

# Neutrino Pair Process from Nucleon-Nucleon Bremsstrahlung in SN Matter with Chiral Effective Potential

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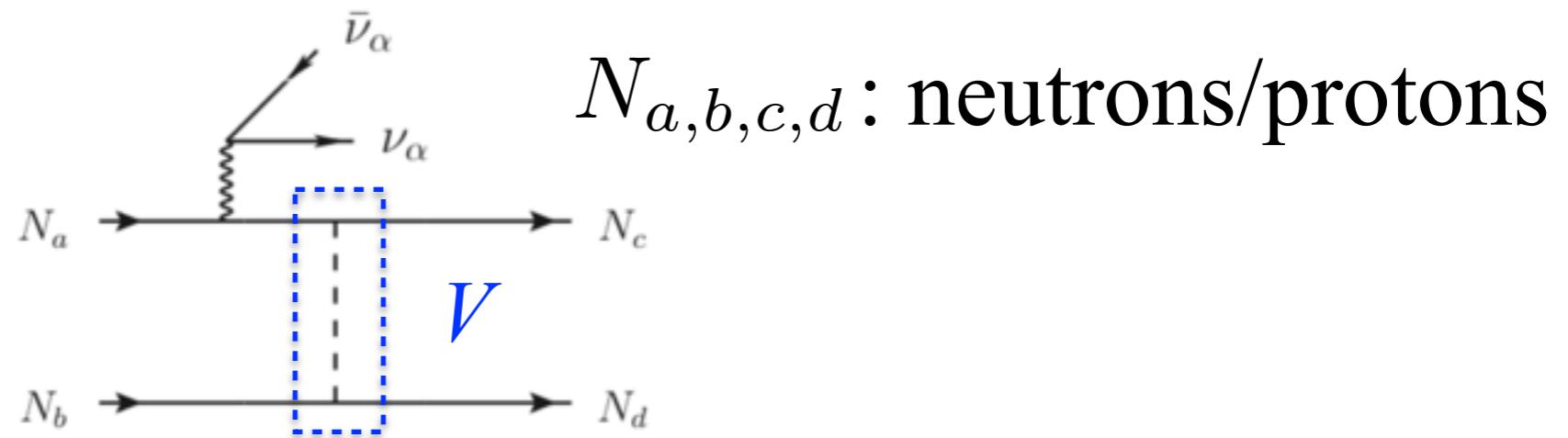
# one-page statement about the talk

pair emission

pair absorption

$$N_a + N_b \rightarrow N_c + N_d + \nu_\alpha + \bar{\nu}_\alpha$$

$$N_a + N_b + \nu_\alpha + \bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow N_c + N_d$$



We use full nuclear  $T$ -matrix based on  
chiral Effective field theory ( $\chi$ EFT) potential

to compare with previous studies using

one-pion exchange (OPE) potential

(Hannestad & Raffelt 1998)

‘effective on-shell’  $T$ -matrix

(Bartl *et al.* 2014)

# Outline

- ♦ Introduction:

- neutrino interactions in hot and dense matter

- ♦ Calculating the bremsstrahlung rates:

- nuclear potential/T-matrix, results & discussion

- ♦ Summary

Neutrino interactions in hot/dense matter play important role in SN dynamics as well as neutrino signals and nucleosynthesis.

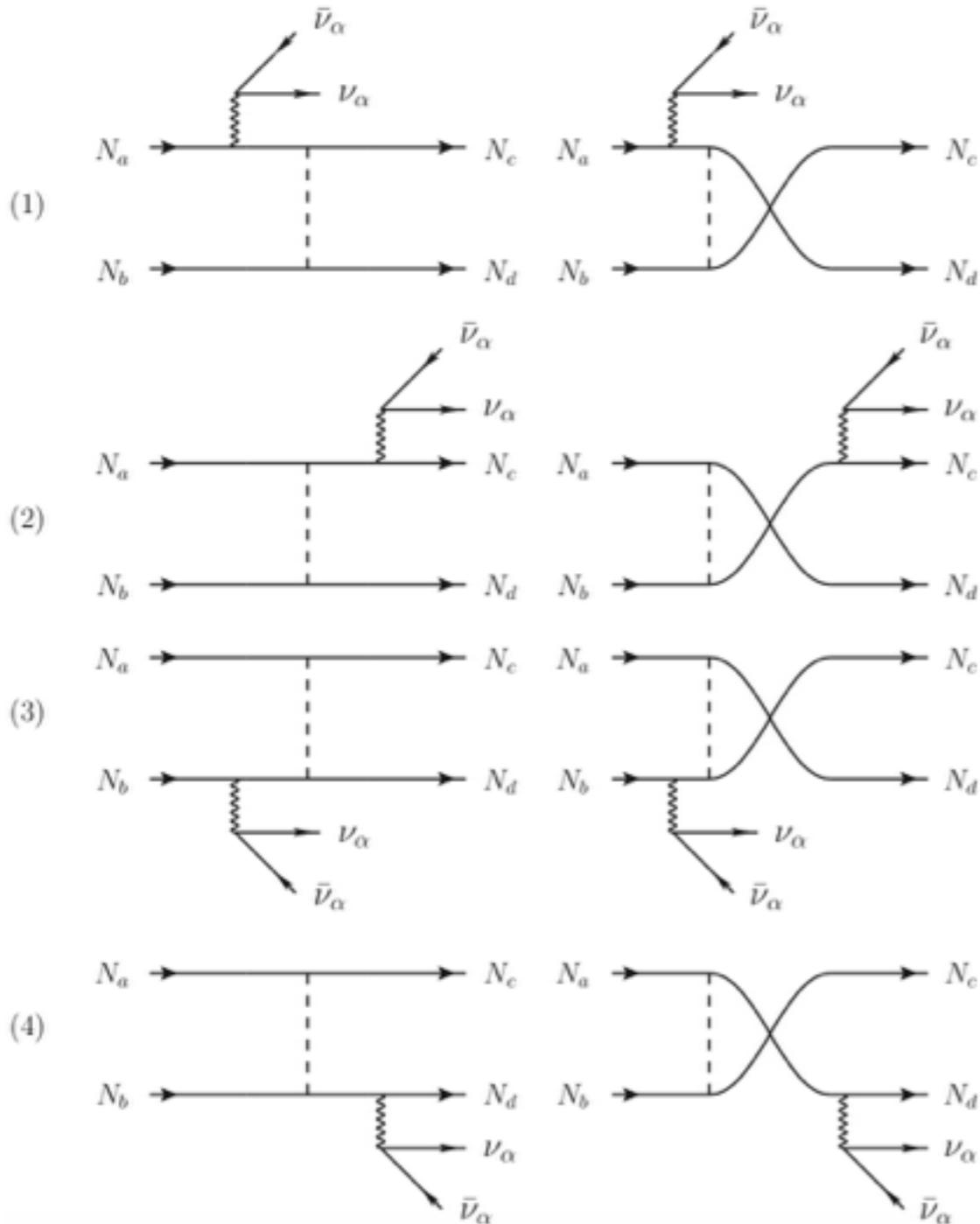
[sensitive to neutrino production/transport]

Semi-leptonic neutrino processes are highly coupled to nuclear many-body physics (nucleon-nucleon correlation/EOS), which is very uncertain due to non-perturbative nuclear force and nontrivial many-body methods.

We study neutrino **pair-absorption/emission** from **NN bremsstrahlung** which is important for neutrino production/transport in some conditions, especially for the heavy-flavor ones.

