

# No-Core CI calculations of *p*-shell nuclei with 2- and 3-body forces



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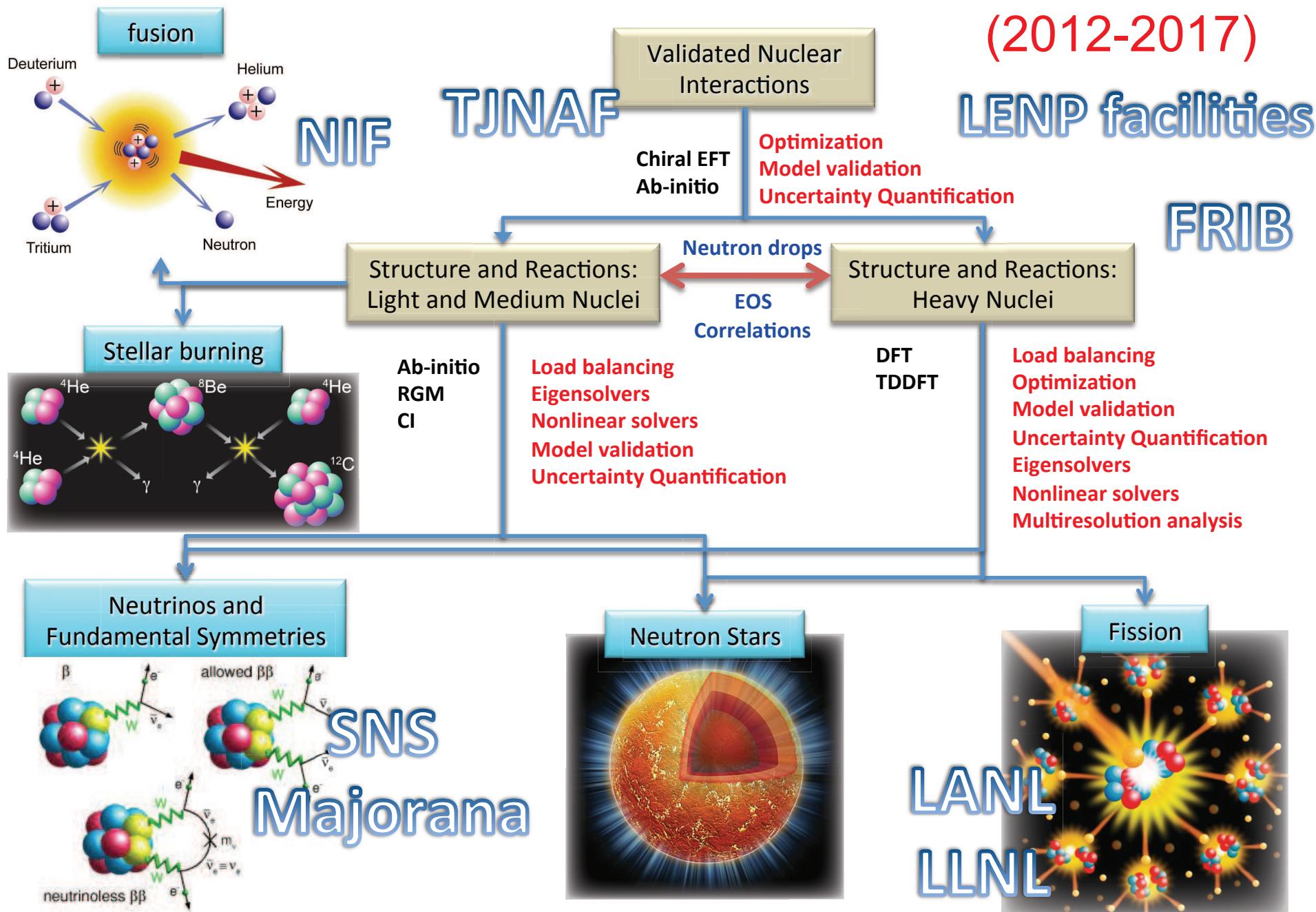
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# *Ab initio nuclear physics – Quantum many-body problem*

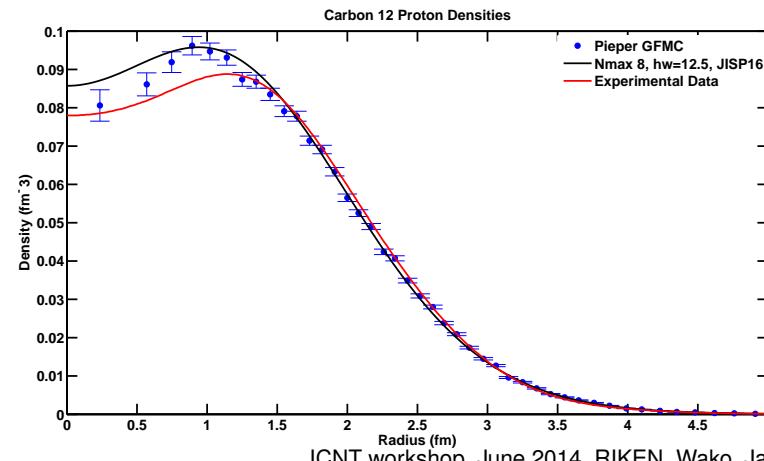
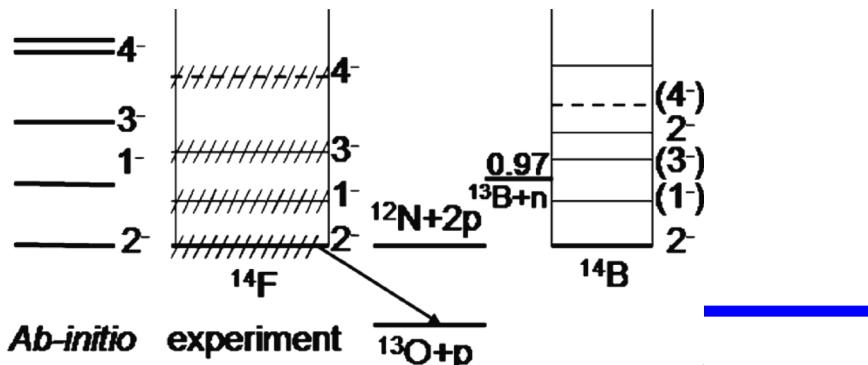
Given a Hamiltonian operator

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} = \sum_{i < j} \frac{(\vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_j)^2}{2 m A} + \sum_{i < j} V_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

solve the eigenvalue problem for wave function of  $A$  nucleons

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}} \Psi(r_1, \dots, r_A) = \lambda \Psi(r_1, \dots, r_A)$$

- eigenvalues  $\lambda$  discrete (quantized) energy levels
- eigenvectors:  $|\Psi(r_1, \dots, r_A)|^2$  probability density for finding nucleons  $1, \dots, A$  at  $r_1, \dots, r_A$



# *Ab initio nuclear physics – Computational challenges*

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- Self-bound quantum many-body problem,  
with  $3A$  degrees of freedom in coordinate (or momentum) space
- Not only 2-body interactions, but also intrinsic 3-body interactions  
and possibly 4- and higher  $N$ -body interactions
- Strong interactions,  
with both short-range and long-range pieces
- Uncertainty quantification for calculations needed
  - for comparisons with experiments
  - for comparisons between different methods
- Sources of numerical uncertainty
  - statistical and round-off errors
  - systematical errors inherent to the calculational method
    - CI methods: finite basis space
    - Monte Carlo methods: sensitivity to the trial wave function
    - Lattice calculations: finite volume and lattice spacing
  - uncertainty of the nuclear potential

# No-Core Configuration Interaction calculations

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Barrett, Navrátil, Vary, *Ab initio no-core shell model*, PPNP69, 131 (2013)

- Expand wave function in basis states  $|\Psi\rangle = \sum a_i |\Phi_i\rangle$
- Express Hamiltonian in basis  $\langle\Phi_j|\hat{H}|\Phi_i\rangle = H_{ij}$
- Diagonalize Hamiltonian matrix  $H_{ij}$
- No-Core Configuration Interaction
  - all  $A$  nucleons are treated the same
- Complete basis → exact result
  - caveat: complete basis is infinite dimensional
- In practice
  - truncate basis
  - study behavior of observables as function of truncation
- Computational challenge
  - construct large ( $10^{10} \times 10^{10}$ ) sparse symmetric real matrix  $H_{ij}$
  - use Lanczos algorithm to obtain lowest eigenvalues & -vectors

# NCCI – Basis space expansion

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- Expand wave function in basis  $\Psi(r_1, \dots, r_A) = \sum a_i \Phi_i(r_1, \dots, r_A)$
- Many-Body basis states  $\Phi_i(r_1, \dots, r_A)$  Slater Determinants of Single-Particle states  $\phi_{ik}(r_k)$

$$\Phi_i(r_1, \dots, r_A) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{A!}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_{i1}(r_1) & \phi_{i2}(r_1) & \dots & \phi_{iA}(r_1) \\ \phi_{i1}(r_2) & \phi_{i2}(r_2) & \dots & \phi_{iA}(r_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \phi_{i1}(r_A) & \phi_{i2}(r_A) & \dots & \phi_{iA}(r_A) \end{vmatrix}$$

- Single-Particle basis states  $\phi_{ik}(r_k)$ 
  - eigenstates of SU(2) operators  $\hat{\mathbf{L}}^2$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}^2$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{J}}^2 = (\hat{\mathbf{L}} + \hat{\mathbf{S}})^2$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{J}}_z$  with quantum numbers  $n, l, s, j, m$
  - radial wavefunctions
    - Harmonic Oscillator
    - Wood–Saxon basis
    - Coulomb–Sturmian
    - ...

Negoita, PhD thesis 2010  
Caprio, Maris, Vary, PRC86, 034312 (2012)

# NCCI – Truncation schemes

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- $M$ -scheme: Many-Body basis states eigenstates of  $\hat{\mathbf{J}}_z$

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}}_z |\Phi_i\rangle = M |\Phi_i\rangle = \sum_{k=1}^A m_{ik} |\Phi_i\rangle$$

- single run gives entire spectrum
- alternatives:  
**Coupled- $J$  scheme**, **Symplectic basis**, ...

- $N_{\max}$  truncation: Many-Body basis states satisfy

$$\sum_{k=1}^A (2 n_{ik} + l_{ik}) \leq N_0 + N_{\max}$$

- exact factorization of Center-of-Mass motion
- alternatives:
  - Importance Truncation Roth, PRC79, 064324 (2009)
  - No-Core Monte-Carlo Shell Model Abe *et al*, PRC86, 054301 (2012)
  - SU(3) Truncation Dytrych *et al*, PRL111, 252501 (2013)
  - ...

## Intermezzo: Center-of-Mass excitations

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- Use single-particle coordinates, not relative (Jacobi) coordinates
  - straightforward to extend to many particles
  - have to separate Center-of-Mass motion from relative motion
- Center-of-Mass wave function **factorizes** for  
**H.O. basis functions** in combination with  **$N_{\max}$  truncation**

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{\text{total}}\rangle &= |\phi_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\phi_A\rangle \\ &= |\Phi_{\text{Center-of-Mass}}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_{\text{rel}}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{H}_{\text{rel}}|\Psi_{j, \text{rel}}\rangle = E_j|\Psi_{j, \text{rel}}\rangle$$

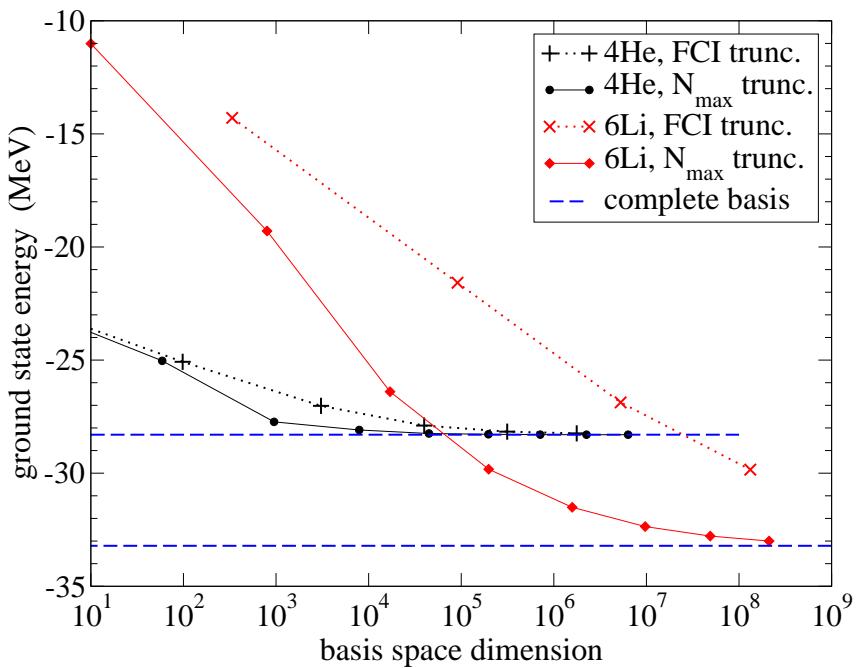
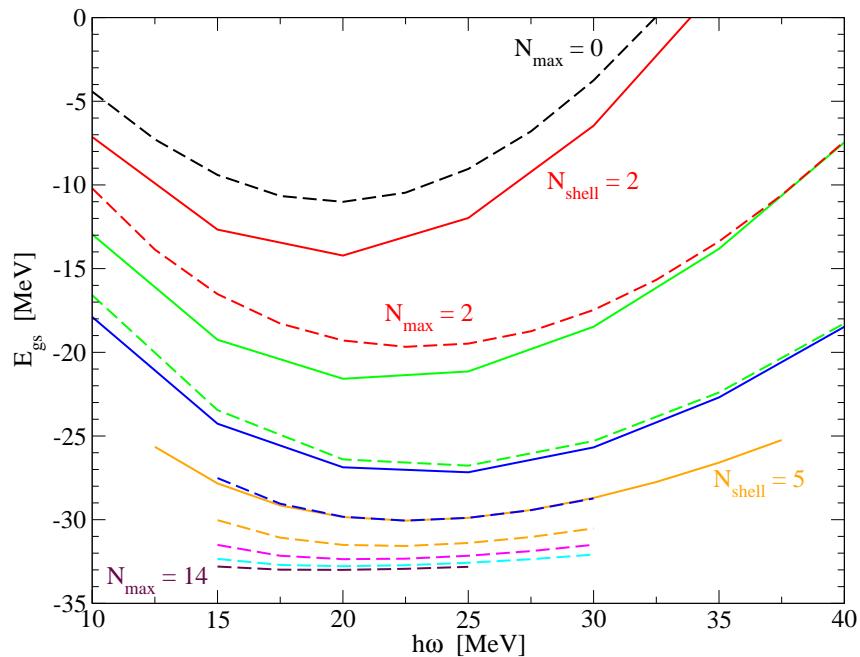
- Add Lagrange multiplier to Hamiltonian (Lawson term)

$$\hat{H}_{\text{rel}} \longrightarrow \hat{H}_{\text{rel}} + \Lambda_{CM} \left( \hat{H}_{CM}^{H.O.} - \frac{3}{2} \left( \sum_i m_i \right) \omega \right)$$

with  $\hat{H}_{\text{rel}} = \hat{T}_{\text{rel}} + \hat{V}_{\text{rel}}$  the relative Hamiltonian

