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# **Nuclear incompressibility and sound speed in uniform matter and finite nuclei, impact for neutron stars.**

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**Take-home message:** The reproduction of  $E_{\text{GMR}}$  in Pb and Sn may require specific values for  $Q_{\text{sat}}$ . The suggested values are quite different from existing models.

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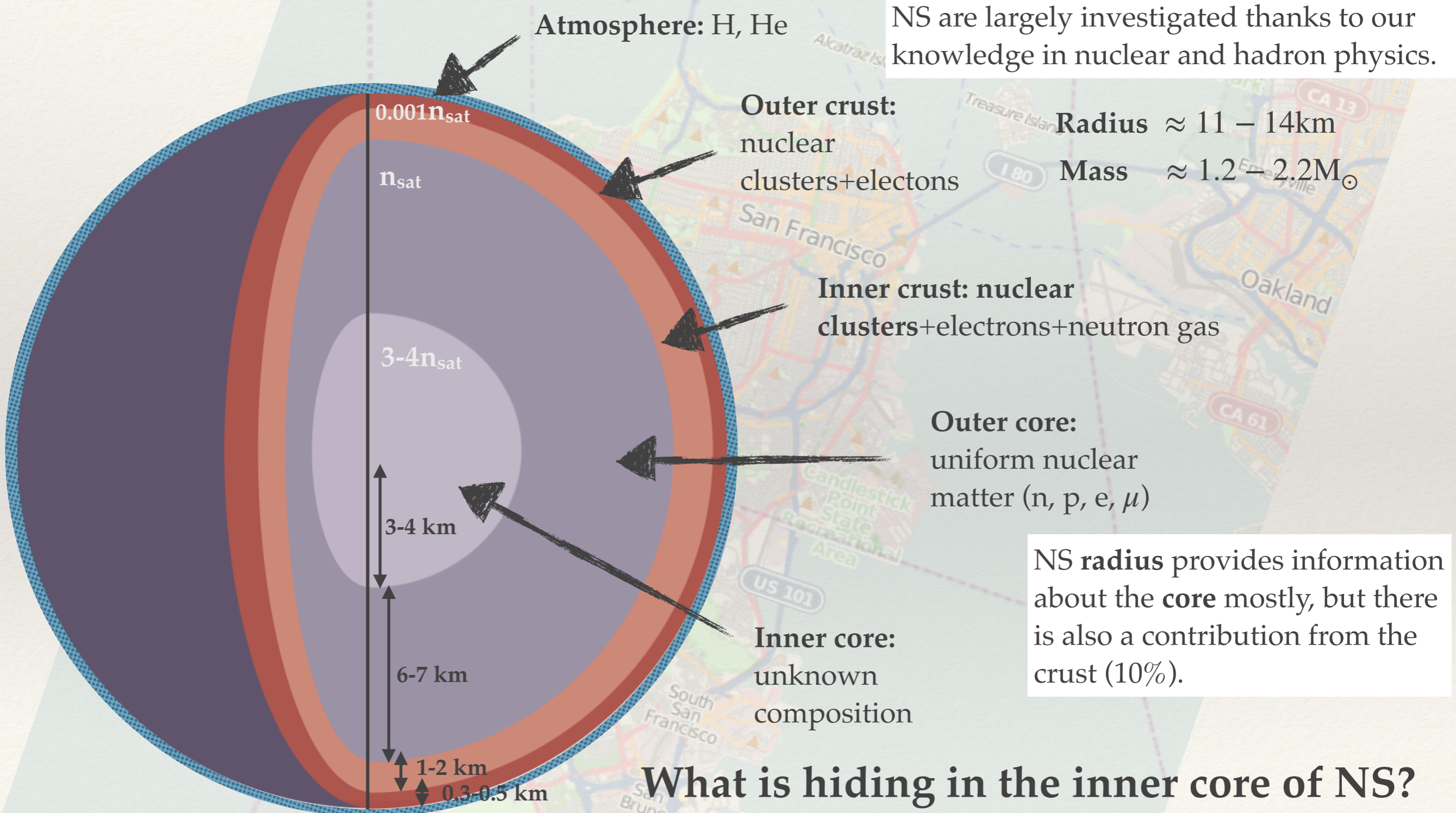
Recent results in:

Grams, Somasundaram, JM, Khan,  
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# Anatomy of a neutron star (NS)

NS are largely investigated thanks to our knowledge in nuclear and hadron physics.



NS radius provides information about the core mostly, but there is also a contribution from the crust (10%).

What is hiding in the inner core of NS?



# EoS [nuclear] $\Leftrightarrow$ NS (M,R) [astro]

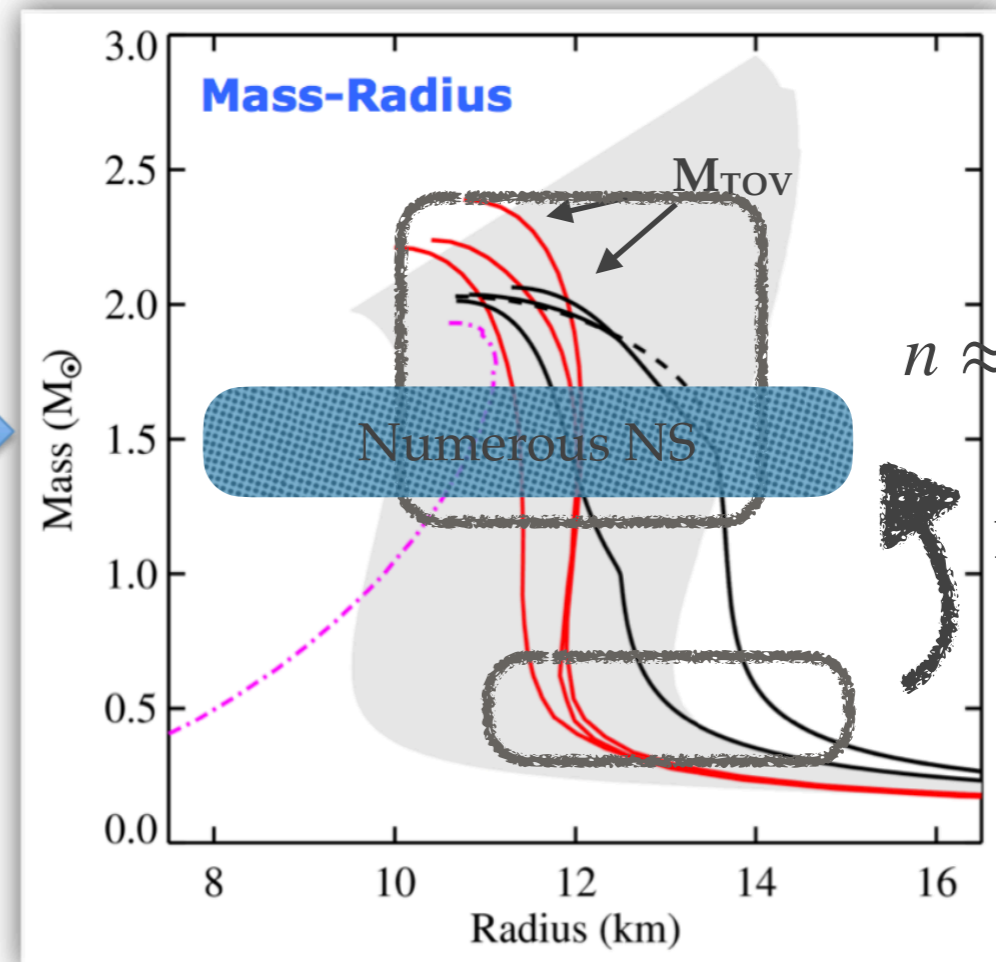
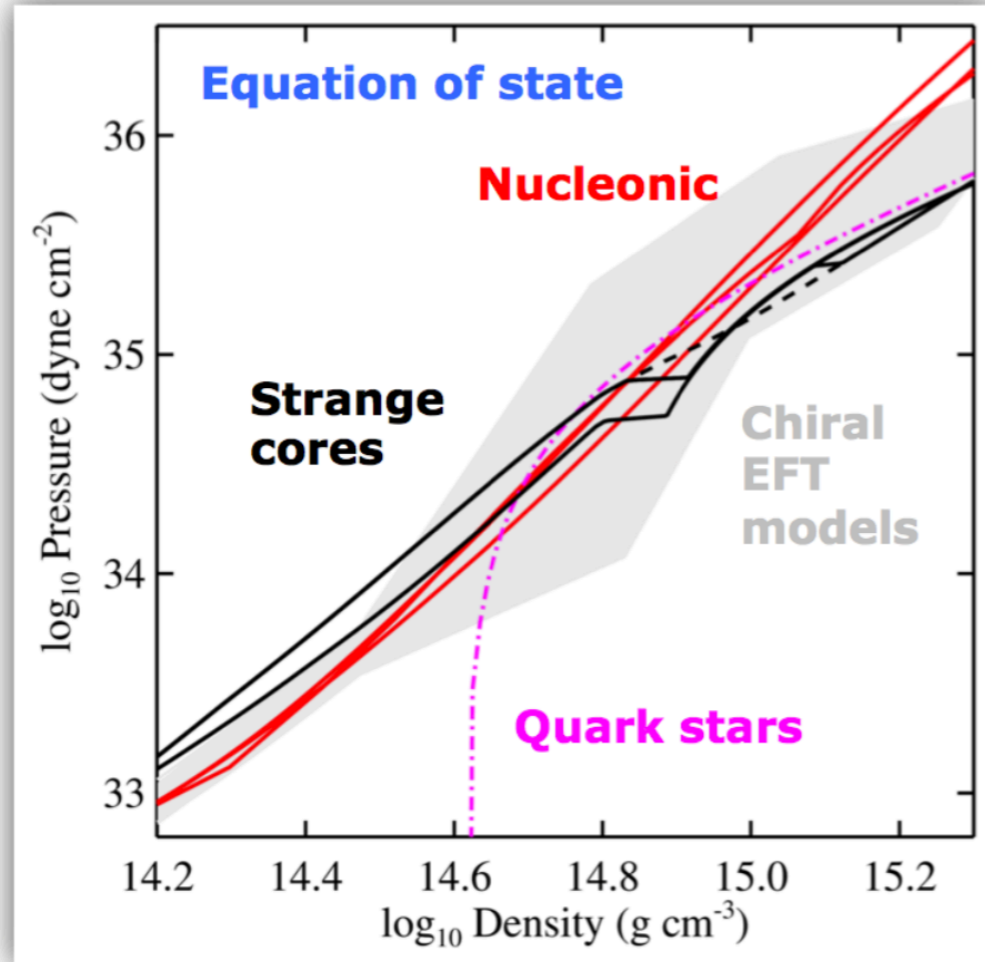
Properties of extreme matter

$P(n)$

Tolmann-Oppenheimer-Volkov (TOV) GR equations

$(M,R)(n_c)$

Astrophysical observations



$n \approx 3 - 6n_{sat}$

$n \approx n_{sat}$

[A. Watts et al., PoD (AASKA 14) 043]



