

# NUCLEAR ENERGY DENSITY FUNCTIONAL

constrained by

## LOW-ENERGY QCD

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## PRELUDE:

- an example of **CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY** at work

- **SCALAR FIELD** and scalar form factor of the **NUCLEON** -

## ● NUCLEAR (CHIRAL) DYNAMICS

- **In-medium CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY** and beyond -

- **DENSITY FUNCTIONAL** strategies -

- In-medium **QCD CONDENSATES** and **SPIN-ORBIT INTERACTION** -

- Applications to **NUCLEAR MATTER** and **FINITE NUCLEI** -

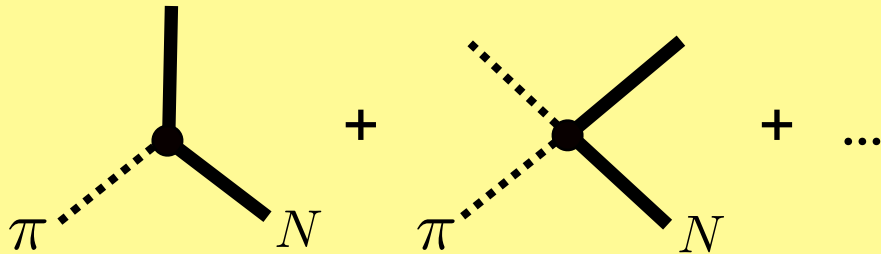
# LOW - ENERGY QCD

- **NUCLEI:** aggregates of quarks and gluons in the **HADRONIC (low T) phase of QCD**
- **CONFINEMENT** at  $T < T_{\text{crit}} \simeq 170 \text{ MeV}$ 
  - ➔ Eigenstates of  $H_{\text{QCD}}$  are (colour-singlet) **HADRONS**
- Spontaneously broken **CHIRAL SU(2) x SU(2) SYMMETRY:**
  - ➔ non-trivial **VACUUM**  $|0\rangle$ : **CHIRAL (QUARK) CONDENSATE**  
 $|\langle \bar{q}q \rangle| \simeq 1.5 \text{ fm}^{-3}$
  - ➔ low-mass collective excitations : **GOLDSTONE BOSONS (PIONS)**  
... interact **weakly** at low energy / momentum
  - ➔ order parameter: **PION DECAY CONSTANT**  $f_{\pi} = 92.4 \text{ MeV}$
  - ➔ characteristic **MASS GAP** in the hadron spectrum:  $4\pi f_{\pi} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

# PION-NUCLEON EFFECTIVE LAGRANGIAN

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \bar{\Psi}_N [i\gamma_\mu (\partial^\mu - i\mathcal{V}^\mu) - M_0 + g_A \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \mathcal{A}^\mu] \Psi_N + \dots$$

$$- \bar{\Psi}_N \mathcal{S} \Psi_N + \dots \quad \text{higher orders}$$



effects of  $\Delta(1230)$ ;  
short distance physics

$$\mathcal{A}^\mu = \frac{1}{2f_\pi} \vec{\tau} \cdot \partial^\mu \vec{\pi} + \dots; \quad \mathcal{V}^\mu = \frac{1}{4f_\pi^2} \vec{\tau} \cdot (\vec{\pi} \times \partial^\mu \vec{\pi}) + \dots; \quad \mathcal{S} = \sigma_N \left( 1 - \frac{\vec{\pi}^2}{2f_\pi^2} + \dots \right)$$

AXIAL VECTOR

VECTOR

SCALAR

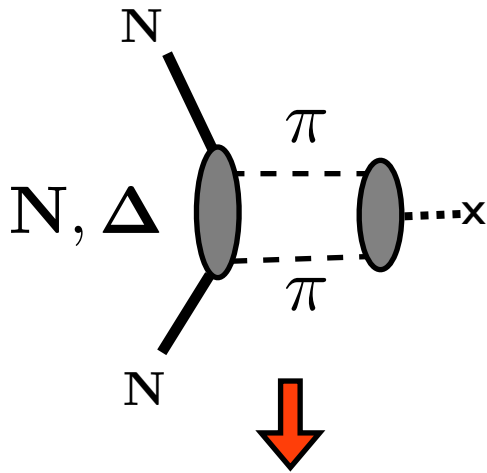
$$f_\pi = 92.4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$g_A = 1.267$$

$$\sigma_N = \langle N | m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d | N \rangle \simeq 50 \text{ MeV}$$

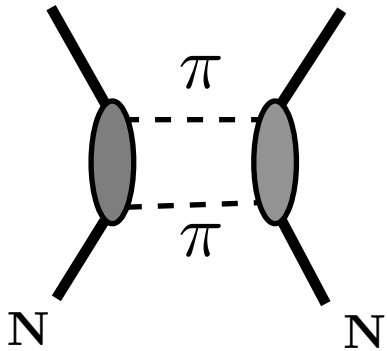
# SCALAR FORMFACTOR of the NUCLEON

$$\sigma_N(Q^2) = \sigma_N - Q^2 \int_{4m_\pi^2}^{\infty} dt \frac{\eta(t)}{t(Q^2 + t)}$$



strong  
SCALAR  
field

van der Waals - type NN interaction



$$V(r) \sim \frac{e^{-2m_\pi r}}{r^6} P(m_\pi r)$$

Earlier phenomenology:

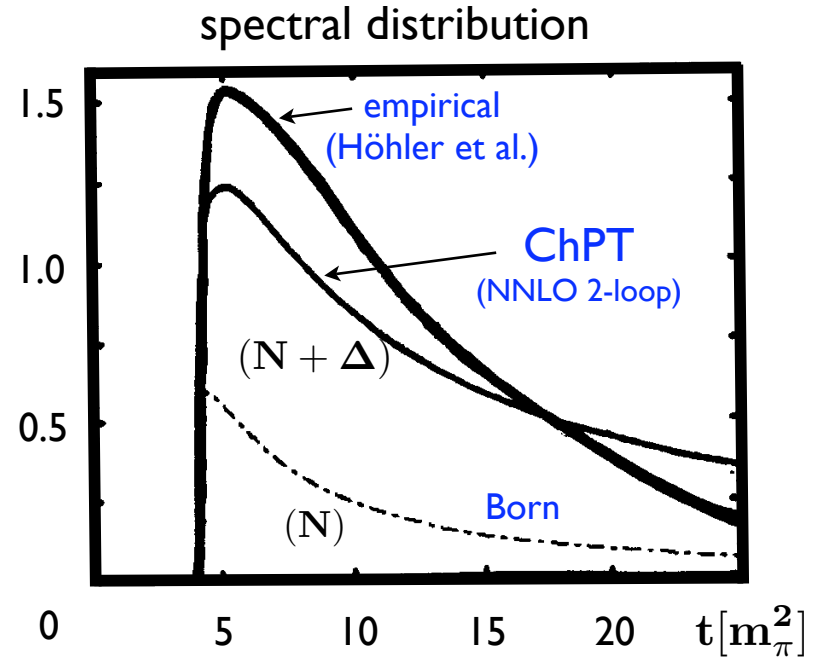
“2nd order tensor force”

G.E. Brown & T.T.S. Kuo ('65)

“Spin-isospin polarizability of the nucleon”

M. Ericson & A. Figureau ('81)

$$\frac{\eta(t)}{t^2}$$



N. Kaiser  
Phys. Rev. C68 (2003) 025202

SCALAR RADIUS of the NUCLEON:

$$\sqrt{\langle r_s^2 \rangle} \simeq 1.3 \text{ fm}$$

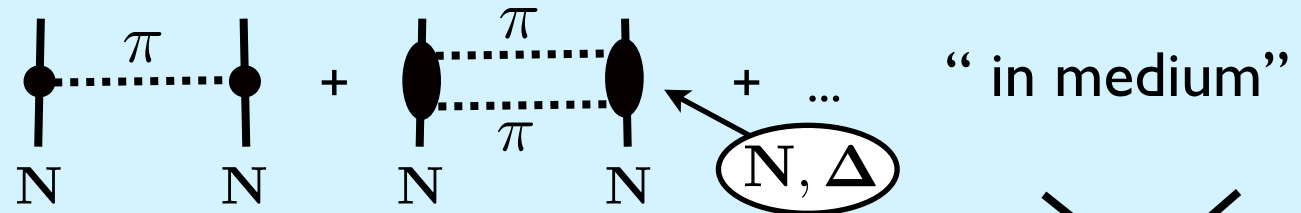
(Gasser, Leutwyler, Sainio (1991))

# CHIRAL DYNAMICS and the NUCLEAR MANY-BODY PROBLEM

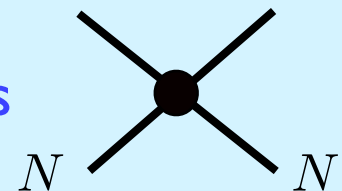
N. Kaiser, S. Fritsch, W.W. (2002 - 2003)

- additional relevant scale: Fermi momentum
- “small” scales:  $k_F \sim 2m_\pi \sim M_\Delta - M_N \ll 4\pi f_\pi^2$
- treat PIONS and DELTA isobars as EXPLICIT degrees of freedom
- IN-MEDIUM CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

→ pion exchange processes in the presence of a filled Fermi sea



→ short-distance dynamics: contact interactions



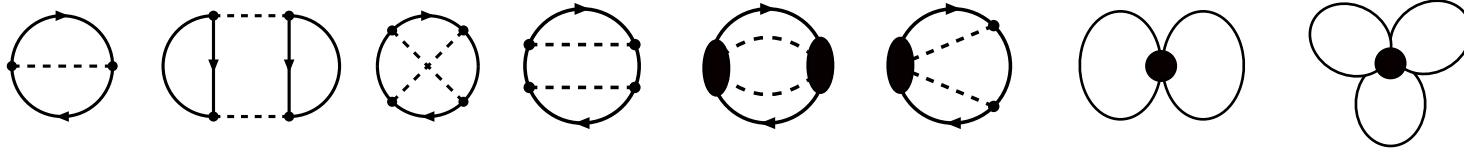
- IN-MEDIUM nucleon propagator:

$$(\gamma \cdot p + M) \left[ \frac{i}{p^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon} - 2\pi\delta(p^2 - M^2)\theta(p_0)\theta(k_F - |\mathbf{p}|) \right]$$

- Expansion of ENERGY DENSITY in powers of Fermi momentum  $k_F$

# NUCLEAR MATTER

- Expansion of **ENERGY DENSITY** in powers of Fermi momentum  $k_F$

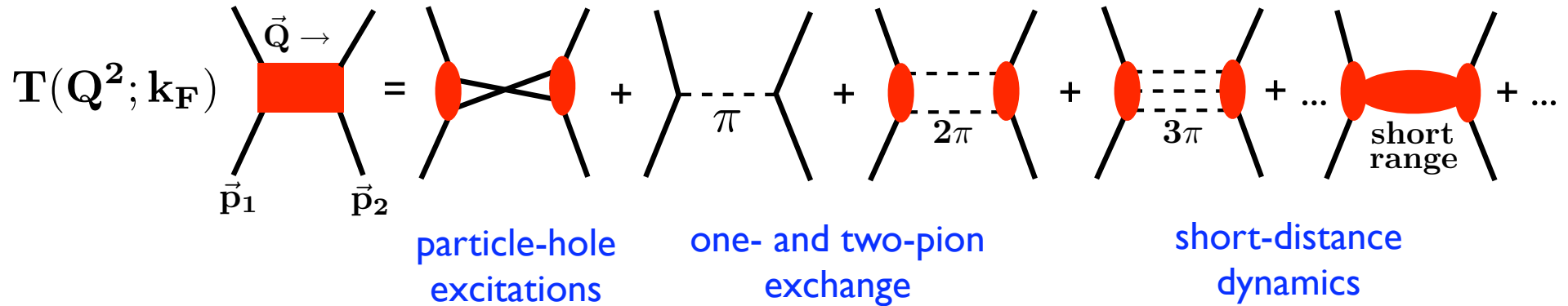


$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E(k_F)}{A} &= \sum_n \mathcal{F}_n(k_F/m_\pi, k_F/\Delta) k_F^n \\ &= \frac{3}{10} \frac{k_F^2}{M_N} + \mathcal{C}_3 \frac{k_F^3}{M_N^2} + \mathcal{C}_4 \frac{k_F^4}{M_N^3} + \mathcal{C}_5 \frac{k_F^5}{M_N^4} + \mathcal{C}_6 \frac{k_F^6}{M_N^5} + \mathcal{O}(k_F^7) \end{aligned}$$

