

The nuclear symmetry energy and the breaking of isospin symmetry

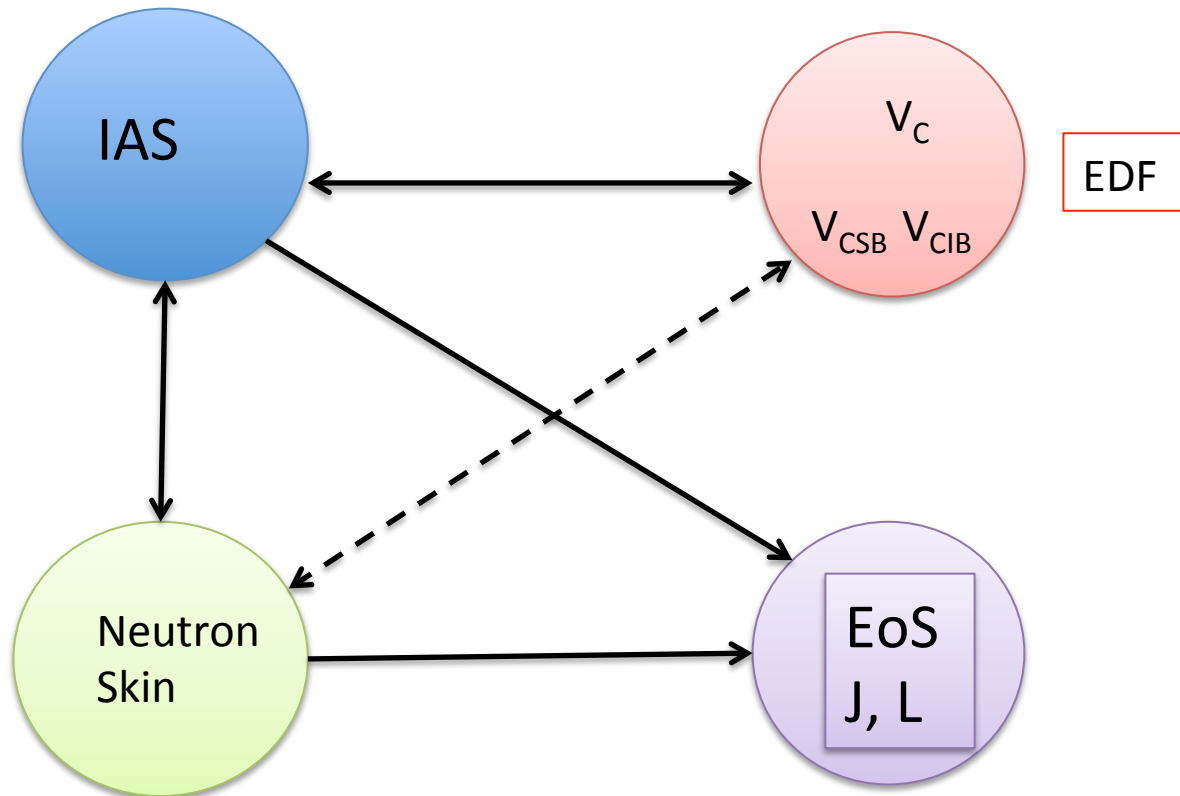
Can we reconcile our understanding of the symmetry energy with the isobaric analog state properties? => Isospin breaking nuclear forces

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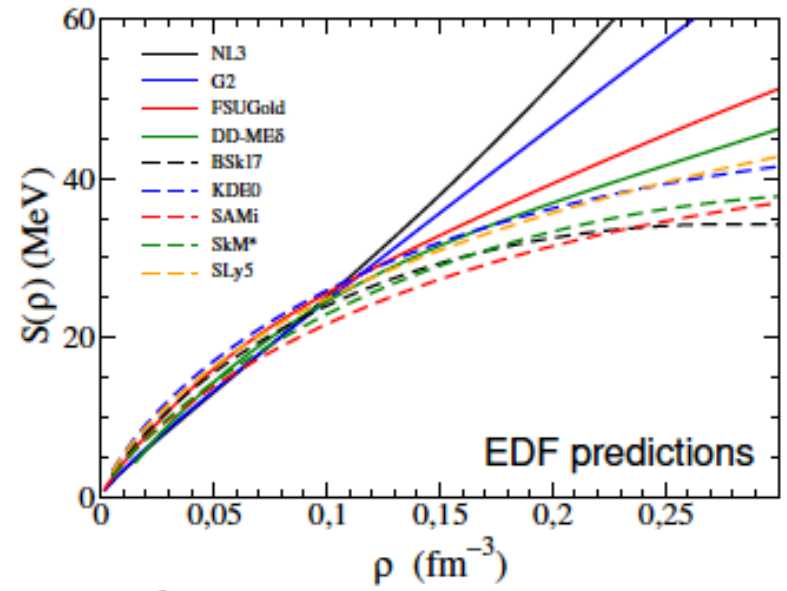
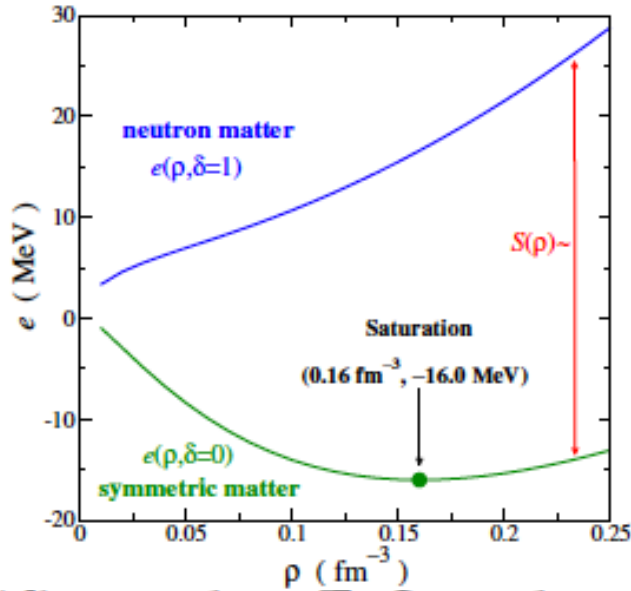
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The Nuclear Equation of State: Infinite System



* The nuclear EoS can be written in good approximation as:

$$E/A = e(\rho, \beta) \approx e(\rho, \beta = 0) + S(\rho)\beta^2 \quad \text{where } \beta \equiv \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho_n + \rho_p}$$

* SNM can be expanded around ρ_0 and define some useful parameters:

$$S(\rho) = J + L \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right) + \frac{1}{2} K_{sym} \left(\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{3\rho_0} \right)^2$$

$$\text{where } J = S(\rho_0), \quad L = 3\rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho_0}, \quad K_{sym} = 9\rho_0^2 \left. \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \rho^2} \right|_{\rho_0}$$

Isospin proposed by W. Heisenberg (1932)

Isospin conservation $[H, T] = 0$

$[H, T] = [V_C, T] \neq 0$ But the violation is rather small.

$[H, T] = [V_C + V_{CSB} + V_{CIB}, T] \neq 0$

Existence of Isobaric Analog States
(Experimental Evidence by charge exchange reaction)

J.D. Anderson, C. Wong and J.W. McClure:
Phys. Rev. Letters 7 (1961) 250; Phys. Rev.
126 (1962) 2170; Phys. Rev. 129 (1963) 2718.

