



A study of the impact on different evaluation approaches on results

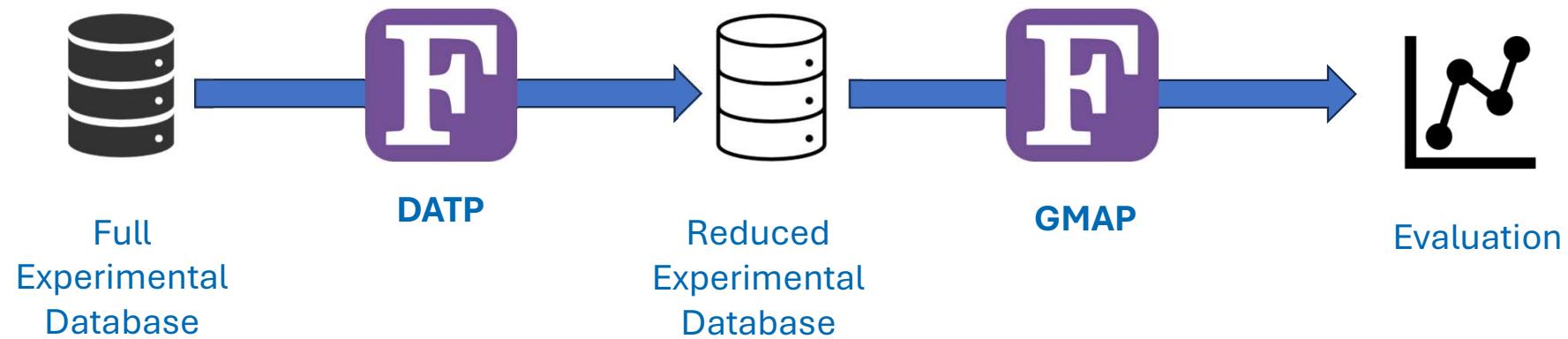
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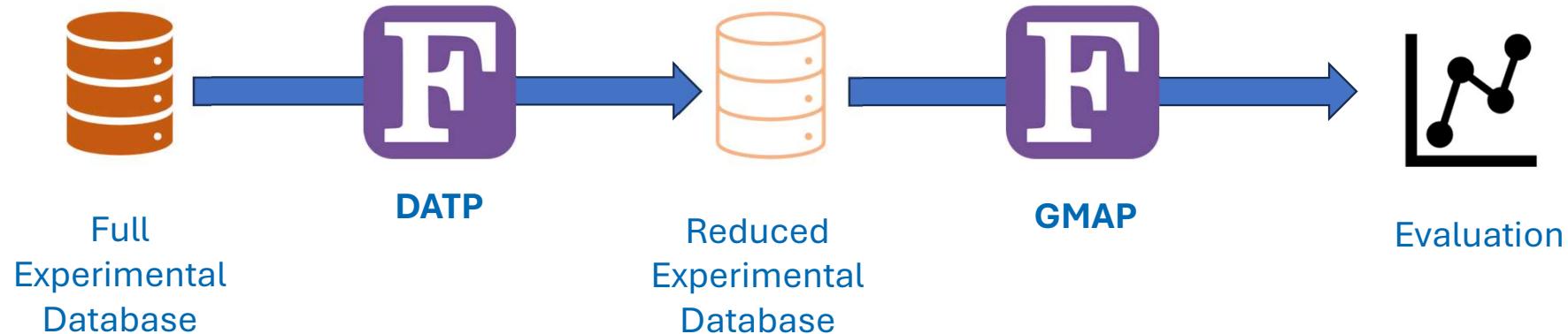
Outline

- Codes and method development
- Impact of different evaluation methods
- Impact of iterative reduction
- Impact of new Li-6(n,t) evaluation

Neutron Standards Pipeline



Data format modernization



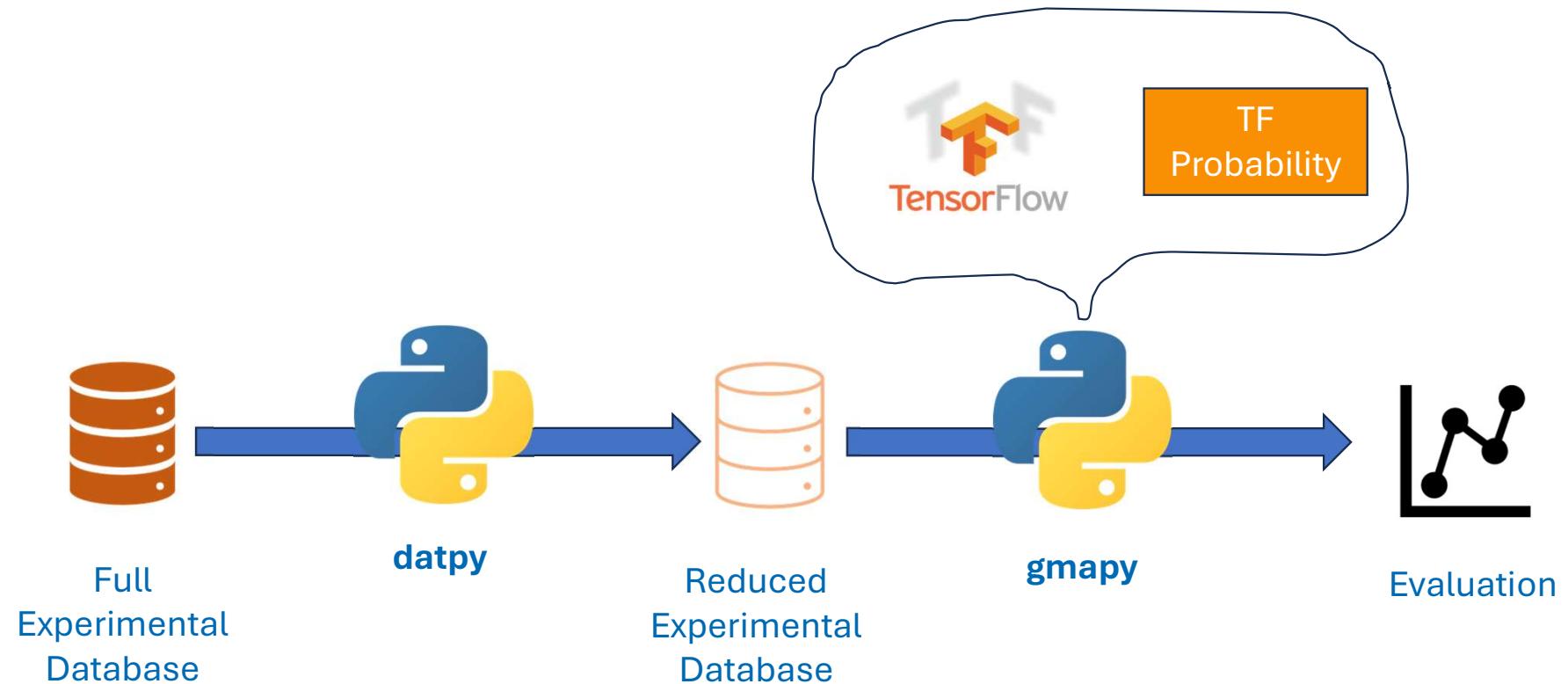
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Modern format (JSON)