# diagrams considered and amplitudes

$$N_a + N_b \rightarrow N_c + N_d + \nu_\alpha + \bar{\nu}_\alpha$$



$$\mathcal{M}^{(1)} = \frac{G_F g_A^a}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle cd | V \sigma_i^{(a)} | ab \rangle \frac{l_i}{\omega}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2)} = -\frac{G_F g_A^c}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle cd | \sigma_i^{(c)} V | ab \rangle \frac{l_i}{\omega},$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(3)} = \frac{G_F g_A^b}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle cd | V \sigma_i^{(b)} | ab \rangle \frac{l_i}{\omega},$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{(4)} = -\frac{G_F g_A^d}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle cd | \sigma_i^{(d)} V | ab \rangle \frac{l_i}{\omega},$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{j=1}^4 \mathcal{M}^{(j)} = \frac{G_F g_A}{2\sqrt{2}} \langle cd | [V, \sum_{r=1,2} \sigma_i^{(r)} \tau_z^{(r)}] | ab \rangle \frac{l_i}{\omega},$$

$$g_A^p = -g_A^n = g_A \simeq 1.27$$

- ◆ only axial-vector term contributes in non-relativistic limit
- ◆ ignoring many-body interactions
- ◆ what to take for  $V$ ?

# nucleon-nucleon potentials for

$V$  could be (at Born level):

(i) One-Pion Exchange (OPE) potential (Hannestad & Raffelt 1998)

$$V_{\text{OPE}}(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) = -\frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2 \frac{\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}}{q^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

(ii) Chiral effective potential (Bacca *et al.* 2012)

- ◆ hamiltonian built from spontaneously broken chiral symmetry;
- ◆ an expansion in terms of  $Q/\Lambda_\chi$ , coefficients fitted to scattering data, reach desired accuracy

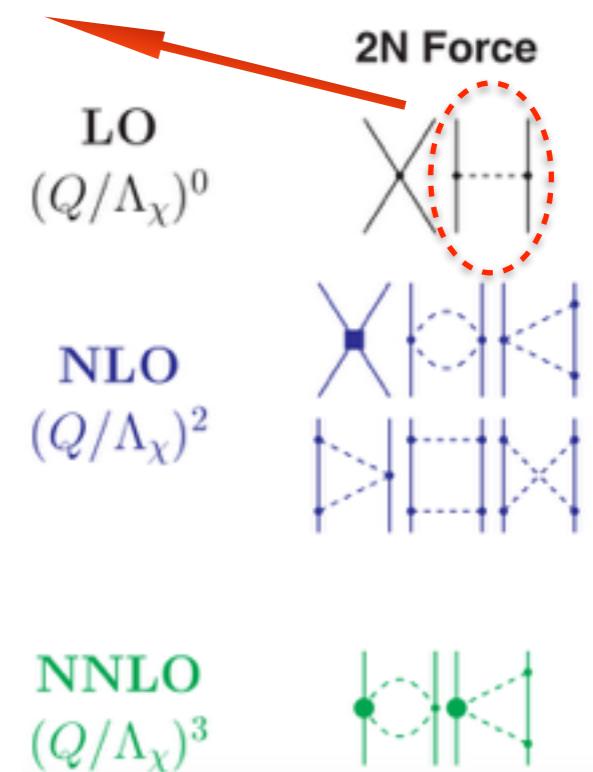
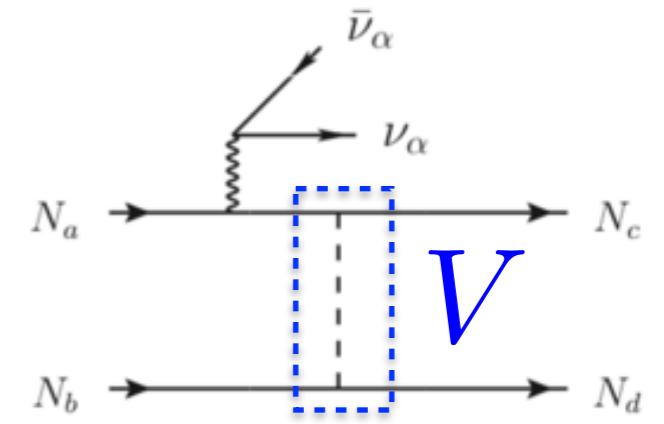
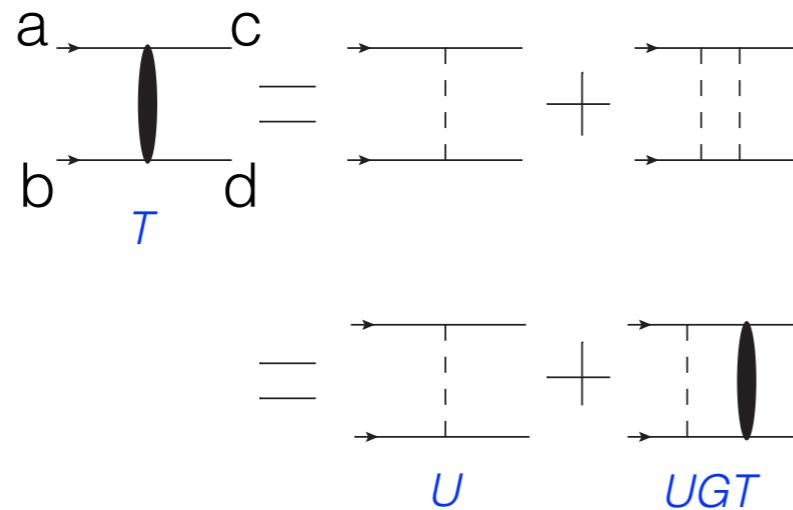


figure from D. R. Entem *et al.* 2017

# $T$ -matrix formalism

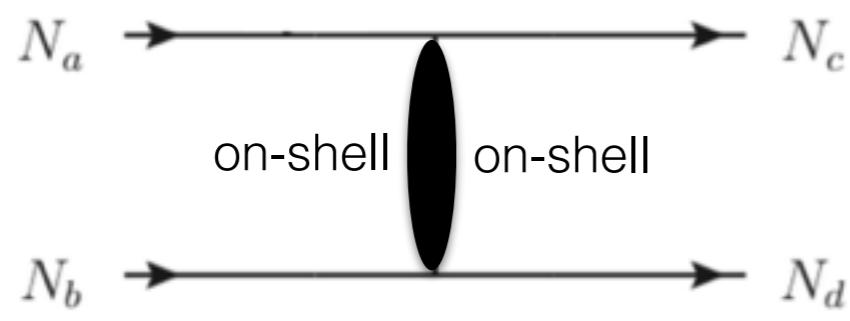


$$T = U + U \frac{1}{E - H_0 + i\epsilon} T$$

(Lippmann-Schwinger Equation)

