

Nuclear equation of state from ground and excited state properties of nuclei

3.- Current status on the determination of the nuclear Equation of State

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What can we learn from the Earth and the Heavens about the Nuclear Equation of State?

(some examples)

From Heaven: Neutron Star Mass

Nuclear models that account for different nuclear properties on **Earth** predict a large **variety** of **Neutron Star Mass-Radius** relations → **Observation of a $2M_{\text{sun}}$ has constrained nuclear models.**

Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff equation (sph. sym.):

$$\frac{dM(r)}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \mathcal{E}(r);$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -G \frac{\mathcal{E}(r)M(r)}{r^2} \left[1 + \frac{P(r)}{\mathcal{E}(r)} \right] \left[1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 P(r)}{M(r)} \right] \left[1 - \frac{2GM(r)}{r} \right]^{-1}$$

$\mathcal{E}(r)$ → degeneracy pressure from neutrons → $M_{\text{max}} = 0.7M_{\text{sun}}$

Nuclear Physics input is fundamental

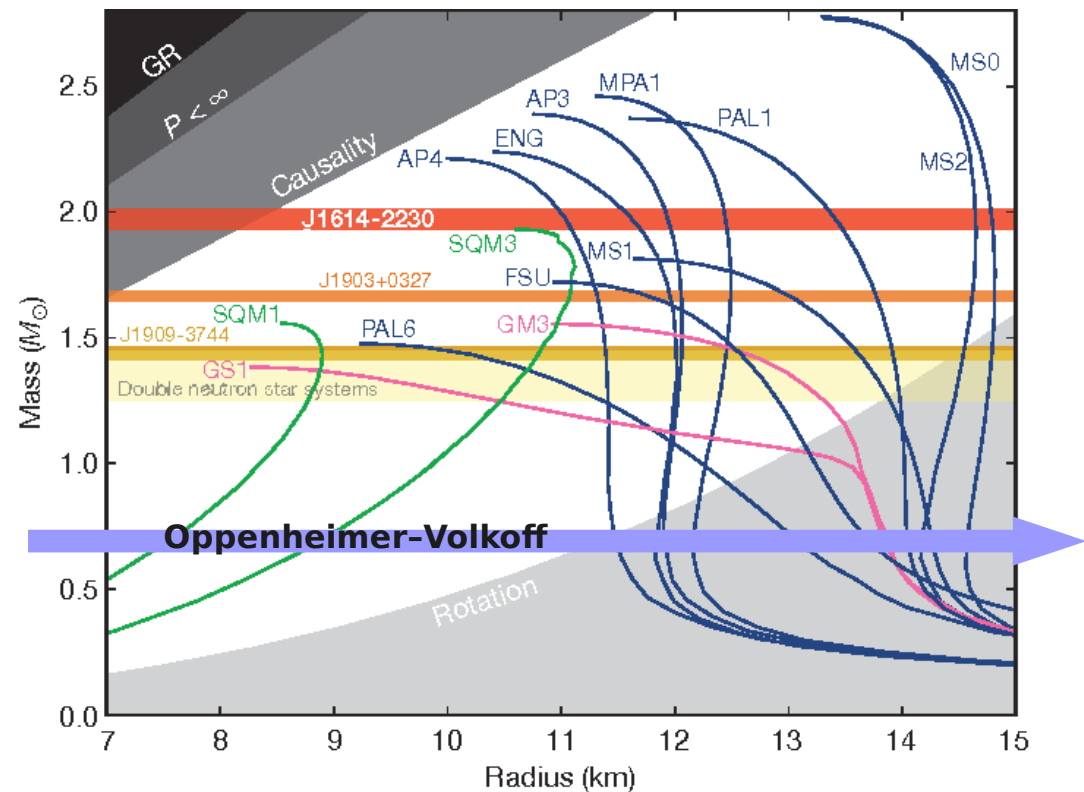
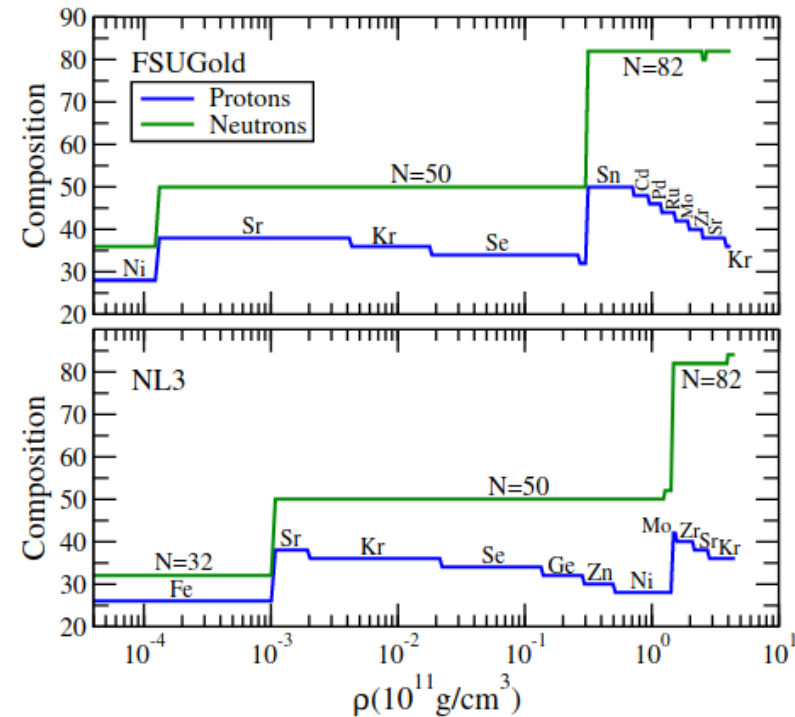


Figure 3 | Neutron star mass-radius diagram. The plot shows non-rotating. A two-solar-mass neutron star measured using Shapiro delay - P. B. Demorest, T. Pennucci, S. M. Ransom, M. S. E. Roberts & J. W. T. Hessels - Nature volume 467, 1081-1083(2010)

From Heaven: outer crust composition

- span 7 orders of magnitude in **density** (from **ionization** $\sim 10^4$ g cm to the **neutron drip** $\sim 10^{11}$ g cm)
 - it is organized into a **Coulomb lattice** of neutron-rich nuclei (ions) embedded in a relativistic **uniform electron gas**
 - $T \sim 10^6$ K ~ 0.1 keV → one can treat **nuclei and electrons at $T = 0$ K**
 - At the **lowest densities**, the electronic contribution is negligible so the Coulomb lattice is populated by ^{56}Fe nuclei.
 - As the **density increases**, the electronic contribution becomes important, it is energetically advantageous to lower its electron fraction by $e^- + (N, Z) \rightarrow (N + 1, Z - 1) + \nu_e$ and therefore $Z \downarrow$ with constant (approx) number of N
 - As the **density continues to increase, penalty energy from the symmetry energy** due to the neutron excess changes the composition to a different **N -plateau**
- $$\frac{Z}{A} \approx \frac{Z_0}{A_0} - \frac{P_{\text{Fe}}}{8a_{\text{sym}}}$$
- where $(A_0, Z_0) = ^{56}\text{Fe}_{26}$
- The Coulomb lattice is made of more and more neutron-rich nuclei until the critical **neutron-drip density is reached** ($\mu_{\text{drip}} = m_n$).
- $$[M(N, Z) + m_n < M(N + 1, Z)]$$



Physical Review C 78, 025807 (2008)

The faster the symmetry energy increases with density ($L \uparrow$), the more exotic the composition of the outer crust.

From Heaven: Origin of elements

The Origin of the Solar System Elements

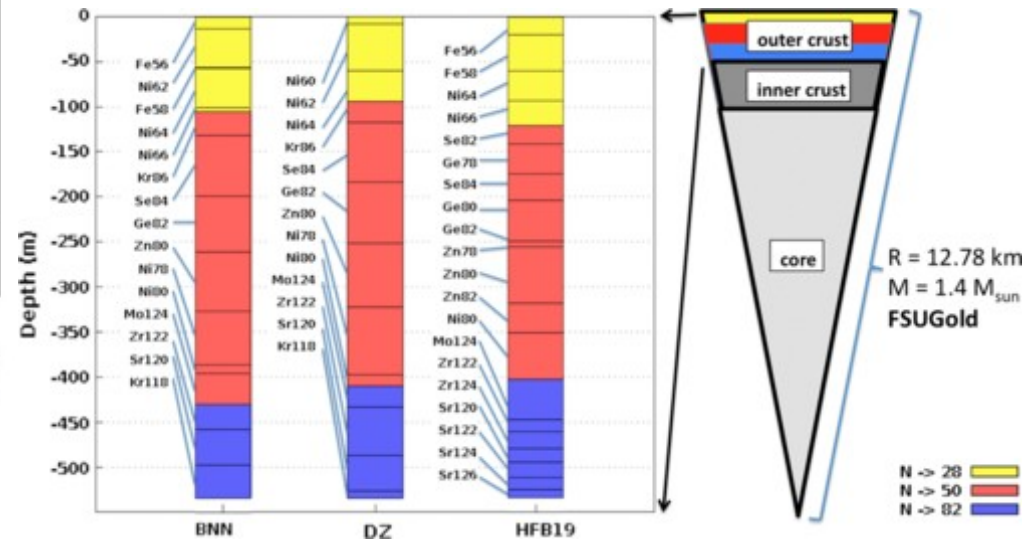


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Binary neutron star merger produced about 10^{29} kg of heavy elements!

