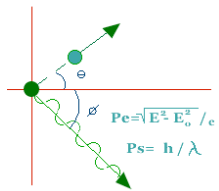


# Unified description of nuclear structure and reactions employing the dispersive optical model (DOM)

YKIS2022b workshop  
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- Motivation: essential for studying unstable nuclei and link to neutron stars
- Optical potentials 2022
- Removal probabilities puzzle(s)
- Green's functions/propagator method
  - vehicle for ab initio calculations → matter & finite nuclei
  - as a framework to link data at positive and negative energy (and to generate predictions for unstable nuclei as well as neutron skins)
- dispersive optical model (DOM ← started by Claude Mahaux)
- DOM with non-local potentials  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{16-18}\text{O}$ ,  $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{58,64}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{112,124}\text{Sn}$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}$
- Revisit (e,e'p) data from NIKHEF  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  → N-Z dependence
- Neutron skin in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  → PREX II
- Conclusion and outlook
- Ground-state energy and EOS → saturation properties

DOM

# Optical potentials 2022

## Reviews

IOP Publishing Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics  
J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 44 (2017) 033001 (57pp) <https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6471/44/3/033001>

### Topical Review

## Novel applications of the dispersive optical model

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### Review

## Quenching of single-particle strength from direct reactions with stable and rare-isotope beams

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### Review

## Recent developments for the optical model of nuclei

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# Unstable Nuclei and Optical Potentials

- Masses and electromagnetic properties → **unambiguous!**
- All other properties depend on description of strongly interacting probe with target → **ambiguous!** (or in other words model dependent)
- Optical potentials are an important ingredient in analyzing e.g. **transfer reactions**, **knockout reactions** like  $(e,e'p)$  and  $(p,2p)$ , the latter available in inverse kinematics!
- **Status 2022**
  - Global potentials still local, non-dispersive and **not** constrained by scattering data for exotic nuclei
  - Ab initio methods have as yet **very** limited relevance e.g. for FRIB physics
  - DOM potentials available for a reasonable set of nuclei and can be **extrapolated**
  - DOM potentials are nonlocal, dispersive, and **describe structure and reaction domains simultaneously**

# ... at the limits of binding, $\Delta S$

Ben Kay  $\rightarrow$  transfer reactions

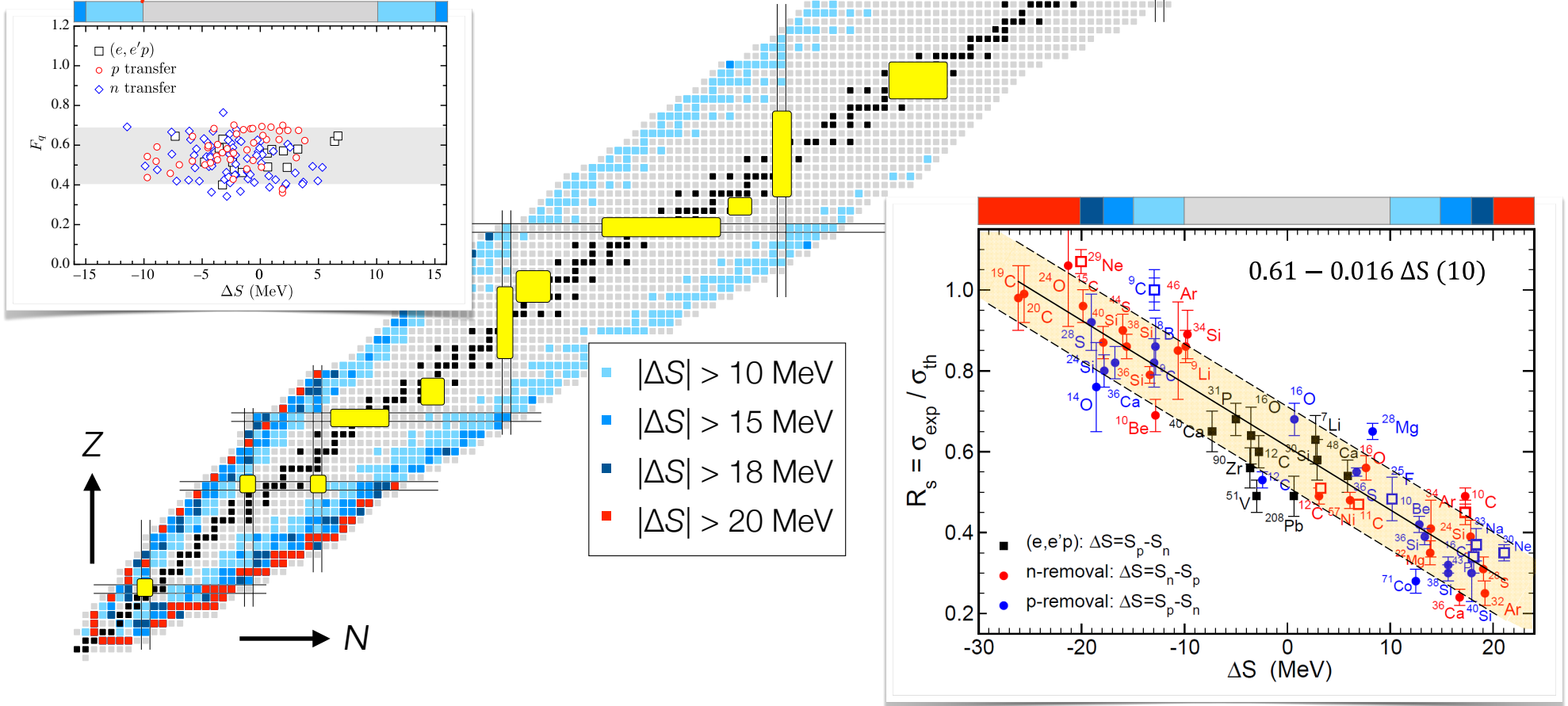
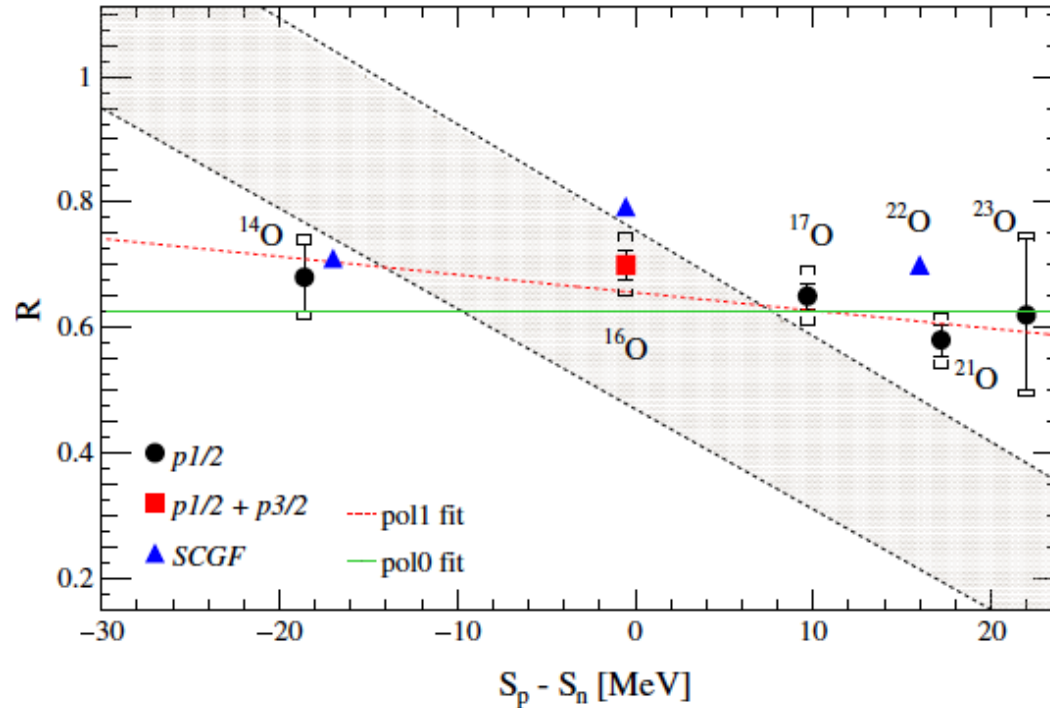


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J. A. Tostevin and A. Gade, Phys. Rev. C **103**, 054610 (2021) [an update to Phys. Rev. C **90**, 057602 (2014)]