Bohr-Mottelson: Isospin violation

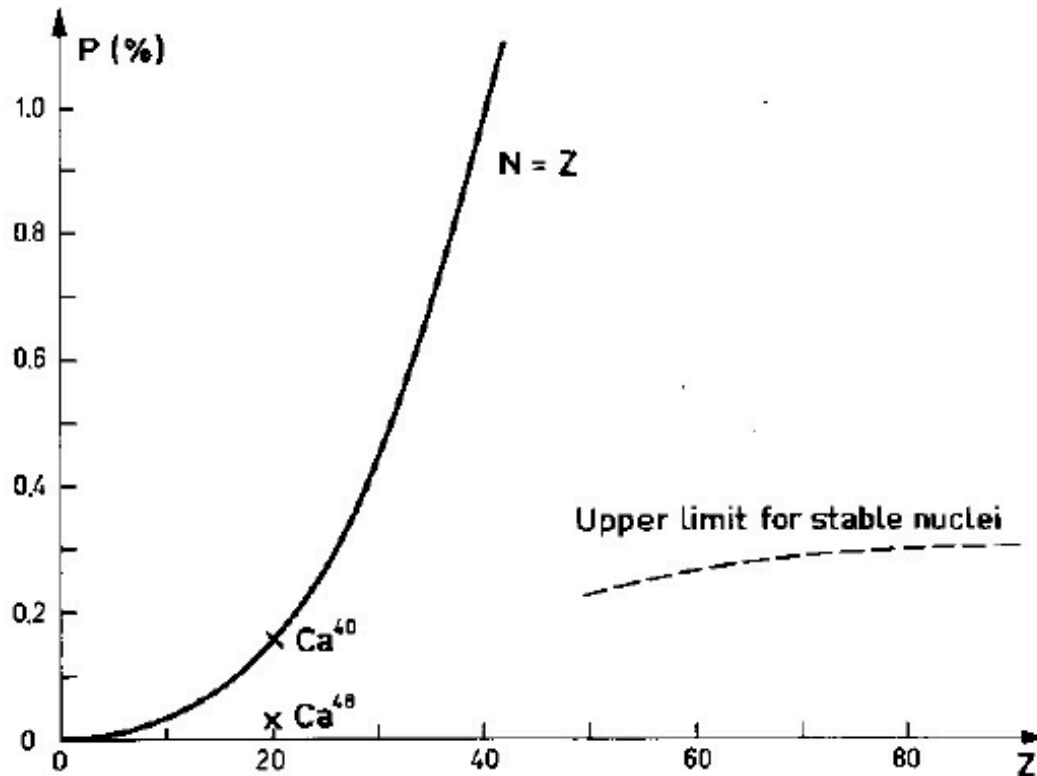
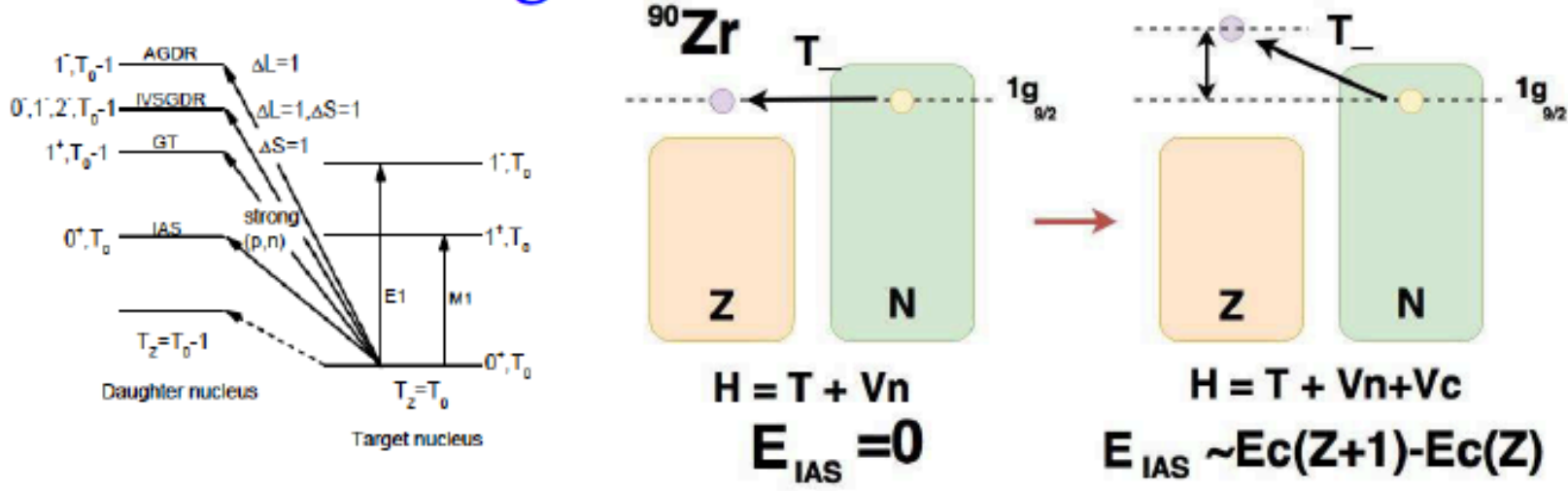


Figure 2-6 The figure shows the isospin impurities in nuclear ground states estimated on the basis of the hydrodynamical model (A. Bohr, J. Damgaard, and B. R. Mottelson, in *Nuclear Structure*, p. 1, eds. A. Hossain, Harun-ar-Rashid, and M. Isiam, North-Holland, Amsterdam, 1967.)

▼ and $T_0 + 1$, and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(T_0 + 1) &= \langle T_0 T_0 10 | T_0 + 1, T_0 \rangle^2 P(\tau = 1) \\
 &= (T_0 + 1)^{-1} P(\tau = 1)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2-108}$$

The isobaric analog state energy: ΔE_d



• **Definition:** $(N, Z + 1) \rightarrow (N + 1, Z)$: T_0 g.s. isospin of $(N + 1, Z)$, its IAS in $(N, Z + 1)$ will be the lowest state where $T = T_0$.

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

• **Displacement energy**

$$E_{IAS} \approx \Delta E_d \equiv E_A - E_0 = \langle A|\mathcal{H}|A\rangle - \langle 0|\mathcal{H}|0\rangle = \frac{\langle 0|[T_+[\mathcal{H}, T_-]]|0\rangle}{\langle 0|T_+T_-|0\rangle}$$

E_{IAS}^{exp} easy to measure and depends only on isospin symmetry breaking terms: Coulomb and to less extent (few %) strong interaction

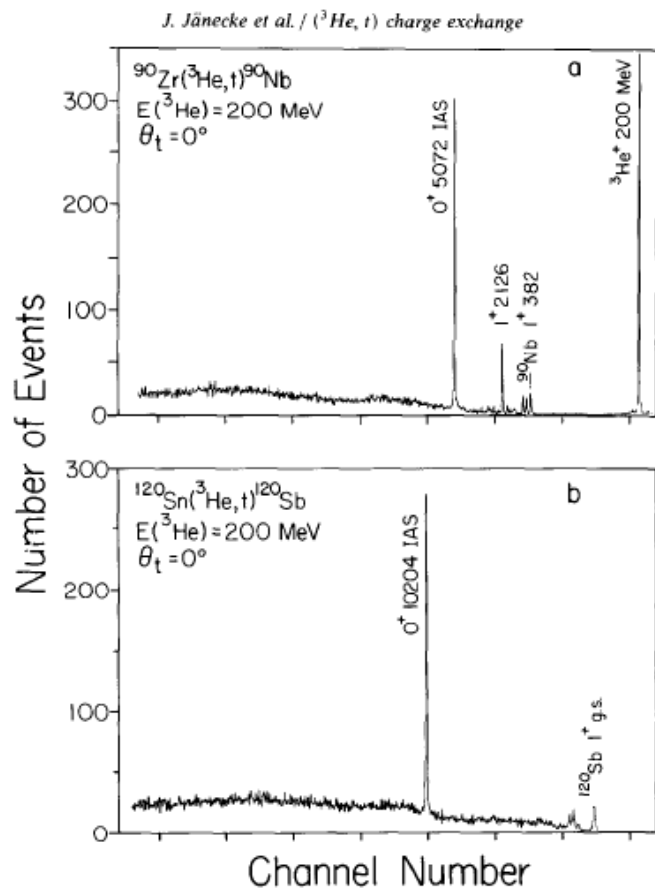


Fig. 7. Triton energy spectra from the ($^3\text{He}, t$) reaction of $E(^3\text{He}) = 200 \text{ MeV}$ and $\theta_t = 0^\circ$ for target: (a) ^{90}Zr , (b) ^{120}Sn . Excitation energies are given in keV.

