

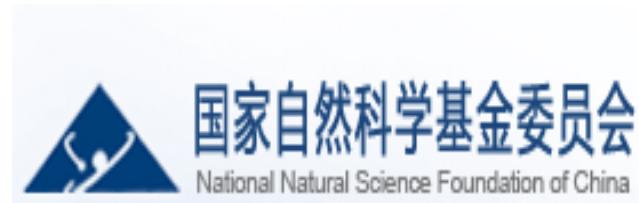
# Effects of Short-Range Correlation on Symmetry Energy and Their Manifestation in Heavy-Ion Collisions

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# Outline

- Brief introduction on symmetry energy
- Isospin dependence of short-range correlation
- Effects of SRC on kinetic symmetry energy
- Evidence of negative kinetic symmetry energy from heavy-ion collisions

# What is the Equation of State of neutron-rich nuclear matter?

$$E(\rho_n, \rho_p) = E_0(\rho_n = \rho_p) + E_{sym}(\rho) \left( \frac{\rho_n - \rho_p}{\rho} \right)^2 + o(\delta^4)$$

symmetry energy      Isospin asymmetry  $\delta$

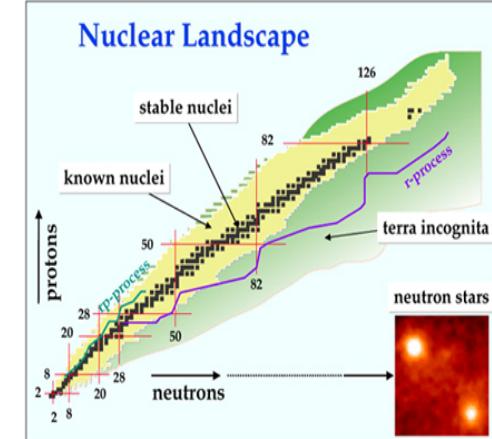
Energy per nucleon in symmetric matter

Energy per nucleon in asymmetric matter

$$E(\rho_n, \rho_p)$$

The axis of new opportunities

Isospin asymmetry



Symmetric matter  
 $\rho_n = \rho_p$

density

$\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p$

# Characterization of symmetry energy near normal density

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) + \frac{L(\rho_0)}{3} \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right) + O\left( \left( \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$L(\rho) = 3\rho \frac{dE_{\text{sym}}(\rho)}{d\rho}.$$

## The physical importance of L

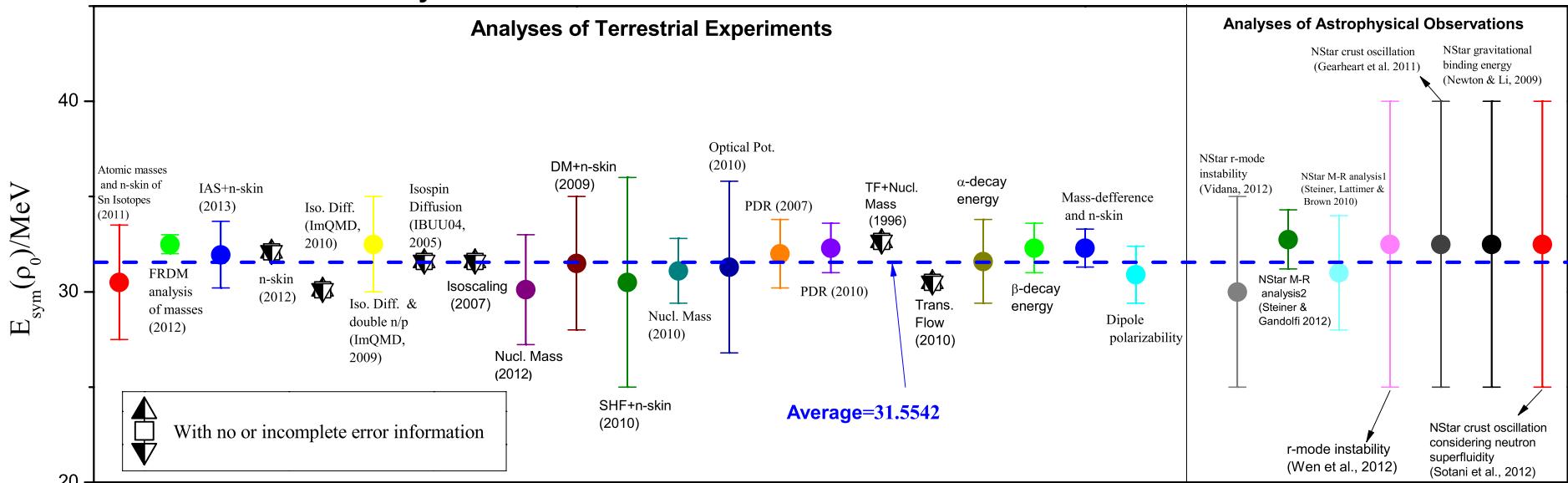
In npe matter in the simplest model of neutron stars at  $\beta$ -equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned} P(\rho, \delta) &= P_0(\rho) + P_{\text{asy}}(\rho, \delta) = \rho^2 \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial \rho} \right)_\delta + \frac{1}{4} \rho_e \mu_e \\ &= \rho^2 \left[ E'(\rho, \delta = 0) + E'_{\text{sym}}(\rho) \delta^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \delta(1 - \delta) \rho E_{\text{sym}}(\rho), \end{aligned}$$

In pure neutron matter at saturation density of nuclear matter

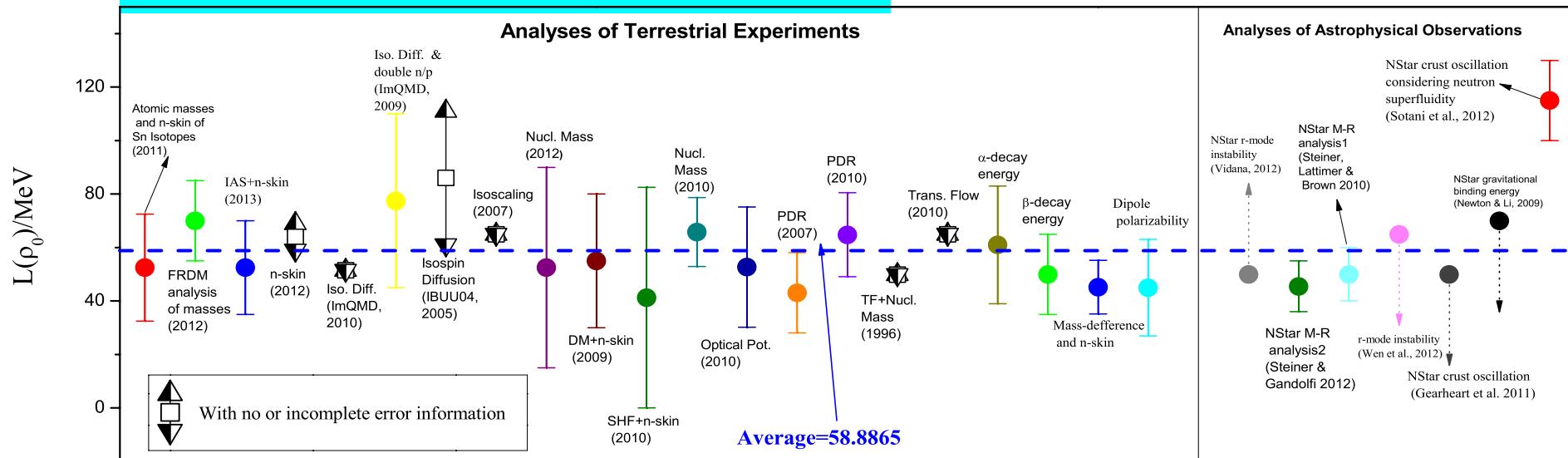
$$P_{PNM}(\rho_0) = \rho_0^2 E'_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) = \frac{1}{3} \rho_0 L,$$

# Constraints on $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0)$ and L based on 29 analyses of some data, Aug. 2013



|                           | $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0)$ | Slope L  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 2013 average of the means | 31.55415                 | 58.88646 |
| 2013 "standard deviation" | 2.66                     | 16.52645 |

Bao-An Li and Xiao Han,  
Phys. Lett. B727, 276 (2013).



