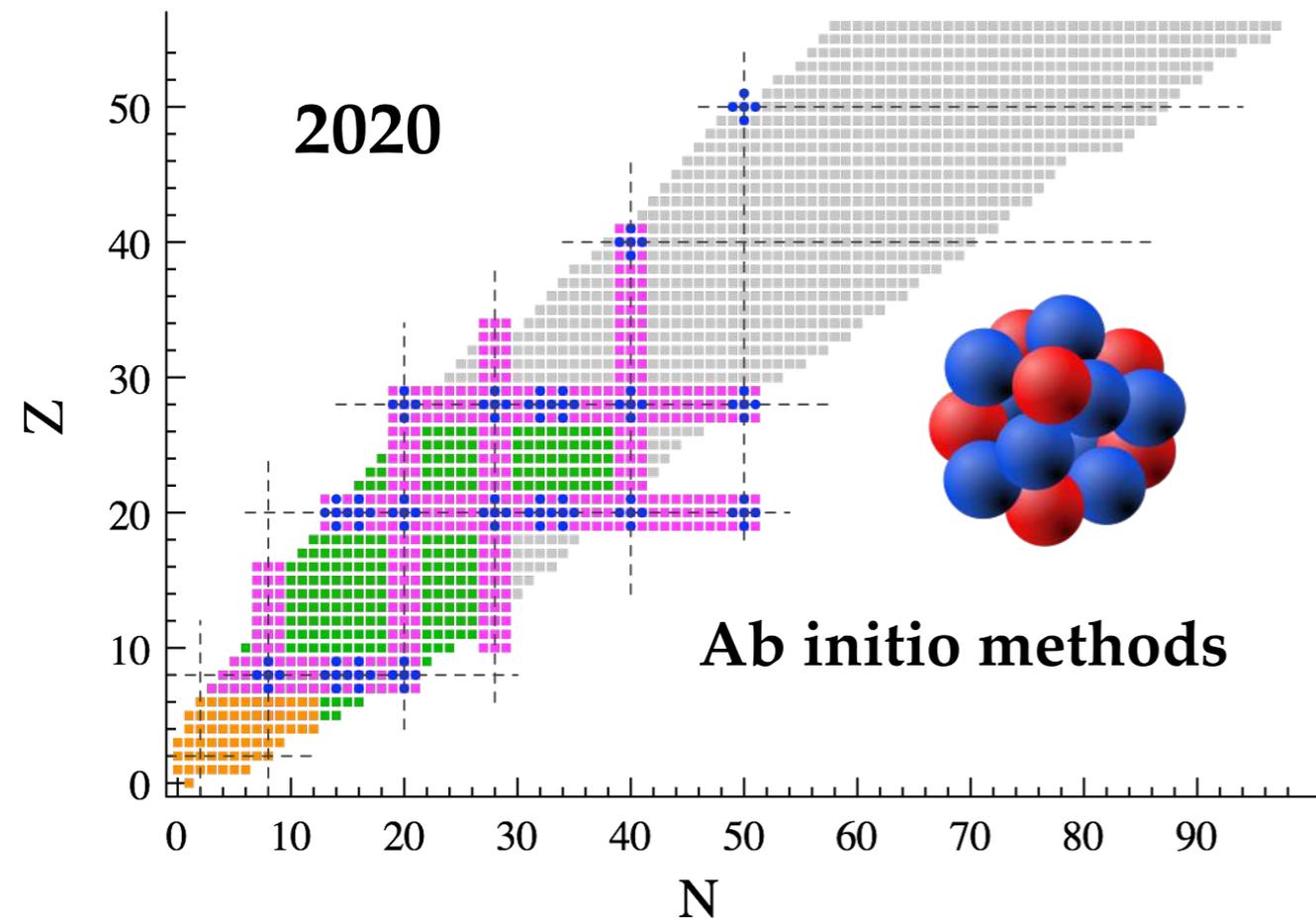


Problème quantique à N-corps en physique nucléaire

A journey through a general introduction and an overview of the « ab initio » approach



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Elementary facts and « big » questions about nuclei

- 252 **stable** isotopes, ~3100 synthesized in the lab
- **How many** bound (w.r.t strong force) nuclei exist; 9000?

Oganesson ${}_{118}\text{Og}$ added to Mendeleïev table in 2016

- **Heaviest** synthesized element $Z=118$
- **Heaviest possible** element?
- Enhanced stability near $Z=120?126?$

2p decay beyond the proton drip line in ${}^{45}\text{Fe}$ in 2002

- Modes of **instability** (α , p, β , γ decays, fission)
- Are there more exotic/rare decay modes?
- Ex: ν -less 2β decay = test of standard model?

Gravitational wave + kilonova from neutron stars merger in 2017

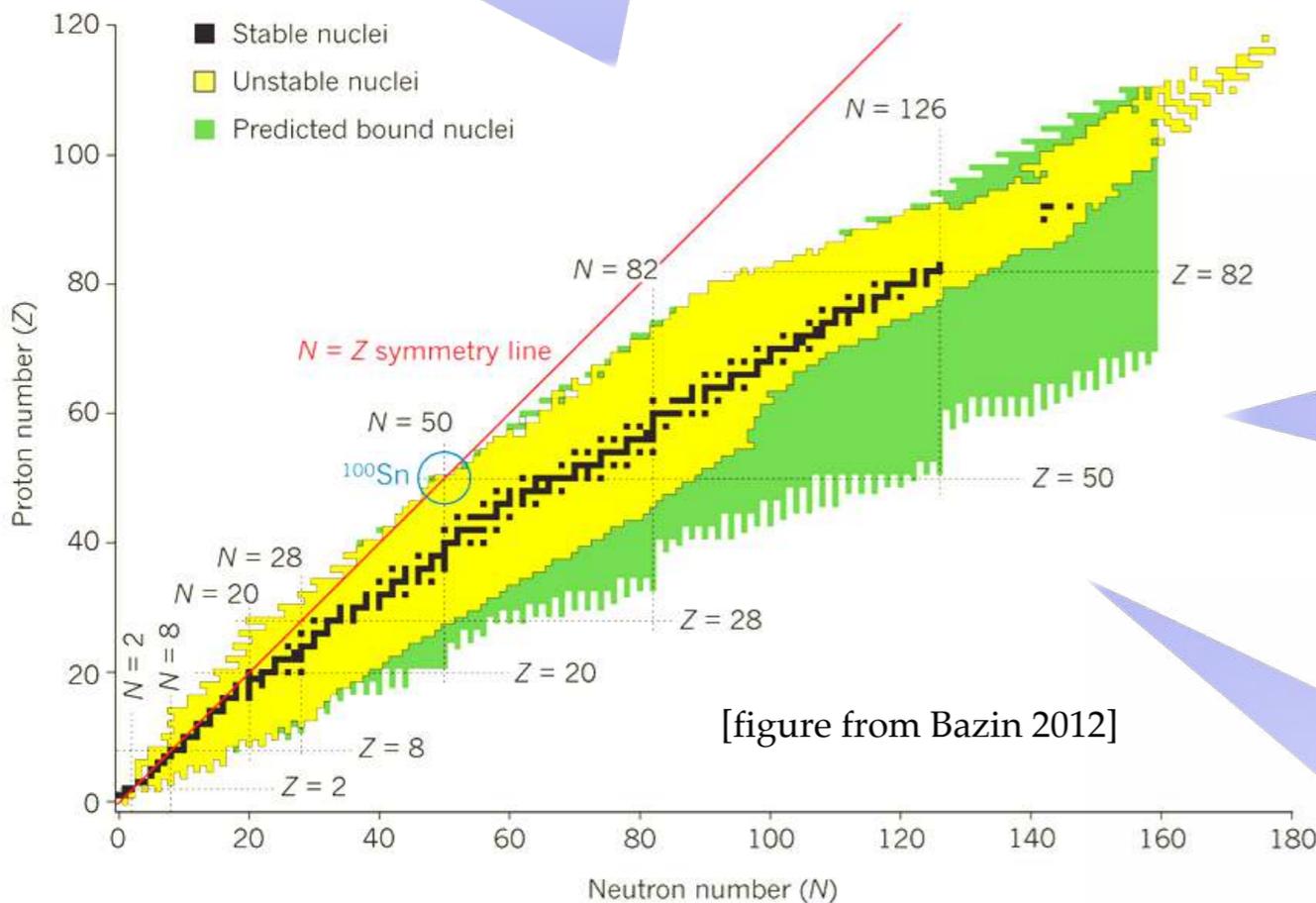
- Elements **up to Fe** produced in stellar fusion
- How have heavier elements been produced?
- Exotic r-process nucleosynthesis ; but where?

Updated in 2019 to $Z=9$ (22 neutrons) and $Z=10$ (24 neutrons)

- Neutron **drip-line** known up to ~~$Z=8$ (16 neutrons)~~
- Where is the neutron drip-line beyond $Z=10$?

Shown to disappear away from stability in 1975/1993

- Over-stable "magic" nuclei (2, 8, ~~20, 28~~, 50, 82, ...)
- How **other magic numbers** evolve with N-Z?



The atomic nucleus as a 4-components quantum mesoscopic system

An extremely rich and diverse phenomenology

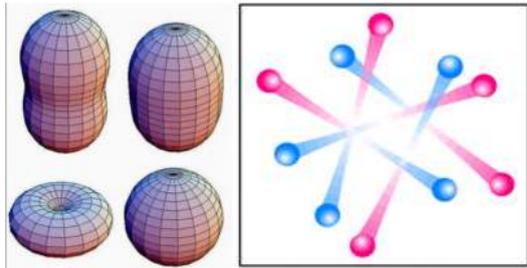
Nucleus: bound (or resonant) state of Z protons and N neutrons

Several scales at play:

- p & n momenta $\sim 10^8$ eV
- Separation energies $\sim 10^7$ eV
- Vibrational excitations $\sim 10^6$ eV
- Rotational excitations $\sim 10^4$ eV

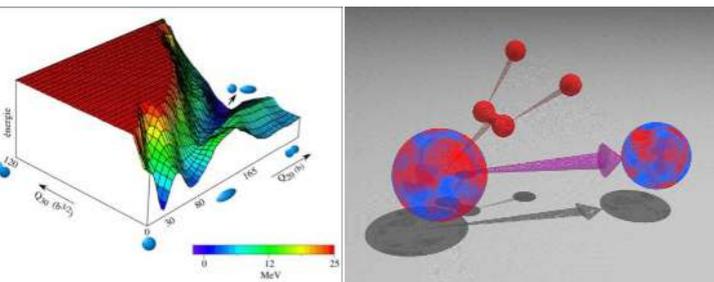
Ground state

Mass, size, superfluidity, e.m. moments...



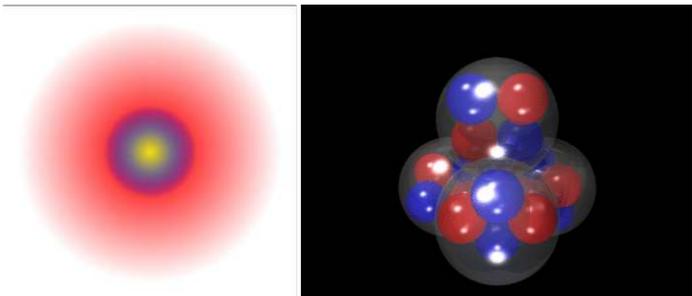
Radioactive decays

β , 2β , $0\nu 2\beta$, α , p , $2p$, (\neq)fission, ...



Exotic structures

Clusters, halos, ...

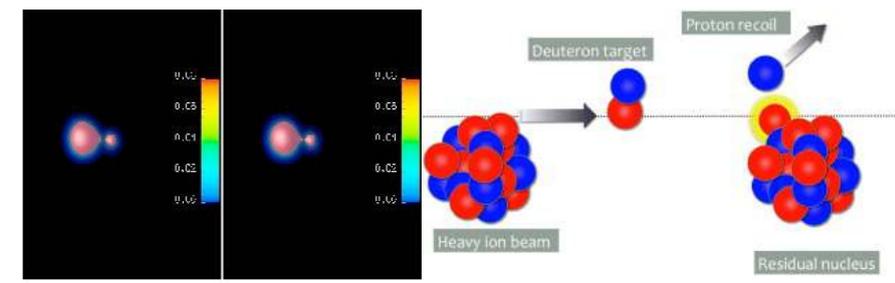
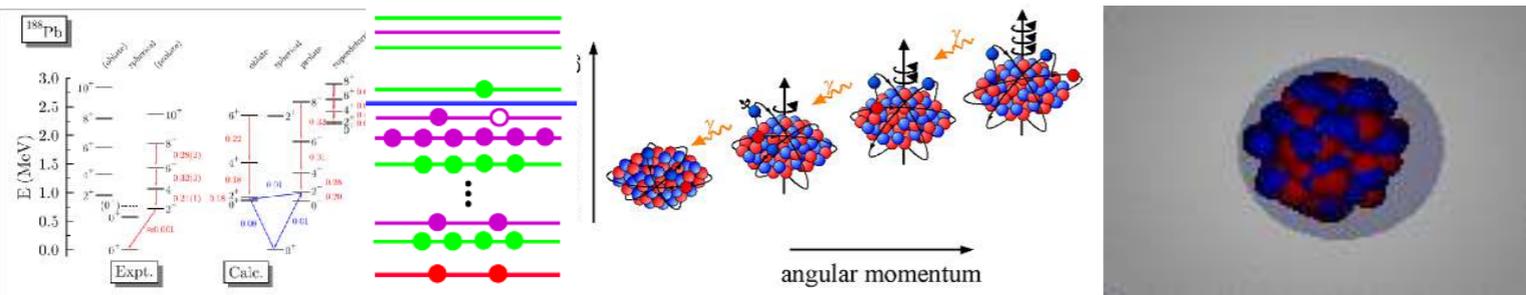


Spectroscopy

Excitation modes

Reaction processes

Fusion, transfer, knockout, ...



The atomic nucleus as a laboratory test

A multi-scale and multi-physics connector

Nuclei and homogeneous nuclear matter

Many scales at play, e.g.

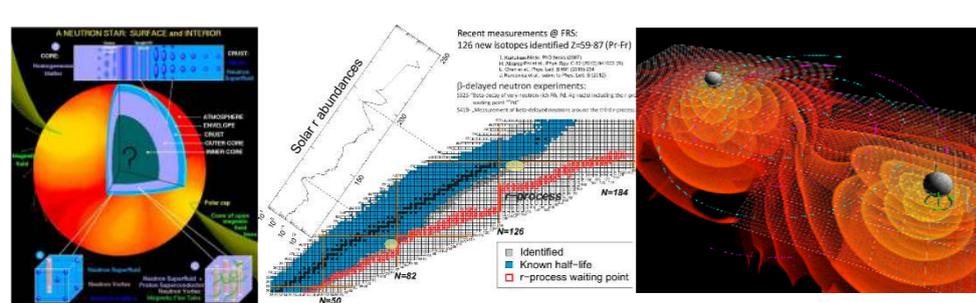
Nuclei: 10^{-15} m

Factor 10^{19} !

Neutron star: 10 km

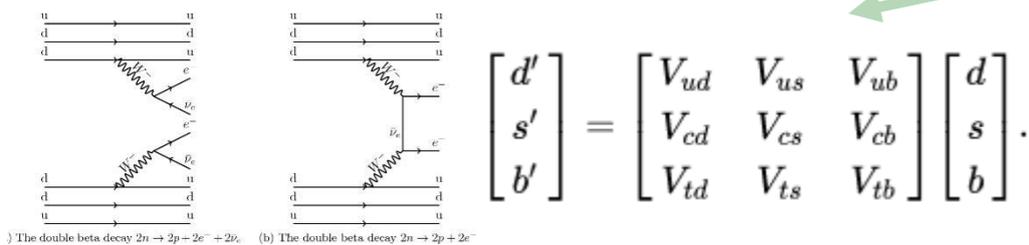
Astrophysics

Neutron star, supernovae, nucleo-synthesis (GW and kilonova)...



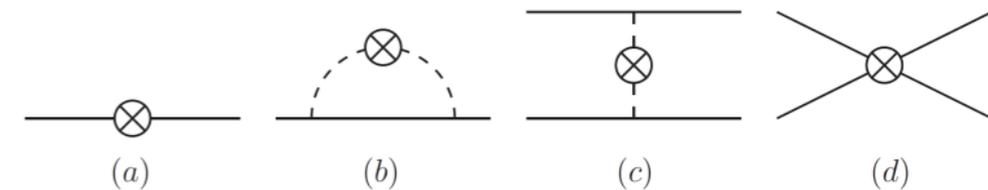
Standard model of particle physics

$0\nu 2\beta$, unitarity of CKM matrix, PT



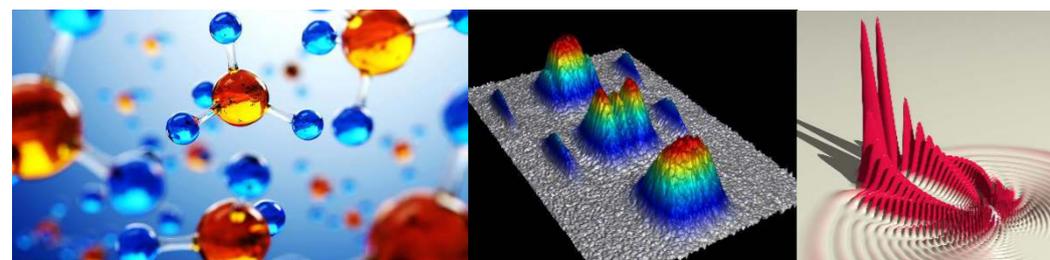
Dark matter

Nucleus-WIMP scattering



Mesoscopic many-body systems

Molecules, atoms, cold atom gases...



Large-scale experiments

Radioactive ion beam facilities

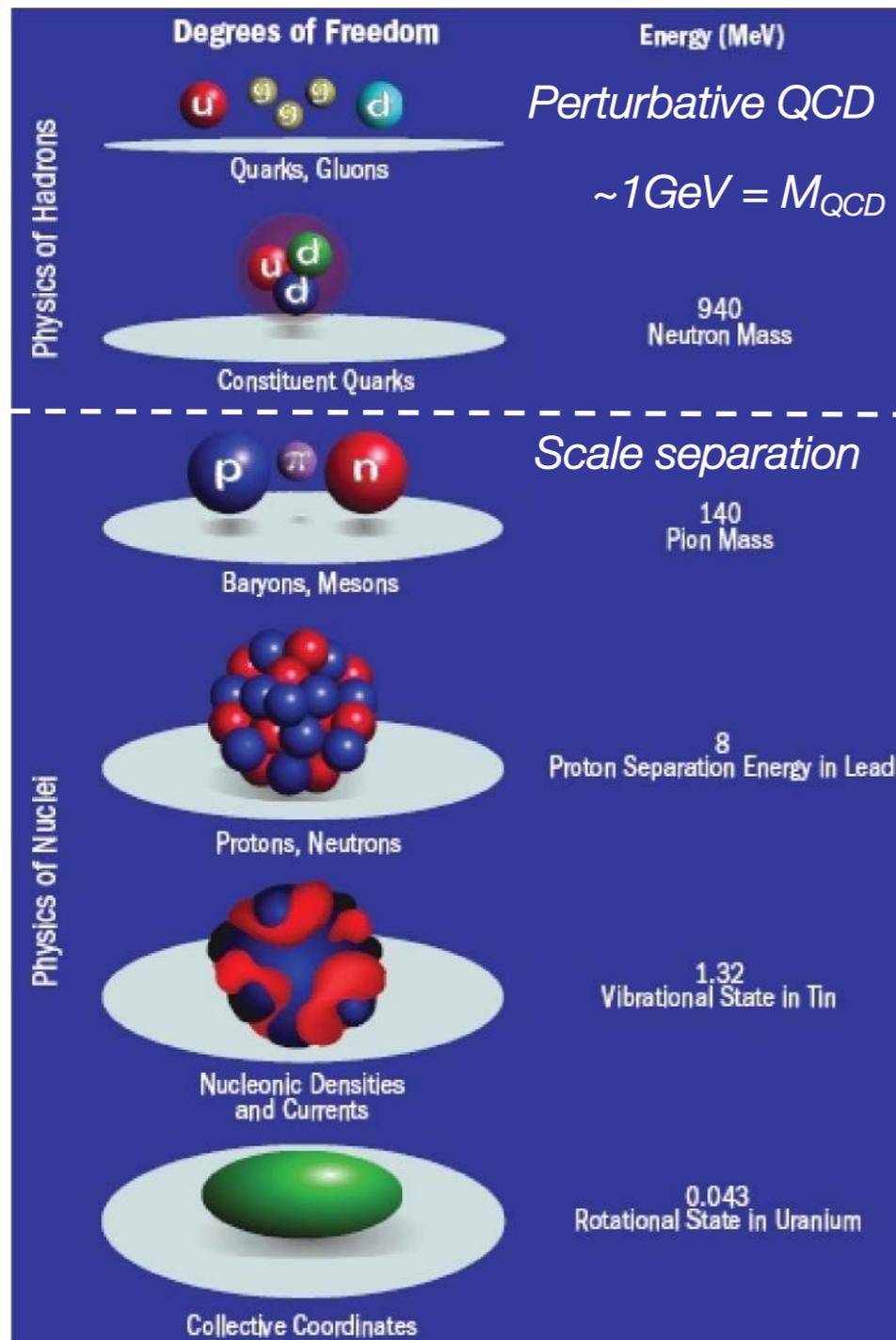


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Energy scales and degrees of freedom

More reductionist/elementary/"fundamental" description



Emergent phenomena amenable to effective descriptions

High-energy nuclear, i.e. hadronic, physics

- Realm of Quantum Chromo Dynamics
- Quarks and gluons
- Chiral symmetry of QCD
- Confinement and asymptotic freedom

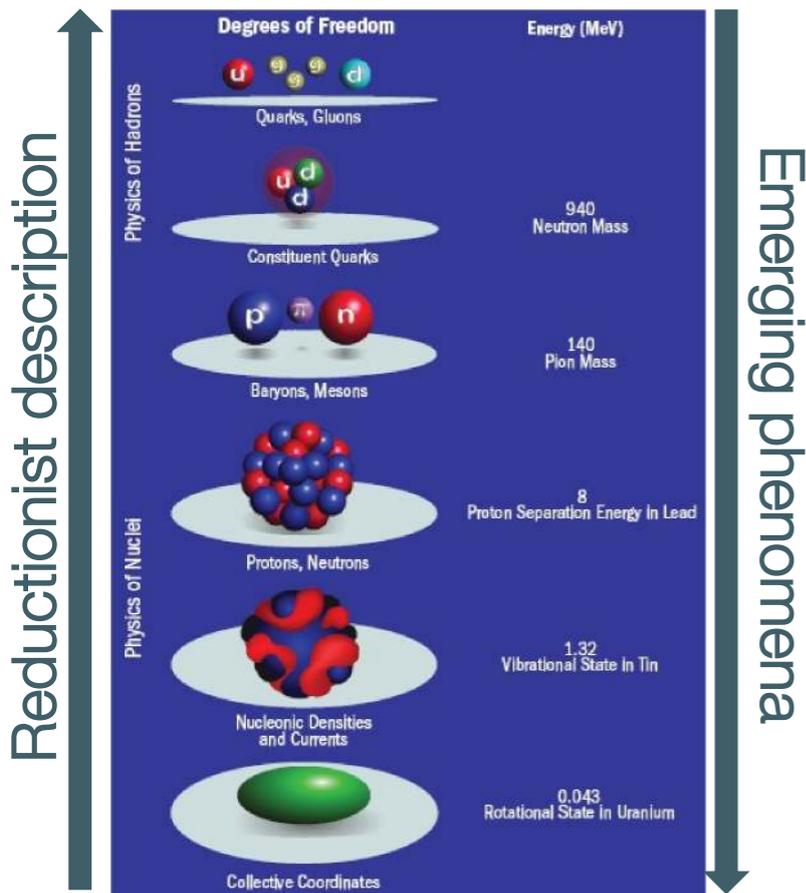
The description

- Depends on the energy scale
- Must rely on appropriate choice of DOFs
- Must encode the key symmetries

Low-energy nuclear physics

- Of order of $\sim 150 \text{ MeV}$ (M_{NUC} , $m_{\pi} \dots$)
- Nucleons and pions
- Chiral symmetry (breaking) of QCD
- Even more effective DOFs for MeV scale

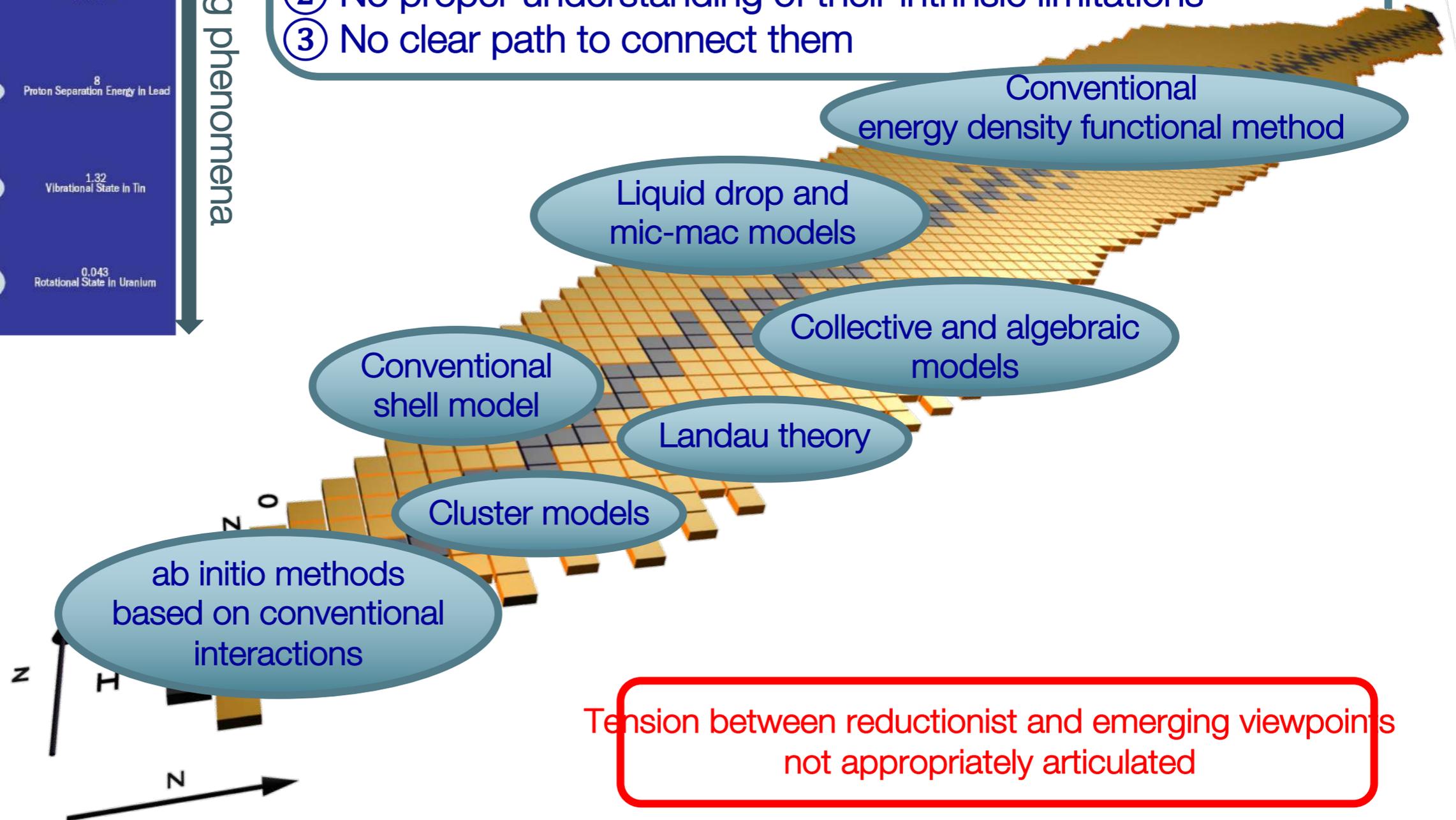
Nuclear physics moving from a plurality of nuclear models...



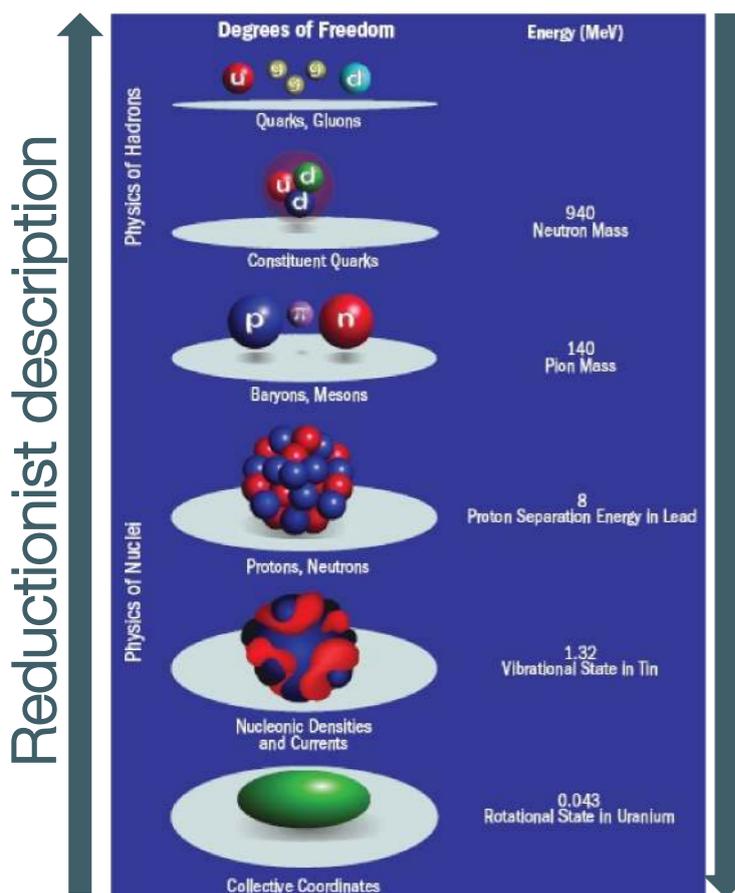
→ Useful to identify relevant d.o.f and symmetries
 → Decent account of phenomena based on employed d.o.f

BUT

- ① No systematic improvement towards accuracy
- ② No proper understanding of their intrinsic limitations
- ③ No clear path to connect them

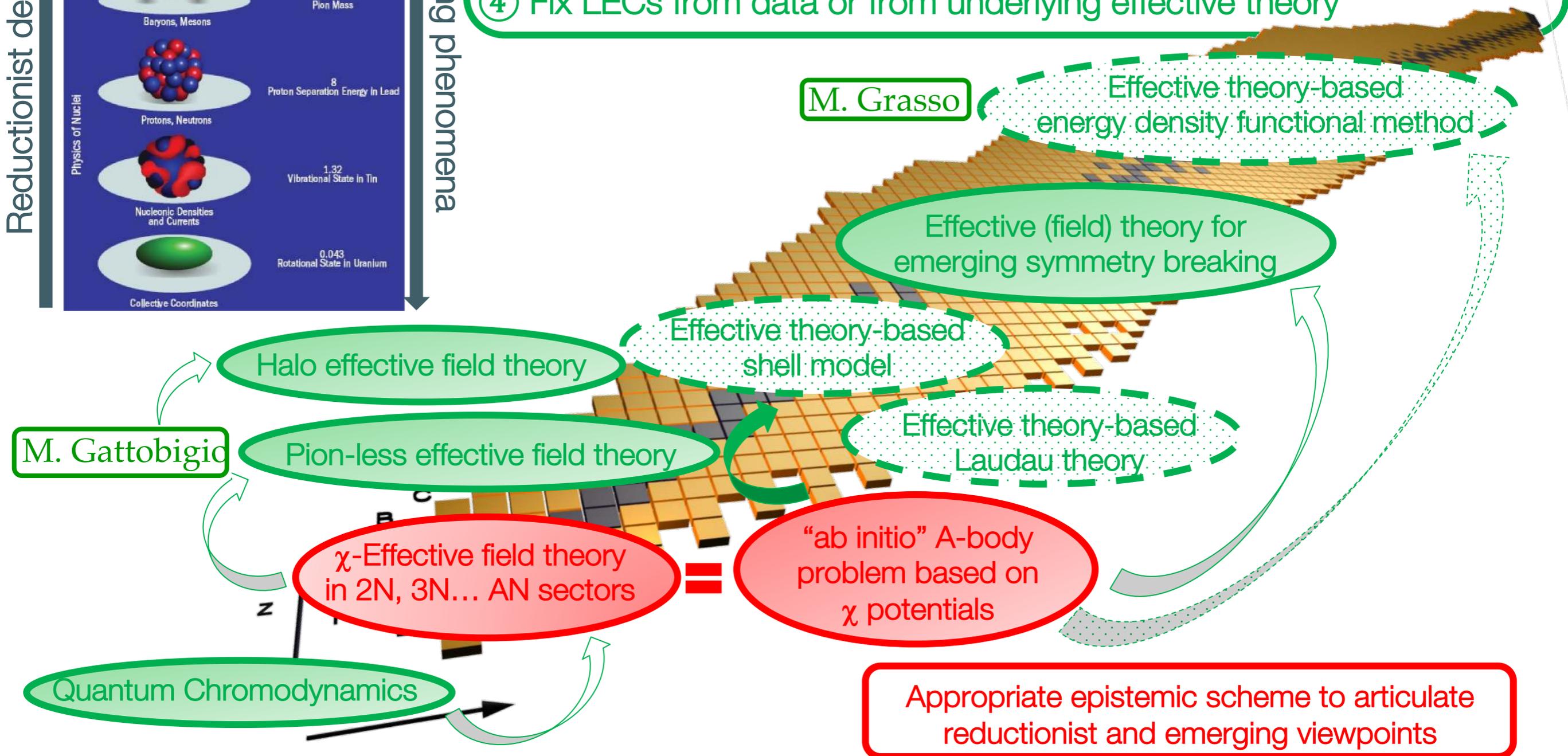


...to an arborescence of nuclear effective (field) theories



Rationale of effective theories

- ① Identify appropriate energy scales / d.o.f / symmetries
- ② All interactions complying with symmetries are compulsory
- ③ Naturalness provides power counting (+ possible fine tuning)
- ④ Fix LECs from data or from underlying effective theory



Ab initio (i.e. In medias res) quantum many-body problem

Ab initio ("from scratch") scheme = A-body Schrödinger Equation (SE)

A-body Hamiltonian $H|\Psi_k^A\rangle = E_k^A|\Psi_k^A\rangle$

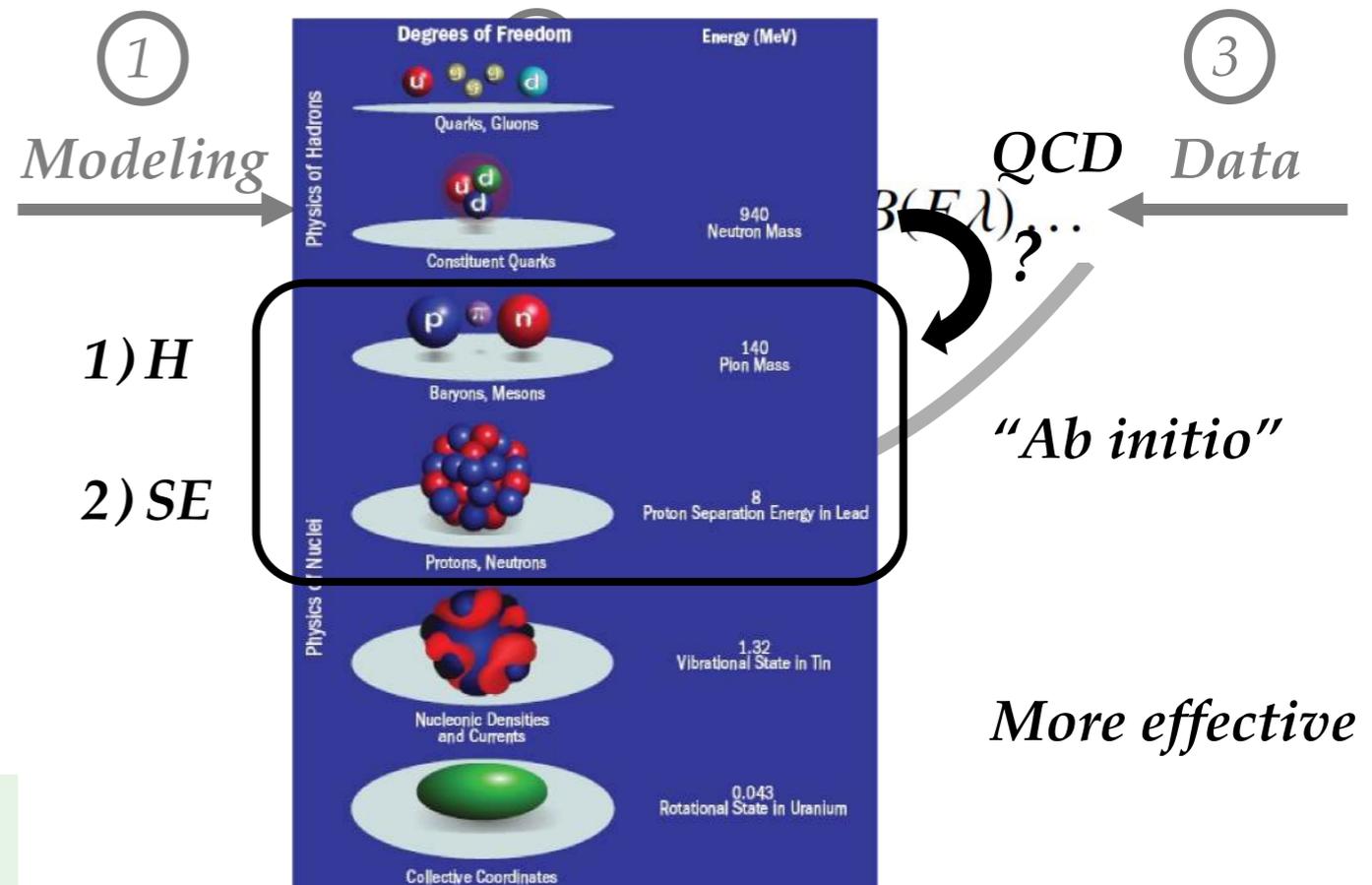
$$H = T + V^{2N} + V^{3N} + V^{4N} + \dots + V^{AN}$$

Definition

- A structure-less nucleons as d.o.f
- All nucleons active in complete Hilbert space
- Elementary interactions between them
- Solve A-body Schroedinger equation (SE)
- Thorough estimate of error

1) Hamiltonian & operators

Do we know the form of V^{2N} , V^{3N} etc
 Do we know how to derive them from QCD?
 Why would there be forces beyond pairwise?
 Consistent construction of other operators?

