

# Estimating nuclear matter parameters from compact star observables

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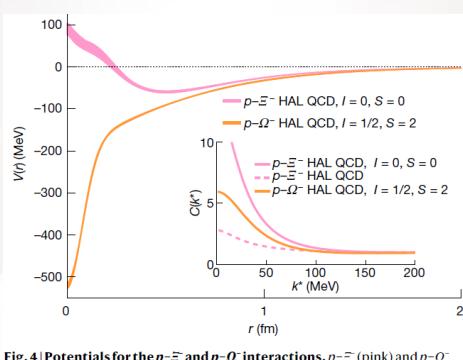
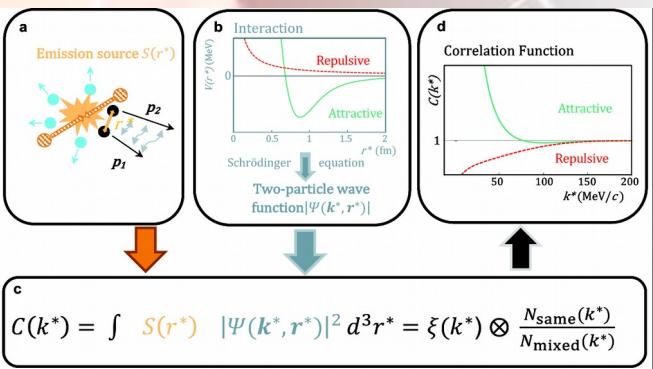
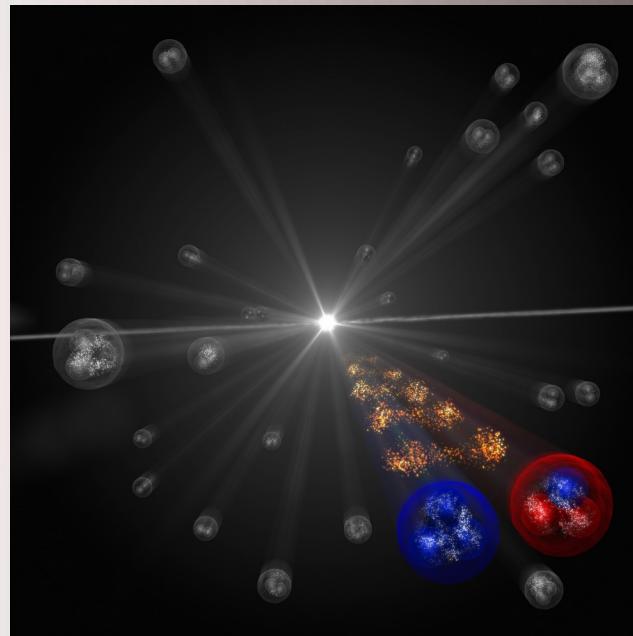
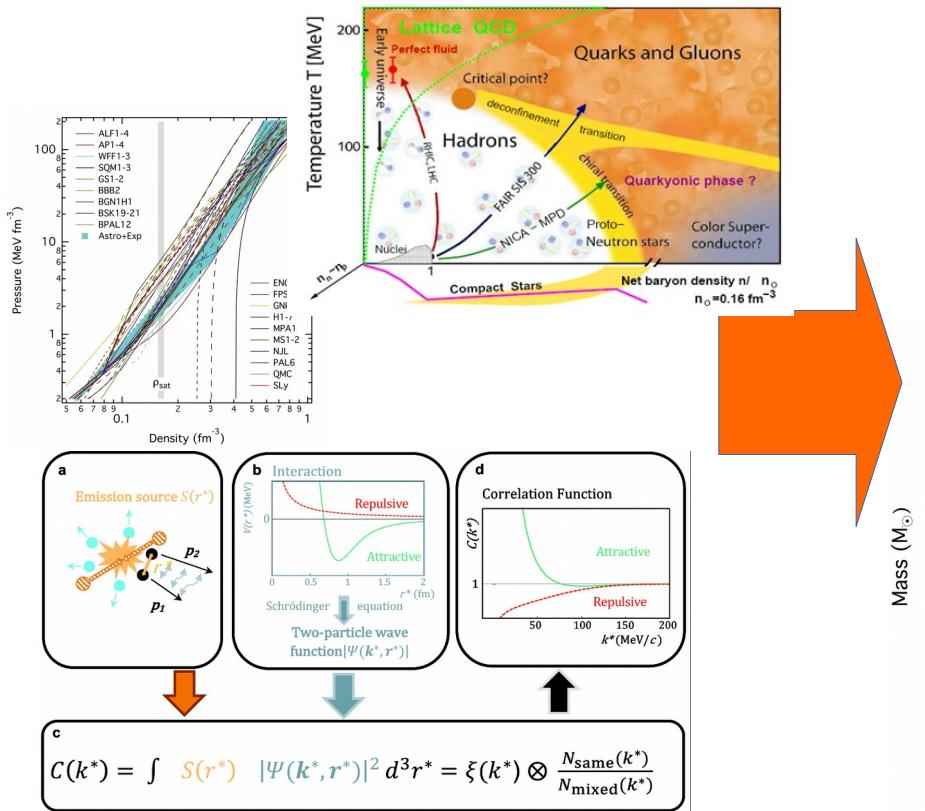


Fig. 4 | Potentials for the  $p-\Xi^-$  and  $p-\Omega^-$  interactions,  $p-\Xi^-$  (pink) and  $p-\Omega^-$

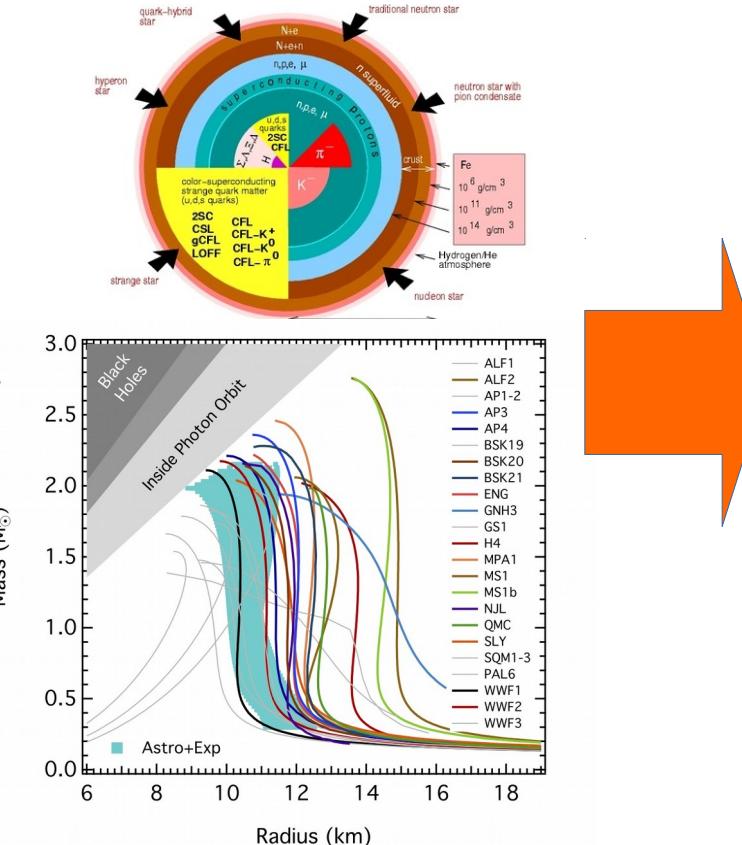


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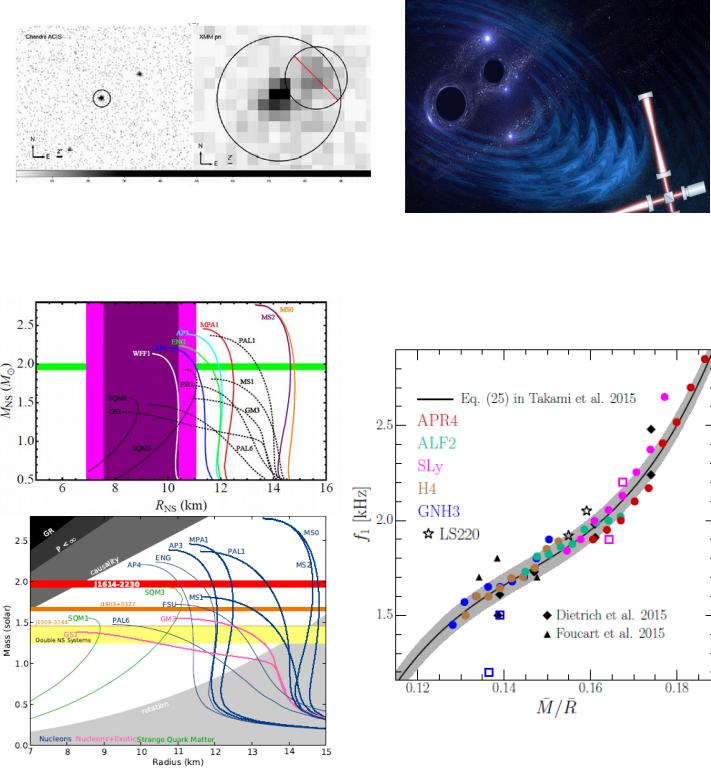
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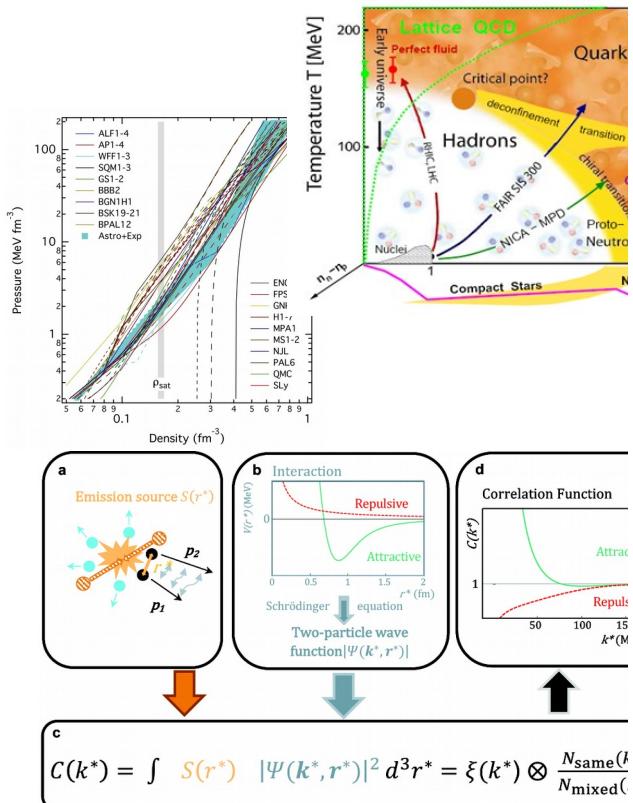


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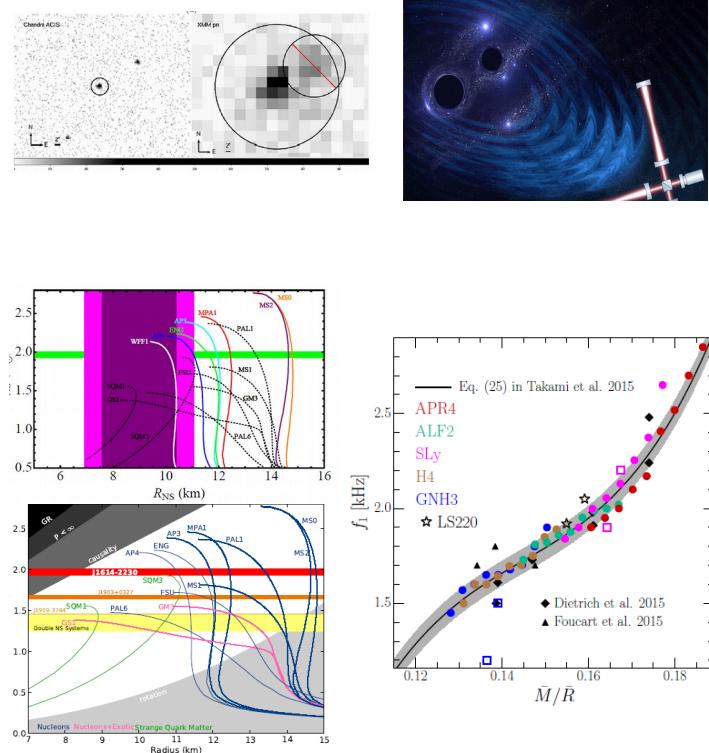