# Where does the $S_0 = E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) \approx 31 \text{ MeV}$ come from?

In the literatures in both astrophysics and nuclear physics

$$S = E_{\text{sym}} = E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{Kin}} + E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{pot}}$$

$$E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{kin}}(\rho) \cancel{=} \frac{1}{3} E_F(\rho_0) (\rho / \rho_0)^{2/3} \approx 12.5 \text{ MeV at } \rho_0$$

At abnormal densities, it is customary to parameterize

$$S(\rho) = \frac{C_{s,k}}{2} \cancel{\left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{2/3}} + \frac{C_{s,p}}{2} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\gamma_i}$$

Kinetic                      Potential

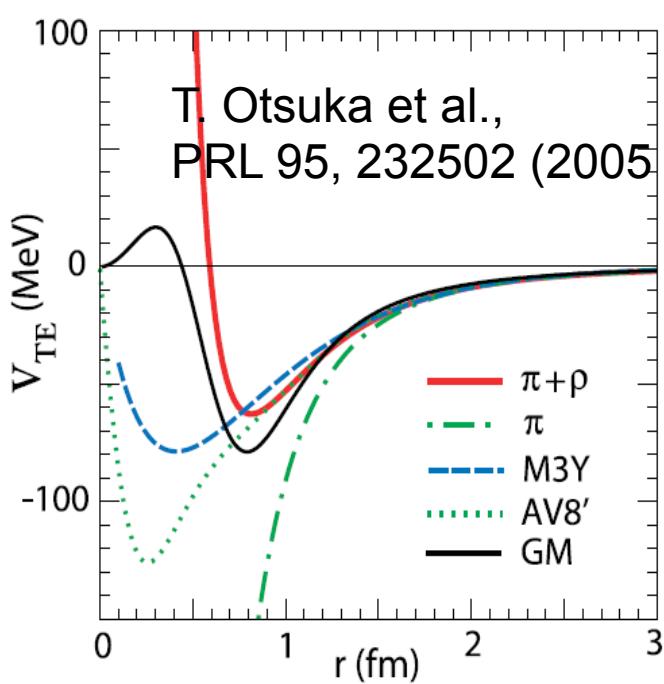
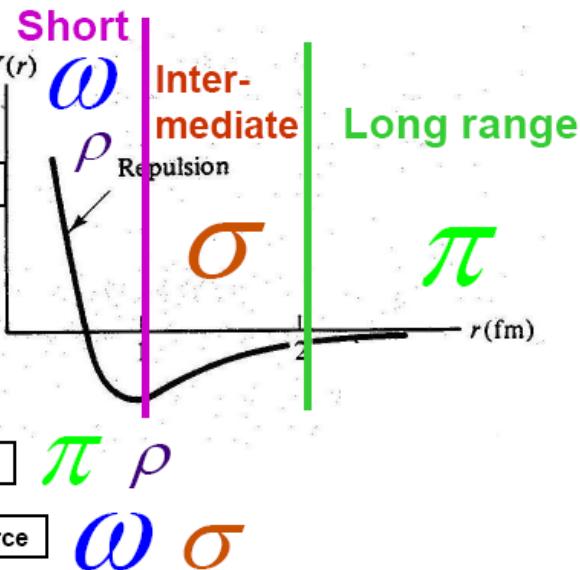
$C_{s,k} = 25 \text{ MeV}$

The only term goes into the reaction dynamics

Probing all of the unknown physics

$$C_{s,p} = 2S_0 - C_{s,k}$$

# The short and long range tensor force



Lecture notes of R. Machleidt  
CNS summer school, Univ. of Tokyo  
Aug. 18-23, 2005

$\pi(138)$

$$V_\pi = \frac{f_{\pi NN}^2}{8m_\pi^2} \frac{\vec{q}^2}{\vec{q}^2 + m_\pi^2} [-\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 - S_{12}(\vec{q})] \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2$$

Long-ranged tensor force

$\sigma(600)$

$$V_\sigma \approx \frac{g_\sigma^2}{\vec{q}^2 + m_\sigma^2} \left[ -1 - \frac{\vec{L} \cdot \vec{s}}{2M^2} \right]$$

intermediate-ranged, attractive central force plus LS force

$\omega(782)$

$$V_\omega \approx \frac{g_\omega^2}{\vec{q}^2 + m_\omega^2} \left[ +1 - \frac{3\vec{L} \cdot \vec{s}}{2M^2} \right]$$

short-ranged, repulsive central force plus strong LS force

$\rho(770)$

$$V_\rho = \frac{f_\rho^2}{12M^2} \frac{\vec{q}^2}{\vec{q}^2 + m_\rho^2} [-2\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 + S_{12}(\vec{q})] \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2$$

short-ranged tensor force, opposite to pion

# What are Short Range Correlations in nuclei ? (taken from Eli Piasetzky)

SRC  $\sim R_N$

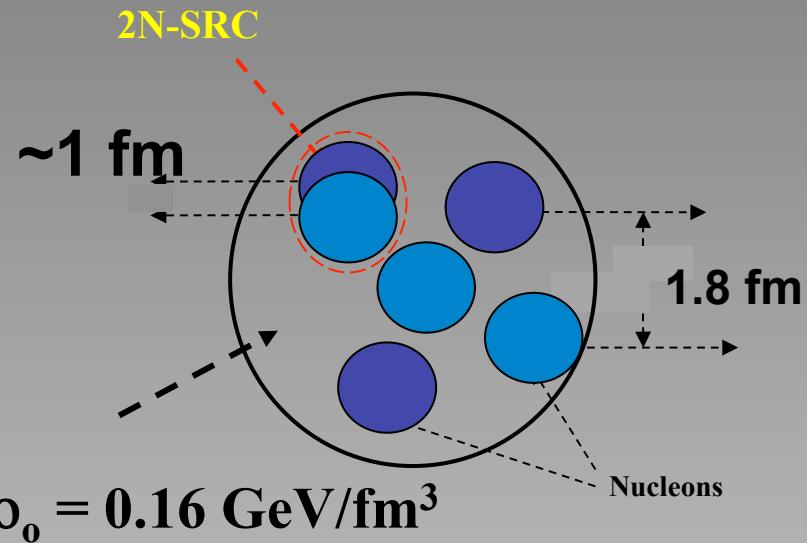
LRC  $\sim R_A$

$k_F \sim 250 \text{ MeV/c}$

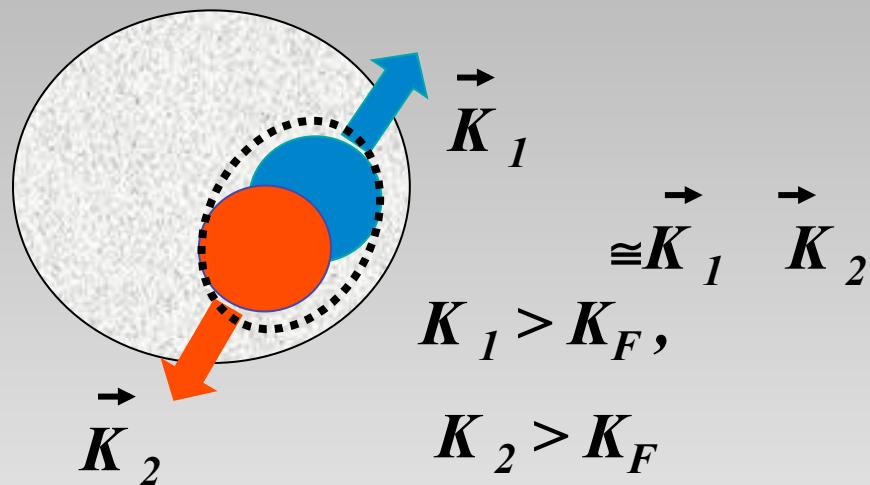
High momentum tail:

$300\text{-}600 \text{ MeV/c}$

$1.5 K_F - 3 K_F$



In momentum space:



A pair with large relative momentum between the nucleons and small CM momentum.