Code modernization



Flexibility in method choice



$$\log p(\vec{x} | \vec{d}) = -\frac{1}{2} (n \log(2\pi) + \log \det \Sigma + \chi^2(\vec{x}))$$

$$\chi^2(\vec{x}) = (\vec{d} - f(\vec{x}))^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{d} - f(\vec{x}))$$

$$\Sigma = [(f(\vec{x})^T f(\vec{x})] \odot \Sigma_{\text{rel}}$$

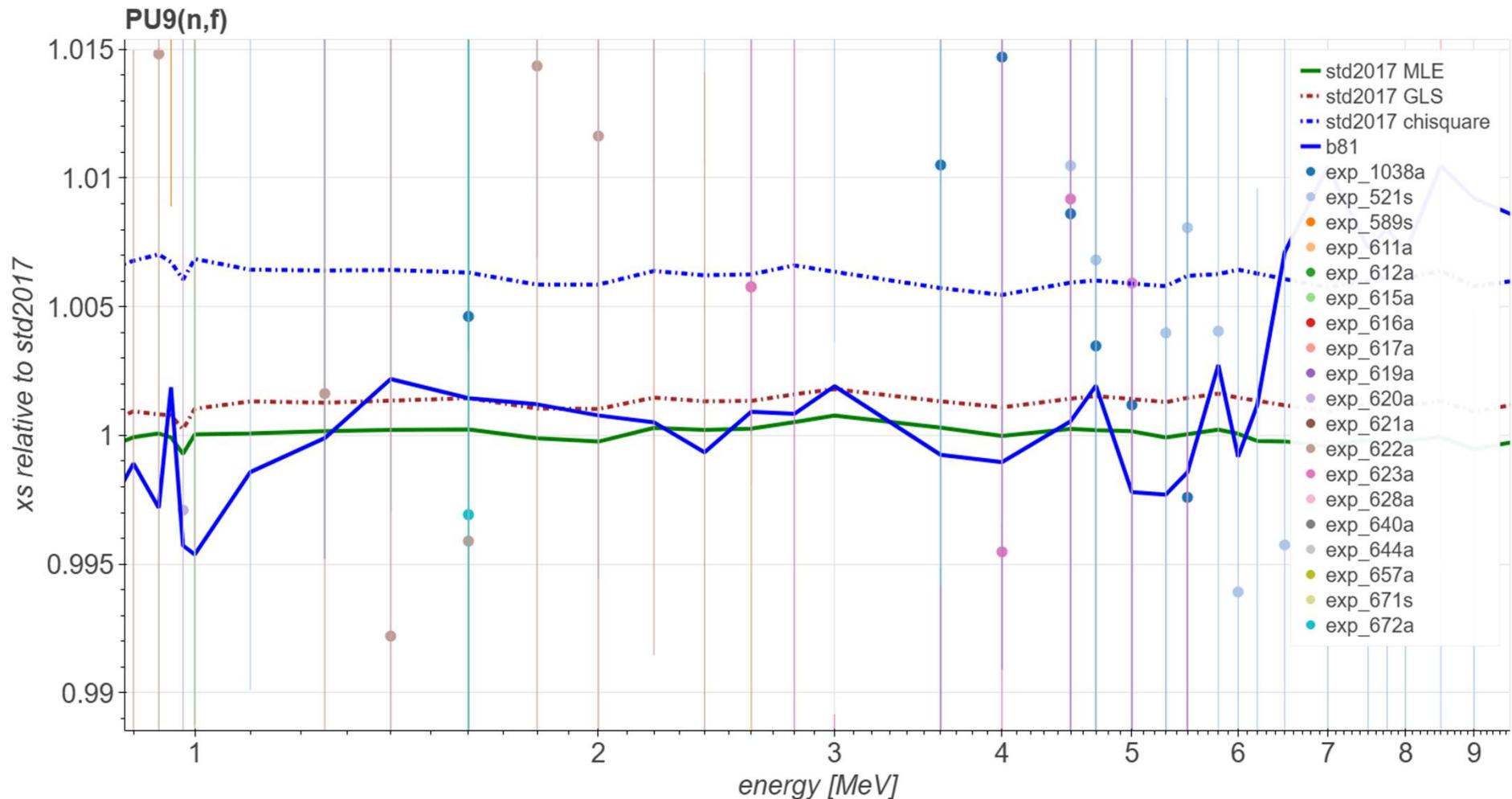
Maximum Likelihood / Maximum A-Posteriori: Find x to maximize $\log p(x|d)$

