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# *Collective Modes in Nuclei*



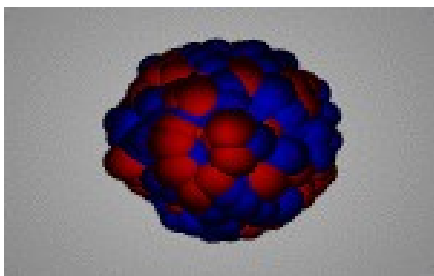
*Hans Emling, ANUP, Goa, Nov.*

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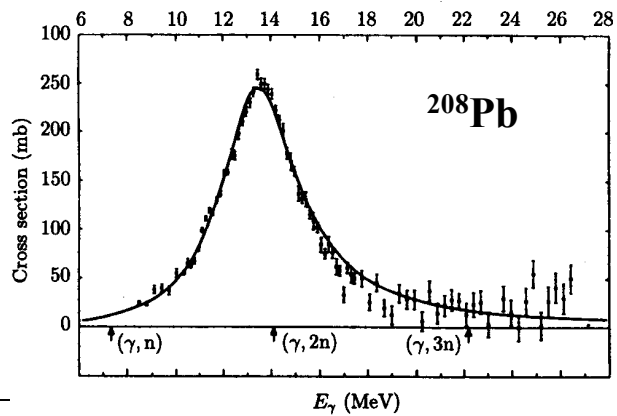
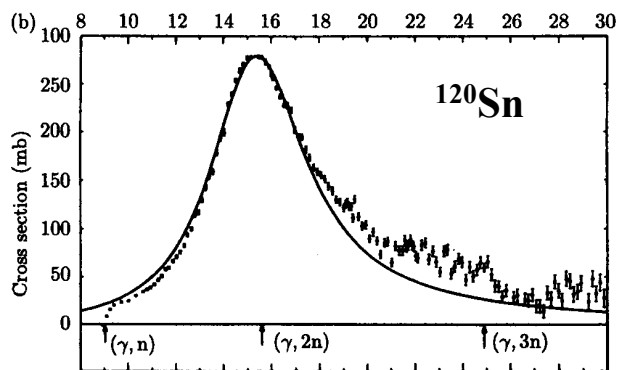
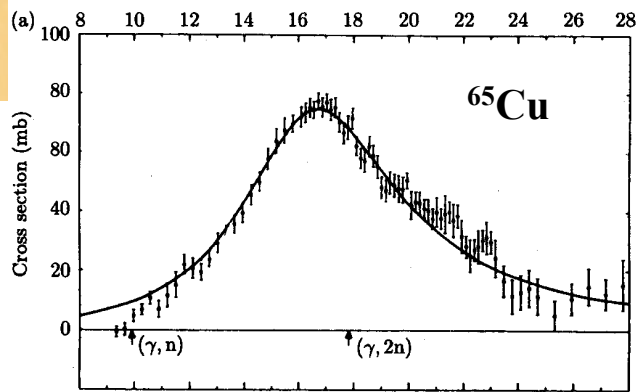
# Unstable neutron-rich nuclei and dipole response

- neutron skins and halos
- +
- pygmy resonances and soft modes

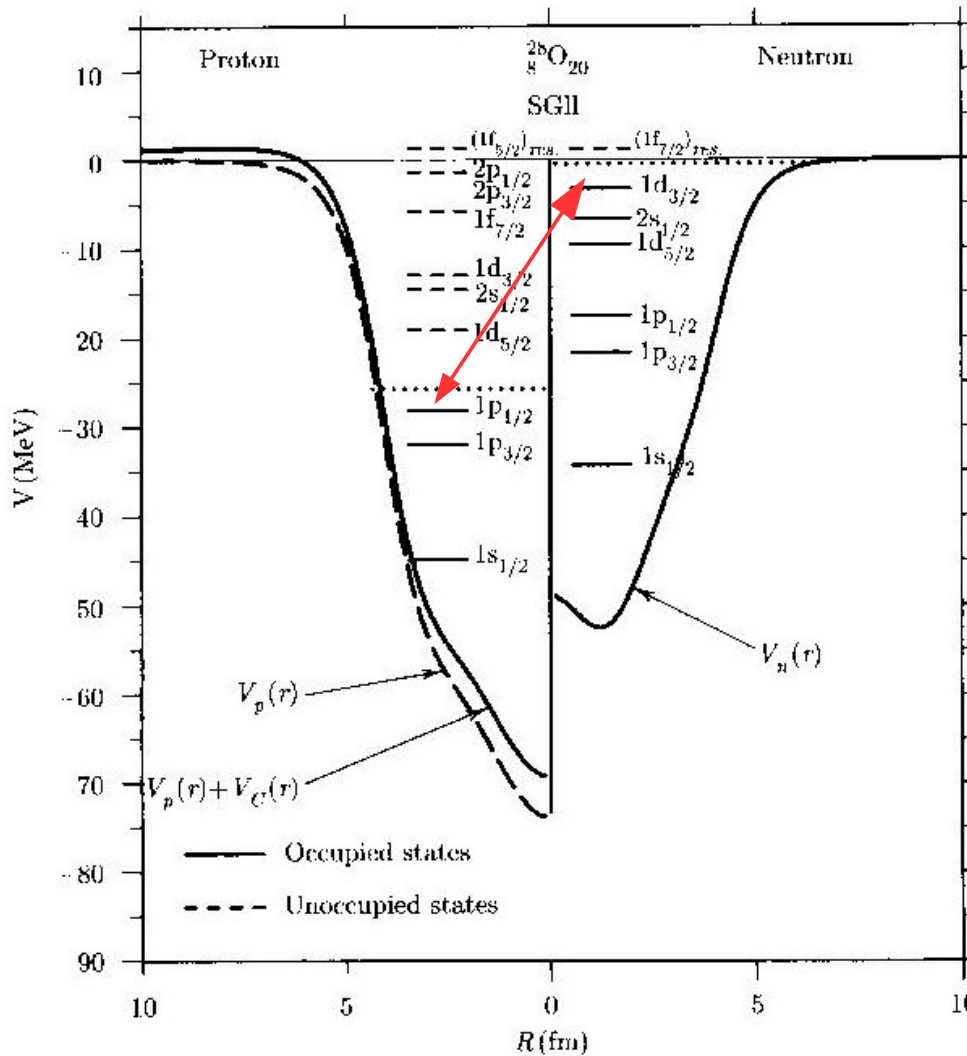
the neutron matter EoS and neutron stars

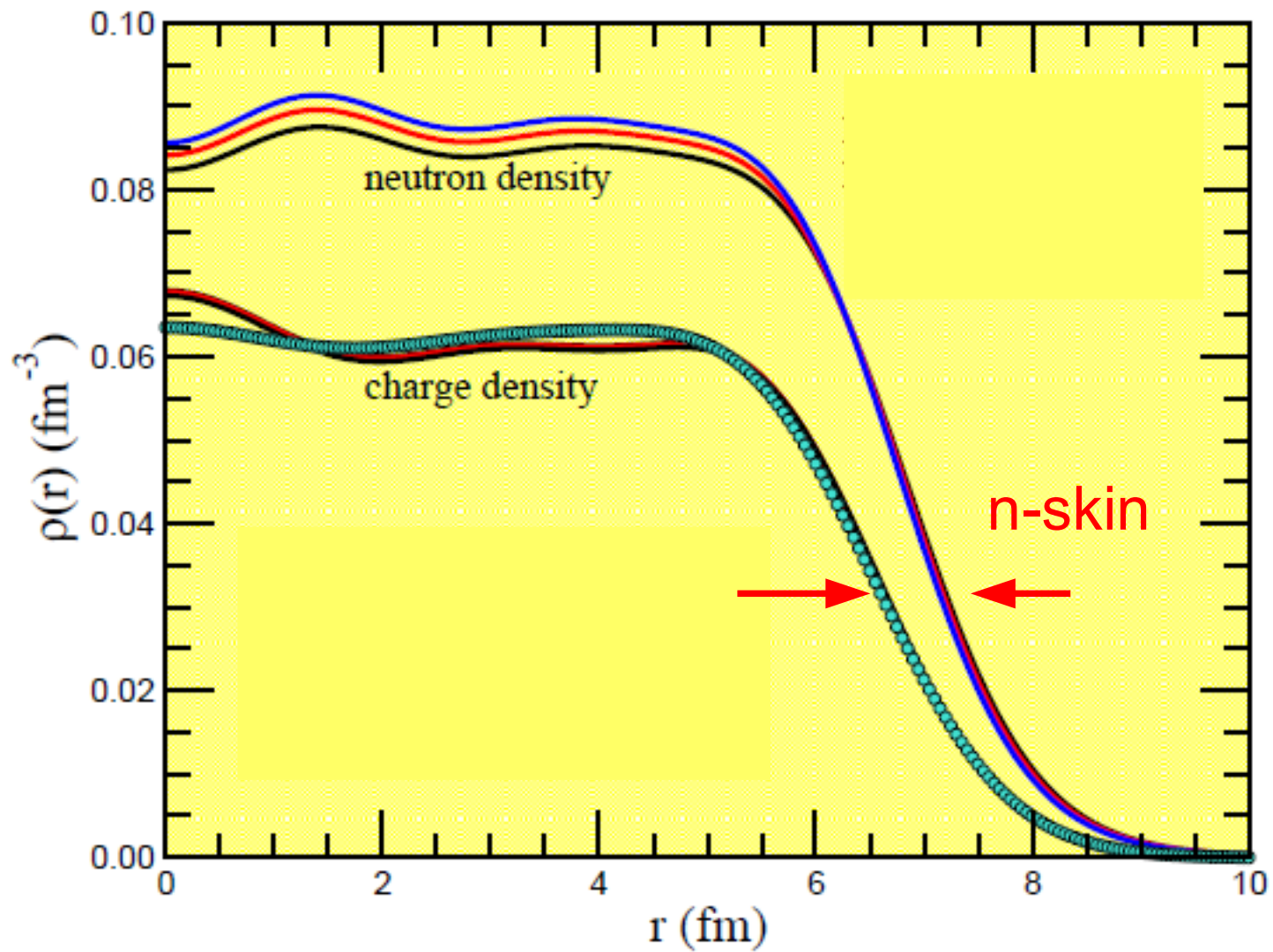


Berman and Fulz, Rev. Mod. Phys. 47 (1975) 47

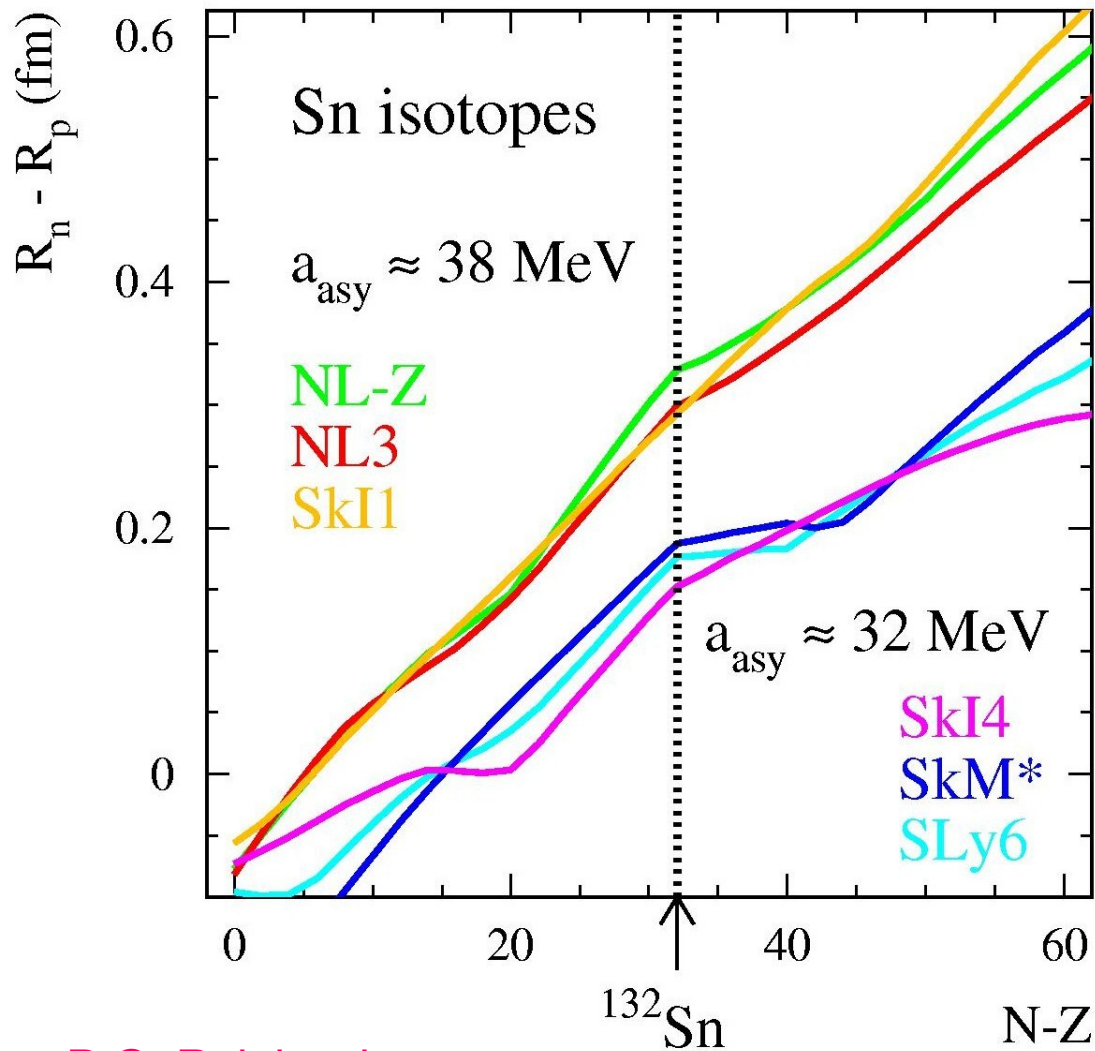


# neutron-rich nuclei





# neutron skins – numerous calculations



skins are related to

- the nuclear symmetry energy
- the neutron-matter equation-of-state (EoS)

# EoS and symmetry energy

the total (binding) energy  $E$  in **infinite nuclear matter** depends on the nucleon density  $\rho$

and the proton-neutron ratio  $\alpha = (N-Z)/A$

$$E(\rho, \alpha) = E(\rho, 0) + \underbrace{S(\rho)}_{\text{symmetry energy}} \alpha^2 + O(\alpha^4), \quad \alpha = \frac{N-Z}{A} \quad \text{Taylor expansion}$$

$N=Z$  symmetric matter

symmetry energy

for  $Z = 0 \rightarrow \alpha = 1$

$\rightarrow \mathbf{S(\rho)}$  = symmetry energy in **neutron matter**

neutron matter EoS

the nuclear matter symmetry energy,  
particularly its  
density dependence,  
is not well under  
control

