

In-Medium SRG Approaches for Open-Shell Nuclei

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Outline



- The Similarity Renormalization Group
- In-Medium SRG
- Ground States of Closed- and Open-Shell Nuclei
- IM-SRG Interactions for the Shell Model
- Next Steps
- Conclusions

Prelude:

Similarity Renormalization Group

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Basic Concept

continuous unitary transformation of the Hamiltonian to band-diagonal form w.r.t. a given “uncorrelated” many-body basis

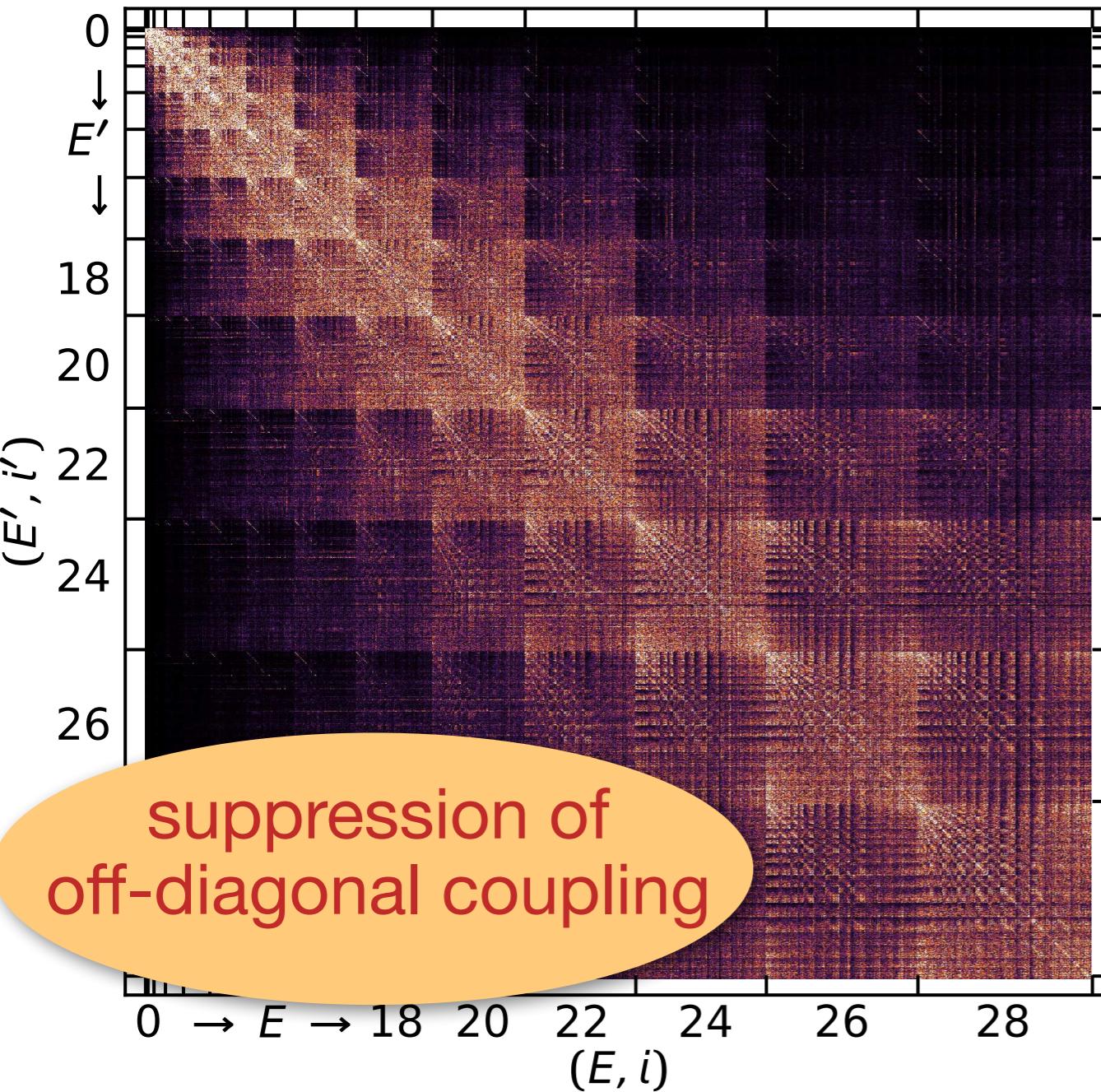
- **flow equation** for Hamiltonian $H(s) = U(s)HU^\dagger(s)$:
$$\frac{d}{ds}H(s) = [\eta(s), H(s)], \quad \eta(s) = \frac{dU(s)}{ds}U^\dagger(s) = -\eta^\dagger(s)$$
- choose $\eta(s)$ to achieve desired behavior, e.g.,
$$\eta(s) = [H_d(s), H_{od}(s)]$$
 to **suppress** (suitably defined) off-diagonal Hamiltonian
- **consistent evolution** for all **observables** of interest

SRG in Three-Body Space



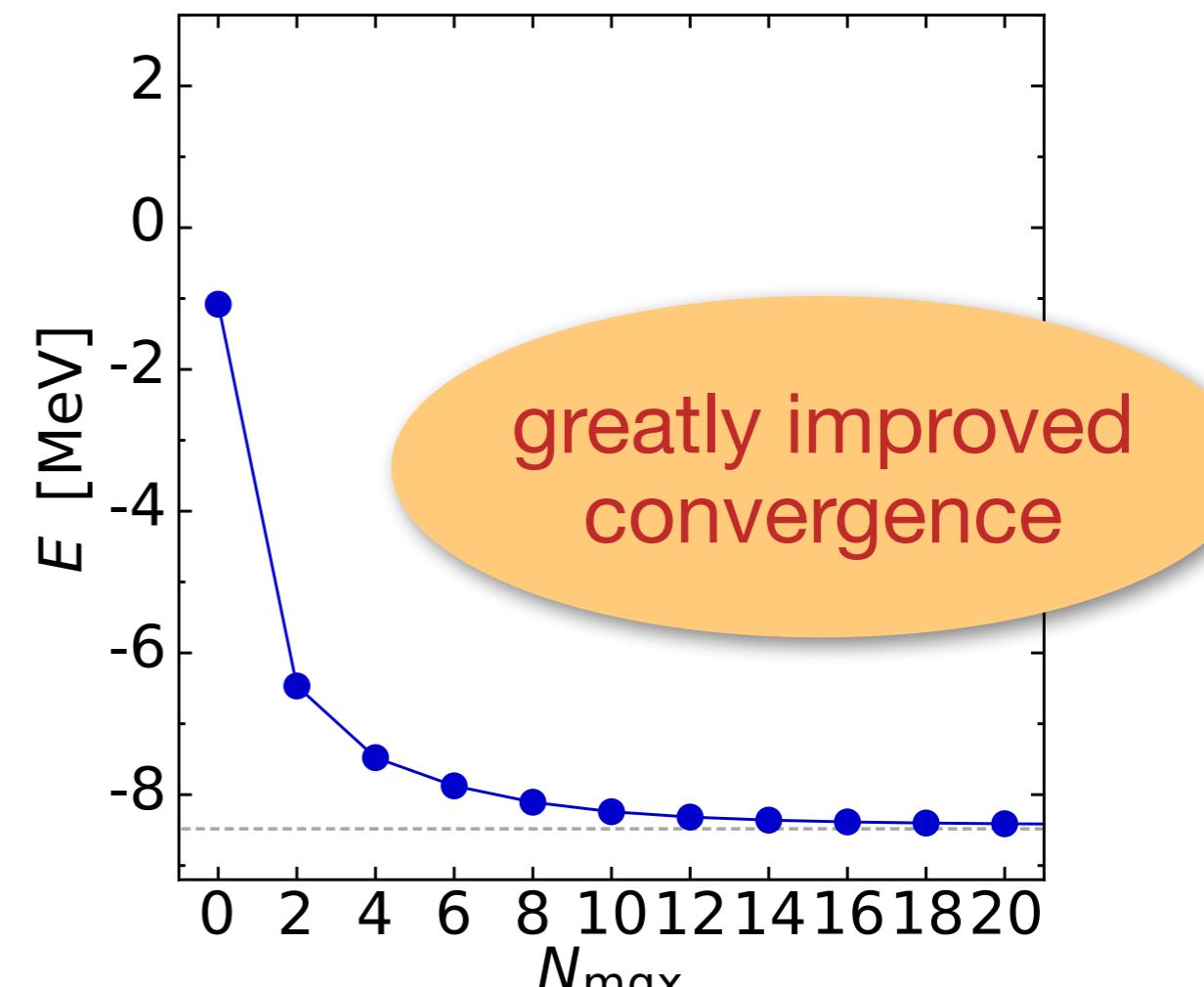
3B Jacobi-HO Matrix Elements

$$J^\pi = \frac{1}{2}^+, T = \frac{1}{2}, \hbar\Omega = 28 \text{ MeV}$$



$$\lambda = 1.33 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

^3H ground-state (NCSM)



[figures by R. Roth, A. Calci, J. Langhammer]

In-Medium SRG

S. K. Bogner, H. H., T. Morris, A. Schwenk, and K. Tsukiyama, to appear in Phys. Rept.
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Solving the Flow Equation



operator flow equation

$$\frac{d}{ds} H(s) = [\eta(s), H(s)]$$

encodes information for all systems described by H ...

... but solving multiple systems at once requires an increasingly complicated unitary transformation

Solving the Flow Equation



manage complexity by defining / choosing

- truncation / organization scheme,
- basis (for operator algebra and/or Hilbert space), ...

... but this introduces restrictions (e.g., to systems with fixed particle number), uncertainties

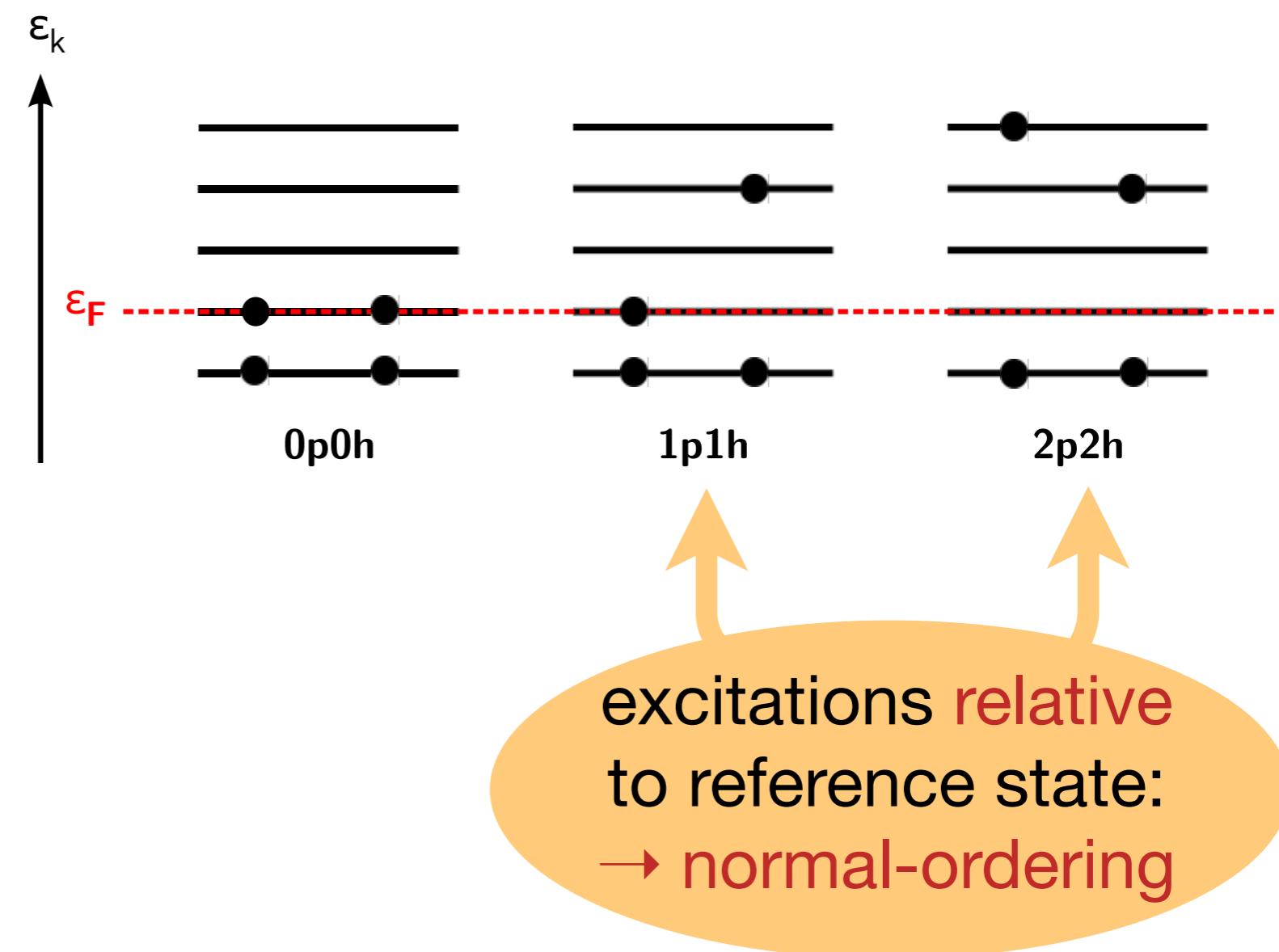
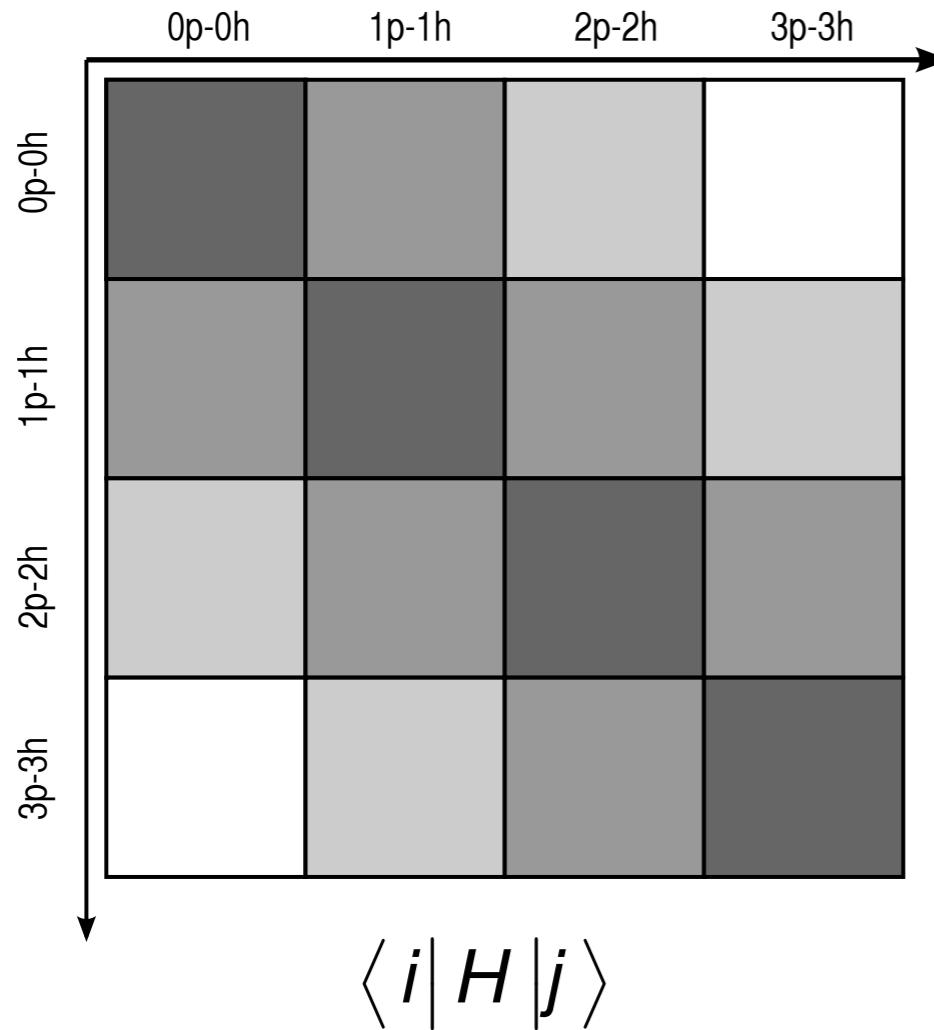
Solving the Flow Equation



- define decoupling condition(s)
- choose a generator

use **flexibility** to introduce **information from target system** (e.g. reference state), optimize transformation, reduce uncertainties

Decoupling in A-Body Space



Normal Ordering

- second quantization: $A_{I_1 \dots I_N}^{k_1 \dots k_N} = a_{k_1}^\dagger \dots a_{k_N}^\dagger a_{I_N} \dots a_{I_1}$

- particle- and hole density matrices:

$$\lambda_I^k = \langle \Phi | A_I^k | \Phi \rangle \rightarrow n_k \delta_I^k, \quad n_k \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\xi_I^k = \lambda_I^k - \delta_I^k \quad \rightarrow -\bar{n}_k \delta_I^k \equiv -(1 - n_k) \delta_I^k$$

- define normal-ordered operators recursively:

$$A_{I_1 \dots I_N}^{k_1 \dots k_N} = :A_{I_1 \dots I_N}^{k_1 \dots k_N}: + \lambda_{I_1}^{k_1} :A_{I_2 \dots I_N}^{k_2 \dots k_N}: + \text{singles} \\ + \left(\lambda_{I_1}^{k_1} \lambda_{I_2}^{k_2} - \lambda_{I_2}^{k_1} \lambda_{I_1}^{k_2} \right) :A_{I_3 \dots I_N}^{k_3 \dots k_N}: + \text{doubles} + \dots$$

- algebra is simplified significantly because

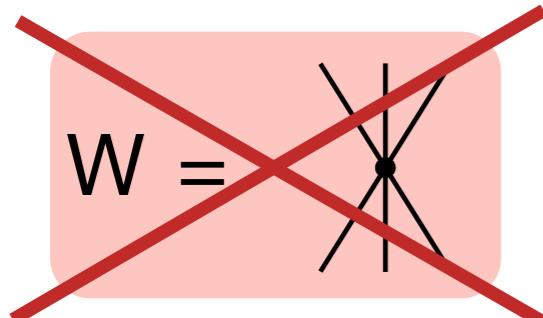
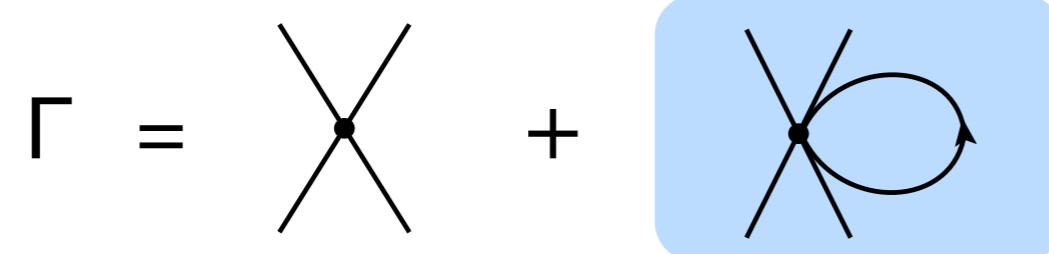
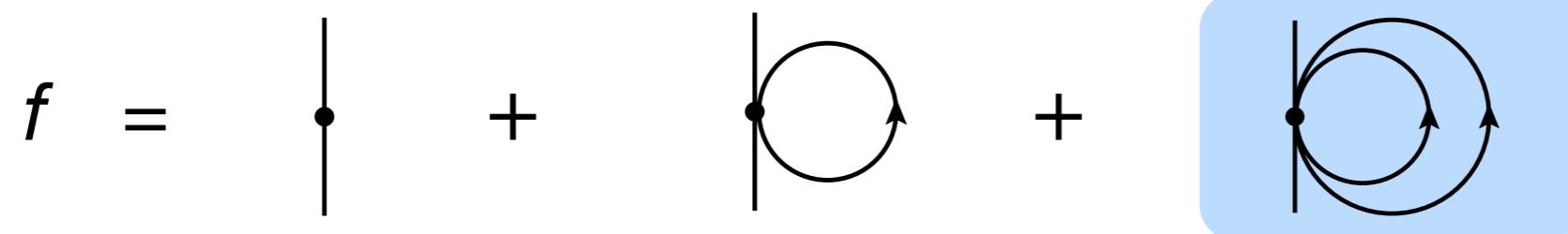
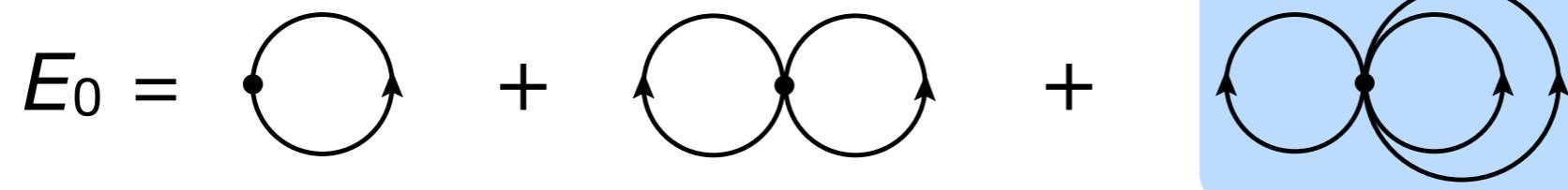
$$\langle \Phi | :A_{I_1 \dots I_N}^{k_1 \dots k_N}: | \Phi \rangle = 0$$

