

Ab initio nuclear structure using coupled cluster

Joanna Sobczyk

In collaboration with:
Bijaya Acharya (ORNL)
Sonia Bacca (JGU)
Gaute Hagen (ORNL)

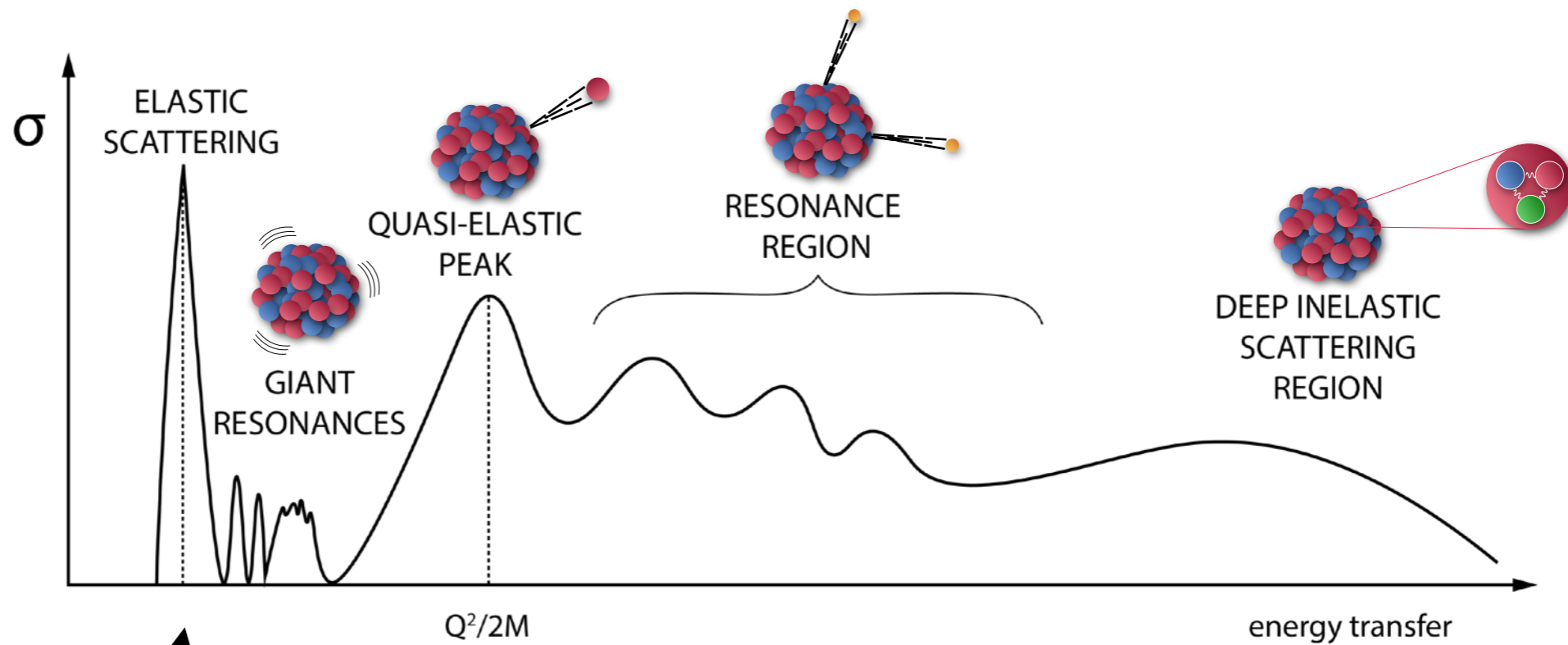
“Short-distance nuclear structure and pdfs” ECT*, 18/07/2023



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 101026014

Motivation

Electro(weak) nuclear responses



Elastic scattering: CEvNS
(coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering)

Inelastic scattering

e.g. Supernovae neutrinos

Long-baseline experiments
(DUNE, HyperK)

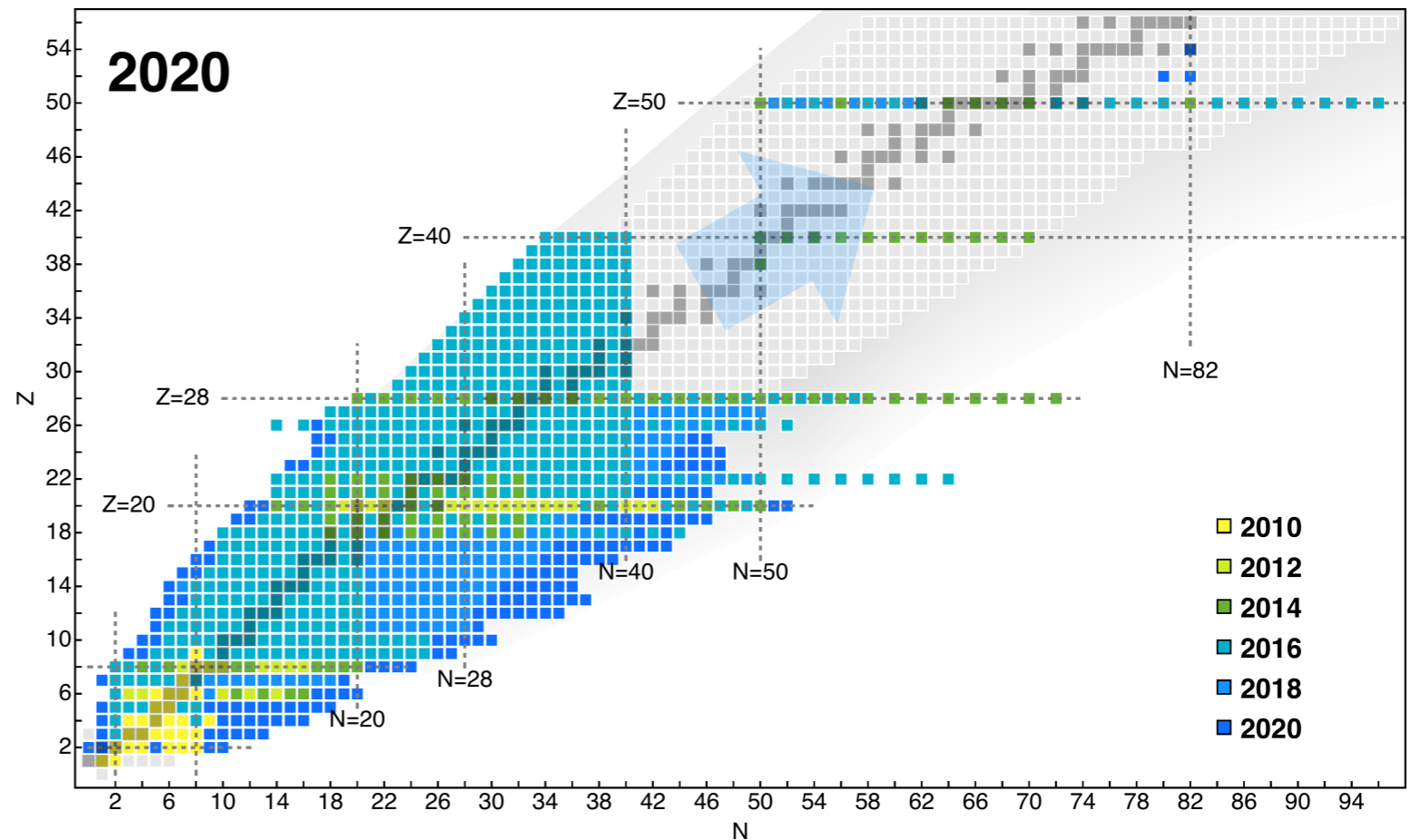


An initio nuclear methods

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

“we interpret the *ab initio* method to be a systematically improvable approach for quantitatively describing nuclei using the finest resolution scale possible while maximizing its predictive capabilities.”

A. Ekström et al, *Front. Phys.*11 (2023) 29094



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

- ➔ Developments on the side of many body methods (IMSRG, CC, SCGF, QMC, etc.)
- ➔ Developments of chiral nuclear forces (->faster convergence)

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			

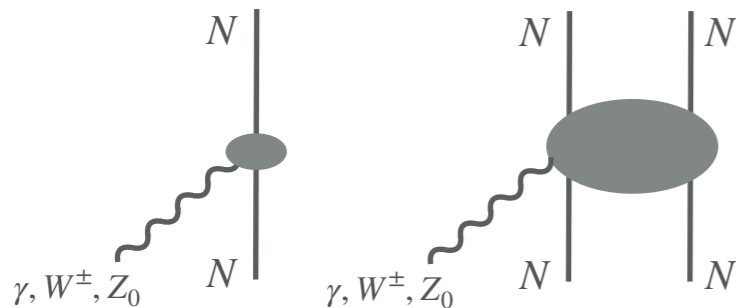
- ✓ Chiral Hamiltonians exploiting chiral symmetry (QCD); π , N , (Δ) degrees of freedom
- ✓ counting scheme in $(\frac{Q}{\Lambda})^n$
- ✓ low energy constants (LEC) fit to data
- ✓ uncertainty assessment

Chiral potentials: NNLO_{sat}
and Δ NNLO_{GO(450)}

A. Ekström et al. *Phys.Rev.C* 91 (2015) 5, 051301
W. Jiang et al. *Phys.Rev.C* 102 (2020) 5, 054301

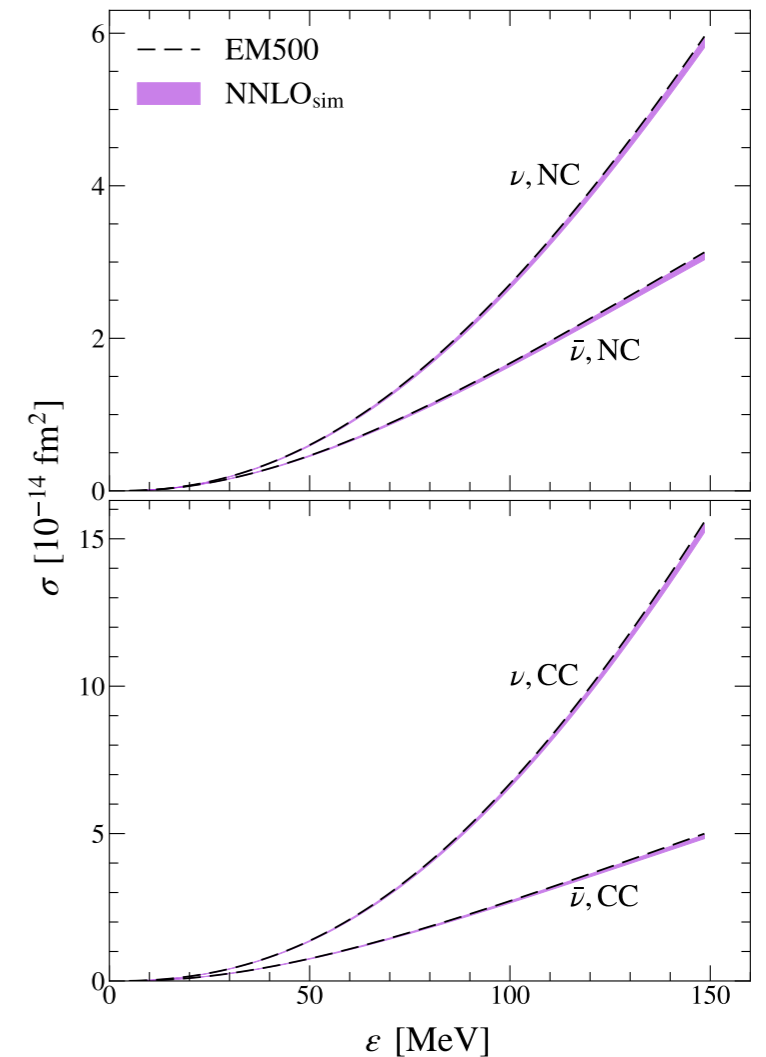
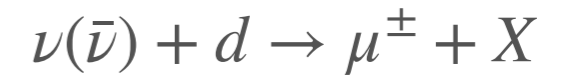
Electroweak currents

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



known to give significant contribution for neutrino-nucleus scattering

Can be expanded consistently with the chiral Hamiltonian.



