

# $P - P$ and $P - N$ CORRELATIONS IN MEDIUM-WEIGHT NUCLEI

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## 1. Introduction

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} \Psi_n = E_n \Psi_n, \quad \text{with :} \quad \hat{\mathbf{H}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_i \hat{\nabla}_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i<j} \hat{v}_{ij}$$

where

$$\hat{v}_{ij} = \sum_n v^{(n)}(r_{ij}) \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{ij}^{(n)}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{ij}^{(n)} = \left[ 1, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j, \hat{S}_{ij}, (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{ij}, \dots \right] \otimes [1, \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j] .$$

The same operatorial dependence is cast onto  $\Psi_o$ :

$$\Psi_o = \hat{\mathbf{F}} \phi_o$$

where  $\phi_o$  is the *mean-field* wave function and

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \hat{S} \prod_{i<j} \hat{f}_{ij} = \hat{S} \prod_{i<j} \sum_n f^{(n)}(r_{ij}) \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{ij}^{(n)}$$

is a *correlation* operator.

## 2. Ground State Properties: Cluster Expansion

- The ground state energy  $E_0$  is given by:

$$E_0 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int d\mathbf{r} \left[ \hat{\nabla}^2 \rho^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \right]_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}'} + \sum_n \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \hat{v}^{(n)} \rho_{(n)}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

$$\longrightarrow \rho^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = A \int \prod_{j=2}^A d\mathbf{r}_j \Psi_o^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A) \Psi_o(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A)$$

$$\longrightarrow \rho_{(n)}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{A(A-1)}{2} \int \prod_{j=3}^A d\mathbf{r}_j \Psi_o^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A) \hat{O}_{12}^{(n)} \Psi_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A)$$

- $\rho^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$  and  $\rho_{(n)}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$  are *cluster expanded*;
- expansion truncated at **1st order** in  $\eta_{ij} = \hat{f}_{ij}^2 - 1$ ; (Mean Field is recovered at 0th order; normalization is conserved)
- the wave functions and correlation functions which minimize the ground-state energy used for the *expectation value of any operator at same order*

• at **first order** of the  $\eta$ -expansion, the **full correlated one-body mixed** density matrix expression is as follows:

$$\rho^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) = \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) + \rho_H^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) + \rho_S^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1),$$

with

$$\rho_H^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) = \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \left[ H_D(r_{12}, r_{1'2}) \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2) - H_E(r_{12}, r_{1'2}) \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_1) \right]$$

$$\rho_S^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) = - \int d\mathbf{r}_2 d\mathbf{r}_3 \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \left[ H_D(r_{23}) \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3) - H_E(r_{23}) \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) \rho_o^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}'_1) \right]$$

and the functions  $H_D$  and  $H_E$  are defined as:

$$H_{D(E)}(r_{ij}, r_{kl}) = \sum_{p,q=1}^6 f^{(p)}(r_{ij}) f^{(q)}(r_{kl}) C_{D(E)}^{(p,q)}(r_{ij}, r_{kl}) - C_{D(E)}^{(1,1)}(r_{ij}, r_{kl})$$

with  $C_{D(E)}^{(p,q)}(r_{ij}, r_{kl})$  proper functions arising from spin-isospin traces;

*(Alvioli, Ciofi degli Atti, Morita, PRC72 (2005))*

• at **first order** of the  $\eta$ –expansion, the **full correlated two-body mixed density matrix** expression is as follows:

$$\rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) = \rho_{\text{SM}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{2\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{3\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{4\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2)$$

with:

$$\rho_{\text{SM}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) = C_D \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_2) - C_E \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_1)$$

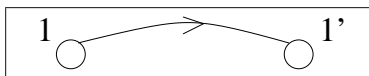
$$\rho_{2\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\eta}(r_{12}, r_{1'2'}) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_2) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\eta}(r_{12}, r_{1'2'}) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{3\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) = & \int d\mathbf{r}_3 \hat{\eta}(r_{13}, r_{1'3}) [ \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_2) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_3) + \\ & - \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \\ & + \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \\ & - \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_3) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_2) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}'_1) + \\ & + \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}'_1) + \\ & - \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}'_1) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_3) ] \end{aligned}$$

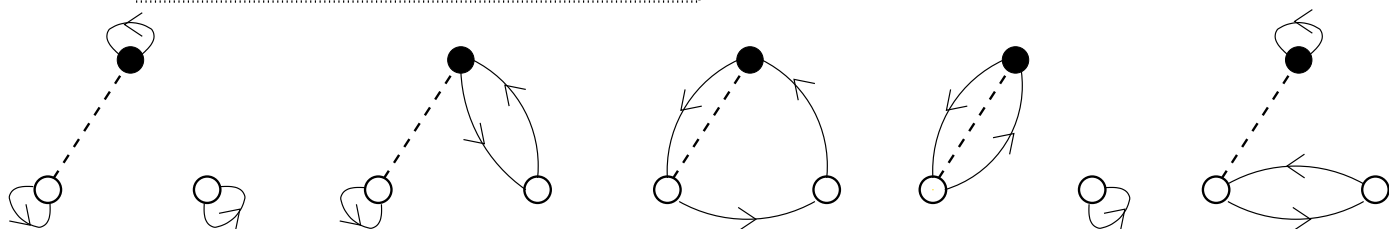
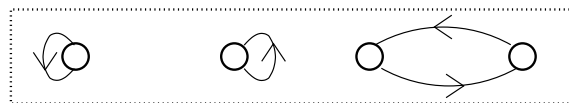
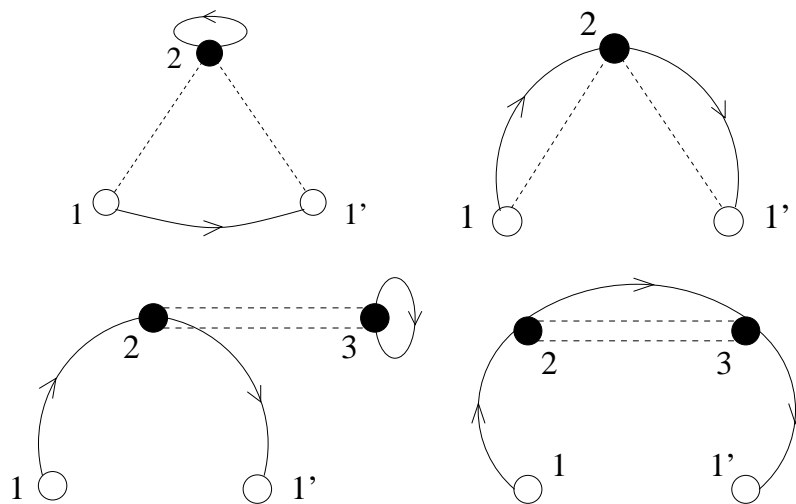
$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{4\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) = & \frac{1}{4} \int d\mathbf{r}_3 d\mathbf{r}_4 \hat{\eta}(r_{34}) \cdot \\ & \cdot \sum_{\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{C}} (-1)^{\mathcal{P}} [ \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{P}1'}) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{P}2'}) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{P}3}) \rho_o(\mathbf{r}_4, \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{P}4}) ] \end{aligned}$$

