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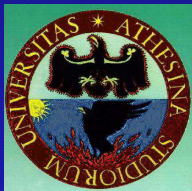
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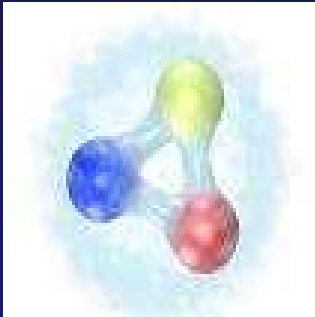
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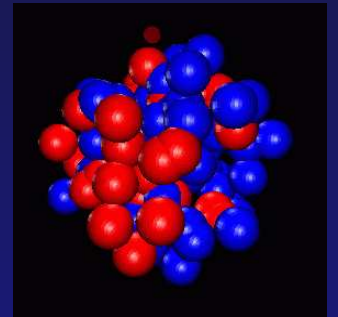


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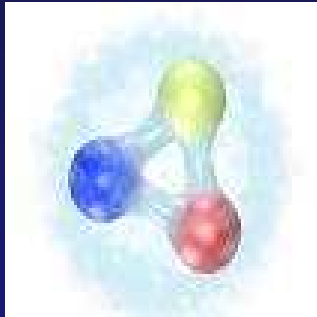
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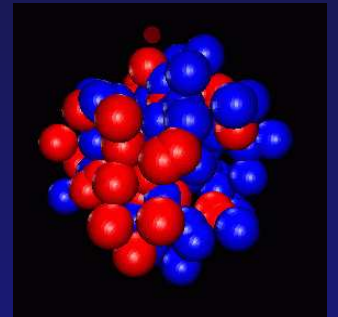
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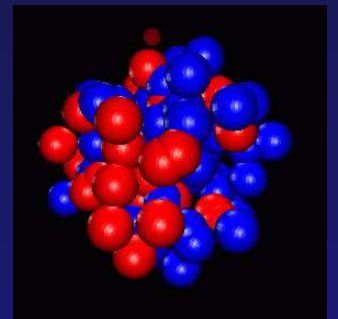
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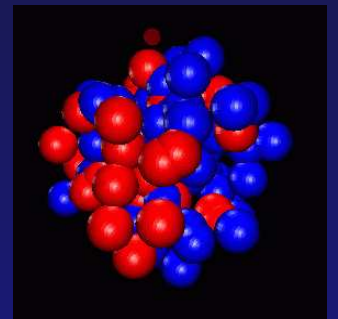
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“Theoretical laboratory” to test nuclear force models:

two-body and three-body interactions

