

# Understanding/calculating the nucleon self-energy at positive and negative energy

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- Why do Green's functions?
- Question: "What does a nucleon do in the nucleus?"
- Ab initio minimum for nuclei  
SRC + LRC = FRPA but without momenta beyond mean field  
Fix: Finite nuclei with SRC --> high (modest) momenta
- Dispersive Optical Model (Framework of Green's functions <--> data)
- Conclusions and Outlook

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# Why do Green's functions?

- Properly executed --> answers an old question from Sir Denys Wilkinson: "What does a nucleon do in the nucleus?" 
- Nucleon self-energy --> elastic nucleon scattering data --> input for the analysis of many nuclear reactions
- Ab initio: miserable status (see later) needs urgent improvement
- Nucleon self-energy --> bound-state overlap functions with their normalization --> also used in the analysis of nuclear reactions
- Nucleon self-energy: density distribution &  $E/A$  from  $V_{NN}$
- Ab initio: FRPA good but can be further improved
- Self-energy  $\Sigma$  --> nucleon propagator  $G$  ---->  $\frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G}$  ----> excited states
- Self-energy <--> data --> dispersive optical model (DOM)

# Propagator / Green's function

- Lehmann representation 
$$G_{lj}(k, k'; E) = \sum_m \frac{\langle \Psi_0^A | a_{klj} | \Psi_m^{A+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_m^{A+1} | a_{k'\ell j}^\dagger | \Psi_0^A \rangle}{E - (E_m^{A+1} - E_0^A) + i\eta} + \sum_n \frac{\langle \Psi_0^A | a_{k'\ell j}^\dagger | \Psi_n^{A-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{klj} | \Psi_0^A \rangle}{E - (E_0^A - E_n^{A-1}) - i\eta}$$

- Any single-particle basis can be used

- Overlap functions --> numerator

- Corresponding eigenvalues --> denominator

- Spectral function 
$$S_{lj}(k; E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G_{lj}(k, k; E) \quad E \leq \varepsilon_F^-$$

$$= \sum_n \left| \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{klj} | \Psi_0^A \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E - (E_0^A - E_n^{A-1}))$$

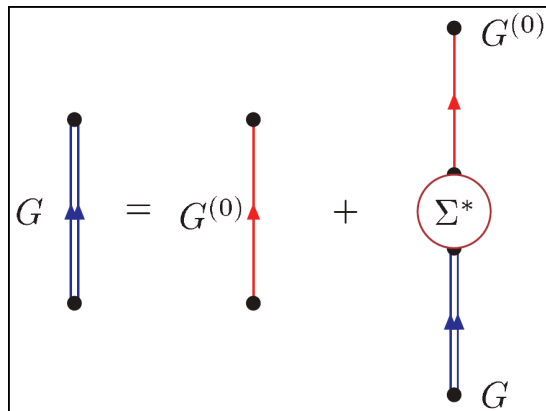
- Spectral strength in the continuum

$$S_{lj}(E) = \int_0^\infty dk k^2 S_{lj}(k; E)$$

- Discrete transitions 
$$\sqrt{S_{lj}^n} \phi_{lj}^n(k) = \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{klj} | \Psi_0^A \rangle$$

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# Propagator from Dyson Equation and "experiment"



Equivalent to ...

Schrödinger-like equation with:  $E_n^- = E_0^A - E_n^{A-1}$

**Self-energy:** non-local, energy-dependent potential

With energy dependence: spectroscopic factors  $< 1$

$\Rightarrow$  as observed in (e,e'p)

$$\frac{k^2}{2m} \phi_{\ell j}^n(k) + \int dq q^2 \Sigma_{\ell j}^*(k, q; E_n^-) \phi_{\ell j}^n(q) = E_n^- \phi_{\ell j}^n(k)$$

Spectroscopic factor  $S_{\ell j}^n = \int dk k^2 |\langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{k\ell j} | \Psi_0^A \rangle|^2 < 1$

Dyson equation also yields  $\chi_c^{A+1}(r\sigma; E) = \langle \Psi_E^{c,A+1} | a_{r\sigma}^\dagger | \Psi_0^A \rangle$  for positive energies



Elastic scattering wave function for protons or neutrons

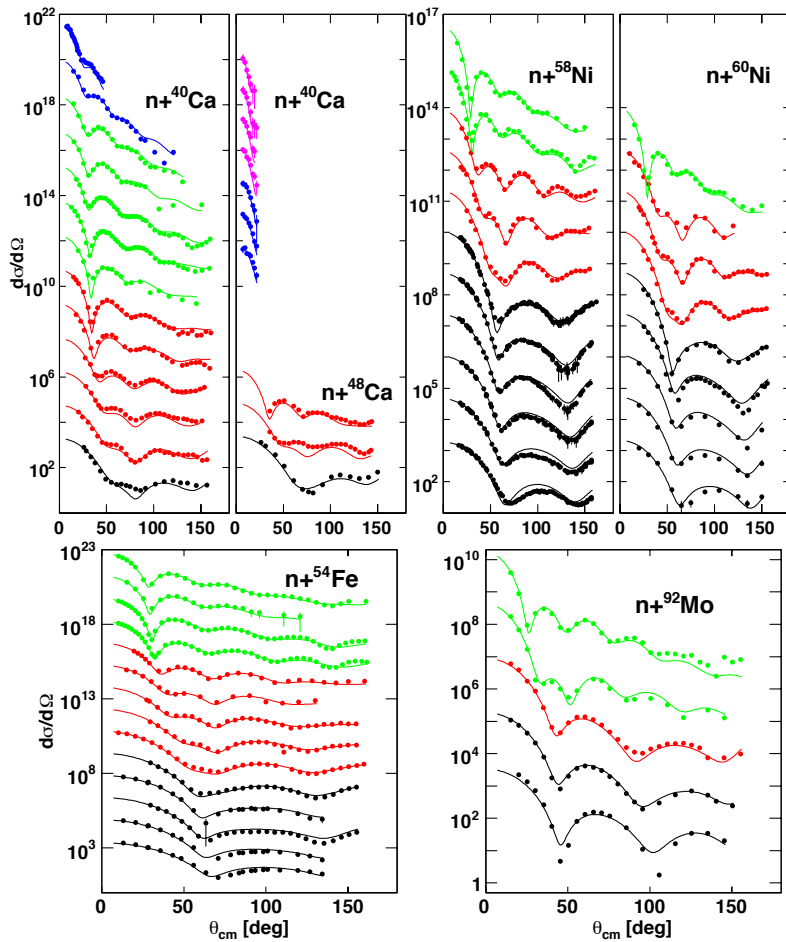
Dyson equation provides:

Link between scattering and structure data from **dispersion relations**

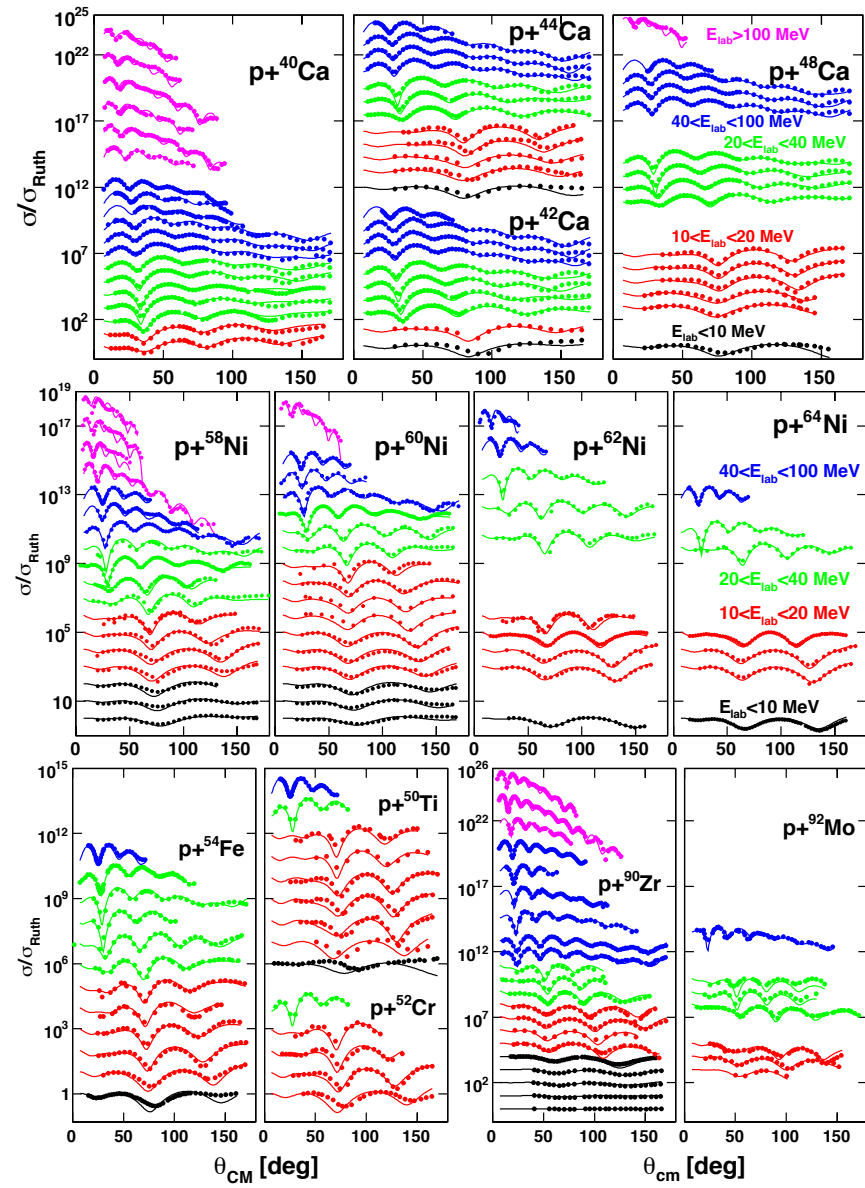
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# Elastic scattering data for protons and neutrons

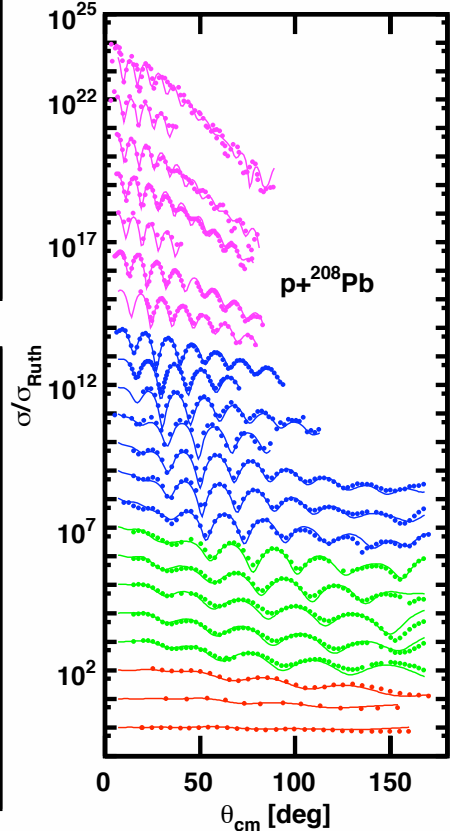
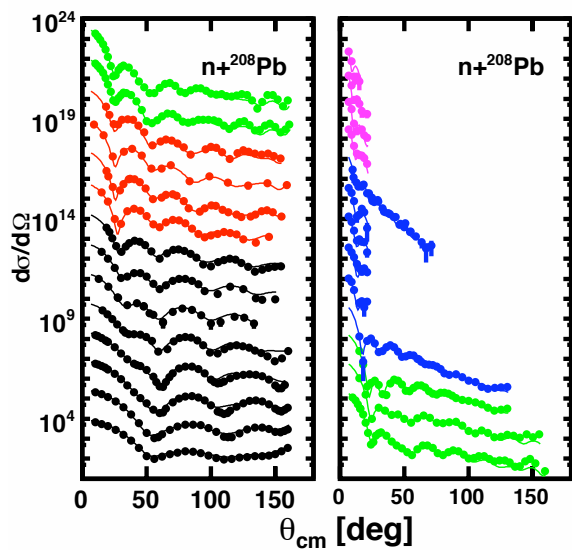
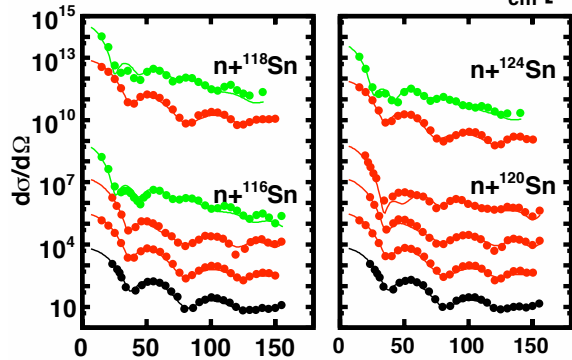
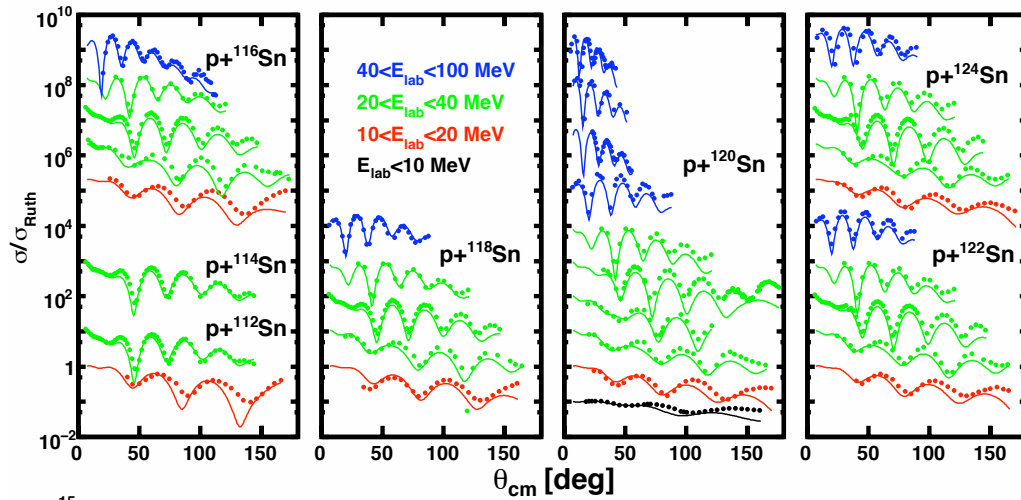
- Abundant for stable targets



[Phys. Rev. C83, 064605 \(2011\)](#)



