

# Self-Consistent Green's Functions approach to nuclear matter at finite temperature

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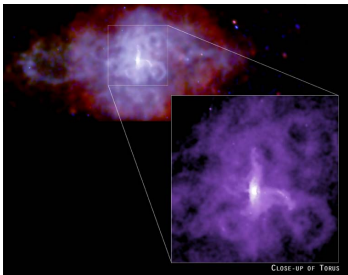
$$E \sim 1 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow T \sim 10^{10} \text{ K}$$

## Proto-neutron stars



### Chandra X-Ray Observatory

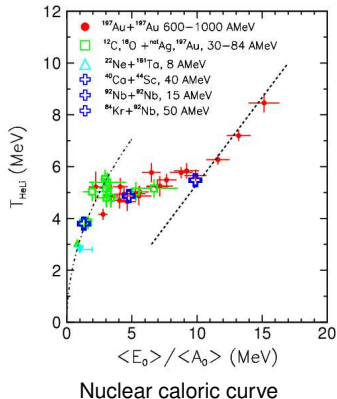
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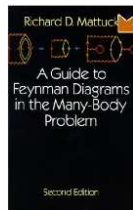
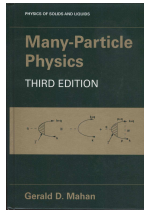
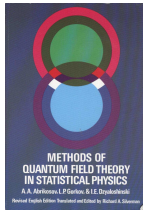
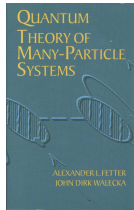
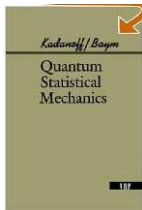
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## AA collisions

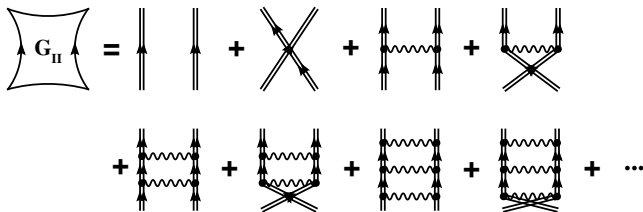


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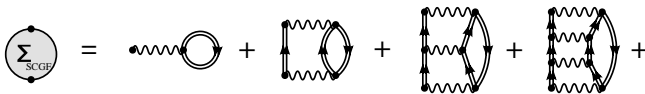
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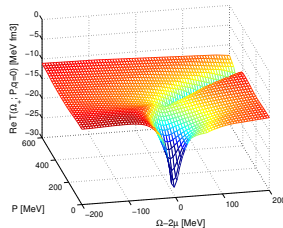
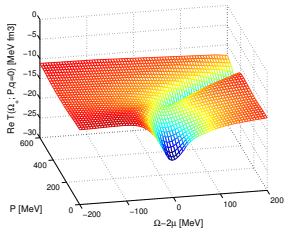
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The diagram shows a rectangular box labeled  $T$  on the left, followed by an equals sign, a wavy line, a plus sign, and another rectangular box labeled  $T$  on the right. The second box has a wavy line on its top edge and two vertical lines on its sides, each with an arrow pointing upwards.

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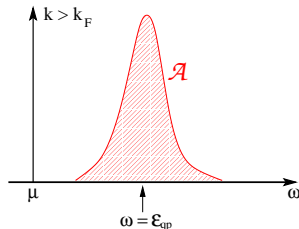
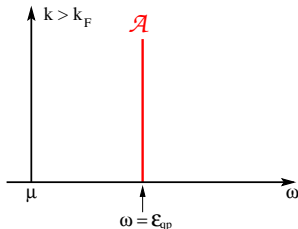


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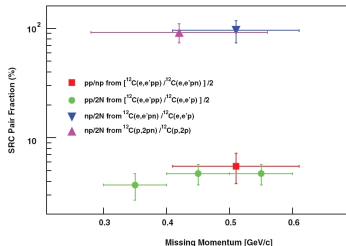
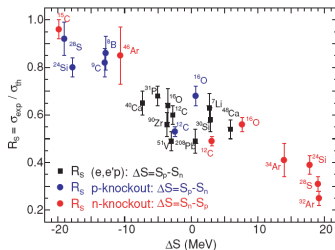
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# Yet another method?



