

# Equation of state of neutron star matter in a relativistic density functional approach



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## ■ challenge:

description of atomic nuclei and nuclear matter in a unified model

- methods not always applicable (methodological/technical limitations)

⇒ here: **generalized relativistic energy density functional**

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## ■ examples

- Skyrme Hartree-Fock models
  - zero-range two- and three-body interactions
- Gogny Hartree-Fock models
  - finite-range two-body interaction, three-body as in Skyrme
- relativistic models
  - field-theoretical approach, mean-field approximation
  - interaction by meson exchange ( $\sigma, \omega, \rho, \dots$ )
  - medium effects:
    - nonlinear models (selfcoupling of mesons)
    - density dependent couplings

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# Generalized Relativistic Energy Density Functional





- **relativistic mean-field approach**

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details: see S. Typel and S. Shlomo, arXiv:2408.00425



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## ■ effective in-medium interaction

- phenomenological approach  
⇒ model parameters to be determined
- scalar ( $S_i$ ) and vector ( $V_i$ ) potentials with rearrangement contributions  
⇒ thermodynamic consistency



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## ■ Lagrangian density

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \sum_{\eta=p,n} \bar{\Psi}_\eta \left( \gamma_\mu i \mathcal{D}_\eta^\mu - \sigma_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu} - \mathcal{M}_\eta \right) \Psi_\eta - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial^\mu \sigma \partial_\mu \sigma - M_\sigma^2 \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + M_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \vec{H}_{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{H}^{\mu\nu} + M_\rho^2 \vec{\rho}_\mu \vec{\rho}^\mu \right) \end{aligned}$$

- covariant derivative  $i \mathcal{D}_\eta^\mu = i \partial^\mu - \Gamma_\omega \omega^\mu - \Gamma_\rho \vec{\rho}^\mu \cdot \vec{\tau} - \Gamma_\gamma A^\mu \frac{1+\tau_3 \eta}{2}$
- mass operator  $\mathcal{M}_\eta = M_\eta - \Gamma_\sigma \sigma$
- tensor contribution  $\mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\Gamma_{T\omega}}{2M_p} G^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\Gamma_{T\rho}}{2M_p} \vec{H}^{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{\tau}$
- couplings  $\Gamma_\omega, \Gamma_\rho, \Gamma_\sigma$  (depend on baryon density  $n_b$ ) and  $\Gamma_{T\omega}, \Gamma_{T\rho}$  (constants)



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- self-consistent **solution** of coupled field equations
  - nuclear matter
    - meson fields: constants, field equations trivial
    - nucleons: modified plane-wave states
  - nuclei
    - meson fields determined using expansion in Riccati-Bessel functions
    - numerical solution of Dirac equation with Lagrange-mesh method  
(see, e.g. S. Typel, Front. Phys. 6 (2018) 73)



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  - with average nucleon mass  $M_{\text{nucleon}}$ 
    - analytic expression for temperature zero
    - particles & antiparticles at finite temperature
    - no contribution of tensor terms

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- relevance of tensor couplings:
  - ▣ adds new freedom in description of surface properties of nuclei
  - ▣ releases strong correlation: effective mass
    - ↔ strength of  $\sigma$  meson field
    - ↔ size of spin-orbit splittings
  - ▣ acts only in nuclei but not in homogenous nuclear matter

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- functional forms as introduced in  
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  - ▣ isoscalar mesons ( $m = \sigma, \omega$ )  $\Rightarrow$  rational function

$$f_m(x) = a_m \frac{1 + b_m(x + d_m)^2}{1 + c_m(x + d_m)^2} \quad \text{with constraints} \quad f(1) = 1 \quad f''(0) = 0$$

- ▣ isovector meson ( $m = \rho$ )  $\Rightarrow$  exponential function

$$f_m(x) = \exp[-a_m(x - 1)]$$



# Determination of Model Parameters I



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 $^{90}\text{Zr}, ^{100}\text{Sn}, ^{116}\text{Sn}, ^{132}\text{Sn}, ^{140}\text{Ce}, ^{144}\text{Sm}, ^{208}\text{Pb}$
- $\Rightarrow$  20 nuclei with  $N_{\text{data}} = 50$  data points

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with  $N_{\text{dof}} = N_{\text{data}} - N_{\text{par}} \Rightarrow$  reasonable model uncertainties

