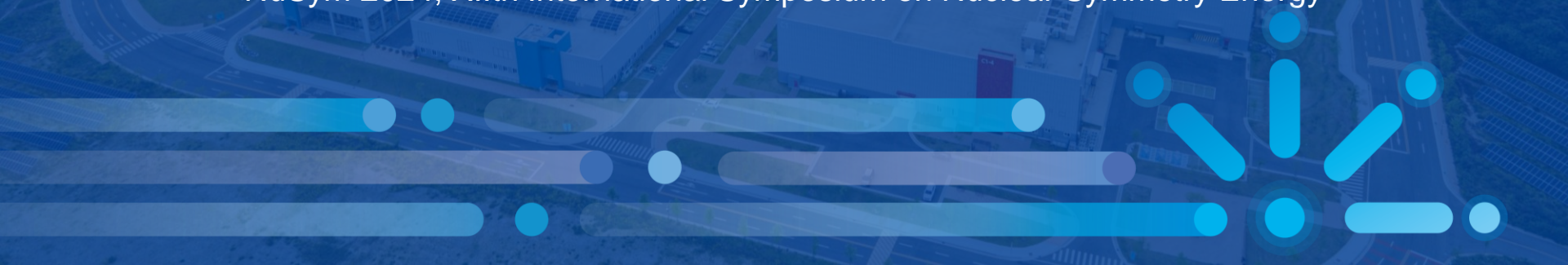


# Symmetry energy in dilute and dense matter

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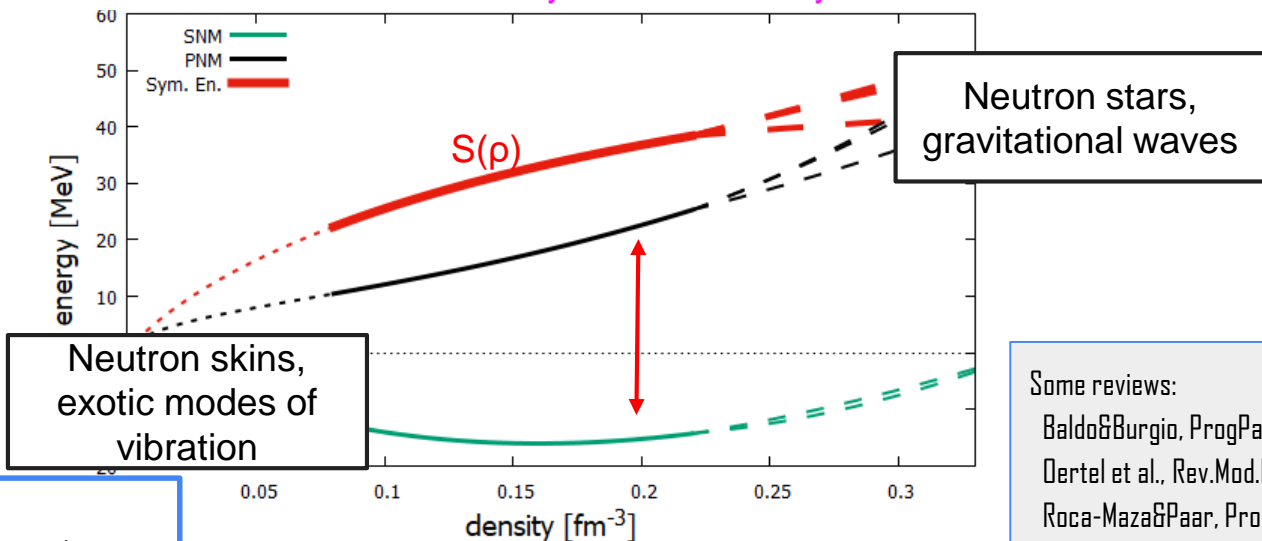
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# 01 Introduction



- Density dependence of symmetry energy :: properties of neutron rich nuclear systems

$$S(\rho) = J + Lx + \frac{1}{2} K_{sym} x^2 + \frac{1}{6} Q_{sym} x^3 + \dots \quad x = (\rho - \rho_0) / 3\rho_0$$



- Rough estimates:
- $J \approx 30-33$  MeV (best known)
  - $L = 40-70$  MeV
  - $K_{sym} = -200 - 0$  MeV
  - $Q_{sym} =$  practically unconstrained