## Advantages

- Connection to **experimental** results
- Thermodynamical **consistency**
- Large density-temperature **coverage**
- **SRC** effects fully included
- **Local** and **non-local** two-body interactions

## Disadvantages

- No **three-body** forces\*
- $T = 0$  results **elusive**
- **Elaborate** numerics

\*Soma and Bozek, arxiv:0808.2929

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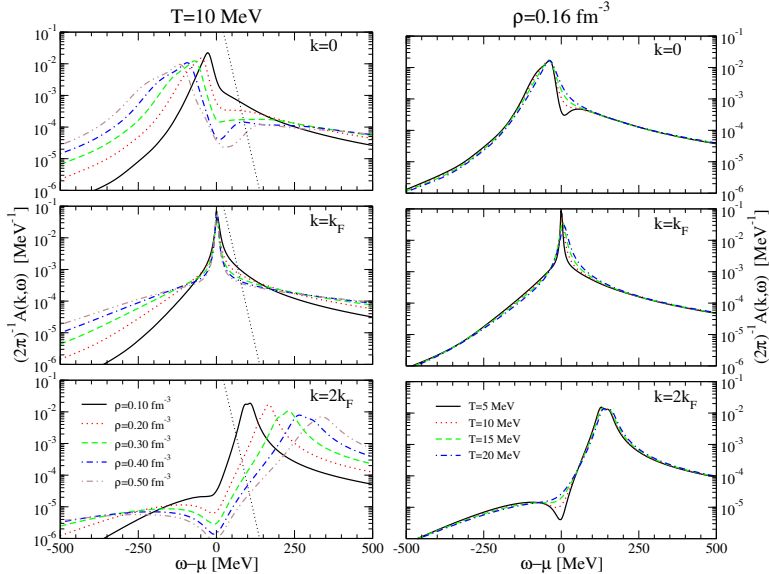
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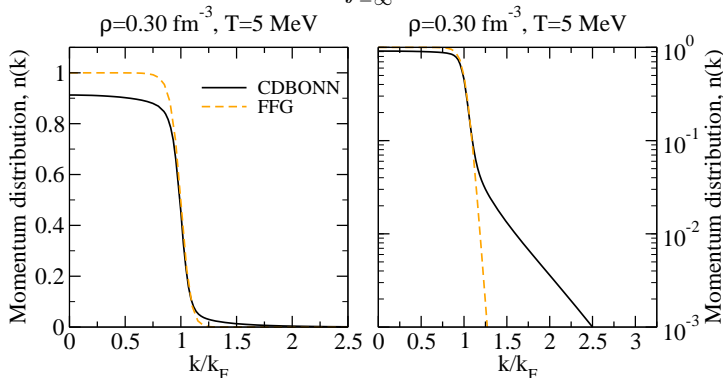


