

Ab initio No-Core Shell Model: Recent Results and Plans

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The Overarching Questions

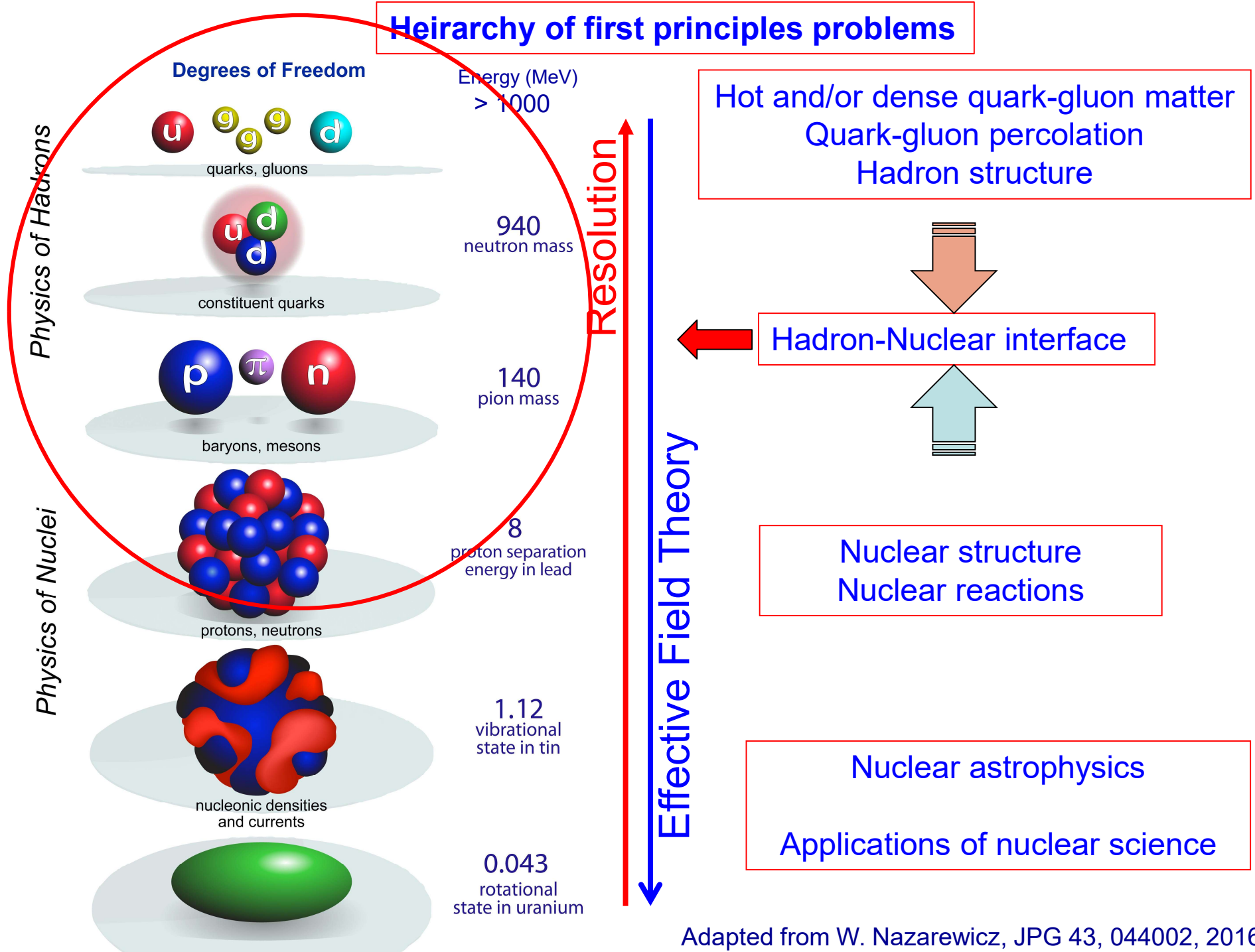
- How did visible matter come into being and how does it evolve?
- How does subatomic matter organize itself and what phenomena emerge?
- Are the fundamental interactions that are basic to the structure of matter fully understood?
- How can the knowledge and technological progress provided by nuclear physics best be used to benefit society?

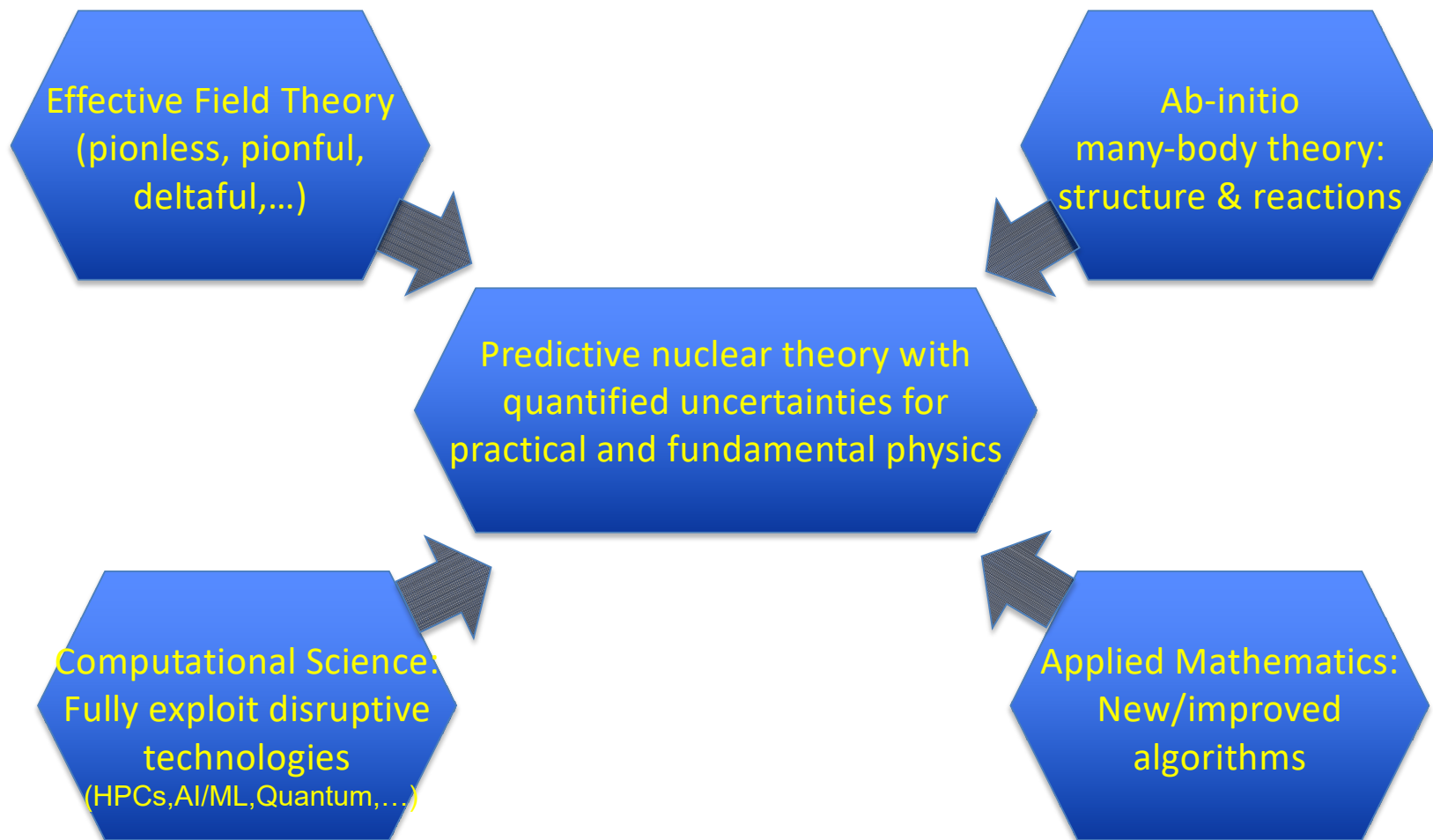
- *NRC Decadal Study*

The Time Scale

- Protons and neutrons formed 10^{-6} to 1 second after Big Bang (13.7 billion years ago)
- H, D, He, Li, Be, B formed 3-20 minutes after Big Bang
- Other elements born over the next 13.7 billion years

Heirarchy of first principles problems





DOE supports these multi-disciplinary collaborations
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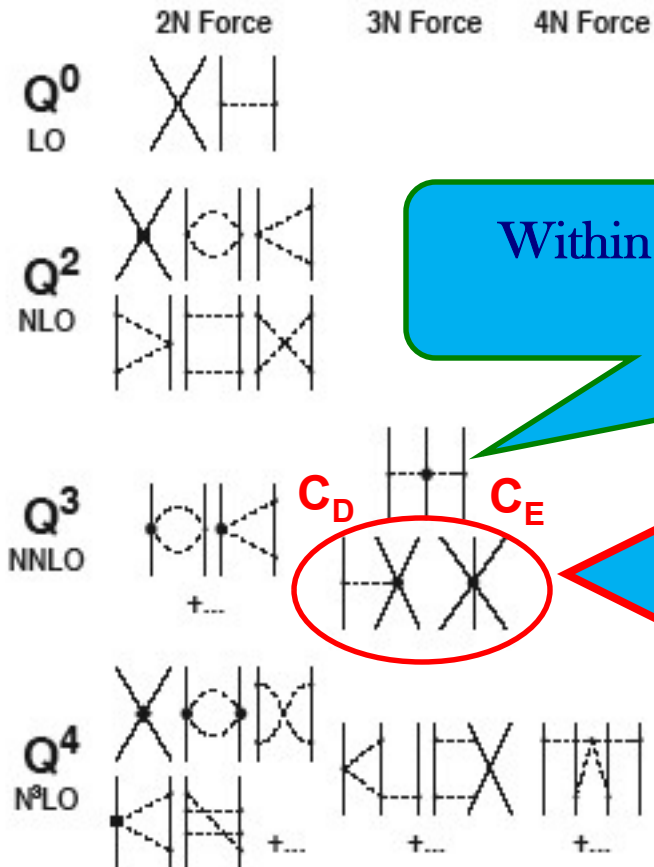
Effective Nucleon Interaction

Chiral Perturbation Theory (χ PT)

Weinberg's χ PT allows for controlled power series expansion

Expansion parameter : $\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi}\right)^\nu$, Q – momentum transfer,

$\Lambda_\chi \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$, χ - symmetry breaking scale



Within χ PT 2 π -NNN Low Energy Constants (LEC) are related to the NN-interaction LECs $\{c_i\}$

Additional terms from χ PT with LECs specific to NNN systems

Regularization is essential, which is also implicit within the Harmonic Oscillator (HO) wave function basis (see below)

No Core Shell Model (NCSM)

A large sparse matrix eigenvalue problem

$$H = T_{rel} + V_{NN} + V_{3N} + \dots$$

$$H|\Psi_i\rangle = E_i|\Psi_i\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_i\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^i |\Phi_n\rangle$$

$$\text{Diagonalize } \{ \langle \Phi_m | H | \Phi_n \rangle \}$$

P. Navratil, J. P. Vary and B.R. Barrett,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 5728 (2000);
Phys. Rev. C **62**, 054311 (2000)

Review:

B.R. Barrett, P. Navratil and J.P. Vary,
Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **69**, 131 (2013)

- Adopt realistic NN (and NNN) interaction(s) & renormalize as needed - retain induced many-body interactions: **Chiral Effective Field Theory (Chiral EFT) interactions**
- Adopt the 3-D Harmonic Oscillator (HO) for the single-nucleon basis states, \langle, \otimes, \dots
- Evaluate the nuclear Hamiltonian, H , in basis space of HO (Slater) determinants (each determinant manages the bookkeeping of anti-symmetrization)
- Diagonalize this sparse many-body H in its “m-scheme” basis where [$\langle = (n, l, j, m_j, | z) \rangle$]

$$\text{HO basis space (configurations)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\Phi_n\rangle = [a_\alpha^+ \dots a_\zeta^+]_n |0\rangle \\ n = 1, 2, \dots, 10^{10} \text{ or more!} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{Now at } \sim 10^{11}$$

