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# Emulators for nuclear physics across energy scales



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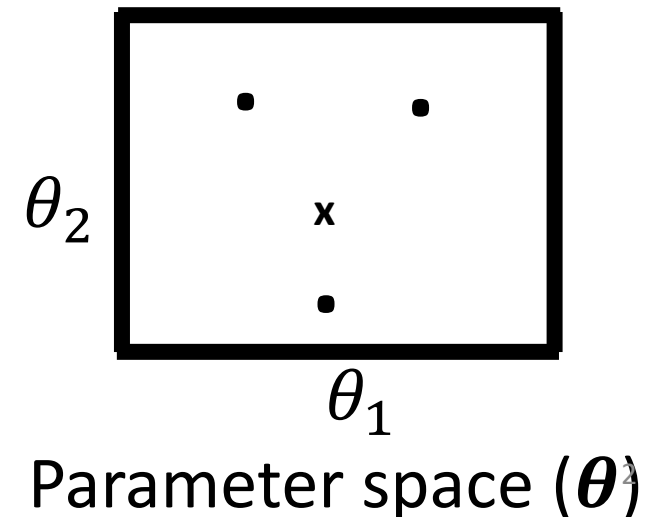
*Intersection of nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions, Feb. 2023, Seattle, WA*

# Outline

- Two main types of emulators: projection-based and data-driven
- Data-driven emulators in heavy-ion collision physics
- Projection-based emulators in low-energy nuclear physics and hadronic physics
- Relevance for connecting nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions?

Emulator (surrogate model) enables fast and accurate interpolation and extrapolation of model **outputs** in the **input** parameter space

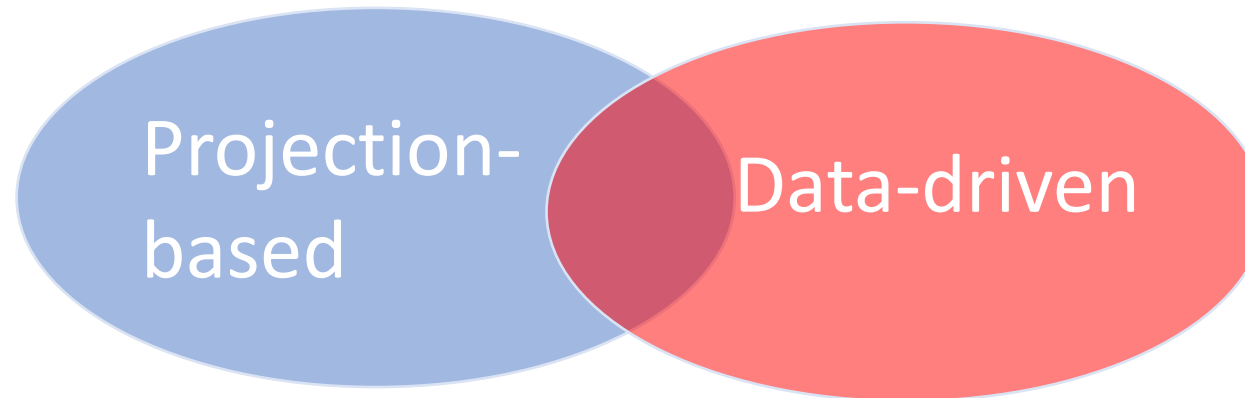
- Model calibration
- Feasible calculation  $\rightarrow$  infeasible region



# 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 and requires less training data
- 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](#)

# Data-driven emulators in heavy-ion collision physics

## Emulator: Gaussian process

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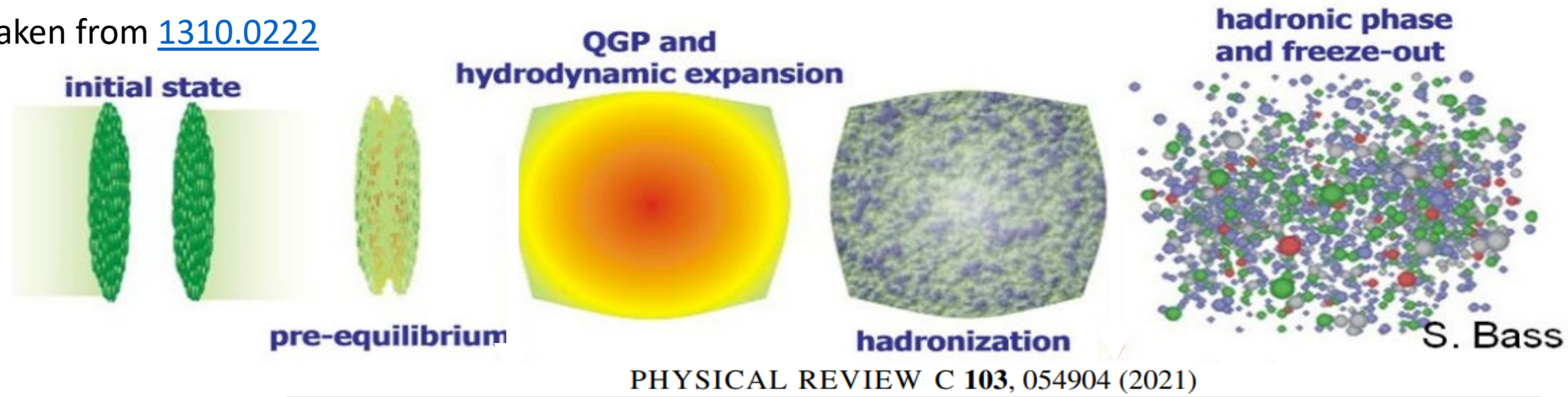
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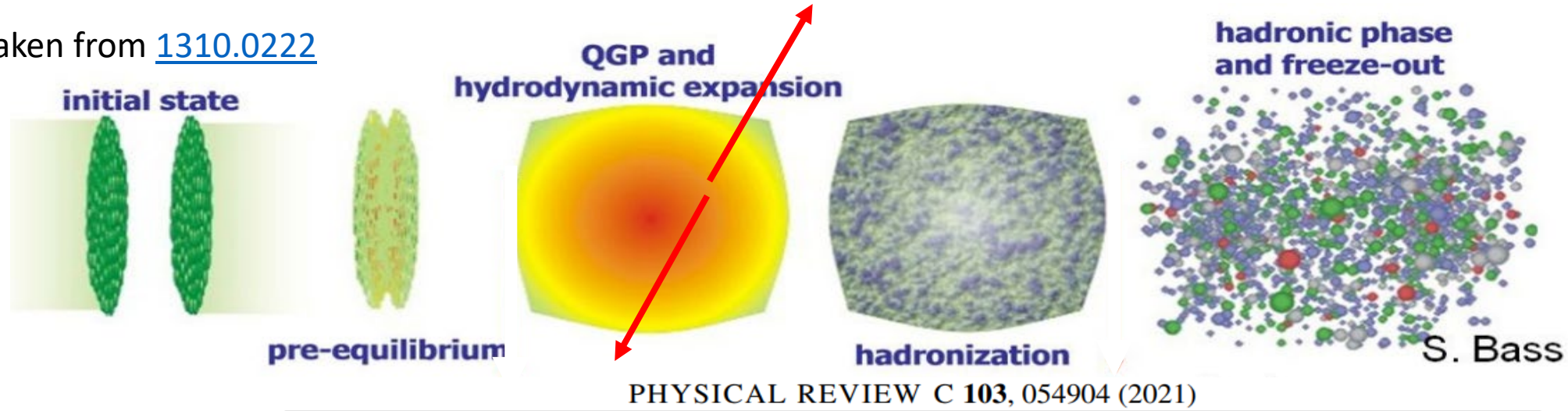
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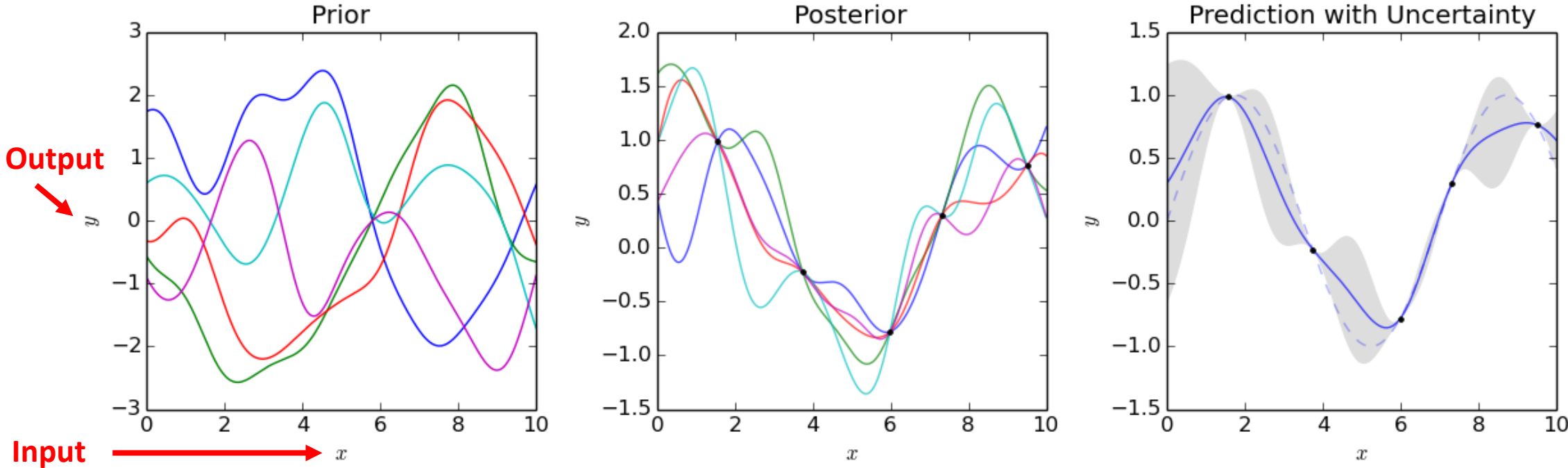
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# Data-driven emulators