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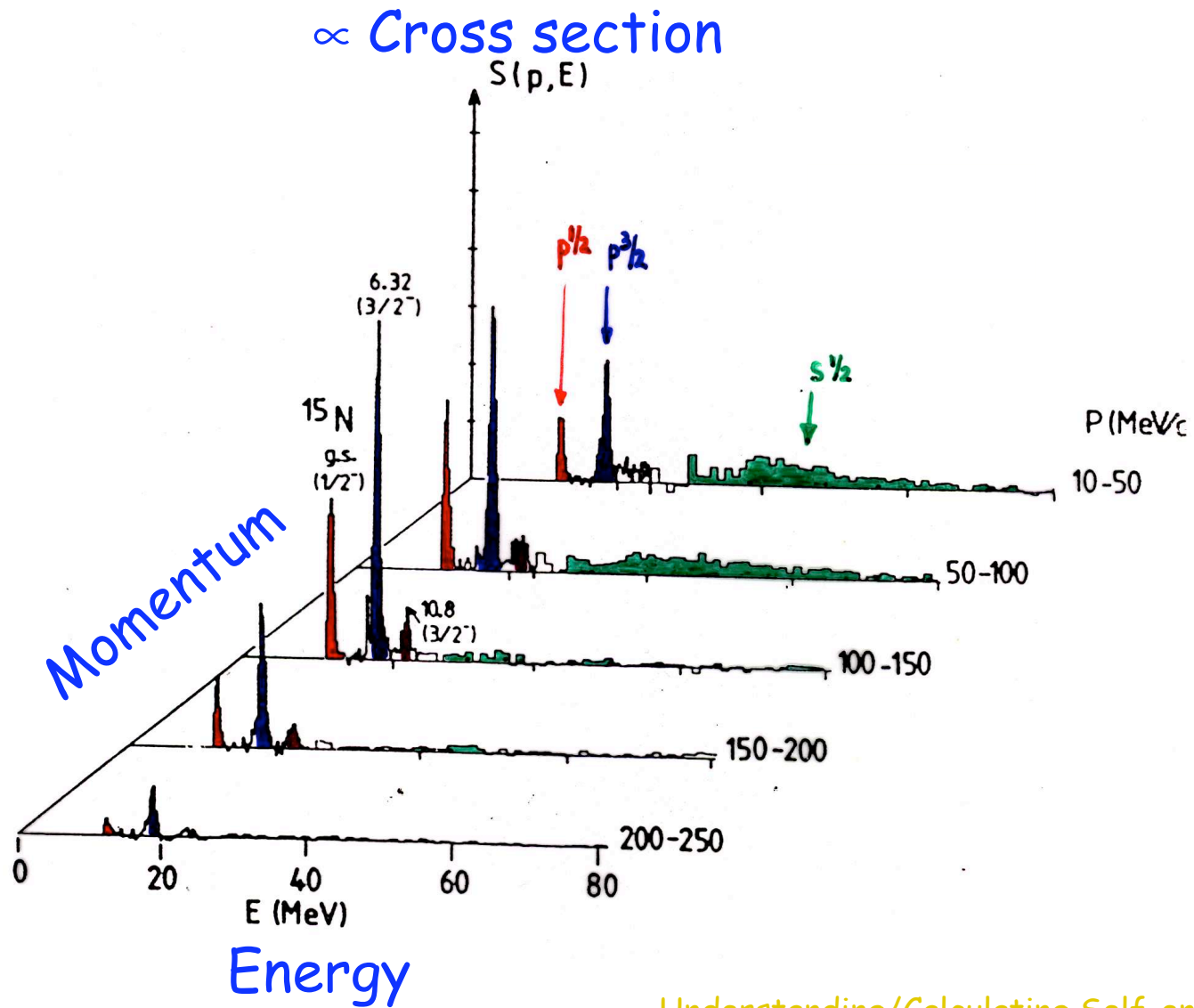
Recent DOM  
analysis -->  
towards global

J. Mueller et al.  
PRC83,064605 (2011), 1-32

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Mougey et al., Nucl. Phys. A335, 35 (1980)

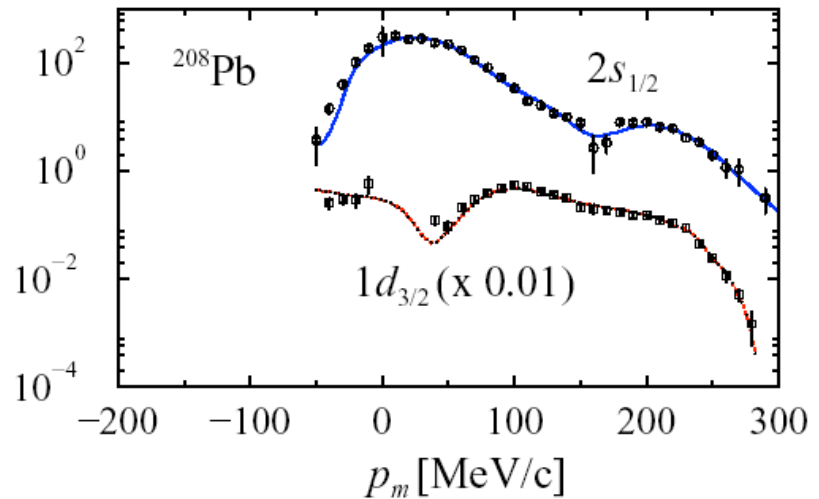
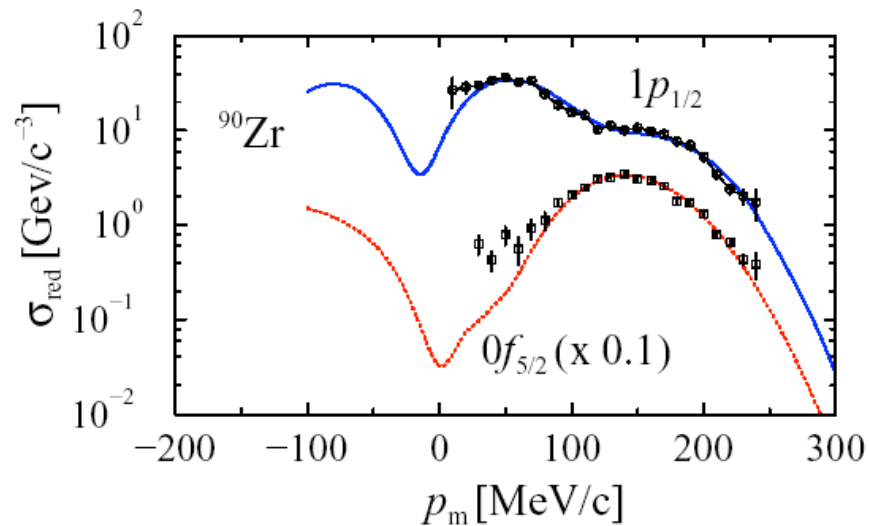
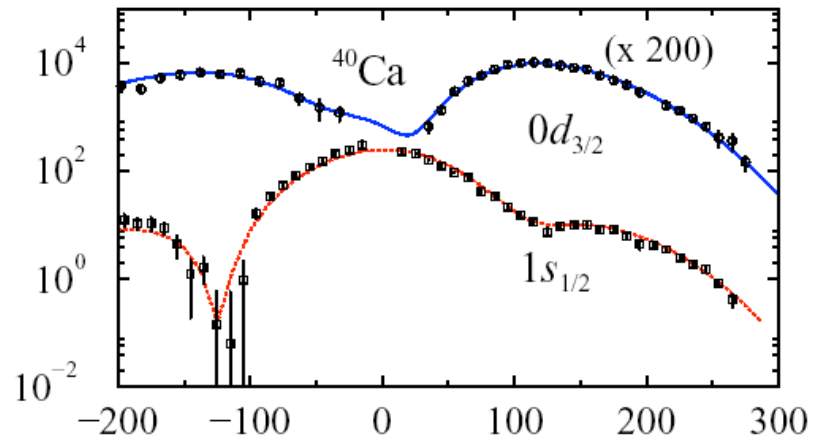
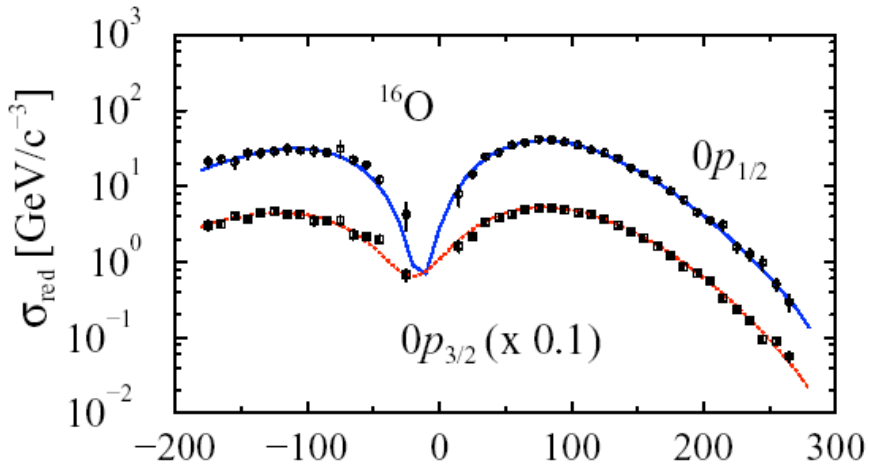
$^{16}\text{O}(e,e'p)$



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# Nuclei (e,e'p) reaction

NIKHEF data, L. Lapikás, Nucl. Phys. A553, 297c (1993)



Wave functions as expected, except ...[Understanding/Calculating Self-energy](#)



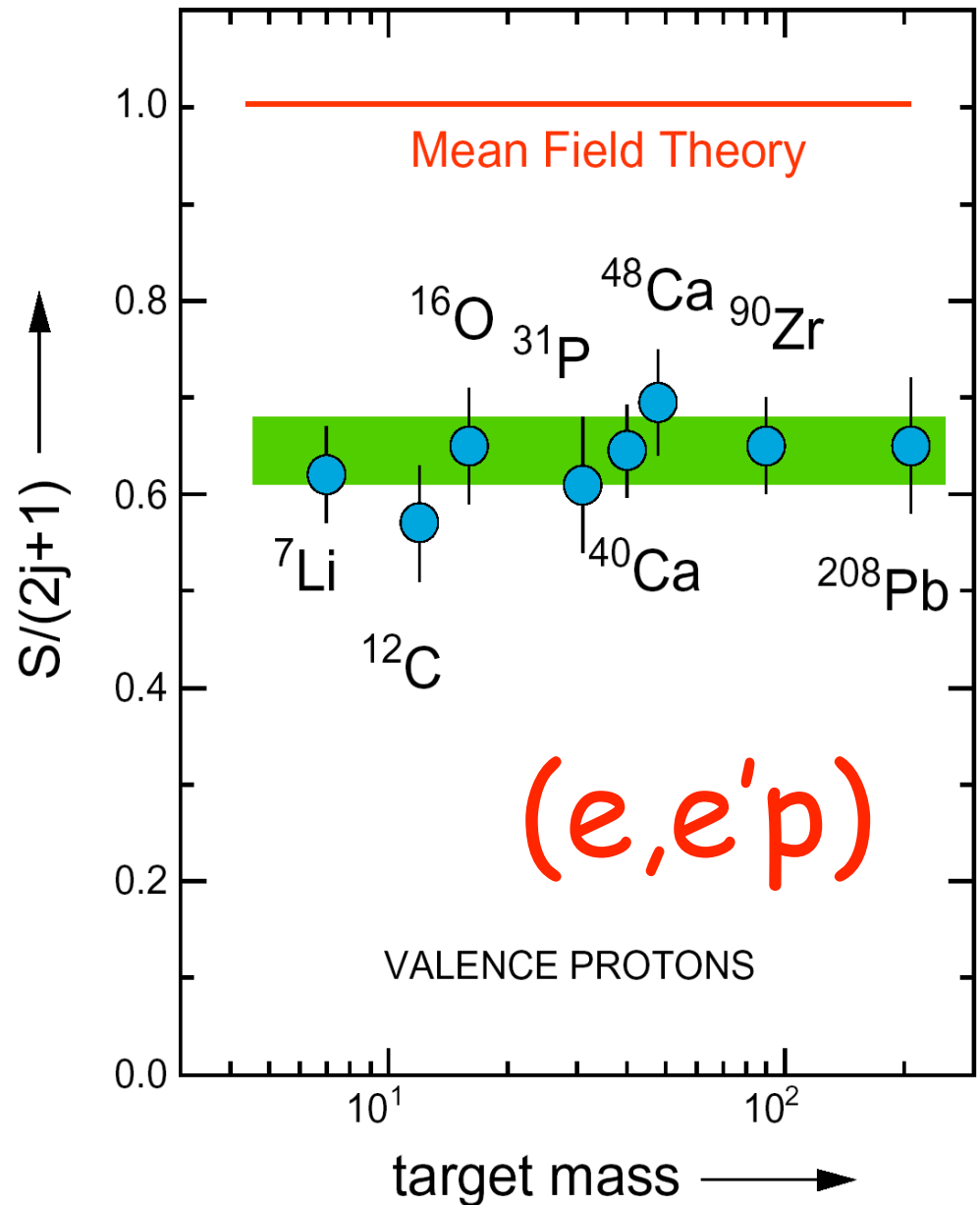
# Removal probability for valence protons from NIKHEF data

L. Lapikás, Nucl. Phys. A553,297c (1993)

$S \approx 0.65$  for valence protons  
Reduction  $\Rightarrow$  both SRC and LRC

Weak probe but propagation in the nucleus of removed proton using standard optical potentials to generate distorted wave  $\rightarrow$  associated uncertainty  $\sim 5-10\%$

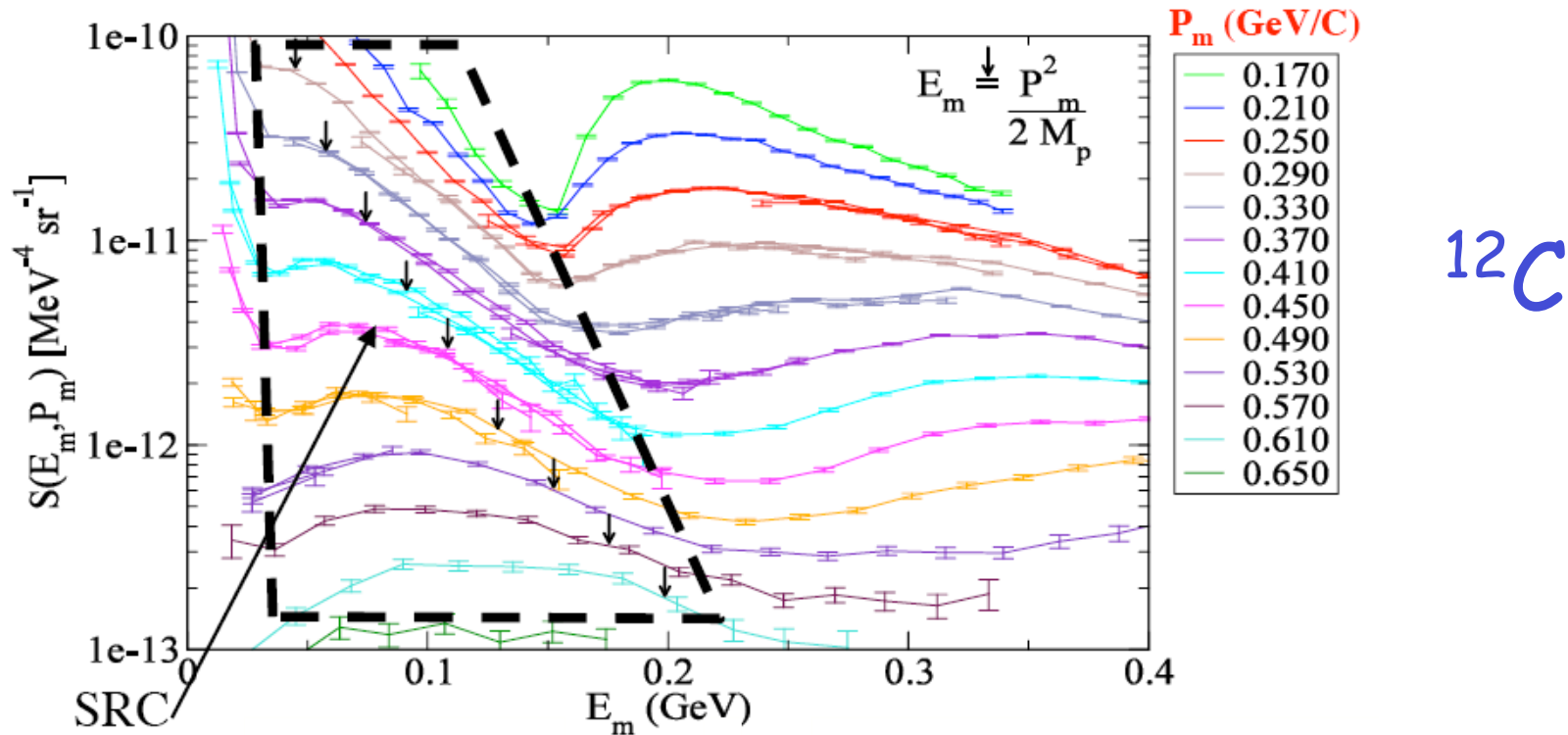
Why: details of the interior scattering wave function uncertain since non-locality is not constrained (so far)



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# High-momentum protons have been seen in nuclei!