- Evaluate observables and compare with experiment

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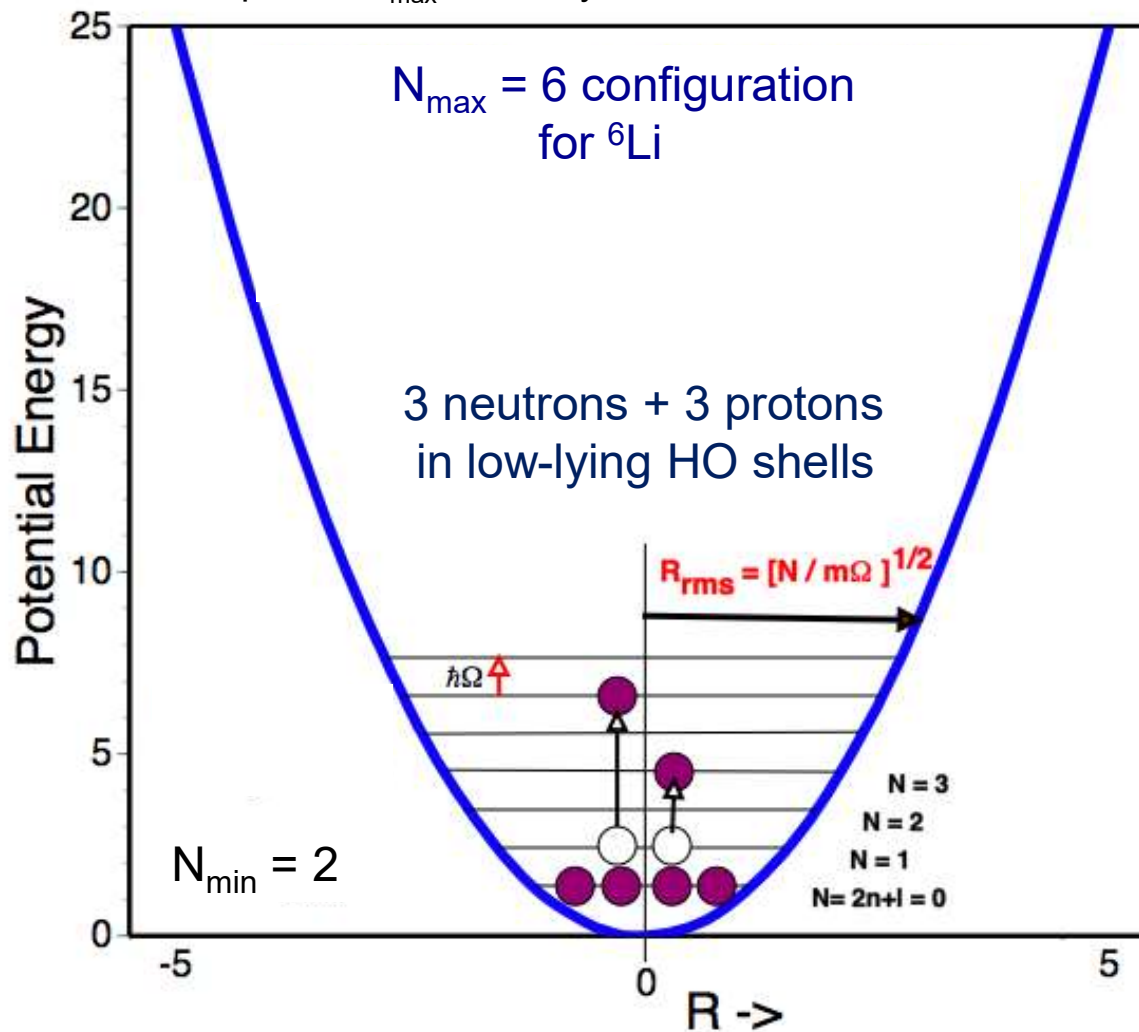
- Computationally demanding => needs new algorithms & high-performance computers
- Requires convergence assessments and extrapolation tools to retain predictive power
- Achievable for nuclei up to atomic number of about 20 with largest computers available

$N_{\min} \equiv$ HO quanta of lowest configuration

$N_{\max} \equiv$ maximum HO quanta above the lowest configuration

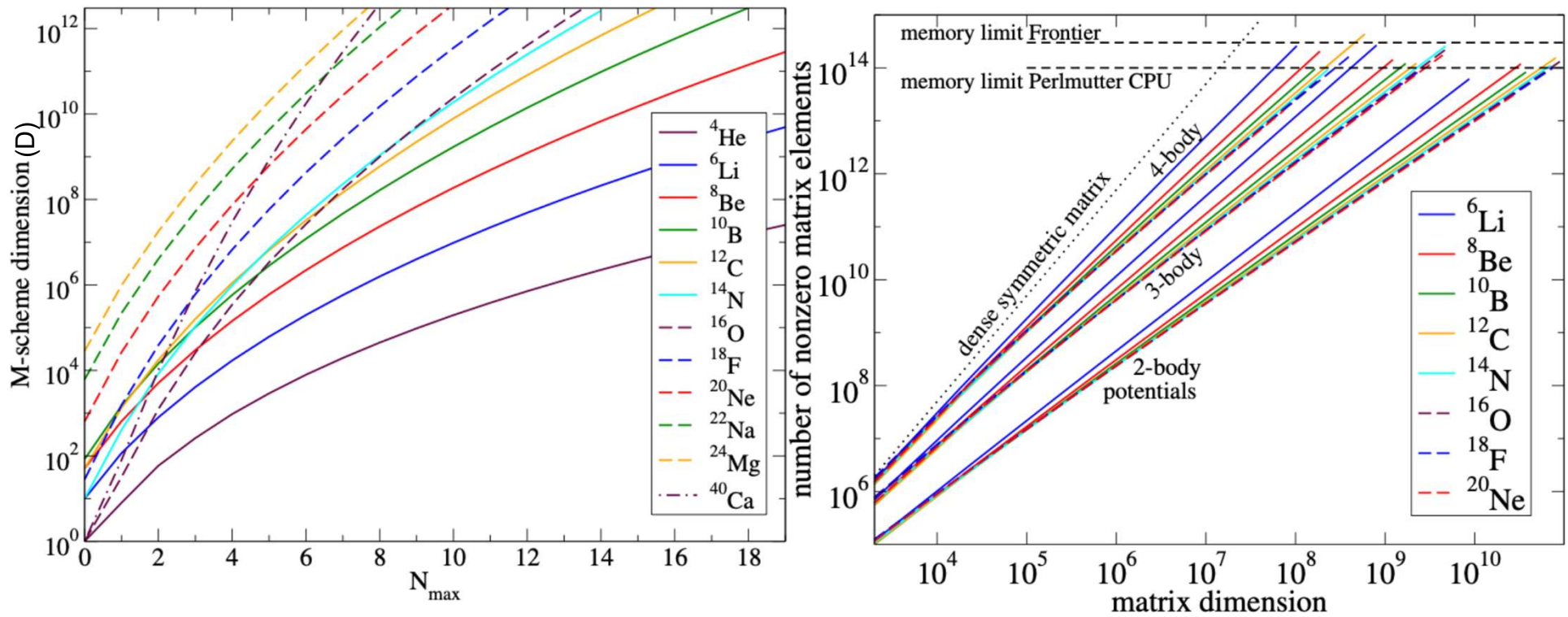
Retain configurations with $N_{\min} \leq \sum_{i=1}^A (2n_i + l_i) \leq N_{\min} + N_{\max}$
consistent with symmetry constraints (parity, M_J, \dots)

extrapolate: $N_{\max} \rightarrow$ infinity



Challenge

Exponential increase in Matrix Dimension (D)



Opportunities

- Memory/cpu time grows only as $D^{3/2}$
- Algorithm development (SciDAC/NUCLEI) funding)
- Exaflop machines now available (DOE/INCITE competitive awards)
- Improved understanding of Chiral EFT
- Developing methods for extrapolating $D \rightarrow \infty$ ($N_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$)

Coordinating χ EFT and NCSM UV regulators makes sense
and would reduce demands on computational resources
(Discussion topic at INT-26-1)

Some relevant results to consider:

S.A. Coon, M.I. Avetian, M.K.G. Kruse, U. van Kolck, P. Maris and J.P. Vary, Phys. Rev. C 86, 054002 (2012)*

Fit function:

$$E_{gs}(\lambda_{sc}) = a \exp(-b/\lambda_{sc}) + E_{gs}$$

“By taking [the change from reduced mass to nucleon mass] into account, the successful emulation of the Idaho N3LO interaction in a HO basis suggests that $\Lambda^{NN} \sim 780$ MeV/c.”

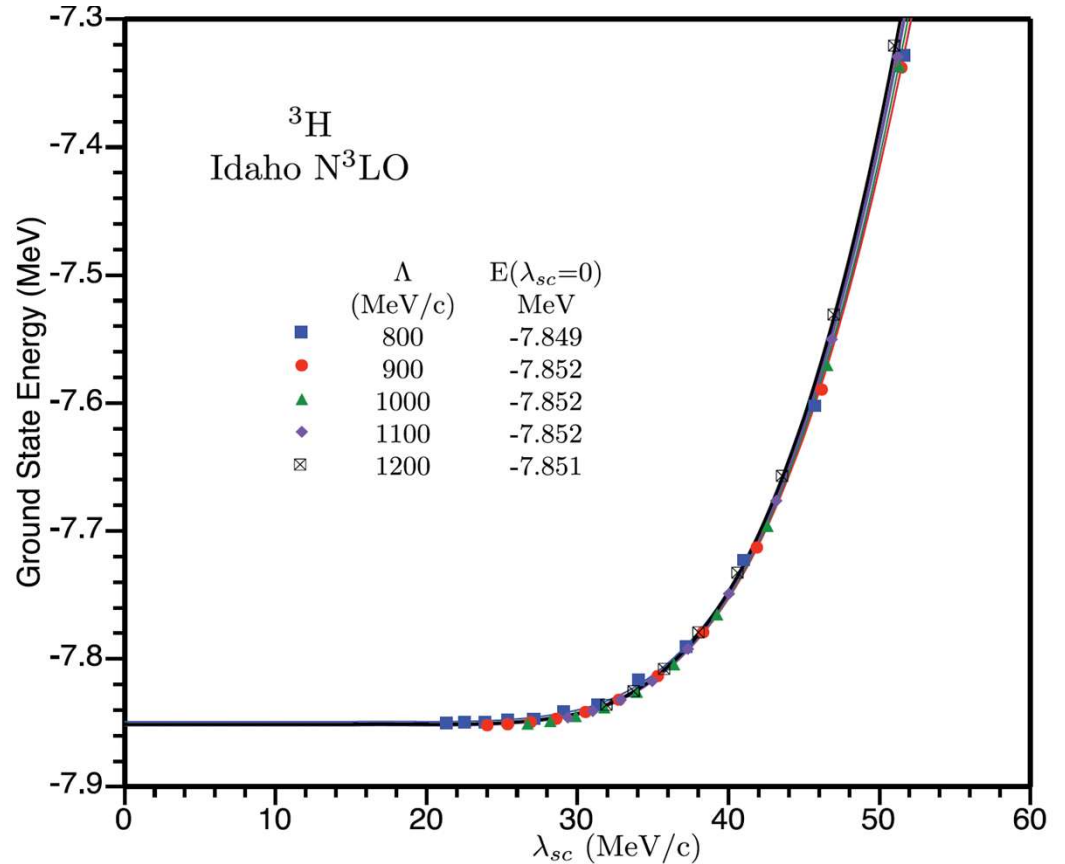
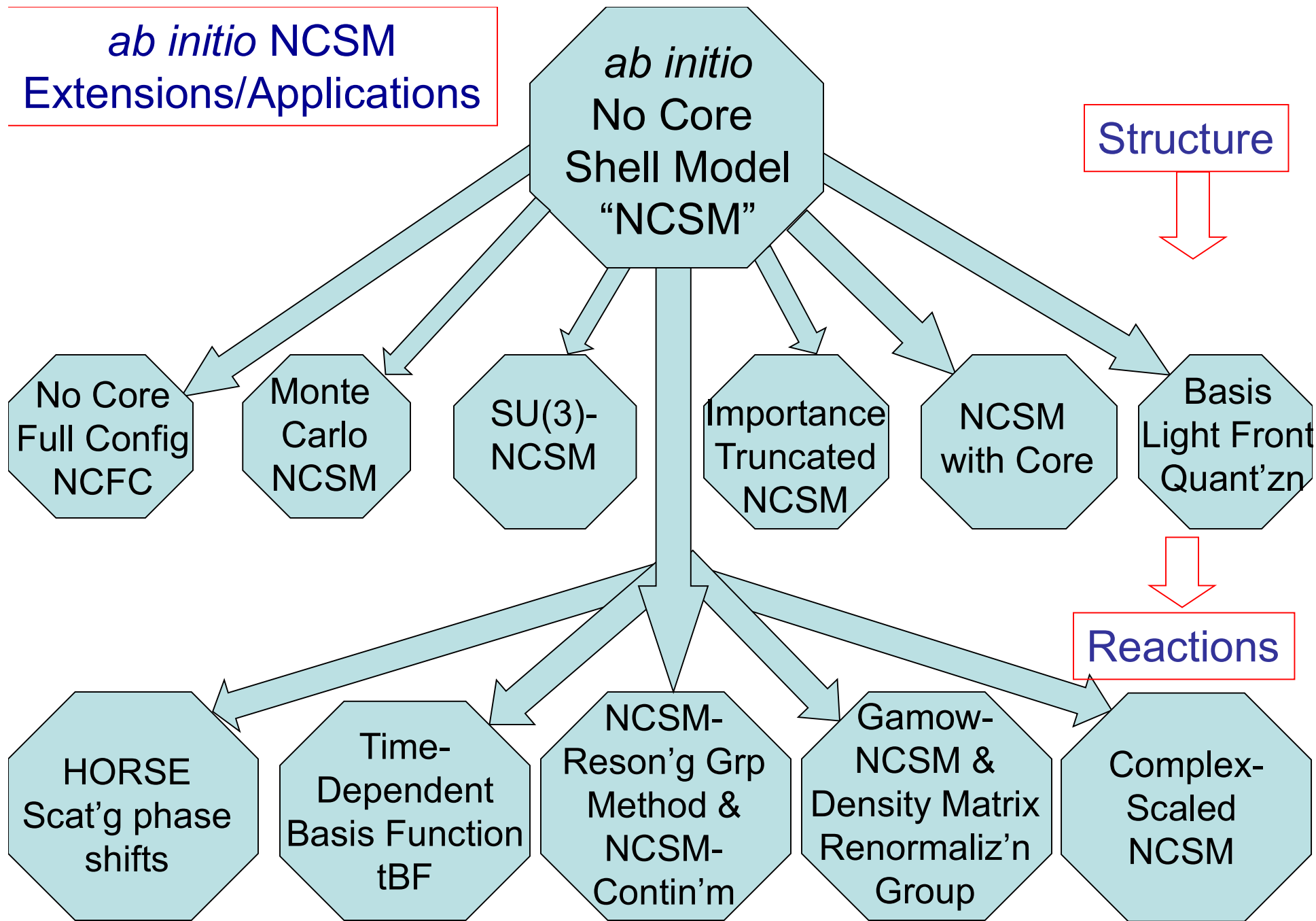


