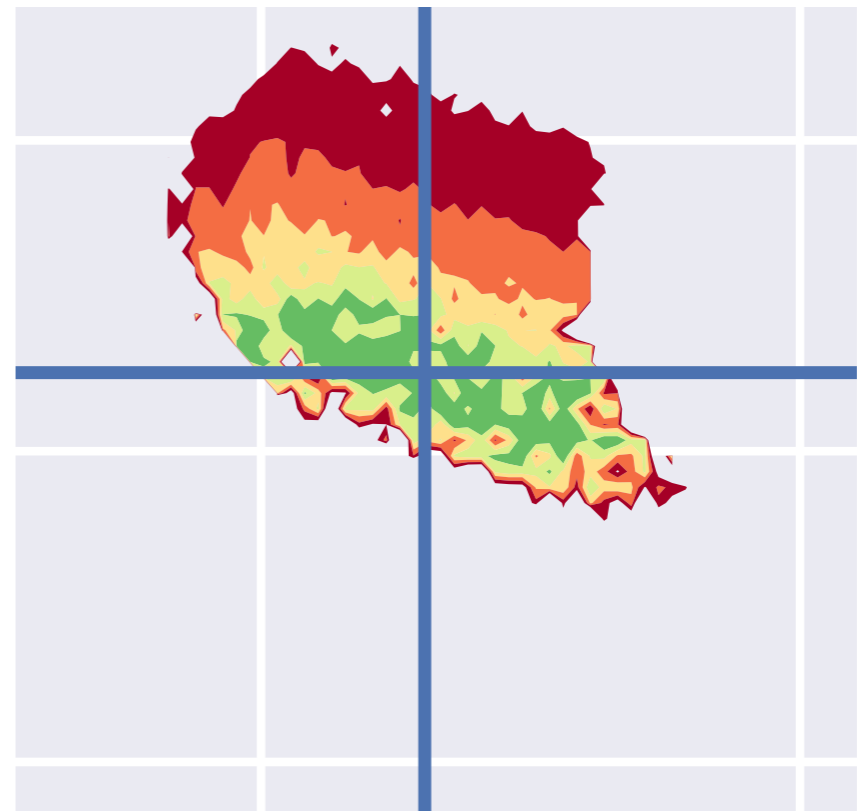


Bayesian methods for uncertainty quantification with (complex) nuclear-physics models

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Based on...

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Setting up for this talk

1. The **nucleus is a complex many-body system**. Exact quantitative nuclear models do not exist.
2. While all **models are wrong**, models that know when and how they are wrong are useful. (after G. Box)
3. **Bayesian methods** are particularly useful for assessing uncertainties in nuclear physics. *Ab initio* models have an **inferential advantage**.
 - M. Schindler and D. Phillips [Ann. Phys. 324 (2009) 682]
 - S. Wesolowski, R. Furnstahl, D. Phillips, J. Melendez, C. Drischler and the Bugeye collaboration
 - A. Ekström, cf, I. Svensson, W. Jiang
 - and many others [see, e.g., M. Piarulli, E. Epelbaum, cf (2023) Editorial: Uncertainty quantification in nuclear physics. Front. Phys. 11:1270577]
 - Lecture notes: <https://cforssen.gitlab.io/learningfromdata/>
4. **Multidisciplinary efforts** are being pursued for tackling problems involving complex computer models.
 - See, e.g., the ISNET series [<https://isnet-series.github.io/>]

Efforts at several *ab initio* frontiers

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Emulators and Bayesian methods for many-body modelling and predictions

Letter

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Bayesian inference of χ EFT interactions

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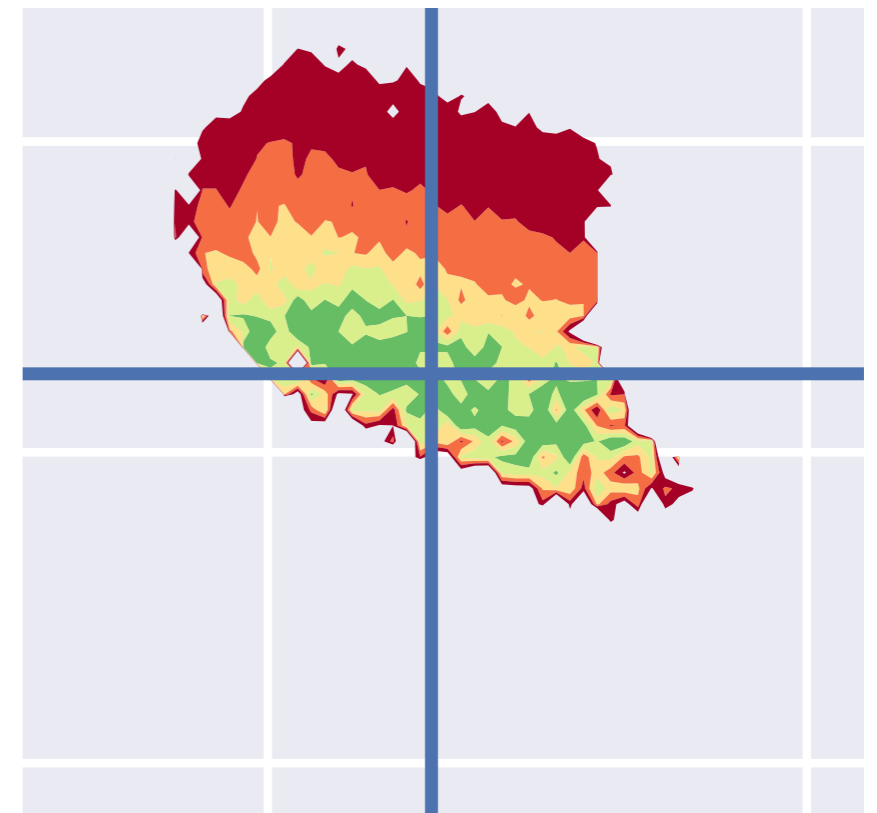
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Perturbative computations of neutron-proton scattering observables using renormalization-group invariant chiral effective field theory up to N^3 LO

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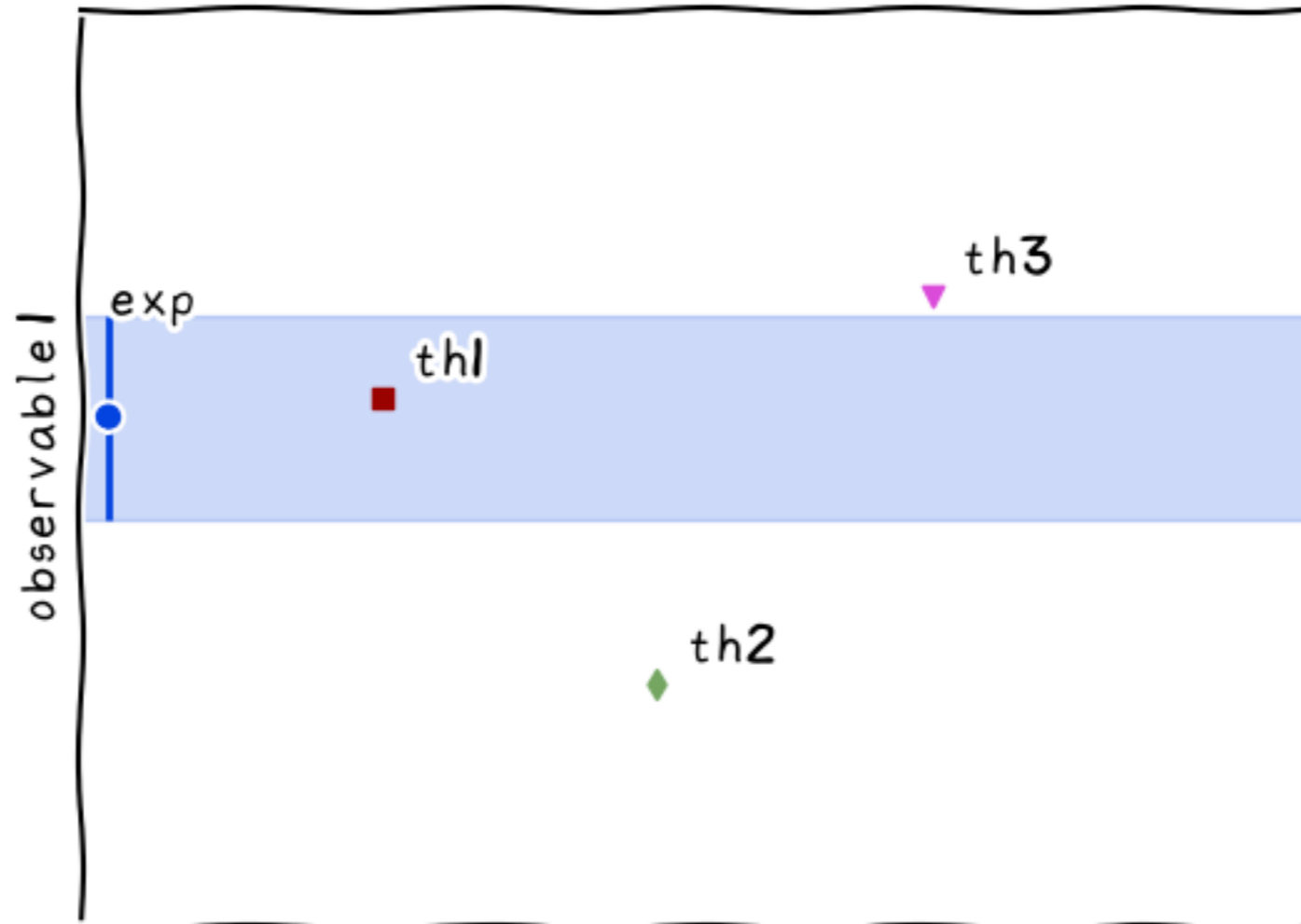
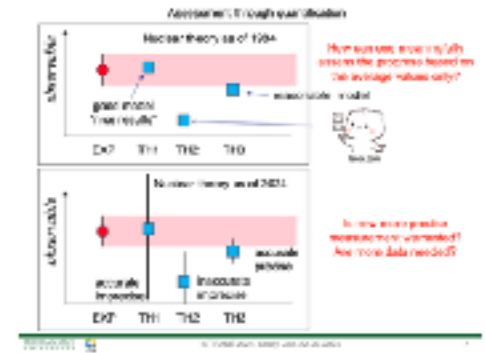