$(\Delta \mathcal{O}_i = [(\Delta \mathcal{O}_i^{(\text{exp})})^2 + (\Delta \mathcal{O}_i^{(\text{fit})})^2]^{1/2}$  for binding energies)



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- technical approach:  
combination of simplex method and diagonalisation  
of second derivative of  $\chi^2 \Rightarrow$  direction of  $\chi^2$  reduction
- determination of uncertainties (and correlation coefficients) from

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial p_i \partial p_j} \right|_{\min} \quad \overline{\Delta \mathcal{O}_1 \Delta \mathcal{O}_2} = \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_1}{\partial p_i} (\mathcal{M}^{-1})_{ij} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_2}{\partial p_j} \quad \Delta \mathcal{O} = \sqrt{\Delta \mathcal{O} \Delta \mathcal{O}}$$



## ■ models

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⇒ base model, fixes uncertainties  $\Delta\mathcal{O}_i$
- variation DDTC:  
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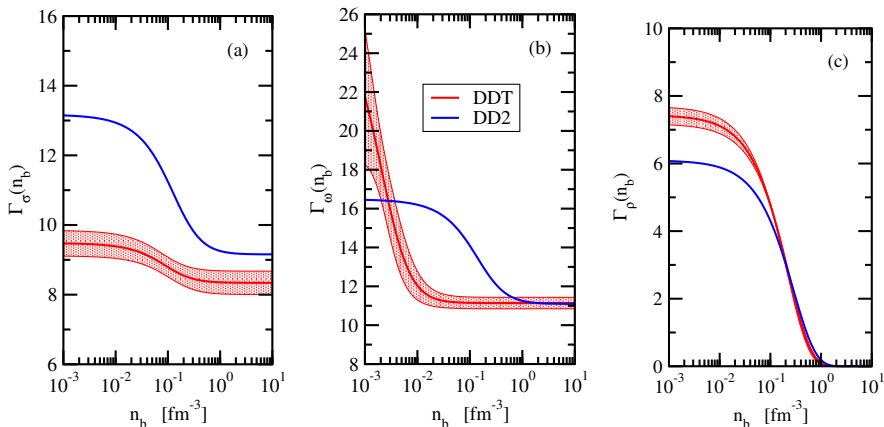
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## ■ self-consistent **model uncertainties**

$\mathcal{O}_i$	$B$ [MeV]	$r_c$ [fm]	$r_d$ [fm]	$\sigma$ [fm]	$r_n$ [fm]	$\Delta E_{so}$ [MeV]	$E_{mono}$ [MeV]
$\Delta\mathcal{O}_i^{(fit)}$	0.619311	0.013364	0.017155	0.026851	0.008249	0.240832	0.430714

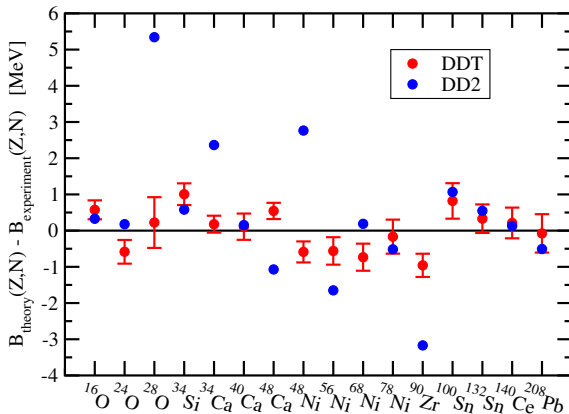
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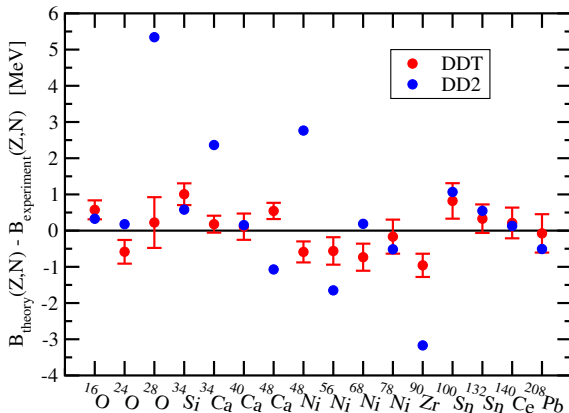
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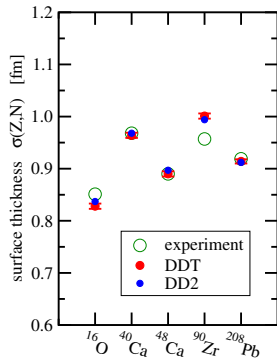
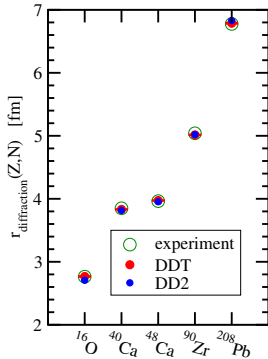
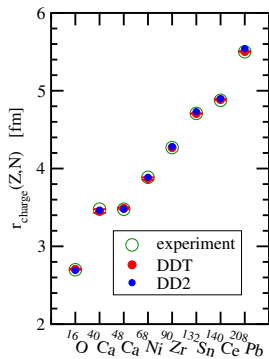
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- particular improvements with DDT:

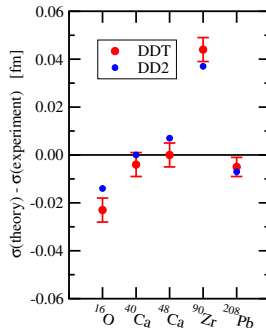
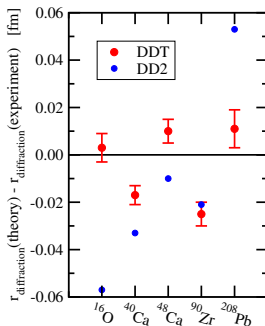
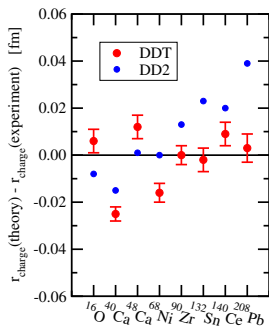
- $^{28}\text{O}$  less bound than  $^{24}\text{O}$
- better energy difference of mirror nuclei  
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### ■ charge radii, diffraction radii, surface thicknesses



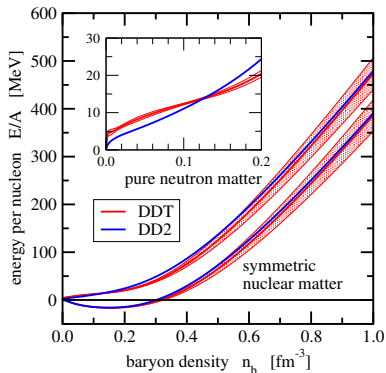
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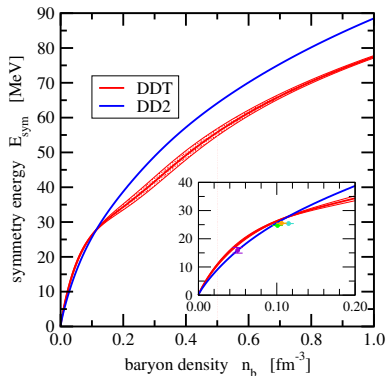
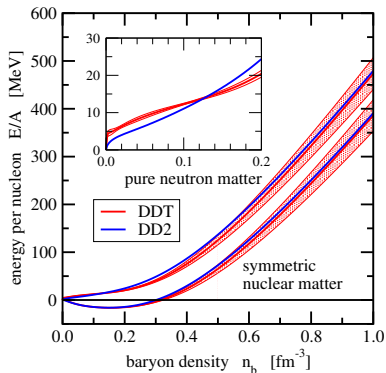
## Nuclear Matter I

### ■ equation of state





### ■ equation of state and symmetry energy



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$$E_{\text{sym}}(n_b) = J + Lx + \frac{1}{2}K_{\text{sym}}x^2 + \dots$$

$J$ : symmetry energy at saturation,  $L$ : slope parameter,  
 $K_{\text{sym}}$ : symmetry incompressibility coefficient

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## Nuclear Matter III

### ■ nuclear matter parameters

- $n_{\text{sat}}$ : saturation density
- $M_{\text{nuc}}^*$  (Dirac) effective nucleon mass at saturation

