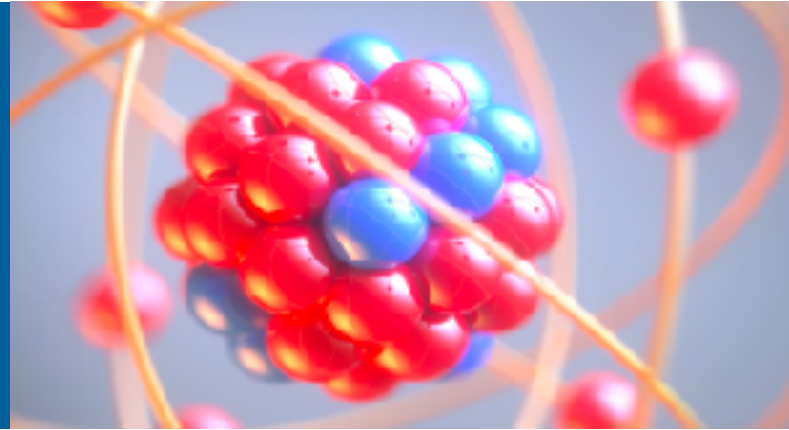


UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION IN NUCLEAR MANY-BODY THEORY



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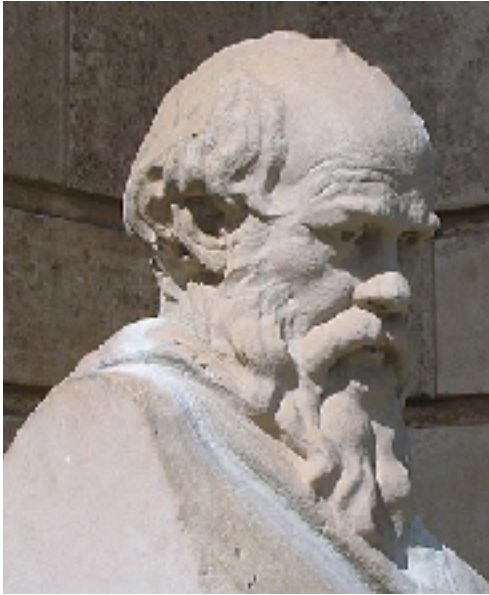
HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION



Voltaire (attributed to): Uncertainty is an uncomfortable position. But certainty is a ridiculous one.

Information and Statistics in Nuclear Experiment and Theory (ISNET) News Article

HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION



Plato, The Apology of Socrates: Although I do not suppose that either of us knows anything really beautiful and good, I am better off than he is – for he knows nothing, and thinks he knows. I neither know nor think I know.

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Policy Statement on the Inclusion of Uncertainty Estimates for Theoretical Papers in *Physical Review A*

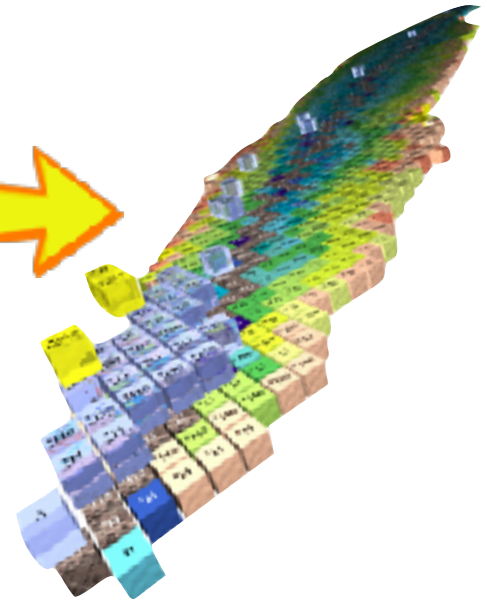
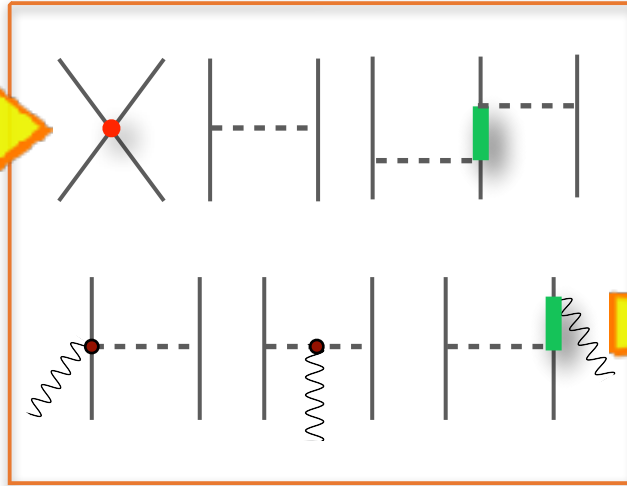
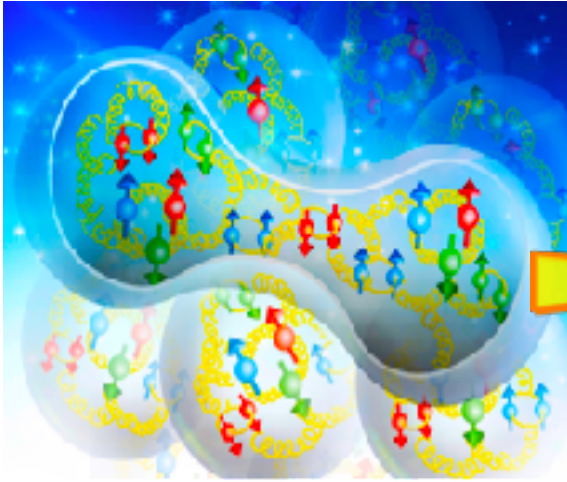
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Papers presenting the results of theoretical calculations are expected to include uncertainty estimates for the calculations whenever practicable, and especially under the following circumstances:

- a. If the authors claim high accuracy, or improvements on the accuracy of previous work.
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The Editors

“AB-INITIO” NUCLEAR THEORY



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- These two sources of uncertainties can be correlated.

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UQ FOR THE TWO-BODY FORCE

- Bayes's theorem to include prior information in a transparent way

$$\text{pr}(\vec{\alpha}|D, I) = \frac{\text{pr}(D|\vec{\alpha}, I) \cdot \text{pr}(\vec{\alpha}|I)}{\text{pr}(D|I)}$$

- Keep track of both experimental and theory uncertainties

$$y_{\text{exp}} = y_{\text{true}} + \delta y_{\text{exp}} \qquad y_{\text{true}} = y_{\text{th}} + \delta y_{\text{th}}$$

- Theory uncertainties dominated by EFT truncation

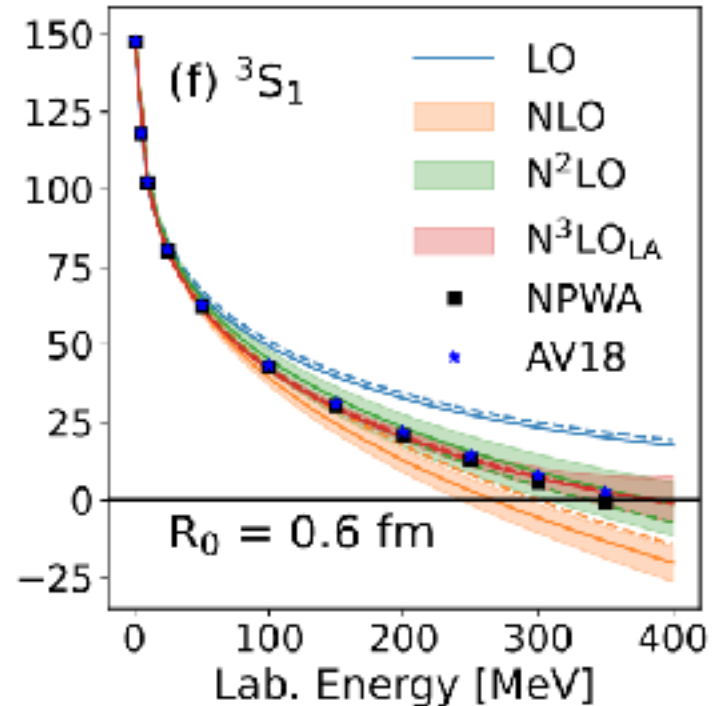
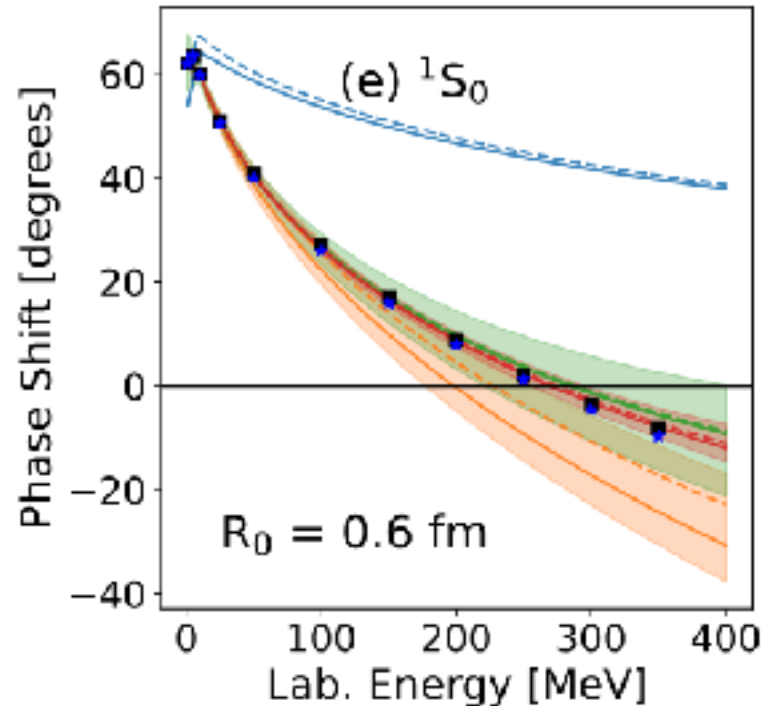
$$y_{\text{th}}^{(k)} = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{\nu=0}^k c_{\nu} Q^{\nu} \quad ; \quad Q = \frac{\max(m_{\pi}, p)}{\Lambda_b} \quad ; \quad \delta y_{\text{th}}^{(k)} = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{\nu=k+1}^{\infty} c_{\nu} Q^{\nu}$$

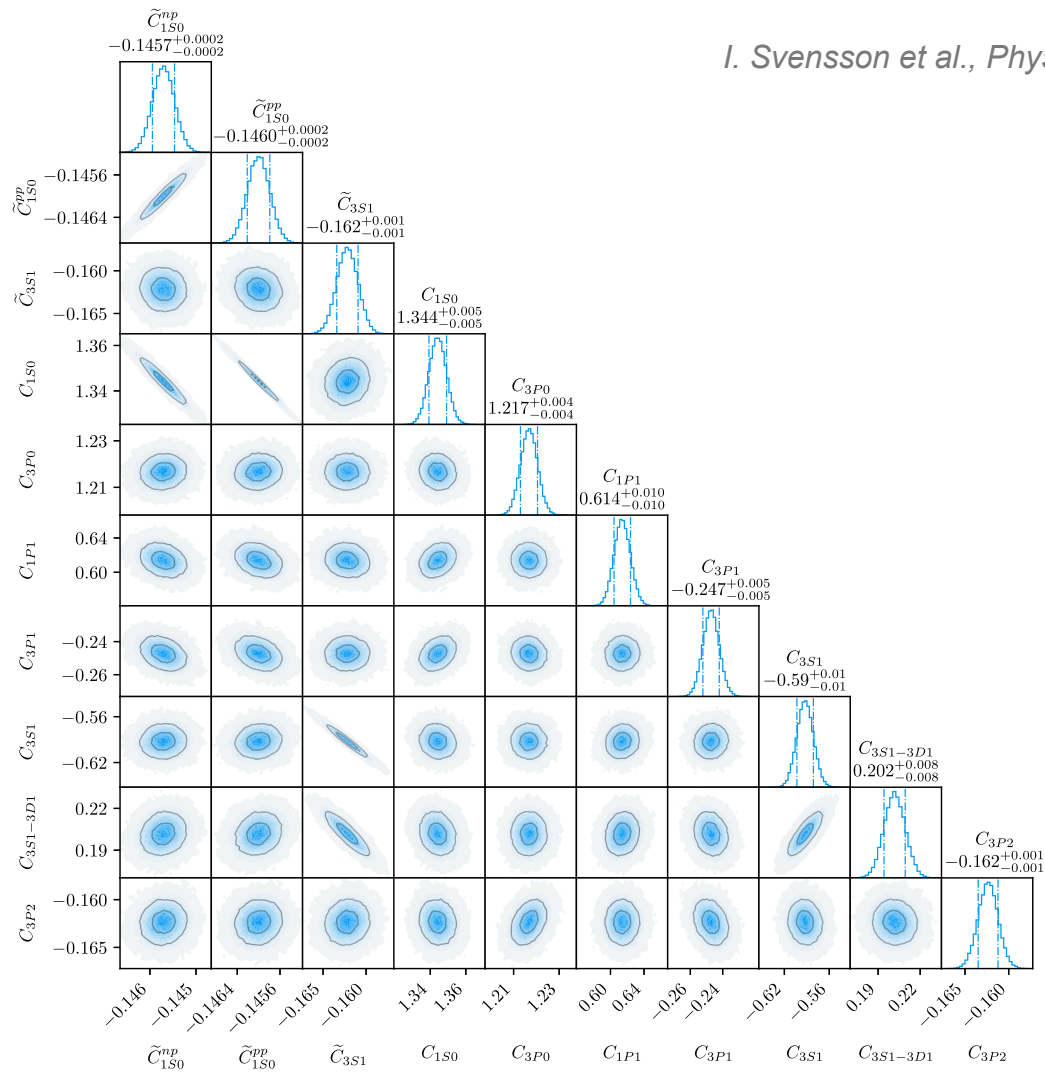
D. Furnstahl, Phys. Rev. C **92**, 024005 (2015)

