

# CEvNS and inelastic cross sections within coupled-cluster theory

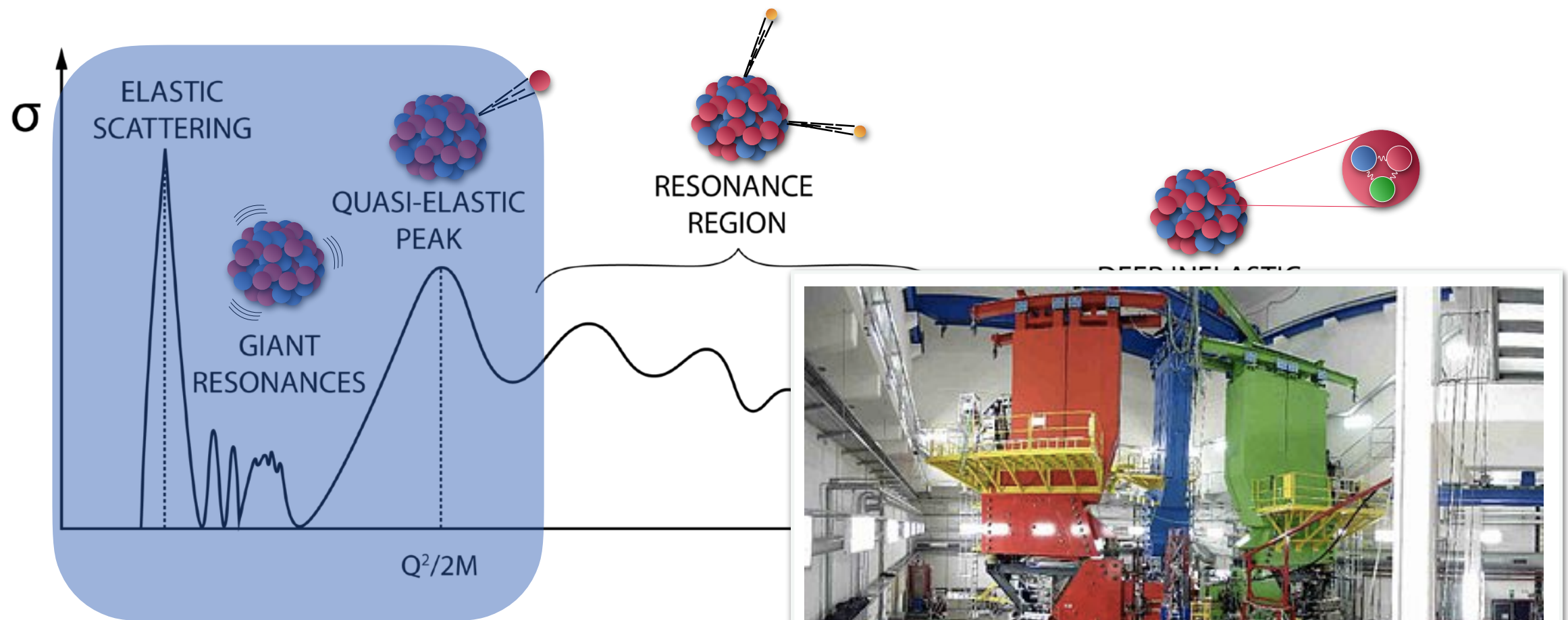
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Interplay of Nuclear, Neutrino and BSM Physics at Low-Energies, 18 April 2023



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# Introduction



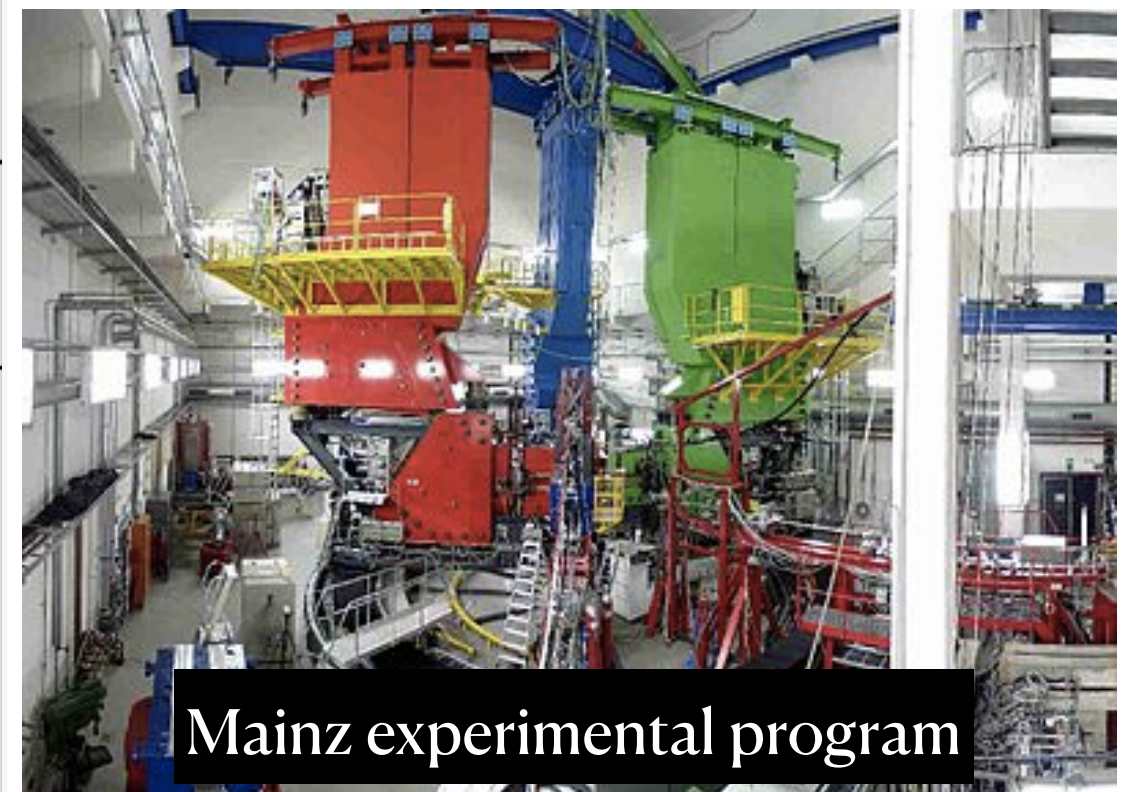
Coherent elastic scattering

$$\omega = 0,$$

$$q \lesssim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

Neutrino oscillation experiments

$$q \sim \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MeV})$$

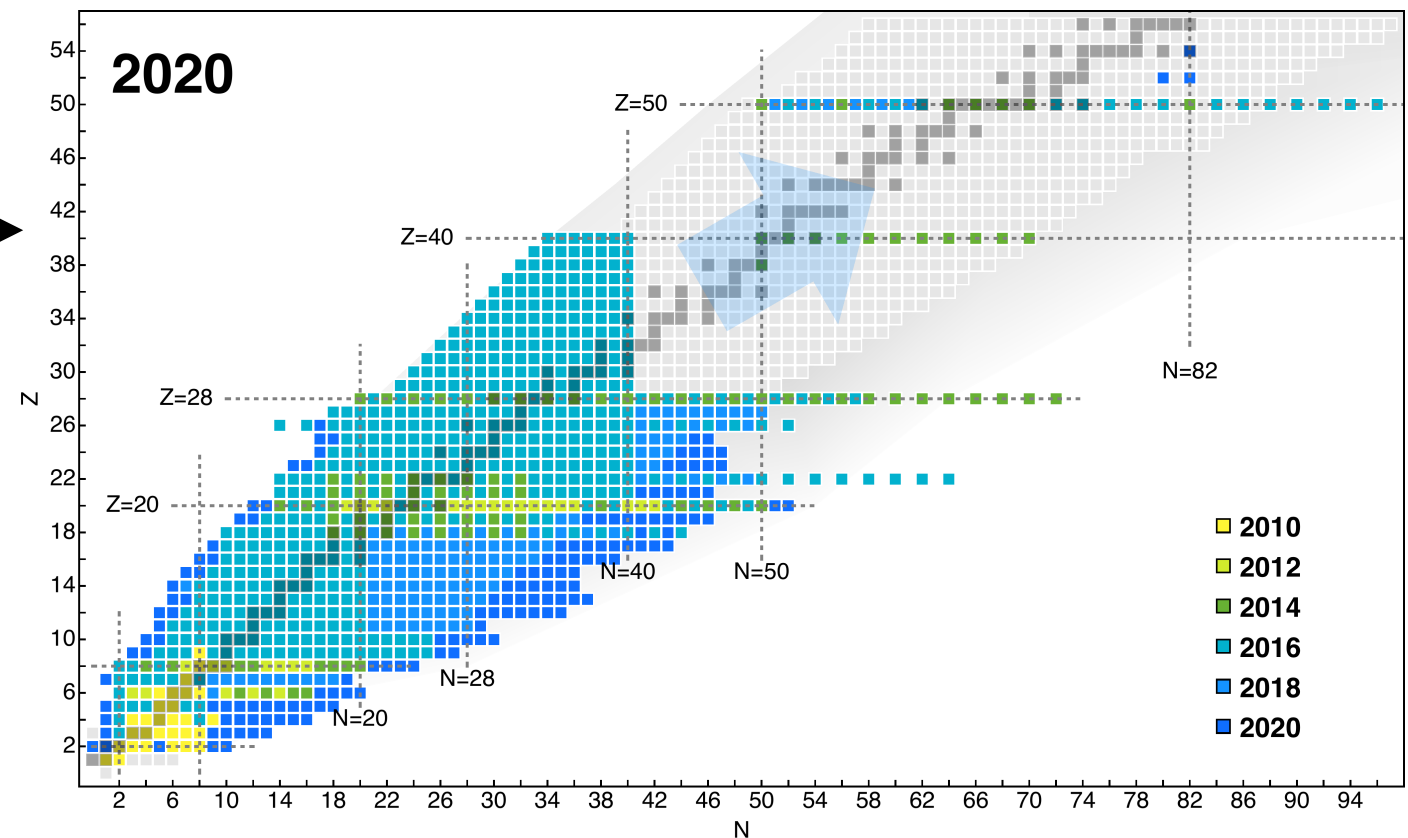
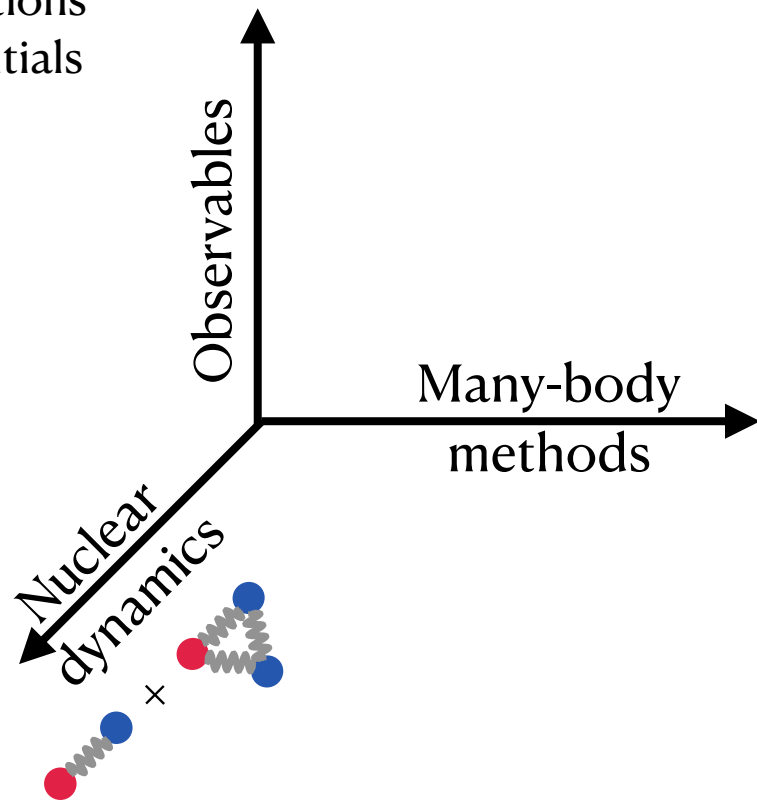


Mainz experimental program

# Motivation

## *Ab initio* approach

- ➔ Nuclear responses
- ➔ Spectral functions
- ➔ Optical potentials
- ...