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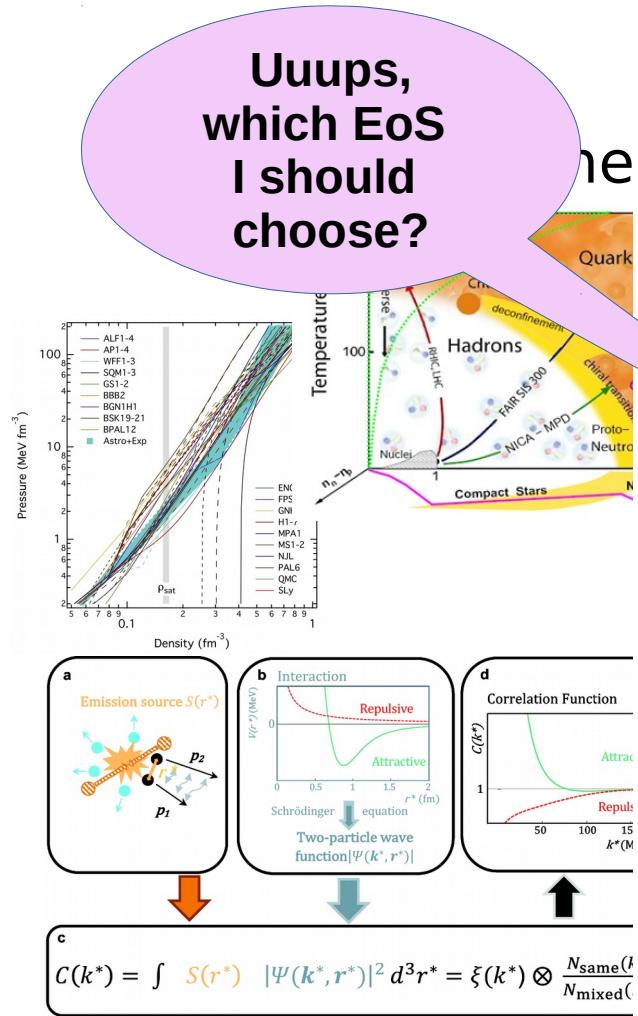
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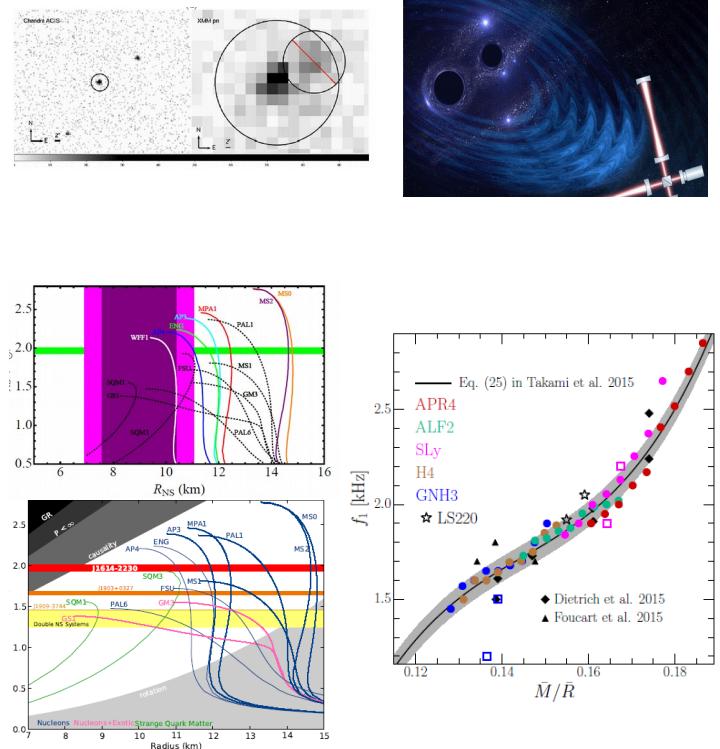
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# (De)motivation...

Weih & Most & Rezzolla: ApJ 881,73 (2019)

Optimal neutron-star mass ranges to constrain the equation of state of nuclear matter with electromagnetic and gravitational-wave observations

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## ABSTRACT

Exploiting a very large library of physically plausible equations of state (EOSs) containing more than  $10^7$  members and yielding more than  $10^9$  stellar models, we conduct a survey of the impact that a neutron-star radius measurement via electromagnetic observations can have on the EOS of nuclear matter. Such measurements are soon to be expected from the ongoing NICER mission and will complement the constraints on the EOS from gravitational-wave detections. Thanks to the large statistical range of our EOS library, we can obtain a first quantitative estimate of the commonly made assumption that the high-density part of the EOS is best constrained when measuring the radius of the most massive, albeit rare, neutron stars with masses  $M \gtrsim 2.1 M_\odot$ . At the same time, we find that radius measurements of neutron stars with masses  $M \simeq 1.7 - 1.85 M_\odot$  can provide the strongest constraints on the low-density part of the EOS. Finally, we quantify how radius measurements by future missions can further improve our understanding of the EOS of matter at nuclear densities.

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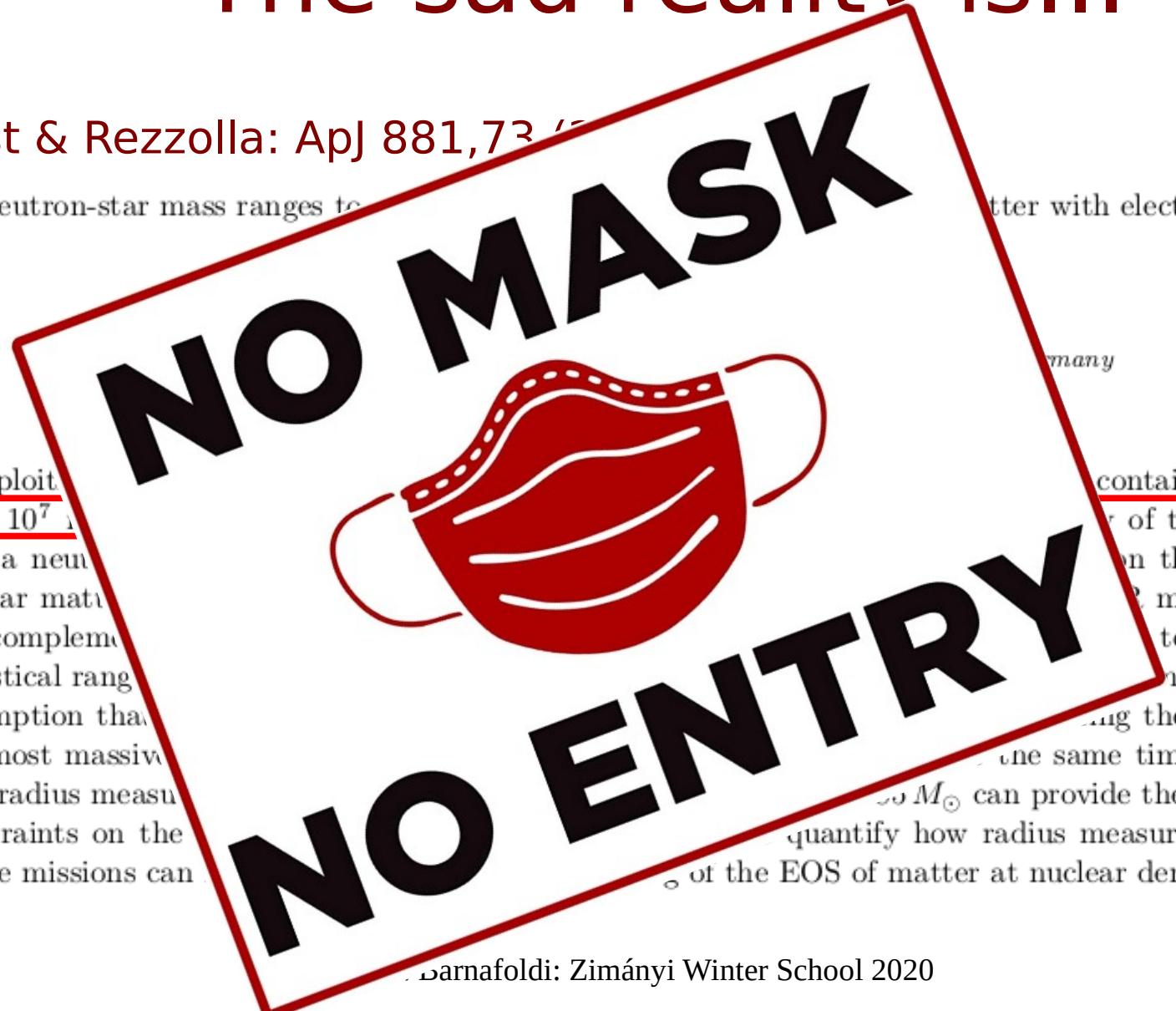
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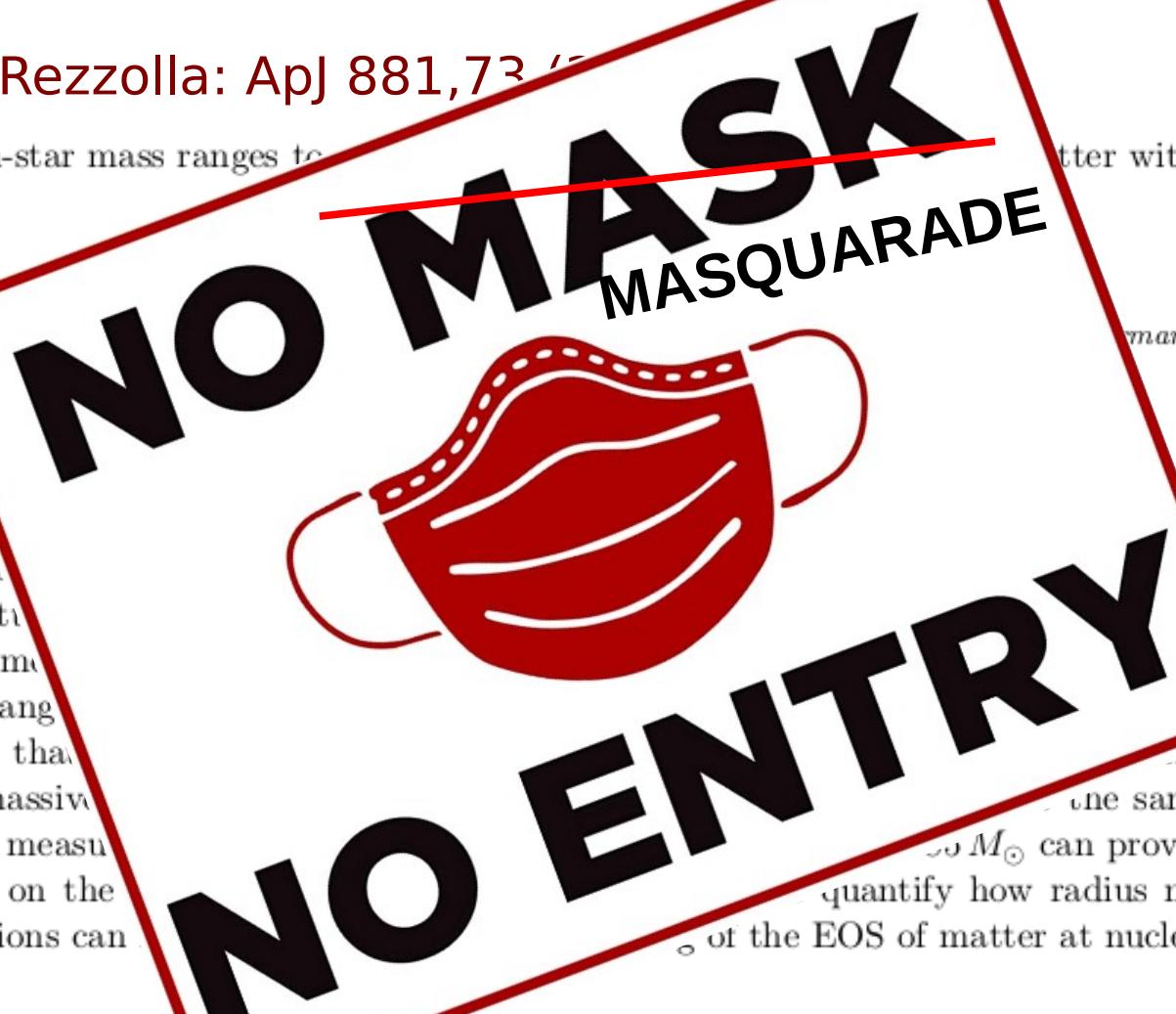
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Let's explore the uncertainties...