## Gaussian process

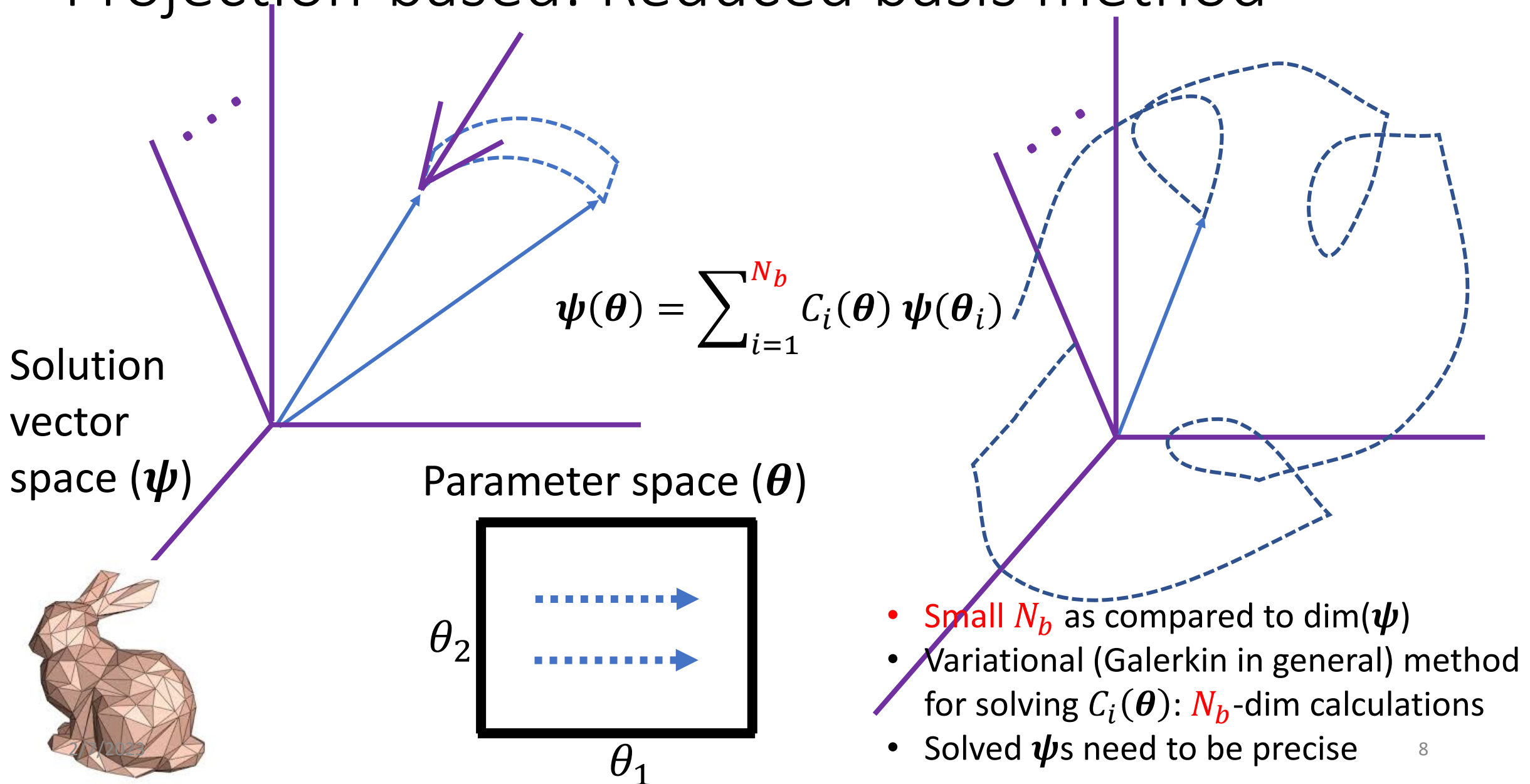


## Neural networks

Universal functions with hyperparameters → conditioned on data

→ interpolation and extrapolation

# Projection-based: Reduced basis method

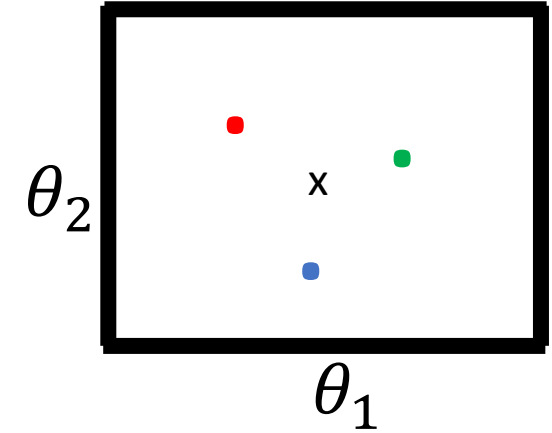




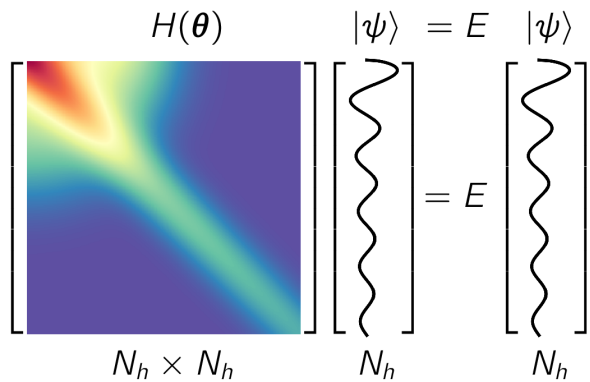
RBM emulators for nuclear structure:  
 eigen systems of *parametrized* quantum  