scattering amplitude is proportional to the  $T$ -matrix

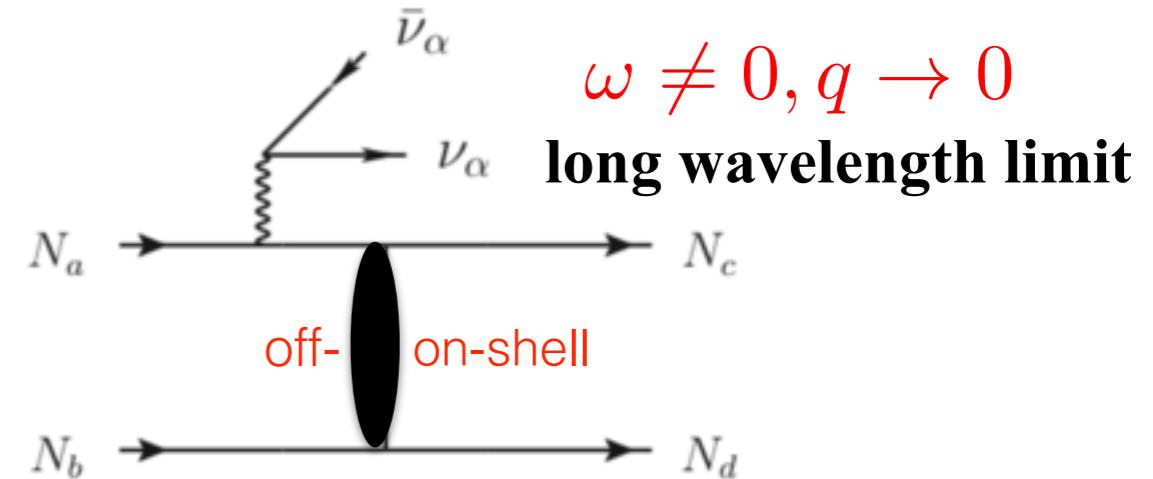
nucleon-nucleon scattering



$$E = k^2/m_N = k'^2/m_N$$

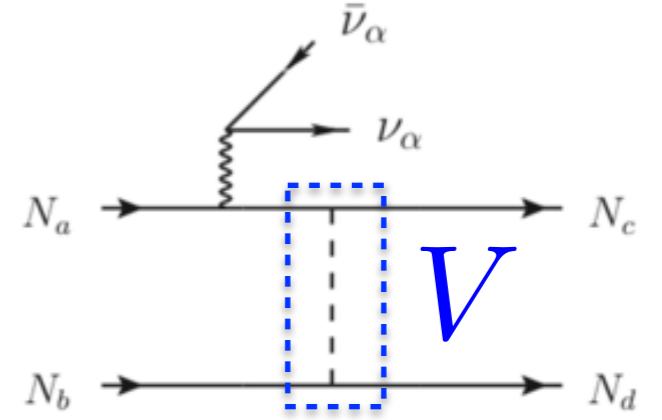
on-shell  $T$ -matrix

nucleon-nucleon bremsstrahlung



$$\frac{k^2}{m_N} - \omega = E = \frac{k'^2}{m_N}$$

half-off-shell  $T$ -matrix



Take  $V$  to be:

vacuum/in-medium  $T$ -matrix based on chiral effective potential  
(our work)

and for comparison,

OPE potential at Born level (Hannestad & Raffelt 1998)

‘on-shell’  $T$ -matrix extracted from NN scattering data

(Bartl *et al.* 2014)

## Typical conditions in SN

$$T_{SN}(\rho) = 3 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{\rho}{10^{11} \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\rho : 1.7 \times 10^{11-14} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

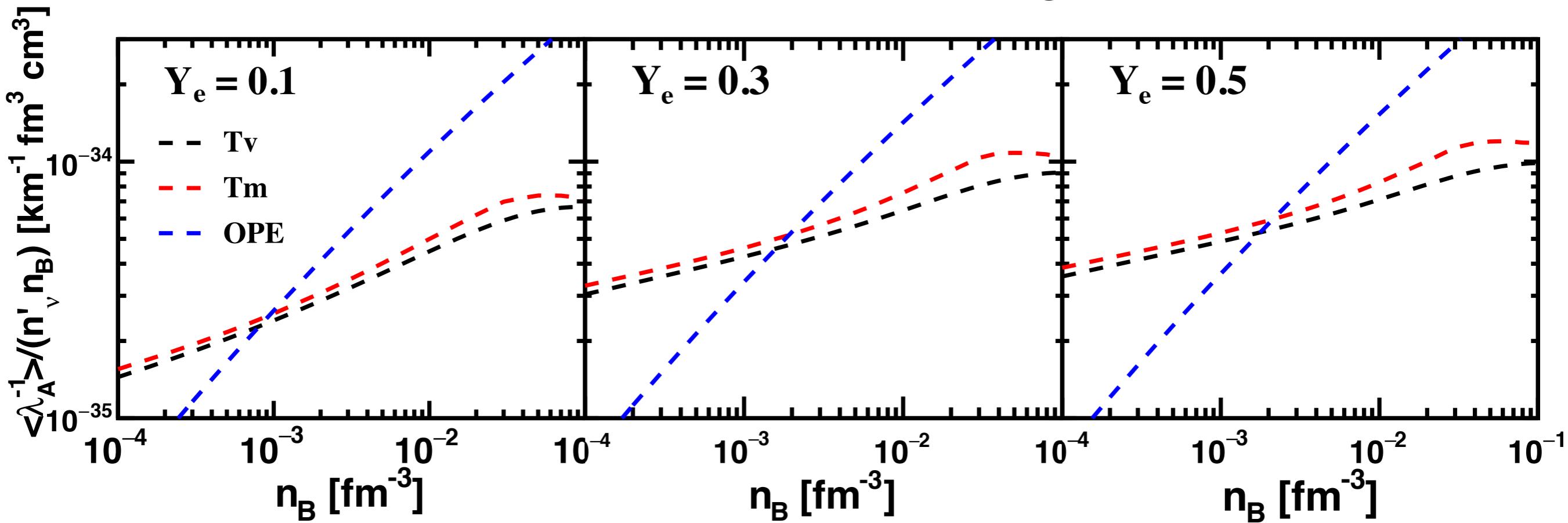
$$n_B : 10^{-4} - 10^{-1} \text{ fm}^{-3}$$

$$Y_e = \frac{n_p}{n_B} = \frac{n_p}{n_n + n_p} < 0.5$$

Opacity due to pair absorption  $N + N + \nu + \bar{\nu} \rightarrow N + N$

$$\frac{\langle \lambda_A^{-1} \rangle}{n'_\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{n'_\nu} \frac{\int \lambda_A^{-1}(E_\nu) f(E_\nu) E_\nu^2 dE_\nu}{\int f(E_\nu) E_\nu^2 dE_\nu}$$

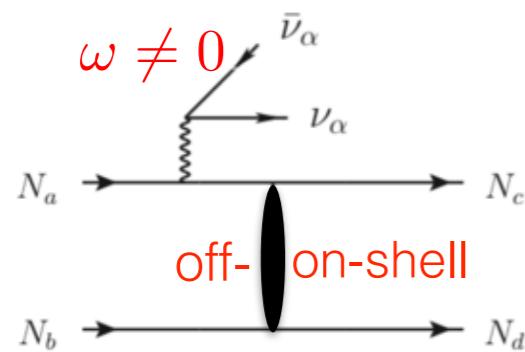
## Born level is not enough



Compared to OPE results, using  $T$ -matrix:

- ◆ enhanced rates at low density due to resonant nuclear force at low energy (**Bartl *et al.* 2014**)
- ◆ suppressed rates at high density due to repulsive short-range forces & non-perturbative effects
- ◆ medium effects on  $T$ -matrix (in-medium  $T$ -matrix) enhance rates by ~10%