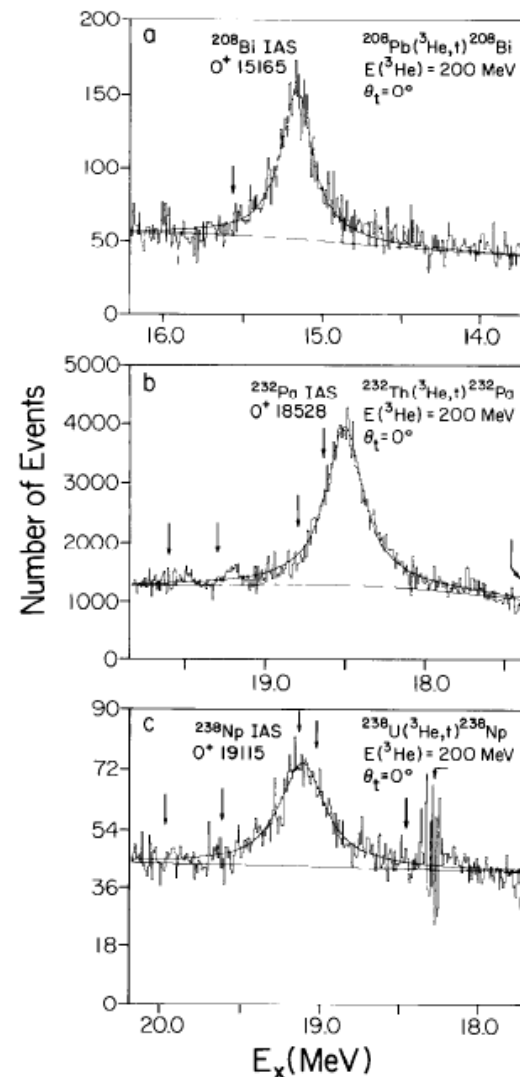


Fig. 10. Triton energy spectra (expanded scales) corrected for background obtained for the IAS in (a) ^{208}Bi , (b) ^{232}Pa and (c) ^{238}Np at $E(^3\text{He}) = 200 \text{ MeV}$, $\theta_t = 0^\circ$ with Lorentzian line shape fitting. Irregular patterns appear where contributions from ^{12}C and ^{16}O contaminants are subtracted. The locations are marked by arrows.

Coulomb direct displacement energy

$$\langle [T_+, [H, T_-]] \rangle \Rightarrow$$

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

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

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

$$\Delta E_d \approx \Delta E_d^{C, \text{direct}} \approx \frac{6}{5} \frac{Ze^2}{R_p} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{N}{N-Z} \frac{R_n - R_p}{R_p} \right)$$

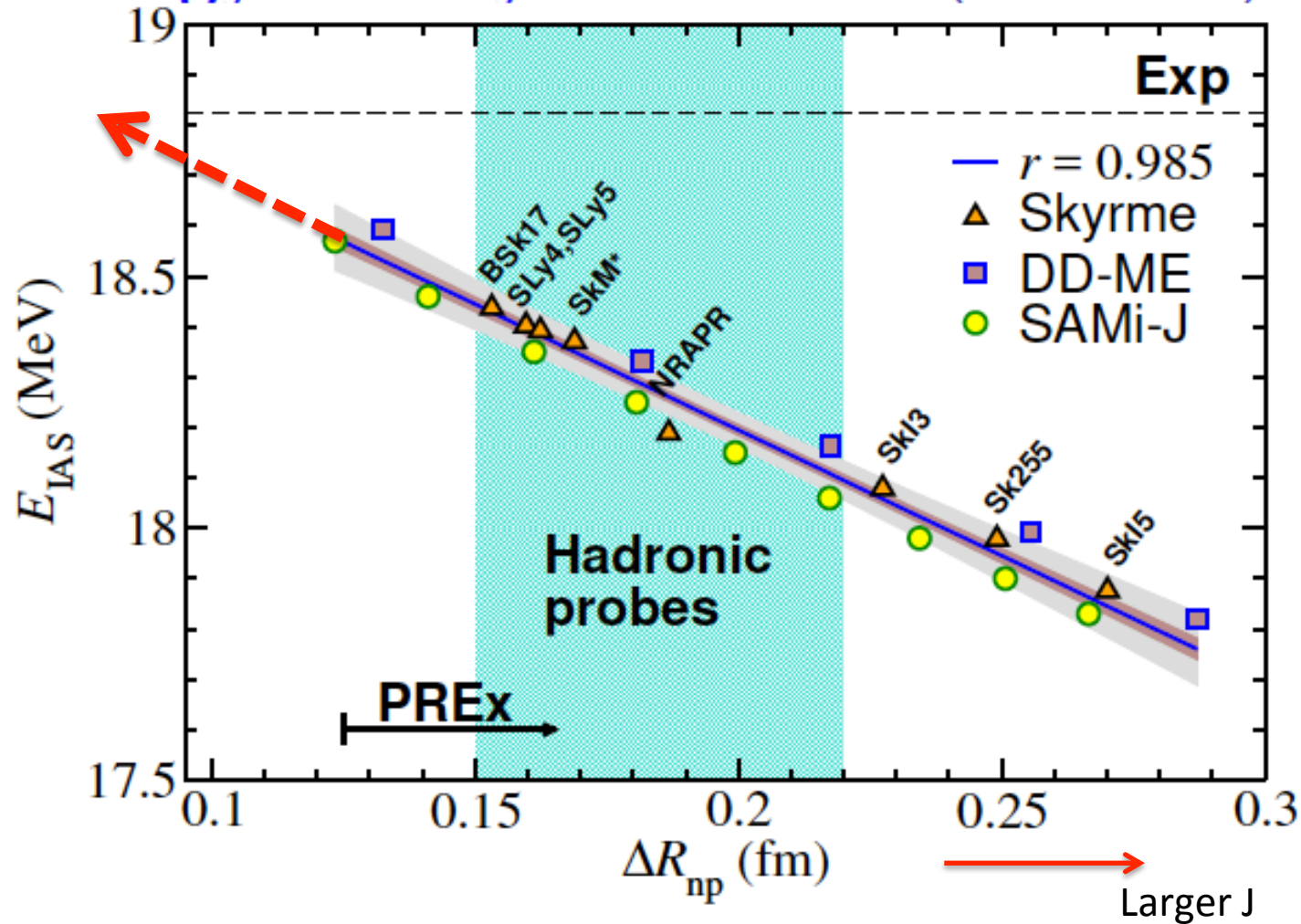
One may expect: **the larger the Δr_{np} the smallest E_{IAS}**

COULOMB ENERGIES AND THE EXCESS NEUTRON DISTRIBUTION FROM THE STUDY OF ISOBARIC ANALOG RESONANCES†

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π > Parent State		Ca ⁴⁹	Sr ⁸⁹	Ba ¹³⁹	Pb ²⁰⁹
$E_R - E_A$	Contin.-Comp. Mixing	-0.06	-0.10	-0.17	-0.48
	Dyn. p-n Mass Effect	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
	El.Magn. Spin Orbit	-0.07	-0.08	-0.01	-0.02
$\Delta E_d^{C.D.}$	{ Estimate Eq. (5)	-0.20	-0.16	-0.23	-0.25
	{ Phenomen. Force	-0.02	-0.16	—	—
ΔE_d^{Coul}	{ Direct Term	7.60	12.10	15.46	19.95
	{ Exchange Term	-0.31	-0.35	-0.35	-0.35
$\Delta E_d^{F.S.}$	Finite Proton Size	-0.10	-0.11	-0.11	-0.11
ΔE_d^{CORR}	Short Range Correlat.	~0.1	~0.1	~0.1	~0.1
ΔE_d^{T-IMP}	Collective Model	-0.01	-0.04	-0.06	-0.09
$E_R - E_\pi$	{ Theory	7.08±.20	11.40±.25	14.67±.25	18.79±.25
	{ Experiment	7.083±.015 ^(a)	11.40±.02 ^(a)	14.67±.02 ^(a)	18.790±.013 ^(b)
c_o [fm]	} Charge Distribution	1.03	1.08	1.09	1.12
t [fm]		2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
r_o [fm]	Neutron Potential	1.06±.08	1.10±.05	1.11±.05	1.12±.04
R_{rms} [fm]	{ Excess Neutrons	3.71±.18	4.36±.15	4.99±.15	5.63±.15
	{ Protons	3.42	4.10	4.75	5.42
	{ All Neutrons	3.51±.04	4.17±.05	4.83±.05	5.50±.05

E_{IAS} in Energy Density Functionals (No Corr.)



