

# Clustering in neutron star matter

F.Gulminelli, (LPC and Normandie Université, Caen)



# Transport properties in compact stars

- $T < T_m$   $\nu_{tot} = \nu_{e,i} + \nu_{e,imp}$   $Z^2 \leftrightarrow Q = \sum_j n_j (Z_j - \langle Z \rangle)^2$   
Impurity factor
- $T > T_m$   $\nu_{e(\nu),i} \rightarrow \sum_j n_j \nu_{e(\nu),i}^j$   $\nu_{e(\nu),i}^j \propto S^j(k)$   
Static structure factor

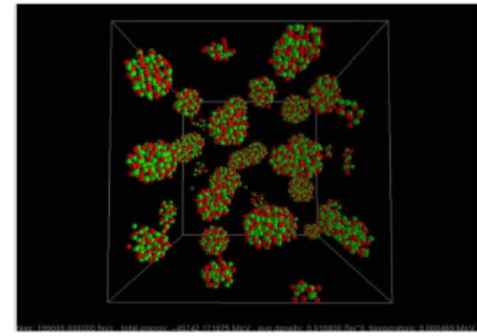
## Present situation:

- $n_j$  from Saha equations (Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium) or classical MD simulations *Z.Lin et al, PRC 102(2020)045801*
- $Q$  taken as a free parameter in cooling and relaxation simulations

*A.Deibel et al. ApJ 839(2017)*

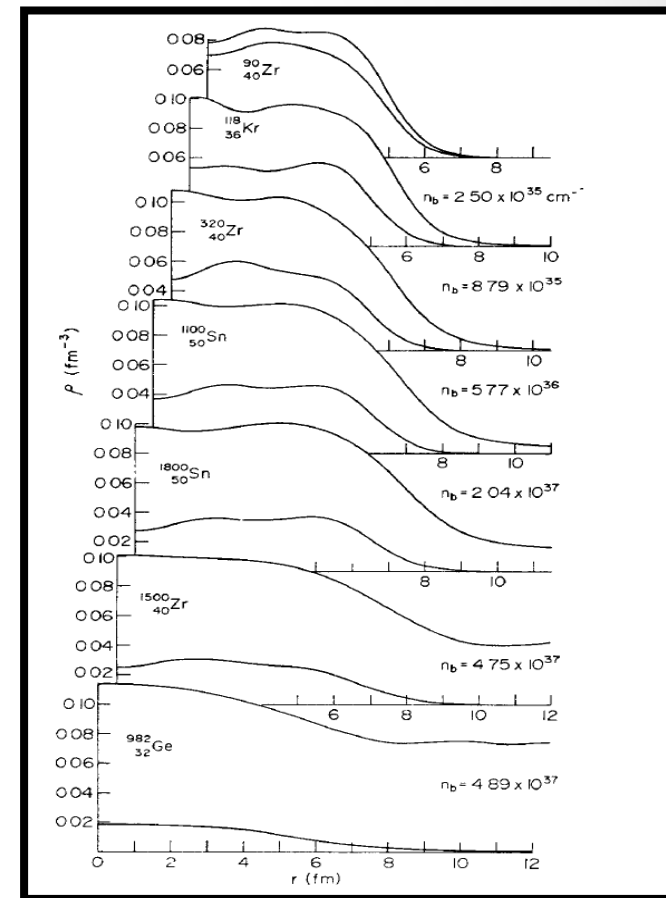
$$n_{AZ} = g_{AZ}^T \left( \frac{M_{AZ} T}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[ \frac{N\mu_n + Z\mu_p - M_{AZ}}{T} \right]$$

THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 852:135 (16pp), 2018



# Towards a more controlled theoretical treatment

- Aim: having the nuclear functional as unique uncertainty  $\Leftrightarrow$  **unified** treatment at all  $\rho$  and  $T$
- Let us start from what we know: variational calculations in the WS cell
- From WS cell to Multi-Component (liquid or solid) plasma: **cluster DoF**



J. W. Negele and D. Vautherin, NPA 207, 298 (1973)

# From WS to MCP: mapping in 2 steps

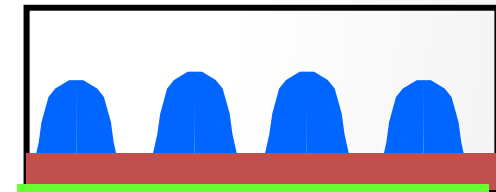
- WS cell with a microscopic function

$$\mathcal{F}_{WS}(\hat{\rho}_q, \hat{k}_q) = \mathcal{E}_{micro} - TS_{micro} = \min$$

1. OCP with cluster DoF

$$\mathcal{F}_{WS} \equiv \mathcal{F}^{OCP}(A, Z, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq}) + \frac{F_{AZ}}{V_{WS}} = \min$$

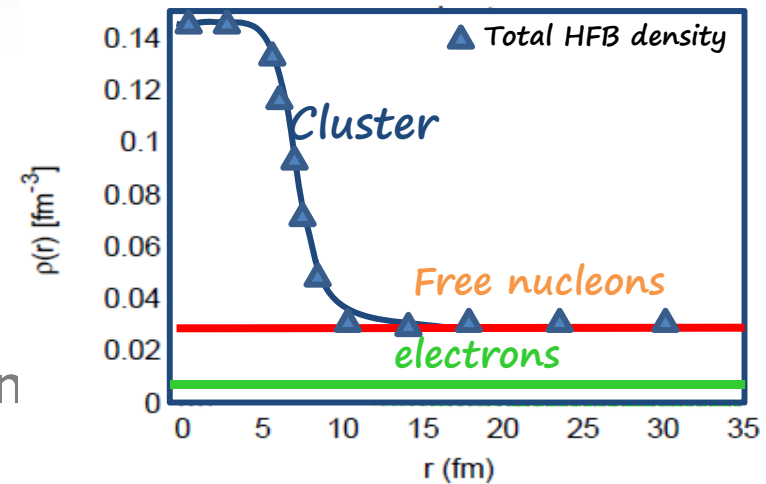
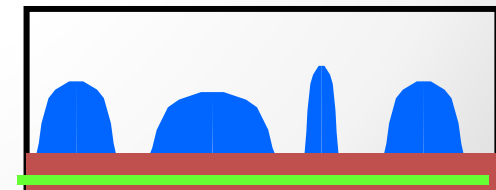
=> Optimal particle (and pairing) densities



2. MCP with cluster DoF

$$\mathcal{F}^{MCP}(\{n_{AZ}\}, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq}) + \sum_{A,Z} n_{AZ} F_{AZ} + \delta F = \min$$

