

# Progress in *Ab Initio* Nuclear Theory for Deformed Nuclei

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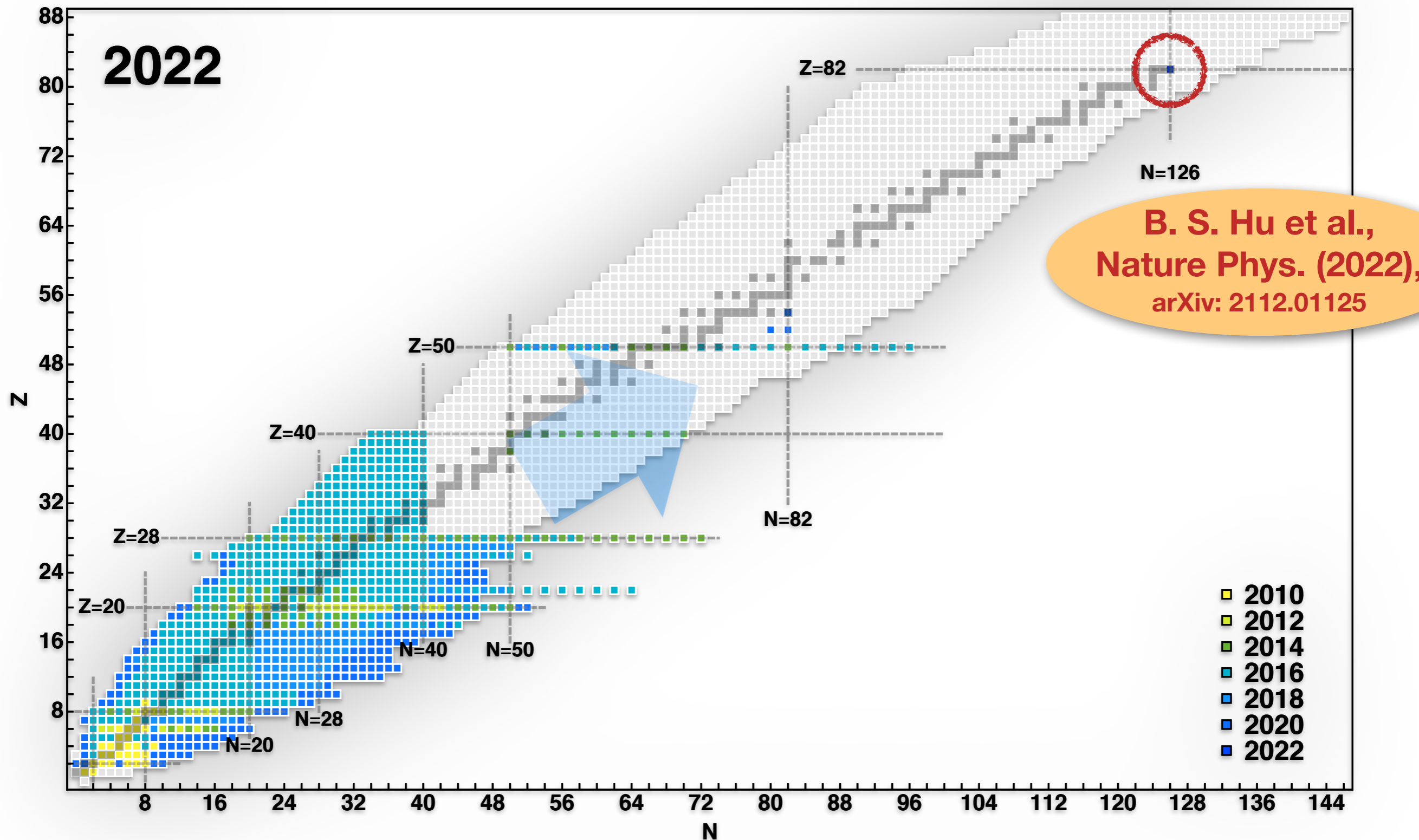
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# Progress in *Ab Initio* Calculations



[ cf. HH, *Front. Phys.* 8, 379 (2020) ]



# (Multi-Reference) In-Medium Similarity Renormalization Group

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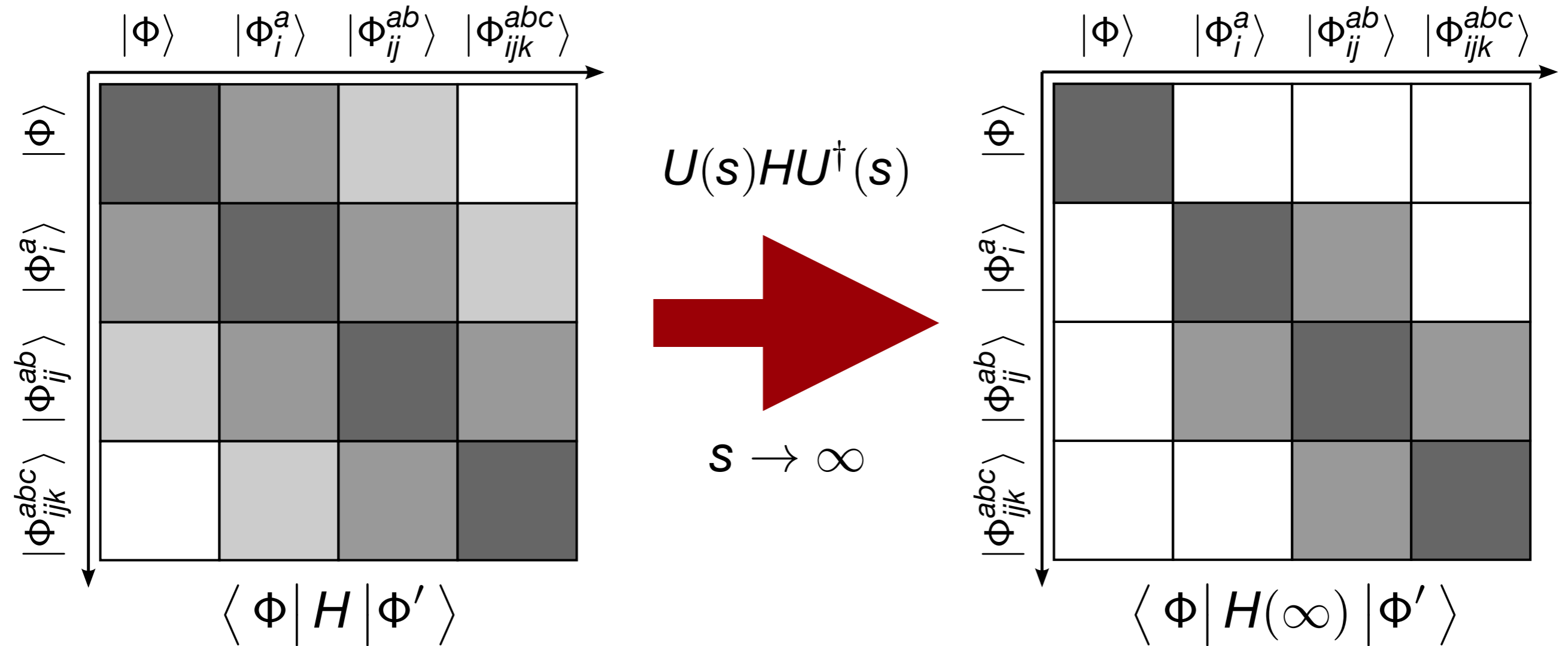
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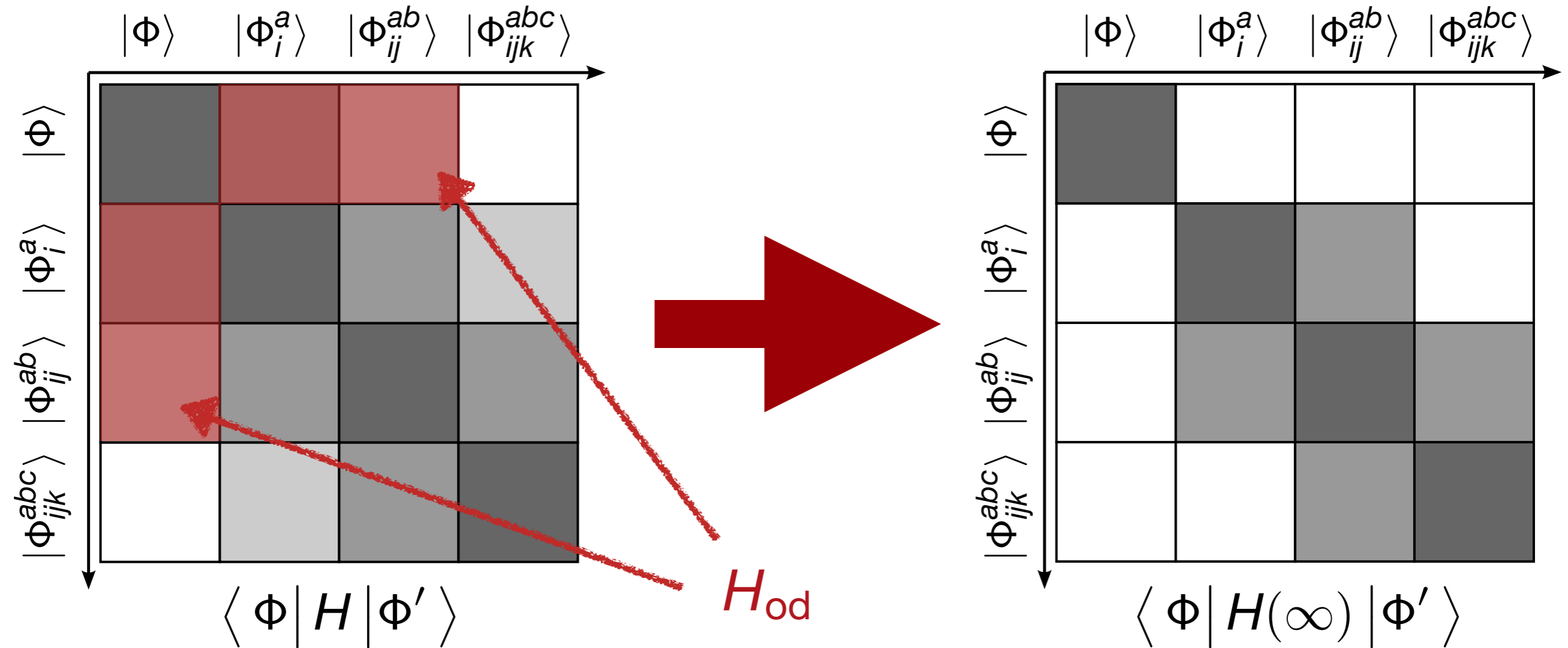
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# Decoupling in A-Body Space