- separates CM excitations from CM ground state  $|\Phi_{CM}\rangle$

## Intermezzo: FCI vs. Nmax truncation

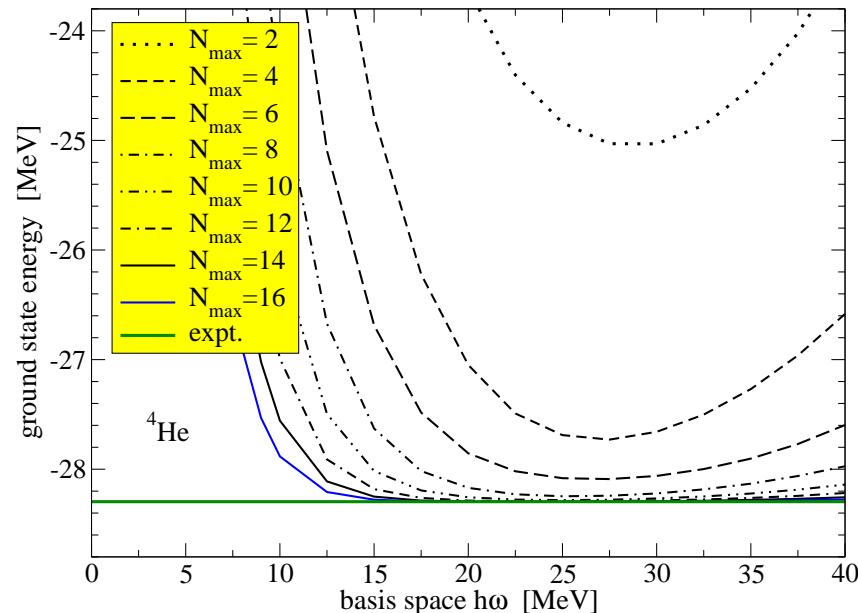


- $N_{max}$  truncation
  - exact factorization of Center-of-Mass motion
- Infinite basis space limit: No-Core Full Configuration (NCFC)
  - both  $N_{max}$  truncation and FCI converge to the same results
  - $N_{max}$  truncation does so much more rapidly

# Configuration Interaction methods

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- Expand wave function in basis states  $|\Psi\rangle = \sum a_i |\psi_i\rangle$
- Express Hamiltonian in basis  $\langle\psi_j|\hat{H}|\psi_i\rangle = H_{ij}$
- Diagonalize Hamiltonian matrix  $H_{ij}$
- **Variational**: for any finite truncation of the basis space, eigenvalue is an upper bound for the ground state energy
- Smooth approach to asymptotic value with increasing basis space:  
**No-Core Full Configuration** calculation
- Convergence: independence of  $N_{\max}$  and H.O. basis  $\hbar\omega$ 
  - different methods (NCFC, CC, GFMC, ...) using the same interaction should give same results within (statistical plus systematic) numerical uncertainties



## Extrapolating to complete basis

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Challenge: achieve numerical convergence for No-Core Full Configuration calculations using finite model space calculations

- Perform a series of calculations with increasing  $N_{\max}$  truncation
- Extrapolate to infinite model space → exact results
  - Empirical: binding energy exponential in  $N_{\max}$

$$E_{\text{binding}}^N = E_{\text{binding}}^\infty + a_1 \exp(-a_2 N_{\max})$$

- use 3 or 4 consecutive  $N_{\max}$  values to determine  $E_{\text{binding}}^\infty$
- use  $\hbar\omega$  and  $N_{\max}$  dependence to estimate numerical error bars

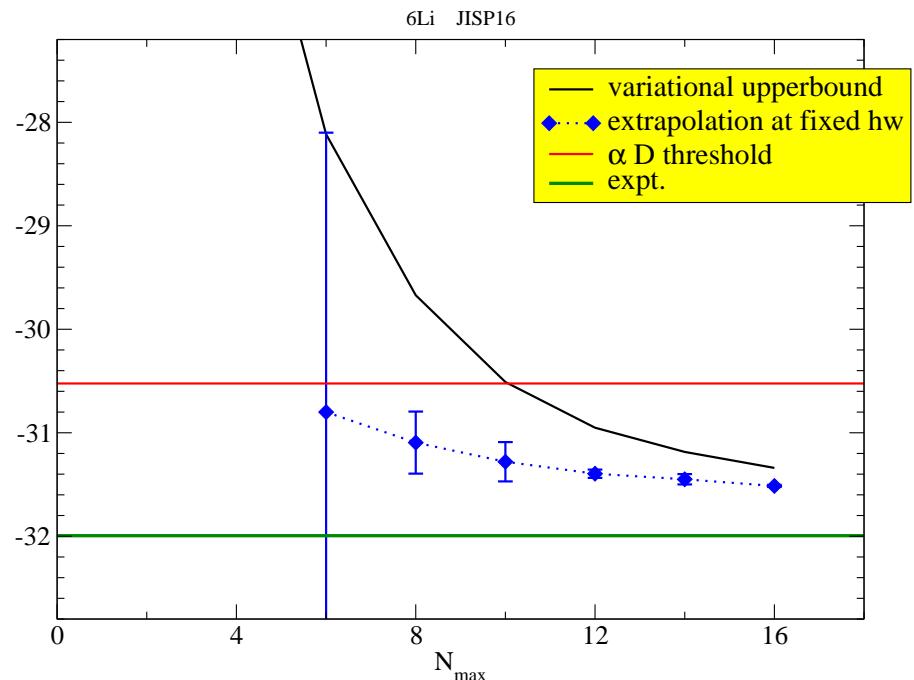
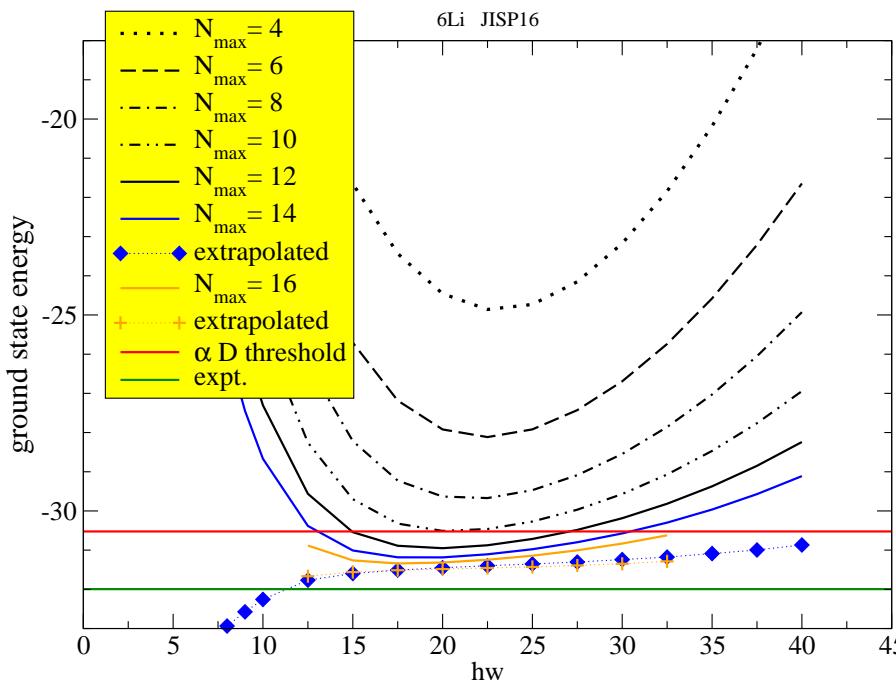
Maris, Shirokov, Vary, PRC79, 014308 (2009)

- Recent studies of IR and UV behavior:  
exponentials in  $\sqrt{\hbar\omega/N}$  and  $\sqrt{\hbar\omega N}$  Coon *et al*, PRC86, 054002 (2012);  
Furnstahl, Hagen, Papenbrock, PRC86, 031301(R) (2012);  
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# Extrapolating to complete basis – in practice

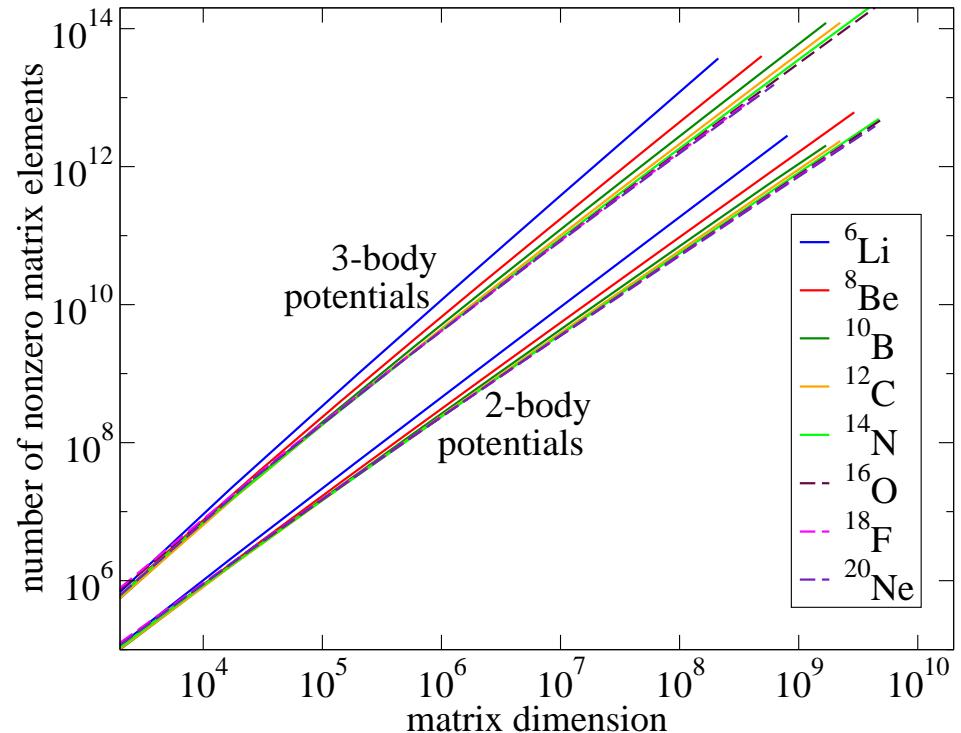
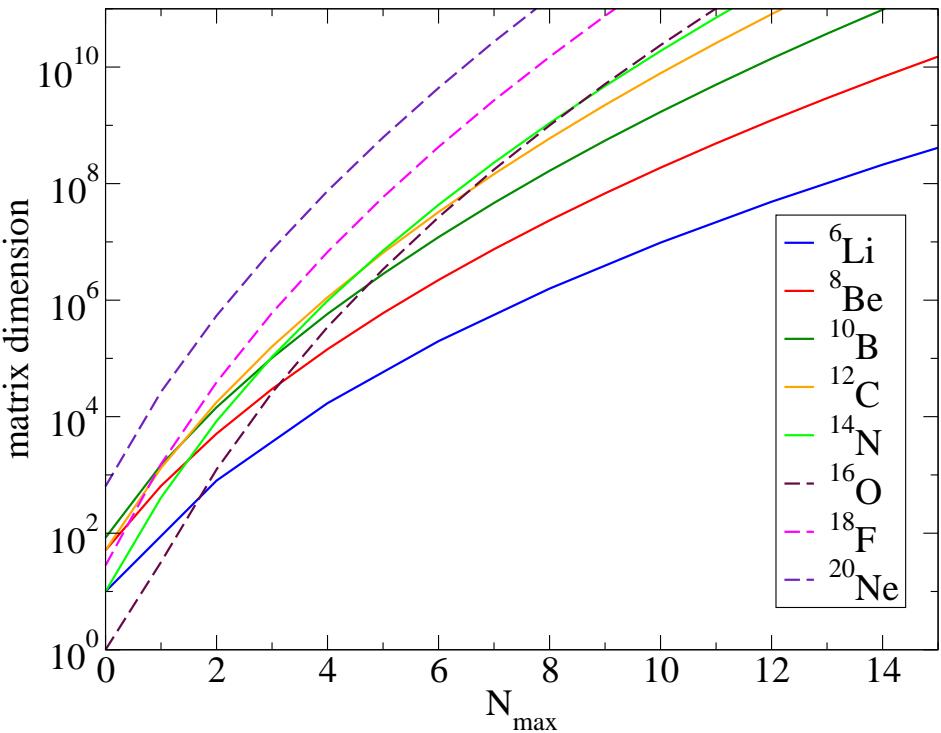
- Perform a series of calculations with increasing  $N_{\max}$  truncation
- Use empirical exponential in  $N_{\max}$ :

$$E_{\text{binding}}^N = E_{\text{binding}}^\infty + a_1 \exp(-a_2 N_{\max})$$



- H.O. basis up to  $N_{\max} = 16$ :  $E_b = -31.49(3)$  MeV  
Cockrell, Maris, Vary, PRC86, 034325 (2012)
- Hyperspherical harmonics up to  $K_{\max} = 14$ :  $E_b = -31.46(5)$  MeV  
Vaintraub, Barnea, Gazit, PRC79, 065501 (2009)