FIG. 7. (Color online) The ground-state energy of ${}^3\text{H}$ calculated at five fixed values of $\Lambda = \sqrt{m_N(N + 3/2)\hbar\omega}$ and variable $\lambda_{sc} = \sqrt{(m_N\hbar\omega)/(N + 3/2)}$. The curves are fits to the points and the functions fitted are used to extrapolate to the ir limit $\lambda_{sc} = 0$.

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Extensions/Applications



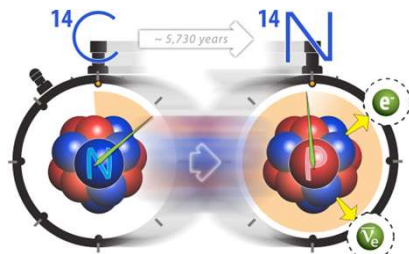


Origin of the Anomalous Long Lifetime of ¹⁴C

P. Maris,¹ J.P. Vary,¹ P. Navrátil,^{2,3} W.E. Ormand,^{3,4} H. Nam,⁵ and D.J. Dean⁵

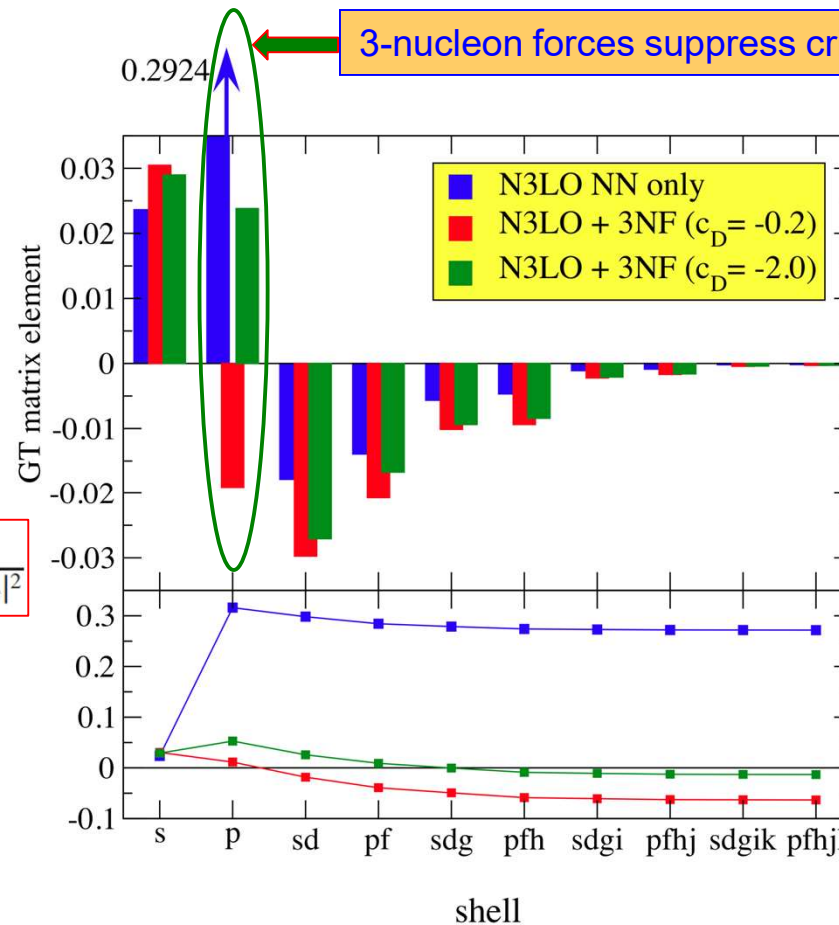


- Solves the puzzle of the long but useful lifetime of ¹⁴C
- Establishes a major role for strong 3-nucleon forces in nuclei
- Strengthens foundation for guiding experiments



$$T_{1/2} = \frac{1}{f(Z, E_0)} \frac{2\pi^3 \hbar^7 \ln 2}{m_e^5 c^4 G_V^2} \frac{1}{g_A^2 |M_{GT}|^2}$$

$$M_{GT} = \sum_k \langle \Psi_f || \sigma(k) \tau_+(k) || \Psi_i \rangle$$



- Dimension of matrix solved for 8 lowest states $\sim 1 \times 10^9$
- Each run takes ~ 6 hours on 215,000 cores on Cray XT5 Jaguar at ORNL
- "Scaling of *ab initio* nuclear physics calculations on multicore computer architectures," P. Maris, M. Sosonkina, J. P. Vary, E. G. Ng and C. Yang, 2010 Intern. Conf. on Computer Science, Procedia Computer Science 1, 97 (2010)

net decay rate is very small

Light nuclei with semilocal momentum-space regularized chiral interactions up to third order

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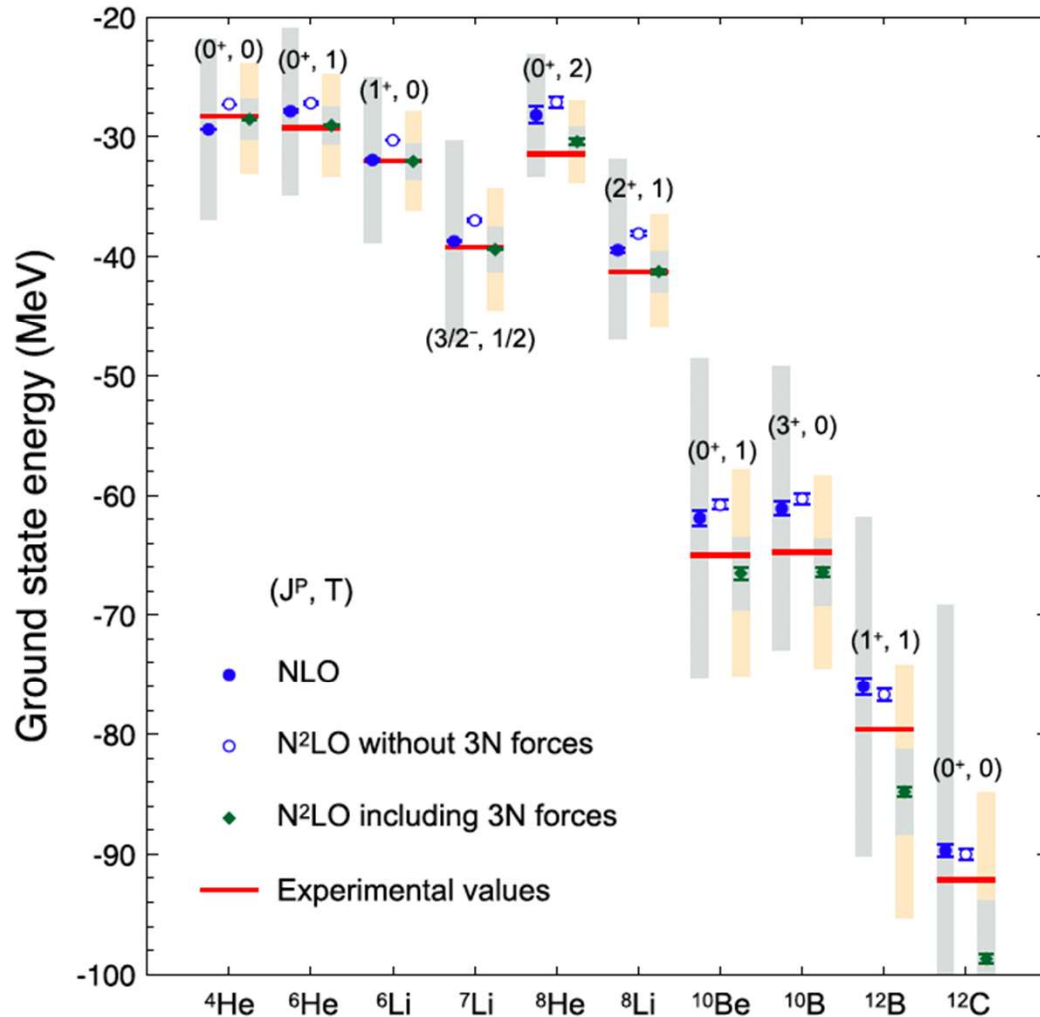
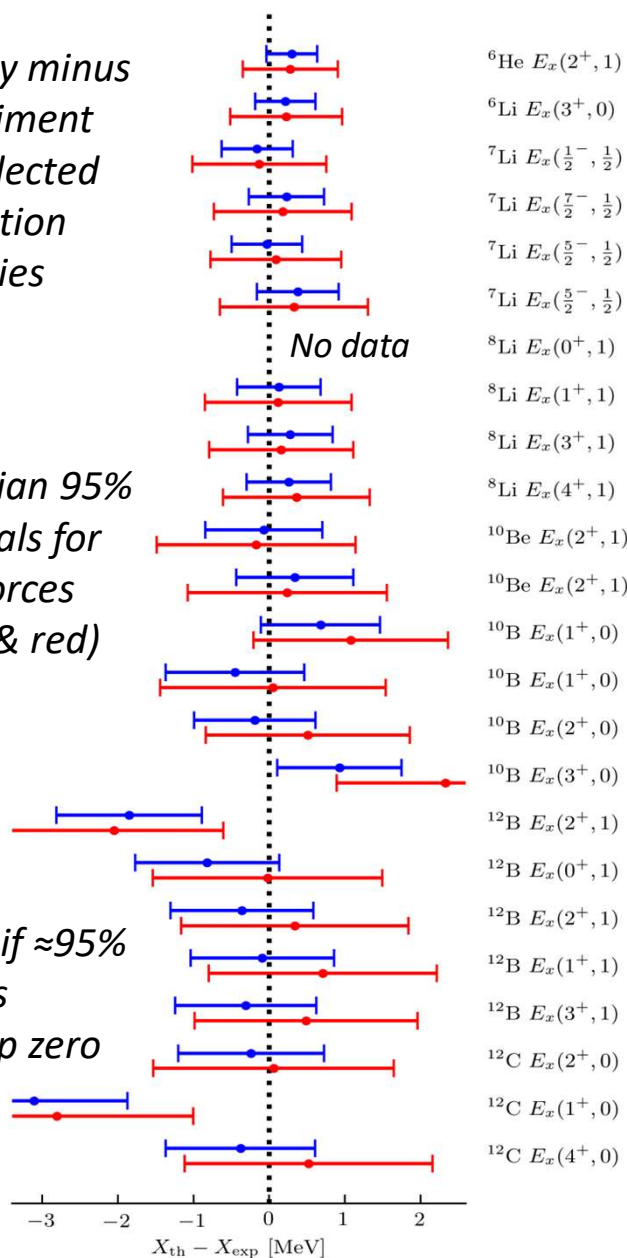


FIG. 8. Calculated ground-state energies in MeV using chiral NLO, and N²LO interactions at $\Lambda = 450$ MeV (blue and green symbols) in comparison with experimental values (red levels). For each nucleus the NLO, and N²LO results are the left and right symbols and bars, respectively. The open blue symbols correspond to incomplete calculations at N²LO using NN-only interactions. Blue and green error bars indicate the NCCI extrapolation uncertainty. All results shown are for $\alpha = 0.08$ fm⁴. The light (coral) and dark (gray) shaded bars indicate the 95% and 68% DoB truncation errors, respectively, estimated using the Bayesian model $\bar{C}_{0.5-10}^{650}$ (at NLO we only show the 68% DoB truncation errors because the 95% errors would be off one or even both ends of the scale).