Multipole decomposition for 1- and 2-body EW currents

B. Acharya, S. Bacca
Phys.Rev.C 101 (2020) 1, 015505

Coupled cluster method

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

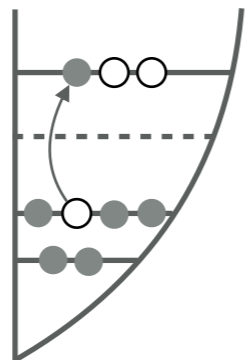
Include correlations through e^T operator

similarity transformed
Hamiltonian (non-Hermitian)

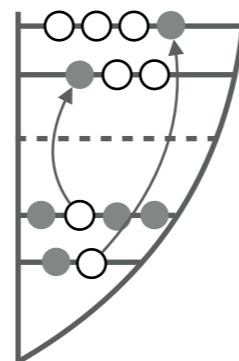
$$e^{-T} \mathcal{H} e^T |\Psi\rangle \equiv \bar{\mathcal{H}} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

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 ^{132}Sn and ^{208}Pb)
- ✓ Works most efficiently for doubly magic nuclei

Coupled-Cluster Calculations of Neutrinoless Double- β Decay in ^{48}Ca

S. Novario,^{1,2} P. Gysbers,^{3,4} J. Engel⁵, G. Hagen,^{2,1,3} G. R. Jansen^{6,2}, T. D. Morris,² P. Navrátil^{6,3}, T. Papenbrock^{6,1,2} and S. Quaglioni⁷

¹Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996, USA

²Physics Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, USA

³TRIUMF, 4004 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 2A3, Canada

⁴Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1Z1, Canada

⁵Department of Physics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, USA

⁶National Center for Computational Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, USA

⁷Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, P.O. Box 808, L-414, Livermore, California 94551, USA

(Received 23 August 2020; revised 15 January 2021; accepted 6 April 2021; published 7 May 2021)

We use coupled-cluster theory and nuclear interactions from chiral effective field theory to compute the nuclear matrix element for the neutrinoless double- β decay of ^{48}Ca . Benchmarks with the no-core shell model in several light nuclei inform us about the accuracy of our approach. For ^{48}Ca we find a relatively small matrix element. We also compute the nuclear matrix element for the two-neutrino double- β decay of ^{48}Ca with a quenching factor deduced from two-body currents in recent *ab initio* calculation of the Ikeda sum rule in ^{48}Ca [Gysbers *et al.*, *Nat. Phys.* **15**, 428 (2019)].

nature
physics

LETTERS

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41567-019-0450-7>

Discrepancy between experimental and theoretical β -decay rates resolved from first principles

P. Gysbers^{1,2}, G. Hagen^{3,4*}, J. D. Holt⁵, G. R. Jansen^{6,5}, T. D. Morris^{3,4,6}, P. Navrátil⁶, T. Papenbrock^{6,3,4}, S. Quaglioni⁷, A. Schwenk^{8,9,10}, S. R. Stroberg^{1,11,12} and K. A. Wendt⁷

Ab initio predictions link the neutron skin of ^{208}Pb to nuclear forces

Baishan Hu,^{1,*} Weiguang Jiang,^{2,*} Takayuki Miyagi,^{1,3,*} Zhonghao Sun,^{4,5,*} Andreas Ekström,² Christian Forssén,^{2,†} Gaute Hagen,^{5,4,1} Jason D. Holt,^{1,6} Thomas Papenbrock,^{4,5} S. Ragnar Stroberg,^{7,8} and Ian Vernon⁹

¹TRIUMF, 4004 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 2A3, Canada

²Department of Physics, Chalmers University of Technology, SE-412 96 Göteborg, Sweden

³Technische Universität Darmstadt, Department of Physics, 64289 Darmstadt, Germany

⁴Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996, USA

⁵Physics Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831, USA

⁶Department of Physics, McGill University, 3600 Rue University, Montréal, QC H3A 2T8, Canada

⁷Department of Physics, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195, USA

⁸Physics Division, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Illinois 60439, USA

⁹Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Durham, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE, UK

CC for nuclear matter —> used for SRC theoretical studies:

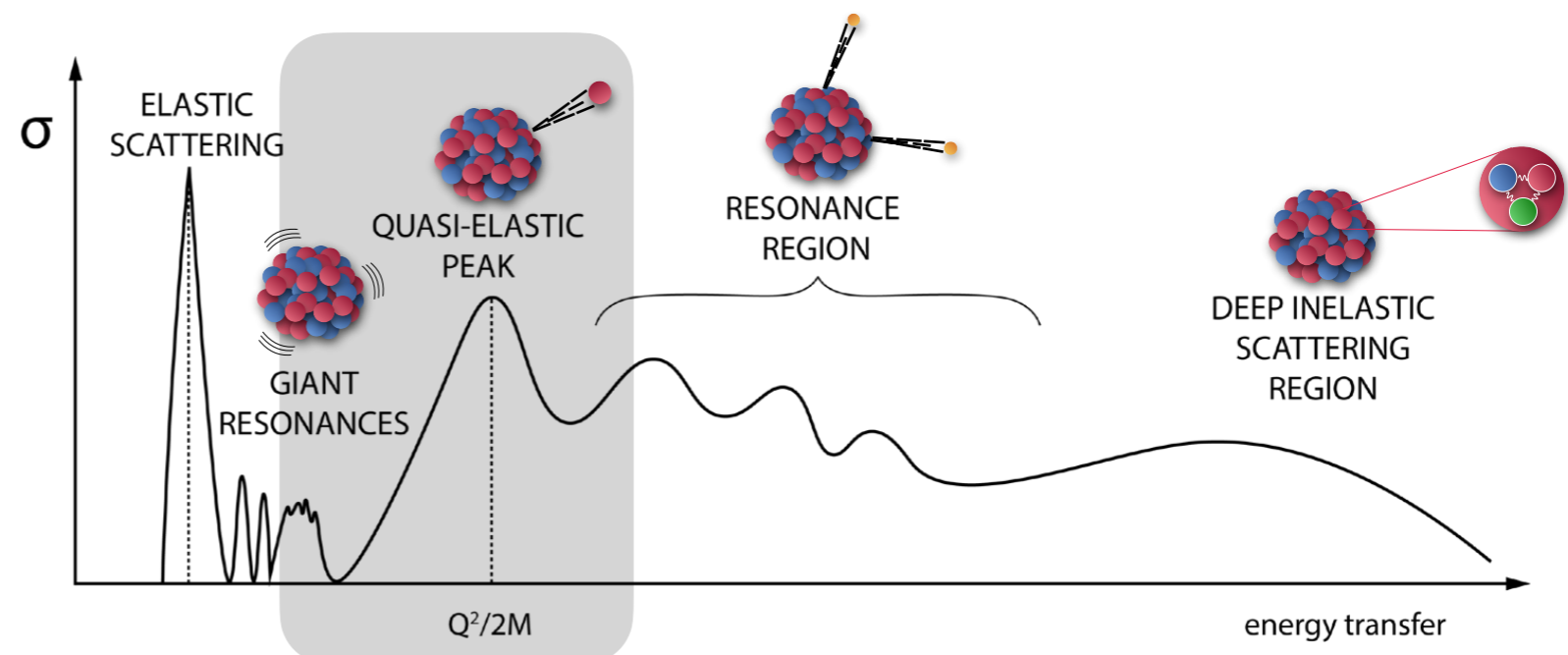
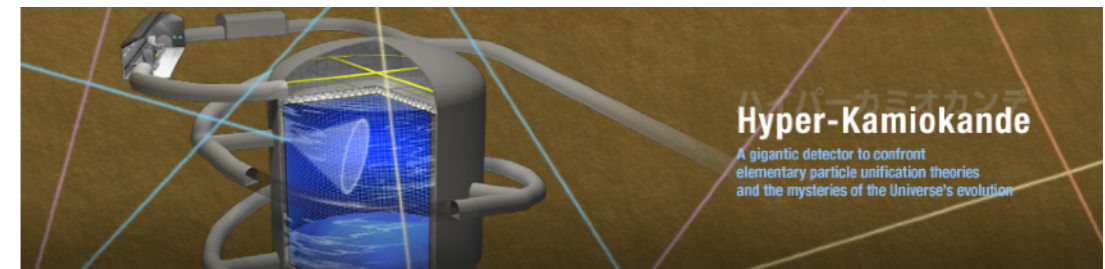
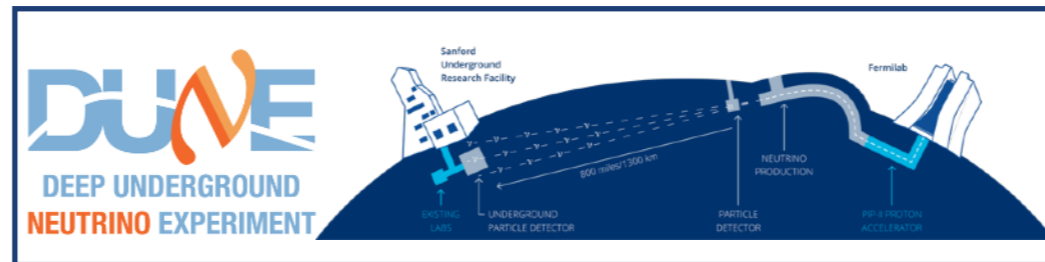
S. Beck, R. Weiss, N. Barnea, *Phys.Rev.C* 107 (2023) 6, 064306