(*Alvioli, Ciofi degli Atti, Morita, PRC72 (2005)*)

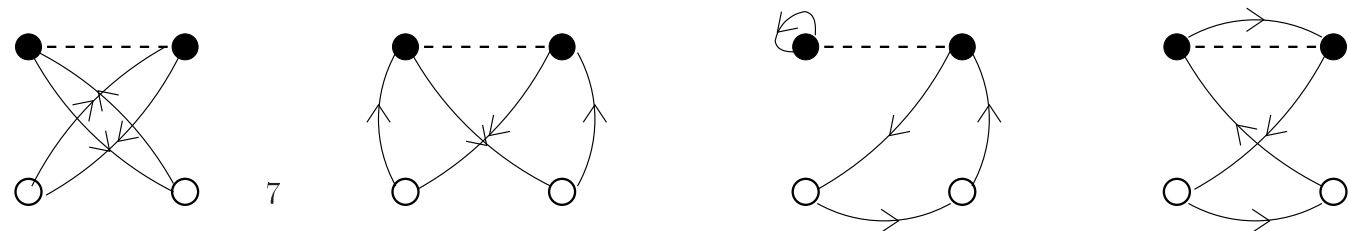
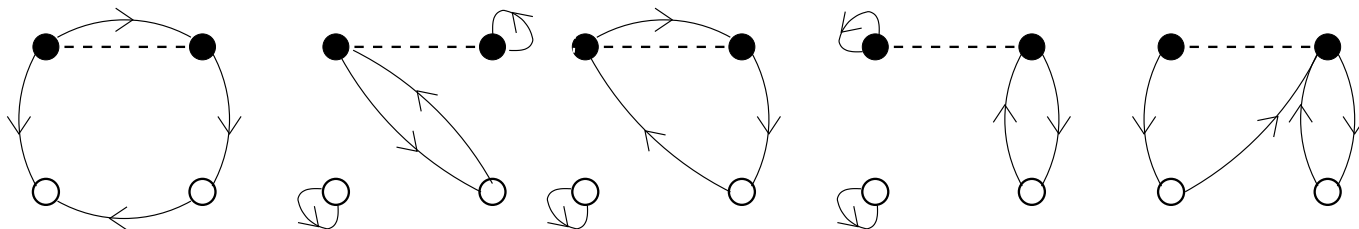
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one-body, non-diagonal  
 $\leftarrow \rho(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1)$  diagrams



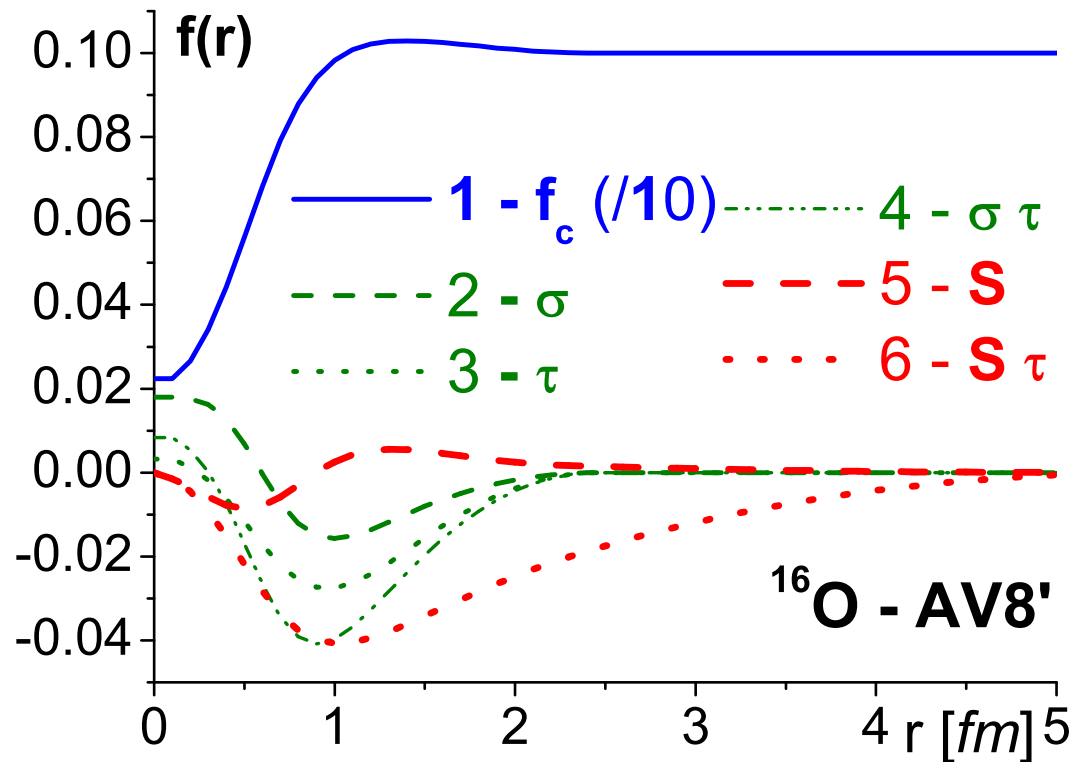
two-body, diagonal  
 $\rho(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$  diagrams  $\longrightarrow$



# Ground state energy: $^{16}\text{O}$ - Argonne $V8'$

	$\langle V_c \rangle$	$\langle V_\sigma \rangle$	$\langle V_\tau \rangle$	$\langle V_{\sigma\tau} \rangle$	$\langle V_S \rangle$	$\langle V_{S\tau} \rangle$	$\langle \mathbf{V} \rangle$	$\langle \mathbf{T} \rangle$	$\mathbf{E}$	$\mathbf{E}/\mathbf{A}$ MeV
$\eta$ -exp	0.19	-35.88	-9.47	-171.32	-0.003	-172.89	-389.40	323.50	<b>-65.90</b>	-4.12
FHNC	0.694	-40.13	-10.61	-180.00	-0.07	-160.32	-390.30	325.18	<b>-65.12</b>	-4.07

