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Nuclear continuum states and their emulators



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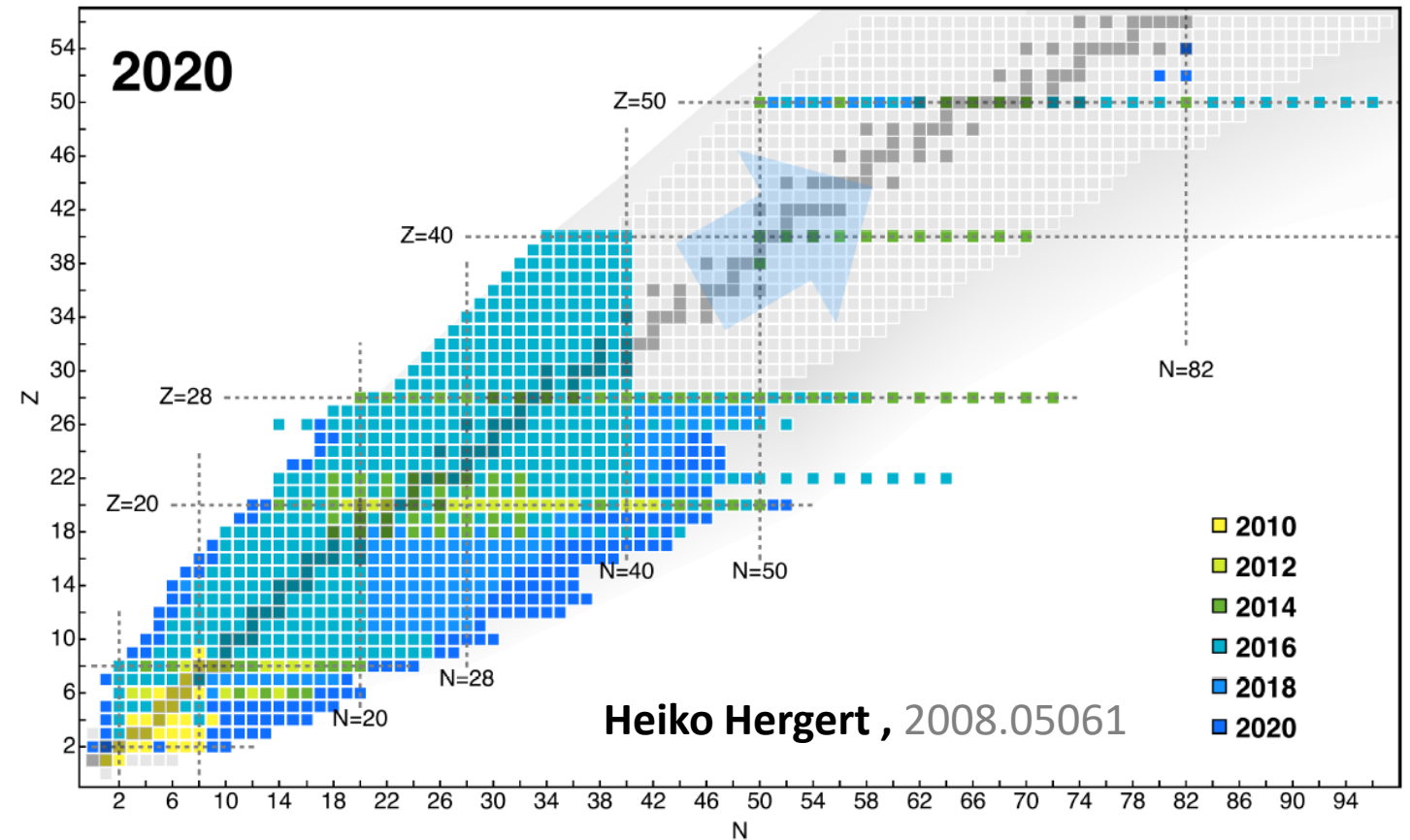
Outline

- Drip-line nuclei in the cluster picture: core plus neutrons
- Emulators for continuum states
- Takeaway points

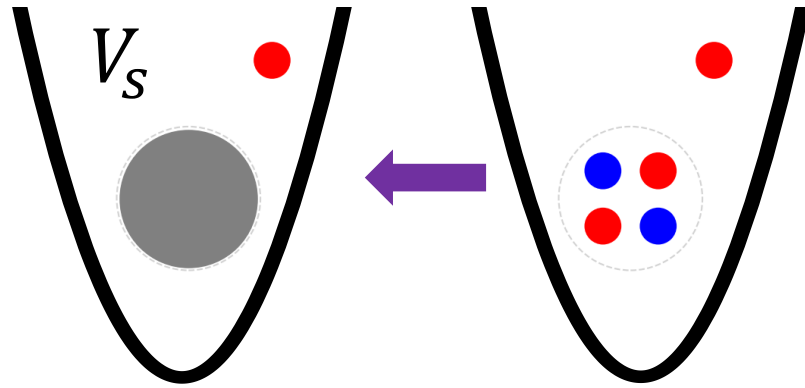
Motivations

- Nuclear astrophysics
- Understanding nuclei near drip-lines
- Interpreting direct-reaction data

How to take advantage of the progress made in ab initio structure calculations for computing **continuum states?**



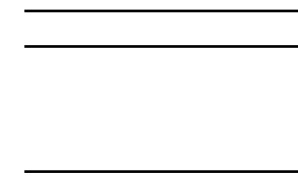
Calibrating macroscopic (cluster) theories against microscopic calculations



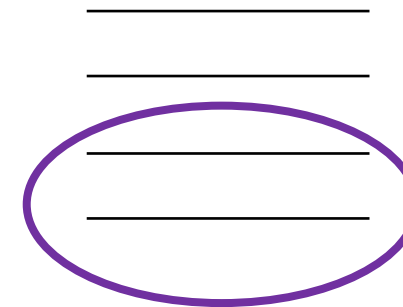
Trap them within calculations

Constrain EFT (or model on V_s) \rightarrow
compute scattering, reactions, resonances

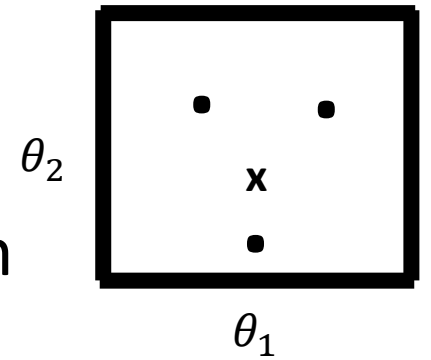
Continuum



Bound State



Parameter space (θ)

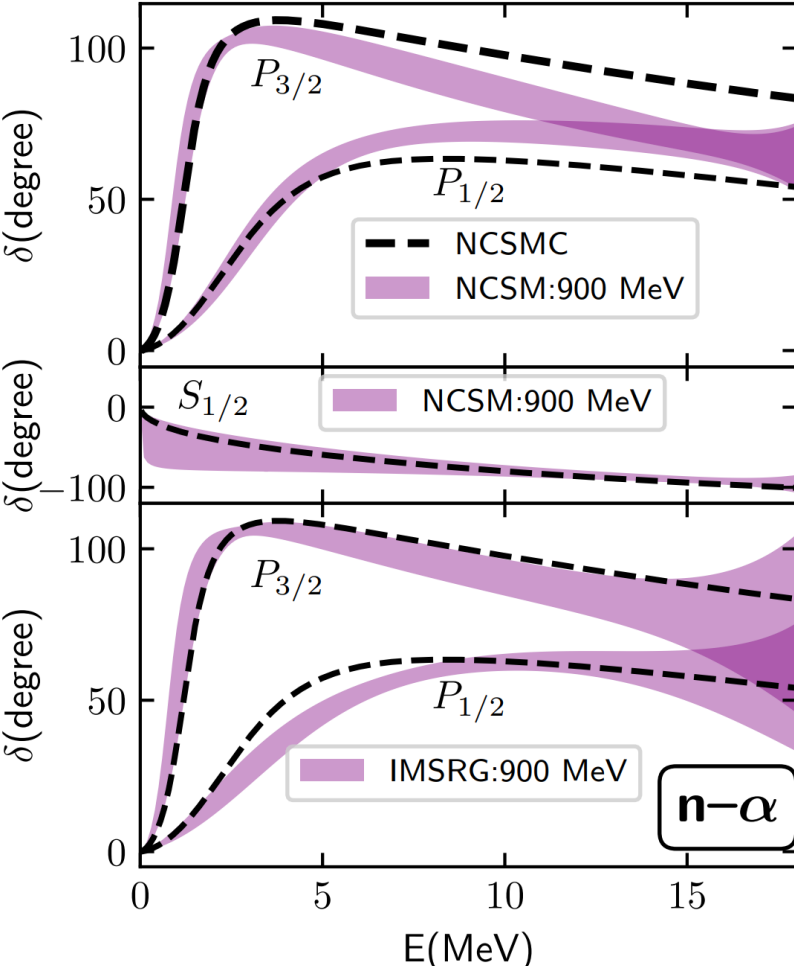


Emulators for fast interpolation

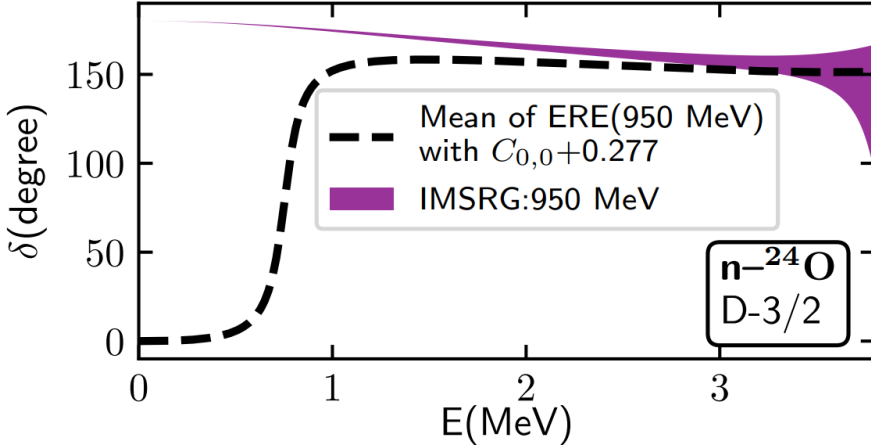
For **two-body** scattering: $(E, \omega_T) \rightarrow \delta_l(E)$