Some reviews:

- Baldo&Burgio, ProgPartNuclPhys91,203 (2016)
- Dertel et al., Rev.Mod.Phys.89,015007 (2017)
- Roca-Maza&Paar, ProgPartNuclPhys101,96 (2018)

Related analyses:

- Li et al., Universe 7, 182 (2021)
- Thi et al., Universe 7, 373 (2021)

+multiple others

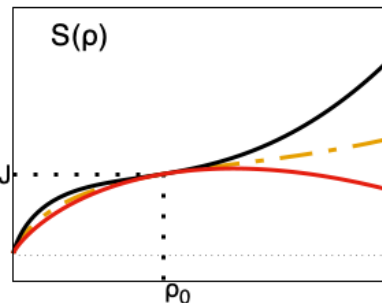
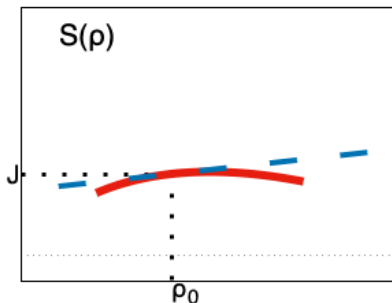
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- Symmetry energy coefficients

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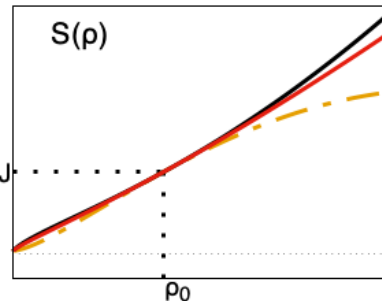
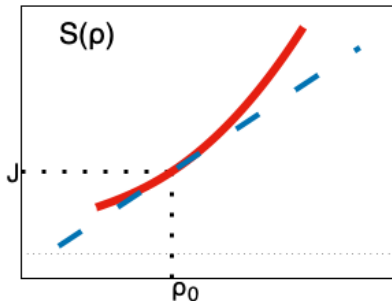
Soft: low slope L



Soft with high  $K_{\text{sym}}$

Soft, Skyrme/RMF type

Stiff: high slope L



Stiff, Skyrme/RMF type

Stiff with low  $K_{\text{sym}}$



## Connecting nuclear data and the equation of state: energy density functionals

- Problem:

Majority of EDFs fitted to data extrapolate to unrealistic EoSs

Imposing realistic EoS parameters to EDFs can give strange nuclear results

- Overcome by:

**KIDS** - a versatile framework for the nuclear EoS and EDF

- ❑ Grounded in theory of interacting Fermi systems
- ❑ Adjustable number of parameters depending on application  
(optimal for bulk nuclear properties and neutron stars: 3+4 EoS coefficients)
- ❑ In medium effective mass is decoupled from the EoS coefficients
- ❑ No forced, unphysical correlations

Dutra et al, PRC85,035201

Stevenson et al., AIP Conf.Proc 1529,262

Roca-Maza&Paar, ProgPartNuclPhys101,96

**Reviewed in:**

**PP&Hyun,**

**Symmetry 15 (2023) 683**

*Easy to use - like an extended Skyrme functional*

## 02 Curvature parameter $K_{\text{sym}}$ of the symmetry energy

### Selected results from:

Xu&PP, Phys. Rev. C 105,044305  
Zhou,Xu,PP, Phys. Rev. C 107, 055803  
Gil et al., IJMPE 31, 2250013

- ❑ Bayesian analysis of isovector nuclear properties; neutron-star properties
- ❑ Combined analyses of nuclear properties and neutron-star properties

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## Bayesian analysis of isovector nuclear properties

Examined  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{120}\text{Sn}$

Isvector constraints: Neutron skin thickness, giant dipole resonance, dipole polarizability

	$\Delta r_{np}$ (fm)	$E_{-1}$ (MeV)	$\alpha_D$ (fm <sup>3</sup> )
$^{208}\text{Pb}$	$0.283 \pm 0.071$	$13.46 \pm 0.10$	$19.6 \pm 0.6$
$^{120}\text{Sn}$	$0.150 \pm 0.017$	$15.38 \pm 0.10$	$8.59 \pm 0.37$

Isoscalar constraints: mass, charge radius, energy of the isoscalar monopole resonance