Convergence and RG invariance of χ EFT



Precision nuclear theory

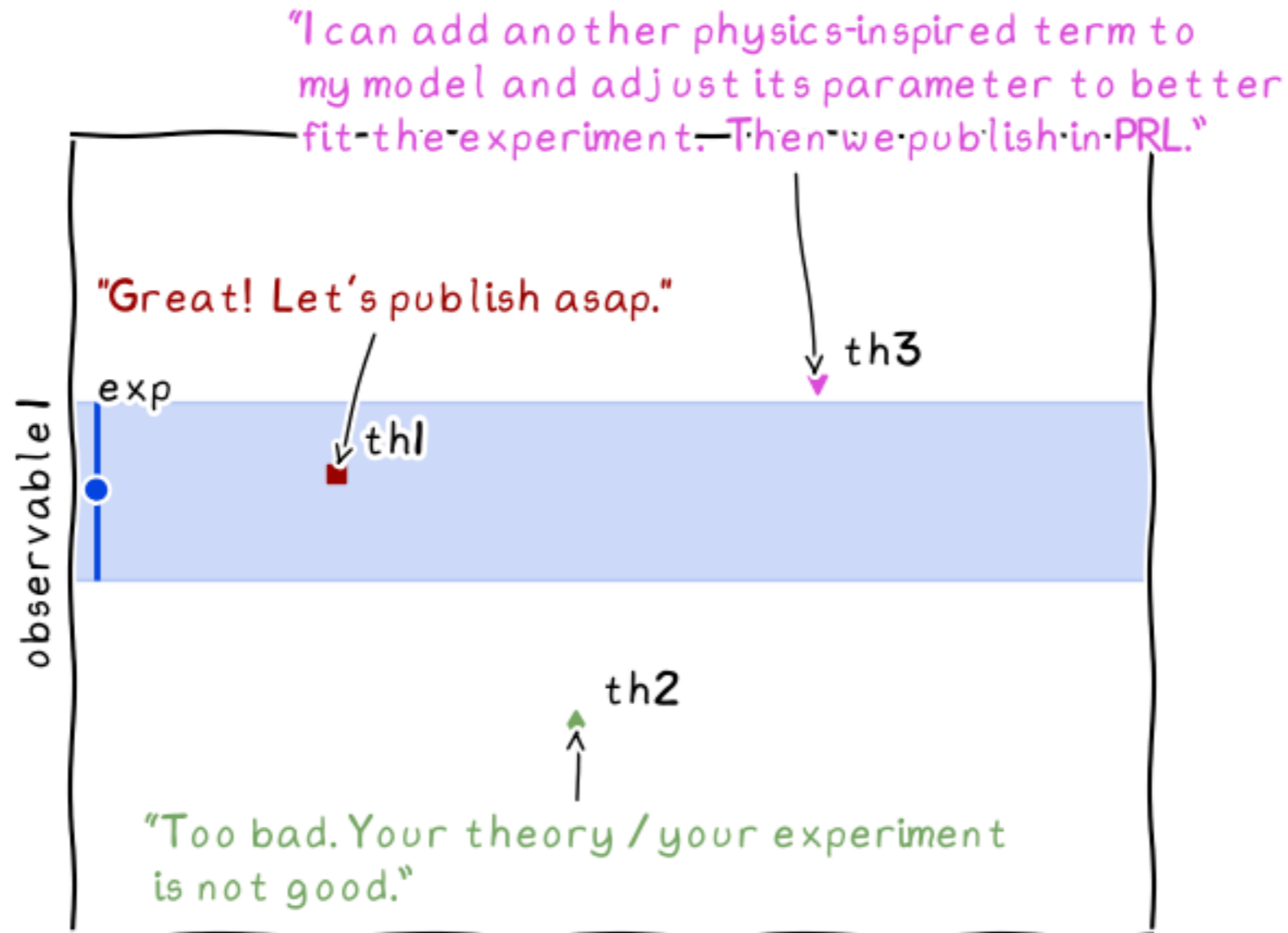
Data and models



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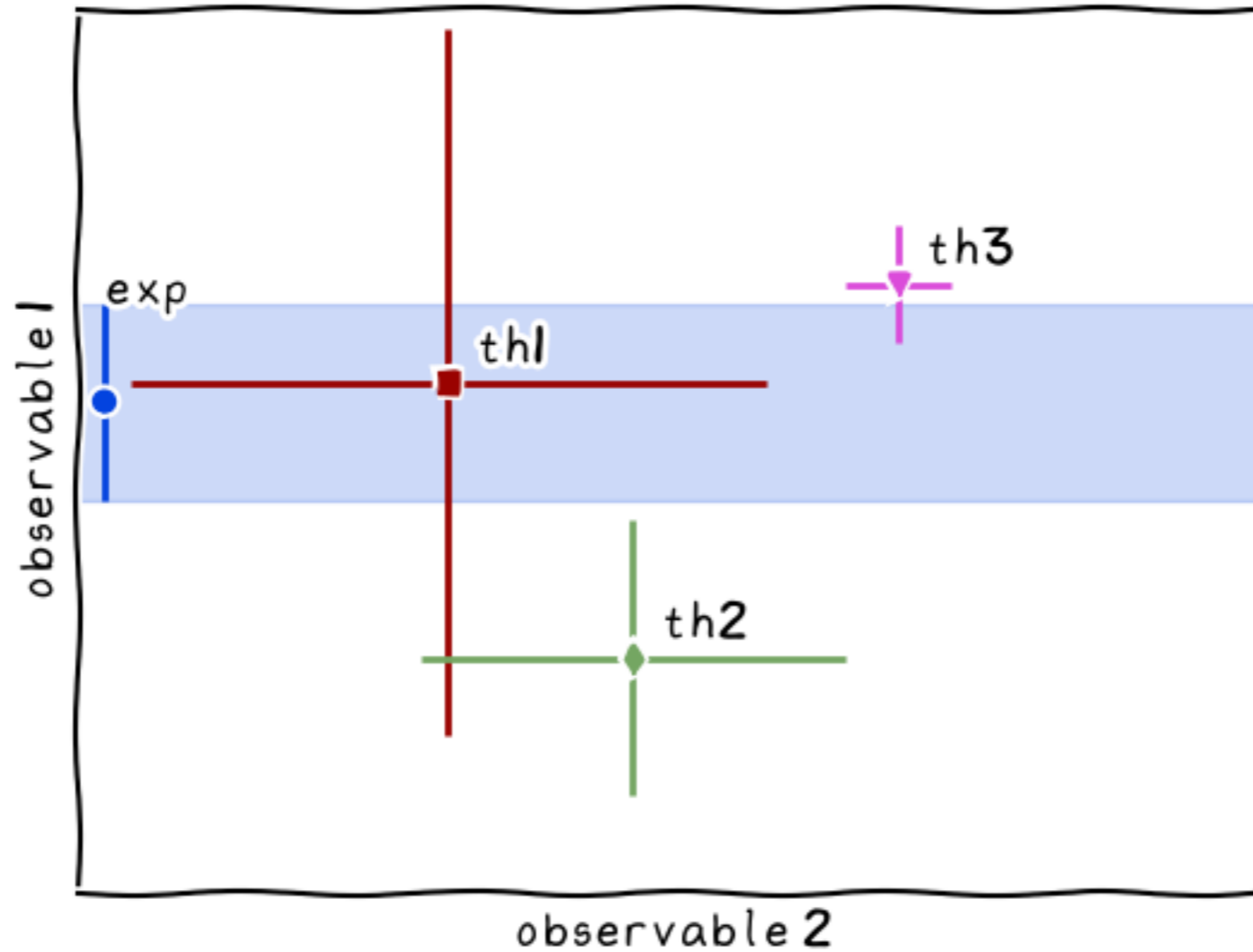
Credit W. Nazarewicz,
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More than one observable



$$y_{\text{exp}} + \delta y_{\text{exp}} = y_{\text{th}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

Assessment through UQ

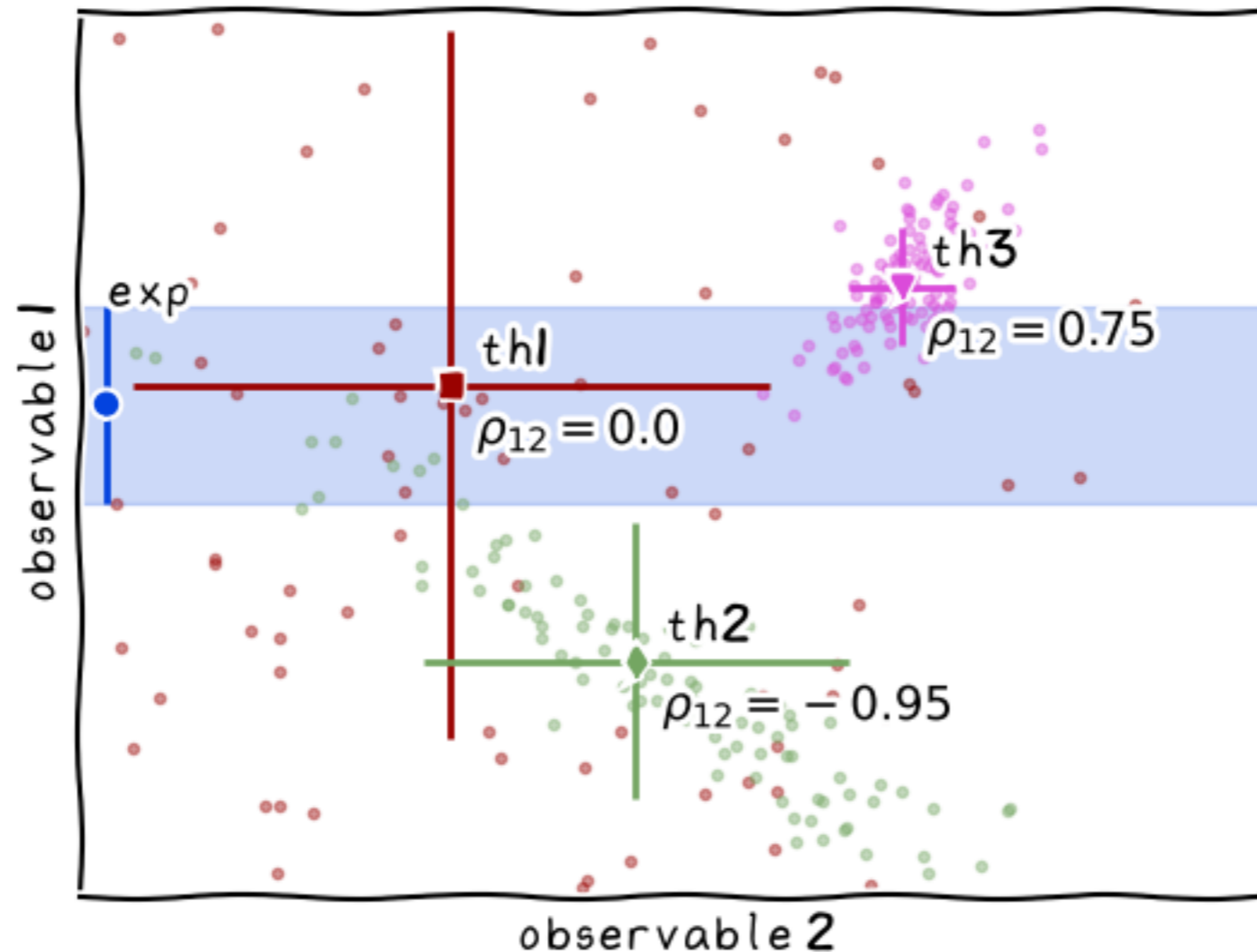


$$y_{\text{exp}} + \delta y_{\text{exp}} = y_{\text{th}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \delta y_{\text{th}}$$

