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NucleiML

A machine learning tool for finite nuclei properties

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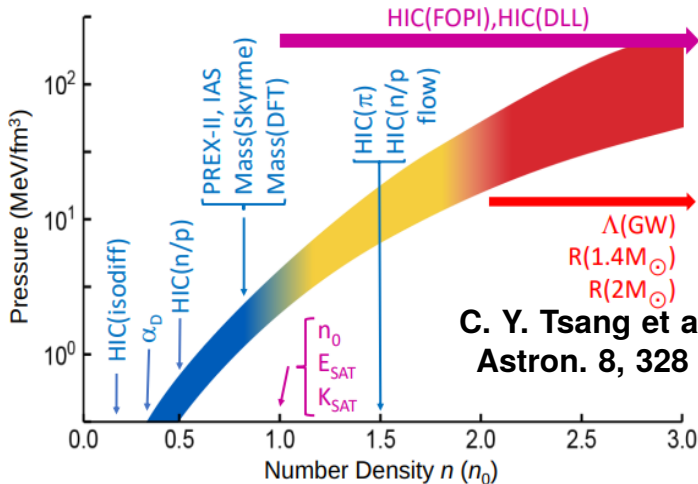
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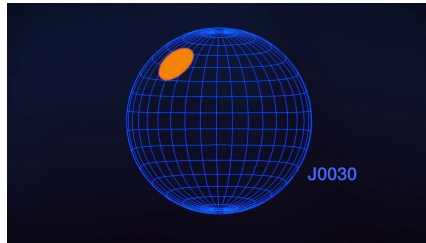
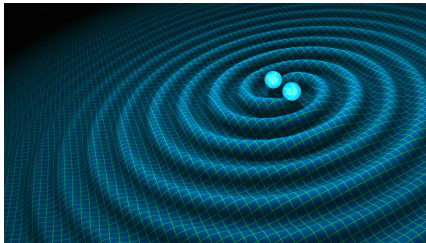


Introduction

ρ_0 E_0 K_0 Q_0 J_0 L_0 m^*/m 

C. Y. Tsang et al, Nat.
Astron. 8, 328 2024

- Constraints from GW and NICER observations
- GW¹ : GW170817 BNS merger
- NICER² : simultaneous mass-radius measurements



¹Image from **R. Hurt/Caltech-JPL**

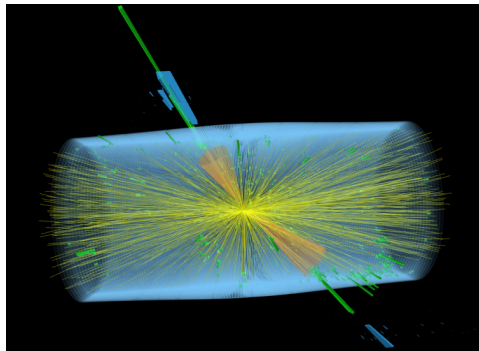
²Image from **NICER (NASA)**

- Constraints from Heavy Ion Collisions³ (HICs) and Nuclear physics experiments
- HICs : on symmetry energy and pressure across different densities ⁴
- Nuclear Physics : Constraints on global behavior of EoS when included explicitly ⁵

³ Representative image from CMS collaboration

⁴ C. Y. Tsang et al, Nat. Astron. 8, 328 2024

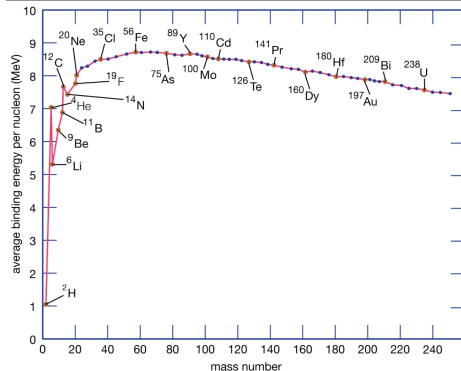
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Implicit Constraints⁸

- Constraints from HICs and Nuclear physics experiments through limits on symmetry energy $J(\rho)$ and $P(\rho)$ at different densities as well as through NS properties
- Includes those from analyses of nuclear masses

Explicit Constraints⁹

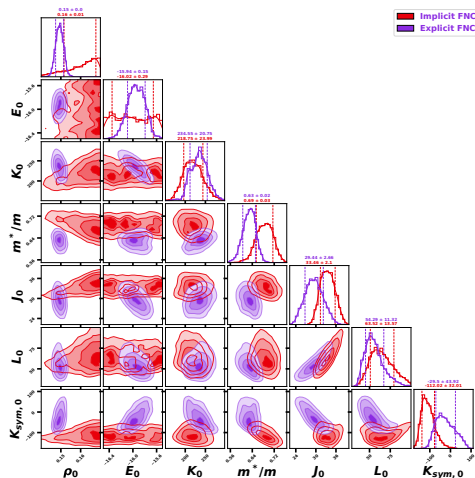
- Constraints similar to Implicit
- Instead of implicit constraints of nuclear masses, we used explicit constraints on binding energies and charge radii of different nuclei