Results for KIDS are compared with standard Skyrme-Hartree-Fock

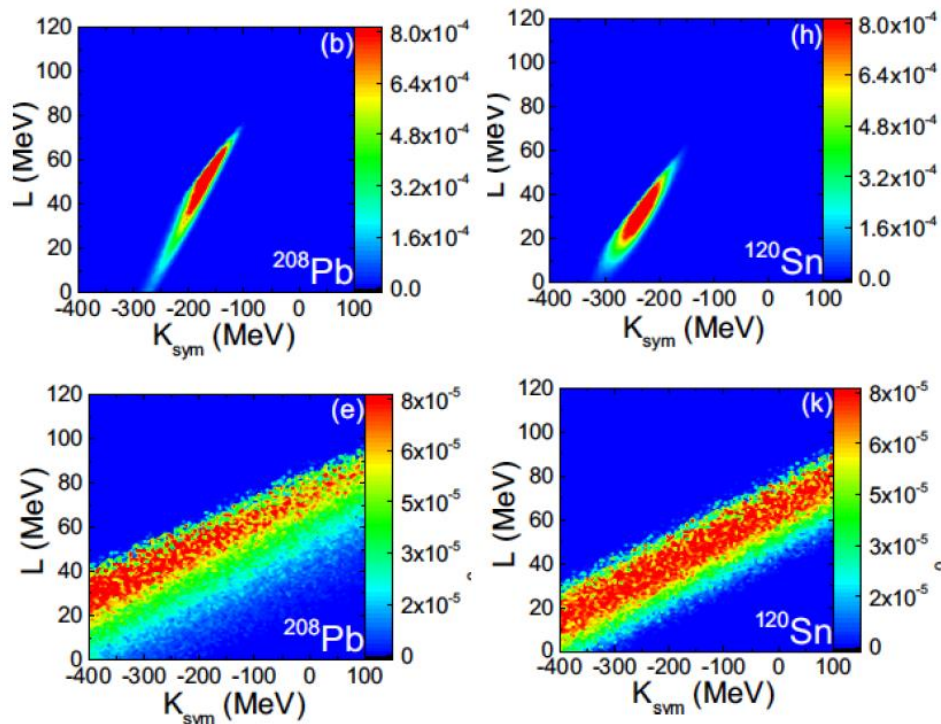
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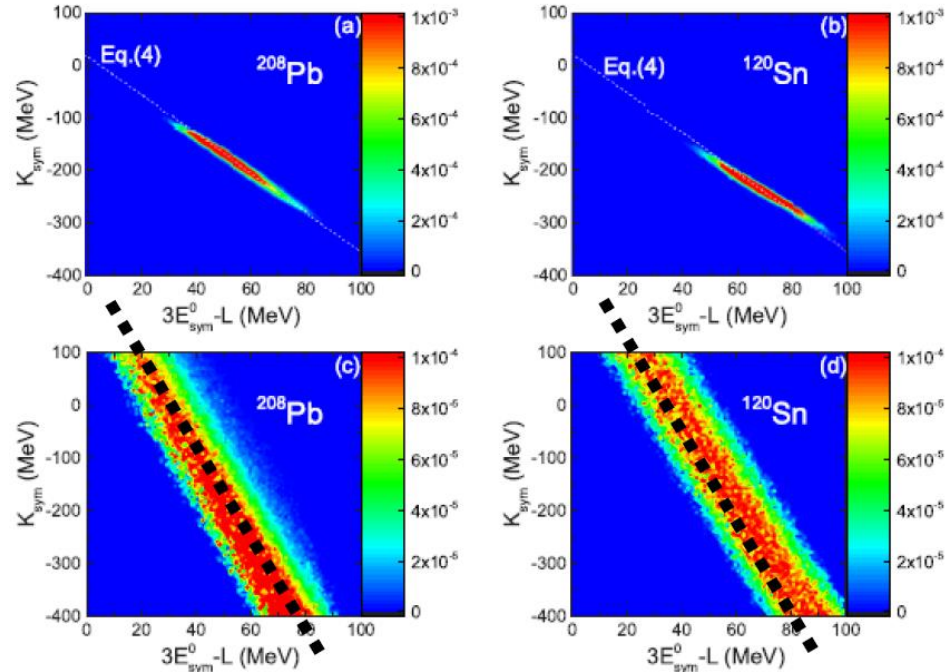
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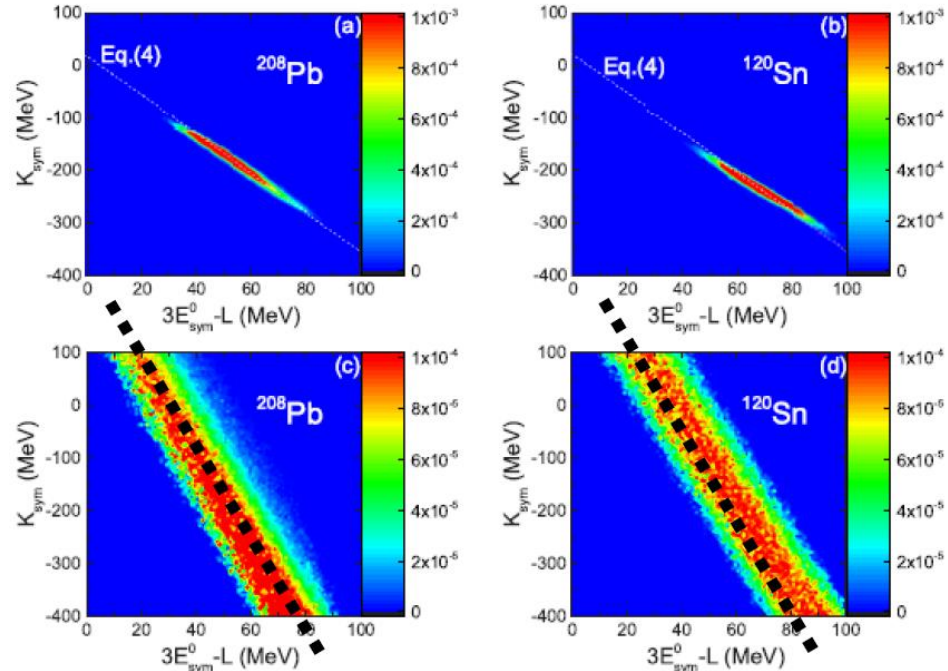
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Skyrme:

With line: shown equation for representative  $\rho_0, \alpha, m^*$

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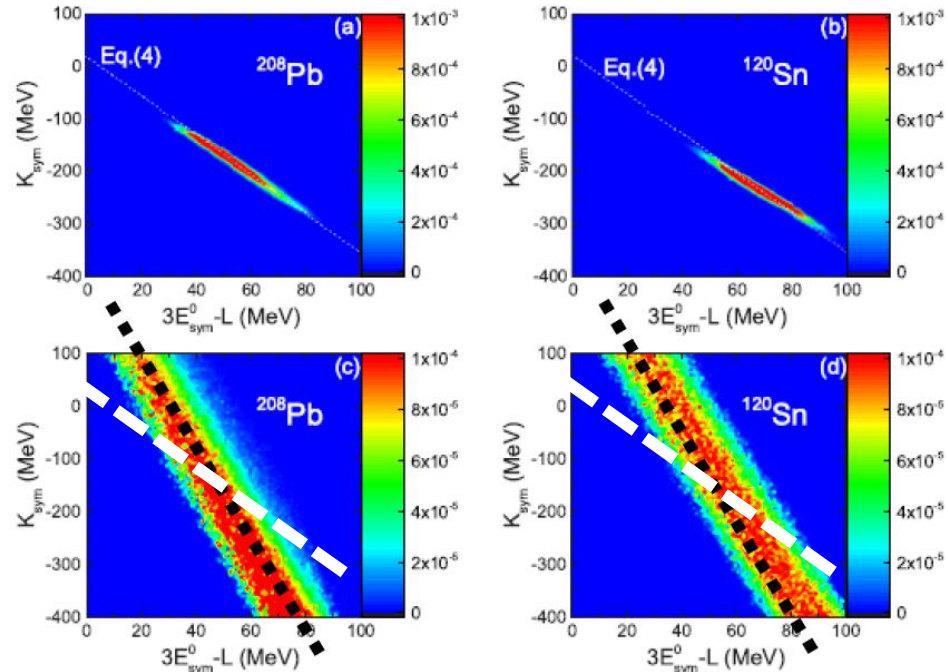
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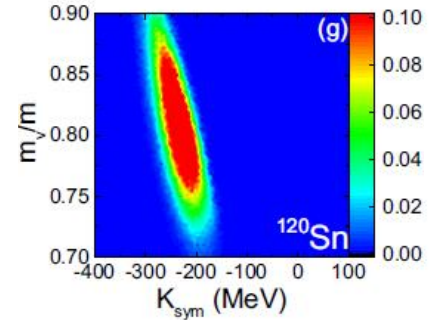
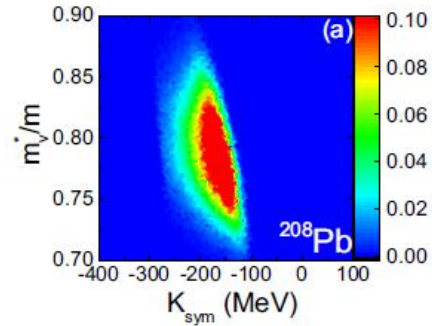