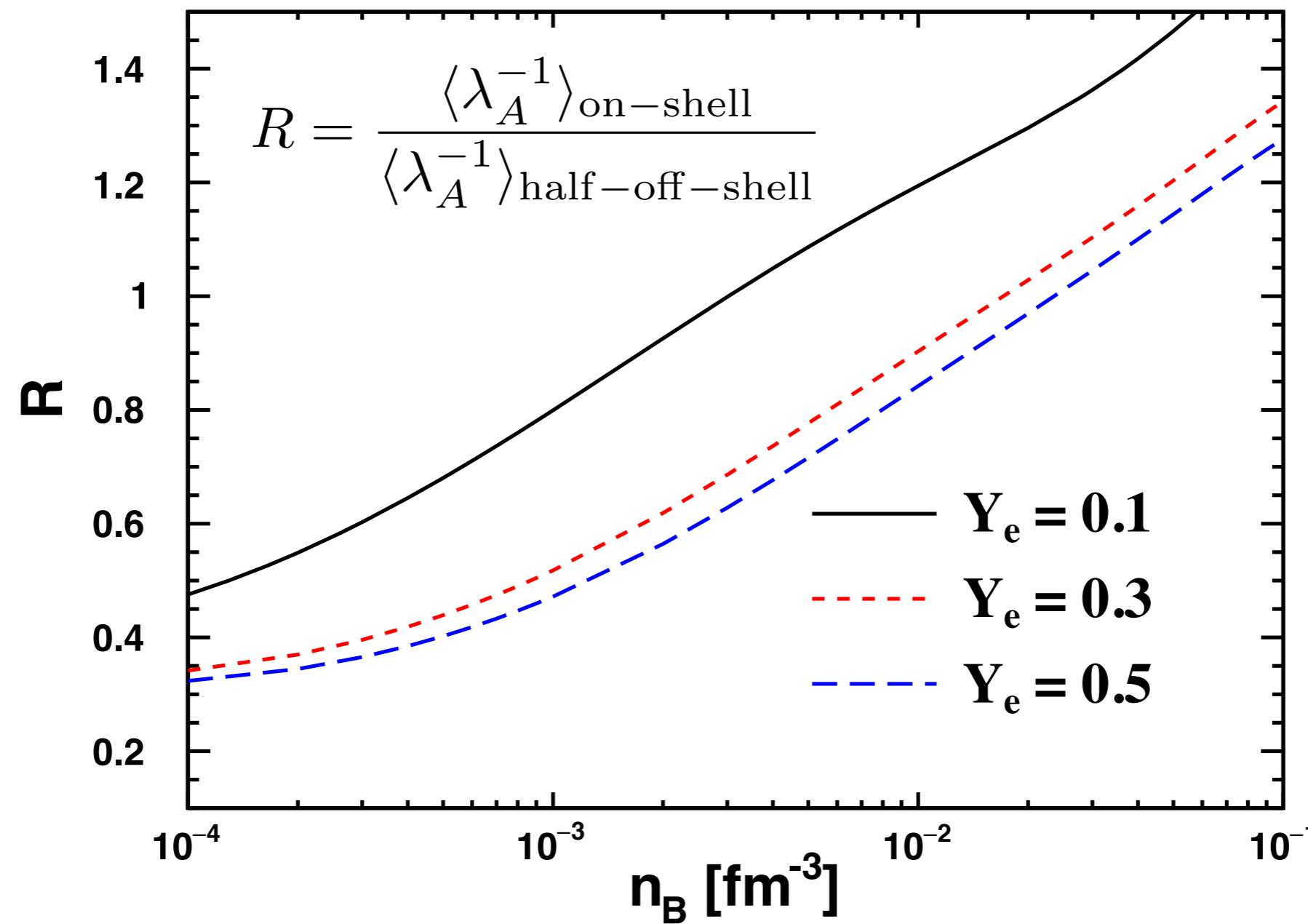
# Using effective on-shell $T$ -matrix is not enough



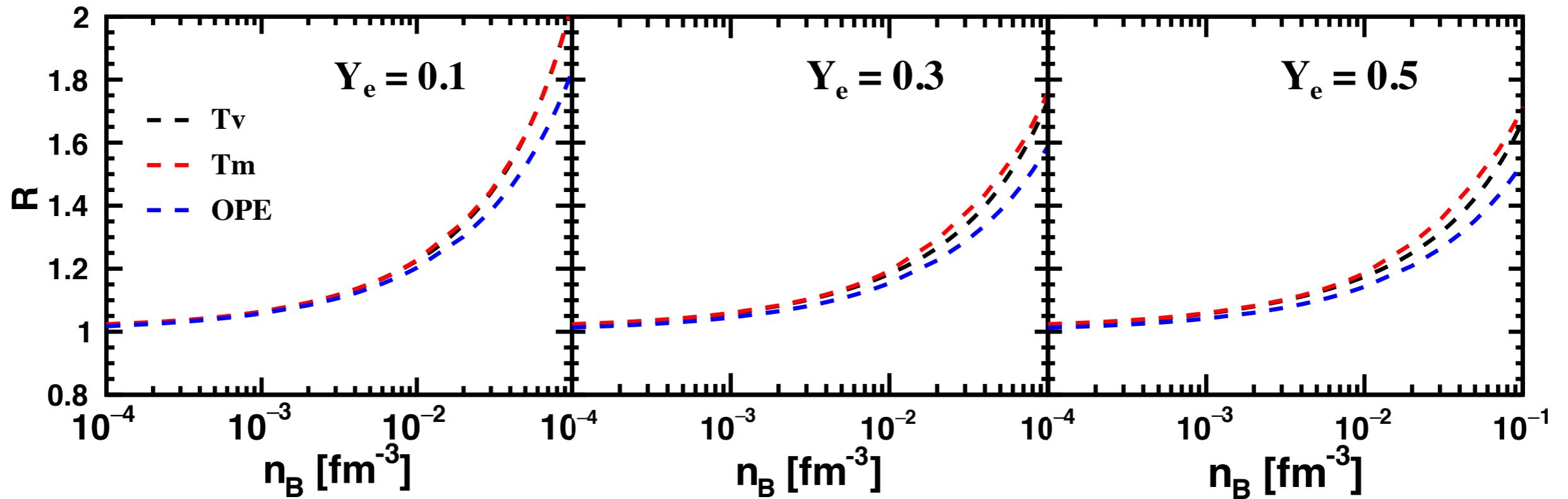
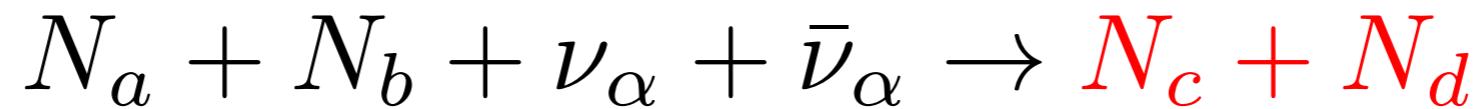
$$\langle k_f | \mathcal{T} | k_i \rangle \rightarrow \langle \bar{k} | \mathcal{T} | \bar{k} \rangle, \quad \bar{k} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(k_i^2 + k_f^2)}$$

half-off-shell    ‘on-shell’

Bartl *et al.* 2014  
(can be simply extracted from NN scattering data)

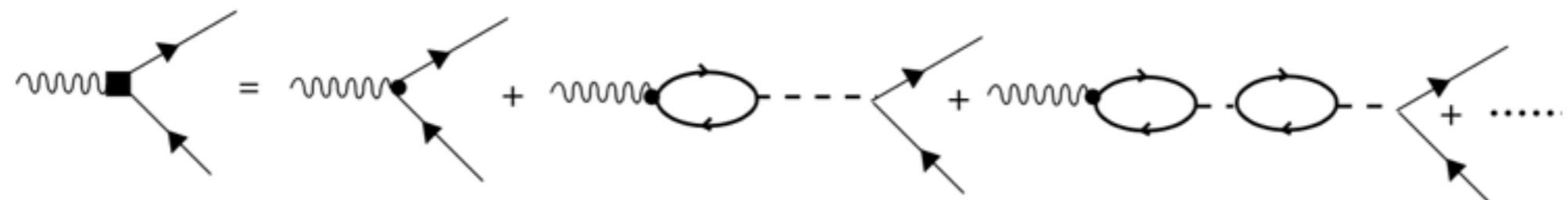
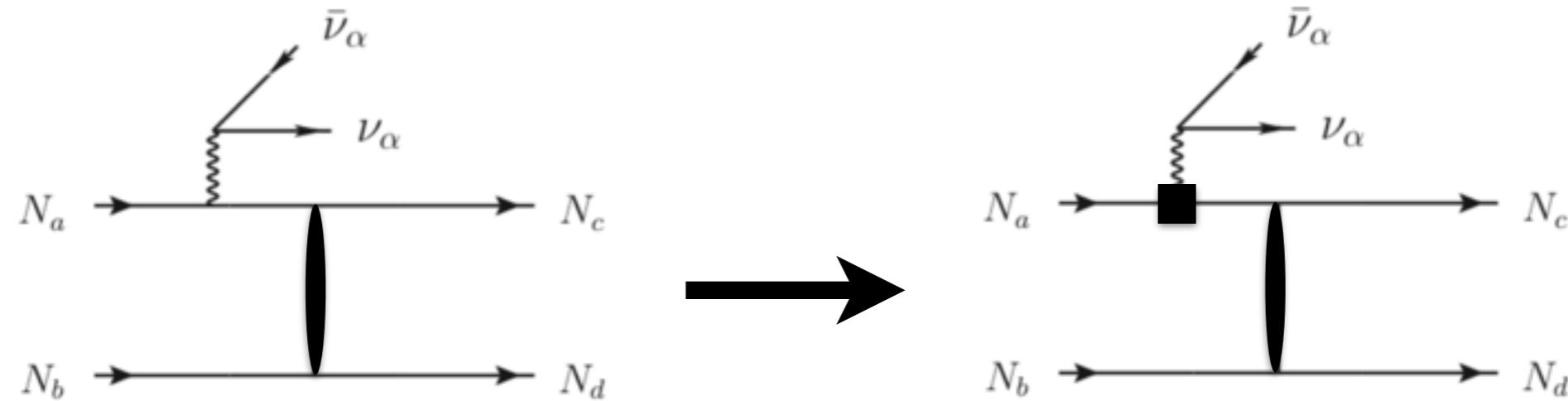