ChiSquare minimization: Find x to minimize χ^2

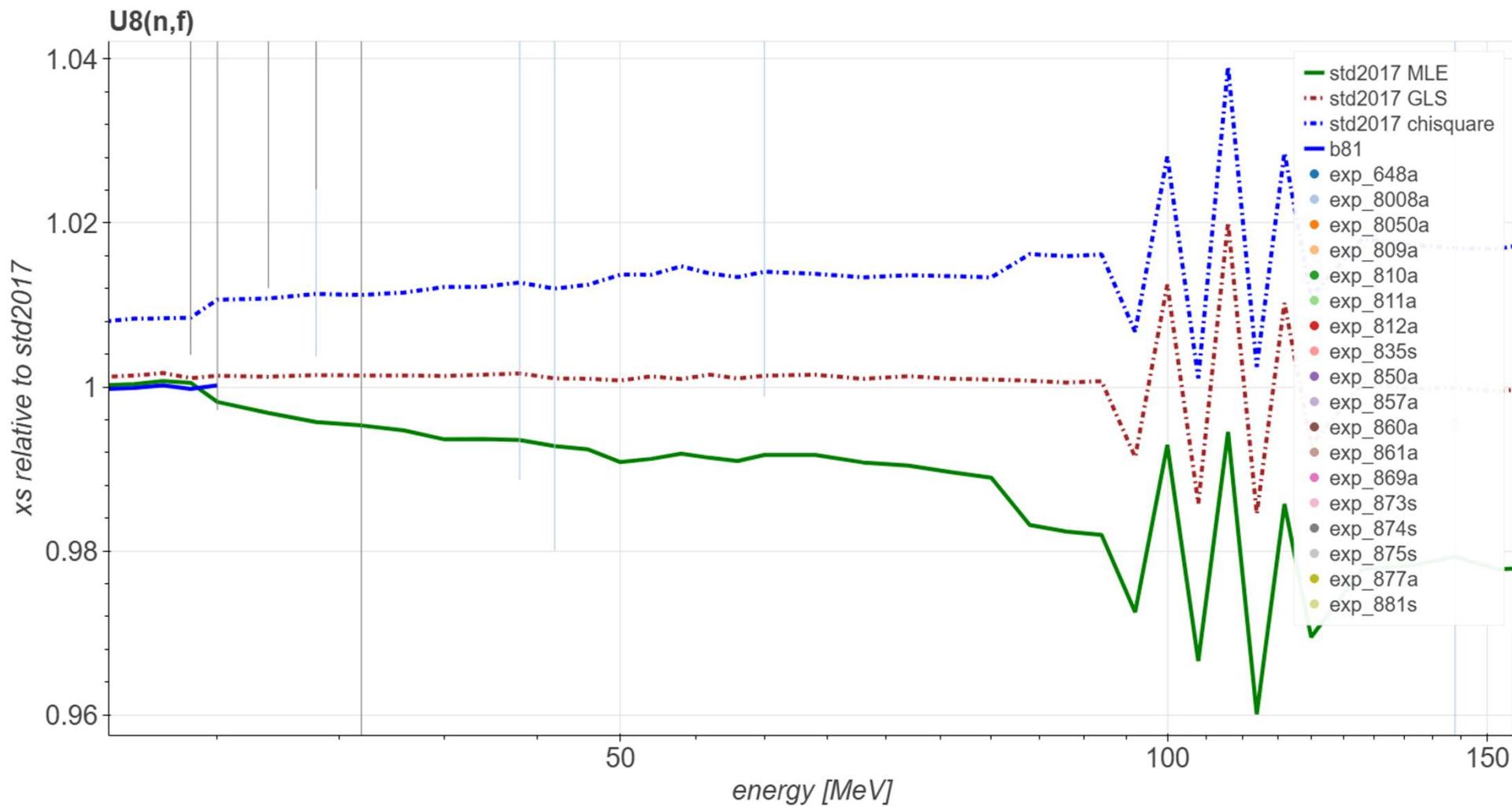
Generalized Least Squares: Apply iteratively GLS equation (Fortran GMAP approach)

Bayesian inference: Sample from posterior distribution by MCMC (e.g. Hamiltonian Monte Carlo)

