

# SRG evolved chiral NN+3N Interactions in ab initio nuclear structure calculations

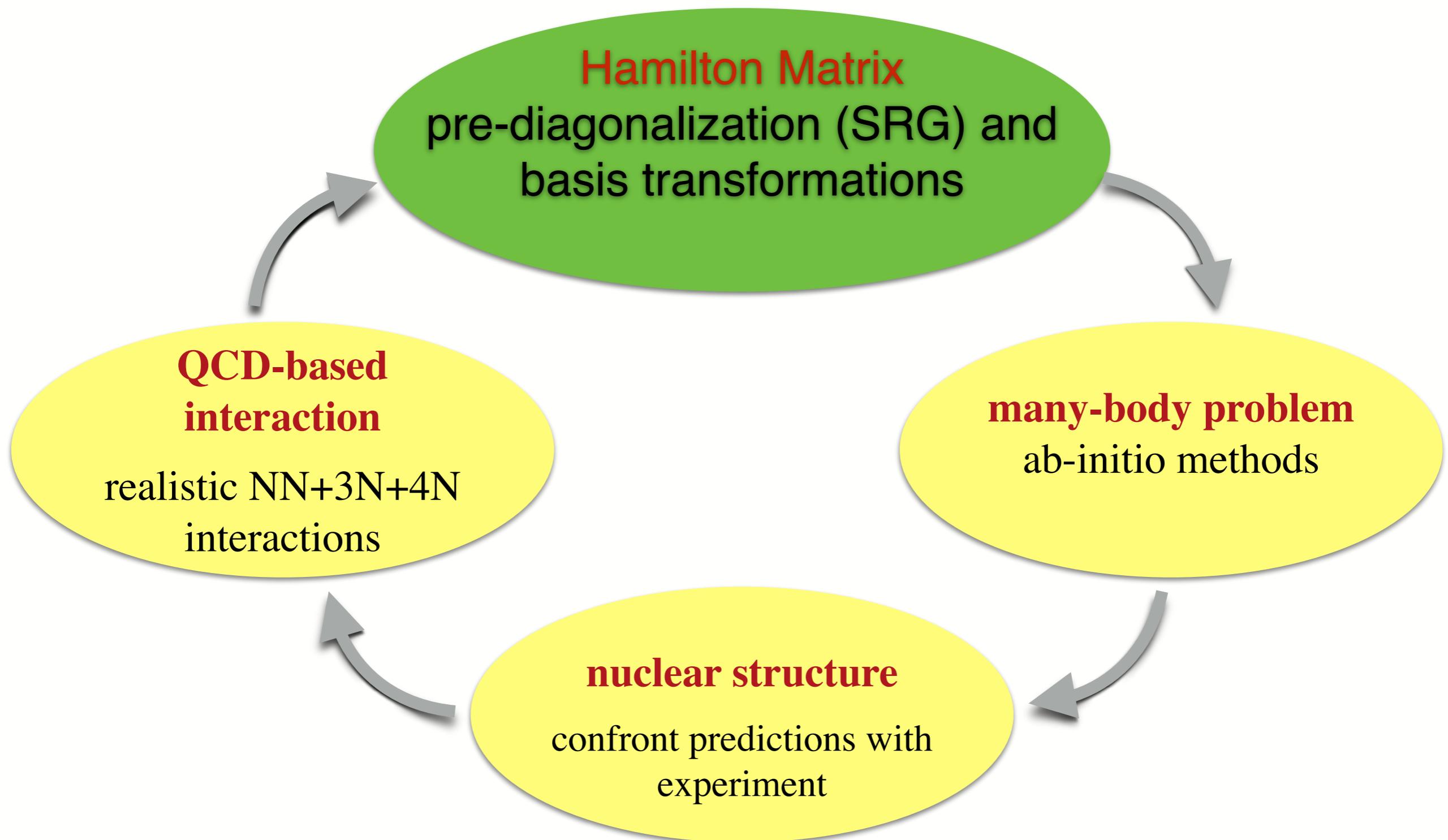
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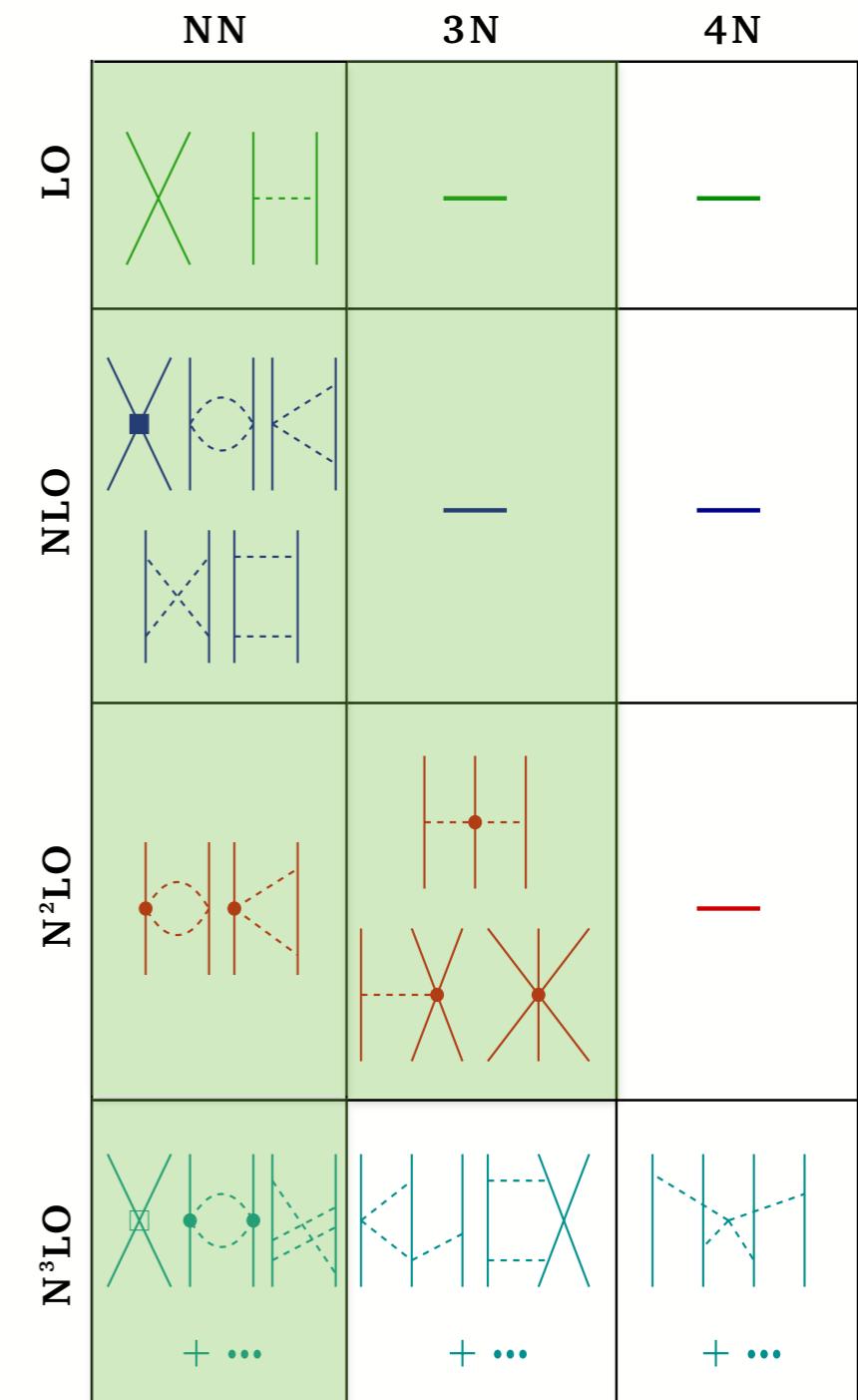
# Introduction



# Chiral NN+3N Interactions

Weinberg, van Kolck, Machleidt, Entem, Meissner, Epelbaum, Krebs, Bernard,...

- **standard interaction:**
  - NN @ N3LO: Entem & Machleidt, 500MeV cutoff
  - 3N @ N2LO: Navrátil, local, 400 & 500MeV cutoff, fit to  ${}^4\text{He}$  & Triton
- **optimized N<sup>2</sup>LO interaction:**
  - NN: Ekström et al., 500MeV cutoff, LECs fitted with POUNDerS
  - 3N: Navrátil, local, 500MeV cutoff, fit to  ${}^4\text{He}$  & Triton
- **Epelbaum N<sup>2</sup>LO interaction:**
  - NN: Epelbaum et al., 450, . . . , 600 MeV cutoff
  - 3N: Epelbaum et al., 450, . . . , 600 MeV cutoff, nonlocal



# Similarity Renormalization Group

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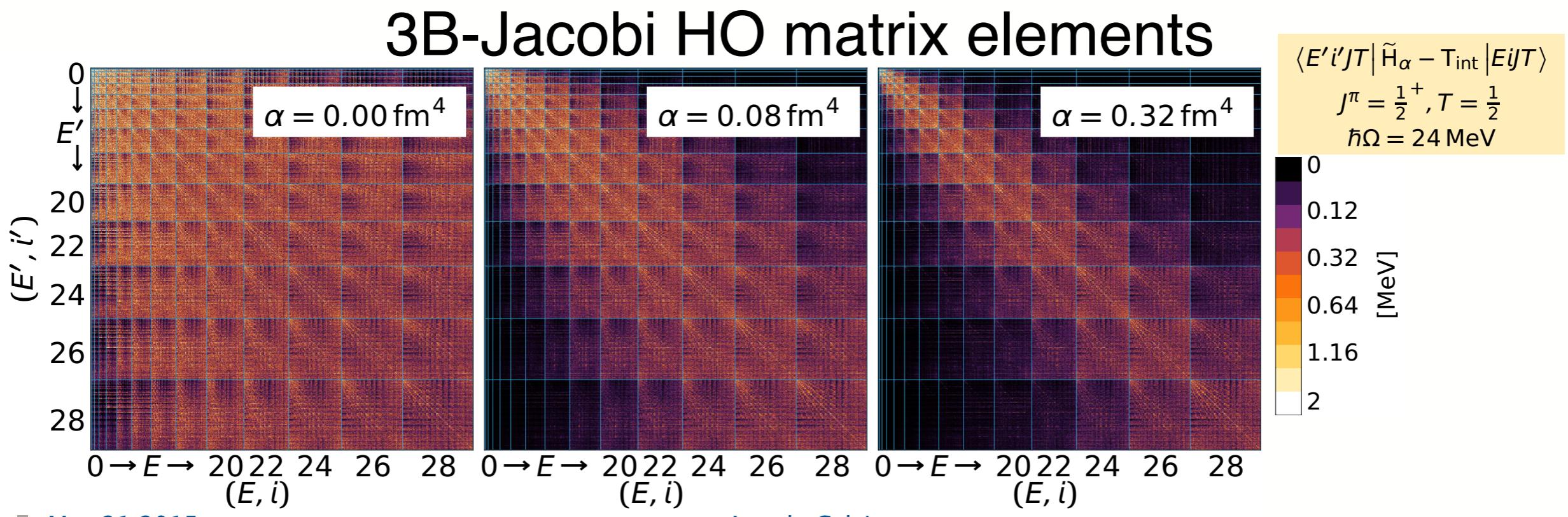
# Similarity Renormalization Group (SRG)