# NCCI calculations – main challenge



- Increase of basis space dimension with increasing  $A$  and  $N_{\max}$ 
  - need calculations up to at least  $N_{\max} = 8$  for meaningful extrapolation and numerical error estimates
- More relevant measure for computational needs
  - number of nonzero matrix elements
  - current limit  $10^{13}$  to  $10^{14}$  (Edison, Mira, Titan)

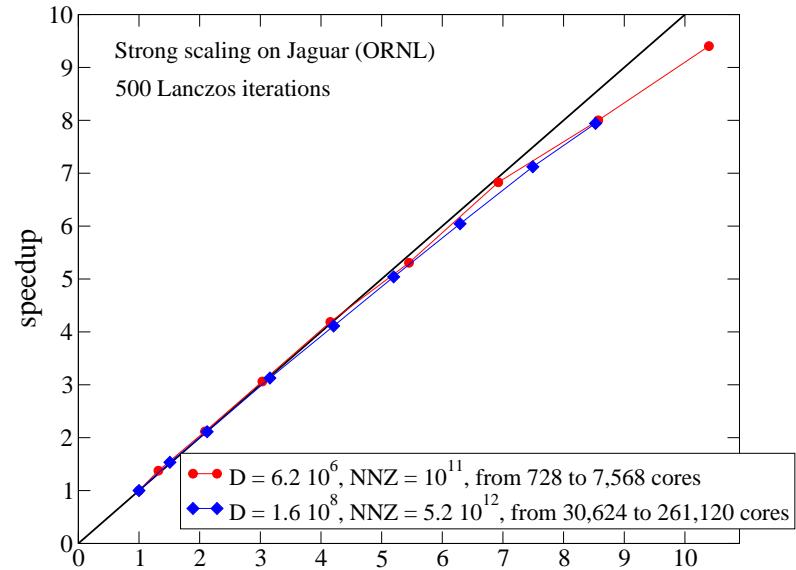
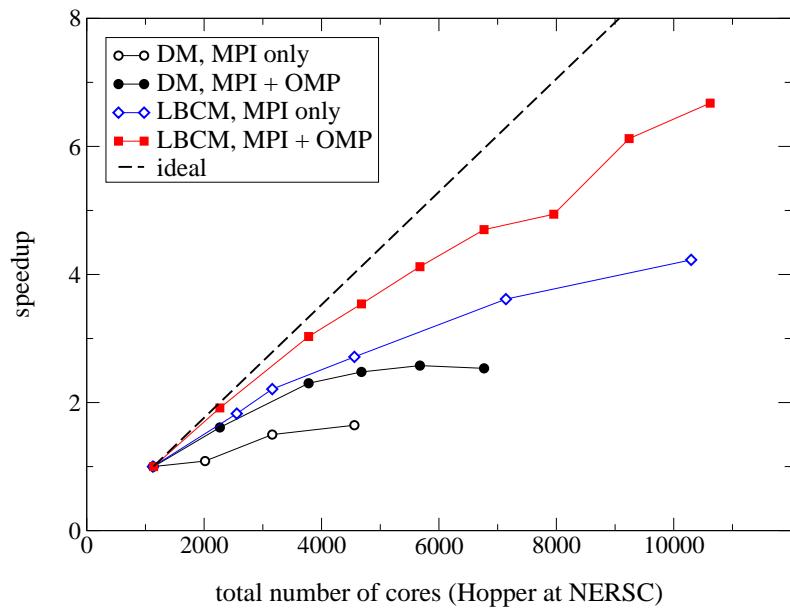
# *Many Fermion Dynamics – nuclear physics*

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Efficient Configuration Interaction code for nuclear physics as a result of collaboration with applied mathematicians and computer scientists

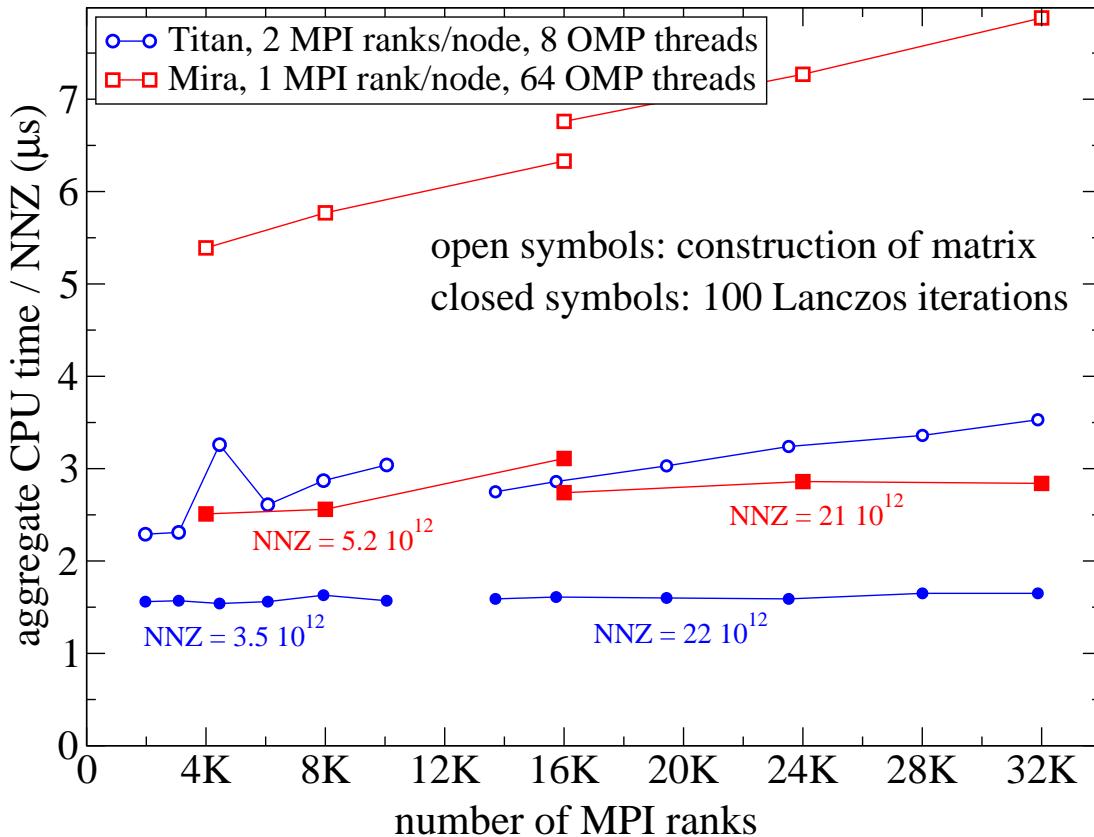
- Platform-independent, hybrid OpenMP/MPI, Fortran 90
- Generate many-body basis space  
subject to user-defined truncation and symmetry constraints
- Construct many-body matrix  $H_{ij}$ 
  - determine which matrix elements can be nonzero based on quantum numbers of underlying single-particle states
  - evaluate and store nonzero matrix elements in compressed row/column format
- Obtain lowest eigenpairs using Lanczos algorithm
  - typical use: 10 to 20 lowest eigenvalues and eigenvectors
  - typically need  $\sim 500$  to  $\sim 1000$  Lanczos iterations
  - some applications need hundreds of eigenvalues
- Write eigenvectors to disk and calculate observables

# Strong Scaling of MFDn



- Understand communication overheads in terms of heuristic network model based on set of compute nodes, physical links between compute nodes, and link capacity
- Hybrid OpenMP/MPI with 1 MPI processor per NUMA node performs better than MPI-only for more than few hundred cores
- Runs with 3-body forces scale better than NN-only runs

# Scaling of MFDn on Leadership Class Facilities



- Version14 Beta03, June 2013
- 2-body + 3-body forces
- 100 Lanczos iterations

- Titan: Cray XK7 with 2.2 GHz AMD Opteron 16-core CPU with 32 GB per node (plus NVIDIA Kepler GPUs)
- Mira: IBM BG/Q with 1.6 GHz 16-core CPU with 16 GB per node (supporting up to 64 threads)

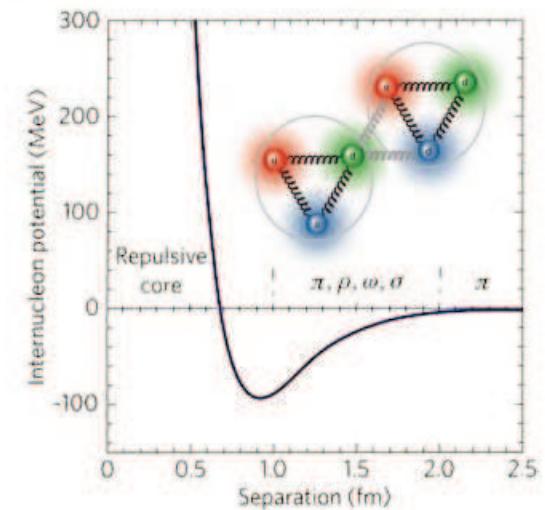
# Nuclear interaction

Nuclear potential not well-known,  
though in principle calculable from QCD

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T}_{\text{rel}} + \sum_{i < j} V_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

In practice, alphabet of realistic potentials

- Argonne potentials: AV8', AV18
  - plus Urbana 3NF (UIX)
  - plus Illinois 3NF (IL7)
- Bonn potentials
- Chiral NN interactions
  - plus chiral 3NF, ideally to the same order
- ...
- JISP16
- ...



# *Phenomeological NN interaction: JISP16*

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JISP16 tuned up to  $^{16}\text{O}$

- Constructed to reproduce  $np$  scattering data
- Finite rank separable potential in H.O. representation
- Nonlocal  $NN$ -only potential
- Use Phase-Equivalent Transformations (PET) to tune off-shell interaction to
  - binding energy of  $^3\text{H}$  and  $^4\text{He}$
  - low-lying states of  $^6\text{Li}$  (JISP6, precursor to JISP16)
  - binding energy of  $^{16}\text{O}$



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Realistic nuclear Hamiltonian: Ab initio approach

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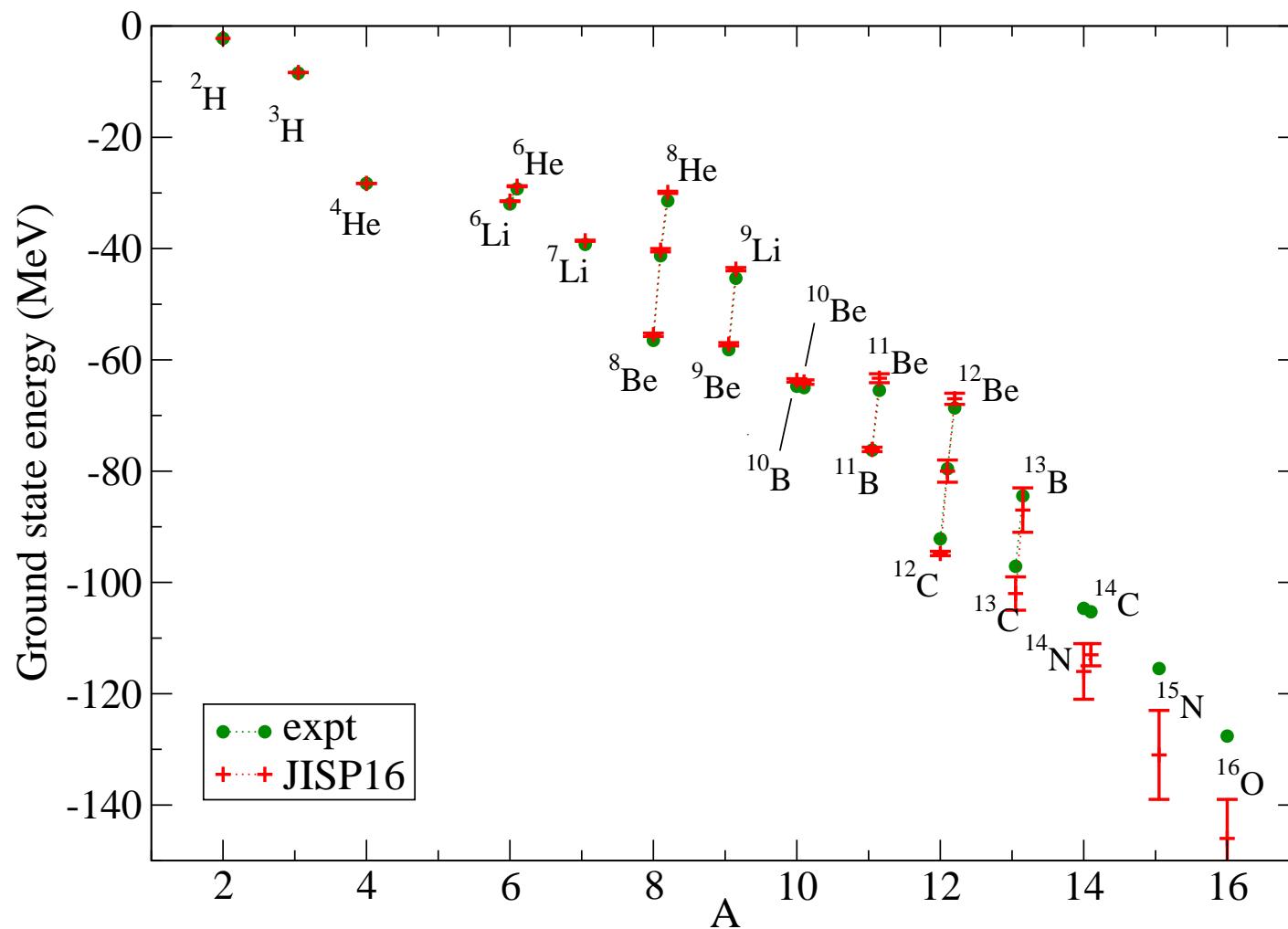
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# Ground state energy of p-shell nuclei with JISP16