 Hamiltonians  $H(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  (*large* dimensions  
 for *many*-body systems)

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

Parameter space ( $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ )



High-fidelity system

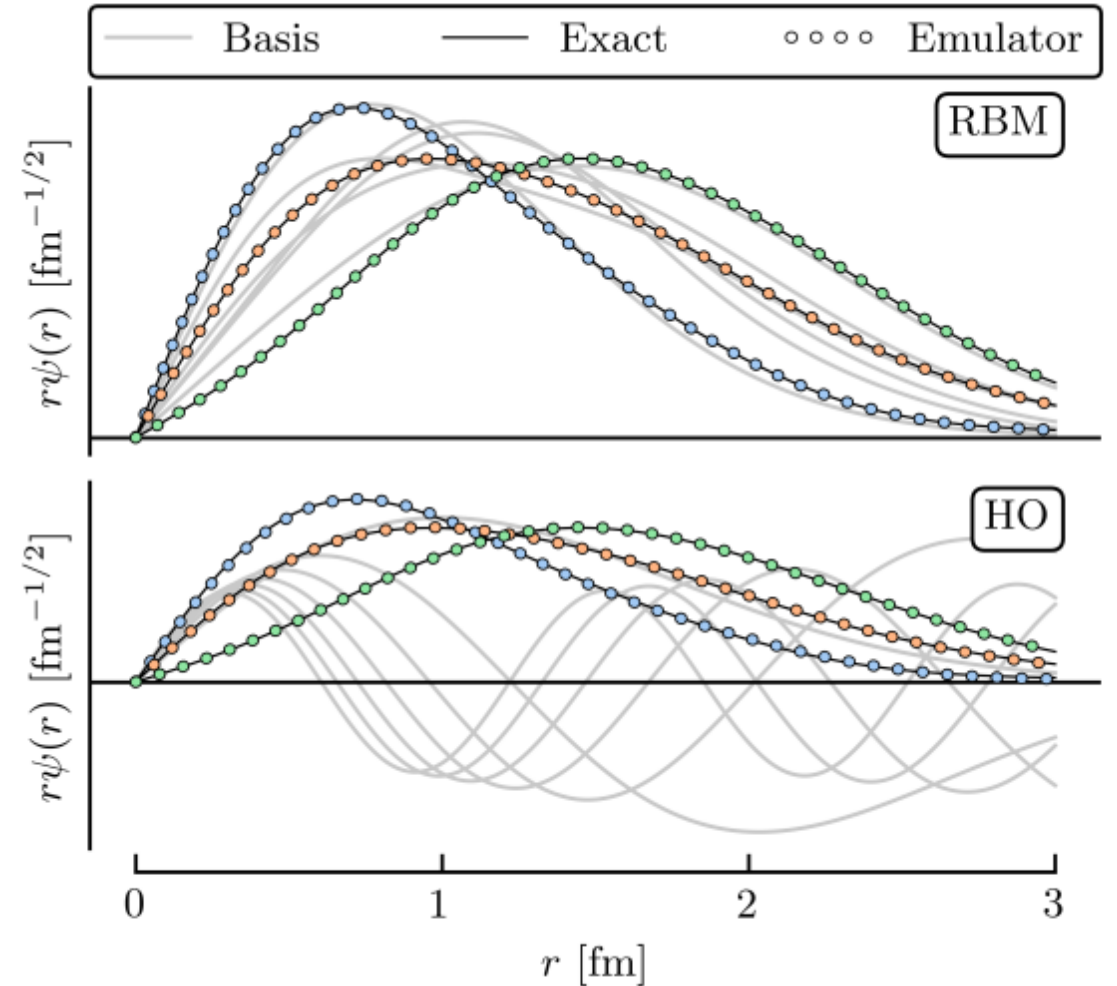
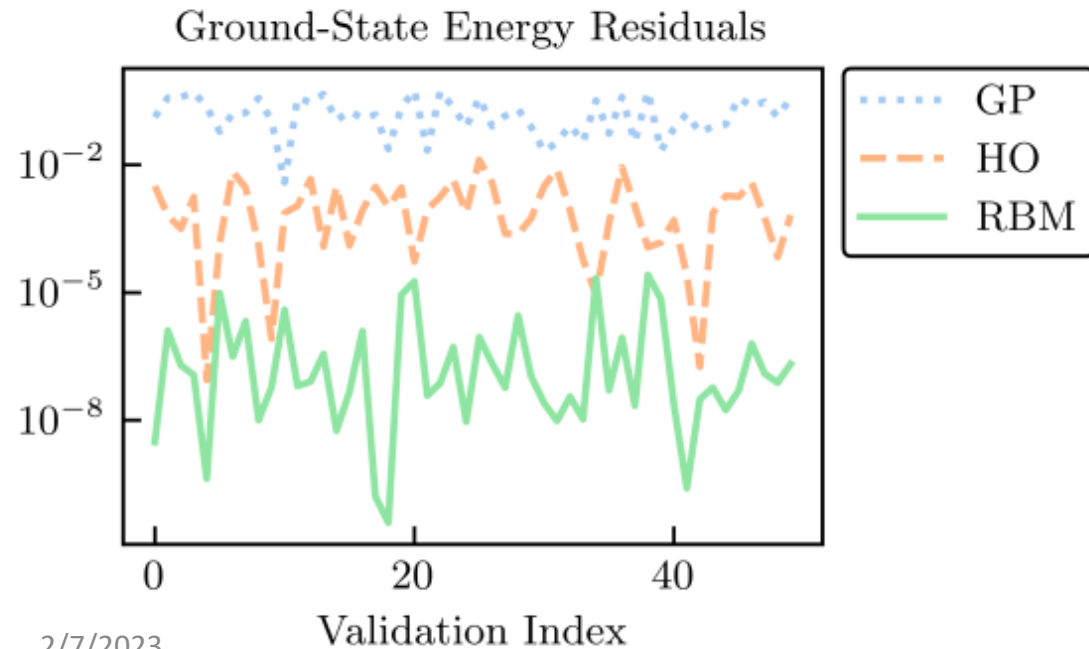