H. Hergert, *Front.in Phys.* 8 (2020) 379

- ➔ Neutrinos challenge ab initio nuclear theory
- ➔ Controllable approximations within ab initial nuclear theory

# Coupled cluster method

Reference state (Hartree-Fock):  $|\Psi\rangle$

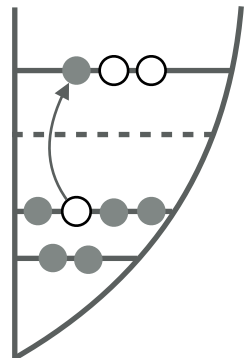
Include correlations through  $e^T$  operator

similarity transformed  
Hamiltonian (non-Hermitian)

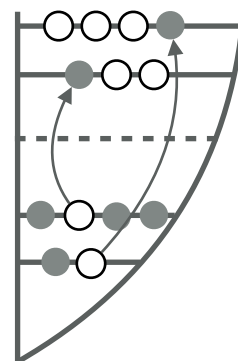
$$e^{-T} \mathcal{H} e^T |\Psi\rangle \equiv \bar{\mathcal{H}} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

Expansion:  $T = \sum t_a^i a_a^\dagger a_i + \sum t_{ab}^{ij} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_i a_j + \dots$

singles



doubles

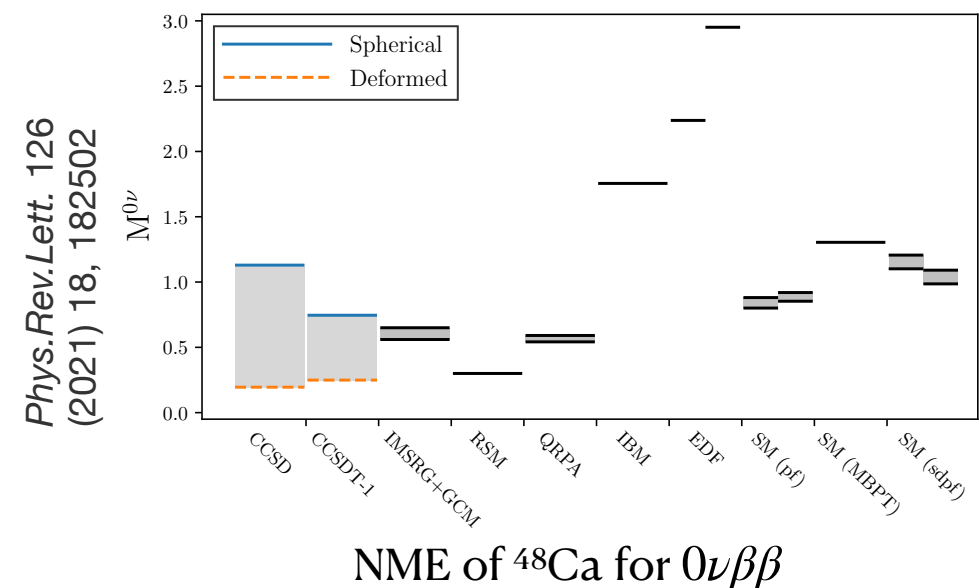
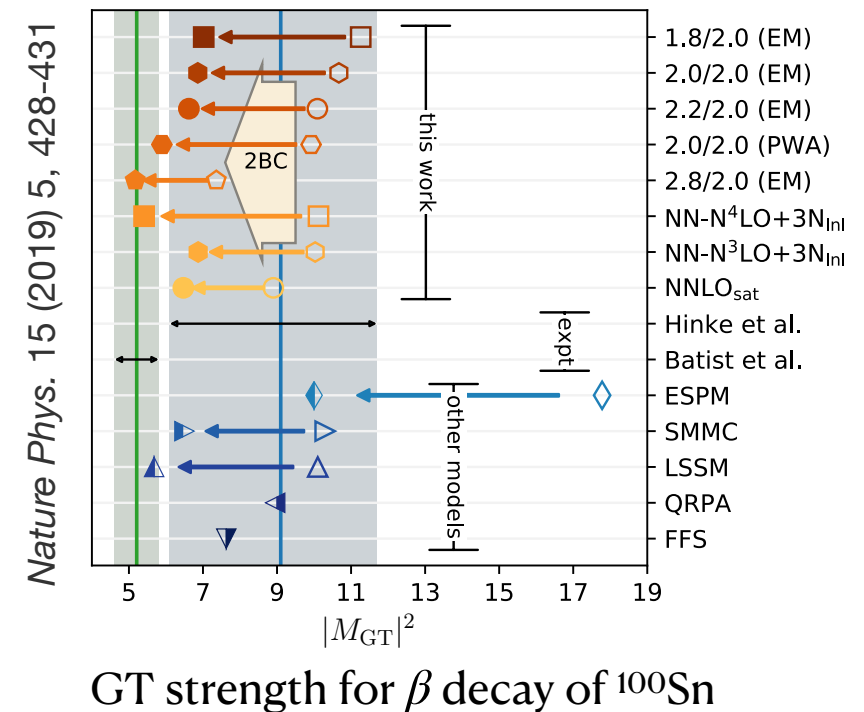


← coefficients obtained  
through coupled cluster  
equations



# Coupled cluster method

- ✓ Controlled approximation through truncation in  $T$
- ✓ Polynomial scaling with  $A$  (predictions for  $^{100}\text{Sn}$ ,  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ )
- ✓ Size extensive
- ✓ Works most efficiently for doubly magic nuclei



# Nuclear hamiltonian

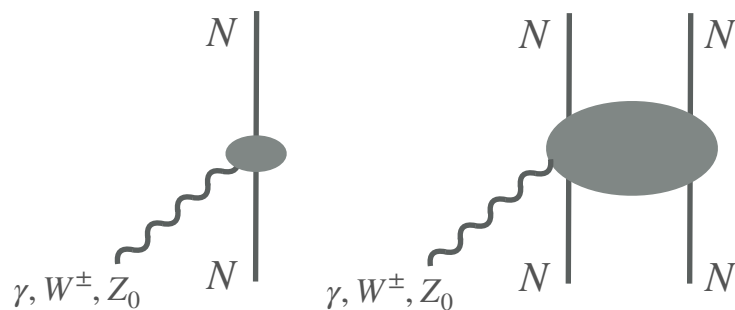
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i<j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i<j<k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

		2N force	3N force	4N force
$n = 0$	LO			
$n = 2$	NLO			
$n = 3$	N2LO			
$n = 4$	N3LO			

- ✓ Chiral Hamiltonians exploiting chiral symmetry (QCD);  $\pi, N, (\Delta)$  degrees of freedom
- ✓ counting scheme in  $\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda}\right)^n$
- ✓ low energy constants (LEC) fit to data
- ✓ uncertainty assessment

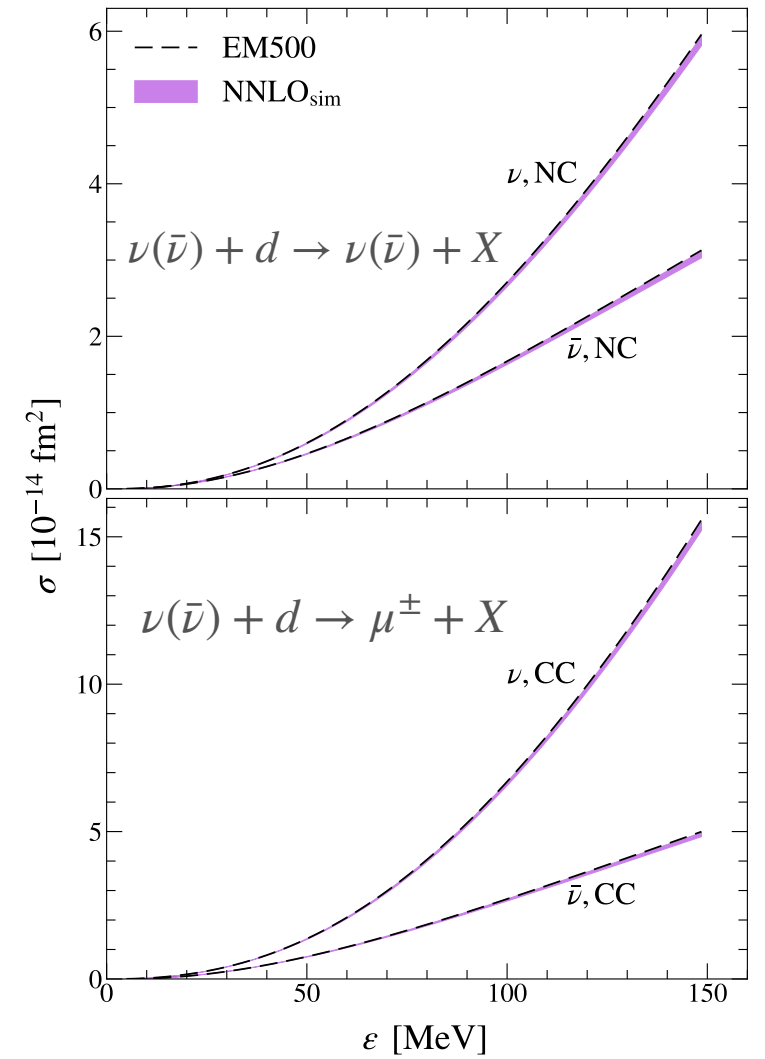
# Electroweak currents

$$J = \sum_i J_i + \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} + \dots$$



known to give significant contribution for neutrino-nucleus scattering

Current decomposition into multipoles needed for various *ab initio* methods: CC, No Core Shell Model, In-Medium Similarity Renormalization Group



Multipole decomposition for 1- and 2-body EW currents

# Ab initio nuclear theory for neutrinos

Nuclear chiral Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

- order of expansion
- low energy constants fit to data

Electroweak currents

$$J^\mu = (\rho, \vec{j})$$

- order of expansion
- 2-body currents important

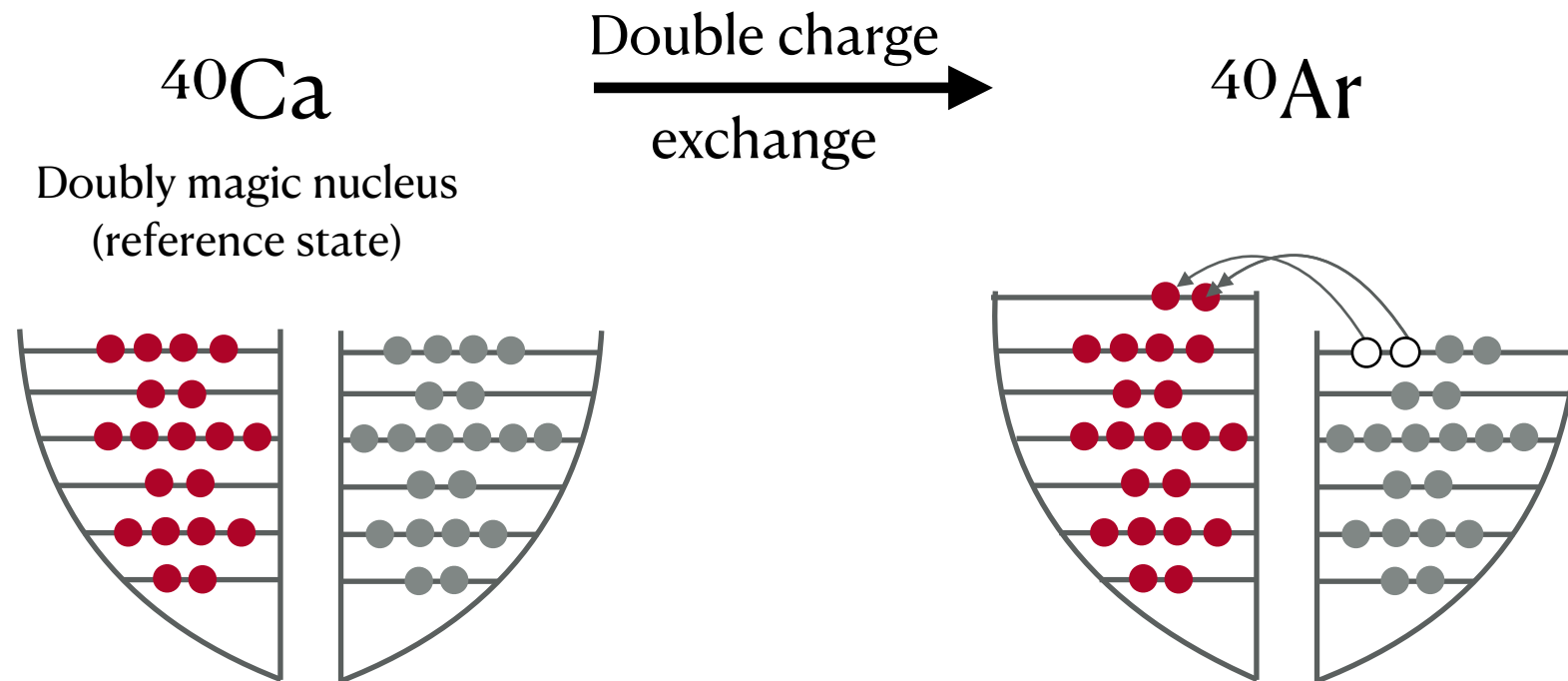
Coupled cluster method

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle \Psi_m | J_\mu | \Psi_n \rangle$$

