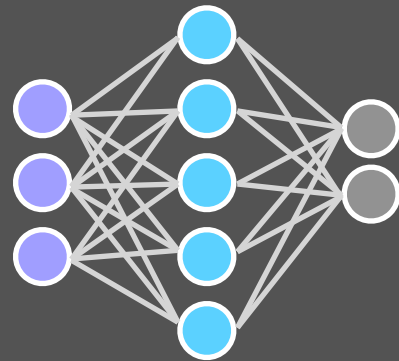
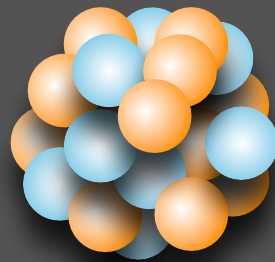


# VARIATIONAL LEARNING NUCLEAR MATTER



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# CAREER RECAP

**2006:** Bachelor in Physics from “Sapienza” University (Rome, Italy)

**2008:** Master in Particle Physics from “Sapienza” University (Rome, Italy)

**2012:** PhD in Astro-Particle Physics from “SISSA” (Trieste, Italy)

**2012 - 2014:** Postdoc in the ALCF Division at Argonne

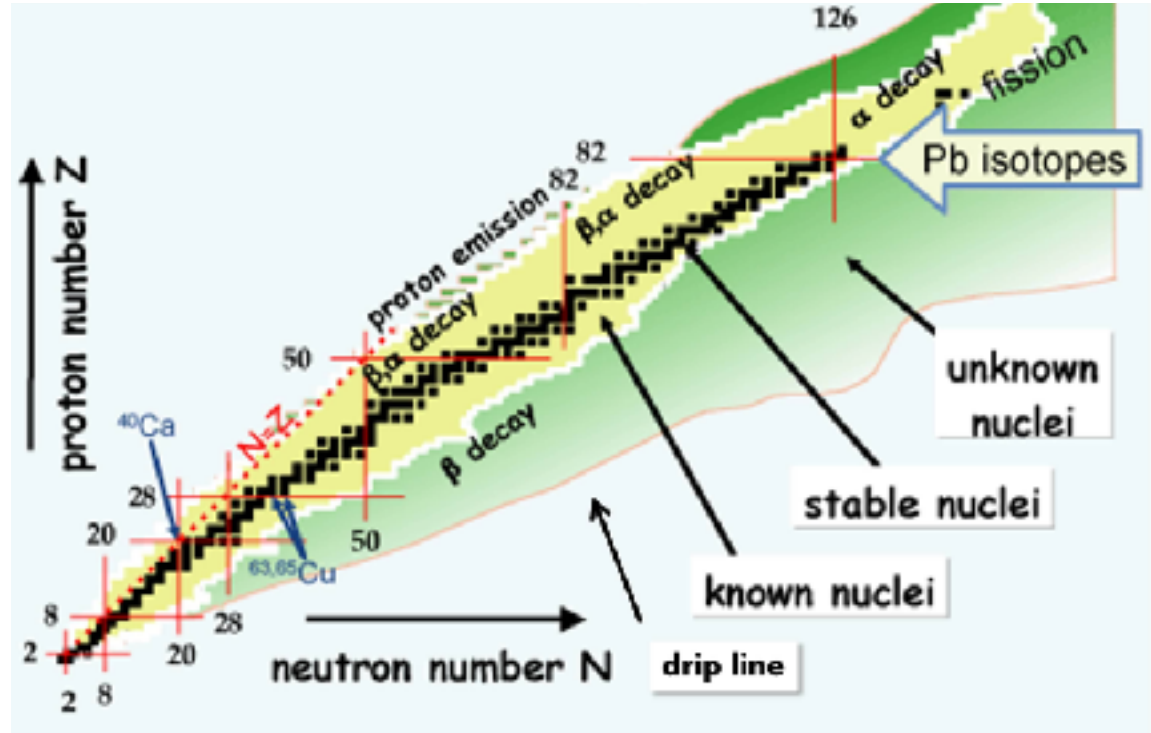
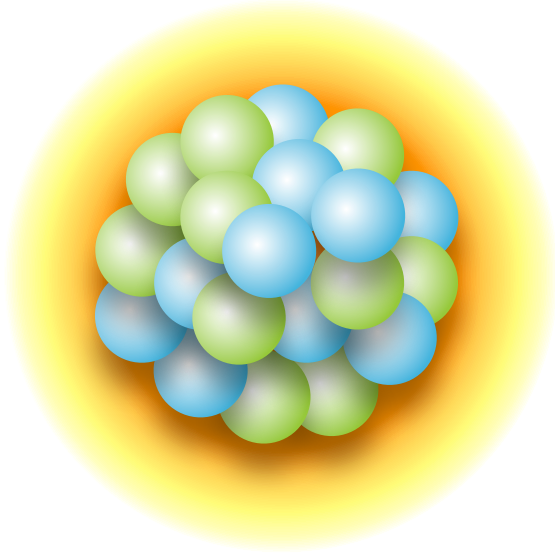
**2014 - present:** (on leave) Staff Scientist in the Physics Division at Argonne