- 2 low-energy (subtraction) constants / contact terms included in  $\mathcal{C}_3$  and  $\mathcal{C}_5$
- $\mathcal{C}_4$ : model-independent
- $\mathcal{C}_6$ : 3 - body contact terms at  $\mathcal{O}(k_F^6)$
- at low densities:  
agreement with universal “V(low-k)” from realistic NN potentials

# EFFECTIVE INTERACTION: SCALES at WORK

- Nucleon-nucleon amplitude “in-medium”



- Spectral representation:

$$T(Q^2; \mathbf{k}_F) = T^{(0)} + \frac{Q^2}{\pi} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \int_{\mu_{\mathbf{n}}^2}^{\infty} dt \frac{\eta_{\mathbf{n}}(t; \mathbf{k}_F)}{t(t + Q^2)}$$

- $|\vec{p}_{1,2}| \leq \mathbf{k}_F$  ,  $Q \sim \mathbf{k}_F$ :

→ treat terms with  $\mu_{\mathbf{n}} \leq \mathbf{k}_F$  **EXPLICITLY** (long and intermediate range)

→ approximate integrals with  $\mu_{\mathbf{n}} > Q \sim \mathbf{k}_F$  as  $\frac{Q^2}{\pi} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \int_{\mu_{\mathbf{n}}^2}^{\infty} dt \frac{\eta_{\mathbf{n}}(t; \mathbf{k}_F)}{t^2}$

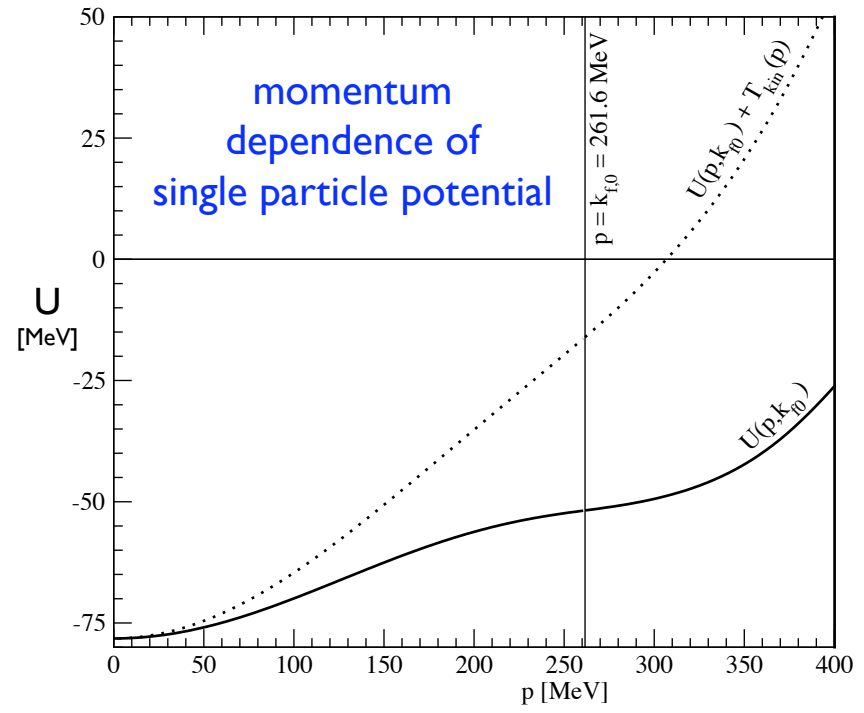
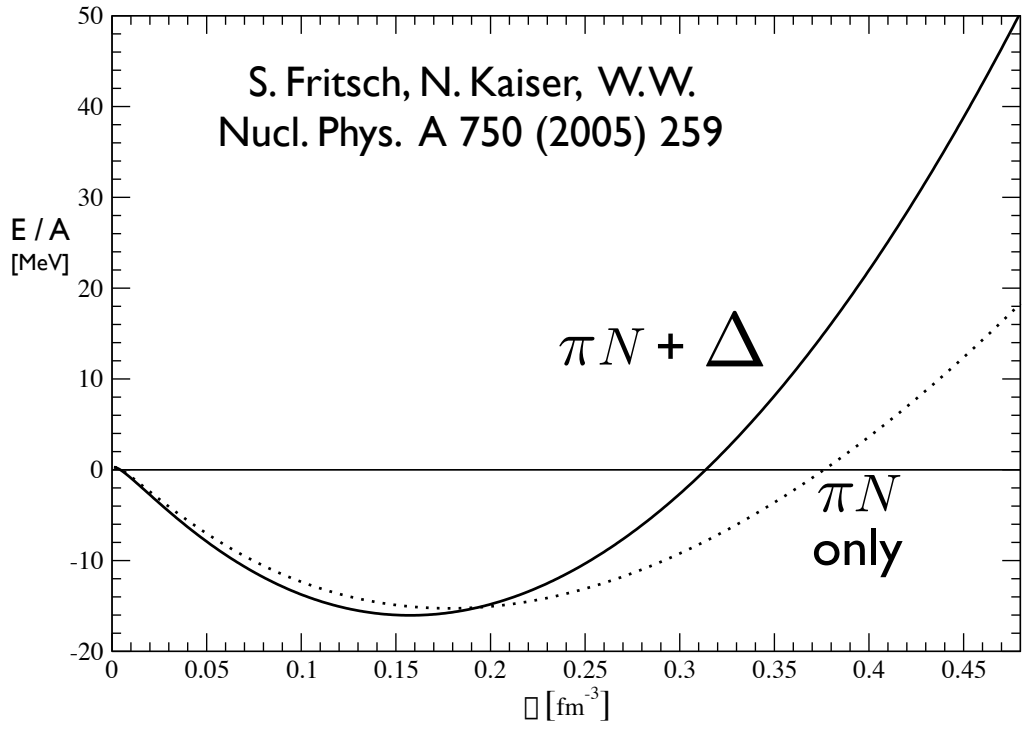
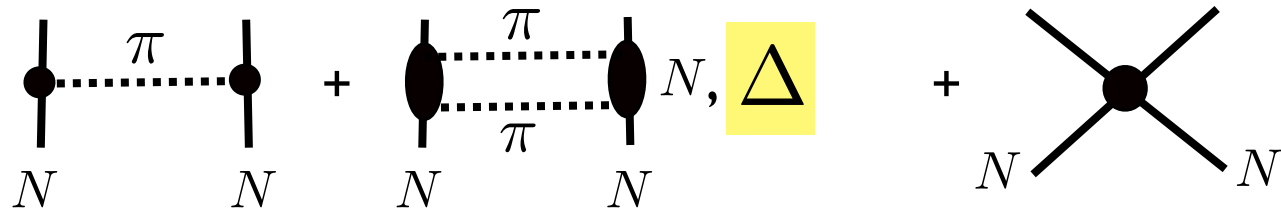
**CONTACT** term  $T^{(0)}$  plus **finite range** corrections  $\sim Q^2 \langle r_{\mathbf{n}}^2 \rangle$



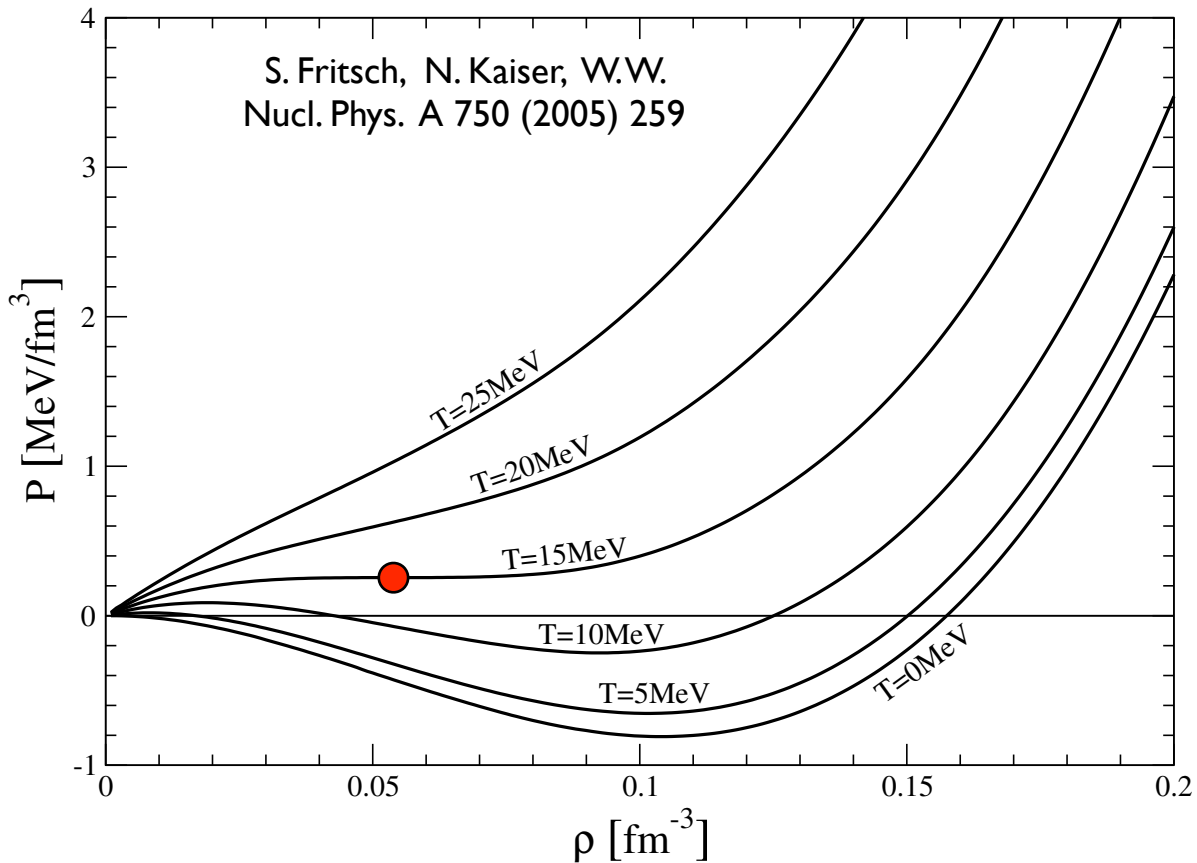
# ROLE of $\Delta(1232)$

- Mass difference  $M_{\Delta} - M_N \sim k_f \sim 2m_{\pi} \ll 4\pi f_{\pi}$   
 “small scale”; large **SPIN-ISOSPIN POLARIZABILITY** of the nucleon:

