

# Coupled cluster theory for neutrino scattering

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Precision Physics, Fundamental Interactions  
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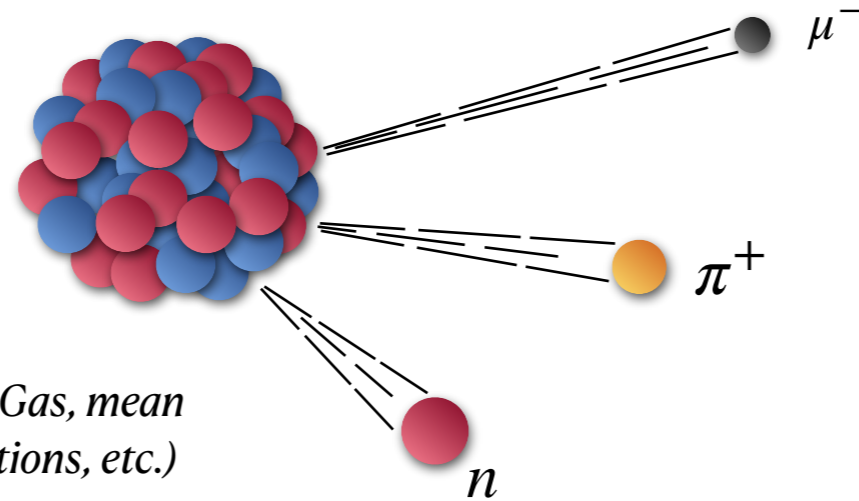


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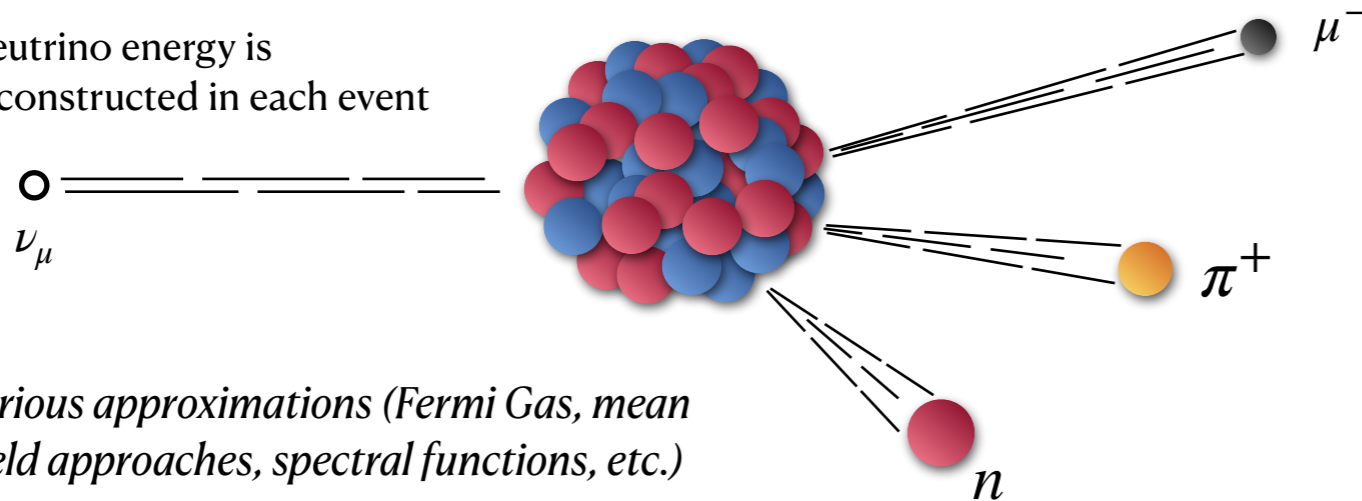
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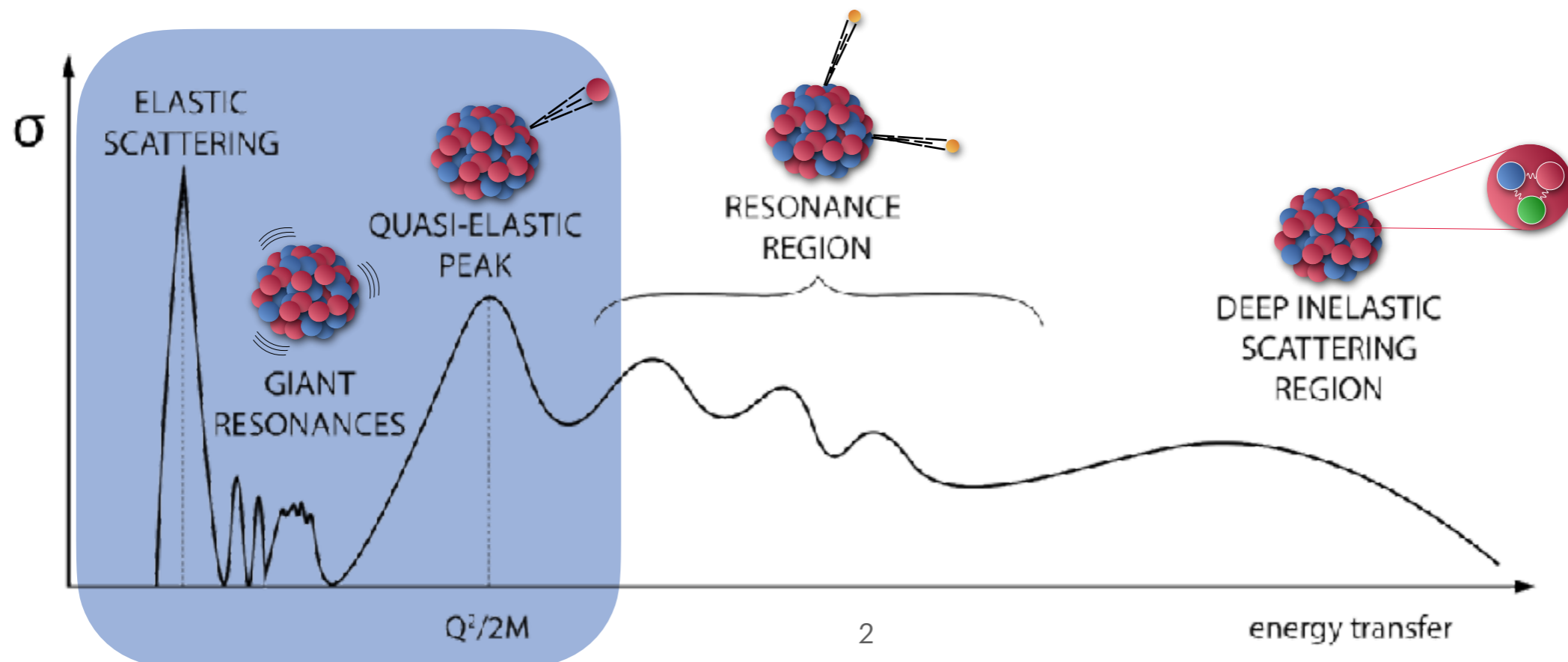
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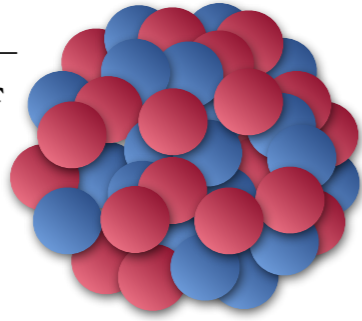
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WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM A (MORE) FUNDAMENTAL THEORY?



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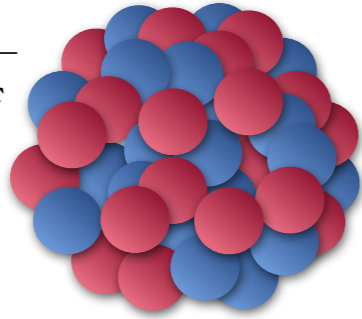
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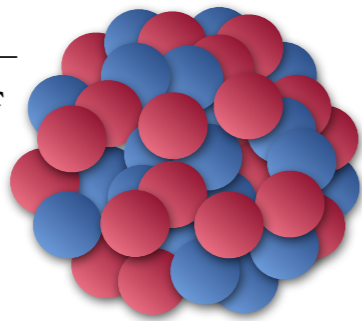
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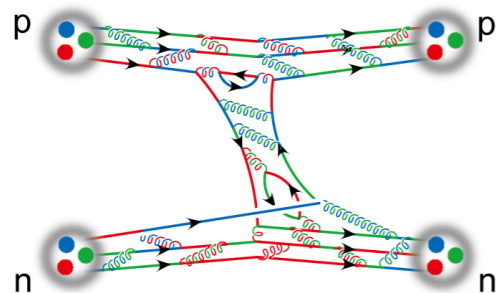
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How the nuclear force is rooted in the fundamental theory of QCD?

Quantum Chromodynamics



	NN	3N	4N
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Nuclei & nuclear matter



# Electroweak interactions

- Chiral EFT allows to construct electroweak currents consistently with the chiral potential

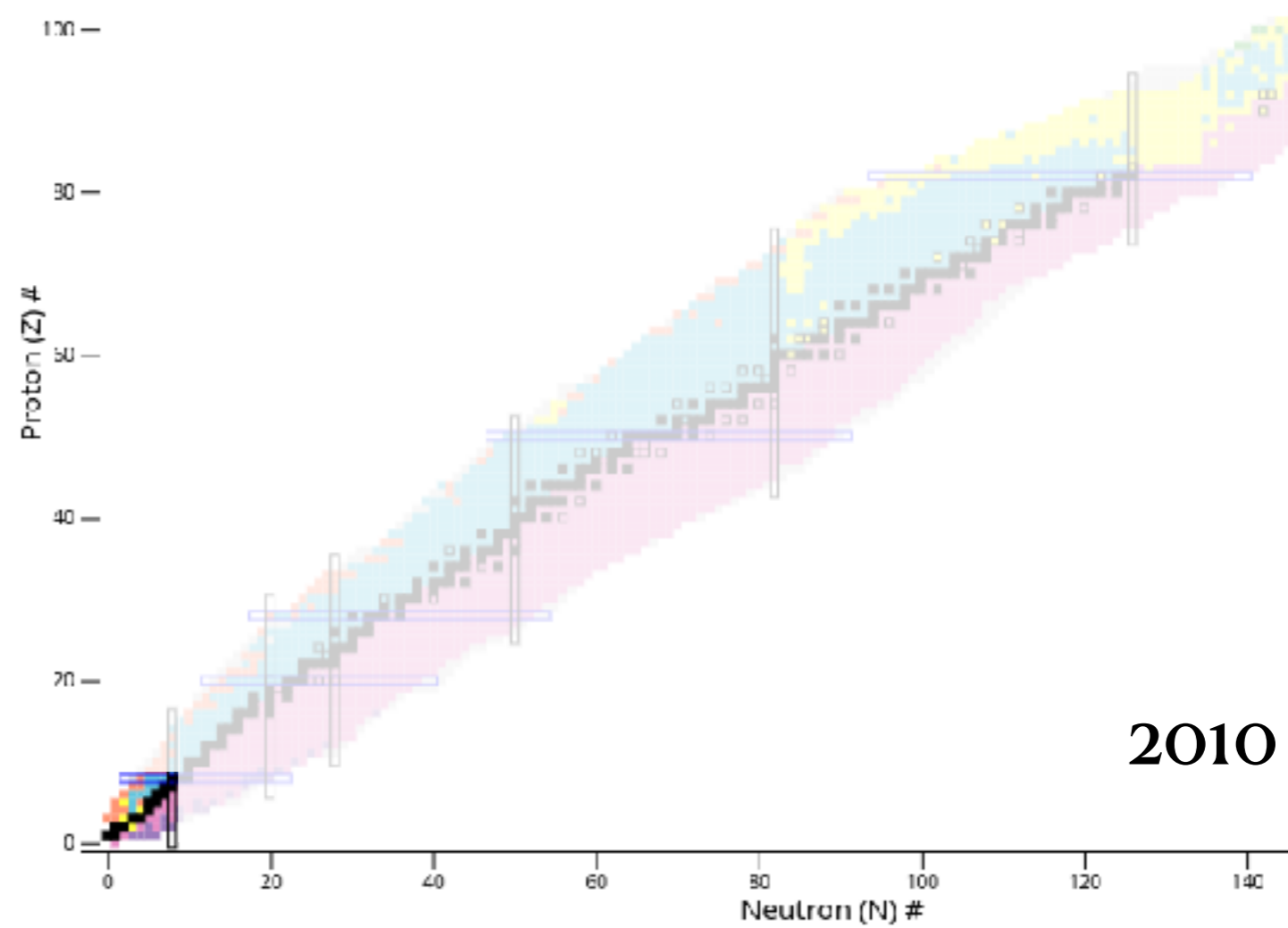
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To describe:

- Electroweak form-factors
- Gamow-Teller ME ( $\beta$  decays)
- Magnetic moments
- Radiative/weak captures
- **Electroweak response functions**