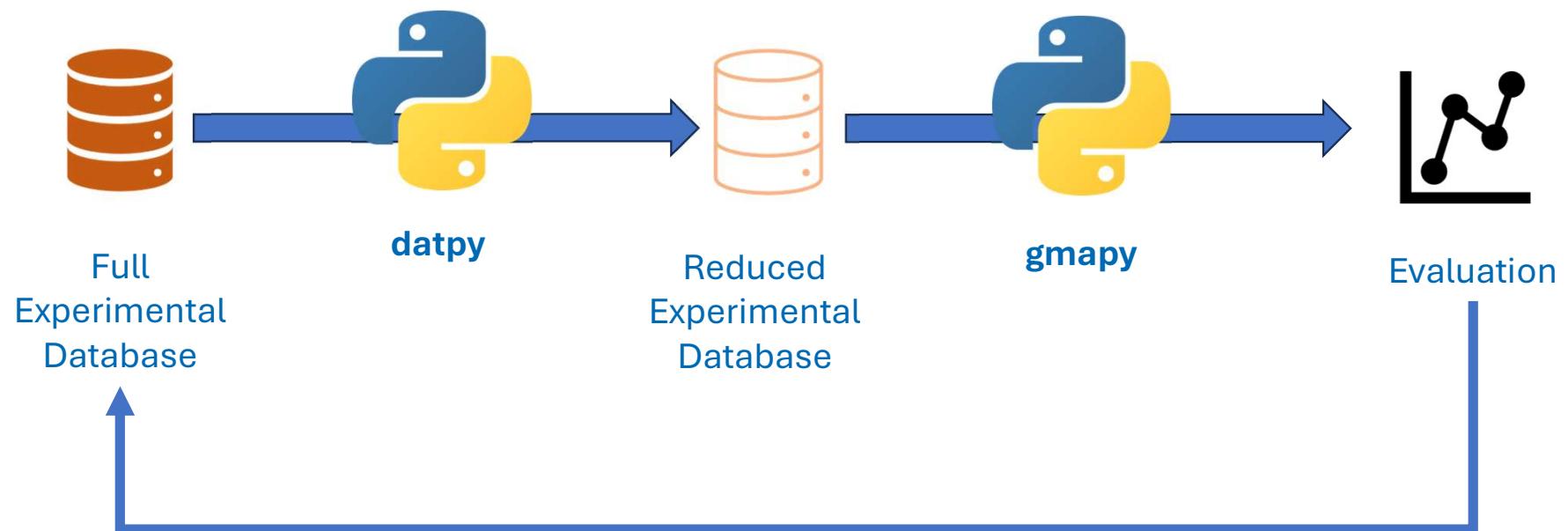
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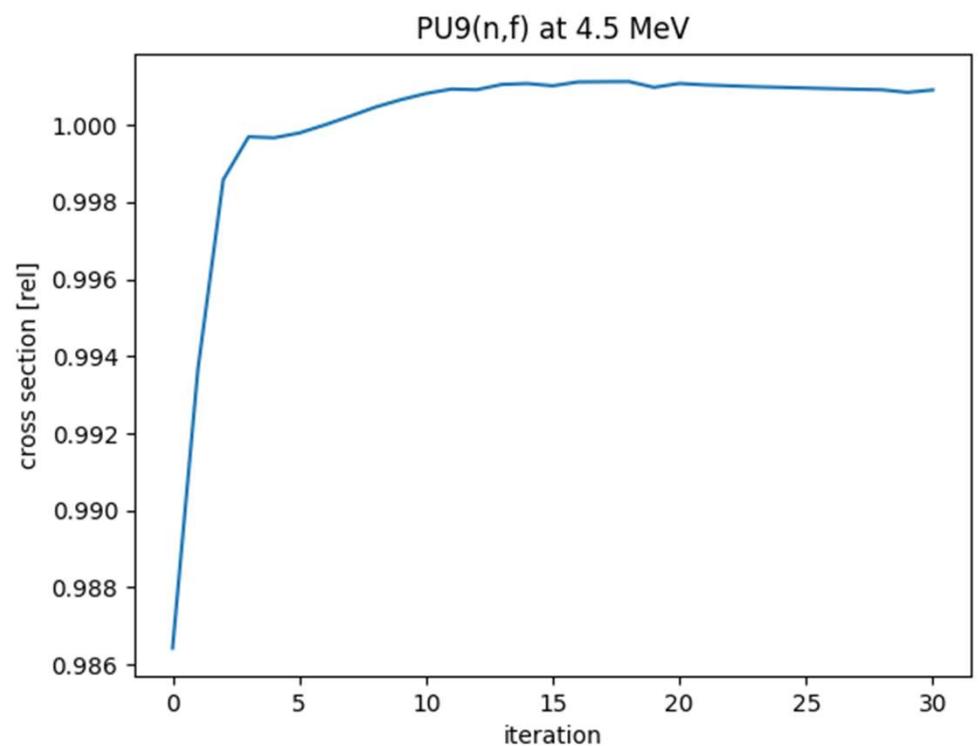
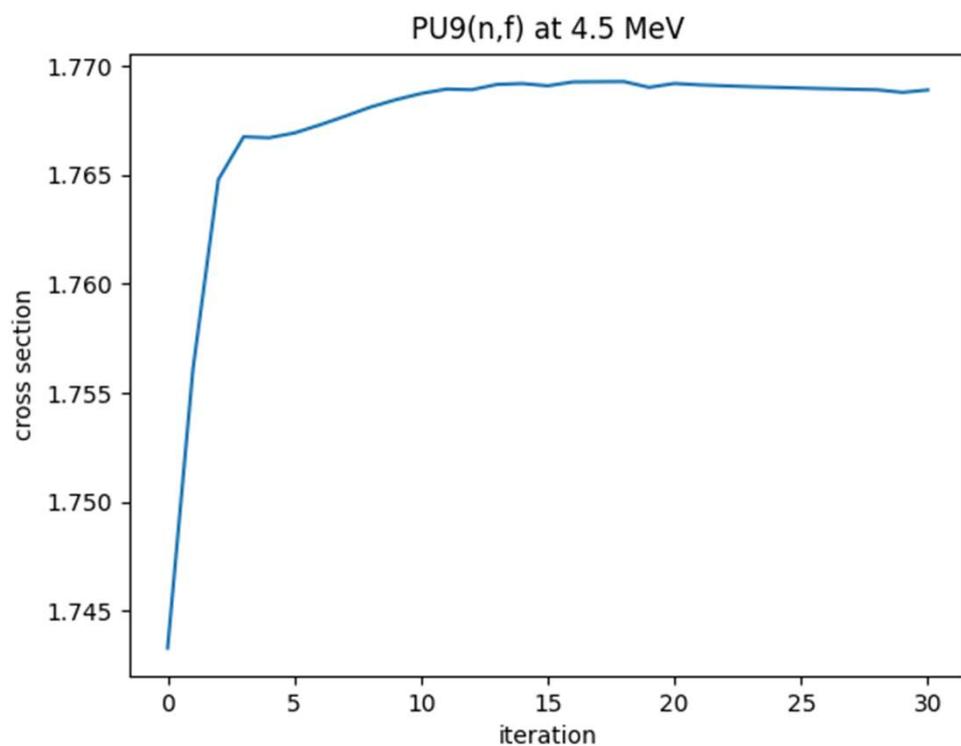