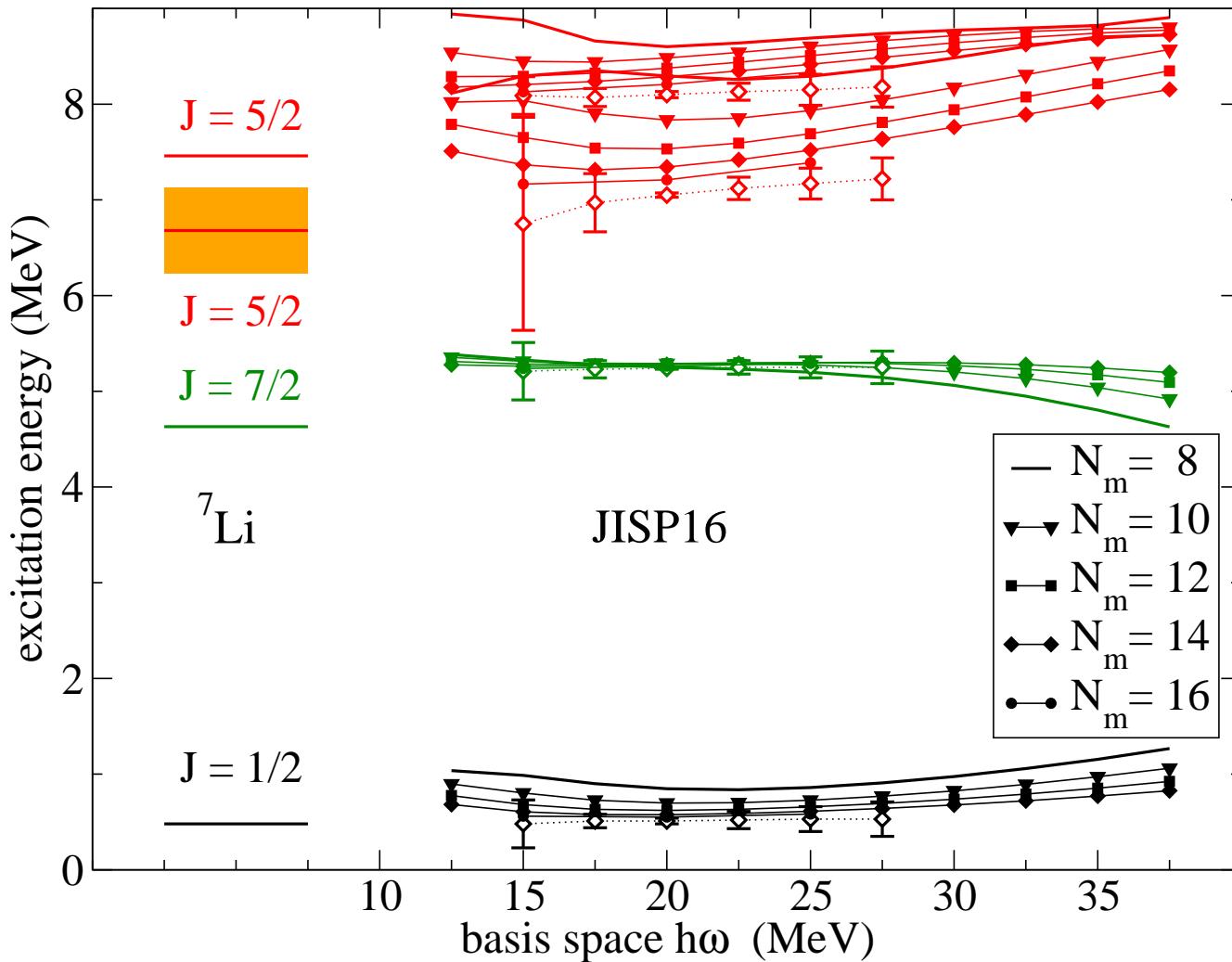
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- $^{10}\text{B}$  – most likely JISP16 produces correct  $3^+$  ground state, but extrapolation of  $1^+$  states not reliable due to mixing of two  $1^+$  states
- $^{11}\text{Be}$  – expt. observed parity inversion within error estimates of extrapolation
- $^{12}\text{B}$  and  $^{12}\text{N}$  – unclear whether gs is  $1^+$  or  $2^+$  (expt. at  $E_x = 1$  MeV) with JISP16

# Excitation spectrum ${}^7\text{Li}$

Cockrell, Maris, Vary, PRC86 034325 (2012)

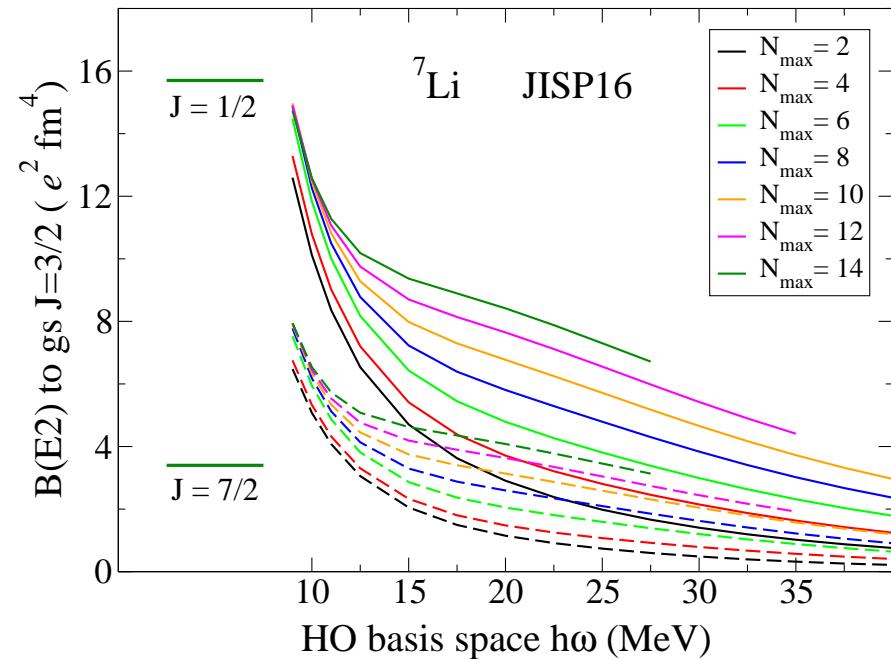
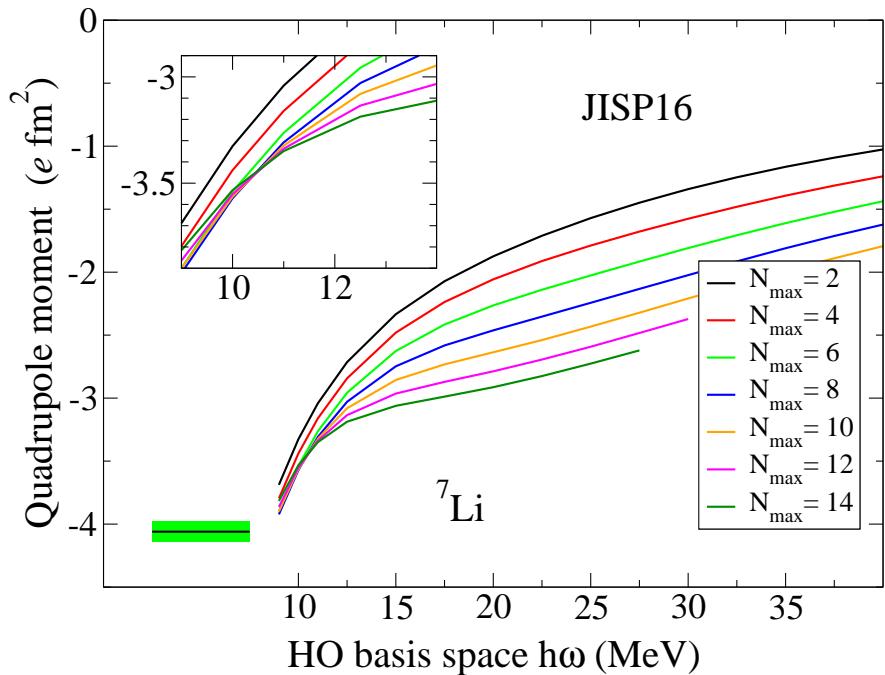


- Narrow states well converged, no extrapolation needed
- Broad resonances generally not as well converged; may need to incorporate continuum?

# Quadrupole moment and $B(E2)$ transition strengths ${}^7\text{Li}$

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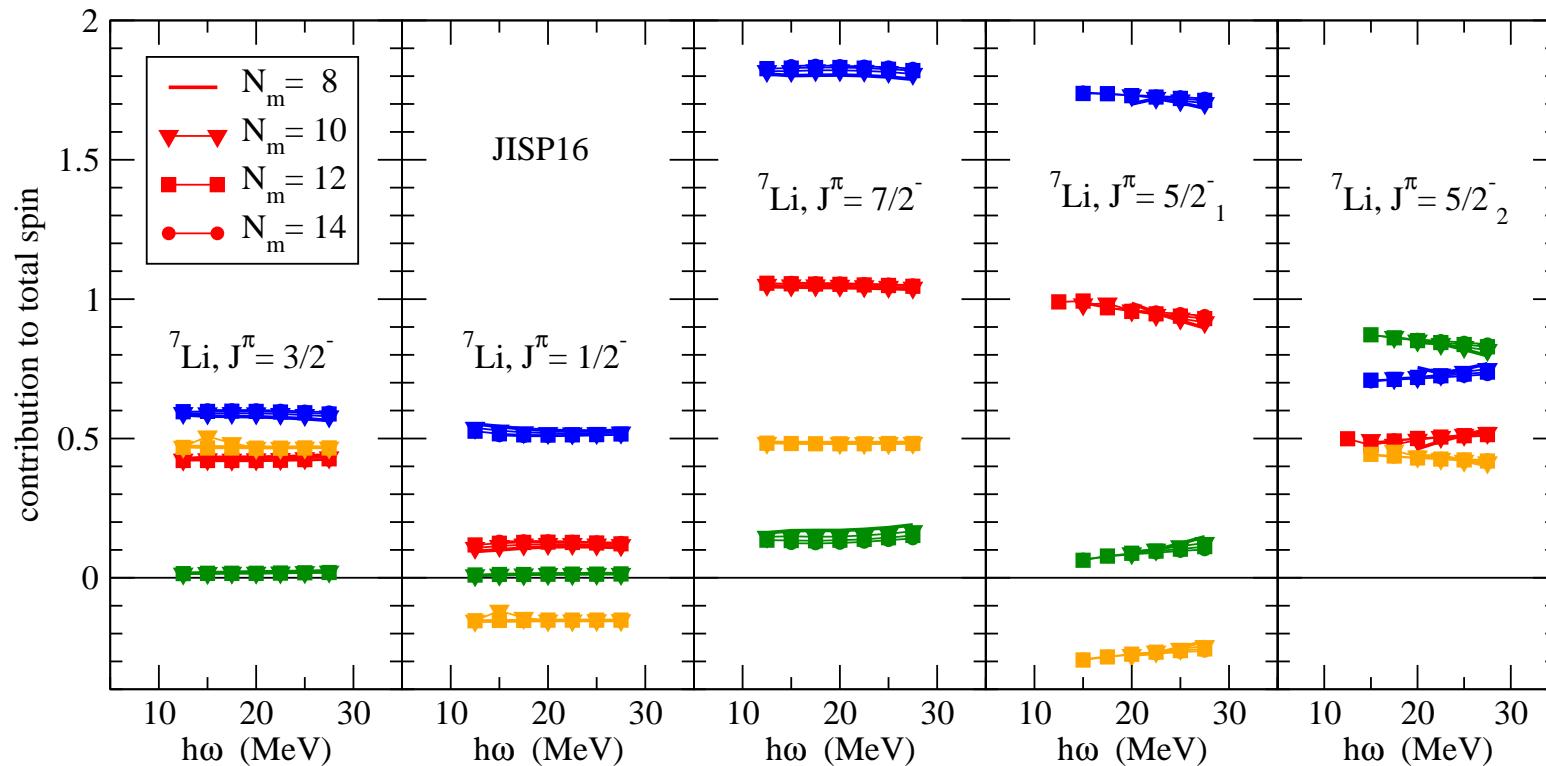


- E2 observables not converged,  
due to gaussian fall-off of HO wavefunction
- Nevertheless, qualitative agreement of  $Q$  and  $B(E2)$  with data

# Details: spin components of ${}^7\text{Li}$

Maris, Vary, IJMPE22, 1330016 (2013)

$$J = \frac{1}{J+1} \left( \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{L}_p \rangle + \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{L}_n \rangle + \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{S}_p \rangle + \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{S}_n \rangle \right)$$

