Beyond quasi-elastic: $A(e,e')$, $A(e,e'p)$, $A(e,e'pN)$ and $A\nu$ experiments – role of Short-Range Correlations

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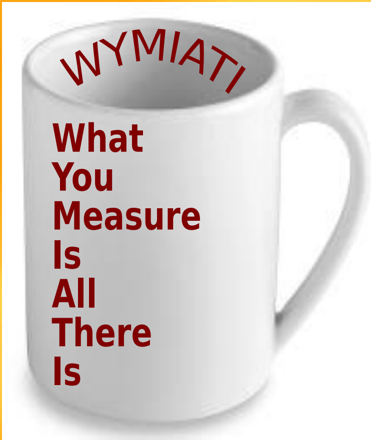
Central research questions of this presentation

- **Is there a comprehensive picture of nuclear SRC? *(Quest to learn about stylized facts of SRC)***
  1. Variation with mass A
  2. Isospin (flavor) composition of SRC (pp&nn&pn)
  3. Neutron-to-proton asymmetry (N/Z) dependence of SRC
- **How to forge links between nuclear models dealing with SRC and observables? Recent data from electron-nucleus scattering $(A(e,e'), A(e,e'N), A(e,e'pX))$**
- **Model for appearance of SRC in $\vec{r}$ and $\vec{p}$ space? Nuclear Wigner distributions that include SRC?**



After WYSIATI ("What You See Is All There Is") D. Kahneman, *"Thinking, Fast and Slow"* (2012).

OUTLINE

1. Low-order correlation operator approximation (LCA) to compute effect of SRC (nuclear structure & nuclear reactions)
2. Apply LCA to the computation of nuclear momentum distributions (NMDs) for 15 $A(N, Z)$: $4 \leq A \leq 208$; $1 \leq \frac{N}{Z} \leq 1.54$
   CHECK: Compare LCA results to ab-initio ones
3. Aggregated effect of SRC and its evolution with A and N/Z
   CHECK: a_2 data from $A(e, e')$
4. Isospin composition of SRC (pp&nn&pn)
   CHECK: $A(e, e'pp)$, $A(e, e'pn)$, $A(e, e'p)$ data for ^{12}C, ^{27}Al, ^{56}Fe, ^{208}Pb in "SRC" kinematics
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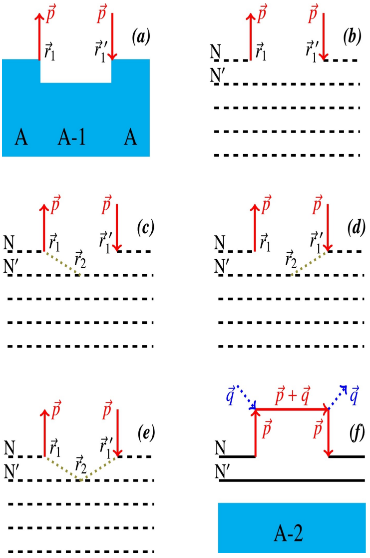
6. Nuclear Wigner distributions including SRC

Single-nucleon momentum distributions in LCA



- Single-nucleon momentum distribution $n^{[1]}(p)$

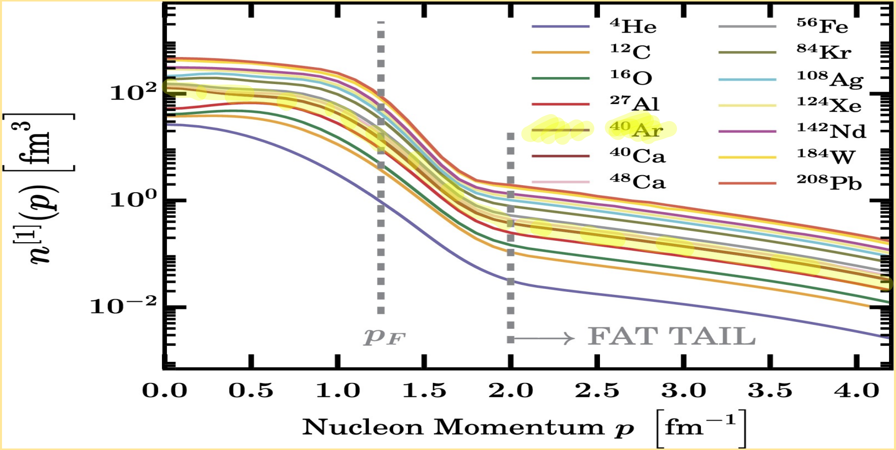
$$n^{[1]}(p) = \frac{A}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^2\Omega_p \int d^3\vec{r}_1 \; d^3\vec{r}_1{}' \; d^{3(A-1)}\{\vec{r}_{2-A}\} \times e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot(\vec{r}_1{}'-\vec{r}_1)} \; \Psi^*(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_{2-A})\Psi(\vec{r}_1{}', \vec{r}_{2-A})$$