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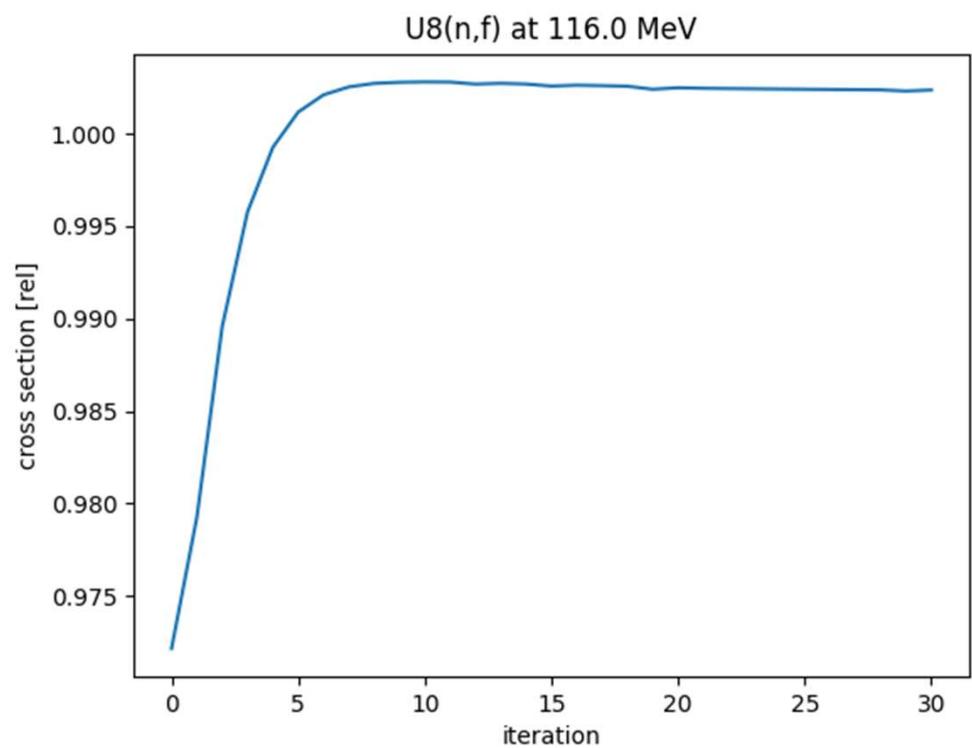
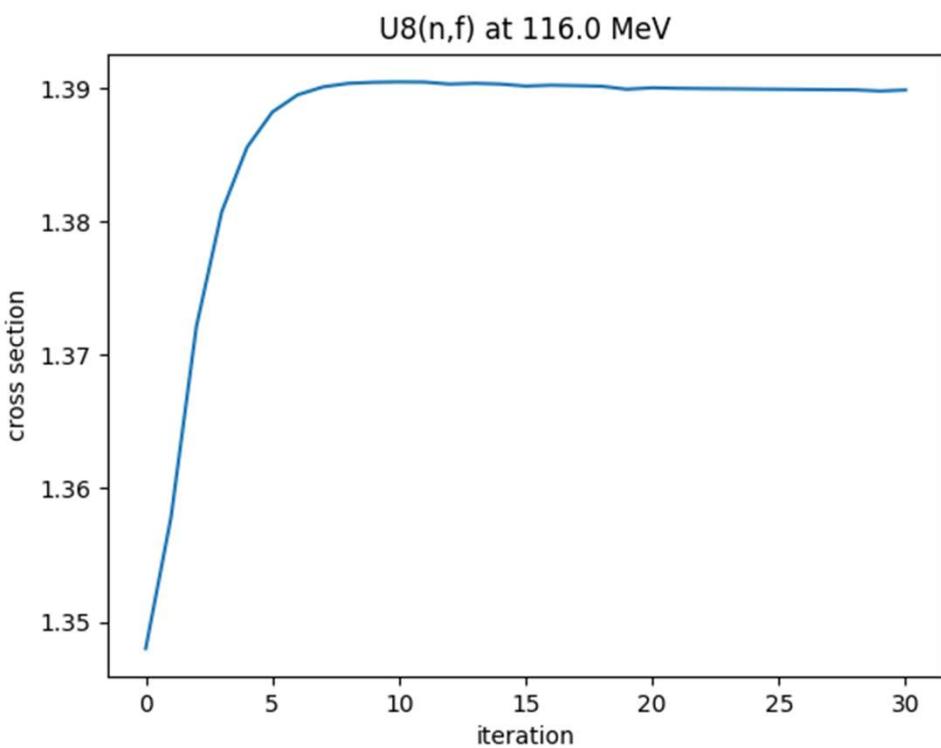
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