- truncation in correlations
- model space dependence

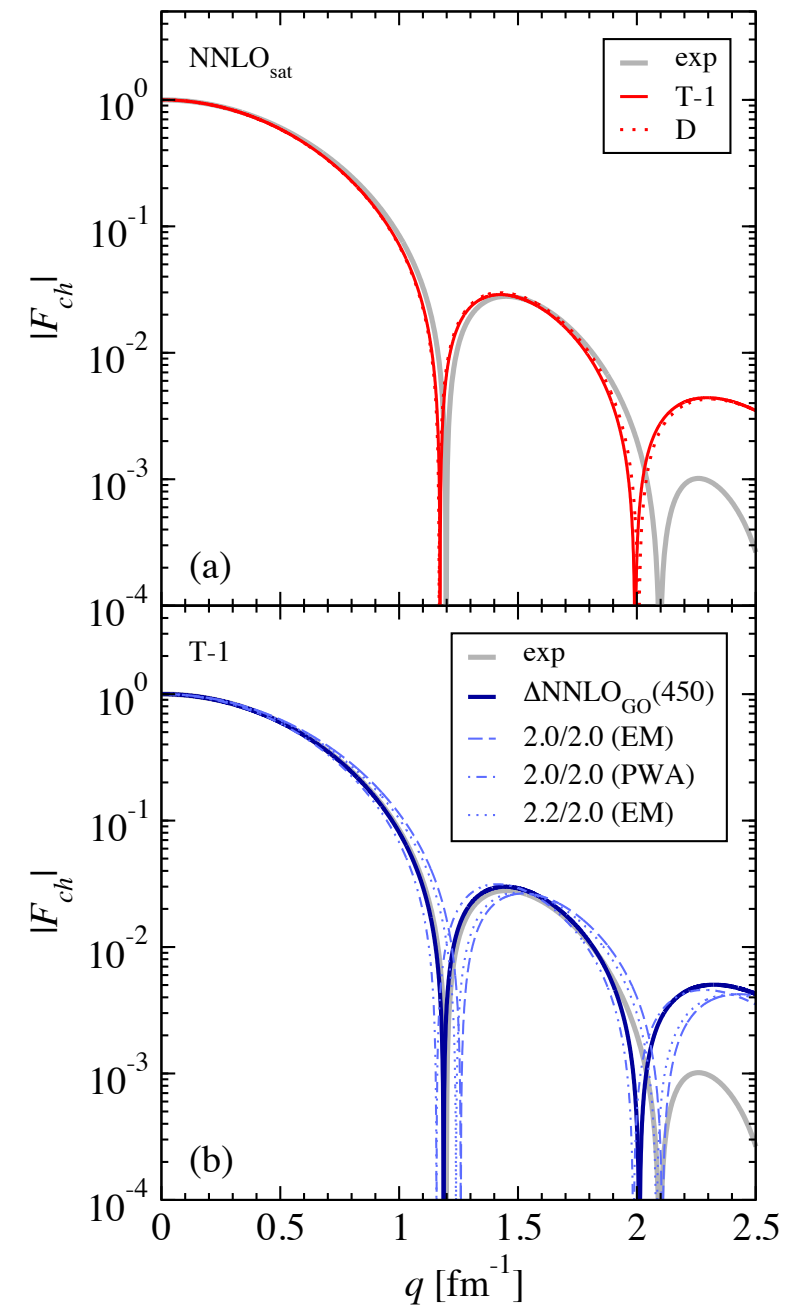
# CEvNS

## $^{40}\text{Ar}$ within coupled cluster theory

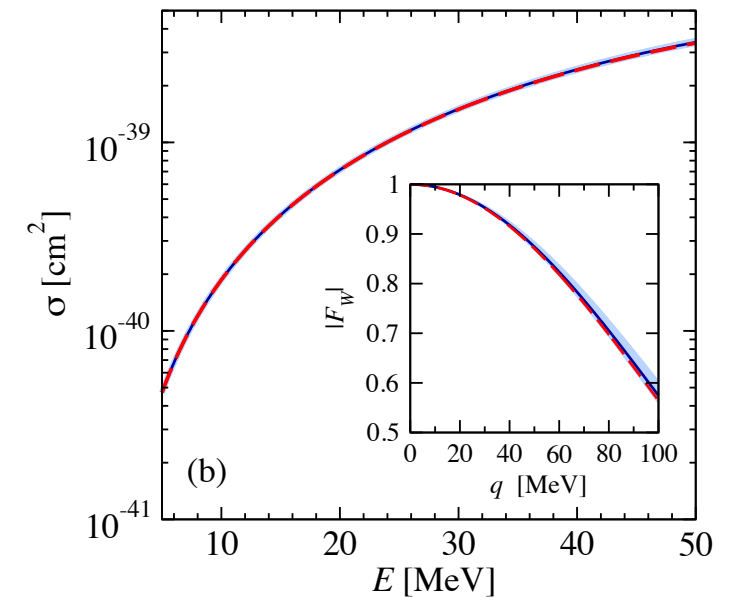
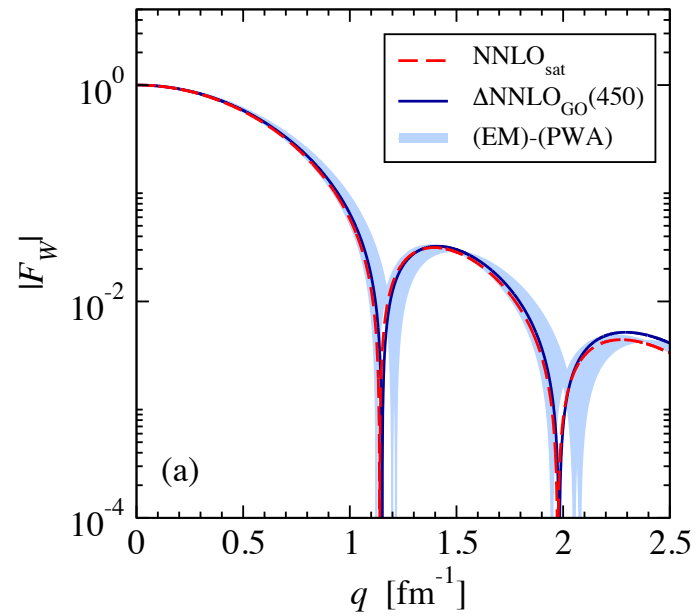


Uncertainties:

- ✓ Coupled-cluster truncations (CCSD & CCSDT1)
- ✓ Nuclear Hamiltonian dependence
- ✓ Model space



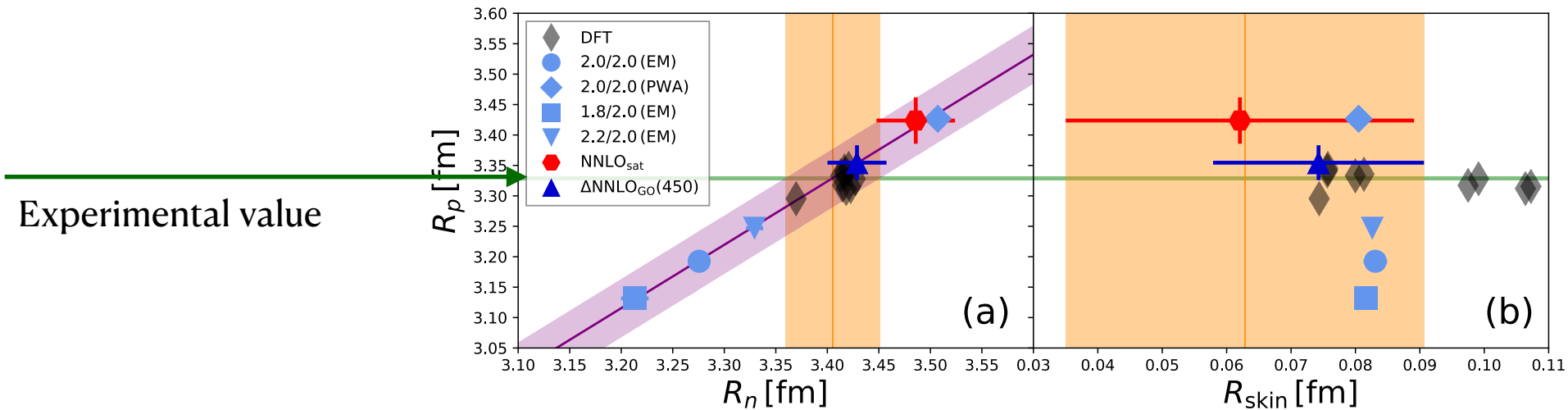
# CEvNS



$$F_W(q^2) = \frac{1}{Q_W} \left[ N F_n(q^2) - (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) Z F_p(q^2) \right]$$

$$Q_W = N - (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) Z$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}(E_\nu, T) \approx \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} M \left[ 1 - \frac{MT}{2E\nu^2} Q_W^2 F_W^2(q^2) \right]$$

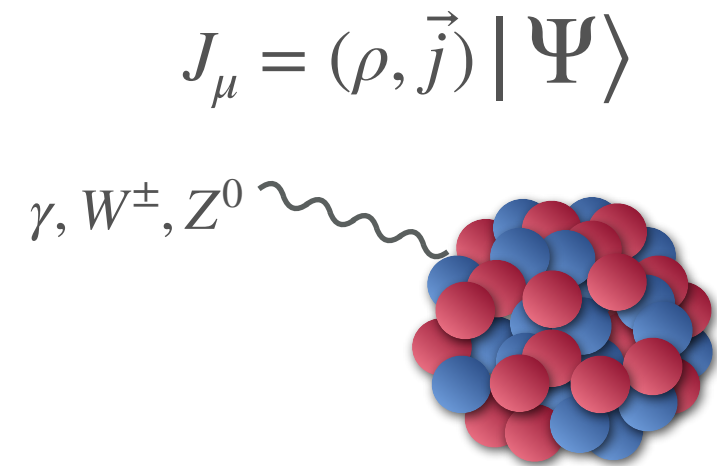
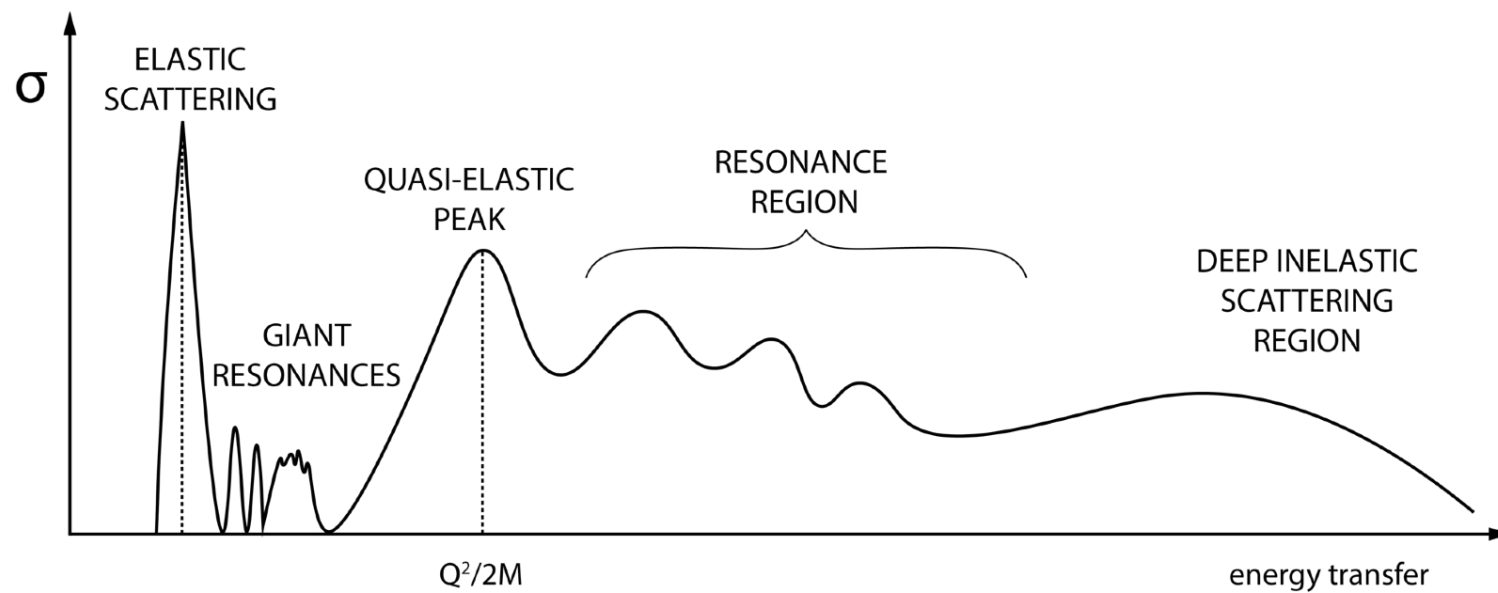


$R_p, R_n$  correlated  $\rightarrow$  less variation of neutron-skin thickness



# Inelastic responses

# Nuclear response



$$\sigma \propto L^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}$$

lepton tensor      nuclear responses

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

# Electrons for neutrinos

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega dq} \right|_{\nu/\bar{\nu}} = \sigma_0 \left( v_{CC} R_{CC} + v_{CL} R_{CL} + v_{LL} R_{LL} + v_T R_T \pm v_{T'} R_{T'} \right)$$

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

- ✓ much more precise data
- ✓ we can get access to  $R_L$  and  $R_T$  separately (Rosenbluth separation)
- ✓ experimental programs of electron scattering in JLab, MAMI, MESA

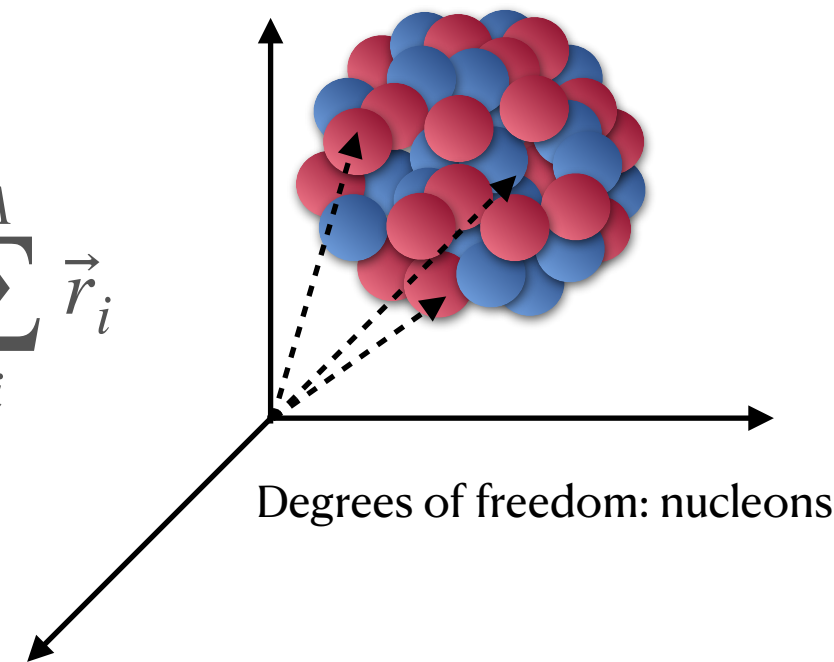
# Coulomb sum rule

$$m_0(q) = \int d\omega R_L(\omega, q) = \sum_{f \neq 0} |\langle \Psi_f | \hat{\rho} | \Psi \rangle|^2 = \langle \Psi | \hat{\rho}^\dagger \hat{\rho} | \Psi \rangle - |F_{el}(q)|^2$$

easier to calculate since we do not need  $|\Psi_f\rangle$

center of mass problem

$|\Psi\rangle$  has  $3A$  coordinates  $\rightarrow$   $3(A-1)$  <sup>intrinsic</sup> coordinates +  $\vec{R} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_i^A \vec{r}_i$



With translationally non-invariant operators we may excite spurious states

# Coulomb sum rule

Project out spurious states:  $\hat{\rho} |\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_{phys}\rangle + |\Psi_{spur}\rangle$