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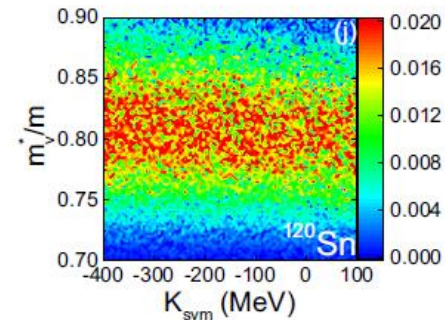
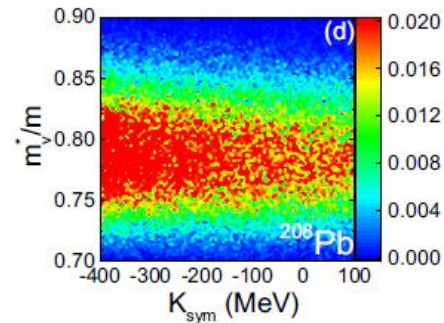
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$K_{\text{sym}}$  vs IV  
effective mass

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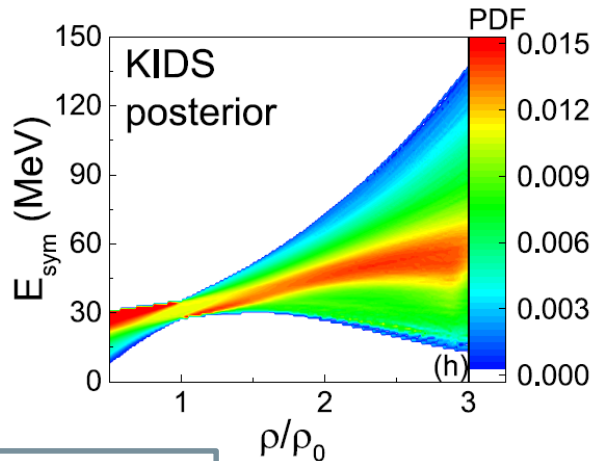
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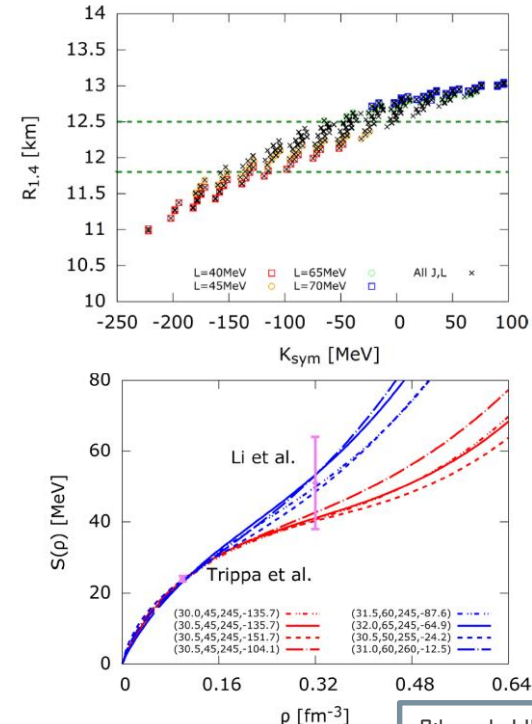
## Analyses of astronomical data