Jlab E97-006 Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 182501 (2004) D. Rohe et al.



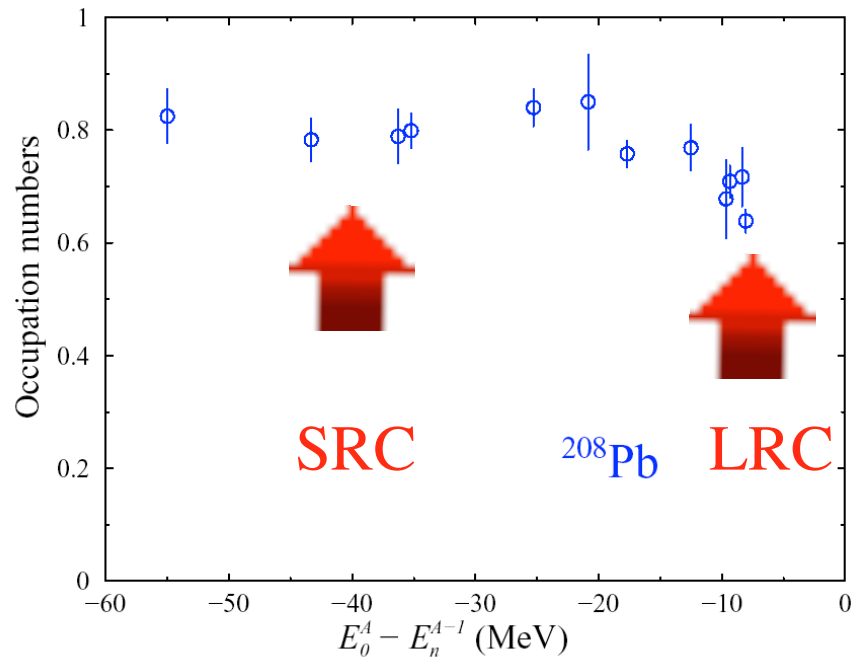
- Location of high-momentum components
- Integrated strength agrees with theoretical prediction Phys. Rev. C49, R17 (1994)

$\Rightarrow \sim 0.6$  protons for  $^{12}\text{C} \Rightarrow \sim 10\%$

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M. van Batenburg & L. Lapikás from  $^{208}\text{Pb} (e, e' p) ^{207}\text{Tl}$   
 NIKHEF 2001 data (one of the last experiments)

## Occupation of deeply-bound proton levels from EXPERIMENT

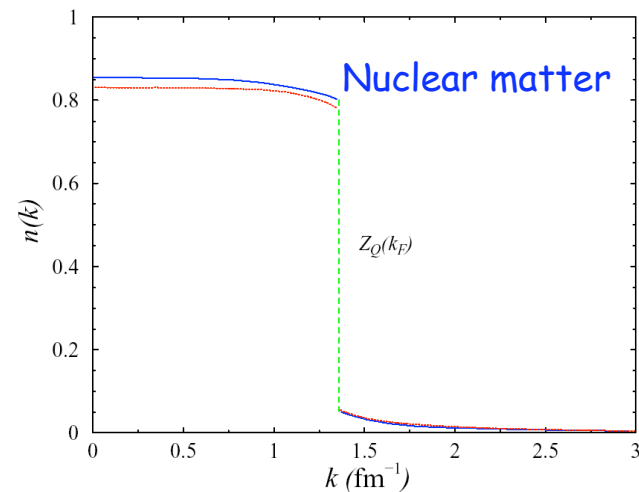


Up to 100 MeV missing energy and  
 270 MeV/c missing momentum

Covers the **whole mean-field domain!!**

Confirms predictions for depletion

- $n(0) \Rightarrow$  0.85 Reid
- 0.87 Argonne V18
- 0.89 CDBonn/N3LO

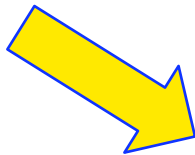


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# Location of single-particle strength in closed-shell (stable) nuclei

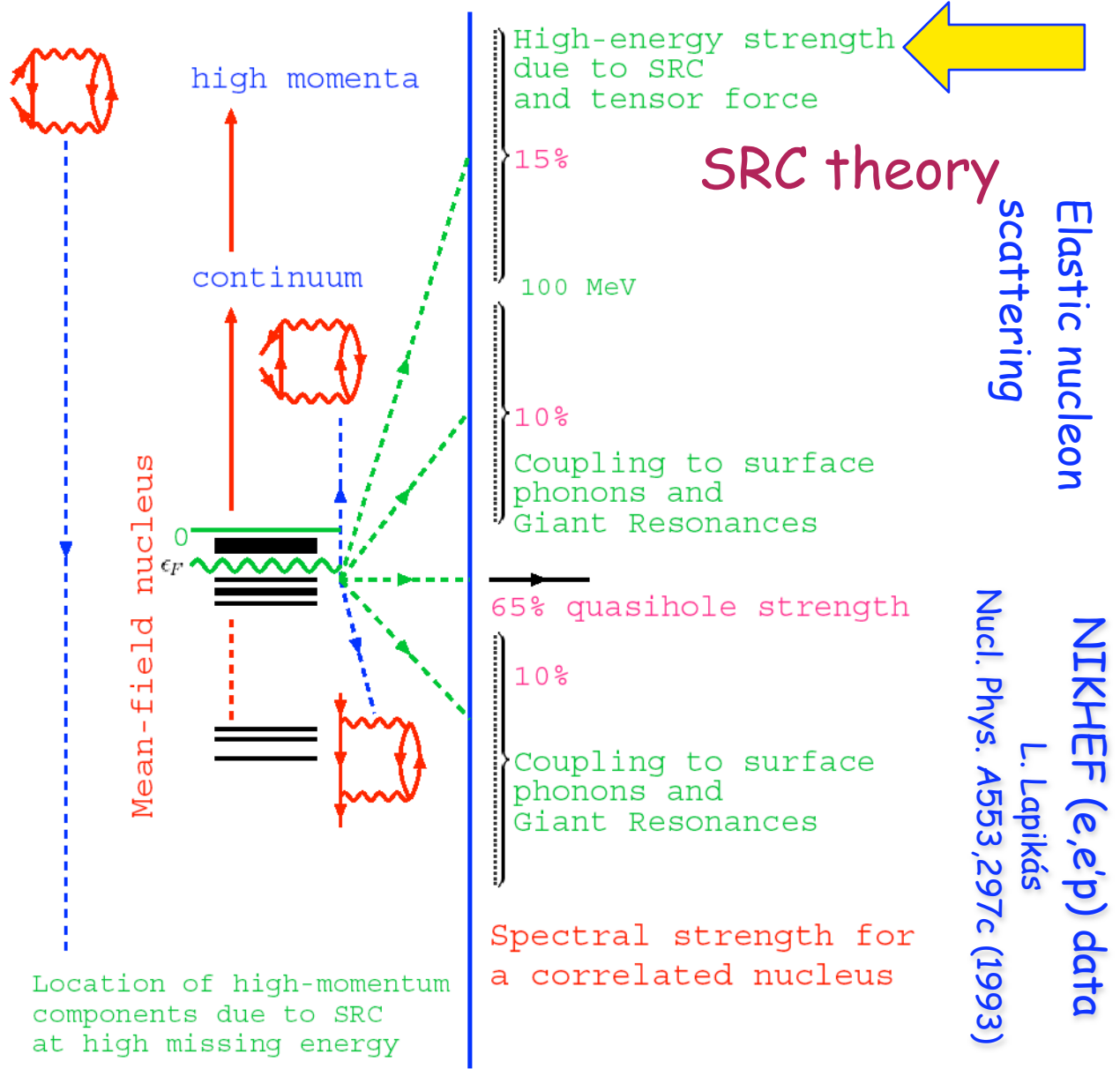
For example: protons in  $^{208}\text{Pb}$

SRC



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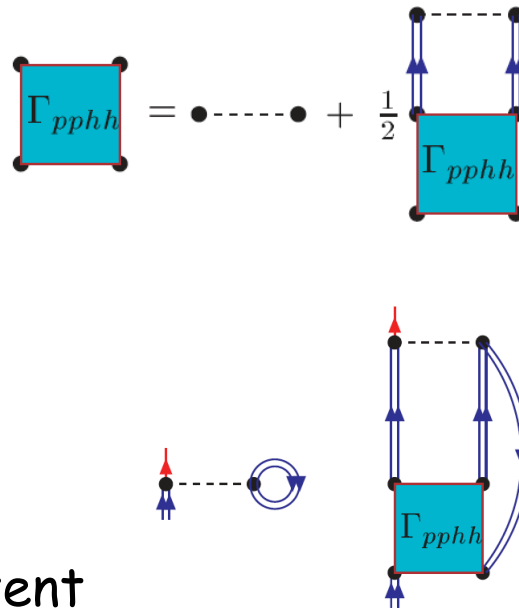
# Full off-shell propagation in infinite matter

SCGF:  
self-consistent  
Green's functions  
for SRC and tensor  
effects

self-consistency  
=> thermodynamically consistent

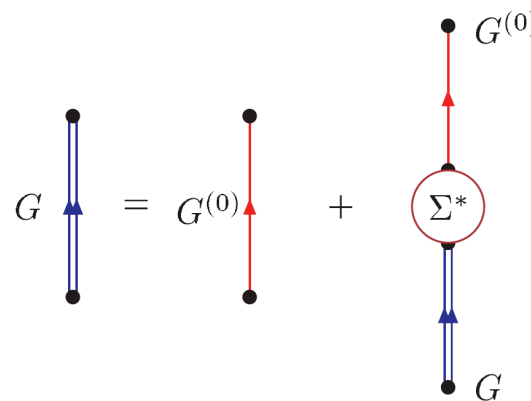
Interaction in the  
medium properly  
treating short-range  
and tensor  
correlations

Self-energy =  
complex potential in  
nuclear matter



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finite T avoids pairing (with in progress) *Understanding/Calculating Self-energy*



Dyson equation =>  
Schrödinger equation  
for dressed nucleons

# Fetter & Walecka

The Bethe-Goldstone theory described above still differs in principle from the Brueckner theory because the Brueckner theory relies on a self-consistent single-particle potential. In terms of Green's functions, this result can be achieved by replacing  $G^0(p)$  with a  $G(p)$  that includes self-energy effects associated with  $\Gamma$ . Furthermore,  $\Gamma$  must itself be determined with  $G$  and not  $G^0$ . The equations for this self-consistent theory are shown schematically in Fig. 42.4.

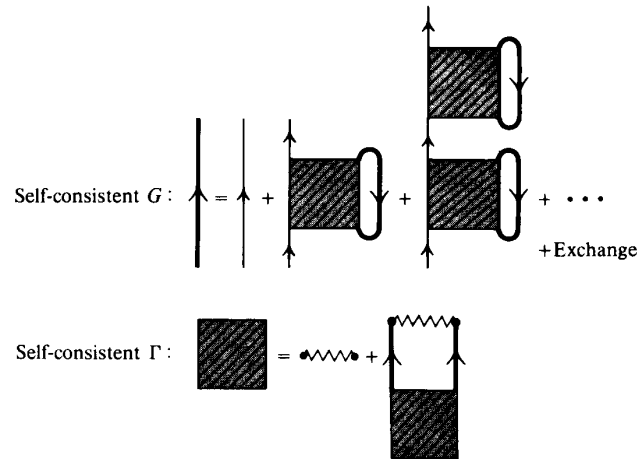


Fig. 42.4 Self-consistent equations for  $G$  and  $\Gamma$ .