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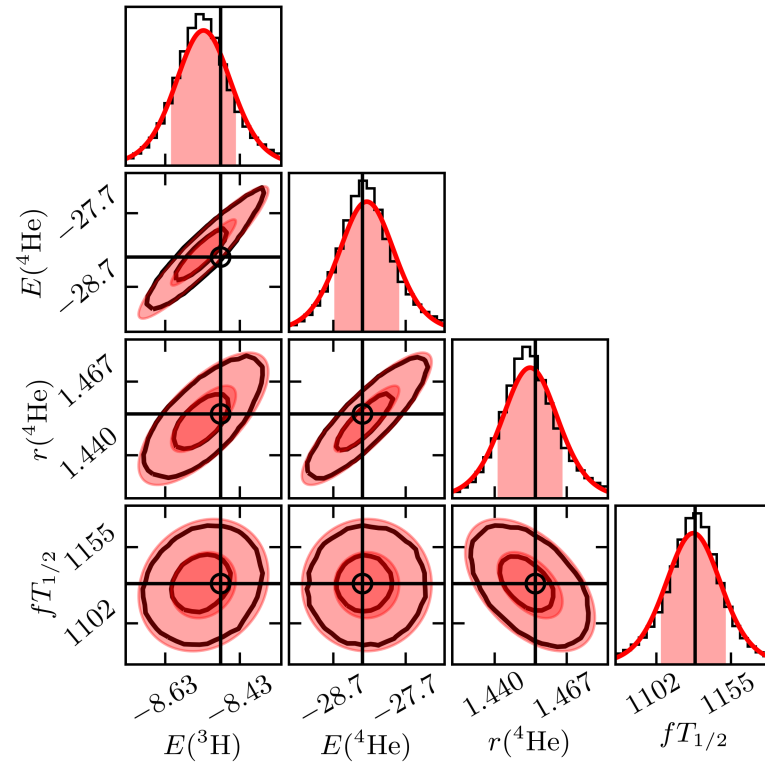
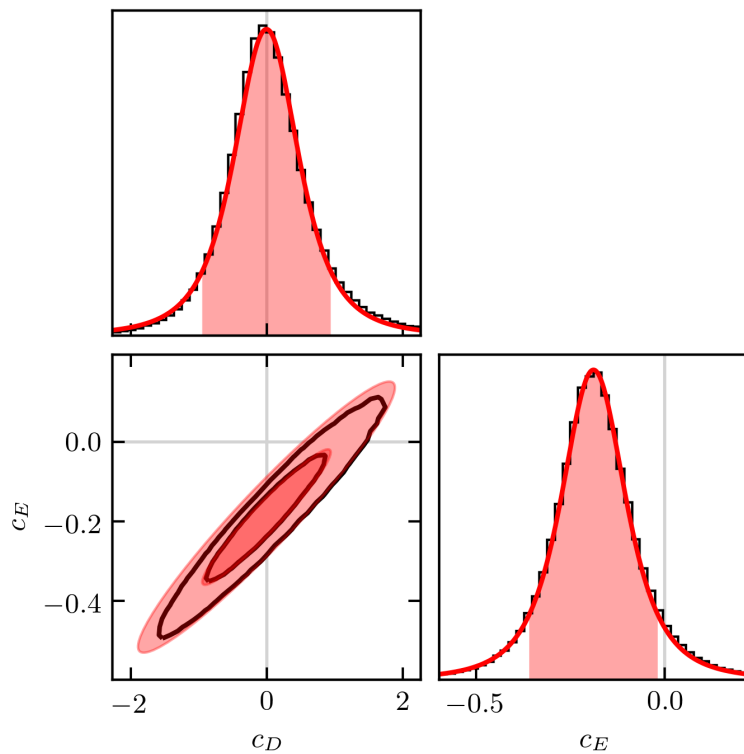
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UQ FOR THE THREE-BODY FORCE



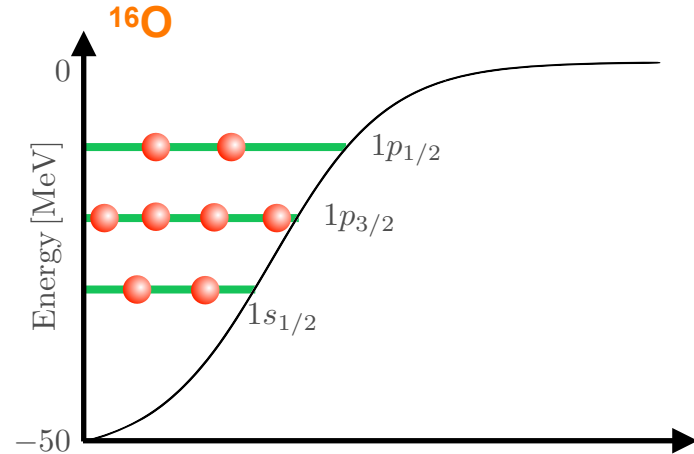
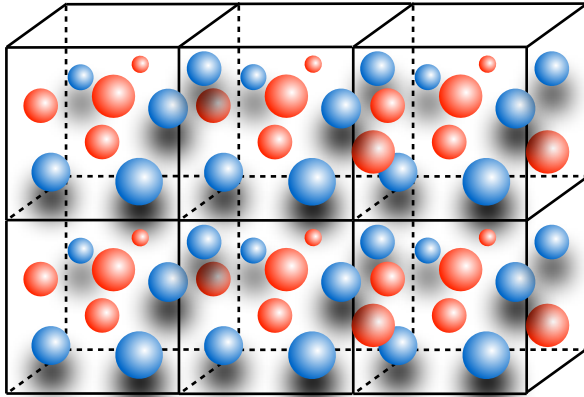
THE MEAN-FIELD APPROXIMATION

The mean field ground-state wave function is a Slater determinant

$$\Phi_0(x_1, \dots, x_A) = \mathcal{A}[\phi_{n_1}(x_1), \dots, \phi_{n_A}(x_A)]$$

$$\Phi_0(x_1, x_2) = \phi_1(x_1)\phi_2(x_2) - \phi_2(x_1)\phi_1(x_2)$$

Infinite matter



CONFIGURATION-INTERACTION METHODS

$$\Psi_0(x_1, \dots, x_A) = \sum_n c_n \Phi_n(x_1, \dots, x_A)$$

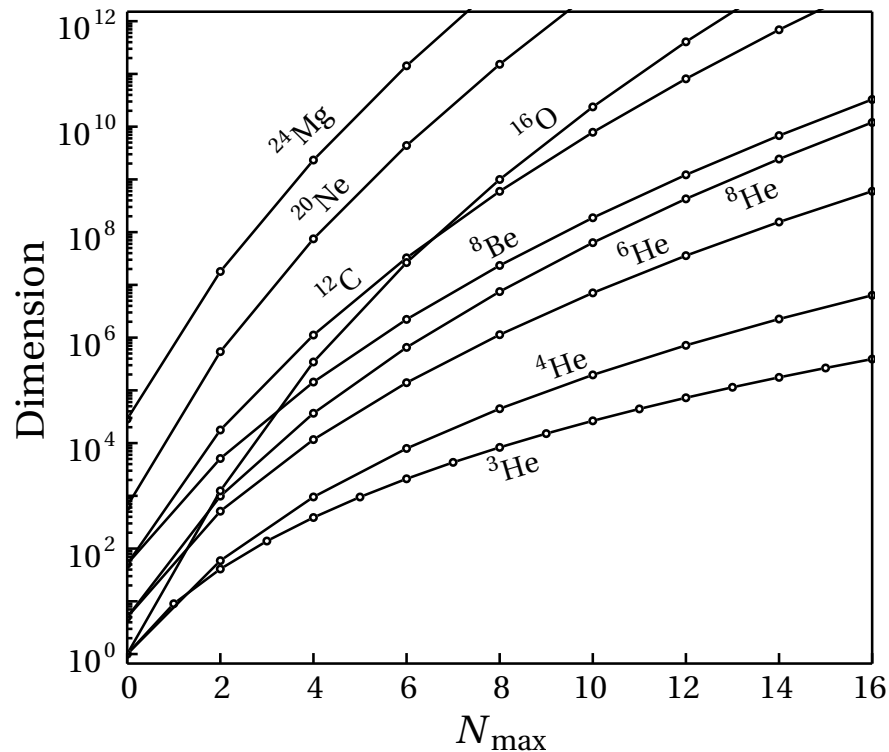
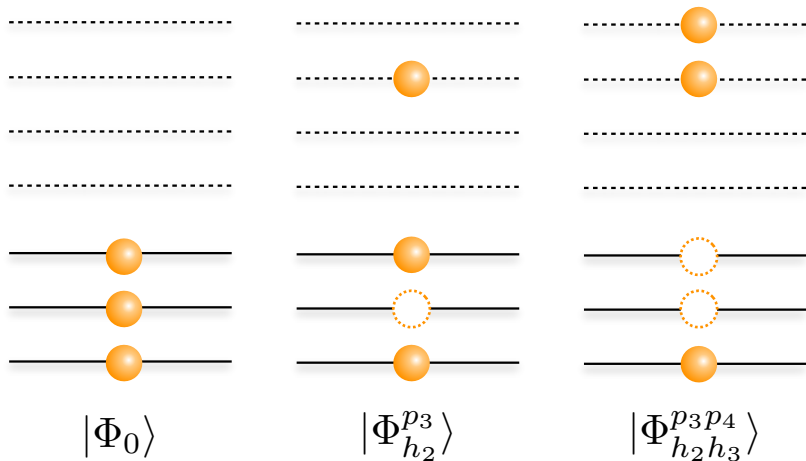
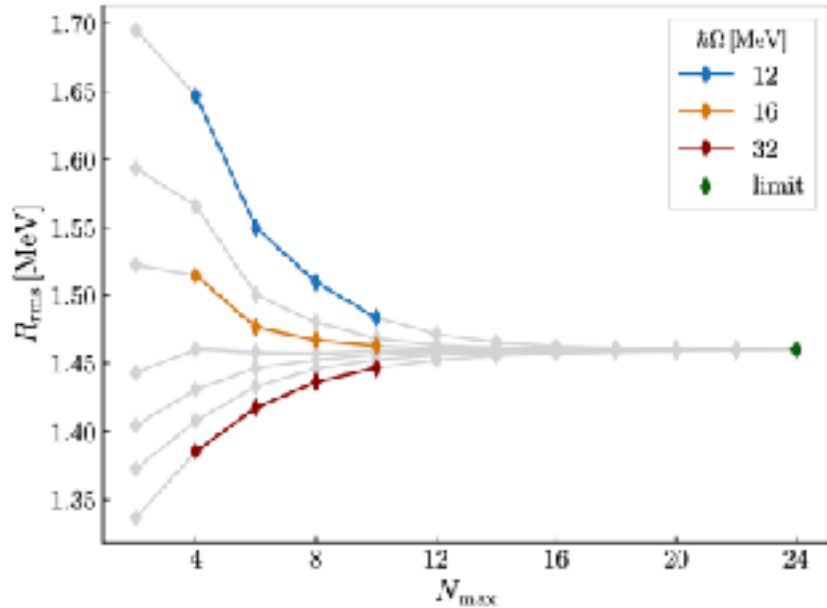
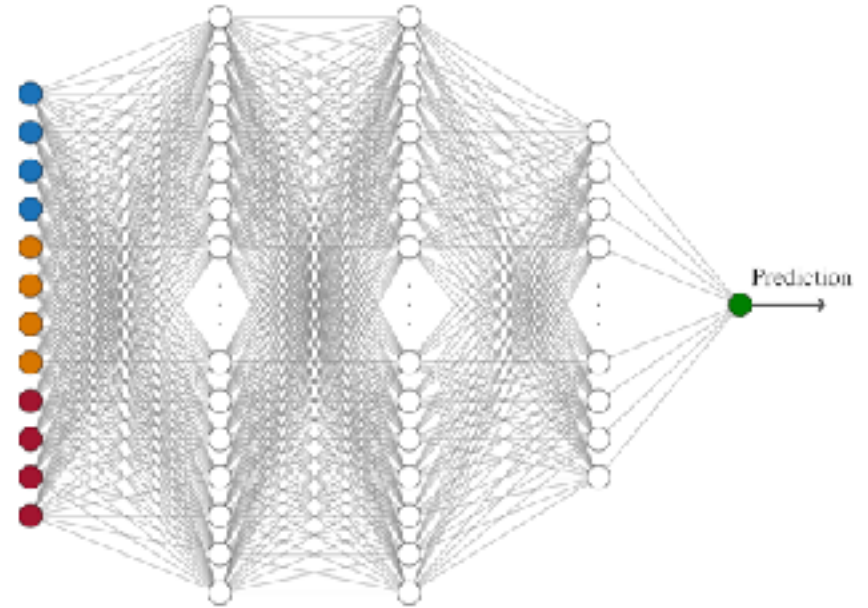