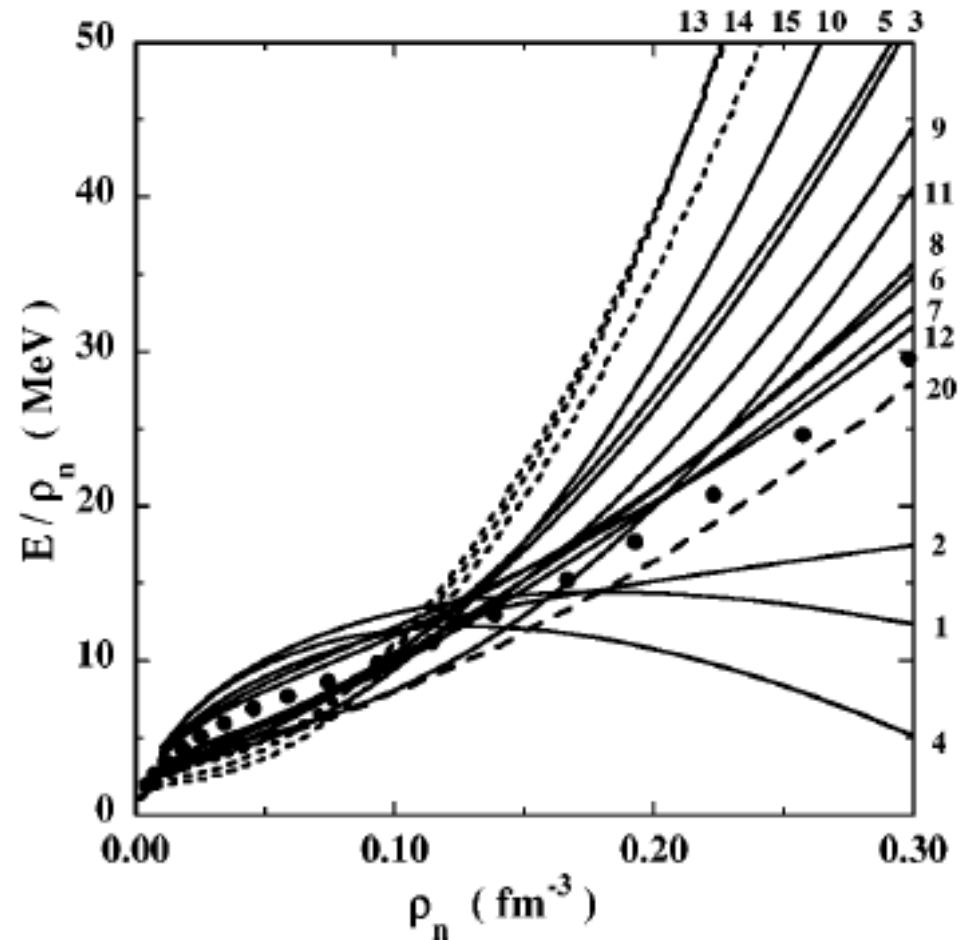
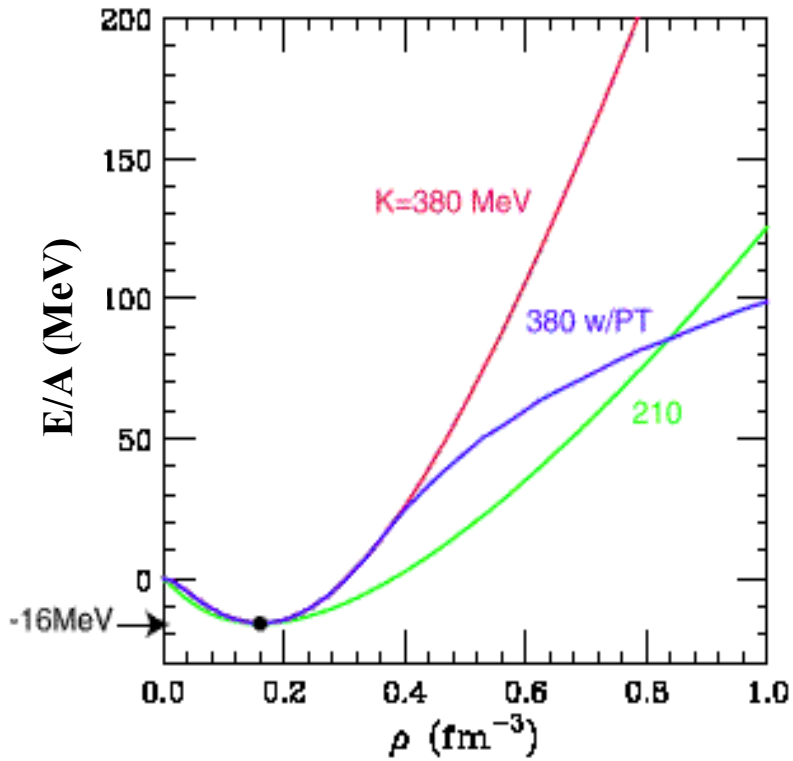


FIG. 3. The neutron equations of state are shown for the 12 parameter sets of the SHF model (solid lines) and 3 parameter sets of the RMF model (dashed lines) which in Figs. 1 and 2 were

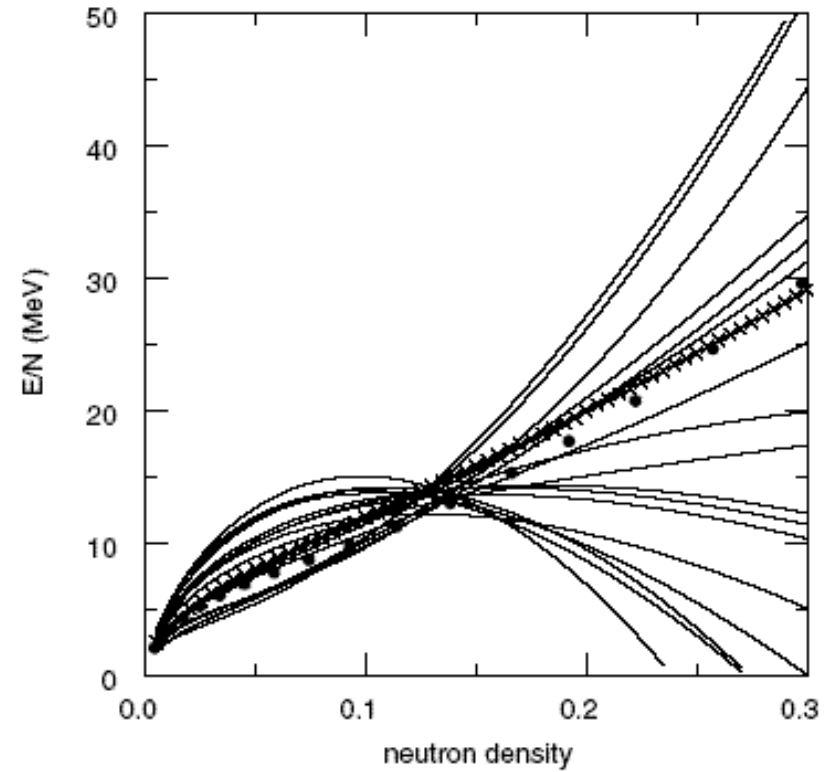


# EoS

symmetric N=Z matter



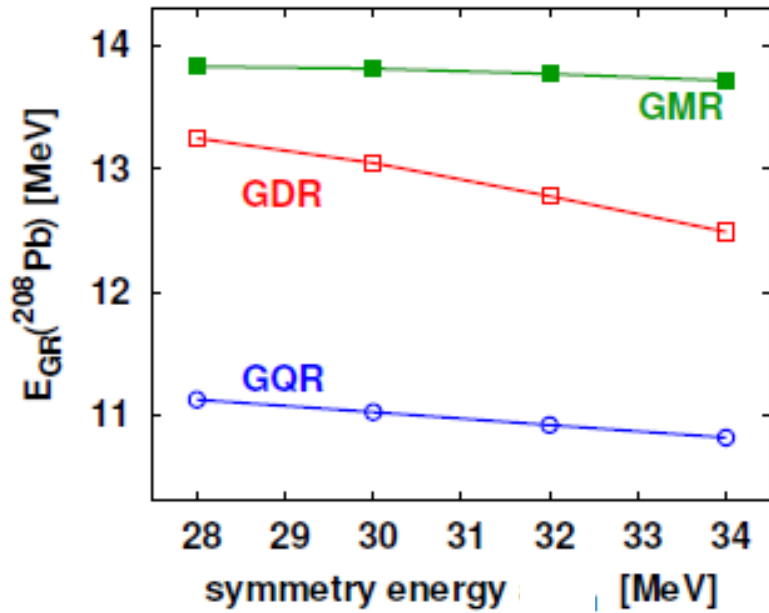
neutron matter



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PRL 85(2000)5296*

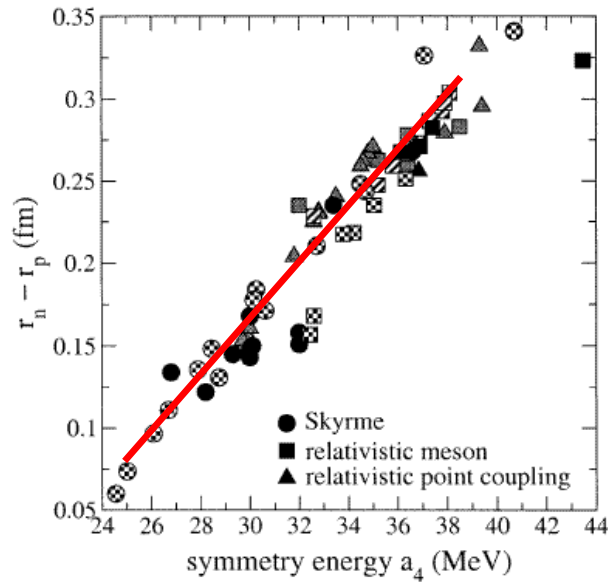
# Systematic variation of Skyrme forces



GDR resonance energy  
depending  
on symmetry energy

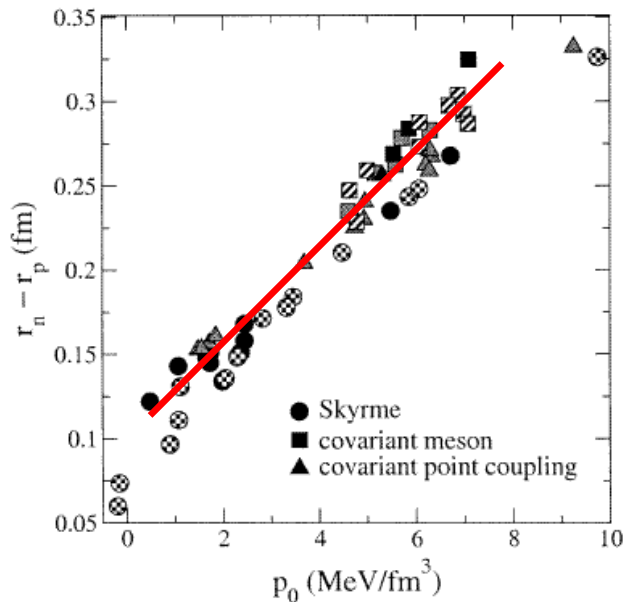
*but, not very sensitive,  
keeping the GDR width in  
mind*

# symmetry energy and neutron skin in $^{208}\text{Pb}$



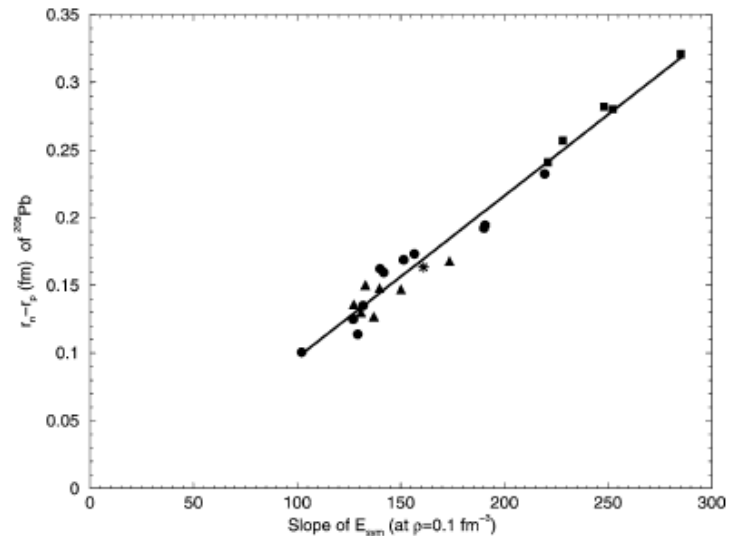
strong linear correlation between neutron skin thickness and sym. energy (slope)

→ precise measurement of the neutron skin (even for a single nucleus) delivers constraint on the symmetry energy



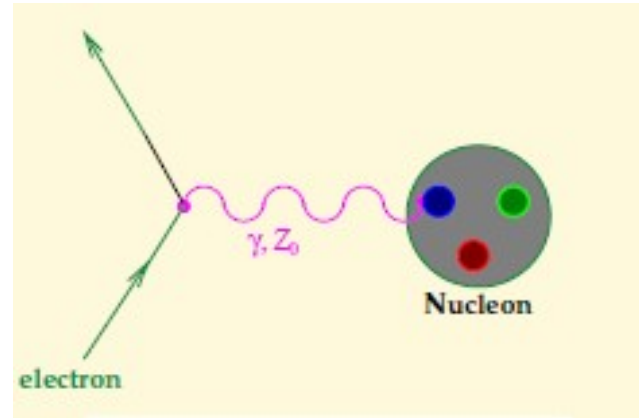
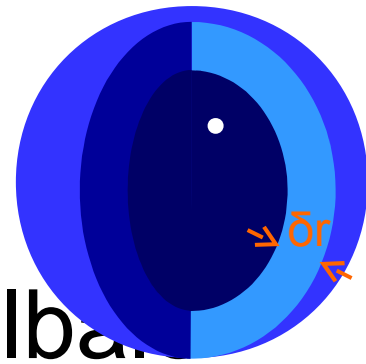
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*M. Baldo et al. / Nuclear Physics A 736 (2004) 241–254*



problem:

no precise exp. skin data available



*presently, major efforts ,  
e.g., 'parity-violation' PREX experiment at JLAB  
(neutron skin in  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ )*

Alternatives ?

theoretical predictions of  
( collective ? ) low-lying multipole strength  
in N/Z asymmetric nuclei

*link to nuclear skin and neutron matter ?*

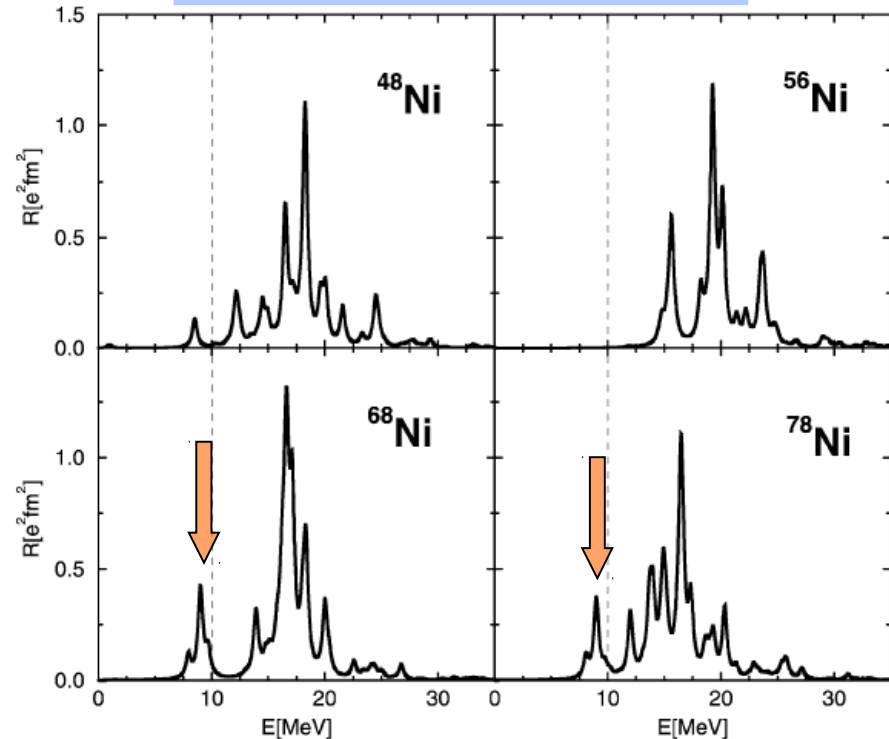
discussed here:

soft modes (light nuclei, halo's)  
pygmy dipole resonance

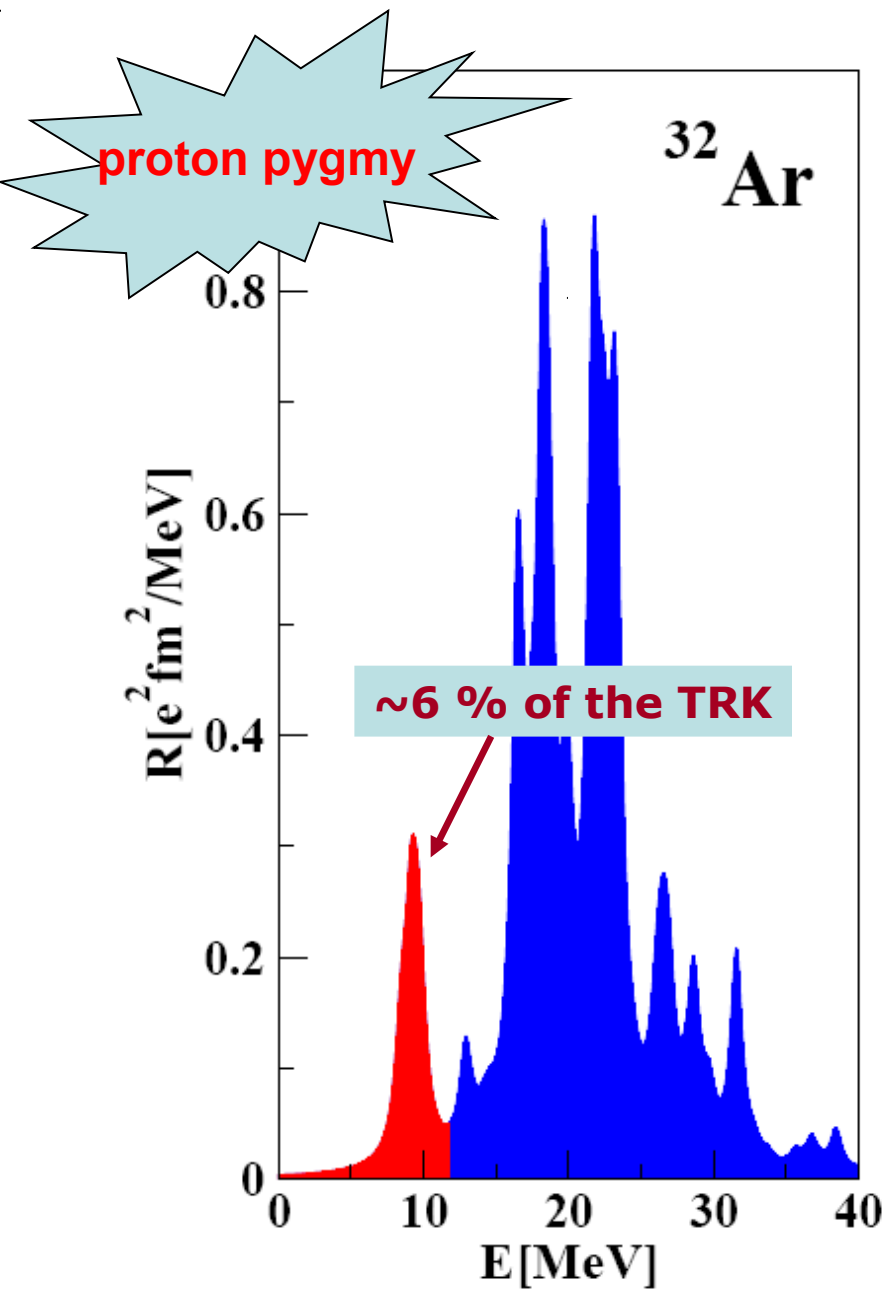
# numerous theoretical calculations

Here: relativistic mean field calculations: Vretenar et al. ( NPA 692 (2001) 496 )