**accelerate** convergence by **pre-diagonalizing** the Hamiltonian with respect to the many-body basis

- **unitary transformation leads to evolution equation**

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} \tilde{H}_\alpha = [\eta_\alpha, \tilde{H}_\alpha] \quad \text{with} \quad \eta_\alpha = (2\mu)^2 [T_{\text{int}}, \tilde{H}_\alpha] = -\eta_\alpha^\dagger$$

advantages of SRG: **flexibility** and **simplicity**



# SRG Evolution in A-Body Space

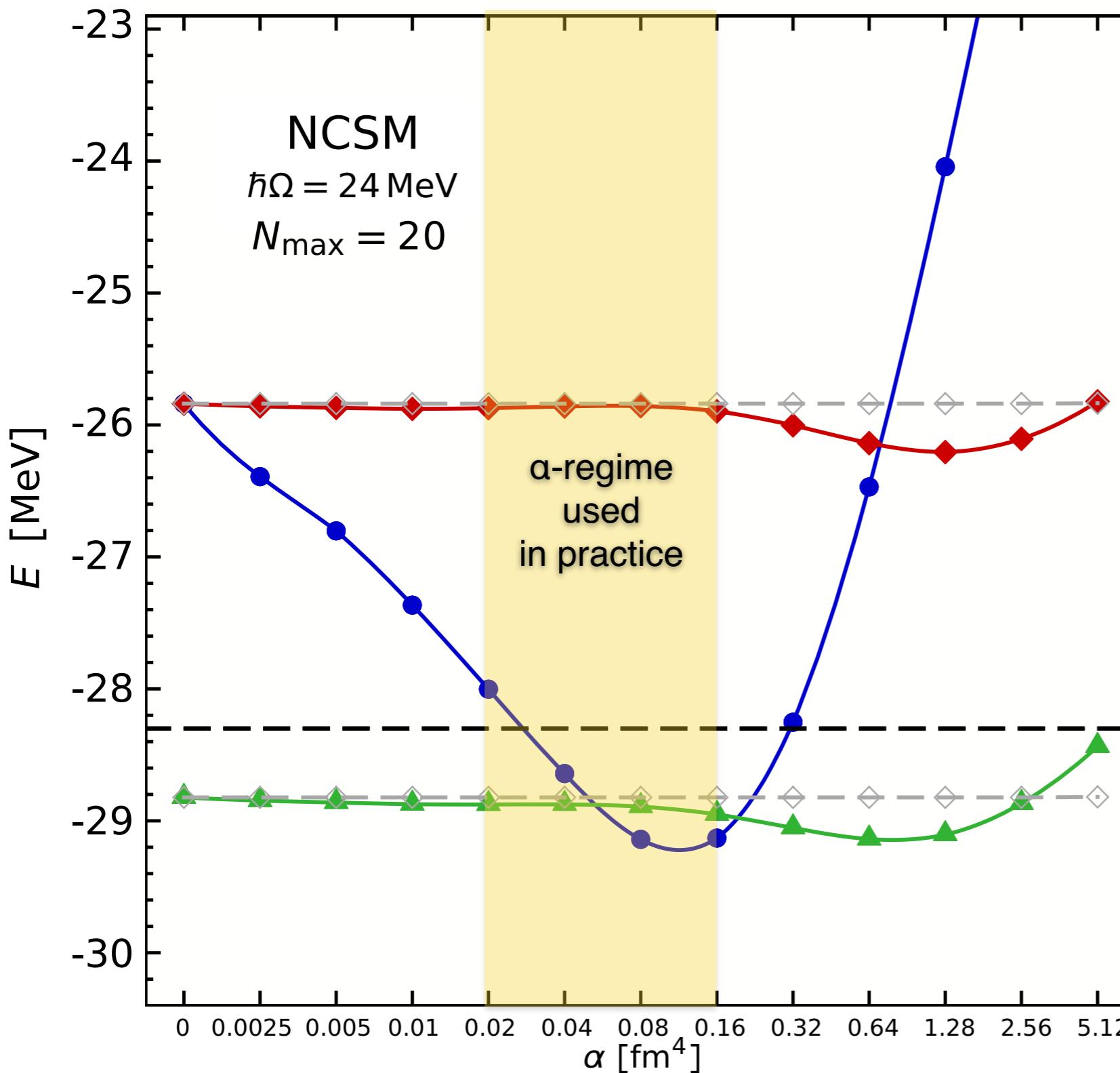
- **cluster decomposition**: decompose evolved Hamiltonian into irreducible  $n$ -body contributions

$$\tilde{H}_\alpha = \tilde{H}_\alpha^{[1]} + \tilde{H}_\alpha^{[2]} + \tilde{H}_\alpha^{[3]} + \dots + \tilde{H}_\alpha^{[n]} + \dots$$

- **A-body unitarity**: transformation is unitary only if all terms up to  $n = A$  are kept
- **cluster truncation**: evolution in 2B and 3B space generally discard contributions with  $n > 3$
- $a$ -dependence of eigenvalues means contributions are discarded

$a$ -variation provides a **diagnostic tool** to assess the contributions of omitted many-body

# $^4\text{He}$ : Ground-State Energy



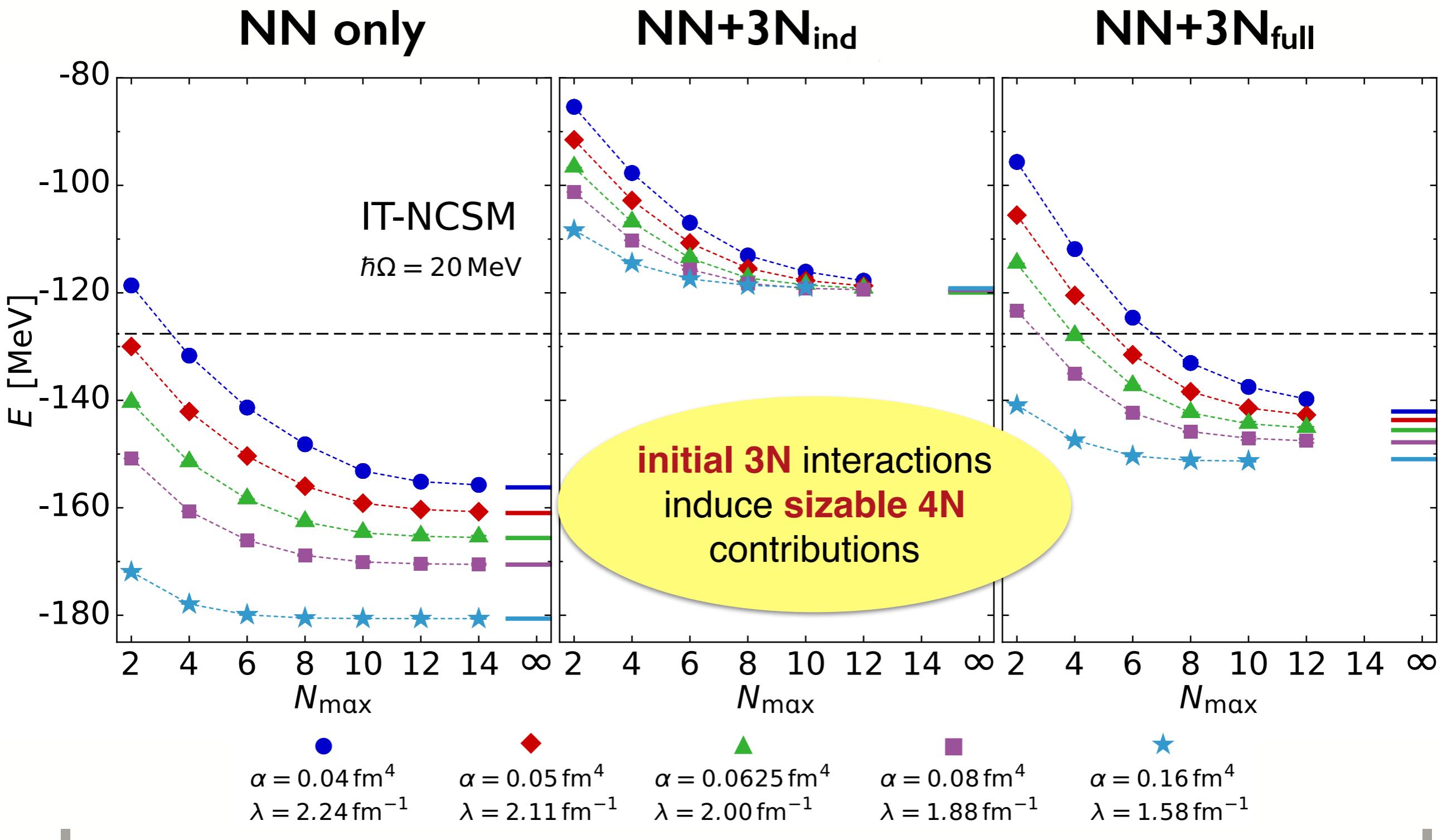
initial NN

NN<sub>only</sub>      NN+3N<sub>ind</sub>

initial NN+3N

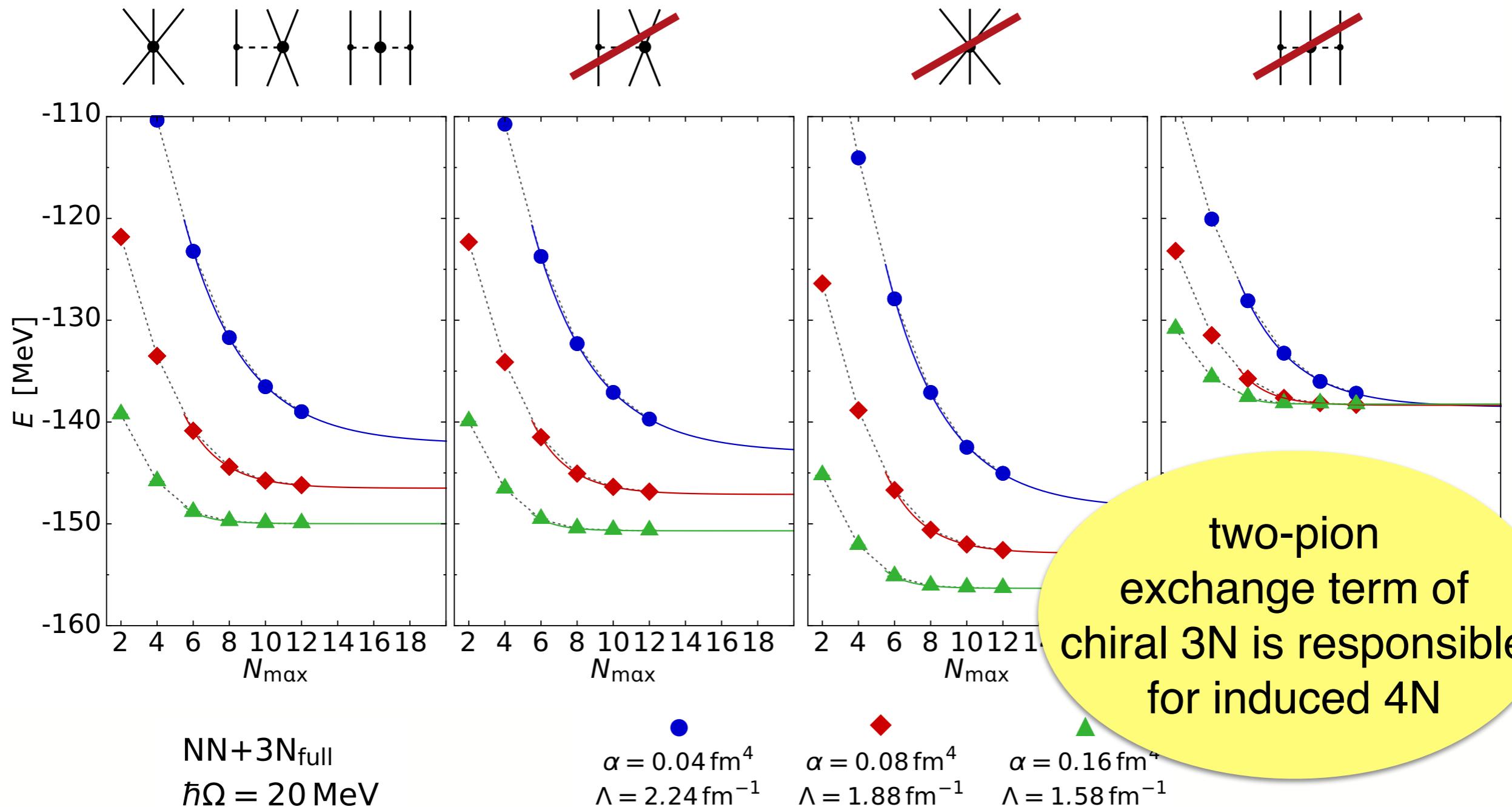
NN+3N<sub>full</sub>

- sizeable induced 3N
- induced **4N negligible** for **large** flow-parameter range
- SRG softening has a limit