=> Optimal distribution



$$F_{AZ} = V_{WS}(\mathcal{F}_{WS} - \mathcal{F}_g) + \delta F$$

# From WS to MCP: mapping in 2 steps

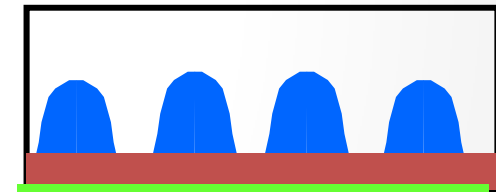
- WS cell with a microscopic function

$$\mathcal{F}_{WS}(\hat{\rho}_q, \hat{k}_q) = \mathcal{E}_{micro} - TS_{micro} = \min$$

## 1. OCP with cluster DoF

$$\mathcal{F}_{WS} \equiv \mathcal{F}^{OCP}(A, Z, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq}) + \frac{F_{AZ}}{V_{WS}} = \min$$

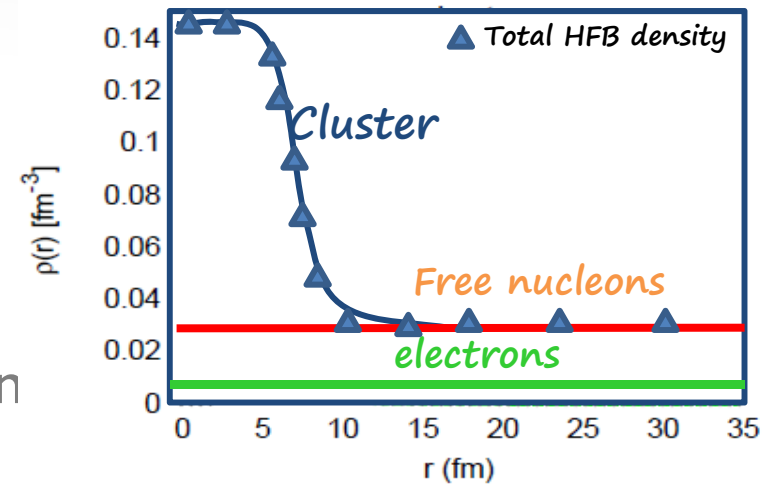
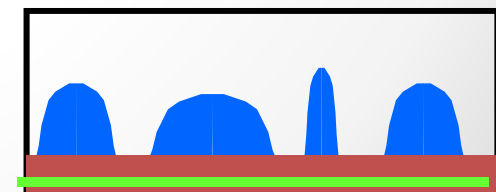
=> Optimal particle (and pairing) densities



## 2. MCP with cluster DoF

$$\mathcal{F}^{MCP}(\{n_{AZ}\}, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq}) + \sum_{A,Z} n_{AZ} F_{AZ} + \delta F = \min$$

=> Optimal distribution



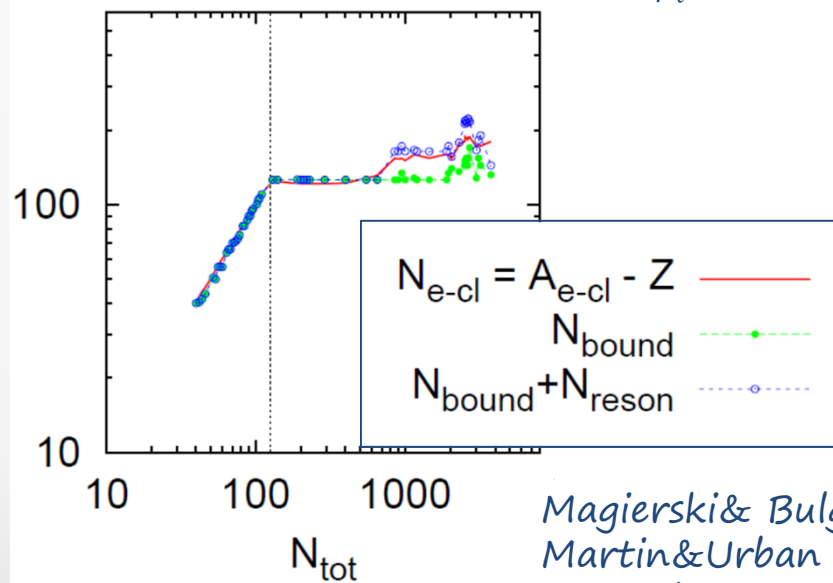
$$F_{AZ} = V_{WS}(\mathcal{F}_{WS} - \mathcal{F}_g) + \delta F$$

# OCP with cluster DoF $F_{AZ} = F_{AZ}^0 + T \left( \ln \frac{\lambda_{AZ}^3(M^*)}{gV_f} - 1 \right)$

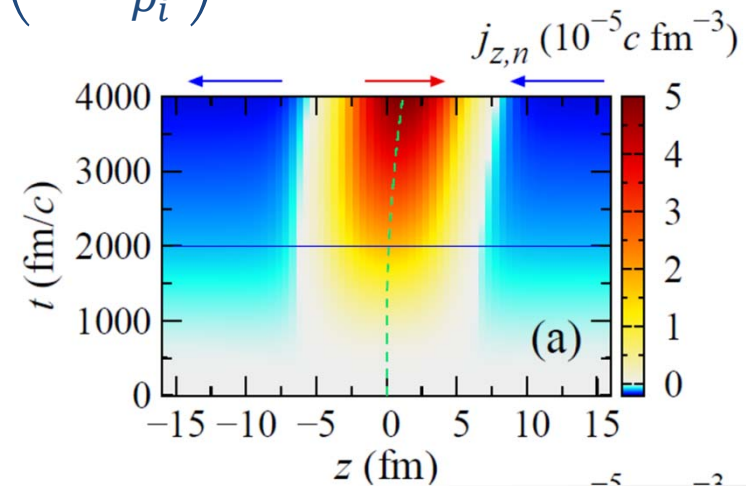
- CM degree of freedom: vibrations & translations ( $T > T_m$ )
- n-p interaction: (only) bound neutrons are entrained by the ion