Reverse engineering,  
Bayesian statistics

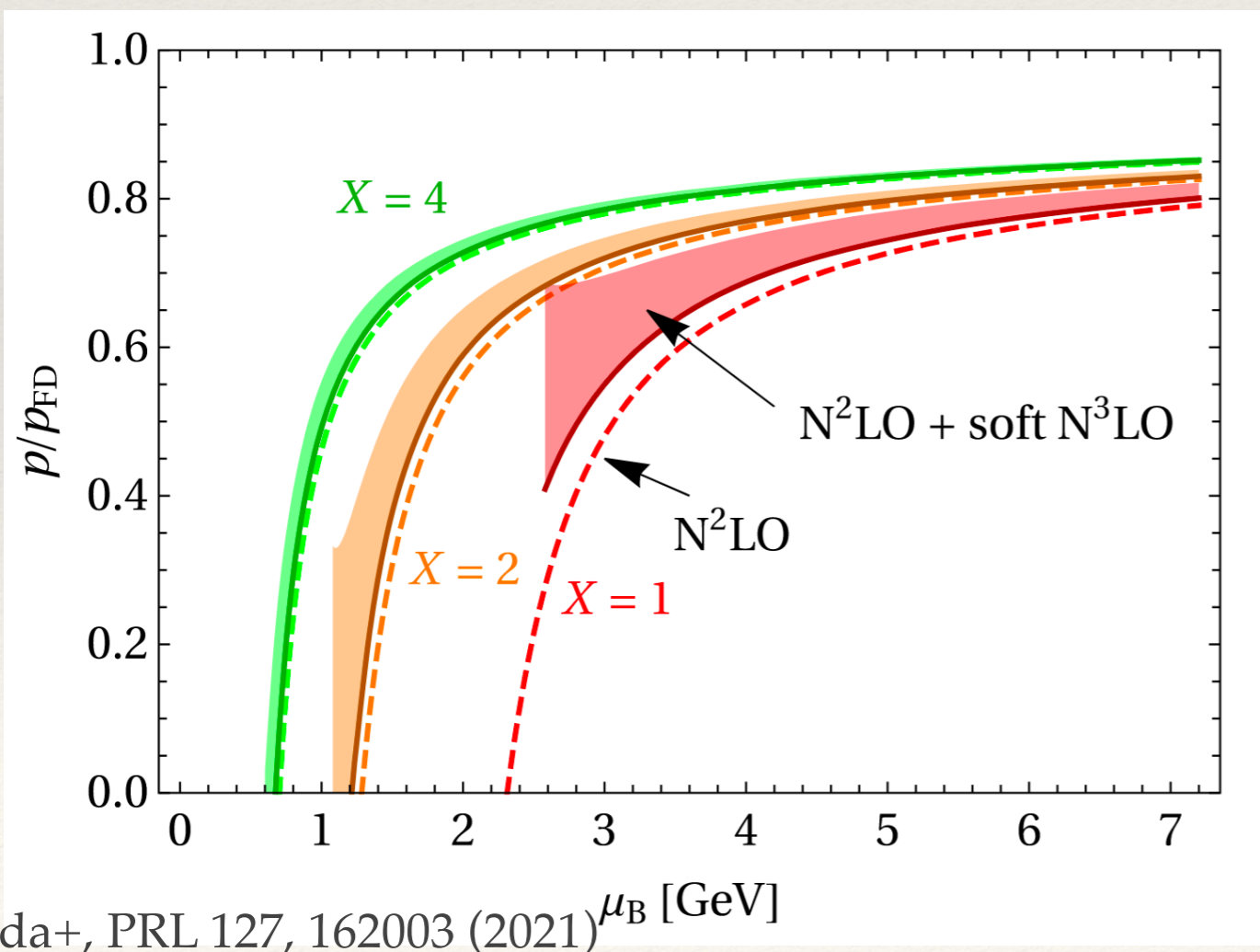




# Inferring the EoS from the low-density nuclear regime

Opposite to determining the dense matter EoS from high density (perturbative QCD).

See Annala, Kurkela in PRL 117, 042501 (2016), PRL 120, 172703 (2018), Nat. Phys. 16, 907 (2020)



Extrapolation to low density:

Komoltsev & Kurkela, PRL 128, 202701 (2022)

Application to neutron star:

Gorda+, arXiv:2204.11877

Somasundaram+, arXiv:2204.14039



# Meta-model for the nuclear EoS

[Baillot d'Étivaux+, ApJ 2019]

The nuclear empirical parameters (NEP) capture the properties of the EoS around  $n_{sat}$ :

Less known NEP

$$e_{sat} = E_{sat} + \frac{1}{2}K_{sat}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}Q_{sat}x^3 - \frac{1}{24}Z_{sat}x^4 + \dots$$

Unknown NEP

$$e_{sym} = E_{sym} + L_{sym}x - \frac{1}{2}K_{sym}x^2 - \frac{1}{6}Q_{sym}x^3 + \frac{1}{24}Z_{sym}x^4 + \dots$$

with  $\delta = (n_n - n_p)/(n_n + n_p)$  and  $x = (n - n_{sat})/(3n_{sat})$

JM, Casali, Gulminelli, PRC 97, 025805 (2018)

Semi-agnostic approach (Meta-model):

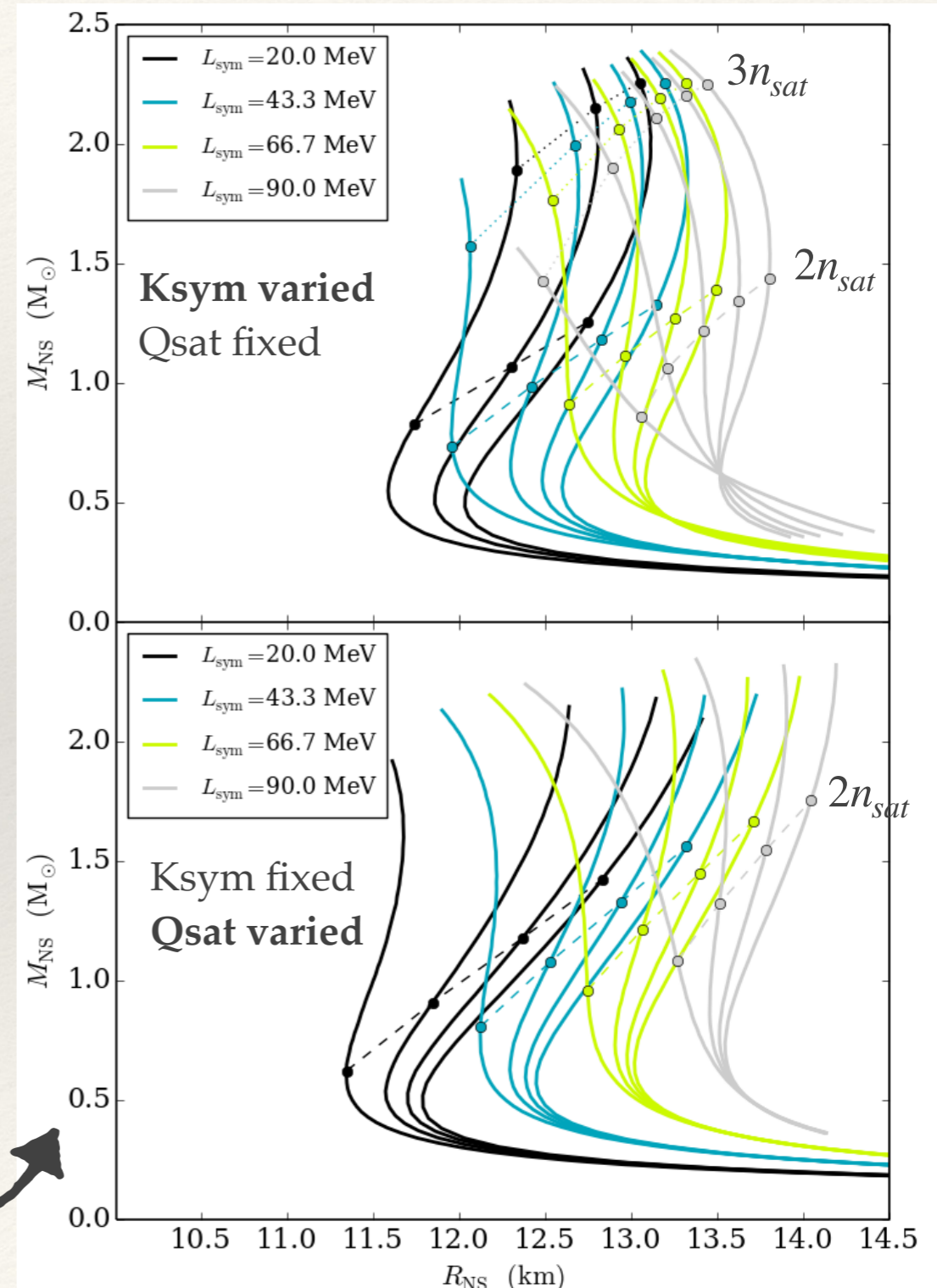
$$e(n, \delta) = t(n, \delta) + v(n, \delta)$$

Kinetic energy  
(Fermi gas)

Potential energy

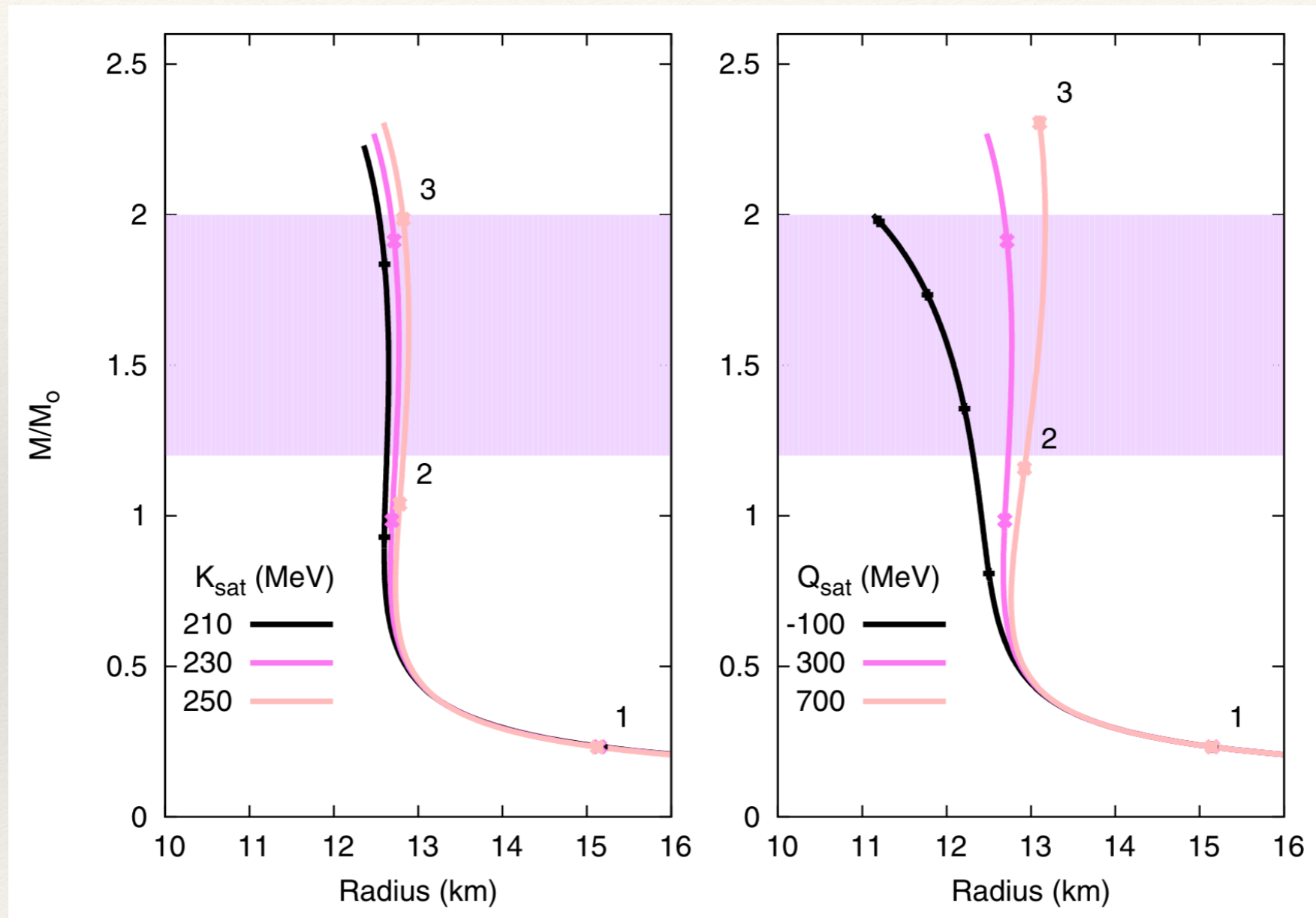
$$v(n, \delta) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^N \left( v_{\alpha}^{is} + \delta^2 v_{\alpha}^{iv} \right) \frac{x^{\alpha}}{\alpha!} u(x),$$