XZ, PRC.101.051602(R) (2020)
[1905.05275]

Early results

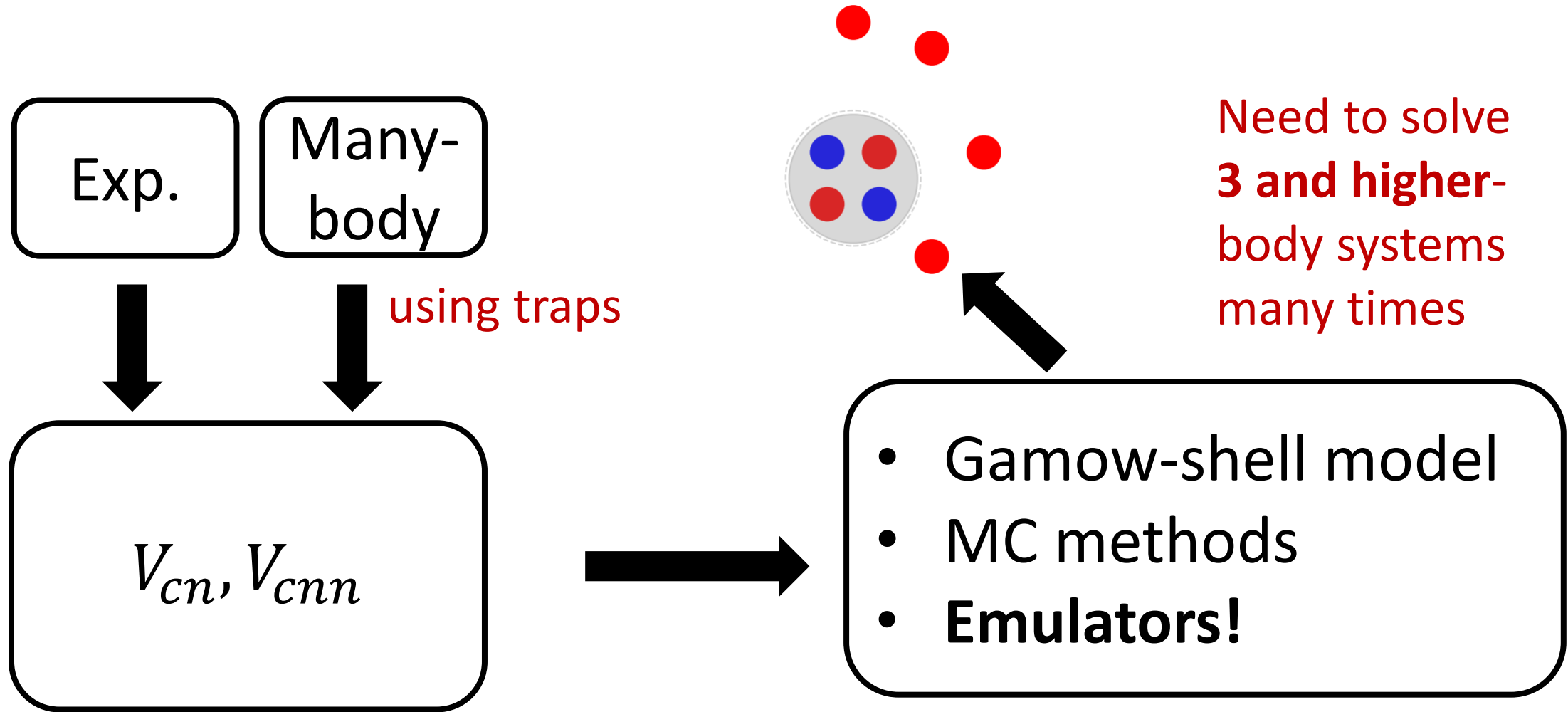


How to get this scattering info.
experimentally? p-O, d-O
scattering measurements?



NCSM: no-core shell model,
IMSRG: in-medium similarity
renormalization group,
Dashed line: NCSM+continuum

Towards dripline (e.g., He, O and Ca)



Driven by ab initio perspective, but experimental information (e.g., threshold) could be combined → Experimental design

Takeaway points

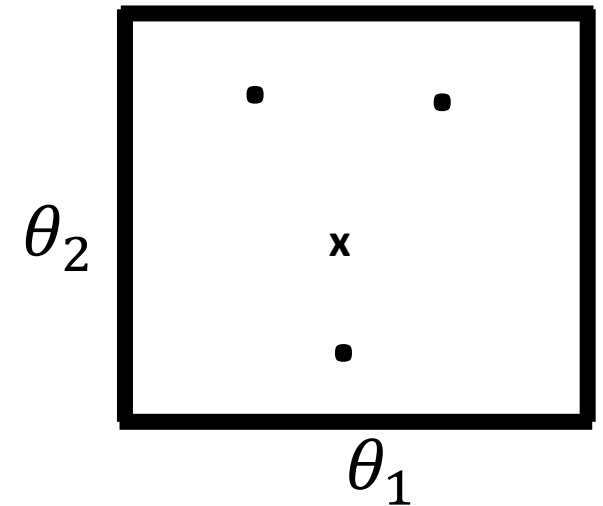
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Emulators and their applications

Emulators enable fast and accurate interpolation and extrapolation of model **outputs** in the **input** parameter space

- Model calibrations and error propagation (in Bayesian statistics)
 - Chiral (e.g., three-body) interactions to exp. data (e.g., $N - d$ scattering)
 - Error propagations for many-body calculations
- New calculations
 - Calibrating macroscopic (cluster) theories against microscopic calculations
 - Extrapolations from feasible calculations \rightarrow infeasible regions

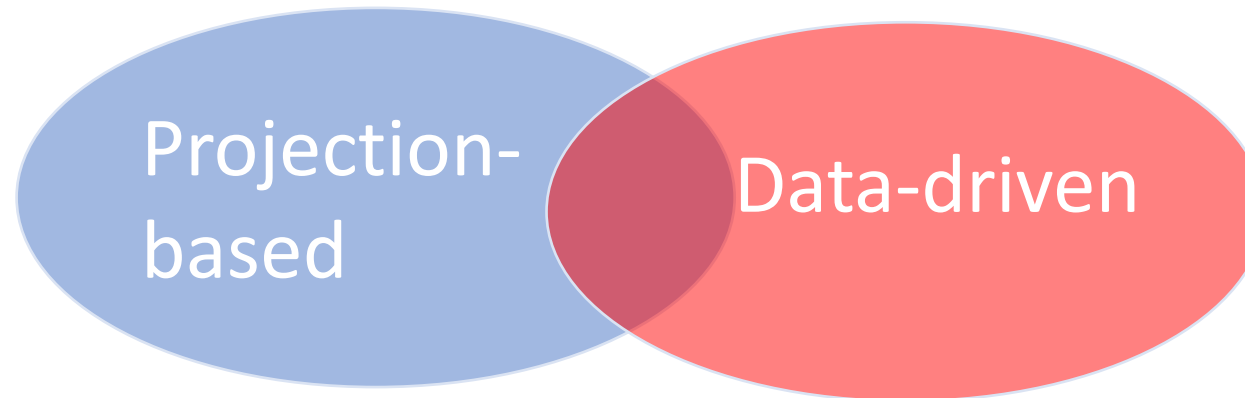
Parameter space (θ)



Emulators

“Eigenvector continuation with subspace learning”

Dillon Frame et. al., *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 121 (2018) 3, 032501, [1711.07090](#)



- Reduced basis method (RBM); also known as eigenvector continuation (EC) in nuclear physics
- Intrusive
- but includes more physics, requires less training data, and has better extrapolation

$$\psi(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} C_i(\theta) \psi(\theta_i)$$

- Machine learning (ML): Gaussian process and neural networks
- nonintrusive
- agnostic of physics and requires more training data

“BUQEYE Guide to Projection-Based Emulators in Nuclear Physics,” C. Drischler, J.A. Melendez, R.J. Furnstahl, A.J. Garcia, and XZ, [2212.04912](#)