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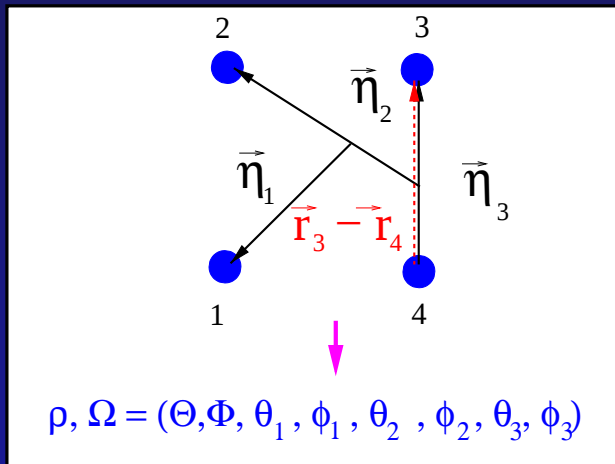
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Good bound state techniques are needed!

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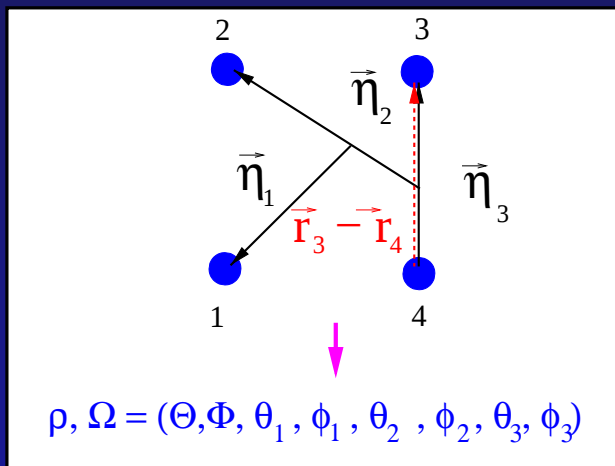
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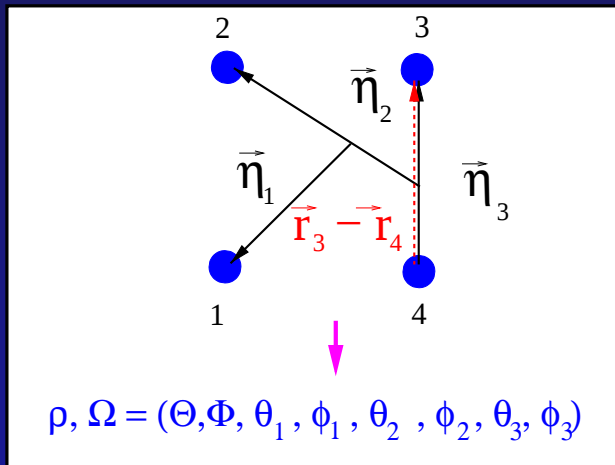
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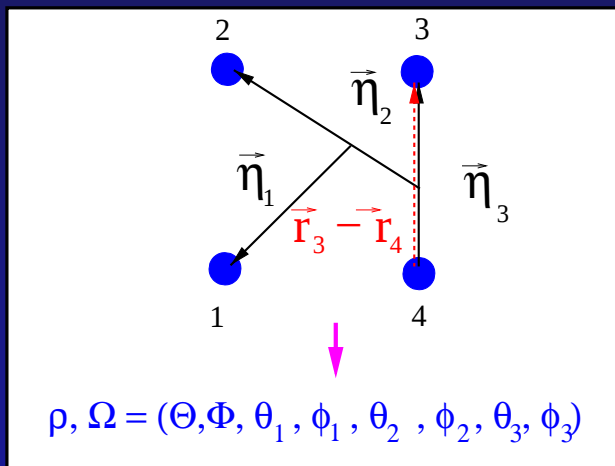