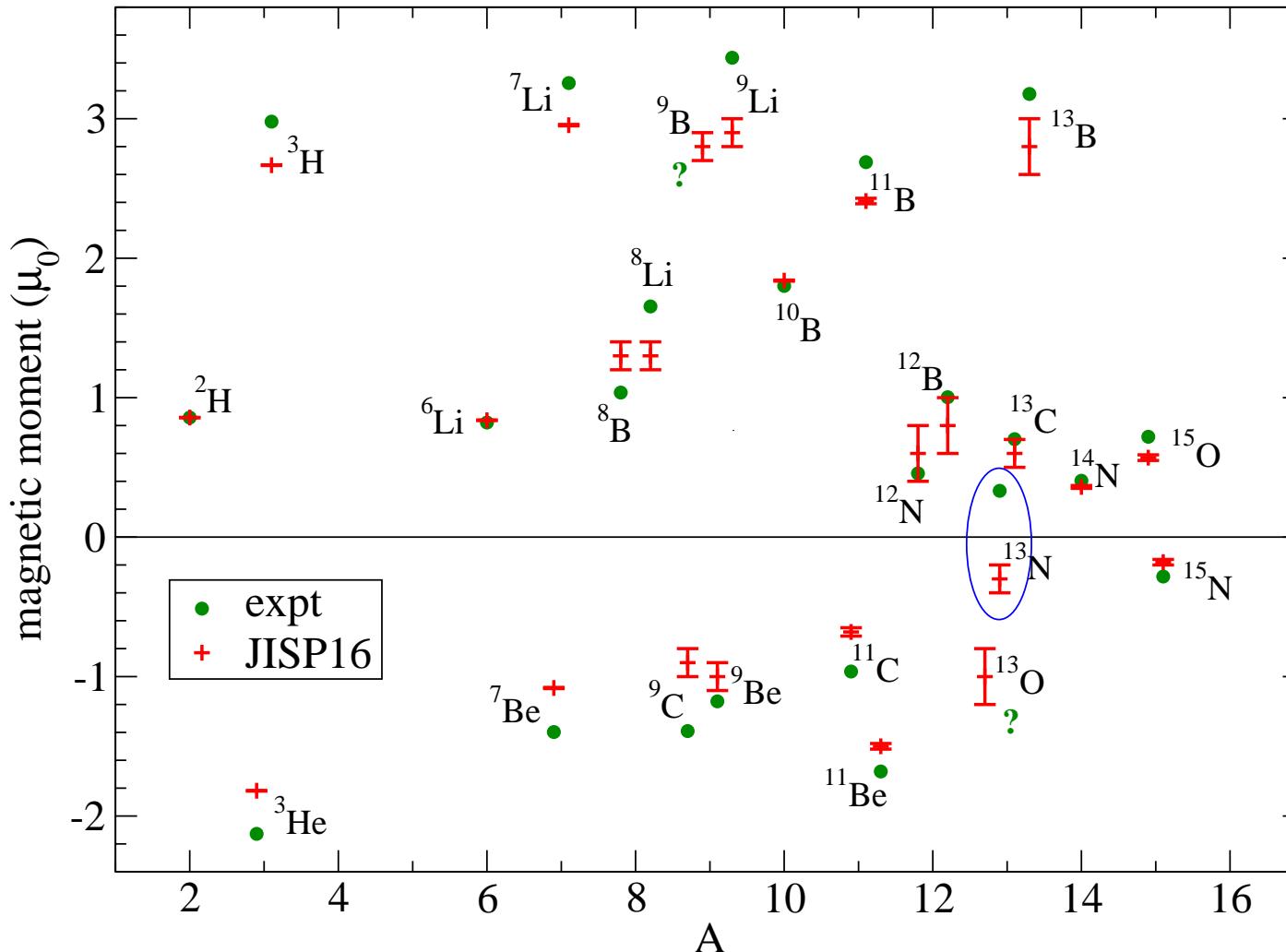


- Converged with  $N_{\max}$ , persistent weak  $\hbar\omega$  dependence  $\frac{5}{2}^-$  states
- Two  $\frac{5}{2}^-$  states have very different structure

# Magnetic moments of *p*-shell nuclei with JISP16

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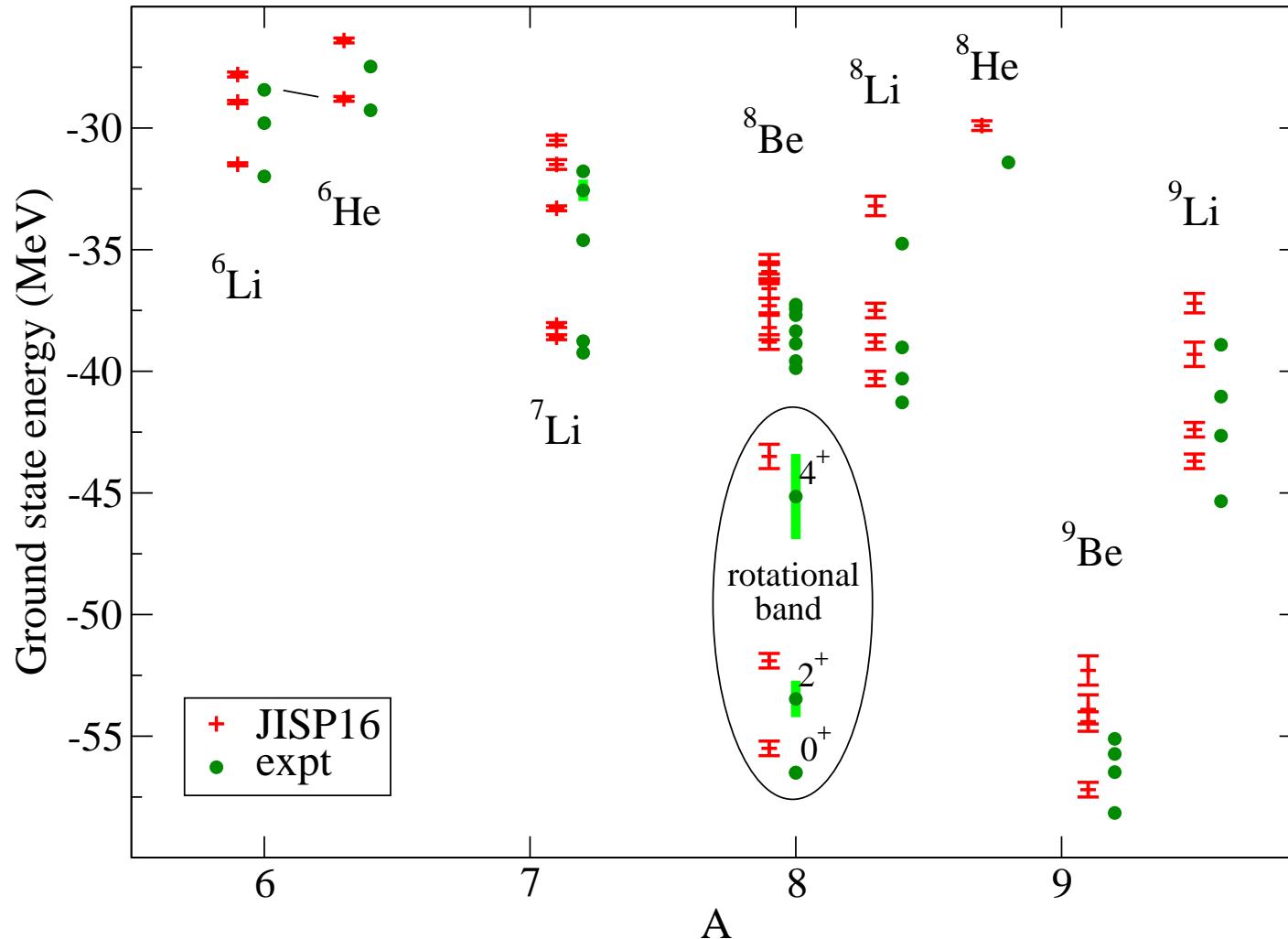
$$\mu = \frac{1}{J+1} \left( \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{L}_p \rangle + 5.586 \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{S}_p \rangle - 3.826 \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{S}_n \rangle \right) \mu_0$$



- Good agreement with data,  
given that we do not have any meson-exchange currents

# Energies of narrow A=6 to A=9 states with JISP16

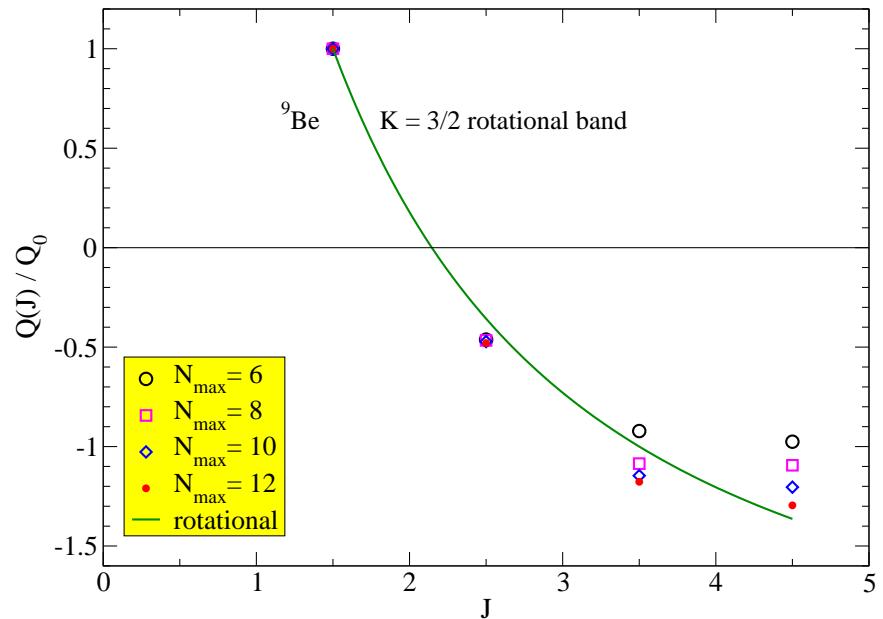
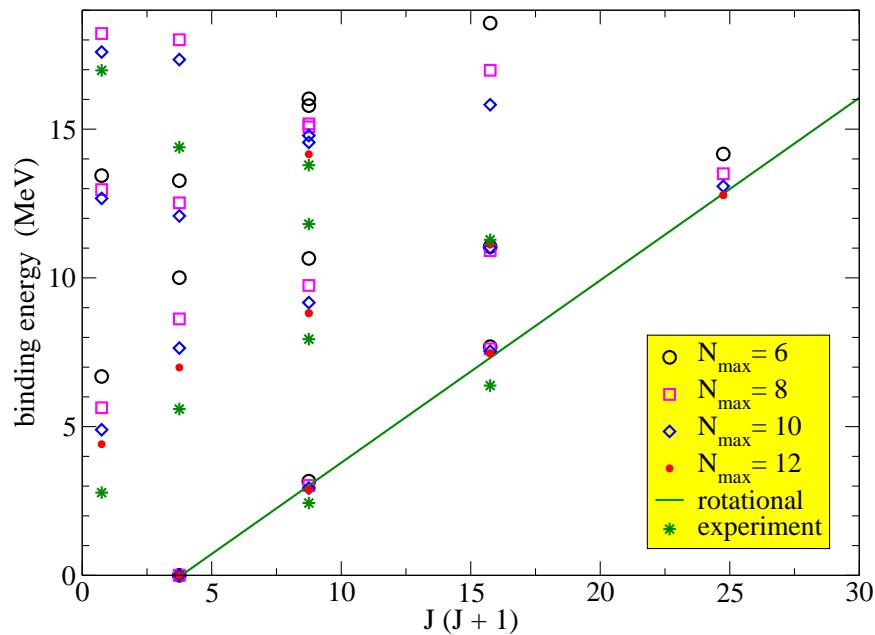
Cockrell, Maris, Vary, PRC86 034325 (2012); Maris, Vary, IJMPE22, 1330016 (2013)



- Excitation spectrum narrow states in good agreement with data

# Emergence of rotational bands

Caprio, Maris, Vary, PLB719 (2013) 179



- Rotational energy for states with axial symmetry  $E(J) \propto J(J + 1)$
- Quadrupole moments for rotational band

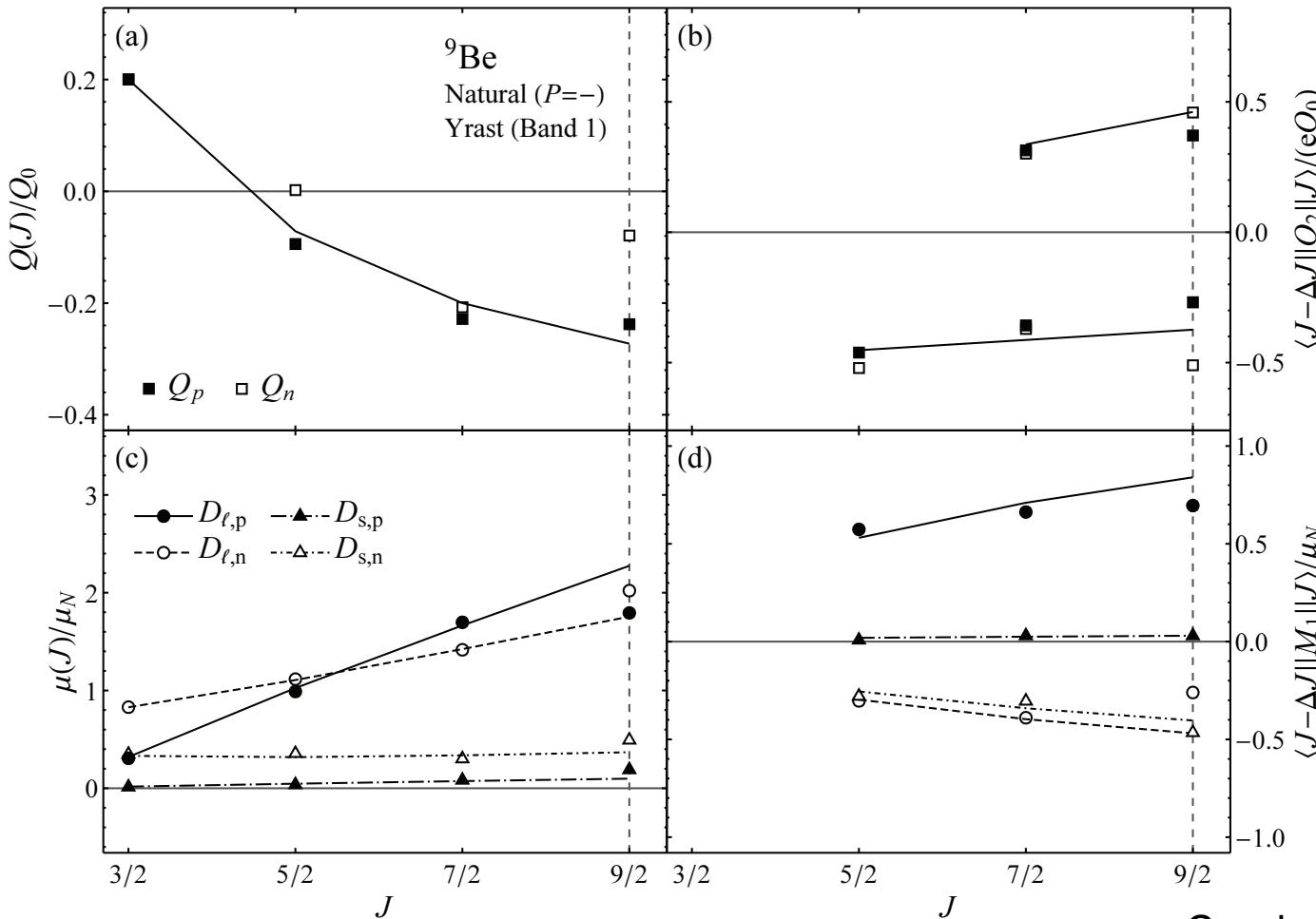
$$Q(J) = \frac{3K^2 - J(J+1)}{(J+1)(2J+3)} Q_0$$

