

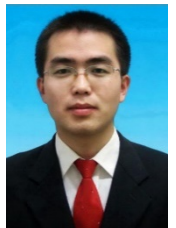
Towards systematic and consistent nuclear data inputs for astrophysical r -process with Bayesian approaches

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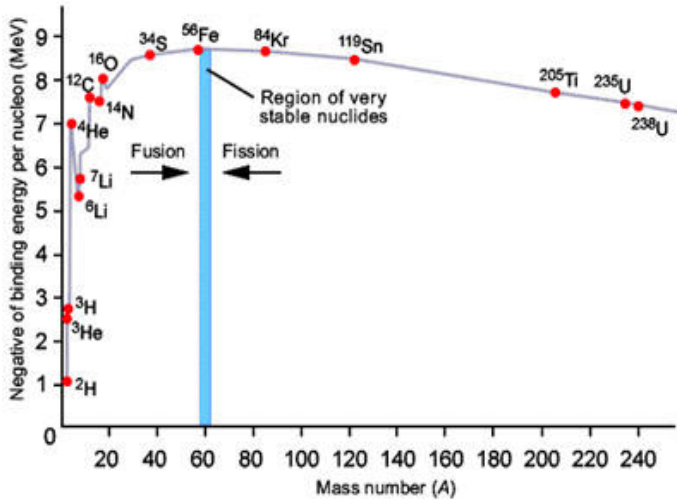
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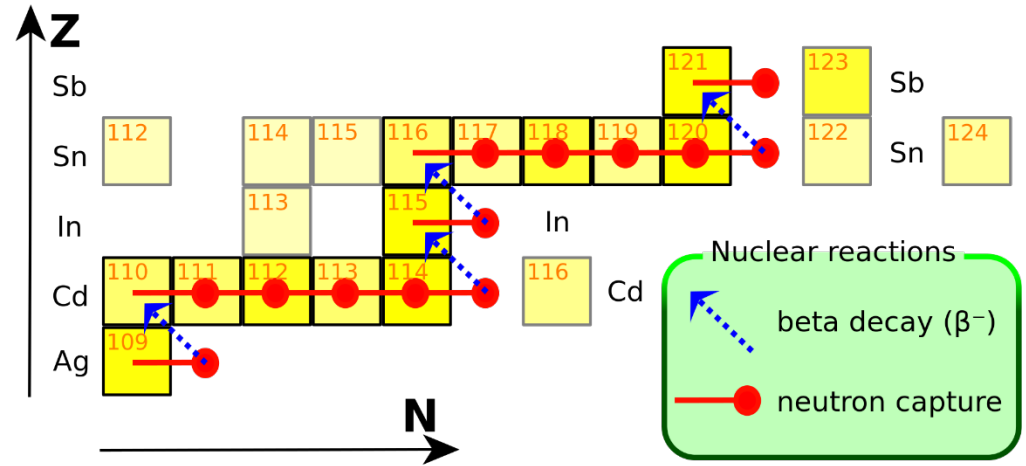
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Nucleosynthesis

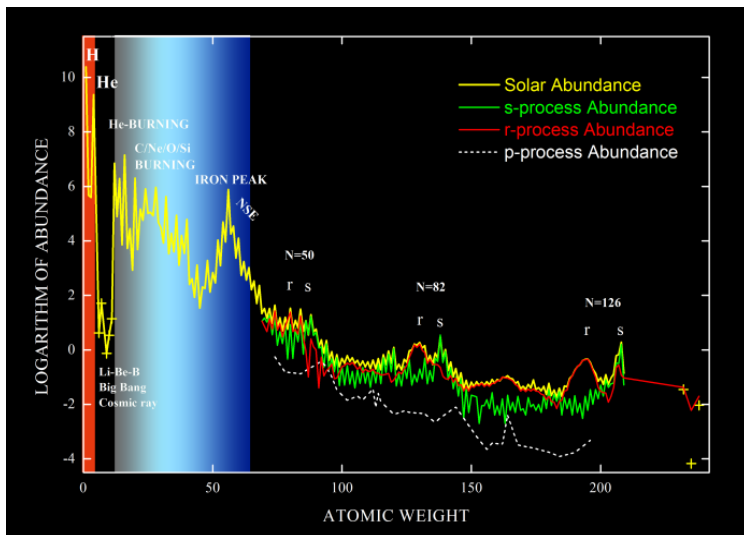
Nuclear binding energy



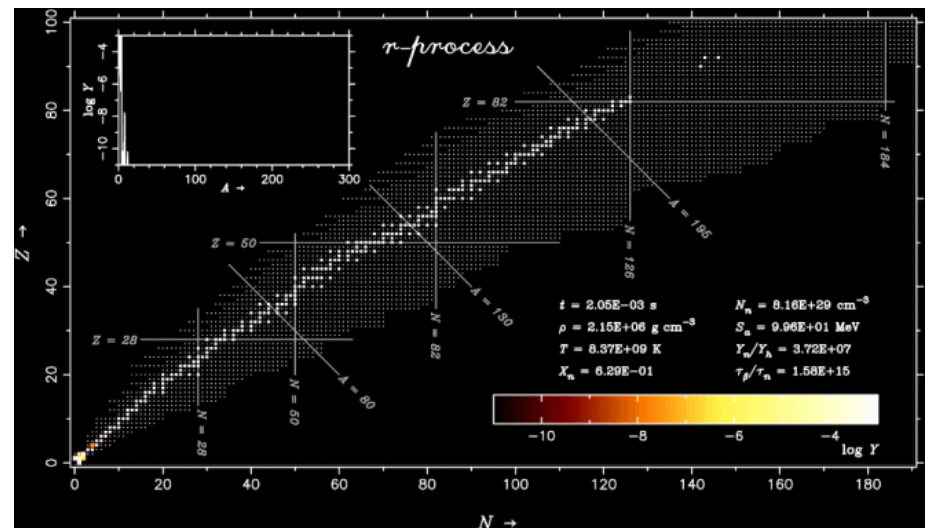
Slow neutron-capture process (s-process)



Abundance



Rapid neutron-capture process (r-process)

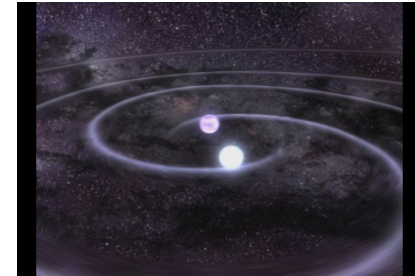


r-process nucleosynthesis and nuclear inputs

The 11 greatest unanswered questions of physics



Question 3 How were the heavy elements from iron to uranium made?



★ Nuclear data inputs for *r*-process

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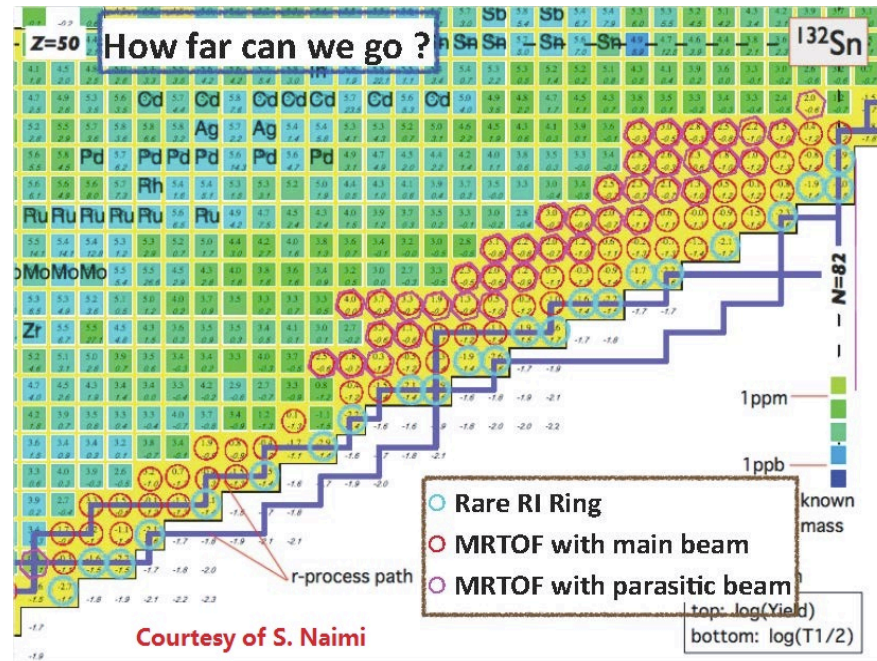
Key exp. @ RIKEN

masses

β -decay half-lives

β -delayed n-emissions

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□ To provide and organize **all these inputs** in a systematic and consistent way

➤ e.g., changes in **mass** → changes in **half-lives**, **capture rates** ...

(not hybrid databases !)

