

# The optical potential for neutron-nucleus scattering derived by Bayesian optimization

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# Nuclear data evaluation and machine learning

- Nuclear data plays an important role in various scientific fields.
- In order to produce nuclear data for practical applications, it is essential to handle the huge amount of experimental data.
  - Evaluate the reliability and accuracy of experimental data, and make a selection.
  - Interpolation and extrapolation of experimental data using theoretical models
- Recent development in data science will bring about significant breakthrough in, there is a possibility that nuclear data evaluation.

A E Lovell, A T Mohan and P Talou, J. Phys. G, Vol. 47, 114001 (2020)  
H. Iwamoto, J. Nucl. Sci. Tech. 57, 932 (2020)

## **Goal: Generating nuclear reaction data by machine learning**

By using Bayesian optimization, we determine the optical potential for nucleon-nucleus scattering and predict the cross section at energies where experimental data is not available.

# Framework: Nuclear reaction model

○ Nuclear reaction model : Coupled Channel Optical Model

$$\left( \left[ \frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l_c(l_c+1)}{r^2} + k_c^2 \right] u_c(r) - \sum_{c'} V_{cc'} u_{c'}(r) \right) = 0$$

$u_c$ : Wave function of scattered wave (radial direction)

$c$  : Reaction channel ( $\{l_c, j_c, n_c\}$ )

$V_{cc'}$ : Optical potential(Between  $c$  and  $c'$  channels)

$$V(r) = -V_R(E)f_R + i \left[ 4W_D a_D \frac{d}{dr} f_D(r) - W_V f_V(r) \right] + [Coul] + [LS]$$

$$V_R(E) = (V_R^0 + V_R^{DISP} e^{-\lambda_R E}) \dots \quad W_D = \left[ W_D^{DISP} + (-1)^{Z'+1} C_{wiso} \frac{N-Z}{A} \right] e^{-\lambda_D E} \dots$$

$$f_R(r) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{r-R_R}{a_R}\right)} \quad R_R = r_R A^{1/3}$$

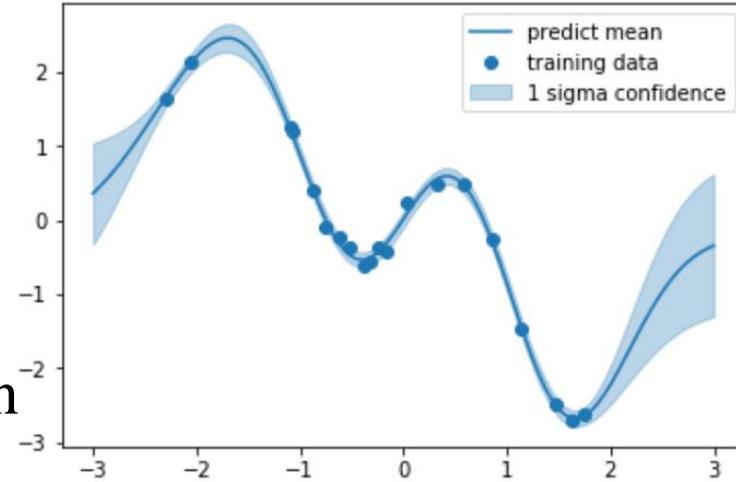
We solve coupled channel equations using CCONE  
 O. Iwamoto et al., Nucl. Data. Sheets 131, 259 (2016)

# Framework : Bayesian optimization

## ○ Bayesian optimization with Gaussian process regression

- A model that estimates a function  $y = f(x)$  from inputs  $x$  and output  $y$  variables, and find the minimum value of the objective function

## ○ Objective function describes the deviation between experimental data and theoretical calculation.



$$f(x) = \sum_{cross\ section} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_N \left( \frac{\sigma_{exp}^{(i)}}{\Delta\sigma_{exp}^{(i)}} \log_{10} \frac{\sigma_{th}^{(i)}(x)}{\sigma_{exp}^{(i)}} \right)^2 \right\}$$