It has been shown that to good approximation the ground state factorizes:

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_I\rangle |\Psi_{CoM}\rangle$$

center of mass wave  
function is a Gaussian

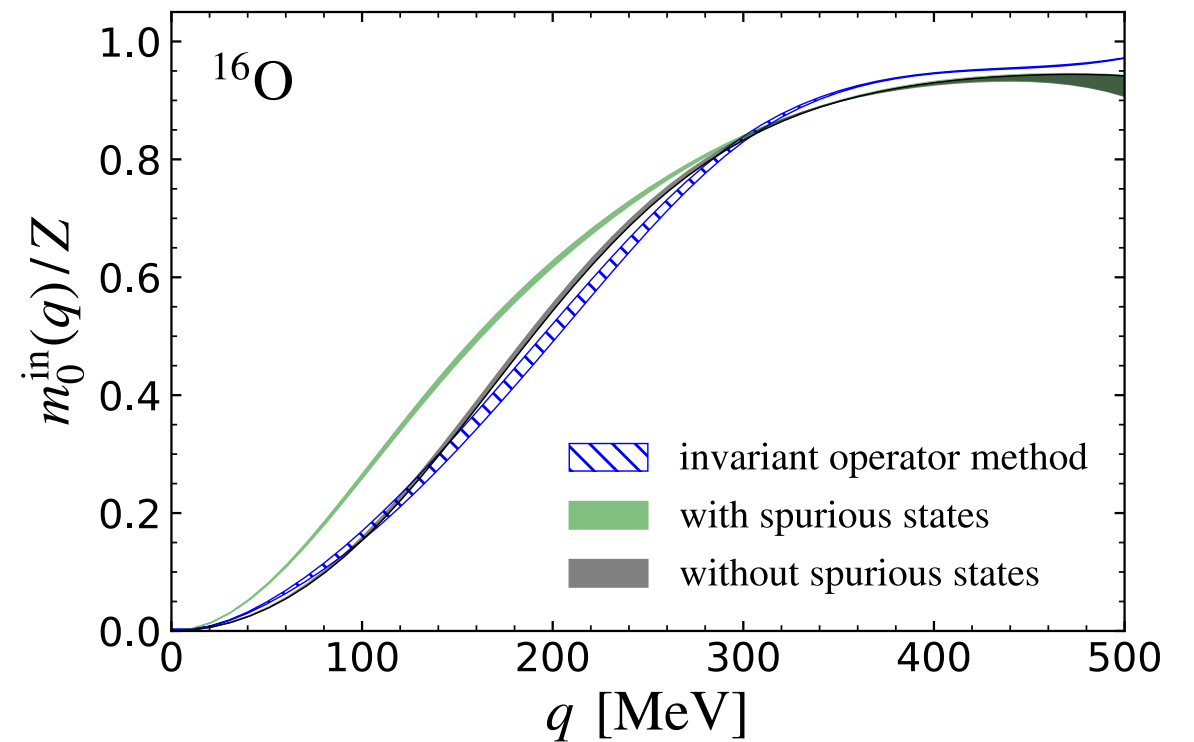
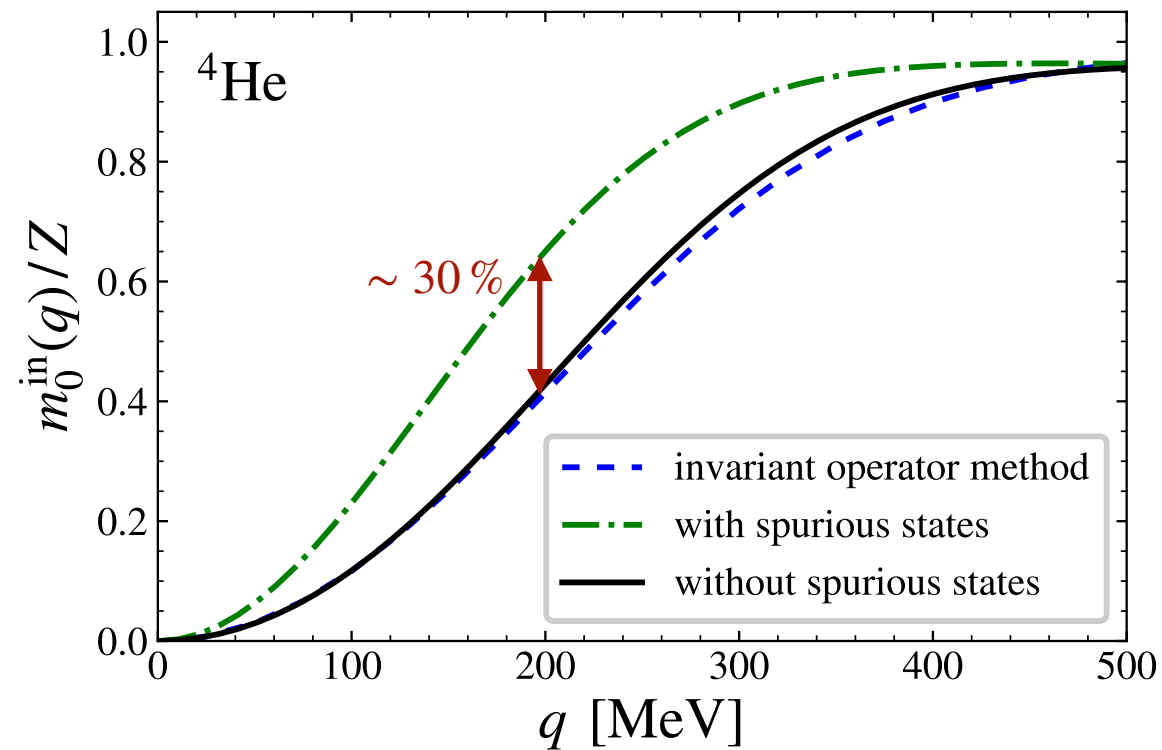
G. Hagen, T. Papenbrock, D. Dean  
*Phys.Rev.Lett.* 103 (2009) 062503

We follow a similar ansatz for the excited states:

$$\hat{\rho} |\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_I^{exc}\rangle |\Psi_{CoM}\rangle + |\Psi_I\rangle \cancel{|\Psi_{CoM}^{exc}\rangle}$$

spurious

# Coulomb sum rule



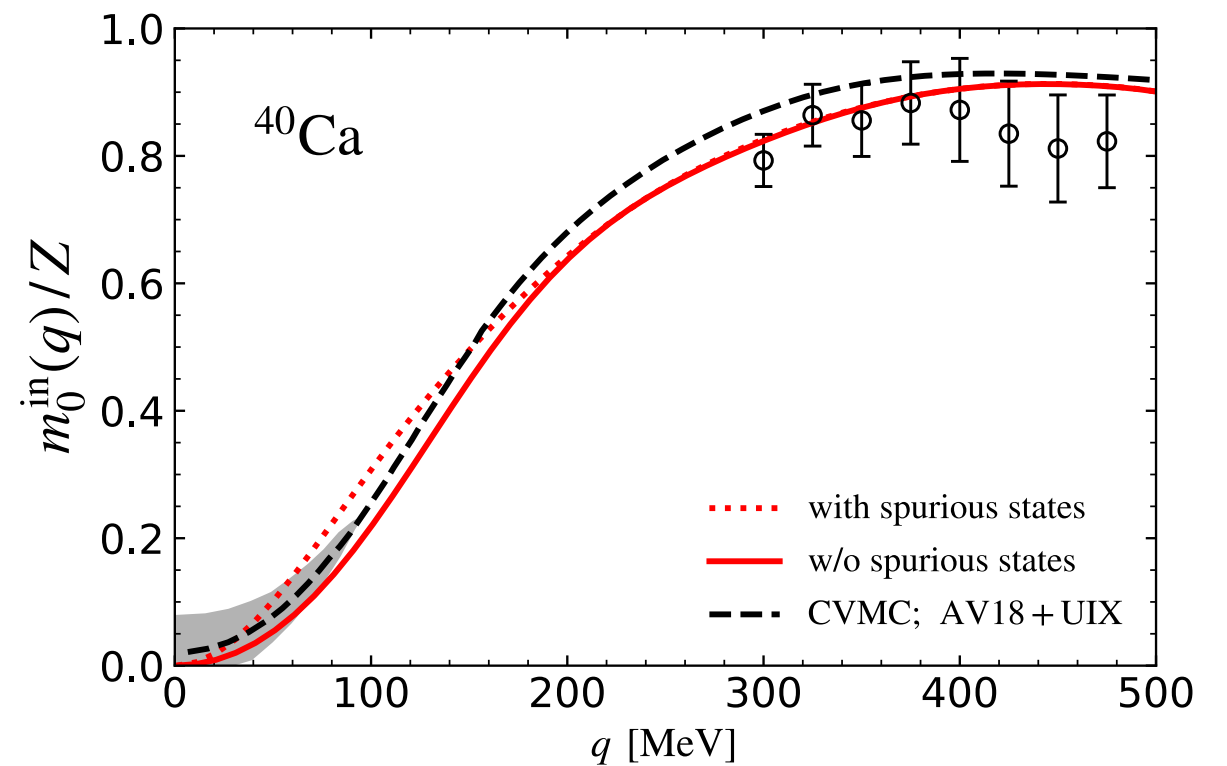
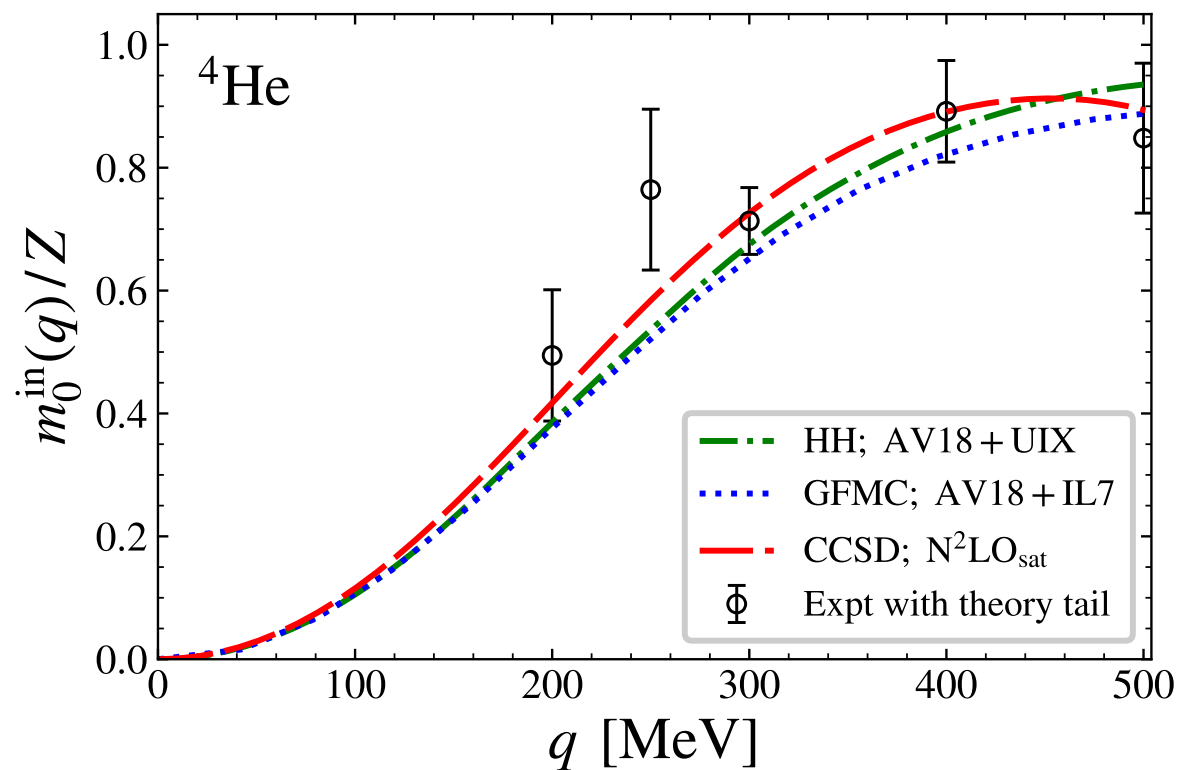
J.E.S. B. Acharya, S. Bacca, G. Hagen  
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CoM spurious states dominate for light nuclei

