

# Novel energy density functionals for low-energy nuclear phenomena

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# How the nuclear EDF is built?

$$E[\rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)] = \iint d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2 \mathcal{H}(\rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2))$$

Energy Density  
Functional (EDF)

Energy Density

$$\mathcal{H}(\rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)) = V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) [\rho(\vec{r}_1)\rho(\vec{r}_2) - \rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)\rho(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1)]$$

Direct

Exchange

# Standard effective interactions

- Gogny\*

$$V(\vec{r}_1\vec{r}_2; \vec{r}'_1\vec{r}'_2) = \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}'_1)\delta(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}'_2)V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

where,

$$V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) = \sum_{i=1,2} e^{-(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)^2 / \mu_i^2} \times (W_i + B_i P_\sigma - H_i P_\tau - M_i P_\sigma P_\tau) \\ + t_3(1 + P_\sigma)\delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)\rho^{1/3} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2) \right].$$

$P_\sigma = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)$  and  $P_\tau = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2)$  are, respectively, the spin and isospin exchange operators of particles 1 and 2,  $\rho(\vec{r})$  is the total density of the system at point  $\vec{r}$ , and  $\mu_i = 0.7$  and  $1.2$  fm,  $W_i$ ,  $B_i$ ,  $H_i$ ,  $M_i$ , and  $t_3$  are parameters.

- Skyrme\*

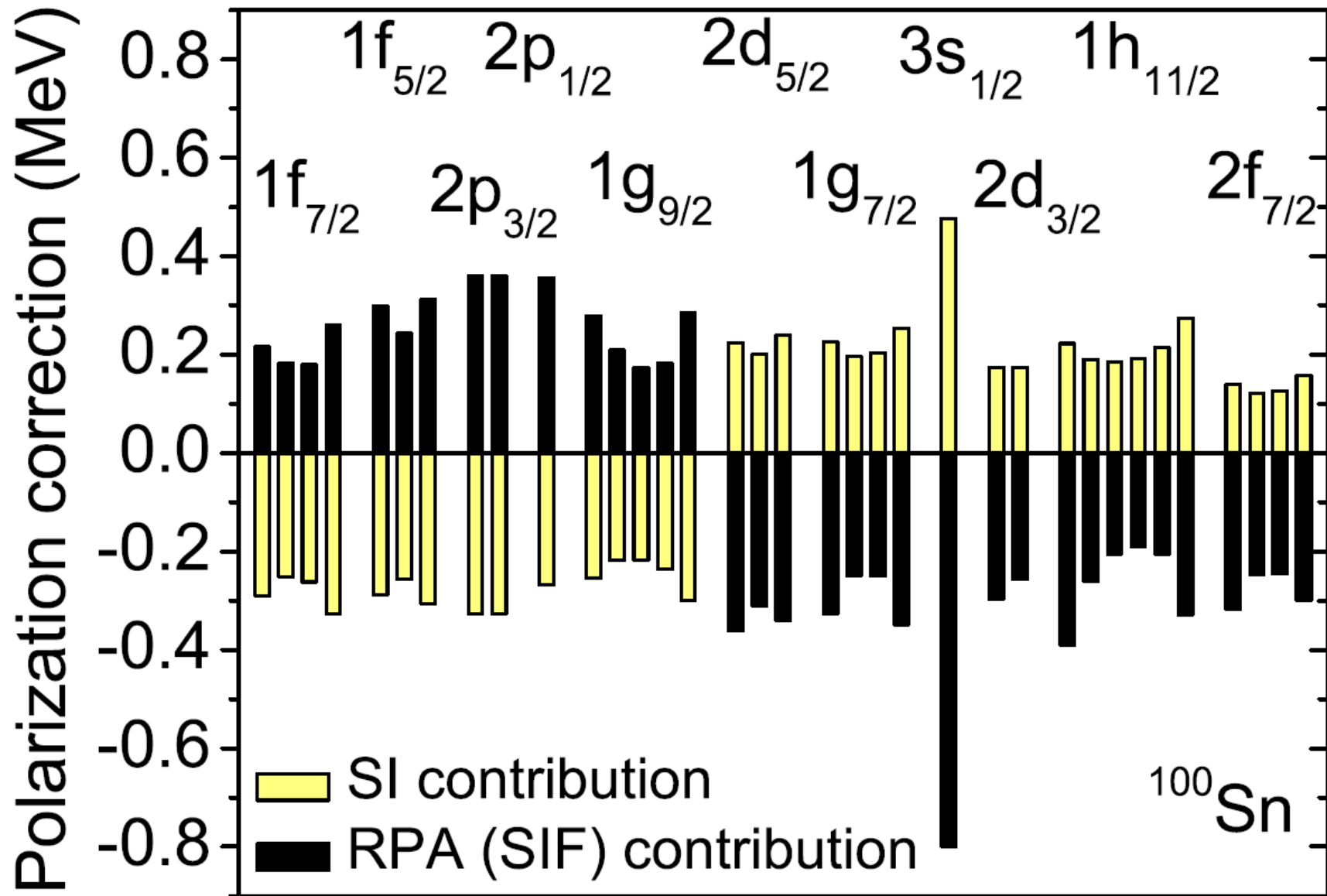
$$V(\vec{r}_1\vec{r}_2; \vec{r}'_1\vec{r}'_2) = \left\{ t_0(1 + x_0 P^\sigma) + \frac{1}{6}t_3(1 + x_3 P^\sigma)\rho^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2) \right) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{2}t_1(1 + x_1 P^\sigma)[\vec{k}'^{*2} + \vec{k}^2] + t_2(1 + x_2 P^\sigma)\vec{k}'^* \cdot \vec{k} \right\} \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}'_1)\delta(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}'_2)\delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