## ○ Determine the potential parameters $x$ to minimize the Objective function $y$ .

$x$  :Parameter of optical potential  
 $y$  :Evaluation function

We use GPyOpt as Library of Gaussian process regression

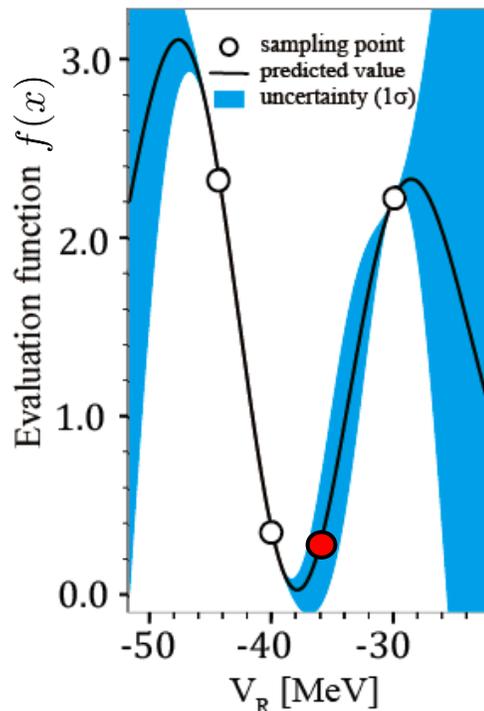
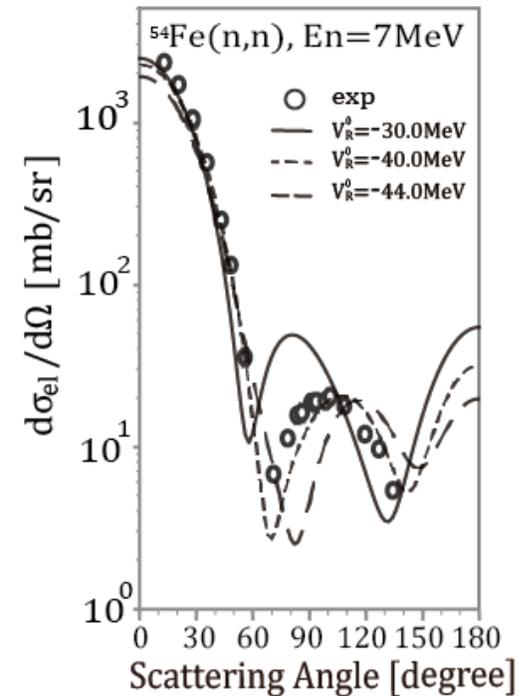
<https://sheffieldml.github.io/GPyOpt/>

# Framework : An Example of optimization by machine learning

Estimate the evaluation function about optical parameter  $V_R^0$  by Gaussian process regression from the sampling results.

Calculate the evaluation function for  $V_R^0$ , where the large uncertainty and the small predicted value.

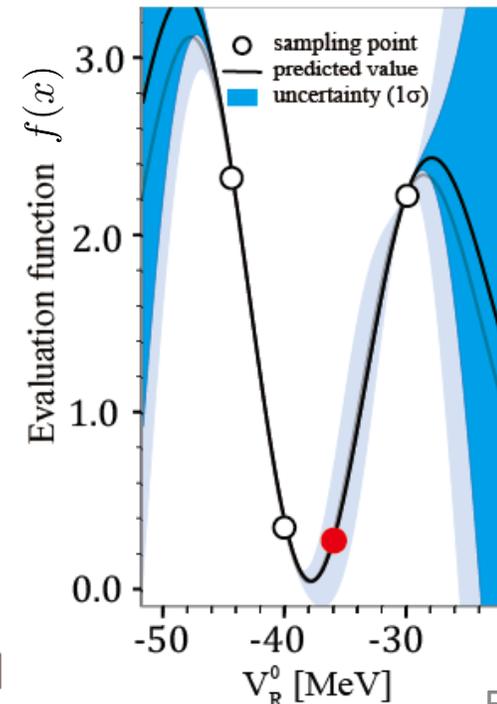
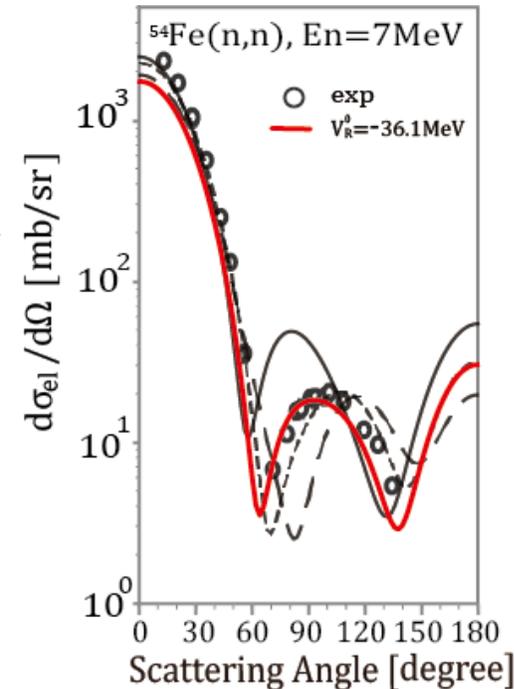
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Sampling **red point**



Update Prediction



# Result: Prediction of cross section by machine learning( $^{54}\text{Fe}$ )

7 and 12 MeV data are used for fitting, and based on it, 8.5 and 24 MeV data are predicted.