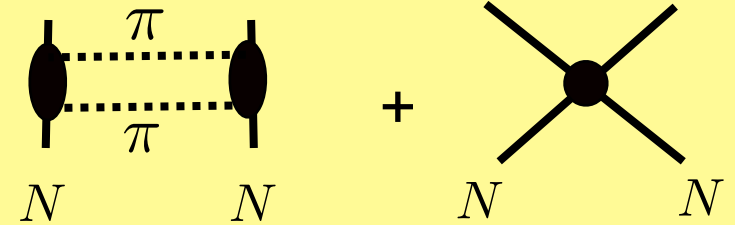
$$\chi_{\Delta} = \frac{g_A^2}{f_{\pi}^2 (M_{\Delta} - M_N)} \simeq 5 \text{ fm}^3$$



# NUCLEAR THERMODYNAMICS



## CHIRAL PION DYNAMICS ("Pionic van der Waals + Pauli")

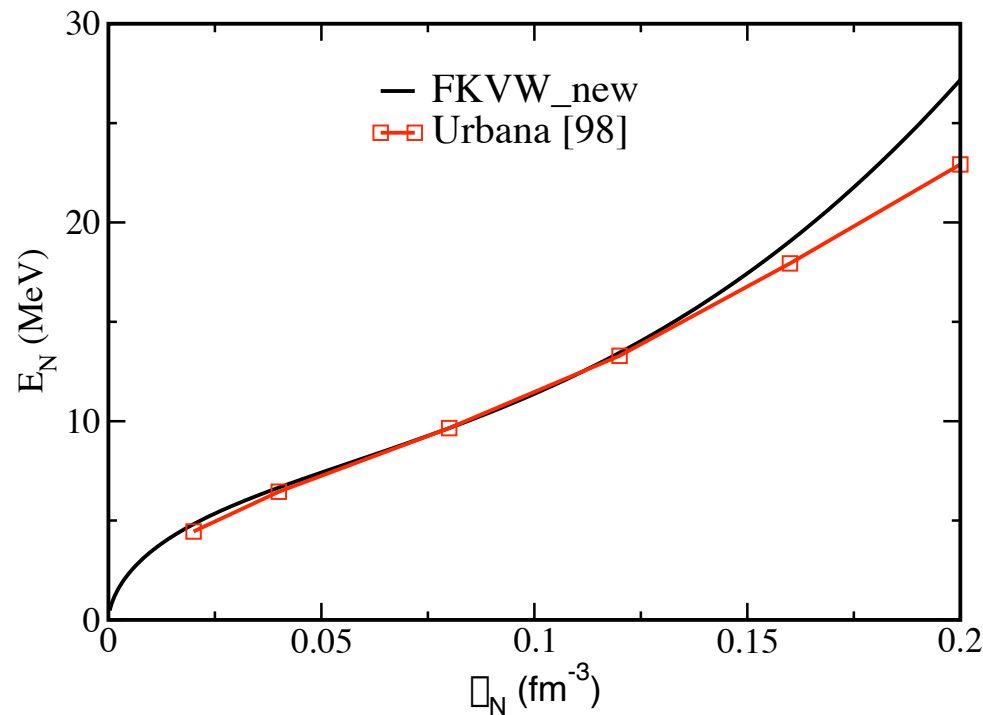


... plus contact terms

Liquid - Gas Transition at  
Critical Temperature  $T_c = 15$  MeV  
(empirical:  $T_c = 16 - 18$  MeV)

# NEUTRON MATTER

- Isospin - dependent forces primarily from two-pion exchange
- 2 low-energy (subtraction) constants / contact terms



P. Finelli, N. Kaiser,  
D.Vretenar, W.W.  
Nucl. Phys. A 735 (2004) 449  
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- Asymmetry energy for isospin - asymmetric nuclear matter:

$$\mathcal{A} = 34.0 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{empirical: } \mathcal{A} = 33 - 36 \text{ MeV})$$

# INHOMOGENOUS SYSTEMS: connection with (non-relativistic) density functional

S. Fritsch, N. Kaiser, W.W.: Nucl. Phys. A 724 (2003) 47, Nucl. Phys. A 750 (2005) 259

local density

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \frac{2k_F^3(\vec{r})}{3\pi^2} = \sum_{\alpha \in F} \psi_\alpha^\dagger(\vec{r})\psi_\alpha(\vec{r})$$

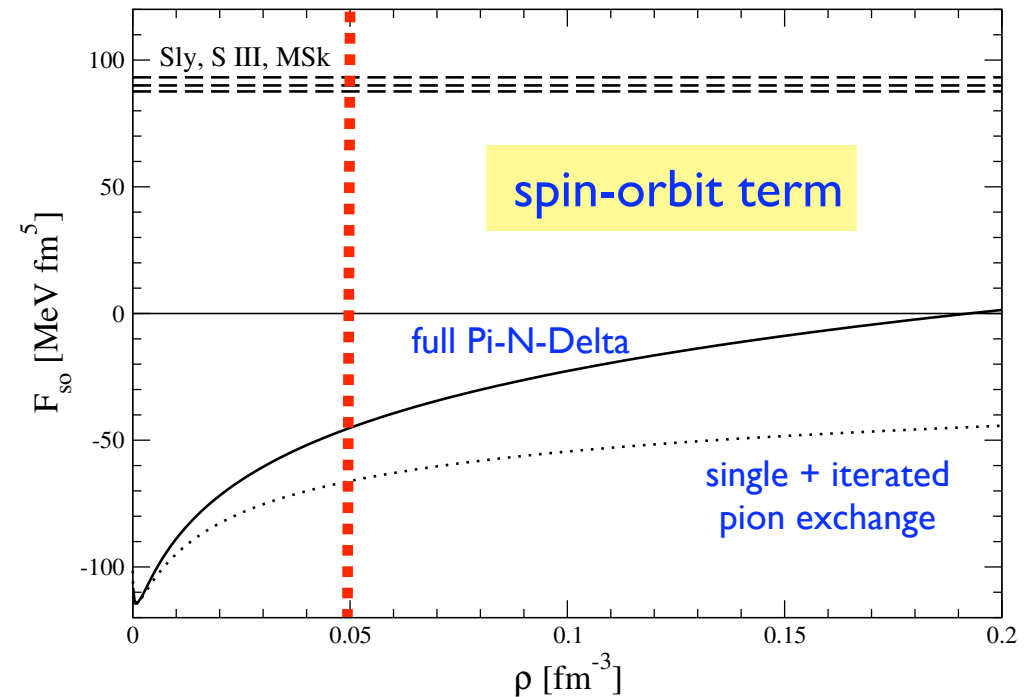
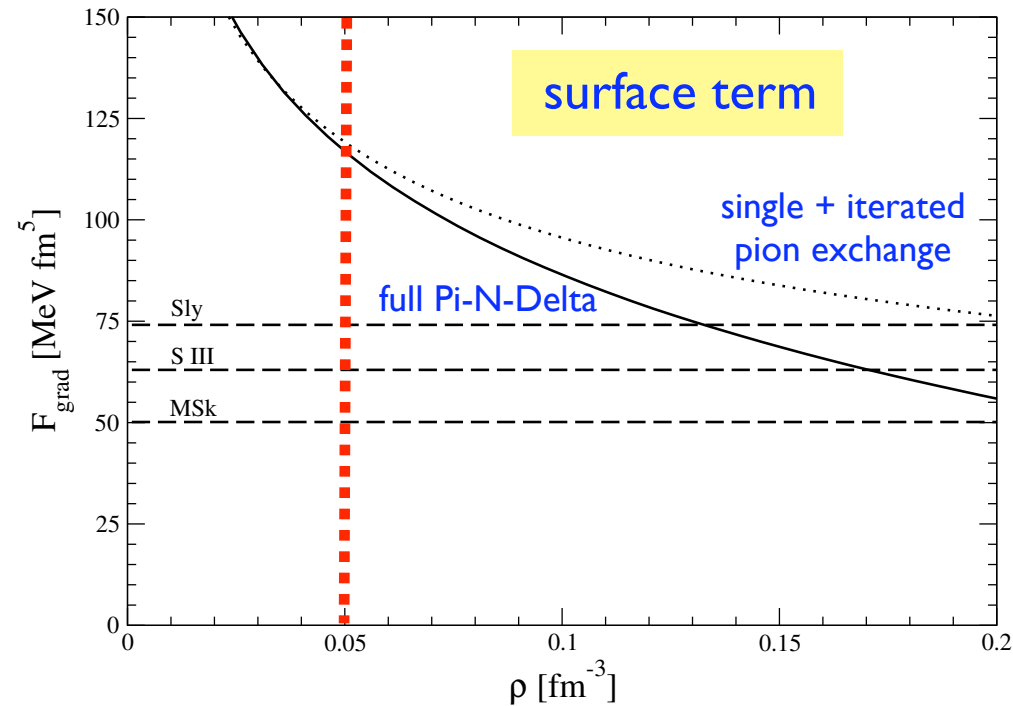
kinetic energy density

$$\tau(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha \in F} \nabla\psi_\alpha^\dagger(\vec{r}) \cdot \nabla\psi_\alpha(\vec{r})$$

spin-orbit density

$$\mathbf{J}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha \in F} \psi_\alpha^\dagger(\vec{r}) i\vec{\sigma} \times \nabla\psi_\alpha(\vec{r})$$

$$\mathcal{E}[\rho, \tau, \mathbf{J}] = \frac{\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k}_F)}{\mathbf{A}} \rho + \left( \tau - \frac{3}{5} \rho k_F^2 \right) \left[ \frac{1}{2M_N} - \mathbf{F}_\tau(\mathbf{k}_F) \right] + (\nabla\rho)^2 \mathbf{F}_{\text{grad}}(\mathbf{k}_F) + \nabla\rho \cdot \mathbf{J} \mathbf{F}_{\text{so}}(\mathbf{k}_F) + \dots$$



# FINITE NUCLEI: DENSITY FUNCTIONAL STRATEGIES

- ... towards a **relativistic DENSITY FUNCTIONAL** ...