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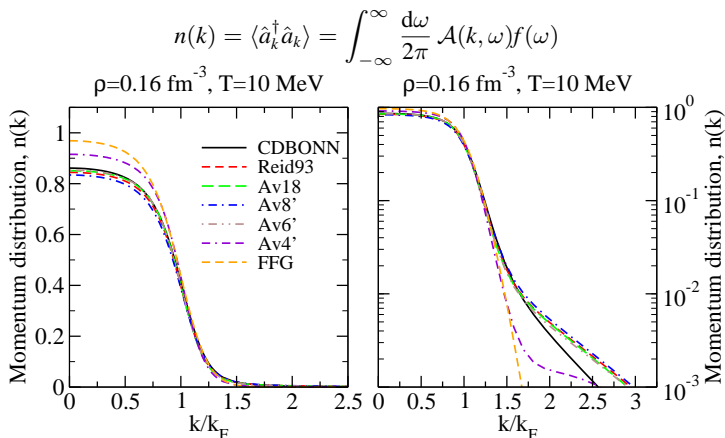
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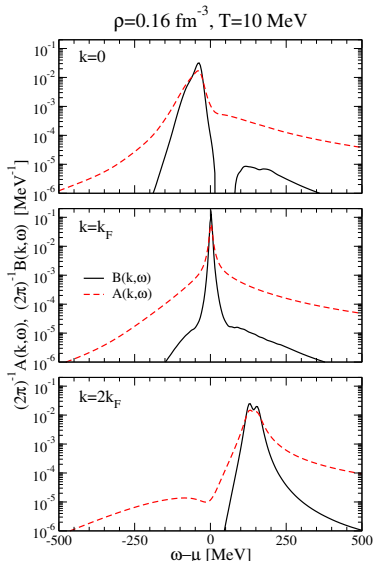
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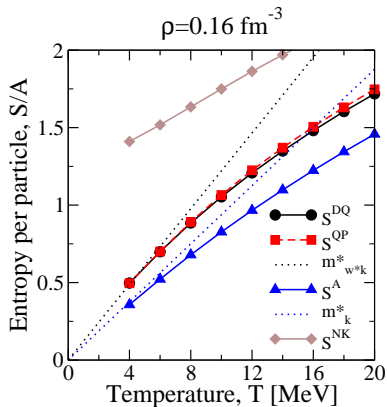
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# Different approximations



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- $S^{DQ} \sim S^{QP} \Rightarrow$  width effects unimportant,  $S^{NK}$  too large
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$$E^{GMK} = \sum_k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{k^2}{2m} + \omega \right\} \mathcal{A}(k, \omega) f(\omega)$$

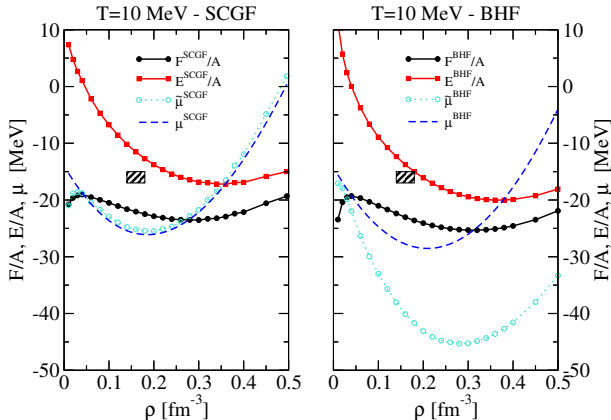
- Entropy (LW formalism)

$$S^{DQ} = \sum_k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \sigma(\omega) \mathcal{B}(k, \omega)$$

- TD consistency

$$\mu = \frac{\partial F/\mathcal{V}}{\partial \rho} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \rho = \nu \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} n(k, \tilde{\mu})$$

# Thermodynamical consistency

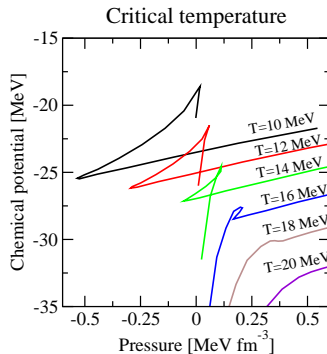
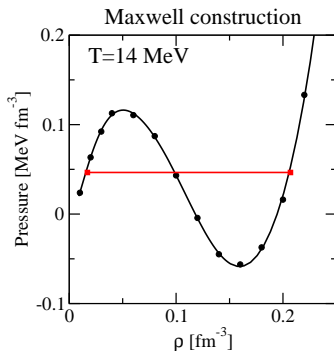


- SCGF + LW yields  $\mu \sim \tilde{\mu}$
- BHF **violates** HvH theorem by 20 MeV
- **Incorrect** saturation (no TBF)

$$\mu = \frac{\partial F/\mathcal{V}}{\partial \rho} \Leftrightarrow \rho = \nu \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} n(k, \tilde{\mu})$$