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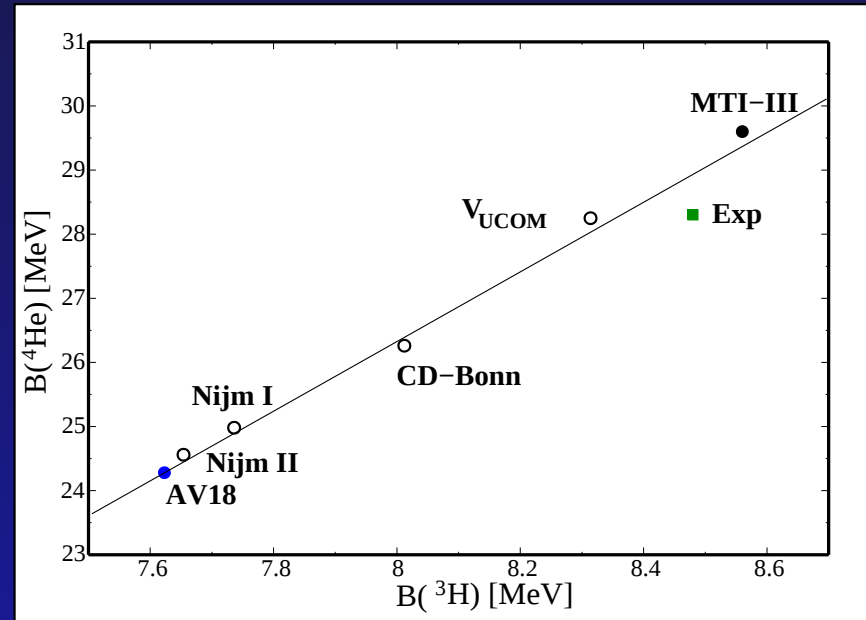
To accelerate the convergence of the **expansion** in an **effective interaction** is constructed via the **Lee-Suzuki** method, similarly as in the **NCSM**

→ Effective Interaction with the Hyperspherical Harmonics: **EIHH**

Barnea, Leidemann, Orlandini, PRC 61, 054001 (2000)