As they stand, these equations are quite intractable because the frequency dependence of  $\Sigma^*(\mathbf{p}, p_0)$  complicates the integral equation for  $\Gamma$  immensely. (This difficulty is sometimes known as *propagation off the energy shell*.) The simple Brueckner-Goldstone theory can be obtained from these equations in a series of approximations. First, the self-consistency is treated only on the average, and we use a frequency-independent self-energy  $\Sigma_{sc}^*(\mathbf{p}) \equiv \Sigma^*(\mathbf{p}, \epsilon_p/\hbar)$ , obtained by setting  $p_0 = \epsilon_p/\hbar$ , where  $\epsilon_p$  satisfies the self-consistent equation

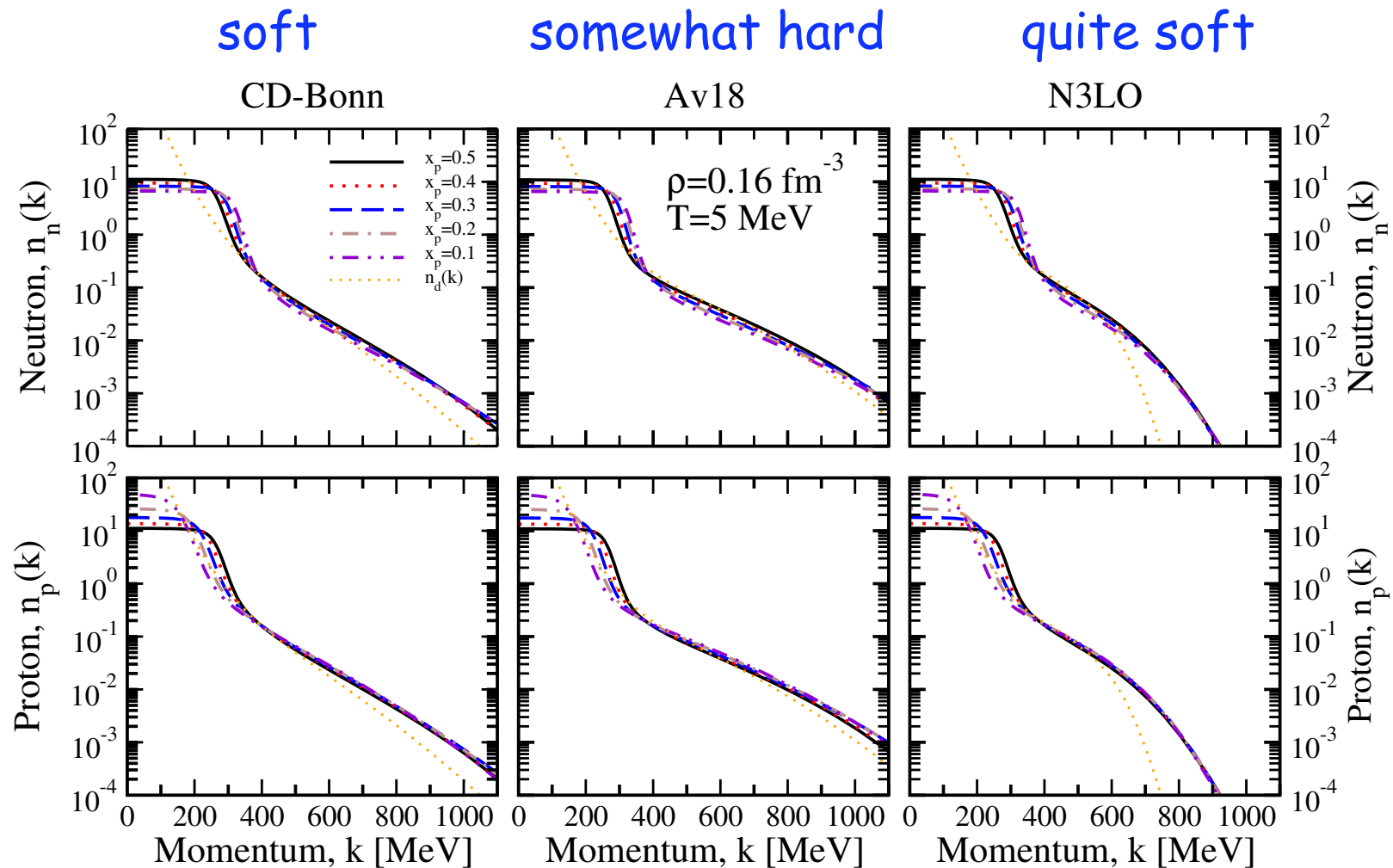
$$\epsilon_p = \epsilon_p^0 + \hbar \Sigma^*(\mathbf{p}, \epsilon_p/\hbar) \equiv \epsilon_p^0 + \hbar \Sigma_{sc}^*(\mathbf{p}) \quad (42.13)$$

In this way, the Green's function is given approximately as

$$G_{sc}(\mathbf{p}, p_0) = \frac{\theta(|\mathbf{p}| - k_F)}{p_0 - \epsilon_p/\hbar + i\eta} + \frac{\theta(k_F - |\mathbf{p}|)}{p_0 - \epsilon_p/\hbar - i\eta} \quad (42.14)$$

Second, this Green's function is used to evaluate both the proper self-energy [Eq. (42.4)] and the scattering amplitude [Eqs. (42.5) and (42.6)]. We again obtain  $\chi_m$  by omitting the hole-hole scattering, which is presumed small in the low-density limit. The only effect on the self-consistent wave function is to change the denominator in Eq. (42.6) from  $mP_0/\hbar - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{q})^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{q})^2 + i\eta$

# Three different interactions (Rios, Polls recently)



- Normalization of  $n(k)$   $\rightarrow$  1 (not density)

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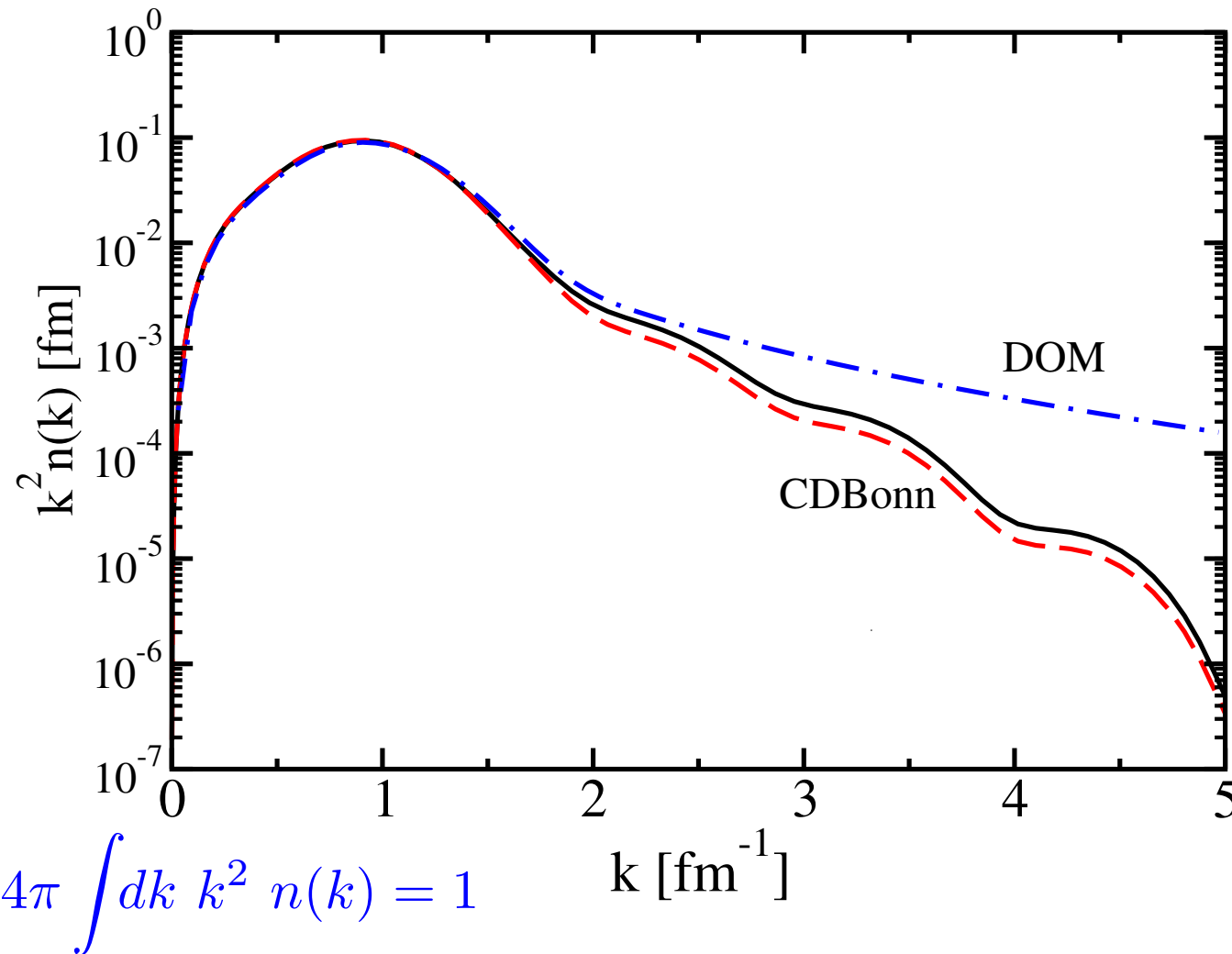
# SRC/high momenta ab initio for heavier nuclei

- In the beginning stages of proper sophistication...
- But in progress!
- One-body scattering --> momentum vector - spin basis
- Two-body scattering --> momentum vector - spins basis
- Initial step: use nuclear matter detour --> PRC51, 3040 (1995)
- How "bad" is it?



# Ab initio with CDBonn for $^{40}\text{Ca}$

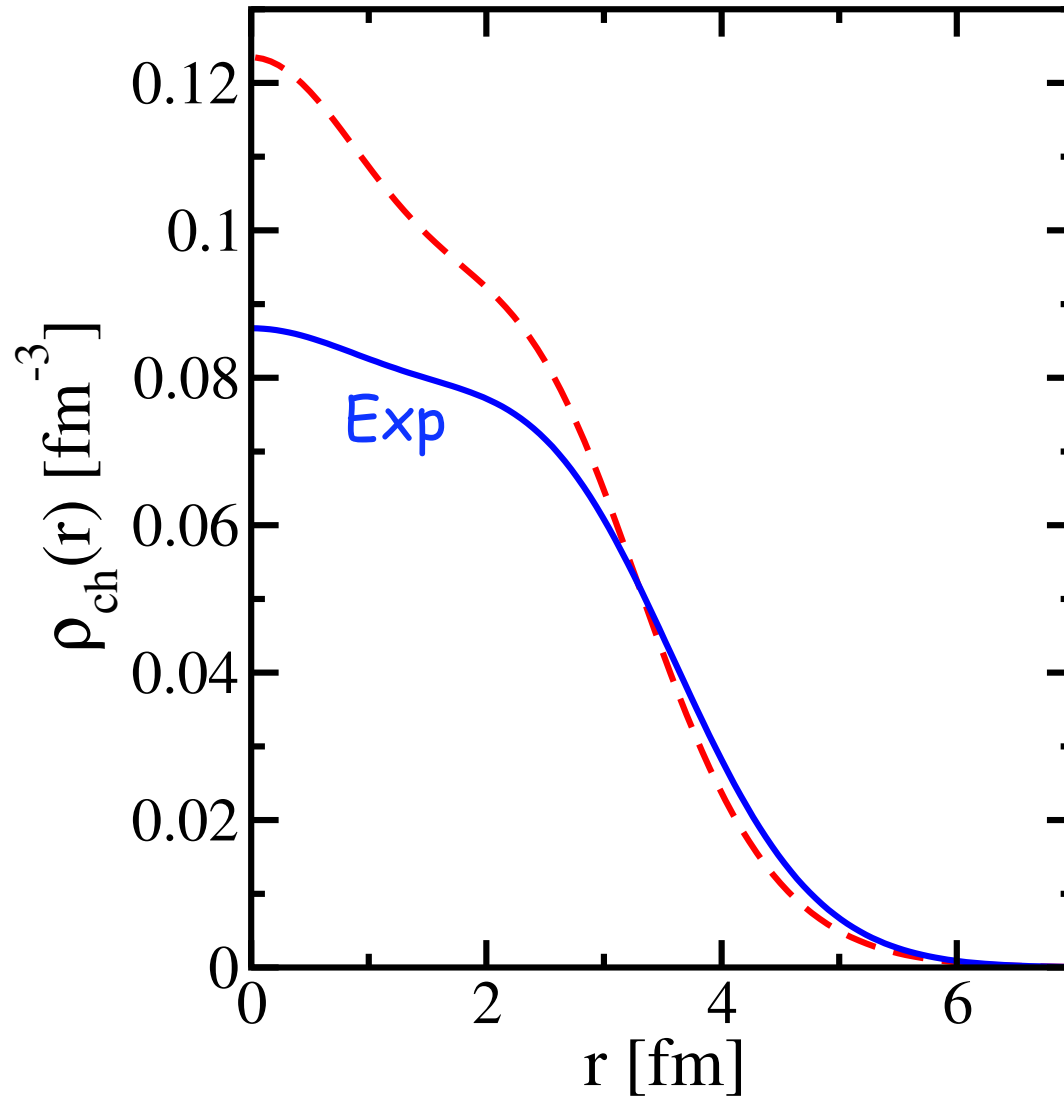
- Dussan et al. PRC84, 044319 (2011); spectral functions available



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# CDBonn

- Density ....



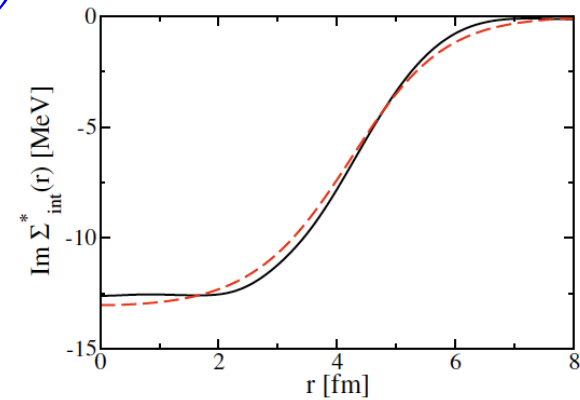
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# Non-locality of imaginary part

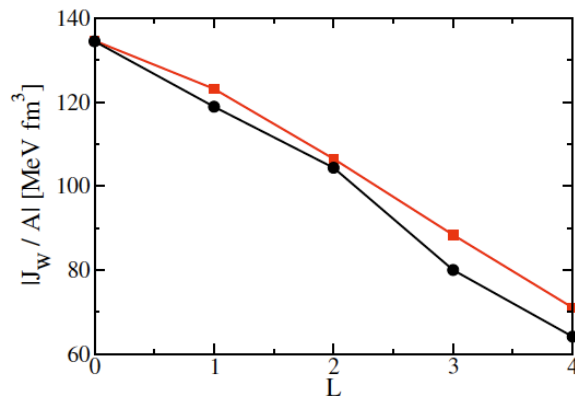
- Fit non-local imaginary part for  $\ell=0$

$$W_{NL}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = W_0 \sqrt{f(r)} \sqrt{f(r')} H\left(\frac{r - r'}{\beta}\right)$$