# Ignoring the blocking of the final nucleon states



$$R = \frac{\langle \lambda_A^{-1} \rangle_{\text{no blocking}}}{\langle \lambda_A^{-1} \rangle_{\text{blocking}}}$$

# RPA correlation



dressed/screened vertex due to particle-hole excitation

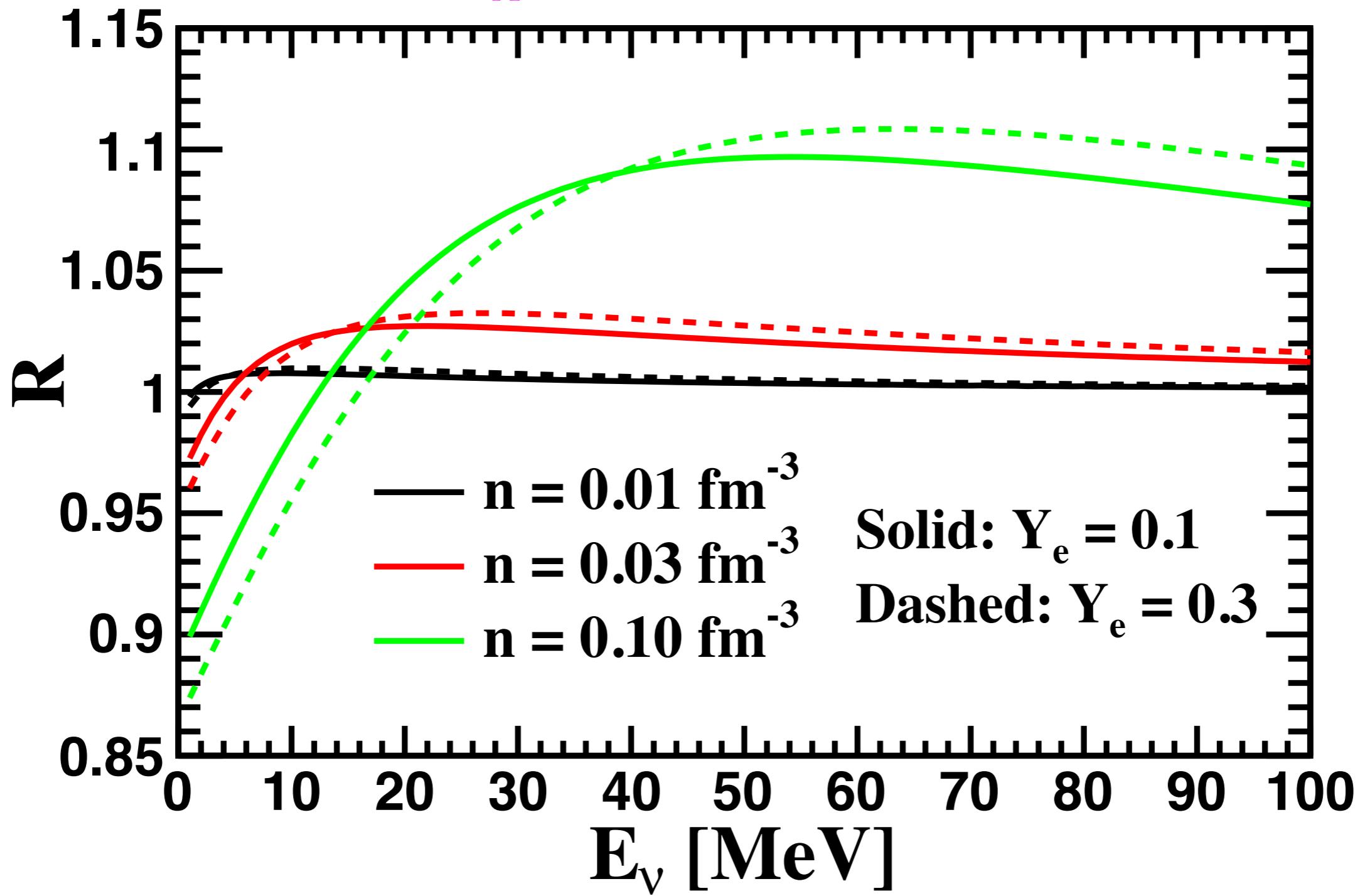
Burrows & Sawyer 1998

Reddy *et al.*, 1998

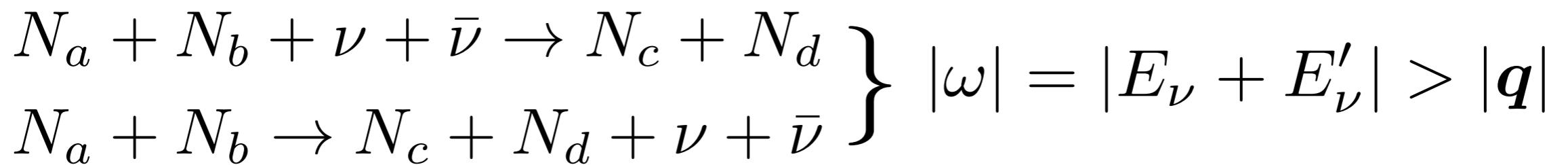
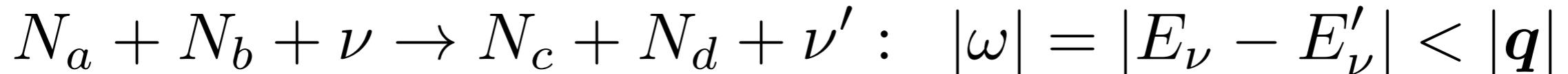
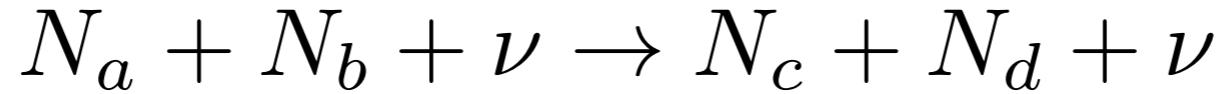
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# Effect of RPA correlation is minor

$$R = \frac{\lambda_{A,\text{RPA}}^{-1}(E_\nu)}{\lambda_A^{-1}(E_\nu)}$$



# Extension to neutrino-nucleon scattering



$\omega$  and  $q$  the energy and momentum transferred to the nuclear medium

Long wavelength approx. ( $q \rightarrow 0$ ) is only valid for pair-absorption/emission from NN bremsstrahlung;

To describe neutrino-nucleon scattering, we need to keep the dependence on  $q$ .

# Conclusions

Compared to OPE,  $T$ -matrix gives rise to enhanced rates at low density and suppressed rates at high density relevant to SN by a factor of 2-3;

Compared to on-shell  $T$ -matrix, off-shell matrix gives rise to enhanced rates at low density by a factor of 2 and suppressed rates at high density relevant to SN by 20%;

Pauli blocking suppresses the rates by 20% at  $10^{13}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup> and by 60% at  $10^{14}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>;

RPA correlation plays a negligible role in neutrino bremsstrahlung rates.