# Tensor force induced (1) high-momentum tail in single-particle momentum distribution and (2) isospin dependence of NN correlation

## Theory of Nuclear matter

H.A. Bethe

Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci., 21, 93-244 (1971)

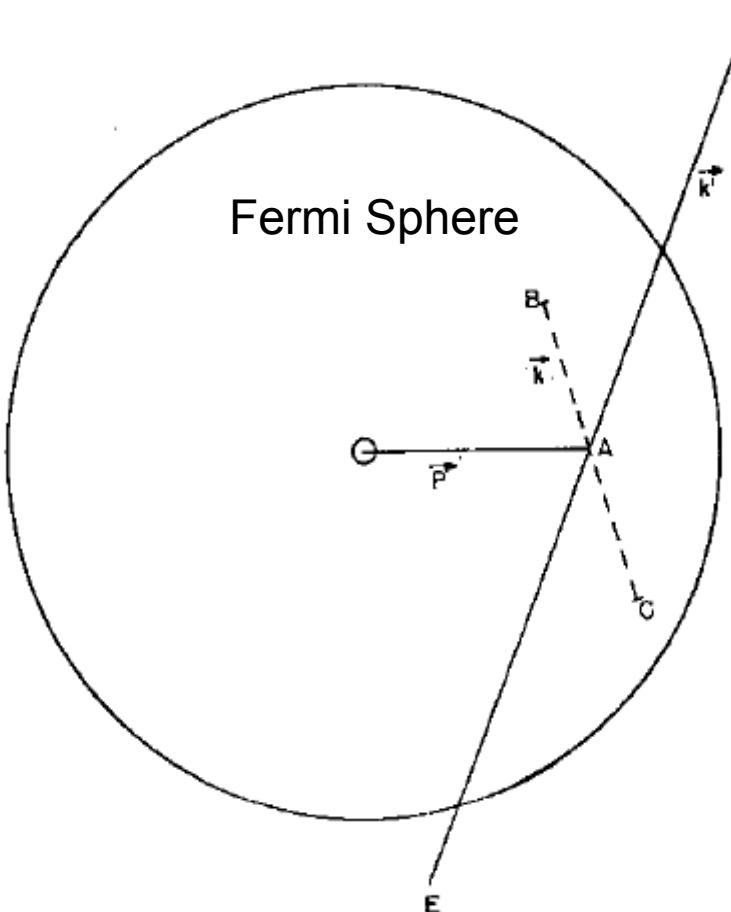
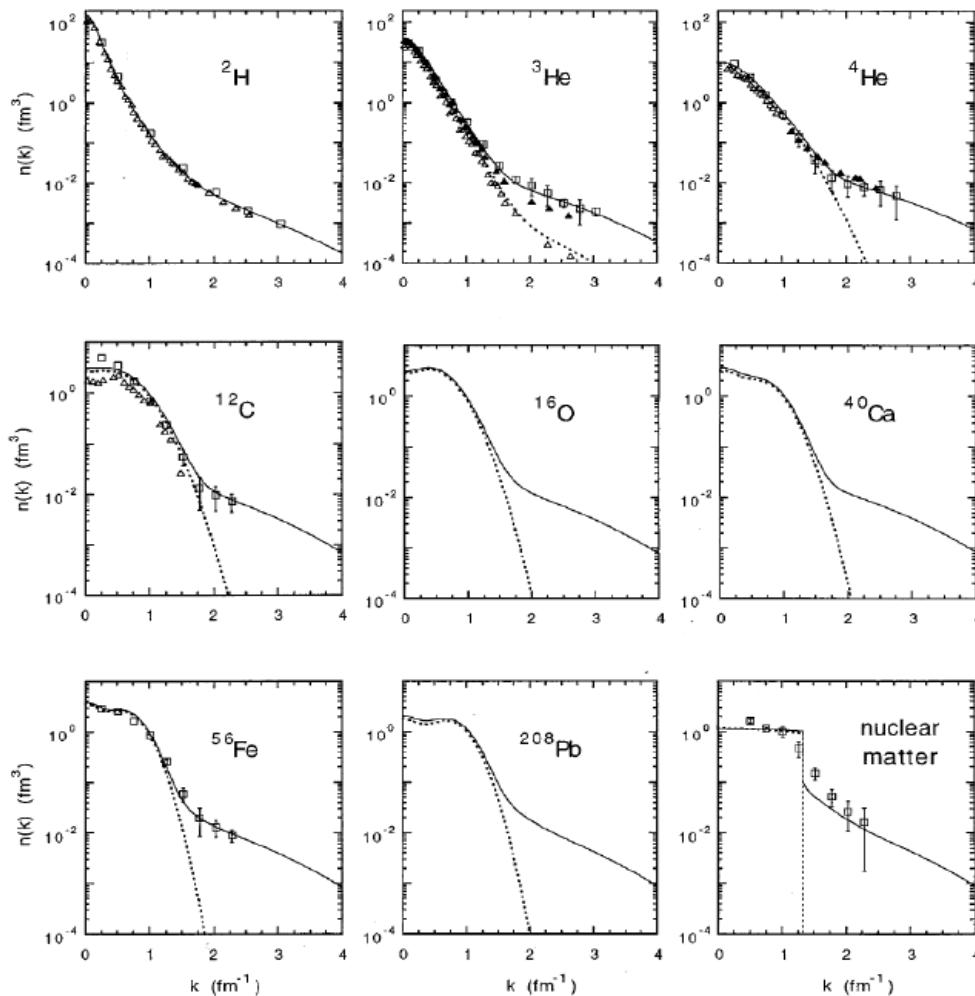


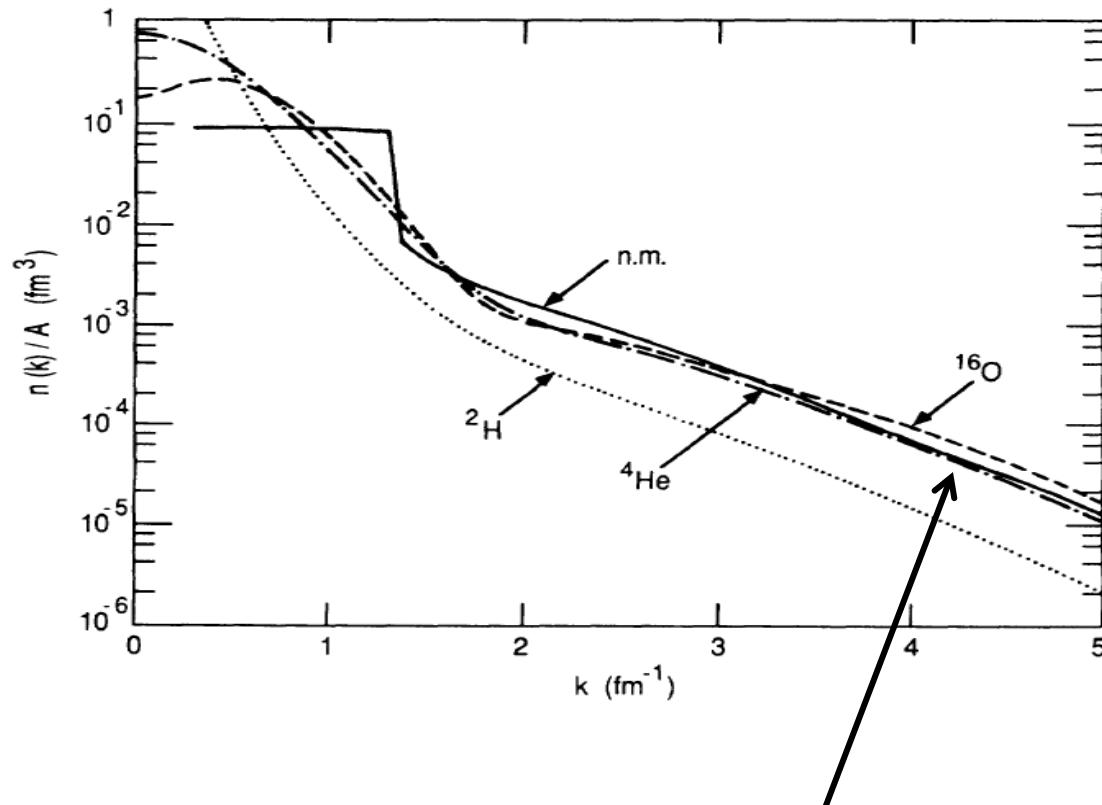
FIGURE 10. Two nucleons are initially in states  $B$  and  $C$ , having average momentum  $P$  and relative momentum  $k$ . When they interact they are shifted to states  $D$  and  $E$  outside the Fermi sphere, with relative momentum  $k'$ . If they are initially in a  $^1S$  state and interact by tensor force, then they are in a  $^3D_1$  state in  $DE$ .