(see e.g.: R. Furnstahl et al., B. Serot, in: Lecture Notes in Phys. 641 (2004))

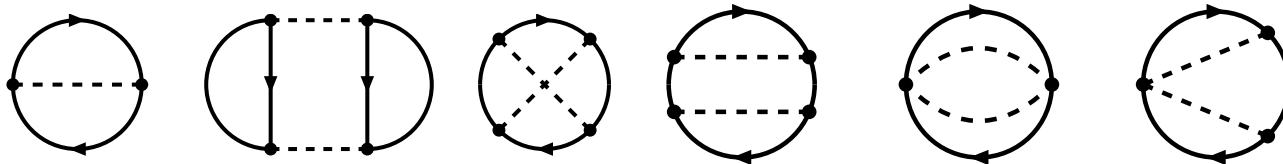
... constrained by

(in-medium) **CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY** and **QCD SUM RULES**

( P. Finelli, N. Kaiser, D. Vretenar, W. W., Eur. Phys. J. A 17 (2003) 573, Nucl. Phys. A 735 (2004) 449 )

$$\mathbf{E}[\rho] = \mathbf{E}_{\text{kin}} + \int d^3\mathbf{x} [\mathcal{E}^{(0)}(\rho) + \mathcal{E}_{\text{exc}}(\rho)] + \mathbf{E}_{\text{coul}} ; \quad \rho = \sum_{i=1}^A |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

- $\mathcal{E}_{\text{exc}}(\rho)$ : from in-medium ChPT ("Pionic fluctuations")



- $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}(\rho)$ : strong **SCALAR** and **VECTOR** mean fields generated by **IN-MEDIUM** changes of **QCD CONDENSATES**

(Drukarev, Levin (1990); Cohen, Furnstahl, Griegel (1991))

$$\Sigma_S^{(0)} = M^*(\rho) - M = -M \frac{\sigma_N}{2m_q} \frac{\rho_S}{|\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\text{vacuum}}|} \sim -\frac{M}{3} \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}; \quad \Sigma_V^{(0)} \simeq -\Sigma_S^{(0)}$$

# FINITE NUCLEI

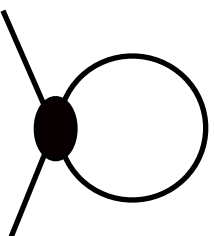
- contd. -

- construct equivalent Effective Lagrangian  
with **DENSITY DEPENDENT** four-point couplings:

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma \cdot \partial - M)\Psi - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=S,V,\dots} G_i(\hat{\rho})(\bar{\Psi}\Gamma_i\Psi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=S,V,\dots} D_i(\hat{\rho})(\partial\bar{\Psi}\Gamma_i\Psi)^2 + \mathcal{L}_{e.m.}$$

$$\Gamma_S = \mathbf{1}, \quad \Gamma_V = \gamma^\mu, \quad \dots$$

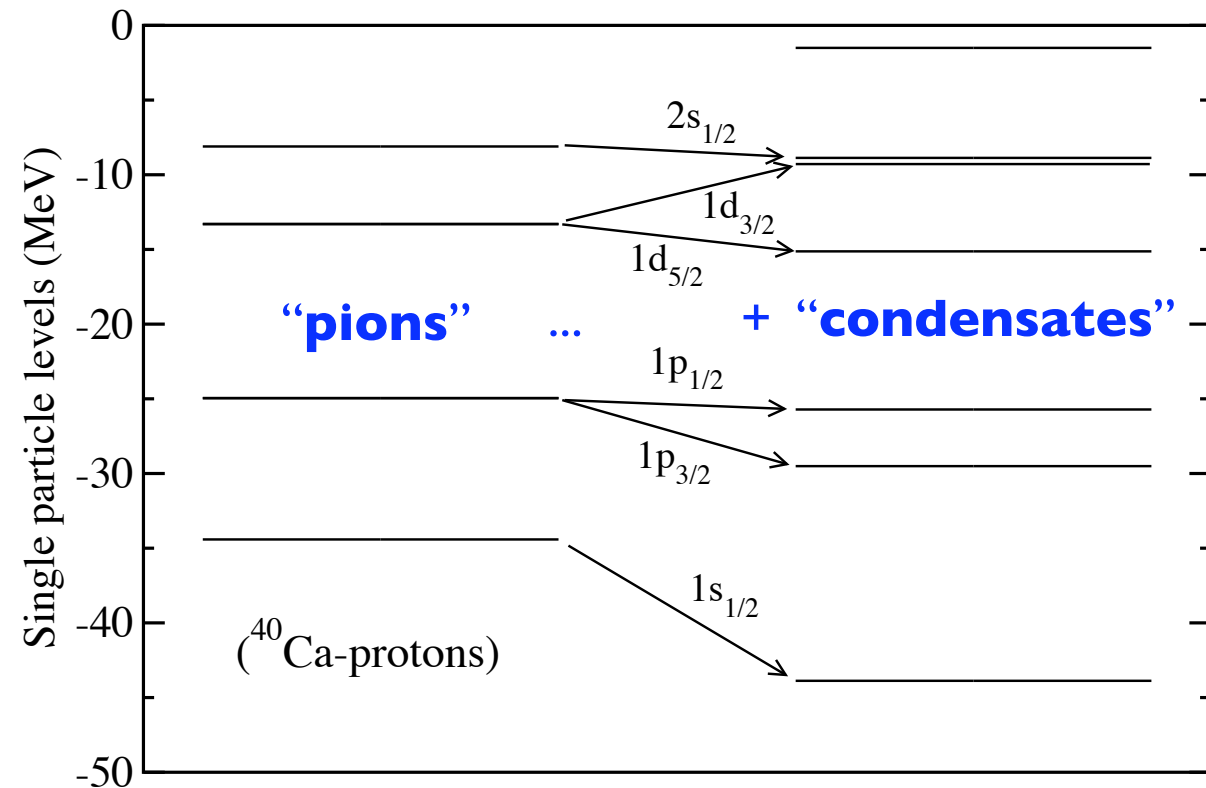
- matching at the level of **nucleon self-energies**:

$$\Sigma_i(\rho) = G_i(\rho) \cdot \rho \quad \text{+ re-arrangement terms}$$
A Feynman diagram representing a nucleon self-energy loop. It consists of a central black dot with two external lines extending from it. A circle is attached to the dot, representing a loop. The diagram is positioned to the right of the equation.

- solve **self-consistent Dirac equations** for single-particle orbits  
(relativistic analog of **Kohn-Sham equations**)
- apply corrections: CM energy, pairing (rel. Hartree-Bogoliubov)

# Example: SINGLE PARTICLE SPECTRUM of $^{40}\text{Ca}$

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**SPIN-ORBIT** splitting from strong “CONDENSATE” **SCALAR & VECTOR** mean fields:

$$\Sigma_S^{(0)}(\rho) \simeq -0.35 \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_0} \right)$$

$$\Sigma_V^{(0)}(\rho) \simeq +0.34 \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)$$

(SPIN-ORBIT interaction proportional to SCALAR **minus** VECTOR)

**BINDING** from **CHIRAL DYNAMICS**  
(mainly regularized two-pion exchange “van der Waals + Pauli”)

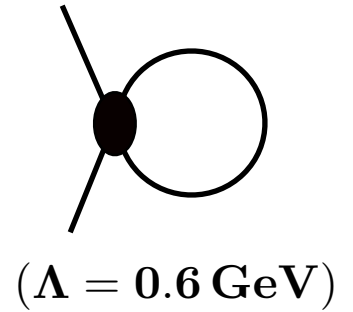
$$\Sigma_{S,V}^{(\pi)}(\rho) \simeq -75 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) \left[ 1 - 0.38 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{1/3} - 0.27 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{2/3} + 0.09 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) \right] + \text{surface (derivative) term}$$

# PARAMETERS and their interpretation

- single particle potential:

$$U = S + V = G_S^{(0)} \rho_S + G_V^{(0)} \rho + \Delta U$$

$$\Delta U = g_3 \frac{k_F^3}{\Lambda^2} + g_4 \frac{k_F^4}{\Lambda^3} + g_5 \frac{k_F^5}{\Lambda^4} + g_6 \frac{k_F^6}{\Lambda^5}$$



coupling

fine-tuned

expected / predicted

condensate  
fields

$$G_S^{(0)}$$

$$- 11.5 \text{ fm}^2$$

$$- (11.0 \pm 1.5) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$G_V^{(0)}$$

$$11.0 \text{ fm}^2$$

$$(10.5 \pm 1.5) \text{ fm}^2$$

**QCD**  
sum rules

nuclear  
chiral (pion)  
dynamics:

$$g_3$$

$$- 3.04$$

$$- 3.31$$

$$g_4$$

$$2.95$$

$$2.95$$

$$g_5$$

$$2.48$$

$$2.48$$

$$g_6$$

$$- 4.00$$

$$-$$

**in-medium**  
ChPT

van der Waals  
+  
Pauli  
+

model-  
independent

short range  
(contact)  
terms

$$D_S$$

$$- 0.76$$

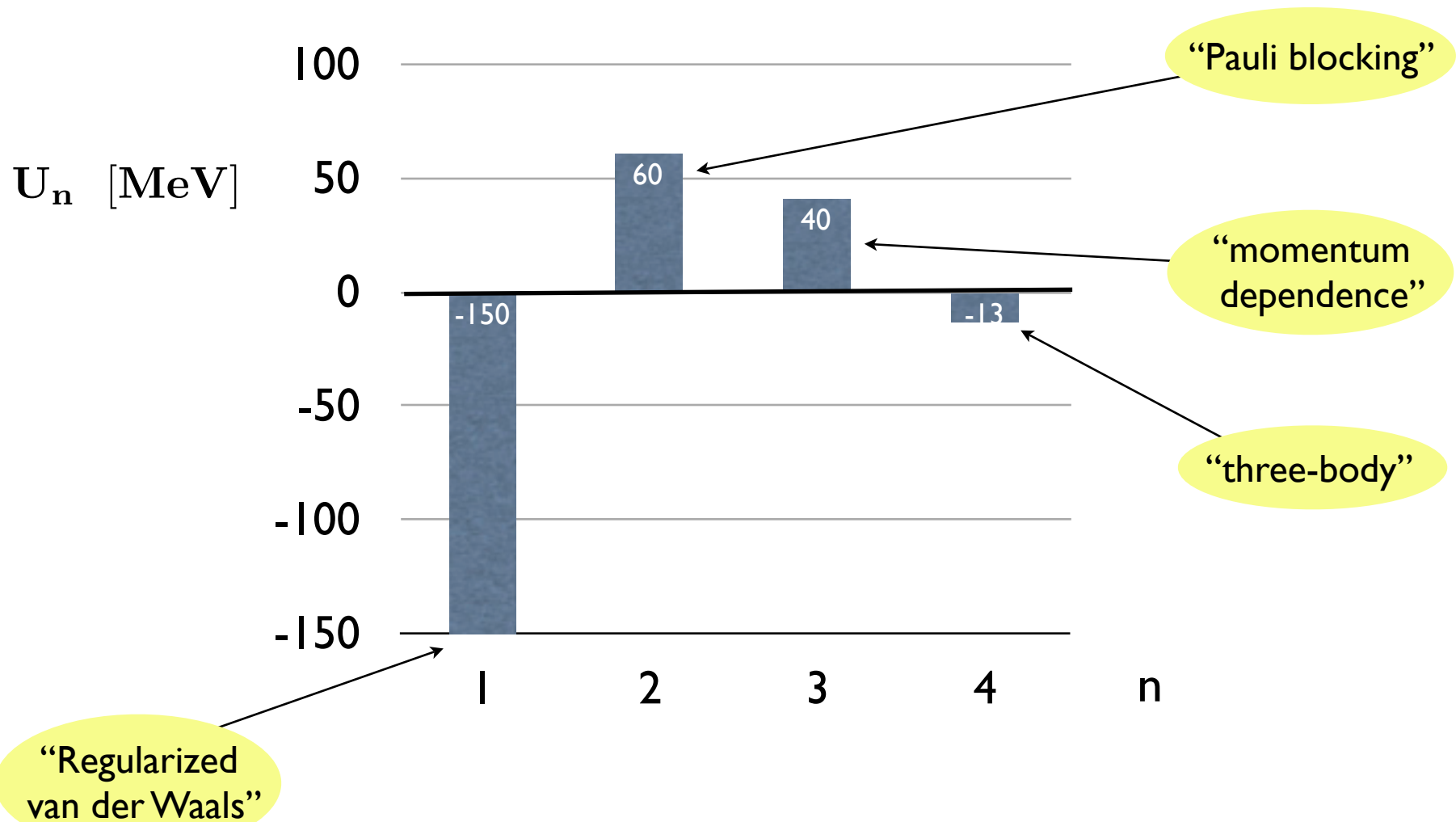
$$- 0.7$$

surface  
(derivative) term



# Central (isoscalar) SINGLE PARTICLE POTENTIAL of a typical HEAVY NUCLEUS

$$U(\mathbf{r}) = U_1 \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\rho_0} + U_2 \left( \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\rho_0} \right)^{4/3} + U_3 \left( \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\rho_0} \right)^{5/3} + U_4 \left( \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\rho_0} \right)^2$$