- Universal correlation operators

$$|\Psi\rangle = \widehat{\mathcal{G}}\,|\Phi\rangle \,/ \sqrt{\langle\Phi|\,\widehat{\mathcal{G}}^\dagger \widehat{\mathcal{G}}\,|\Phi\rangle} \,,$$

- $\mathcal{G}$: Central $g_c(r)$, spin-isospin $f_{\sigma\tau}(r)$, tensor $f_{t\tau}(r)$ correlations
- Truncation at $\mathcal{O}\left(\mathcal{G}^2\right)$: SRC part of $n^{[1]}(p)$ = 2-body contributions
- Quantify the *pp*, *nn*, *pn* and *np* contribution to $n^{[1]}(p)$

$n^{[1]}(p)$ in LCA: from light to heavy nuclei



LCA: JPG42('15)055104 & PLB792('19)21 & PRC100 ('19)054620

1. Two distinct momentum regimes ("IPM" and "SRC")
2. Momentum dependence of fat tail of $n^{[1]}$ is "universal"

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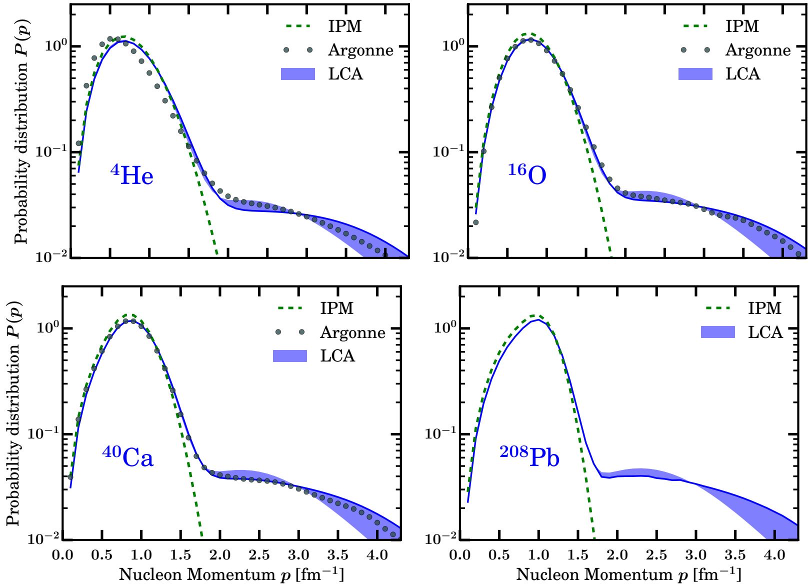

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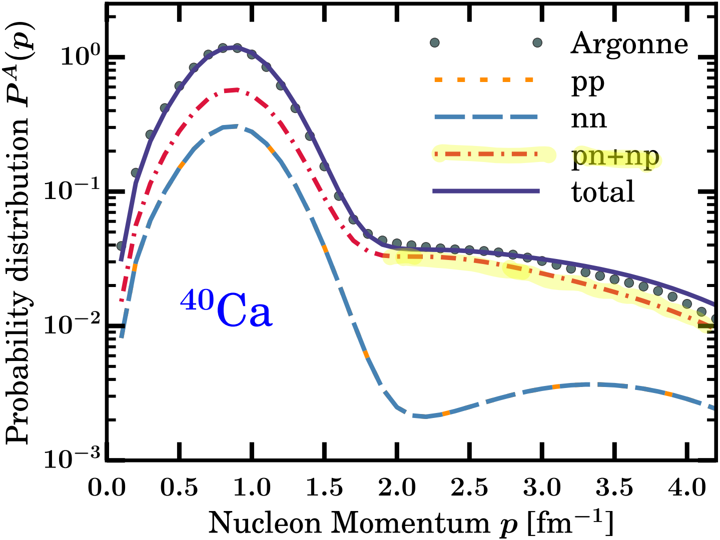