correlation functions: *Central*, *Spin-Isospin*, *Tensor*

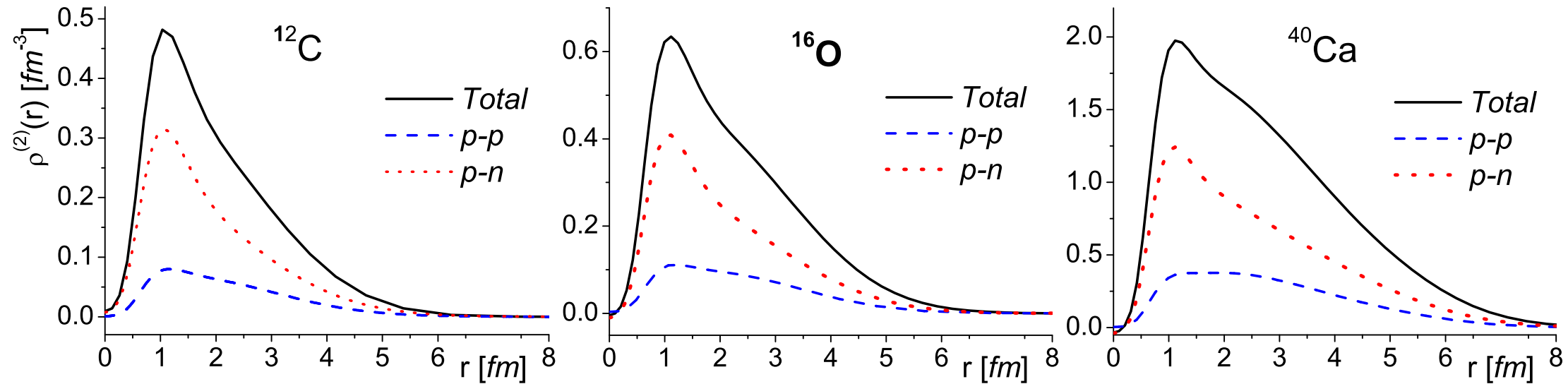




**3. TWO-BODY DENSITIES &  
TWO-BODY MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTIONS  
of  
COMPLEX NUCLEI**

## Two-Body Densities

$$\rho^{(2)}(r) = \int d\mathbf{R} \rho^{(2)} \left( \mathbf{R} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r} ; \mathbf{R} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r} \right)$$



- normalization (number of pairs) conserved by the expansion
- isospin separation feasible
- closed j-shell nuclei included in the formalism

## Two-Body Densities: isospin separation

in each of the terms of our cluster-expansion expression of two body density:

$$\rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) = \rho_{\text{SM}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{2\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{3\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{4\text{b}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2)$$

the contributions from proton-proton, proton-neutron and neutron-neutron can be separated:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) &= \\ &= \rho_{(2)}^{pp}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{(2)}^{pn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) + \rho_{(2)}^{nn}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; \mathbf{r}'_1, \mathbf{r}'_2) \end{aligned}$$

by inserting the proper *isospin projection operators* in the cluster expansion for particle 1 and 2;

as a consequence, the same holds for the two body momentum distributions:

$$n^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = n_{pp}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) + n_{pn}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) + n_{nn}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$$

which is defined in the next slide.

## Two-Body Momentum Distributions

$$\mathbf{k}_{rel} \equiv \mathbf{k} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 \quad \mathbf{r}' = \mathbf{r}'_1 - \mathbf{r}'_2$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{CM} \equiv \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 \quad \mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2) \quad \mathbf{R}' = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{r}'_1 + \mathbf{r}'_2)$$

we have

$$n(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{K}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^6} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{R}' e^{-i \mathbf{K} \cdot (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}')} e^{-i \mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}')$$

and

$$n(\mathbf{k}) = \int d\mathbf{K} n(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{K}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{R} e^{-i \mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R})$$

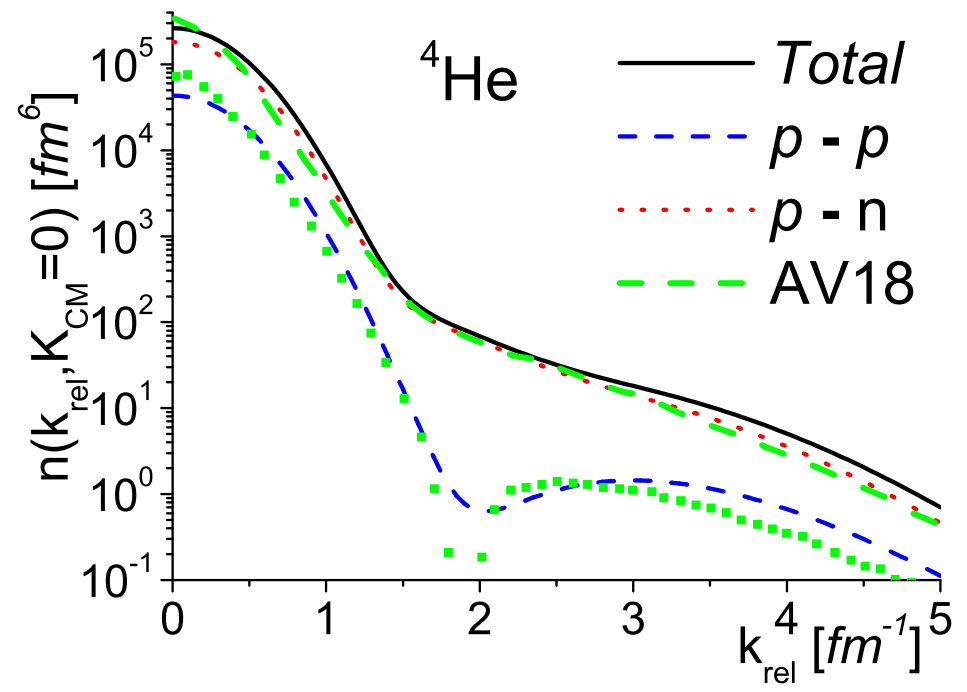
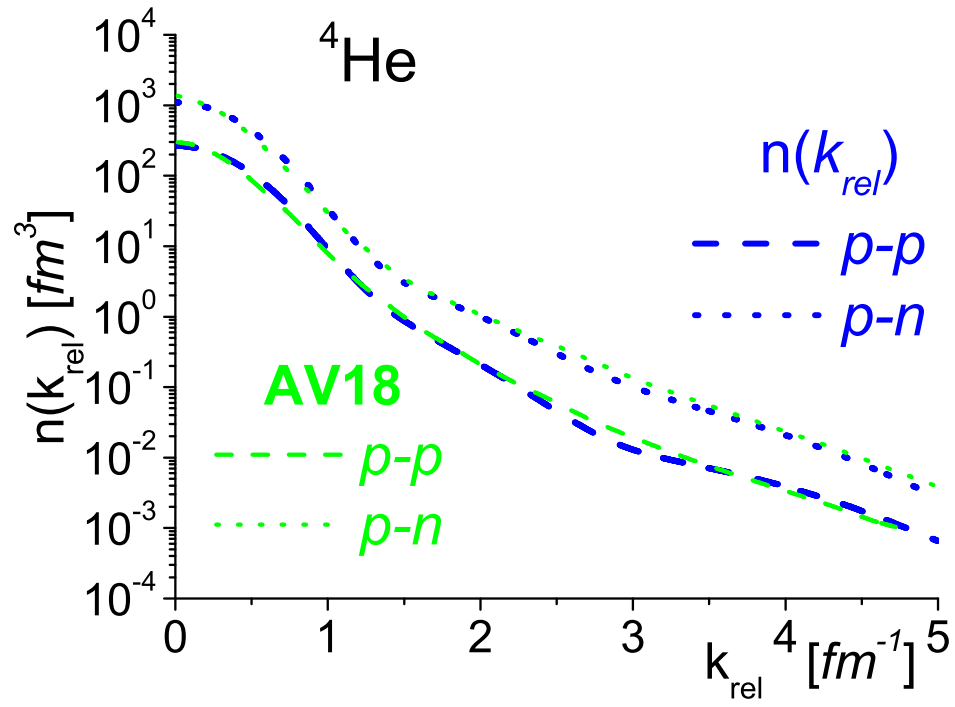
$$n(\mathbf{K}) = \int d\mathbf{k} n(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{K}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{R}' e^{-i \mathbf{K} \cdot (\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}')} \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}')$$