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Key points

- Different approaches to include low density nuclear physics constraints have distinct posterior distributions of the parameters
- Highlights the importance of explicitly constraining finite nuclei properties
- However, computational cost is challenging to extend these explicit constraints to a large diverse set of nuclei
- Present work of NucleiML framework addresses this challenge, with help of machine learning



Formalism

$$\mathcal{L}_{NL} = \mathcal{L}_{nm} + \mathcal{L}_{\sigma} + \mathcal{L}_{\omega} + \mathcal{L}_{\rho} + \mathcal{L}_{int},$$

- \mathcal{L}_{nm} : Nucleons¹⁰: protons and neutrons
- \mathcal{L}_{σ} : σ -meson : short range attraction
- \mathcal{L}_{ω} : ω -meson : very short range repulsion
- \mathcal{L}_{ρ} : ρ -meson : isospin dependent

¹⁰**M Dutra et al., Phys. Rev. C 90, 055203 2014.**

Interaction strength determined by coupling parameters : g_σ , g_ω , g_ρ , A , B , C , and Λ_v

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{nm} &= \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi + g_\sigma \sigma \bar{\psi} \psi - g_\omega \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \omega_\mu \psi \\ &\quad - \frac{g_\rho}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \vec{\rho}_\mu \vec{\tau} \psi, \\ \mathcal{L}_\sigma &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu \sigma \partial_\mu \sigma - m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2) - \frac{A}{3} \sigma^3 - \frac{B}{4} \sigma^4, \\ \mathcal{L}_\omega &= -\frac{1}{4} \Omega^{\mu\nu} \Omega_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega^\mu \omega_\mu + \frac{C}{4} (g_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu)^2, \\ \mathcal{L}_\rho &= -\frac{1}{4} \vec{B}^{\mu\nu} \vec{B}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \vec{\rho}_\mu \vec{\rho}^\mu, \\ \mathcal{L}_{int} &= \frac{1}{2} \Lambda_v g_\omega^2 g_\rho^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu \vec{\rho}_\mu \vec{\rho}^\mu.\end{aligned}$$

NMPs



$g_\sigma, g_\omega, g_\rho, A, B, C, \Lambda_v$



Solving the field equations

**Gambhir et al,
Ann. Phys.
198, 132 1990**



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Solving the field equations
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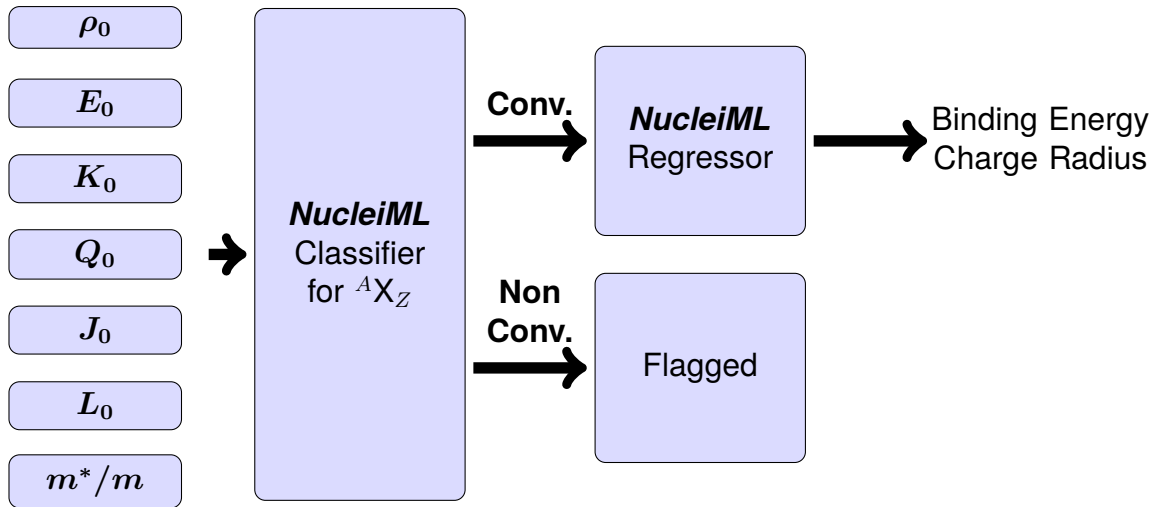


Solving the Field equations
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calculating binding energy and
charge radius of given nuclei AX_Z