**goal:** decouple reference state  $|\Phi\rangle$   
from excitations

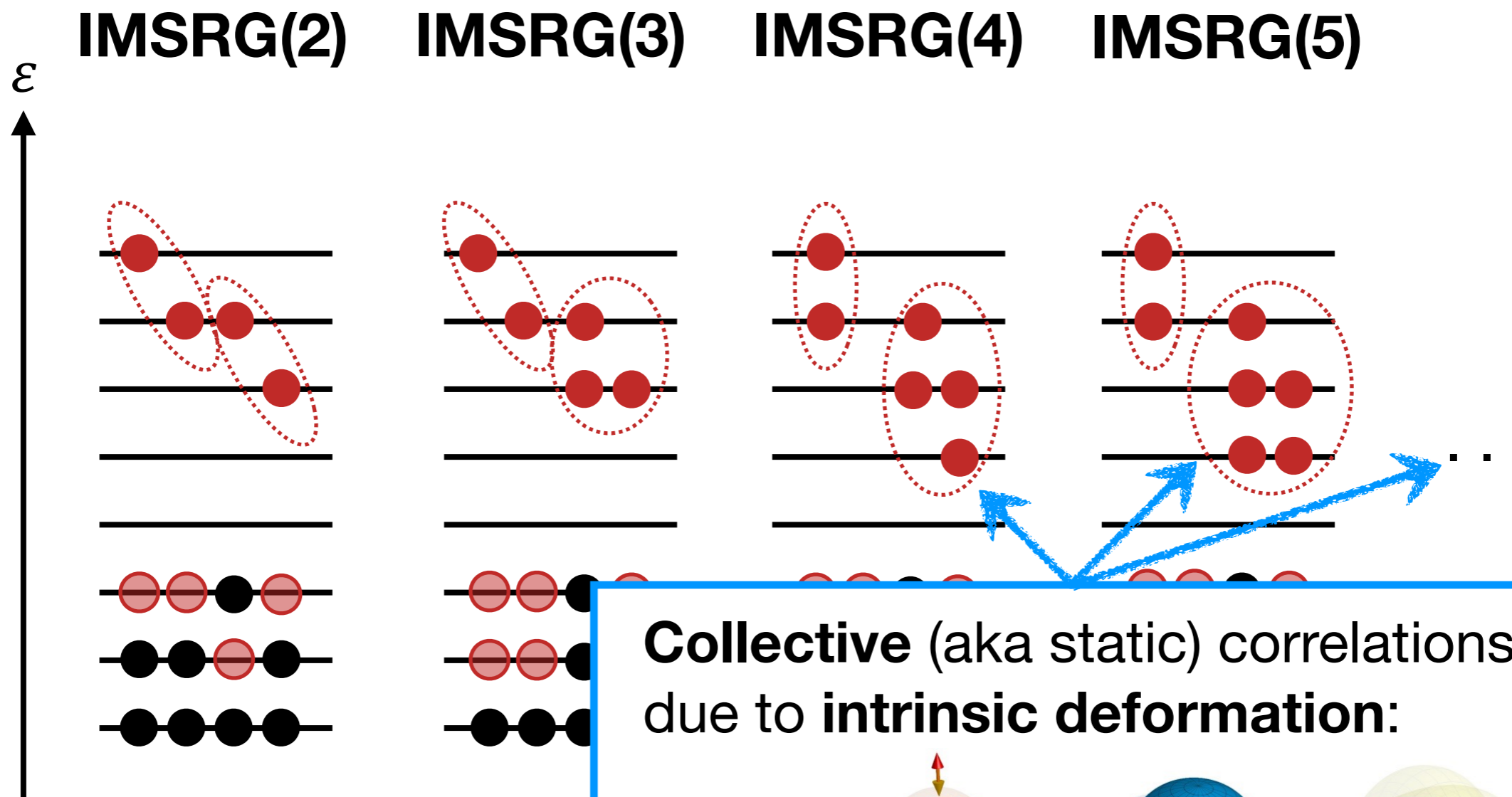
# Flow Equation



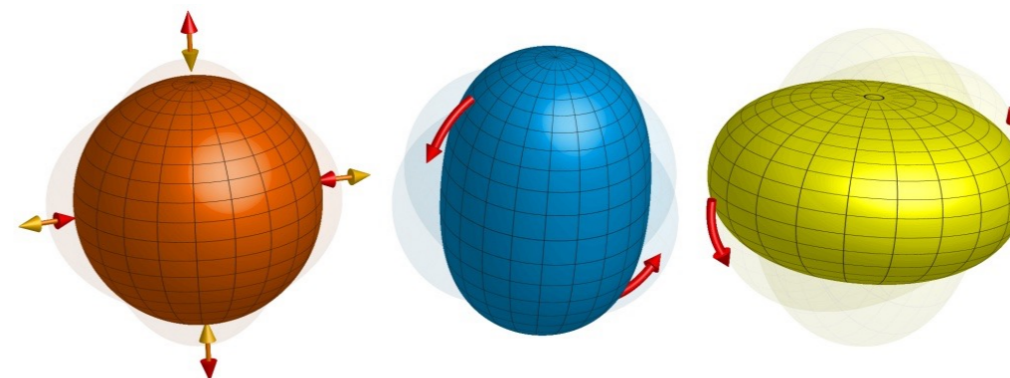
$$\frac{d}{ds} H(s) = [\eta(s), H(s)],$$

Operators truncated at **two-body level** - matrix is never constructed explicitly!

# Correlated Reference States

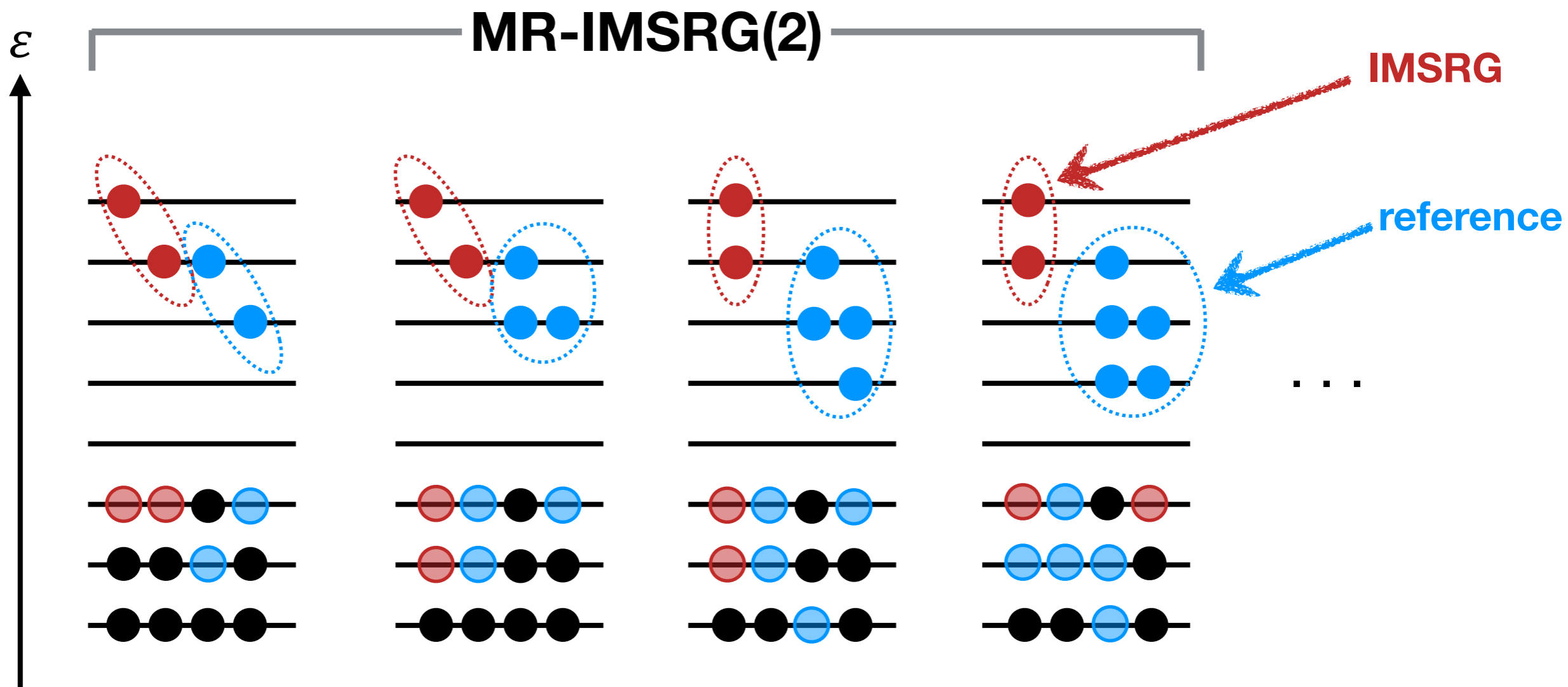


**Collective** (aka static) correlations, e.g. due to **intrinsic deformation**:



“standard” IMS  
Slater determinan

# Correlated Reference States



**MR-IMSRG:** build correlations on top of **already correlated** state (e.g., from a method that describes static correlation well)

# IMSRG-Improved Methods



**XYZ**  
define  
reference

\* mean field or  
**explicitly correlated**

**IMSRG**  
evolve  
operators

**XYZ**  
extract  
observables

Could add  
**self-consistency.**



# IMSRG-Improved Methods



- IMSRG for closed and open-shell nuclei: IM-HF and IM-PHFB

- HH, Phys. Scripta, Phys. Scripta 92, 023002 (2017)
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- Valence-Space IMSRG (VS-IMSRG)

- S. R. Stroberg, HH, S. K. Bogner, J. D. Holt, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. **69**, 165

cf. talk by  
Jason Holt

- In-Medium No Core Shell Model (IM-NCSM)

- E. Gebrerufael, K. Vobig, HH, R. Roth, PRL **118**, 152503

- In-Medium Generator Coordinate Method (IM-GCM)

- J. M. Yao, J. Engel, L. J. Wang, C. F. Jiao, HH PRC 98, 054311 (2018)
- J. M. Yao et al., PRL 124, 232501 (2020)

XYZ  
define  
reference

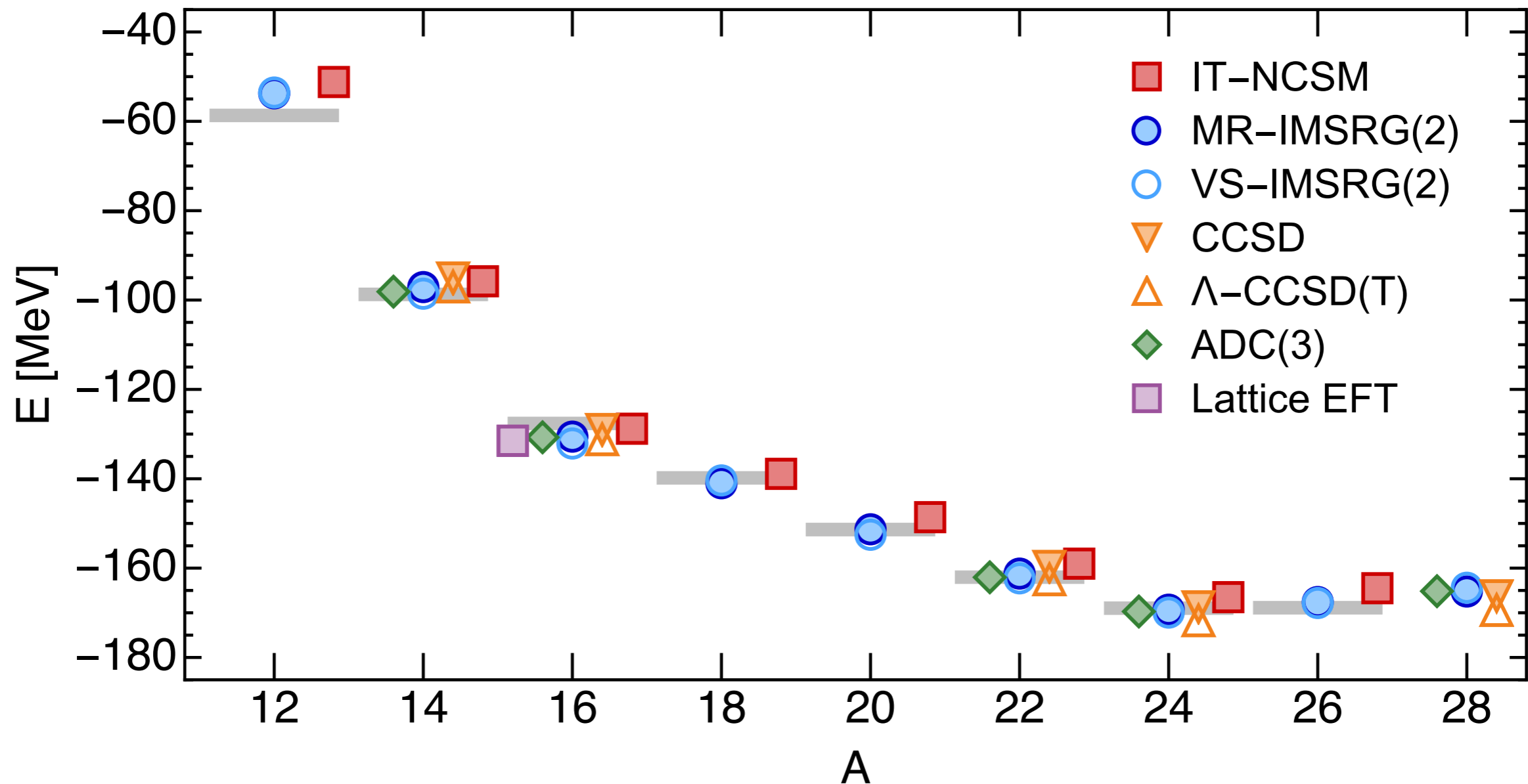
IMSRG  
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# Oxygen Isotope