Directly  
related to NEP

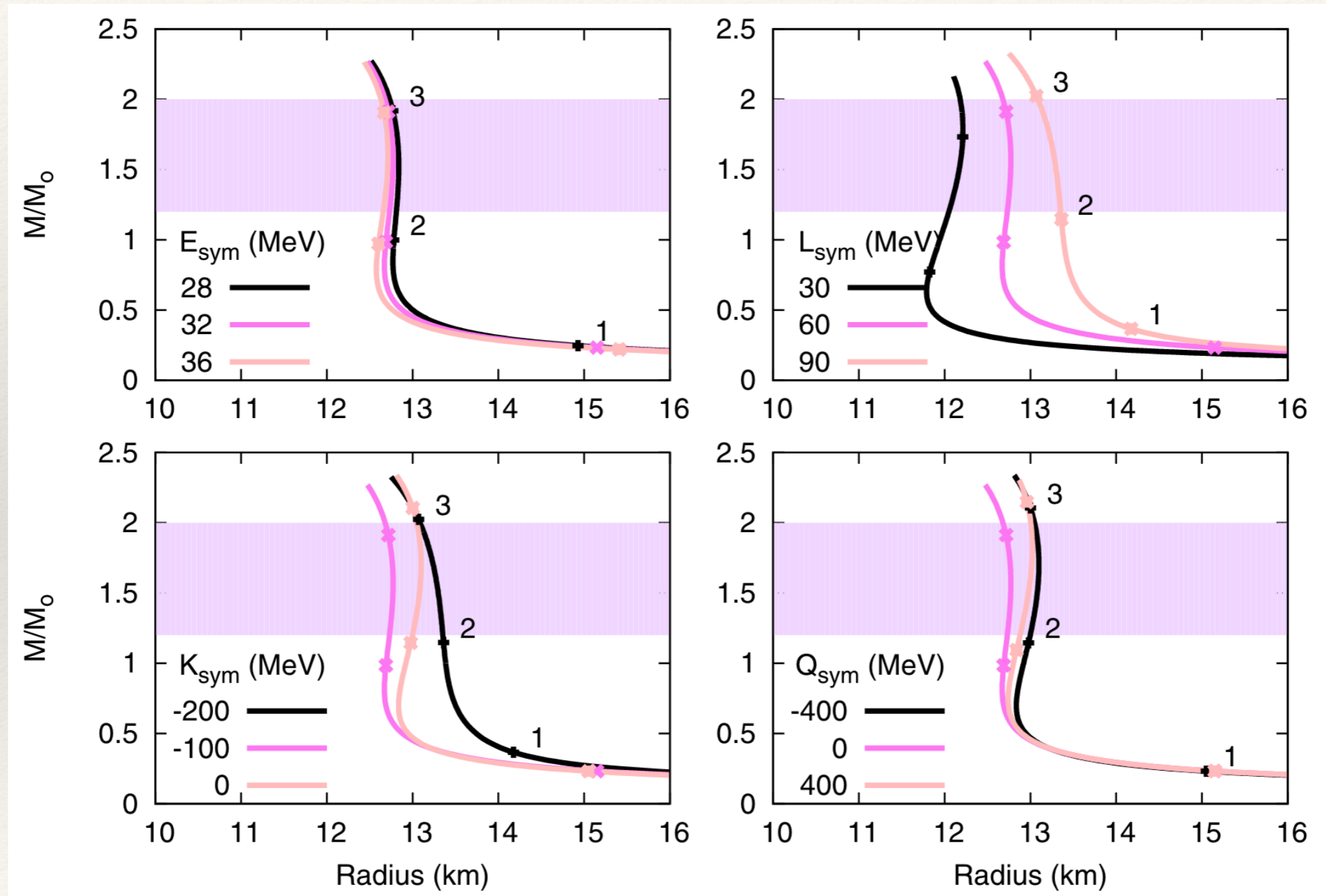




# Impact of $K_{\text{sat}}$ & $Q_{\text{sat}}$ on MR relation



# Impact of isovector NEP on MR relation





# Inferring nuclear properties from $E_{ISGMR}$

Correlation between: Nuclei properties  $\longleftrightarrow$  Uniform matter properties Blaizot, PR 64, 171 (1980)

$$E_{GMR} = \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{m_{-1}}}$$

$$K(n) = 9n \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon(n)}{\partial n^2}$$