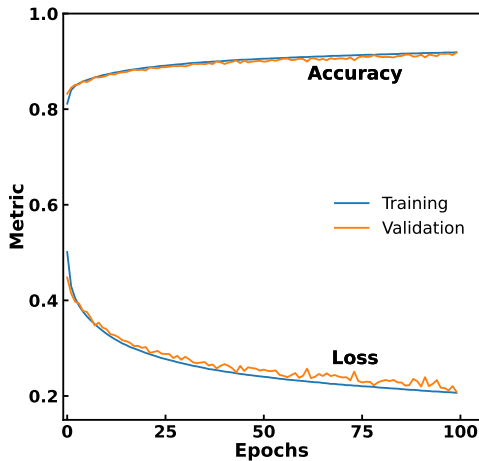
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Neural Network Training and Performance

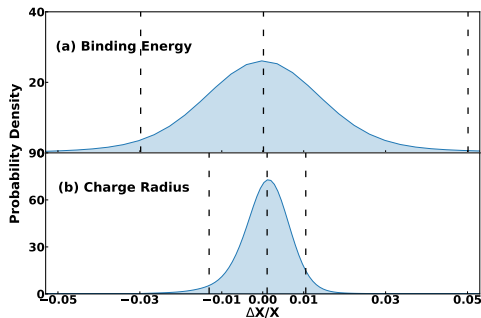
- **Dataset Construction:** Randomly sampled seven NMPs determine the coupling constants
- **Data Composition:** Each data point includes NMPs, coupling parameters, BE, R_{ch} and a classification flag (*Convergent*, *Non-convergent* A/B/C).
- **Classifier Training:** The model is trained using categorical cross-entropy, with performance validated on a separate set to ensure generalization.
- **Performance:** Training stabilizes with 0.2 loss and 92% accuracy, showing effective learning and minimal overfitting.



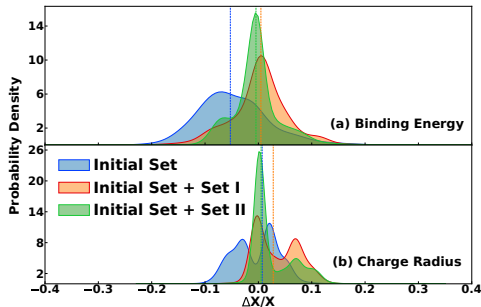
- **Confusion Matrix:** true vs. predicted labels; diagonals indicate correct classifications, off-diagonals show misclassifications.
- **Classifier Strengths:** Strong classification accuracy for *Convergent* and *Non-convergent B*, with decent performance on *Non-convergent A*.
- **Class Imbalance Impact:** Low accuracy for *Non-convergent C* is due to its low representation in the training data.
- **Four-Class Justification:** Maintaining four classes enhances distinction from *Convergent* cases, supporting better performance in Bayesian inference by reducing misclassification and improving sampling reliability.

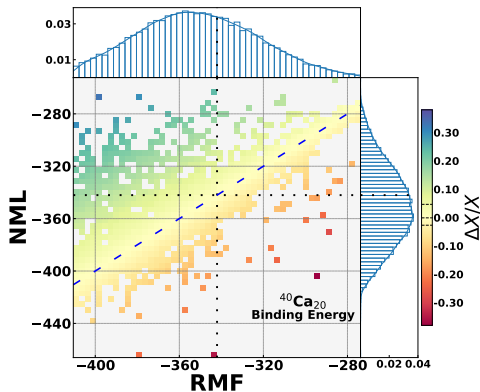
True	Conv.	NConv.A	NConv.B	NConv.C
	65118	1617	2757	31
	3280	15469	1385	16
	1916	428	55229	62
Predicted	Conv.	NConv.A	NConv.B	NConv.C
	37	12	302	554

- **Deviation Metric:** Prediction accuracy is assessed using relative deviation, $\frac{\Delta X}{X} = \frac{X_{true} - X_{pred}}{X_{true}}$, where X is BE or charge radius.
- **Distribution Analysis:** deviation distributions peaking near zero, indicating high prediction accuracy.
- **Confidence Intervals:** 95% of BE predictions fall within 3–5% deviation; for charge radius, within 1%.
- **Regressor Precision:** Tighter CI and narrower distribution for charge radius highlight superior prediction performance.
- **Reasoning:** Higher accuracy for charge radius is due to its more constrained range across nuclei compared to BE.