where the relative-momentum operators read  $\vec{k} = \frac{1}{2i}(\vec{\nabla}_1 - \vec{\nabla}_2)$ ,  $\vec{k}' = \frac{1}{2i}(\vec{\nabla}'_1 - \vec{\nabla}'_2)$ .

\*We omit the spin-orbit and tensor terms for simplicity.

# Self Interaction

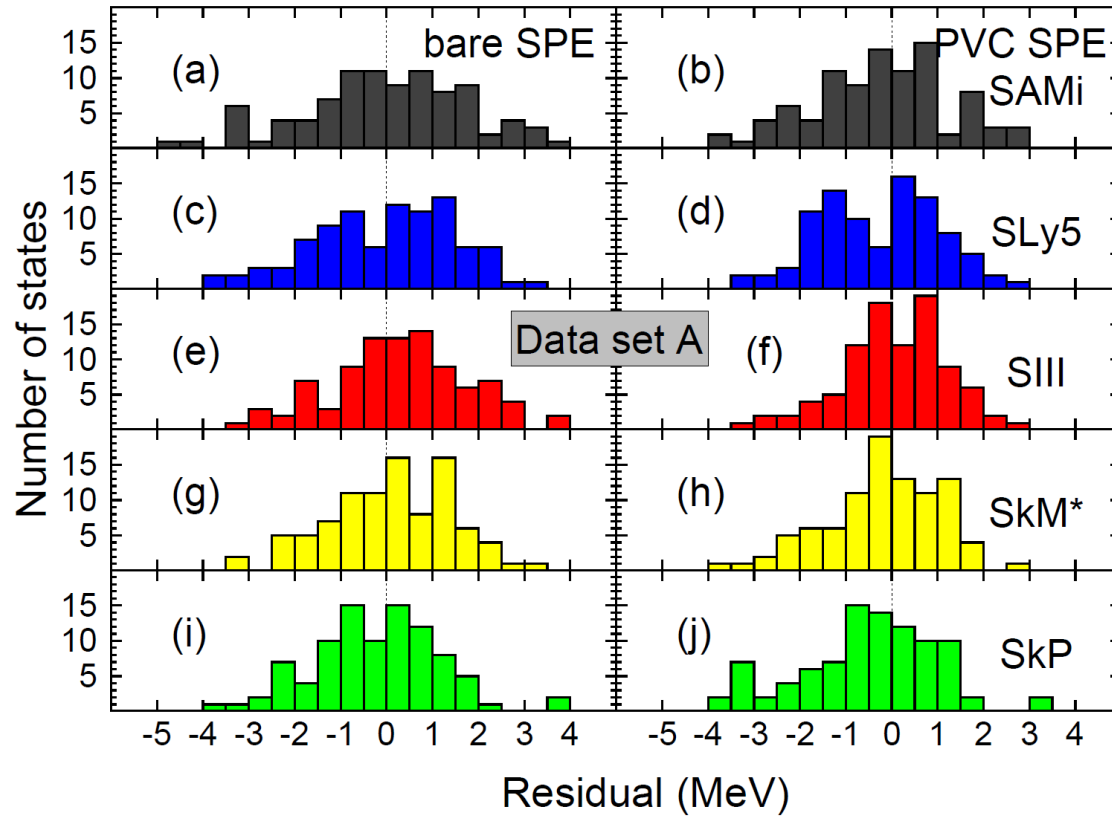


D. Tarpanov *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C89, 014307 (2014)