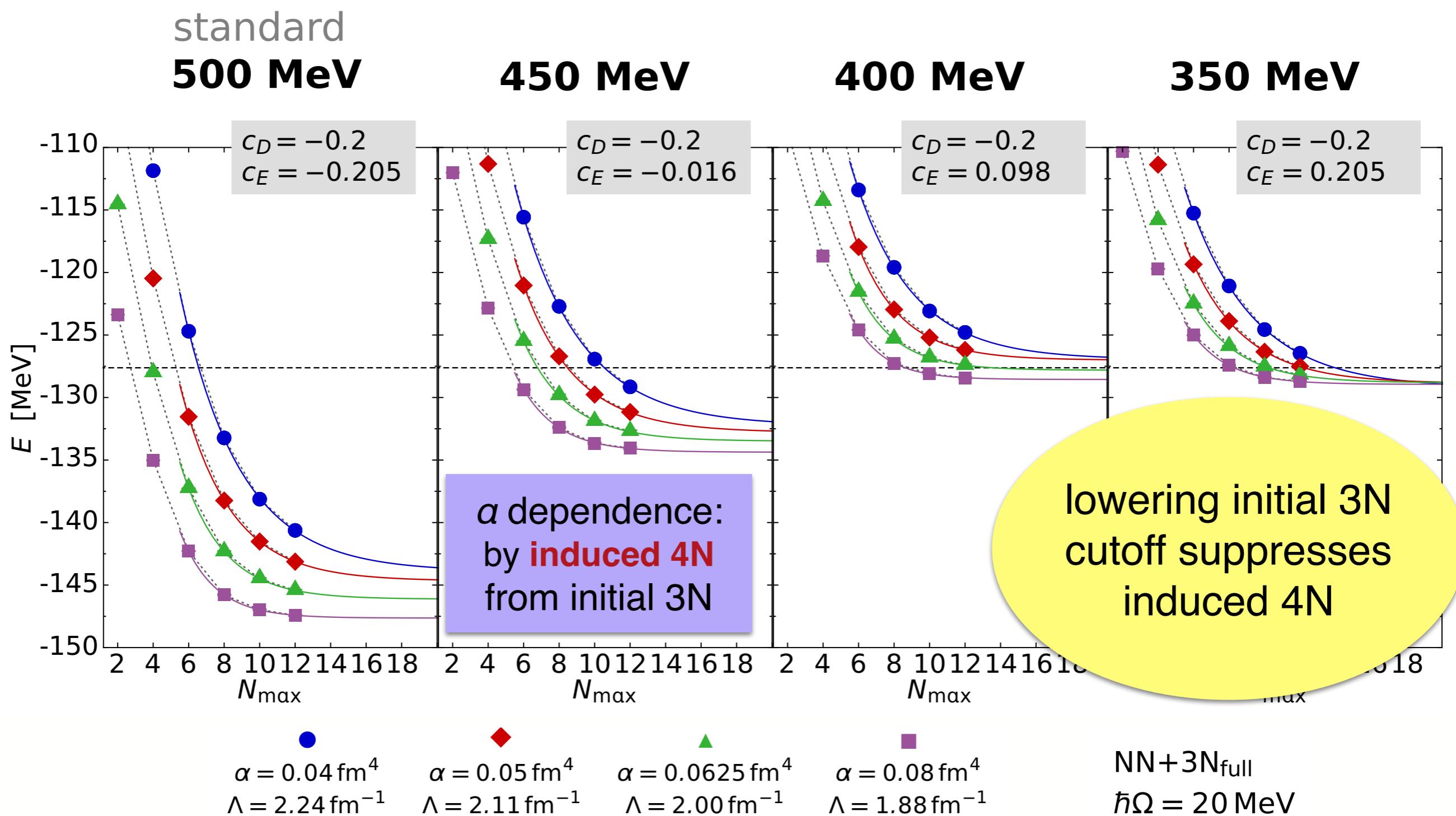
<sup>16</sup>O: Ground-State Energy

# $^{16}\text{O}$ : Origin of Induced 4N

**switch off individual contributions of the 3N interaction**



# $^{16}\text{O}$ : Lowering the Initial 3N Cutoff



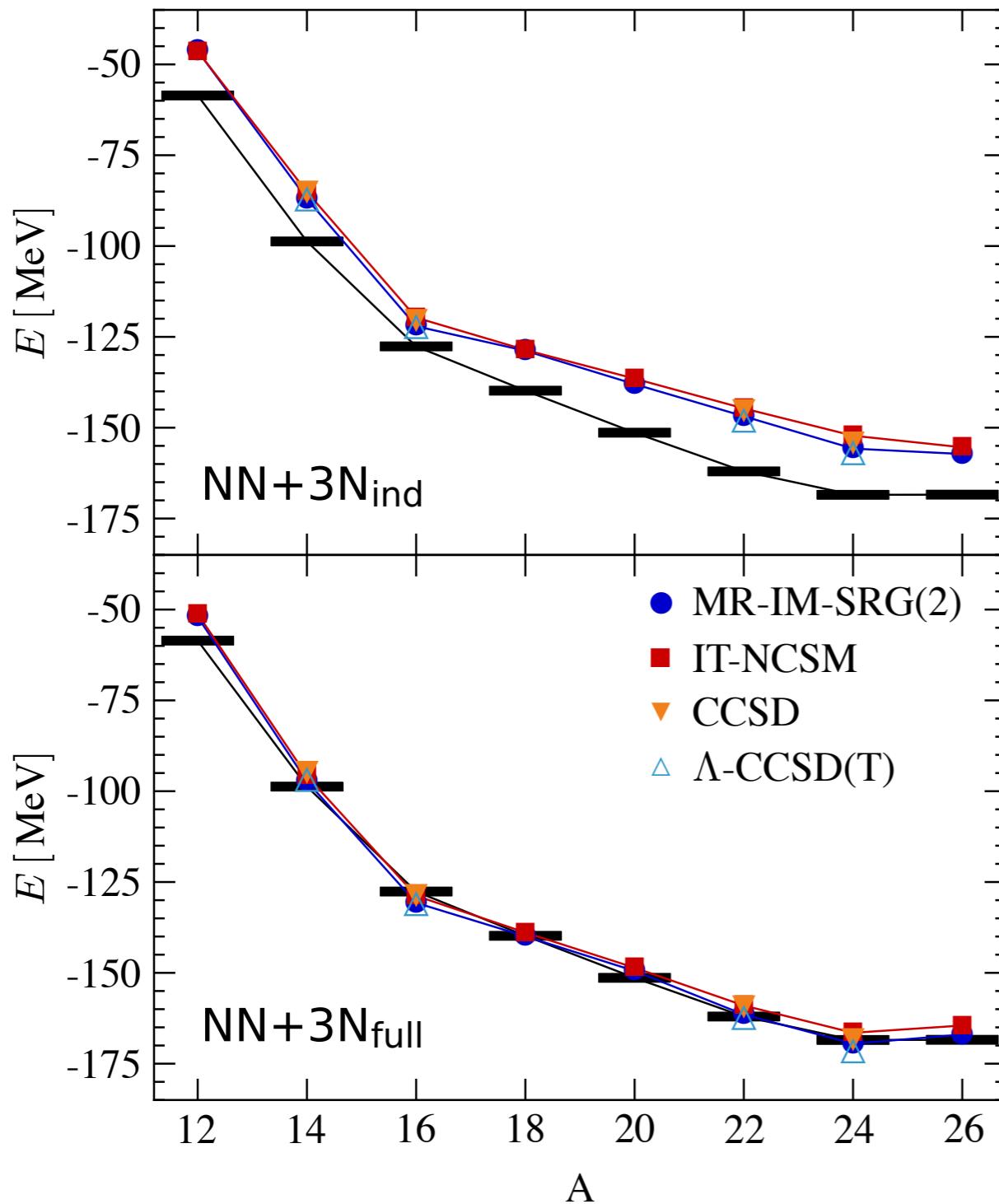
# Towards Heavy Nuclei with NN+3N Interactions

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| Binder, Langhammer, AC, Roth                    | — Phys. Lett. B 736, 119-123 (2014) |
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| Hagen, Papenbrock, Dean, Hjorth-Jensen          | — Phys. Rev. C 82, 034330 (2010)    |
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# Oxygen Isotopes

H. Hergert, S. Binder, AC, J. Langhammer, R. Roth

Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 242501 (2013)



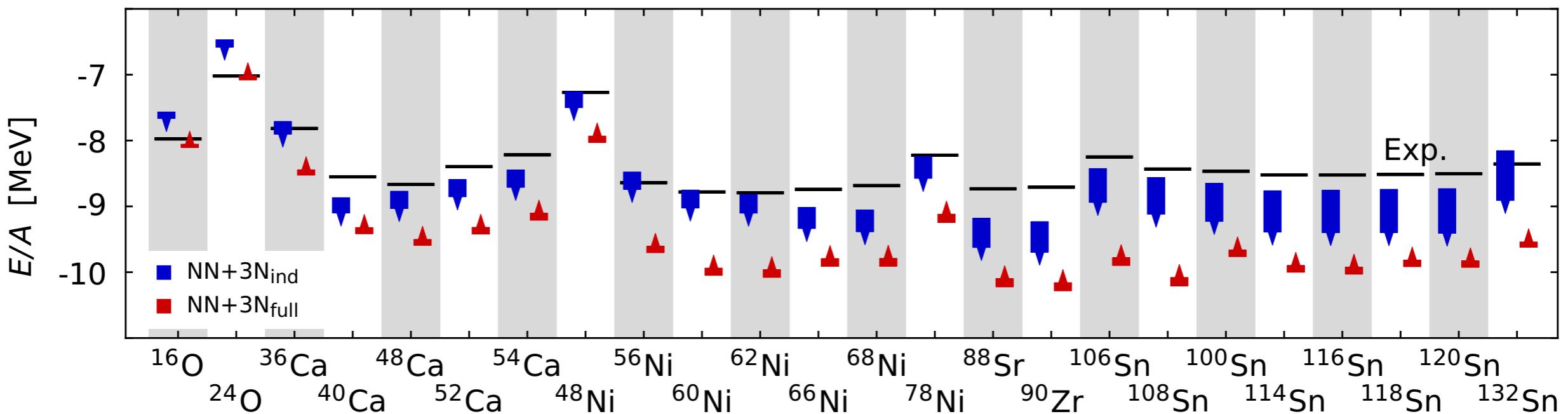
- investigate **effect of 3N** interactions
- **quantify uncertainties** of medium mass approaches
- access nuclei up to **driplines** with ab initio approaches

$\Lambda_{3N} = 400$  MeV  
optimal  $\hbar\Omega$   
 $e_{max} = 14$   
 $E_{3max} = 14$

# Heavy Nuclei

Binder, Langhammer, AC, Roth

Phys. Lett. B 736 (2014) 119-123



- many-body method and truncation well under control
  - initial NN interaction induces sizable 4N with increasing mass number
- cancellation between 4N contributions induced by initial NN (attractive) and 3N (repulsive)
- mass trend reproduced throughout nuclear chart