- Integrate over one radial variable



- Predict volume integrals for higher  $\ell$



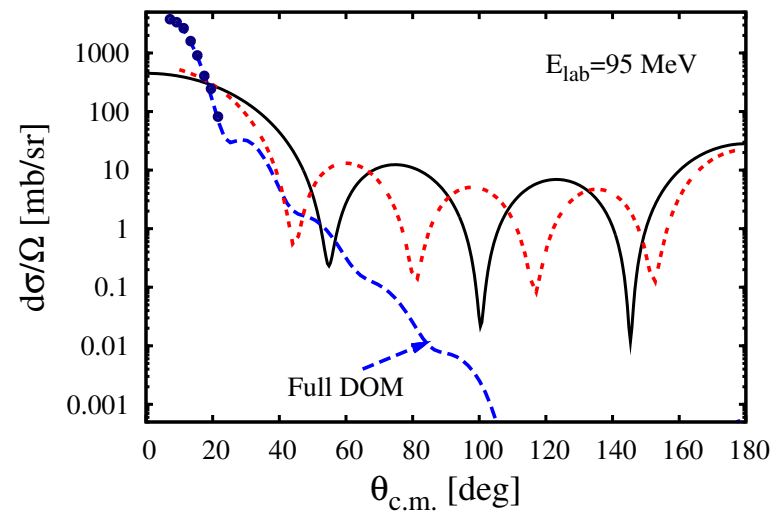
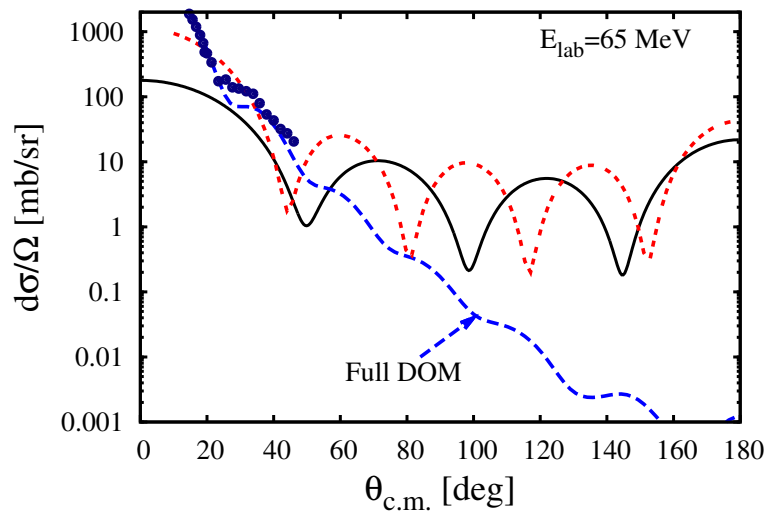
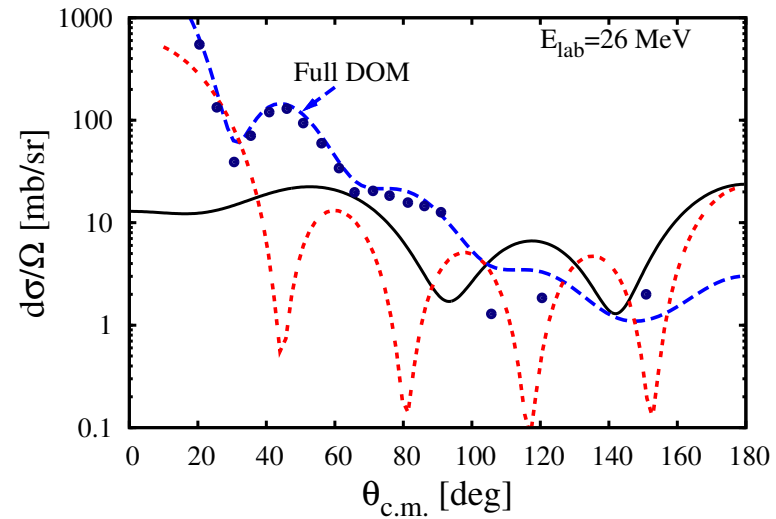
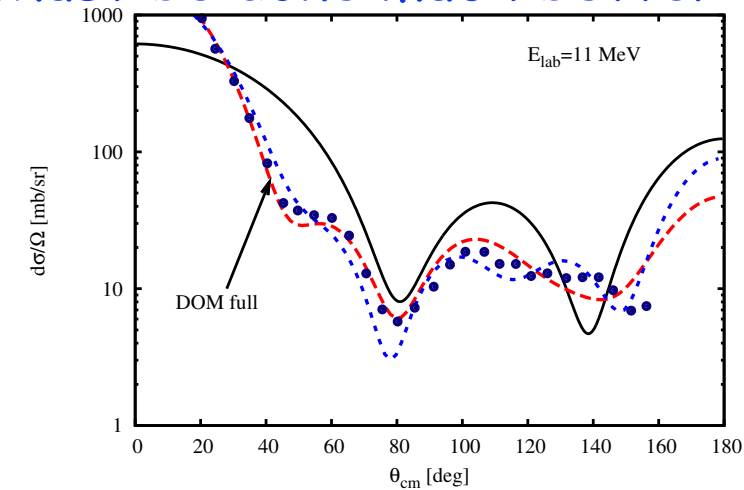
## Parameters

Energy MeV	$W_0$	$r_0$	$a_0$	$\beta$	$ J_W/A $	$ J_W/A $ CDBonn
-76	36.30	0.90	0.90	1.33	193	193
49	6.51	1.25	0.91	1.43	73	73
65	13.21	1.27	0.70	1.29	135	135
81	23.90	1.22	0.67	1.21	215	215

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# Ab initio description of elastic scattering

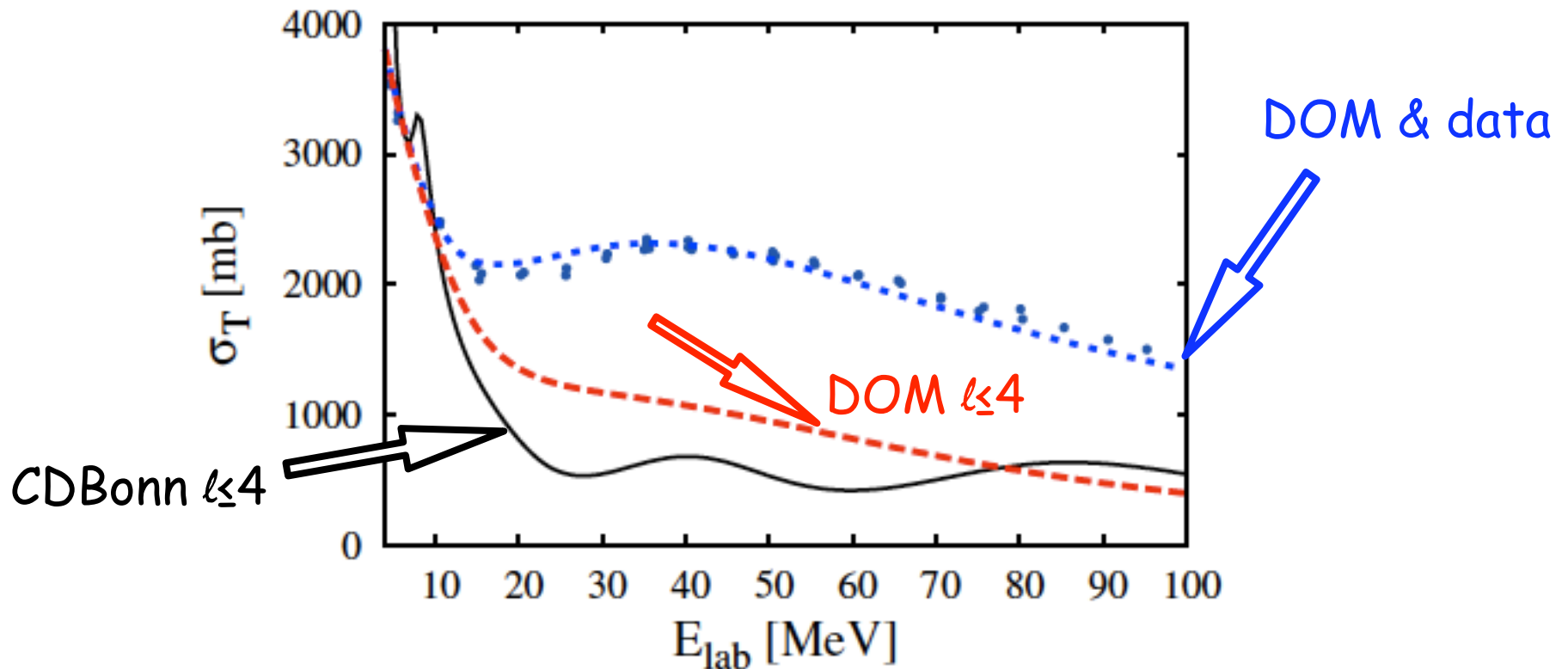
- Must be done much better



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# Ab initio calculation of elastic scattering $n+^{40}\text{Ca}$

- ONLY treatment of short-range and tensor correlations



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# Drip-line nuclear physics

- Many reactions necessarily involve strongly interacting particles
  - (p,2p) perhaps (p,pn)
  - (d,p) or (p,d)
  - HI knock-out reactions
- Interactions of "projectiles" with "target" are not experimentally constrained at this time --> no unambiguous information
- Empirical Green's function project: Dispersive Optical Model (DOM)
  - intends to provide a frame work for such constraints
  - simultaneous treatment of negative (structure) and positive energies (reactions) for nucleons **PLUS** a reaction description
  - linking information below and above the Fermi energy such as **elastic scattering cross sections, level structure, charge densities, knock-out cross sections etc.** ----> **constrained description of p or n distorted waves**

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# Optical potential $\leftrightarrow$ nucleon self-energy

- e.g. Bell and Squires  $\rightarrow$  elastic T-matrix = reducible self-energy
- Mahaux and Sartor *Adv. Nucl. Phys.* **20**, 1 (1991)
  - relate dynamic (energy-dependent) real part to imaginary part
  - employ subtracted dispersion relation

General dispersion relation for self-energy:

$$\text{Re } \Sigma(E) = \Sigma^{HF} - \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{E_T^+}^{\infty} dE' \frac{\text{Im } \Sigma(E')}{E - E'} + \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{E_T^-} dE' \frac{\text{Im } \Sigma(E')}{E - E'}$$

Calculated at the Fermi energy  $\varepsilon_F = \frac{1}{2} \{ (E_0^{A+1} - E_0^A) + (E_0^A - E_0^{A-1}) \}$

$$\text{Re } \Sigma(\varepsilon_F) = \Sigma^{HF} - \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{E_T^+}^{\infty} dE' \frac{\text{Im } \Sigma(E')}{\varepsilon_F - E'} + \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{E_T^-} dE' \frac{\text{Im } \Sigma(E')}{\varepsilon_F - E'}$$

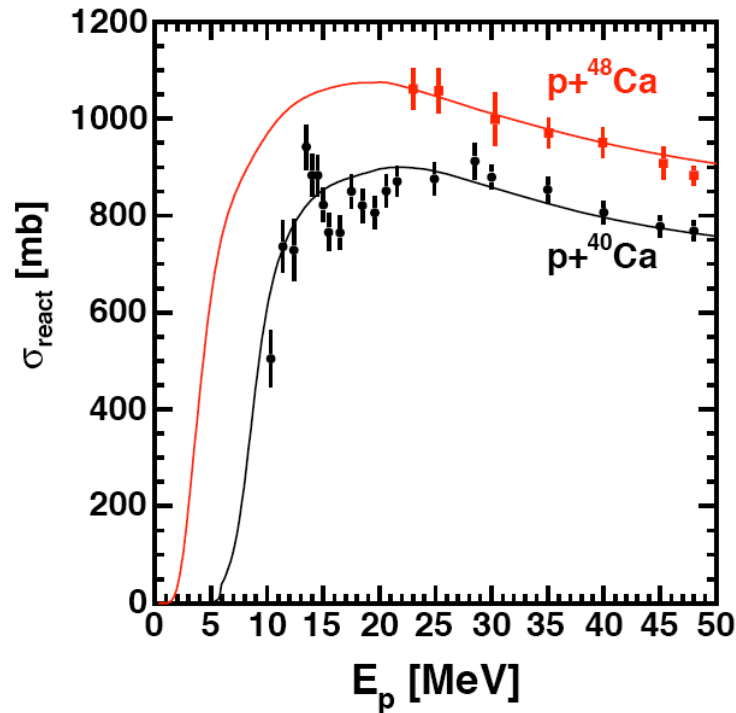
Subtract

$$\text{Re } \Sigma(E) = \text{Re } \widetilde{\Sigma}^{HF}(\varepsilon_F)$$

$$- \frac{1}{\pi} (\varepsilon_F - E) \mathcal{P} \int_{E_T^+}^{\infty} dE' \frac{\text{Im } \Sigma(E')}{(E - E')(\varepsilon_F - E')} + \frac{1}{\pi} (\varepsilon_F - E) \mathcal{P} \int_{-\infty}^{E_T^-} dE' \frac{\text{Im } \Sigma(E')}{(E - E')(\varepsilon_F - E')}$$

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# Does the nucleon self-energy also have an imaginary part above the Fermi energy?



Loss of flux in the elastic channel

**Answer: YES!**

Potentials assumed to have standard forms: including surface and volume absorption; parameters determined by fit to data. Potentials assumed local or "made" local. Assumptions are made about surface absorption above and below the Fermi energy.

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# DOM = Dispersive Optical Model

C. Mahaux and R. Sartor, *Adv. Nucl. Phys.* **20**, 1 (1991)

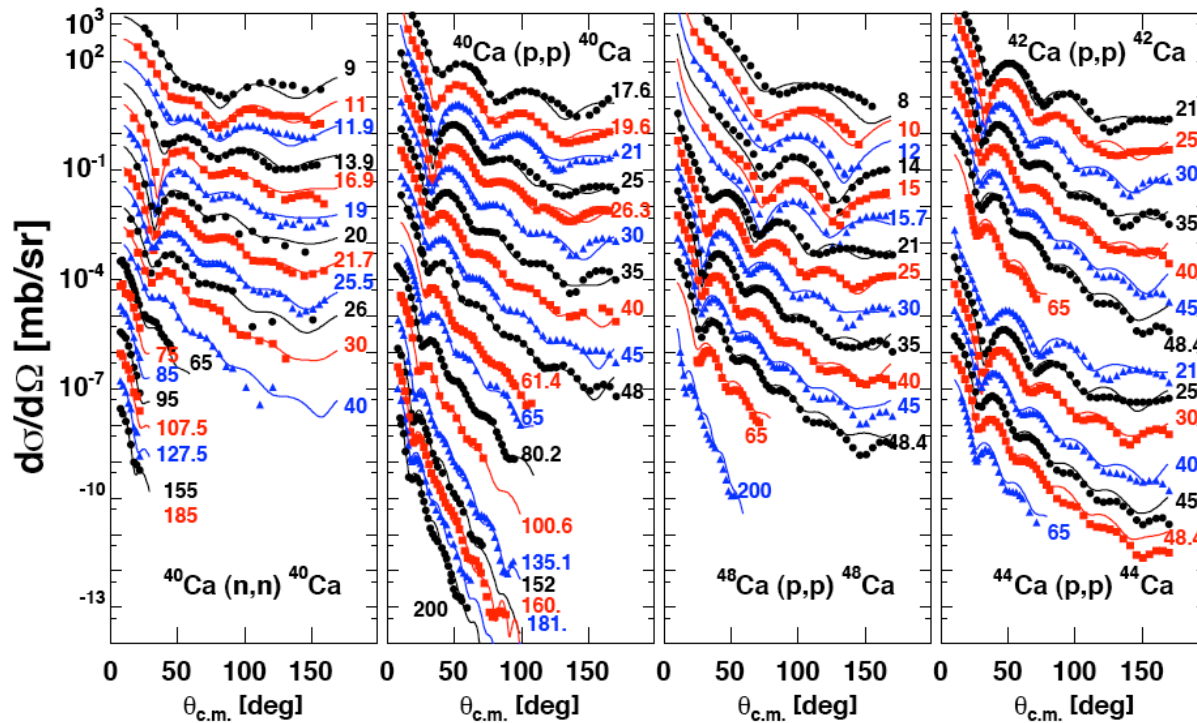
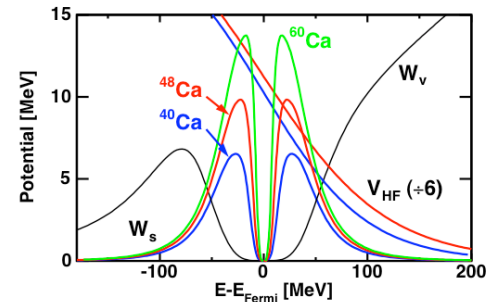
Goal: extract "propagator"/"self-energy" from data