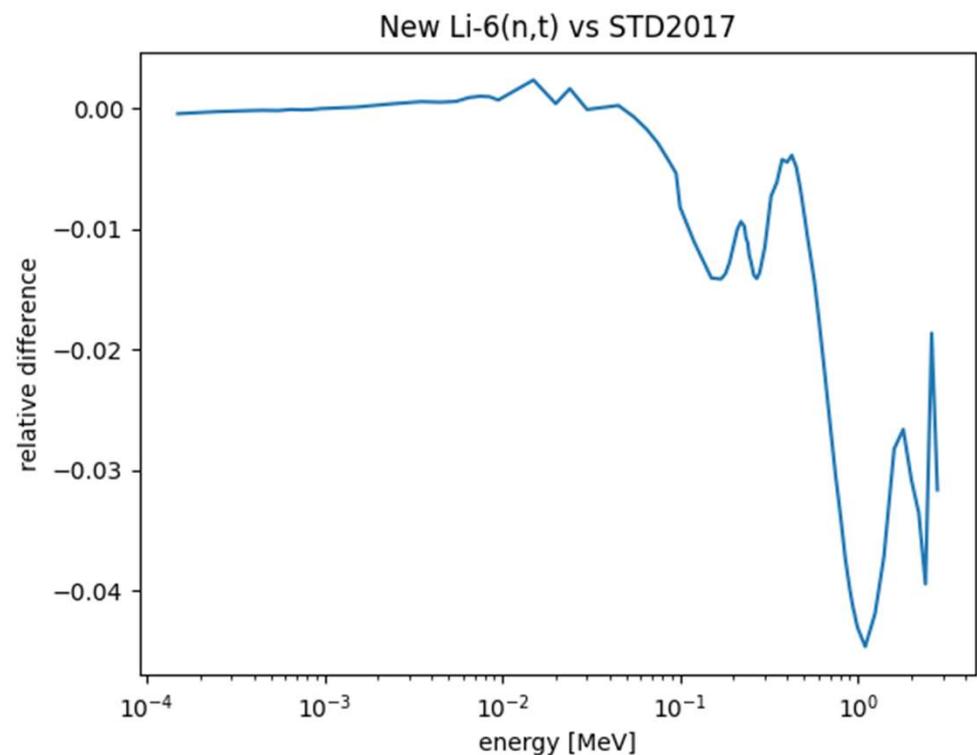
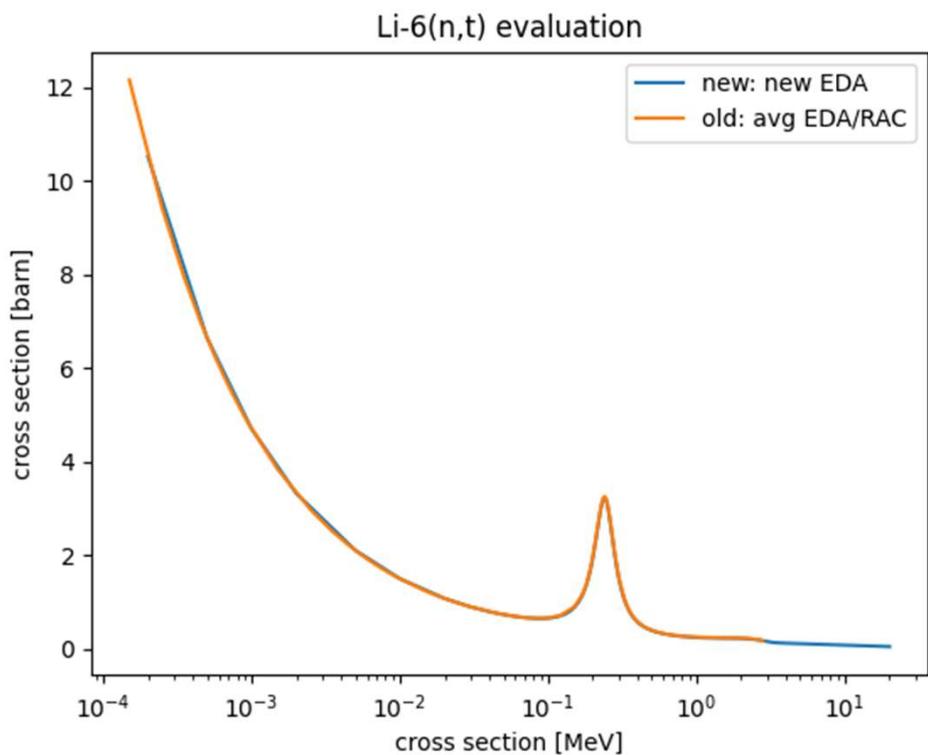
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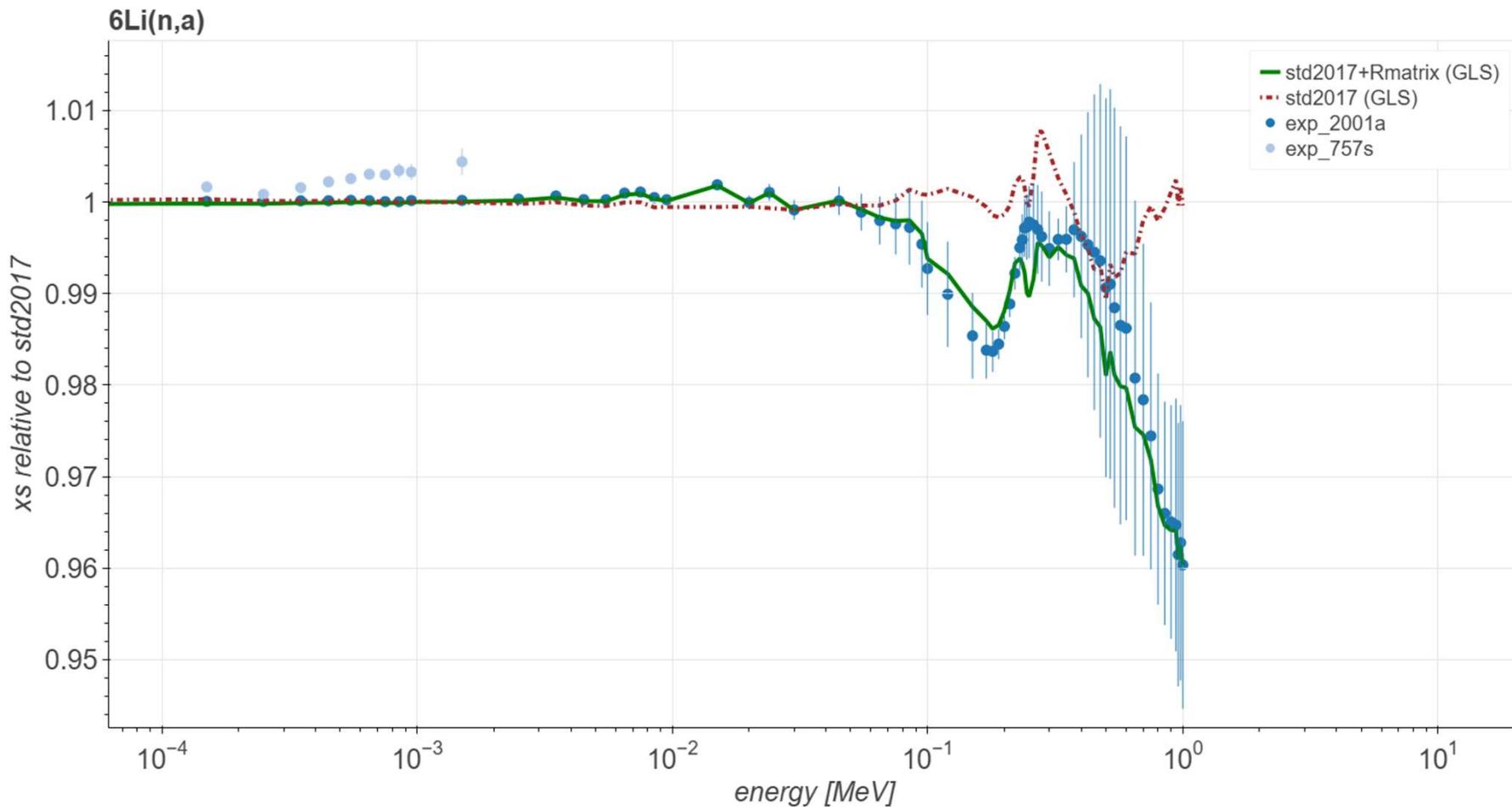