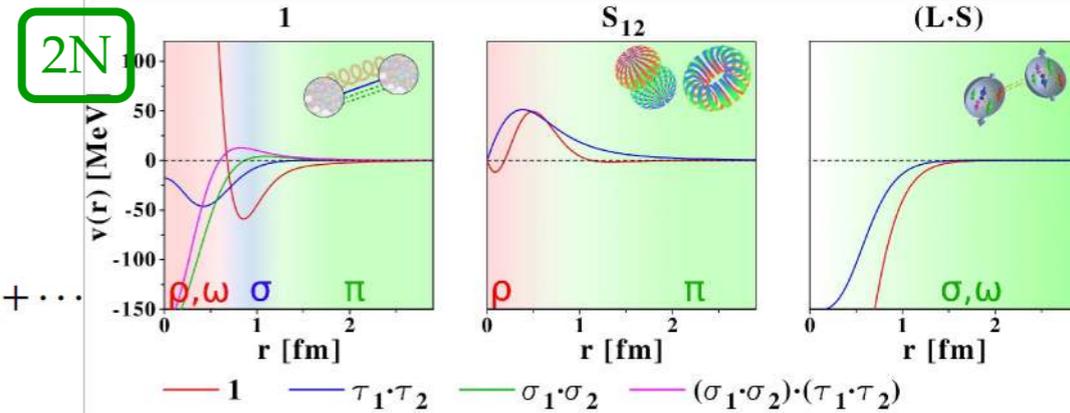


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Phenomenology of inter-nucleon interactions

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^A \frac{\vec{p}_i^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} V^{2N}(i,j) + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} V^{3N}(i,j,k) + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha\beta} t_{\alpha\beta} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta} + \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right)^2 \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \bar{v}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{2N} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\delta} a_{\gamma} + \left(\frac{1}{3!}\right)^2 \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\zeta\epsilon} \bar{v}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\zeta\epsilon}^{3N} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\gamma}^{\dagger} a_{\epsilon} a_{\zeta} a_{\delta} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$



Old view = meson exchanges

1. Interactions between effective point-like four-components fermions

a. Nucleon = neutron/proton ($\pm 1/2$ isospin projections) with spin up/down ($\pm 1/2$ spin projections)

2. Complex operator structure in space*spin*isospin spaces

a. Strong central + spin-orbit + tensor operators

b. Dominant two-nucleon and sub-leading (but mandatory) three-nucleon operators

3. Infra-red source of non-perturbativeness

a. Large scattering lengths (near unitarity) in s-wave channels = nn virtual state/np bound state

S=0

S=1

T=1

T=0

4. Ultra-violet source of non-perturbativeness

c. Short-range repulsion

Modern constructive approach = effective field theory

1. Use **separation of scales to define d.o.f** & expansion parameter [Weinberg, Gasser, Leutwyler, van Kolck, ..]

Typical momentum at play $\leftarrow Q/\Lambda \rightarrow$ High energy scale (physics beyond not included explicitly)

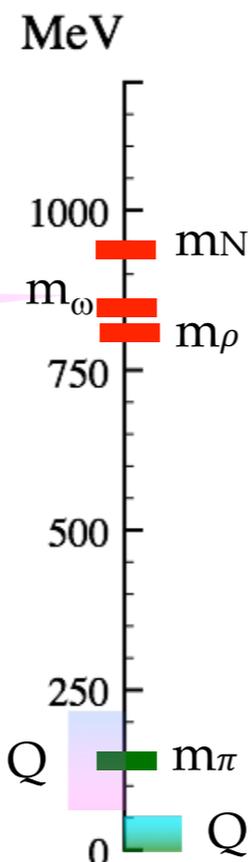
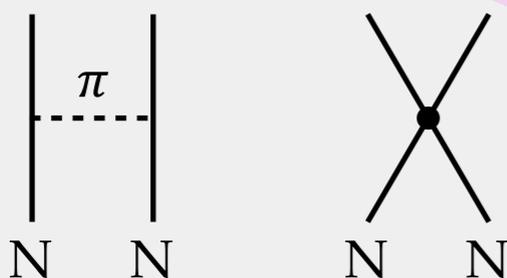
2. Parametrize physics beyond Λ + write $\# \infty$ terms allowed by **(broken) symmetries of underlying QCD**
3. Order by size all possible terms \rightarrow **systematic expansion** ("power counting") \rightarrow theoretical error
4. Truncate at a given order and **adjust low-energy constants (LECs) via underlying theory or data**
5. Regularize UV divergences and (hopefully) **achieve order-by-order renormalization of observables**

Chiral EFT

\Leftrightarrow Expand around $Q \sim m_\pi$

High-energy via contact interactions

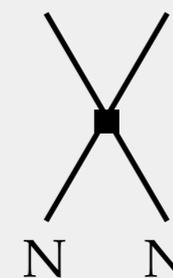
Keep pion dynamic explicit



Pionless EFT

\Leftrightarrow Expand around $Q \sim 0$

Integrate out pions too
 \rightarrow only contact terms



Chiral effective field theory = Weinberg power counting

- 1) Interaction diagrams are made out of
- a) nucleon and pion propagators
 - b) pion-nucleon and (derivative) k-nucleon contact vertices

Goal of PC: estimate the power ν of the law $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^\nu$ with which each diagram scales

- 2) Naive Dimensional Analysis
- a) nucleon propagator carries Q^{-1} $\frac{1}{m_\omega^2 + Q^2} \approx \frac{1}{m_\omega^2} \left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{m_\omega^2} + \frac{Q^4}{m_\omega^4} - + \dots \right)$
 - b) pion propagator carries Q^{-2}
 - b) derivative operator carries Q
 - c) loop integration brings Q^4
- Fits with PC in powers of $Q/m_\omega \approx Q/\Lambda_\chi$

Connected diagrams

$$\nu = 2k - 4 + 2L + \sum_i \Delta_i$$

with $\Delta_i \equiv d_i + \frac{n_i}{2} - 2$

k = k-nucleon sector

L = # of loops

d_i = # of derivatives/pion masses at vertex i

n_i = # of nucleon fields at vertex i

Hierarchy of k-body forces: 3N (4N) starts 2 (4) orders after 2N

$$\Delta_i \geq 0$$

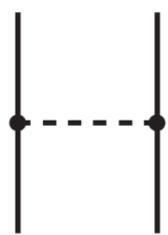
$$\nu \geq 0$$

Chiral symmetry

Finite # at given order

Weinberg PC for interaction potential \Rightarrow Insert into dynamical, i.e. A-body Schroedinger, equation to access observables

- 3) Examples: diagrams in 2-nucleon sector at Leading Order (LO) with $\sim Q^0$ ($\nu = 0$ from $k=2, L=0, \Delta_i=0$)



$$V_{1\pi}^{(0)}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = -\frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}}{q^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

Tensor operator



$$V_{ct}^{(0)}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = C_S + C_T \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2$$

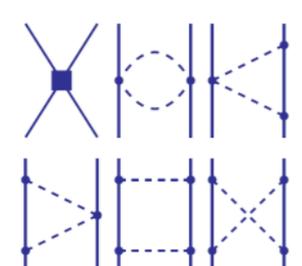
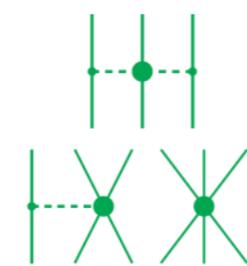
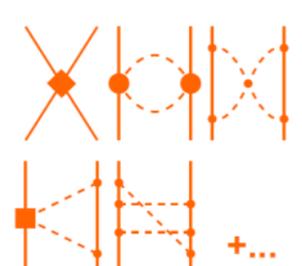
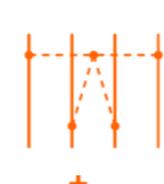
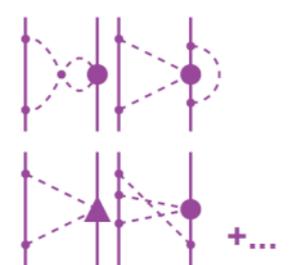
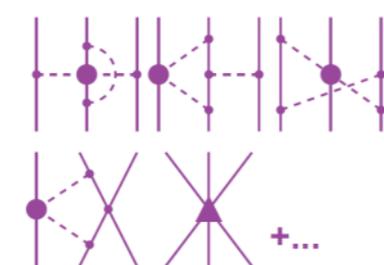
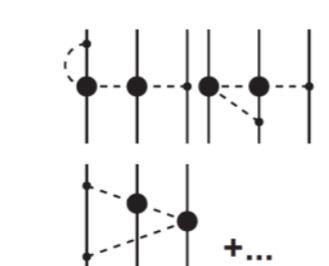
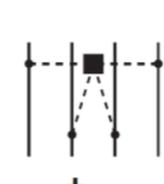
Central operator (no q dependence)

1 π exchange (1PE)

Pure contact term (CT)

- 4) Consistent construction of other operators (e.g. coupling to electroweak or WIMP probes)

Chiral effective field theory = interactions expansion

	2N Force	3N Force	4N Force		
LO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^0$		2N tree level CT (key for large a_s) 2N tree-level 1PE (key for deuteron)		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Finite number of terms up to given ν 2) No $\nu = 1$ due to parity / time reversal 3) 3N force cancels at $\nu = 2$ 4) Proliferation = need fast convergence 5) 3N at $N^2\text{LO}$ and 4N at $N^3\text{LO}$ 6) Consistency between k-body sectors 7) LECs of contacts fitted to few-body data 8) Estimate of error from $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^{\nu+1}$ 	
NLO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^2$		2N tree level CT (spin-orbit, tensor) 2N one-loop 2PE (weak)			
NNLO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^3$			2N one-loop 2PE (brings intermediate range attraction; no new param) 3N tree-level 2PE, 1PE-CT, CT (key for saturation, 3N scattering, drip lines...)		
$N^3\text{LO}$ $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$					2N tree-level CT, one-loop 2PE, two-loop 2PE, 3PE 3N one-loop 3PE, 2PE-CT... (no new param) 4N... (weak; no new param)
$N^4\text{LO}$ $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^5$					2N two-loop 2PE, 3PE 3N... (derived but little used; large + solve the n-d A_y puzzle) 4N... (not yet derived)
$N^5\text{LO}$ $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^6$					

Major challenges

- 1) Can k-body, $k > 3$, be omitted in $A \gg 3$?
- 2) Order by order renormalization? New PC?
- 3) $N^{3/4}\text{LO}$ 2N for high precision; 3N? 4N?

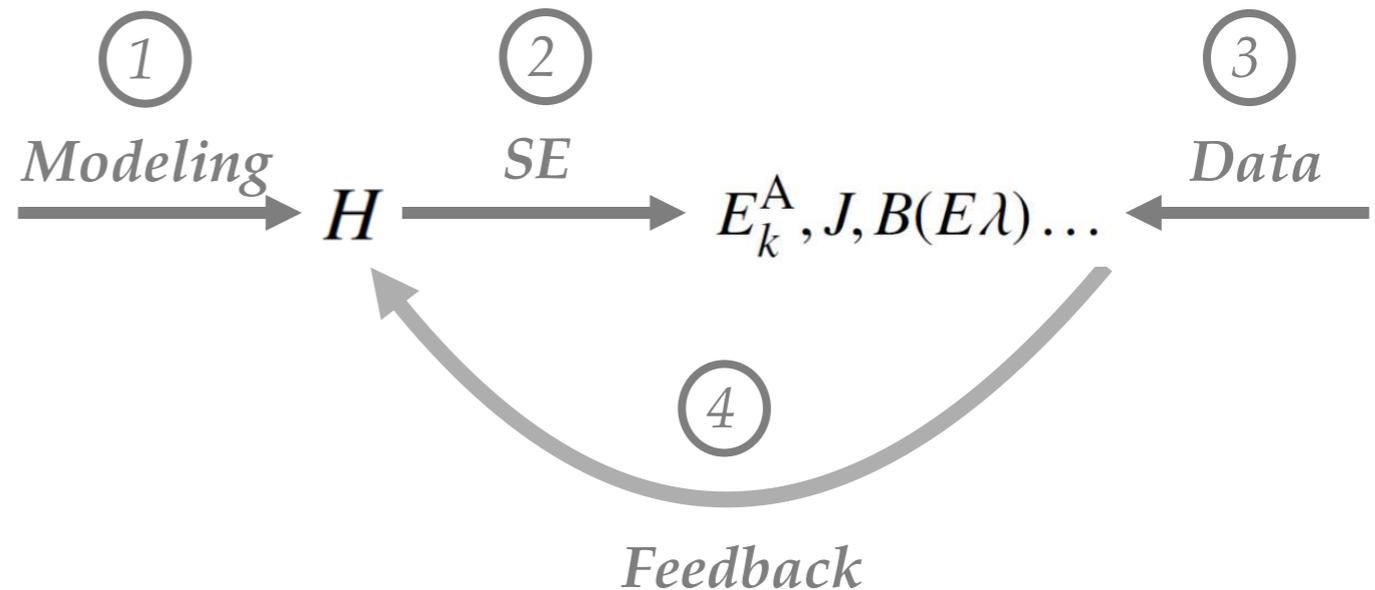
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 $H = T + V^{2N} + V^{3N} + V^{4N} + \dots + V^{AN}$ 5 variables \times A nucleons

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① Hamiltonian & operators

Explicit form of V^{2N}, V^{3N} can be built
Chiral EFT offers sound connection to QCD
 Many-body forces as a result of effective d.o.f
Consistent construction of other operators

② Schroedinger equation

Can we solve the SE with relevant accuracy?
 Can we do it for any $A=N+Z$?
 Is it even reasonable to proceed this way for $A \approx 200$?
 More effective approaches needed?

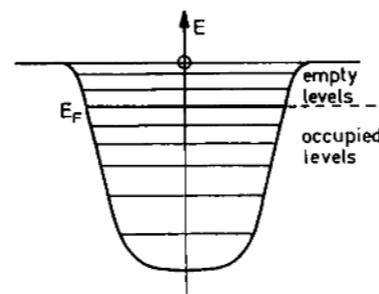
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Specificities of atomic nuclei: mean field

- 1) Self-bound system
- 2) Neutrons & protons
- 3) SU(2) sym. + strong L.S

Mean-field
 approximation



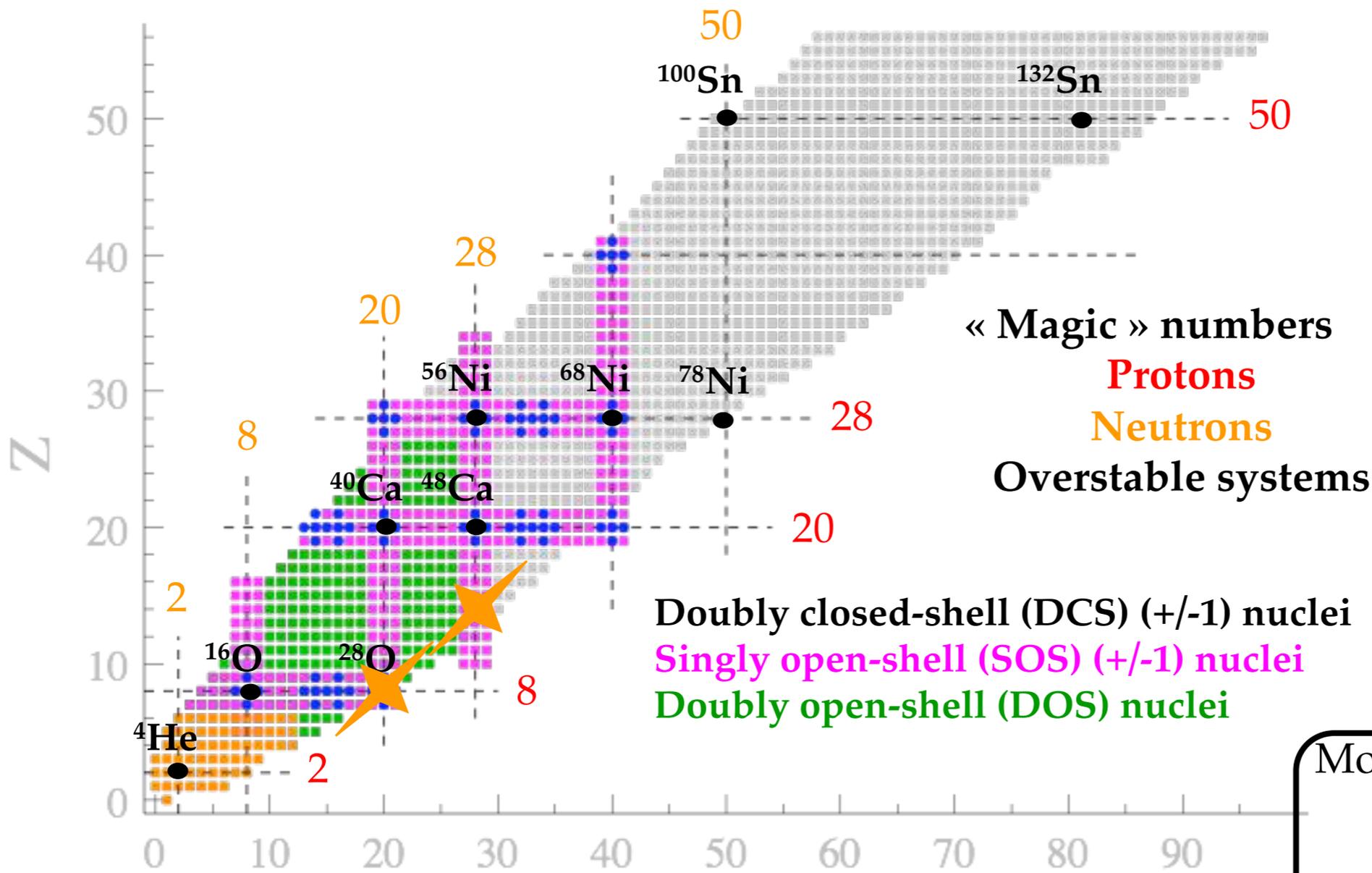
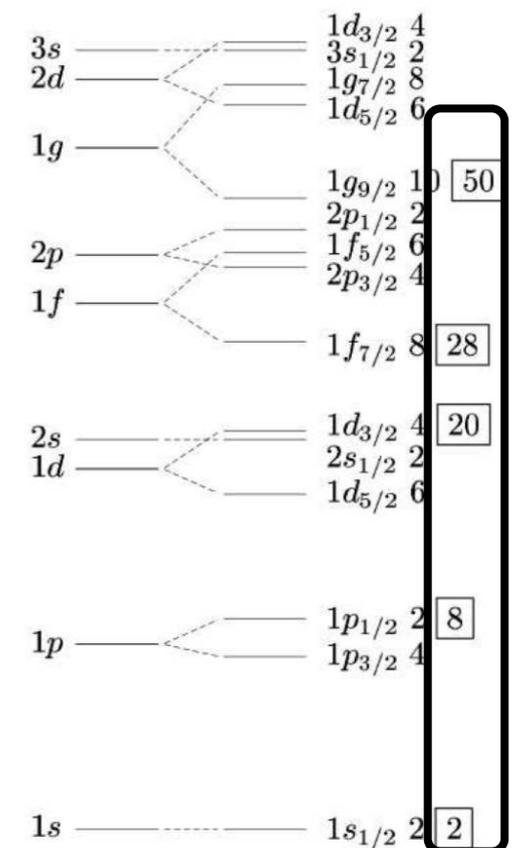
Average potential

Specificities

- 1) Self created/centered
- 2) One for each species
- 3) $j=l+s \rightarrow 2j+1$ degeneracy



Filling of nuclear shells



Mostly *open-shell* ground-states



Strong (« static ») correlations

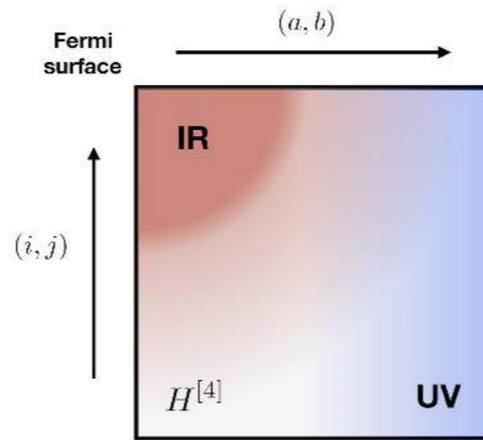
Disappearance of N=20, 28 magicity away from stability

Specificities of atomic nuclei: many-body correlations

Beyond mean-field

- 1) Short-r repulsion
- 2) Bound np/Virtual nn
- 2a) Large nn/pp a_s
- 2b) Strong np tensor

expansion



Many-body correlations

- 1) Dynamic corr. in UV
- 2) Strong static corr. in IR
- 2a) Pairing in SOS
- 2b) Collect. Quad. in DOS

$$H(s) \equiv U(s) H U^\dagger(s)$$

1) Unitary Similarity Renormalization Group (SRG) transformation

Residual interaction

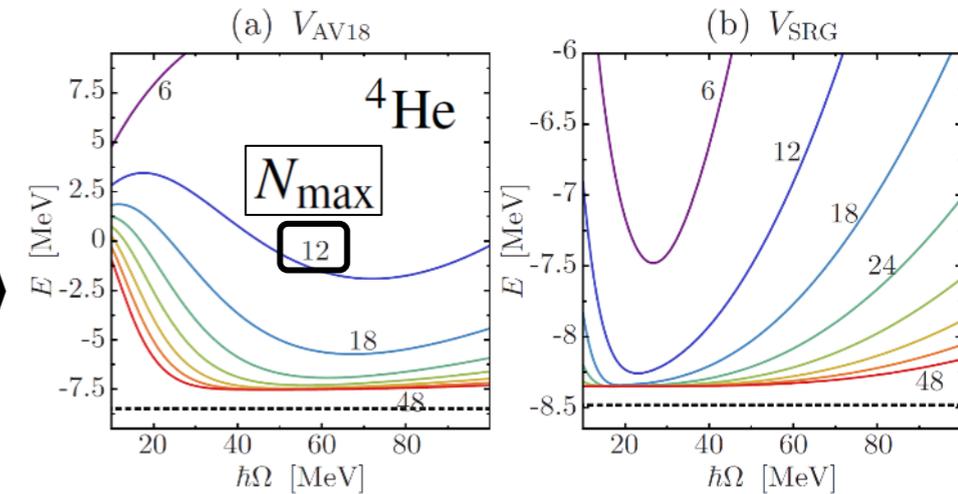
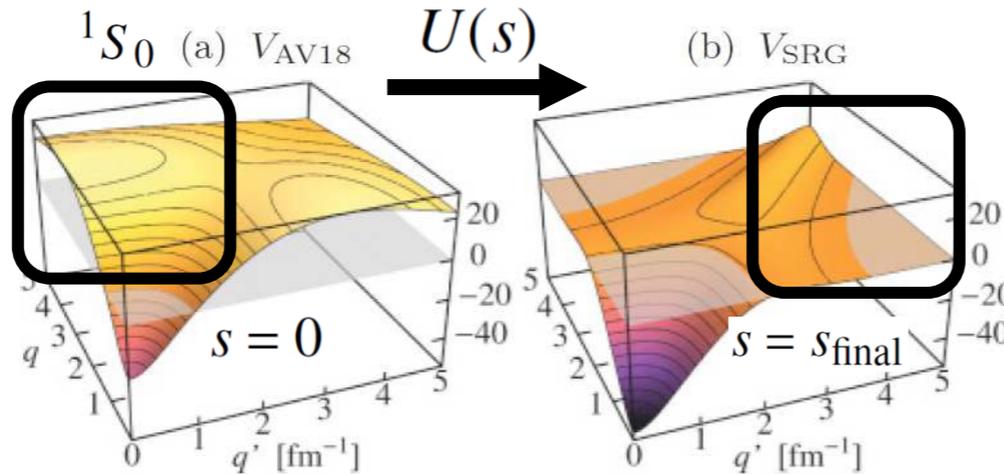
$$= T + V^{2N}(s) + V^{3N}(s) + \dots$$

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

with

$$\eta(s) = \frac{dU(s)}{ds} U^\dagger(s)$$

$$\equiv [T, H(s)]$$



[Roth, Reinhardt, Hergert 2008]

2) Symmetry breaking means

$V^{2N}(s)(q, q') \approx V^{2N}(0)(q, q') e^{-s(q^2 - q'^2)^2}$ Still ~2000 states needed for convergence

Low-to-high off-diagonal matrix elements to be suppressed $C \rightarrow 200$ states

But k-body operators included! Limit to « low » orders (CCSD(1), IMSRG(2), MBPT(3))

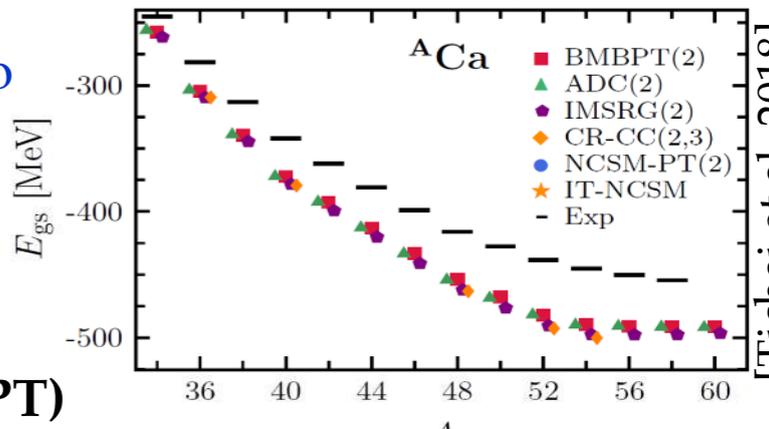
Limit to mid mass ($A \sim 8$)

Slater determinant \rightarrow ph degrees of freedom \rightarrow group transfo

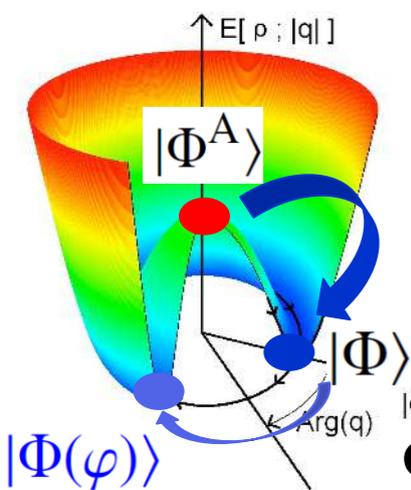
Ex: MBPT
Ex: BMBPT

$$\Delta E_{MBPT}^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \frac{|H_{ijab}^{40}|^2}{e_a + e_b - e_i - e_j + \dots} \frac{|z_{k_3 k_4}|^2}{0 + E_{k_4} > 0}$$

Capturing static correlations with MBPT methods (GPU/100 for BMBPT)



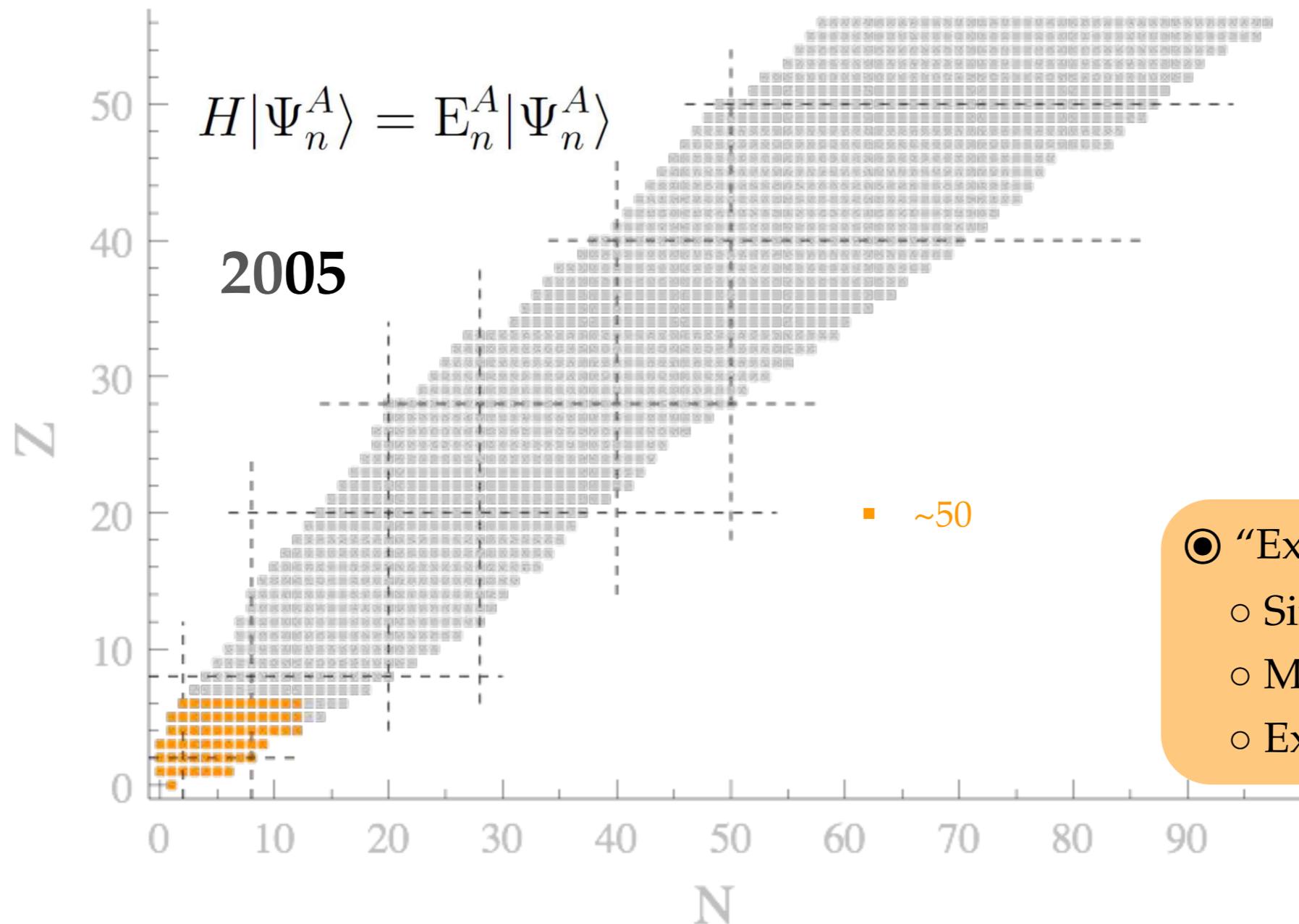
[Tichai et al. 2018]