## Dipole strength functions

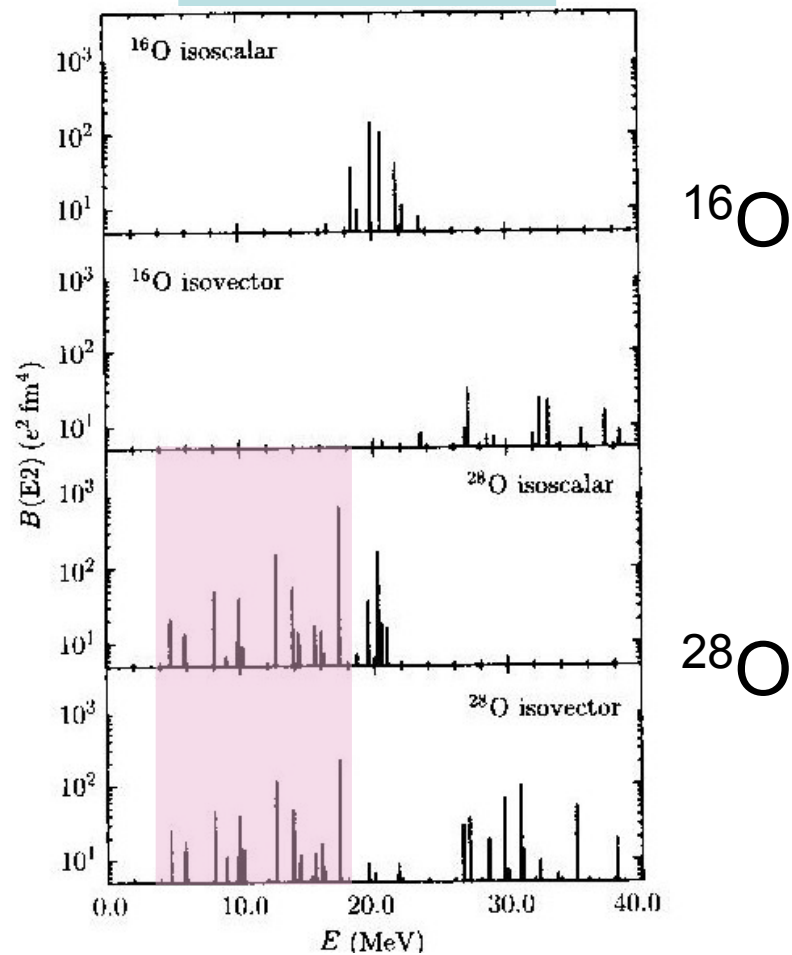


Collective low-energy state at 9 MeV characterized by a coherent superposition of many ph configurations exhausting 5% of the EWSR



# light nuclei

## E2 response



$E < 18 \text{ MeV}$

neutron excitations only

→

no clear separation of  
isoscalar and isovector  
excitations

Lanza et al.

Vitturi et al.



# giant resonances in unstable nuclei

## - experimental status -

- information on isovector Dipole strength only
- limited statistics
- limited resolution

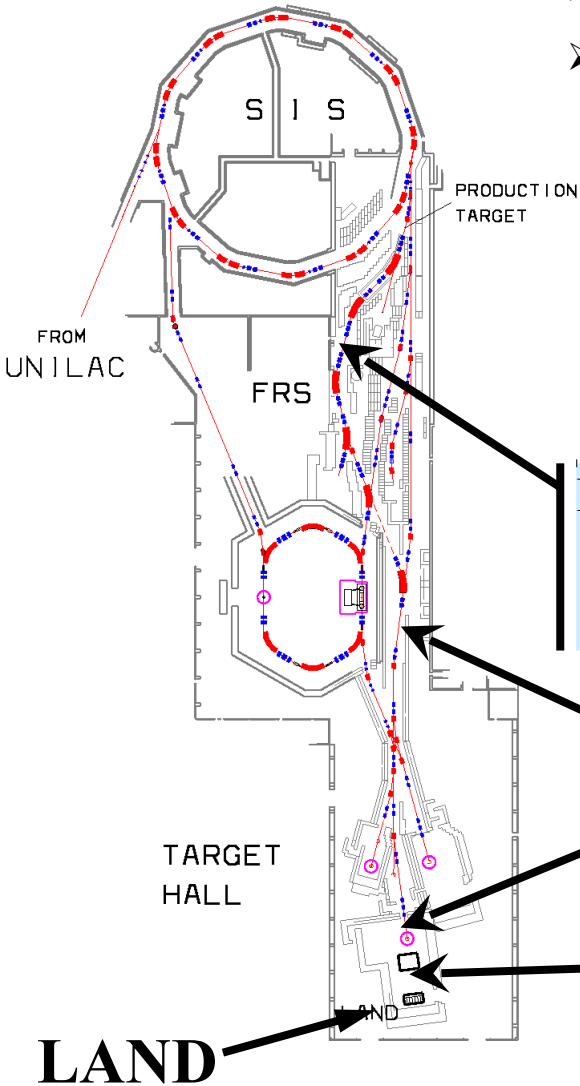
below, results from LAND@GSI presented

results for light (halo) nuclei obtained as well at  
GANIL, RIKEN; MSU..

# Experimental setup & method

## Beam production and identification

- Primary:  $3 \cdot 10^8$   $^{238}\text{U}$ /spill @550 MeV/u
- Secondary (mixed):  $\sim 10$  ions  $^{132}\text{Sn}$ /s

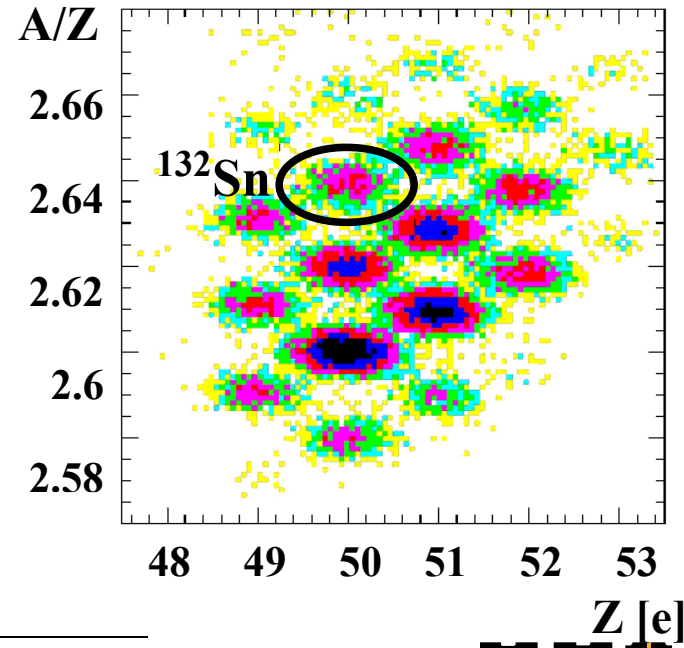
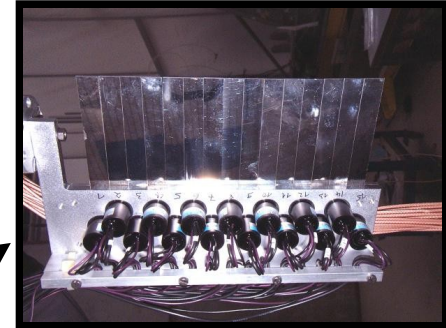


$$\frac{A}{Z} = \frac{m_u c}{e} \frac{B\rho}{\beta\gamma}$$

$B\rho$  – from position at middle focal plane of the FRS

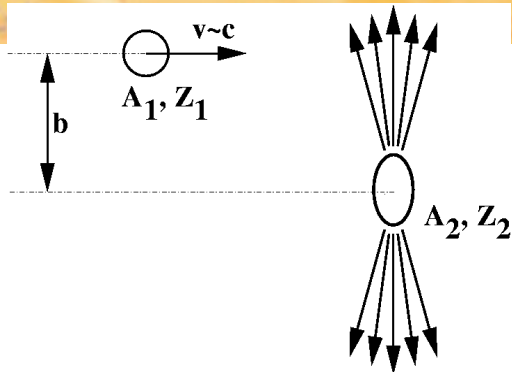
$\beta$  – from TOF

$Z$  – from  $\Delta E$



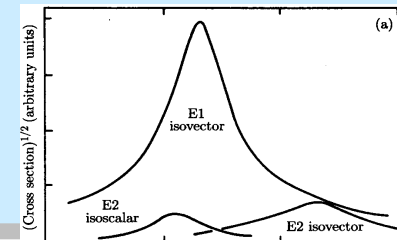
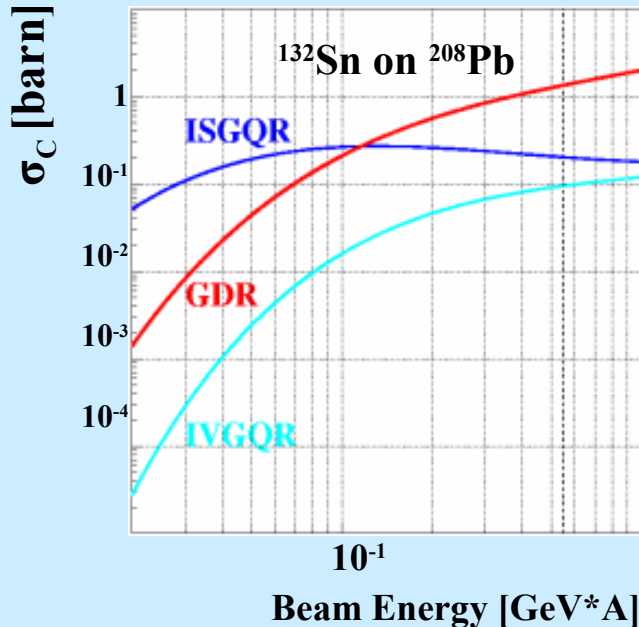
# Experimental setup & method

## Coulomb excitation in relativistic peripheral collision



- Selective excitation of E1 transitions (crucial since different resonances overlap in energy)

- Large cross sections:  $\sigma_C \sim Z^2$

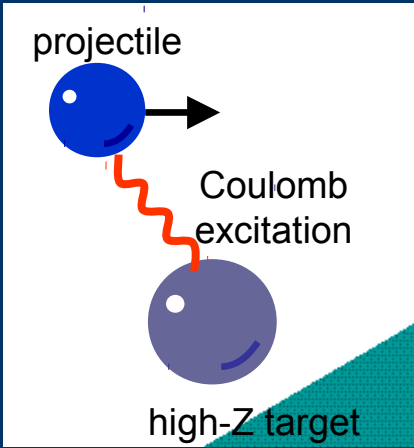
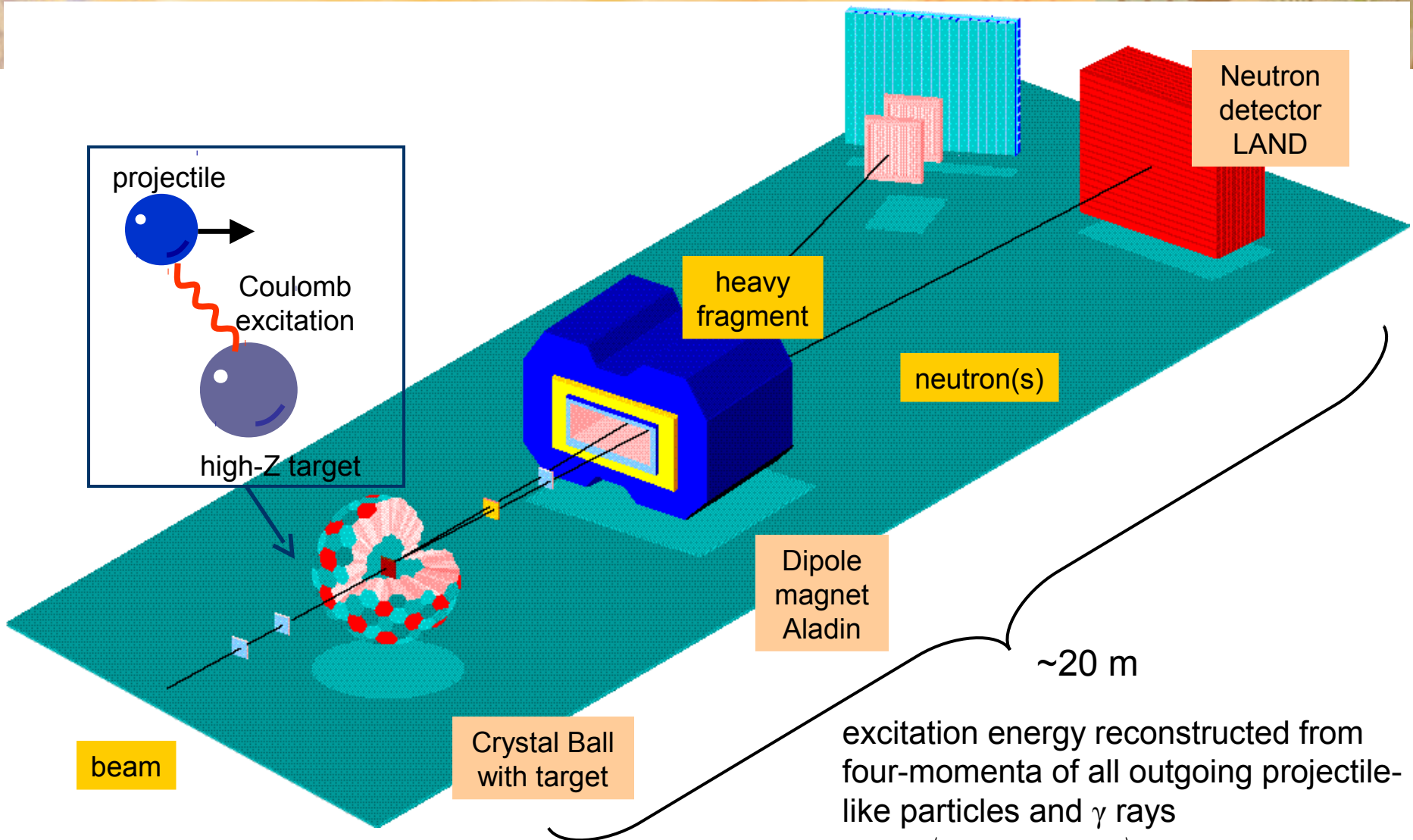


- Well understood:  
Absorption of virtual photons  
Semi-classically:

$$\frac{d\sigma_C(\mathbf{E})}{d\mathbf{E}} = \sum_{E\lambda} \frac{n_{E\lambda}(\mathbf{E})}{E} \sigma_{E\lambda}^{\gamma}(\mathbf{E})$$

C.A.Bertulani and G.Baur, Phys. Rep. 163 (1988) 299-408

# LAND setup



heavy fragment

neutron(s)

Neutron detector LAND


Dipole magnet Aladin

Crystal Ball with target

beam

~20 m

excitation energy reconstructed from four-momenta of all outgoing projectile-like particles and  $\gamma$  rays

$$\left( M_{proj} + E^* \right)^2 = P^\mu P_\mu$$


# Dipole Sum Rule

Energy-weighted dipole sum rule

'Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn' (**TRK**) sum rule

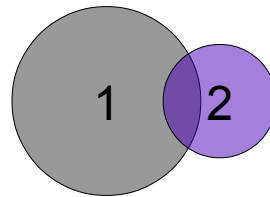
$$\int E_{\text{GDR}} \cdot dB(E1, 0 \rightarrow E_{\text{GDR}})$$