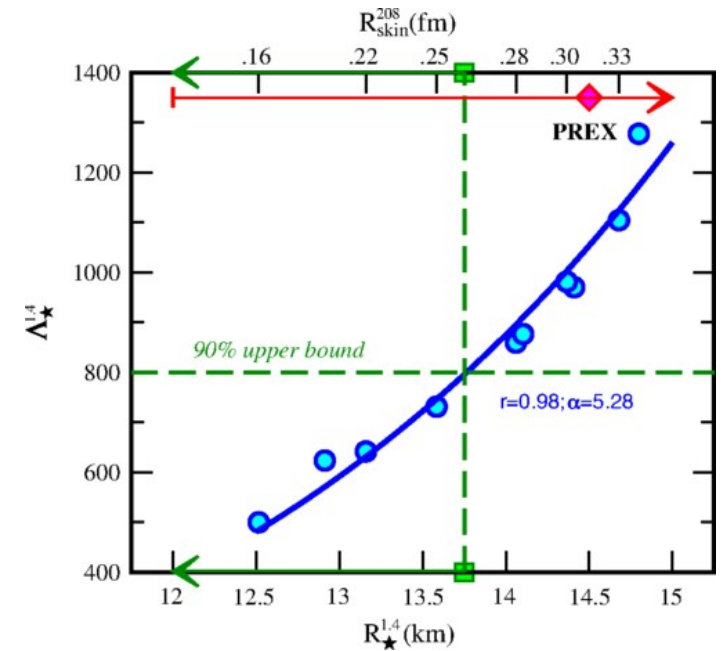
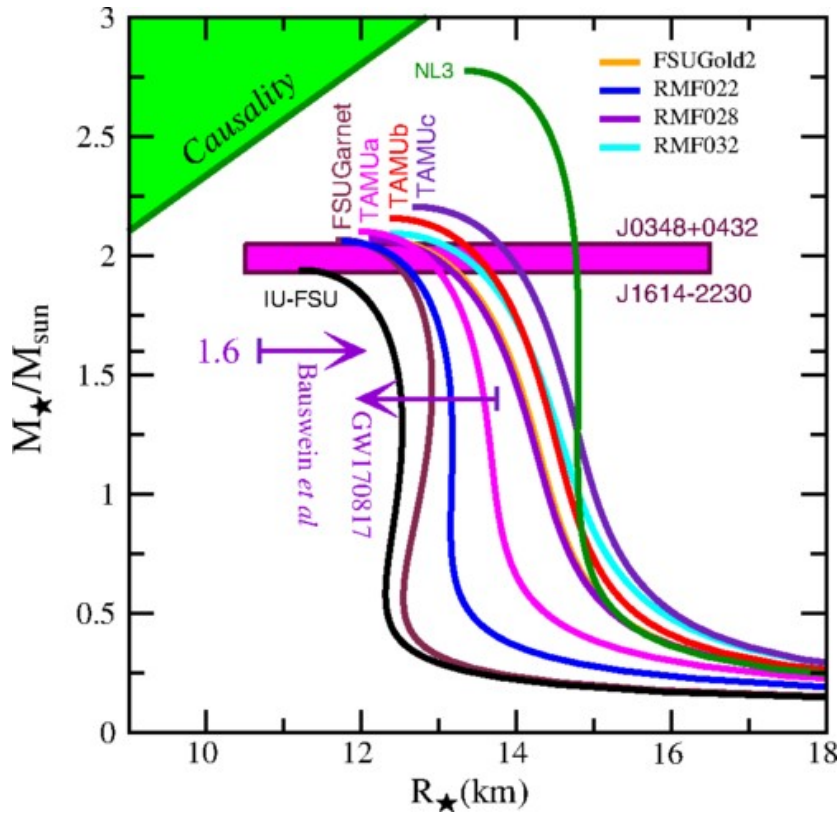
The **crust** of a NS is made of very **exotic neutron rich nuclei**, stable only due to the extreme conditions (large densities). **Different nuclear models predict different compositions**



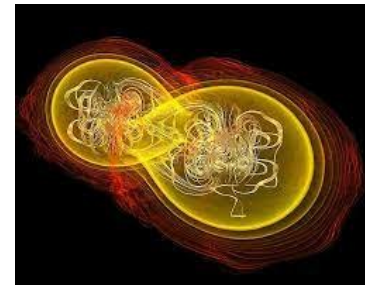
Nuclear mass predictions for the crustal composition of neutron stars: A Bayesian neural network approach R. Utama, J. Piekarewicz, and H. B. Prosper, Phys. Rev. C 93, 014311 (2016)

From Heaven: Gravitational wave signal from a binary neutron star merger

GW170817 from the binary neutron star merger → **constraint** neutron star **radius** and, thus, the **nuclear EoS**



Tidal deformability (Λ) is a quadrupole deformation inferred from **GW signal** → proportional to **restoring force**. Hence, sensitive to the **nuclear EoS**



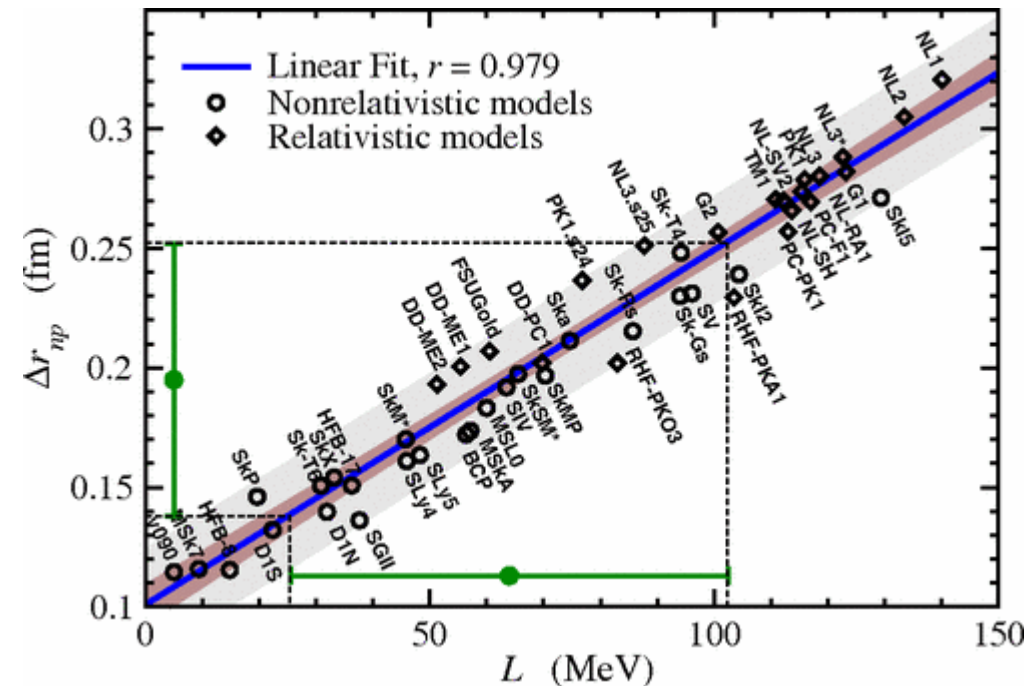
Neutron Skins and Neutron Stars in the Multimessenger Era
 F.J. Fattoyev, J. Piekarewicz, and C.J. Horowitz *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 120, 172702 (2018)

From Heaven & Earth: neutron skin and the Radius of a Neutron Star

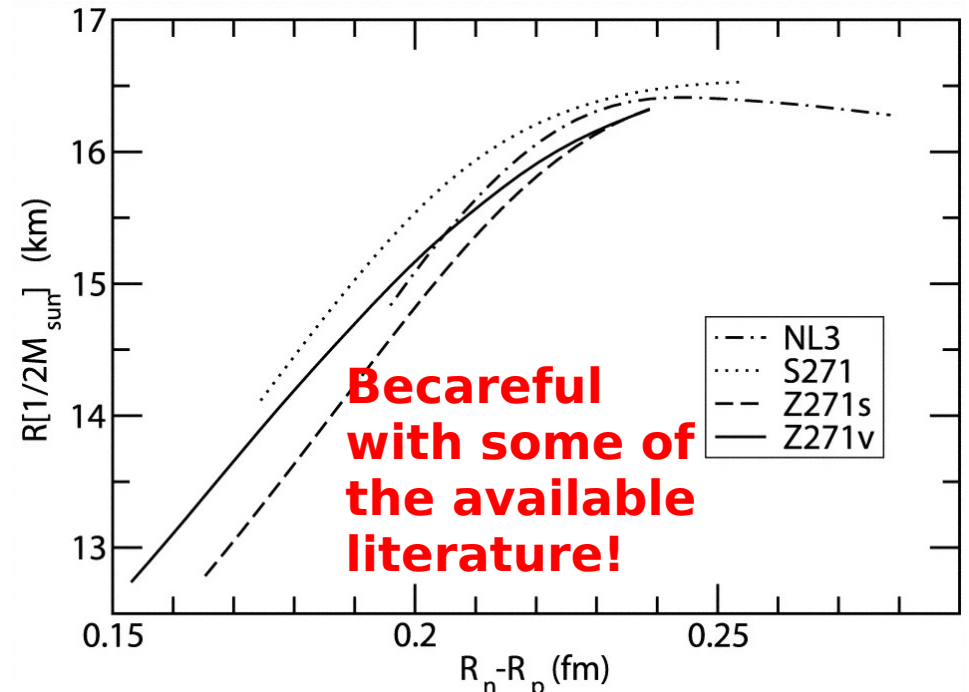
Both, the **neutron skin thickness** ($\Delta r_{np} = r_n - r_p$) in neutron rich nuclei and the **radius** of a **neutron star** are related to the **neutron pressure** in infinite matter. The former around ρ_0 (L) while the latter in a broad range of densities.

$$\Delta r_{np} \approx \frac{1}{12} \frac{N - Z}{A} \frac{R}{J} L$$

→ Only for unrealistically small neutron stars, that is, for small central densities ($\rho_c \sim \rho_0$): nuclear models predict a **linear** relation between **R** and **Δr_{np}** ...