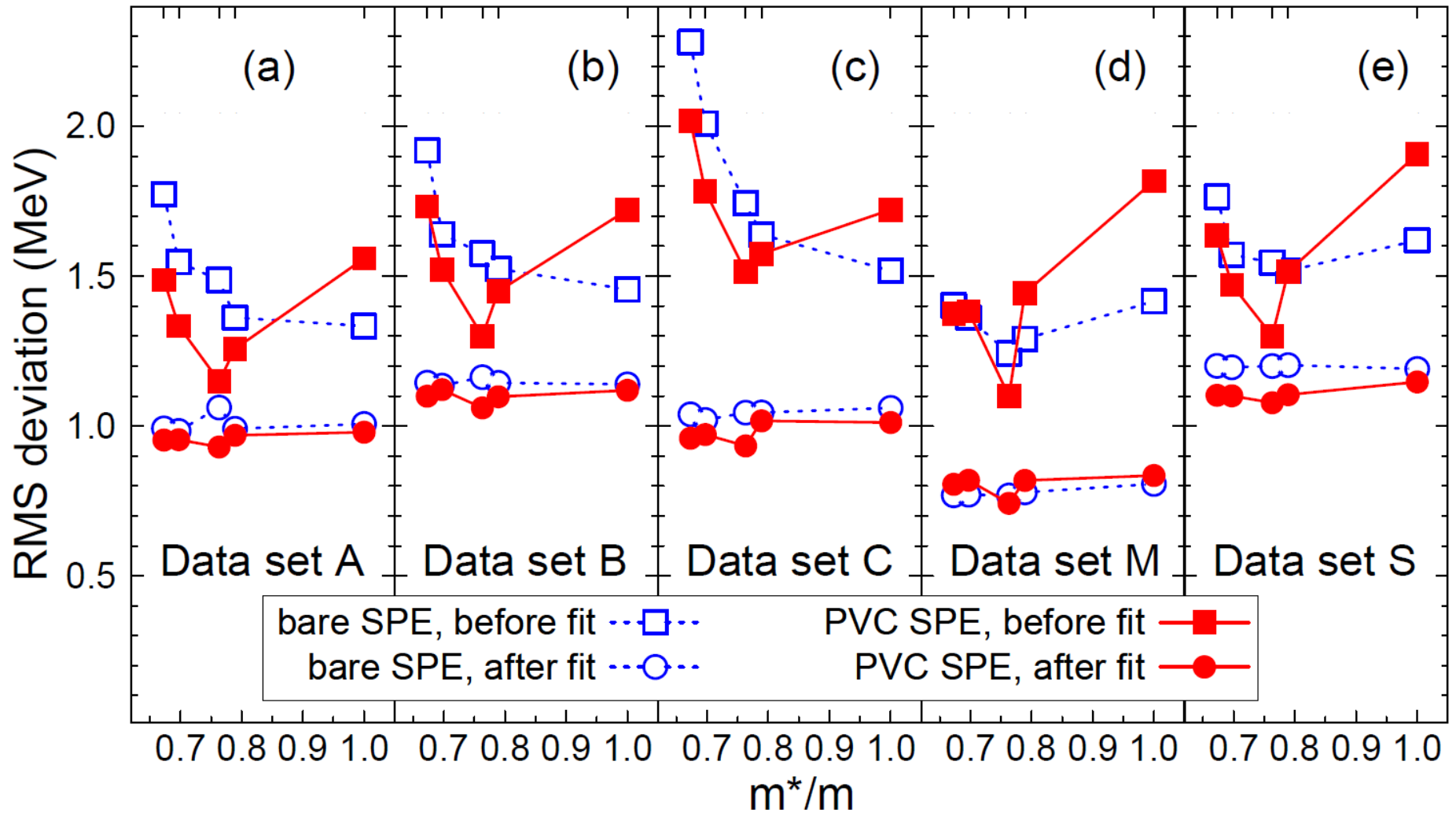
# Particle-vibration-coupling (PVC) corrections

$$\delta\epsilon_i = \frac{1}{2j_i + 1} \left( \sum_{nJp} \frac{|\langle i || V || p, nJ \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_p - \hbar\omega_{nJ} + i\eta} + \sum_{nJh} \frac{|\langle i || V || h, nJ \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_h + \hbar\omega_{nJ} - i\eta} \right),$$