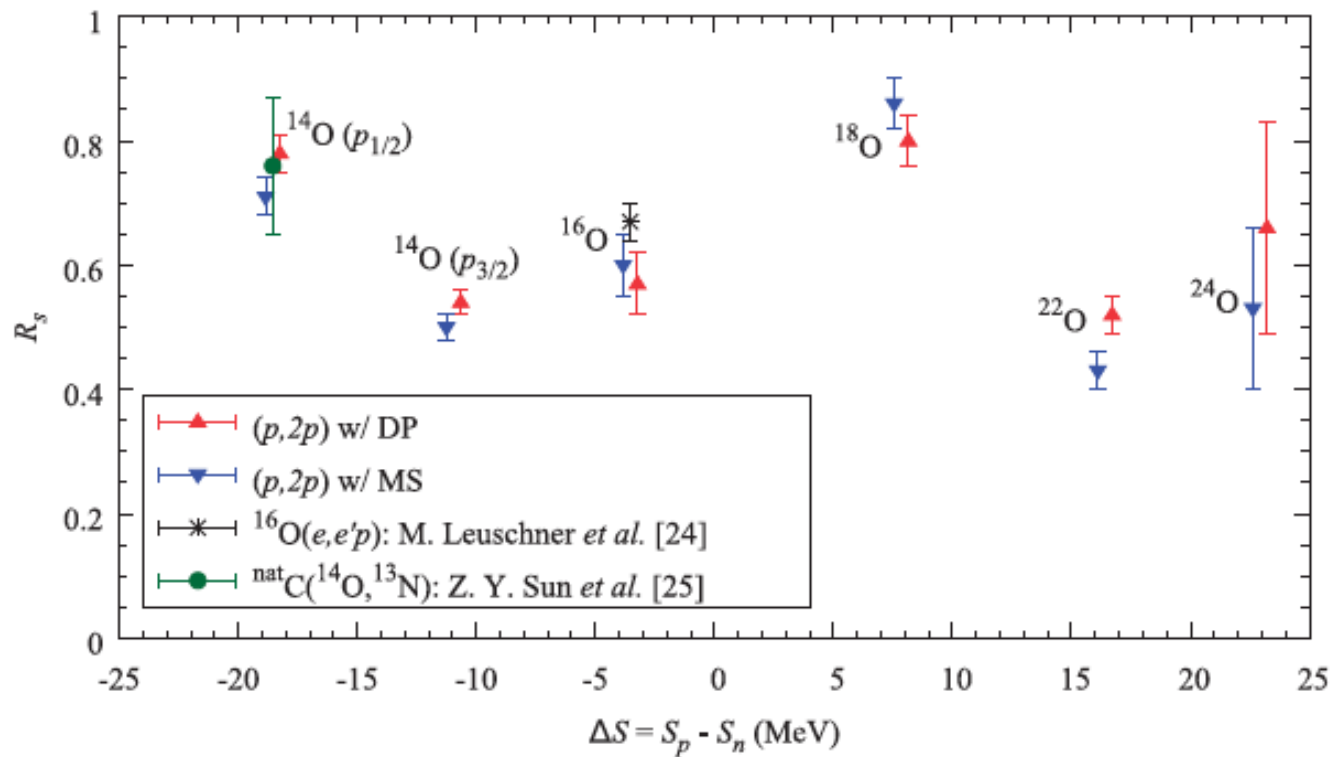
## $O(p,2p)$ L. Atar et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 052501 (2018)

- “Ab initio” interaction has “no” tensor force  $\rightarrow$  spectroscopic factors?
- Reaction model: distorted waves not constrained by experimental information as a function of nucleon asymmetry
- Inconsistent with np dominance observed in 2N knockout reactions (Or et al.)



## O(p,2p)

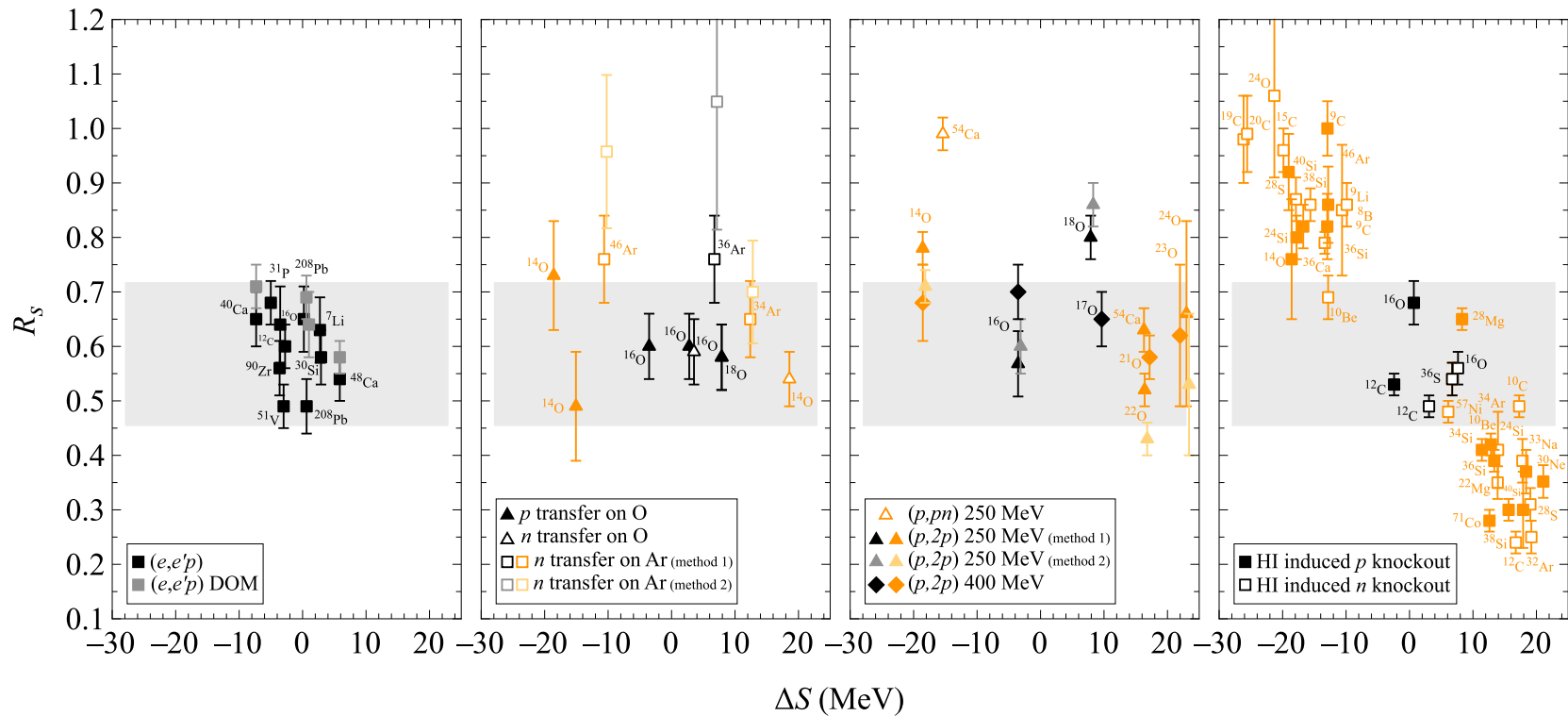
- S. Kawase et al. Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2018, 021D01
- DWIA uses optical potentials not constrained by scattering data for unstable nuclei