“Training and projecting: A reduced basis method emulator for many-body physics,” Edgard Bonilla, Pablo Giuliani, Kyle Godbey, Dean Lee, *Phys.Rev.C* 106 (2022) 5, 054322, [2203.05284](#)

“Model reduction methods for nuclear emulators,” J.A. Melendez, C. Drischler, R.J. Furnstahl, A.J. Garcia, XZ, [2203.05528](#)

RBM/EC emulators for nuclear continuum states

$$[E - H(\boldsymbol{\theta})]|\psi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle = 0 \text{ for a given } E$$

“Efficient emulators for scattering using eigenvector continuation,” R. J. Furnstahl, A. J. Garcia, P. J. Millican, and XZ, PLB **809**, 135719 (2020) [[2007.03635](#)]

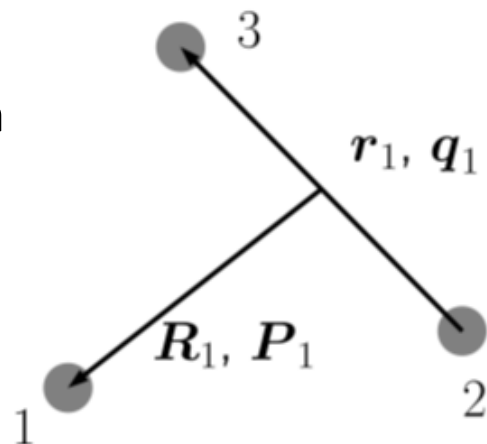
- Developed RBM emulator for two-body scatterings based on variational principle for scattering
- Systems with and without Coulomb interaction
- Complex optical potential
- General partial waves (or without pw decomp.)
- Need to deal with Kohn anomalous singularities

$$|\psi_t\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} c_i |\psi_{\text{gs}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i)\rangle$$

D. Bai & Z. Ren (2021); C. Drischler, et. al., (2021); J.A. Melende et.al., (2021); D. Bai (2022)...

Recent results

“Fast emulation of quantum **three-body** scattering”,
 XZ and R.J. Furnstahl, Phys. Rev. C 105, 064004 (2022),
[2110.04269](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.04269)



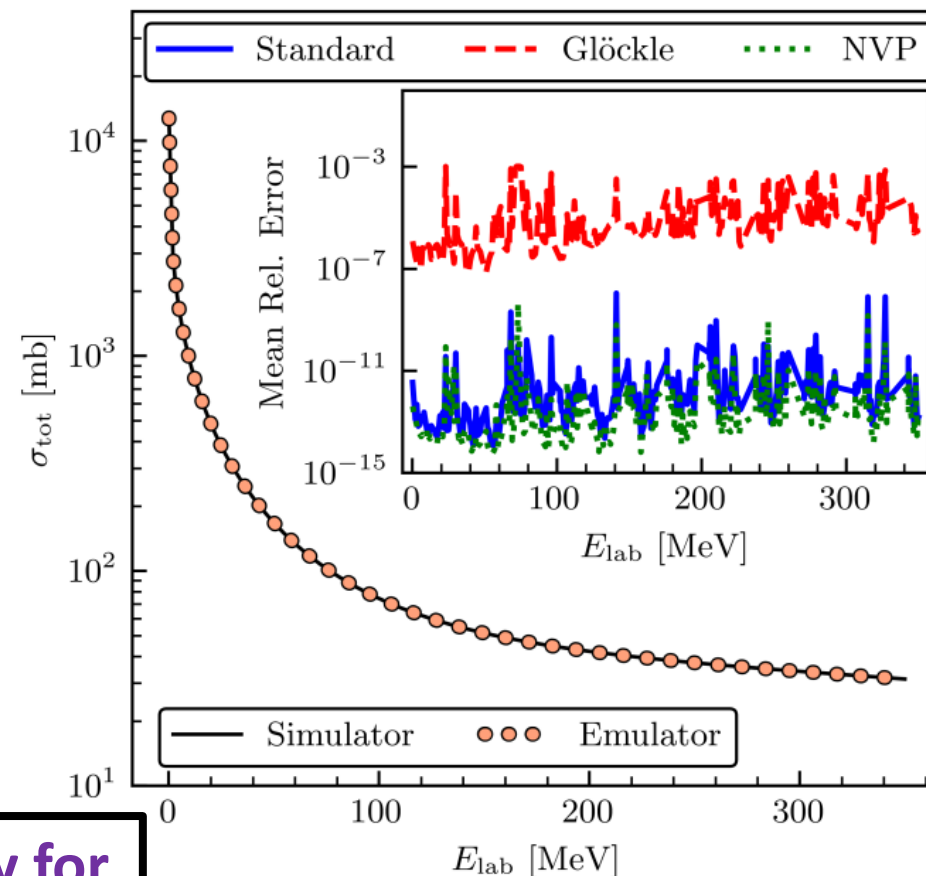
EC emulators	S relative error	Time	Memory
linear ^a	10^{-14} to 10^{-13}	ms	< MB
nonlinear-1	10^{-6} to 10^{-5}	ms	MB
nonlinear-2	10^{-4}	ms	10s MB

In contrast, the costs of full realistic calculations are 10^3 s

These studies require the same real energy for trainings and emulations.

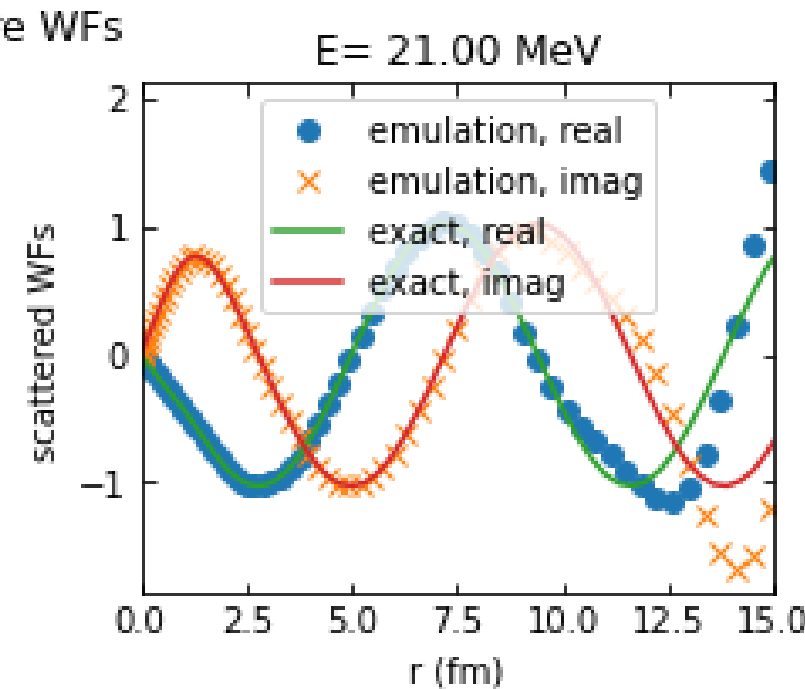
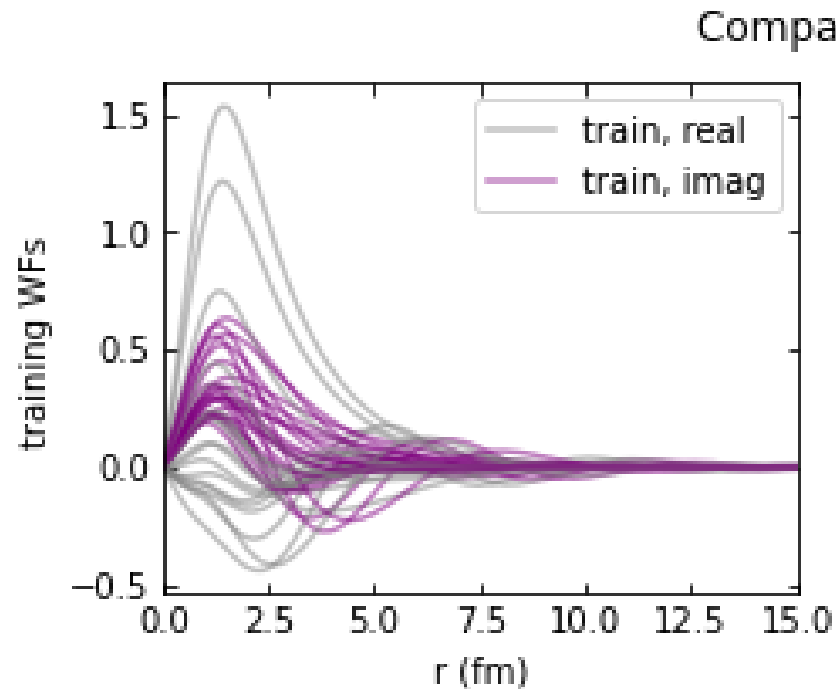
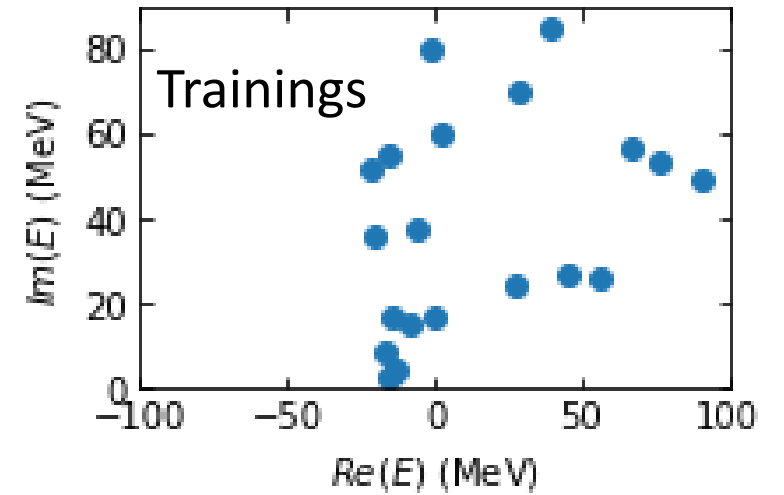
$n - p$ coupled-channel