D. Tarpanov *et al.*, arXiv:1405.4823

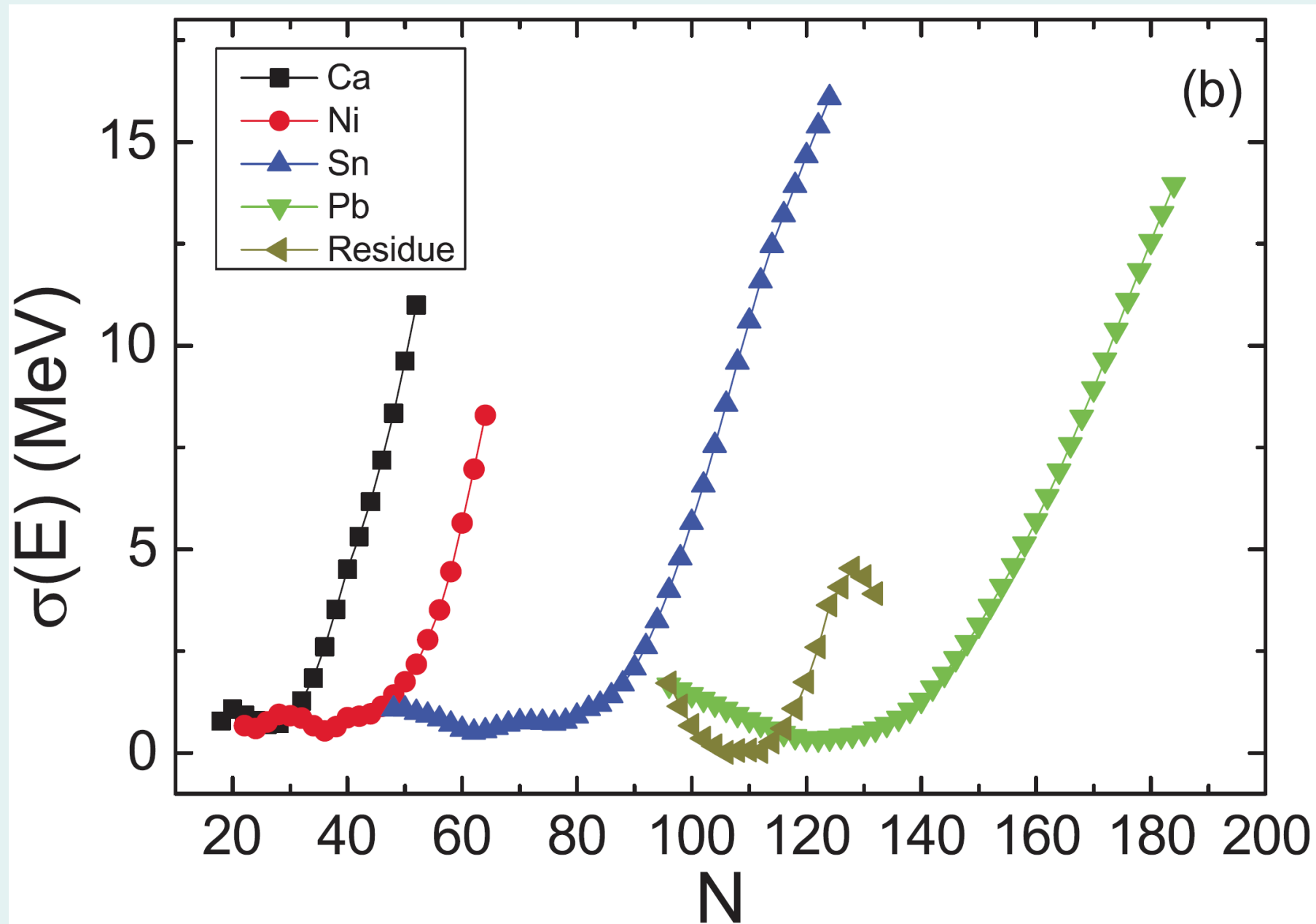
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# Propagation of uncertainties



Y. Gao, et al., C 87, 034324 (2013)





# non-relativistic EDF @ ARIS2014

Class/ Author	range		locality			derivatives				many-body		parameters exist?	Token acronym		
	zero-range	finite-range	local pseudopotential	quasilocal EDF	nonlocal EDF	zero order	2nd order	4th order	6th order	pseudopotential-based	density dependence			two-body	three-body
Skyrme	X			X		X	X				X	X		X	UNEDF2
	X			X			X			X		X		X	SV
Gogny		X	X		X	X					X	X		X	D1S
Nakada		X	X		X	X					X	X		X	M3Y
Carlsson	X			X					X		X	X		X	
Sadoudi	X			X			X			X		X	X	X	SLyMR0
Sadoudi	X			X			X			X		X	X		
Bennaceur		X	X		X	X				X		X		X	REG2a
Bennaceur		X			X		X			X		X		X	REG2b
Bennaceur		X			X		X				X	X		X	REG2c
Raimondi		X			X				X	X		X			

# Zero-range pseudopotentials

In the central-like form, the pseudopotential is a sum of terms,

$$\hat{V} = \sum_{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'\tilde{n}\tilde{L},v_{12}S} C_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L},v_{12}S}^{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'} \hat{V}_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L},v_{12}S}^{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'}$$

Each term in the sum is accompanied by the corresponding strength parameter  $C_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L},v_{12}S}^{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'}$ , and explicitly reads,

$$\hat{V}_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L},v_{12}S}^{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'} = \frac{1}{2}i^{v_{12}} \left( \left[ [K'_{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'} K_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L}}]_S \hat{S}_{v_{12}S} \right]_0 + (-1)^{v_{12}+S} \left[ [K'_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L}} K_{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'}]_S \hat{S}_{v_{12}S} \right]_0 \right) \times (1 - \hat{P}^M \hat{P}^\sigma \hat{P}^\tau) \hat{\delta}_{12}(r'_1 r'_2; r_1 r_2).$$

$K_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L}}$  are the spherical tensor derivatives of order  $\tilde{n}$  and rank  $\tilde{L}$  are built of  $k = (\nabla_1 - \nabla_2)/2i$ , The two-body spin operators  $\hat{S}_{v_{12}S}$  are defined as,

$$\hat{S}_{v_{12}S} = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2}\delta_{v_1,v_2} \right) \left( [\sigma_{v_1}^{(1)} \sigma_{v_2}^{(2)}]_S + [\sigma_{v_2}^{(1)} \sigma_{v_1}^{(2)}]_S \right),$$

where  $v_{12} = v_1 + v_2$  and  $\sigma_{v\mu}^{(i)}$  are the spherical-tensor components of the rank- $v$  Pauli matrices. The Dirac delta function,

$$\hat{\delta}_{12}(\vec{r}'_1 \vec{r}'_2, \vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2) = \delta(\vec{r}'_1 - \vec{r}_1) \delta(\vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}_2) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

ensures the locality and zero-range character of the pseudopotential.