EDFs derived from Hartree-(Fock) + Random Phase approximations using relativistic (and non-relativistic) interactions where the nuclear part is isospin symmetric and U_{ch} is calculated from the ρ_p

How can we reconcile this contradiction between IAS energy and neutron skin?

For the first time within self-consistent

HF+RPA

“ a state of the art” calculation”

Within the **HF+RPA** one can **estimate** the E_{IAS} accounting (in an effective way) for **short-range correlations, isospin impurities and effects of the continuum** (if a large sp base is adopted).

- **Coulomb exchange** exact (usually Slater approx.):

$$U_C^{x,\text{exact}} \varphi_i(\vec{r}) = -\frac{e^2}{2} \int d^3r' \frac{\varphi_j^*(\vec{r}') \varphi_j(\vec{r})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \varphi_i(\vec{r}')$$

- The **electromagnetic spin-orbit** correction to the nucleon single-particle energy (non-relativistic),

$$\varepsilon_i^{\text{emso}} = \frac{\hbar^2 c^2}{2m_i^2 c^4} \langle \vec{l}_i \cdot \vec{s}_i \rangle x_i \int \frac{1}{r} \frac{dU_C}{dr} |R_i(r)|^2$$

where x_i : $g_p = 1$ for Z and g_n for N; $g_n = -3.82608545(90)$ and $g_p = 5.585694702(17)$, $R_i \rightarrow R_{nl}$ radial wf.

- **Finite size** effects (assuming spherical symmetry):

$$\rho_{\text{ch}}(q) = \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{8m^2}\right) [G_{E,p}(q^2)\rho_p(q) + G_{E,n}(q^2)\rho_n(q)] - \frac{\pi q^2}{2m^2} \sum_{l,t} [2G_{M,t}(q^2) - G_{E,t}(q^2)] \langle \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} \rangle \int_0^\infty dx \frac{j_1(qx)}{qx} |R_{nl}(x)x^2|^2$$

- The lowest order correction in the fine-structure constant to the Coulomb potential $\frac{eZ}{r}$ consists on the selfenergy and the **vacuum polarization** corrections:

$$V_{\text{VP}}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\alpha e^2}{\pi} \int d\vec{r}' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \mathcal{K}_1 \left(\frac{2}{\lambda_e} |\vec{r} - \vec{r}'| \right)$$

where e is the fundamental electric charge, α the fine-structure constant, λ_e the reduced Compton electron wavelength and

$$\mathcal{K}_1(x) \equiv \int_1^\infty dt e^{-xt} \left(\frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{1}{2t^4} \right) \sqrt{t^2 - 1}$$

Isospin proposed by J. Heisenberg

Isospin conservation $[H, T] = 0$

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Scattering Length

$$a_{(S=0)}^{pp} = -17.3 \pm 0.4 \text{ fm},$$

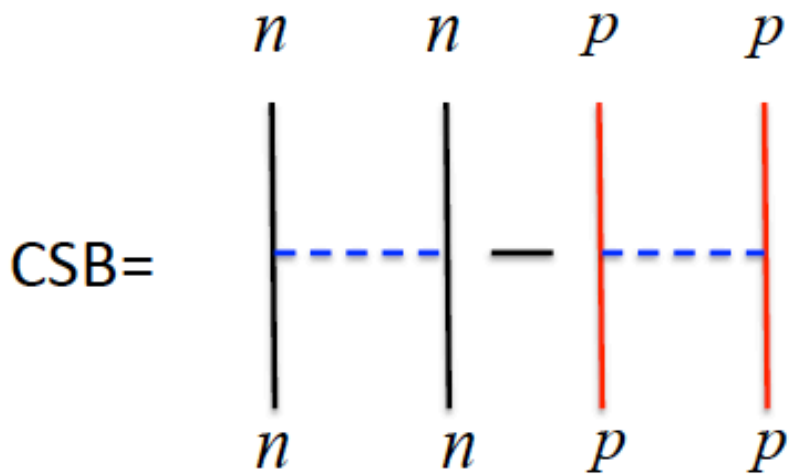
$$a_{(S=0)}^{nn} = -18.7 \pm 0.6 \text{ fm},$$

$$a_{(S=0)}^{pn} = -23.70 \pm 0.03 \text{ fm}.$$

The difference between a_0^{pp} and a_0^{nn} is an evidence of CSB (charge symmetry breaking) nuclear force, while the difference between a_0^{pn} and the average $(a_0^{pp} + a_0^{nn})/2$ is due to CIB (charge invariance breaking) force.

CSB and CIB in Lattice QCD calculations in future project

QCD

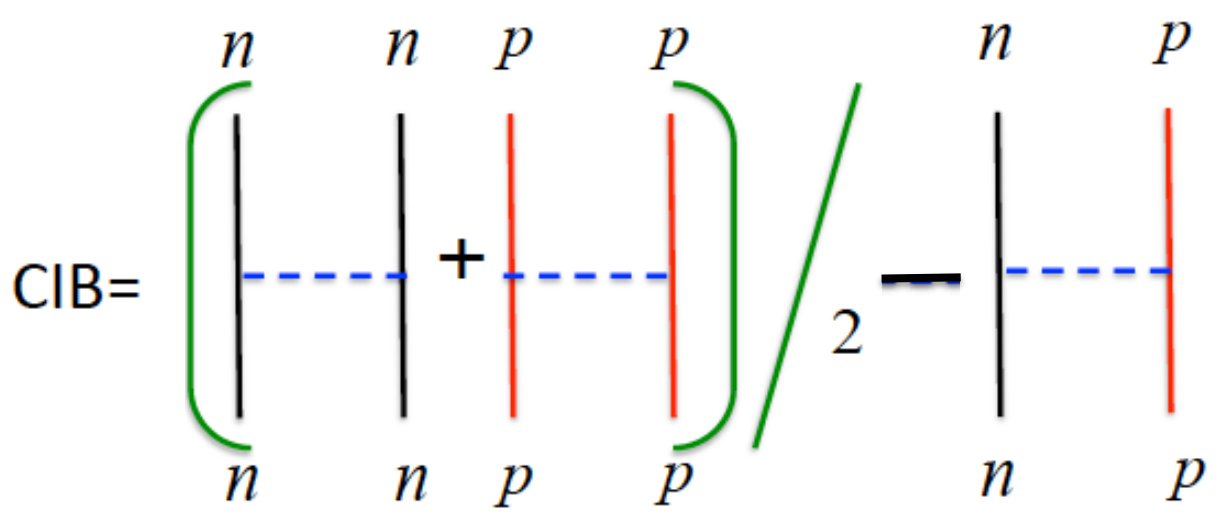


$$(p) = (uud)$$

$$(n) = (udd)$$

$$m_u \neq m_d$$

$$q_u \neq q_d$$



$$\Delta a_{CSB} = 1.4$$

$$\Delta a_{CIB} = 5.7$$

- **Isospin symmetry breaking (Skyrme-like): two parts**

H. Sagawa, N. V. Giai, and T. Suzuki, Phys. Lett. B 353, 7 (1995).

- **charge symmetry breaking**

$$V_{\text{CSB}} = V_{\text{nn}} - V_{\text{pp}}$$

$$V_{\text{CSB}}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \equiv \frac{1}{4} [\tau_z(1) + \tau_z(2)] \left\{ s_0(1 + y_0 P_\sigma) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) + \frac{1}{2} s_1(1 + y_1 P_\sigma) [P'^2 \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) + \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) P^2] + s_2(1 + y_2 P_\sigma) \vec{P}' \cdot \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \vec{P} \right\}$$

where $\vec{P} \equiv \frac{1}{2i} (\nabla_1 - \nabla_2)$ acts on the right and P' is its complex conjugate acting on the left and $P_{\tau/\sigma}$ are the usual projector operators in isospin and spin spaces.