# Status of "reduction" factors/spectroscopic factors

T. Aumann, C. Barbieri, D. Bazin et al.

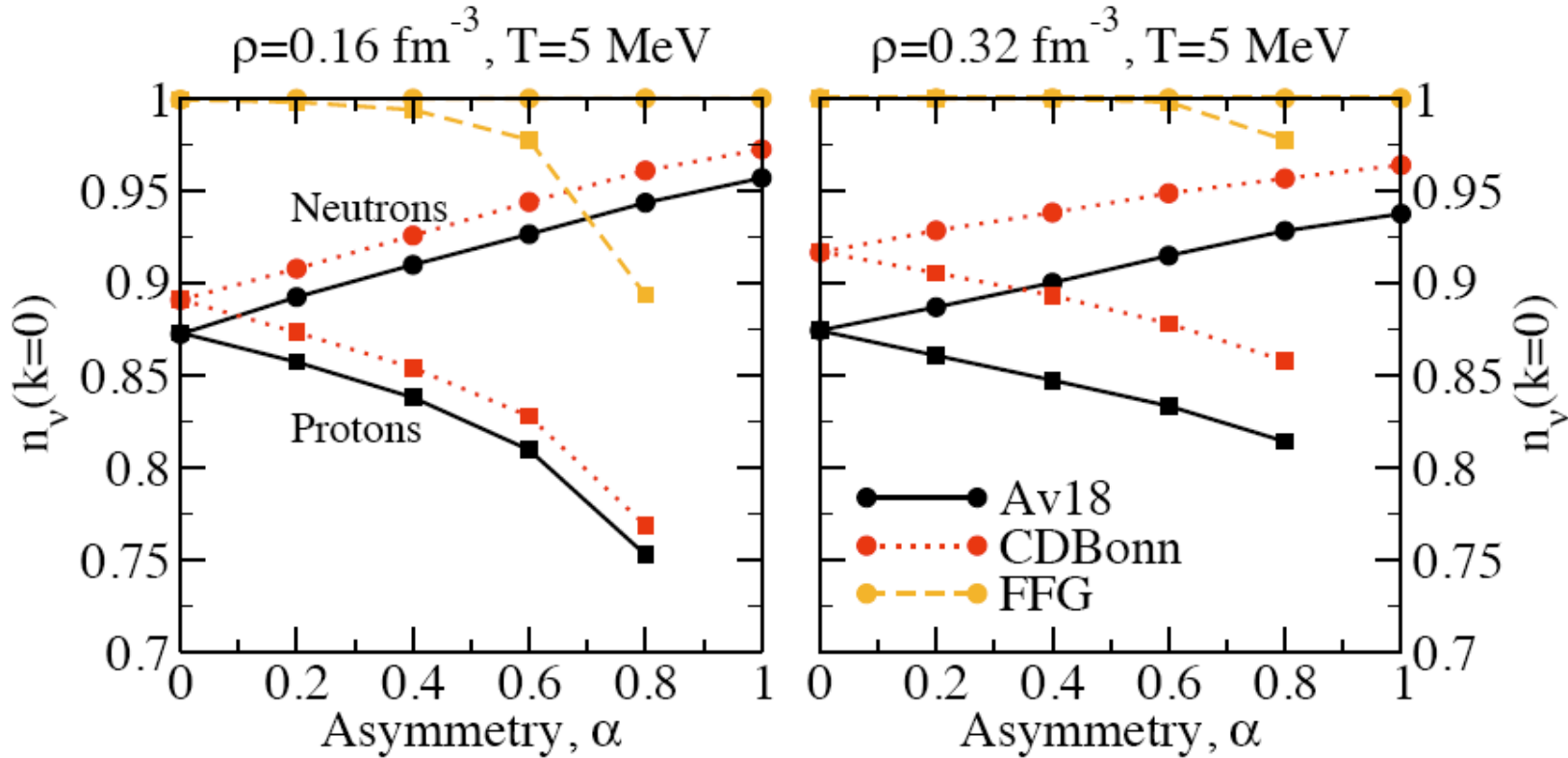
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**Fig. 56.** The four panels of this plot show the quenching (reduction) factors for (a) electron-induced knockout reactions [87,172,237,376], (b) transfer reactions with radioactive ion beams [55,57,203], (c) quasifree  $(p, 2p)$  proton knockout on stable nuclei (from the compilation in [239]) and radioactive nuclei [58,59], and (d) the inclusive intermediate-energy knockout data [46]. The measurements are compared to predictions based on effective-interaction shell-model SFs while, in the case of  $(e, e'p)$ , the integrated strength is compared to the independent-particle expectation.

reactions and structure

Unambiguous ingredient: Depletion as a function of asymmetry in matter treating short-range and tensor correlations



A. Rios, A. Polls, and W. H. Dickhoff  
 Depletion of the nuclear Fermi sea.  
[Phys. Rev. C79, 064308 \(2009\).](#)

reactions and structure



## Properties and relevance of optical potential or self-energy

- Describes **all** observables related to elastic scattering
- Generates wave functions inside the nucleus - distorted waves - used to describe other nuclear reactions aimed at extracting nuclear structure information
- **Dispersive optical model describes additional observables related to the ground state**
- Can be **extrapolated** to exotic nuclei [but uncertain]
- Astrophysics: relevant for the description of rapid neutron capture
- **Lots of recent activity to generate the optical potential starting from the "NN" interaction**
  - Nuclear matter approach [old and recent]
  - Multiple scattering using free NN interaction [T-matrix]
  - Green's function method for finite nuclei [old and recent]
  - Coupled cluster method
  - No core shell model [including symmetry-adapted version]
  - DFT + 2nd order/RPA contributions

## Some problems with "ab initio" approaches

- Multiple scattering approaches useful at higher energy but hard to improve over spectator approximation (problems with polarization data)
- Methods that generate the propagator directly and then generate optical potential by inverting the Dyson equation
  - Coupled cluster
  - No core shell model
  - Both methods struggle with the  $\eta$  infinitesimal

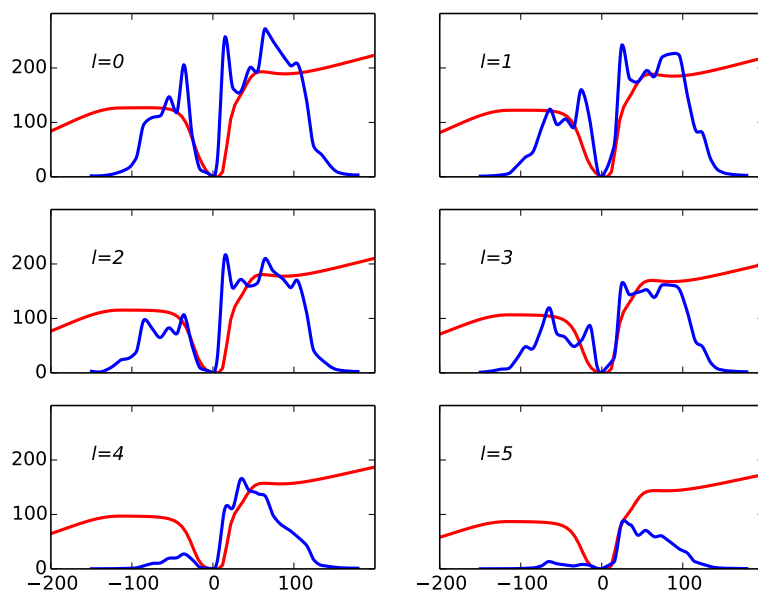
$$G_{\ell j}(r, r'; E) = \sum_m \frac{\langle \Psi_0^A | a_{r\ell j} | \Psi_m^{A+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_m^{A+1} | a_{r'\ell j}^\dagger | \Psi_0^A \rangle}{E - (E_m^{A+1} - E_0^A) + i\eta} + \sum_n \frac{\langle \Psi_0^A | a_{r'\ell j}^\dagger | \Psi_n^{A-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{r\ell j} | \Psi_0^A \rangle}{E - (E_0^A - E_n^{A-1}) - i\eta}$$

$$G_{\ell j}(r, r'; E) = G_{\ell j}^{(0)}(r, r'; E) + \int d\tilde{r} \tilde{r}^2 \int d\tilde{r}' \tilde{r}'^2 G_{\ell j}^{(0)}(r, \tilde{r}; E) \Sigma_{\ell j}(\tilde{r}, \tilde{r}'; E) G_{\ell j}(\tilde{r}', r'; E)$$

- Methods that use HO basis cannot describe density of states and higher angular momentum

## Illustrate: comparison with ab initio FRPA calculation

- Volume integrals of imaginary part of nonlocal ab initio (FRPA) self-energy compared with DOM result for  $^{40}\text{Ca}$



- Ab initio

S. J. Waldecker, C. Barbieri and W. H. Dickhoff

Microscopic self-energy calculations and dispersive-optical-model potentials.