Photo-absorption cross section :  
 $\sigma_{\gamma}(E) \sim E_{\gamma} \cdot dB(E1, 0 \rightarrow E) / dE$

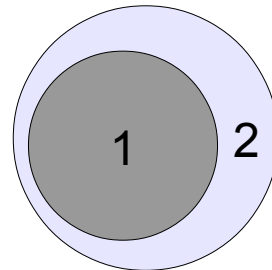
**GDR:**

$$\text{TRK : } \int \sigma_{\gamma}(E) dE = 60 \mathbf{N Z / A} \text{ MeV fm}^2$$

# ' Cluster dipole sum rule '



Cluster 1 + 2

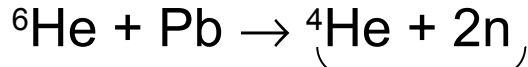


Core + skin/halo

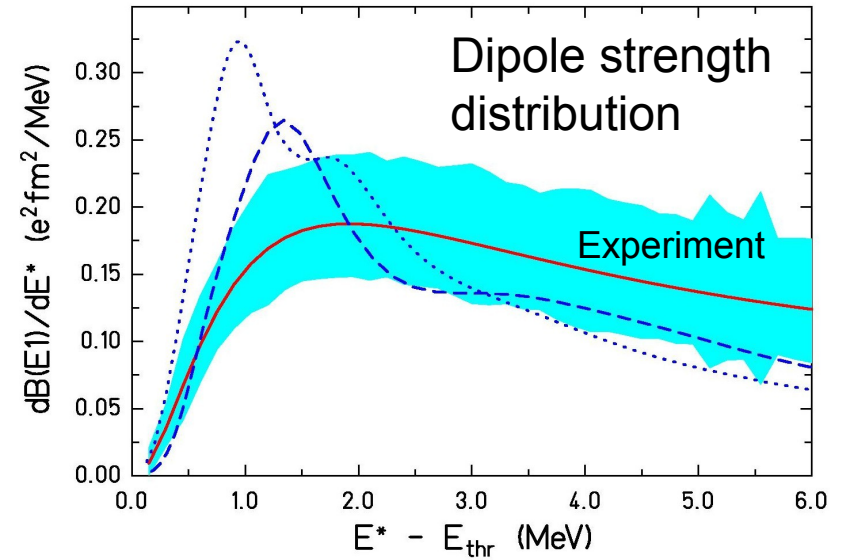
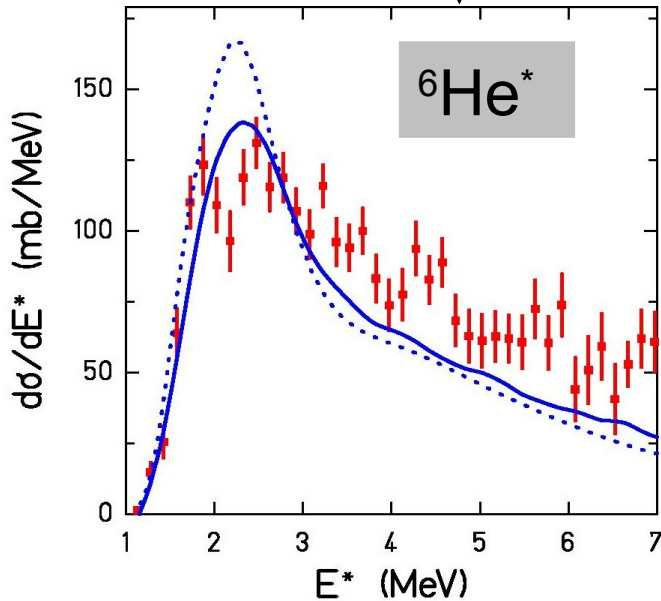
$$\text{TRK}_{\text{total}} = \text{TRK}_1 + \text{TRK}_2 + \text{TRK}_{\text{rel.}}$$

relative motion 1 ↔ 2

# Electromagnetic excitation of ${}^6\text{He}$



Invariant Mass



Strength below 10 MeV fully exhausts the energy-weighted cluster sum rule

Non-energy-weighted dipole sum rule:

$$S_{\text{NEW}} = \frac{3}{4} \pi Z^2 e^2 (N_h/A_c)^2 \langle R_{\text{cm-h}}^2 \rangle$$

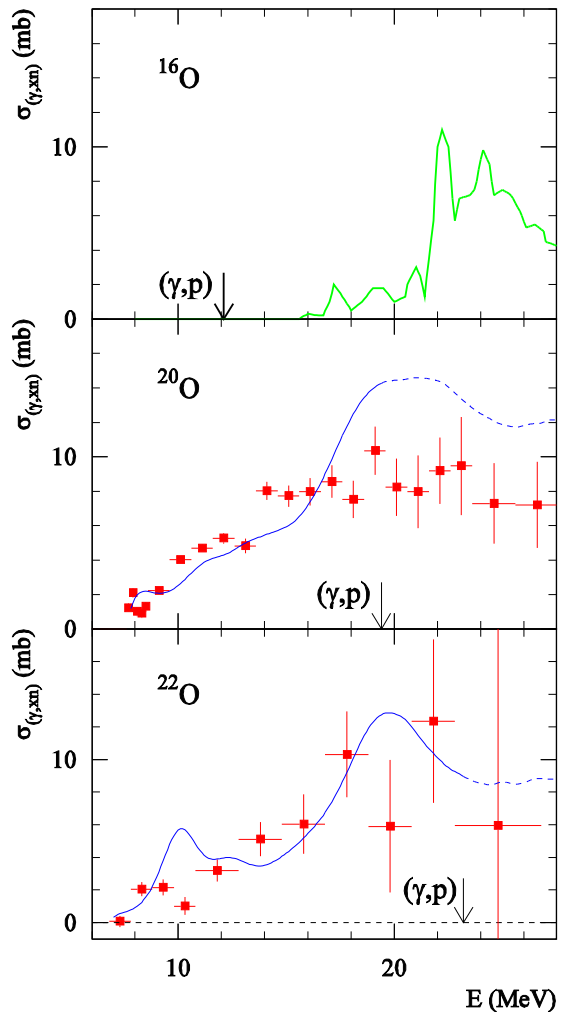
Spatial correlation from dipole strength:

$$\langle R_{\text{cm-halo}}^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 2.24 \pm 0.26 \text{ fm}$$

From 3-body models:  
2.3 – 2.8 fm

# Dipole strength – light n-rich

Photo-neutron cross sections from Coulomb breakup



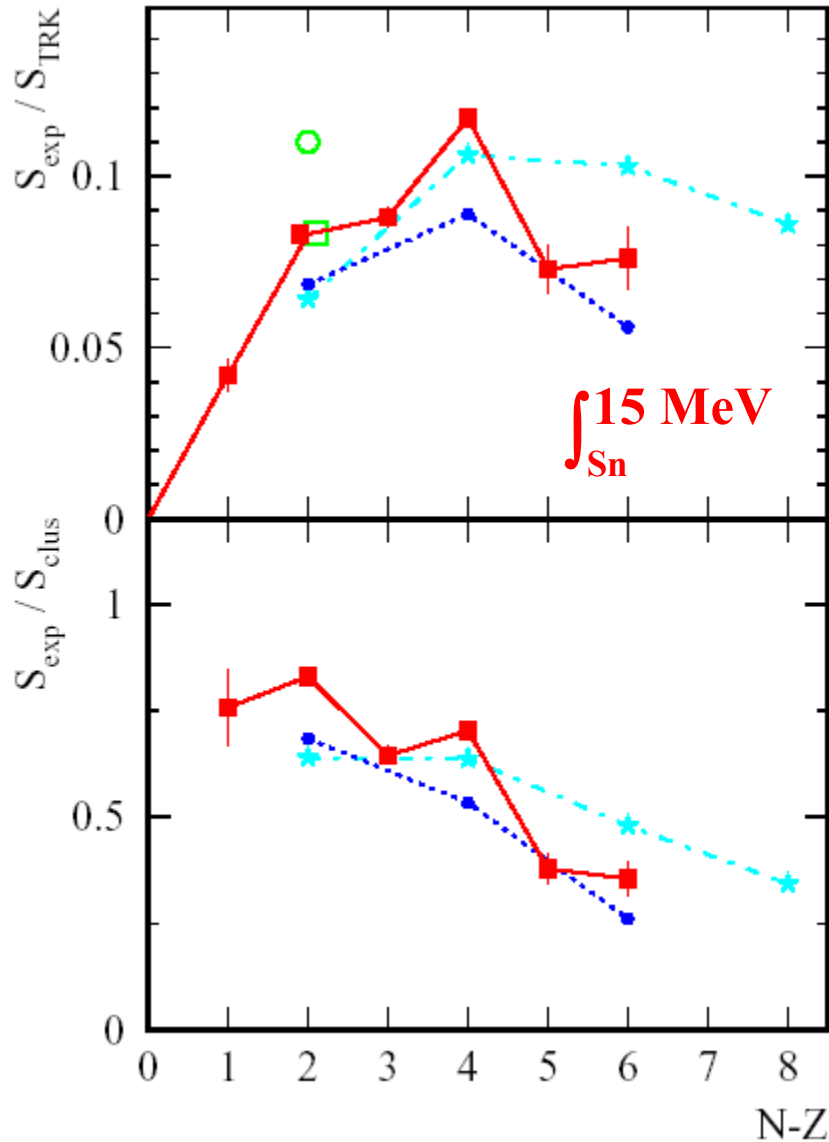
*Shell model (WPB10),  
T. Suzuki, H. Sagawa,  
PRC 2003*

*A. Leistenschneider et al., PRL 2001*



# Low-Lying E1 Strength of n-Rich Oxygen Isotopes

⇒ Integrated strength below the GDR



Energy-weighted classical dipole sum rule (Thomas Reiche Kuhn)

$$S_{\text{TRK}} = 60 \text{ NZ/A mb MeV}$$

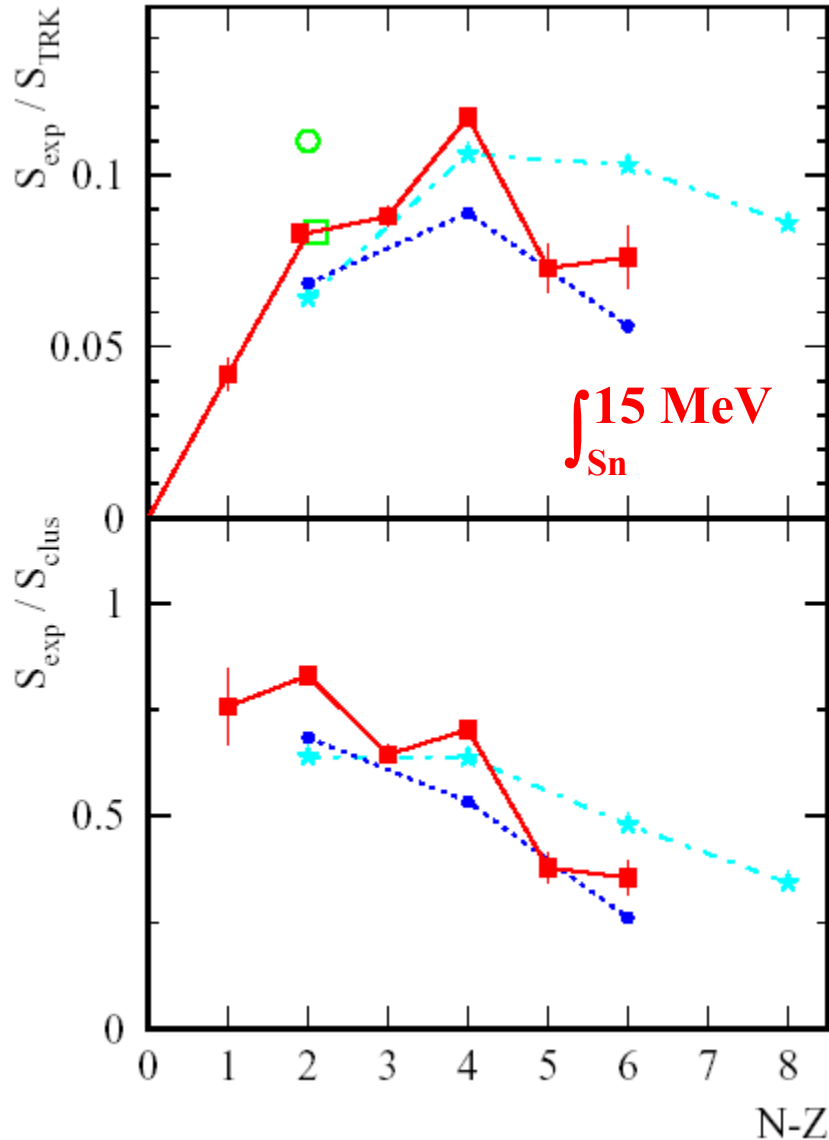
“Cluster” sum rule  
(valence neutrons  $\leftrightarrow$  core)

$$S_{\text{clus}} = Z_c / A_c N_h / N \times S_{\text{TRK}}$$

Data: LAND-FRS@GSI

A. Leistenschneider et al., PRL 86 (2001) 5442

## ⇒ Integrated strength below the GDR



## Collective soft-dipole vibration ?

\* QRPA plus phonon coupling

(Colò and Bortignon)

only a small number of components in the wave functions of the low-lying structures

\* Relativistic mean field

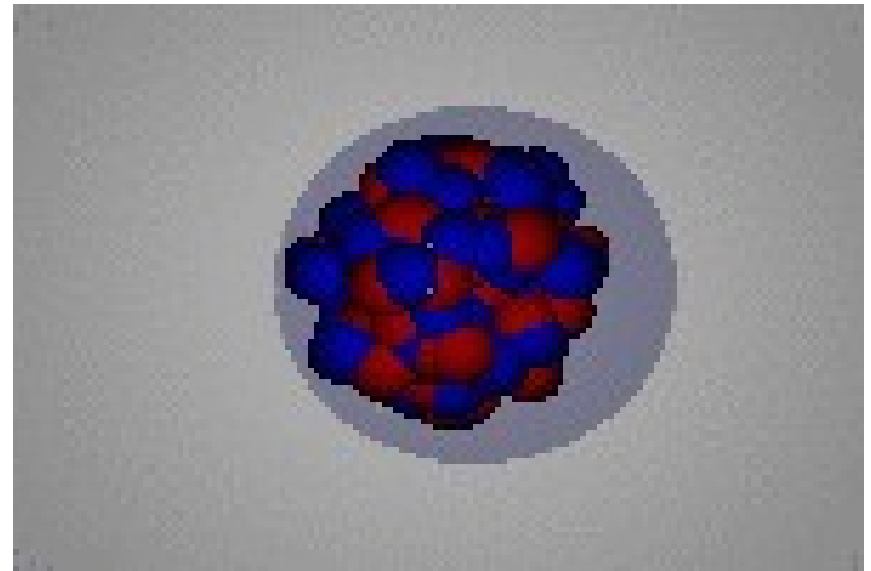
(Vretenar, Paar, Ring, and Lalazissis)

low-lying strength mainly related to single neutron particle-hole excitations

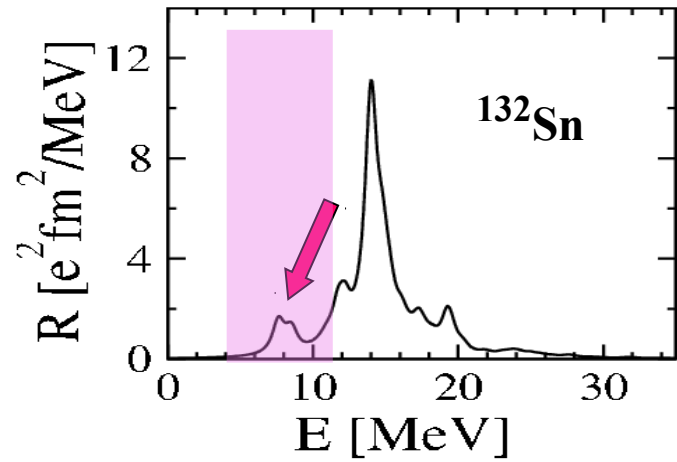
→ but: **collective soft mode predicted for heavier nuclei, e.g., Ni and Sn isotopes**

# Heavy nuclei : Sn isotopes

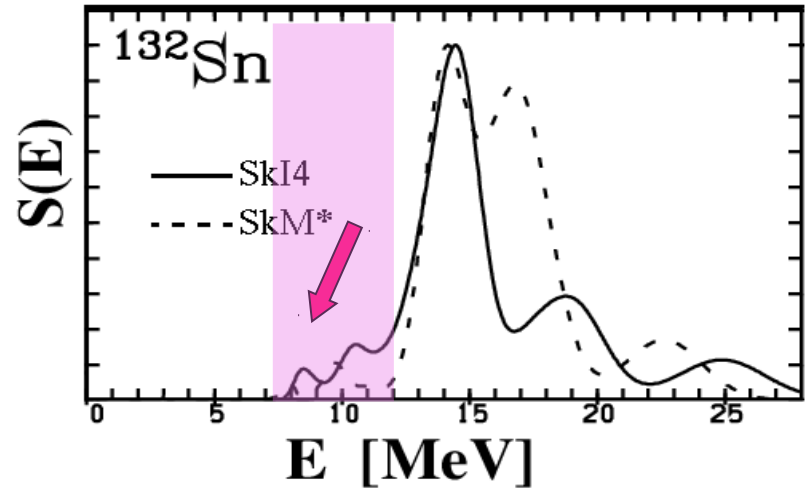
Do we find a  
collective  
Pygmy resonance ?