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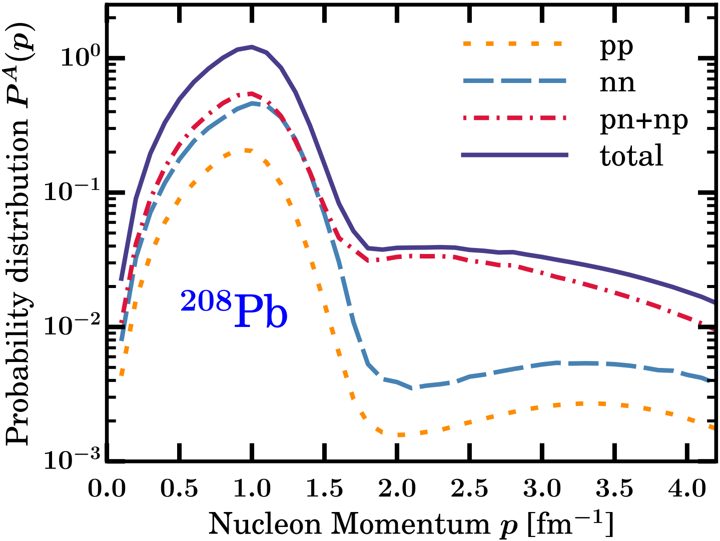
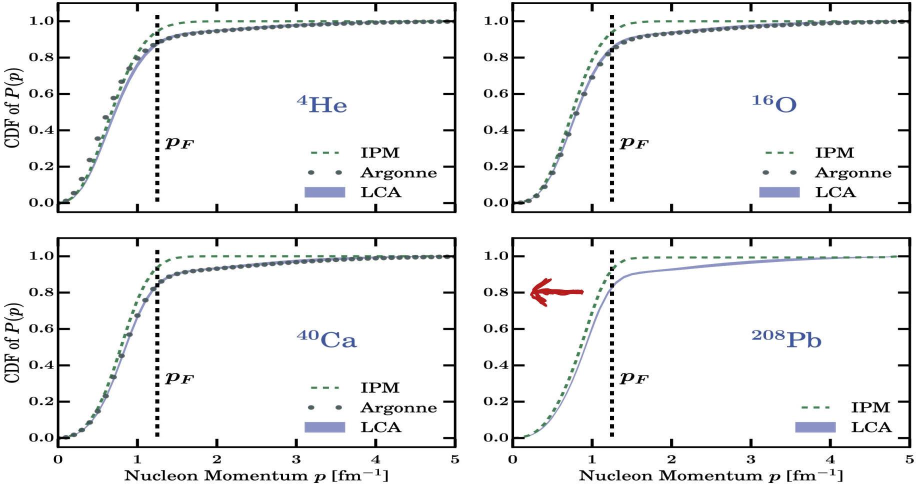


Cumulative momentum distributions



1. Reduction of quasi-elastic $(e, e'N)$ at low (E_m, p_m)
2. Background of $(e, e'NN)$ events at high (E_m, p_m)

Ratios of probability distributions: $P^A(p)/P^d(p)$

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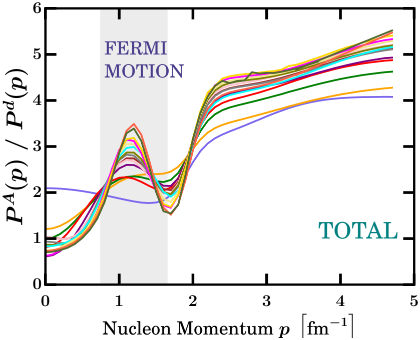