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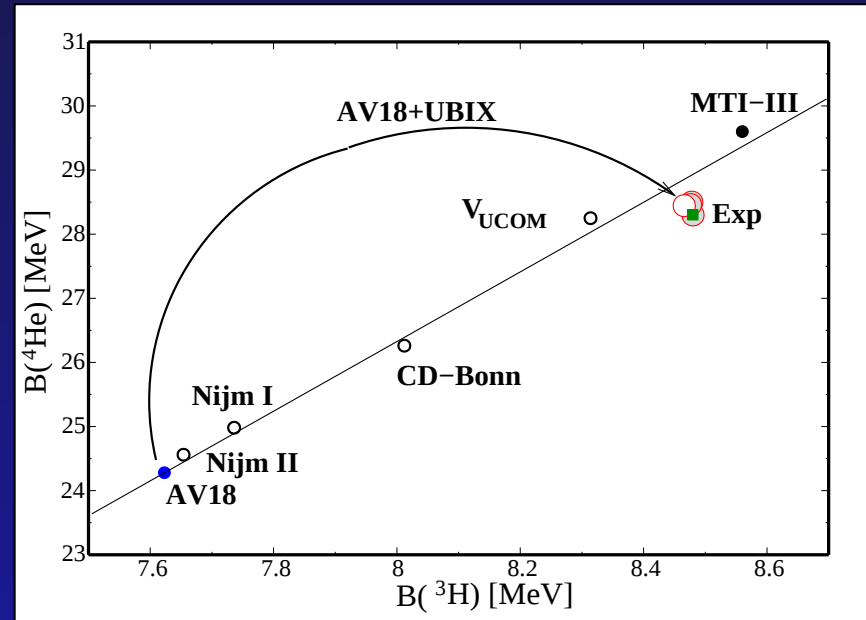


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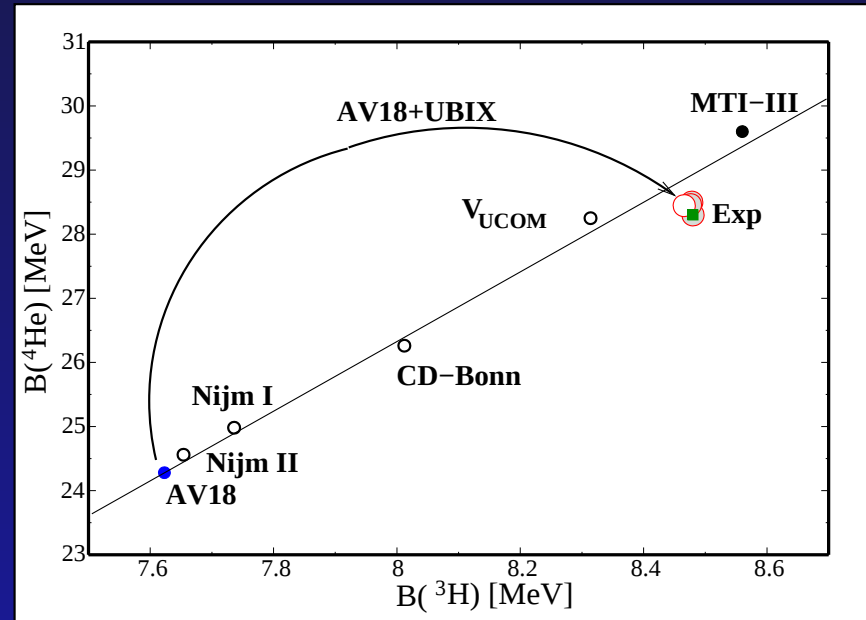


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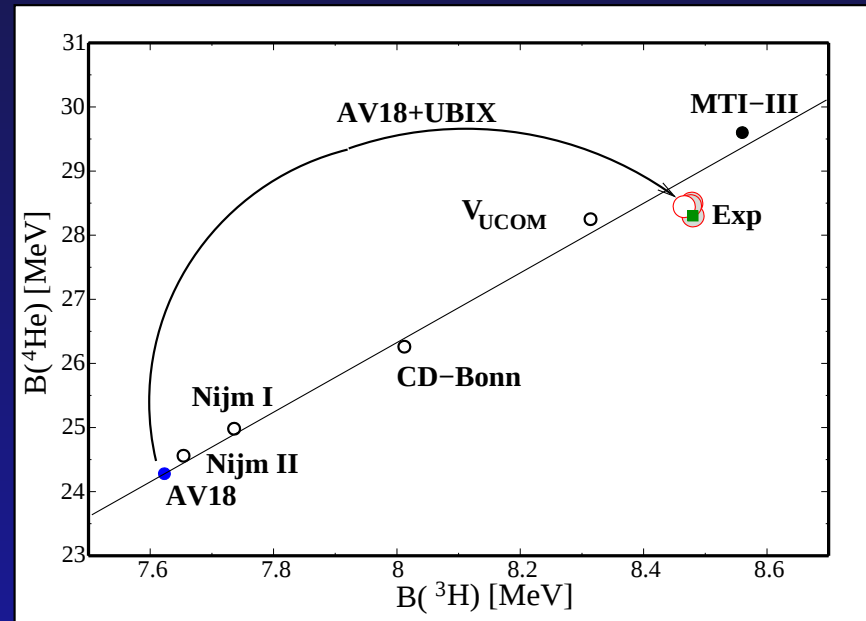
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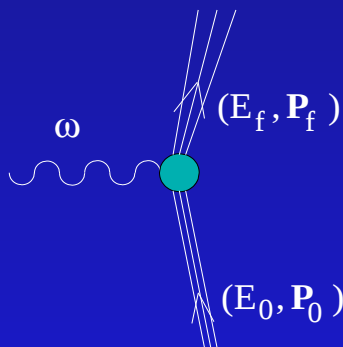
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Total photodisintegration cross section as interesting observable