...in a traditional way

P. Pósfay, GGB, A. Jakovác: 2004.08230 (submitted to PASA), +B. Szigeti 2006.03710 (in press in EPJ ST)

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Extra terms

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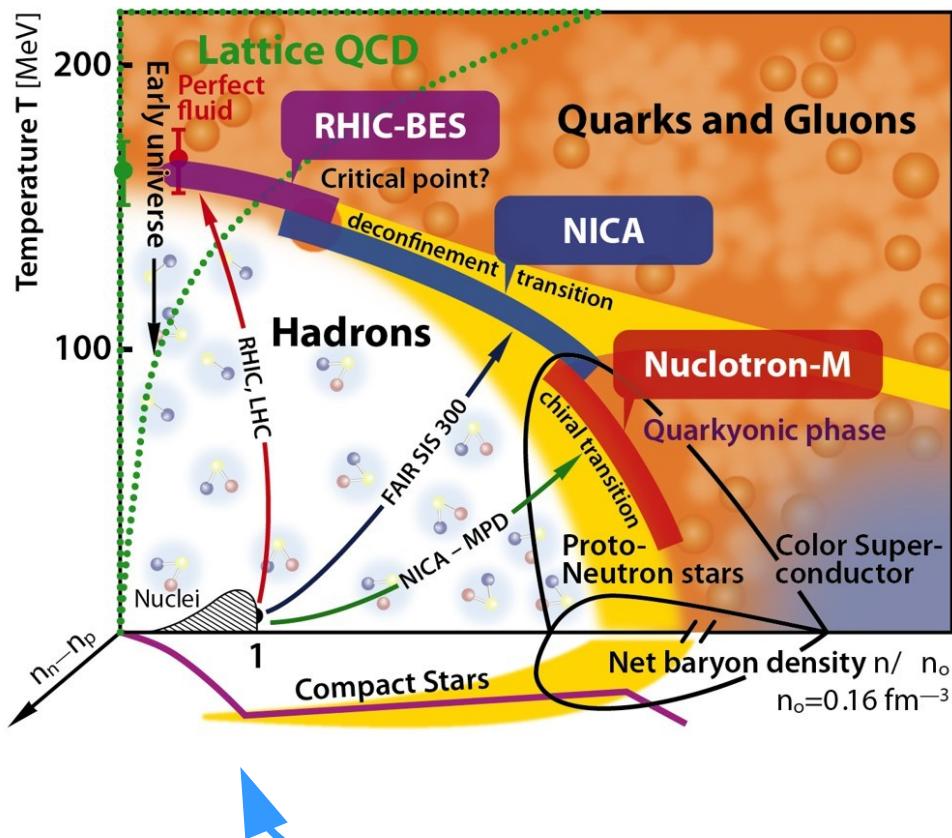
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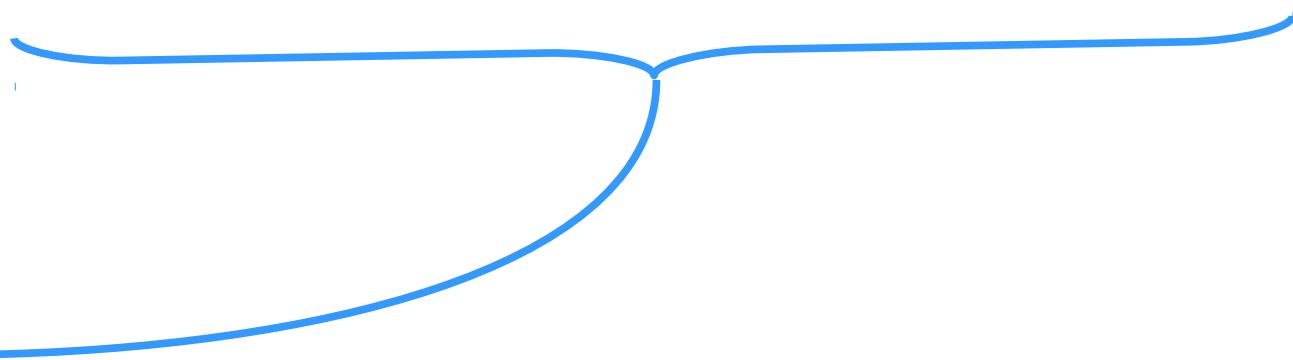
# Modified $\sigma$ - $\omega$ model in mean field

- **Theoretical mean field model:**
  - Symmetric case: 3 combinations with the higher-order scalar meson self-interaction terms to original Walecka:
  - Asymmetric case: tensor force is added to the interaction in addition to the electrons, for  $\beta$ -equilibrium.
- **Parameters of the theoretical model**
  - Fit couplings/masses/etc. according to the Rhoades-Ruffini theorem in agreement with experimental data.
  - Parameters are usually non-independent: optimization of the parameters need to perform → similar EoS
- **Cross check the consistency with the existing EM, GR, HIC, etc data + errors → Theoretical uncertainties**

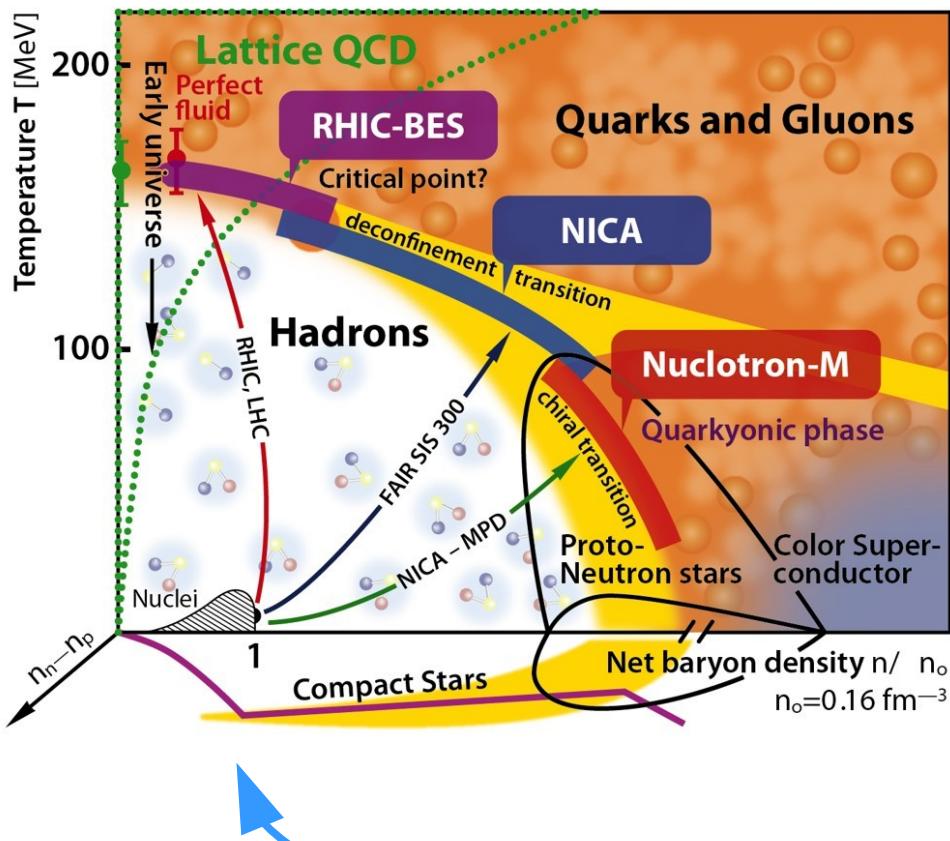
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Model	$n_s$ [fm $^{-3}$ ]	B [MeV]	K [MeV]	$S_0$ [MeV]	$m^*$ [ $m_N$ ]
$\text{NL}\rho$	0.1459	-16.062	203.3	30.8	0.603
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DBHF	0.1810	-16.150	230.0	34.4	0.678
DD	0.1487	-16.021	240.0	32.0	0.565
D3C	0.1510	-15.981	232.5	31.9	0.541
KVR	0.1600	-15.800	250.0	28.8	0.805
KVOR	0.1600	-16.000	275.0	32.9	0.800
DD-F	0.1469	-16.024	223.1	31.6	0.556