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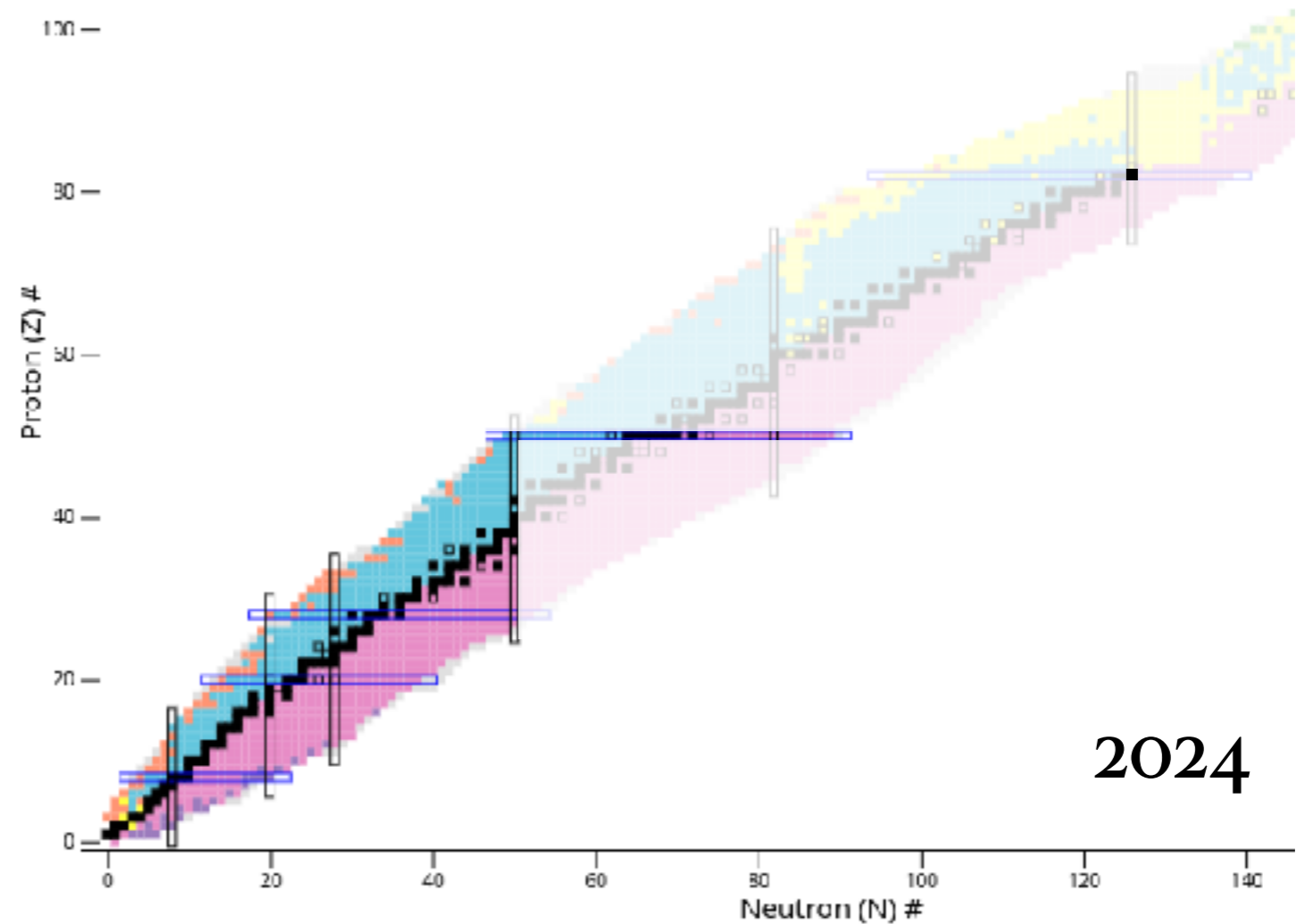
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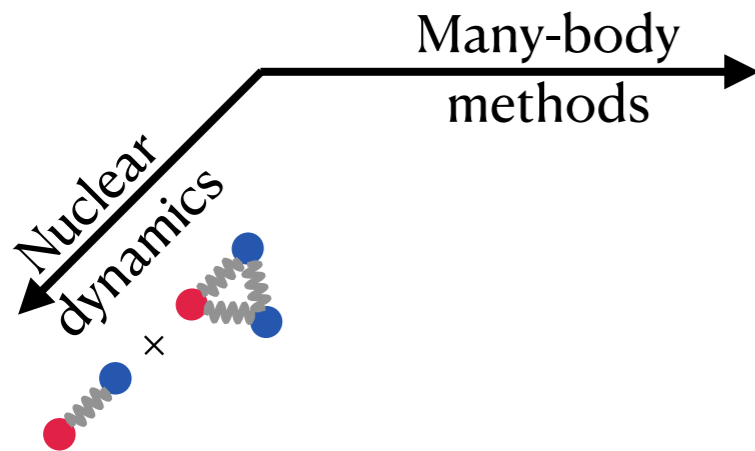
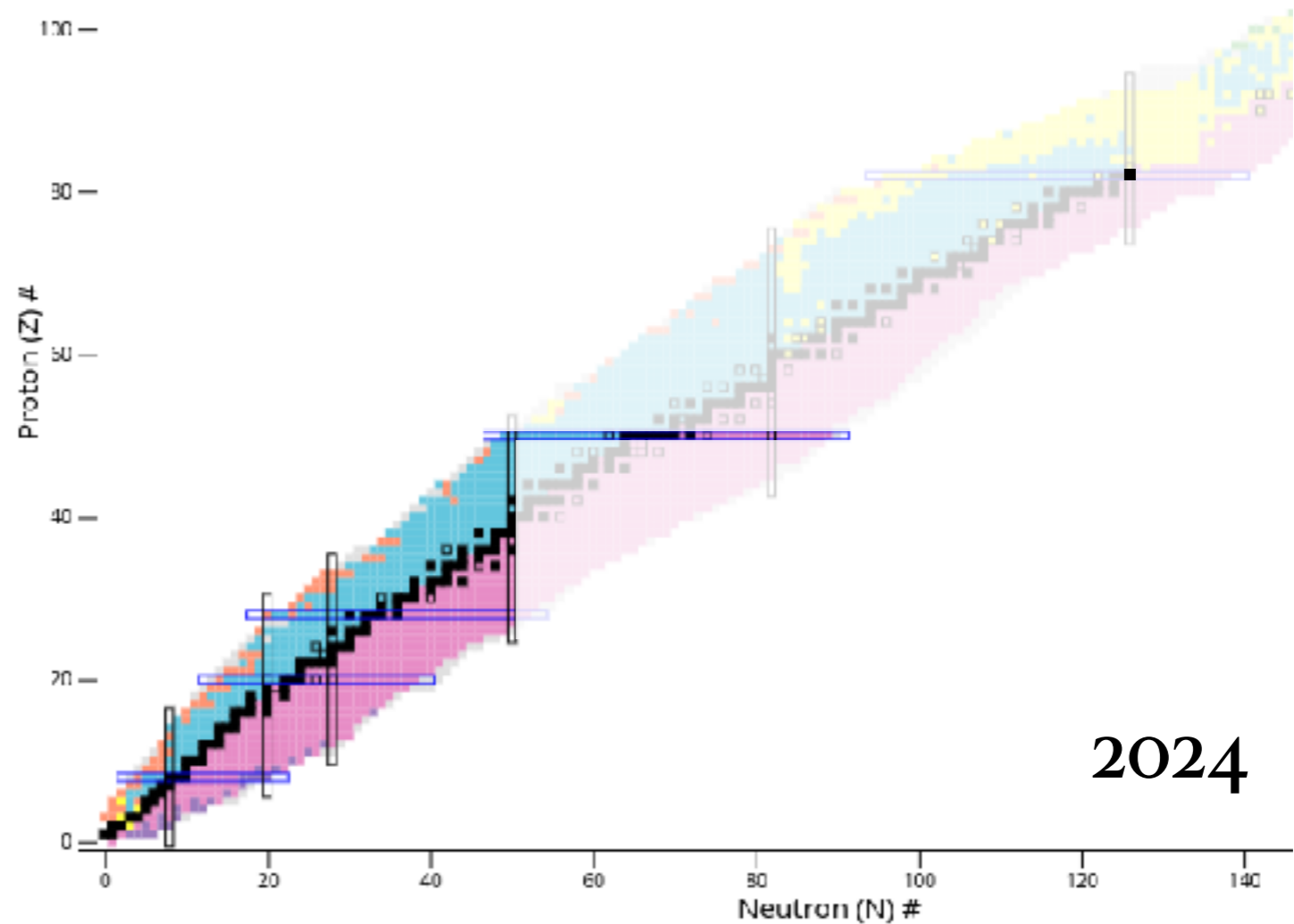
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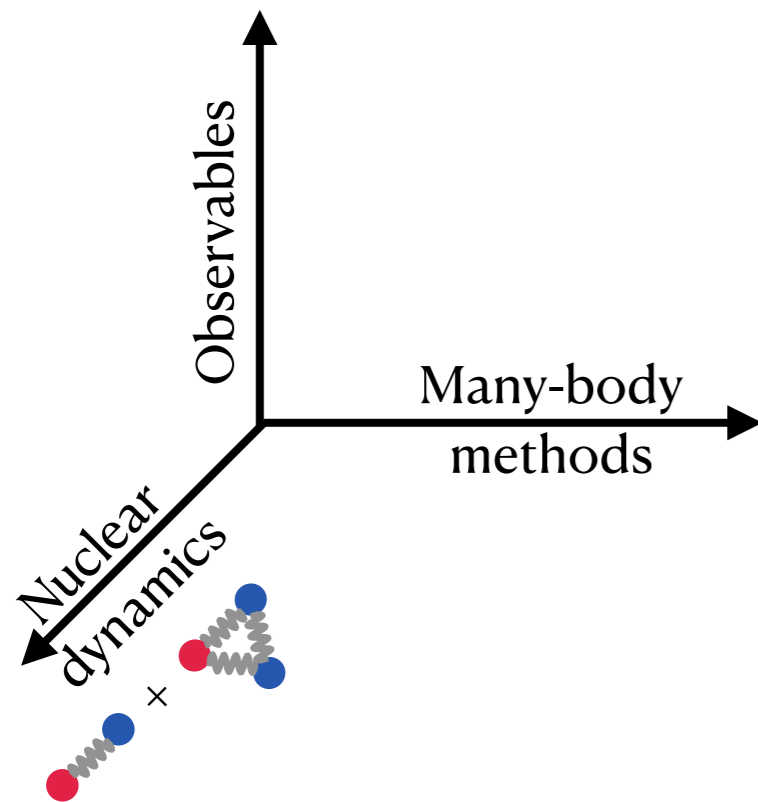
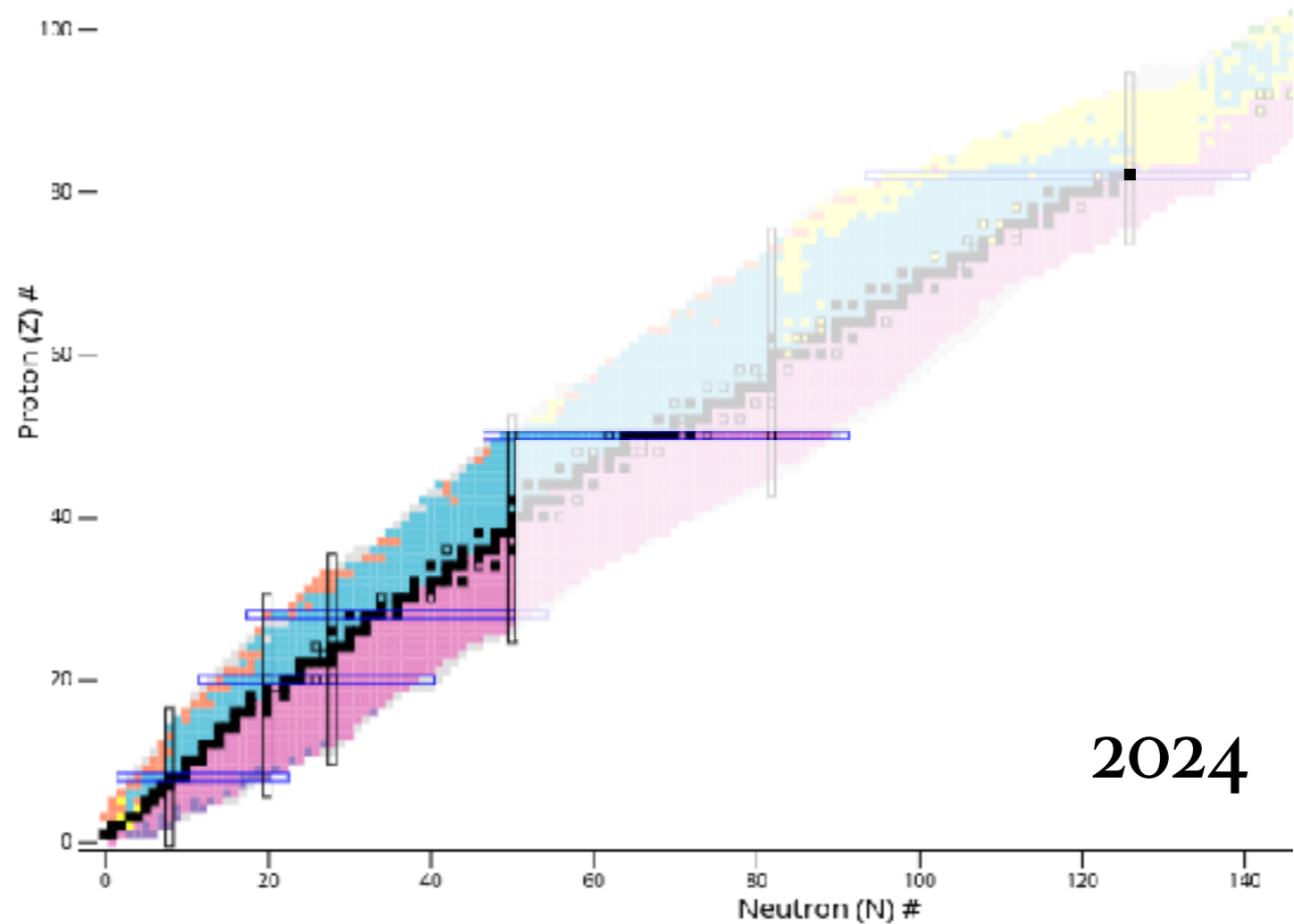
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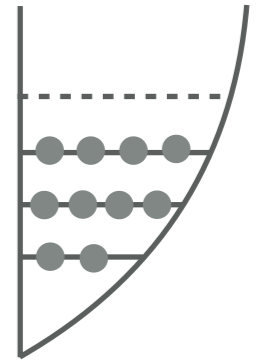
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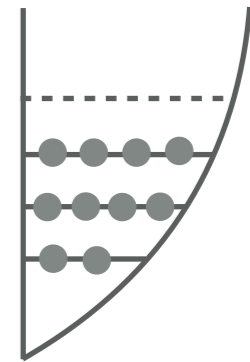


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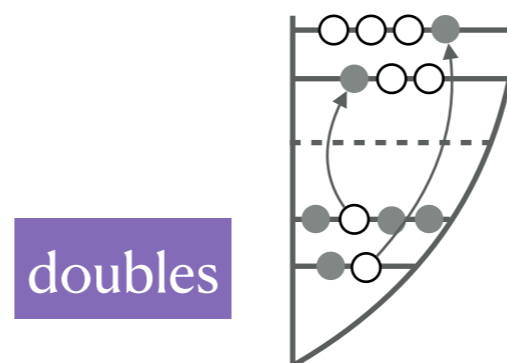
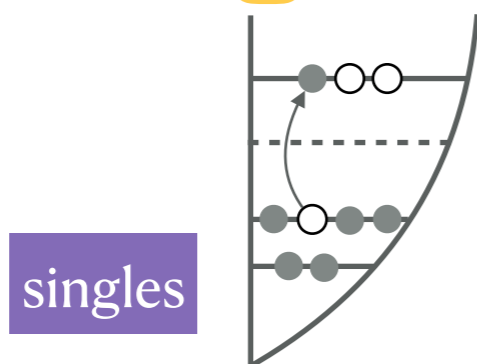
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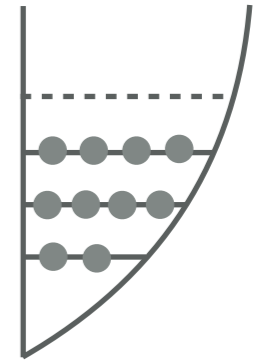
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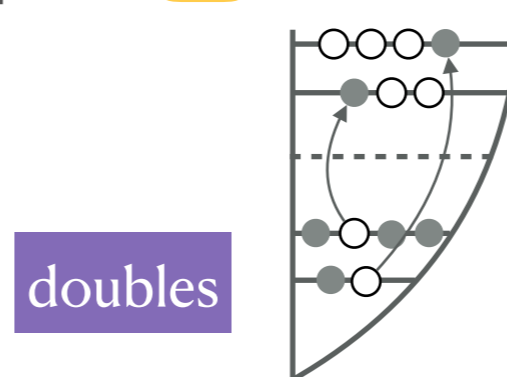
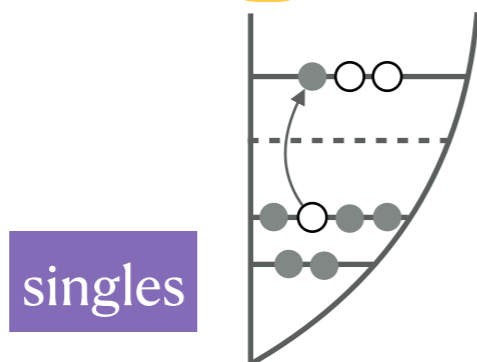


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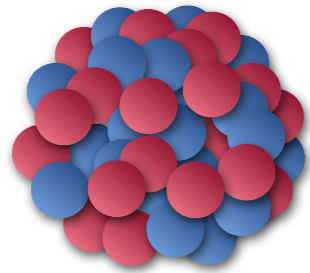
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- ✓ Controlled approximation through truncation in  $T$
- ✓ Polynomial scaling with  $A$  (predictions for  $^{132}\text{Sn}$  and  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ )

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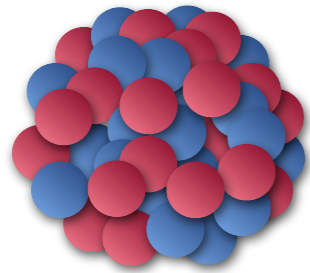
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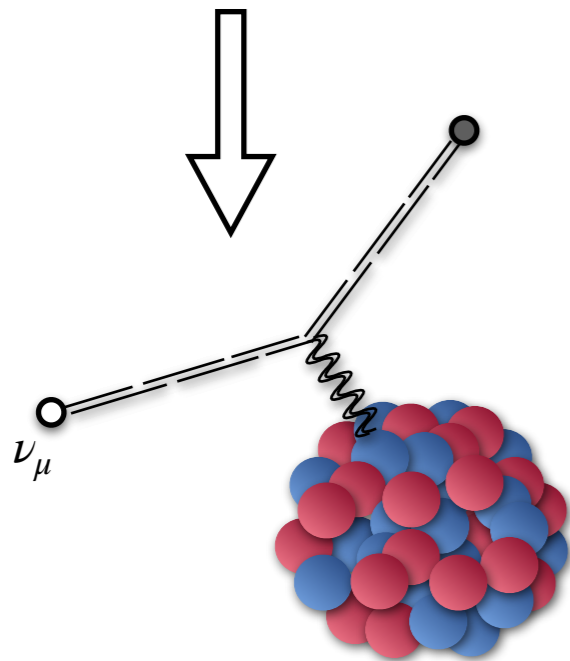
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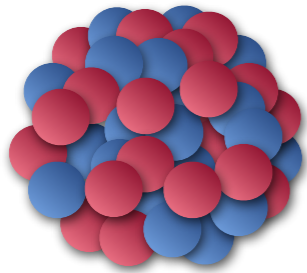


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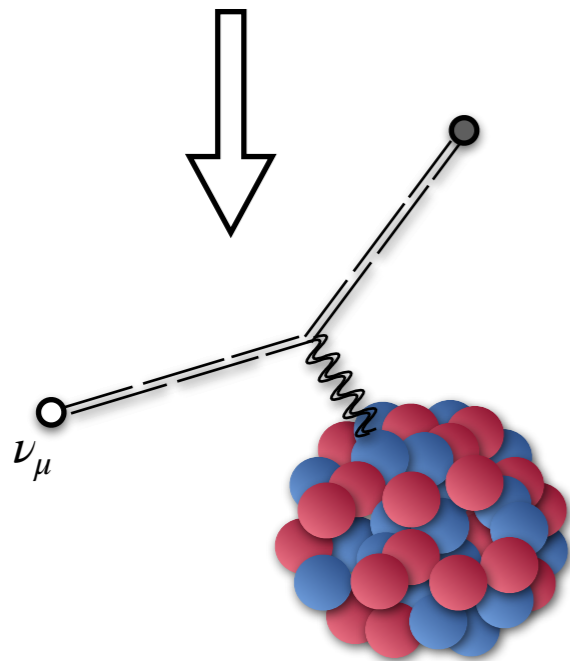