S. Beck, R. Weiss, N. Barnea, arXiv:2305.17649

Quasielastic response

Long-baseline ν experiments

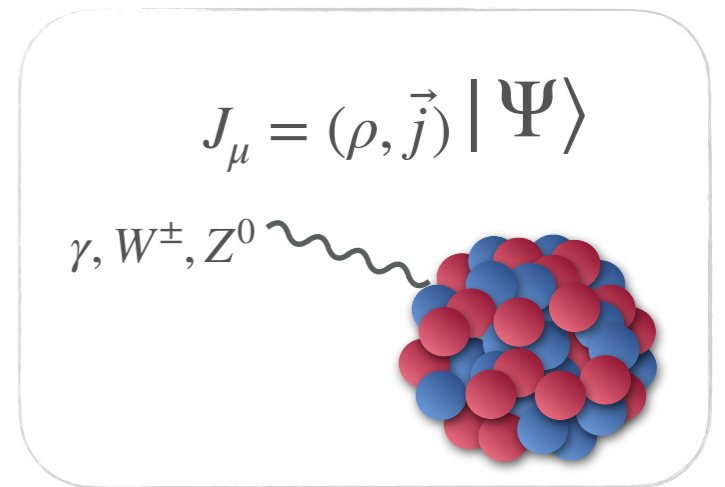
- ✓ Momentum transfer
~hundreds MeV
- ✓ Upper limit for ab initio methods
- ✓ Important mechanism for HyperK, DUNE
- ✓ Role of final state interactions
- ✓ Role of 1-body and 2-body currents



Electrons & neutrinos

Inclusive cross-section $\sigma \propto L^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}$

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



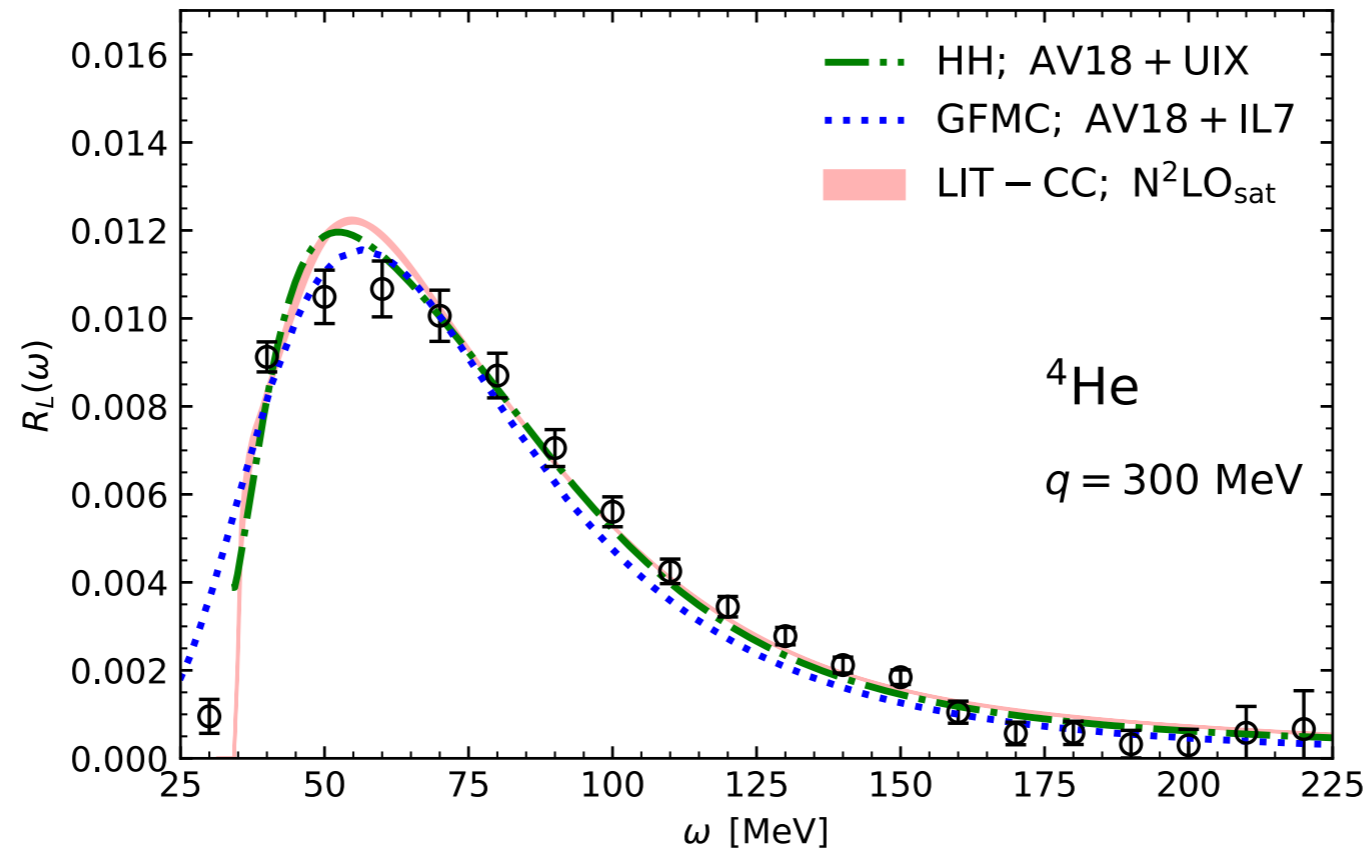
$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega dq} \right|_{\nu/\bar{\nu}} = \sigma_0 \left(v_{CC} R_{CC} + v_{CL} R_{CL} + v_{LL} R_{LL} + v_T R_T \pm v_{T'} R_{T'} \right)$$

Nuclear responses:

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

Longitudinal response

Lorentz Integral Transform + Coupled Cluster



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

charge operator

$$\hat{\rho}(q) = \sum_{j=1}^Z e^{iqz'_j}$$

Uncertainty band: inversion procedure

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

Consistent treatment of
final state interactions.

Lorentz Integral Transform (LIT)

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

continuum spectrum

Integral
transform

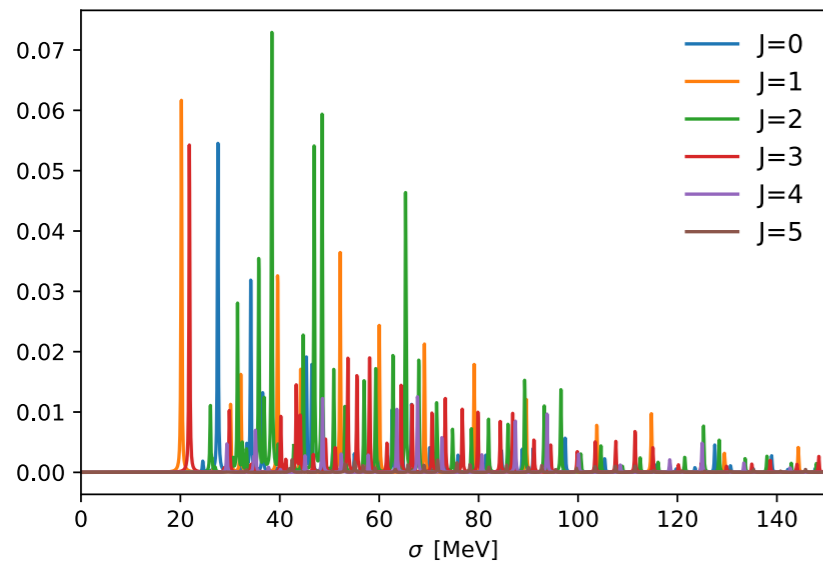
$$S_{\mu\nu}(\sigma, q) = \int d\omega K(\omega, \sigma) R_{\mu\nu}(\omega, q) = \langle \Psi | J_\mu^\dagger K(\mathcal{H} - E_0, \sigma) J_\nu | \Psi \rangle$$

Lorentzian kernel:

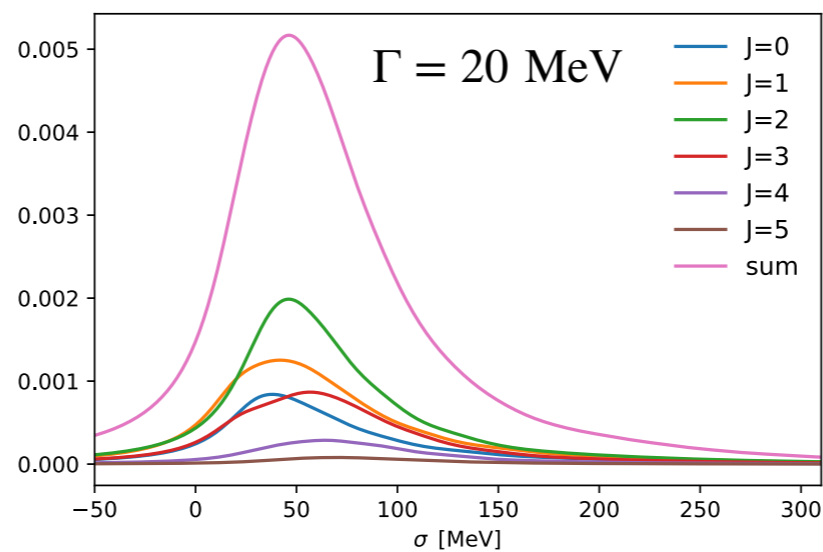
$$K_\Gamma(\omega, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma^2 + (\omega - \sigma)^2}$$