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Evolution of ab initio nuclear chart

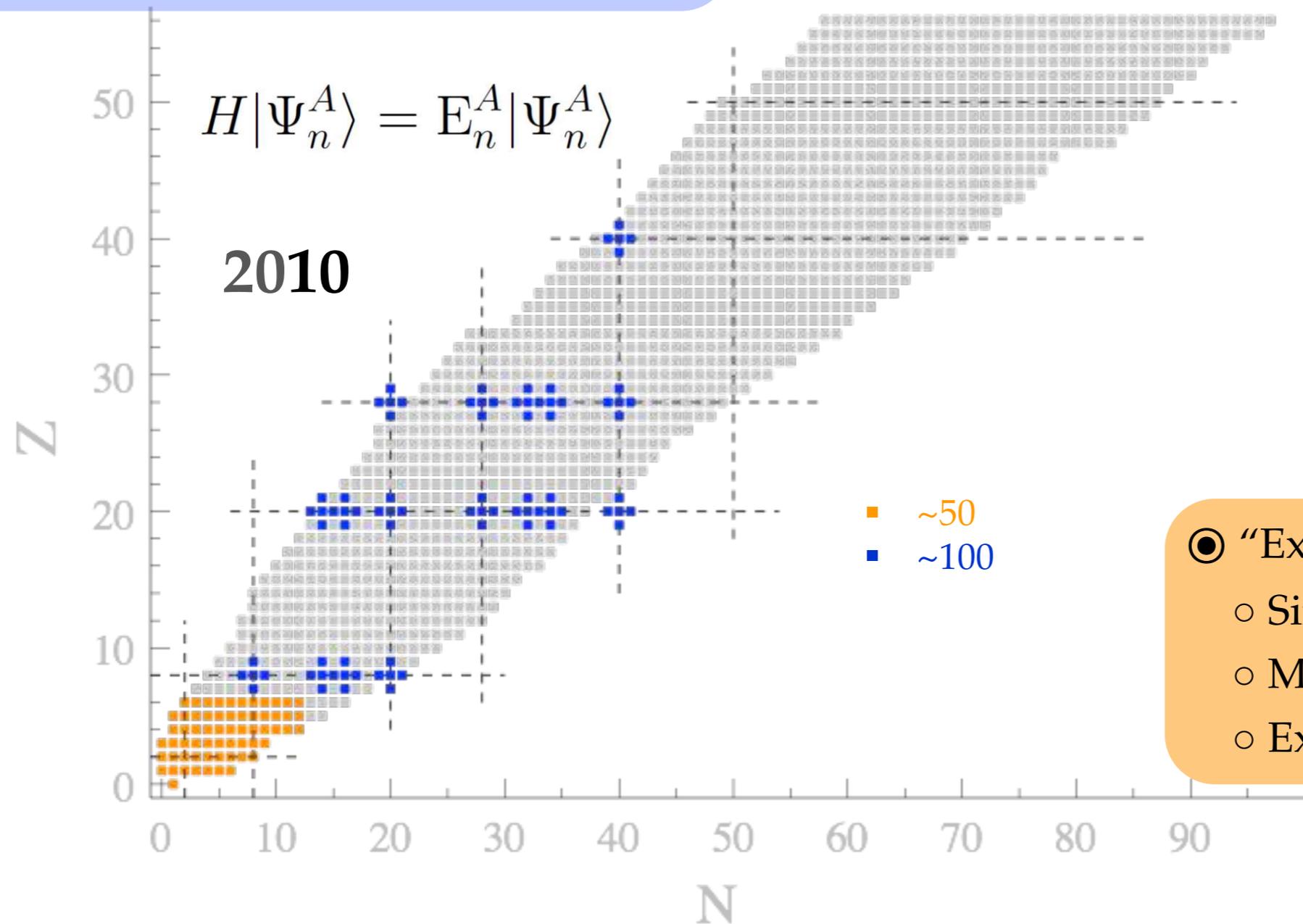


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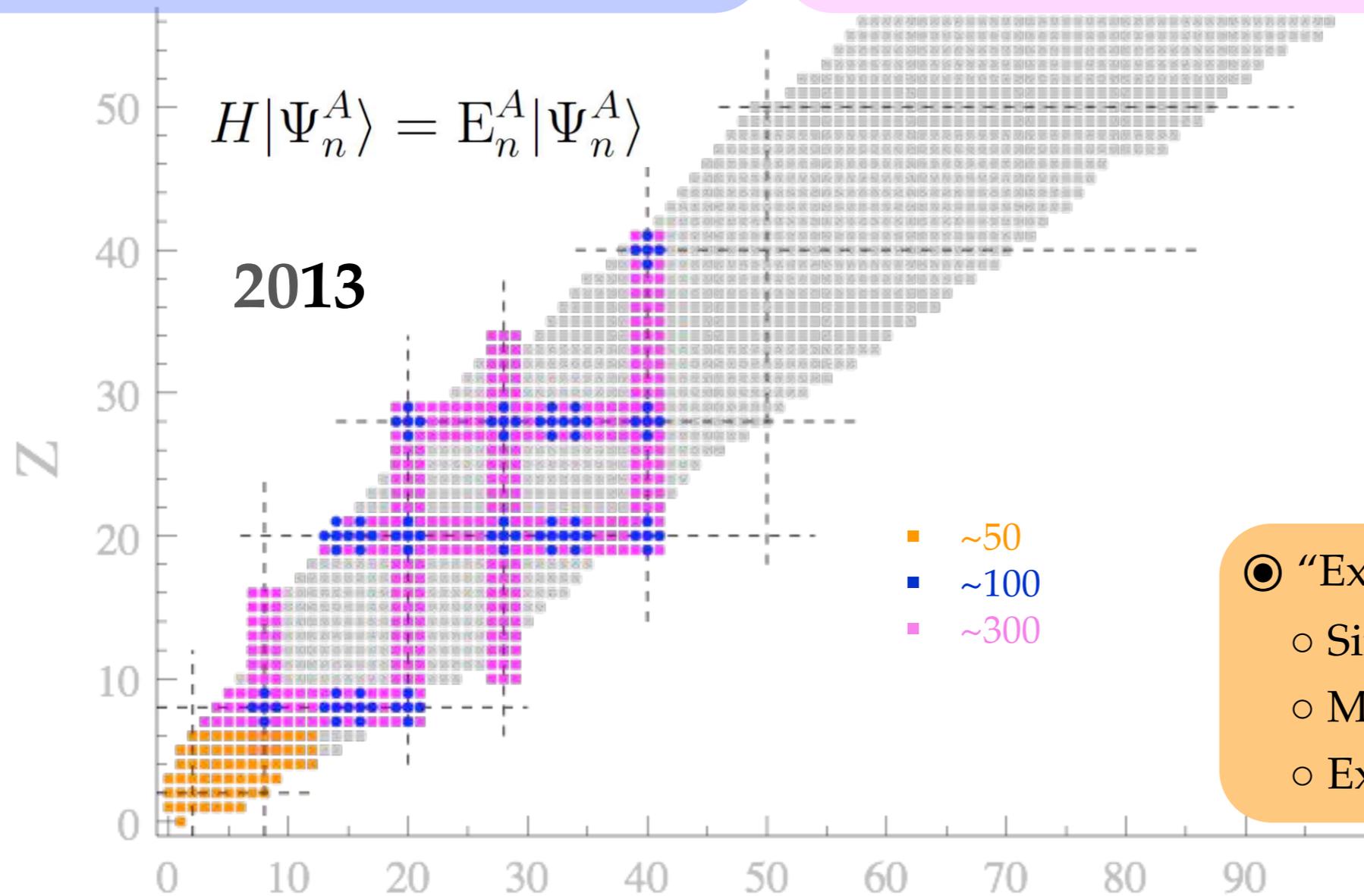
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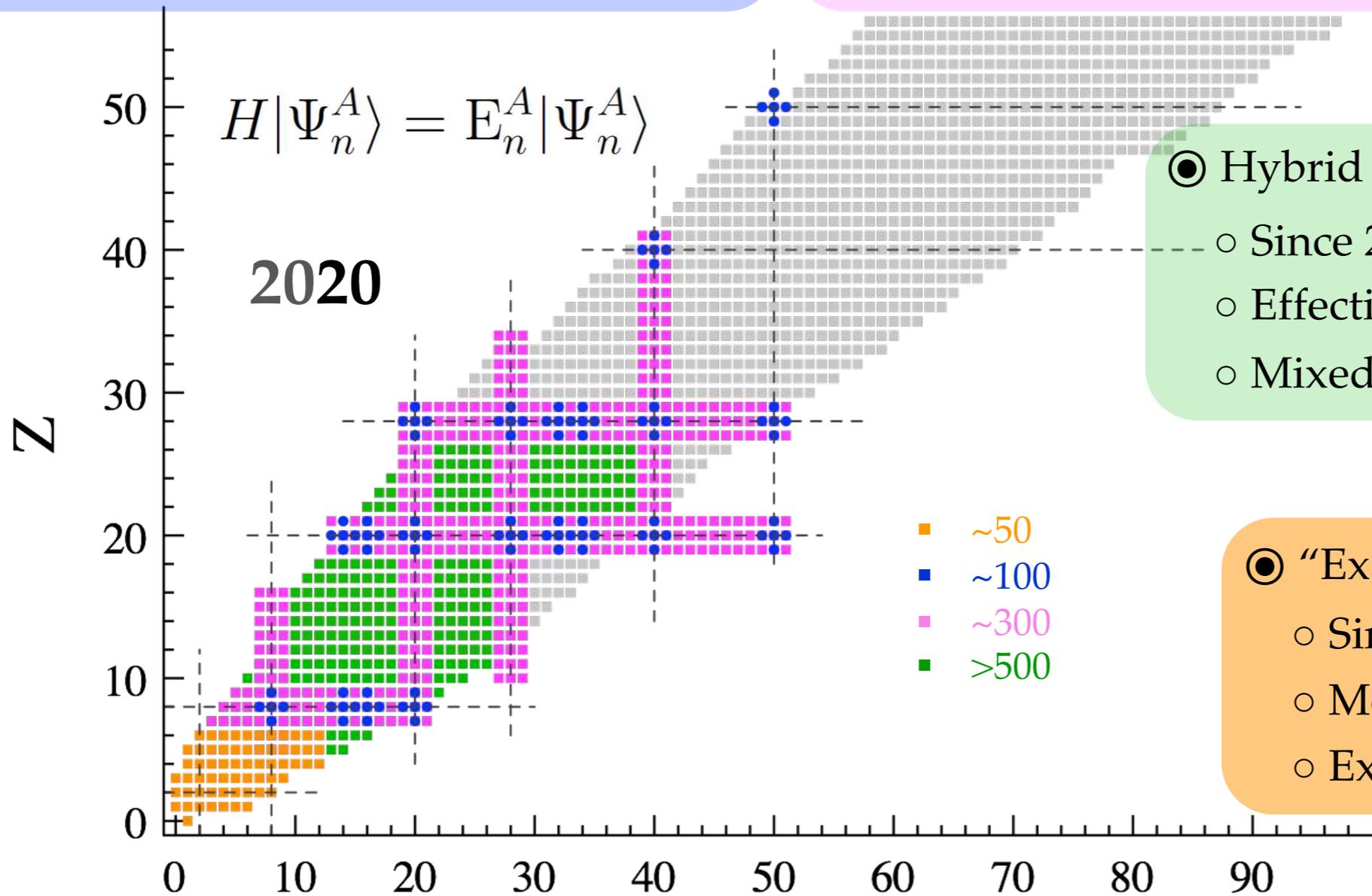
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Hybrid methods (ab initio shell model)

- Since 2014
- Effective interaction via CC/IMSRG
- Mixed scaling

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Old = symmetry breaking (&restoration) single-reference methods

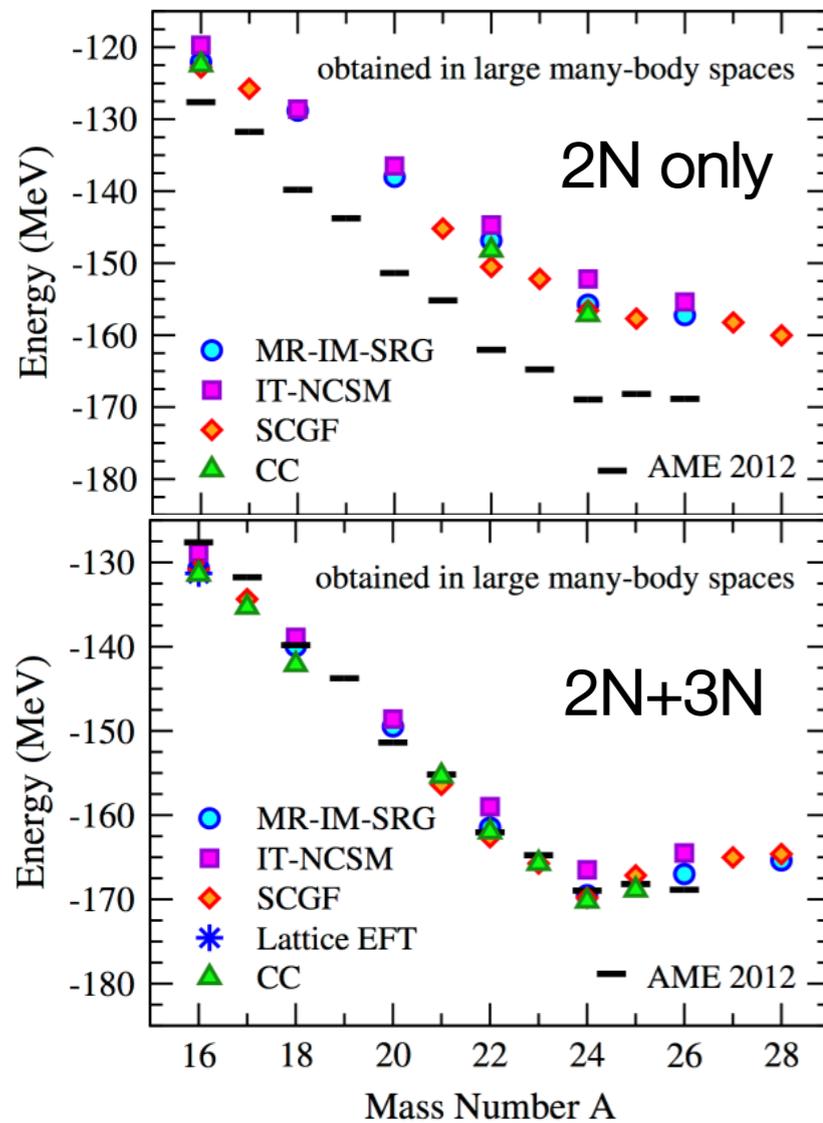
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Oxygen binding energies

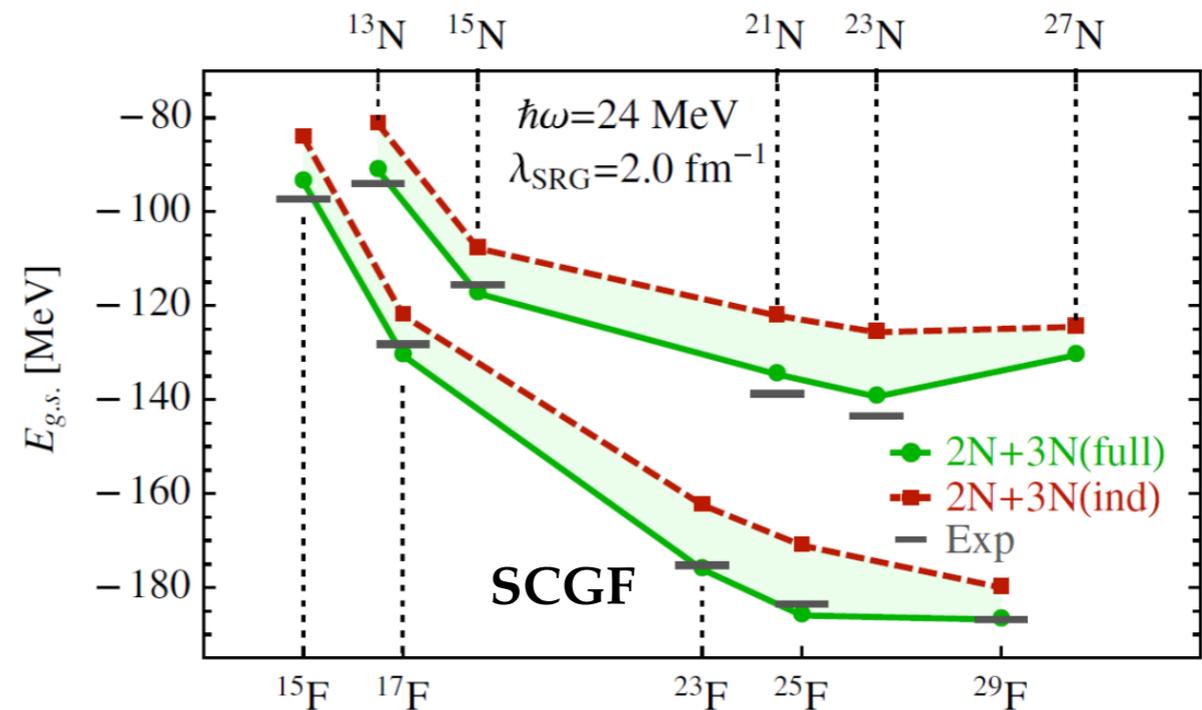
☉ Oxygen chain: importance of **three-body forces** and **benchmark** case for ab initio calculations

[Hebeler *et al.* 2015]



[Entem, Machleidt 2003, Navrátil 2007, Roth *et al.* 2012]

(Inconsistent) Chiral N^3LO 2N + N^2LO 3N interactions



[Cipollone, Barbieri, Navrátil 2013]

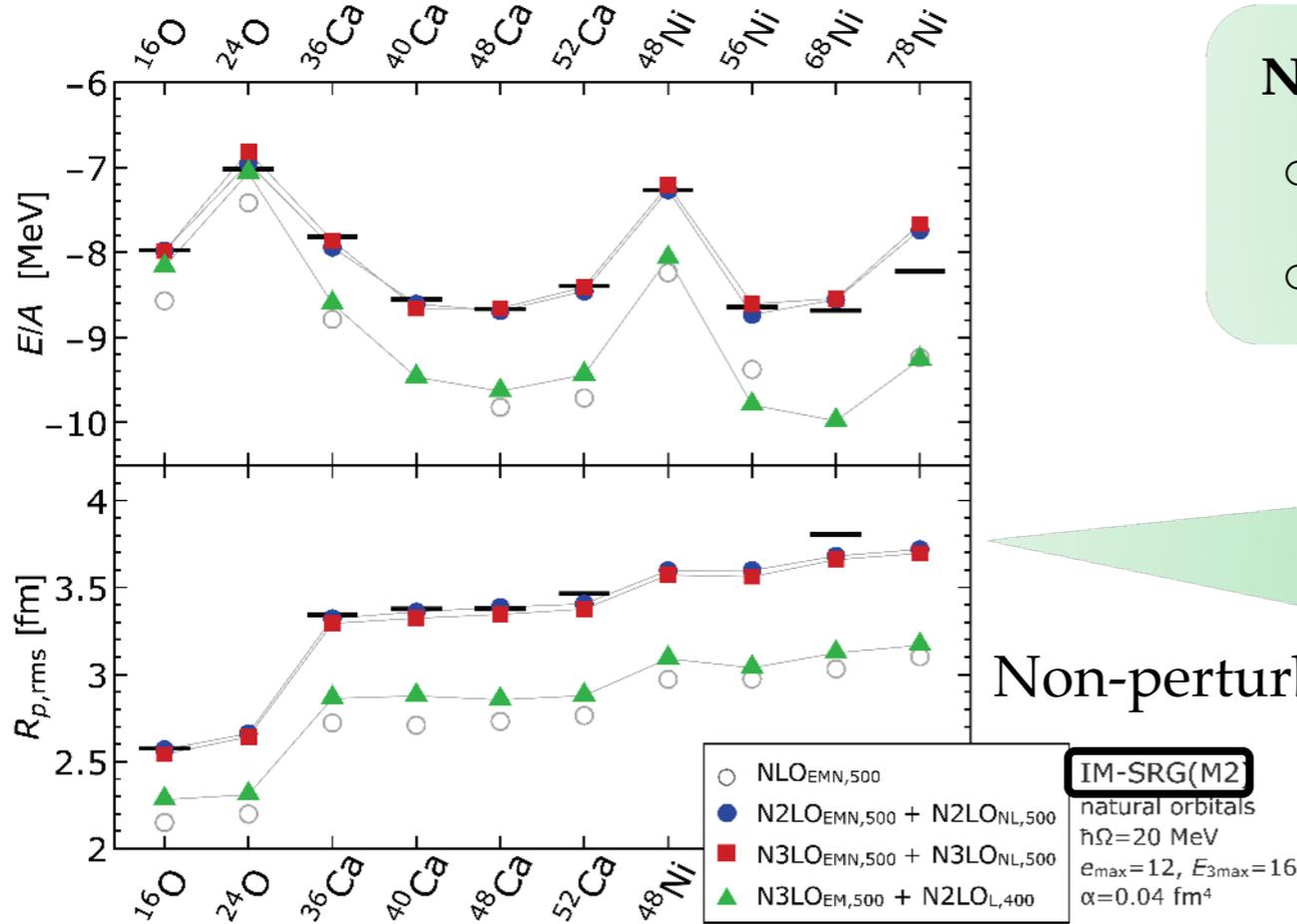
- ✓ All methods yield consistent results within 2-3%
- ✓ **3N interaction mandatory**
- ✓ Correct trend and drip-line location at N=16

- ✓ Neighbouring F & N chains
- ✓ **Results are nicely consistent**
- ✓ Interactions seem to work very satisfactorily

Extension to radii and mid-mass doubly closed-shell nuclei

Situation pre-2019 New situation

[Huther *et al.* 2019]



New consistent chiral family at NLO, N²LO, N³LO

- Non-local 3N regulator
- C_D LEC tuned to BE(¹⁶O) (⁴He slightly relaxed)

○ **Excellent reproduction of binding energies**

○ **Excellent agreement for radii**

Non-perturbative method

○ **Stable from N²LO to N³LO**

[Entem, Machleidt 2003, Navrátil 2007, Roth *et al.* 2012]

Inconsistent Chiral N³LO 2N + N²LO 3N interactions

- Overbinding beyond ^AO that increases with mass
- Charge radii are consistently too small from ¹⁶O till ⁷⁸Ni

Successful

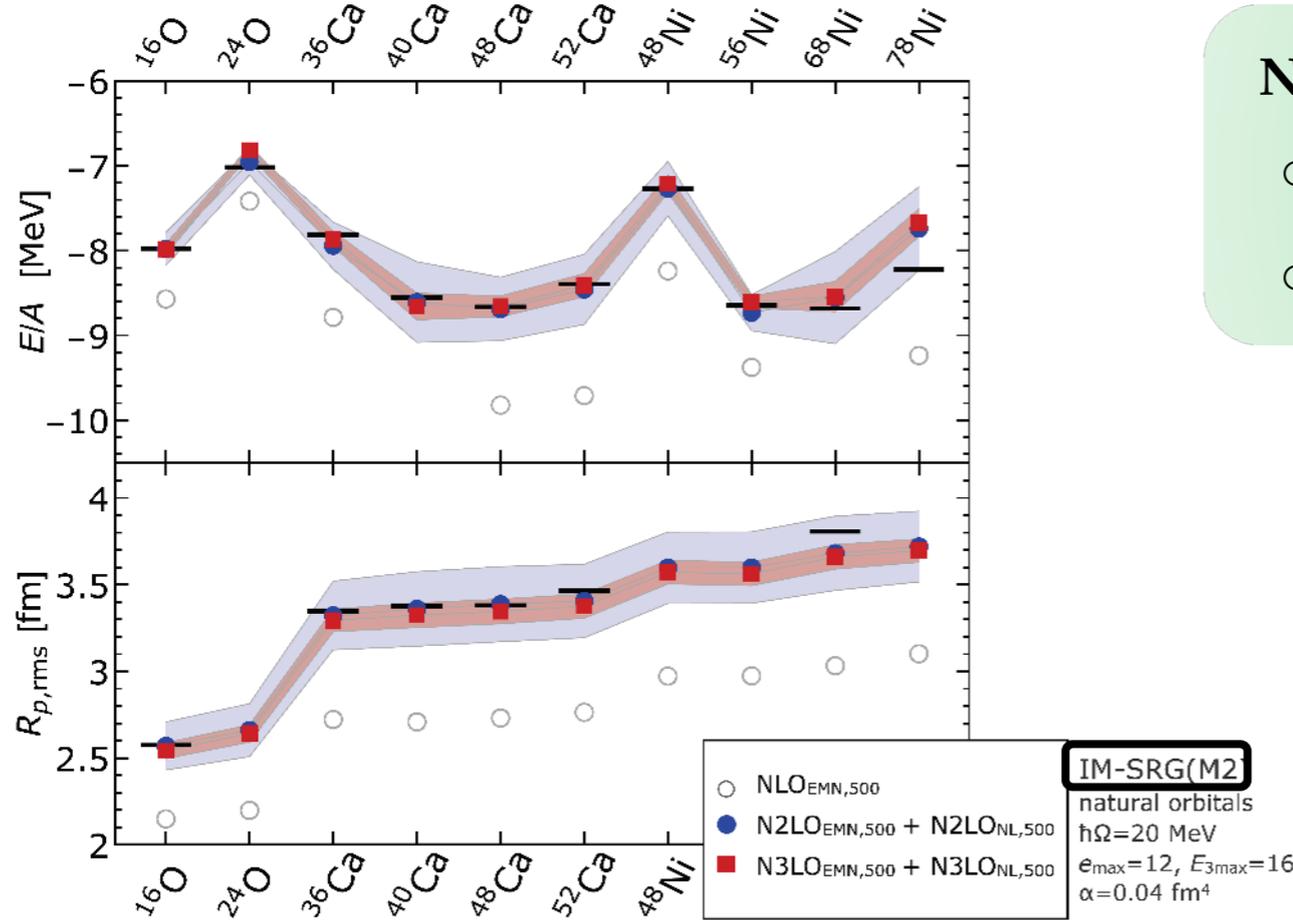
- ab initio description
- of doubly closed-shell
- ground states
- up to A=78

Up to 20% error with data

Interaction uncertainties in doubly closed-shell nuclei

« Bare » results With uncertainties

[Huther *et al.* 2019]



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Add interaction  uncertainty

Order-by-order uncertainty from interaction

Simple protocol from expansion parameter Q/Λ_χ

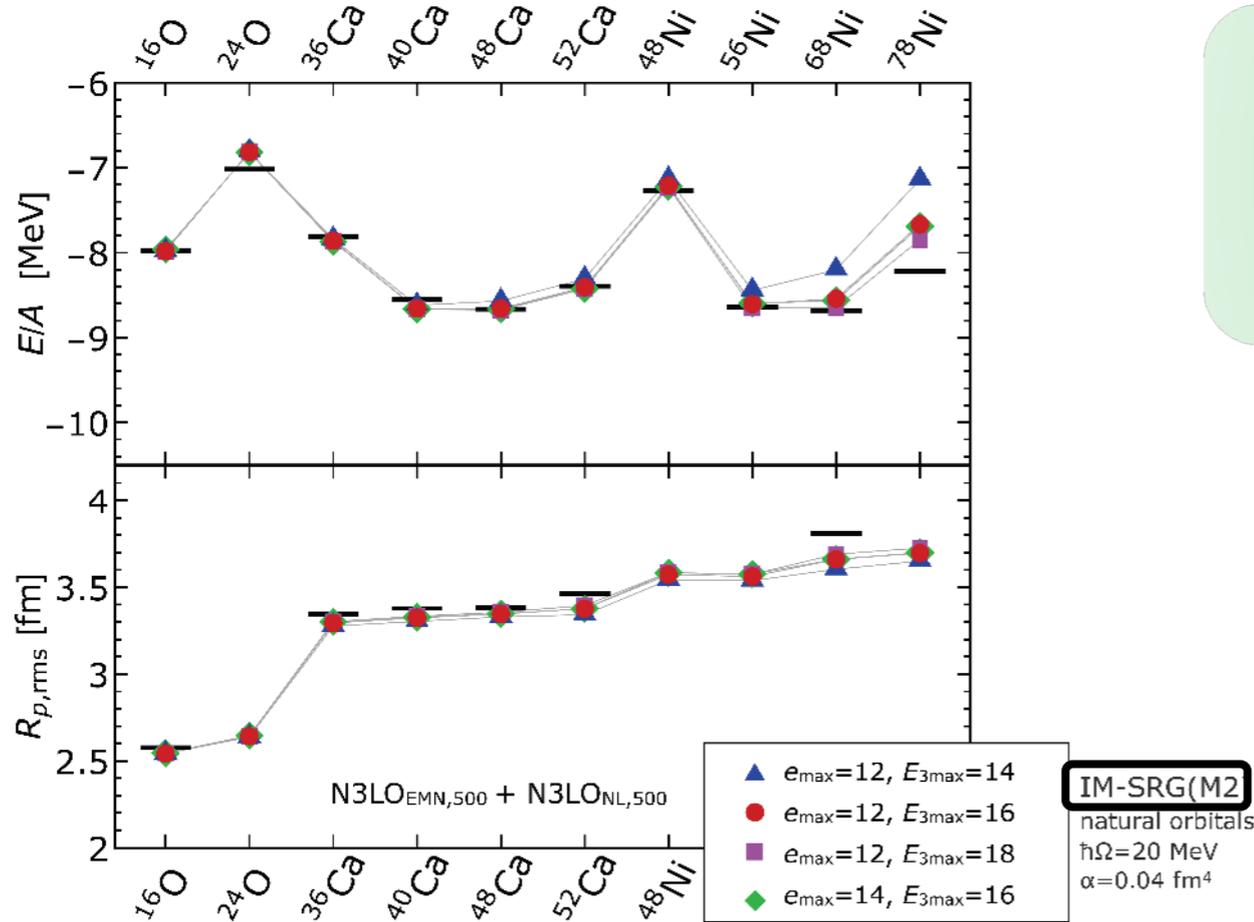
$$\text{Ex: } \delta O_{N^3LO} = \text{Max} \left\{ \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi} \right) |O_{N^3LO} - O_{N^2LO}| \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi} \right)^2 |O_{N^2LO} - O_{NLO}| \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi} \right)^4 |O_{NLO} - O_{LO}| \right. \\ \left. \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi} \right)^5 |O_{LO}| \right\}$$

- Consistent results from N²LO to N³LO
- **BE and radii uncertainty at N³LO: ~5-6%**
- More refine estimate possible and envisioned

Many-body uncertainties in doubly closed-shell nuclei

« Bare » results With uncertainties

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Add basis uncertainty

Harmonic Oscillator basis uncertainty

Increase bases to represent 2N and 3N tensors

- + omitted SRG-induced k-body forces beyond k=3
- + NO2B approximation to the 3N operator
- + truncation of many-body expansion

○ Fully converged calculations with respect basis size in mid mass nuclei

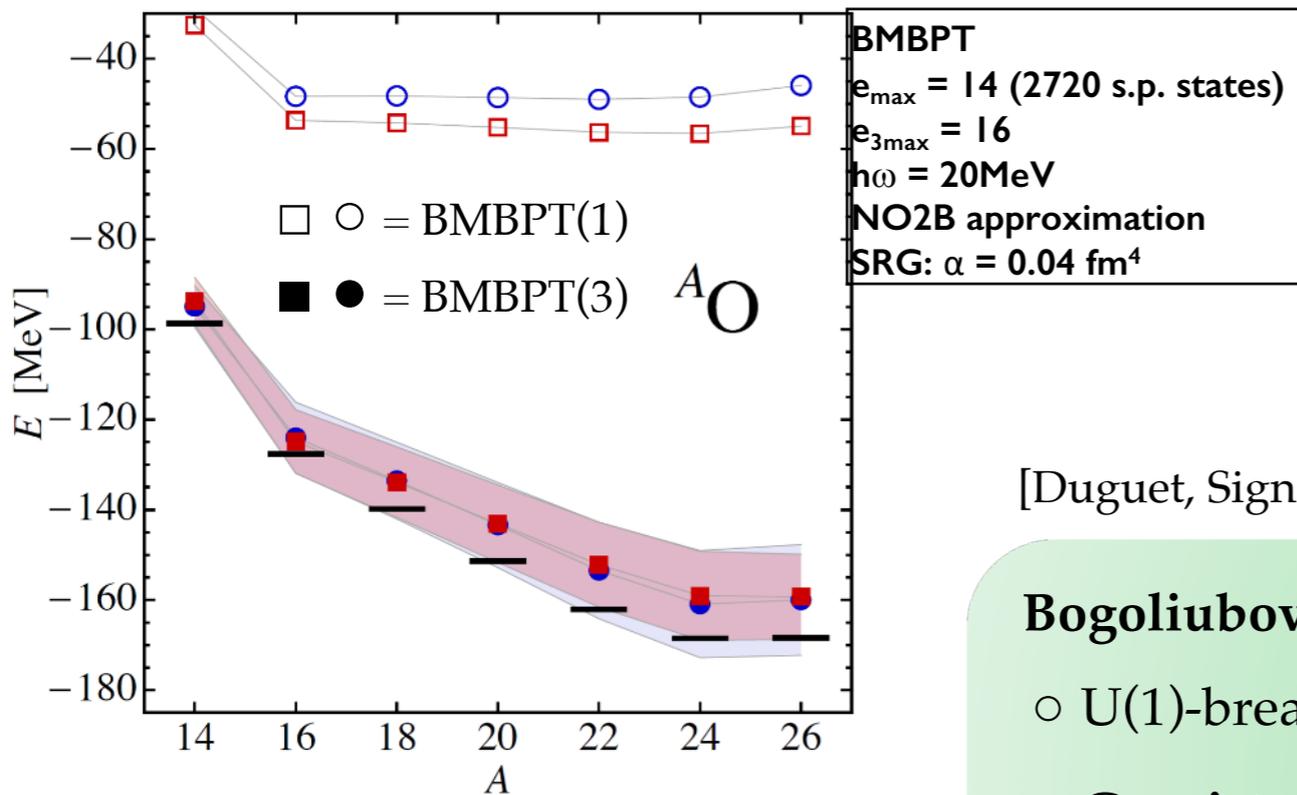
○ Challenge however to go to heavier systems and refined many-body truncations

○ Total many-body uncertainty in mid-mass nuclei ~2-3% dominated by NO2B approximation

○ Uncertainty in mid-mass systems dominated by truncation in chiral EFT expansion

Binding energy in singly open-shell nuclei

[Tichai, Roth, Duguet 2020]