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0 \Leftrightarrow M^* = M \left( 1 - \delta^f + \frac{(\delta^f - \gamma)^2}{\delta^f + 2\gamma} \right) \approx M \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_{gn}}{\rho_i} \right)$$

$$\delta^f = \frac{\rho_n^f}{\rho_i} \quad \gamma = \frac{\rho_{gn}}{\rho_i}$$



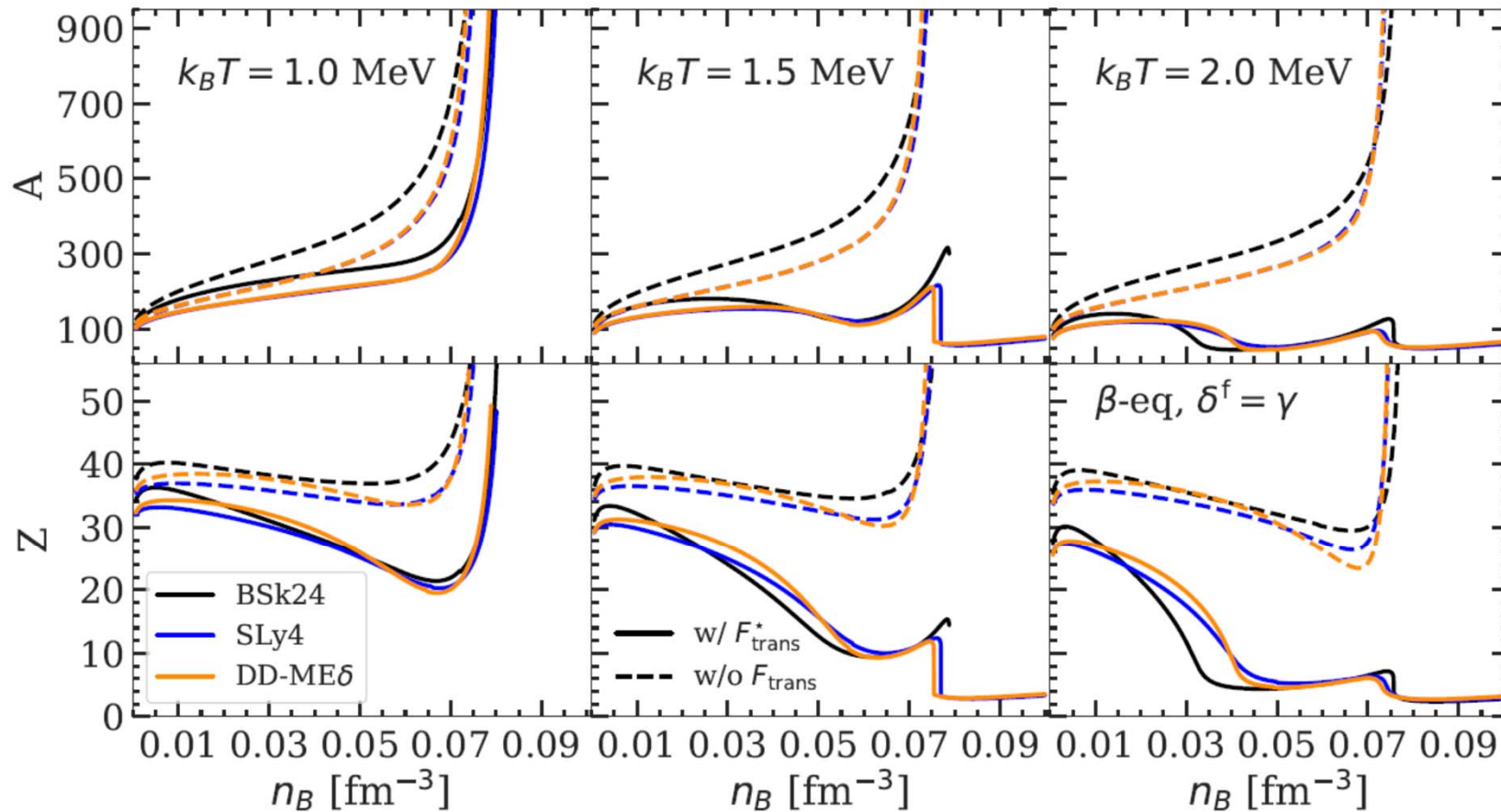
Magierski & Bulgac NPA 2004  
 Martin & Urban PRC 2016  
 P. Papakonstantinou et al, PRC 2013



K. Sekizawa et al PRC 2022

# OCP with cluster DoF

$$F_{AZ} = F_{AZ}^0 + T \left( \ln \frac{\lambda_{AZ}^3(M^*)}{gV_f} - 1 \right)$$





# From WS to MCP: mapping in 2 steps

- WS cell with a microscopic functional @  $(\rho_B, Y_p, T)$ :

$$\mathcal{F}_{WS}(\hat{\rho}_q, \hat{\kappa}_q) = \mathcal{E}_{micro} - TS_{micro} = \min$$

=> Optimal particle (and pairing) densities

1. OCP with cluster DoF

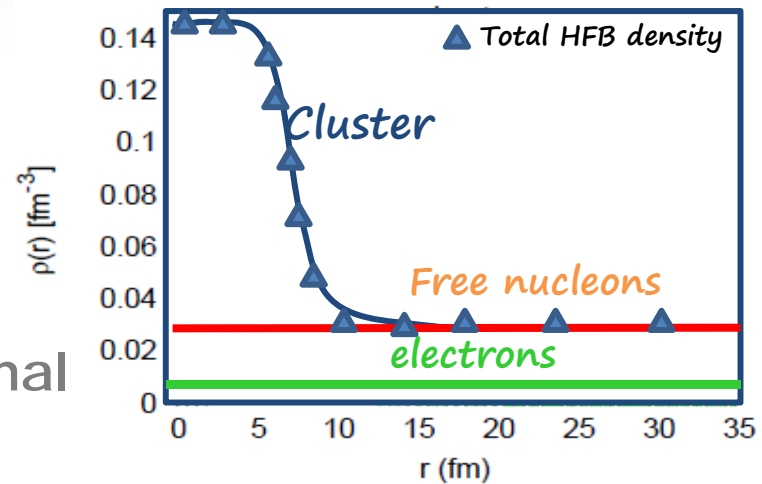
$$\mathcal{F}^{OCP}(A, Z, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq}) + \frac{F_{AZ}}{V_{WS}} = \min$$

=> Optimal cluster

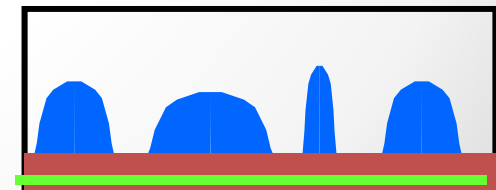
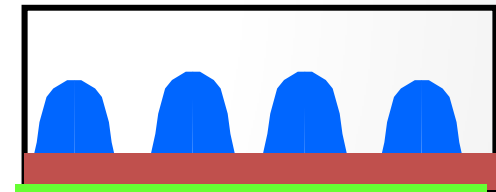
2. MCP with cluster DoF

$$\mathcal{F}^{MCP}(\{n_{AZ}\}, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq}) + \sum_{A,Z} n_{AZ} F_{AZ} = \min$$

=> Optimal distribution



$$F_{AZ} = V_{WS}(\mathcal{F}_{WS} - \mathcal{F}_g) + \mathcal{F}_g V_{AZ} + \delta F$$