- Wick's theorem gives simplified expansions (fewer terms!) for products of normal-ordered operators

Normal-Ordered Hamiltonian

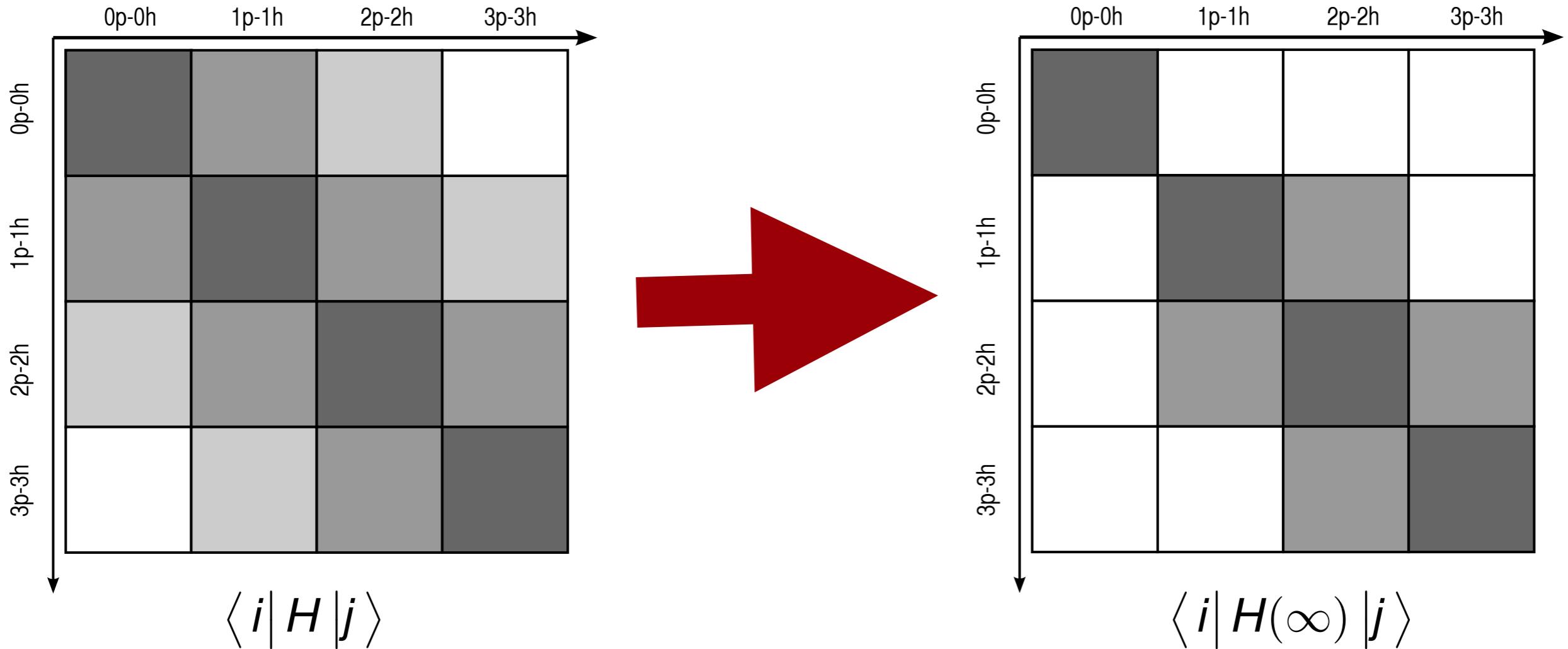
Normal-Ordered Hamiltonian

$$H = E_0 + \sum_{kl} f_I^k : A_I^k : + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{klmn} \Gamma_{mn}^{kl} : A_{mn}^{kl} : + \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijklmn} W_{lmn}^{ijk} : A_{lmn}^{ijk} :$$



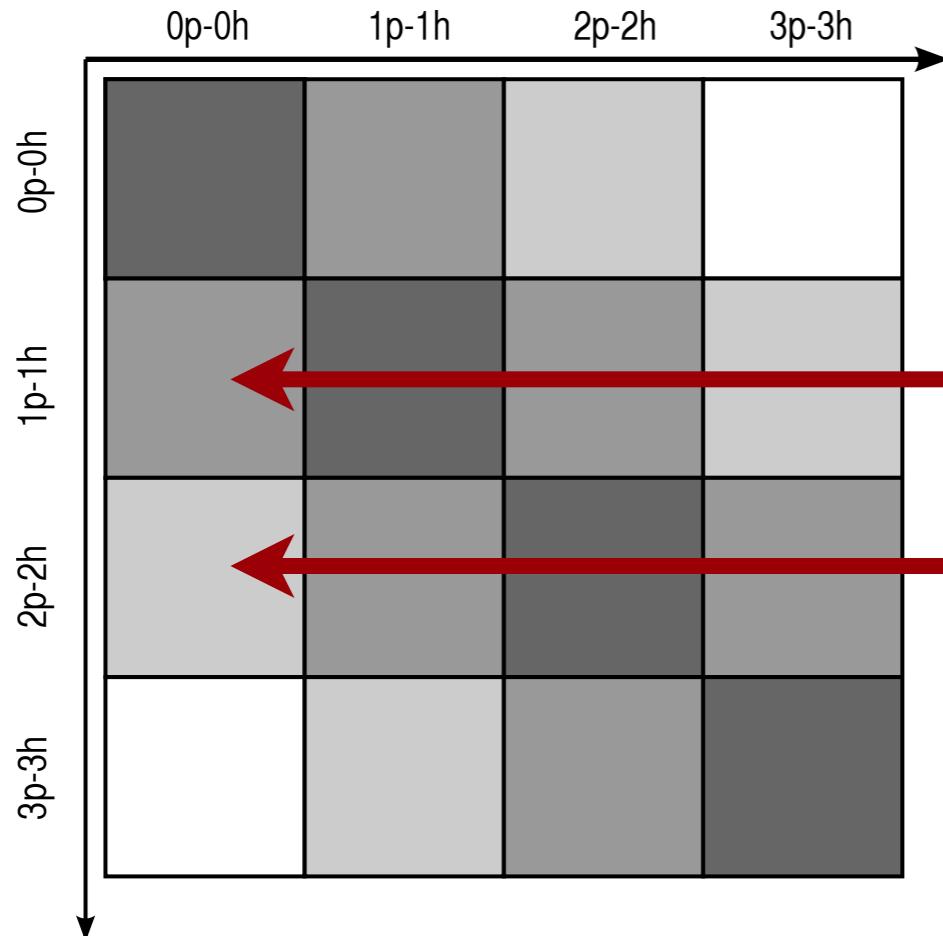
two-body formalism with
in-medium contributions from
three-body interactions

Decoupling in A-Body Space



aim: decouple reference state $|\phi\rangle$
(0p-0h) from excitations

Decoupling in A-Body Space



$$\langle \frac{p}{h} | H | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{kl} f_l^k \langle \Psi | : A_p^h :: A_l^k : | \Psi \rangle = -n_h \bar{n}_p f_h^p$$

$$\langle \frac{pp'}{hh'} | H | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{klmn} \Gamma_{mn}^{kl} \langle \Psi | : A_{pp'}^{hh'} :: A_{mn}^{kl} : | \Psi \rangle \sim \Gamma_{hh'}^{pp'}$$

- define **off-diagonal Hamiltonian (suppressed by IM-SRG flow):**

$$H_{od} \equiv f_{od} + \Gamma_{od}, \quad f_{od} \equiv \sum_{ph} f_h^p : A_h^p : + \text{H.c.}, \quad \Gamma_{od} \equiv \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pp'hh'} \Gamma_{hh'}^{pp'} : A_{hh'}^{pp'} : + \text{H.c.}$$

→ construct generator

Choice of Generator



- **Wegner:**

$$\eta' = [H_d, H_{od}]$$

- **White:** (J. Chem. Phys. 117, 7472)

$$\eta'' = \sum_{ph} \frac{f_h^p}{\Delta_h^p} : A_h^p : + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pp'hh'} \frac{\Gamma_{hh'}^{pp'}}{\Delta_{hh'}^{pp'}} : A_{hh'}^{pp'} : - \text{H.c.}$$

$\Delta_h^p, \Delta_{hh'}^{pp'}$: approx. 1p1h, 2p2h excitation energies

- **“imaginary time”:** (Morris, Bogner)

$$\eta''' = \sum_{ph} \text{sgn}(\Delta_h^p) f_h^p : A_h^p : + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pp'hh'} \text{sgn}(\Delta_{hh'}^{pp'}) \Gamma_{hh'}^{pp'} : A_{hh'}^{pp'} : - \text{H.c.}$$

- off-diagonal matrix elements are suppressed like $e^{-\Delta^2 s}$ (Wegner), e^{-s} (White), and $e^{-|\Delta|s}$ (imaginary time)
- g.s. energies ($s \rightarrow \infty$) differ by $\ll 1\%$

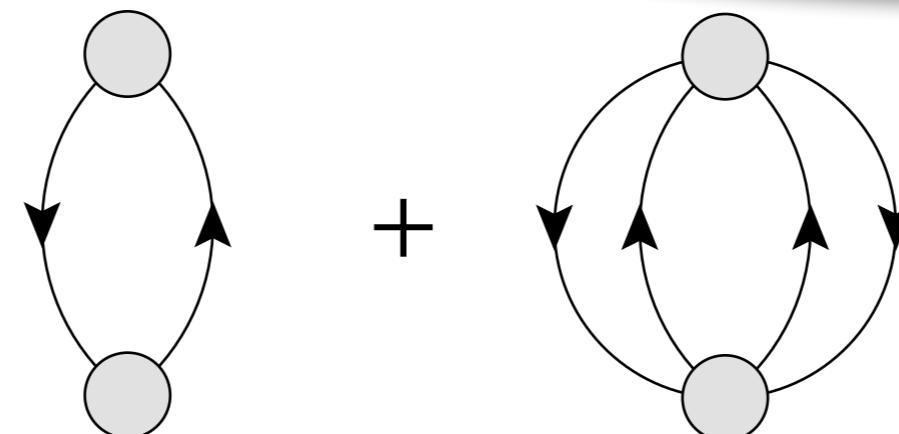
IM-SRG(2) Flow Equations



0-body Flow

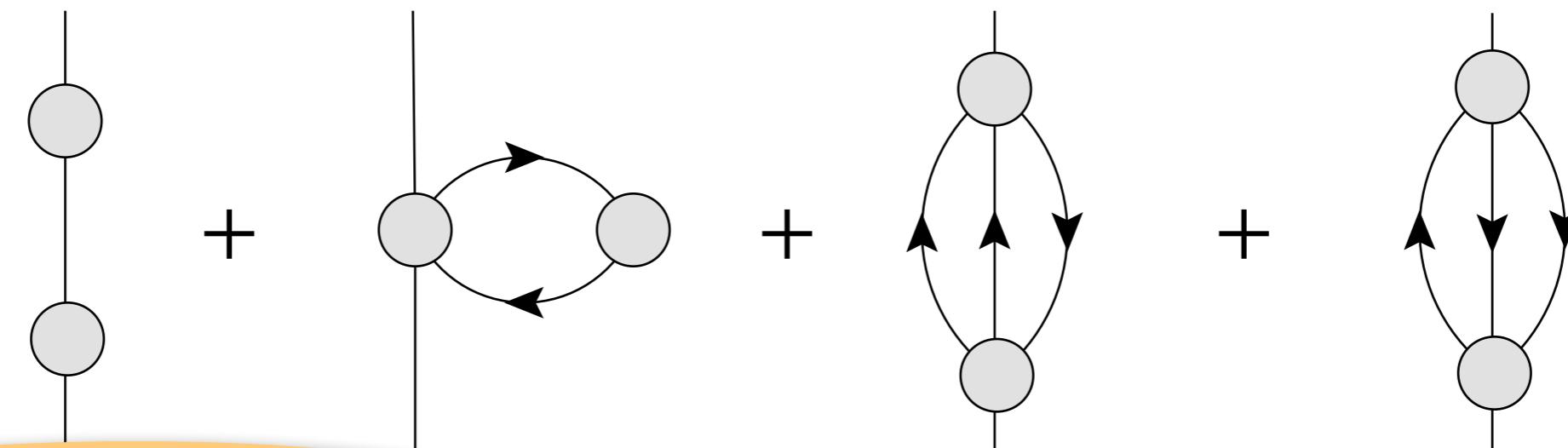
~ 2nd order MBPT for $H(s)$

$$\frac{dE}{ds} =$$



1-body Flow

$$\frac{df}{ds} =$$



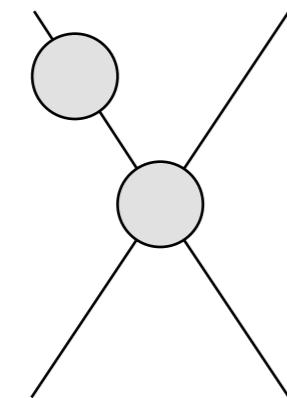
IM-SRG(2): truncate ops.
at two-body level

IM-SRG(2) Flow Equations

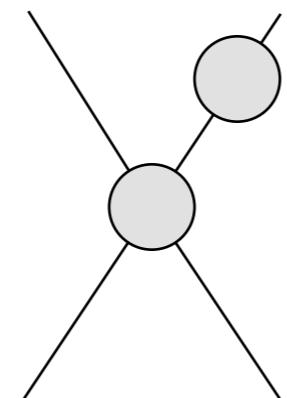


2-body Flow

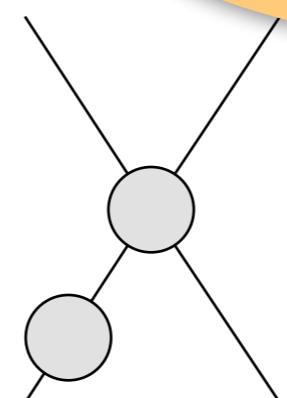
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{ds} =$$



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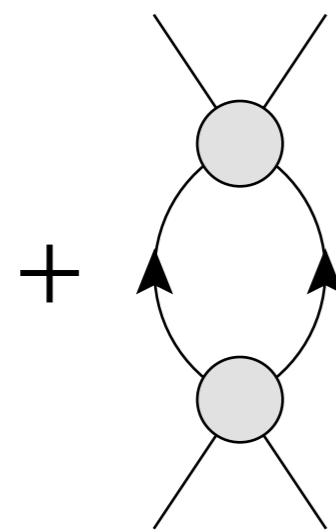
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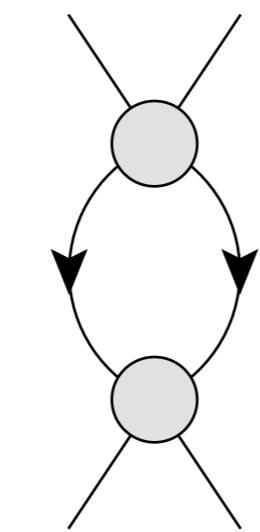
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O(N^6) scaling

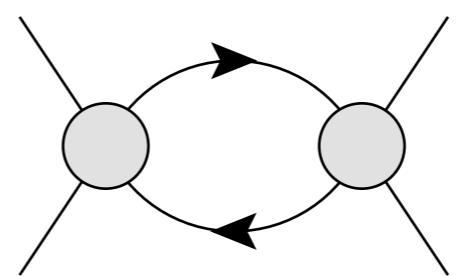
(before particle/hole distinction)



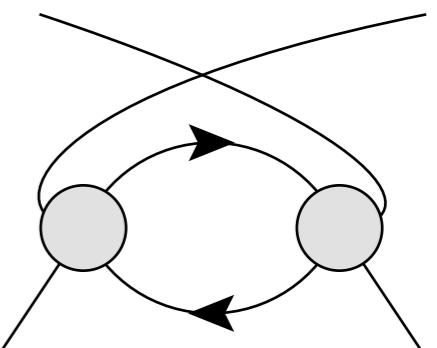
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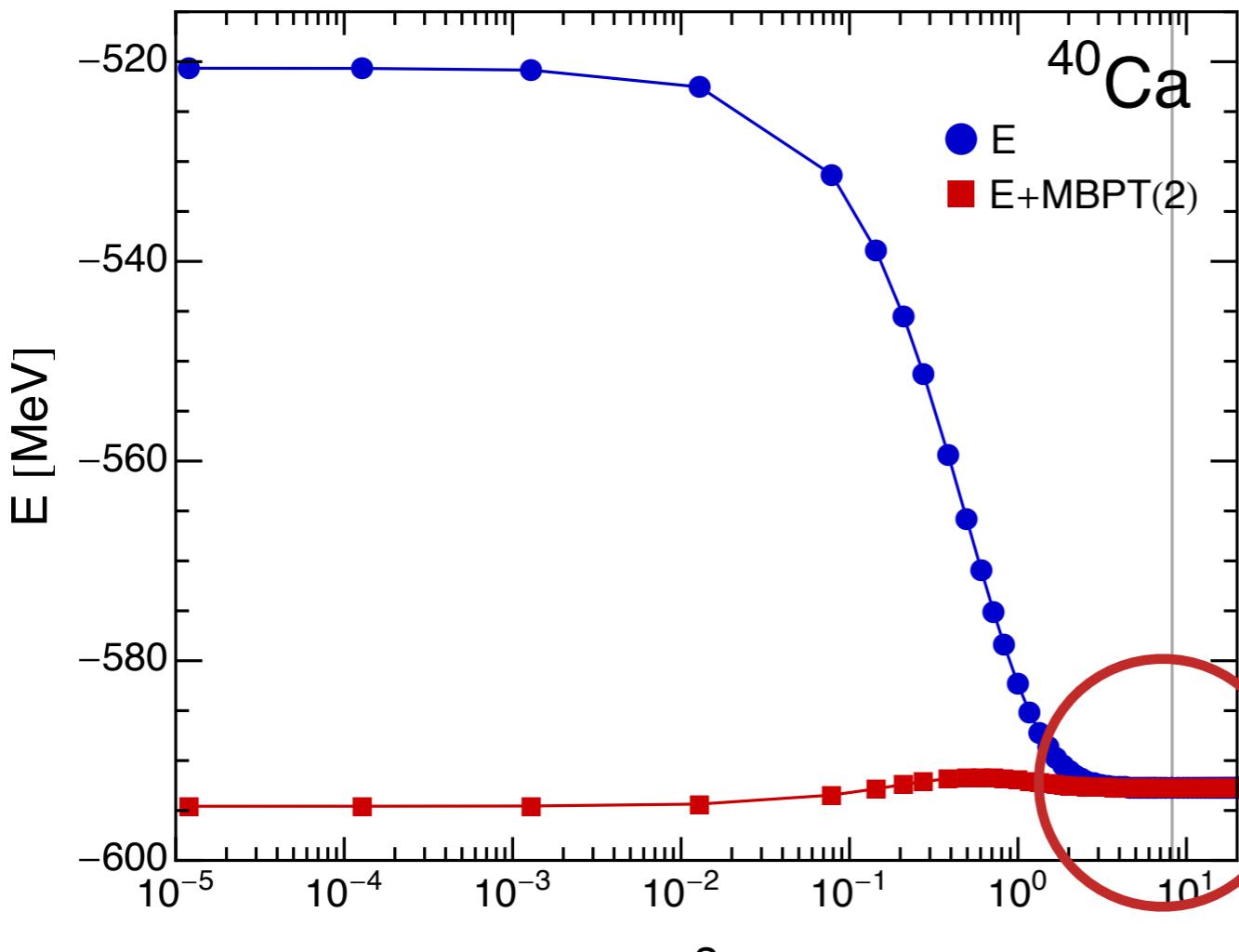
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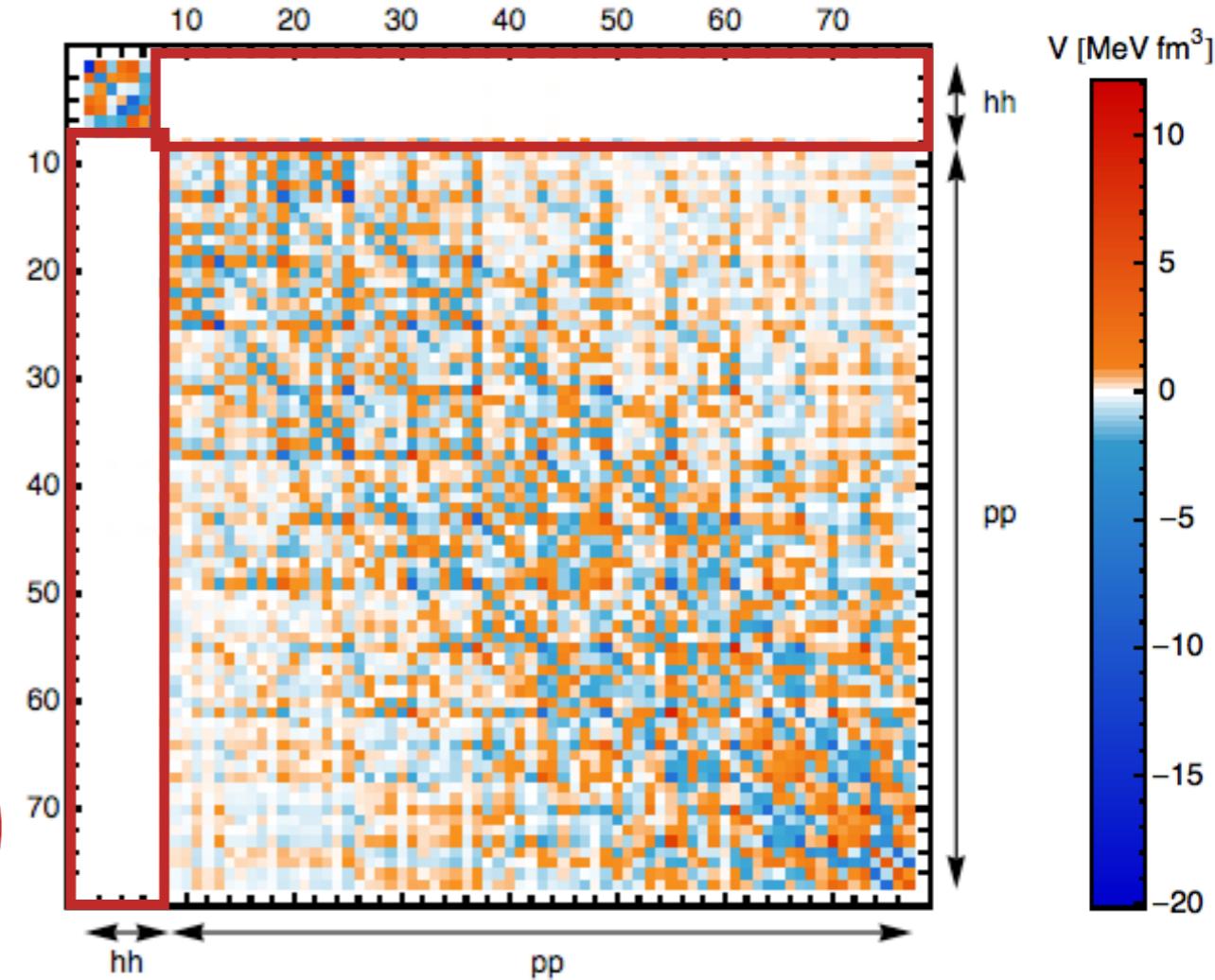
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Decoupling