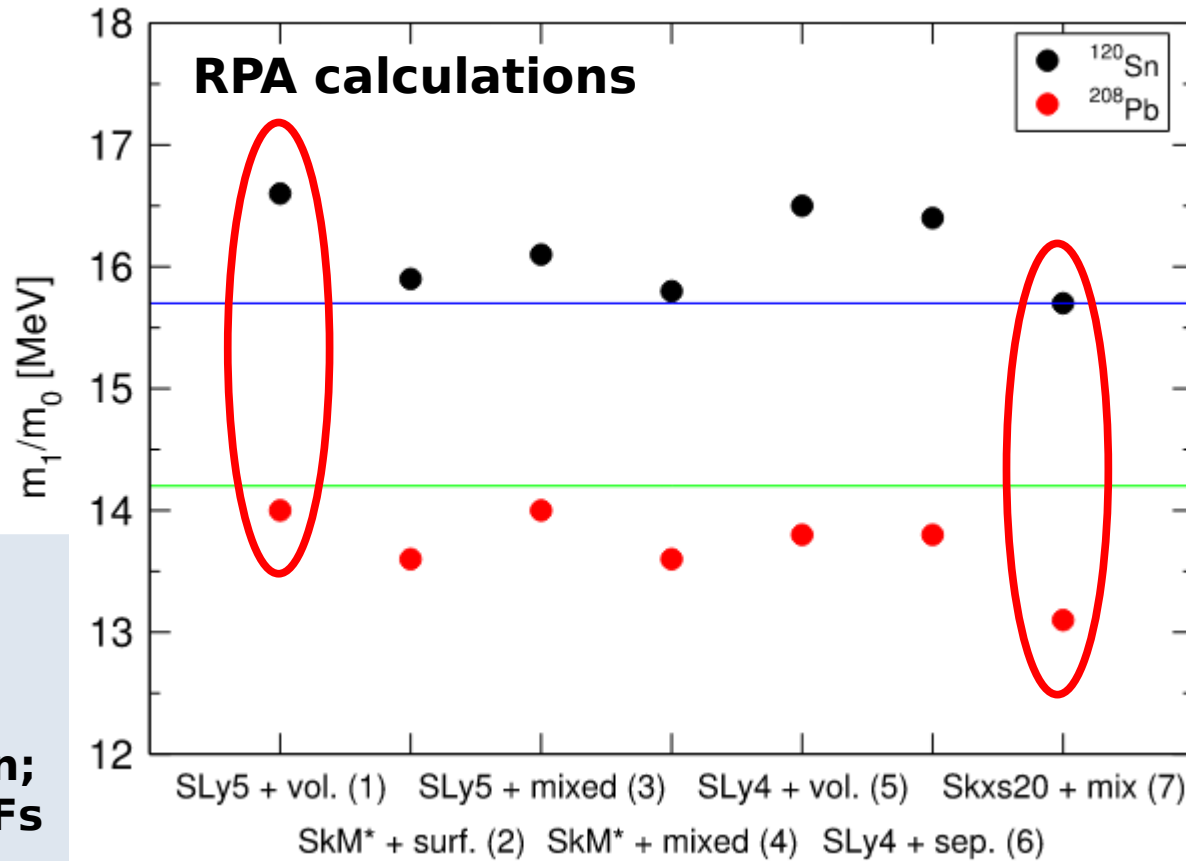


Neutron Skin of ^{208}Pb , Nuclear Symmetry Energy, and the Parity Radius Experiment
 X. Roca-Maza, M. Centelles, X. Viñas, and M. Warda Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 252501 (2011)



Low-Mass Neutron Stars and the Equation of State of Dense Matter - J. Carriere, C. J. Horowitz, and J. Piekarewicz - The Astrophysical Journal, 593 (2003) 463

From Earth: Giant Monopole Resonance do we understand it?



Exp.
 $K_0 < 240$ MeV
(Open shell)

Exp.
 $K_0 = 240 \pm 20$ MeV
(Closed shell)

Pairing effects
studied here

Further studies are needed (uncertainty quantification; Extended EDFs & ab initio)

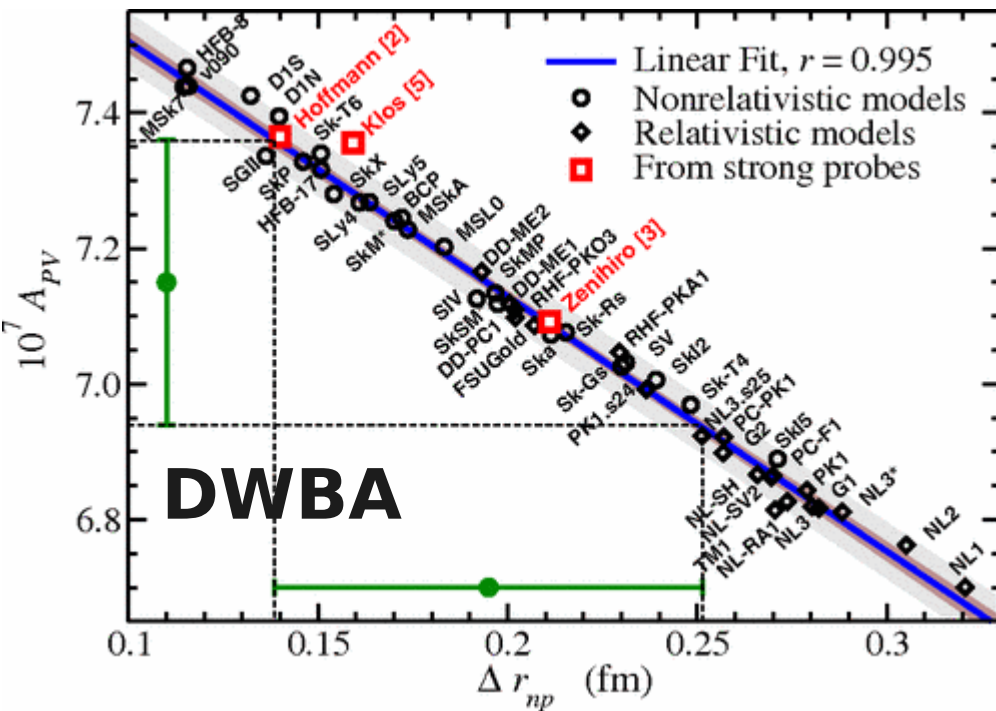
U. Garg, G. Colò / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 101 (2018) 55–95

From Earth: Parity violating electron scattering and the neutron skin

Polarized electron-Nucleus scattering:

→ In good approximation, **the weak interaction** probes the **neutron distribution** in nuclei while **Coulomb interaction** probes the **proton distribution**

→ **Different experimental efforts @ Jlab (USA) & MAMI (Germany)**



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→ **Electrons** interact by **exchanging** a γ (couples to **p**) or a **Z₀** boson (couples to **n**)

→ **Ultra-relativistic electrons**, depending on their helicity (\pm), will interact with the nucleus seeing a slightly different potential: **Coulomb** \pm **Weak**

$$A_{pv} = \frac{d\sigma_+/d\Omega - d\sigma_-/d\Omega}{d\sigma_+/d\Omega + d\sigma_-/d\Omega} \sim \frac{\text{Weak}}{\text{Coulomb}}$$