# Quasilocal EDF up to N<sup>3</sup>LO

Local (primary) densities are defined by four quantum numbers  $nLvJ$  as

$$\rho_{nLvJ}^t(\vec{r}) = \{ [K_{nL} \rho_v^t(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')]_J \}_{\vec{r}'=\vec{r}},$$

where the  $n$ th-order and rank- $L$  relative derivative operators  $K_{nL}$  act on the scalar ( $v = 0$ ) or vector ( $v = 1$ ) isoscalar ( $t = 0$ ) or isovector ( $t = 1$ ) nonlocal densities.

We act on each of the local primary densities with  $m$ th-order and rank- $I$  derivative operator  $D_{mI}$ , and then couple ranks  $I$  and  $J$  to the total rank  $J'$ , which gives the local secondary densities,  $[D_{mI} \rho_{nLvJ}^t(\vec{r})]_{J'}$ . From primary and secondary densities we build terms of the EDF:

$$T_{mI,nLvJ}^{n'L'v'J',t}(\vec{r}) = [\rho_{n'L'v'J',t}^t(\vec{r}) [D_{mI} \rho_{nLvJ}^t(\vec{r})]_{J'}]_0,$$

Then, the total energy density reads

$$\mathcal{H}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\substack{n'L'v'J',t \\ mI,nLvJ,J'}} C_{mI,nLvJ}^{n'L'v'J',t} T_{mI,nLvJ}^{n'L'v'J',t}(\vec{r}),$$

where  $C_{mI,nLvJ}^{n'L'v'J',t}$  are coupling constants and the summation again runs over all allowed indices.

B.G. Carlsson et al., Phys. Rev. C 78, 044326 (2008)



# Regularized pseudopotentials

We regularize the zero-range delta interaction using the Gaussian function,

$$\delta(\vec{r}) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} g_a(\vec{r}) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-\frac{\vec{r}^2}{a^2}}}{(a\sqrt{\pi})^3}.$$

Then, the resulting central two-body regularized pseudopotential reads,

$$V(\vec{r}_1\vec{r}_2; \vec{r}'_1\vec{r}'_2) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \hat{P}_i \hat{O}_i(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}'_1) \delta(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}'_2) g_a(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

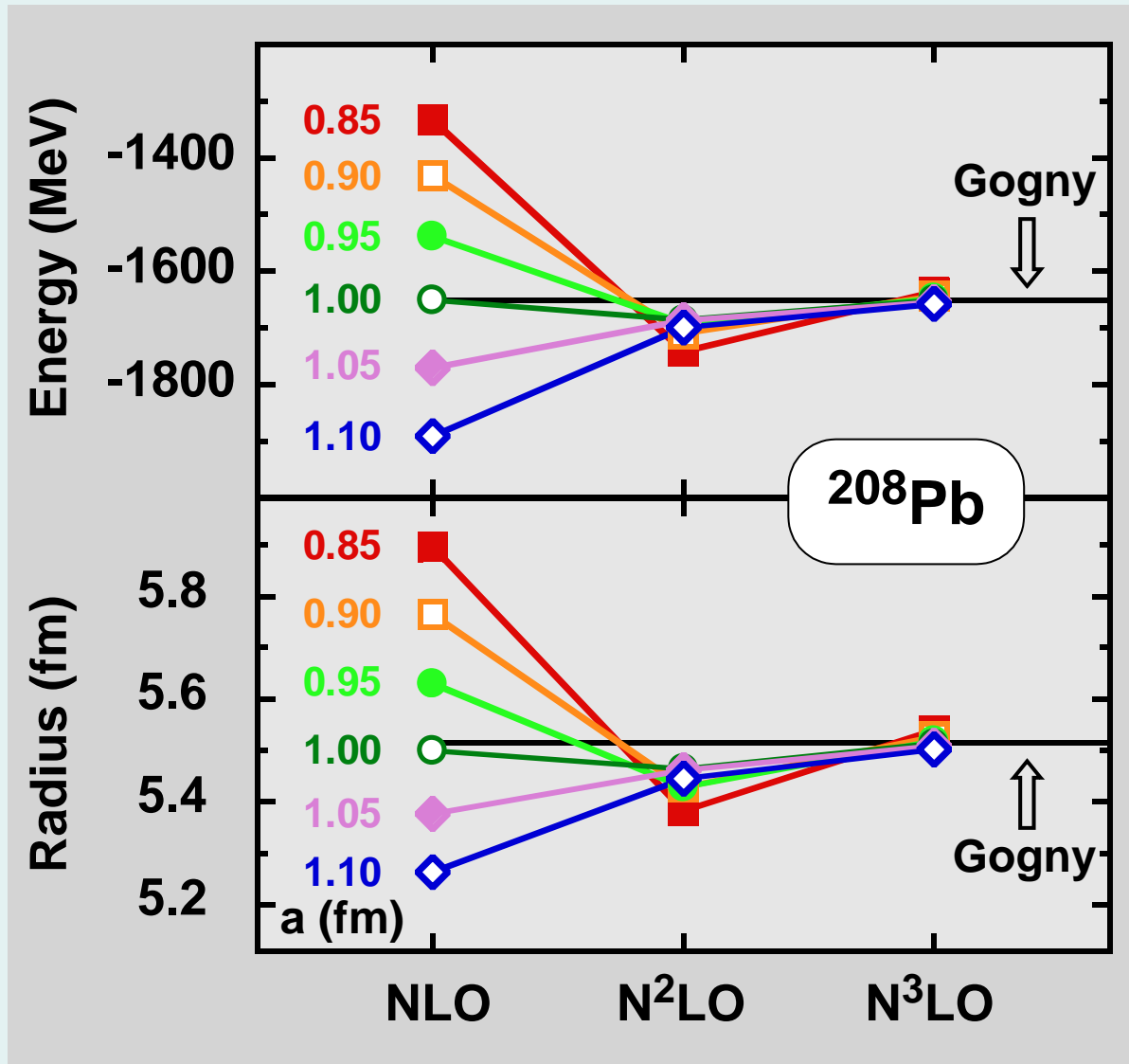
where  $\vec{k} = \frac{1}{2i}(\vec{\nabla}_1 - \vec{\nabla}_2)$  and  $\vec{k}' = \frac{1}{2i}(\vec{\nabla}'_1 - \vec{\nabla}'_2)$  are the standard relative-momentum operators, and the Wigner, Bartlett, Heisenberg, and Majorana terms are given by the standard spin and isospin exchange operators,  $\hat{P}_1 \equiv 1$ ,  $\hat{P}_2 \equiv \hat{P}_\sigma$ ,  $\hat{P}_3 \equiv -\hat{P}_\tau$ ,  $\hat{P}_4 \equiv -\hat{P}_\sigma \hat{P}_\tau$ .