- **charge independence breaking***

$$V_{\text{CIB}} = \frac{1}{2} (V_{\text{nn}} + V_{\text{pp}}) - V_{\text{pn}}$$

$$V_{\text{CIB}}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \tau_z(1) \tau_z(2) \left\{ u_0(1 + z_0 P_\sigma) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) + \frac{1}{2} u_1(1 + z_1 P_\sigma) [P'^2 \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) + \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) P^2] + u_2(1 + z_2 P_\sigma) \vec{P}' \cdot \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \vec{P} \right\}$$

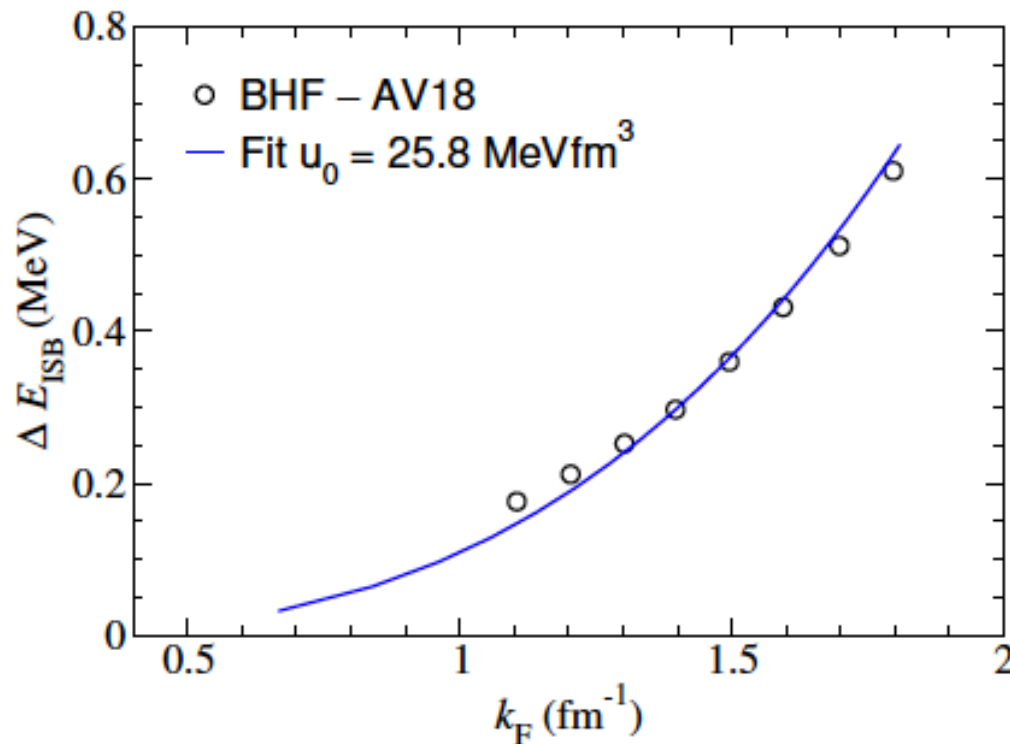
* general operator form $\tau_z(1) \tau_z(2) - \frac{1}{3} \vec{\tau}(1) \cdot \vec{\tau}(2)$. Our prescription $\tau_z(1) \tau_z(2)$ not change structure of HF+RPA.

- **Opposite to the other corrections, ISB contributions depends on new parameters that need to be fitted!**

Isospin symmetry breaking in the medium:

- **keeping things simple: CSB and CIB** interaction just **delta function** depending on s_0 and u_0 . **Different possibilities:**
 - **Fitting** to (two) experimentally known **IAS energies**
 - **Derive from theory**
 - **our option:** u_0 to reproduce **BHF** (symmetric nuclear matter) and s_0 to reproduce E_{IAS} in ^{208}Pb

$$\Delta E_{ISB} \propto u_0 \rho^2$$



Example: 2 different fitting protocols and models:

Sly5-min: use constant error for a given observable

- ▶ **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: use relative error for all observables

- ▶ **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.

Re-fit of SAMi: SAMi-ISB

- All these **corrections** are relatively **small** but **modify binding energies, neutron and proton distributions, etc.**
⇒ a **re-fit of the interaction is needed.**
- Use **SAMi fitting protocol** (special care for spin-isospin resonances) including all corrections and **find SAMi-ISB**

Table: Saturation properties

	SAMi	SAMi-ISB	
ρ_∞	0.159(1)	0.1613(6)	fm^{-3}
e_∞	-15.93(9)	-16.03(2)	MeV
m_{IS}^*	0.6752(3)	0.730(19)	
m_{IV}^*	0.664(13)	0.667(120)	
J	28(1)	30.8(4)	MeV
L	44(7)	50(4)	MeV
K_∞	245(1)	235(4)	MeV

TABLE I. SAMi-ISB parameter set used in the fit. See text for details.

e_0	-16.03(2) MeV	L	50(5) MeV
ρ_0	0.1613(6) MeV	m_{IS}^*/m	0.730(19)
K_0	235(4) MeV	m_{IV}^*/m	0.667(116)
J	30.8(4) MeV	G_0	0.15(fixed)
W_0	294(6)	G_0'	0.35(fixed)
W_0'	-367(12)		
s_0	-26.3(7) MeV fm ³	u_0	25.8(4) MeV fm ³

TABLE II. SAMi-ISB in terms of Skyrme standard parameters. See text for details.

	value(σ)		value(σ)
t_0	-2098.3(149.3) MeV fm ³	x_0	0.24(9)
t_1	394.7(15.8) MeV fm ⁵	x_1	-0.17(33)
t_2	-136.4(10.8) MeV fm ⁵	x_2	-0.47(4)
t_3	11995(686) MeV fm ^{3+3α}	x_3	0.32(21)
W_0	294(6)		
W_0'	-367(12)	s_0	-26.3(7) MeV fm ³
α	0.223(31)	u_0	25.8(4) MeV fm ³

SAMi-ISB finite nuclei properties

El.	N	B	B ^{exp}	r _c	r _c ^{exp}	ΔR _{np}
		[MeV]	[MeV]	[fm]	[fm]	[fm]
Ca	28	417.67	415.99	3.49	3.47	0.214
Zr	50	783.60	783.89	4.26	4.27	0.097
Sn	82	1102.75	1102.85	4.73	–	0.217
Pb	126	1635.78	1636.43	5.50	5.50	0.151