This is now a **statistical model**

Correlated errors are important

- ▶ Theory 1 seems accurate, but very imprecise.
- ▶ Theory 2 is in mild tension with the experiment for observable 1, and in strong tension with theory 3.



$$\text{pr}(\delta y_1, \delta y_2) \neq \text{pr}(\delta y_1)\text{pr}(\delta y_2) \quad \text{if } \rho_{12} \neq 0$$

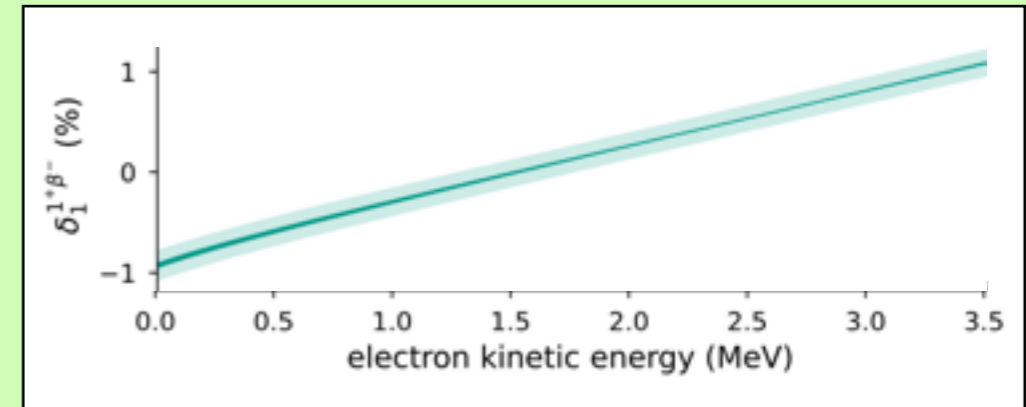
Many relevant errors in ab initio modelling are correlated

Physics predictions with (complex) precision models

Searches for **BSM physics** via high-precision beta decay

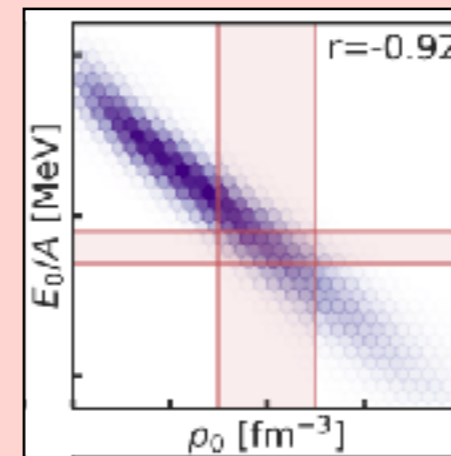
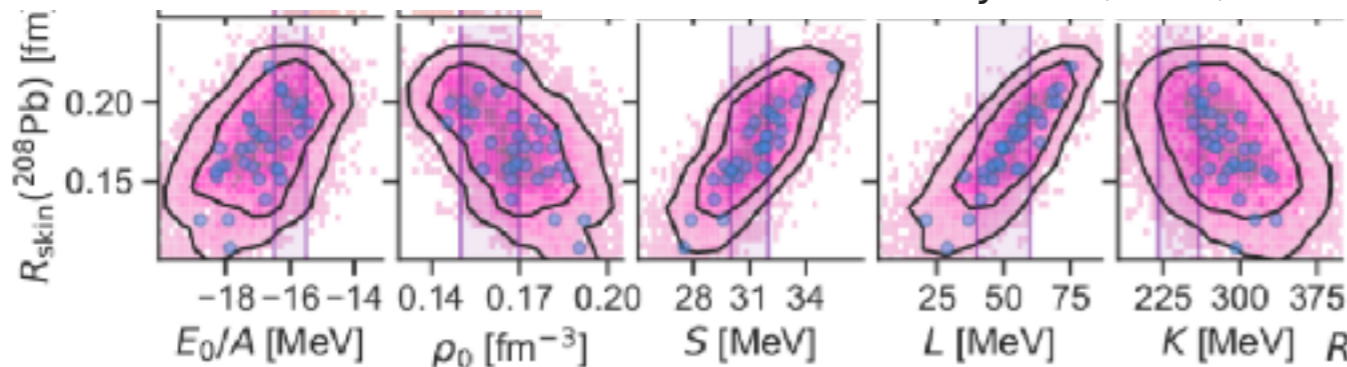
$$\frac{d\omega^{1+\beta^-}}{dE \frac{d\Omega_k}{4\pi} \frac{d\Omega_\nu}{4\pi}} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} (E_0 - E)^2 k E F^-(Z_f, E) C_{\text{corr}} \left| \langle \hat{L}_1^A \rangle \right|^2 \times 3 \left(1 + \delta_1^{1+\beta^-} \right) \left[1 + a_{\beta\nu}^{1+\beta^-} \vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{\nu} + b_F^{1+\beta^-} \frac{m_e}{E} \right],$$

A. Glick-Magid et al., PLB 832 (2022) 137259



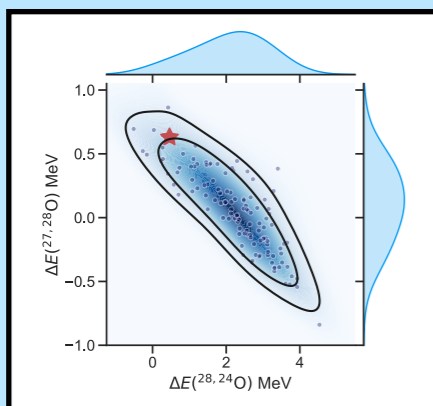
Extreme nuclear matter modelling

B. Hu et al., Nature Phys, 18 (2022) 1196,



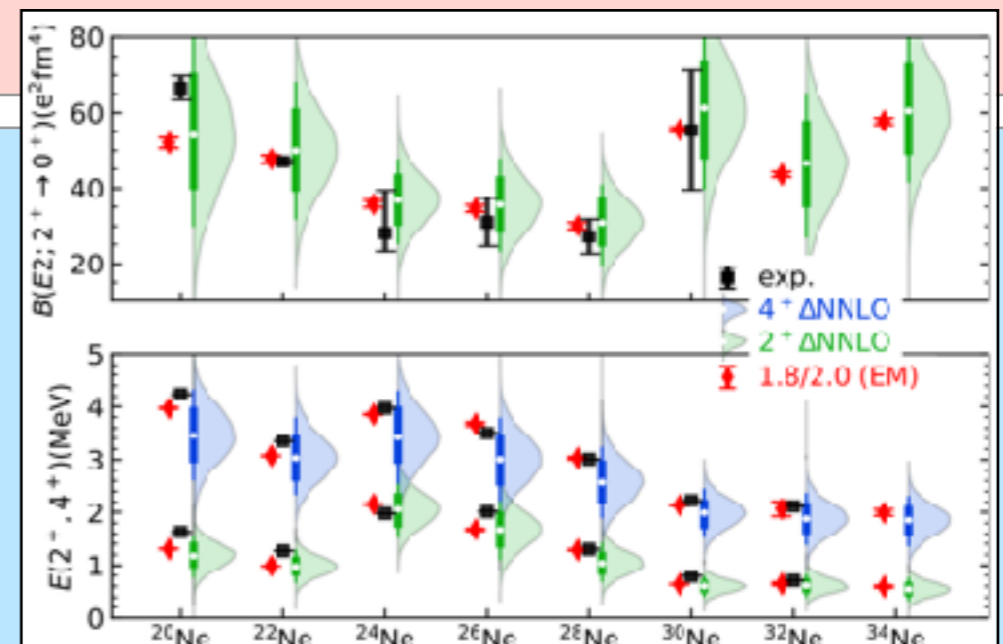
W. Jiang et al., PRC 109 (2024) L061302

Predictive modelling of **rare isotopes**



Z. Sun et al.,
arXiv 2404.00058

Y. Kondo et al., Nature 620, (2023), 965



Learning from data via Bayes

▶ Model calibration via **Bayes' theorem**

$$\text{pr}(\boldsymbol{\alpha} \mid \mathcal{D}, I) = \frac{\text{pr}(\mathcal{D} \mid \boldsymbol{\alpha}, I) \text{pr}(\boldsymbol{\alpha} \mid I)}{\text{pr}(\mathcal{D} \mid I)}$$

Marginal likelihood

- ▶ The **prior** encodes our knowledge about parameter values before analyzing the data
- ▶ The **likelihood** is the probability of observing the data given a set of parameters
- ▶ The **marginal likelihood** (or model evidence) provides normalization of the posterior.
- ▶ The **posterior** is the inferred probability density for the parameters.

▶ Statistical modeling (for *ab initio* methods)

$$y_{\text{exp}} = \tilde{y}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \delta y_{\text{EFT}} + \delta y_{\text{method}} + \delta \tilde{y}_{\text{em}} + \delta y_{\text{exp}}$$

- ▶ **Likelihood-free** approaches; avoiding full probabilistic modeling.
- ▶ Handling of **correlated errors**; effective data sets and more realistic error quantification.
- ▶ **Strategic choices** of heavy computations; synergies in emulator training.