[Huther *et al.* 2019]

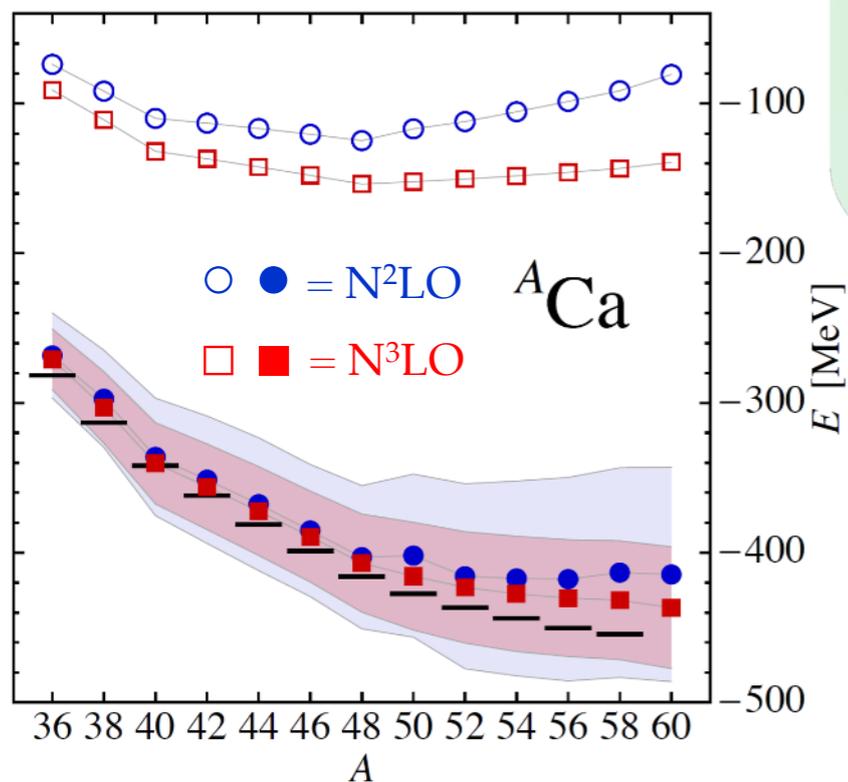
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[Duguet, Signoracci 2016; Tichai *et al.* 2018]

Bogoliubov many-body perturbation theory

- U(1)-breaking Bogoliubov (HFB) reference state
- **Consistent with non-perturbative methods to 2-3%**
- CPU/100 = ideal for large-scale studies
- **Symmetry to be restored = PBMBPT (PCC)** [Duguet, Signoracci 2016]



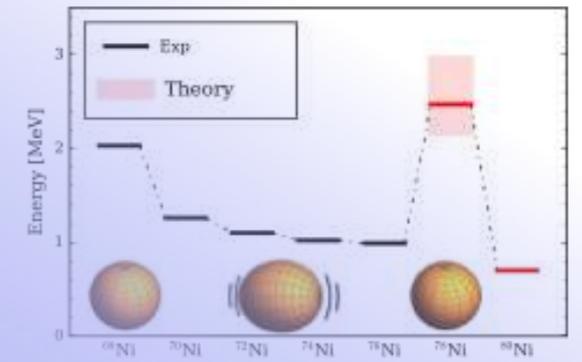
- **Estimated error from BMBPT(>3) below 2%** (not correct on the Fig.)
- **Consistent results with closed-shell results**
- Agreement with data much improved compared to pre-2019
- Uncertainty dominated by interaction (less true in neutron rich Ca)

Nuclear structure features addressed ab initio

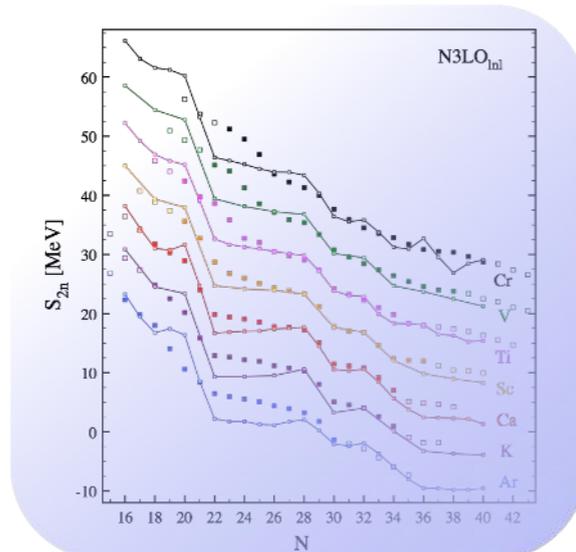
Collectivity near ^{100}Sn



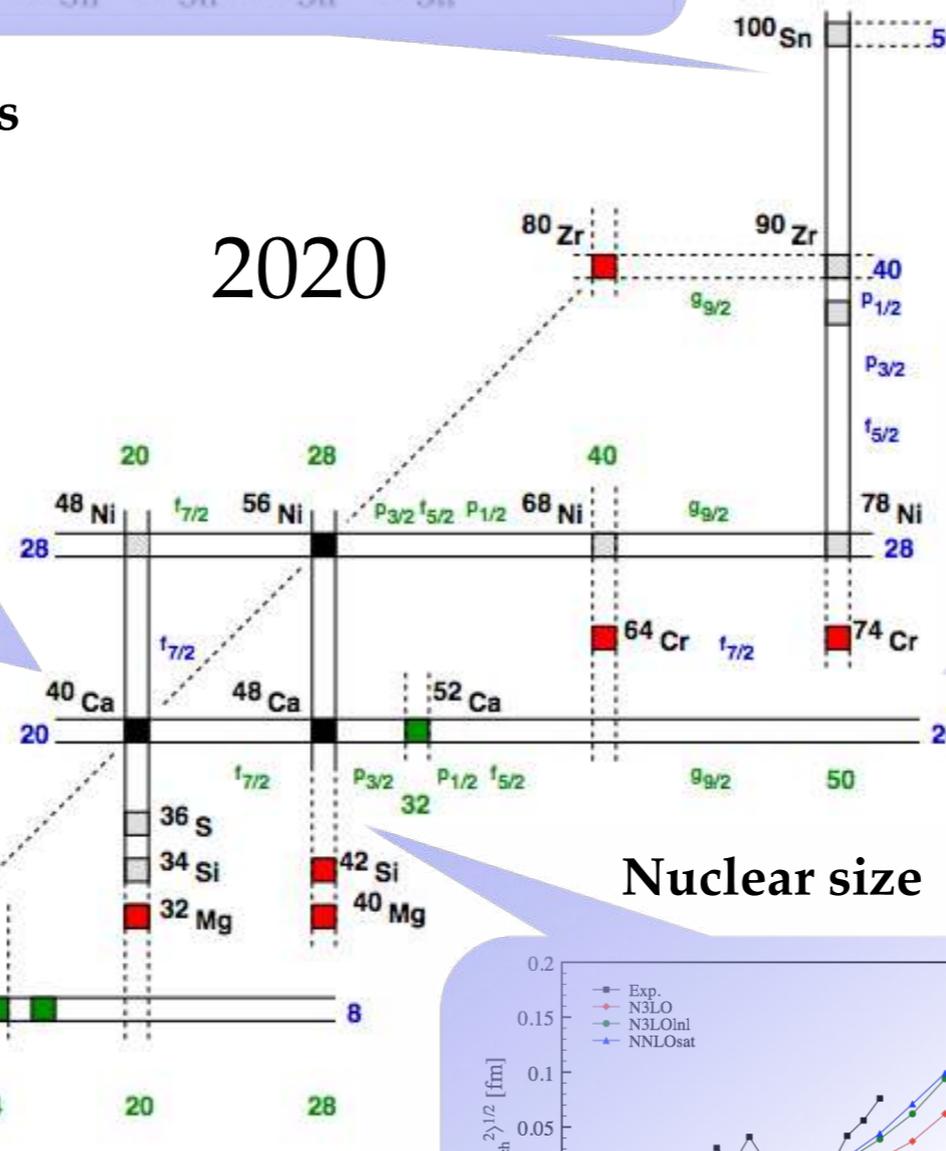
Unveils exotic ^{78}Ni



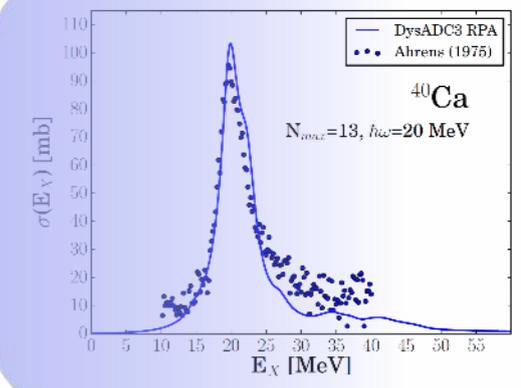
Emergence of magic numbers



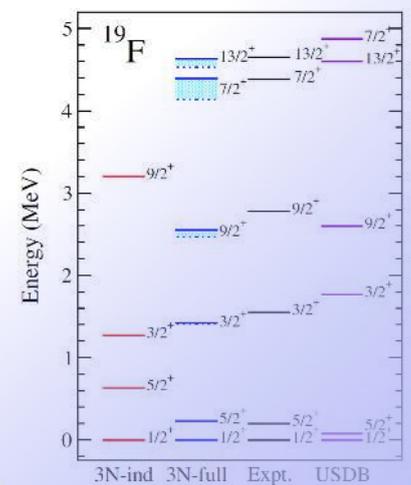
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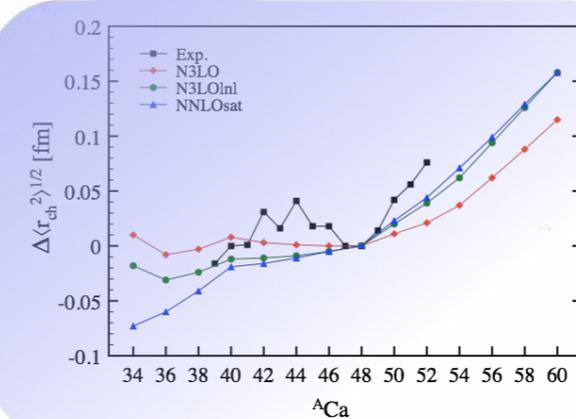
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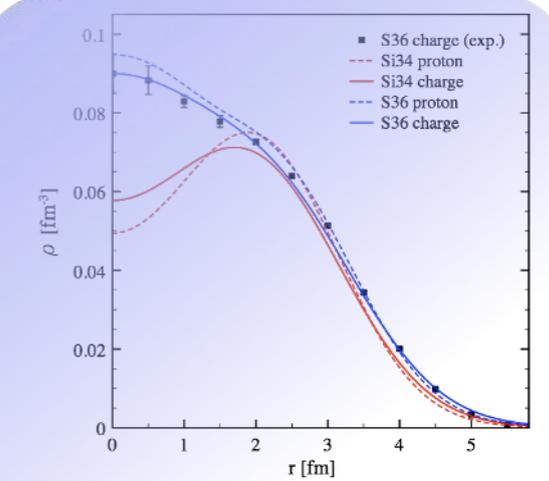
Spectroscopy in sd shell



Nuclear size



Bubble nucleus ^{34}Si



Some challenges for ab initio theory

More accurate descriptions

- Next order in expansion, e.g. full T3, pert. T4
- Next order in H, e.g. full 3NF and approx 4NF

Enlarged portfolio of observables

- Low-lying E^* in open-shell beyond sd
- Moments in open-shell beyond sd
- Giant resonances

Improved Hamiltonians

- Higher order, different fits
- Different PW, Δ -full EFT

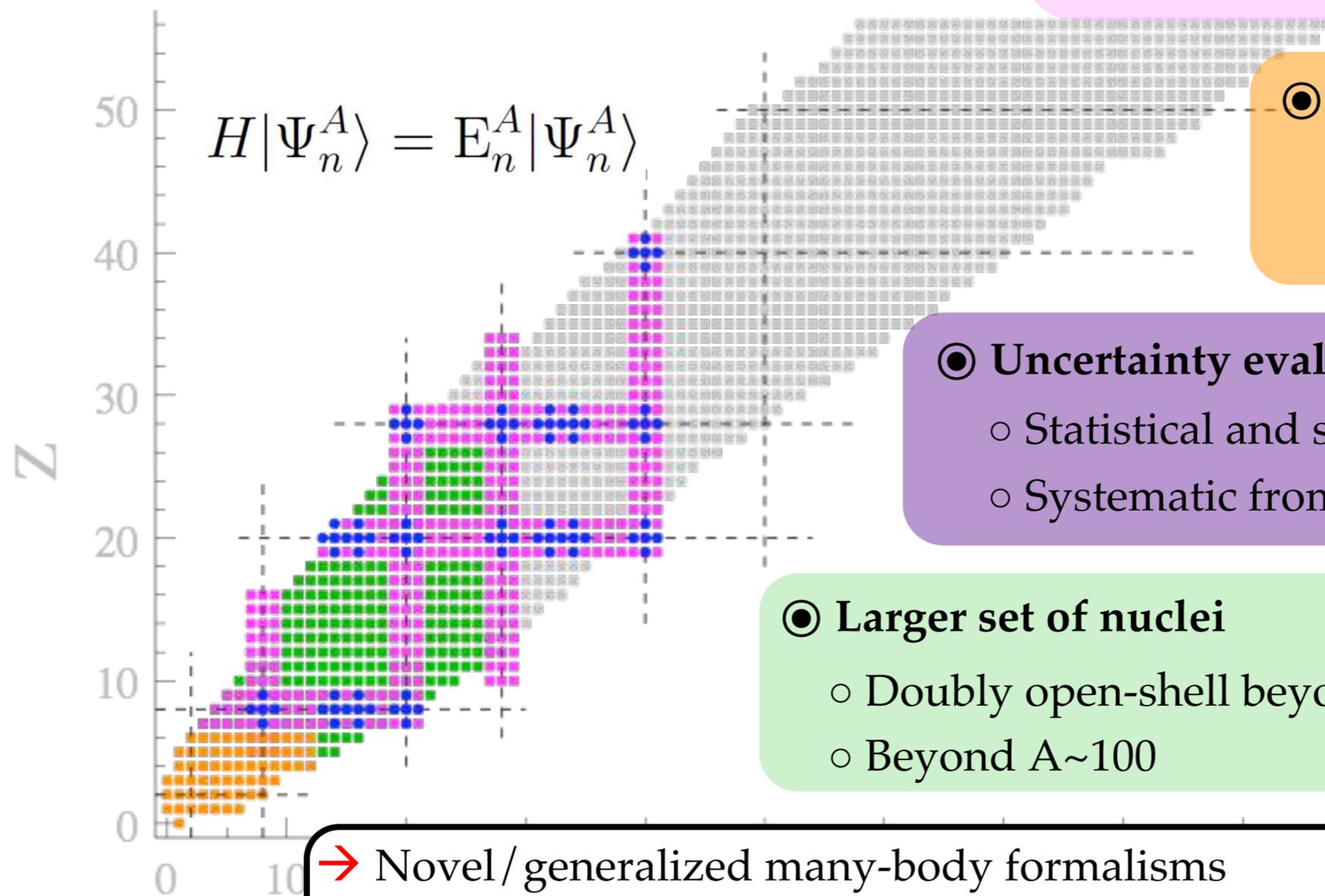
Uncertainty evaluation/propagation

- Statistical and systematic from H
- Systematic from basis size, truncation order

Larger set of nuclei

- Doubly open-shell beyond sd shell
- Beyond $A \sim 100$

- Novel/generalized many-body formalisms
- Improved nuclear Hamiltonians
- Data processing methods from applied mathematics



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General conclusions

◎ Enormous progress of nuclear ab initio calculations in the last 10 years

- Much larger phenomenology can be put in connection with elementary nuclear forces
- Nuclear forces themselves are explicitly rooted in QCD
- Comparison to basic experimental observables can be made to day up to $A \approx 80$

◎ Much further progress to be made

- Observables: electromagnetic moments and transitions, electroweak operators
- Nuclear interactions put to the test in mid-mass nuclei = current main bottleneck for progress
- Formal & numerical challenges to go to heavier nuclei / better accuracy / doubly open-shell nuclei
- Compute features of reactions (already some) and develop ab initio dynamics
- Evaluation and propagation of systematic errors of H

Recent / on-going cross-fertilization between nuclear physics and quantum chemistry

1) Symmetry breaking and restored methods: NP \rightarrow QC

BMBPT/BCC [A. Signoracci, T. Duguet, G. Hagen, G. R. Jansen, Phys. Rev. C91 (2015) 064320]
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[Y. Qiu, T. M. Henderson, T. Duguet, G. E. Scuseria, Phys. Rev. C99 (2019) 044301]

2) Multi-reference methods: QC \rightarrow NP

MRMBPT [Z. Rolik, A. Szabados, P. R. Surján, J. Chem. Phys. 119 (2003) 1922]
[A. Tichai, E. Gebrerufael, K. Vobig, R. Roth, Phys. Lett. B786 (2018) 448]

3) In-medium similarity renormalization group method: NP \rightarrow QC

[K. Tsukiyama, S. K. Bogner, A. Schwenk, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011) 222502]
[A. Tichai, J. Toulouse, E. Giner, T. Duguet, work in progress]

4) Tensor-factorization techniques: QC \rightarrow NP

[R. Schutski, J. Zhao, T. M. Henderson, G. E. Scuseria, J. Chem. Phys. 147 (2017) 184113]
[A. Tichai, R. Schutski, G. E. Scuseria, T. Duguet, Phys. Rev. C99 (2019) 034320]

5) Importance truncation techniques for, e.g., (P)(B)CC: QC \rightarrow NP

[J. E. Deustua, J. Shen, P. Piecuch, PRL 119 (2017) 223003]
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- Applications in s and p shell nuclei
- Applications in sd-pf shell nuclei

⊙ Conclusions

Elementary facts and « big » questions about nuclei

- 252 **stable** isotopes, ~3100 synthesized in the lab
- **How many** bound (w.r.t strong force) nuclei exist; 9000?

Oganesson (${}_{118}\text{Og}$) added to Mendeleïev table in 2016

- **Heaviest** synthesized element $Z=118$
- **Heaviest possible** element?
- Enhanced stability near $Z=120?126?$

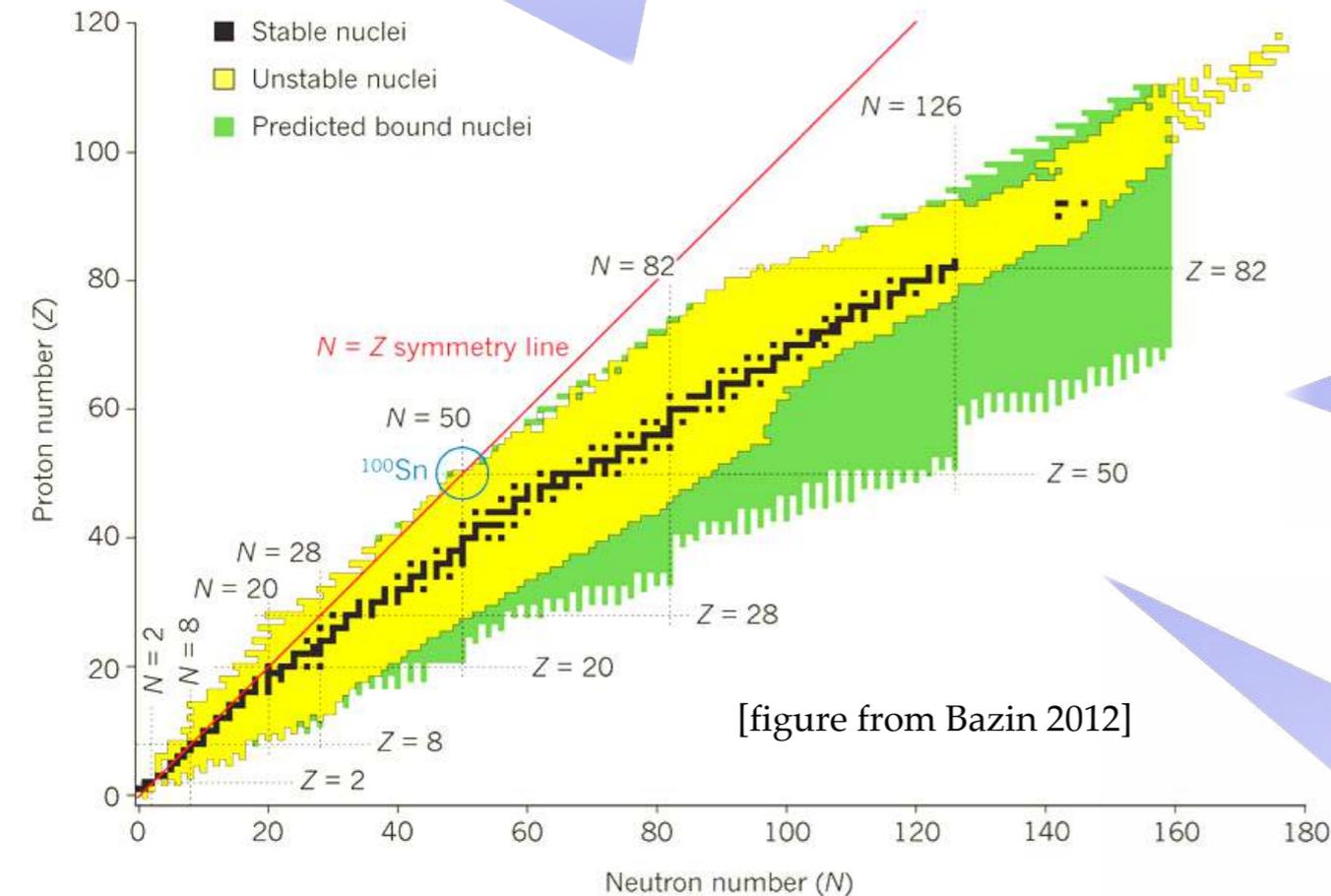
- Modes of **instability** (α , β , γ decays, fission)
- Are there more exotic decay modes?
- Ex: ν -less 2β decay = test of standard model
- Ex: $2p$ decay beyond the proton drip line

- Elements **up to Fe** produced in stellar fusion
- How have heavier elements been produced?
- r-process nucleosynthesis in neutron star mergers

Updated in 2019 to $Z=9$ (22 neutrons) and $Z=10$ (24 neutrons)

- Neutron **drip-line** known up to ~~$Z=8$ (16 neutrons)~~
- Where is the neutron drip-line beyond $Z=10$?

- Over-stable "magic" nuclei (2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82, ...)
- Are **magic numbers** the same for unstable nuclei?



Single-reference expansion many-body methods

Nuclear Hamiltonian

$$H = T + V^{2N} + W^{3N}$$

Symmetry group $U(1)$ dealt with today

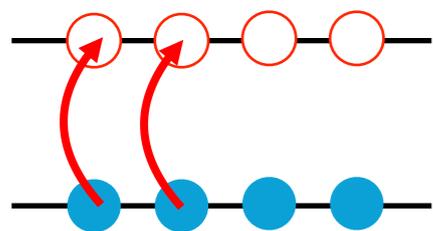
$$[H, S] = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad S \equiv A, J^2, J_z, \dots$$

Mean-field reference state

$$H = H_0 + H_1 \quad \text{such that} \quad \begin{aligned} [H_0, S] &= 0 \\ [H_1, S] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{H_0 |\Phi_0^S\rangle = \mathcal{E}_0^S |\Phi_0^S\rangle} \quad \text{Exactly solvable}$$

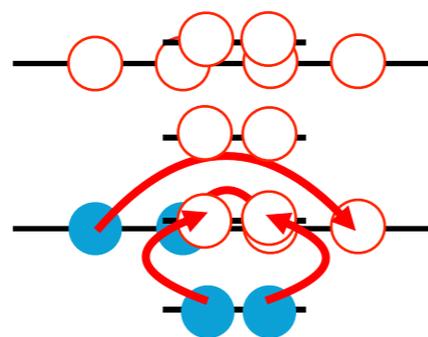
Closed-shell



Non-degenerate

Good starting point

Open-shell



Non-degenerate

Improper starting point

A-body eigenvalue problem

$$H |\Psi_0^S\rangle = E_0^S |\Psi_0^S\rangle \quad N^A \text{ cost where } N = \dim H_1$$

Many-body expansion

$$H = H_0 + H_1$$

$$|\Psi_0^S\rangle = \underline{U^S(\infty)} \underline{|\Phi_0^S\rangle}$$

Wave operator Reference state

- ▶ Accounts for « weak / dynamical » correlations
- ▶ Expand as a series (MBPT, CC...) + truncate = N^P cost

Symmetry breaking

$$[H'_0, S] \neq 0$$

$$[H'_1, S] \neq 0$$

$$H = H'_0 + H'_1$$

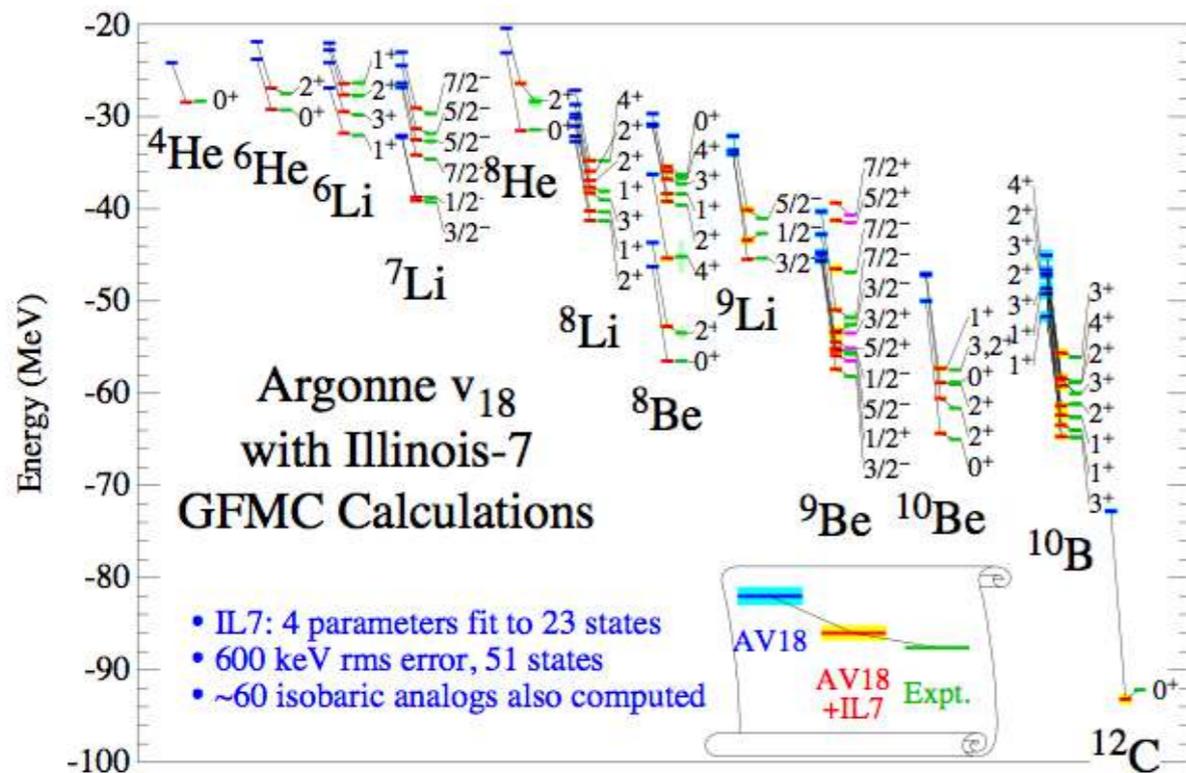
$$|\Psi_0^S\rangle = \underline{U(\infty)} \underline{|\Phi_0\rangle} \quad \text{More general reference state}$$

- ▶ Accounts for “strong / non-dynamical” correlations
- ▶ Expand (BMBPT, BCC...) + truncate = N^P cost

- 1) Truncated series breaks symmetry
- 2) Exact symmetry must eventually be restored

First ab initio calculations

- ⇒ **1990's: Green function Monte Carlo approach** [Carlson, Pieper, Wiringa, Schiavilla,...]
 - MC techniques to sample many-body wave function in coordinate, isospin and spin space
- ⇒ **2000's: No-core shell model approach (i.e. full CI)** [Vary, Barrett, Navratil, Ormand...]
 - Diagonalisation of the Hamiltonian in a finite-dimensional space



Nuclei simulated from "scratch"!

Closed the gap between elementary inter-nucleon interactions and properties of nuclei

[Pieper & Wiringa 2001]

- ✗ Computational effort increases exponentially / factorially with nucleon number
- ✗ Necessity of treating three-nucleon forces makes it more severe

→ Approach limited to light nuclei ($\sim A \leq 12$)

Chiral EFT hamiltonians

◎ **N3LO** (~2010)

[Entem & Machleidt 2003, Navrátil 2007, Roth et al. 2012]

- First generation of ChEFT interactions (N³LO 2N, N²LO 3N)
- Follows traditional ab initio strategy (fitting many sector on X -body data)
- **Successful in light nuclei, but strong overbinding and too small radii for heavier systems**

◎ **NNLO_{sat}** (2015)

[Ekström *et al.* 2015]

- Development prompted by inability to reproduce radii beyond light nuclei
- Data from not-so-light nuclei ($A=14-25$) included in fit + Non-local 3NF regulator
- **Good BE and radii in mid-mass but two- and few-body systems slightly deteriorated**

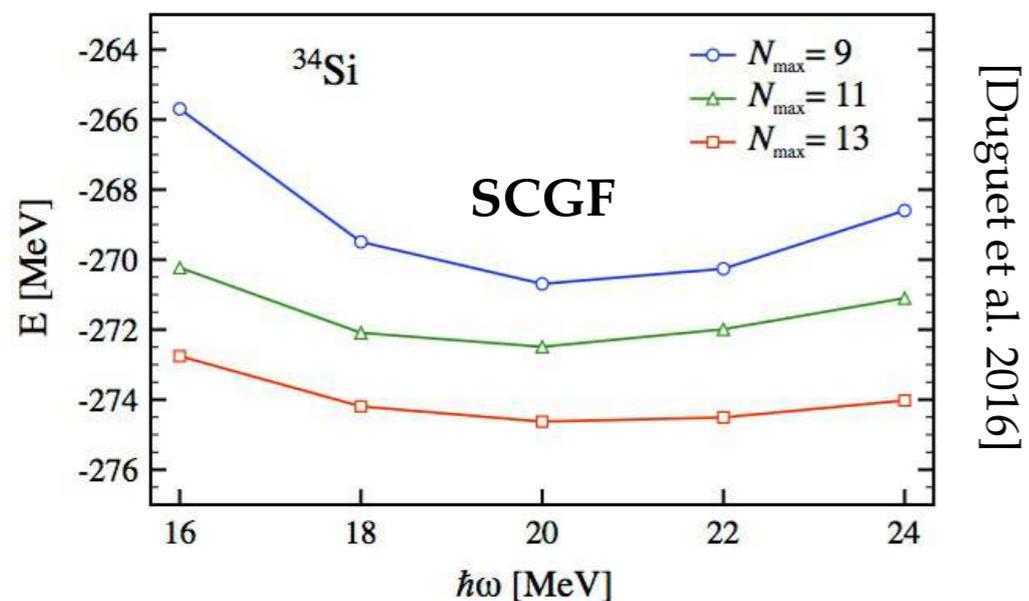
◎ **N3LO_{nl}** (2018)

[Entem & Machleidt 2003, Navrátil 2018]

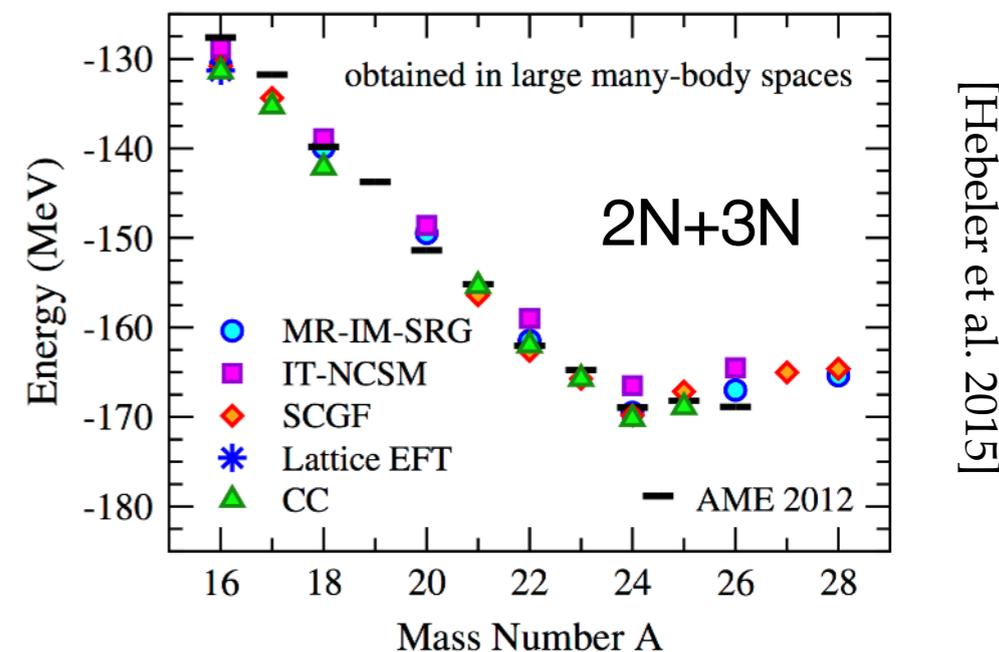
- Back to standard ab initio strategy but with improved implementation of non-local regulators
- Correct description of two- and few-body systems
- **BE and radii of mid-mass systems much improved compared to N3LO**