$\mathbf{K}_{CM} = 0$  corresponds to  $\mathbf{k}_2 = -\mathbf{k}_1$ , *i.e.* back-to-back nucleons

# ${}^4\text{He}$ : comparison with VMC

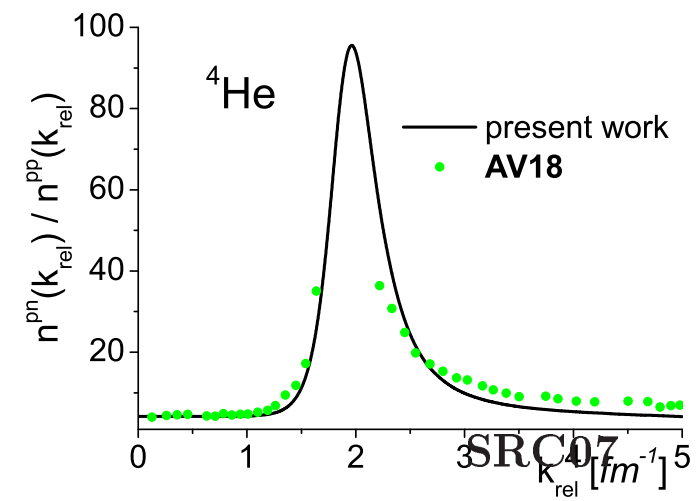
$$n_{pN}(k_{rel}) = \int d\mathbf{K}_{CM} n_{pN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM})$$

$$n_{NN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM} = 0)$$



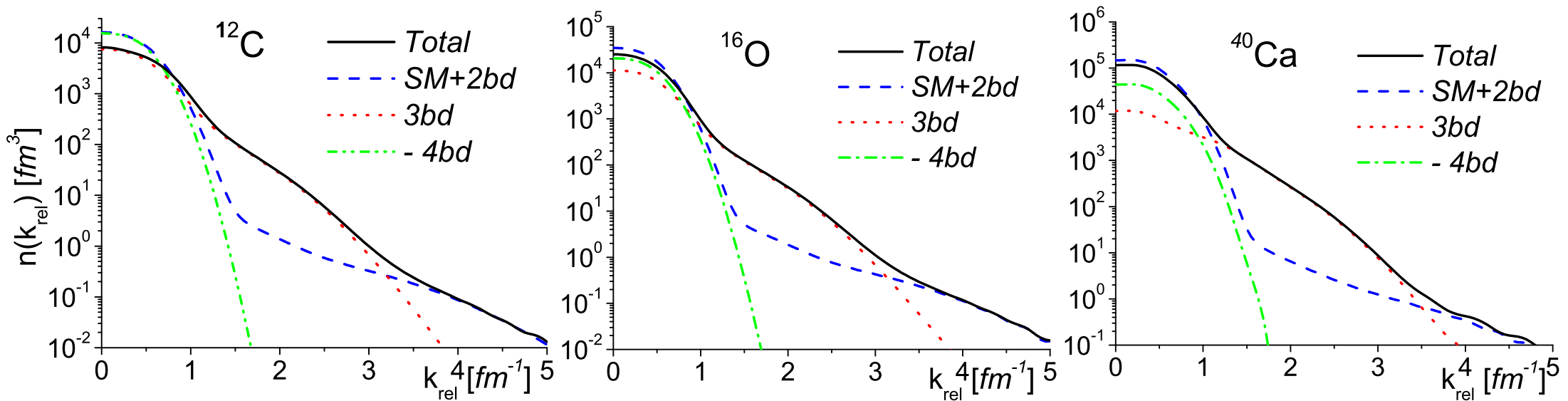
- good agreement with VMC calculations
- $n_{pn}(k_{rel}, 0)/n_{pp}(k_{rel}, 0)$  peak location ok  $\rightarrow$

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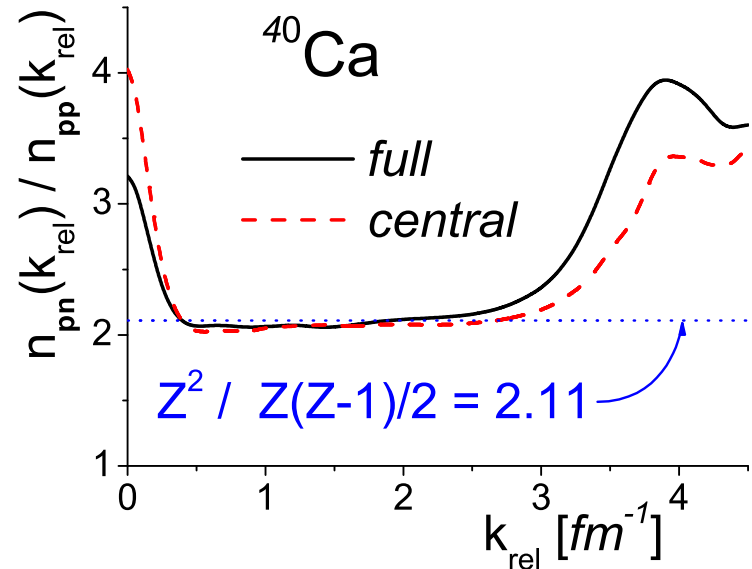
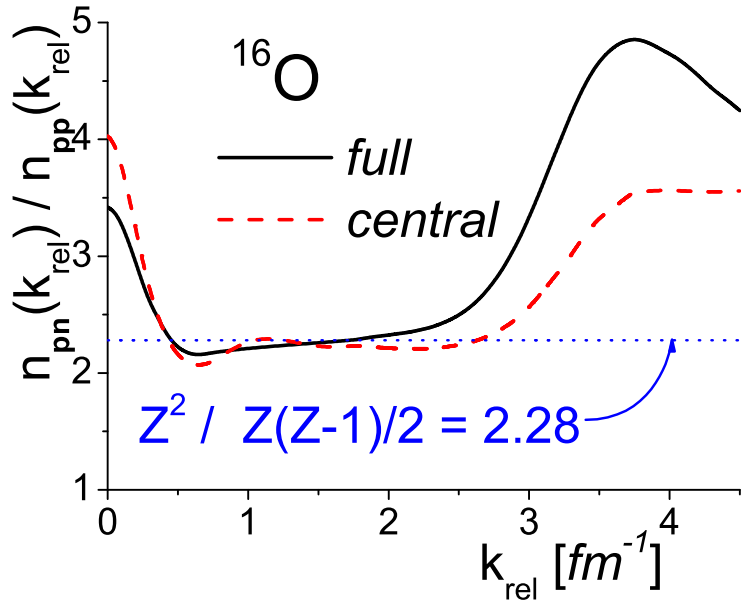
## $n_{NN}(k_{rel})$ for Complex Nuclei

$$n_{NN}(k_{rel}) = \int d\mathbf{K}_{CM} n_{NN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM})$$



- normalization (**number of pairs**) conserved by the expansion
- **isospin** separation feasible
- closed **j-shell** nuclei included in the formalism
- *three* and *four-body* diagrams **essential**