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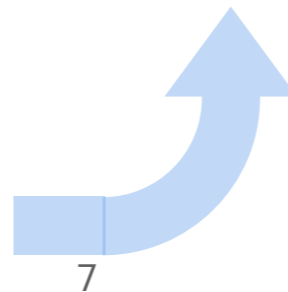
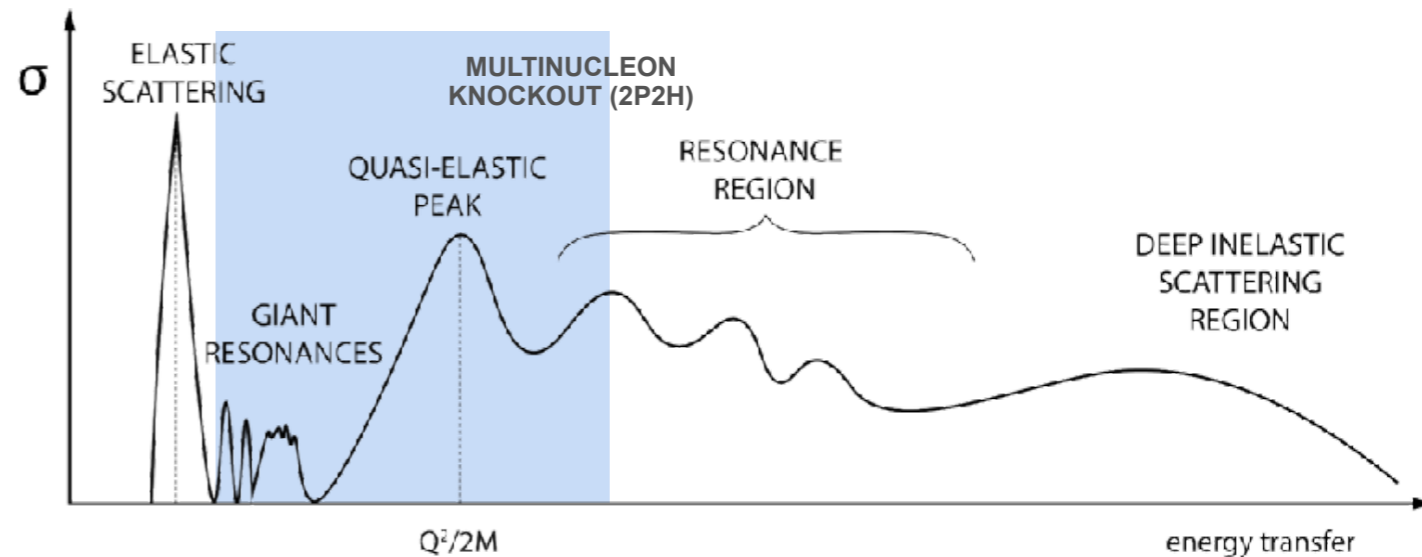
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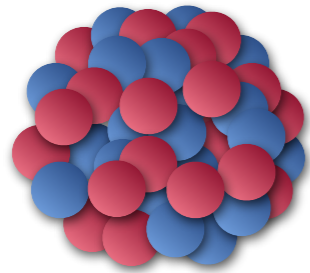


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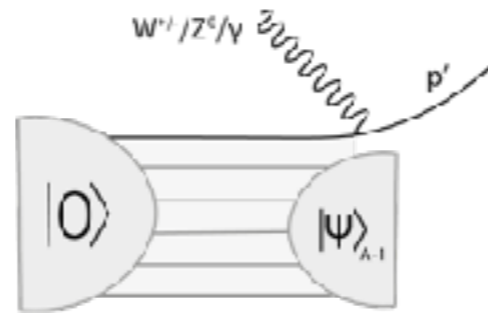
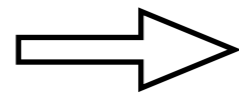


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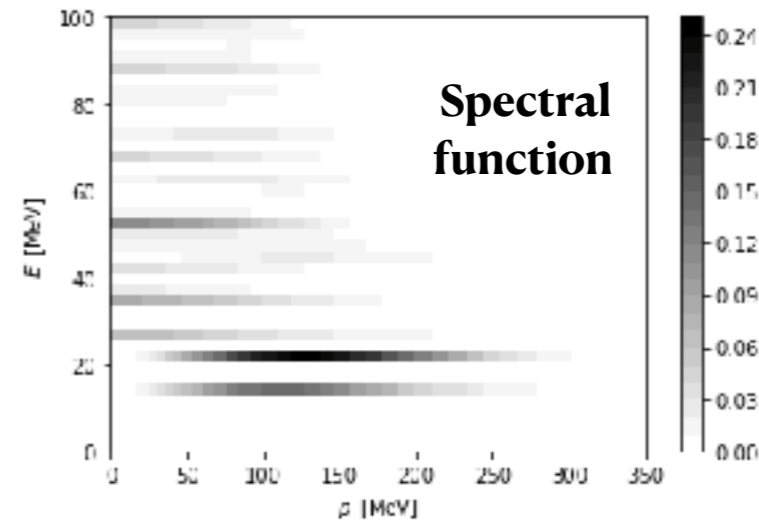


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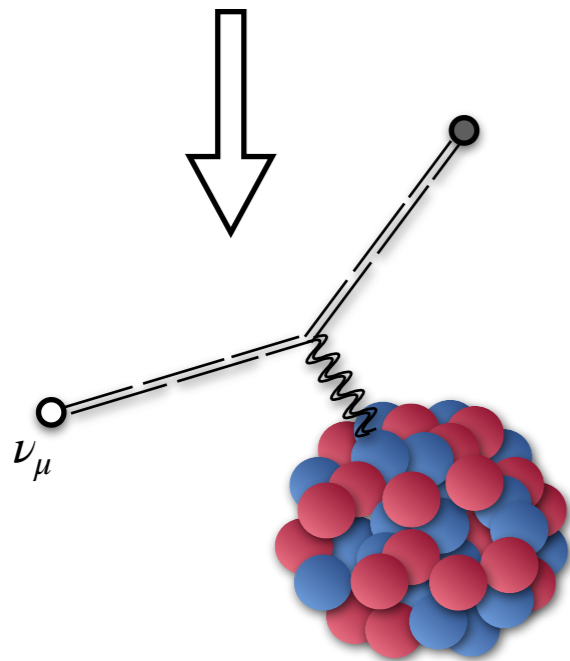
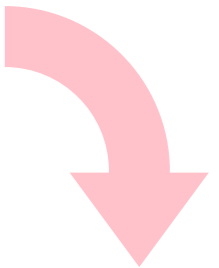
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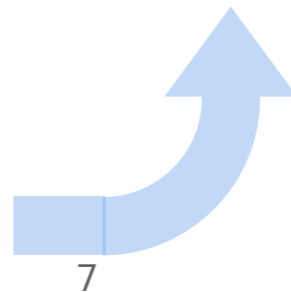
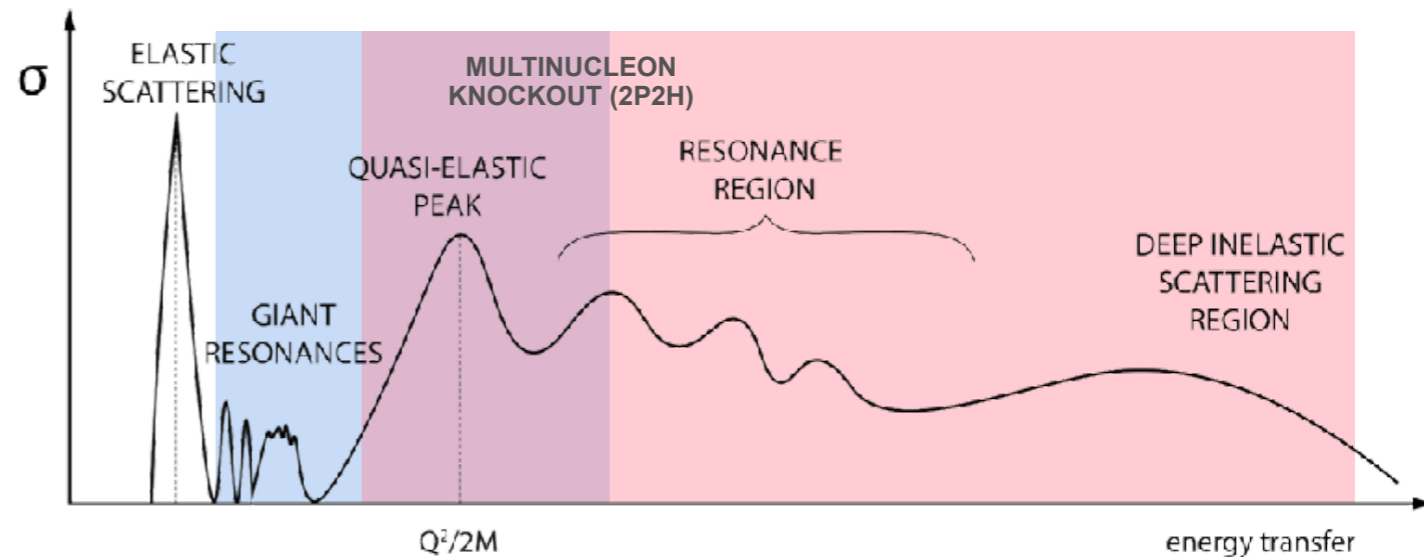


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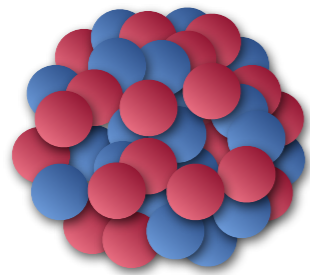


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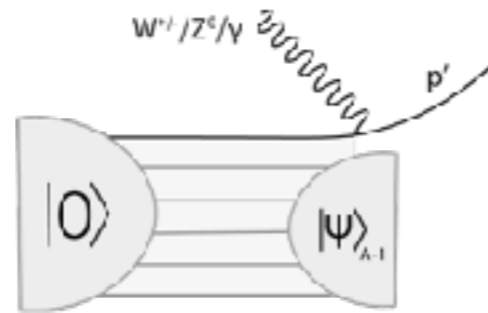
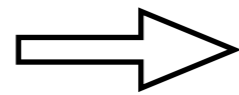


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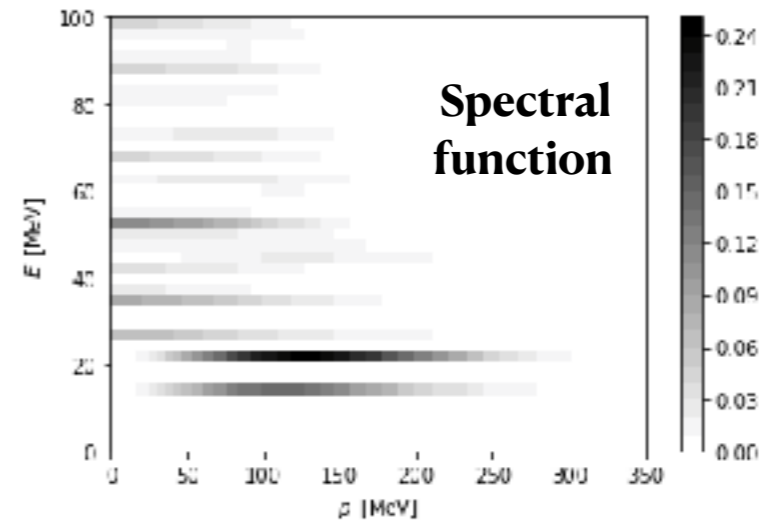


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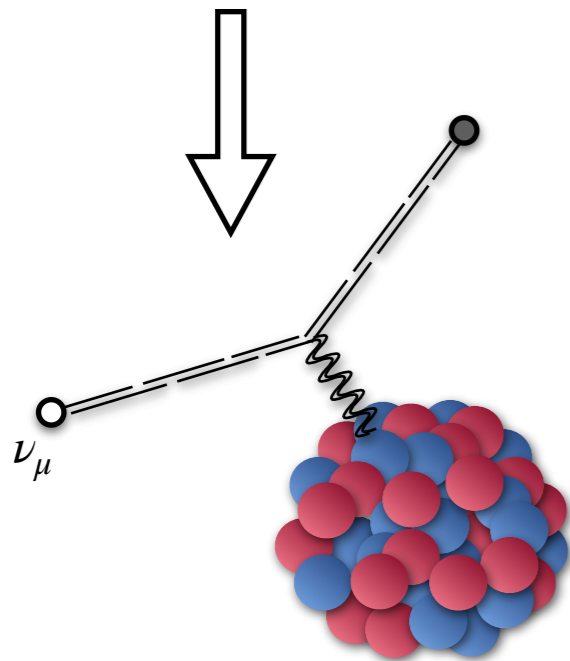
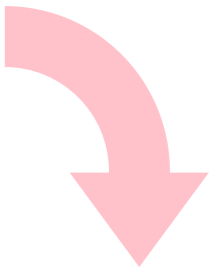
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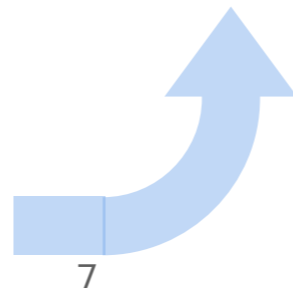
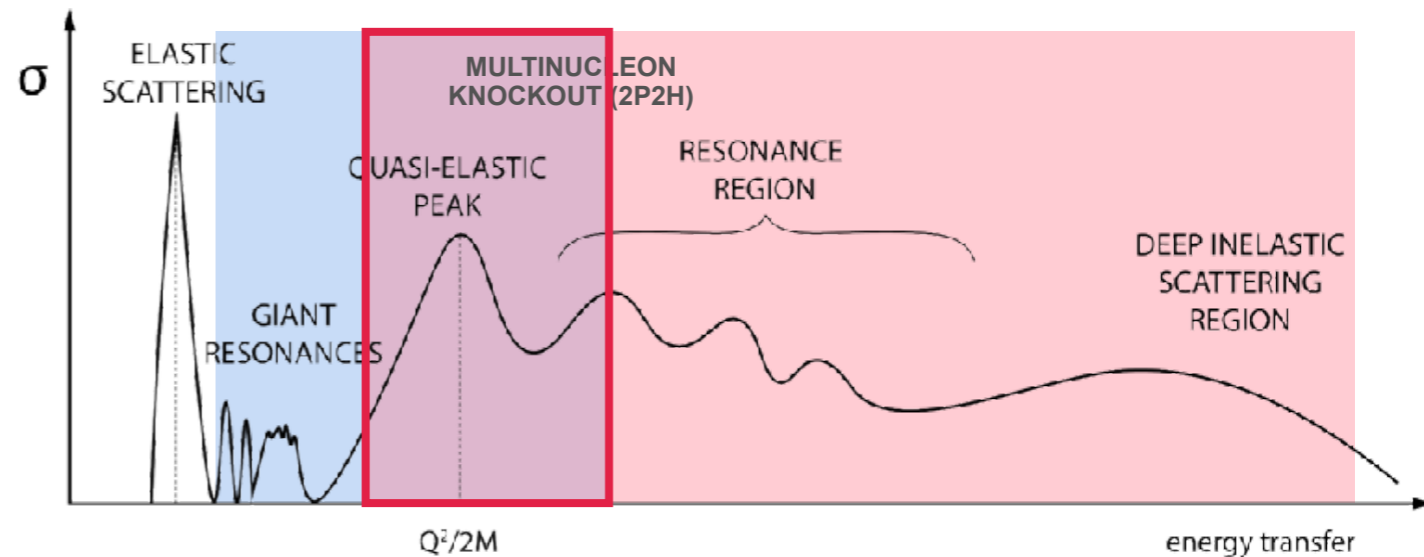
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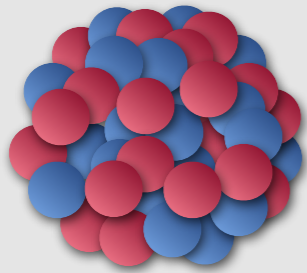
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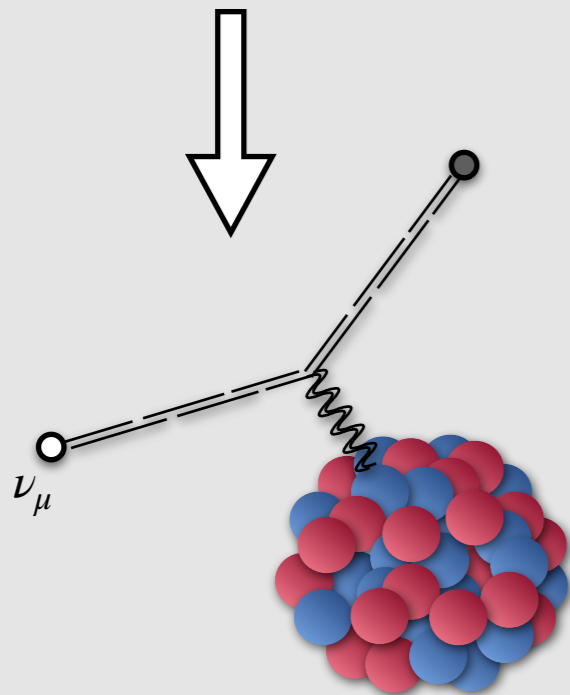
Possible comparison within the same framework