N3LO, $\lambda = 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, $e_{\text{Max}} = 8$

non-perturbative
resummation of MBPT series
(correlations)



off-diagonal couplings
are rapidly driven to zero

Ground States of Closed and Open-Shell Nuclei

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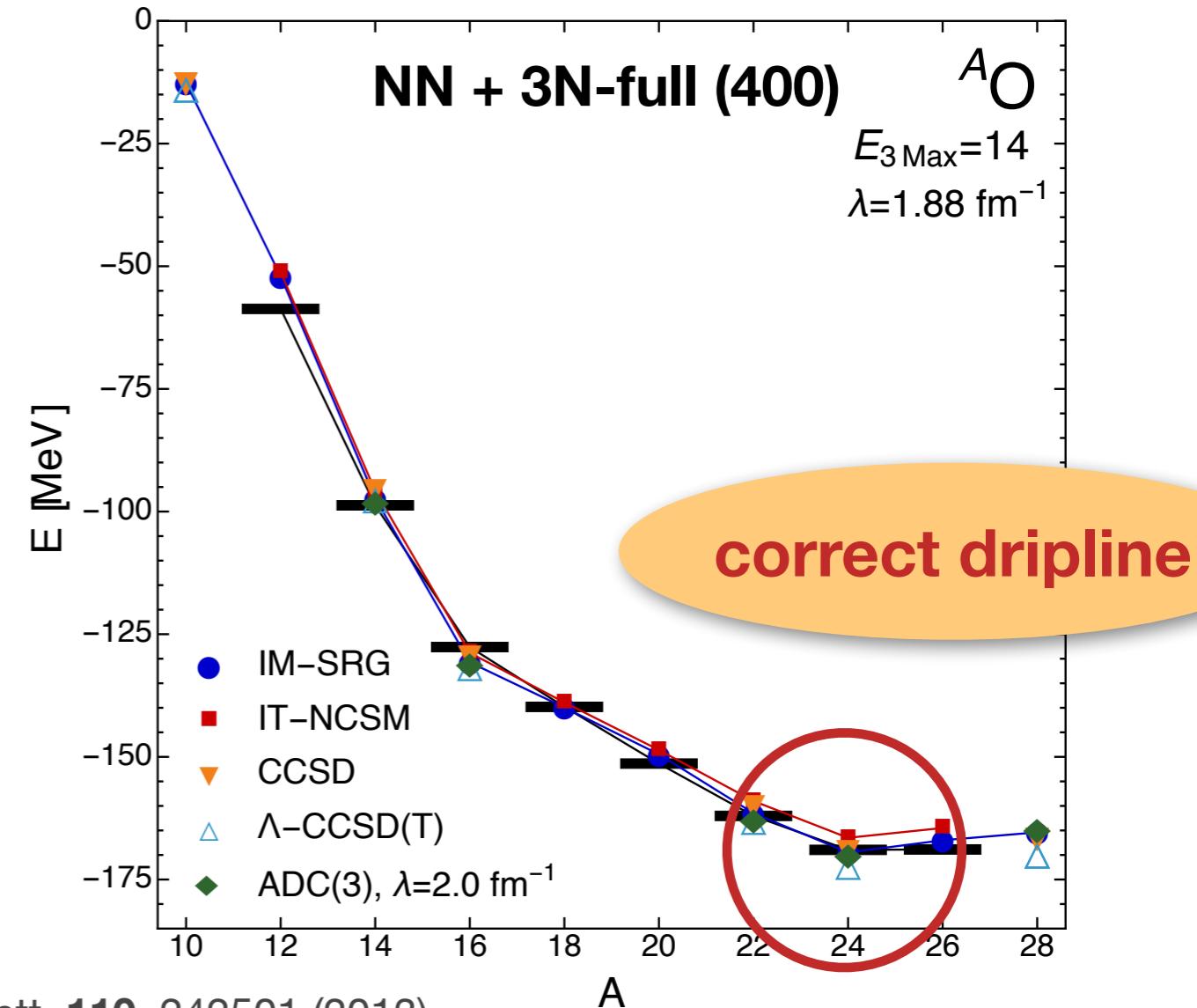
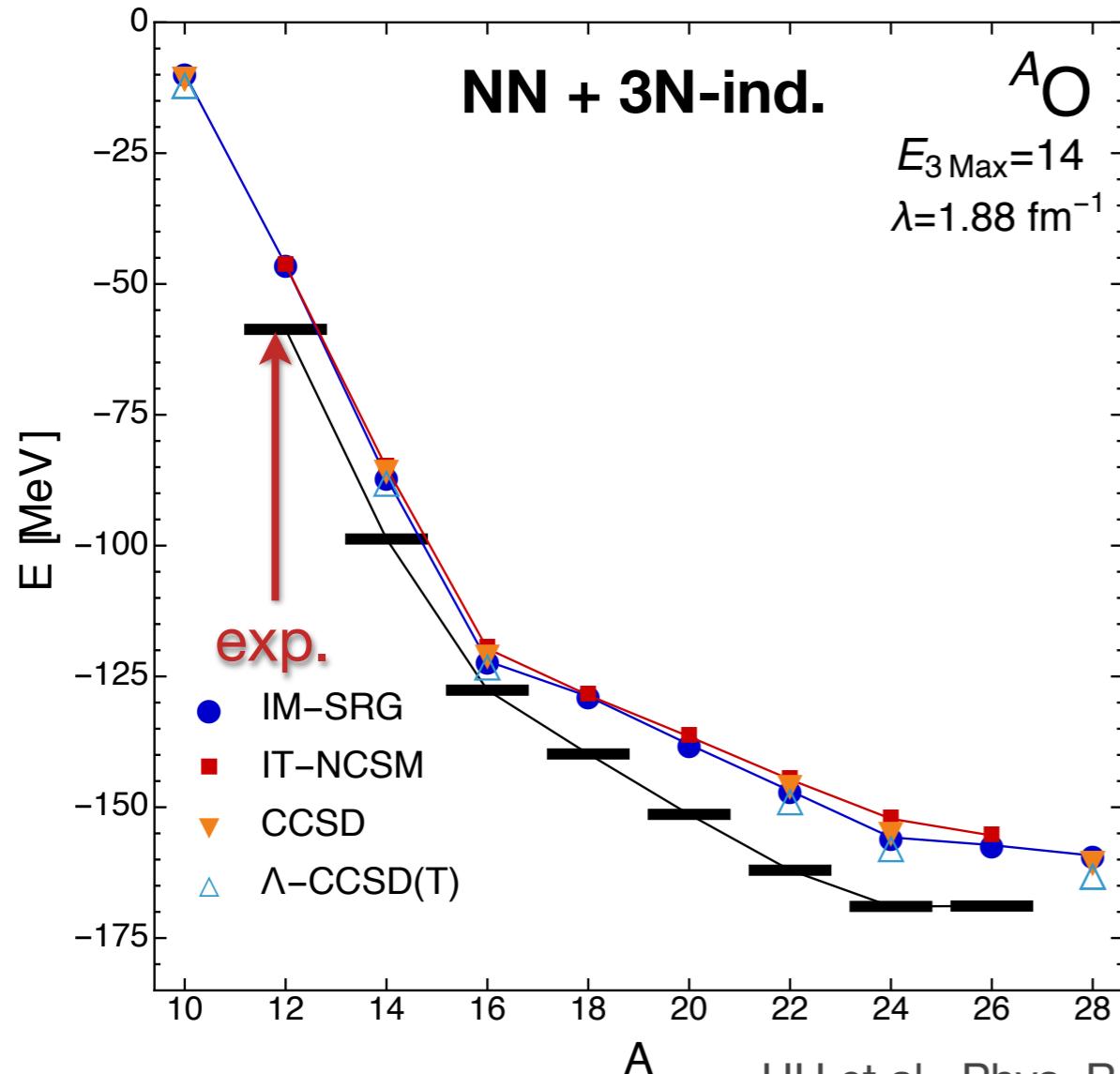
Initial Hamiltonian

- NN: chiral interaction at N³LO (Entem & Machleidt)
- 3N: chiral interaction at N²LO (c_D, c_E fit to ³H, ⁴He energies, β decay)

SRG-Evolved Hamiltonians

- **NN + 3N-induced:** start with initial NN Hamiltonian, keep two- and three-body terms
- **NN + 3N-full:** start with initial NN + 3N Hamiltonian, keep two- and three-body terms

Results: Oxygen Chain



HH et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 242501 (2013)

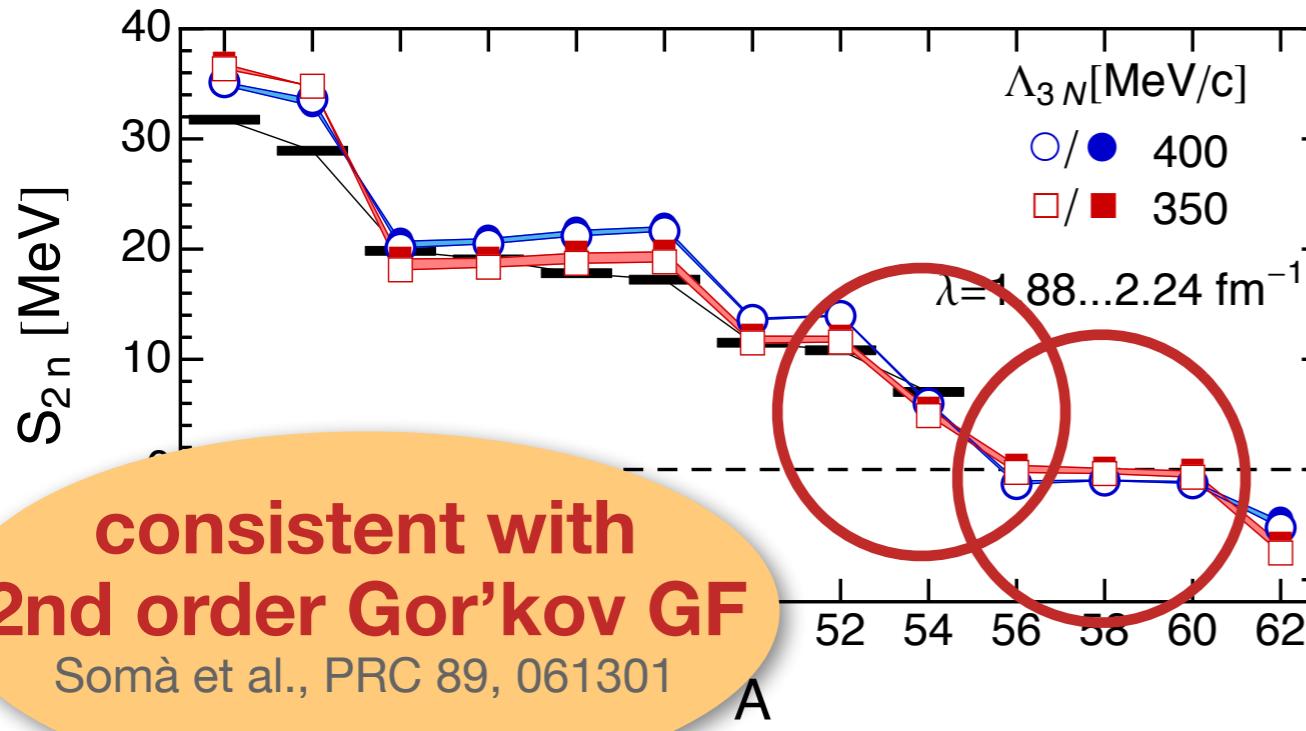
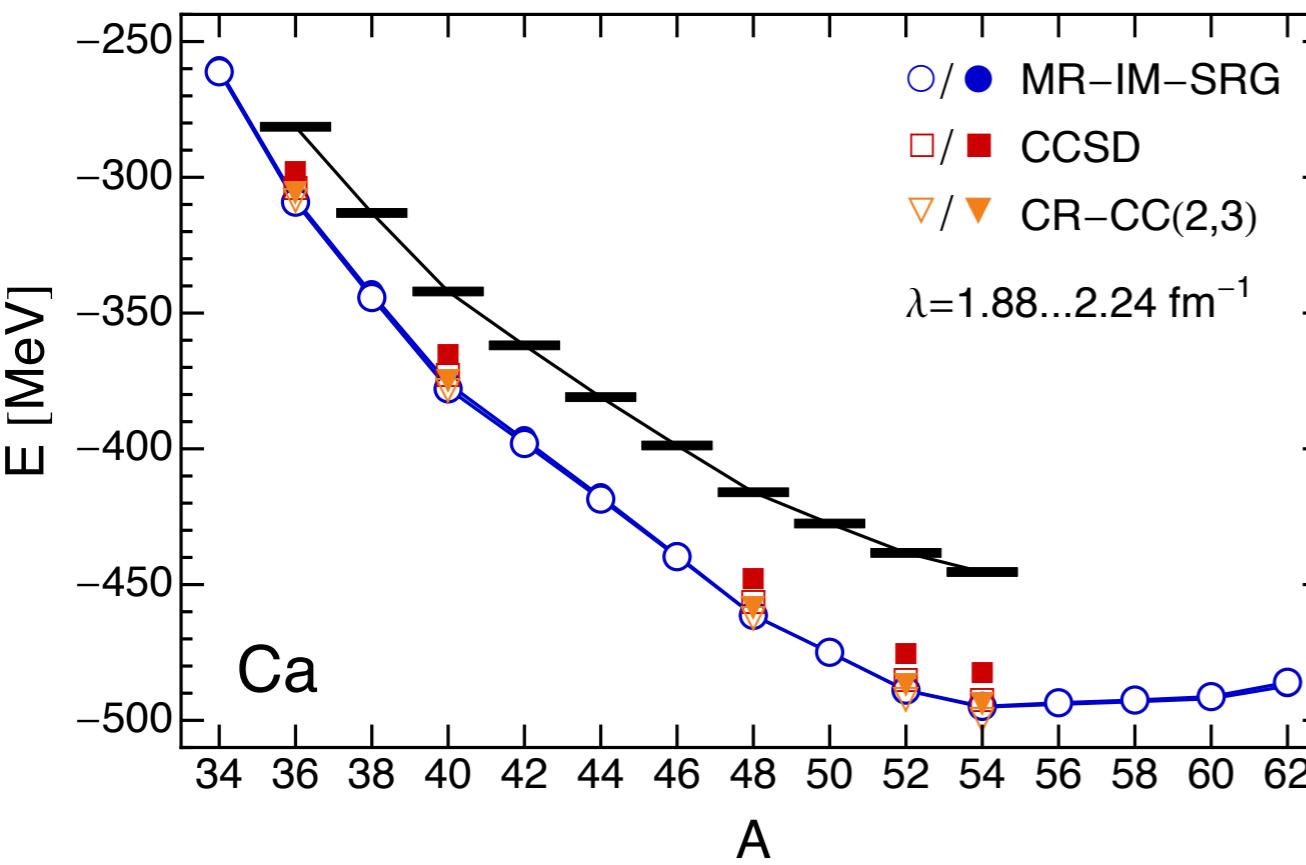
ADC(3): A. Cipollone et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **111**, 242501 (2013)

- Multi-Reference IM-SRG with number-projected Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov as reference state (**pairing correlations**)
- consistent results from different many-body methods

Two-Neutron Separation Energies

PRC 90, 041302(R) (2014)