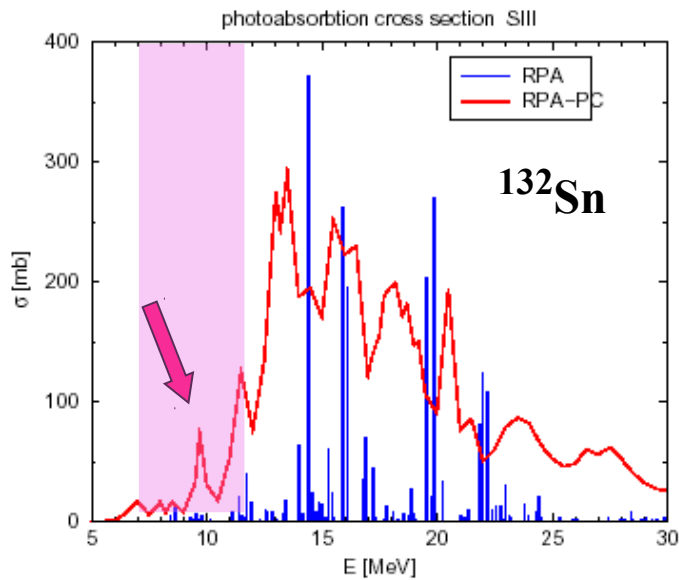
# Calculations for $^{132}\text{Sn}$ : Pygmy at $\sim 8 - 12$ MeV



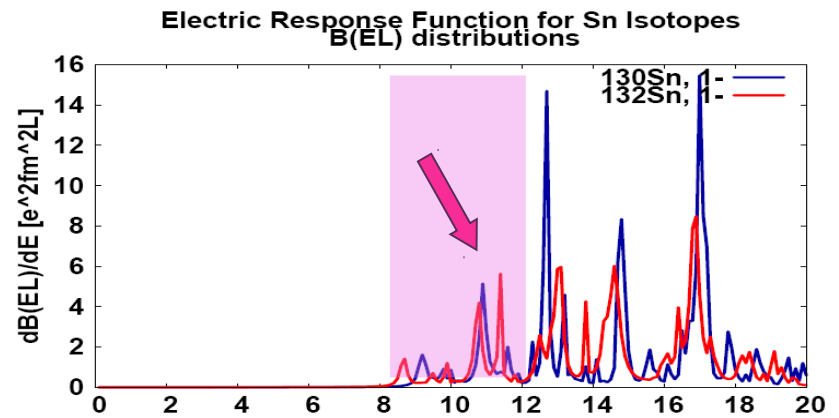
N.Paar et al, Phys.Rev. C67(2003)34312



P.G.Reinhard, Nucl.Phys. A649(1999)305c



Sarchi,Bortignon,Colo

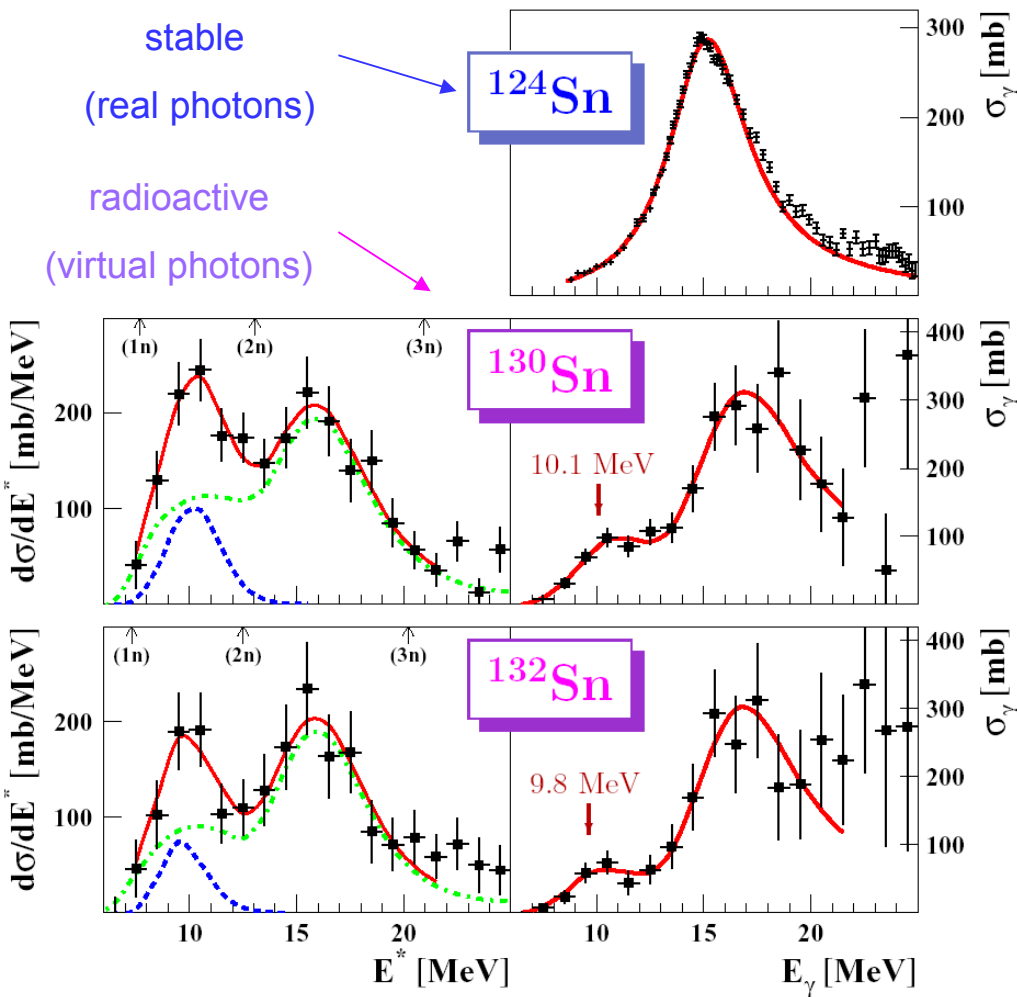


H. Lenske et al.

# Results for neutron-rich even Sn isotopes

Coulomb cross section

Photo-neutron cross section



A	PDR		GDR		
	$E_{\text{centr}}$ [MeV]	sum rule fraction [%]	$E_{\text{centr}}$ [MeV]	$\Gamma$ [MeV]	sum rule fraction [%]
$^{124}\text{Sn}$	-	-	15.3	4.8	116
$^{130}\text{Sn}$	10.1 (0.7)	7.0 (3.0)	15.9 (0.5)	4.8 (1.8)	145 (19)
$^{132}\text{Sn}$	9.8 (0.7)	4.0 (3.1)	16.1 (0.8)	4.7 (2.2)	125 (32)

## PDR

- located at 10 MeV
- exhausts a few % TRK sum rule

## GDR

- no deviation from systematics

# $^{130,132}\text{Sn}$ results

## PDR compared to theoretical calculations

Sum rule exhaustion EWSR(PDR) / EWSR(GDR)			
	This experiment	RQRPA N. Paar et al., PRC 67 (2003) 34312	RPA-PC D. Sarchi et al., PLB 601 (2004) 27
$^{130}\text{Sn}$	0.05(2)	0.055	-
$^{132}\text{Sn}$	0.03(2)	0.05	0.04

However :

Conflicting interpretations of the nature of the low-lying strength:

RQRPA – coherent superposition of many particle-hole configurations.  
Dynamics of skin vibration.

RPA-PC – no evidence for transitions involving more than one or two particle-hole configurations.

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 73, 044325 (2006)

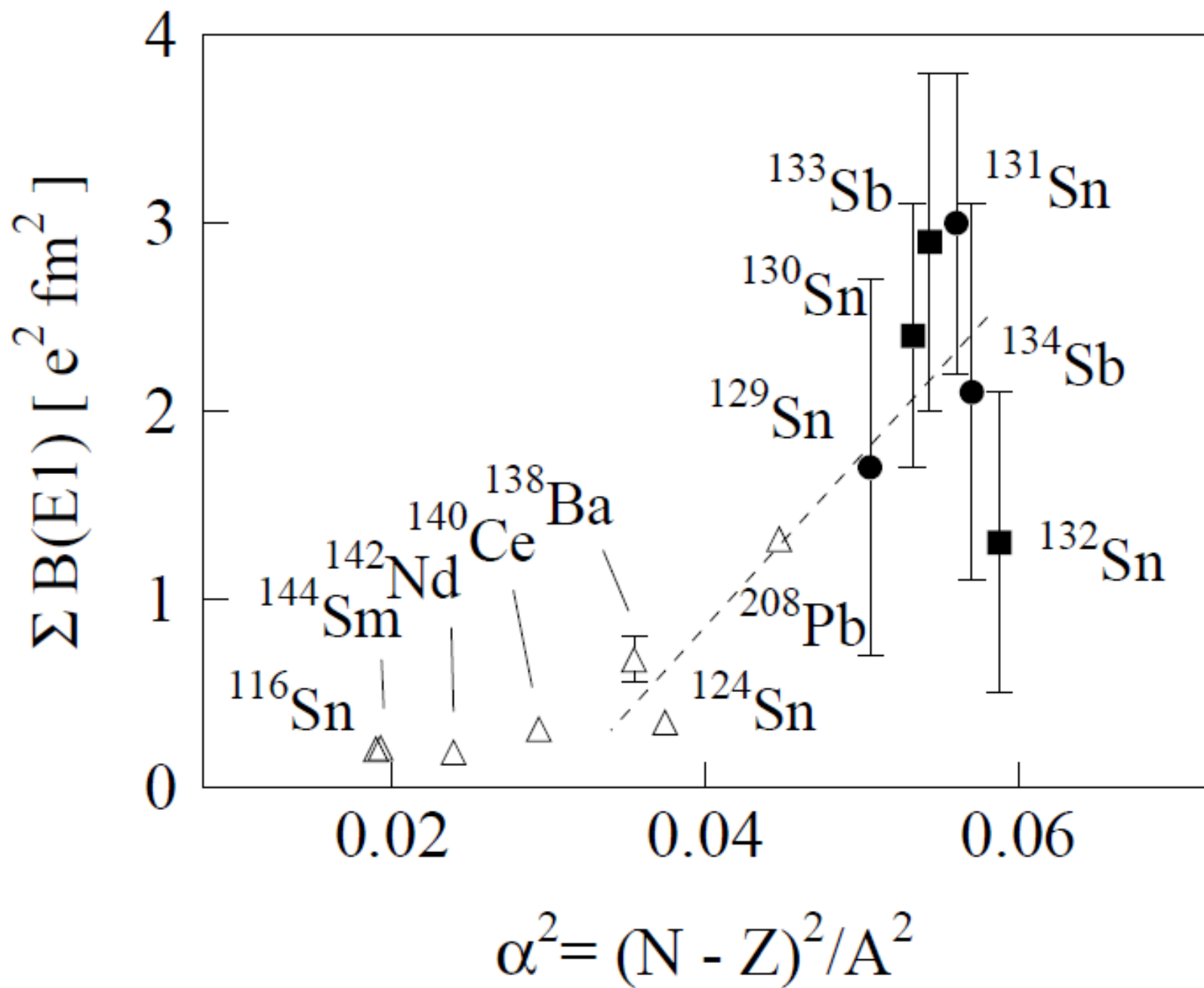
## Pygmy dipole resonance as a constraint on the neutron skin of heavy nuclei

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Pygmy – Dipole  
↕  
Neutron Skin  
↕  
Neutron Matter EoS  
(Symmetry Energy)

???





EoS:

$$E(\rho, \alpha) = E(\rho, 0) + S(\rho)\alpha^2 + \dots$$

Taylor exp. in  $\alpha = (N-Z)/A$

Symmetry energy:

$$S(\rho) = a_4 + \frac{p_0}{\rho_0^2}(\rho - \rho_0) + \dots,$$

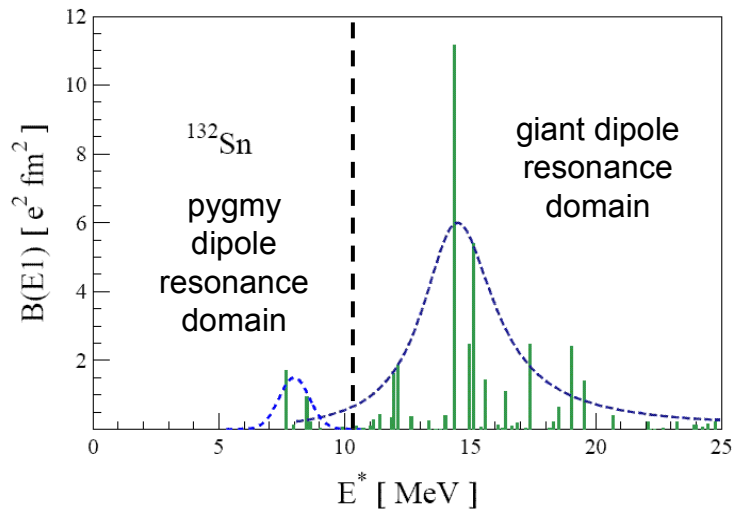
Taylor exp. in  $\rho$

symmetry energy at saturation density  $\rho_0$   
i.e., in 'normal' nuclei

$$S'(\rho)|_{\rho=\rho_0} = \frac{L}{3\rho_0}$$

slope; symmetry energy 'pressure'

# Extraction of $a_4$ and slope parameter from $^{130,132}\text{Sn}$ experimental results

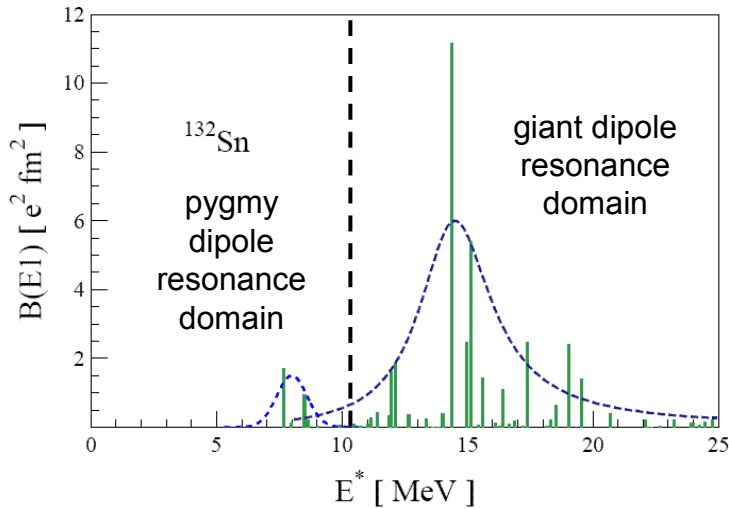


for following analysis see  
A. Klimkiewicz et al., PRC 2008

RQRPA calculations therein by N. Paar

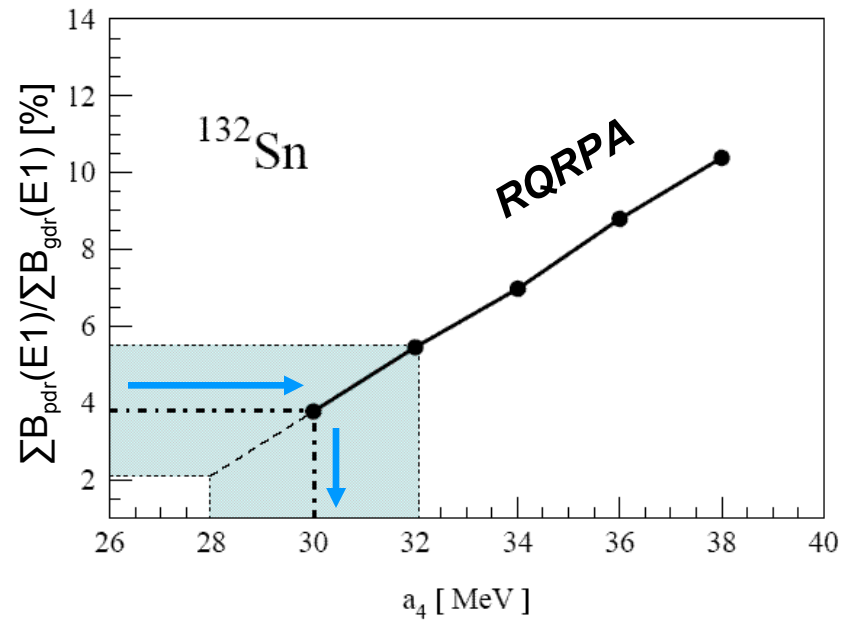
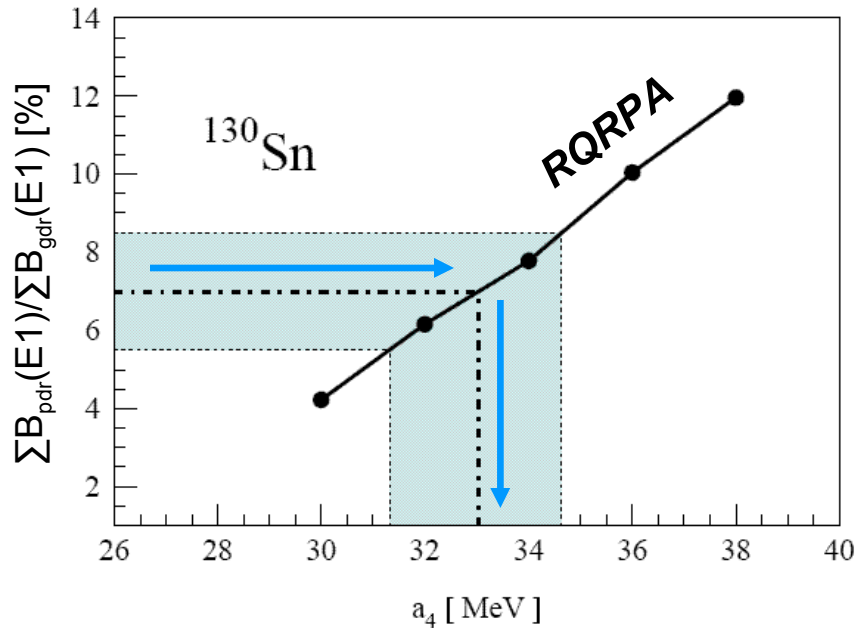
- Calculation of Pygmy strength within relativistic QRPA model
- therein, systematic variation of symmetry energy parameter  
*(readjusting other model parameters to fit binding energies, radii etc.)*
- comparison of pygmy strength to experiment