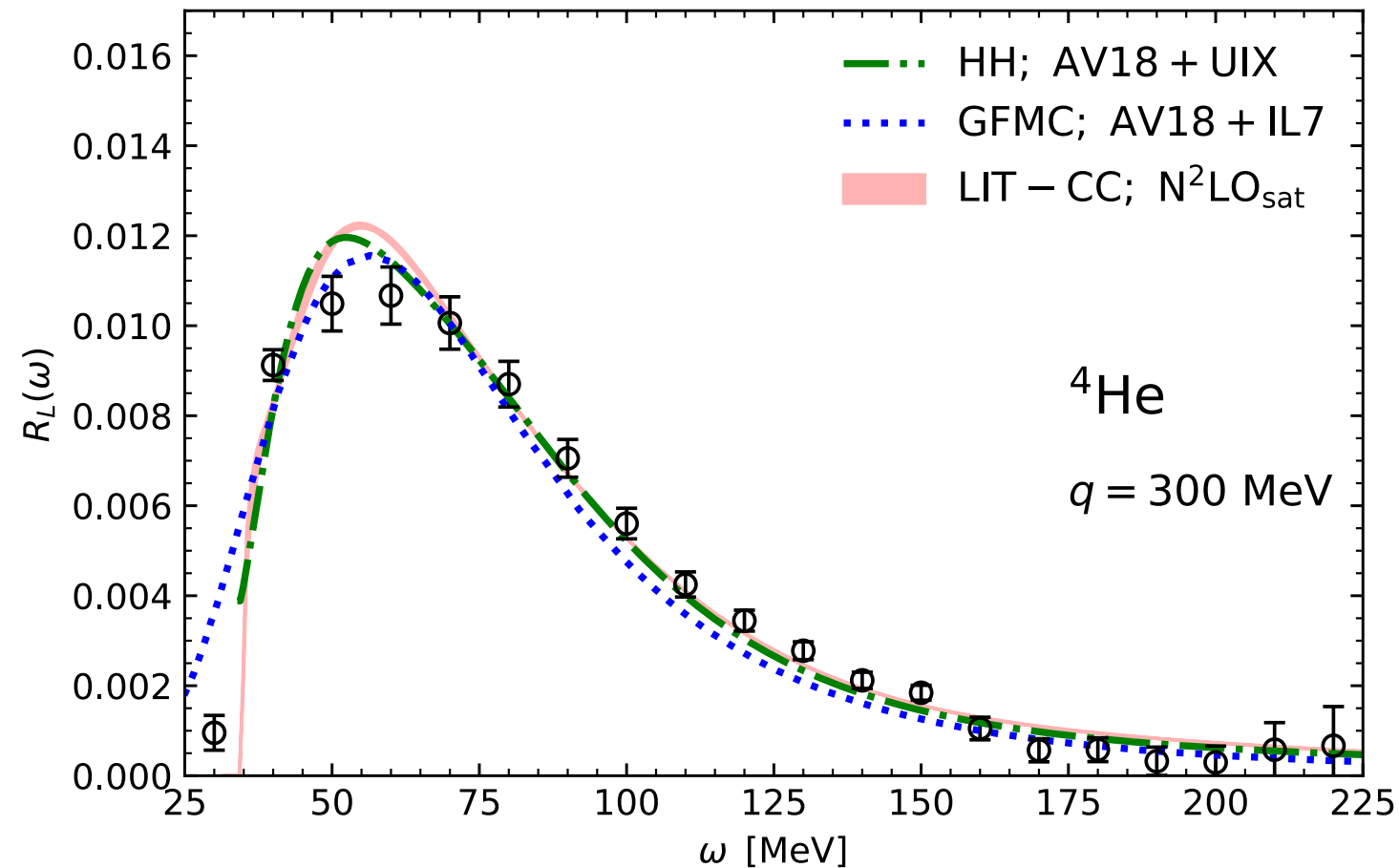


# Coulomb sum rule

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# Longitudinal response



JES, B. Acharya, S. Bacca, G. Hagen; *PRL* 127 (2021) 7, 072501

Uncertainty band: inversion procedure

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

# Lorentz Integral Transform (LIT)

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

continuum spectrum

Integral  
transform

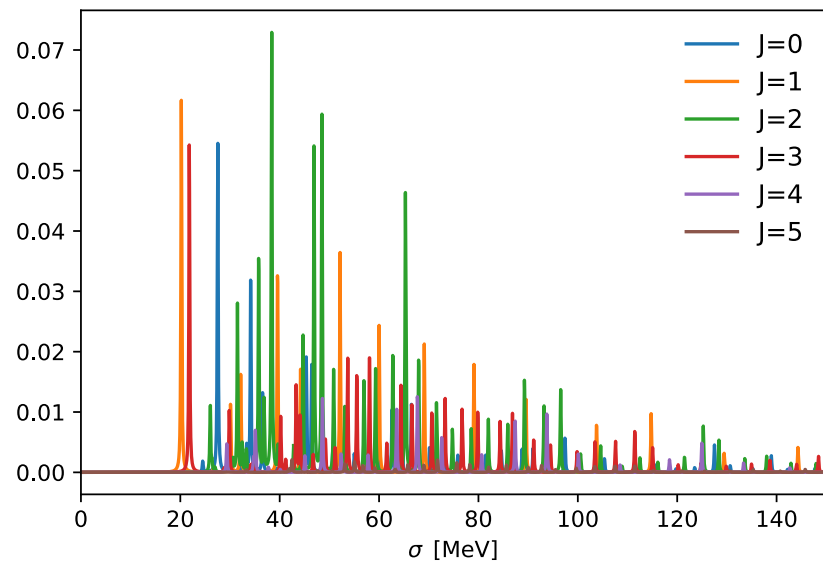
$$S_{\mu\nu}(\sigma, q) = \int d\omega K(\omega, \sigma) R_{\mu\nu}(\omega, q) = \langle \Psi | J_\mu^\dagger K(\mathcal{H} - E_0, \sigma) J_\nu | \Psi \rangle$$

Lorentzian kernel:

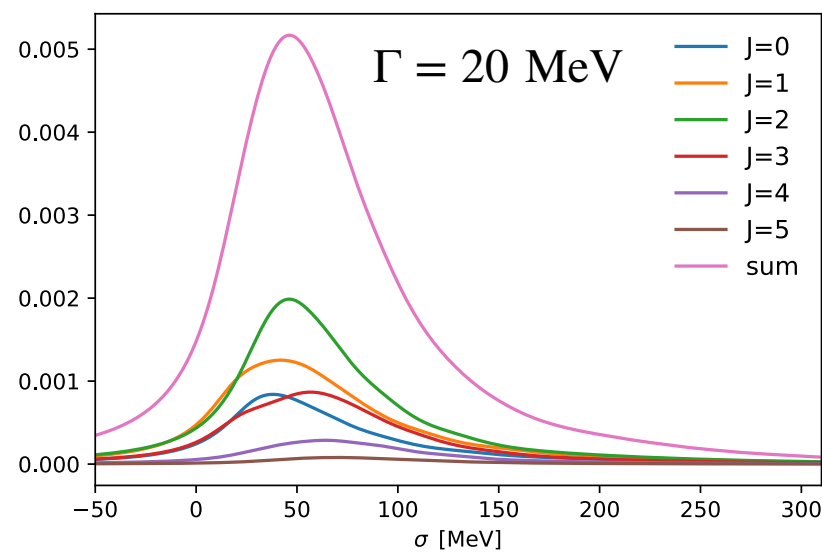
$$K_\Gamma(\omega, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma^2 + (\omega - \sigma)^2}$$

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

# Lorentz Integral Transform

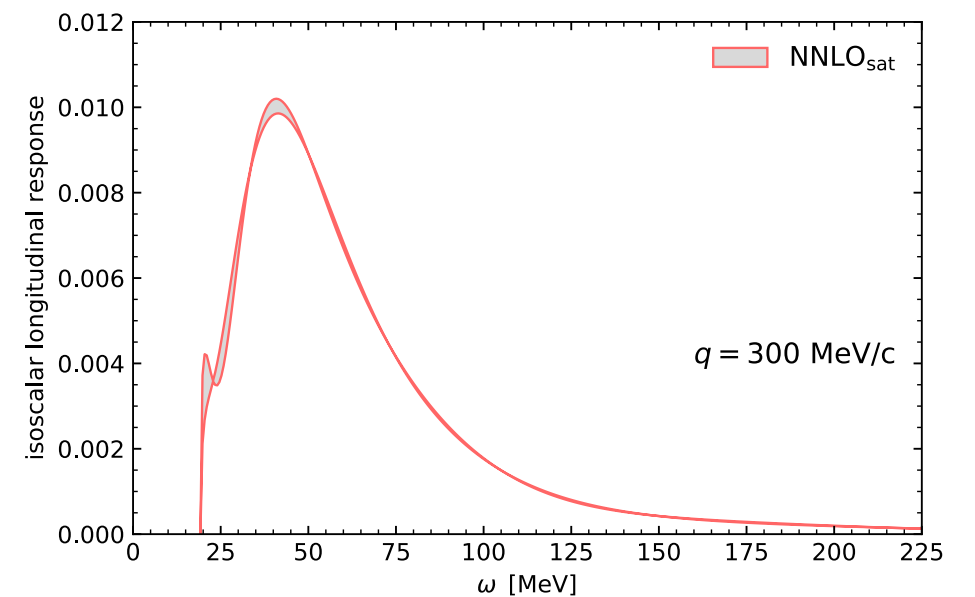


Integral transform

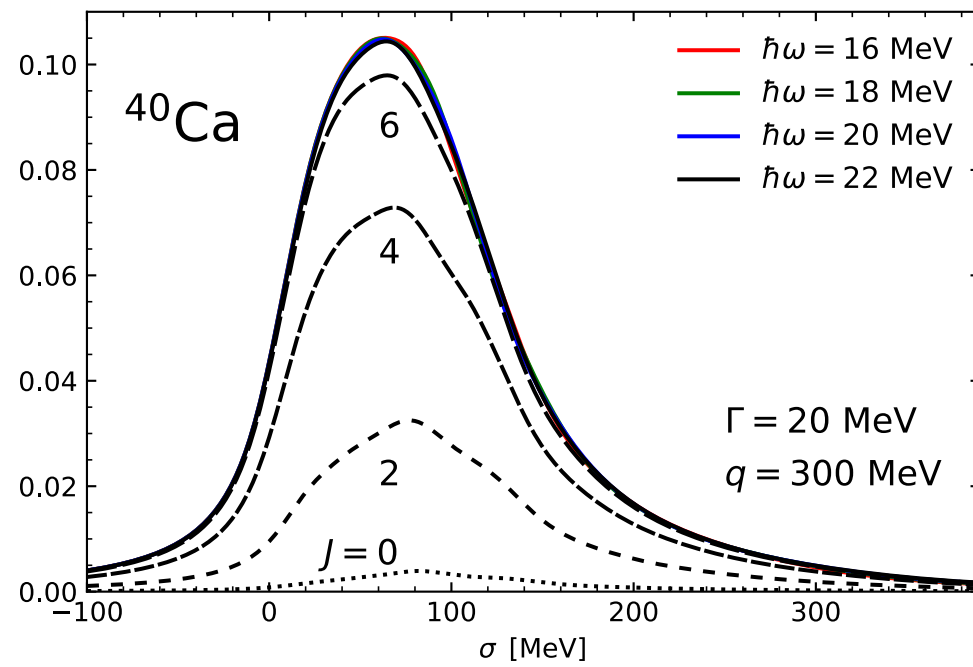


Inversion

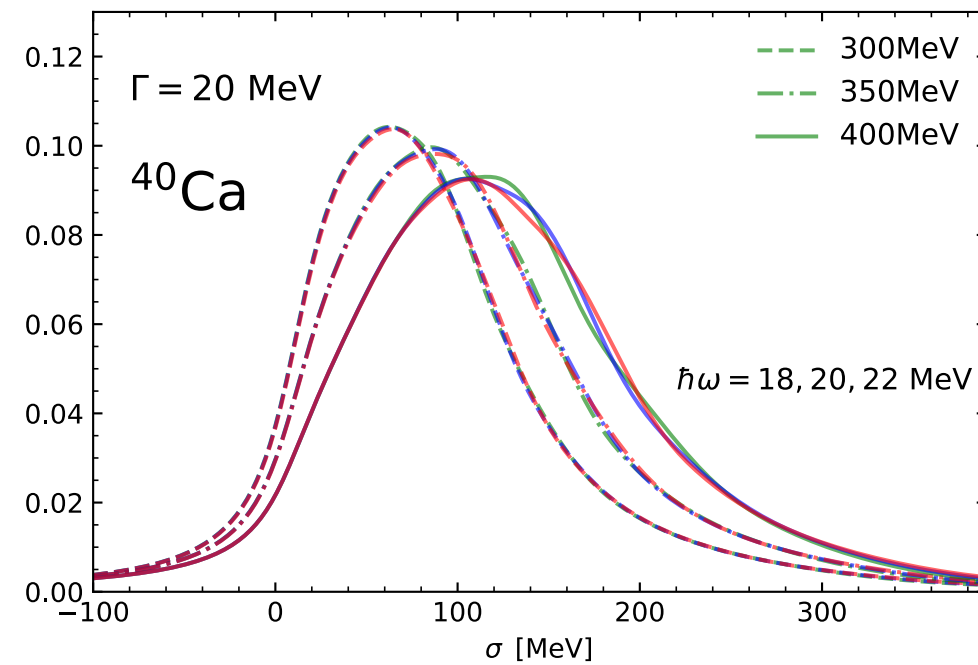
Longitudinal isoscalar  
response on  ${}^4\text{He}$   
at  $q=300$  MeV