Theory minus
experiment
for selected
excitation
energies

Bayesian 95%
intervals for
two forces
(blue & red)

Check if $\approx 95\%$
of bars
overlap zero



Objectives

- Predict properties of ground and excited states of light nuclei with robust theoretical error estimates.
- Test consistent [LENPIC](#) chiral effective field theory (EFT) interactions with 2- and 3-nucleon forces.
- Extend and test a Bayesian statistical model that learns from the order-by-order EFT convergence pattern to account for correlated excitations.

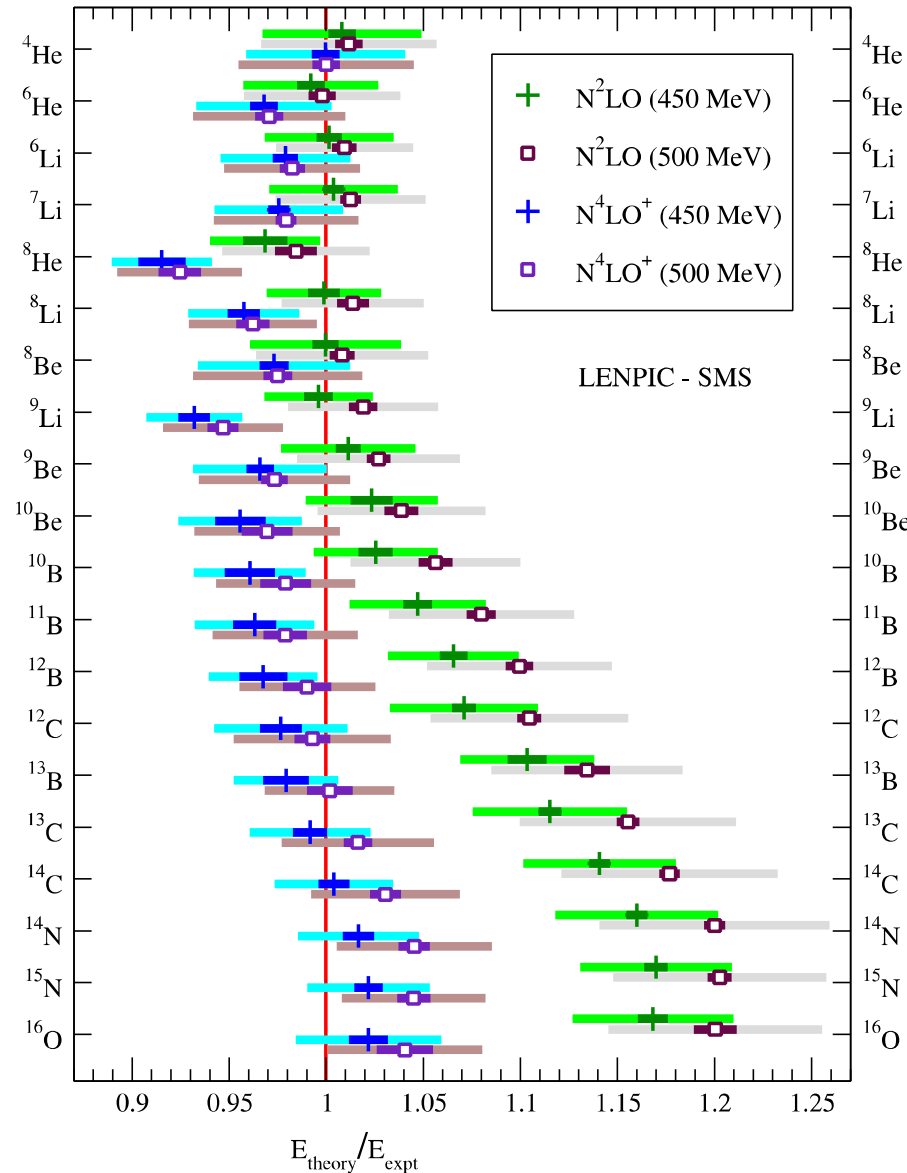
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- First test of novel chiral nucleon-nucleon potentials with consistent three-nucleon forces.
- Demonstrates understanding of theoretical uncertainties due to chiral EFT expansion.
- Accounting for correlations produces agreement with experimental excitation energies (see figure).
- Exceptions in ^{12}C and ^{12}B indicate different theoretical correlations in the nuclear structure.

Accomplishments

P. Maris et al, Phys. Rev. C **103**, 054001 (2021);
Editors' Suggestion; arXiv: 2012.12396 [nucl-th]

Binding Energies with LENPIC-SMS chiral EFT



P. Maris, H. Le, A. Nogga, R. Roth, J.P. Vary
 Front. Phys. 11, 1098262 (2023)

- ▶ NN potential up to $N^4\text{LO}^+$
- ▶ 3NFs at $N^2\text{LO}$
- ▶ SRG evolved to $\alpha = 0.08 \text{ fm}^4$
- ▶ LECs fitted to
 - ▶ NN scattering data
 - ▶ ^3H binding energy
 - ▶ Nd scattering
- ▶ Parameter-free predictions
- ▶ Error bars
 - ▶ numerical uncertainty
 - ▶ chiral EFT uncertainty from Bayesian analysis

Adapted from P. Maris, LENPIC Annual Meeting, Bonn, March 11-13, 2024

Daejeon16 NN interaction

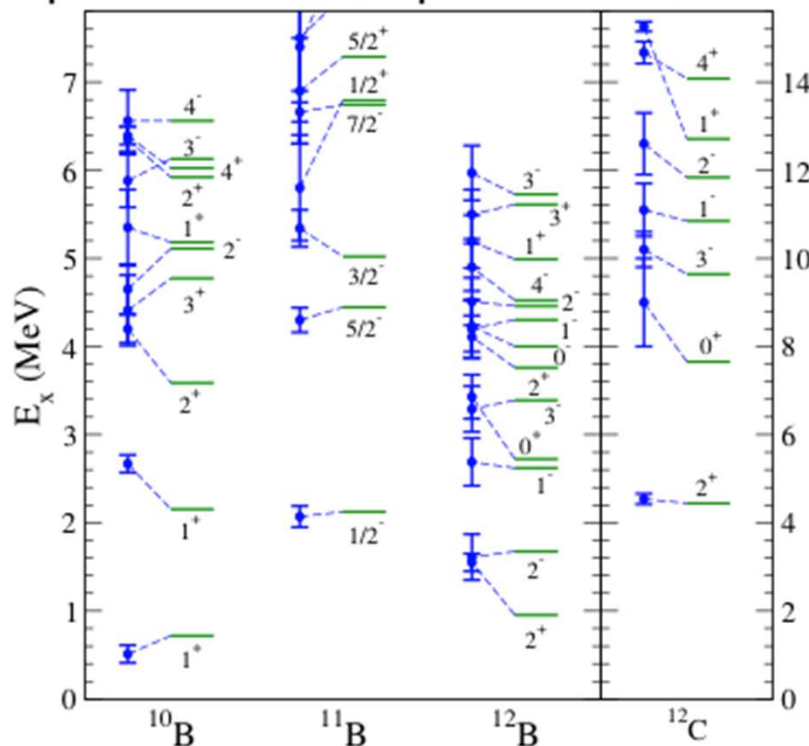
Based on SRG evolution of Entem-Machleidt “500” chiral N3LO to $\lambda = 1.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ followed by Phase-Equivalent Transformations (PETs) to fit selected properties of light nuclei.

A.M. Shirokov, I.J. Shin, Y. Kim, M. Sosonkina, P. Maris and J.P. Vary,
 “N3LO NN interaction adjusted to light nuclei in ab exitu approach,”
 Phys. Letts. B 761, 87 (2016); arXiv: 1605.00413

Application to excited states of p-shell nuclei

(Maris, Shin, Vary, in preparation)

Spectra of B isotopes and ^{12}C



- ▶ difference of extrapolated E_b
- ▶ extrapolation uncertainties: max of E_b uncertainties
- ▶ good agreement with positive and negative parity spectra
- ▶ need large bases for 'intruder' and 'non-normal parity' states
- ▶ spectrum ^{10}B
 - ▶ correct gs 3^+ and excited 1^+
 - ▶ third 1^+ 'intruder' state
- ▶ excited 0^+ state in ^{12}C
 - ▶ Hoyle state?
 - ▶ see MCNCSM results below

Alpha clusters in Carbon-12 from *ab initio* theory & statistical learning

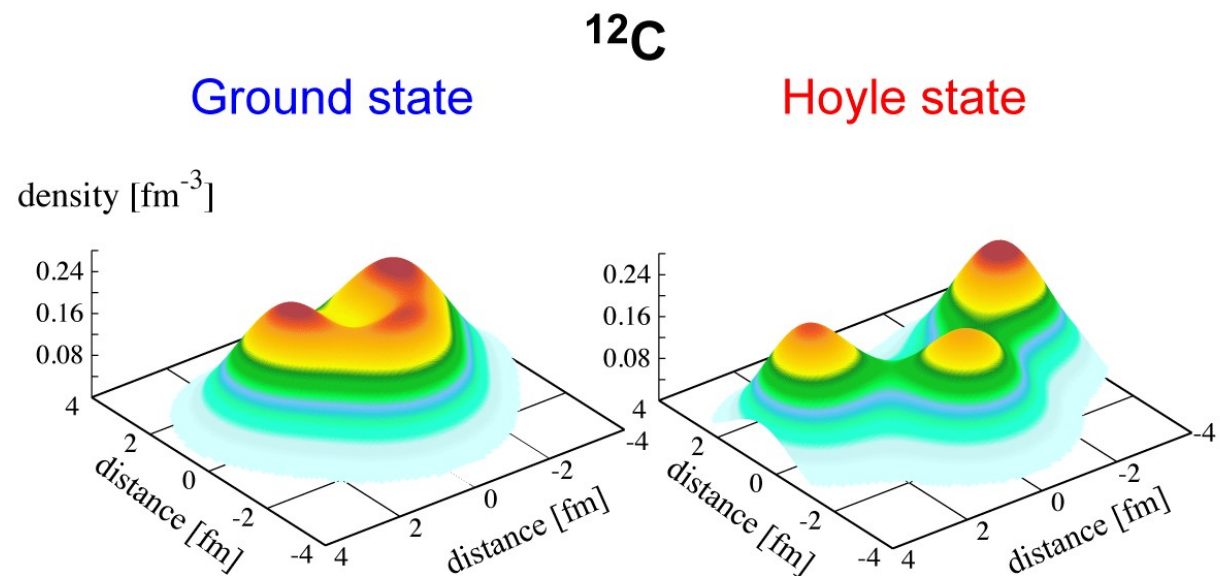
Objectives

- *Ab initio* nuclear theory aims for parameter-free predictions of critical nuclear properties with controlled uncertainties using supercomputer simulations
- Specific goal is to determine extent of alpha clustering in the Ground state and the Hoyle state of Carbon-12 (^{12}C)

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- Ground state found to have 6% alpha clustering while Hoyle state discovered to be 3-alphas 61% of the time
- With this high percentage of 3-alphas, the Hoyle state is confirmed as a natural gateway state for the cosmic formation of ^{12}C , the key element for organic life
- Statistical learning confirms 3-alpha feature of Hoyle state

Ab initio Monte-Carlo Shell Model results for density contours of ^{12}C Ground state and first excited 0^+ (Hoyle) state using the Daejeon16 two-nucleon potential. Simulations were performed on Fugaku in Japan, the world's largest supercomputer at the time.