→ Main **unknown** is ρ_n

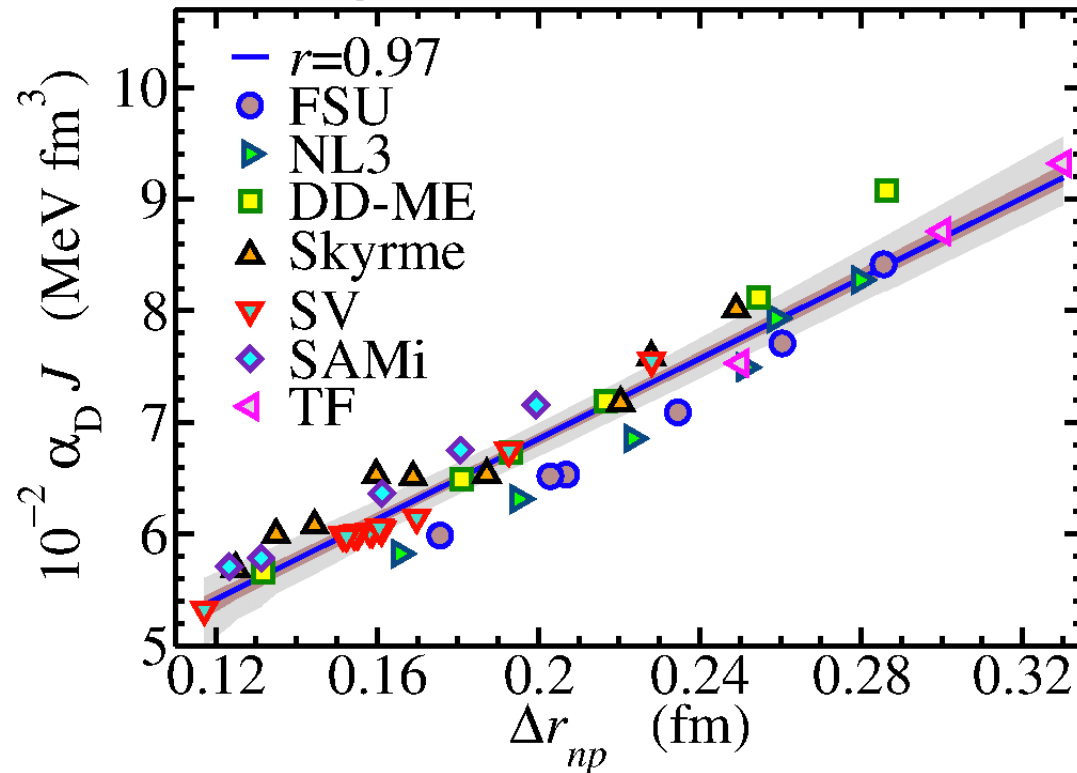
→ In **PWBA** for small momentum transfer \mathbf{q} :

$$A_{pv} = \frac{G_F q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{q^2 r_p^2}{3F_p(q)} \right) \Delta r_{np}$$

From Earth: dipole polarizability and neutron skin

The dipole **polarizability** measures the **tendency** of the nuclear **charge** distribution to be **distorted**.

From a macroscopic point of view $\alpha \sim$ **(electric dipole moment)/(external electric field)**



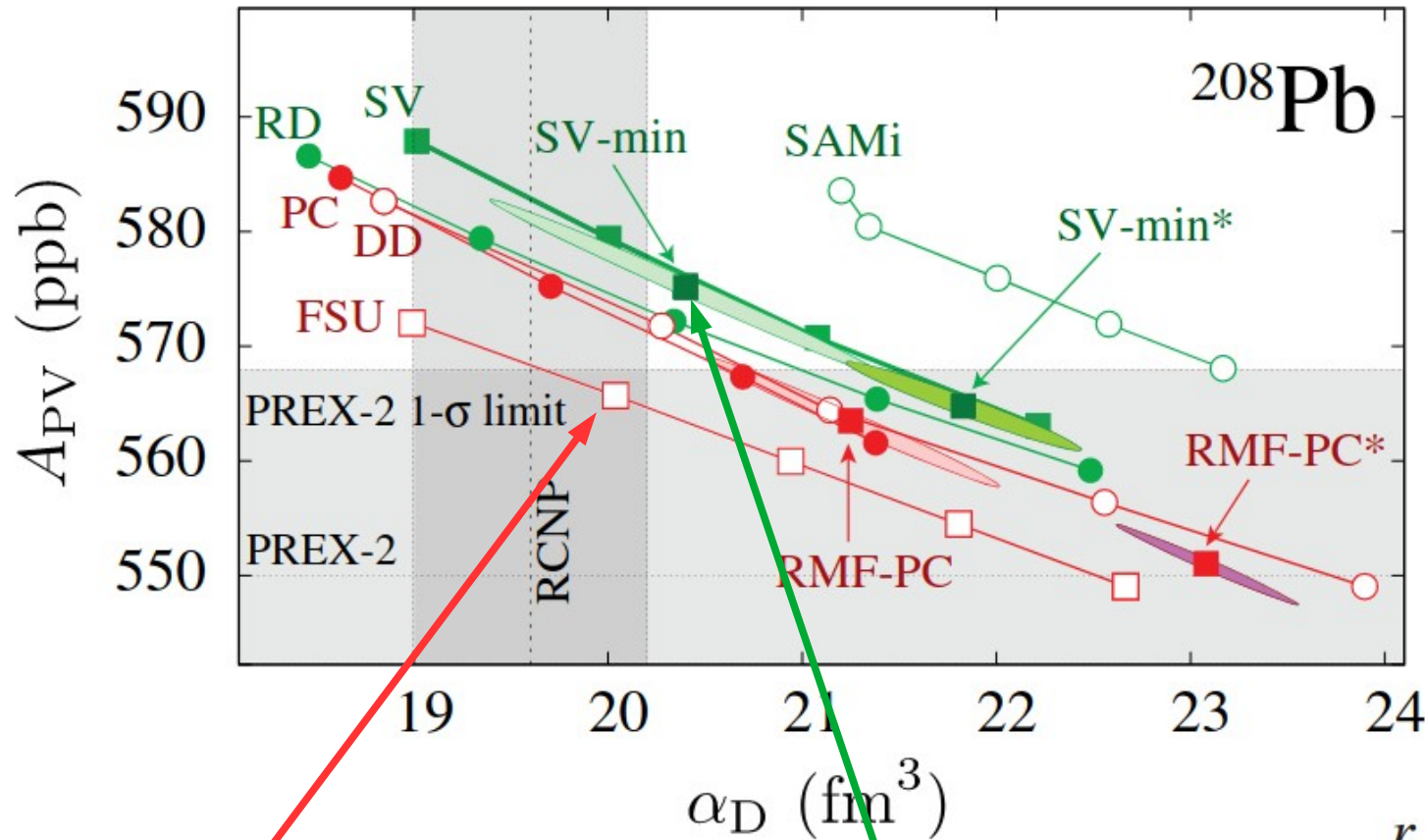
→ Using the **dielectric theorem**: the polarizability can be computed from the expectation value of the Hamiltonian in the constrained ground state $H' = H + \lambda D$

→ For guidance assuming the **Droplet model** for H , one would find:

$$\alpha_D \approx \frac{\pi e^2 \langle r^2 \rangle}{54 J} A \left(1 + \frac{5 \Delta r_{np} - \Delta r_{np}^{\text{surf}} - \Delta r_{np}^{\text{Coul}}}{2 \langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} (I - I_{\text{Coul}})} \right)$$

*Electric dipole polarizability in ^{208}Pb : Insights from the droplet model - X. Roca-Maza, M. Brenna, G. Colò, M. Centelles, X. Viñas, B. K. Agrawal, N. Paar, D. Vretenar, and J. Piekarewicz
Phys. Rev. C 88, 024316 (2013)*

From Earth: A_{pV} (JLab) versus α_D (RCNP)



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 Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 232501 (2021)

SV-min, suitable model to predict EoS around ρ_0 and Δr_{np}

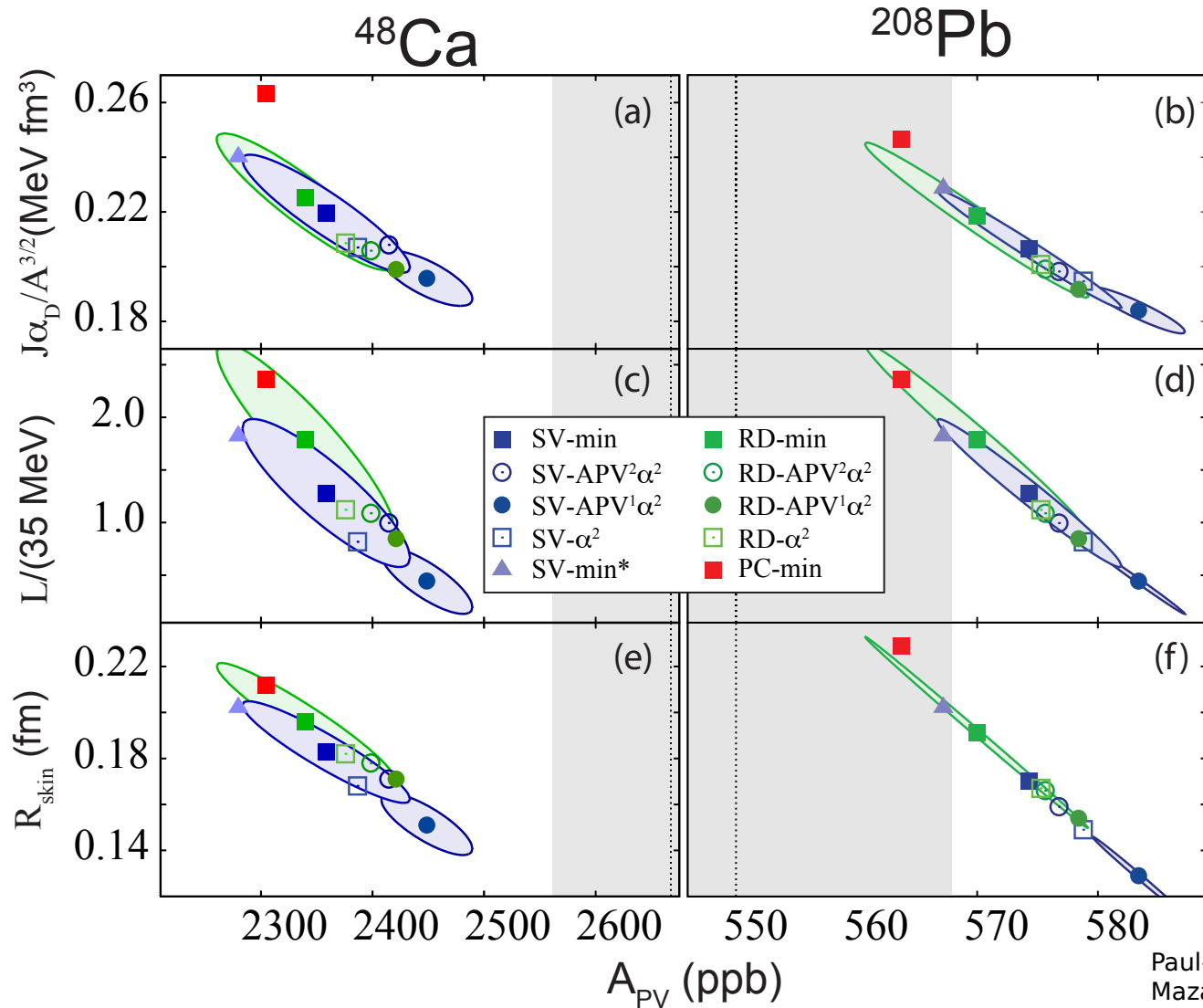
$$r_{\text{skin}} = 0.19 \pm 0.02 \text{ fm}$$