S. Fantoni and V. R. Pandharipande, Nucl. Phys. A 427, 473 (1984).

C. Ciofi degli Atti and S. Simula, Phys. Rev. C 53, 1689 (1996).

# Scaling of the high-momentum tail due to tensor force



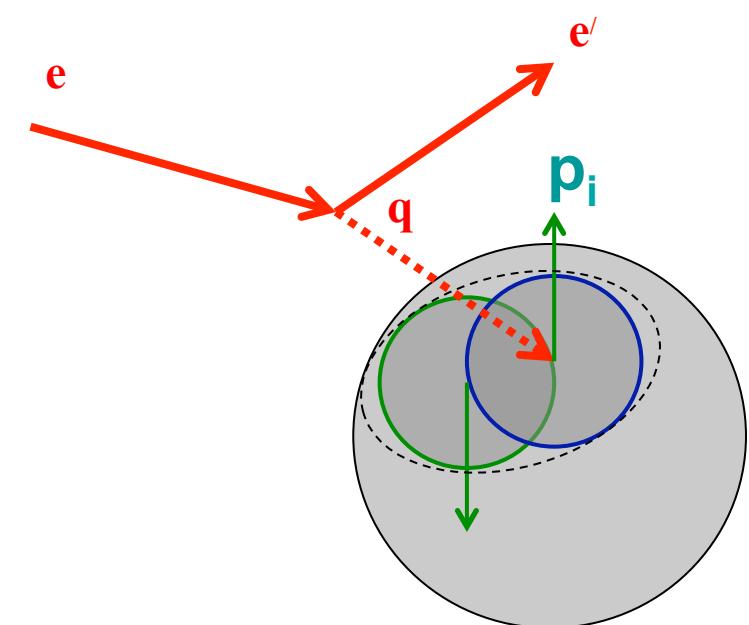
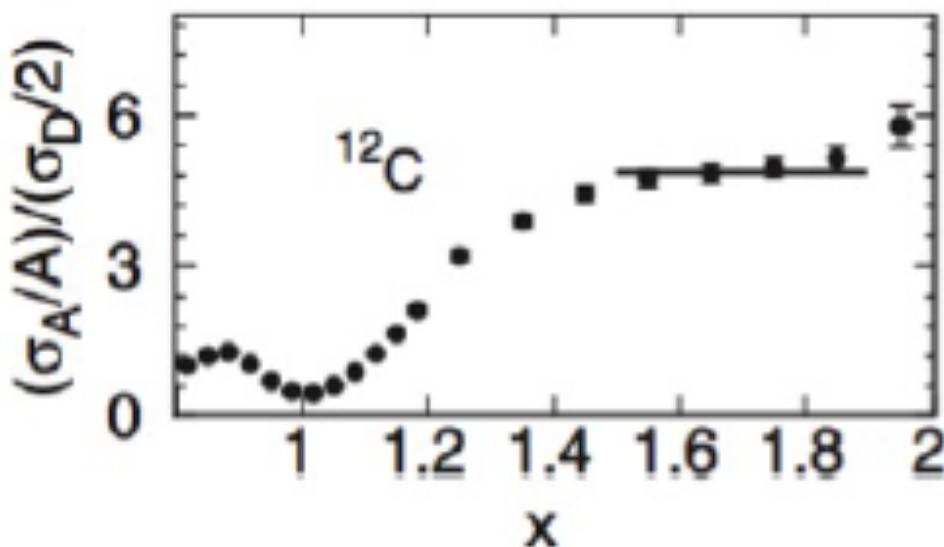
Universal shape of high-momentum tail  
→ due to short-range interaction of two nearby nucleons  
→ scaling of weighted ( $e, e'$ ) inclusive xsections from light to heavy nuclei:  
the ratio of weighted xsection should be independent of the scattering variables

# The inclusive $A(e,e')$ measurements

K. Sh. Egiyan et al. PRC 68, 014313 (2003)

K. Sh. Egiyan et al. PRL. 96, 082501 (2006)

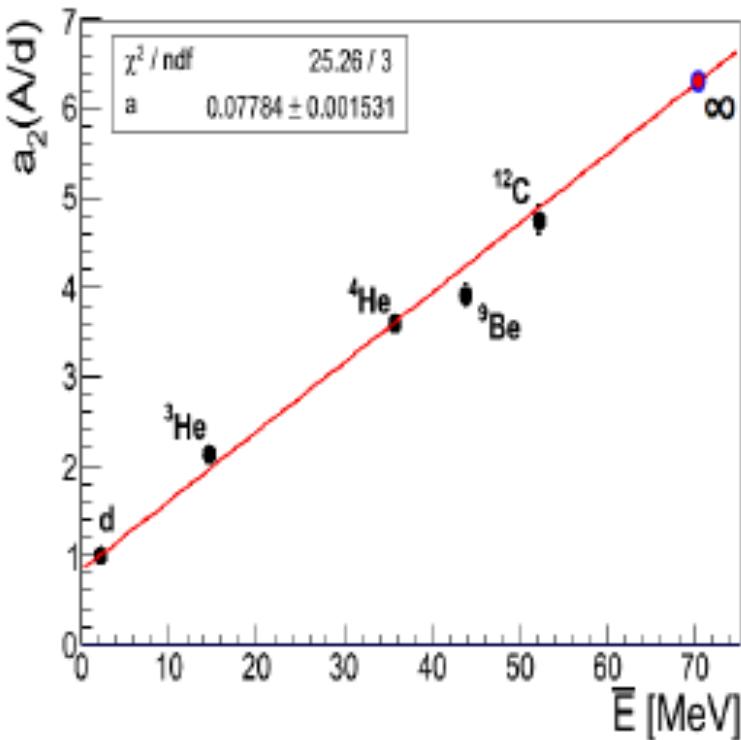
N. Fomin et al. PRL 108, 092502 ( 2012)



$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2m\omega} \quad Q^2 = \vec{q}^2 - \omega^2$$

# Relative probability of SRC in nucleus A with respect to that in deuteron

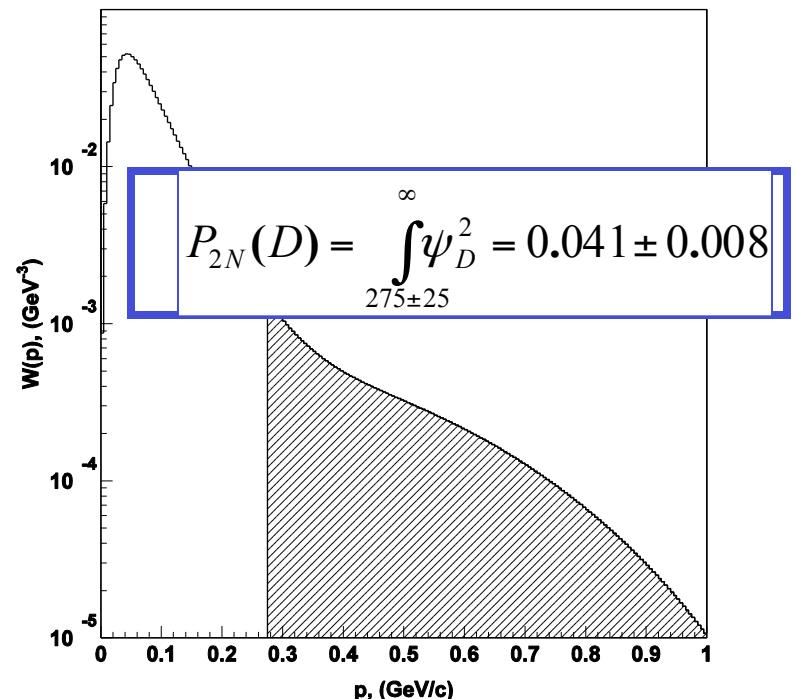
$a_2(A/d)$  extrapolated to infinite SNM