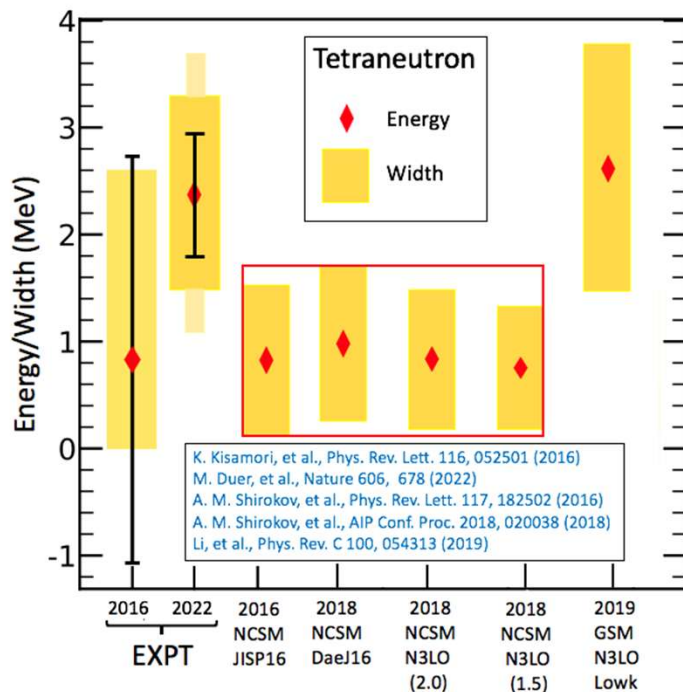
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T. Otsuka, T. Abe, T. Yoshida, Y. Tsunoda, N. Shimizu, N. Itagaki, Y. Utsuno, J. Vary, P. Maris and H. Ueno, "Alpha-Clustering in Atomic Nuclei from First Principles with Statistical Learning and the Hoyle State Character," Nature Communications 13:2234 (2022)

Tetraneutron discovery confirms prediction

Objectives

- *Ab initio* nuclear theory aims for parameter-free predictions of nuclear properties with controlled uncertainties using supercomputer simulations
- Specific goal is to predict if the tetraneutron (4-neutron system) has a bound state, a low-lying resonance or neither



Experiment and theory for the tetraneutron's resonance energy and width. *Ab initio* No-Core Shell Model (NCSM) and Gamow Shell Model (GSM) predictions use different neutron-neutron interactions and different basis function techniques.

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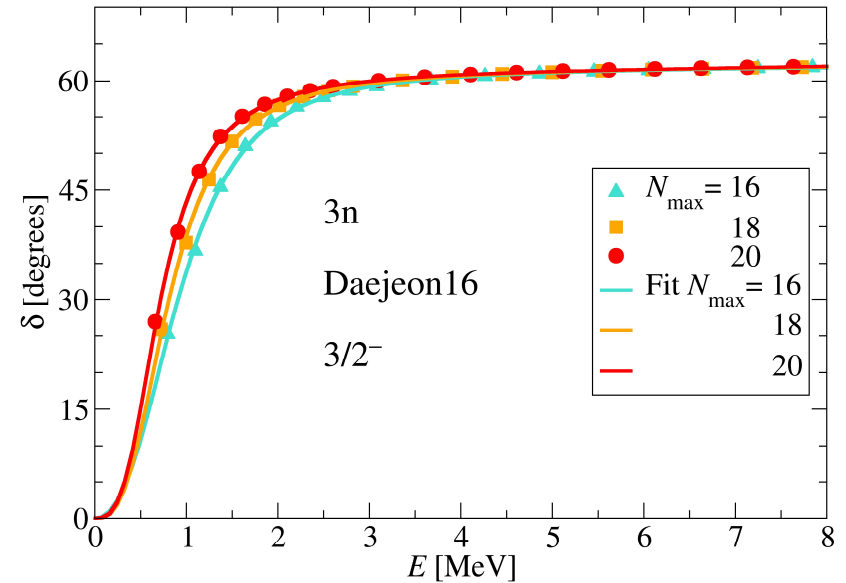
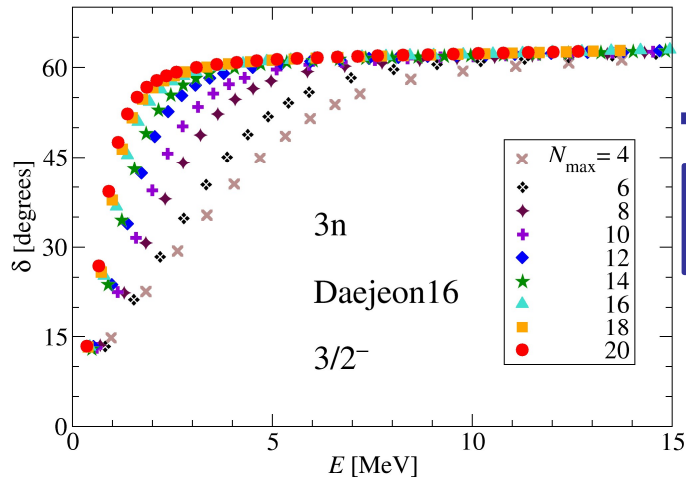
- Discovery in 2022 announced in Nature [1] confirms *ab initio* theory predictions from 2016 [2] of a short-lived tetraneutron resonance at low energy and the absence of a tetraneutron bound state
- Demonstrates the predictive power of *ab initio* nuclear theory since theory and experiment are within their combined uncertainties
- Sets stage for further experimental and theoretical research on new states of matter formed only of neutrons
- Shows need to anticipate a long wait time for experimental confirmation of such an exotic phenomena, ~ 6 years in this case
- Emphasizes the value of DOE supercomputer allocations (NERSC) and support for multi-disciplinary teamwork (SciDAC/NUCLEI)

Accomplishments

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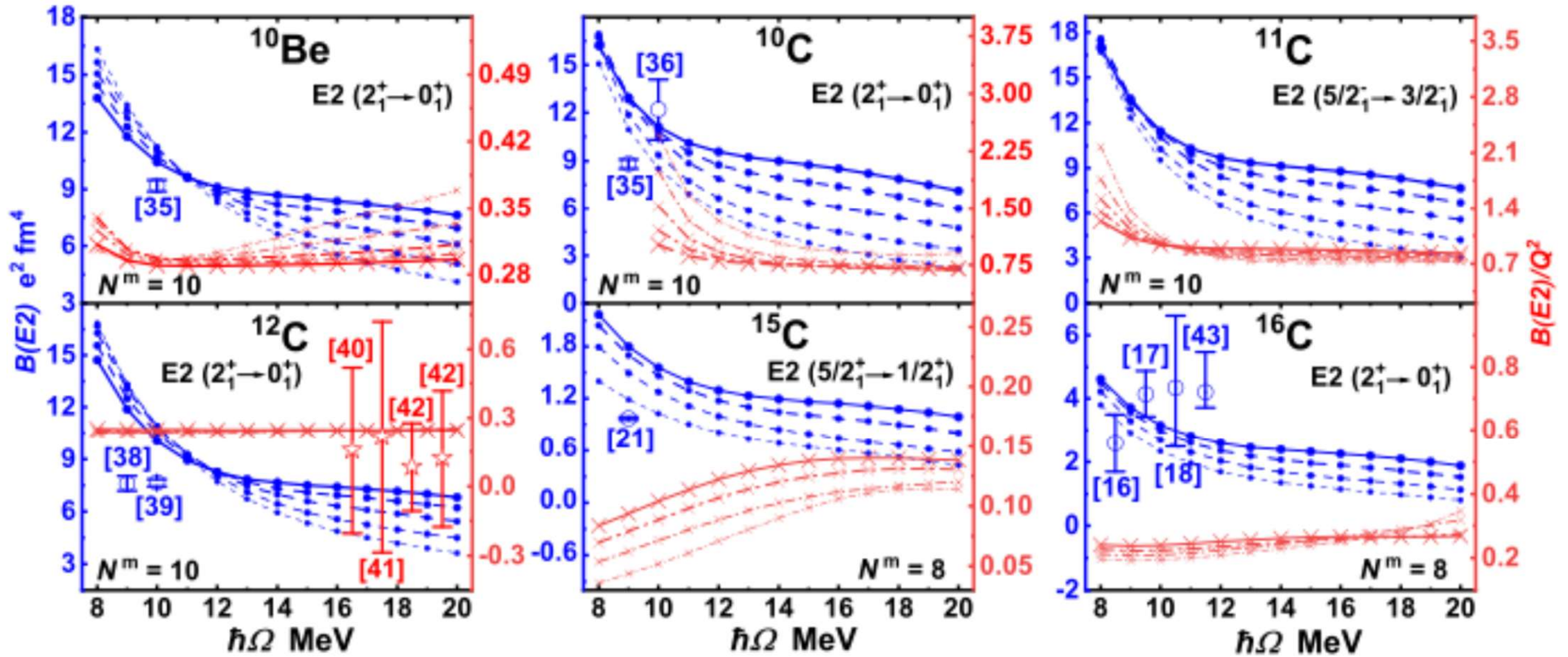
3n Results with Daejeon16 NN interaction



N_{\max}	3/2 ⁻		1/2 ⁻	
	E_r [MeV]	Γ [MeV]	E_r [MeV]	Γ [MeV]
16	0.607	1.524	0.606	1.604
18	0.537	1.176	0.531	1.133
20	0.481	0.963	0.481	0.962

$$\frac{B(E2)}{Q_p^2} = \frac{\langle J_f || \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{r}_i) || J_i \rangle^2}{\langle J_i || \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{r}_i) || J_i \rangle^2},$$

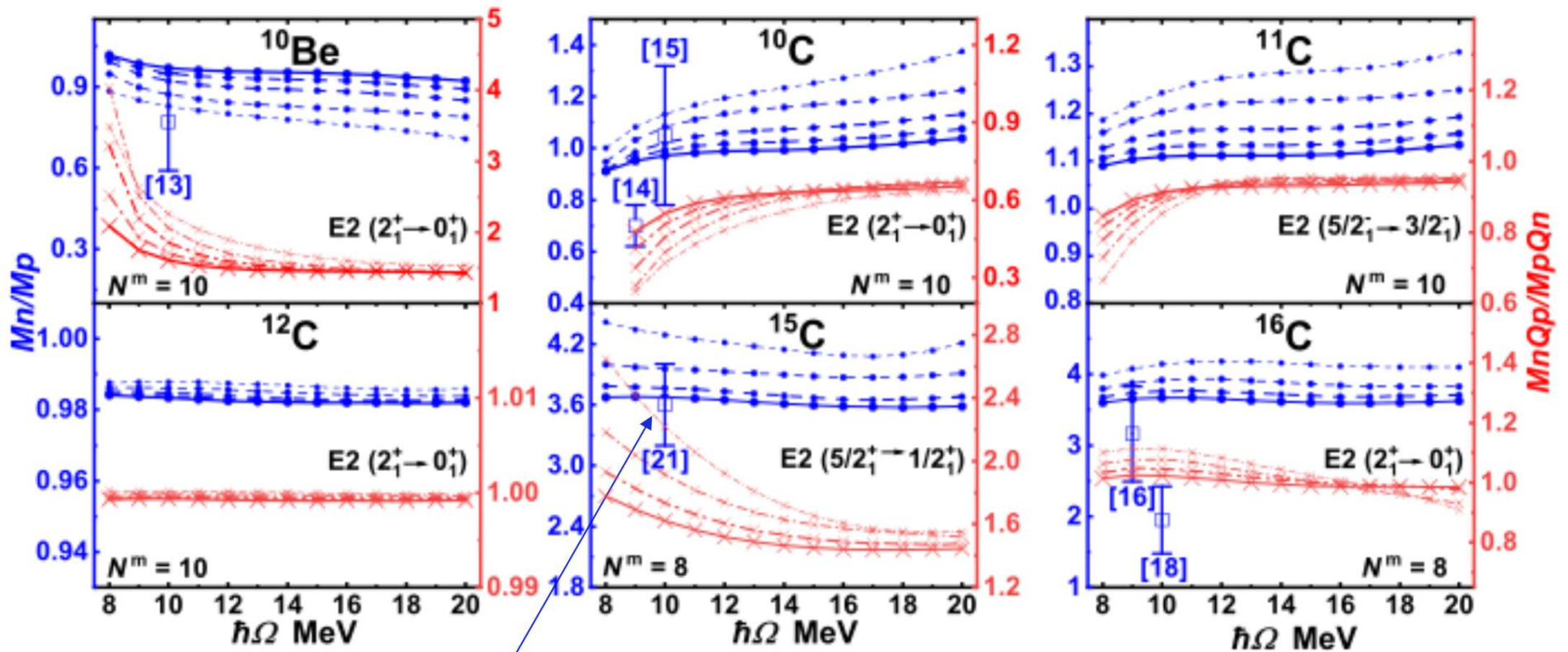
Ratios of observables converge better
 He Li, et al., Phys. Rev. C 110, 064325 (2024);
 arXiv: 2401.05776



$$\frac{M_n}{M_p} = \frac{\langle J_f || \sum_{i \in n} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{r}_i) || J_i \rangle}{\langle J_f || \sum_{i \in p} r_i^2 Y_2(\hat{r}_i) || J_i \rangle},$$