$n_{pn}(k_{rel}) / n_{pp}(k_{rel})$ : *central* vs. *full* correlations



where

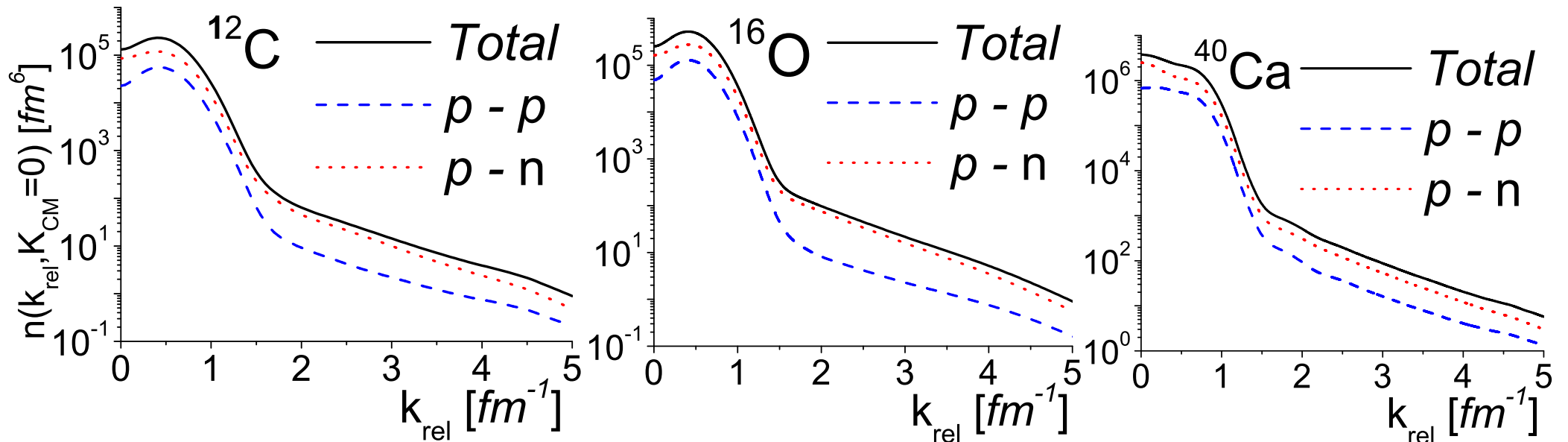
$$\begin{aligned}
 n_{pN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}) &= \int d\mathbf{K}_{CM} n_{pN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM}) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{R} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_{rel} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')} \rho_{(2)}^{pN}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R})
 \end{aligned}$$

and the *blue line* is the number of *pn* to *pp* pairs ratio ( $Z = N = A/2$ ):

$$\binom{Z^2}{2} / \binom{Z(Z-1)}{2} .$$

# $n_{NN}(k_{rel})$ for Complex Nuclei: $K_{CM} = 0$

$$n_{NN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM} = 0)$$

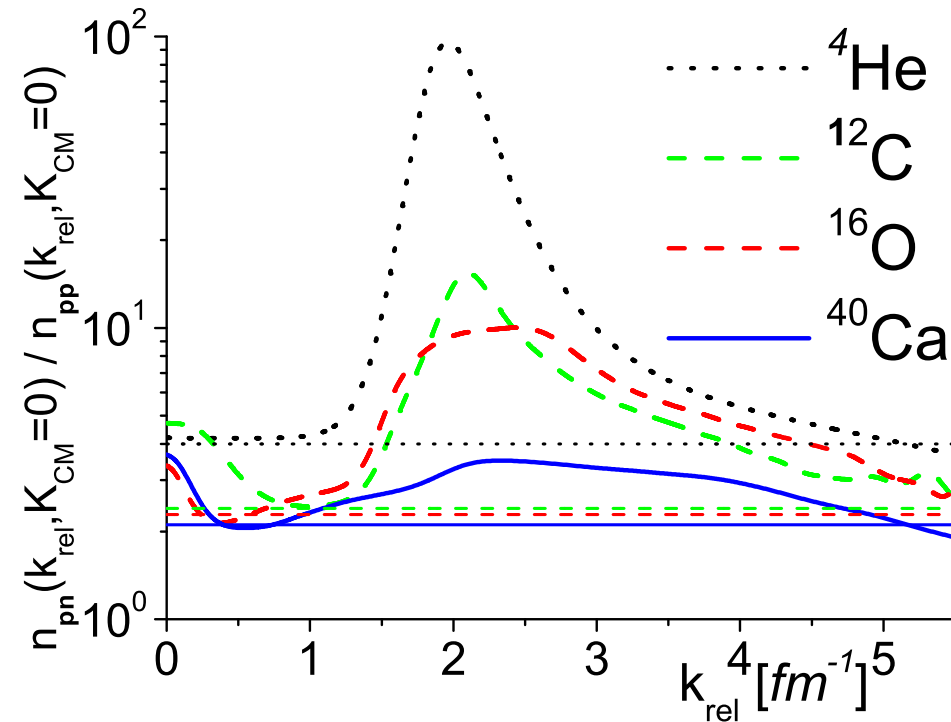


- $^{12}\text{C}$  three and four-body diagrams evaluation is still preliminary - relevant for  $k_{rel}$  around  $2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$
- $pn$  to  $pp$  ratio decreases with increasing  $A$  - due to decreasing number of pairs ratio



## $n_{NN}(k_{rel})$ for Complex Nuclei: $K_{CM} = 0$

- $n_{pn}(k_{rel}, 0)/n_{pp}(k_{rel}, 0)$  is a measure of relative **pn** to **pp** correlation strengths



- *pn* to *pp* ratio decreases with increasing  $A$  - due to decreasing number of pairs ratio
- peak gets filled with increasing  $A$

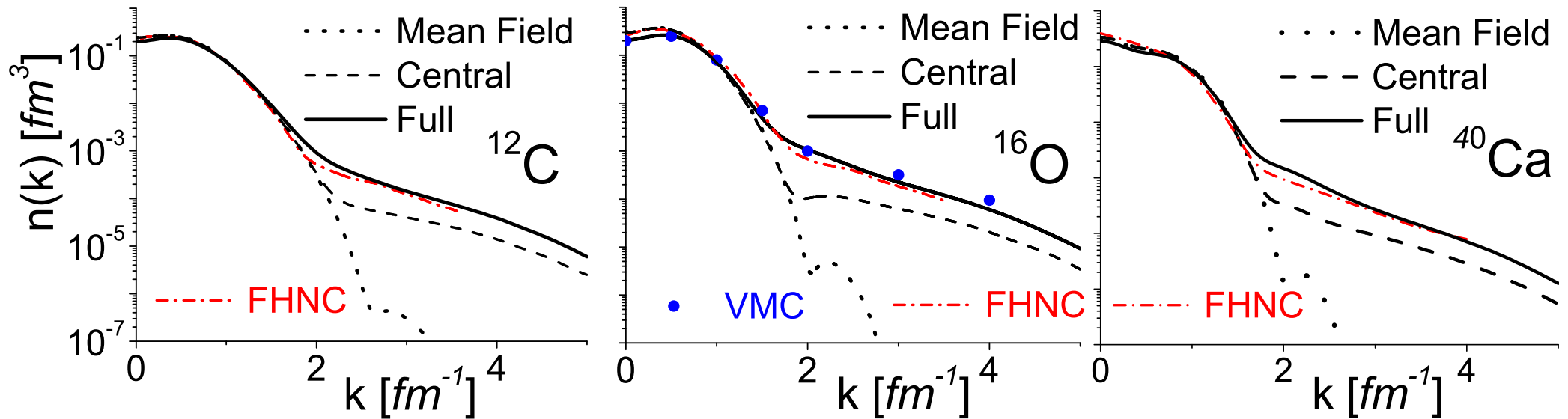
## Conclusions

- We have calculated one- and two-body ground state properties of complex nuclei in the framework of cluster expansion
- The cluster expansion method proved to be relatively easy to use and computationally affordable; comparison with accurate many-body calculations is very satisfactory
- We have checked our two-body  $n_{pN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM})$  against the prediction of Two-Nucleon correlation model
- Tensor correlations appear to be an essential ingredient for the correct description of (one- and two-body) high-momentum distributions