[Phys. Rev. C84, 034616 \(2011\), 1-11.](#)

## DOM initiated by Mahaux

### St. Louis extensions (nonlocality, energy domain, isotope chains)

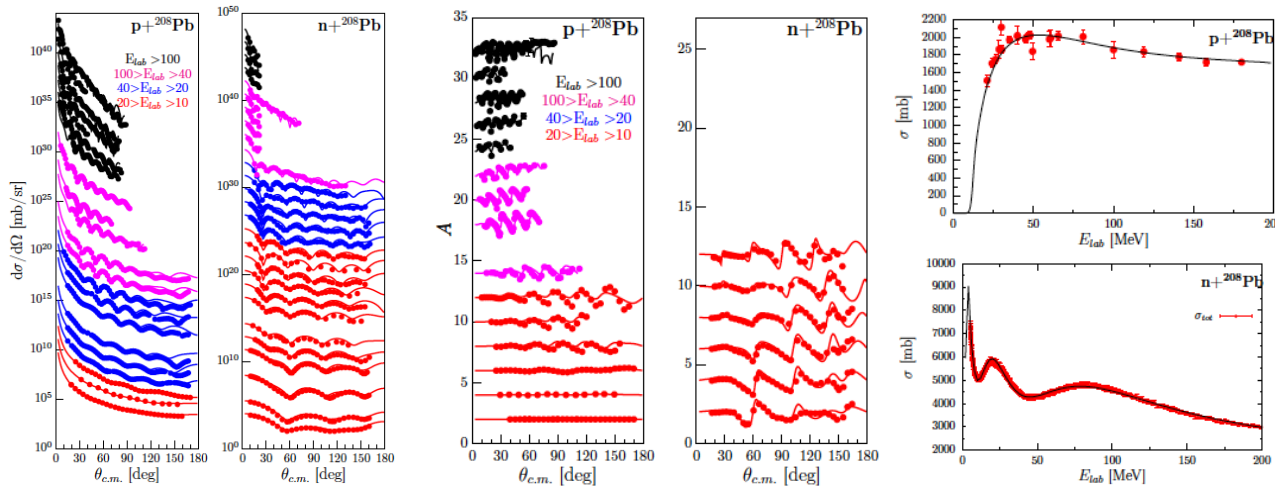
- Nonlocal and dispersive optical potential

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } \Sigma_{\ell j}(r, r'; E) = & \quad \text{Re } \Sigma_{\ell j}(r, r'; \varepsilon_F) \\ & - \mathcal{P} \int_{\varepsilon_T^+}^{\infty} \frac{dE'}{\pi} \text{Im } \Sigma_{\ell j}(r, r'; E') \left[ \frac{1}{E - E'} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_F - E'} \right] \\ & + \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon_T^-} \frac{dE'}{\pi} \text{Im } \Sigma_{\ell j}(r, r'; E') \left[ \frac{1}{E - E'} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_F - E'} \right] \end{aligned}$$

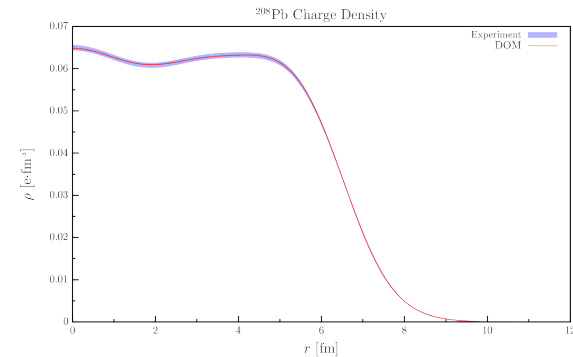
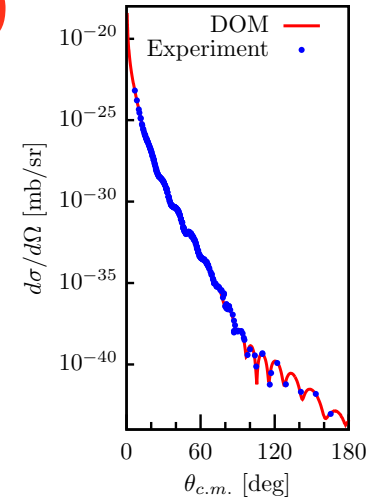
- Allows consideration of negative energy experimental information [charge density]
- Subtracted dispersion relation emphasizes influence of energies close to the Fermi energy
- Empirical information constrains binding potential at the Fermi energy as well as volume integrals of the imaginary part at positive energy

# Dispersive Optical Model (St. Louis group)

- Mahaux & Sartor 1991 → Washington University group since 2006
- Use experimental data to constrain the nucleon self-energy while linking structure and reaction domain using dispersion relations



$E < 0 \rightarrow$



M. C. Atkinson, M. H. Mahzoon, M. A. Keim, B. A. Bordelon, C. D. Pruitt, R. J. Charity, and W. H. Dickhoff  
 Phys. Rev. C 101, 044303 (2020), 1-15. [[arXiv:1911.09020](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.09020)]

Indirectly:

- Generates proton/neutron distorted waves
- Overlap functions with their normalization (spectroscopic factors)

Mack Atkinson → TRIUMF → LLNL

DOM

# (d,p) reaction

Eur. Phys. J. A (2017) 53: 178  
DOI 10.1140/epja/i2017-12371-9

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Regular Article – Theoretical Physics

## Toward a complete theory for predicting inclusive deuteron breakup away from stability

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- State of the art inclusive (d,p)
- Employs local DOM potentials constrained for  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  and extrapolated to  $^{60}\text{Ca}$
- Explores link with (n, $\gamma$ ) process

## Why DOM?

- Compare standard optical potential with DOM

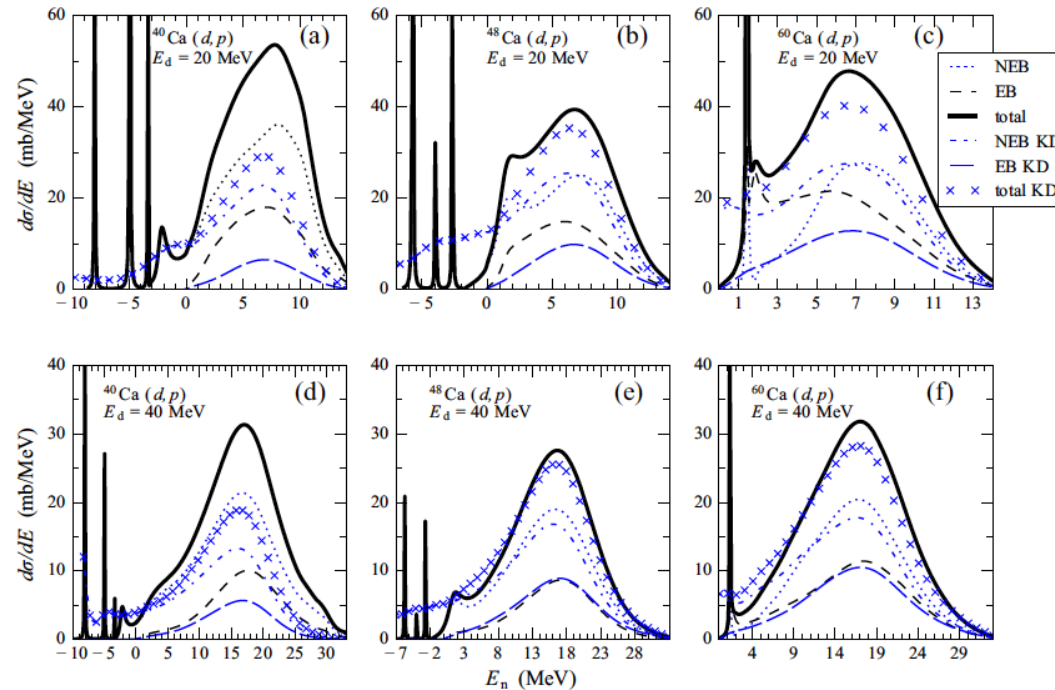
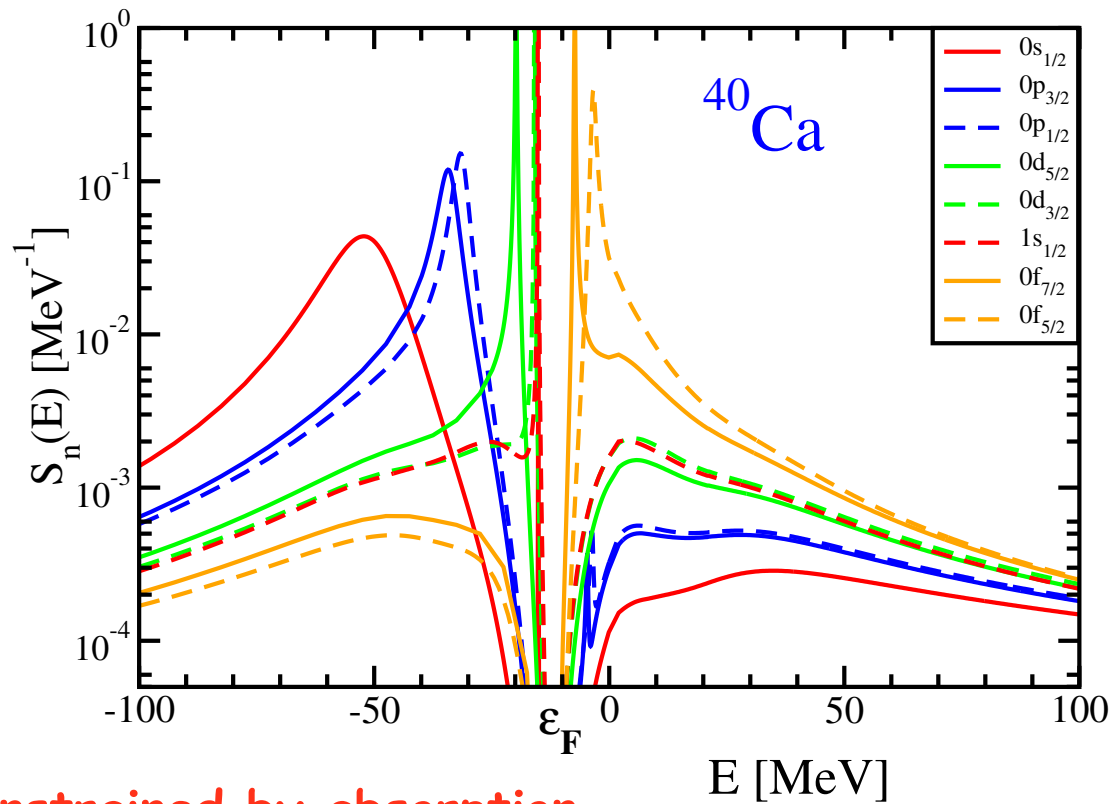