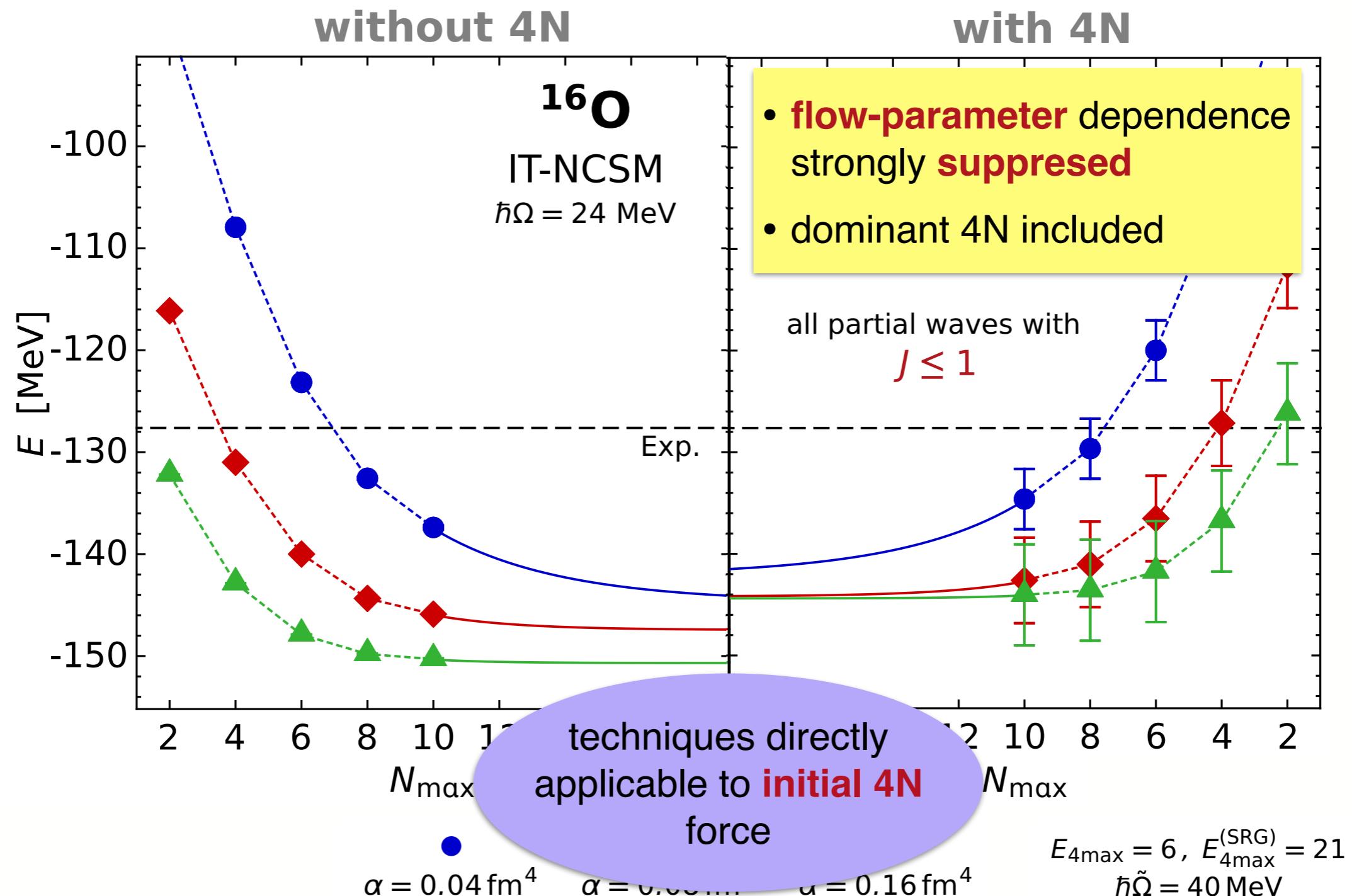
**CR-CC(2,3)**  
 $\hbar\tilde{\Omega} = 36 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\hbar\Omega = 24 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\alpha = 0.04 - 0.08 \text{ fm}^4$   
 $E_{3\max} = 18$   
 $e_{\max} = 12$

# Induced Four-Body Contributions

**induced 4N** constitute **major limitation** for applications  
of chiral interactions

1. suppress induced 4N contributions by reducing the cutoff  $\Lambda_{3N}$ 
  - **circumvention**: restriction to 3N interactions with lower cutoffs
  - might not work for all interactions or system (heavy masses)
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  - SRG evolution in four-body space
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3. find alternative SRG generator to exclude induced 4N from the outset
  - promising **ideas** for a **better compromise** between induced forces and convergence acceleration  
Dicaire, Omand, Navratil Phys. Rev. C 90, 034302 (2014)

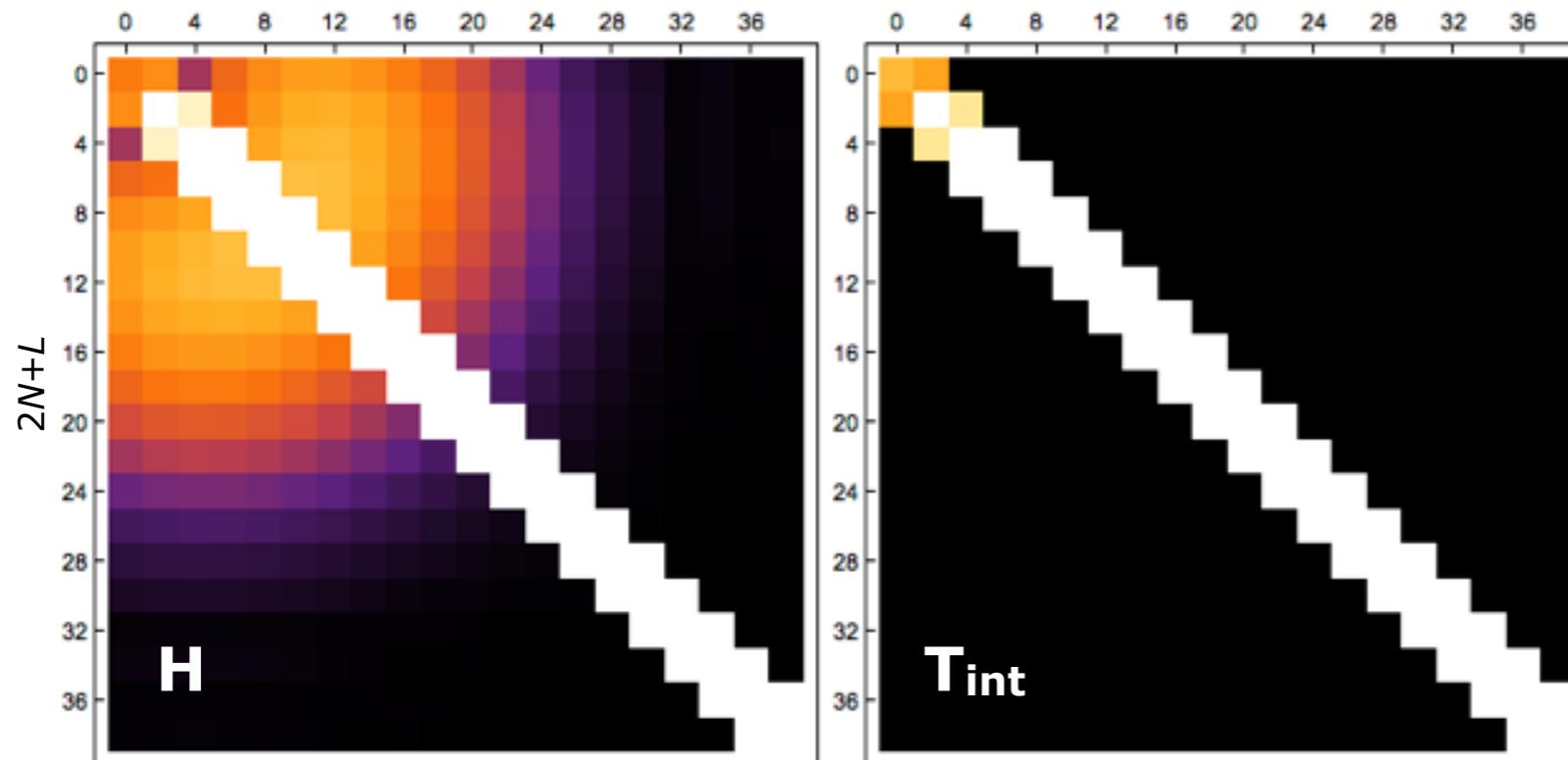
# SRG with Block Generators

- SRG flow equation:

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} \tilde{H}_\alpha = [\eta_\alpha, \tilde{H}_\alpha] \quad \text{with} \quad \eta_\alpha = (2\mu)^2 [G, \tilde{H}_\alpha]$$

- G determines **trivial fix point** of the flow

$$G = T_{\text{int}}$$



HO matrix elements,  ${}^1S_0$  channel,  $\hbar\Omega = 24$  MeV

diagonalizes  
part of Hamiltonian that  
can be covered by  
model space

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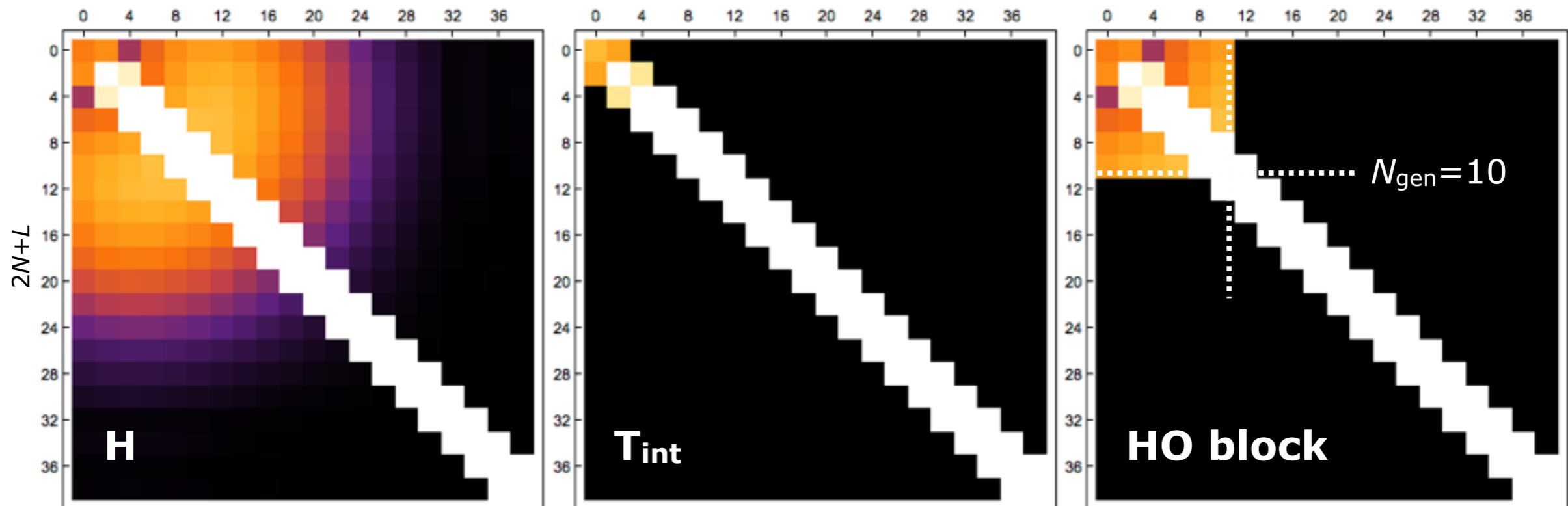
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with  $\Pi_{N_{\text{gen}}}$  projection on HO space defined by  $2N + L \leq N_{\text{gen}}$