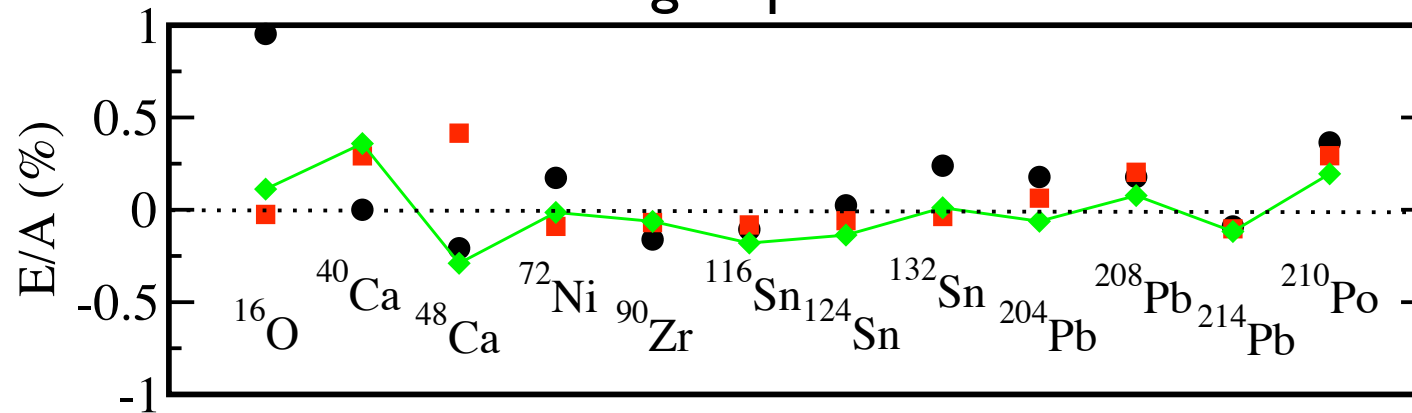


# RESULTS (part I)

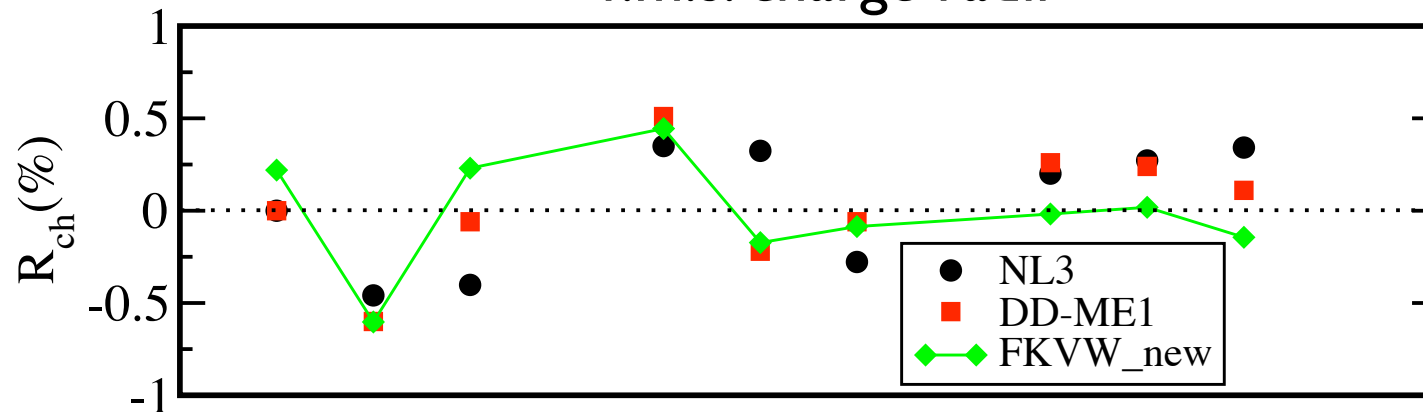
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deviations (in %) between calculated and measured

energies per nucleon



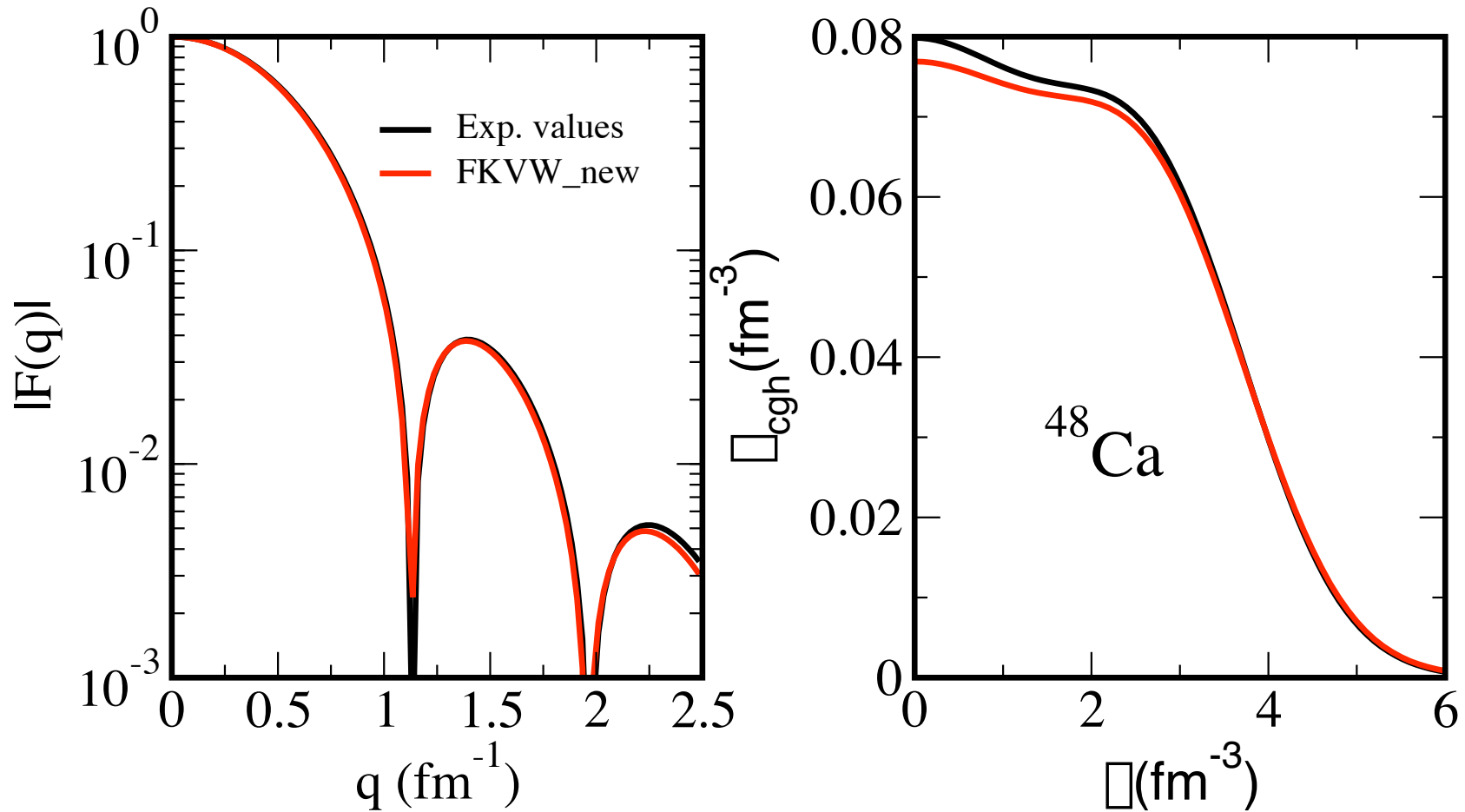
r.m.s. charge radii



# RESULTS (part II)

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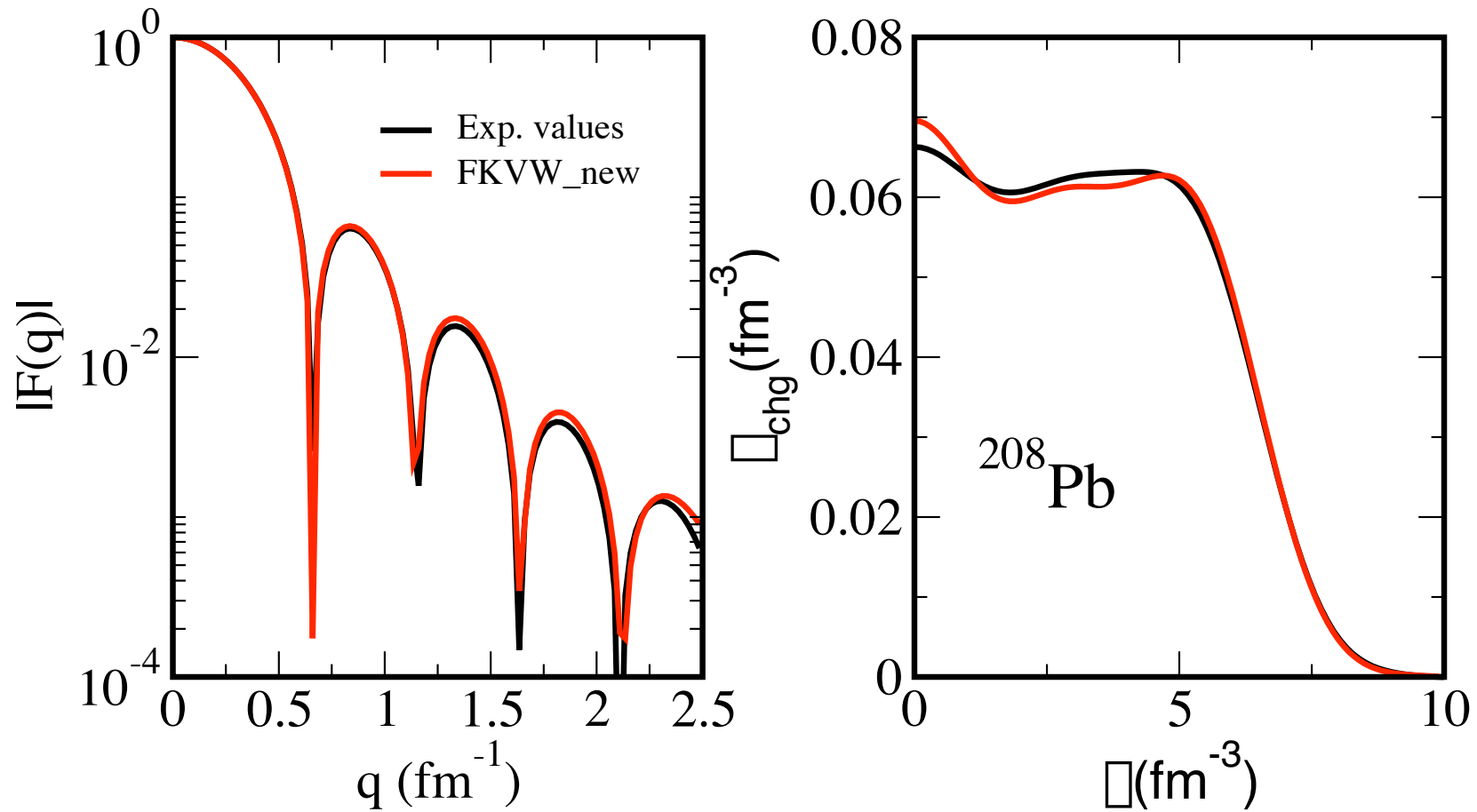
## charge density of $^{48}\text{Ca}$