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

Lorentz Integral Transform

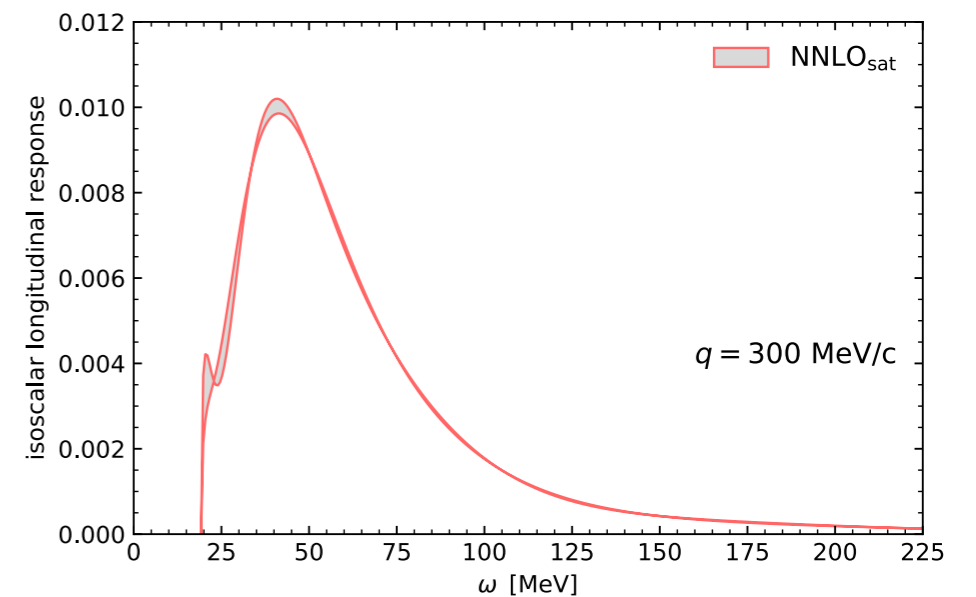


Integral transform



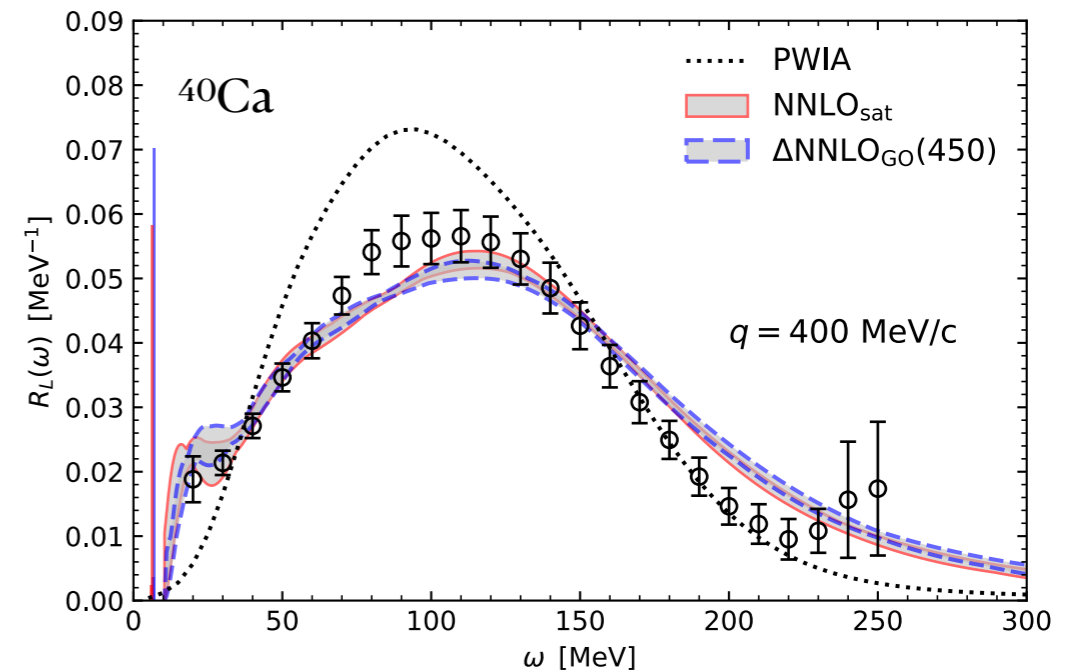
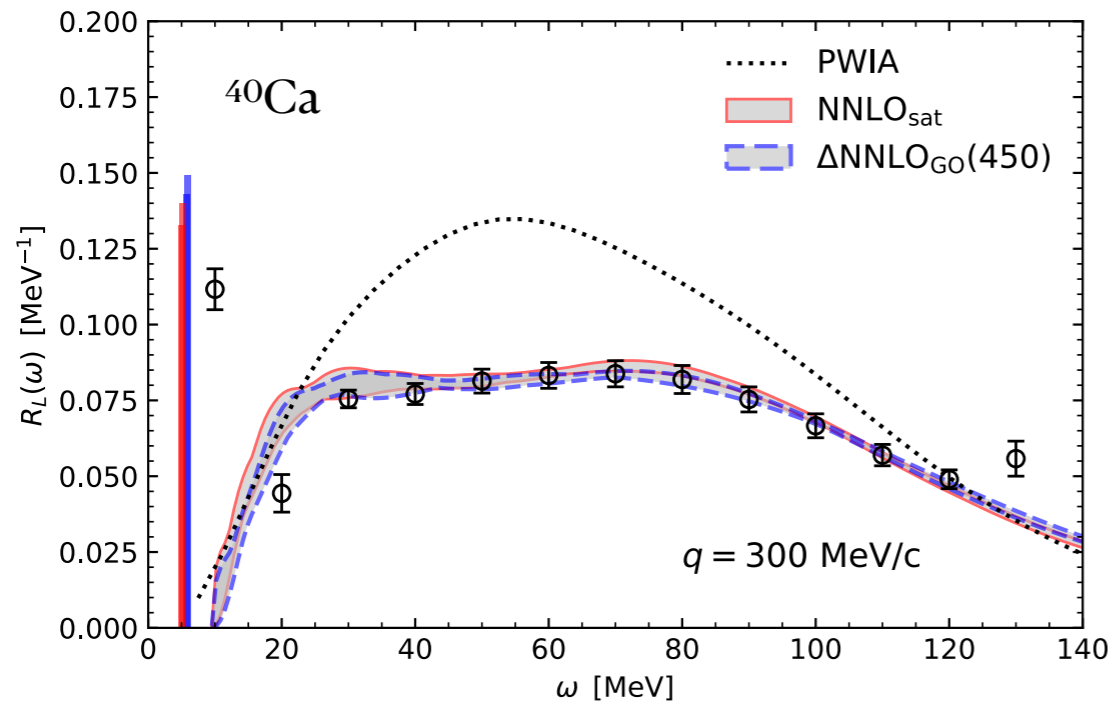
Inversion

Longitudinal isoscalar
response on ^4He
at $q=300$ MeV



Longitudinal response ^{40}Ca

Lorentz Integral Transform + Coupled Cluster



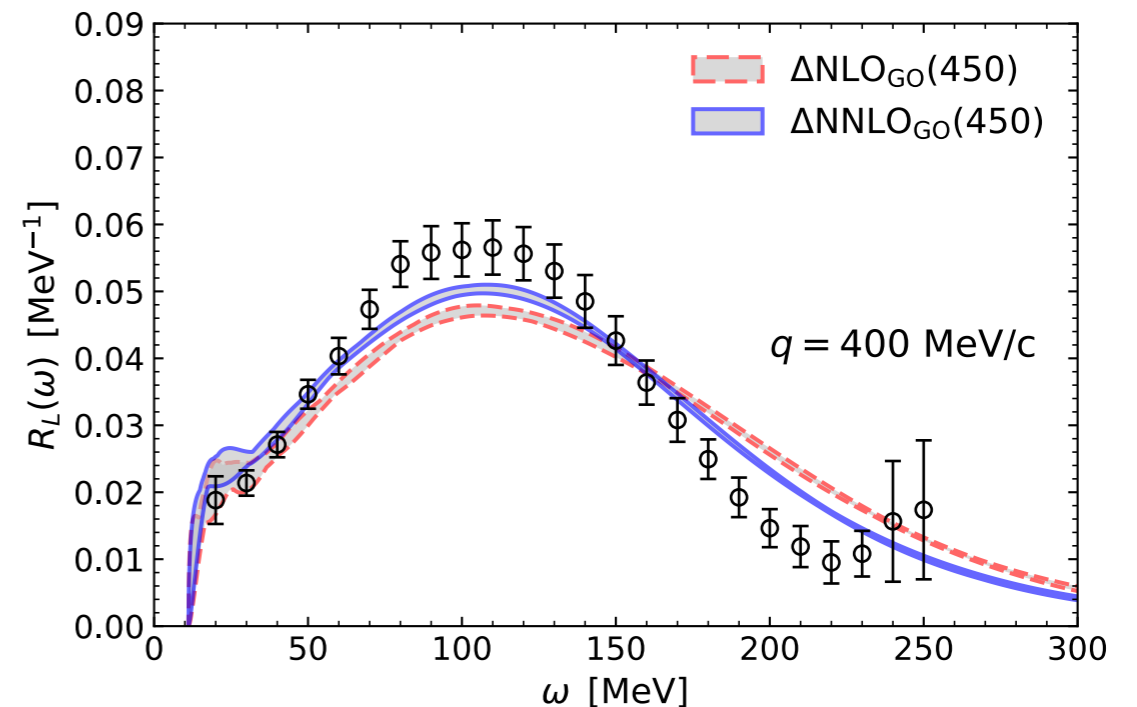
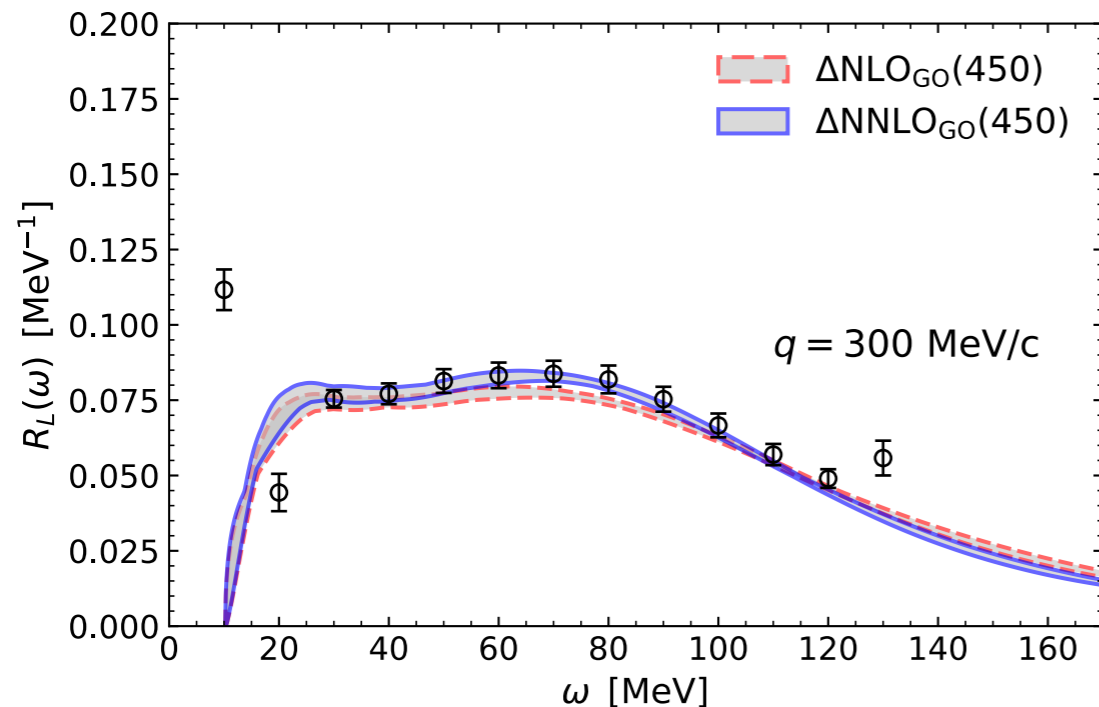
JES, B. Acharya, S. Bacca, G. Hagen; *PRL* 127 (2021) 7, 072501

- ✓ 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}Ca

(Longitudinal response)