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

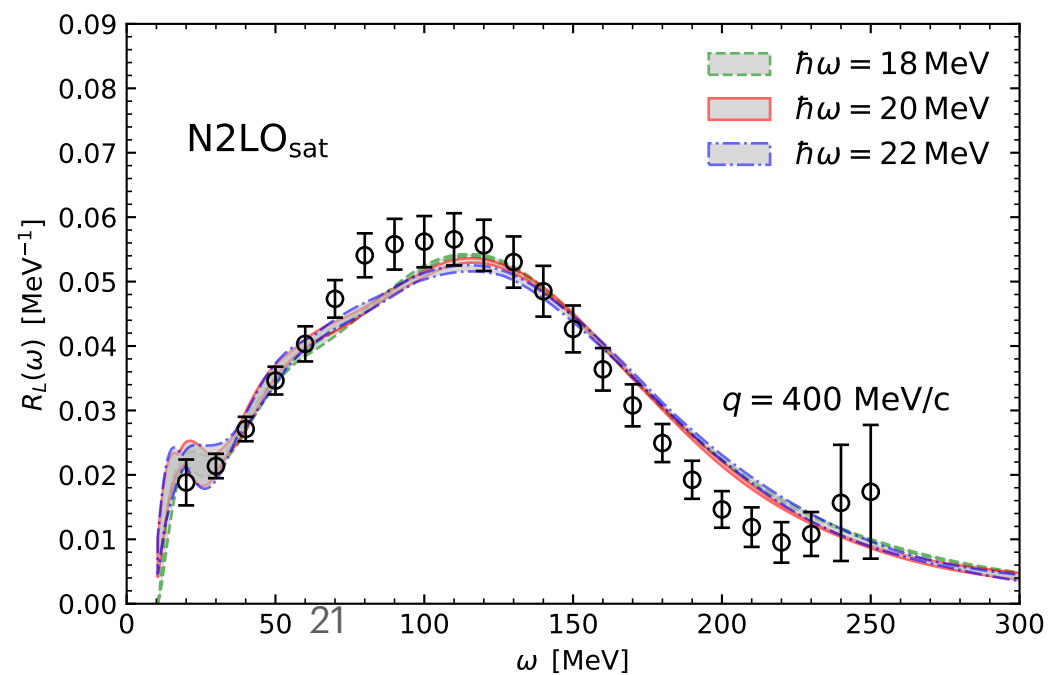


Sum over multipoles



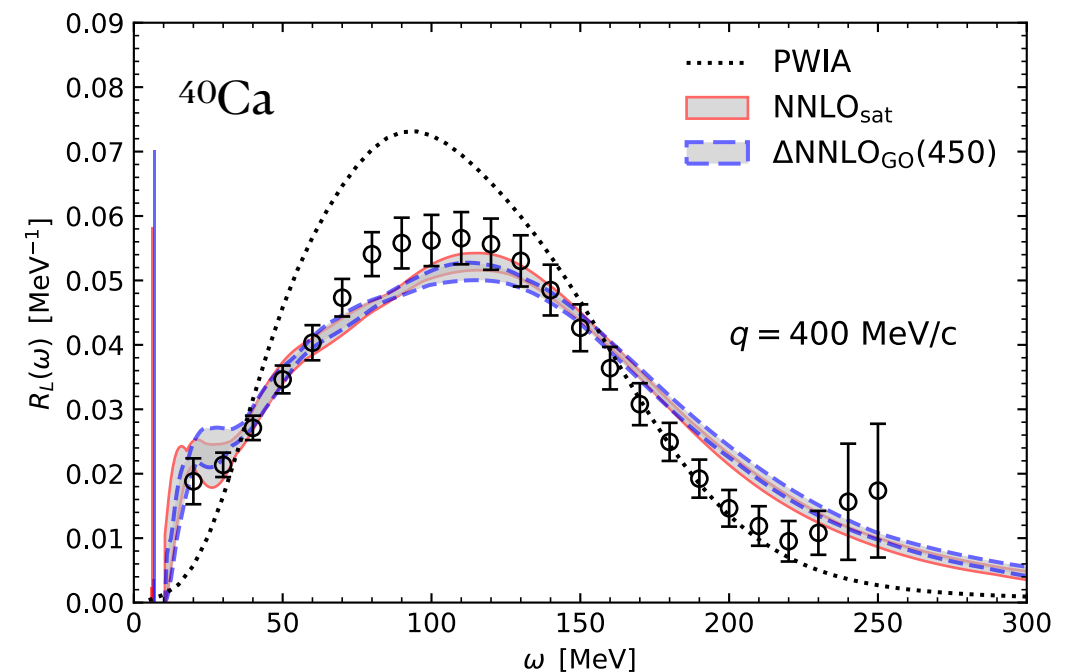
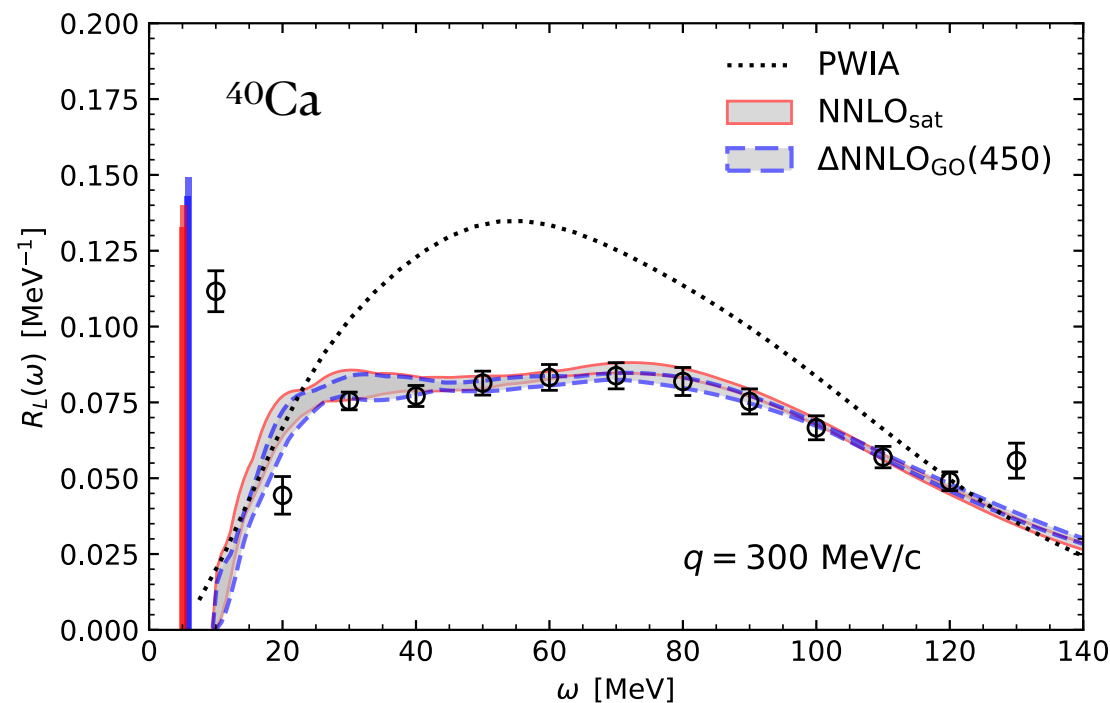
Underlying oscillator frequency

Inversion



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

## Lorentz Integral Transform + Coupled Cluster



JES, B. Acharya, S. Bacca, G. Hagen; *PRL* 127 (2021) 7, 072501

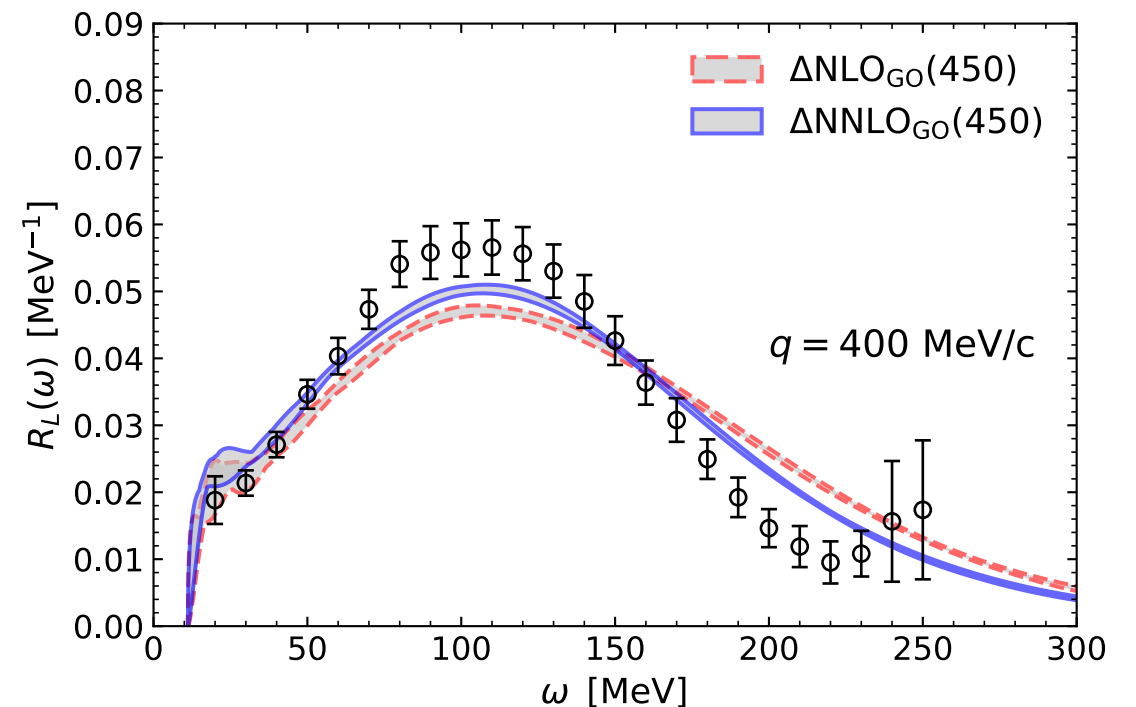
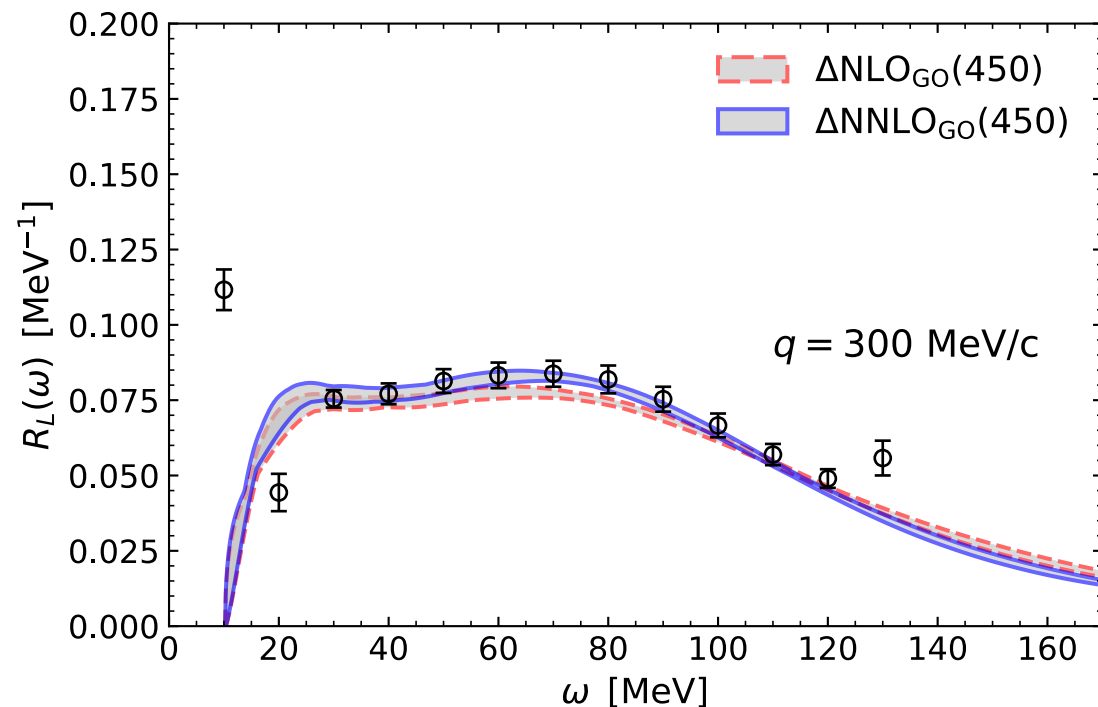
- ✓ CC singles & doubles
- ✓ varying underlying harmonic oscillator frequency
- ✓ two different chiral Hamiltonians
- ✓ *inversion procedure*

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



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

## (Longitudinal response)

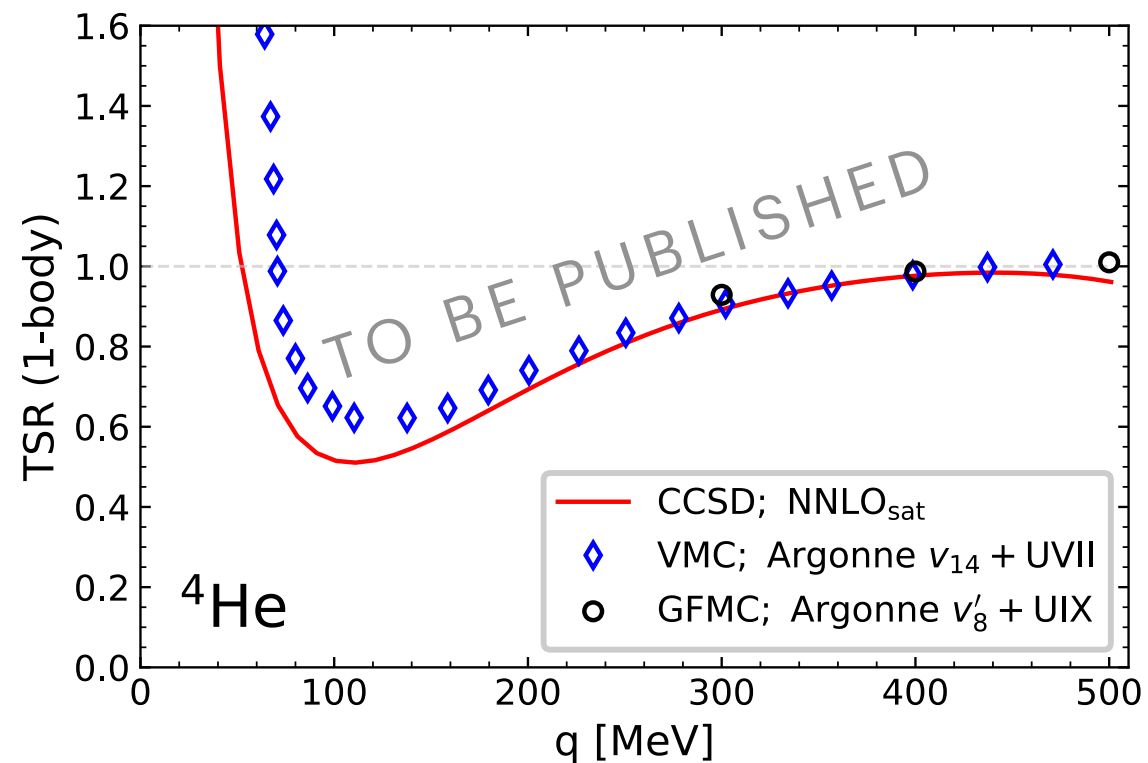


B. Acharya, S. Bacca, JES et al. arXiv 2210.04632

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

# Transverse response

$$\text{TSR}(q) = \frac{2m^2}{Z\mu_p^2 + N\mu_n^2} \frac{1}{q^2} \left( \langle \Psi | \hat{j}^\dagger \hat{j} | \Psi \rangle - |\langle \Psi | \hat{j} | \Psi \rangle|^2 \right)$$



