

# **Nuclear Many-Body Dynamics**

## **constrained by QCD and Chiral Symmetry**

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♣ MODERN NUCLEAR STRUCTURE MODELS:

HOW TO RELATE LOW-ENERGY, NON-PERTURBATIVE  
QCD AND THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF FINITE NUCLEI?

♣ EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORIES (EFT's) FOR NUCLEI:

- constrained by QCD symmetries
- span multiple energy scales

$M_{QCD} \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$  ⇒ scale of chiral symmetry breaking  
 $\approx 0.2 - 0.3 \text{ GeV}$  ⇒ scalar  $\Sigma_S$  and vector  $\Sigma_V$  in  
nuclear matter; Fermi momentum  $k_F$  at saturation  
 $\approx 0.01 \text{ GeV}$  ⇒ energy scale of a nucleus

- QUANTUM HADRODYNAMICS:**  $\Rightarrow$  field theoretical framework of Lorentz-covariant, meson-nucleon or point-coupling models of nuclear dynamics based on EFT and DFT.
- QHD models are consistent with QCD symmetries
  - the QHD framework implicitly includes vacuum effects, spontaneously broken chiral symmetry, nucleon substructure, exchange terms
  - characteristic  $\Rightarrow$  large Lorentz scalar and vector nucleon self-energies ( $\approx 0.3 - 0.4$  GeV at saturation density)
  - success of the relativistic mean-field description of nuclear phenomenology



**IMPORTANT**

**Nuclear structure data:** binding energies, separation energies, charge distribution radii, mass distribution radii, surface thickness, nuclear deformations, spin-orbit energy splittings **only determine**

**6 or 7 parameters**

**in the expansion of an effective Lagrangian in powers of fields and their derivatives.**



LINK BETWEEN LOW-ENERGY QCD AND THE  
NUCLEAR MANY-BODY PROBLEM!

## **Relativistic Nuclear Point-Coupling Model with Density-Dependent Contact Interactions**

### CONJECTURES:

- The nuclear ground state is characterized by large scalar and vector fields of approximately equal magnitude and opposite sign.
- Nuclear binding and saturation arise dominantly from chiral (pionic) fluctuations.

♣ In-medium changes of the scalar quark condensate (the chiral condensate)  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\rho$  and of the quark density  $\langle q^\dagger q \rangle_\rho$  give rise to scalar  $\Sigma_S$  and vector  $\Sigma_V$  nucleon self-energies ( $\approx 0.3 - 0.4$  GeV at saturation density)

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 \simeq -(240 \text{ MeV})^3 \simeq -1.8 \text{ fm}^{-3}$$

**FINITE DENSITY QCD SUM RULES:**  $\Rightarrow$  in leading order

$$\Sigma_S^{(0)} = -\frac{8\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} (\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\rho - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\text{vac}})$$

$$\Sigma_V^{(0)} = \frac{64\pi^2}{3\Lambda_B^2} \langle q^\dagger q \rangle_\rho$$

**QCD SUM RULES**  $\Rightarrow$  not sufficiently precise to make detailed predictions at the scale of a few MeV

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♣ Nuclear binding and saturation arise dominantly from chiral (pionic) fluctuations superimposed on the condensate background fields.

### IN-MEDIUM CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

CHIRAL PION-NUCLEON DYNAMICS  $\Rightarrow$  EOS of isospin symmetric nuclear matter as an expansion in  $(k_F)^n$

- the expansion coefficients are functions of  $k_f/m_\pi$
- in-medium ChPT to three loop order with a single momentum space cut-off  $\Lambda \simeq 0.65 \text{ GeV}$  (encodes NN-dynamics at short distances)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\bar{E}(k_{f0}) = -15.3 \text{ MeV} \quad \rho_0 = 0.178 \text{ fm}^{-3}$$
$$K = 255 \text{ MeV} \quad A(k_{f0}) = 33.8 \text{ MeV}$$

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# **Relativistic Nuclear Point-Coupling Model with Density-Dependent Contact Interactions**

**1) LAGRANGIAN:** built from basic density and current operator blocks bilinear in the Dirac spinor field  $\psi$  of the nucleon:

$$(\bar{\psi} \mathcal{O}_\tau \Gamma \psi) \quad \mathcal{O}_\tau \in \{1, \tau_i\} \quad \Gamma \in \{1, \gamma_\mu, \gamma_5, \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu, \sigma_{\mu\nu}\}$$

A general effective Lagrangian can be written as a power series in the point couplings  $(\bar{\psi} \mathcal{O}_\tau \Gamma \psi)$  and the derivatives  $\partial_\nu (\bar{\psi} \mathcal{O}_\tau \Gamma \psi)$ .

How many parameters (coefficients of the power series) can be uniquely determined, either microscopically or from nuclear phenomenology ?

**FKW point-coupling model**  $\Rightarrow$  includes the following four-fermion interaction vertices:

isoscalar-scalar:  $(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$

isoscalar-vector:  $(\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi)(\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi)$

isovector-scalar:  $(\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\psi) \cdot (\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\psi)$

isovector-vector:  $(\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\gamma_\mu\psi) \cdot (\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\gamma^\mu\psi)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{4f}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{der}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{em}}$$

## MINIMAL LAGRANGIAN:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma_\mu \partial^\mu - M)\psi$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{4f} = & -\frac{1}{2} G_S(\hat{\rho})(\bar{\psi}\psi)(\bar{\psi}\psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} G_V(\hat{\rho})(\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi)(\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} G_{TS}(\hat{\rho})(\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\psi) \cdot (\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} G_{TV}(\hat{\rho})(\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\gamma_\mu\psi) \cdot (\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\gamma^\mu\psi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{der}} = & -\frac{1}{2} D_S(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\psi)(\partial^\nu\bar{\psi}\psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} D_V(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi)(\partial^\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} D_{TS}(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\psi) \cdot (\partial^\nu\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} D_{TV}(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\gamma_\mu\psi) \cdot (\partial^\nu\bar{\psi}\vec{\tau}\gamma^\mu\psi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{em}} = +e A^\mu \bar{\psi} \frac{1+\tau^3}{2} \gamma_\mu \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

**NEW**

DENSITY-DEPENDENT COUPLINGS  $G_i(\hat{\rho})$  AND  $D_i(\hat{\rho})$

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM:

**QCD condensates**  
 $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$  and  $\langle q^\dagger q \rangle$   
**(QCD sum rules)**

**explicit**  
 **$1\pi$  and  $2\pi$  exchange**  
**(in-medium ChPT)**

$$G_i(\hat{\rho}) = G_i^{<\bar{q}q>}(\hat{\rho}) + G_i^\pi(\hat{\rho})$$

## 2) EQUATION OF MOTION:

- The single-nucleon Dirac equation:

$$[\gamma_\mu(i\partial^\mu - V^\mu) - (M + S)]\psi = 0$$

$$V^\mu = \Sigma^\mu + \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\Sigma}_T^\mu + \Sigma_r^\mu + \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\Sigma}_{rT}^\mu$$

$$S = \Sigma_S + \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\Sigma}_{TS} + \Sigma_r S + \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\Sigma}_{rTS}$$

- The nucleon self-energies:

$$\Sigma^\mu = (G_V - D_V \square) j^\mu - e A^\mu \frac{1 + \tau_3}{2}$$

$$\vec{\Sigma}_T^\mu = (G_{TV} - D_{TV} \square) \vec{j}_T^\mu$$

$$\Sigma_S = (G_S - D_S \square)(\bar{\psi} \psi)$$

$$\vec{\Sigma}_{TS} = (G_{TS} - D_{TS} \square)(\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \psi)$$