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(a) NCSM results

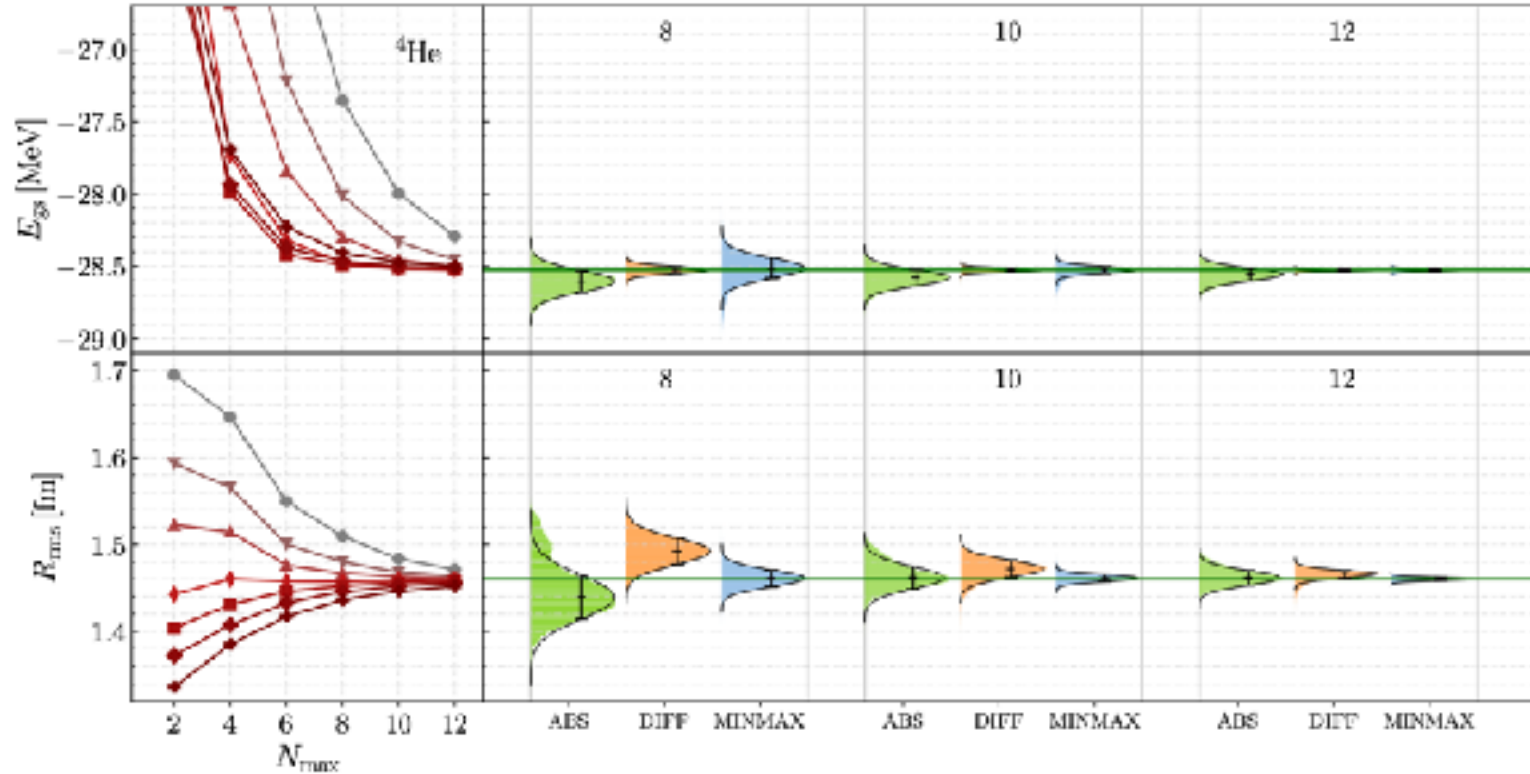


(b) network topology

M. Knöll et al., *Phys. Lett.B* **839** (2023) 137781

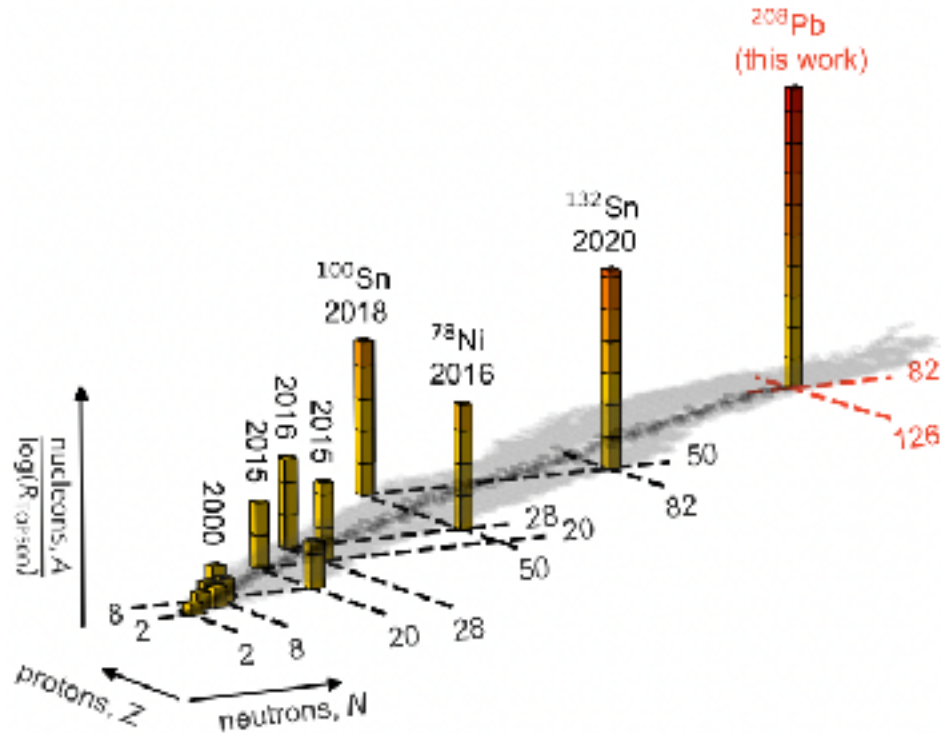
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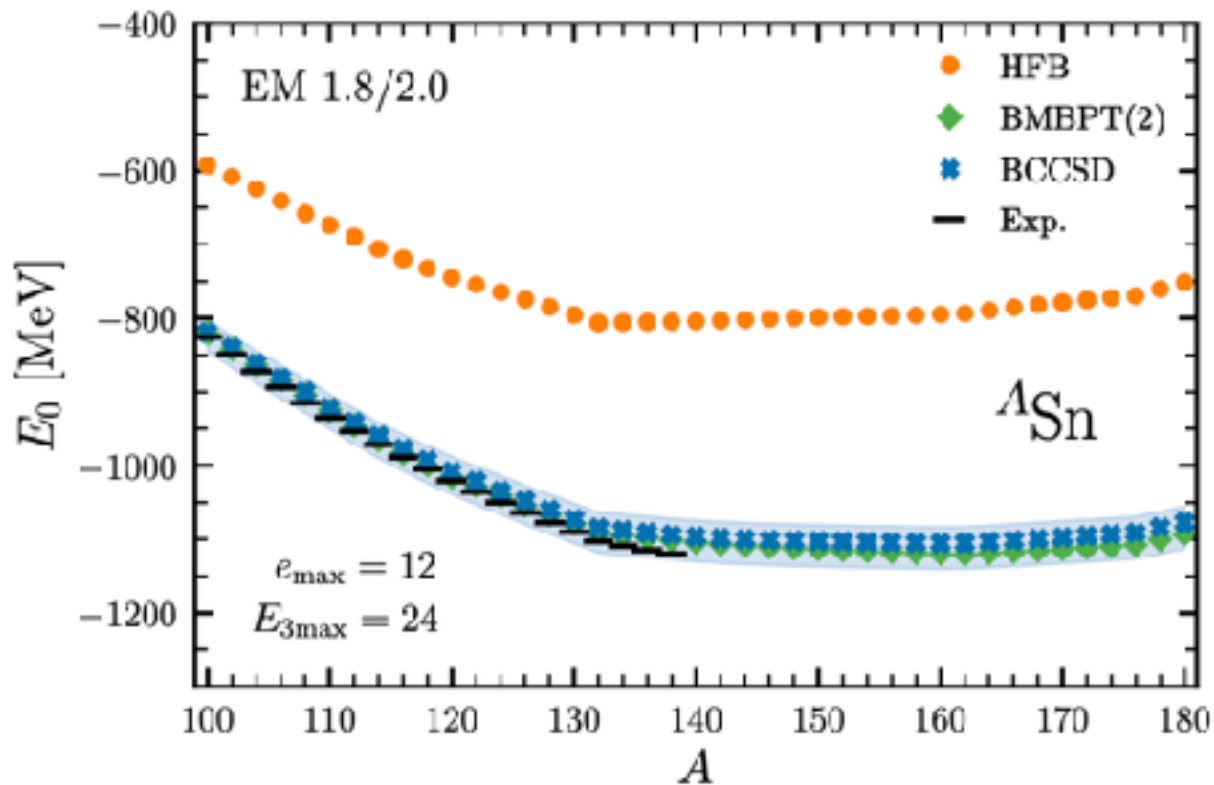


TACKLE LARGER SYSTEMS

Polynomially-scaling methods reach (much) larger systems with controlled approximations



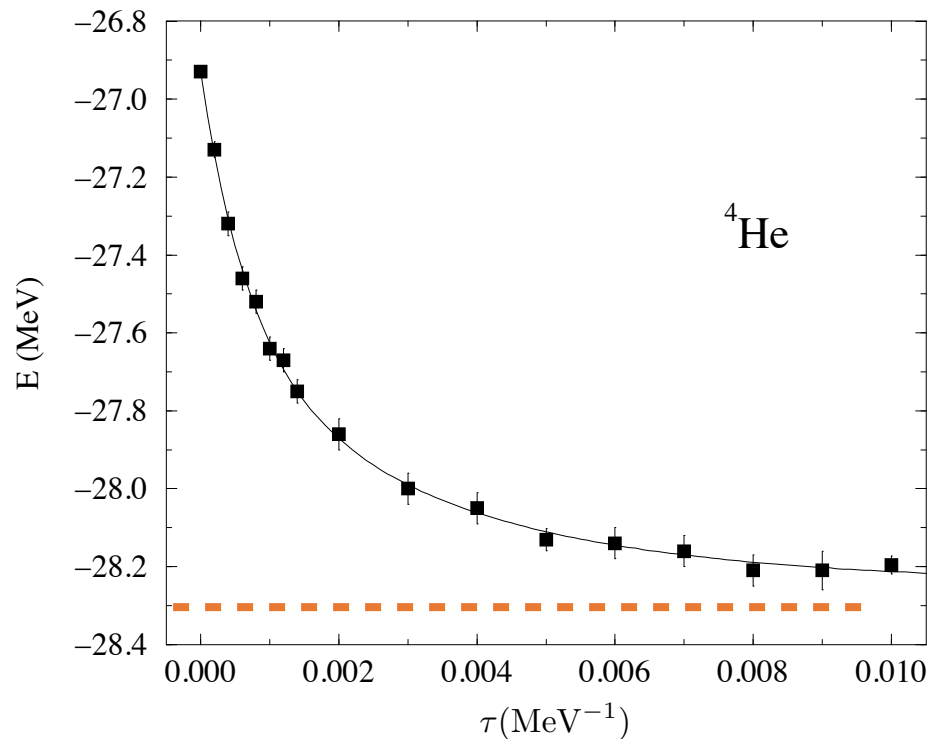
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CONTINUUM QUANTUM MONTE CARLO

The GFMC projects out the lowest-energy state using an imaginary-time propagation

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} |\Psi_V\rangle &= \sum_n c_n |\Psi_n\rangle \\ \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-(H-E_0)\tau} |\Psi_V\rangle &= \\ &= \sum_n c_n e^{-(E_n-E_0)\tau} |\Psi_n\rangle = c_0 |\Psi_0\rangle \end{aligned} \right.$$



J. Carlson, *Phys. Rev. C* **36**, 2026 (1987)

B. Pudliner et al., *PRC* **56**, 1720 (1997)

UQ IN CONTINUUM QUANTUM MONTE CARLO

The fermion ground state is (typically) an excited state of the Hamiltonian

$$E_0^S \leq E_0^A \iff \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-(H-E_0^A)\tau} |\Psi_V\rangle = \sum_n c_n^S e^{-(E_n^S - E_0^A)\tau} |\Psi_n\rangle + c_0^A |\Psi_0^A\rangle + \dots$$

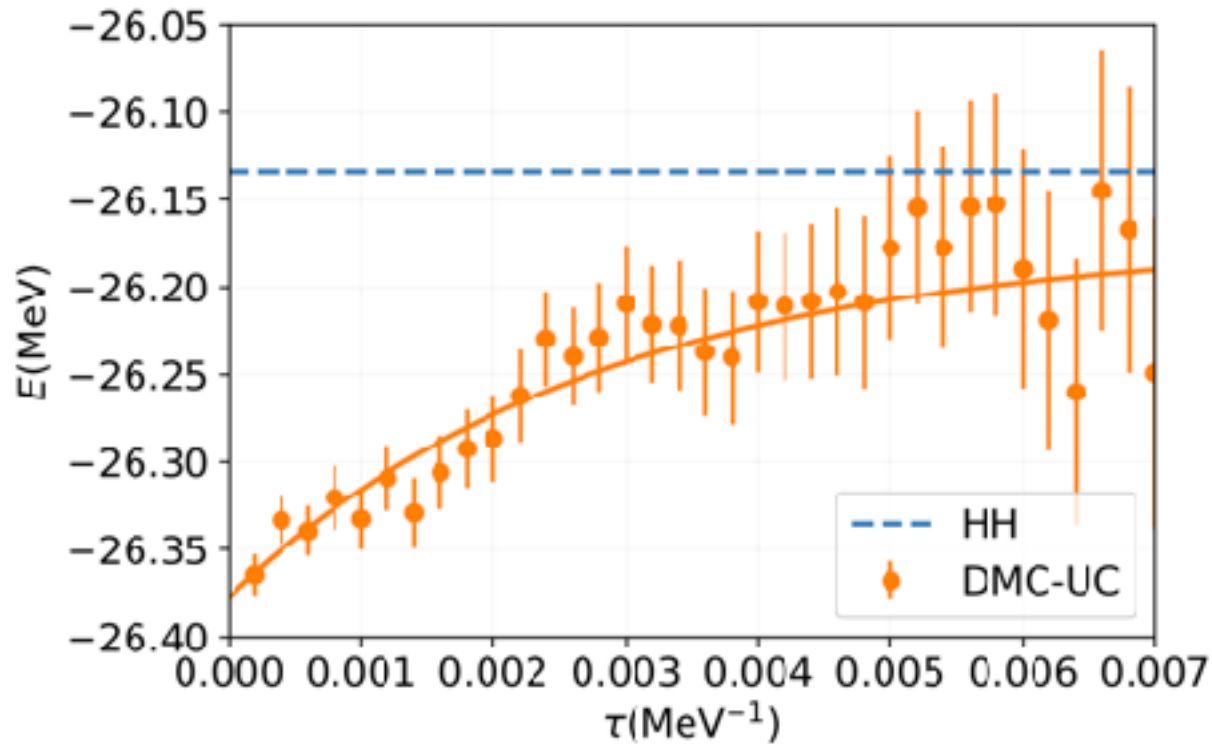
The boson ground-state component does not affect the Hamiltonian expectation value

$$\langle H \rangle = \int dR_N \langle \Psi_V | H | R_N \rangle \langle R_N | e^{-(E_n^S - E_0^A)\tau} |\Psi_n\rangle = 0$$

Problem: The variance diverges exponentially

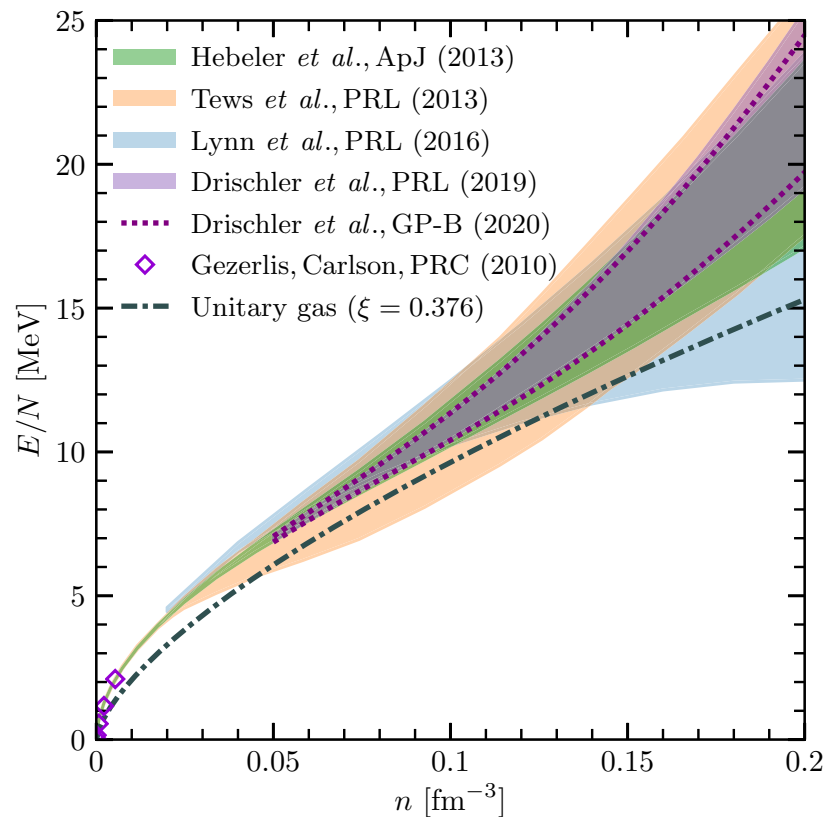
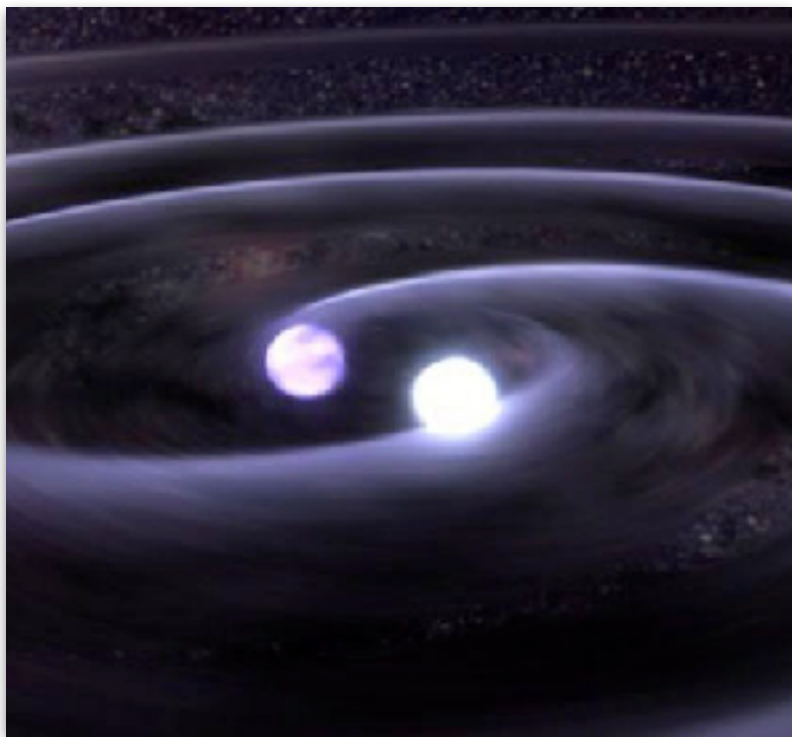
$$\langle H^2 \rangle = \int dR_N \langle \Psi_V | H | R_N \rangle^2 \langle R_N | e^{-(E_n^S - E_0^A)\tau} |\Psi_n\rangle$$