Sources of uncertainty

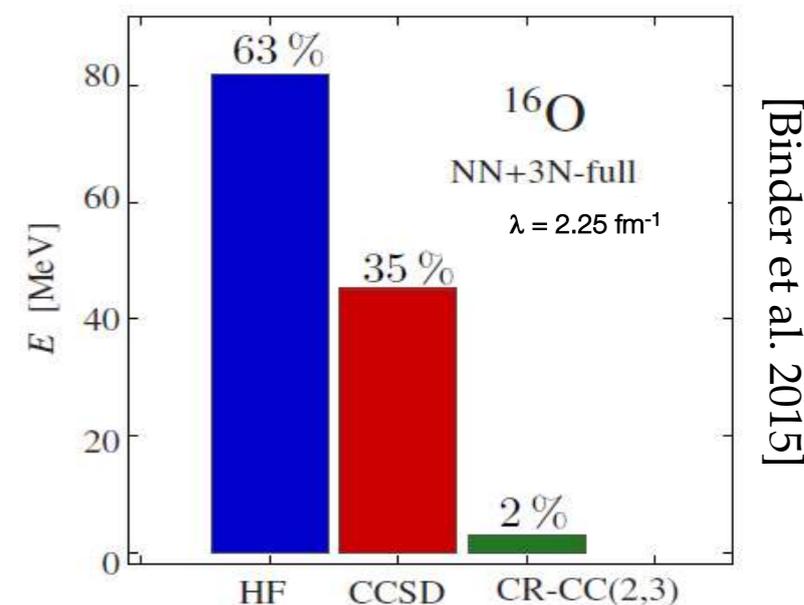
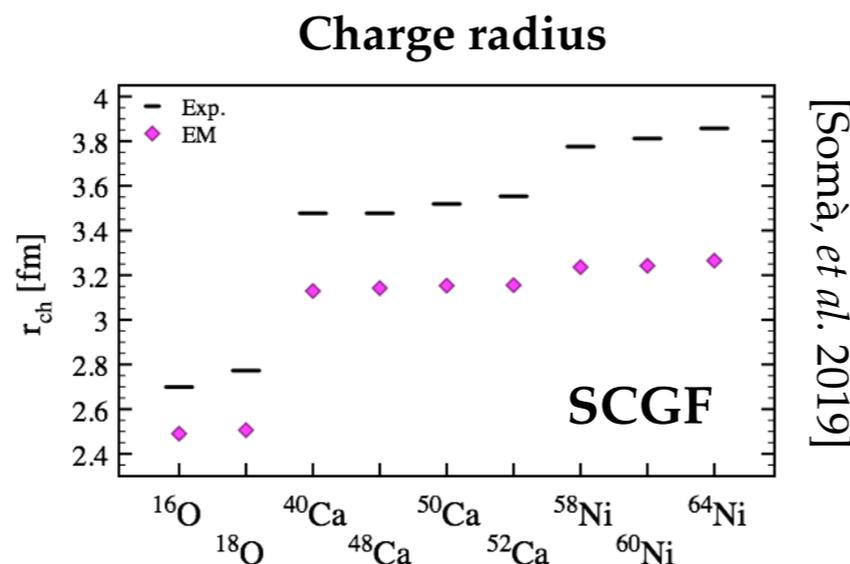
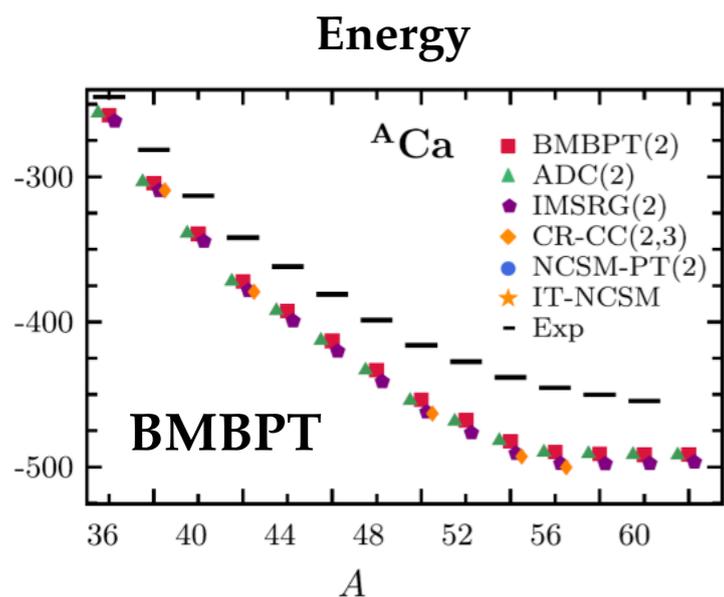
● Model space truncation typically up to 1%



● Many-body truncation typically 2-3%



● Difference with data up to 10-15% in Ca-Ni region with **N3LO**

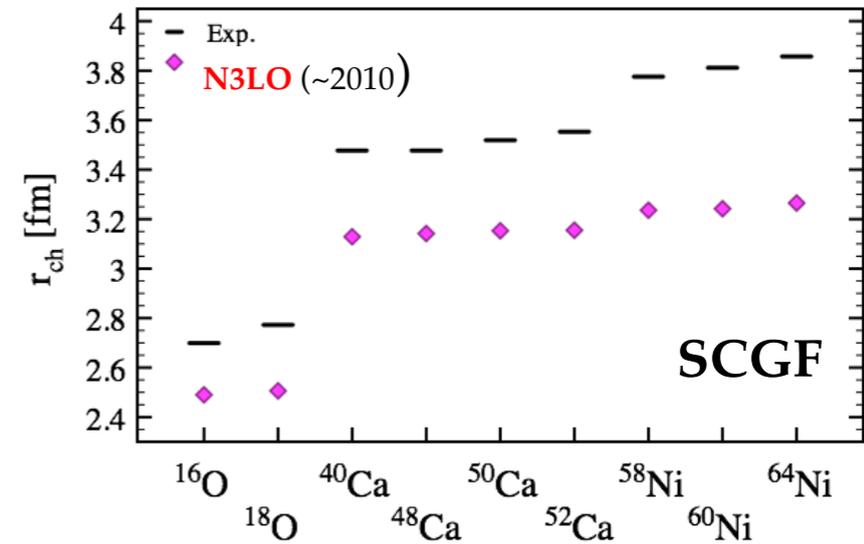
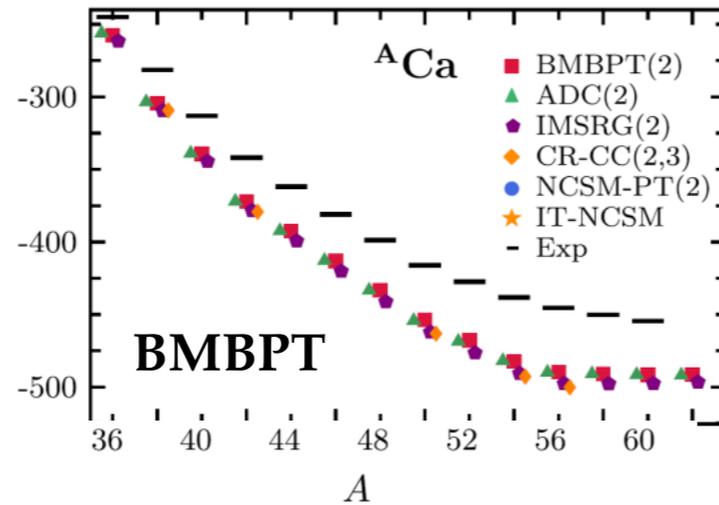


Largest uncertainty from input Hamiltonian

→ Improved Hamiltonians needed

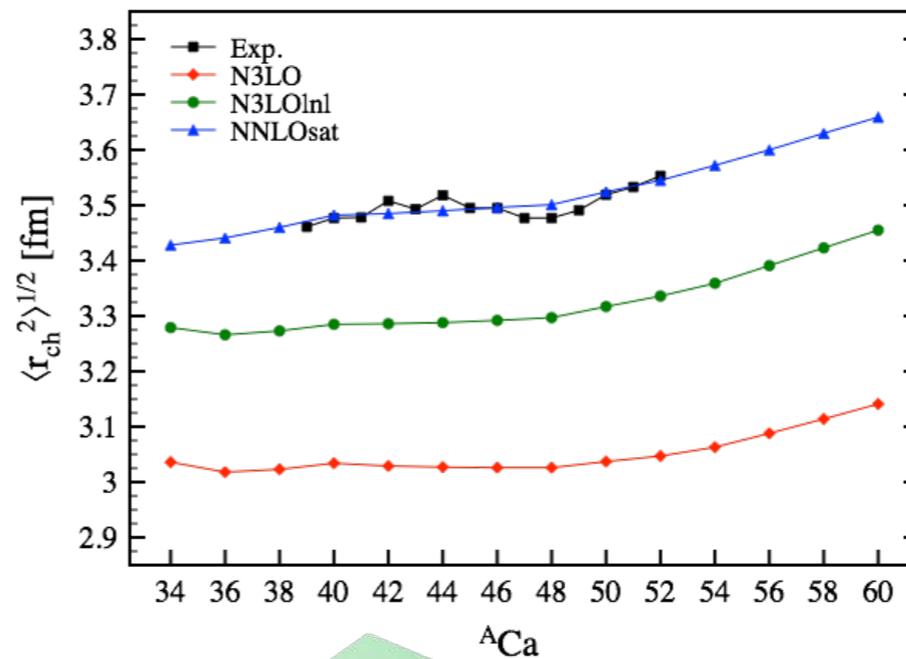
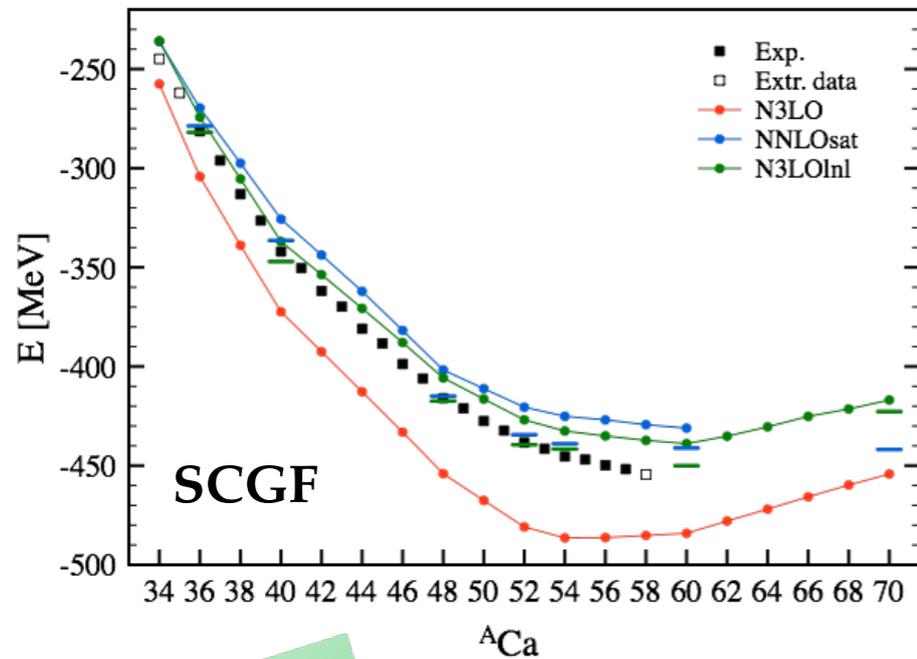
Charge radii in medium-mass nuclei

● **N3LO** (~2010)



[Somà *et al.* 2019]

● Newly developed Hamiltonians improves the situation



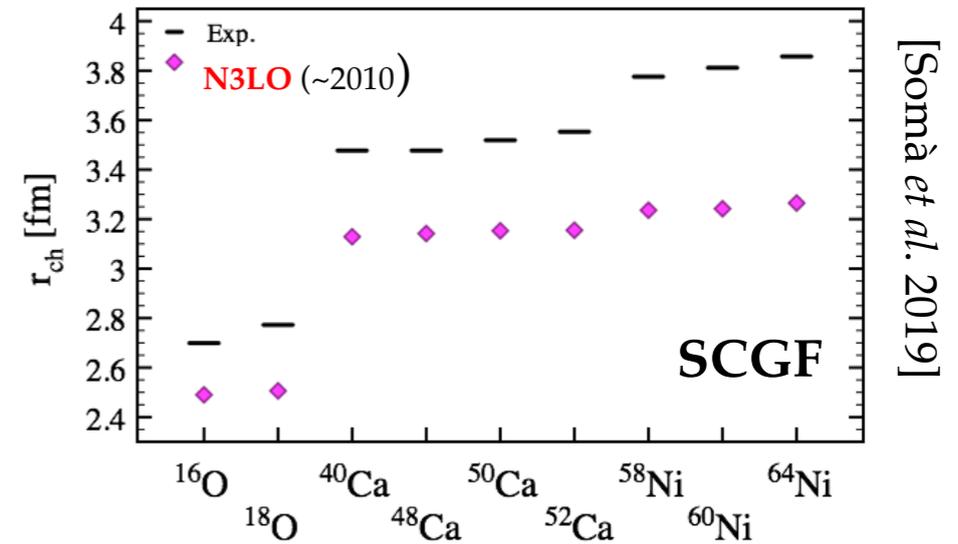
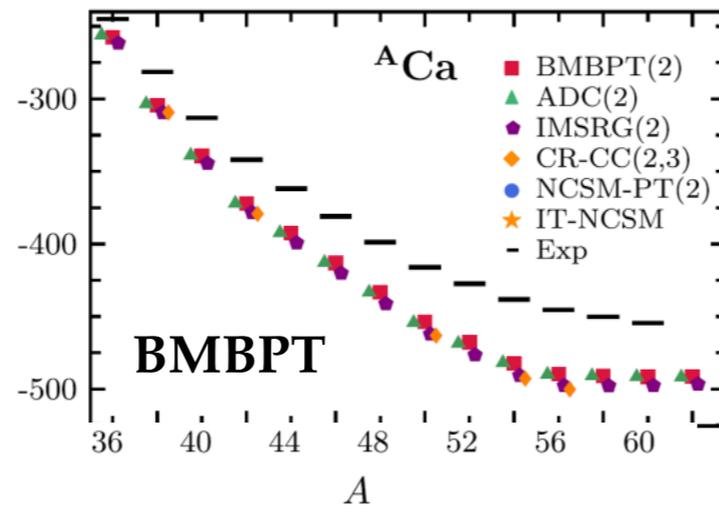
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- New interactions correct for overbinding
- Full correlations needed

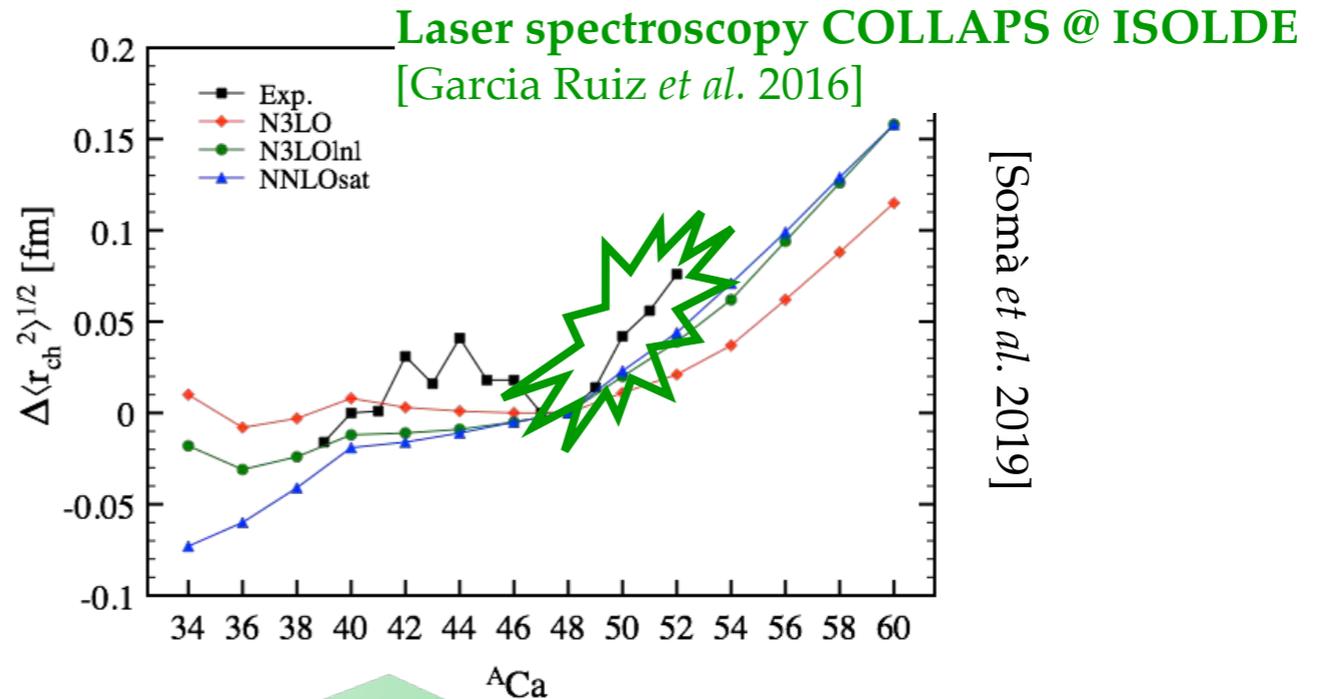
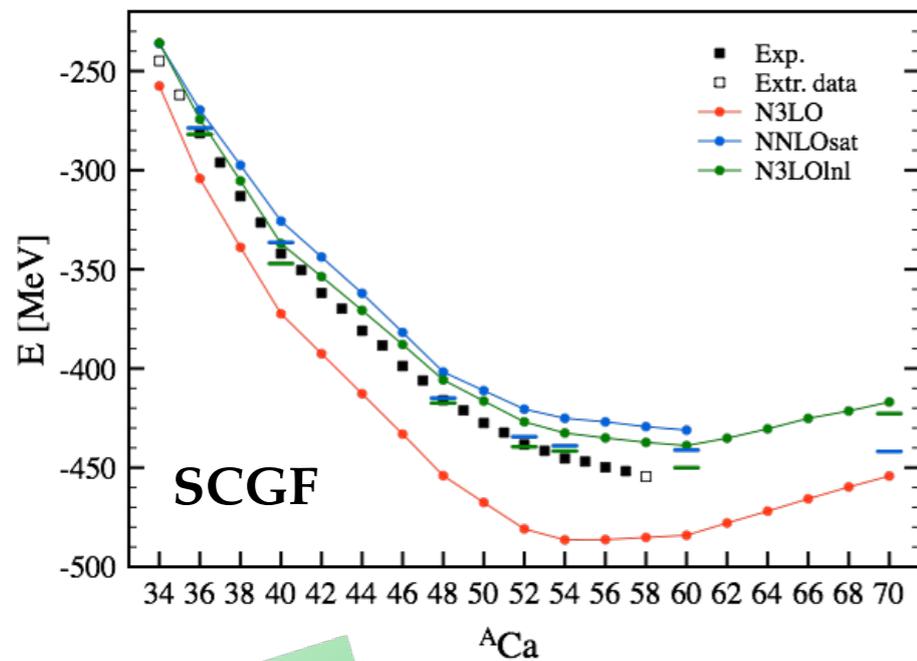
- Radii OK when fitted!
- Considerable improvement N3LO \rightarrow N3LO_{lnl}

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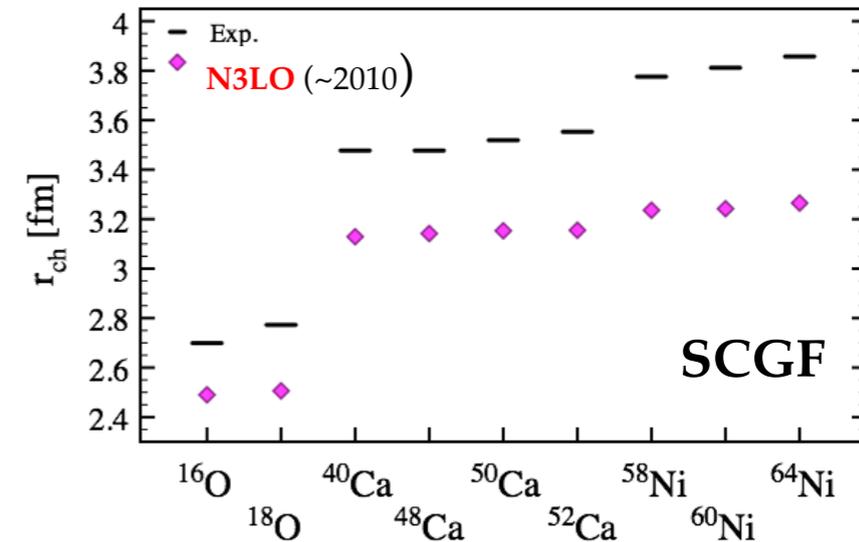
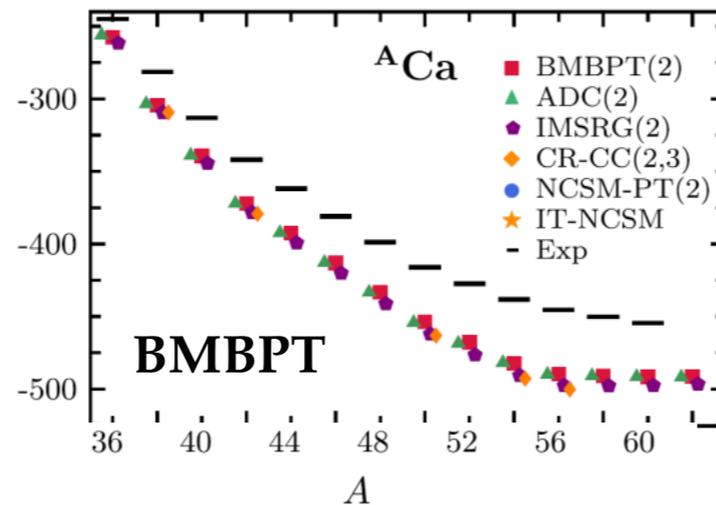


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- N3LO_{lnl} follows NNLO_{sat} except for proton-rich systems
- ⁴⁰⁻⁴⁸Ca trend : requires np-nh excitations of higher ranks

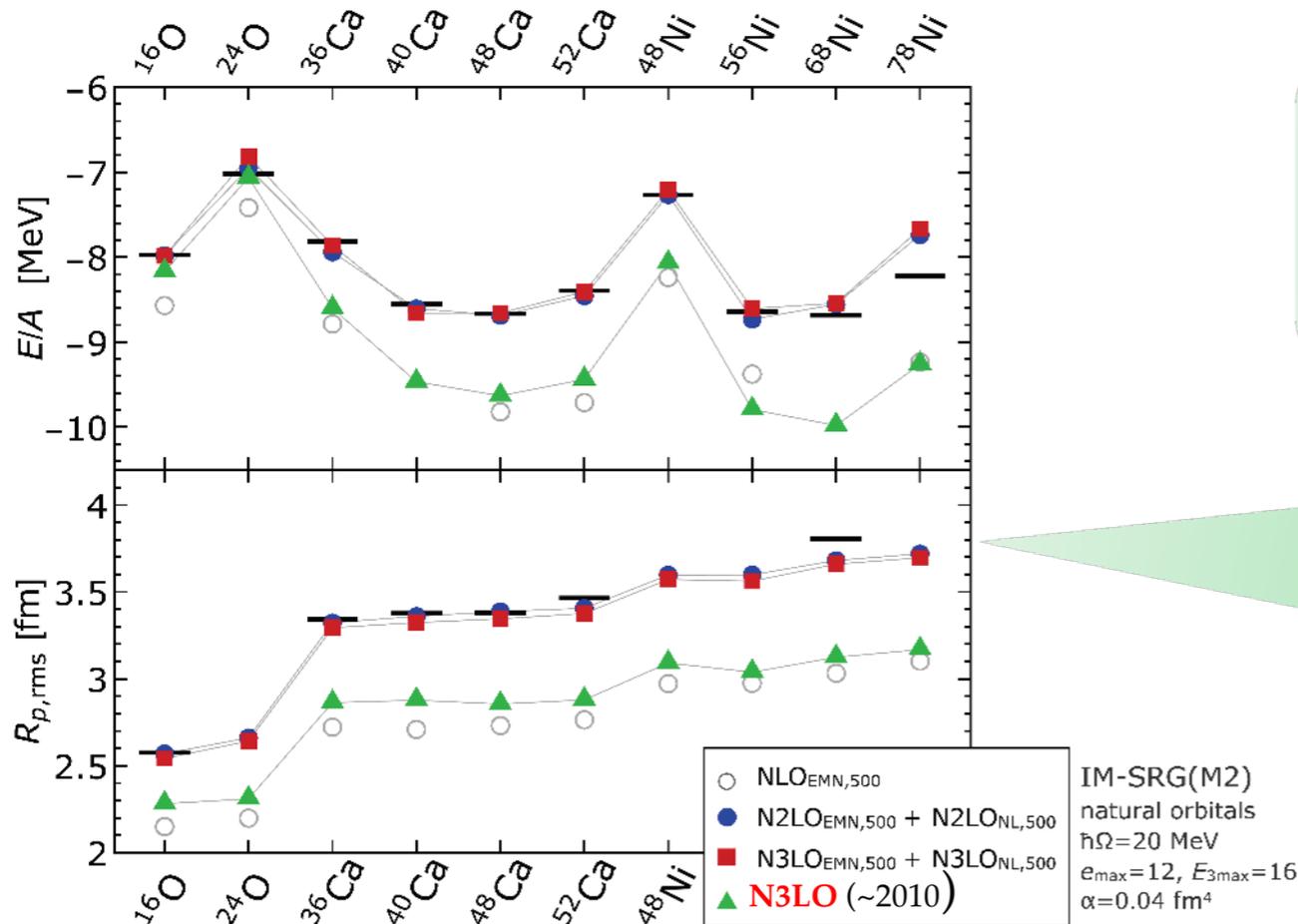
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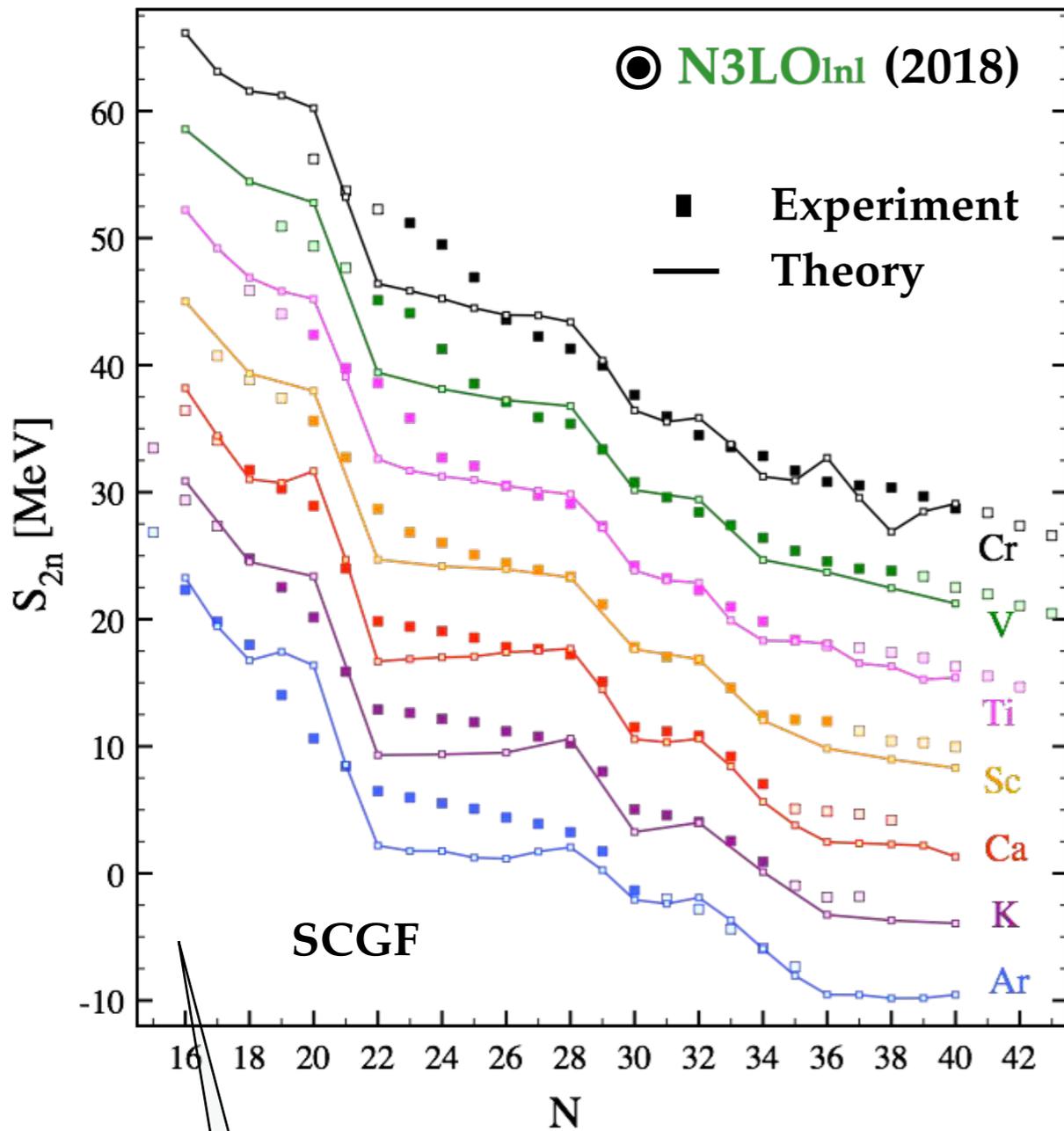
- Excellent reproduction of ground-state energies
- Excellent agreement for radii
- Net improvement from NLO to N²LO
- Stable from N²LO to N³LO

● Charge radii provide stringent tests of nuclear interactions via ab initio calculations of mid-mass chains

[Huther *et al.* 2019]

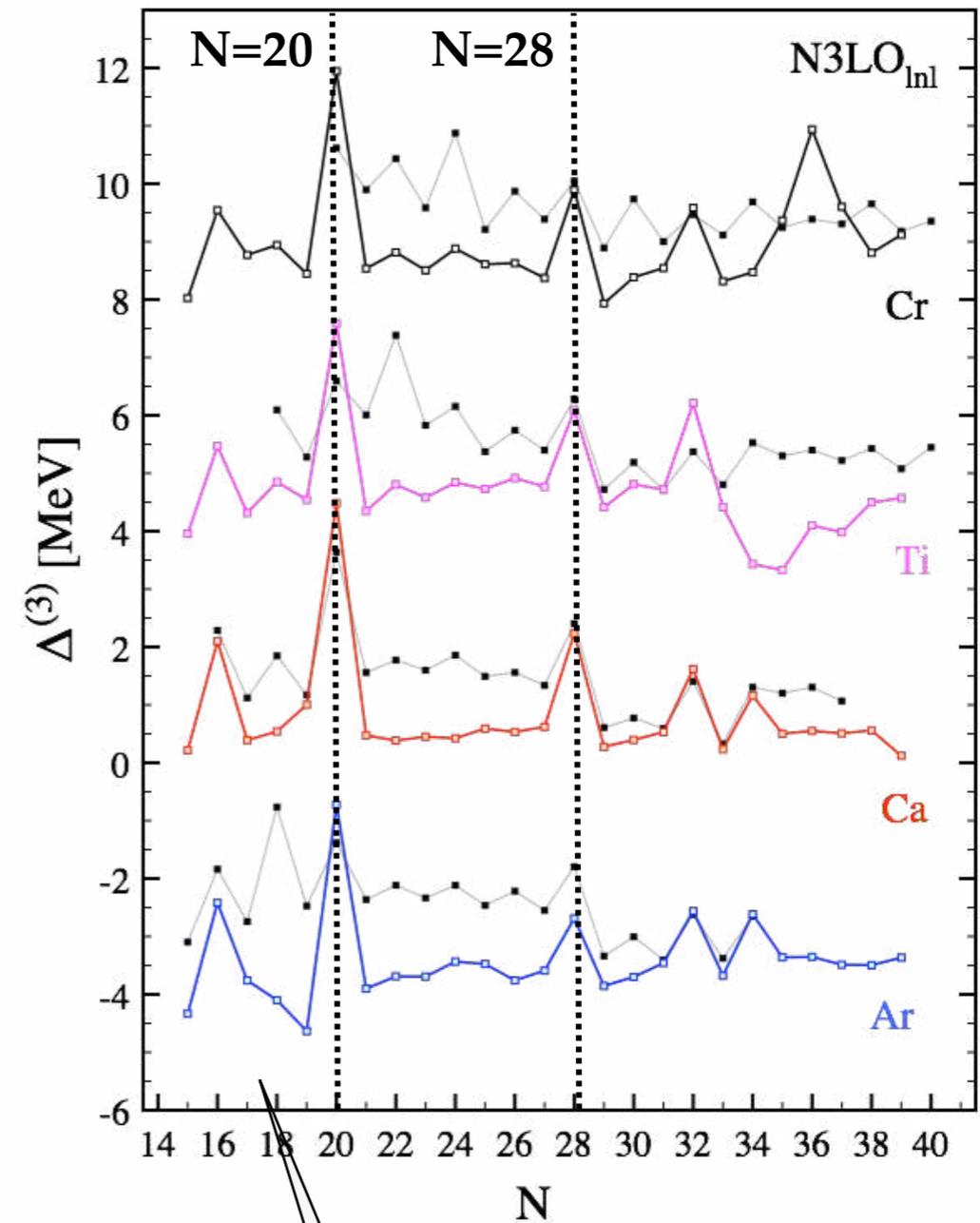
Ab initio emergence of $N=20$ and $N=28$ magic numbers

Two-neutron separation energy



✗ $N = 20$ emerges but overestimated
✓ Good agreement for $N \geq 28$

Gap size



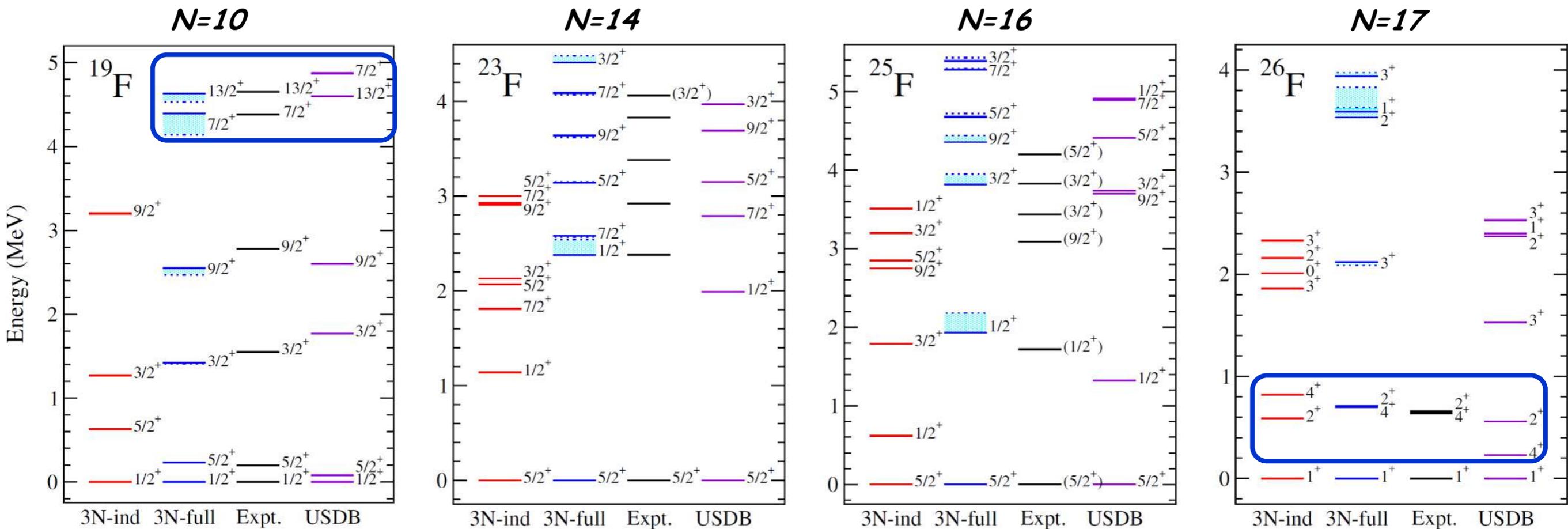
✓ Main gaps nicely emerge!
✗ Pairing too weak in $f_{7/2}$

Spectra of Fluorine isotopes

Excitation spectra of (neutron-rich) $^{19,23,25,26}\text{F}$ from *ab initio* sd shell model

N3LO (~2010)

Hybrid method = *ab initio* shell model (core ^{16}O and valence space H from IMSRG)



- ✓ Very satisfactory account of experimental data
- ✓ 3N interaction mandatory for correct density of states and ordering
- ✓ As good as best sd shell empirical USDB interaction (i.e. traditional shell model)

[Stroberg *et al.* 2016]

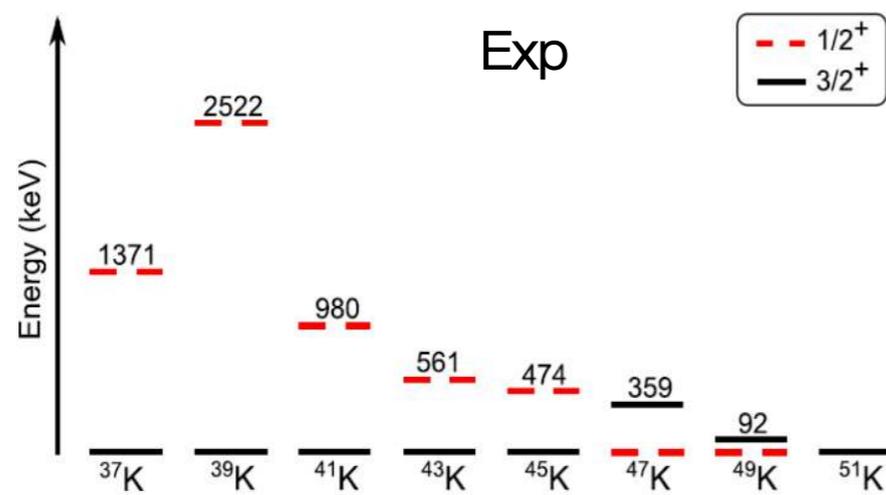
Confrontation with spectroscopic data in sd nuclei can now be based on *ab initio* scheme!

