

Parity violating electron scattering observables, and Dipole Polarizability

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Neutron Skins of Nuclei: from laboratory to stars

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INTRODUCTION

The Nuclear Many-Body Problem:

- ▶ **Nucleus:** from few to more than 200 strongly interacting and **self-bound fermions**.
- ▶ **Underlying interaction** is **not perturbative** at the (low)energies of interest for the study of masses, radii, deformation, giant resonances,...
- ▶ **Complex systems:** **spin, isospin, pairing, deformation, ...**
- ▶ **Many-body** calculations based on **NN scattering data** in the vacuum are **not conclusive** yet:
 - ▶ **different nuclear interactions in the medium** are found **depending** on the **approach**
 - ▶ **EoS** and (only very recently) **few groups** in the world are able to perform extensive calculations for **light and medium mass nuclei**
- ▶ Based on effective interactions, **Nuclear Energy Density Functionals** are **successful** in the description of **masses, nuclear sizes, deformations, Giant Resonances,...**

Nuclear Energy Density Functionals:

Main types of successful EDFs for the description of masses, deformations, nuclear distributions, Giant Resonances, ...

Relativistic mean-field models, based on Lagrangians where effective mesons carry the interaction:

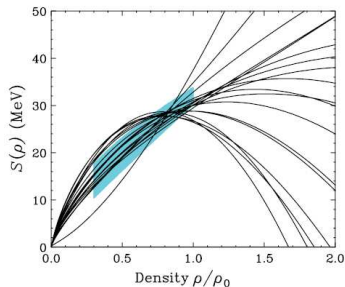
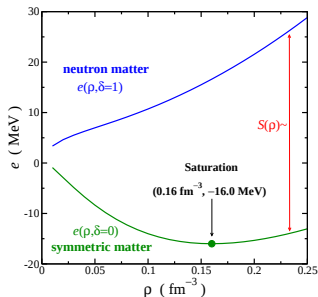
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = & \bar{\Psi}\Gamma_{\sigma}(\bar{\Psi},\Psi)\Psi\Phi_{\sigma} + \bar{\Psi}\Gamma_{\delta}(\bar{\Psi},\Psi)\boldsymbol{\tau}\Psi\Phi_{\delta} \\ & - \bar{\Psi}\Gamma_{\omega}(\bar{\Psi},\Psi)\gamma_{\mu}\Psi A^{(\omega)\mu} - \bar{\Psi}\Gamma_{\rho}(\bar{\Psi},\Psi)\gamma_{\mu}\boldsymbol{\tau}\Psi A^{(\rho)\mu} \\ & - e\bar{\Psi}\hat{Q}\gamma_{\mu}\Psi A^{(\gamma)\mu}\end{aligned}$$

Non-relativistic mean-field models, based on Hamiltonians where effective interactions are proposed and tested:

$$V_{\text{Nucl}}^{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{attractive}}^{\text{long-range}} + V_{\text{repulsive}}^{\text{short-range}} + V_{\text{SO}} + V_{\text{pair}}$$

- ▶ Fitted **parameters contain** (important) **correlations beyond the mean-field**
- ▶ Nuclear energy functionals are **phenomenological** → **not directly connected to any NN (or NNN) interaction**

The Nuclear Equation of State: Infinite System

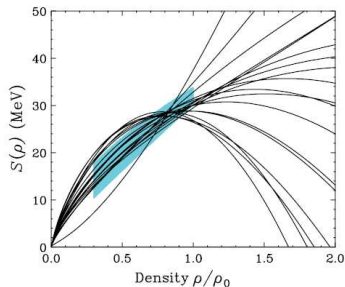
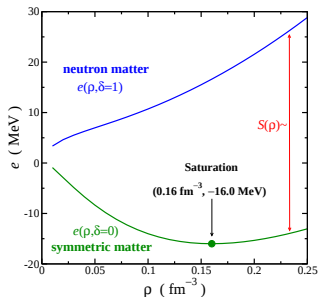


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► Nuclear Matter

$$\left[\beta = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho} \right]$$

