

*Clustering in the
(proto)neutron star crust
and the contribution of nuclear experiments*

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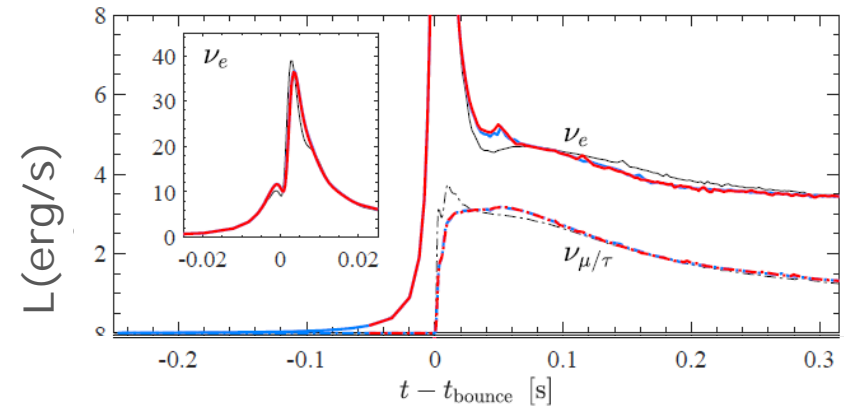
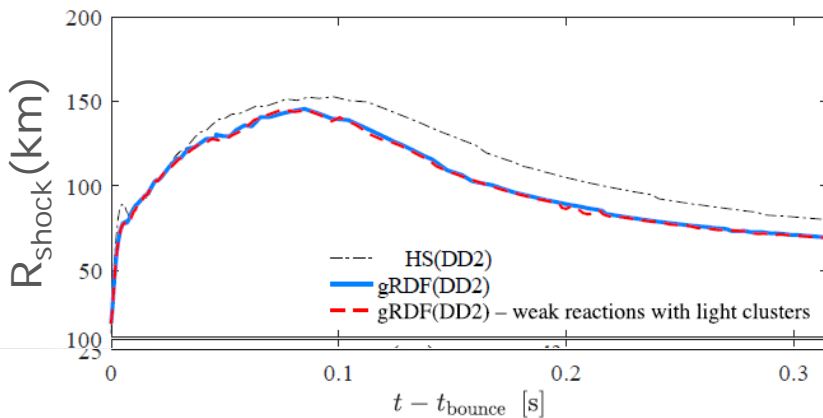
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 - **light cluster abundancies (indirectly) affect the explosion dynamics and ν -luminosity**



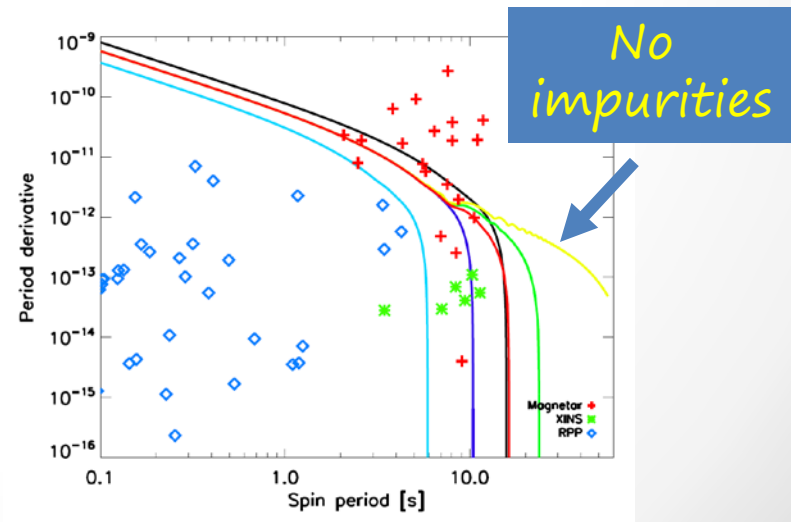
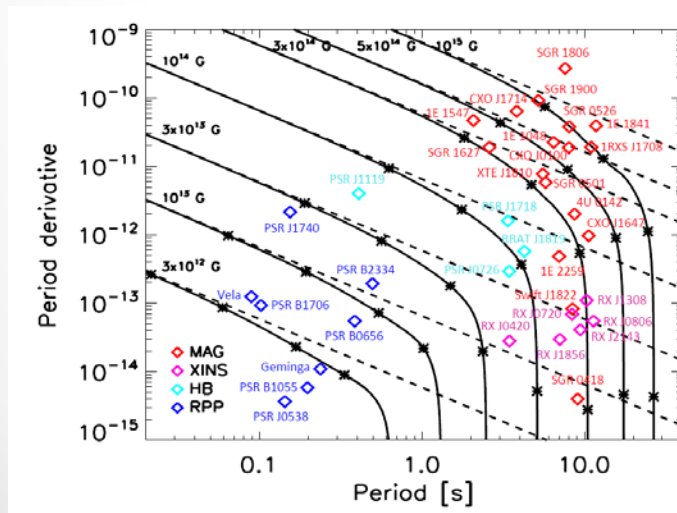
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 - $T \approx 0$: impurities in the catalyzed crust
 - **A strong crustal resistivity due to impurities affects the NS magneto-thermal evolution**



J.Pons et al. Nat.Phys. 2013

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Present situation:

- Q taken as a free parameter in cooling and relaxation simulations *A.Deibel et al.ApJ839(2017)*
- n_j from Saha equations (Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium)

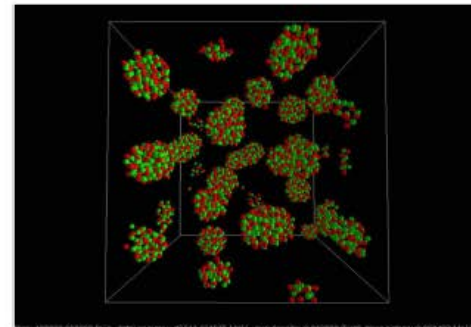
Z.Lin et al,PRC 102(2020)045801

*Nuclei=quasi-particles
M,B: vacuum values*

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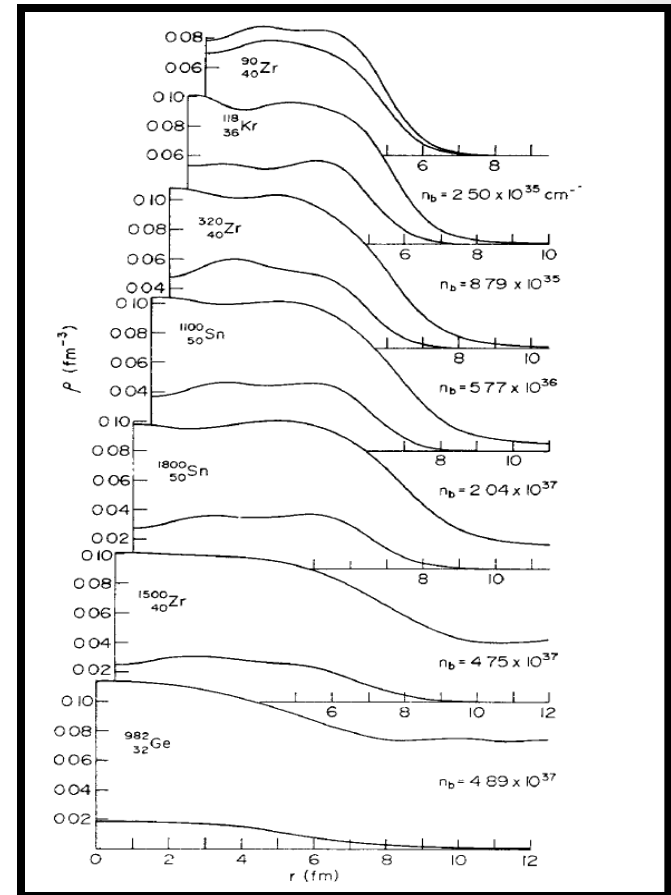
- Spherical approx or S_j from CMD simulations

R.Nandi et al.ApJ852(2018)



Towards a more controlled theoretical treatment

- Starting point: variational microscopic calculations in the WS cell
- Multi-Component (liquid or solid) plasma: *clusters as quasi-particles but cluster functional from microscopic WS calculations*



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

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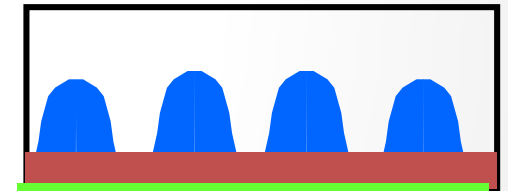
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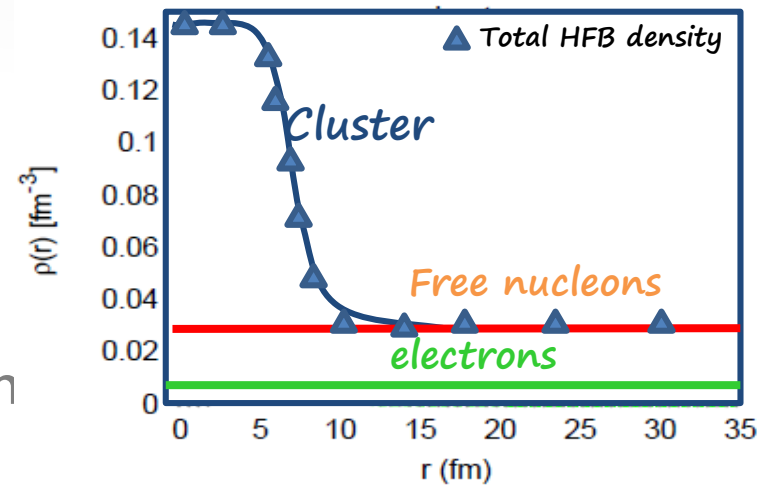
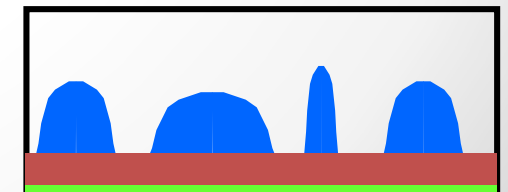


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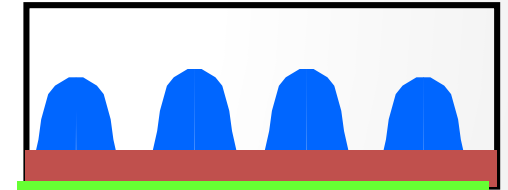
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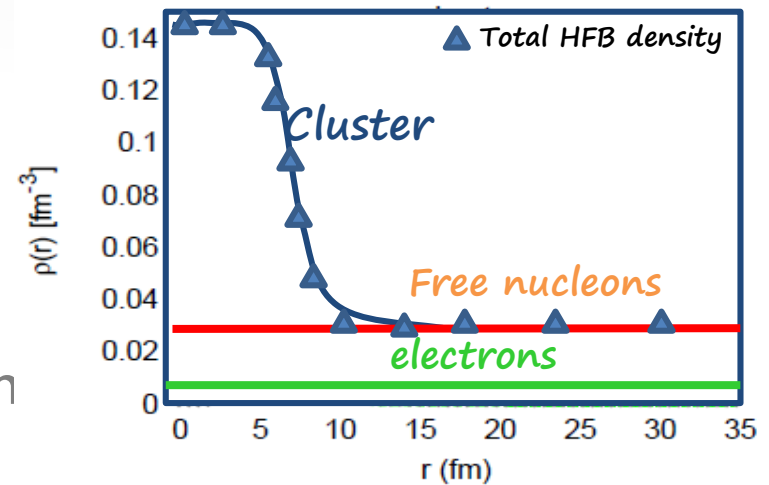
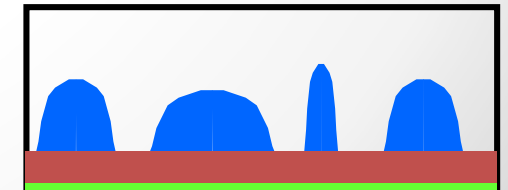


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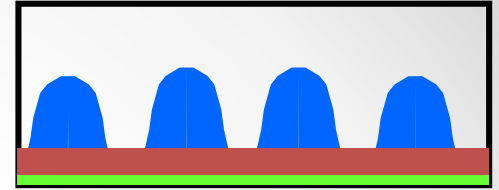


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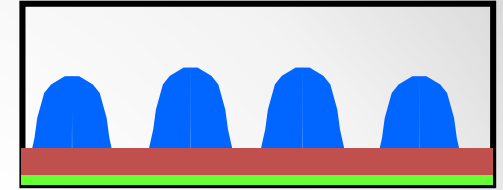
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*continuum states
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Tubbs&Koonin, ApJ 232 (1979) L59

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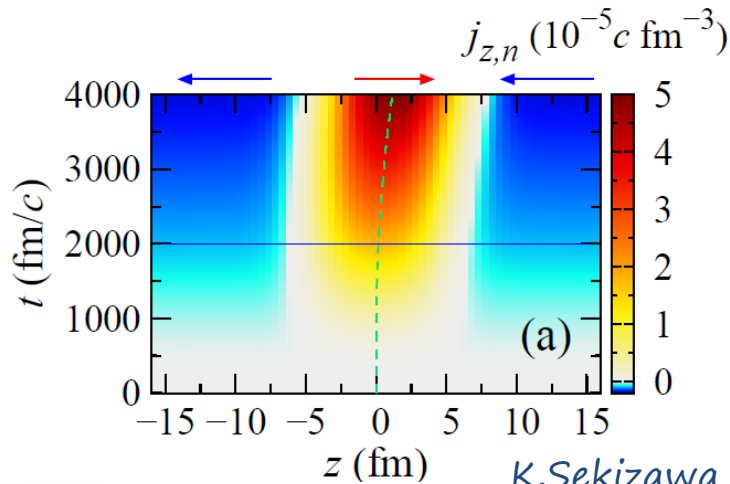
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Real time TDHF & inertial mass definition

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K.Sekizawa et al PRC 2022

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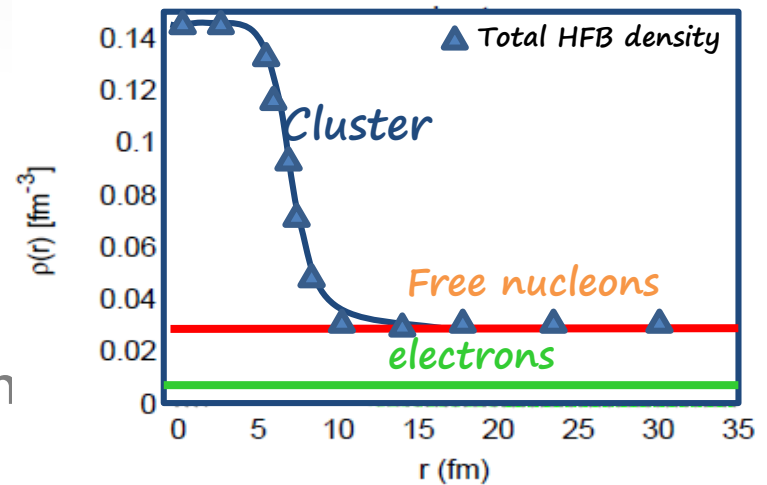
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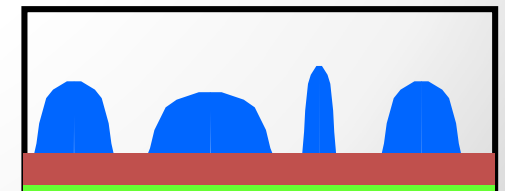
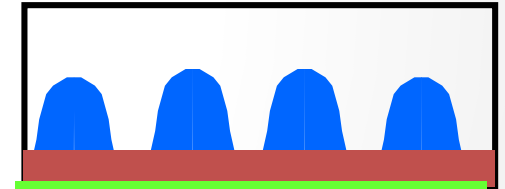
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The cluster distribution

Grams 2018, PRC, 97, 035807
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 Carreau 2020, A&A, 640, A77
 Dinh-Thi 2023, A&A, 677, A174

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

Continuum subtracted & microscopic energy and level density

$$n_{AZ} = \frac{g_{AZ}}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \int_0^\infty dp \left[1 \pm \exp\beta \left(\frac{p^2}{2M_{AZ}^*} - \mathbf{F}_{AZ}^0 - N\mu_n - Z\mu_p + \mathbf{R}_{AZ}(n_e) \right) \right]^{-1}$$

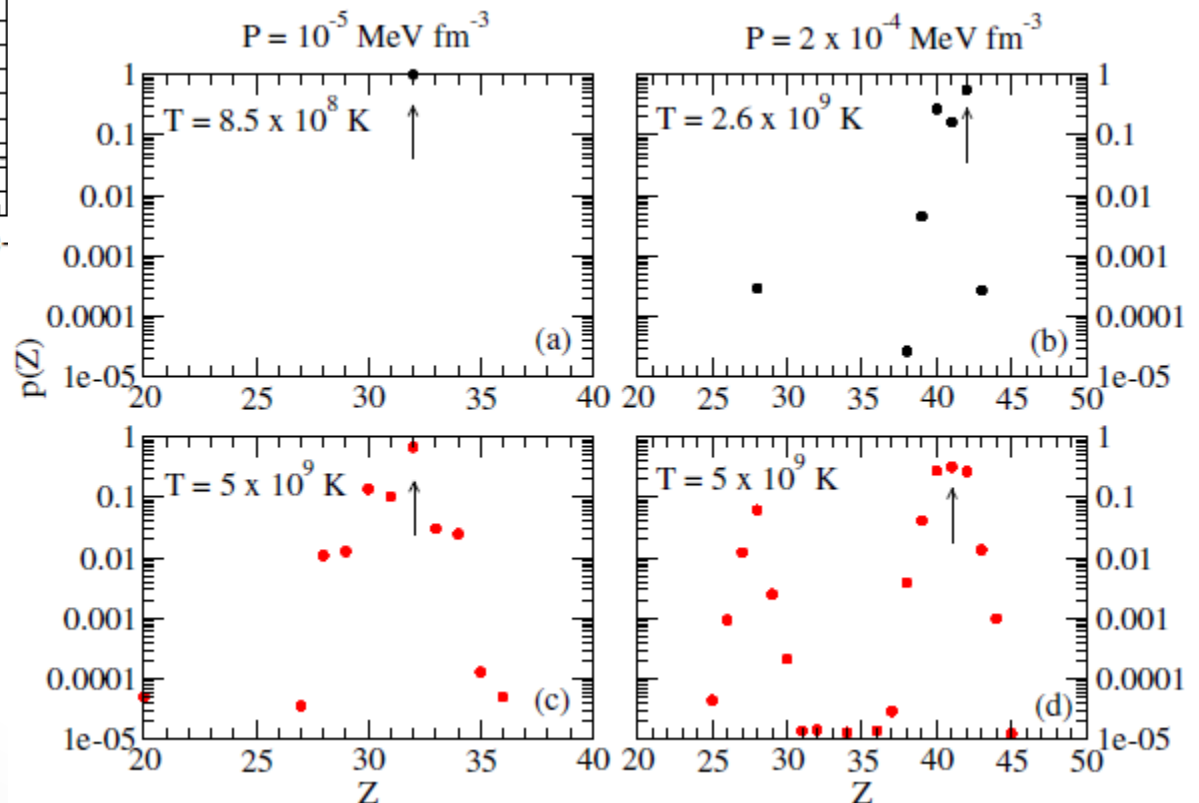
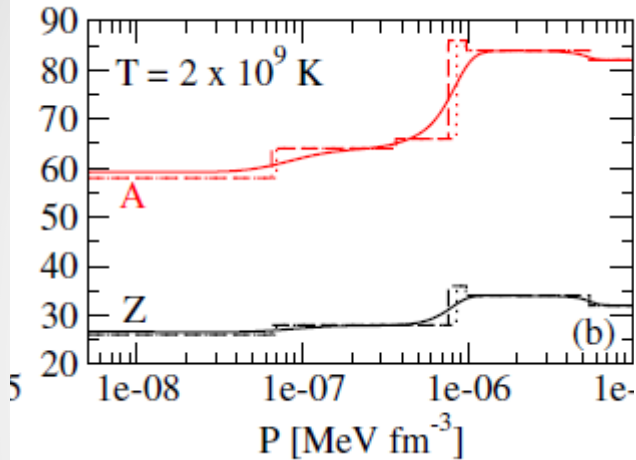
Rearrangement ($n_e = \sum_{AZ} Z n_{AZ}$)