Bayesian predictive distributions

- ▶ Predictions for “future” data, modeled with $y(\alpha)$, are described by the **posterior predictive distribution** (ppd)

$$\{y(\alpha) : \alpha \sim \text{pr}(\alpha | \mathcal{D}, I)\}$$

- ▶ We will also introduce **full ppd**:s $\{y(\alpha) + \delta y : \alpha \sim \text{pr}(\alpha | \mathcal{D}, I), \delta y \sim \text{pr}(\delta y)\}$

- ▶ Prior checking with “historic” (known) data, are described by the **prior predictive distribution** (important part of model building)

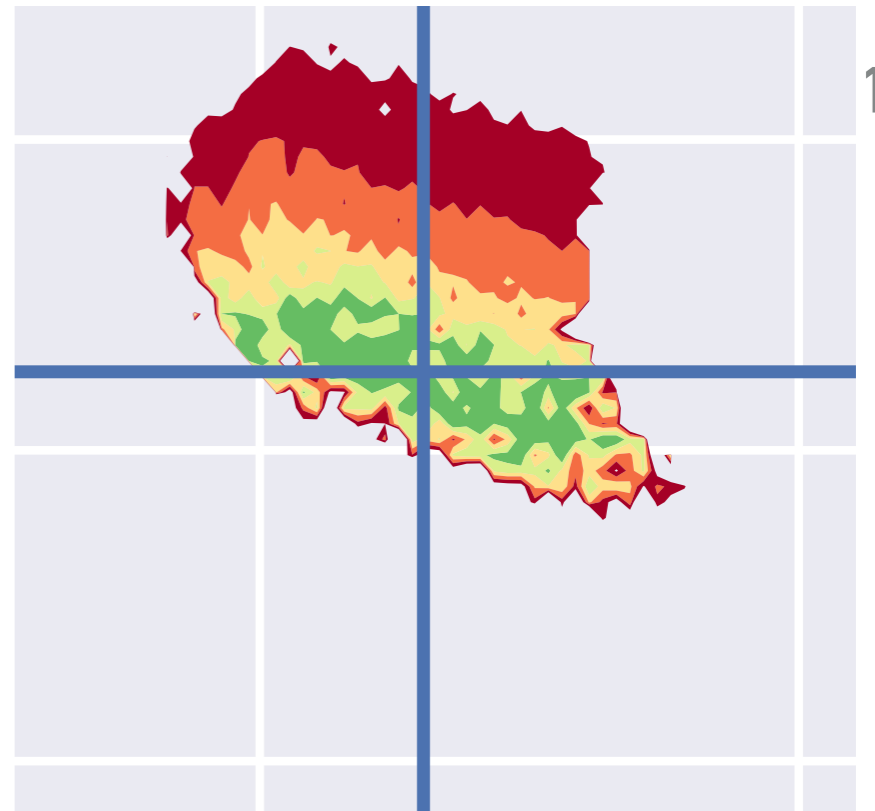
$$\{y(\alpha) : \alpha \sim \text{pr}(\alpha | I)\}$$

- ▶ Prior samples filtered by non-implausibility = **History matching**

I. Vernon, et al. (Bayesian Analysis, 2010)

I. Vernon, et al. (BMC Systems Biology, 2018)

B. Hu et al. (Nature Phys. 2022); W. Jiang et al. (PRC 2024)



Error modeling

Ab initio modeling of nuclear systems using chiral EFT

$$\hat{H} |\psi_i\rangle = E_i |\psi_i\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}(\alpha) = \hat{T} + \hat{V}(\alpha)$$

parameters inferred from data.

– **parametric uncertainty**

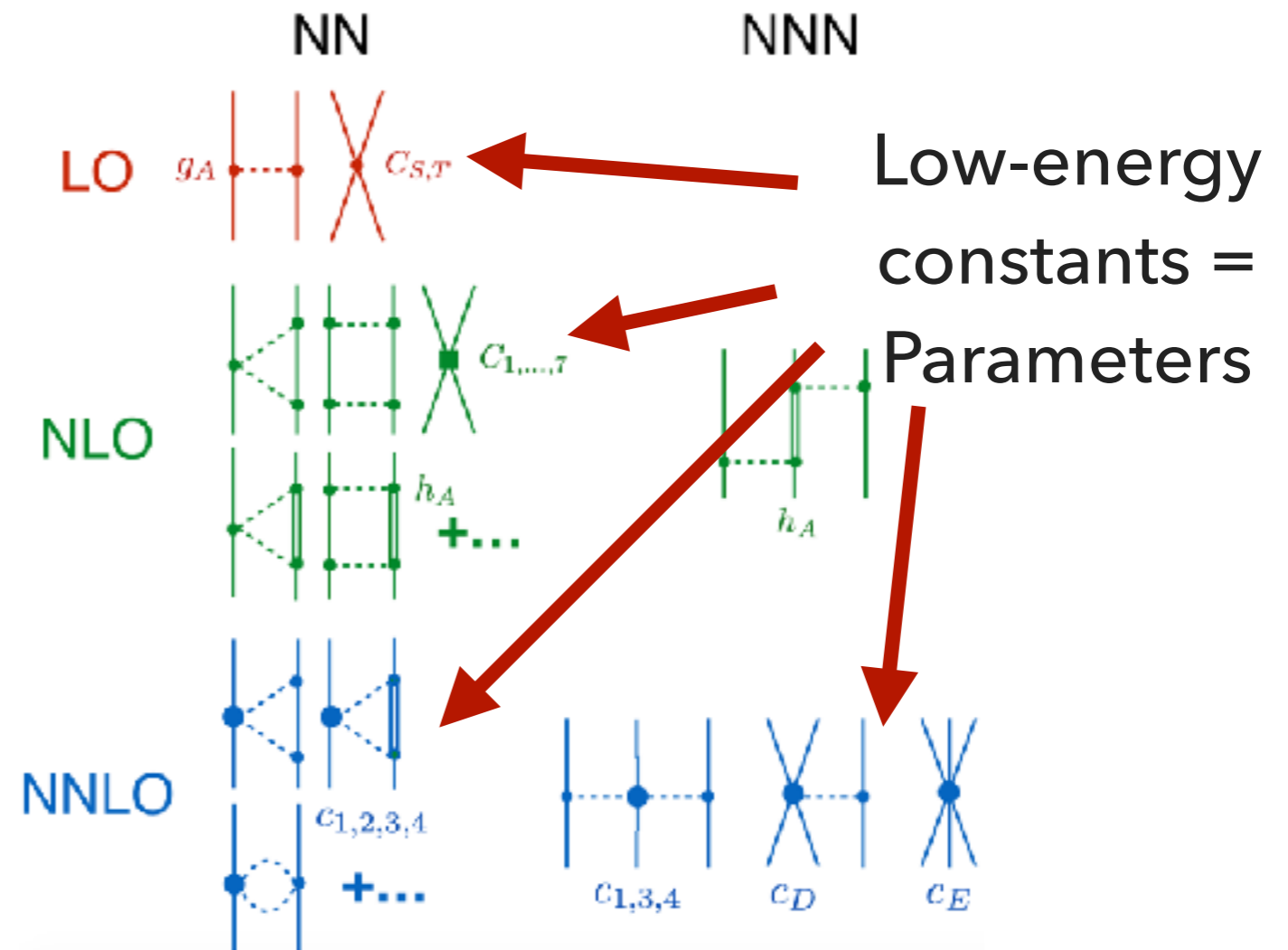
EFT expansion truncated

– **model/truncation error**

many-body solver relies on approximations:

– **many-body error**

χ EFT promises a connection with QCD



Weinberg, van Kolck, Kaiser, Bernard, Meißner, Epelbaum, Machleidt, Entem, ...

H. Krebs et al. (2007); E. Epelbaum et al. (2008)

A. Ekström, et al. (2018); W. Jiang, et al. (2020)

Challenge #1: Getting to know your errors

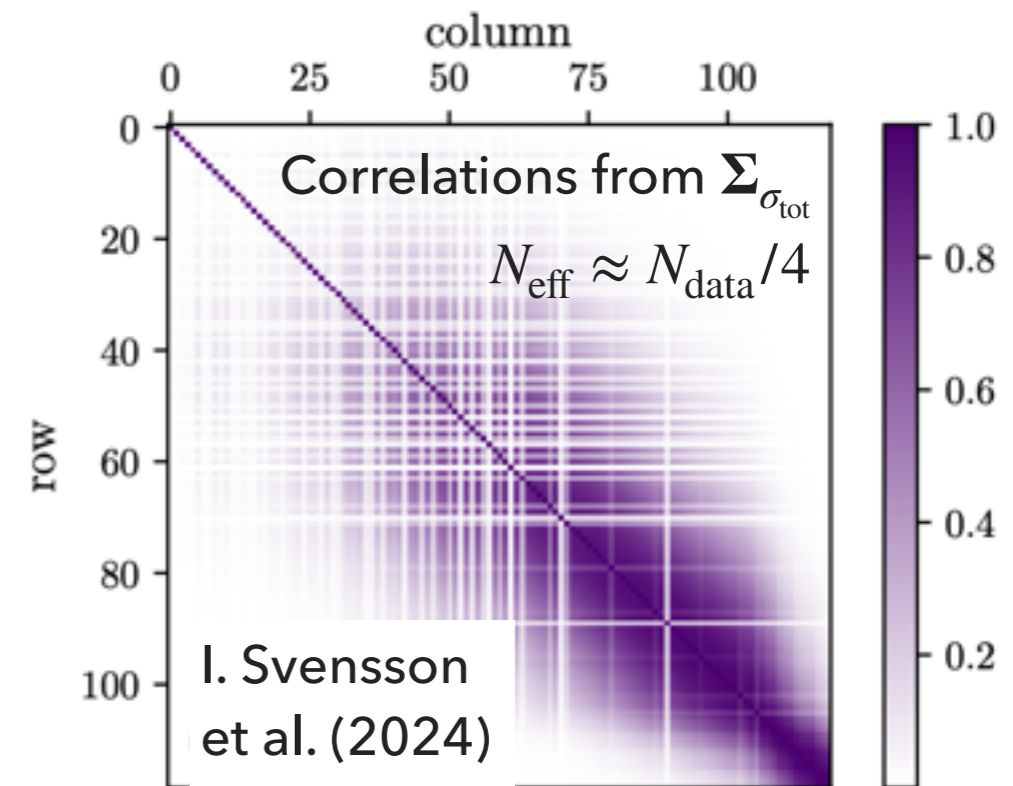
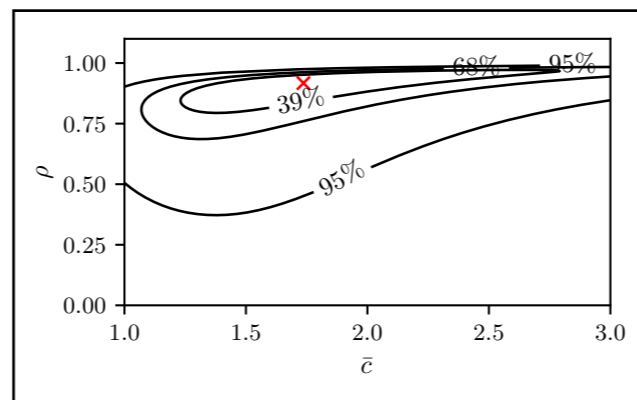
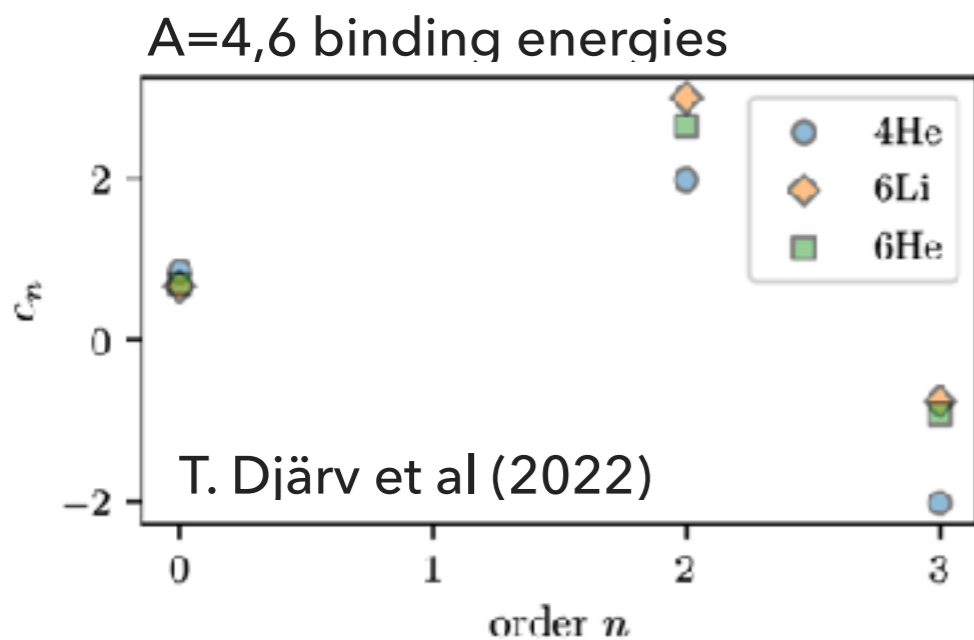
▶ EFT truncation errors