Vehicle for data-driven extrapolations / predictions to the drip lines

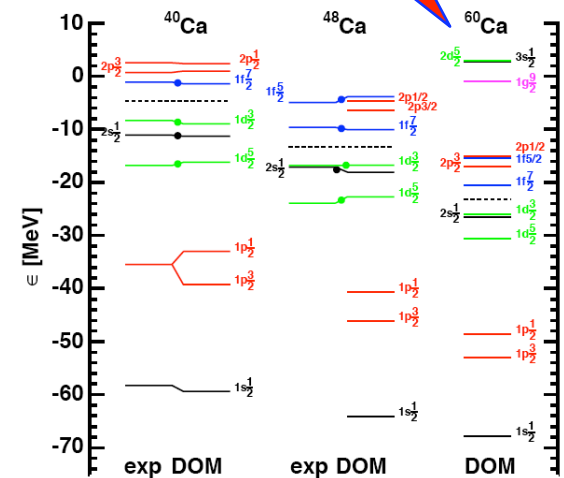
Combined analysis of protons/neutrons in  $^{40}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$

Charity, Sobotka, & WD, *PRL* **97**, 162503 (2006)

Charity, Mueller, Sobotka, & WD, *PRC* **76**, 044314 (2007)



Predict



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## DOM improvements

- Replace local energy-dependent HF potential by non-local (energy-independent potential) in order to calculate more properties below the Fermi energy like the charge density and spectral functions --> PRC82, 054306 (2010)

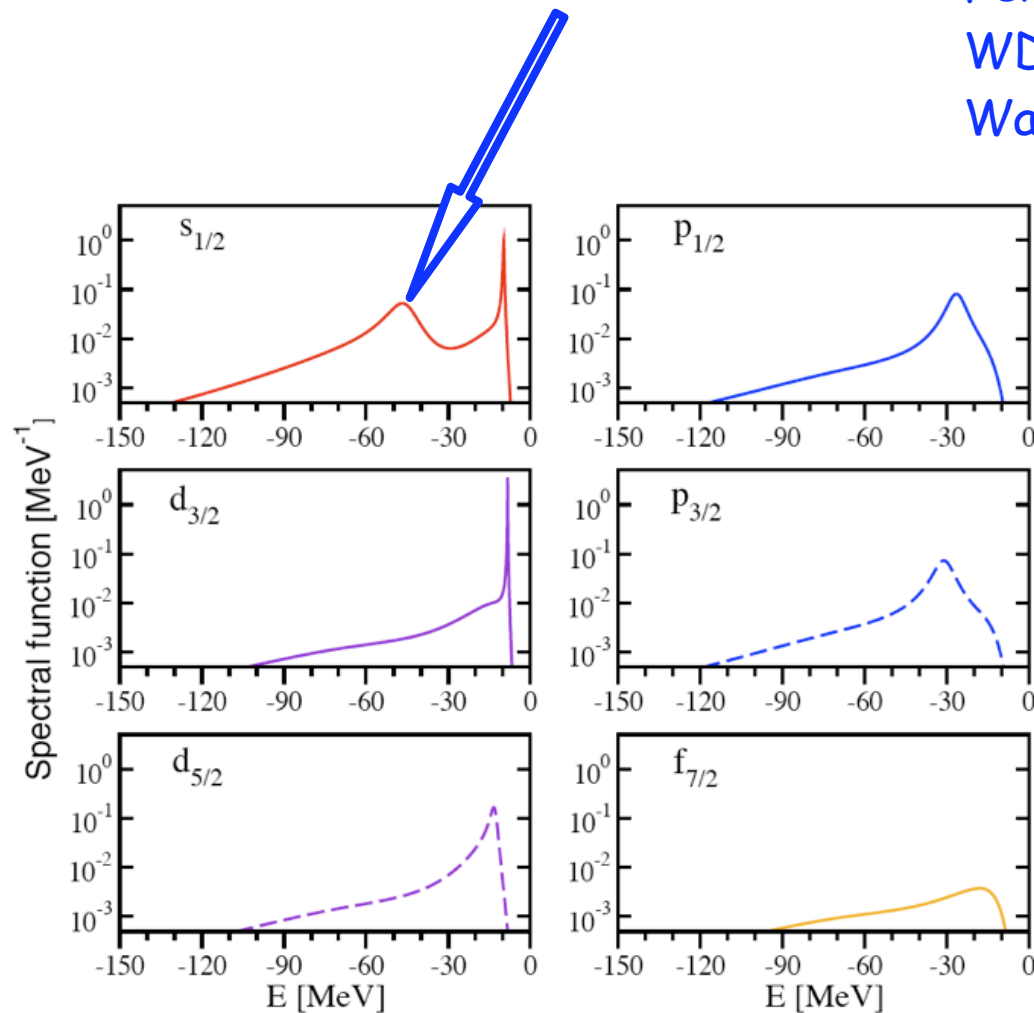
DOModel --> DOMethod-->DSelf-energyMethod

Below  $\epsilon_F$

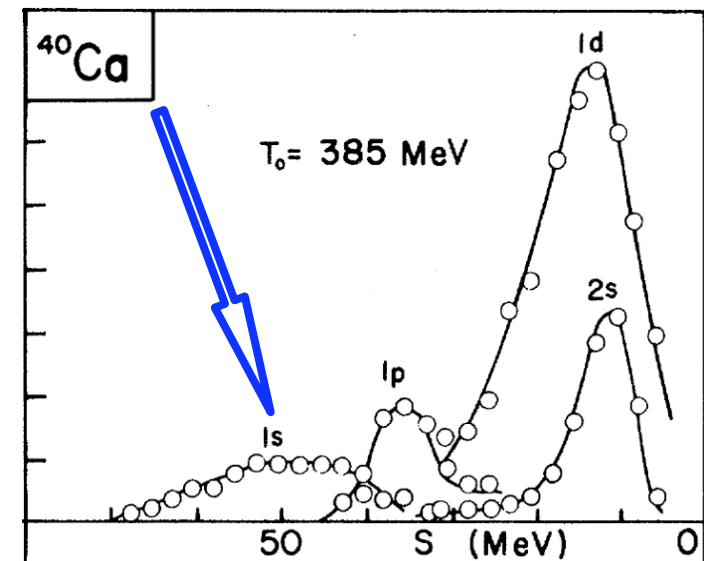
# $^{40}\text{Ca}$ spectral function

Recent theoretical development:  
nonlocal "HF" self-energy --> below the  
Fermi energy

WD, Van Neck, Charity, Sobotka,  
Waldecker, PRC82, 054306 (2010)



Old (p,2p) data from Liverpool

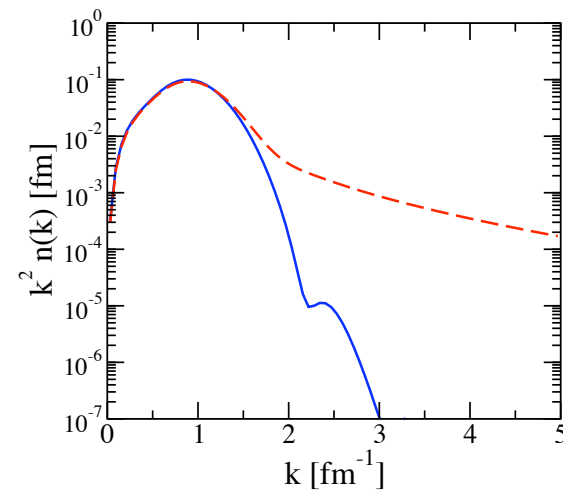
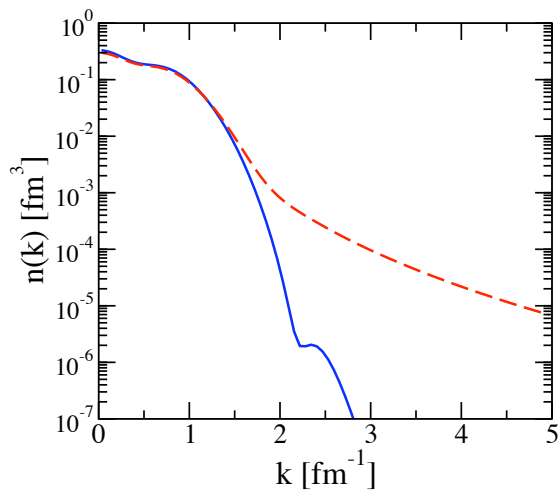
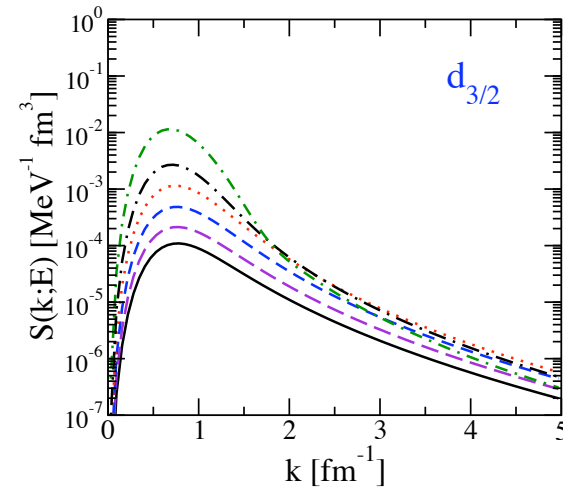
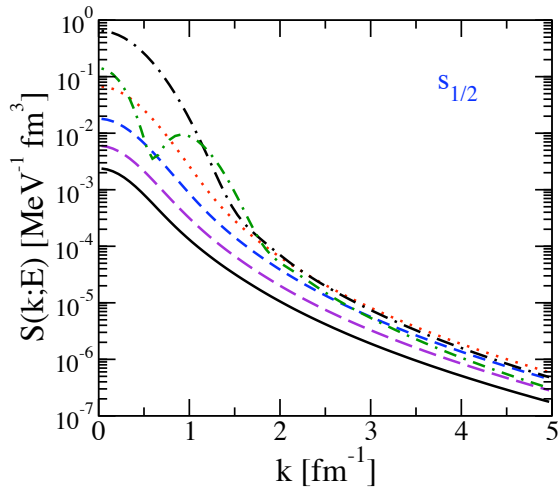


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# Spectral functions and momentum distributions

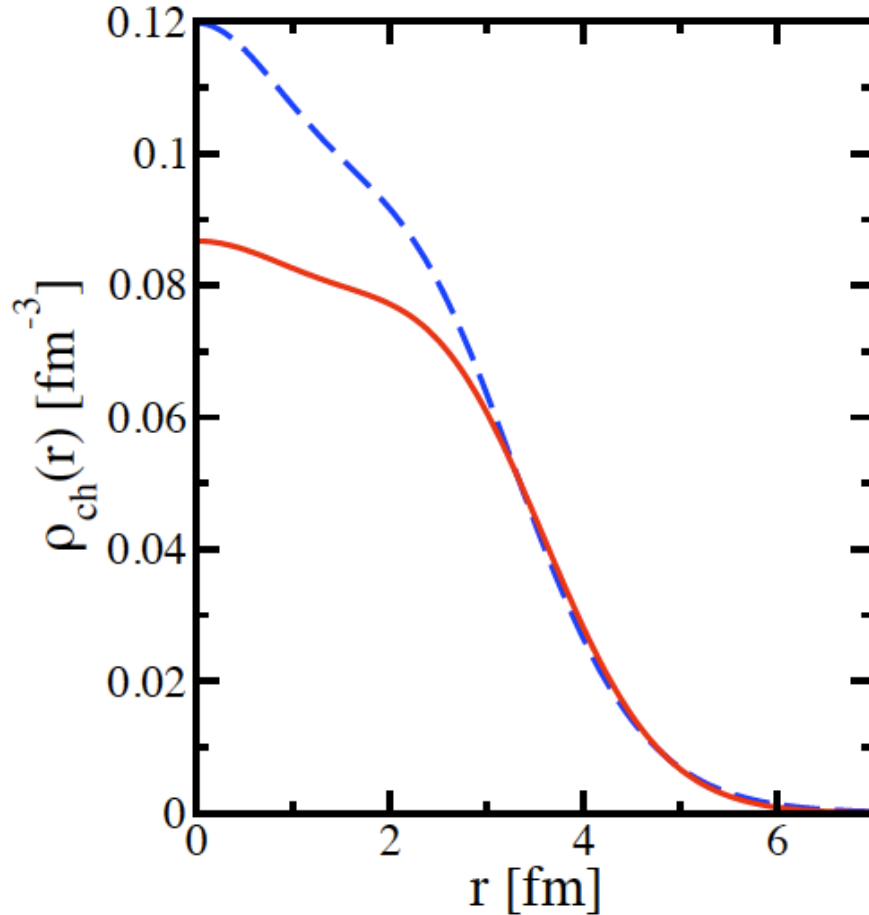
•  $^{40}\text{Ca}$

PRC 82, 054306 (2010)



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## Charge density



Not a good reproduction of charge density even though mean square radius was fitted.

Related to local representation of the imaginary part of the self-energy --> independent of angular momentum --> must be abandoned to represent particle number correctly as well.