- The **rearrangement** self-energies:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_r^\mu &= u^\mu \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_S}{\partial \hat{\rho}} (\bar{\psi} \psi) (\bar{\psi} \psi) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial D_S}{\partial \hat{\rho}} (\partial^\nu (\bar{\psi} \psi)) (\partial_\nu (\bar{\psi} \psi)) \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_{TS}}{\partial \hat{\rho}} (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \psi) \cdot (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \psi) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial D_{TS}}{\partial \hat{\rho}} (\partial^\nu (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \psi)) \cdot (\partial_\nu (\bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \psi)) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_V}{\partial \hat{\rho}} j^\nu j_\nu + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial D_V}{\partial \hat{\rho}} (\partial_\nu j_\alpha) (\partial^\nu j^\alpha) \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_{TV}}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \vec{j}_T^\nu \cdot \vec{j}_{T\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial D_{TV}}{\partial \hat{\rho}} (\partial_\nu \vec{j}_{T\alpha}) \cdot (\partial^\nu \vec{j}_T^\alpha) \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial D_V}{\partial \hat{\rho}} (\partial_\nu j_\alpha) u^\alpha (\partial^\nu j^\mu)
\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  also  $\Sigma_{rS}$ ,  $\vec{\Sigma}_{rTS}$  and  $\vec{\Sigma}_{rT}^\mu$ . The rearrangement terms result from the variation of the vertex functionals with respect to the baryon fields in the density operator  $\hat{\rho}$ .

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{int}}{\delta \bar{\psi}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{int}}{\partial \psi} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{int}}{\partial \hat{\rho}} \frac{\delta \hat{\rho}}{\delta \psi} \quad \frac{\delta \hat{\rho}}{\delta \bar{\psi}} = \gamma_\mu \hat{u}^\mu \quad \hat{\rho} \hat{u}^\mu = j^\mu$$

♣ the inclusion of rearrangement self-energies is essential for: a) energy-momentum conservation

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

and for b) the thermodynamical consistency of the model

$$\rho^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{\rho} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 T^{ii}$$

⇒ requires the equality of the pressure obtained from the thermodynamical definition and from the energy-momentum tensor ( $\varepsilon = T^{00}$ ,  $\rho = (2/3\pi^2)k_F^3$ ).

## The Mean-Field and No-Sea Approximations

- ♣ the mean-field approximation

$$\bar{\psi} \mathcal{O}_\tau \Gamma \psi \longrightarrow \sum_{\varepsilon_\alpha > 0} w_\alpha \bar{\phi}_\alpha \mathcal{O}_\tau \Gamma \phi_\alpha$$

$w_\alpha$ : occupation numbers

$\phi_\alpha$ : Dirac four-spinor single-particle wave functions

$\varepsilon_\alpha$ : single-particle energies

- ♣ the “no-sea”approximation: The summation is restricted to positive single-particle energies.

♣ The interaction terms in the Lagrangian are expressed in terms of the local densities.

**isoscalar-scalar:**  $\rho_S(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} \bar{\phi}_{\alpha}(\vec{r})\phi_{\alpha}(\vec{r})$

**isoscalar-vector:**  $\rho_V(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} \bar{\phi}_{\alpha}(\vec{r})\gamma_0\phi_{\alpha}(\vec{r})$

**isovector-scalar:**  $\rho_{TS}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} \bar{\phi}_{\alpha}(\vec{r})\tau_3\phi_{\alpha}(\vec{r})$

**isovector-vector:**  $\rho_{TV}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} \bar{\phi}_{\alpha}(\vec{r})\tau_3\gamma_0\phi_{\alpha}(\vec{r})$

**proton:**  $\rho_C(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} [\rho_V(\vec{r}) - \rho_{TV}(\vec{r})]$

# Nuclear matter equation of state

## 1) QCD CONSTRAINTS:

**1 the presence of a non-trivial vacuum characterized by strong condensates**

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**2 the important role of pionic fluctuations governing the low-energy, long wavelength dynamics**

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## IN-MEDIUM QCD SUM RULES

⇒ relate the changes of the scalar condensate  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\rho$  and the quark density  $\langle q^\dagger q \rangle_\rho$  with the scalar self-energy  $\Sigma_S$  and vector self-energy  $\Sigma_V$  of a nucleon in the nuclear medium.

♣ in leading order

$$\Sigma_S^{(0)} = -\frac{8\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} (\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\rho - \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0) = -\frac{8\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} \frac{\sigma_N}{m_u + m_d} \rho_S$$

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 \simeq -1.8 \text{ fm}^{-3} \quad \sigma_N \sim \langle N | m_q \bar{q}q | N \rangle$$

$$\Sigma_V^{(0)} = \frac{64\pi^2}{3\Lambda_B^2} \langle q^\dagger q \rangle_\rho = \frac{32\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} \rho \quad \langle q^\dagger q \rangle_\rho = \frac{3}{2} \rho$$

$$\frac{\Sigma_S^{(0)}}{\Sigma_V^{(0)}} \simeq -\frac{\sigma_N}{4(m_u + m_d)} \simeq -1 \quad (\sigma_N \simeq 45 \text{ MeV}; m_u + m_d \simeq 12 \text{ MeV})$$

♣ Ioffe's formula for the nucleon mass:

$$M = -\frac{8\pi^2}{\Lambda_B^2} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0$$

♣ Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner:

$$(m_u + m_d) \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0 = -m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2$$

$$\Sigma_S^{(0)} = M^* - M = -\frac{\sigma_N M}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho_S \Rightarrow G_S^{(0)} = -11 \text{ fm}^2 \frac{\sigma_N}{50 \text{ MeV}}$$

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

♣ the corresponding equivalent strength parameters of the point-coupling model:  $G_{S,V}^{(0)}$  are simply determined by

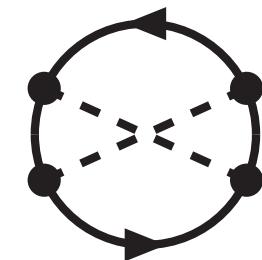
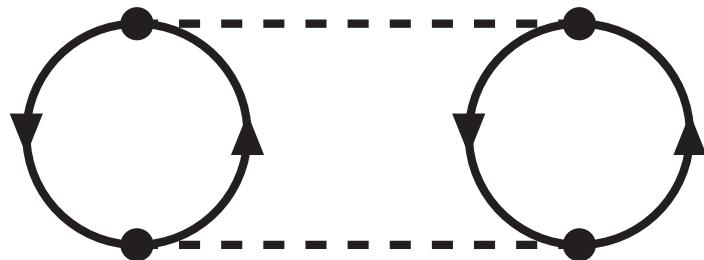
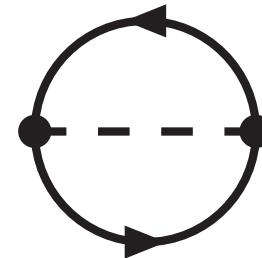
$$\Sigma_S^{(0)} = G_S^{(0)} \rho_s \quad \Sigma_V^{(0)} = G_V^{(0)} \rho$$

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# IN-MEDIUM CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