Nucleon removal energy

$$\bar{E} = \bar{T} \frac{A-2}{A-1} - \frac{E_0}{A}$$

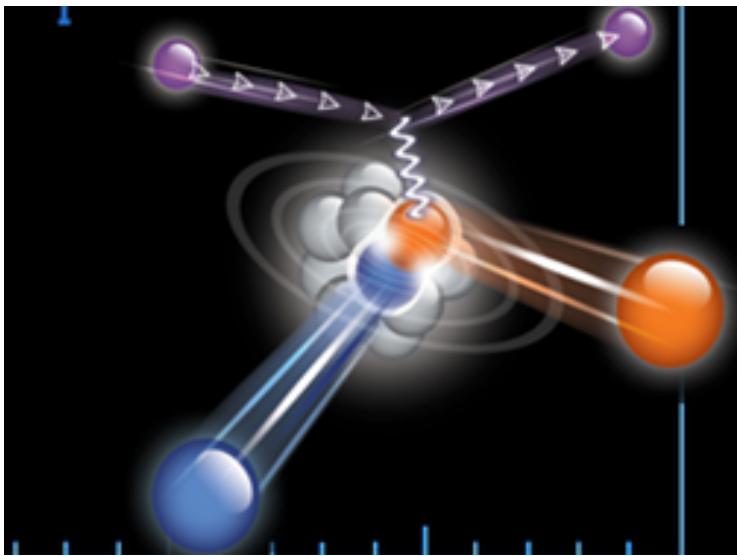
Greens Function Monte-Carlo (GFMC)



$$P_{2N}(A) = a_{2N}(A/d) \cdot P_{2N}(D)$$

$$P_{2N}(\infty) \approx 20-30\%$$

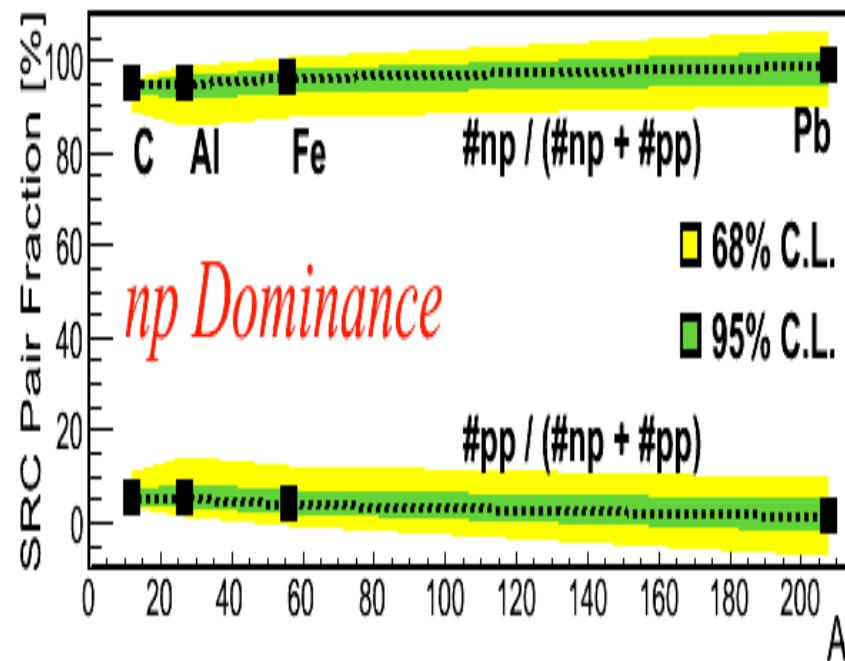
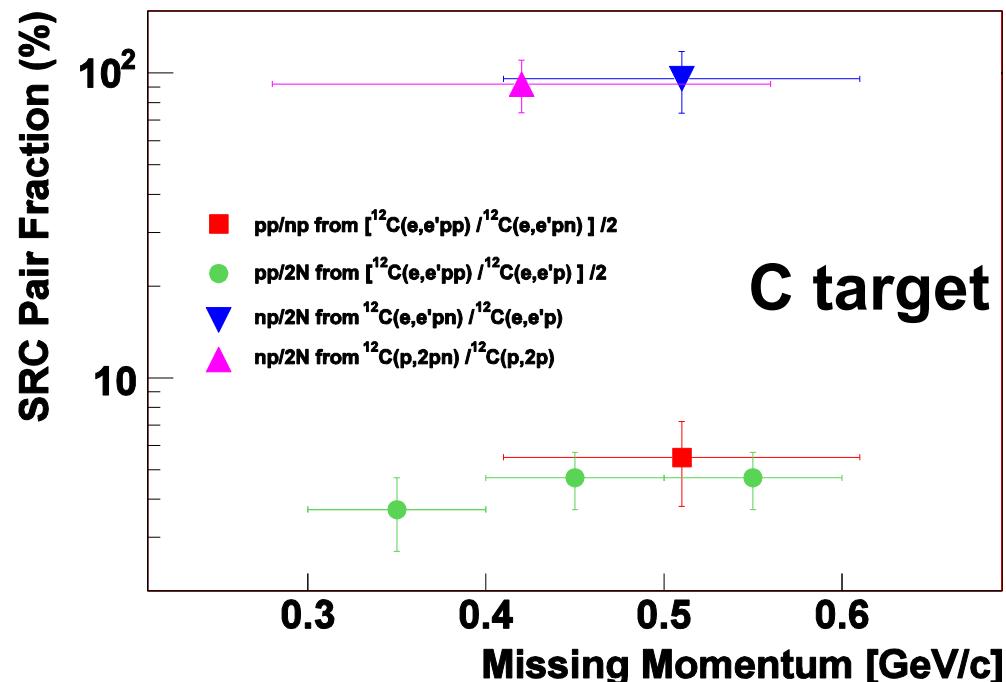
# Triple coincidence measurement of the isospin dependence of SRC



R. Subedi et al., Science 320, 1476 (2008)

Or Hen et al., sub. to Science (2014)

1.  $np/pp \approx 18$
2. High momentum tail in pure neutron matter is about 1-2%

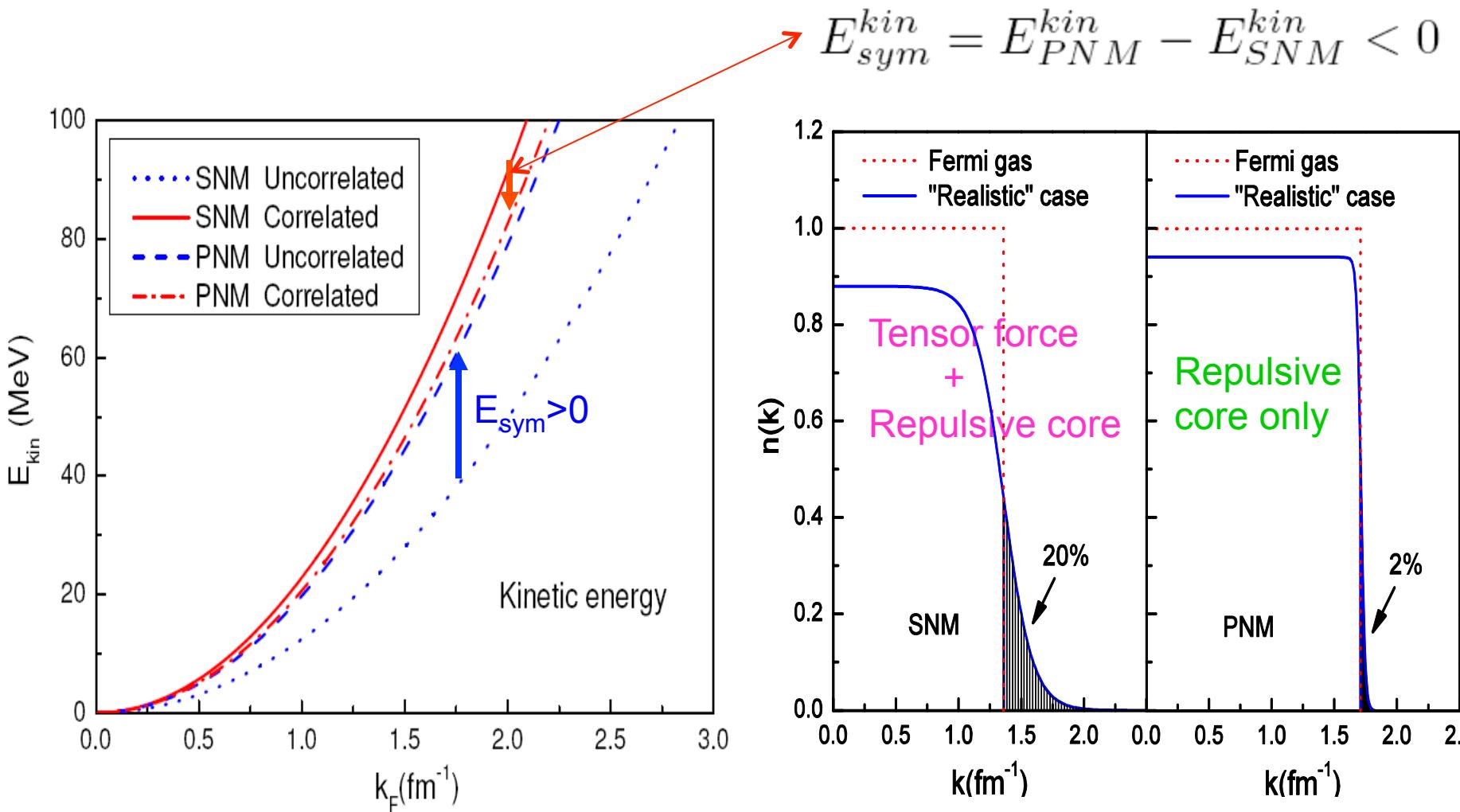


# How does the tensor force affect the kinetic symmetry energy?

Chang Xu and Bao-An Li, [arXiv:1104.2075](https://arxiv.org/abs/1104.2075)