Spectra of K isotopes

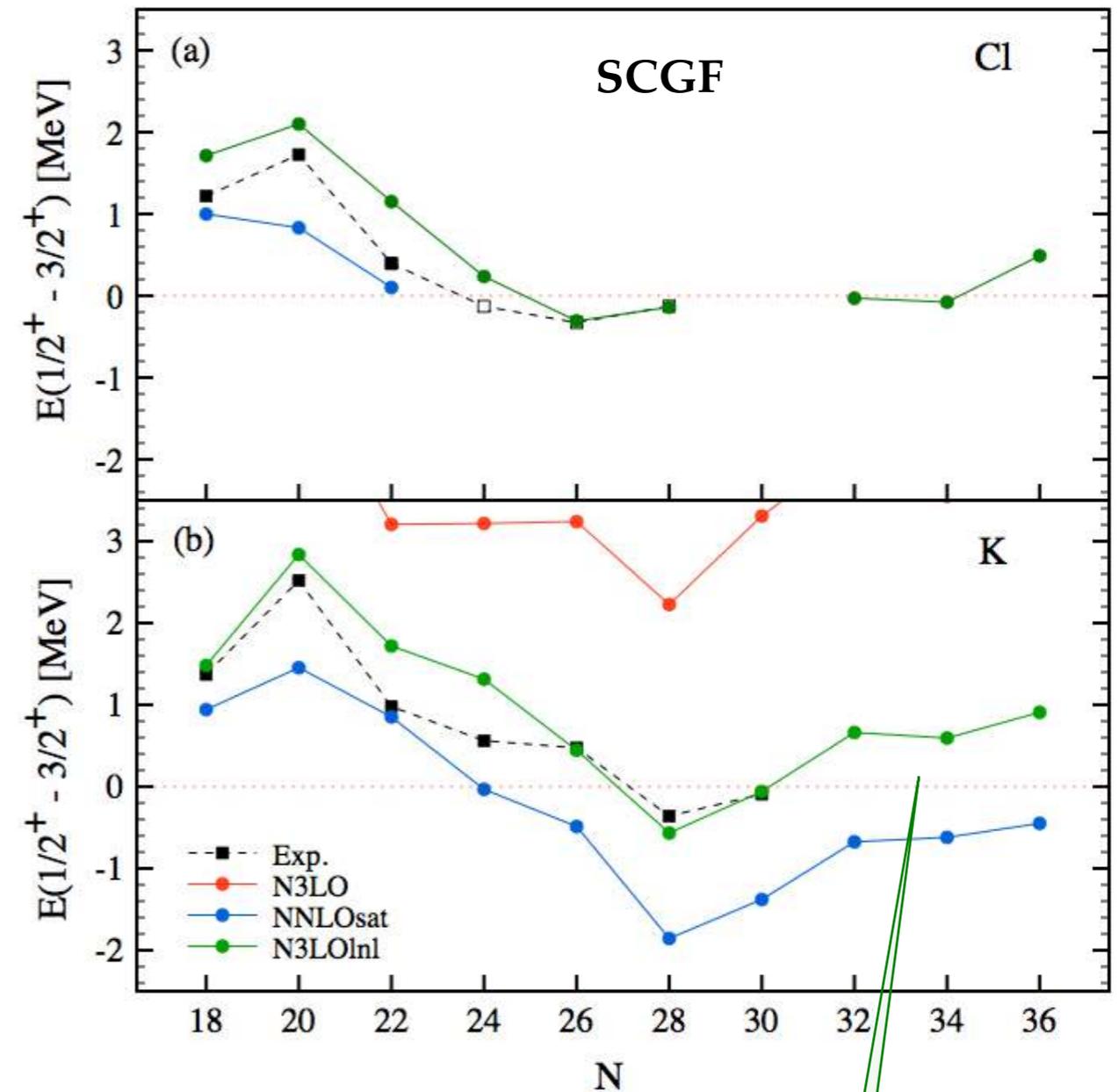
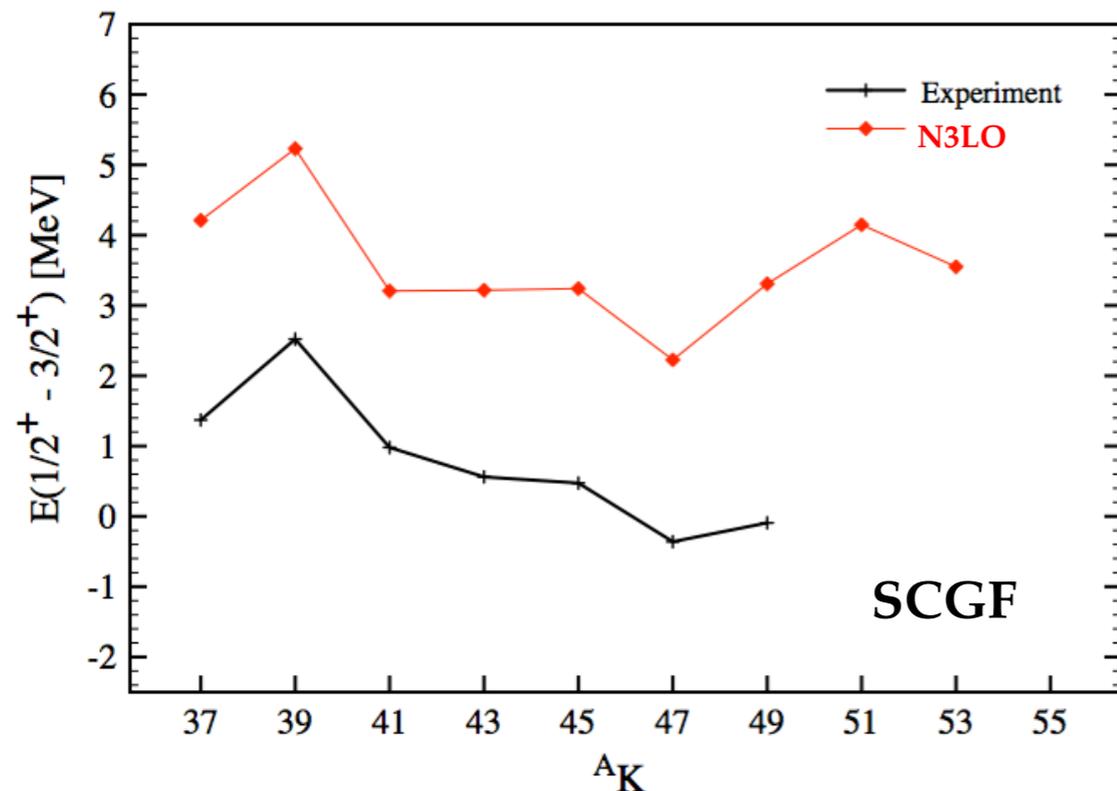
● K spectra show interesting g.s. spin inversion and re-inversion

[Somà *et al.* 2019]

Laser spectroscopy COLLAPS @ ISOLDE



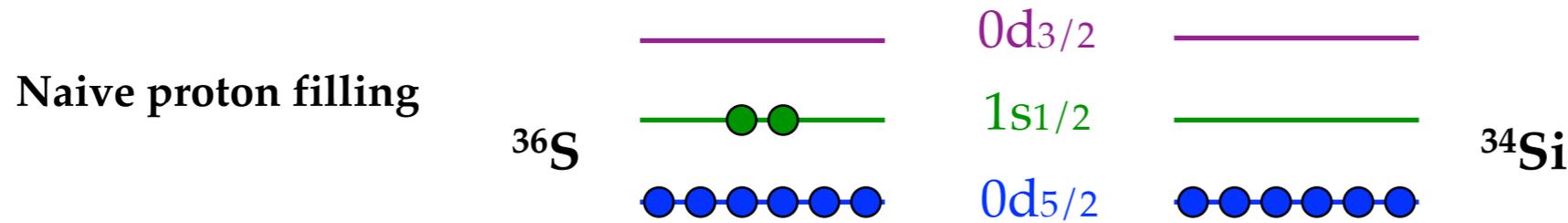
[Papuga *et al.* 2013]



Recent experiment confirms
N3LO_{lnl} prediction for ⁵¹K and ⁵³K
[Sun *et al.* in preparation]

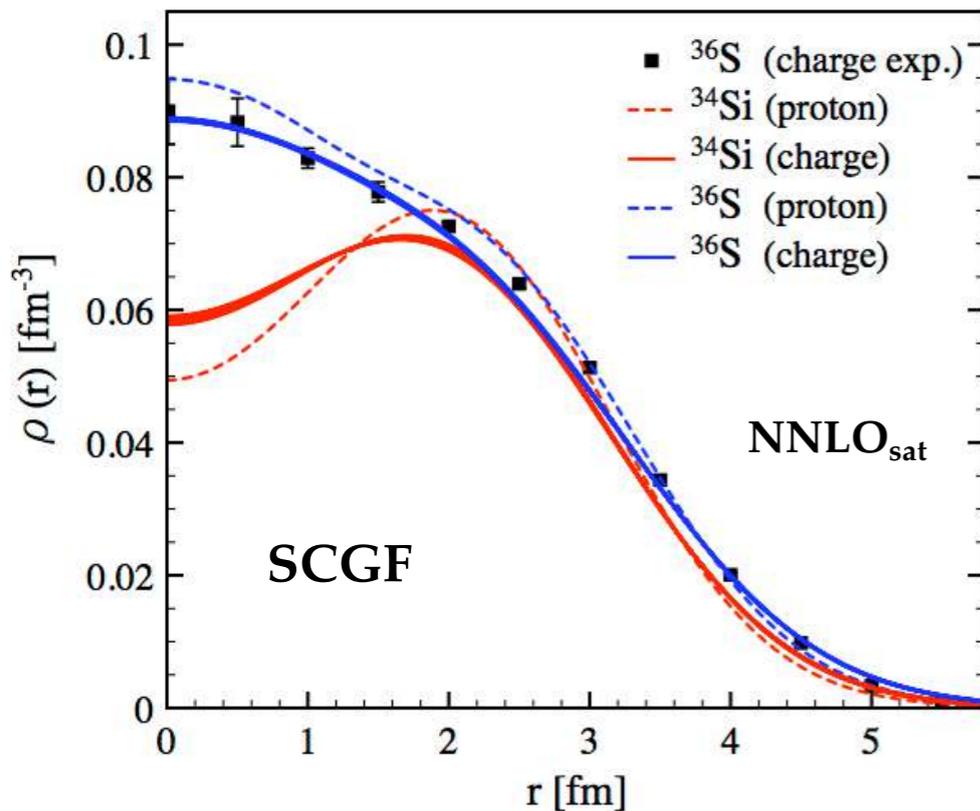
Potential bubble nucleus ^{34}Si

⊙ Conjectured central depletion in $\rho_{\text{ch}}(r)$: **best candidate is ^{34}Si** [Todd-Rutel *et al.* 2004, Khan *et al.* 2008, ...]



$E_{2^+} (^{34}\text{Si}) = 3.3\text{MeV}$
 [Ibbotson *et al.* 1998]

⊙ SCGF calculation with NNLO_{sat} Hamiltonian [Duguet *et al.* 2017]

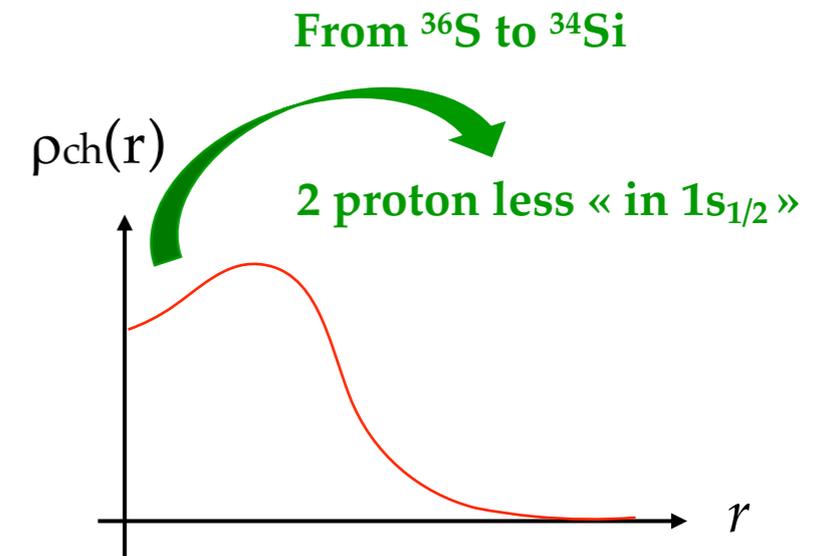


E	ADC(3)	Experiment
^{34}Si	-282.938	-283.427
^{36}S	-305.767	-308.714

1%

$\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2}$	ADC(3)	Experiment
^{34}Si	3.187	
^{36}S	3.285	3.2985 ± 0.0024

0.5%



⊙ Depletion factor

$$F \equiv \frac{\rho_{\text{max}} - \rho_{\text{c}}}{\rho_{\text{max}}}$$

^{34}Si	SCGF
F_p	0.34
F_{ch}	0.15

○ Excellent agreement with experimental charge distribution of ^{36}S [Rychel *et al.* 1983]

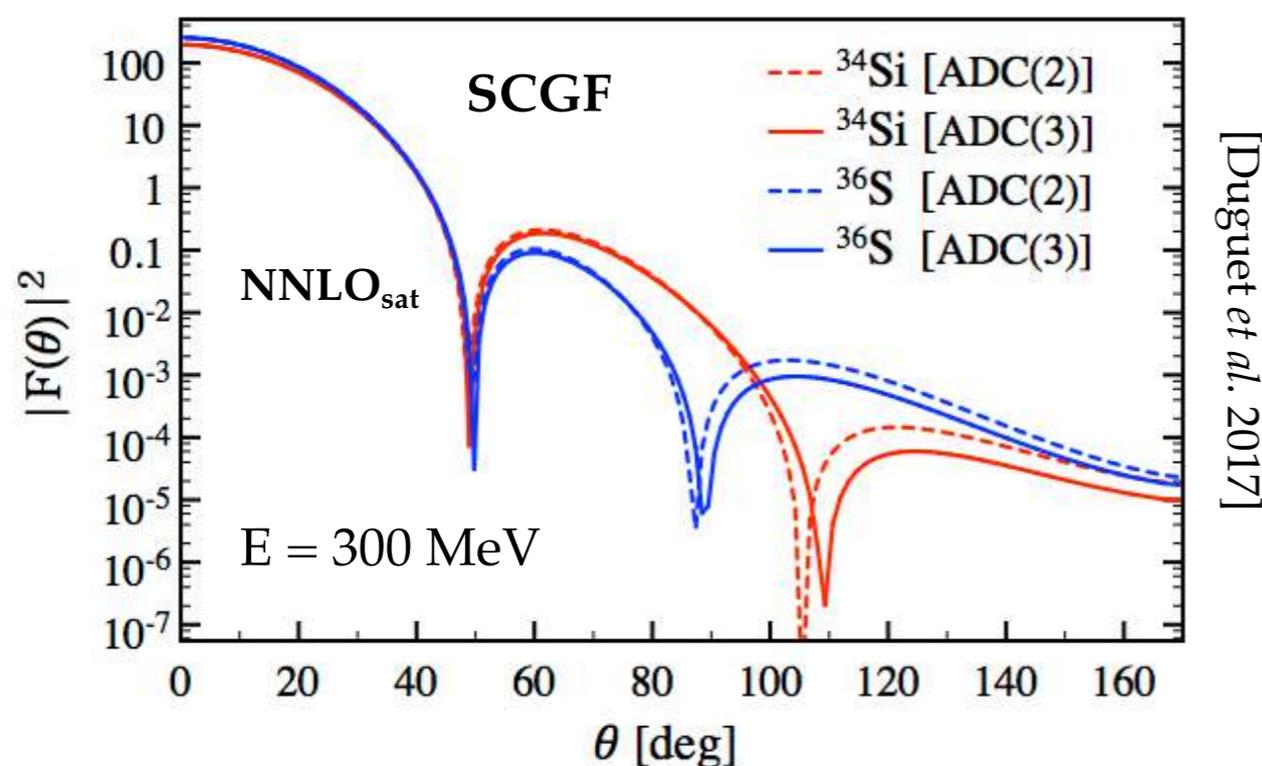
○ Charge density of ^{34}Si is predicted to display a marked depletion in the center

Charge form factor

- Charge form factor measured in (e,e) experiments sensitive to bubble structure?

PWBA

$$F(q) = \int d\vec{r} \rho_{\text{ch}}(r) e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} \quad \text{with momentum transfer } q = 2p \sin \theta / 2$$



LOI accepted

Nuclei	$T_{1/2}$	I^π	μ [nm]	Q [b]	$\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ [fm]
^{24}Si	140 ms	0^+			
^{25}Si	220 ms	$5/2^+$			
^{26}Si	2.2 s	0^+			
^{27}Si	4.1 s	$5/2^+$	(-)0.8554(4)	(+)0.060(13)	
^{28}Si	stable	0^+			3.106(30)
^{29}Si	stable	$1/2^+$	-0.55529(3)		3.079(21)
^{30}Si	stable	0^+			3.193(13)
^{31}Si	157.3 m	$3/2^+$			
^{32}Si	153 y	0^+			
^{33}Si	6.1 s	$(3/2)^+$	(+)1.21(3)		
^{34}Si	2.8 s	0^+			
^{35}Si	0.8 s	$(7/2)^-$	(-)1.638(4)		

- Central depletion reflects in larger $|F(\theta)|^2$ for angles $60^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ and shifted 2nd minimum by 20°
- Visible in future **electron scattering** experiments if enough luminosity ($10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ for 2nd minimum)
- Correlation between F_{ch} and $\langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{ch}}^{1/2} (^{36}\text{S}) - \langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{ch}}^{1/2} (^{34}\text{Si})$ identified

■ Measurement of $\delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{ch}}^{1/2} (^A\text{Si})$ from high-resolution laser spectroscopy@NSCL (R. Garcia-Ruiz)

Addition and removal nucleon spectra

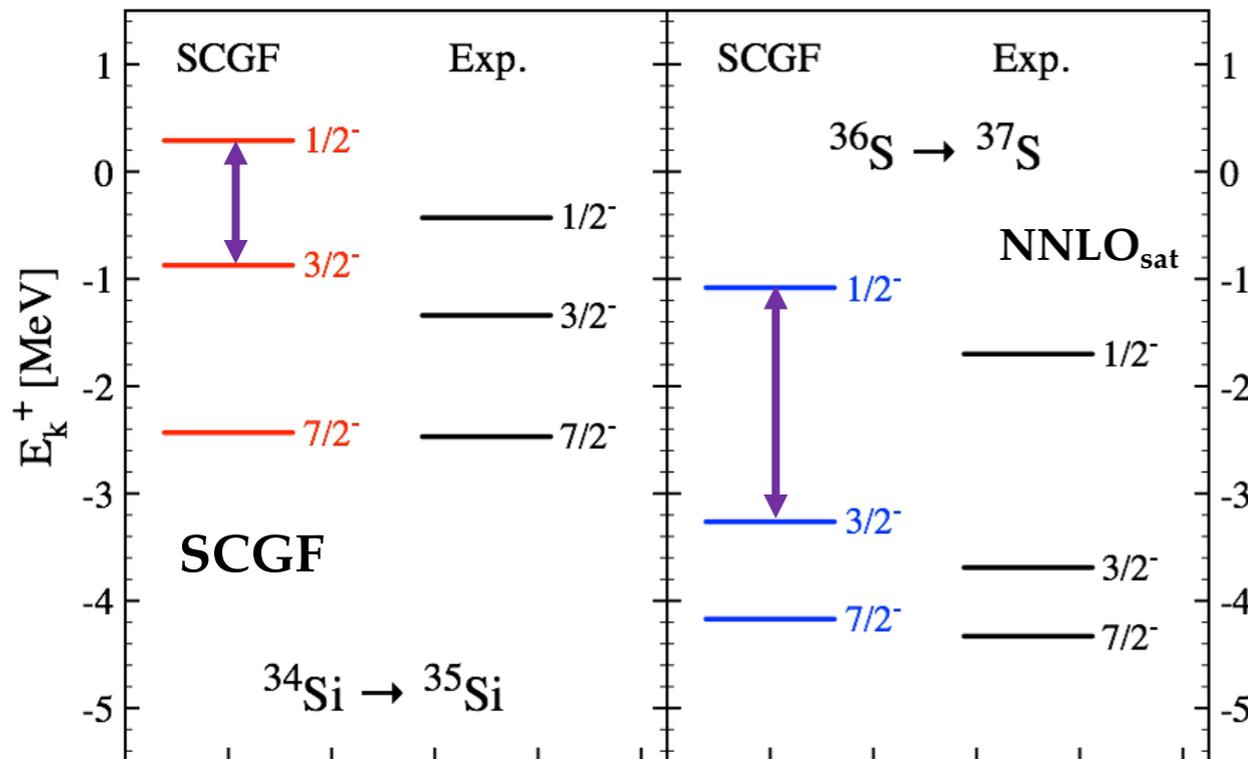
- Conjectured correlation between bubble and splitting between low J spin-orbit partners

One-neutron addition

[Thorn *et al.* 1984]

Exp. data: [Eckle *et al.* 1989]

[Burgunder *et al.* 2014]



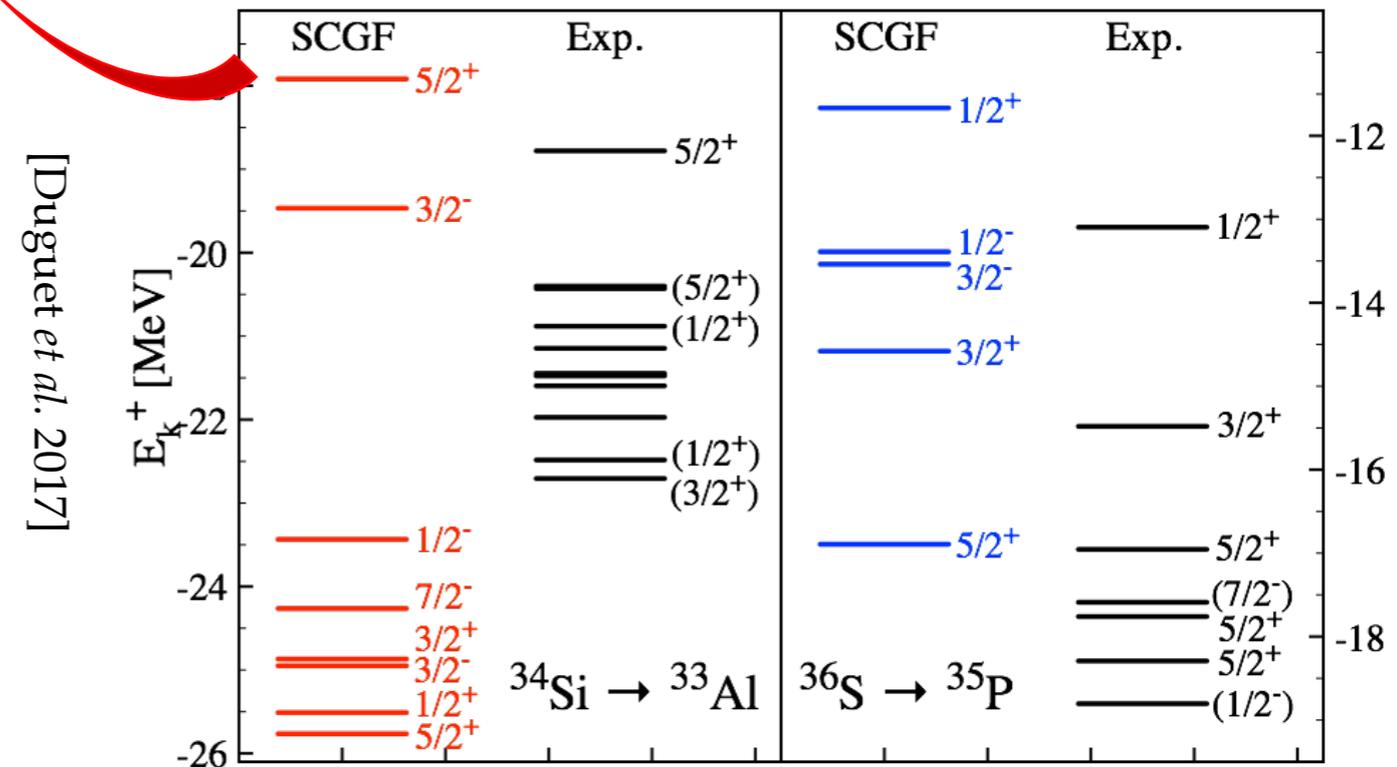
Quadrupole moment
[Heylen *et al.* 2016]

One-proton knock-out

[Khan *et al.* 1985]

Exp. data: [Mutschler *et al.* 2016]

[Mutschler *et al.* 2017]



- Good agreement for one-neutron addition to ^{35}Si and ^{37}Si ($1/2^-$ state in ^{35}Si needs continuum)
- Much less good for one-proton removal; ^{33}Al on the edge of island of inversion: challenging!

- Correct reduction of splitting $E_{1/2^-} - E_{3/2^-}$ from ^{37}S to ^{35}Si

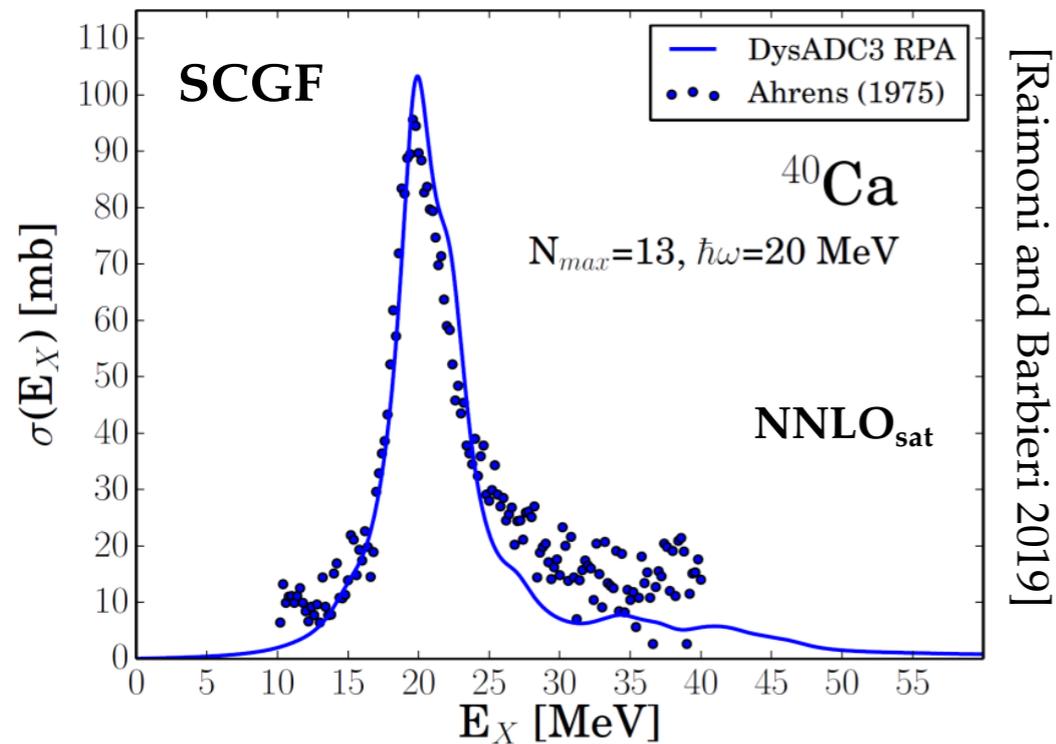
Such a sudden reduction of 50% is unique
Any correlation with the bubble? Yes!

$E_{1/2^-} - E_{3/2^-}$	^{37}S	^{35}Si	$^{37}\text{S} \rightarrow ^{35}\text{Si}$
SCGF	2.18	1.16	-1.02 (-47%)
(d,p)	1.99	0.91	-1.08 (-54%)

Electromagnetic response

● Photodisintegration cross section of ^{40}Ca

$$\sigma(E) \equiv 4\pi\alpha ER(E)$$



Dipole response function

$$R(E) \equiv \sum_k |\langle \Psi_k | Q_{1m}^{T=1} | \Psi_0 \rangle| \delta(E_k - E_0 - E)$$

Electric dipole operator

$$Q_{1m}^{T=1} \equiv \frac{N}{N+Z} \sum_{p=1}^Z r_p Y_{1m}(\theta_p, \phi_p) - \frac{Z}{N+Z} \sum_{n=1}^N r_n Y_{1m}(\theta_n, \phi_n)$$

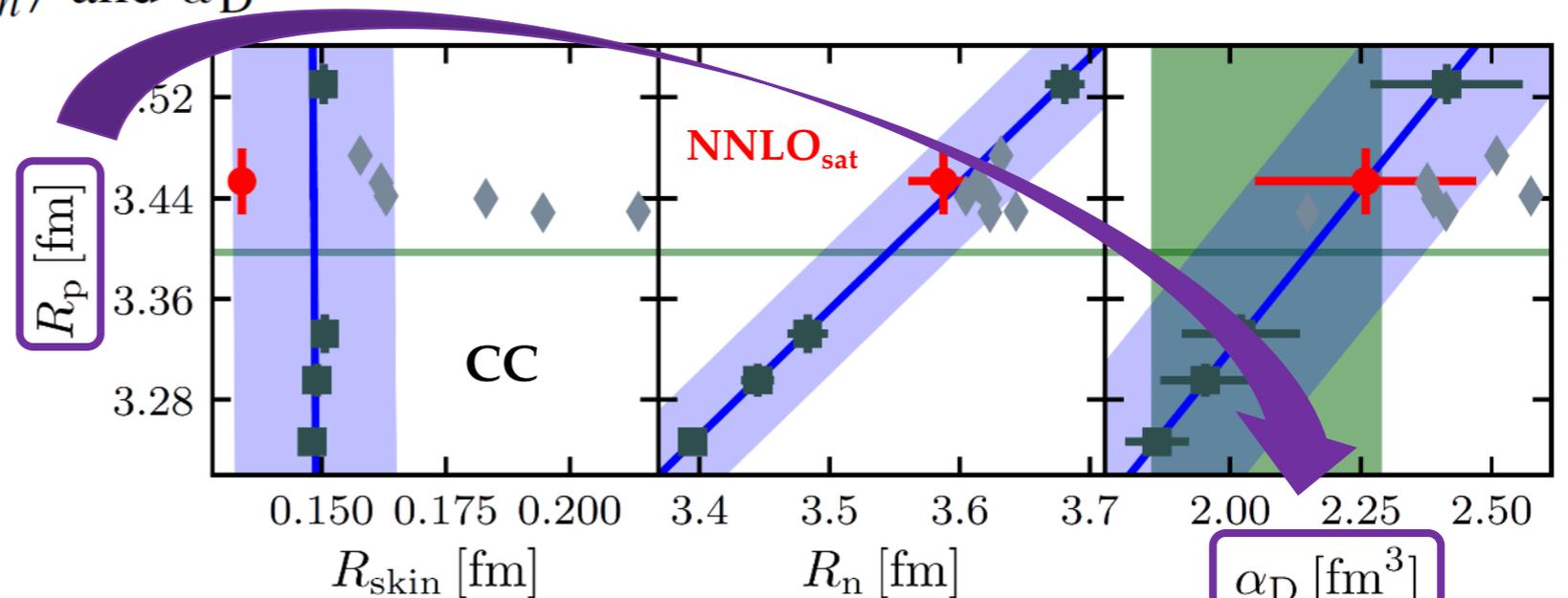
Giant and pygmy resonances accessible up to ^ANi
 Many-body correlations crucial for quantitative description

● Correlation between $\sqrt{\langle r_p^2 \rangle}$, $\sqrt{\langle r_n^2 \rangle}$ and α_D

Electric dipole polarizability

$$\alpha_D \equiv 2\alpha \int dE \frac{R(E)}{E}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle r_{ch}^2 \rangle} \implies \alpha_D$$



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So what about observables from laser spectroscopy?