NN + 3N-full (400)



consistent with
2nd order Gor'kov GF

Somà et al., PRC 89, 061301

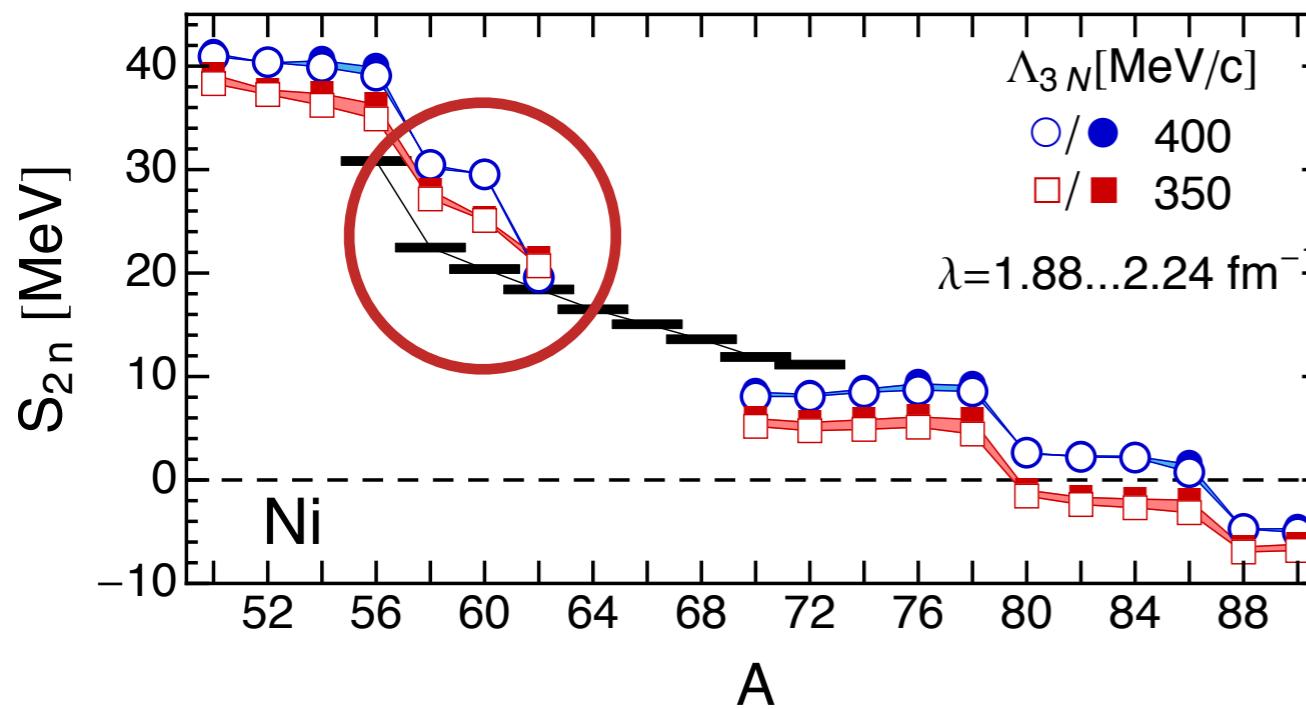
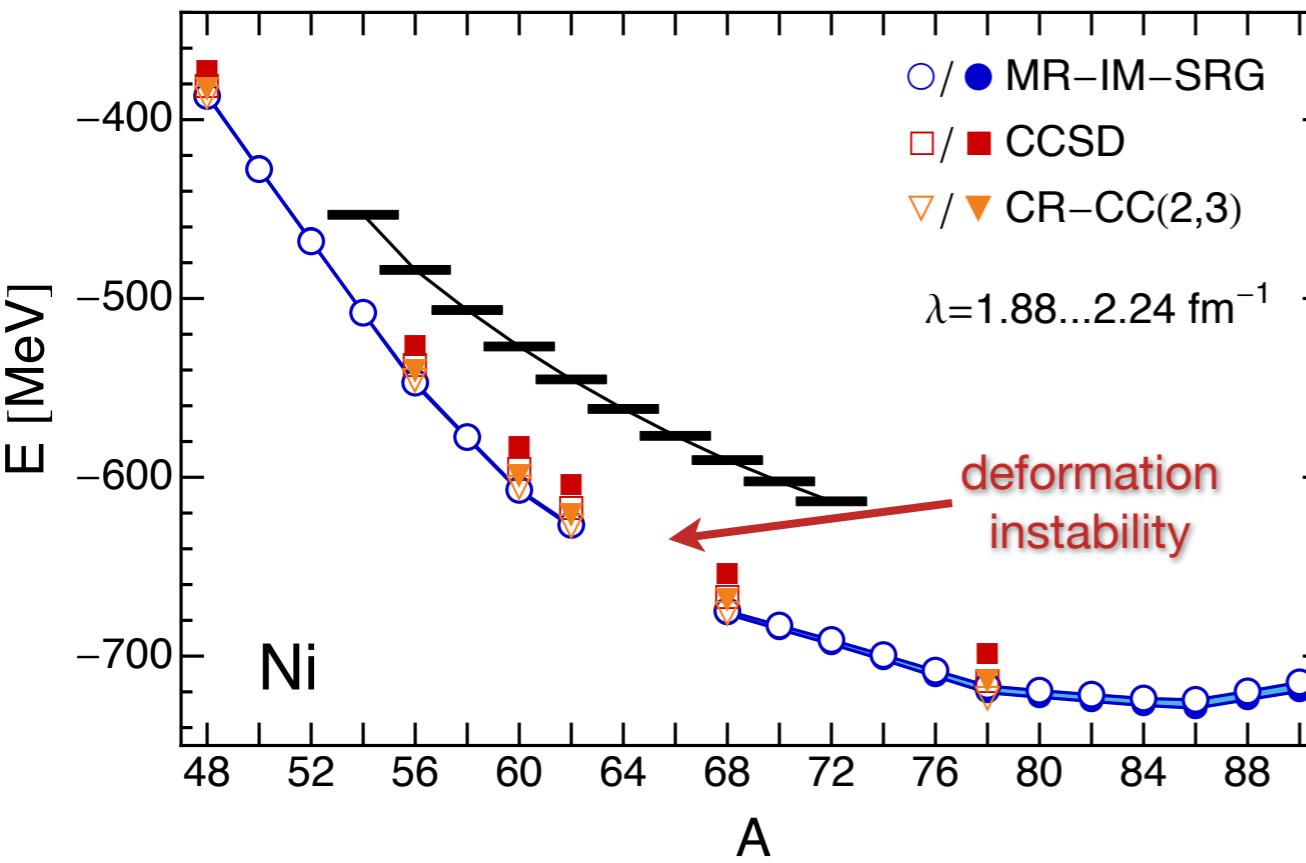
- differential observables (S_{2n} , spectra,...) filter out interaction components that cause overbinding
- predict flat trends for g.s. energies/ S_{2n} beyond ^{54}Ca
- await experimental data
- $^{52}\text{Ca}, ^{54}\text{Ca}$ robustly magic due to 3N interaction
- no continuum coupling yet, other S_{2n} uncertainties < 1 MeV

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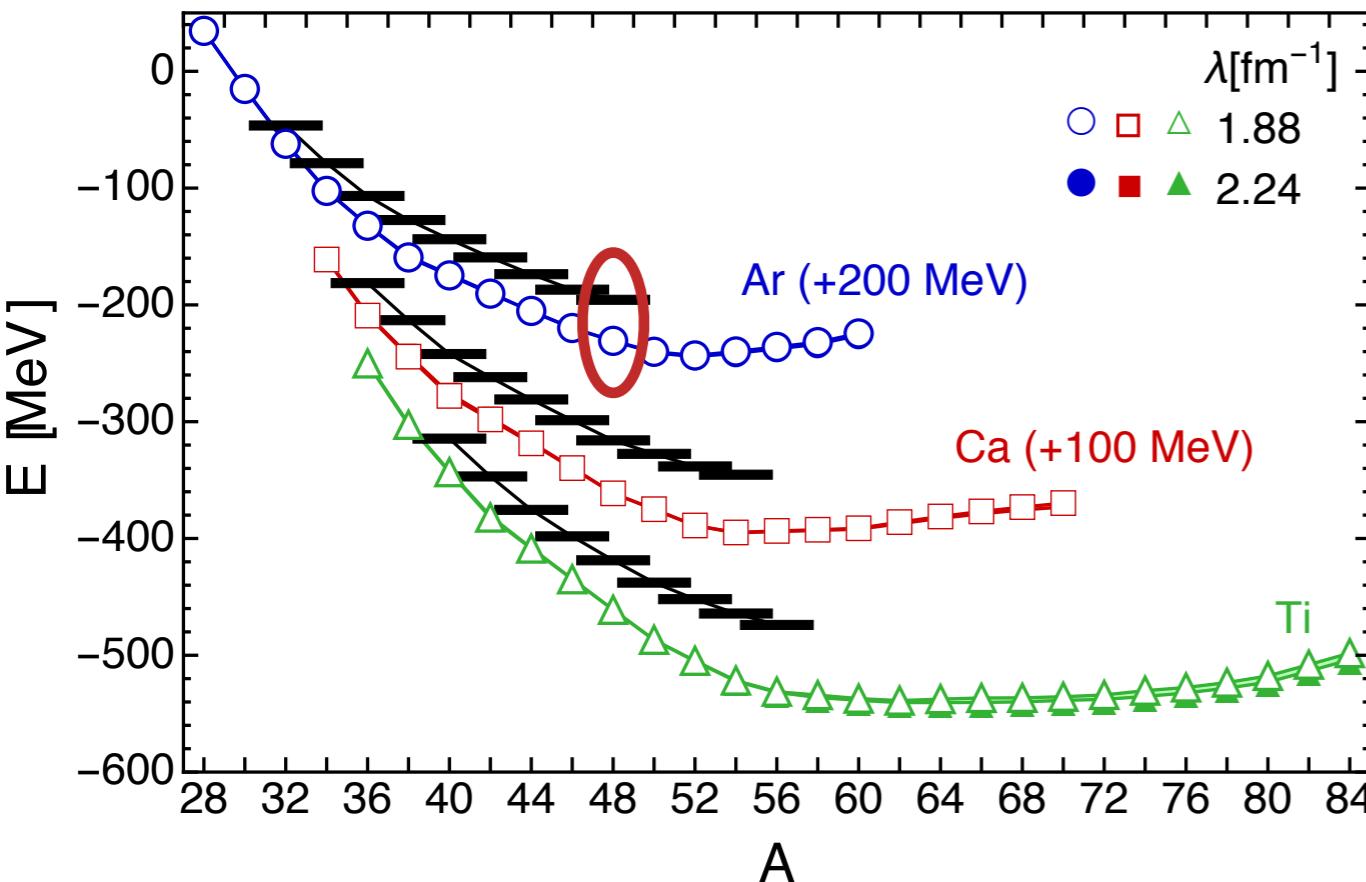


- flat trends for g. s. energies and S_{2n} (similar to Ca)
- deformation instability in $^{64,66}\text{Ni}$ calculations - issue with “shell” structure
- further evidence from 3N cutoff variation
- no continuum coupling yet, other S_{2n} uncertainties < 1 MeV

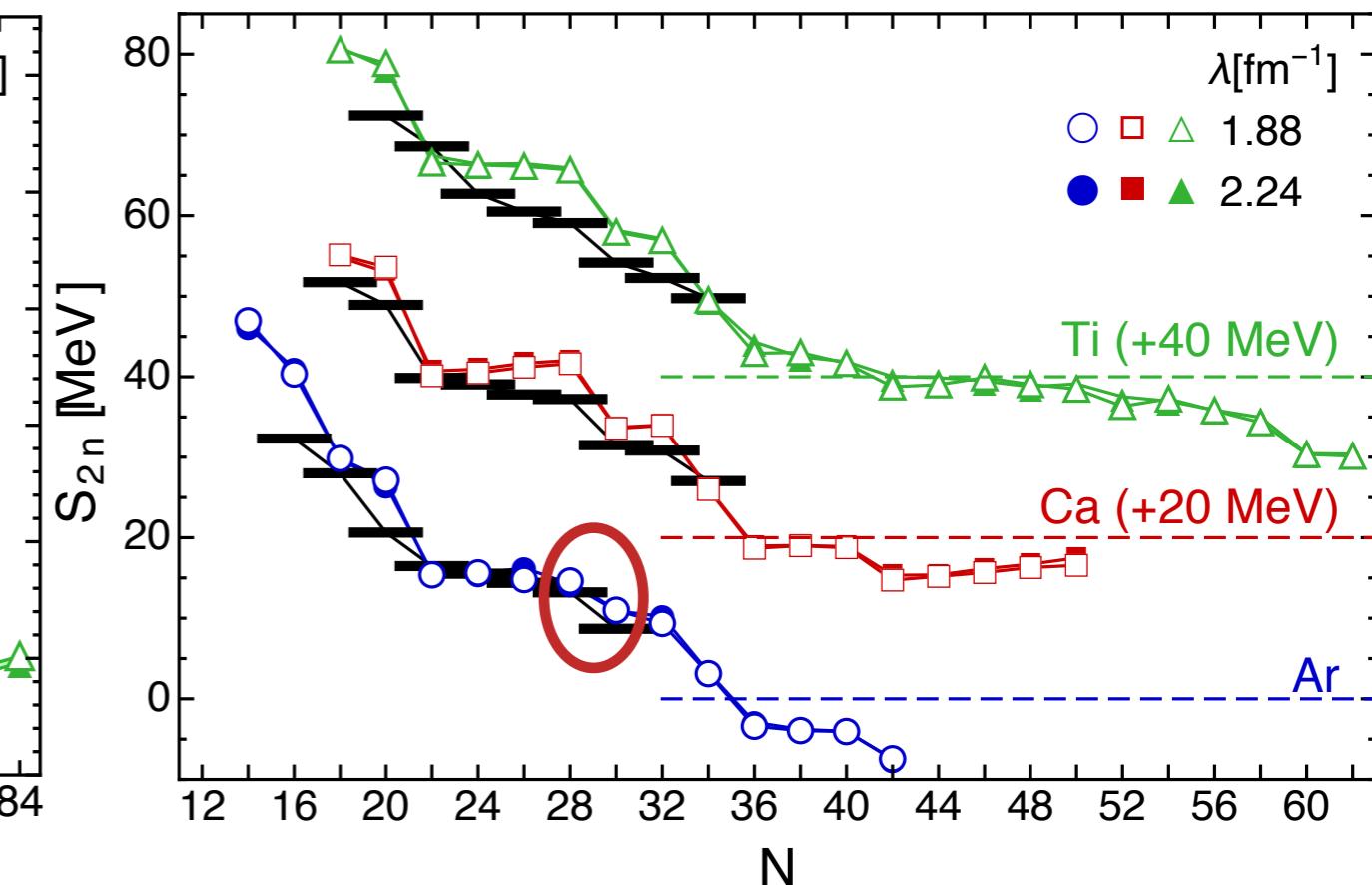
Isotopic Chains Around Ca



NN + 3N-full (400)

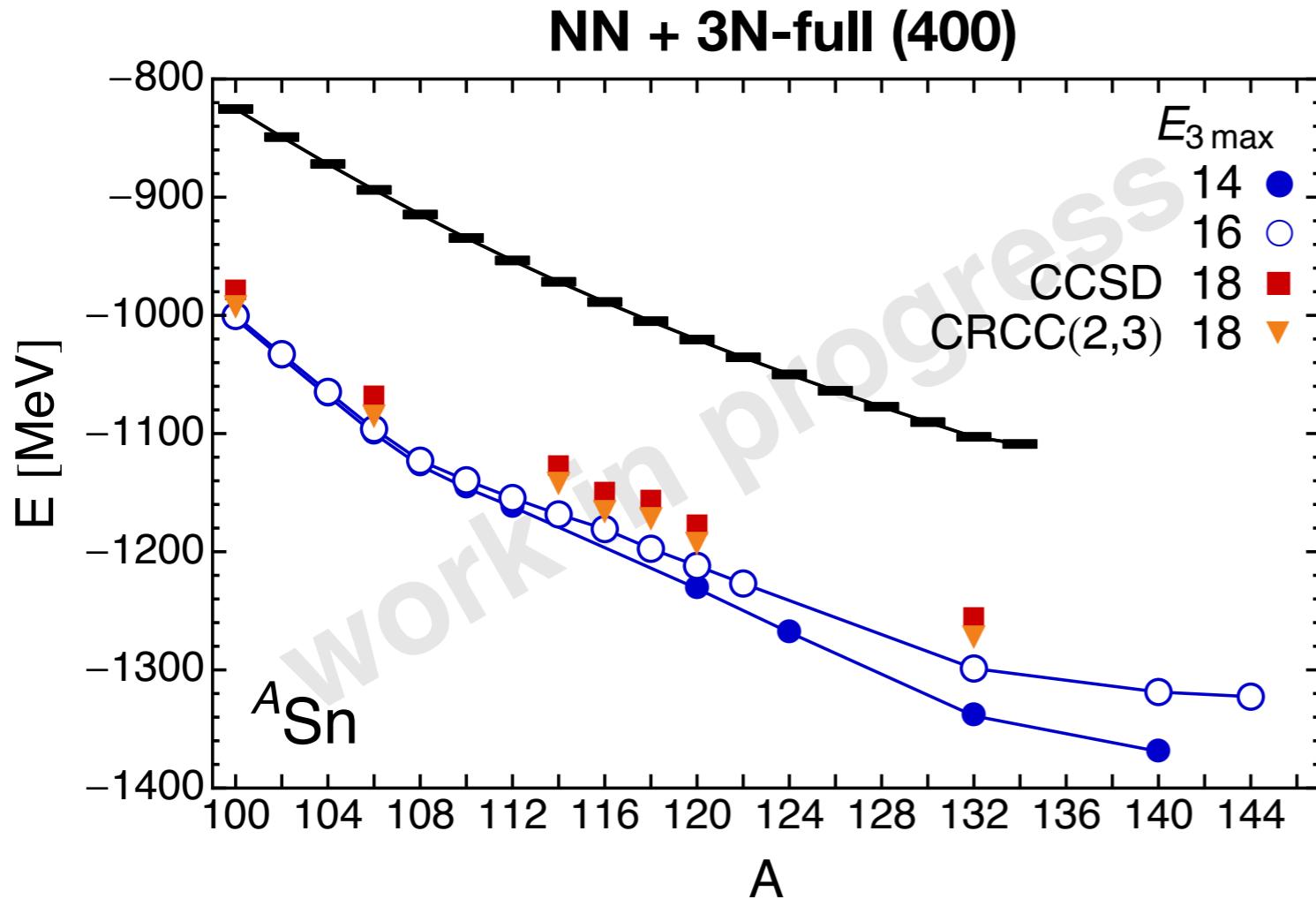


NN + 3N-full (400)



- S_{2n} consistent with Gor'kov GF, **(weak) shell closure predicted in ^{46}Ar**
(Soma et al., PRC 89, 061301(R), 2014)
- $^{48,49}\text{Ar}$ masses measured at NSCL, **^{46}Ar shell closure confirmed**
(Meisel et al., PRL 114, 022501, 2015)

The *Ab Initio* Mass Frontier: Tin



$E_{3\text{max}}$	memory (float) [GB]
14	5
16	~20
18	100+

- systematics of overbinding similar to Ca/Ni
- not converged with respect to 3N matrix element truncation:

$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 \leq E_{3\text{max}}$$
 $(e_{1,2,3} : \text{SHO energy quantum numbers})$
- need technical improvements to go further