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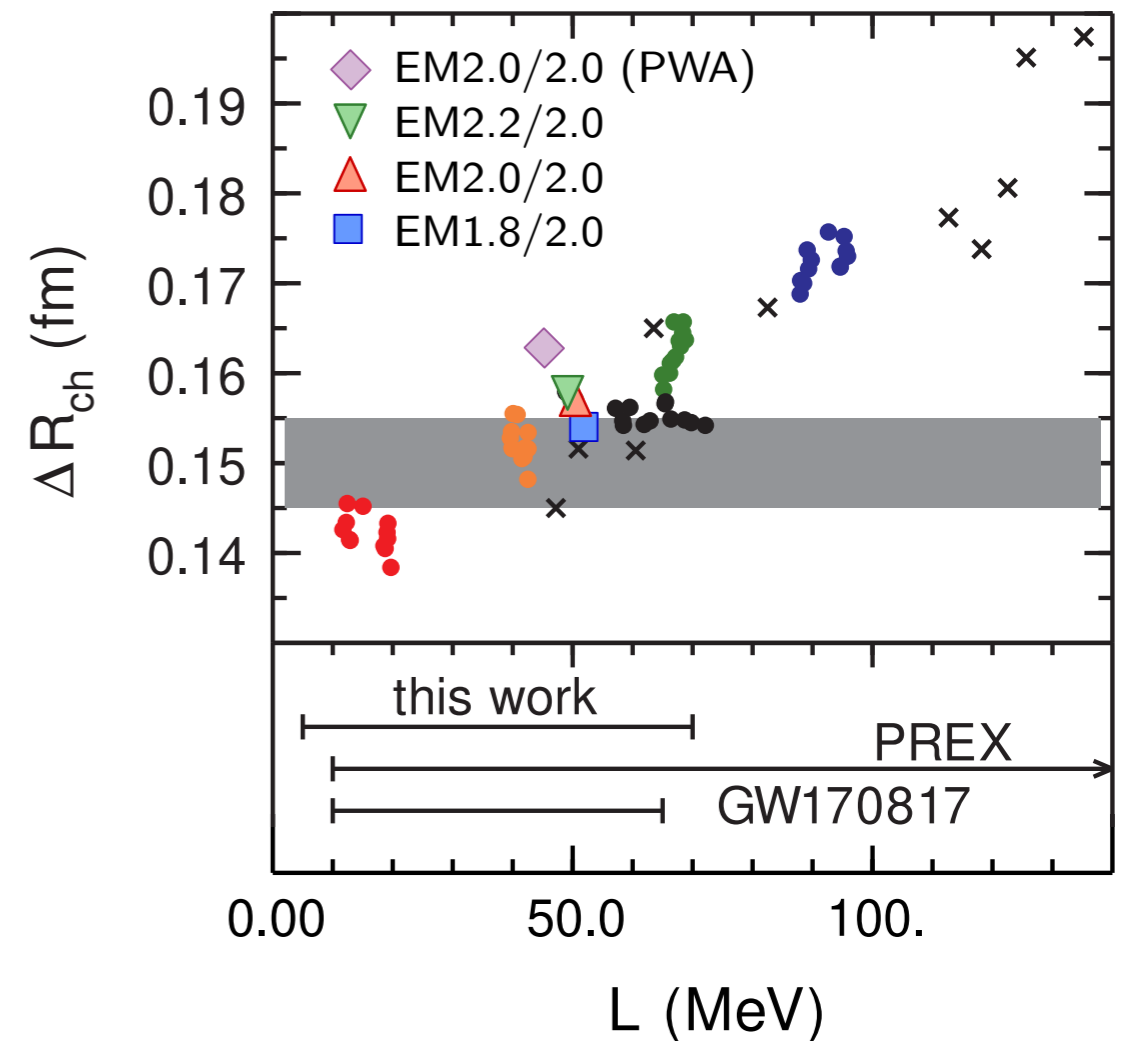
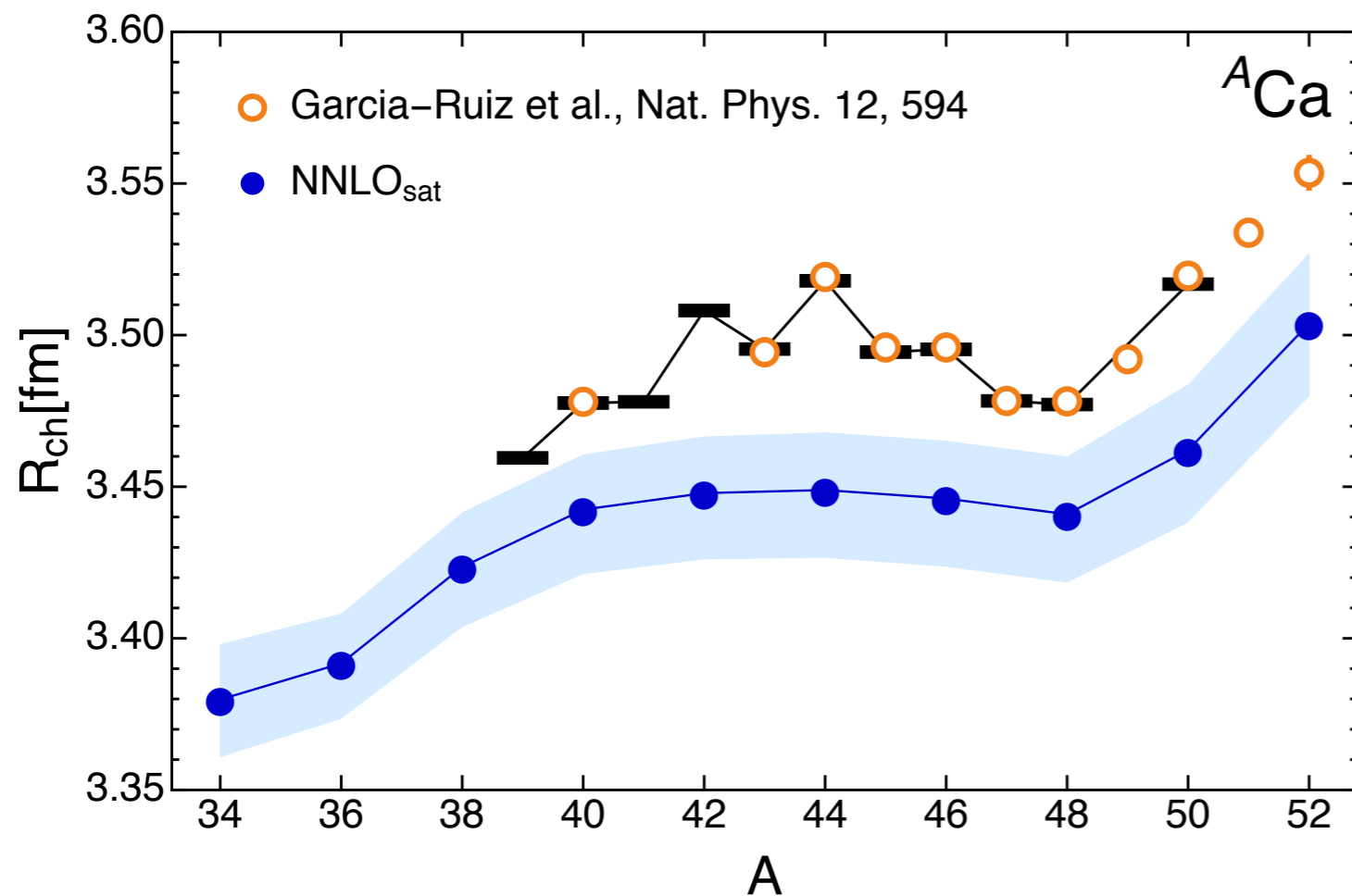


**consistent ground-state energies** for the **same interaction**  
(and comparable Lattice EFT action)

# Calcium Charge Radii



HH, *Front. Phys.* **8**, 379 (2020)  
 B. A. Brown et al., *PRR* **2**, 022305(R) (2020)



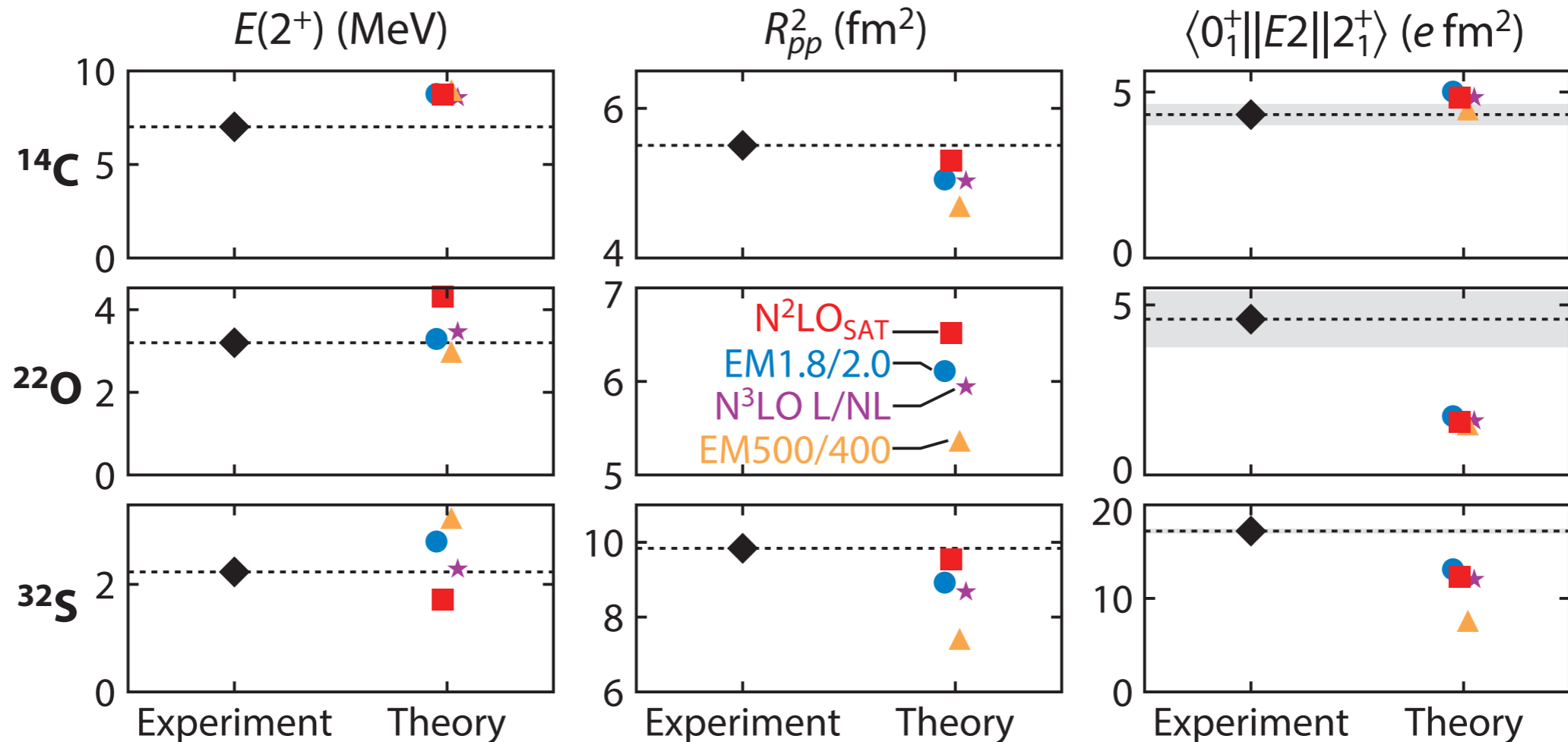
- **differential observables** like  $\Delta R_{ch}$  are insensitive to variations of interaction cutoffs / resolution scale

cf. talk by  
**W. Nazarewicz**

# Transitions



S. R. Stroberg, HH, S. K. Bogner, J. D. Holt, *Ann. Rev. Part. Nucl. Sci.* **69**, 307 (2019)  
 N. M. Parzuchowski, S. R. Stroberg et al., *PRC* **96**, 034324 (2017)  
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- **B(E2)s too small:** missing collectivity due to intermediate 3p3h, ... states that are truncated in IMSRG evolution (**static correlation**)