To give a specific example, up to the second-order, that is, up to the next-to-leading-order (NLO) expansion, operators  $\hat{O}_i(\vec{k}, \vec{k}')$  read

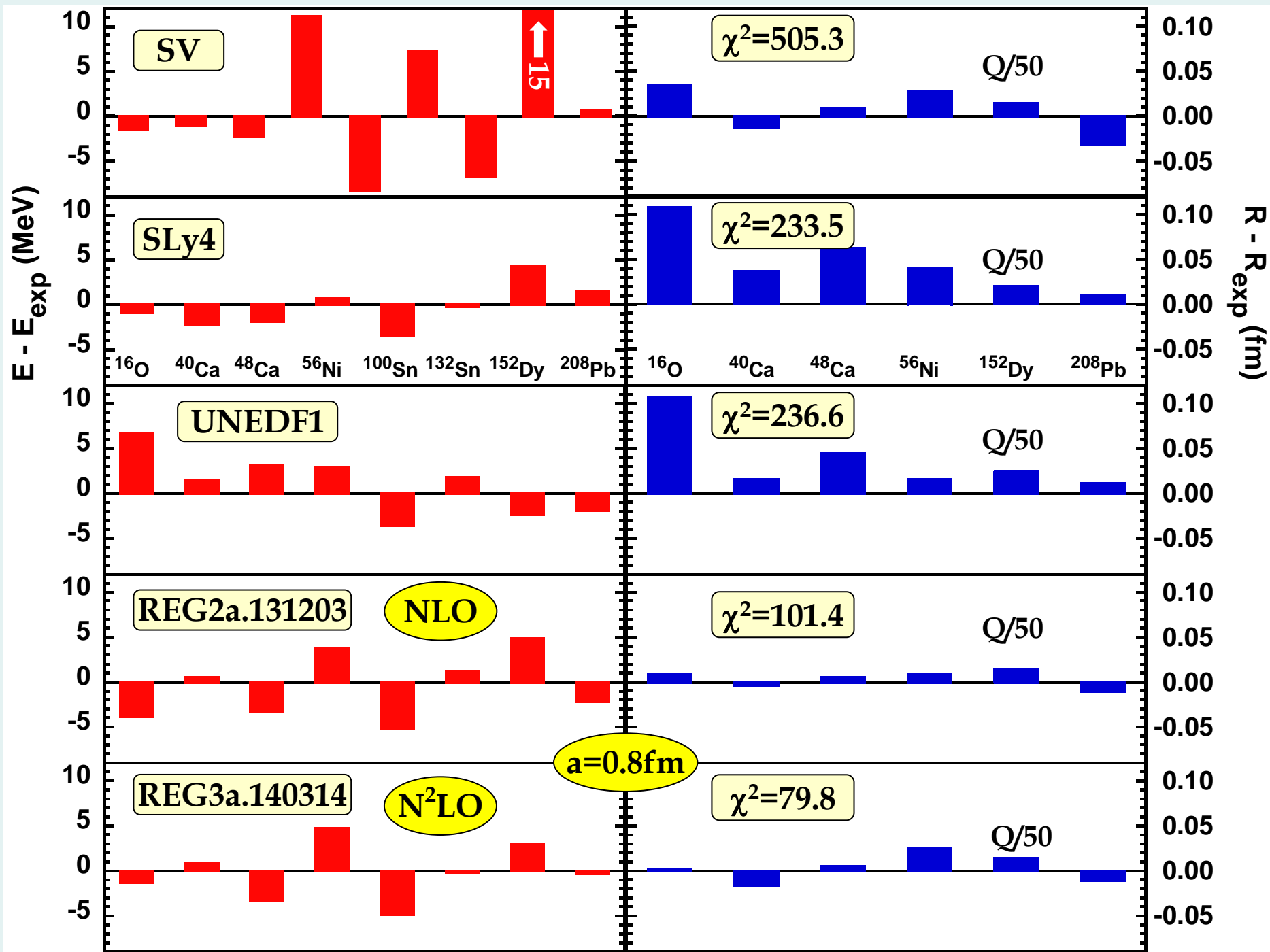
$$\hat{O}_i(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') = T_0^{(i)} + \frac{1}{2} T_1^{(i)} \left( \vec{k}'^{*2} + \vec{k}^2 \right) + T_2^{(i)} \vec{k}'^* \cdot \vec{k},$$