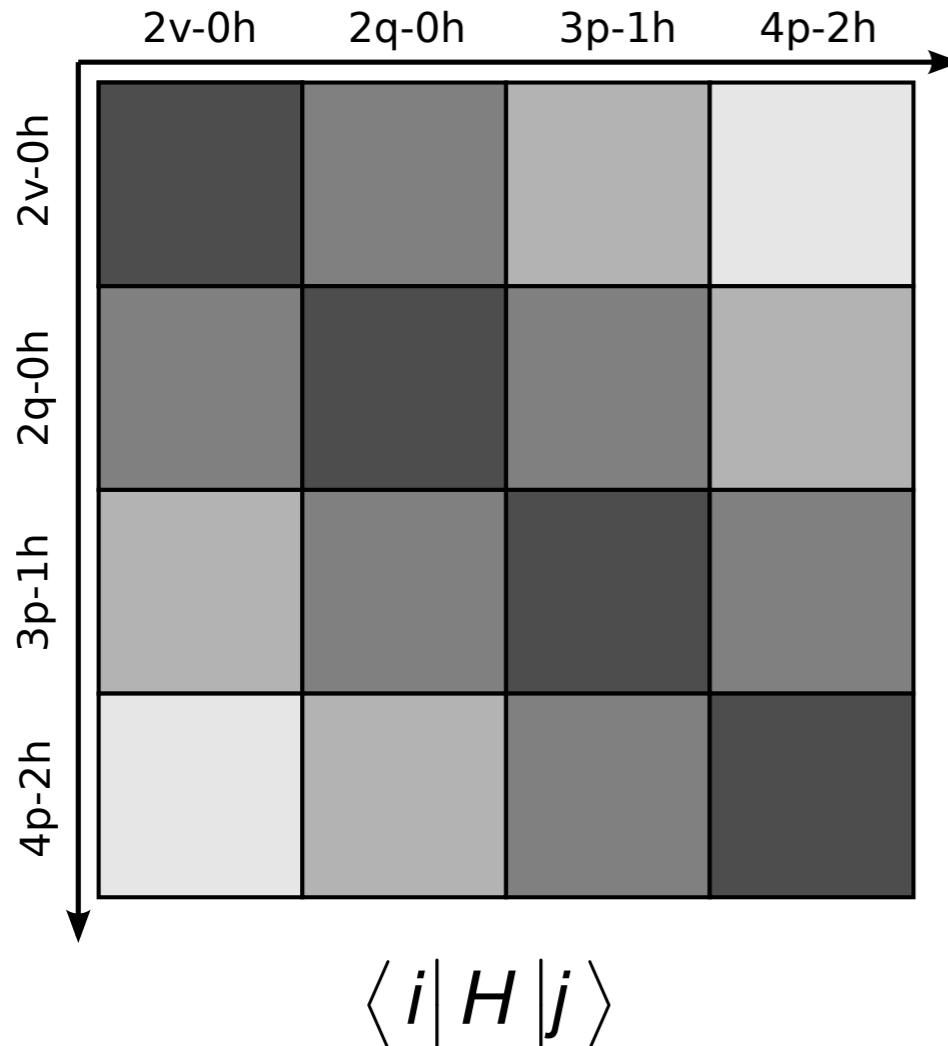
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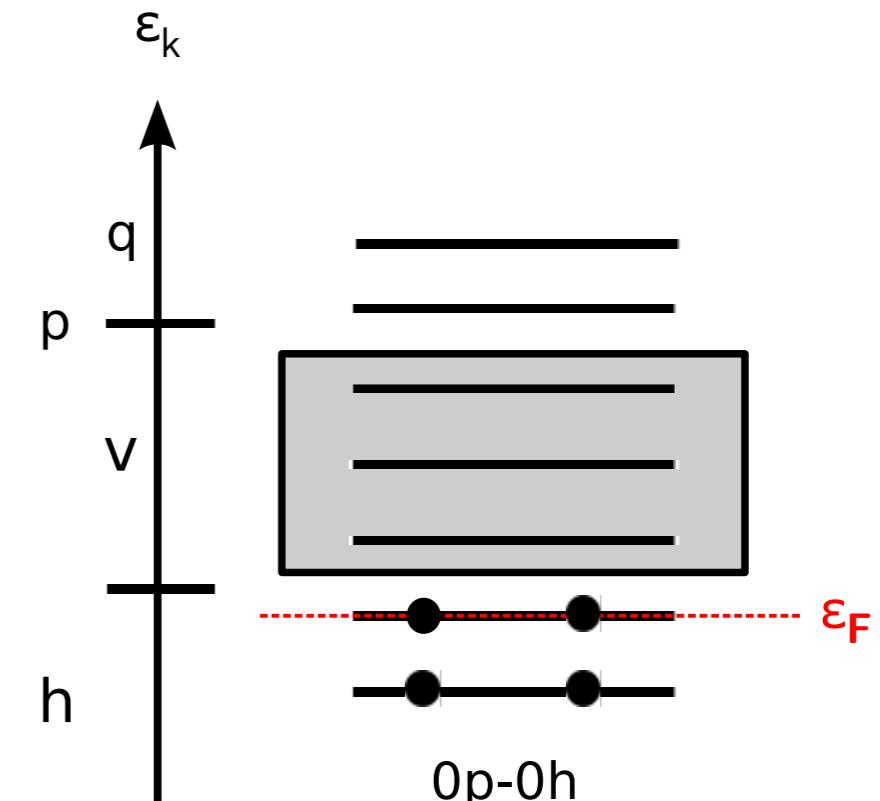
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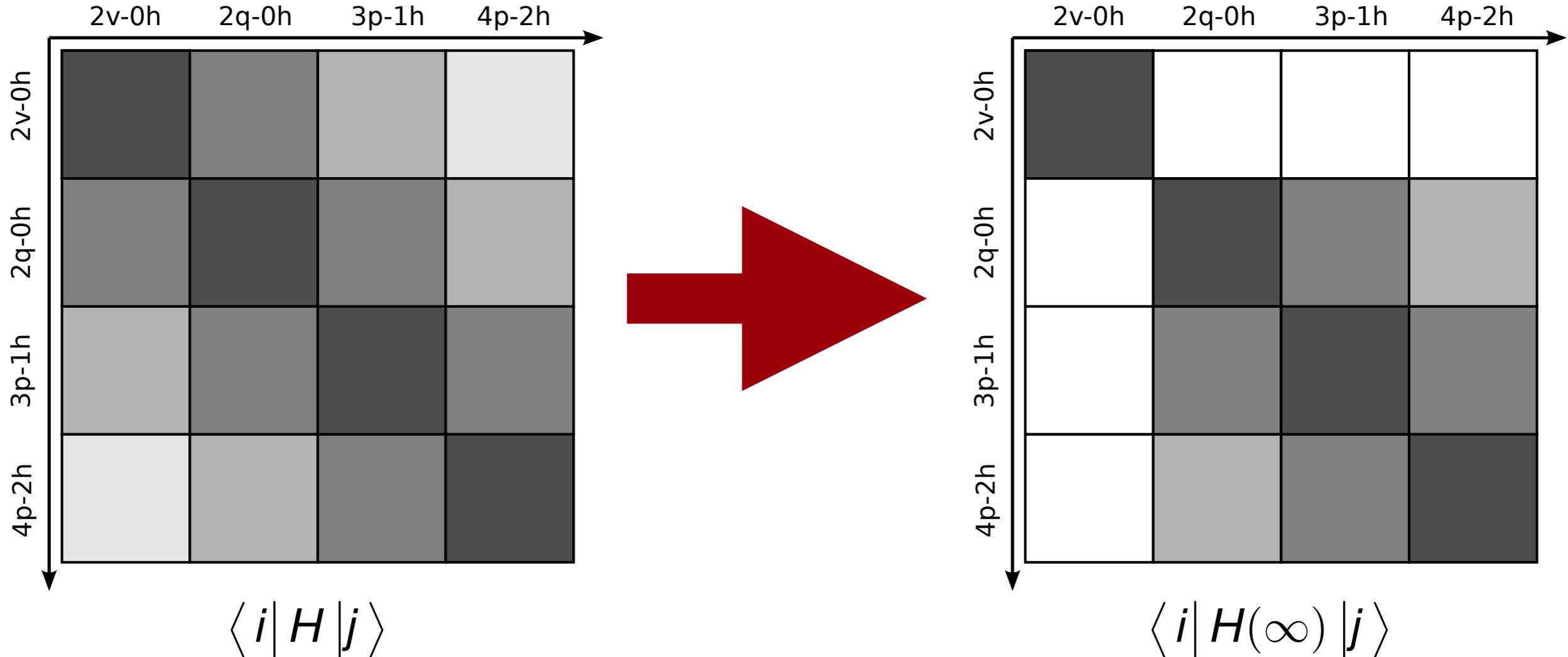
non-valence
particle states

valence
particle states

hole states
(core)



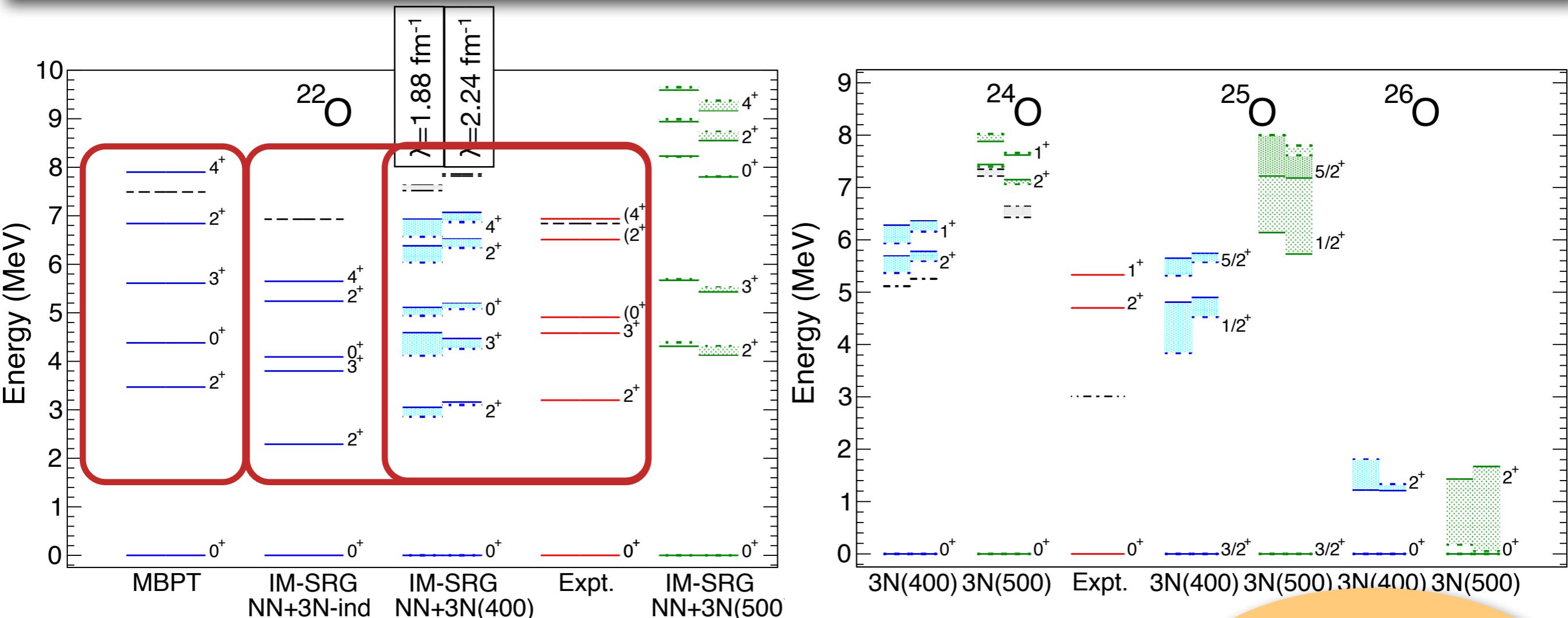
Valence Space Decoupling



- construct generator from off-diagonal Hamiltonian

$$\{H^{od}\} = \{\mathbf{f}_{h'}^h, \mathbf{f}_{p'}^p, f_h^p, \mathbf{f}_v^q, \Gamma_{hh'}^{pp'}, \Gamma_{hv}^{pp'}, \Gamma_{vv'}^{pq}\} \& \text{H.c.}$$

From Oxygen...



shading: $\hbar\Omega$ variation

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continuum
lowers states
by <1 MeV

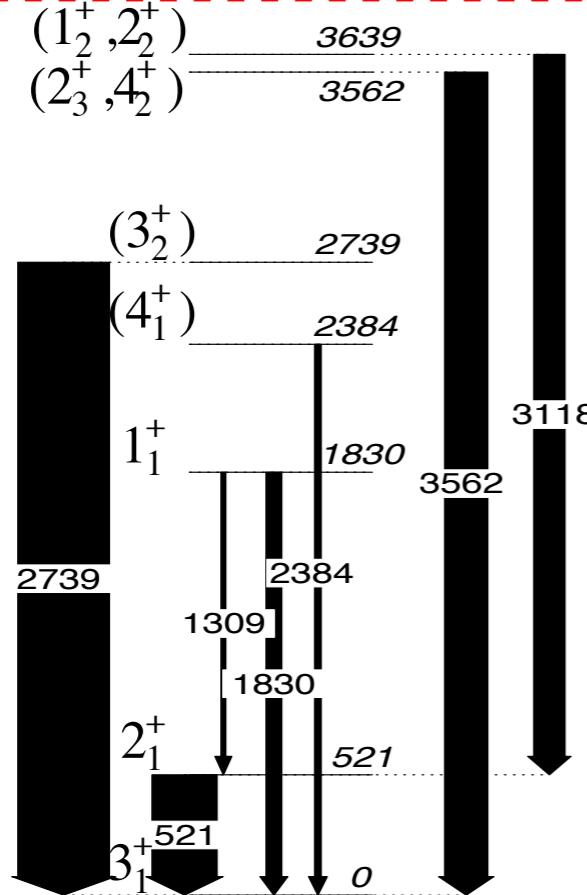
- **3N forces crucial**
- IM-SRG improves on finite-order MBPT effective interaction
- competitive with phenomenological calculations

... Into the sd-Shell...

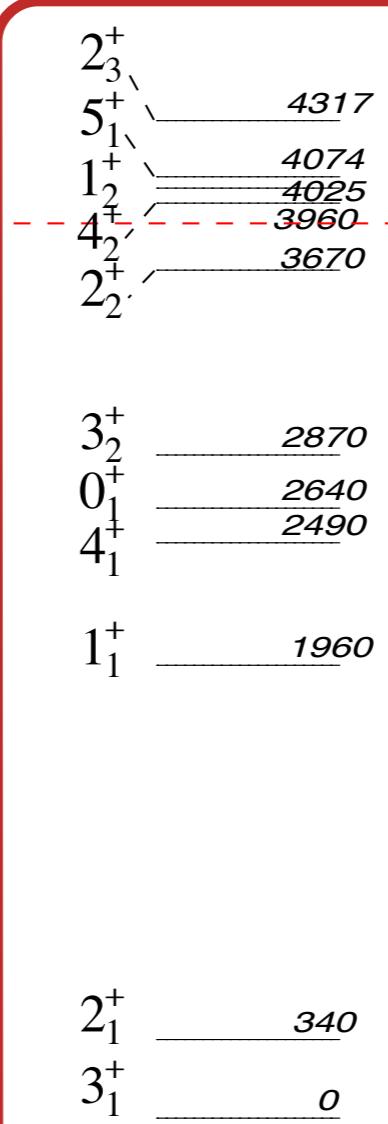
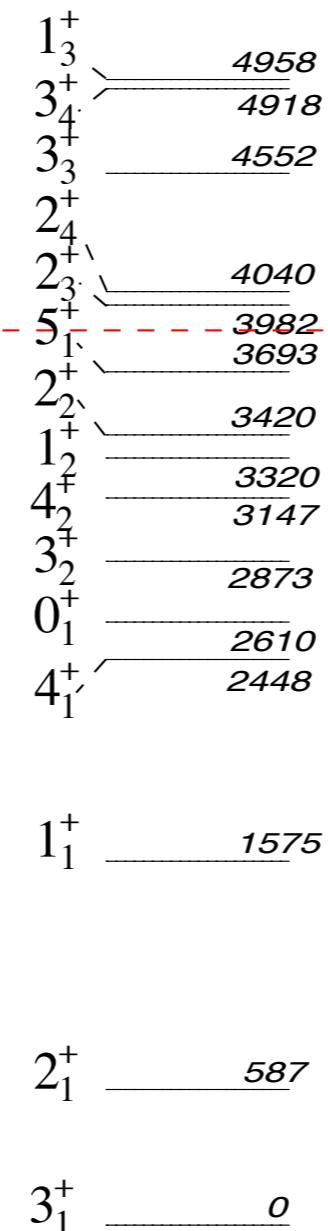
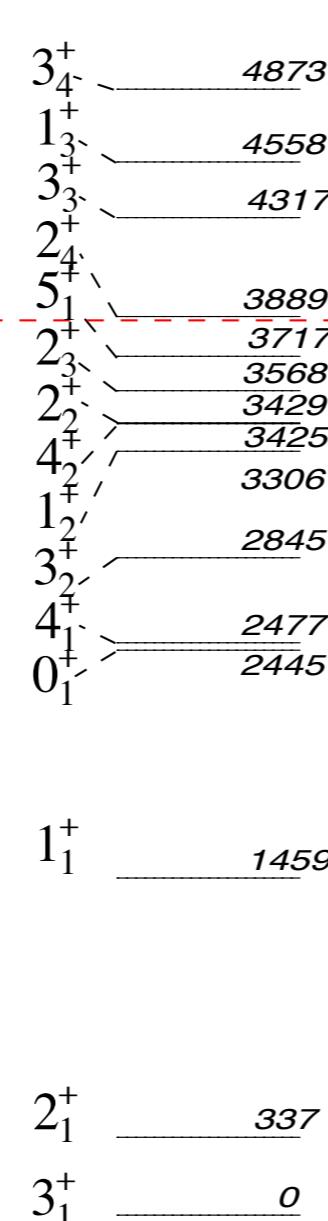


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$$S_n = 3840(110) \text{ keV}$$

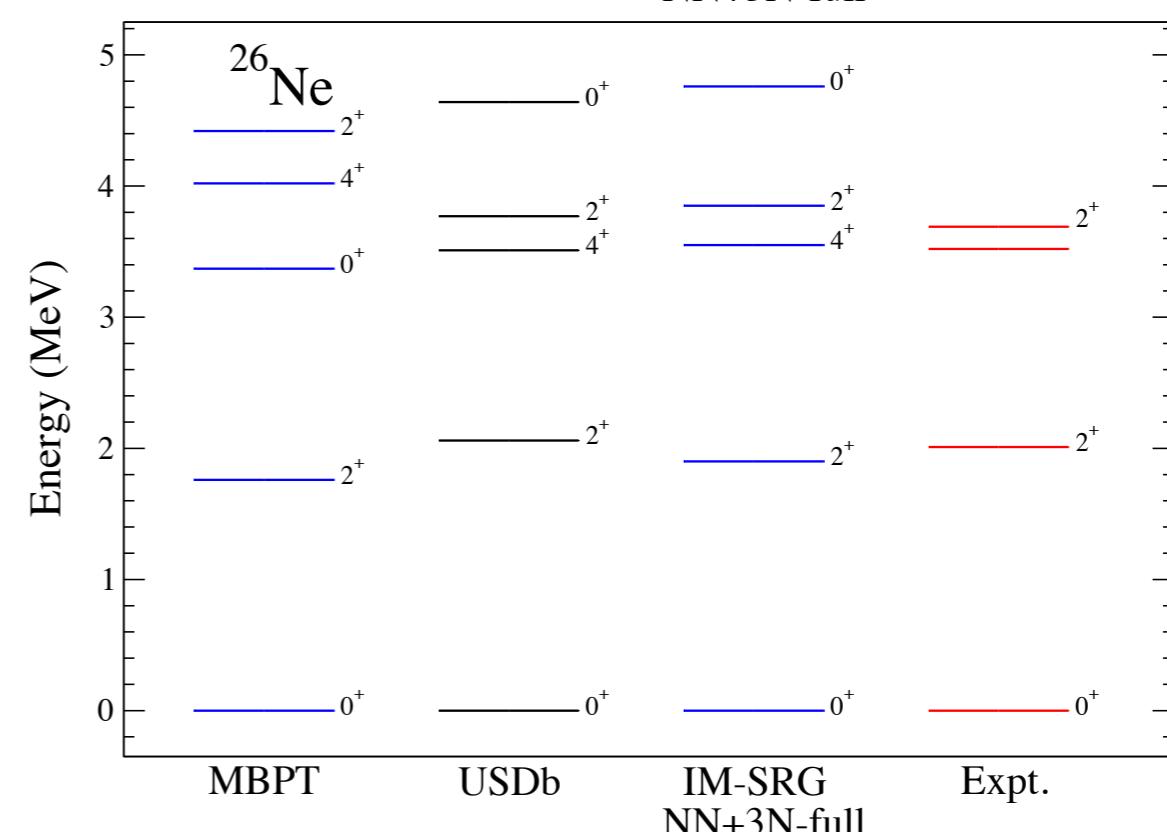
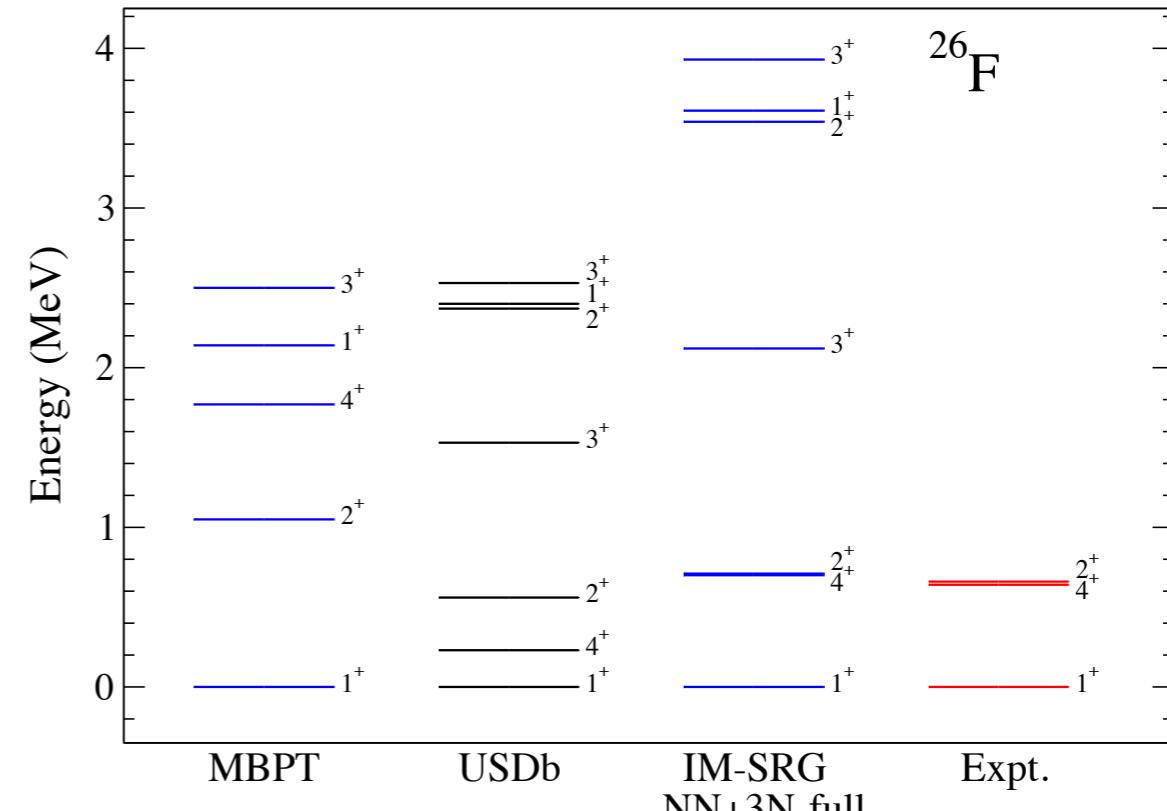
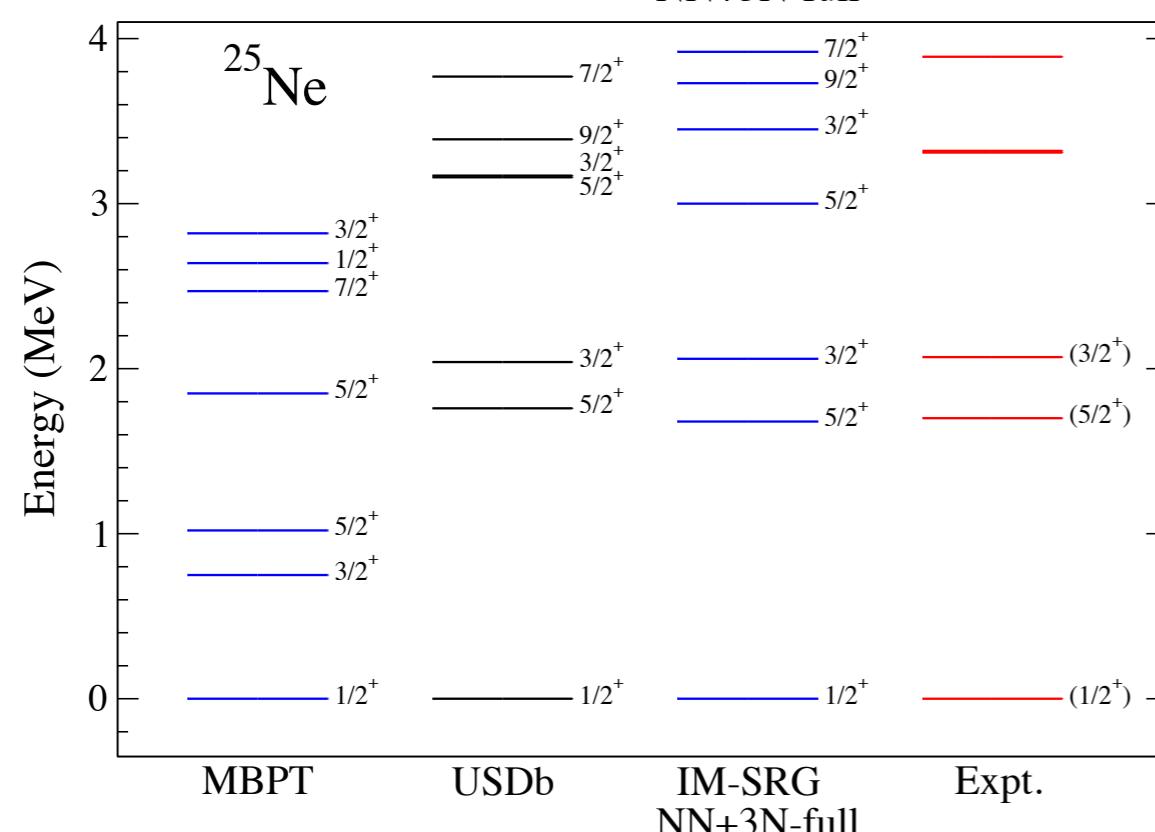
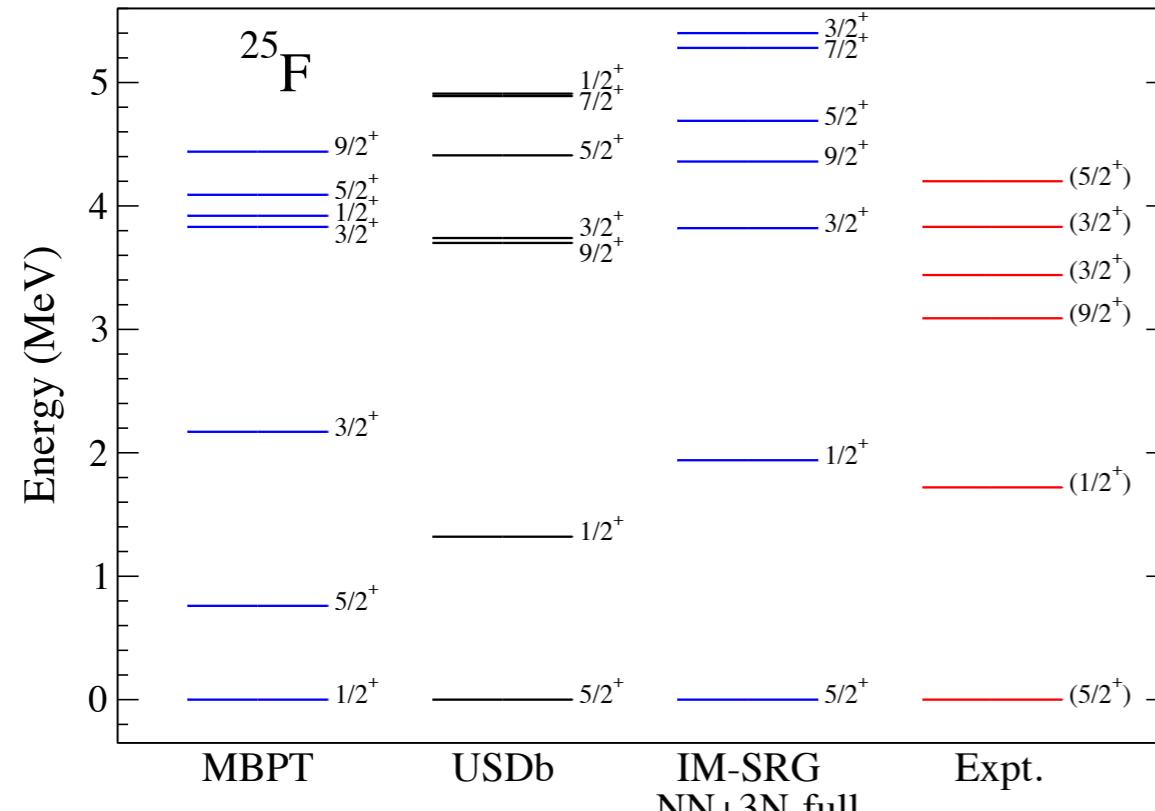


