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# Electroweak constraints for nucleonic matter

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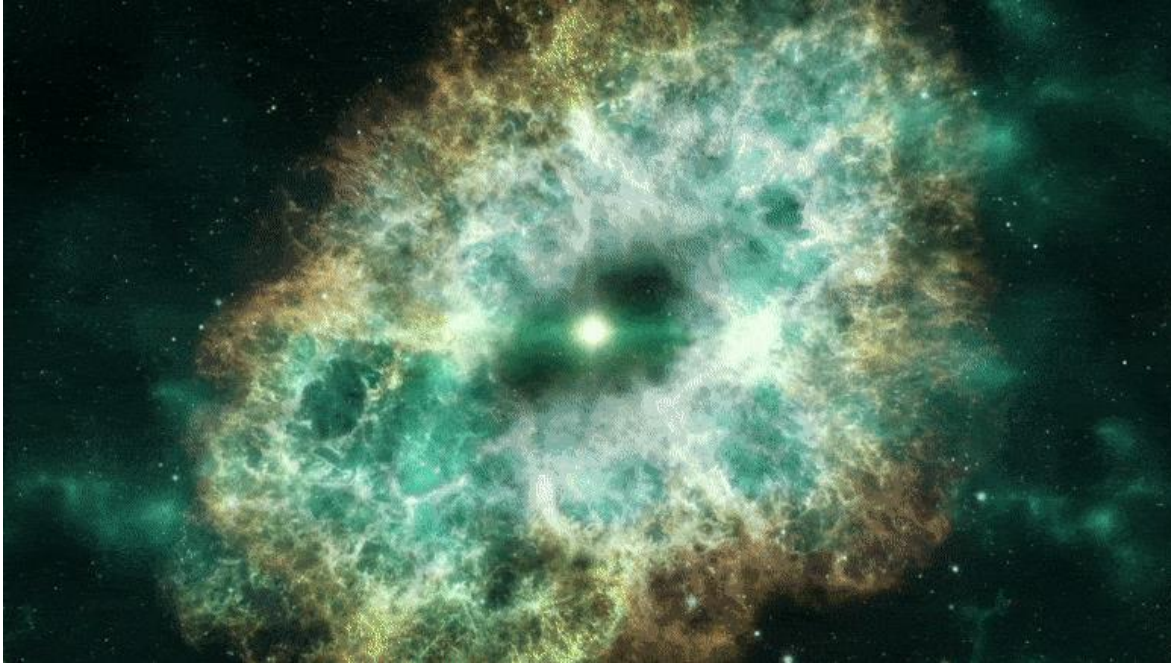
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- Neutrino interactions with finite nuclei and matter
- Data-driven AI analysis of dipole strength functions

# Motivation – neutrino, nucleon and supernova

supernova explosion animation



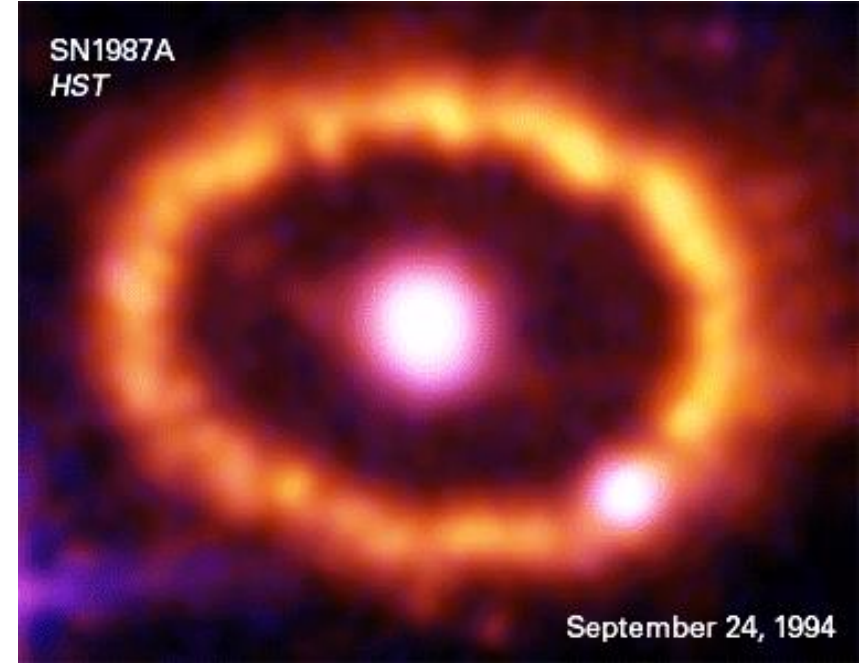
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Neutrino plays an important role in astrophysics, particularly in the dynamics of core-collapse supernovas.

During a supernova explosion, the collapsing core of a massive star releases an immense flux of neutrinos ( $10^{58}$ ).

It is crucial to understand how neutrinos interact with nucleonic matter.

Hubble space telescope ( X-rays)



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SN1987A is the first supernova (core-collapse supernova) that modern astronomers were able to study in detail. Also, it is the first time neutrinos are known to be emitted from a supernova.

# Motivation - neutrinos interact with nucleonic matter

Differential cross section:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE' d\Omega'} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{G^2}{2} L_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu}$$

Leptonic tensor:

$$L_{\mu\nu} = 8 [k_\mu k'_\nu + k'_\mu k_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} k \cdot k' \pm i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} k'^\alpha k^\beta]$$

Hadronic Tensor:

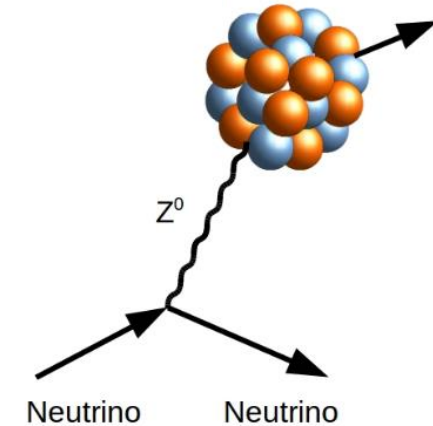
$$R^{\mu\nu} = \sum_f \langle 0 | J^{\mu\dagger}(q) | f \rangle \langle f | J^\nu(q) | 0 \rangle \delta(E_0 + \omega - E_f)$$

response function

weak current operator

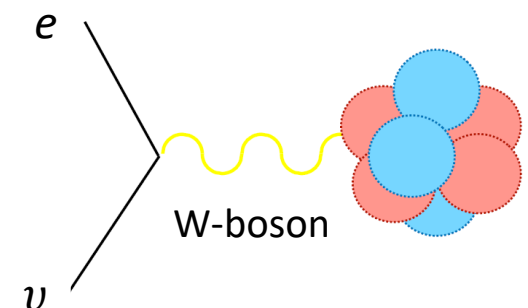
nucleonic system (g.s.)

scattering of neutrinos off nucleonic system



$$\nu + X \rightarrow \nu + X^*$$

$$\nu + {}_z X \rightarrow e^- + {}_{z+1} X^*$$



# $^{16}\text{O}$ electroweak response

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## charge-changing weak current

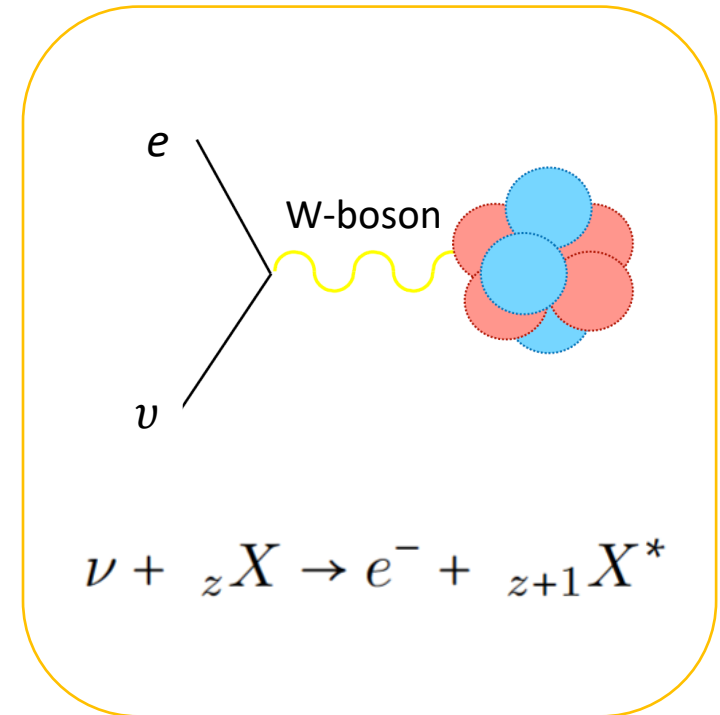
spacelike component

$$\mathbf{j}_\alpha^{5(\pm)} = -G_A(Q^2) \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - \frac{\mathbf{q} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \mathbf{q}}{m_\pi^2 + q^2} \right) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j} \frac{\tau_{j,\pm}}{2}$$

timelike (axial charge) component

$$j_0^5 = -G_A(Q^2) \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \frac{\bar{\mathbf{p}}_j}{m} - \frac{\omega \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \mathbf{q}}{m_\pi^2 + q^2} \right) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j} \frac{\tau_{j,\pm}}{2}$$