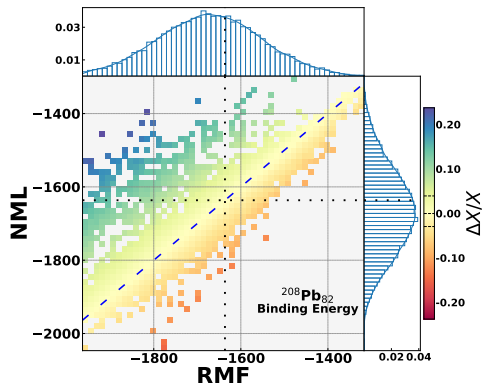


- **Initial Limitation:** The original regressor, trained on five closed-shell nuclei, shows broad deviations when predicting unseen nuclei, indicating poor generalization.
- **Training Set Expansion:** Adding neutron-rich nuclei (^{24}O , ^{58}Ca , ^{78}Ni) improves prediction accuracy, with a narrower deviation distribution and median closer to zero.
- **Further Refinement:** Including ^{68}Ni and ^{90}Zr further reduces deviation spread, confirming that a diverse training set enhances regressor performance on untrained nuclei.





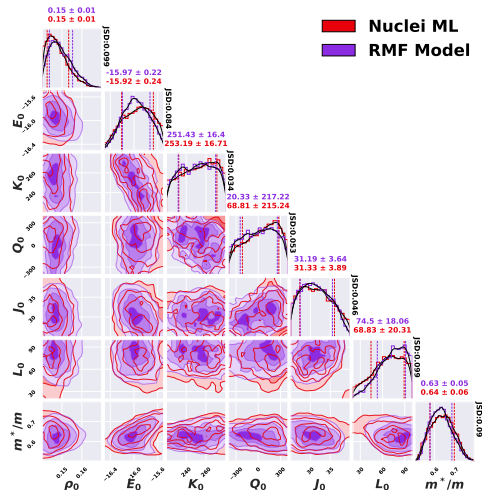
The NML regressor closely replicates RMF predictions for nuclei like ^{40}Ca and ^{208}Pb , with deviations mostly within $\pm 5\%$ for BE and $\pm 1\%$ for R_{ch} .



This indicates that the model closely approximates RMF results, with slightly greater variability in binding energy predictions compared to charge radius estimates.

A Bayesian Example

- **Implementation in a bayesian analysis** - An effective way to analyze the accuracy of NucleiML model
- Posteriors of *NucleiML* align well with those of RMF model
- NML enables 10× faster Bayesian inference than RMF (30 min vs. 4.5 hrs) with comparable posterior distributions.





Conclusion and future outlook

- **NML Framework:** NucleiML (NML) uses a Classifier and two Regressors to replicate RMF predictions for binding energies and charge radii.
- **Model Accuracy:** The Classifier achieves 92% accuracy; Regressors predict nuclear properties within 5% error for 95% of the test set.
- **Generalization:** Accuracy improves on unseen nuclei when trained on a more diverse dataset.
- **Bayesian Integration:** NML enables 10× faster Bayesian inference than RMF (30 min vs. 4.5 hrs) with comparable posterior distributions.



Thank you

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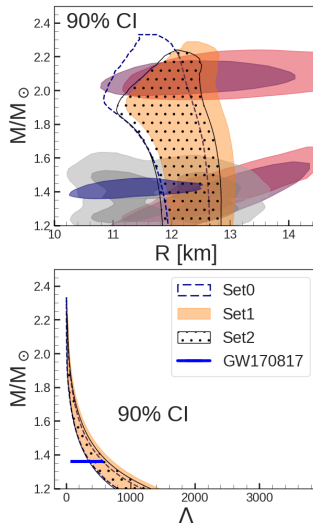
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**Do we need hadron-quark
phase transitions inside
neutron star cores to satisfy
nuclear and astrophysical
observations?**

- hybrid EOS model = Crust + Relativistic Mean Field model [Malik et al., Phys. Rev. D (2023)] + phase transition [Albino et al., J. Phys.: Conf. Series (2022)] + **Mean Field theory of Quantum Chromodynamics** [Fogaça et al., Phys. Lett. B (2011)]
- Bayesian analysis with constraints from PSR J0030+0451, PSR J0740+6620, and PSR J0437-4715 and GW170817
- smooth hybrid EOSs are slightly more favoured according to pulsar observations but GW data remains indecisive

* Bayesian evaluation of hadron-quark phase transition models through neutron star observables in light of nuclear and astrophysics data

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- parameter $d_c = \sqrt{\Delta^2 + (\Delta')^2}$, where Δ is renormalized trace anomaly, proposed in [Annala et al., Nature Commun. \(2023\)](#), as a measure of conformality
- quark matter remains strongly interacting, and the conformal limit is not reached at the NS center
- even with purely nucleonic degrees of freedom, d_c gradually decreases below 0.2 around $5 \rho_{B,0}$
- for hybrid models d_c crosses this threshold at lower densities
- threshold value for d_c (horizontal dashed line) might not be universally applicable across models