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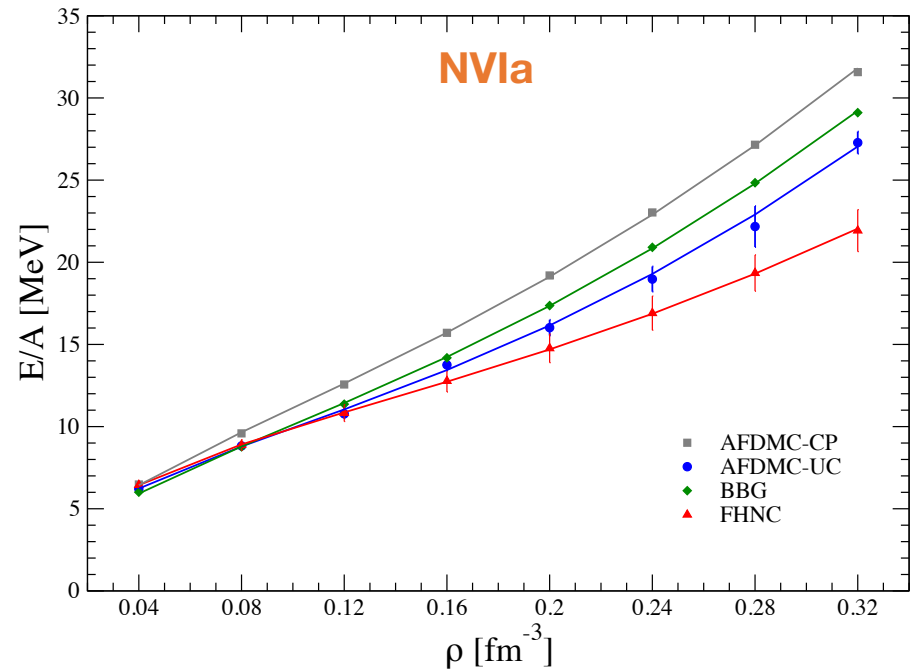
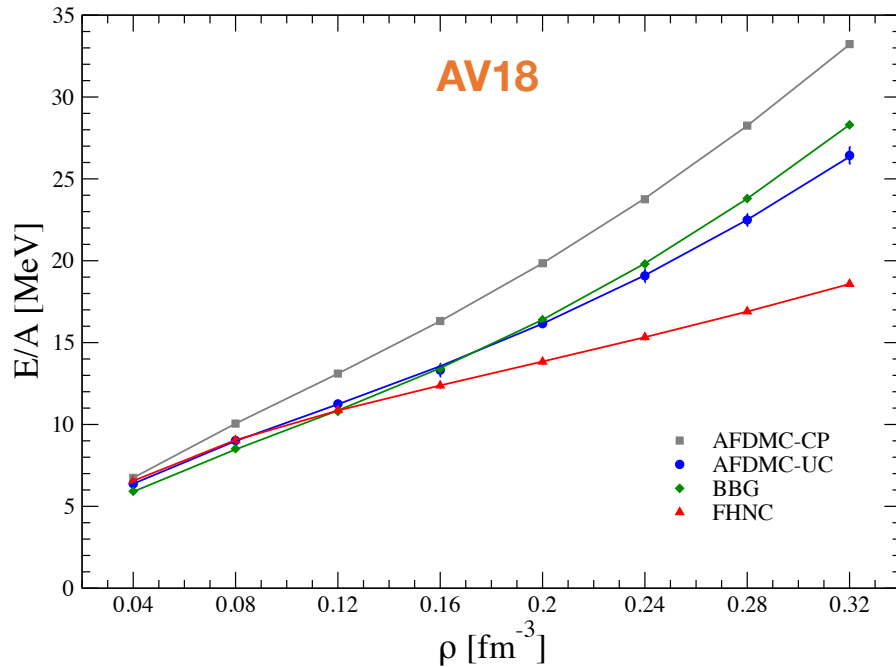
SELECTED APPLICATIONS

UQ FOR THE NUCLEAR EQUATION OF STATE



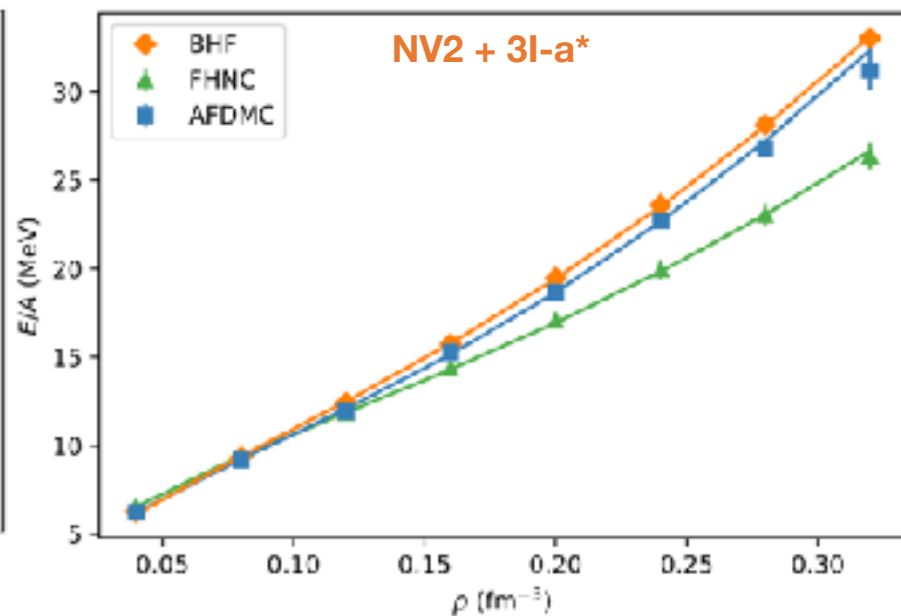
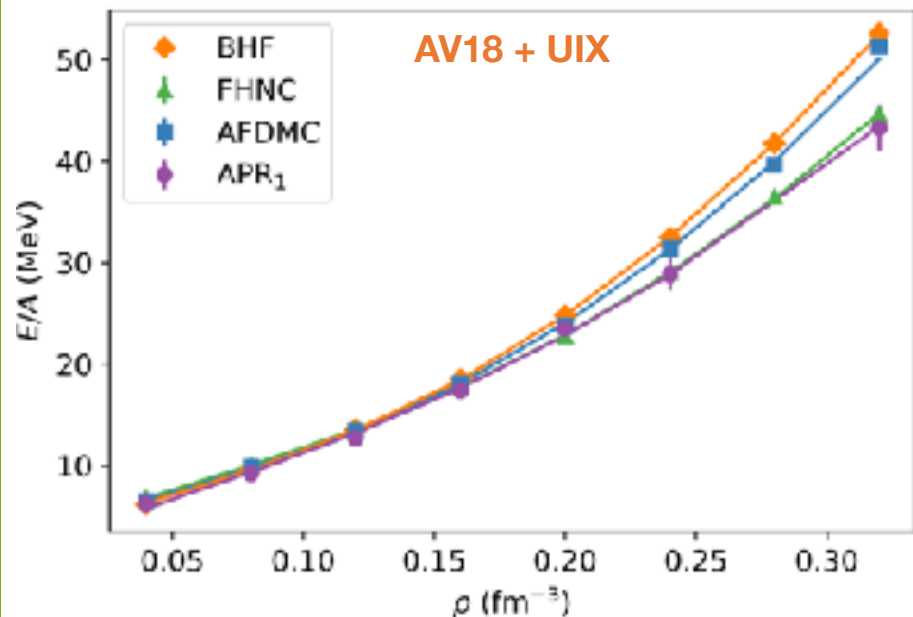
NEUTRON-MATTER EQUATION OF STATE

We benchmarked three many-body methods using the AV18 and chiral-EFT interactions



NEUTRON-MATTER EQUATION OF STATE

Extended the benchmark calculations to phenomenological and chiral-EFT three-body forces



UQ FOR NEUTRINO-OSCILLATION PHYSICS

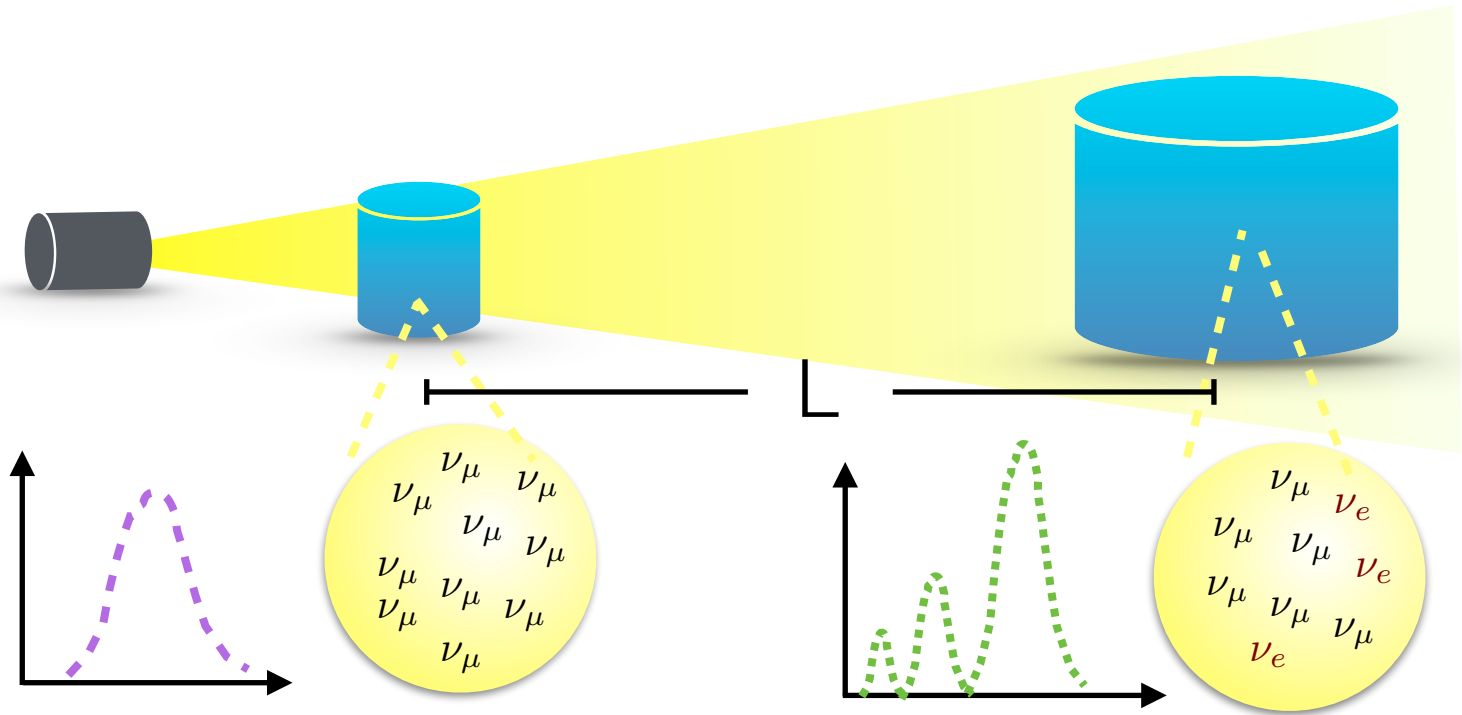


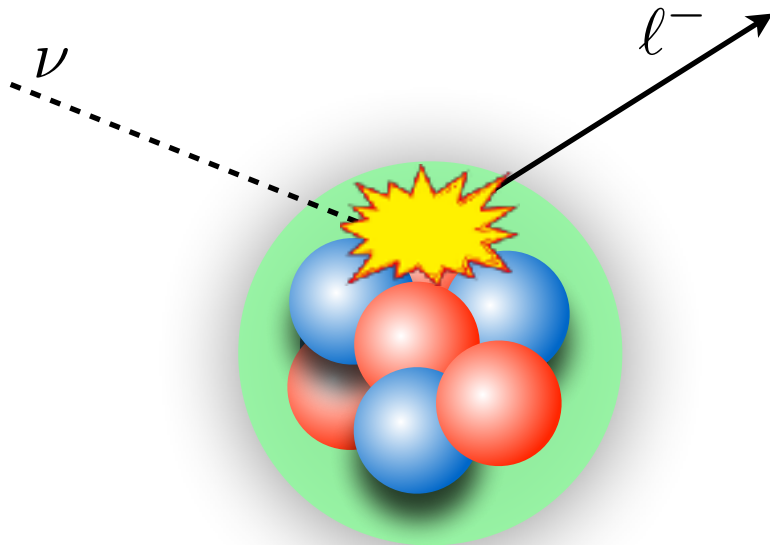
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UQ FOR NEUTRINO-OSCILLATION PHYSICS

Accurate neutrino-nucleus scattering calculations critical for the success of the experimental program

$$N_{\text{near}} \approx \int dE \Phi_{\text{near}}(E) \times \underline{\sigma(E)}$$

$$N_{\text{far}} \approx \int dE P(E) \times \Phi_{\text{far}}(E) \times \underline{\sigma(E)}$$



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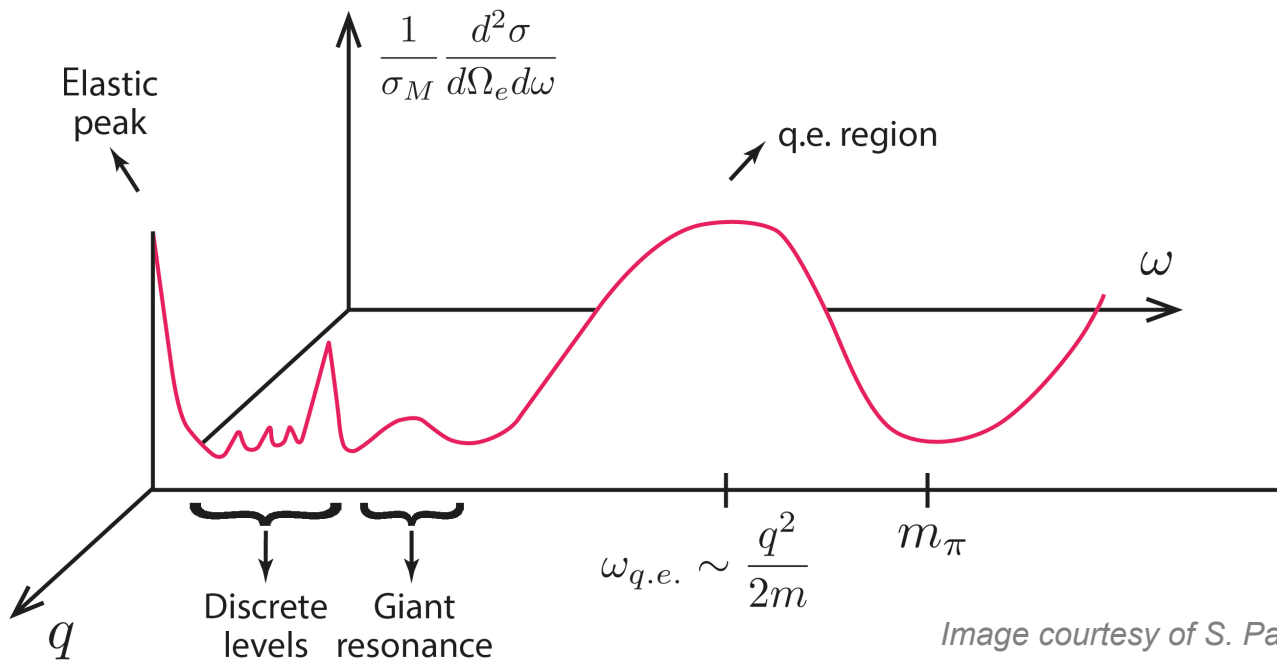