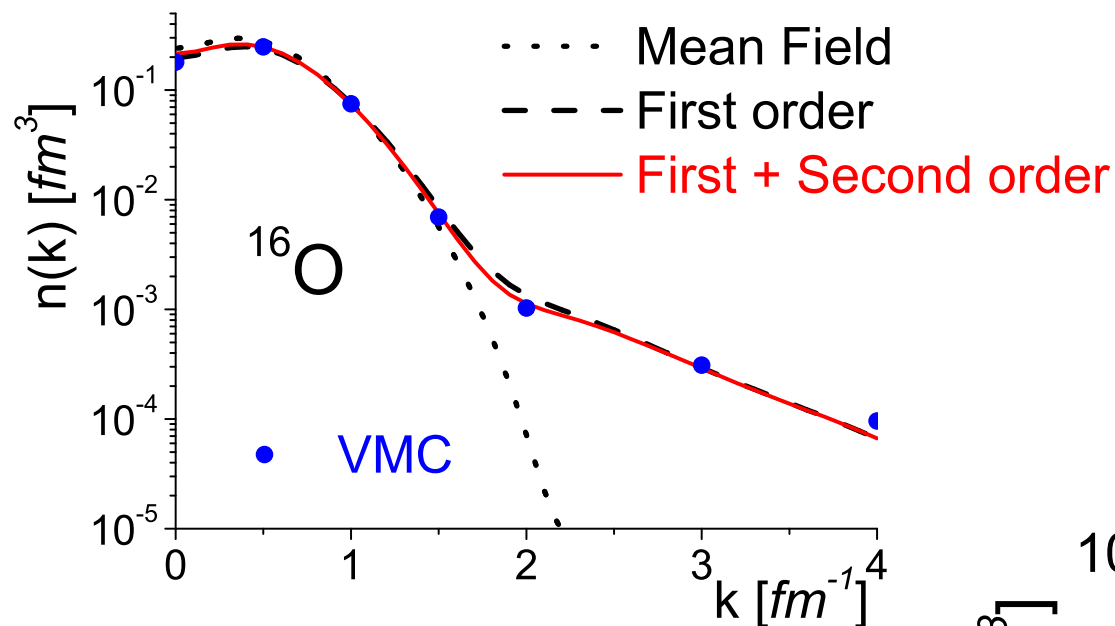
## Additional Slides

# One-Body Momentum Distributions

$$n(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}'_1 e^{i\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}'_1)} \rho^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}'_1)$$