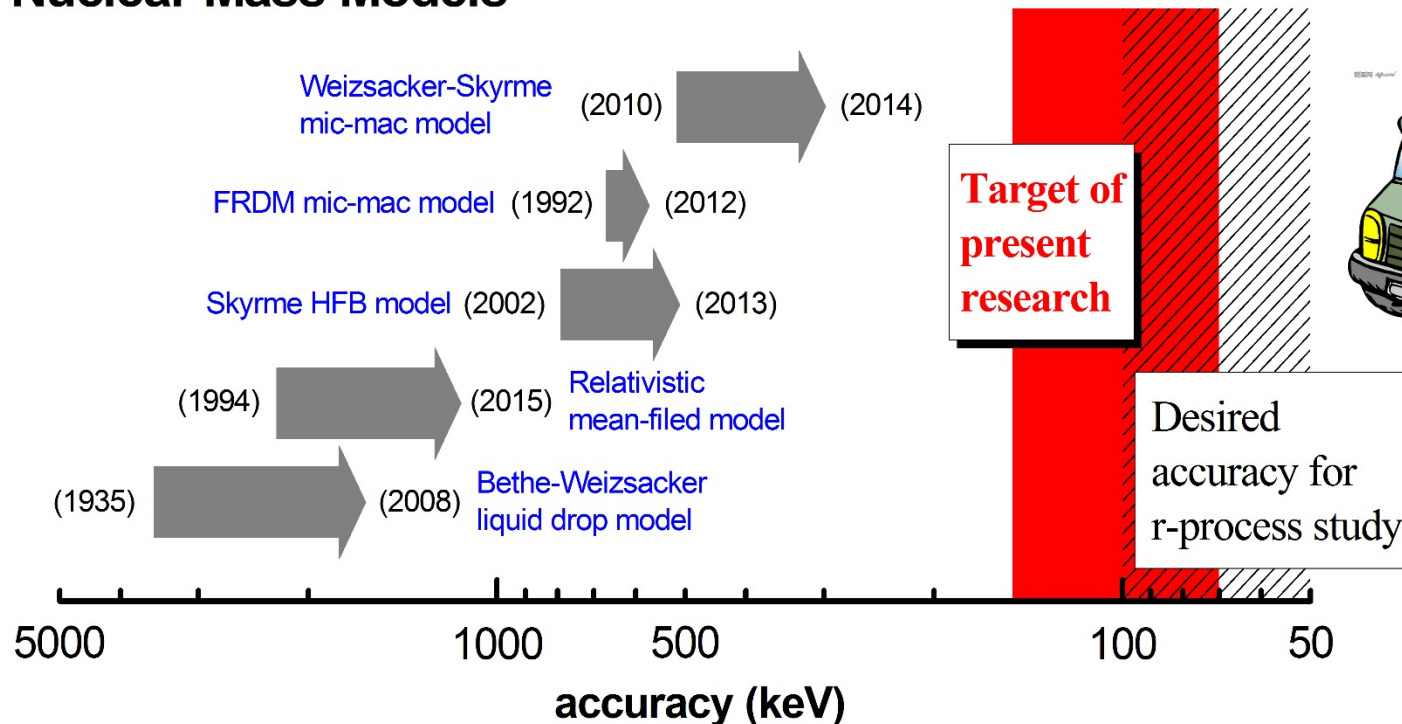
➤ more exp. data → more **reliable extrapolation** / smaller **uncertainties**

(higher accuracy ?)

Nuclear mass models

- Theoretically, the development of nuclear mass model can be traced back to the early age of nuclear physics, known as **Bethe-Weizsacker liquid drop model** in 1935.
- To take into account the nuclear shell effects: the microscopic models and the microscopic-macroscopic (mic-mac) models.

Nuclear Mass Models



Theories + Bayesian approaches (I)

Nuclear mass predictions based on Bayesian neural network approach with pairing and shell effects

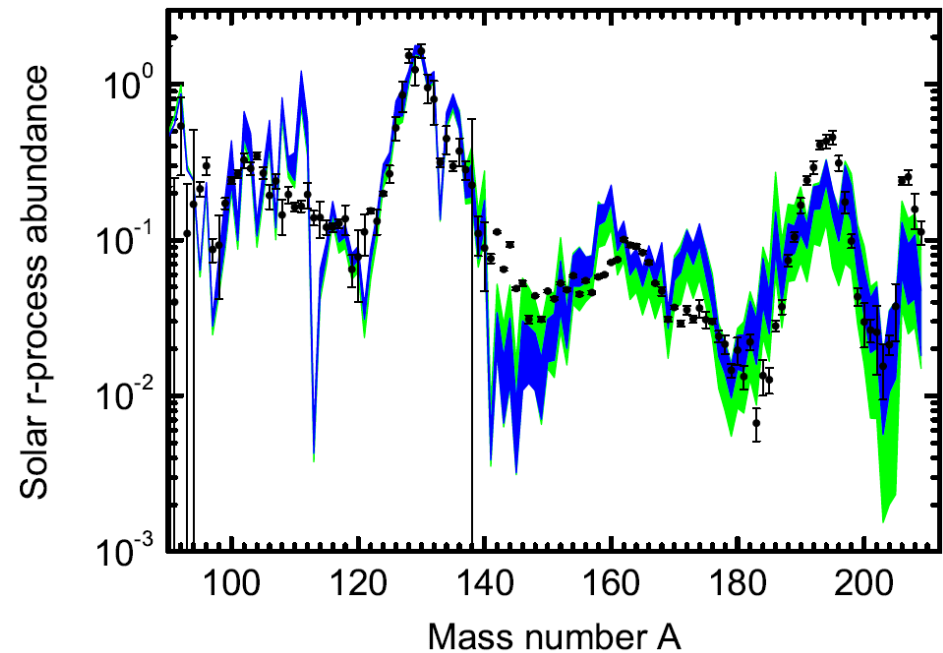
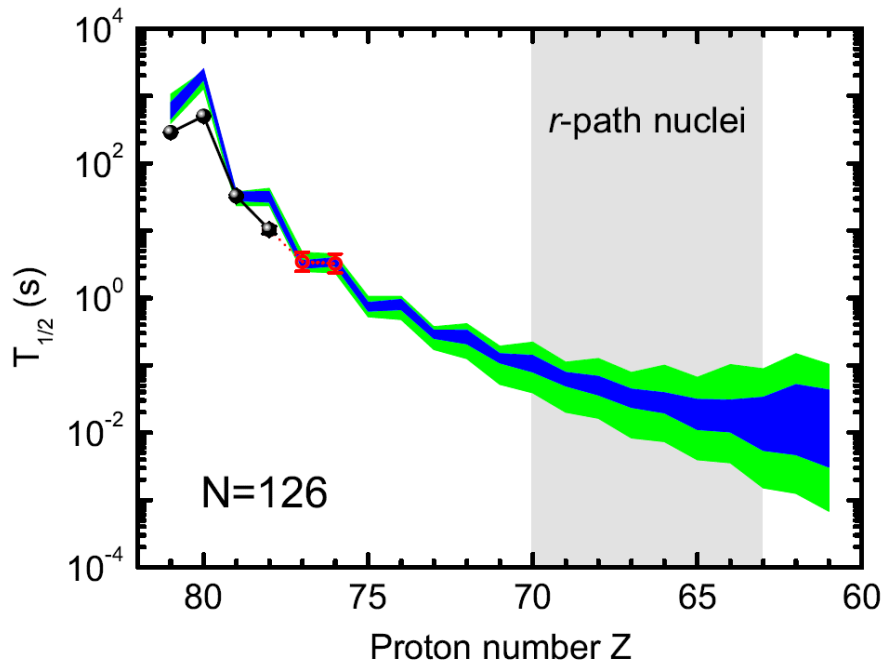
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Predictions of nuclear β -decay half-lives with machine learning and their impacts on r process

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arXiv:1810.03156



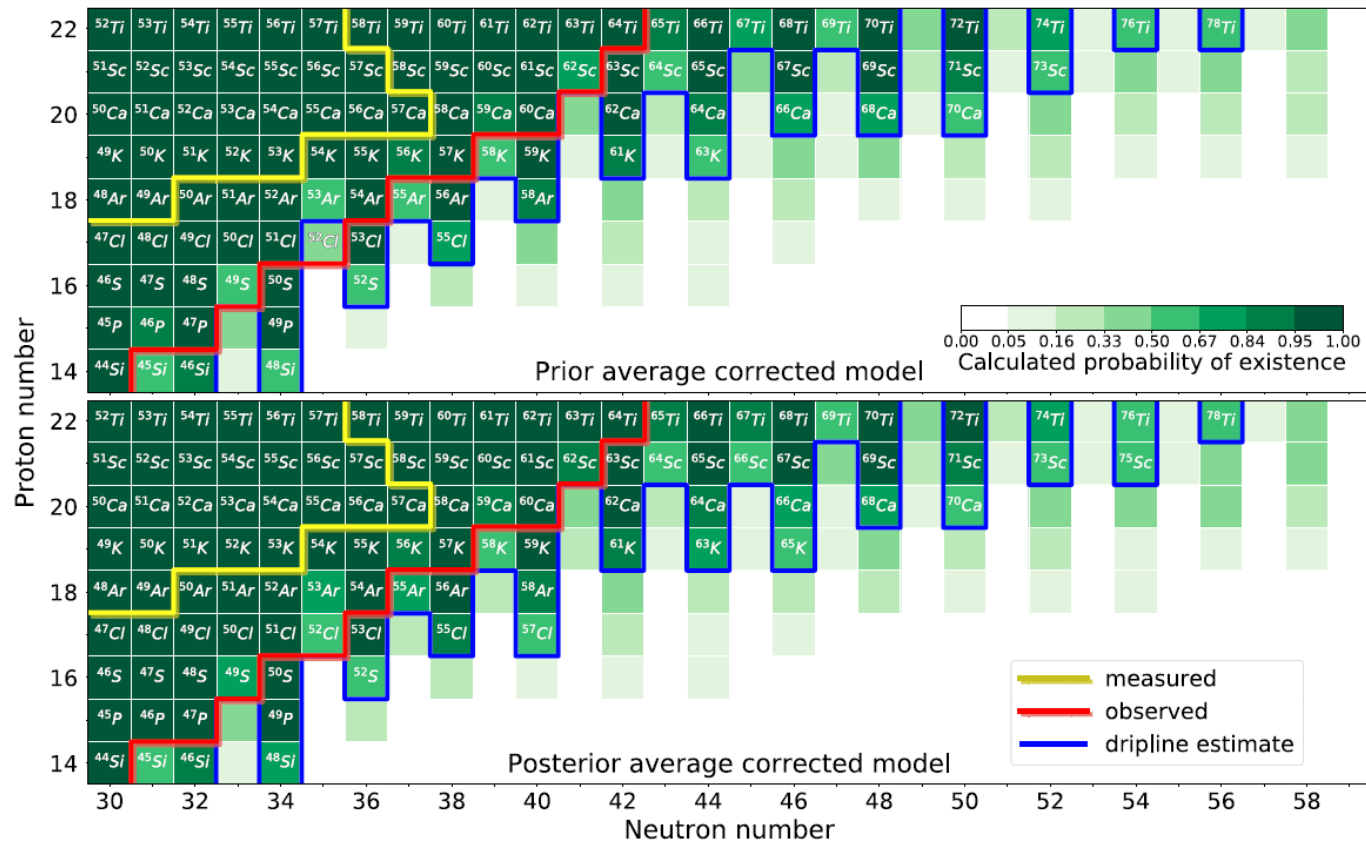
Another (ultimate) goal: to structure energy density functionals for DFT