- Large  $B(E2)$  transition rates between members rotational band

$$\langle J_f || E2 || J_i \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{5}{16\pi}} \sqrt{2J_i + 1} (J_i K 20 | J_f K) Q_0$$

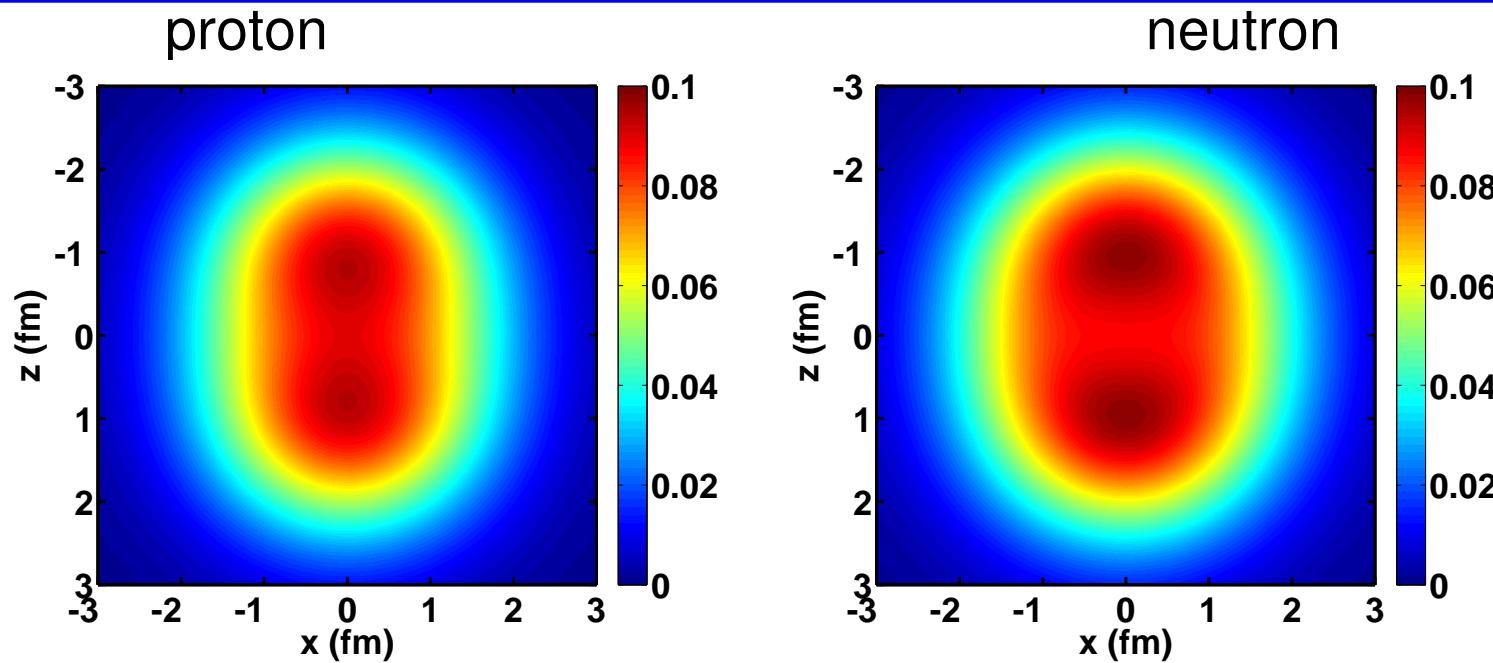
# Emergence of rotational bands

- Magnetic moments  $\mu(J) = a_0 J + a_1 \frac{K}{J+1}$
- Magnetic transitions  $\langle J-1 || M1 || J \rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{J^2-K^2}{J}} a_1$

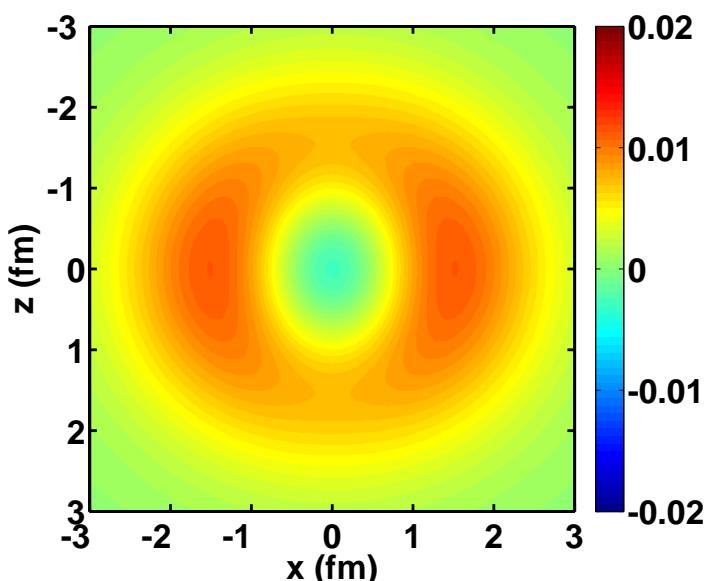


- Both proton and neutron  $Q$  and  $\langle J_f || E2 || J_i \rangle$
- Dipole terms: proton and neutron orbital motion and intrinsic spin contributions

# Details: one-body density of ${}^9\text{Be}$ ground state ( $\frac{3}{2}^-$ , $\frac{1}{2}$ )



and their difference

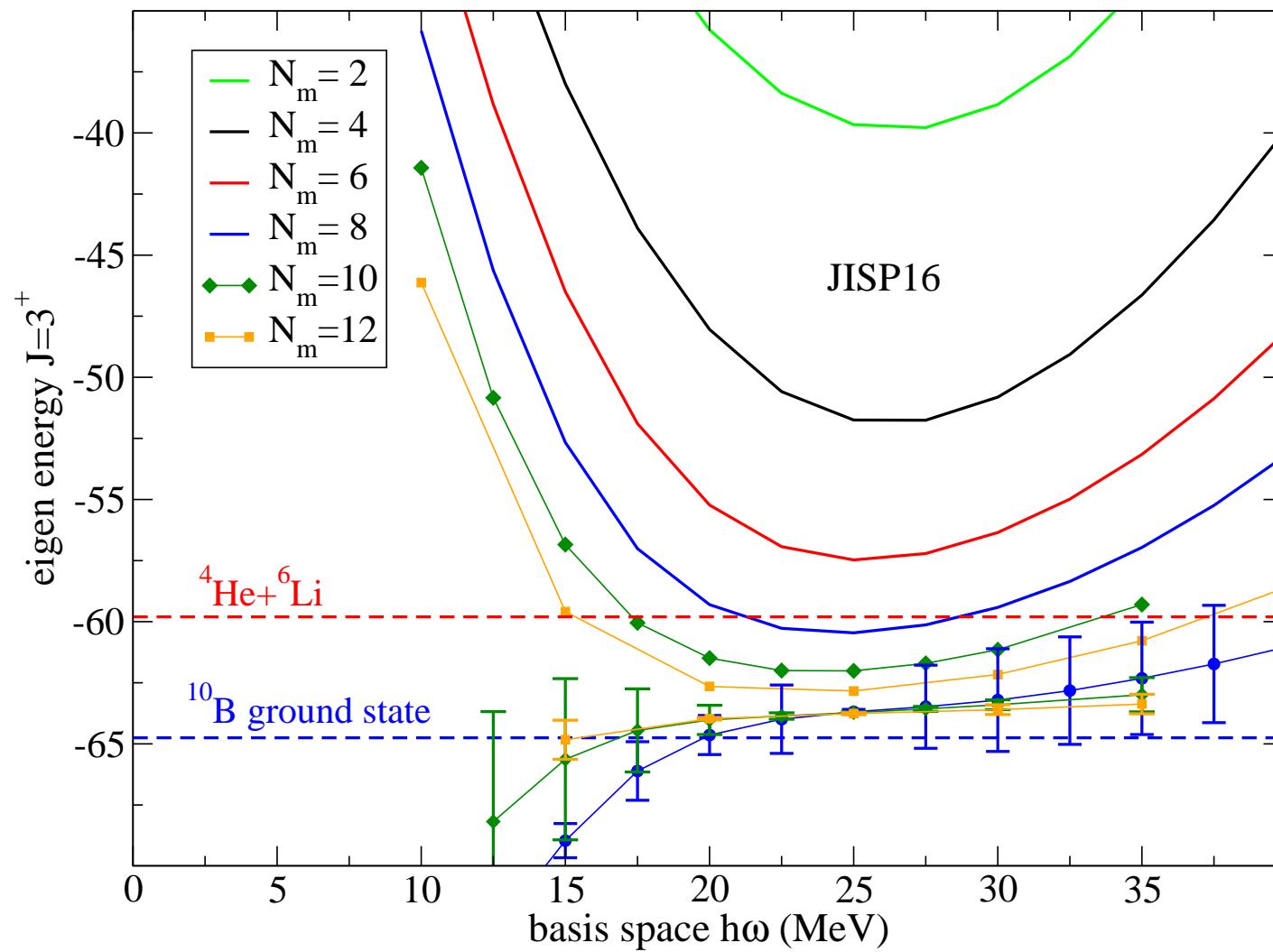


Translationally-invariant  
proton and neutron densities  
Cockrell, PhD thesis, 2012

- Emergence of  $\alpha$  clustering
- extra neutron appears to be in  $\pi$  orbital

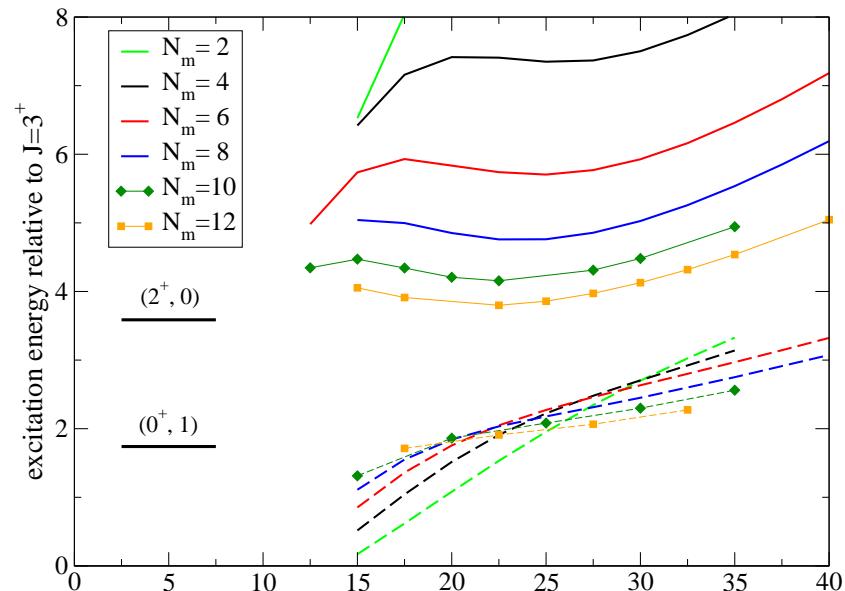
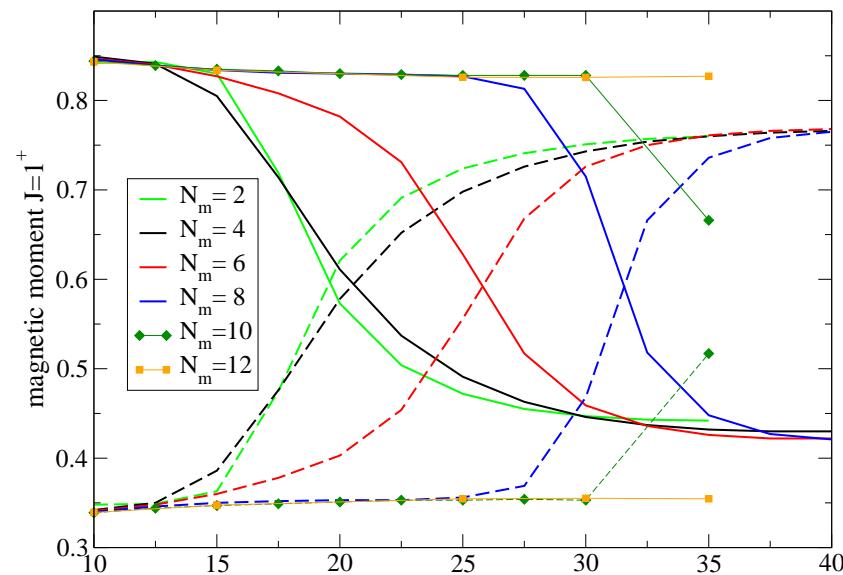
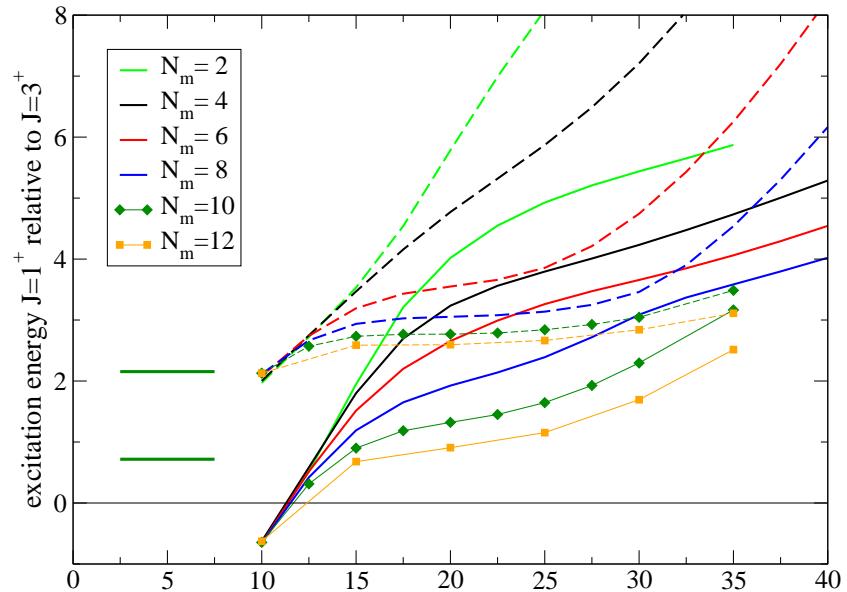
# Ground state energy $^{10}\text{B}$