# Extraction of $a_4$ parameter

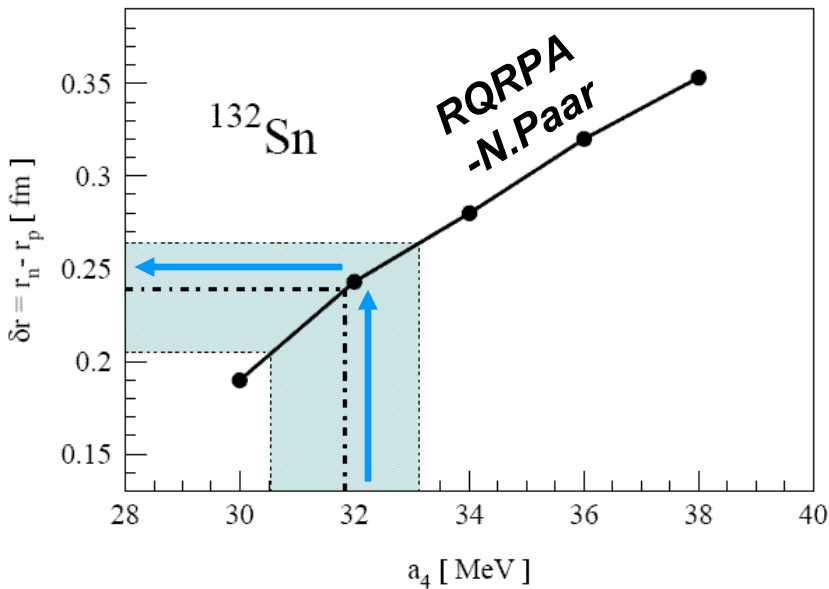
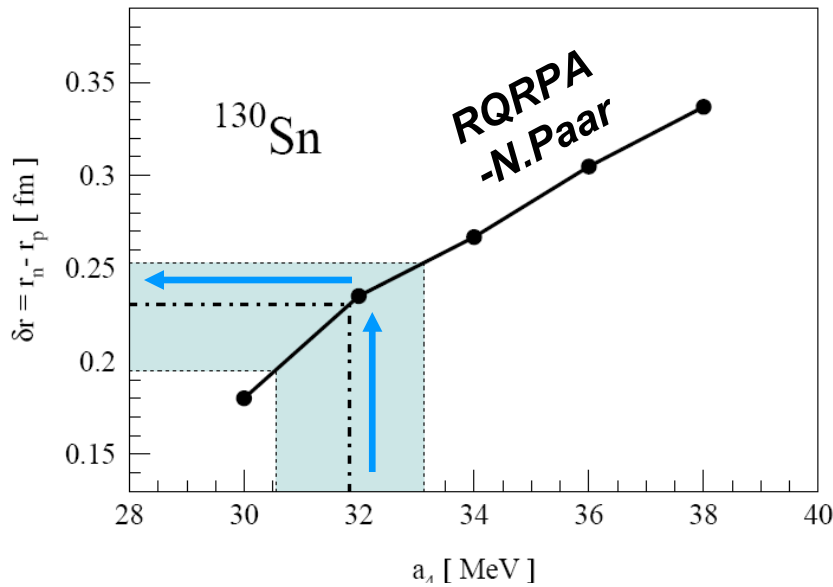
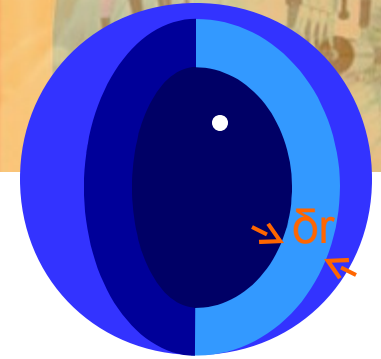


$$a_4 = 32.0 \pm 1.8 \text{ MeV}$$

(averaged  $^{130,132}\text{Sn}$ )



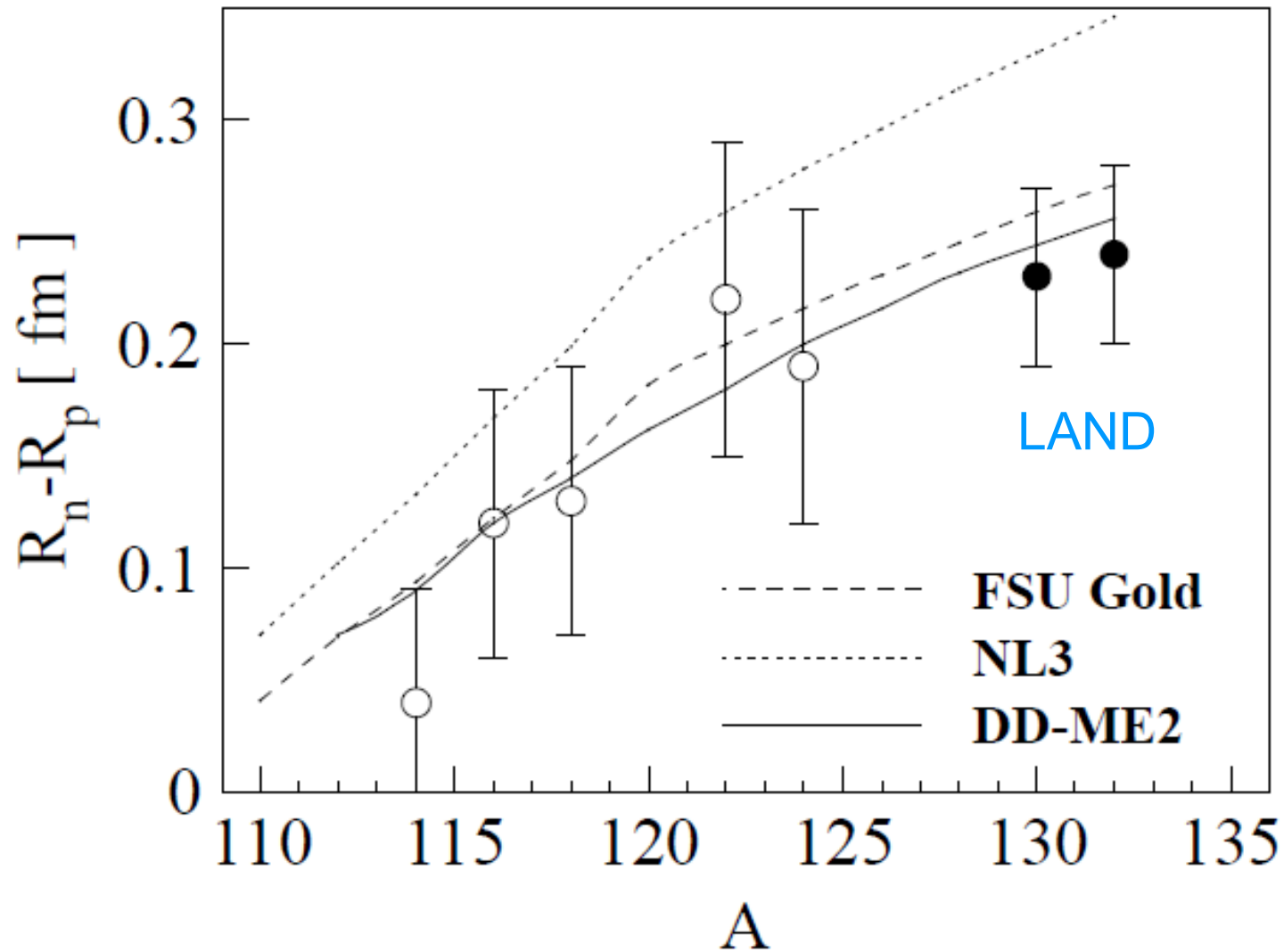
# Neutron skin thickness



$$^{130}\text{Sn } \delta r = 0.23 \pm 0.03 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.02 \\ -0.05 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ [fm]}$$

$$^{132}\text{Sn } \delta r = 0.24 \pm 0.03 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +0.02 \\ -0.05 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ [fm]}$$

## Neutron skin thickness in Sn isotopes



Stable isotopes:

*A. Krasznahorkay et al., PRL 82(1999)3216*

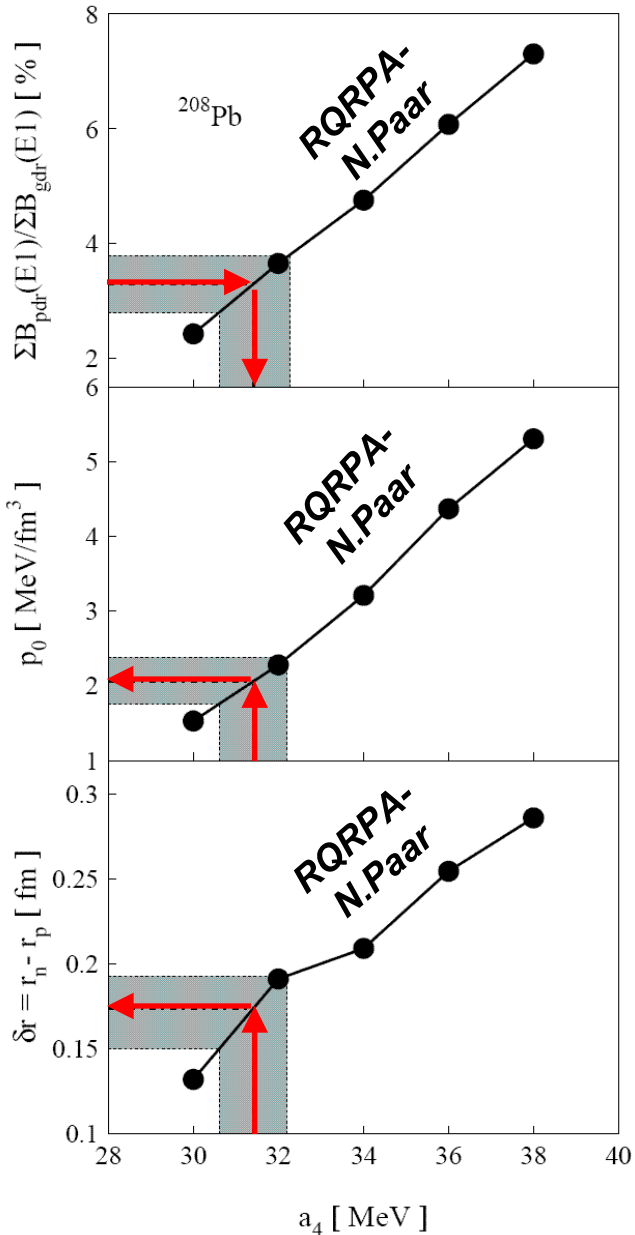
# 208Pb analysis

$$\Sigma B_{pdr}(E1) = 1.98 e^2 fm^2$$

from N.Ryezayeva et al., PRL 89(2002)272501

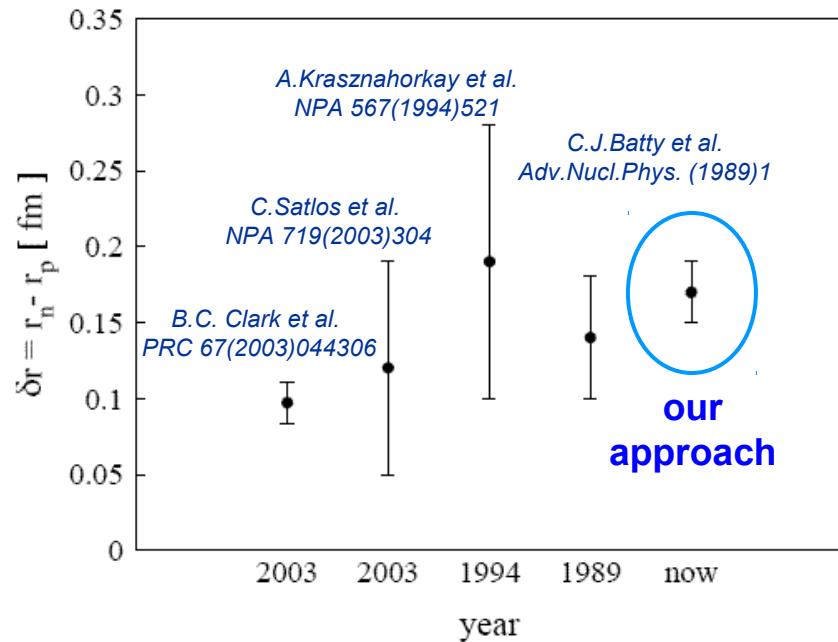
$$\Sigma B_{gdr}(E1) = 60.8 e^2 fm^2$$

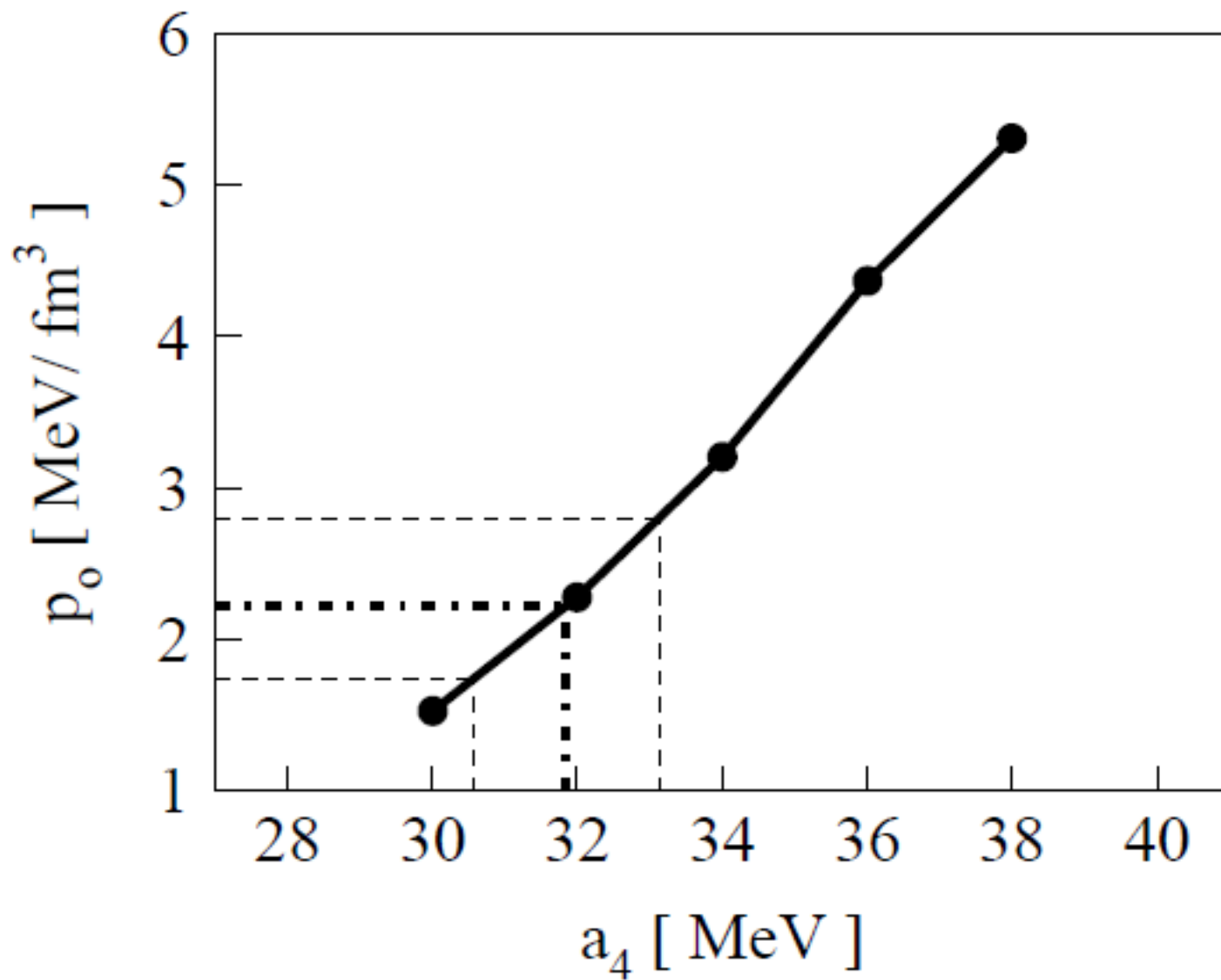
from A.Veyssiere et al., NPA 159(1970)561



$$a_4 = 31.4 \pm 0.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\delta r = 0.17 \pm 0.02 \text{ fm}$$





# The information content of the nuclear neutron skin

P.-G. Reinhard<sup>1</sup> and W. Nazarewicz<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>

arXiv:1002.4140v1 [nucl-th] 22 Feb 2010

*from (specific) Skyrme-RPA calculation:*

- *Pygmy resonances essentially of 1p-1h type and*
- *not strongly correlated to neutron skin*

?