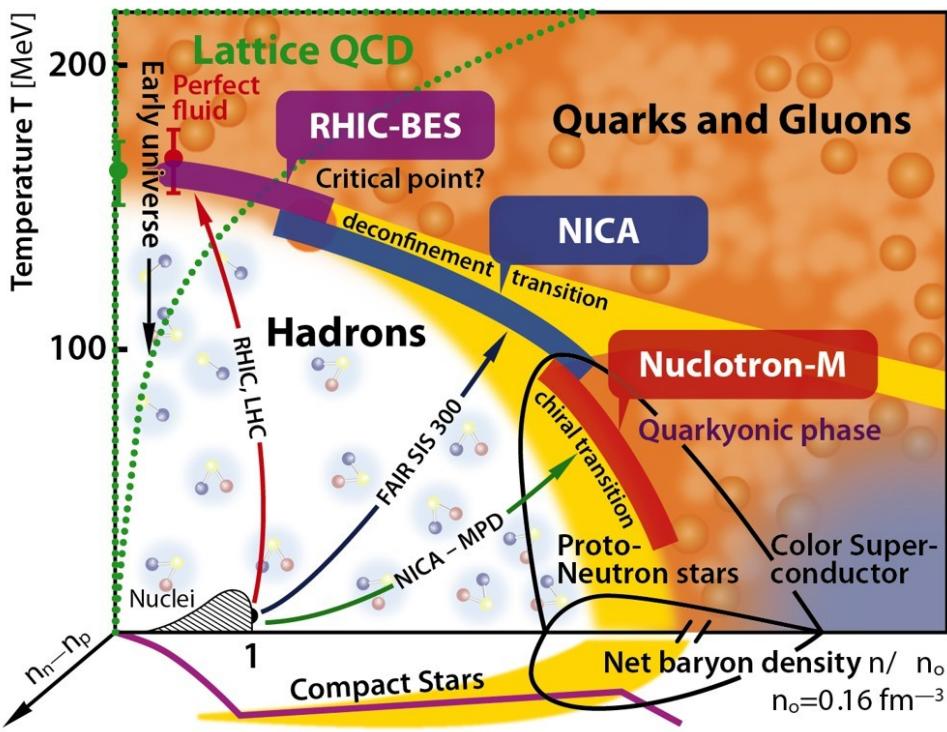


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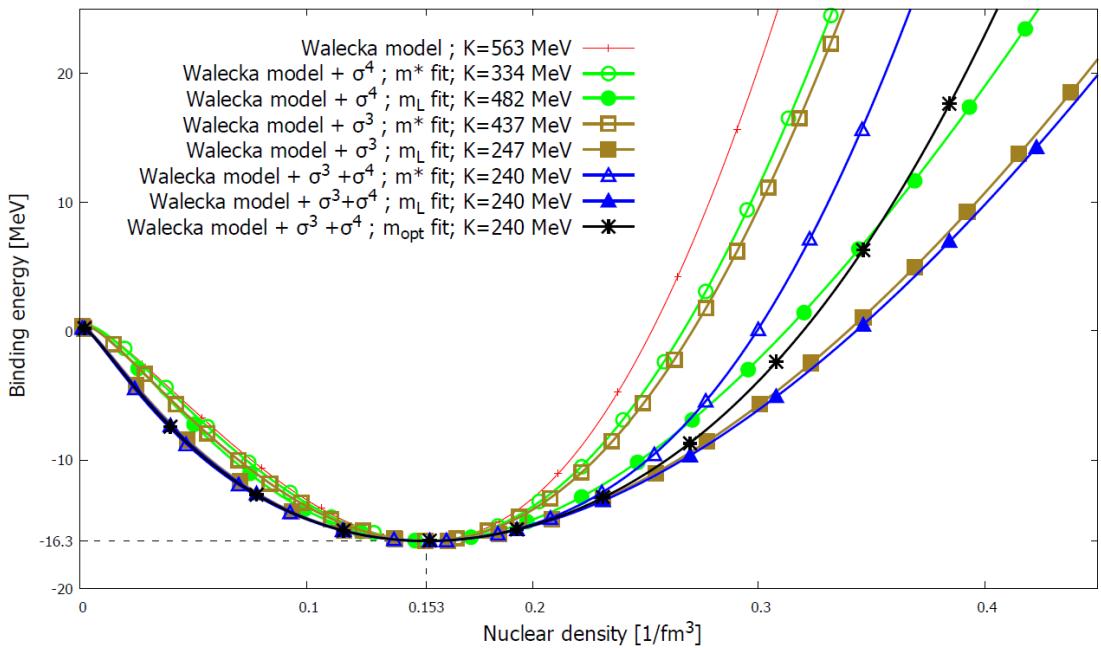
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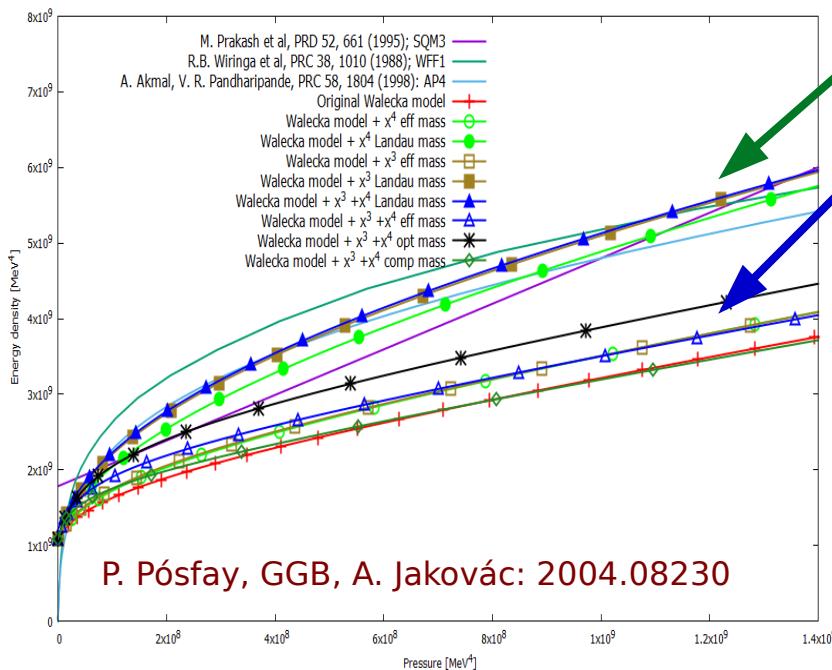
The effective mass and Landau mass  
are NOT independent!  
**The can not be fitted simultaneously**



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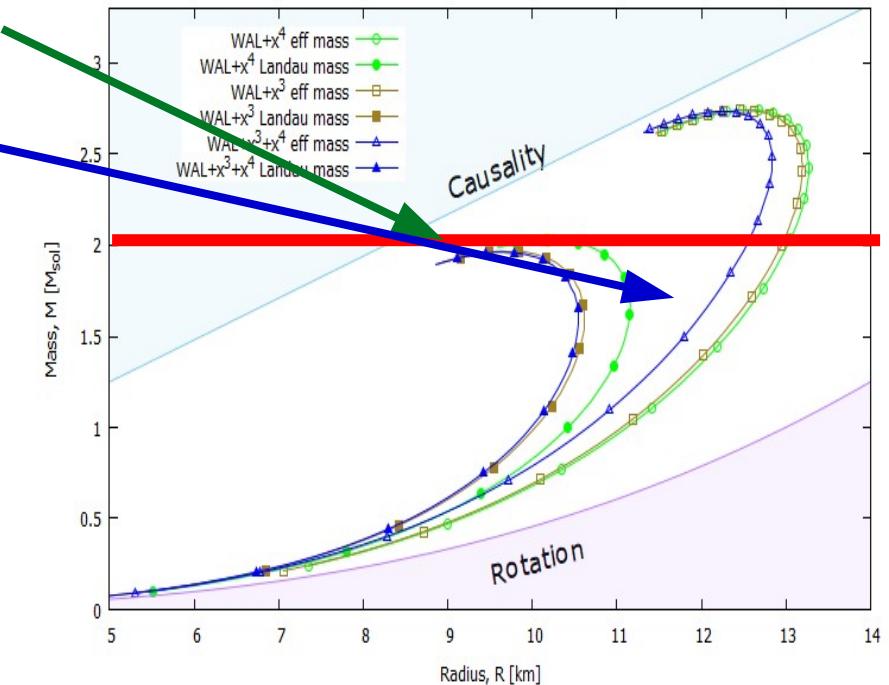
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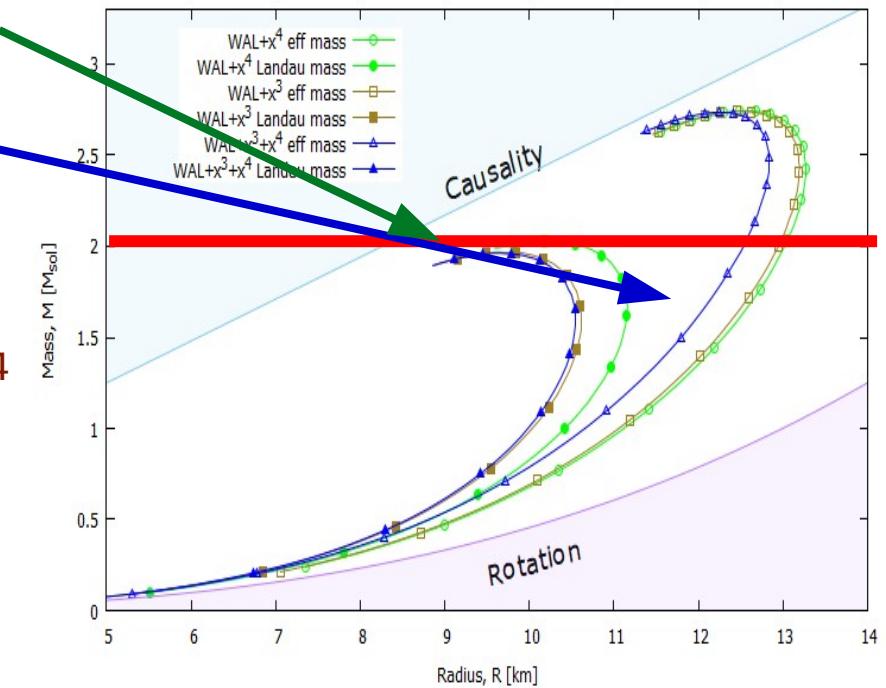
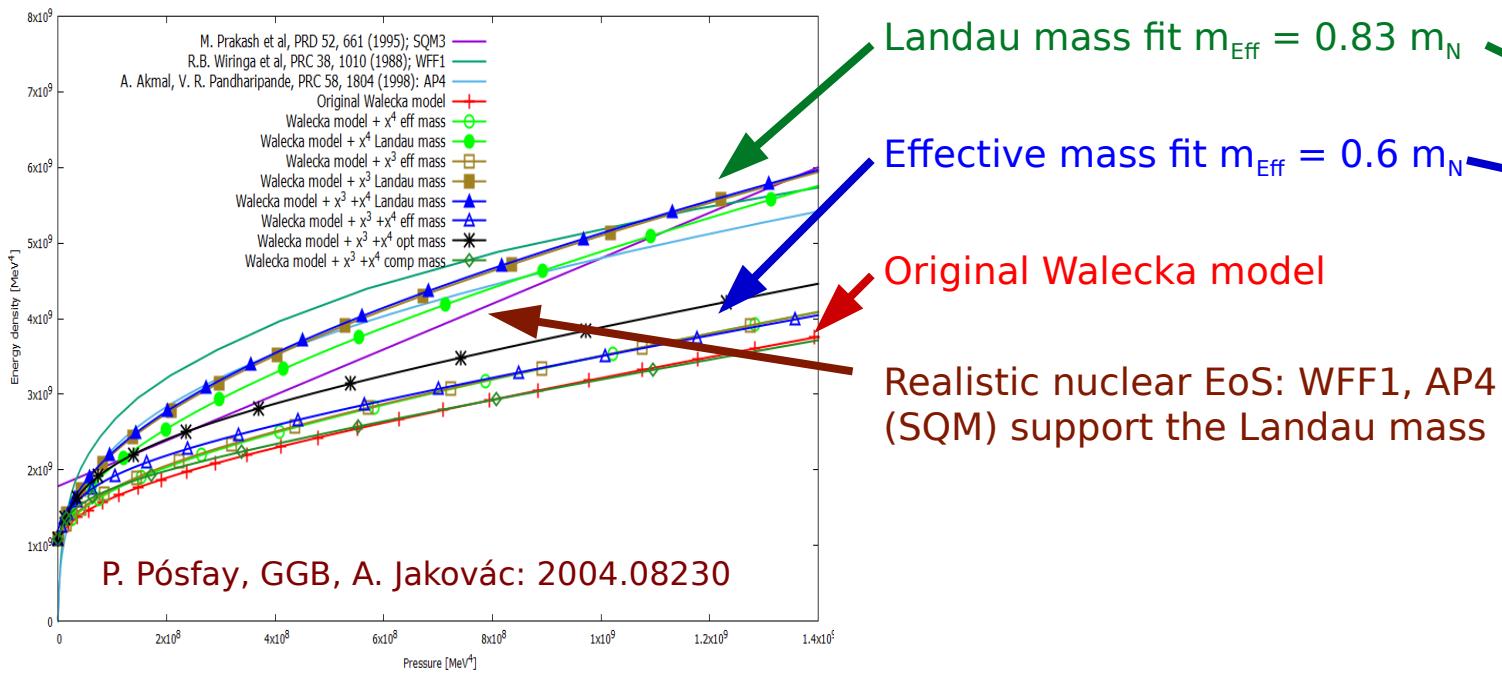


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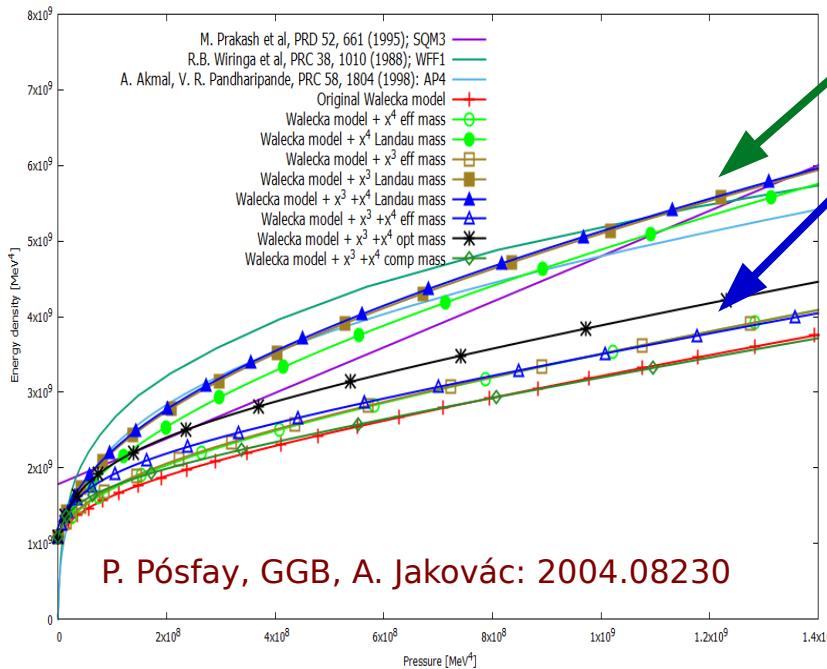