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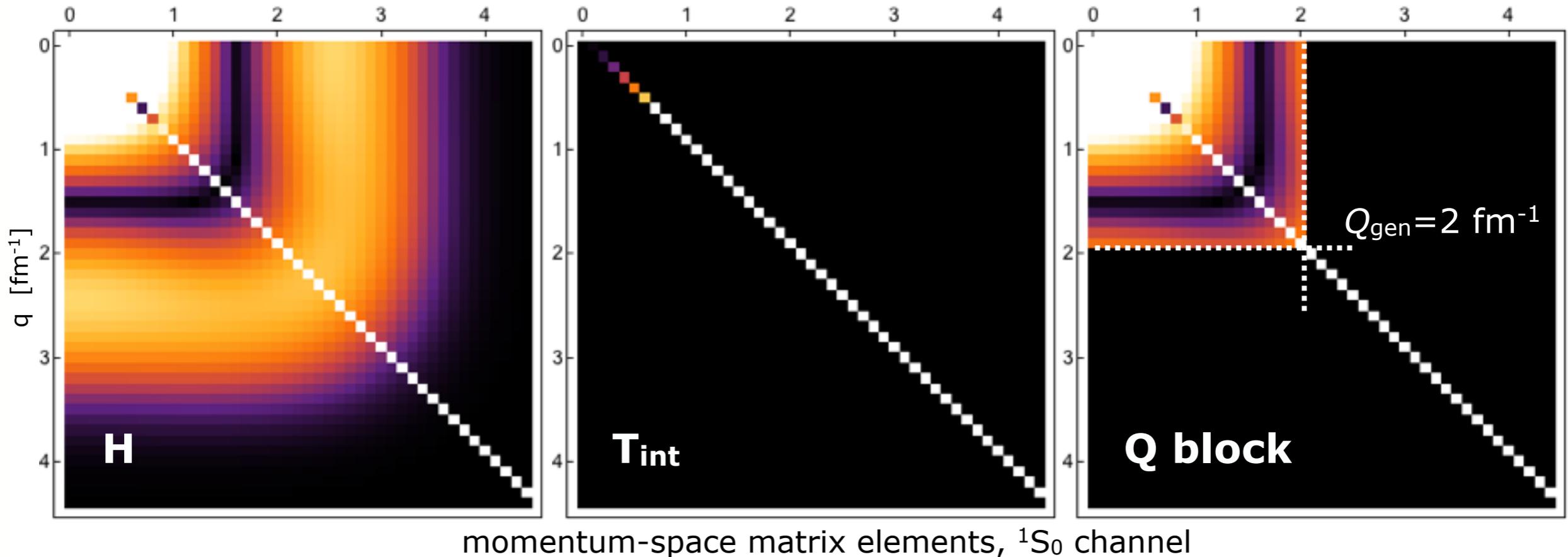
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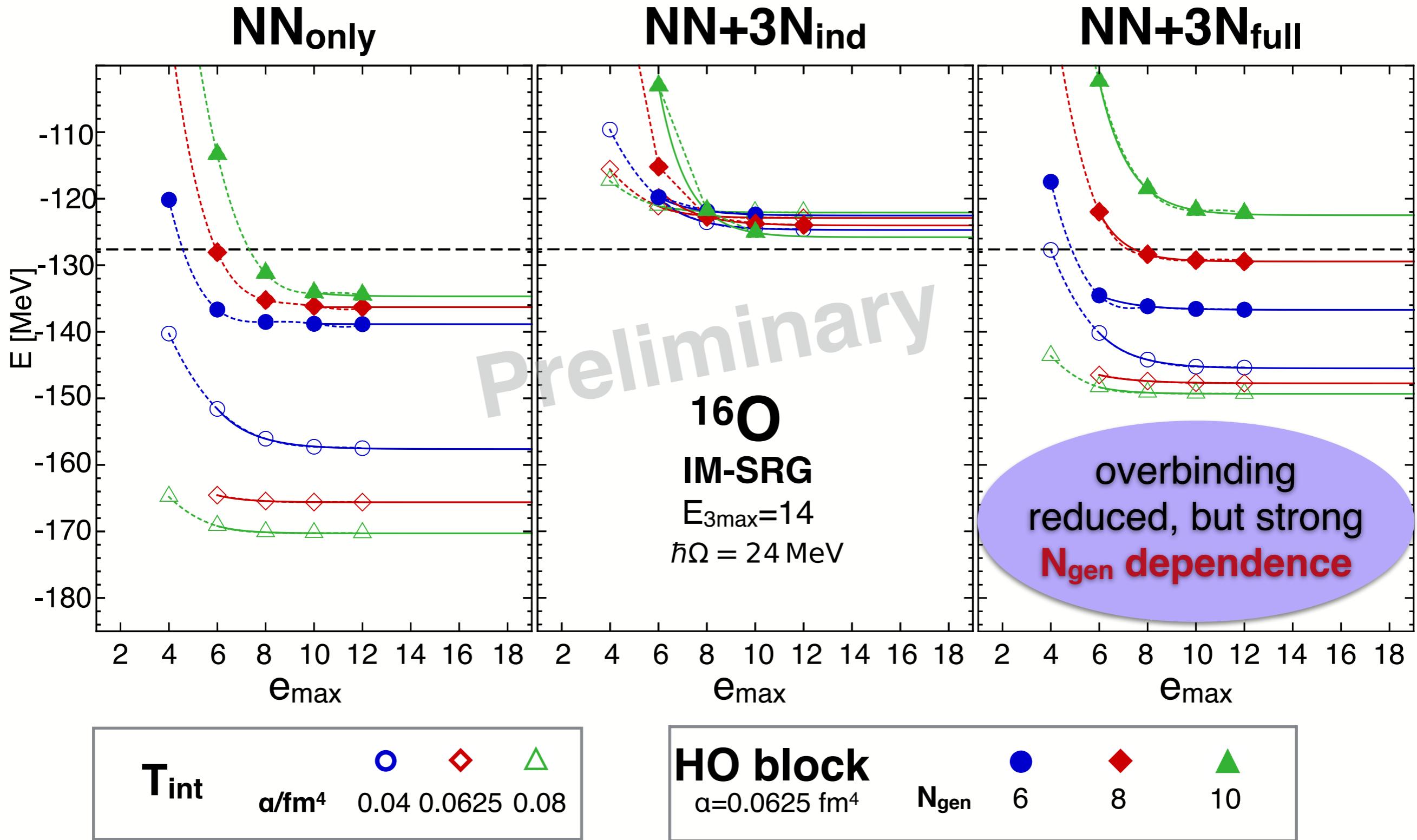
- G determines **trivial fix point** of the flow

$$G = T_{\text{int}} + \Pi_{Q_{\text{gen}}} V \Pi_{Q_{\text{gen}}}$$

with  $\Pi_{Q_{\text{gen}}}$  projection on momentum space defined by  $q \leq Q_{\text{gen}}$

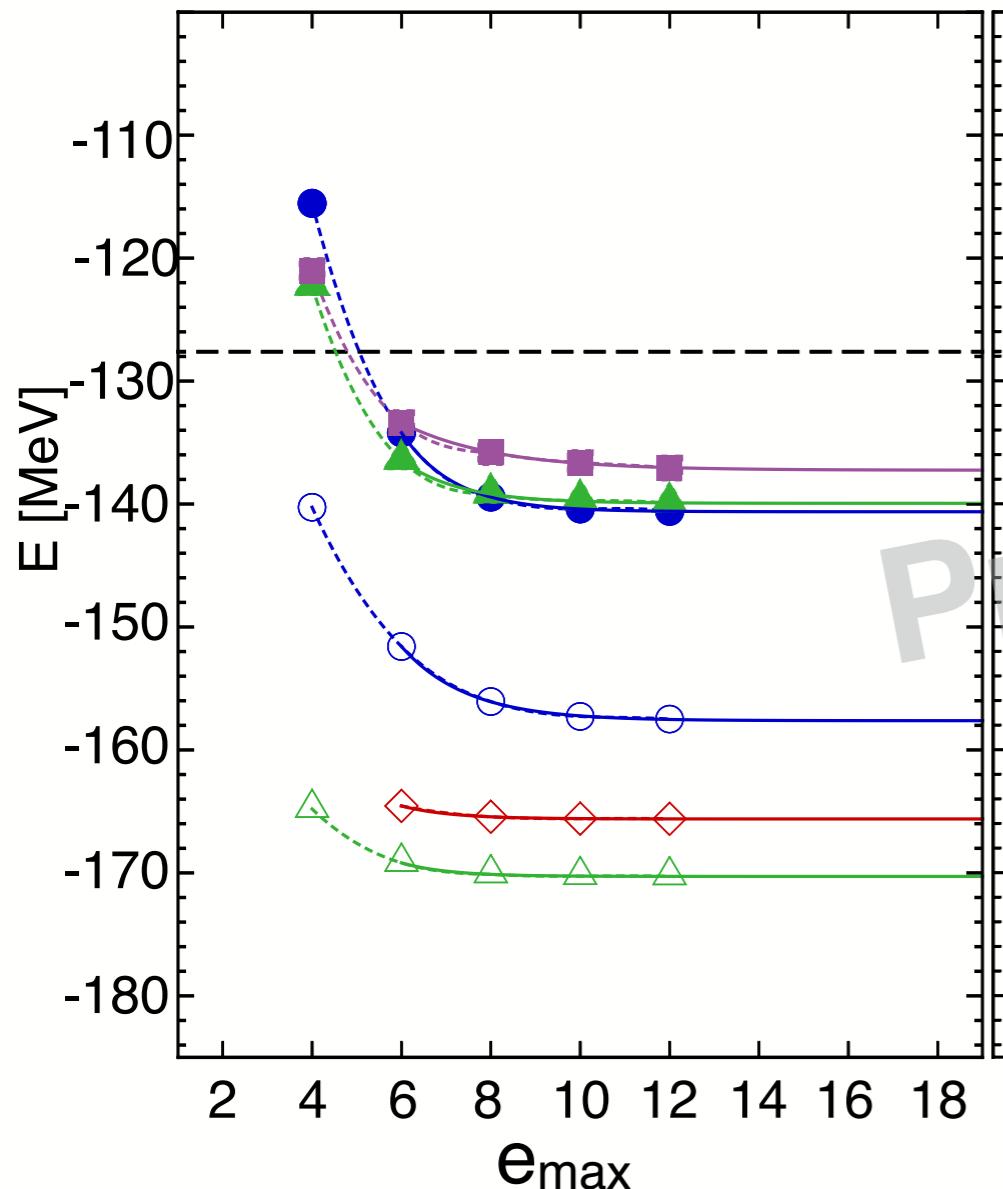


# HO-Block Generator

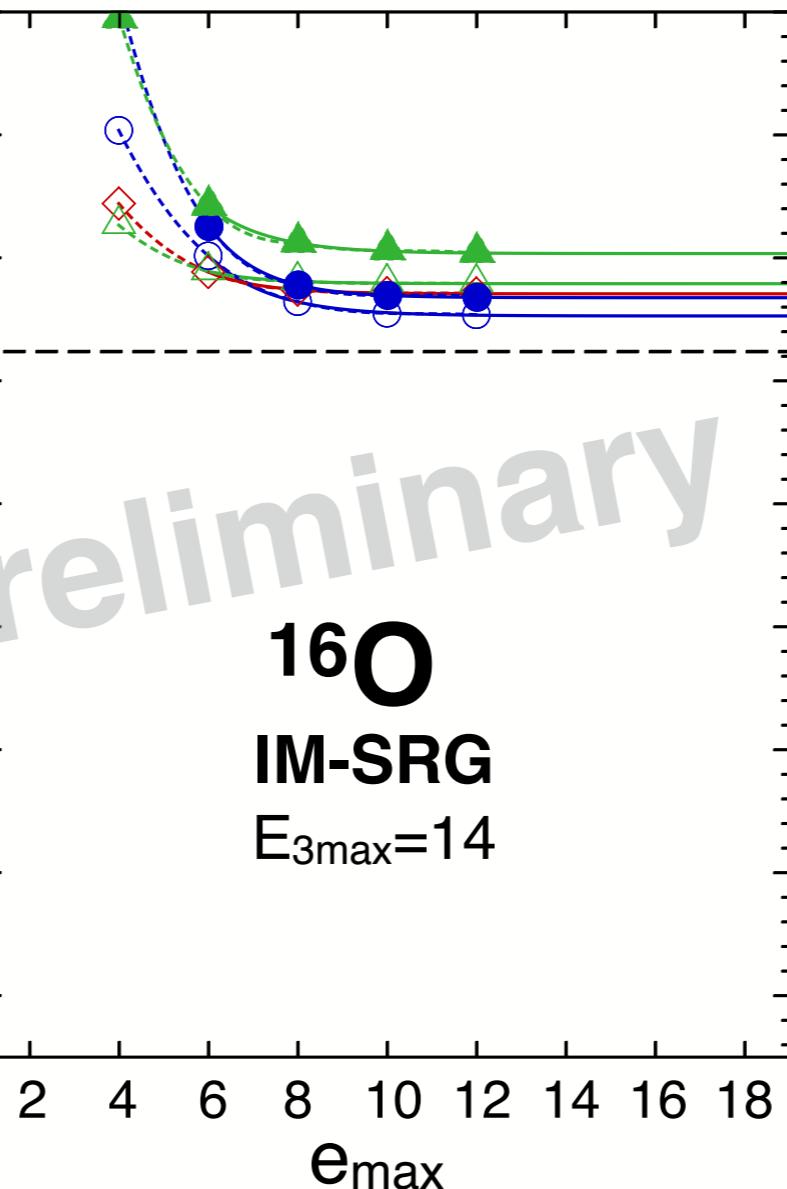


# Q-Block Generator

**NN<sub>only</sub>**



**NN+3N<sub>ind</sub>**



**NN+3N<sub>full</sub>**

feasible 3B HO space  
not large enough to  
represent momentum  
projection operator