Theories + Bayesian approaches (II)

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Neutron Drip Line in the Ca Region from Bayesian Model Averaging

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Bayesian and frequentist views

□ Differences between Bayesians and frequentists Bishop2006Springer

Frequentists:

- ✓ Data are a repeatable random sample
--- there is a frequency
- ✓ Underlying parameters remain constant during this repeatable process
- ✓ **Parameters are unknown but fixed**

Bayesians:

- ✓ Data are observed from the realized sample
- ✓ **Parameters are unknown and described probabilistically**
- ✓ Data are fixed

➤ Example: tossing a coin of unknown properties; probability ω of the coin landing heads



- ✓ Choose some criterion, such as maximum likelihood
- ✓ Find the optimal estimator according to this criterion, such as the frequency of heads in past tosses
- ✓ Express this unknown properties using a probability distribution over possible values based on our intuitive believes
- ✓ Update this distribution using the **Bayes' theorem** as the outcome of each toss becomes known

$$\omega = \frac{N^{\text{head}}}{N^{\text{total}}}$$

$$p(\omega | D) = \frac{p(D | \omega) p(\omega)}{p(D)}$$

Bayesian approach in regression problem

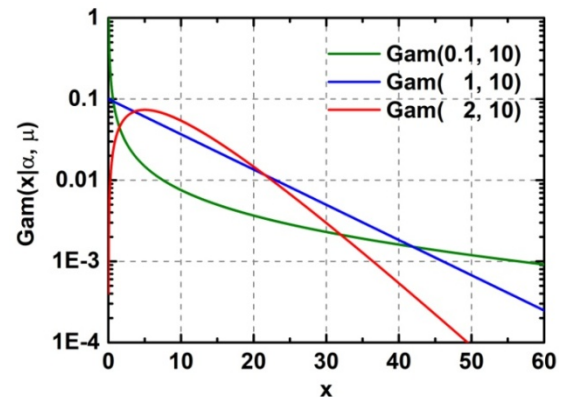
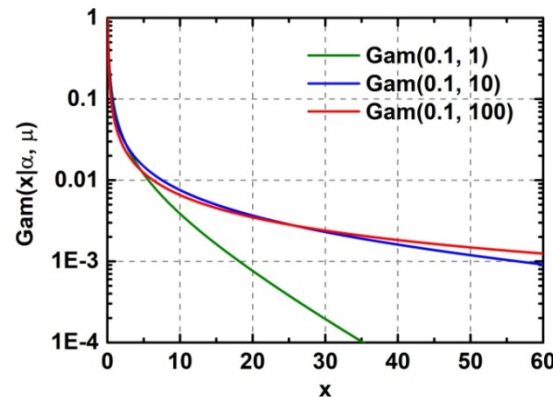
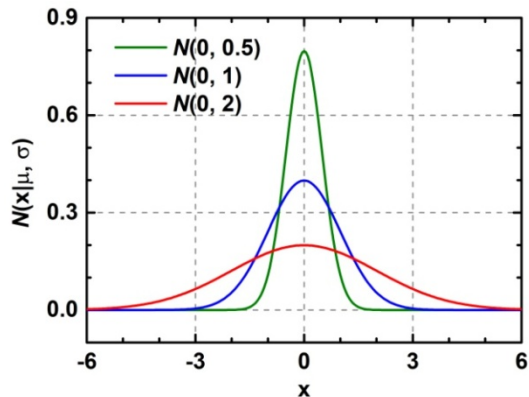
- Posterior distributions of parameters are [Neal1996Springer](#)

$$p(\omega | D) = \frac{p(D | \omega)p(\omega)}{p(D)} \propto p(D | \omega)p(\omega), \quad D = \{(x_1, t_1), (x_2, t_2), \dots, (x_N, t_N)\}$$

- prior distribution $p(\omega)$:

$$p(\omega) = N(\omega | 0, \sigma_\omega), \quad p(\tau_\omega = 1 / \sigma_\omega^2) = \text{Gam}(\tau_\omega | \alpha_\omega, \mu_\omega)$$

$$p(\tau_n = 1 / \sigma_n^2) = \text{Gam}(\tau_n | \alpha_n, \mu_n)$$



$$N(x | \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

$$\text{Gam}(x | \alpha, \mu) = \frac{(\alpha / \mu)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha x}{\mu}\right)$$

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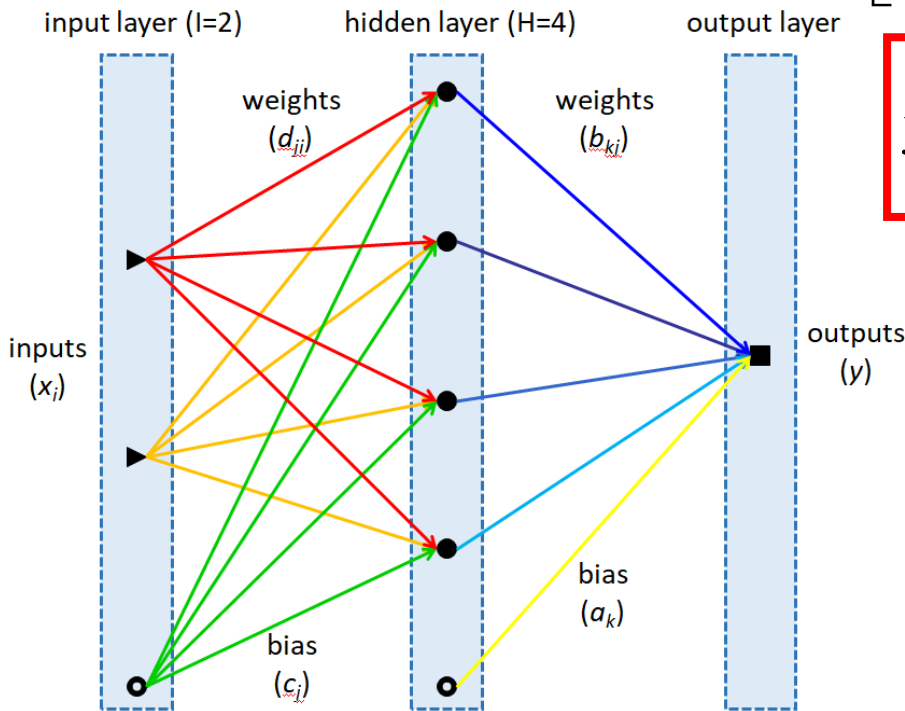
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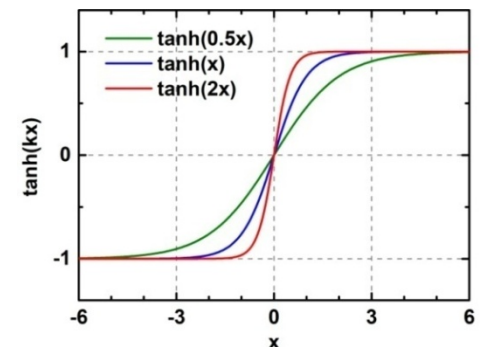
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$$p(x, t | \omega) = \exp(-\chi^2 / 2), \quad \chi^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{t_n - y(x_n, \omega)}{\sigma_n} \right]^2$$

$$y(x, \omega) = a + \sum_{j=1}^H b_j \tanh \left(c_j + \sum_{i=1}^I d_{ji} x_i \right)$$



$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$



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sampling with **Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method**

- Make predictions

$$\langle y_n \rangle = \int y(x_n, \omega) p(\omega | x, t) d\omega = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K y(x_n, \omega_k)$$

$$\Delta y_n = \sqrt{\langle y_n^2 \rangle - \langle y_n \rangle^2}$$

- The BNN approach can give the **joint probability distribution of all parameters**, from which we can get the **correlations among parameters**, so the number of independent parameters may be much less the number of BNN parameters.