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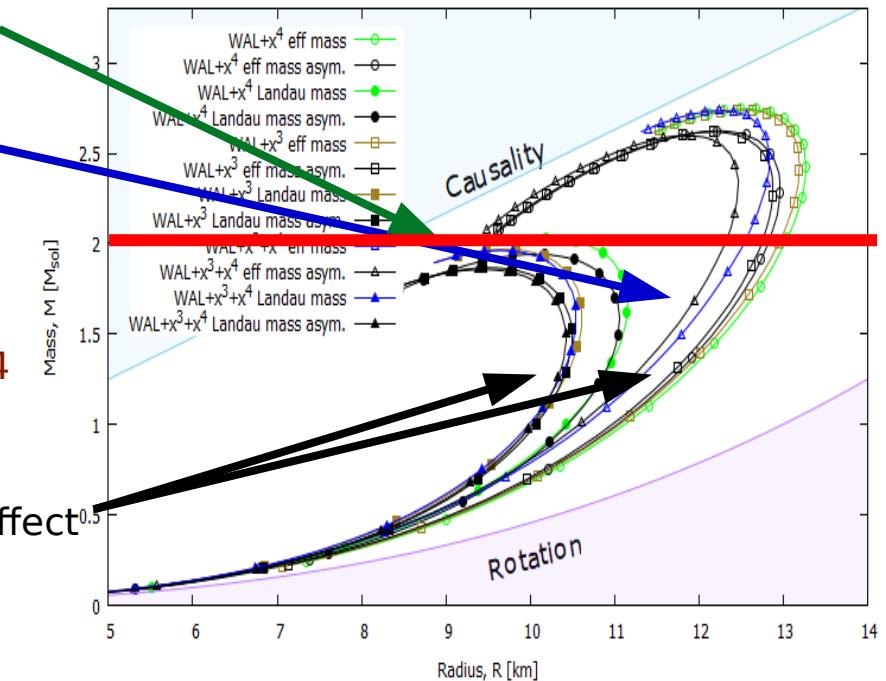
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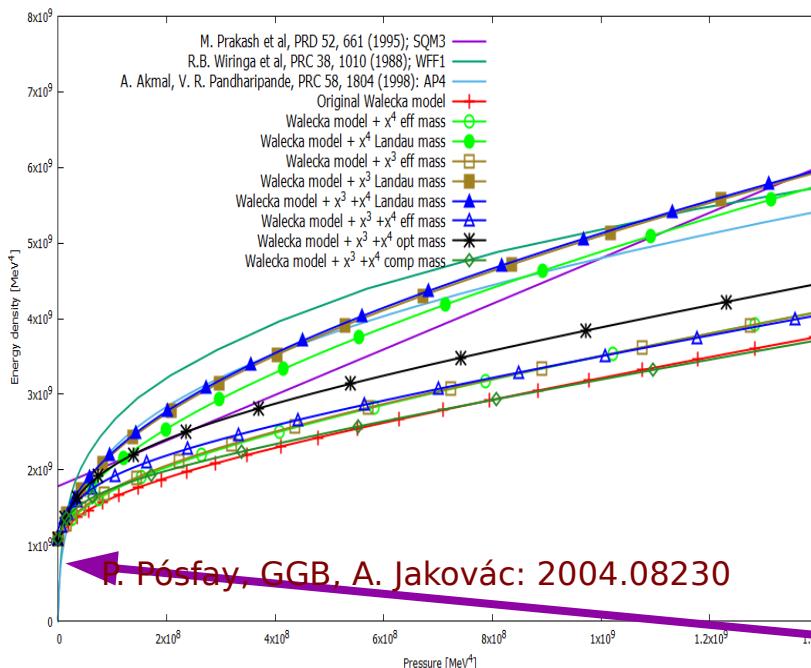
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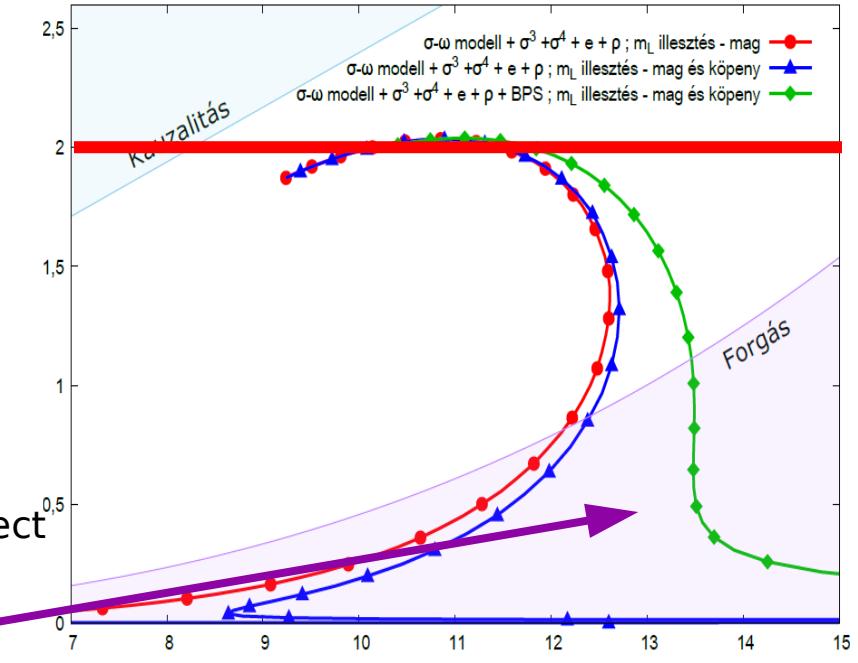
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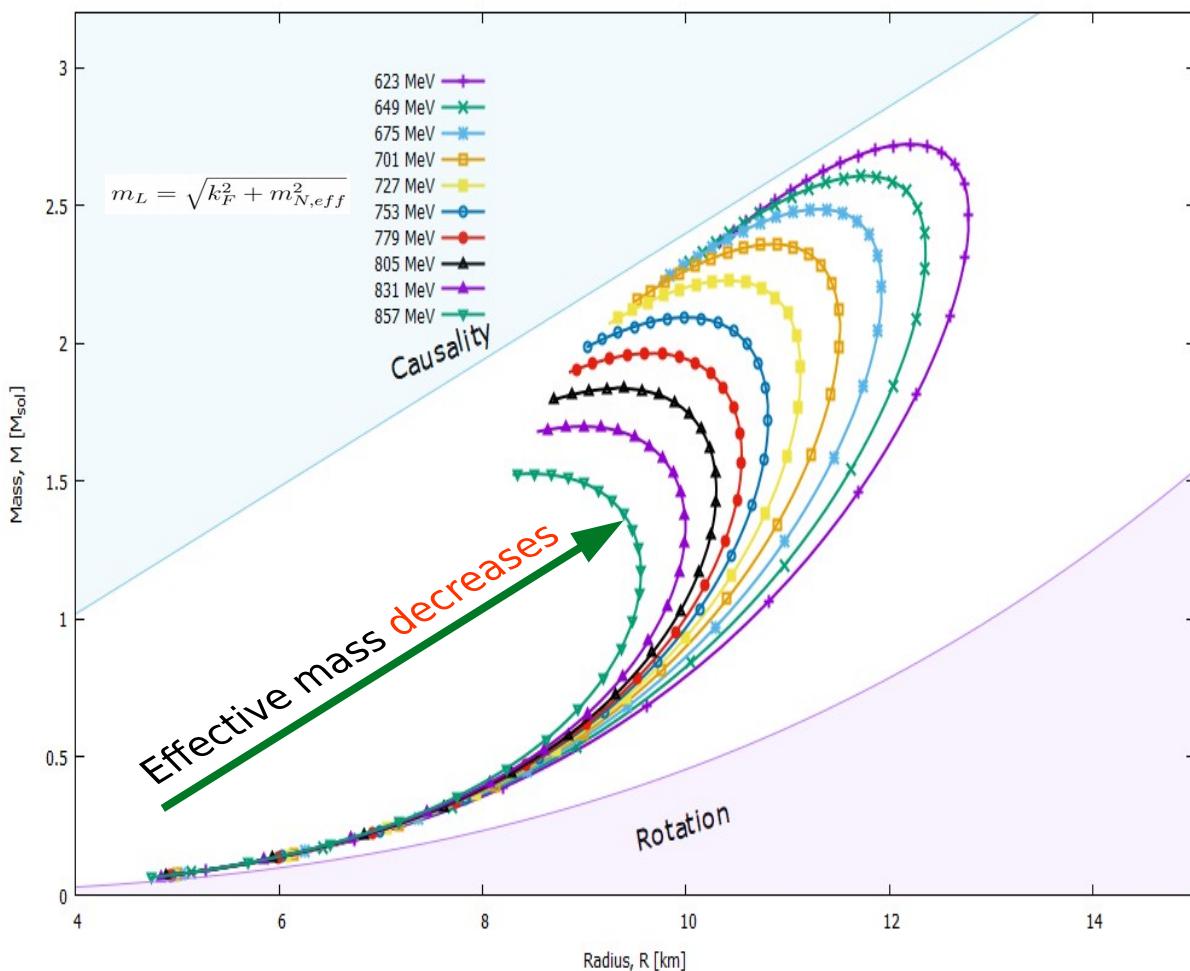
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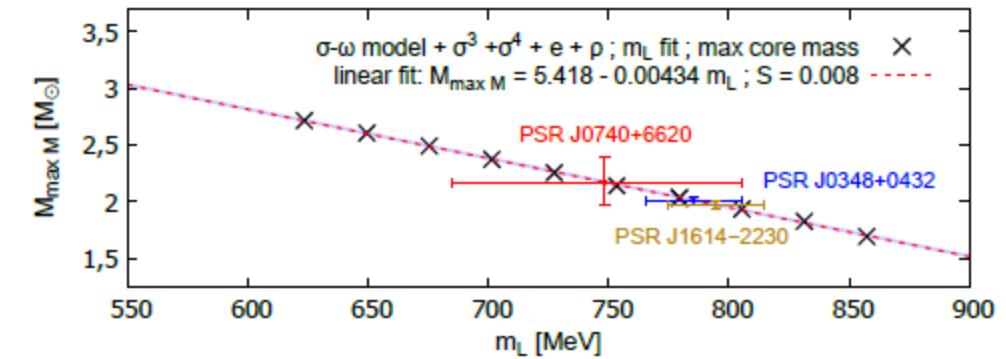
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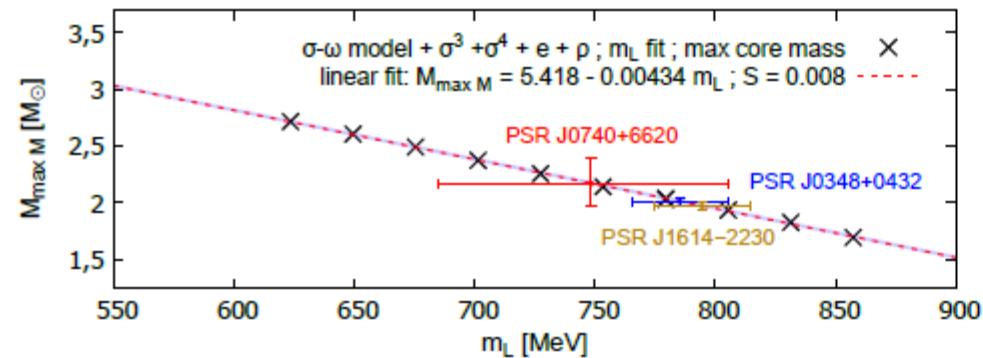
Evolution/scaling in  $M_{\max}$  appears