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

Self-consistent $\mu(\rho)$

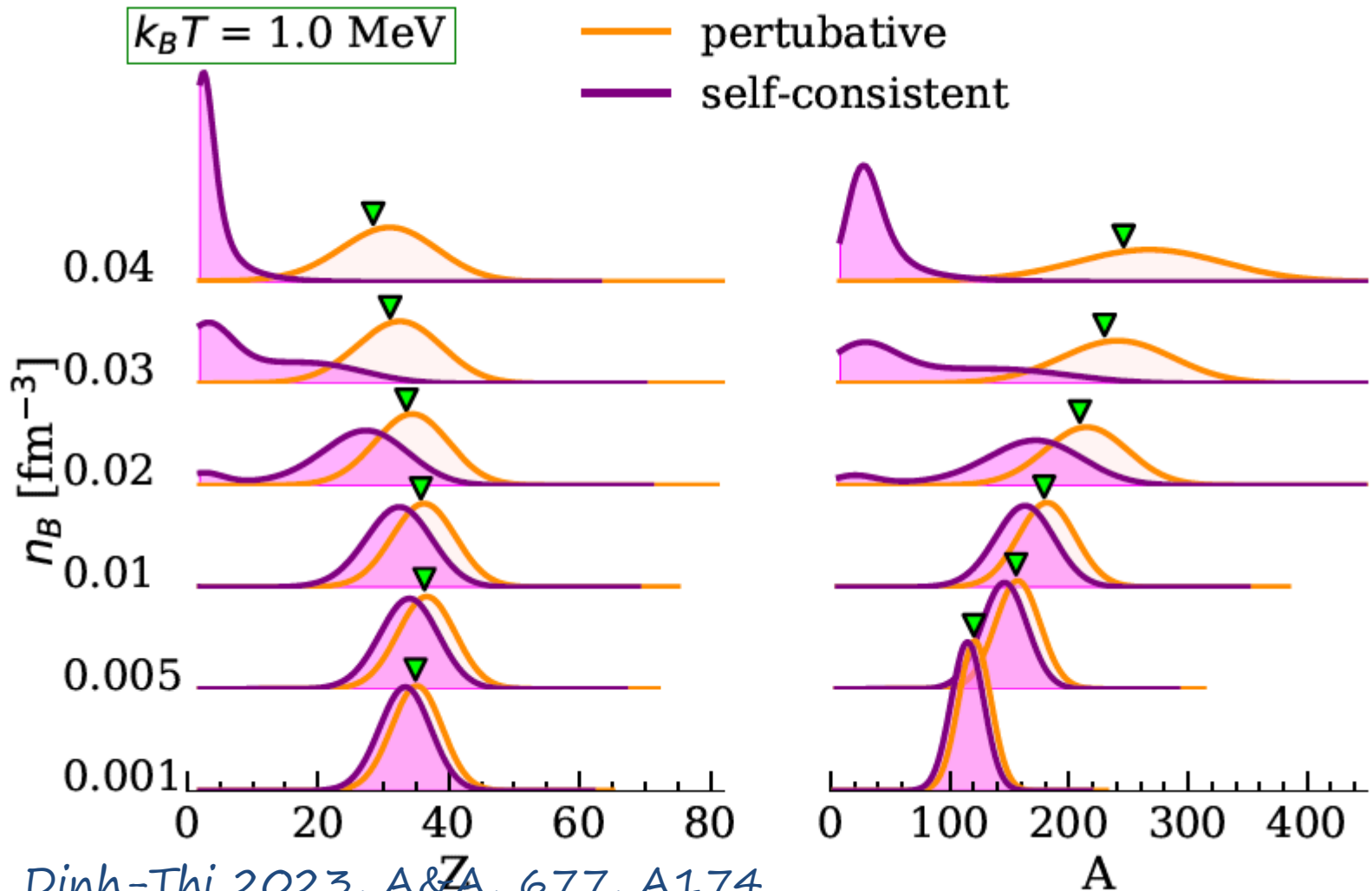
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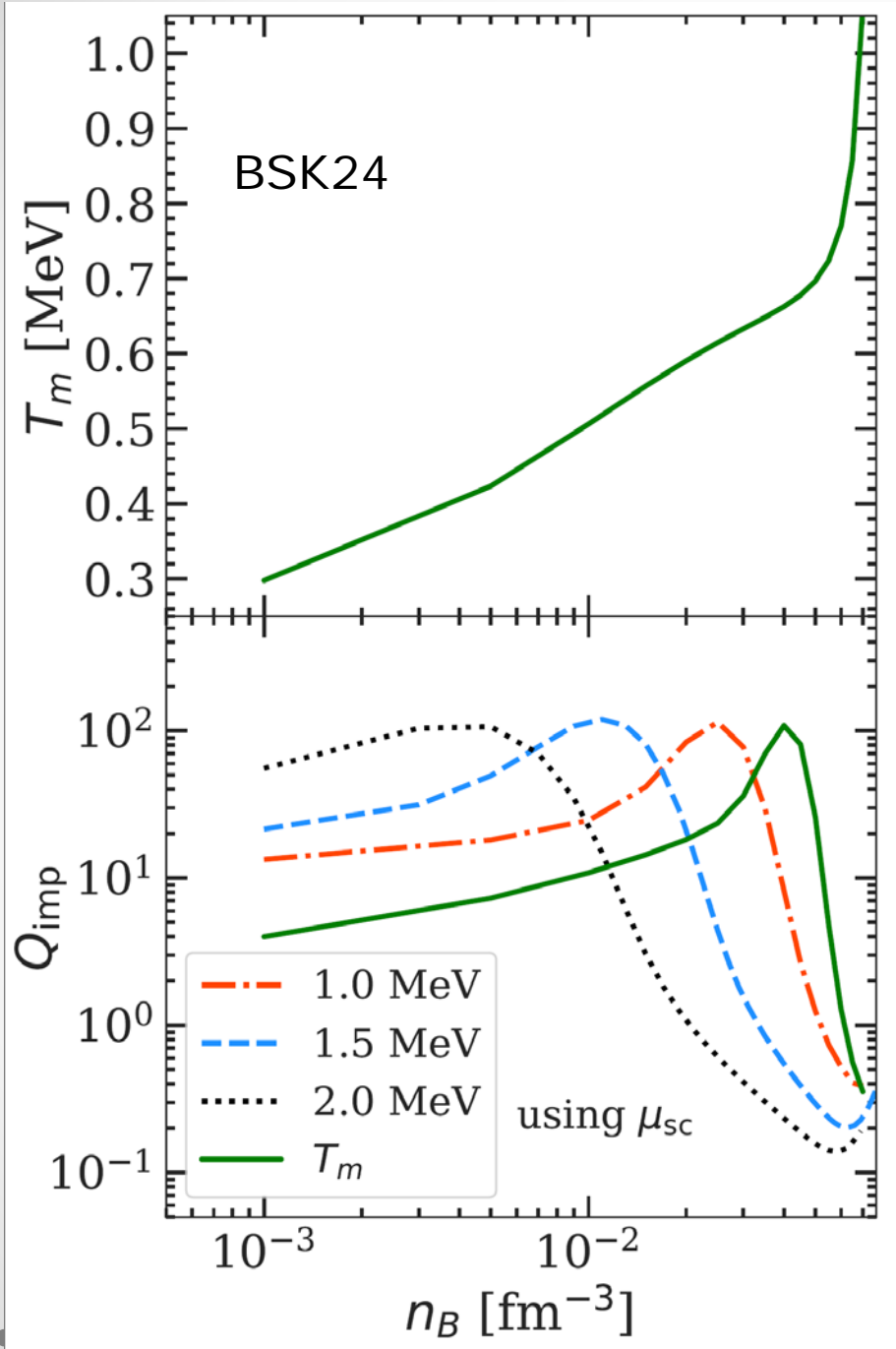
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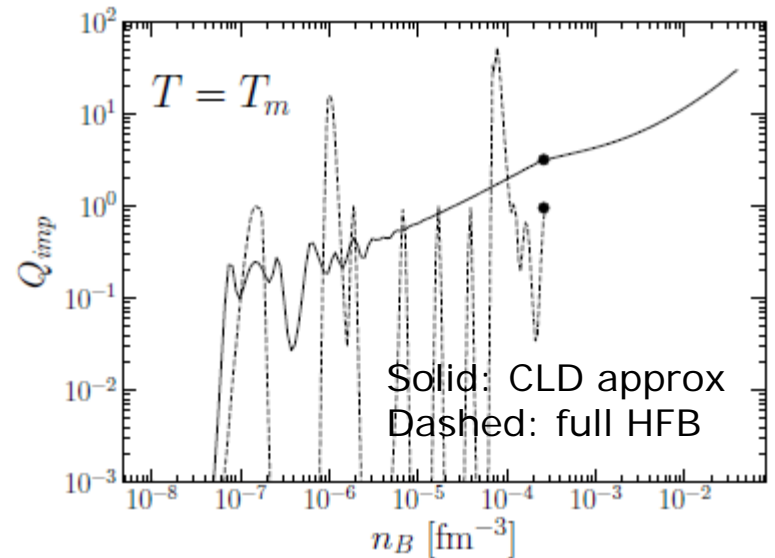




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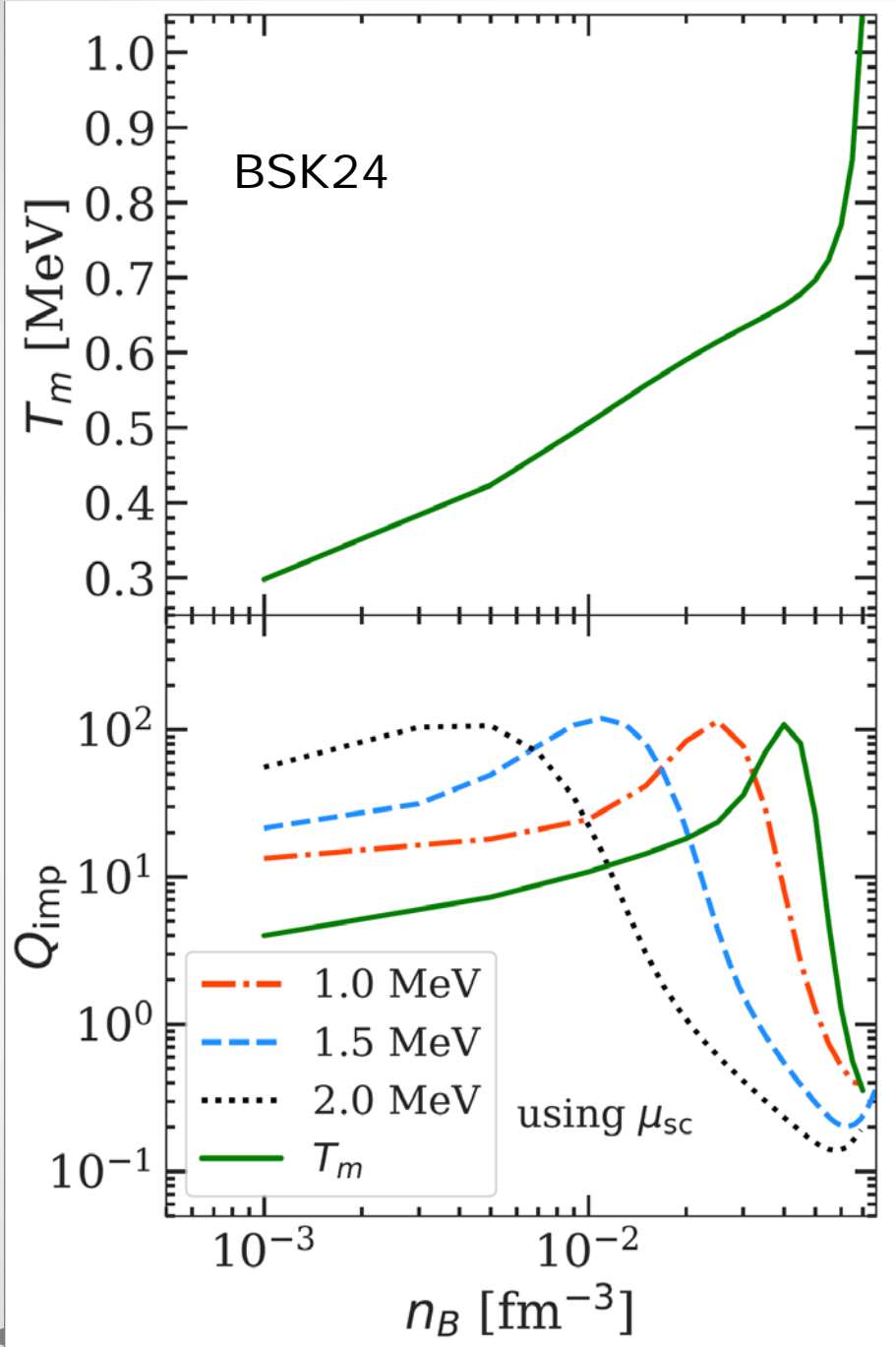
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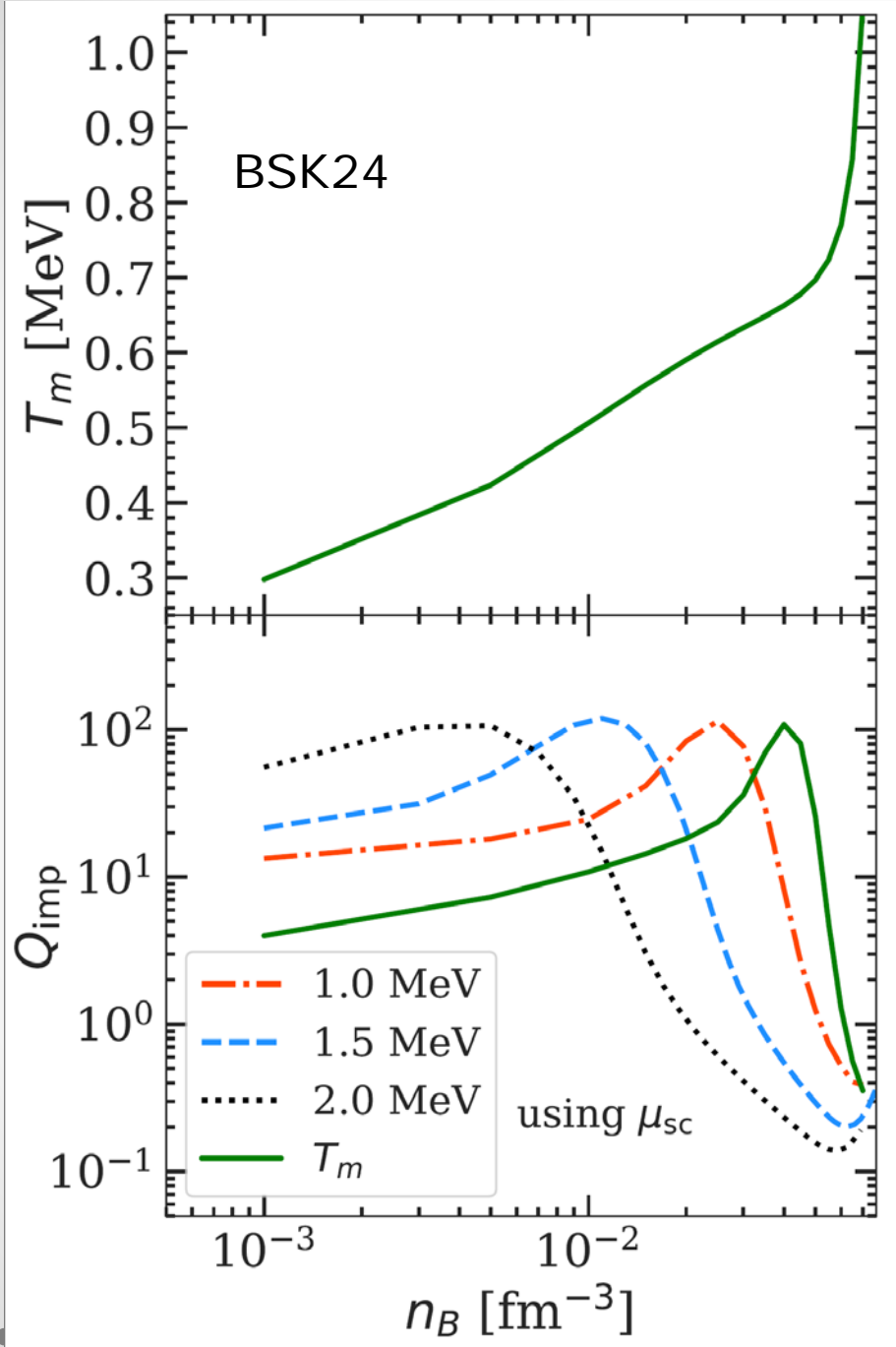
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Light clusters: modeling the in-medium effects

- *NSE with a momentum cut-off* S.Burrello, PRC 2024

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=> See Stefano's talk!

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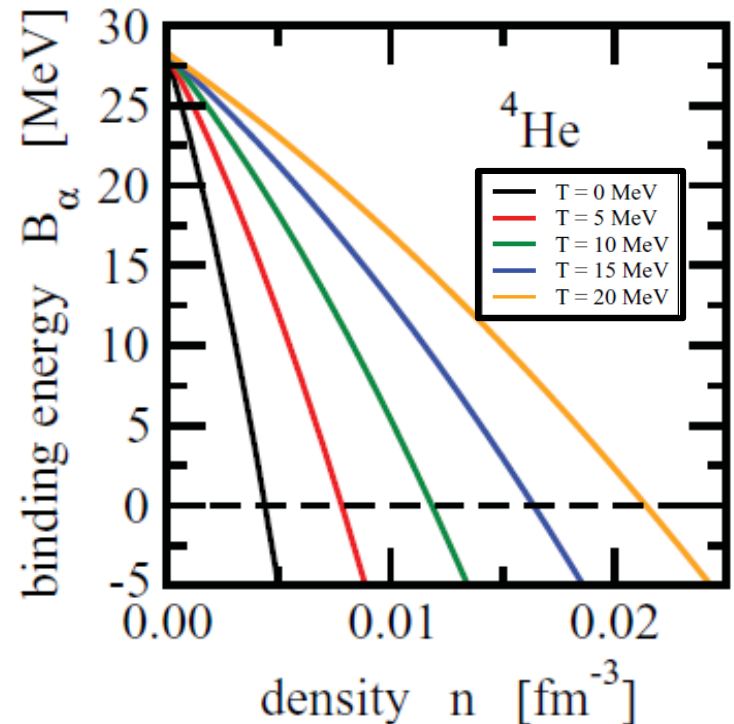
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ad-hoc prescription



- S. Typel et al, PRC81(2010)015803

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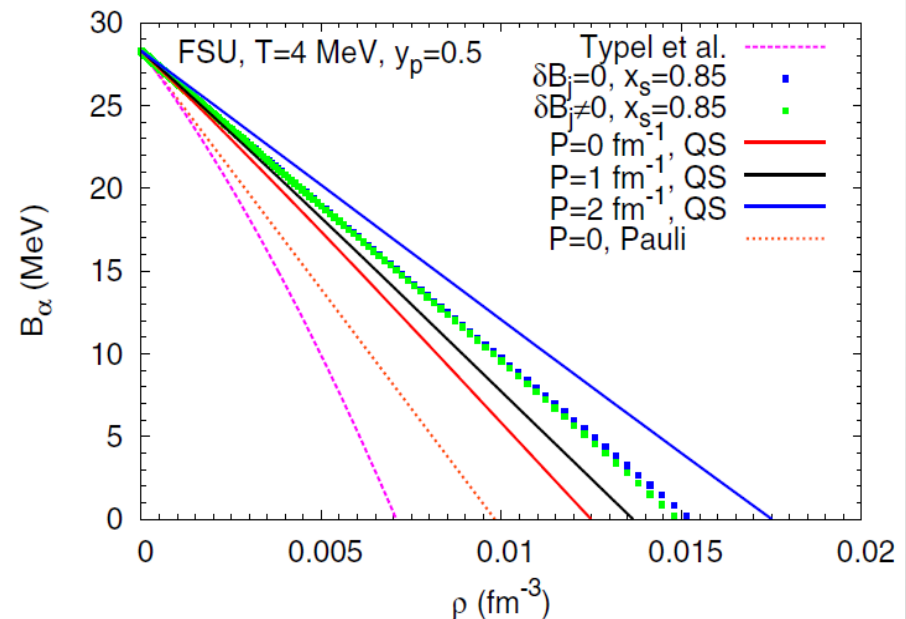
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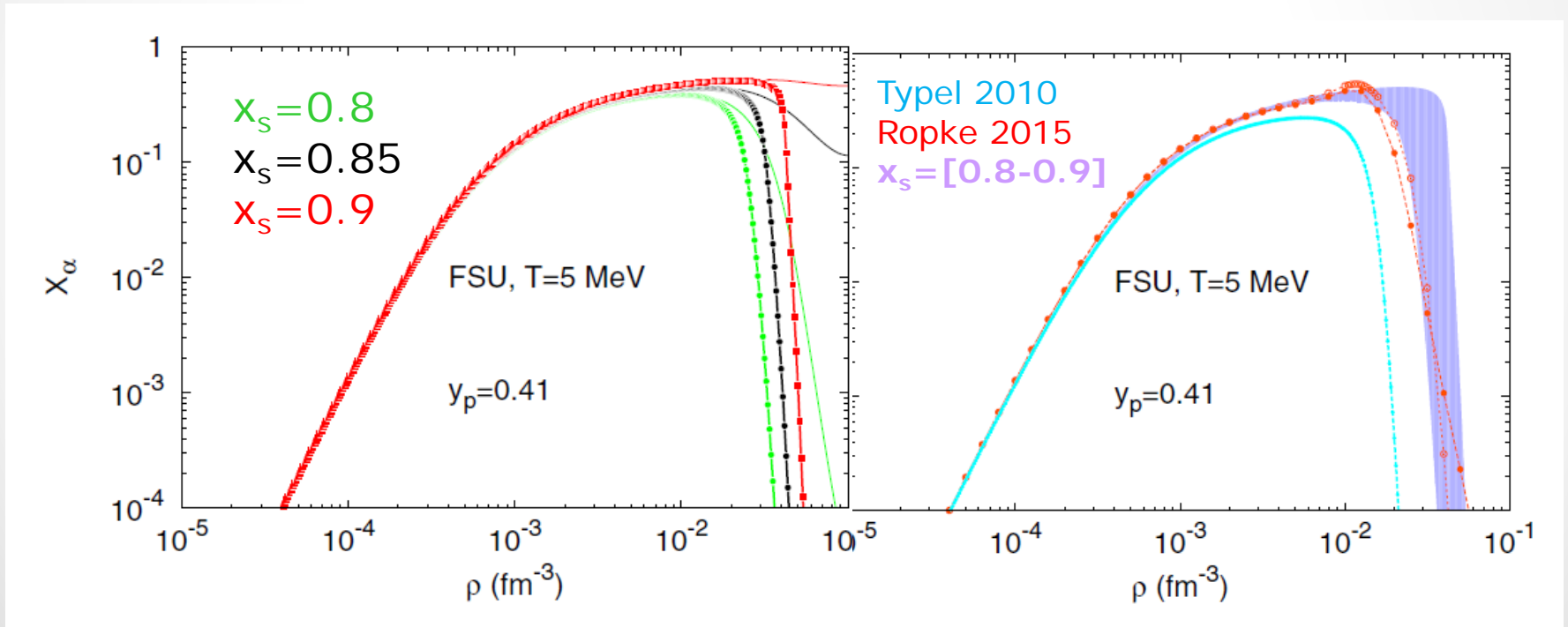
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Free parameter $0 < x_s < 1$