# The cluster distribution

Grams 2018, PRC, 97, 035807  
 Fantina 2020, A&A, 633, A149  
 Carreau 2020, A&A, 640, A77  
 Dinh-Thi 2023, to be submitted

- $d\mathcal{F}_{MCP}(\{n_{AZ}\}) = 0$  leads to:

Continuum subtracted &  
 microscopic level density

$$n_{AZ} = \left( \frac{M_{AZ}^* T}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp\beta [N\mu_n + Z\mu_p - F_i + R_{AZ}(n_e)]$$

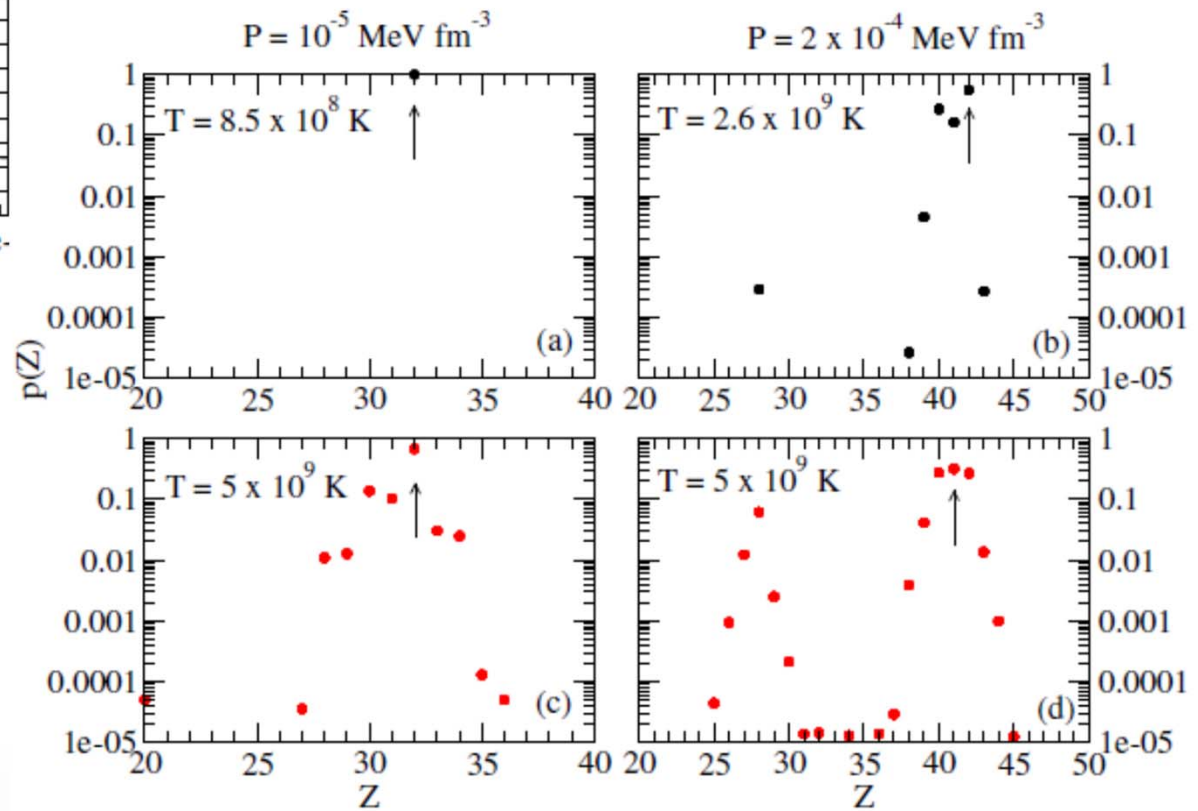
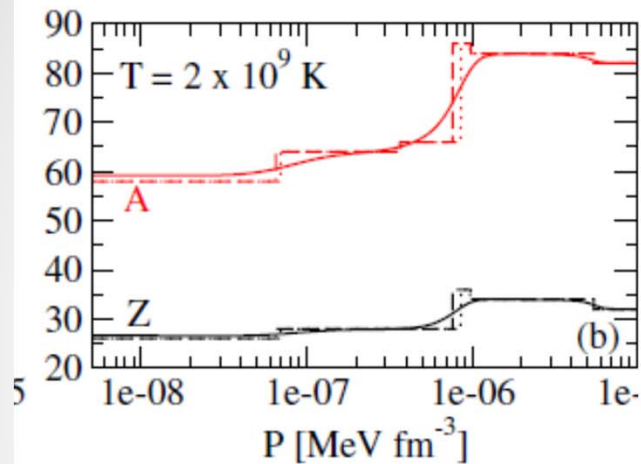
Rearrangement ( $n_e = \sum_{AZ} Z n_{AZ}$ )

$$\mu_q = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_\mu}{\partial \rho_{gq}} + \sum_{AZ} n_{AZ} \frac{\partial F_{AZ}}{\partial \rho_{gq}} \left( 1 - \sum_{AZ} n_{AZ} V_{AZ} \right)^{-1} \approx \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_\mu}{\partial \rho_{gq}} + \frac{1}{V_{WS}^{OCP}} \frac{\partial F_{AZ}^{OCP}}{\partial \rho_{gq}} (1 - u_{AZ}^{OCP})^{-1} = \mu_q^{OCP}$$