# RESULTS (part III)

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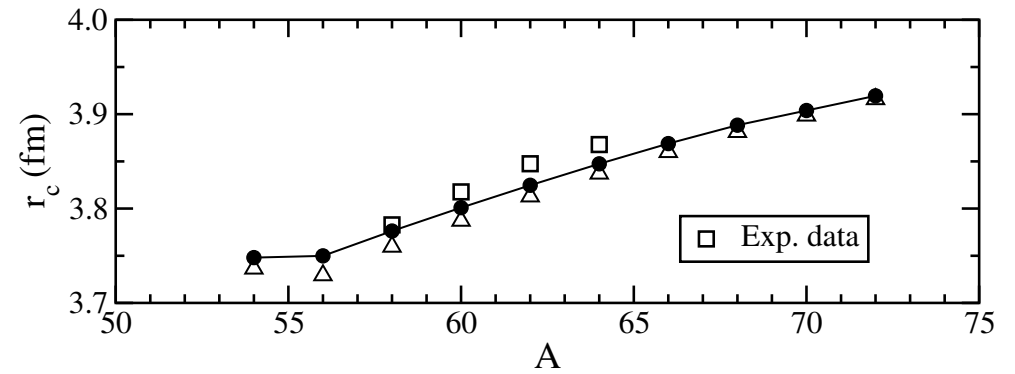
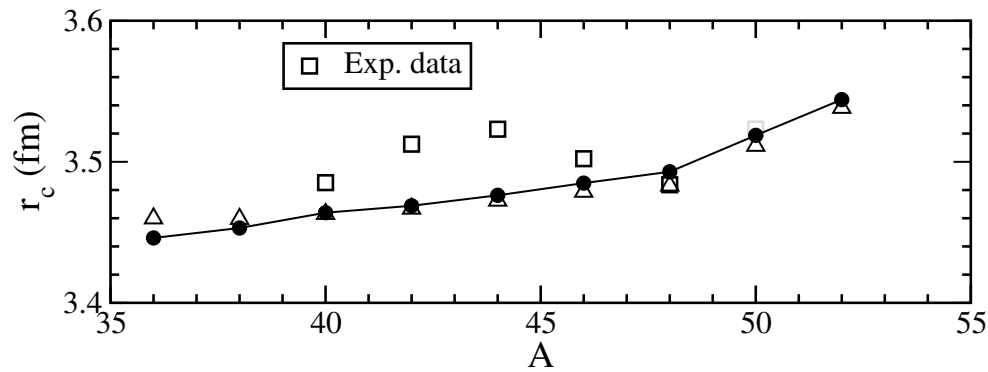
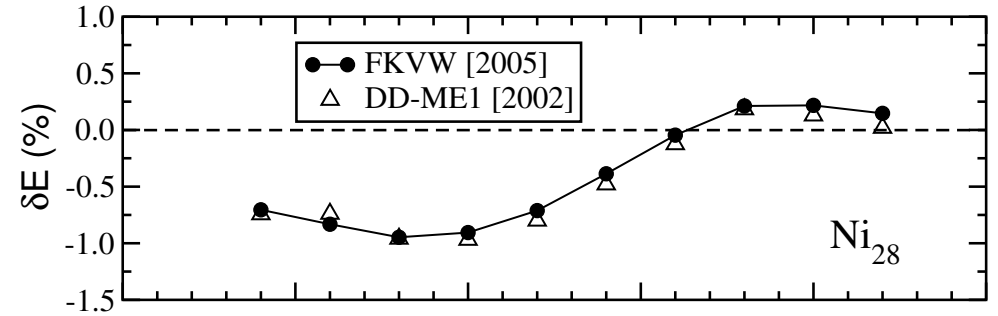
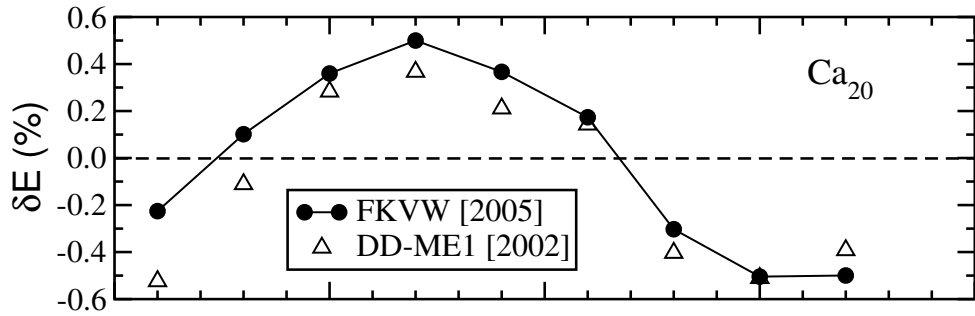
## charge density of $^{208}\text{Pb}$



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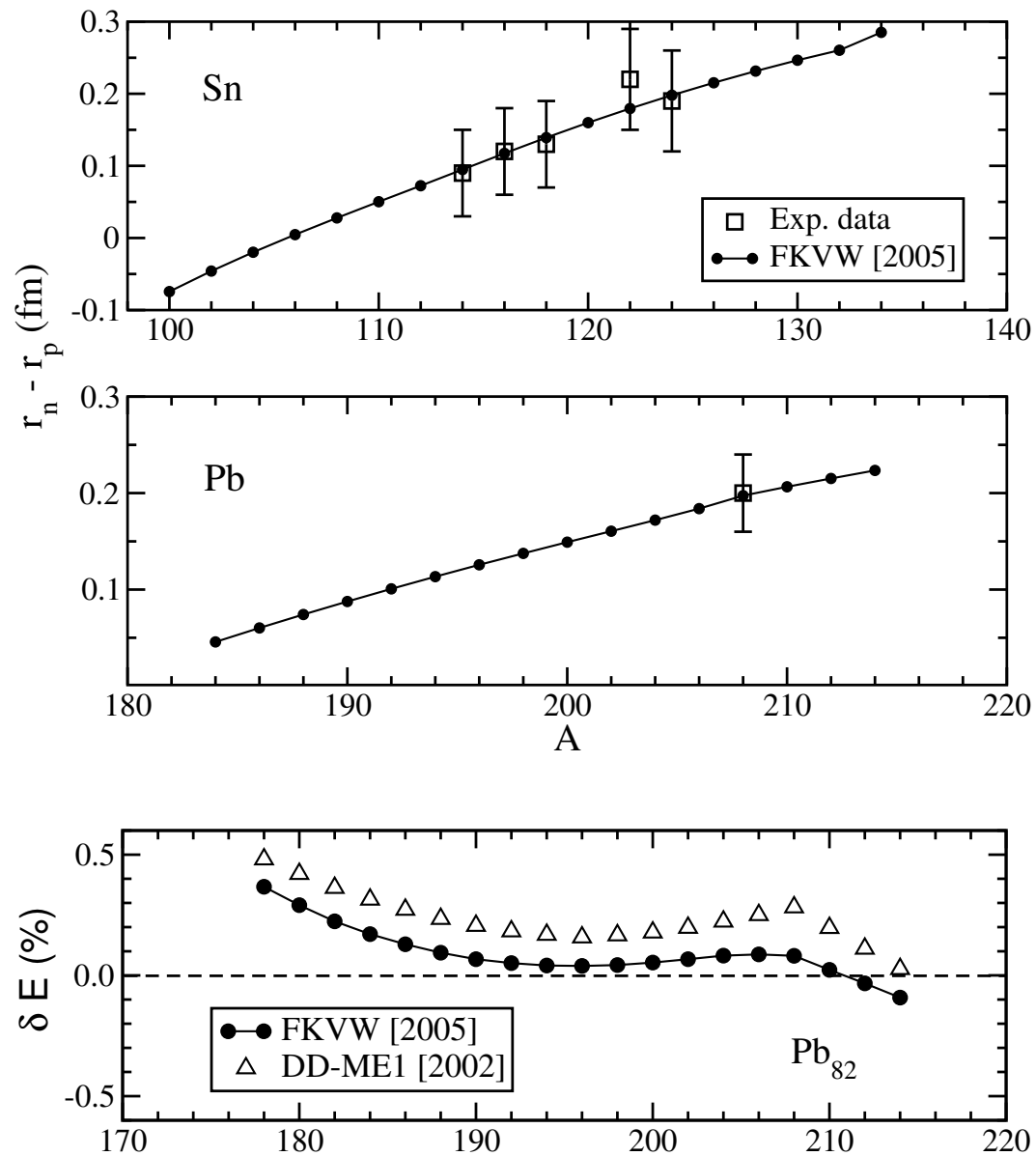
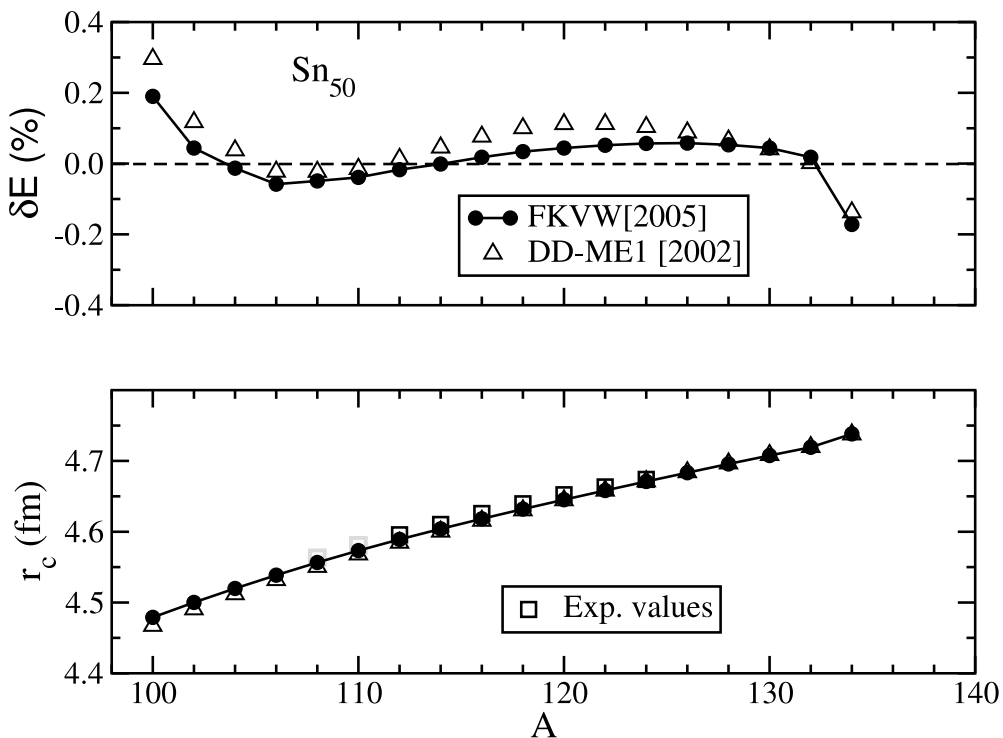
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## ISOSPIN dependence: Ca and Ni isotopes