Calibrating the in-medium effects



Calibration on INDRA data

=> **See Rémi's talk!**

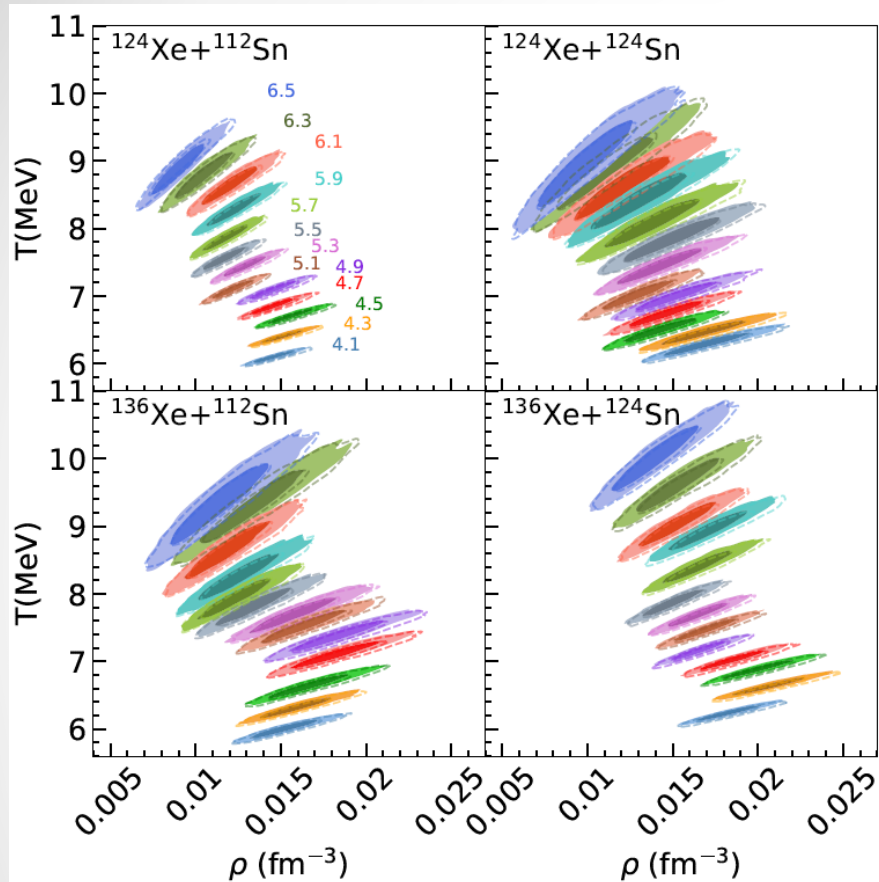
- 4 different data sets $X_i = 1, \dots, 4$ from INDRA $^{136,124}\text{Xe} + ^{124,112}\text{Sn}$ @ 32 A.MeV*
- EoS Model: FSU-RMF
- Bayesian inference (NSMC**) of the unknown parameters $\theta_i = (T, n_B, x_s(T, n_B))_i$ directly from the mass fractions for each sample $\{\omega(A, Z)\}_i$ labelled by the radial velocity bin and data set $i = (v_i, X_i)$

$$p_i(\theta | \{\omega_{AZ}\}) = \frac{p_\theta}{Z} \prod_{AZ} \mathcal{L}(\omega_{AZ}^i | \theta) \quad \mathcal{L}(\omega_{AZ}^i | \theta) = e^{-\frac{(\omega_{AZ}^{exp(i)} - \omega_{AZ}^{th}(\theta))^2}{2\sigma_{AZ}^2(i)}}$$

* A.Rebillard-Soulié et al, JPhysG 51(2023)015104

** PyMultiNest: J. Buchner 10.1214/23-ss144 (2021)

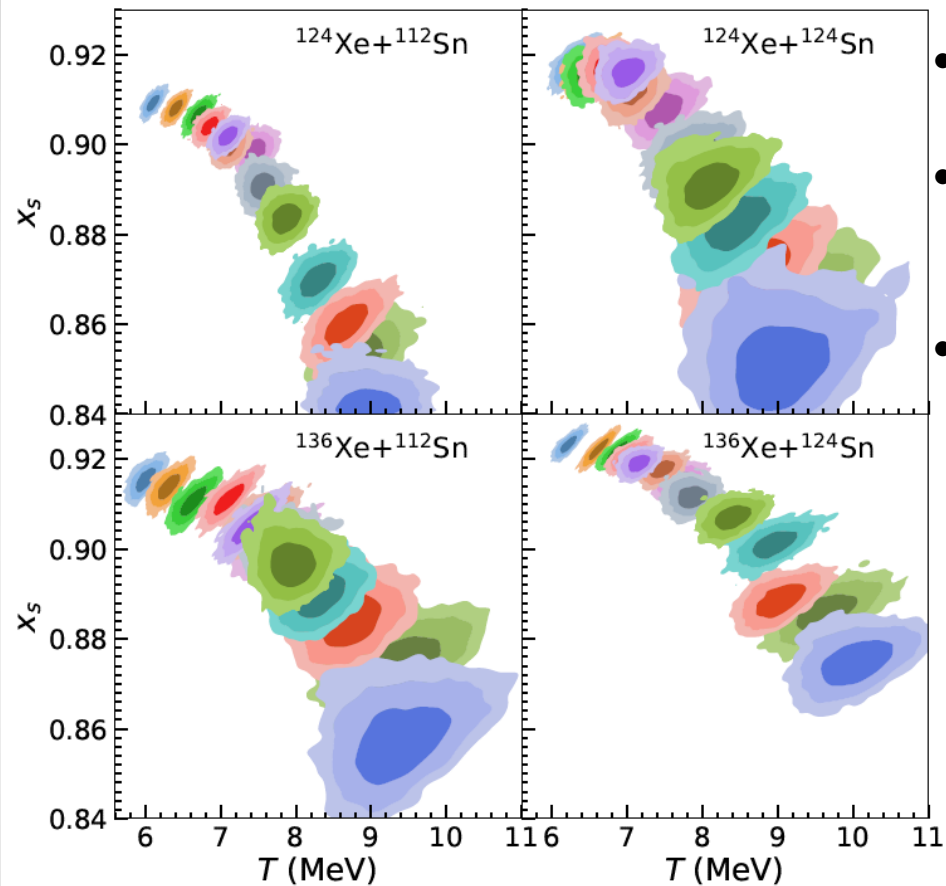
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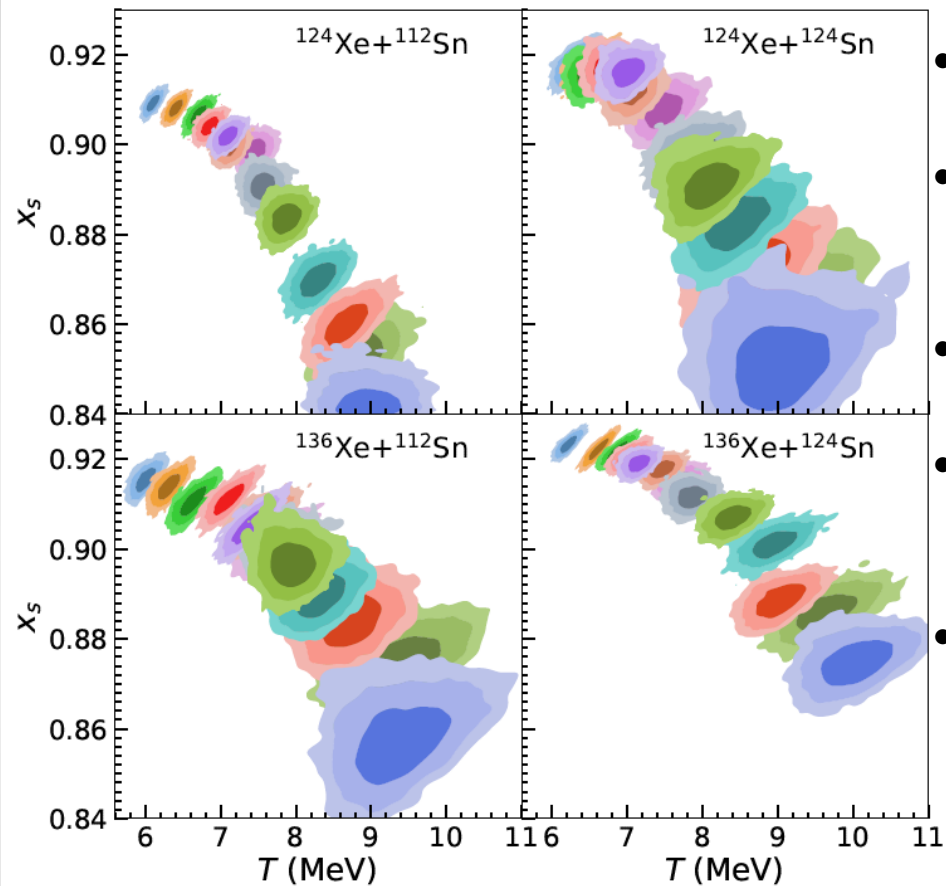
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- The in-medium binding energy shift decreases with increasing temperature as expected
- Still, important effect for T as high as $T=10$! \Rightarrow increased cluster suppression wrt NSE

Conclusions

- A thermodynamically consistent formalism to calculate matter composition from a given microscopic energy functional
 - Leptodermous approximation for the cluster free energy
 - Effective mass with entrainment effects
 - Subtraction of continuum states and in-medium modified surface energies

=> First microscopic evaluation of the impurity factor

- Improved treatment of the in-medium energy functional of light clusters
 - Only the binding energy shift is extracted from the microscopic energy functional
 - Calibration of the unknown coupling on INDRA data

=> Temperature dependent light clusters binding energy shifts





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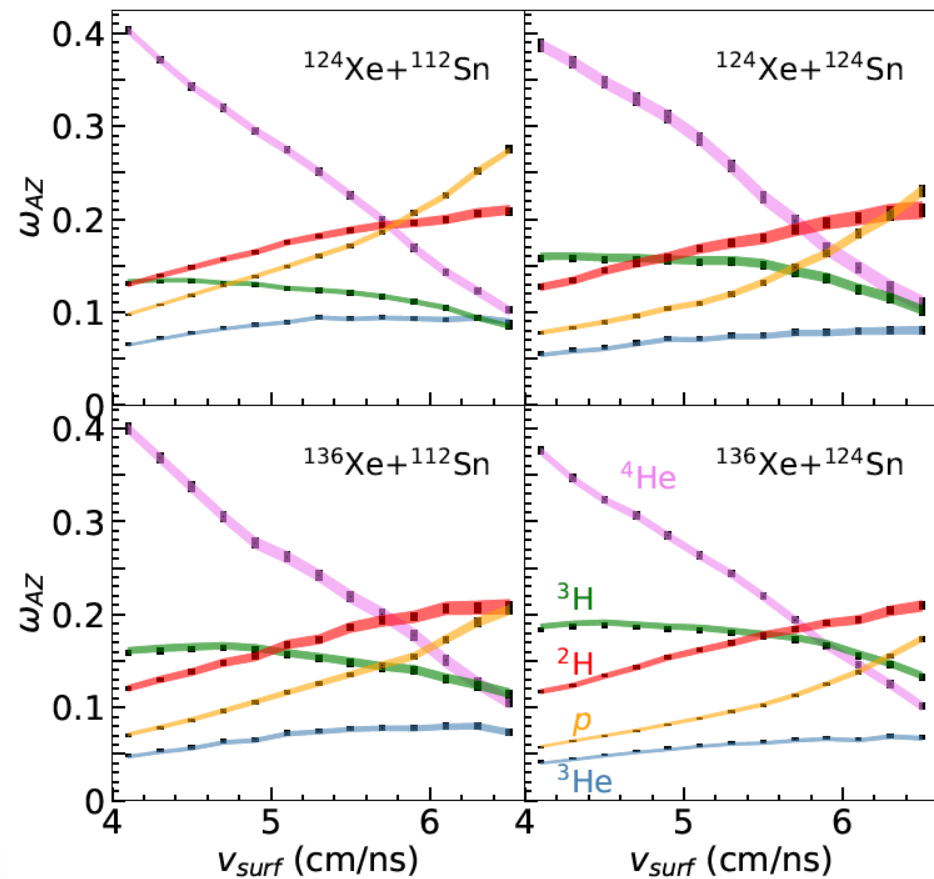
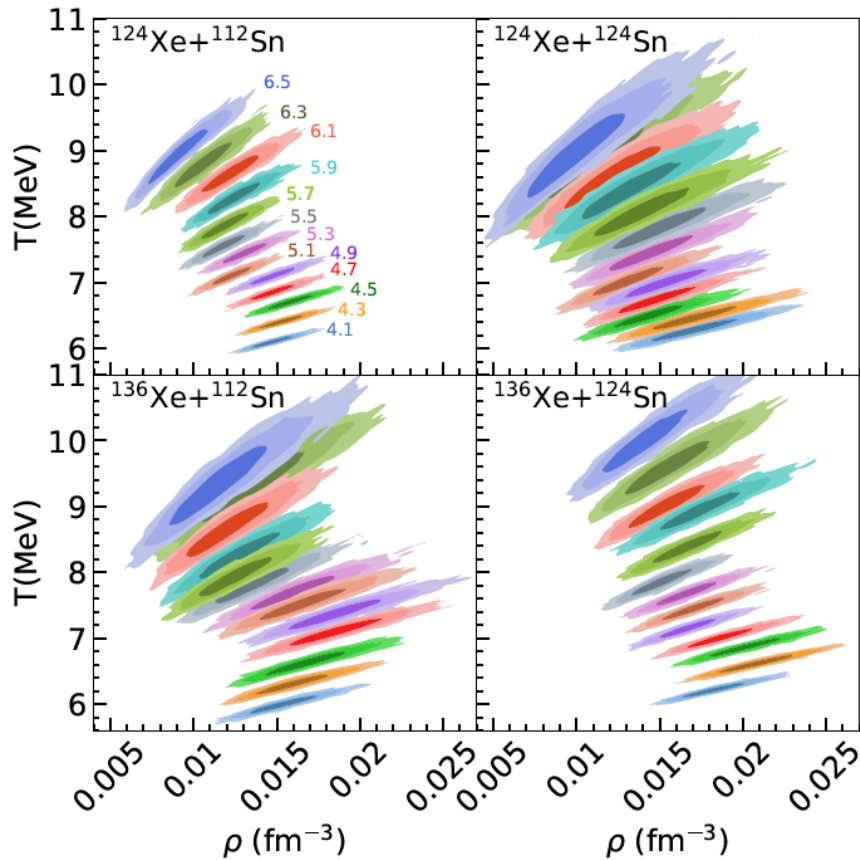
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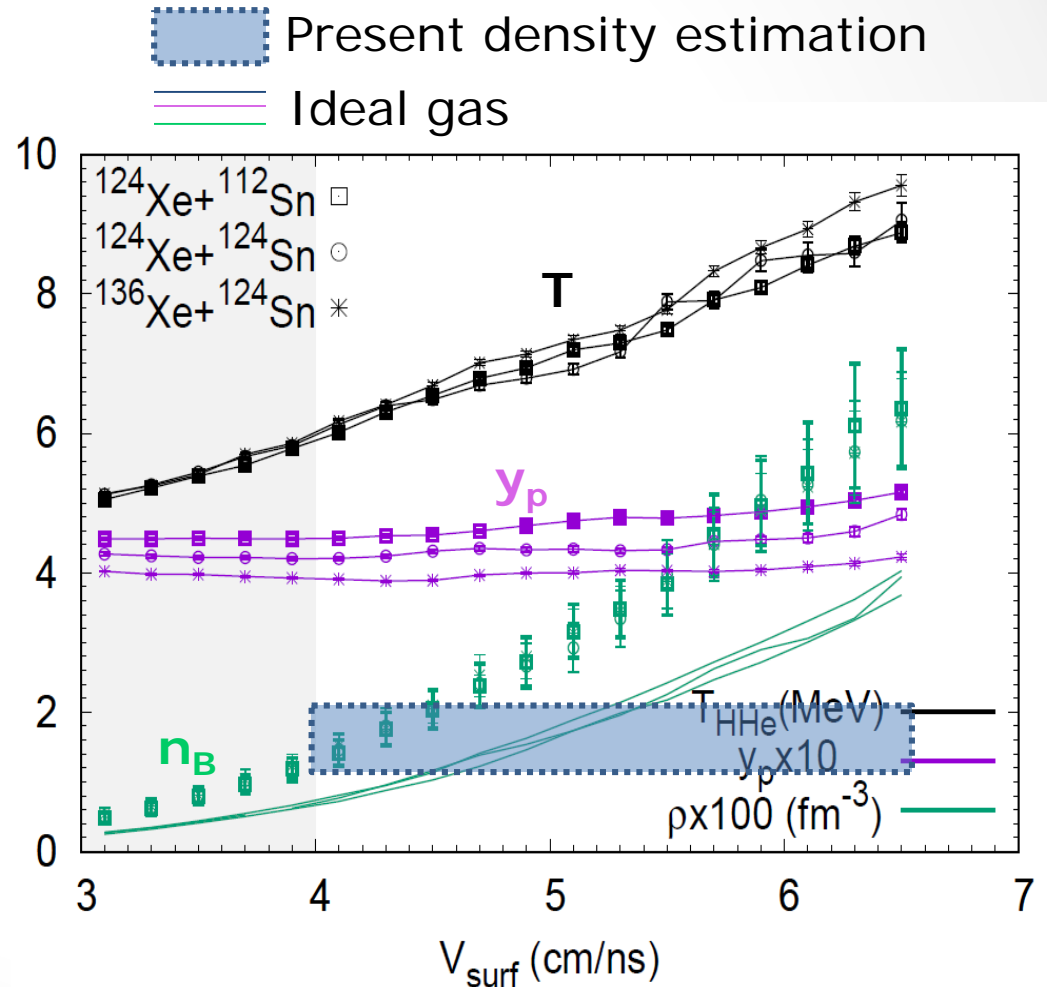
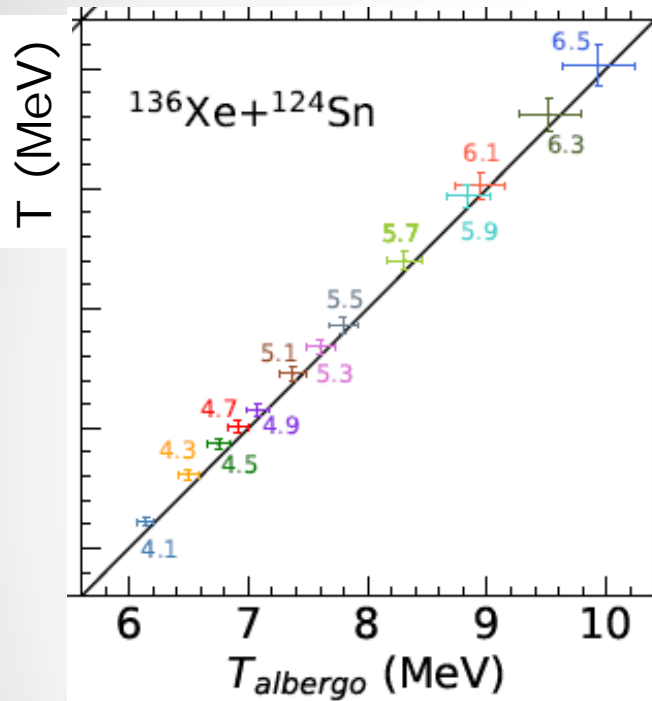
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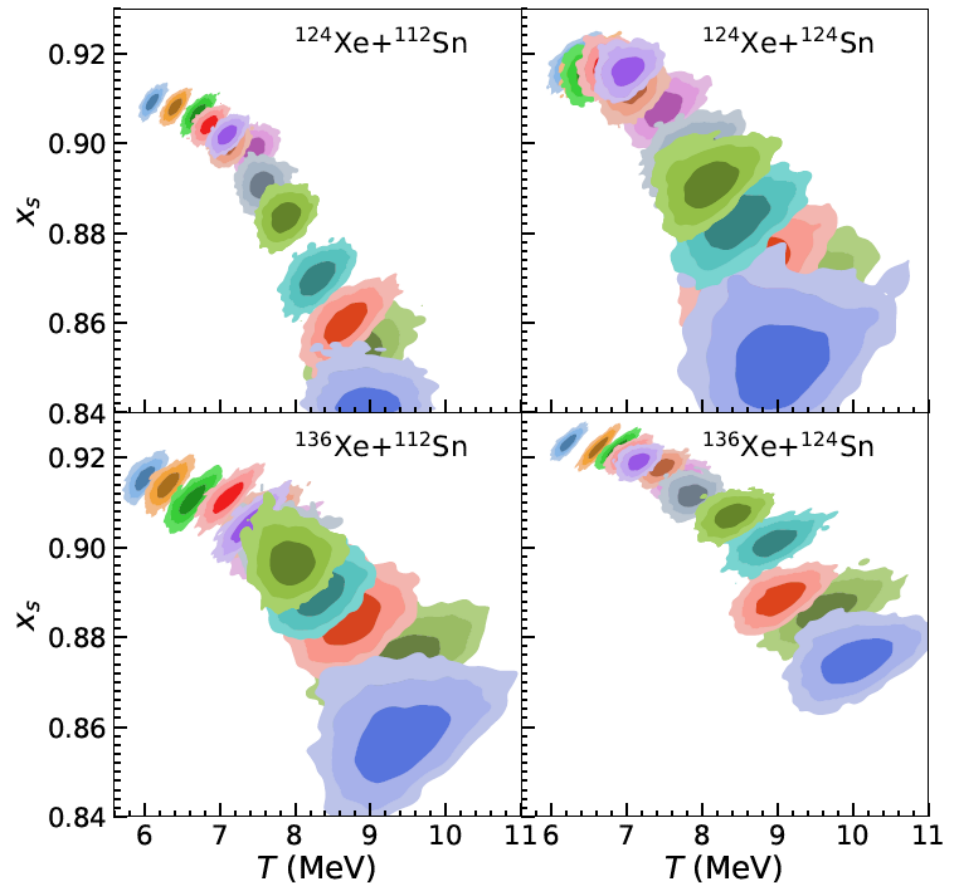