Time:  per  $\theta$  sample

# A toy-model demo

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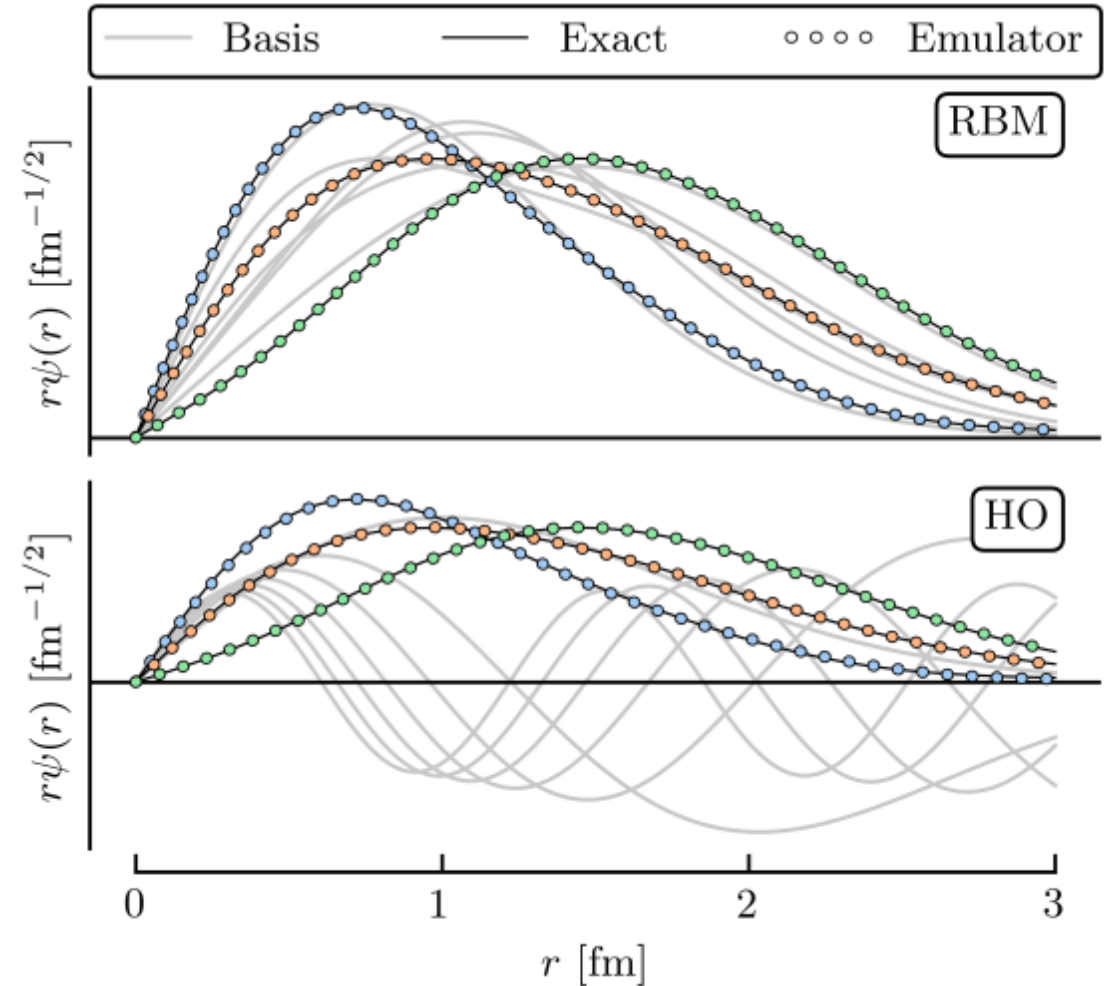
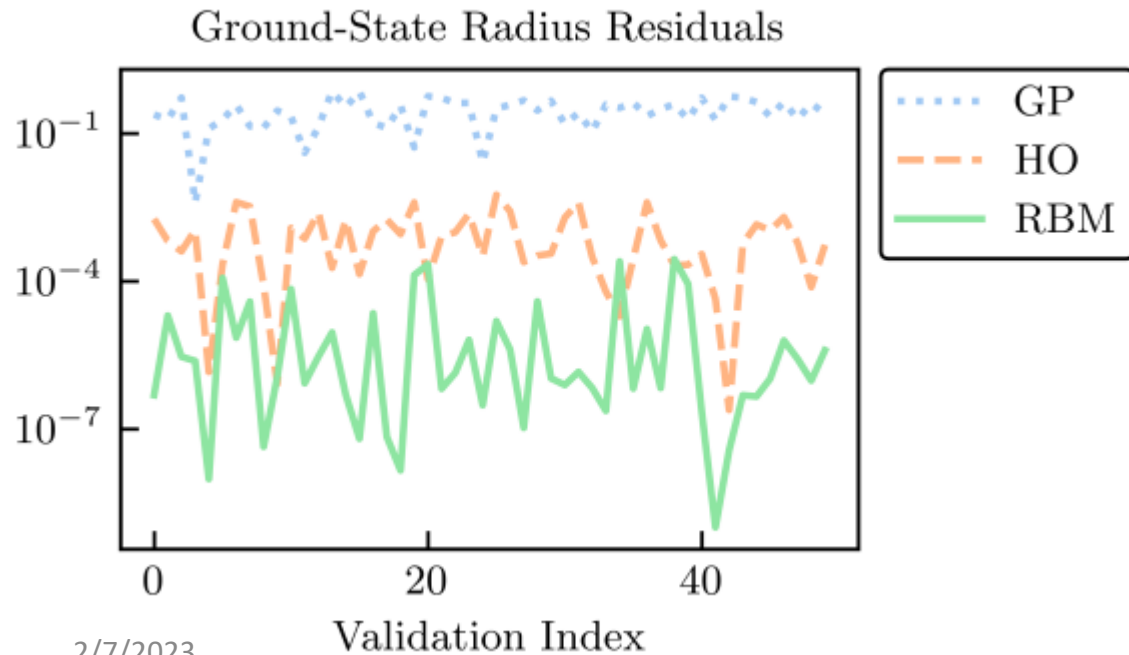
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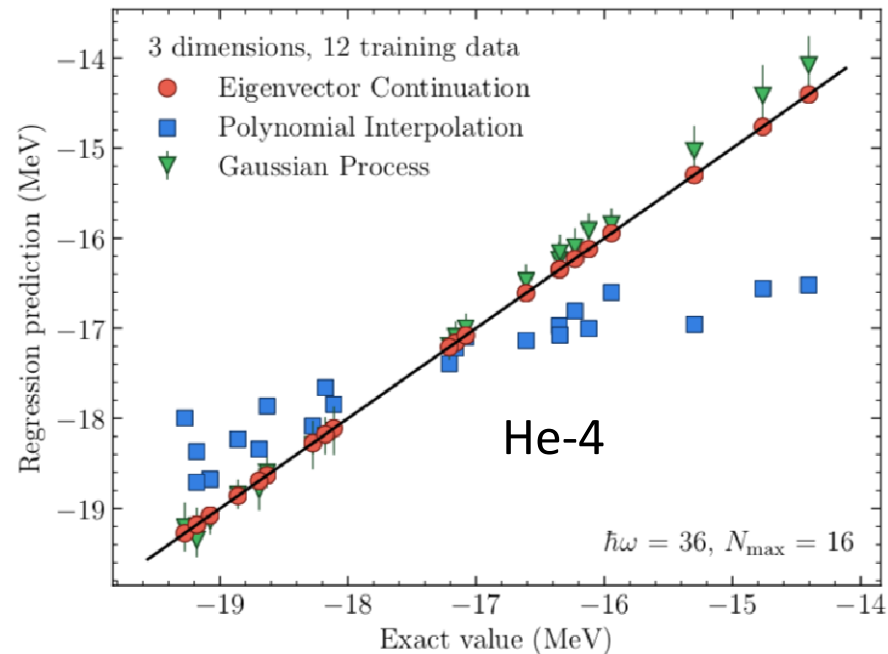