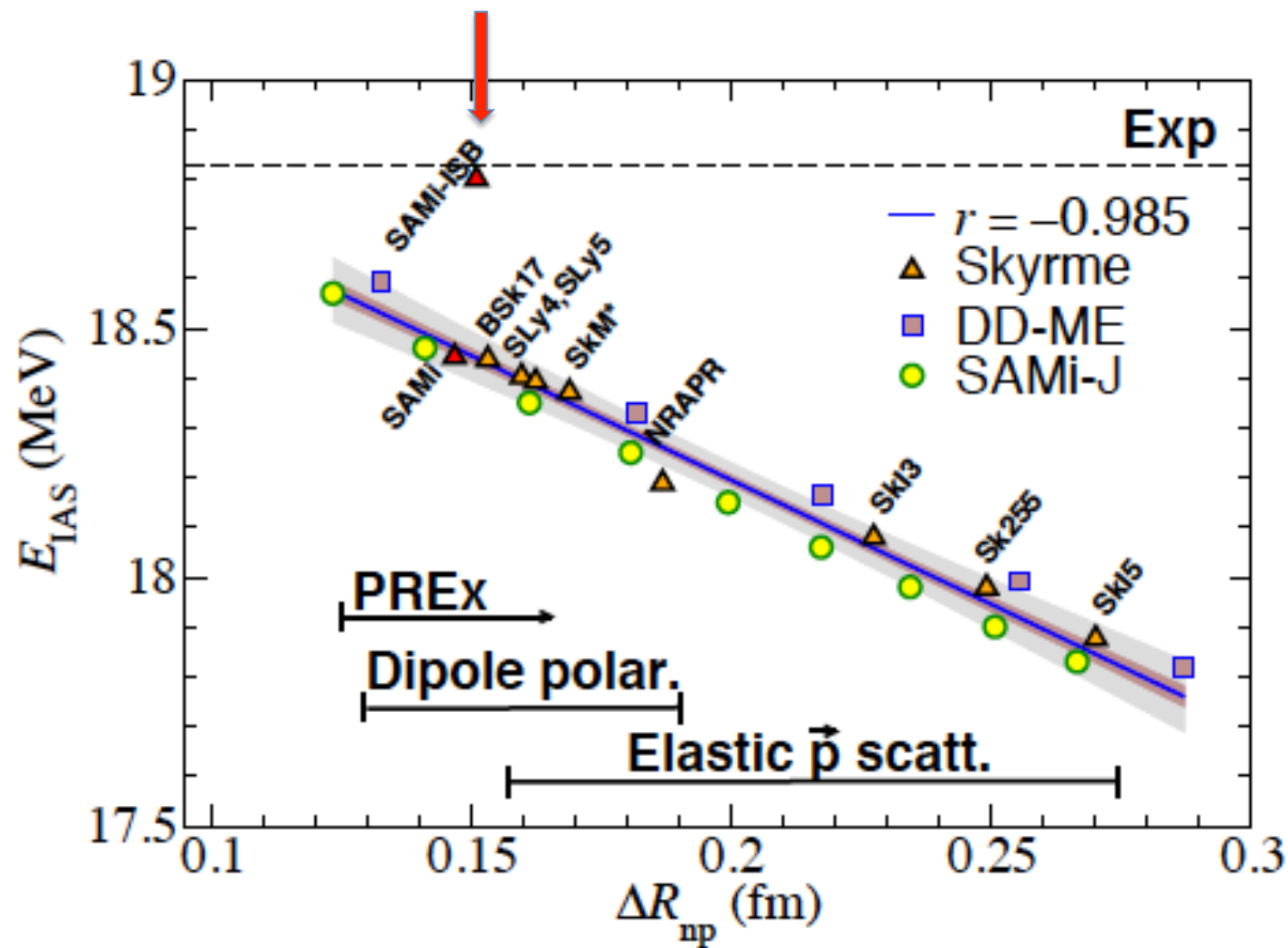
Corrections on E_{IAS} for ²⁰⁸Pb one by one

	E _{IAS} [MeV]	Correction [keV]
No corrections ^a	18.31	
Exact Coulomb exchange	18.41	+100
n/p mass difference	18.44	+30
Electromagnetic spin-orbit	18.45	+10
Finite size effects	18.40	-50
Vacuum polarization (V _{ch})	18.53	+130
Isospin symmetry breaking	18.80	+270

^aFrom Skyrme Hamiltonian where the nuclear part is isospin symmetric and V_{ch} is calculated from the ρ_p

$$E_{IAS}^{\text{exp}} = 18.826 \pm 0.01 \text{ MeV. } \textit{Nuclear Data Sheets 108, 1583 (2007).}$$

E_{IAS} with SAMi-ISB



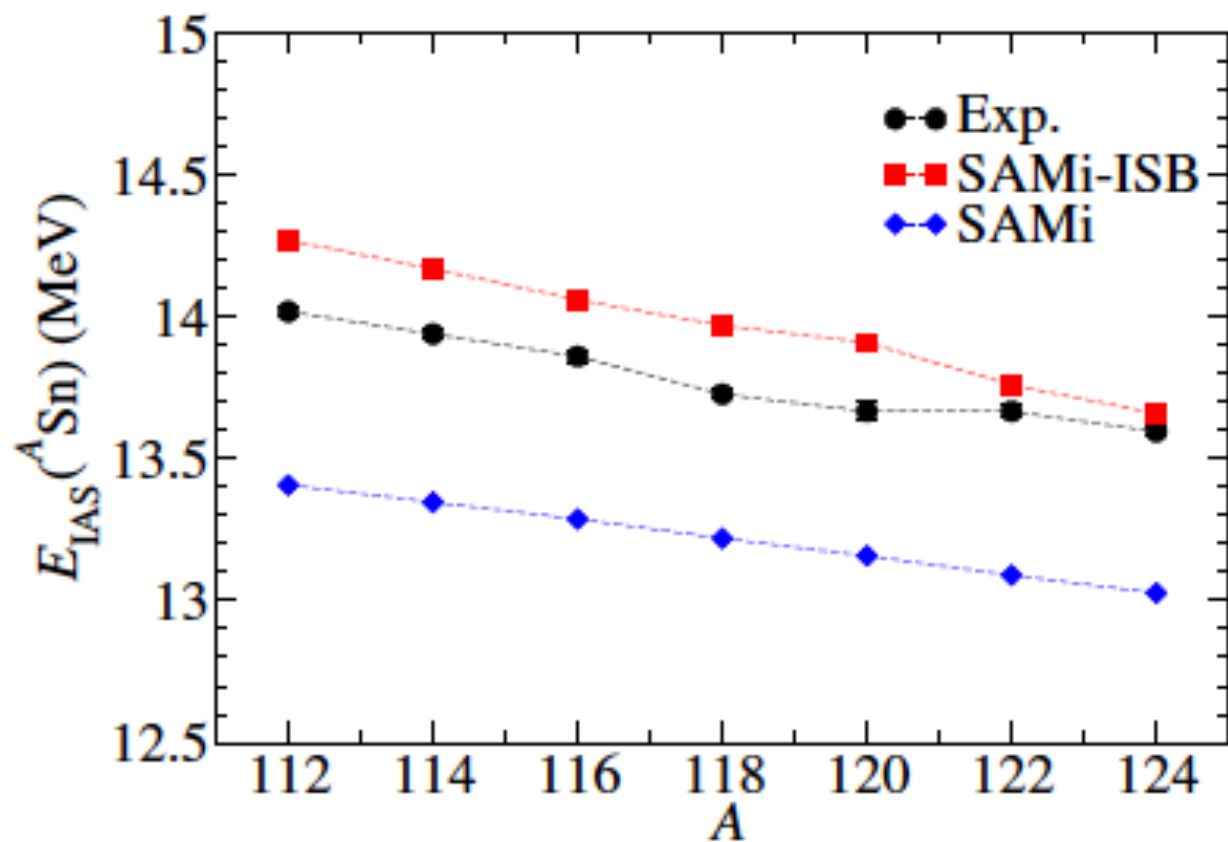


FIG. 3. E_{IAS} for Sn isotopes as predicted by SAMi and SAMi-
ISB and compared to experimental data.