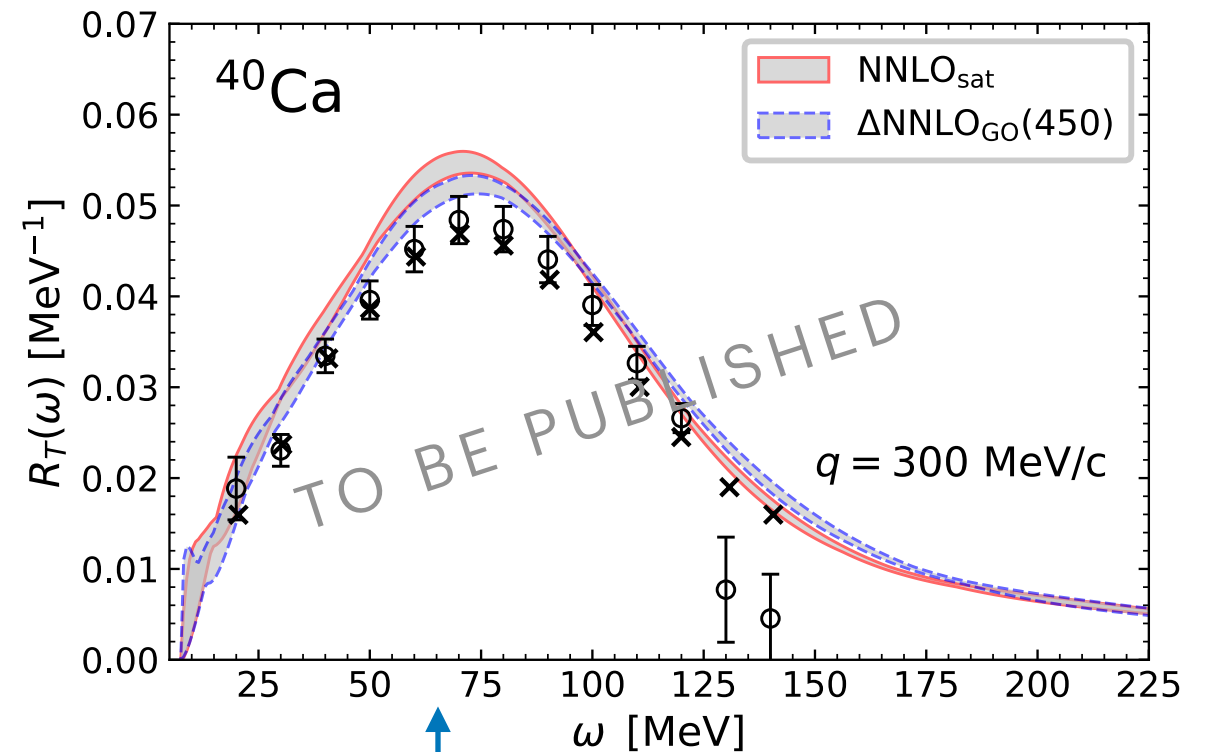
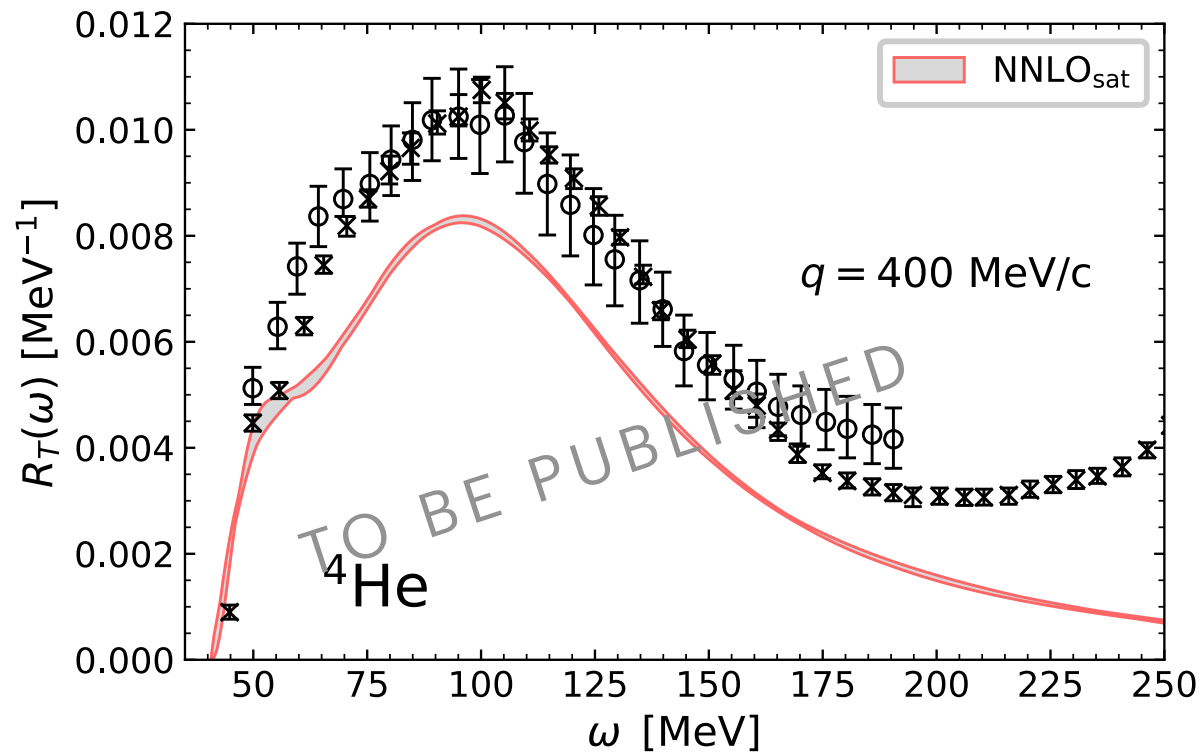
TSR( $q \rightarrow 0$ )  $\propto$  kinetic energy



TSR( $q \rightarrow \infty$ ) = 1

$$\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_i \frac{1}{2m} \epsilon_i \{ \mathbf{p}_i, e^{i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}_i} \} - \frac{i}{2m} \mu_i \mathbf{q} \times \sigma_i e^{i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}_i}$$

# Transverse response



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

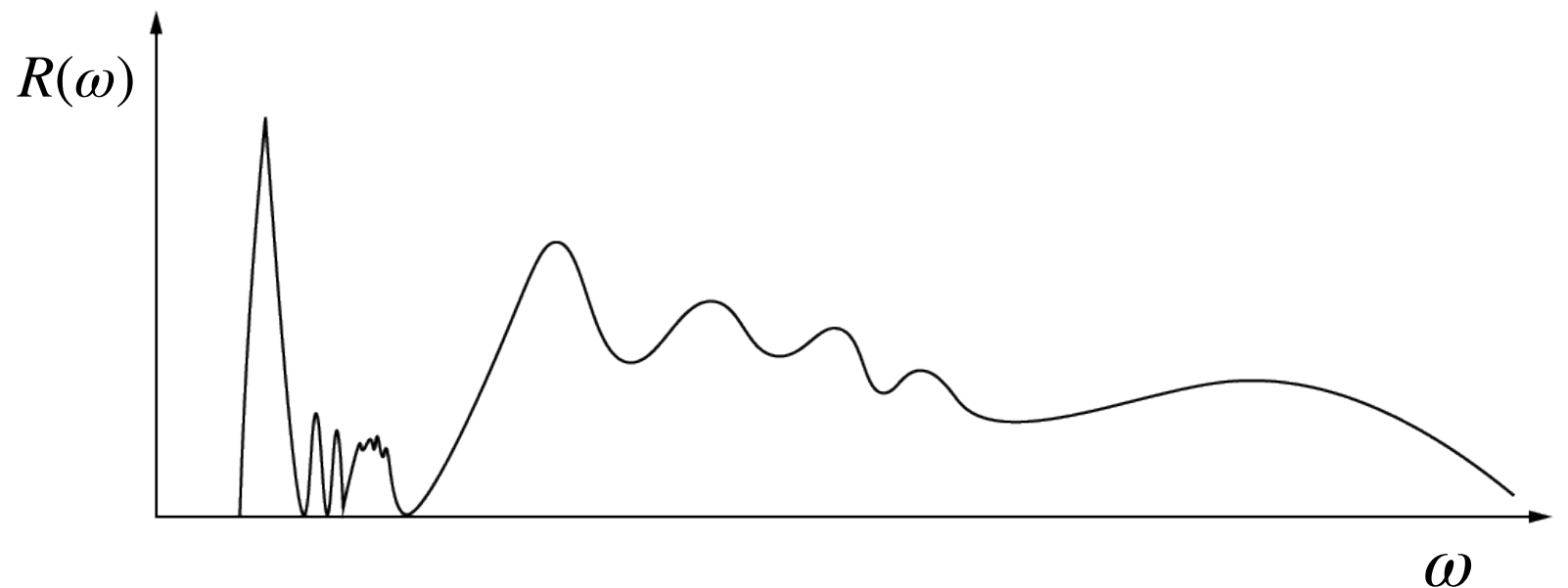
2-body currents important for <sup>4</sup>He  
 → more correlations needed?  
 → 2-b currents strength depends on nucleus?

# ChEK method

## Chebyshev Expansion of integral Kernel

$$\Phi = \int f(\omega)R(\omega)d\omega$$

- Sum-rules
- Flux folding
- Histogram
- ...



$$\Phi \approx \tilde{\Phi} = \int f(\omega') \int K(\omega', \omega)R(\omega)d\omega d\omega'$$

expansion in Chebyshev  
polynomials

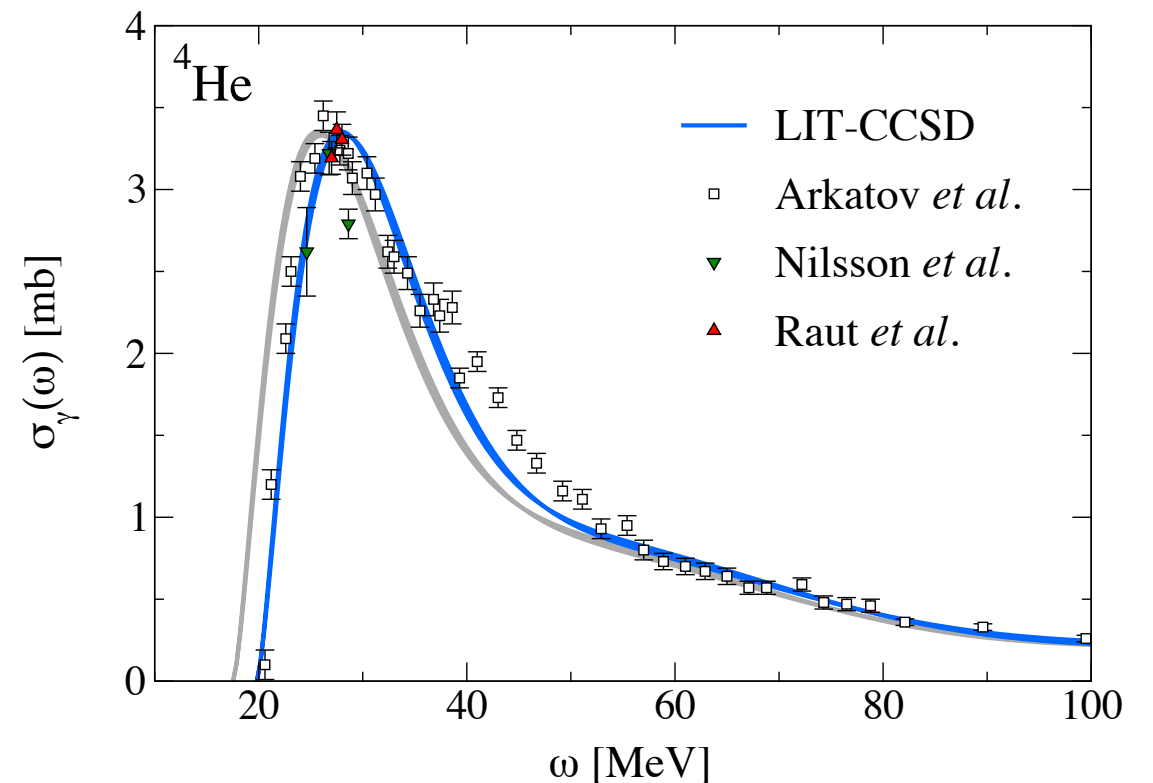
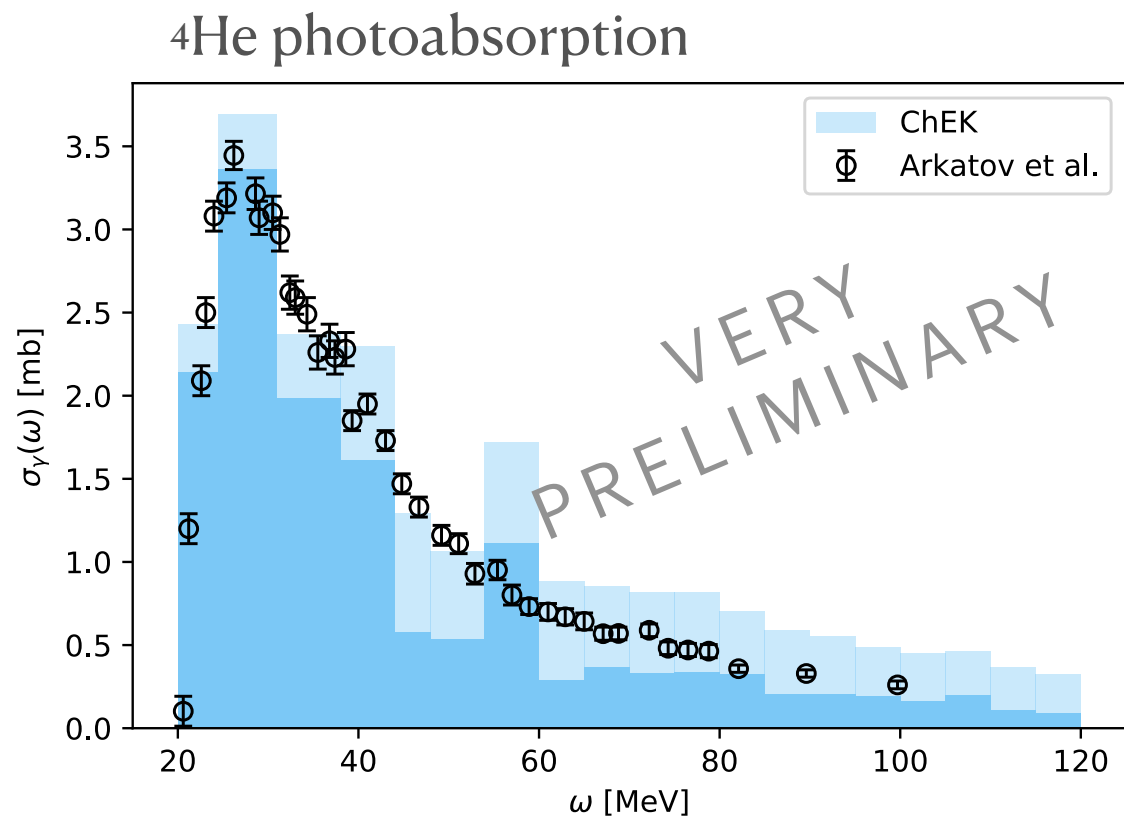
$$K(\omega, \sigma) = \sum_k c_k(\sigma)T_k(\omega)$$