$R_{1.4}$ (km)	$11.725 \pm 1.105$ [15]
$R_{2.08}$ (km)	$13.7^{+2.6}_{-1.5}$ [13] and $12.39^{+1.30}_{-0.98}$ [14]
$\Lambda_{1.4}$	$190^{+390}_{-120}$ [18]
$M_{\text{max}}$	$> 2.08 M_{\odot}$ [12]
$c_s$	$< 1$



Zhou, Xu, PP, Phys. Rev. C 107, 055803

## Combined analysis with nuclear data



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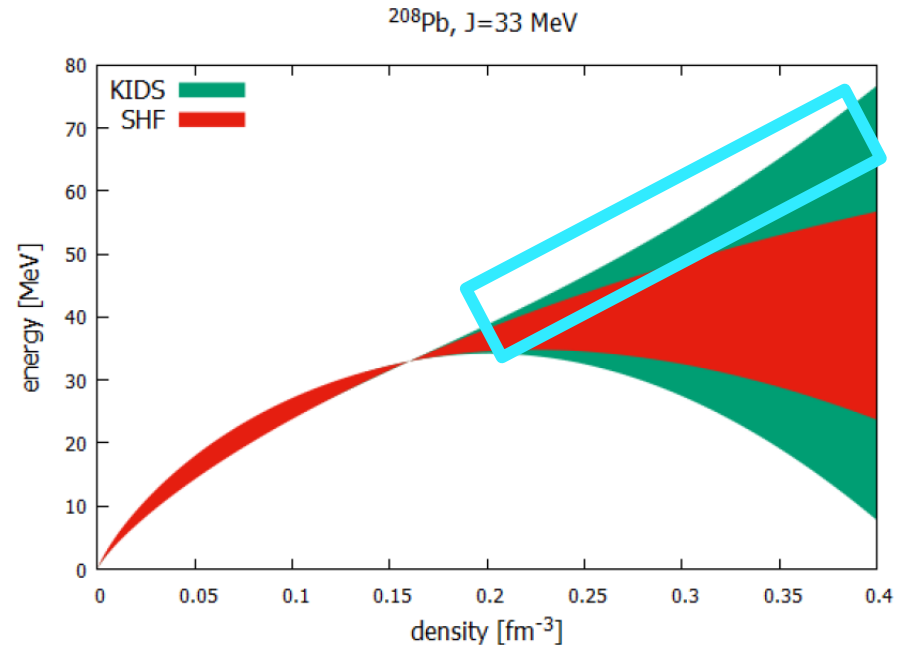
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## Corresponding EoS domains

KIDS model allows for

- Inflection point: soft-to-stiff transition, important for description of dense matter
- Decoupling of dilute and dense regimes



Summary so far:  $J \approx 30-33$  MeV,  $L \approx 45-65$  MeV,  $K_{\text{sym}} \approx -200-0$  MeV

## 03 The CREX, PREXII, and $a_D$ tension



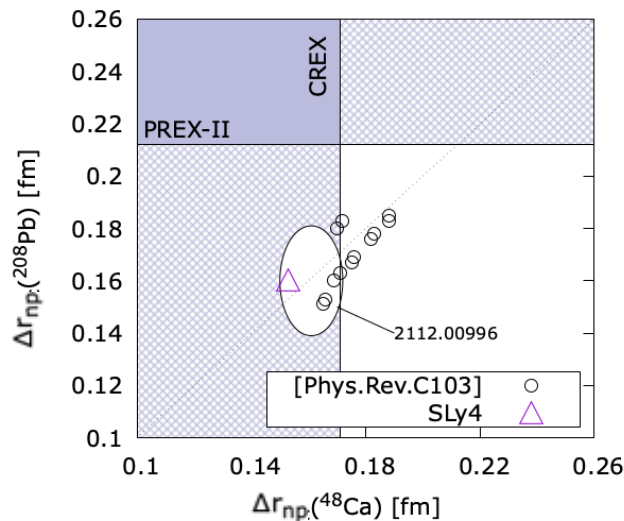
- ❑ Can a KIDS EDF obeying the obtained constraints describe CREX and PREXII and the dipole polarizability simultaneously?
- ❑ (No!) What would it take?