# DOM extensions linked to ab initio FRPA

- Employ microscopic FRPA calculations of the nucleon self-energy to gain insight into future improvements of the DOM -->

S. J. Waldecker, C. Barbieri and W. H. Dickhoff

[Phys. Rev. C84, 034616 \(2011\), 1-11](#)

- FRPA = Faddeev RPA --> Barbieri for a recent application see e.g. PRL103,202502(2009)

- **Most important conclusions**

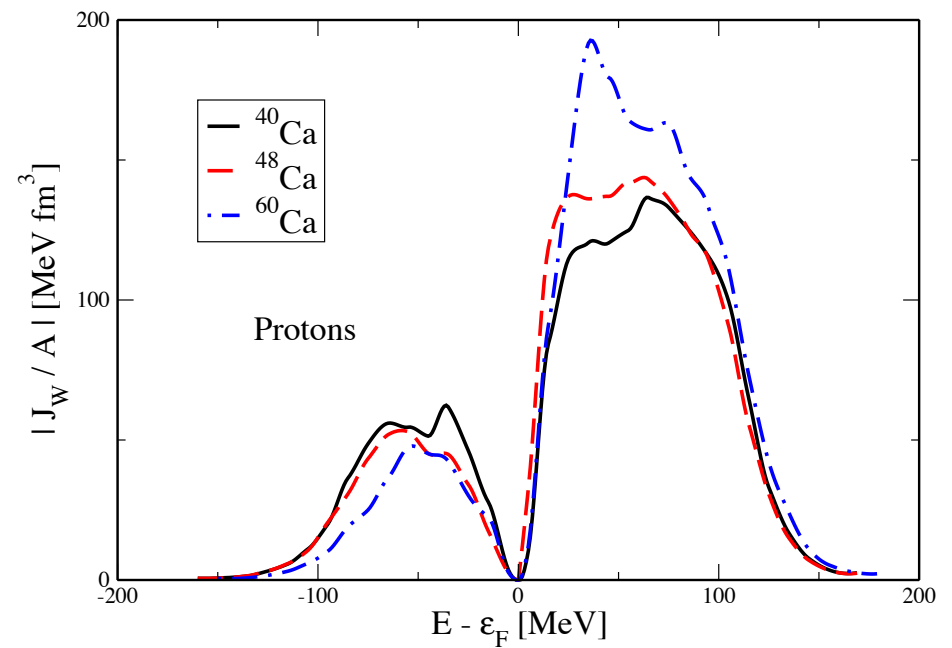
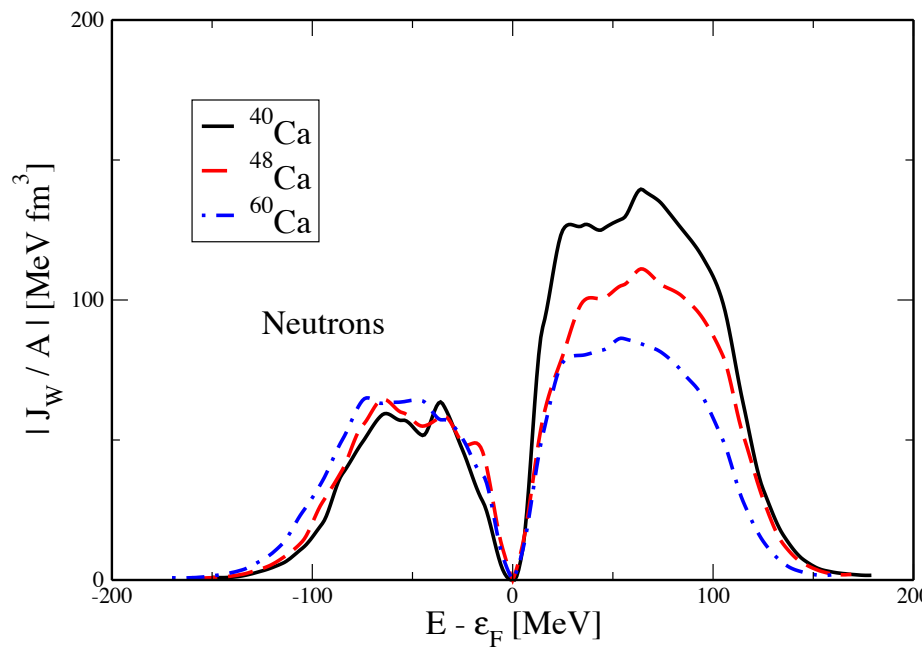
- Ab initio self-energy has imaginary part with a substantial non-locality
- Tensor force already operative for low-energy imaginary part
- Absorption above and below Fermi energy not symmetric

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# Volume integrals from microscopic FRPA relevant up to $\sim 75$ MeV

Volume integral for local imaginary potentials

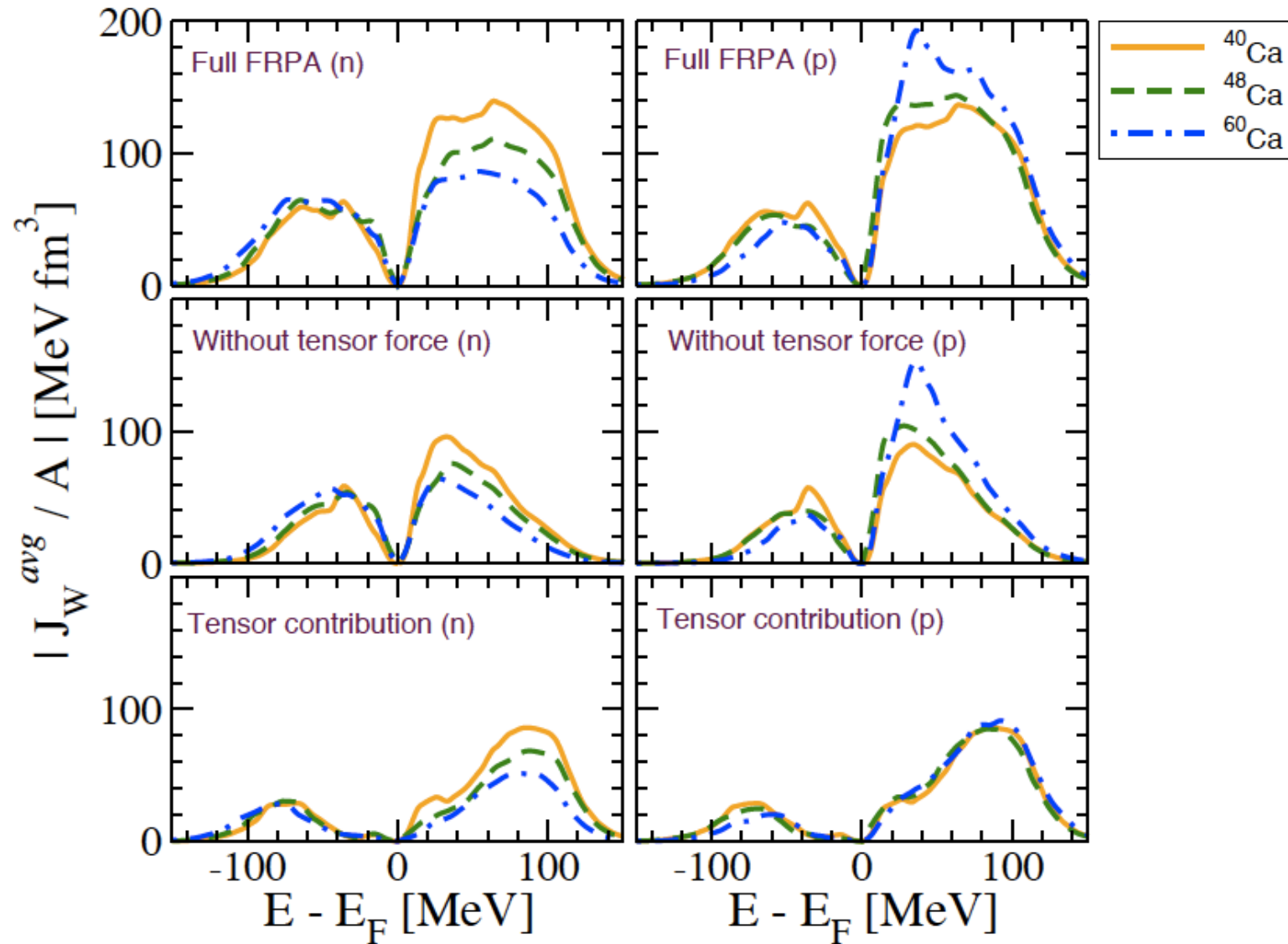
$$J_W(E) = 4\pi \int dr r^2 W(r, E)$$



Microscopic potentials: nonlocal  $\rightarrow$  depend strongly on  $\ell$   
Here averaged

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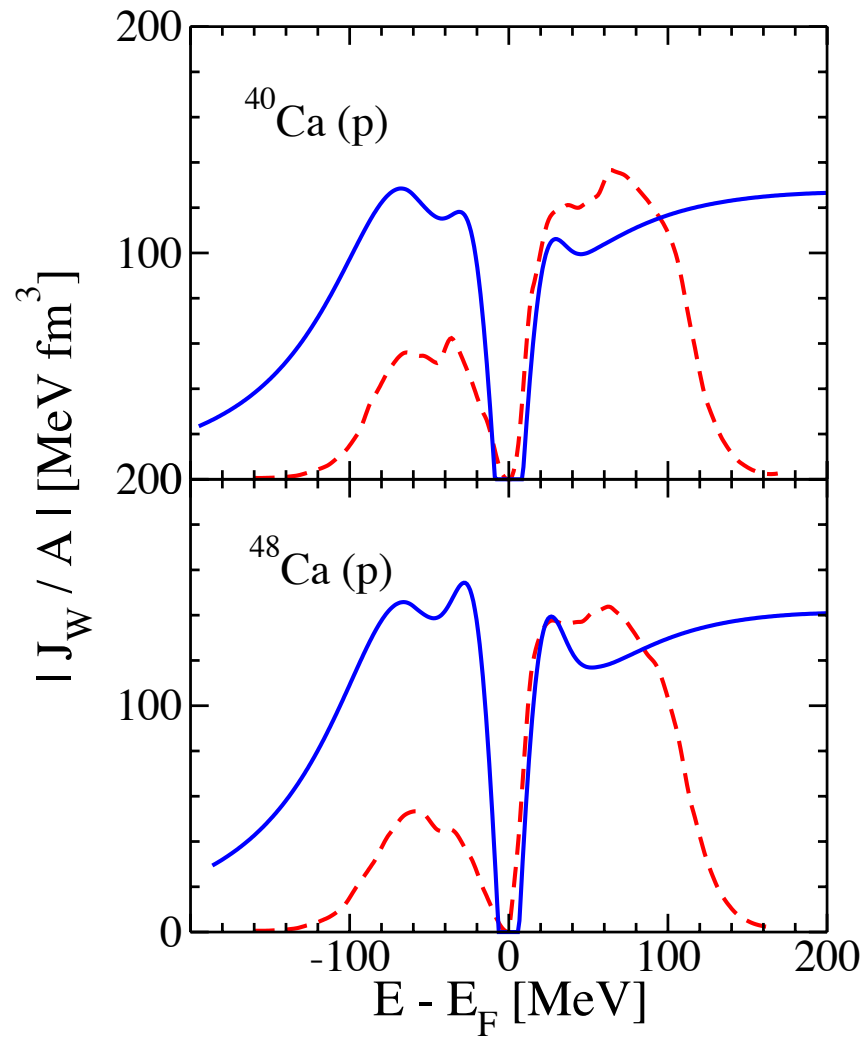
# Tensor force



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# Comparison with DOM for $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$



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# New DOM implementation in progress

- Particle number --> **nonlocal** imaginary part
- Microscopic FRPA & SRC --> different nonlocal properties above and below the Fermi energy
- Include charge density in fit
- Describe high-momentum nucleons <--> (e,e'p) data from JLab

## Implications

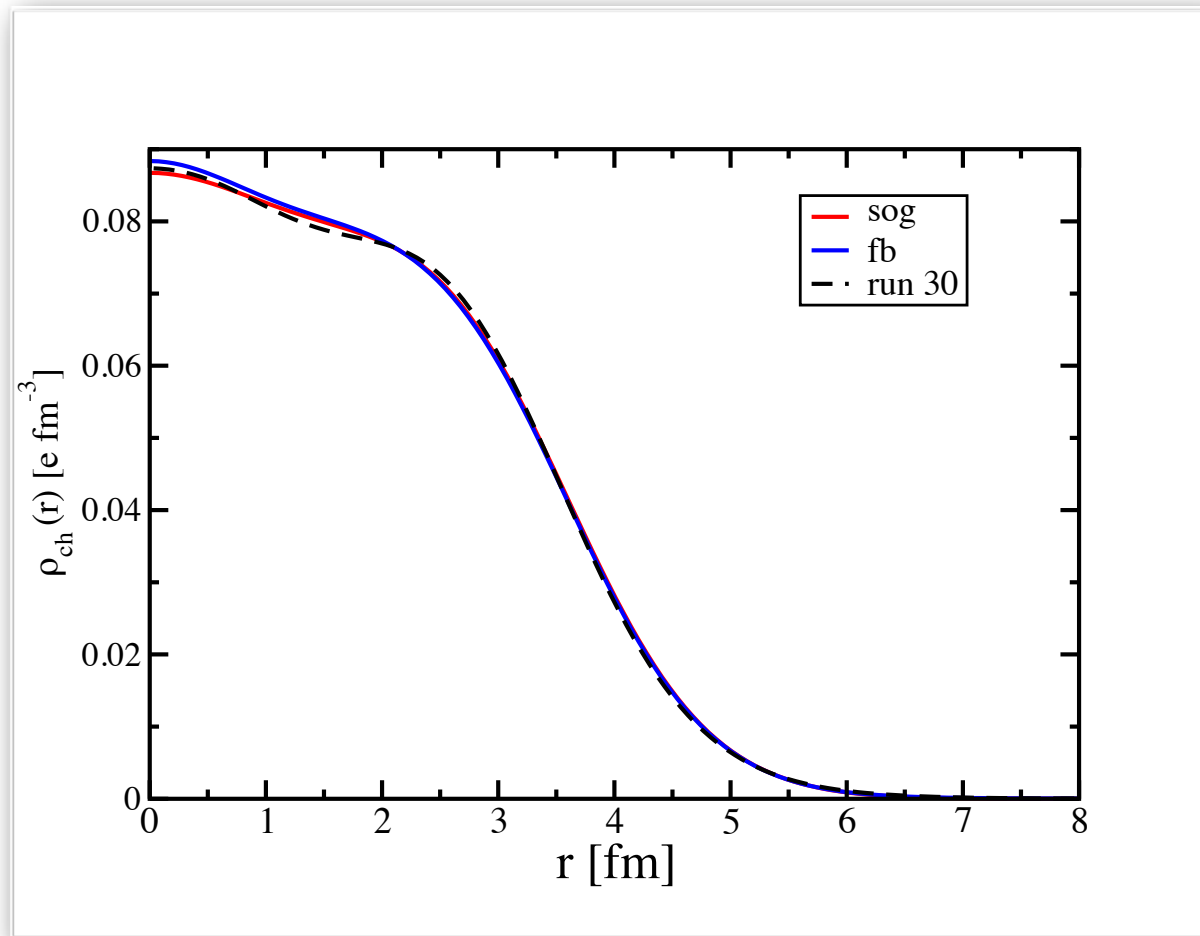
- Changes the description of hadronic reactions because interior nucleon wave functions depend on non-locality
- Consistency test of the interpretation of (e,e'p) possible
- Independent "experimental" statement on size of three-body contribution to the energy of the ground state--> two-body only:

$$E/A = \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{\ell_j} (2j+1) \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \frac{k^2}{2m} n_{\ell_j}(k) + \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{\ell_j} (2j+1) \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\epsilon_F} dE E S_{\ell_j}(k; E)$$

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# Critical experimental data