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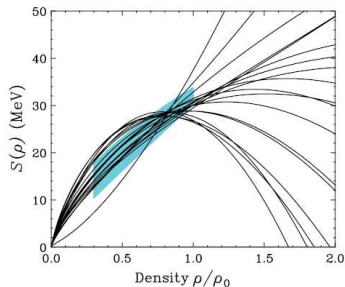
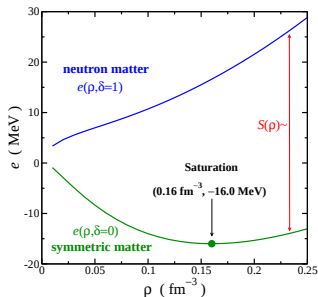
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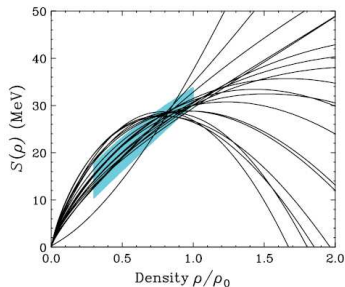
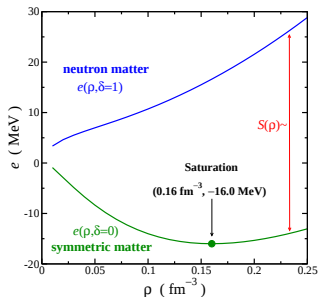
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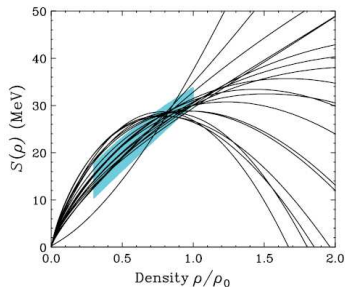
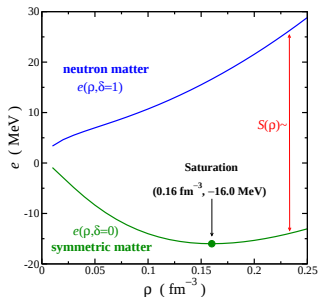
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$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\frac{E}{A}(\rho, \beta)} &= \boxed{\frac{E}{A}(\rho, \beta = 0)} + \boxed{S(\rho)\beta^2} + \mathcal{O}(\beta^4) \\ &= \frac{E}{A}(\rho, \beta = 0) + \beta^2 \left(J + Lx + \frac{1}{2}K_{\text{sym}}x^2 + \mathcal{O}(x^3) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\beta = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho}; \quad x = \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right]$$

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$\triangleright S(\rho_0) = J$
 $\triangleright \left. \frac{d}{d\rho} S(\rho) \right|_{\rho_0} = \frac{L}{3\rho_0} = \frac{P_0}{\rho_0^2}$
 $\triangleright \left. \frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} S(\rho) \right|_{\rho_0} = \frac{K_{\text{sym}}}{9\rho_0^2}$

$$\left[\beta = \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho}; \quad x = \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right]$$

Isovector properties in nuclei

- ▶ **In the past** (and also in the present), **neutron properties** in stable medium and heavy nuclei have been mainly measured by using **strongly interacting probes**.



Limited knowledge of isovector properties

- ▶ **At present**,
 - ▶ the use of **rare ion beams** has opened the possibility of measuring properties of **exotic nuclei** $\Rightarrow$ **more info**
 - ▶ **parity violating elastic electron scattering** (PVES), a **model independent technique**, has allowed to estimate the **weak form factor at low q** of a stable heavy nucleus like ^{208}Pb



Promising perspectives for the near future

STATISTIC UNCERTAINTIES IN EDFs

Covariance analysis: χ^2 test

- ▶ Observables $\mathcal{O}$ used to calibrate the parameters $\mathbf{p}$

$$\chi^2(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{theo.}} - \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{ref.}}}{\Delta \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{ref.}}} \right)^2$$

- ▶ Assuming that the χ^2 can be approximated by an hyper-parabola around the minimum $\mathbf{p}_0$,

$$\chi^2(\mathbf{p}) - \chi^2(\mathbf{p}_0) \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (p_i - p_{0i}) \partial_{p_i} \partial_{p_j} \chi^2(p_j - p_{0j})$$

where $\mathcal{M} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \partial_{p_i} \partial_{p_j} \chi^2$ (curvature m.) and $\mathcal{E} \equiv \mathcal{M}^{-1}$ (error m.).

- ▶ errors between predicted observables $\mathcal{A}$

$$\Delta \mathcal{A} = \sqrt{\sum_i^n \partial_{p_i} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{E}_{ii} \partial_{p_i} \mathcal{A}}$$

- ▶ correlations between predicted observables,

$$c_{AB} \equiv \frac{C_{AB}}{\sqrt{C_{AA} C_{BB}}}$$

where, $C_{AB} = \overline{(A(\mathbf{p}) - \bar{A})(B(\mathbf{p}) - \bar{B})} \approx \sum_{ij}^n \partial_{p_i} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{E}_{ij} \partial_{p_j} \mathcal{B}$

Example: Fitting protocol of SLy5-min (NON-Rel) and DD-ME-min1 (Rel)

