

An extended liquid drop approach

Symmetry energy and neutron skin

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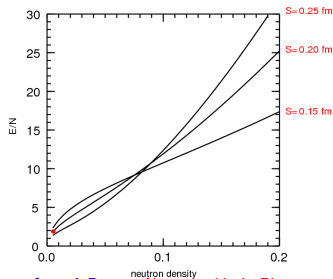
Issues

① Symmetry energy

- exp value $S(\rho = \rho_0) \approx 31 \pm 3$ MeV
not known very well even for $\rho < \rho_0$
- relevance: properties of neutron stars and cooling

② Neutron distribution

- Results depend on parametrization of Skyrme forces
- relevance: **fundamental symmetries** in a nuclear environment
Atomic pv: **weak charge**
as test of **standard model** at low Q



from A. Brown: **Neutron skin in Pb**

correlated with density dependence of $S^{NM}(\rho)$

Nuclear structure and Atomic parity violation

$$H = \frac{G}{2\sqrt{2}} \int d^3r [-N\rho_n(r) + Z(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)\rho_p(r)]\psi^\dagger\gamma_5\psi$$

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Nucleus: $Q_W = -Nq_n + Zq_p(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W) + \Delta Q_{new}$

q_i : convolution of electr. wf with finite nucleus; expand in $(Z\alpha)^n$

$$q_p = 1 - 0.26(Z\alpha)^2 + \dots$$

$$q_n = 1 - \frac{3}{70}(Z\alpha)^2(1 + 5(\frac{R_n}{R_p})^2) + \dots \quad (+ \text{ corrections to sharp radius})$$

why large Z ? since $H_{pv} \sim Z^3$ enhancement (+rel. corr)

aim: for Ra ($Z=88$), for 0.1% measurement (to go after ΔQ_{new})

need: $R_p \approx 1\%$, $(R_n - R_p)/R_p \approx 25\%$ (at present no direct exp info)

Let us see whether we can meet these requirements

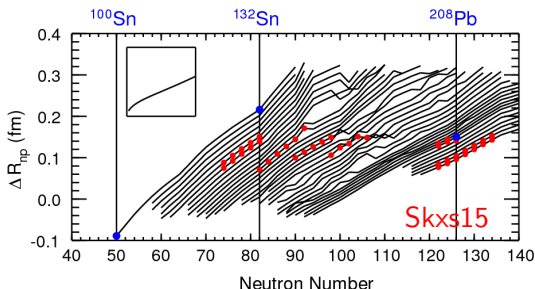
present status of skin

from Brown et al PRC76,2009
based upon Skyrme EDF

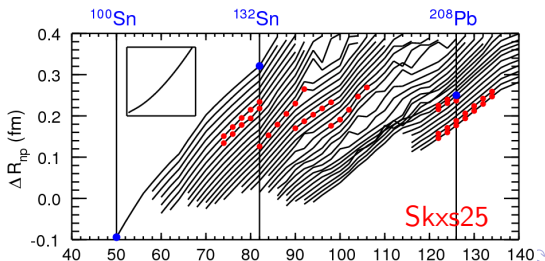
depends on Skxs(15,20,25)
idea: PREX@Jlab will fix that

Irregularities due to high spin
intruder orbitals ($i13/2$)

Does not fit exp R_c very well
(except ^{208}Pb)



Neutron Skins for Atomic PNC



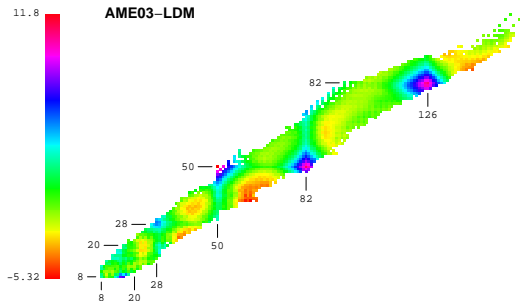
- No microscopic approach available yet that works for small A and n.m.
- Mean field does well for isoscalar properties but isovector parameters are not well determined: ρ , no pions,....
EFT: pions, but no ρ
- Need simple model to correlate data and extrapolate:
use minimally extended LDM approach