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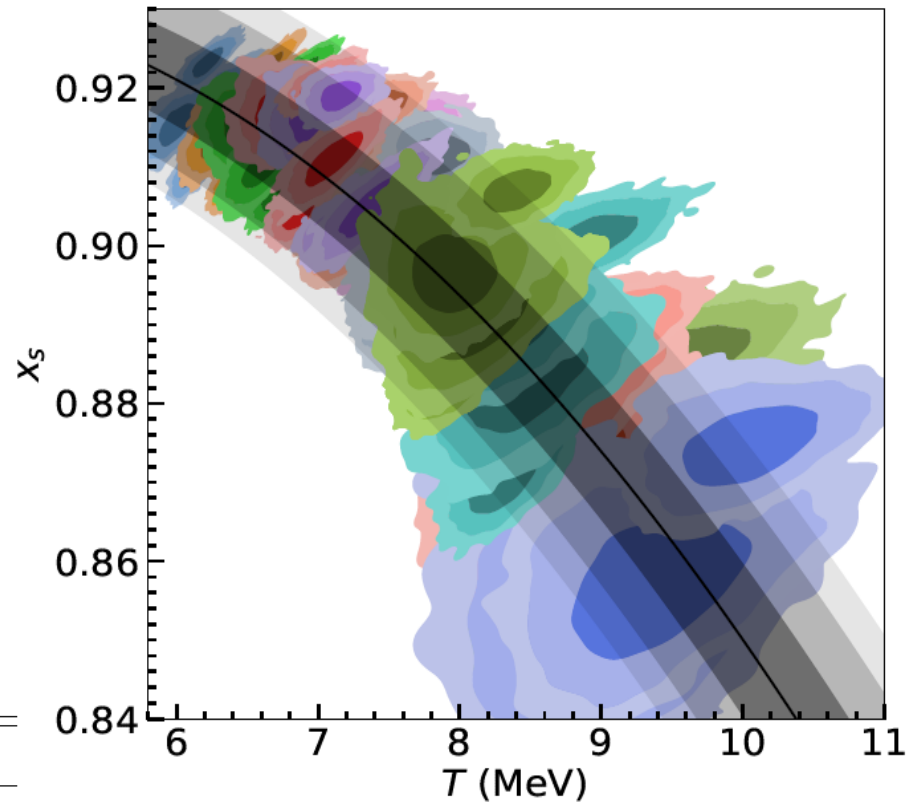
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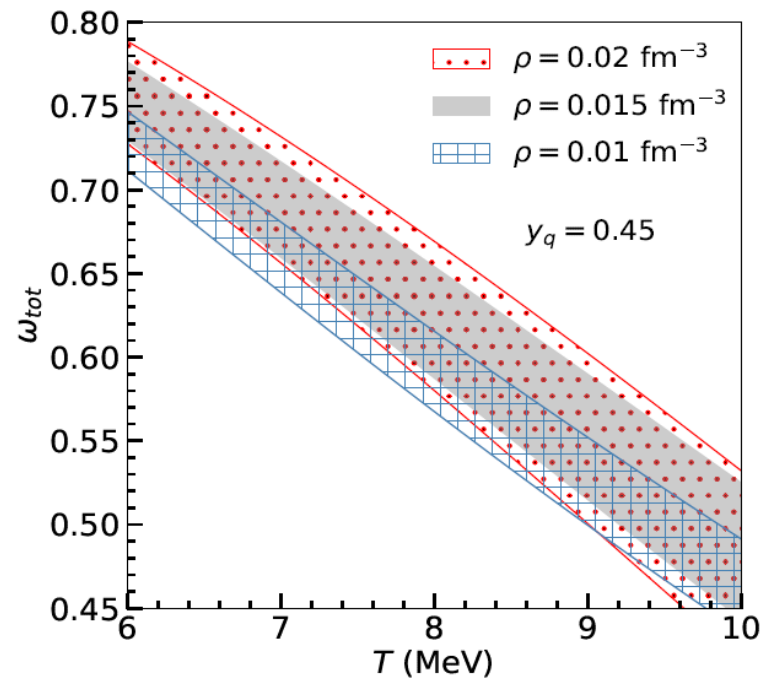
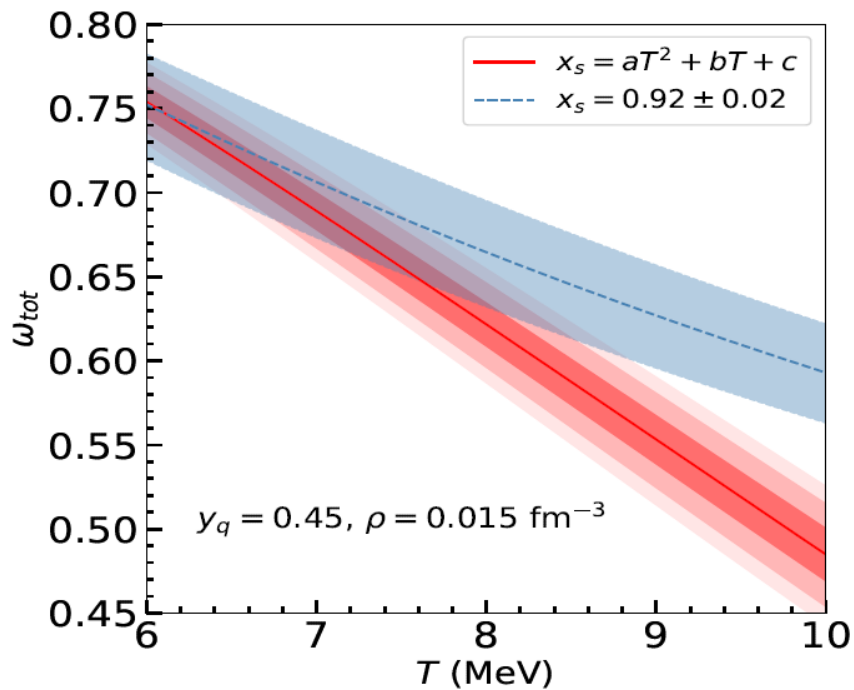
Posteriors for the coupling modification $x_s(n_B, T)$

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- Quadratic fit (*Python Imfit*)
 $x_s = aT^2 + bT + c$
- Hyp: the n_B dependence can be neglected in the probed n_B range



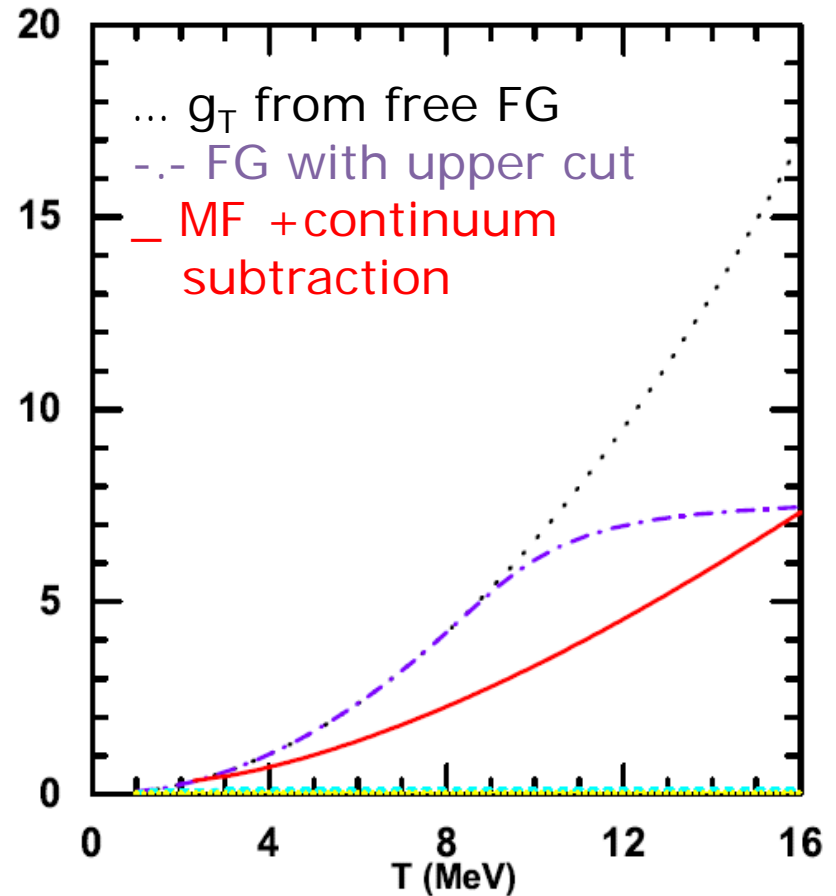
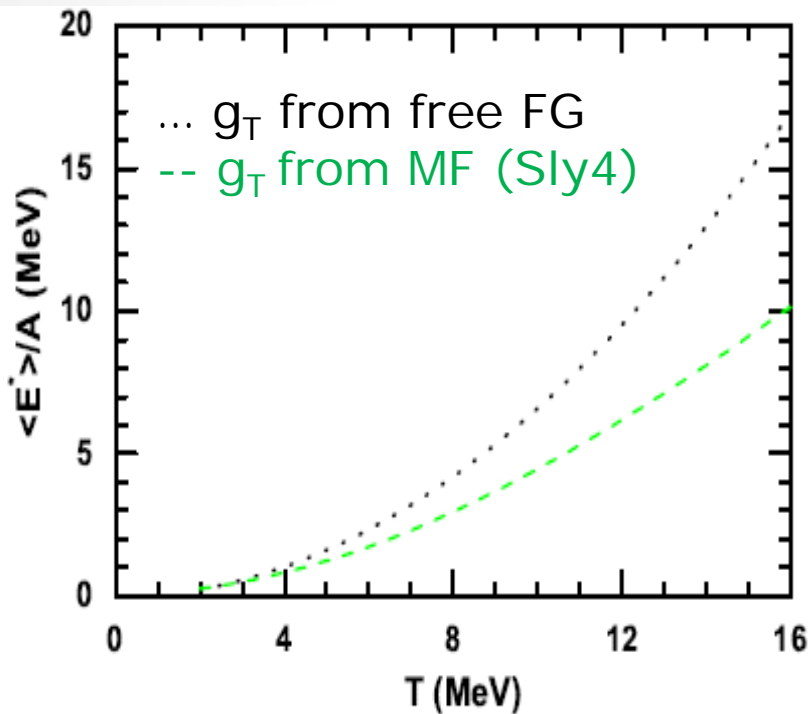
Parameter	Unit	Median	1σ	2σ
a	MeV^{-2}	-0.00203	± 0.00003	± 0.00006
b	MeV^{-1}	0.01477	± 0.00047	± 0.00093
c		0.90560	± 0.0018	± 0.00355

Predictions for general purpose EoS

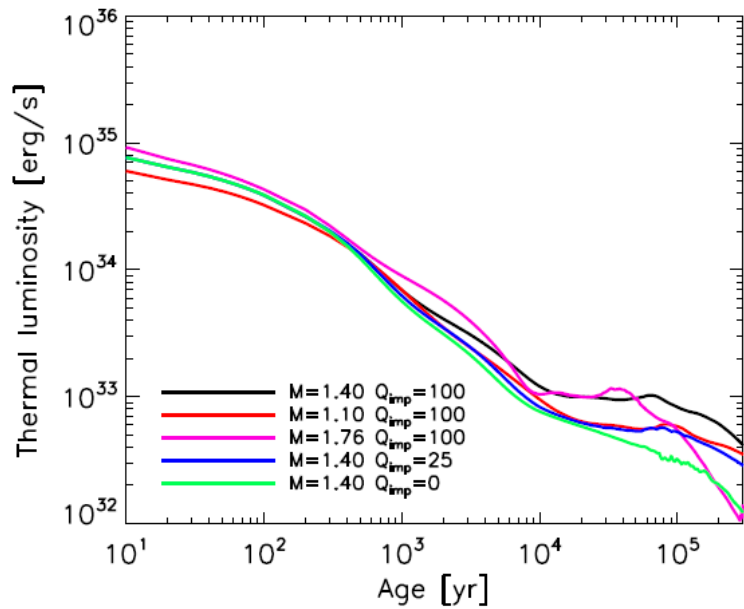
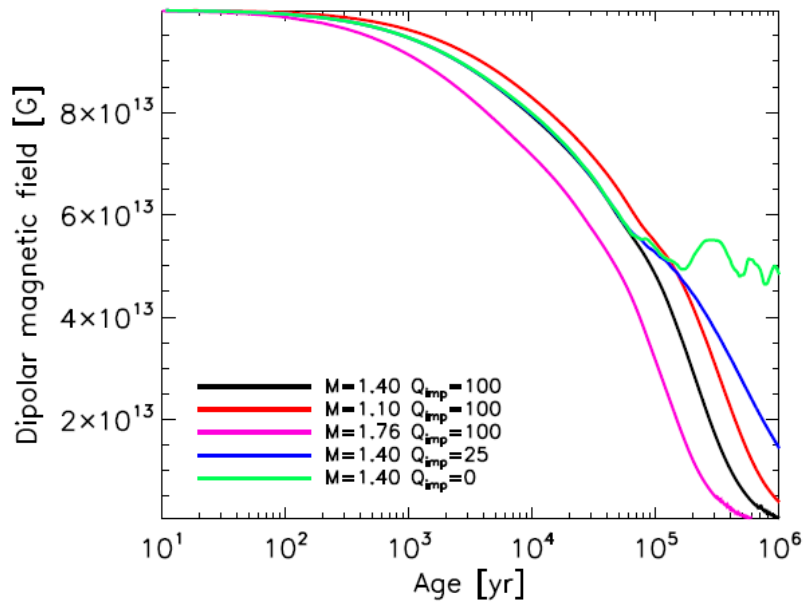


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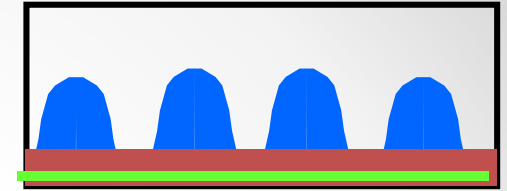
Effect of the microscopic entropy and continuum subtraction



S.Mallik, FG, PRC 2021



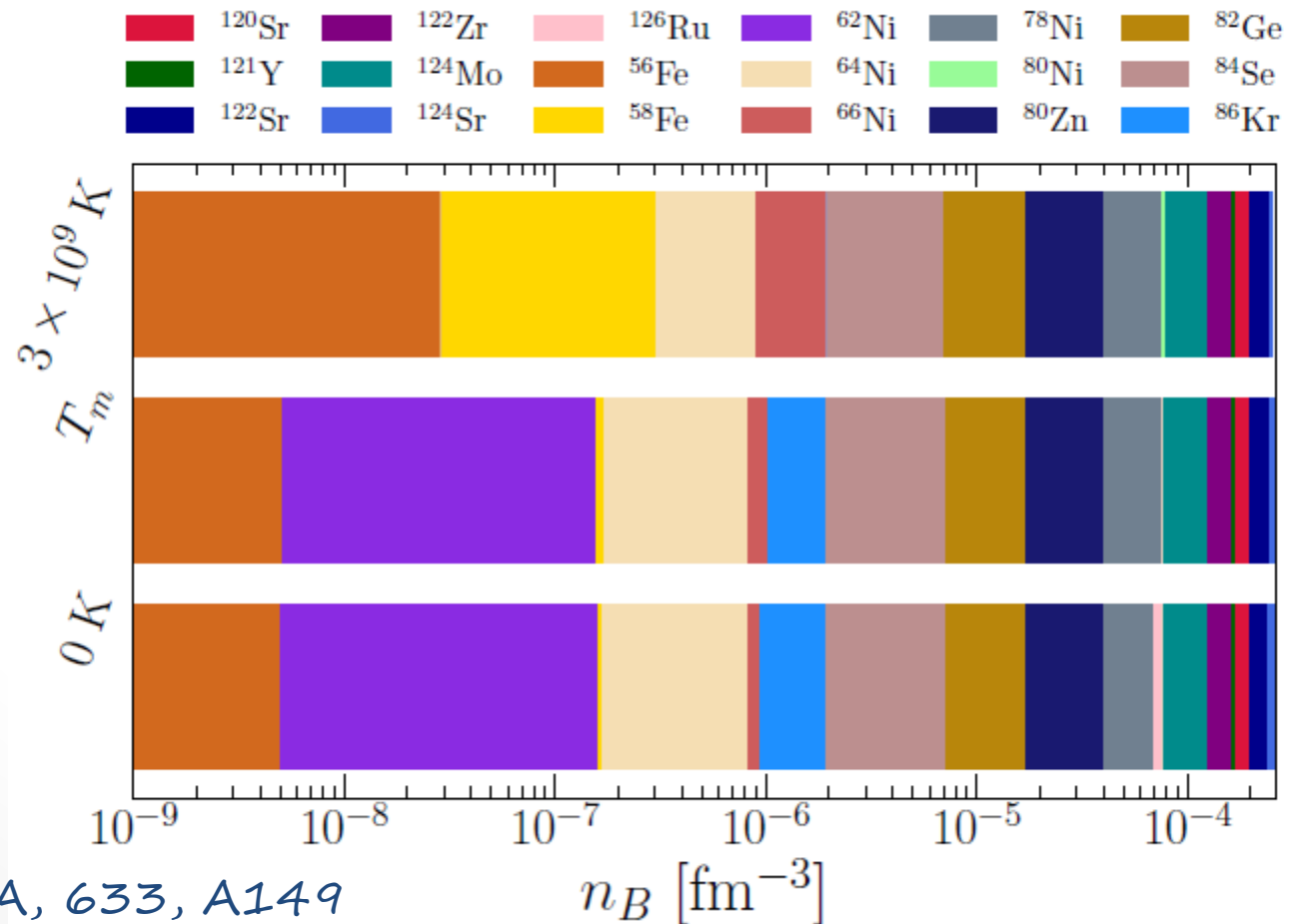
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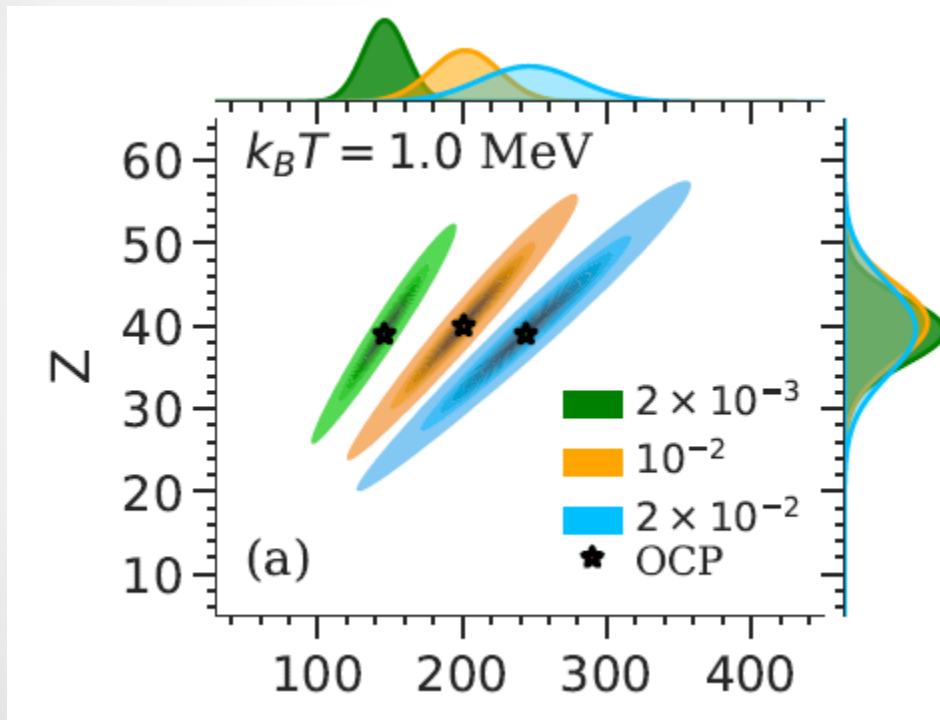
$$\mathcal{F}^{OCP}(A, Z, \rho_{gq}) = \cancel{\mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq})} + \frac{F_{AZ}}{V_{WS}} = \mathcal{F}_{WS}$$