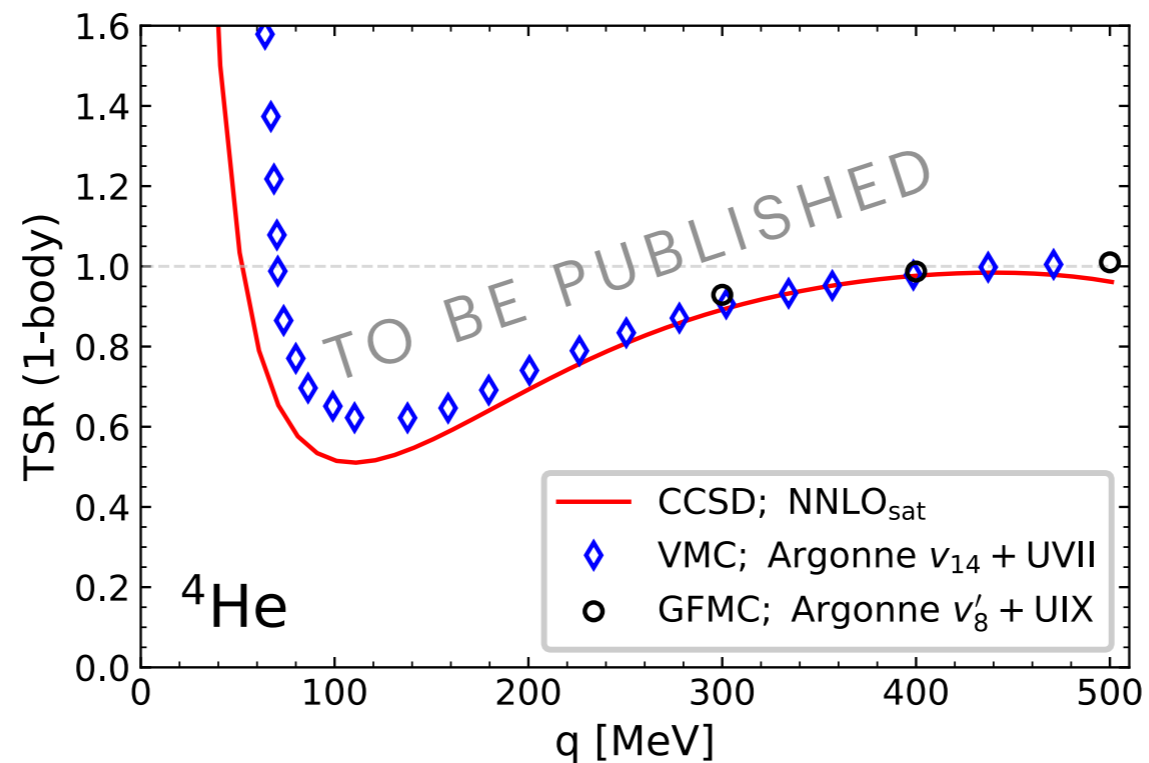


B. Acharya, S. Bacca, JES et al. Front. Phys. 1066035(2022)

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

Transverse response

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



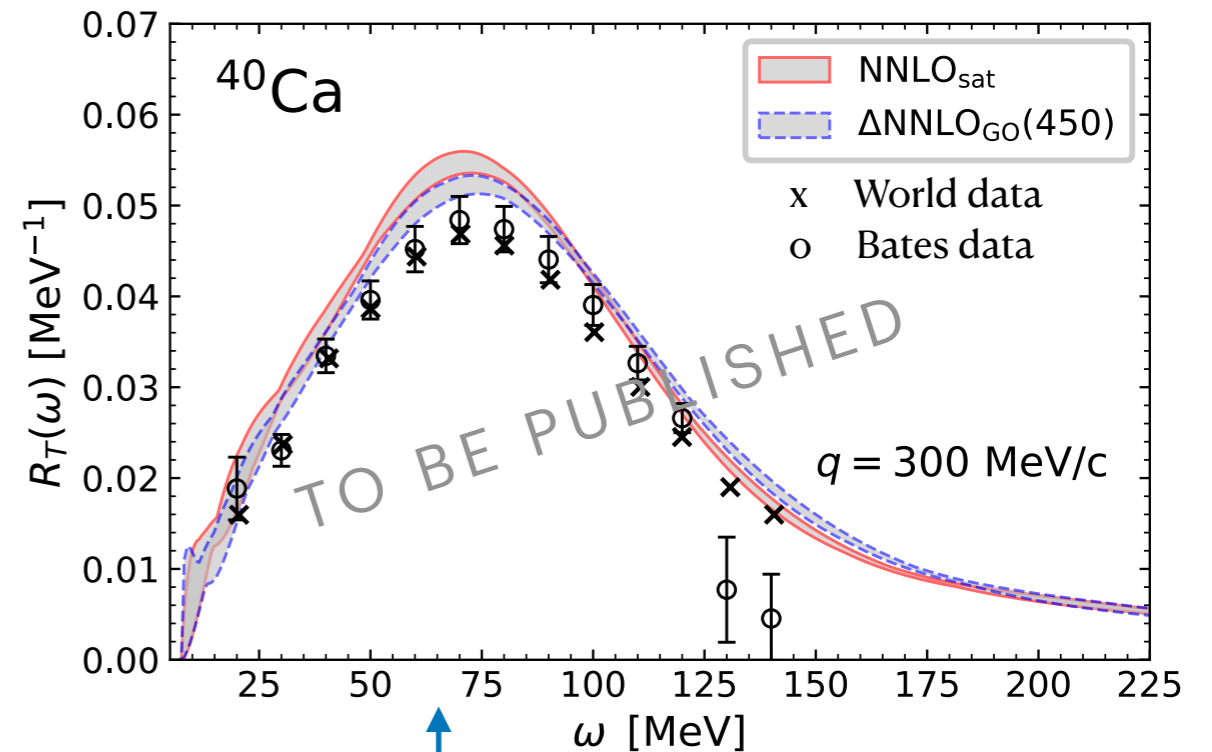
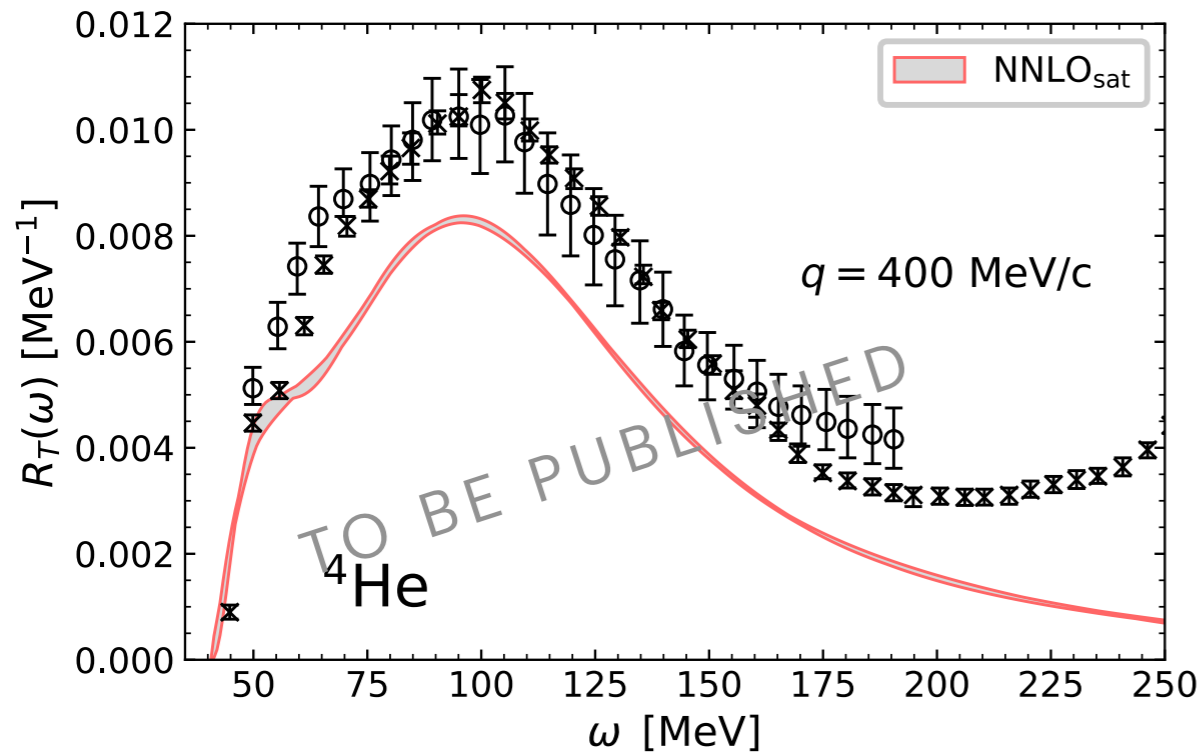
TSR($q \rightarrow 0$) \propto kinetic energy



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

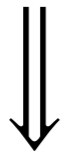


- ➔ This allows to predict electron-nucleus cross-section
- ➔ Currently only 1-body current

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

Exclusive cross-sections

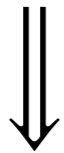
- LIT-CC calculations for $q \lesssim 450$ MeV
- Inclusive cross sections
- No pion production



- Ideas (and approximations) needed to address relevant physics for ν oscillation experiments
- STA (L. Andreoli) and SF (O. Benhar)

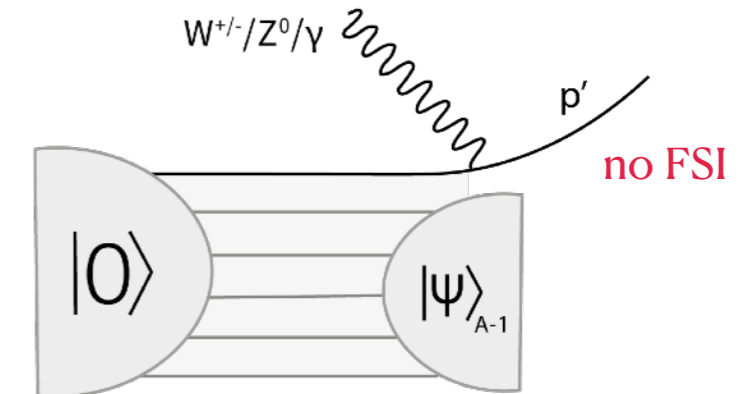
Exclusive cross-sections

- LIT-CC calculations for $q \lesssim 450$ MeV
- Inclusive cross sections
- No pion production

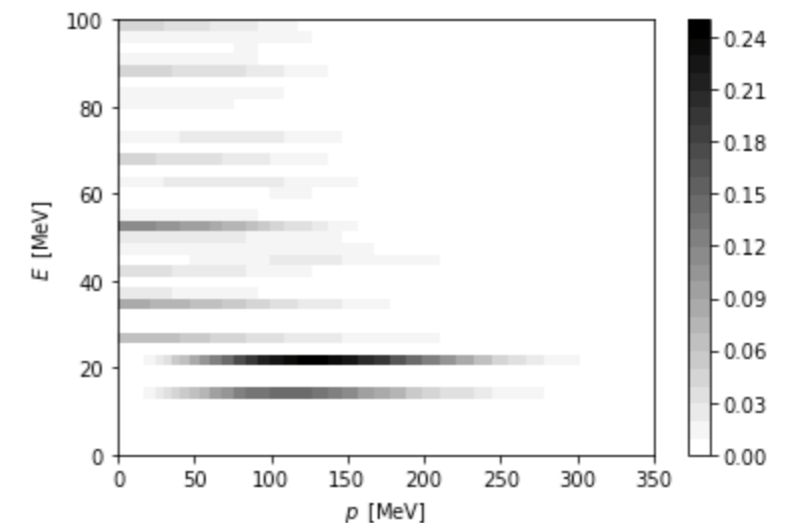


- Ideas (and approximations) needed to address relevant physics for ν oscillation experiments
- STA (L. Andreoli) and SF (O. Benhar)