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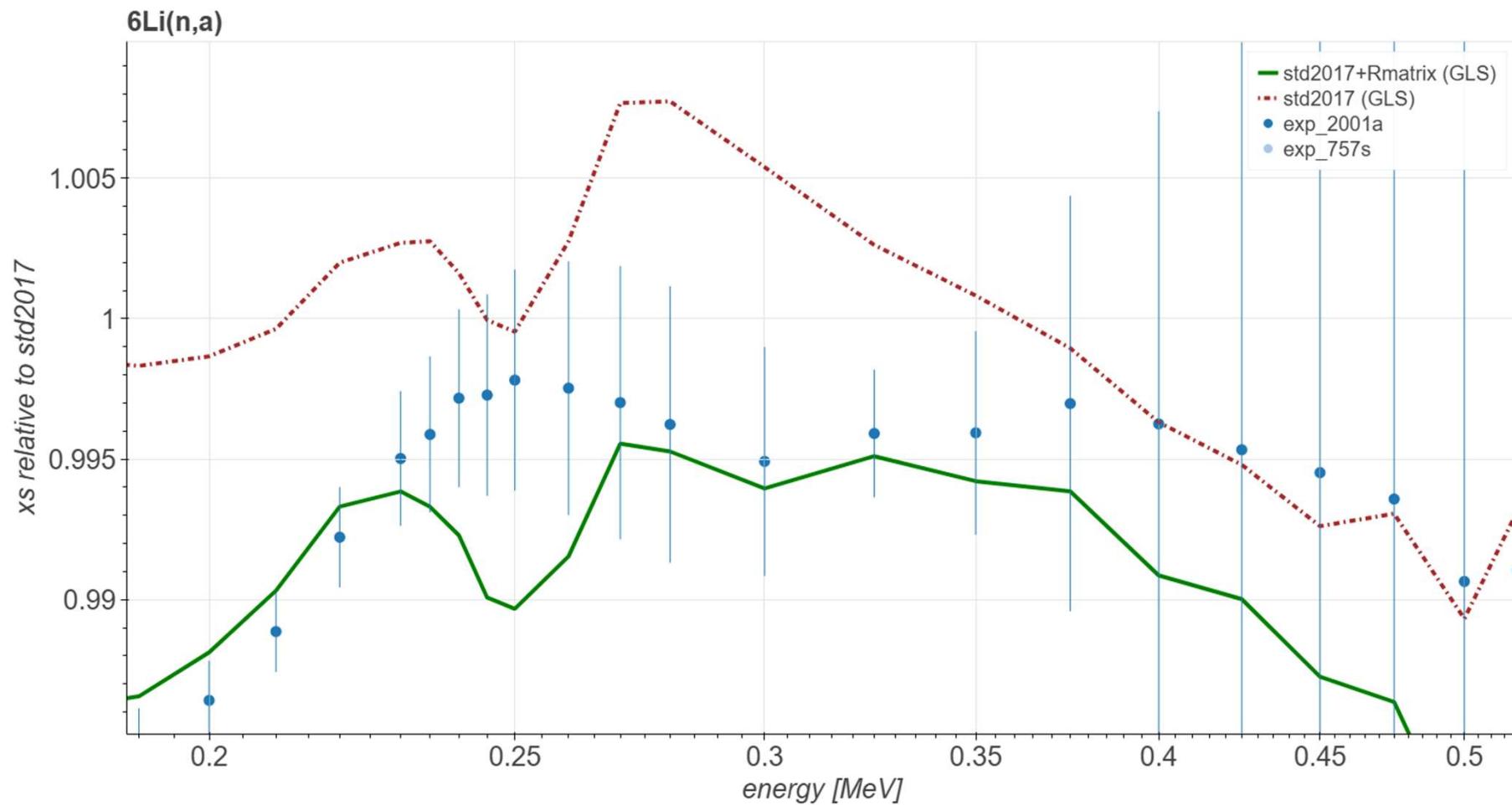
New (preliminary) ${}^6\text{Li}(\text{n},\text{t})$ evaluation