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- Extrapolated energy  $3^+$  state in reasonable agreement with data

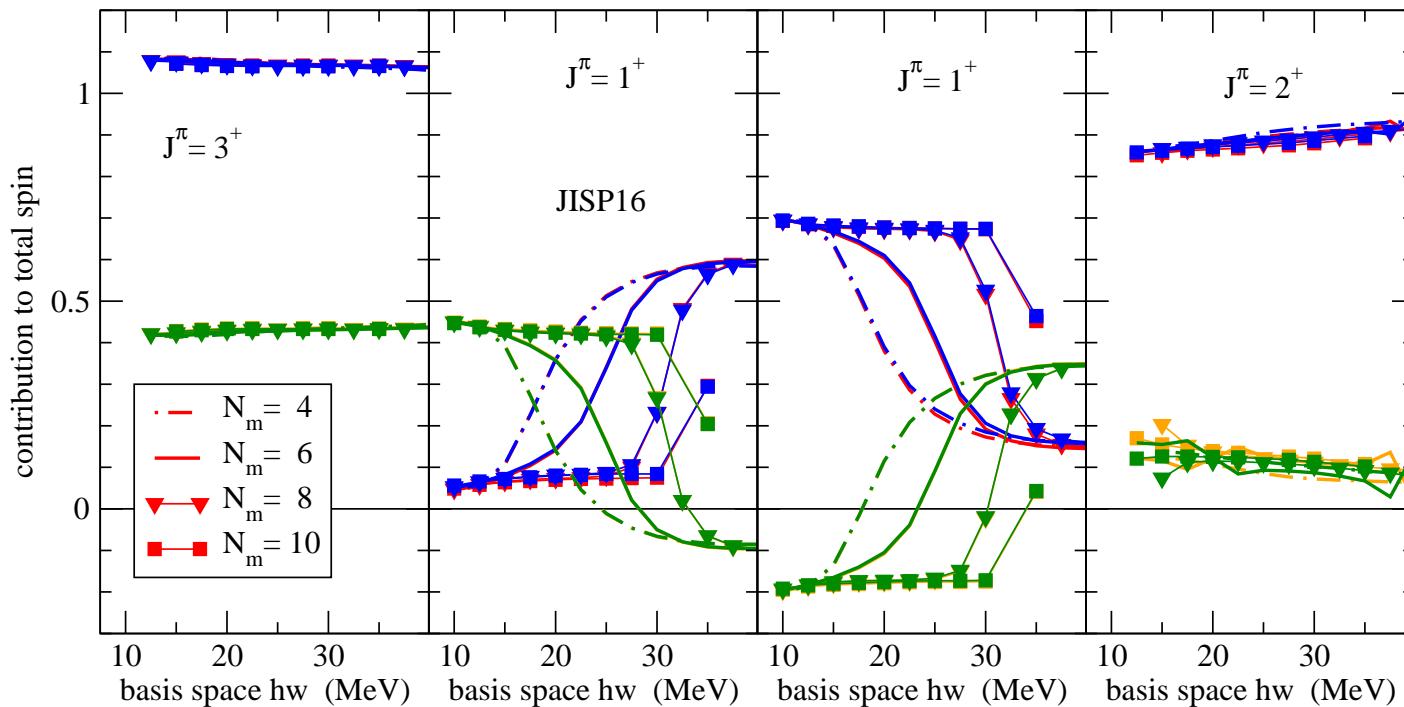
# Low-lying spectrum of $^{10}B$



- Two low-lying  $1^+$  states
  - different convergence patterns
  - level crossing hinders extrapolation
  - magnetic moments converged
- Slow convergence for  $2^+$  state
- Good convergence for  $(0^+, 1)$  state

## Details: spin components 10B

$$J = \frac{1}{J+1} \left( \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{L}_p \rangle + \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{L}_n \rangle + \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{S}_p \rangle + \langle \vec{J} \cdot \vec{S}_n \rangle \right)$$



- Converged with  $N_{\max}$ , same spin structure protons and neutrons
- Two  $1^+$  states have very different structure
- Clear evidence of level crossing

# Predictions for $^{14}\text{F}$ confirmed by experiments at Texas A&M

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## First observation of $^{14}\text{F}$

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NCFC predictions (JISP16) in close agreement with experiment

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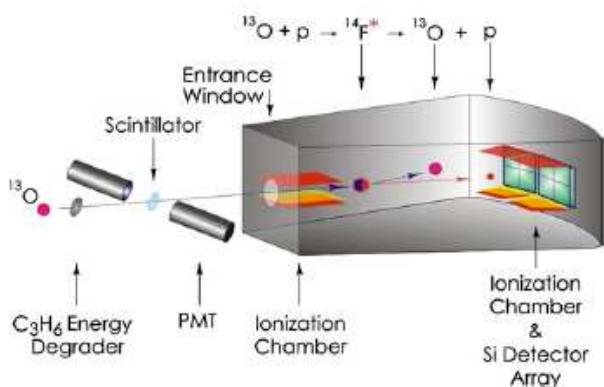


Fig. 1. (Color online.) The setup for the  $^{14}\text{F}$  experiment. The “gray box” is the scattering chamber. See explanation in the text.

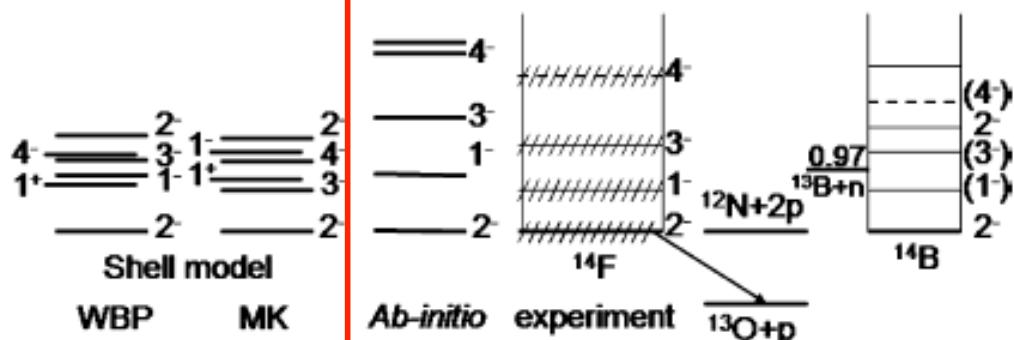


Fig. 6.  $^{14}\text{F}$  level scheme from this work compared with shell-model calculations, *ab initio* calculations [3] and the  $^{14}\text{B}$  level scheme [16]. The shell model calculations were performed with the WBP [21] and MK [22] residual interactions using the code COSMO [23].

# Nuclear interaction from chiral perturbation theory

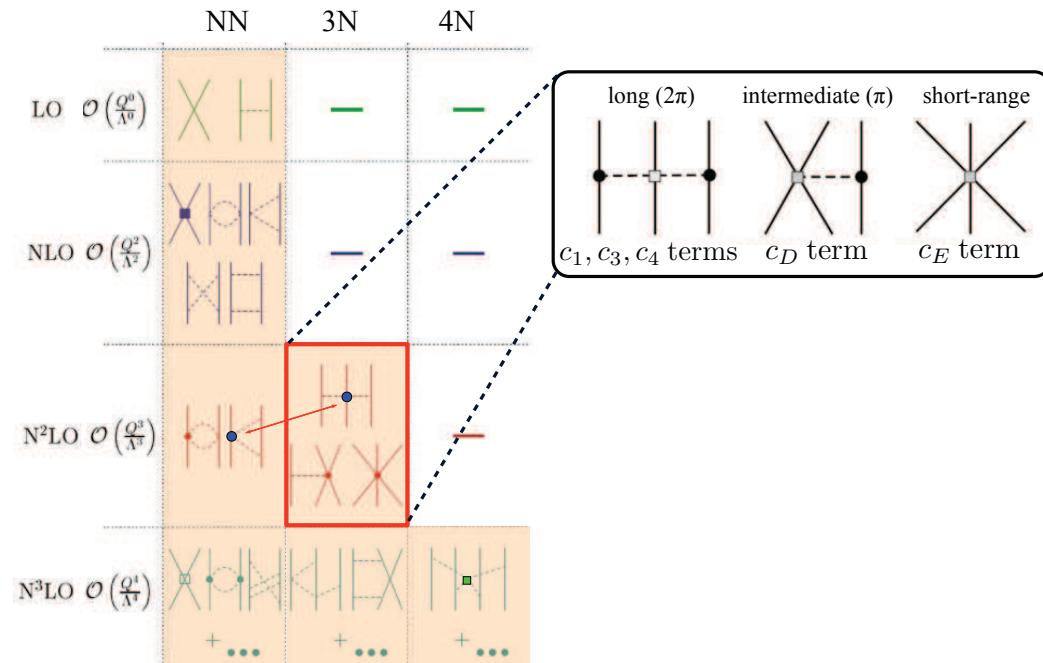
- Strong interaction in principle calculable from QCD
- Use chiral perturbation theory to obtain effective  $A$ -body interaction from QCD Entem and Machleidt, Phys. Rev. C68, 041001 (2003)

- controlled power series expansion in  $Q/\Lambda_\chi$  with  $\Lambda_\chi \sim 1$  GeV
- natural hierarchy for many-body forces

$$V_{NN} \gg V_{NNN} \gg V_{NNNN}$$

- in principle no free parameters
  - in practice a few undetermined parameters
- renormalization necessary

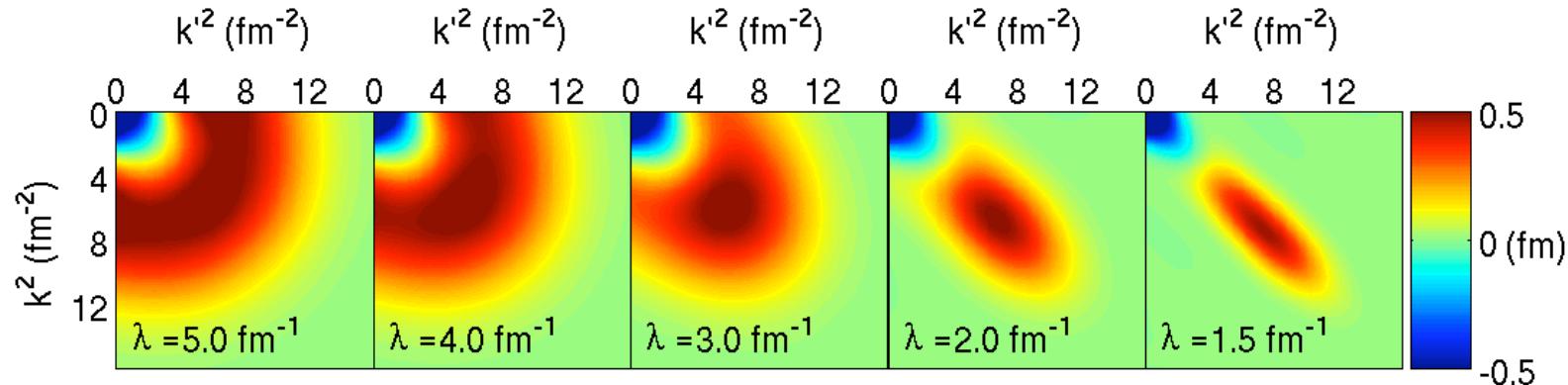
Leading-order 3N forces in chiral EFT



# Similarity Renormalization Group – NN interaction

- SRG evolution

Bogner, Furnstahl, Perry, PRC 75 (2007) 061001



- drives interaction towards band-diagonal structure
- SRG shifts strength between 2-body and many-body forces
- Initial chiral EFT Hamiltonian power-counting hierarchy  $A$ -body forces