- ▶ **Approach:** study order-by-order results and learn the PDF for expansion coefficients

$$y_k = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=0}^k c_n Q^n, \quad \delta y_k = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} c_n Q^n \quad (\text{see Dick's talk})$$

- ▶ **Challenges:** Cutoff dependence, expansion parameter, irregular convergence, correlation structure for $E(A)$, $r_p(A)$, $\sigma(E, \theta)$, etc

$$\delta y_k(\vec{x}) = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} c_n(\vec{x}) Q^n$$



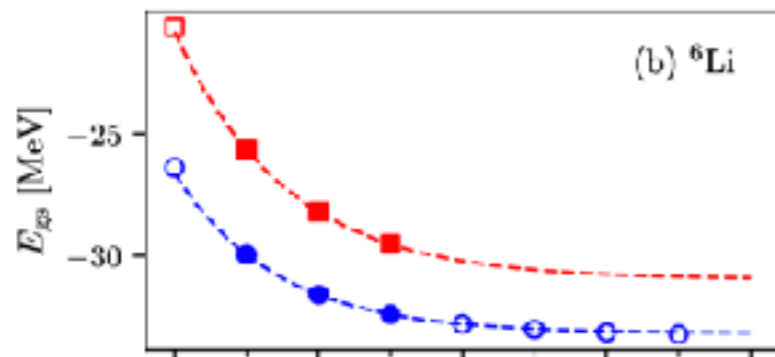
GP modelling for correlated EFT errors in
J. Melendez et al (2019) and C. Drischler et al. (2020)

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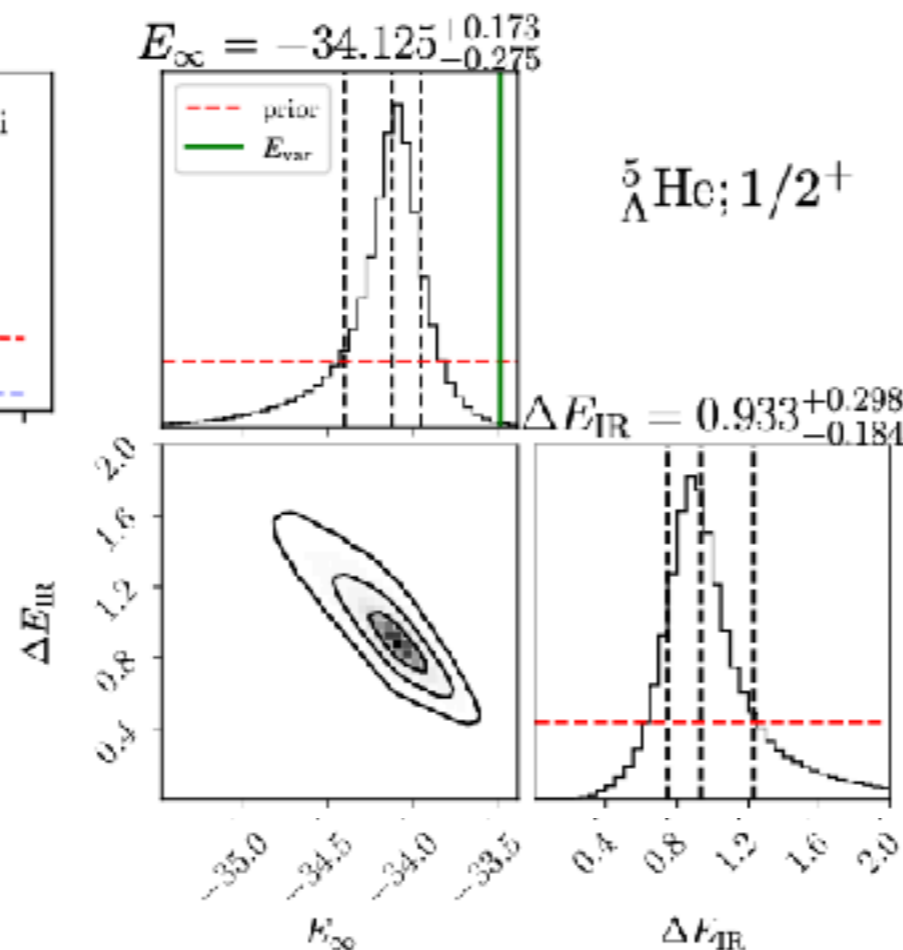
▶ Many-body errors

- ▶ **Approach:** Convergence studies; Method comparisons;
- ▶ **Note:** We can incorporate “uncertain” extrapolation, $\mathbb{E}[\delta y_{\text{MB}}] \neq 0$
- ▶ **Challenges:** Some approximations might be very difficult to relax; Non-variational observables/approaches

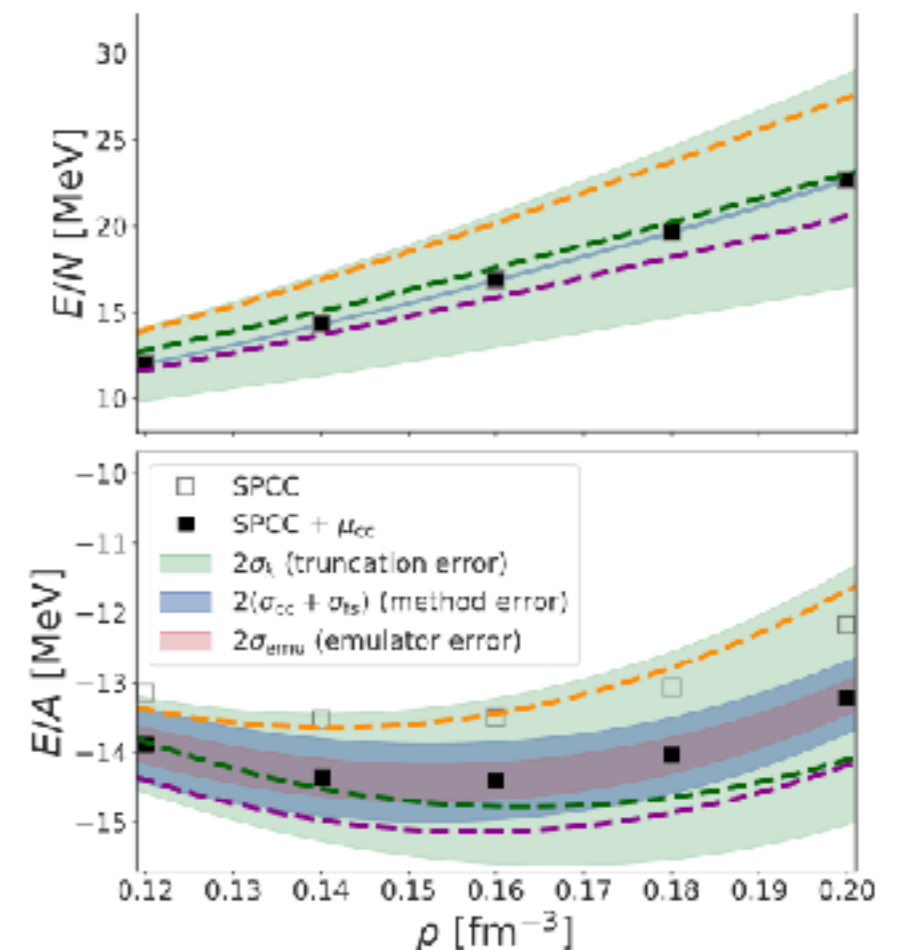
N_{max} extrapolation for NCSM in T. Djärv et al (2022)



Bayesian IR extrapolation for Y-NCSM in D. Gazda et al (2022)



GP modelling for method and model errors in W. Jiang et al (2024)



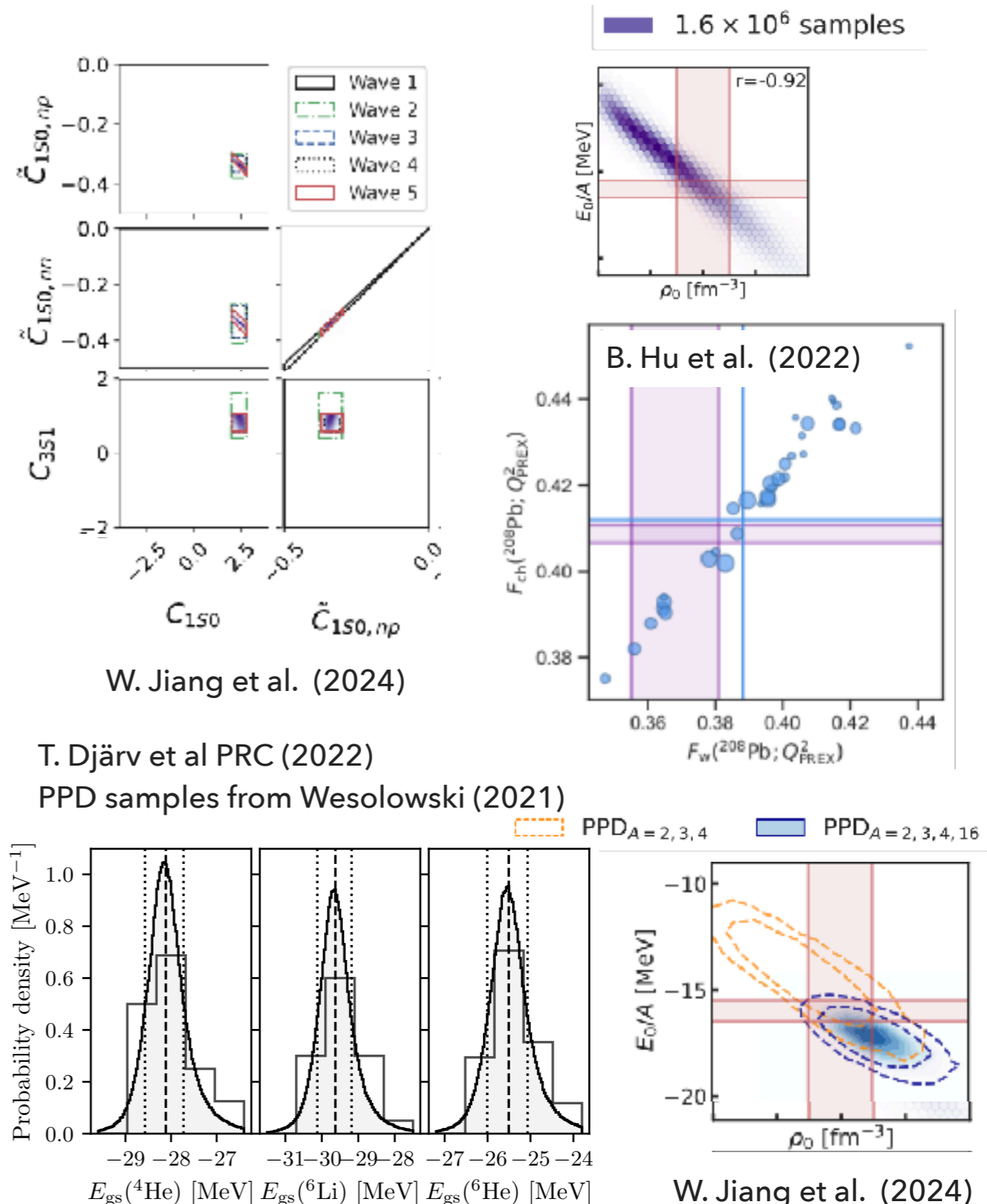
Challenge #2: Parametric uncertainty for high-dim models