- extended LDM;
 - surface symmetry energy
 - shell corrections
- symmetry energy for $A \rightarrow \infty$
- charge radii
- neutron skin
- atomic parity violation: nuclear corrections to weak charge measurements

Conventional **Bethe-von Weizsäcker** (liquid drop) formula

$$E_A = -a_B A + a_{surf} A^{2/3} + S_{vol} (N - Z)^2 / A + a_C \frac{Z^2}{A^{1/3}} + E_{pair}$$

- **Incomplete form of symmetry energy**
Need to introduce **volume** and **surface** symmetry energy
- **Coulomb** need to be refined ($R_c(N, Z) \neq r_0 A^{1/3}$)
- **shell corrections** need to be added



Extended Liquid Drop Model

- Improved BW: $E_{sym} = E(vol, surf)$

Decompose asymmetry $N - Z = N_s - Z_s + N_v - Z_v$ surface+ volume

$$E_{vol}^A = a_B A + S_{vol} \frac{(N_v - Z_v)^2}{A}$$

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- LDM yields also relation between skin and S_s, S_v ($N_s - Z_s \ll A$)

$$\frac{N}{N_v} = \left(\frac{R_n}{R_0}\right)^3 \rightarrow \frac{R_n - R_0}{R_0} \approx \frac{N_s}{3N}, \quad \frac{R_p - R_0}{R_0} \approx \frac{Z_s}{3Z},$$

$$\frac{R_n - R_p}{R} = \frac{A(N_s - Z_s)}{6NZ} \approx \frac{A}{6NZ} \frac{N - Z - a_c Z A^{2/3} / S_v}{1 + A^{1/3} / y}$$

Coulomb term: for $N = Z$ $R_p > R_n$

Danielewicz, NPA 727(2003)233; Steiner et al, Phys. Rep. 411,325
 differ in the choice of condition $N_s + Z_s = 0$, or $Z_s = 0$

several methods have been proposed, e.g. in microscopic mass model of Duflo-Zuker rms dev ≈ 500 keV, 14-28 parameters

simplest idea: count **number of valence particles (holes)**
with respect to closed shells

n_v, z_v

$$E_{sh}(N, Z) = a_1(n_v + z_v) + a_2(n_v + z_v)^2 + a_3n_v \cdot z_v + \dots$$

however, violates Pauli, midshell cusp

improve: monopole force in single j-shell with degeneracy $D_j = 2j + 1$

$$E_{pair}(n_v) = \frac{g}{D} n_v (D - n_v + 2) \equiv g' n_v \cdot \bar{n}_v + g n_v \quad \text{seniority } \nu = 0$$

$\bar{n}_v \equiv D - n_v$ = number of holes

absorb in core

shell corrections(2)

$$E_{\text{shell}}(N, Z) = a_1 S_2 + a_2 (S_2)^2 + a_3 S_3 + a_{\text{np}} S_{\text{np}}$$

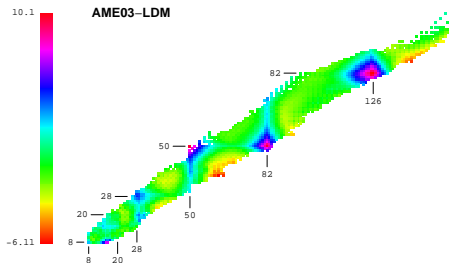
$$S_2 = \frac{n_v \bar{n}_v}{D_n} + \frac{z_v \bar{z}_v}{D_z},$$
$$S_3 = \frac{n_v \bar{n}_v (n_v - \bar{n}_v)}{D_n} + \frac{z_v \bar{z}_v (z_v - \bar{z}_v)}{D_z},$$
$$S_{\text{np}} = \frac{n_v \bar{n}_v z_v \bar{z}_v}{D_n D_z},$$