where  $T_k^{(i)}$  are the channel-dependent coupling constants.

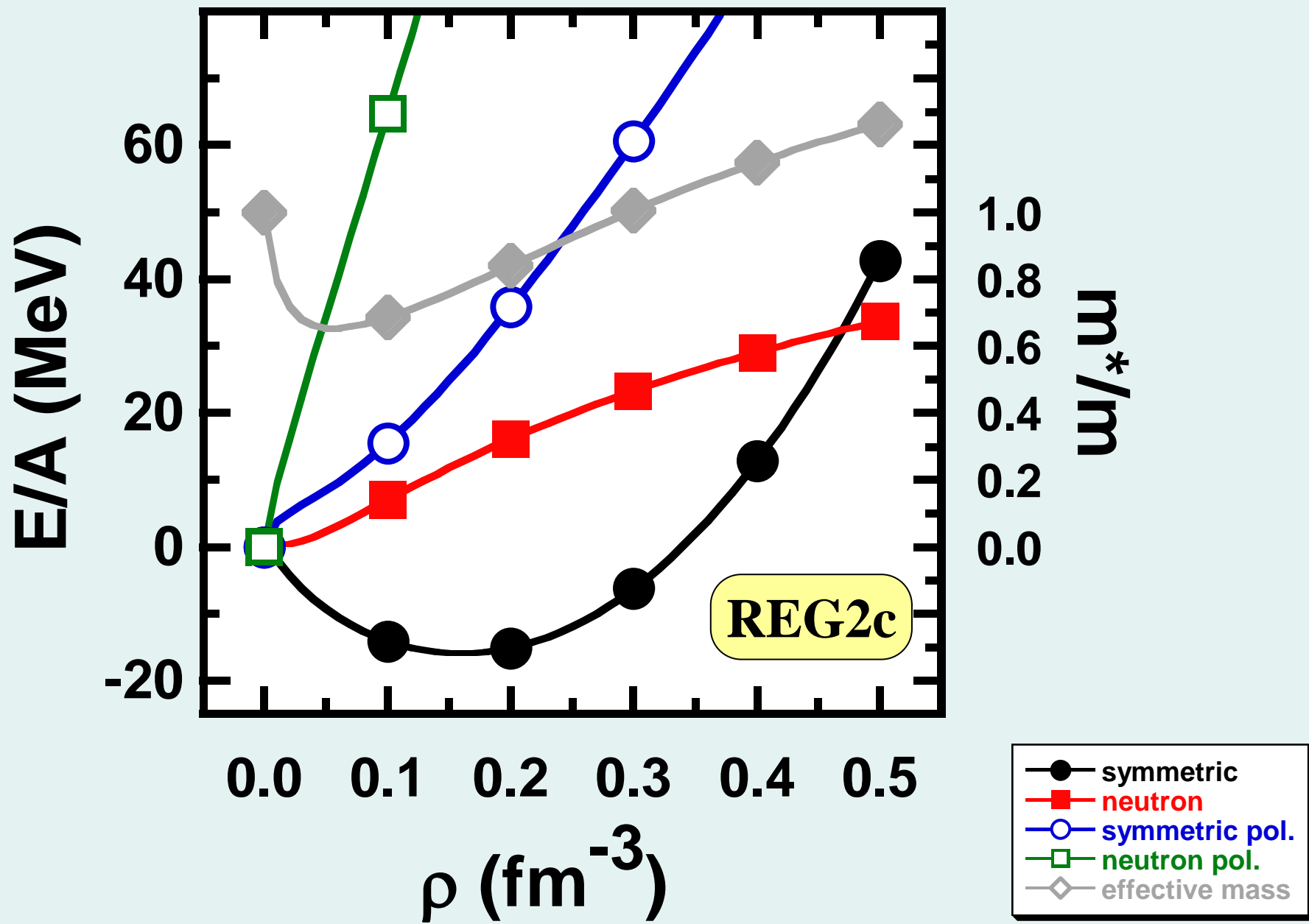
# Regularized pseudopotentials vs. Gogny