	$B$ [MeV]	$K$ [MeV]	$Q$ [MeV]	$J$ [MeV]	$L$ [MeV]	$K_{\text{sym}}$ [MeV]	$n_{\text{sat}}$ [fm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$M_{\text{nuc}}^*$ [ $M_{\text{nuc}}$ ]
DDT	16.23 ±0.03	229.20 ±7.99	88.57 ±230.06	31.21 ±0.50	34.24 ±4.33	-69.54 ±15.45	0.15493 ±0.00076	0.65729 ±0.00132
DD2	16.03	242.72	168.77	31.67	55.03	-93.22	0.14908	0.56252

### ■ special features of DDT:

- small values of  $K$  and  $L$
- large values of  $n_{\text{sat}}$  and  $M_{\text{nuc}}^*$



### ■ properties of non-rotating, spherical neutron stars

- solve Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff equation

(R. Tolman, Phys. Rev. 55 (1939) 364,

J.R. Oppenheimer and G.M. Volkoff, Phys. Rev. 55 (1939) 374)

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -G \frac{M(r)\varepsilon(r)}{r^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{P(r)}{\varepsilon(r)} \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 P(r)}{M(r)} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{2GM(r)}{r} \right]^{-1}$$

with mass inside radius  $R$

$$M(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r dr' (r')^2 \varepsilon(r')$$

for given central density  $n_{\text{central}} \Rightarrow$  mass-radius relation

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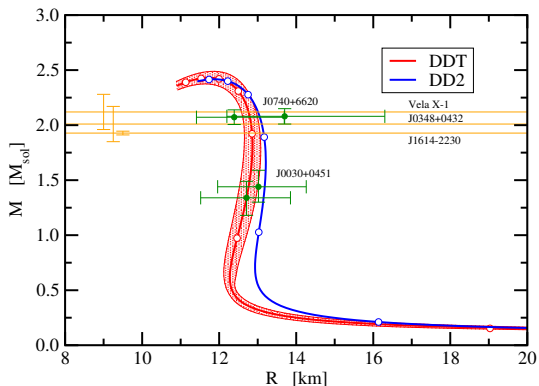
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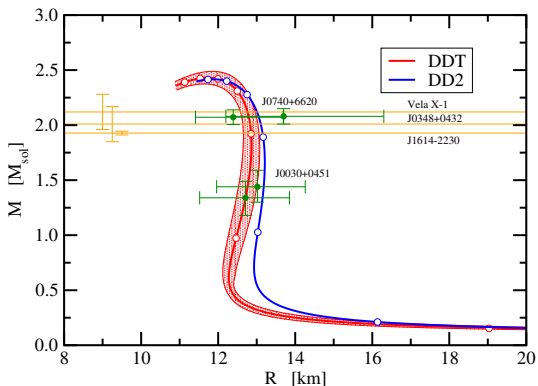
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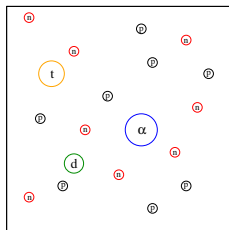
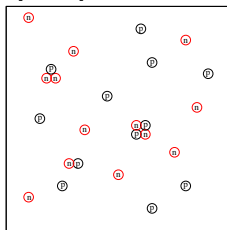
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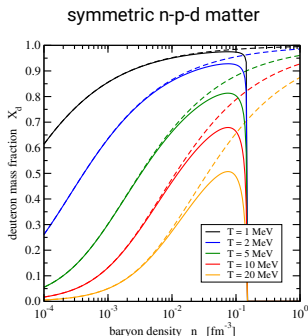
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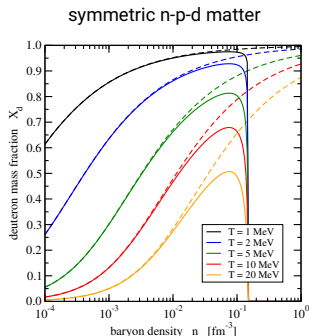