charge current neutrino scattering



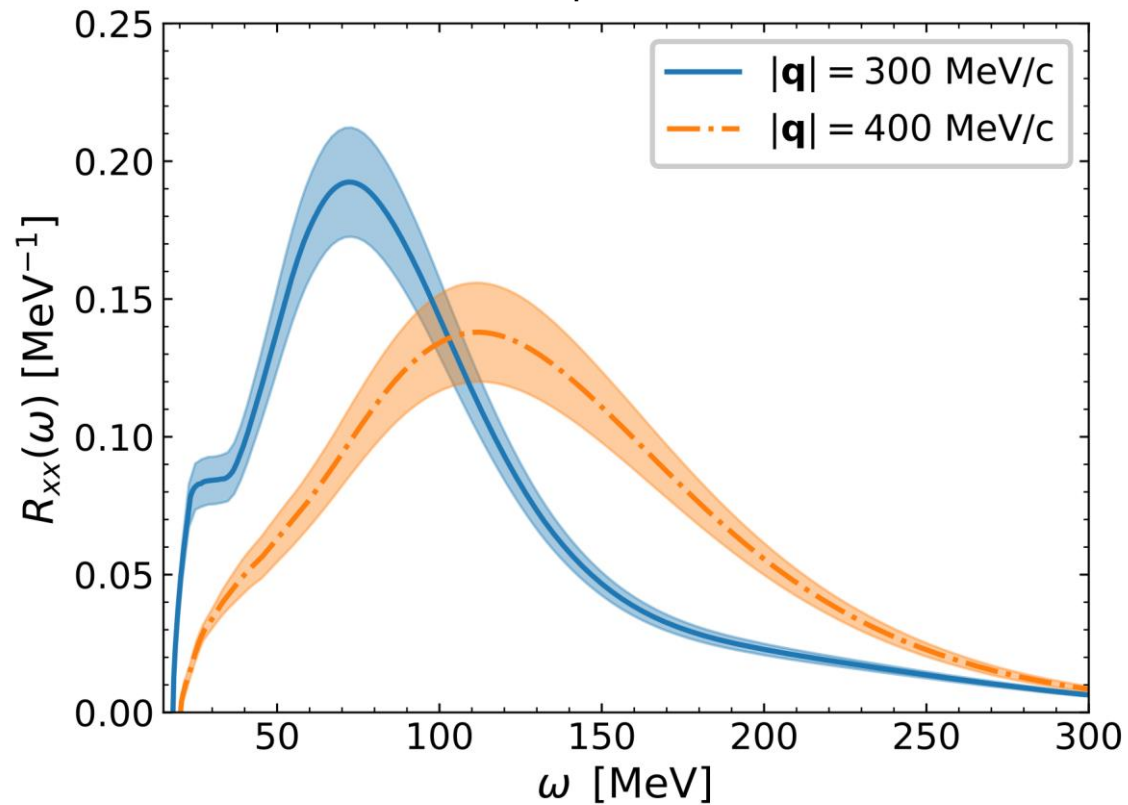
# EW responses for finite nuclei with LIT-CC

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Acharya, Sobczyk, Bacca, Hagen, Jiang (2024)

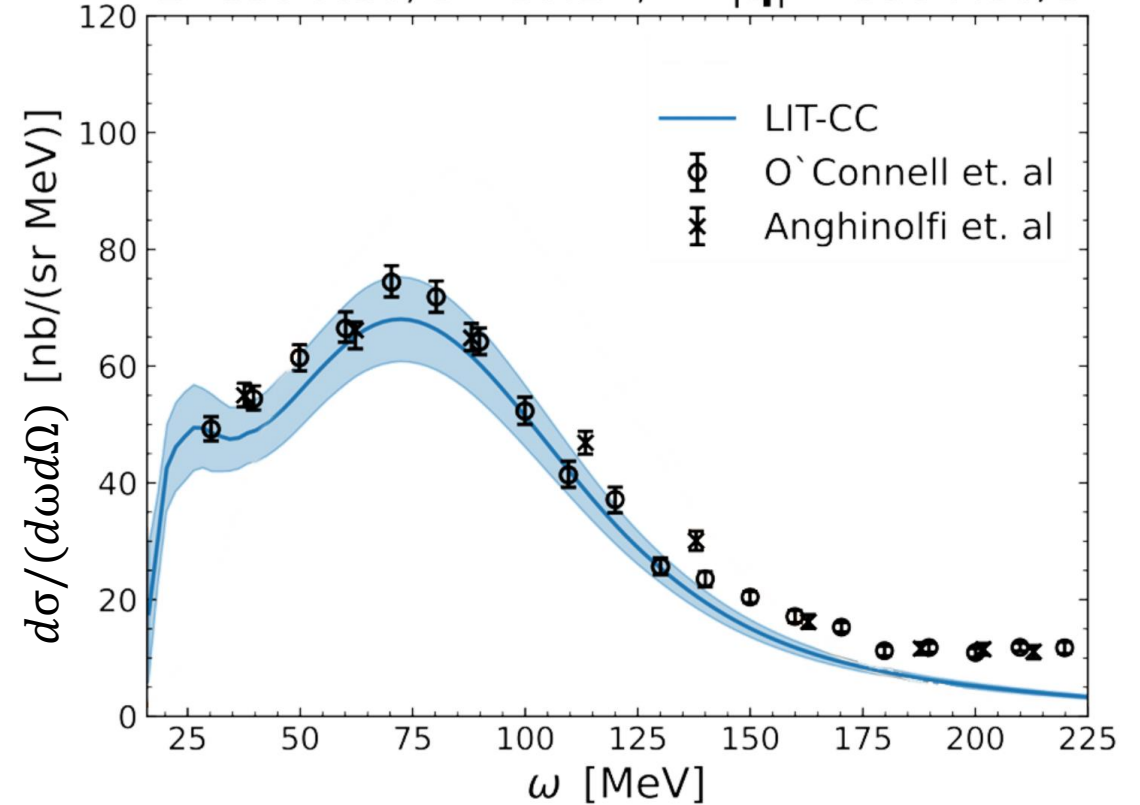
$^{16}\text{O}(\nu_e, e)X$

One of the 5 response functions



$^{16}\text{O}(e, e')X$

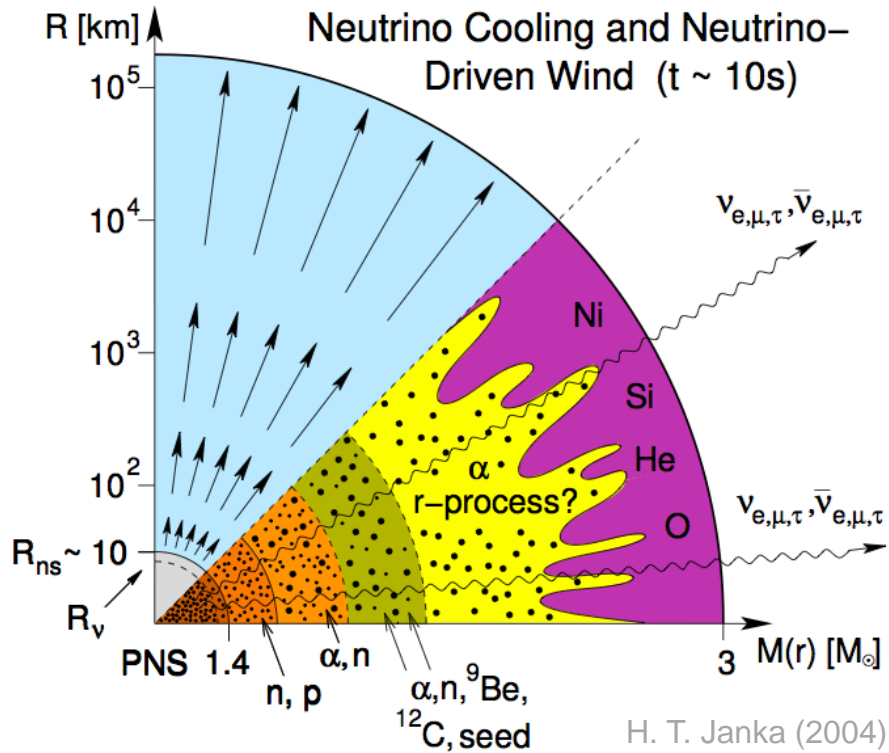
$E=537$  MeV;  $\theta = 37.1^\circ$ ;  $|\mathbf{q}| \approx 330$  MeV/c





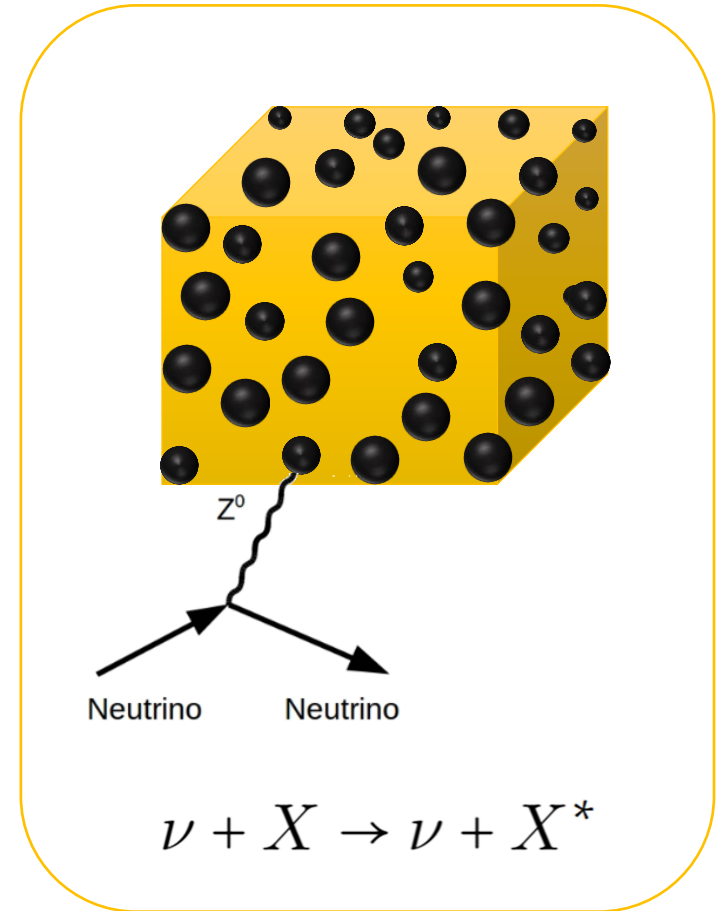
# Spin response of neutron matter

A proto-neutron star (PNS) is the early stage of a neutron star, originating from a core-collapse supernova



long-wavelength limit  $q \rightarrow 0$

neutral current neutrino scattering



$$J_z \rightarrow \hat{O}_q^\sigma = \sum_i \hat{O}_q^\sigma(i) = \sum_i e^{iq \cdot r_i} \sigma_i$$

spin response  
neutron matter

# Method – Integral transform

Response:

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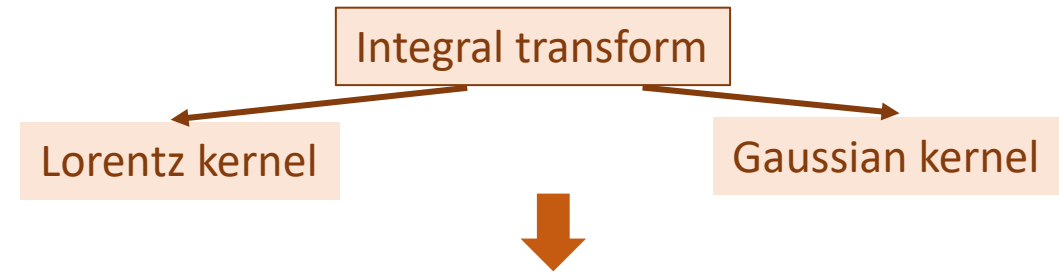
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<sup>16</sup>O: Lorentz kernel  
neutron matter: Gaussian kernel

$$I(\nu; \lambda) = \int d\omega K(\nu, \omega; \lambda) R(\omega)$$



$$K(\nu, \omega; \lambda) = \sum_k^\infty c_k(\nu; \lambda) T_k(\omega)$$



Expansion in a complete basis of orthogonal polynomials

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Moments  $m_k$   
this we can calculate

$$m_k = \int d\omega T_k(\omega) R(\omega) = \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \hat{\Theta} T_k(\hat{H}) \hat{\Theta} | \Phi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \hat{\Theta}^2 | \Phi_0 \rangle}$$

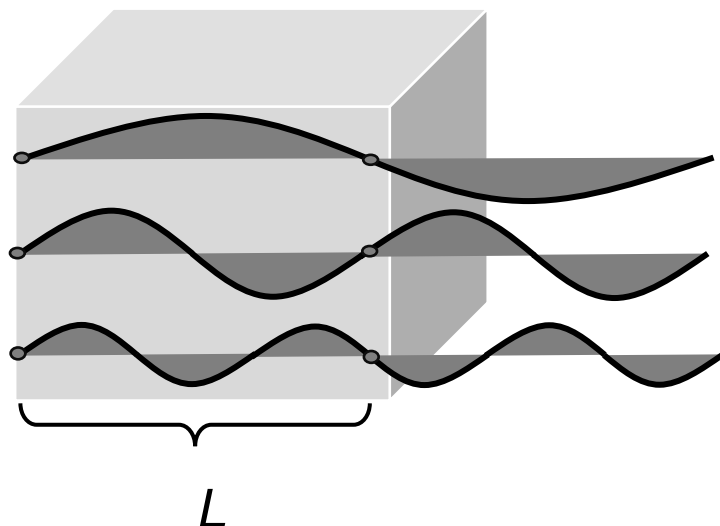


# Method - CC nuclear matter

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The spin response of the neutron matter computed under the coupled cluster framework

$$H_N e^T |\Phi_0\rangle = E e^T |\Phi_0\rangle$$

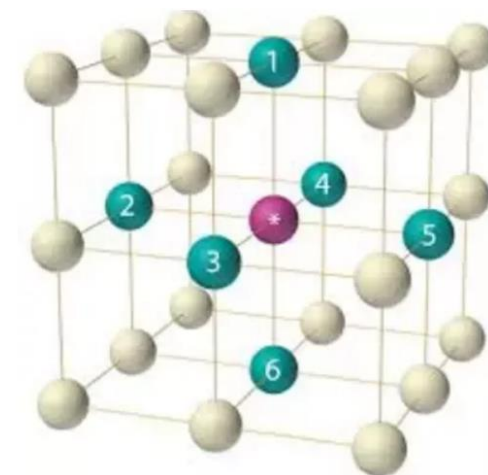


Compute the g.s. and response function under twist-averaged boundary conditions (TABC)

Finite-size effect

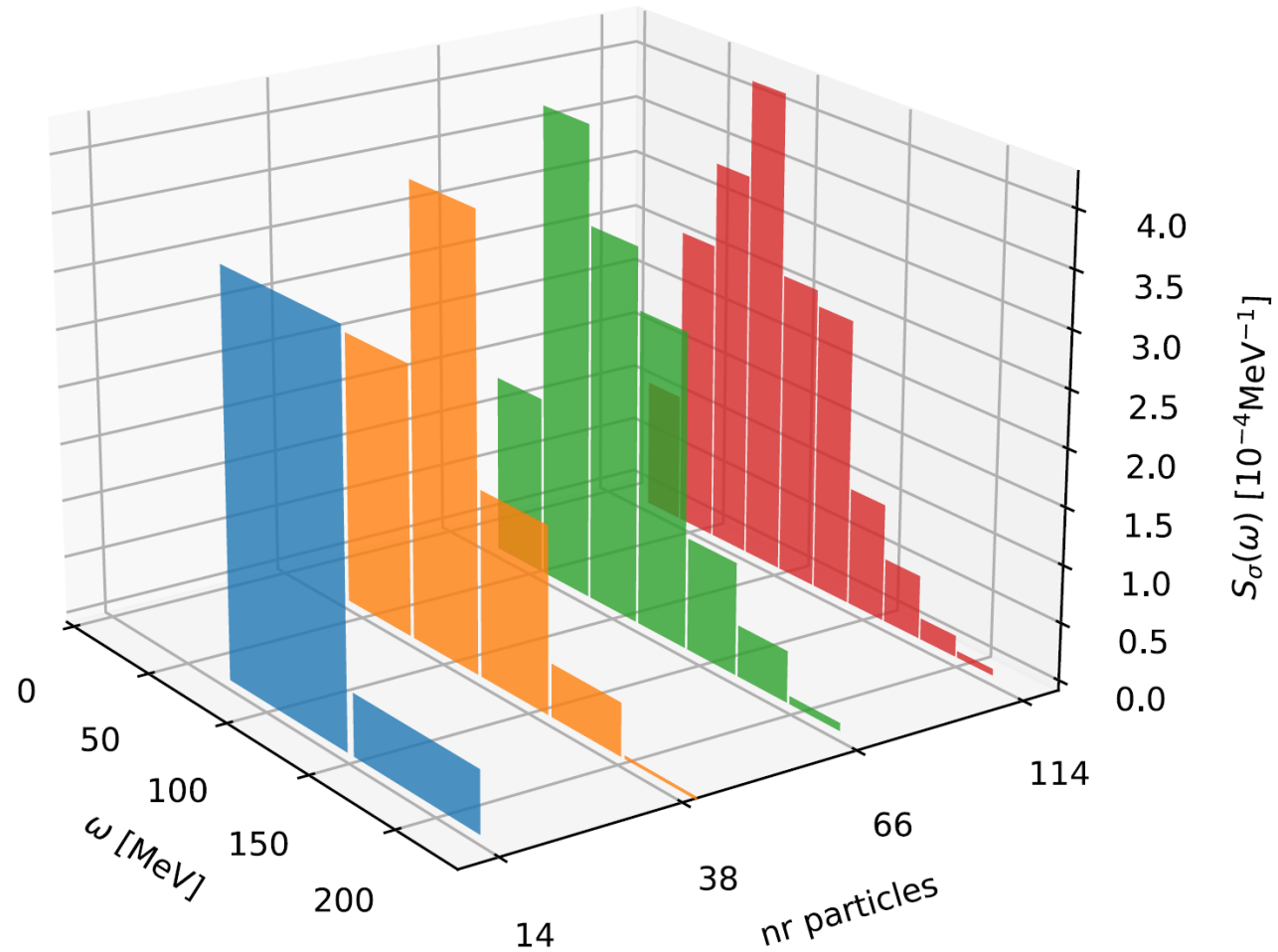
Magic number:  $N = 2, 14, 38, 54, 66, 114, 132, \dots$  for pure neutron matter

Nuclear matter with translational invariance  
The basis of the system is discrete momentum state on a cubic lattice ( $k_x, k_y, k_z$ )