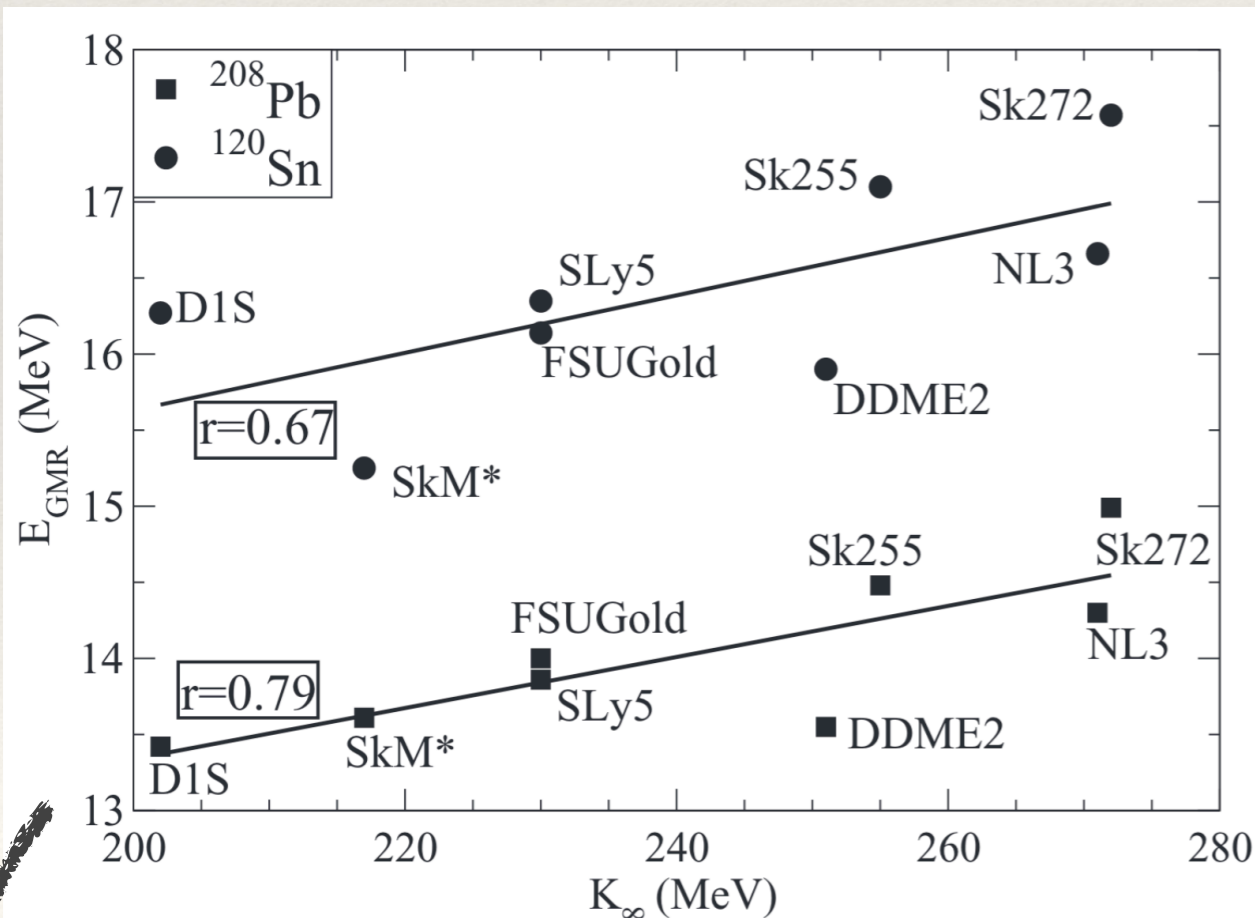
$$K_{sat} = K(n = n_{sat})$$

$m_1$  and  $m_{-1}$  are computed from Constrained HF

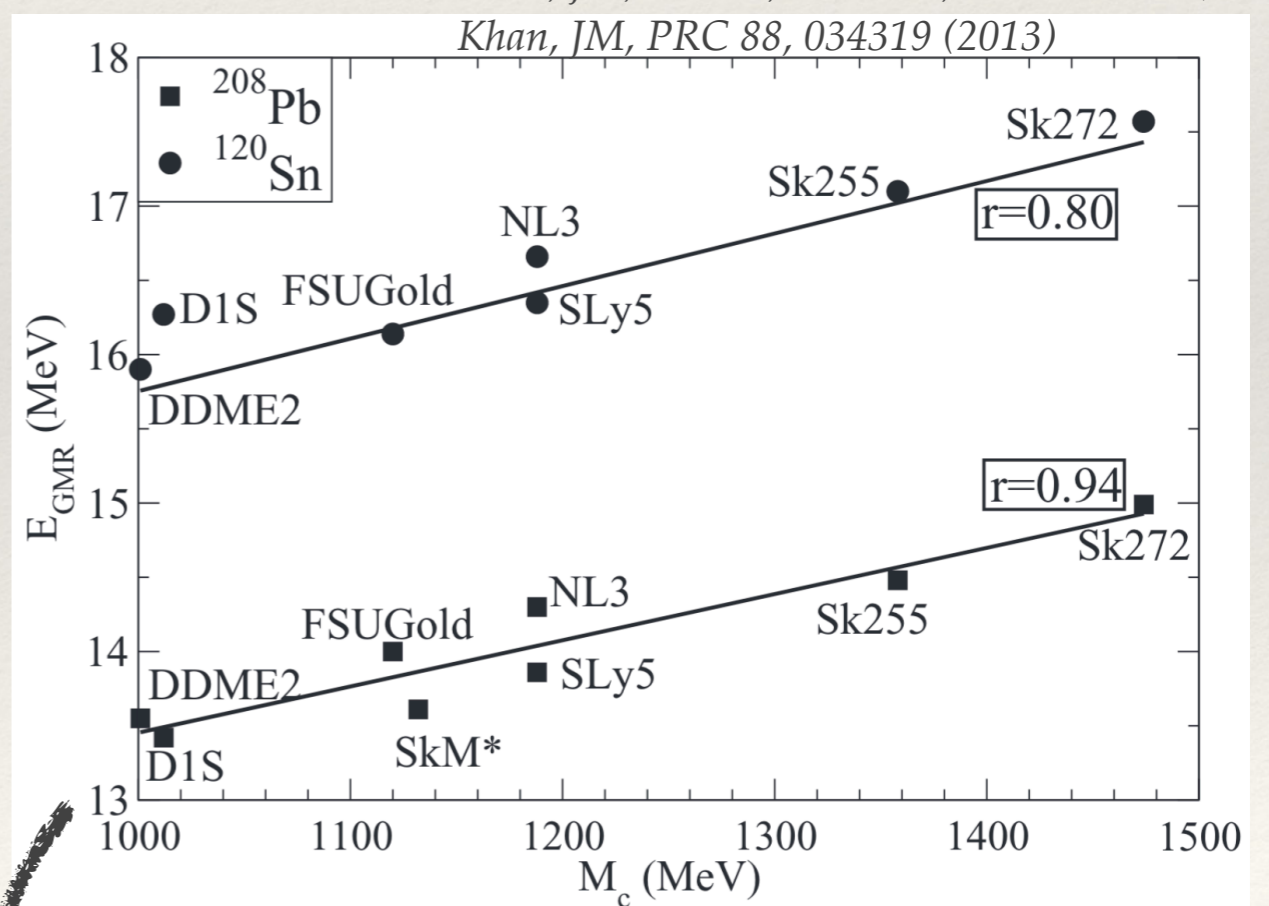
$$M_c = 3n_c K'(n = n_c)$$

*Khan, JM, Vidaña, PRL 109, 092501 (2012)*

*Khan, JM, PRC 88, 034319 (2013)*



$$K_{sat} = 230 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$$

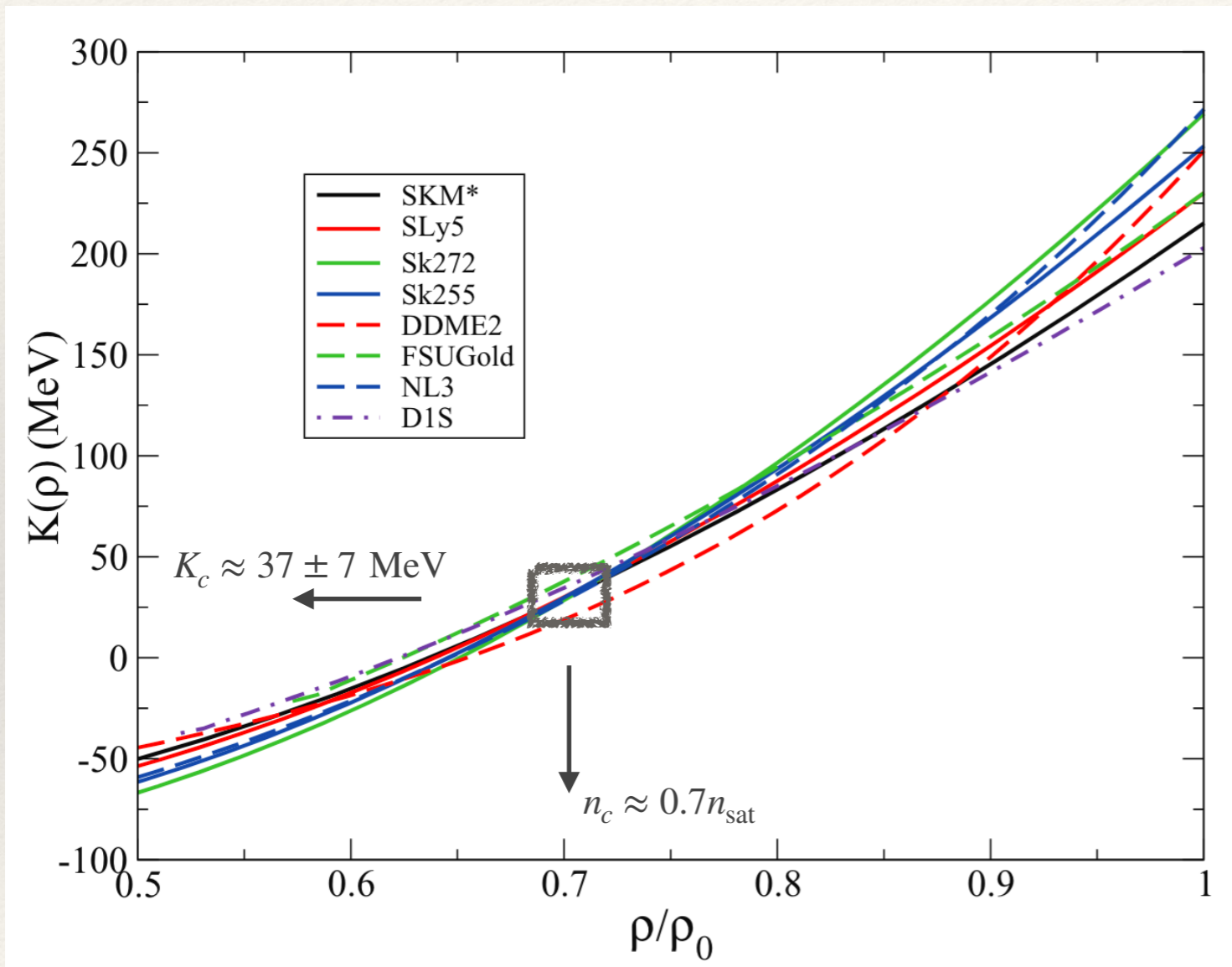


$$M_c = 1050 \pm 100 \text{ MeV}$$



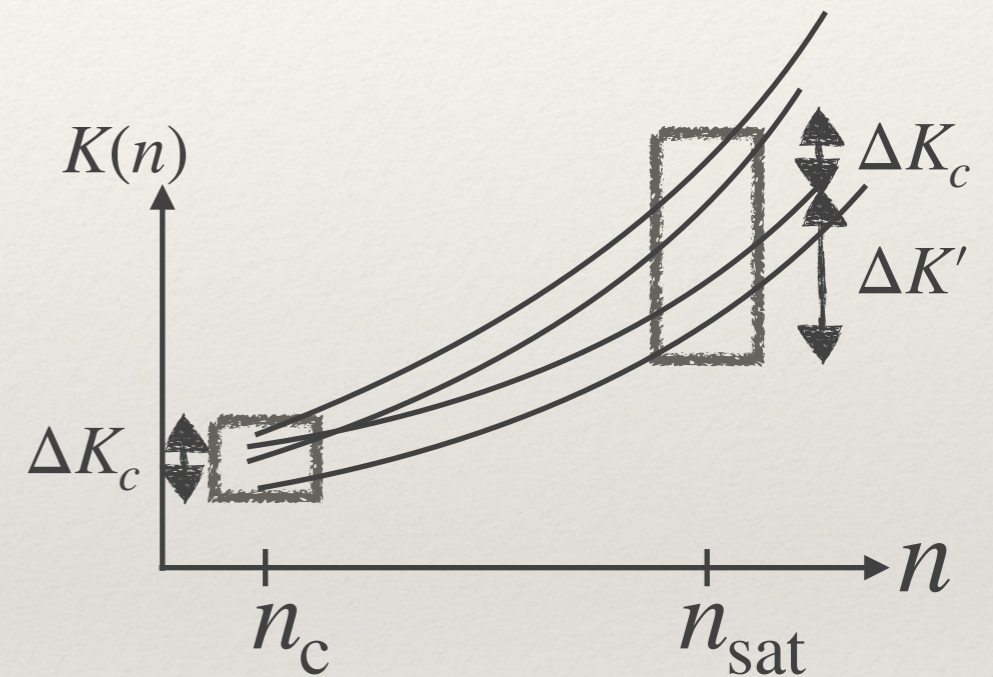
# From $n_c$ to $n_{\text{sat}}$

Running of several models (Skyrme, Gogny, RMFs):



We have:

$$K(n) = K_c + K'(n - n_c)$$



$$\Delta K' \propto Q_{\text{sat}}$$

-> The uncertainty in  $K_{\text{sat}}$  is induced by  $Q_{\text{sat}}$ .