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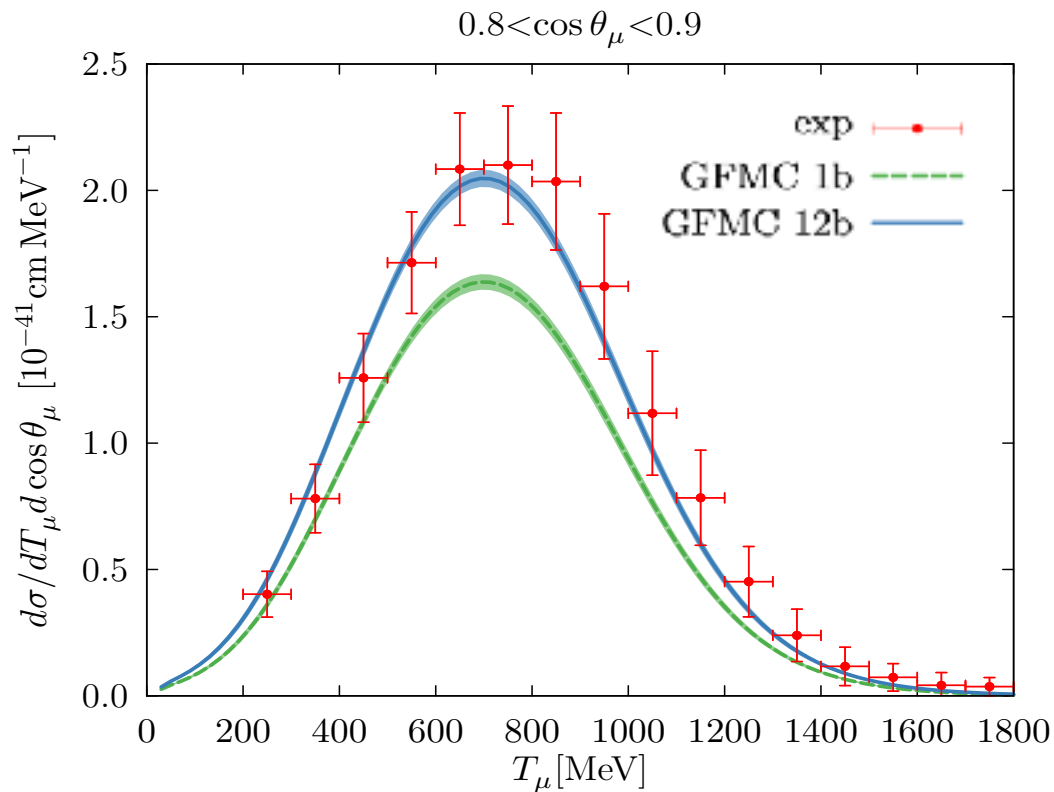
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$$R_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \mathbf{q}) = \sum_f \langle \Psi_0 | J_\alpha^\dagger(\mathbf{q}) | \Psi_f \rangle \langle \Psi_f | J_\beta(\mathbf{q}) | \Psi_0 \rangle \delta(\omega - E_f + E_0)$$



$$E_{\alpha\beta}(\tau, \mathbf{q}) \equiv \int d\omega e^{-\omega\tau} R_{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \mathbf{q}) = \langle \Psi_0 | J_\alpha^\dagger(\mathbf{q}) e^{-(H-E_0)\tau} J_\beta(\mathbf{q}) | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

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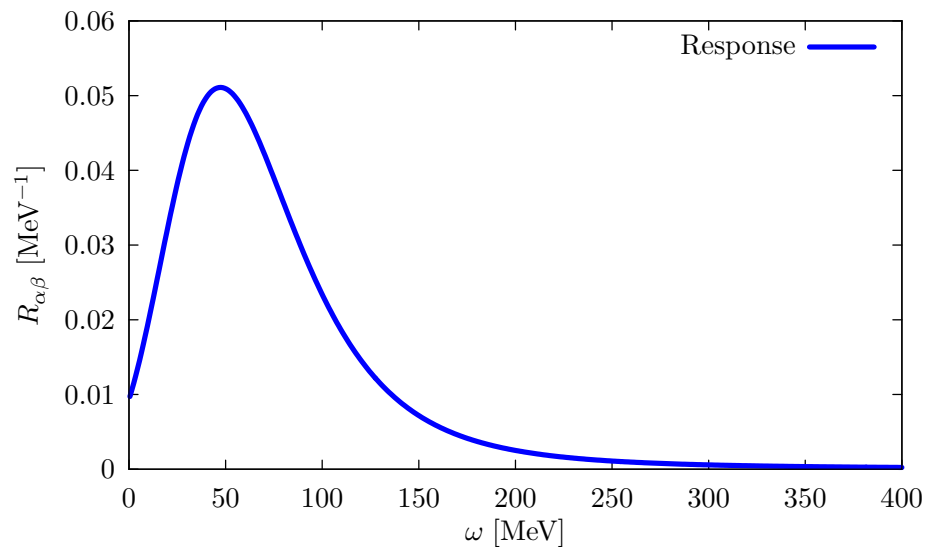
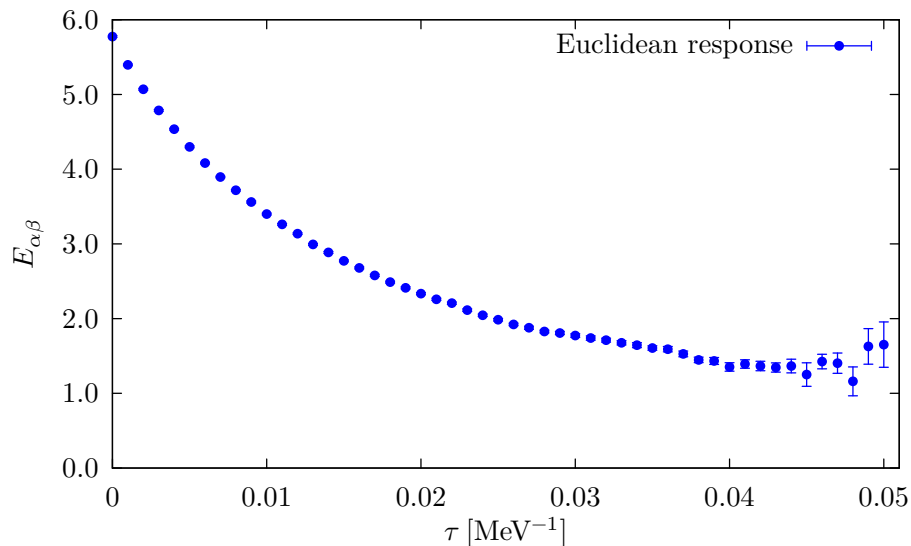


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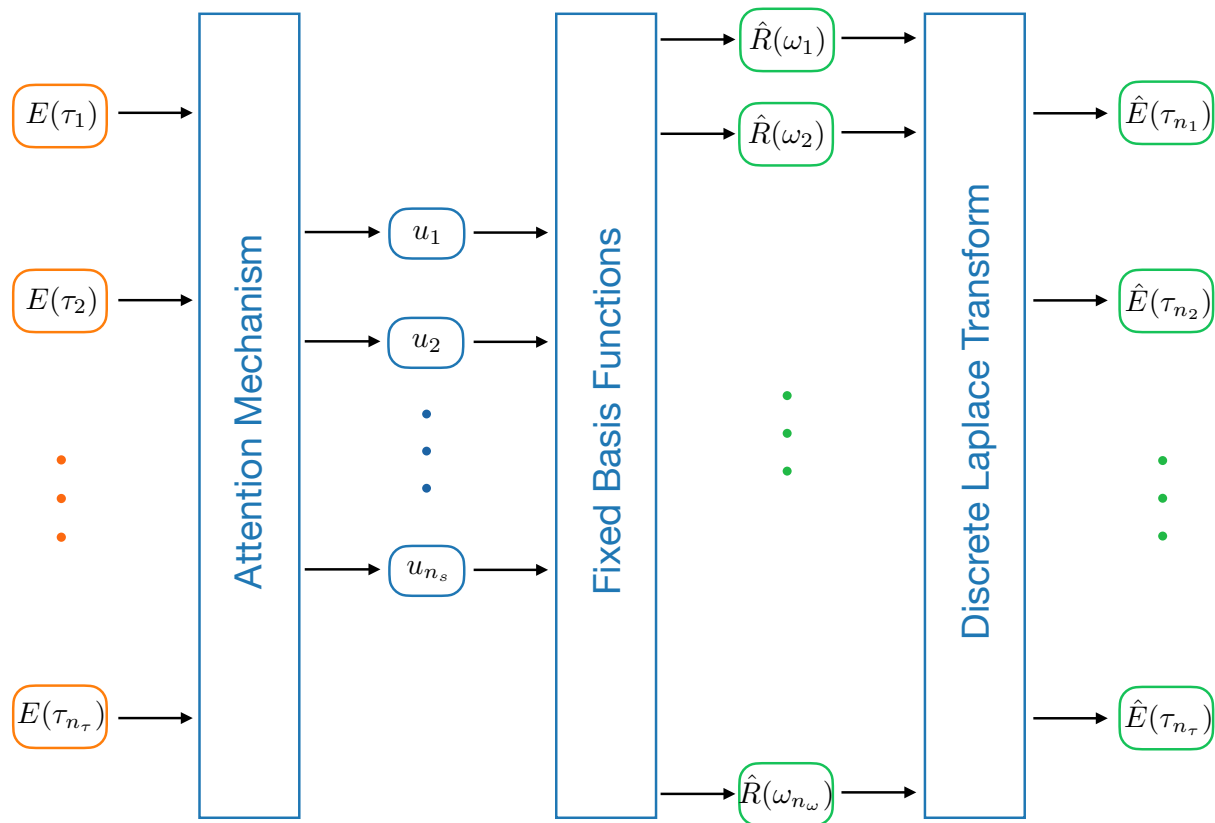


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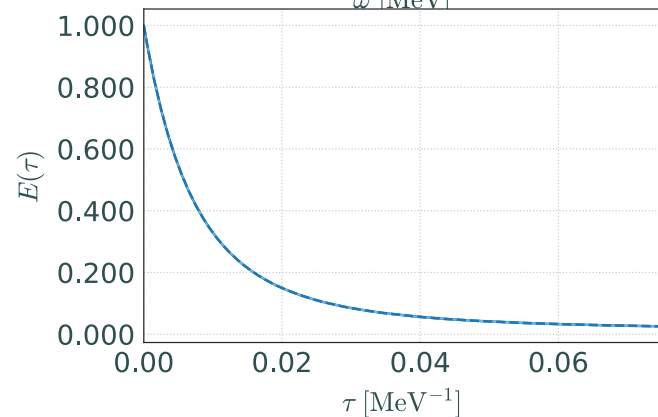
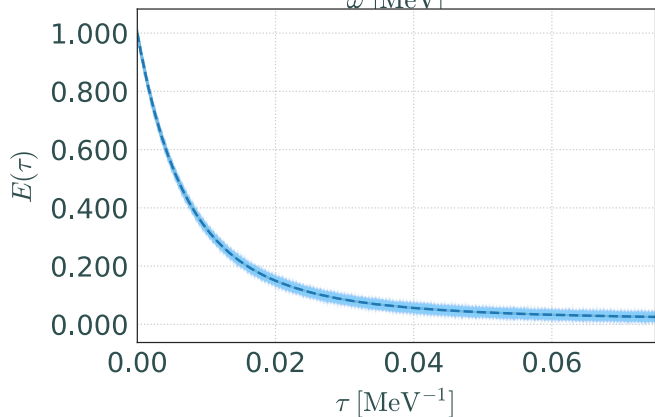
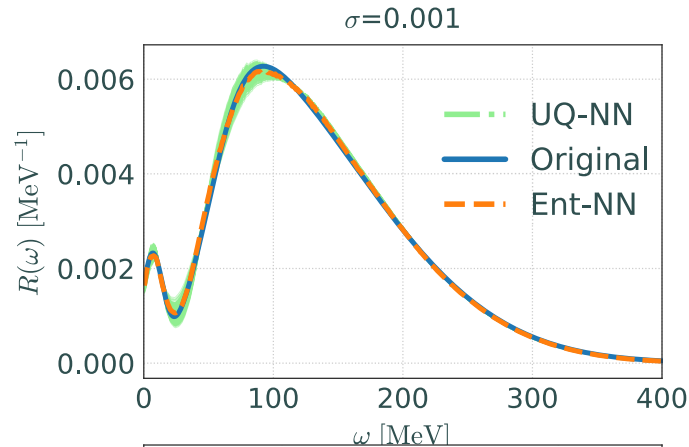
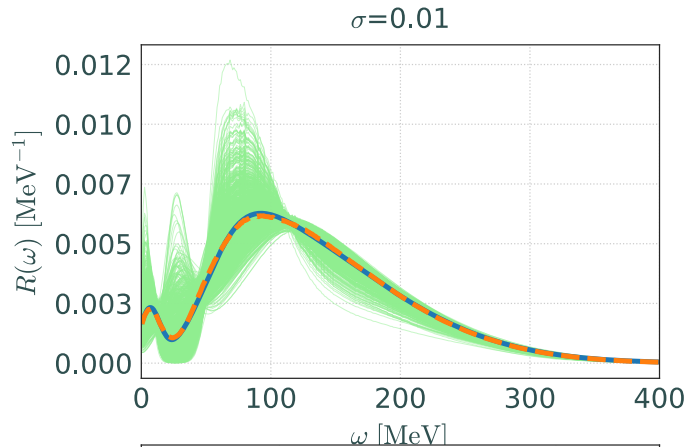
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_i = M_i \exp \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_s} U_{ij} u_j \right) \\ K = V \Sigma U^T \\ K_{ij} = e^{-\omega_j \tau_i} \Delta \omega_j \end{array} \right.$$

