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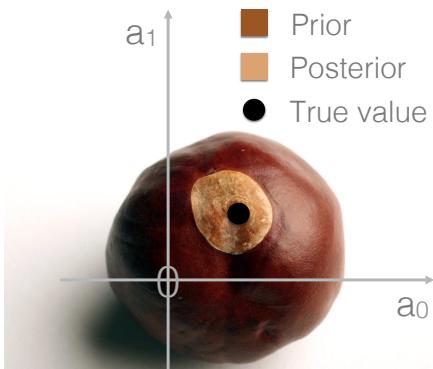
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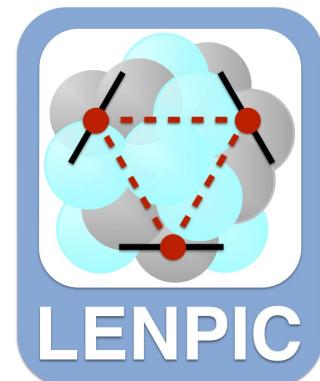
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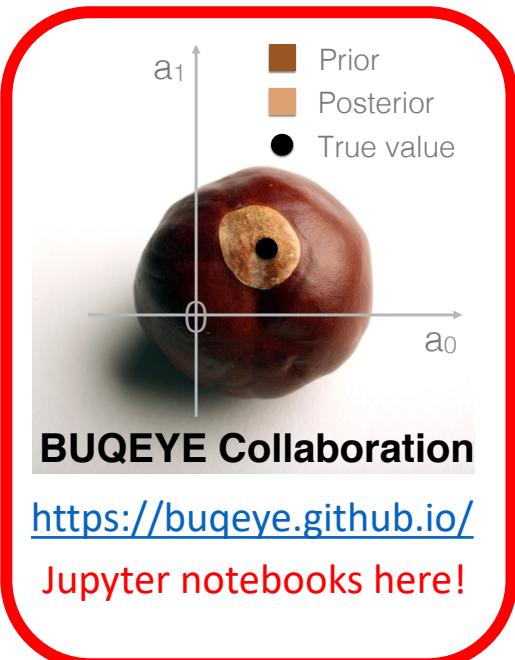
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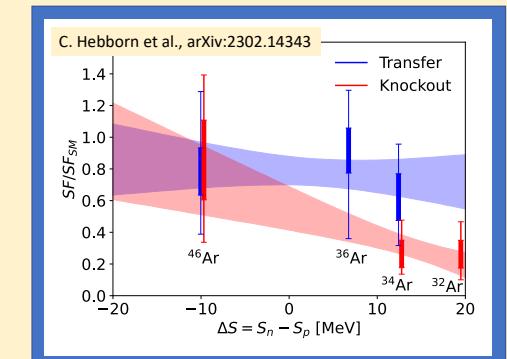
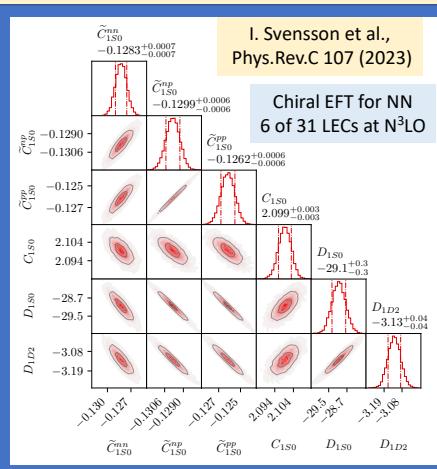
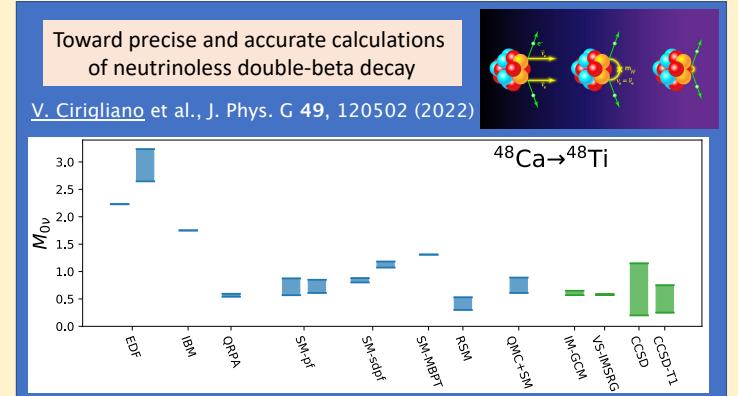
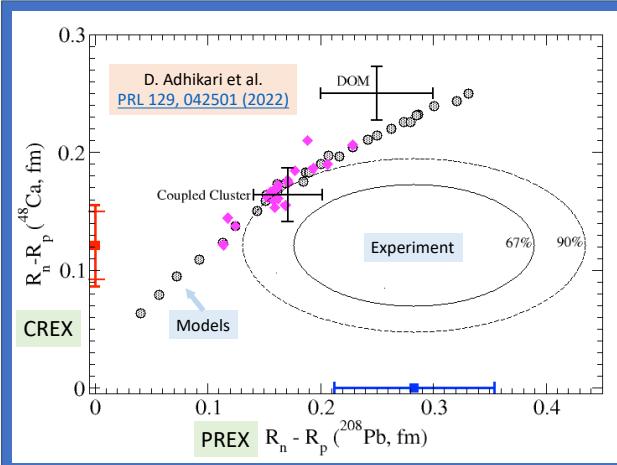
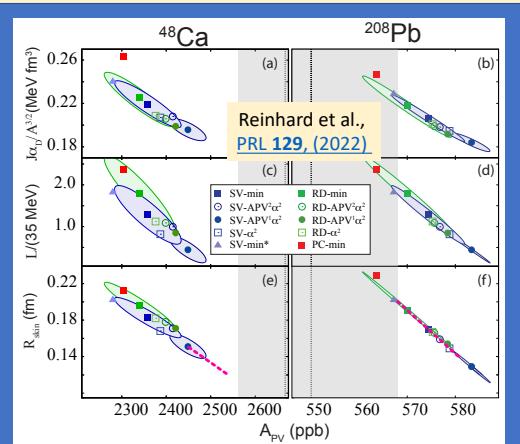
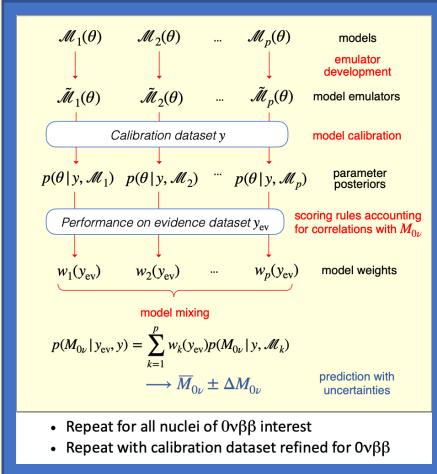
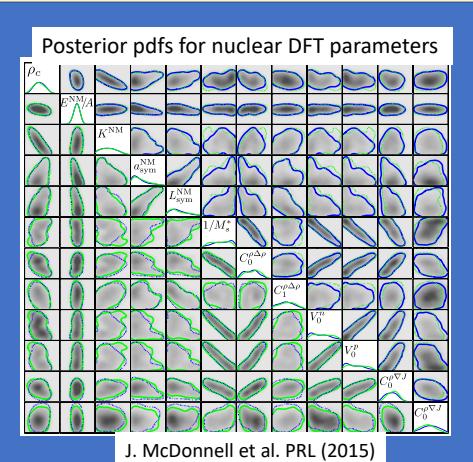
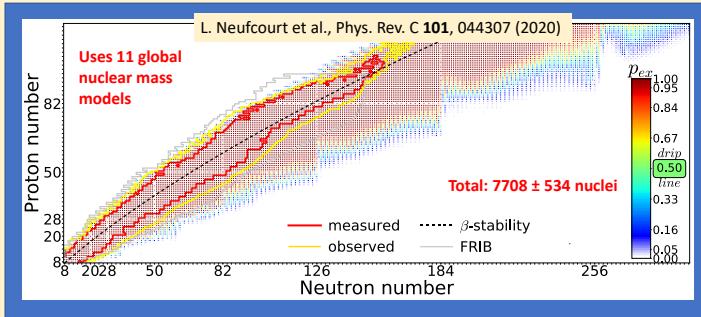
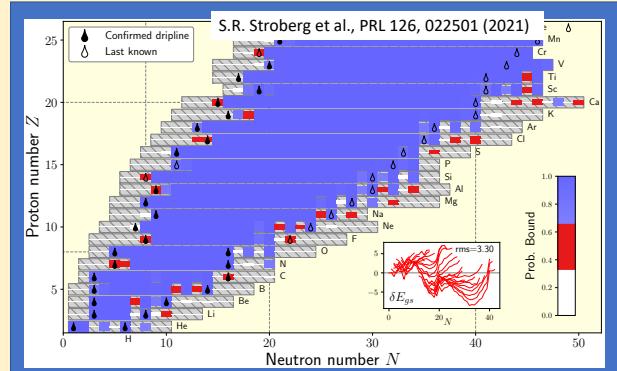
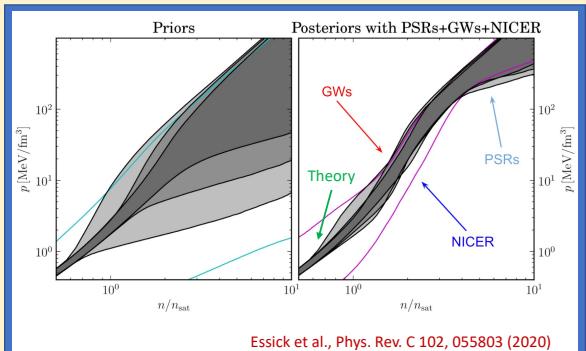
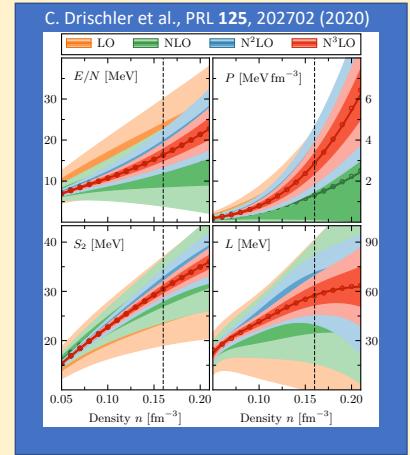
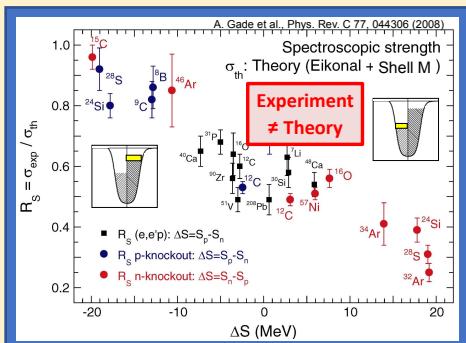


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# Checklist for statistically sound Bayesian inference

- Interact with the experts (i.e., statisticians, applied mathematicians)
- Incorporate all sources of experimental and *theoretical* errors
- Formulate *statistical models* for uncertainties
- Use as informative priors as is reasonable; test sensitivity to priors
- Account for correlations in inputs (type x) and observables (type y)
- Propagate uncertainties through the calculation
- Use *model checking* to validate our models

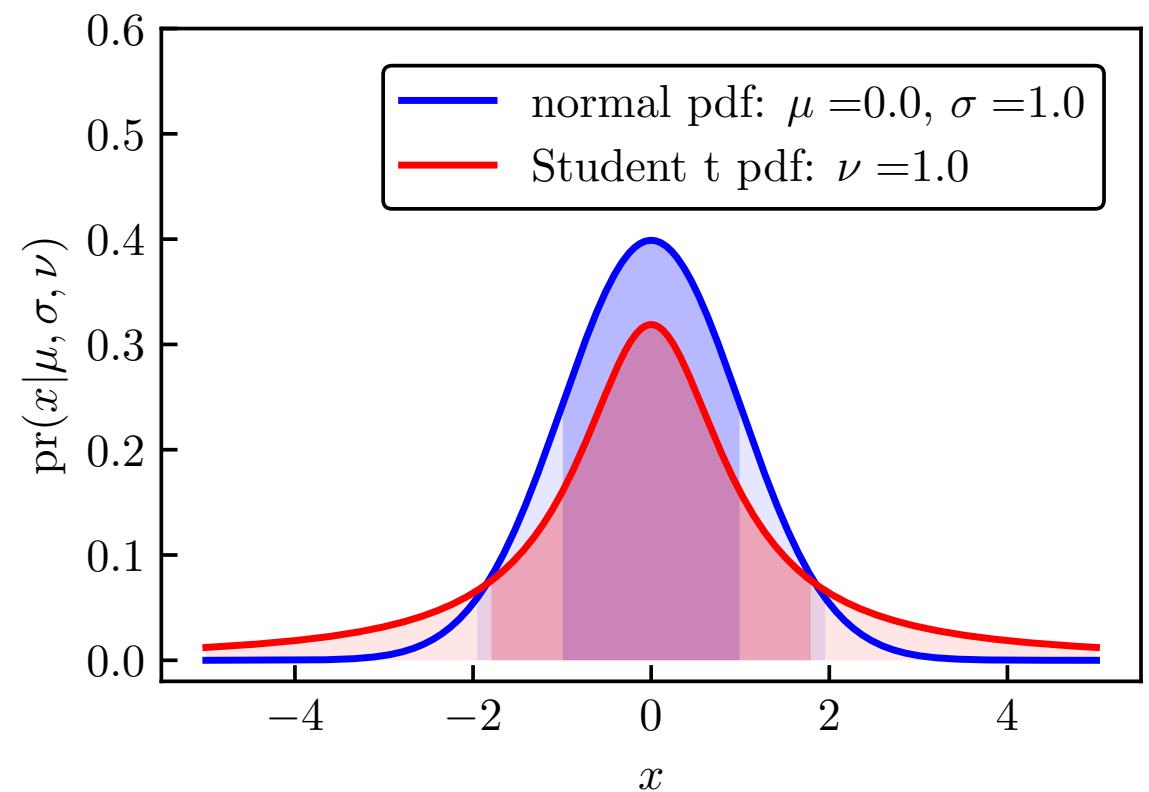
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Bayesian updating of knowledge

# State of knowledge as probability distributions (pdfs)

- $\text{pr}(A, B \mid C)$  “joint probability (density) of A and B given C” (*contingent on C*)
- A, B, C can be observables, parameters, uncertainties, propositions, models, ...
- cf. quantum mechanics  $|\psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)|^2$  or  $|\psi(\mathbf{x}_1)|^2 = \int |\psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)|^2 d\mathbf{x}_2$  (*marginalization*)
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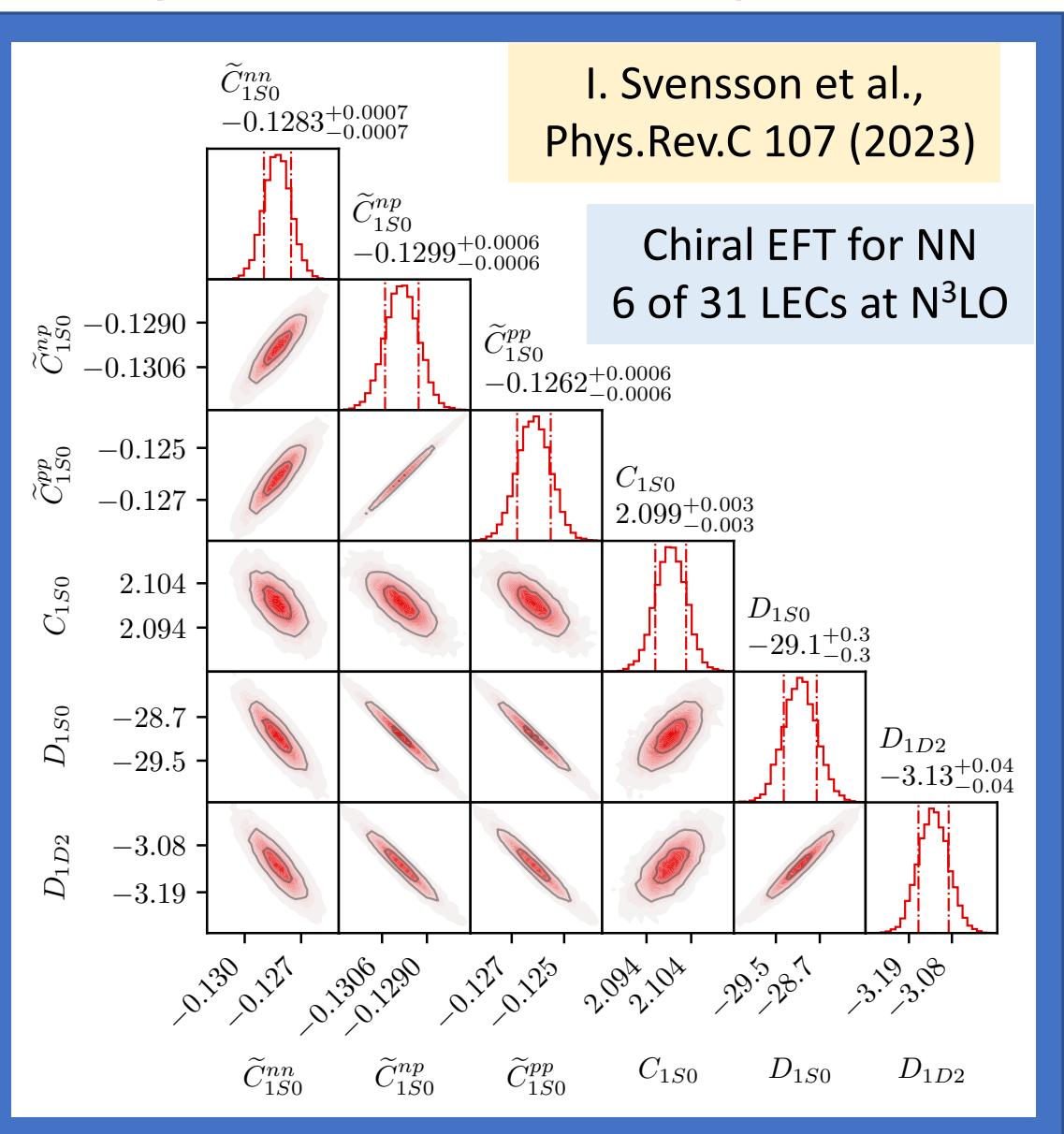
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Examples of pdfs for model UQ:

$$\text{pr}(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\text{exp}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\text{th}}, \mathcal{I}) \Rightarrow$$

pdf of model parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  given data  $\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}$  and experiment/theory errors  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ , plus other information  $\mathcal{I}$



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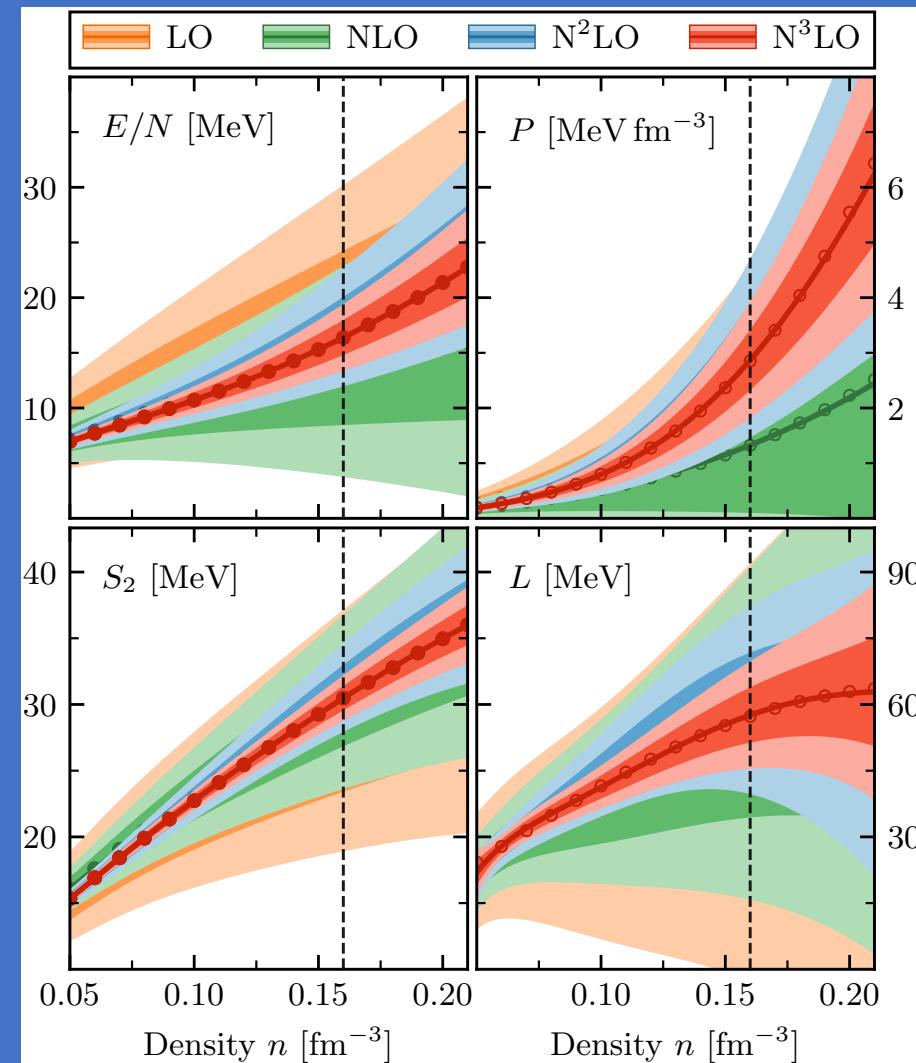
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$$\text{pr}(\delta \mathbf{y}_{\text{th}} \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{th}}, \mathbf{I}) \Rightarrow$$

pdf of *model discrepancy*  $\delta \mathbf{y}_{\text{th}}$  (model error) given order-by-order theory calculations  $\mathbf{y}_{\text{th}}$  plus other information  $\mathbf{I}$



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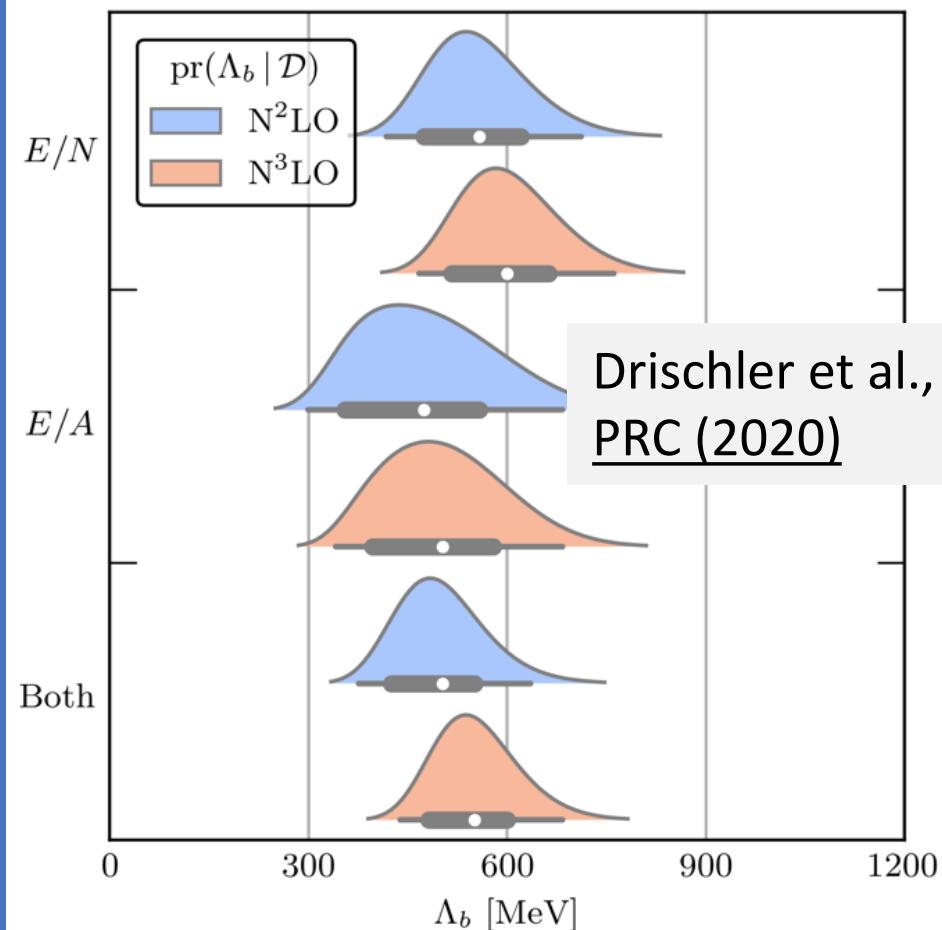
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$\text{pr}(\Lambda_b \mid \mathbf{y}_{\text{th}}, \mathcal{I}) \Rightarrow$   
pdf of breakdown scale of EFT  
expansion given order-by-order theory  
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$\Lambda_b$  from infinite matter



# Bayes's Theorem: How to update knowledge in PDFs

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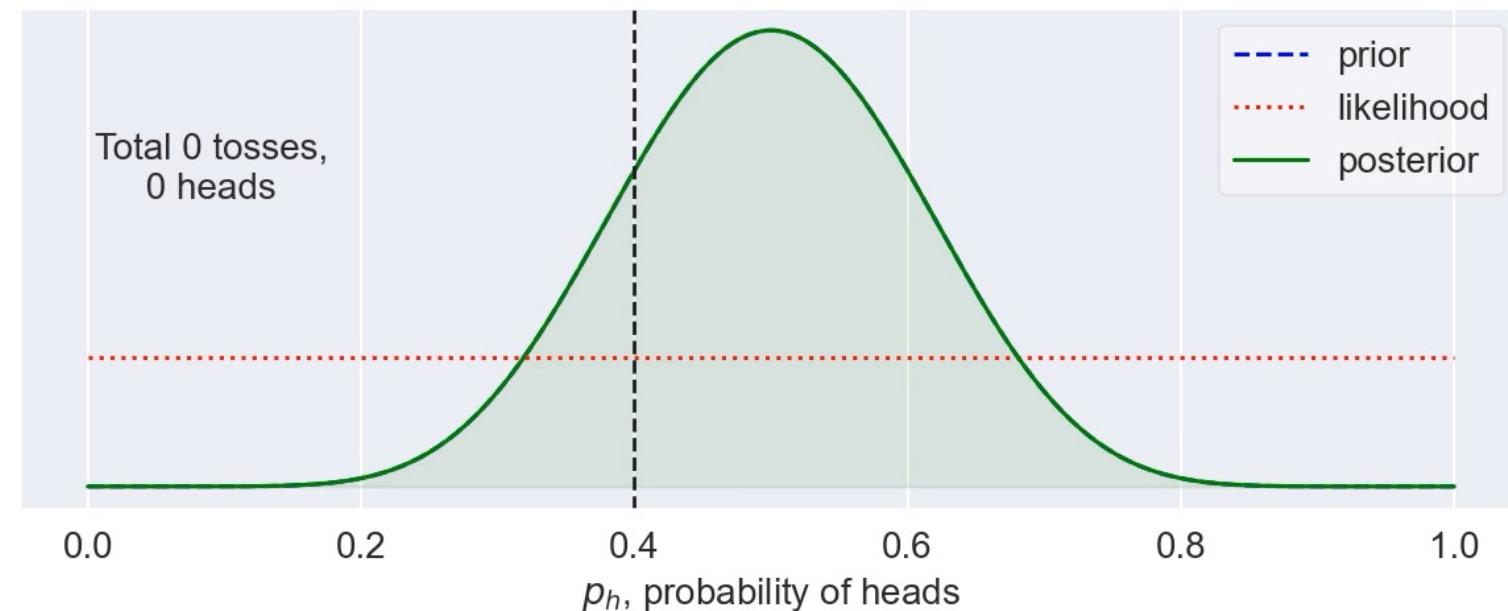
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Example: tossing a *biased* coin.  
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Likelihood is

$$\text{pr}(H \text{ heads in } N \text{ tosses} | p_h, I)$$

$$\propto p_h^H (1 - p_h)^{N-H}$$



Priors can suppress too wide likelihoods to inhibit overfitting (cf. regularization for ANNs) but data wins in the end.

