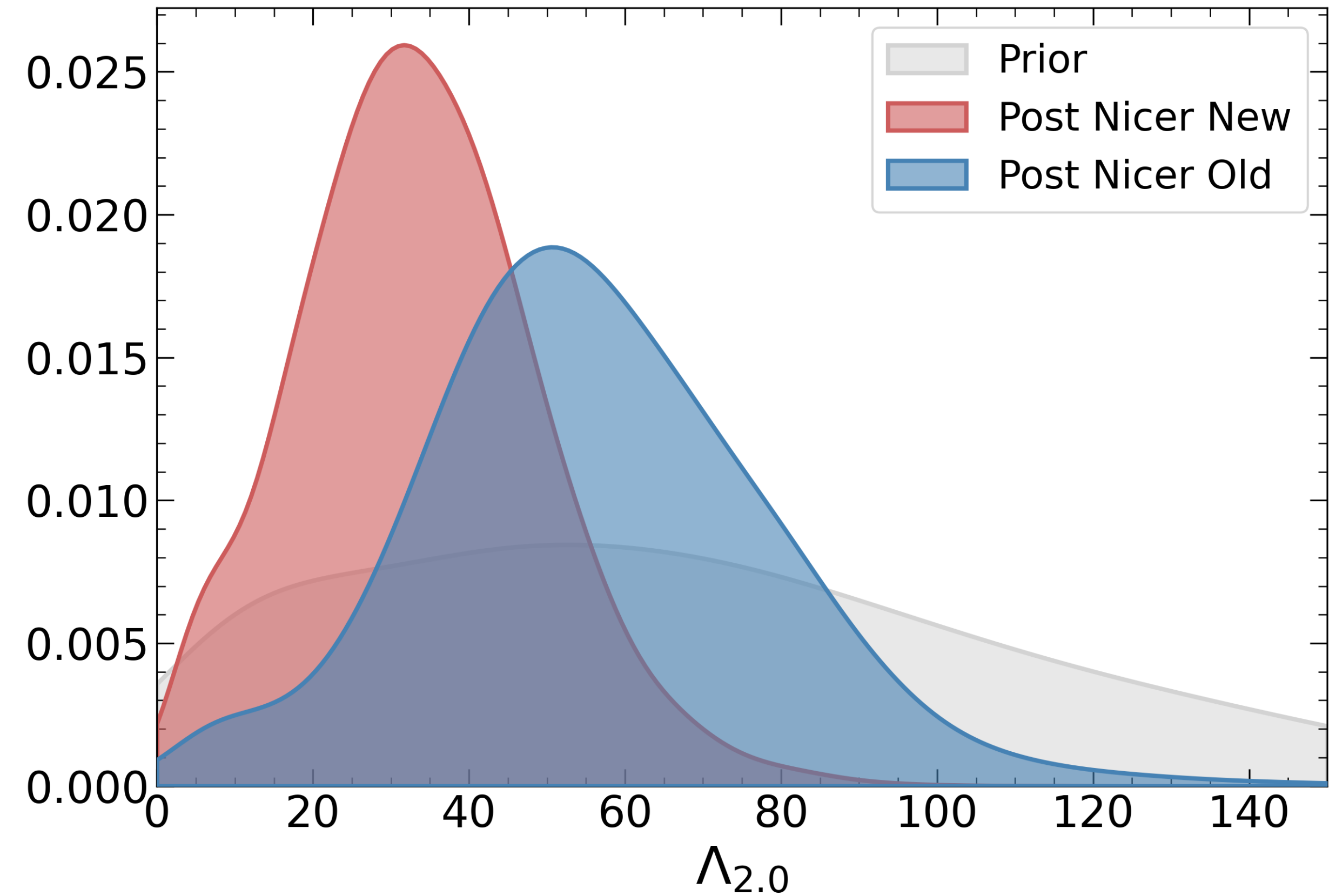
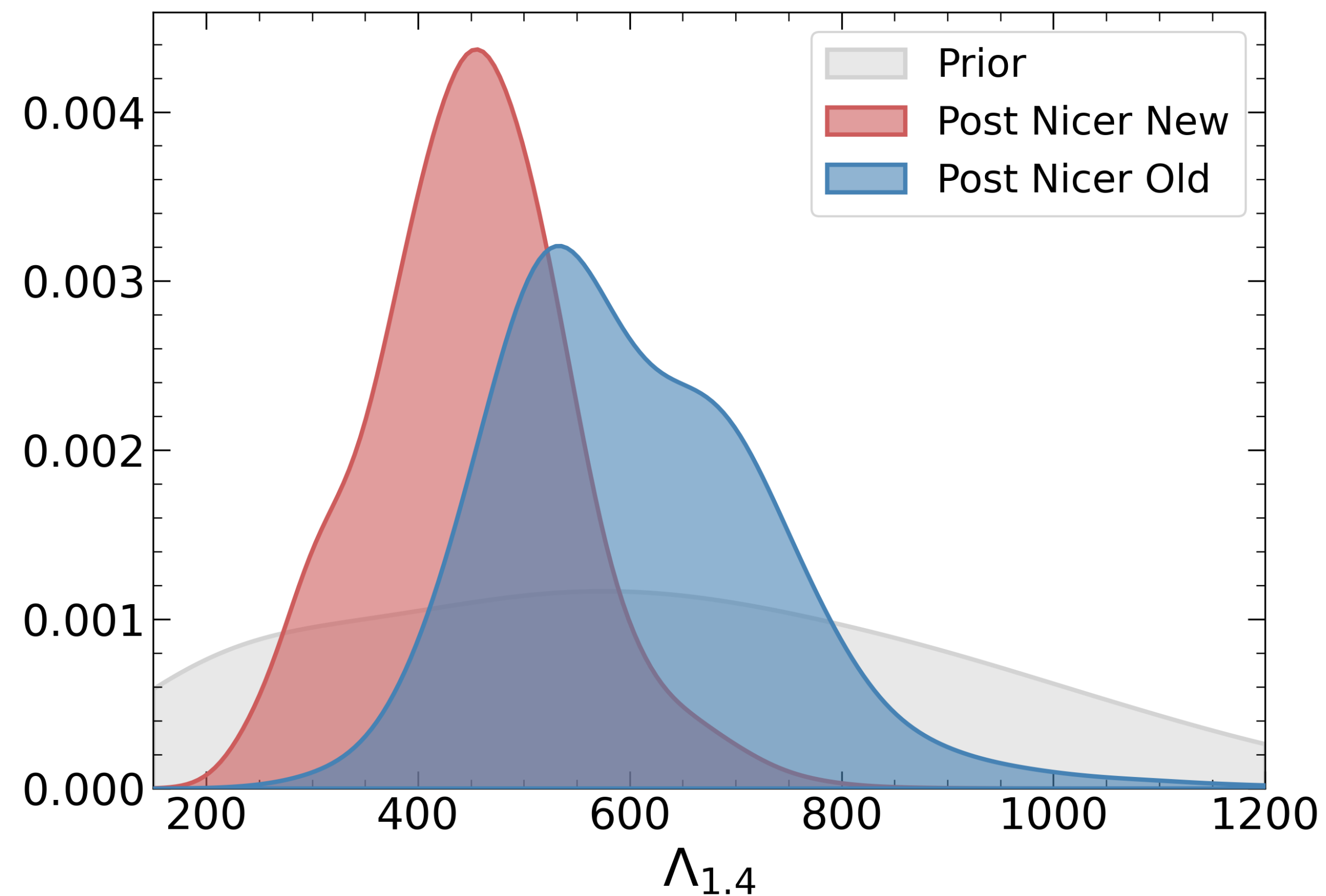
Fit without the linear δ correction

Without the correction around saturation the PNM fit exhibit a $\sim 0.5/1$ MeV of difference

The overall accuracy doesn't change



Nicer old vs nicer new: Tidal deformability



The quest for Nuclear EoS: Complementing with astro-observables