◎ Charge radii via isotopic shifts

- Tremendously useful to tune bulk properties of nuclear interactions
- **Now systematically computed for even-even closed and (singly) open-shell nuclei**
- Entertain interesting correlations with other observables, e.g. α_D , F_{ch} ...

◎ Nuclear spins via atomic hyperfine structure

- Basic check of nuclear structure evolution
- **Require the computation of odd-even or odd-odd ground-states/isomeric states**
- Systematic comparison with available data could be useful

◎ Ground-state electromagnetic moments via atomic hyperfine structure

- Detailed probe of nuclear structure evolution (« shell structure » and « shell occupancies »)
- **Require the computation of odd-even or odd-odd ground-states**
- **Require the computation of non-trivial operators**

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Consistent operators in chiral effective field theory

✓ Nuclear electromagnetic charge/current operators (= time/vector part of four-vector current j^μ)

$$\rho(\vec{q}) = \underbrace{\sum_i \rho_i(\vec{q})}_{\text{One-body (i.e. standard) operator}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i<j} \rho_{ij}(\vec{q})}_{\text{Two-body meson-exchange currents (MECs)}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i<j<k} \rho_{ijk}(\vec{q})}_{\text{Three-body meson-exchange currents}} + \dots$$

$$\vec{j}(\vec{q}) = \sum_i \vec{j}_i(\vec{q}) + \sum_{i<j} \vec{j}_{ij}(\vec{q}) + \sum_{i<j<k} \vec{j}_{ijk}(\vec{q}) + \dots$$

\vec{q} = momentum of external photon field

⊙ Operators are built from EFT expansion by coupling nuclear current to external e.m. fields

○ Consistent nuclear e.m. operators and nuclear forces

○ Satisfy the continuity equation $\vec{q} \cdot \vec{j}(\vec{q}) = [H, \rho(\vec{q})]$ following from gauge invariance

○ Derived via two different version of time-ordered perturbation theory

- Standard time-ordered perturbation theory / Jlab-Pisa group [Pastore et al. 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013]
- Method of unitary transformation / Bochum-Bonn group [Kolling et al. 2009, 2011]

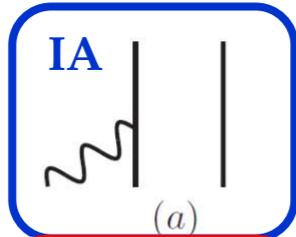
 Proper renormalization achieved in this case

Electromagnetic current operator

One-body current \leftrightarrow NR expansion of covariant single-nucleon current operator
 \leftrightarrow simplified picture that e.m. properties due to free nucleons

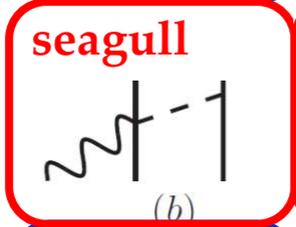
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{K}_i &= (\vec{p}'_i + \vec{p}_i)/2 \\ \vec{k}_i &= \vec{p}'_i - \vec{p}_i \\ Q_\mu^2 &= q^2 - \omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

LO $eQ^{(-2)}$



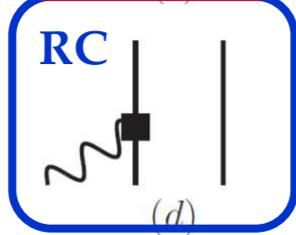
$$\vec{J}_i^{\text{LO}}(\vec{K}_i, \vec{k}_i; \vec{q}) = \frac{e}{2m} \left[\underbrace{2e_i(Q_\mu^2)}_{\text{convection}} \vec{K}_i + \underbrace{i\mu_i(Q_\mu^2)}_{\text{spin magnetization}} \vec{\sigma}_i \times \vec{q} \right] \delta(\vec{k}_i - \vec{q})$$

NLO $eQ^{(-1)}$



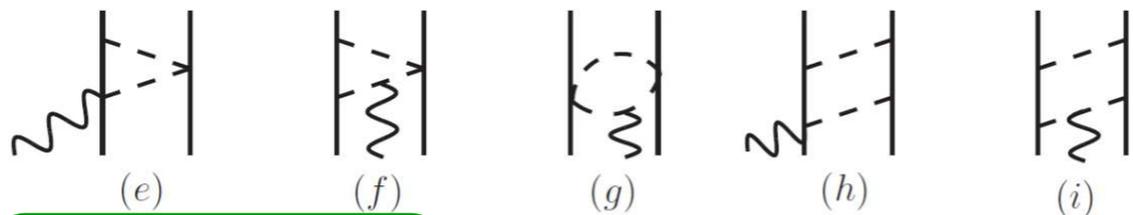
$$\vec{J}_{ij}^{\text{NLO}}(\vec{k}_i, \vec{q}, \vec{k}_j) \text{ chiral expansion does not converge (fast enough)} \rightarrow \text{Account of nucleonic e.m. structure via form factor}$$

N²LO $eQ^{(0)}$

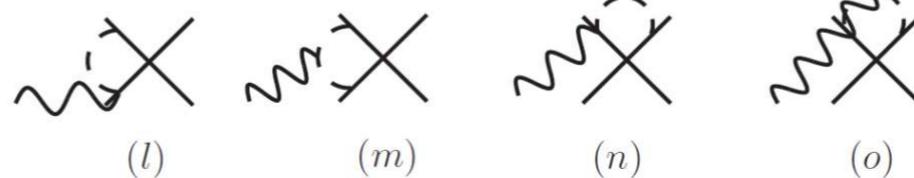
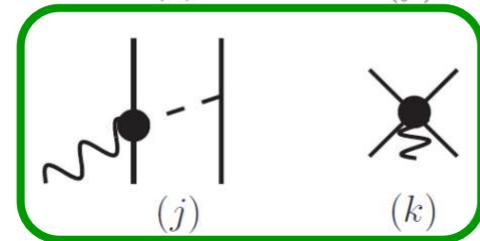


Two-body current \leftrightarrow current from exchanged pions
 Full N³LO current satisfies continuity equation
 Three-body MECs enter at N⁴LO (not derived yet)

N³LO $eQ^{(1)}$



\leftrightarrow One-loop TPE [(e)-(i)] - IV
 \leftrightarrow One-loop OPE-CT [(l)-(o)] - IV
 \leftrightarrow CT [(k)] - IV+IS



3 « minimal » LECs from OPE (j)
 2 « non-minimal » LECs from CT (k)

Nucleon's electric/magnetic form factors

Operator	LO	NLO	N2LO	N3LO	N4LO
j	$v = -2$ IA(NR)	$v = -1$ OPE	$v = 0$ IA(RC)	$v = 1$ OPE(LECs) TPE CT(LECs)	

$$e_i(Q_\mu^2) = \frac{G_E^S(Q_\mu^2) + G_E^V(Q_\mu^2)\tau_i^z}{2} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} G_E^S(0) &= G_E^V(0) = 1 \\ G_M^S(0) &= 0.880\mu_N \\ G_M^V(0) &= 4.706\mu_N \end{aligned} \right.$$

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$$\rho_i^{\text{LO}}(\vec{k}_i; \vec{q}) = e e_i(Q_\mu^2) \delta(\vec{k}_i - \vec{q})$$

Structure of charge and current operators differ significantly

j^{LO} suppressed by one factor of Q compared to ρ^{LO}

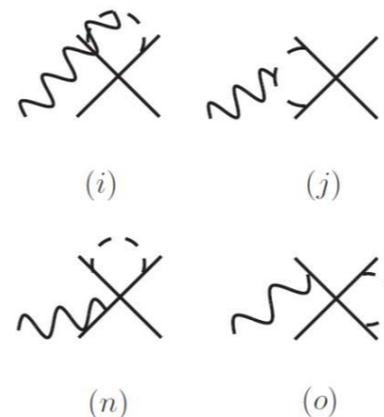
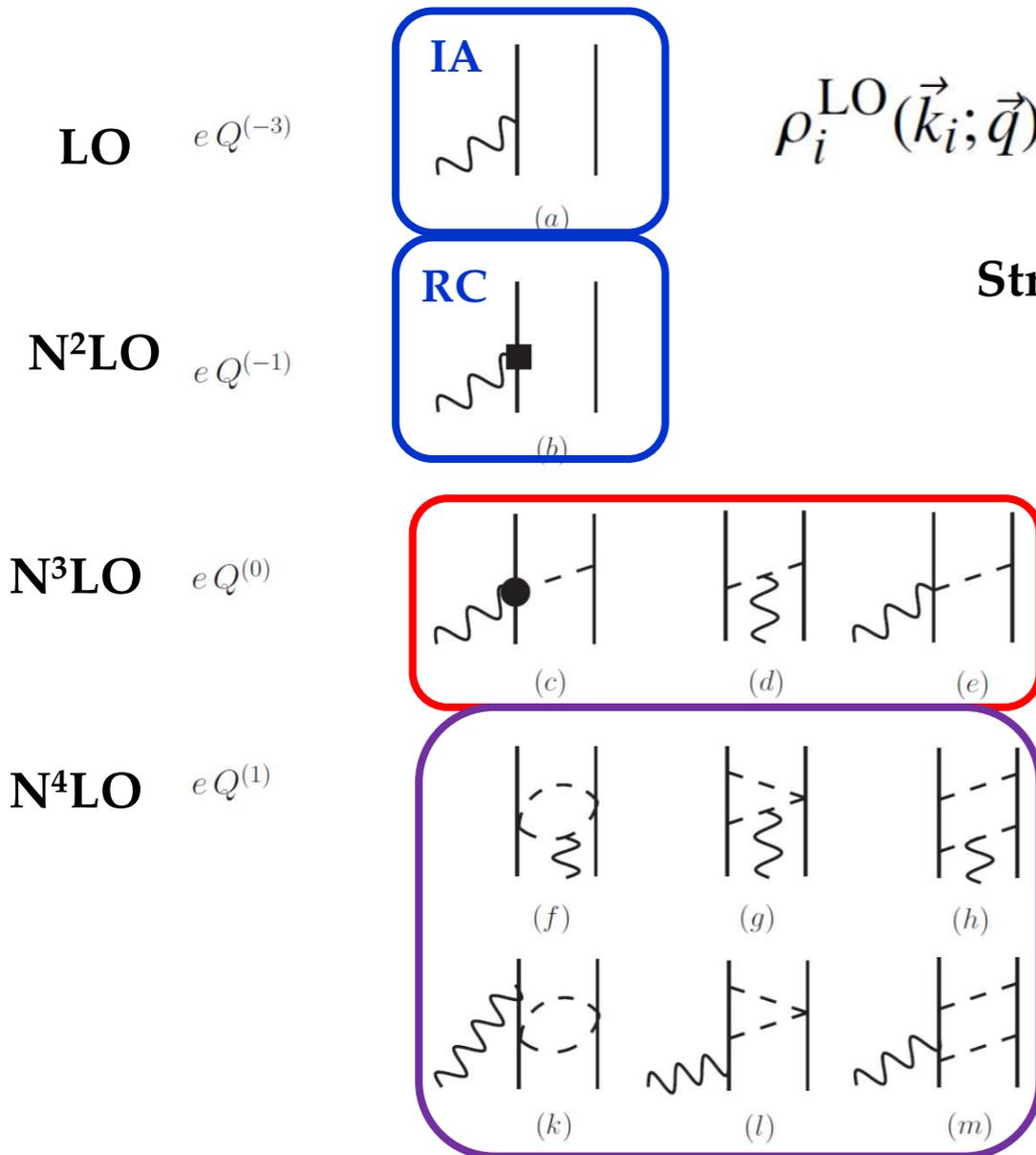
NLO OPE contributions to ρ vanish in static limit

Two-body OPE MECs enter j/ρ at NLO/N³LO

Two-body TPE MECs enter j/ρ at N³LO/N⁴LO

ρ does not involve unknowns LECs

Three-body MECs enter ρ at Q (i.e. N⁴LO, not shown here)



Operator	LO	NLO	N2LO	N3LO	N4LO
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Relation to observables from laser spectroscopy

- Longitudinal and transverse form factors for elastic and inelastic scattering

$$F_L^2(q) = \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} |\langle \Psi_f^{J_f} | T_J^C(q) | \Psi_i^{J_i} \rangle|^2 \quad T_J^C \leftarrow \text{multipole expansion of } \rho$$

$$F_T^2(q) = \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} |\langle \Psi_f^{J_f} | T_J^M(q) | \Psi_i^{J_i} \rangle|^2 + |\langle \Psi_f^{J_f} | T_J^E(q) | \Psi_i^{J_i} \rangle|^2 \quad T_J^M \text{ and } T_J^E \leftarrow \text{multipole expansion of } \mathbf{j}$$

- Connection to static moments

→ Elastic scattering on ground-state: $J_i = J_f = J_0$
 → Static limit: $q = 0$

$$T_2^C(0) \propto Q$$

$$T_1^M(0) \propto \mu$$

- Form of standard one-body, i.e. LO(IA), operators

○ Static electric quadrupole operator $Q^{\text{IA}} = e \sum_i e_i(0) r_i^2 Y_{20}(\theta_i, \phi_i)$

○ Static magnetic dipole operator $\mu^{\text{IA}} = \sum_i e_i(0) \vec{L}_i + \mu_i(0) \vec{\sigma}_i$

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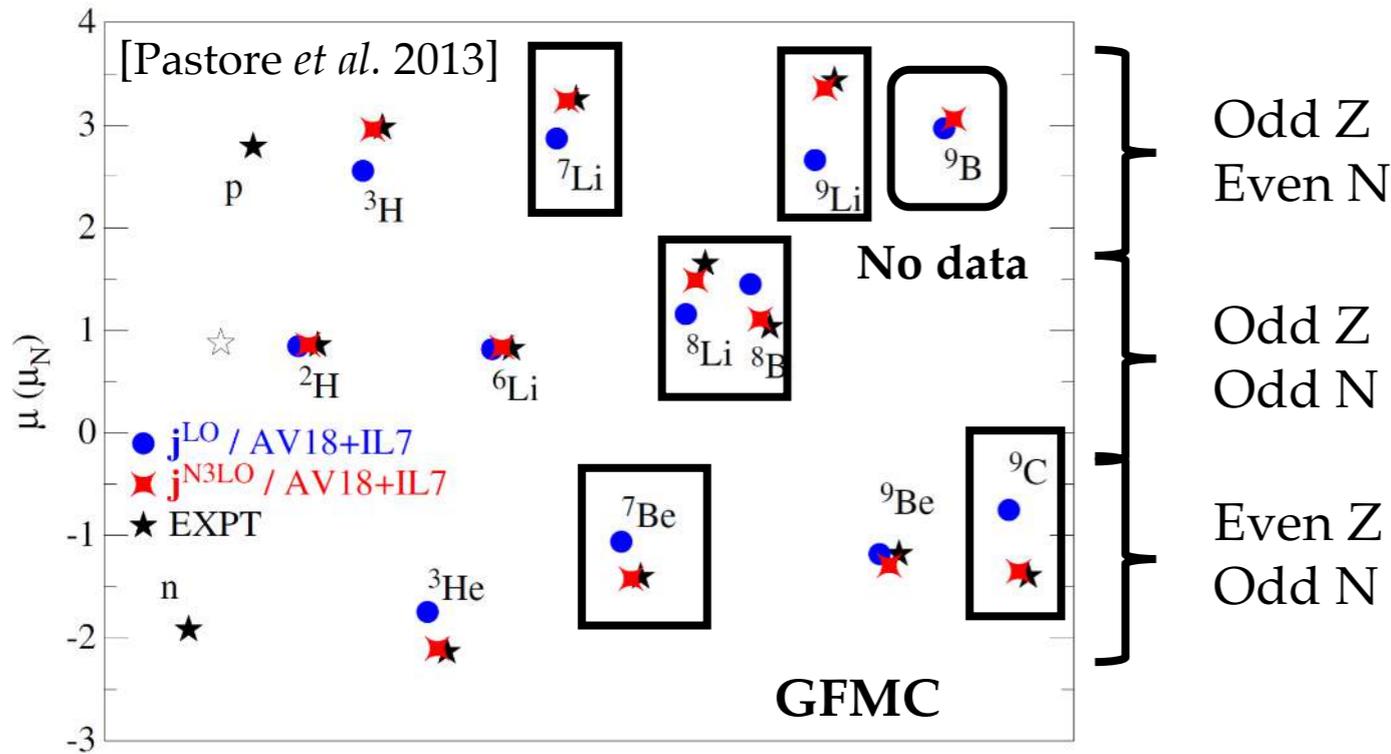
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Magnetic dipole moment in s and p shell nuclei

● (Hybrid) calculations with e.m. currents from χ -EFT



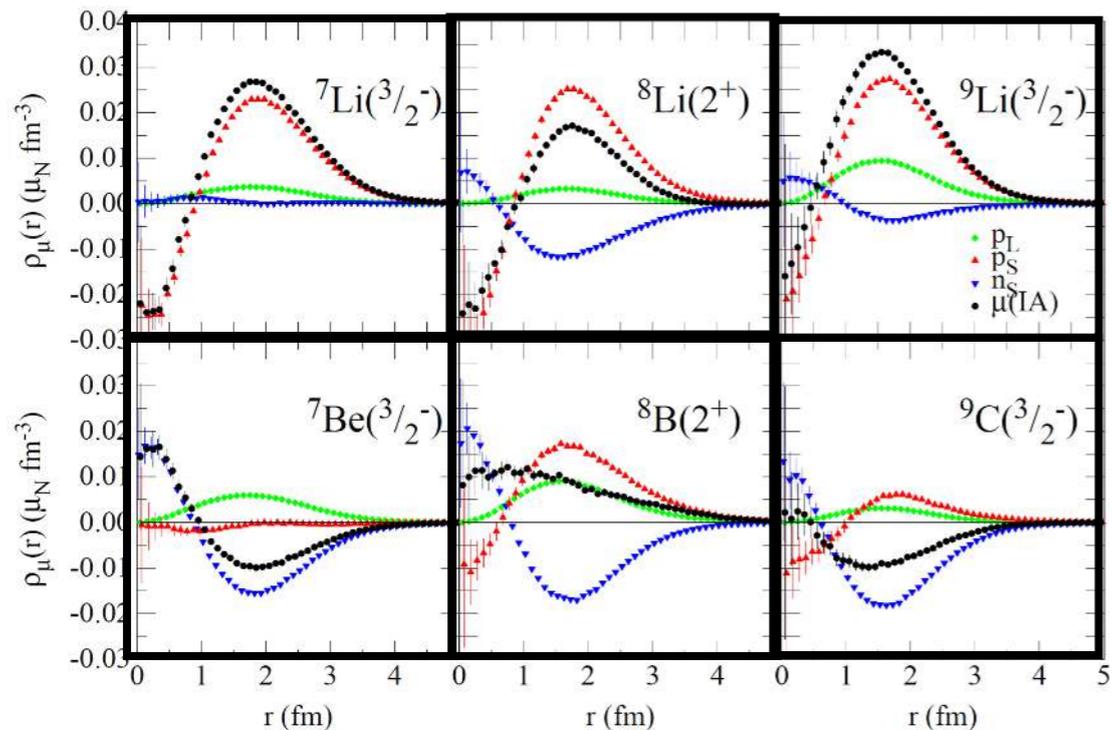
● Dipole operator

- LO (IA) and up to N^3LO
- Nucleon form factors
- **LECs adjusted on μ of $A=2,3$**

● Dipole moment

- Excellent account of data
- Dominated by one-body (IA)
- **Two-body MEC up to 40%**
- MEC (almost) always improve

● Magnetic densities

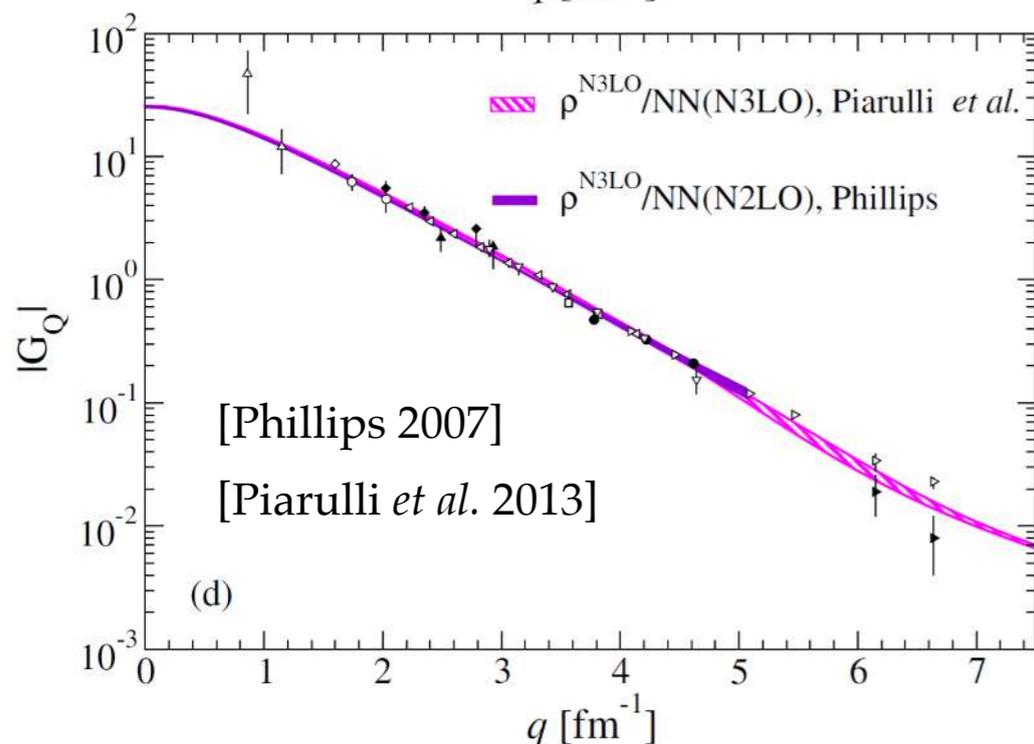
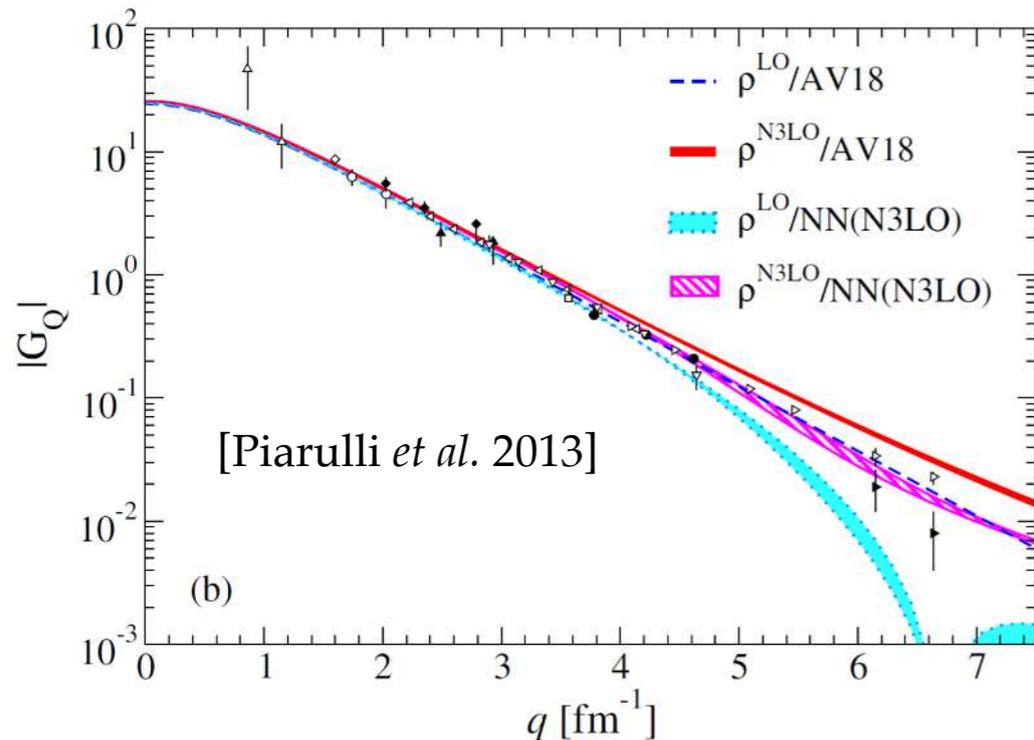


● Decomposition of one-body IA

- **Proton's convection small vs spin magnetization**
- **Driven by valence nucleon in odd-even**
- **Driven by n-p or 3He-p cluster in odd-odd**

Elastic form factors in s and p shell nuclei

- Elastic charge (longitudinal) and magnetic (transverse) form factors from ${}^2\text{H}$ to ${}^{12}\text{C}$



● Ex: Quadrupole electric form factor in ${}^2\text{H}$

- Hybrid and (semi-consistent) χ -EFT calculations
- **Charge operator at LO (IA) and N³LO**
- Band from $500 \text{ MeV} < \Lambda < 600 \text{ MeV}$

● Results

- $G_Q(0) = M_d^2 Q_d$ (here in fit of NN)
- LO(IA) sufficient up to $q \sim 3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$
- Nucleonic form factors mandatory beyond 1.5 fm^{-1}
- Excellent result up to $q \sim 4 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ in all cases
- χ -EFT with N³LO MEC excellent up to $q \sim 8 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

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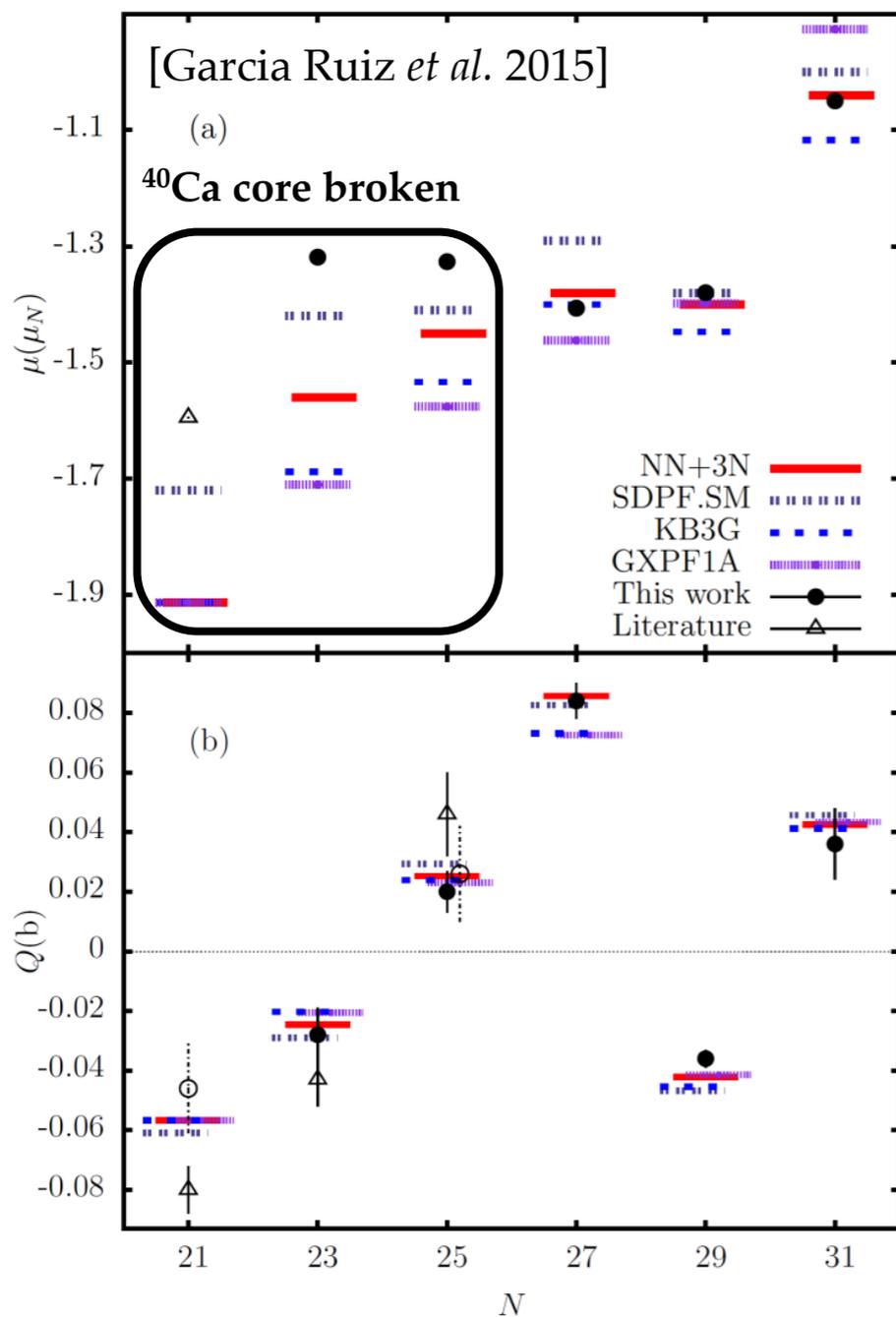
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Moments in Ca isotopes

Empirical/ab initio (IMSRG) shell-model calculations of magnetic dipole/electric quadrupole moments

- $^{47,49,51}\text{Ca}$ via high-resolution collinear laser spectroscopy COLLAPS @ ISOLDE [Garcia Ruiz *et al.* 2015]
- ^{37}Ca via collinear laser spectroscopy BECOLA @ NSCL [Klose *et al.* 2019]



Operators

- Pure one-body \leftrightarrow No explicit MEC
- Bare spin and orbital g factors for magnetic moment
- Effective charges: $e_n = 0.5e$ and $e_p = 1.5e$

Magnetic moment

- ^{40}Ca core broken in $^{41,43,45}\text{Ca}$
- **Good reproduction from ab initio in $^{47,49,51}\text{Ca}$** ★
- Significant breaking of $N=32$ magic number

Quadrupole moment

- **Excellent agreement for ab initio in all isotopes** ★
- No apparent need of orbital-dependent e_n and/or e_p

Next: MEC and consistently-transformed operators to valence space

Huge diversity of nuclear phenomena

Nucleus: bound (or resonant) state of Z protons and N neutrons

Several scales at play:

p & n momenta $\sim 10^8$ eV

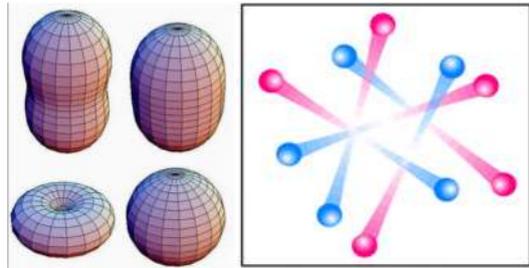
Separation energies $\sim 10^7$ eV

Vibrational excitations $\sim 10^6$ eV

Rotational excitations $\sim 10^4$ eV

Ground state

Mass, size, superfluidity, e.m. moments...



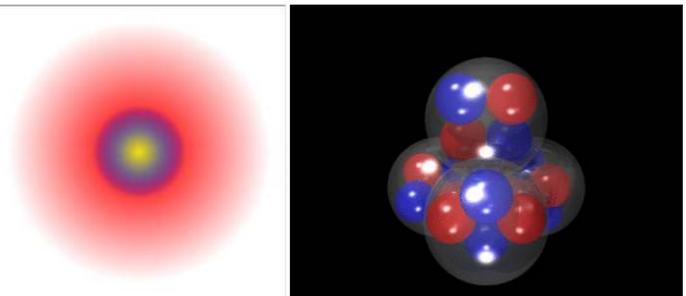
Radioactive decays

β , 2β , $0\nu 2\beta$, α , p , $2p$, (\neq)

Ab initio perspective:
How does this extremely rich phenomenology consistently emerge from basic interactions between the nucleons?

Exotic structures

Clusters, halos, ...

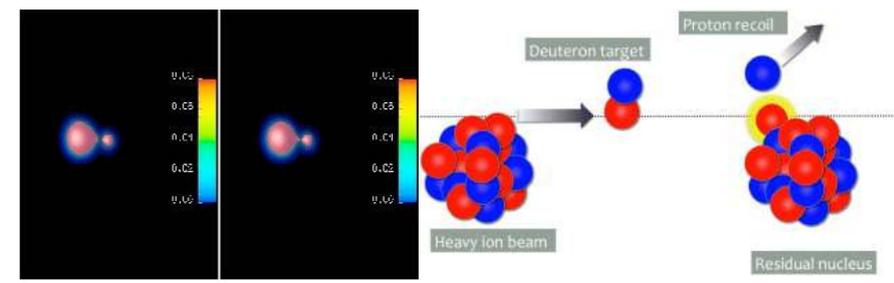
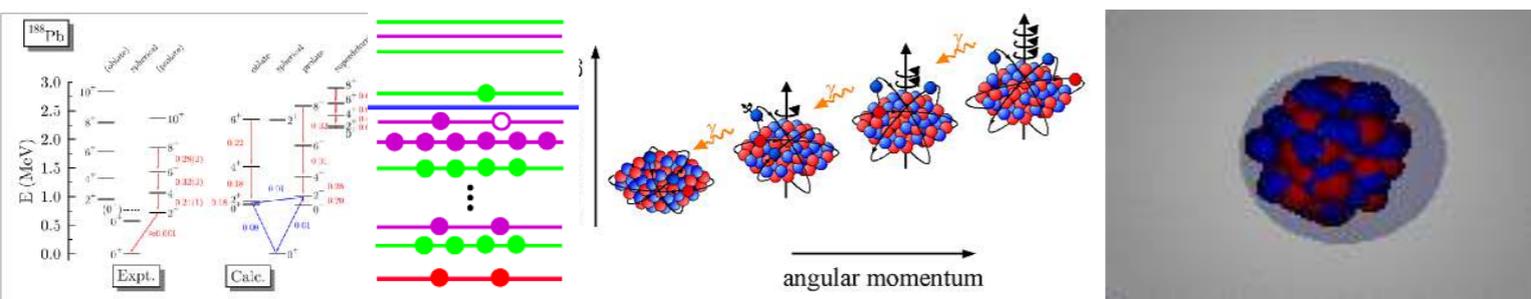


Spectroscopy

Excitation modes

Reaction processes

Fusion, transfer, knockout, ...