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$O = E1$ via Siegert Theorem

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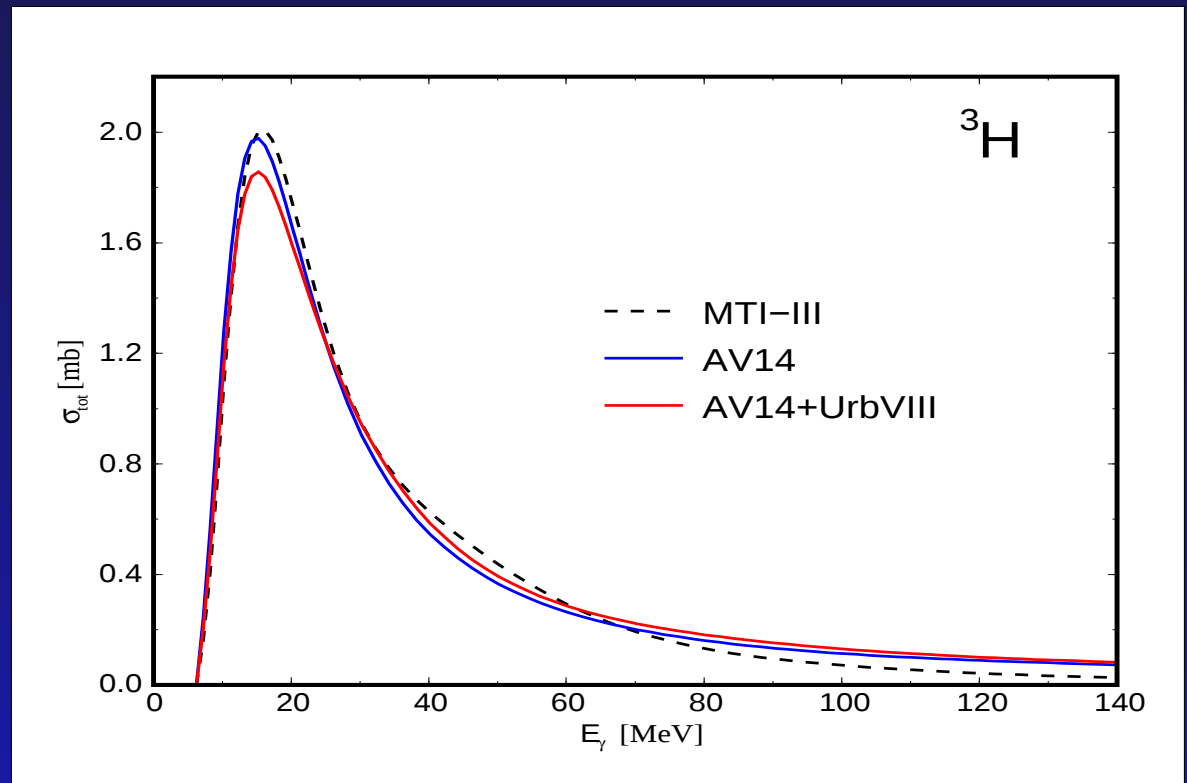
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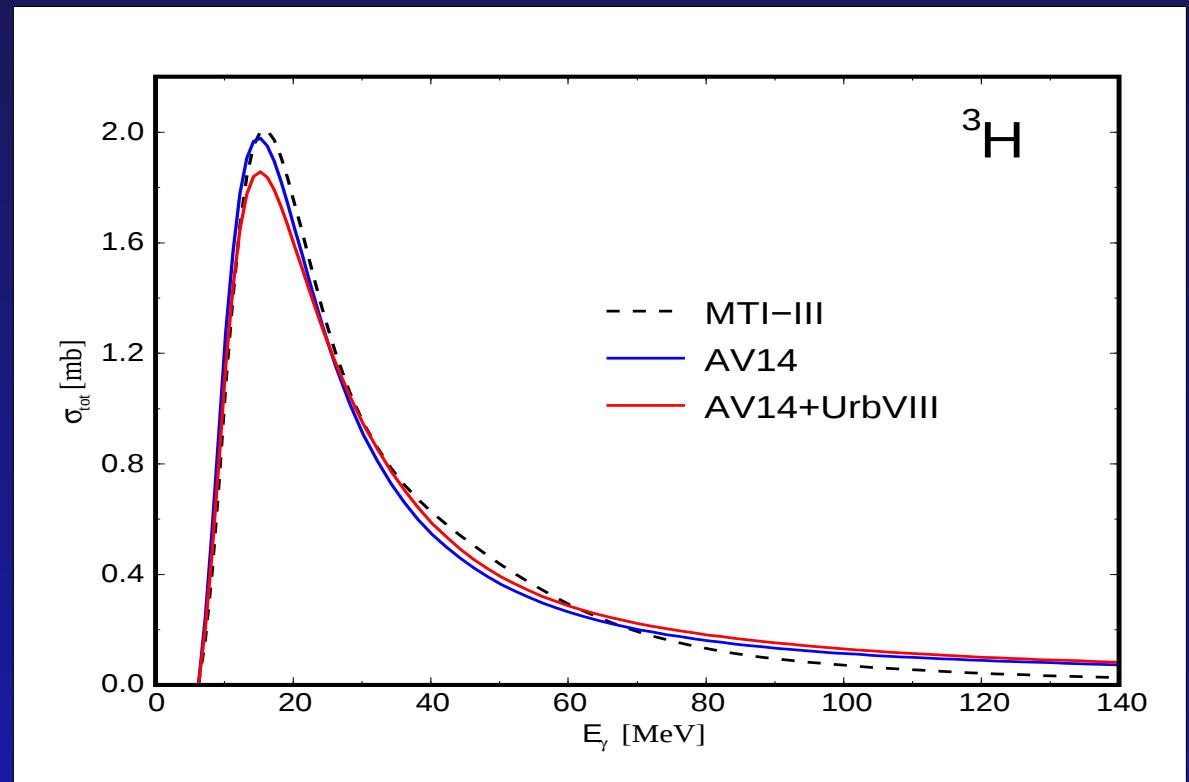
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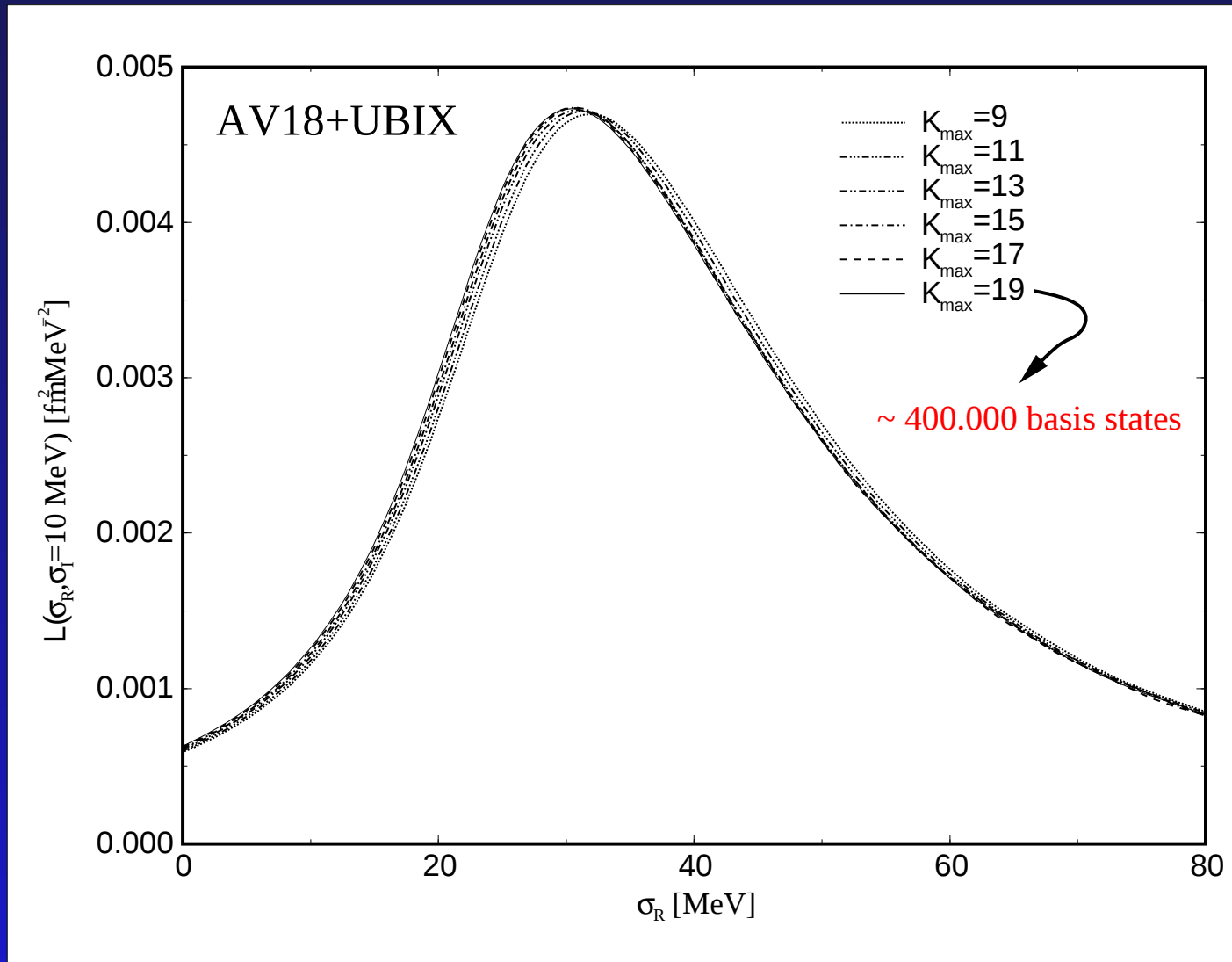