- The  $M_{\max}$  is increasing as the Landau (effective) mass is decreasing

→ Scaling by nuclear parameters



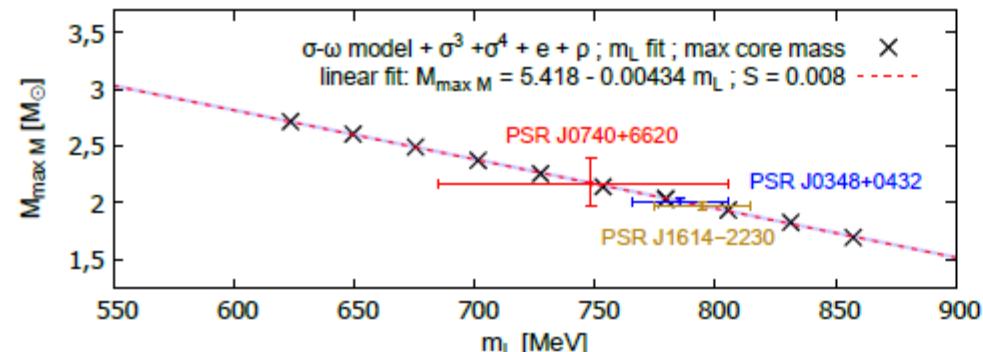
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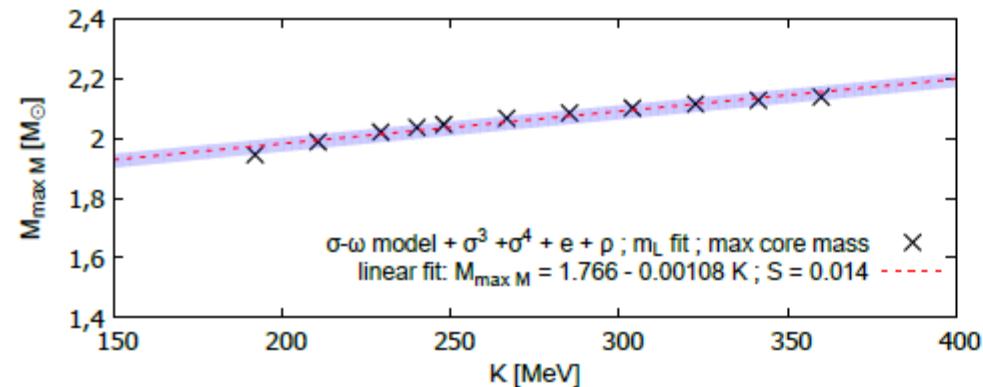
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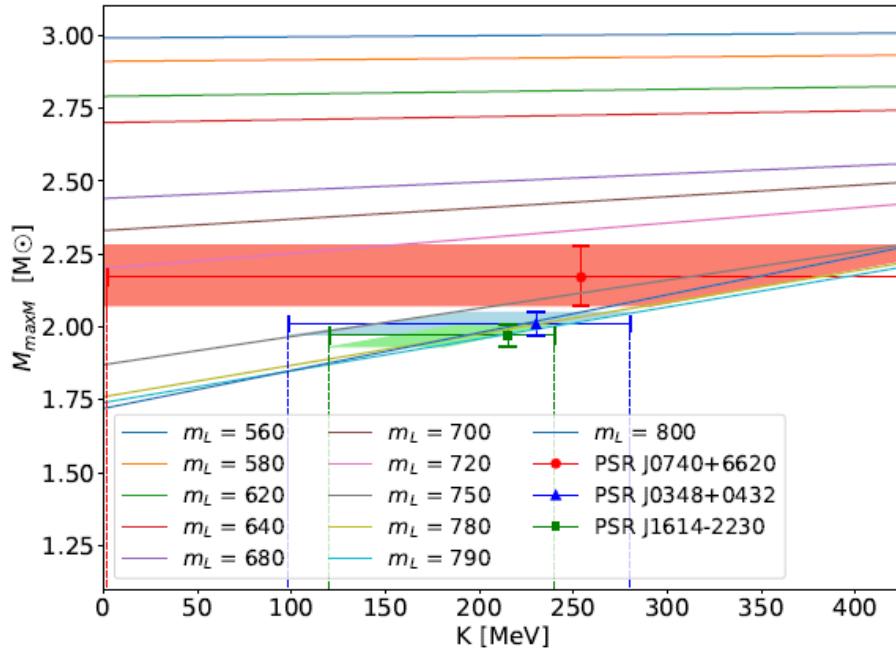
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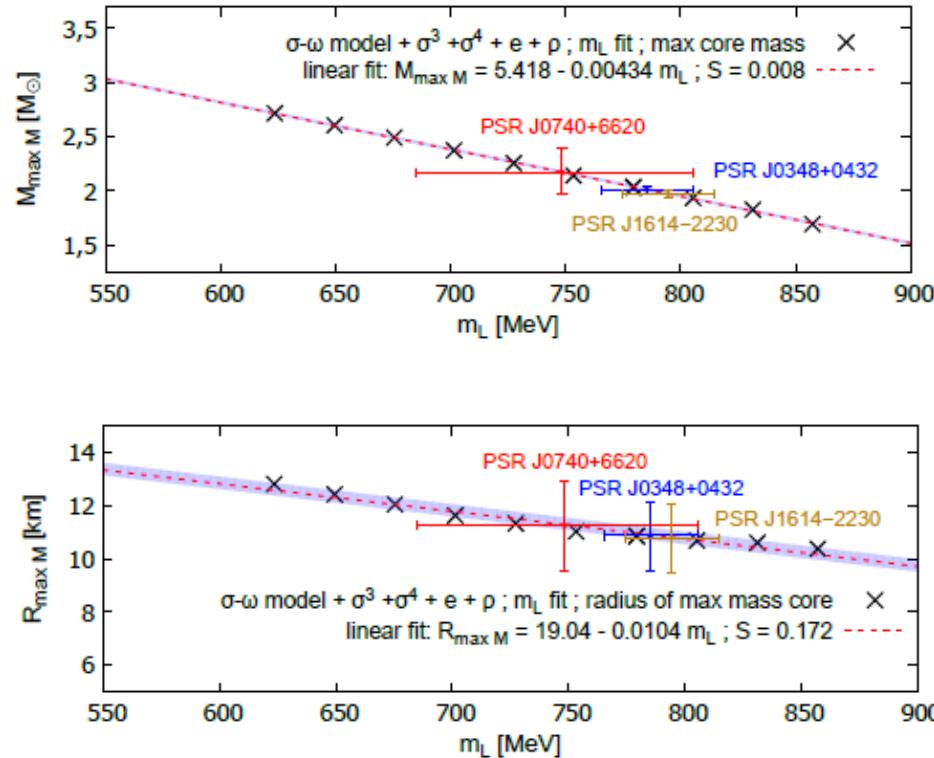
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Combine these to a 2-parameter fit:

$$M_{maxM}(m_L, K)[M_\odot] = 6.29 - 0.00574 m_L [\text{MeV}] - 0.00379 K [\text{MeV}] + 0.00000524 m_L \cdot K [\text{MeV}^2],$$

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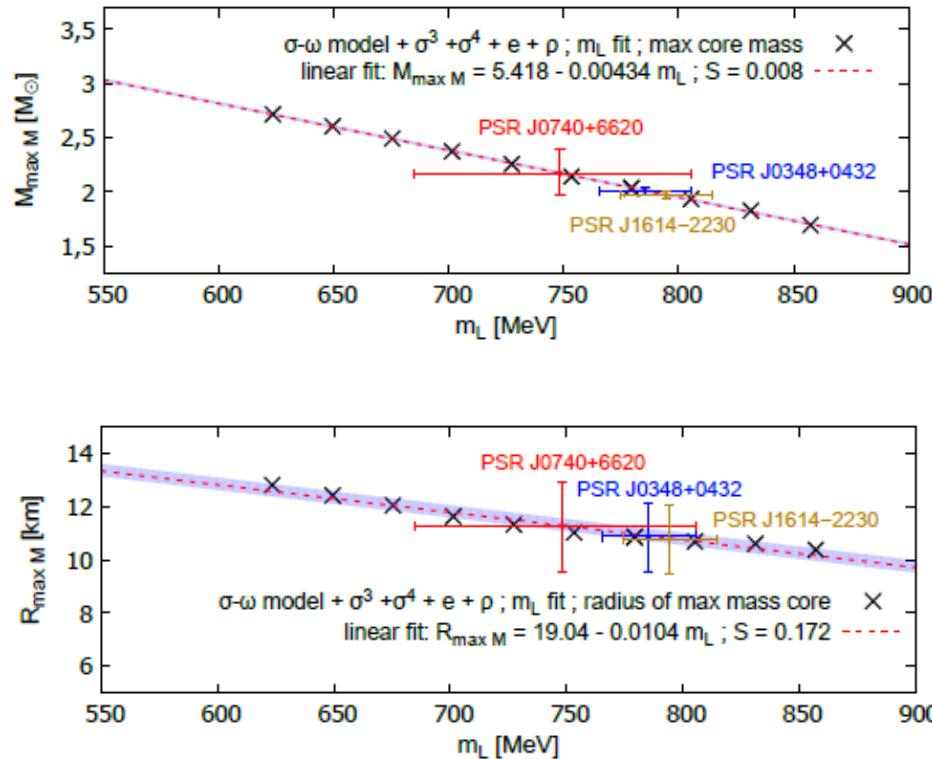
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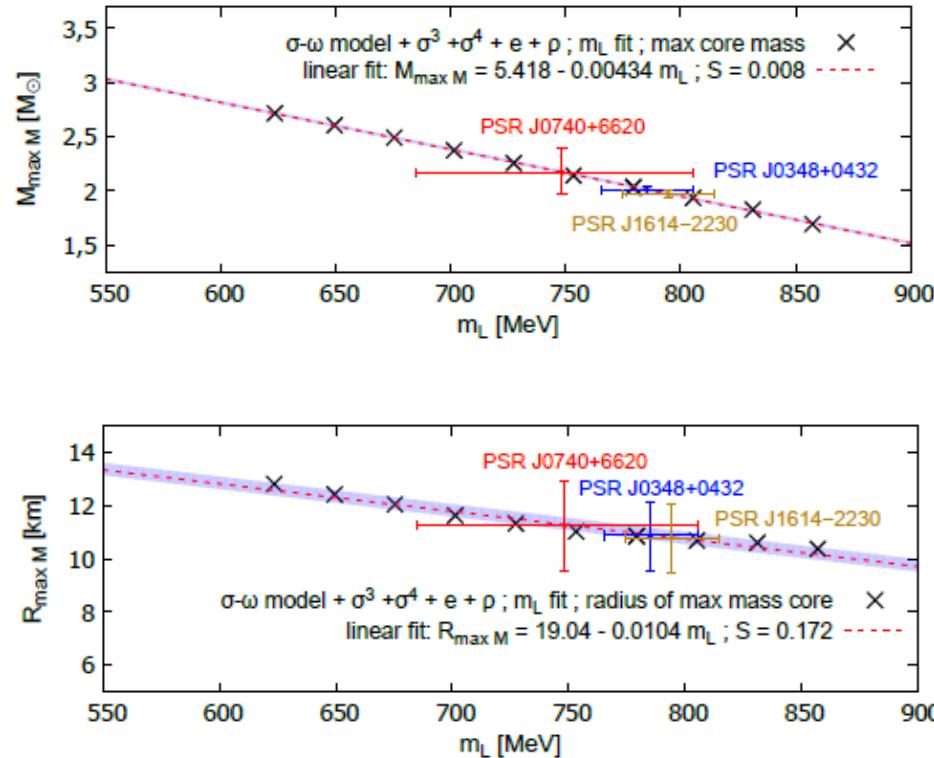
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Measured:  $M_{maxM} \rightarrow (m_L \& K) \rightarrow R_{maxM}$