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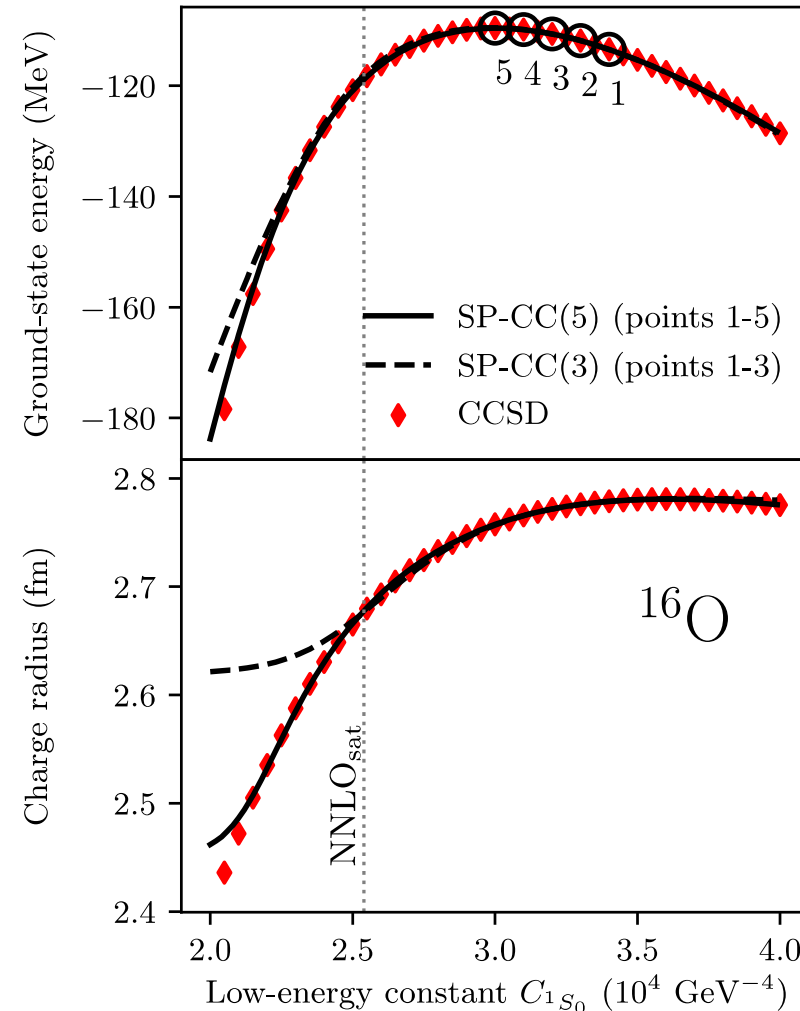
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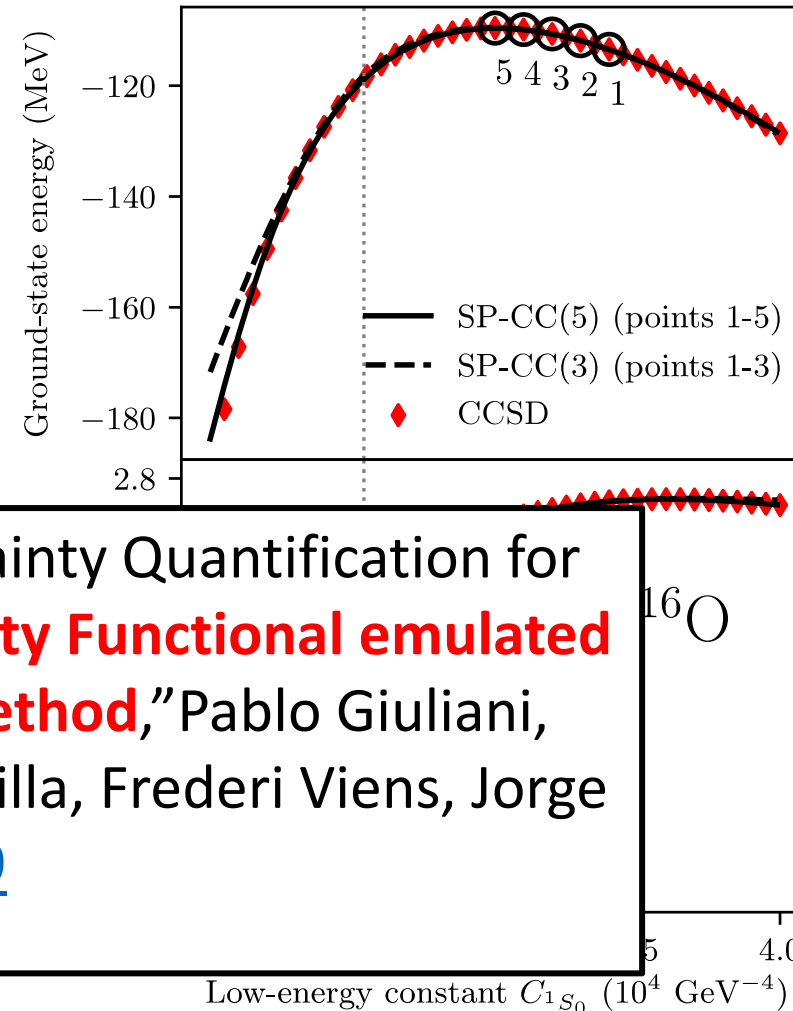
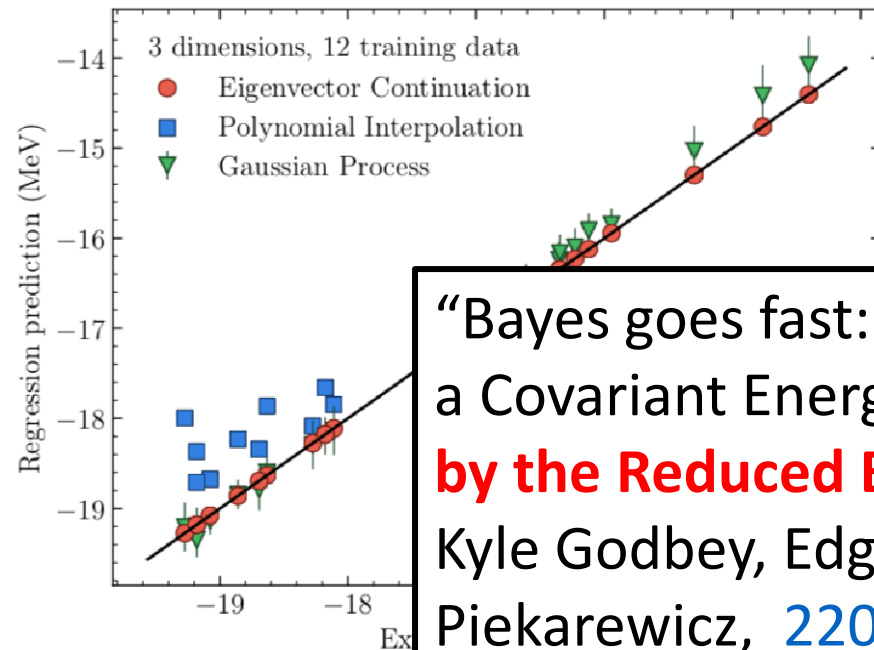