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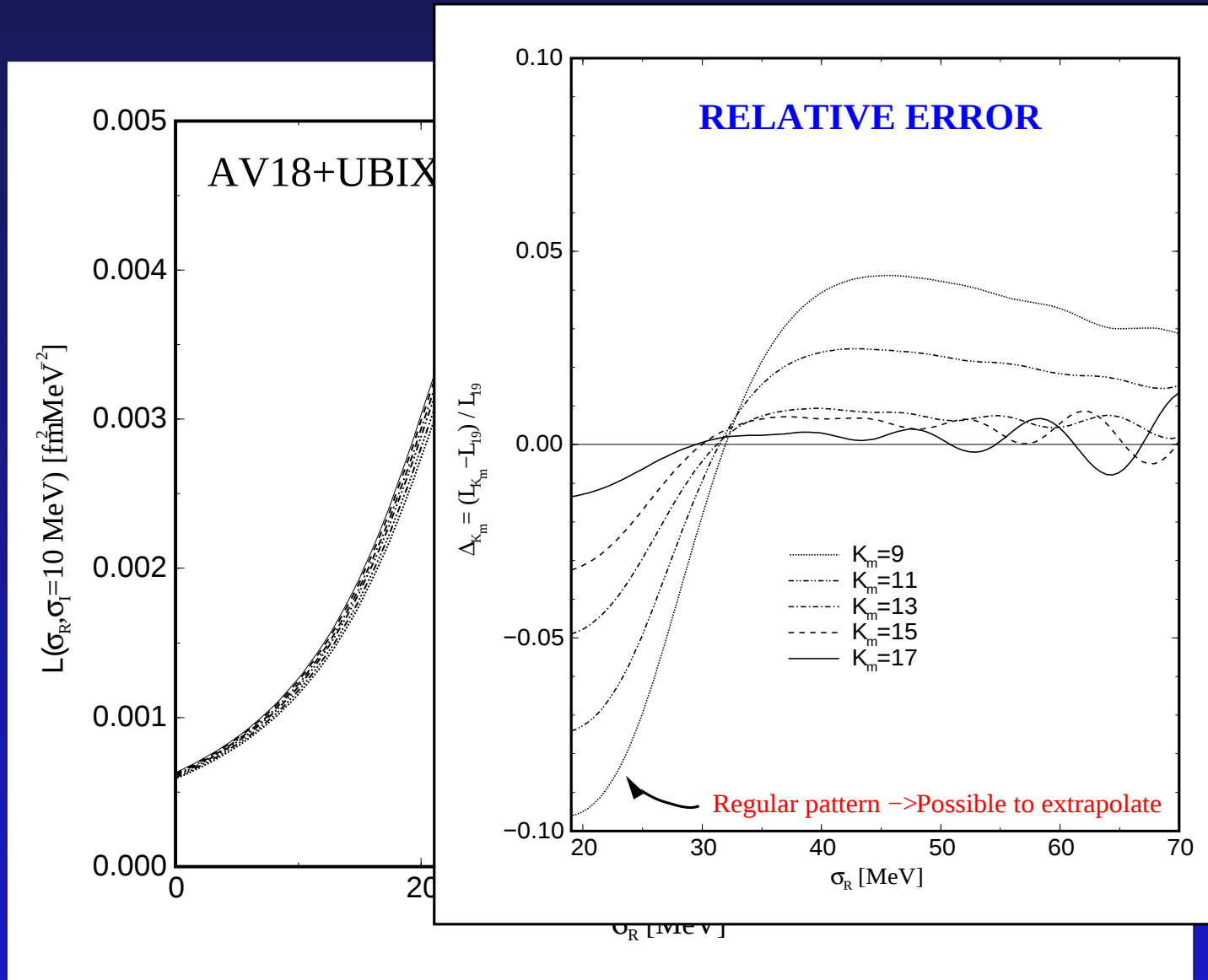
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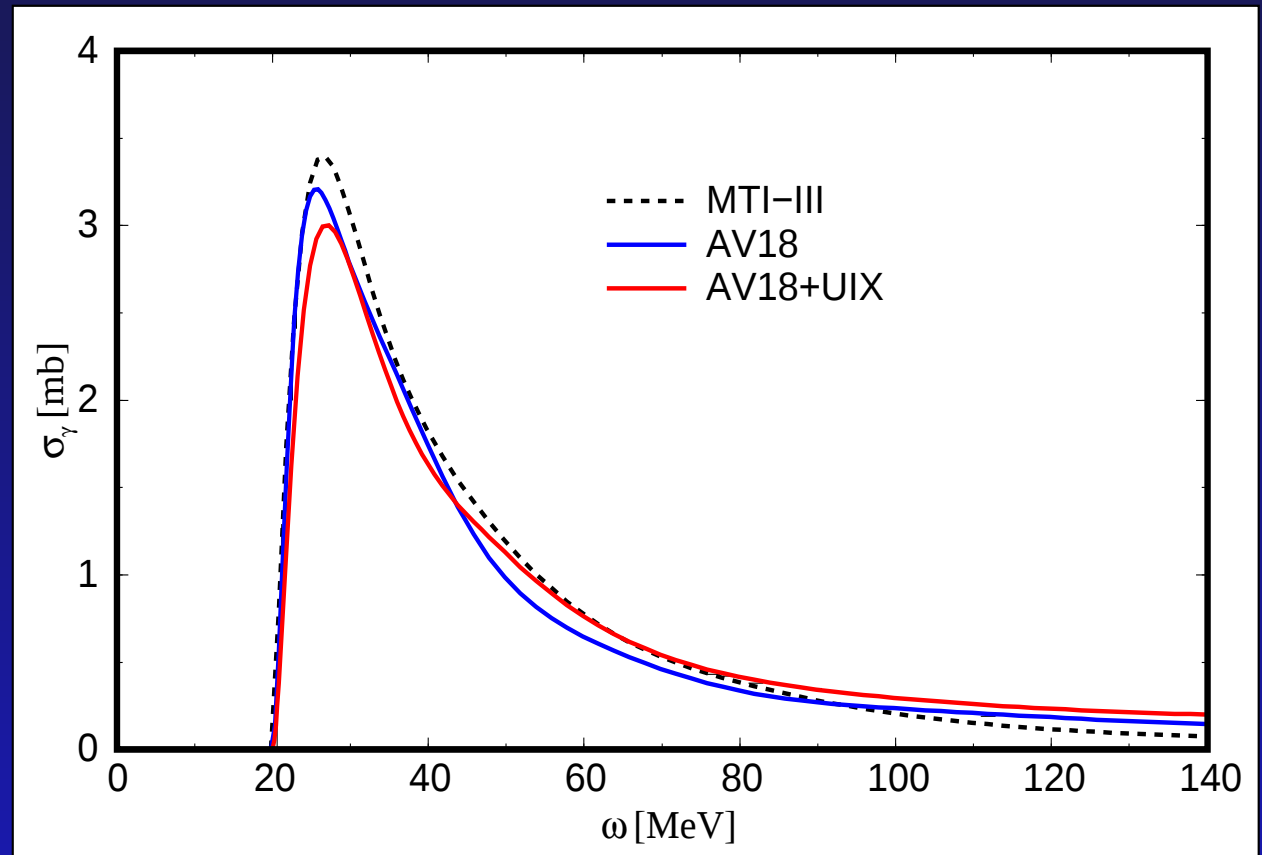
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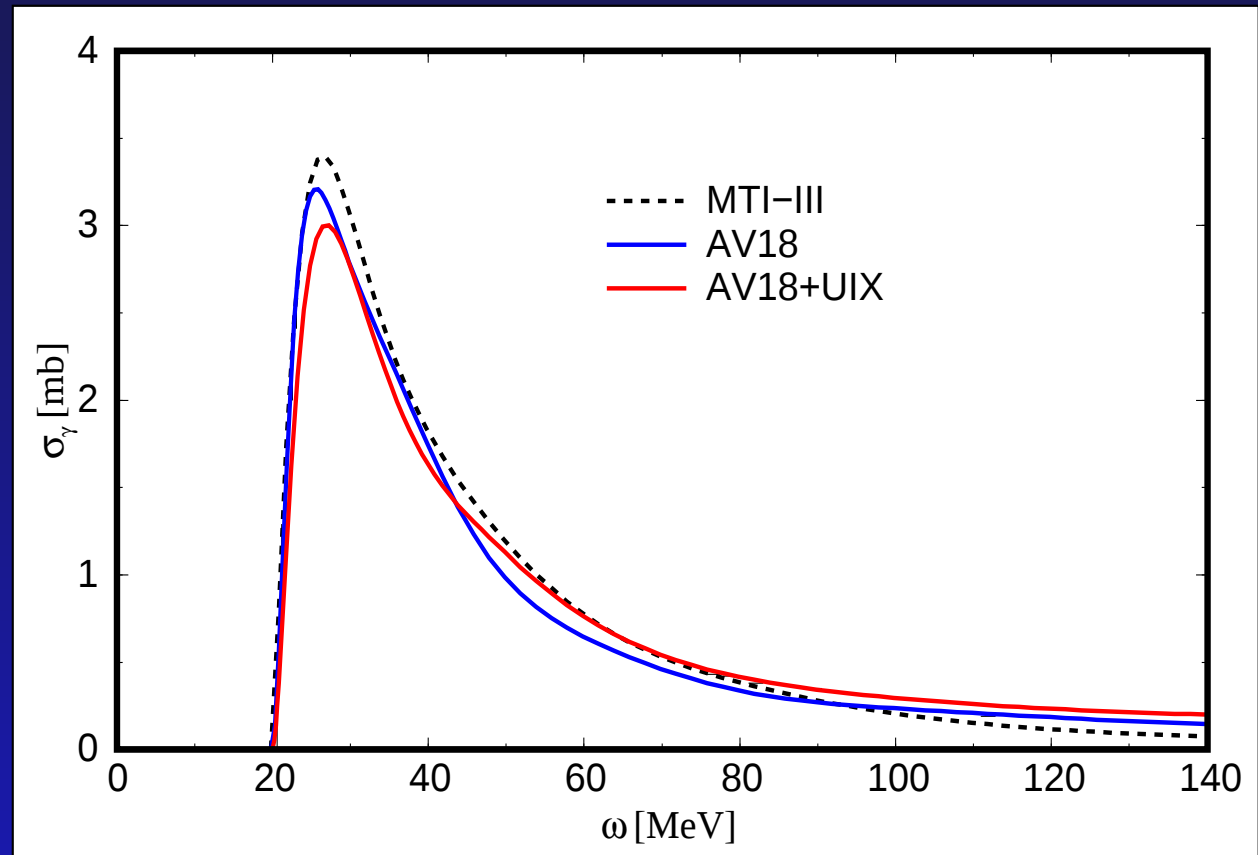
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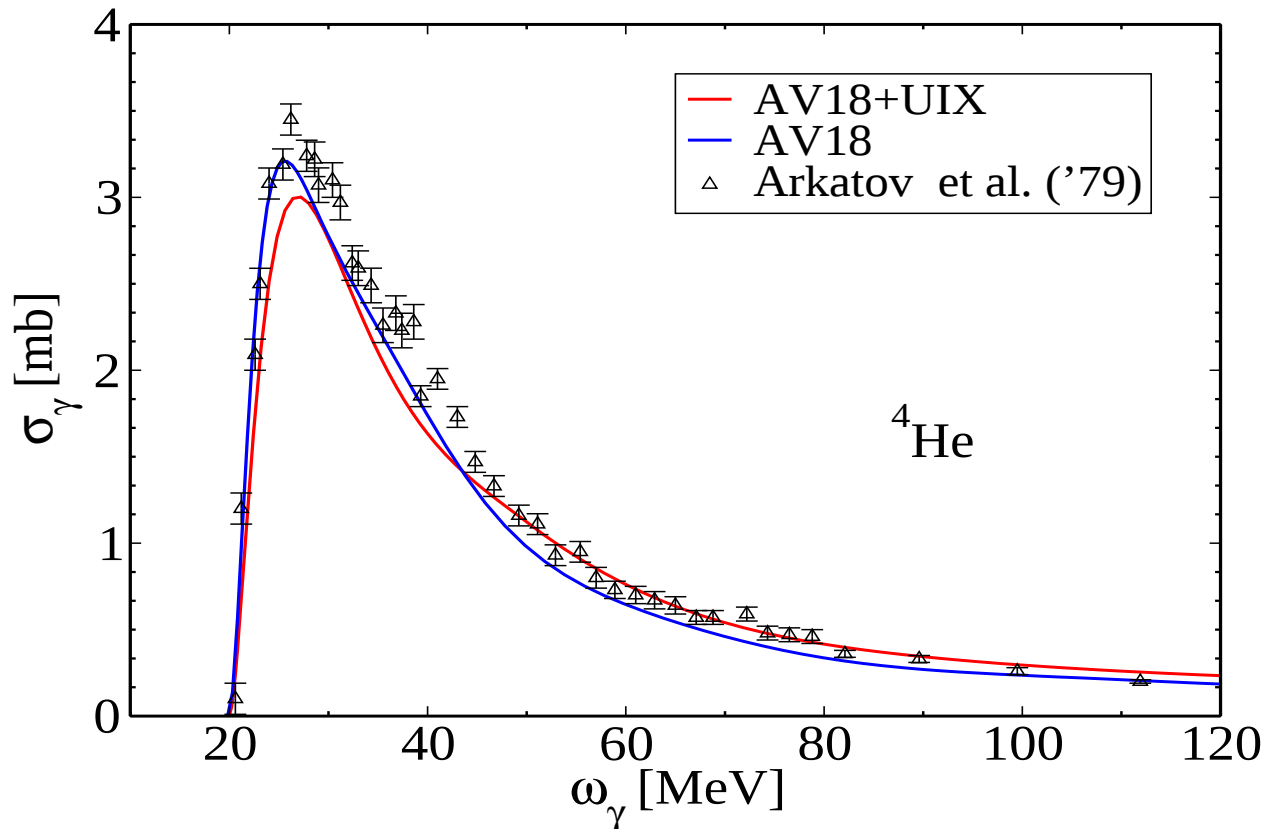
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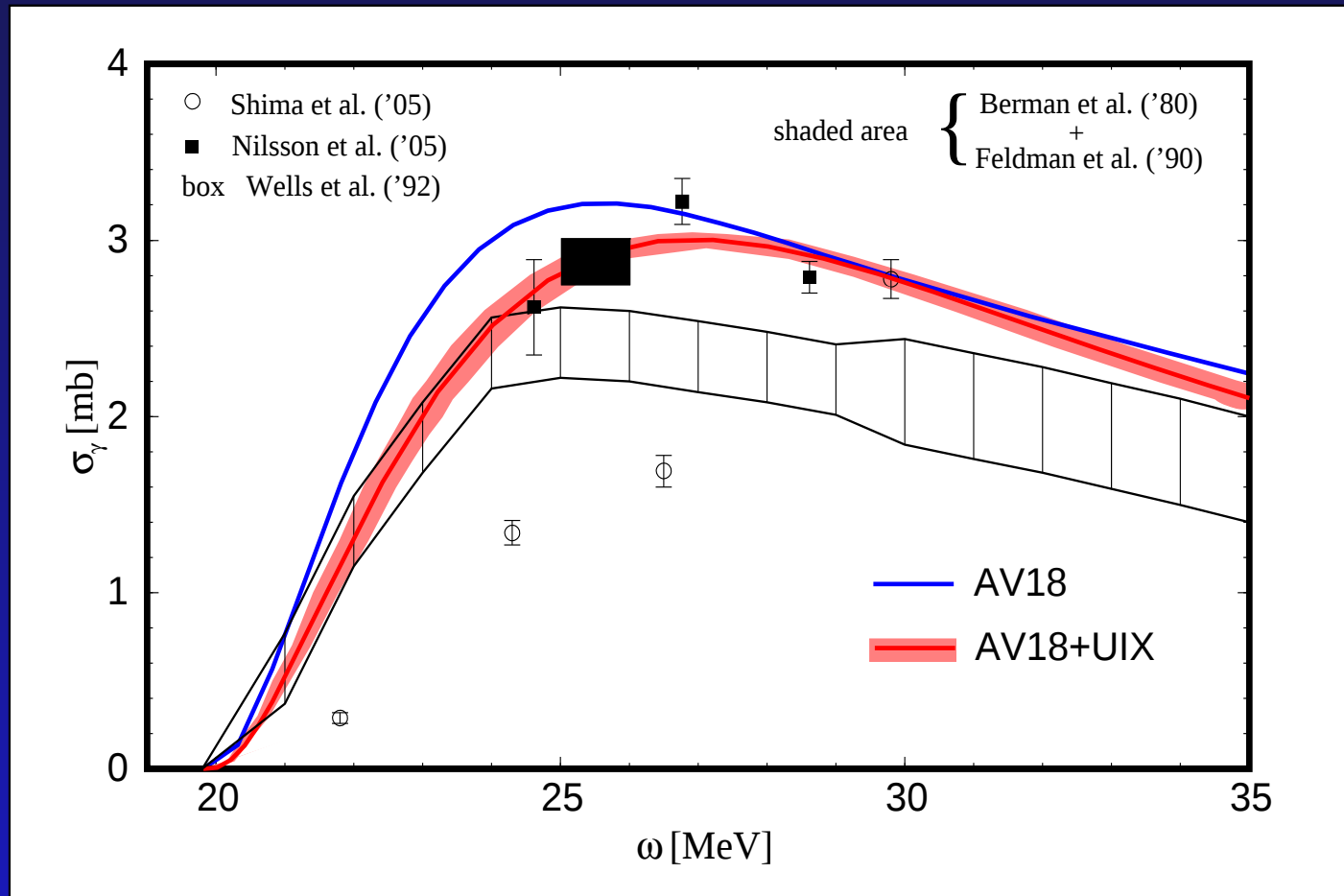