“Wave function-based emulation for nucleon-nucleon scattering in momentum space,” A.J. Garcia, C. Drischler, R.J. Furnstahl, J.A. Melendez, XZ ([2301.05093](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.05093))



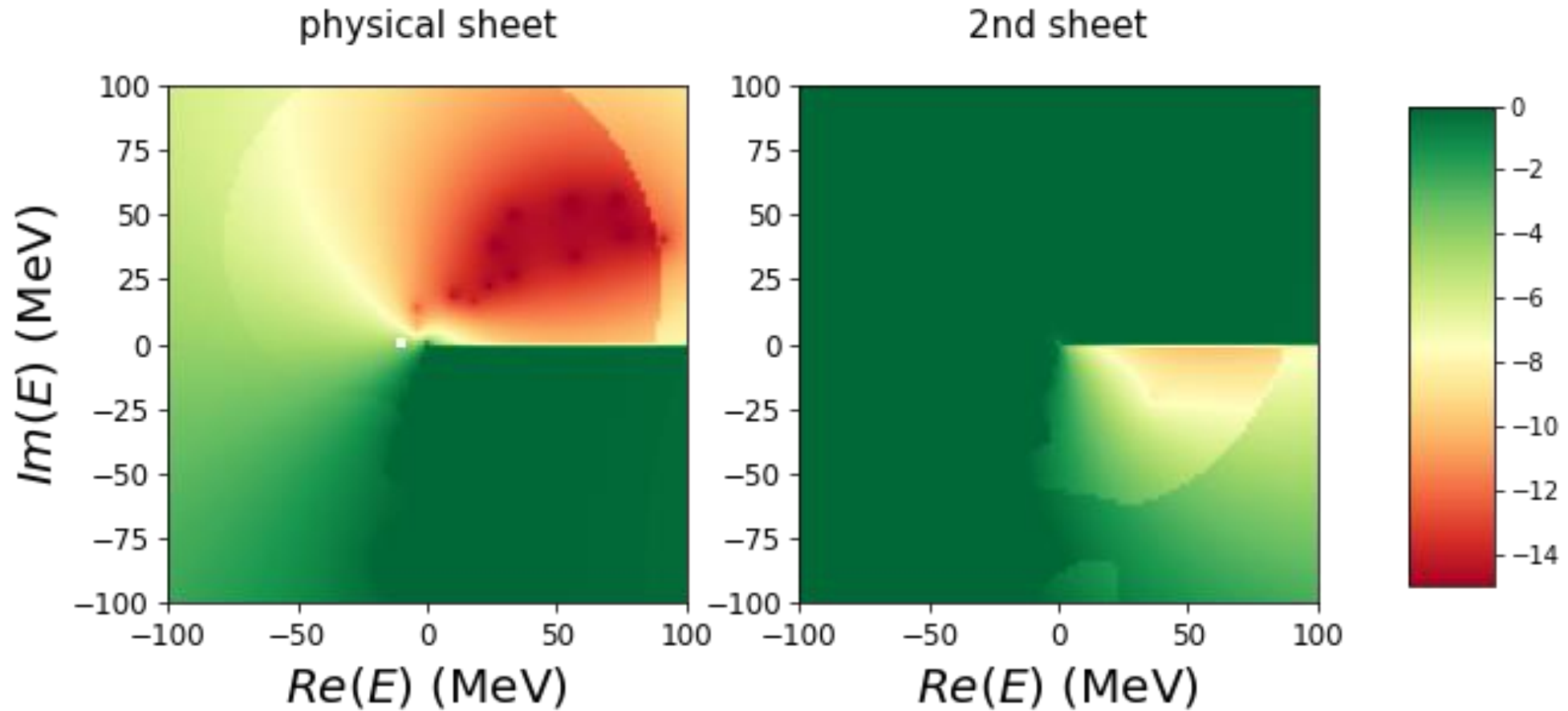
Emulation in E -complex plane: two-nucleon examples

- Training wave functions (WFs) are localized
- Bound state methods for trainings
- Emulations \rightarrow continuum states
- Compute continuum states based on structure solvers
- Allows emulations for other parameters



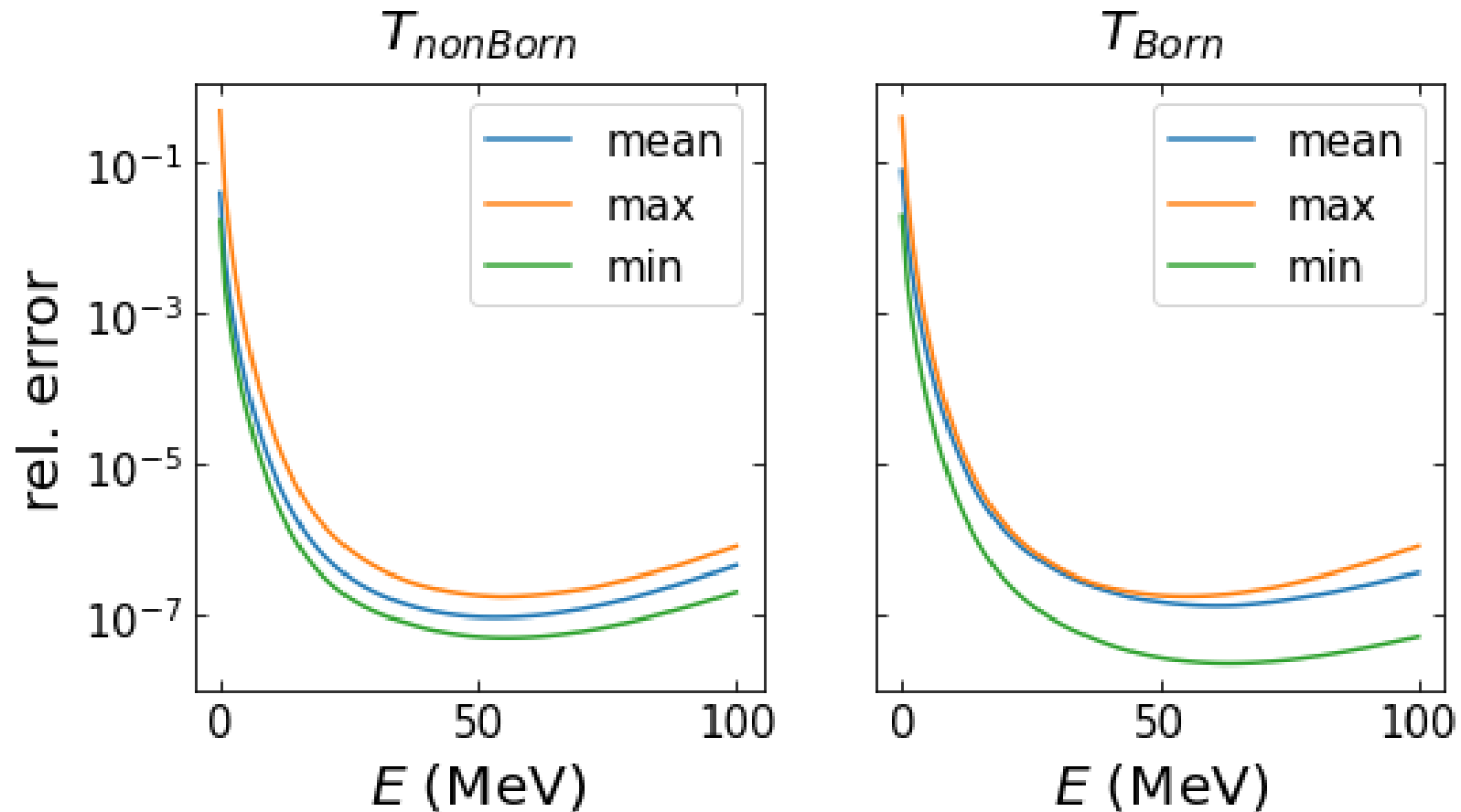
Emulation in E -complex plane: two-body in s-wave