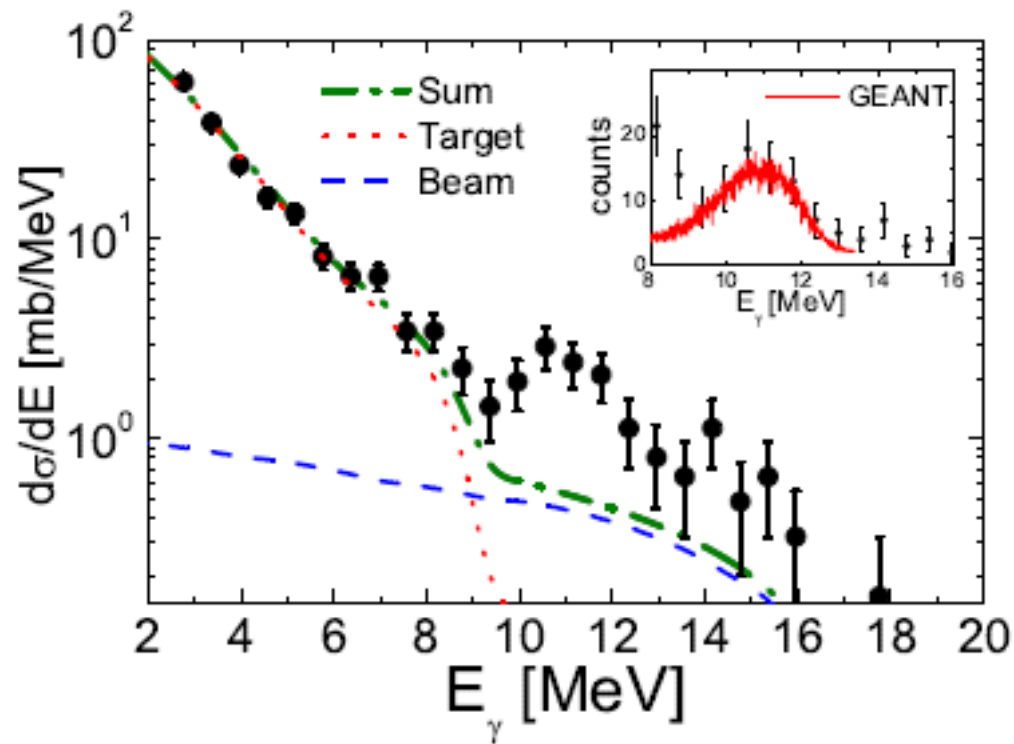


# RISING @ GSI experiment



## Search for Pygmy Dipole Resonance in $^{68}\text{Ni}$ at 600 MeV/nucleon

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**$E \sim 11 \text{ MeV}$**

**5% – 9 % TRK**

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## Constraints on the symmetry energy and neutron skins from pygmy resonances in $^{68}\text{Ni}$ and $^{132}\text{Sn}$

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Correlations between the behavior of the nuclear symmetry energy, the neutron skins, and the percentage of energy-weighted sum rule (EWSR) exhausted by the pygmy dipole resonance (PDR) in  $^{68}\text{Ni}$  and  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  are investigated by using different random phase approximation (RPA) models for the dipole response, based on a representative set of Skyrme effective forces plus meson-exchange effective Lagrangians. A comparison with the experimental data has allowed us to constrain the value of the derivative of the symmetry energy at saturation. The neutron skin radius is deduced under this constraint.

Analysis extended to a variety of non-relativistic Skyrme RPA  
and relativistic RPA calculations

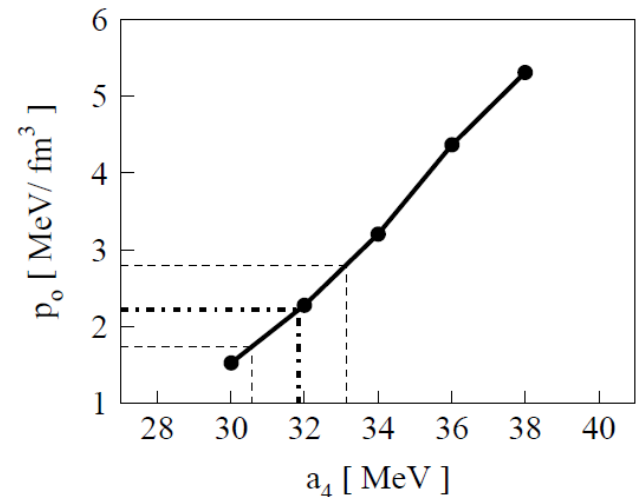
EoS:

$$E(\rho, \alpha) = E(\rho, 0) + S(\rho)\alpha^2 + \dots$$

Symmetry energy

$$S'(\rho)|_{\rho=\rho_0} = \frac{L}{3\rho_0}$$

slope; symmetry energy 'pressure'



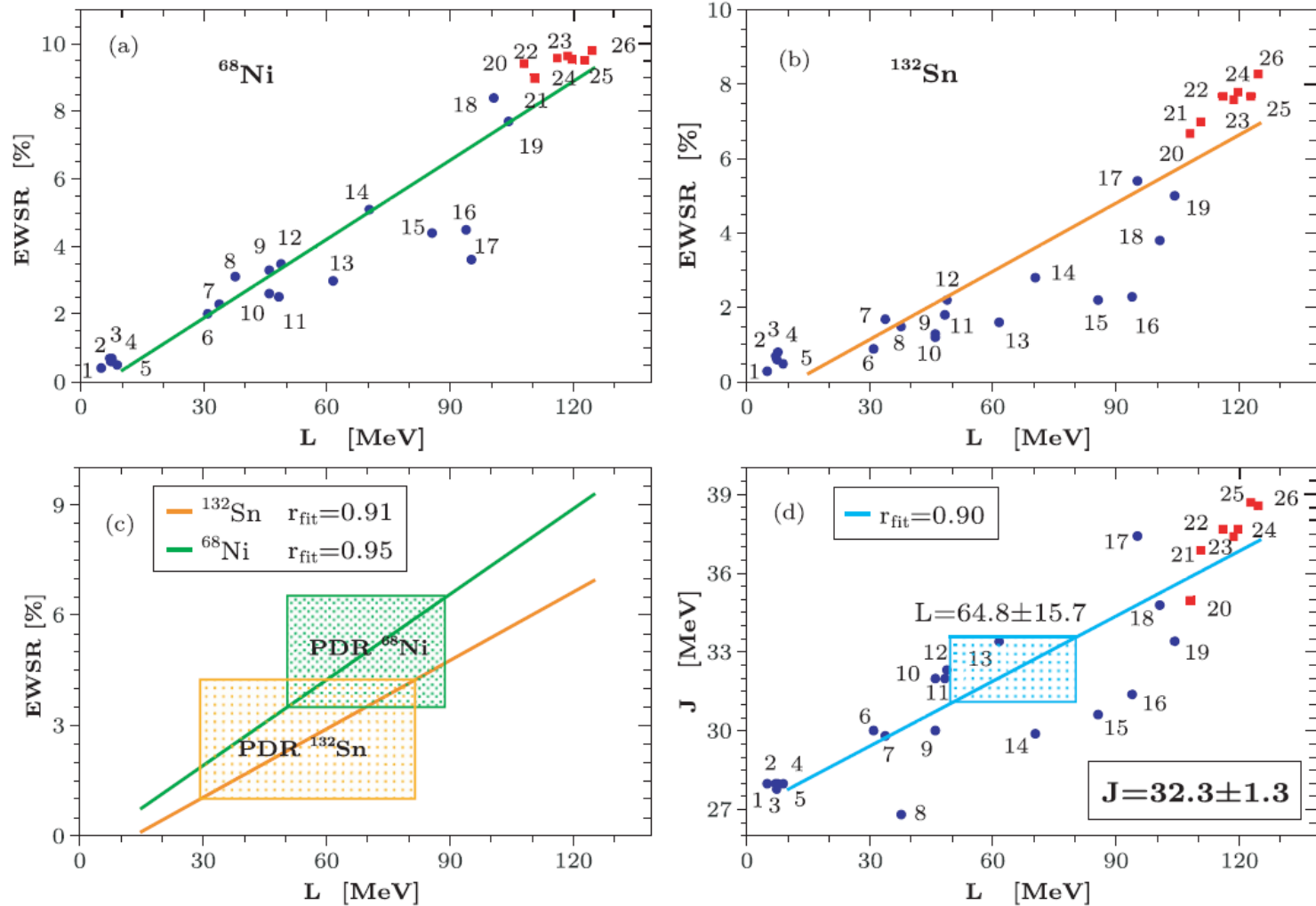
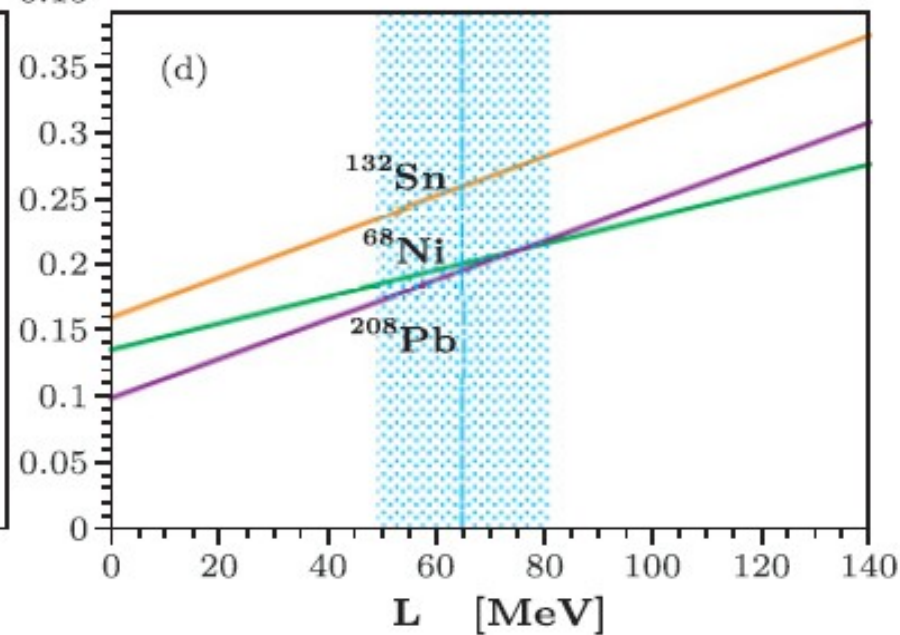
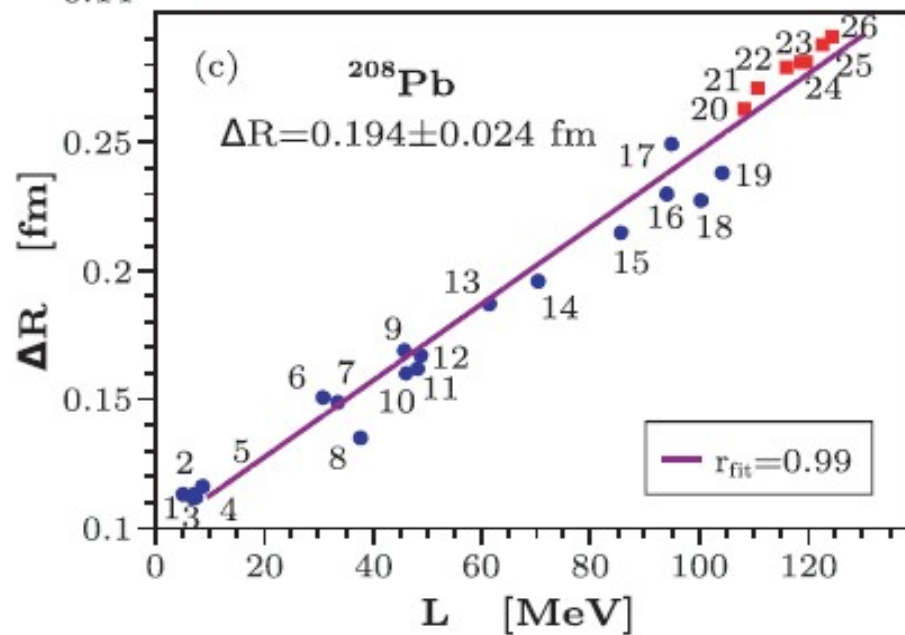
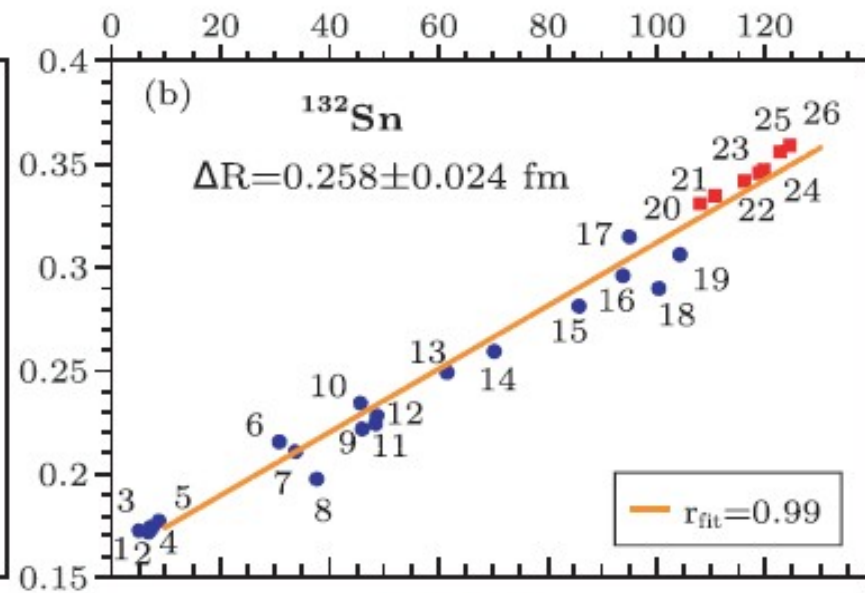
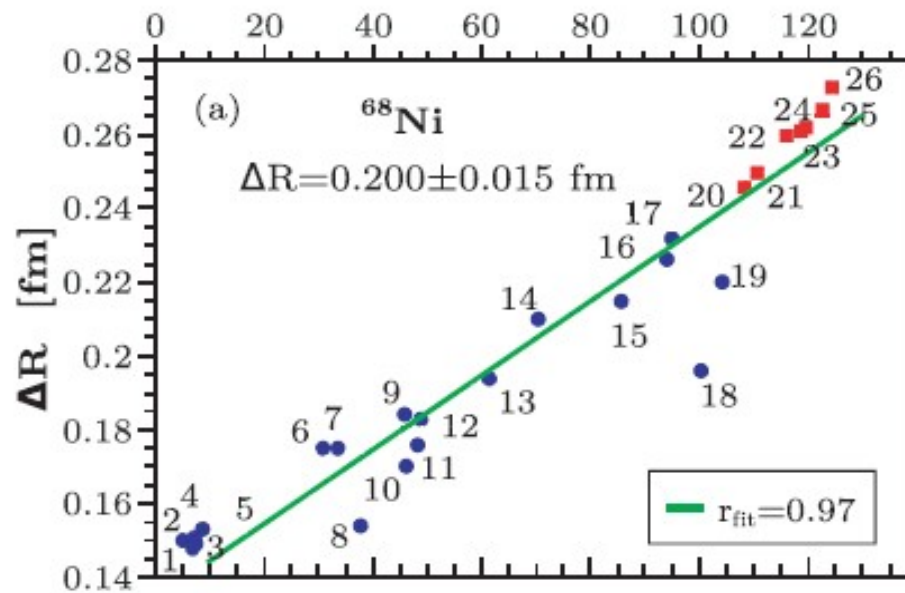
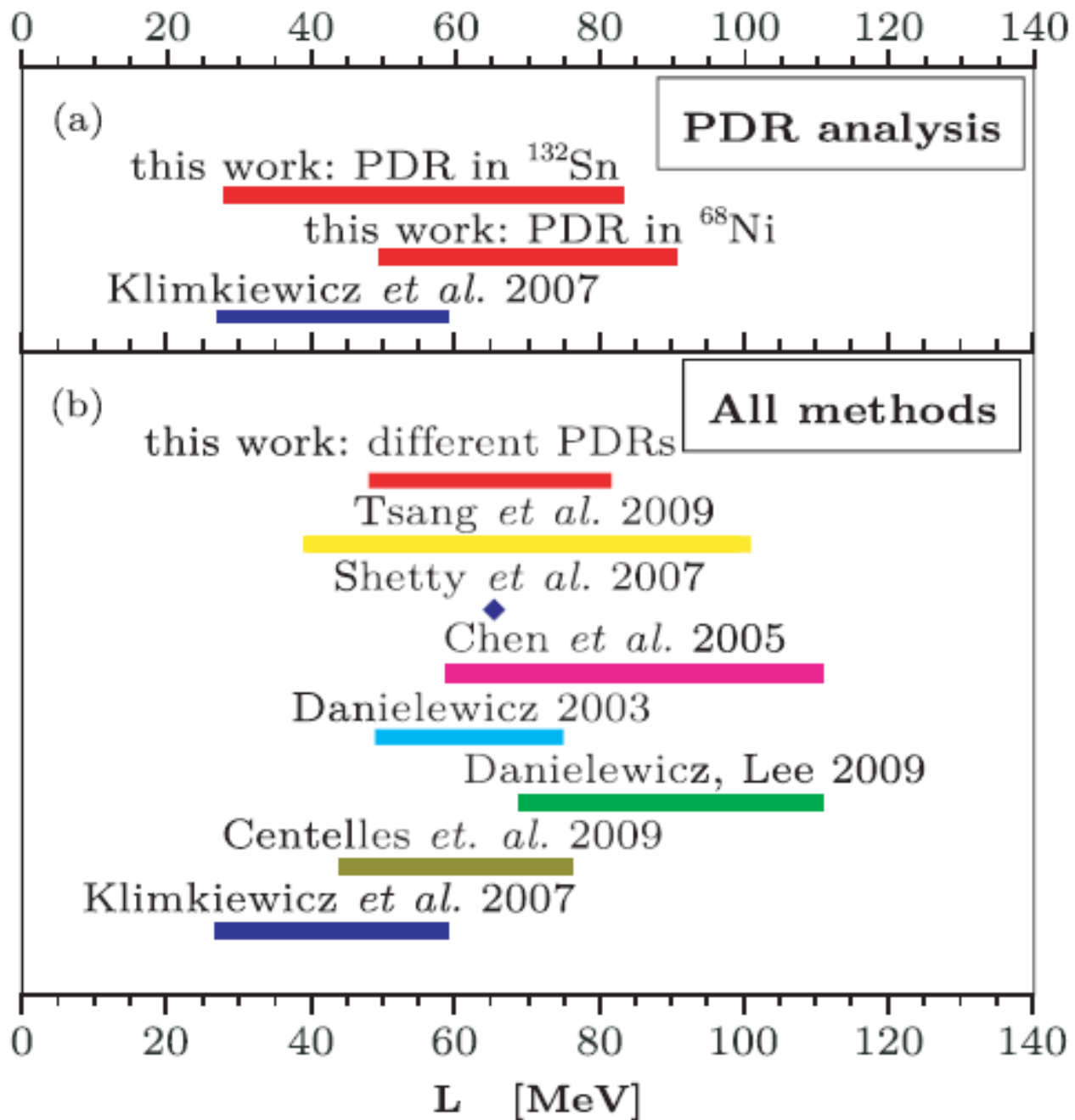