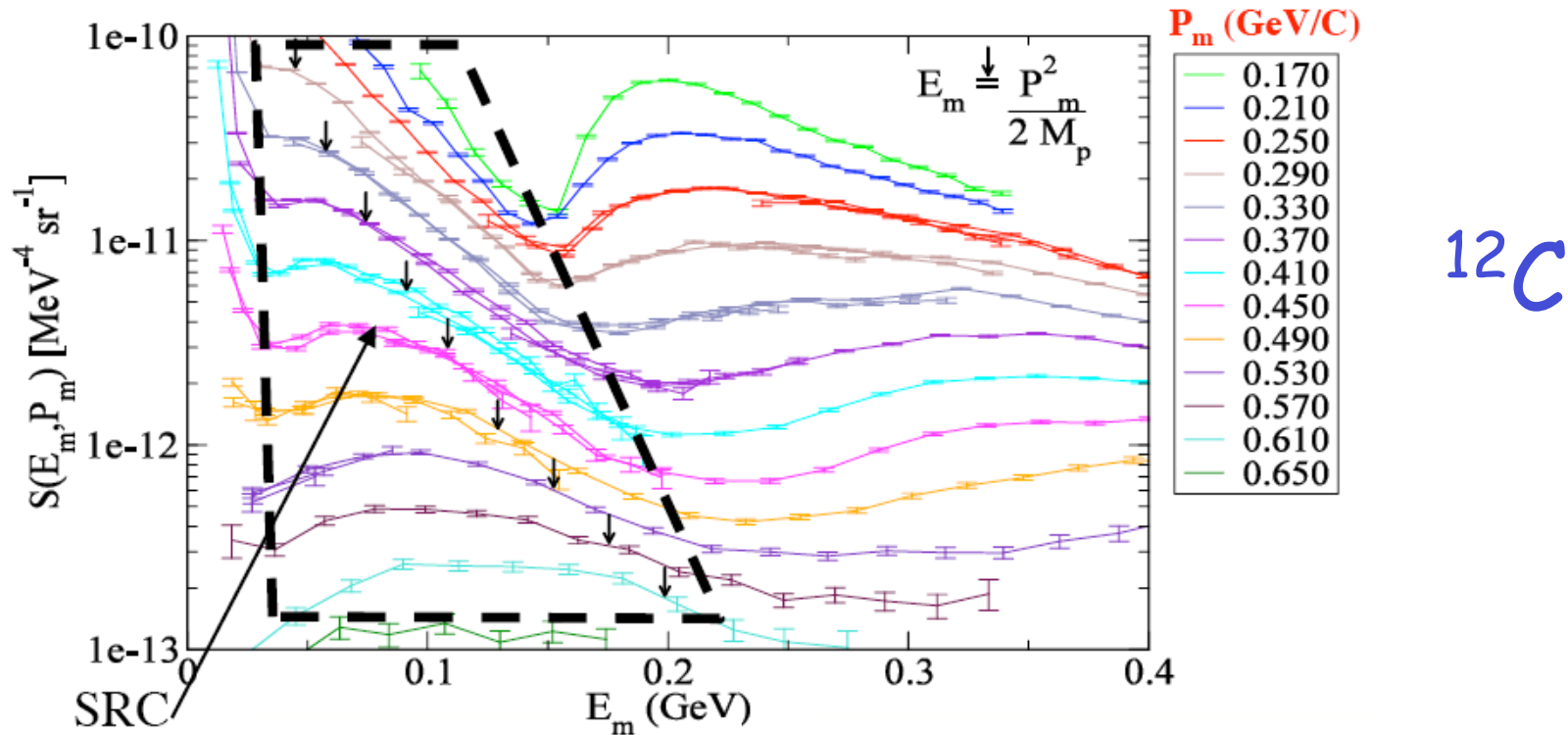
Charge density  $^{40}\text{Ca}$



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# High-momentum protons have been seen in nuclei!

Jlab E97-006 Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 182501 (2004) D. Rohe et al.



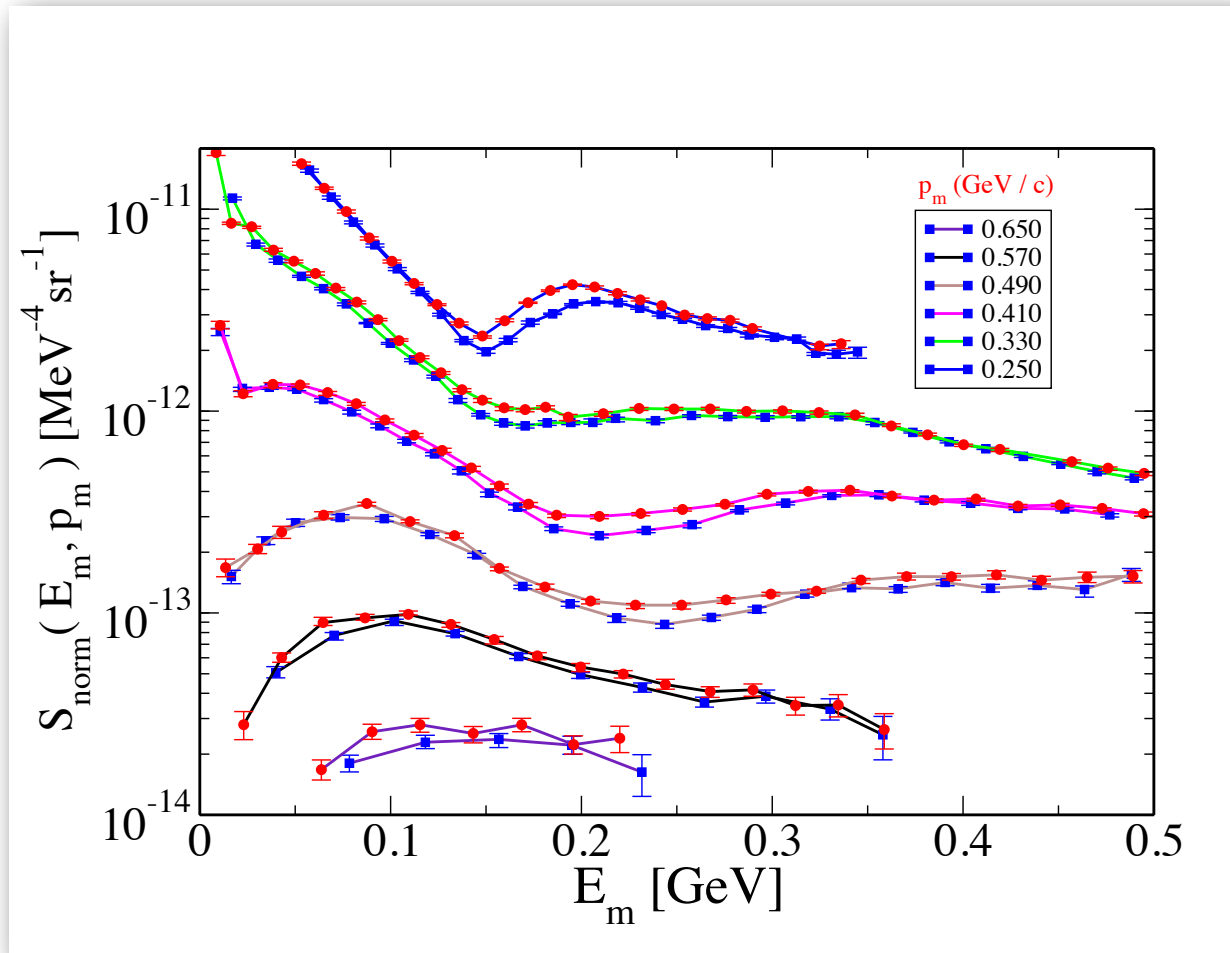
- Location of high-momentum components
- Integrated strength agrees with theoretical prediction Phys. Rev. C49, R17 (1994)

$\Rightarrow \sim 0.6$  protons for  $^{12}\text{C} \Rightarrow \sim 10\%$

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# High-momentum components

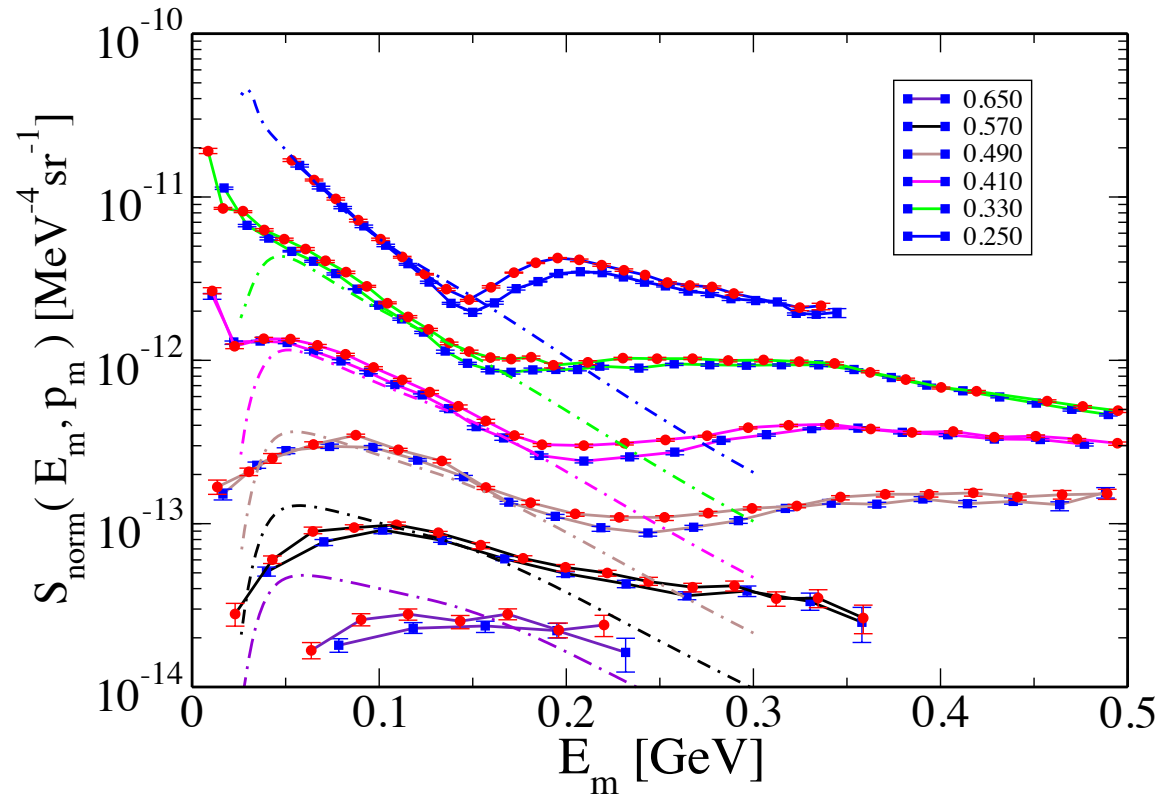
Rohe, Sick et al. Al and Fe (e,e'p) data per proton



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# Preliminary results

- Mahzoon, Waldecker, Charity, Dussan, WD (2013)



Note: their location in energy yields an important contribution to the energy of the ground state

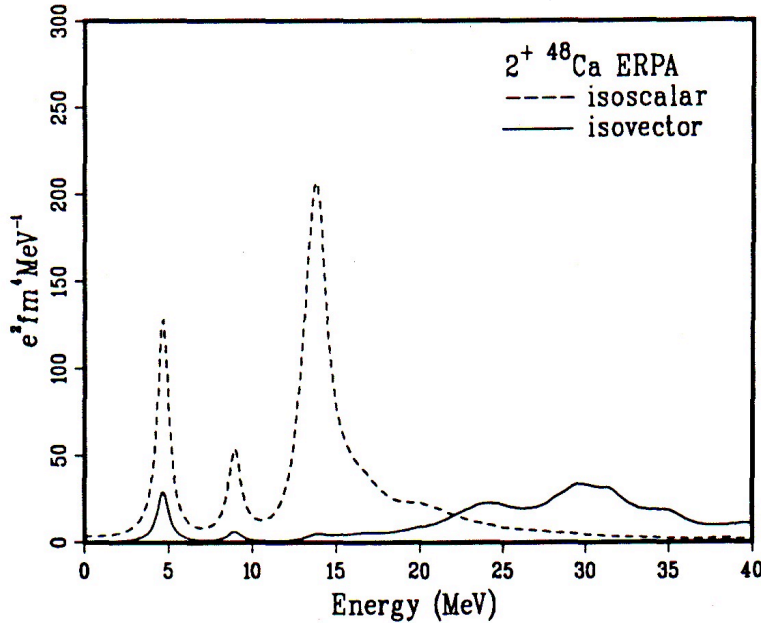
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## Conclusions and Outlook

- Sir Denys has been answered
- Given a realistic NN interaction, its implications for the role of short-range and tensor correlations can be calculated reliably for infinite matter of any nucleon asymmetry, density, and temperatures above the critical temperature for pairing
- For finite nuclei this is not yet the case but some insight has been gained
  - Is a difficult challenge but in progress right now...
- Long-range correlations --> FRPA identifies relevant properties of the self-energy near the Fermi energy
- Alternative approach for finite nuclei: correlate a lot of data --> DOM --> drip line
  - Will be a tool for FRIB physics as well

# Giant Quadrupole

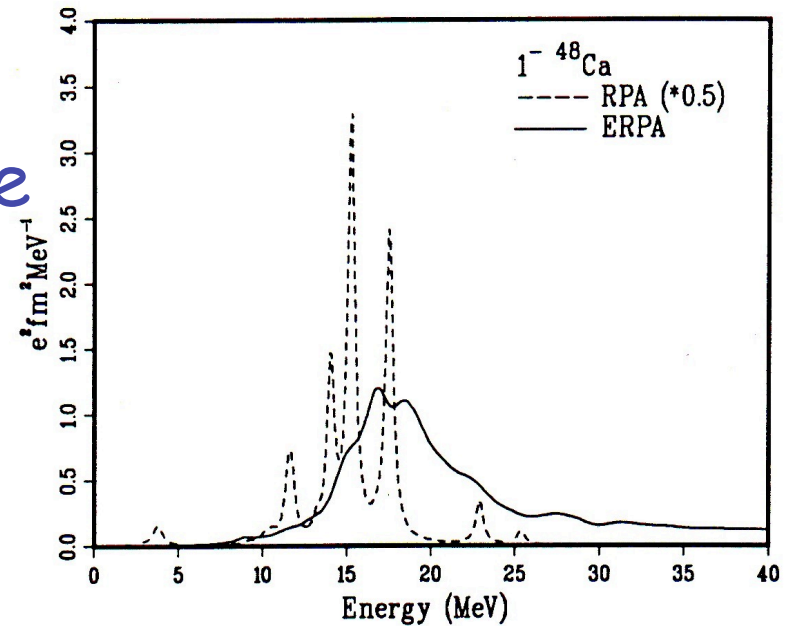


Example of  $\rightarrow \frac{\delta\Sigma}{\delta G}$

Giant Resonances  
**only** correct when  
 sp fragmentation  
 is included!

In turn: Giant Dipole  
**Excited states**  
 determine sp fragmentation

M. G. E. Brand, K. Allaart, and W. D.  
 Phys. Lett. **214B** , 483 (1988);  
 Nucl. Phys. **A509** , 1 (1990).



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