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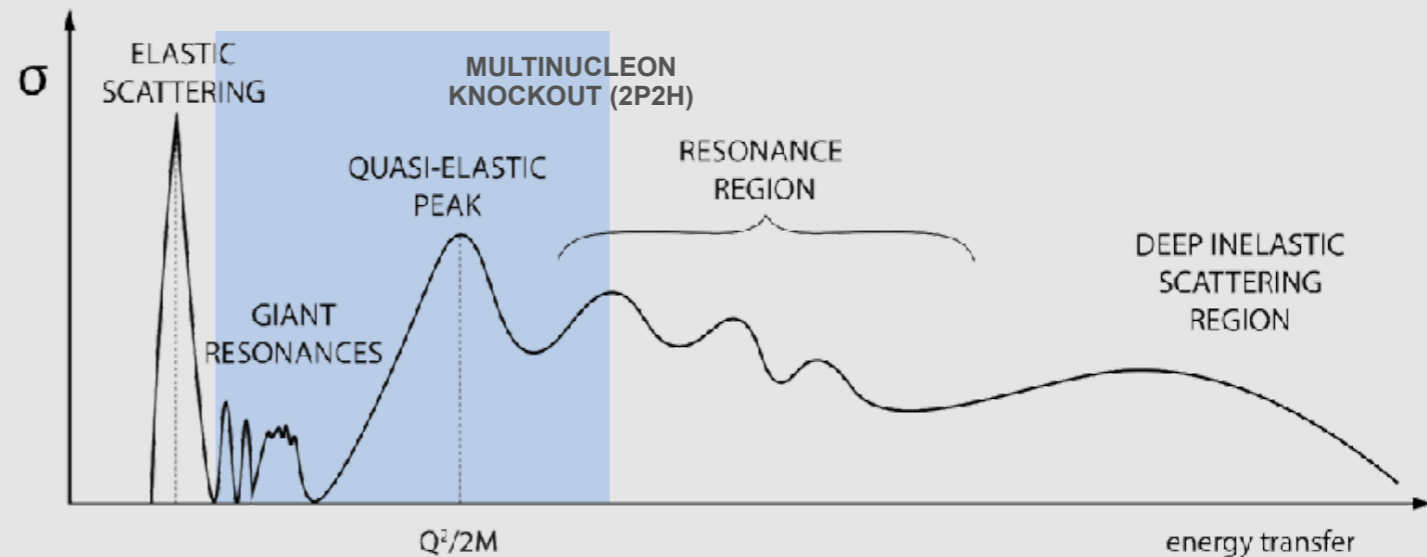
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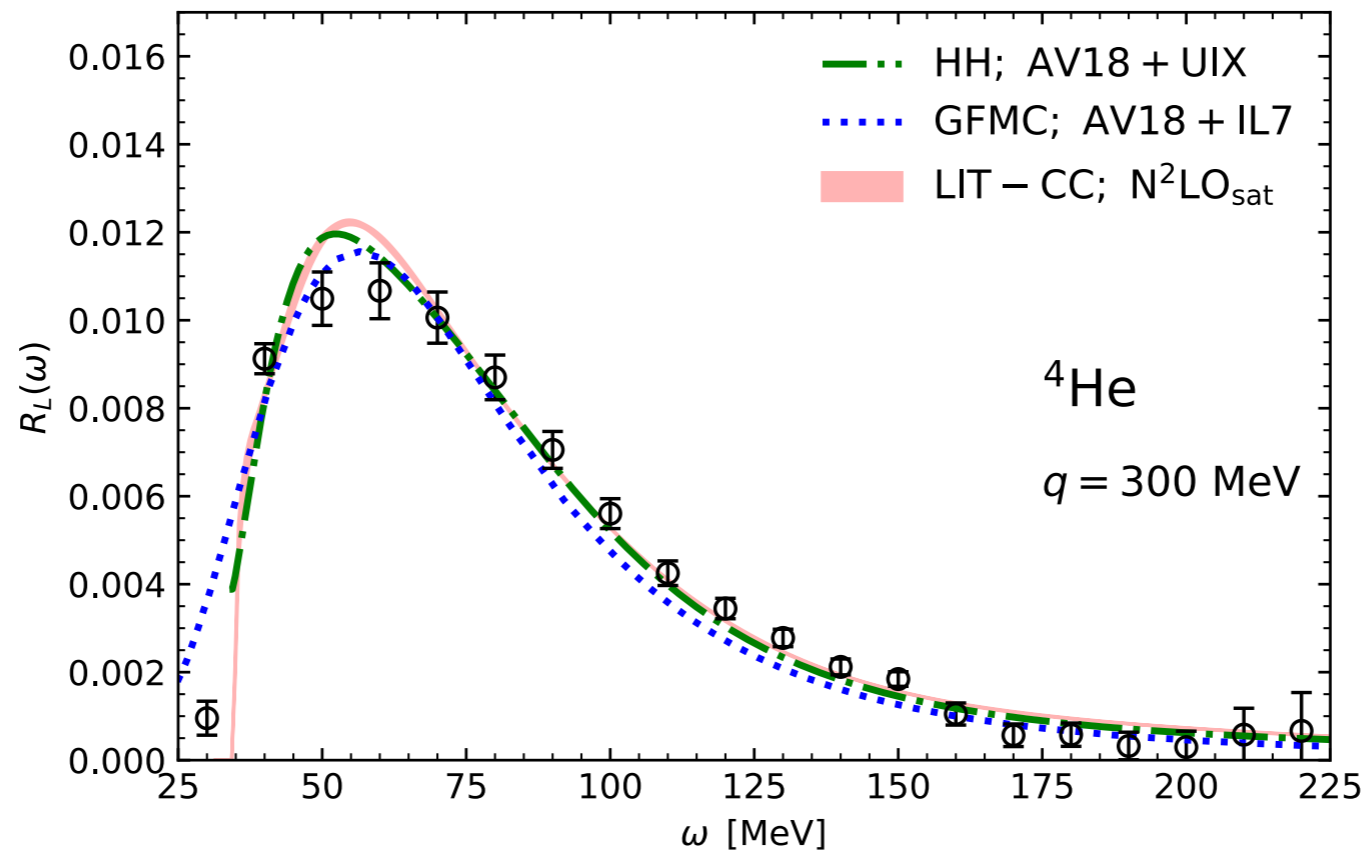
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# Longitudinal response

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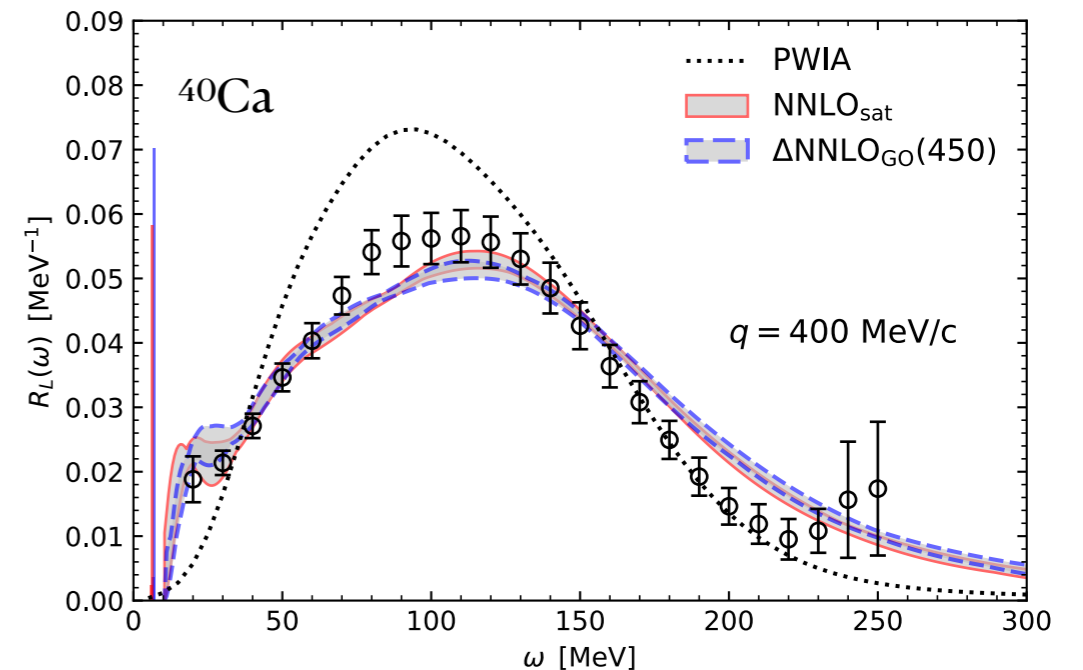
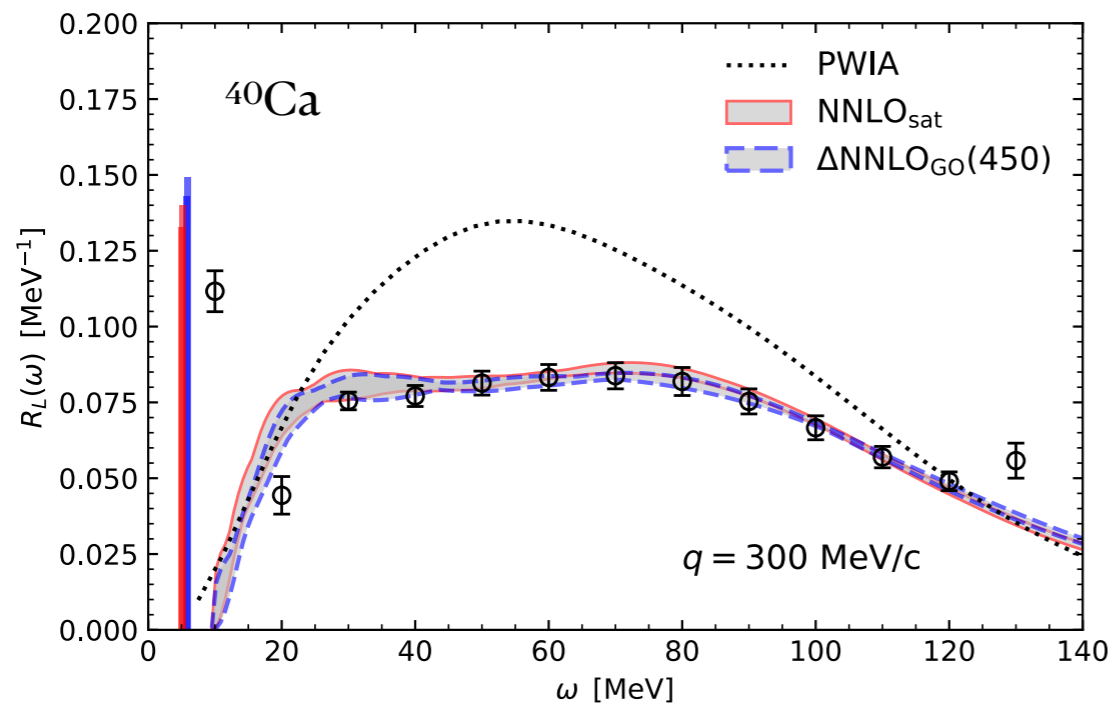
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$$R_{\mu\nu}(\omega, q) = \sum_f \langle \Psi | J_\mu^\dagger | \Psi_f \rangle \langle \Psi_f | J_\nu | \Psi \rangle \delta(E_0 + \omega - E_f)$$

Consistent treatment of final state interactions.

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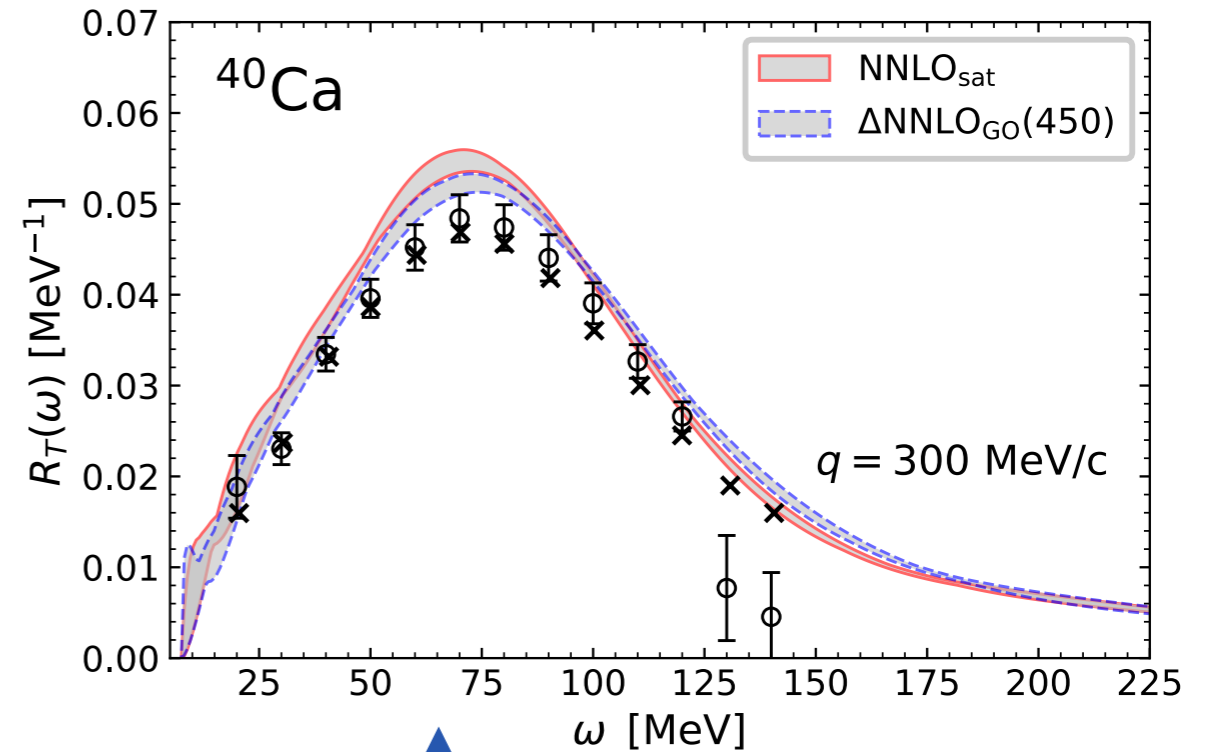
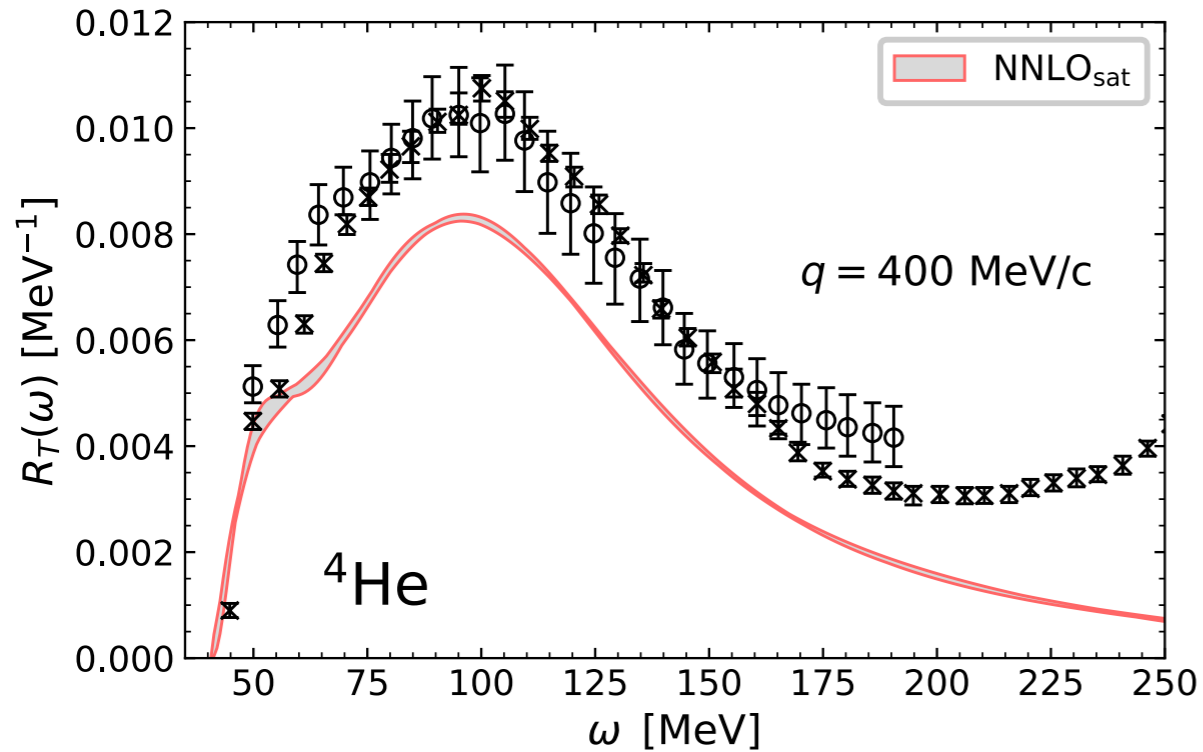


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- ✓ Coupled cluster singles & doubles
- ✓ Two different chiral Hamiltonians
- ✓ Uncertainty from LIT inversion

First ab-initio results for  
many-body system of  
40 nucleons

# Transverse response



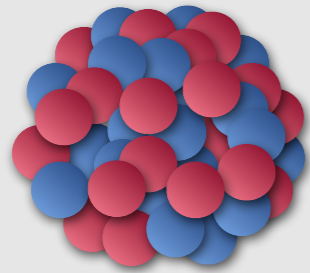
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- ➔ This allows to predict electron-nucleus cross-section
- ➔ Currently only 1-body current

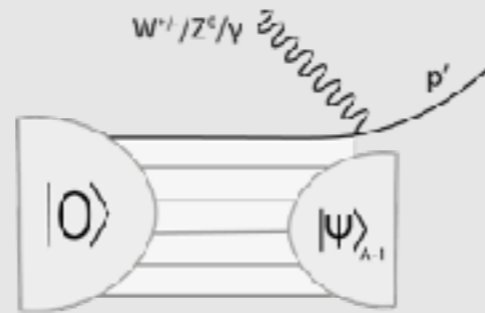
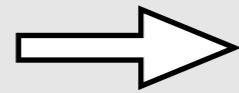
2-body currents important for  ${}^4\text{He}$   
 → more correlations needed?  
 → 2-body currents strength depends on nucleus?