**General result:** the uncertainty in a NEP is often generated by higher order NEPs.



# $Q_{\text{sat}}$ is model dependent

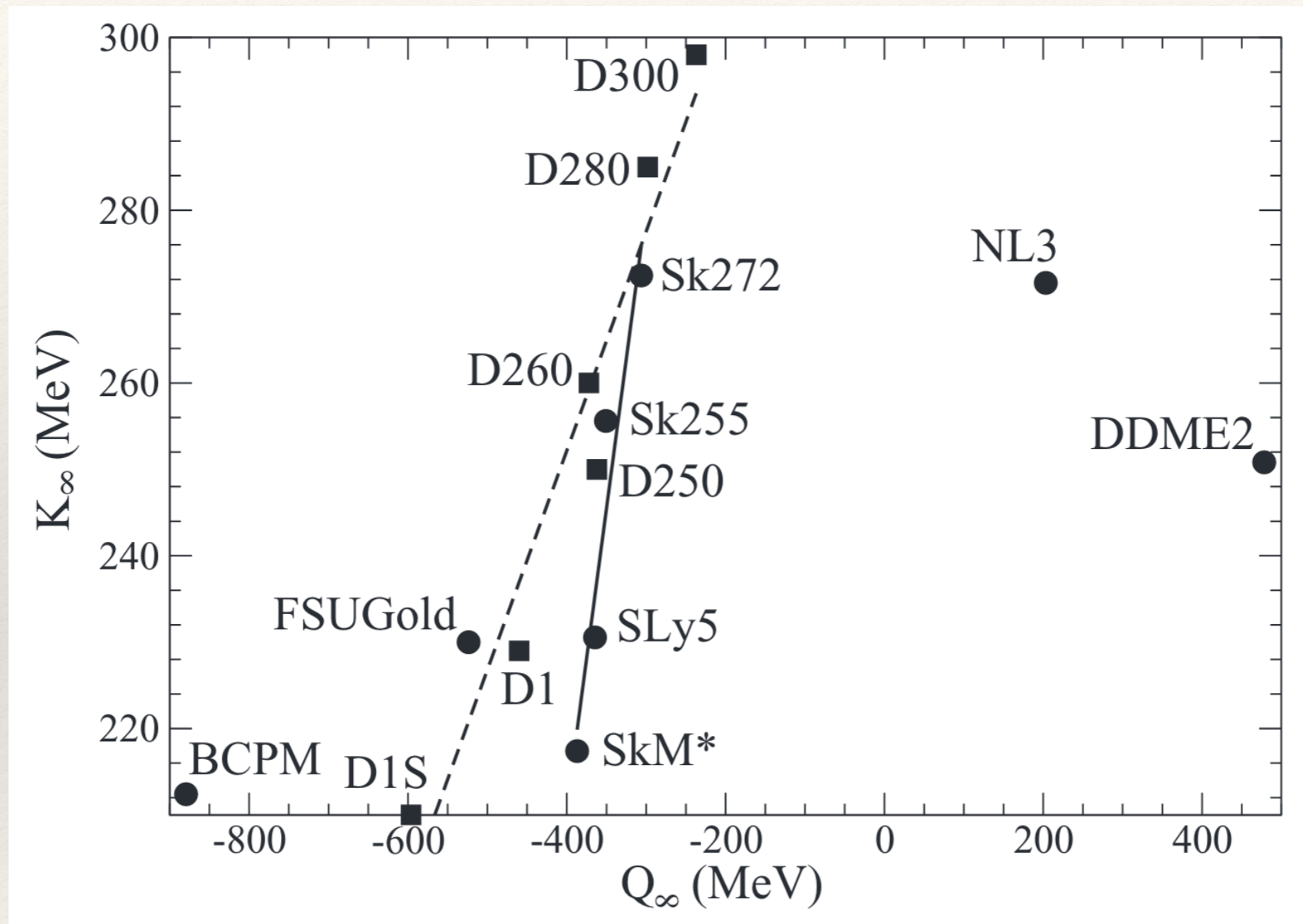
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Model ( $N_\alpha$ )	Der. order	$E_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$E_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$n_{\text{sat}}$ ( $\text{fm}^{-3}$ )	$L_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$K_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$K_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$Q_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$Q_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$Z_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$Z_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$m_{\text{sat}}^*/m$	$\Delta m_{\text{sat}}^*/m$	$\kappa_\nu$	$K_\tau$ (MeV)
		0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4				
Phenomenological approaches															
Skyrme (16)	Average	-15.88	30.25	0.1595	47.8	234	-130	-357	378	1500	-2219	0.73	0.08	0.46	-344
	$\sigma$	0.15	1.70	0.0011	16.8	10	66	22	110	169	617	0.10	0.24	0.27	25
Skyrme (35)	Average	-15.87	30.82	0.1596	49.6	237	-132	-349	370	1448	-2175	0.77	0.127	0.44	-354
	$\sigma$	0.18	1.54	0.0039	21.6	27	89	89	188	510	1069	0.14	0.310	0.37	45
RMF (11)	Average	-16.24	35.11	0.1494	90.2	268	-5	-2	271	5058	-3672	0.67	-0.09	0.40	-549
	$\sigma$	0.06	2.63	0.0025	29.6	34	88	393	357	2294	1582	0.02	0.03	0.06	153
RHF (4)	Average	-15.97	33.97	0.1540	90.0	248	128	389	523	5269	-9956	0.74	-0.03	0.34	-572
	$\sigma$	0.08	1.37	0.0035	11.1	12	51	350	237	838	4156	0.03	0.01	0.07	169
Total (50)	Average	-16.03	33.30	0.1543	76.6	251	-3	13	388	3925	-5268	0.72	0.01	0.39	-492
	$\sigma_{\text{tot}}$	0.20	2.65	0.0054	29.2	29	132	431	289	2270	4282	0.09	0.20	0.22	166
	Min	-16.35	26.83	0.1450	9.9	201	-394	-748	-86	-903	-16 916	0.38	-0.47	0.00	-835
	Max	-15.31	38.71	0.1746	122.7	355	213	950	846	9997	-5	1.11	1.02	2.02	-254
Ab initio approaches															
APR (1)	Average	-16.0	33.12	0.16	50.0	270	-199	-665	923	337	-2053	1.0	0.0	0.0	-376
	$\sigma$	<sup>a</sup>	0.30	<sup>a</sup>	1.3	2	13	30	67	94	125	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>a</sup>	30
Chiral EFT	Average	-15.16	32.01	0.171	48.1	214	-172	-139	-164	1306	-2317				-428
Drischler 2016 (7)	$\sigma_{\text{tot}}$	1.24	2.09	0.016	3.6	22	40	104	234	214	379				63
	Min	-16.92	28.53	0.140	43.9	182	-224	-310	-640	901	-2961				-534
	Max	-13.23	34.57	0.190	53.5	242	-108	24	96	1537	-1750				-334

<sup>a</sup>This parameter is fixed.



# Correlation between $K_{\text{sat}}$ and $Q_{\text{sat}}$

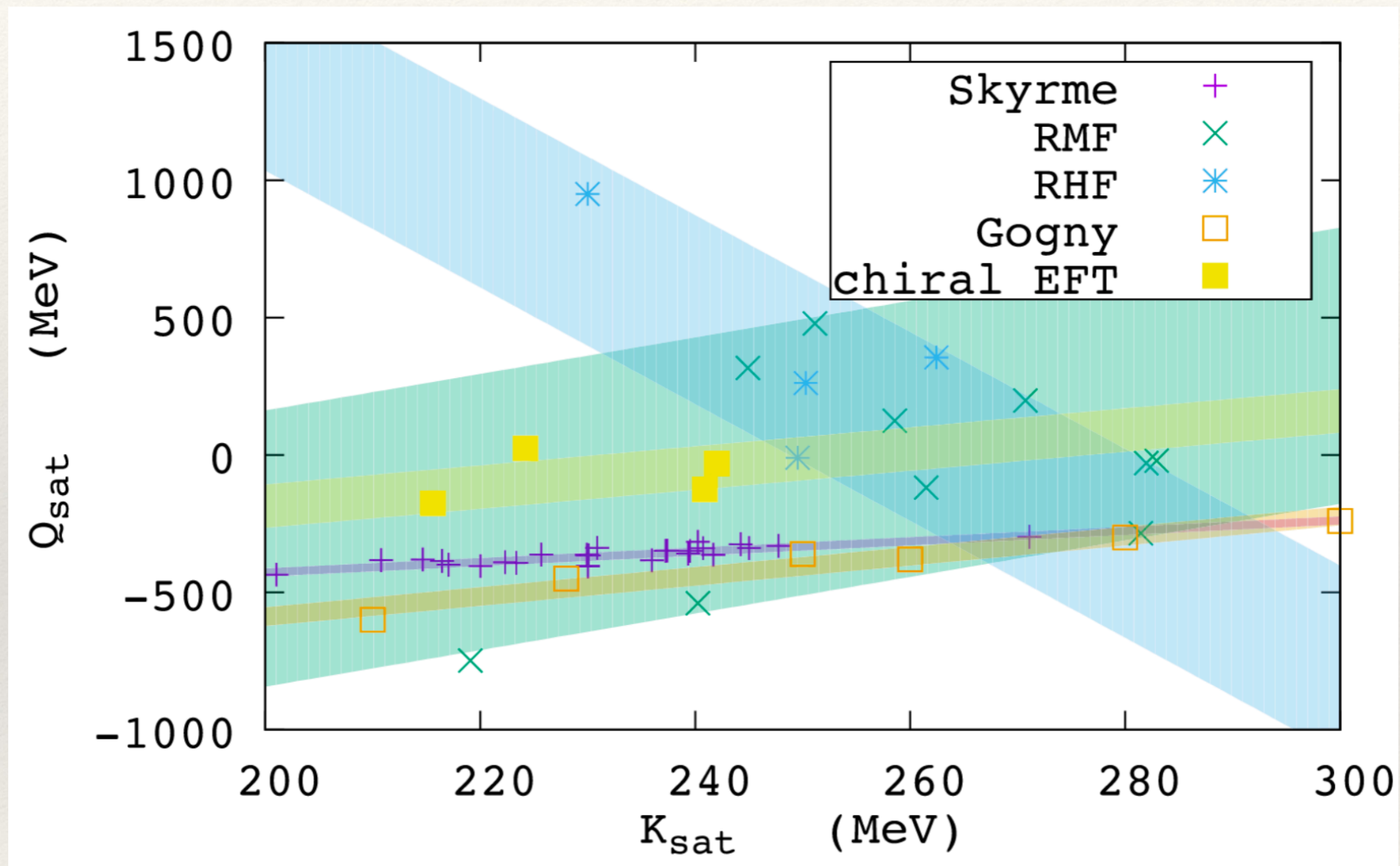


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# Correlation between $K_{\text{sat}}$ and $Q_{\text{sat}}$





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# Improved nuclear modeling

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Issues: Model dependence of  $K_{\text{sat}}$ .

Better description of  $E_{\text{GMR}}/K_A$  over the nuclear chart:

soft Sn / hard Pb puzzle.

Piekarewicz & Centelles, PRC 79, 054311 (2009)

Elias Khan, PRC 80, 011307 and 057302 (2009)

See talk of A. Pastore

May be due to the theoretical tool -> weak impact for dense matter EoS.

May be due to the interaction -> possible large impact for dense matter EoS.

More precisely may be due to  $Q_{\text{sat}}$ .

-> if  $Q_{\text{sat}}$  is known: better extrapolation of the EoS for NS matter

Requirement: The correlation between  $K_{\text{sat}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sat}}$  shall be broken.

How?

-> increase the number of parameters in the phenomenological nuclear force.

-> adopt a meta-model approach.



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# Leptodermous expansion for $e_A$

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Liquid-drop model:

$$e_A(n_A, \delta_A) = e_{UM}(n_A, \delta_A) + E_{Coul} \frac{Z^2}{A^{4/3}} + E_{surf}(\delta_A) A^{-1/3} + \dots$$

where  $n_A = 3A/(4\pi R_A^3)$  is the density and  $\delta_A = (N - Z)/A$ .

Compressible liquid-drop model:

$$e_{UM}(n_A, \delta_A) = E_{sat} + \frac{1}{2} K_{sat} x^2 + \frac{1}{2} e_{sym,2}(n_A) \delta_A^2 \quad \text{with } x = \frac{n - n_{sat}}{3n_{sat}}$$



# Leptodermous expansion for $K_A$

$$K_A = K_{sat} + K_\tau \delta^2 + K_{Coul} \frac{Z^2}{A^{4/3}} + K_{surf} A^{-1/3} + \dots$$

Blaizot, PR 64, 171 (1980)

Derivation of  $K_A$  from the CLDM:

We have: 
$$K_A \equiv 9n_A \frac{\partial^2(e_A n_A)}{\partial n_A^2} = R_A^2 \frac{\partial^2 e_A}{\partial R_A^2} \quad \text{since } P_A = 0$$