**16O**  
**IM-SRG**  
 $E_{3\max}=14$

**T<sub>int</sub>**

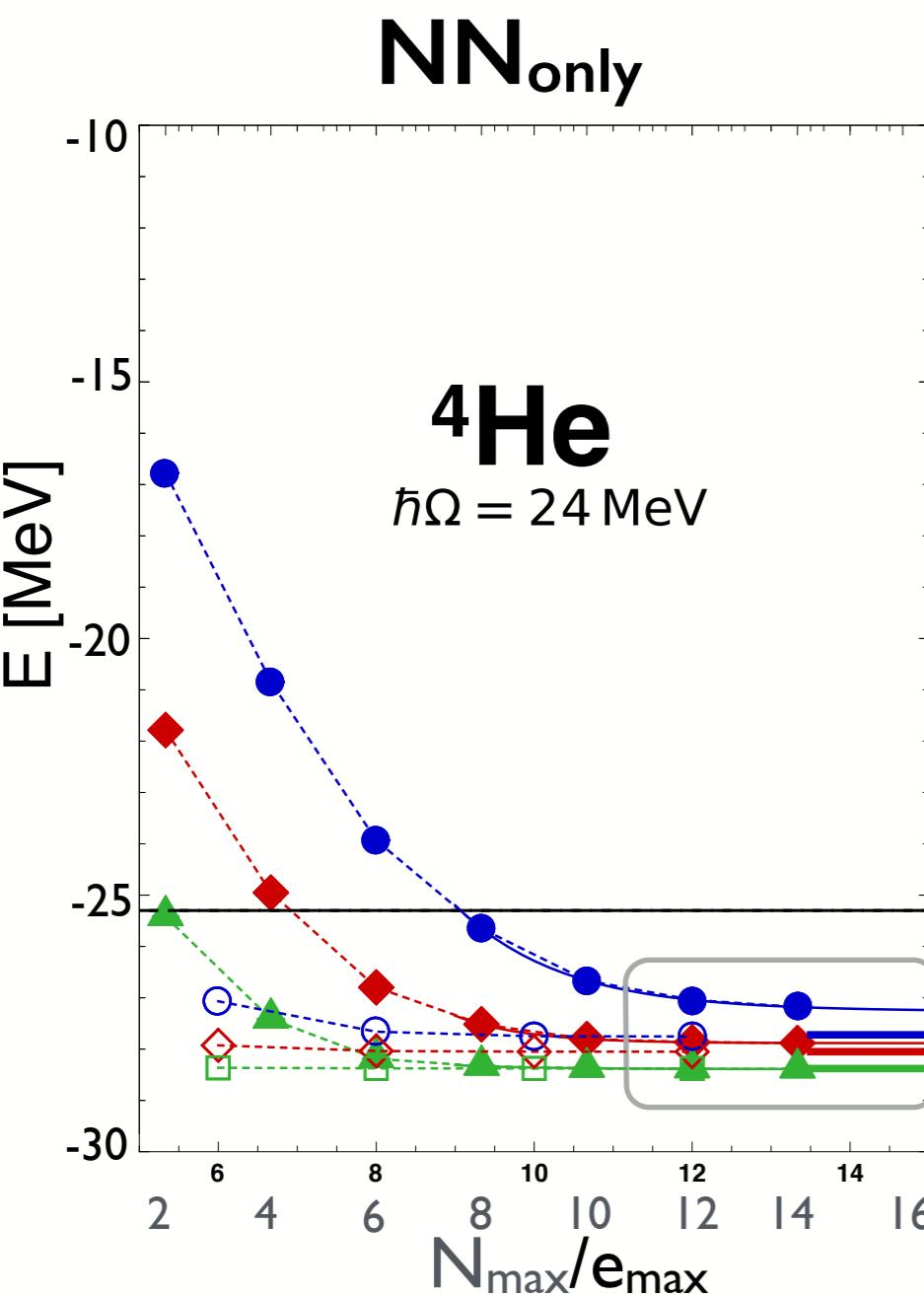
$a/\text{fm}^4$     0.04    0.0625    0.08

**Q block**

$Q_{\text{gen}}=2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

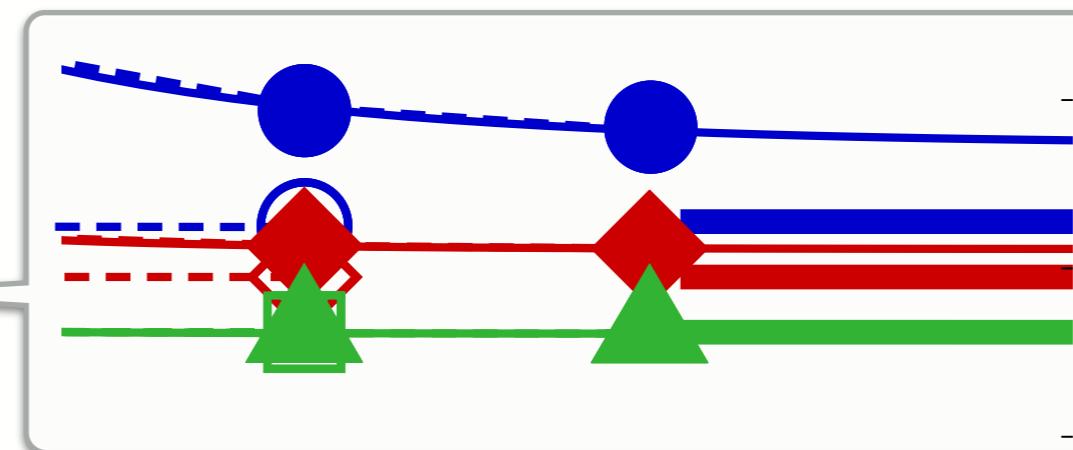
$a/\text{fm}^4$     0.04    0.08    0.16

# IT-NCSM vs IM-SRG



$T_{\text{int}}$   
Generator

- **discrepancies** between IT-NCSM and IM-SRG for **harder interactions**
- NO2B approximation or IM-SRG?



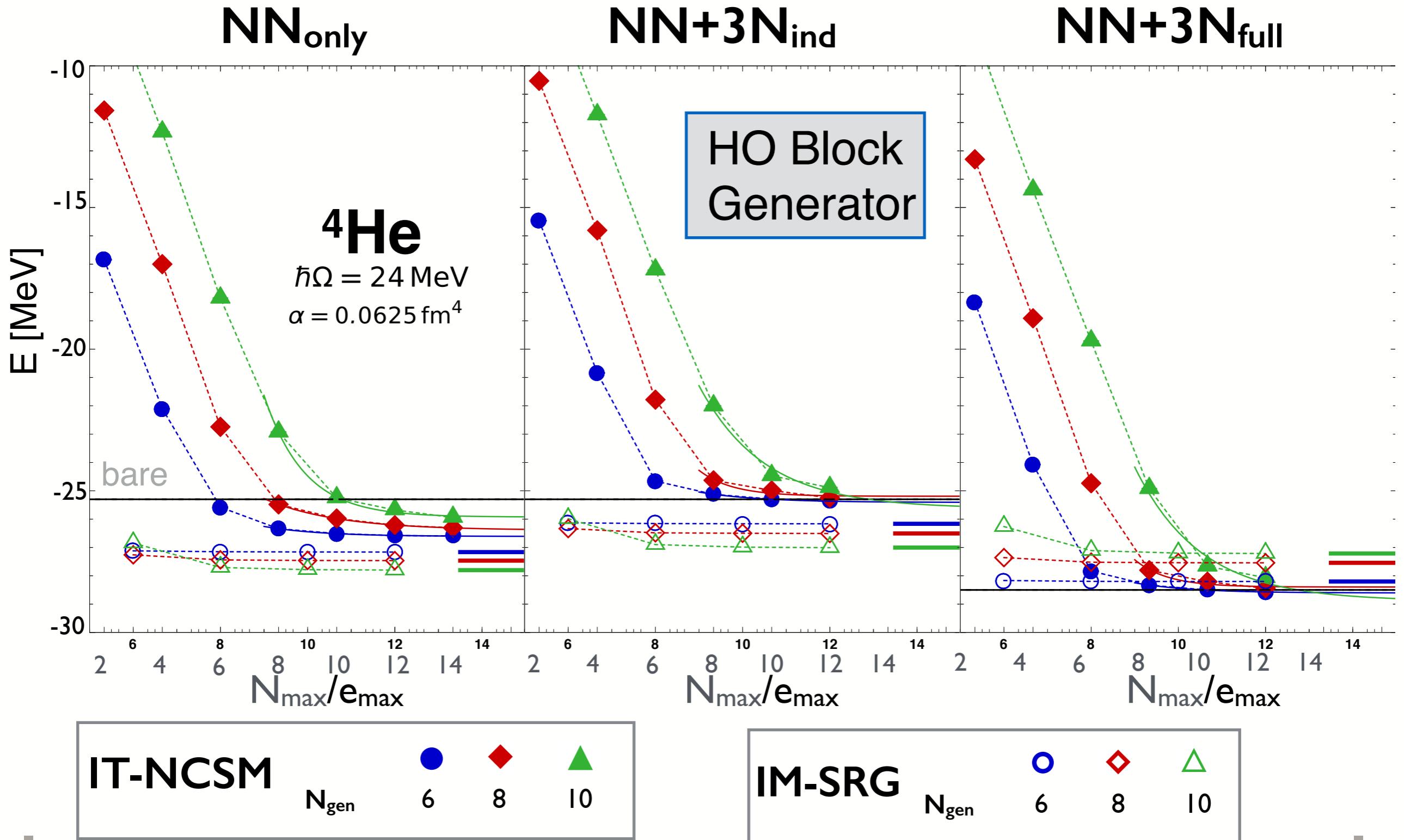
IT-NCSM

$\alpha/\text{fm}^4$       0.02      0.04      0.08

IM-SRG

$\alpha/\text{fm}^4$       0.02      0.04      0.08

# HO Block: IT-NCSM vs IM-SRG



# Alternative Chiral Hamiltonians & Uncertainty Quantification

# Uncertainties of Chiral Interactions

## in the past

- uncertainties **from many-body approach** included
- observables calculated for **single chiral Hamiltonian** (inconsistent chiral order)
- quality of chiral forces assessed by agreement with experiment