- Below drip: F_{AZ} is just the HFB free energy

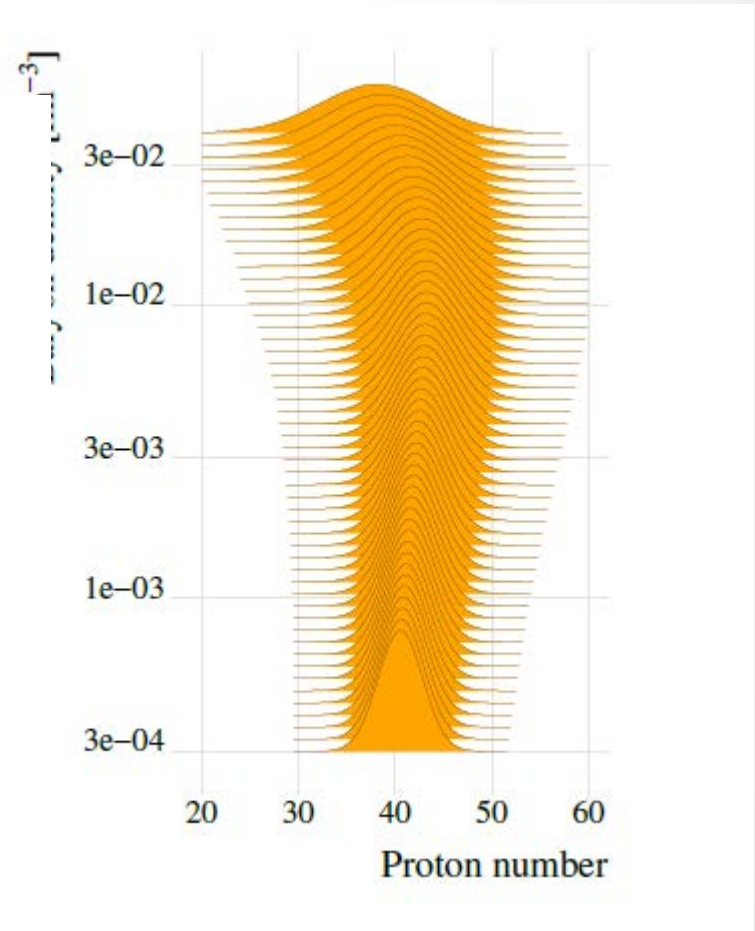
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Nuclear distribution in the inner crust

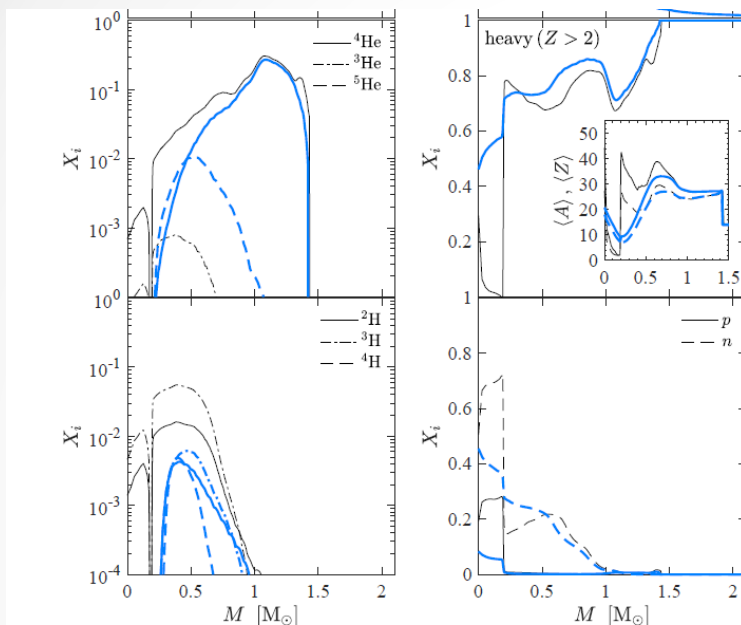


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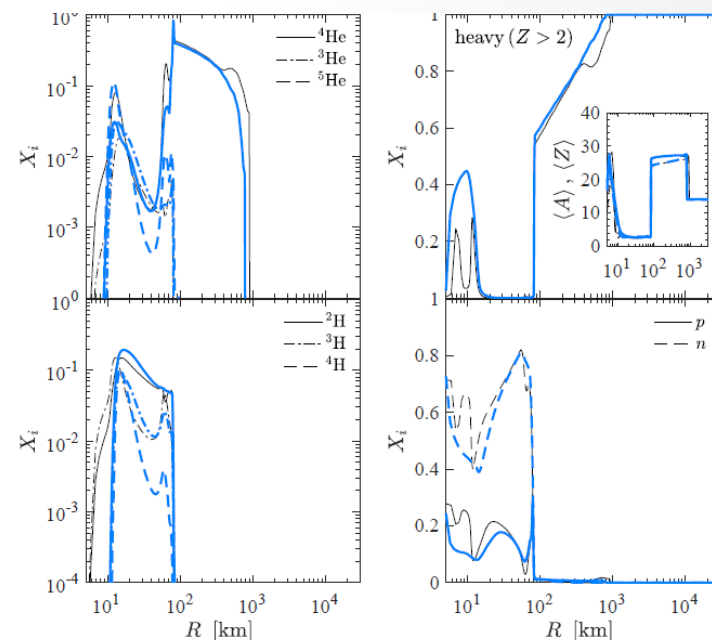


Carreau 2020, A&A, 640, A77

SN dynamics and cluster in-medium effects

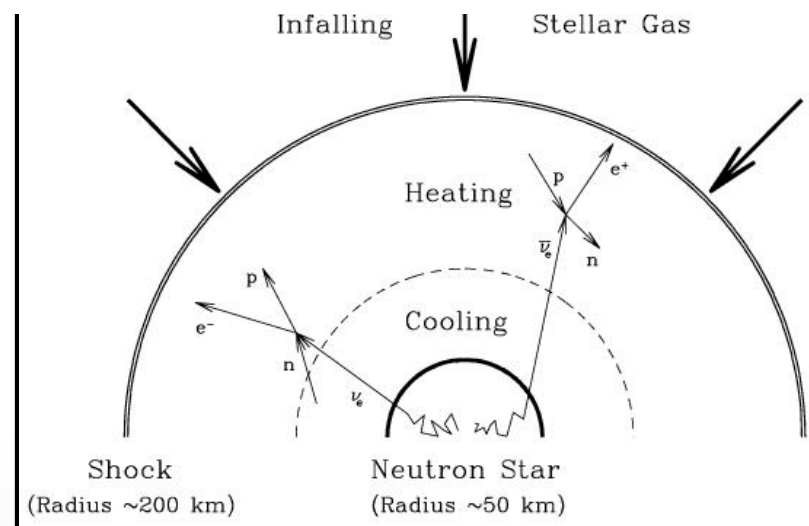


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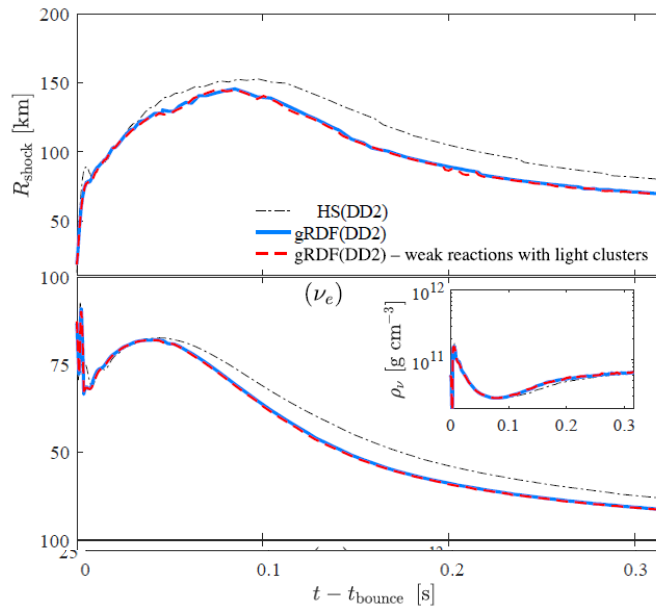


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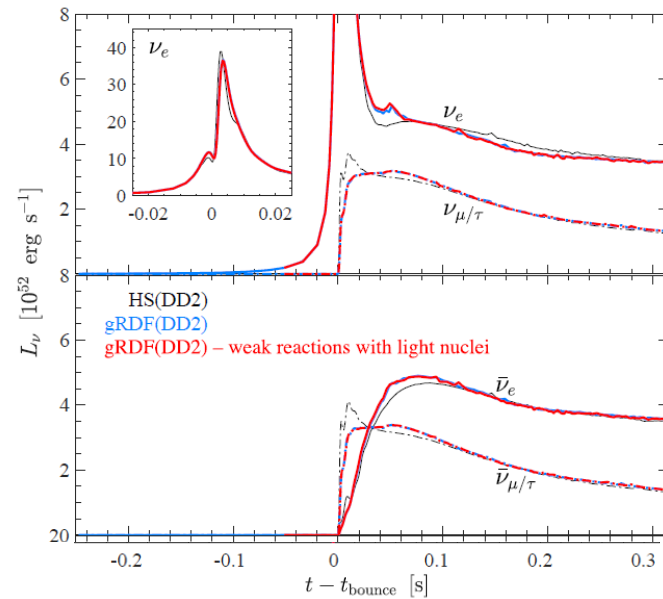
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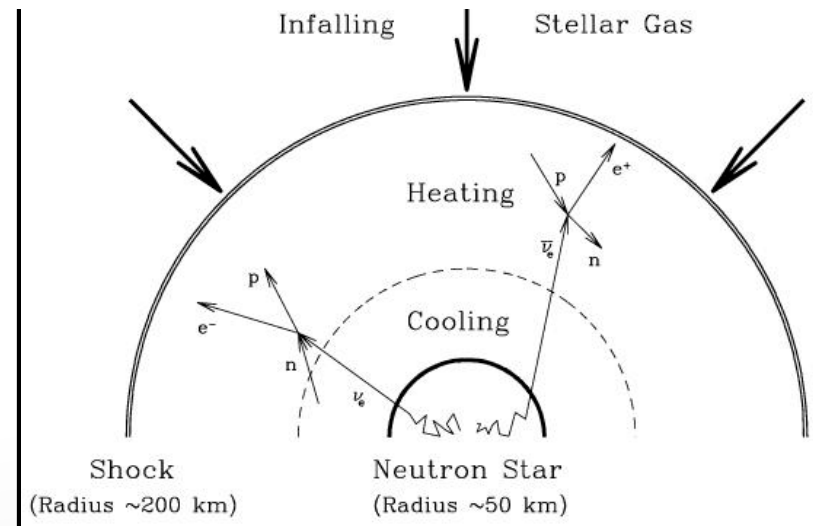


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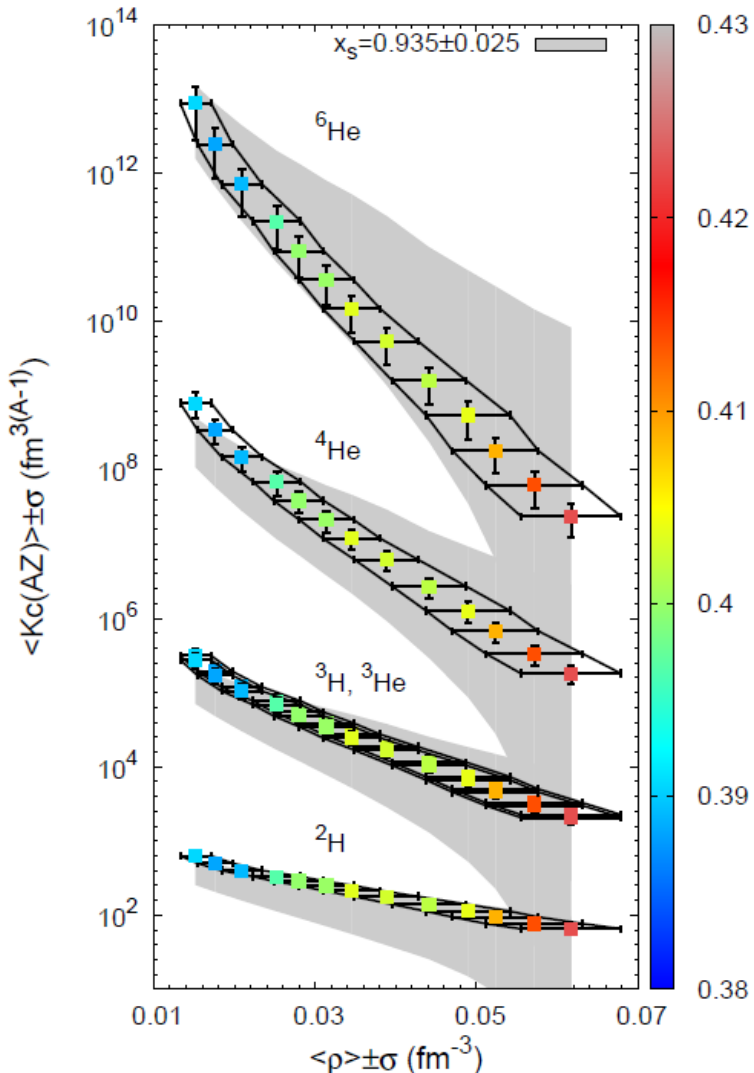


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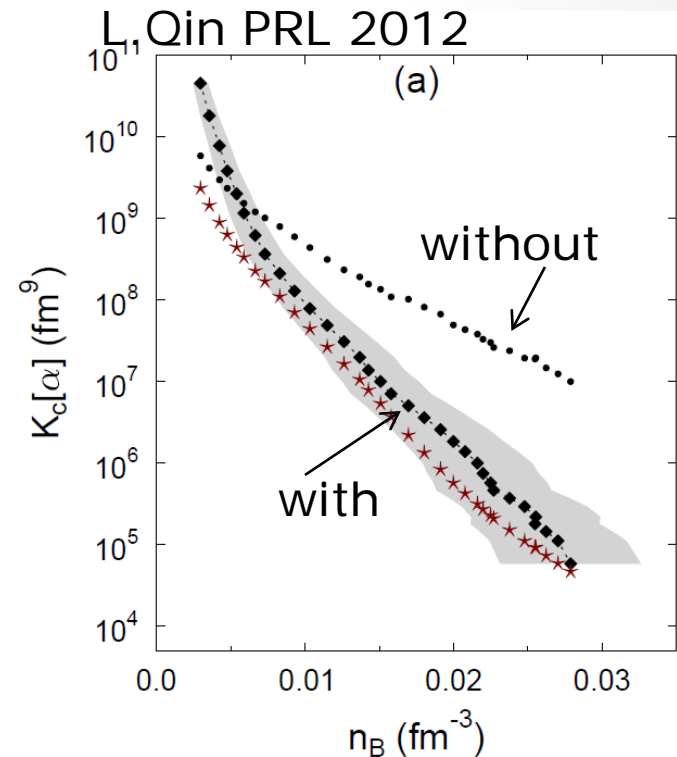
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Chemical constants from multi-fragmentation



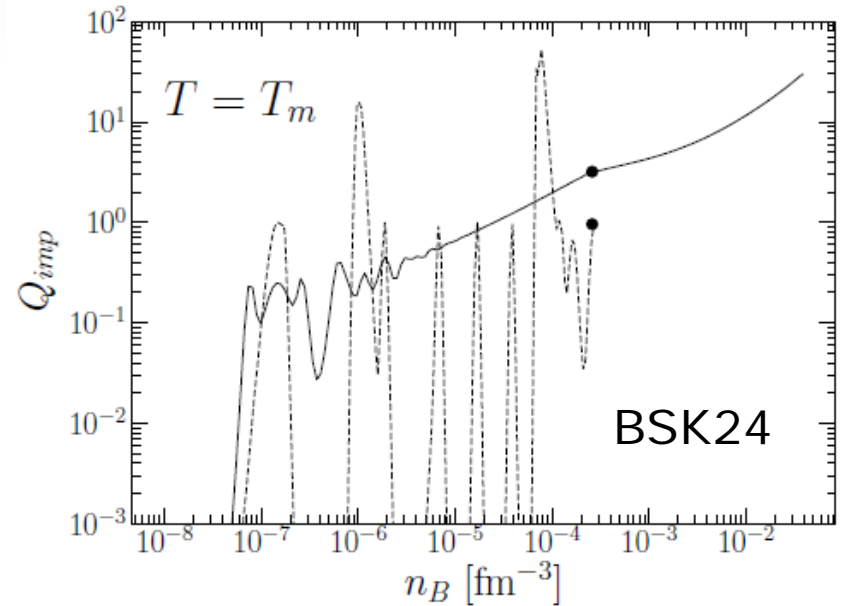
$$K_c(A, Z) = \frac{\rho_{pa}(A, Z)}{\rho_{pa}(1, 1)^Z \rho_{pa}(1, 0)^N}$$



R. Bougault & INDRA coll. JPG (2019)
 H. Pais & INDRA coll. PRL (2020)

Applications

- Impurity factor
=> extension to pasta to be done
- e-transport coefficients
=> To be calculated



T.Carreau, A.Fantina, FG submitted to A&A

$$\kappa = \frac{\pi k_F^3 T}{12 e^4 m_e^{*2} \Lambda_{ep}^\kappa},$$

$$\sigma = \frac{k_F^3}{4 \pi e^2 m_e^{*2} \Lambda_{ep}^\sigma},$$

$$\eta = \frac{k_F^5}{60 \pi e^4 m_e^{*2} \Lambda_{ep}^\eta},$$

$$\Lambda_{ep}^{\kappa,\sigma}(A, Z, d) = \int_{q_0}^{2k_F} dq q^3 u^2(q) S_q(A, Z, d) \left(1 - \frac{q^2}{4m_e^{*2}}\right)$$

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$$\Lambda_{ep}^{\kappa,\sigma,\eta} = \sum_{A,Z,d} p_{AZ,d} \Lambda_{ep}^{\kappa,\sigma,\eta}(A, Z, d)$$

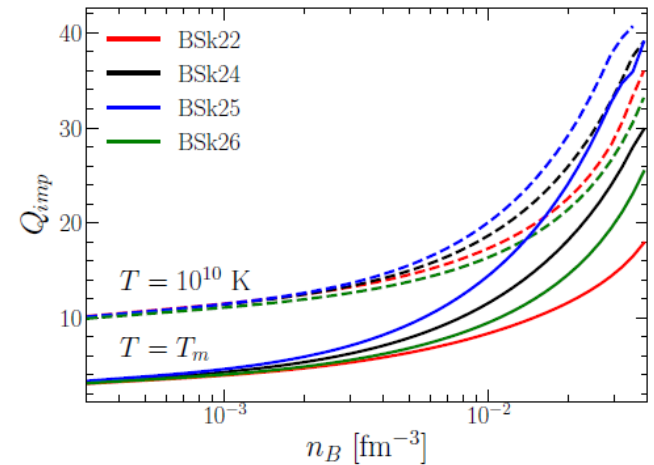
Potekhin, et al. (1999), A&A, 346, 34

Chugunov & Yakovlev (2005) ARep, 49, 724

Phenomena

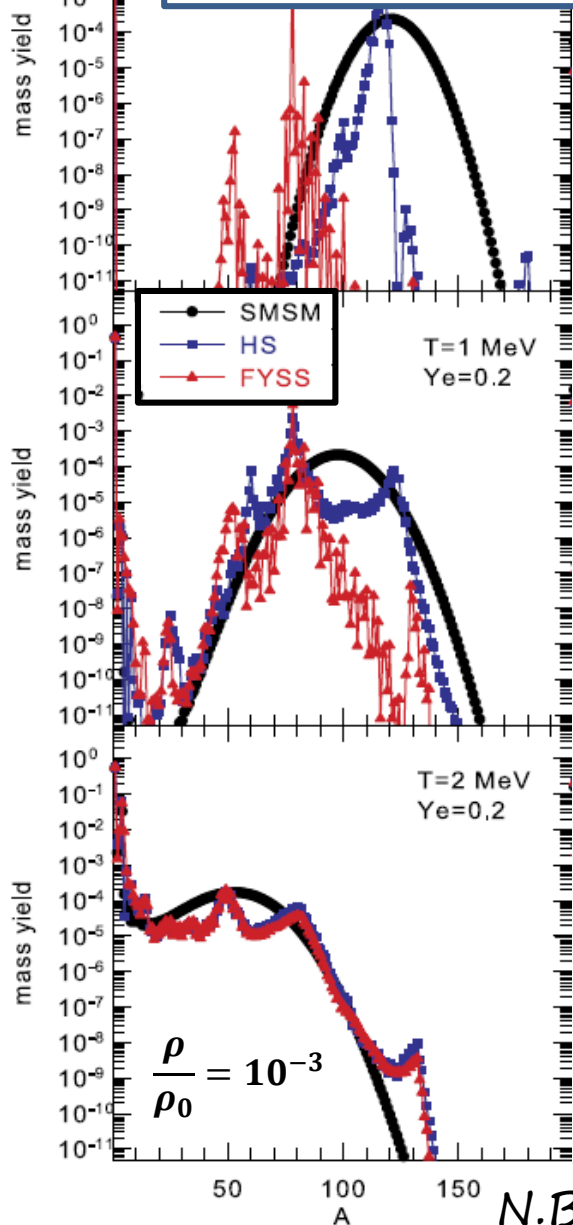
- NS oscillations
- PNS cooling (SN1987a ??)
- Mergers ???