$$L = 54 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}$$

B and **Rch** away from "expected" EDF accuracy for B and Rch

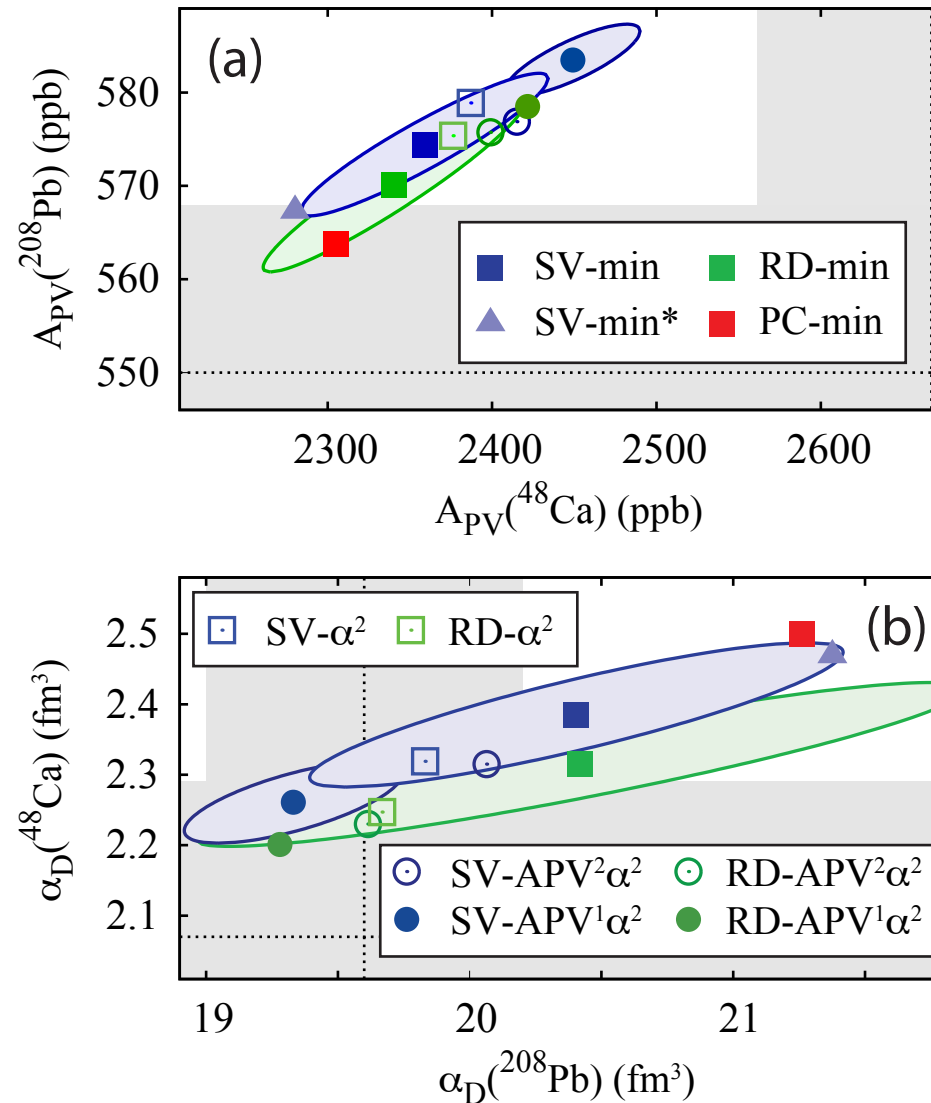
Theoretical and experimental 1 σ errors overlap for SV-min
 But not overlap both exp.

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arXiv:2206.03134

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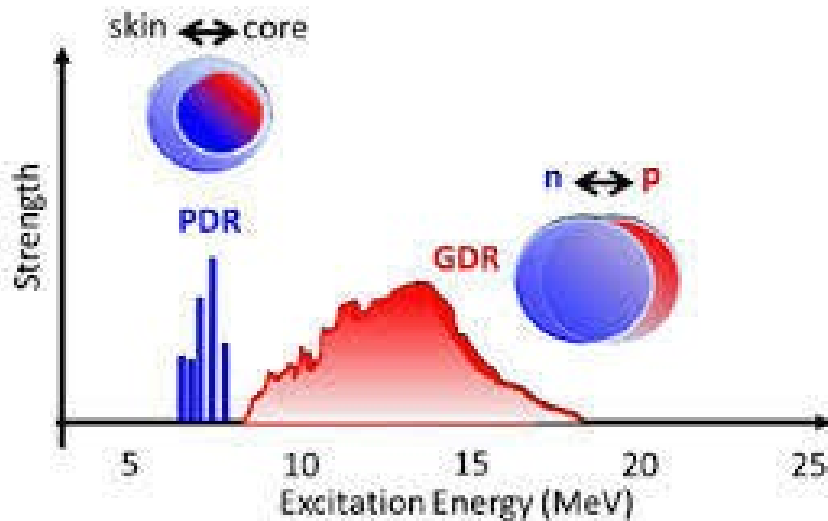
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From Heaven & Earth: low energy dipole response and nucleosynthesis

The **largest** the **neutron pressure** among neutrons ($\sim L$), the more the **excess neutrons** (\sim skin) are **“pushed out”** in the **outermost** part of the **nucleus** \rightarrow spatial **decorrelation** of some of those neutrons with the nucleons in the core produces **larger low lying** responses.