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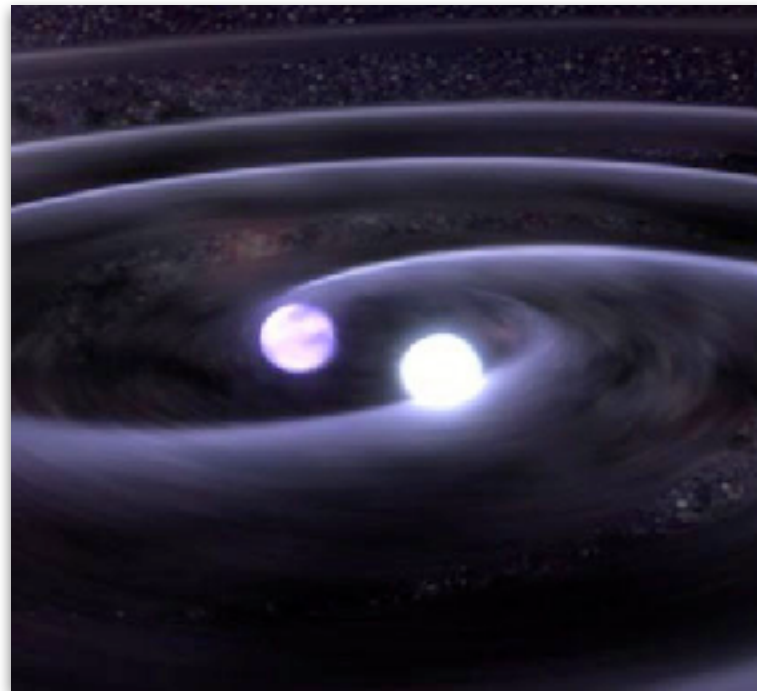
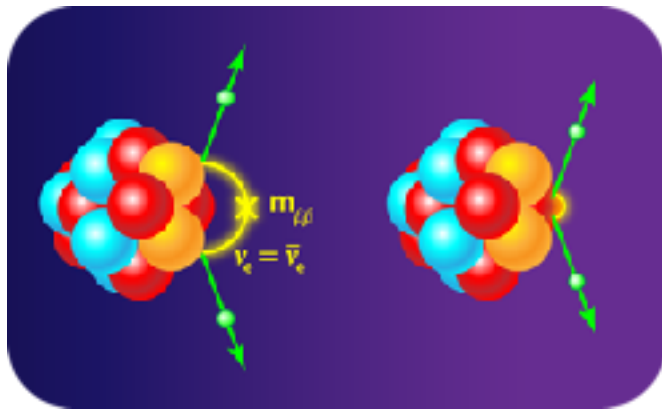