J.D, K. Bennaceur, F. Raimondi, J. Phys. G. 39, 125103 (2012)



# Two-body $a=1.4$ , Three-body zero range



# Conclusions

1. Nuclear DFT provides us with one of the most spectacularly successful approaches in nuclear physics.
2. Based on a dozen odd parameters, nuclear DFT fairly well describes thousands of experimental data
3. In 2014, nuclear DFT lacks three things: precision, precision, and precision
4. New functionals are rooted in
  - a) effective theories
  - b) *ab initio* derivations
  - c) systematic expansions
  - d) correctible theory
  - e) ...





# Thank you



# Pseudopotentials, a primer

Pseudopotentials in the one-body local Schrödinger equation:

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta + V_0(\vec{r}) + \vec{V}_1(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}_1(\vec{r}) + V_2(\vec{r})\Delta + \Delta V_2(\vec{r})$$

can be equivalent or non-equivalent to potentials, for example:

$$\vec{V}_1(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}_1(\vec{r}) \equiv -\left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}_1\right)(\vec{r}).$$

Pseudopotentials in the one-body nonlocal Schrödinger equation, e.g.,

$$(\hat{V}\psi)(\vec{r}) = \int d^3\vec{r}' V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \Delta' \psi(\vec{r}') = \int d^3\vec{r}' \left(\Delta' V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')\right) \psi(\vec{r}')$$

are always equivalent to potentials. This freedom can be used to represent the nonlocality of the potential in terms of derivatives, namely,

$$V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \equiv V(\vec{R}, \vec{\eta}) = \int d^3\vec{k} \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\eta}) V(\vec{R}, \vec{k}),$$

which for the Taylor expansion in  $\vec{k}$ ,  $V(\vec{R}, \vec{k}) = \sum_n \frac{\vec{k}^n}{n!} V_n(\vec{R})$ , gives:

$$V(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \sum_n V_n(\vec{R}) \frac{(-i\vec{\nabla}_\eta)^n}{n!} \int d^3\vec{k} \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\eta}) = \sum_n V_n(\vec{R}) \frac{(\hat{\vec{k}})^n}{n!} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}').$$

# Regularized pseudopotentials vs. Gogny

Below we determine coupling constants  $V_{2n}^{(i)}$  in Eq. (??) by requiring that the lowest moments of the regularized and Gogny potentials are equal, that is,

$$M_{2m}^{(i)} \equiv \int r^{2m} G_i(r) d^3r = \int r^{2m} V_i(r) d^3r,$$

for  $m = 0, 1, \dots, n_{max}$ . This conditions gives the coupling constants of the regularized potential in simple analytical forms,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2n}^{(i)} &= \sum_{m=0}^n \left(-\frac{a^2}{4}\right)^{n-m} \frac{M_{2m}^{(i)}}{(n-m)!(2m+1)!} \\ &= \frac{1}{4^n n!} \sum_{k=1,2} G_k^{(i)} (a_k^2 - a^2)^n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_k^{(i)}$  and  $a_k$  are the parameters of the Gogny interaction.

# Regularized pseudopotentials

Let us first assume that the differential operators  $\hat{O}_i(\vec{k}, \vec{k}')$  depend only on the sum of relative momenta, that is,

$$\hat{O}_i(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') = \hat{O}_i(\vec{k} + \vec{k}') = \hat{O}_i(\vec{k} - \vec{k}'^*), \quad \text{which requires that } T_2^{(i)} = -T_1^{(i)}.$$

Such particular differential operators commute with the locality deltas  $\delta(\vec{r}'_1 - \vec{r}_1)\delta(\vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}_2)$ , and thus can be applied directly onto the regularized delta  $g_a(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$ . In such a case, the pseudopotential reduces to a simple local potential

$$V(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \hat{P}_i V_i(\vec{r}), = \sum_{i=1}^4 \hat{P}_i \hat{O}_i(\vec{k}) g_a(\vec{r}),$$

Moreover, since  $\hat{O}_i(\vec{k})$  are scalar differential operators, the potentials must have forms of power series of Laplacians  $\Delta$  in  $\vec{r}$ , that is,

$$V_i(\vec{r}) = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{max}} V_{2n}^{(i)} \Delta^n g_a(\vec{r}),$$

where  $V_{2n}^{(i)}$  are the coupling constants at order  $2n$ .