# Capturing Collective Correlations: In-Medium Generator Coordinate Method

J. M. Yao, A. Belley, R. Wirth, T. Miyagi, C. G. Payne, S. R. Stroberg, HH, J. D. Holt, PRC **103**, 014315 (2021)

J. M. Yao, B. Bally, J. Engel, R. Wirth, T. R. Rodriguez, HH, PRL **124**, 232501 (2020)

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**GCM**  
define  
reference

- no-core (or valence space) GCM calculation to prepare reference state

**IMSRG**  
evolve  
operators

- evolve Hamiltonian and observables with MR-IMSRG
- decoupling in A-body space

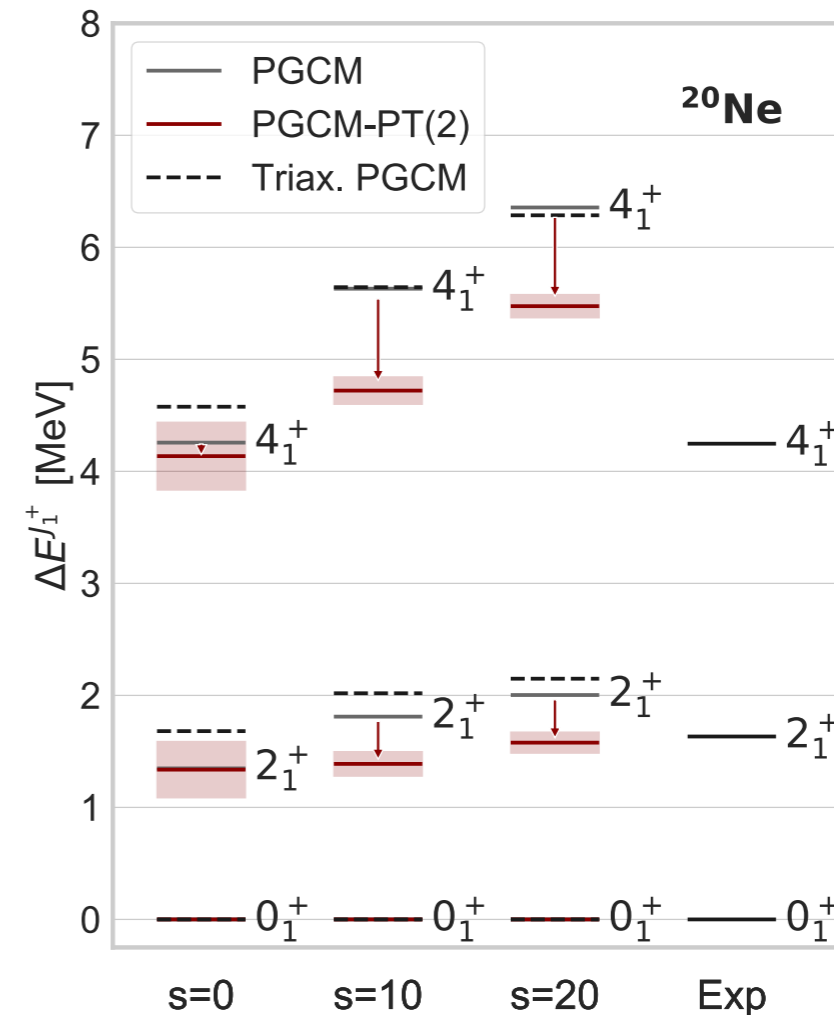
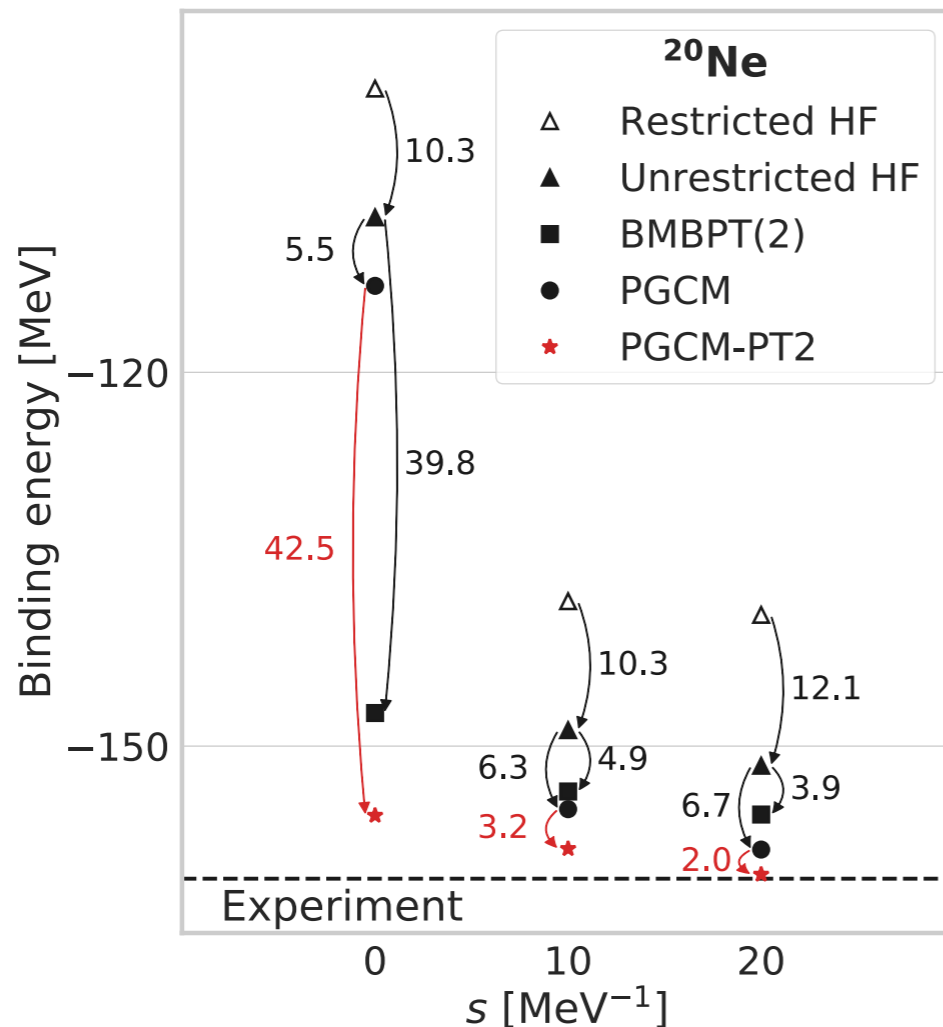
**GCM**  
extract  
observables

- no-core GCM calculation using evolved Hamiltonian
- calculate GCM wave functions, observables

# Perturbative Enhancement of IM-GCM



M. Frosini et al., EPJA 58, 64 (2022)

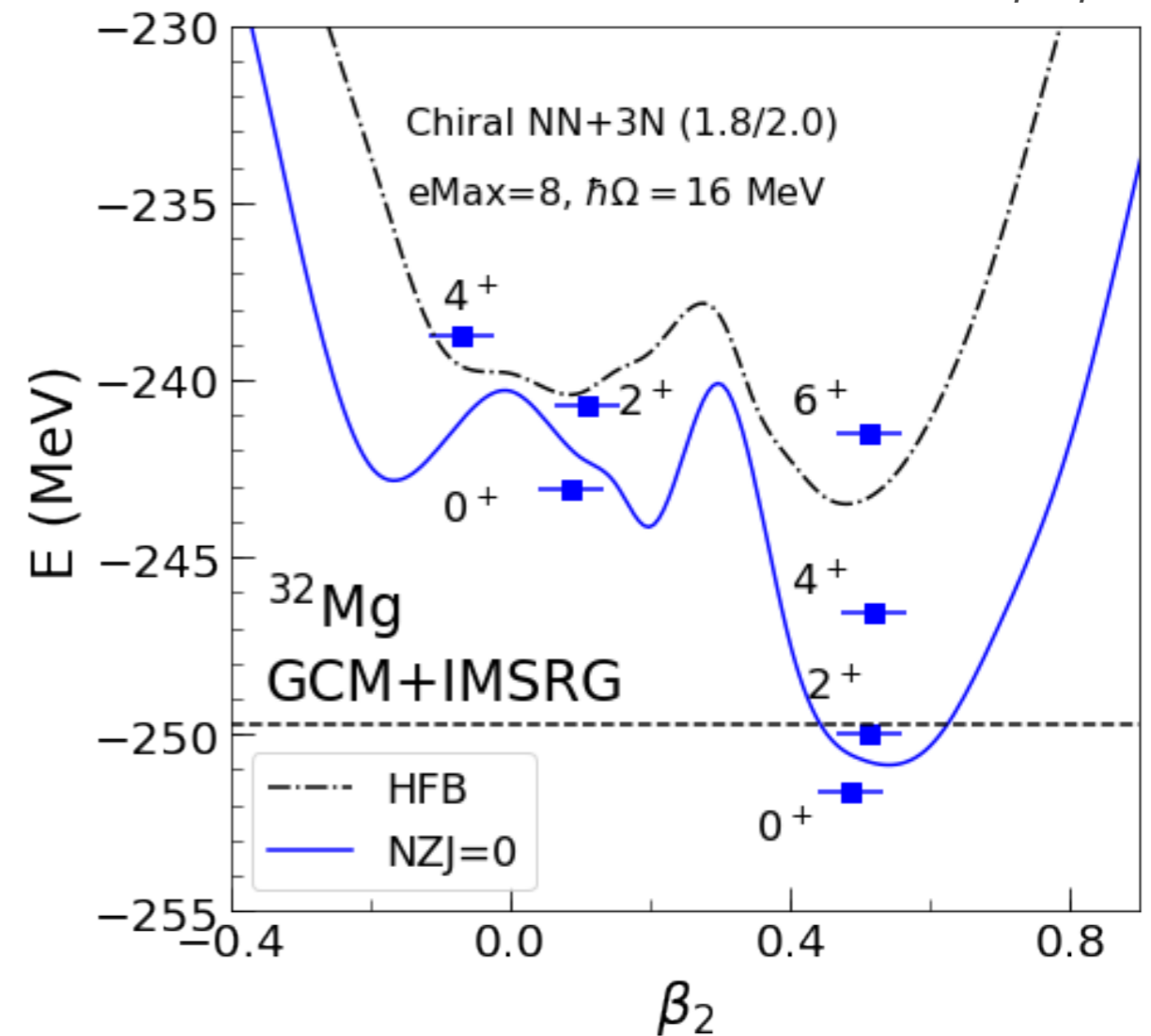
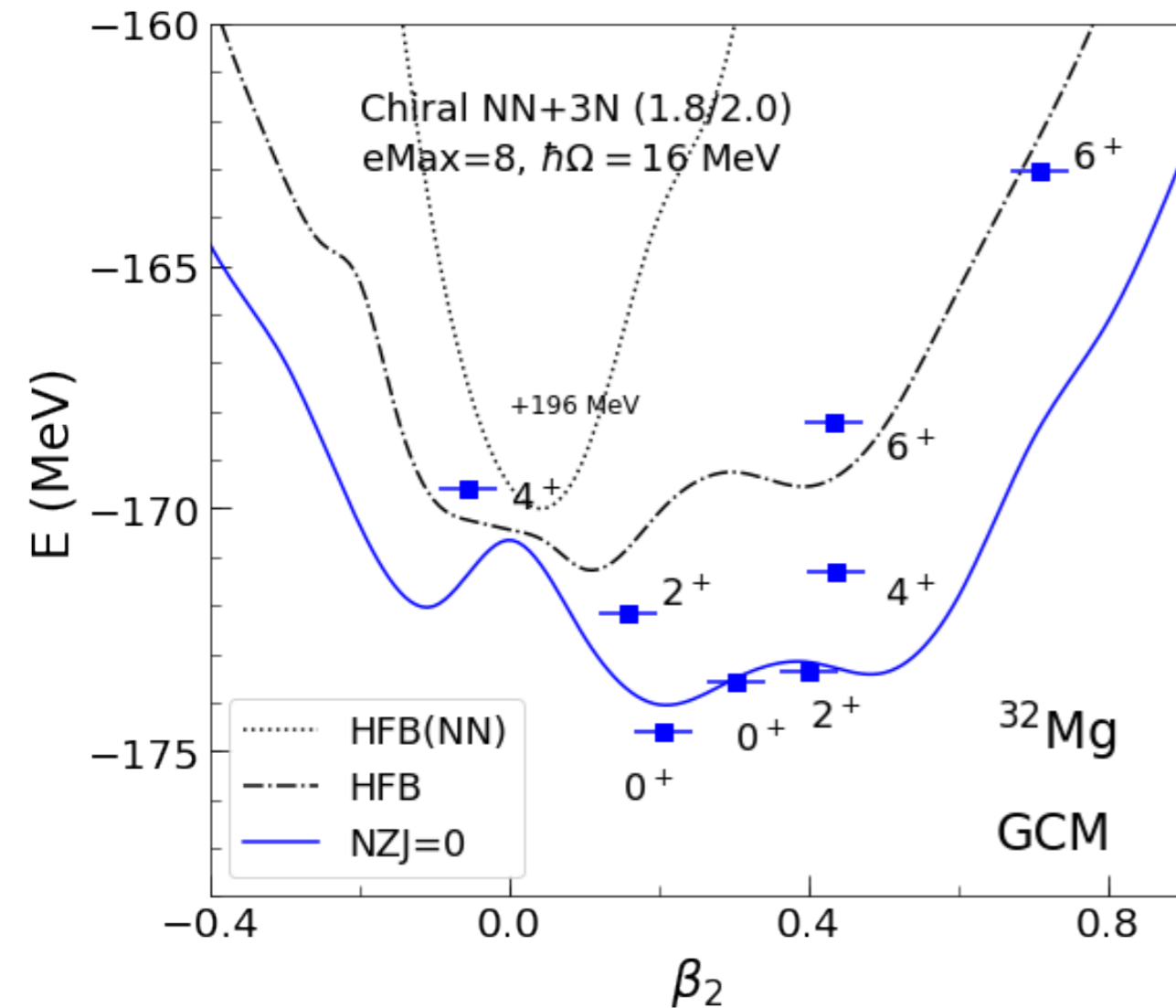