Chiral interaction DNNLO\_GO

# Spin response of neutron matter

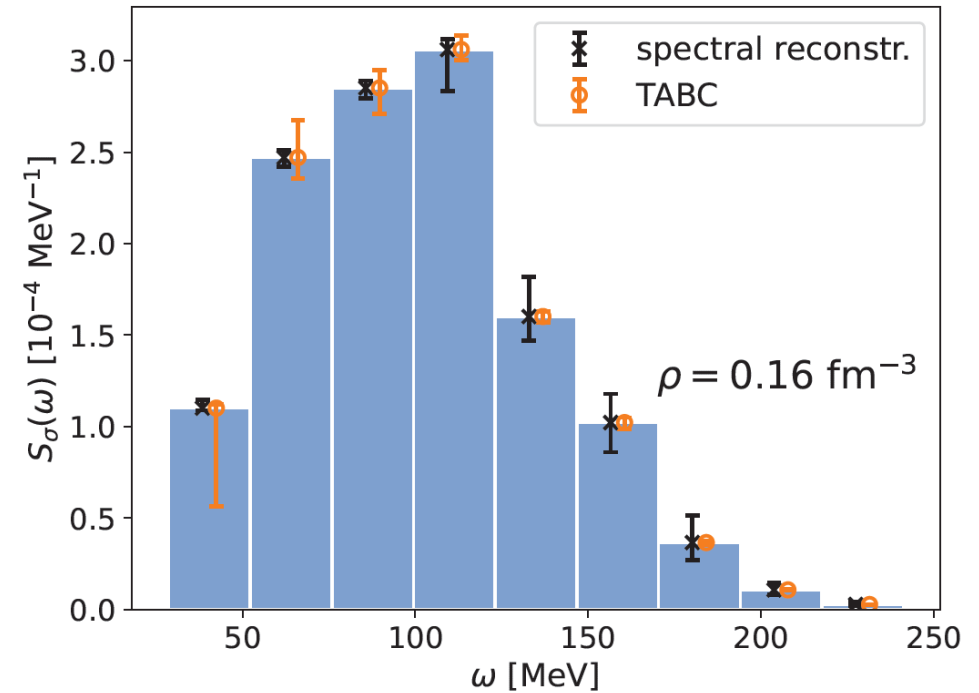
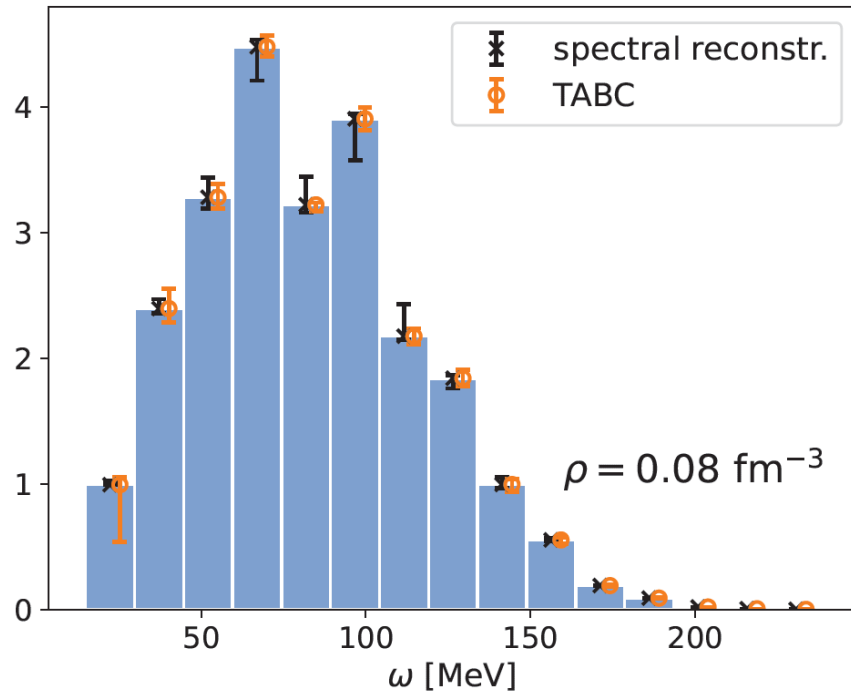


Finite-size effect

arXiv:2407.20986

# Spin response of neutron matter

Mode of the response function shifted towards higher  $\omega$  when density of the neutron matter increases



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# Interaction sensitive (tensor part)

## $\Delta$ LO(450 MeV) Hamiltonian

method	$\mathcal{H}_{kin}$	$\mathcal{H}_{contact}$	$\mathcal{H}_{\pi}$	$\mathcal{H}_{\pi} - \mathcal{H}_T$	$E_{tot}$	$m_1$	$m_0$
CIMC	37.489(31)	-31.379(97)	11.300(59)	13.161(46)	17.400(15)	7.467(55)	0.0662
CC	37.0939	-31.3374	11.6571	13.107	17.4141	5.809	0.0434

Similar binding energy

deviated spin response  
(energy-weighted sum rule)

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CC	37.8515	-32.41071	11.91662	14.36435	17.3574	10.02966	0.070

# Outline

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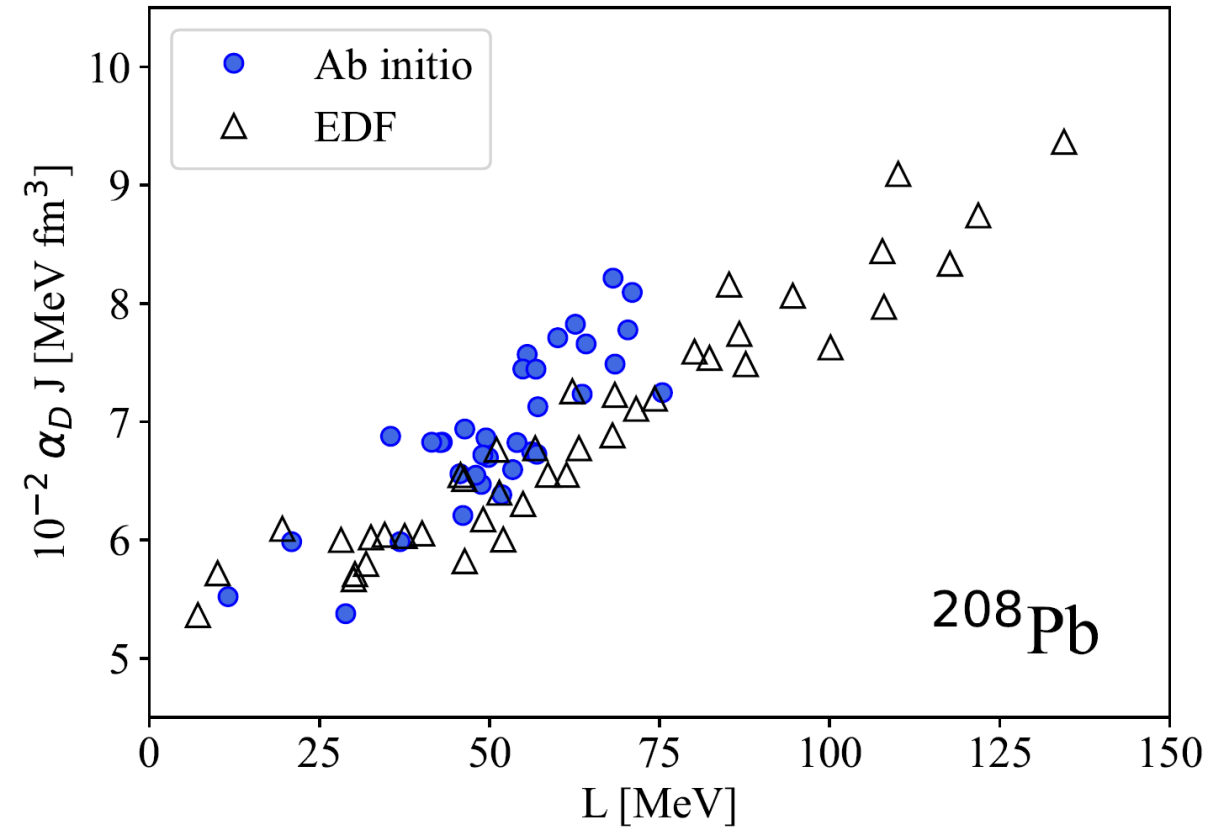
# Motivation – Electric dipole polarizability ( $\alpha_D$ )

See Francesca Bonaiti's talk

$\alpha_D$  is a fundamental observable that characterizes the response of a nucleus to an external electric field.

Provides key insights into the behavior of nuclear matter under varying conditions.

- neutron skin thickness
- symmetry energy, slope





# Motivation – Electric dipole polarizability ( $\alpha_D$ )

There is a need for accurate predictions of  $\alpha_D$  to constrain the nuclear EoS and deepen our understanding of neutron-rich matter.

Limited experimental  $\alpha_D$  data

Experiment:

$$f_{E1}(E) = \frac{\sigma_\gamma(E)}{3(\pi\hbar c)^2 E}$$

$$\alpha_D = \frac{3(\hbar c)^3}{2} \int \frac{f_{E1}(E)}{E} dE$$

Expensive theoretical calculations

Theory:

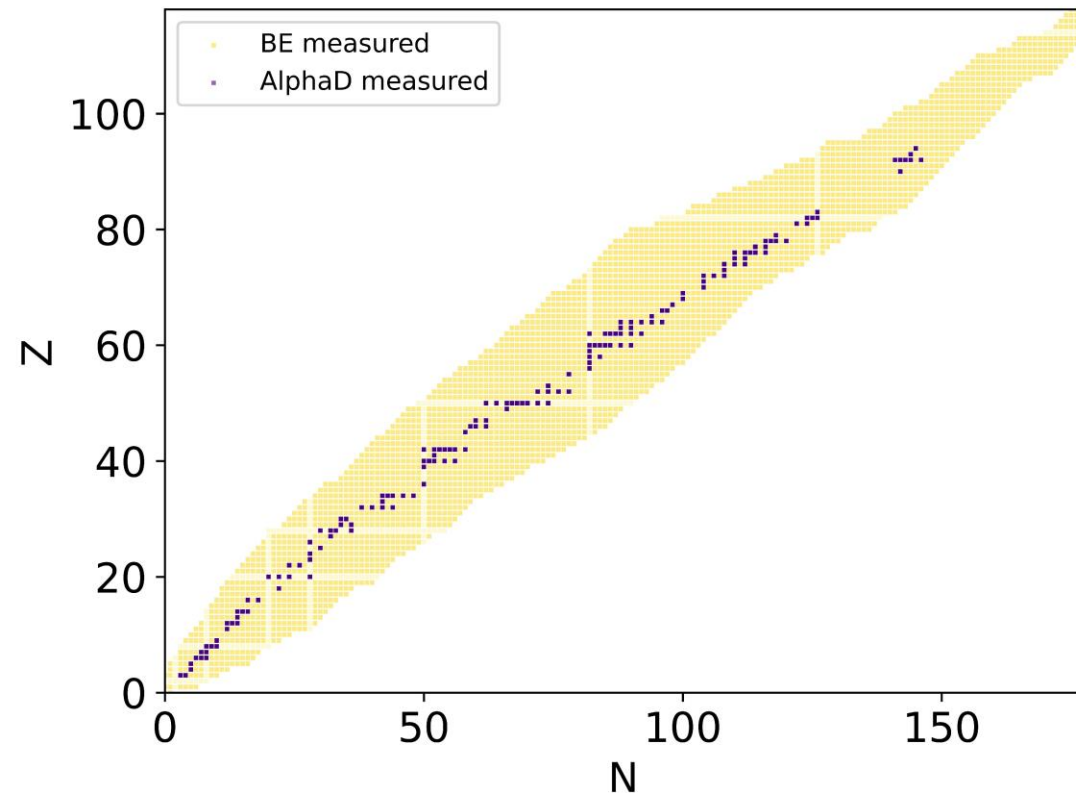
$$R = \sum_f |\langle f | \Theta | i \rangle|^2 \delta(E_0 + \omega - E_f)$$

$$\alpha_D = 2\alpha \int d\omega \frac{R(\omega)}{\omega} = 2\alpha \sum_f \frac{|\langle f | \Theta | i \rangle|^2}{E_f - E_i}$$

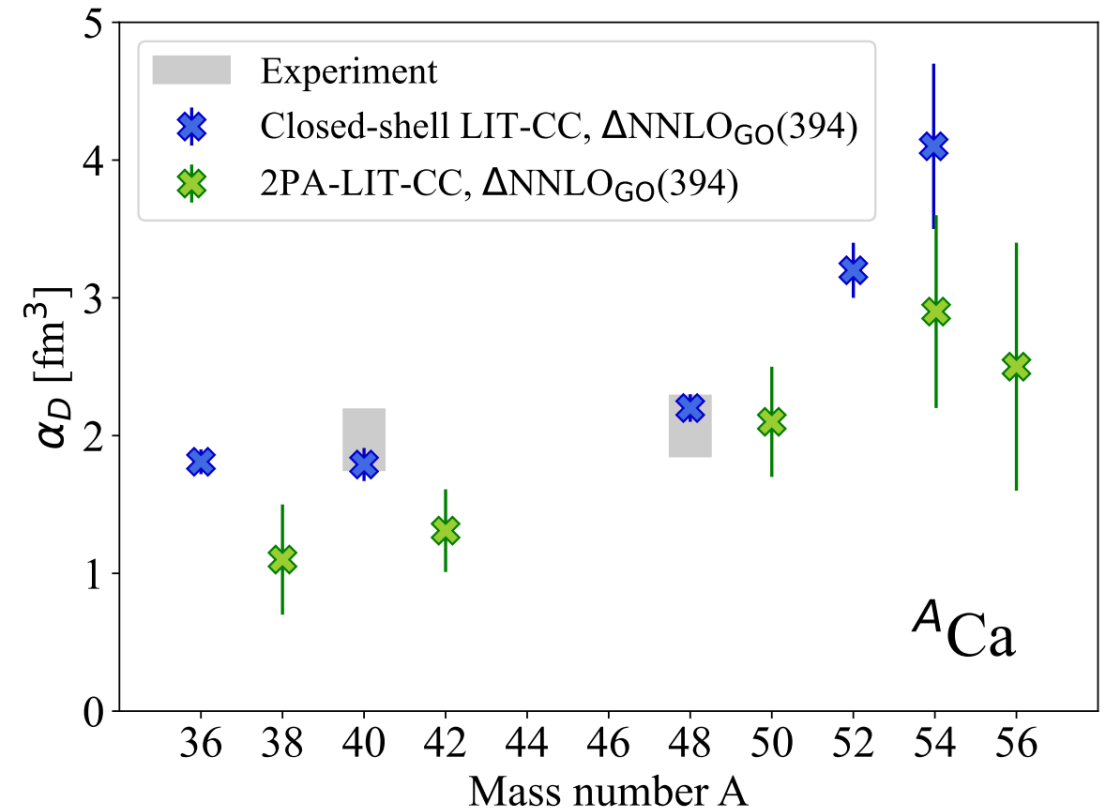
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What about machine learning models (AI emulators)?

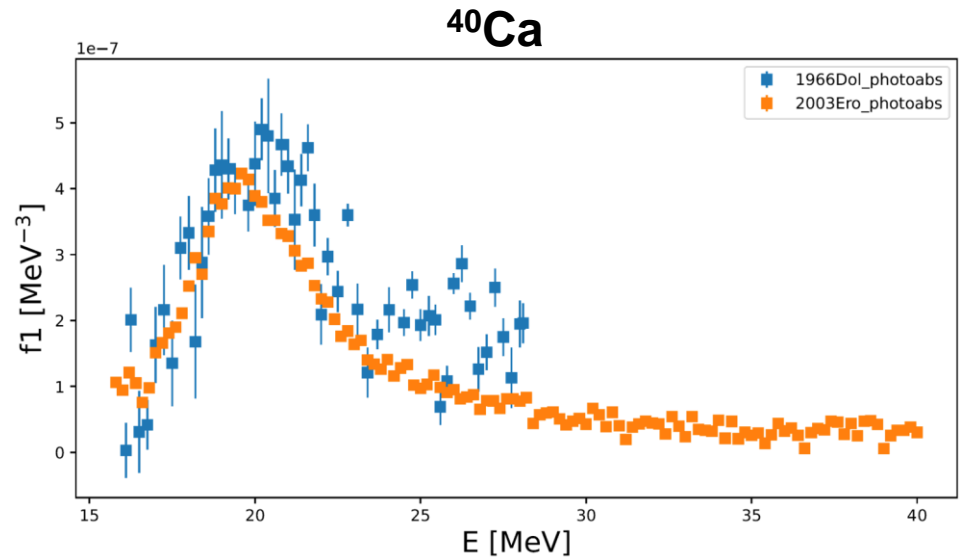
# Method – data preparation

Data-driven  $\alpha_D$  emulator based on machine learning technique

Capture the pattern of cross-section instead of  $\alpha_D$

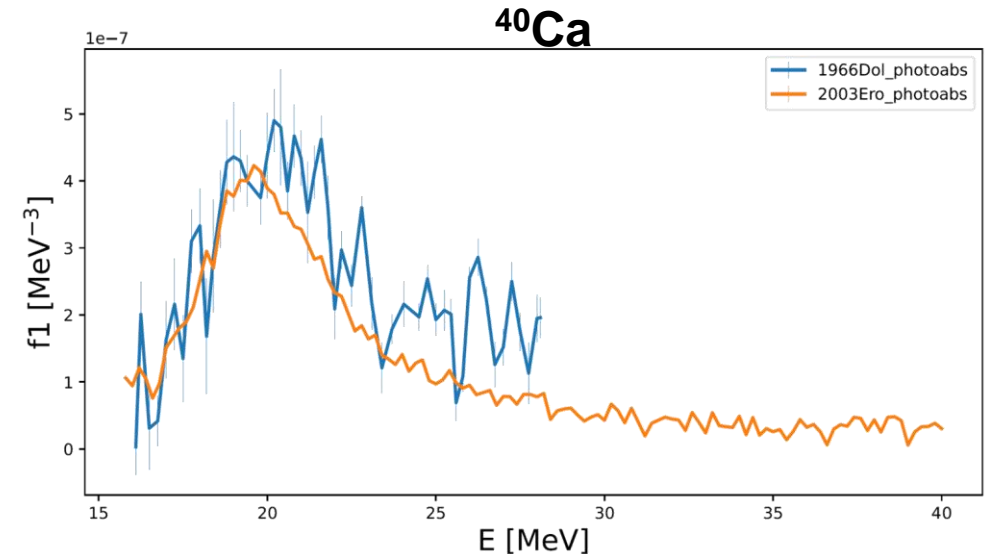
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$$\alpha_D \propto \int \frac{\sigma_\gamma(E)}{E^2} dE$$