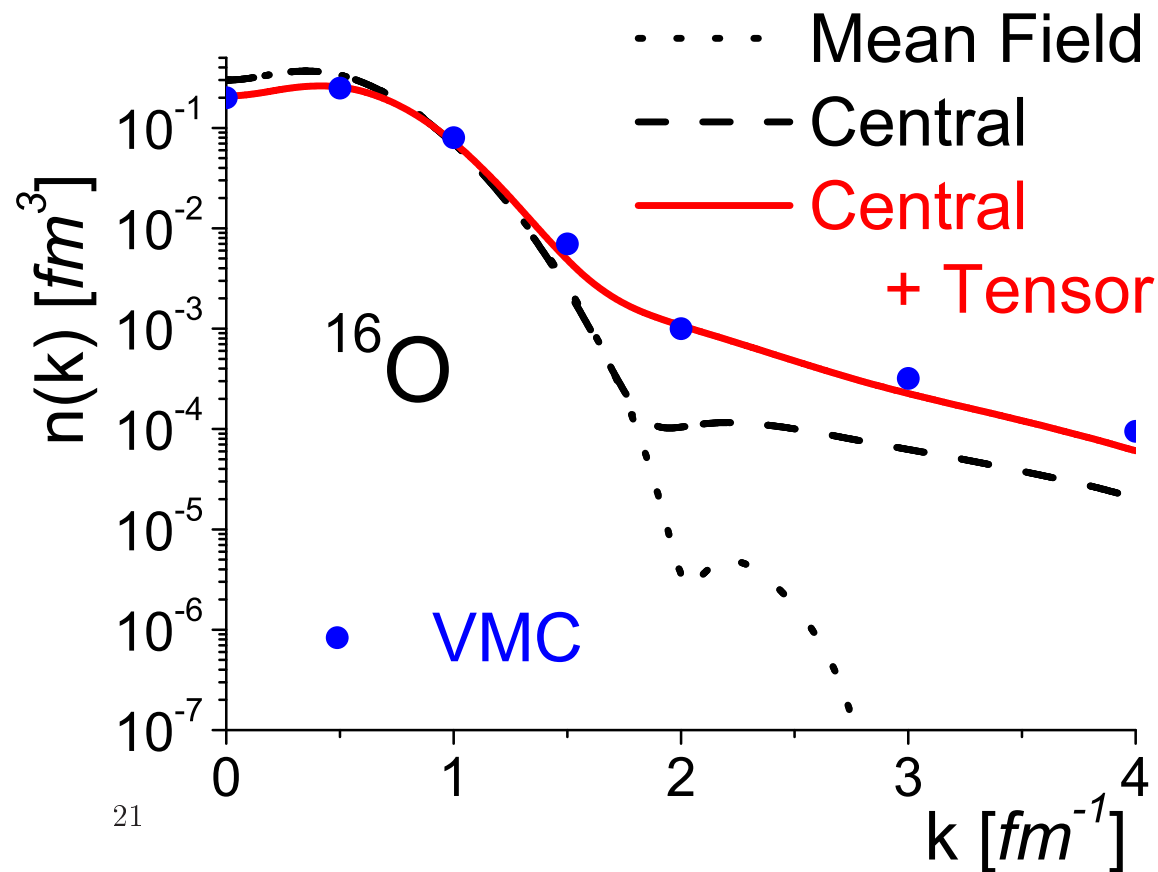


and



← cluster expansion

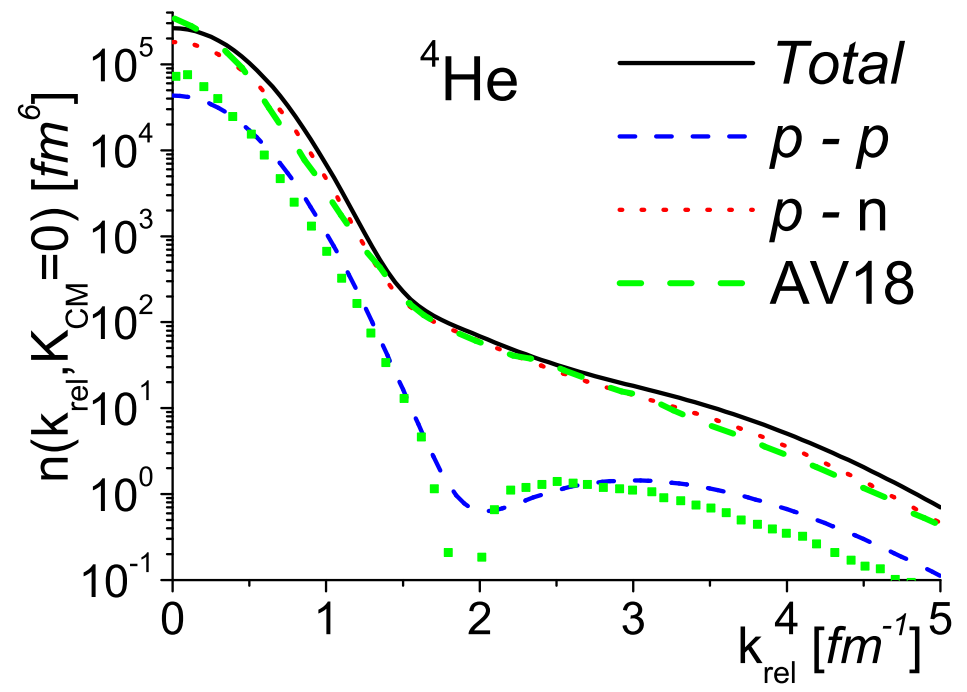
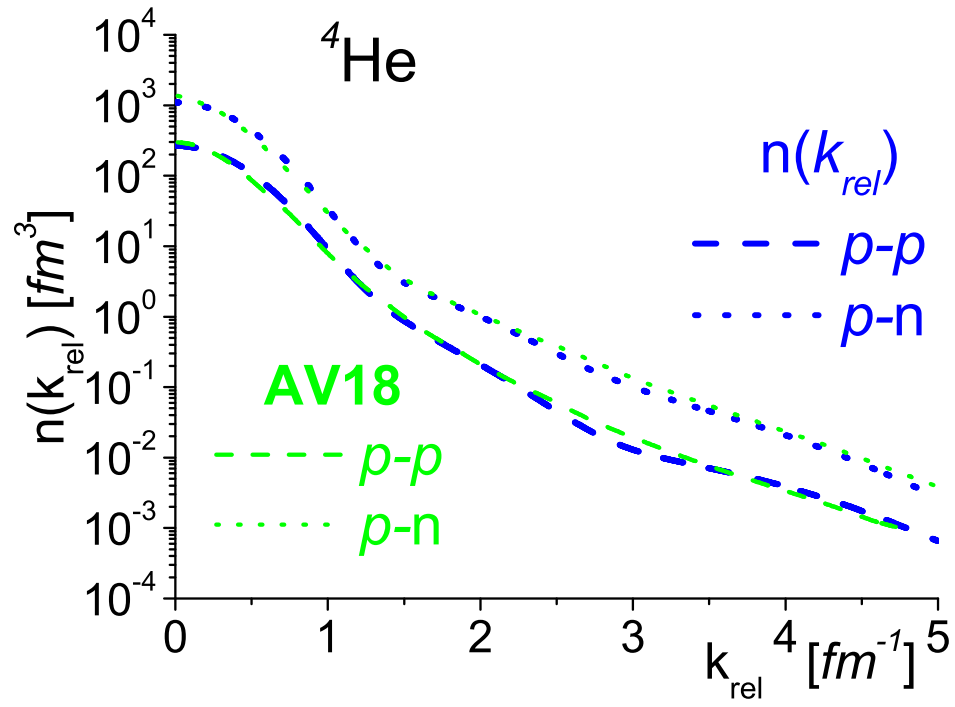
$k > 1.5 fm^{-1}$ : →



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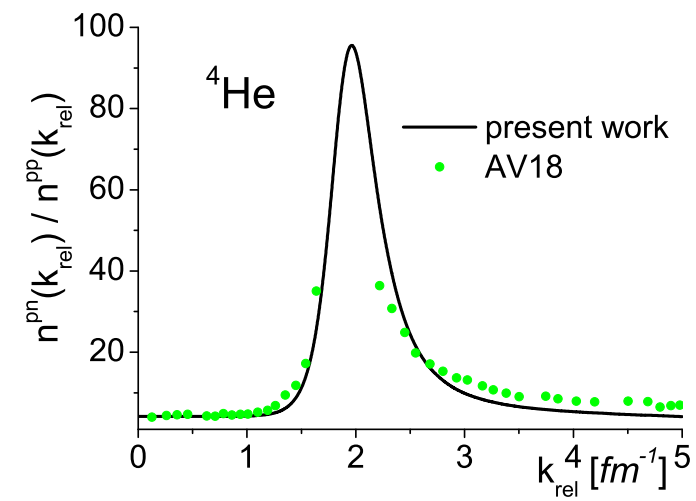
$$n_{pN}(k_{rel}) = \int d\mathbf{K}_{CM} n_{pN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM})$$

$$n_{NN}(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM} = 0)$$



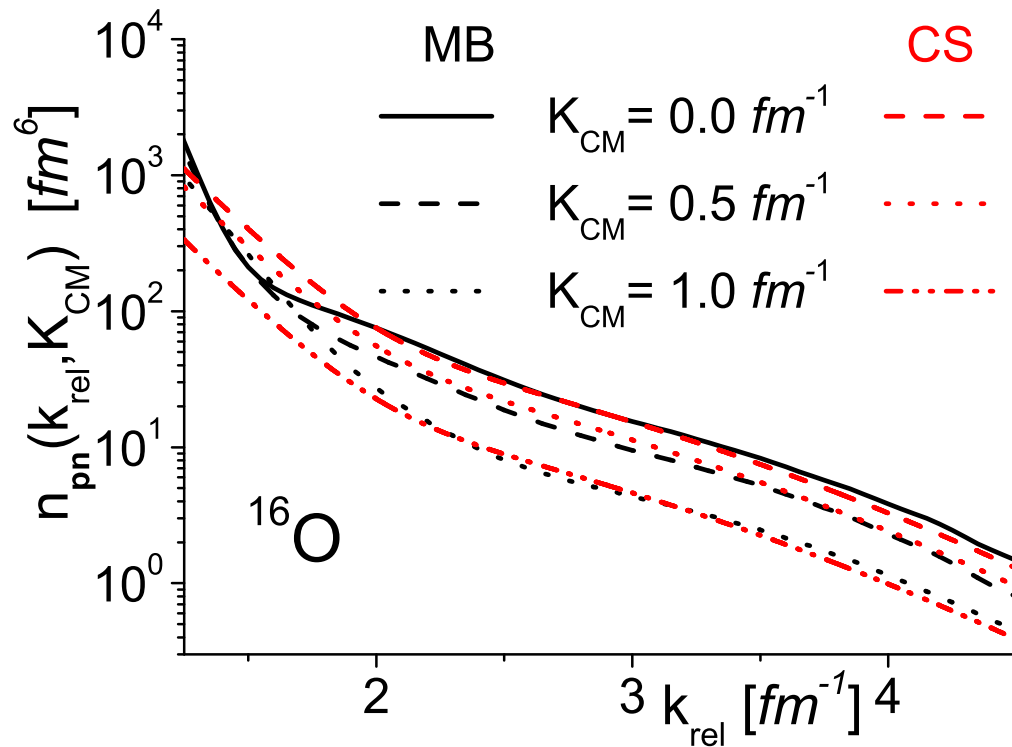
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# Spectral Function properties at low $K_{CM}$ and high $k_{rel}$