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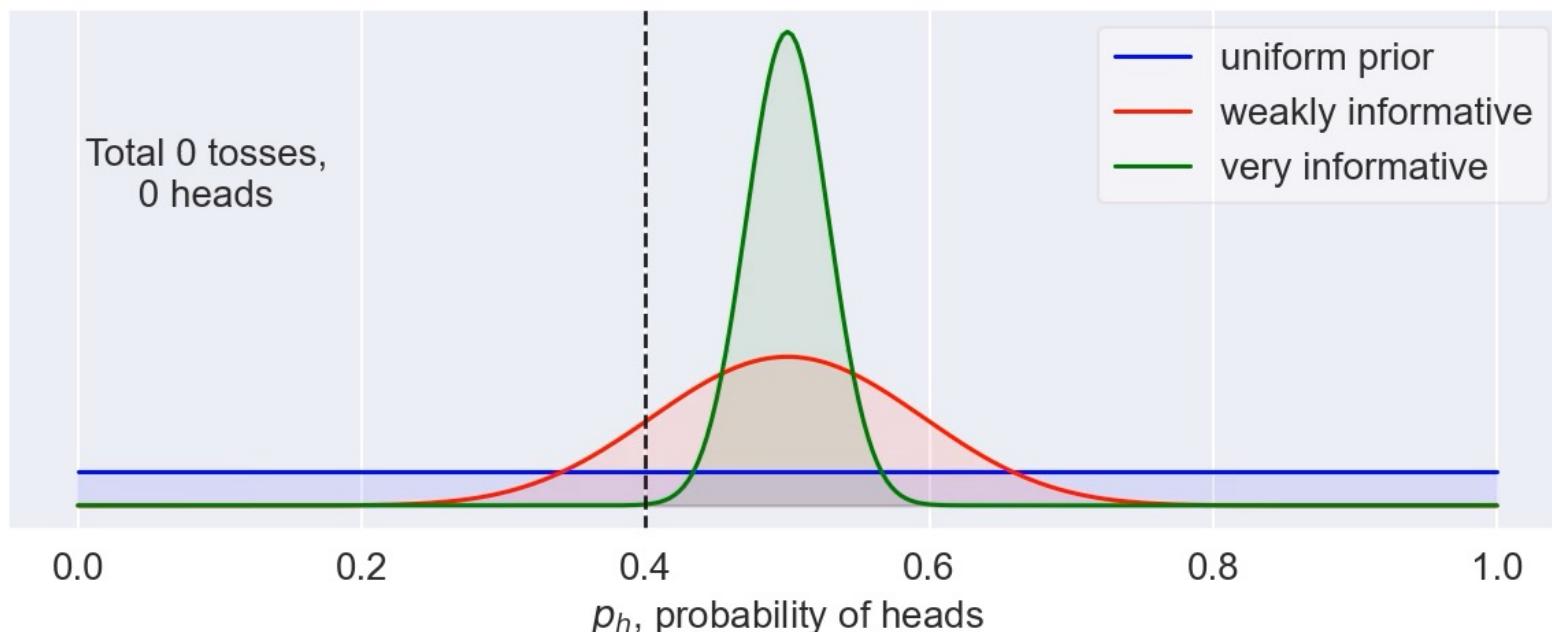
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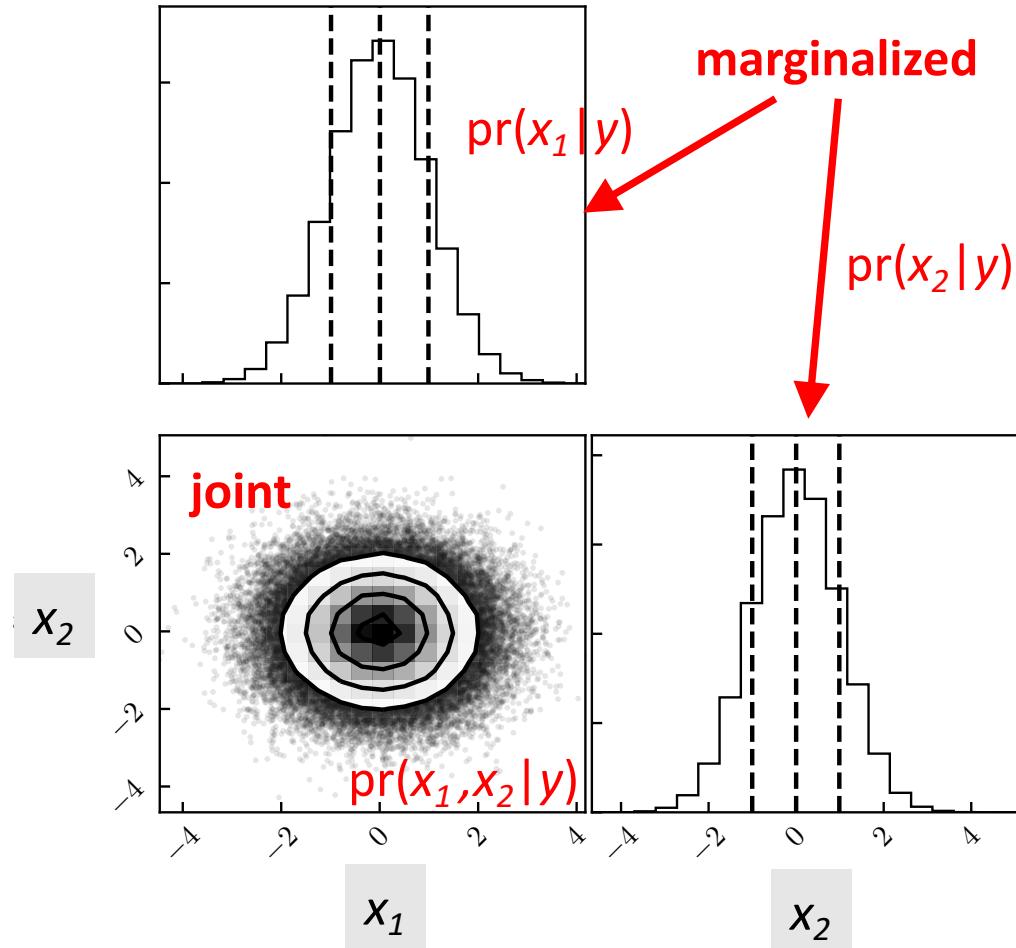
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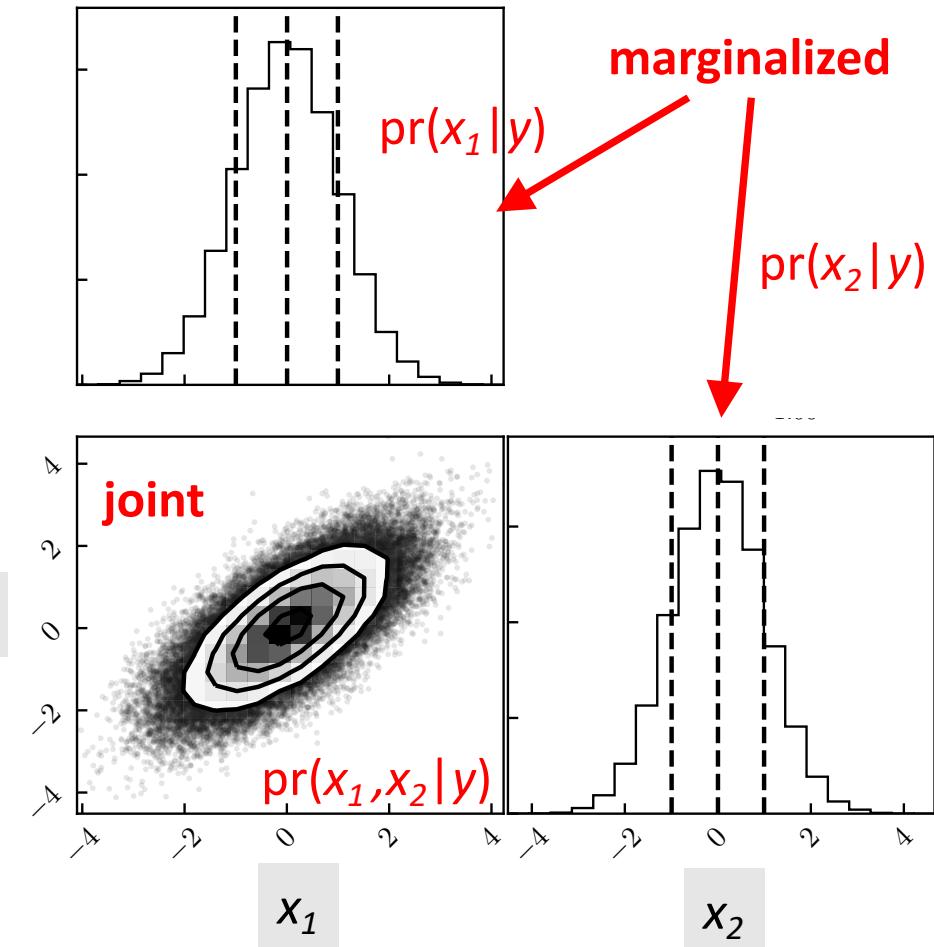
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$$\mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{r}} = \mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{(x_1 - \mu)^2}{2\sigma_{x_1}^2} - \frac{(x_2 - \mu)^2}{2\sigma_{x_2}^2}}$$
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$$\mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{r}} = \text{correlated gaussian}$$
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- ❑ Formulate *statistical models* for uncertainties
- ❑ Interact with the experts: statisticians say any model better than none!

George Box: “All models are wrong, but some are useful”

## In what ways can a theoretical model be wrong?

- Uncertainty from numerical method
  - Truncation of Hilbert space (e.g., lattice volume/spacing or ho model space)
  - Model discrepancy
    - Incomplete or in parts incorrect physical model
    - Effective field theory expansion truncation error
- ❑ Incorporate all sources of expt. and *theoretical* errors

Mostly **systematic and correlated** (doesn't mean they can't be treated as random!).

- **Systematic:** error is not reduced when more observations are averaged
- **Correlated:** e.g., model error in binding energy for oxygen chain all in same direction

Bayesian statistics is ideal for modeling, combining, and propagating theory errors!

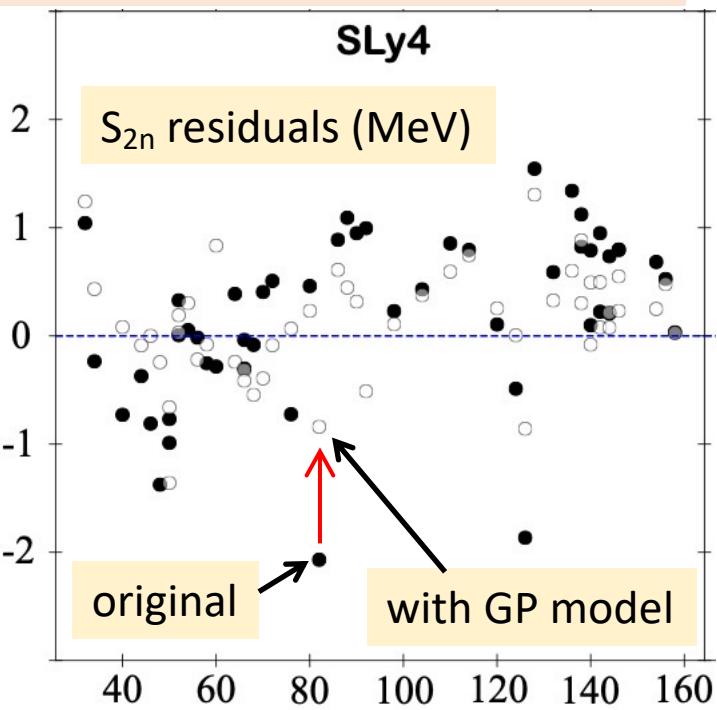
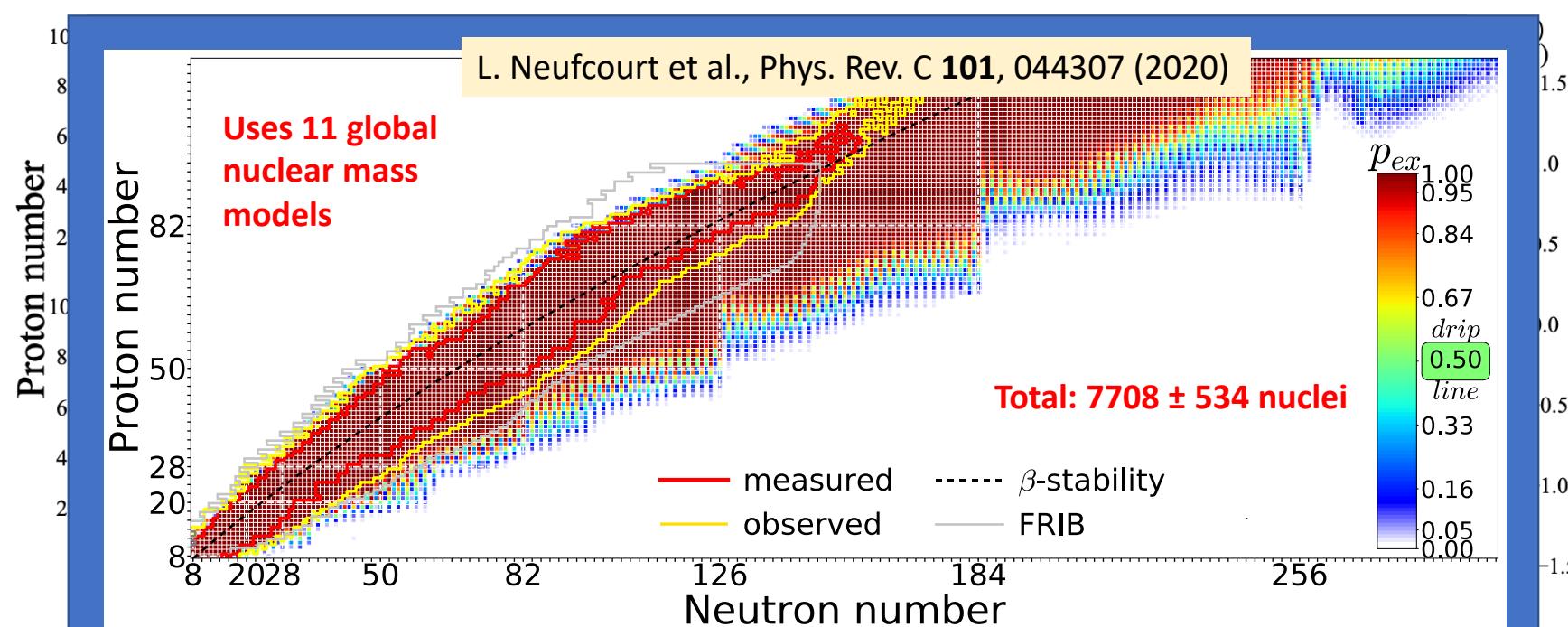
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### 1. Model distribution of *residuals*: $\delta \equiv \mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}} - \mathbf{y}_{\text{th}} = \delta \mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}} + \delta \mathbf{y}_{\text{th}}$

Train the residuals on Gaussian Process model or with Bayesian Neural Network on one set; test on another set



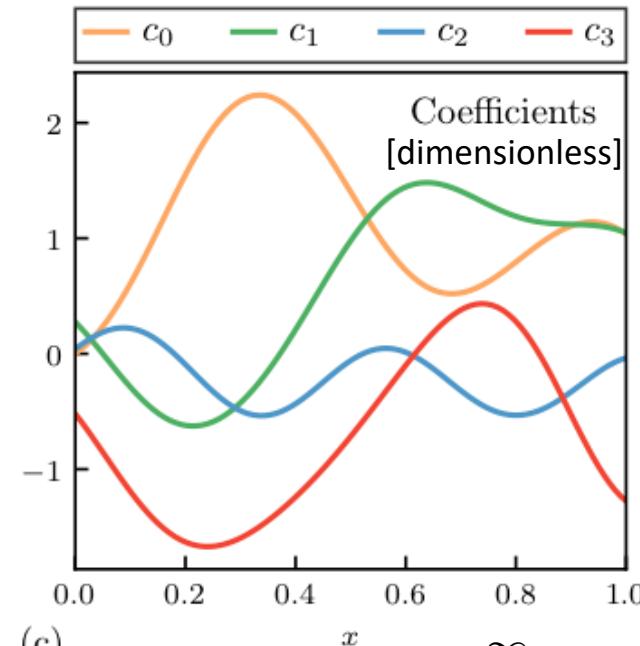
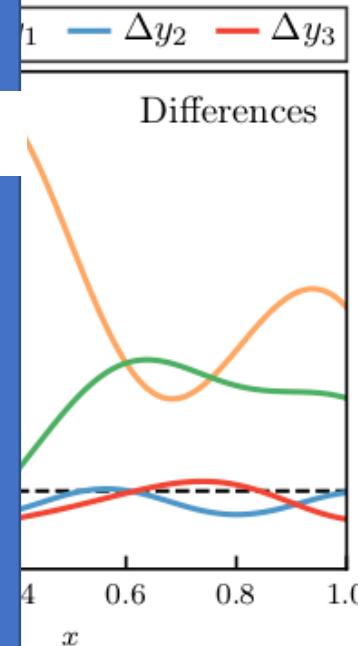
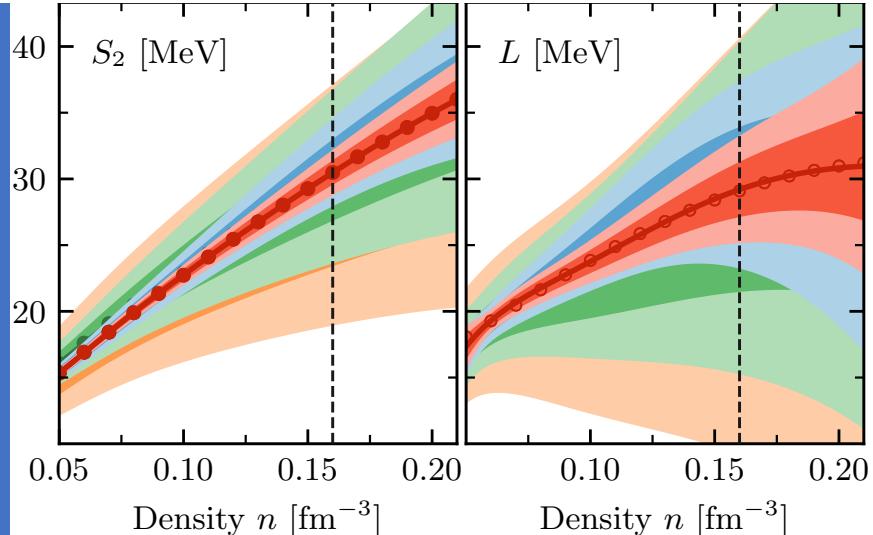
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*convergence pattern of observables*

□ Use *model checking* to validate our models



Estimate variance  
→  $\bar{c}$

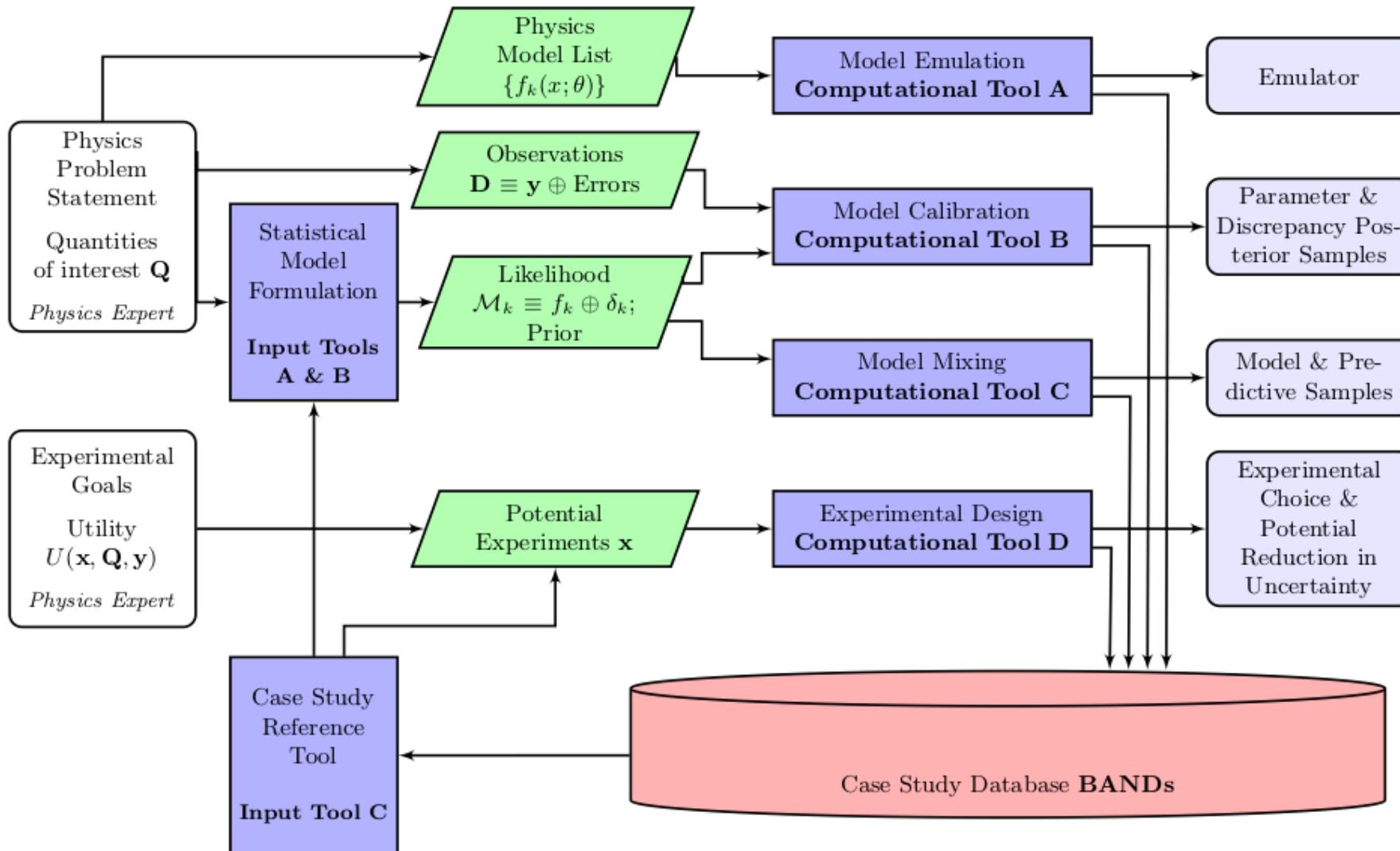
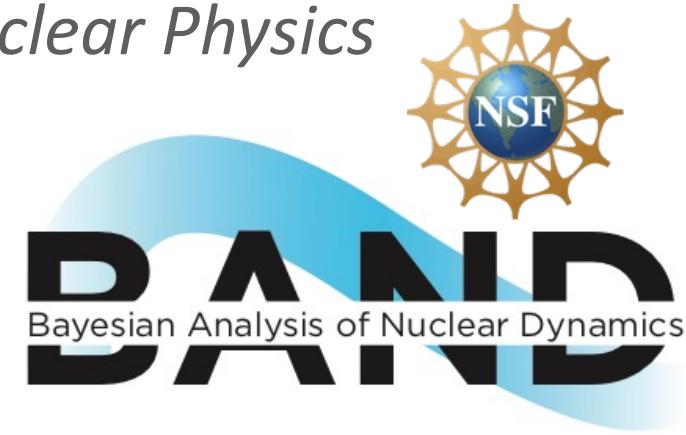
Omitted orders:  $\delta \mathbf{y}_{\text{th}} = \mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} c_n Q^n$

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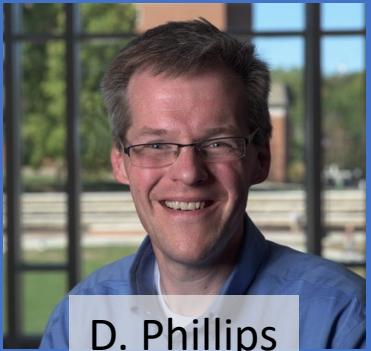
*Goal: Facilitate principled Uncertainty Quantification in Nuclear Physics*