Expt. data points (used): 30,635

Data augmentation  
(by interpolation)



data points after (used): 162,968

experimental data extracted from the well-established EXFOR database

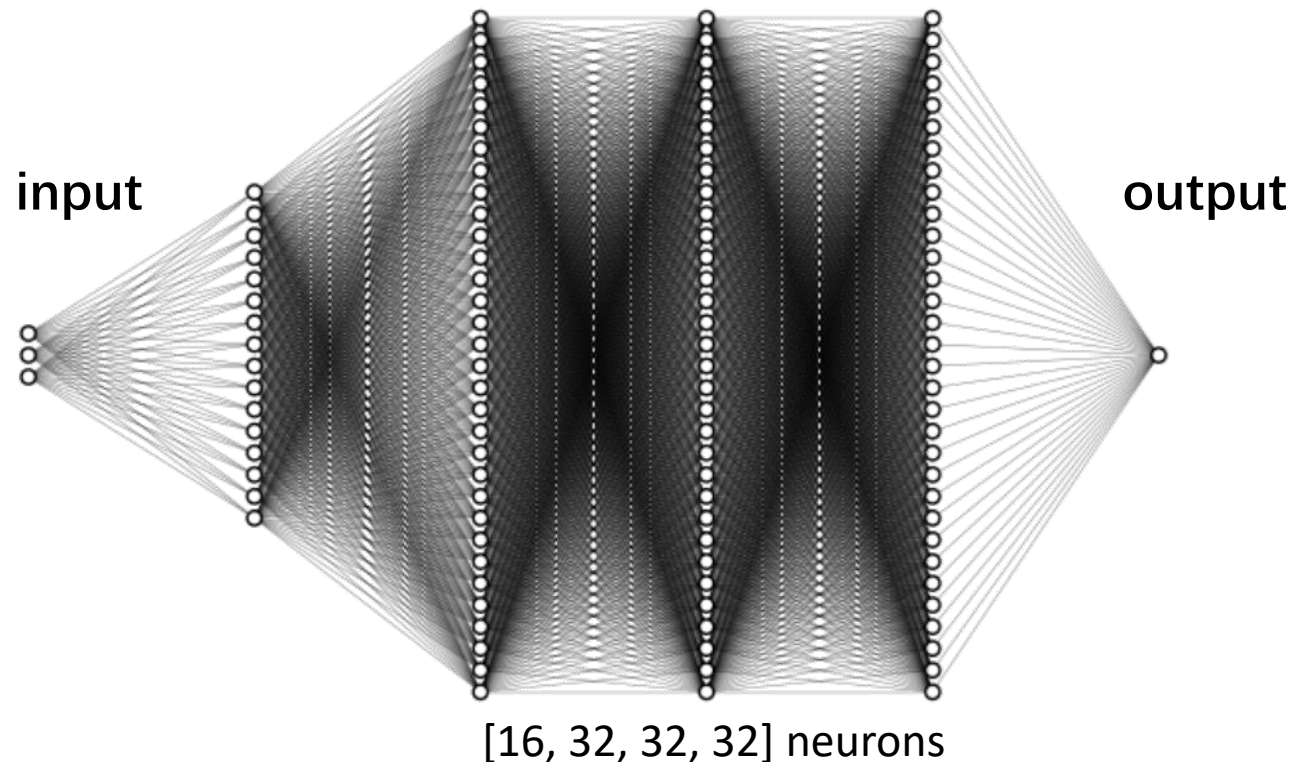
# Method – Neural Network architecture

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Our goal: given  $A, Z, E_Y$ , predict  $\sigma_Y$  or  $f_{E1}$

Find a network that is able to capture the relation between them

hidden layer: ReLU + Sigmoid



Schematic representation of a selected fully connected feed-forward neural network used in this work

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 16)	64
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 32)	544
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 32)	1056
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 32)	1056
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 1)	33

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Total params: 2753 (10.75 KB)  
Trainable params: 2753 (10.75 KB)  
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)  
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number of all weights:2640

# Method – model complexity vs overfitting

balance between model complexity and overfitting

1. Is the network giving satisfactory predictions for the training data?

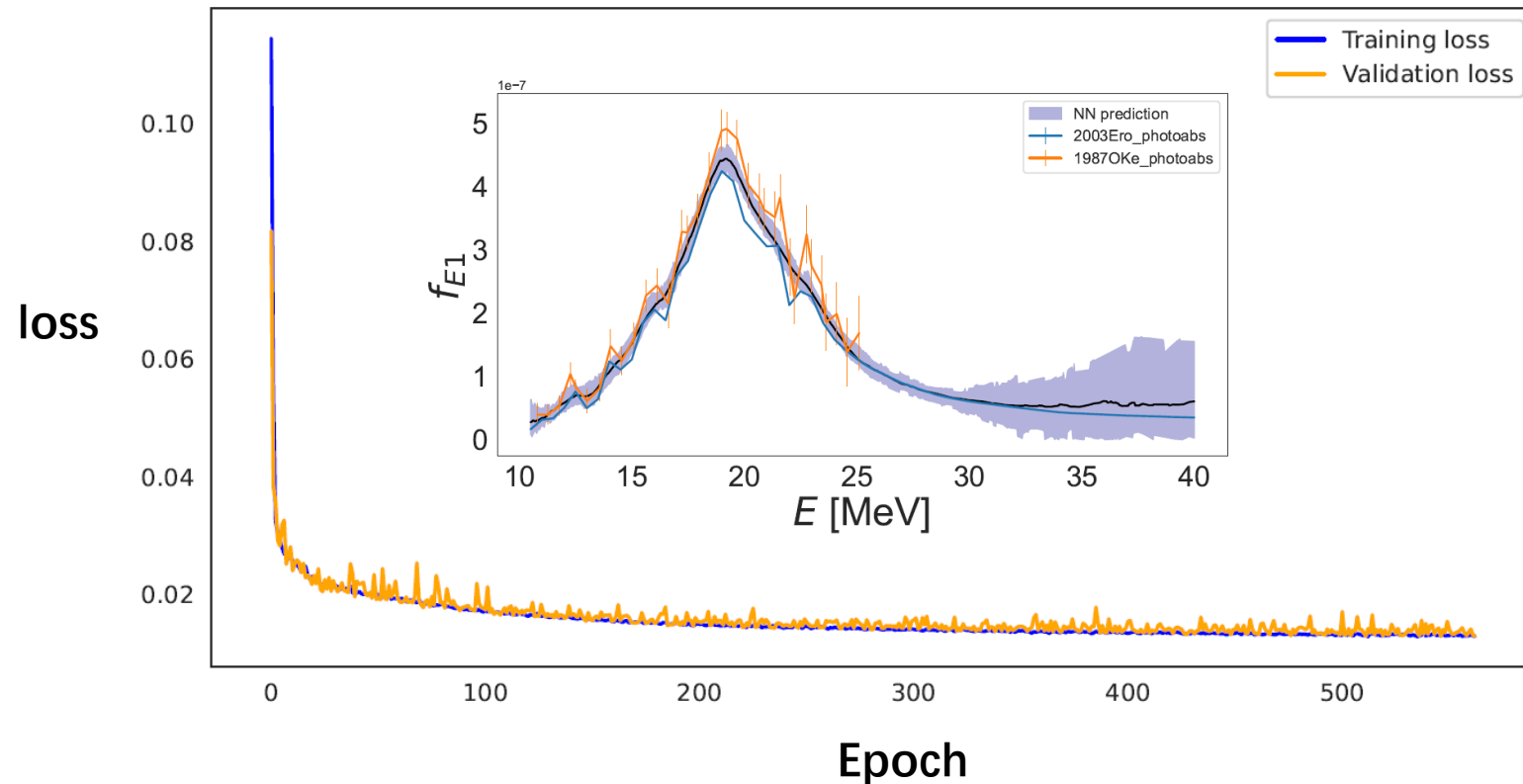
2. Is the network overfitting?

input data size: 162,968 data points

trainable parameters: 2,753

There is still potential to further deepen or widen the network before encountering significant overfitting.

training set: 90%  
validation set: 10%

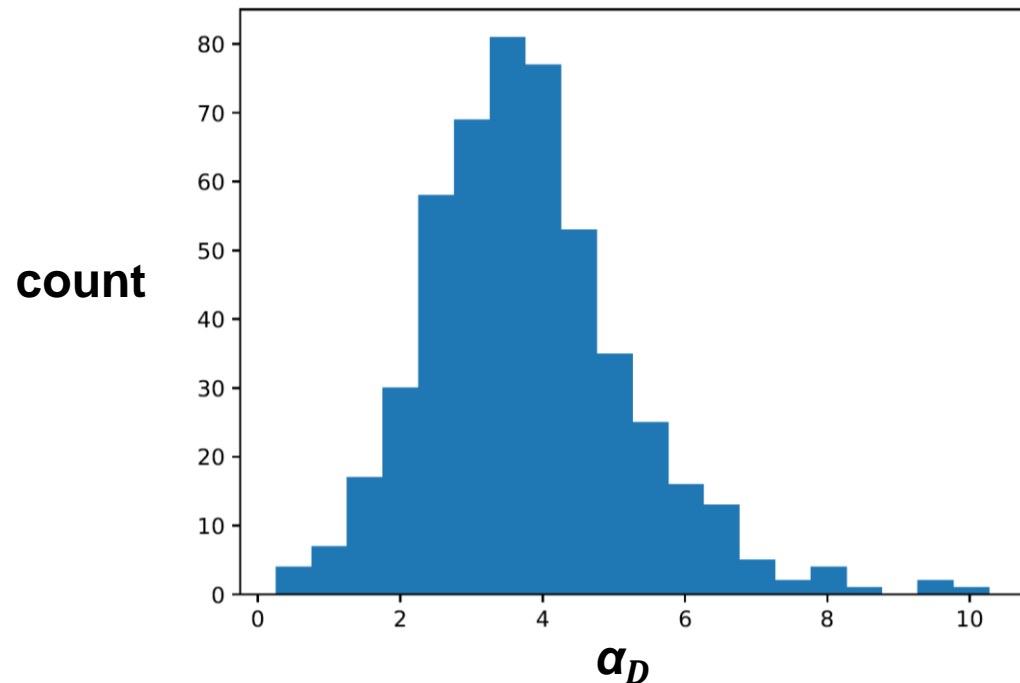


# Method – Uncertainty Analysis

To fully understand the limitations and reliability of our machine learning model, it is essential to discuss and quantify the uncertainties embedded in the neural network prediction

Model uncertainty: parameter uncertainty, architecture sensitivity ...

Data uncertainty: quality and consistency of the input data ...