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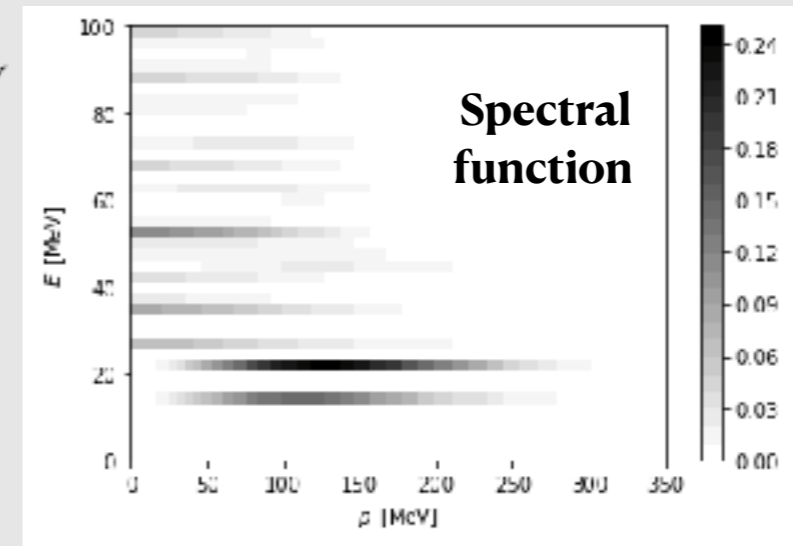


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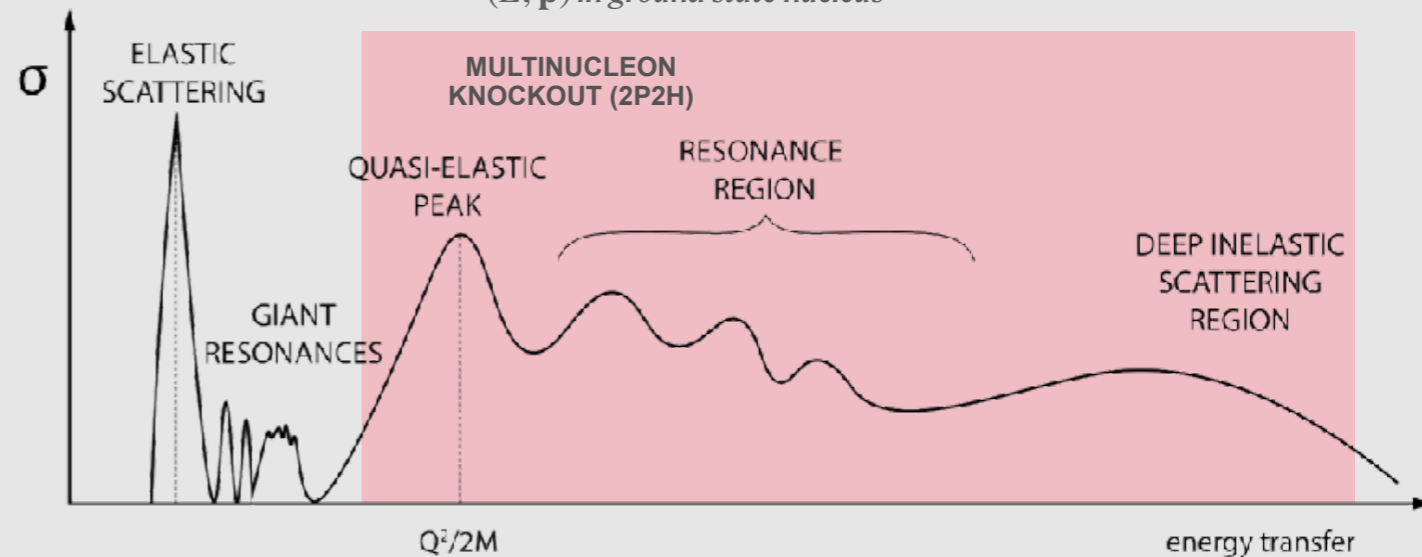
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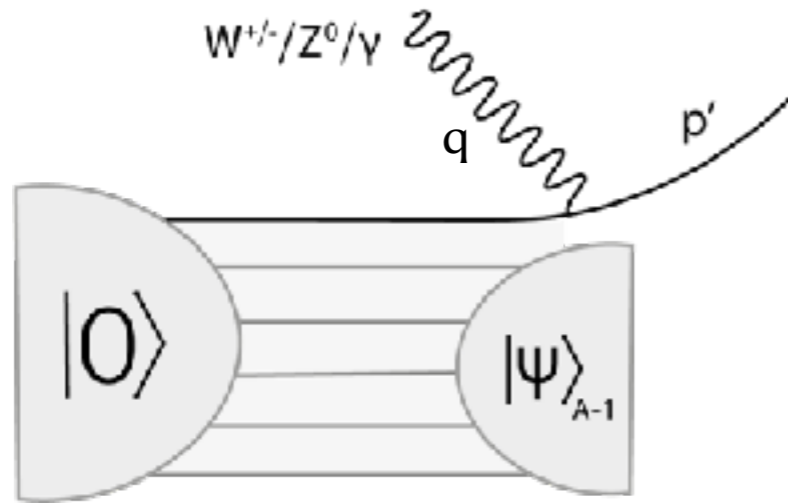


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# $^4\text{He}$ spectral function



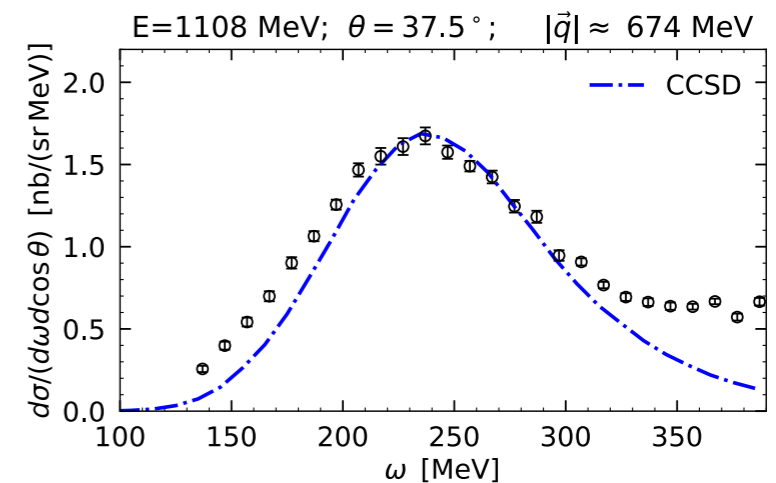
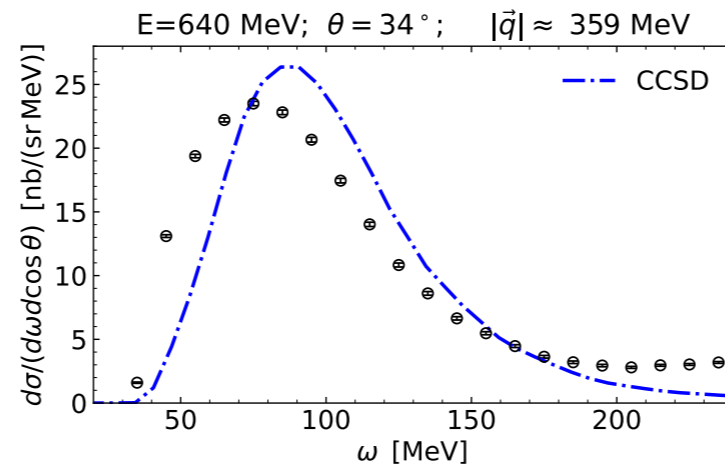
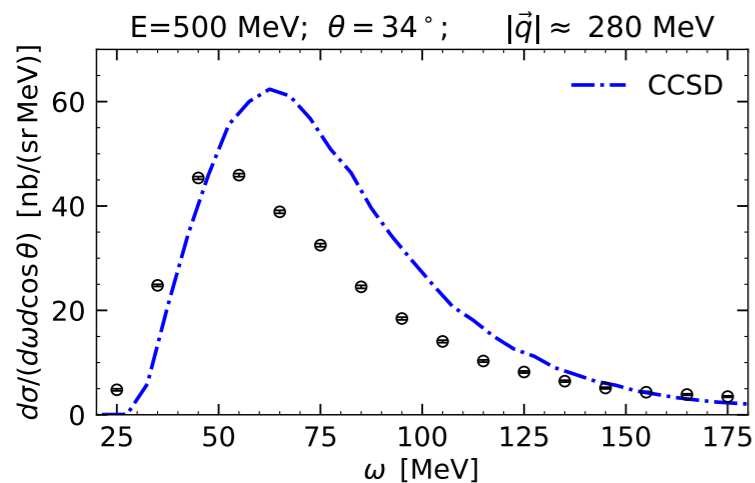
$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{M}|^2 S(E, p)$$

Factorized interaction vertex  
(relativistic, pion  
production...)

Spectral function -  
nuclear information

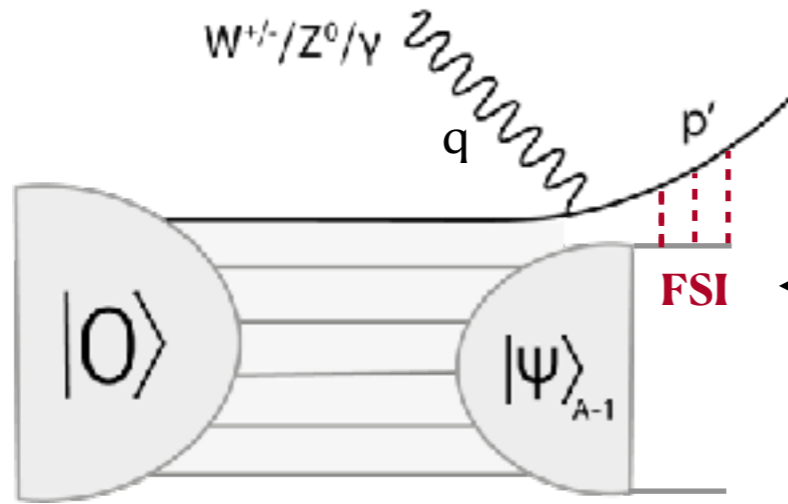
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Scattering  
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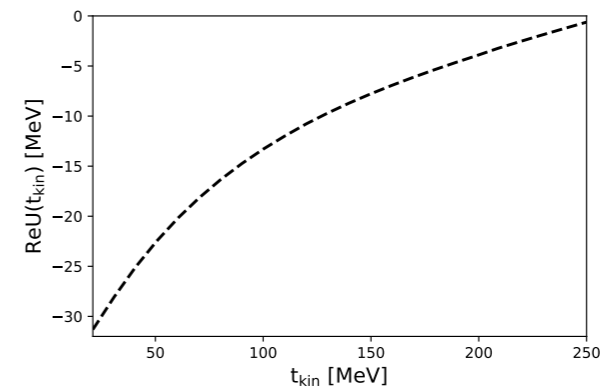
# $^{16}\text{O}$ spectral function

## Error propagation to cross sections



Phenomenological optical potential

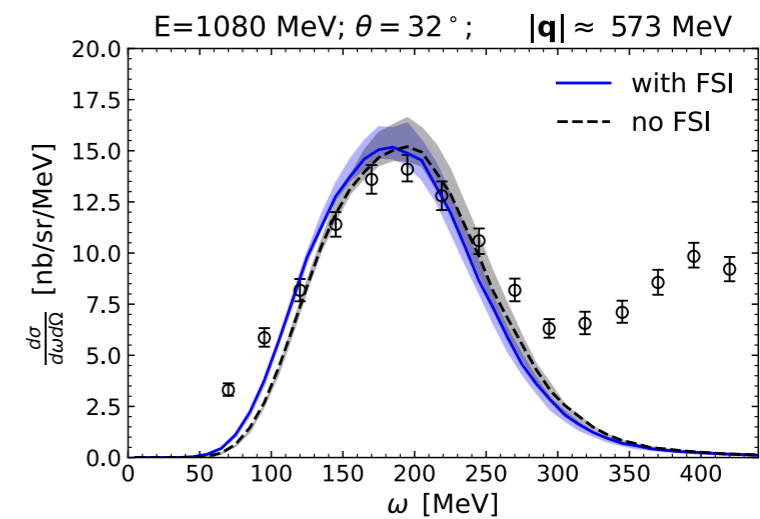
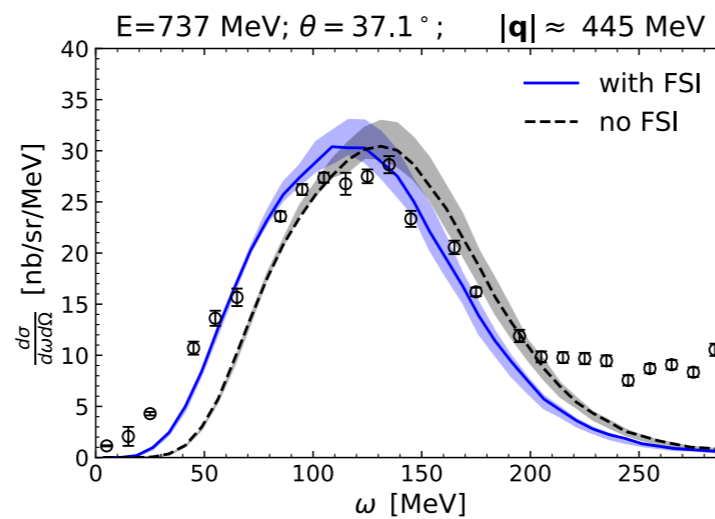
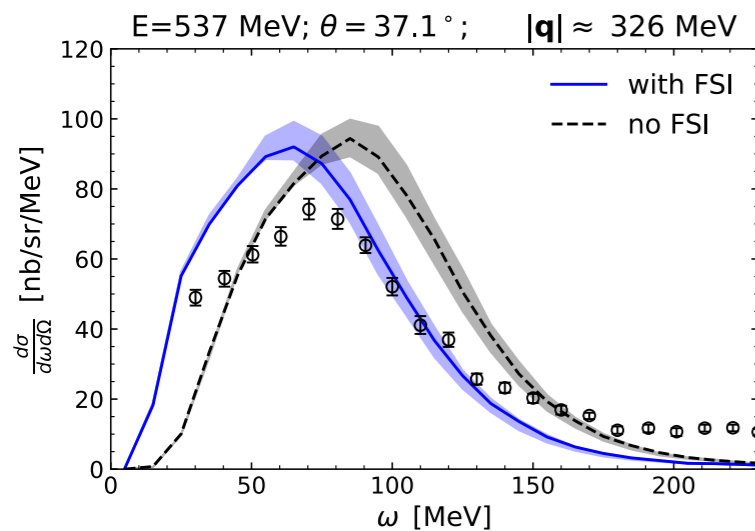
$$E_{p+q} \rightarrow E_{p+q} + \text{Re}U(t_{\text{kin}})$$