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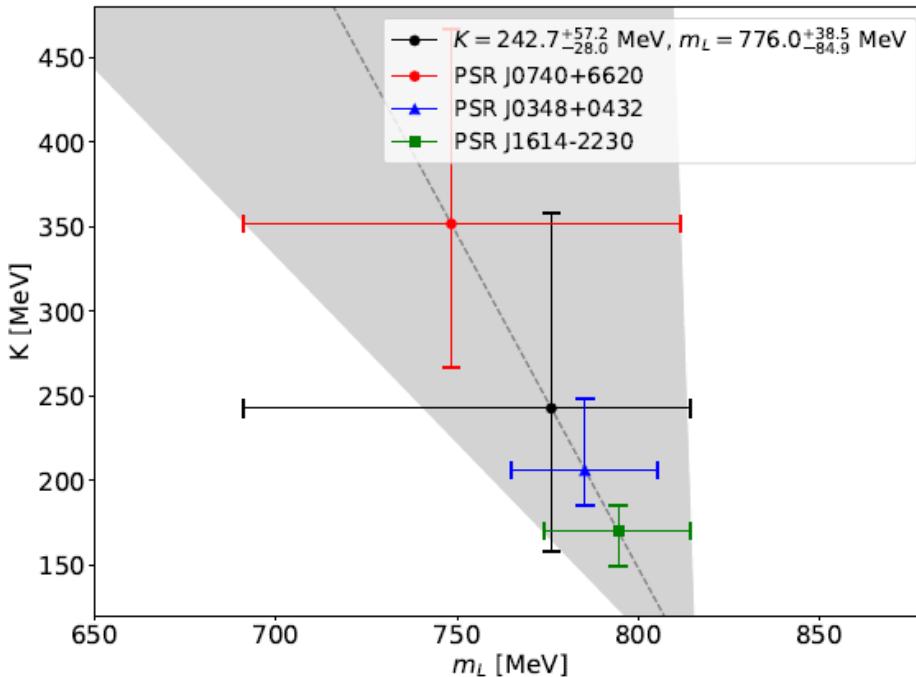
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PSR J0740+6620	$11.25^{+1.06}_{-1.04}$	$2.17^{+0.11}_{-0.10} *$	$748.39^{+63.3}_{-57.2}$	$351.8^{+115}_{-84.5}$
PSR J0348+0432	$10.87^{+0.82}_{-0.80}$	$2.01^{+0.04}_{-0.04} *$	$785.25^{+20.0}_{-20.3}$	$206.4^{+42.7}_{-20.5}$
PSR J1614-2230	$10.77^{+0.82}_{-0.80}$	$1.97^{+0.04}_{-0.04} *$	$794.47^{+20.1}_{-20.4}$	$170.0^{+15.5}_{-20.9}$

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Maximal mass & its radius  
with Landau mass

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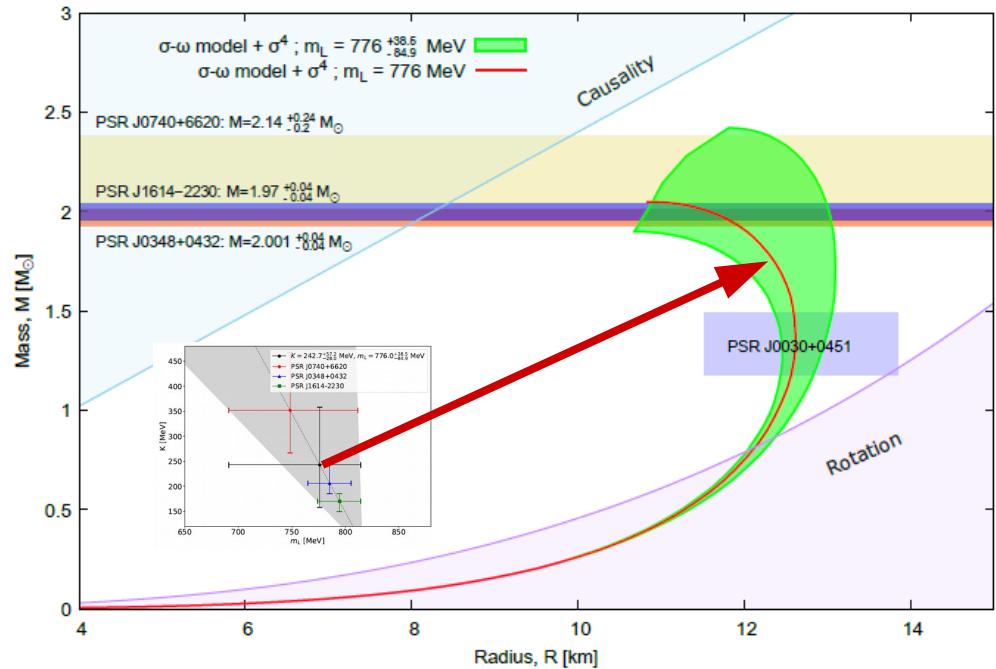
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Combine these to a 2-parameter fit:

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Results from data using fit formulae:

$$m_L = 776.0^{+38.5}_{-84.9} \text{ MeV} \text{ and } K = 242.7^{+57.2}_{-28.0} \text{ MeV}$$

# Explore the uncertainties...

## ... using a the brute force

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Likelihood for given independent constraints:

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Posterior:

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Likelihood for GW170817:

$$P(E_{GW} | \pi_q) = \int_l \beta(\Lambda_1(n_c), \Lambda_2(n_c)) dn_c$$

Likelihood for maximal mass

$$P(E_M | \pi_q) = \Phi(M_q, \mu_C, \sigma_C) \times \Phi(M_q, \mu_A, \sigma_A) \times \mathcal{N}(M_q, \mu_U, \sigma_U)$$

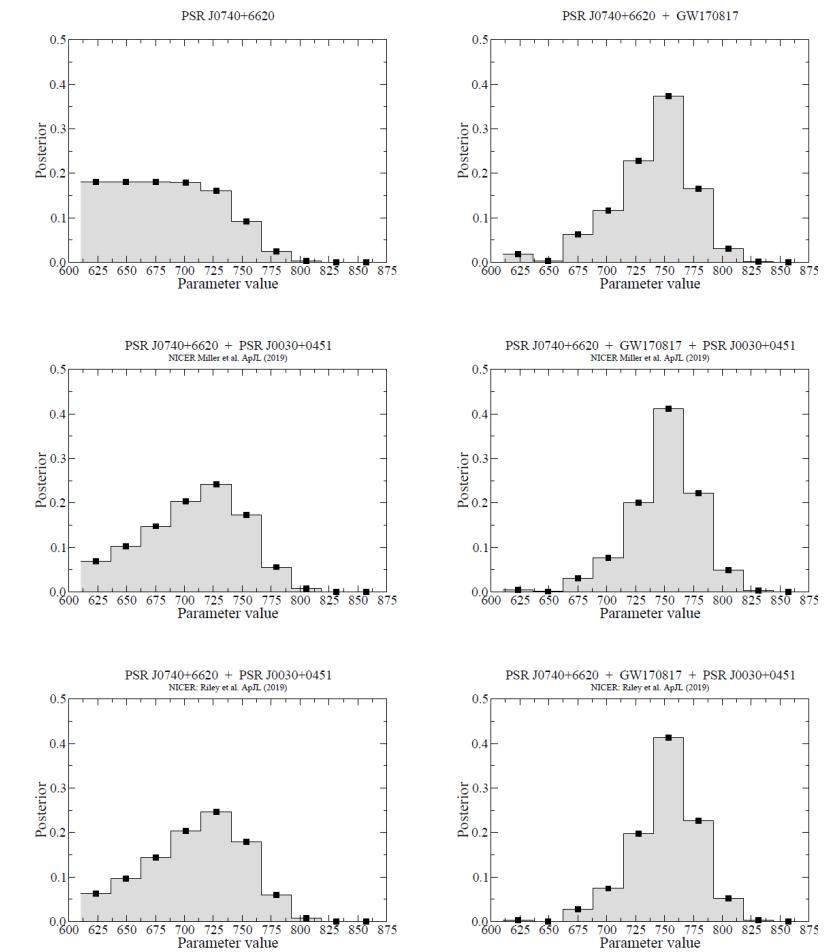
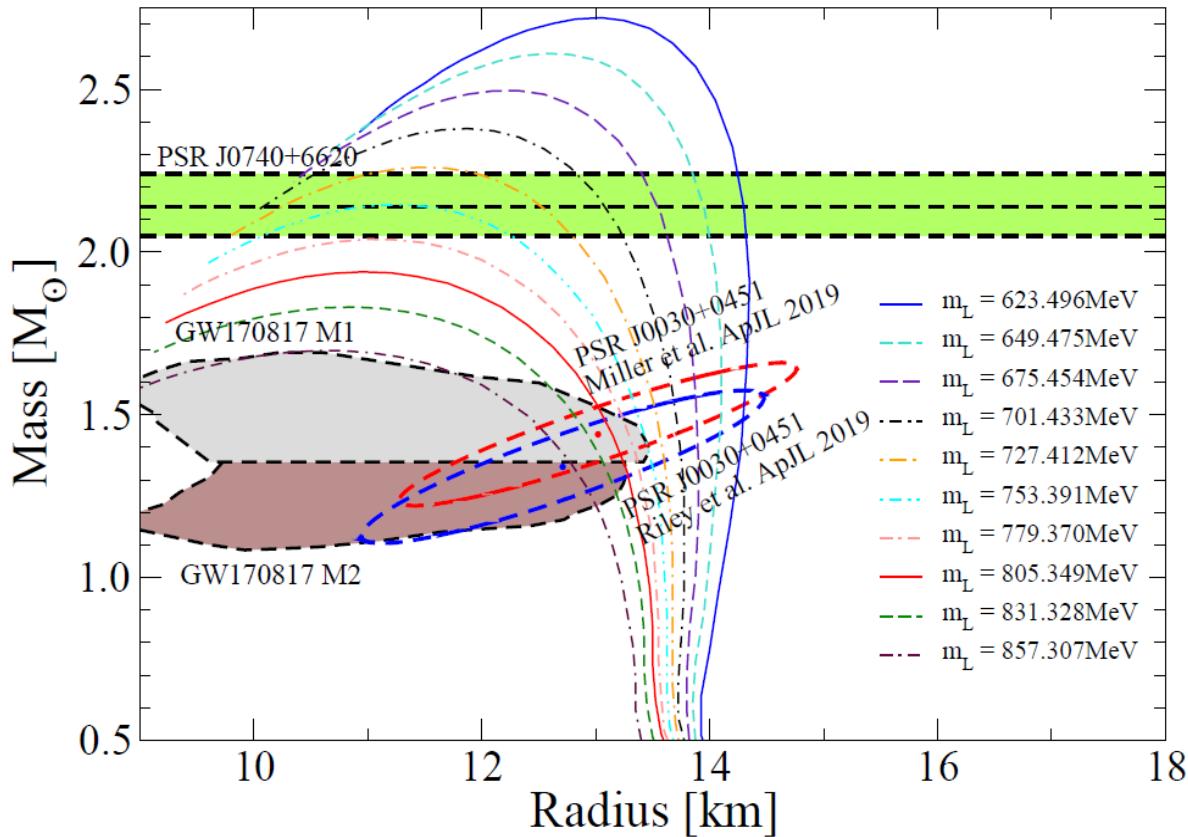
Likelihood for mass & radius

$$P(E_{MR} | \pi_q) = 0.5 \int_l \mathcal{N}(\mu_M^{(1)}, \sigma_M^{(1)}, \mu_R^{(1)}, \sigma_R^{(1)}, \alpha^{(1)}) dn_c + 0.5 \int_l \mathcal{N}(\mu_M^{(2)}, \sigma_M^{(2)}, \mu_R^{(2)}, \sigma_R^{(2)}, \alpha^{(2)}) dn_c,$$