Ratios of observables and ratios of ratios converge better

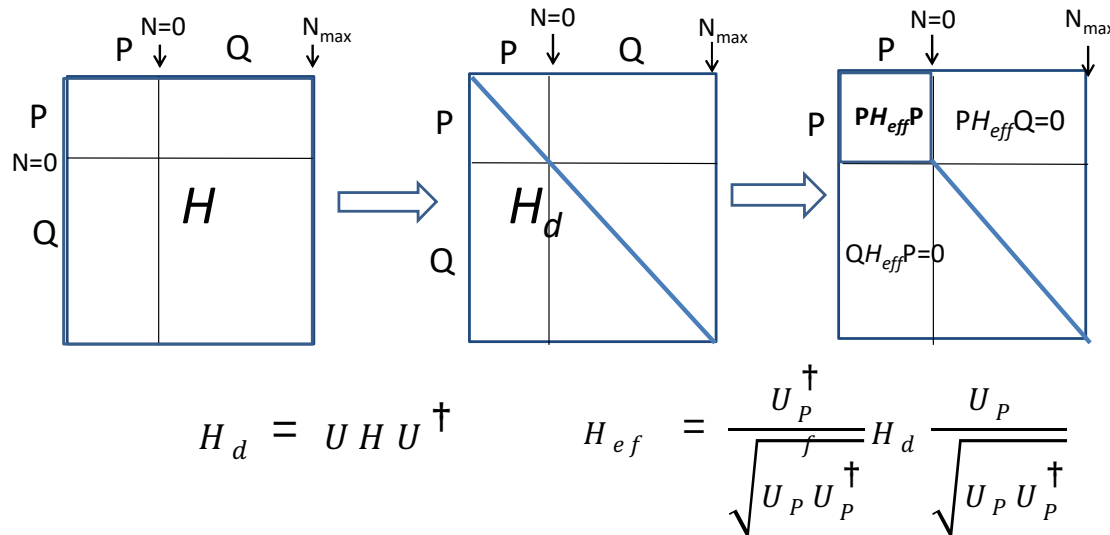
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arXiv: 2401.05776



Jie Chen et al.,
PRC 106,
064312 (2022)

Ab-initio effective interaction from the NCSM

Okubo-Lee-Suzuki (OLS) similarity transformation
of the NCSM solution



Flow

- NCSM for ^{18}F at N_{\max}
- H_{eff} for ^{18}F at $N = 0$ (OLS)
- ^{16}O at N_{\max} (core energy)
- ^{17}O , ^{17}F at N_{\max} (one-body terms)
- ϵ_j , $\langle ij | V_{eff} | kl \rangle_{JT}$

Okubo, *Progr. Theor. Phys.* 12 (1954); Suzuki, Lee, *Prog. Theor. Phys.* 68 (1980)

Dikmen, Lisetskiy, Barrett, Maris, Shirokov, Vary, *PRC91*, 064301 (2015)

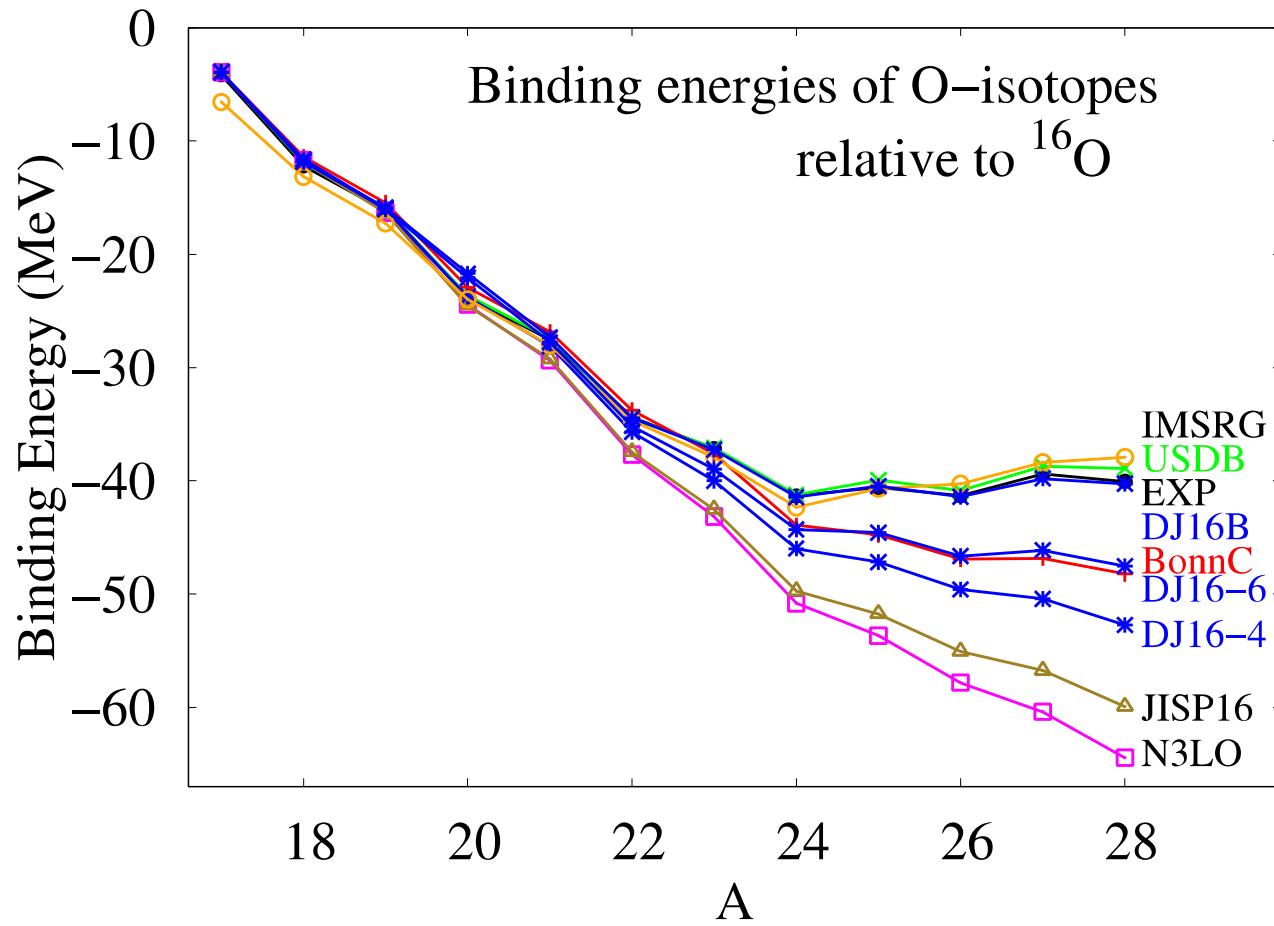
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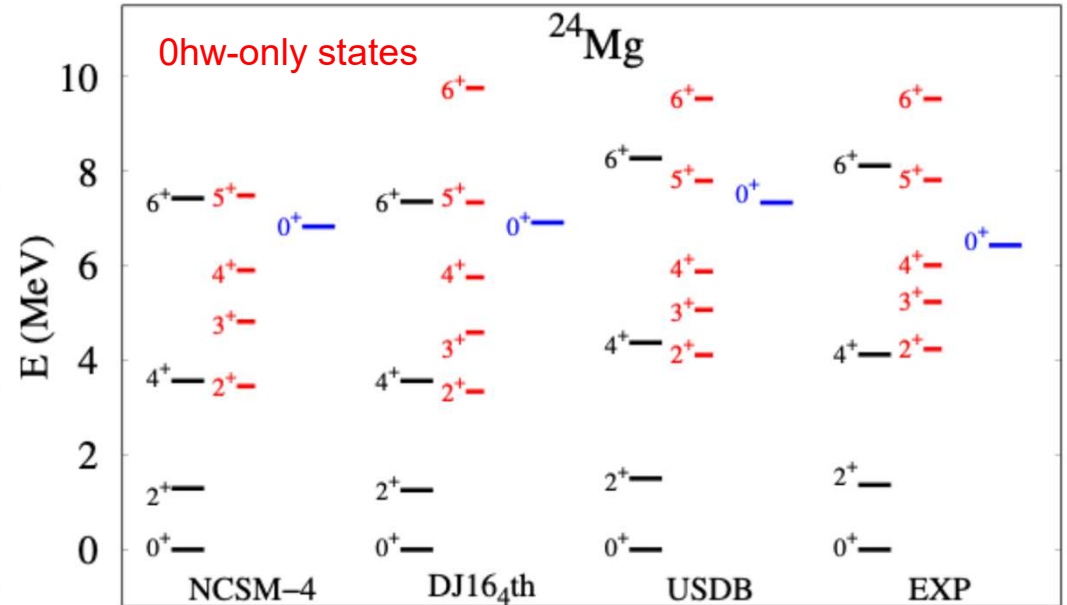
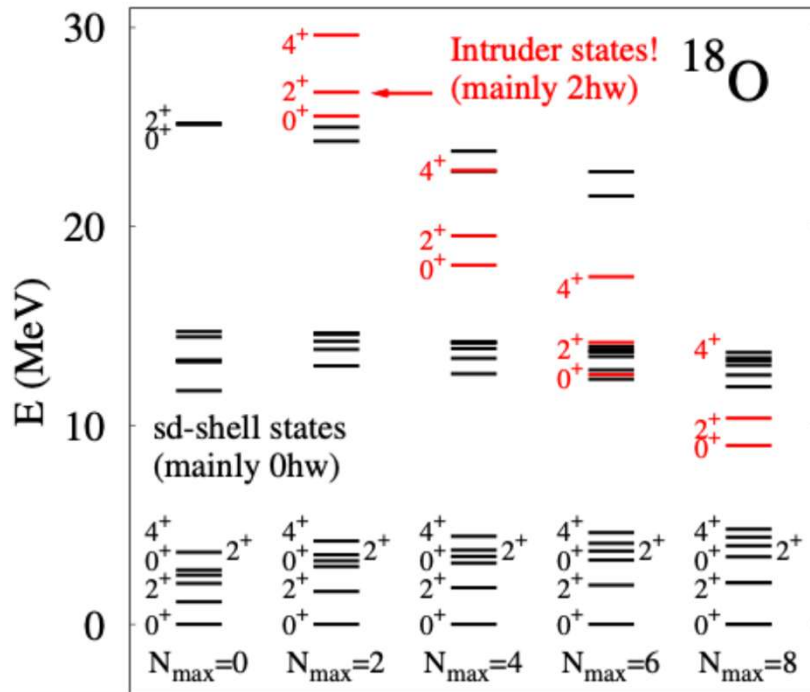
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Binding energies of O-isotopes

rms(DJ16-6) \approx 3671 keV; rms(DJ16B) \approx 235 keV; rms(USDB) \approx 467 keV