A toy model

True : $y = 0.3 + 0.4x + 0.5\sin(2x)$

Data : $y = 0.3 + 0.4x + 0.5\sin(2x) + 0.2 \times \text{randn}$

➤ Number of training data: $N=61$, $x \in [-3, 3]$

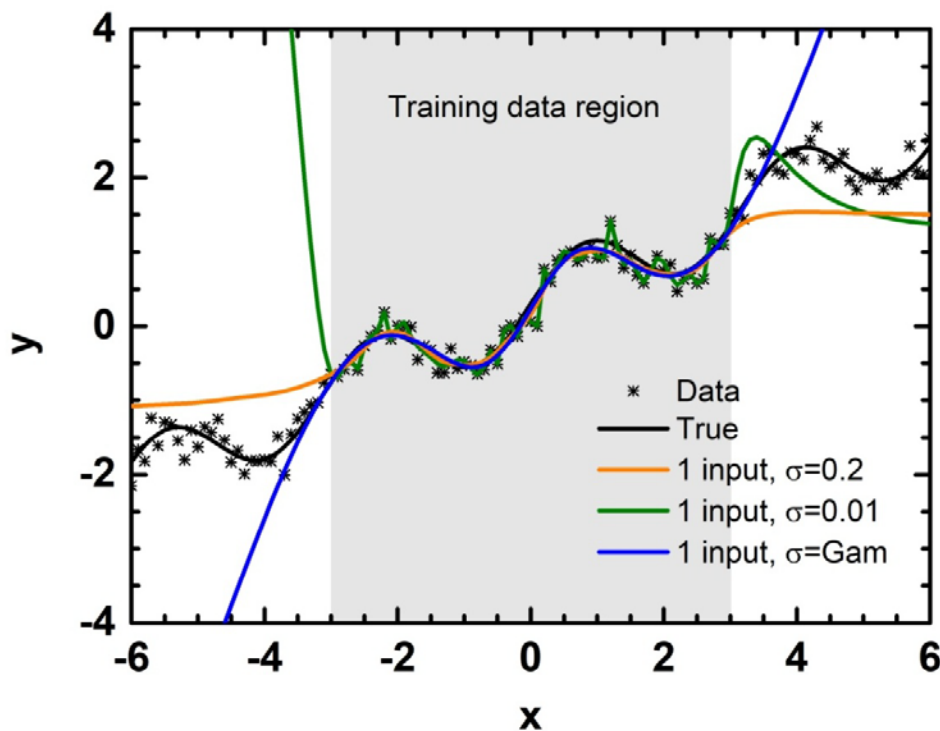
1 input : $y = f(x)$

2 inputs : $y = f[x_1 = x, x_2 = \sin(2x)]$

➤ Number of hidden unit:
 $H=20$ for $f(x)$; $H=15$ for $f(x_1, x_2)$

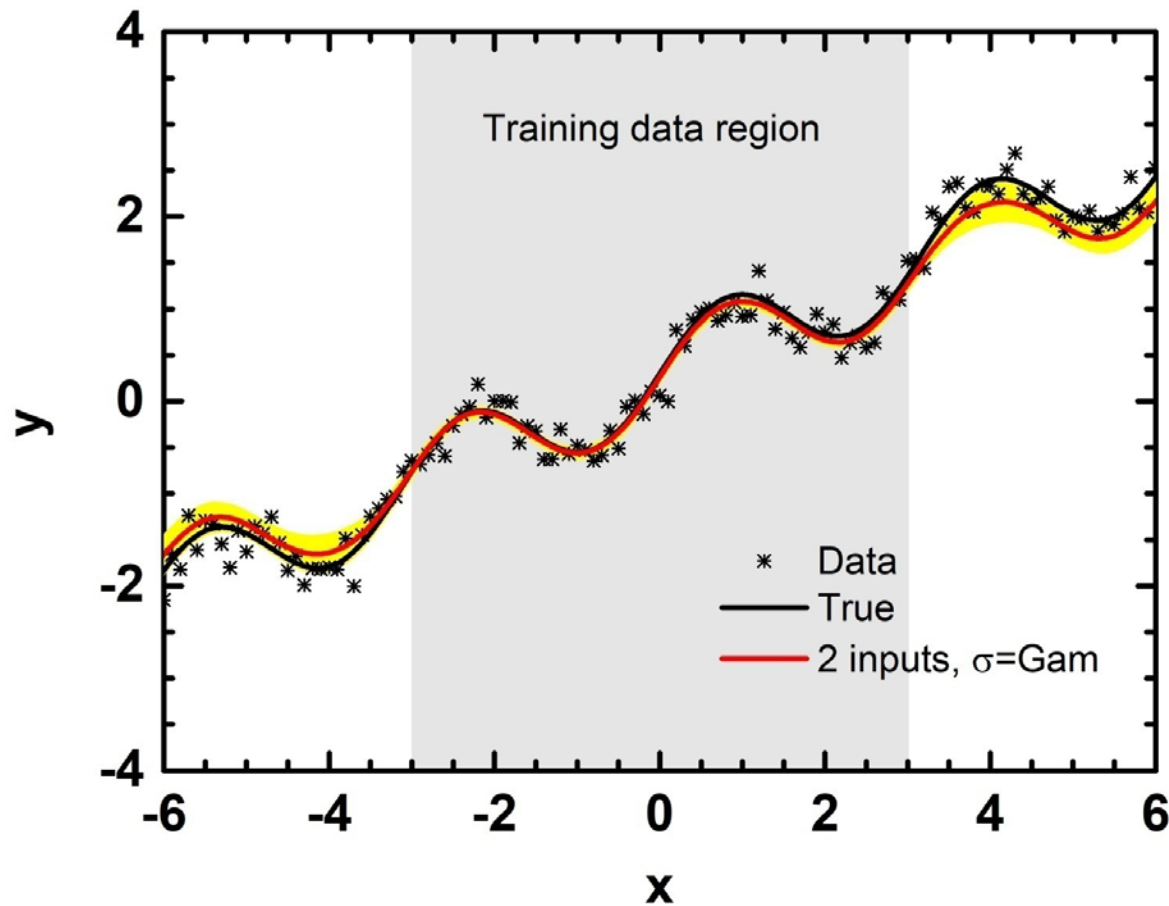
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Likelihood function : $p(x, y | \omega) = \exp(-\chi^2 / 2)$, $\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{y_i - f(x_i, \omega)}{\sigma} \right)^2$



- BNN can **avoid overfitting** if a Gamma distribution is taken as the noise prior.
- Direct BNN fitting with x as the only input variable *can only extrapolate around a few steps* from known region.

A toy model



- **Including reasonable variable** is very effective for the extrapolation of neural network.
- **Uncertainties of predictions** are also reasonable.

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★ Inputs:

✓ 2 inputs (I=2): Z, A

✓ 4 inputs (I=4): Z, A, δ , P; $\delta = [(-1)^Z + (-1)^N]/2$, $P = v_n v_p / (v_p + v_n)$
 $v_p = \min(|Z - Z_0|)$, $v_n = \min(|N - N_0|)$

★ Hidden units:

✓ 2 inputs (I=2): H=42

✓ 4 inputs (I=4): H=28

★ Number of parameters: 169

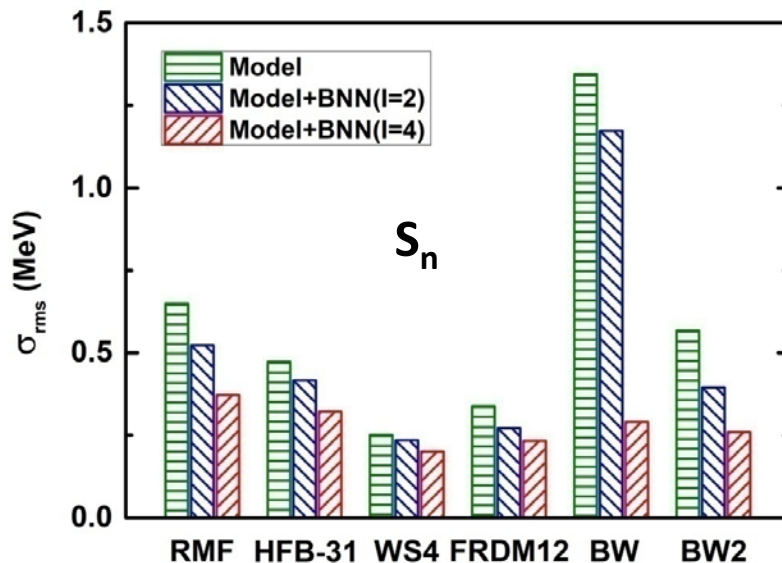
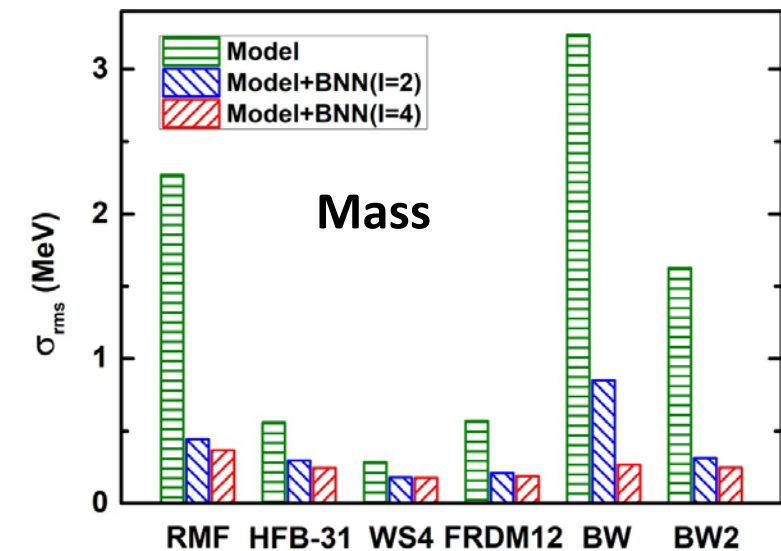
★ **Data:** Huang et al., CPC 41 030002; Wang et al., CPC 41 030003.