# RESULTS (part V)

## ISOSPIN dependence: Sn and Pb isotopes

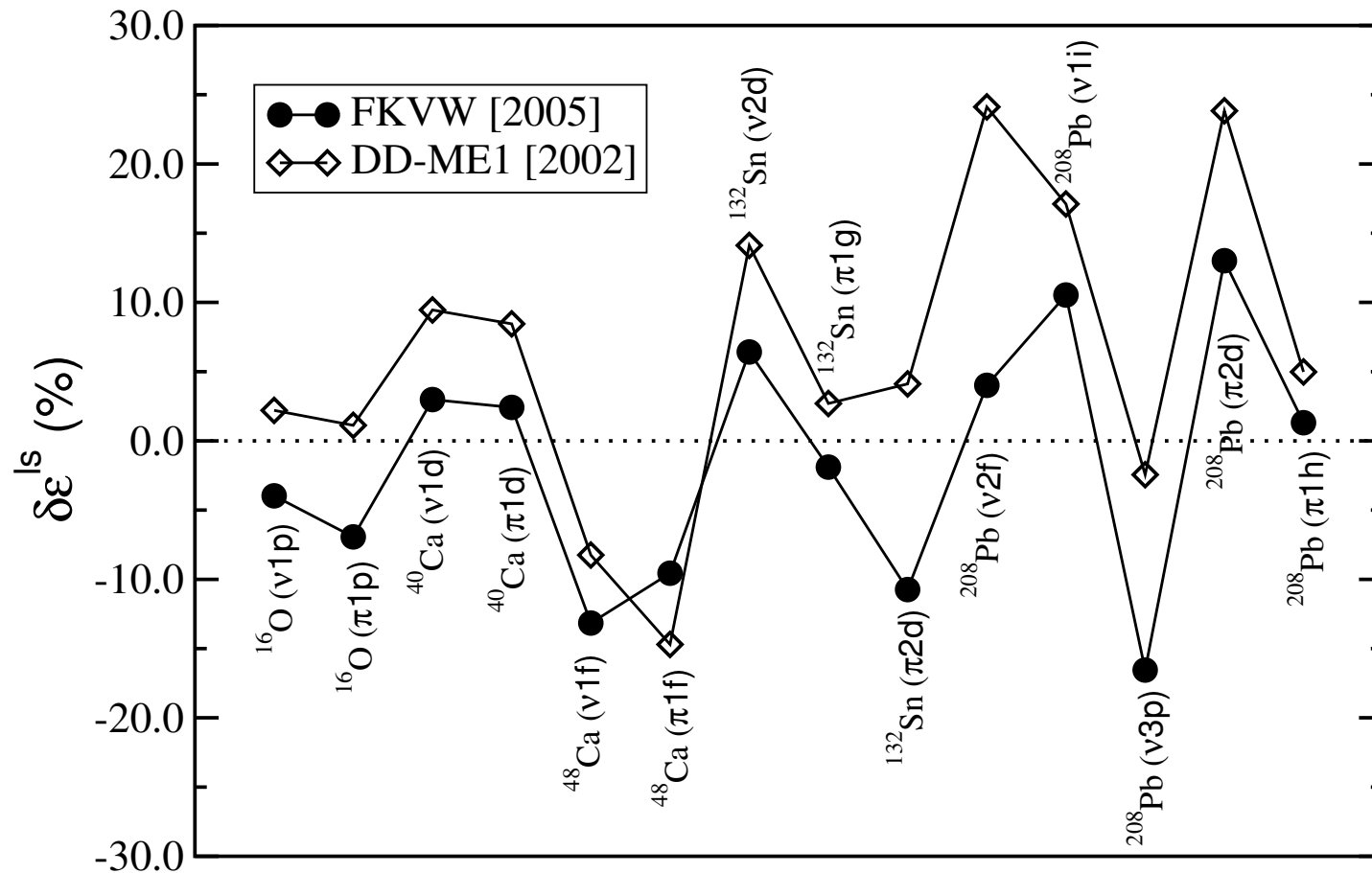


# RESULTS (part VI)

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## SPIN - ORBIT splittings

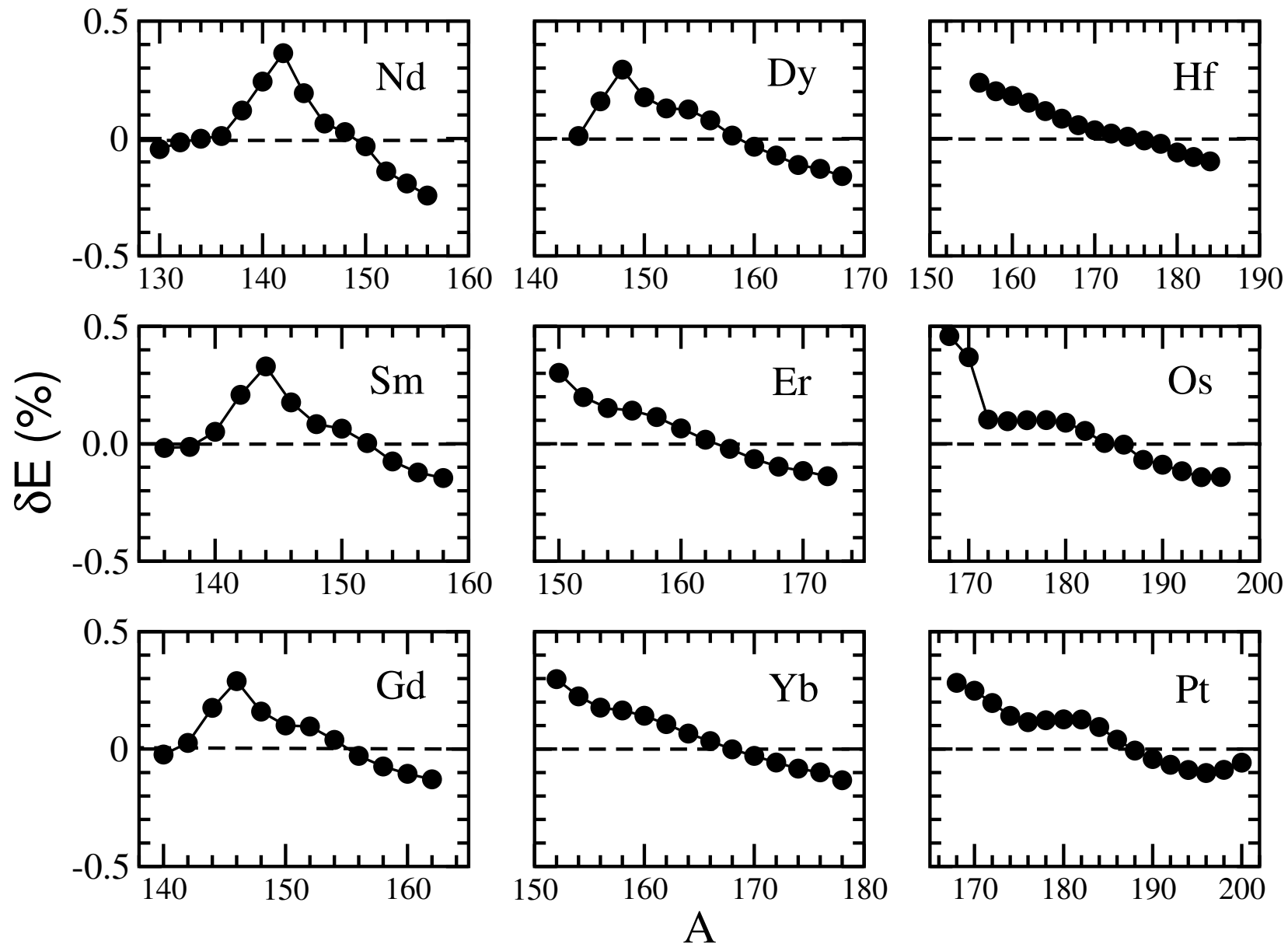
deviations (in %) between calculated and measured



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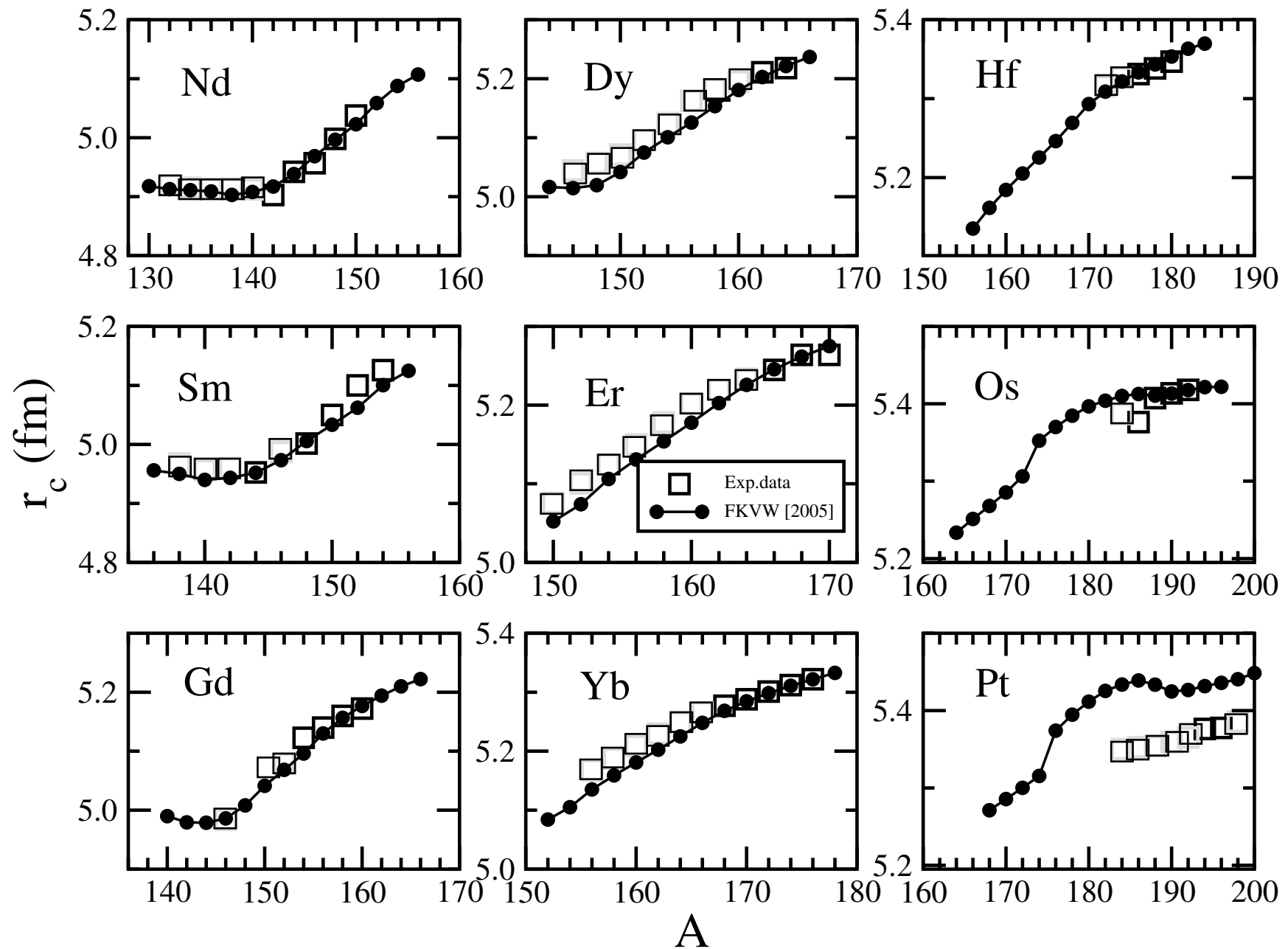
## DEFORMED NUCLEI: binding energies