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“Bayes goes fast: Uncertainty Quantification for a Covariant Energy **Density Functional emulated by the Reduced Basis Method**,” Pablo Giuliani, Kyle Godbey, Edgard Bonilla, Frederi Viens, Jorge Piekarewicz, [2209.13039](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.13039)

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# RBM emulators for nuclear continuum: inhomogeneous linear equation (*large* dimensions for *few*-body systems)

- $[E - H(\boldsymbol{\theta})]|\psi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle = 0$  for arbitrary  $E$ : for modeling nuclear scattering and reactions based on nucleon-nucleon interactions.

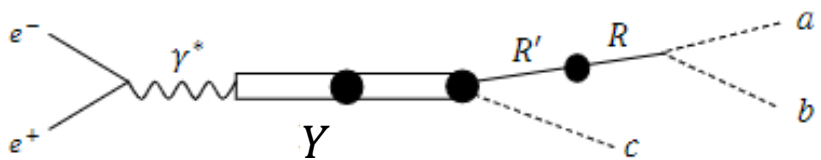
“Efficient emulators for scattering using eigenvector continuation,” R. J. Furnstahl, A. J. Garcia, P. J. Millican, and XZ, PLB **809**, 135719 (2020) [[2007.03635](#)]

Developed RBM emulator for two-body scatterings

“Fast emulation of quantum three-body scattering”, XZ and R.J. Furnstahl, Phys. Rev. C 105, 064004 (2022), [2110.04269](#)

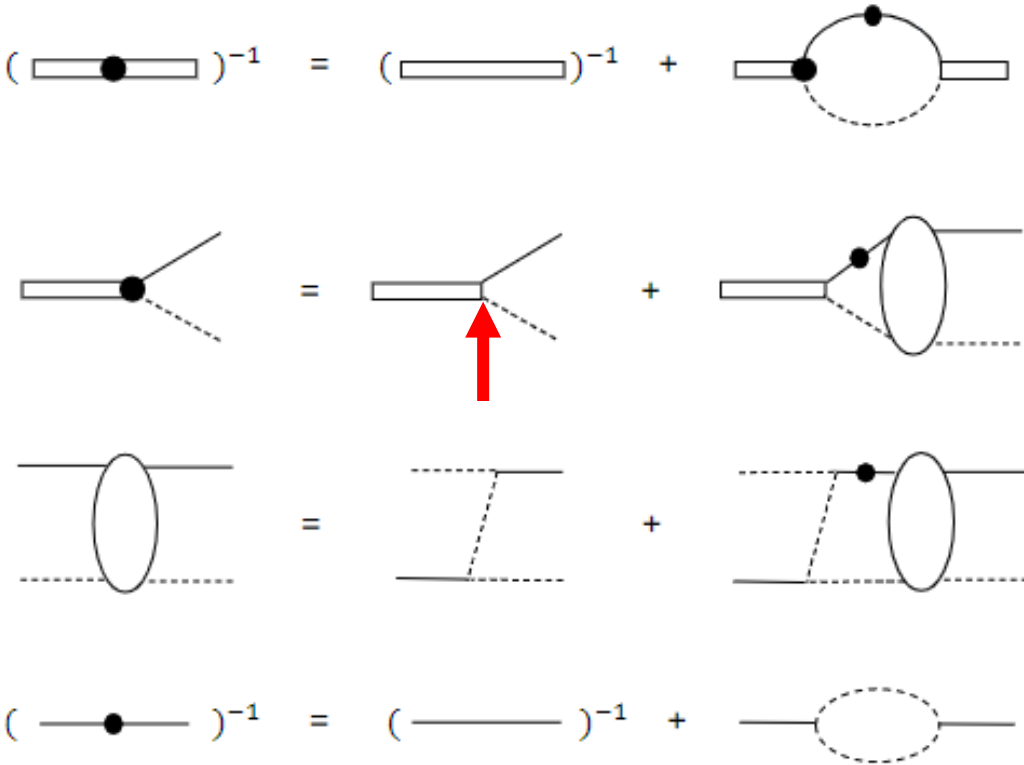
EC emulators	$S$ relative error	Time	Memory
linear <sup>a</sup>	$10^{-14}$ to $10^{-13}$	ms	< MB
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# RBM emulators for hadronic reactions