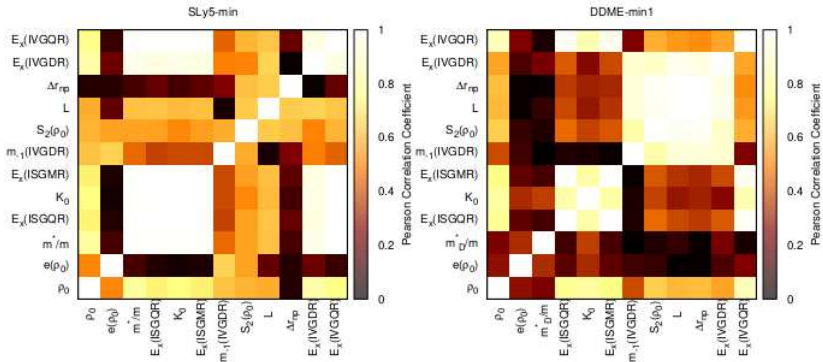
SLy5-min:

- ▶ Binding energies of $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$, ^{56}Ni , $^{130,132}\text{Sn}$ and ^{208}Pb with a fixed adopted error of 2 MeV
- ▶ the charge radius of $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$, ^{56}Ni and ^{208}Pb with a fixed adopted error of 0.02 fm
- ▶ the neutron matter Equation of State calculated by Wiringa *et al.* (1988) for densities between 0.07 and 0.40 fm^{-3} with an adopted error of 10%
- ▶ the saturation energy ($e(\rho_0) = -16.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}$) and density ($\rho_0 = 0.160 \pm 0.005 \text{ fm}^{-3}$) of symmetric nuclear matter.

DD-ME-min1:

- ▶ binding energies, charge radii, diffraction radii and surface thicknesses of 17 even-even spherical nuclei, ^{16}O , $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$, $^{56,58}\text{Ni}$, ^{88}Sr , ^{90}Zr , $^{100,112,120,124,132}\text{Sn}$, ^{136}Xe , ^{144}Sm and $^{202,208,214}\text{Pb}$. The assumed errors of these observables are 0.2%, 0.5%, 0.5%, and 1.5%, respectively.

Covariance analysis: SLy5-min (NON-Rel) and DD-ME-min1 (Rel)



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The **neutron skin** is **strongly correlated** with **J** and **L** in both models but **NOT** with α_D . **(I will discuss on that latter)**

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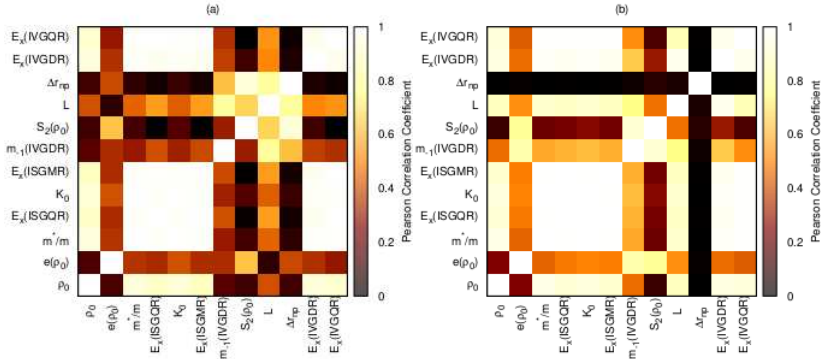
A	SLy5-min			DDME-min1			units
	A_0		$\sigma(A_0)$	A_0		$\sigma(A_0)$	
SNM							
ρ_0	0.162	$\pm$	0.002	0.150	$\pm$	0.001	fm^{-3}
$e(\rho_0)$	-16.02	$\pm$	0.06	-16.18	$\pm$	0.03	MeV
m^*/m	0.698	$\pm$	0.070	0.573	$\pm$	0.008	
J	32.60	$\pm$	0.71	33.0	$\pm$	1.7	MeV
K_0	230.5	$\pm$	9.0	261	$\pm$	23	MeV
L	47.5	$\pm$	4.5	55	$\pm$	16	MeV
208pb							
E_x^{ISGMR}	14.00	$\pm$	0.36	13.87	$\pm$	0.49	MeV
E_x^{ISGQR}	12.58	$\pm$	0.62	12.01	$\pm$	1.76	MeV
$\Delta\tau_{np}$	0.1655	$\pm$	0.0069	0.20	$\pm$	0.03	fm
E_x^{IVGDR}	13.9	$\pm$	1.8	14.64	$\pm$	0.38	MeV
m_{-1}^{IVGDR}	4.85	$\pm$	0.11	5.18	$\pm$	0.28	$\text{MeV}^{-1} \text{ fm}^2$
E_x^{IVGQR}	21.6	$\pm$	2.6	25.19	$\pm$	2.05	MeV

Statistical uncertainties depend on the fitting protocol, that is on the data (or pseudo-data) and associated errors used for the fits: Let us see an example...