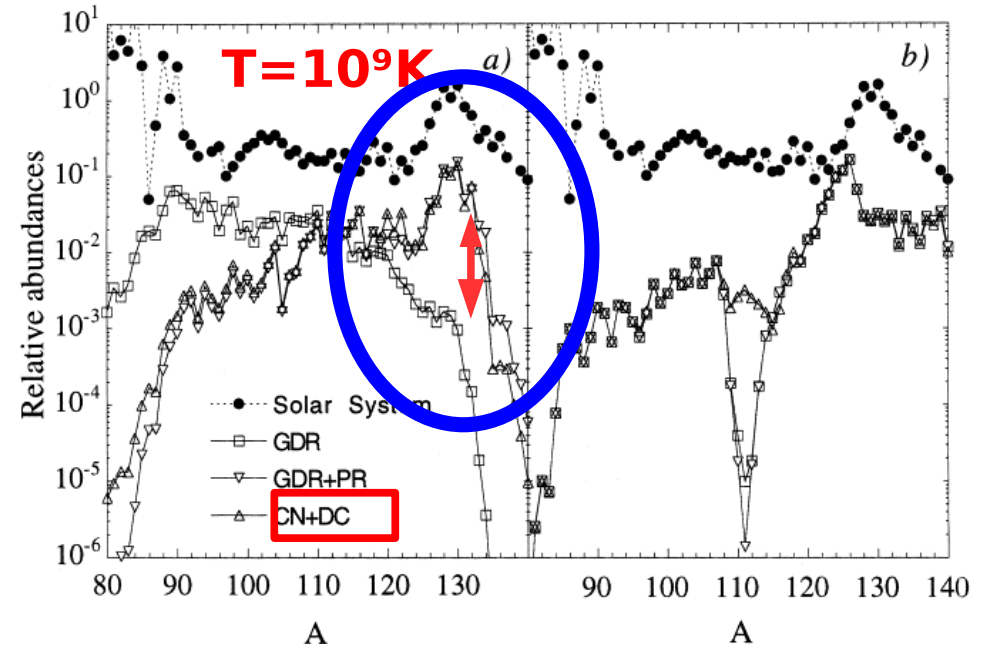
GDR=Giant Dipole Resonance

PDR= Pygmy Dipole Resonance



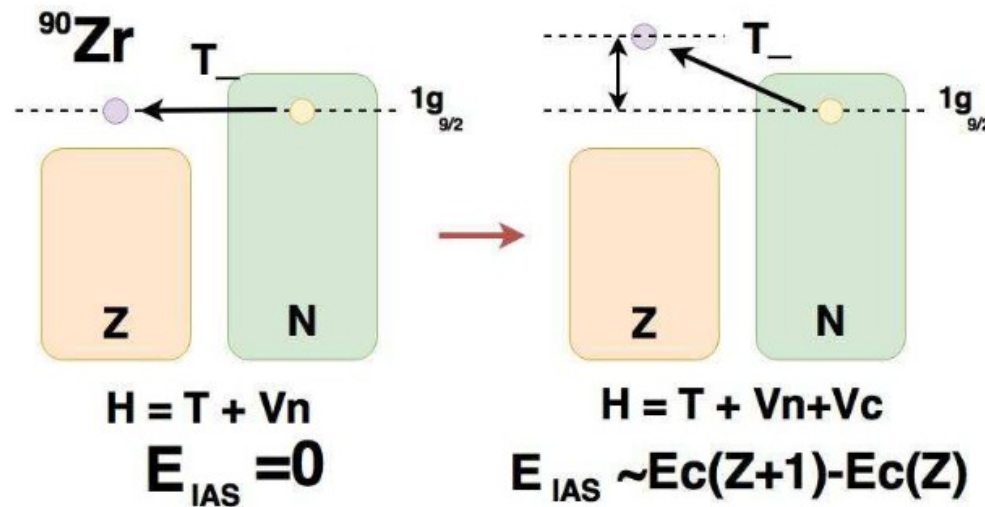
(nature of PDR still under debate)

Radiative neutron captures by neutron-rich nuclei and the r-process nucleosynthesis
S. Goriely, Phys.Lett.B 436 (1998) 10-18



Low energy dipole strength in neutron-rich nuclei influences the **neutron capture cross section** and, thus, the **r-process nucleosynthesis**

From Earth: Isobaric Analog State and the breaking of isospin symmetry



- **Analog state** can be defined: $|A\rangle = \frac{T_-|0\rangle}{\langle 0|T_+T_-|0\rangle}$

- **Displacement energy or E_{IAS}**

$$E_{IAS} = E_A - E_0 = \langle A|\mathcal{H}|A\rangle - \langle 0|\mathcal{H}|0\rangle = \frac{\langle 0|T_+[\mathcal{H}, T_-]|0\rangle}{\langle 0|T_+T_-|0\rangle} = \frac{m_1}{m_0}$$

$E_{IAS} \neq 0$ only due to Isospin Symmetry Breaking terms \mathcal{H}
 E_{IAS}^{exp} usually accurately measured !

From Earth: Isobaric Analog State and the breaking of isospin symmetry

→ Coulomb direct contribution: a simple model

- Assuming independent particle model and good isospin for $|0\rangle$
($\langle 0|T_+T_-|0\rangle = 2T_0 = N - Z$)

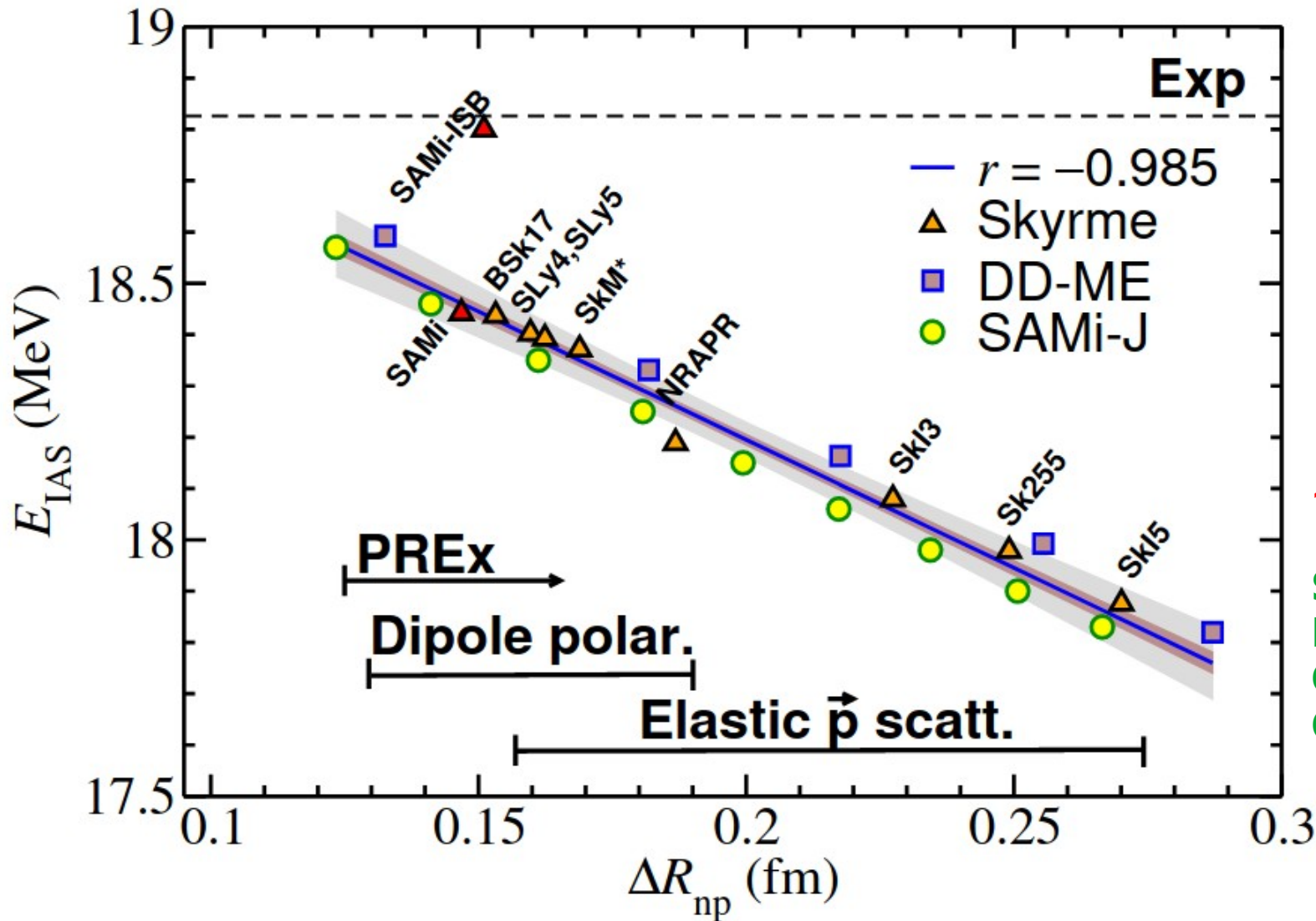
$$E_{IAS} \approx E_{IAS}^{C,direct} = \frac{1}{N-Z} \int [\rho_n(\vec{r}) - \rho_p(\vec{r})] U_C^{direct}(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

where $U_C^{direct}(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{e^2}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}|} \rho_{ch}(\vec{r}_1) d\vec{r}_1$

- Assuming also a uniform neutron and proton distributions of radius R_n and R_p respectively, and $\rho_{ch} \approx \rho_p$ one can find

$$E_{IAS} \approx E_{IAS}^{C,direct} \approx \frac{6}{5} \frac{Ze^2}{R_p} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{5}{12}} \frac{N}{N-Z} \frac{\Delta r_{np}}{R_p} \right)$$