- s-dependence is a **built-in diagnostic tool** for IM-GCM (**not available in phenomenological GCM**)
- if operator and wave function offer sufficient degrees of freedom, evolution of observables is unitary
- need **richer references and/or IMSRG(3)** for certain observables

# Collectivity in $^{32}\text{Mg}$ : IM-GCM



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- Prolate configurations gain more energy than the weakly deformed one via IMSRG flow (**targeting** states or groups/bands of states)
- Dominant configuration is more concentrated at **large prolate deformation**, which **enhances the quadrupole collectivity** in  $^{32}\text{Mg}$ .

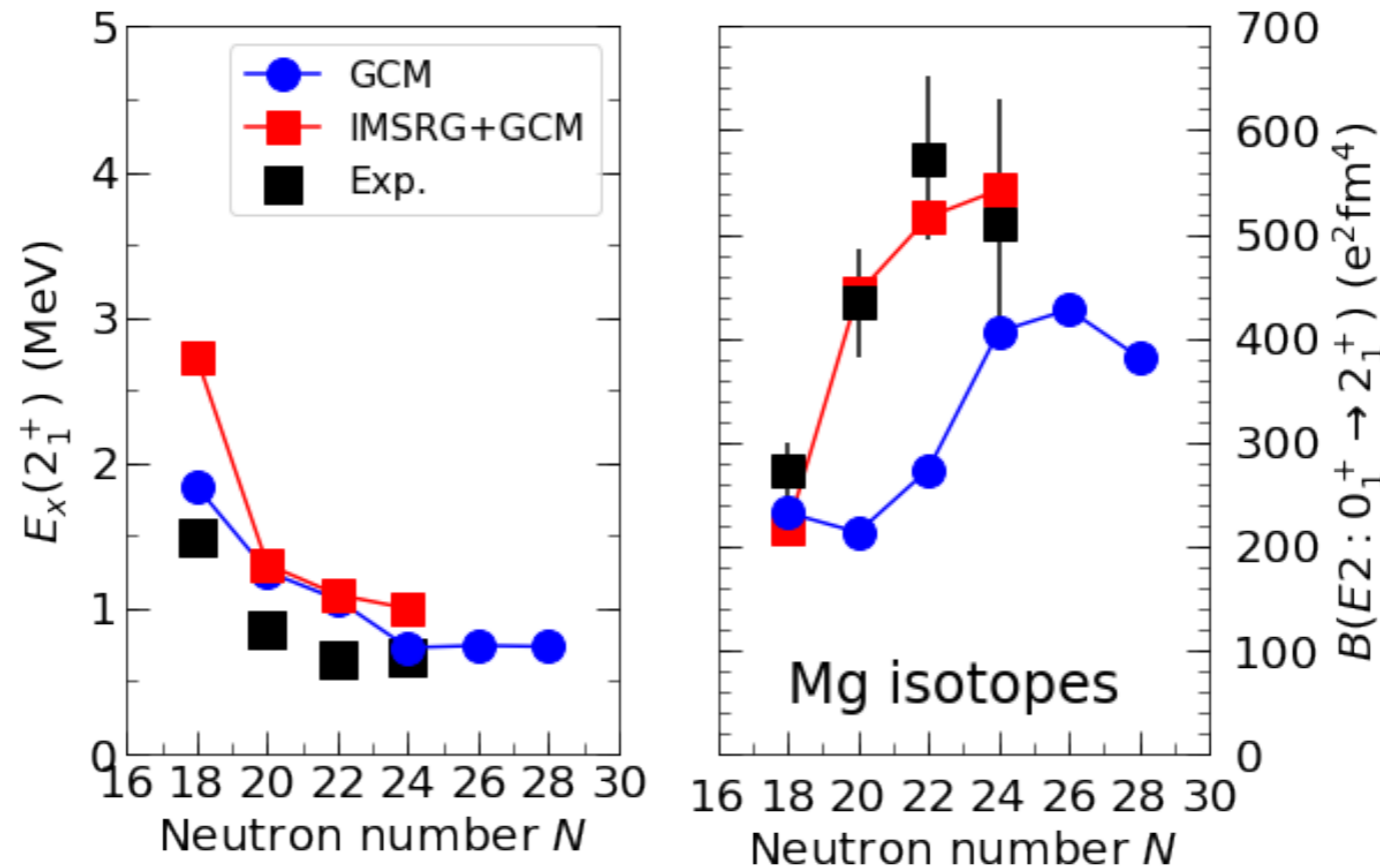


# Magnesium Isotopes



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EM1.8/2.0



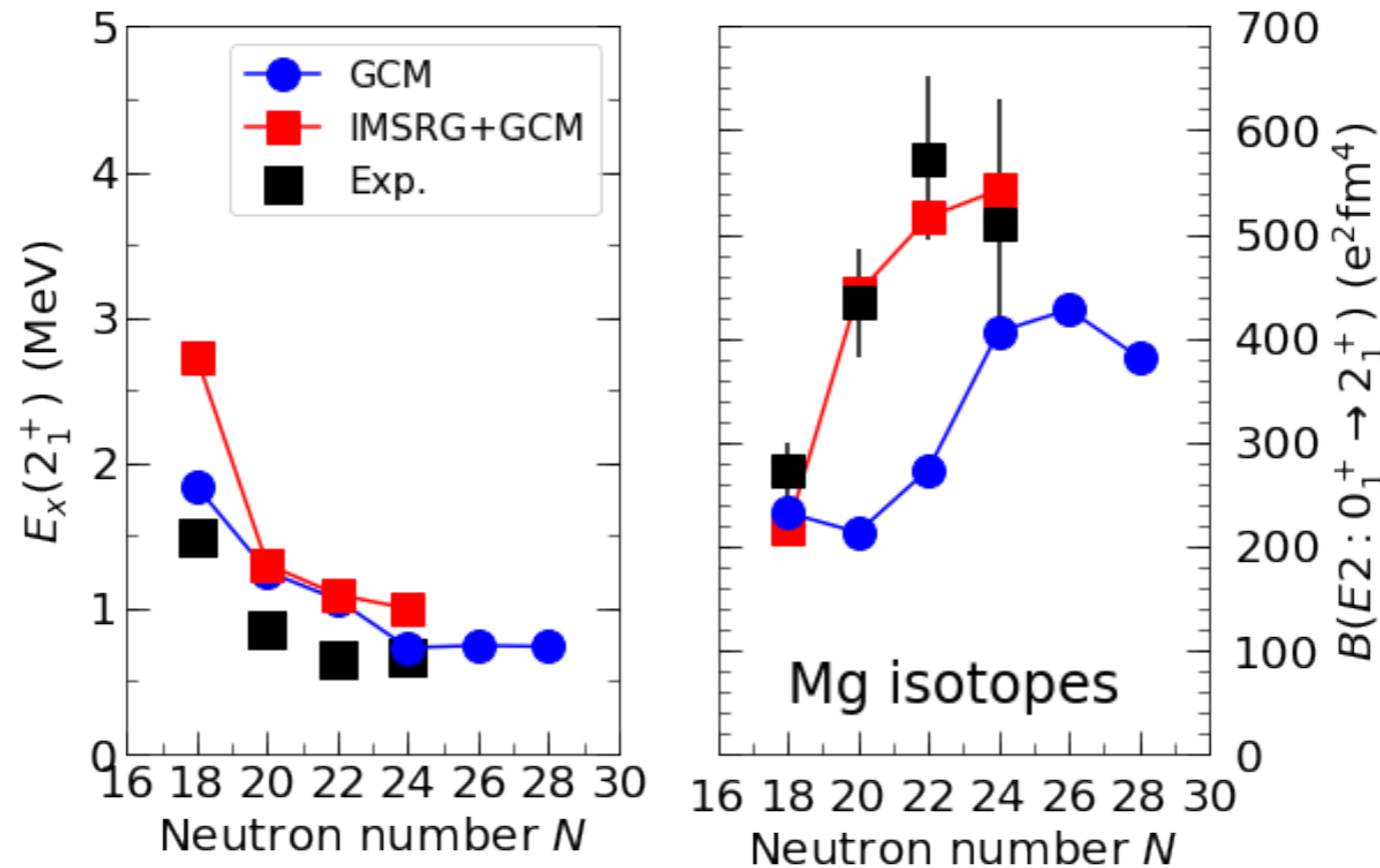
- much **improved  $B(E2)$**  values compared to standard GCM or VS-IMSRG calculations: IM-GCM captures **dynamical and static correlations!**