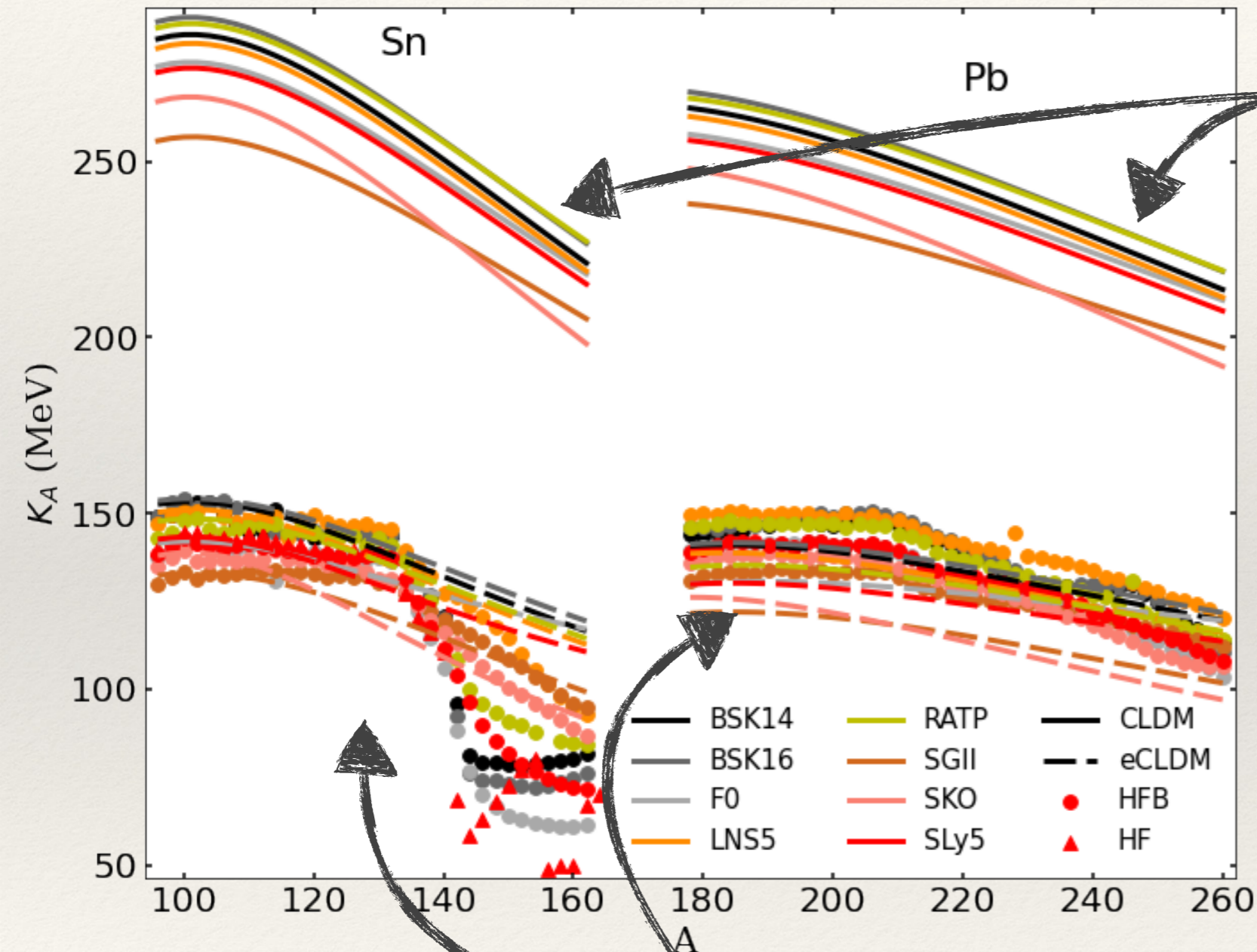
We obtain: 
$$K_{Coul} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{e^2}{r_0} \left( 8 + \frac{Q_{sat}}{K_{sat}} \right)$$

$$K_{surf} = 4\pi r_0^2 \left\{ 2\sigma_{surf} \left( 11 + \frac{Q_{sat}}{K_{sat}} \right) - \underbrace{3n_A \frac{\partial \sigma_{surf}}{\partial n_A} \left( 10 + \frac{Q_{sat}}{K_{sat}} \right)}_{=0} + 9n_A^2 \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{surf}}{\partial n_A^2}}_{=0} \right\}$$

since  $\sigma_{surf}(\delta_A)$



# CLDM/eCLDM approach



Prediction for the CLDM  
+ optimisation on the nuclear chart

We then introduce a density dependence  
in the surface term as (eCLDM):

$$\sigma_{surf}(\delta_A) \left[ 1 + a_{surf} f(A) x_A^2 \right]$$

with  $x_A = \frac{n_A - n_{sat}}{3n_{sat}}$

where  $a_{surf}$  is fitted to  $^{100}\text{Sn}$ :

	$K_{A,CHFB}(^{100}\text{Sn})$ MeV	$a_{surf}$
BSK14[24]	153.6	-19.95
BSK16[25]	154.4	-20.00
F0[26]	142.3	-19.90
LNS5[27]	150.7	-20.95
RATP[28]	147.9	-20.85
SGII[29]	133.2	-19.55
SKI2[30]	155.2	-20.00
SKO[31]	139.3	-19.55
SLy5[32]	142.8	-20.05

Finally we obtain



# Confrontation to data

Loss functions:

$$\chi_E^2 = \frac{1}{N_E} \sum_i \left( \frac{E_i^{exp} - E_i^{eCLDM}}{\delta E_i^{exp}} \right)^2$$

with  $E_i^{exp}$  from AME2020.

$$\chi_K^2 = \frac{1}{N_K} \sum_i \left( \frac{K_i^{exp} - K_i^{eCLDM}}{\delta K_i^{exp}} \right)^2$$

	$E_{ISGMR}$ (MeV) from Ref. [5]	$E_{ISGMR}$ (MeV) (this work)	$R_A$ (fm) (SLy5)	$K_A$ (MeV) from Eq. (1)
$^{90}\text{Zr}$	$17.58^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$ $17.66^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$17.62 \pm 0.07$	4.256	$135.6 \pm 1.1$
$^{92}\text{Zr}$	$17.71^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$ $17.52^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$17.62 \pm 0.12$	4.293	$138.0 \pm 1.9$
$^{94}\text{Zr}$	$15.75^{+0.27}_{-0.15}$	$15.80 \pm 0.21$	4.330	$112.9 \pm 3.0$
$^{112}\text{Sn}$	$15.23^{+0.26}_{-0.14}$ $16.10^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$15.69 \pm 0.44$	4.556	$123.2 \pm 6.9$
$^{114}\text{Sn}$	$15.90^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$15.90 \pm 0.10$	4.585	$128.2 \pm 1.6$
$^{116}\text{Sn}$	$15.70^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$15.70 \pm 0.10$	4.614	$126.5 \pm 1.6$
$^{118}\text{Sn}$	$15.60^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$15.60 \pm 0.10$	4.641	$126.4 \pm 1.6$
$^{120}\text{Sn}$	$15.50^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$15.50 \pm 0.10$	4.667	$126.2 \pm 1.6$
$^{122}\text{Sn}$	$15.20^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$15.20 \pm 0.10$	4.691	$122.6 \pm 1.6$
$^{124}\text{Sn}$	$14.33^{+0.17}_{-0.14}$ $15.10^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$14.72 \pm 0.40$	4.715	$116.2 \pm 6.3$
$^{132}\text{Sn}^\dagger$	14.80	14.80	4.803	121.8
$^{204}\text{Pb}$	$13.70^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$13.70 \pm 0.10$	5.516	$137.7 \pm 2.0$
$^{206}\text{Pb}$	$13.60^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$13.60 \pm 0.10$	5.532	$136.5 \pm 2.0$
$^{208}\text{Pb}$	$13.50^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$13.50 \pm 0.10$	5.548	$135.3 \pm 2.0$

$^\dagger$ Fictitious data.



# Exploration of the parameter space (MCMC)

	$E_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$n_{\text{sat}}$ ( $\text{fm}^{-3}$ )	$K_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$Q_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$Z_{\text{sat}}$ (MeV)	$E_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$L_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$K_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$Q_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)	$Z_{\text{sym}}$ (MeV)
From Ref. [3]	$-15.8 \pm 0.3$	$0.155 \pm 0.005$	$230 \pm 20$	$300 \pm 400$	$-500 \pm 1000$	$32 \pm 2$	$60 \pm 15$	$-100 \pm 100$	$0 \pm 400$	$-500 \pm 1000$
dist1f and dist2f	-15.8	0.155	[210,250]	[-1800,600]	-500	32	[40,60]	[-300,100]	0	-500
dist3f	-15.8	0.155	[210,250]	[-1800,600]	-500	32	[80,100]	[-300,100]	0	-500

Use of flat (unbiased) prior

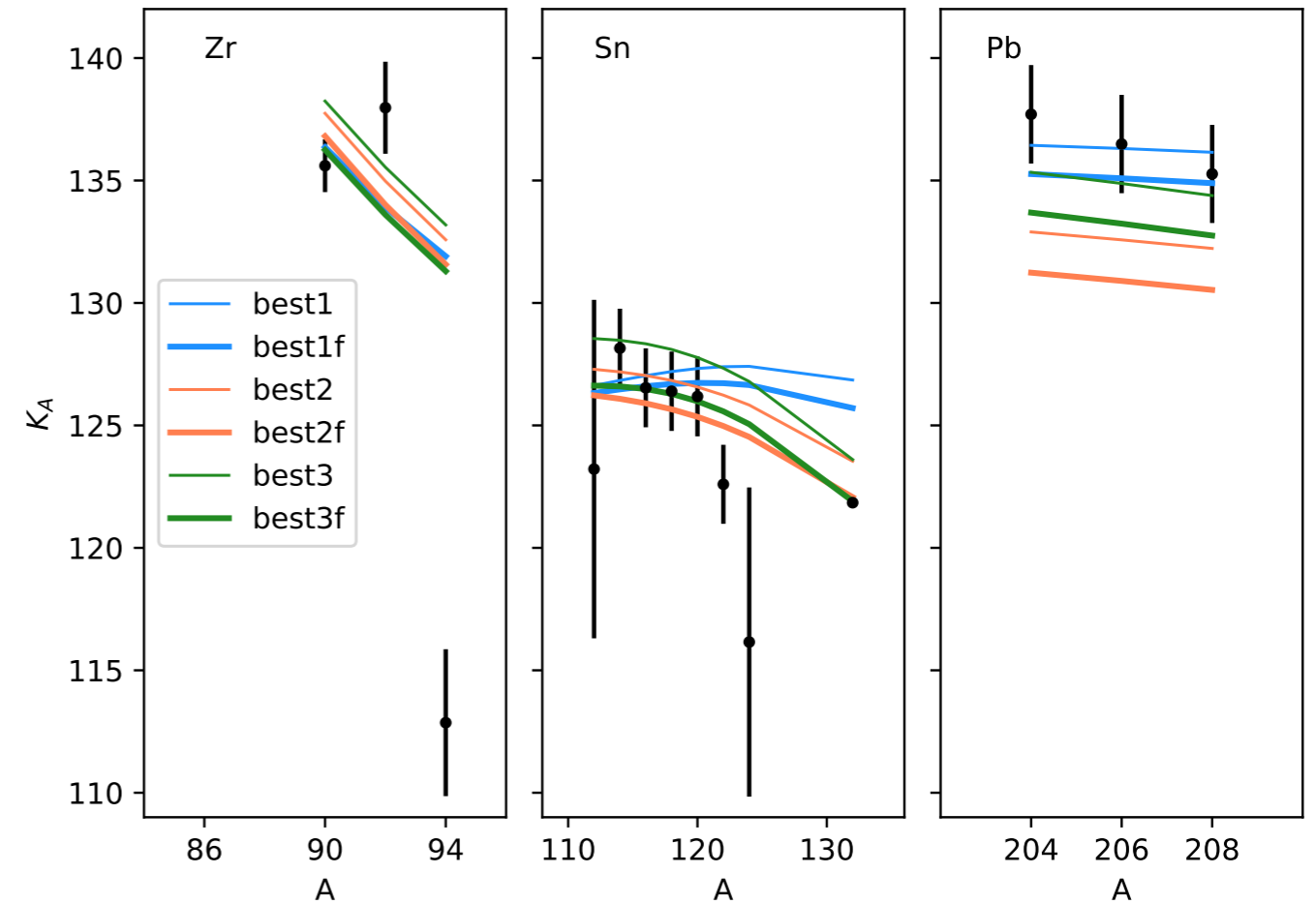
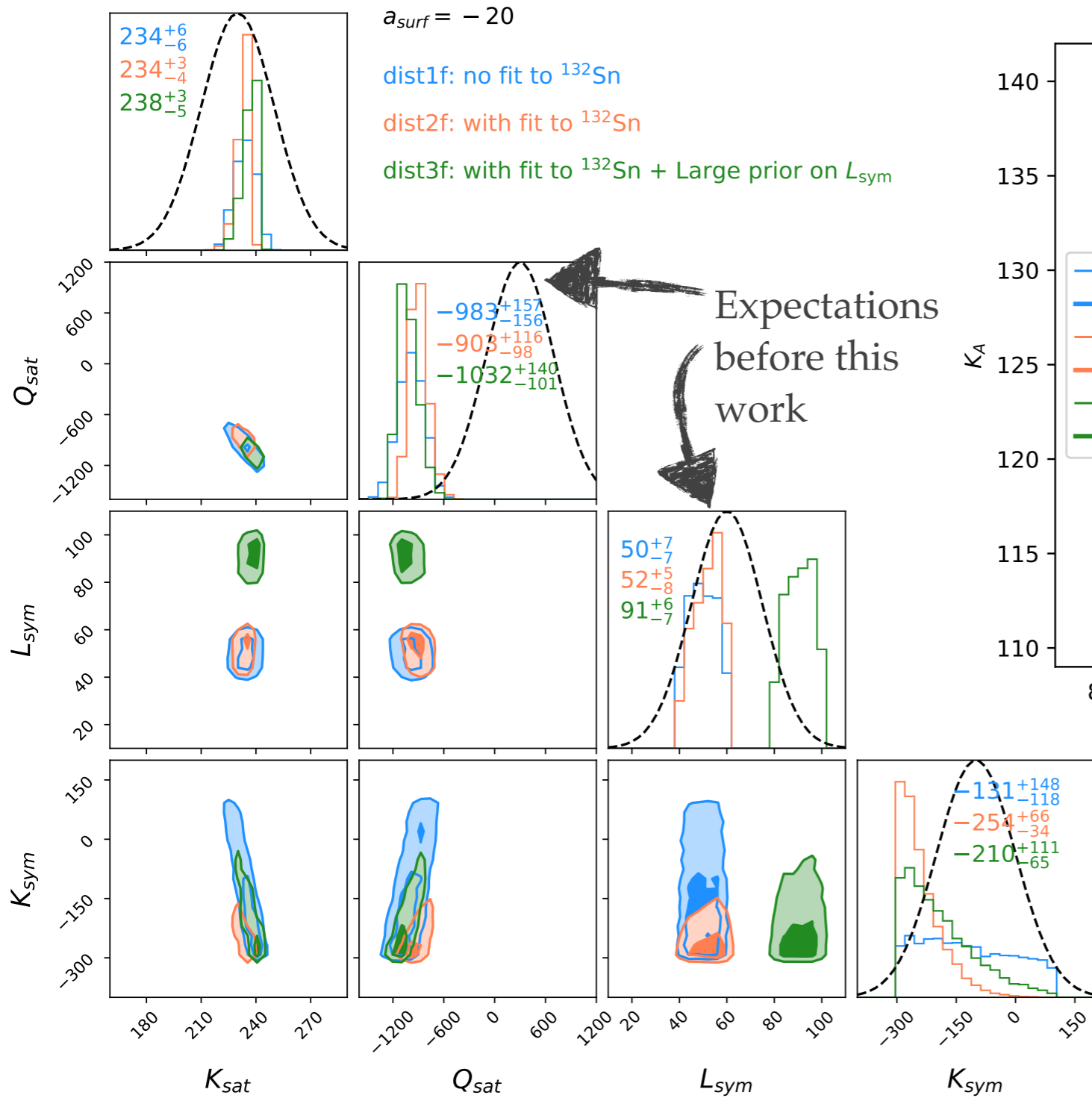