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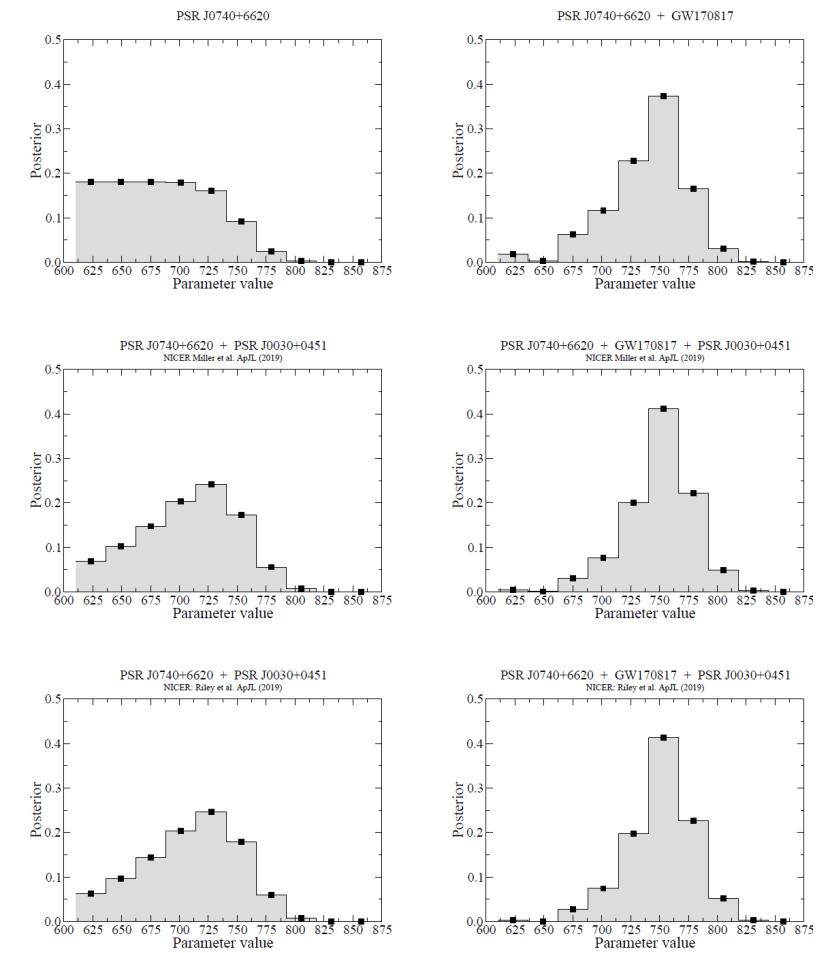
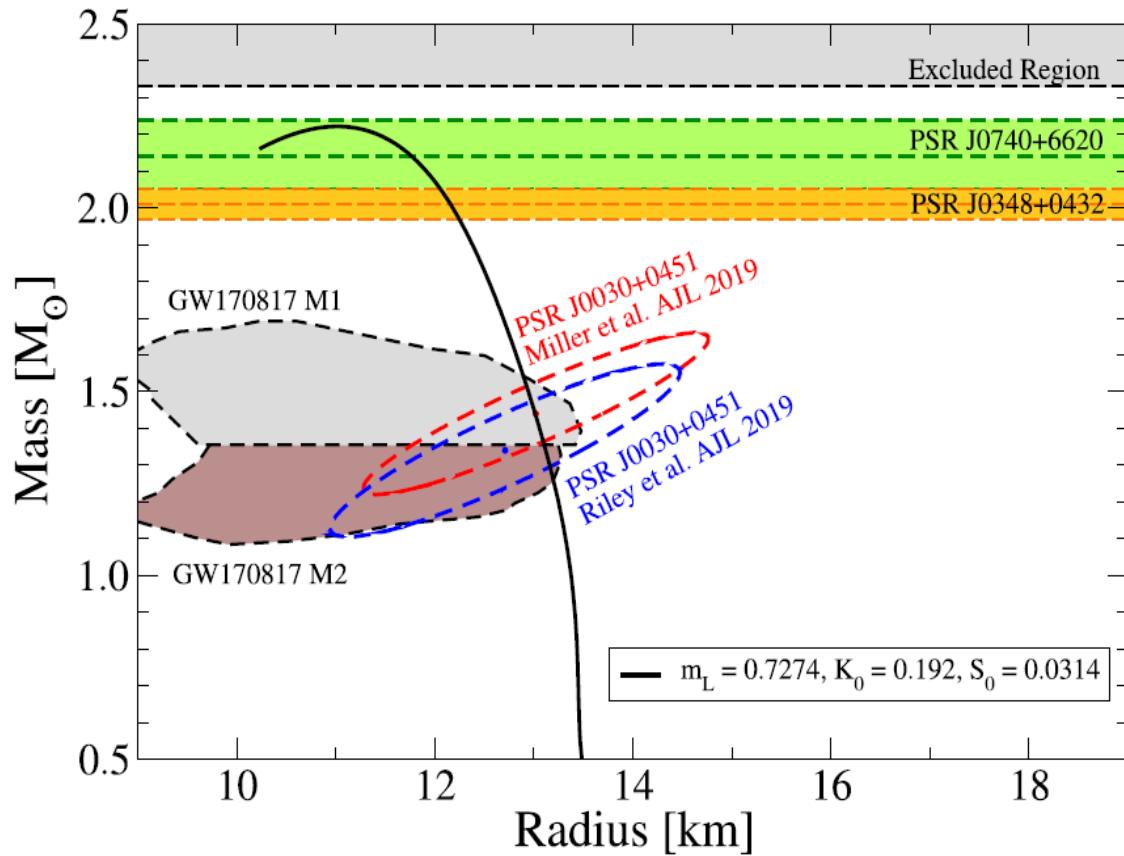
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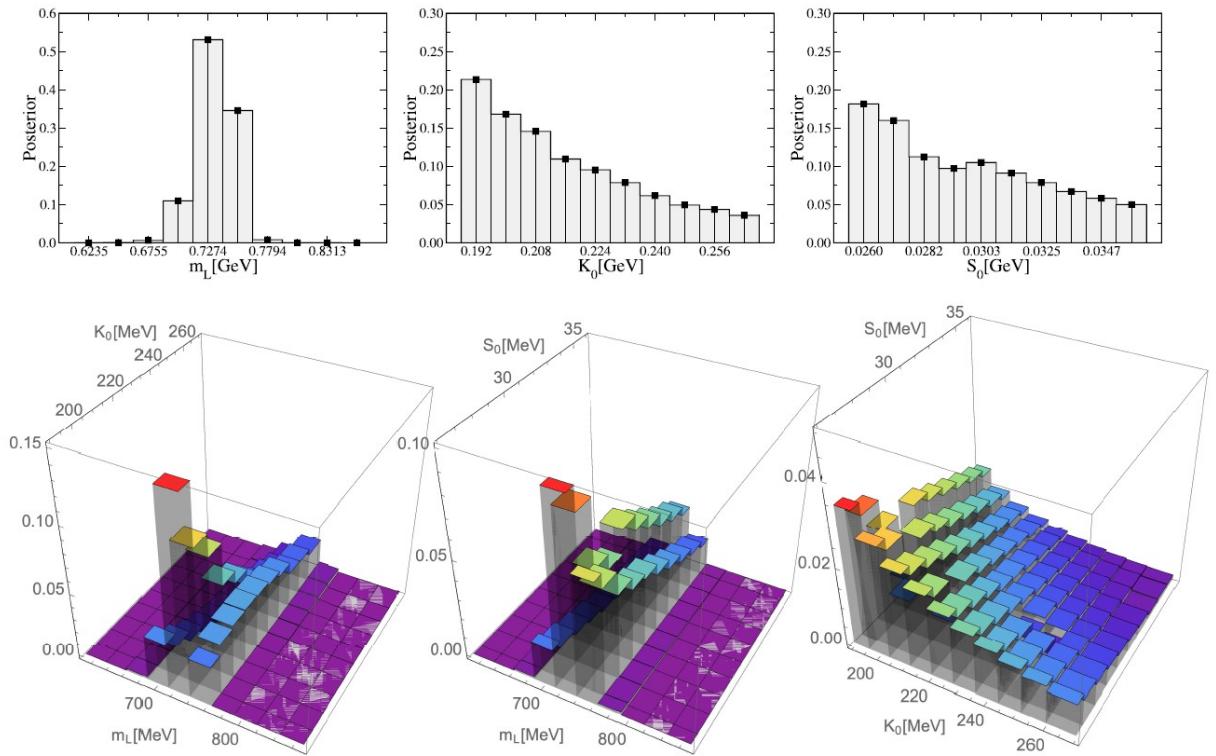
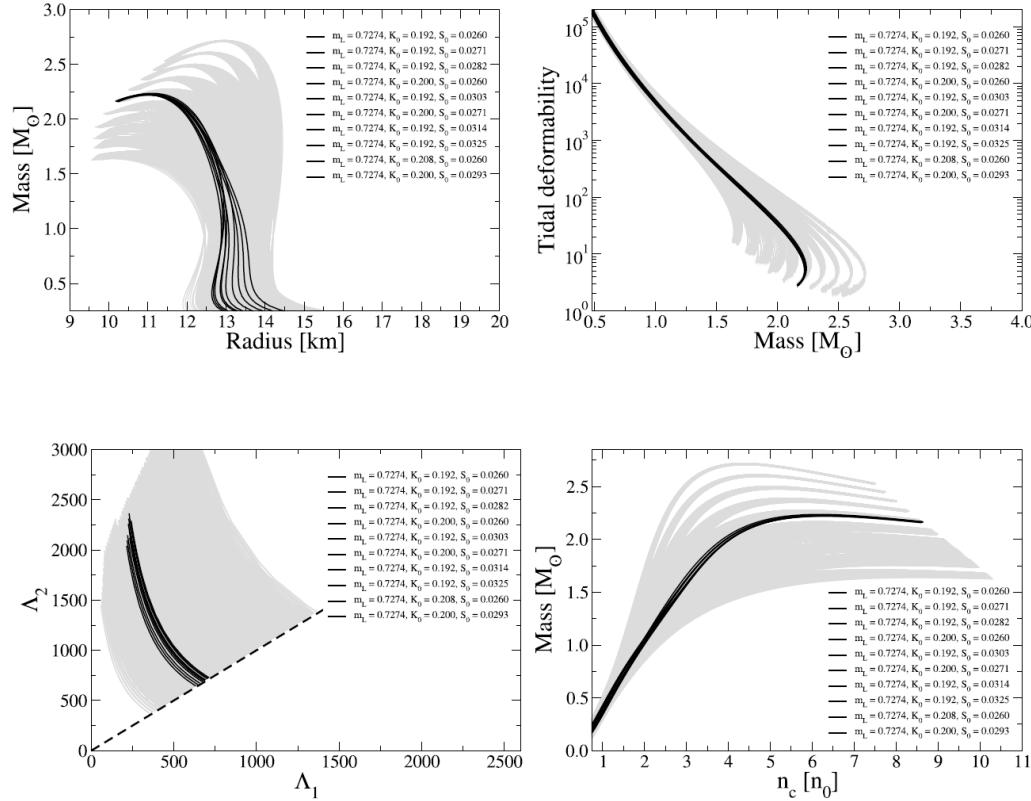
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# Brute force: a Bayesian analysis

## Data with $m_L$ & K



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# Summary:

- **Traditional way: mean field model**

- In CORE approximation: maximal mass provide a unique message:
  - strong linear Landau mass dependence
  - an order of magnitude smaller K-dependence

$$\Delta M_{max}(\delta m_L) \stackrel{10\times}{>} \Delta M_{max}(\delta K) \stackrel{10\times}{>} \Delta M_{max}(\delta a_{sym}).$$

- Soft part of the EoS changes the CRUST, thus vary R
- FRG: parameter 10-25% observables: 5-10%

- **Values & uncertainties - a cross check**

- Traditional model:  $m_L = 776.0^{+38.5}_{-84.9}$  MeV and  $K = 242.7^{+57.2}_{-28.0}$  MeV
- Bayesian model\*:  $m_L = 727.4 \pm 15$  MeV and  $K = 232 \pm 20$  MeV