Ab initio (i.e. In medias res) quantum many-body problem

Ab initio ("from scratch") scheme = A-body Schrödinger Equation (SE)

A-body Hamiltonian

$$H = T + V^{2N} + V^{3N} + V^{4N} + \dots + V^{AN}$$

$$H|\Psi_k^A\rangle = E_k^A|\Psi_k^A\rangle$$

A-body wave-function

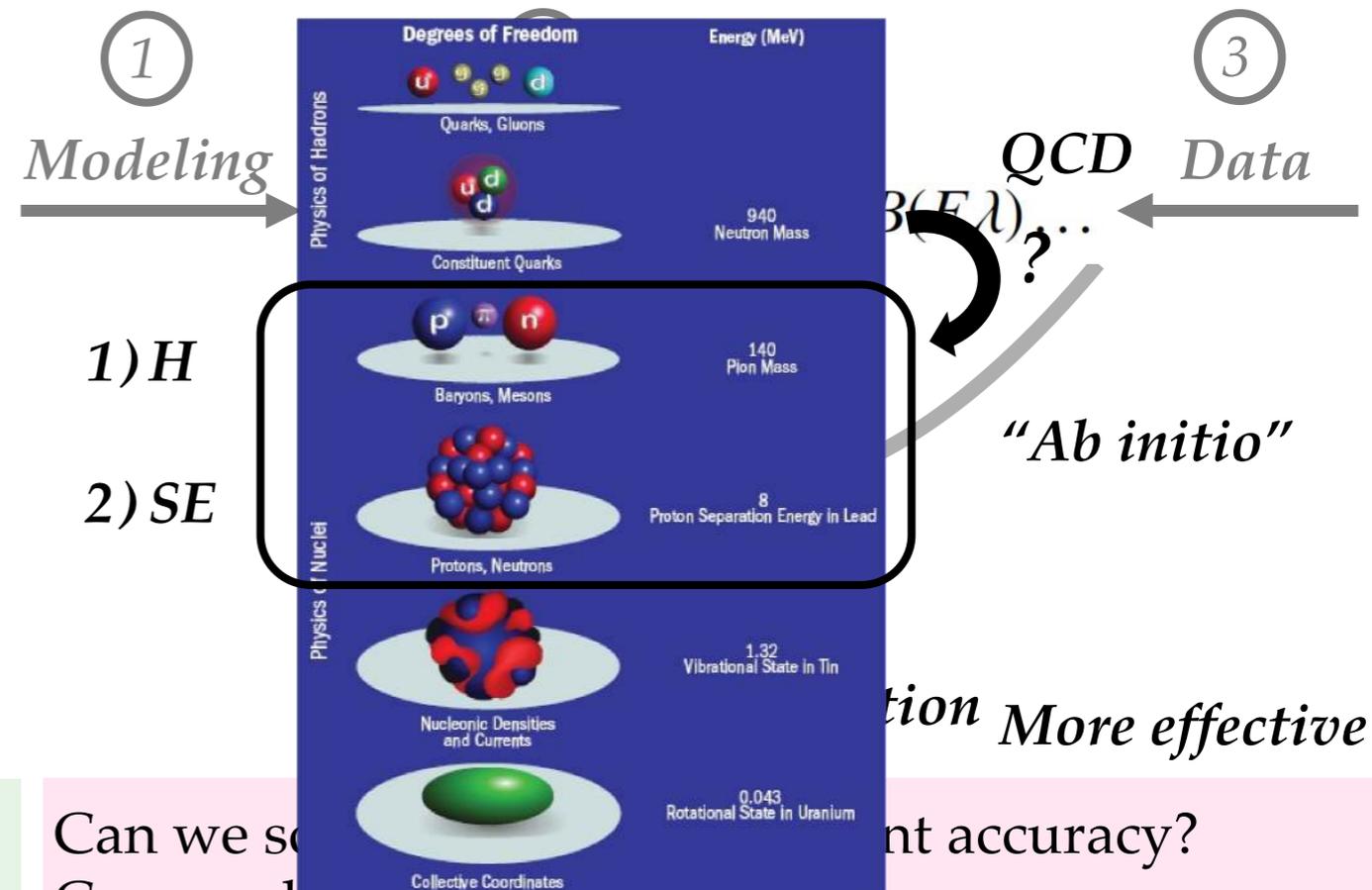
5 variables \times A nucleons

Definition

- A structure-less nucleons as d.o.f
- All nucleons active in complete Hilbert space
- Elementary interactions between them
- Solve A-body Schroedinger equation (SE)
- Thorough estimate of error

Hamiltonian & operators

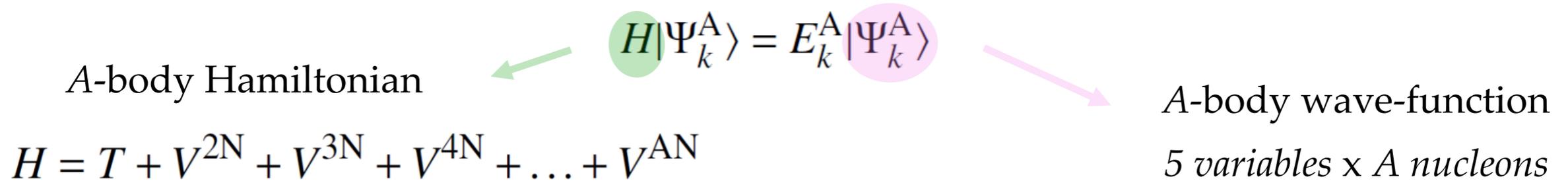
Do we know the form of V^{2N} , V^{3N} etc
Do we know how to derive them from QCD?
 Why would there be forces beyond pairwise?
Is there a consistent form of other operators?



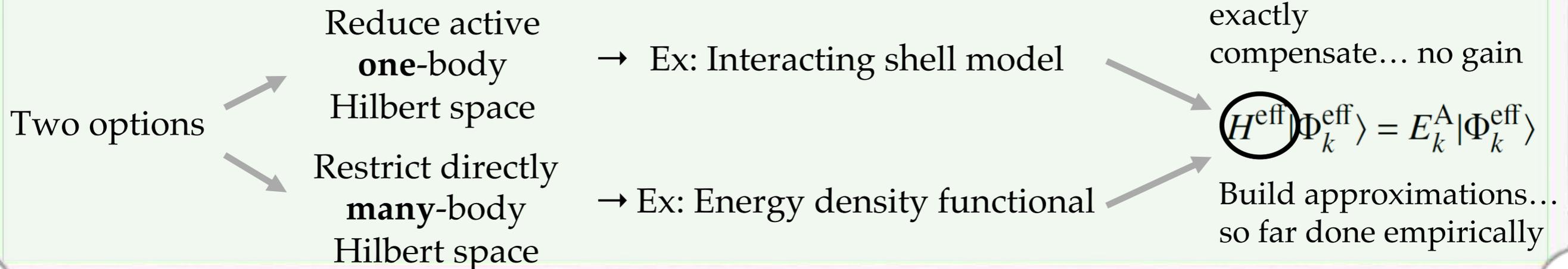
Can we see... accuracy?
 Can we do it for any $A=N+Z$?
 Is it even reasonable to proceed this way for $A \approx 200$?
 More effective approaches needed?

Ab initio vs effective approach

Ab initio (= "from scratch") many-body scheme



Effective approach = reduce the dimensionality of active many-body Hilbert space

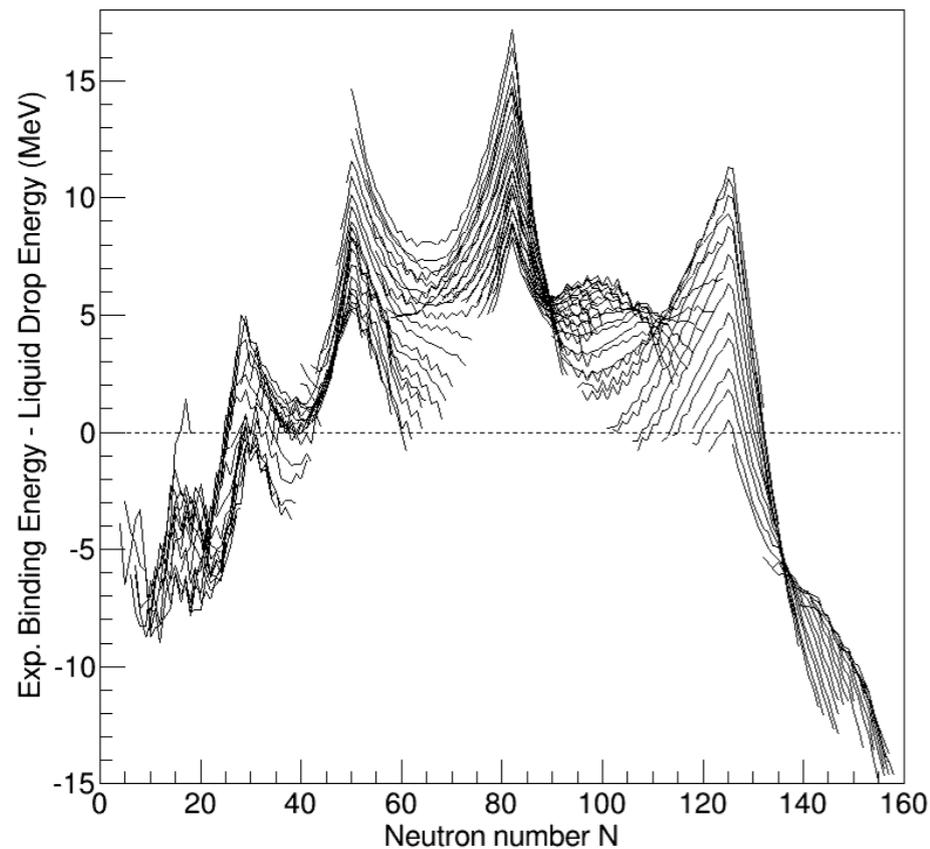


Matter of choice

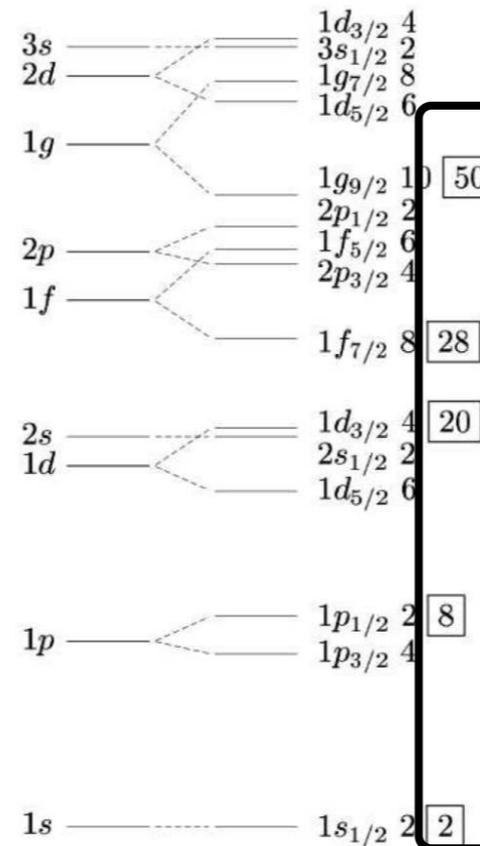
- ◎ Which properties we aim at and which level of accuracy are we seeking?
- ◎ Applicability throughout the nuclear chart? → Universal/global vs local description
- ◎ Wish to connect to underlying theory of strong force or wish to focus on describing data?
- ◎ Predictive power? → Estimate of theoretical error

Similarities and differences with quantum chemistry

Over stability at $N/Z = 2, 8, 20, 28, 50, 82...$



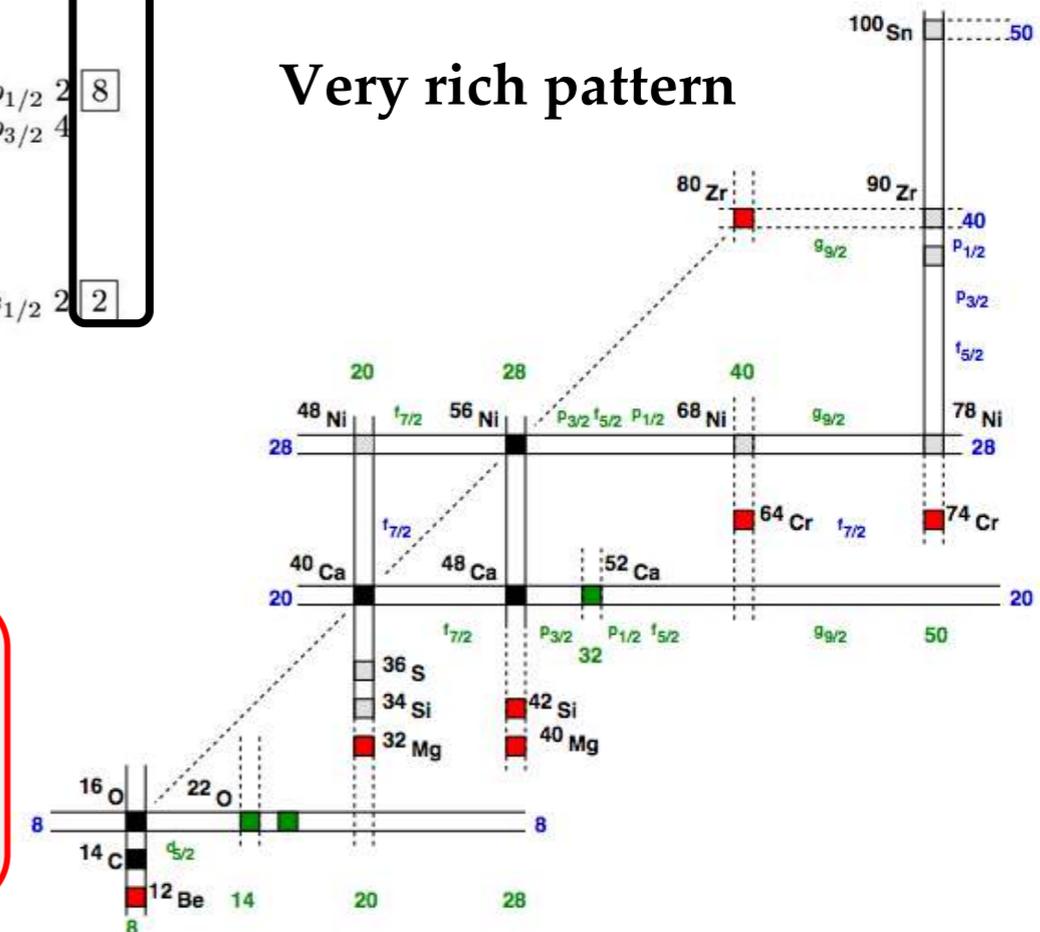
Zeroth-order model
 ↔
 Filling of neutron/proton shells



Major closed shells
 ↔
 Magic numbers

+
 Minor closed shells
 +
Modification with N-Z
 +
Many-body correlations
 =

Very rich pattern



- Need to know elementary inter-nucleon interactions...
- How do they evolve across the Segrè chart?
- Need to solve the Schrodinger equation for $A=2, \dots, 82...$
- Do they emerge from inter-nucleon interactions?
- ...not at all trivial even today!

Hamiltonian

Nuclear Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}
 H \equiv & \frac{1}{(1!)^2} \sum_{pq} t_{pq} c_p^\dagger c_q \\
 & + \frac{1}{(2!)^2} \sum_{pqrs} \bar{v}_{pqrs} c_p^\dagger c_q^\dagger c_s c_r \\
 & + \frac{1}{(3!)^2} \sum_{pqrst} \bar{w}_{pqrst} c_p^\dagger c_q^\dagger c_r^\dagger c_u c_t c_s
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{H} \right\}$$

Genuine 3N interaction / six-legs vertex

Particle number

$$A \equiv \sum_p c_p^\dagger c_p$$

Grand potential

$$\Omega \equiv H - \lambda A$$

When working in Fock space

Chemical potential



Controls the average particle number in the system

k-body force



Mode-2k tensor

Basis representation dim N

Storage cost N^{2k}



Problematic to handle 3N interactions in mid-mass nuclei

Slater determinant reference state and normal ordering

Slater determinant reference state

Respect U(1) symmetry

$$a_q^\dagger = \sum_p U_{pq} c_p^\dagger \quad |\Phi^A\rangle \equiv \prod_{i=1}^A a_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$

Particle states a,b,c...

Hole states i,j,k...

$$A|\Phi^A\rangle = A|\Phi^A\rangle$$

Typically obtained by solving HF

Normal ordering via Wick's theorem in single-particle basis

$$H \equiv \Lambda^{00} + \frac{1}{1!1!} \sum_{l_1 l_2} \Lambda_{l_1 l_2}^{11} : c_{l_1}^\dagger c_{l_2} : + \frac{1}{2!2!} \sum_{l_1 l_2 l_3 l_4} \Lambda_{l_1 l_2 l_3 l_4}^{22} : c_{l_1}^\dagger c_{l_2}^\dagger c_{l_4} c_{l_3} :$$

Anti-symmetric fields Λ^{ij} function of

$$t_{pq} \quad \bar{v}_{pqrs} \quad \bar{w}_{pqrst} \quad U_{pk}$$

Similarly for A and Ω

$$+ \frac{1}{3!3!} \sum_{l_1 l_2 l_3 l_4 l_5 l_6} \Lambda_{l_1 l_2 l_3 l_4 l_5 l_6}^{33} : c_{l_1}^\dagger c_{l_2}^\dagger c_{l_3}^\dagger c_{l_6} c_{l_5} c_{l_4} :$$

➔ Six-index tensor
Too expensive to handle

➔ NO2B approximation
1-3% error in closed shell
[R. Roth *et al.*, PRL 109 (2012) 052501]

➔ Effective 2-body operators
Captures essential of 3-body
Many-body method with 2-body

Bogoliubov reference state and normal ordering

Bogoliubov reference state

$$\beta_k = \sum_p U_{pk}^* c_p + V_{pk}^* c_p^\dagger$$

$$\beta_k^\dagger = \sum_p U_{pk} c_p^\dagger + V_{pk} c_p$$

$$|\Phi\rangle \equiv C \prod_k \beta_k |0\rangle$$

$$\beta_k |\Phi\rangle = 0 \quad \forall k$$

Vacuum state

Reduces to SD in \mathcal{H}_A for closed-shell

Breaks U(1) symmetry

$$A|\Phi\rangle \neq A|\Phi\rangle$$

Normal ordering via Wick's theorem in quasi-particle basis

$$H \equiv \sum_{n=0}^3 \sum_{i+j=2n} \frac{1}{i!j!} \sum_{l_1 \dots l_{i+j}} H_{l_1 \dots l_{i+j}}^{ij} \beta_{k_1}^\dagger \dots \beta_{k_i}^\dagger \beta_{k_{i+j}} \dots \beta_{k_{i+1}}$$

H^{ij} matrix elements function of

$$t_{pq} \quad \bar{v}_{pqrs} \quad \bar{w}_{pqrst} \quad U_{pk} \quad V_{pk}$$

$$\equiv \underbrace{H^{00} + [H^{20} + H^{11} + H^{02}]}_{H_0} + [H^{40} + H^{31} + H^{22} + H^{13} + H^{04}] + \sum_{i+j=6} H^{ij}$$

$$\equiv \sum_{n=0}^2 H^{[2n]} + H^{[6]} \quad \text{6-qp operators}$$

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➔ PNO2B approximation
Particle-number conserving
[Ripoche, Tichai, Duguet, arXiv:1908.00765]

Electron scattering off nuclei

● Electrons constitute an optimal probe to study atomic nuclei

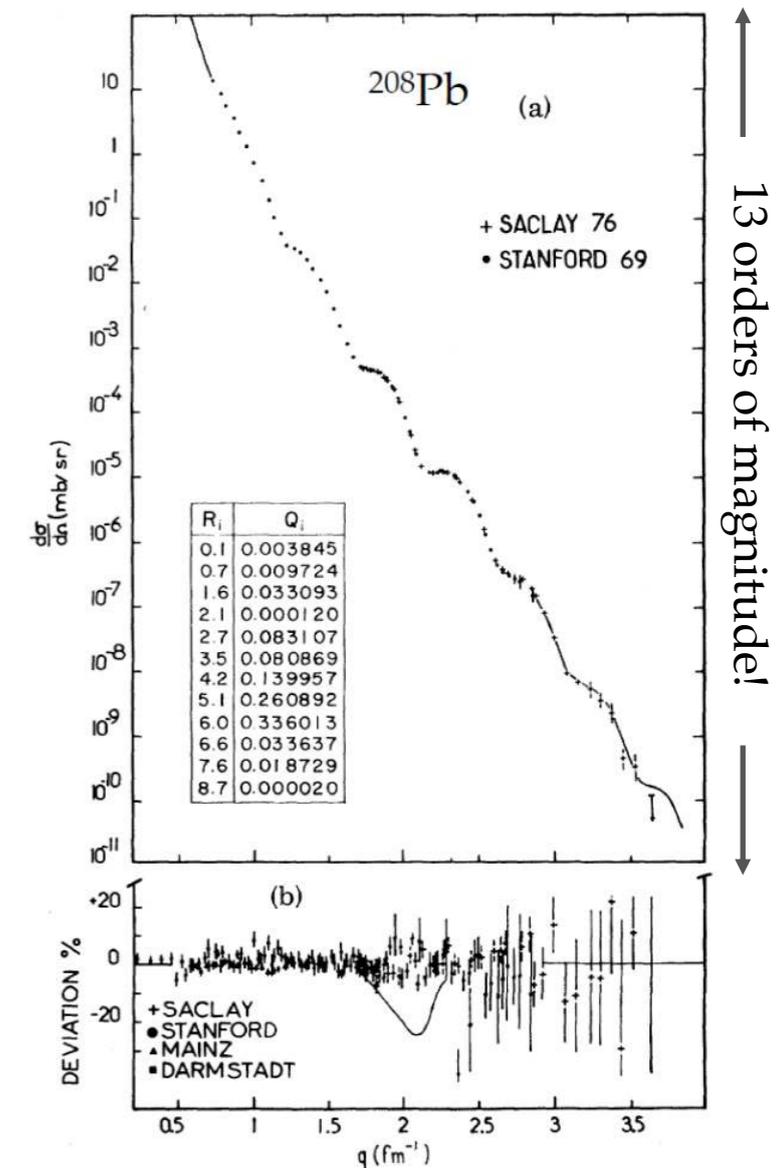
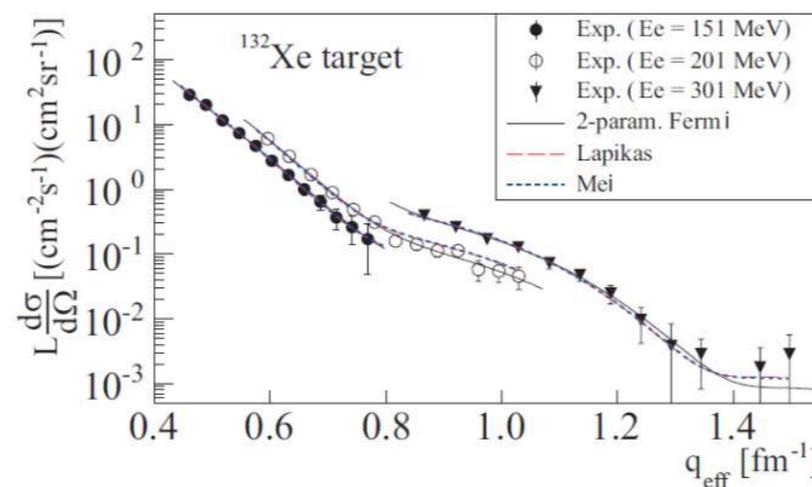
- Point-like → excellent spatial resolution
- EM weak and theoretically well constrained

● Accélérateur Linéaire @ Saclay (ALS)

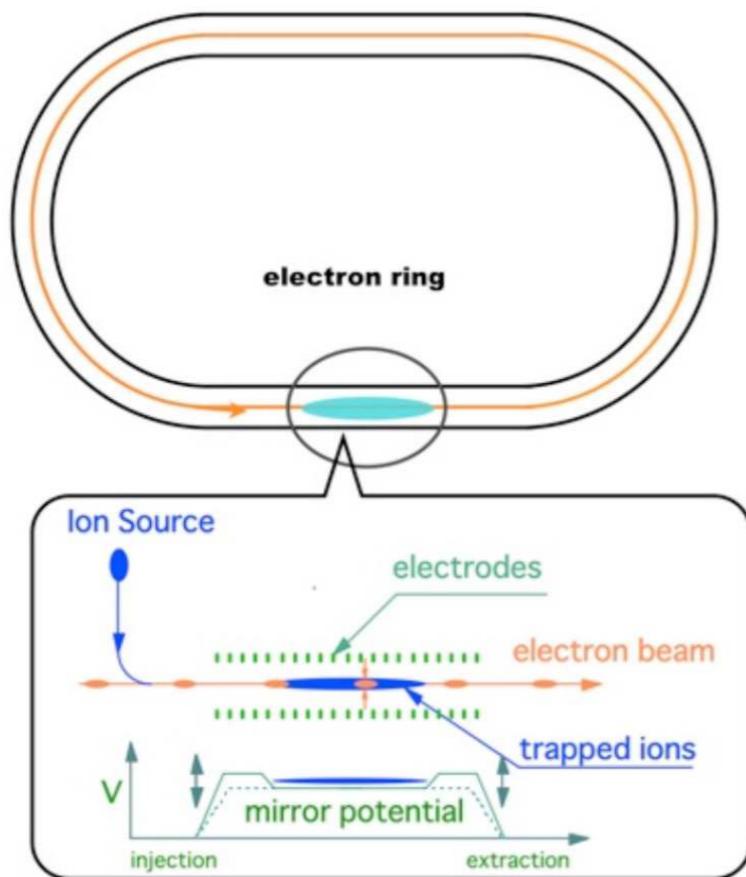
- Electron accelerator (1969-1990)
- Refined data on tens of stable nuclei



[Tsukada *et al.* 2017]



[Frois *et al.* 1977]



⇒ Electron scattering off unstable nuclei?

- Challenge for the future
- First physics experiments in 2017 with SCRIT @ RIKEN

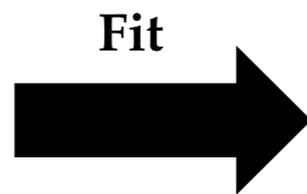
Guidance for improved nuclear many-body Hamiltonians

Nuclear lattice calculations of 86 even-even nuclei up to $A=48$ and pure neutron matter

[Lu et al. 2018]

⌘ Leading-order pion-less EFT SU(4)-invariant with 2N and 3N interactions

C_2 2N
 C_3 3N
 S_L Local part
 S_{NL} Non-local part

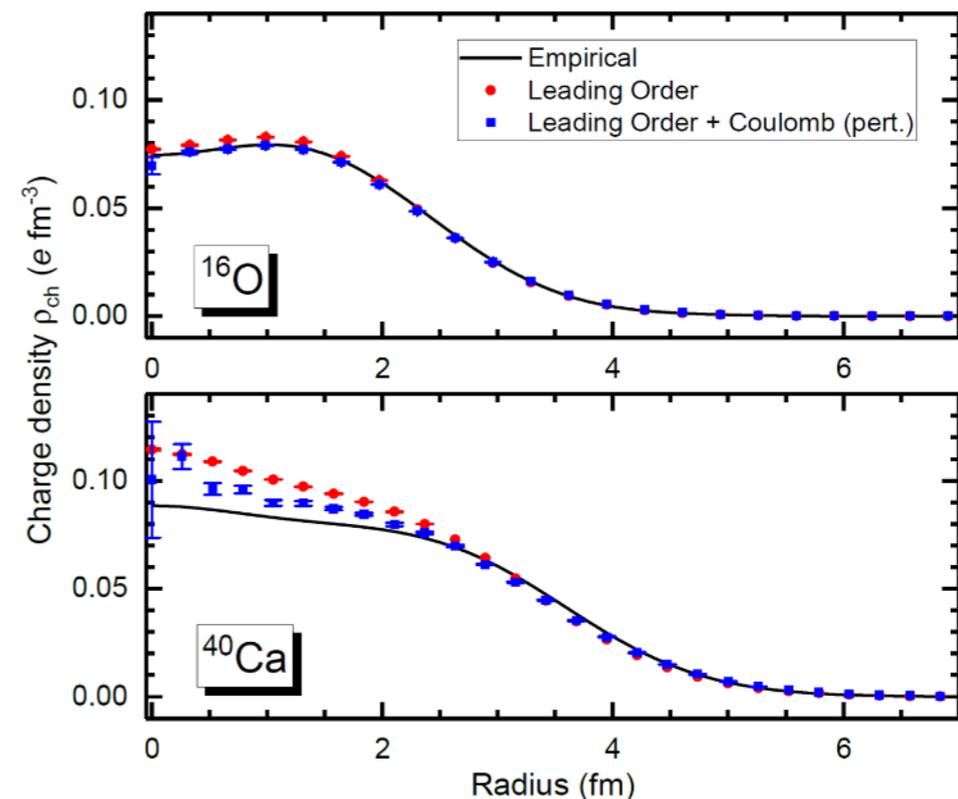


Effective range r_0 averaged over 1S_0 and 3S_1
 S-wave scattering length a_0 averaged over 1S_0 and 3S_1
 $B(^3H)$
 + set of mid-mass nuclei

N=

Z	B	Exp.	R_{ch}	Exp.	Cou.
3H	8.48(2)	8.48	1.90(1)	1.76	0.0
3He	7.75(2)	7.72	1.99(1)	1.97	0.73(1)
4He	28.89(1)	28.3	1.72(1)	1.68	0.80(1)
^{16}O	121.9(1)	127.6	2.74(1)	2.70	13.9(1)
^{20}Ne	161.6(1)	160.6	2.95(1)	3.01	20.2(1)
^{24}Mg	193.5(2)	198.3	3.13(1)	3.06	28.0(1)
^{28}Si	235.8(4)	236.5	3.26(1)	3.12	37.1(2)
^{40}Ca	346.8(6)	342.1	3.42(1)	3.48	71.7(4)

Error < 4.5% on BE in ^{16}O and < 8.0% on R_c in 3H



Coulomb effect beneficial

- SU(4)-invariant LO very satisfactory for large A
- Satisfactory pure neutron matter + volume/surface energy coefficients
- Corrections from spin&isospin dependent terms

Novel many-body formalisms

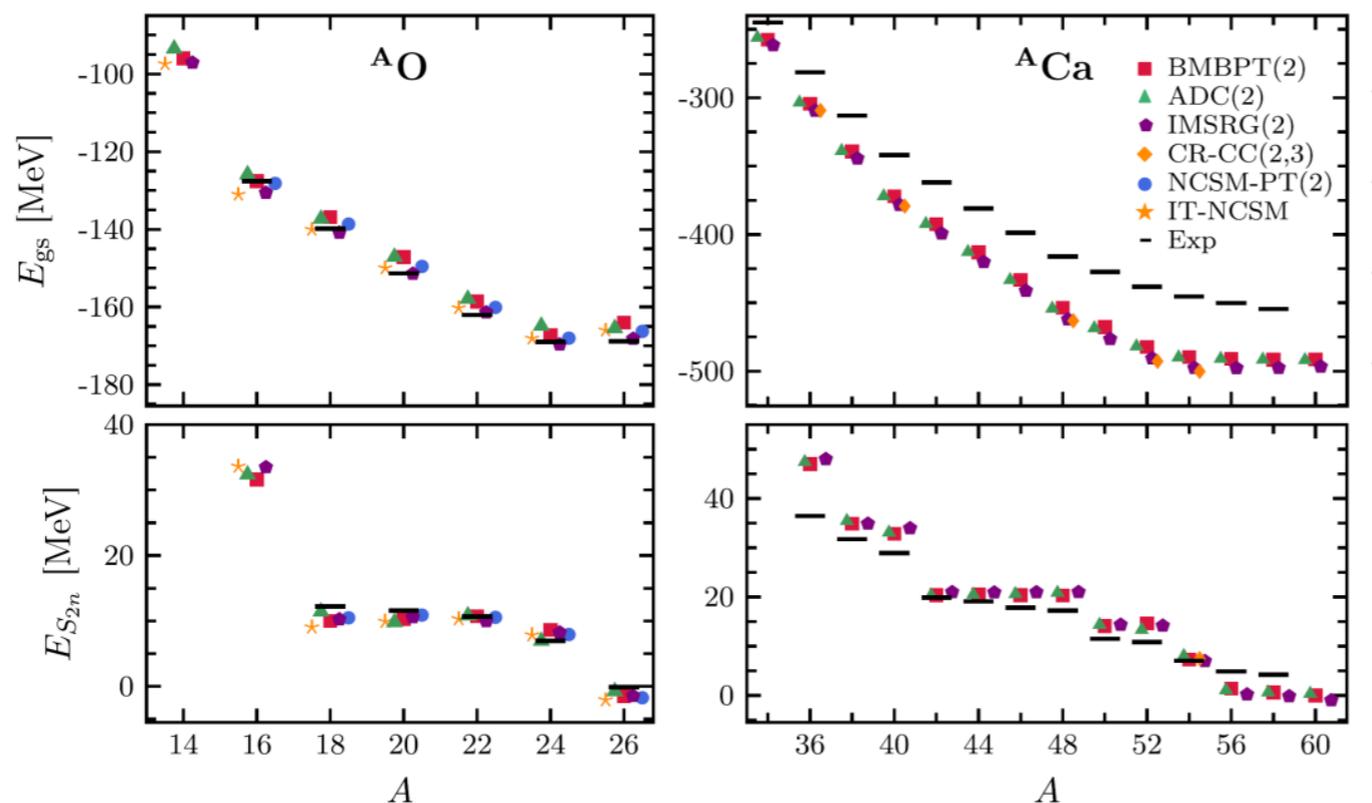
- ⊙ No real free lunch but still look for best compromise
 - ✓ Versatility (nuclei and / or states / observables)
 - ✓ Accuracy
 - ✓ CPU cost

[Duguet, Signoracci 2016]

- ⊙ Optimal many-body method for open-shell nuclei: **Bogoliubov many-body perturbation theory**

→ Code for automated generation of many-body diagrams [Arthuis et al. 2018]

[Tichai et al. 2018]



Calculation details

Chiral NN+3N Hamiltonian
 SRG $\alpha = 0.08 \text{ fm}^4$
 13 major shells (1820 s.p. states)
 Canonical HFB reference

Runtime

NCSM: 20.000 hours
MCPT: 2.000 hours
IMSRG(2): 1.500 hours
SCGF(2): 400 hours
BMBPT: < 1min !

- 2-3% agreement of all methods with exact results (IT-NCSM)
- Different truncation schemes yield **consistent description** of open-shell nuclei
- BMBPT optimal to systematically test **next generation of Chiral EFT nuclear Hamiltonians**