Strategy

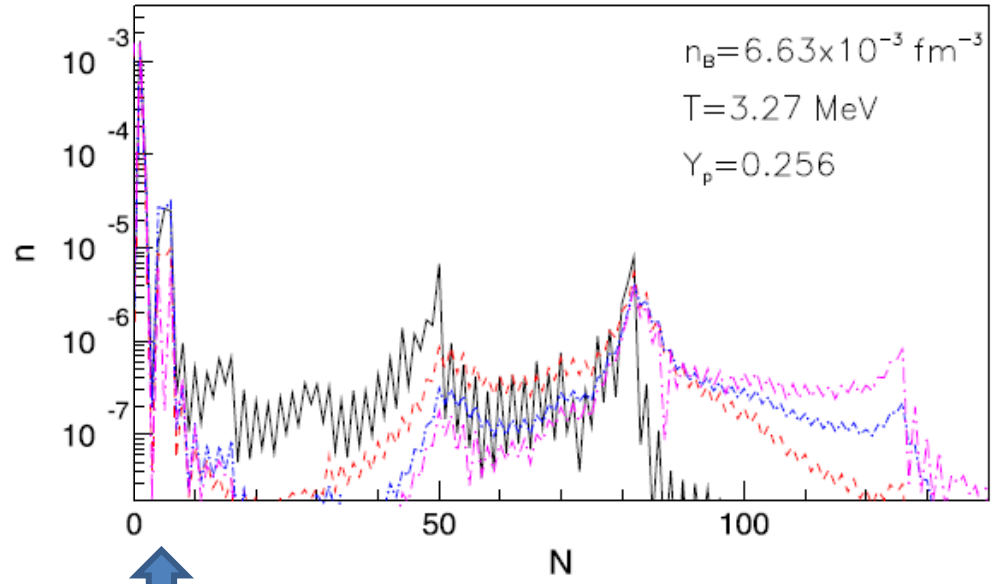


- What exactly do we need to calculate?
- Which format (table, code..) ?
- Microscopic functional: calculate for BSK22-26 ?
- Meta-modelling: Tews functionals? Most probable posterior EoS only?

$$n(A, Z) = g_T(A, Z) \left(\frac{M_{A,Z} T}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[\frac{(A - Z) \mu_n + Z \mu_p - M(A, Z) + \delta E}{T} \right]$$



A.Raduta, FG NPA 983(2019)252



Different level densities (g_T)

Different models ($M, \mu(\rho), \delta E, g_T$)

N.Buyukcizmeci et al NPA 907(2013)13

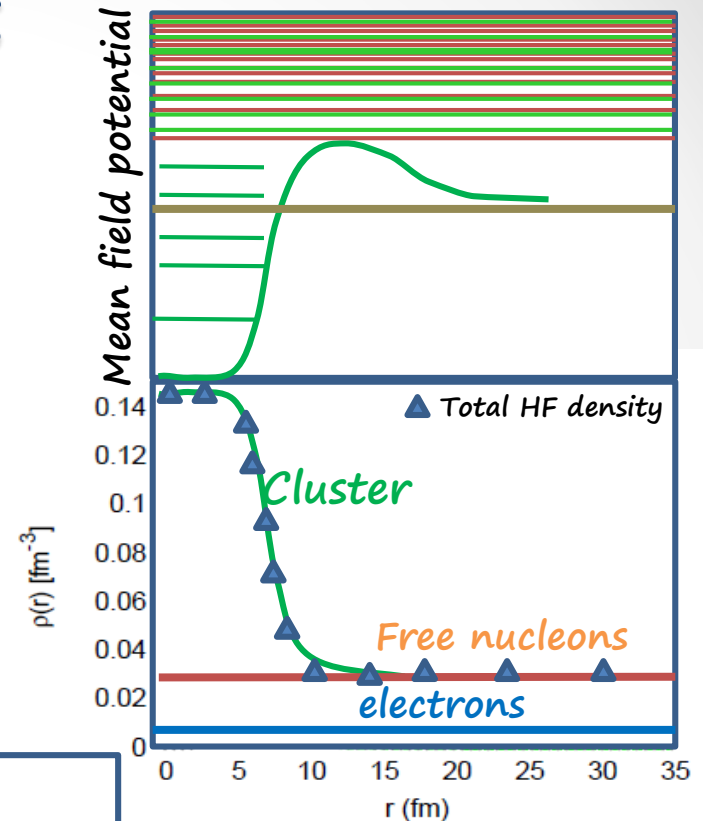
$T > 0$: continuum states

- Double counting of continuum states if we switch to cluster DoF
- Easy subtraction in the GC ensemble

$$Z_{\beta\mu_n\mu_p} = \prod_{i,q} (1 + \exp(\alpha_q - \beta e_i^q))$$

$$\Omega_N = \Omega_{N_g} - \Omega_g \quad \Omega_N = -T \ln \mathcal{Z}_{\beta\mu_n\mu_p}^{(N)}$$

Tubbs&Koonin, ApJ 232 (1979) L59
 Bonche,Levit,Vautherin NPA427(1984)278



$$F_N(A, I, \rho_g, y_g) =$$

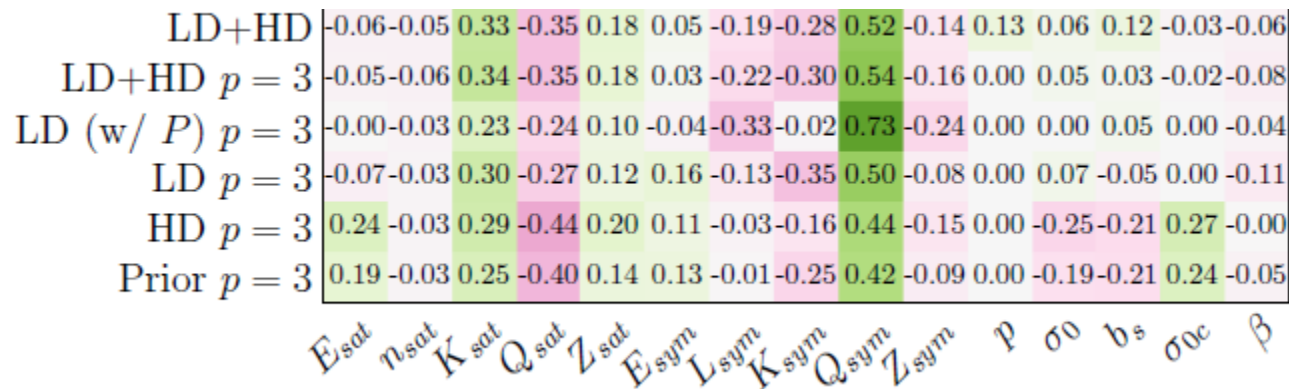
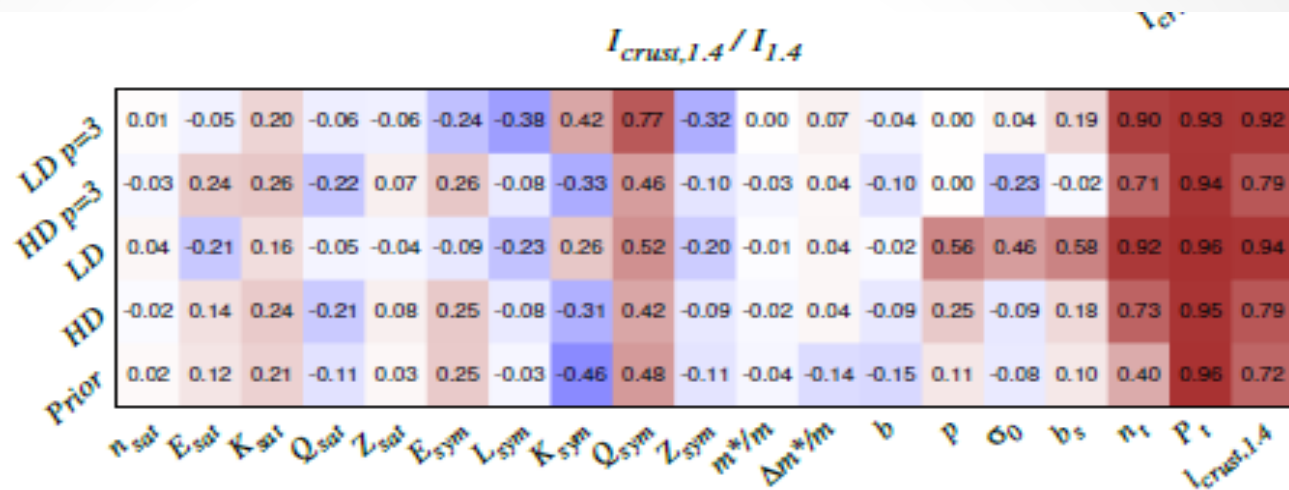
$$= -TV_N \ln \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_{\beta, \mu_n, \mu_p}^{mf, N} + \mu_n N_n + \mu_p N_p + E_{coul} + E_{surf}(A, I)$$

$$= V_N \left[v(n_c, \delta_c) - v(n_g, \delta_g) - \sum_q (U_{c,q} n_{c,q} - U_{g,q} n_{g,q}) \right]$$

$$- \sum_{q=n,p} \left[\frac{2V_N}{3} \left\{ \xi_{c,q} - \xi_{g,q} \right\} - \mu_q N_q \right]; + E_{coul} + E_{surf}(A, I)$$

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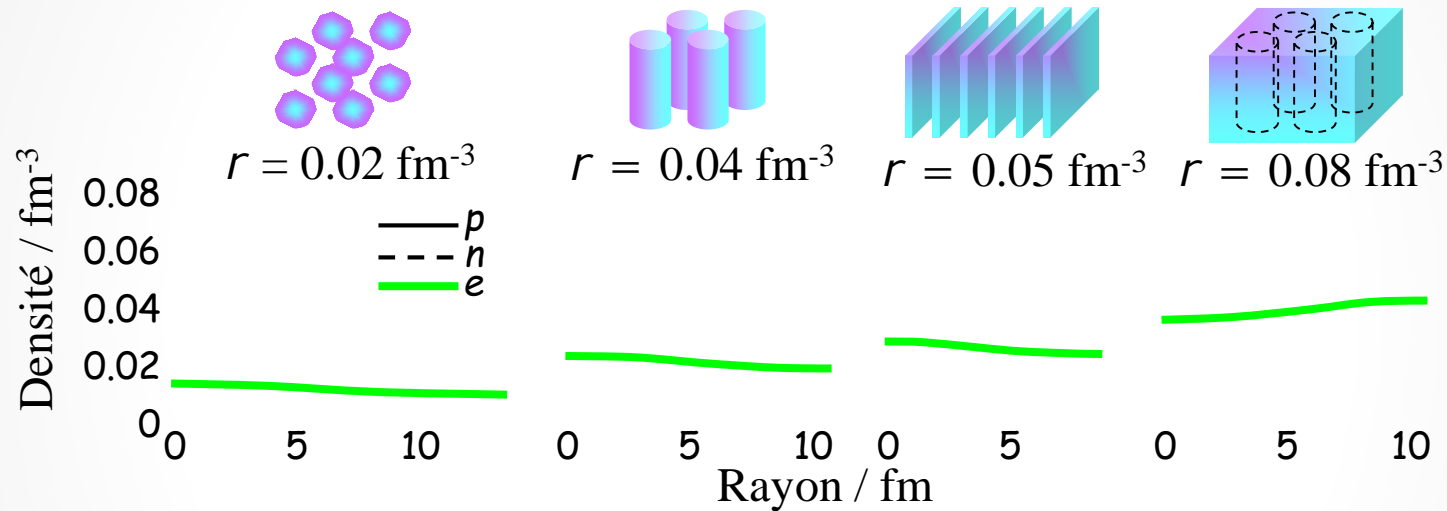
Surface tension and correlations with NM properties



The ambiguity is under control if we make a UNIFIED modelling

T.Carreau, PRC 2020 +
Thomas Carreau, PhD thesis

Geometry fluctuations

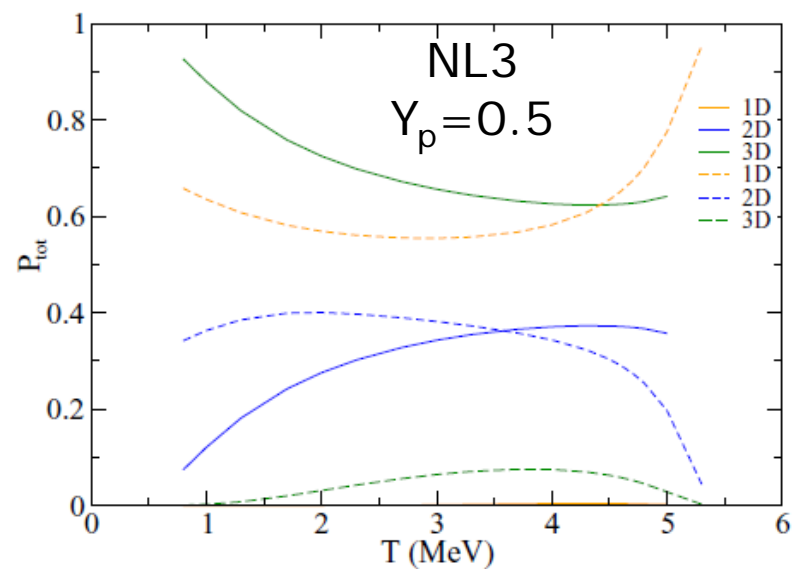
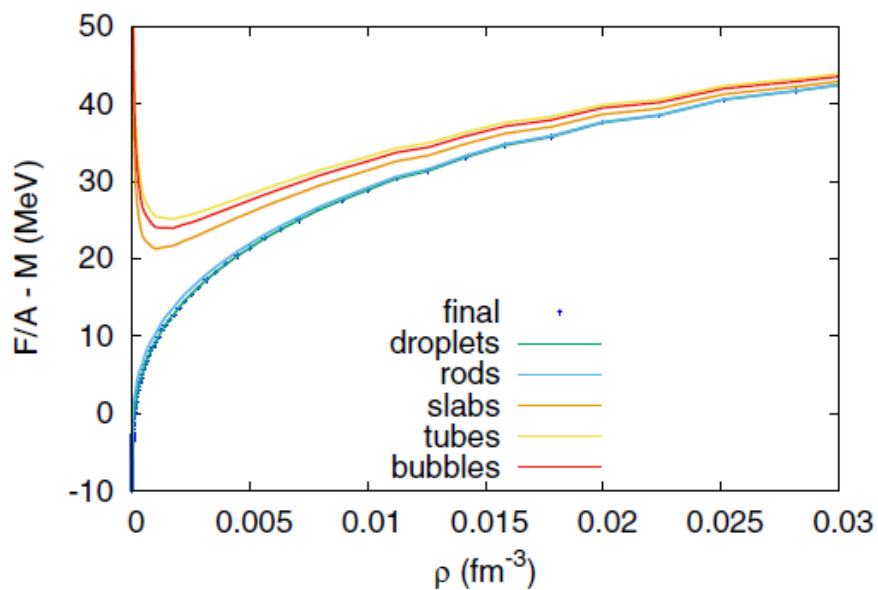
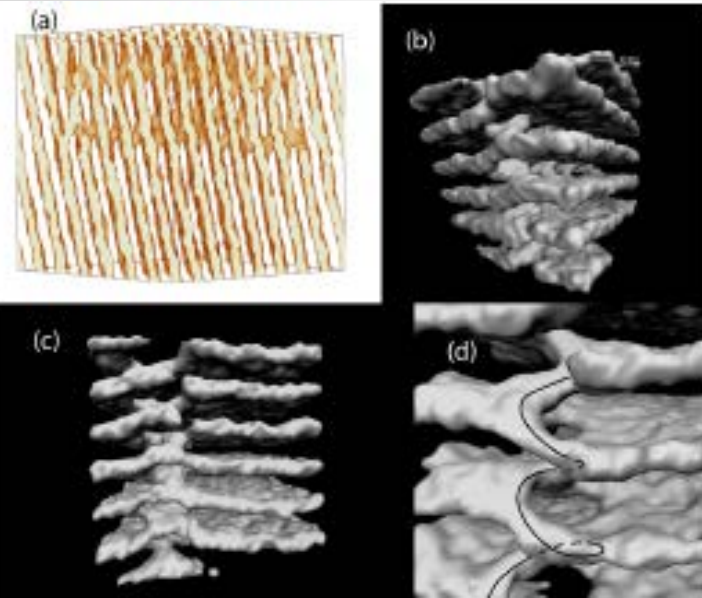


- $d\mathcal{F}_{MCP}(\{n_{AZ,d}\}) = 0$ leads to:

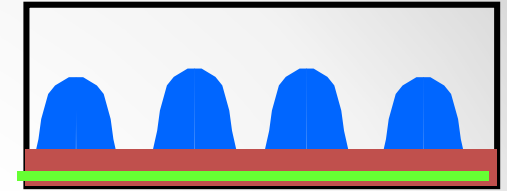
$$p_{AZ,d} \propto \exp\beta[N\mu_n + Z\mu_p - F_{i,d} + R_{AZ,d}(n_e)]$$

Geometry fluctuations

Solid: $\rho_B = 0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3}$
 Dashed: $\rho_B = 0.03 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