E. D. Cooper et al. *Phys.Rev.C* 47, 297-311

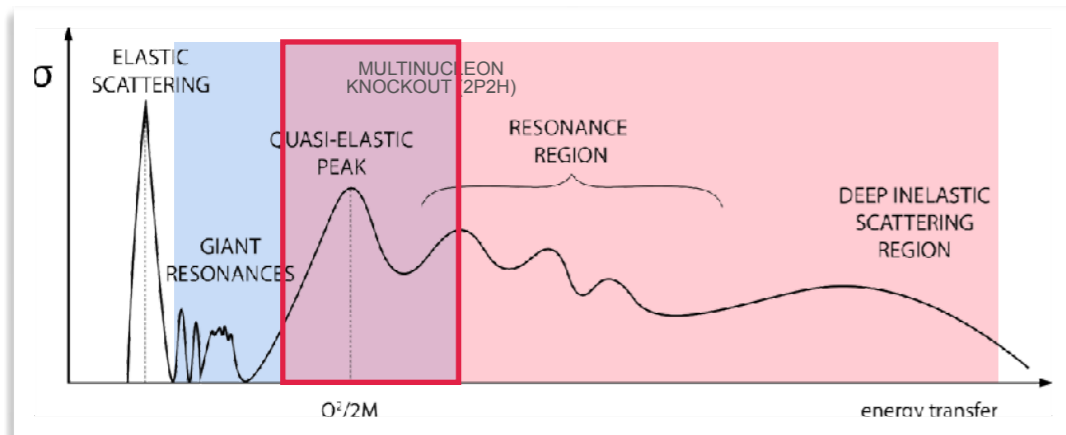
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Scattering  
off  $^{16}\text{O}$

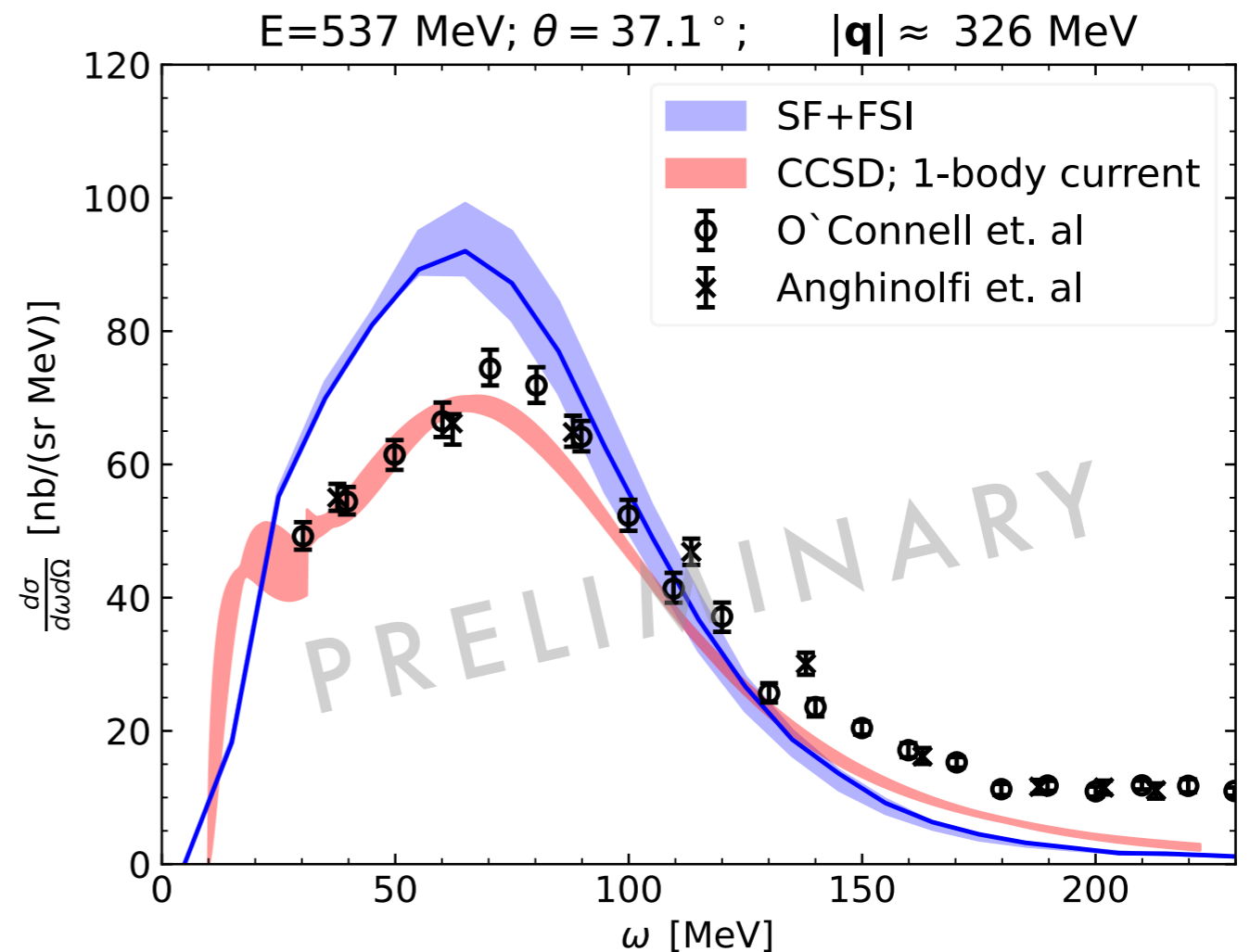


# $^{16}\text{O}$ cross section

## LIT-CC vs SF+FSI

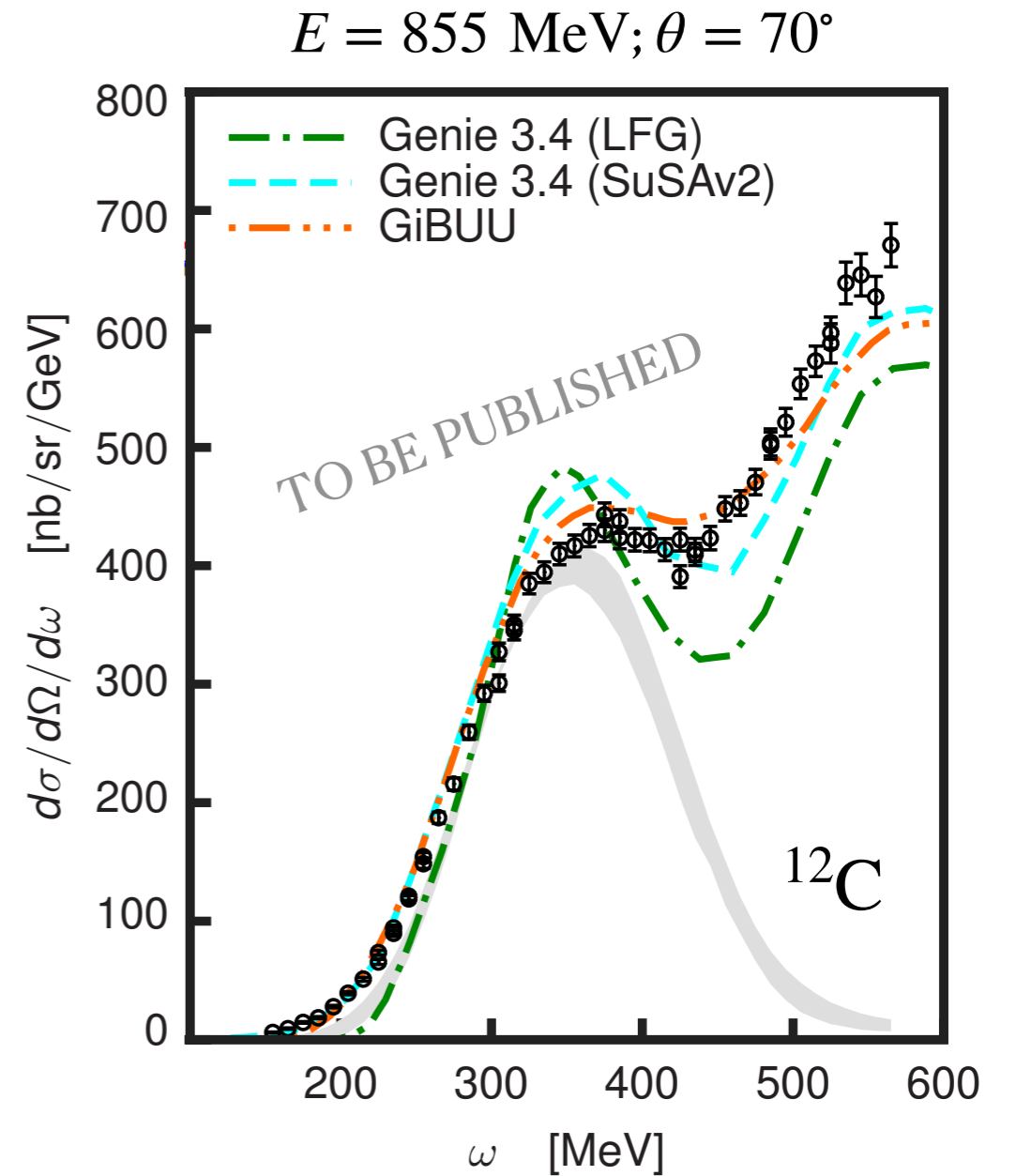
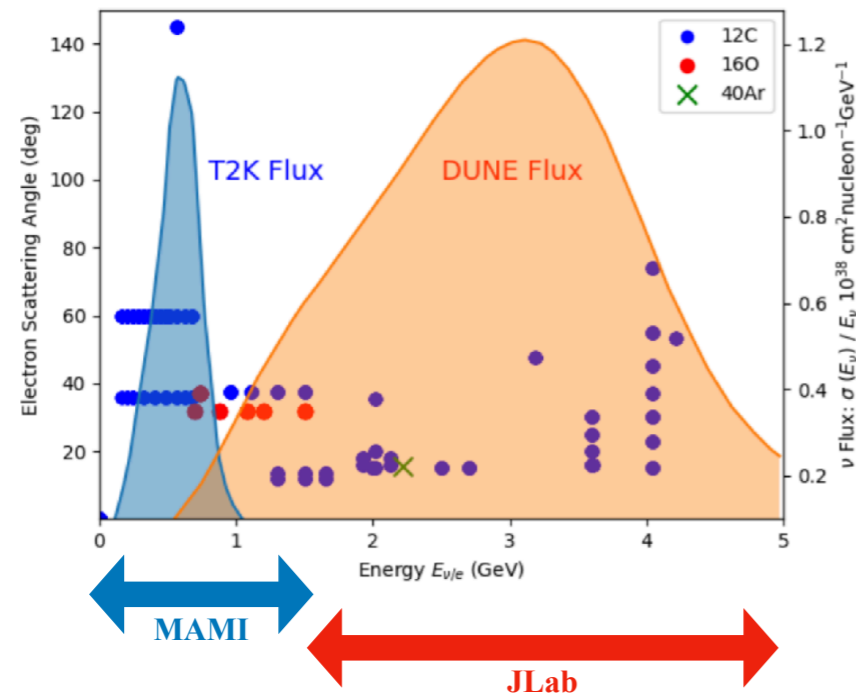


- Only a single low-momentum  $^{16}\text{O}$  dataset available
- Dominated by  $R_L$  (2-body currents would affect the region above QE peak)



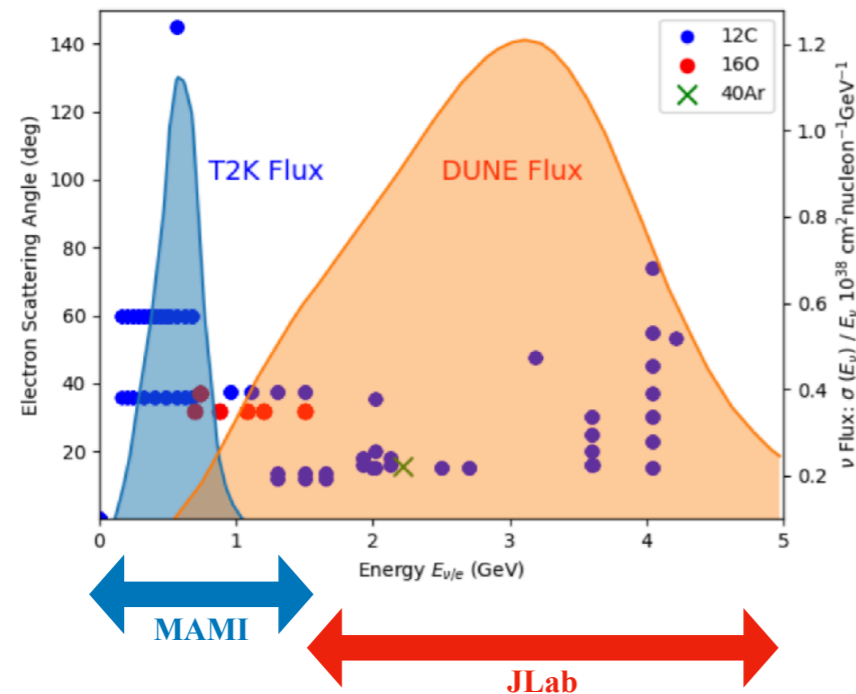
# Experimental data

## Electron scattering @MAMI

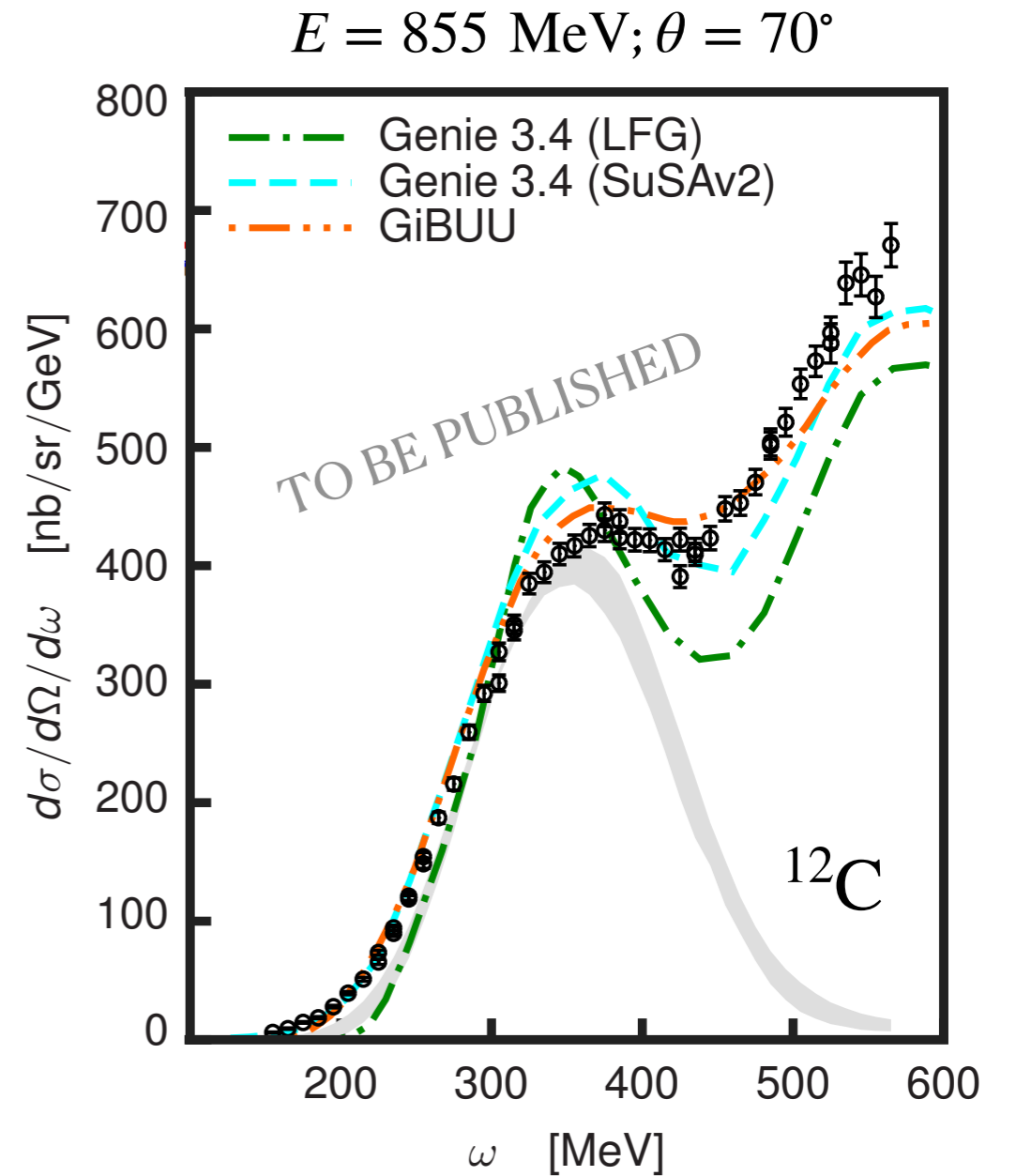
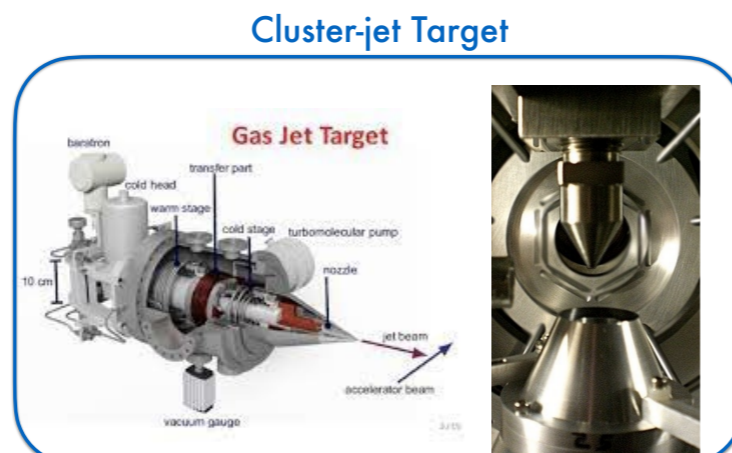
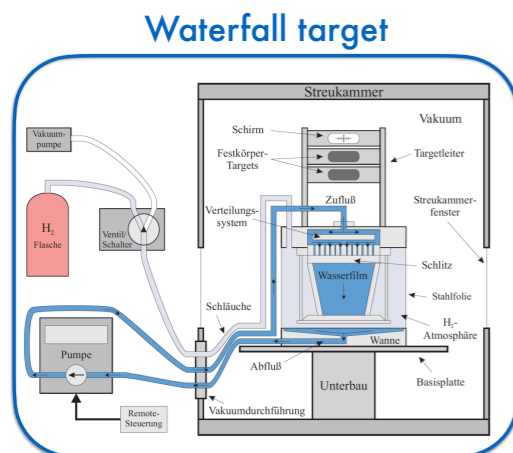