Covariance analysis: modifying the χ^2

→ **SLy5-a:** χ^2 as in SLy5-min except for the neutron EoS (relaxed the required accuracy = increasing associated error).

→ **SLy5-b:** χ^2 as in SLy5-min except the neutron EoS (not employed) and used instead a tight constraint on the Δr_{np} in ^{208}Pb



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- ▶ When a **constraint** on a property is **relaxed**, **correlations** of other observables with such a property should become **larger** → **SLy5-a:** α_D is now better correlated with Δr_{np}
- ▶ When a **constraint** on a property is **enhanced**—artificially or by an accurate experimental measurement—**correlations** of other observables with such a property should become **small** → **SLy5-b:** Δr_{np} is not correlated with any other observable

PARITY VIOLATING ASYMMETRY

Some basics ...

- ▶ **Electrons** interact by exchanging a γ or a Z_0 boson.
- ▶ While **protons** couple basically to γ , **neutrons** do it to Z_0 .
- ▶ Electron motion governed by the Dirac equation:

$$[\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta m_e + V(r)]\psi = E\psi$$

where $V(r) = V_C(r) + \gamma^5 V_W(r)$

- ▶ Dirac equation for helicity states ($m_e \approx 0$)

$$[\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + (V_C(r) \pm V_W(r))]\psi_{\pm} = E\psi_{\pm}$$

- ▶ **Ultra-relativistic electrons, depending on their helicity,** will interact with the nucleus seeing a slightly different potential “ αZ ” $\pm$ “ G_F ”.

Refs: Phys. Rev. C **57** 3430 (1998); Phys. Rev. C **63**, 025501 (2001); Phys. Rev. C **78**, 044332 (2008); Phys. Rev. C **82**, 054314 (2010); Phys. Rev. Lett. **106** 252501 (2011)

Some basics ...

- ▶ The **interference** between the DCS of electrons with + and – helicity states,

$$A_{pv} = \frac{d\sigma_{+}/d\Omega - d\sigma_{-}/d\Omega}{d\sigma_{+}/d\Omega + d\sigma_{-}/d\Omega}$$

- ▶ **Ultra-relativistic electrons** moving under the effect of $V_{\pm}$ where **Coulomb distortions** are important $\Rightarrow$ solution of the Dirac equation via the Distorted Wave Born Approximation (**DWBA**).

- ▶ Input for the calculation of $V_{\pm}$ are the ρ_n **and** ρ_p (**main uncertainty in ρ_n**) and **nucleon form factors** for the e-m and the weak neutral current.

Qualitative considerations ...

Within the Plane Wave Born Approximation,

$$A_{pv} = \frac{G_F q^2}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}} \left[4 \sin^2 \theta_W + \frac{F_n(q) - F_p(q)}{F_p(q)} \right]$$

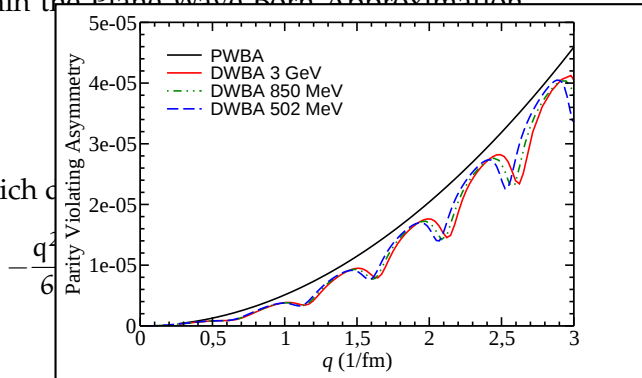
... which depends on $F_n(q) - F_p(q)$. For $q \rightarrow 0$, it is approximately,

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Qualitative considerations ...

Within the Plane Wave Born Approximation



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$$-\frac{q}{6}$$

Parity Violating Asymmetry

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$$F_p(q) \approx \frac{1}{2} [F_p^{(2)}]$$

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So, let us check DWBA results...

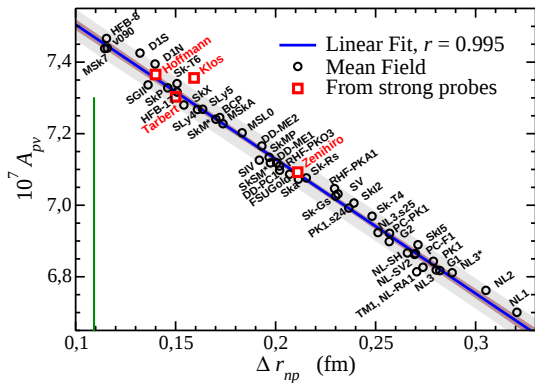
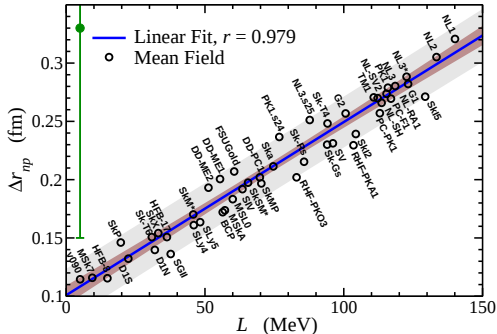
^{208}Pb : direct correlations