Isospin-symmetry breaking in masses of $N \simeq Z$ nuclei

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Mirror
Displacement
energy

$$\text{MDE} = BE(T, T_z = -T) - BE(T, T_z = +T). \quad (1)$$

Triplet
displacement
energy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TDE} = & BE(T = 1, T_z = -1) + BE(T = 1, T_z = +1) \\ & - 2BE(T = 1, T_z = 0), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{V}^{\text{II}}(i, j) = t_0^{\text{II}} \delta(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \left[3\hat{t}_3(i)\hat{t}_3(j) - \hat{\tau}(i) \circ \hat{\tau}(j) \right] \quad (\text{CIB})$$

$$\hat{V}^{\text{III}}(i, j) = t_0^{\text{III}} \delta(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \left[\hat{t}_3(i) + \hat{t}_3(j) \right]. \quad (\text{CSB})$$

Isospin projected HF calculations

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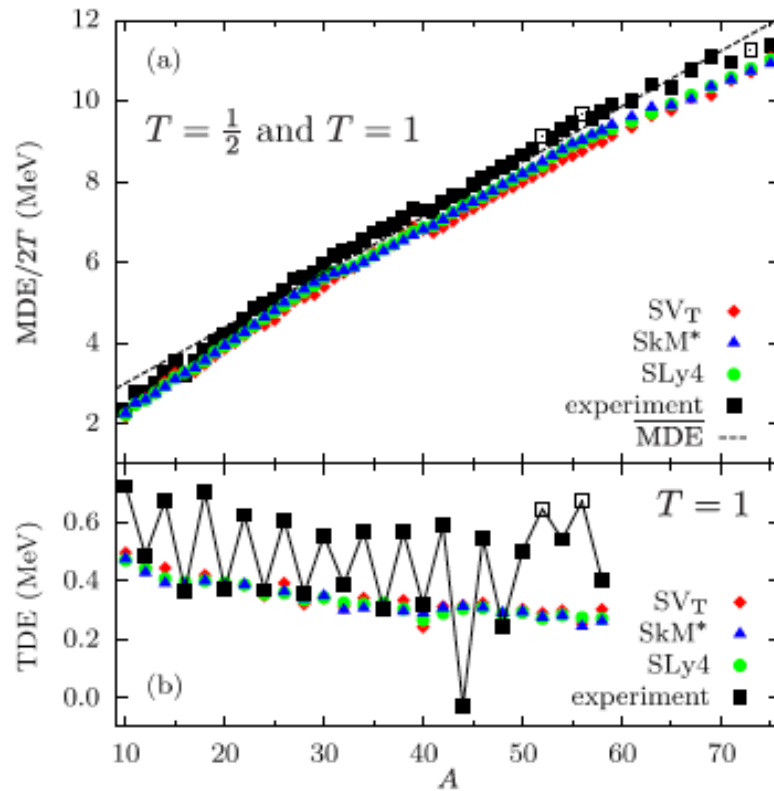


Fig. 1. (Color online.) Calculated (no ISB terms) and experimental values of MDEs (a) and TDEs (b). The values of MDEs for triplets are divided by two to fit in the plot. Thin dashed line shows the average linear trend of experimental MDEs in doublets, defined as $\overline{MDE} = 0.137A + 1.63$ (in MeV). Measured values of binding energies were taken from Ref. [25] and the excitation energies of the $T = 1$, $T_z = 0$ states from Ref. [26]. Open squares denote data that depend on masses derived from systematics [25].

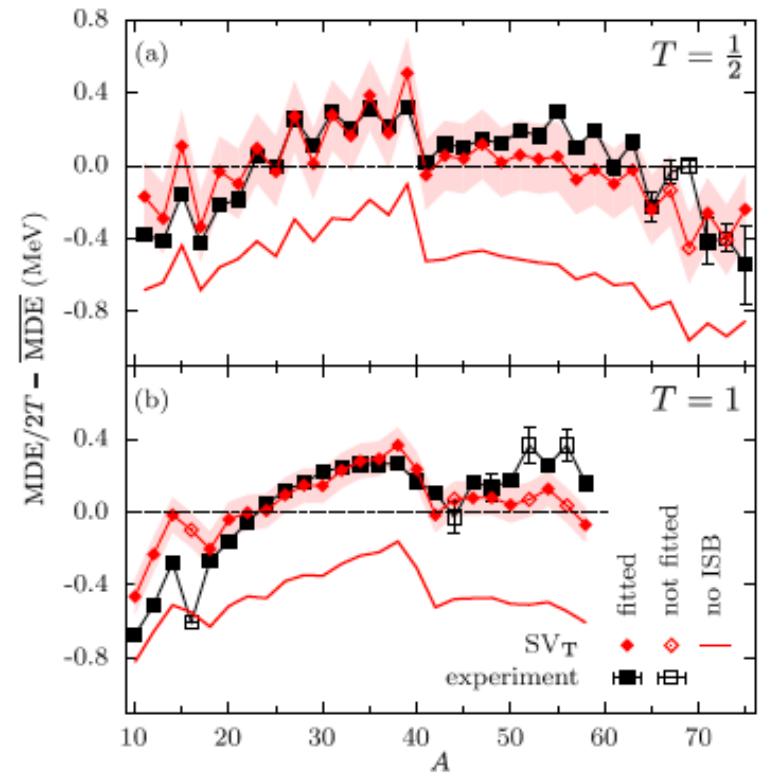


Fig. 2. (Color online.) Calculated and experimental [25] values of MDEs for the $T = \frac{1}{2}$ (a) and $T = 1$ (b) mirror nuclei, shown with respect to the average linear trend defined in Fig. 1. Calculations were performed for functional SV_T^{ISB} . Shaded bands show theoretical uncertainties, evaluated according to the methodology discussed in detail in the Supplemental Material [22]. Experimental error bars are shown only when they are larger than the corresponding symbols. Full (open) symbols denote data points included in (excluded from) the fitting procedure.

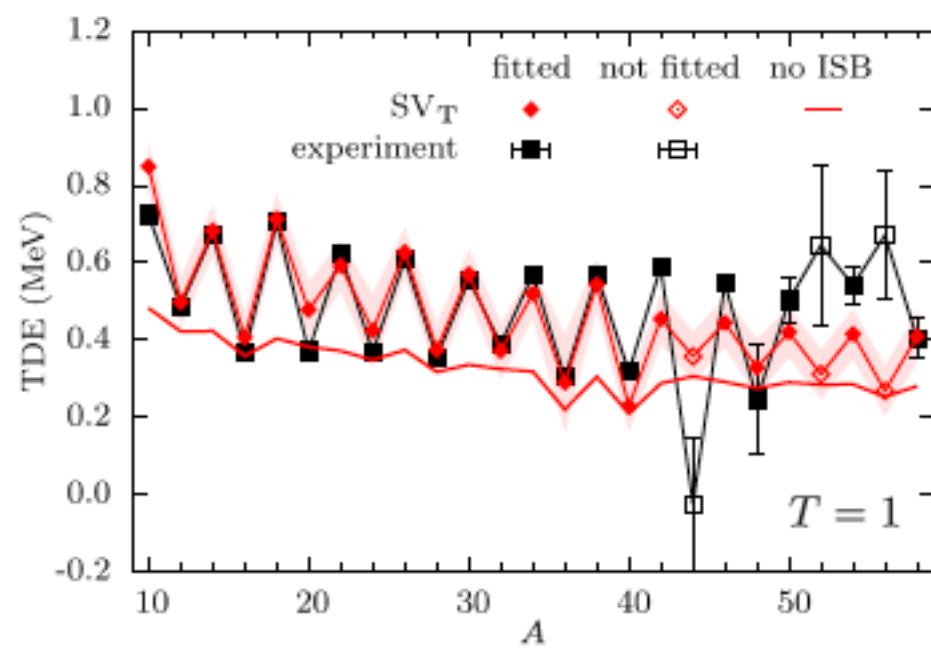


Fig. 3. (Color online.) Same as in Fig. 2 but for the $T = 1$ TDEs with no linear trend subtracted.