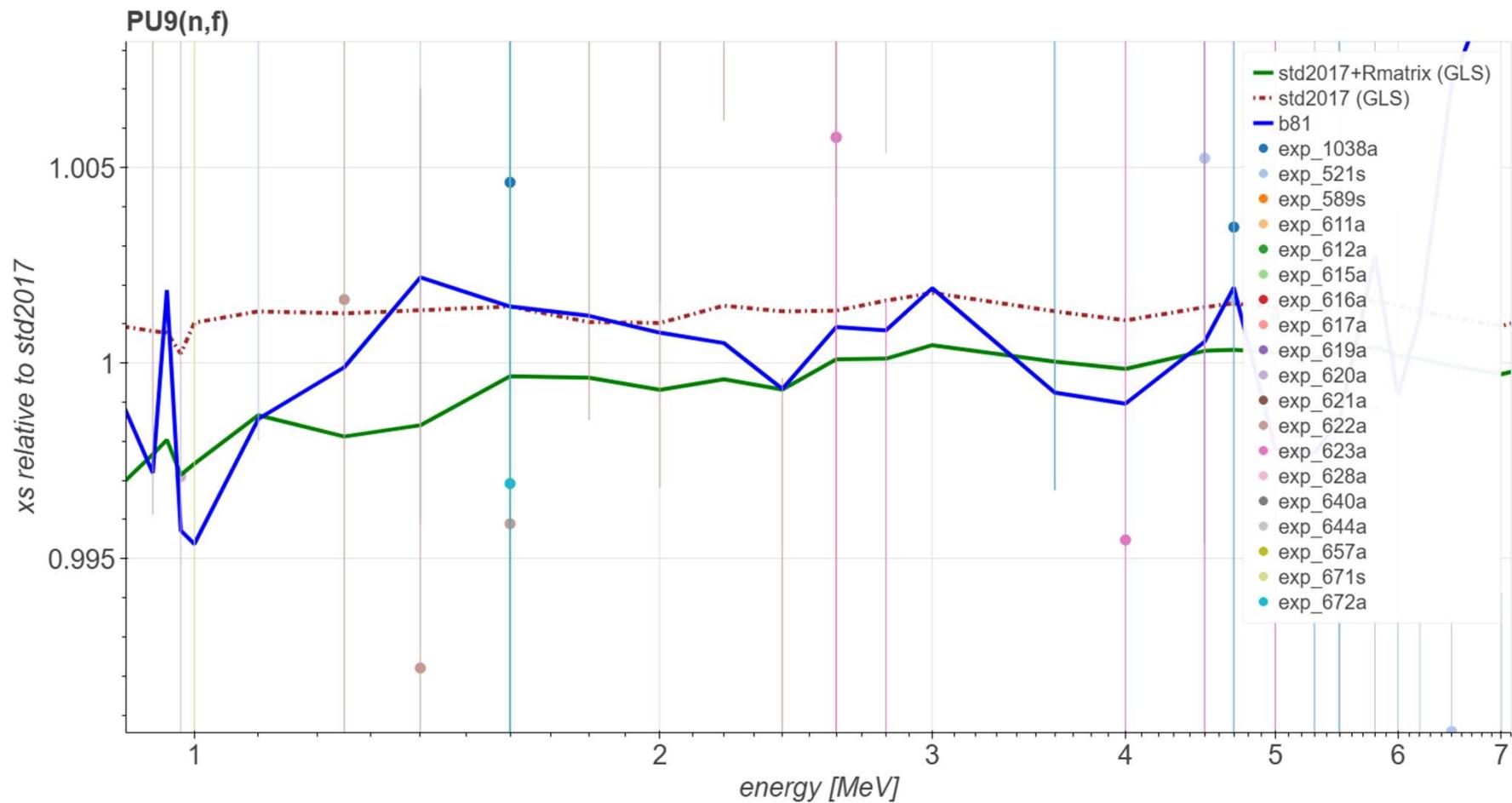
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Summary

- Differences between iterative GLS, Maximum Likelihood Estimation and chisquare minimization
- Iterative data reduction converges slowly
- Tentative evaluation with new Li-6(n,a) fit: Mild impact on other quantities