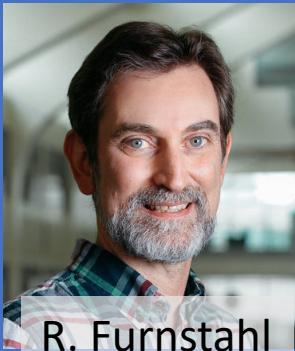
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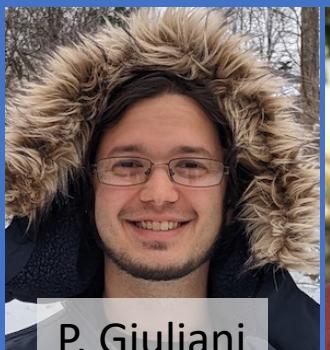
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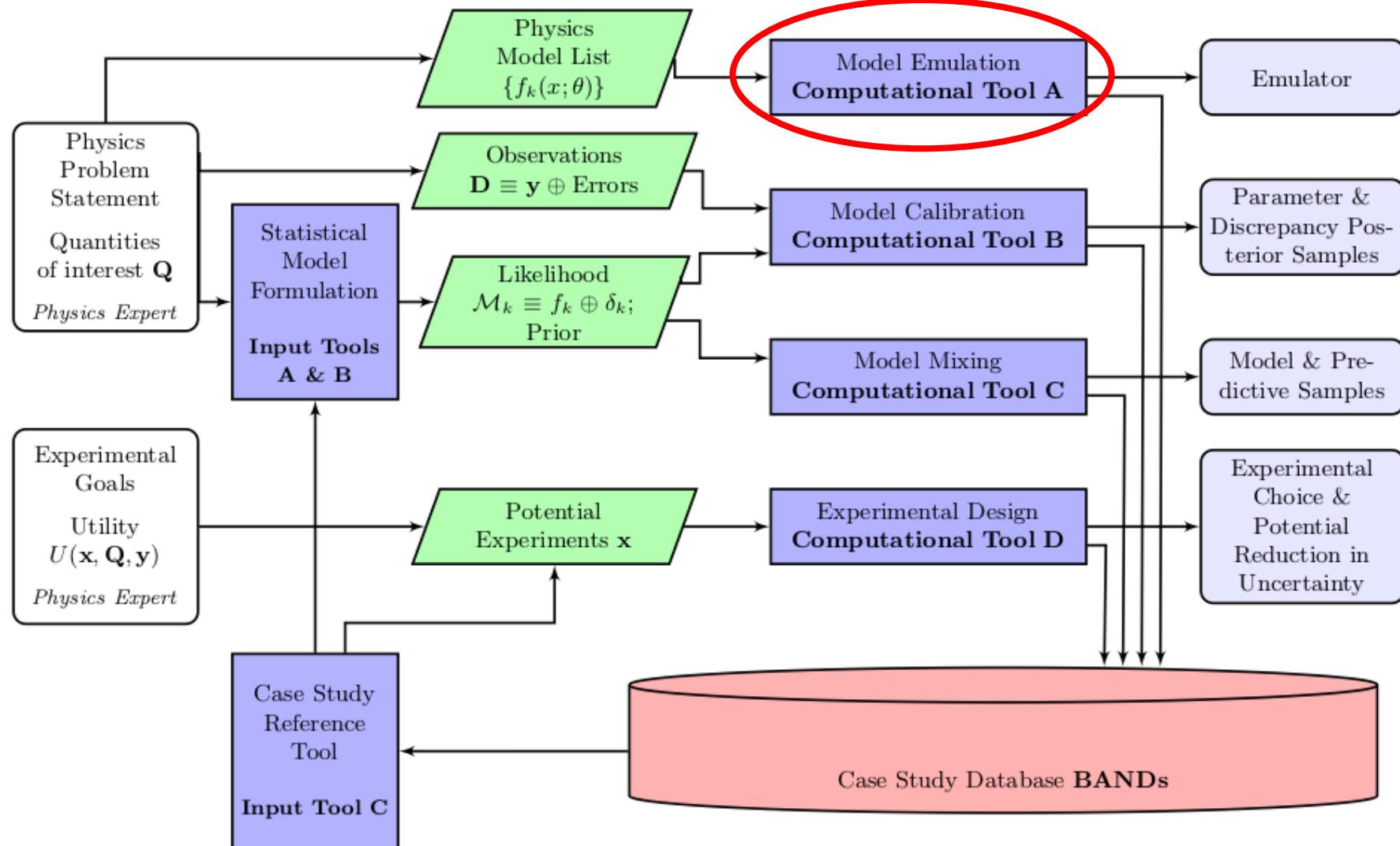
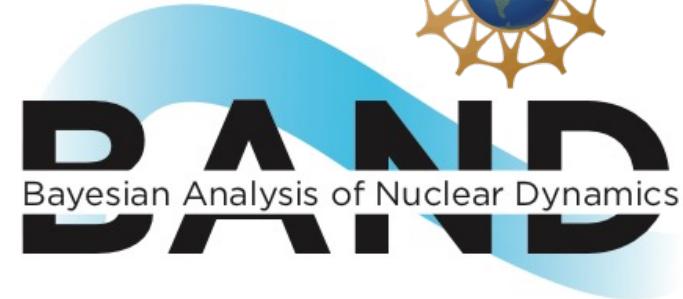
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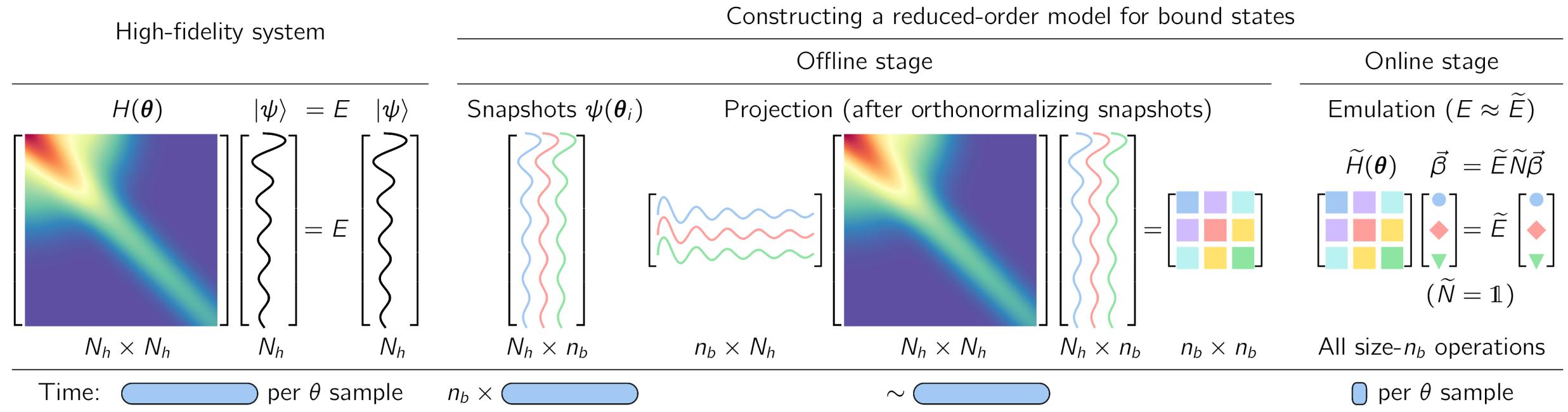
High-fidelity models may be too expensive → use an emulator instead!



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# Constructing a reduced-basis model (aka emulator)

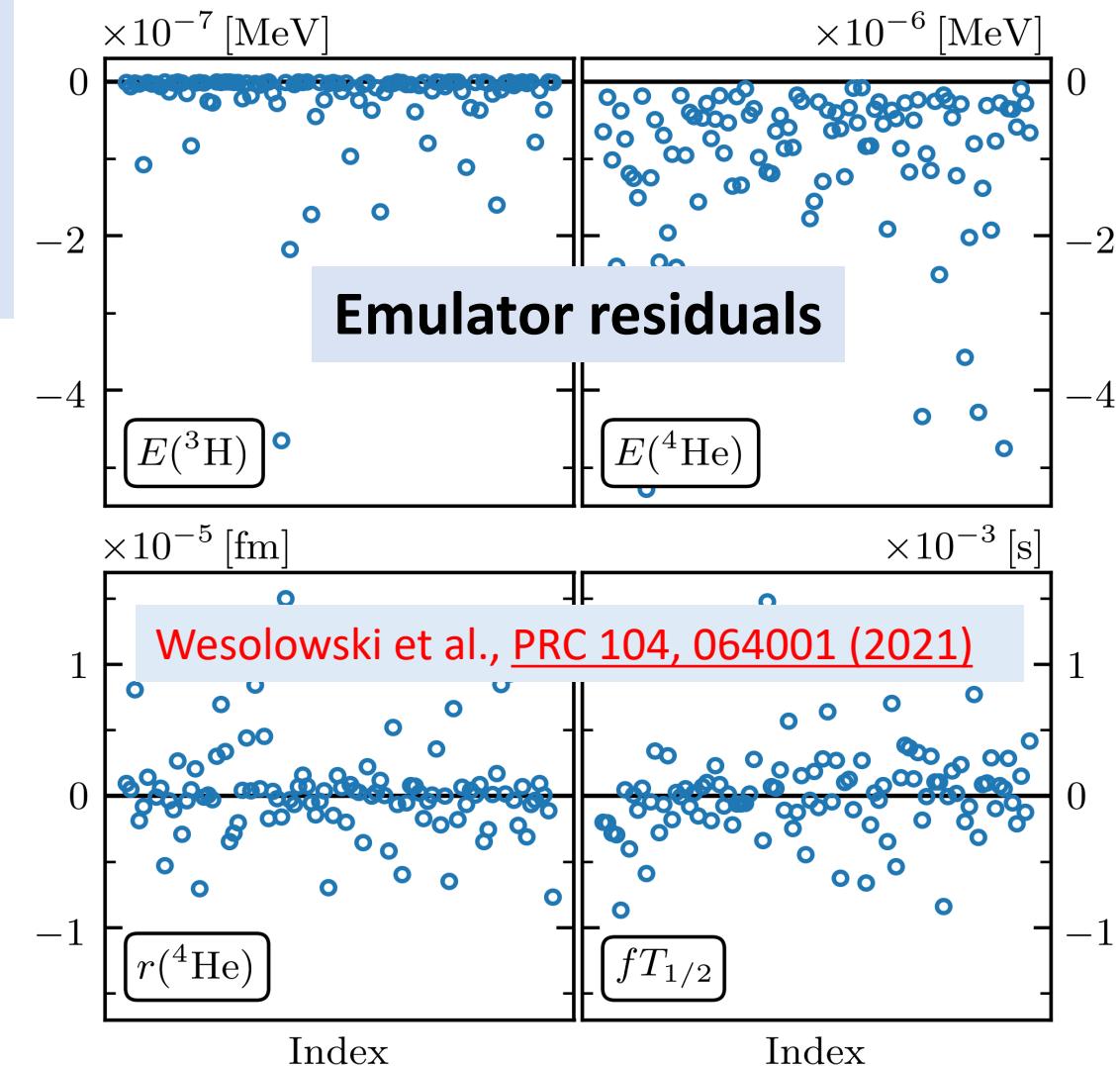
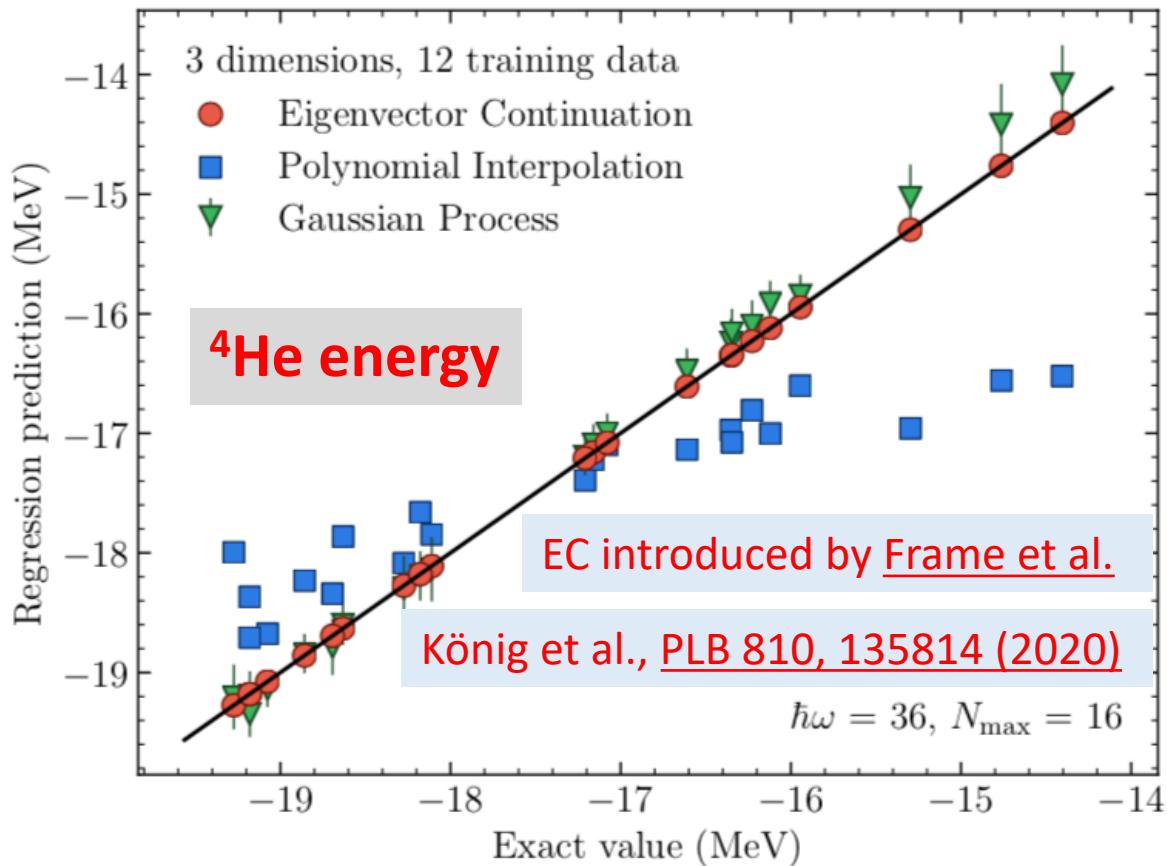


- Offline stage (pre-calculate):
  - Construct basis using snapshots from high-fidelity system (simulator)
  - Project high-fidelity system to small-space using snapshots
- Online stage (emulator):
  - Make many predictions fast & accurately (e.g., for Bayesian analysis)

- *J. A. Melendez et al., J. Phys. G 49, 102001 (2022)*
- *E. Bonilla, P. Giuliani et al., Phys. Rev. C 106, 054322*
- *P. Giuliani, K. Godbey et al., arXiv:2209.13039.*
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# Eigenvector continuation emulators for nuclear observables

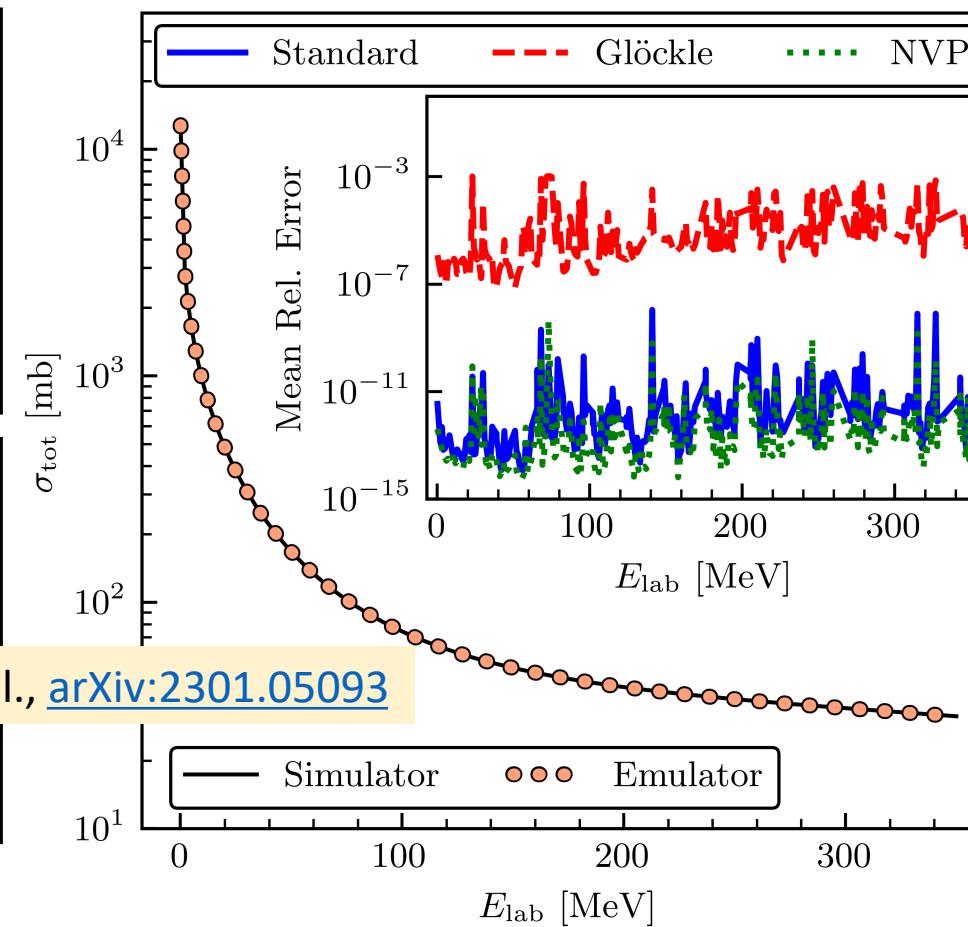
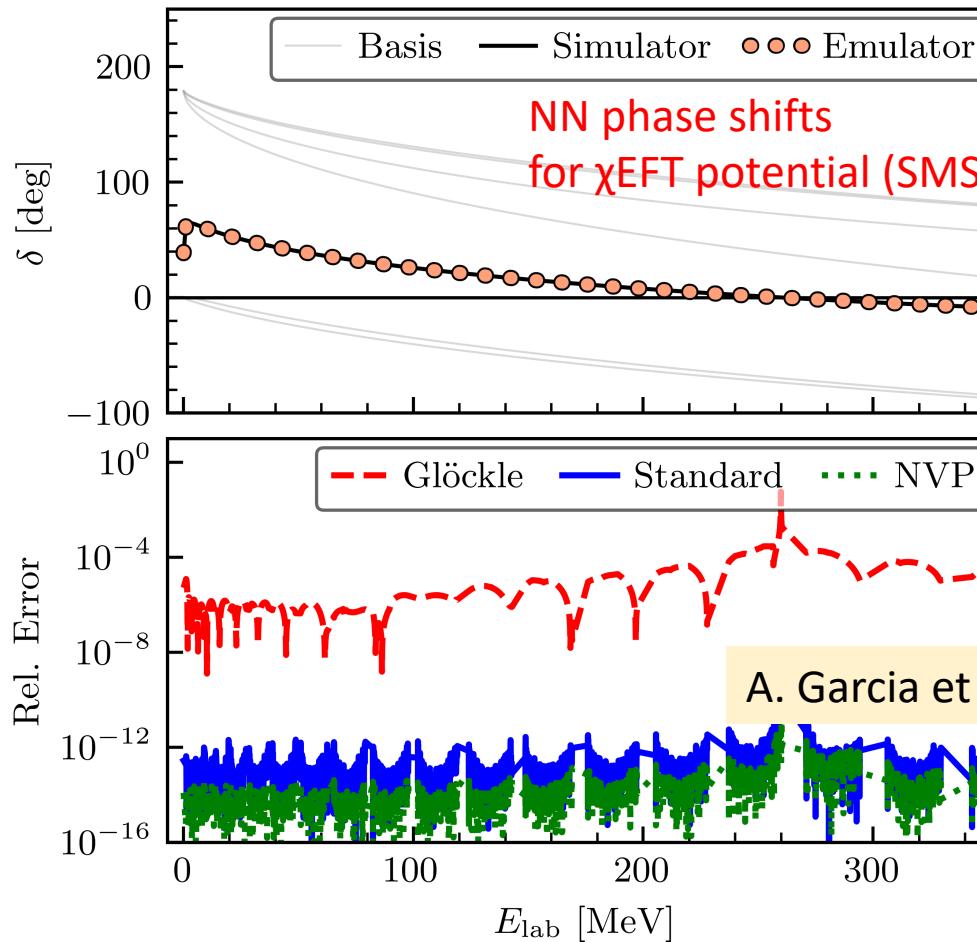
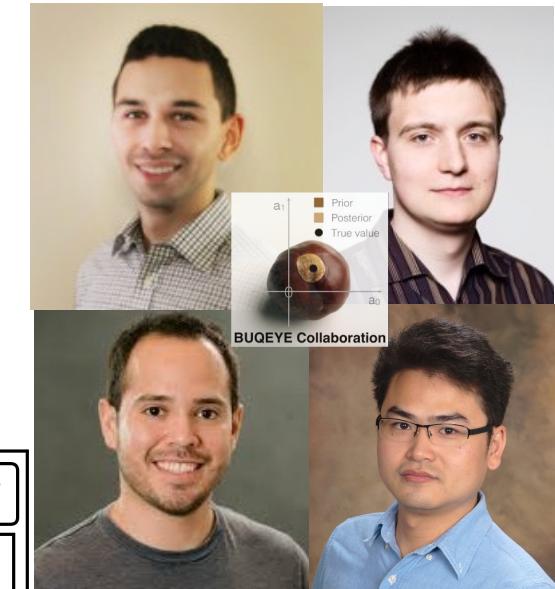
**Basic idea:** a small # of ground-state eigenvectors from a selection of parameter sets is an extremely effective variational basis for other parameter sets.  
**Characteristics:** fast and accurate!



Emulator doesn't require specialized calculations!

# RBM emulators for NN and 3N scattering

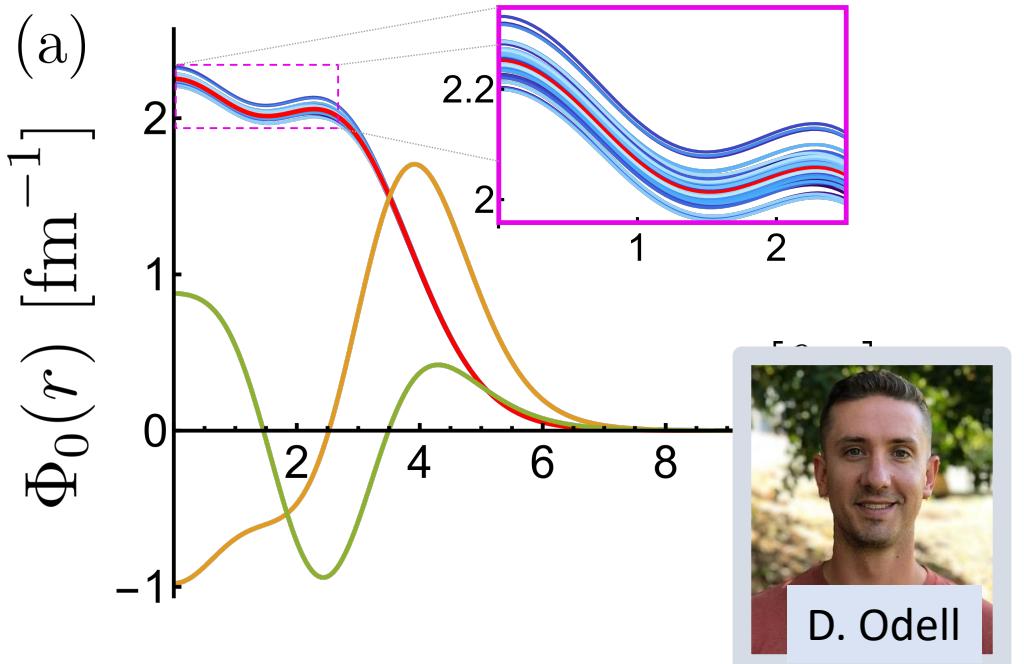
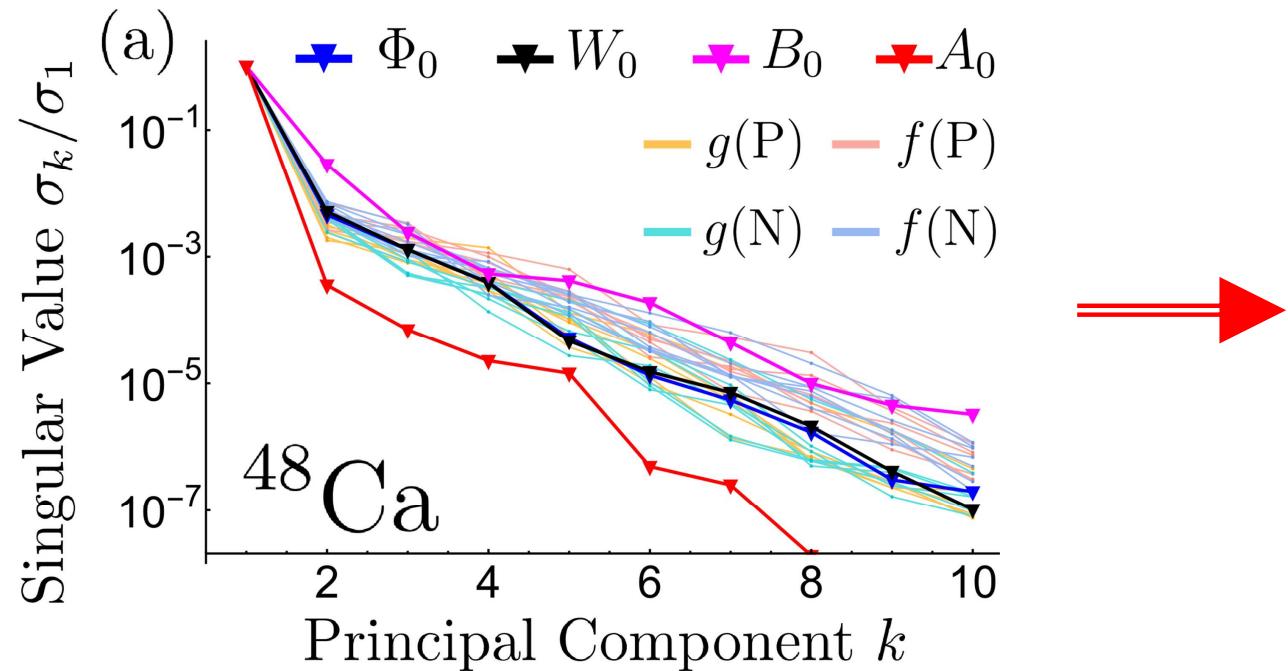
- NN scattering by rjf et al., [PLB \(2020\)](#) using the Kohn variational principle.
- Improved by Drischler et al., [PLB \(2021\)](#) (e.g., mitigate Kohn anomalies).
- Two-body emulation w/o wfs by Melendez et al., [PLB \(2021\)](#).



3-body scattering?  
E.g, for Bayesian  
 $\chi$ EFT LEC estimation.  
→ X. Zhang, rjf [proof of principle](#) (2022).

# RBM emulators for EDFs

- Energy density functionals (EDFs) present new challenges.
- P. Giuliani et al., “[Bayes goes fast ...](#)” (also “[Training and Projecting](#)”) → apply Galerkin RBM to EDFs (covariant mean field, Skyrme)
- Efficient basis to evaluate functional for many parameter sets.
- → Fast and accurate emulation, ideal for Bayesian inference!



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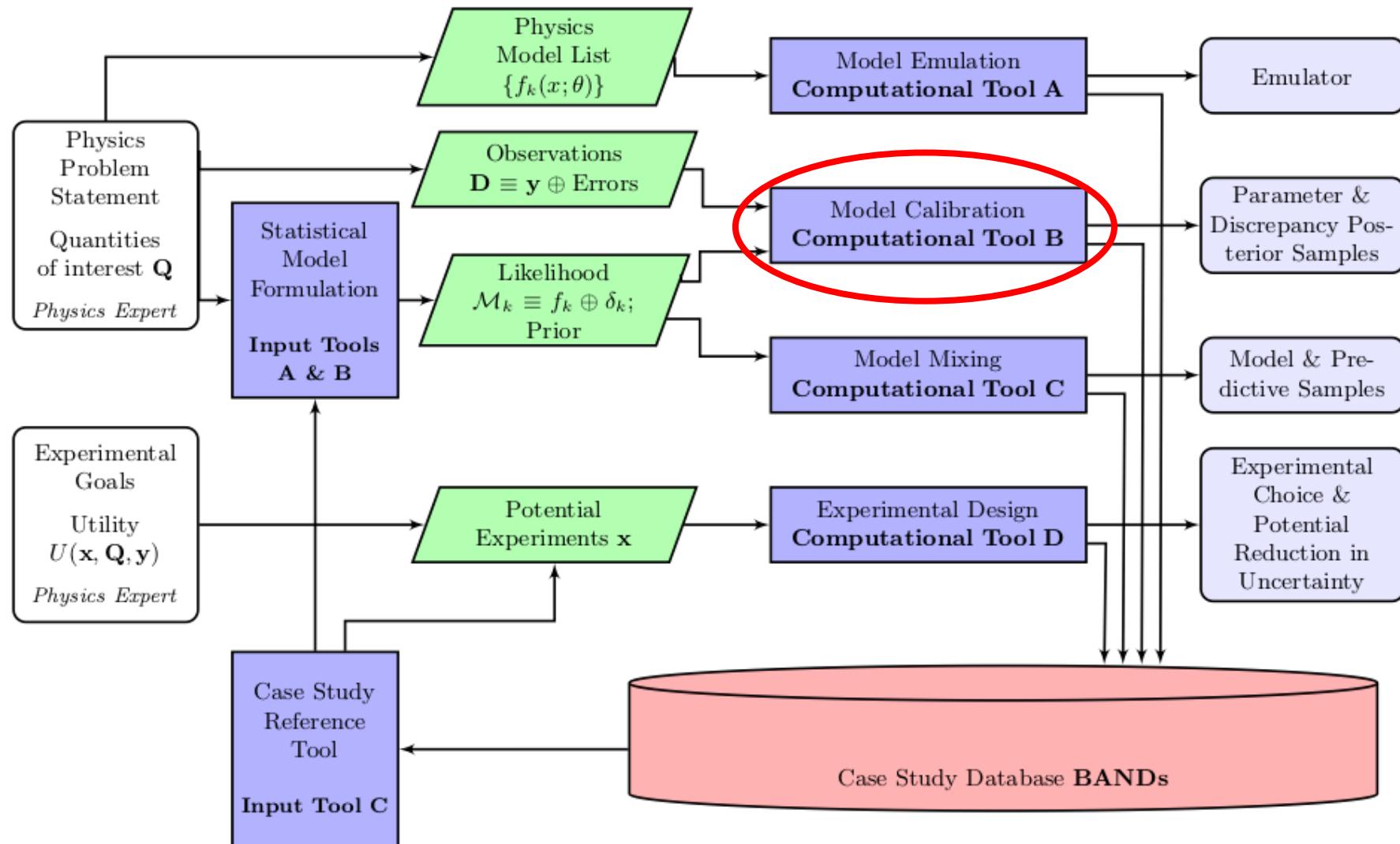
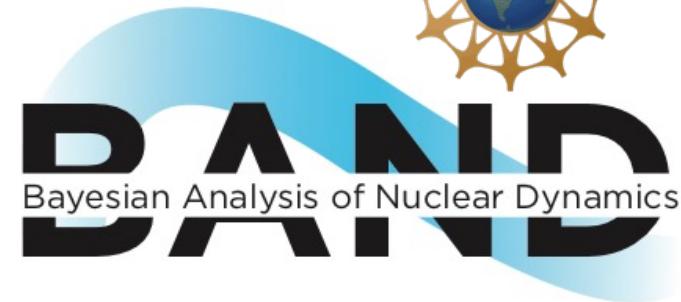
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Calibrating a model means to update distributions of its parameters based on data.