$$P_1^A(|\mathbf{k}|, E) = \int d\mathbf{P}_{cm} n_{rel}^A(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{P}_{cm}/2|) n_{cm}^A(|\mathbf{P}_{cm}|) \cdot \delta \left[ E - E_{thr}^{(2)} - \frac{(A-2)}{2M(A-1)} \cdot \left( \mathbf{k} - \frac{(A-1)\mathbf{P}_{cm}}{(A-2)} \right)^2 \right]$$

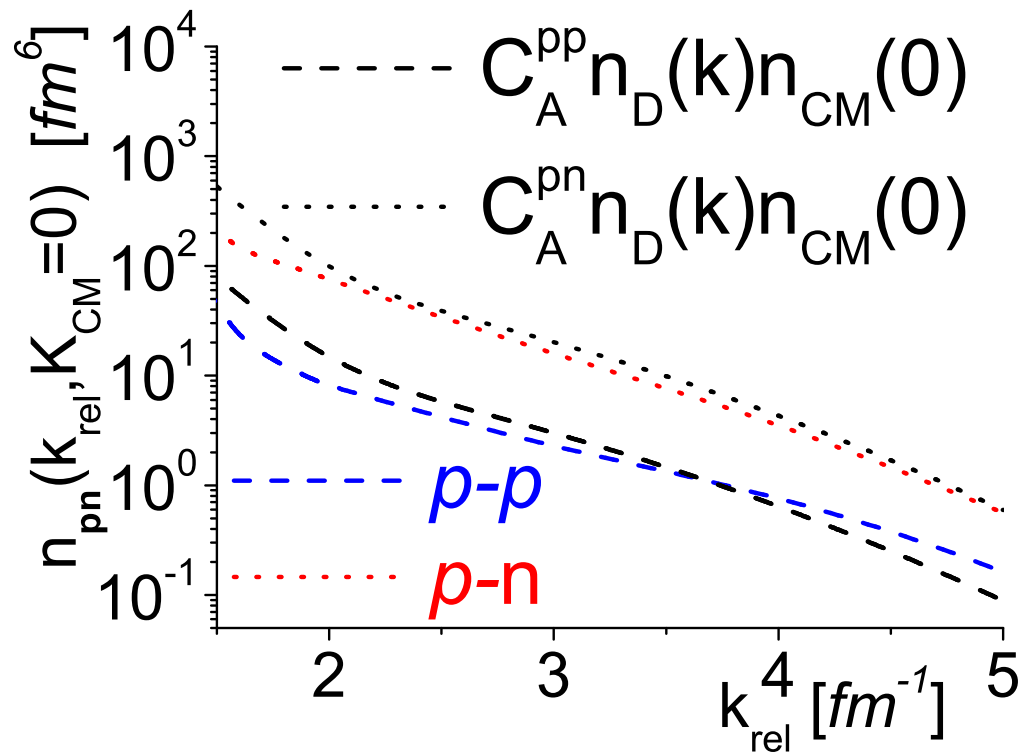


MB:  $n(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM})$

CS: Ciofi, Simula  
PRC53, (1996)  
 $C_A n_{2H}(k_{rel}) n_{CS}(K_{CM})$

# Spectral Function properties at $K_{CM} = 0$ and high $k_{rel}$

$$P_1^A(|\mathbf{k}|, E) = \int d\mathbf{P}_{cm} n_{rel}^A(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{P}_{cm}/2|) n_{cm}^A(|\mathbf{P}_{cm}|) \cdot \delta \left[ E - E_{thr}^{(2)} - \frac{(A-2)}{2M(A-1)} \cdot \left( \mathbf{k} - \frac{(A-1)\mathbf{P}_{cm}}{(A-2)} \right)^2 \right]$$



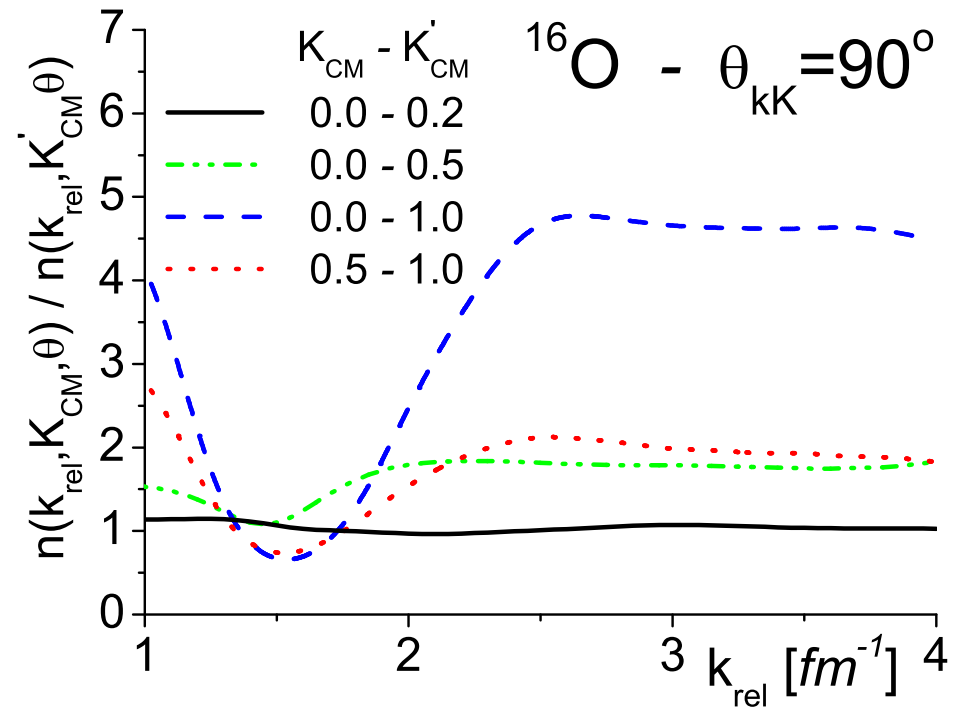
*pp* and *pn*: MB  $n(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, 0)$

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$C_A n_{2H}(k_{rel}) n_{CM}(0)$



- $n(\mathbf{k}_{rel}, \mathbf{K}_{CM})$  factorization in the Two-Nucleon correlation model Spectral Function requires  $n(k_{rel}, K_{CM}, \theta) \propto n(k_{rel}, K'_{CM}, \theta)$



- high  $k_{rel}$  and low  $K_{CM}$  factorization verified by many-body calculation