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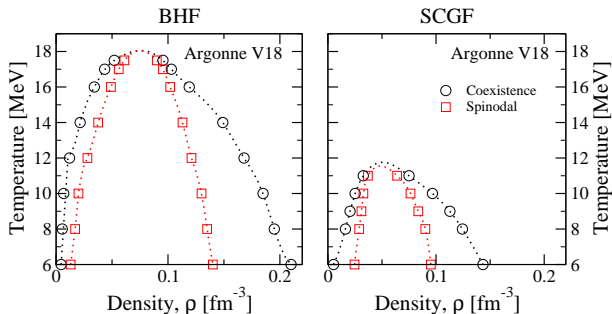
# Liquid-gas phase transition



- Liquid-gas phase transition at **low** densities
- **Spinodal** zone related to mechanical **instability**
- **Maxwell** construction sets phase **coexistence**
- $T_c$  can be determined from  $p - \mu$  curves

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# Liquid-gas phase transition



Potential	Approach	$T_f$ (MeV)	$T_c$ (MeV)	$\rho_c$ ( $\text{fm}^{-3}$ )	$p_c$ ( $\text{MeV fm}^{-3}$ )	$\frac{p_c}{T_c \rho_c}$
Argonne V18	SCGF	9.5	11.6	0.05	0.08	0.14
	BHF	13.1	18.1	0.08	0.40	0.28
CDBONN	SCGF	14.4	18.5	0.11	0.40	0.20
	BHF	17.2	23.3	0.11	0.73	0.28

- $T_c^{BHF} > T_c^{SCGF} \Rightarrow$  different critical behaviour!
- No clusterization or three-body forces!  $\Rightarrow$  upper estimate

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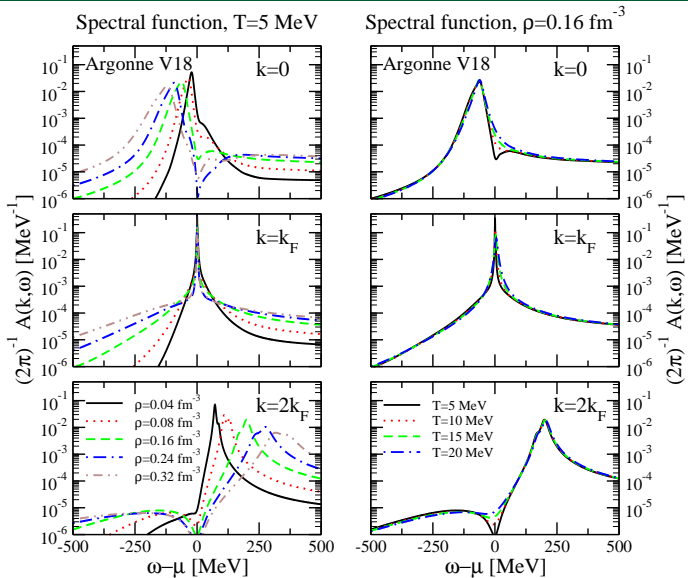
# Neutron matter and the unitary limit

- $a_{nn} = -18 \text{ fm} \gg \frac{1}{k_F} \sim \text{unitary regime}, a \rightarrow -\infty$
- $T = 0 \Rightarrow E = \gamma E_{FG}, \gamma \sim 0.44$
- $T \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Universal thermodynamics}, x = T/\varepsilon_F$
- Connection to **ultracold gases** & Feshbach resonances
- SCGF **good tool** to study such systems:
  - Can handle strong interactions
  - Low densities
  - Smaller 3-body effects
  - No tensor force

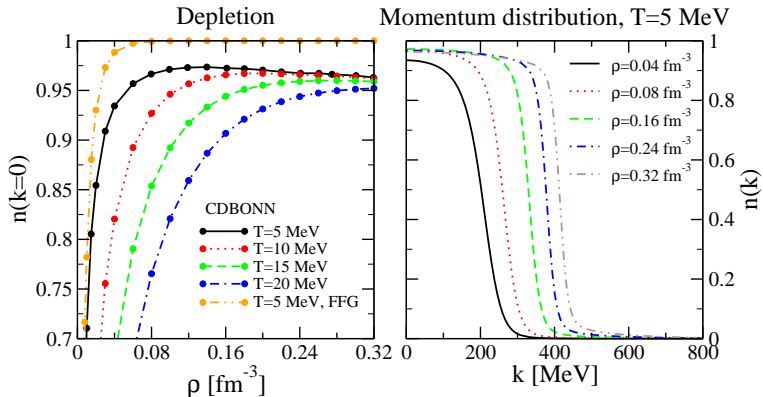
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# Spectral functions