with $\bar{n}_v \equiv D_n - n_v$

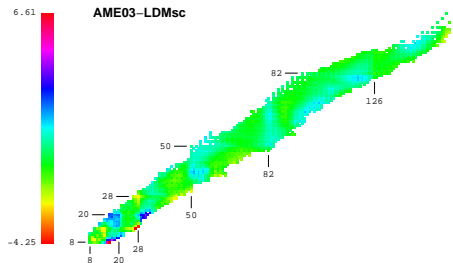
Magic numbers: 6, 14, 28, 50, 82, 126, 184

similar to terms in microscopic mass formula of Duflo and Zuker
they refer to S_3 as “monopole drift” (changes sign midshell)

examples



rms deviation 2.4 MeV

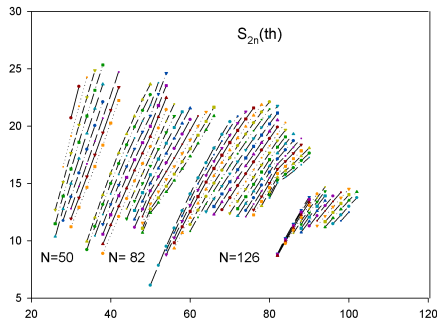
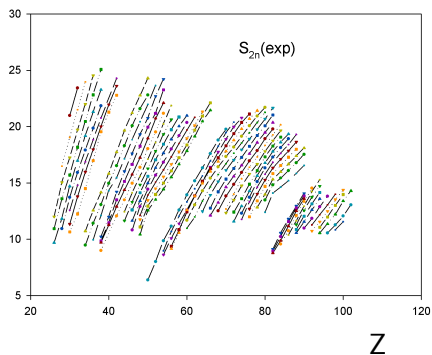


0.8 MeV (mostly due to light A)

Illustration: neutron separation energies

Often convenient to consider relative quantities,

e.g. **neutron separation energies** $S_{2n} = E(N, Z) - E(N - 2, Z)$ vs Z



also δ_{2n} is reproduced rather well (talk of Paul Heenen)

relevance: extrapolation, e.g. is ${}^{70}_{20}\text{Ca}_{50}$ stable??

n-p separation energies and Symmetry energy

$$\text{LDM: } E \approx -a_B A + a_{surf} A^{2/3} + \frac{(N-Z)^2}{A} S_A + a_C \frac{Z(Z-1)}{A^{1/3}} + E_{pair} + E_{shell}$$

$$\downarrow \frac{S_V}{1+yA^{-1/3}}, \quad y = S_V/S_S$$

aim: determine S_V, y in isolation of other LDM parameters

Consider **isovector chemical pot.** $\mu_a = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_n - \mu_p) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dE}{dN} - \frac{dE}{dZ} \right)$
 $= \frac{1}{4} [B(N-1, Z) - B(N, Z-1) + B(N, Z+1) + B(N+1, Z)]$

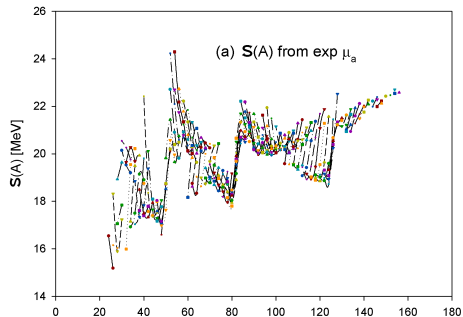
Symmetrize removal and addition

from $E(N, Z)$: $\mu_a(N, Z) = \frac{N-Z}{A} S_A + a_C \frac{Z}{A^{1/3}} + \delta E_{shell}$

invert ($N \neq Z$) $S_A = \frac{A}{N-Z} (\mu_a - \delta E_C - \delta E_{shell})$ independent of a_B, a_{surf}