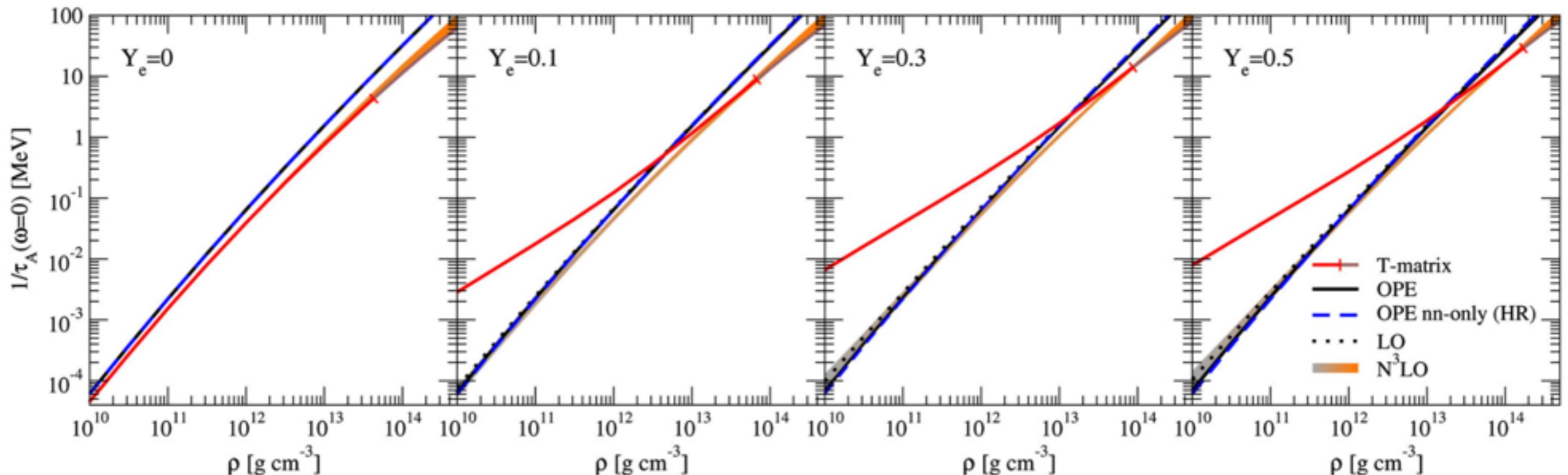
Effects of the new bremsstrahlung rates need to be tested in simulation.

Extension to neutrino-nucleon neutral current scattering in progress (collisional broadening with full  $q$ -dependences/RPA).

# Thanks

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# Consistency between OPE & chiral force at Born level at low density



Bartl *et al.* 2014

# amplitudes for bremsstrahlung in PW basis

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{H}(T_z) = & \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4(4\pi)^2} \sum_{\substack{J_i J_f J'_i J'_f \\ T_i T_f T'_i T'_f \\ l_i l_f l'_i l'_f \\ S_i S_f L}} (-1)^{S_f + S_i + J_i + L + J'_f} [J_i J_f J'_i J'_f l_i l_f l'_i l'_f] [L]^2 \\
& \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} J_i & J'_i & L \\ l'_i & l_i & S_i \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} J_f & J'_f & L \\ l'_f & l_f & S_f \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} J_f & J'_f & L \\ J'_i & J_i & 1 \end{array} \right\} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} l_i & l'_i & L \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{ccc} l_f & l'_f & L \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) P_L(\hat{k}_i \cdot \hat{k}_f) \\
& \langle k_f l_f S_f J_f T_f T_z | \mathcal{O}(1 - P_{12}) | | k_i l_i S_i J_i T_i T_z \rangle \langle k_i l'_i S_i J'_i T'_i T_z | | \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(1 - P_{12}) | | k_f l'_f S_f J'_f T'_f T_z \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \langle k_f l_f S_f J_f T_f T_z | | \mathcal{O}(1 - P_{12}) | | k_i l_i S_i J_i T_i T_z \rangle = & \frac{1}{\omega} \left\{ \mathcal{T}_{l_f l_i}^{S_f J_f T_f}(k_f, k_i; E_{k_f}) \langle k_i l_i S_f J_f T_f T_z | | \mathcal{Y} | | k_i l_i S_i J_i T_i T_z \right. \\
& \left. - \langle k_f l_f S_f J_f T_f T_z | | \mathcal{Y} | | k_f l_f S_i J_i T_i T_z \rangle \mathcal{T}_{l_f l_i}^{S_i J_i T_i}(k_f, k_i; E_{k_i}) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \langle k_i l'_i S_i J'_i T'_i T_z | | \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(1 - P_{12}) | | k_f l'_f S_f J'_f T'_f T_z \rangle = & \frac{1}{\omega} \left\{ [\mathcal{T}_{l'_f l'_i}^{S_i J'_i T'_i}(k_f, k_i; E_{k_i})]^* \langle k_f l'_f S_i J'_i T'_i T_z | | \mathcal{Y} | | k_f l'_f S_f J'_f T'_f T_z \right. \\
& \left. - \langle k_i l'_i S_i J'_i T'_i T_z | | \mathcal{Y} | | k_i l'_i S_f J'_f T'_f T_z \rangle [\mathcal{T}_{l'_f l'_i}^{S_f J'_f T'_f}(k_f, k_i; E_{k_f})]^* \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle k l S_f J_f T_f T_z | | \mathcal{Y} | | k l S_i J_i T_i T_z \rangle = & 6(-1)^{T_f - T_z + l + S_i + J_f + 1} [S_i S_f J_i J_f T_i T_f] \left[ (-1)^{S_f + T_f} + (-1)^{S_i + T_i} \right] \\
& \left( \begin{array}{ccc} T_f & 1 & T_i \\ -T_z & 0 & T_z \end{array} \right) \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} S_f & S_i & 1 \\ J_i & J_f & l \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ S_i & S_f & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ T_i & T_f & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

# $T$ -matrix elements in partial wave basis

$$\mathcal{T}_{LL'}^{JST}(k', k; E) = U_{LL'}^{JST}(k', k) + \sum_{L''} \int \frac{k''^2 dk''}{(2\pi)^3} U_{LL''}^{JST}(k', k'') \frac{1}{E - \frac{k''^2}{m_N} + i\varepsilon} \mathcal{T}_{LL''}^{JST}(k'', k; E),$$

discretization of  $k$ , then

$$A_{ij} T_{jk} = U_{ik} \xrightarrow{\text{matrix inversion}} T = A^{-1} U$$

Bethe-Goldstone equation (in-medium version of LS)

$$\mathcal{T}_{LL'}^{JST}(k', k; K, \Omega) = V_{LL'}^{JST}(k', k) + \sum_{L''} \int \frac{k''^2 dk''}{(2\pi)^3} V_{LL''}^{JST}(k', k'') \bar{g}_{II}(K, \Omega, k'') \mathcal{T}_{L''L}^{JST}(k'', k; K, \Omega)$$

in-medium  $T$ -matrix

$$\bar{g}_{II}(K, \Omega, k) = \left\langle \frac{1 - f(\varepsilon(k_1)) - f(\varepsilon(k_2))}{\Omega - \varepsilon(k_1) - \varepsilon(k_2) + i\eta} \right\rangle_\theta$$