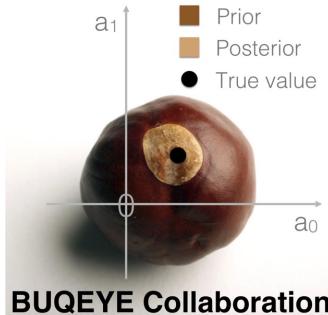


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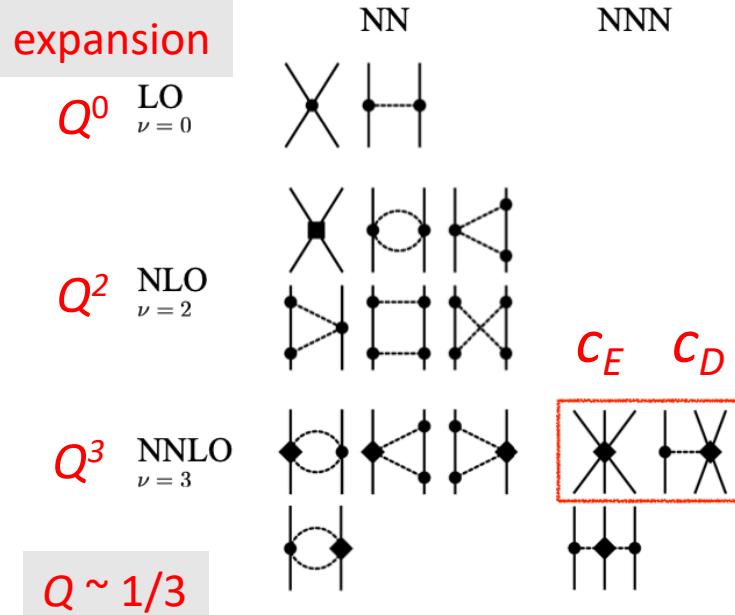
# Rigorous constraints on three-nucleon forces in chiral effective field theory from fast and accurate calculations of few-body observables

Wesolowski, Svensson, Ekström, Forssén, rjf, Melendez, and Phillips, [PRC 104, 064001 \(2021\)](#)



## BUQEYE Collaboration

Notebook with all figures at  
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See also: Djärv et al., [PRC \(2022\)](#) on A=6 nuclei; Svensson et al., [PRC \(2023\)](#) on Bayesian LEC estimation; Alnamlah et al., [Front. Phys. \(2022\)](#) on EFT for rotational bands; Acharya et al. [Front. Phys. \(2022\)](#) on E&M observables; Poudel et al., [J. Phys. G \(2022\)](#) on 3He- $\alpha$  scattering; Baker et al., [PRC \(2022\)](#) on N-A, ...

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**Chiral 3N forces:** estimate constraints on  $c_D$  and  $c_E$

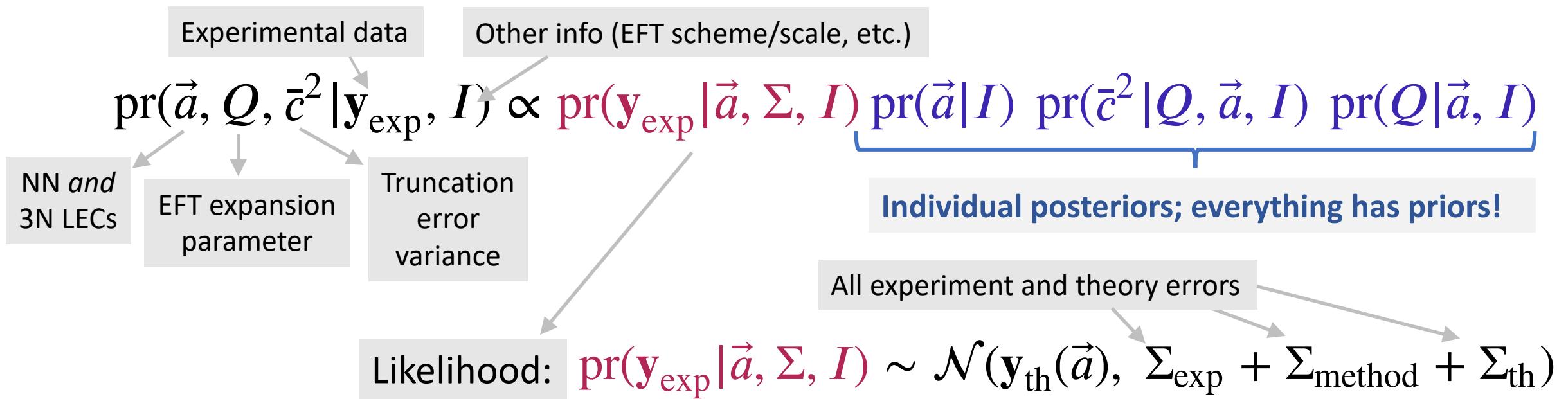
**Few-body observables (cf. other possibilities):**

$^3\text{H}$  ground-state energy;  $^3\text{H}$   $\beta$ -decay half-life;  
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**Rigorous:** statistical best practices for parameter estimation

**Fast:** uses eigenvector continuation emulators for observables

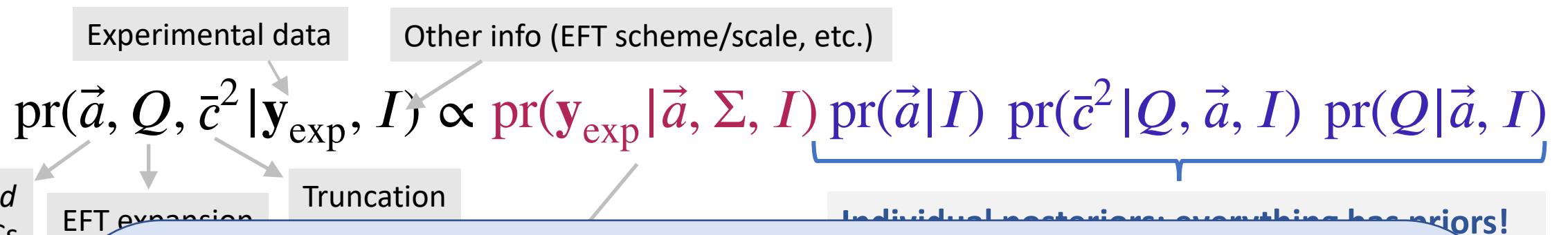
# Full Bayesian approach to calibration parameters



Uses NNLO chiral EFT without  $\Delta$ 's based on Carlsson et al. PRX **6**, 011019 (2016),  
but methods are general (other regulators,  $\Delta$ 's, other observables)

Sample pdf with MCMC over 15 dimensions (11 NN LECs +  $c_D, c_E + Q, \bar{c}^2$ )  
→ marginalize (integrate out) what you are not considering (trivial!)

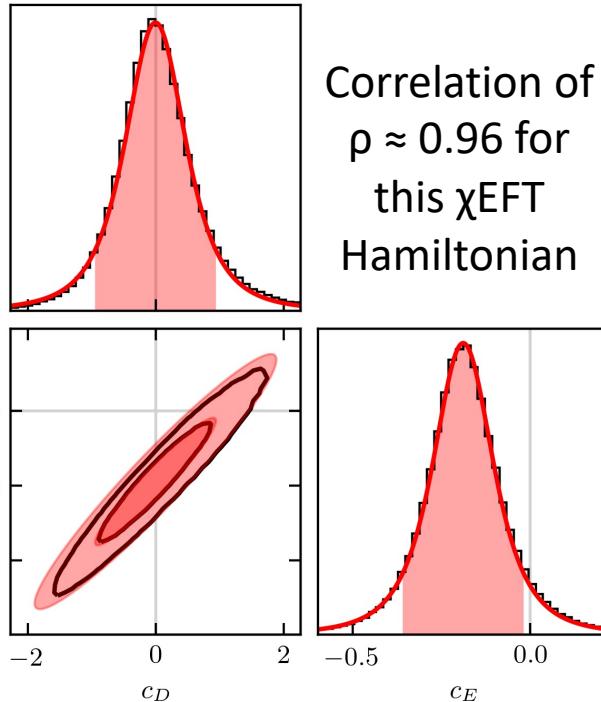
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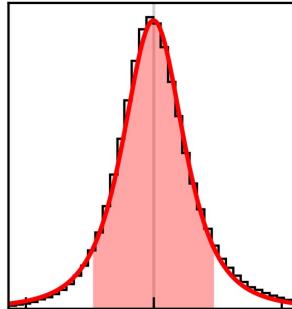
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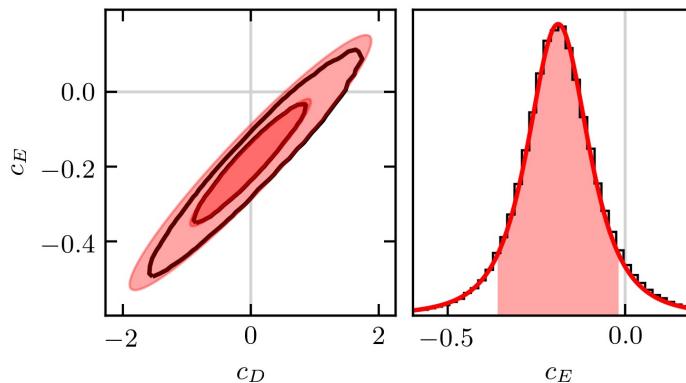
# How do student t distributions arise?

[Link to blog page](#)  
[Link to D. Bailey](#)

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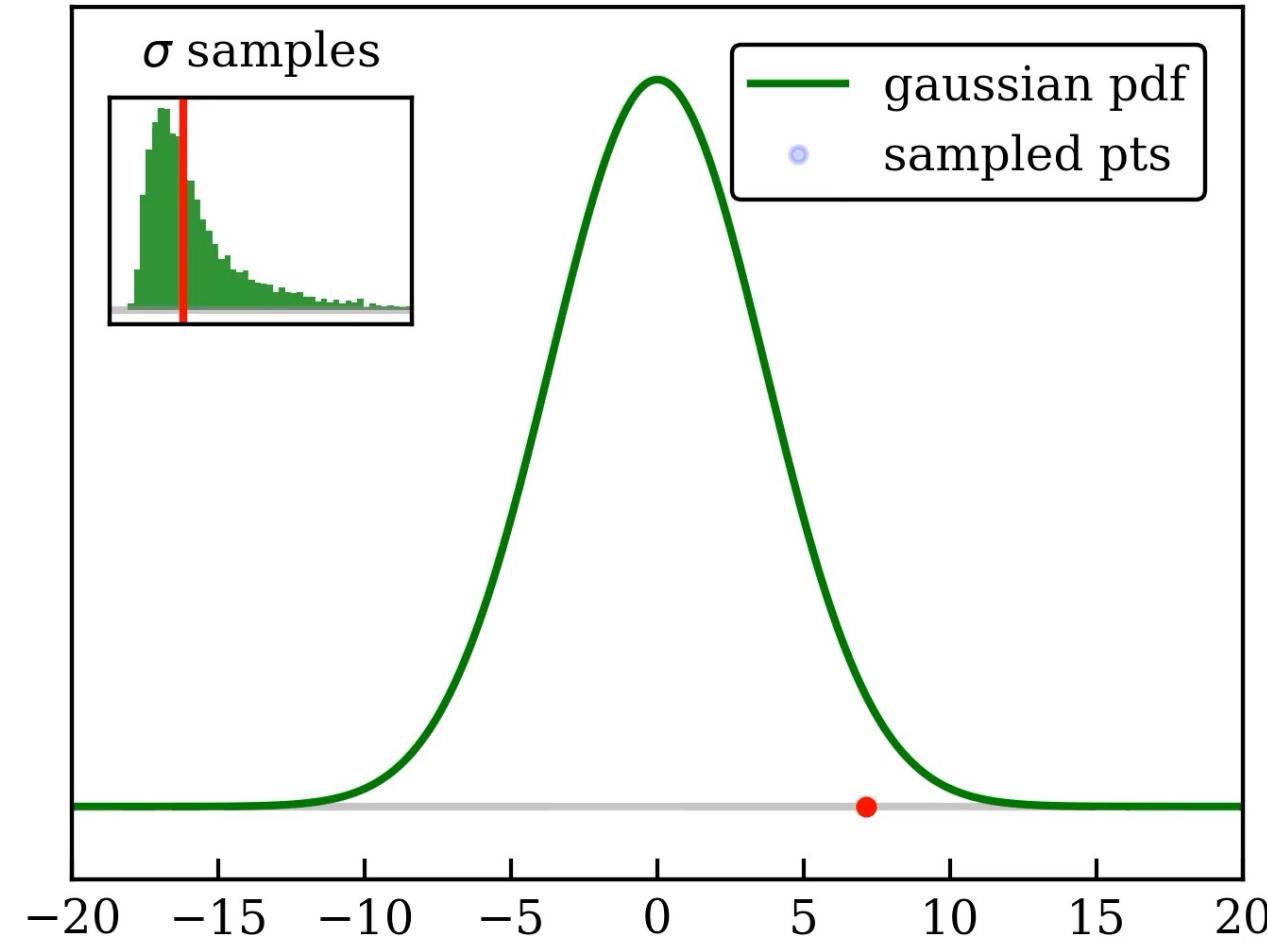
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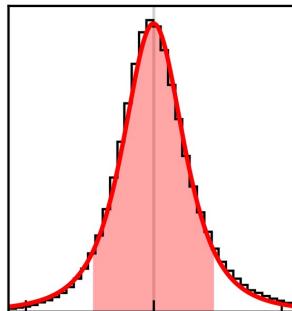
## Student t distribution as mixture of Gaussians



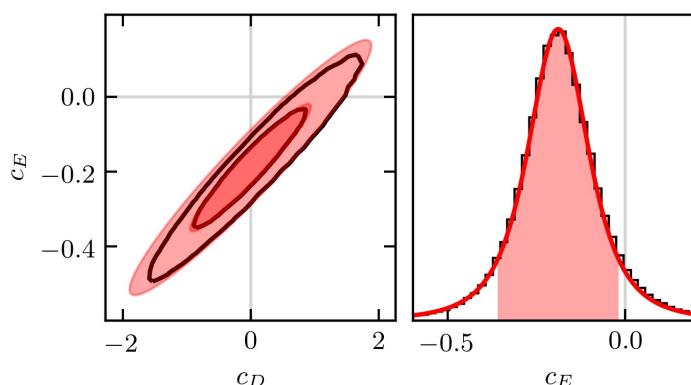
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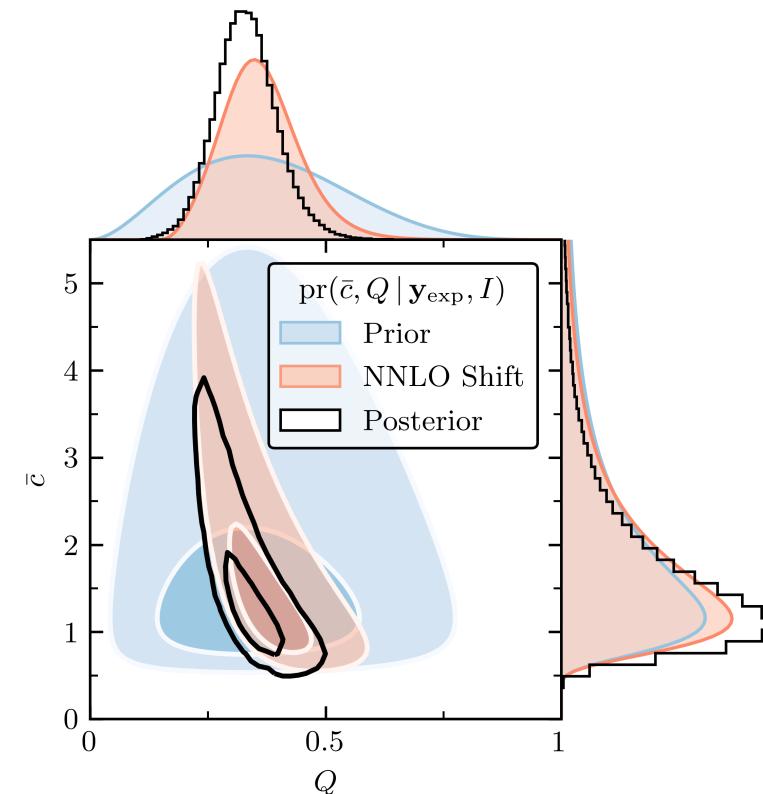


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Truncation error for observables:

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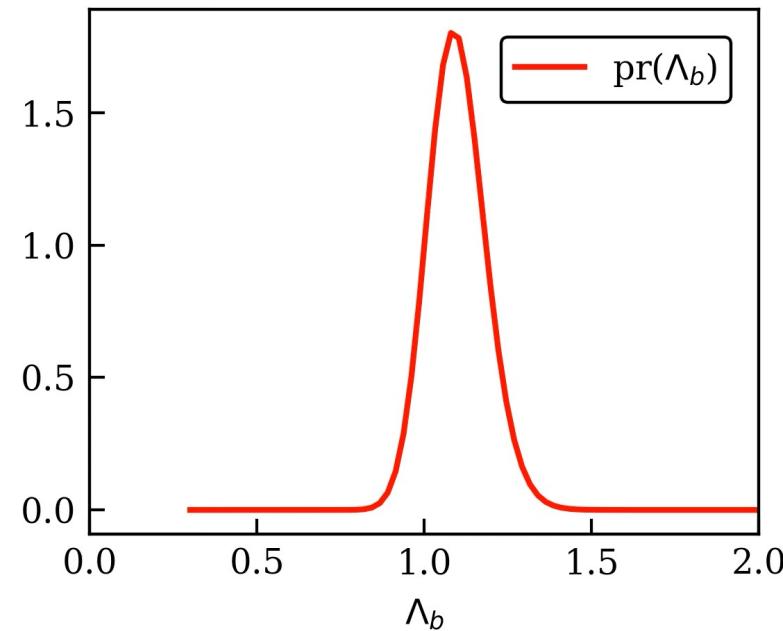
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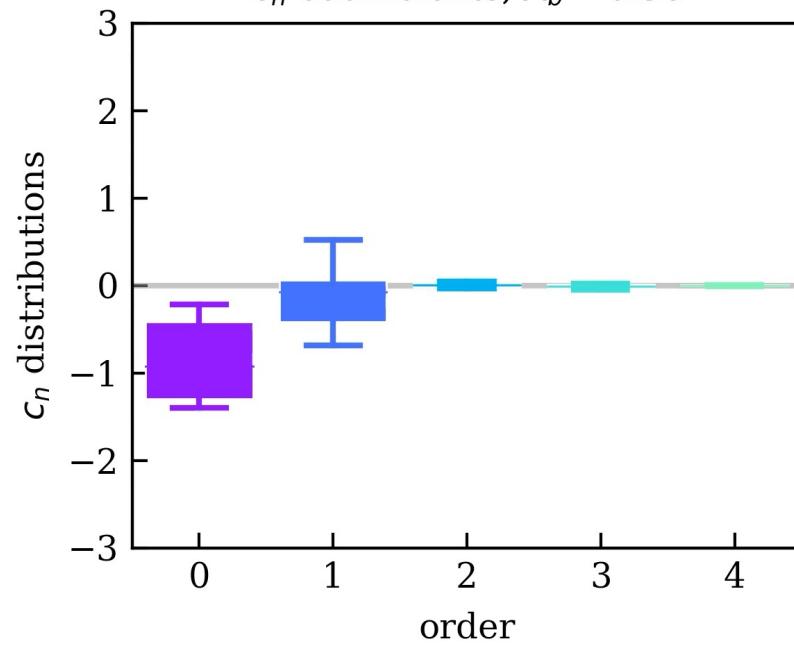
**Model:**  $y_k = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=0}^k c_n Q^n$

**Expectation:**  $\chi\text{EFT} \Rightarrow Q = \frac{\{p, m_\pi\}}{\Lambda_b}, \quad \Lambda_b \approx 600 \text{ MeV}$

Unnormalized  $\text{pr}(\Lambda_b)$  with  $p = 0.3, \text{nc} = 5$



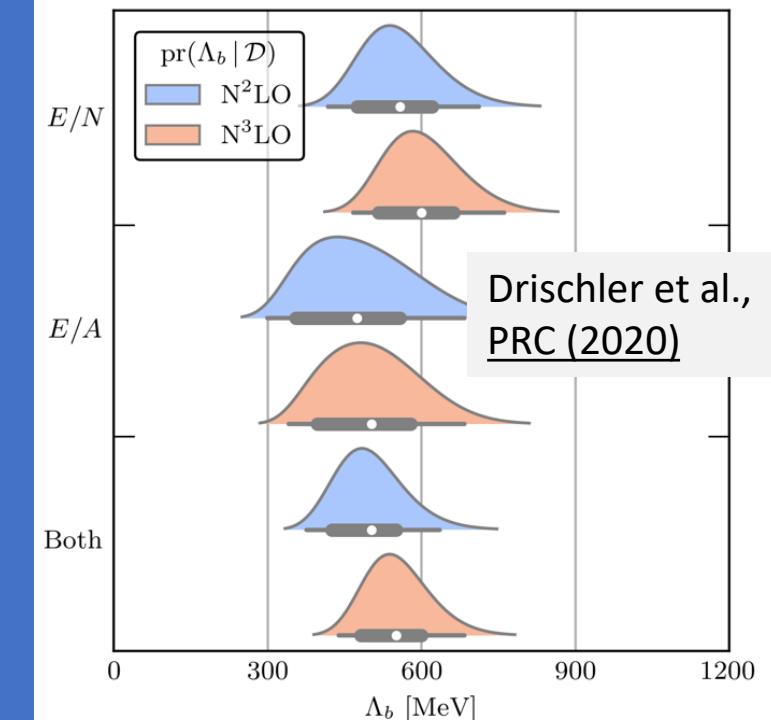
$c_n$  coefficients,  $\Lambda_b = 0.30$



Melendez et al. (2019):

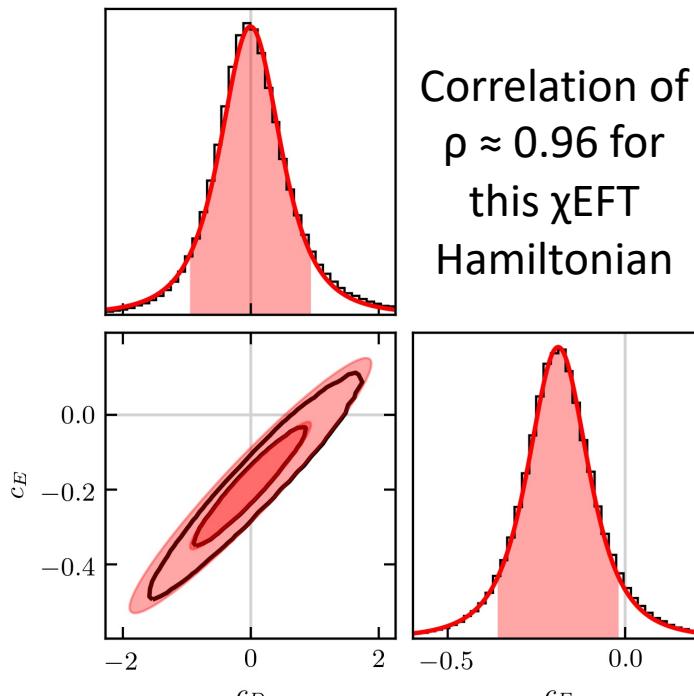
$$\text{pr}(\Lambda_b | \{y_n\}, y_{\text{ref}}) \propto \frac{\text{pr}(\Lambda_b)}{\tau^\nu \prod_n Q^n}$$