# Magnesium Isotopes



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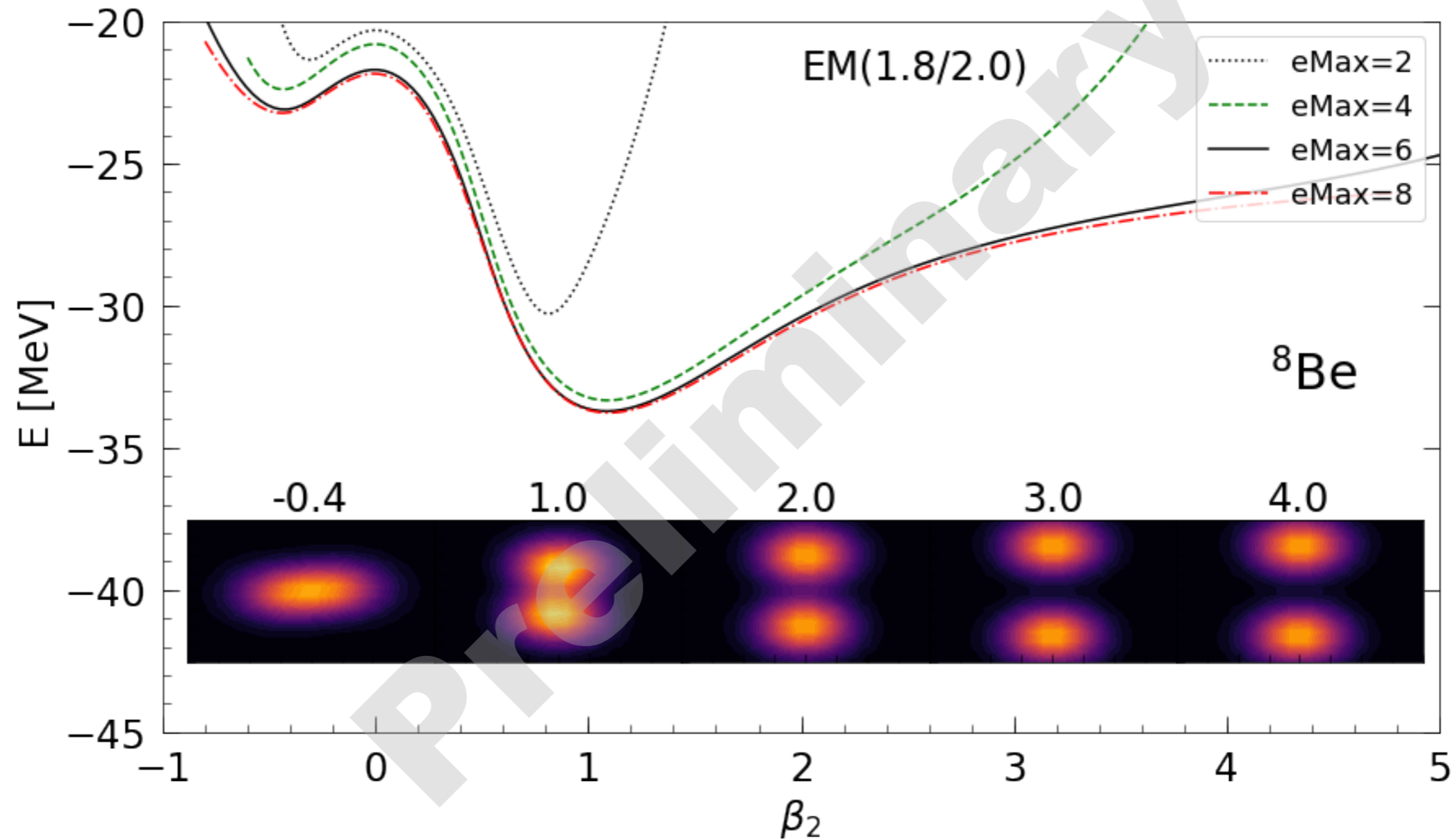
$$O = O^{(1)} \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow \infty} O(s) = O^{(1)}(s) + \underbrace{O^{(2)}(s) + \dots}_{\text{induced contributions}}$$

- induced 2B quadrupole operator is **small (~5%)**, contrary to typical VS-IMSRG (~50%): GCM reference equips operator basis with better capability to capture collectivity

# Cluster Structures: $^8\text{Be}$



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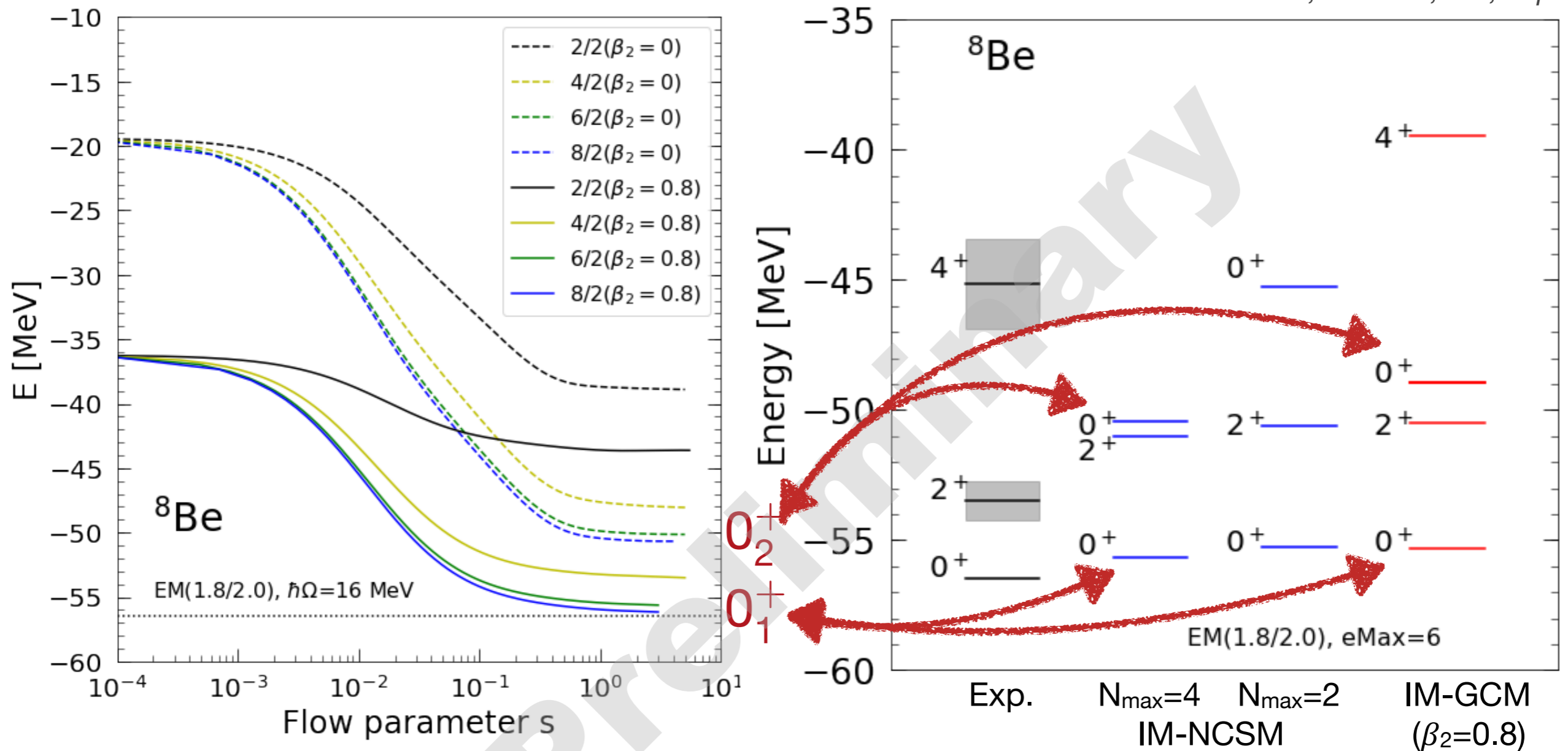


HFB potential energy surface

# Cluster Structures: $^8\text{Be}$



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- **Prolate** and **spherical** references flow towards  $0_1^+$  and  $0_2^+$  states [cf. Sargsyan et al., PRL128, 202503; Caurier et al., PRC64, 051301(R)]
- **seems consistent with IM-NCSM**

Looking Ahead

# What Is Next?



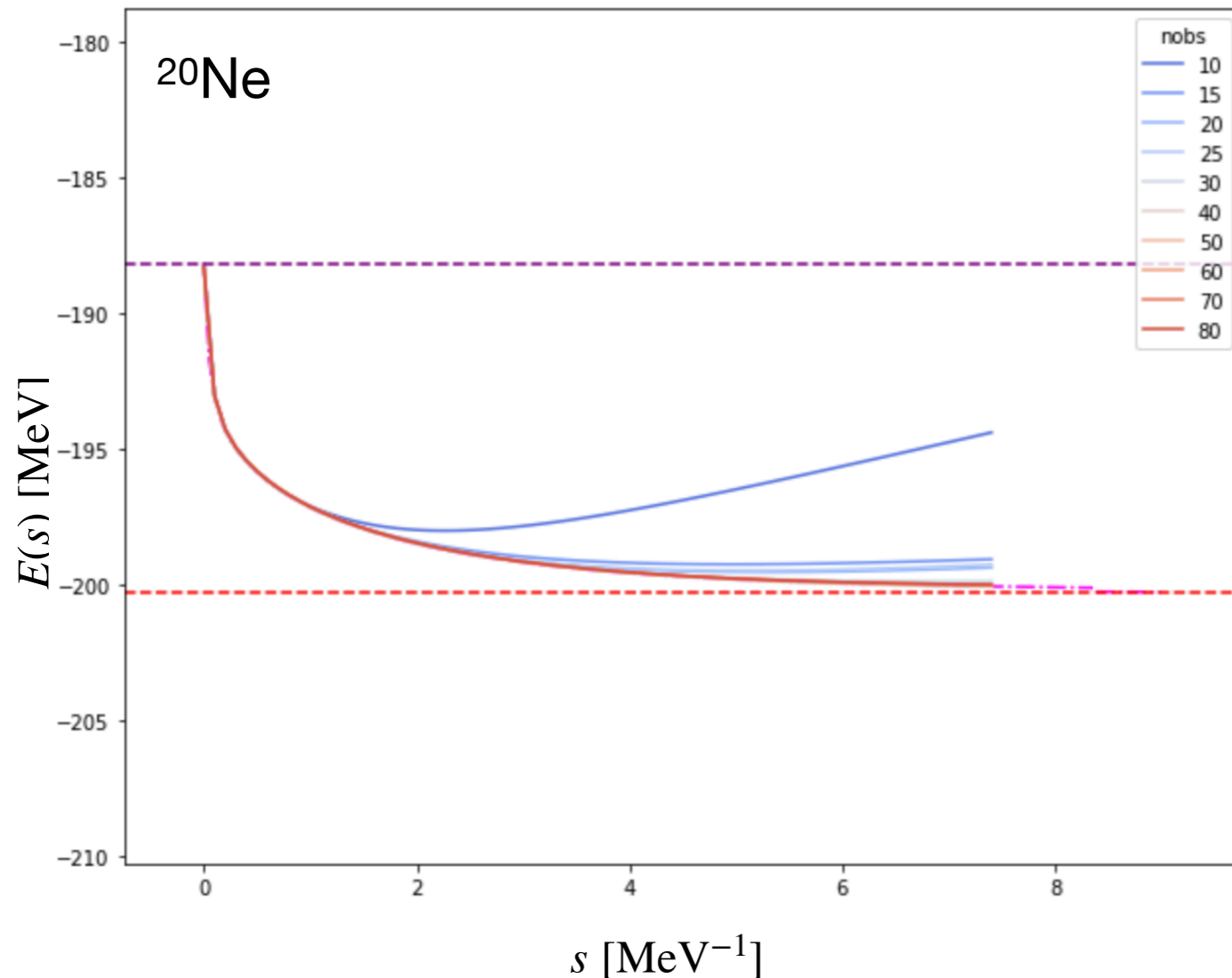
- nuclear structure (and reaction) studies with **multiple complementary methods**: IM-GCM, VS-IMSRG, Coupled Cluster, (symmetry-adapted) NCSM(C)...
- **improved truncations**: IMSRG(3) and tailored operator bases
- **accelerate IMSRG & IM-GCM** (GPUs, factorization, Machine Learning, ...)  
[A. M. Romero et al., PRC 104, 054317; X. Zhang et al., PRC 107, 024304]
- **Uncertainty Quantification / Sensitivity Analysis**
  - need cheap **surrogate models (emulators)**