Self-consistent  
 $\mu(\rho)$

Perturbation 1st order

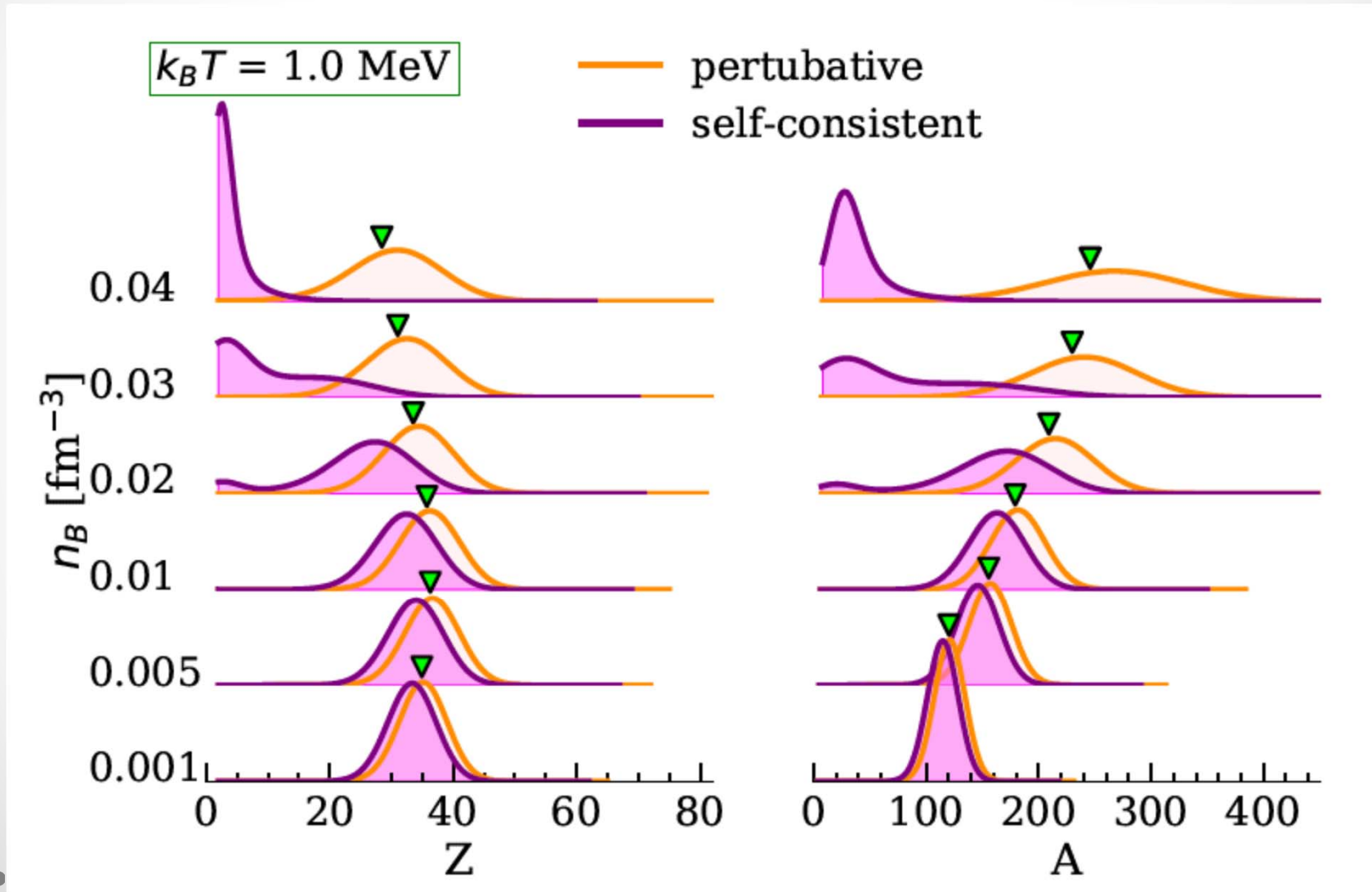
# Nuclear distribution in the outer crust