# RESULTS (part VIII)

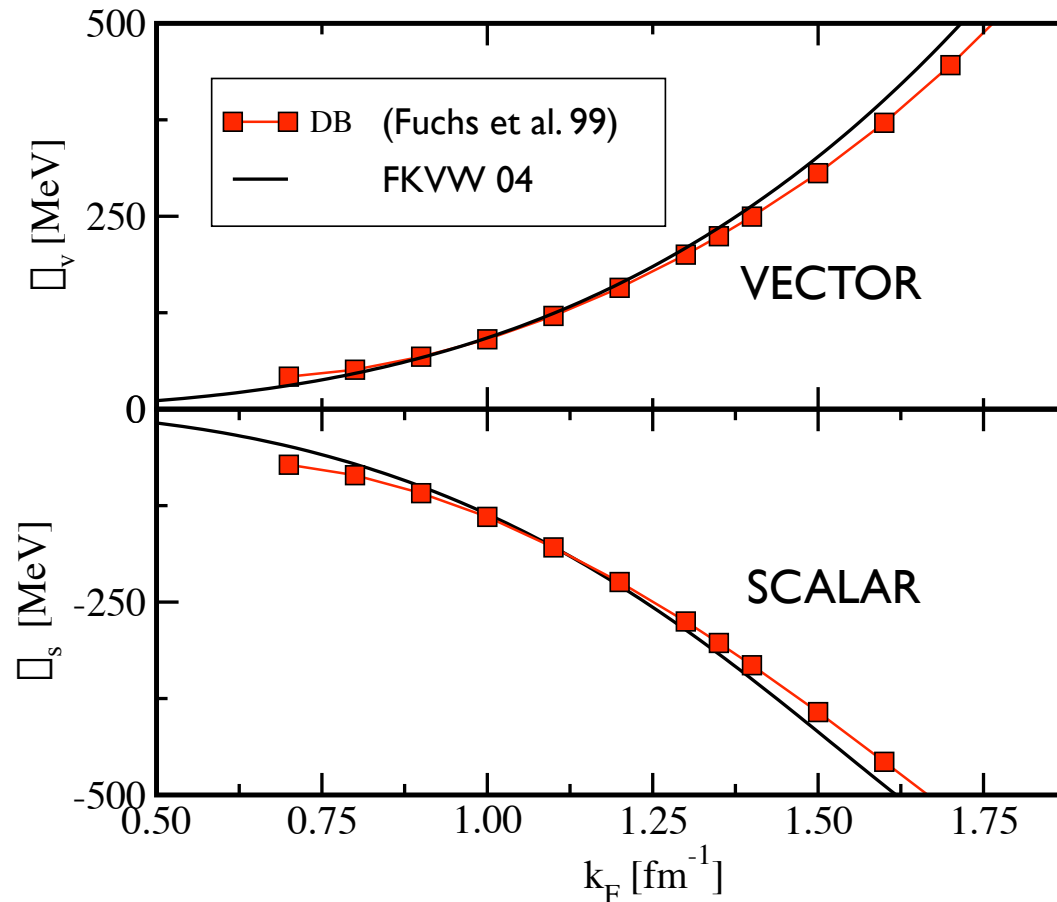
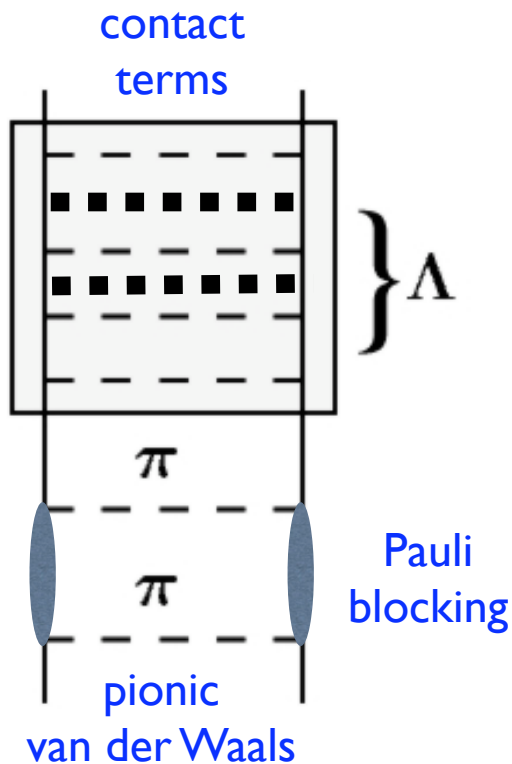
## DEFORMED NUCLEI: charge radii



## SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- ... on the way to a density functional approach for nuclear many-body systems, constrained by **LOW-ENERGY QCD**
- **BINDING** and **SATURATION** primarily from **PION DYNAMICS**  
(“Pionic van der Waals + Pauli”)
- **SPIN-ORBIT** interaction: strong **SCALAR** and **VECTOR** mean fields consistent with **in-medium QCD CONDENSATES**
- **HEAVY NUCLEI** and chains of isotopes:  
correct **ISOSPIN** dependence, primarily from 2-pion-dynamics
- **PERTURBATIVE** (chiral) approach plus contact terms seems to work
- agreement with results from **Dirac-Brueckner** theory  
(where comparable)

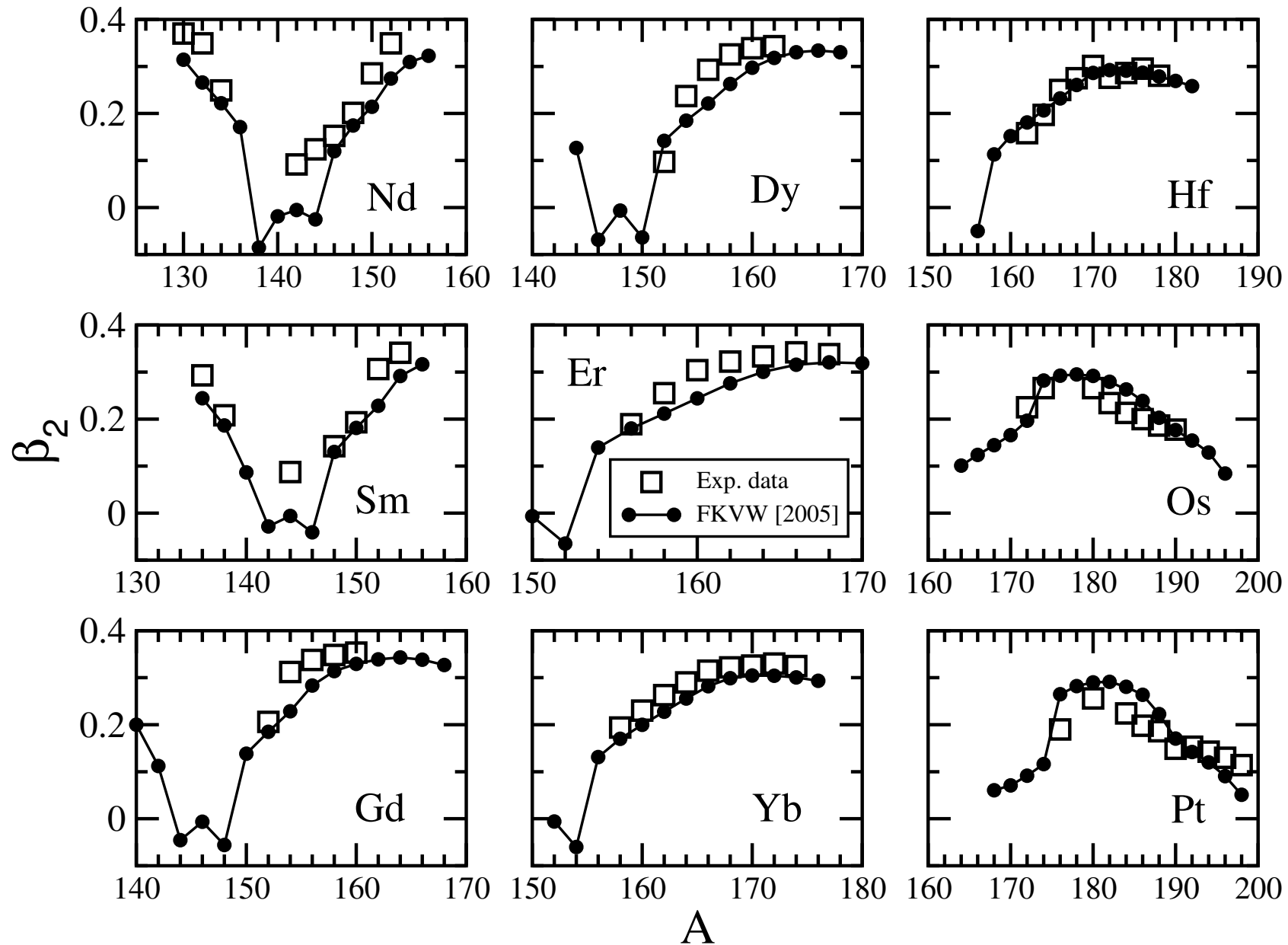
# Comparison with DIRAC-BRUECKNER calculations



- “trivial” density dependence from short-distance / in-medium condensate dynamics ( $\Rightarrow$  contact terms)
- “non-trivial” density dependence from intermediate and long-range pion dynamics (“van der Waals”) plus Pauli blocking

# RESULTS (part IX)

## DEFORMED NUCLEI: ground state deformations



# QCD SUM RULES at FINITE DENSITY

(Drukarev, Levin (1990); Cohen, Furnstahl, Griegel (1991))

- In-medium QCD SUM RULES, leading order:

$$\Sigma_S^{(0)} = -\frac{8\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} [\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\rho - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0] = \frac{8\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} \frac{-\sigma_N}{m_u + m_d} \rho_s, \quad \Sigma_V^{(0)} = +\frac{64\pi^2}{3\Lambda_B^2} \langle q^\dagger q \rangle_\rho = \frac{32\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} \rho$$

- ... use Ioffe's formula  $M_N = -\frac{8\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0$

and Gell-Mann, Oakes, Renner relation  $(m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 = -m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2$

$$\rightarrow \Sigma_S^{(0)} = M_N^*(\rho) - M_N(\rho) = -\frac{\sigma_N M_N}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho_s \equiv G_S^{(0)} \rho_s$$

$$\rightarrow \Sigma_V^{(0)} = \frac{4(m_u + m_d) M_N}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho \equiv G_V^{(0)} \rho$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\Sigma_S^{(0)}}{\Sigma_V^{(0)}} = -\frac{\sigma_N}{4(m_u + m_d)} \left( \frac{\rho_s}{\rho} \right) \simeq -1$$