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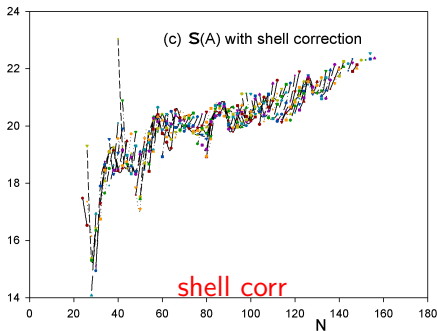
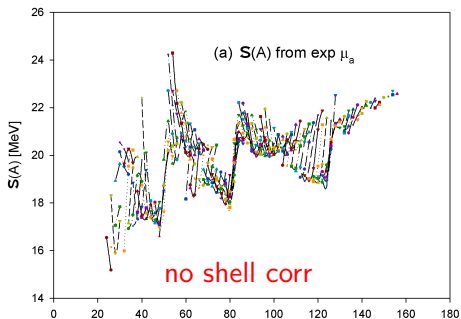


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particle-particle: $E_{sh} \sim n_v + z_v - [(n_v + 1) + (z_v - 1)] = 0$

particle-hole (or h-p) : $E_{sh} \sim \pm(n_v - z_v - [(n_z + 1) - (z_v - 1)]) = \pm 2$

problem at $N = 40$, $Z = 38$ (midshell in 28-50)

Symmetry energy for nuclear matter

$$S_A(N, Z) = \frac{S_v}{1+yA^{-1/3}}, \quad y = S_v/S_s$$

fit in isolation of other parameters

Leads to 2-par fit: $S_A^{-1} = \frac{1+yA^{-1/3}}{S_v}$

extrapolation to $A \rightarrow \infty$

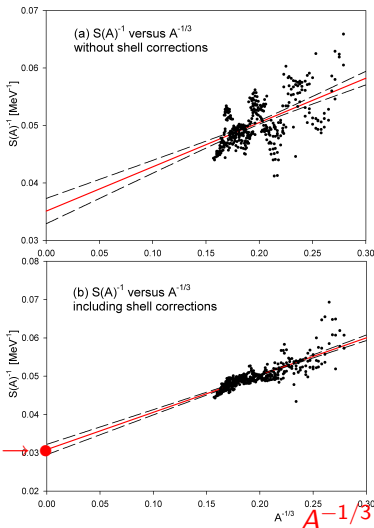
fit values $S_v = 32.5$ MeV $y = 2.95$

compare with Danielewicz (using IAS)

$S_v = 29 \pm 2$, $y = 2.4 \pm 0.4$ (without)

$S_v = 32.8$ $y=2.8$ with shell corr

Note correlation between S_v and y $1/S_v \rightarrow A^{-1/3}$



Symmetry energy $S(\rho)$

Can be converted to nuclear matter $S(\rho)$:
 $S(\rho_0) \equiv S_v$ and S_s related to some $S(\rho < \rho_0)$

Using Thomas-Fermi: $E_a = \frac{\mu_a^2}{4} \int dr \frac{\rho(r)}{S}$

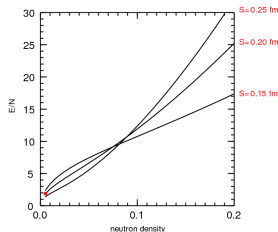
$$S_v/S_s = \frac{3}{r_0} \int dr \frac{\rho(r)}{\rho_0} \left(\frac{S_v}{S(\rho)} - 1 \right)$$

simplest case: take $S(\rho) = S_v \cdot (\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma$