Chang Xu, Ang Li and Bao-An Li,  
JPCS 420, 012190 (2013).

$$E_{kin} = \alpha \int_0^\infty \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} n(k) k^2 dk,$$



# Confirmation by Microscopic Many-Body Theories

1. [Isaac Vidana](#), [Artur Polls](#), [Constanca Providencia](#)

PRC84, 062801(R) (2011)

Brueckner--Hartree--Fock approach using the Argonne V18 potential plus the Urbana IX three-body force

2. [Arianna Carbone](#), [Artur Polls](#), [Arnau Rios](#), EPL 97, 22001 (2012)

Self-Consistent Green's Function Approach with Argonne Av18, CDBonn, Nij1, N3LO interactions

3. [Alessandro Lovato](#), [Omar Benhar](#) et al.,

extracted from results already published in

Phys. Rev. C83:054003, 2011

Using Argonne V' <sub>6</sub> interaction

Fermi-Hyper-Netted-Chain (FHNC)

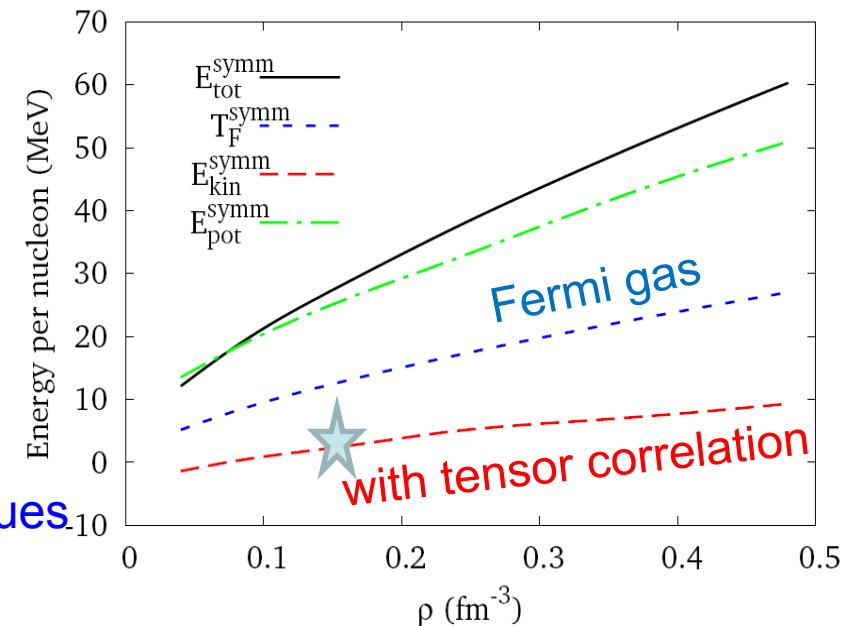
Single Operator Chains (SOC)

4. [A. Rios](#), [A. Polls](#), [W. H. Dickhoff](#)

PRC 89, 044303 (2014).

Ladder Self-Consistent Green Function

They all included the tensor force and many-body correlations using different techniques



The universal shape of the high-momentum tail in all symmetric  
2-component fermion systems with strong contact/interaction  
between unlike particles if

$$a \gg d \gg r_{\text{eff}}$$



With large scattering length  $a$  between  
different Fermions of separation  $d$   
And short-range ( $r_{\text{eff}}$ ) interaction

$$n(k) = C / k^4$$

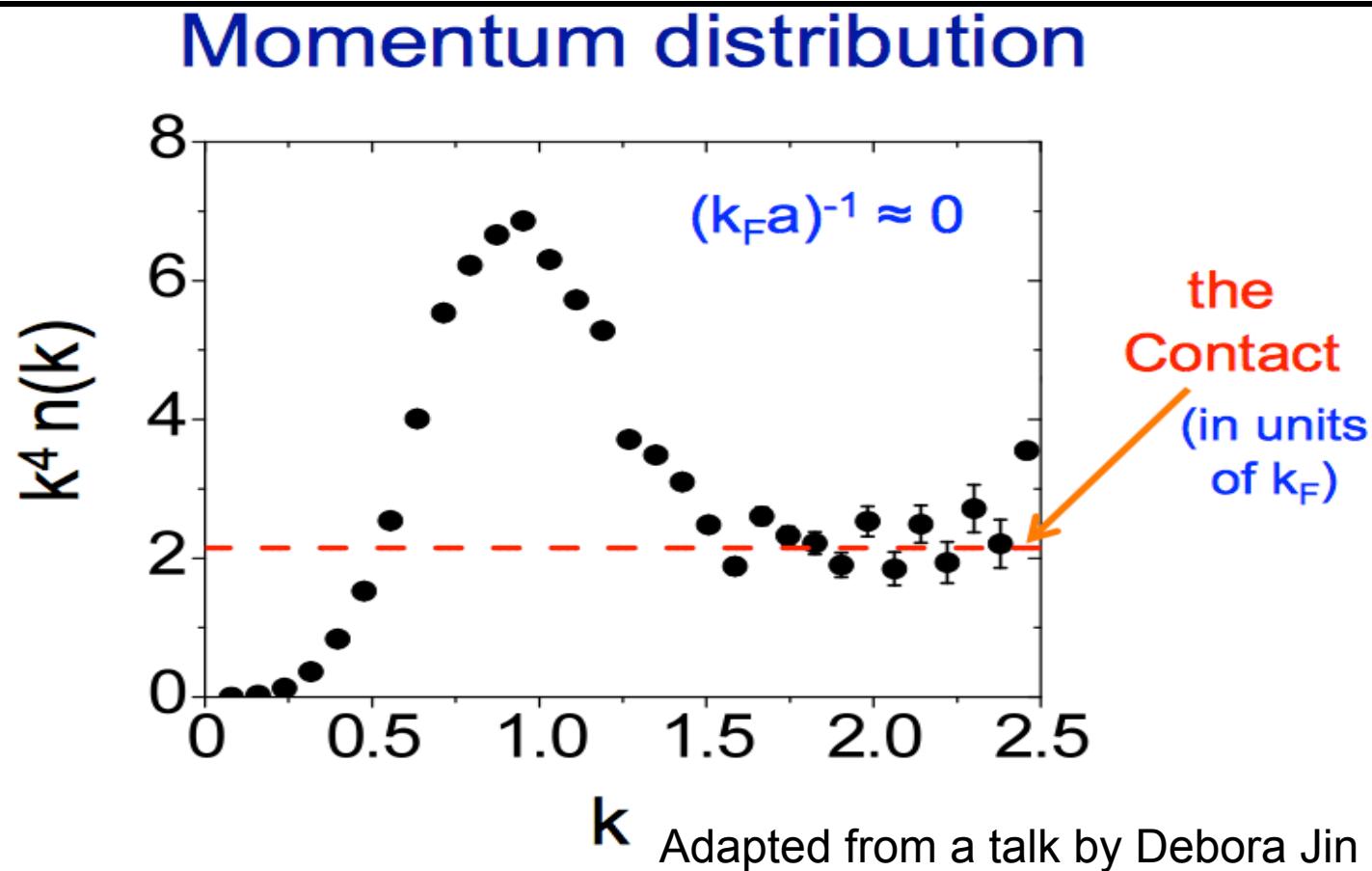
$C$  is the Tan's contact term

B.S. Tsinghua, 1997, Ph.D. U. of Chicago 2006

Thermodynamics can be describe by thr single parameter  $C$

Shina Tan, Annals of Physics 323 (2008) 2952, ibid 2971, ibid 2987  
(*George E. Valley Prize, American Physical Society 2010*)

Experiments with two spin-state mixtures of ultra-cold  $^{40}\text{K}$  and  $^6\text{Li}$  atomic gas systems extracted the contact term and verified the universal relations



# What about nuclear contact ? (Eli Piasetzky)

$$a \gg d \gg r_{eff} \quad ?$$

$$d = \rho^{-1/3} \approx 1.8 \text{ fm}$$

$$r_{eff} \approx \frac{\hbar}{2 \cdot m_\pi \cdot c} \approx 0.7 \text{ fm} \quad \text{Tensor force}$$