SPECTRAL FUNCTION



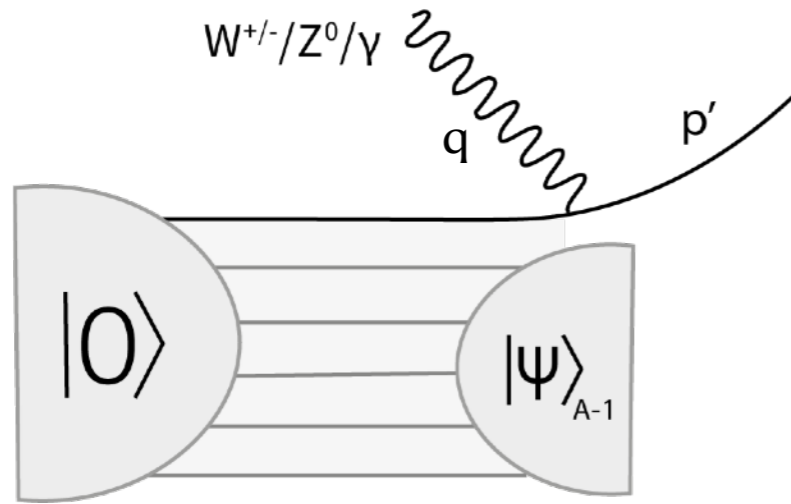
Impulse Approximation



Probability density of finding nucleon
(E, \mathbf{p}) in ground state nucleus

Spectral functions

Coupled Cluster + ChEK method

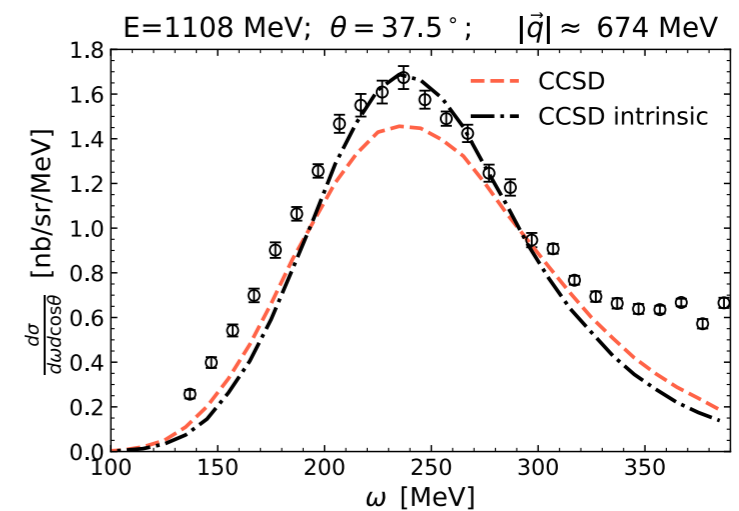
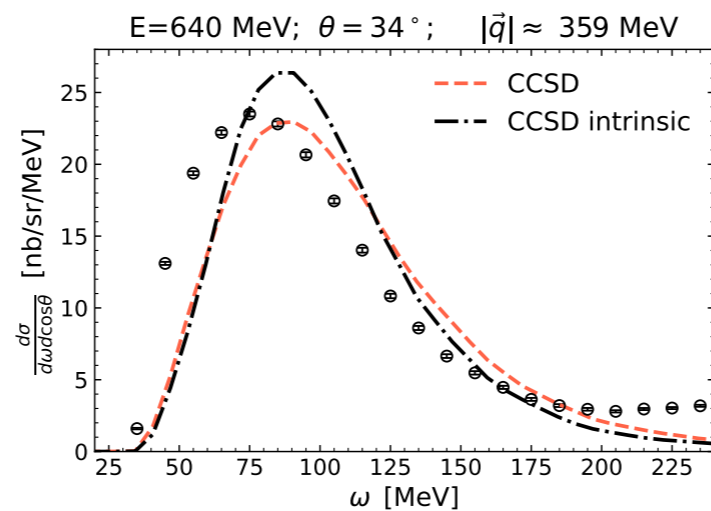
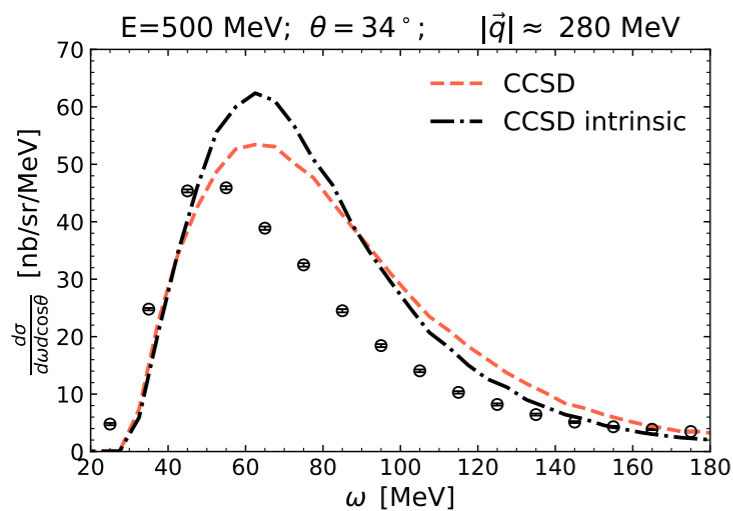


$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{M}|^2 S(E, p)$$

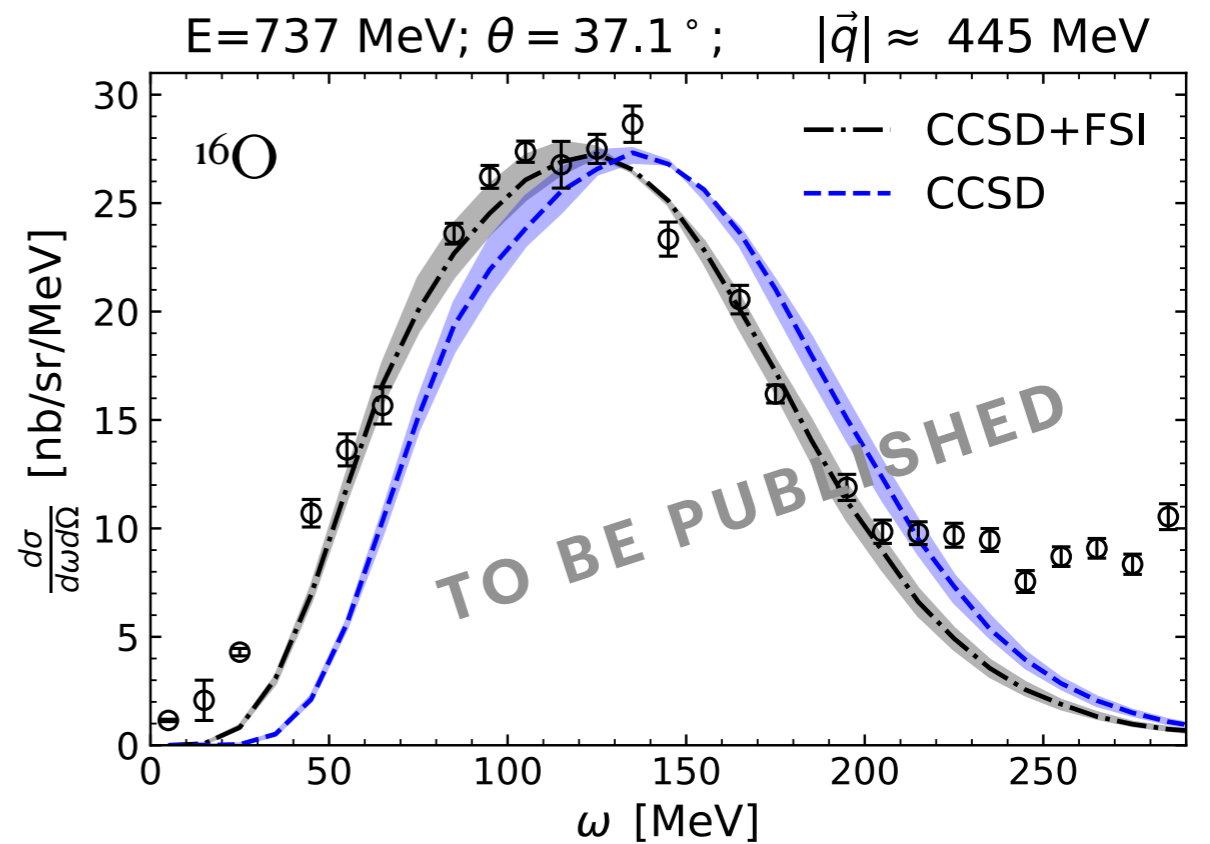
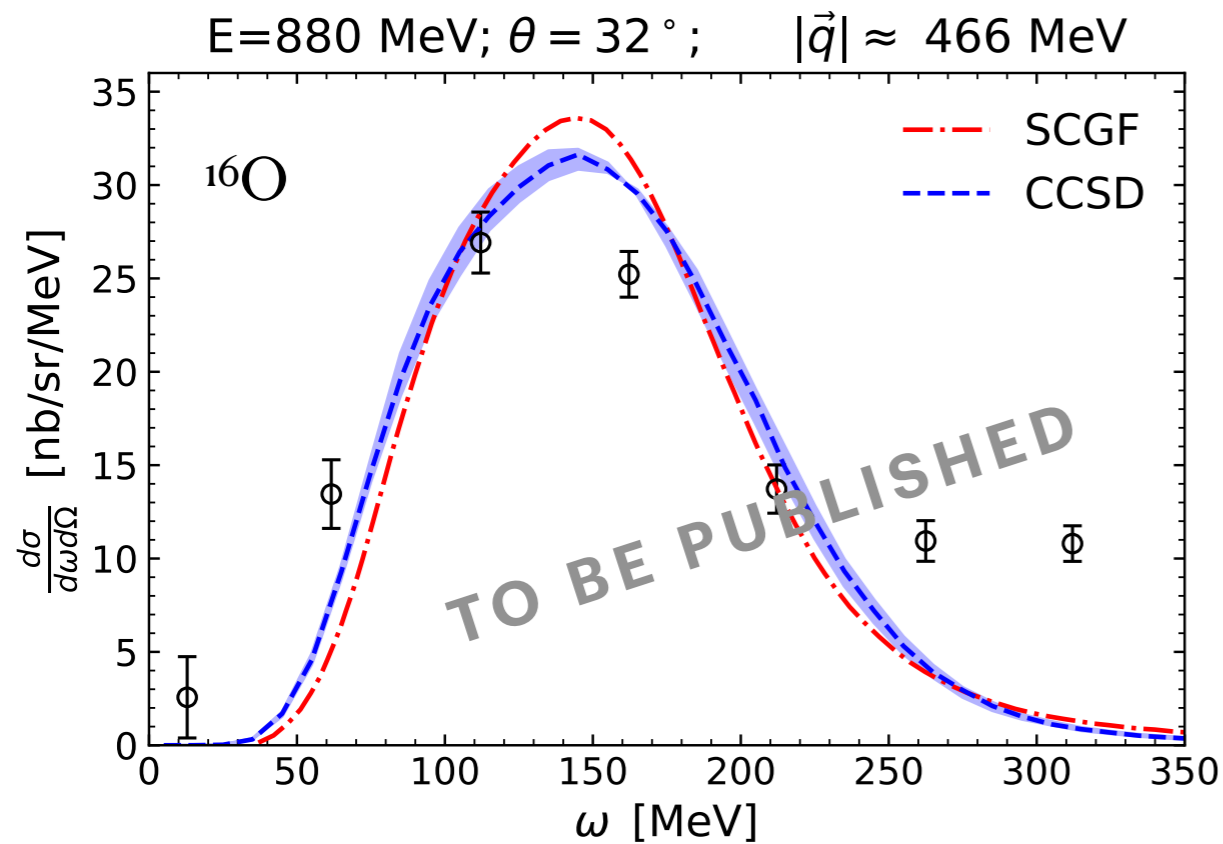
Factorized interaction vertex
(relativistic, pion
production...)