Including the blocking for the intermediate two-nucleon states

**Taking  $U$  to be the chiral potential,**  
(D. R. Entem *et al.* 2017 )

**half-off-shell vacuum/in-medium  $T$ -matrix is computed**

# Rates and structure factor

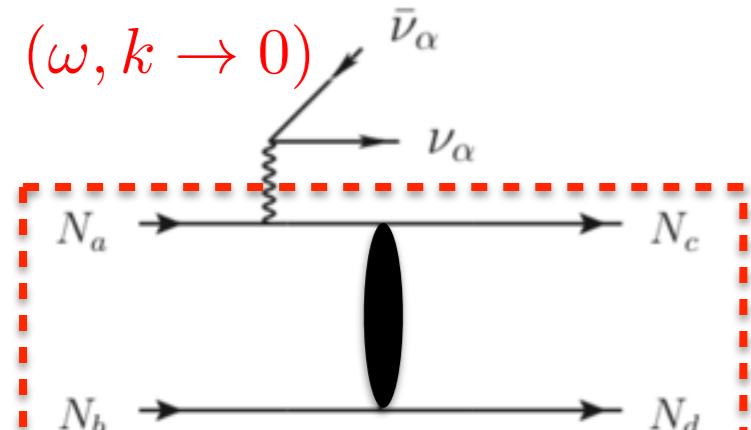
$$\sum_{\text{spins}} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{tot}}|^2 \stackrel{\text{NR}}{=} \frac{C_A^2 G_F^2}{2} \sum_{ij} H_{ij} L^{ij} \xrightarrow{\text{isotropic}} 4C_A^2 G_F^2 \times \bar{H} \times E_\nu E'_\nu (3 - \cos \theta_{\nu\bar{\nu}})$$

where  $\bar{H} \equiv \frac{1}{3} \sum_i H_{ii} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \sum_{\text{spins}} |\langle cd | [V, \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{r=1,2} \sigma_i^{(r)} \tau_z^{(r)}] | ab \rangle|^2.$

Fermi-Golden's rule giving the rates: Integrating over the phase spaces of nucleons and neutrinos with Pauli blocking for the final states. ( $N_a + N_b \rightarrow N_c + N_d + \nu_\alpha + \bar{\nu}_\alpha$ )

Separating the hadronic and leptonic parts, one can introduce a structure factor for the nuclear medium,

Hannestad & Raffelt 1998



$$S_\sigma(\omega) \equiv S_\sigma(\omega, q \rightarrow 0)$$

long wavelength limit

$$S_\sigma^{(\lambda\eta)}(\omega) = \frac{1}{n_B} \int \prod_{l=a,b,c,d} \frac{d^3 k_l}{(2\pi)^3} f_a f_b (1 - f_c)(1 - f_d) \times \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_a + \mathbf{k}_b - \mathbf{k}_c - \mathbf{k}_d) \bar{H}^{(\lambda\eta)}(K, k_i, k_f, \cos \theta) \times (2\pi)^4 \delta(E_a + E_b - E_c - E_d + \omega),$$

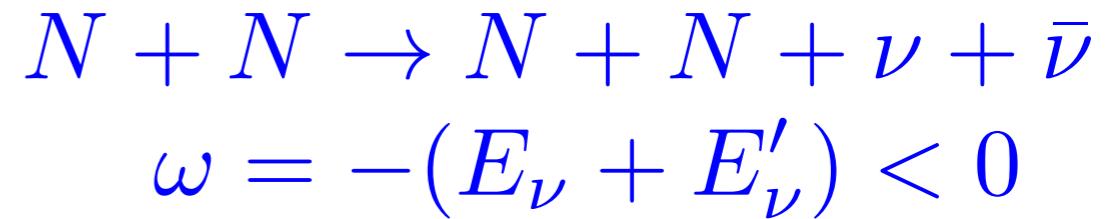
$$\lambda, \eta = n, p$$

$$S_\sigma = S_\sigma^{(nn)} + S_\sigma^{(np)} + S_\sigma^{(pp)}$$

Given the structure factor, integrating over the phase space of neutrinos gives the rates of neutrino bremsstrahlung:

Emissivity from NN bremsstrahlung

$$\phi(E_\nu) = \frac{C_A^2 G_F^2 n_B E_\nu^2}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3} (3 - \cos \theta_{\nu\bar{\nu}}) \\ \times S_\sigma(-E_\nu - E'_\nu) [1 - f'(E'_\nu)],$$

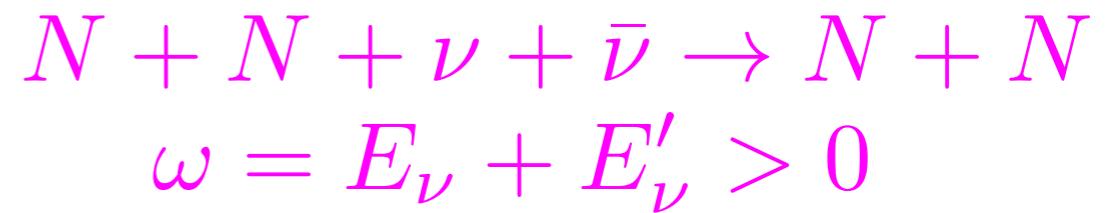


**detailed balance**

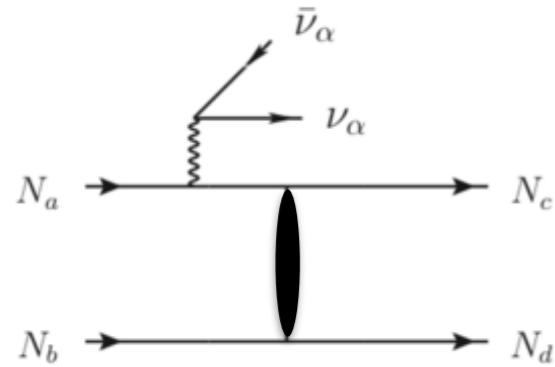
$$S_\sigma(-\omega) = S_\sigma(\omega) e^{-\omega/T}$$

Opacity due to neutrino-pair absorption

$$\lambda_A^{-1}(E_\nu) = C_A^2 G_F^2 n_B \int \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3} (3 - \cos \theta_{\nu\bar{\nu}}) f'(E'_\nu) \\ \times S_\sigma(E_\nu + E'_\nu),$$

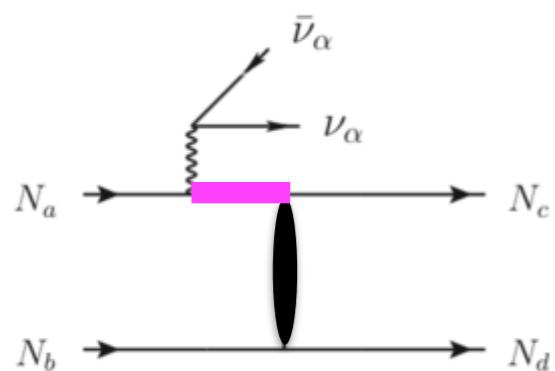


# multi-scattering effects and normalized structure factor



$$\mathcal{M} \propto \frac{1}{\omega}, \quad S(\omega) \propto \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$

expected for bremsstrahlung in vacuum,  
but not true in nuclear medium



the intermediate nucleon get constantly scattered  
and thus obtain a width smearing the process

$$\mathcal{M} \propto \frac{1}{\omega + i\Gamma}, \quad S_\sigma(\omega) \propto \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \Gamma^2}$$

