Applications of AI/ML to Nuclear Reaction Data Evaluation

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We need to solve the engineering problem













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Learning the Function for Uncertainty Quantification





General Key take-aways

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<u>Fast</u>

- Rapid model "feature" detection is possible beyond human capabilities
- Systematic study of model defects

Reproducible

- An automated evaluation tool is "self-documenting" for the evaluation process
- Reproducibility allows for objective performance evaluation

<u>Reliable</u>

• Fast and reproducible enables verification of uncertainty quantification methods



Resonance Region Key take-aways

Fast

- Automatic resonance detection
- Model defects: false and missing resonance identification
 <u>Reproducible</u>
- Resonance detection in a reproducible and systematic manner
- Reproducible covariance evaluation

<u>Reliable</u>

- Demonstrated accuracy of covariance (confidence interval) estimation
- Uncertainty evaluation accounting for false and missing resonance