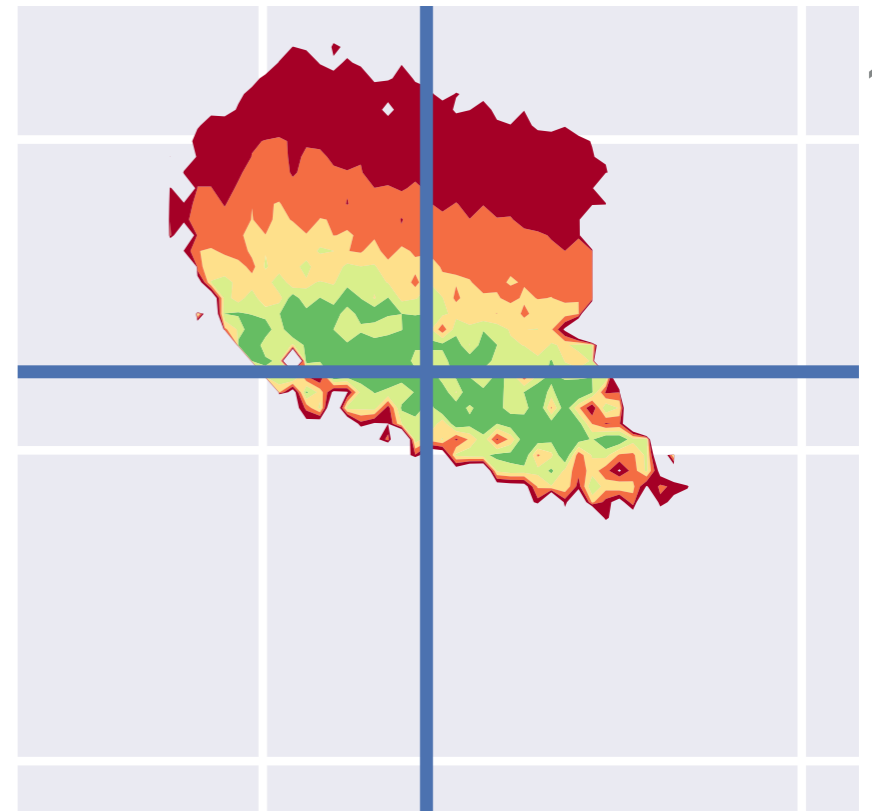
Likelihood-free methods

- History matching allows model exploration without full probabilistic specification (linear Bayes).
- Should also explore Approximate Bayesian Computation, etc.

Posterior sampling

- Univariate distributions can often be mapped with relatively few (<100) samples.
- Make every sample important (HMC renders uncorrelated samples)
- Posterior updates with importance resampling.
- Full sampling enabled with emulators.





Emulators

Emulators

- ▶ An **emulator** mimics the simulator output at a reduced computational cost:

$$y(\alpha) \approx \tilde{y}(\alpha) + \delta\tilde{y}$$

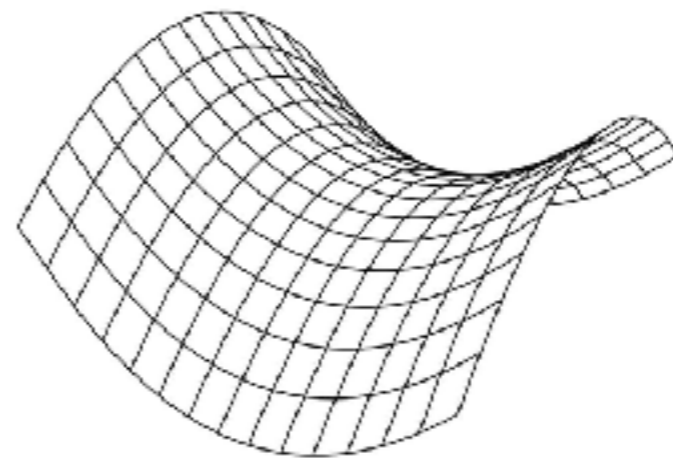
- ▶ A useful emulator is fast and accurate;
- ▶ ... with quantified emulator uncertainty.
- ▶ Emulators can be non-intrusive (data based)
 - ▶ Neural networks, Gaussian processes, etc
- ▶ Or intrusive (model based)
 - ▶ Translating a high-fidelity model to a low-fidelity one
 - ▶ Vast literature on model-order reduction (MOR); see, e.g., Melendez et al. (2203.05528) with many refs.

Eigenvector continuation emulators

$$H(\alpha) = H_0 + \alpha H_1$$

↑
continuous parameter

The key insight is that while an eigenvector resides in a linear space with enormous dimensions, the eigenvector trajectory generated by smooth changes of the Hamiltonian matrix is well approximated by a very low-dimensional manifold.



D. Frame, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **121**, 032501 (2018)

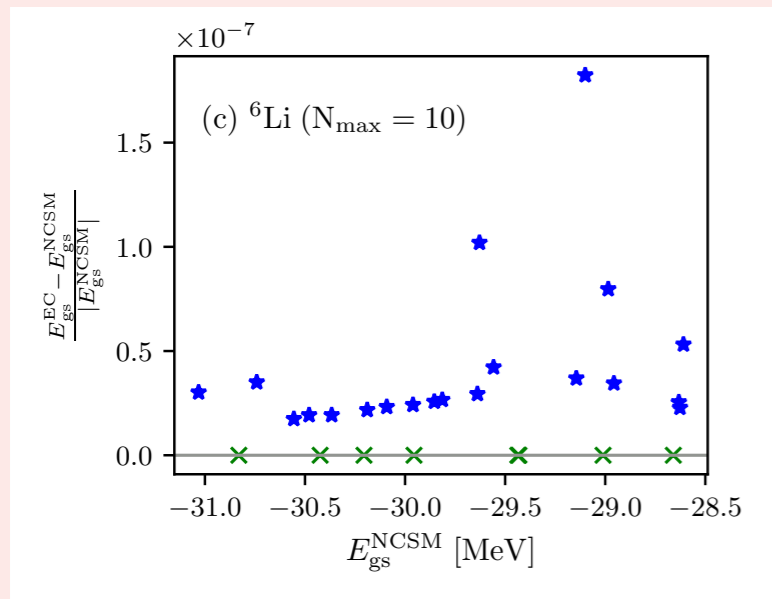
T. Duguet, et al. arXiv:2310.19419.

Emulator precision and speedup

▶ Emulator errors

- **Approach:** Cross-validation, EC offers rapid convergence with N_{sub}
- **Challenges:** Outliers. EC convergence (Sarkar and Lee)

$E(^6\text{Li})$

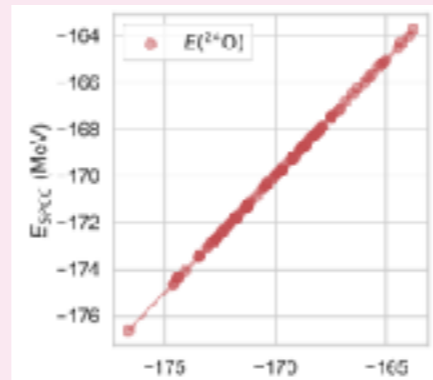


EVC (NCSM M-scheme)

Speedup: 10^7

Djärv et al., (2022)

$E(^{24}\text{O})$

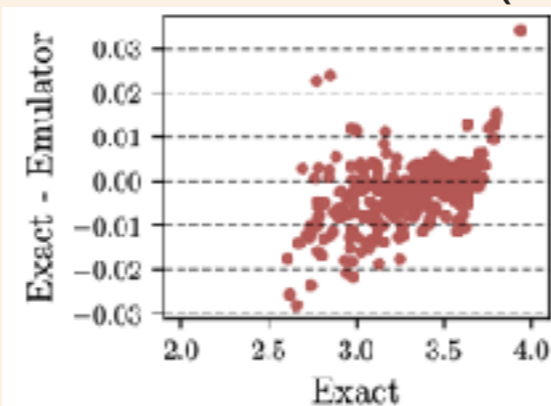


Kondo et al., (2022)

SPCC (CCSDT-3)