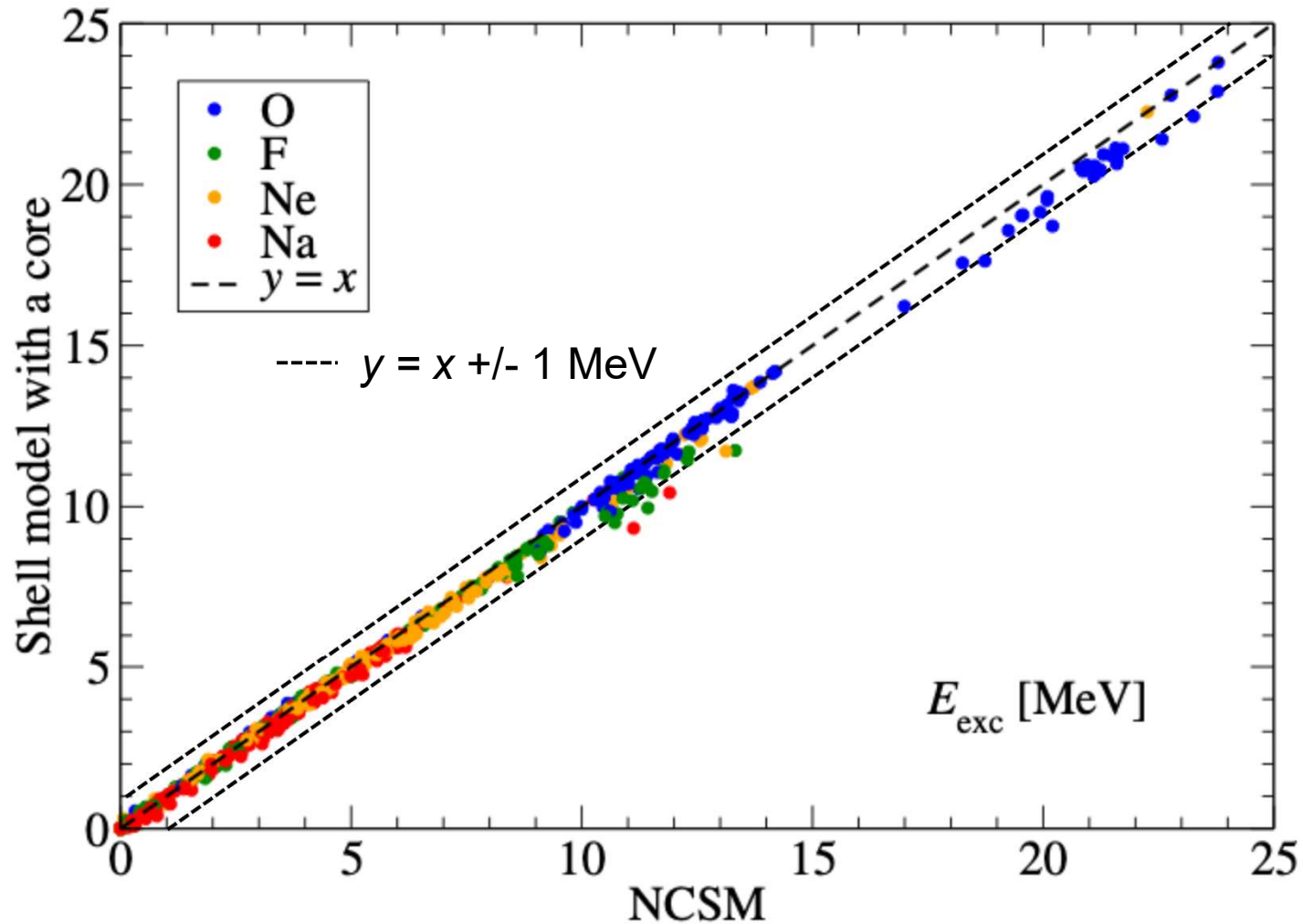
Comparing NCSM (NCSM-4)
with derived **charge-dependent** Valence Effective SM (DJ16₄-th)
at $N_{\max} = 4$, $\hbar\omega = 14$ MeV, using Daejeon16 plus Coulomb.



- Dimension at $N_{\max} = 8$ is 12.2 billion
- Low-lying "0hw states" well converged
- Intruders not yet converged at $N_{\max} = 8$
- 0hw and 2hw state spacings $\sim N_{\max}$ indep.

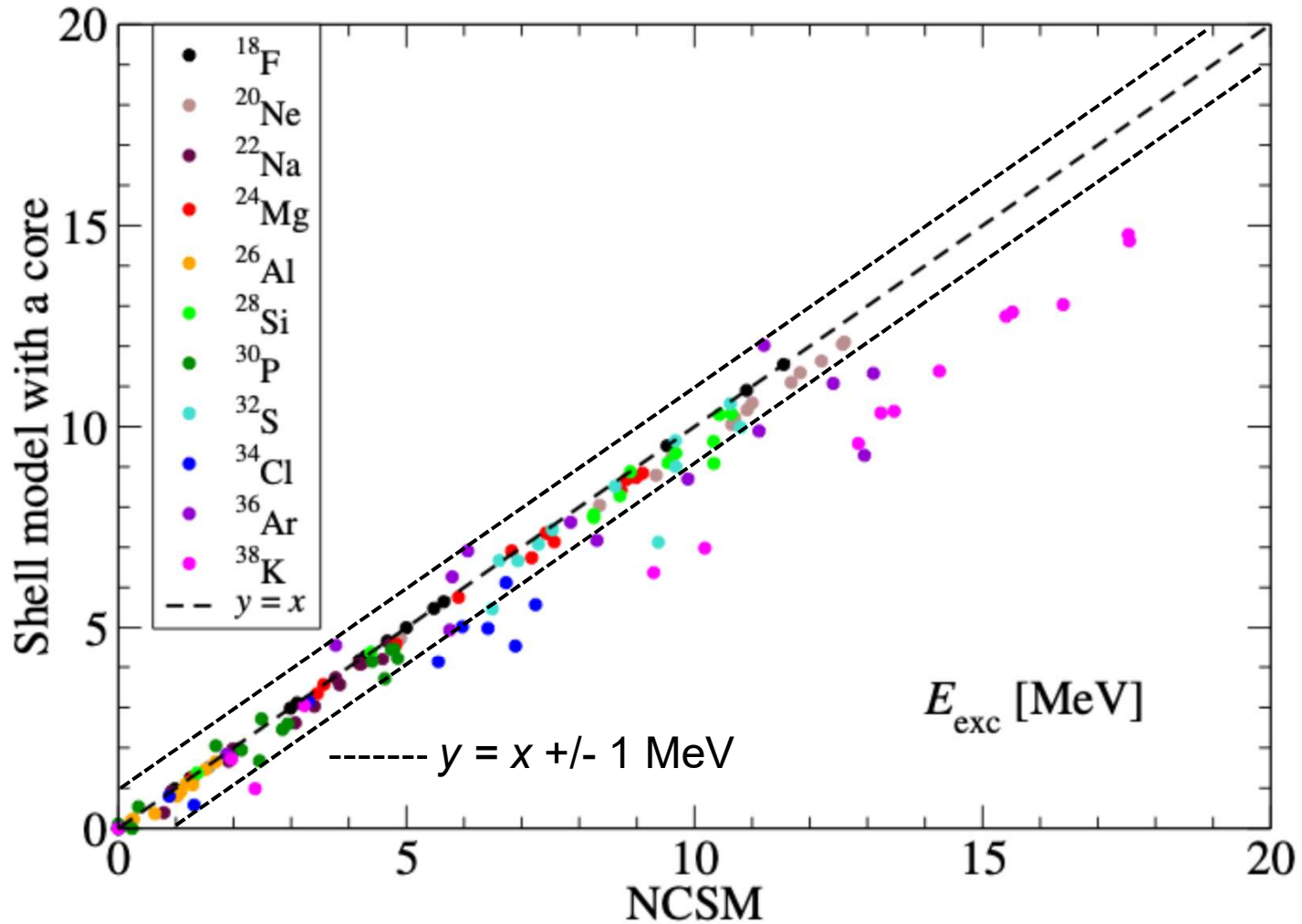
- Low-lying "0hw-states" well reproduced
- Favorable comparison with USDB and and with EXP

E_{exc} correlation between Full NCSM and derived charge-dependent Valence Effective SM Deajeon16 NN interaction and NCSM at $N_{\text{max}} = 4$



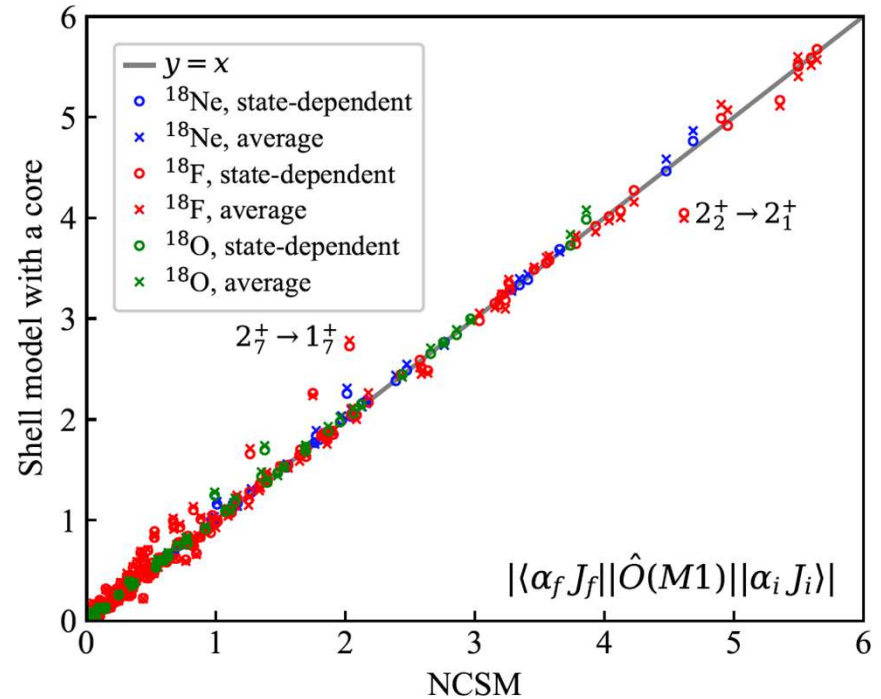
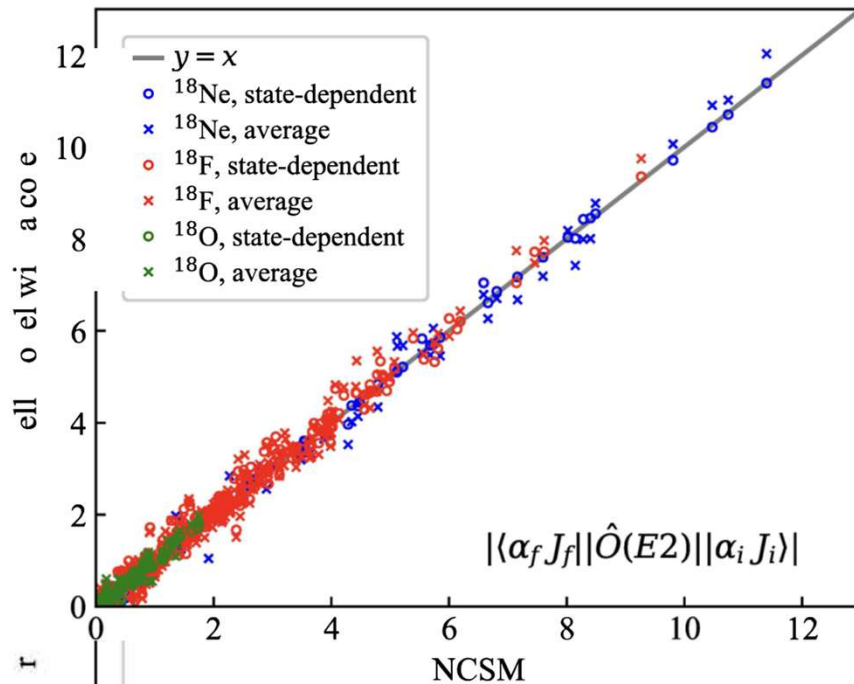
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Full NCSM E2 and M1 reduced transition matrix elements vs charge-dependent effective valence space interaction results with effective charges derived from A=17 NCSM calculations.
 Employs Daejeon 16 in $N_{\max} = 4$ space with $\hbar\omega = 14$ MeV



Zhen Li, N.A. Smirnova, A.M. Shirokov, I.J. Shin, B.R. Barrett, P. Maris and J.P. Vary, in Akito Arima Memorial Volume, T.T.S. Kuo, T. Otsuka, K.K. Phua and J. Vary, eds., World Scientific (Singapore), 135 (2025); arXiv: 2205.15939

Future plans

- Adopt LENPIC Chiral EFT interaction complete through N3LO (arriving 2026)
- Employ SRG and solve NCSM at $N_{\text{max}} = 4$ followed by $N_{\text{max}} = 6$ for $A=16 - 20$
- Develop charge-dependent valence NN V_{eff} at $N_{\text{max}} = 4$ followed by $N_{\text{max}} = 6$
- Solve for sd-shell nuclei (see example cases presented above)
- Compare with expt & previous thy results to assess role/need for valence NNN V_{eff}
- Develop charge-dependent NN V_{eff} for the fp-shell with NCSM solutions at $N_{\text{max}} = 4$ for $A = 40, 41, 42$