Exploration of different scenarios:

- 1- dist1 & dist1f: all known experimental data are considered for  $K_A$  ( $^{90,92}\text{Zr}$ ,  $^{112-124}\text{Sn}$  and  $^{204-208}\text{Pb}$ ).
- 2- dist2 & dist2f: same as dist1 & dist1f but considering a fictitious value for  $K_A$  in  $^{132}\text{Sn}$ .
- 3- dist3 & dist3f: same as dist2 \& dist2f but considering a large prior for  $L_{\text{sym}}$ .



# Results



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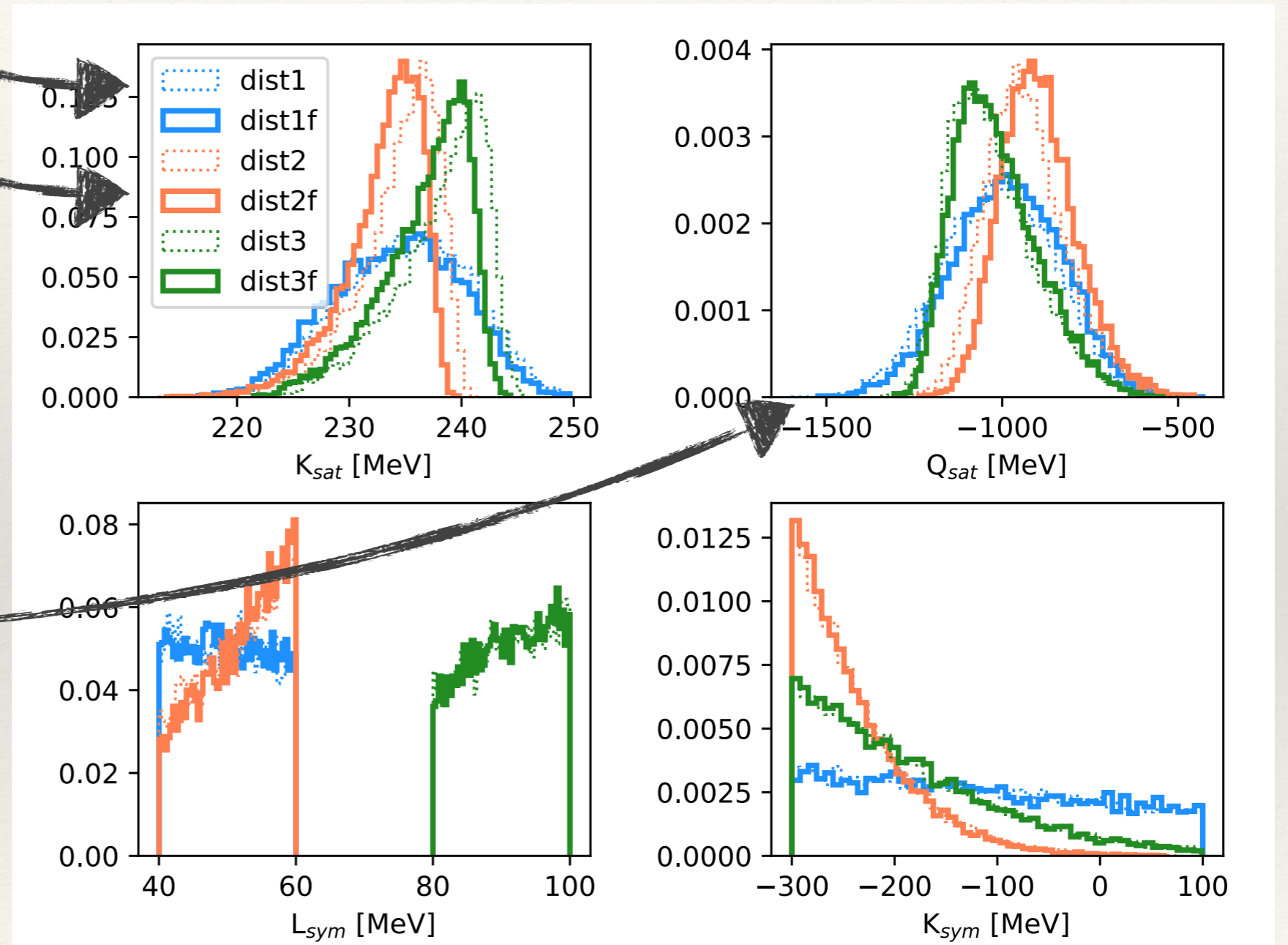
No fine-tuning to finite nuclei

With fine-tuning to finite nuclei

Since good low-order NEP has been chosen **and fixed**, the fine-tuning to finite nuclei is not necessary.

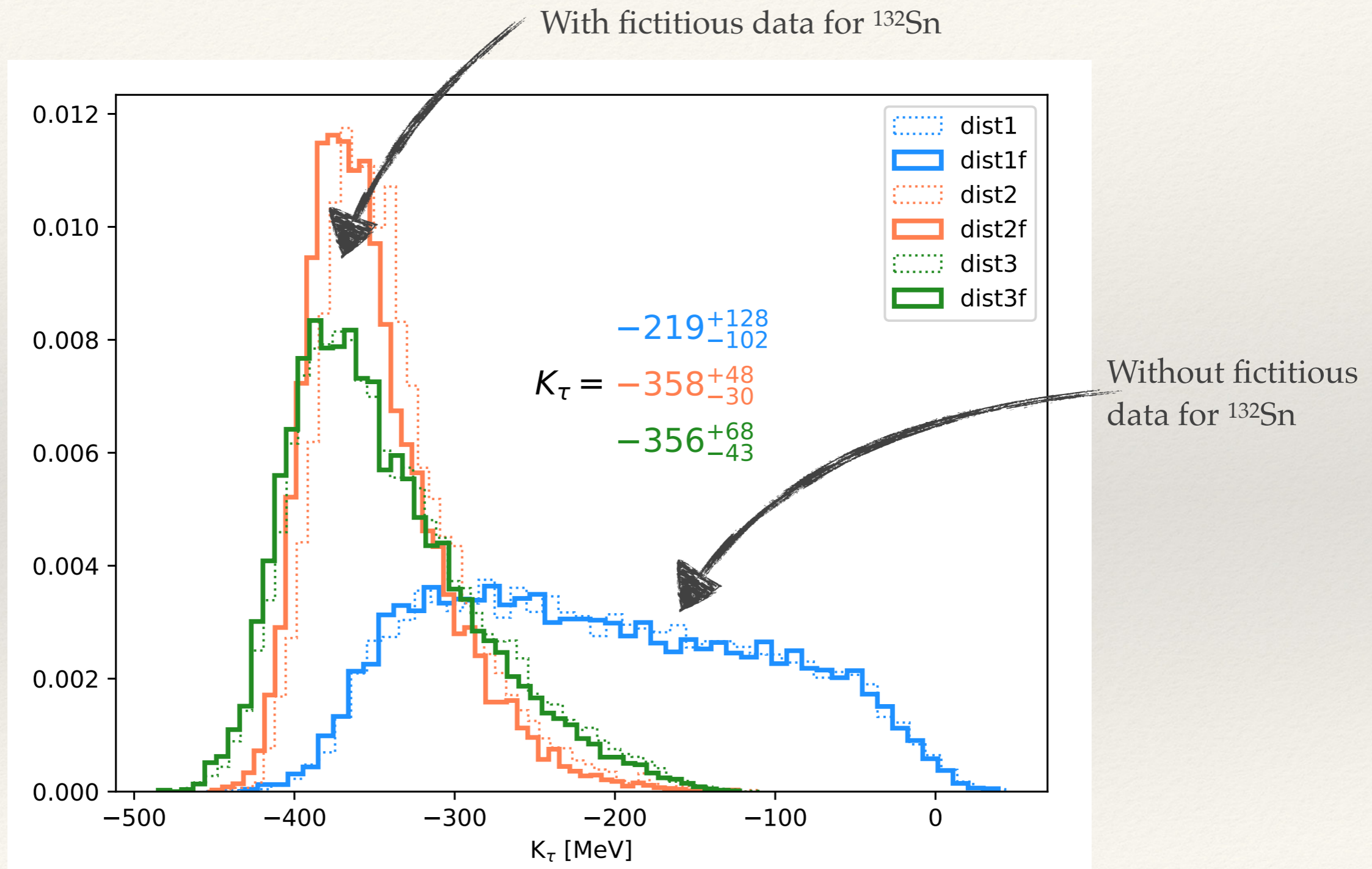
The  $Q_{sat}$  PDF is peaked for very low values!  
Far from the usual ones given by phenomenological forces.