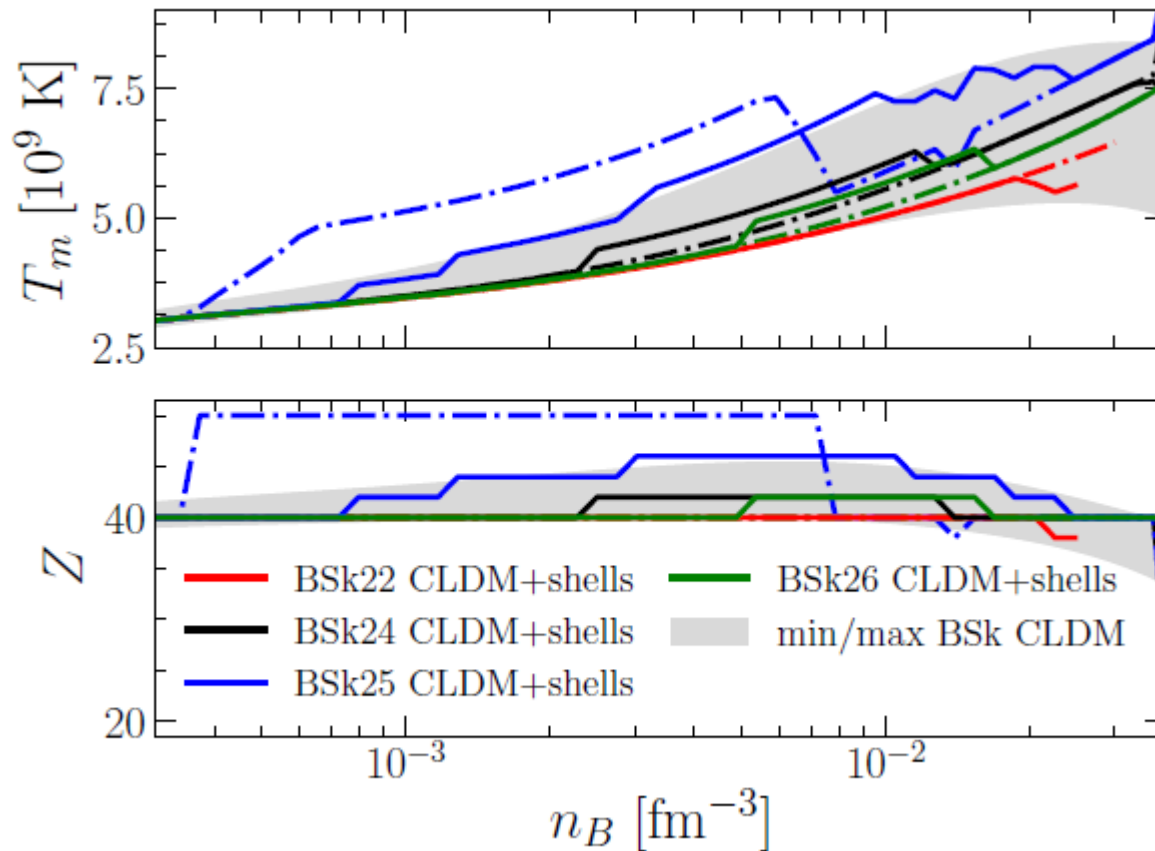


OCP with cluster DoF



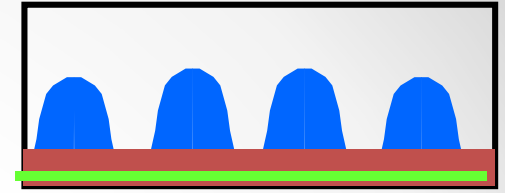
$$\mathcal{F}^{OCP}(A, Z, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_{gq}) + \frac{F_{AZ}}{V_{WS}} = \min$$

Carreau 2020, A&A, 635, A84



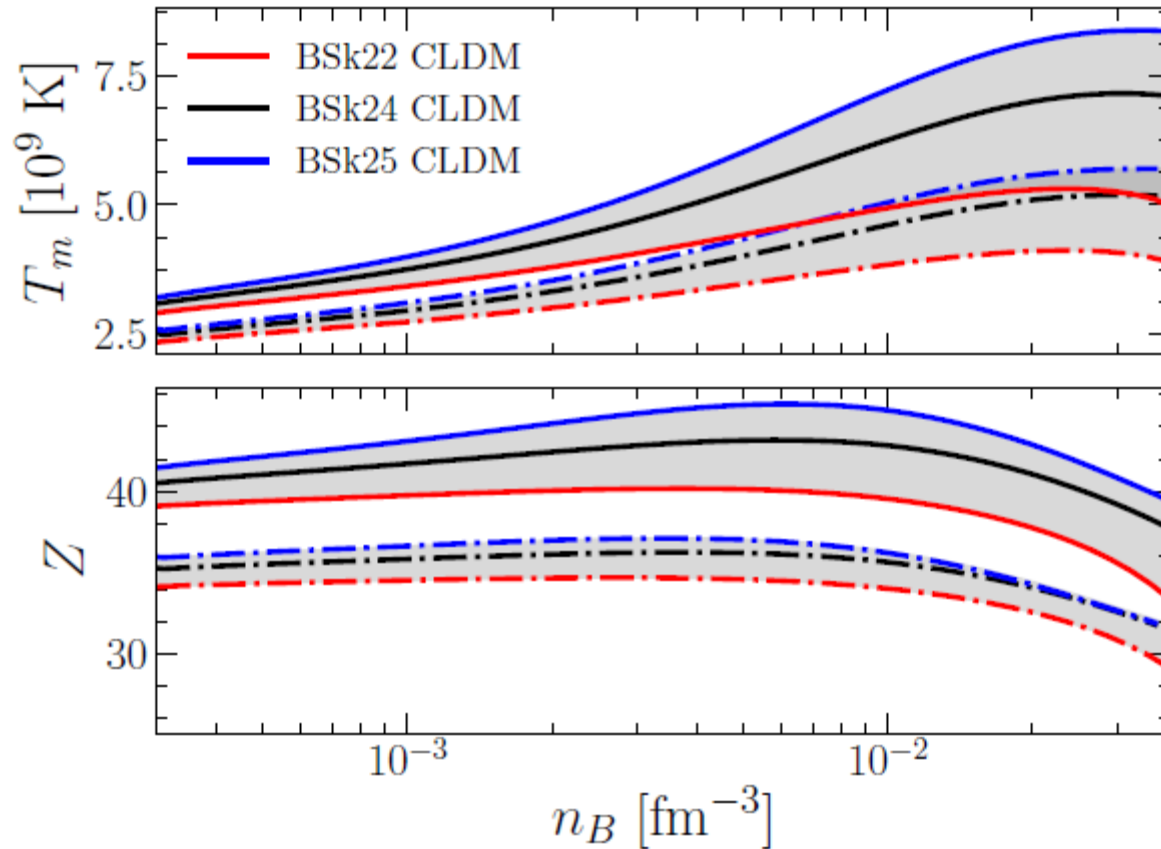
=> The uncertainty in the shell treatment is within the functional uncertainty.

OCP with cluster DoF



$$\mathcal{F}_{AZ}(A, Z, \rho_{gq}) = \mathcal{F}_{\mu}(\rho_{gq}) + \frac{F_i}{V_{AZ}} = \min$$

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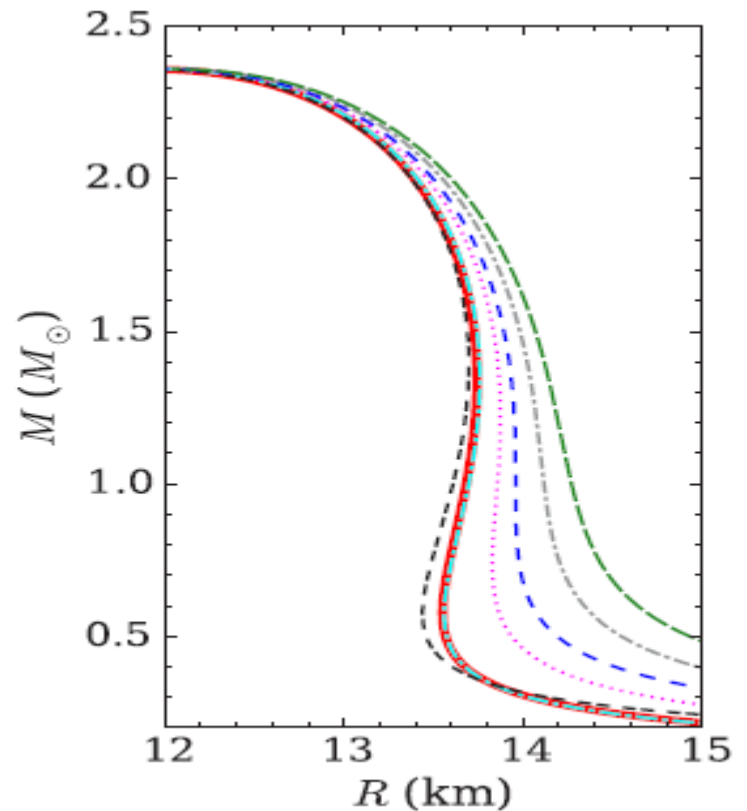
Mass fit on
BSK ETF

Mass fit on
exp.spherical
nuclei

=> Importance of a unified treatment

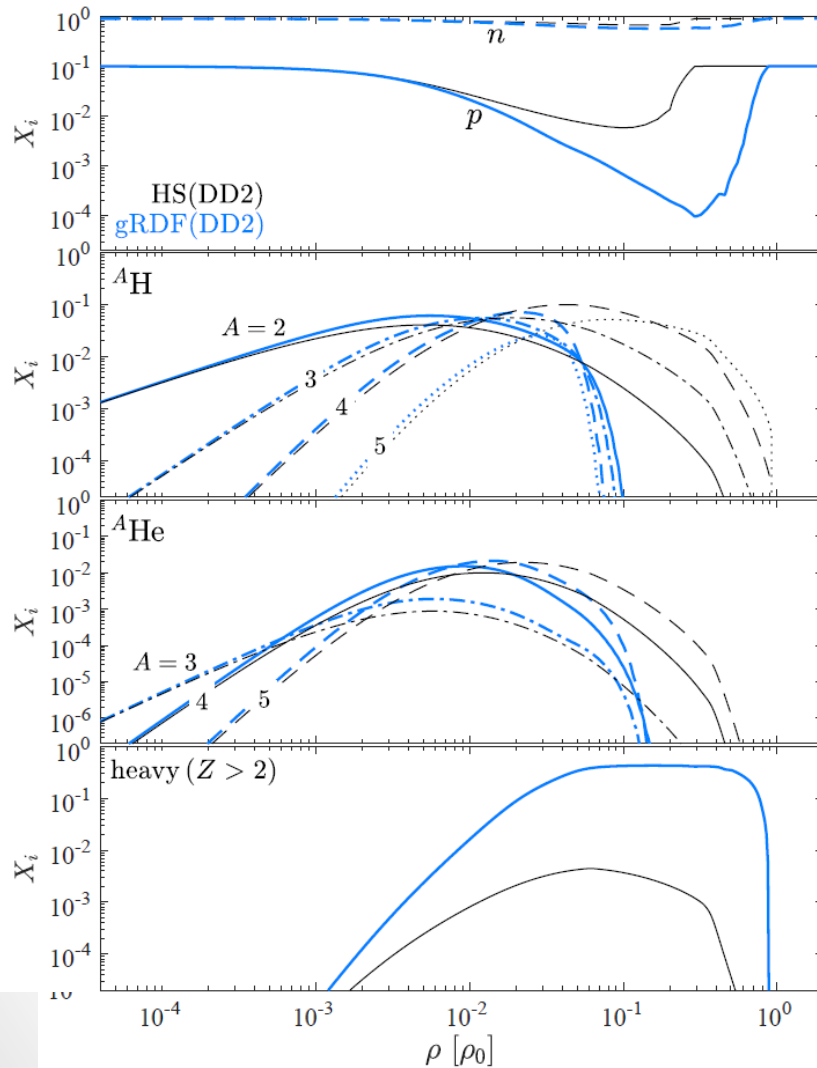
Plan

1. *Motivation: transport properties in compact stars*
2. *From a microscopic EDF to the finite temperature nuclear distribution: **unified** $T>0$ EoS for astrophysics*
3. *Results: melting temperature and impurity factor: the unexpected role of light nuclear clusters*



M.Fortin et al. PRC 94, 035804

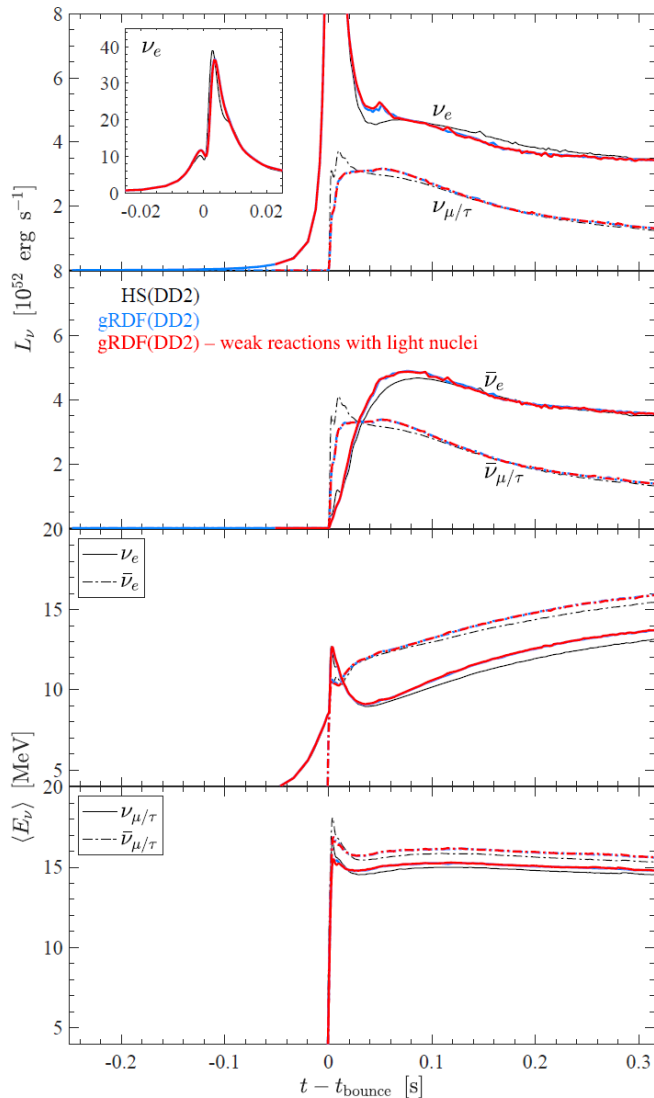
Clusters in-medium effects



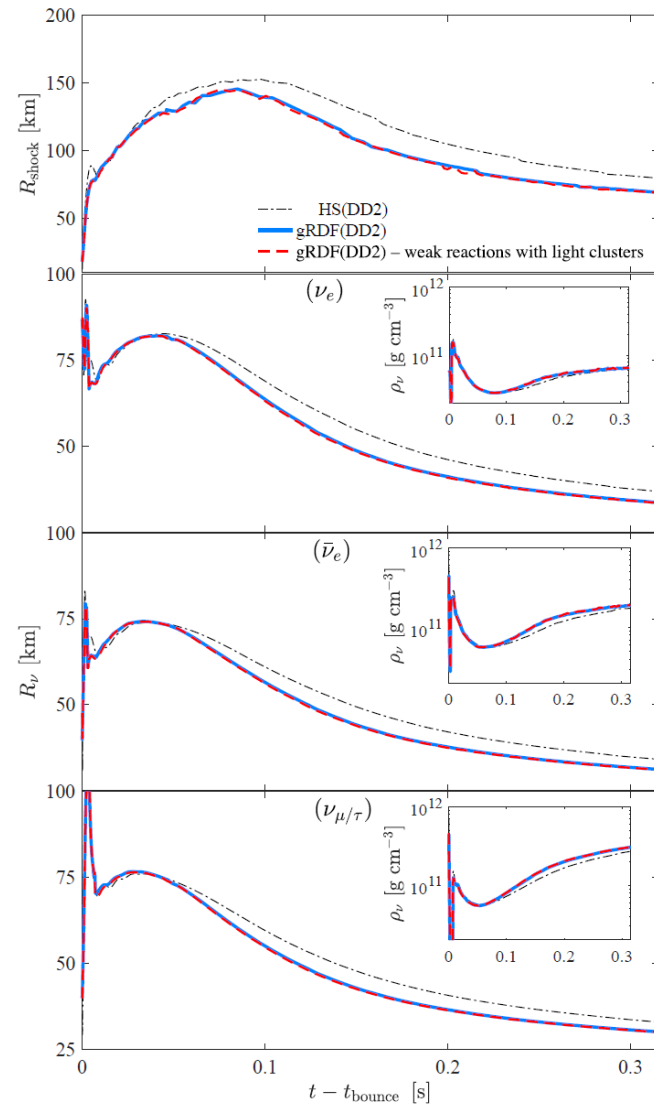
- the ETF approach is not very realistic for light clusters!
- Alternative approaches: in-medium modified meson couplings *H.Pais, FG PRC 97(2018)045805*; quasi-particle virial expansion *G.Roepke, PRC101 (2020) 064310*

T.Fischer et al PRC102(2020)

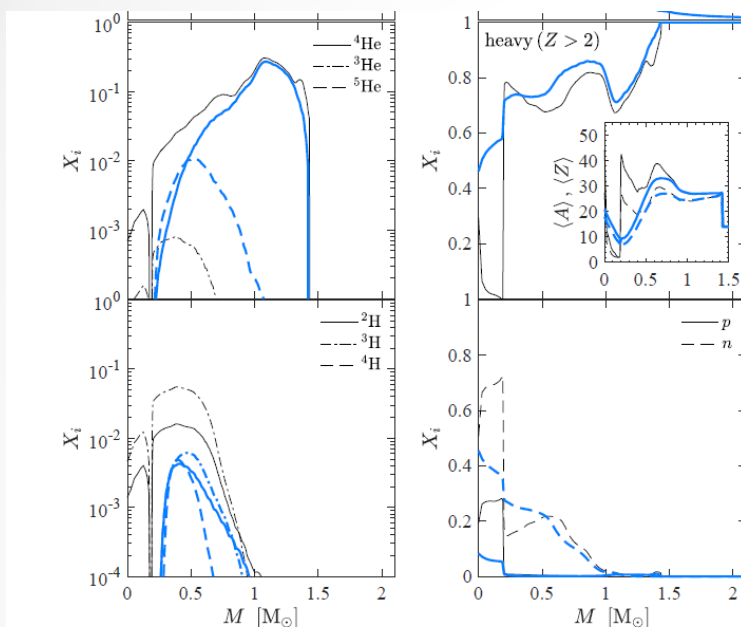
Effect on the CCSN dynamics



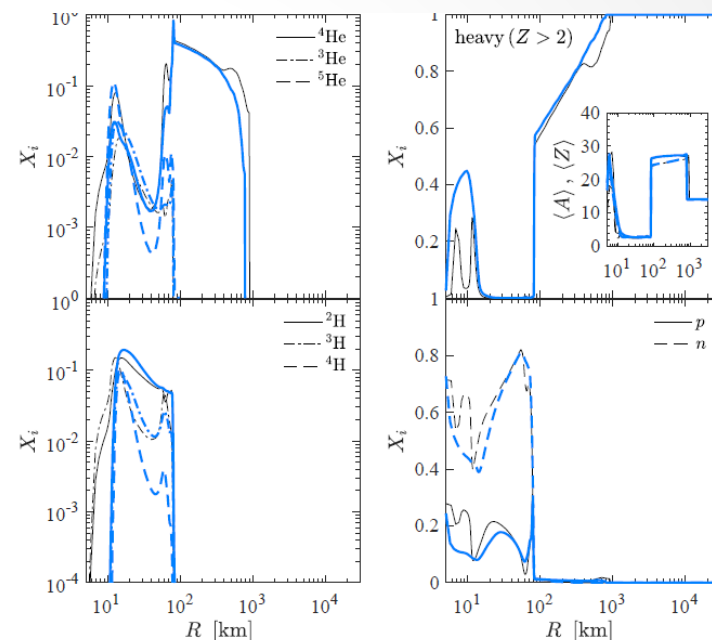
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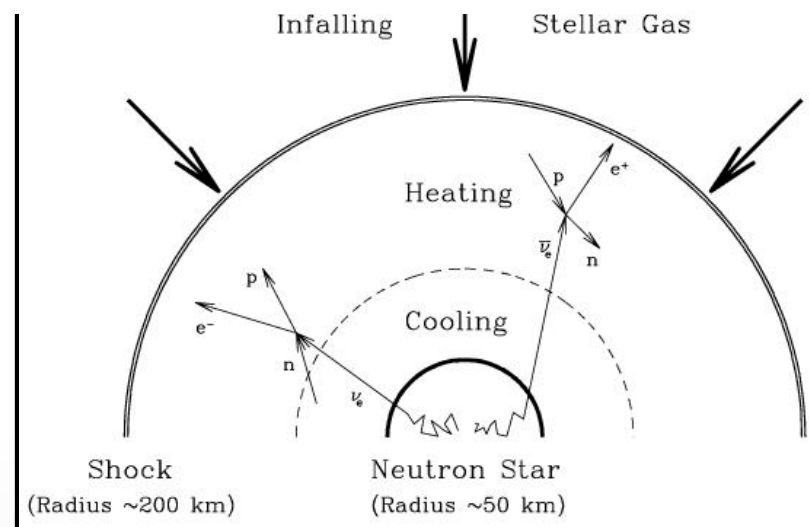


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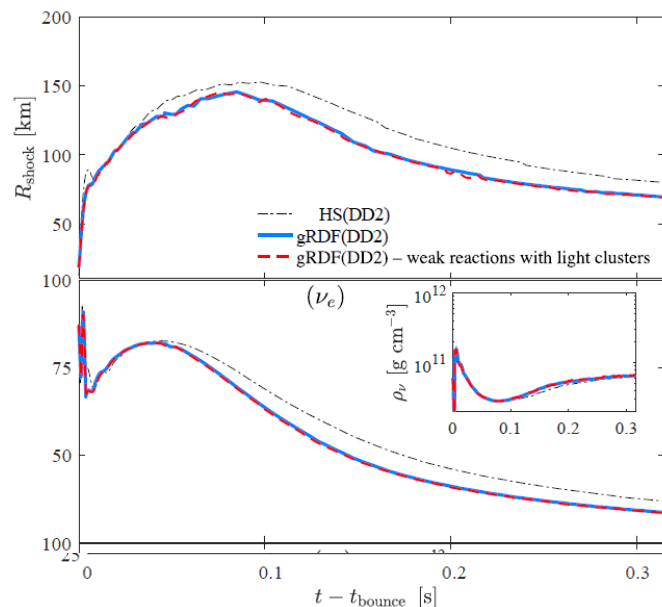