$\delta A_{pv} \sim 1\%$;

$\delta \Delta r_{np} \sim 0.02 \text{ fm}$;

$\delta L \sim 10 \text{ MeV (systematic)}$

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EDF correlations allows to determine Δr_{np} and L without direct assumpt. on ρ , JLab and Mainz forthcoming experiments

Different experiments on proton elastic scattering, antiripotonic atoms and pion-photoproduction agrees with the correlation

Some considerations on parity conserving elastic electron scattering

Analyzing power for polarimetry

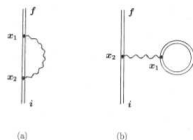
it gives the **degree of spin polarization** of the electrons from an initially unpolarized beam that are scattered in the **direction θ**

- ▶ **Accurate theoretical calculations** are very useful for a precise **calibration** of the polarimeters used in parity violating experiments
- ▶ **We usually neglect Bremsstrahlung, kinematic and dynamical recoil (can be accounted for in e.g. GEANT4 simulations).**
- ▶ **Different codes** (mine and Doris Jakobassa-Amundsen) with same input **agree numerically within the 0.1%** at the kinematics of interest.

Analyzing power for polarimetry

- ▶ For few MeV e^- and nucleus of interest for calibrations:
 - ▶ different **theoretical nuclear charge distributions** produce an error of the order of **0.1 % (or smaller)**.
 - ▶ **electron screening important small angles** [CPC 9 (1975) 31]
 - ▶ rearrangement collisions in which the projectile exchanges places with an atomic electron (small effect) [J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Phys. 6 (1973) 2280.]

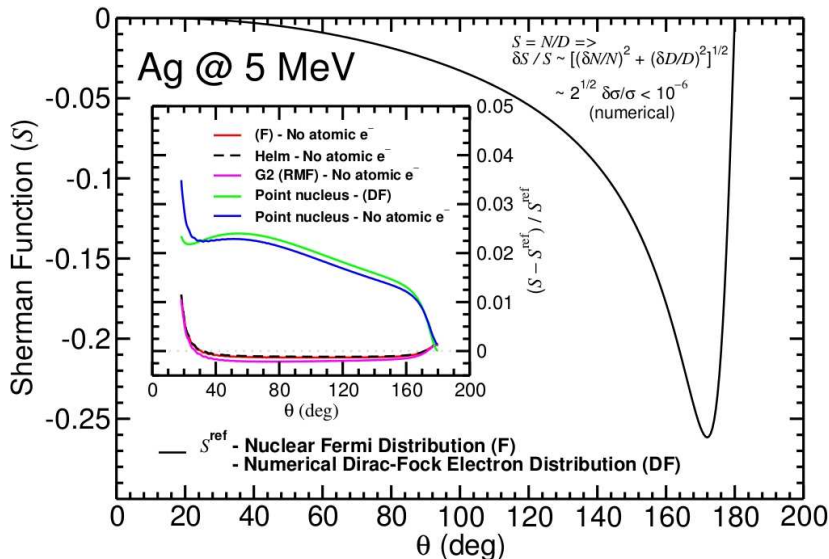
- ▶ **QED (radiative) corrections** can be partially included (a) self-energy (b) vacuum polarization corrections.



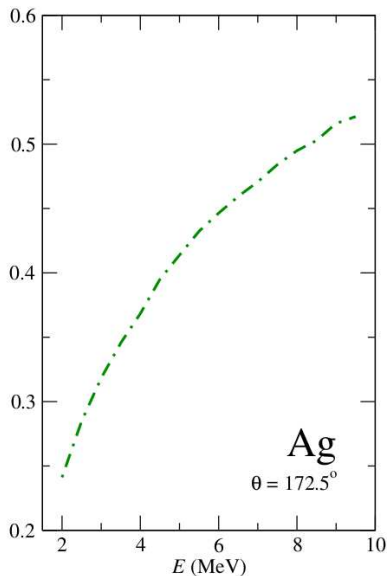
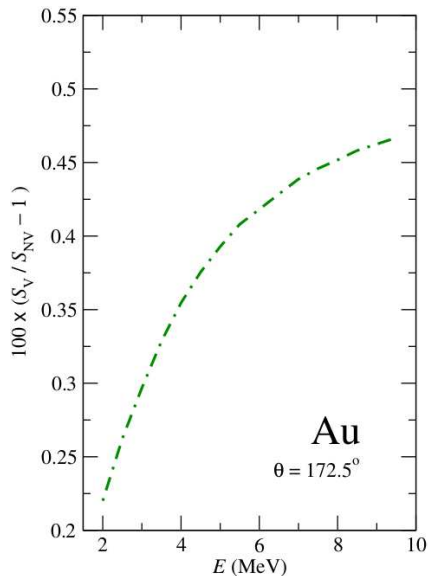
(b) error $\sim 0.5\%$ in analyzing power and (a) *believed same order and opposite sign* [Phys. Rev. A 61 (2000) 052112]