Augment the training dataset with noisy Euclidean responses

$$E_i^\sigma = \bar{E}_i + \epsilon_i,$$

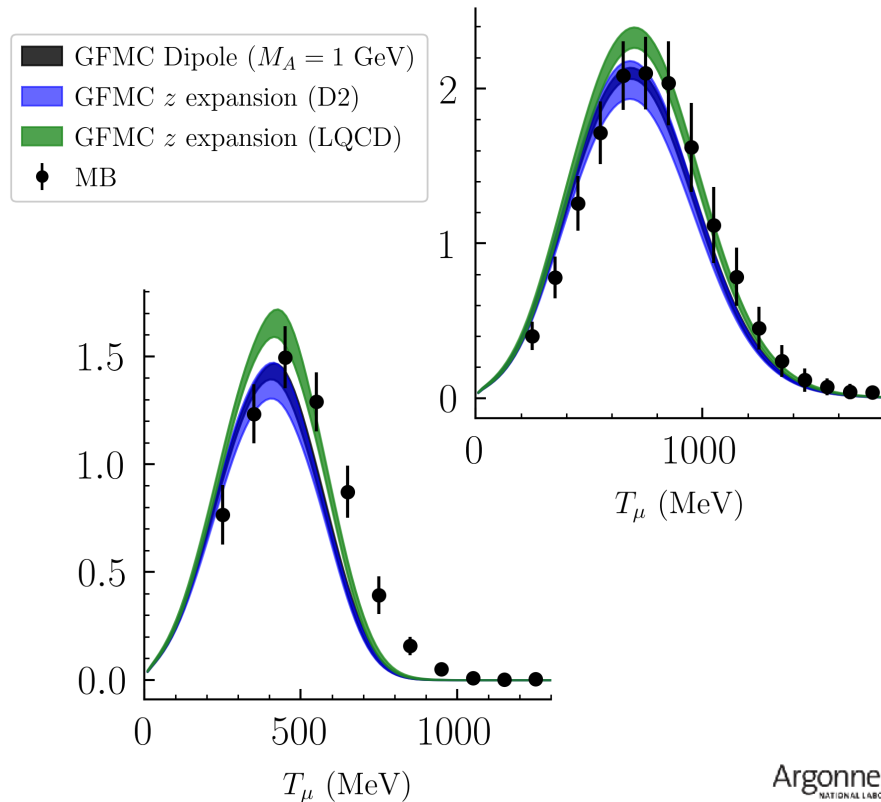
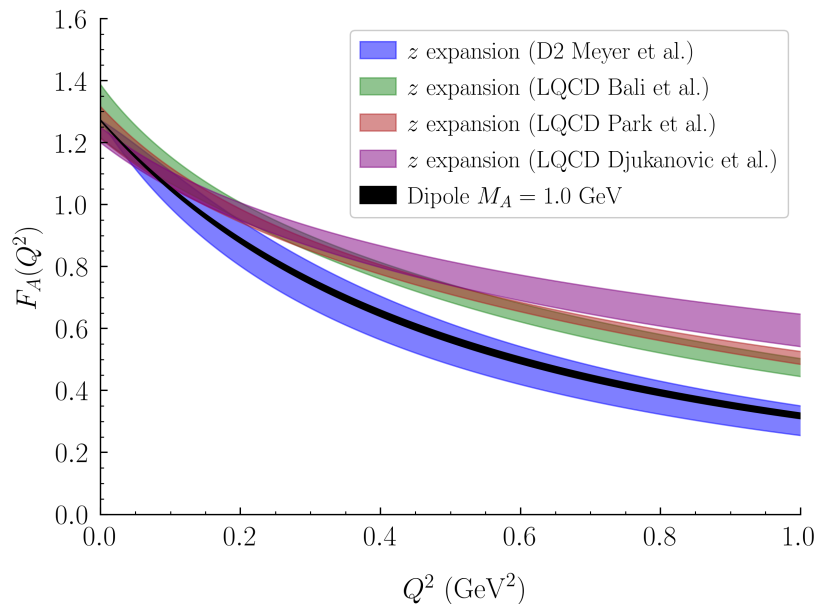


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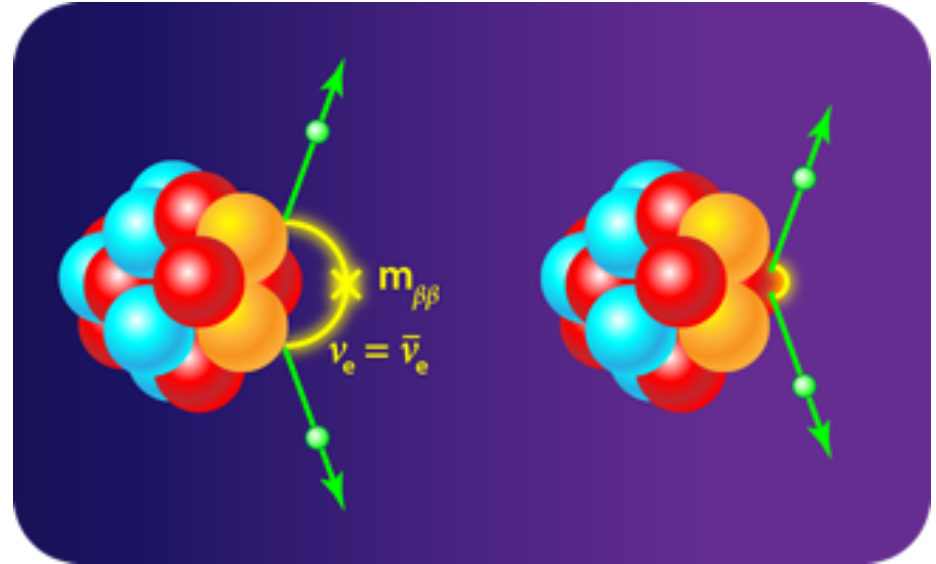
UQ IN THE INPUT CURRENT

We employed z-expansion parameterizations of axial form factors, consistent with experimental or LQCD data



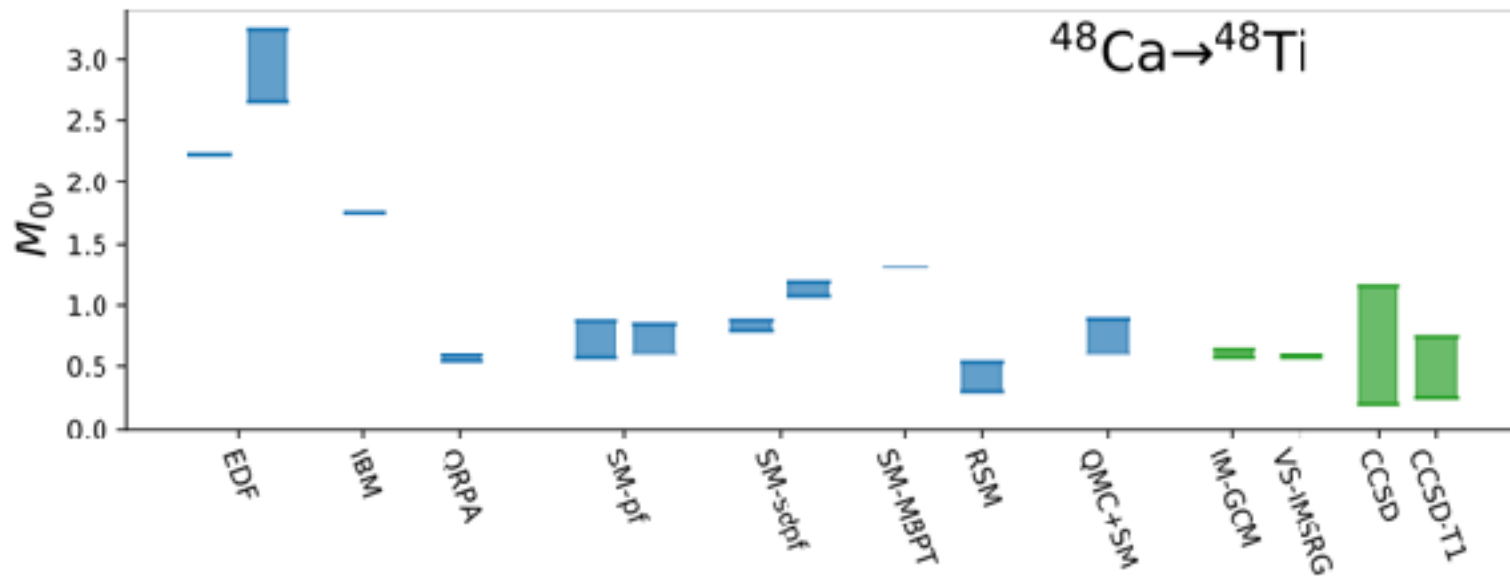
NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE-BETA DECAY

- Lepton number not conserved.
- Neutrino mass has a Majorana component.
- Provide crucial information about neutrino mass generation.
- Suggest that the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe originated in leptogenesis.

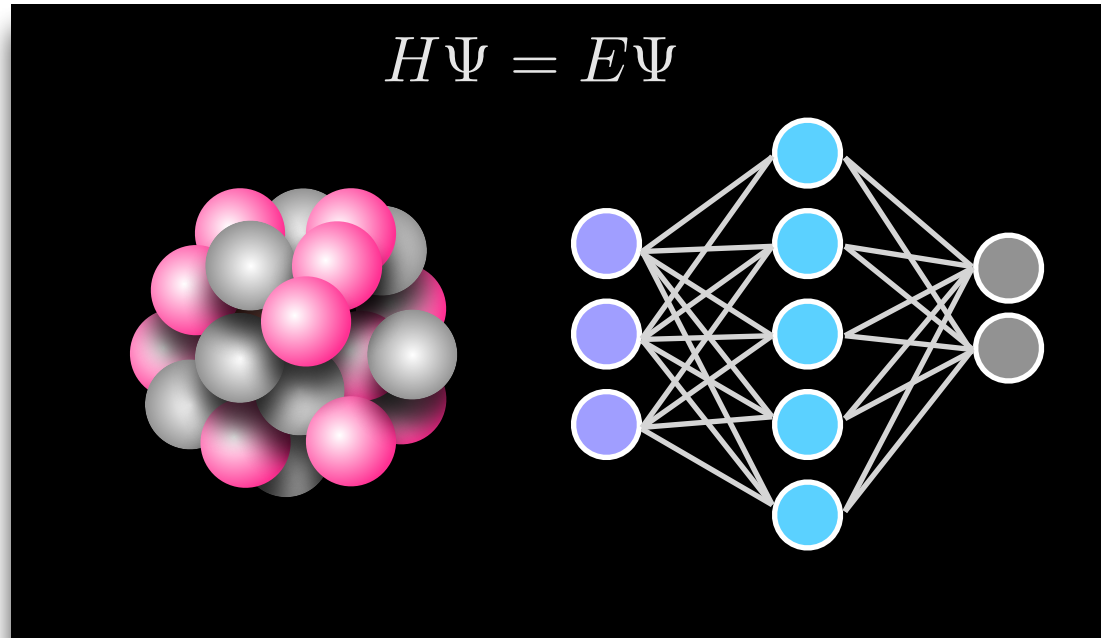


NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE-BETA DECAY

$$[T_{1/2}]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2 \quad ; \quad m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum_k m_k U_{ek} \right|^2 \quad ; \quad M^{0\nu} = \langle \Psi_f | O^{0\nu} | \Psi_i \rangle$$

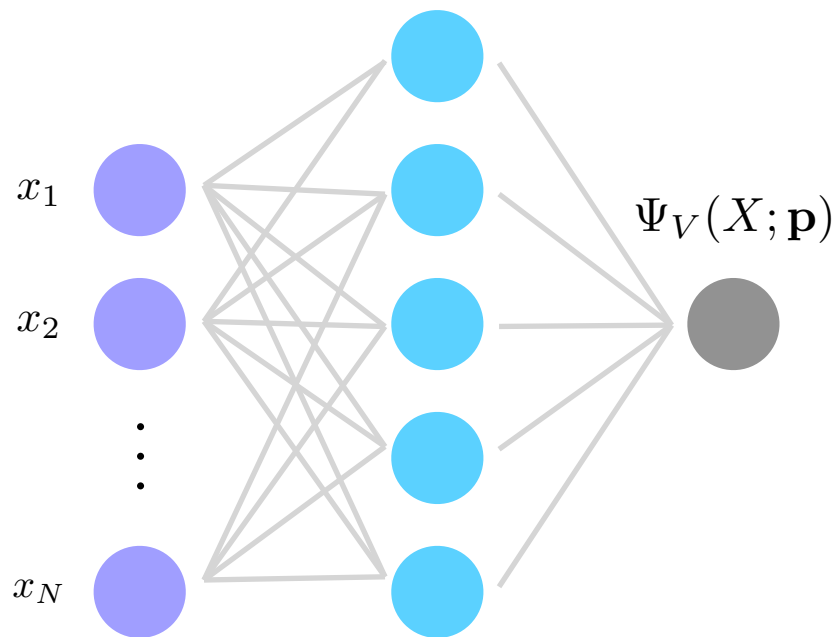


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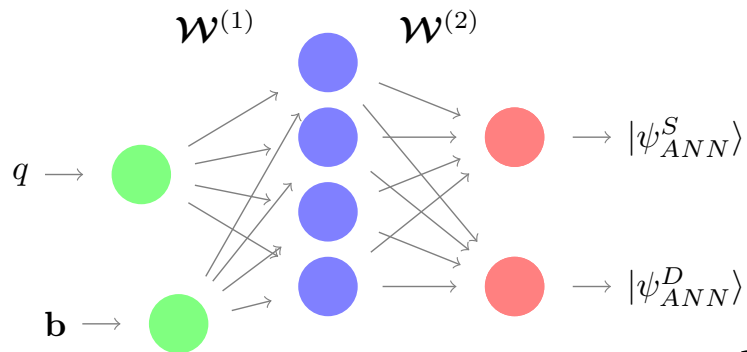
NQS are now widely and successfully applied to study condensed-matter systems



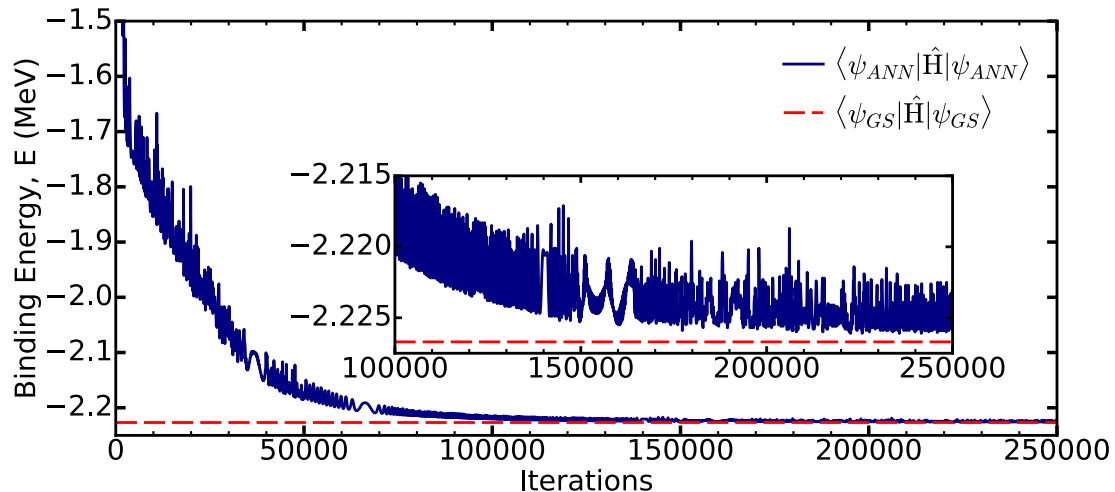
$$E_V \equiv \frac{\langle \Psi_V | H | \Psi_V \rangle}{\langle \Psi_V | \Psi_V \rangle} > E_0$$

$$E_V \simeq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{X \in |\Psi_V(X)|^2} \frac{\langle X | H | \Psi_V \rangle}{\langle X | \Psi_V \rangle}$$

NEURAL-NETWORK QUANTUM STATES



$$E^{\mathcal{W}} = \frac{\langle \Psi_{ANN}^{\mathcal{W}} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{ANN}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{ANN}^{\mathcal{W}} | \Psi_{ANN}^{\mathcal{W}} \rangle}$$



Keeble, Rios, *PLB* **809**, 135743 (2020)

Sarmiento, et al., *EPJ* **139** (2024) 2, 189

NEURAL-NETWORK QUANTUM STATES

Nucleons are fermions

$$\Psi_V(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_A) = -\Psi_V(x_1, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_A)$$

Slater-Jastrow ansatz

$$\Psi_V(X) = e^{J(X)} \Phi(X) \quad ; \quad \Phi(X) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_1) & \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & \phi_1(\mathbf{x}_N) \\ \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_1) & \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & \phi_2(\mathbf{x}_N) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_N(\mathbf{x}_1) & \phi_N(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & \phi_N(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