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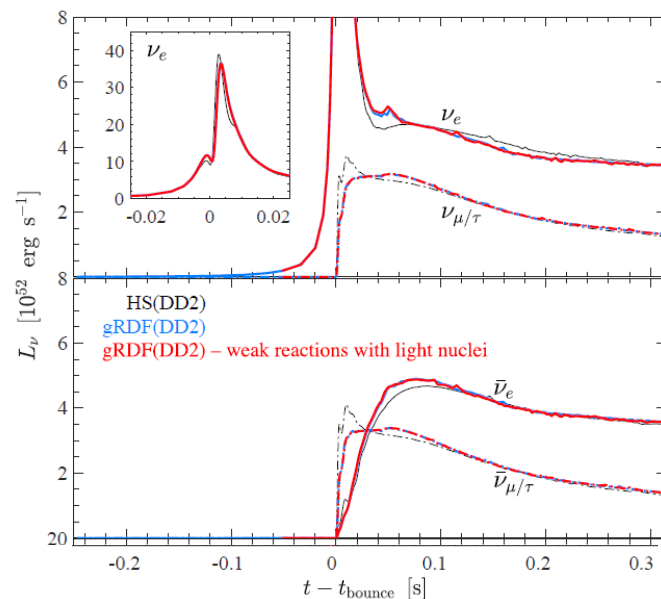
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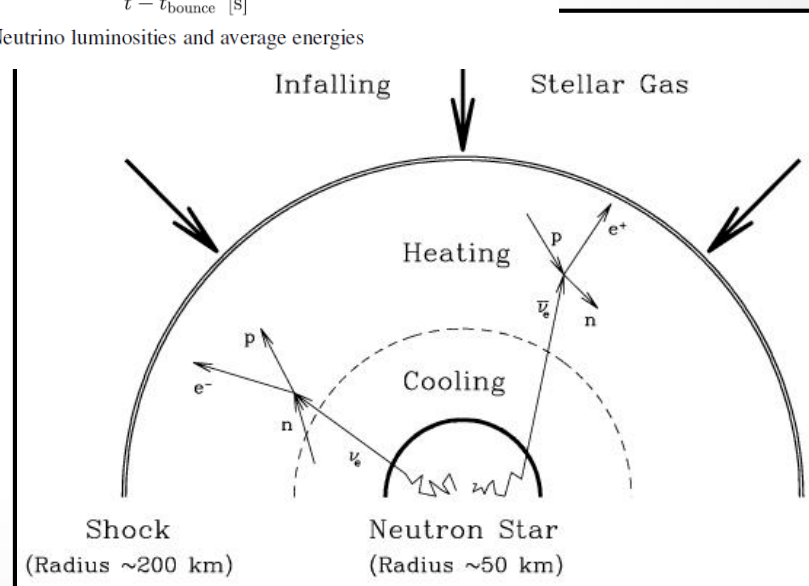


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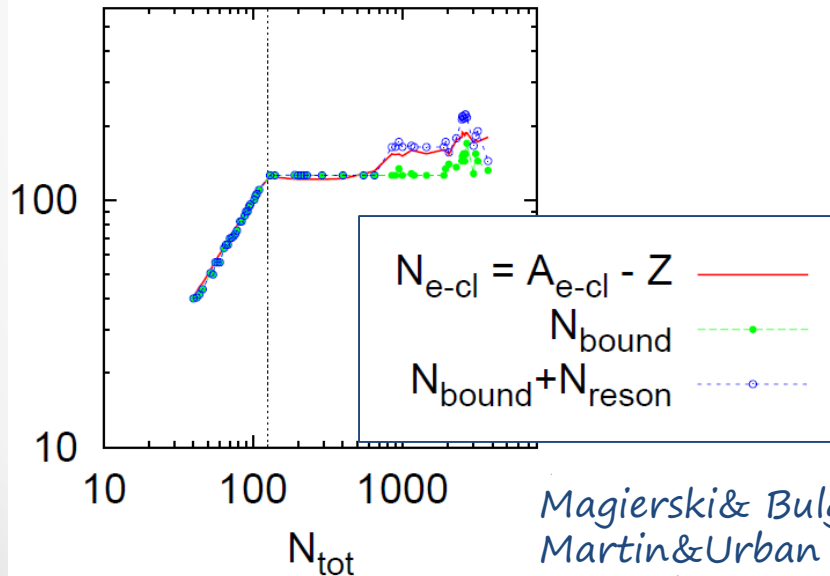
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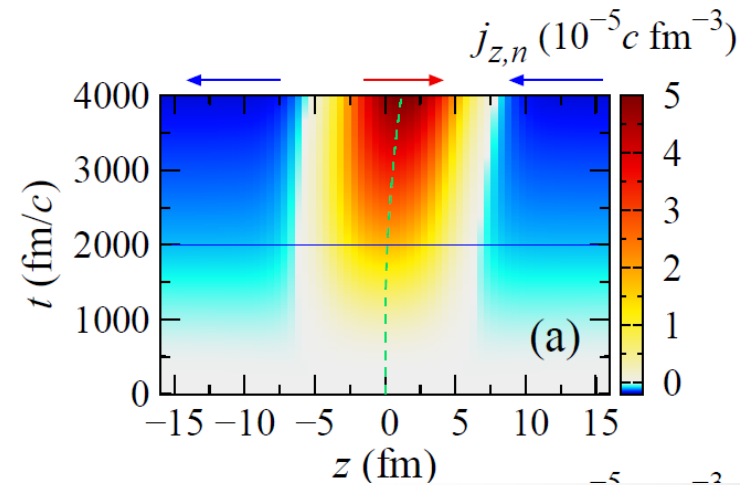
- CM degree of freedom: translation ($T > T_m$)
- n-p interaction: (only) bound neutrons are entrained by the ion

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

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



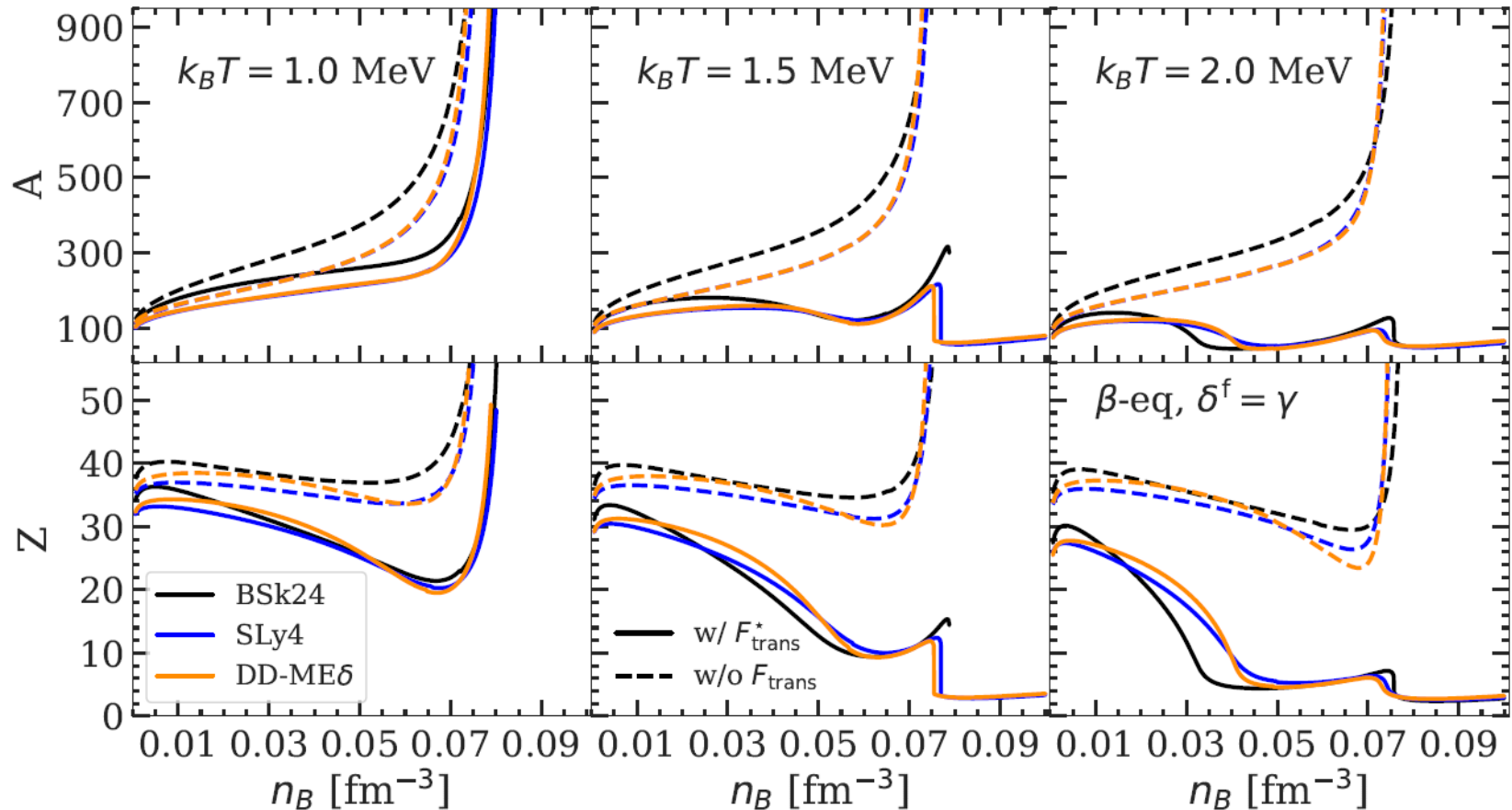
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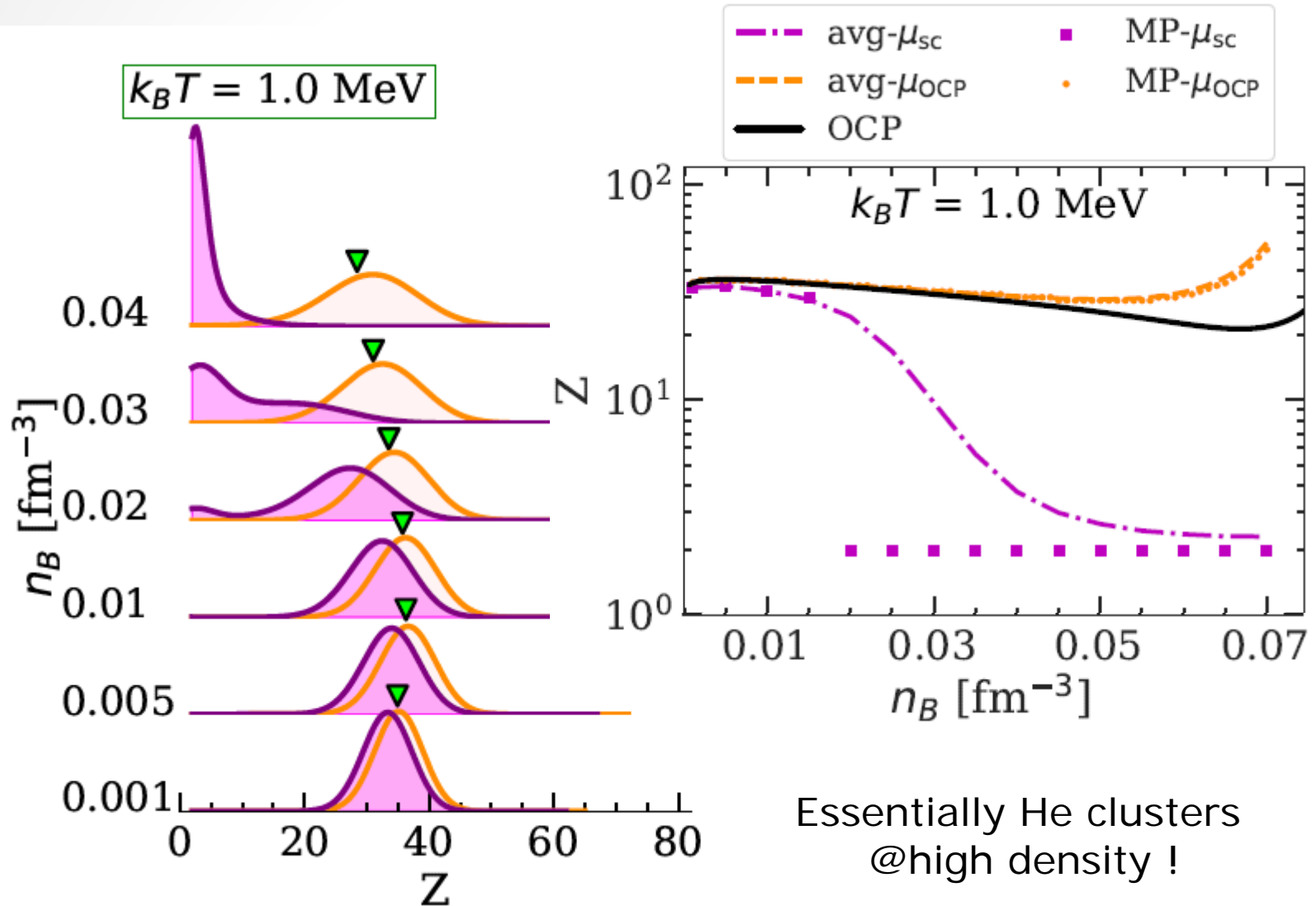
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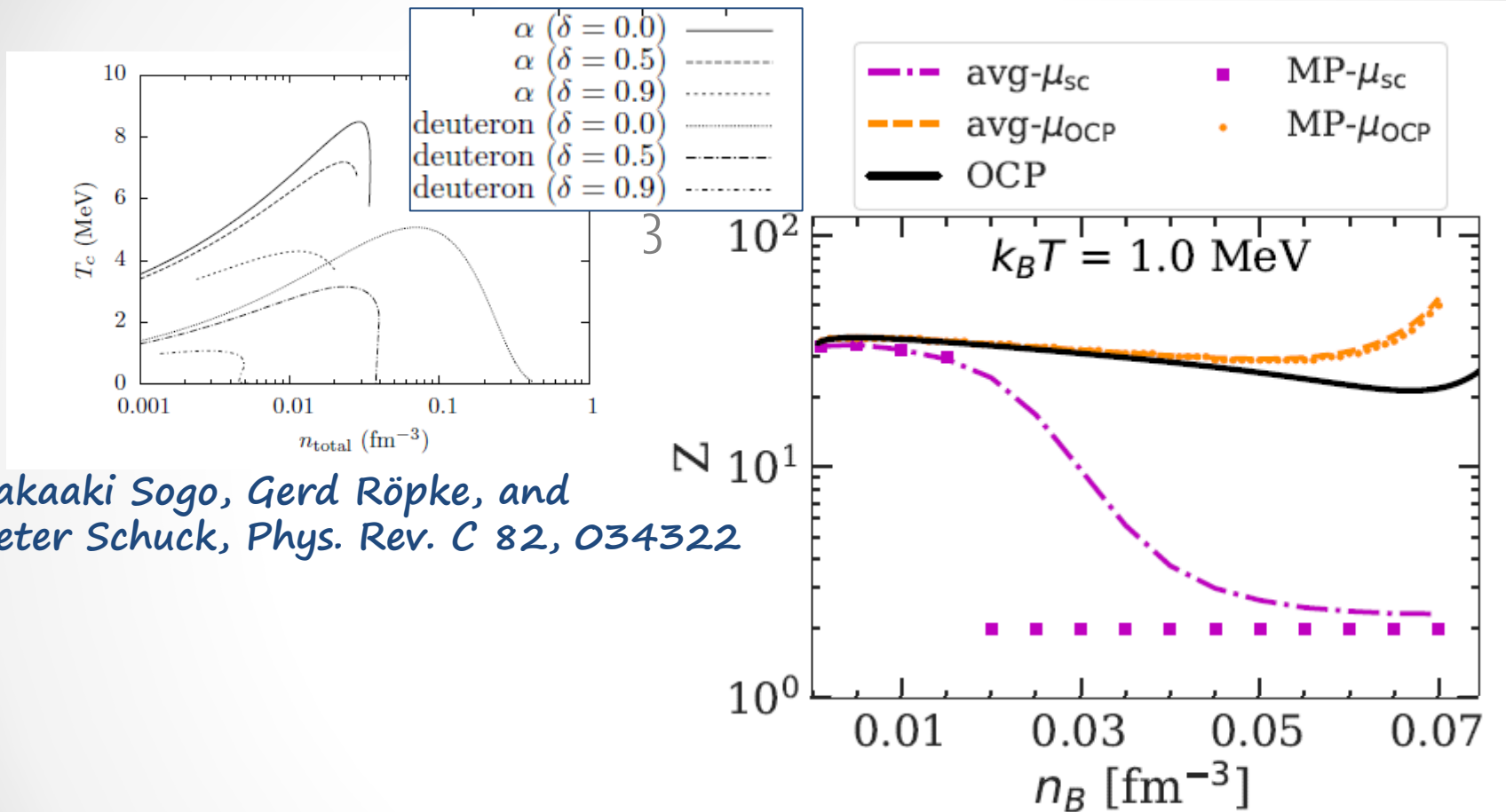
The cluster distribution

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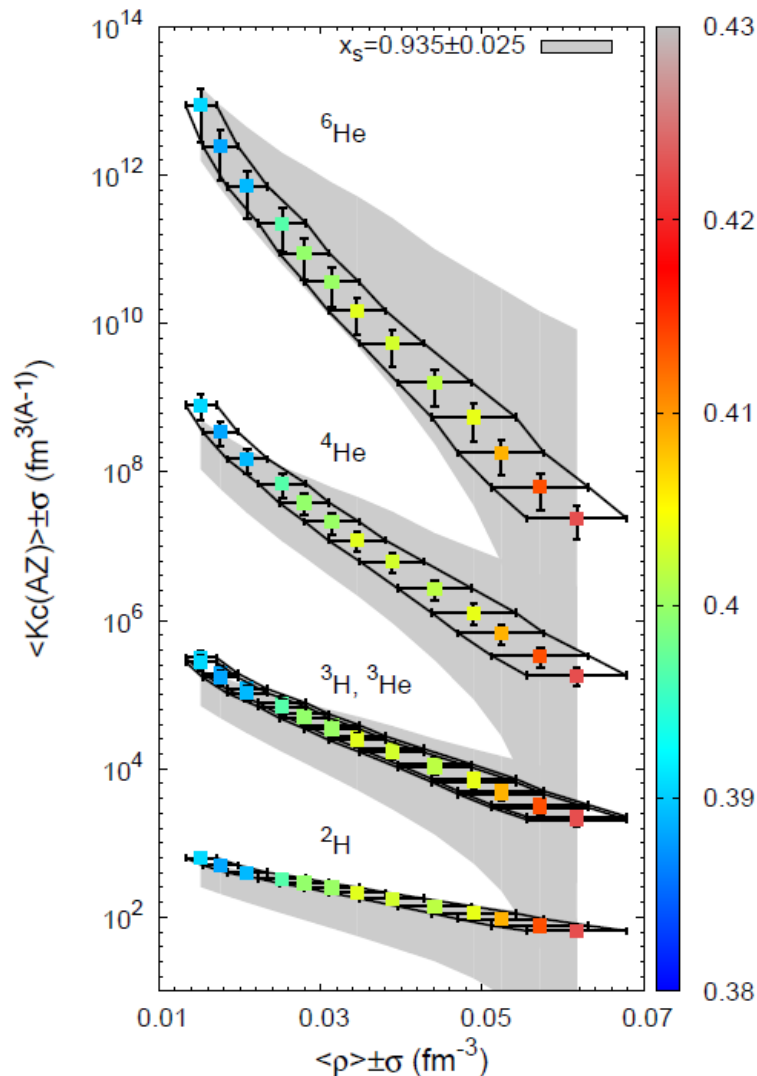
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Takaaki Sogo, Gerd Röpke, and Peter Schuck, Phys. Rev. C 82, 034322

Essentially He clusters @high density !

Calibrating the in-medium effects



$$K_C(N, Z) = \frac{n_{NZ}}{n_{01}^Z n_{10}^N} = \frac{\omega_{NZ}}{A \omega_{01}^Z \omega_{10}^N} n_B^{-(A-1)}$$

$n = \text{density}$

$\omega = \text{mass fraction}$

- INDRA Xe+Sn central collision data sampled in bins of radial velocity (\equiv emission time?)
- Mapping: $v_i \text{ EXP} \Leftrightarrow (n_B, T, y_P)_i \text{ RMF}$
- y_P deduced from data
- T, n_B tentatively deduced from a (modified) ideal gas formula
- Hyp: $x_s = \text{cst.}$
 $\Rightarrow x_s = 0.935 \pm 0.025$