Exp.

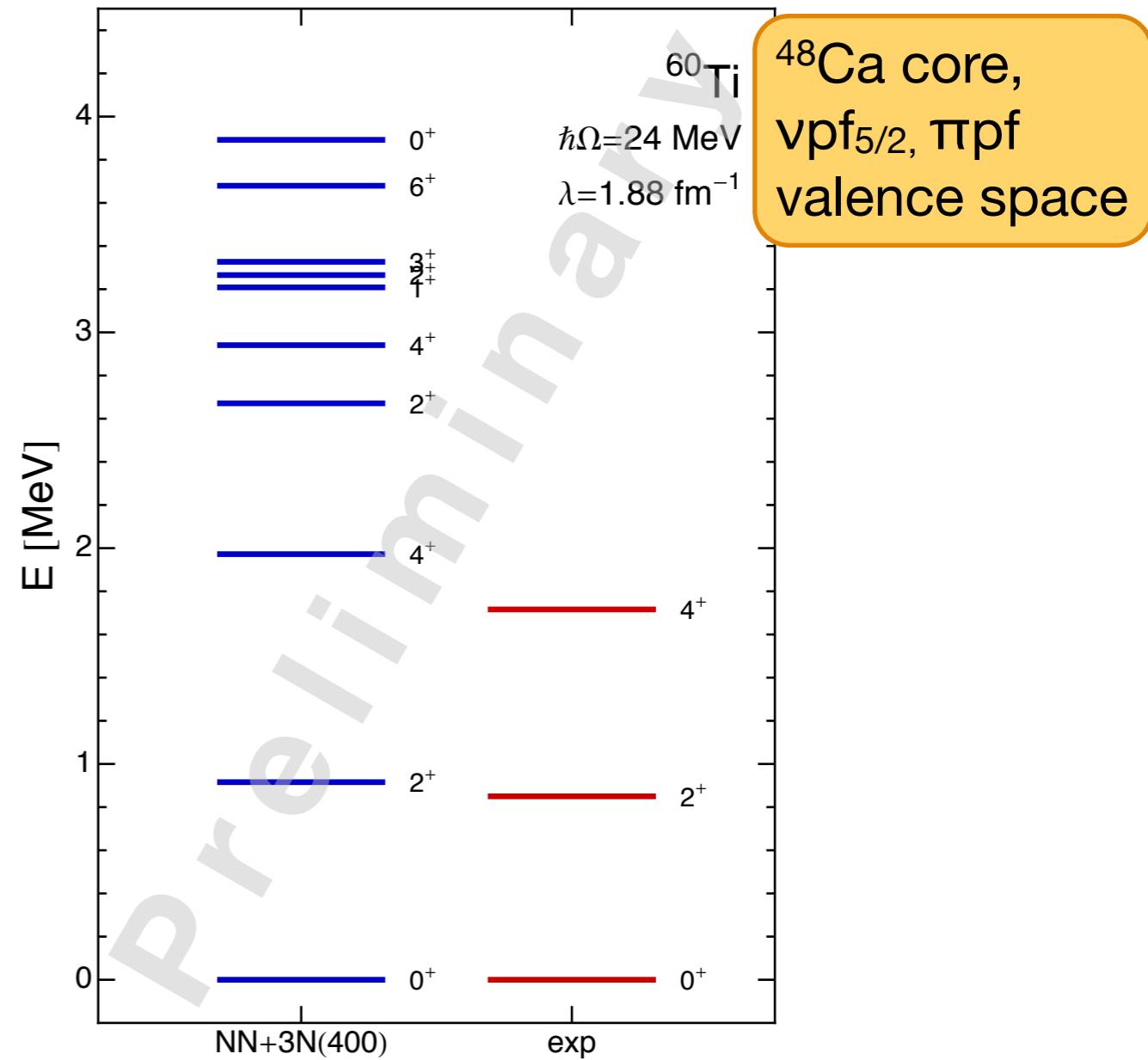
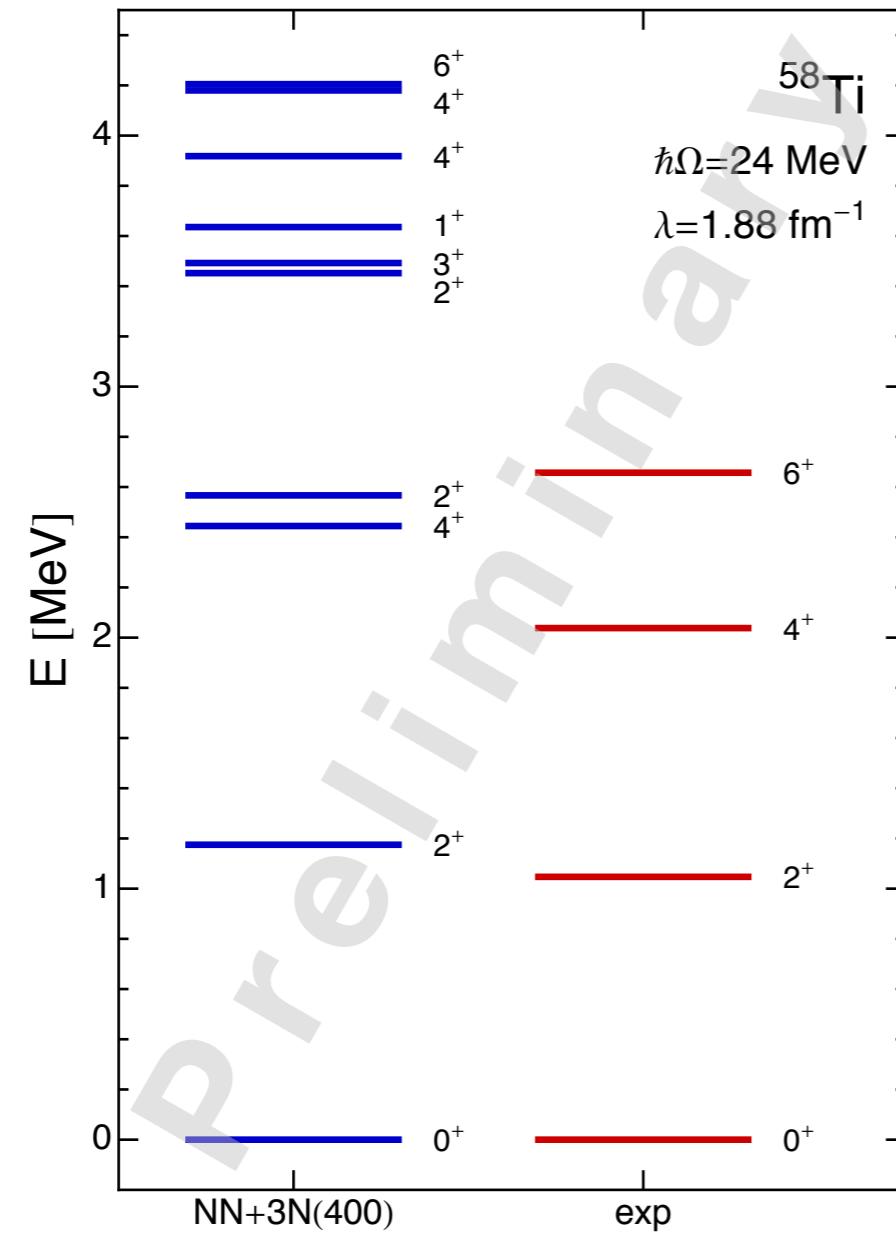


L. Carceres et al., arXiv:1501.01166 [nucl-th]

... Into the *sd*-Shell...



... And Beyond

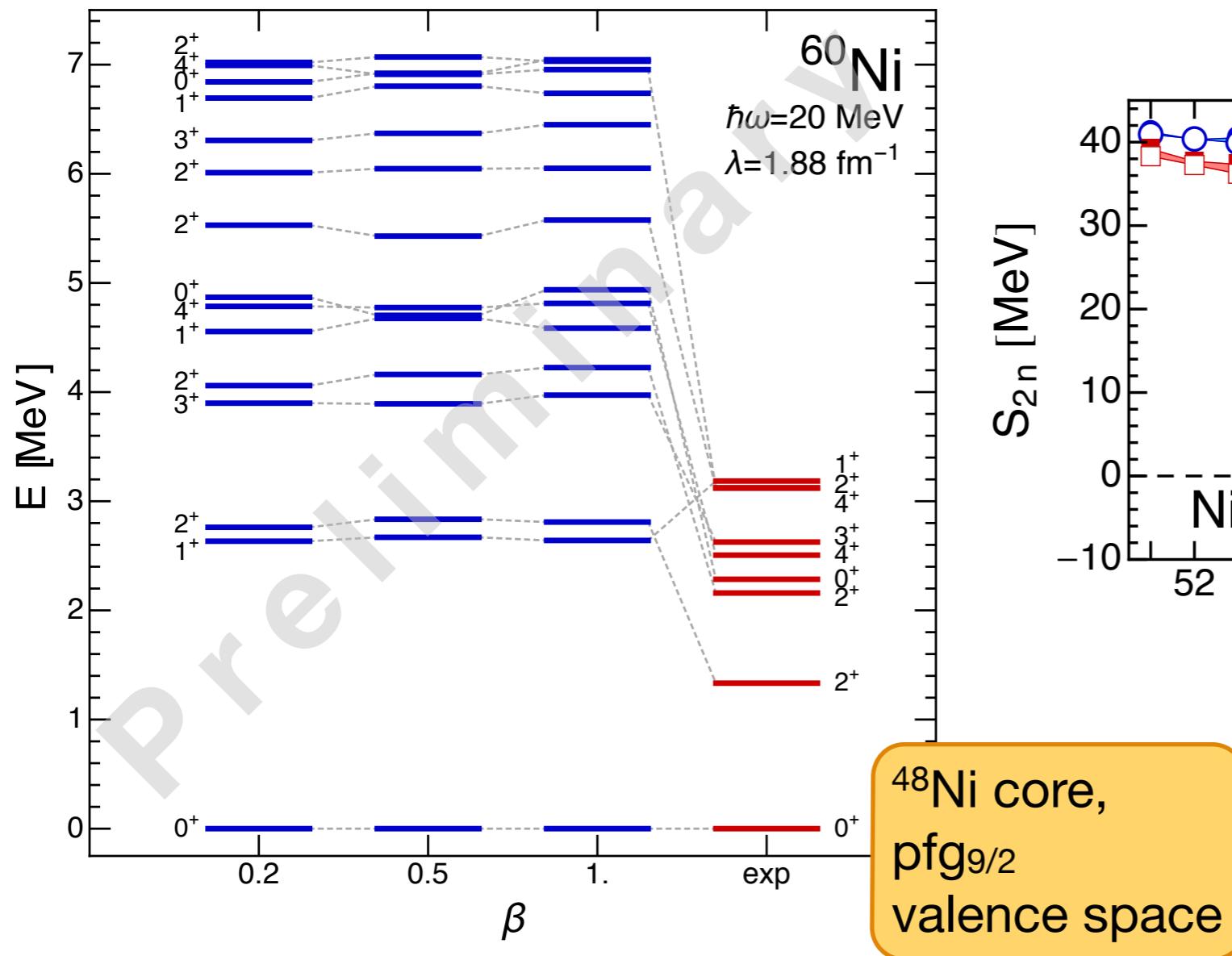


experimental data: A. Gade et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 112503 (2014) and NNDC

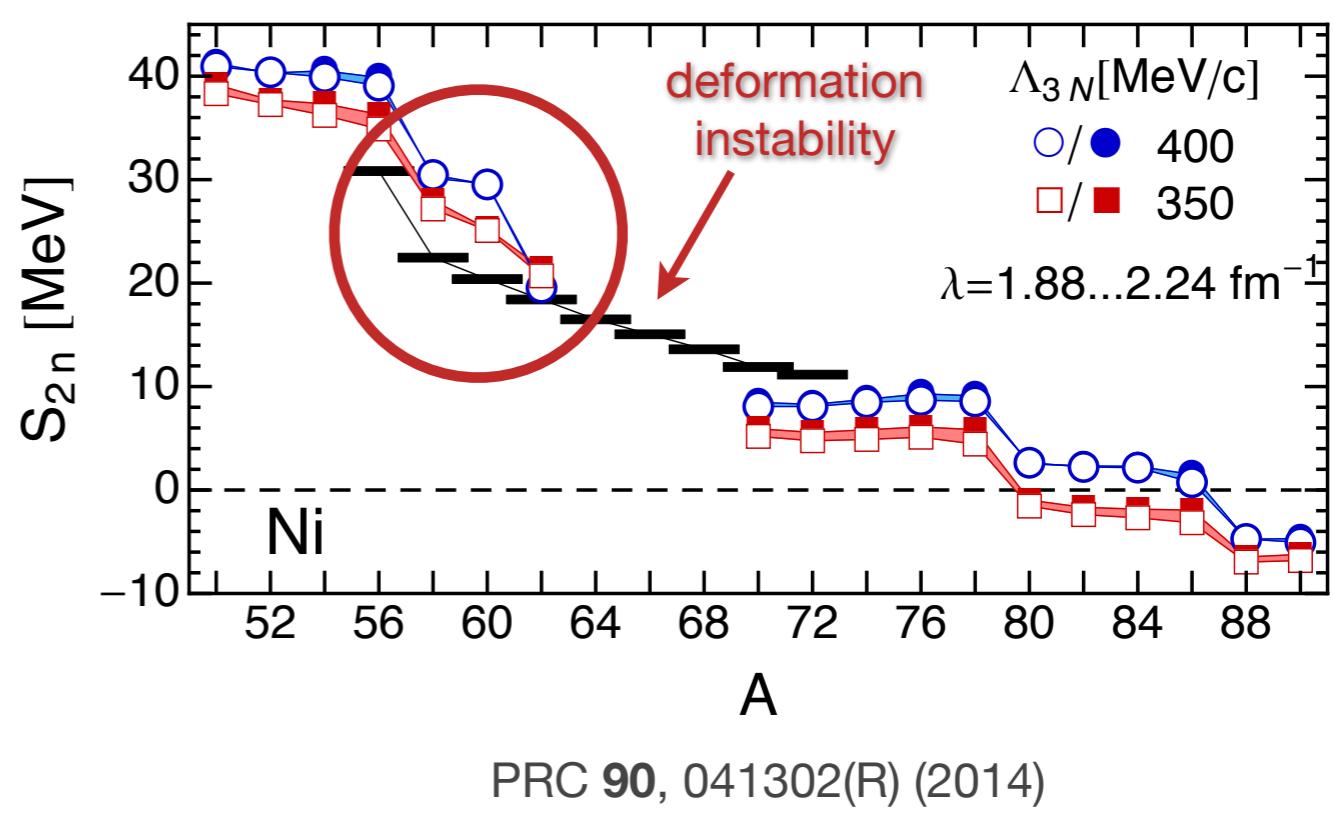
- theoretical level scheme similar to empirical interactions (LNPS, GXPF1A)

Multi-Shell Interactions

NN + 3N-full(400)