FIG. 2. (Color online) In panels (a) and (b), the correlation between  $L$  and the percentage of TRK sum rule exhausted by the PDR in  $^{68}\text{Ni}$  and  $^{132}\text{Sn}$ , respectively, is displayed. The computed data points are labeled, here and in what follows, by numbers. The correspondence with the parameter sets used is: 1 =  $\nu 090$ , 2 = MSk3, 3 = BSk1, 4 =  $\nu 110$ , 5 =  $\nu 100$ , 6 = SkT6, 7 = SkT9, 8 = SGII, 9 = SkM\*, 10 = SLy4, 11 = SLy5, 12 = SLy230a, 13 = LNS, 14 = SkMP, 15 = SkRs, 16 = SkGs, 17 = SK255, 18 = SkI3, 19 = SkI2, 20 = NLC, 21 = TM1, 22 = PK1, 23 = NL3, 24 = NLBA, 25 = NL3+, and 26 = NLE. The straight lines correspond to the results of the fits. In panel (c) we show the same straight lines displayed in (a) and (b), together with the correlation coefficient  $r$  and the constraints from the experiments [6,14]. In panel (d) the correlation between  $L$  and  $J$  is shown. The box corresponds to the value of  $L$  deduced from the weighted average of the two values extracted from  $^{68}\text{Ni}$  and  $^{132}\text{Sn}$ .





## Neutron Star Structure and the Neutron Radius of $^{208}\text{Pb}$

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We study relationships between the neutron-rich skin of a heavy nucleus and the properties of neutron-star crusts. Relativistic effective field theories with a thicker neutron skin in  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  have a larger electron fraction and a lower liquid-to-solid transition density for neutron-rich matter. These properties are determined by the density dependence of the symmetry energy which we vary by adding nonlinear couplings between isoscalar and isovector mesons. An accurate measurement of the neutron radius in  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ —via parity violating electron scattering—may have important implications for the structure of the crust of neutron stars.

see also subsequent papers

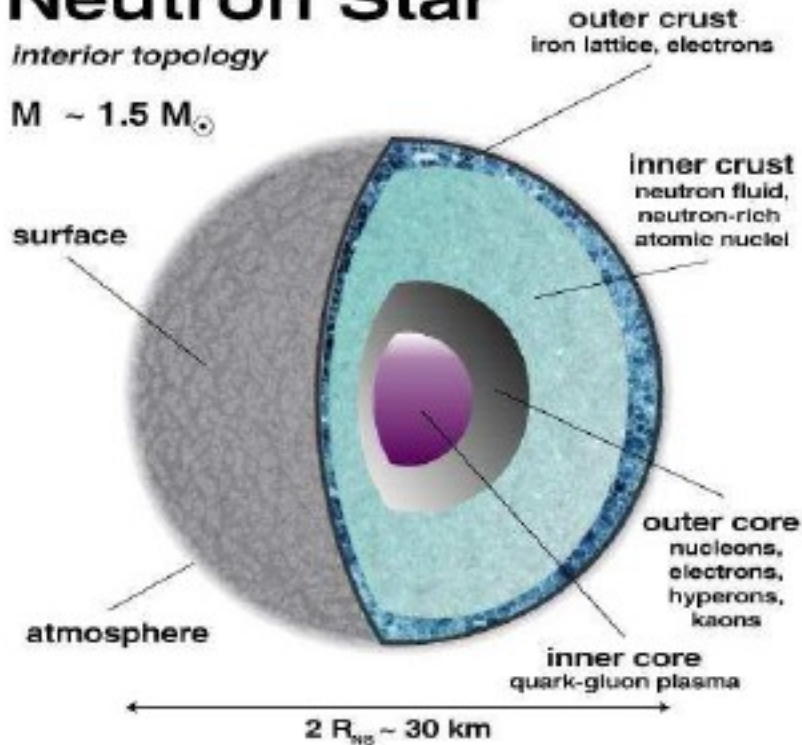


# Neutron skin in $^{208}\text{Pb}$ vs neutron star

## Neutron Star

interior topology

$M \sim 1.5 M_{\odot}$



Neutron star  $\leftrightarrow$   $^{208}\text{Pb}$

$\times 10^{18}$  radius

$\times 10^{55}$  weight

## Symmetry Energy Pressure

- drives neutron skin in Pb
- stabilizes n-star against gravitational collapse

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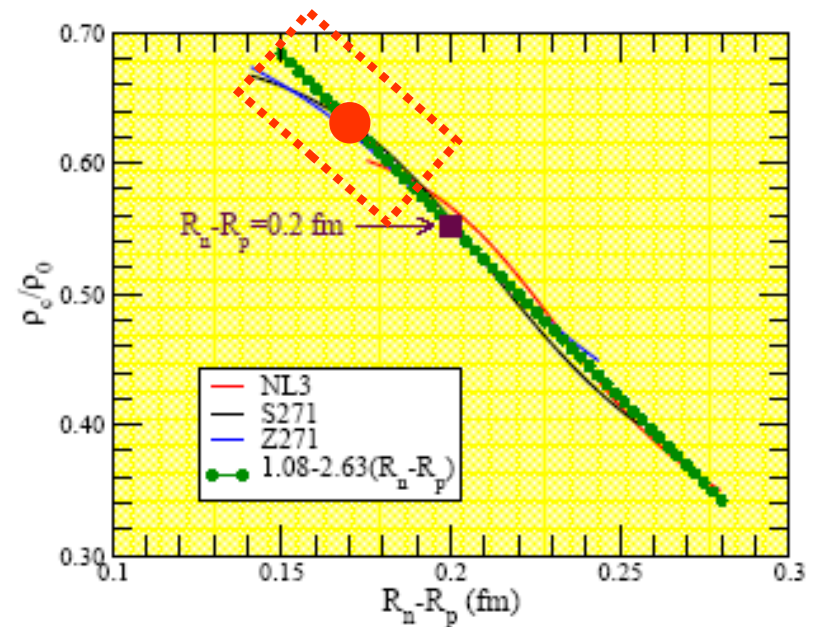
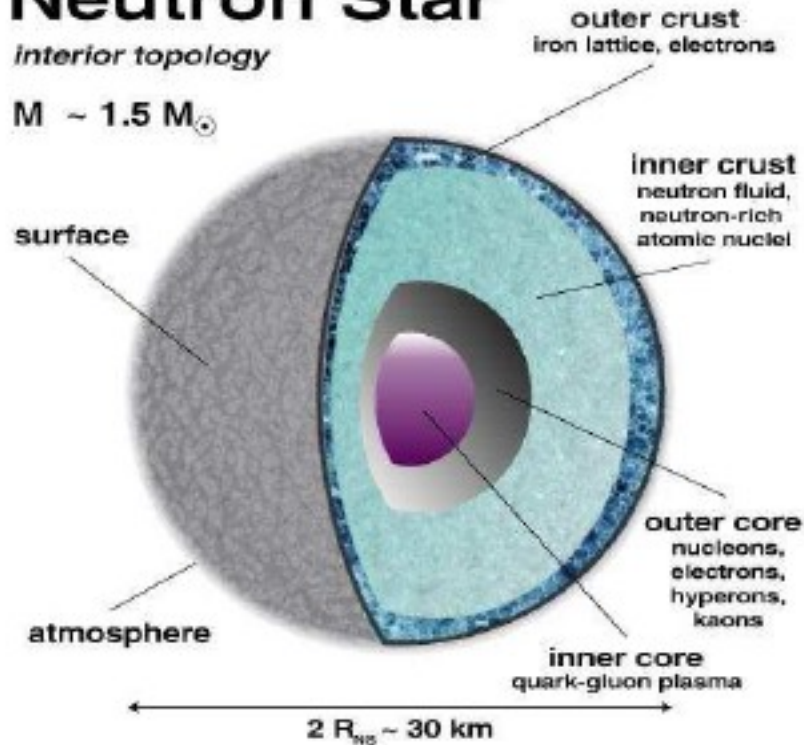


Fig. 4. Transition density from the uniform liquid mantle to the non-uniform solid crust as a function of the neutron skin of  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ . Different models are used to show the largely model independent relation between these two observables.

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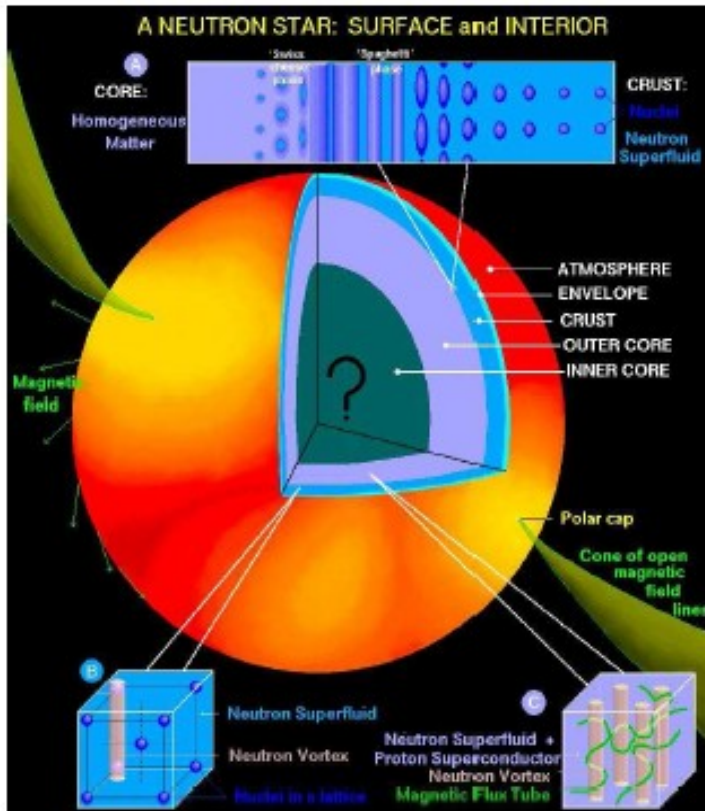


Fig. 3. State-of-the-art rendition of the structure of a neutron star (courtesy of Dany Page).

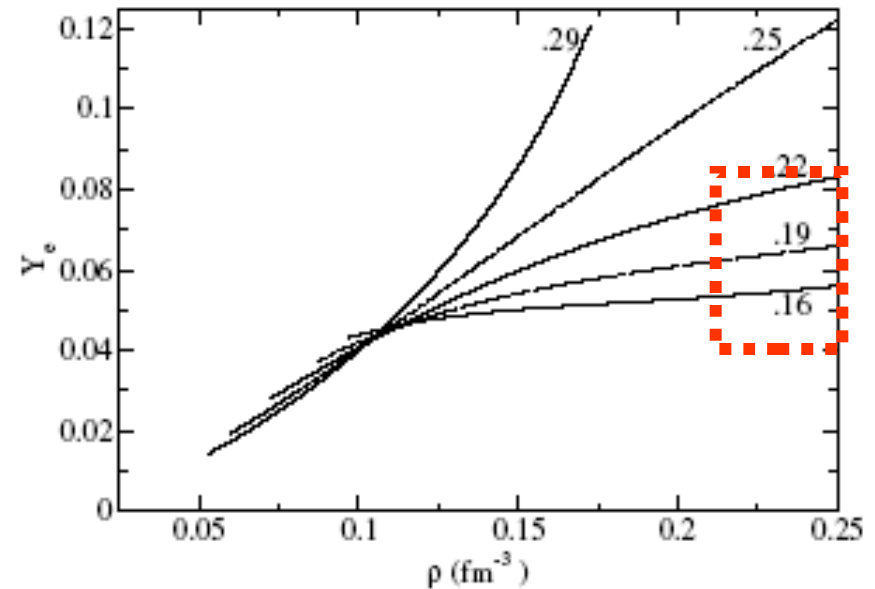


FIG. 2. Electron fraction  $Y_e$  versus baryon density for uniform neutron-rich matter in beta equilibrium using the S271 parameter set (other sets yield similar results). The curves are for different values of  $\Lambda_\nu$  that predict the indicated values of  $R_n - R_p$  for  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ , in fm.

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systematic studies of skins and pygmy's in more  
neutron-rich nuclei in the future → RIB experiments,  
for an outlook see tomorrow