estimated error

$$|\Phi - \tilde{\Phi}| < \epsilon$$

# ChEK method

## Chebyshev Expansion of integral Kernel

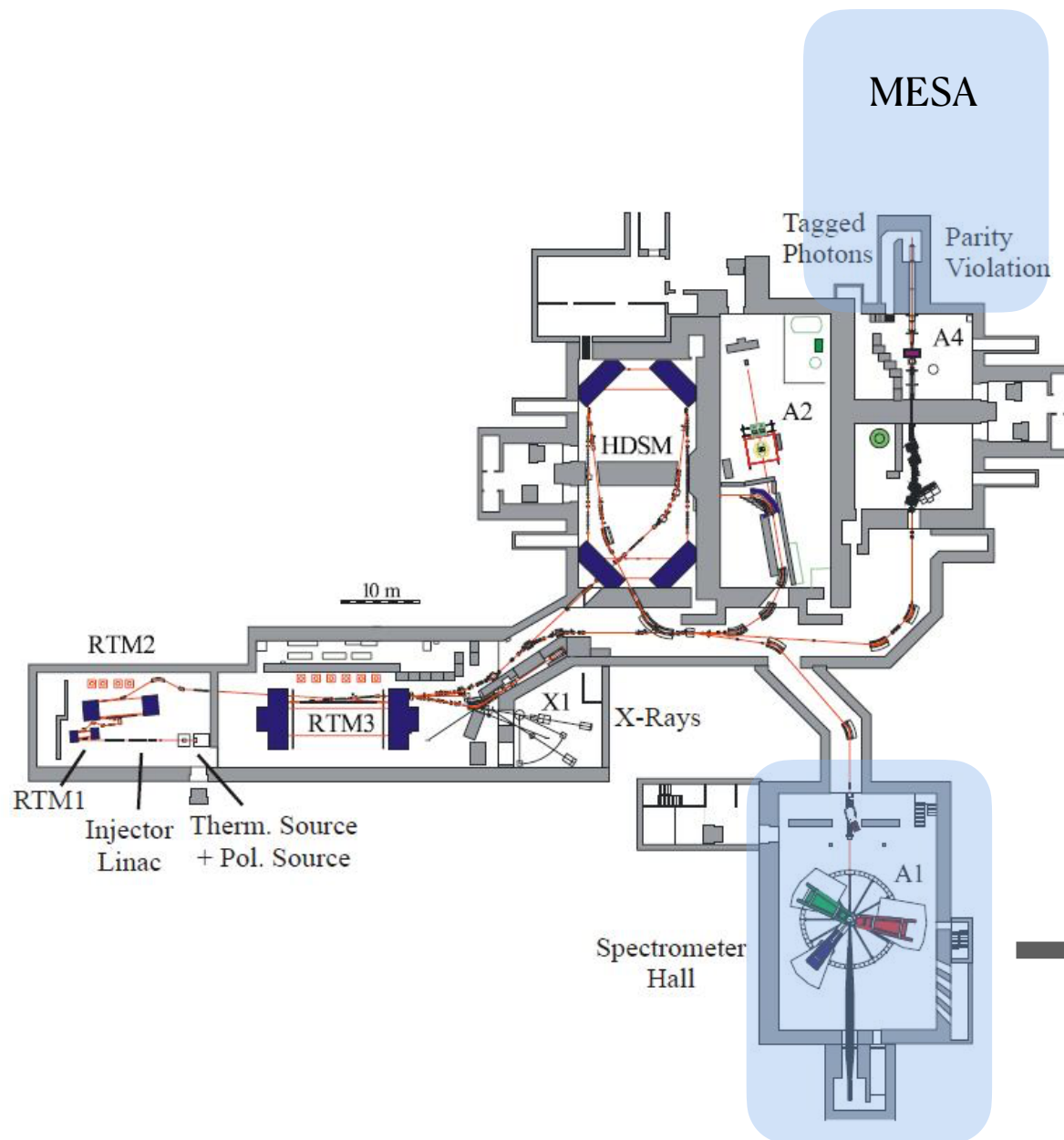


S. Bacca, N. Barnea, G. Hagen, G. Orlandini; *Phys.Rev.C* 90 (2014) 6

- ➔ No assumption about the shape of the response
- ➔ Rigorous error estimation
- ➔ Convenient when the response has a complicated structure

# Experimental opportunities

## MAMI – Mainz Microtron



**Mainz**  
**Energy-recovery**  
**Superconducting**  
**Accelerator**

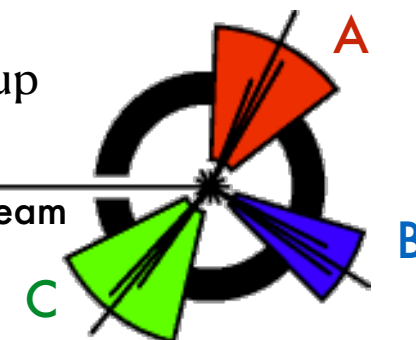
(Electron beam up to 155 MeV)

### Spectrometers

	A	B	C
Configuration	QSDD	D	QSDD
Max.Momentum (MeV)	735	870	551
Solid Angle (msr)	28	5,6	28
Mom. Resolution	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$
Pos. Res at Target (mm)	3-5	1	3-5

(Electron beam up to 1.6 GeV)

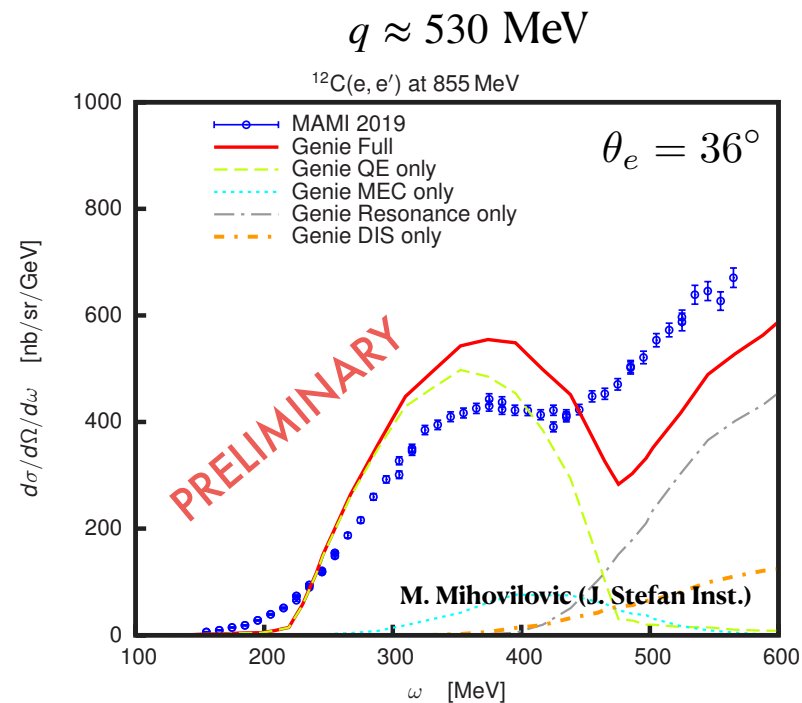
electron beam





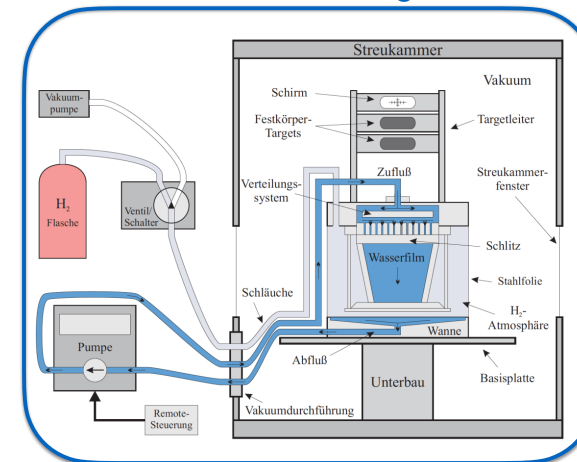
# Experimental opportunities

## MAMI – Mainz Microtron



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

Waterfall target



Cluster-jet Target



- Windowless target – background reduction
- Exclusive measurements possible

# Outlook

## Spectral functions (within Impulse Approximation):

- *Relativistic regime*
- *Semi-inclusive processes*
- *Further steps: 2-body spectral functions, accounting for FSI*

X-section measurements @MAMI A1

Studies of low-energy charge-current and neutral-current reactions (on  $^{16}\text{O}$ )

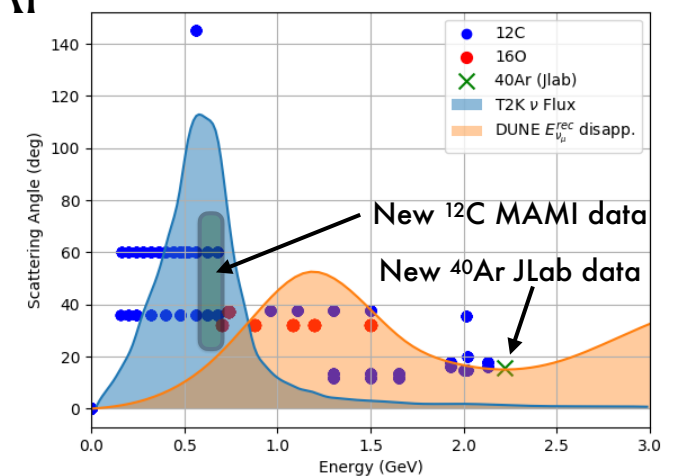
Future measurements @MESA

$q \gtrsim 500 \text{ MeV}$



Role of 2-body currents

Nuclei important for HK and DUNE:  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}$



$q \sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ MeV})$

**Thank you for attention**

**BACKUP**

# Nuclear Hamiltonian and currents

	$H_{NN}$	$H_{NNN}$	$V^0$	$\vec{V}$	$A^0$	$\vec{A}$
$(Q/A)^n$ :						
$(Q/A)^{n+1}$ :						
$(Q/A)^{n+2}$ :						
$(Q/A)^{n+3}$ :						

$$-\frac{1}{4} \frac{m}{g_A} \frac{c_D}{\Lambda} + \frac{c_3}{3} + \frac{2c_4}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = d_R$$

\*Nucleon-structure diagrams and relativistic corrections not shown

Author: Bijaya Acharya

# Details on inversion procedure

- Basis functions

$$R_L(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i \omega^{n_0} e^{-\frac{\omega}{\beta_i}}$$

- Stability of the inversion procedure:
  - Vary the parameters  $n_0$ ,  $\beta_i$  and number of basis functions  $N$  (6-9)
  - Use LITs of various width  $\Gamma$  (5, 10, 20 MeV)

# Lorentz integral transform

$$L(\sigma) = \int \frac{R(\omega)}{(\omega - \sigma)^2 + \Gamma^2} d\omega = \int \frac{R(\omega)}{(\omega + \tilde{\sigma}^*)(\omega + \tilde{\sigma})} d\omega$$

$$L(\sigma) = \int d\omega \sum_f \langle \Psi_0 | \rho^\dagger \frac{1}{\omega + \tilde{\sigma}^*} | \Psi_f \rangle \langle \Psi_f | \frac{1}{\omega + \tilde{\sigma}} \rho | \Psi_0 \rangle \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f)$$

$$L(\sigma) = \sum_f \langle \Psi_0 | \rho^\dagger \frac{1}{E_f - E_0 + \tilde{\sigma}^*} | \Psi_f \rangle \langle \Psi_f | \frac{1}{E_f - E_0 + \tilde{\sigma}} \rho | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

$$L(\sigma) = \sum_f \langle \Psi_0 | \rho^\dagger \frac{1}{H - E_0 + \tilde{\sigma}^*} | \Psi_f \rangle \langle \Psi_f | \frac{1}{H - E_0 + \tilde{\sigma}} \rho | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

$$\langle \tilde{\Psi} | \quad | \tilde{\Psi} \rangle$$

We need to solve

$$(H - E_0 + \tilde{\sigma}) | \tilde{\Psi} \rangle = \rho | \Psi \rangle$$

Schrodinger-like equation