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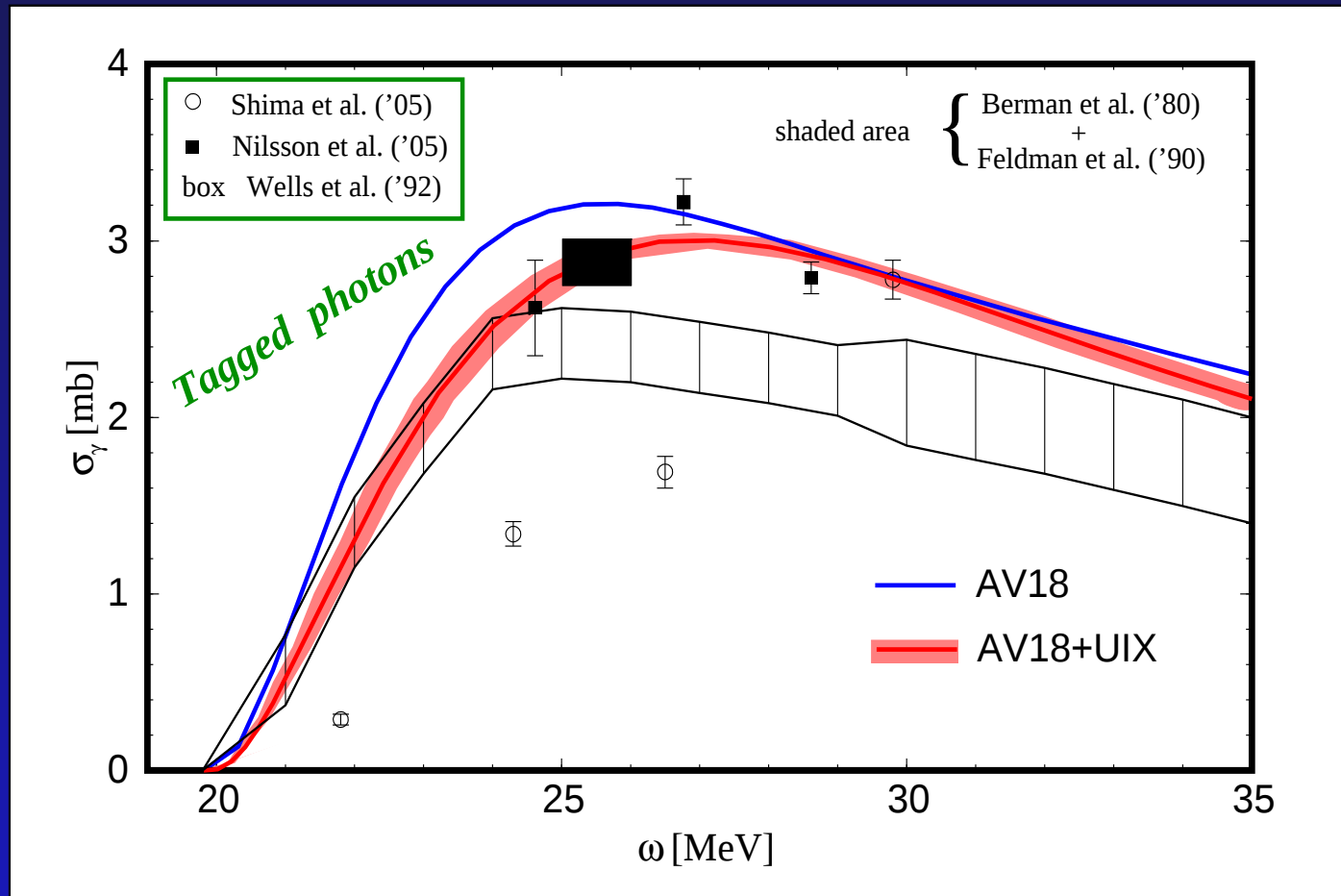
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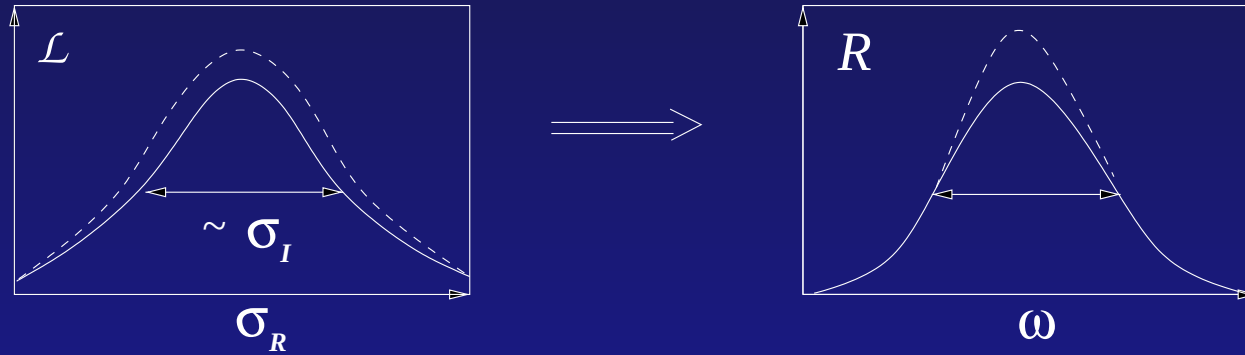
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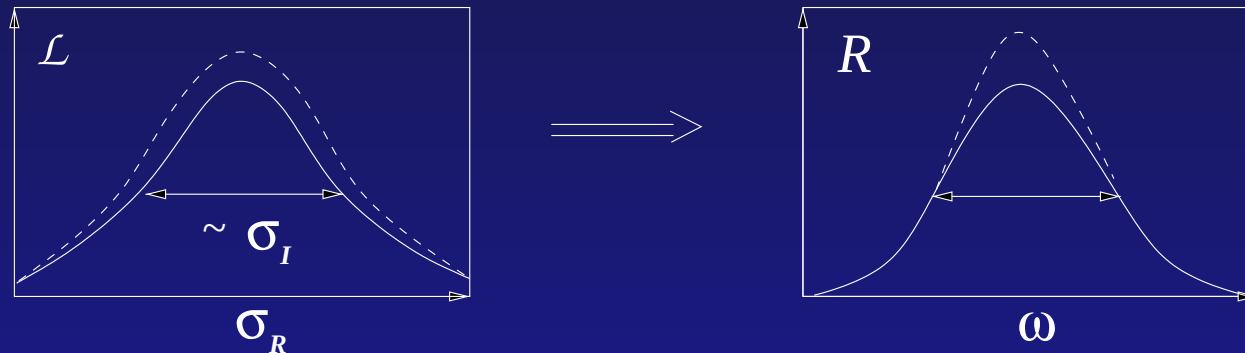
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- Check stability by increasing N to $N + i$ with $(N + i < M)$