- Fantina 2020, A&A, 633, A149

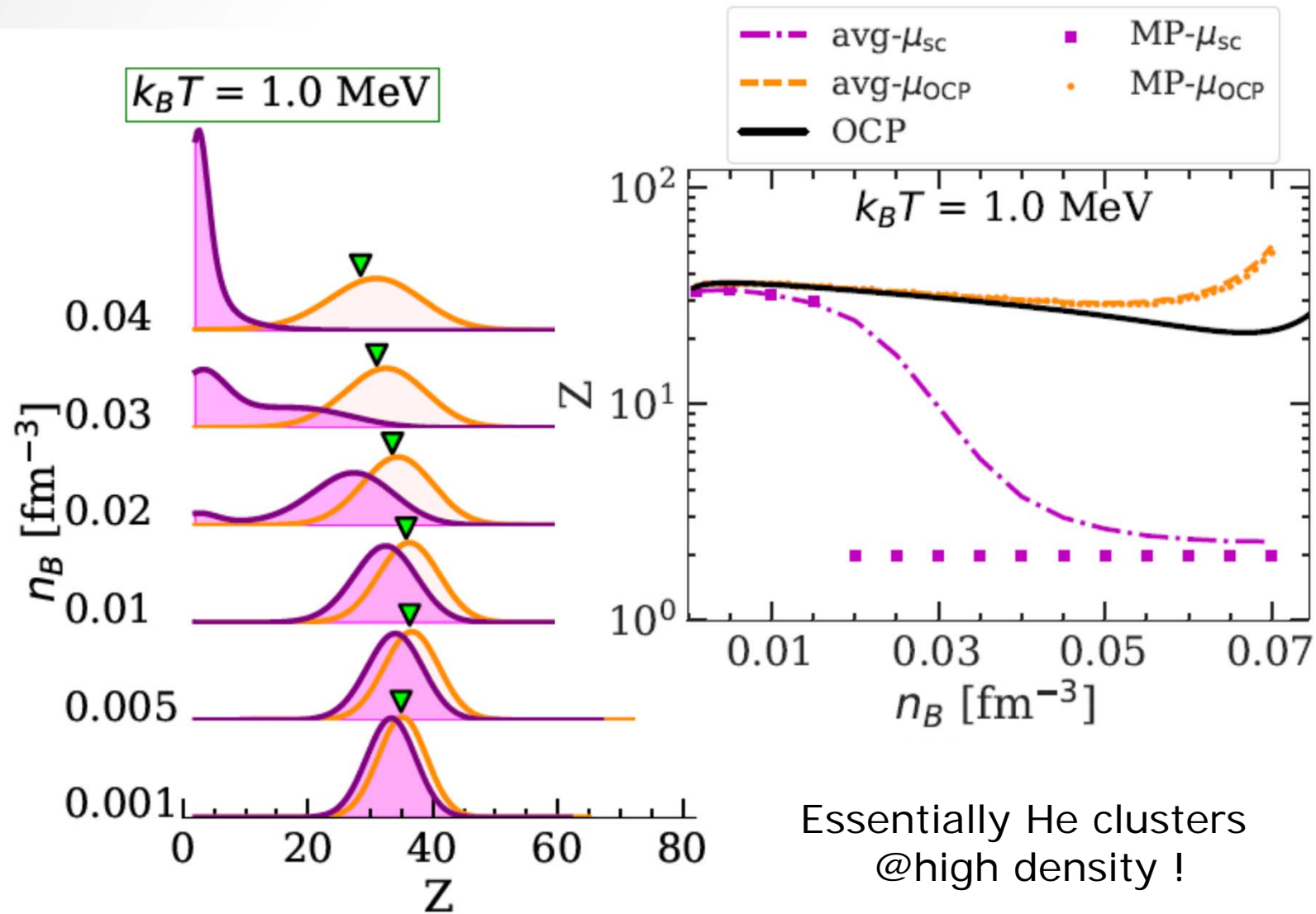
# The cluster distribution

Dinh-Thi 2023, to be submitted

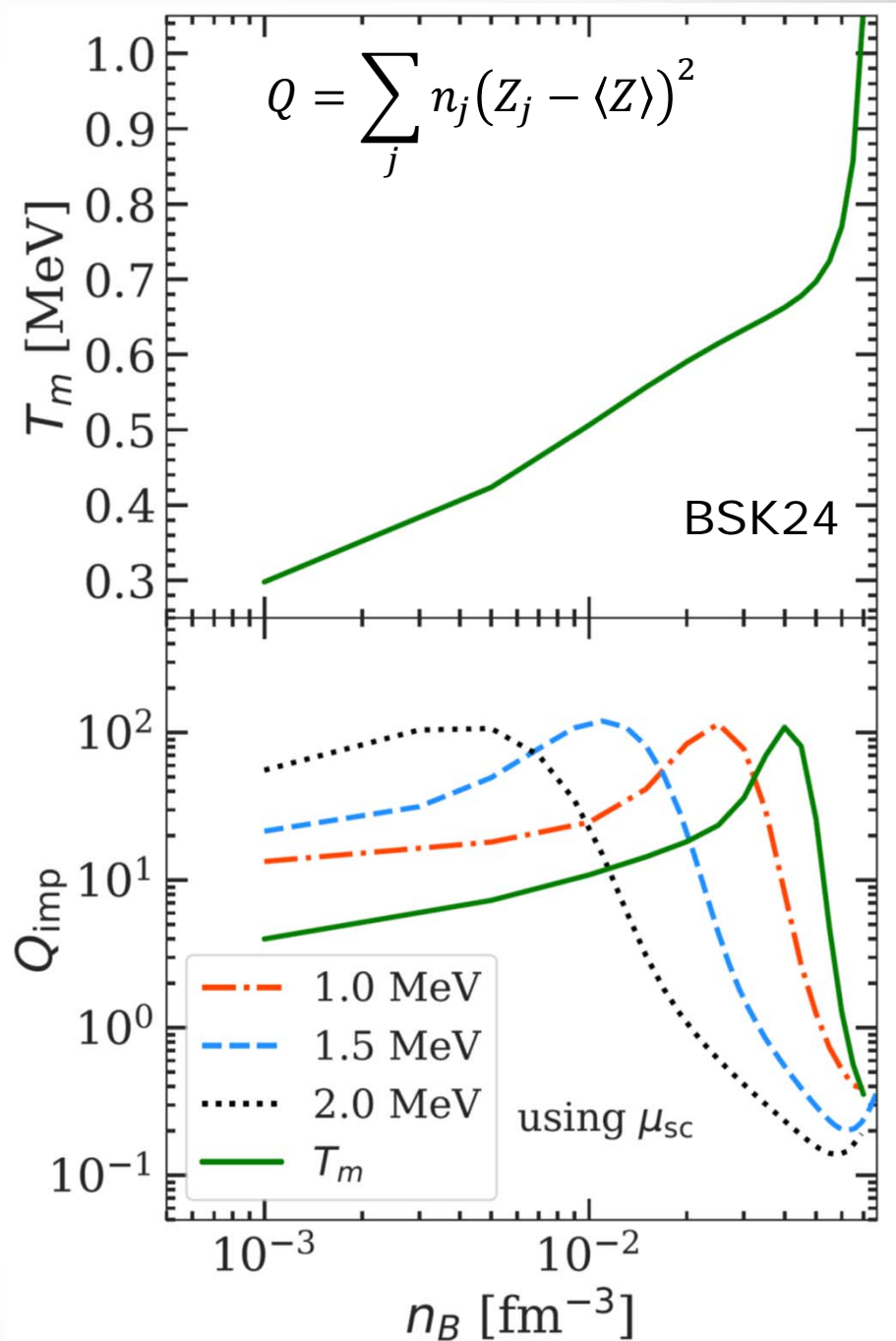
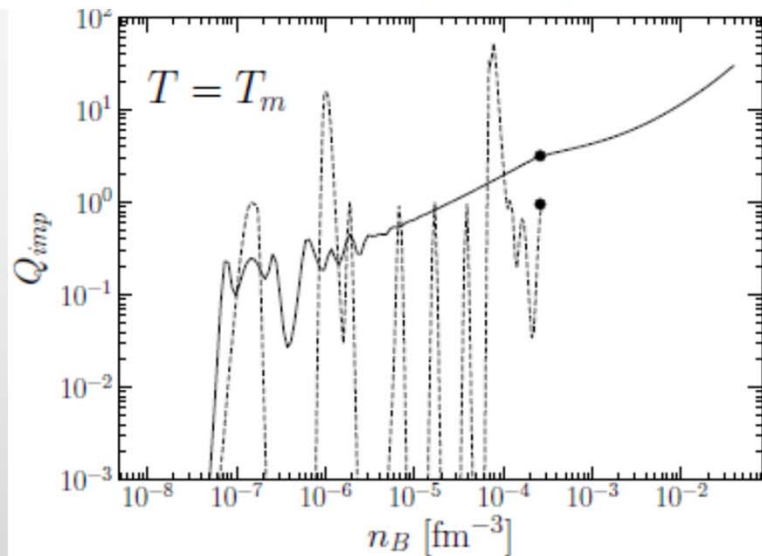
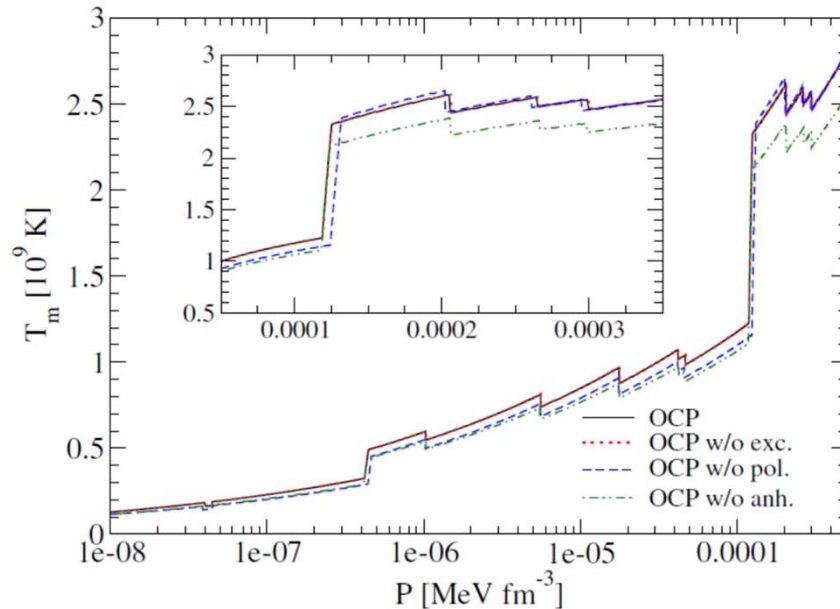