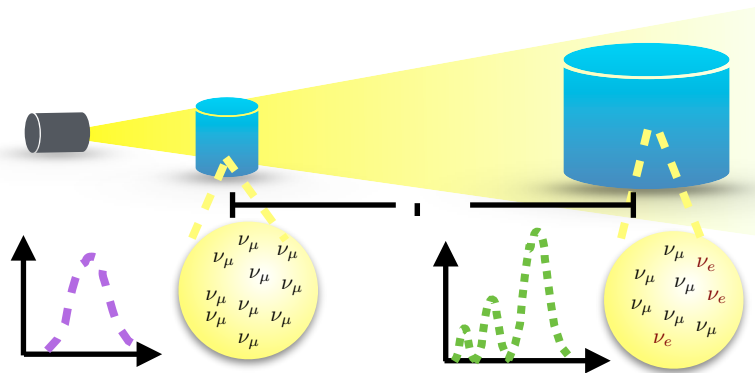
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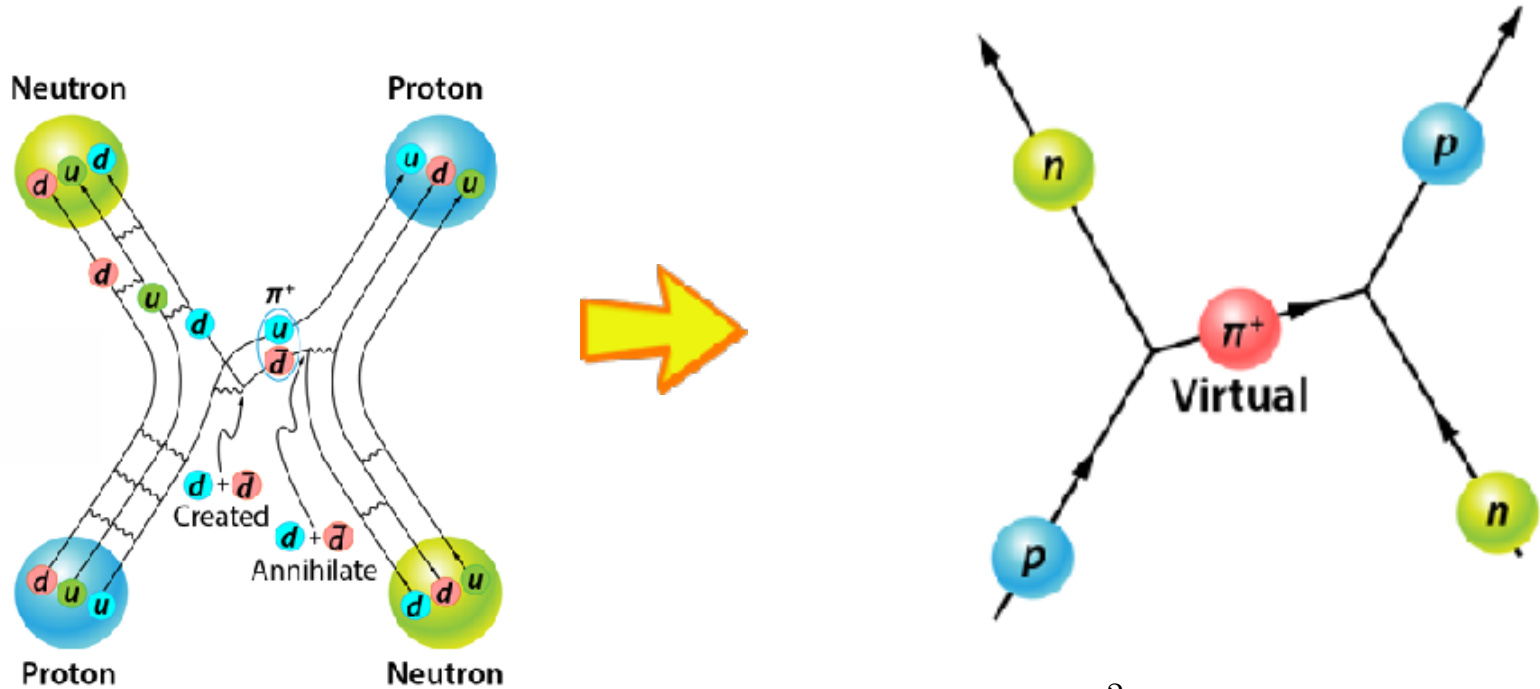
# NUCLEAR PHYSICS OVERVIEW