# Emulating IMSRG Flows



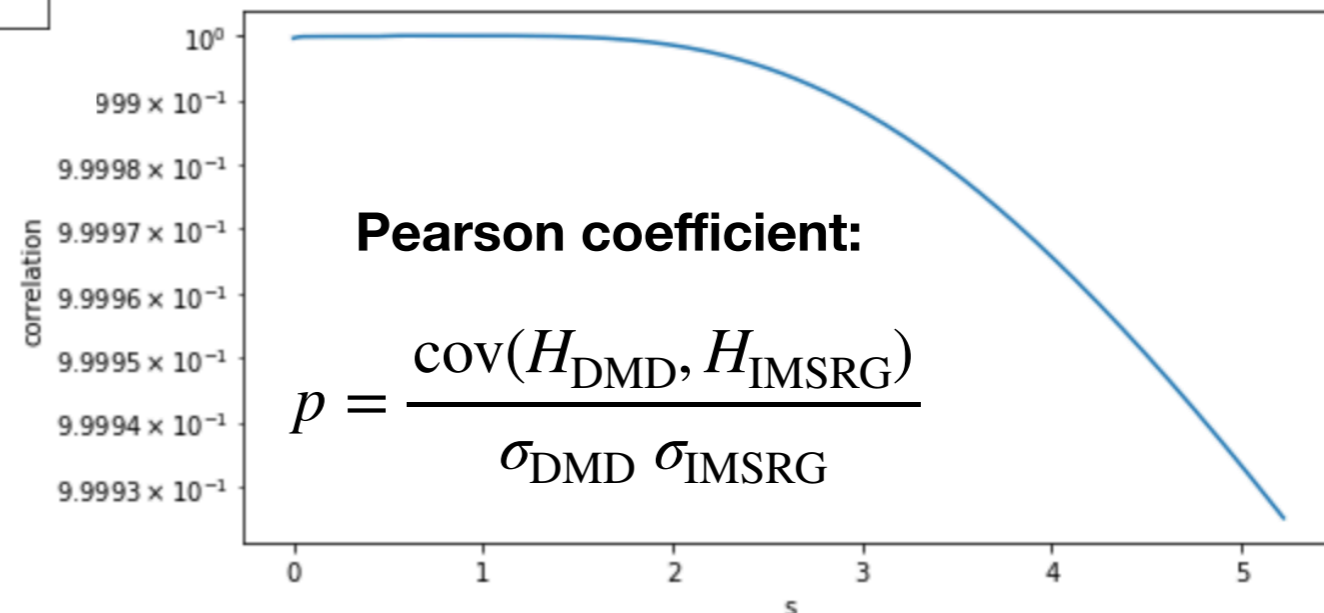
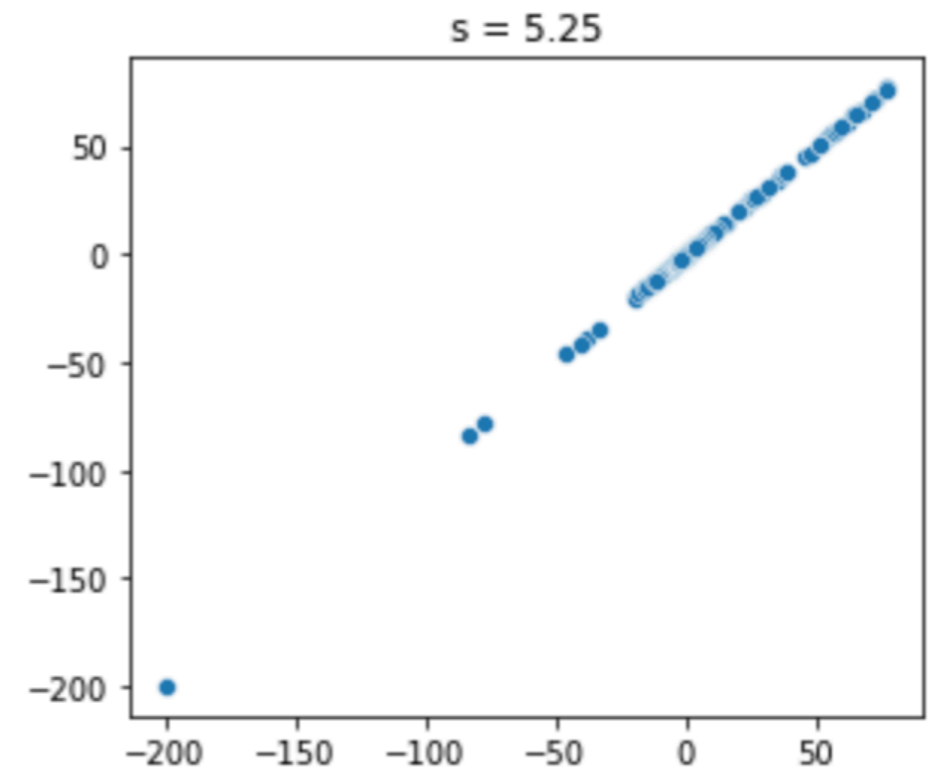
EM(500) N<sup>3</sup>LO,  $\lambda = 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

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Dynamic Mode Decomposition  
**emulator** “learns” **all flowing  
operator coefficients** from  
snapshots!

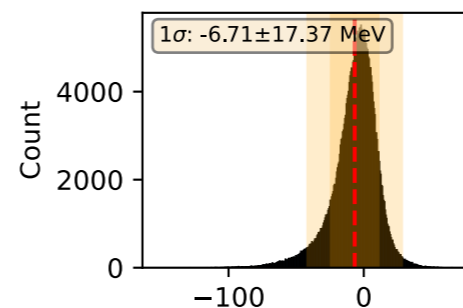
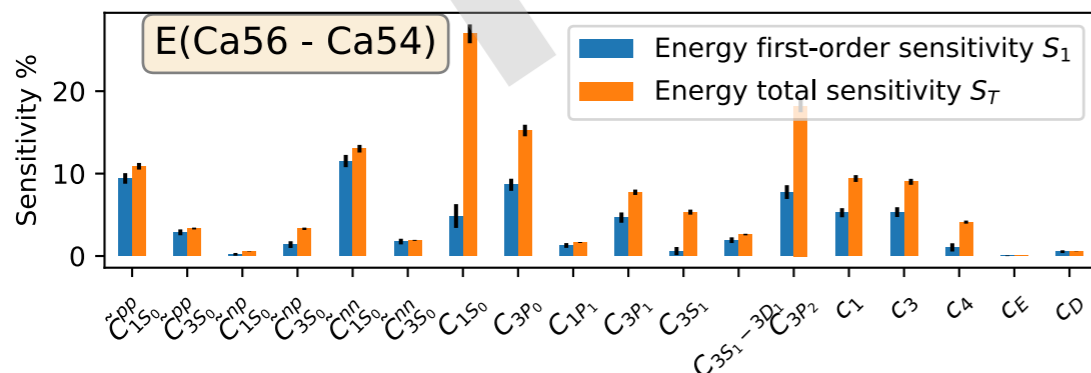
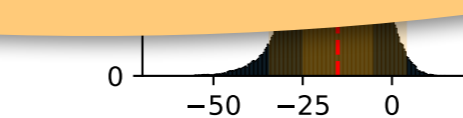
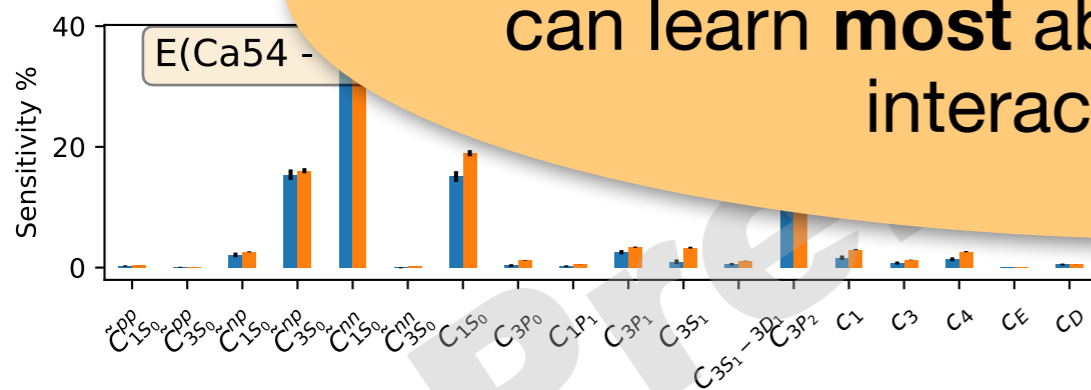
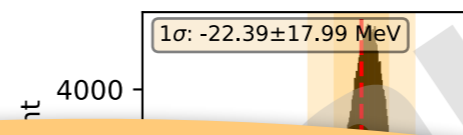
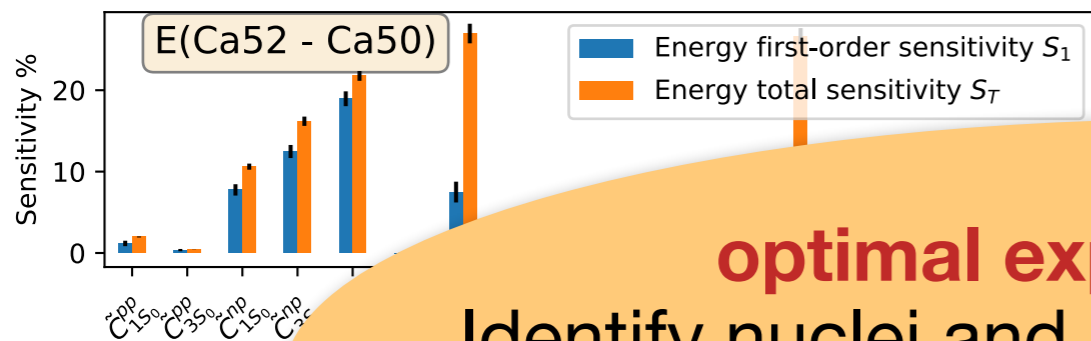
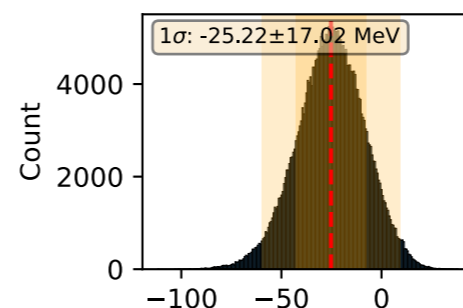
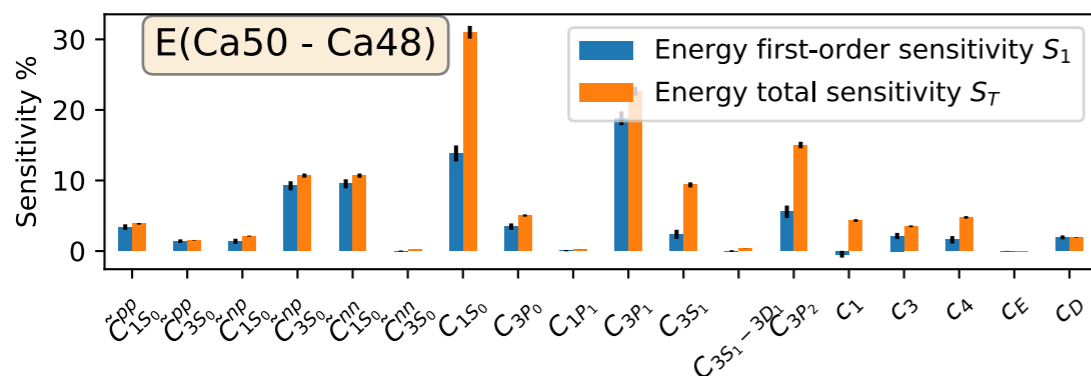
$H_{\text{DMD}}(s)$  vs.  $H_{\text{IMSRG}}(s)$



# Parametric DMD



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**optimal experimental design:**  
Identify nuclei and observables from which we can learn **most** about physical phenomena, interactions / EFTs, ...