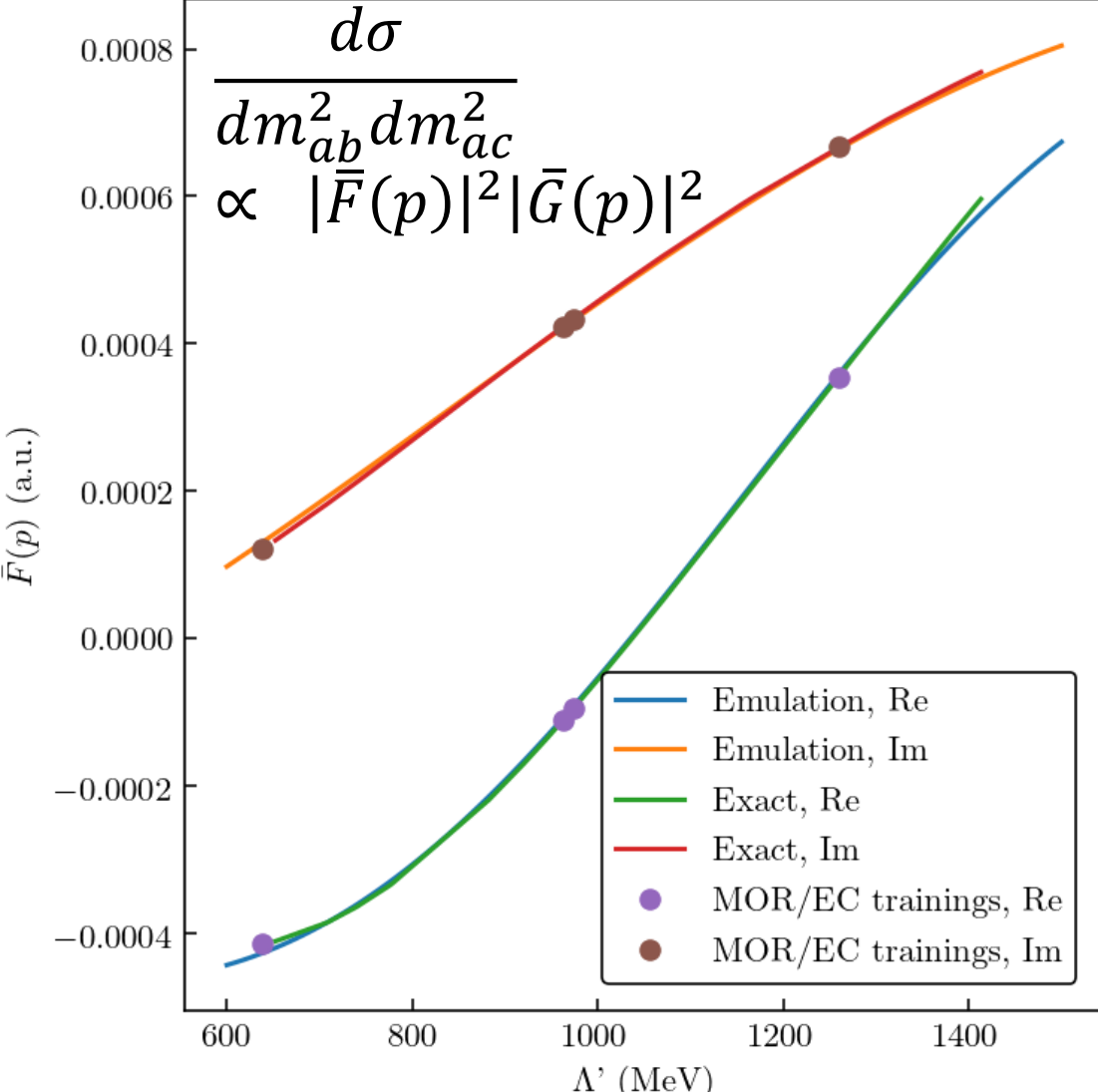
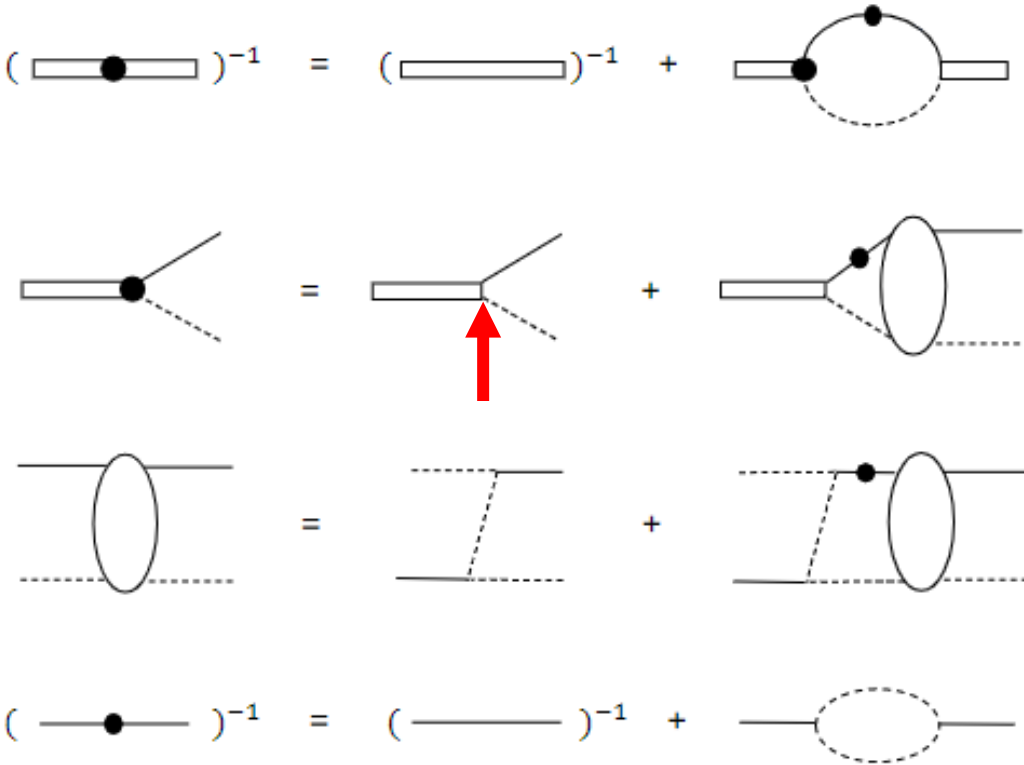
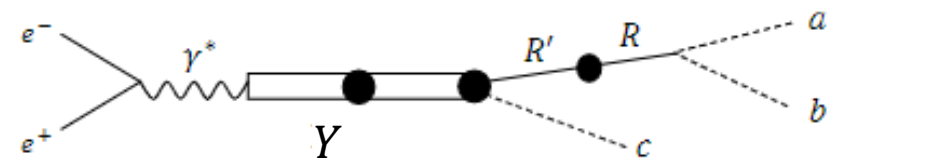
$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow J/\psi + \pi + \pi$$

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- Coupled-integral equations
- 1-dim parameter space: varying  $\Lambda'$ , the form factor for the coupling  $Y \rightarrow R + c$