$\log_{10}(\text{relative error})$ for $T_{nonBorn}$ emulation



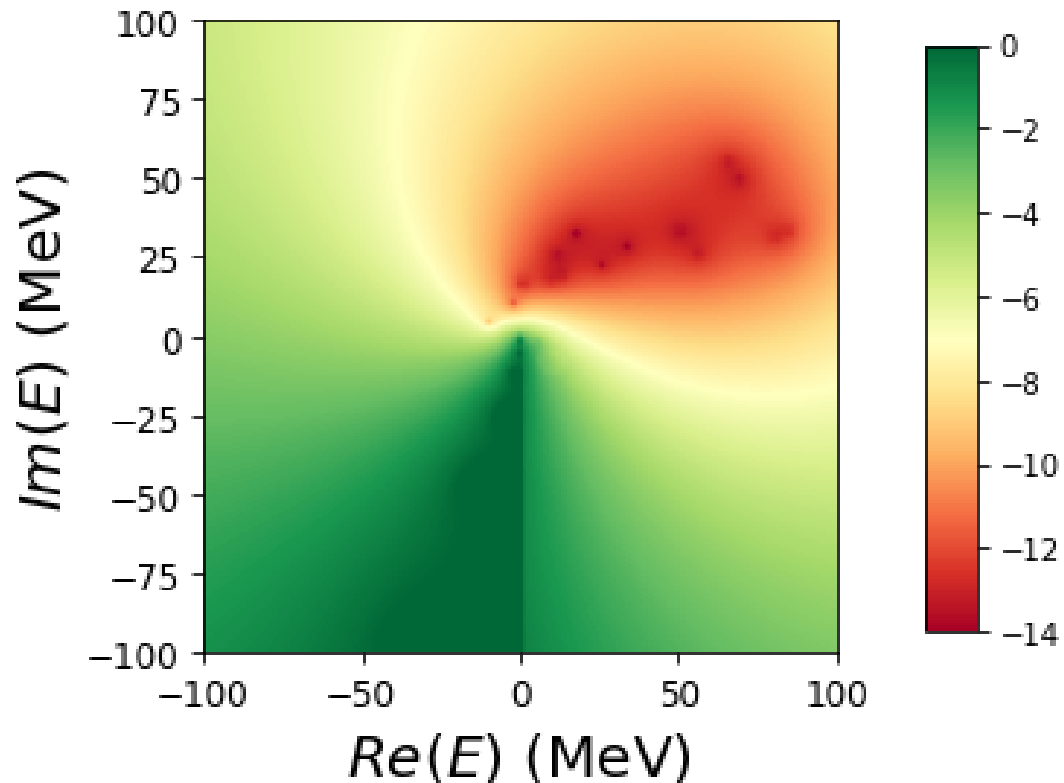
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rel. error of emulations

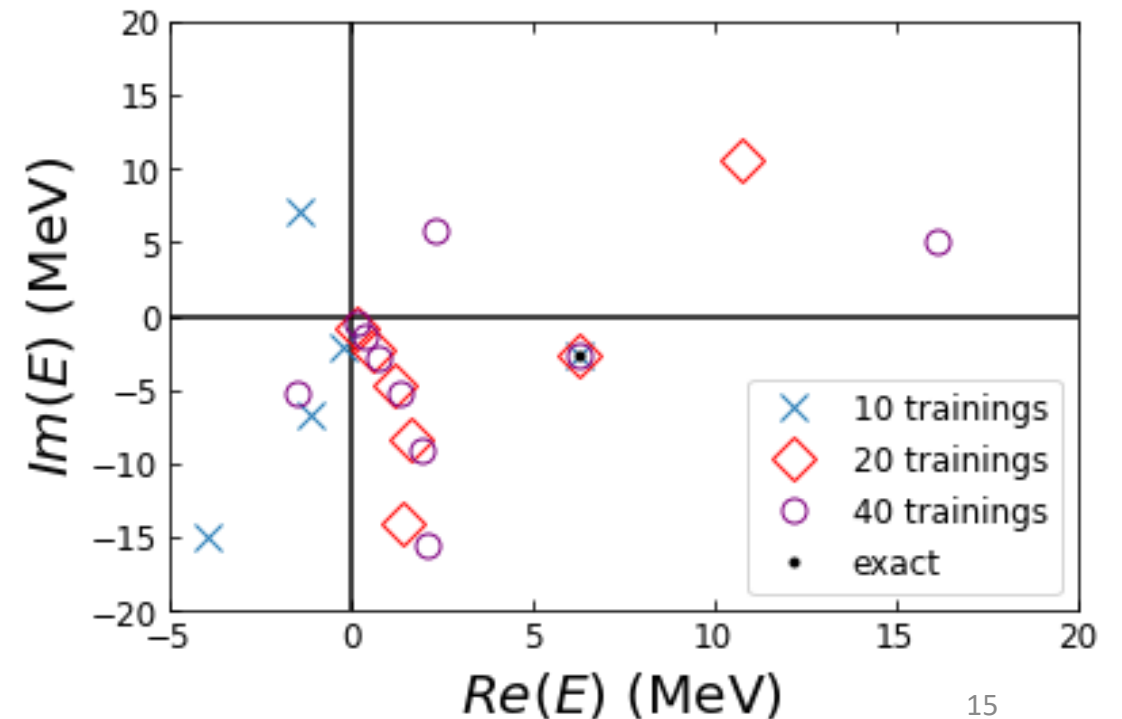


Emulation in E -complex plane: two-body in p-wave

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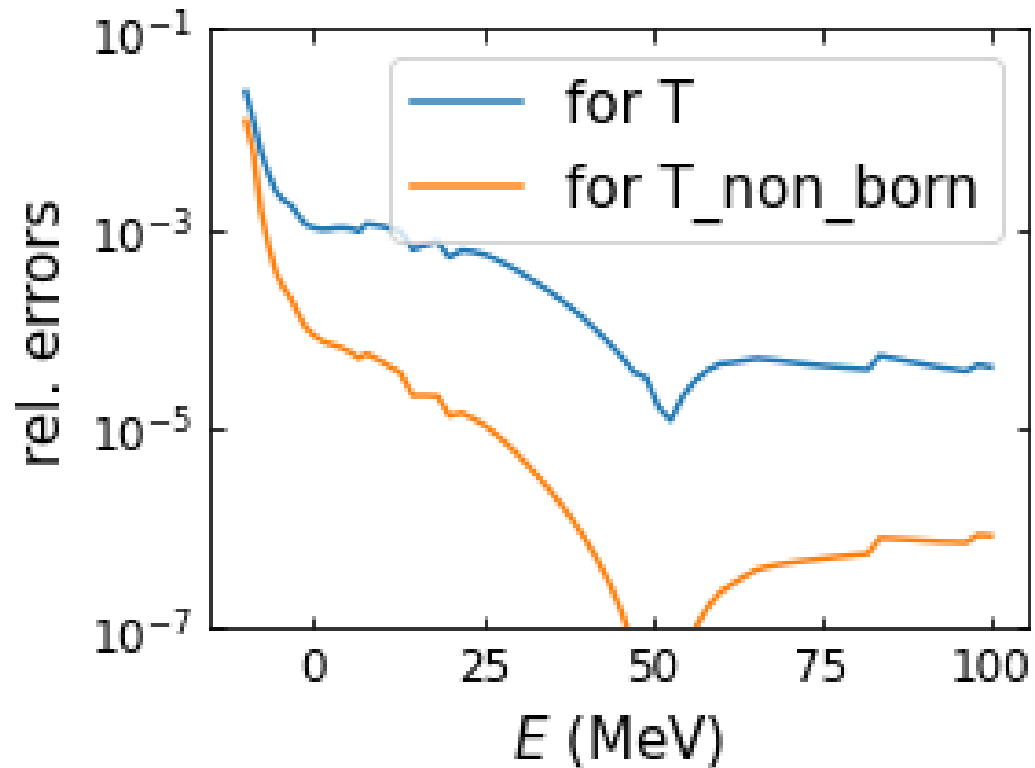


- Emulation \rightarrow fast identifications of bound state and resonances
- The poles correspond to the complex eigenvalues of a complex symmetrical H (full H projected to training-solution subspace)