Fig. 8. Comparison of KD phenomenological optical potential and the DOM: elastic breakup (EB) and non-elastic breakup (NEB) proton spectra for the reactions  $^{40}\text{Ca}(d,p)$ ,  $^{48}\text{Ca}(d,p)$ , and  $^{60}\text{Ca}(d,p)$ , at  $E_d = 20$  MeV and  $E_d = 40$  MeV.

- Global potentials do not generate relevant information at negative energies → dispersive approach essential for unstable nuclei

## Spectral function for bound states from DOM analysis

- [0,200] MeV → constrained by elastic scattering data



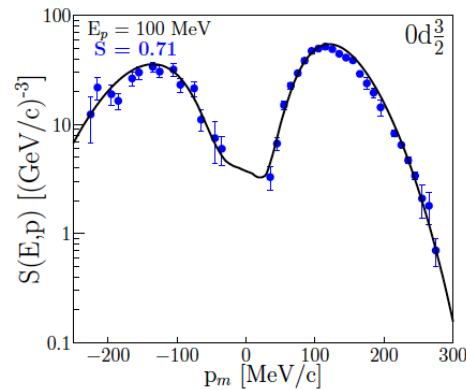
Emptiness constrained by absorption  
necessary to describe elastic scattering!

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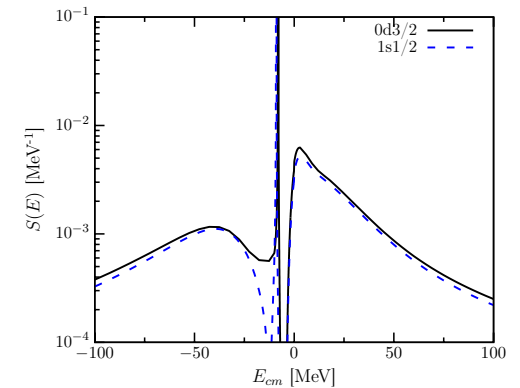


## Check with (e,e'p) cross sections (Mack Atkinson)

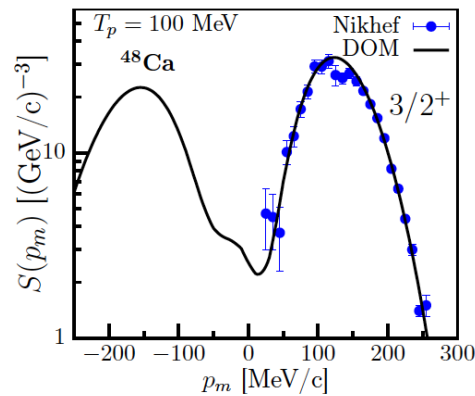
- $^{40}\text{Ca}$



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- $^{48}\text{Ca}$

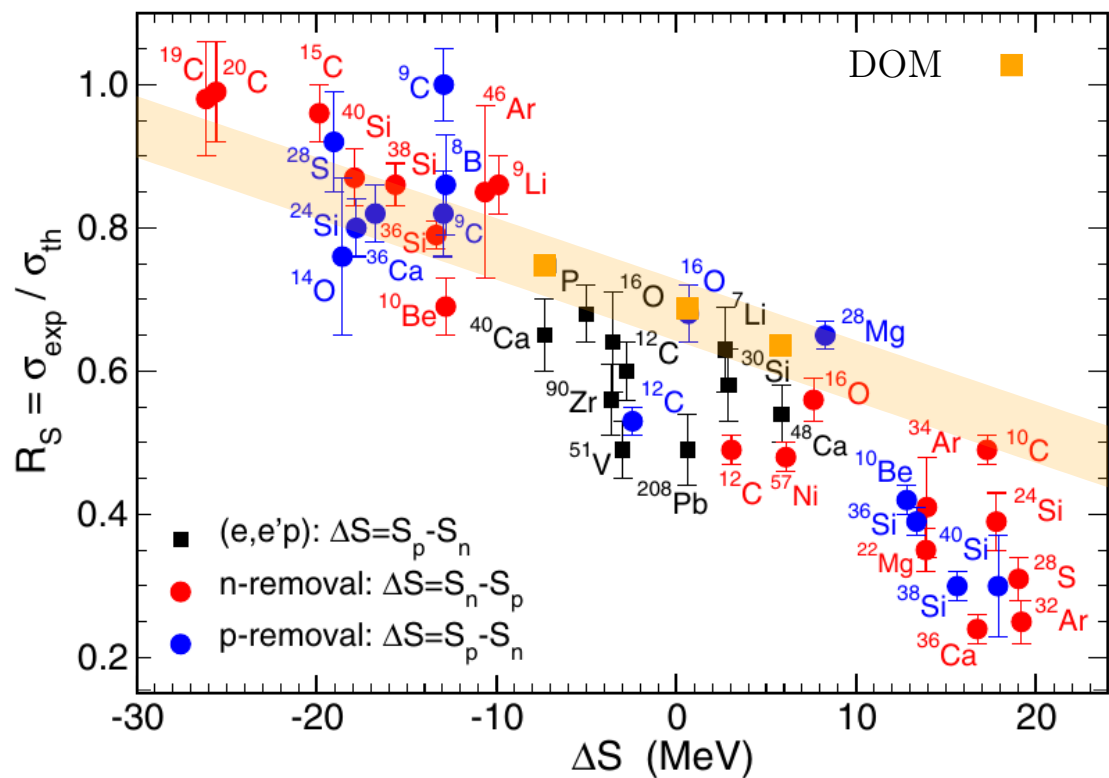


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- No further adjustments!
- Both structure and reaction properties allowed to change when 8 n added

## Compare with Gade plot

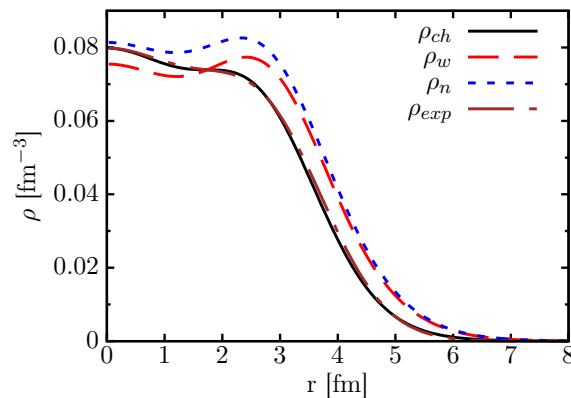
Very near the Fermi energy in  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  from  $(e,e'p)$  → error band



Quenching sp strength review: Aumann et al, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 118, 103847 (2021)

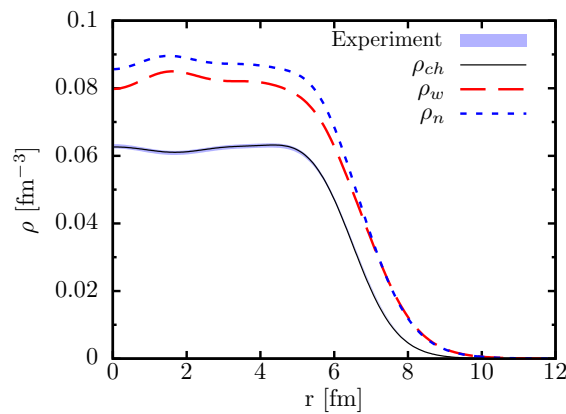
# Neutron skins in $^{48}\text{Ca}$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}$ from DOM predictions