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$$\text{MDE} = BE(T, T_z = -T) - BE(T, T_z = +T). \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TDE} = & BE(T = 1, T_z = -1) + BE(T = 1, T_z = +1) \\ & - 2BE(T = 1, T_z = 0), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

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$$\hat{V}^{\text{III}}(i, j) = t_0^{\text{III}} \delta(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) [\hat{t}_3(i) + \hat{t}_3(j)]. \quad (\text{CSB})$$

Coupling constants t_0^{II} and t_0^{III} and their uncertainties obtained in this work for the Skyrme EDFs SV_T^{ISB} , $\text{SkM}^{*\text{ISB}}$, and Sly4^{ISB} . In the last row we show their corresponding ratios.

	SV_T^{ISB}	$\text{SkM}^{*\text{ISB}}$	Sly4^{ISB}	<u>Ours</u>	
t_0^{II} (MeV fm ³)	4.6 ± 1.6	7 ± 4	6 ± 4	$u_0/2$	12.9
t_0^{III} (MeV fm ³)	-7.4 ± 1.9	-5.6 ± 1.4	-5.6 ± 1.1	$S_0/2$	-13.1
$t_0^{\text{II}}/t_0^{\text{III}}$	-0.6 ± 0.3	-1.3 ± 0.8	-1.1 ± 0.7		-0.985

CSB and CIB from 1S_0 NN scattering => scattering length
(T. Suzuki et al., PRC47, R1360 (1993))

$$s_0 \propto -\Delta a_{CSB}$$
$$u_0 \propto \frac{2}{3} \Delta a_{CIB}$$
$$\frac{u_0}{s_0} = -2.5$$

The ratio of adjusted CSB and CIB is 2-3 times smaller than the above value. The adjusted values may include the effect of Coulomb correlations beyond mean field and also many-body ISB correlations.

Summary

1. Skyrme and RMF EDF show a strong correlation between E_{IAS} and neutron skin of ^{208}Pb . However, EDF does not properly describe the excitation energy of IAS.
2. Refitted EDF with CSB and CIS gives good account of both E_{IAS} and other ground state observables, BE, charge radii, neutron skin.
3. Mass measurements of isospin doublet and triplets give complementary information of CSB and CIB interactions.
4. A better knowledge of CSB and CIS in nuclear medium gives a further enhancement of nuclear matter properties, EoS and symmetry energy.

Isobaric analog state of ^{11}Li

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$^{11}\text{Li}(p,n)^{11}\text{Be}^*$

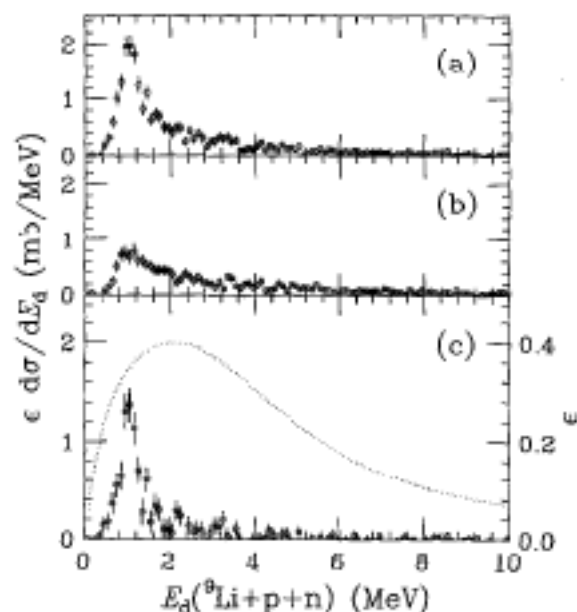


Fig. 2. Decay energy (E_d) spectra of the $^9\text{Li}+p+n$ system (a) for the (p,n) reaction and (b) for the $(d,2n)$ reaction. (c) Decay energy spectrum of the $^9\text{Li}+p+n$ system deduced for the Fermi transition (see text). The dotted line represents the detector acceptance ϵ .

Double isobaric analog of ^{11}Li in ^{11}B

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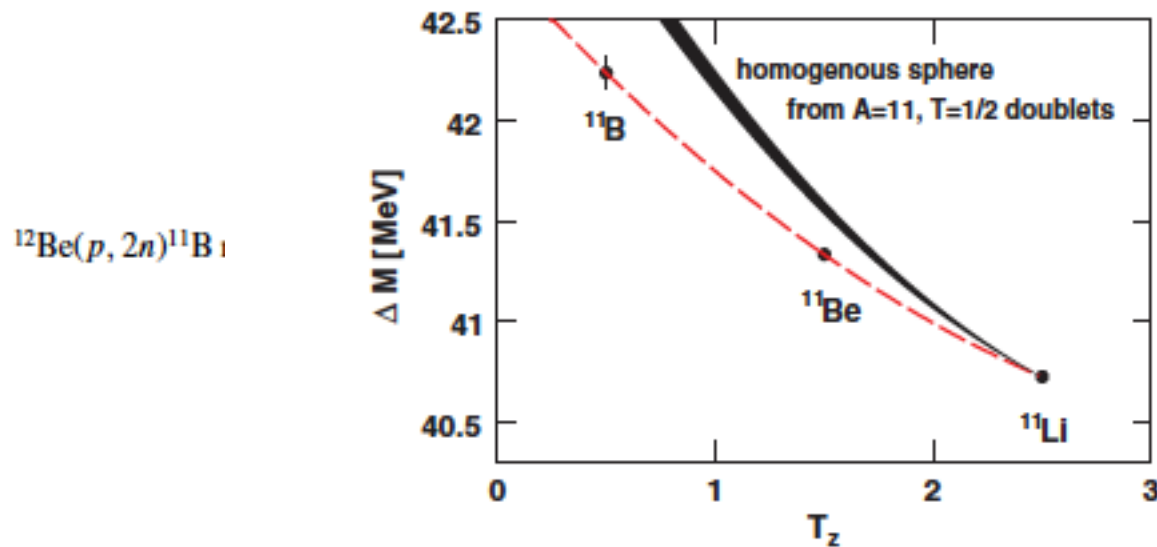


FIG. 2. (Color online) Mass excesses of the three known members of the $A = 11$ sextet plotted as a function of isospin projection. The solid band shows the prediction for a homogeneous sphere with the same radius as the $T = 1/2$, $A = 11$ doublet. The dashed curve shows the quadratic IMME curve which passes through the three data points.

a secondary ^{12}Be beam at $E/A = 50$ MeV produced at the coupled-cyclotron facility at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at Michigan State University. See

TABLE IV. E_{IAS} and r_{ch} for some selected nuclei as predicted by SAMi and SAMi-ISB, as well as the experimental values and errors (within parenthesis).

El.	N	SAMi		SAMi-ISB		Experiment	
		E_{IAS} [MeV]	r_{ch} [fm]	E_{IAS} [MeV]	r_{ch} [fm]	E_{IAS} [MeV]	r_{ch} [fm]
Ca	28	6.573	3.525	6.79(2)	3.497(3)	7.182(8)	3.477(2)
Zr	50	11.199	4.283	11.36(4)	4.262(3)	11.901(12)	4.269(1)
Sn	112	13.408	4.539	14.27(3)	4.611(3)	14.019(20)	4.595(2)
	114	13.347	4.553	14.17(3)	4.619(3)	13.940(20)	4.610(2)
	116	13.288	4.567	14.06(3)	4.633(3)	13.861(20)	4.625(2)
	118	13.220	4.582	13.97(3)	4.647(3)	13.728(17)	4.639(2)
	120	13.158	4.596	13.91(3)	4.659(2)	13.667(32)	4.652(2)
	122	13.090	4.610	13.76(3)	4.671(2)	13.667(20)	4.663(2)
	124	13.027	4.623	13.66(3)	4.684(2)	13.596(20)	4.673(2)
Pb	126	18.256	5.517	18.80(5)	5.507(2)	18.826(10)	5.501(1)