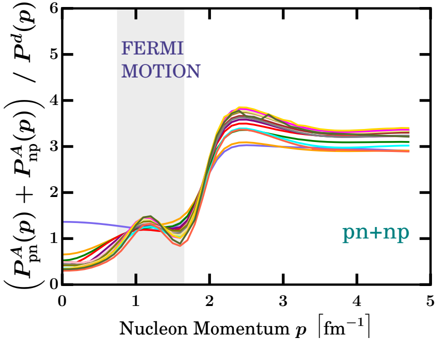

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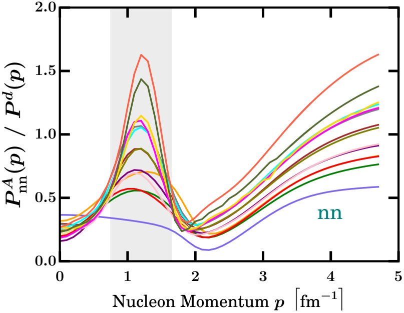

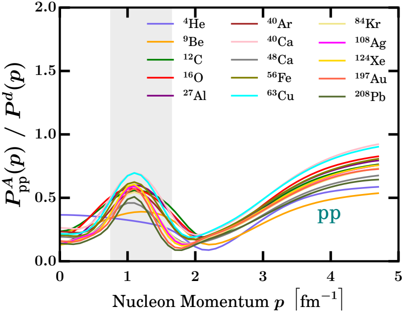

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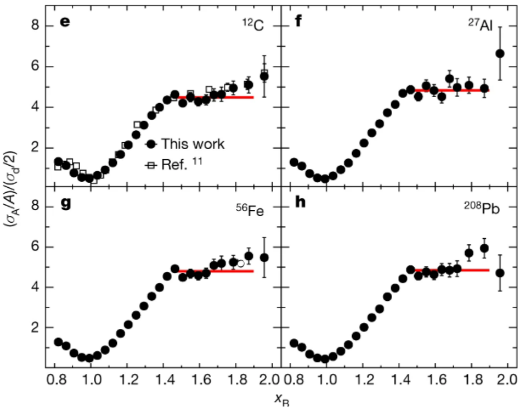
Measurable signal of the A-to-d scaling of the momentum distributions?



In selected kinematics the A-to-d (e, e') cross sections approximately scale!

SRC SCALING FACTORS

THEORY:

$$a_2(A) = \frac{\int_{p>2\ \mathrm{fm}^{-1}} dp P^A(p)}{\int_{p>2\ \mathrm{fm}^{-1}} dp P^d(p)}$$

EXPERIMENT:

$$a_2^{exp}(A) = \frac{2}{A}\frac{\sigma^A(e,e')}{\sigma^d(e,e')}$$

$$\left(1.5 \lesssim x \lesssim 1.9\ ;\ Q^2 \approx 2\ \mathrm{GeV}^2\right)$$

Aggregated impact of SRC on a nucleon in $A(N,Z)$ relative to the deuteron!

Aggregated quantitative effect of SRC in A relative to d

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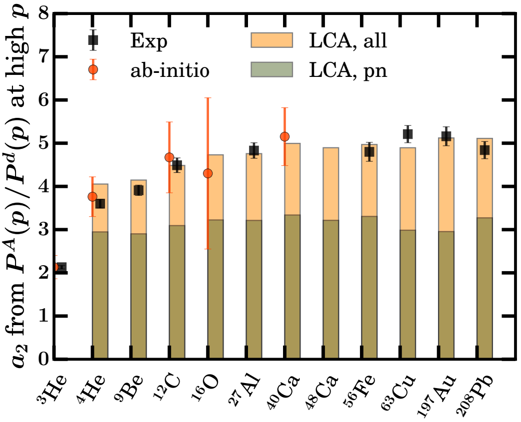

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1. $A \lesssim 27$: soft A dependence
2. $A \gtrsim 27$: SATURATION
3. $a_2\left({}^{40}\text{Ca}\right) = 4.99$; $a_2\left({}^{48}\text{Ca}\right) = 4.89$
   ratio$\left({}^{48}\text{Ca}/{}^{40}\text{Ca}\right)$:
   - LCA: 0.98
   - Expt: 0.971 ± 0.012
   (D. Nguyen *et al.*, PRC102(2020))