- $\Delta$ -full, NNLO NN+3N

- $e_{max} = 12,$   
 $E_{3max} = 14$

- 4-5 order of magnitude reduction in computational effort



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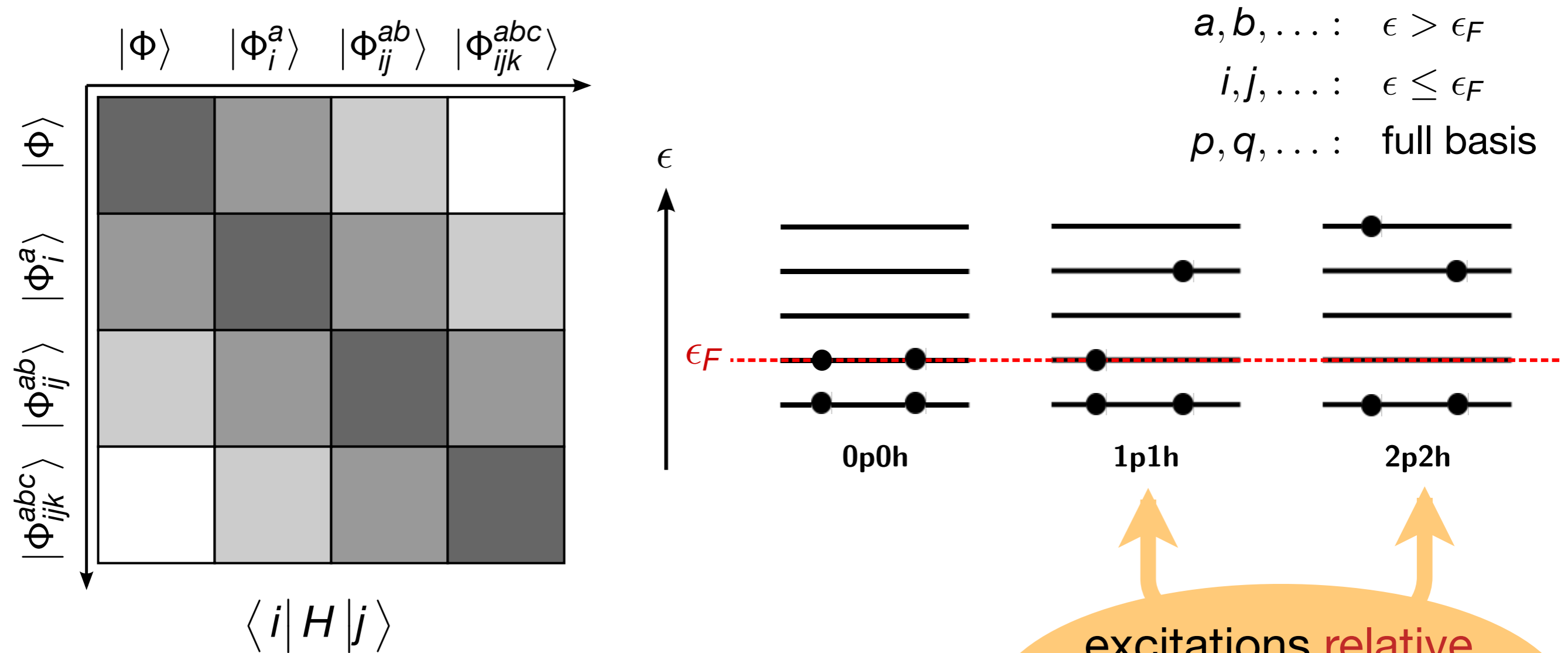
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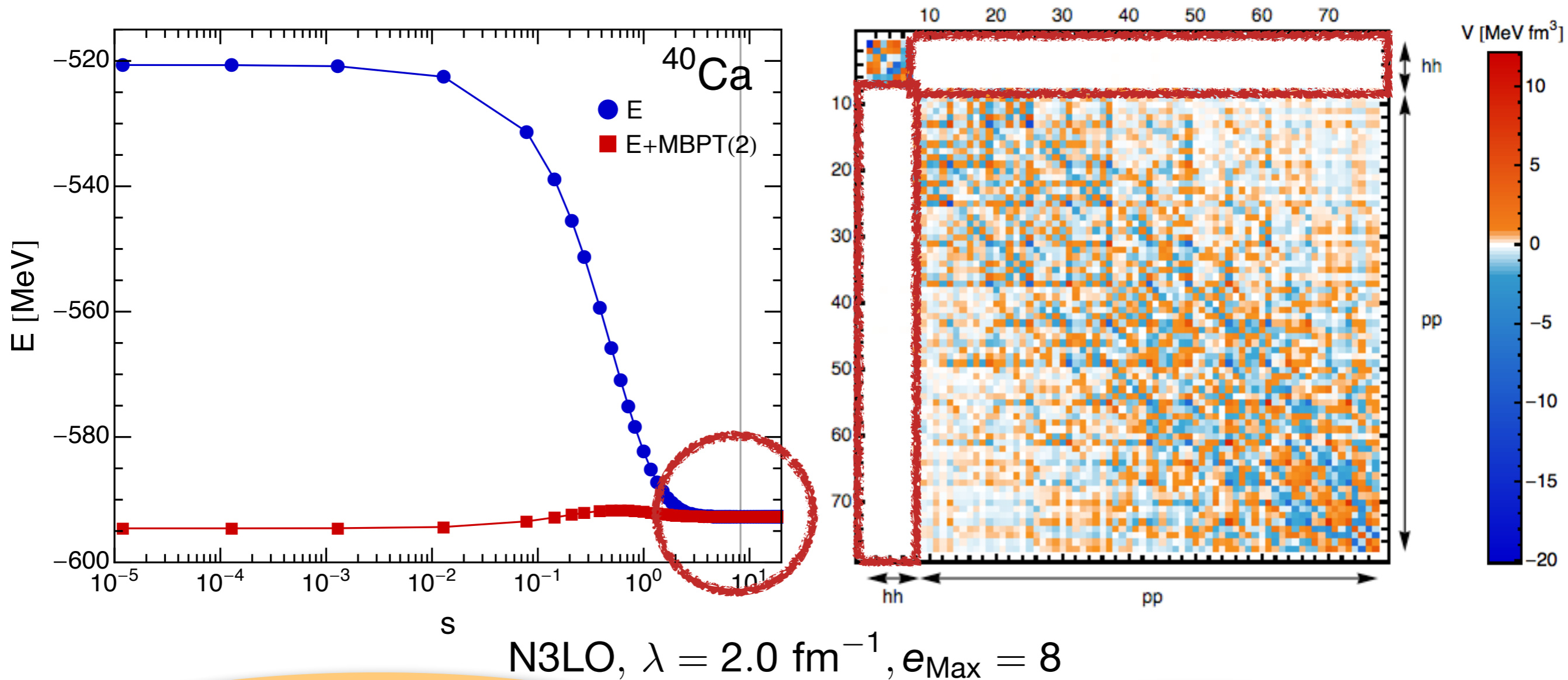
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# Transforming the Hamiltonian



- reference state: **single Slater determinant**

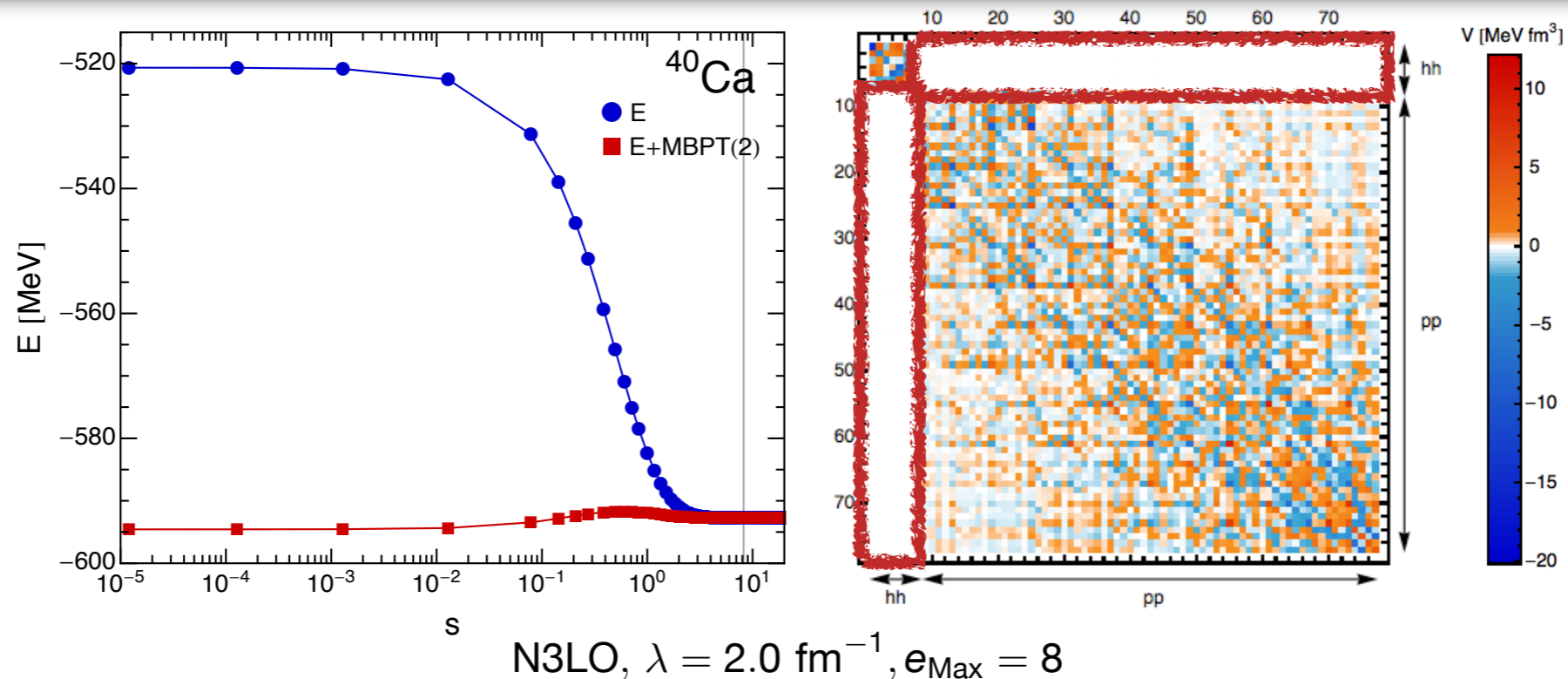
# Decoupling



non-perturbative  
resummation of MBPT series  
(**correlations**)

off-diagonal couplings  
are rapidly driven to zero

# Decoupling



- absorb correlations into **RG-improved Hamiltonian**

$$U(s) H U^\dagger(s) U(s) |\Psi_n\rangle = E_n U(s) |\Psi_n\rangle$$

- reference state is ansatz for transformed, **less correlated** eigenstate:

$$U(s) |\Psi_n\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} |\Phi\rangle$$