Speedup: 10^8

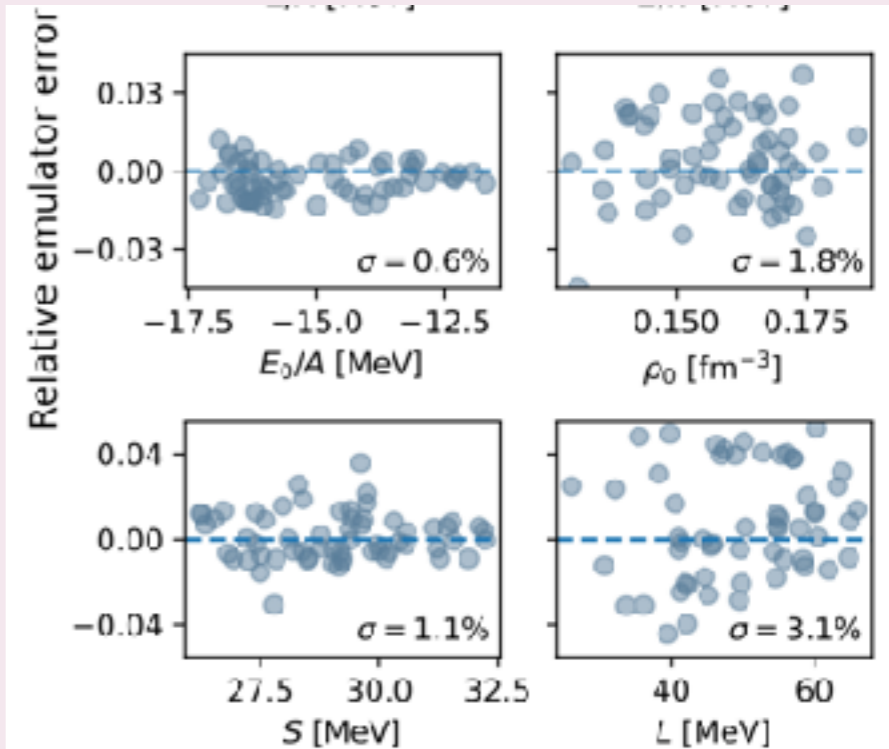
$R_{42}(\text{Ne}, \text{Mg})$



HF

Sun et al., (2024)

Infinite nuclear matter



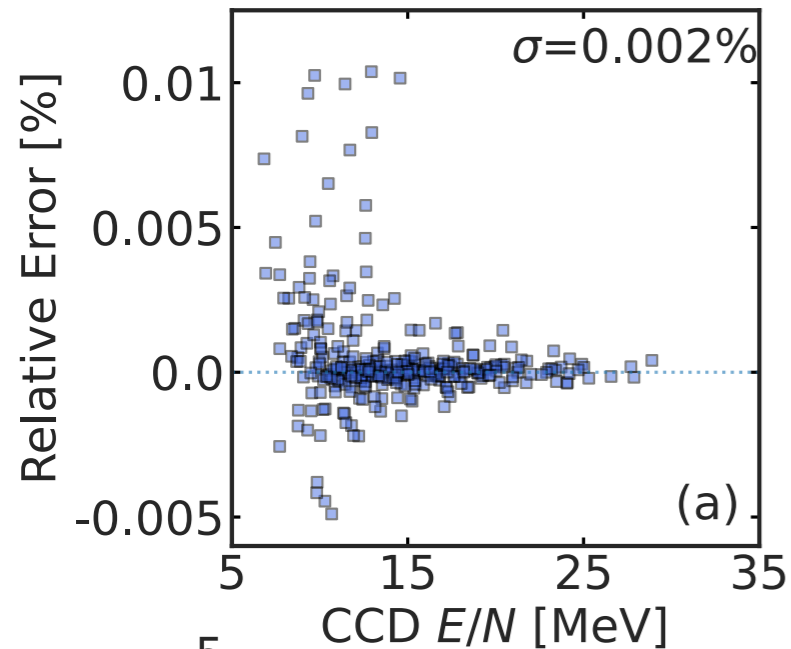
SPCC (CCD k-boxes with $A=66, 132$ at 6 densities)

Speedup: 10^8

Jiang et al., (2024)

Small-batch voting

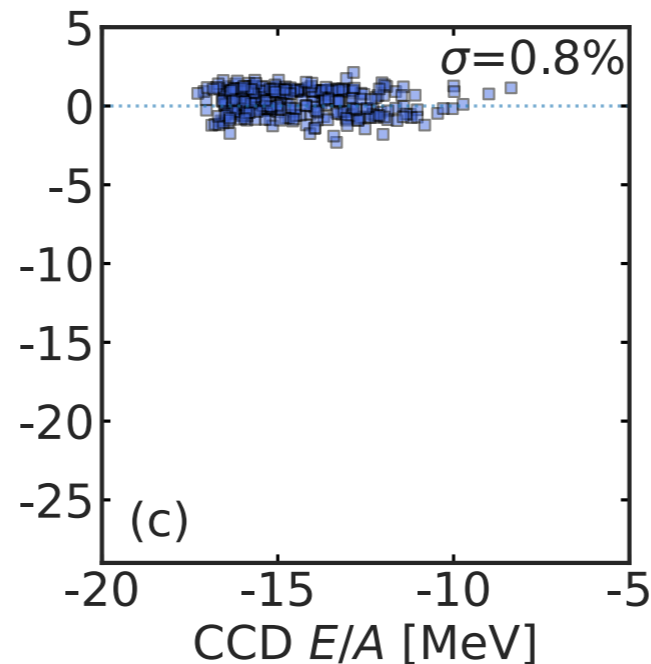
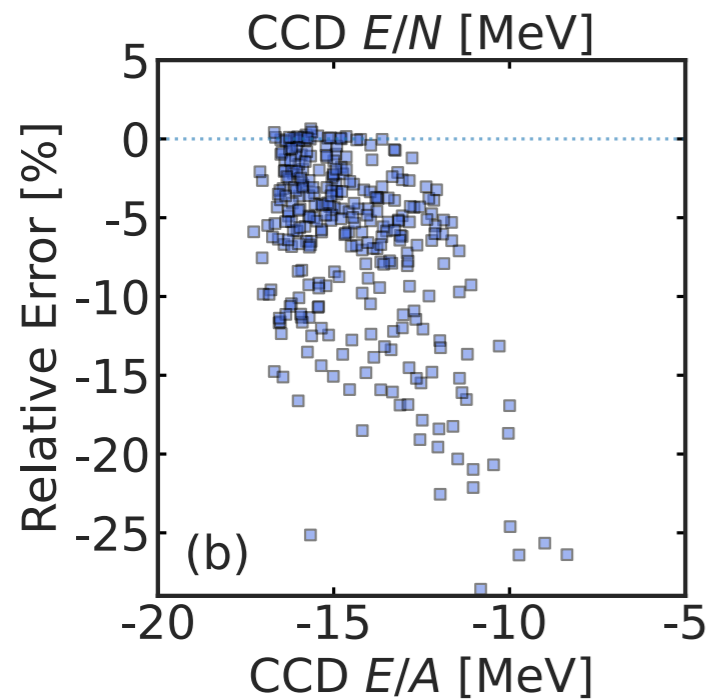
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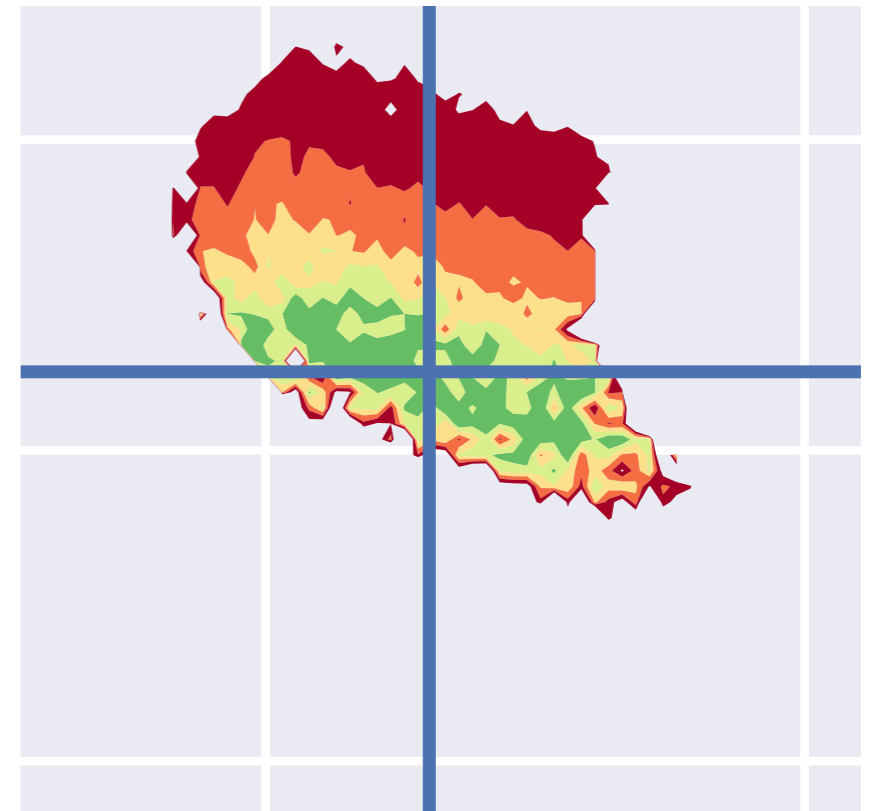
Physical states are stable
w.r.t. subspace variations

$$|\Psi(\alpha_{\odot})\rangle = e^{T(\alpha_{\odot})} |\Phi_0\rangle \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{sub}}} c_i^* |\Psi_i\rangle$$

Create different subspaces from different
batches of training vectors;
Compare the spectra and keep the stable states



SPCC with
small-batch voting



Emergence of nuclear saturation

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Emergence of nuclear saturation within $\Delta - \chi^{\text{EFT}}$

- ▶ χ^{EFT} with explicit Δ isobar.
- ▶ Extensive **error model**
(EFT truncation, method convergence, finite-size errors).
- ▶ **Iterative history-matching** for global parameter search. Study *ab initio* model performance, and provide a large ($>10^6$) number of non-implausible samples.
 - Implausibility criterion involves only $A \leq 4$ observables.
- ▶ Bayesian **posterior predictive** distributions for nuclear matter properties.
 - Importance resampling with two different data sets:
 $\mathcal{D}_{A=2,3,4}$ and $\mathcal{D}_{A=2,3,4,16}$.
- ▶ Relies on sub-space projected coupled cluster (SP-CCD) **emulators** for infinite nuclear matter systems at different densities.