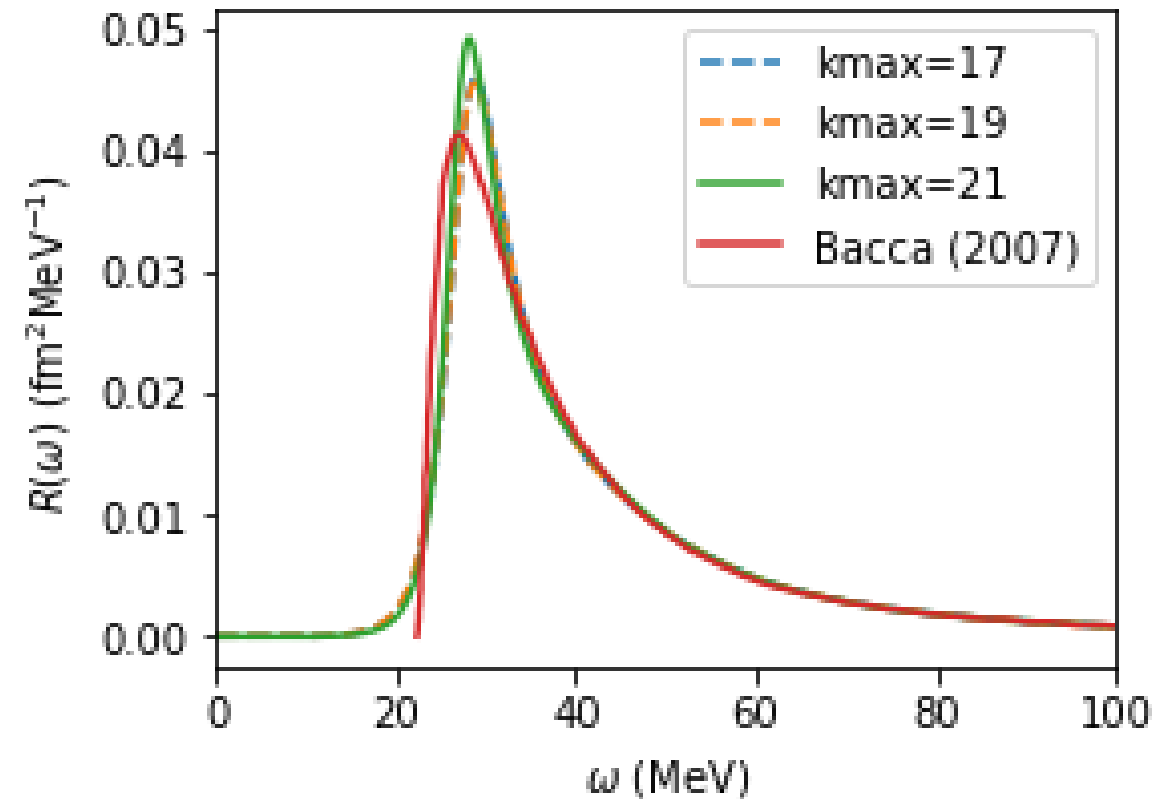
Preliminary results

Emulating particle-dimer scatterings
in 3-dim space: E_{in} , $Re(E)$, $Im(E)$



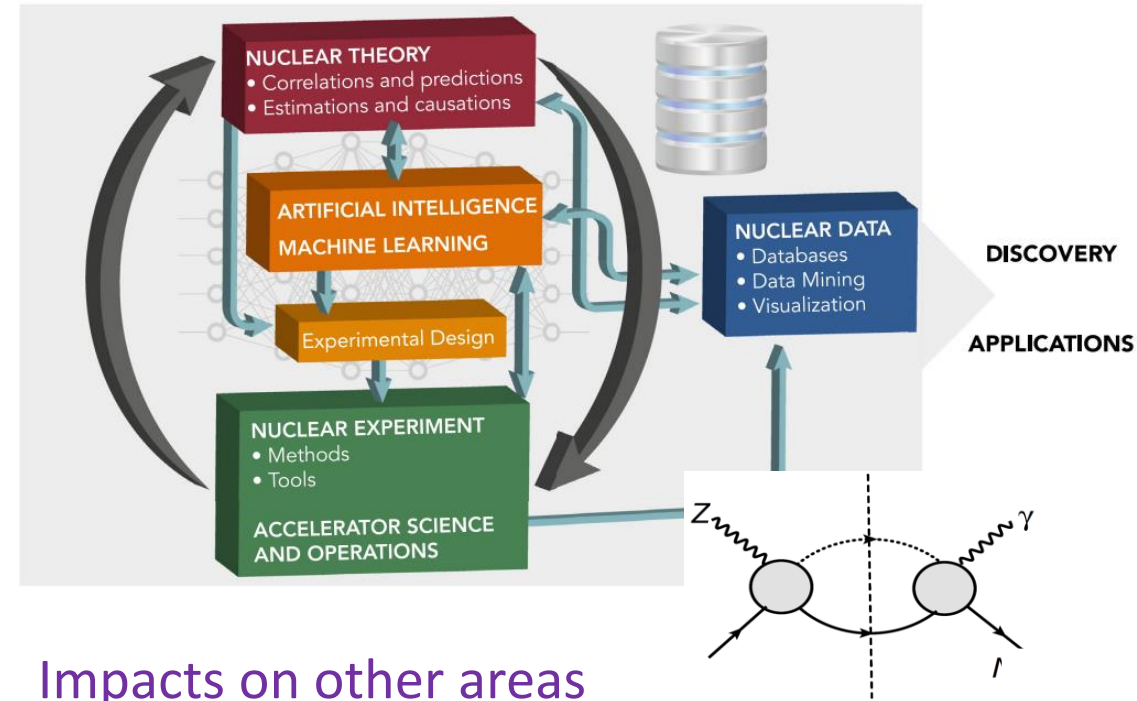
With **Bijaya Acharya** and **Alex Gnech** (also experimenting with BIGSTICK, thanks to **Calvin Johnson**)

He-4 E1 response function



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- **If so, emulators could help couple theories with experiments**
- The complex-E emulation approach aims to expand ab initio continuum state calculations **and their emulators** (including scattering amplitude, response function, and even optical potentials)
- It can also be a useful solver for the cluster theory



Impacts on other areas

- Hadronic physics: few-body continuum emulators, fast resonance identifications. They are important for Jlab, colliders (heavy quark systems)
- Fundamental symmetry: neutrino-nucleus (for neutrino oscillation experiments), two-boson processes in radiative correction to weak decay, neutrinoless double-beta decay,,,


Back up

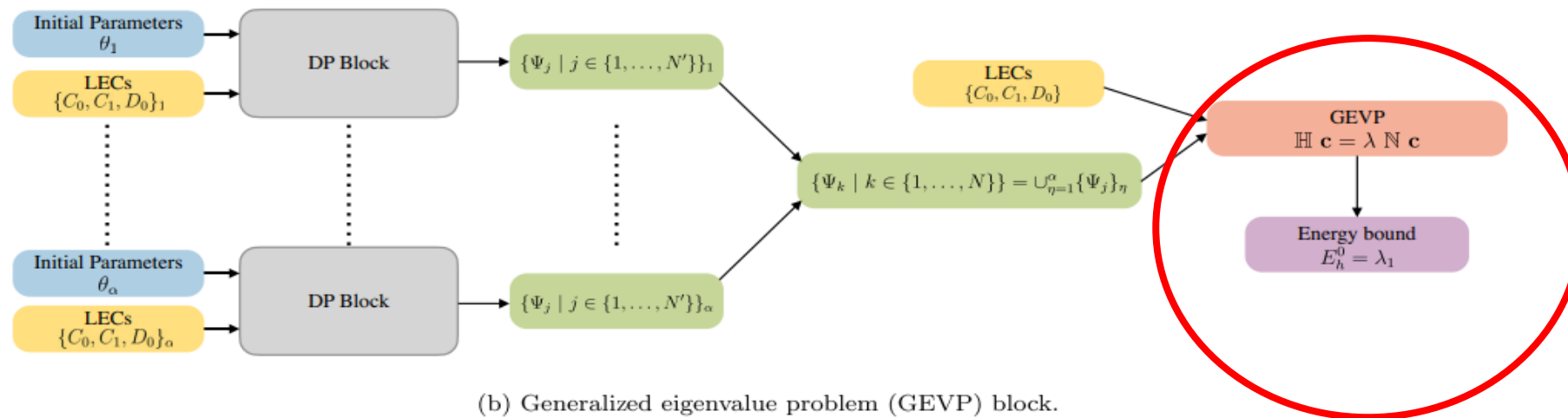
Emulators for calibrating nucleonic theory with Lattice QCD simulations

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **105**, 074508 (2022)

Finite-volume pionless effective field theory for few-nucleon systems with differentiable programming

[arXiv: 2202.03530](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.03530)