Many outstanding nuclear physics discoveries & opportunities remain

Origin of the successful nuclear shell model

Collective motion & Clustering phenomena

Nuclear reactions and breakup

Astrophysical processes & drip lines

New opportunities: AI and Quantum Computing

**Predictive Nuclear Theory will provide
a window on Physics beyond the Standard Model**

**A comprehensive program of theory & experiment
is needed to maximize discovery potential**

*Thank you for your attention
I welcome your questions*

Backup Slides and References

Extrapolating to the infinite matrix limit i.e. to the “continuum limit”

Results with both IR and UV extrapolations

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Convergence and Uncertainty Assessments

Convergence properties of *ab initio* calculations of light nuclei in a harmonic oscillator basis

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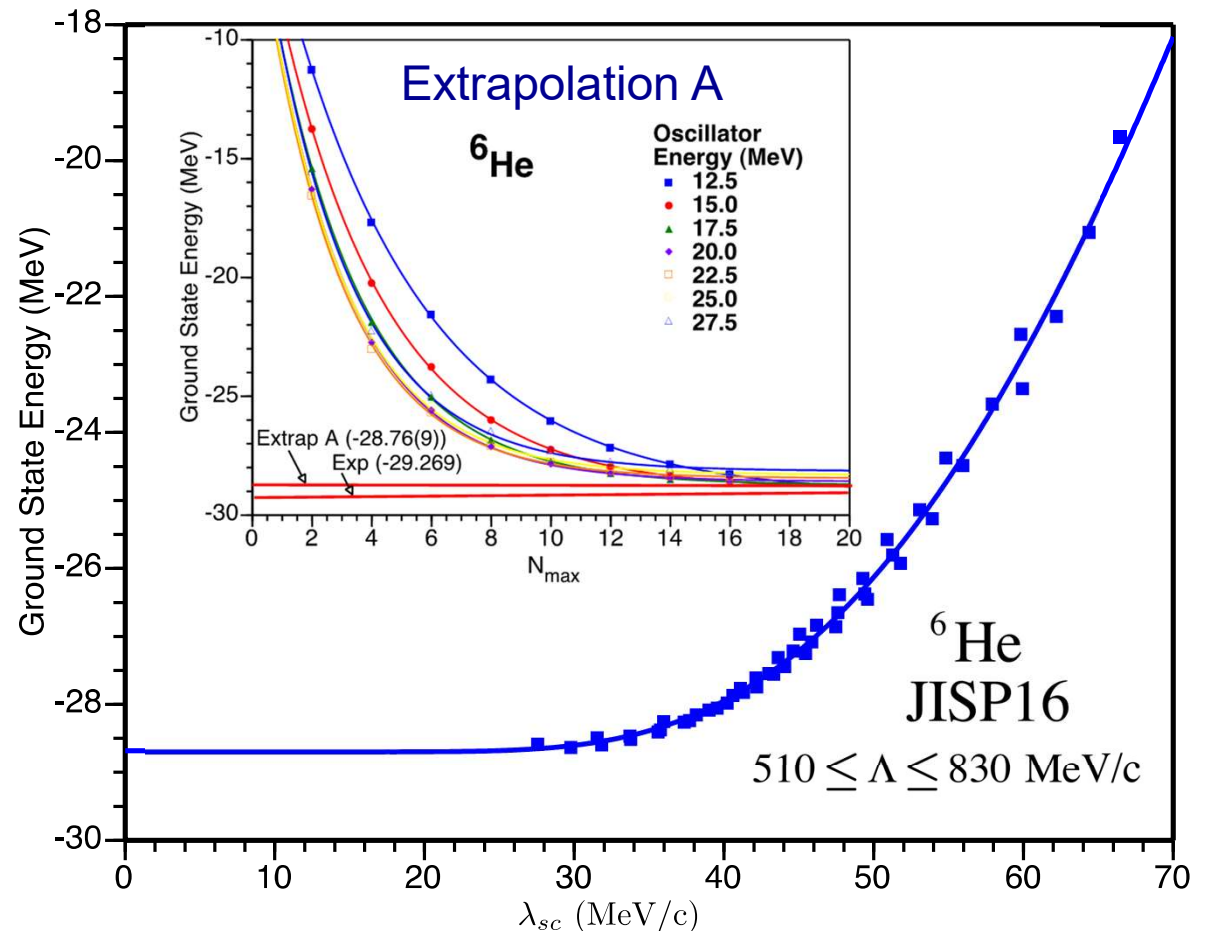
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UV regulator:

$$\Lambda = \sqrt{(N + 3/2)m\hbar\Omega}$$

IR regulator:

$$\lambda_{sc} = \sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\Omega}{(N + 3/2)}}$$



Coordinating χ EFT and NCSM UV regulators makes sense
and would reduce demands on computational resources
(Discussion topic at INT-26-1)

Some relevant results to consider:

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Fit function:

$$E_{gs}(\lambda_{sc}) = a \exp(-b/\lambda_{sc}) + E_{gs}$$

“By taking [the change from reduced mass to nucleon mass] into account, the successful emulation of the Idaho N3LO interaction in a HO basis suggests that $\Lambda^{NN} \sim 780$ MeV/c.”

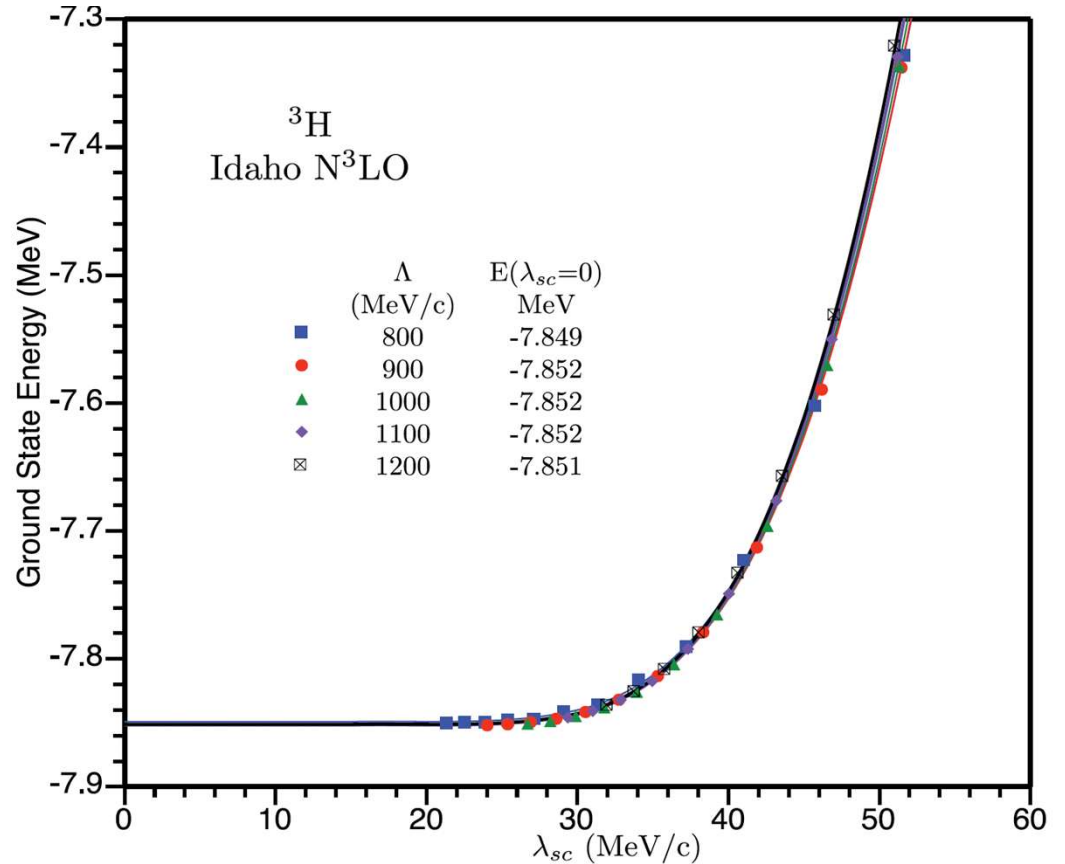


FIG. 7. (Color online) The ground-state energy of ${}^3\text{H}$ calculated at five fixed values of $\Lambda = \sqrt{m_N(N + 3/2)\hbar\omega}$ and variable $\lambda_{sc} = \sqrt{(m_N\hbar\omega)/(N + 3/2)}$. The curves are fits to the points and the functions fitted are used to extrapolate to the ir limit $\lambda_{sc} = 0$.

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Combined IR and UV extrapolation: HO-basis regulator definitions

	Ref. 1	Ref. 2	Ref. 3
UV: Λ	$\sqrt{(N + 3/2)m\hbar\Omega}$	$\sqrt{2(N + 3/2)m\hbar\Omega}$	$\sqrt{2(N + 3/2)m\hbar\Omega}$
IR: λ	$\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\Omega}{(N + 3/2)}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\Omega}{2(N + 3/2)}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{m\hbar\Omega}{2(N + 3/2)}}$
N (p-shell)	$N_{\max} + 1$	$N_{\max} + 2$	$N_{\max} + 3$

$$E(\Lambda, \lambda) \approx E_{\infty} + B_0 e^{-2\Lambda^2/B_1^2} + B_2 e^{-2k_{\infty}/\lambda}$$

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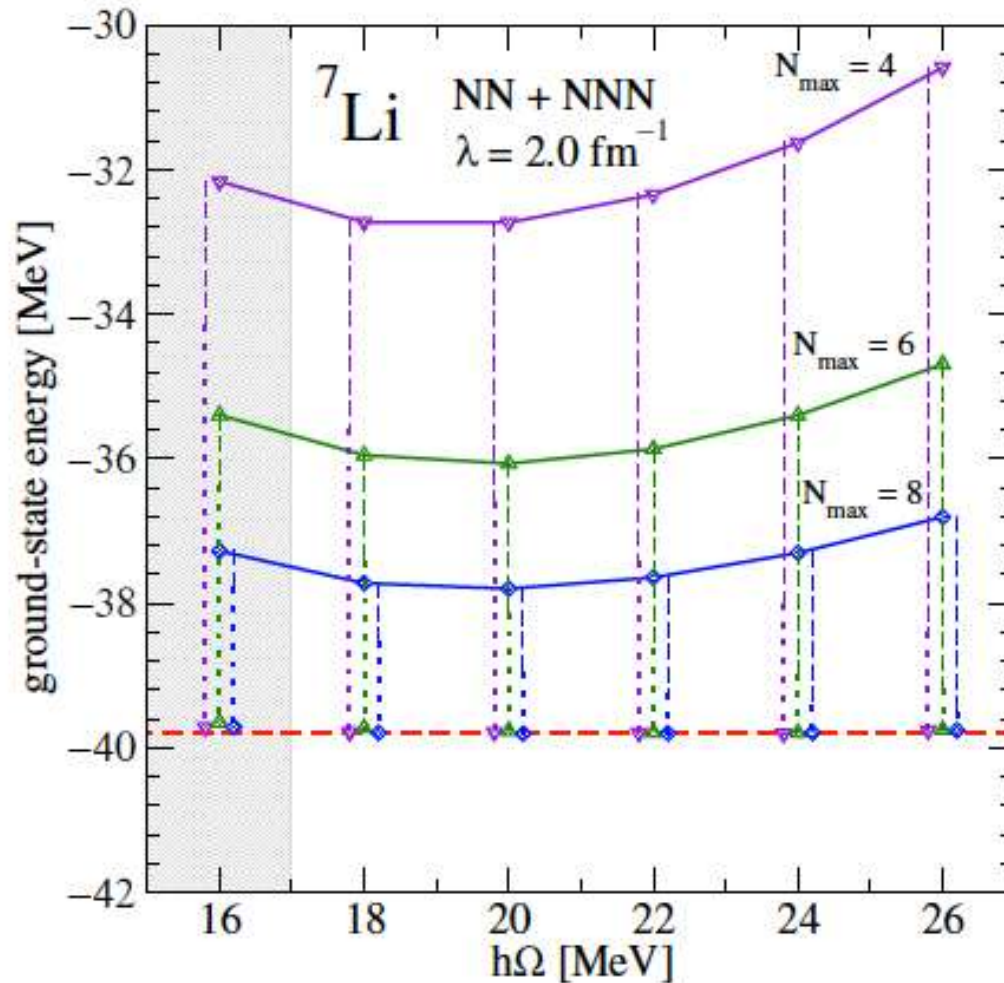


FIG. 17. (color online) Ground-state energy of ${}^7\text{Li}$ for the NN+NNN evolved Hamiltonians at $\lambda = 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, with IR (vertical dashed) and UV (vertical dotted) corrections from Eq. (5) that add to predicted E_∞ values (points near the horizontal dashed line, which is the global E_∞).

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