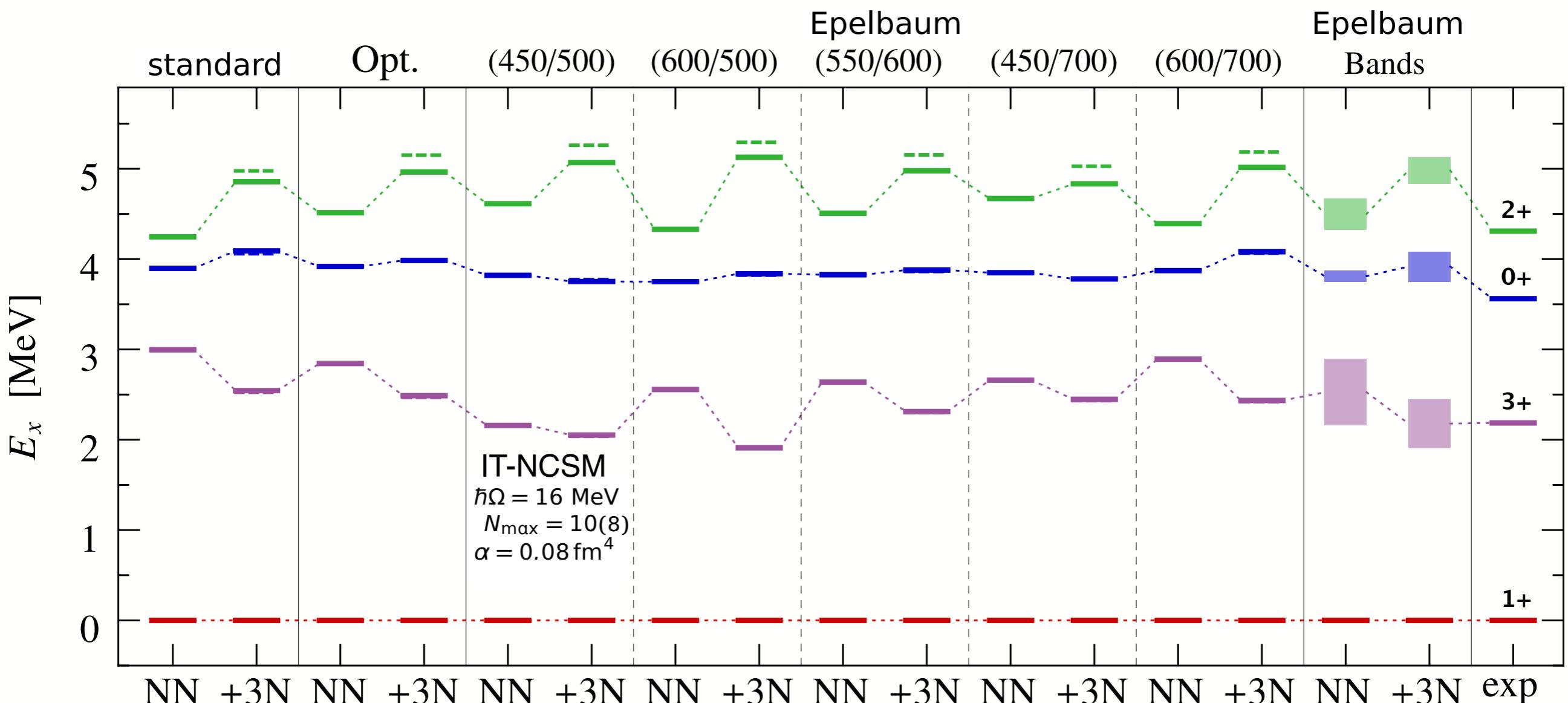
## present and future

- start with NN+3N force at **consistent chiral orders**
- use **sequence of cutoffs** and **different chiral orders**
  - estimate **uncertainties** of chiral EFT and many-body approach

## nuclear structure physics approaches new era

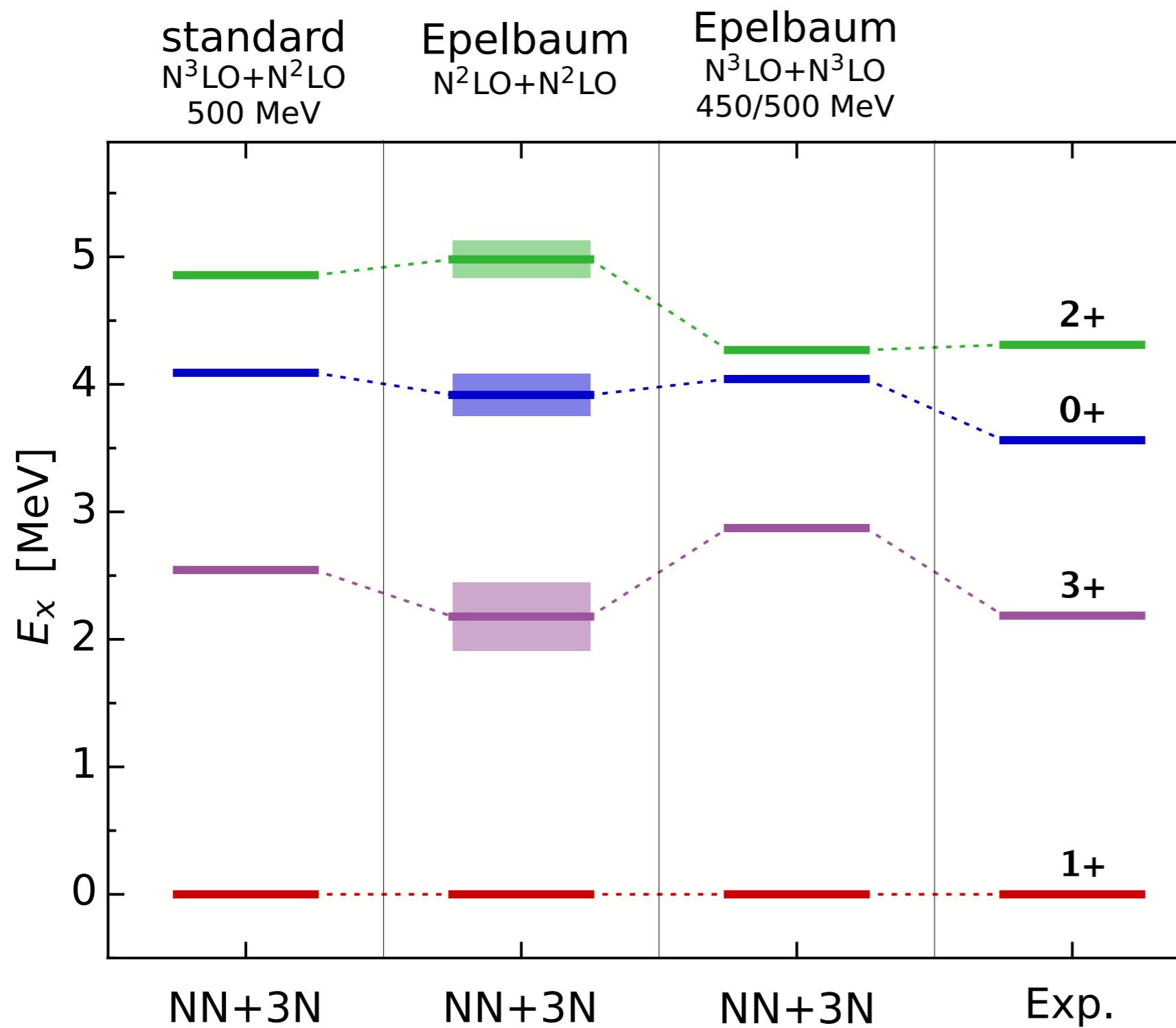
- **ongoing progress** in construction of consistent NN+3N Hamiltonians
  - $N^2$  LO [Epelbaum et al., 450, . . . , 600 MeV cutoff, nonlocal]
  - $N^3$  LO [Epelbaum et al., 450 MeV cutoff, nonlocal]
- first step towards reliable uncertainty quantification in nuclear spectroscopy

# $^6\text{Li}$ : Cutoff Dependence

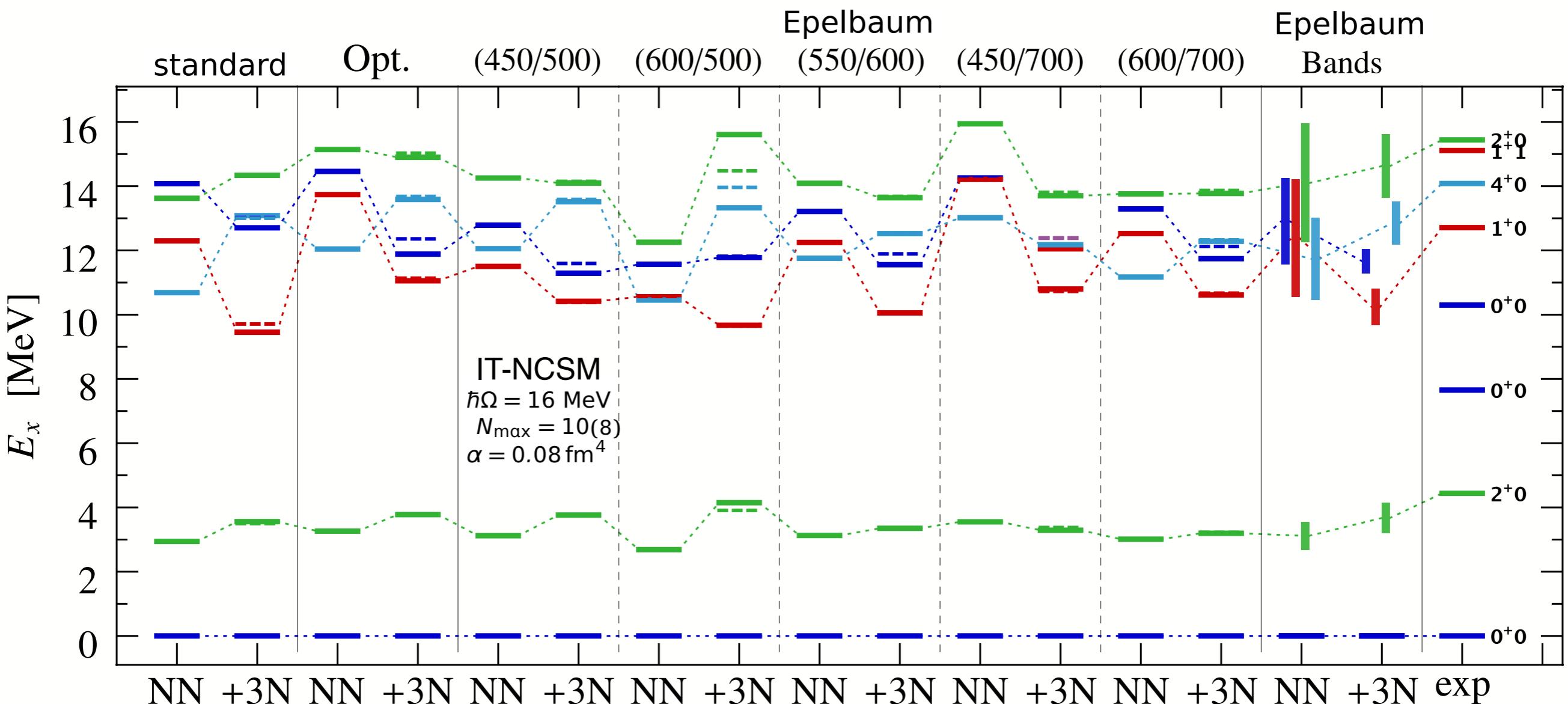


- small cutoff dependence
- reasonable predictions

# $^6\text{Li}$ : Chiral Order Dependence



- small cutoff dependence
- reasonable prediction
- further cutoffs required at  $\text{N}^3\text{LO}$

$^{12}\text{C}$ : Cutoff Dependence

- small cutoff dependence for NN+3N

# Quadrupole Observables

# B(E2) and Quadrupole moment

challenges in calculating quadrupole observables:

- **observables** need to be **SRG evolved**
  - **induced many-body contributions** can become problematic
  - generally **slow convergence** in HO space