$a_2(A/^2\text{H})$ from $A(e,e')$ at $x_B \gtrsim 1.5$ and LCA

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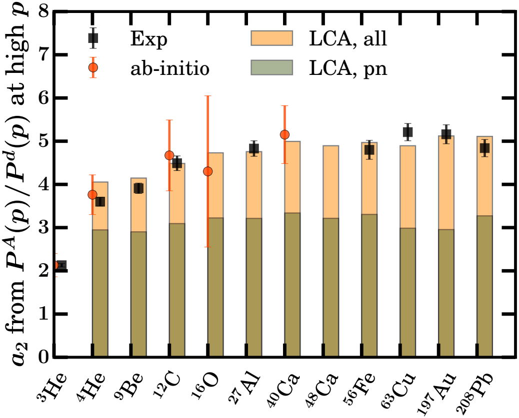

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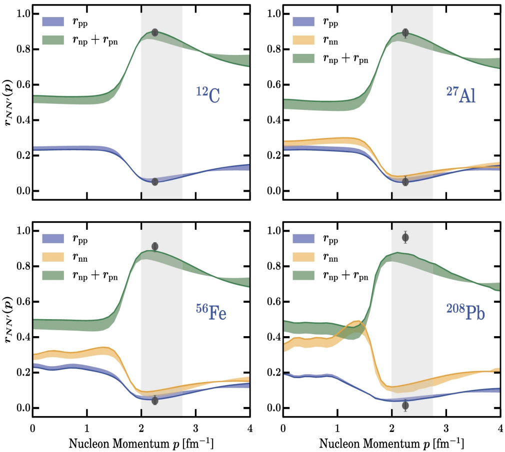

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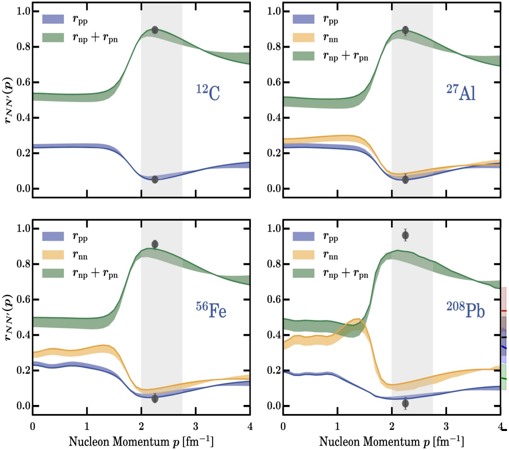

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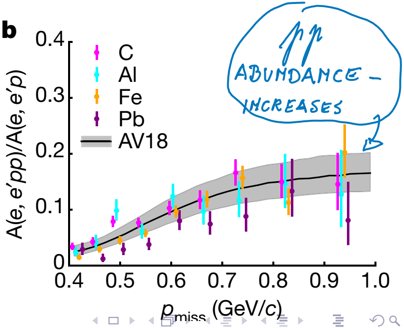
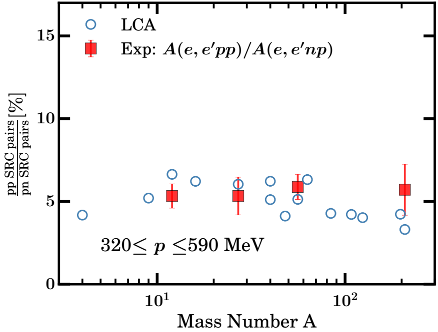
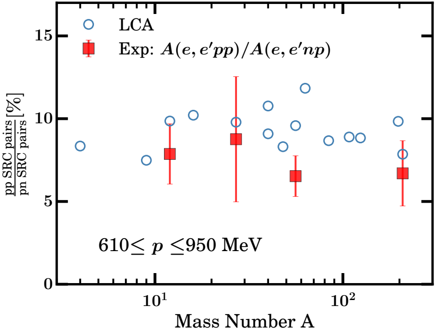


Pair composition of SRC: LCA versus experiment





LCA: Ratios from computed $n^{[1]}(p)$ for 15 nuclei

$$\frac{\int_{p_l}^{p_h} dp\, p^2\, n^{[1]}_{pp}(p)}{\int_{p_l}^{p_h} dp\, p^2 \left[n^{[1]}_{pn}(p) + n^{[1]}_{np}(p)\right]}$$