# 03 The CREX, PREXII, and $a_D$ tension



## Predictions for the neutron skin

- ❑ KIDS predictions for the neutron skin when the parameters are constrained from gross nuclear properties (masses, charge radii) and neutron star properties, generally agree with CREX and underestimate PREX – see C.H.Hyun, arXiv:2112.00996 [*~300 KIDS EDFs obeying EoS*]
- ❑ The tension is similar to other studies, including RMF models (*Esra Yüksel's talk*)





# 03 The CREX, PREXII, and $a_D$ tension



## What will it take to reconcile CREX, PREXII, $a_D$ ?

- ❑ Searching for KIDS parameter sets which reproduce both CREX and PREXII within their respective errors ( $1\sigma$ ) and at the same time basic nuclear properties ( $<1\%$ )
- ❑ Extend the formalism to vary freely up to 5+5 EoS parameters: including skewness and kurtosis of both symmetric matter ( $Q_0, R_0$ ) and symmetry energy ( $Q_{\text{sym}}, R_{\text{sym}}$ ), as follows:

$$\rho_0 = 0.15\text{-}0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}, E_0 = -16 \text{ MeV}, K_0 = 200\text{-}240 \text{ MeV}, J = 30\text{-}36 \text{ MeV}, L = 40\text{-}70 \text{ MeV}$$

$K_{\text{sym}}$  varied widely in steps of 50 MeV

$Q_0, Q_{\text{sym}}$  varied widely in steps of 500 MeV

$R_0, R_{\text{sym}}$  varied widely in steps of 2 GeV

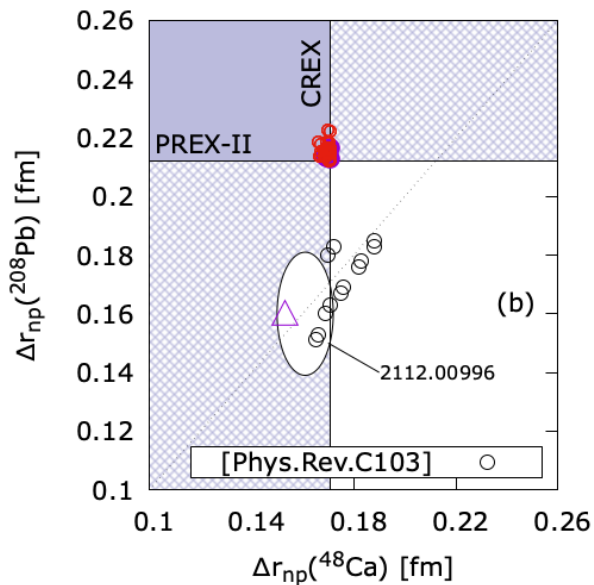
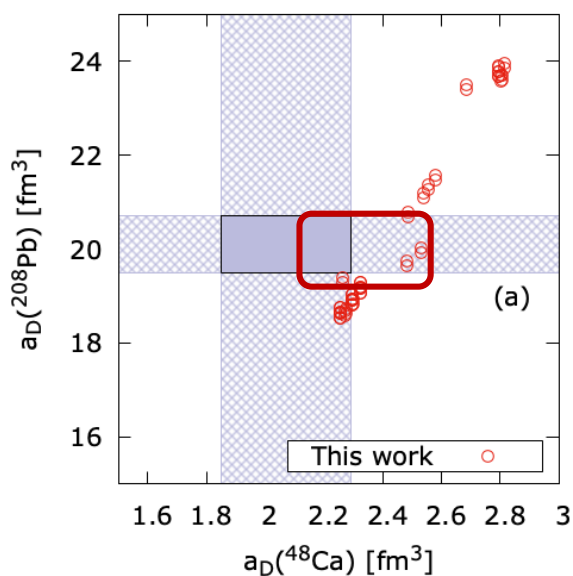
and in addition:  $C_{12} = -66 \text{ MeV fm}^5, D_{12} = 2.5 \text{ MeV fm}^5, m^*/m = 0.82, \kappa = 0.22, W_0 = 133 \text{ MeV fm}^5$

For a first study of CREX-PREX only, see  
arXiv:2210.02696 (Rila 2022 proceedings)

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## Results for $a_D$ as well as neutron skin