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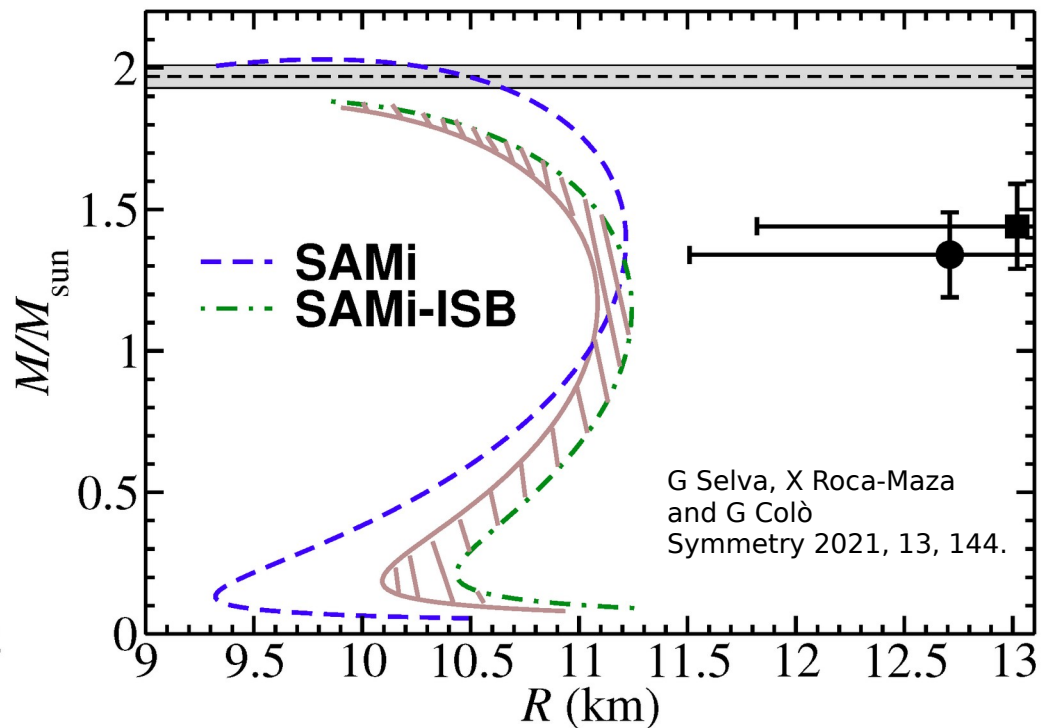
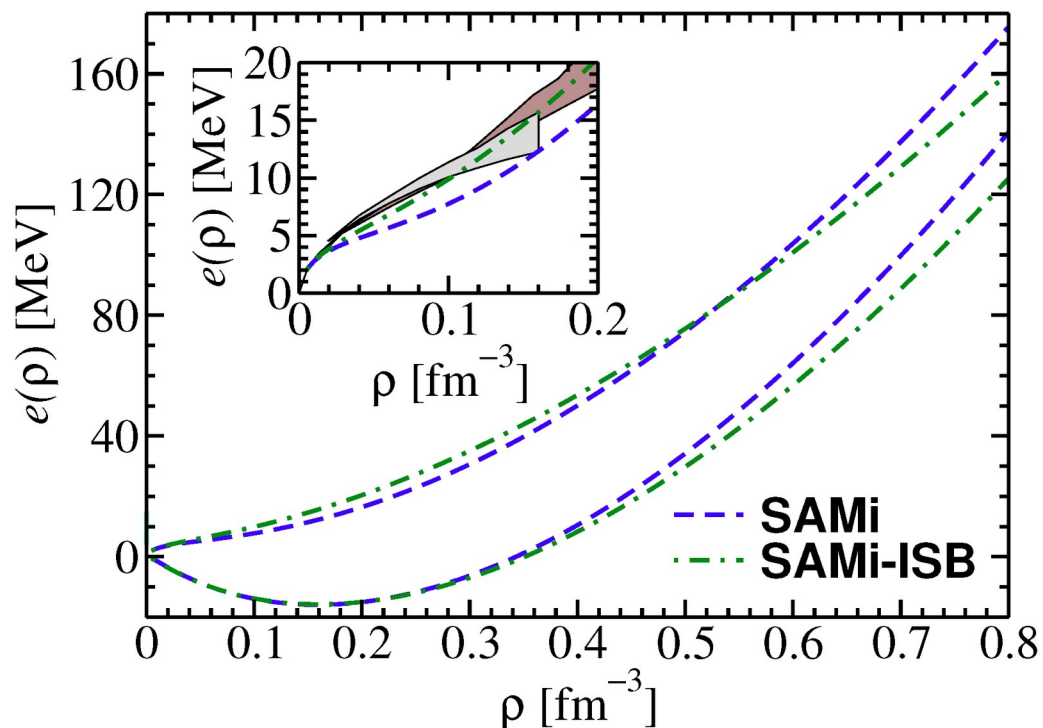
Exp errors in IAS
 ~ tens of keV
 (or smaller)

Exp width IAS
 ~ hundreds of keV

SAMi-ISB: includes ISB effects due to Coulomb exchange, QED corrections and nuclear ISB

From Heaven: ISB effects on NS?

(very much speculative)

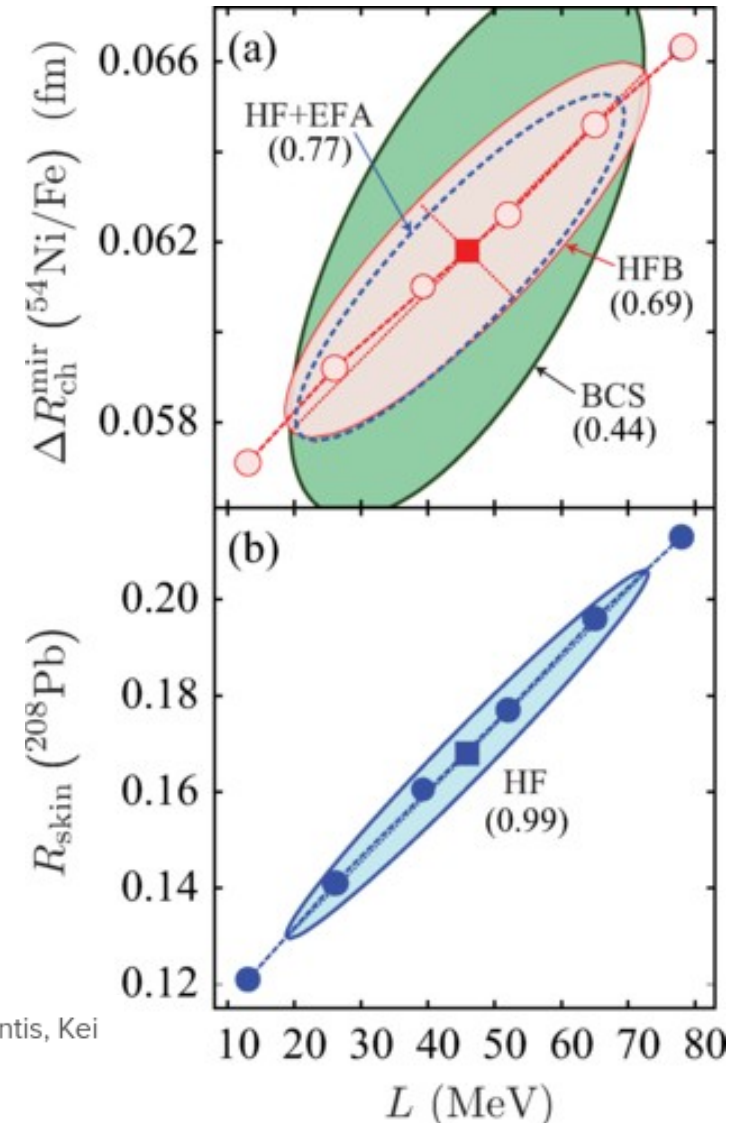
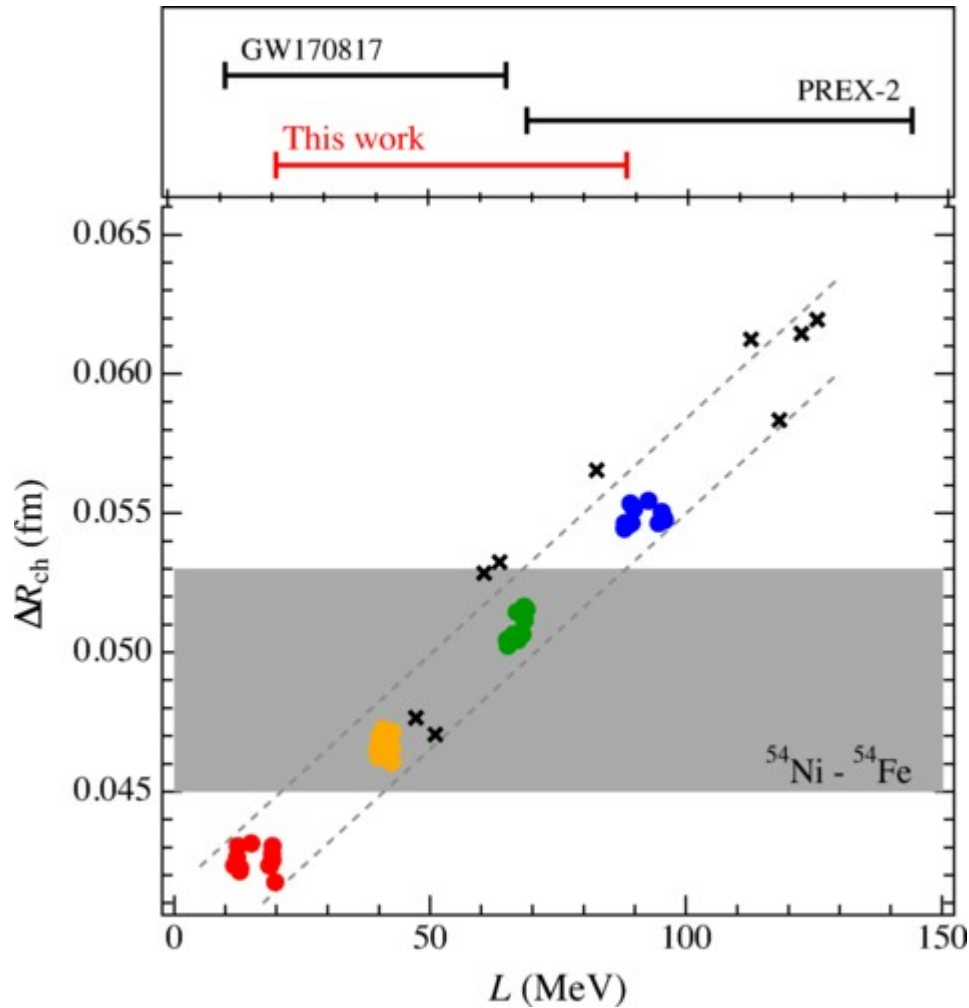


	M_{\max}/M_{sun}	R_{\max} [km]	$\rho_{1.4}^c$ [fm^{-3}]	$R_{1.4}$	$\Lambda_{1.4}$ [km]	$\zeta_{1.4}$
SAMi	2.03	9.8	0.54	11.2	301	0.18
SAMi-ISB	1.88	9.8	0.59	11.2	261	0.19
SAMi-ISB	1.86	9.9	0.61	11.0	242	0.19