note $\gamma = 1 \rightarrow S(\rho) = \text{constant} \rightarrow S_s = \infty$

we find $\gamma \approx 0.7 \pm 0.1$

Danielewicz $\gamma = 0.65 \pm 0.1$ soft EOS



express in terms of iso-scalar/vector

$$R_i(N, Z) = R_0(N, Z) \pm \frac{N-Z}{2A} R_1(N, Z) \quad (i=n,p)$$

$R_{0,1}$ depend only weakly on $N - Z$

mass radius: $R_0 = r_0 A^{1/3} + a A^{-2/3} + c \frac{(N-Z)^2}{A^2}$,

in practice $c \approx 0$

isovecor radius $R_1 = b$

by charge symmetry: $R_p(N, Z)$ determines R_n

however there are Coulomb effects

① in case of sharp radius: $\frac{\delta R_c}{R_0} = -\frac{a_c}{144 S_v} \frac{A^{8/3}}{NZ(1+y^{-1}A^{1/3})}$
 i.e. for $N = Z$ $R_p > R_n$

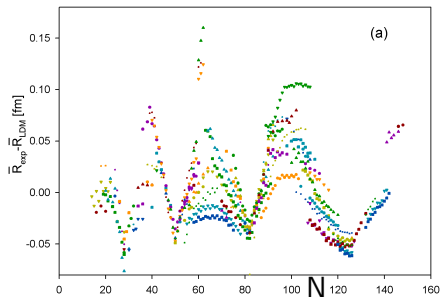
② polarization correction (if R is converted to rms radius): since $\rho_p(r) \neq \rho_n(r)$ in interior

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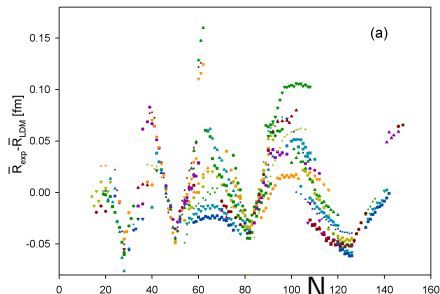
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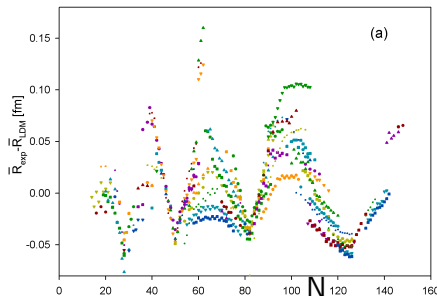
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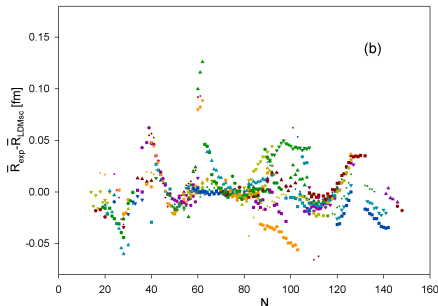
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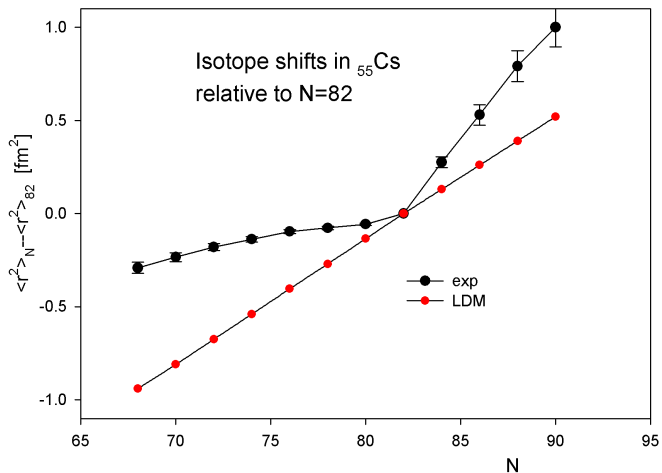
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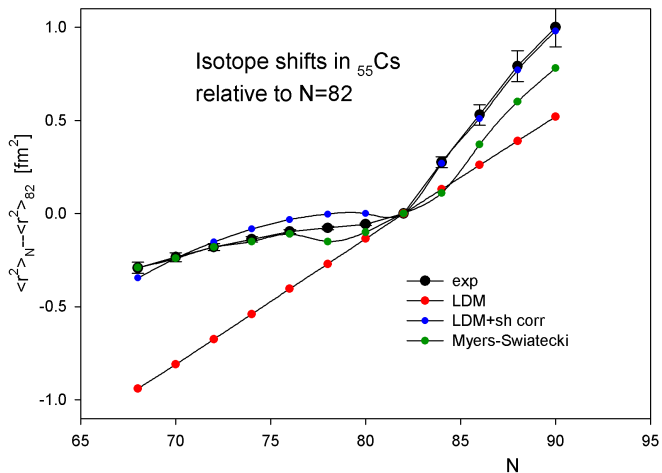
some data (Angeli) have large error bars (mix of stat, syst, theor errors)