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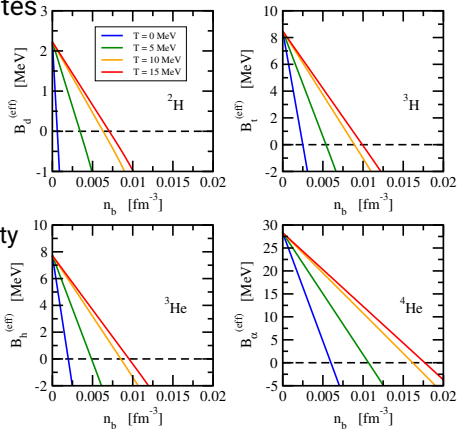
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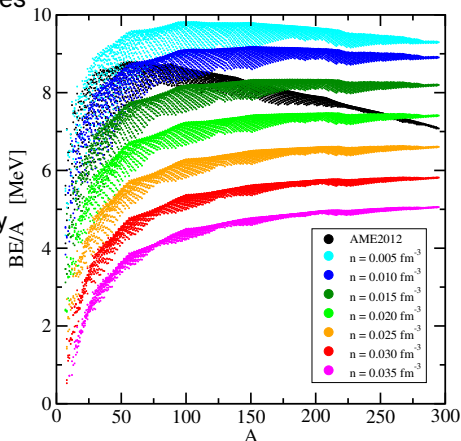
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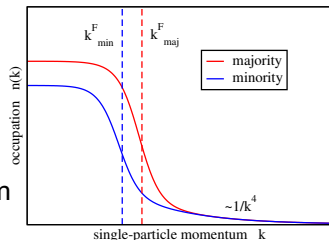
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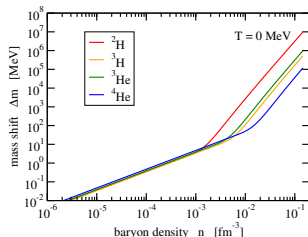
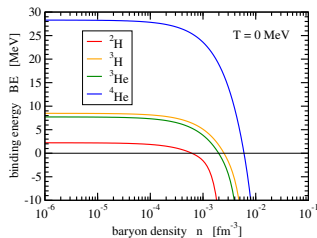
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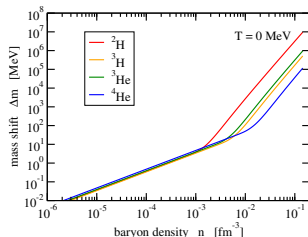
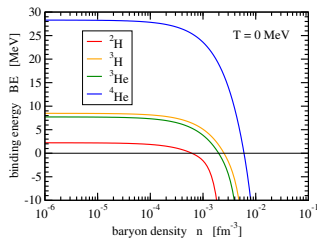
# Mass Shifts at High Densities

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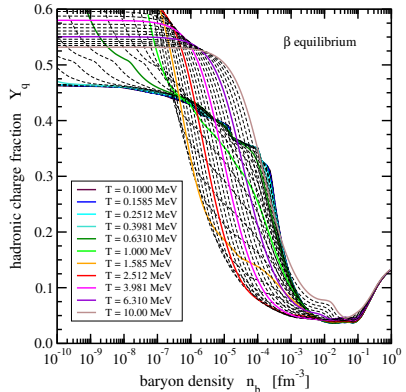
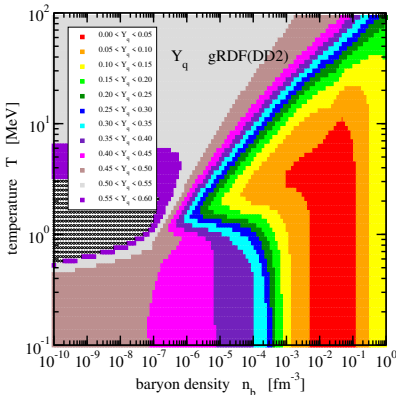
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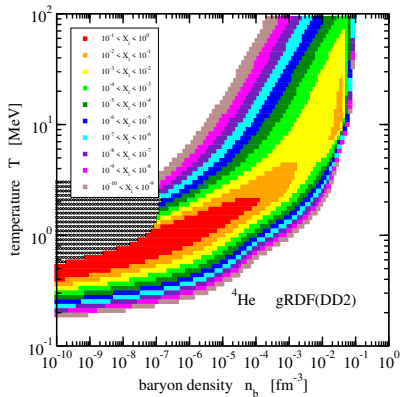
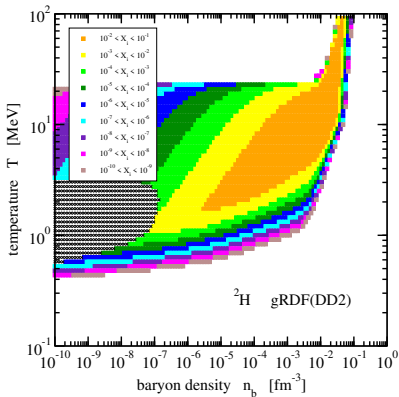