Possible explanation of their difficulty to accurately describe Zr, Sn and Pb data all together.





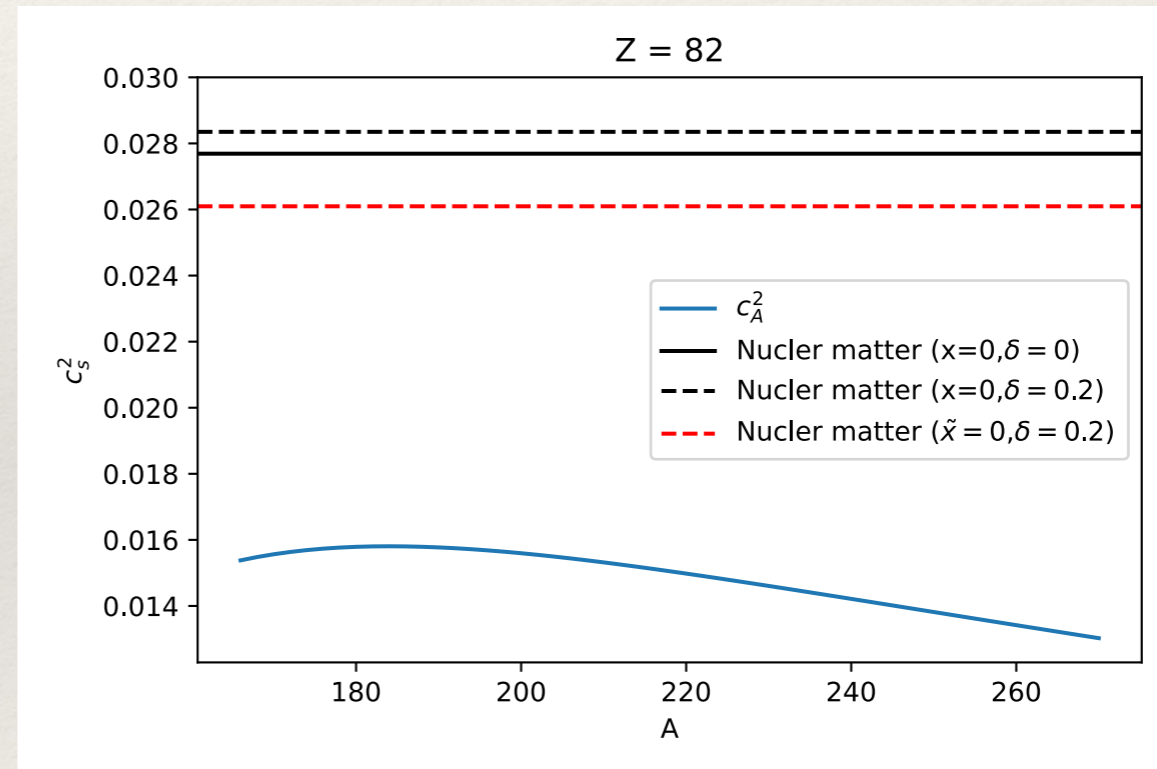
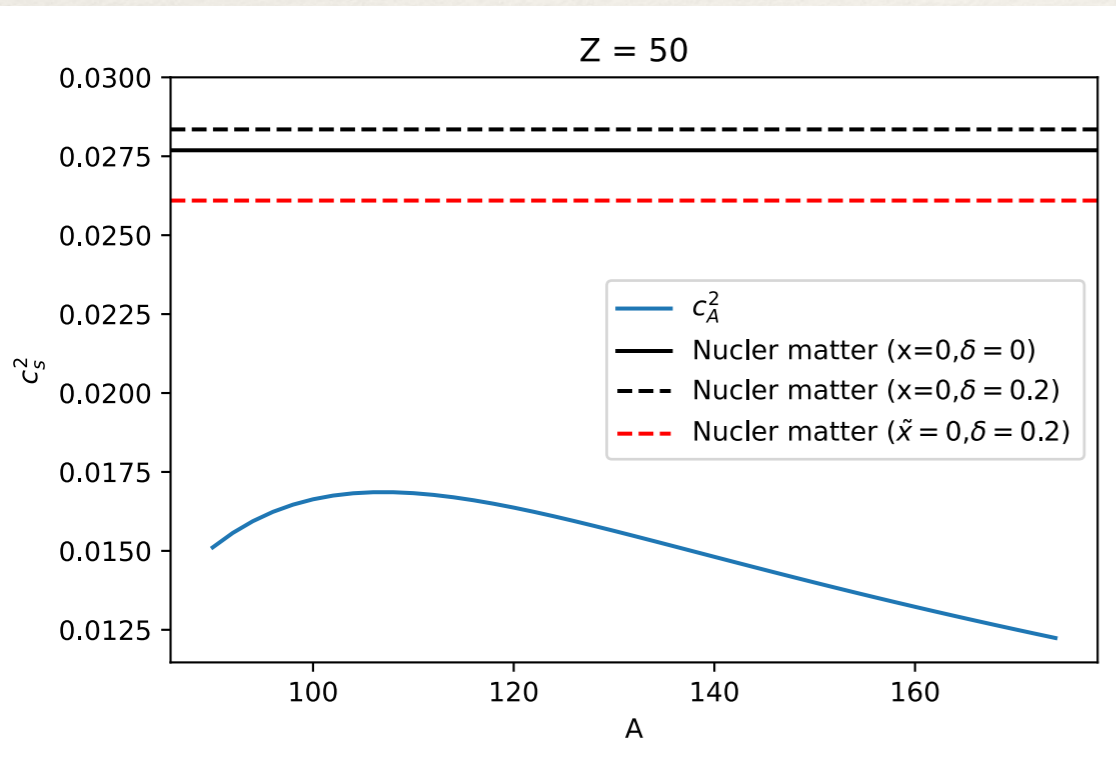
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# Sound speed in finite nuclei

$$c_{s,A} = \frac{9K_A}{h_A}$$

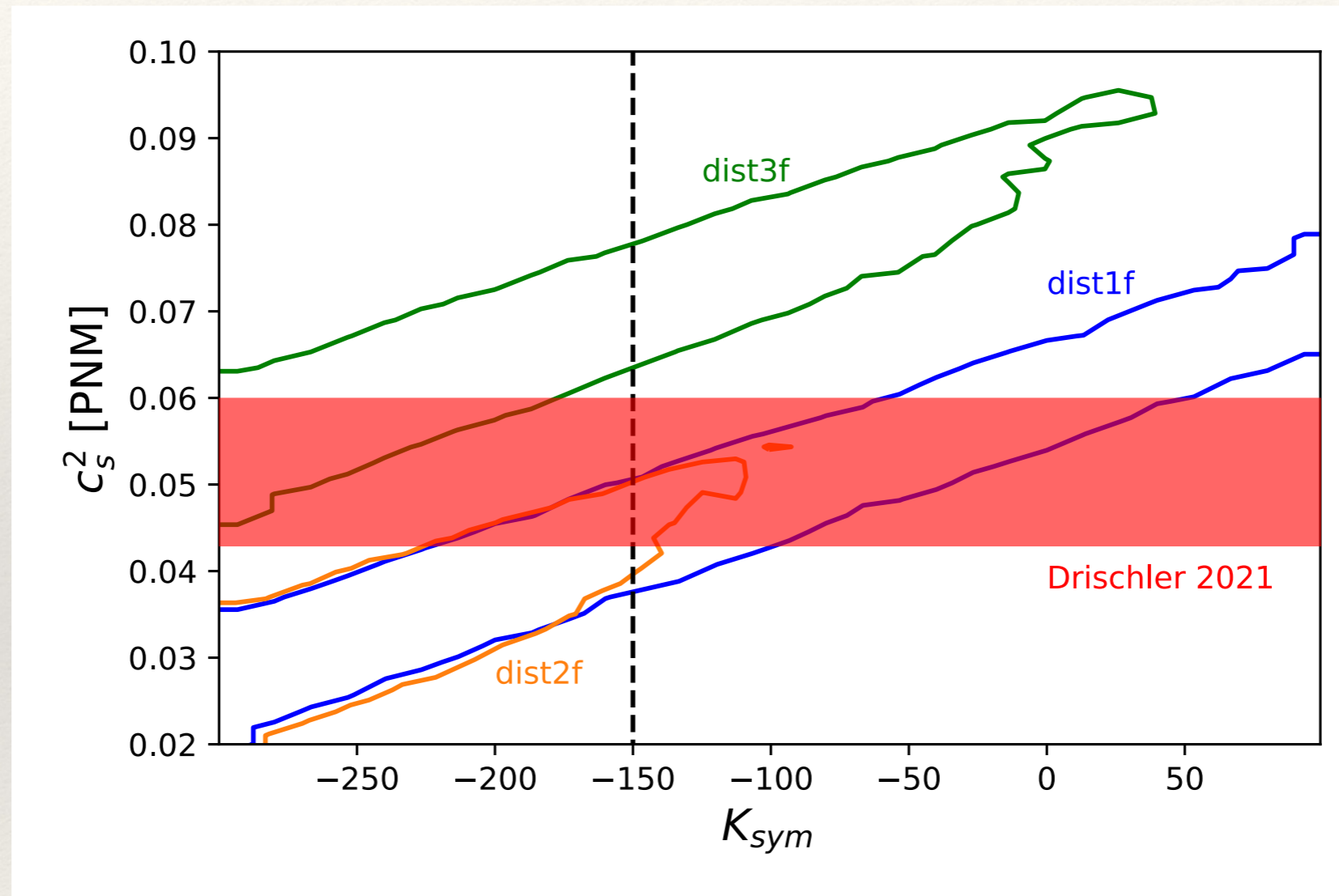


Towards NM  
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 Decreasing  $n$   
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 Finite size effects

We find that  $c_{s,A} \approx 0.5c_s$ , mostly due to finite size terms.



# Sound speed in finite nuclei



dist3f (large  $L_{sym}$ ) excluded by xEFT + unitary gas limit.  
A small fraction of dist2f is viable.



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# Conclusions

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The impact of the uncertainties in  $K_{sat}$  on the dense matter EoS is small.

However, the next NEP  $Q_{sat}$  is unknown and have a large impact on the dense matter EoS.

-> It is important to better determine  $Q_{sat}$ .

Hypothesis:  $Q_{sat}$  could be determined from  $E_{GMR}$ .

The model dependence of  $E_{GMR}$  and the difficulty to reproduce Sn and Pb with the same functional may be due to  $Q_{sat}$ .

$Q_{sat}$  acts differently in Sn and Pb since  $\langle n \rangle_A$  is different -> induces a A-dependence of  $E_{GMR}$ .

With an eCLDM approach, we were able to extract (MCMC approach) the best value for  $Q_{sat}$ .

We found that  $Q_{sat} \approx -950$  MeV is optimal to reproduce Zr, Sn and Pb isotopes.

We also found a big impact of finite-size effect on the sound speed in finite nuclei:

$$c_{s,A} \approx 0.5c_s.$$