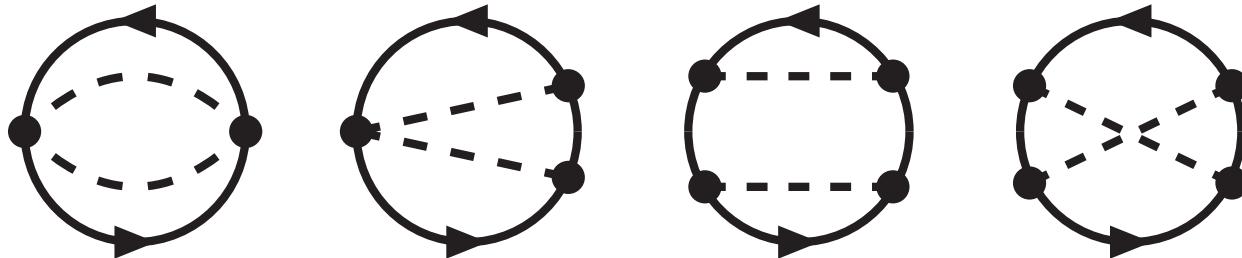
PION-NUCLEON DYNAMICS  $\Rightarrow$  NUCLEAR MATTER EOS

- One-pion exchange Fock diagram



- Iterated one-pion exchange Hartree and Fock diagrams

- Irreducible two-pion exchange Fock diagrams



- nucleon in-medium propagator

$$(\not{p} + M) \left\{ \frac{i}{p^2 - M^2 + i\epsilon} - 2\pi \delta(p^2 - M^2) \theta(p_0) \theta(k_f - |\vec{p}|) \right\}$$

- single momentum space cut-off  $\Lambda = 646 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow$

$$\bar{E}(k_{f0}) = -15.3 \text{ MeV} \quad \rho_0 = 0.178 \text{ fm}^{-3}$$

$$K = 255 \text{ MeV} \quad A(k_{f0}) = 33.8 \text{ MeV}$$

## 2) EOS based on in-medium ChPT:

♣ FIRST STEP: assume  $\Sigma_S^{(0)} = -\Sigma_V^{(0)}$  in nuclear matter, and neglect the contribution of the condensate background self-energies to the nuclear matter EOS.

$$\begin{aligned} G_S^{(\pi)} \rho_s &= \Sigma_S^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) \\ G_V^{(\pi)} \rho + \Sigma_r^{(\pi)} &= \Sigma_V^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) \\ G_{TS}^{(\pi)} \rho_{s3} &= \Sigma_{TS}^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) \\ G_{TV}^{(\pi)} \rho_3 &= \Sigma_{TV}^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma_r^{(\pi)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_S^{(\pi)}}{\partial \rho} \rho_s^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_V^{(\pi)}}{\partial \rho} \rho^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_{TS}^{(\pi)}}{\partial \rho} \rho_{s3}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial G_{TV}^{(\pi)}}{\partial \rho} \rho_3^2$$

♣ neglect the momentum dependence of  $\Sigma_{(T)S,V}^{\text{CHPT}}(p, \rho)$  and take their values at the Fermi surface  $p = k_f$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \lambda) &= \left[ c_{30} + c_{31}\lambda + c_{32}\lambda^2 + c_{3L} \ln \frac{m_\pi}{4\pi f_\pi \lambda} \right] \frac{k_f^3}{M^2} \\ &\quad + c_{40} \frac{k_f^4}{M^3} + \left[ c_{50} + c_{5L} \ln \frac{m_\pi}{4\pi f_\pi \lambda} \right] \frac{k_f^5}{M^4}\end{aligned}$$

$\Lambda = 2\pi f_\pi \lambda$  and  $f_\pi = 92.5 \text{ MeV}$ .

♣ the CHPT self-energies are re-expressed in terms of the baryon density  $\rho = 2k_f^3/3\pi^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_S^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) &= (c_{s1} + c_{s2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + c_{s3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}})\rho \\ \Sigma_V^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) &= (c_{v1} + c_{v2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + c_{v3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}})\rho \\ \Sigma_{TS}^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) &= (c_{ts1} + c_{ts2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + c_{ts3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}})\rho_3 \\ \Sigma_{TV}^{\text{CHPT}}(k_f, \rho) &= (c_{tv1} + c_{tv2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + c_{tv3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}})\rho_3\end{aligned}$$

- ♣ the density-dependent couplings of the pionic fluctuation terms are

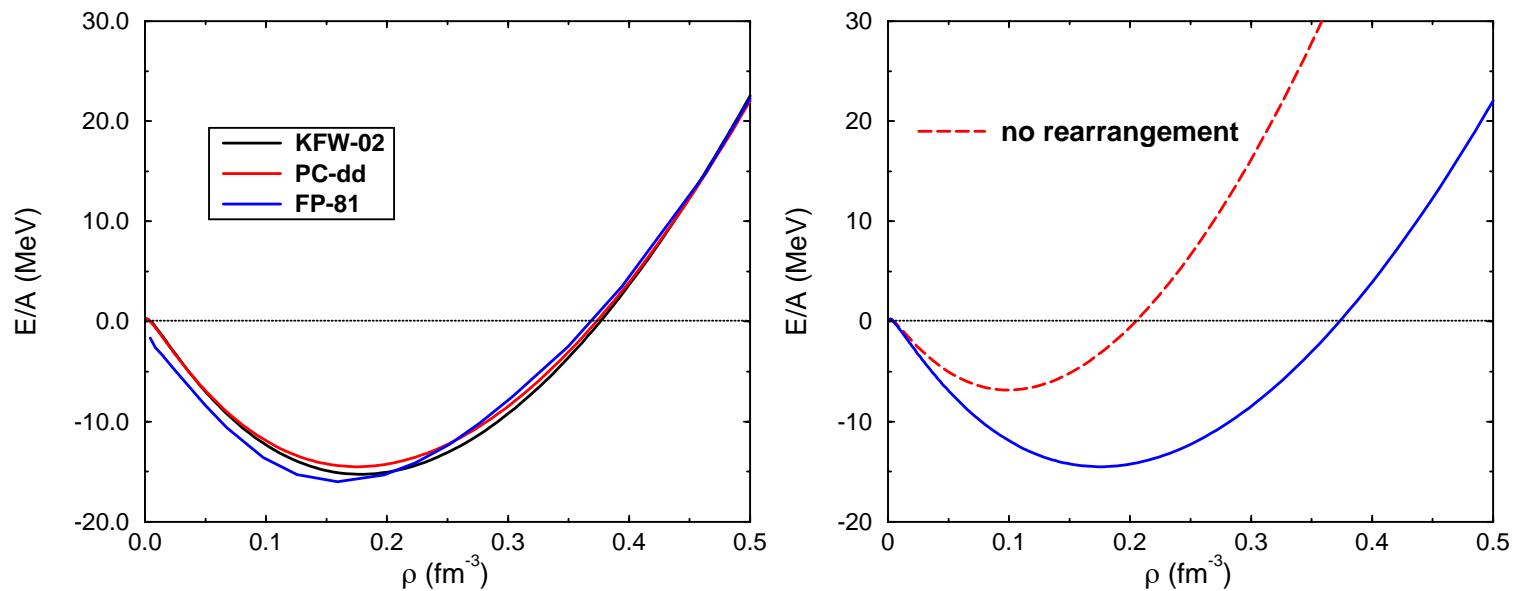
$$\begin{aligned}
 G_S^{(\pi)} &= c_{s1} + c_{s2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + c_{s3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 G_V^{(\pi)} &= \bar{c}_{v1} + \bar{c}_{v2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + \bar{c}_{v3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 G_{TS}^{(\pi)} &= c_{ts1} + c_{ts2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + c_{ts3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 G_{TV}^{(\pi)} &= c_{tv1} + c_{tv2}\rho^{\frac{1}{3}} + c_{tv3}\rho^{\frac{2}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{c}_{v1} &= c_{v1} \\
 \bar{c}_{v2} &= \frac{1}{7}(6c_{v2} - c_{s2} - \delta^2(c_{ts2} + c_{tv2})) \\
 \bar{c}_{v3} &= \frac{1}{4}(3c_{v3} - c_{s3} - \delta^2(c_{ts3} + c_{tv3}))
 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\delta = (\rho_p - \rho_n)/(\rho_p + \rho_n)$ .