✓ **Entire set:** 2272 nuclei in AME2016 (Z, N \geq 8 and $\sigma^{\text{exp}} \leq$ 100 keV)

✓ **Learning set:** 1800 data randomly selected from entire set

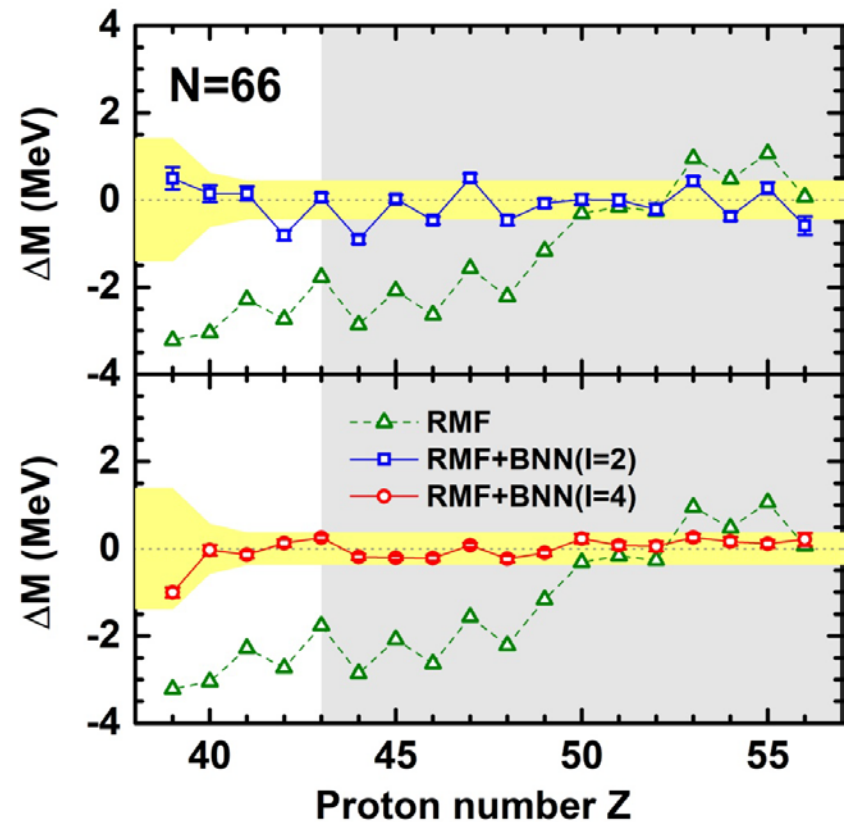
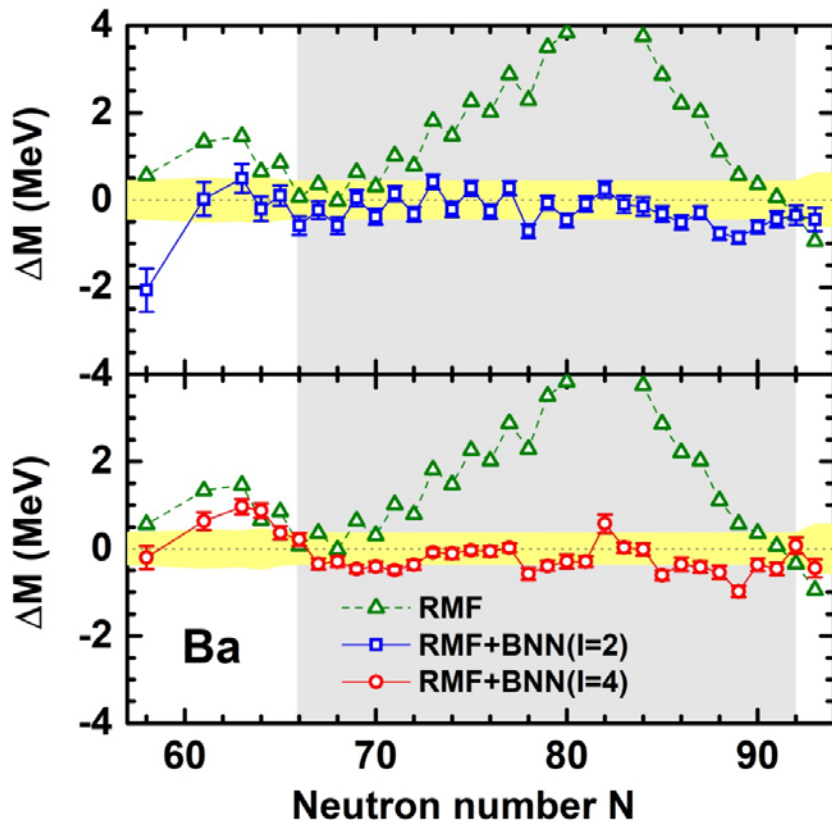
✓ **Validation set:** the remaining 472 data in entire set

Rms deviations of mass and S_n



- The predictions of nuclear mass and neutron-separation energy are **significantly improved** with the BNN approach.
- After the improvement using the BNN approach with four inputs, the rms deviations are generally around **200 keV**.
- The BNN **with four inputs** is more powerful than the BNN with two inputs, especially for the neutron separation energy.

Mass extrapolation



- The **smooth deviations** can be **improved significantly**, while the **odd-even staggering** can only remarkably reduced with BNN-I4 approach.
- The BNN corrections are still reasonable if the extrapolation is *not far away from the training region*.

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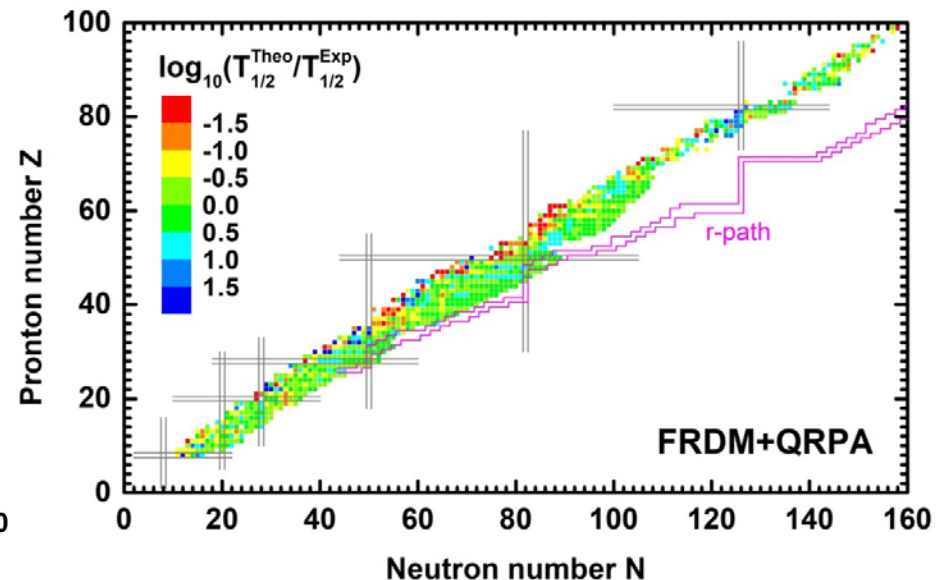
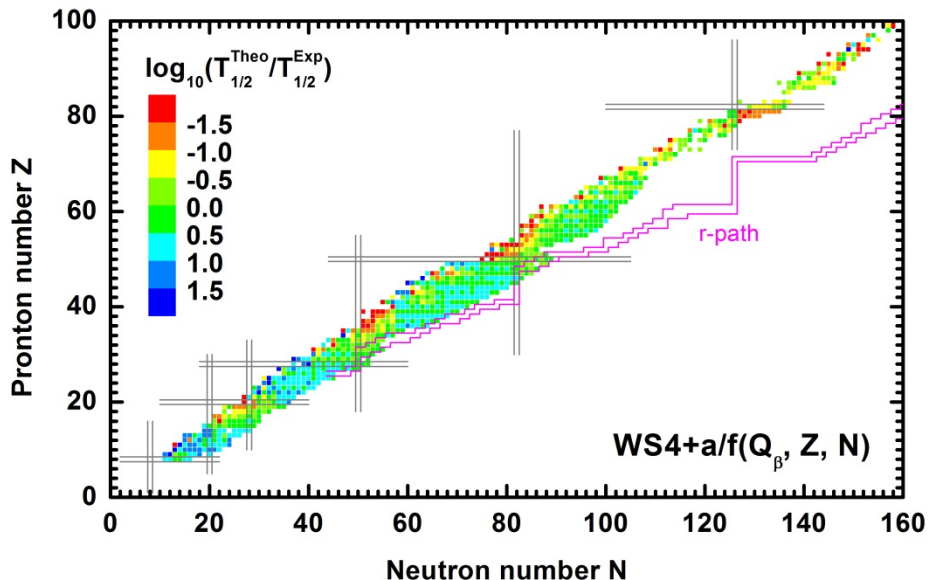
Nuclear β -decay half-lives