Calculations reliable up to the 0.5-0.6% accuracy

Example 1: effects of different contributions



Example 2: effects of vacuum polarization corrections



DIPOLE POLARIZABILITY

Polarizability, Strength distribution and its moments

- ▶ The **linear response** or dynamic polarizability of a **nuclear system excited** from its g.s., $|0\rangle$, to an excited state, $|\nu\rangle$, due to the **action of an external isovector oscillating field** (dipolar in our case) of the form $(F e^{i\omega t} + F^\dagger e^{-i\omega t})$:

$$F_{JM} = \sum_i^A r_i^J Y_{JM}(\hat{r}_i) \tau_z(i) \quad (\Delta L = 1 \rightarrow \text{Dipole})$$

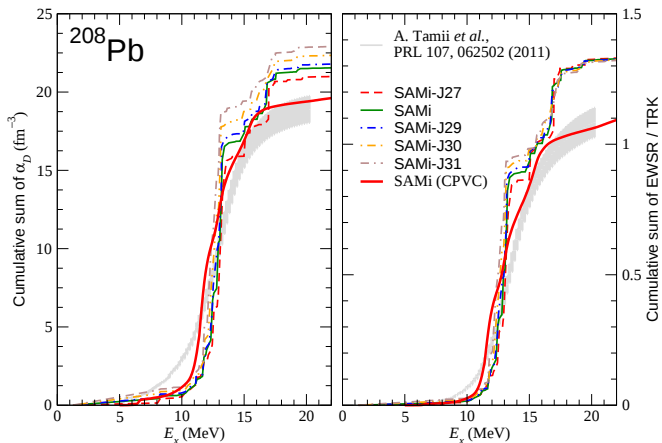
- ▶ is proportional to the **static polarizability** for small oscillations

$$\alpha = (8\pi/9) e^2 m_{-1} = (8\pi/9) e^2 \sum_\nu |\langle \nu | F | 0 \rangle|^2 / E \quad \text{where } m_{-1} \text{ is}$$

the inverse energy weighted moment of the **strength function**, defined as, $S(E) = \sum_\nu |\langle \nu | F | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(E - E_\nu)$

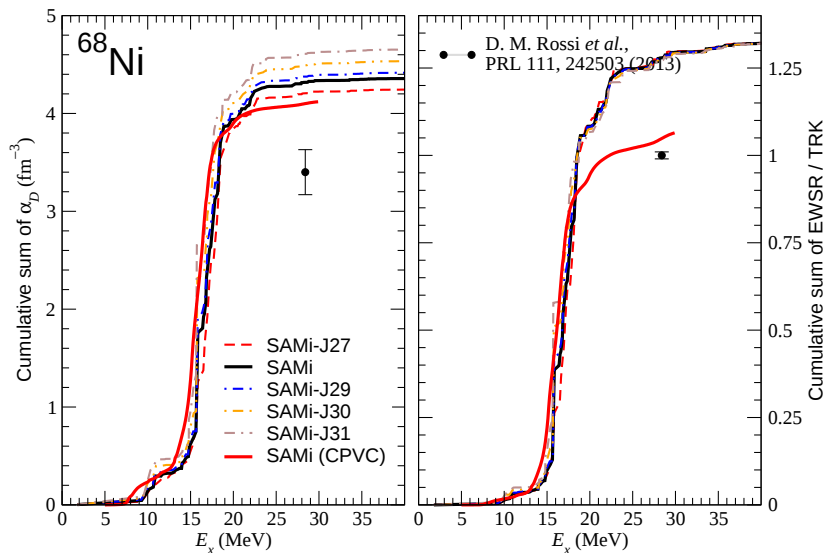
**Let us compare some experiment with theory
within the measured energy range...**

Example 1: Cumulative sum of α_D and EWSR



The correction in the RPA predictions for the α_D^{RPA} due to the fact that not all possible correlations have been included in the model (α_D^{corr}) that lead to a fair reproduction of the experimental resonance width can be estimated to be $\frac{\alpha_D^{\text{RPA}} - \alpha_D^{\text{corr}}}{\alpha_D^{\text{RPA}}} \lesssim -\frac{\Gamma^2}{4E_x^2}$ **This correction might not be negligible**