Xiangkai Sun, William Detmold, Di Luo, and Phiala E. Shanahan 

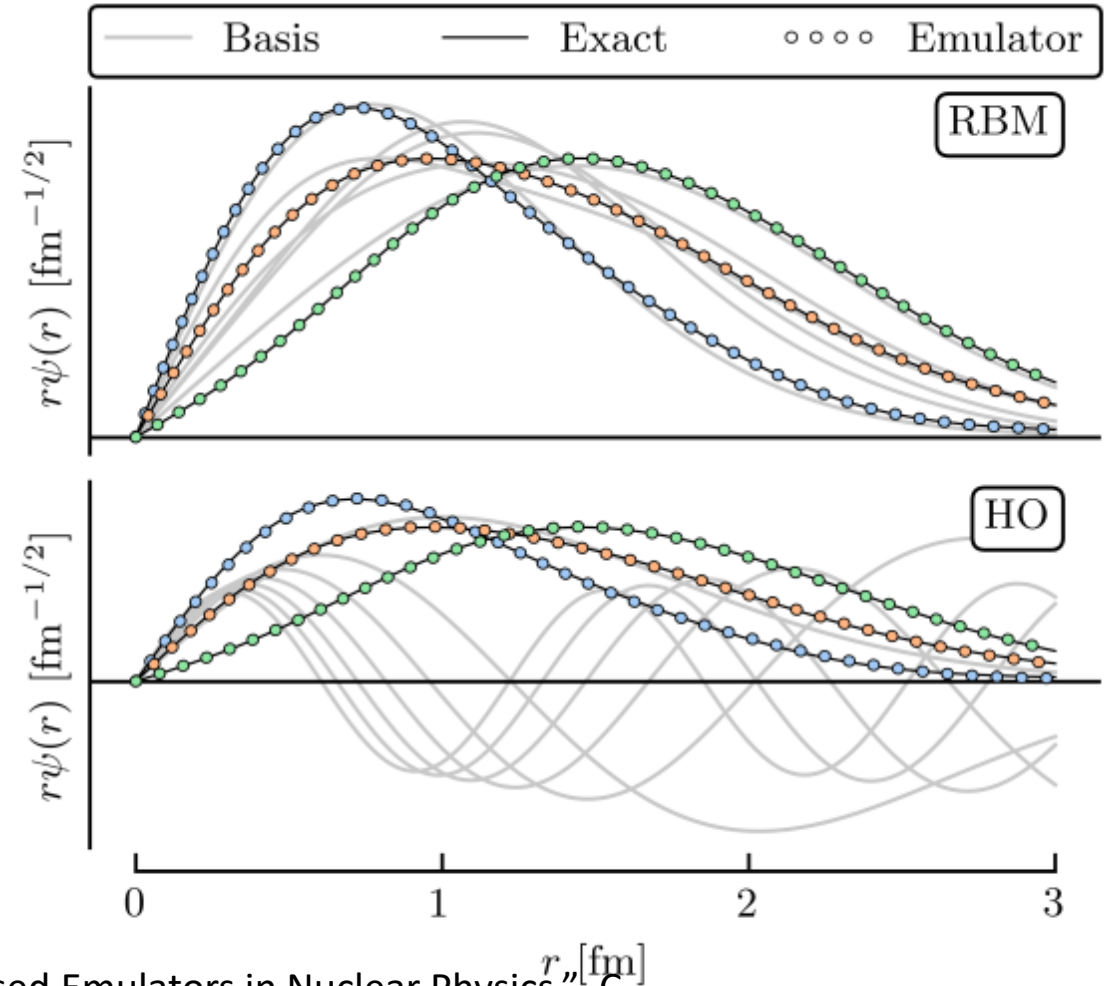
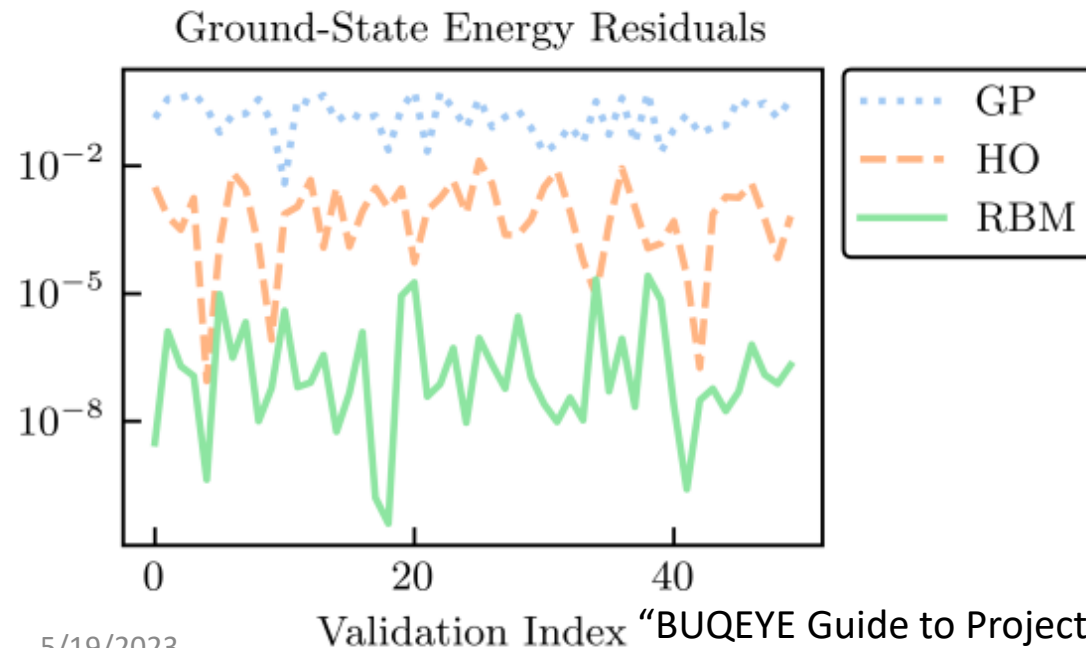


(b) Generalized eigenvalue problem (GEVP) block.

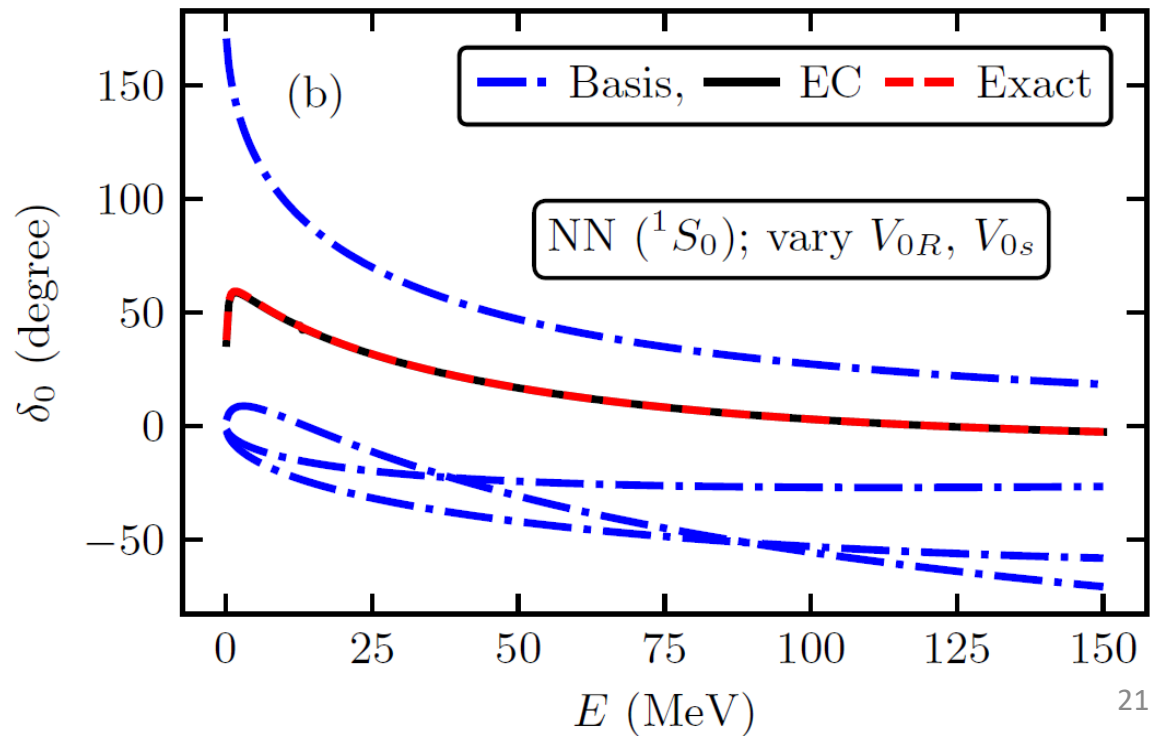
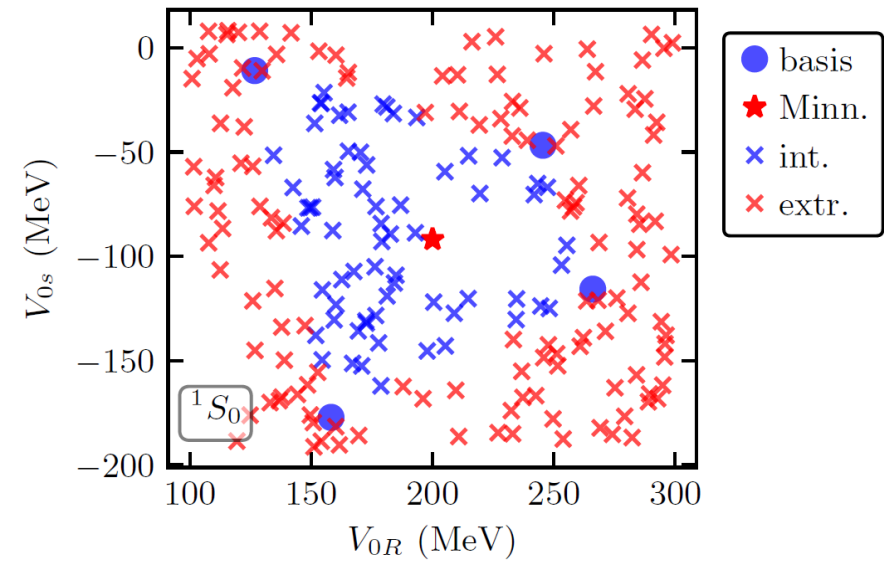
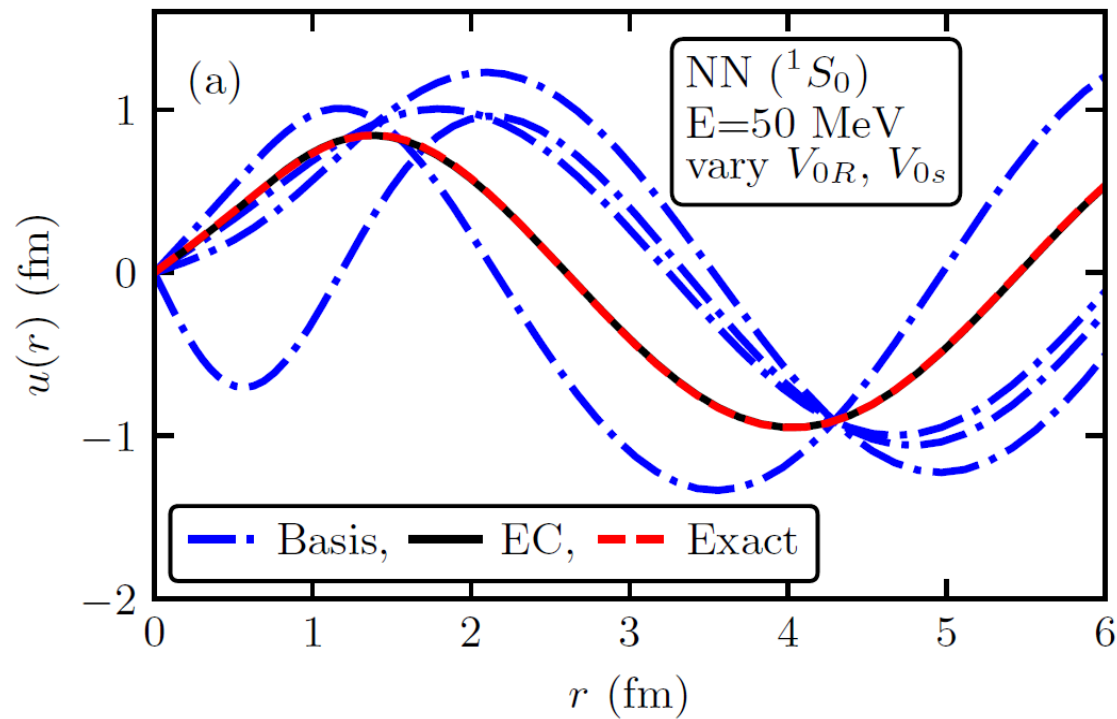
A toy-model: bound state emulator