MR-IM-SRG, NN+3N-full

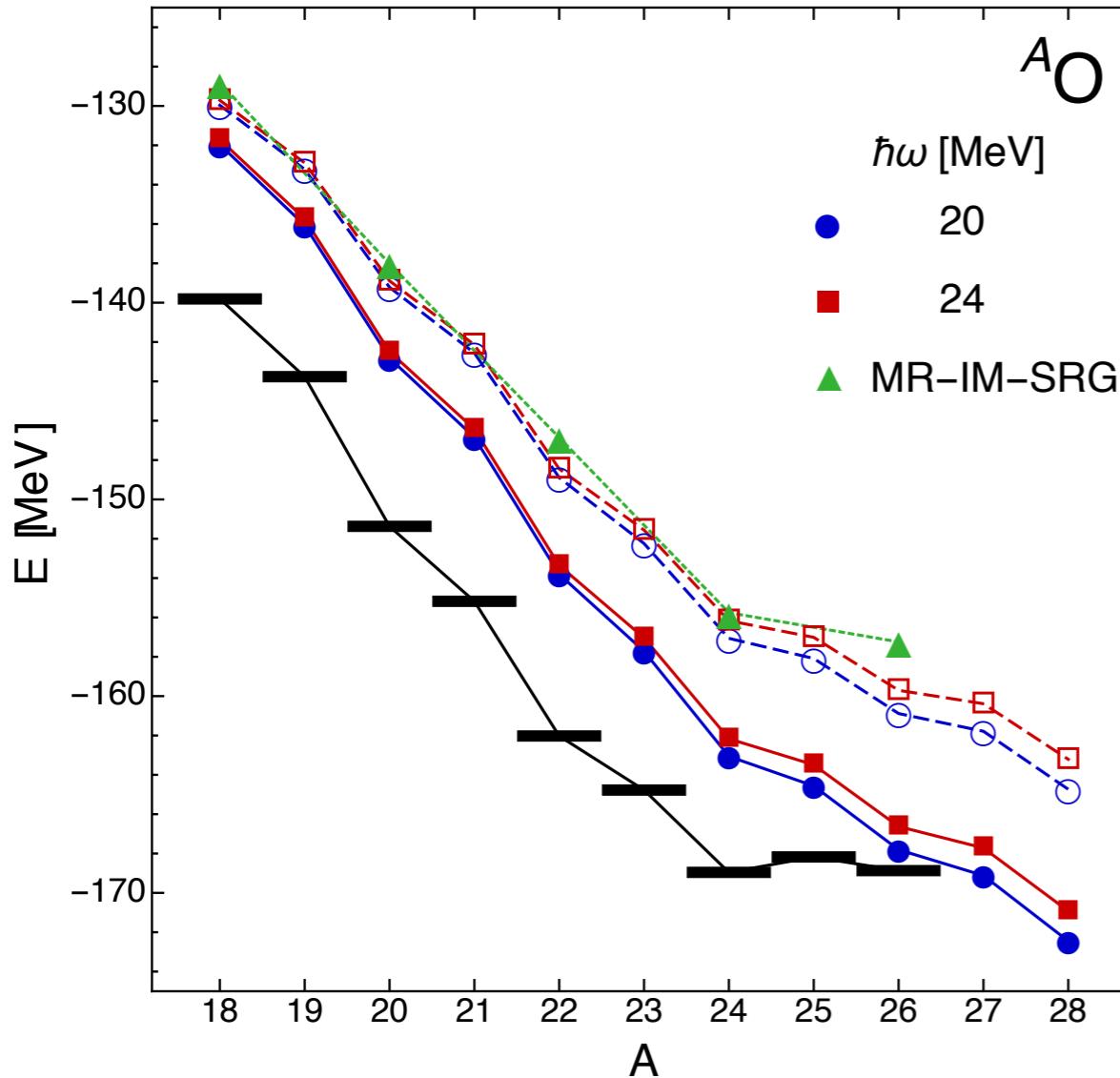


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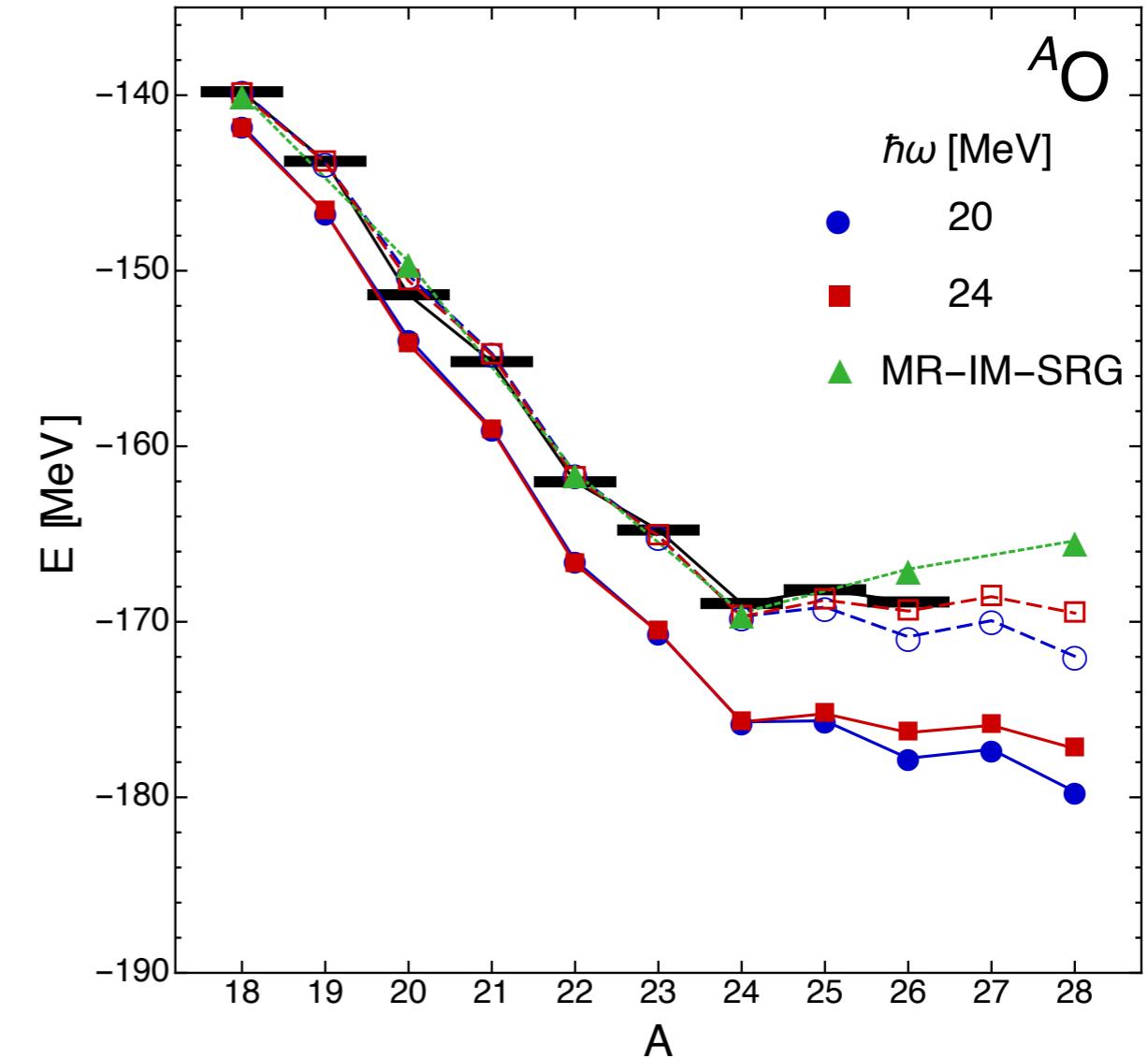
→ elevated 2^+ energy consistent with S_{2n} from MR-IM-SRG g.s. calculations with same Hamiltonian

Open Issue

NN + 3N-induced



NN + 3N-full(400)



- looks like simple shift: $\Delta E \approx \frac{A_v}{A} \cdot \text{const.}$...
- ... but it's more complicated; take more information on target into account (occupation of states, etc.) ?

Next Steps

Magnus Series Formulation



- construct unitary transformation explicitly:

$$U(s) = \mathcal{S} \exp \int_0^s ds' \eta(s') \equiv \exp \Omega(s)$$

talk by T. Morris,
week 2

- flow equation for Magnus operator :

$$\frac{d}{ds} \Omega = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_k}{k!} \text{ad}_{\Omega}^k (\eta) , \quad \text{ad}_{\Omega}(O) = [\Omega, O]$$

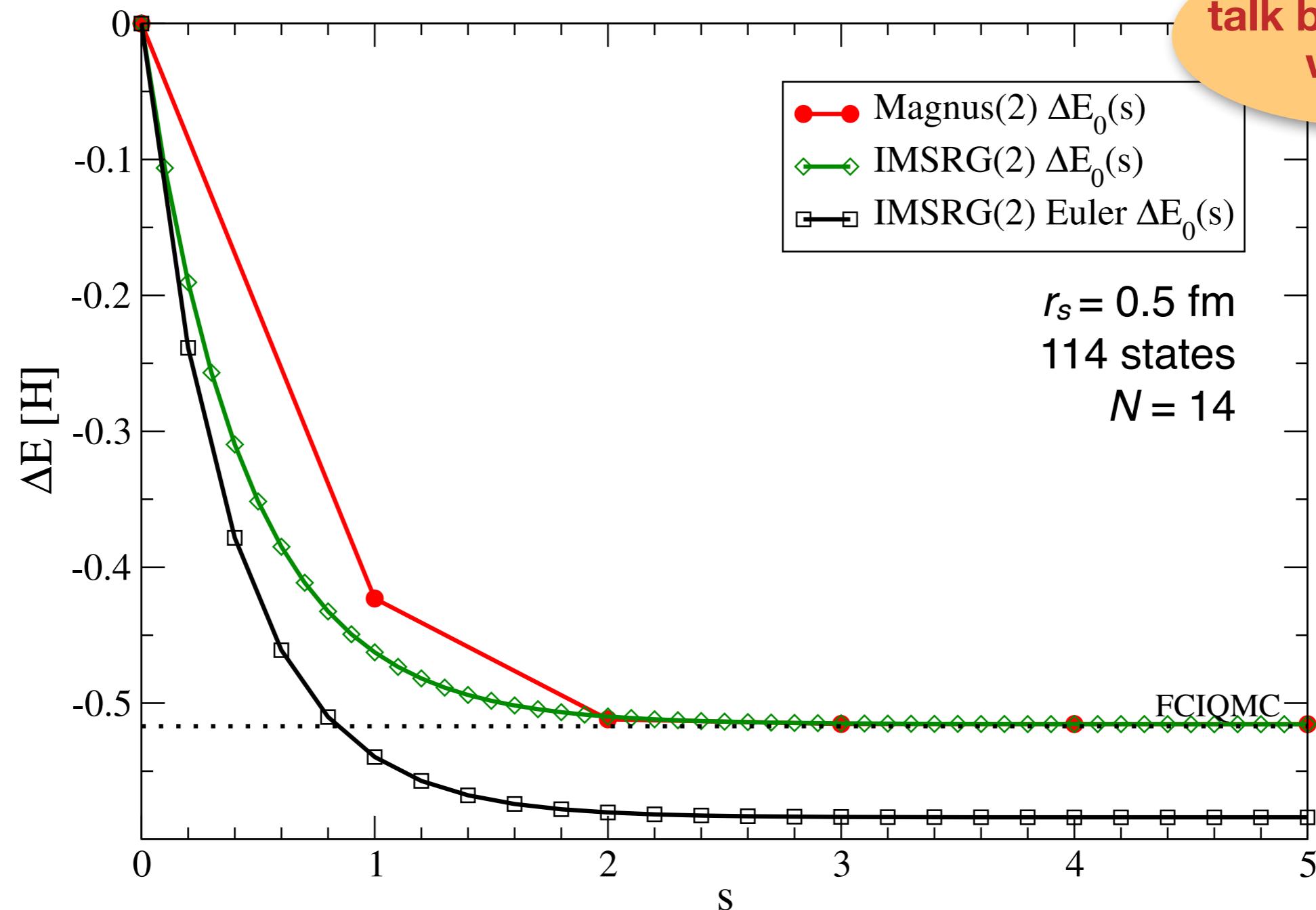
(B_k : Bernoulli numbers)

- construct $O(s) = U(s)O_0U^\dagger(s)$ using Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff expansion (Hamiltonian + effective operators)
- generate systematic approximations to (MR-)IM-SRG(3)
- simple integrator sufficient (Euler!) - unitarity built in

Example: Homogenous Electron Gas

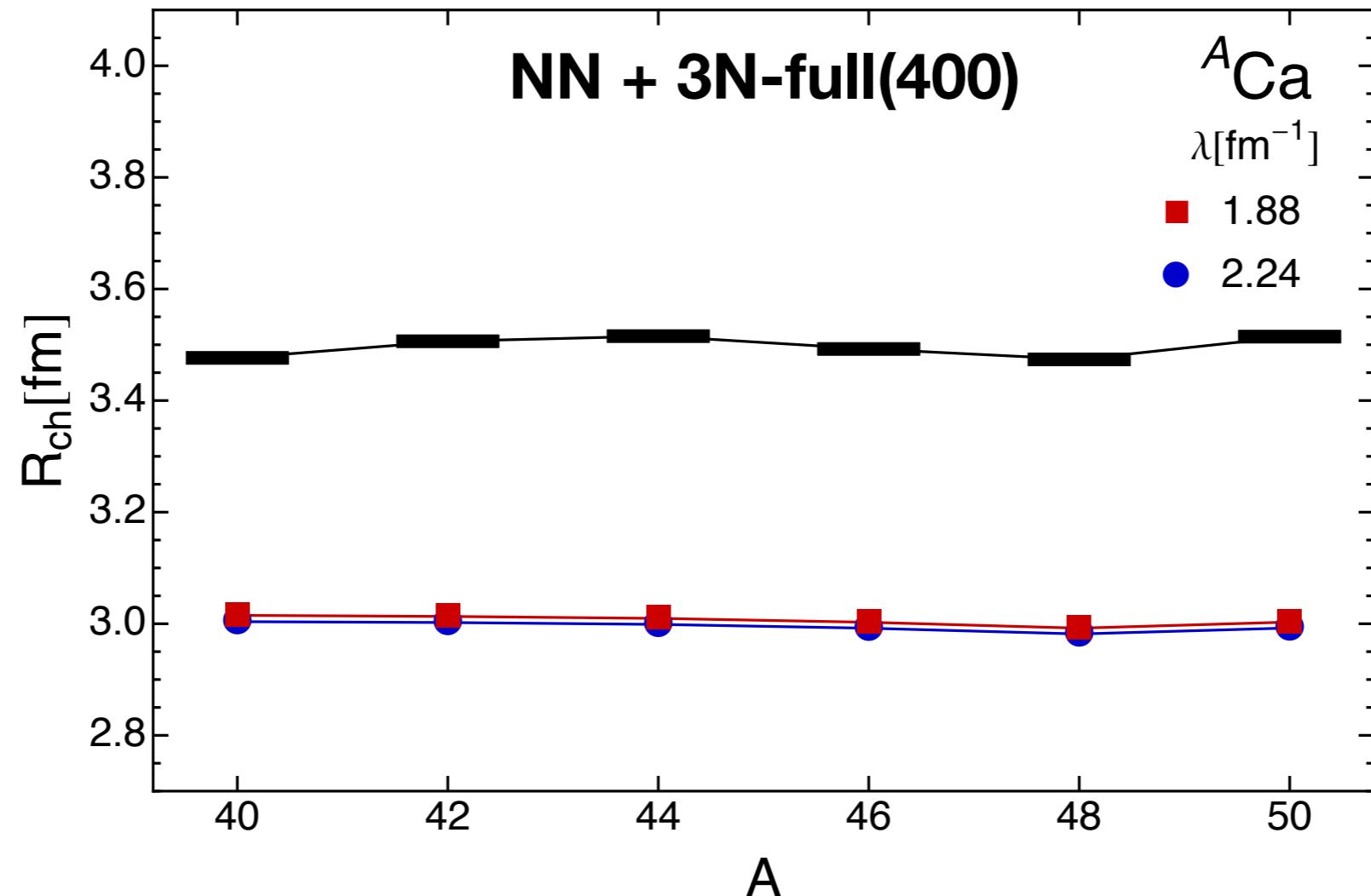


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Effective Operators

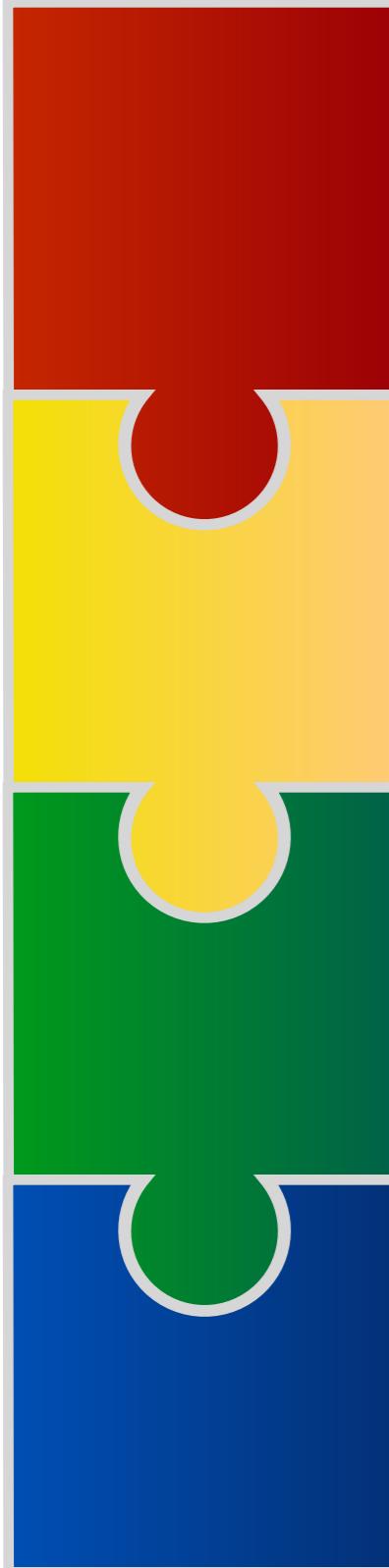


- small radii: **interaction issue** (power counting, regulators, LECs, ...), also consider **currents?**
- **scalar operators** (radii, electromagnetic monopole, ...) can be evaluated with existing code
- **implementation of tensor operators in progress**

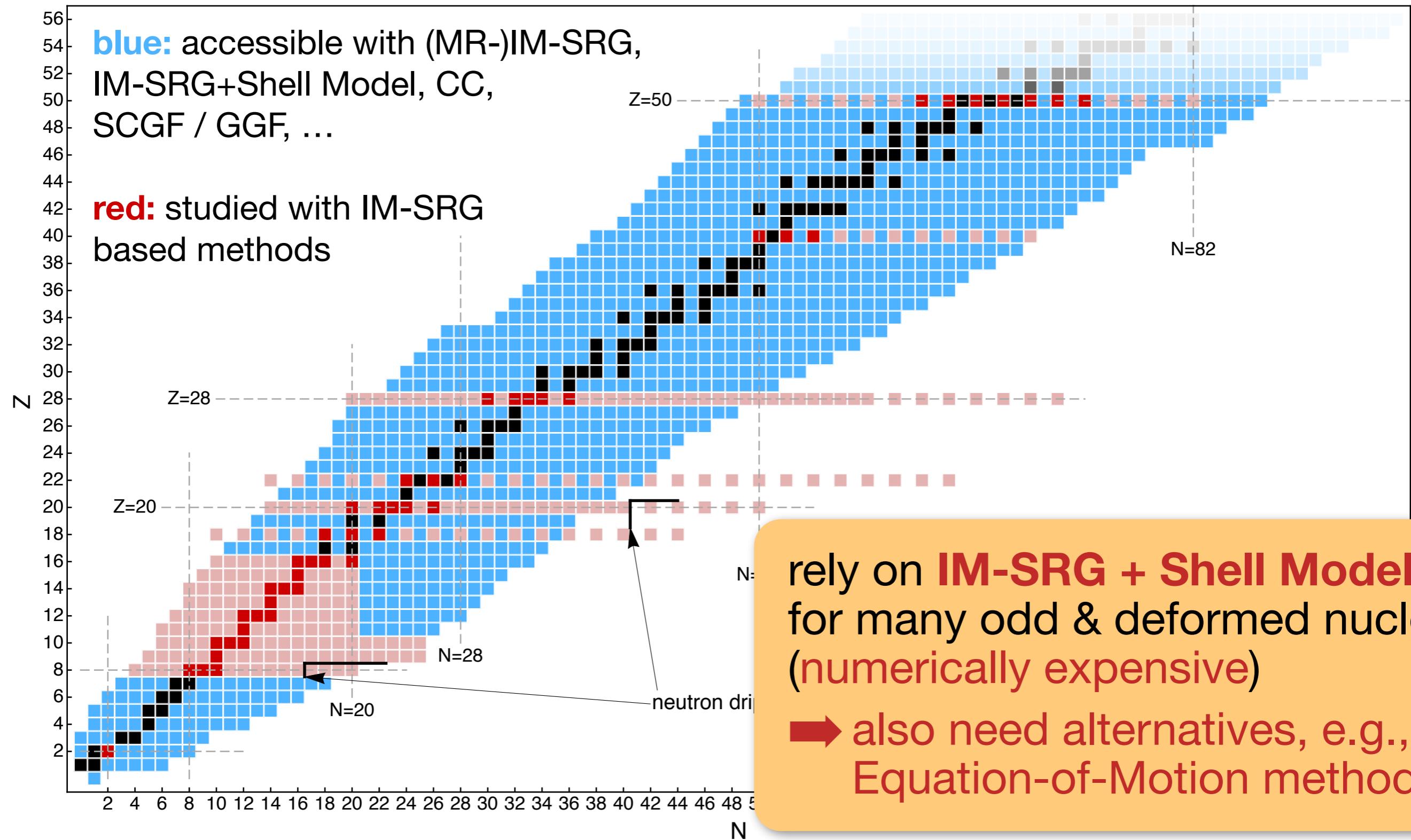
Effective Operators



- (transition) operators from chiral EFT, including currents
→ LECs consistent with nuclear interaction
- (S)RG evolution to resolution scale of the Hamiltonian / Hilbert space
- IM-SRG evolution consistent with Hamiltonian
- evaluation of 1B, 2B, (3B,...) transition operator, e.g., in Shell Model code
→ transition densities in pn formalism (Coulomb, isospin breaking in nuclear interaction)