# The cluster distribution

Dinh-Thi 2023, to be submitted

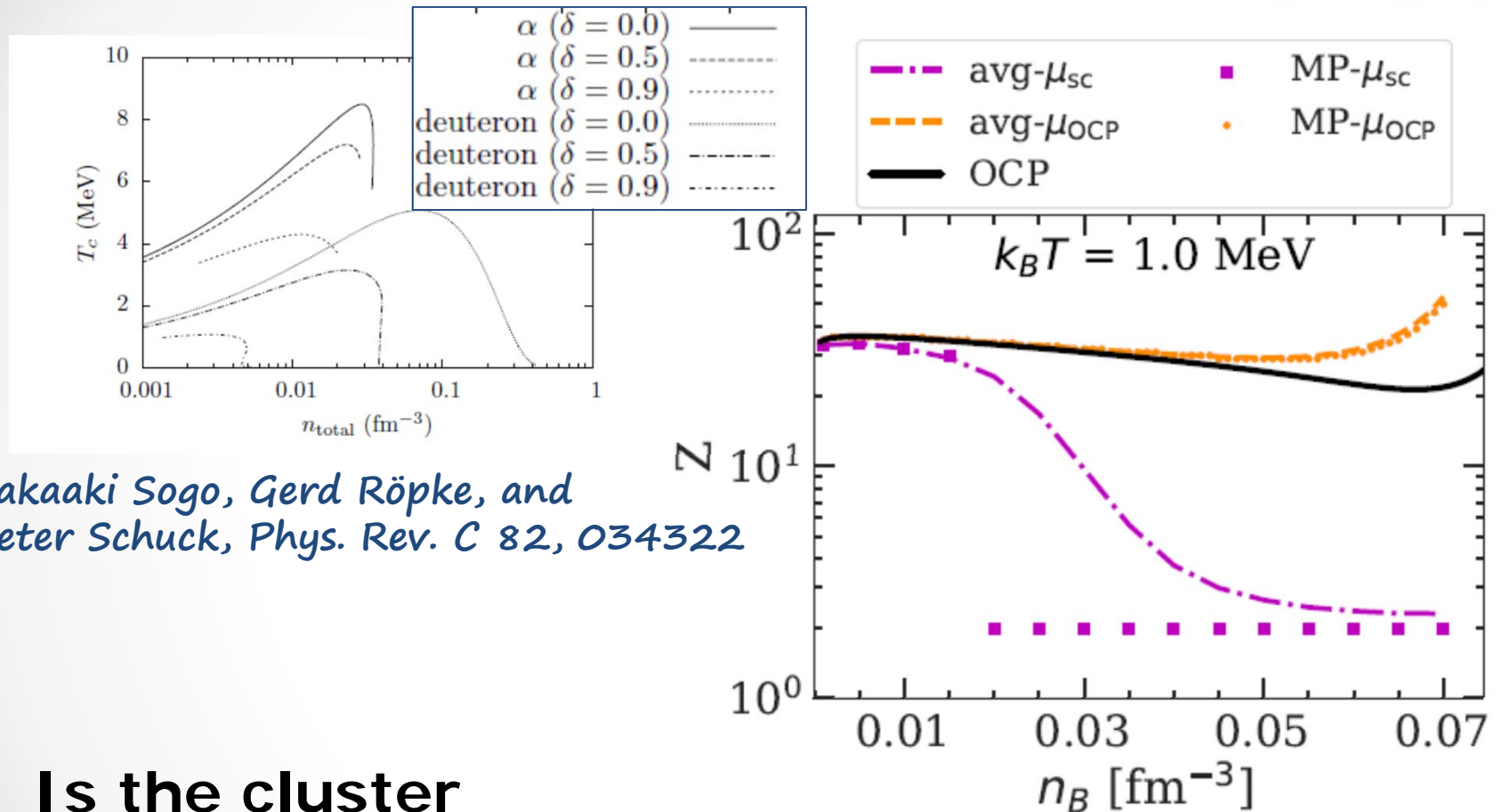


# Impurity factor



# The cluster distribution

Dinh-Thi 2022, to be submitted

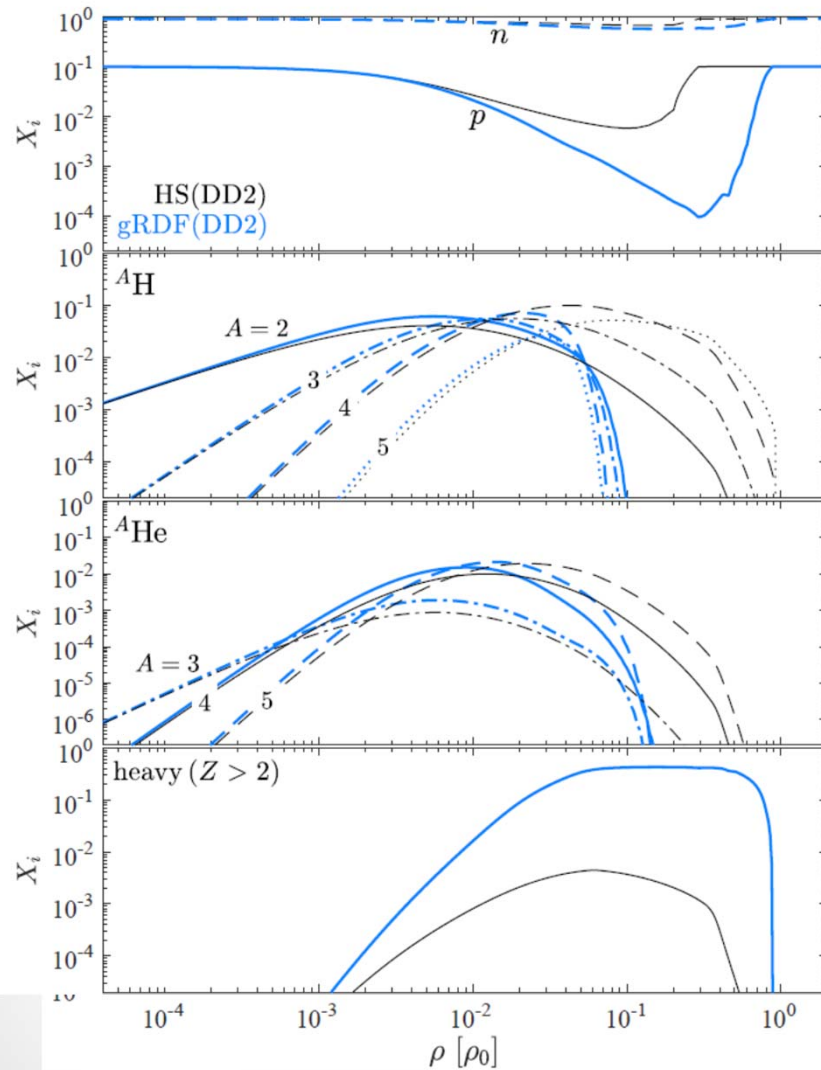


Takaaki Sogo, Gerd Röpke, and Peter Schuck, *Phys. Rev. C* 82, 034322

**Is the cluster dominance at high density ( $\Rightarrow Q$  decrease) realistic ?**

Essentially He clusters @high density !