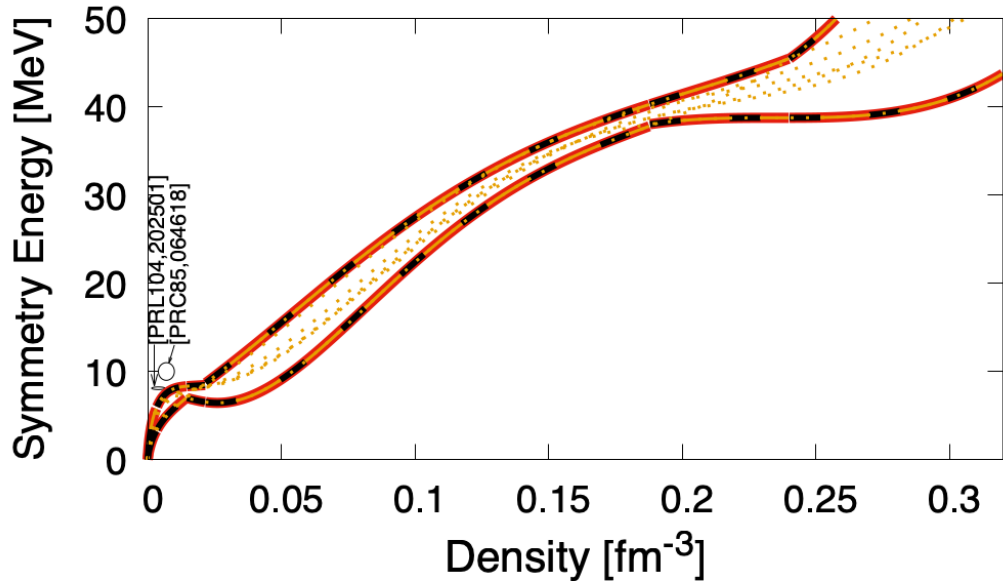


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## Domain with best $a_D$

- ❑ Unorthodox but not necessarily unphysical behavior at low density
- ❑ Consistent with analyses of heavy-ion collisions

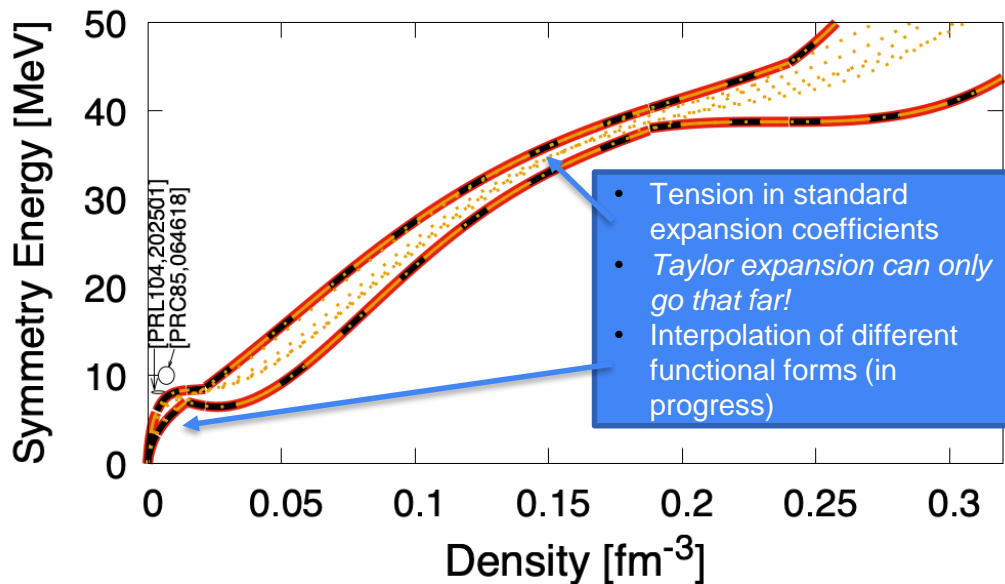


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# 04 Conclusion



- ❑ Most traditional EDF models correspond to a symmetry energy with a near-parabolic dependence on the density, either stiff or soft
- ❑ Exploring the full density dependence of the EoS requires extended models beyond traditional functionals, as shown here with the more flexible KIDS.
  - $K_{\text{sym}}$  cannot be constrained from nuclear data alone
  - Correlations between  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and  $L$  & effective mass in Skyrme models are a model artifact
- ❑ Combined analyses of nuclear isovector properties and astronomical observations suggest a soft-to-stiff transition somewhere above saturation density
- ❑ A reconciliation of CREX, PREXII and dipole polarizability data suggests an even more complex behavior, consistent with clusterization at low densities according to HIC data
  - Interpolations in progress

# Thank you!

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