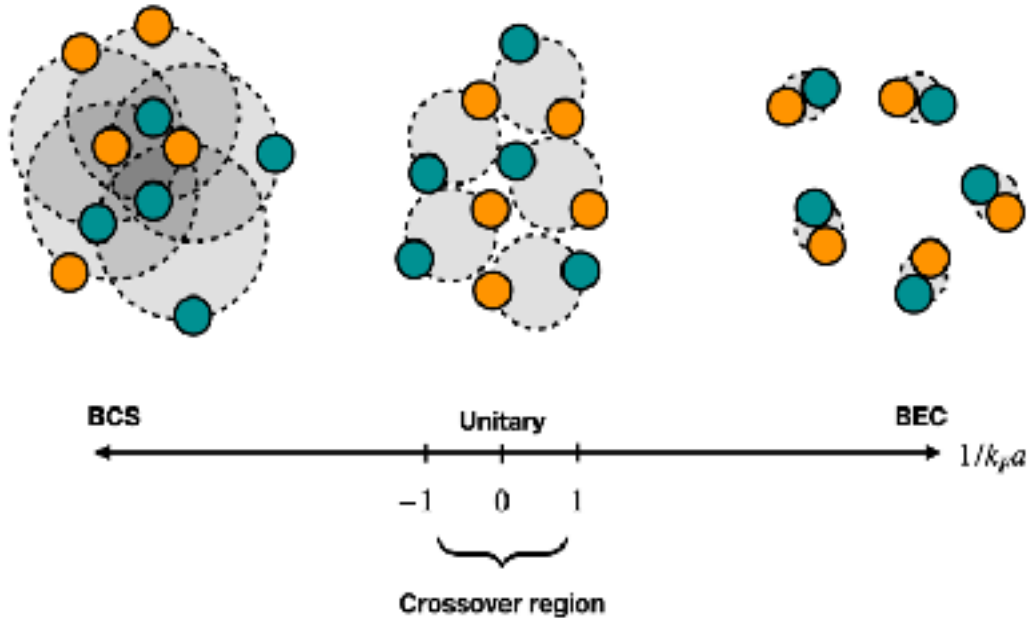
J. Stokes et al., PLB, 102, 205122 (2020)

Pfau et al., PRR 2, 033429 (2020)

Hermann et al., Nature Chemistry, 12, 891 (2020)

COLD FERMI GASES

Periodic-NQS to solve the two-components Fermi gas in the BCS- BEC crossover region



$$H = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i<j} v_{ij}$$

$$v_{ij} = (\delta_{s_i, s_j} - 1) v_0 \frac{2\hbar^2}{m} \frac{\mu^2}{\cosh^2(\mu r_{ij})}$$

NEURAL PFAFFIAN

Pfaffian-Jastrow ansatz

$$\Phi_{PJ}(X) = \text{pf} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \phi(x_1, x_2) & \cdots & \phi(x_1, x_N) \\ \phi(x_2, x_1) & 0 & \cdots & \phi(x_2, x_N) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi(x_N, x_1) & \phi(x_N, x_2) & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In order for the above matrix to be skew-symmetric, the neural pairing orbitals are taken to be

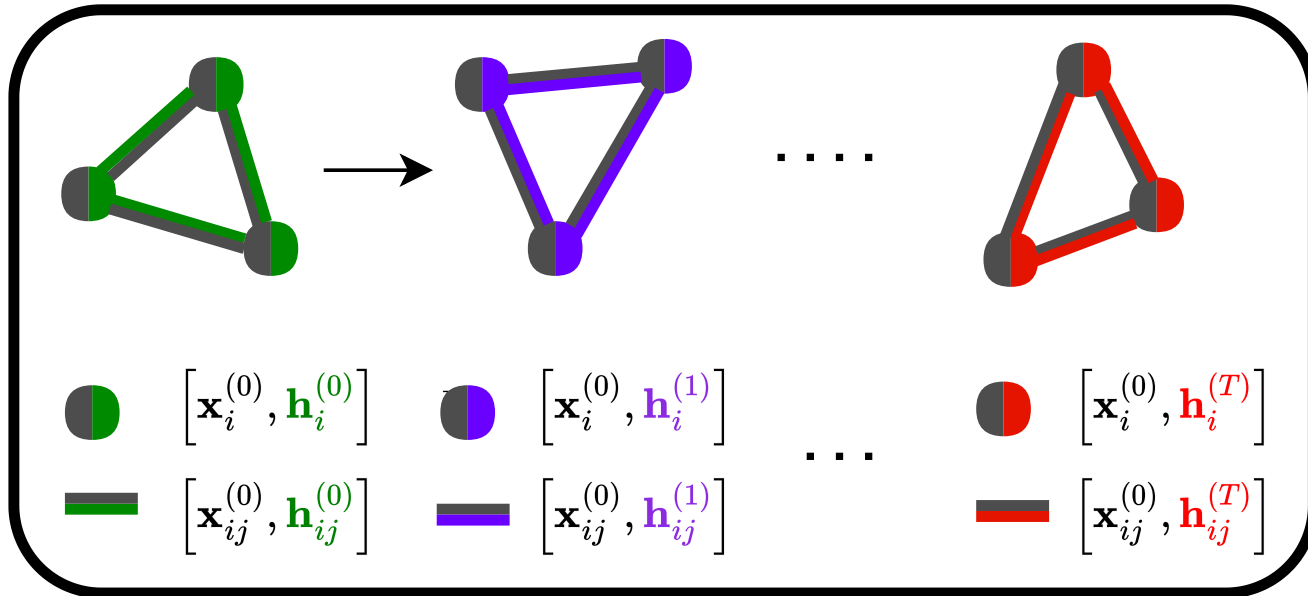
$$\phi(x_i, x_j) = \eta(x_i, x_j) - \eta(x_j, x_i)$$

Example:

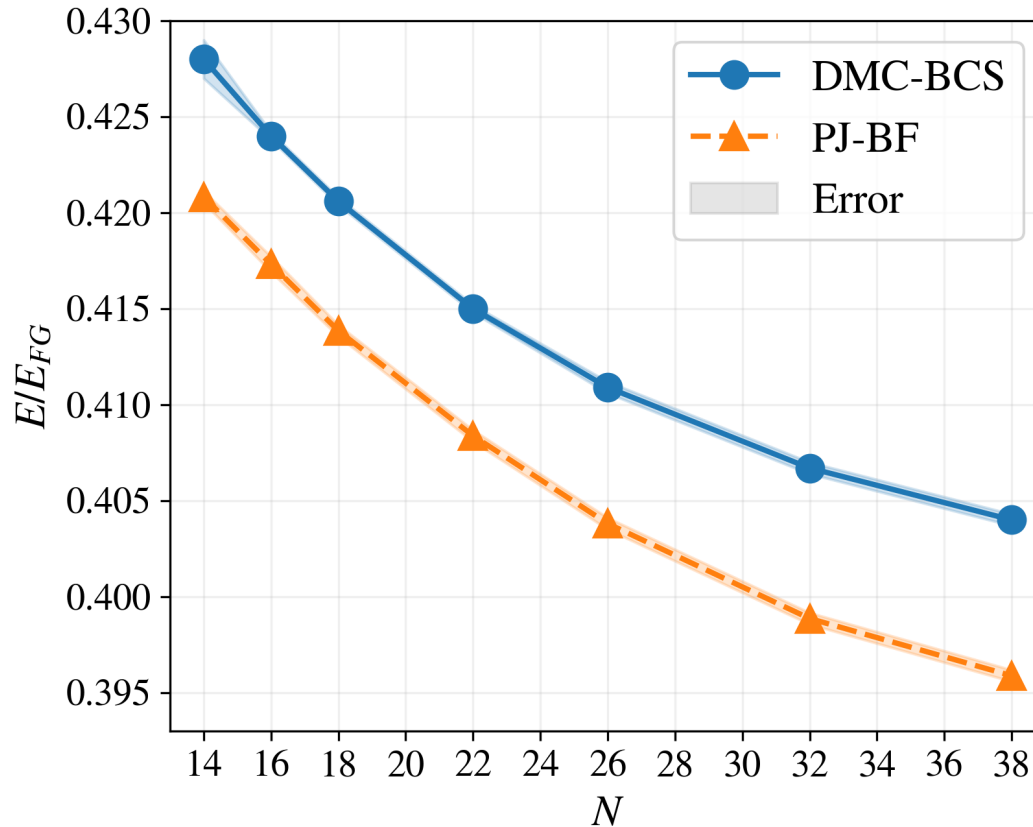
$$\text{pf} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \phi_{12} & \phi_{13} & \phi_{14} \\ -\phi_{12} & 0 & \phi_{23} & \phi_{24} \\ -\phi_{13} & -\phi_{23} & 0 & \phi_{34} \\ -\phi_{14} & -\phi_{24} & -\phi_{34} & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \phi_{12}\phi_{34} - \phi_{13}\phi_{24} + \phi_{14}\phi_{23}$$

NEURAL BACKFLOW CORRELATIONS

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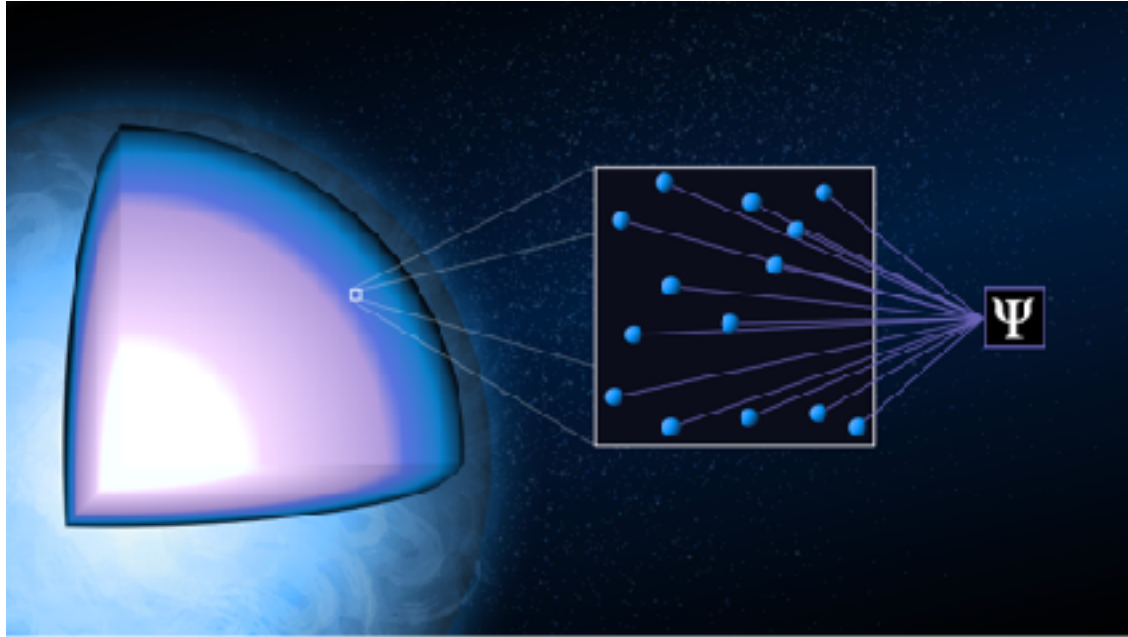


COLD FERMI GASES



$$\left(\frac{E}{E_{FG}} \right)_{\text{exp}} = \xi = 0.376(5)$$

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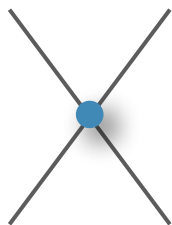


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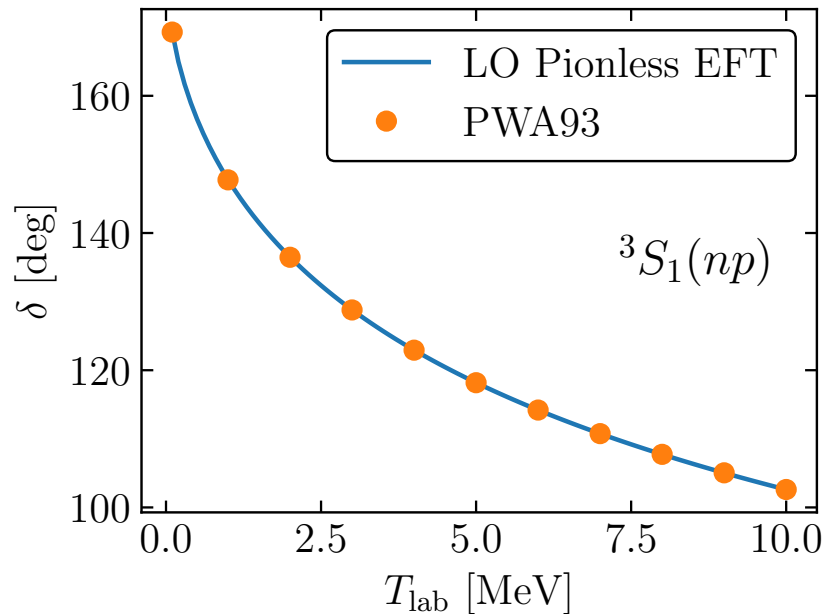
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- NN potential fit to s-wave np scattering lengths and effective ranges



$$v_{ij}^{\text{CI}} = \sum_{p=1}^4 v^p(r_{ij}) O_{ij}^p,$$

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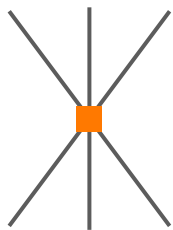


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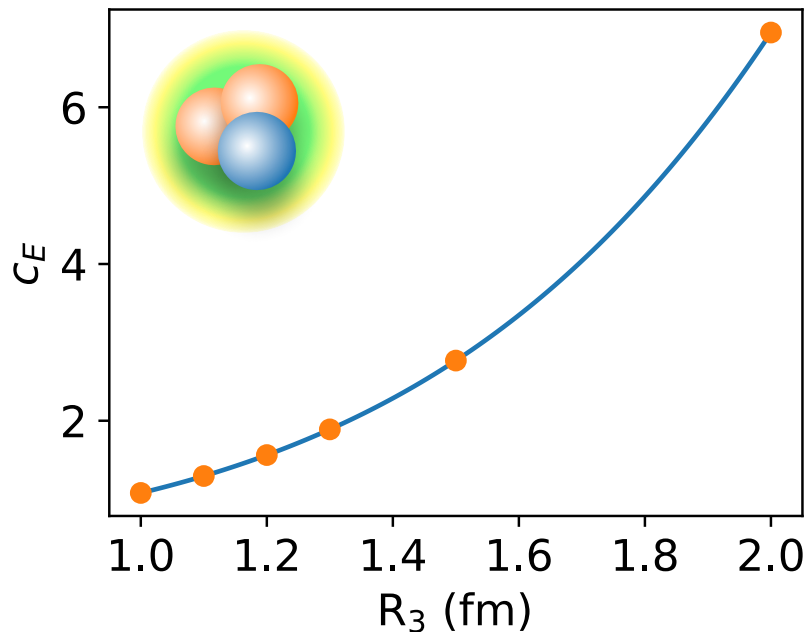
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- 3NF adjusted to reproduce the energy of ${}^3\text{H}$.