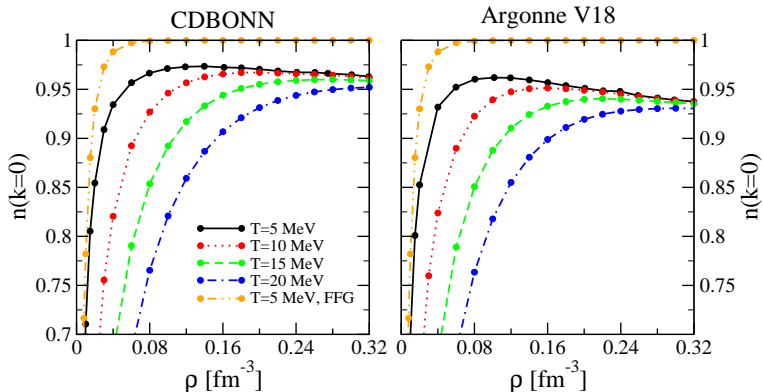


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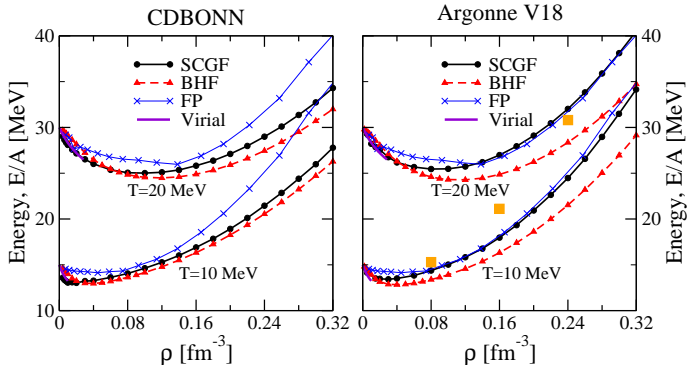
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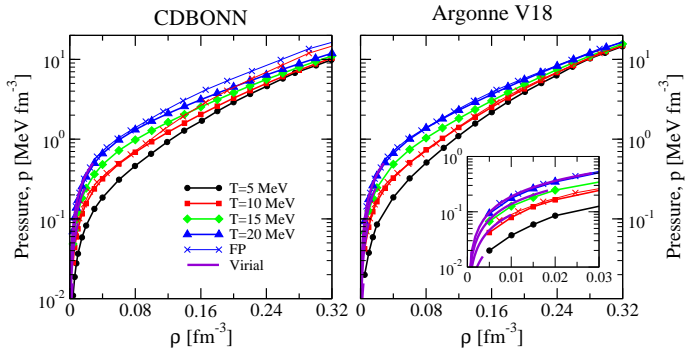
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# Energy per particle of neutron matter



- Strong **potential** dependence for  $\rho > \rho_0$
- **Deviations** from BHF
- Agreement with **variational** calculations (FP)
- Agreement with **virial**