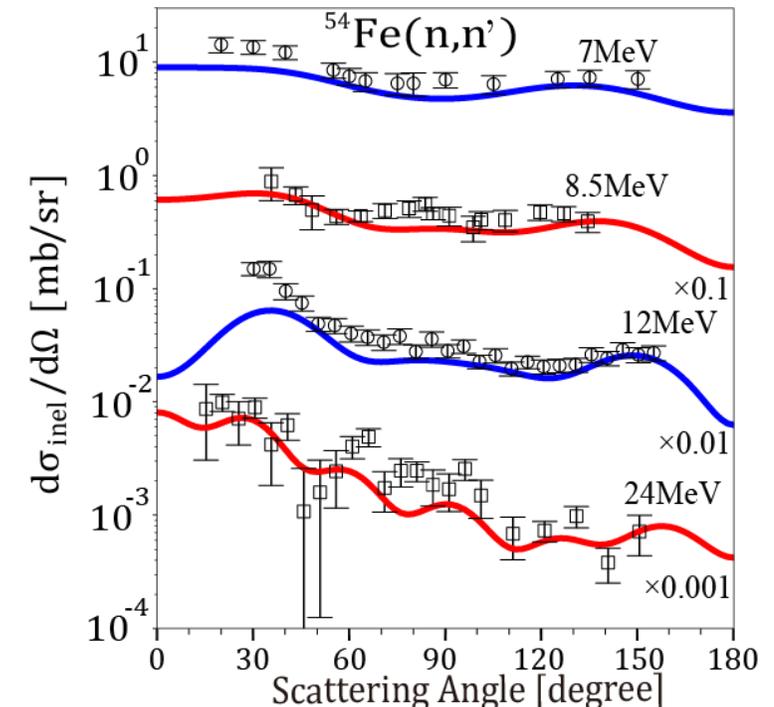
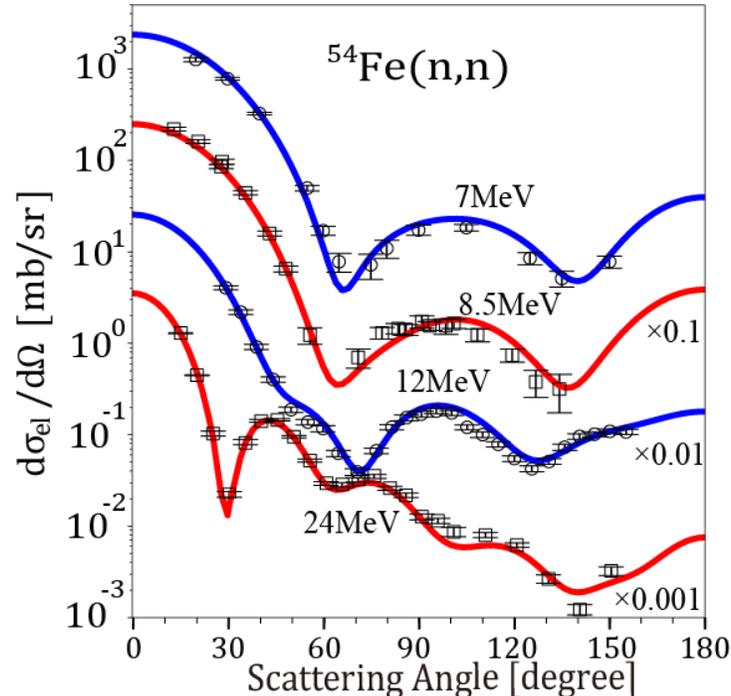
This procedure enables an accurate generation of nuclear reaction data.

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- Fitting Results
- ⊕ Experimental data used for training
- Predicted cross section
- ⊠ Corresponding experimental data



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- Reproduce experimental data by fitting the optical potential using Bayesian optimization.
- Cross sections estimated from a small number of sample data reproduce the test data well.

## Future work

- We aim to predict the energy dependence of the parameters without assuming a function.