| model | $E/A$ (MeV) | $\rho_{sat}$ ( $\text{fm}^{-3}$ ) | $K_0$ (MeV) | $a_4$ (MeV) |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| CHPT  | -15.26      | 0.178                             | 255         | 33.8        |
| PC-dd | -14.51      | 0.175                             | 235         | 34.9        |



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### 3) Constraints from QCD Sum Rules: leading orders

- ♣ include the contributions of the condensate background self-energies in the isoscalar channels

$$G_{S,V}(\rho) = G_{S,V}^{(0)} + G_{S,V}^{(\pi)}(\rho)$$

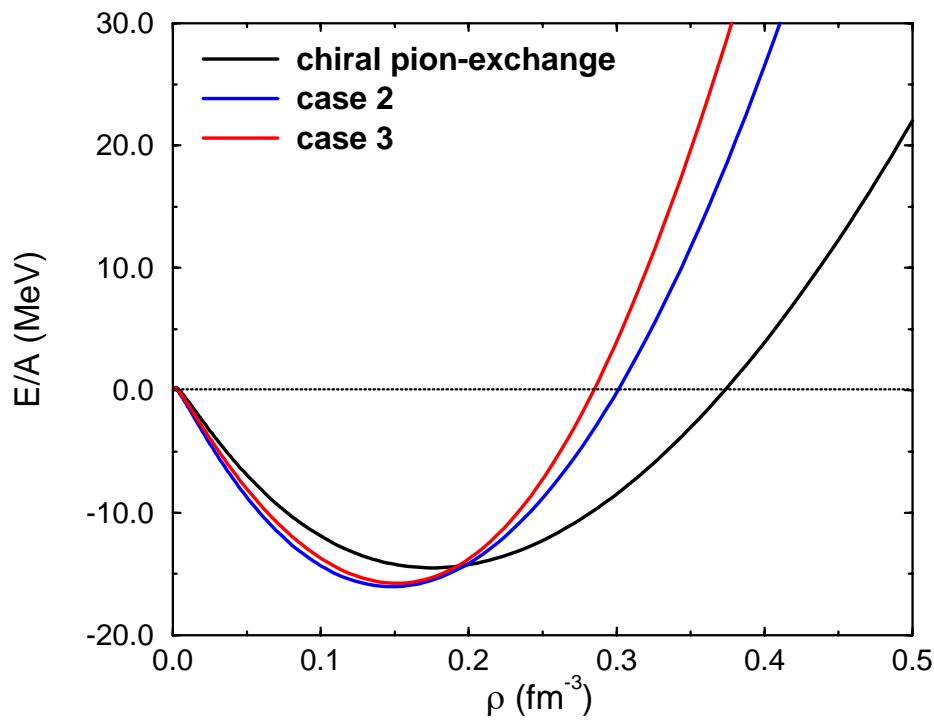
- ♣ isovector channel  $\Rightarrow$  only pionic (chiral) fluctuations contribute to the nucleon self-energies.
- ♣ In leading order  $\Sigma_S^{(0)}$  &  $\Sigma_V^{(0)}$  are linear functions of the corresponding densities and  $G_{S,V}^{(0)}$  are constants.

$$G_S^{(0)} \simeq -11 \text{ fm}^2 \frac{\sigma_N}{50 \text{ MeV}} \text{ at } \rho_s \simeq \rho_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$$

- ♣ three parameters:  $G_S^{(0)}$ ,  $G_V^{(0)}$  and  $\Lambda$  are adjusted to reproduce the “empirical” nuclear matter properties.

|    | $E$ (MeV) | $\rho_{sat}$ (fm $^{-3}$ ) | $K_0$ (MeV) | $M^*/M$ | $a_4$ (MeV) |
|----|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| 2) | -15.97    | 0.148                      | 283         | 0.753   | 45.3        |
| 3) | -15.76    | 0.151                      | 332         | 0.620   | 30.2        |

**case 2)  $\Rightarrow G_S^{(0)} = -7 \text{ fm}^2, G_V^{(0)} = 7 \text{ fm}^2, \Lambda = 685 \text{ MeV}$**



#### 4) Corrections of higher order:

$$k_f^6 (\propto \rho^2)$$

- ♣ condensates of higher dimension:  $\langle \bar{q}\Gamma q \bar{q}\Gamma q \rangle$ ,  $\langle q^\dagger q \rangle^2$
- ♣ four-loop CHPT contributions to the energy density introduce genuine 3-body interactions.
- ♣ generalization

$$G(\rho) = G^{(0)} + G^{(\pi)}(\rho) + \delta G^{(1)}(\rho)$$

- ♣ in the present version of the FKW model:  $\delta G_V^{(1)} = g_V^{(1)} \rho$

$$G_V(\rho) = G_V^{(0)} + G_V^{(\pi)}(\rho) + g_V^{(1)} \rho$$

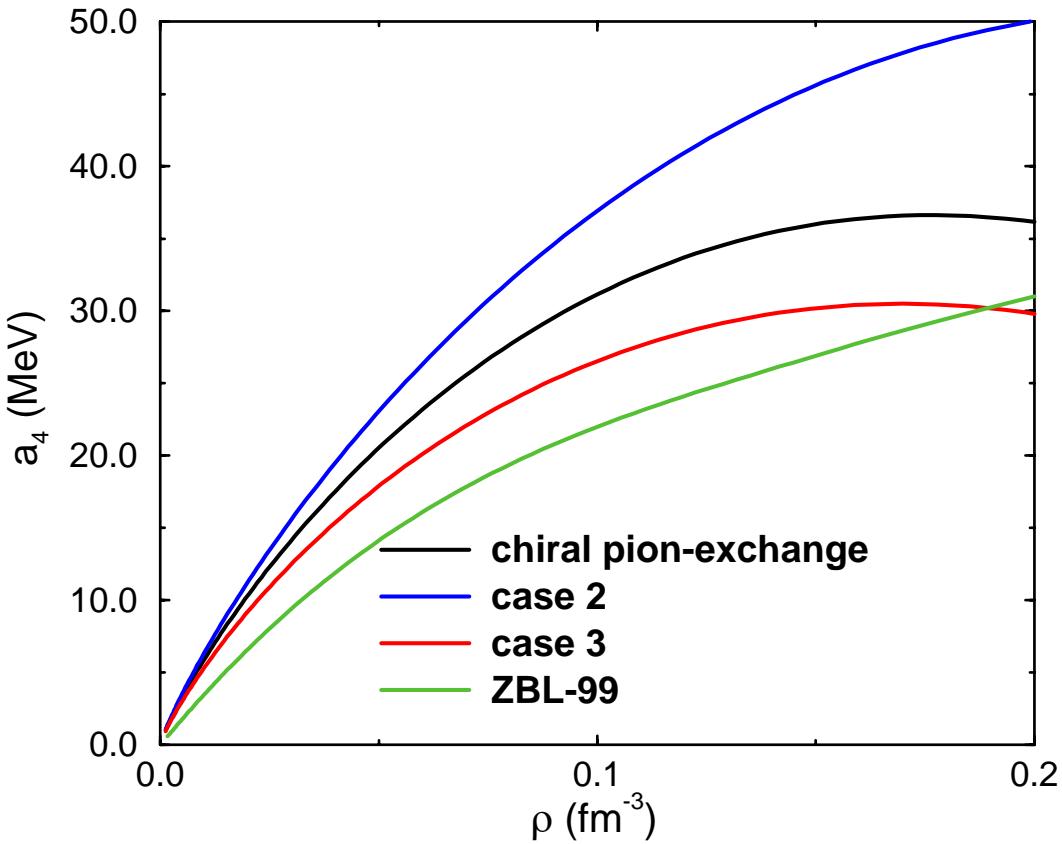
case 3)  $\Rightarrow G_S^{(0)} = -12 \text{ fm}^2$ ,  $G_V^{(0)} = 11 \text{ fm}^2$ ,  $g_V^{(1)} = -3.9 \text{ fm}^5$  and  $\Lambda = 600 \text{ MeV}$ .