- The nuclear β -decay half-life in the allowed Gamow-Teller approximation reads as follows:

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda_\beta} = \frac{D}{g_A^2 \sum_m B_{GT}(E_m) f(Z, A, E_m)} \rightarrow T_{1/2} = a / f(Z, A, E_m = Q_\beta - c(\delta - 1) / \sqrt{A})$$

where $D = \frac{\hbar^7 2\pi^3 \ln 2}{g^2 m_e^5 c^4} = 6163.4 \text{ s}$, $g_A = 1$, $B_{GT}(E_m)$ is the transition probability, and E_m is the maximum value of β -decay energy. The phase volume is

$$f(Z, A, E_m) = \frac{1}{m_e^5} \int_{m_e}^{E_m} p_e E_e (E_m - E_e)^2 F(Z, A, E_m) dE_e,$$



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★ Hidden units:

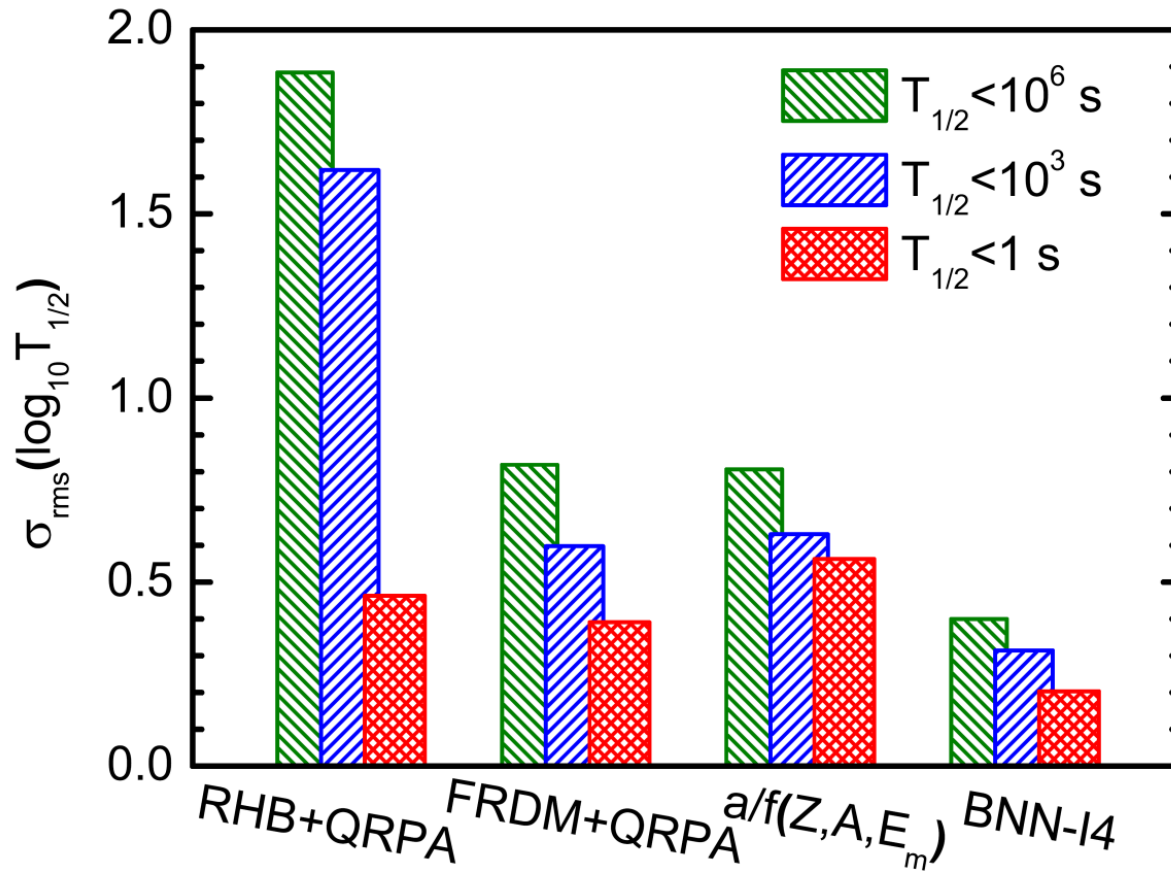
- ✓ 2 inputs (BNN-I2): $H=30$
- ✓ 4 inputs (BNN-I4): $H=20$

★ Number of parameters: 121

★ **Data:** Audi et al., CPC 41, 030001 (2017)

- ✓ **Entire set:** 1009 nuclei in NUBASE2016 ($Z, N \geq 8$ and β^- -decay fraction=100%)
- ✓ **Learning set:** 900 data randomly selected from entire set
- ✓ **Validation set:** the remaining 109 data in entire set

Half-lives with BNN approaches

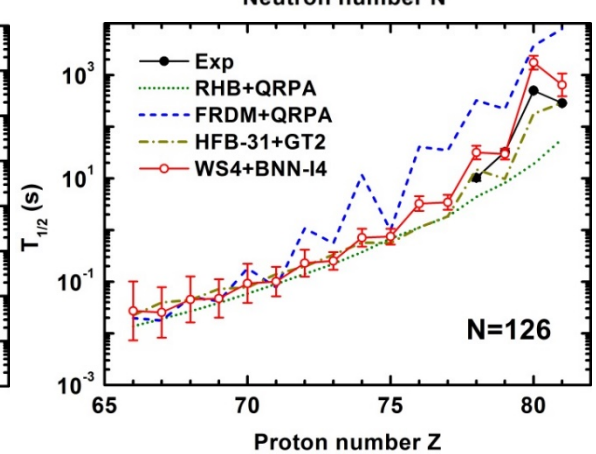
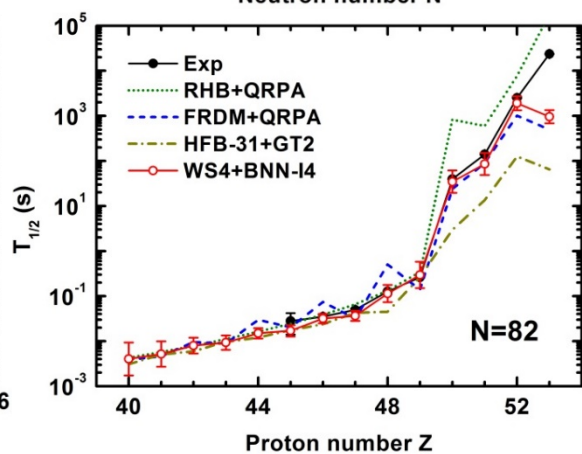
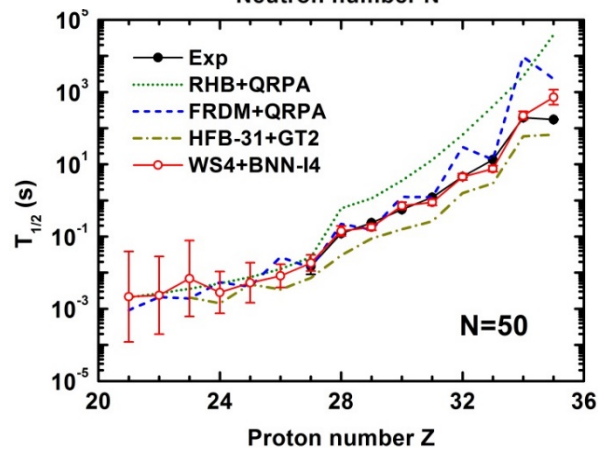
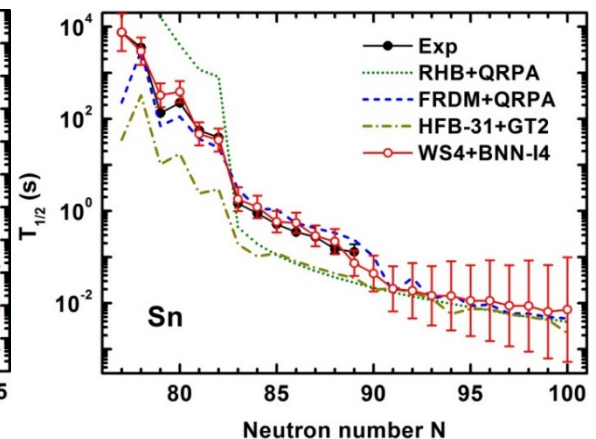
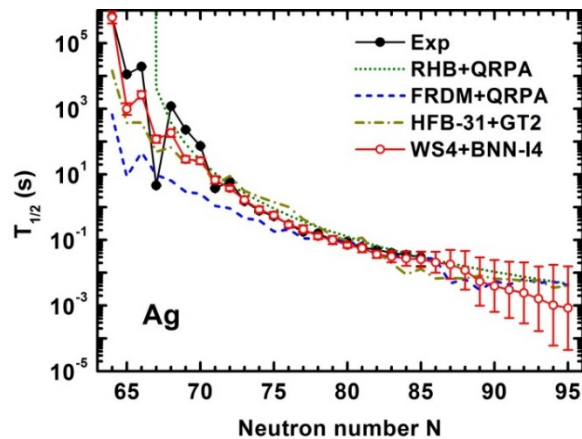
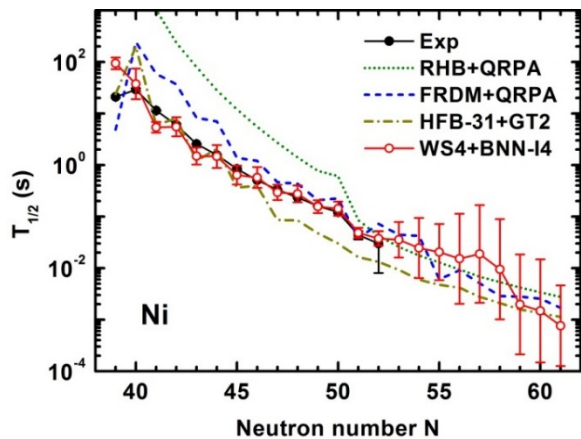


$$\sigma_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\log_{10} \left(T_{1/2}^{\text{Exp}} / T_{1/2}^{\text{Theo}} \right) \right]^2}{n}}$$