Raffelt & Strobel 1997  
Hannestad & Raffelt 1998

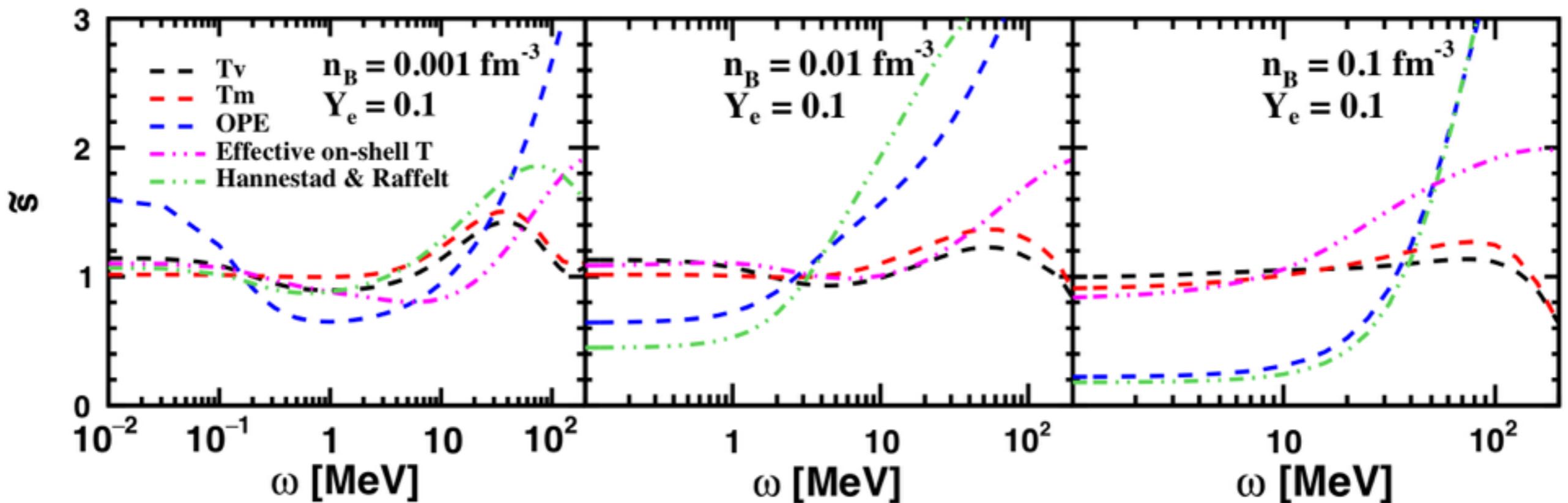
To determine  $\Gamma$   
[functions of  $T, n, Y_e$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} S_\sigma(\omega) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} S_\sigma(\omega) (1 + e^{-\omega/T}) \\ &= \frac{2}{n_B} \sum_{i=n,p} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} f_i(\varepsilon(p)) [1 - f_i(\varepsilon(p))] \end{aligned}$$

exact for non-interacting system;  
NN collision widen the spreading of  $S_\sigma(\omega)$

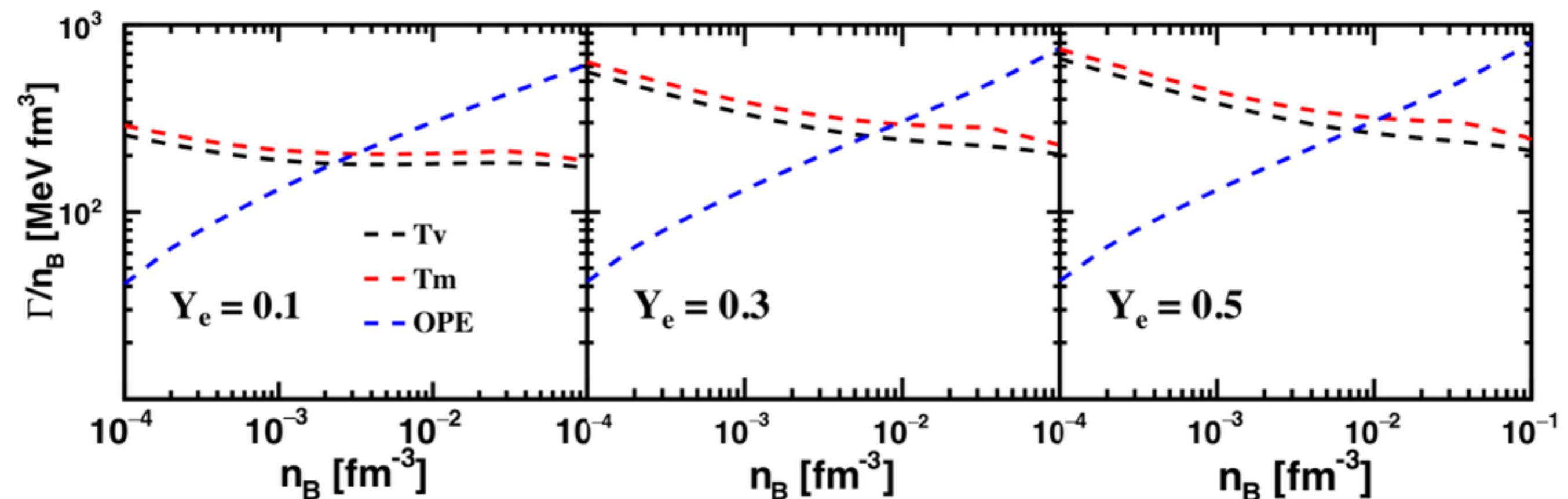
a finite  $\Gamma$  guarantees a smooth & physical structure factor,  
otherwise  $S_\sigma(\omega)$  diverges as  $\omega \rightarrow 0$

# comparisons of the structure factors



(Hannestad & Raffelt 1998; Bartl *et al.* 2014)

# width/spin relaxation rate of nucleon



# Formalisms for RPA correlation

$$S_\sigma(q, \omega) = \frac{2\text{Im}\Pi(q, \omega)}{1 - \exp(-\omega/T)},$$

where

**fluctuation-dissipation theorem**  
see. e.g., Fetter & Walecka 1971

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(q, \omega) \equiv & \frac{-i}{Z} \int d^4x e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} e^{i\omega t} \text{Tr}\{e^{-\beta(H - \sum \mu_i N_i)} \\ & \times [n_n^{(3)} - n_p^{(3)}, n_n^{(3)} - n_p^{(3)}]\} \theta(t), \end{aligned}$$

Including RPA

$$\text{Im}[\Pi(\omega)] = \frac{1}{2} S_\sigma(\omega) [1 - \exp(-\omega/T)],$$

$$\text{Re}[\Pi(\omega)] = \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int d\omega' \frac{\text{Im}[\Pi(\omega')]}{\omega - \omega'}.$$

$$S_\sigma^{\text{RPA}}(\omega) = 2\text{Im}[\Pi(\omega)][1 - \exp(-\omega/T)]^{-1} \mathcal{C}_A^{-1},$$

where

**ring approximation**

$$\mathcal{C}_A = \{1 - v_{\text{GT}} \text{Re}[\Pi(\omega)]\}^2 + v_{\text{GT}}^2 \text{Im}[\Pi(\omega)]^2,$$

with  $v_{\text{GT}}/n_B = 4.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ MeV}^{-2}$

Burrows & Sawyer 1998  
Reddy *et al.*, 1998

# a general discussion of axial-structure factor

Dynamical structure function: correlation of spin-spin density operator

$$S_\sigma(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{4}{3n_B V} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}(t, \mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(0, -\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

$$S_\sigma(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{n_B} \frac{2\text{Im}\Pi(q, \omega)}{1 - \exp(-\omega/T)},$$

**fluctuation-dissipation theorem**

see, e.g., Fetter & Walecka 1971

where retarded polarization/response function is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(q, \omega) \equiv & \frac{-i}{Z} \int d^4x e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} e^{i\omega t} \text{Tr}\{e^{-\beta(H - \sum \mu_i N_i)} \\ & \times [n_n^{(3)} - n_p^{(3)}, n_n^{(3)} - n_p^{(3)}]\} \theta(t), \end{aligned}$$

**Cutting rules** show the imaginary part can be approximated by the rates obtained from the Fermi-Golden's rule with statistical factors taken in account for the initial/final states.

# Effects of RPA on the normalisation of $S_\sigma(\omega)$

$$S_{\sigma,q=0} \equiv \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{S_\sigma(q, \omega)}{2\pi} d\omega = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{S_\sigma(\omega)}{2\pi} d\omega.$$

[actually the static structure factor, constrained by EOS]