**IMPORTANT**

- ♣ The couplings of the condensate background fields  $G_S^{(0)} = -12 \text{ fm}^2$  and  $G_V^{(0)} = 11 \text{ fm}^2$  are very close to the prediction of the leading order in-medium QCD sum rules.
- ♣ The  $\delta G_V^{(1)} = g_V^{(1)} \rho$  term acts like a three-body force in the energy density. Its effect is relatively small: at saturation density,  $\delta G_V^{(1)} / G_V^{(0)} \simeq -0.05$ .

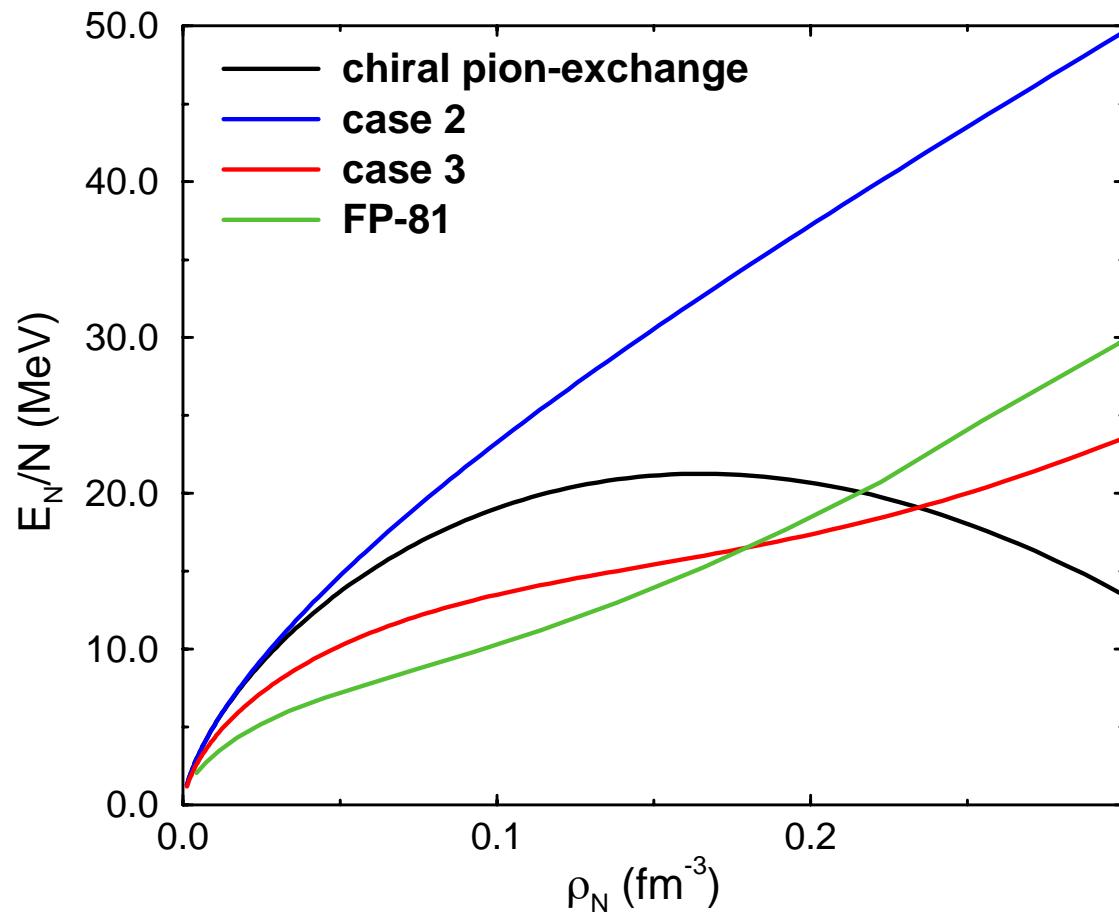
## 5) Asymmetric nuclear matter



ZBL-99: non-relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock asymmetry energy

$$S_2(\rho) = a_4 + \frac{p_0}{\rho_{\text{sat}}^2} (\rho - \rho_{\text{sat}}) + \frac{\Delta K_0}{18\rho_{\text{sat}}^2} (\rho - \rho_{\text{sat}})^2 + \dots$$

♣ Energy per particle of neutron matter as a function of the neutron density.



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♣ scalar and vector nucleon self-energies  
in symmetric nuclear matter:

$$\Sigma_{S,V} = \Sigma_{S,V}^{(0)} + \Sigma_{S,V}^{(\pi)} + \delta\Sigma_{S,V}$$

1) LEADING CONDENSATE TERMS:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_S^{(0)}(\rho) &\simeq -0.35 \text{ GeV} \frac{|G_S^{(0)}|}{11 \text{ fm}^2} \left( \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_0} \right) \\ \Sigma_V^{(0)}(\rho) &\simeq +0.35 \text{ GeV} \frac{|G_V^{(0)}|}{11 \text{ fm}^2} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)\end{aligned}$$

“best-fit”  $G_S^{(0)} \simeq -12 \text{ fm}^2 G_V^{(0)} \simeq +11 \text{ fm}^2$

2) THE CHIRAL (PIONIC) TERMS:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{S,V}^{(\pi)}(\rho) &\simeq \\ &-75 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) \left[ 1 + d_1 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + d_2 \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \right]\end{aligned}$$

$d_1 = -0.61 \text{ (S)}, -0.65 \text{ (V)}$   $d_2 \simeq -0.17$

3) HIGHER ORDER CORRECTIONS:

$$\delta\Sigma_S + \delta\Sigma_V \simeq -20 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^2$$

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♣ additional contribution from:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{der}} = & -\frac{1}{2} D_S(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu \bar{\psi} \psi)(\partial^\nu \bar{\psi} \psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} D_V(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi)(\partial^\nu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} D_{TS}(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu \bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \psi) \cdot (\partial^\nu \bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \psi) \\ & -\frac{1}{2} D_{TV}(\hat{\rho})(\partial_\nu \bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \gamma_\mu \psi) \cdot (\partial^\nu \bar{\psi} \vec{\tau} \gamma^\mu \psi)\end{aligned}$$

♣ only one parameter of the derivative terms can be determined from nuclear binding energies and radii.