$10^{0.2} \sim 1.6$

★ Logarithmic rms deviations with respect to the known β -decay half-lives from NUBASE2016

Predictions of nuclear half-lives



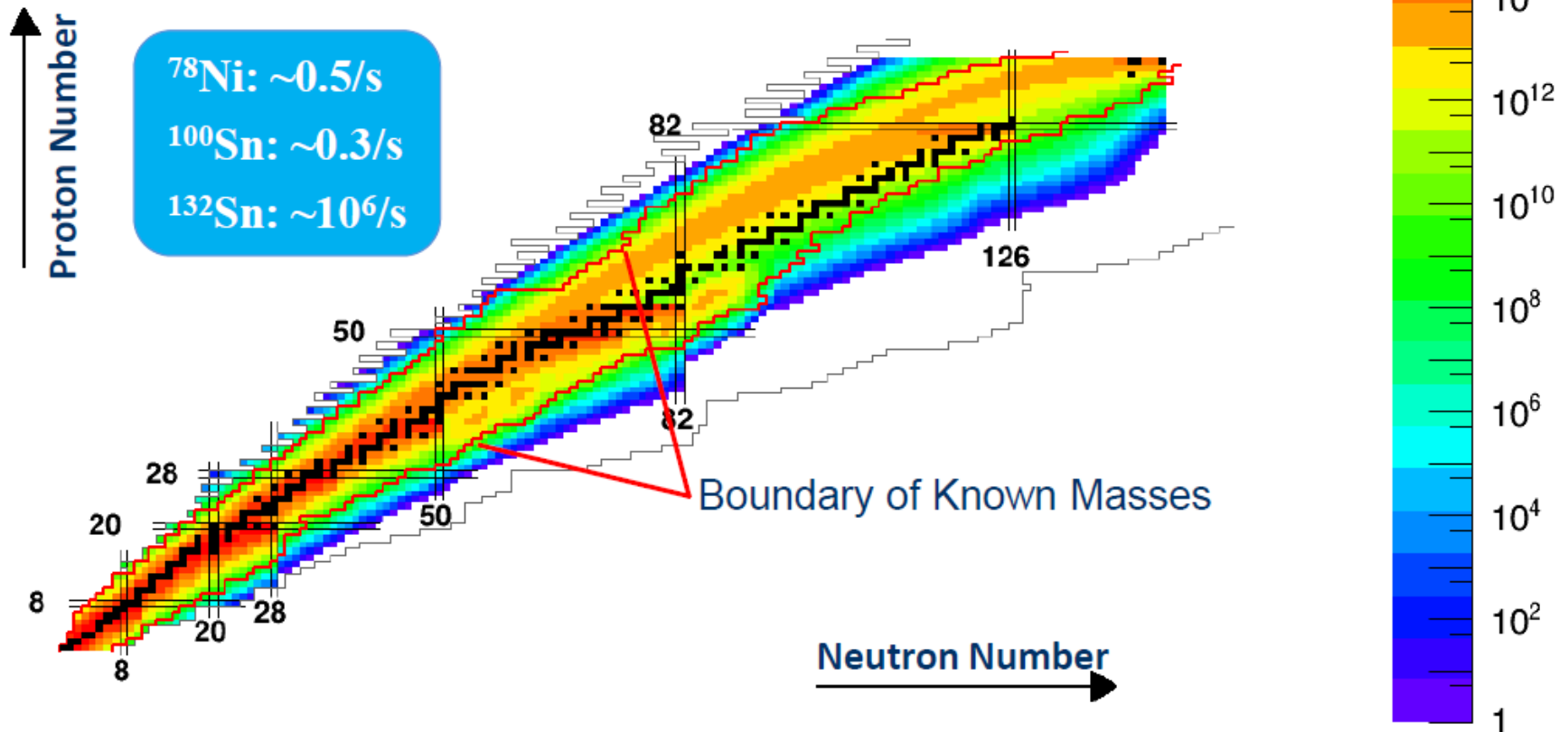
- The results of **WS4+BNN-I4** approach are **in a good agreement** with the experimental data, in particular, for those with $T_{1/2} < 1$ s.
- Extrapolating to unknown region, **uncertainties** of WS+BNN-I4 **increase remarkably**.
- Results of other models generally agree with WS4+BNN-I4 **within uncertainties**.



Capability of Producing Nuclides

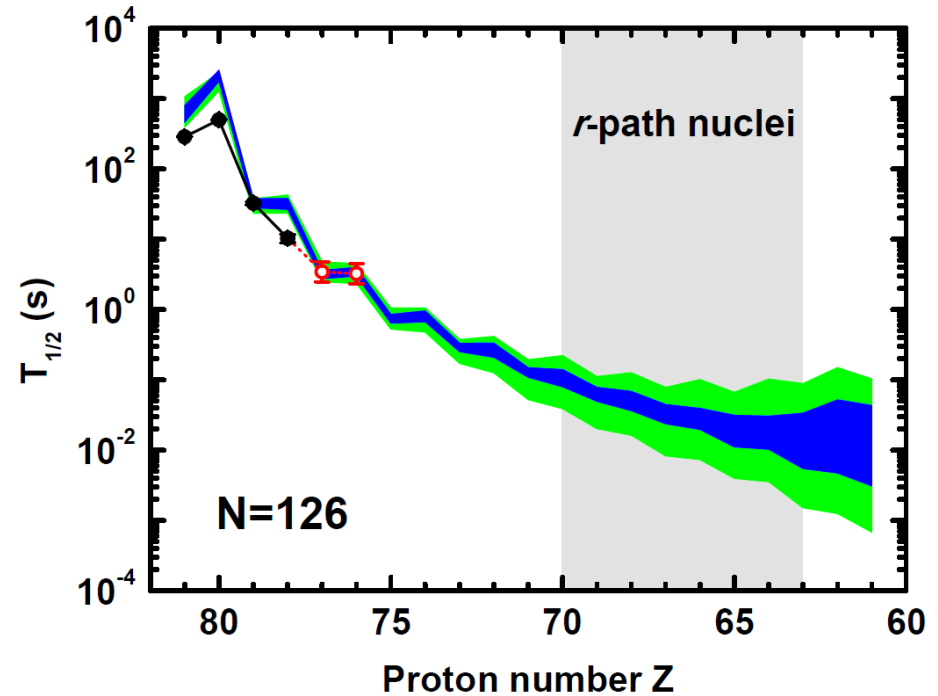
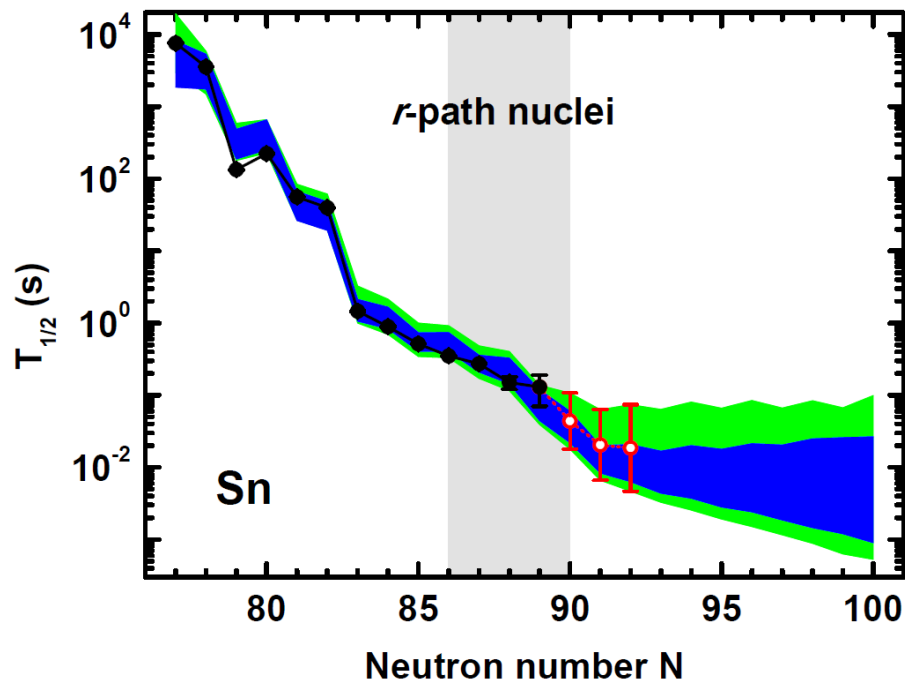
Nuclides Available (Production Yield) at HIAF