- DOM 2017



M. H. Mahzoon, M. C. Atkinson, R. J. Charity, and W. H. Dickhoff  
[Phys. Rev. Lett. \*\*119\*\*, 222503 \(2017\), 1-5.](#)

- DOM 2020



M. C. Atkinson, M. H. Mahzoon, M. A. Keim, B. A. Bordelon, C. D. Pruitt, R. J. Charity, and W. H. Dickhoff  
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# MCMC DOM prediction of neutron skins

- Markov Chain Monte Carlo

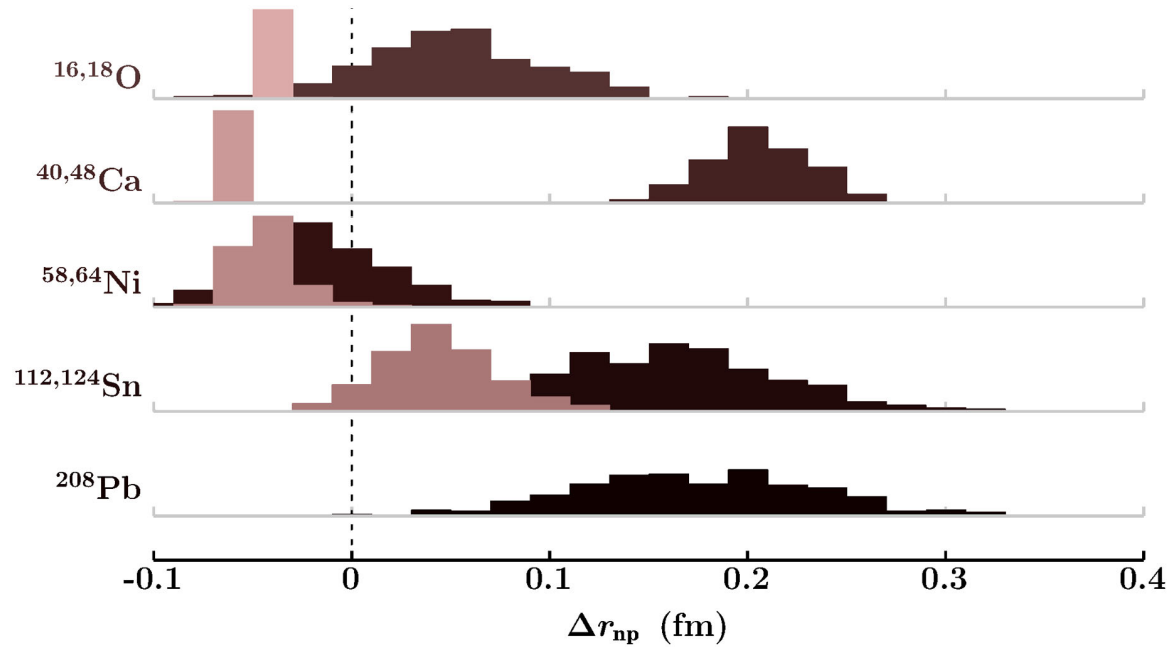


TABLE I. Neutron skins ( $\Delta r_{np}$ ), in fm, from this work. The 16th, 50th, and 84th percentile values of the skin distribution are reported as  $50_{16}^{84}$ .

$^{16}\text{O}$	$^{18}\text{O}$	$^{40}\text{Ca}$	$^{48}\text{Ca}$	$^{58}\text{Ni}$	$^{64}\text{Ni}$	$^{112}\text{Sn}$	$^{124}\text{Sn}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}$
$-0.025_{-0.027}^{-0.023}$	$0.06_{0.02}^{0.11}$	$-0.051_{-0.055}^{-0.048}$	$0.22_{0.19}^{0.24}$	$-0.03_{-0.05}^{-0.02}$	$-0.01_{-0.04}^{0.03}$	$0.05_{0.02}^{0.08}$	$0.17_{0.12}^{0.23}$	$0.18_{0.12}^{0.25}$

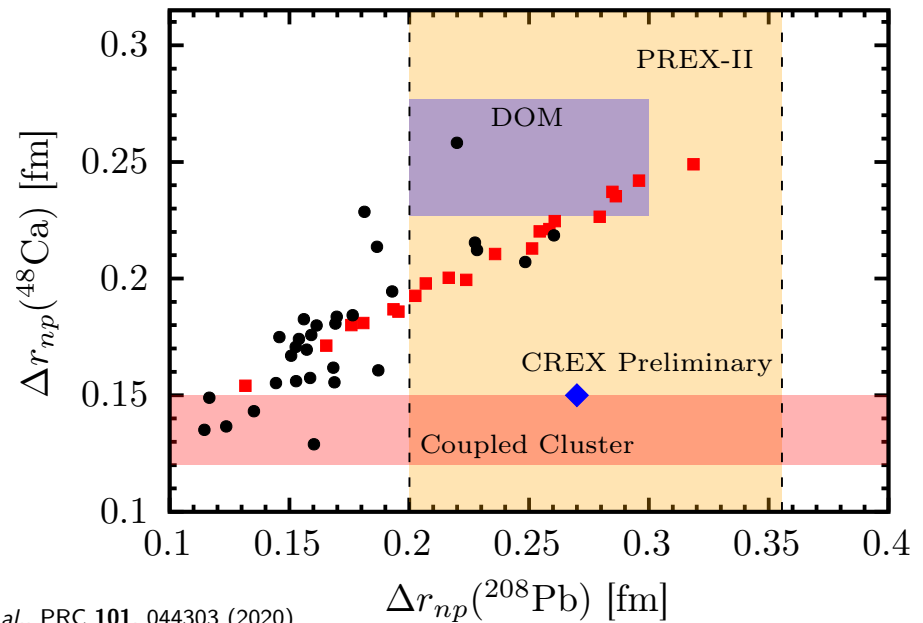
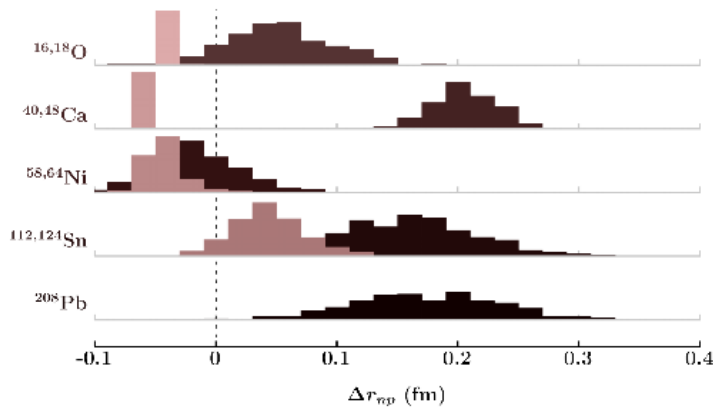
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[Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 102501 \(2020\), 1-6.](#)

# Neutron skin puzzle & DOM (slide Mack Atkinson now at LLNL)

## Neutron Skin: $\Delta r_{np} = r_n - r_p$

- $r_n$  can be measured through parity-violating electron scattering (weak)
- PREX-II at Jefferson Lab measured  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  skin
  - Preliminary CREX results for  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  released at DNP meeting 2021
  - Very surprising  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  skin!