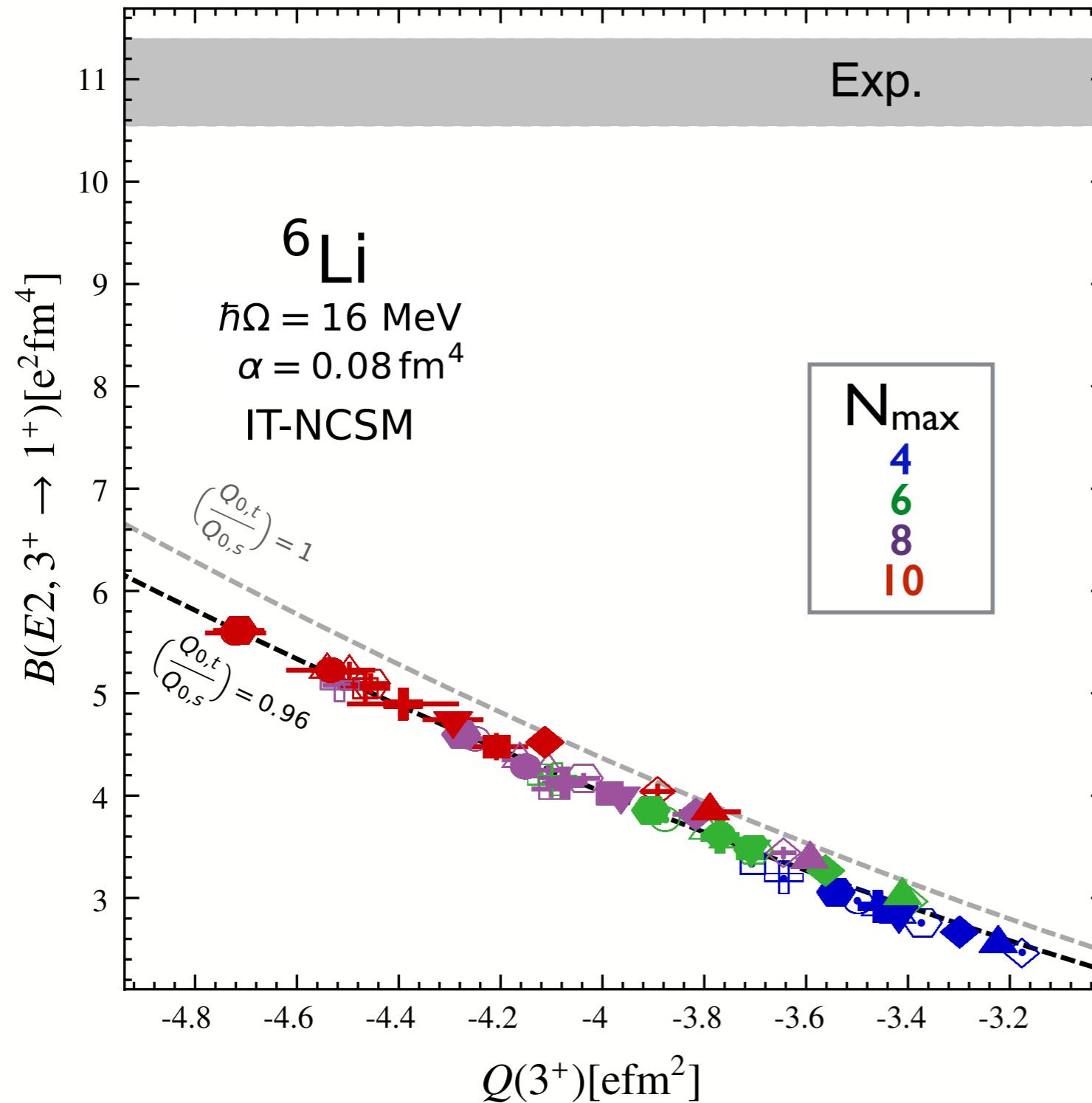
simple rotational model:

- observables connected via intrinsic quadrupole moment  $Q_0$

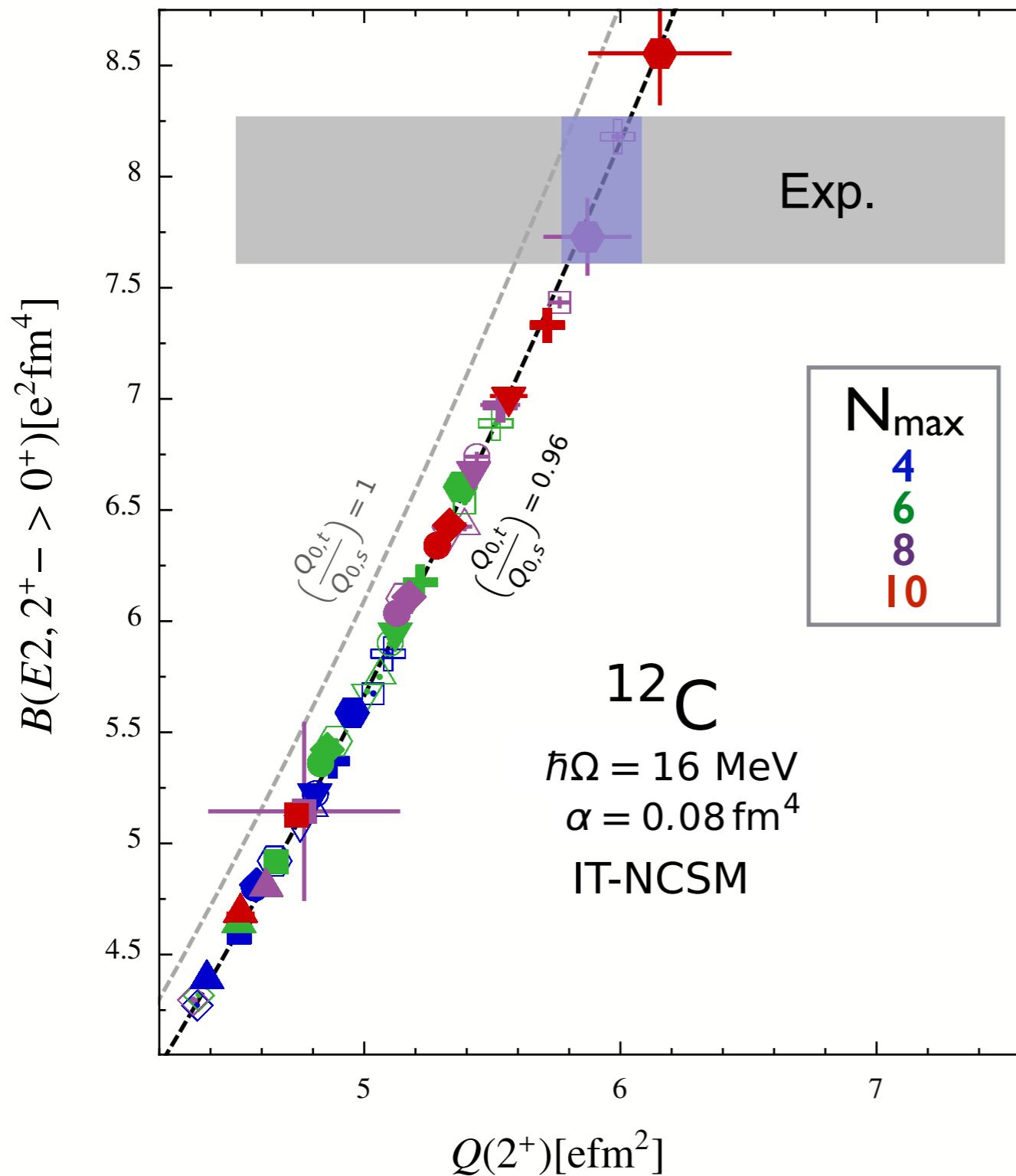
$$B(E2, J_i \rightarrow J_f) = \frac{5}{16\pi} \frac{(J+1)(2J+3))^2}{(3K^2 - J(J+1))^2} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} J_i & 2 & | \\ K & 0 & | \\ \end{array} \right) \left( \frac{Q_{0,t}}{Q_{0,s}} \right)^2$$

quadratic relation between B(E2) and Quadrupole moment

# ${}^6\text{Li}$ : Quadrupole Correlation



# $^{12}\text{C}$ : Quadrupole Correlation

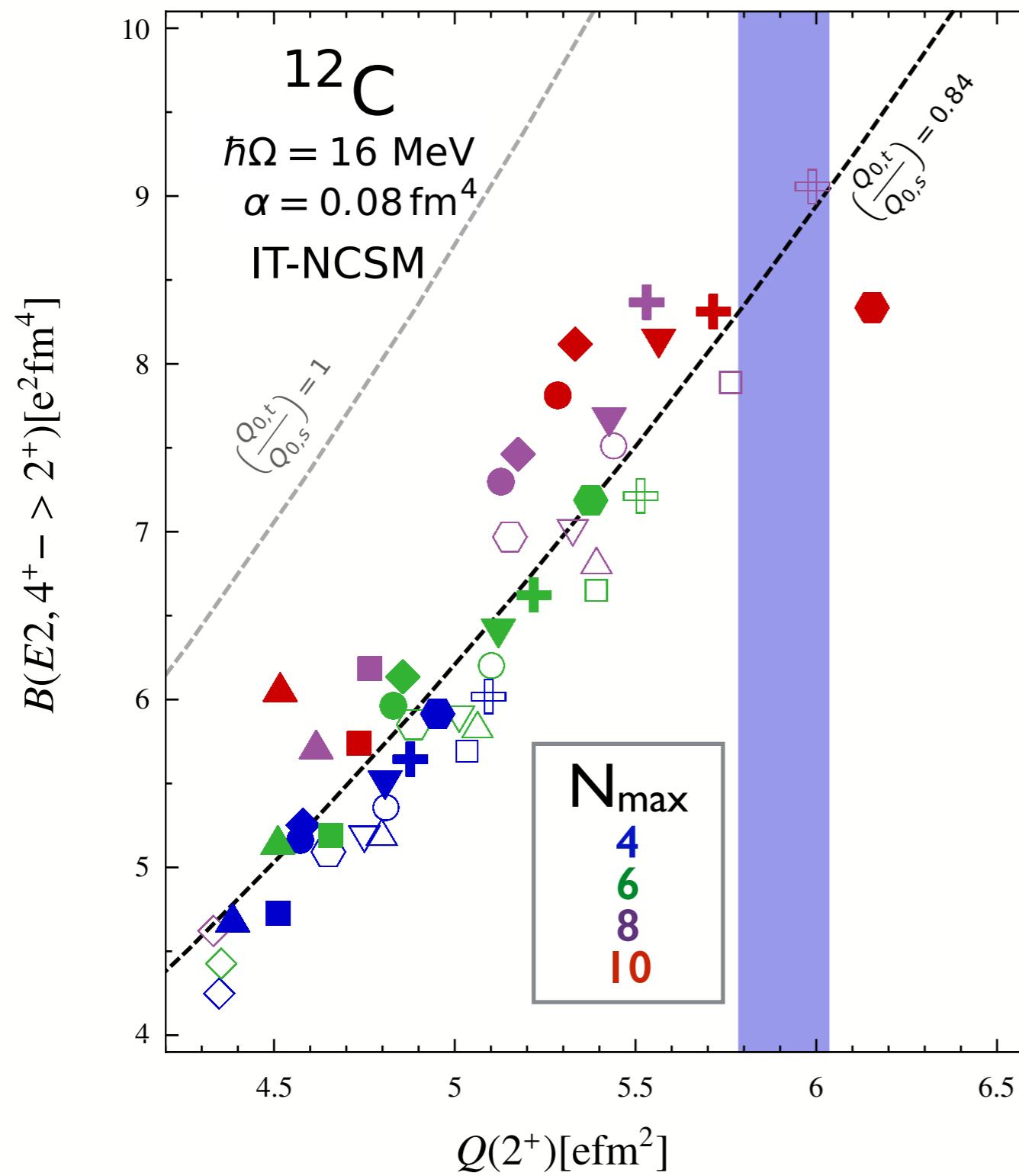


- **robust correlation** between  $B(\text{E}2)$  and spectroscopic  $Q$  value
- independent of:
  - chiral interaction / cutoff
  - model space
  - SRG flow parameter

can combine correlation curve with measured  $B(\text{E}2)$  to **predict  $Q$**  precisely

	std	Opt.	Epelbaum
NN	□	○	◇ △ ▽ ◌ +
NN+3N	■	●	◆ ▲ ▼ ◇ +

# $^{12}\text{C}$ : Quadrupole Correlation



- **less robust correlation** between  $B(\text{E}2)$  and spectroscopic  $Q$  value
- can be used to predict  $B(\text{E}2, 4^+ \rightarrow 2^+)$  rather precise

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NN+3N	■	●	◆ ▲ ▼ ◇ +

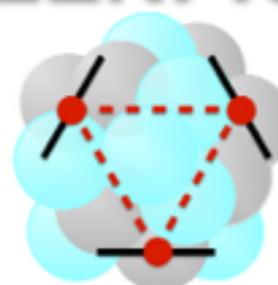
- exciting **progress** in construction of **chiral forces**
  - **N<sup>2</sup>LO<sub>opt/sat/sim/sep</sub>** different strategies to fit LECs
  - **local interaction** up to N<sup>2</sup>LO for quantum Monte Carlo  
Gezerlis, Tews, Epelbaum et al. Phys. Rev. C 90, 054323 (2014)
  - **minimally non-local** interactions up to N<sup>3</sup>LO that include Δ in TPE components  
Piarulli et al. JHEP 1402:032, 2014
- self-contained framework to employ **present and future chiral NN+3N +4N interactions** in a variety of many-body methods
- improved NN up to N<sup>3</sup>LO  
Epelbaum et al. arXiv:1412.0142; arXiv:1412.4623
- **3N** up to N<sup>3</sup>LO
  - allow to vary cutoff and chiral order to quantify uncertainty

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