♣ in the present version of the FKW model: only  $D_S \neq 0$

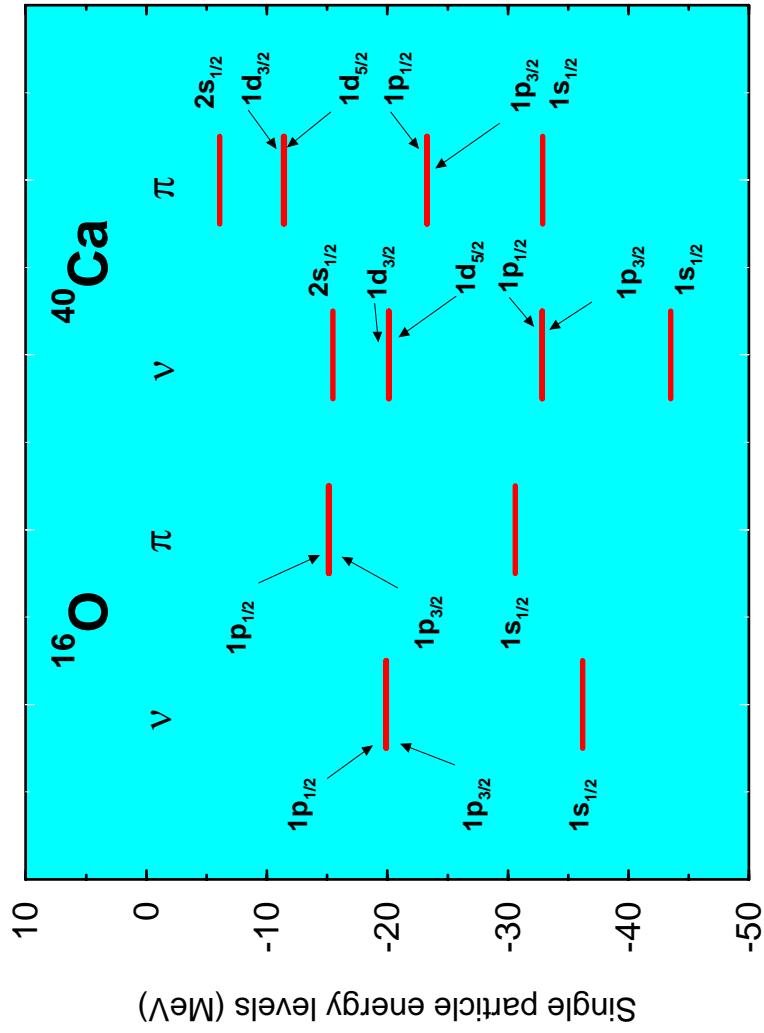
## 5 MODEL PARAMETERS:

$$G_S^{(0)} = -12 \text{ fm}^2, G_V^{(0)} = 11 \text{ fm}^2, g_V^{(1)} = -3.9 \text{ fm}^5,$$
$$\Lambda = 600 \text{ MeV and } D_S$$

♣ consider separately the contributions of chiral pion dynamics:

$$G_S = G_S^{(\pi)}, G_V = G_V^{(\pi)}, G_{TS} = G_{TS}^{(\pi)},$$

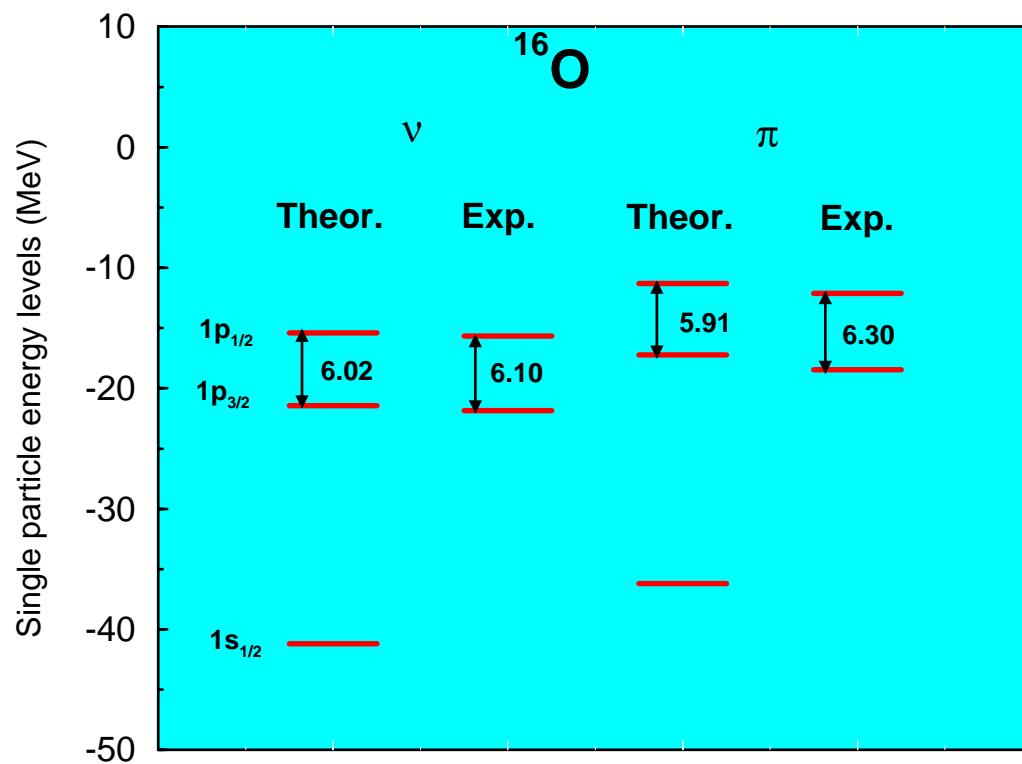
$$G_{TV} = G_{TV}^{(\pi)}, \Lambda = 646.3 \text{ MeV}$$



♣ only chiral pion-nucleon dynamics  $\Rightarrow$  nuclear matter BINDING & SATURATION, but not the strong SPIN-ORBIT FORCE.