Example 2: Cumulative sum of α_D and EWSR



Theory versus experiment

- ▶ **RPA** strength concentrated at a $\sim$ single peak: **EWSR** and α_D “**saturate**” **earlier** in E
- ▶ **PVC** strength follow **reasonable** trends with E , though **no** calculations exist for the Δr_{np} **and refitting** of the interaction would be needed at the **PVC** level.
- ▶ **RPA** has been proven to be successful in describing experimental E_x and sum rules
- ▶ **Experimental data** on the α_D analysed via RPA need to include the **full dipole response** with low and high-energy parts:
 - ▶ **Data** within a given energy range, better if it is **extrapolated**: low energy part is more important than high energy part
 - ▶ **Data** in the high energy range, should be taken carefully due to quasi-deuteron excitations contaminations (small but sizeable correction to α_D)

Isovector Giant Dipole Resonance:



Dipole polarizability: a macroscopic approach

electric polarizability measures tendency of the nuclear charge distribution to be distorted ($\propto \sim \frac{\text{electric dipole moment}}{\text{external electric field}}$)

- ▶ The dielectric theorem establishes that the m_{-1} moment can be computed from the expectation value of the Hamiltonian in the constrained ground state $\mathcal{H}' = \mathcal{H} + \lambda \mathcal{D}$.

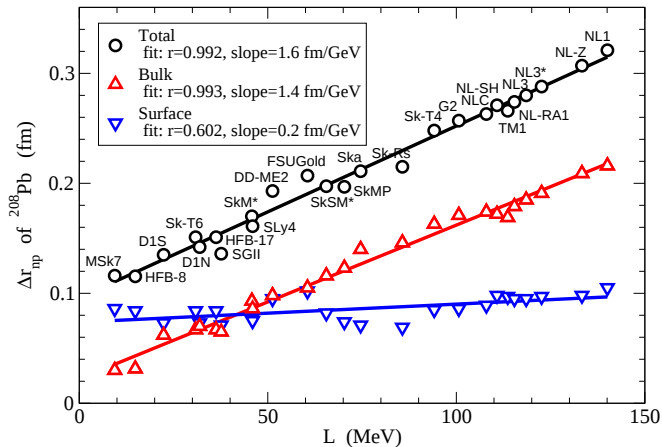
Adopting the Droplet Model:

$$m_{-1} \approx \frac{A \langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2}}{48J} \left(1 + \frac{15}{4} \frac{J}{Q} A^{-1/3} \right)$$

within the same model, connection with the neutron skin thickness:

$$\alpha_D \approx \frac{A \langle r^2 \rangle}{12J} \left[1 + \frac{5}{2} \frac{\Delta r_{np} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} \frac{e^2 Z}{70J} - \Delta r_{np}^{\text{surface}}}{\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} (I - I_C)} \right]$$

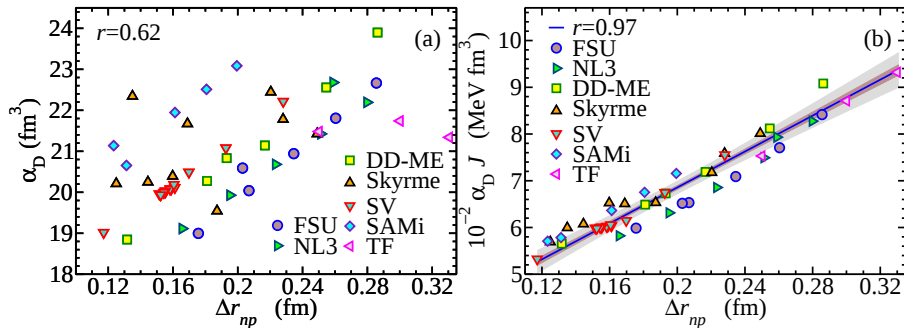
Δr_{np} in ^{208}Pb :



Isvector Giant Dipole Resonance in ^{208}Pb :