Spectral function -
nuclear information

growing q momentum transfer \rightarrow final state interactions play minor role



Final state interactions

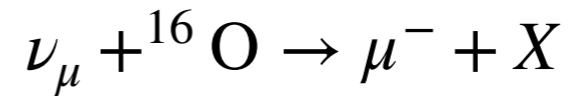


JES et al, in preparation (2023)

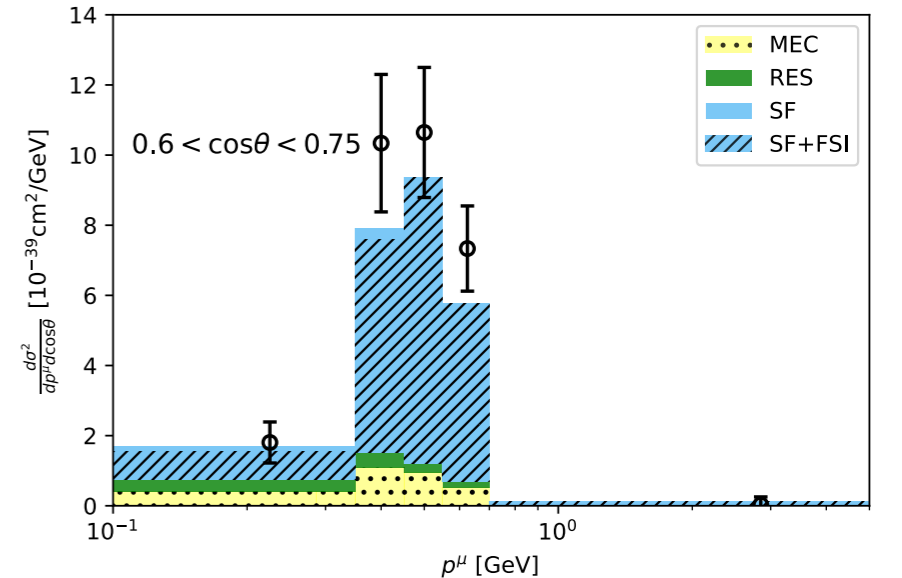
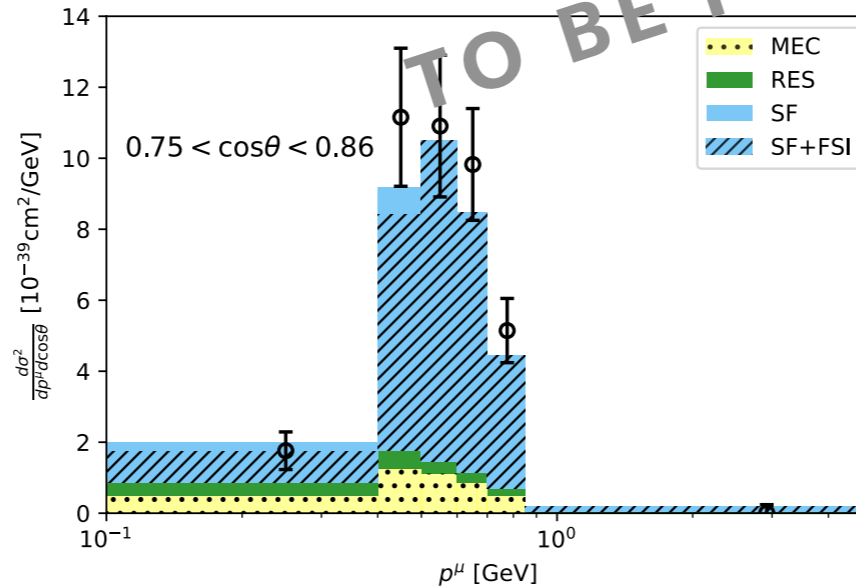
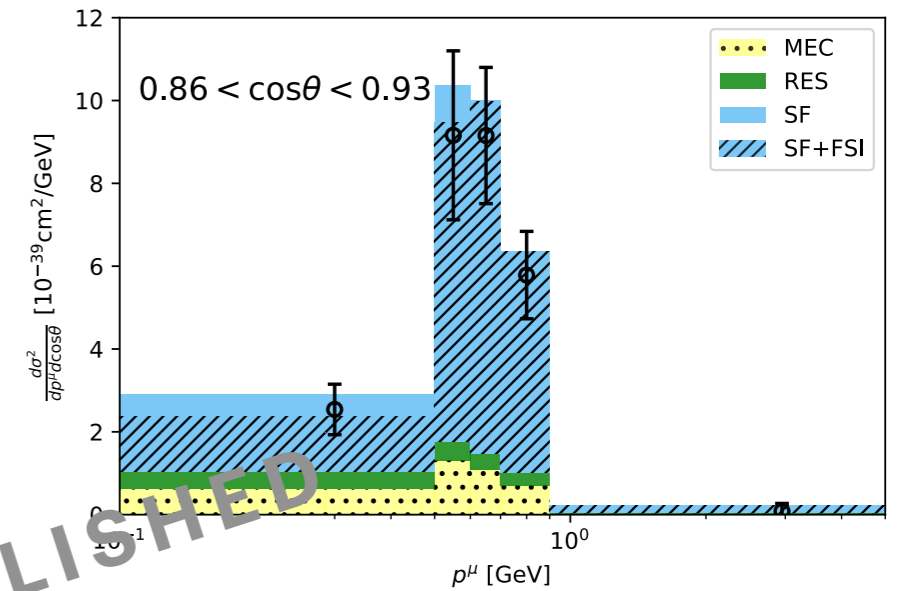
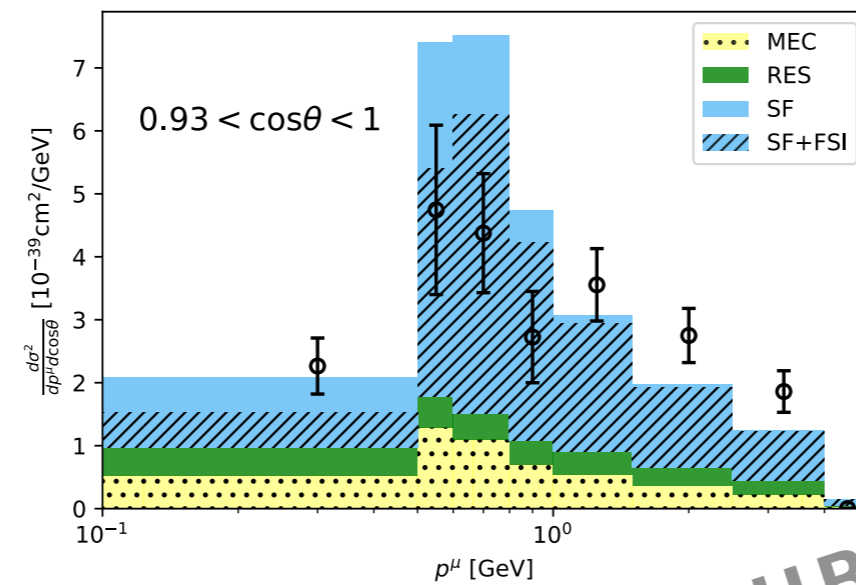
How to account for the FSI? Optical potential for the outgoing nucleon

Spectral function for neutrinos

- Comparison with T2K long baseline ν oscillation experiment
- CC0 π events
- Spectral function implemented into NuWro Monte Carlo generator