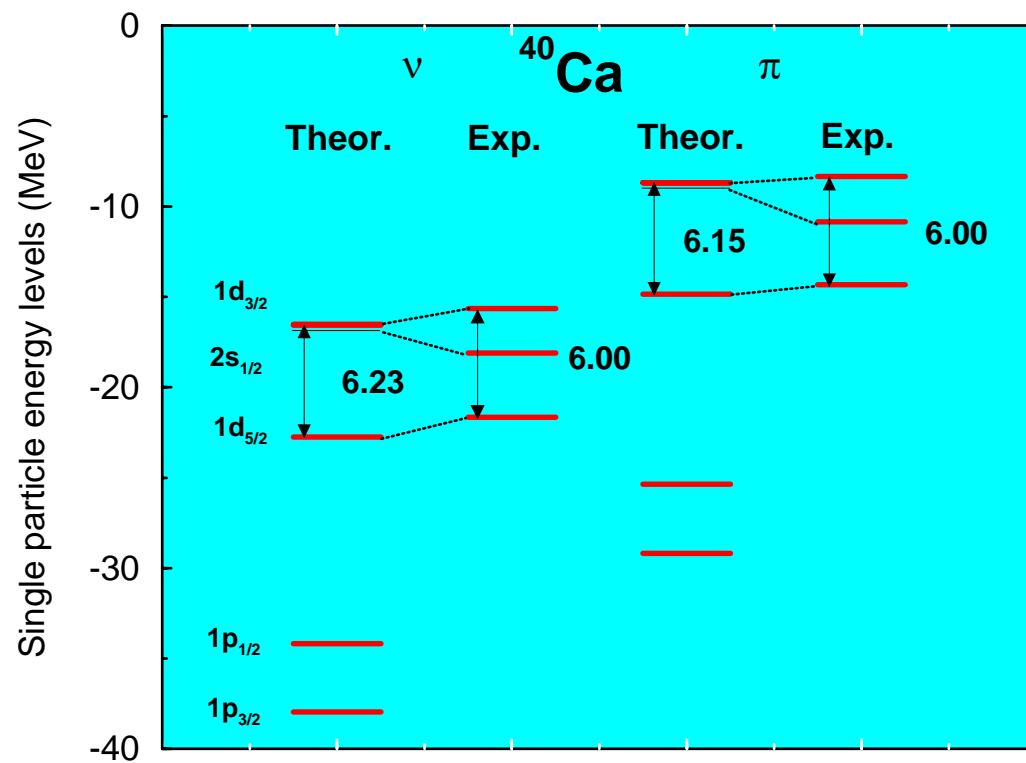
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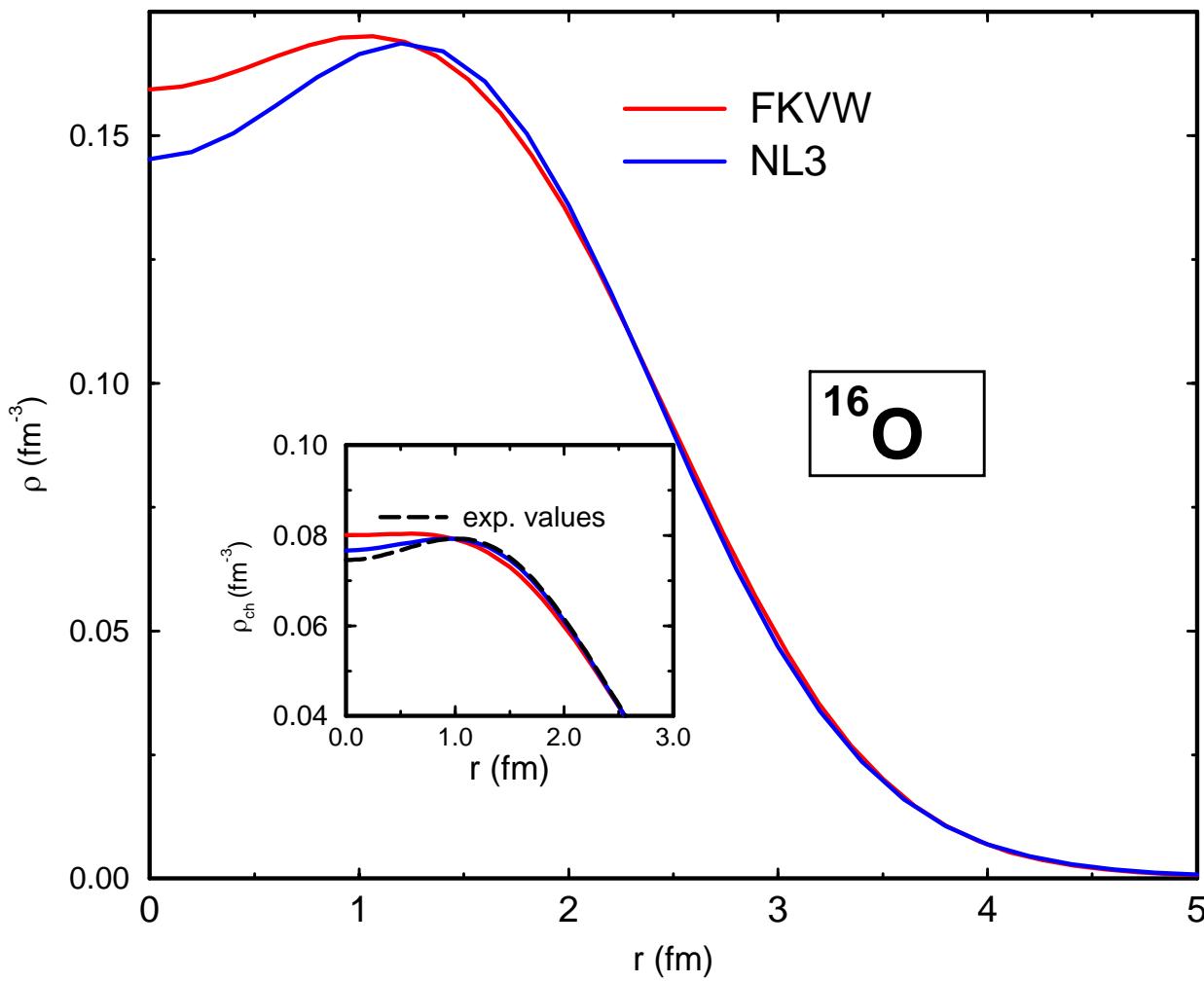