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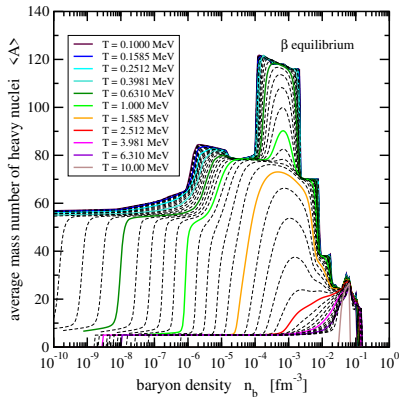
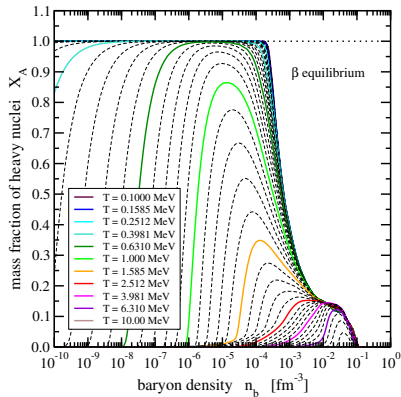
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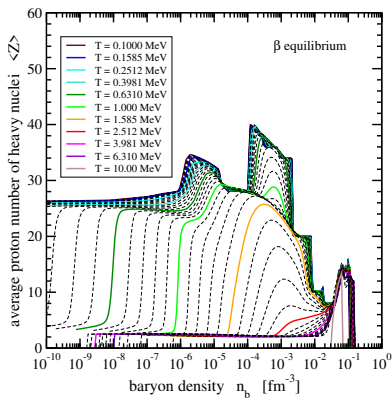
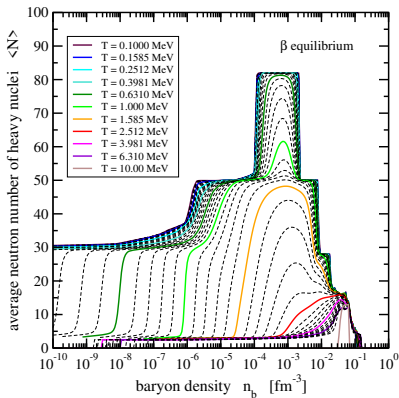
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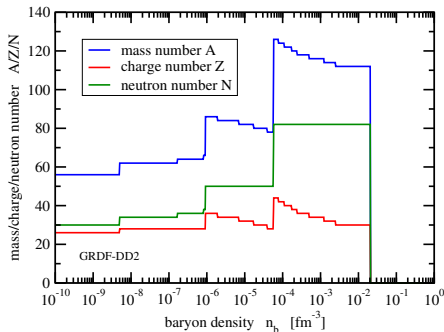
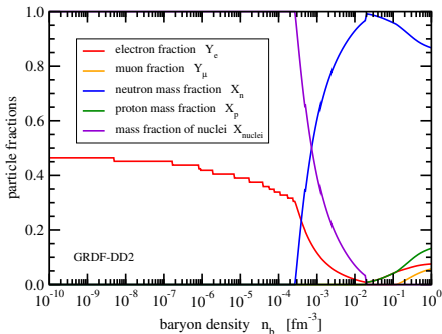


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# Compact Star Matter Equation of State – Low Densities

- temperature  $T = 0$ ,  $\beta$  equilibrium
- sequence of ions in background of electrons, phase transitions
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# Conclusions

- extension of relativistic mean-field approach (see arXiv:2408.00425)
  - density dependent minimal nucleon-meson couplings
  - additional tensor couplings ( $\omega$  and  $\rho$ )
- new parameterisation of effective interaction
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  - self-consistent determination of uncertainties