The high-momentum tail is predominantly:

J=1 S and D pairs :

$$T=0 \text{ S=1 } L=0 \quad {}^3S_1$$

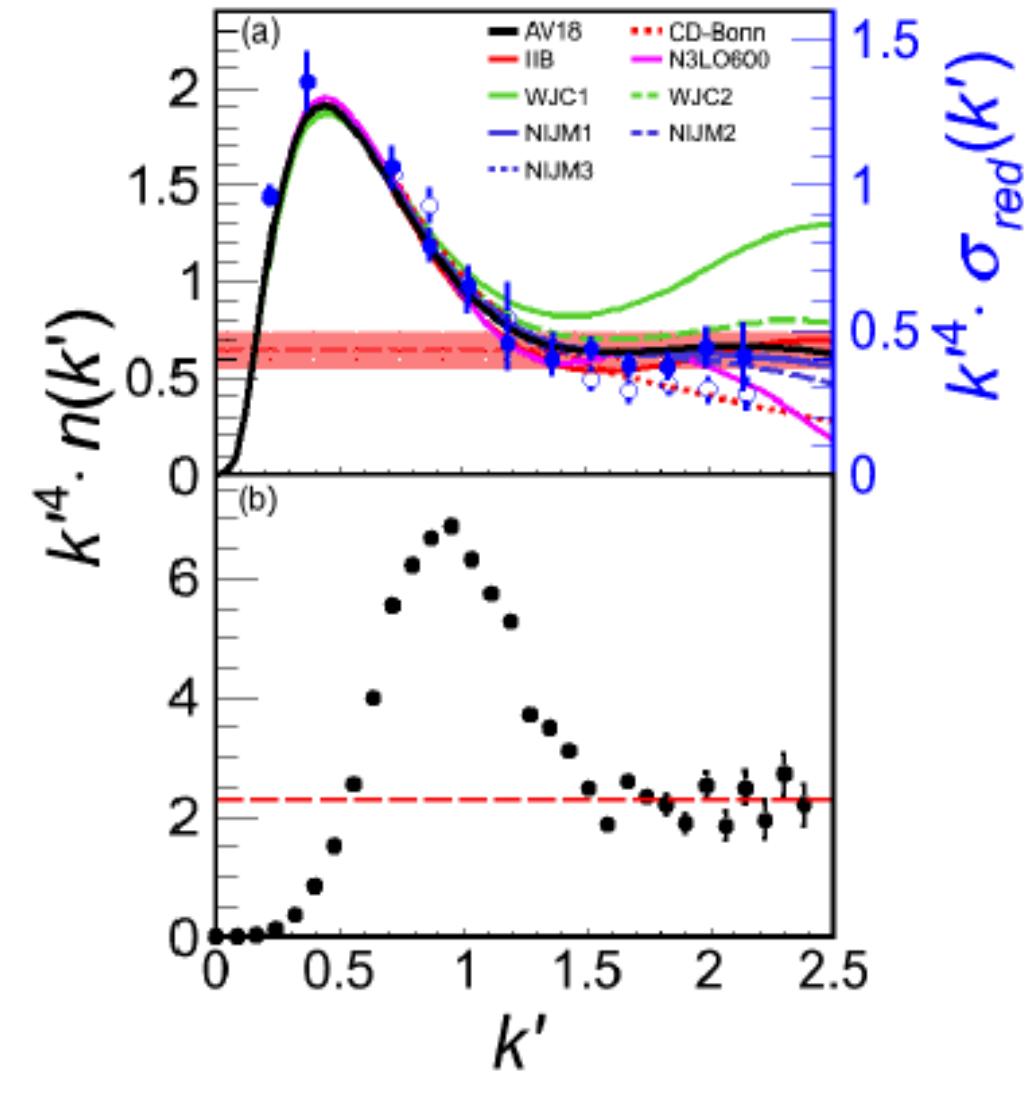
$$T=0 \text{ S=1 } L=2 \quad {}^3D_1$$

$$a({}^3S_1) = 5.424 \pm 0.003 \text{ fm}$$

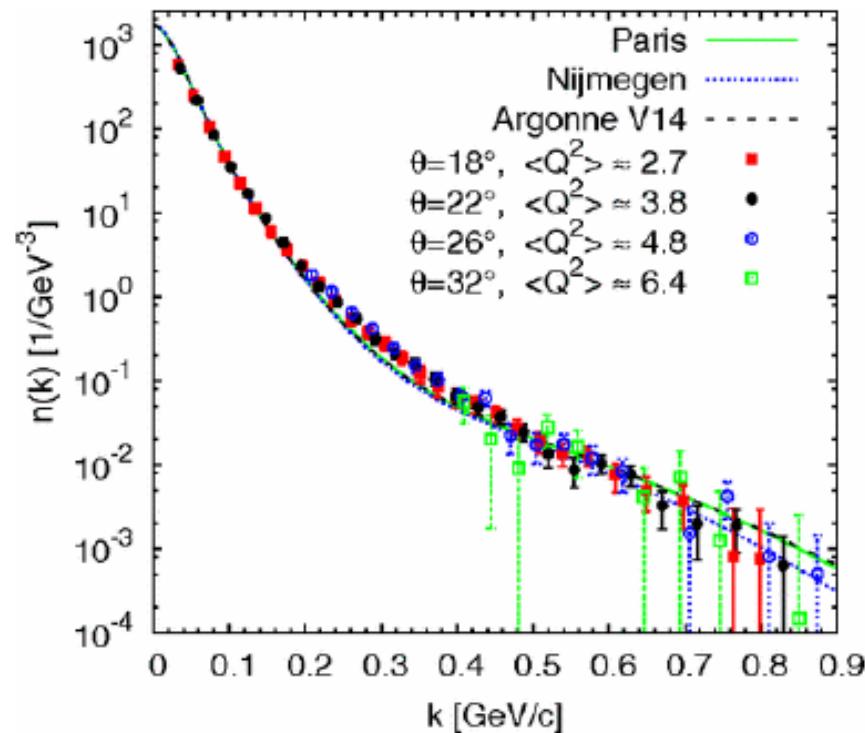
$$a(\approx 5.4 \text{ fm}) > d(1.8 \text{ fm}) > r_{eff}(0.7 \text{ fm})$$

# The high-momentum tail in deuteron scales as $1/k'^4$

O. Hen, L. B. Weinstein, E. Piasetzky, G. A. Miller, M. M. Sargsian, arXiv:1407.8175



$$R_d = 0.64 \pm 0.10$$



## Kinetic symmetry energy of correlated fermions

$$n_{SNM}^{SRC}(k) = \begin{cases} A_0 & k < k_F \\ C_\infty/k^4 & k_F < k < \lambda k_F^0 \\ 0 & k > \lambda k_F^0 \end{cases} \quad R_d = (k/k_F)^4 \cdot n_d(k/k_F) \quad 1.3 \leq k/k_F \leq 2.5$$

$$E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{kin}}(\rho) = E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{kin}}(\rho)|_{\text{FG}} - \Delta E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{kin}}(\rho) \quad (7)$$