C.D. Pruiit *et al.*, PRL **125**, 102501 (2020)

M.C. Atkinson *et al.*, PRC **101**, 044303 (2020)

## Outlook FRIB era

- Accurate global optical potential requires a lot of theoretical effort
  - Topical Collaboration: Holt, Dickhoff, Elster, Lovell, Nunes, Potel, Stroberg (DOE proposal)
- Accurate global optical potential requires a lot of experimental effort as well!
- Removal probability puzzle only slow progress
- Neutron skins very interesting
- **Conceptual paradigm shift: need to treat reactions and structure simultaneously**
- (p,2p) good starting point
- First DOM analysis →

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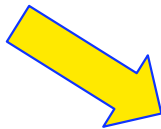
First application of the dispersive optical model to ( $p, 2p$ ) reaction analysis within the distorted-wave impulse approximation framework

K. Yoshida<sup>1,\*</sup>, M. C. Atkinson<sup>2</sup>, K. Ogata<sup>3,4,5</sup> and W. H. Dickhoff<sup>6</sup>

# Location of single-particle strength in closed-shell (stable) nuclei

For example: protons in  $^{208}\text{Pb}$

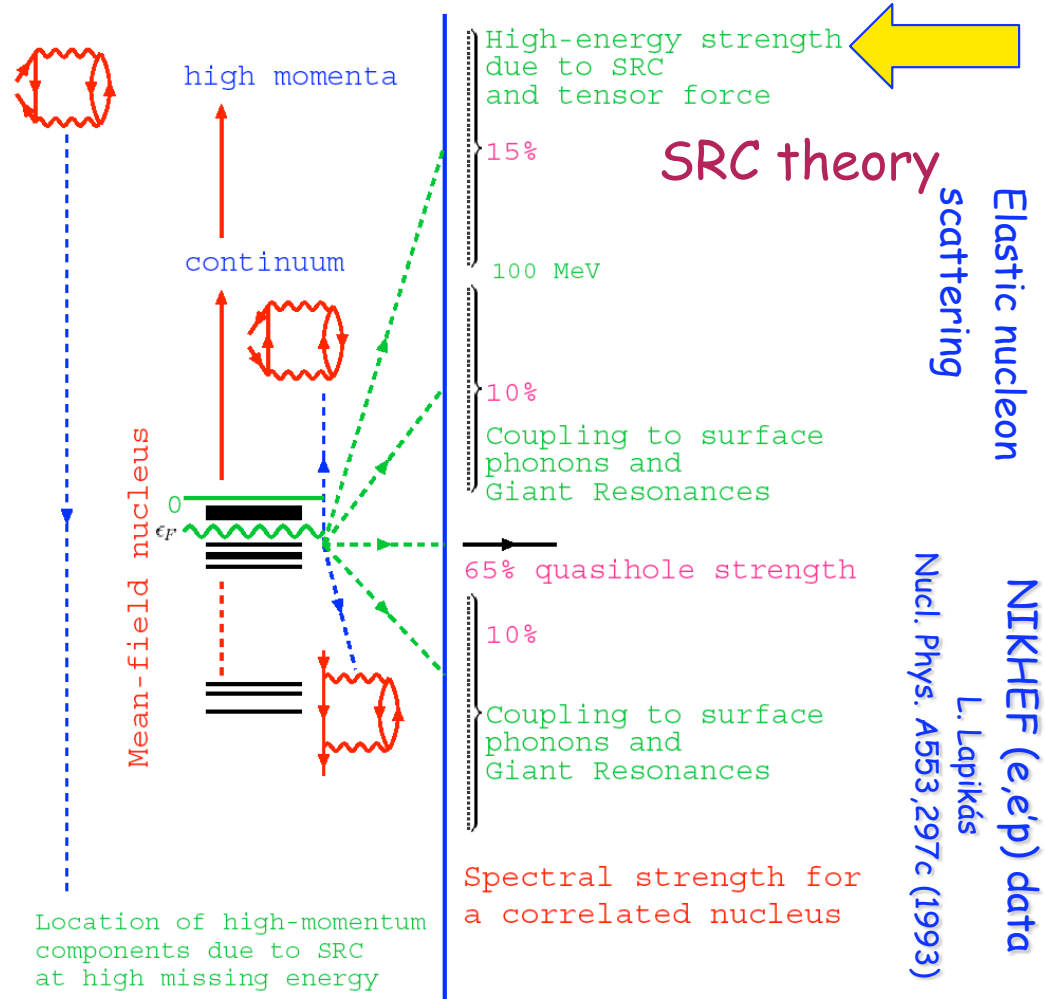
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Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 182501 (2004) D. Rohe et al.

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# High-momentum predictions & relation to ground-state energy

Ground-state energy can be included in the DOM

$$E/A = \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{\ell j} (2j+1) \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \frac{k^2}{2m} n_{\ell j}(k) + \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{\ell j} (2j+1) \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon_F} dE E S_{\ell j}(k; E)$$

Succeeds

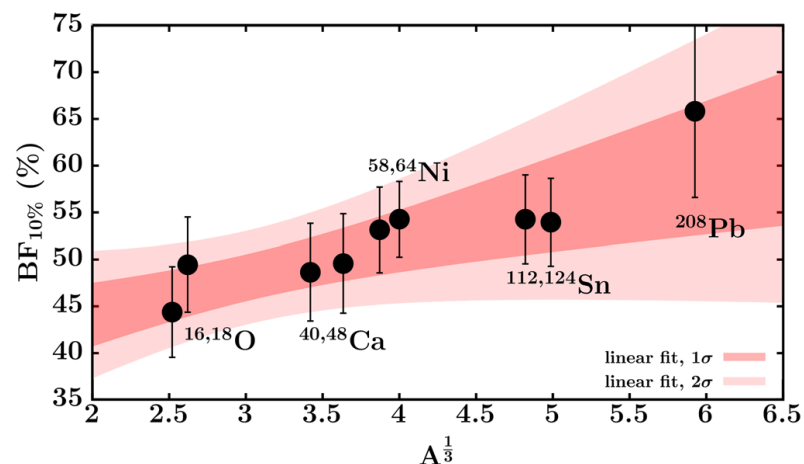
A	DOM $E_0^A/A$	Mass equation	Expt. $E_0^A/A$
$^{12}\text{C}$	-7.85	-7.29	-7.68
$^{40}\text{Ca}$	-8.46	-8.50	-8.55
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	-8.66	-8.59	-8.66
$^{208}\text{Pb}$	-7.76	-7.81	-7.87

Phys. Rev. C 102, 044333 (2020)

Because fraction of binding energy from 10% most deeply bound nucleons includes the high-momentum contribution

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Predicted in Phys. Rev. C 51, 3040 (1995)



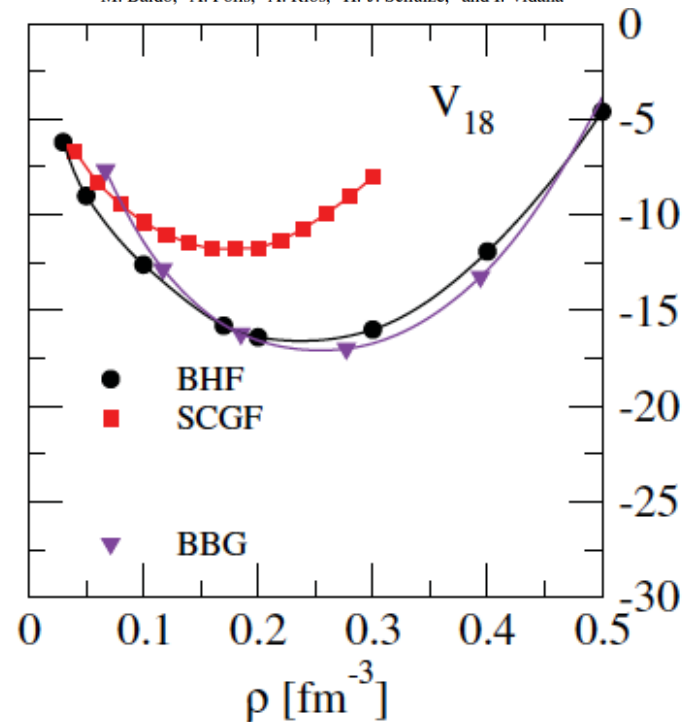


# SCGF & SRC compared to BHF and BBG

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Comparative study of neutron and nuclear matter with simplified Argonne  
nucleon-nucleon potentials

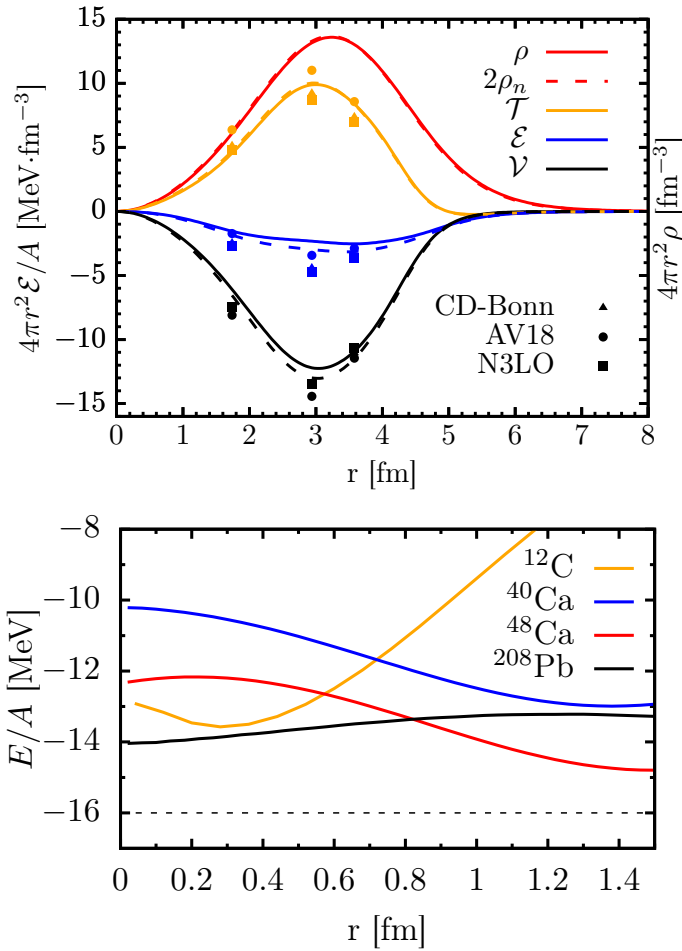
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- BBG requires a repulsive NNN at high density to improve density

# Consequence

- Maybe 16 MeV binding is not needed!