# BROADER IMPACT



# “AB-INITIO” NUCLEAR THEORY



$$H = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i < j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk}$$

# “AB-INITIO” NUCLEAR THEORY

$$H\Psi_n(x_1, \dots, x_A) = E_n\Psi_n(x_1, \dots, x_A)$$



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pinhead



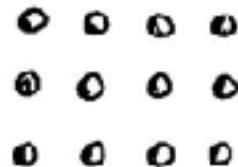
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in nucleus



Electrons  
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Atoms in  
molecule



Atoms in solid



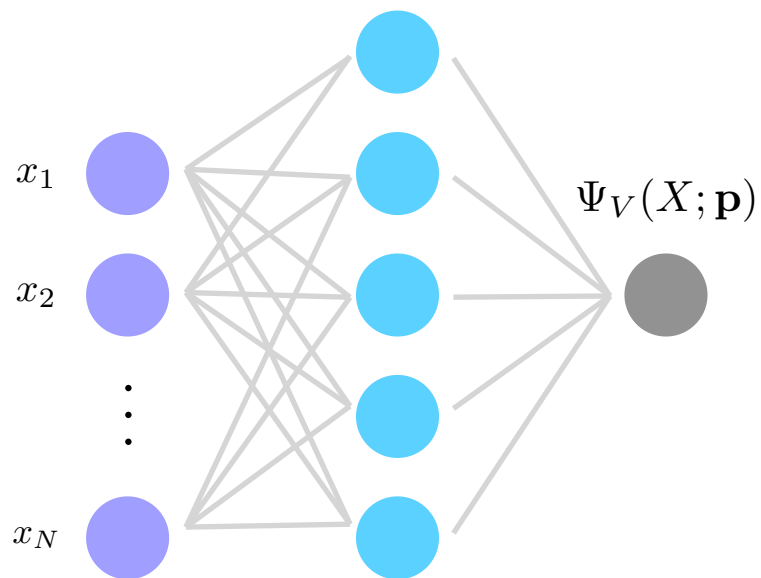
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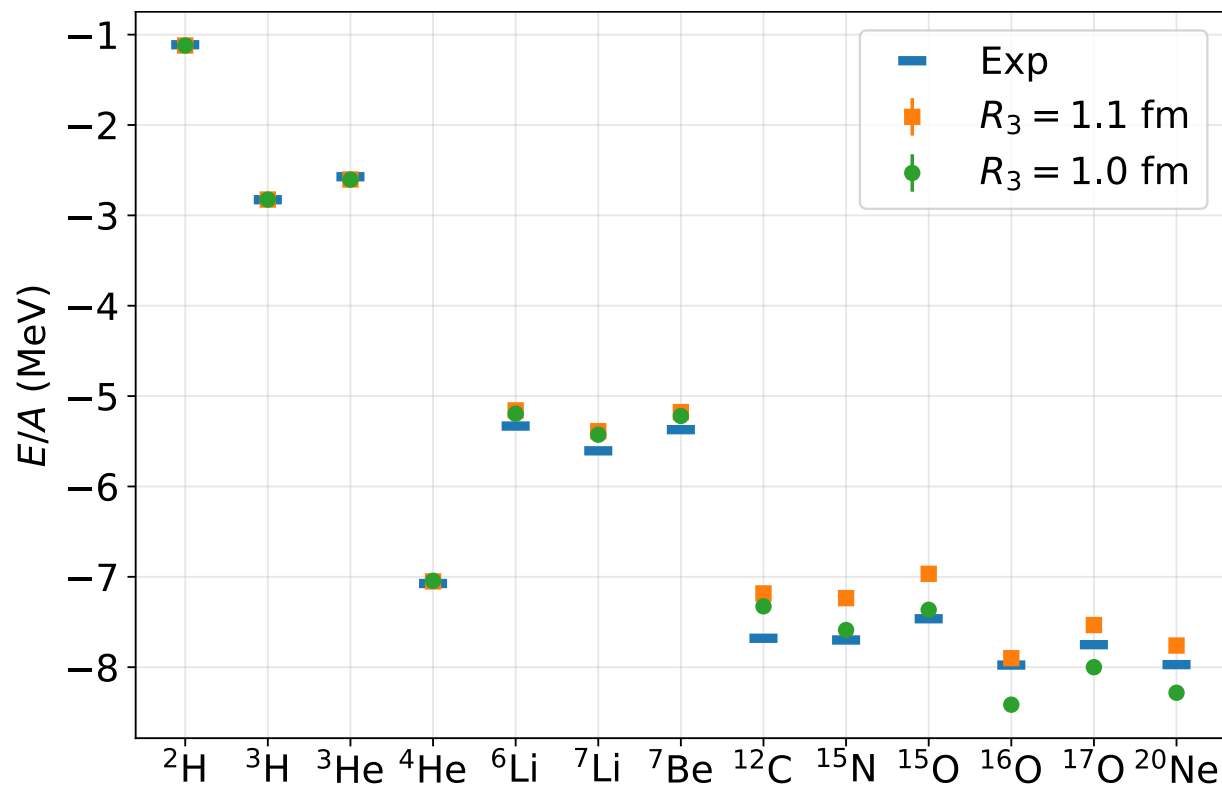
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# NEURAL-NETWORK QUANTUM STATES