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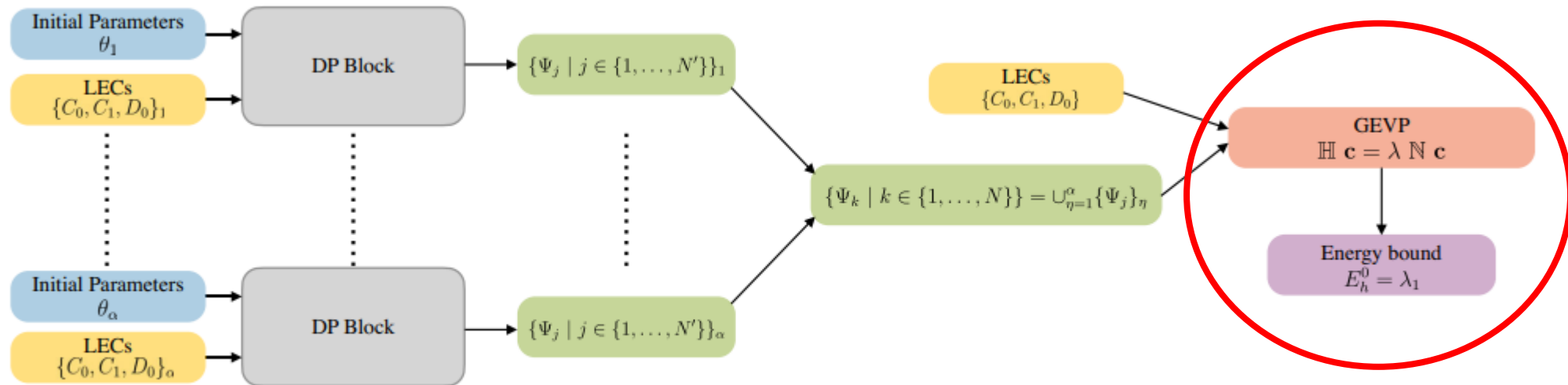


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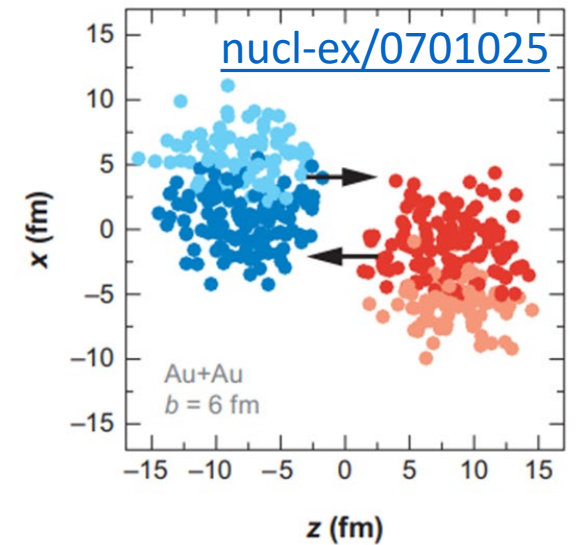
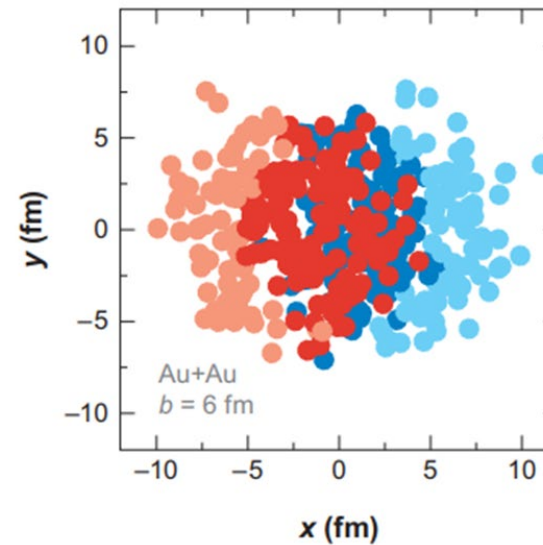
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## Finite-volume pionless effective field theory for few-nucleon systems with differentiable programming

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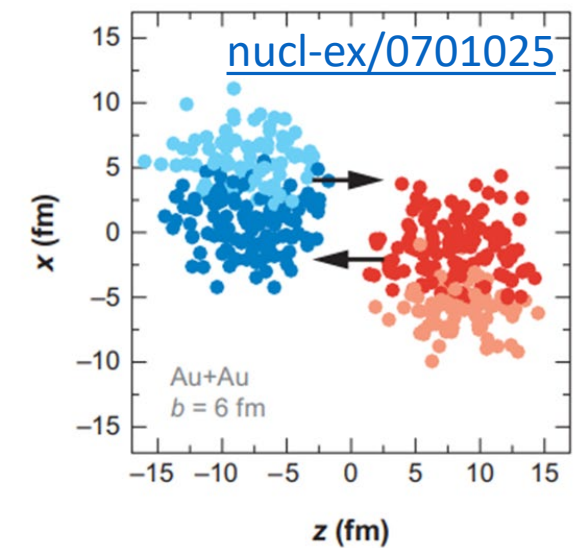
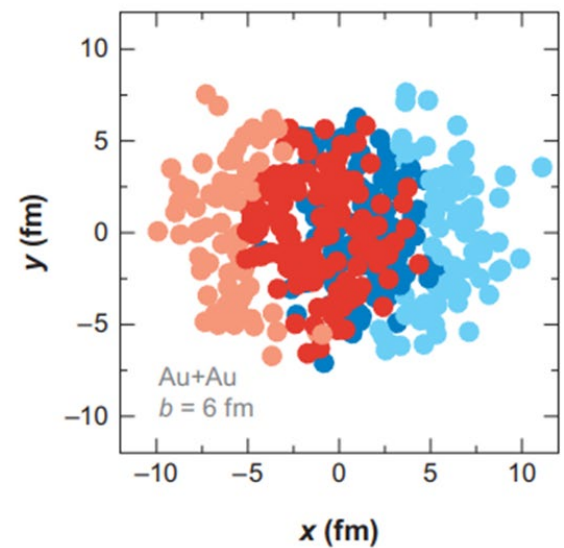
# Emulators for connecting nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions



- Data-driven emulators for dynamics after thermalizations
  - Projection-based emulators for relativistic hydrodynamic simulation?
- Projection-based emulator for nuclear wave functions
  - Can we define the nuclear-structure-input for heavy-ion simulations in terms of matrix elements of operators, so that we can be away from scheme/scale/model-dependence?
  - One-body densities in the “intrinsic” frame could be scheme-dependent.
  - Does the “deformed nucleus” picture (thinking nucleus as a deformed and rotating liquid drop) guarantee a systematic framework for multiple-particle correlations? I.e., do intrinsic shapes explain systematically all the multiple-particle correlations?



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- Projection-based emulators for relativistic hydrodynamic simulation?
- Projection-based emulator for nuclear wave functions
  - Can we define the nuclear-structure-input for heavy-ion simulations in terms of matrix elements of operators, so that we can be away from scheme/scale/model-dependence?
  - One-body densities in the “intrinsic” frame could be scheme-dependent.
  - Does the “deformed nucleus” picture (thinking nucleus as a deformed and rotating liquid drop) guarantee a systematic framework for multiple-particle correlations? I.e., do intrinsic shapes explain systematically all the multiple-particle correlations?

# Summary

- Emulators are critical for fitting complex models
- Both projection-based and data-driven are being applied in different nuclear physics areas
- Nuclear structure emulator could be relevant for connecting nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions