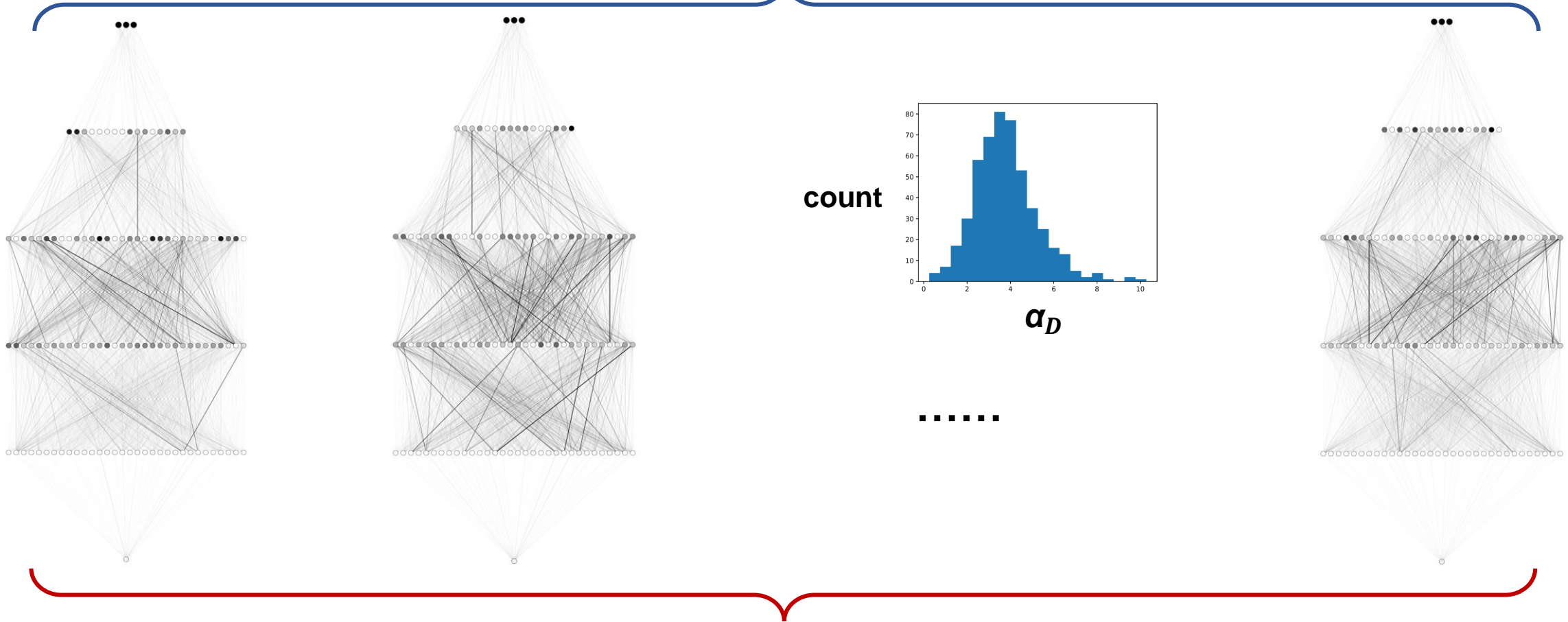
To quantify the main uncertainties we employed **the ensemble learning methods** that train multiple neural network models (500) with different initializations and different subsets of data.



# Method – ensemble learning methods

weights (lines) and biases (dots), represented in grayscale and normalized to the range [0,1]

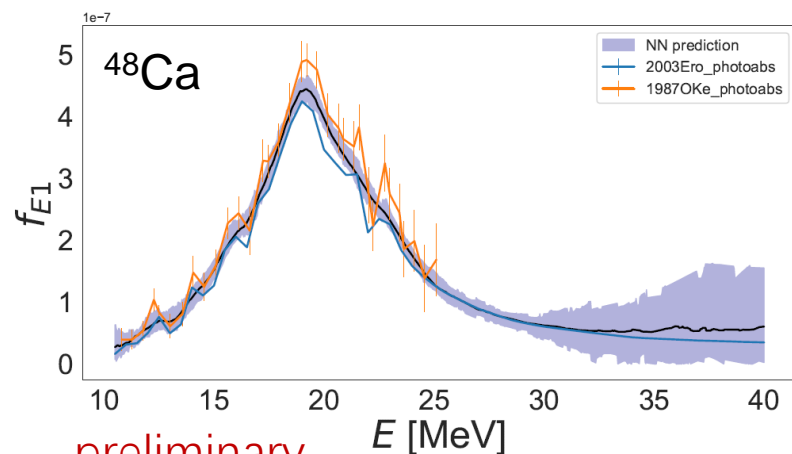
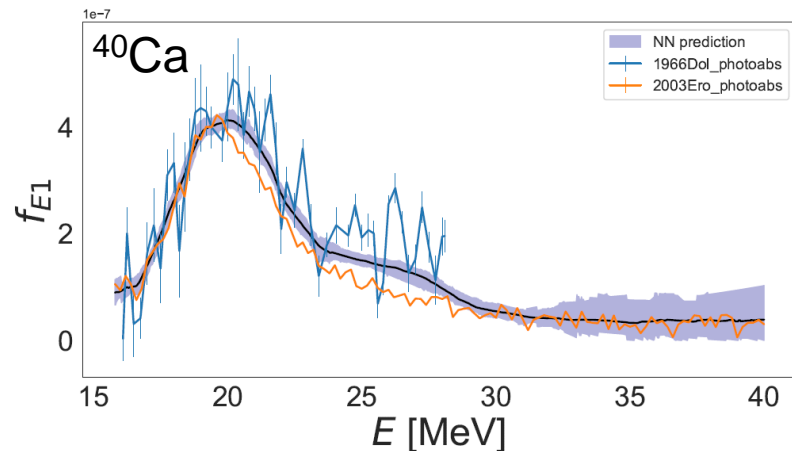
Input:  $A, Z, E_\gamma$



cross-section /  $\alpha_D$  (mean value), error bar (68% credible interval)