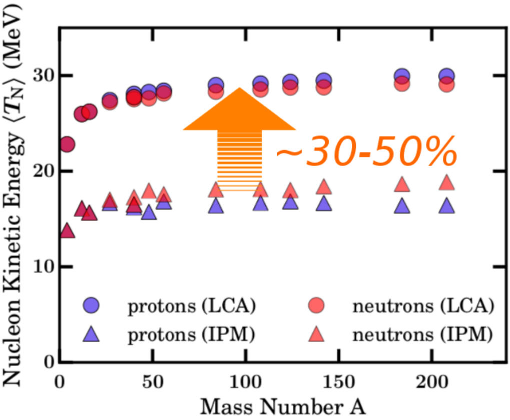
M. Duer *et al.*, PRL122(2019): Ratios from measured

$$\left.\frac{\sigma_{en}}{2\sigma_{ep}} \frac{A(e,e'pp)}{A(e,e'pn)}\right|_{p_l \leq p_m \leq p_h}$$

for A=^{12}C, ^{27}Al, ^{56}Fe, ^{208}Pb

Fourth moment of $n^{[1]}(p)$ from LCA

Fourth moment of $n^{[1]}(p)$: $\langle T_p \rangle = \frac{1}{2M_p} \frac{\int_0^\Lambda dp\, p^4 \left[n^{[1]}_{pp}(p) + n^{[1]}_{pn}(p) \right]}{\int_0^\Lambda dp\, p^2 \left[n^{[1]}_{pp}(p) + n^{[1]}_{pn}(p) \right]}$



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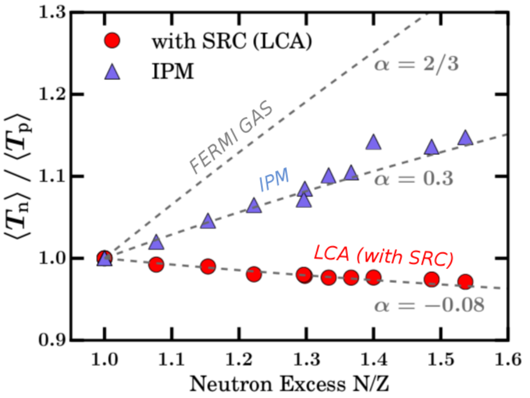

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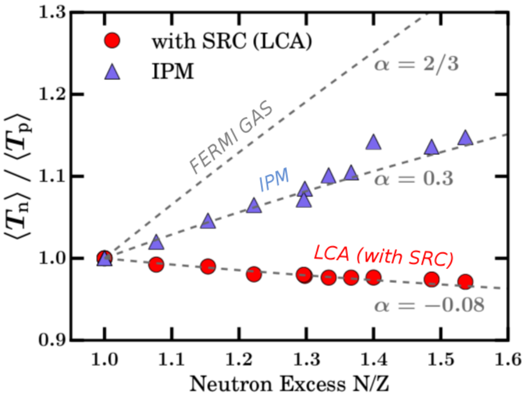

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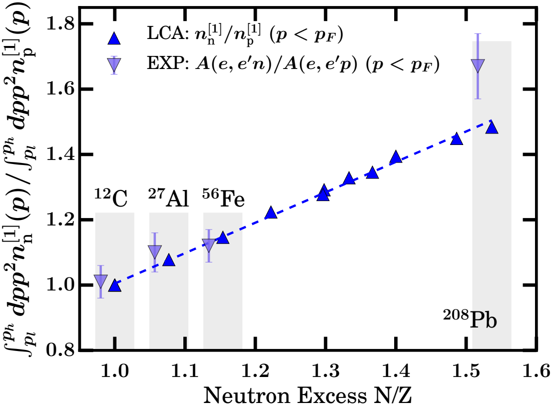

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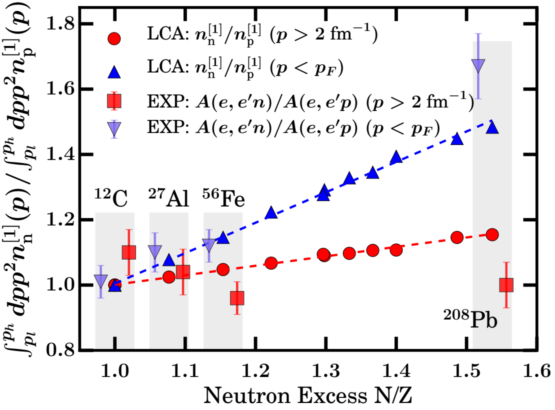