# EoS for neutron matter

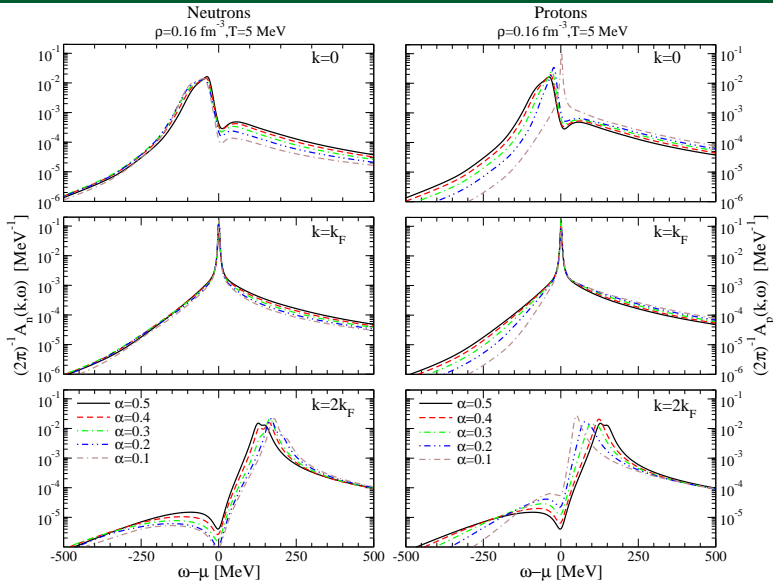


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- **Soft** due to lack of **TBF**
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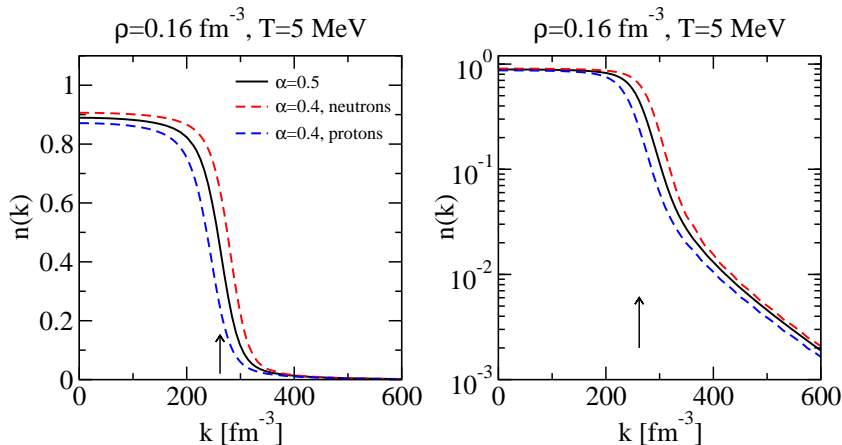
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## Spectral functions: asymmetric matter



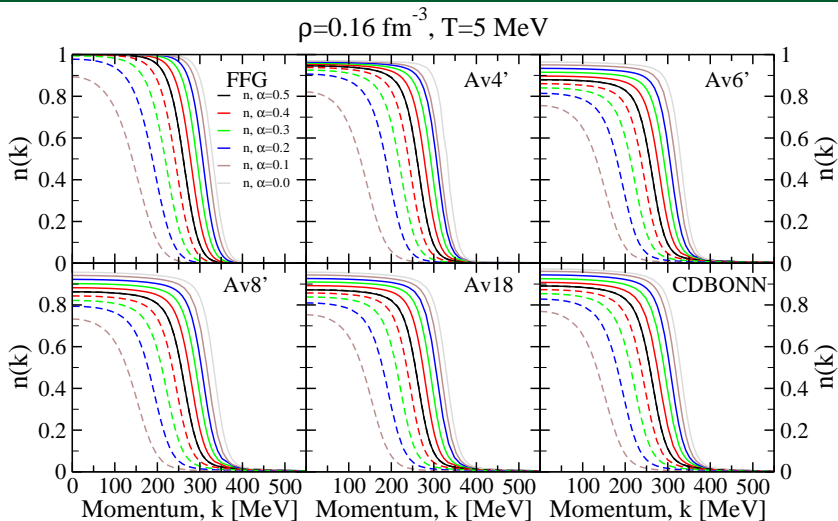
# Momentum distribution: asymmetric matter



- Protons  $\sim 5\%$  more depleted
- Important splitting already for finite nuclei!