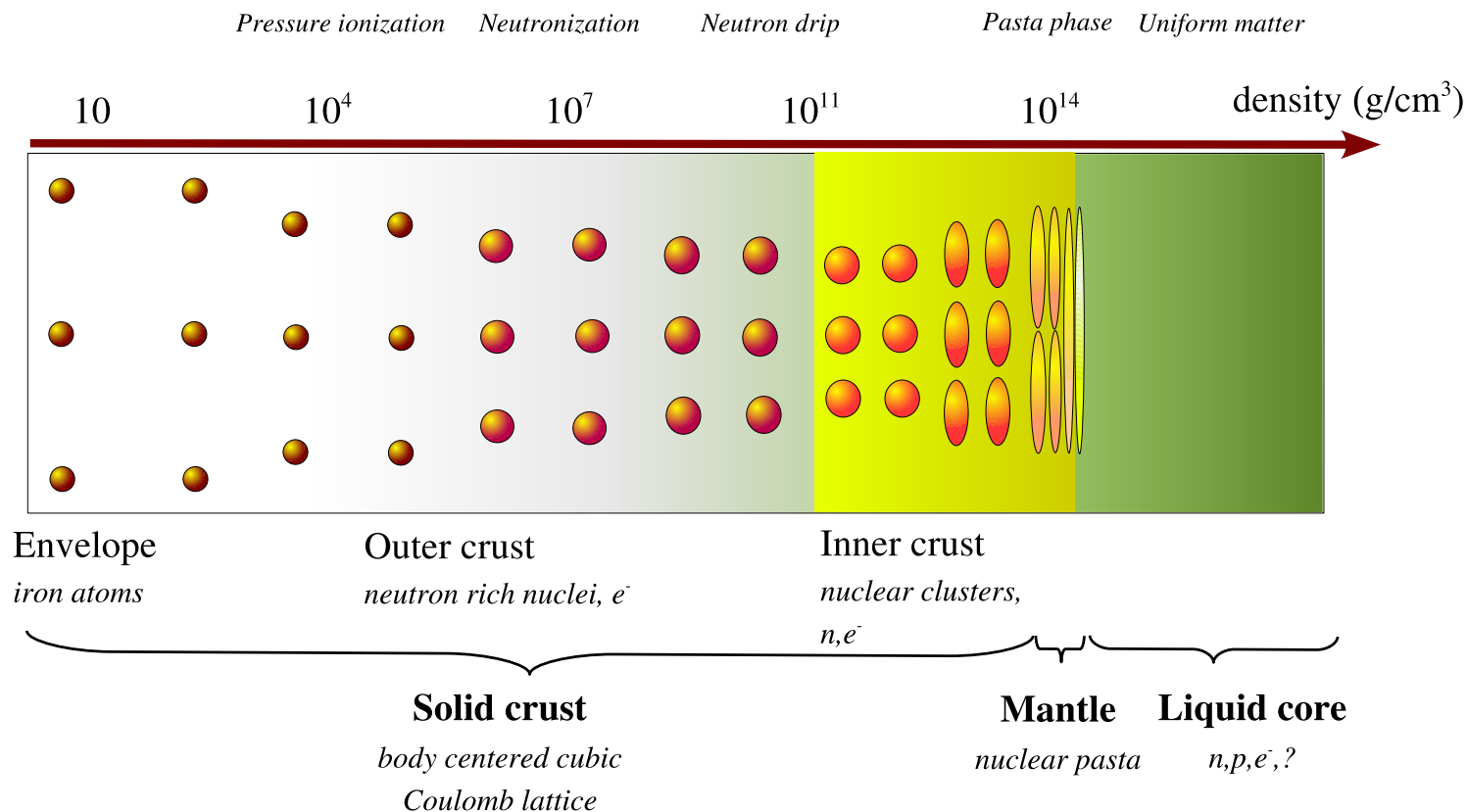


# NUCLEAR STRUCTURE WITH NQS

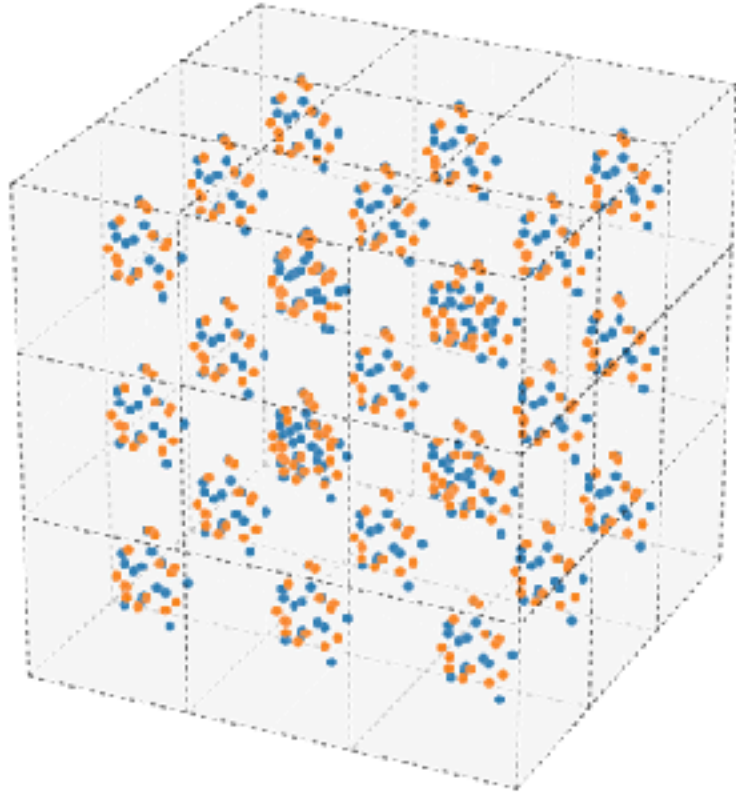




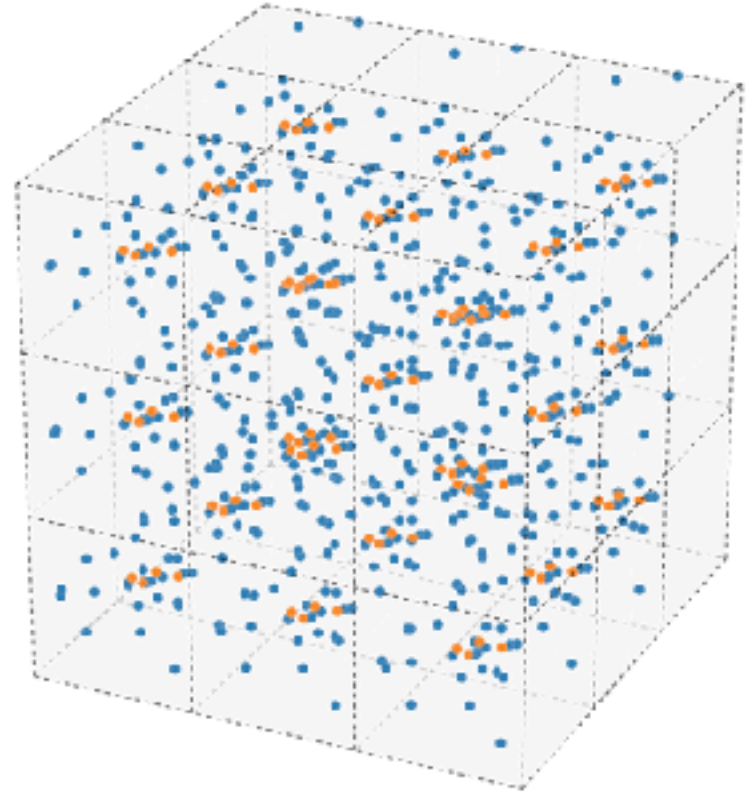