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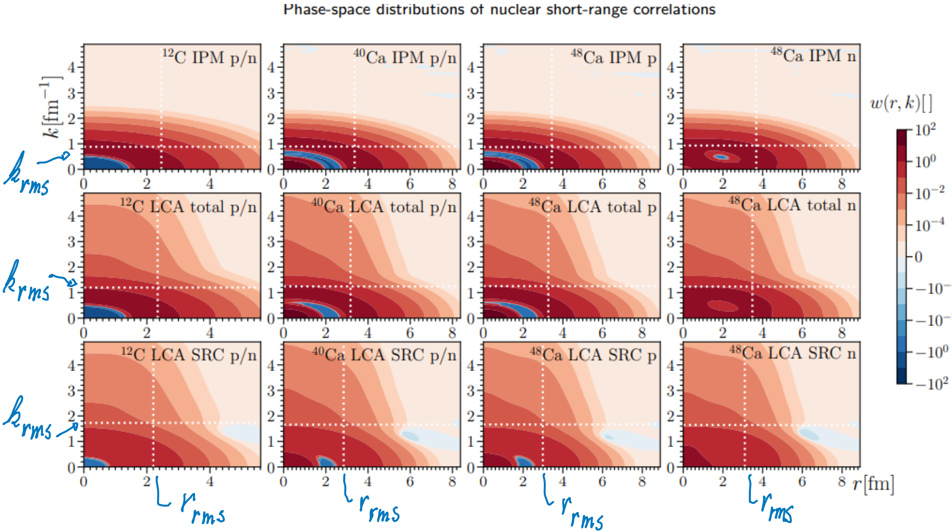
- Relative weight of the protons and neutrons is very different in “IPM” and “SRC” regions!
  1. IPM: $0.93\frac{N}{Z} + 0.07$
  2. SRC: $0.29\frac{N}{Z} + 0.71$

Nuclear Wigner distributions $W(r, k)$ including SRC



SRCs reduce the neutron skin in $N \neq Z$ nuclei by about 5-10%

SUMMARY

- SRC induced spatio-temporal fluctuations in nuclei are measurable, are significant and are quantifiable
- LCA: suited for systematic studies of SRC contributions to $n^{[1]}(p)$ and SRC-sensitive reactions
  1. Reasonable predictions for a_2 factors
  2. $A \leq 40$: LCA predictions for fat tails in line with QMC ones
  3. Natural explanation for the "universal" behavior of the fat tails of NMD
- Distinct isospin and N/Z SRC effects: in line with $A(e, e'pN)$ findings
- LCA: put the nuclear structure and nuclear reaction theory on the same footing (absolute cross sections)

LCA for modeling two-nucleon knockout

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Influence of short-range correlations in neutrino-nucleus scattering

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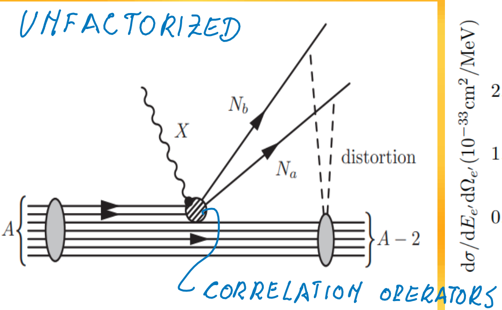

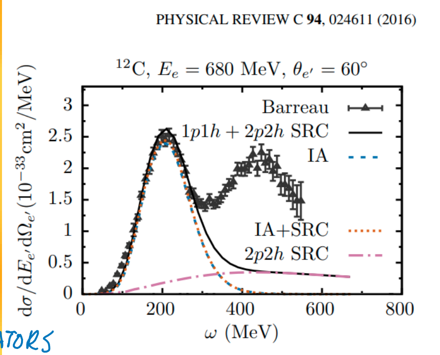


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