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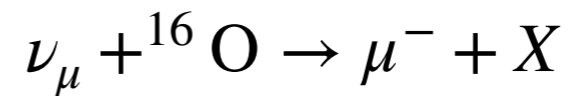


Future targets:  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$



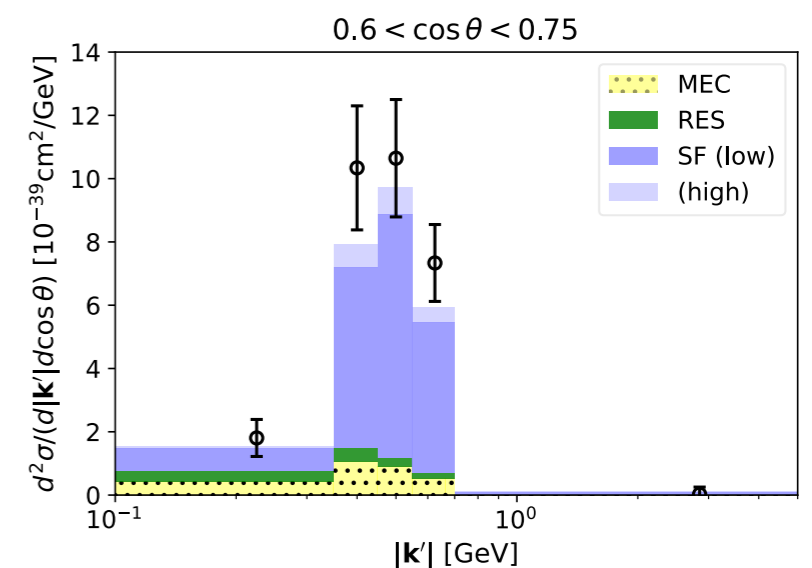
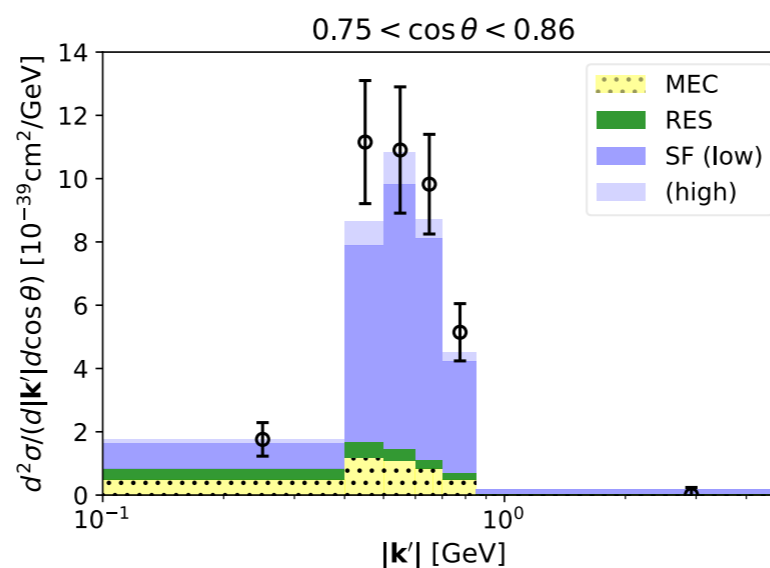
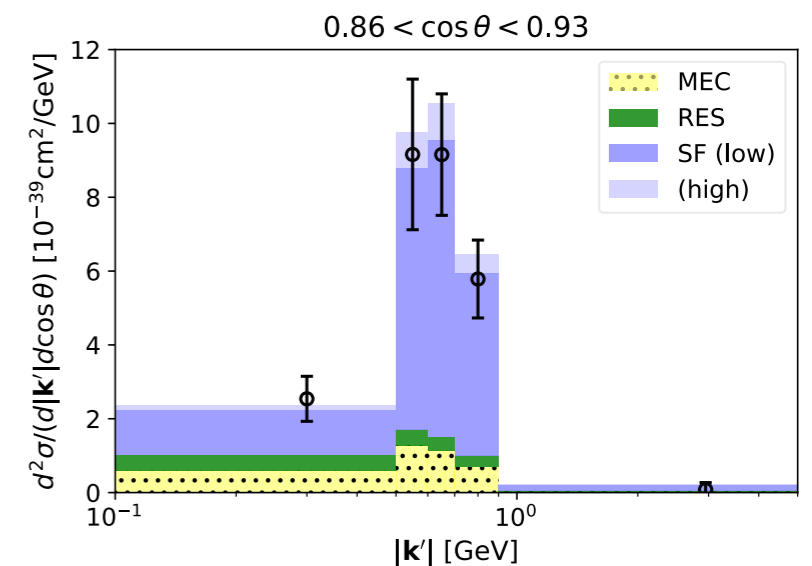
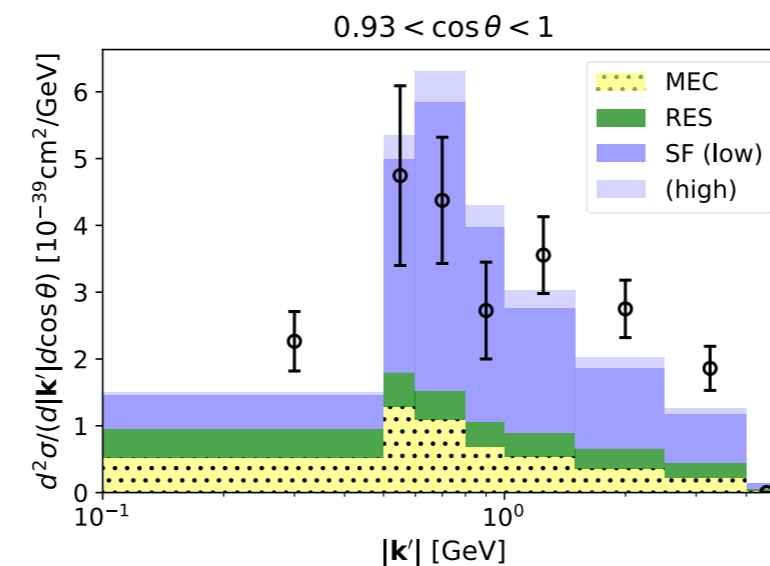
# $^{16}\text{O}$ spectral function

## Error propagation to cross sections



- Comparison with T2K long baseline  $\nu$  oscillation experiment
- $\text{CC}0\pi$  events
- Spectral function implemented into NuWro MC generator

Data: Phys. Rev. D 101, 112004 (2020)



# Outlook

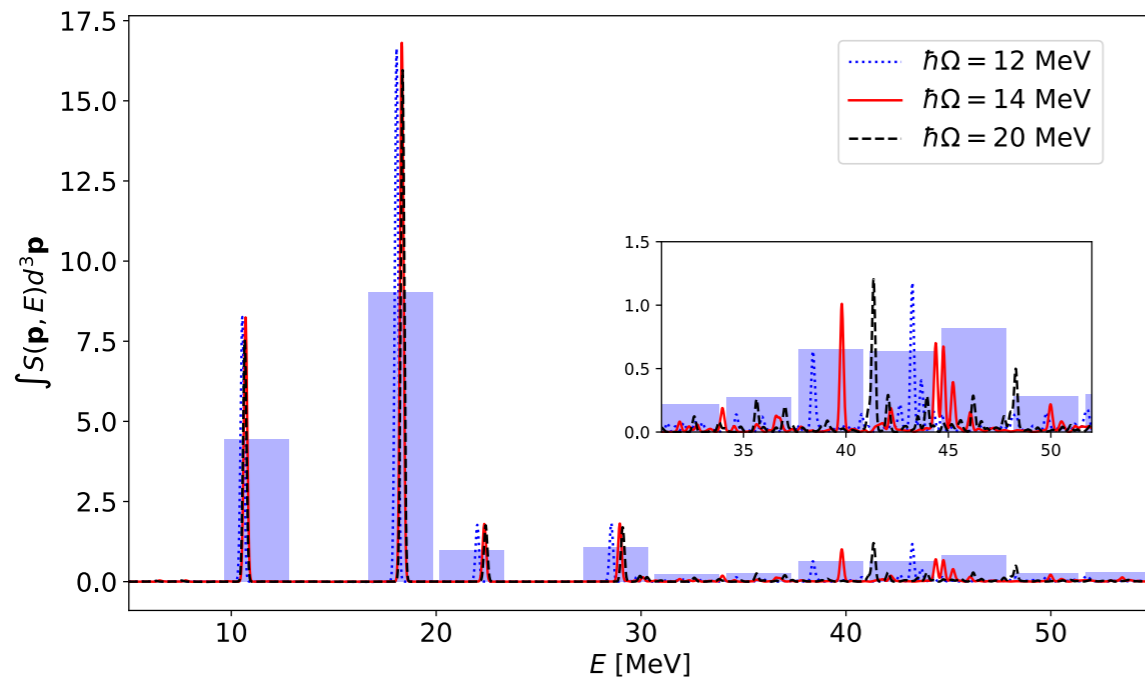
- Extension of the formalism to neutrino responses and  $^{40}\text{Ar}$
- Role played by 2-body currents in LIT-CC predictions
- More robust uncertainty quantification: Bayesian analysis of nuclear responses
- Spectral function (accounting for FSI, 2-body currents)

**Thank you for attention!**



**Backup**

# $^{16}\text{O}$ spectral function

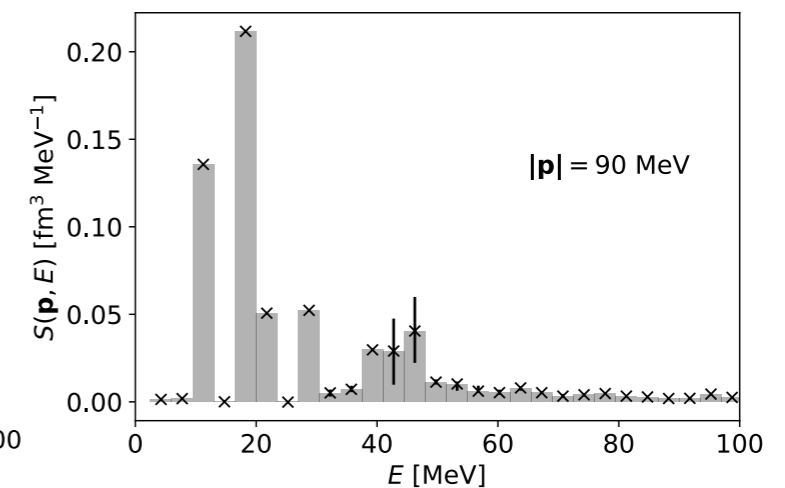
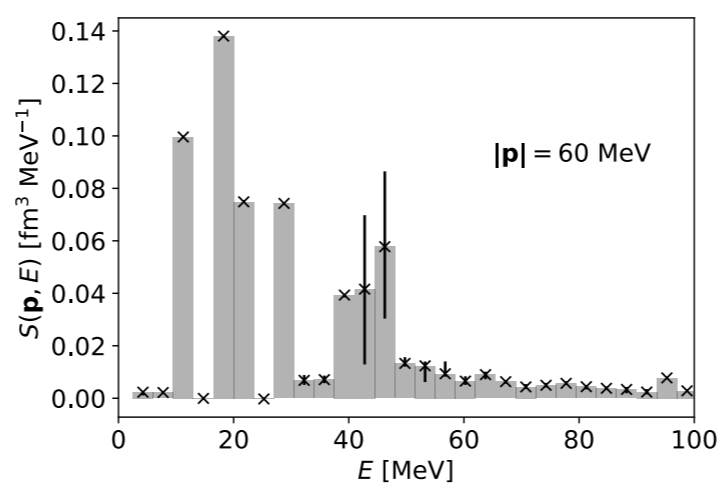
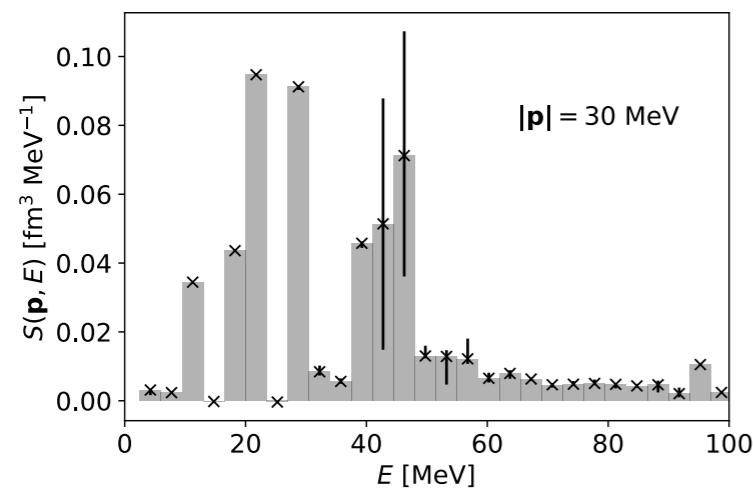


- Spectral reconstruction using expansion in Chebyshev polynomials + building histograms

- Uncertainty sources:

$$\checkmark K(\omega, \sigma) = \sum_{k=0}^N c_k(\sigma) T_k(\omega)$$

- ✓ Kernel's width  $\Lambda$



# Lorentz Integral Transform (LIT)

$$R_{\mu\nu}(\omega, q) = \int_f \langle \Psi | J_\mu^\dagger | \Psi_f \rangle \langle \Psi_f | J_\nu | \Psi \rangle \delta(E_0 + \omega - E_f)$$

continuum spectrum

Integral  
transform

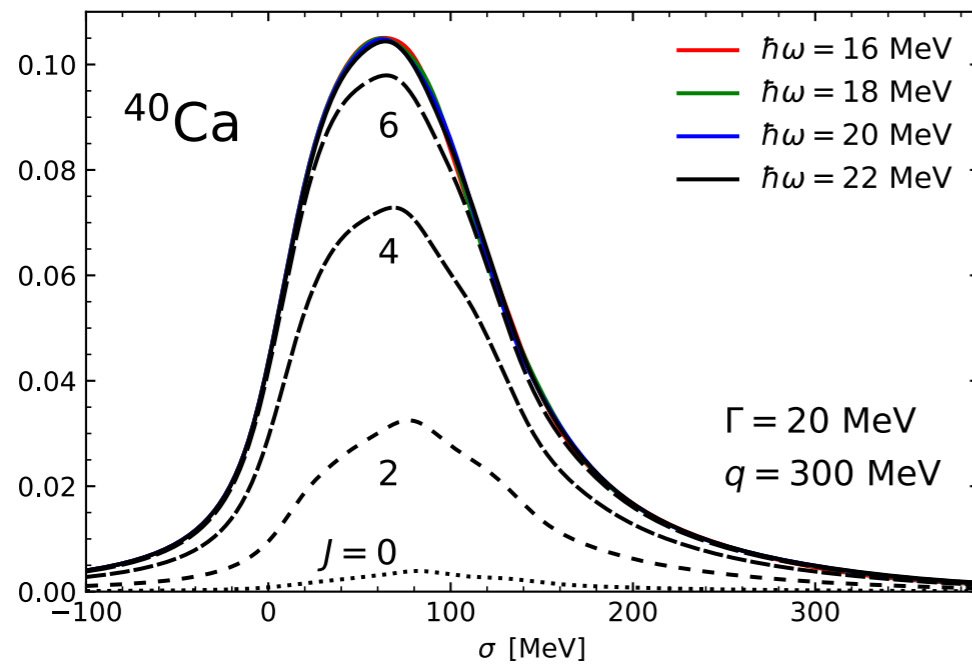
$$S_{\mu\nu}(\sigma, q) = \int d\omega K(\omega, \sigma) R_{\mu\nu}(\omega, q) = \langle \Psi | J_\mu^\dagger K(\mathcal{H} - E_0, \sigma) J_\nu | \Psi \rangle$$

Lorentzian kernel:

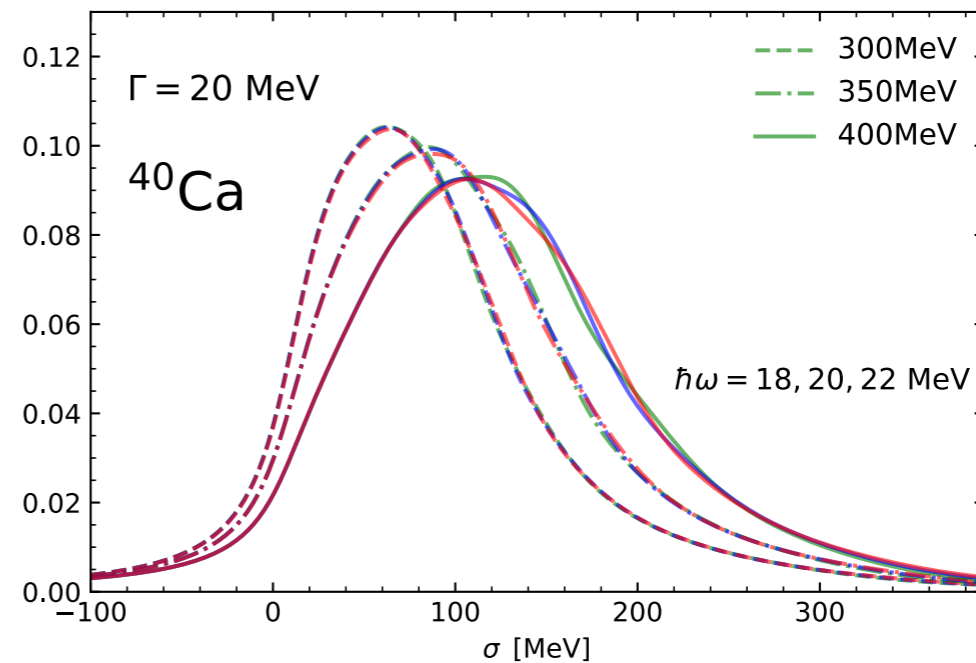
$$K_\Lambda(\omega, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda^2 + (\omega - \sigma)^2}$$

$S_{\mu\nu}$  has to be inverted to get access to  $R_{\mu\nu}$

# Longitudinal response $^{40}\text{Ca}$

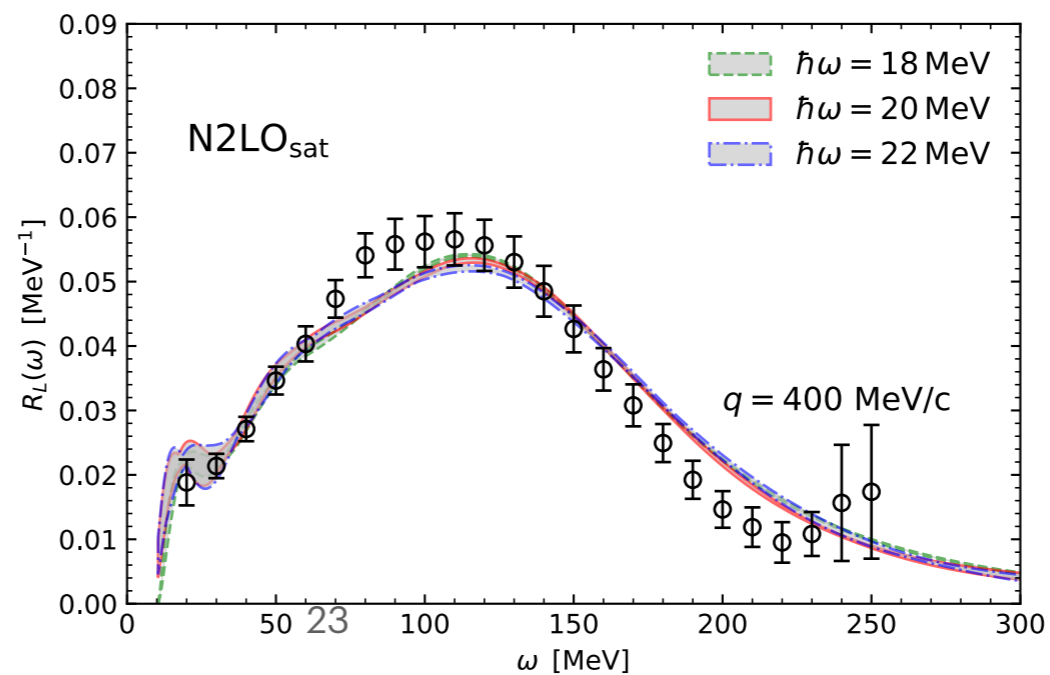


Sum over multipoles



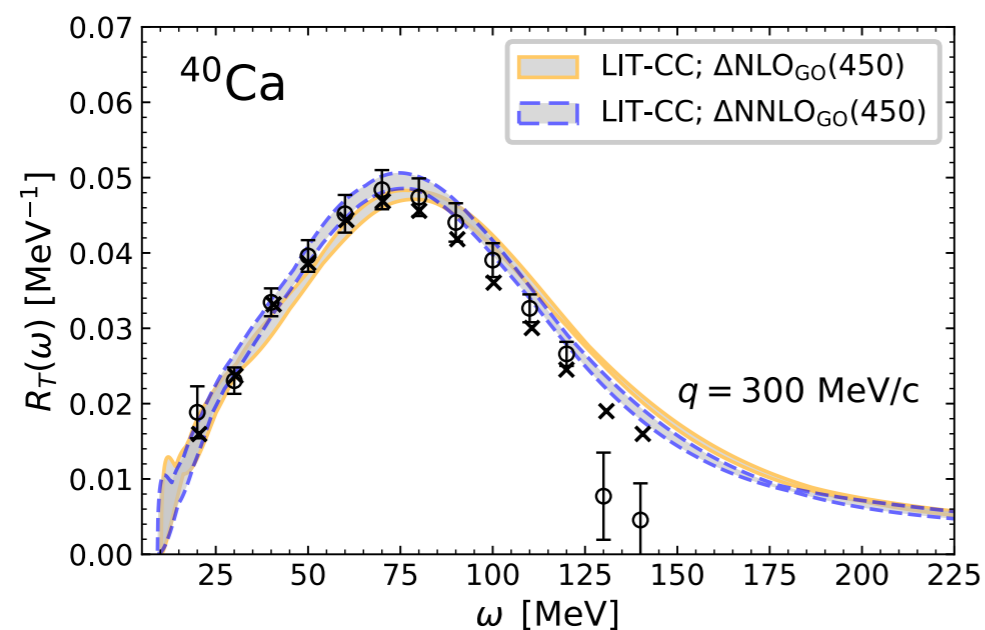
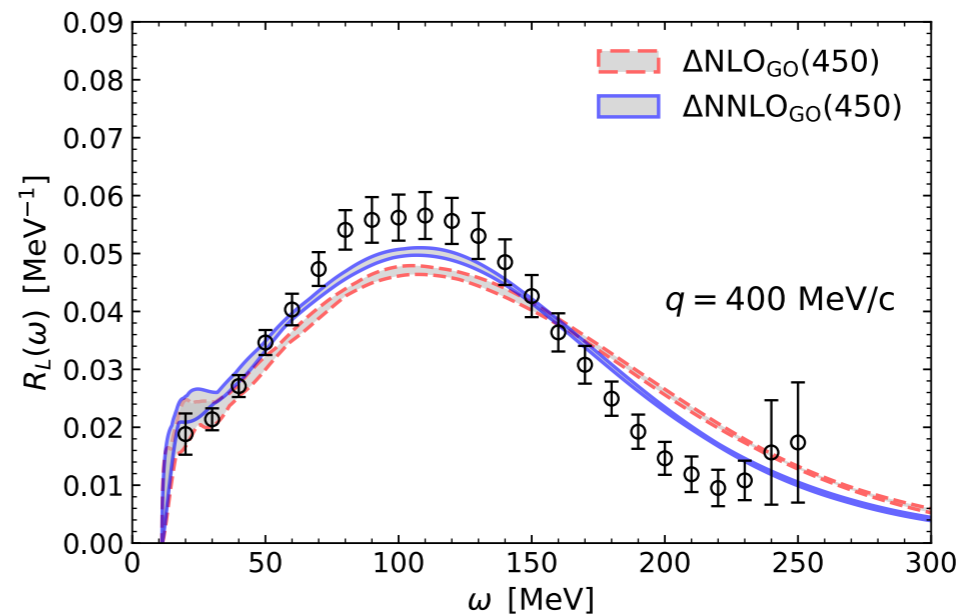
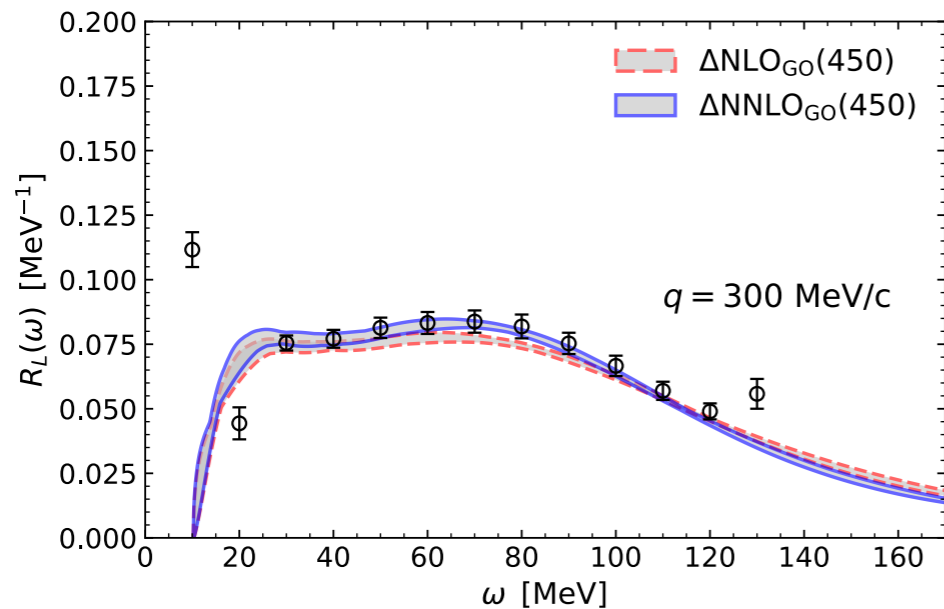
Underlying oscillator frequency

Inversion



# Chiral expansion for $^{40}\text{Ca}$

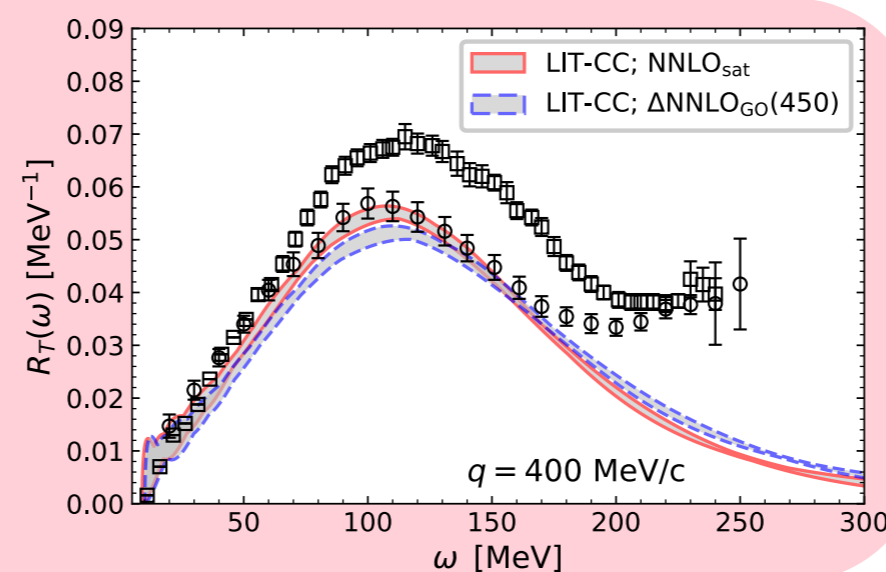
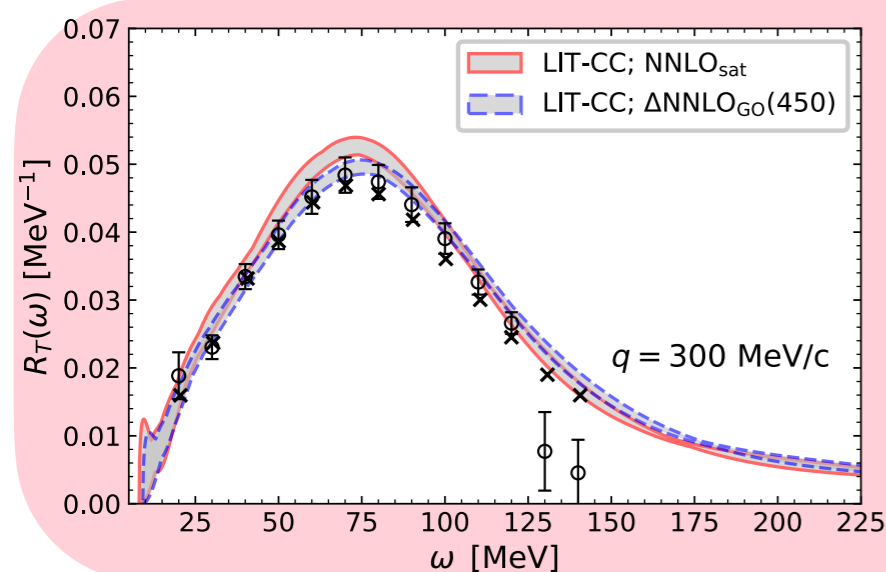
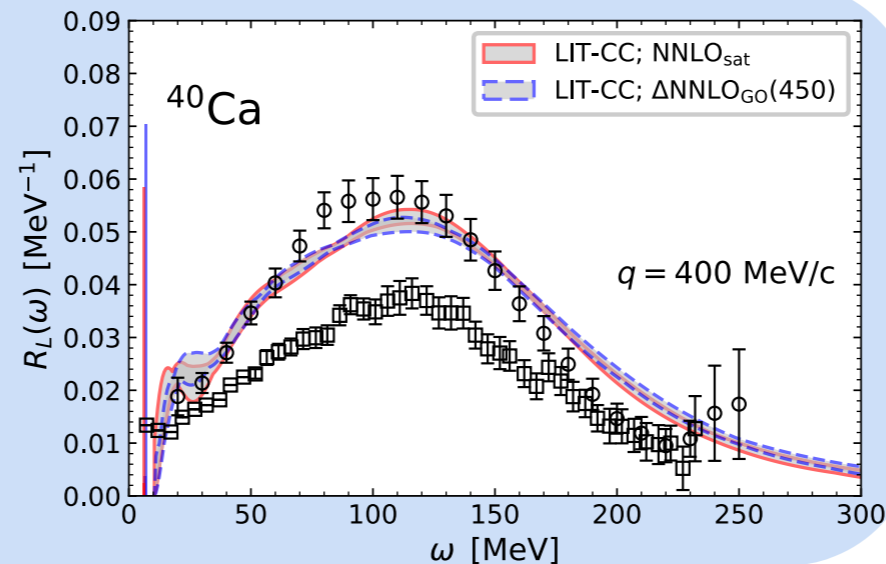
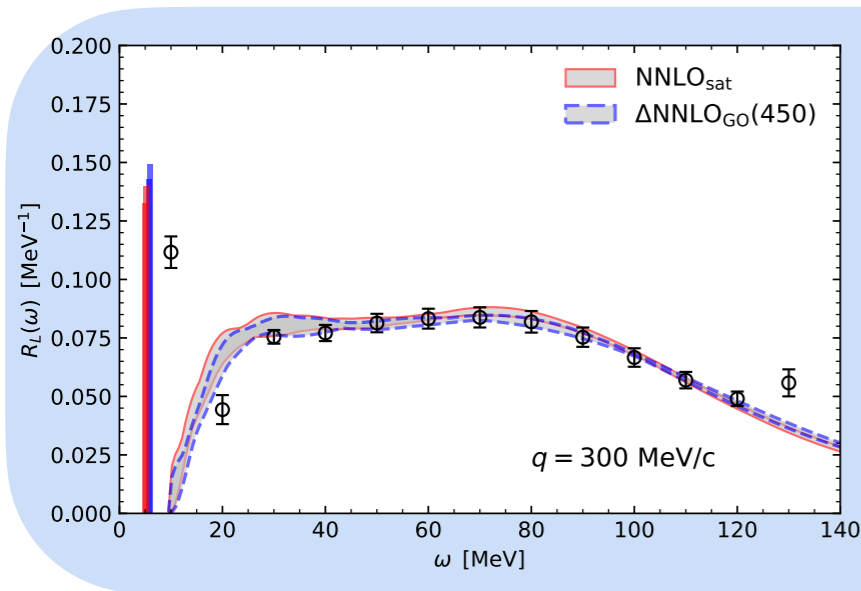
## (Electromagnetic responses)



- ✓ Two orders of chiral expansion
- ✓ Convergence better for lower  $q$  (as expected)
- ✓ Higher order brings results closer to the data

# Electromagnetic responses $^{40}\text{Ca}$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega dq} \right|_e = \sigma_M \left( v_L R_L + v_T R_T \right)$$



- ✓ CC singles & doubles
- ✓ two different chiral Hamiltonians
- ✓ *inversion procedure*