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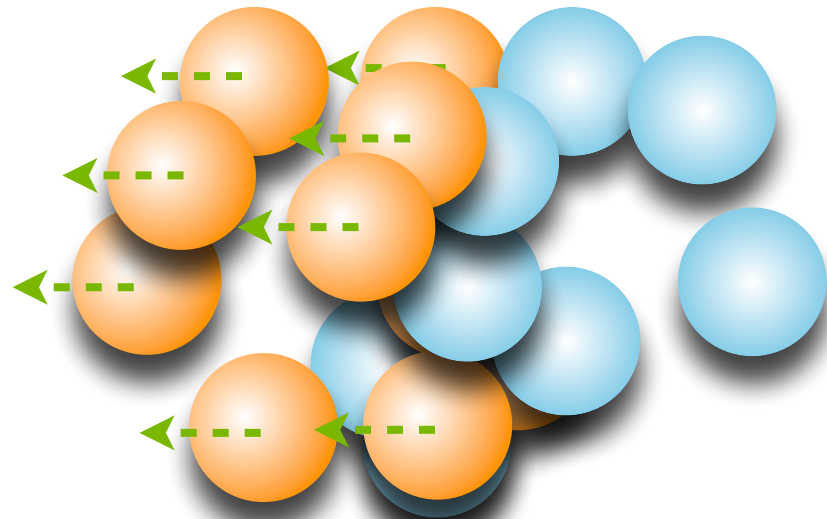
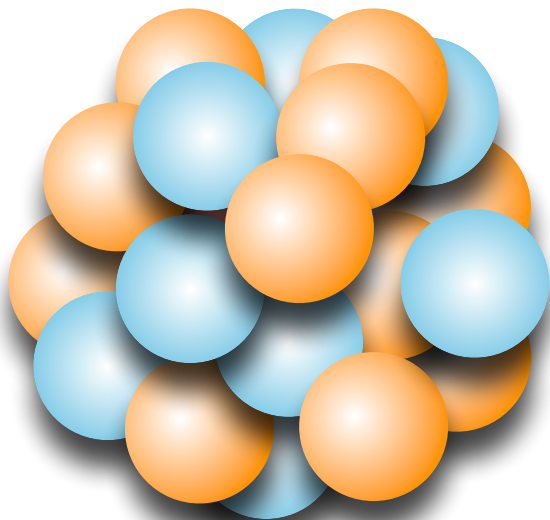
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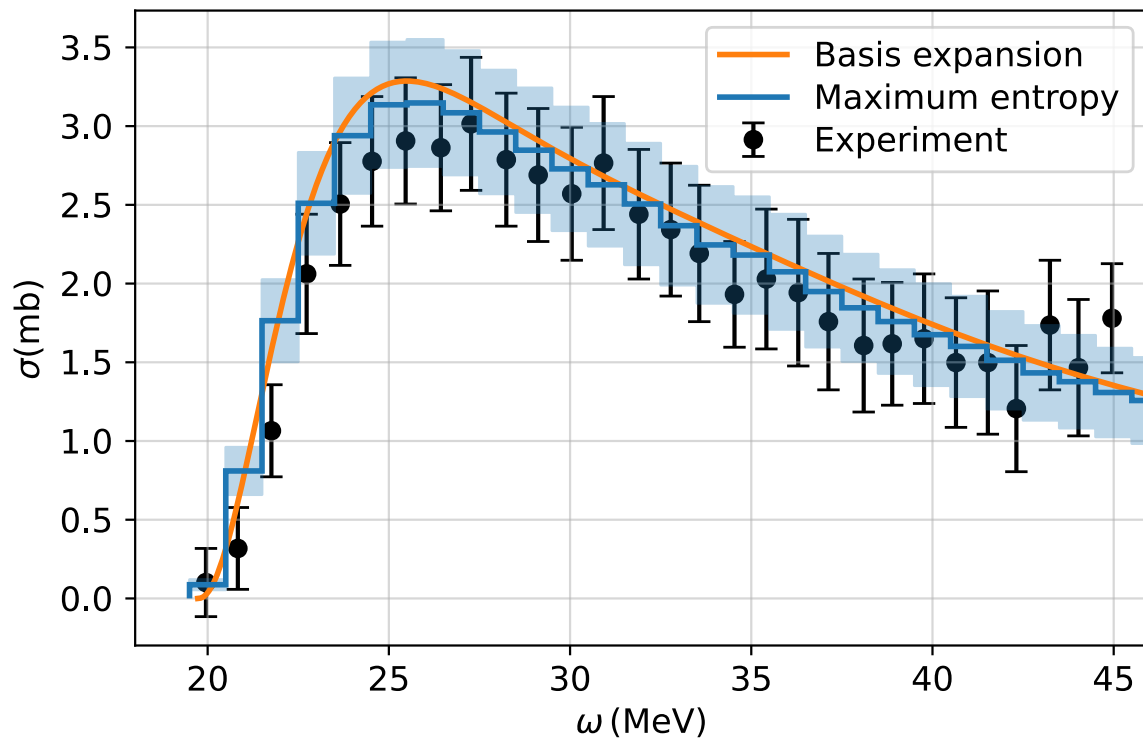
(b)  $x = 4/28$ ,  $n_g = 0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3}$



# NUCLEAR DYNAMICS WITH NQS



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