($u_0 = s_0 = 0$)

From Earth: charge radii difference in mirror mass nuclei

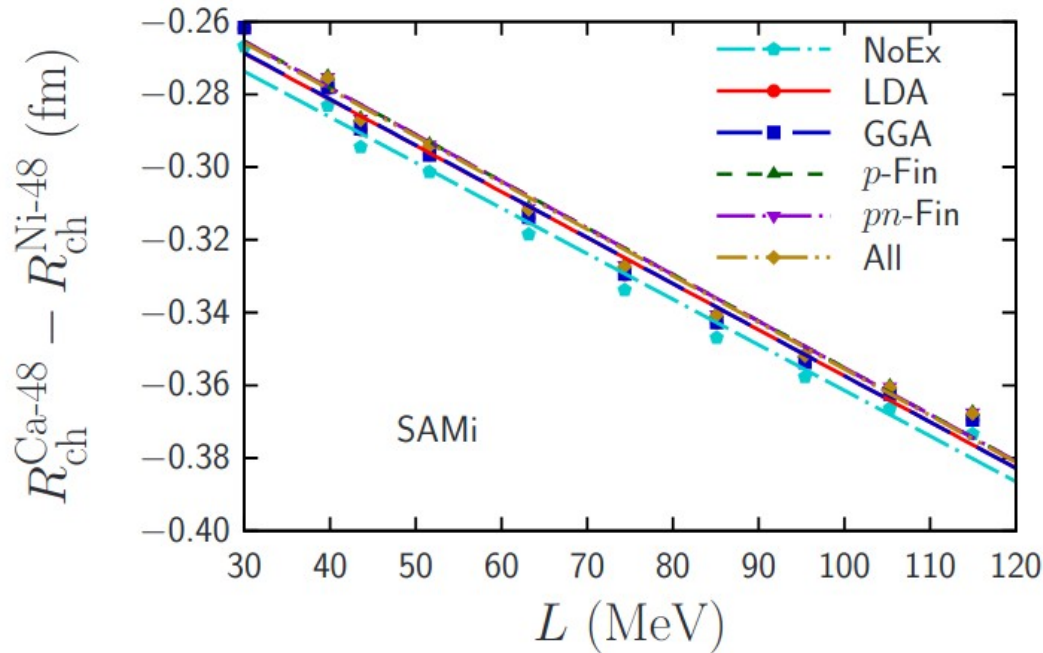
Isospin symmetry $\rightarrow \Delta r_{\text{ch}} := r_{\text{ch}}(^{54}\text{Ni}) - r_{\text{ch}}(^{54}\text{Fe}) = \Delta r_{\text{np}}(^{54}\text{Fe})$



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Phys. Rev. C **105**, L021301 – Published 3 February 2022

Sky V. Pineda, Kristian König, Dominic M. Rossi, B. Alex Brown, Anthony Incorvati, Jeremy Lantis, Kei Minamisono, Wilfried Nörtershäuser, Jorge Piekarewicz, Robert Powel, and Felix Sommer
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From Earth: charge radii difference in mirror mass nuclei - ISB

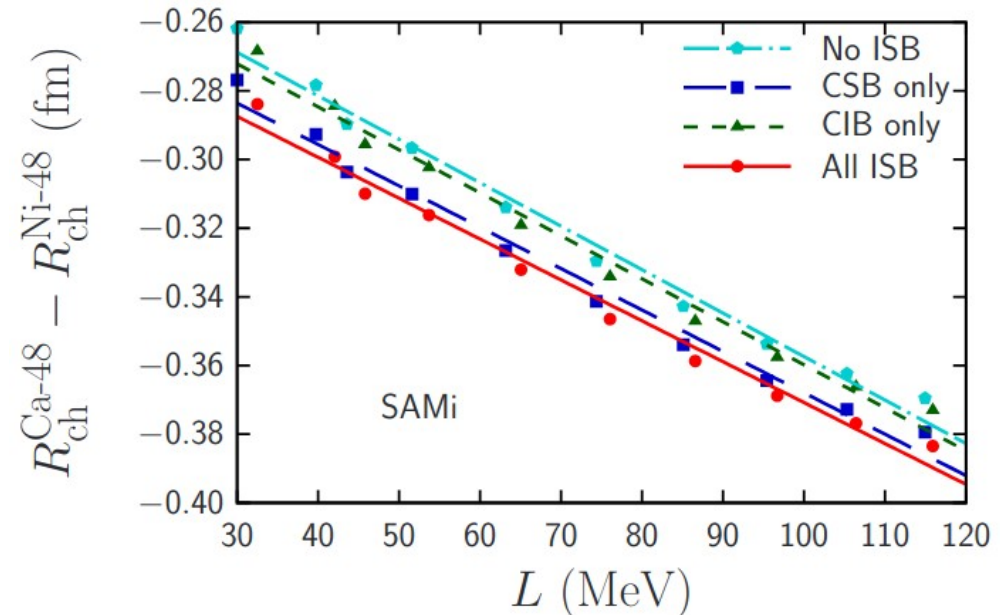


→ **Nuclear ISB** effect may impact on L determination by about **10 MeV** (SAMi-ISB)

→ Theoretical uncertainties must be estimated. Little knowledge about ISB in the medium

→ Accurate treatment of **Coulomb** (leading ISB in nuclei).

→ **No large effects found.**



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Summary from Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 101 (2018) 96–176

Some alternative compilations:

M. Oertel, M. Hempel, T. Klähn, S. Typel, Rev. Modern Phys. 89 (2017) 015007.

M.B. Tsang, et al., Phys. Rev. C 86 (2012) 015803.

Bao-An Li, Xiao Han, Phys. Lett. B 727 (1) (2013) 276–281.

EoS par.	Observable	Range	Comments
ρ_0	$\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$	0.154–0.159	Most accurate EDFs on $M(N, Z)$ and $\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (see Section 5)
e_0	$M(N, Z)$	–16.2 to –15.6	Most accurate EDFs on $M(N, Z)$ and $\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (see Section 5)
K_0	$M(N, Z)$	220–245	Most accurate EDFs on $M(N, Z)$ and $\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (see Section 5)
	ISGMR	220–260	From EDFs in closed shell nuclei [116]
	ISGMR	250–315	Blaizot's formula [Eq. (32)] [51]
	ISGMR	~200	EDF describing also open shell nuclei [118]
J	$M(N, Z)$	29–35.6	Most accurate EDFs on $M(N, Z)$ and $\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (see Section 5)
	IVGDR	~24.1(8) + L/8	From EDF analysis [$S(\rho = 0.1 \text{ fm}^{-3}) = 24.1(8) \text{ MeV}$] [273]
	PDS	30.2–33.8	From EDF analysis [370]
	PDS	31.0–33.6	From EDF analysis [371]
	α_D	24.5(8) + 0.168(7)L	From EDF analysis ^{208}Pb [96]
	α_D	30–35	From EDF analysis [179]
	IAS and Δr_{np}	30.2–33.7	From EDF analysis [325]
	AGDR	31.2–35.4	From EDF analysis [401]
	PDS, α_D , IVGQR, AGDR	32–33	From EDF analysis [508]
	compilation	29.0–32.7	[106]
	compilation	30.7–32.5	[107]
compilation	28.5–34.9	[3]	
L	$M(N, Z)$	27–113	Most accurate EDFs on $M(N, Z)$ and $\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ (see Section 5)
	ρ_n	40–110	proton- ^{208}Pb scattering [24]
	ρ_n	0–60	π photoproduction (^{208}Pb) [181]
	ρ_n	30–80	antiprotonic at. (EDF analysis) [102,509]
	ρ_{weak}	>20	Parity violating scattering [27]
	PDS	32–54	From EDF analysis [370]
	PDS	49.1–80.5	From EDF analysis [371]
	α_D	20–66	From EDF analysis [179]
	IVGQR and ISGQR	19–55	From EDF analysis [101]
	IAS and Δr_{np}	35–75	From EDF analysis [325]
	AGDR	75.2–122.4	From EDF analysis [401]
	PDS, α_D , IVGQR, AGDR	45.2–54.6	From EDF analysis [508]
	compilation	40.5–61.9	[106]
	compilation	42.4–75.4	[107]
compilation	30.6–86.8	[3]	

Summary

with qualitative indication of accuracy needed to describe experiment
(note that absolute values might be subject to systematics)

- $\rho_0 \in [0.154, 0.159] \text{ fm}^{-3} \rightarrow$ relative accuracy **2%**
 - needed to describe experiment (Rch) $\leq 0.1\%$
- $e_0 \in [15.6, 16.2] \text{ MeV} \rightarrow$ relative accuracy **4%**
 - needed to describe experiment (B) $\leq 0.0001\%$
- $K_0 \in [200, 260] \text{ MeV} \rightarrow$ relative accuracy **25%**
 - needed to describe experiment (E_x^{GMR}) $\leq 7\%$
- $J \in [30, 35] \text{ MeV} \rightarrow$ relative accuracy (α) **15%**
 - needed to describe experiment $\leq 15\%$
- $L \in [20, 120] \text{ MeV} \rightarrow$ relative accuracy (α) **150%**
 - needed to describe experiment $\leq 50\%$
- ...