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isotope shifts $\langle r^2 \rangle_N - \langle r^2 \rangle_{N=82}$

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Away from closed shells with say n_v, z_v
deformation of the ground state occurs:

increase of binding, increase of radius

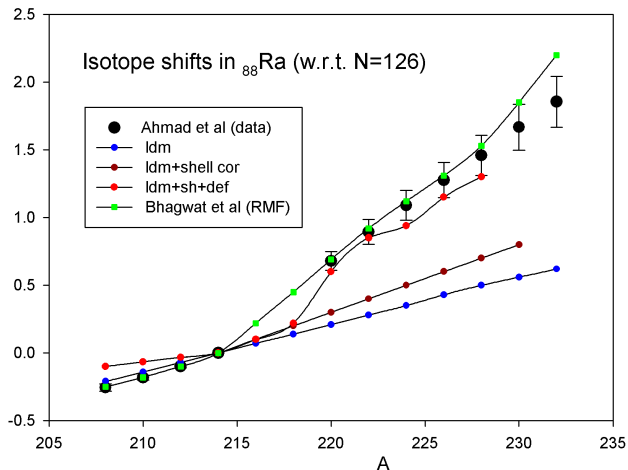
$$R(\theta) = R_0(1 + \beta_2 Y_{20}(\theta) + \beta_4 Y_{40}(\theta))$$

$$\text{then } R^2 = R_{spher}^2 \left(1 + \frac{5}{4\pi} \beta_2^2 + \dots\right)$$

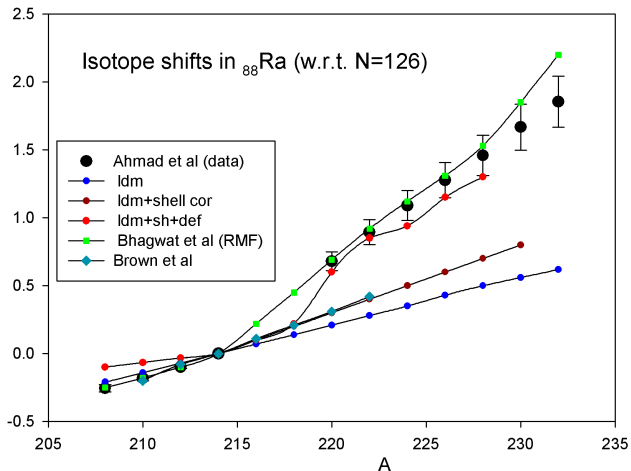
Simplest: take β_2 from exp BE(2) or Q-moments

We are working on a dynamic approach using a collective H to describe excited states.

isotope shifts for Ra



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Deformation effect is substantial

options:

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- ② from exp μ_a

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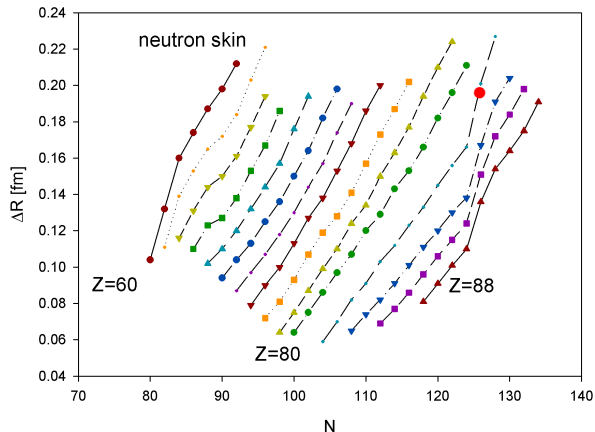
$$(ii) \mu_a(N, Z) = \frac{2(N-Z)}{A} \frac{S_v}{1 + y A^{-1/3}} - \frac{5a_c}{6} \frac{Z}{A^{1/3}}$$

from (i)+(ii)

$$\frac{\Delta \bar{R}}{\bar{R}_0} = \frac{\mu_a}{12S_s} \frac{A^{5/3}}{NZ} + \frac{5a_c}{72S_s} \frac{A^{4/3}}{N}$$

μ_a from exp, shell effects implicitly included

Results for ΔR



^{208}Pb exp: $\Delta R = 0.20 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05$ fm (anti-protonic atoms)

present: method(1): 0.19 fm; method(2): 0.20 fm

Brown: 0.15- 0.25 fm, Piekarewicz 0.22 fm

$\Delta R(^{222}\text{Ra}-^{210}\text{Ra})$ present 0.12 fm Brown 0.084 fm

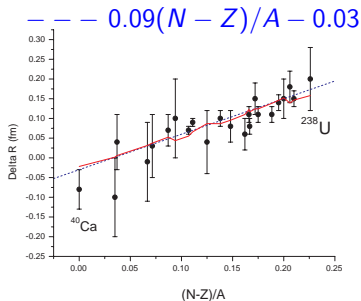
neutron skin $\Delta R = R_n - R_p$

- present info on skin

anti-protonic atoms: model dependent
(Brown et al, PRC76,034305)

e.g. ^{208}Pb : $\Delta R = 0.20 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.05$ fm

also restricted to stable nuclei



- Can one rely on calculations of R_p and ΔR ??
 ^{208}Pb : predictions vary $\Delta R = 0.10 \dots 0.30$ fm
- Can one determine **neutron skin** in atomic PNC?
 - PREX@Jlab : pv electron scattering on Pb
 - isotopic chain measurements?

use isotopic chain

Two strategies

- measure neutron skin using standard model as a tool

$$\text{ratio } \mathcal{R} = \frac{E'_{PNC}}{E_{PNC}} = \frac{Q'_W}{Q_W} \left(\frac{R'_p}{R_p} \right)^{2\gamma-2}$$

$$\sim \frac{N'}{N} \left(\frac{R'_p}{R_p} \right)^{2\gamma-2} \left(1 + f_n \left(\frac{R_n}{R_p} \right) - f_n \left(\frac{R'_n}{R'_p} \right) \right) \quad f(x) \approx (\alpha Z)^2 (1 + 5x^2)$$

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- **get rid of skin**

suppose **new physics** $\tilde{Q}_W = Nh_0 + Zg_p + Ng_n$

sensitivity to new physics $F = g_p/h_0 = \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}}{R_0} - 1 \right) \frac{NN'}{Z\Delta N}$

Skin uncertainty: $\delta F \sim \frac{NN'}{Z\Delta N} \delta(f_n(x) - f_n(x')) \sim \delta \left[\frac{R_n'^2}{R_p'^2} - \frac{R_n^2}{R_p^2} \right]$

Idea : neutron skins of different N are correlated

- Extended LDM for masses and radii with simple shell corrections
- Symmetry energy $S_v = 30 \pm 2\text{MeV}$, $S_v/S_s = 3.0 \pm 0.3$
- Radii R_c can be described by similar shell corrections; for a quantitative fit need deformation
- neutron skin predicted from n-p separation energies, no strong shell effects
- apv can be used to determine neutron skin or weak charge