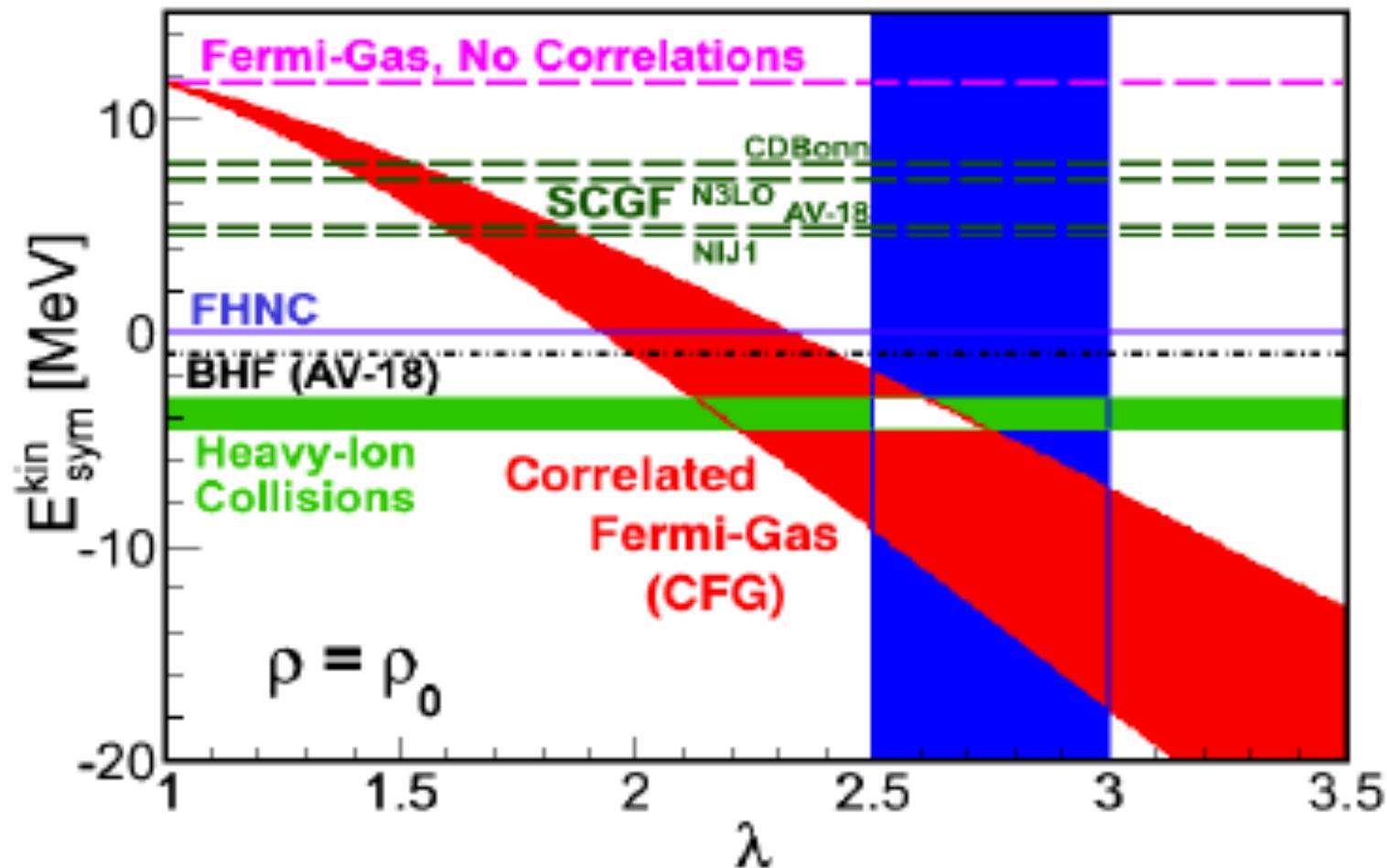
where the SRC correction term is:

$$\Delta E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{kin}} \equiv \frac{E_F^0}{\pi^2} c_0 \left[ \lambda \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{1/3} - \frac{8}{5} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{2/3} + \frac{3}{5} \frac{1}{\lambda} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) \right]. \quad (8)$$

$$C_0 = R_d^* a_2(\infty)$$

# Kinetic symmetry energy of correlated fermions

Or Hen, Bao-An Li, Wen-Jun Guo, L.B. Weinstein, Eli Piasetzky, arXiv:1408.0772

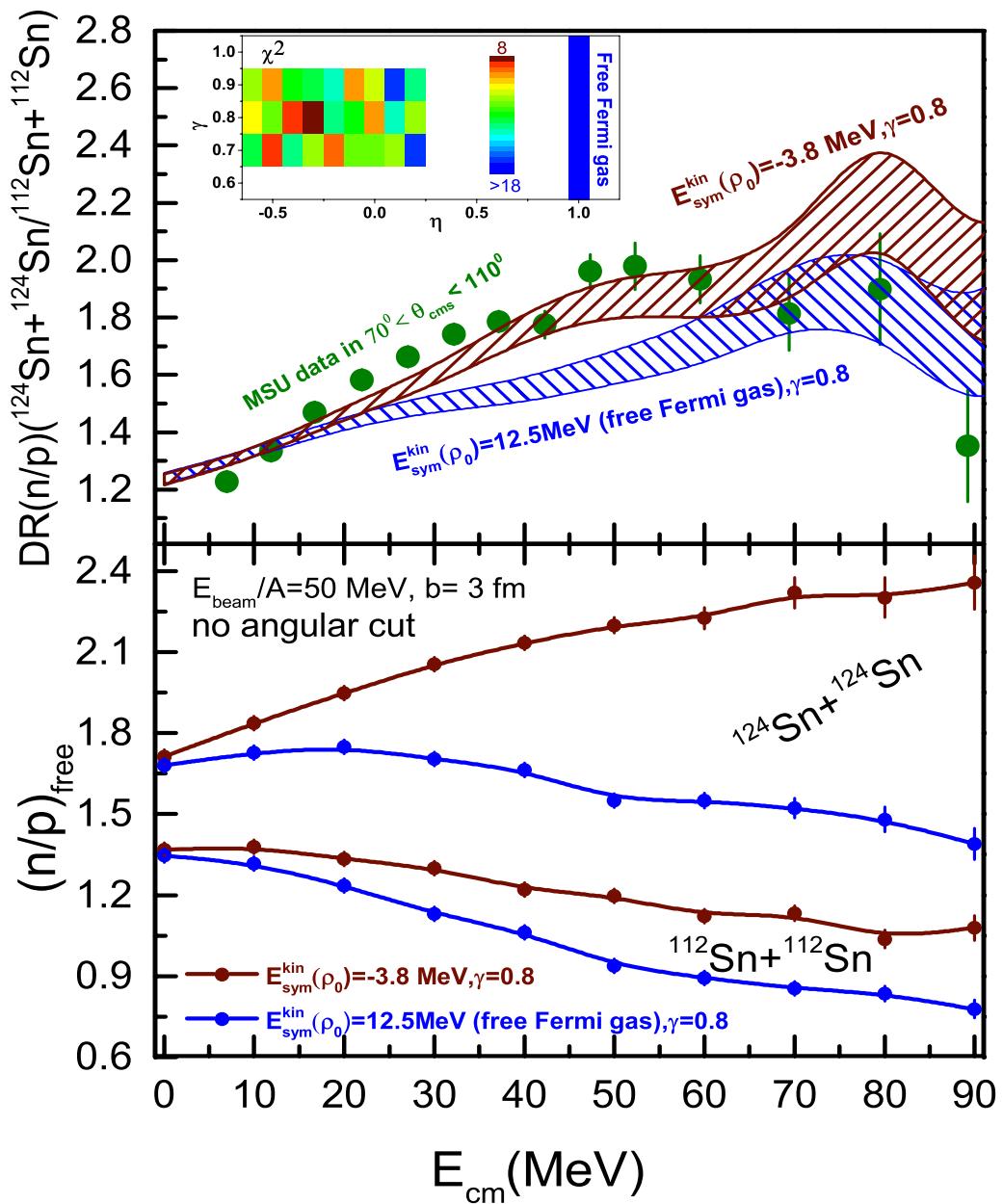


Width of the high momentum tail above the Fermi momentum

# Effects of reduced kinetic symmetry energy on heavy-ion collisions

$$E_{sym}^{pot}(\rho) = [E_{sym}(\rho_0) - \eta \cdot E_{sym}^{kin}(\rho_0)|_{FG}] \cdot (\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma.$$

$$V_{sym}^{n/p}(\rho, \delta) = [E_{sym}(\rho_0) - \eta \cdot E_{sym}^{kin}(\rho_0)|_{FG}] (\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma \times [\pm 2\delta + (\gamma - 1)\delta^2]. \quad (10)$$



## Summary

Where does the  $S_0 = E_{\text{sym}}(\rho_0) \approx 31 \text{ MeV}$  come from?

It is probably all coming from the potential contribution due to the NN SRC-induced reduction of the kinetic symmetry energy

$$E_{\text{sym}}^{\text{kin}}(\rho) \underset{3}{\cancel{=}} -\frac{1}{3} E_F(\rho_0) (\rho / \rho_0)^{2/3} \approx 12.5 \text{ MeV at } \rho_0$$

| Kinetic   | Potential |
|---|-----------|
| $S(\rho) = \frac{C_{s,k}}{2} \cancel{(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0})^{2/3}} + \frac{C_{s,p}}{2} (\frac{\rho}{\rho_0})^{\gamma_i}$ |           |

$$C_{s,k} \cancel{=} 25 \text{ MeV}$$

$$C_{s,p} = 2S_0 - \cancel{C_{s,k}}$$

The MSU double n/p ratio data strongly indicate the need of a SRC-reduced kinetic symmetry energy