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

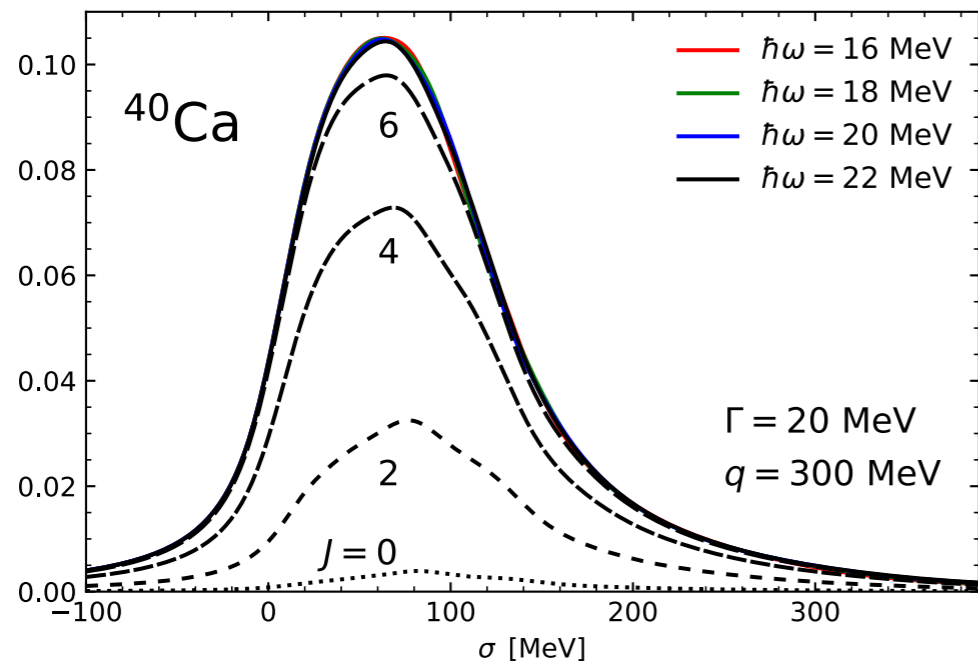


Outlook

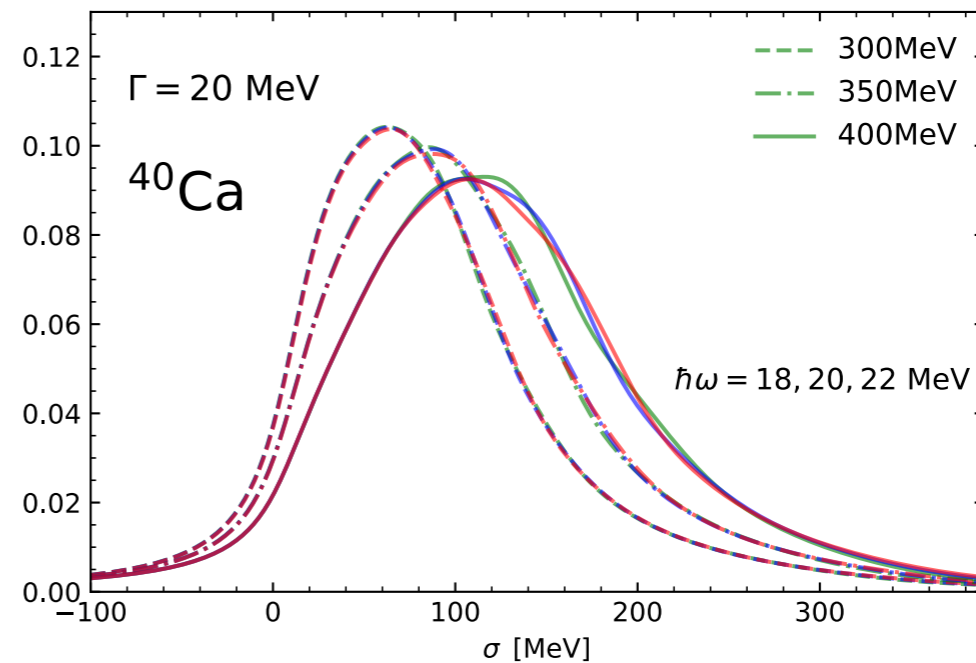
- LIT-CC benchmark for electron scattering → ready for neutrino
- Role of 2-body currents for medium-mass nuclei
- Extending the response calculation to ^{40}Ar
- Spectral functions (within Impulse Approximation):
 - Relativistic regime
 - Semi-inclusive processes
 - Further steps: 2-body spectral functions?, accounting for FSI

Thank you for attention

Longitudinal response ^{40}Ca

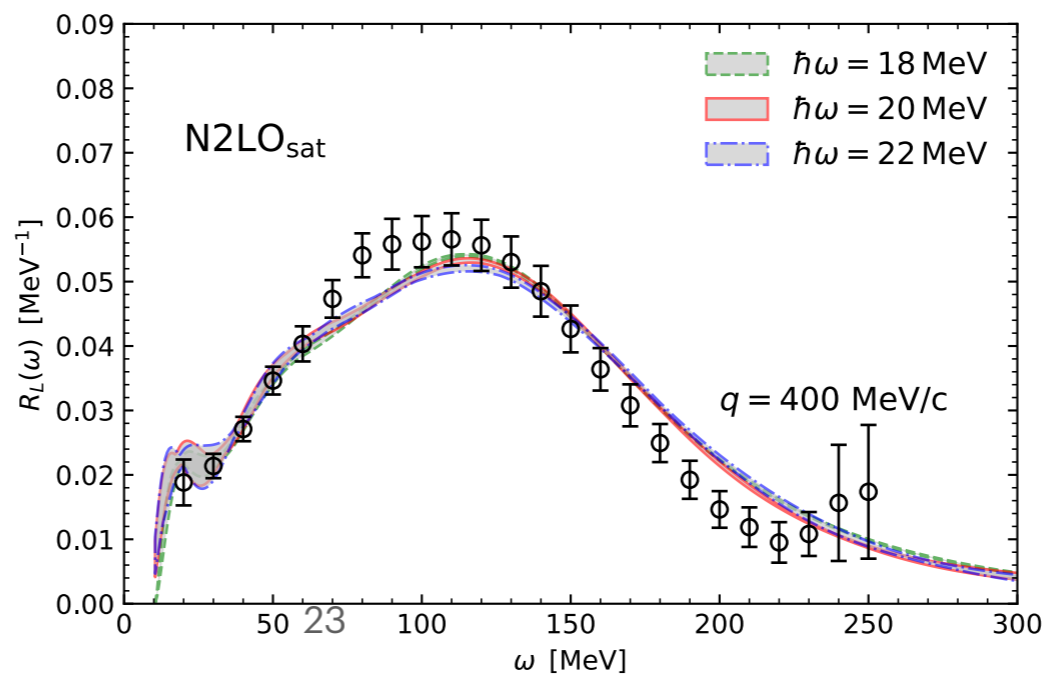


Sum over multipoles



Underlying oscillator frequency

Inversion



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

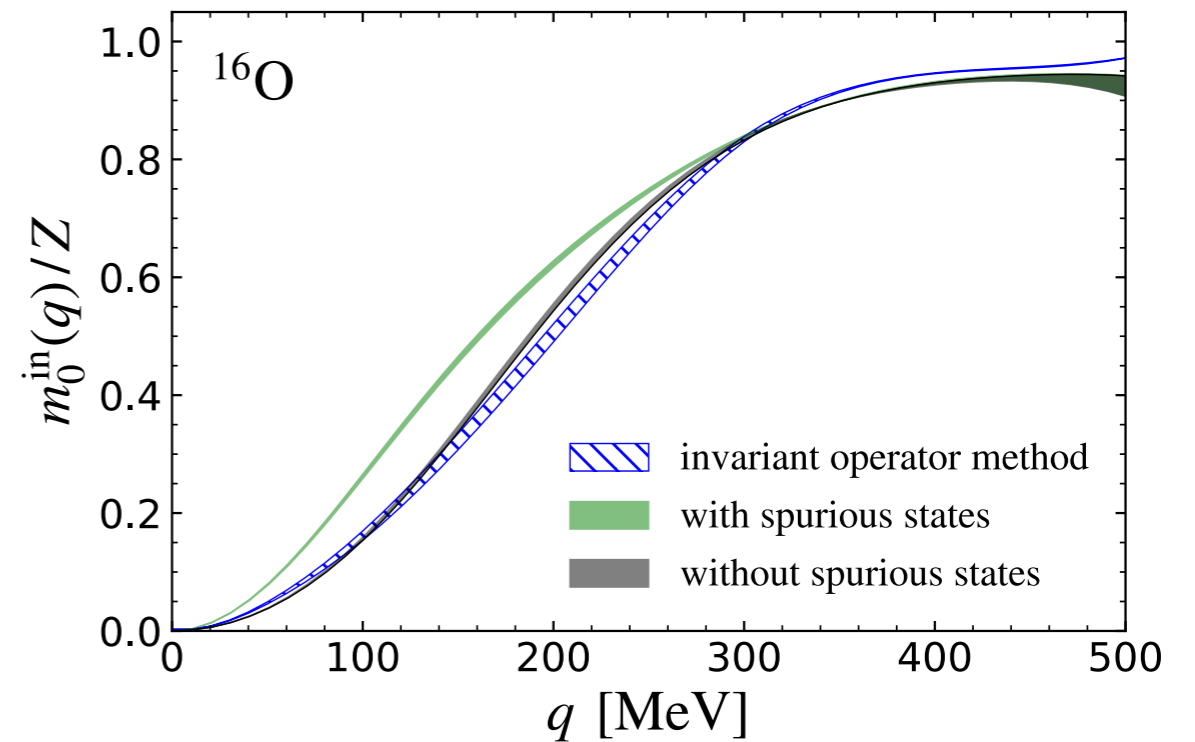
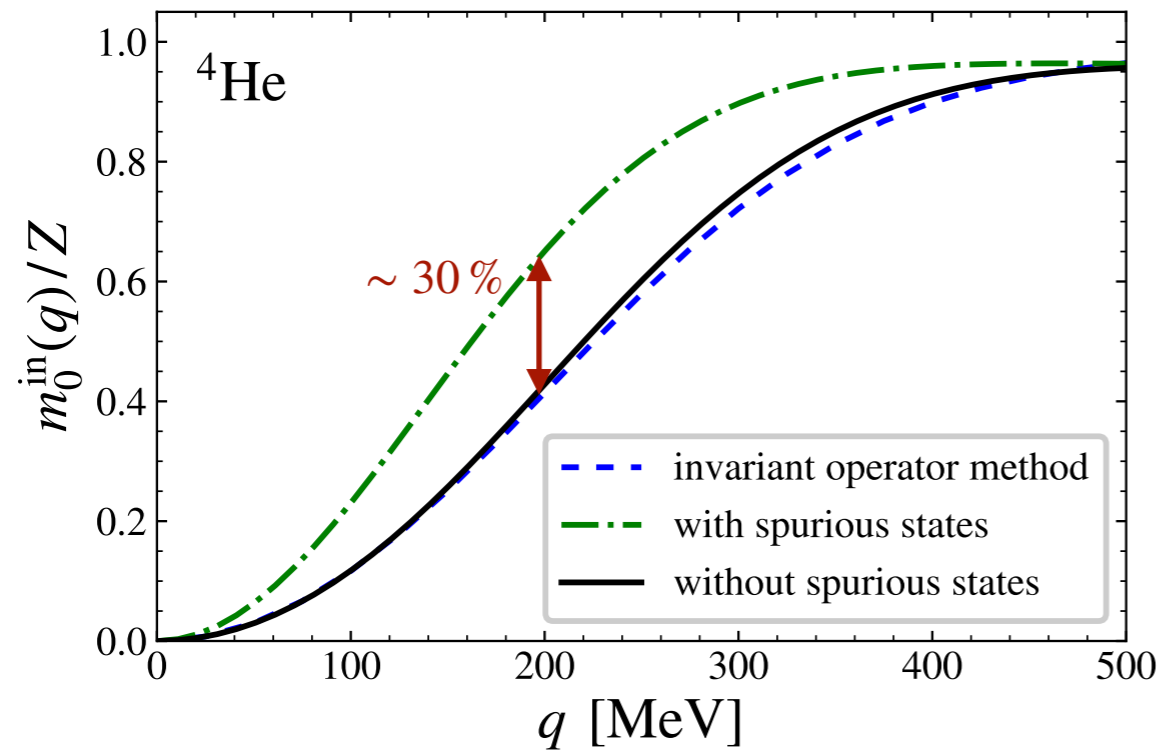
G. Hagen, T. Papenbrock, D. Dean
Phys.Rev.Lett. 103 (2009) 062503

We follow a similar ansatz for the excited states:

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

spurious

Coulomb sum rule



J.E.S. B. Acharya, S. Bacca, G. Hagen
Phys.Rev.C 102 (2020) 064312

CoM spurious states dominate for light nuclei

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 , β_i and number of basis functions N (6-9)
 - Use LITs of various width Γ (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