$$V(r; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = V_{\text{HO}}(r) + \sum_{n=1}^3 \theta_n \exp(-r^2/\sigma_n^2),$$

6 training points in 3-dim space



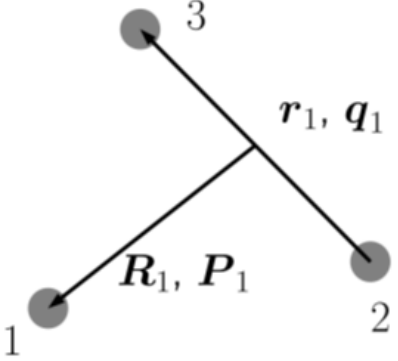
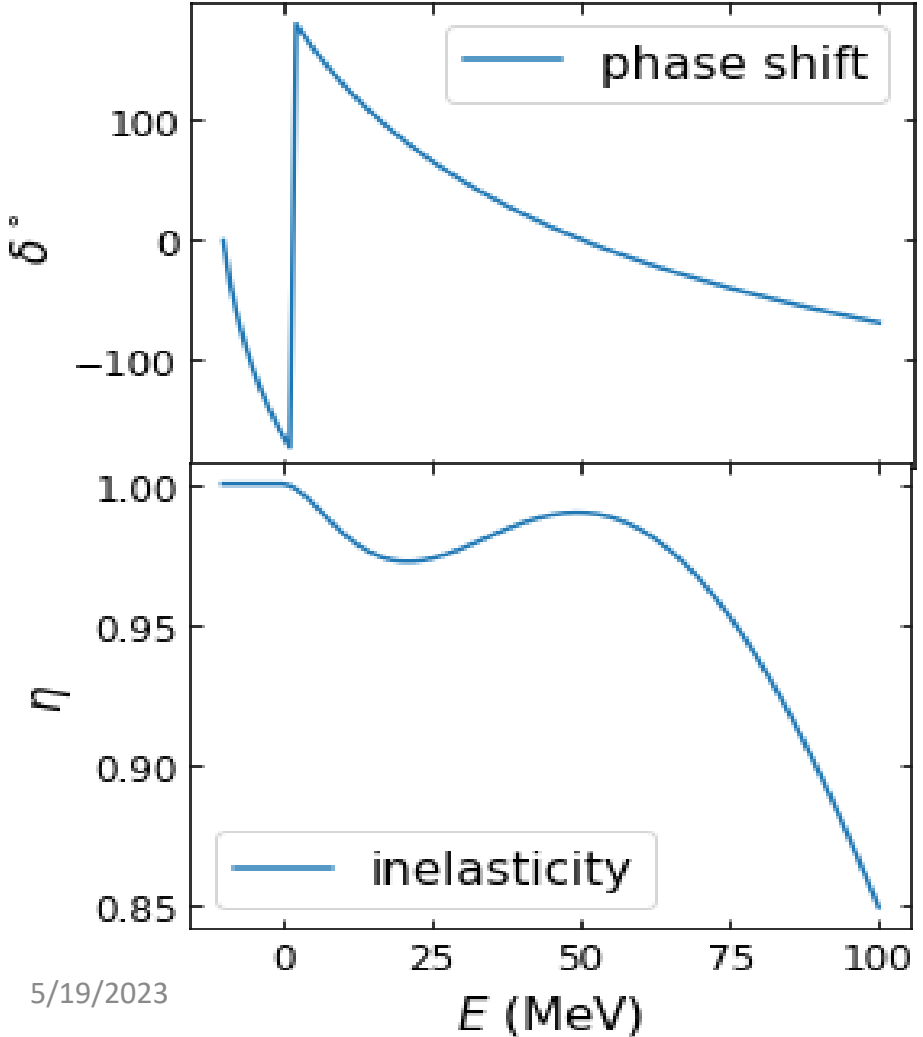
Tests of the emulators: NN scattering



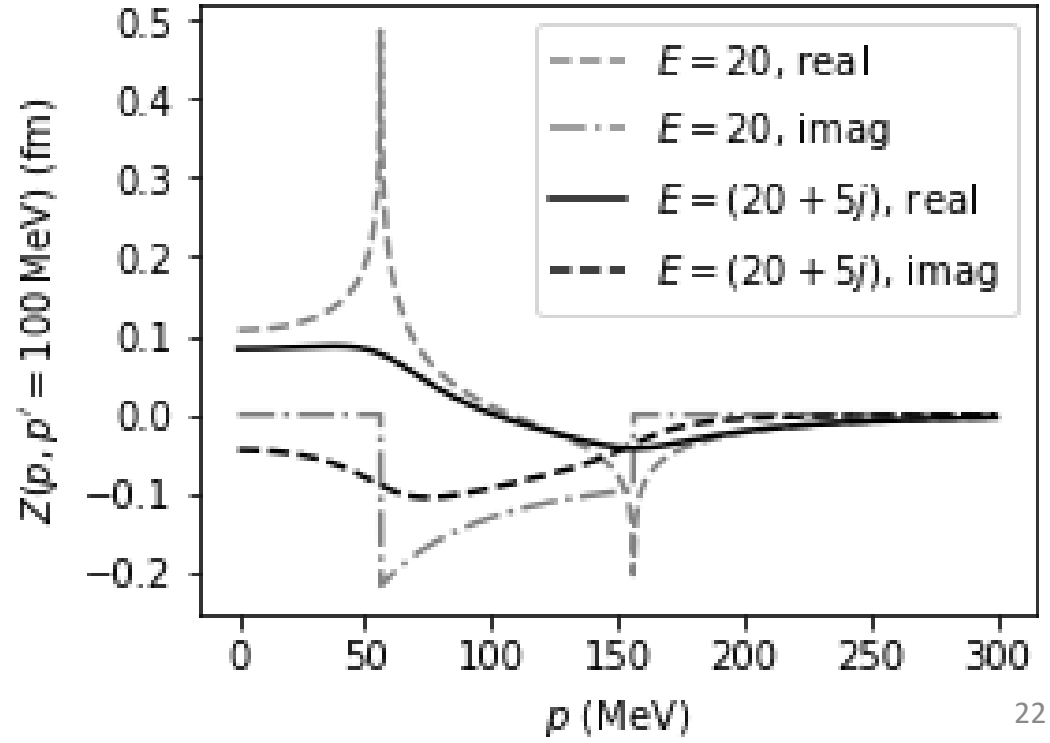
$$V_{1S_0}(r) \equiv V_{0R}e^{-\kappa_R r^2} + V_{0s}e^{-\kappa_s r^2}$$

Three-boson scattering

Full calculations:



The challenge for direct continuum calculations:



Even broader impacts