# Clusters in-medium effects

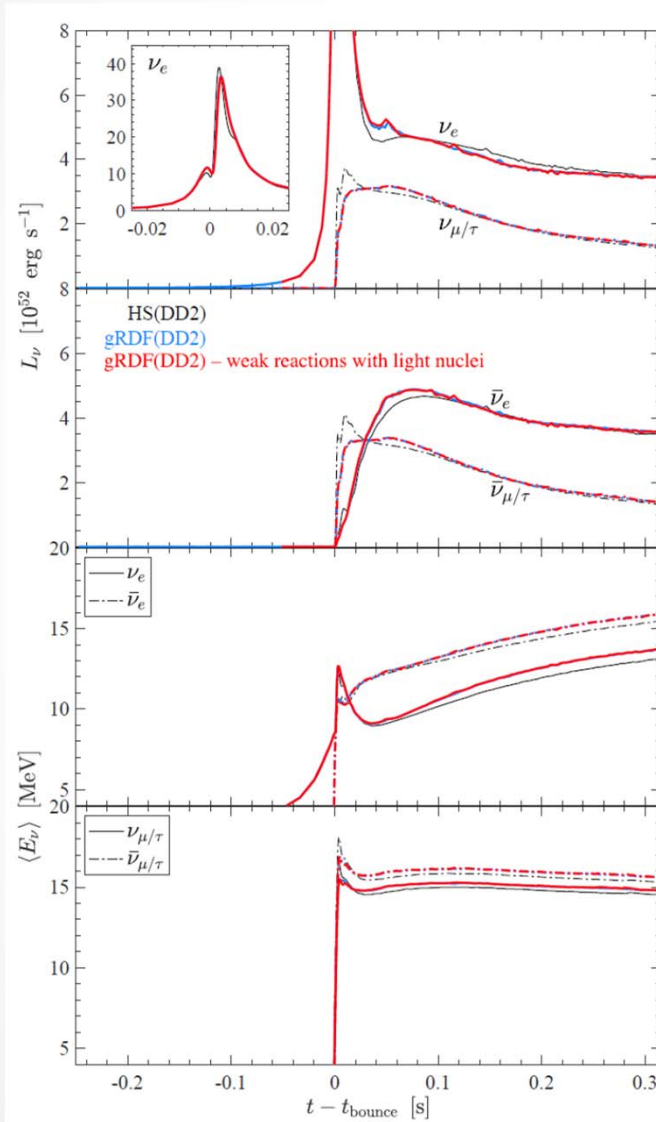


T.Fischer et al PRC102(2020)

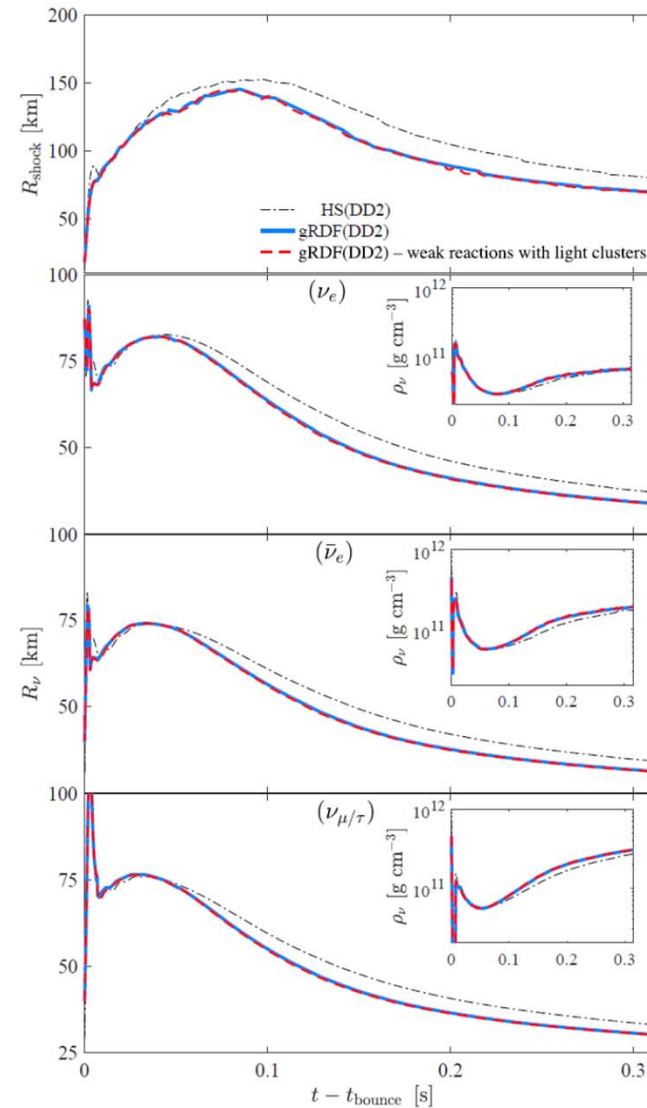
- the ETF approach is not very realistic for light clusters!
- Alternative approaches: in-medium modified meson couplings *H.Pais, FG PRC 97(2018)045805*; quasi-particle virial expansion *G.Roepke, PRC101 (2020) 064310*
- Constraining the in-medium modifications: see Alex talk!



# Effect on the CCSN dynamics



(b) Neutrino luminosities and average energies



T.Fischer et al PRC102(2020)

# Conclusions

- A thermodynamically consistent formalism to calculate matter composition from a given microscopic energy functional: a unified treatment for neutron stars and supernova matter

⇒ First microscopic evaluation of the impurity factor

⇒ Possible implications for CCSN

- Important differences wrt Saha equation
  - Subtraction of continuum states: reduced partition sum
  - In-medium modified cluster energies (ETF)
  - Rearrangement terms modify even the average quantities
- Important differences wrt calculations in the WS cell
  - Center of mass motion favours the appearance of light clusters
  - Bimodal cluster distributions => increase of  $Q_{\text{imp}}$ !
  - Cluster melting =>  $Z=2$  dominance close to the core at high temperature
  - Light cluster functional still to be improved