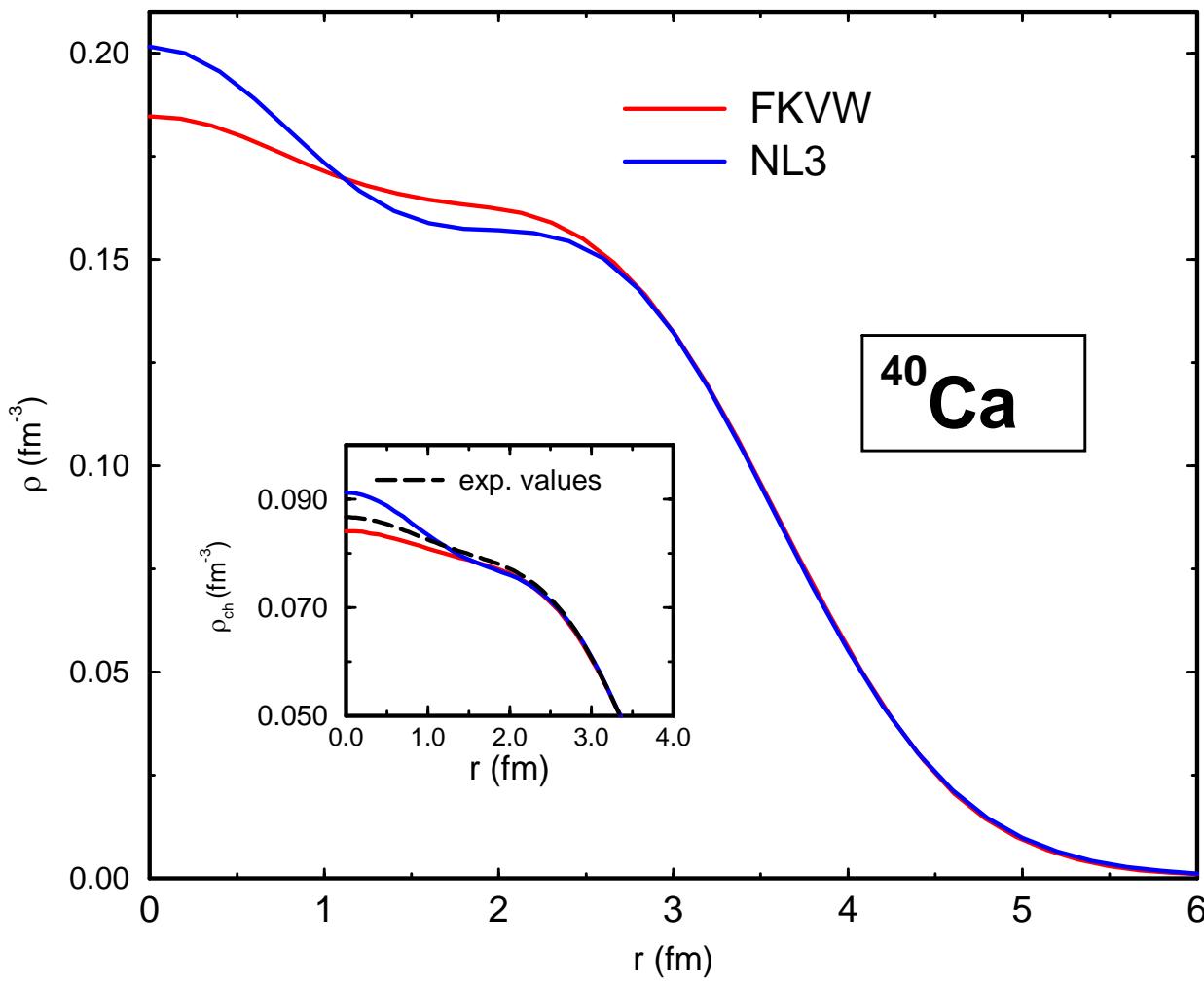
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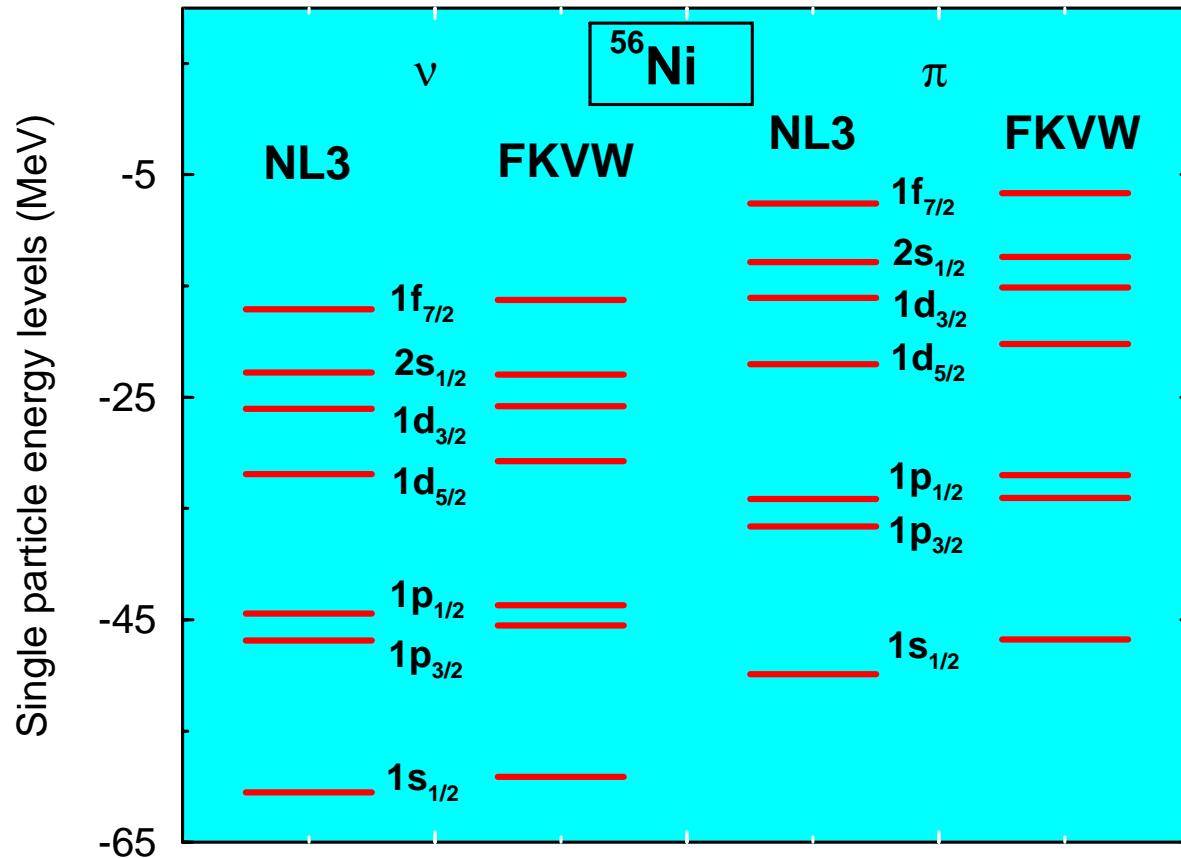
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|                  | $E/A^{\text{exp}}$ (MeV) | $E/A$ (MeV)  | $r_c^{\text{exp}}$ (fm $^{-3}$ ) | $r_c$ (fm $^{-3}$ ) |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| $^{16}\text{O}$  | <b>7.976</b>             | <b>8.027</b> | <b>2.730</b>                     | <b>2.735</b>        |
| $^{40}\text{Ca}$ | <b>8.551</b>             | <b>8.508</b> | <b>3.485</b>                     | <b>3.470</b>        |
| $^{42}\text{Ca}$ | <b>8.617</b>             | <b>8.537</b> | <b>3.513</b>                     | <b>3.473</b>        |
| $^{48}\text{Ca}$ | <b>8.666</b>             | <b>8.964</b> | <b>3.484</b>                     | <b>3.486</b>        |
| $^{42}\text{Ti}$ | <b>8.260</b>             | <b>8.182</b> | —                                | <b>3.551</b>        |
| $^{50}\text{Ti}$ | <b>8.756</b>             | <b>8.779</b> | —                                | <b>3.571</b>        |
| $^{52}\text{Cr}$ | <b>8.776</b>             | <b>8.635</b> | <b>3.647</b>                     | <b>3.641</b>        |
| $^{58}\text{Ni}$ | <b>8.732</b>             | <b>8.493</b> | <b>3.783</b>                     | <b>3.778</b>        |
| $^{64}\text{Ni}$ | <b>8.777</b>             | <b>8.775</b> | <b>3.868</b>                     | <b>3.879</b>        |
| $^{88}\text{Sr}$ | <b>8.733</b>             | <b>8.855</b> | <b>4.206</b>                     | <b>4.234</b>        |
| $^{90}\text{Zr}$ | <b>8.710</b>             | <b>8.746</b> | <b>4.272</b>                     | <b>4.284</b>        |







## CONCLUSIONS

1

**Relativistic nuclear point-coupling model ⇒ emphasizes the connection between nuclear dynamics and key features of low-energy, non-perturbative QCD:**

- the presence of a non-trivial vacuum characterized by strong condensates
- the important role of pionic fluctuations governing the low-energy, long wavelength dynamics

2

**The built-in QCD constraints and explicit treatment of  $\pi$ -exchange drastically reduce the freedom in adjusting parameters and functional forms of density- dependent couplings.**

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- 3** Nuclear binding and saturation are essentially governed by chiral (two-pion exchange) fluctuations.
- 4** Strong scalar and vector fields of  $\approx$  equal magnitude, induced by changes of the QCD vacuum in the presence of baryonic matter, generate the large effective spin-orbit potential in finite nuclei.