One of the world's most powerful facilities to explore the nuclear chart



Prolific sources of nuclides far away from the stability line will be provided using projectile fragmentation, in-flight fission, multi-nucleon transfer, and fusion reactions. The limits shown are the production rate of one nuclide per day, which enable the “discovery experiments”

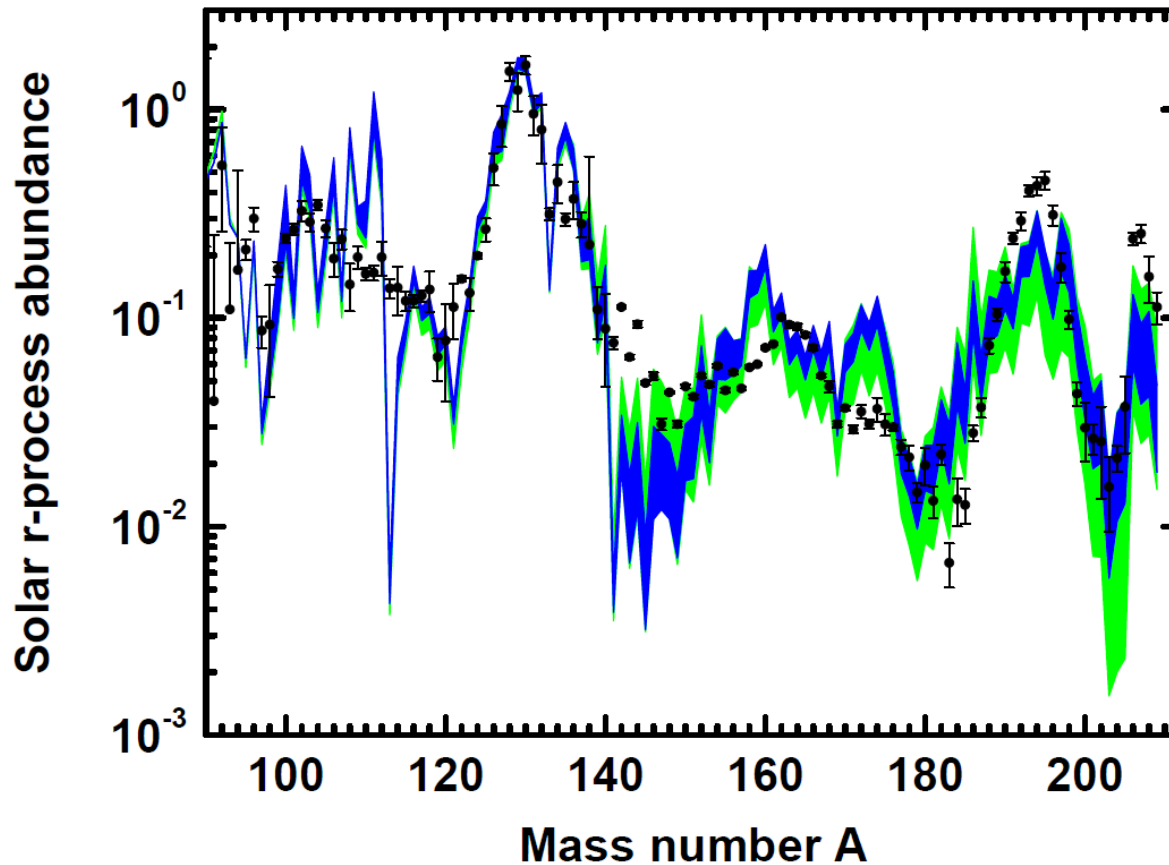
Predictions of nuclear half-lives



If we can further measure **three more β -decay half-lives** for each isotopes towards neutron-drip line

- the uncertainties of BNN predictions are similar in the training region
- they will **be decreased about 3 times** when extrapolate to the region far from known region.

Predictions of r-process abundances



- The uncertainties from nuclear beta-decay half-lives lead to large uncertainties for the r-process abundances of elements with $A > \sim 140$, which can **be remarkably reduced** if we can further measure three more β -decay half-lives.

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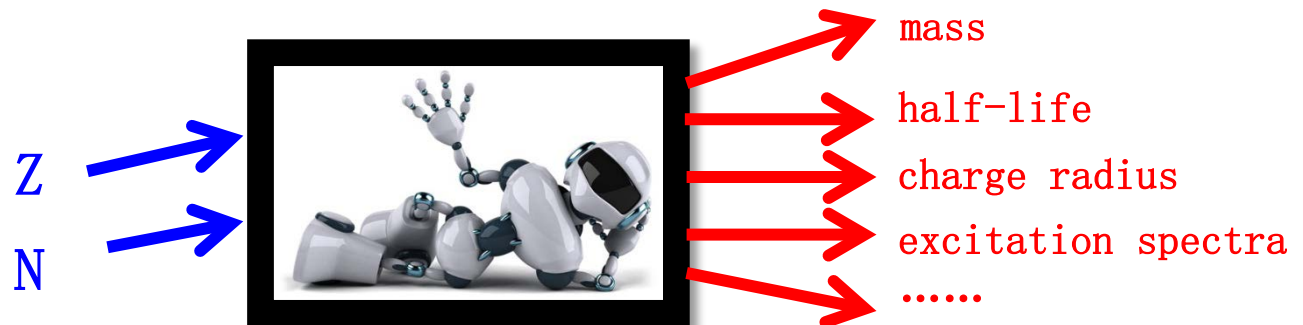
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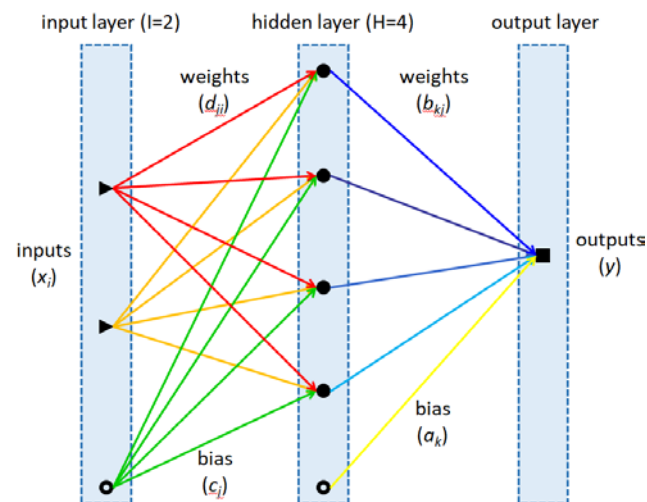
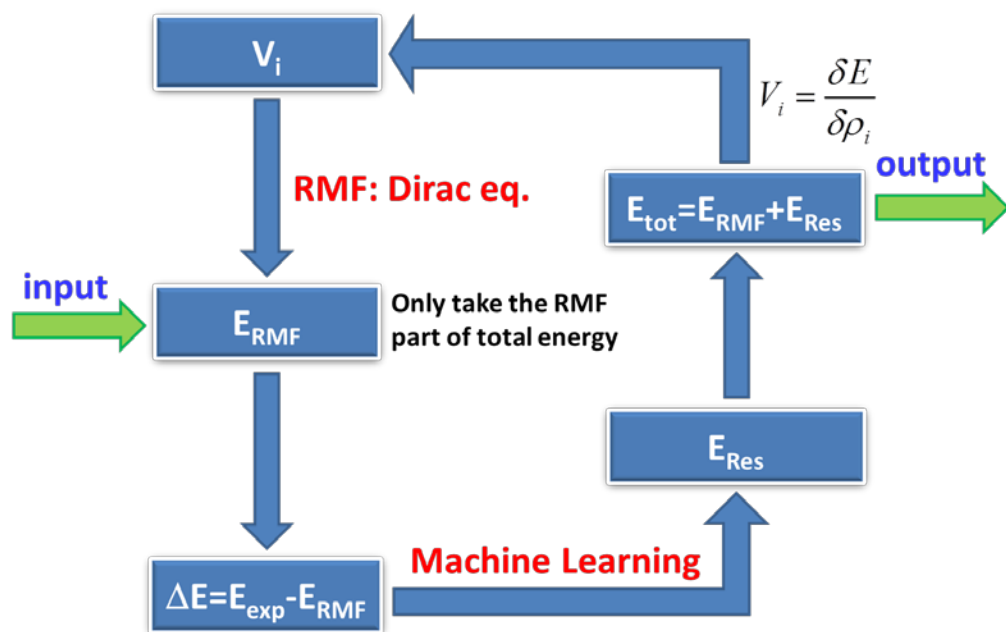
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□ To construct density functional with BNN approach?

$$E_{\text{tot}} = E_{\text{RMF}} + E_{\text{res}}$$

$$E_{\text{RMF}} = \sum_{k=1}^A \varepsilon_k - \int \left[\frac{1}{2} \alpha_S \rho_S^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta_S \rho_S \Delta \rho_S + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_V \rho_V^2 + \frac{1}{2} \delta_V \rho_V \Delta \rho_V + \dots \right] d\vec{r}$$

$$E_{\text{res}} = a + \sum_{j=1}^H b_j \int \tanh(c_j + d_{j1} \rho_S + d_{j2} \Delta \rho_S + d_{j3} \rho_V + d_{j4} \Delta \rho_V + \dots) d\vec{r}$$



$$y(x, \omega) = a + \sum_{j=1}^H b_j \tanh \left(c_j + \sum_{i=1}^I d_{ji} x_i \right)$$



Thank you