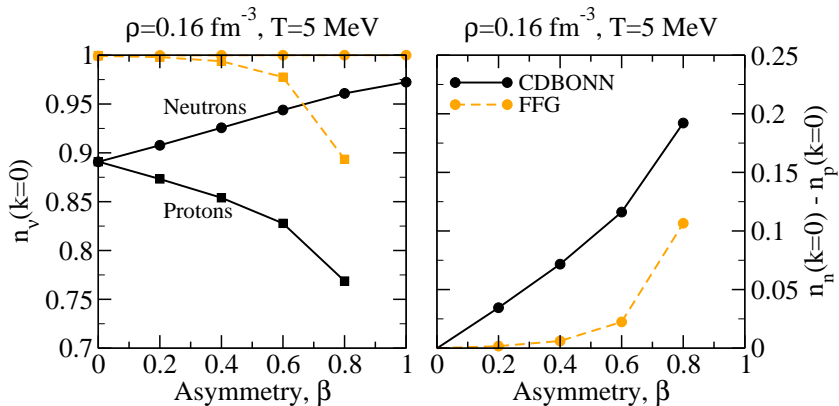


# Momentum distribution: potentials



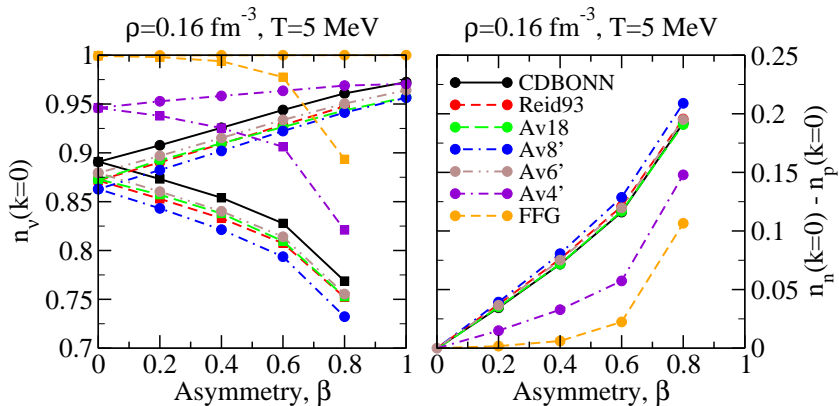
● Importance of **tensor** for isospin splitting!

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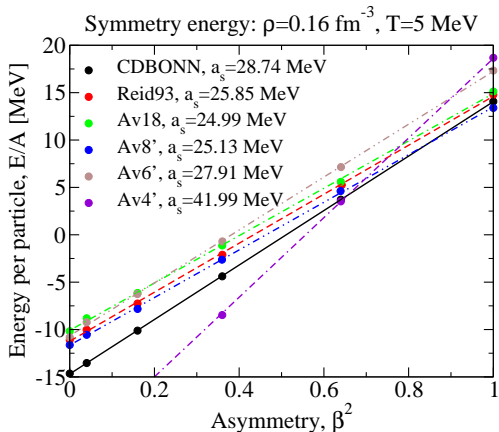


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$$e(\rho, \beta) \sim e(\rho, \beta = 0) + a_s(\rho)\beta^2$$



- Energy from **GMK** sum rule
- **Low** symmetry energy
- Corresponds to **SRC** component
- Off-shell structure?

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# Conclusions

- SCGF method is a **consistent** many-body framework to study nuclear many-body systems at finite temperature
- **Microscopic** one-body properties can be obtained from SCGF
- **Thermodynamic** properties can be computed consistently
- **Interplay** between **thermal** and **dynamic** correlations
- **Symmetric matter** leads to more repulsive results than BHF
- **Neutron matter** calculations show agreement with other methods
- Isospin **asymmetry** and **tensor** correlations are related in a non-trivial way
- **Interaction** dependent results!

# Outlook

- Inclusion of **three-body** effects
- Calculation of **two-body** properties:  $g(r)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_{II}$  ...
- **In-medium** phase-shifts and cross sections
- **Transport** properties from **Kubo** relations
- $\rho$ ,  $T$ ,  $\alpha$  dependences of **microscopic** and **bulk** properties
- **Pairing** phase transition **beyond quasi-particle** approach
- Extension to **time-dependent** systems (nuclear reactions)

# Thank you!