History matching waves

- ▶ np S- and P-wave phase shifts at $T_{\text{lab}}=1, 5, 25, 50, 100, 200$ MeV

[wave 1] & [wave 2] & final

- ▶ ${}^2\text{H}$ (E, R_p^2, Q),

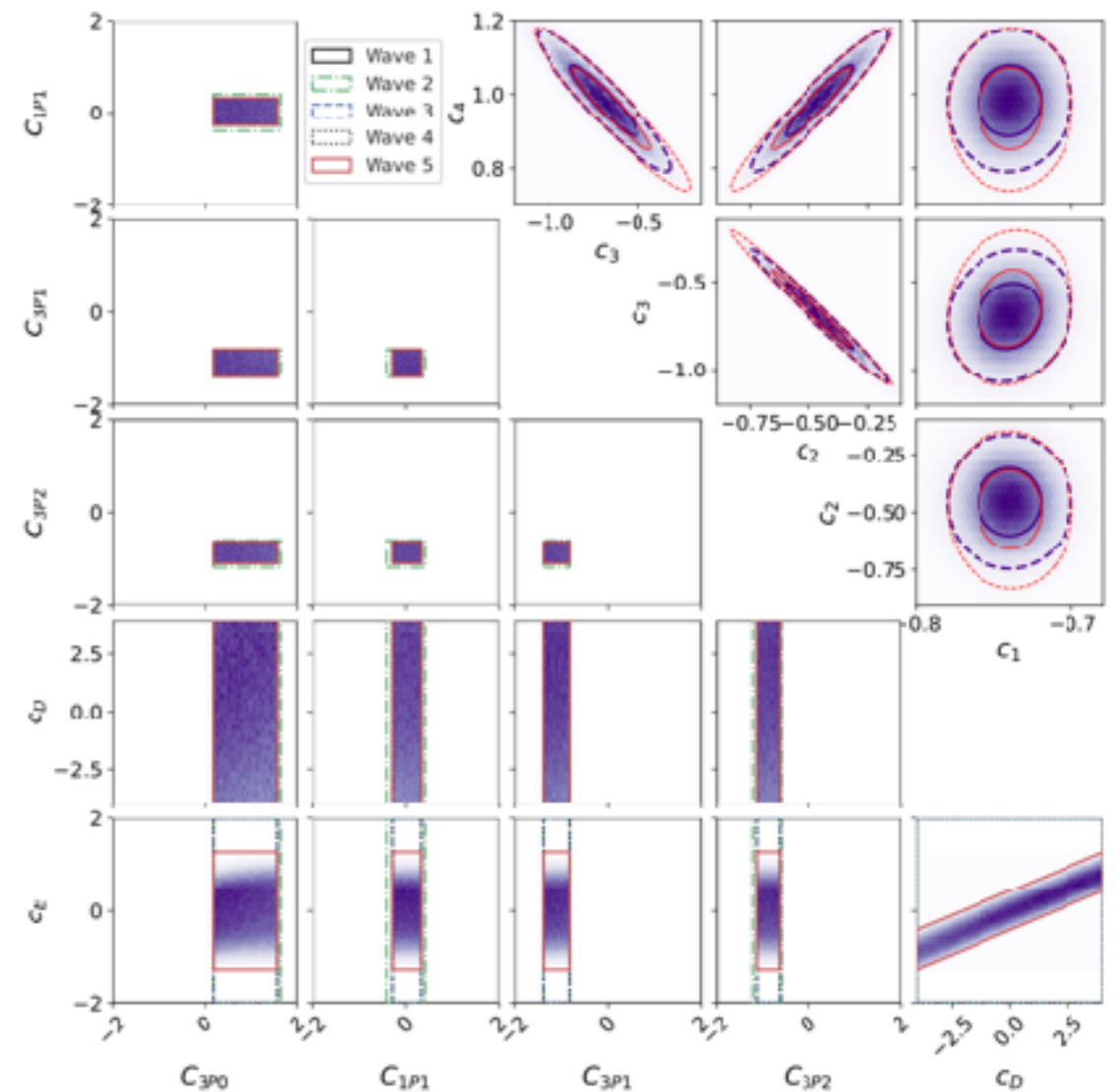
[wave 3] & [wave 4] & final

- ▶ ${}^3\text{H}$ (E), ${}^4\text{He}$ (E, R_p^2)

[wave 4] & final

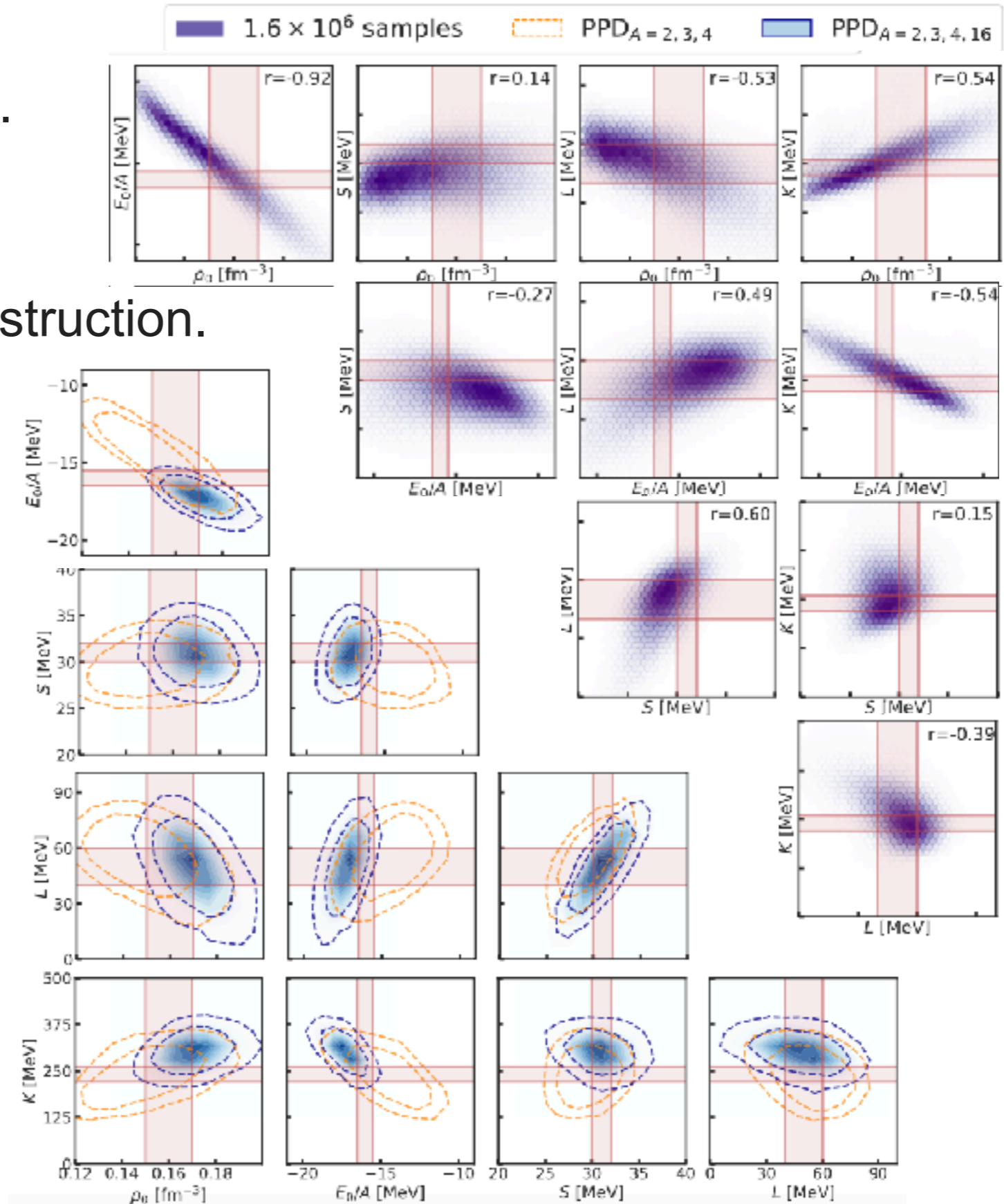
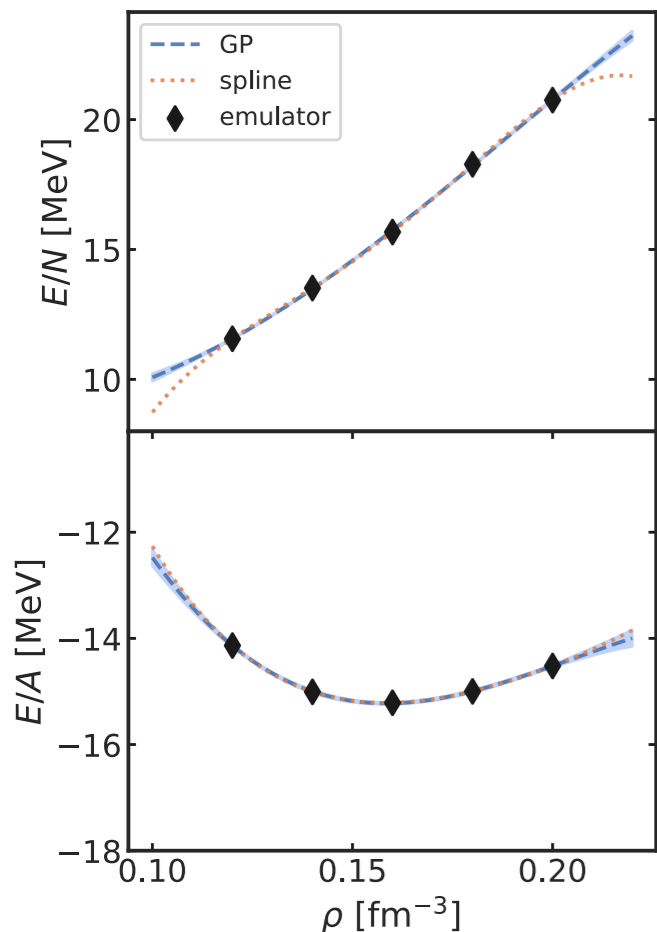
- ▶ Prior for c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 from a Roy-Steiner analysis of πN data (Siemens 2017)

Observable	z	ε_{exp}	$\varepsilon_{\text{model}}$	$\varepsilon_{\text{method}}$	ε_{em}
$E({}^2\text{H})$	-2.2298	0.0	0.05	0.0005	0.001%
$r_p({}^2\text{H})$	1.976	0.0	0.005	0.0002	0.0005%
$Q({}^2\text{H})$	0.27	0.01	0.003	0.0005	0.001%
$E({}^3\text{H})$	-8.4818	0.0	0.17	0.0005	0.01%
$E({}^4\text{He})$	-28.2956	0.0	0.55	0.0005	0.01%
$r_p({}^4\text{He})$	1.455	0.0	0.016	0.0002	0.003%



Strategic training of NM emulator

- ▶ About 10,000 NI samples.
- ▶ Assign likelihood(s).
- ▶ Use 64 *most important* samples for emulator construction.
- ▶ Decreases errors during resampling,



Summary and outlook

- ▶ *The concept of **tension in science** relies on statements of uncertainties*
- ▶ It is natural to strive for **accuracy** in theoretical modeling; but actual predictive power is more associated with quantified **precision**.
- ▶ Ab initio methods + χ EFT + Bayesian statistical methods in combination with fast & accurate emulators is enabling **precision nuclear theory**.
- ▶ We have developed a unified ***ab initio* framework** to link the physics of NN scattering, few-nucleon systems, medium- and heavy-mass nuclei up to ^{208}Pb , and the nuclear-matter equation of state near saturation density.
- ▶ **Challenges / questions:**
 - ▶ Finite sample PPDs conditioned on many outputs.
 - ▶ Do we understand the convergence of our many-body methods well enough to quantify method errors?
—benchmarks of different methods and truncation schemes are important.
 - ▶ Do we know the EFT convergence well enough to quantify truncation errors?
—need to revisit leading (and subleading) orders of χ EFT and RG invariance