⇒ improved description of nuclei
- modified equation of state (EOS) of nuclear matter
  - small K & L, but stiff EoS
- neutron stars
  - $M_{\max} > 2M_{\text{sol}}$ , radii with DDT smaller than with DD2
- work in progress: revision of cluster description/mass shifts, EoS tables with new parameterisation DDT





**Thank You for Your Attention!**

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# Backup Slides



## ■ modified Dirac equation for nucleons

$$H\Psi_\eta = \left[ \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{p} + \beta (M_\eta - S) + V_\eta + i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \frac{\vec{r}}{r} T_\eta \right] = E_\eta \Psi_\eta$$

- scalar potential  $S = \Gamma_\sigma \sigma \Rightarrow$  effective mass  $M_\eta^* = M_\eta - S$
- vector potential  $V_\eta = \Gamma_\omega \omega_0 + g_\eta \Gamma_\rho \rho_0 + \frac{1+g_\eta}{2} \Gamma_\gamma A_0 + V^{(R)}$   
with  $g_\eta = \pm 1$  for  $\eta = p/n$  and rearrangement contribution

$$V^{(R)} = \frac{d\Gamma_\omega}{dn_b} n_\omega \omega_0 + \frac{d\Gamma_\rho}{dn_b} n_\rho \rho_0 - \frac{d\Gamma_\sigma}{dn_b} n_\sigma \sigma$$

- tensor potential  $T_\eta = -\frac{\Gamma_{T\omega}}{M_p} \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \omega_0 - \frac{\Gamma_{T\rho}}{M_p} \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho_0$   
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with scalar and vector densities  $n_\eta^{(s)} = \langle \Psi_\eta | \Psi_\eta \rangle, n_\eta^{(v)} = \langle \Psi_\eta | \gamma^0 | \Psi_\eta \rangle$
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with 'density of states'  $D_{ij}(E) = \sum_k g_k^{(ij)} \delta(E - E_k^{(ik)}) + \sum_l \frac{g_l^{(ij)}}{\pi} \frac{d\delta_l^{(ij)}}{dE}$

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depends only on experimental data: binding energies  $E_k^{(ik)}$ , phase shifts  $\delta_l^{(ij)}$

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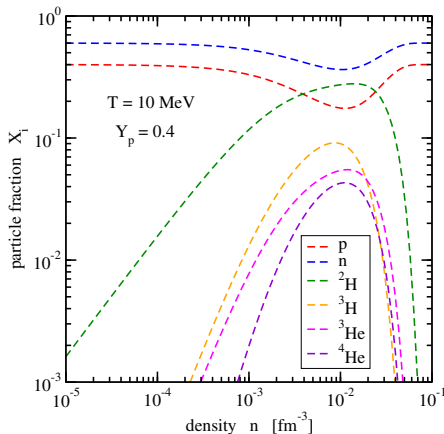
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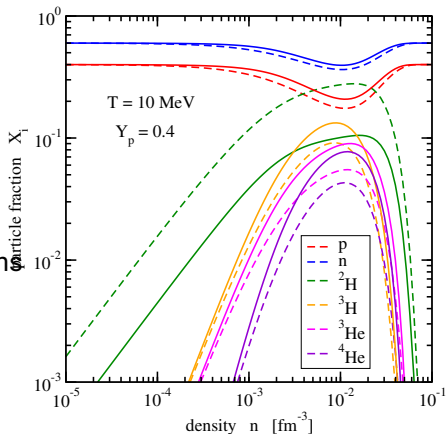
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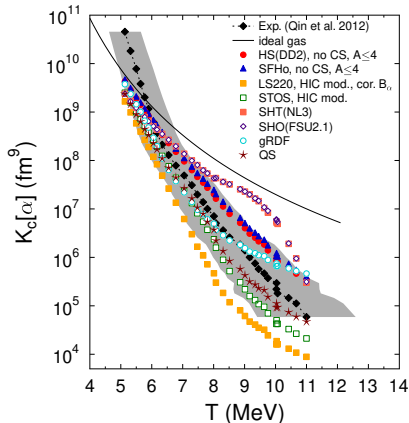
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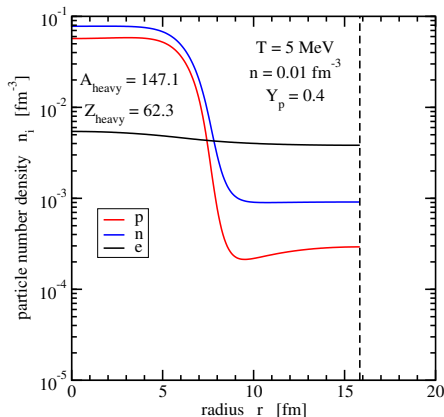
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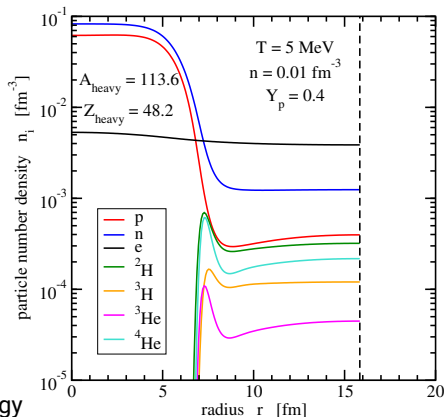