Dipole polarizability: microscopic results HF+RPA



X. Roca-Maza, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 88, 024316 (2013).

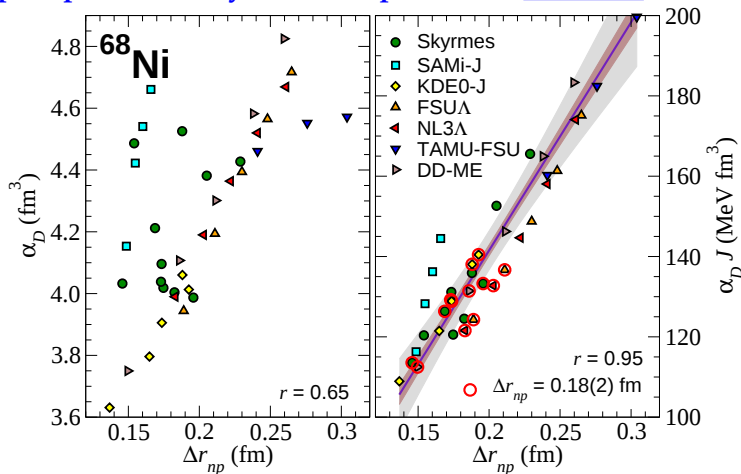
Experimental dipole polarizability $\alpha_D = 20.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ fm}^3$; A. Tamii *et al.*, PRL 107, 062502 (RCNP) [No quasi-deuteron $\alpha_D = 19.6 \pm 0.6 \text{ fm}^3$].

$\alpha_D J$ is linearly correlated with Δr_{np} and no α_D alone within EDFs

Isvector Giant Dipole Resonance in ^{68}Ni :

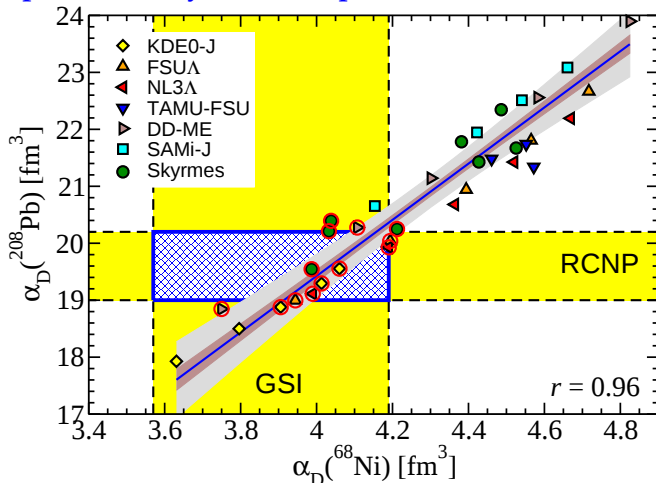


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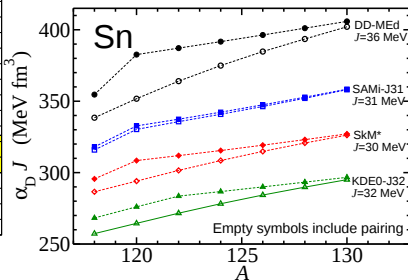
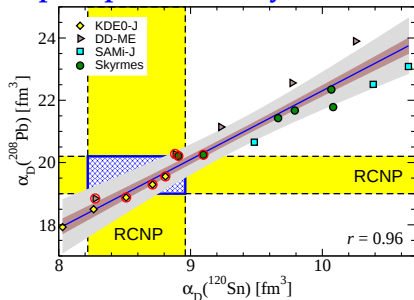
Experimental dipole polarizability $\alpha_D = 3.40 \pm 0.23 \text{ fm}^3$ D. M. Rossi *et al.*, PRL 111, 242503 (GSI). $\alpha_D = 3.88 \pm 0.31 \text{ fm}^3$ “full” response D. M. Rossi, T. Aumann, and K. Boretzky.

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Just as an indication: $\alpha_D(A = 208)/\alpha_D(A = 68) \sim (208/68)^{5/3}$;
Circled models predict $\Delta r_{np}(^{208}\text{Pb}) = 0.125 - 0.207$ fm and
 $\Delta r_{np}(^{68}\text{Ni}) = 0.146 - 0.211$ fm; $J = 30 - 35$ MeV; $L = 30 - 65$ MeV.

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FOR THE USED MODELS Including pairing correlations, Δr_{np} tend to be smaller by a 2.4% on average with a maximum discrepancy of a 5% and the polarizability tends to be smaller by a 4.5% on average with a maximum value of a 8%

CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions:

- ▶ A precise and **model-independent** determination of Δr_{np} in ^{208}Pb via PVES experiments **probes** the **symmetry energy**.
- ▶ We demonstrate a close **linear correlation** between A_{pv} and Δr_{np} within the same framework in which the Δr_{np} is correlated with L (expected to be better as heavier the nucleus).
- ▶ Other **experiments** fairly **agree** with the **correlation** between A_{pv} and Δr_{np} in ^{208}Pb .
- ▶ EDFs (RPA) show a linear correlation between $\alpha_D J$ and Δr_{np}
- ▶ A_{pv} and α_D are complementary **observables** that may set **tight constraints** on the **density dependence of the symmetry energy around saturation density, if precisely and/or systematically measured.**

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