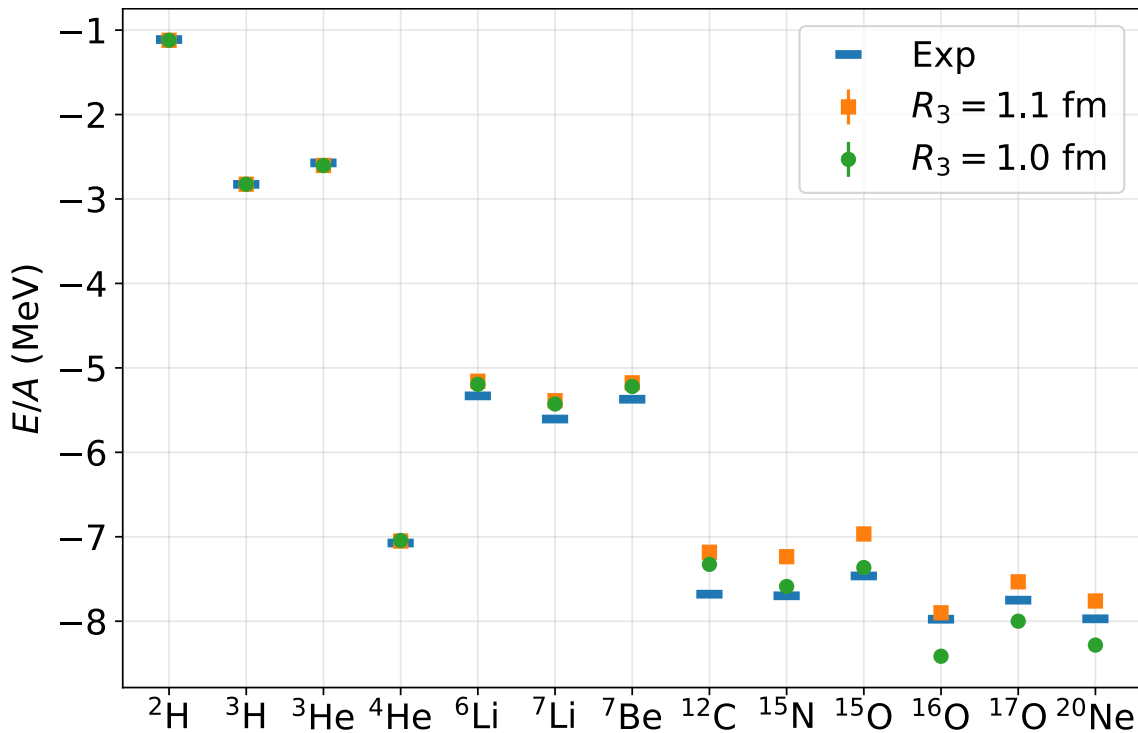


$$V_{ijk} \propto c_E \sum_{\text{cyc}} e^{-(r_{ij}^2 + r_{jk}^2)/R_3^2}$$

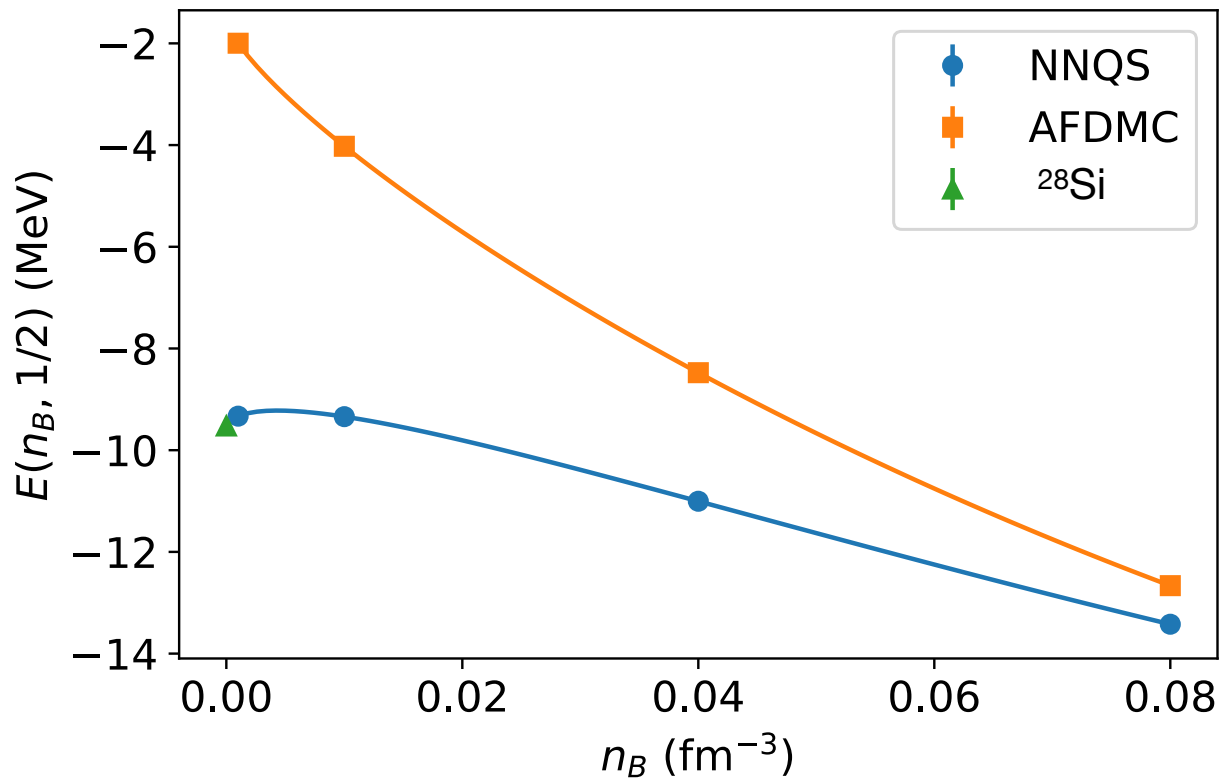


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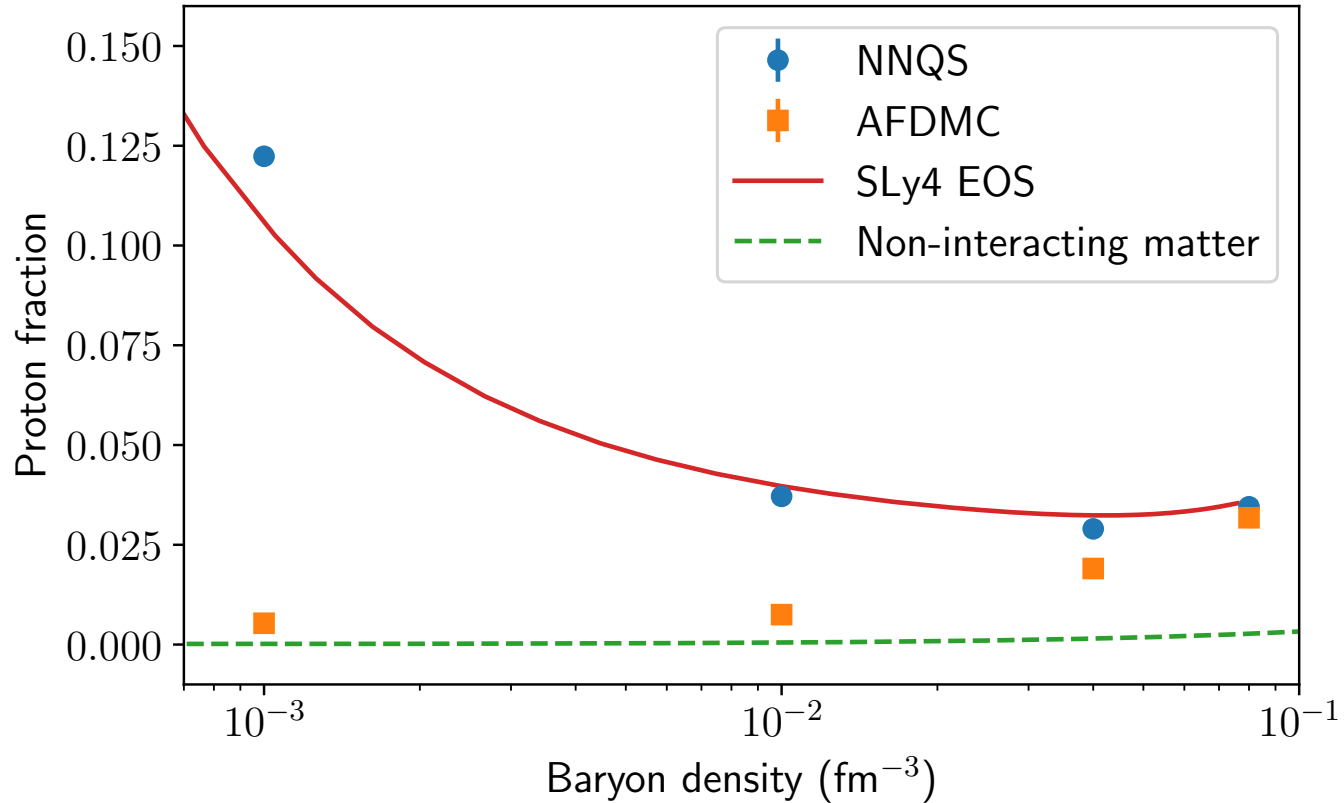
Our “essential” Hamiltonian reproduces well the spectrum of different nuclei



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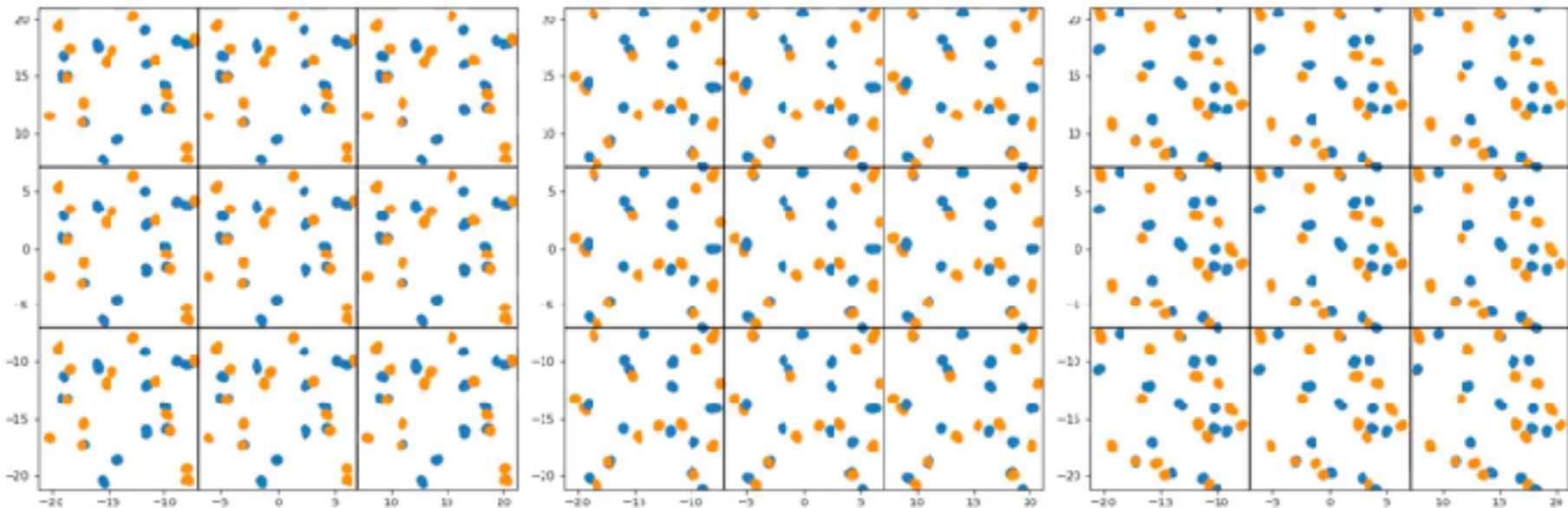


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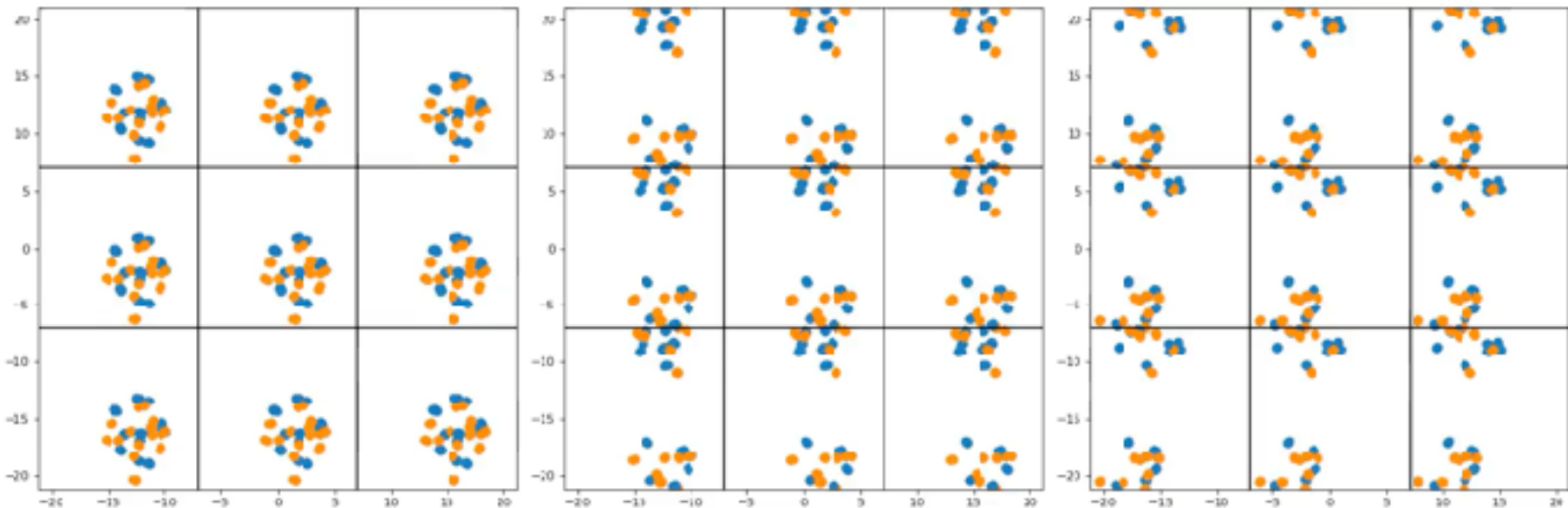
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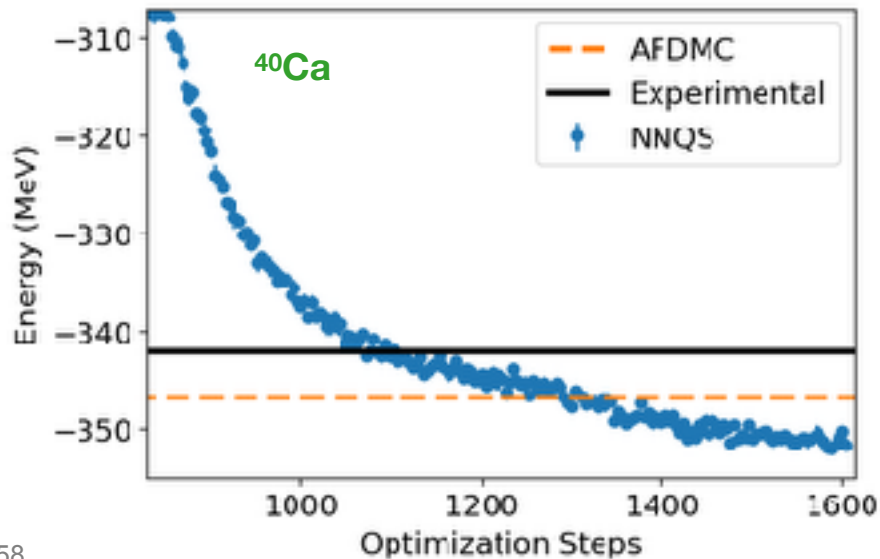
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NQS successfully applied to study:

- Ultra-cold Fermi gases, outperforming state-of-the-art continuum DMC;
- Dilute nucleonic matter, including the self-emergence of nuclei;
- Essential Elements of nuclear binding (including magnetic moments)

Ongoing efforts:

- Medium-mass nuclei
- Excited states
- Chiral-EFT potentials
- Real-time dynamics
- UQ in NQS



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