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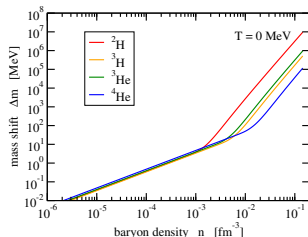
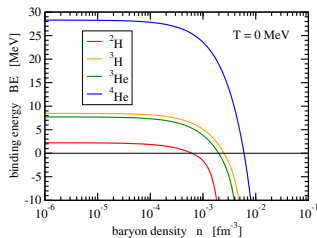
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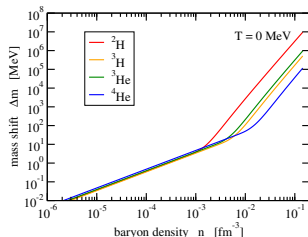
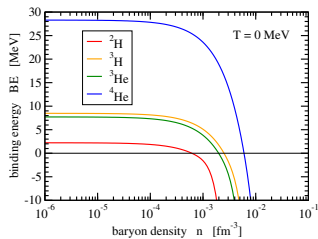
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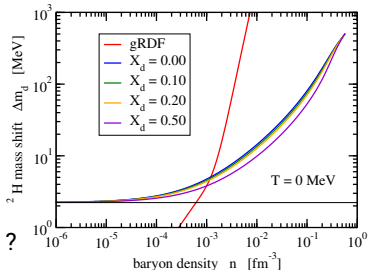
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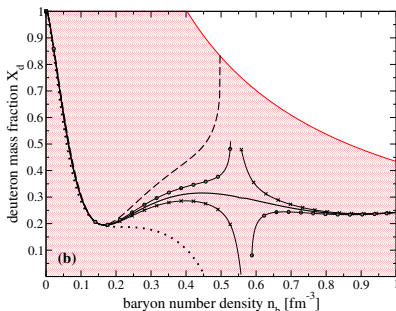
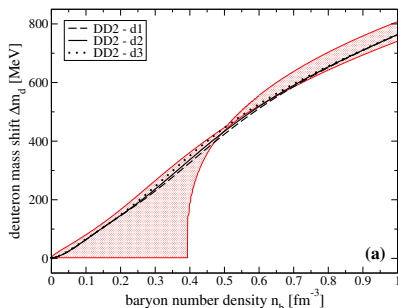


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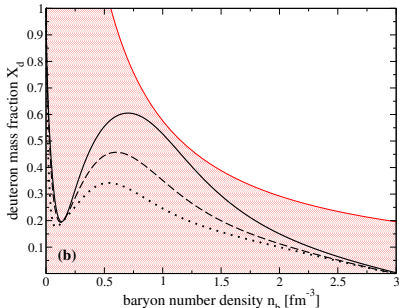
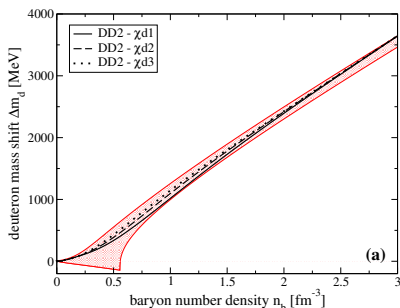
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