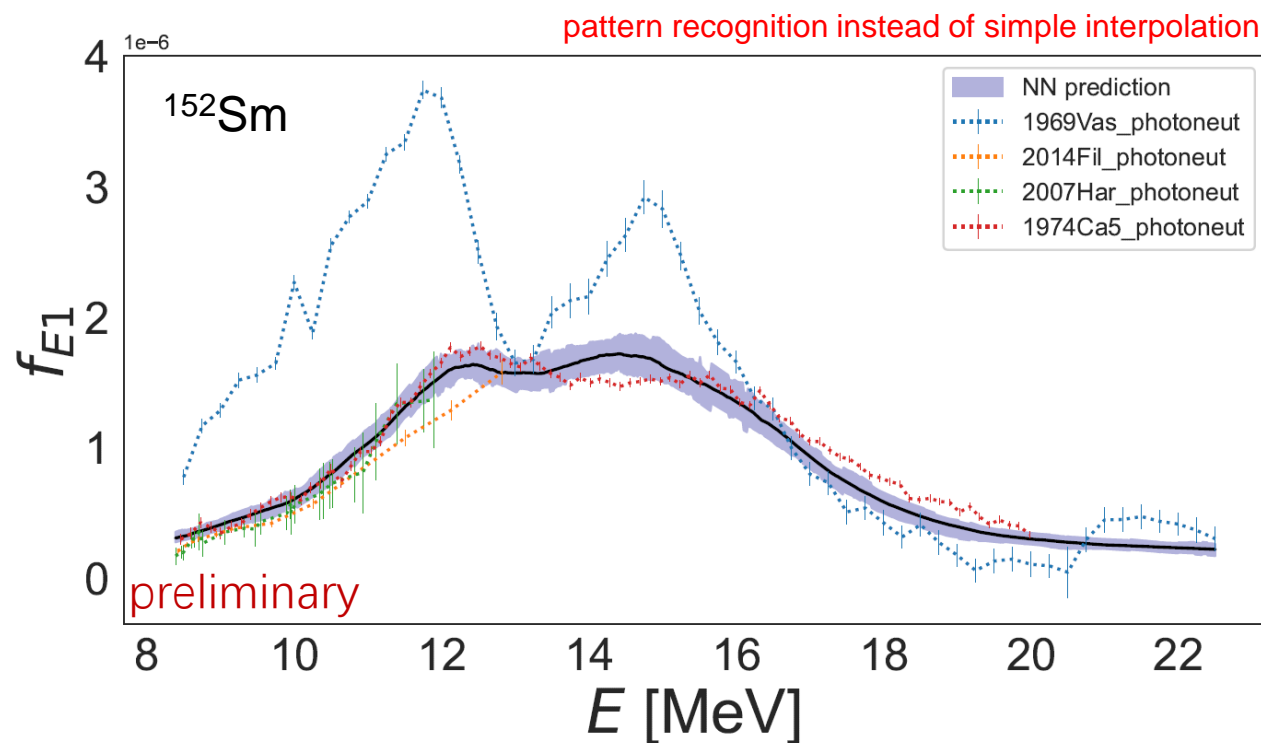
# Results – NN vs experiments

Training nuclei



preliminary

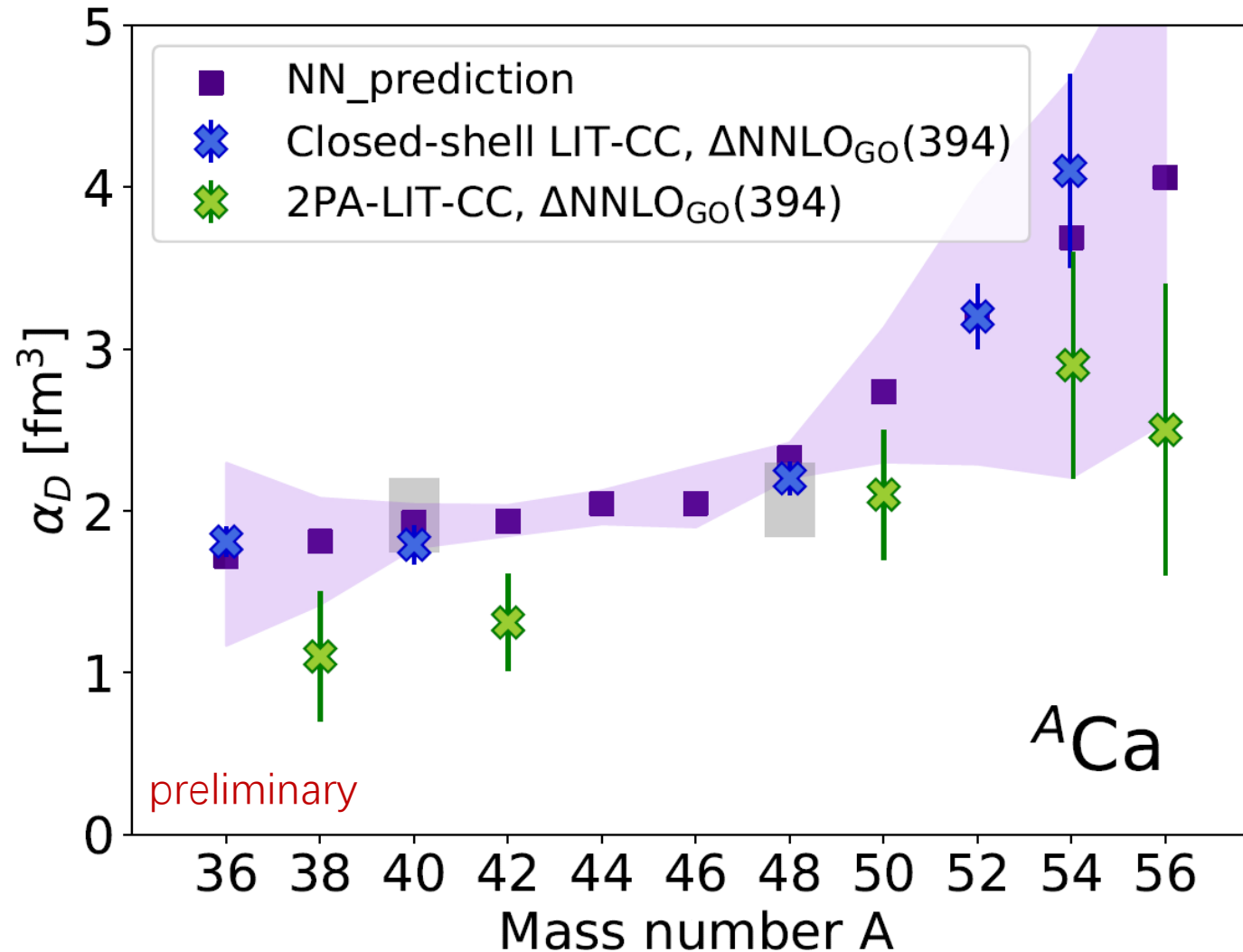
Testing nuclei (prediction)



10 out of 160 nuclei serve as the testing set

# Results – NN vs theoretical calculations

Neural network predictions compared with different coupled cluster approaches



# Questions

- Is there other calculations for the response function that we can benchmark with?
- New experiment?

# Collaborators



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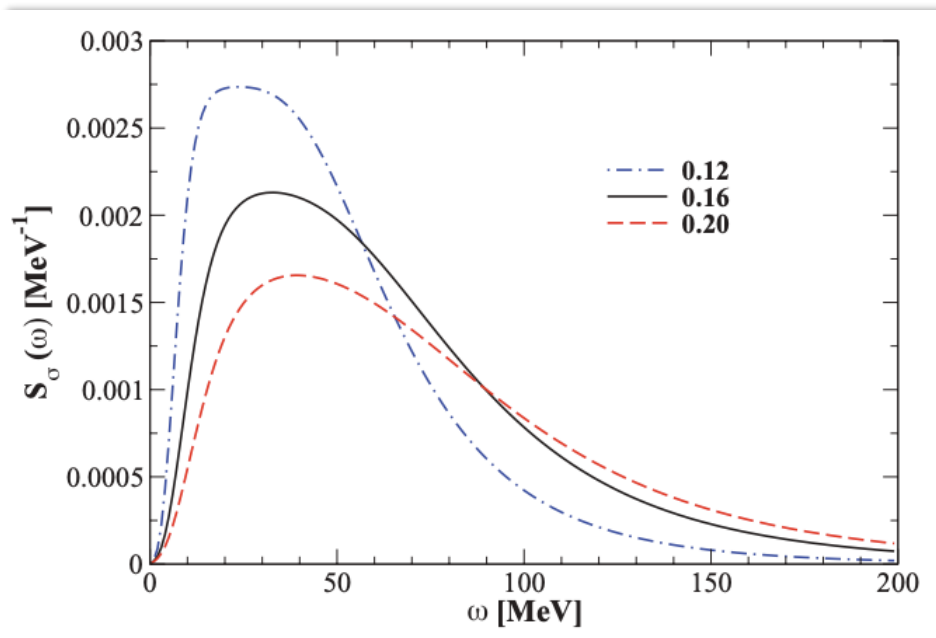


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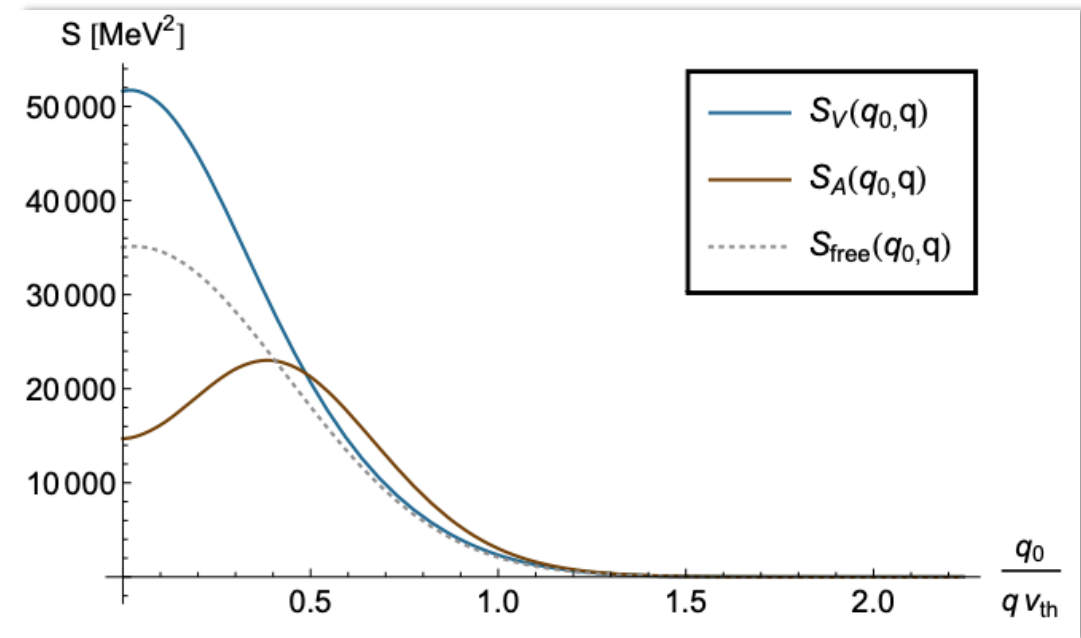
# Motivation – Previous studies

- Quantum Monte Carlo method + realistic AV8 potential, reconstruct the dynamical spin response from three energy-weighted sum rules. \*
- Virial expansion + pseudopotential, construct the responses at low fugacity, low density, and/or high temperature. \*\*

Our goal: To obtain an explicit response function with robust many-body methods and modern chiral interaction.



\* *Phys. Rev. C* 87, 025802 (2013)



\*\* *Phys. Rev. C* 98, 015802 (2018)



# Method – Integral transform

Response:

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neutron matter: Gaussian kernel

Integral transform

$$\longrightarrow I(\nu; \lambda) = \int d\omega K(\nu, \omega; \lambda) R(\omega)$$

Lorentz kernel

Gaussian kernel

$$K^{(L)}(\nu, \omega; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi\lambda} \frac{\lambda^2}{(\omega - \nu)^2 + \lambda^2}$$

$$K^{(G)}(\nu, \omega; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{(\omega - \nu)^2}{2\lambda^2}\right)$$

Expansion in a complete basis of orthogonal polynomials

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# Method – GIT Coupled Cluster (GIT-CC)

We can expand Gaussian kernel, in Chebyshev polynomials:

$$T_0(H) = 1$$

$$T_{-1}(H) = T_1(H) = H$$

$$T_{n+1}(H) = 2H \cdot T_n(H) - T_{n-1}(H)$$



$$|\Phi_1\rangle \equiv \hat{\Theta} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

$$|\Phi_n\rangle = \hat{H} |\Phi_{n-1}\rangle$$

$$m_0 = \langle \Phi_1 | \Phi_1 \rangle$$

$$m_1 = \langle \Phi_1 | \Phi_2 \rangle \equiv \langle \Phi_2 | \Phi_1 \rangle$$

$$m_{n+1} = 2 \langle \Phi_1 | \Phi_{n+1} \rangle - m_{n-1} \equiv 2 \langle \Phi_{n+1} | \Phi_1 \rangle - m_{n-1}$$

recurrence relation

A numerical inversion of the resulting integral transform to recover the response function:

$$I(\nu; \lambda) = \int d\omega K(\nu, \omega; \lambda) R(\omega)$$

To evaluate the Chebyshev moments, we apply Coupled Cluster (CC) method:

$$\hat{H} = e^{-T} H e^T$$

$$\hat{\Theta} = e^{-T} \Theta e^T$$

# Motivation – Photoabsorption