$\Lambda_b$  from infinite matter



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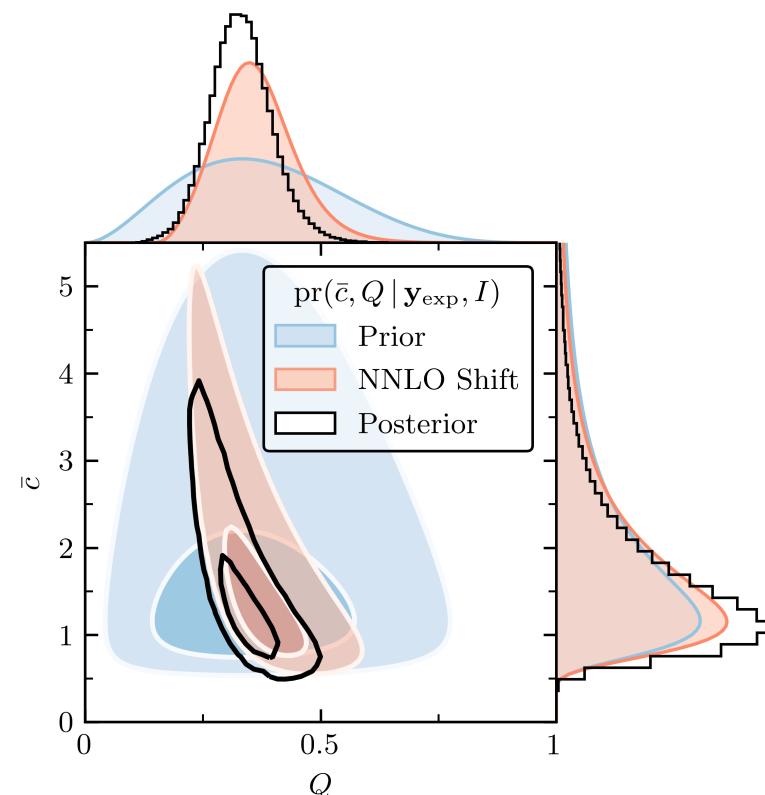
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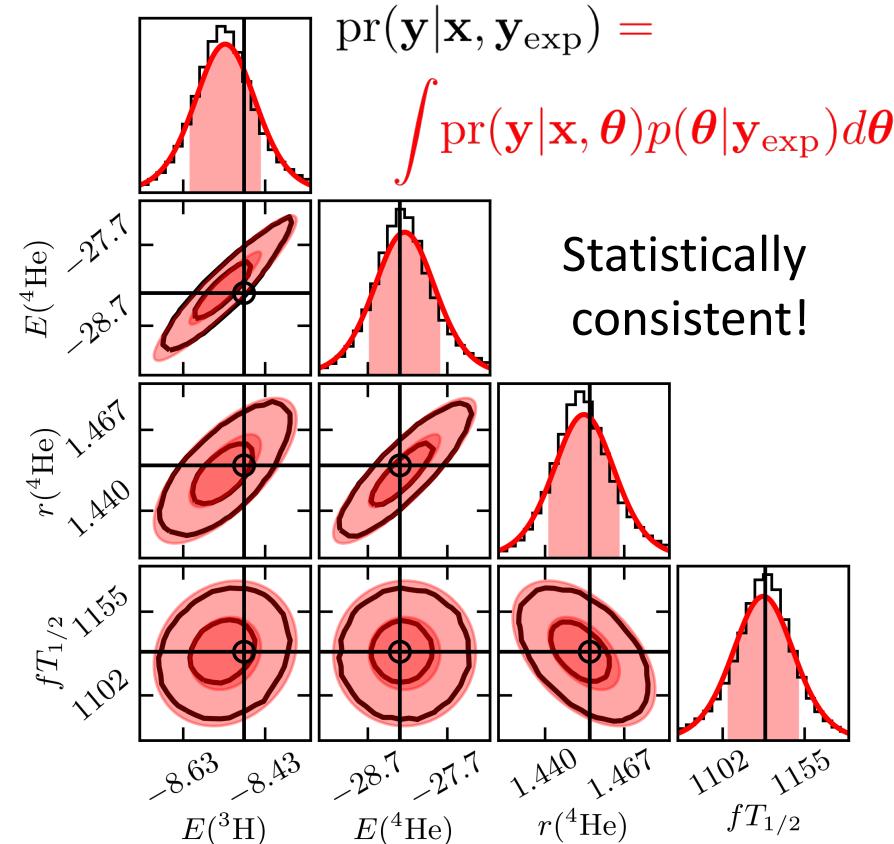
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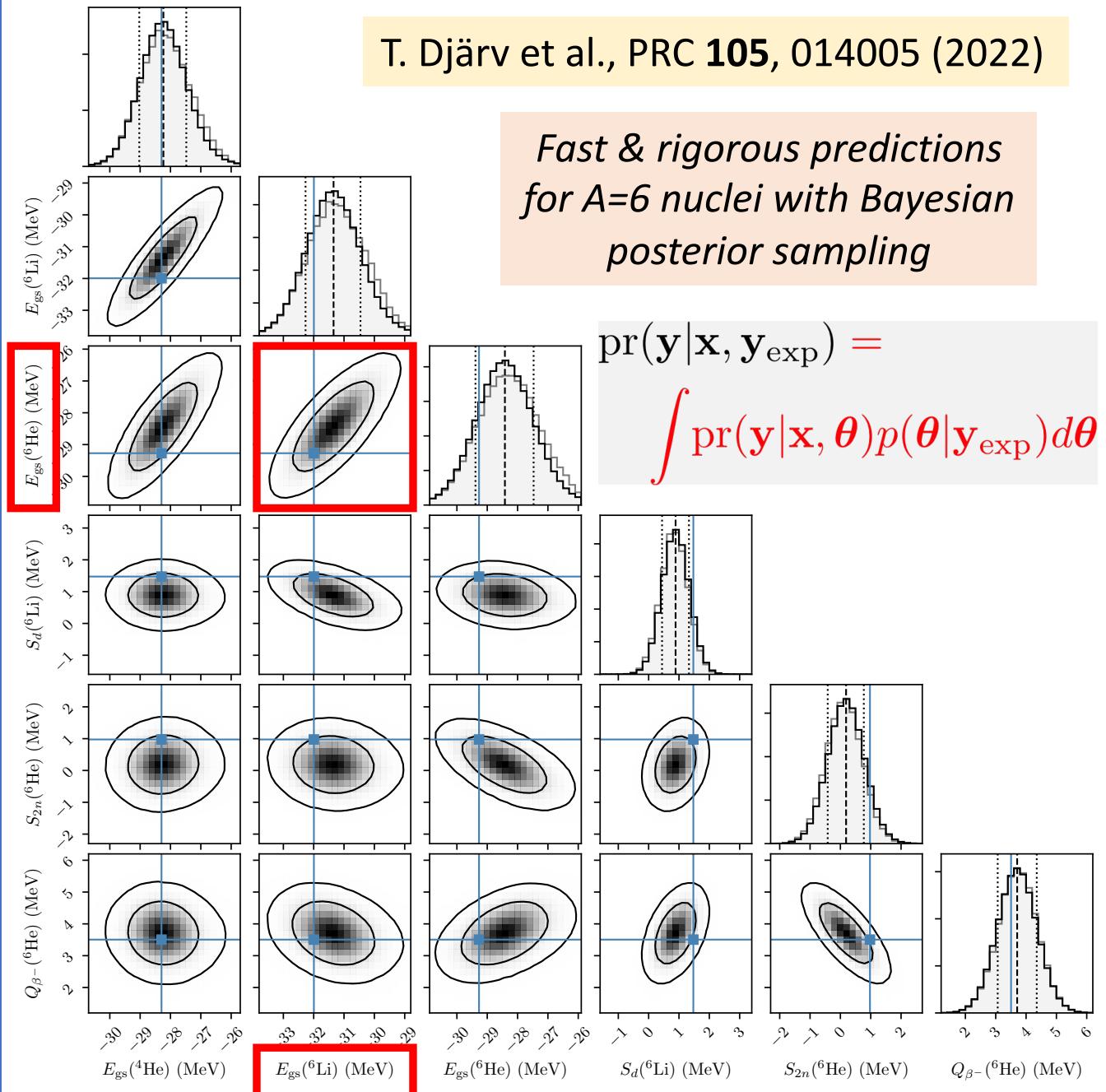


Propagate uncertainties through the calculation

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T. Djärv et al., PRC 105, 014005 (2022)

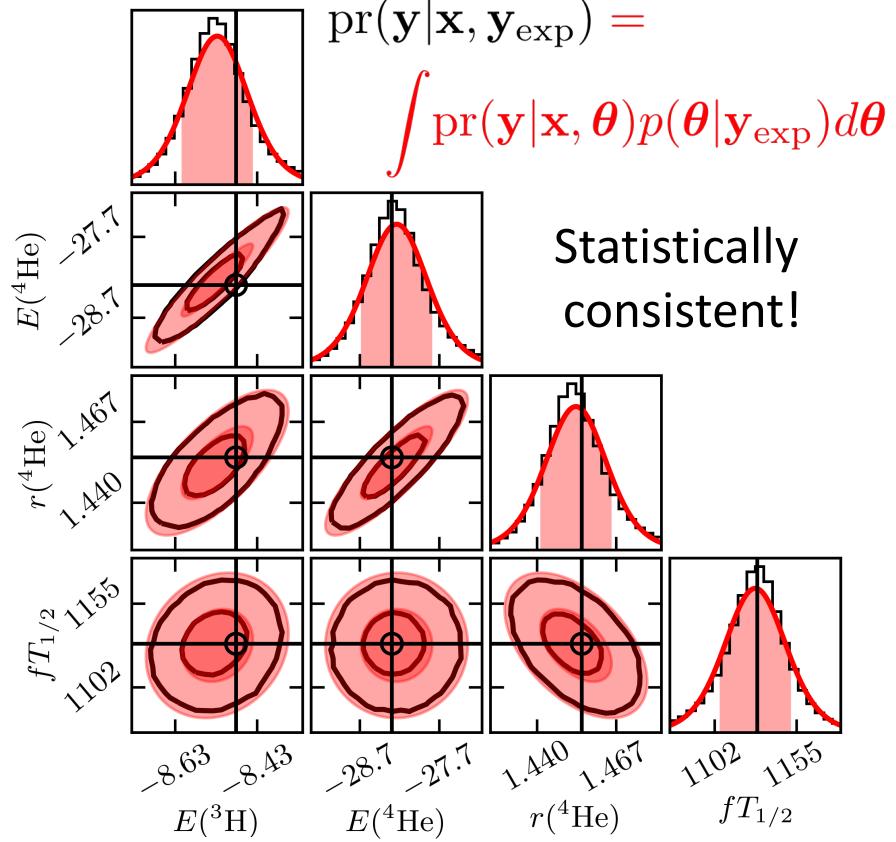
*Fast & rigorous predictions  
for A=6 nuclei with Bayesian  
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$$\text{pr}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}) = \int \text{pr}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{y}_{\text{exp}}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

**“RIGOROUS” [PRC 104, 064001 (2021)]**

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Statistically  
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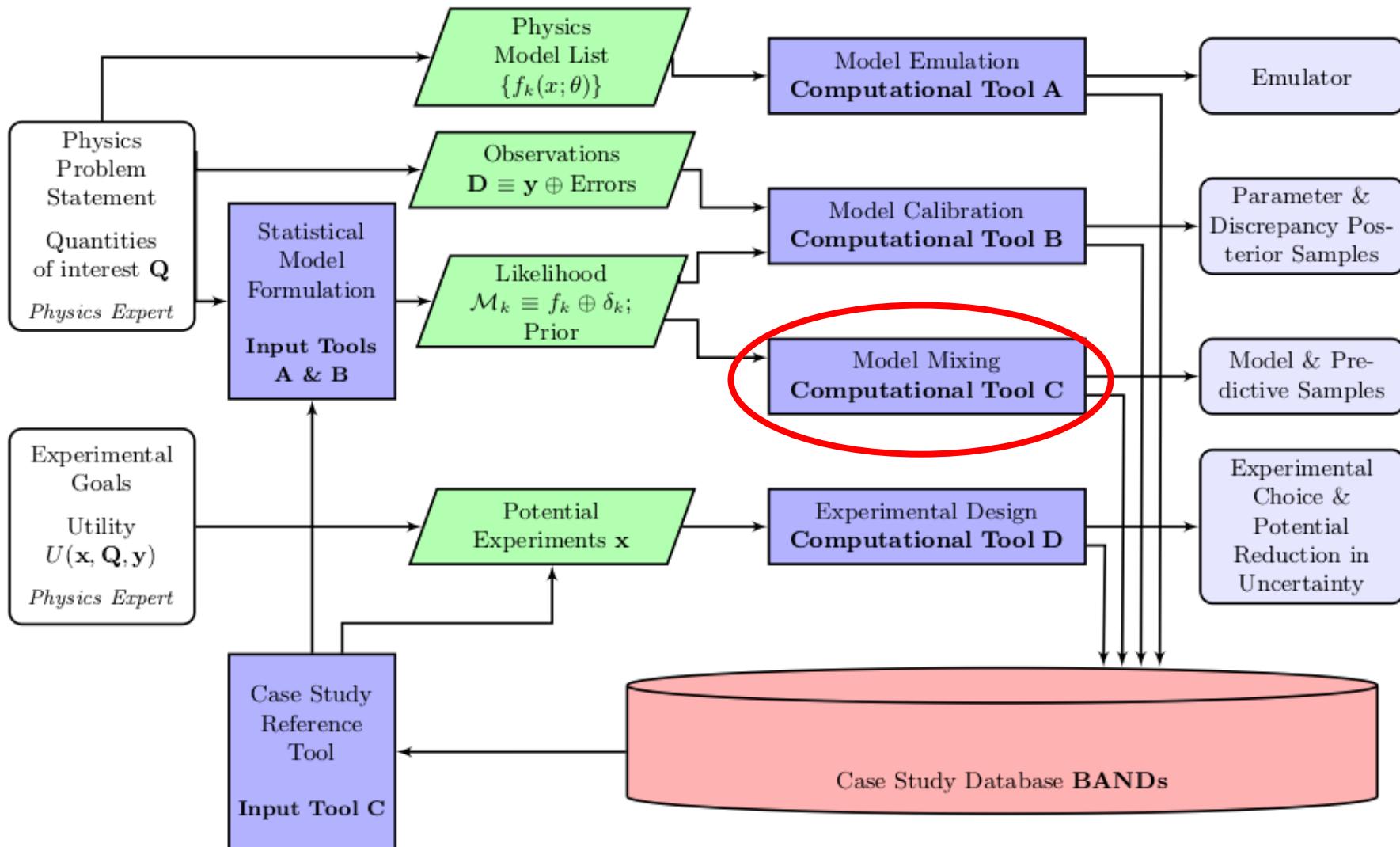
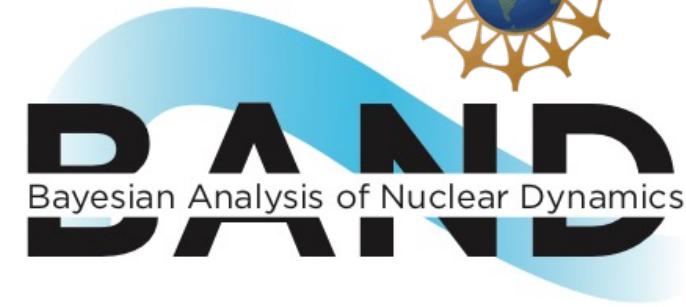
roles:

,  $\bar{c}^2$  variance for  $c_n$ 's

Generalize (integrate out) what you are not considering

# BAND (Bayesian Analysis of Nuclear Dynamics)

Multiple models predict an observable: how to combine for the *best* prediction?



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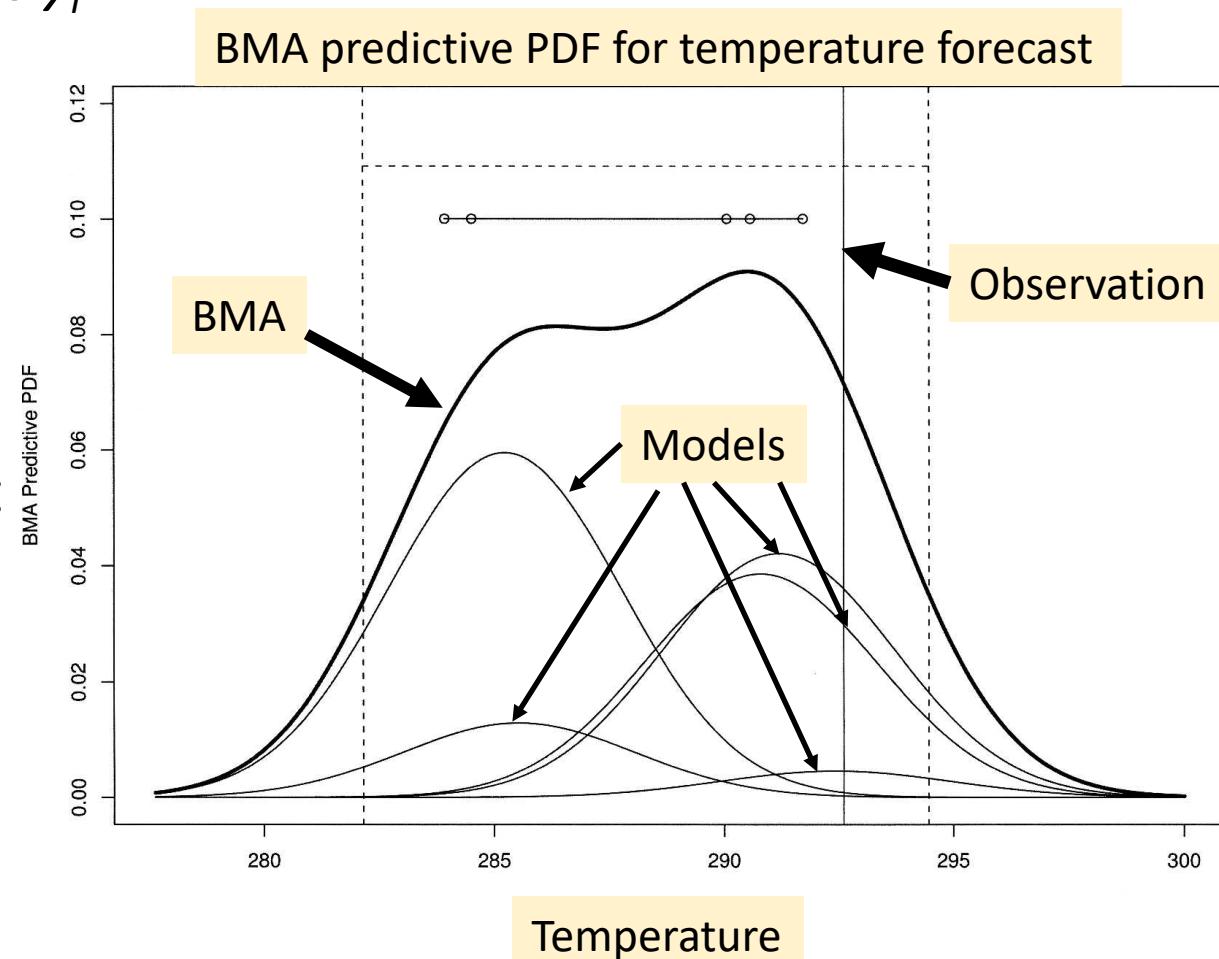
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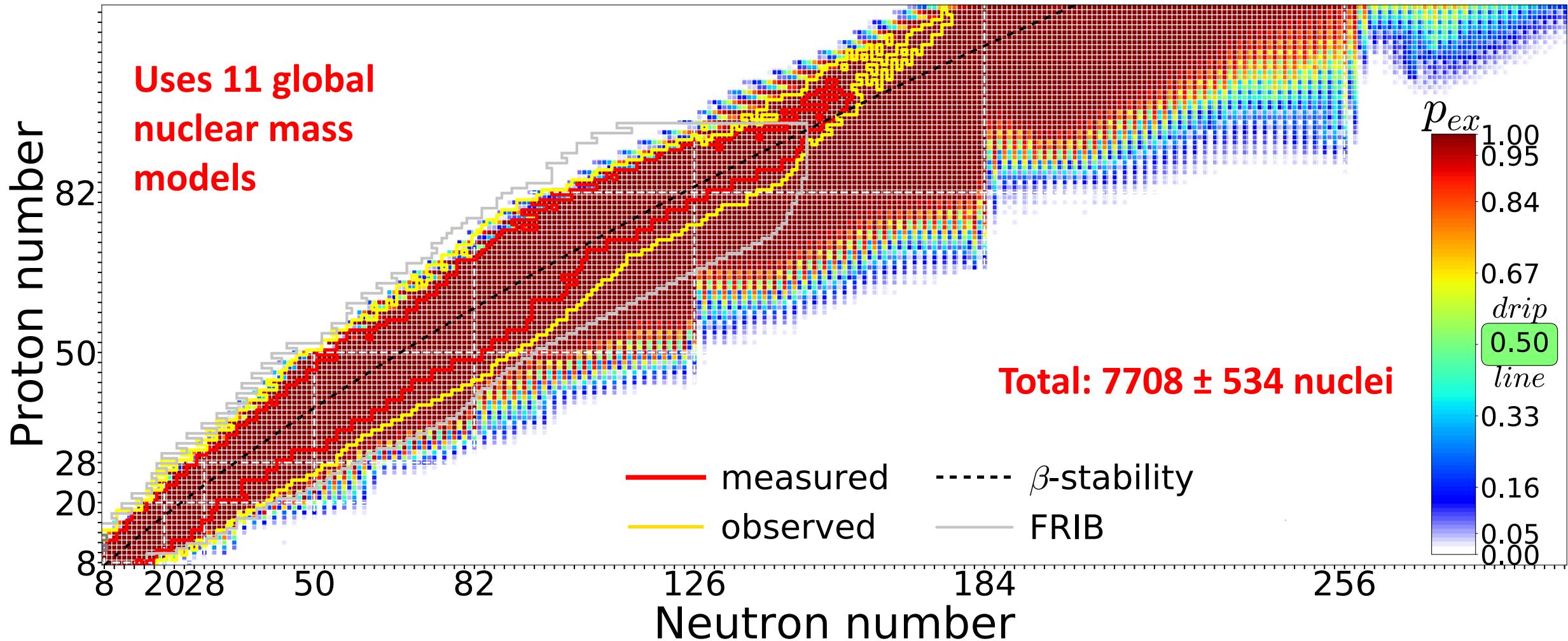
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- Bayesian Model Averaging (BMA) has constant weights  $\hat{w}_k$ , determined by predictive power.
- Improves predictive performance in weather forecasting [Raftery et al., (2005)]



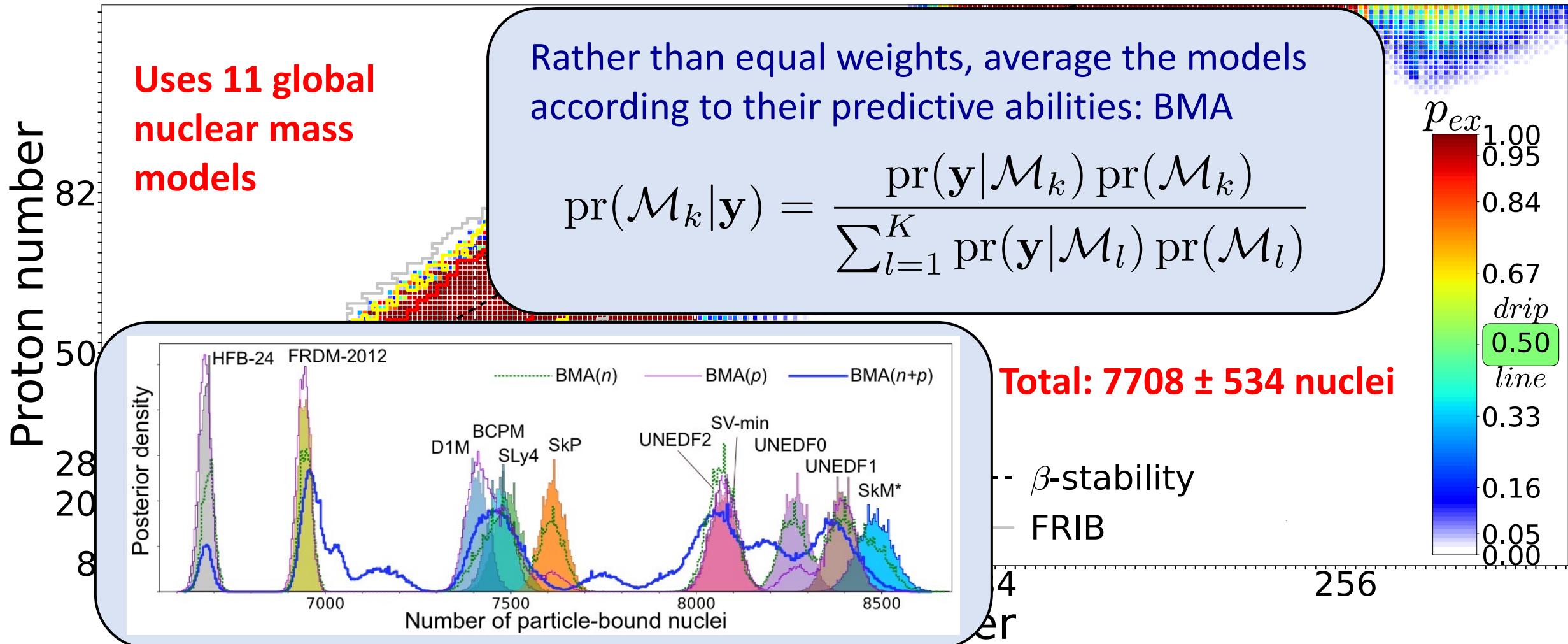
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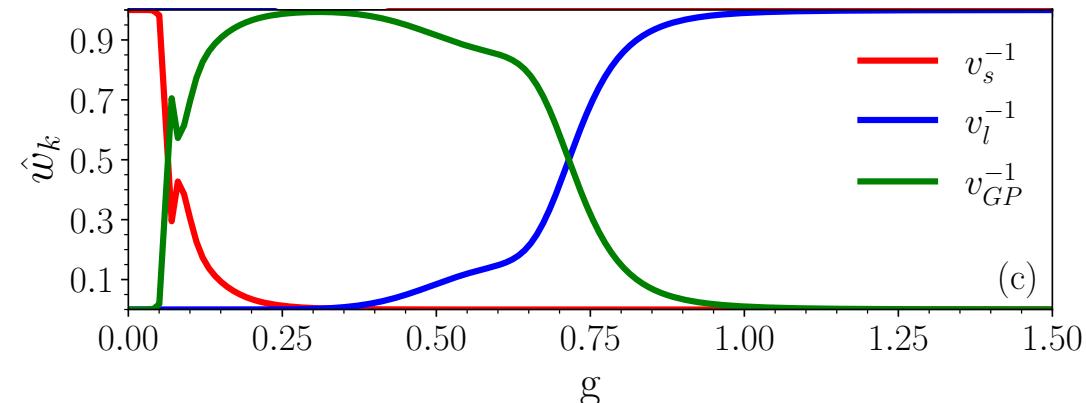
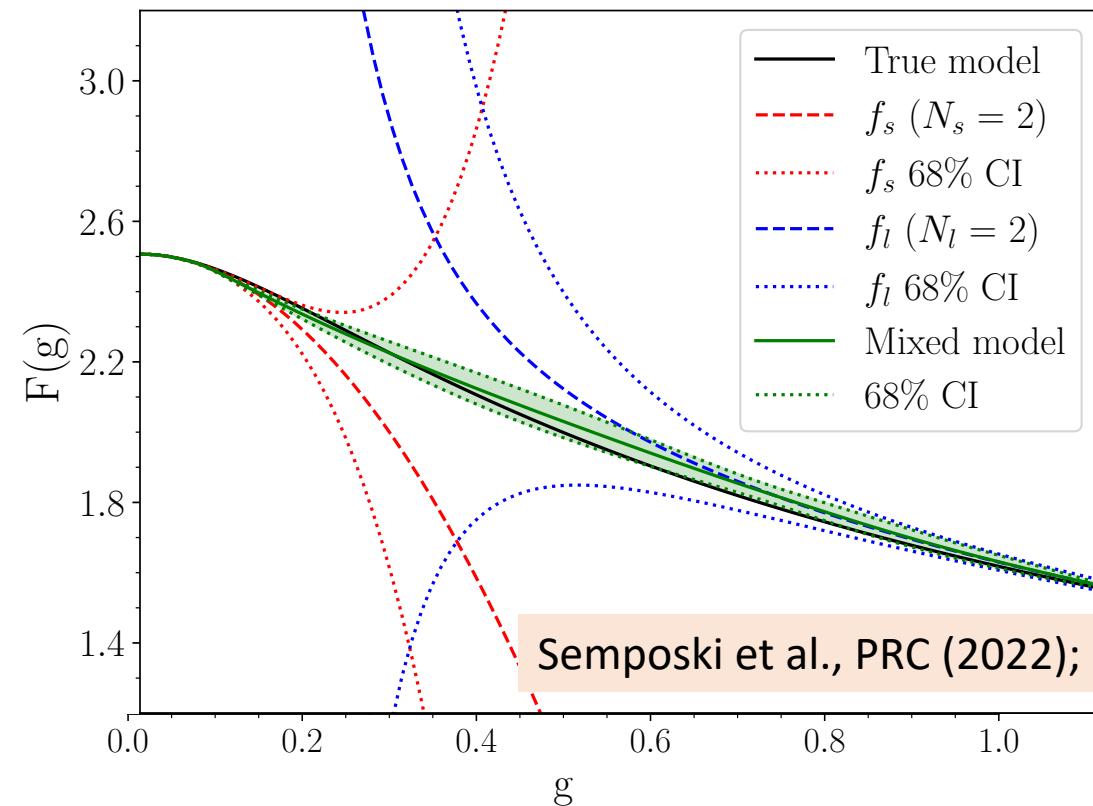


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Test strategies with expansions of:

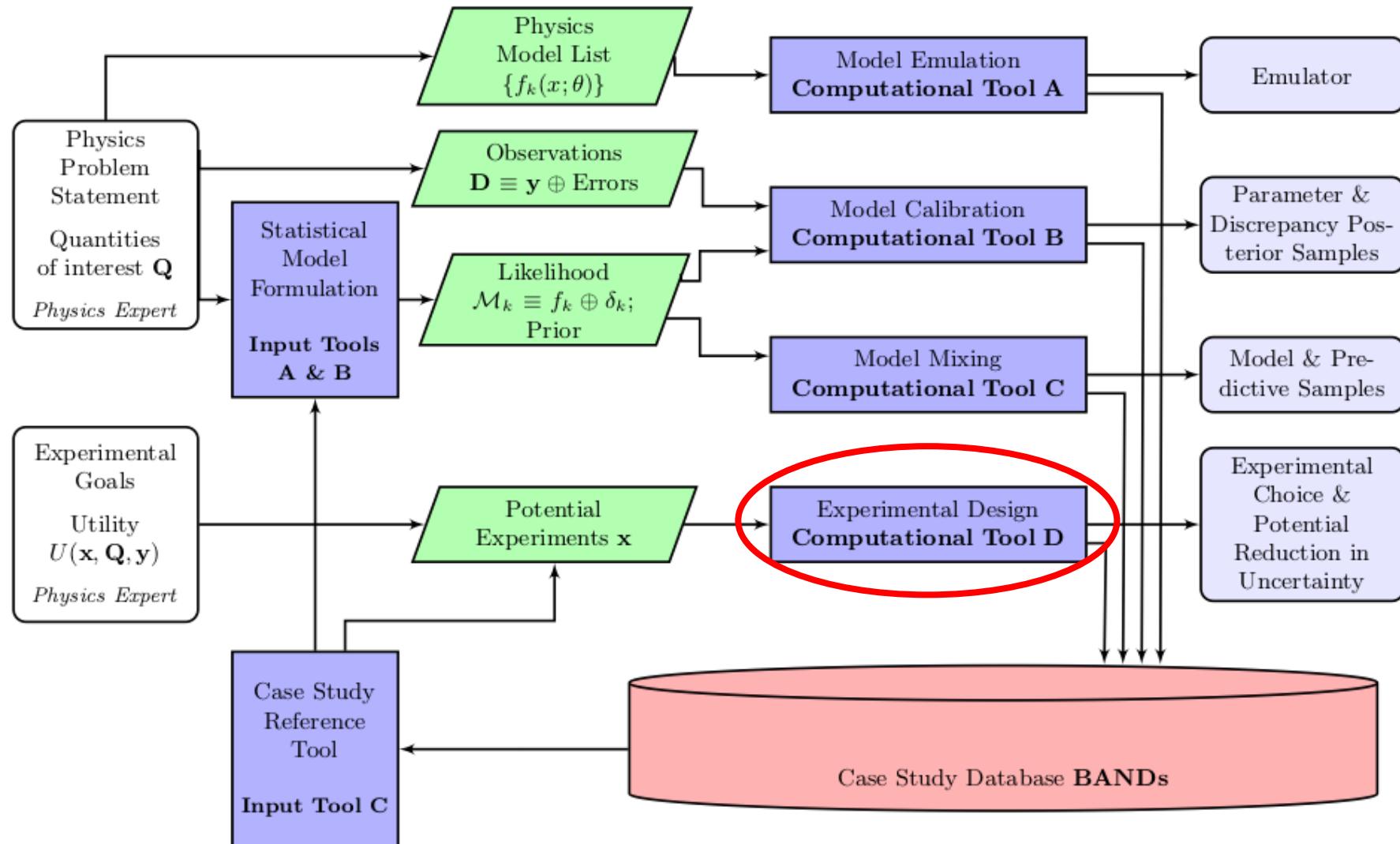
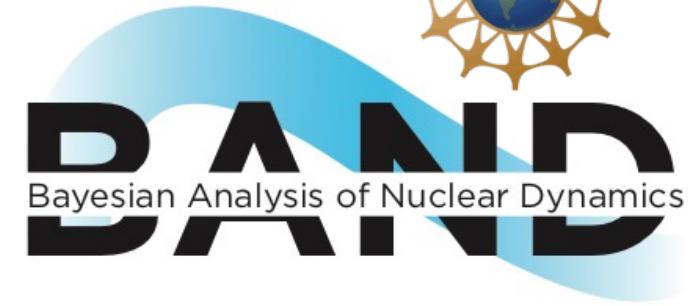
$$F(g) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\phi e^{-\frac{\phi^2}{2} - g^2 \phi^4}$$

and truncation error models.



# BAND (Bayesian Analysis of Nuclear Dynamics)

Experimental design requires uncertainties from both experiment and models



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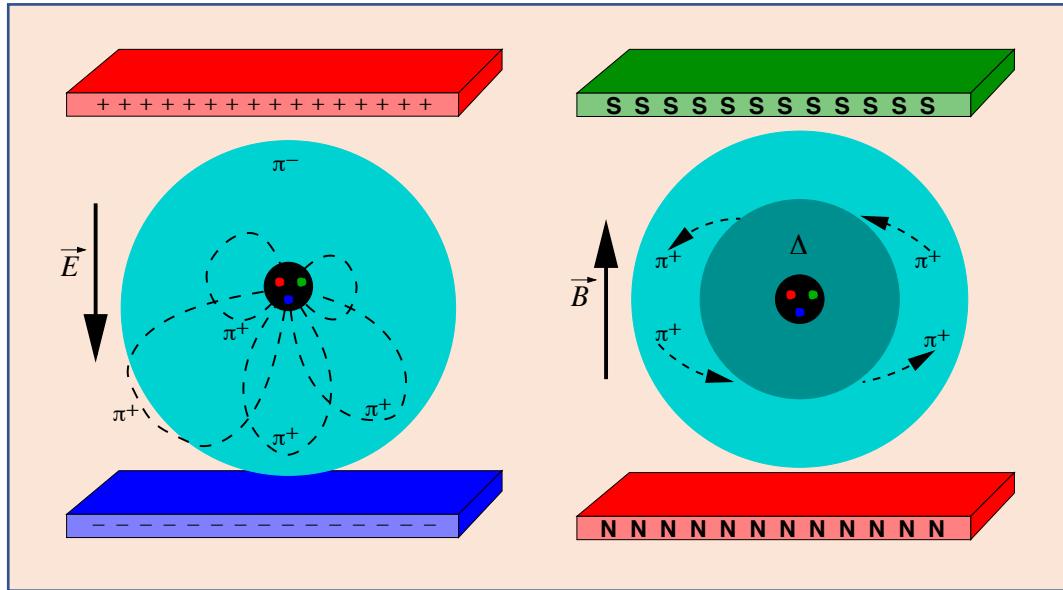
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# Goal: maximize benefits – minimize cost (time, money, workforce)

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*Nucleon polarizabilities from  
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Griesshammer, McGovern, Phillips, EPJA (2018)

**Experiments: H1 $\gamma$ S; A2@MAMI  
→ tension with  $\chi$ EFT valid range**

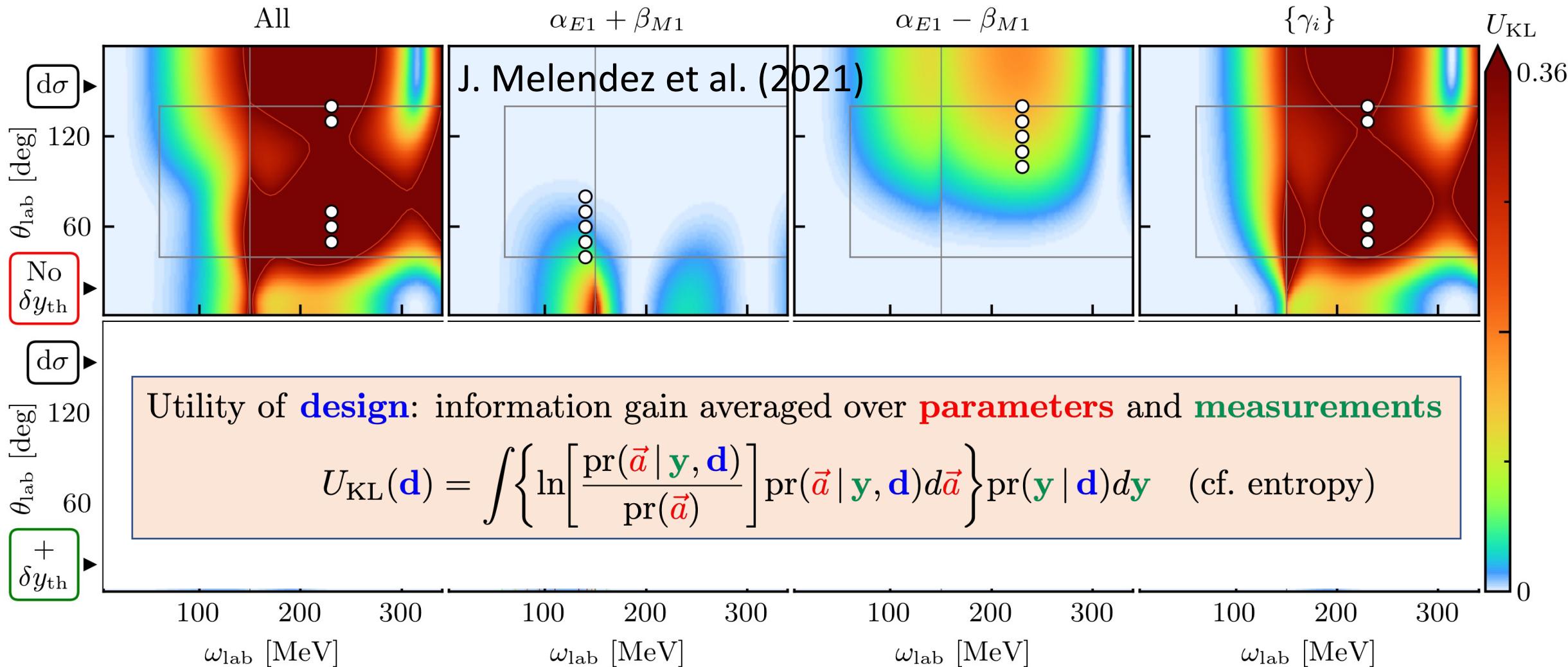
**What does a Bayesian analysis of experimental design look like?**

[J. Melendez et al, [Eur. Phys. J. A 57, 3 \(2021\)](#)]

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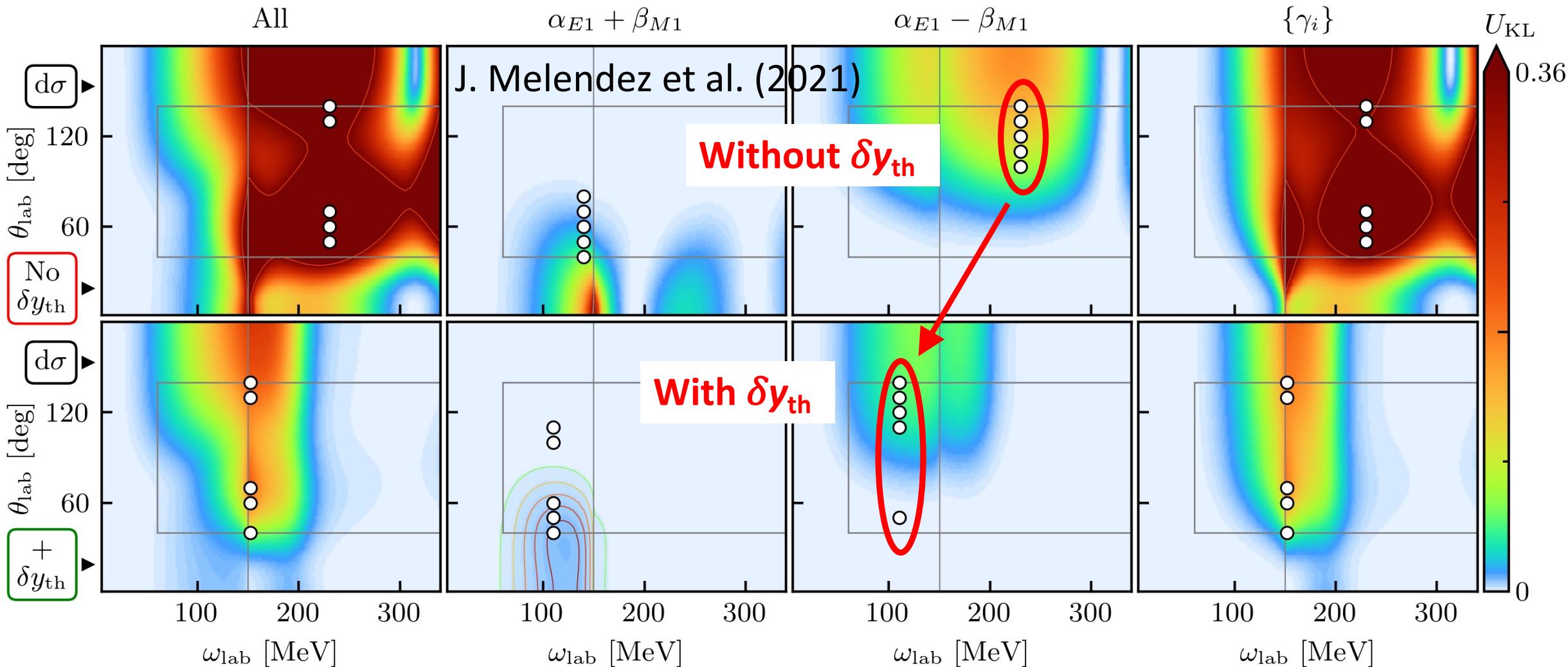
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- **Emulators:** new applications to 3N scattering, infinite matter, pairing, ...; new technologies explored (e.g., MOR, active learning, AI/machine learning); new workflows enabled (bypass specialized knowledge).
- **Calibration:** full Bayesian parameter estimation and uncertainty propagation.
- **Model mixing:** BAND and other projects on nuclear EOS, EDFs, EFTs, ...
- **Experimental design:** exploring alternative approaches; *sampling* is feasible with emulators!
- **Software:** e.g., BAND [github repository](#) → surmise, Taweret, ROSE, ...
- **Physics *discovery* through statistics:** e.g., exploit statistical correlations using Bayesian tools (spectra,  $0\nu\beta\beta$ , ...); uncover power counting of EFT; ...

# Thank you!

Coming attractions (sign up now!):

2023: [ISNET-9 + BAND CAMP](#), May 22-26 , at Washington U. in St. Louis

2023: [FRIB-TA Summer School on \*Practical Uncertainty Quantification and Emulator Development in Nuclear Physics\*](#), June 26-28, at FRIB.

Jupyter and Quora books:

[Learning from Data \(OSU course Physics 8820\)](#)

[BUQEYE Guide to Projection-Based Emulators in Nuclear Physics](#)

[Reduced Basis Methods in Nuclear Physics](#)

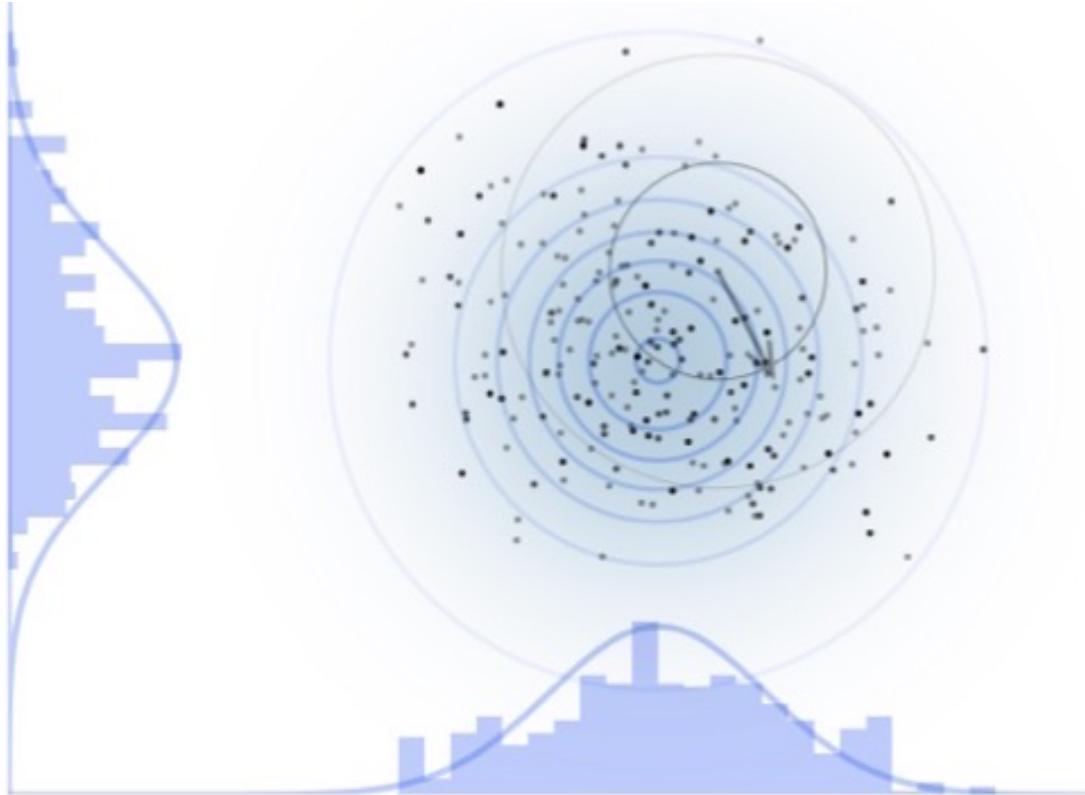
# Extra slides

# Historical perspective: UQ for nuclear models

- **Pre-2010:** If given, model uncertainties usually from conventional regression
- **2011:** Physical Review A editorial calling for theory uncertainty estimates
- **2013:** [\*\*ISNET: Information and Statistics in Nuclear Experiment and Theory\*\*](#)
- **2014:** [“Error Estimates of Theoretical Models: a Guide”](#) [Dobaczewski et al]
- **2015:** Journal of Physics G Special Focus Issue: [ISNET](#)
- **2016:** [\*\*Bayesian Methods in Nuclear Physics \(ISNET-4\)\*\*](#) [INT, Seattle]
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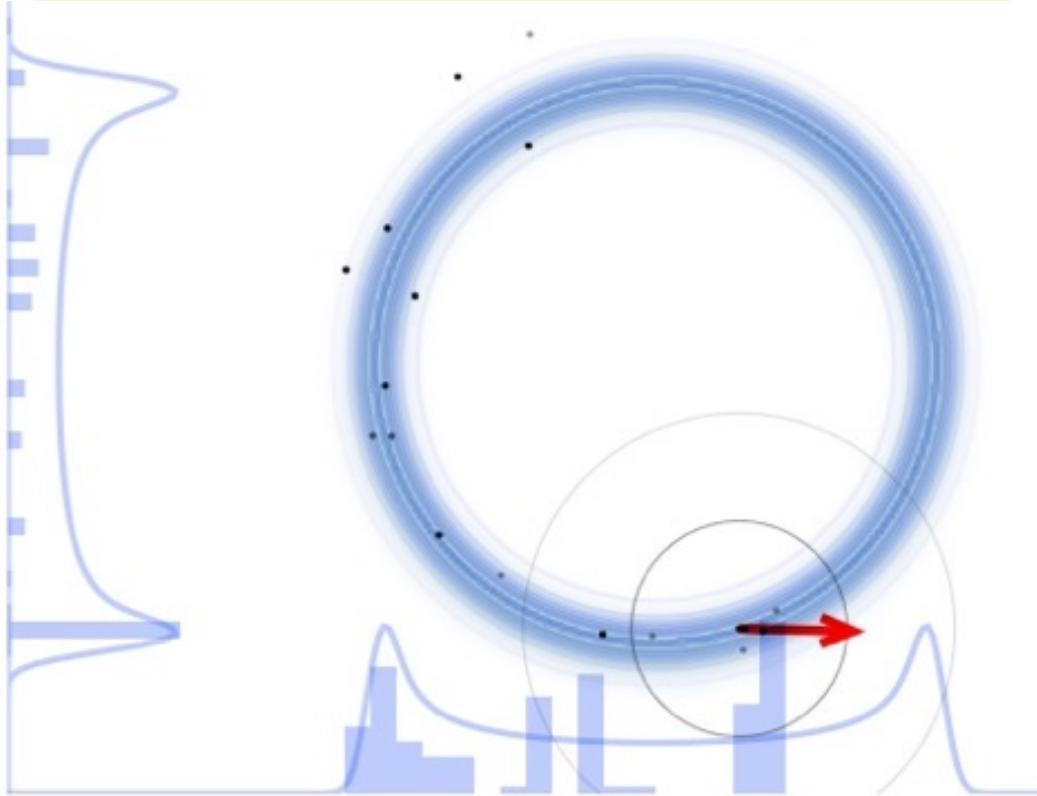


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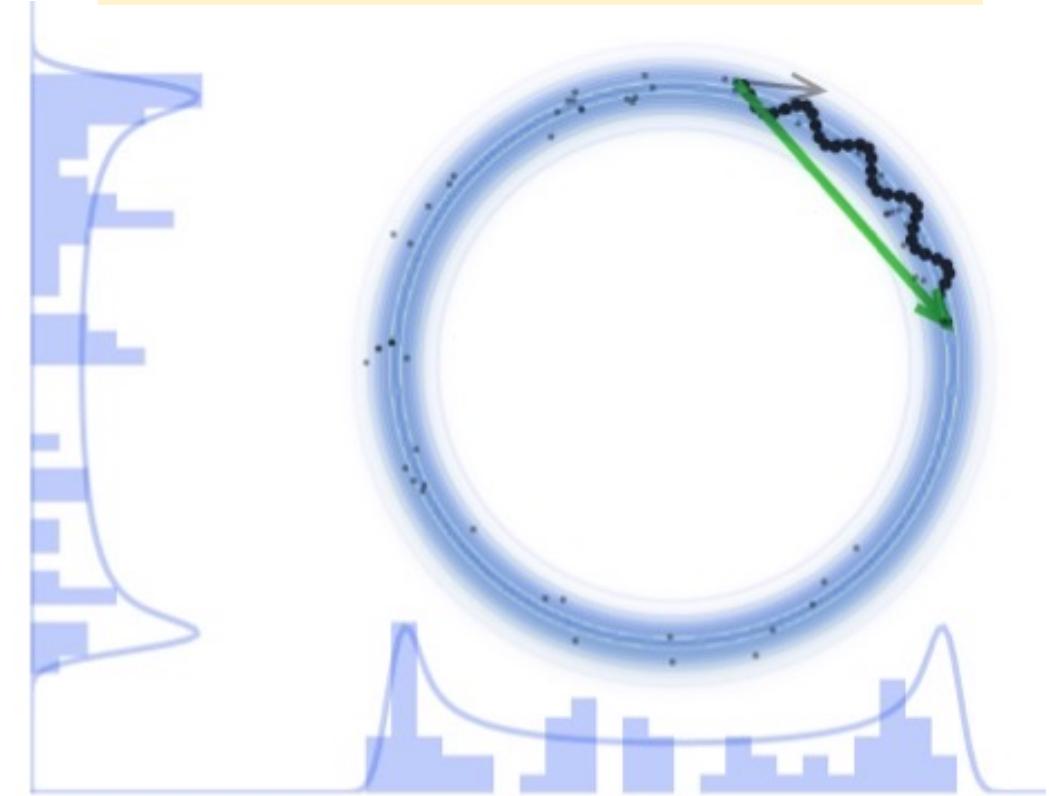
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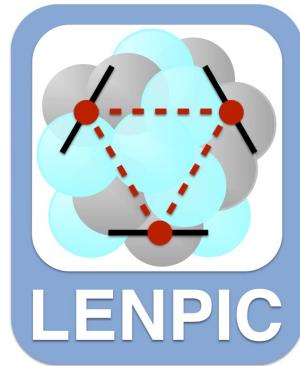
Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (HMC)



Recent work by Chalmers group ([arXiv:2206.08250](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.08250))  
→ HMC much more effective for many parameters!

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# Light nuclei with semilocal momentum-space regularized chiral interactions up to [and beyond] $N^2LO$



LENPIC Collaboration

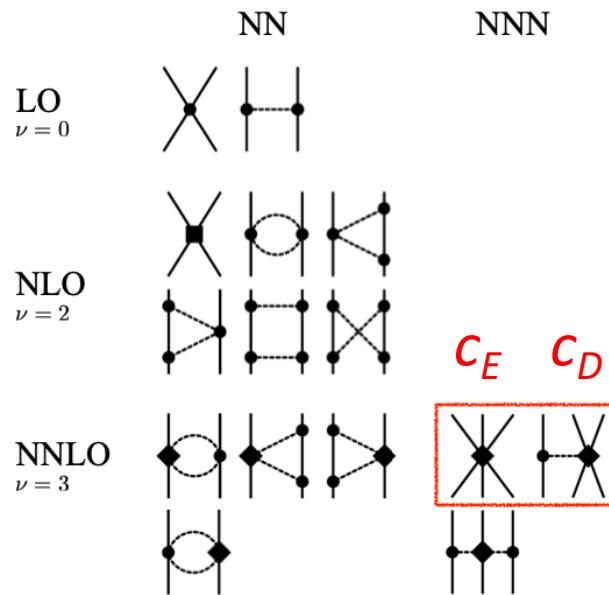
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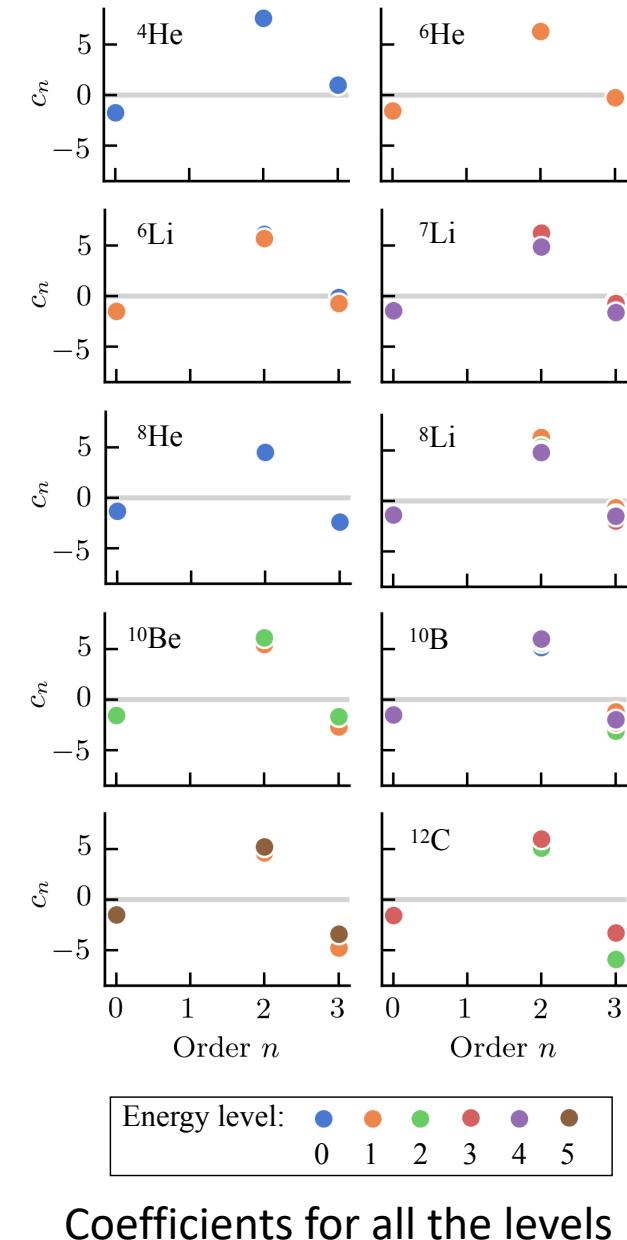
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- *Consistent* NN and 3N potentials to  $N^2LO$  [2022: NN to  $N^4LO$ ]
- “Semilocal” to reduce regulator artifacts
- $c_E$  and  $c_D$  from  ${}^3H$  binding and  $Nd$  diff. cross section minimum
- Calculations for few-body and p-shell+ nuclei (NCCI plus SRG)
- Bayesian estimates of EFT truncation errors (also method error)
- Many results (e.g., overbinding at  $N^2LO$  and cutoff dependence reduced with higher-order NN; but radii still underpredicted).

# Excitation energies are highly correlated

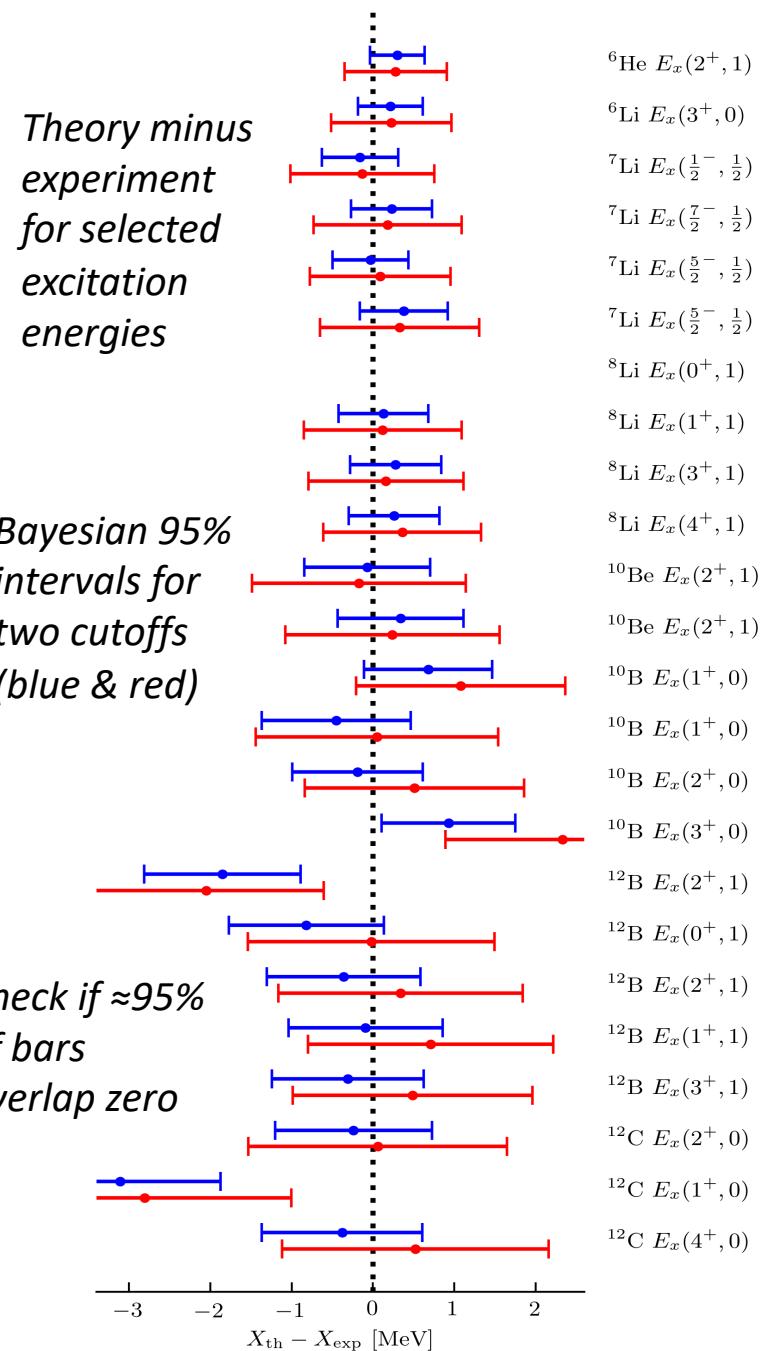


- Empirically: calculated excitation energies are better determined than each level.
- Why? If  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  have  $\delta y_{\text{th}}$  variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $E_2 - E_1$  has  $2\sigma^2$  if uncorrelated but  $2(1-\rho)\sigma^2$  if correlated with  $\rho$ !

- Plan: learn  $\rho$  from  $y_{\text{th}}$  coefficients  $c_n$ :

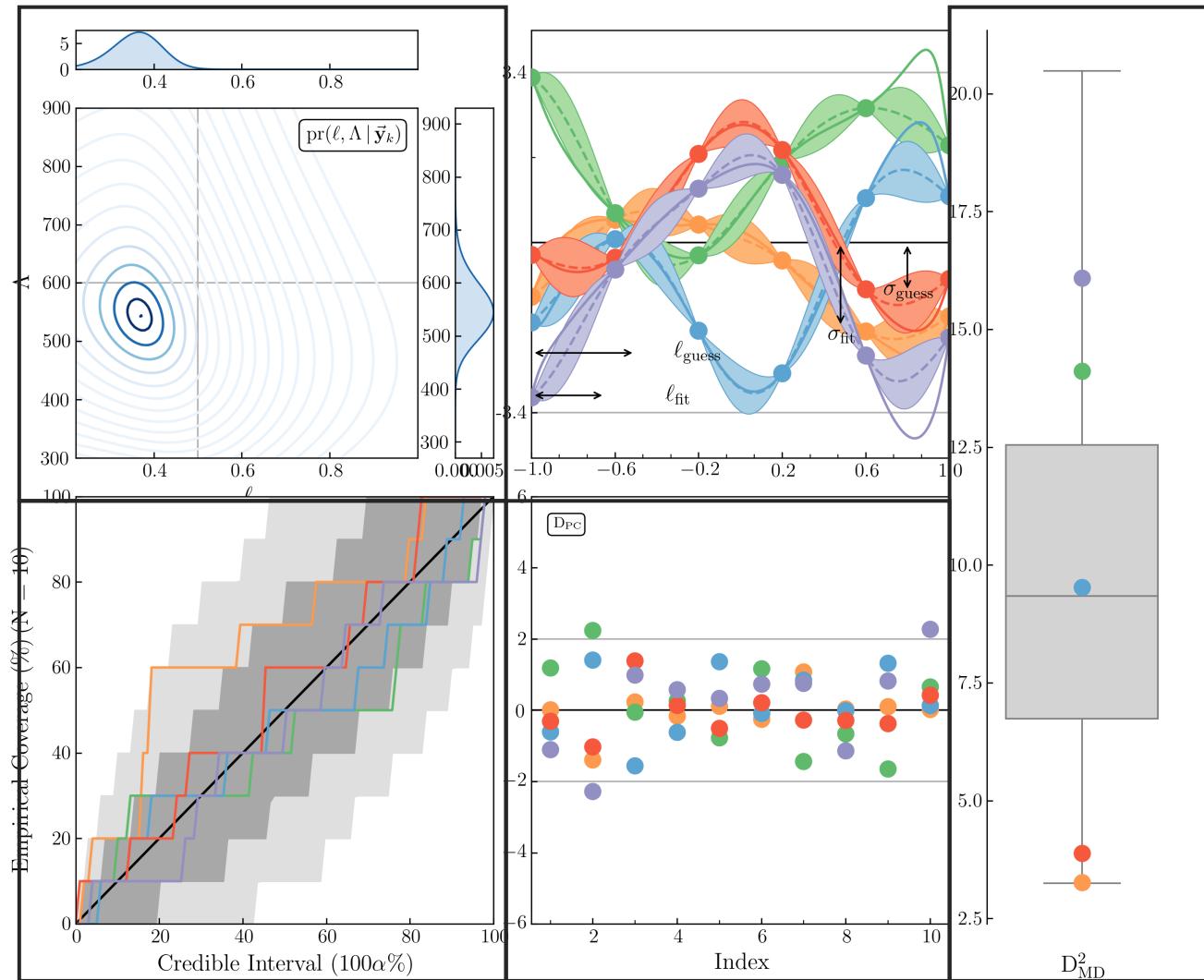
$$y_k = y_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=0}^k c_n Q^n \quad c_n \equiv \frac{\Delta y_n}{y_{\text{ref}} Q^n}$$

- **Model checking:** empirical coverage in agreement with experiment *if* correlations used for errors.
- **Diagnostic of physics:** exceptions in  $^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^{12}\text{B}$  point to different theoretical correlations in the nuclear structure.
- **Higher order:**  $>\text{N}^2\text{LO}$  enables better estimates of correlations → more insight



# Statistical diagnostics [Melendez et al. (2019) and Millican et al. (2023)]

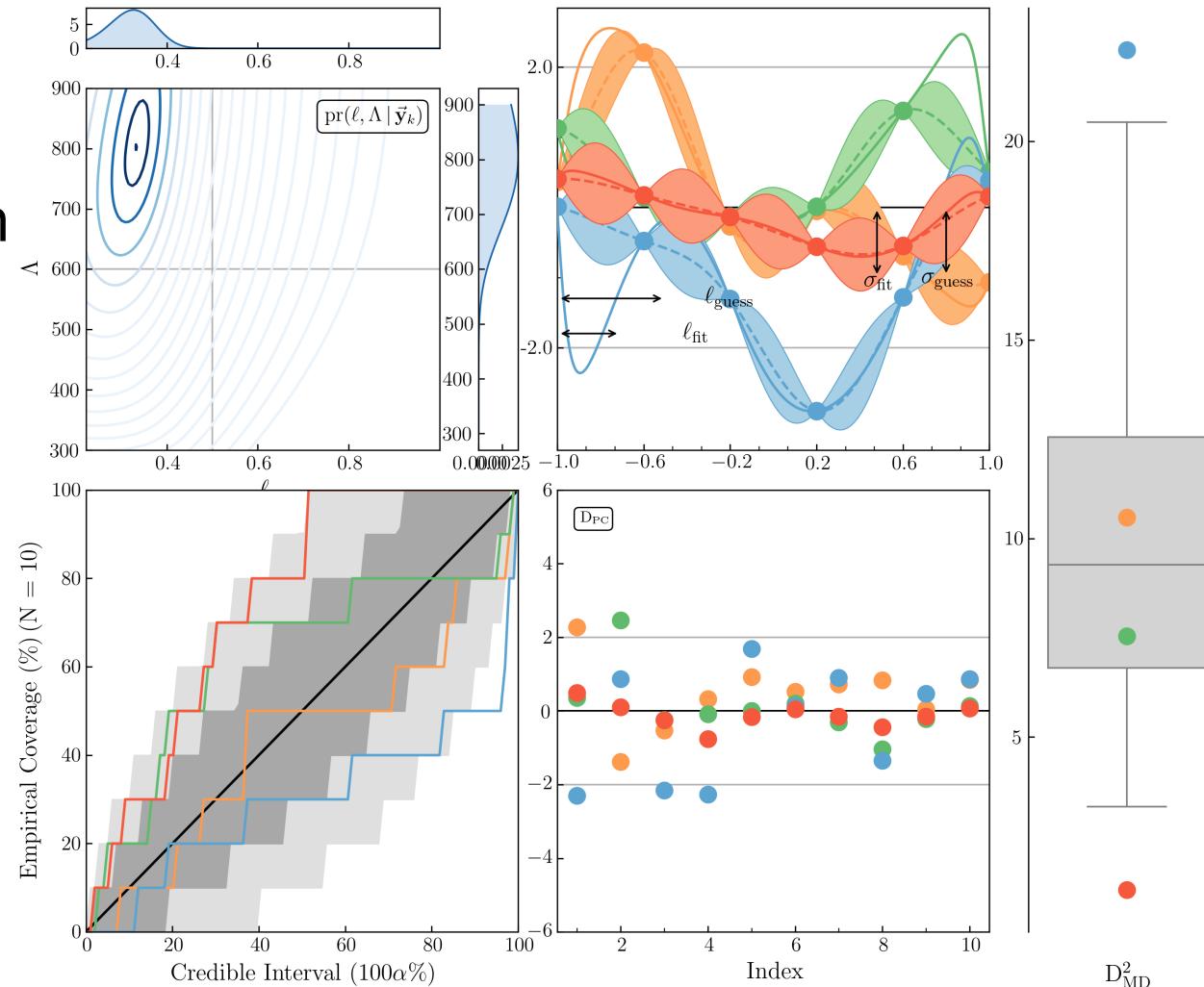
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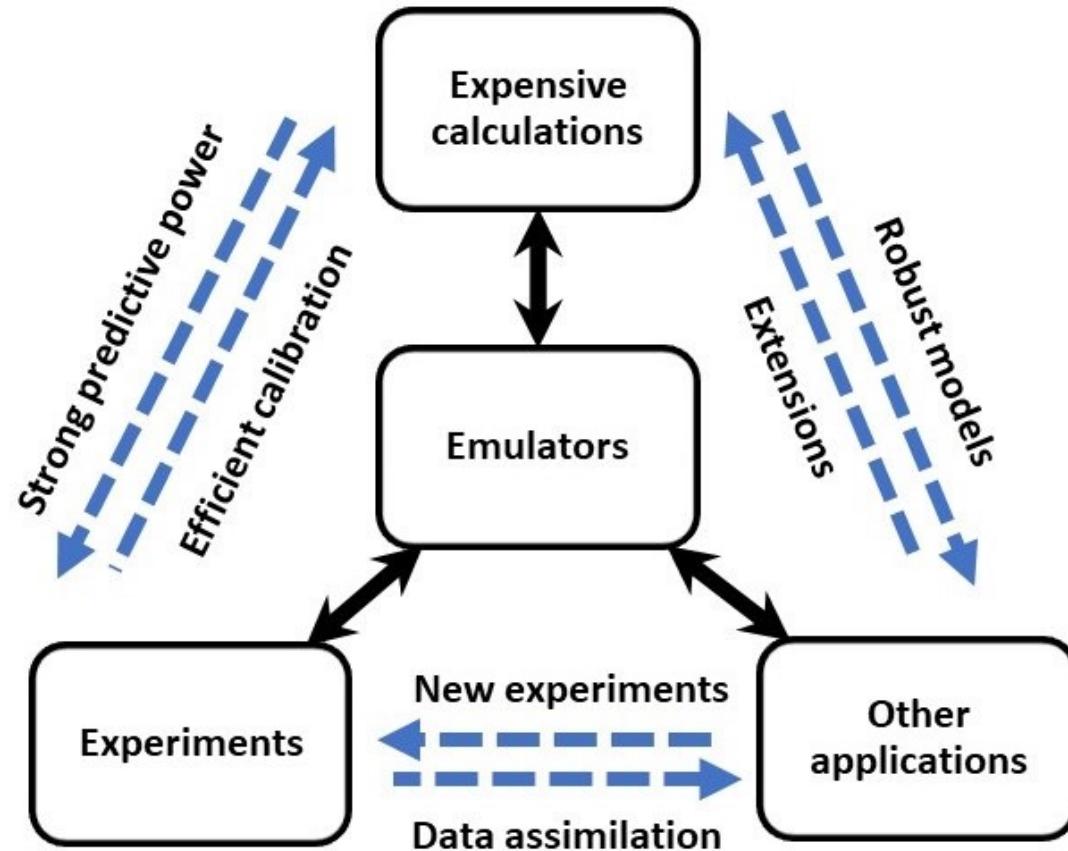
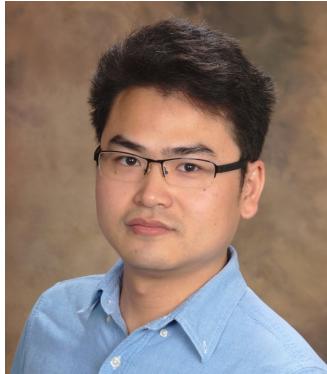
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# Role of emulators: new workflows for EFT applications

From [Xilin Zhang](#), rjf, *Fast emulation of quantum three-body scattering*, Phys. Rev. C **105**, 064004 (2022).



If you can create fast & accurate™ emulators for observables, you can do calculations without specialized knowledge and expensive resources!

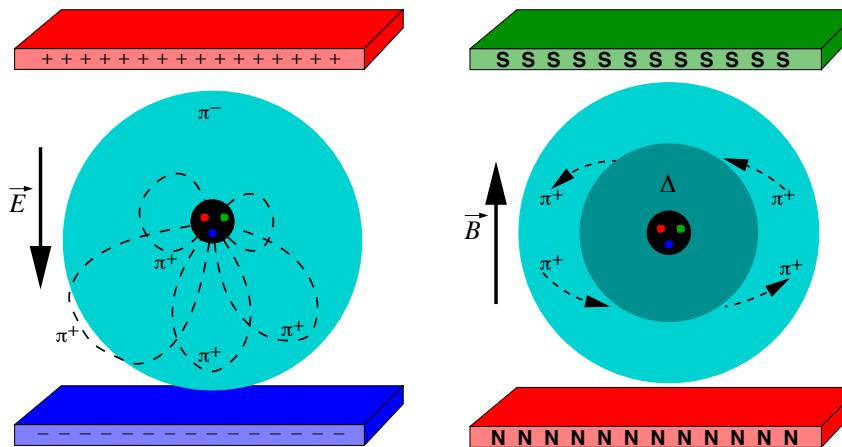
# Experimental design: A case study

Maximize benefits – minimize cost (time, money, workforce)

## Nucleon polarizabilities from Compton scattering with ChiEFT

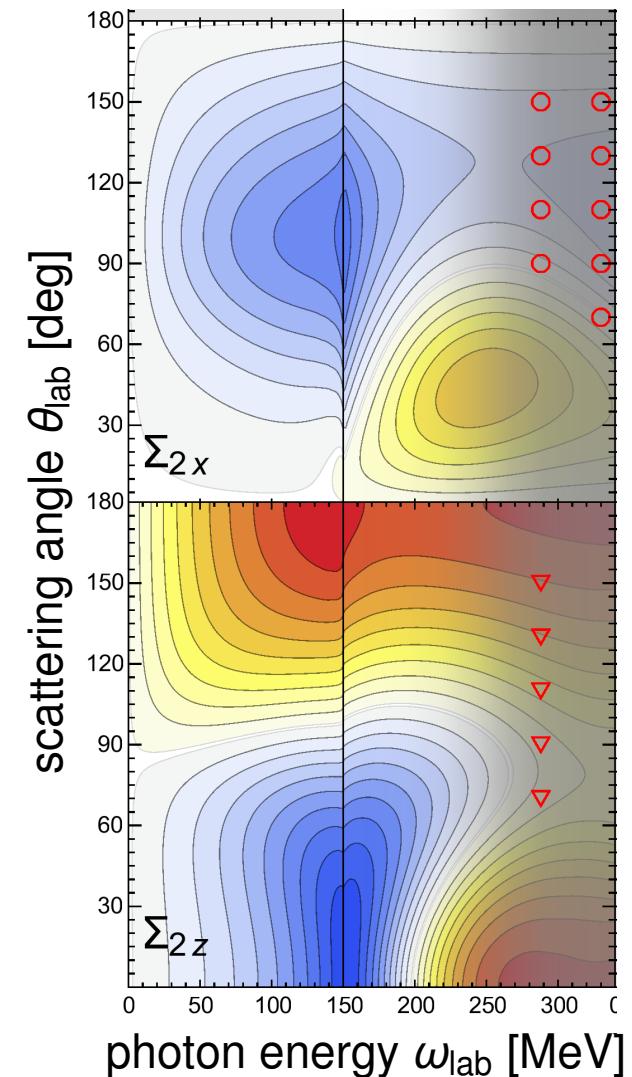
[Harald Grießhammer, Judith McGovern, Daniel Phillips, EPJA (2018)]

- How do constituents of the nucleon react to external fields?
- How to reliably extract **proton, neutron, spin polarizabilities**?
- How to plan effective experiments and test theory?



$$2\pi \left[ \underbrace{\alpha_{E1} \vec{E}^2 + \beta_{M1} \vec{B}^2}_{\text{electric, magnetic scalar dipole}} + \underbrace{\gamma_{E1E1} \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \dot{\vec{E}}) + \gamma_{M1M1} \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \dot{\vec{B}}) + 2\gamma_{M1E2} \sigma^i B^j E_{ij} + 2\gamma_{E1M2} \sigma^i E^j B_{ij}}_{\text{spin-dependent dipole response of nucleon-spin constituents}} + \dots \right]$$

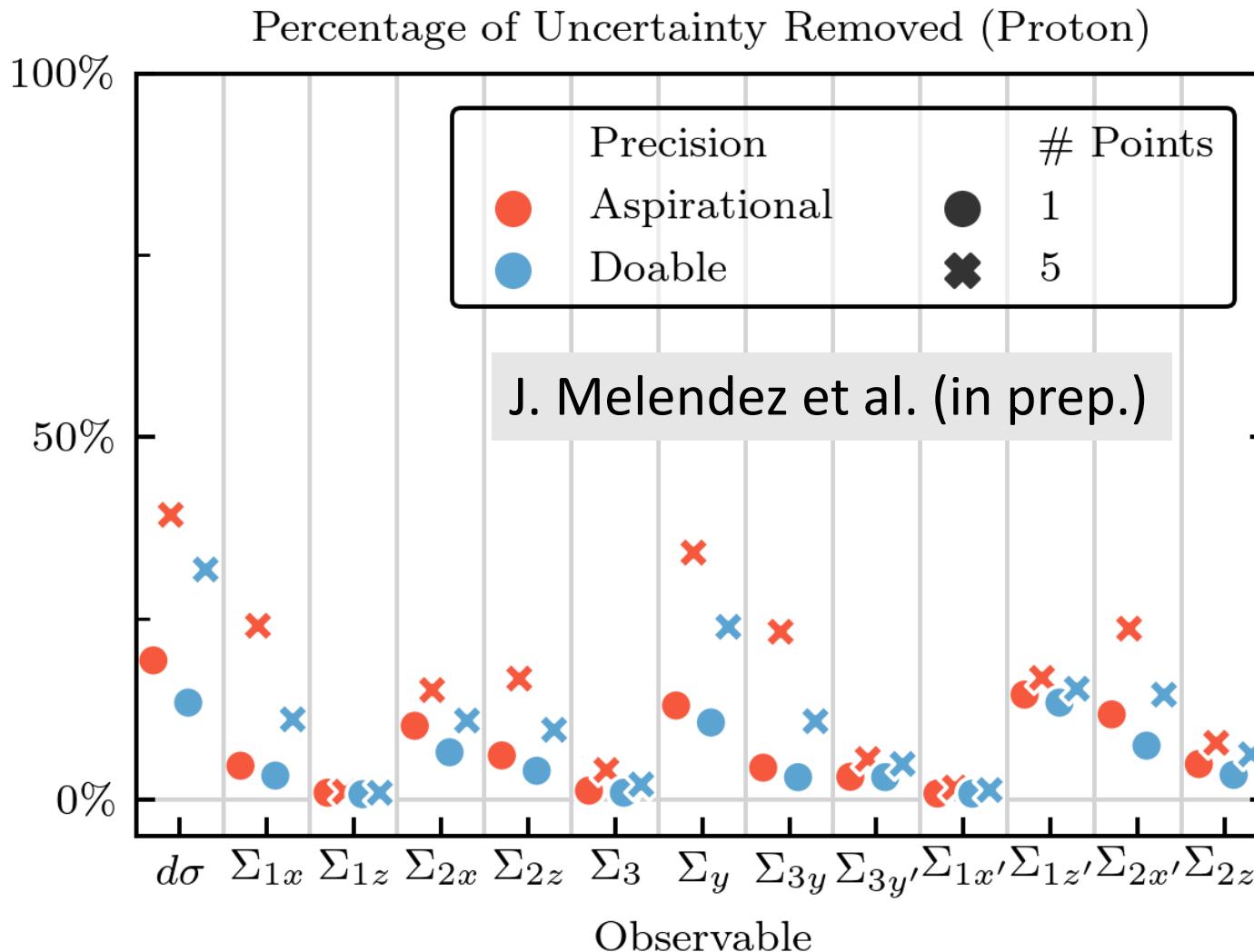
Experiments: HI $\gamma$ S; A2@MAMI  $\rightarrow$  tension with ChiEFT valid range



# Optimizing the design of future Compton scattering experiments

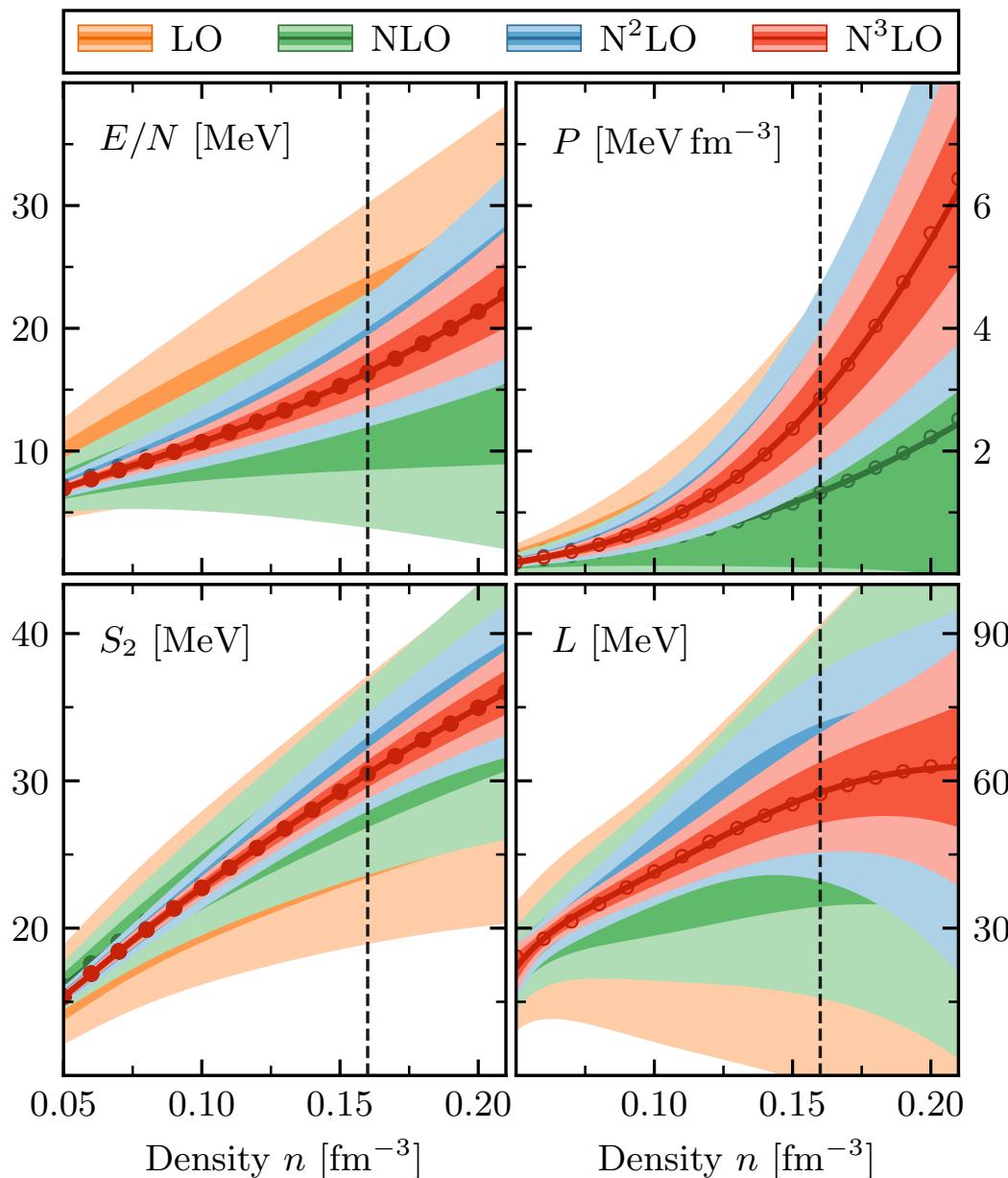
How to plan effective experiments & test theory? What  $(\omega, \theta)$  are most useful for constraining?

Ingredient: Calculate a utility function for sum of variances for each kinematic point on a grid.



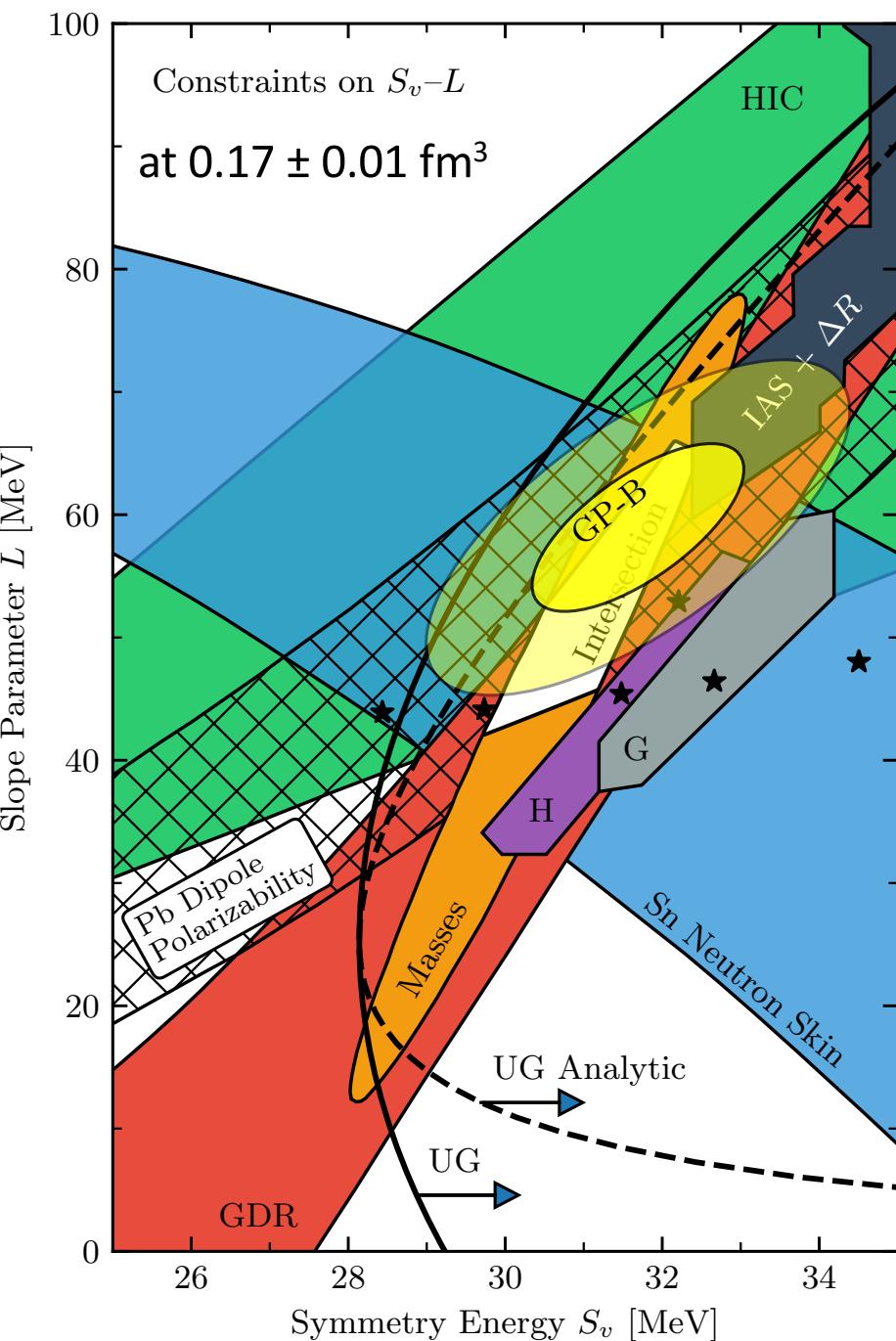
- Apply to decide on trade-off between different allocations of experimental resources (exploration vs. exploitation).
  - 1-point vs 5-point?
  - Increase precision or more points?

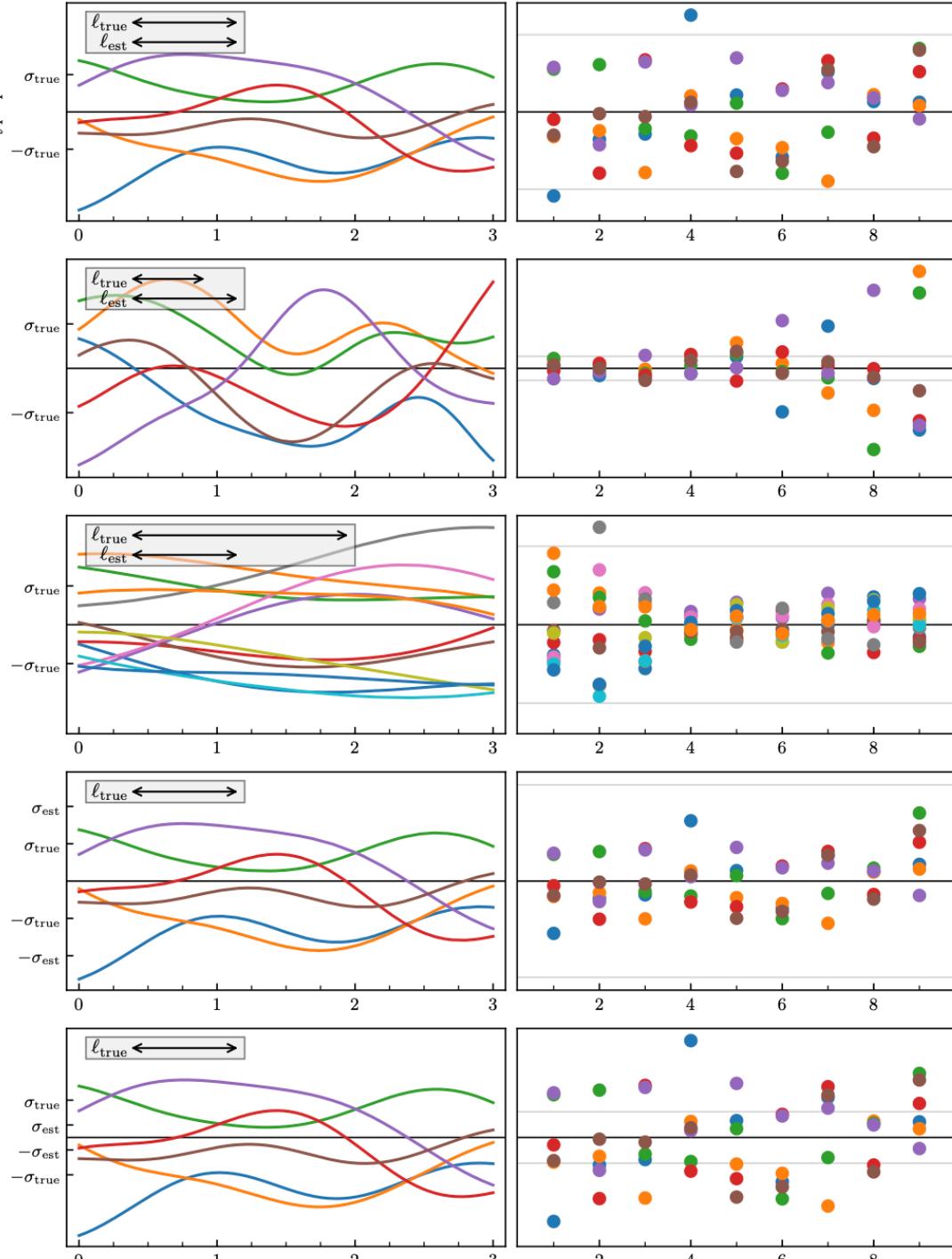
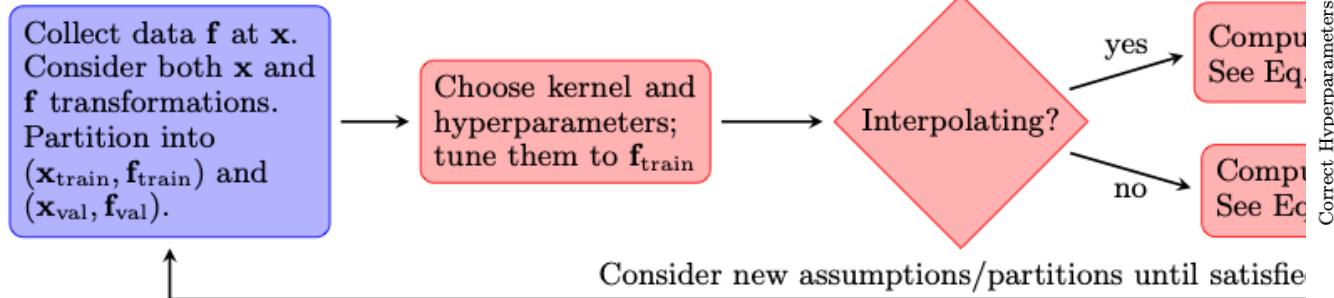
# Correlated theory errors for EOS properties



C. Drischler et al.

Correlated GP treatment gives better estimates for truncation errors and clean propagation of uncertainties to derived quantities.





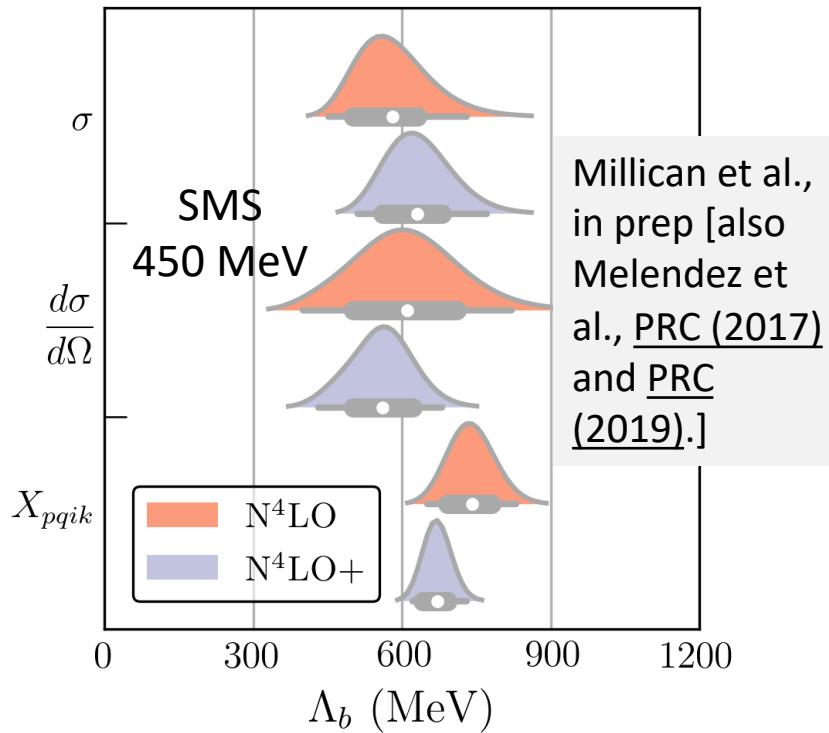
Diagnostic	Formula	Motivation
Visualize the function	—	Does $\mathbf{f}_{\text{val}}$ look like a draw from a GP? What kind of GP?
Mahalanobis Distance $D_{\text{MD}}^2$	$(\mathbf{f}_{\text{val}} - \mathbf{m})^\top K^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_{\text{val}} - \mathbf{m})$	Can we <i>quantify</i> how much the $\mathbf{f}_{\text{val}}$ looks like a GP?
Pivoted Cholesky $\mathbf{D}_{\text{PC}}$	$G^{-1}(\mathbf{f}_{\text{val}} - \mathbf{m})$	Can we understand why $D_{\text{MD}}^2$ is failing?
Credible Interval $D_{\text{CI}}(p)$ for $p \in [0, 1]$	$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbf{1}[\mathbf{f}_{\text{val},i} \in \text{CI}_i(p)]$	Do $100p\%$ credible intervals capture data roughly $100p\%$ of the time?
Variance	Length Scale	Observed Pattern
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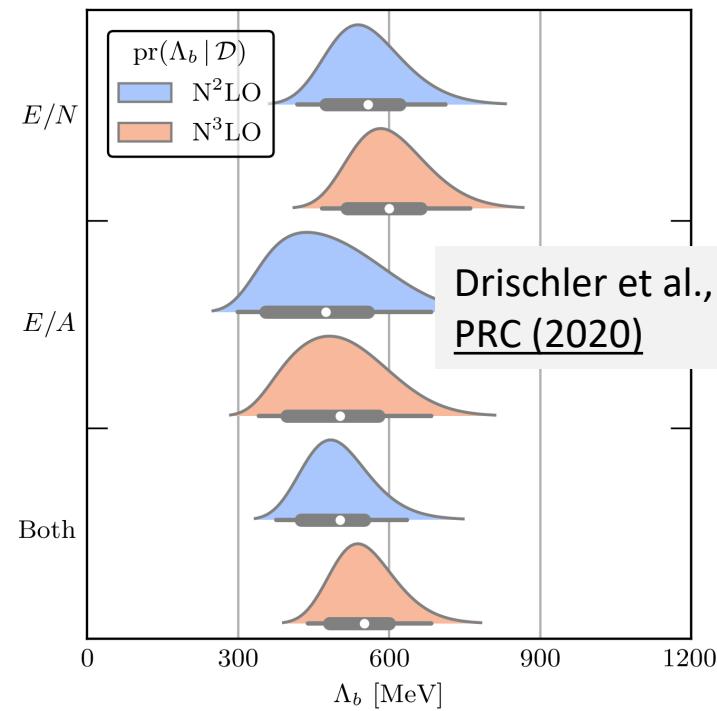
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$\Lambda_b$  from infinite matter



Melendez et al. (2019):

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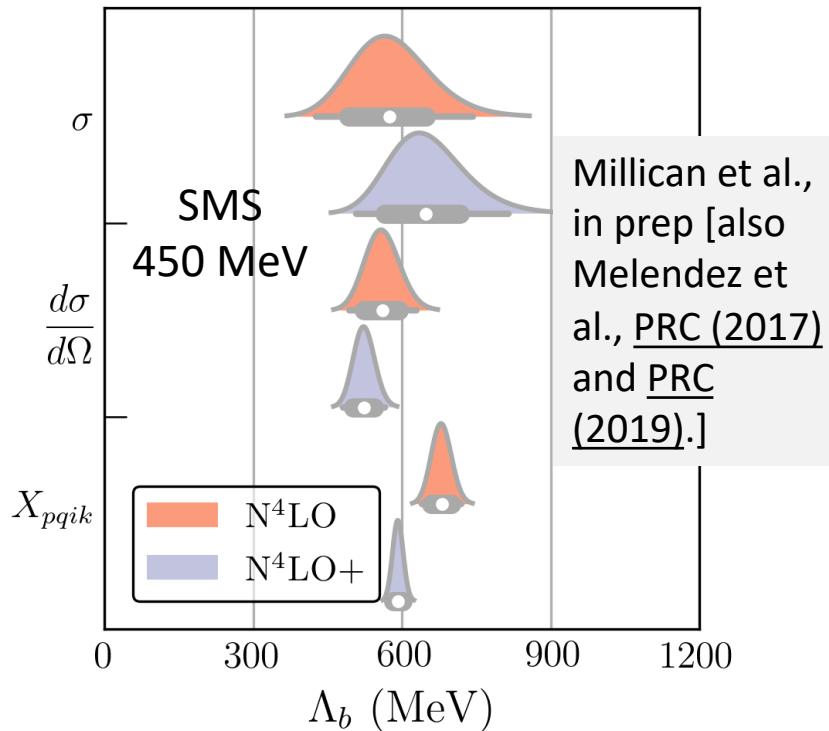
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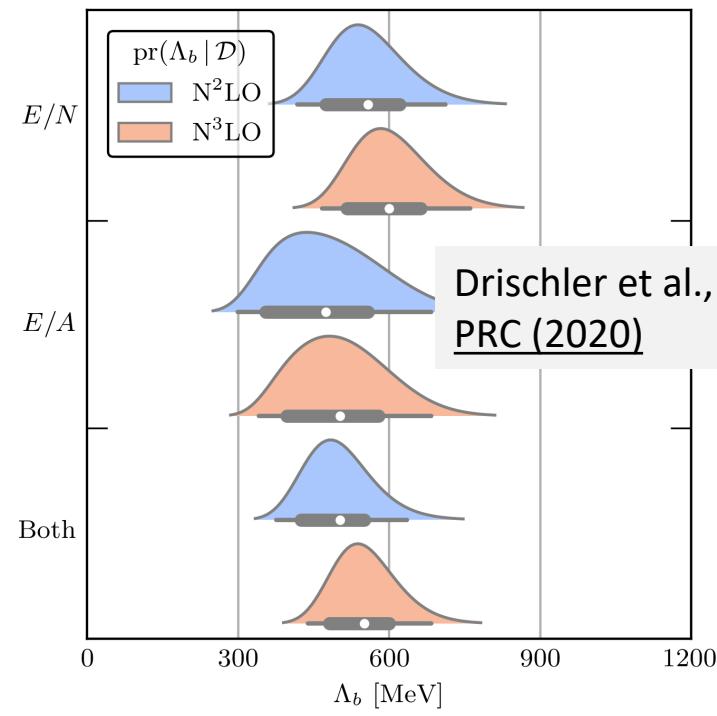
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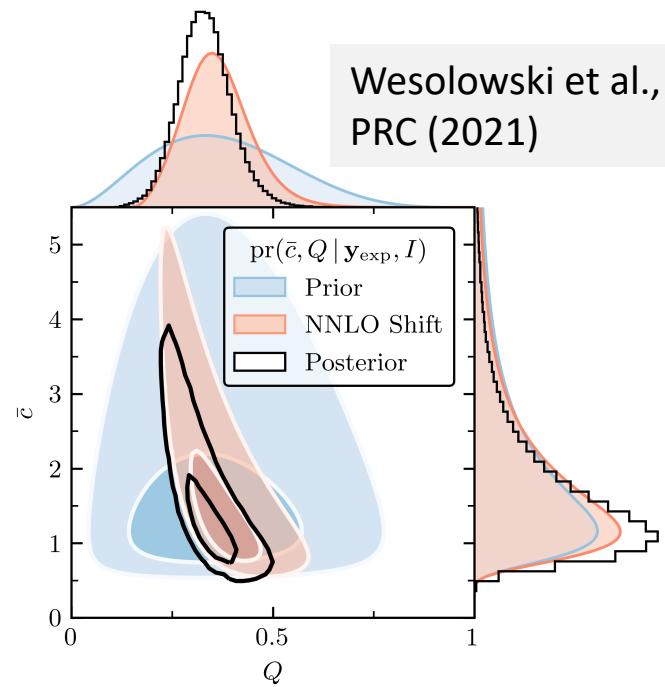
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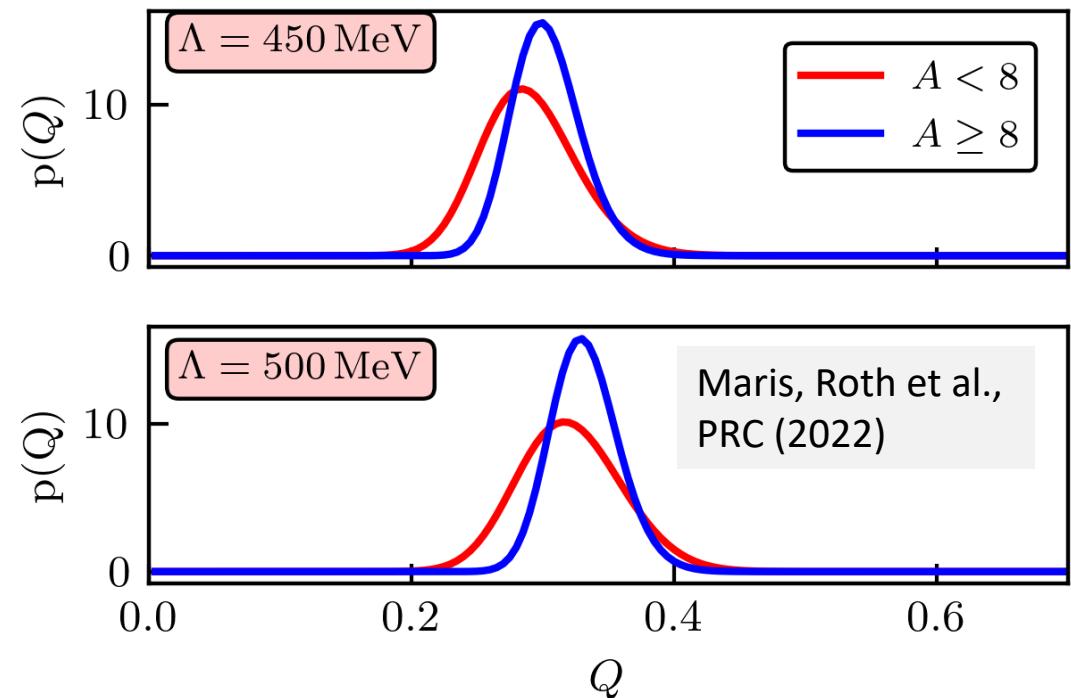
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What about spectra of light nuclei?  
Convergence pattern obscured at low order by KE vs. PE cancellation.  
→ only use higher orders →  $Q \approx 0.3$   
[consistent with  $(m_\pi)^{\text{eff.}}/\Lambda_b$  (see [Ref.](#))]

$Q$  from few-body observables



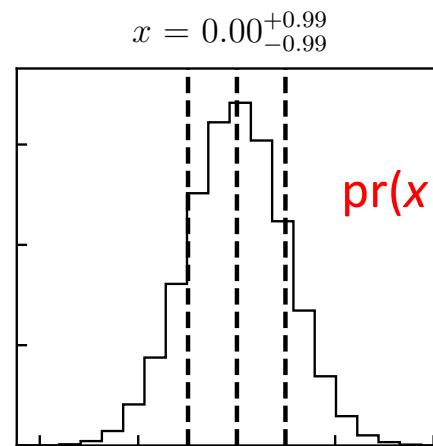
$Q$  from nuclear energies ( $A < 8$  vs.  $A \geq 8$ )



## ☐ Account for correlations in inputs and observables

- $\text{pr}(x, y | z)$  “joint probability (density) of  $x$  and  $y$  given  $z$ ” (*contingent on  $z$* )

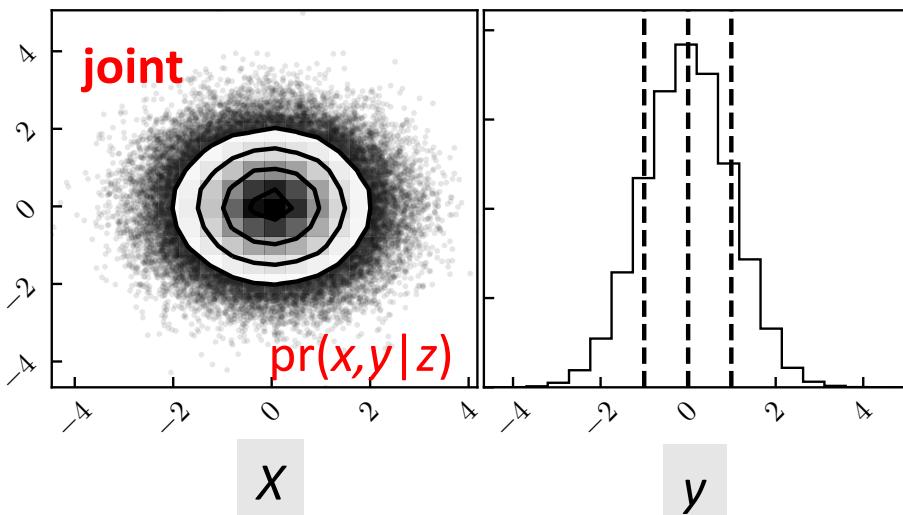
Normal distribution:  $\mu = 0.0, \sigma = 1.0$



marginalized

$\text{pr}(x|z)$

$y = -0.00^{+0.99}_{-1.00}$



$$\mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}^\top \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{r}} = \mathcal{N} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma_y^2}}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

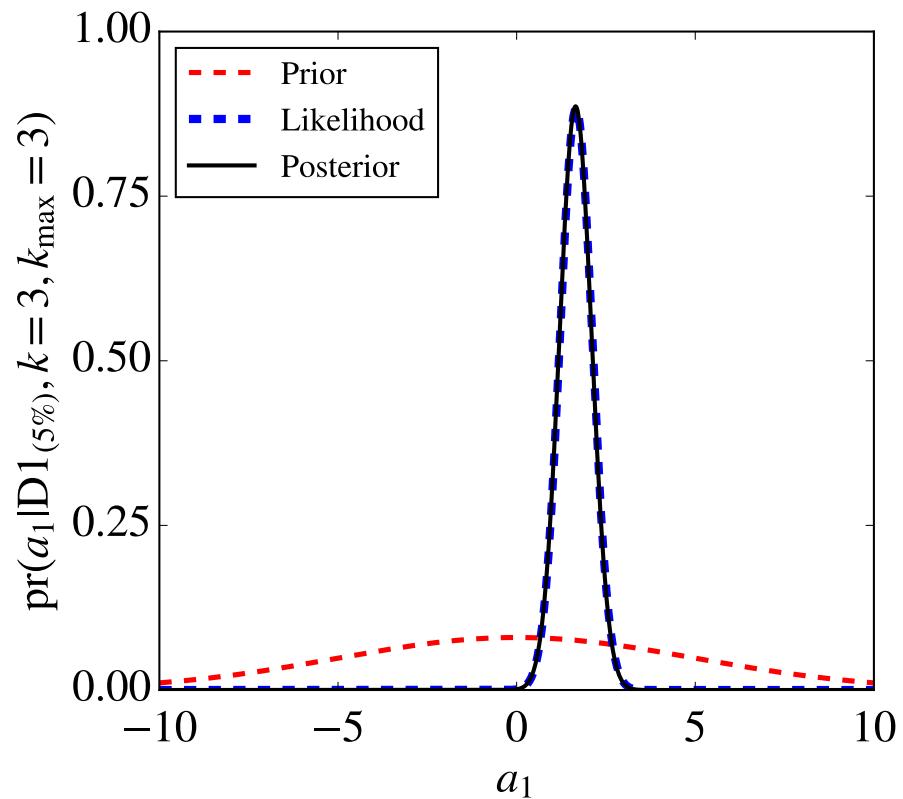
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

e.g.,  $X - Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_x - \mu_y, \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)$

# Bayes's Theorem: How to update knowledge in PDFs

$$\text{pr}(A|B, I) = \frac{\text{pr}(B|A, I)\text{pr}(A|I)}{\text{pr}(B|I)}$$

Likelihood overwhelms prior



$$\text{Bayesian updating of knowledge}$$
$$\text{pr}(\theta|y_{\text{exp}}, I) \propto \underbrace{\text{pr}(y_{\text{exp}}|\theta, I)}_{\text{likelihood}} \times \underbrace{\text{pr}(\theta|I)}_{\text{prior}}$$

Prior suppresses unconstrained likelihood