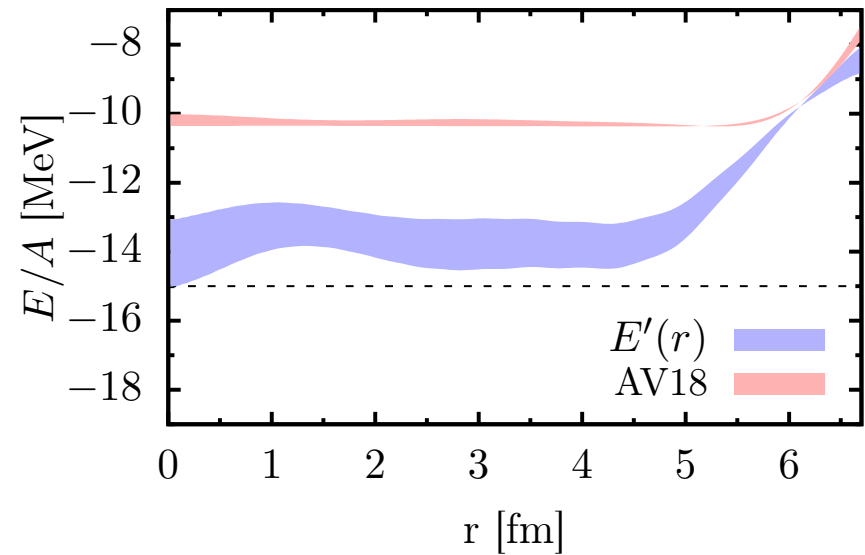


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Editors' Suggestion

## Reexamining the relation between the binding energy of finite nuclei and the equation of state of infinite nuclear matter

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Neutron skins and EOS

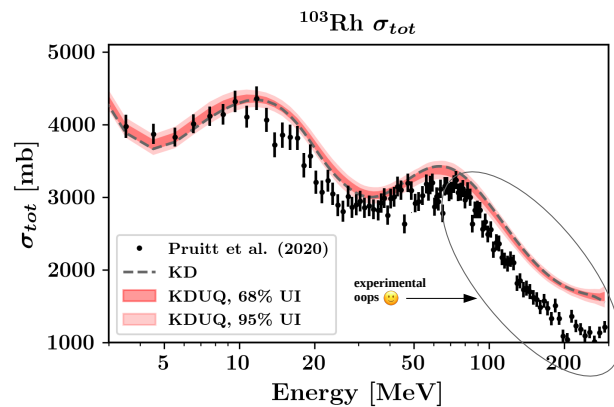
## Cole Pruitt (LLNL)

"OMP uncertainty - characterized empirically for KD and CH89 - is larger than assumed:

Global KD OMP has systematic over/underestimation for  $\sigma_{rxn}$

Roughly 20% std. dev. for (n,\*)/(p,\*) cross sections on stable targets KDUQ/CHUQ help pinpoint where data and model are grossly inconsistent"

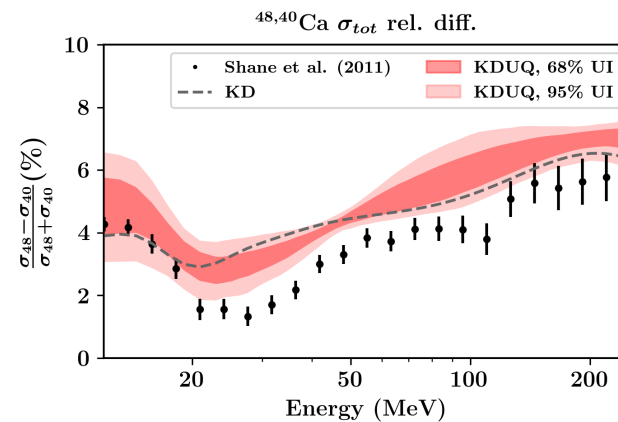
- Total neutron cross sections using an iterative procedure using KD potential



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- Problem at high energy but relative OK  $\rightarrow$  another look at the neutron skin of  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ?

# Propagator / Green's function and spectral functions & spectroscopic factors

- Lehmann representation

$$G_{\ell j}(k, k'; E) = \sum_m \frac{\langle \Psi_0^A | a_{k\ell j} | \Psi_m^{A+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_m^{A+1} | a_{k'\ell j}^\dagger | \Psi_0^A \rangle}{E - (E_m^{A+1} - E_0^A) + i\eta} + \sum_n \frac{\langle \Psi_0^A | a_{k'\ell j}^\dagger | \Psi_n^{A-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{k\ell j} | \Psi_0^A \rangle}{E - (E_0^A - E_n^{A-1}) - i\eta}$$

- Any other single-particle basis can be used & continuum integrals implied

- Overlap functions --> numerator      Corresponding eigenvalues      --> denominator

- Spectral function

$$S_{\ell j}(k; E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G_{\ell j}(k, k; E) \quad E \leq \varepsilon_F$$

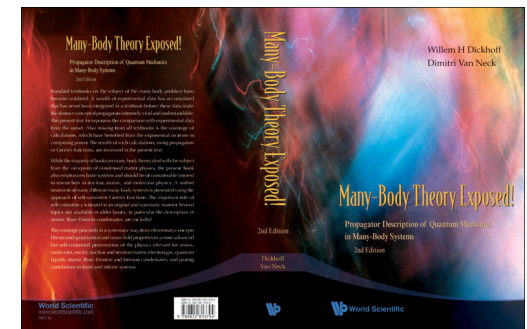
$$= \sum_n \left| \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{k\ell j} | \Psi_0^A \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E - (E_0^A - E_n^{A-1}))$$

- Discrete transitions

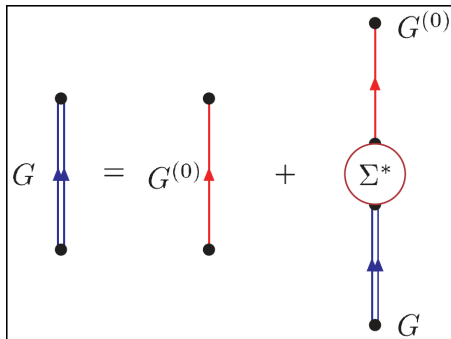
$$\sqrt{S_{\ell j}^n} \phi_{\ell j}^n(k) = \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{k\ell j} | \Psi_0^A \rangle$$

- Momentum distribution: integrate spectral function to  $\varepsilon_F$

- Positive energy → see later



# Propagator from Dyson Equation and "experiment"



Equivalent to ...

Schrödinger-like equation with:  $E_n^- = E_0^A - E_n^{A-1}$

**Self-energy:** non-local, energy-dependent potential

With energy dependence: spectroscopic factors  $< 1$

$\Rightarrow$  as extracted from (e,e'p) reaction

$$\frac{k^2}{2m} \phi_{\ell j}^n(k) + \int dq q^2 \Sigma_{\ell j}^*(k, q; E_n^-) \phi_{\ell j}^n(q) = E_n^- \phi_{\ell j}^n(k)$$

Spectroscopic factor  $Z_{\ell j}^n = \int dk k^2 |\langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{k\ell j} | \Psi_0^A \rangle|^2 < 1$

Dyson equation also yields  $[\chi_{\ell j}^{elE}(r)]^* = \langle \Psi_{elE}^{A+1} | a_{r\ell j}^\dagger | \Psi_0^A \rangle$  for positive energies



Elastic scattering wave function for protons or neutrons

Dyson equation therefore provides:

Link between scattering and structure data from **dispersion relations**