Reach of Ab Initio Methods



Conclusions

- **IM-SRG Shell Model interactions**
 - nn, pn, pp matrix elements obtained **simultaneously**
 - single major-shell interactions available (p, sd, pf)
 - first tests of **multi-shell interactions**
 - first applications in **Gamow Shell Model**
(talk by G. Papadimitriou, week 2)
- **effective operators**
 - **electric monopole** transitions accessible with existing technology
(talk by R. Stroberg, week 2)
 - flow equations for **non-scalar operators (1B, 2B)** derived, implementation in progress

- **(MR-)IM-SRG**
 - Magnus method for improved computational efficiency
 - new generators for ground- and excited-state decoupling
 - new types of reference states (NCSM, active-space CI, ...)
 - approximations for (MR-)IM-SRG(3) derived, implementation in progress

Outlook



- exploration of **available chiral NN + 3N Hamiltonians**
- construction and validation of **multi-shell interactions**
- inclusion of **continuum effects**
- **Equation-of-Motion methods** as an alternative to Shell Model
- **consistent free-space SRG evolution of effective operators (and currents)**
- computational improvements & code optimization (w/ computer scientists)



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Supplement:

Multi-Reference IM-SRG

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Multi-Reference IM-SRG



- generalized Wick's theorem for **arbitrary reference states** (Kutzelnigg & Mukherjee)
- define **irreducible n-body density matrices** of reference state:

$$\rho_{mn}^{kl} = \lambda_{mn}^{kl} + \lambda_m^k \lambda_n^l - \lambda_n^k \lambda_m^l$$

$$\rho_{lmn}^{ijk} = \lambda_{lmn}^{ijk} + \lambda_l^i \lambda_{mn}^{jk} + \lambda_l^i \lambda_m^j \lambda_n^k + \text{permutations}$$

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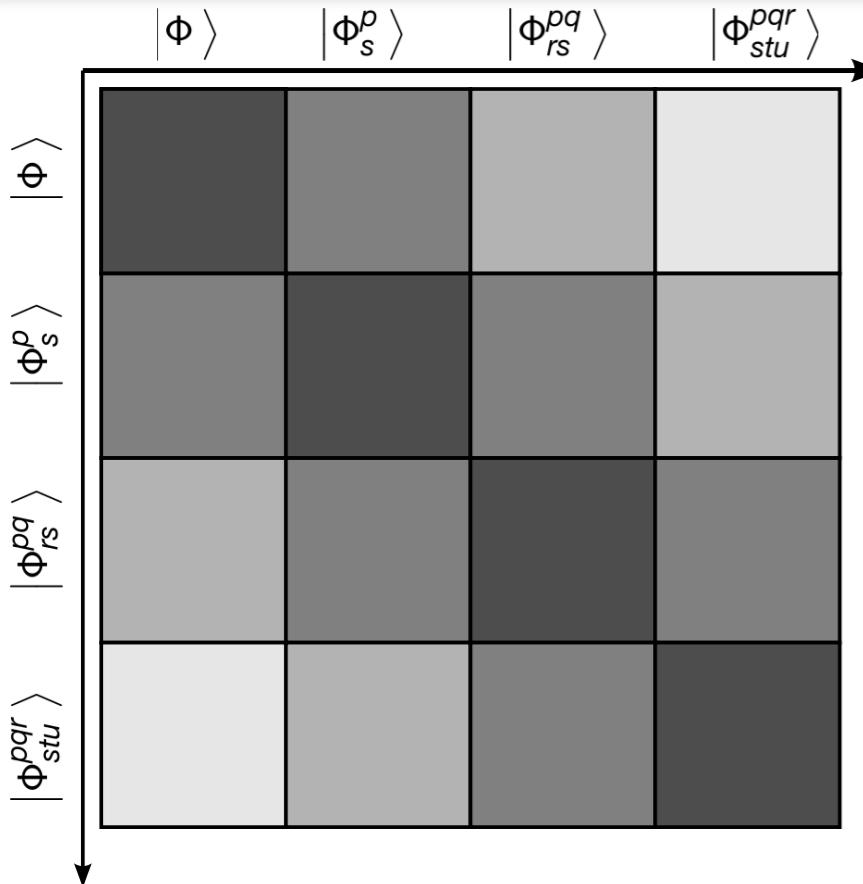
- irreducible densities give rise to **additional contractions**:

$$: A_{cd\dots}^{ab\dots} : A_{mn\dots}^{kl\dots} : \longrightarrow \lambda_{mn}^{ab}$$

$$: A_{cd\dots}^{ab\dots} : A_{mn\dots}^{kl\dots} : \longrightarrow \lambda_{cm}^{ab}$$

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Decoupling Revisited



$$\langle \overset{p}{s} | H | \Phi \rangle \sim \bar{n}_p n_s f_s^p, \sum_{kl} f_l^k \lambda_{pl}^{sk}, \sum_{klmn} \Gamma_{mn}^{kl} \lambda_{pmn}^{skl}, \dots$$

$$\langle \overset{pq}{st} | H | \Phi \rangle \sim \bar{n}_p \bar{n}_q n_s n_t \Gamma_{st}^{pq}, \sum_{kl} \Gamma_{sl}^{pk} \lambda_{ql}^{tk}, \sum_{kl} f_l^k \lambda_{pql}^{stk}, \sum_{klmn} \Gamma_{mn}^{kl} \lambda_{pqmn}^{stkl}, \dots$$

$$\langle \overset{pqr}{stu} | H | \Phi \rangle \sim \dots$$

- truncation in irreducible density matrices based on, e.g.,
 - number of **correlated vs. total** pairs, triples, ... (**caveat:** highly collective reference states)
 - perturbative analysis (e.g. for shell-model like states)
- **verify for chosen multi-reference state when possible**

Generators

$$\eta' = [H_d, H_{od}]$$

$$\eta'' = \sum_{pr} \frac{\bar{n}_p n_r f_r^p + \dots}{\Delta_r^p} :A_r^p: + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \frac{\bar{n}_p \bar{n}_q n_r n_s \Gamma_{rs}^{pq} + \dots}{\Delta_{rs}^{pq}} :A_{rs}^{pq}: - \text{H.c.}$$

$$\eta''' = \sum_{pr} \text{sgn}(\Delta_r^p) (\bar{n}_p n_r f_r^p + \dots) :A_r^p: + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \text{sgn}(\Delta_{rs}^{pq}) (\bar{n}_p \bar{n}_q n_r n_s \Gamma_{rs}^{pq} + \dots) :A_{rs}^{pq}: - \text{H.c.}$$

- **White generator:** small energy denominators due to near-degeneracies
- **imaginary time generator:** sign choice depends on approximate energies
- definition of H^{od} subject to density truncations

Brillouin Generator



- consider **unitary variations** of the energy functional

$$E(s) = \langle \Phi | H(s) | \Phi \rangle$$

- define generator as the residual of the **irreducible Brillouin condition** (= gradient of E)

$$\eta_r^p \equiv \langle \Phi | [:A_r^p :, H] | \Phi \rangle$$

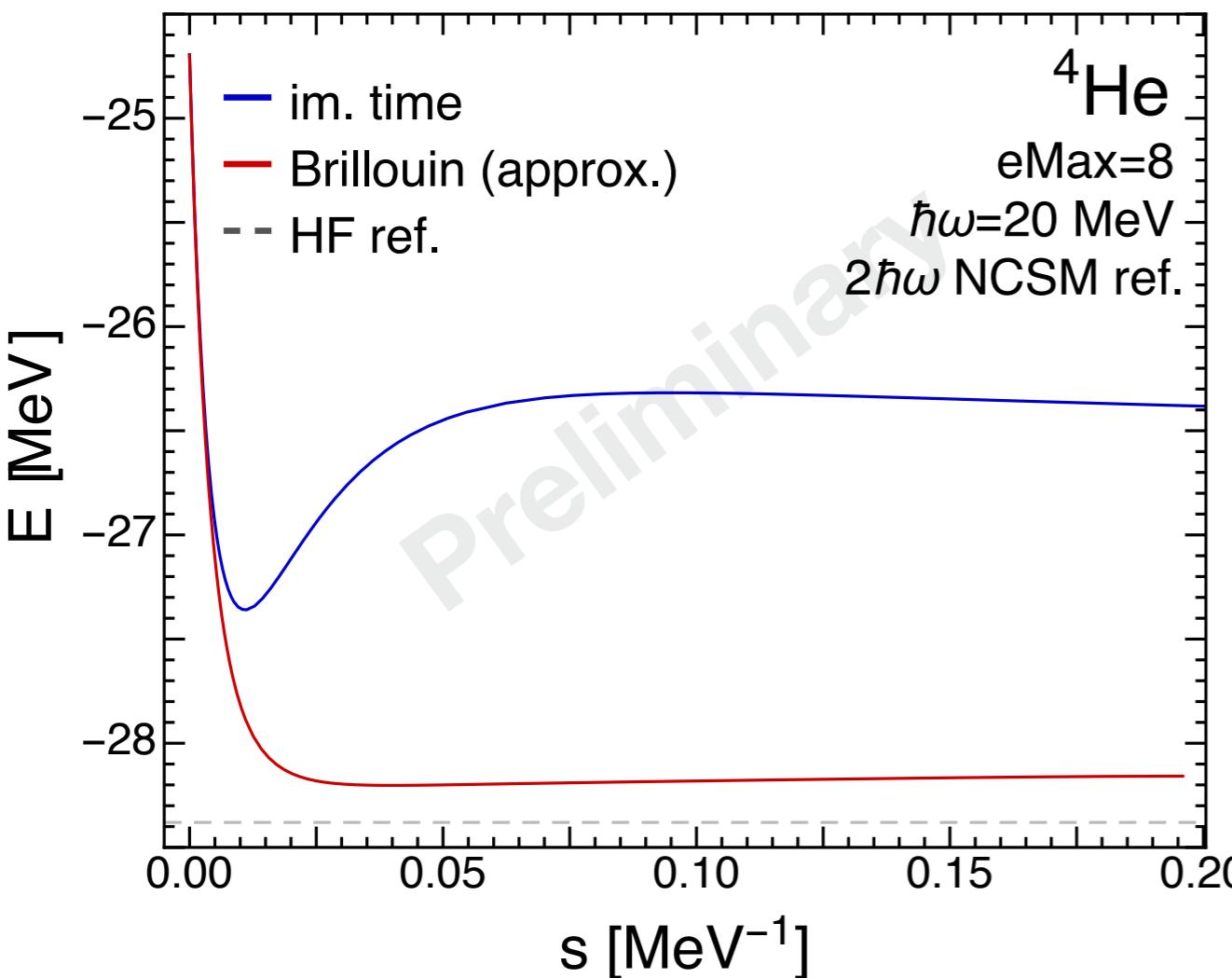
$$\eta_{rs}^{pq} \equiv \langle \Phi | [:A_{rs}^{pq} :, H] | \Phi \rangle$$

- **fixed point ($\eta = 0$)** is reached when IBC is satisfied, **energy stationary** (cf. ACSE approach in Quantum Chemistry)
- Brillouin generator depends **linearly** on λ_s^p , λ_{st}^{pq} , λ_{stu}^{pqr} , higher irreducible density matrices are **not required**

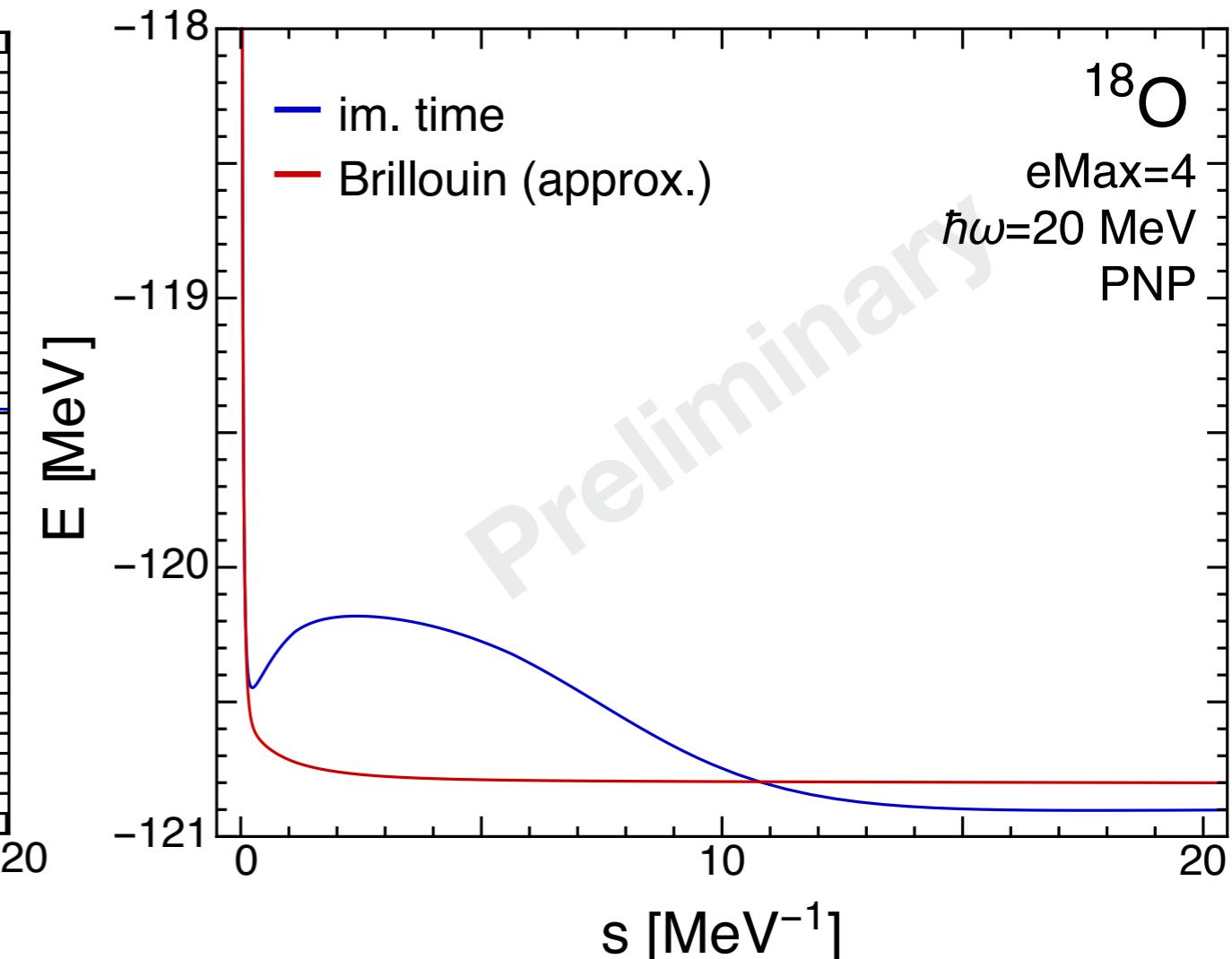
Brillouin Generator



NN-only, $\lambda=1.88 \text{ fm}^{-1}$



NN+3N-ind., $\lambda=2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$



- norm of Brillouin generator decays **monotonically**
(approximation: 2B “particle-hole”-like term switched off, 3B density not yet implemented)

→ use in **Magnus formulation of MR-IM-SRG**

Multi-Reference Flow Equations



0-body flow:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE}{ds} = & \sum_{ab} (n_a - n_b) \left(\eta_b^a f_a^b - f_b^a \eta_a^b \right) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{abcd} \left(\eta_{cd}^{ab} \Gamma_{ab}^{cd} - \Gamma_{cd}^{ab} \eta_{ab}^{cd} \right) n_a n_b \bar{n}_c \bar{n}_d \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{abcd} \left(\frac{d}{ds} \Gamma_{cd}^{ab} \right) \lambda_{cd}^{ab} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{abcdklm} \left(\eta_{cd}^{ab} \Gamma_{am}^{kl} - \Gamma_{cd}^{ab} \eta_{am}^{kl} \right) \lambda_{cdm}^{bkl} \end{aligned}$$

1-body flow:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} f_2^1 = & \sum_a \left(\eta_a^1 f_2^a - f_a^1 \eta_2^a \right) + \sum_{ab} \left(\eta_b^a \Gamma_{a2}^{b1} - f_b^a \eta_{a2}^{b1} \right) (n_a - n_b) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{abcdef} \left(\eta_{bc}^{1a} \Gamma_{2a}^{bc} - \Gamma_{bc}^{1a} \eta_{2a}^{bc} \right) (n_a \bar{n}_b \bar{n}_c + \bar{n}_a n_b n_c) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{abcde} \left(\eta_{bc}^{1a} \Gamma_{2a}^{de} - \Gamma_{bc}^{1a} \eta_{2a}^{de} \right) \lambda_{bc}^{de} + \sum_{abcde} \left(\eta_{bc}^{1a} \Gamma_{2d}^{be} - \Gamma_{bc}^{1a} \eta_{2d}^{be} \right) \lambda_{cd}^{ae} \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{abcde} \left(\eta_{2b}^{1a} \Gamma_{ae}^{cd} - \Gamma_{2b}^{1a} \eta_{ae}^{cd} \right) \lambda_{be}^{cd} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{abcde} \left(\eta_{2b}^{1a} \Gamma_{de}^{bc} - \Gamma_{2b}^{1a} \eta_{de}^{bc} \right) \lambda_{de}^{ac} \end{aligned}$$

Multi-Reference Flow Equations



2-body flow:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{ds} \Gamma_{34}^{12} = & \sum_a \left(\eta_a^1 \Gamma_{34}^{a2} + \eta_a^2 \Gamma_{34}^{1a} - \eta_3^a \Gamma_{a4}^{12} - \eta_4^a \Gamma_{3a}^{12} - f_a^1 \eta_{34}^{a2} - f_a^2 \eta_{34}^{1a} + f_3^a \eta_{a4}^{12} + f_4^a \eta_{3a}^{12} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \left(\eta_{ab}^{12} \Gamma_{34}^{ab} - \Gamma_{ab}^{12} \eta_{34}^{ab} \right) (1 - n_a - n_b) \\ & + \sum_{ab} (n_a - n_b) \left(\left(\eta_{3b}^{1a} \Gamma_{4a}^{2b} - \Gamma_{3b}^{1a} \eta_{4a}^{2b} \right) - \left(\eta_{3b}^{2a} \Gamma_{4a}^{1b} - \Gamma_{3b}^{2a} \eta_{4a}^{1b} \right) \right)\end{aligned}$$

two-body flow unchanged,
 $O(N^6)$ scaling preserved

Particle-Number Projected HFB State



- HFB ground state is a **superposition** of states with **different particle number**:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{A=N, N\pm 2, \dots} c_A |\Psi_A\rangle, \quad |\Psi_N\rangle \equiv P_N |\Psi\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{i\phi(\hat{N}-N)} |\Psi\rangle$$

- calculate irreducible densities (**project only once**), e.g.,

$$\lambda_I^k = \frac{\langle \Psi | A_I^k P_N | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}, \quad \lambda_{mn}^{kl} = \frac{\langle \Psi | A_{mn}^{kl} P_N | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} - \lambda_m^k \lambda'_m + \lambda_n^k \lambda'_m$$

- work in natural orbitals (= HFB **canonical basis**):

$$\lambda_I^k = n_k \delta_I^k \left(= v_k^2 \delta_I^k\right), \quad 0 \leq n_k \leq 1$$

- in NO basis, λ_{mn}^{kl} , λ_{nop}^{klm} require **only $N^2/2$, $N^3/4$ storage**