$$V_{NN} \gg V_{NNN} \gg V_{NNNN}$$

- key issue: preserve hierarchy of many-body forces

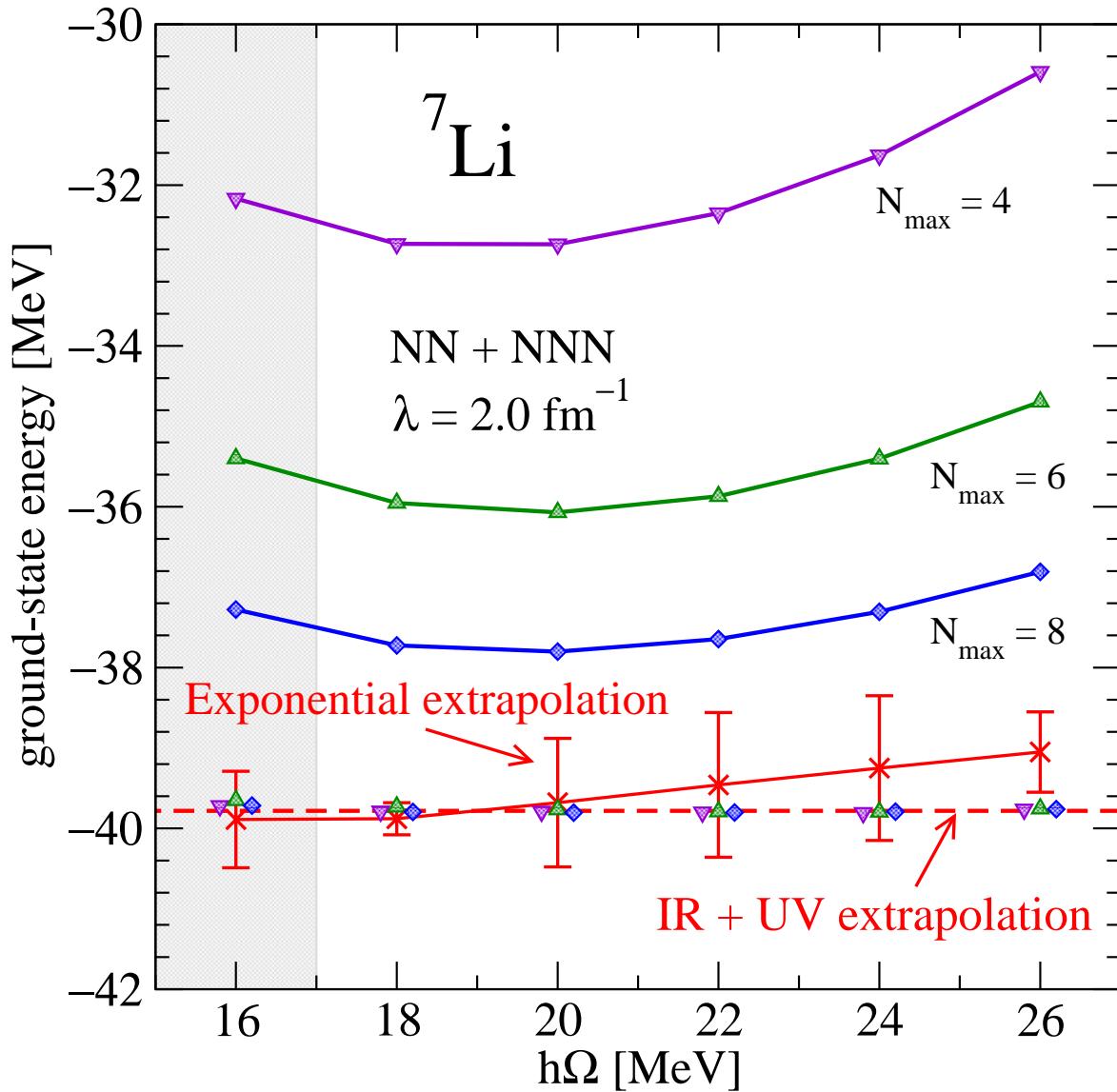
Bogner, Furnstahl, Maris, Perry, Schwenk, Vary, NPA801, 21 (2008)

Roth, Langhammer, Calci, Binder, Navrátil, PRL 107 072501 (2011)

Jurgenson, Maris, Furnstahl, Navrátil, Ormand, Vary, PRC87 054312 (2013)

# Ground state energy of $^7\text{Li}$ with SRG evolved chiral interaction

Jurgenson, Maris, Furnstahl, Navrátil, Ormand, Vary, PRC87 054312 (2013)

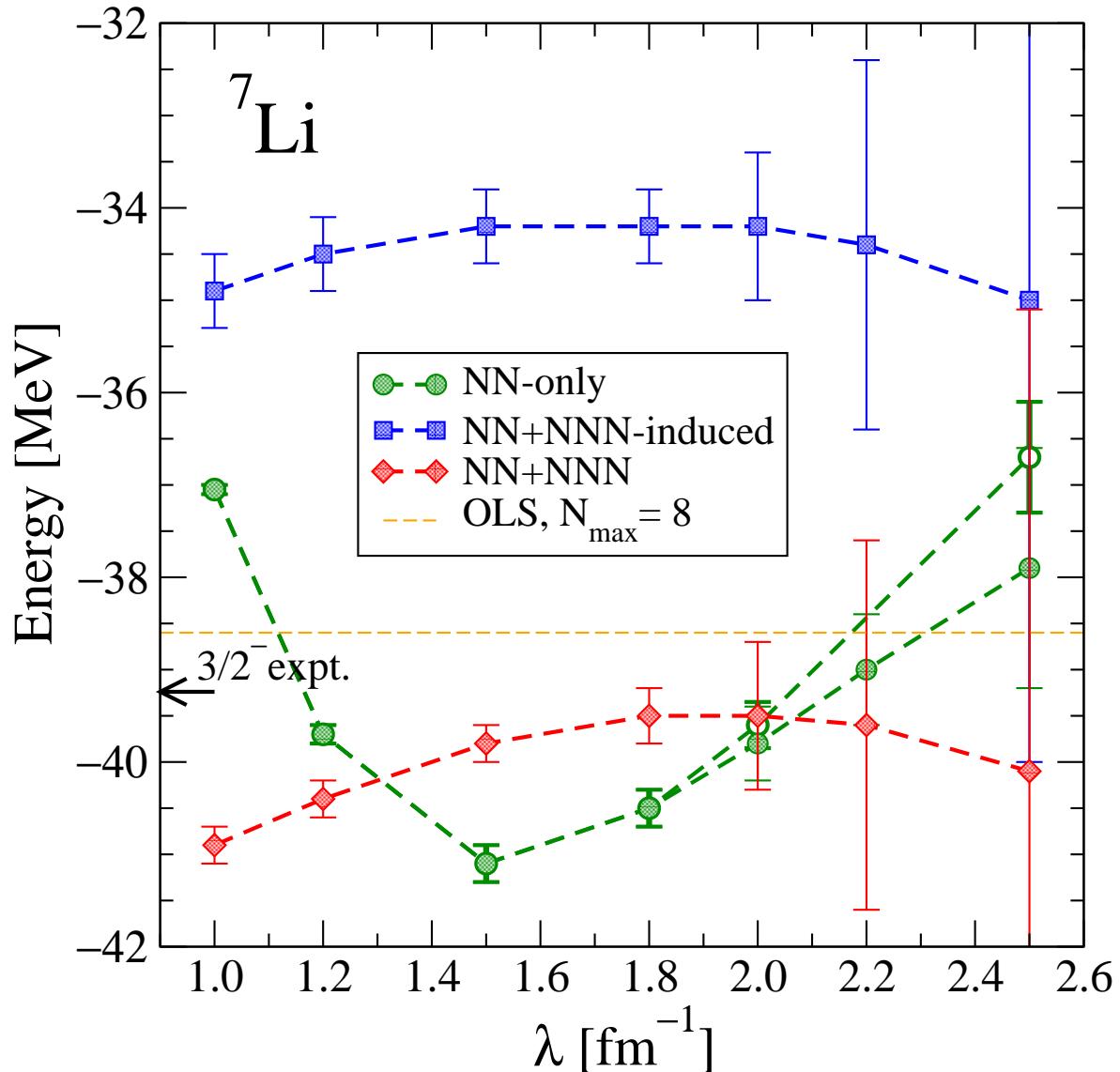


## Interaction

- chiral NN at  $\text{N}^3\text{LO}$
  - chiral 3N at  $\text{N}^2\text{LO}$
  - 3N LEC values:
    - $c_D = -0.2$
    - $c_E = -0.205$
  - 500 MeV cutoff
- SRG evolved to  $\lambda = 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

# Running of ground state energy of $^7\text{Li}$ with SRG evolution

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Numerical convergence

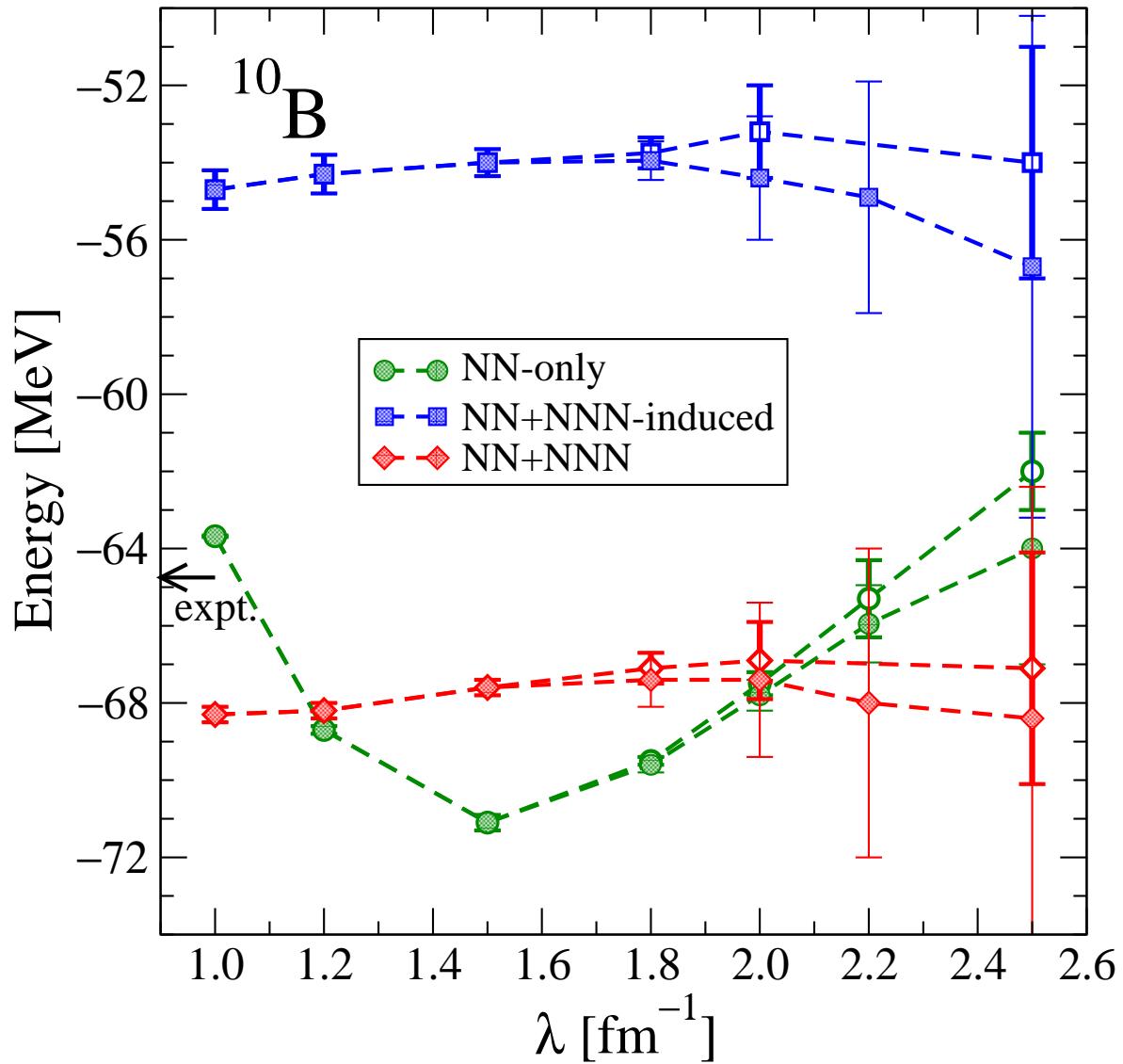
- good  $\lambda < 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$
- slow  $\lambda > 2.0 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

Dependence on  
SRG parameter  $\lambda$

- NN only: strong
- NN + 3N induced: weak
- NN + 3N: weak

# Running of ground state energy of $^{10}\text{B}$ with SRG evolution

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Numerical convergence

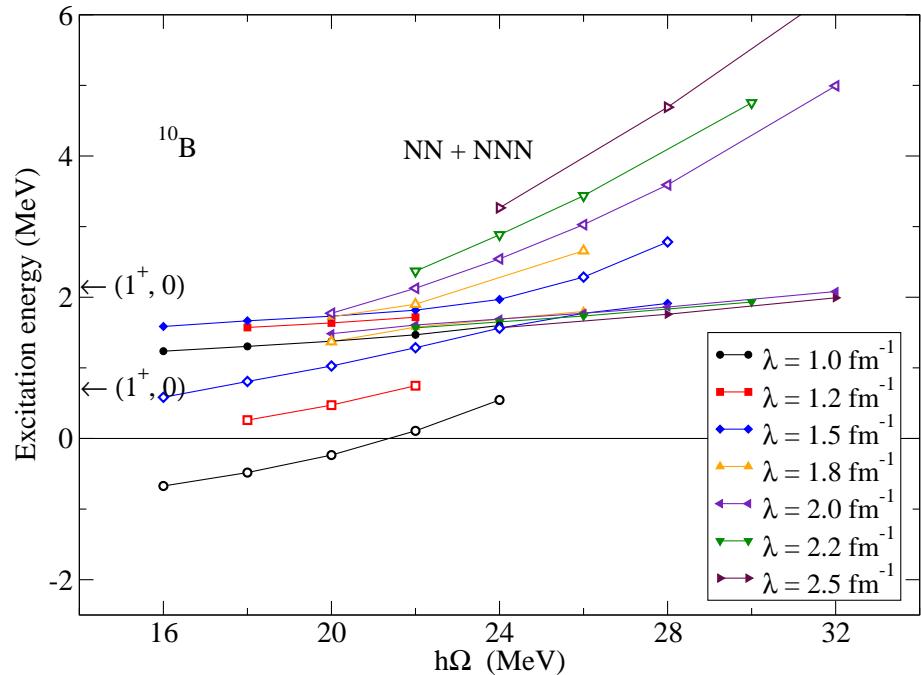
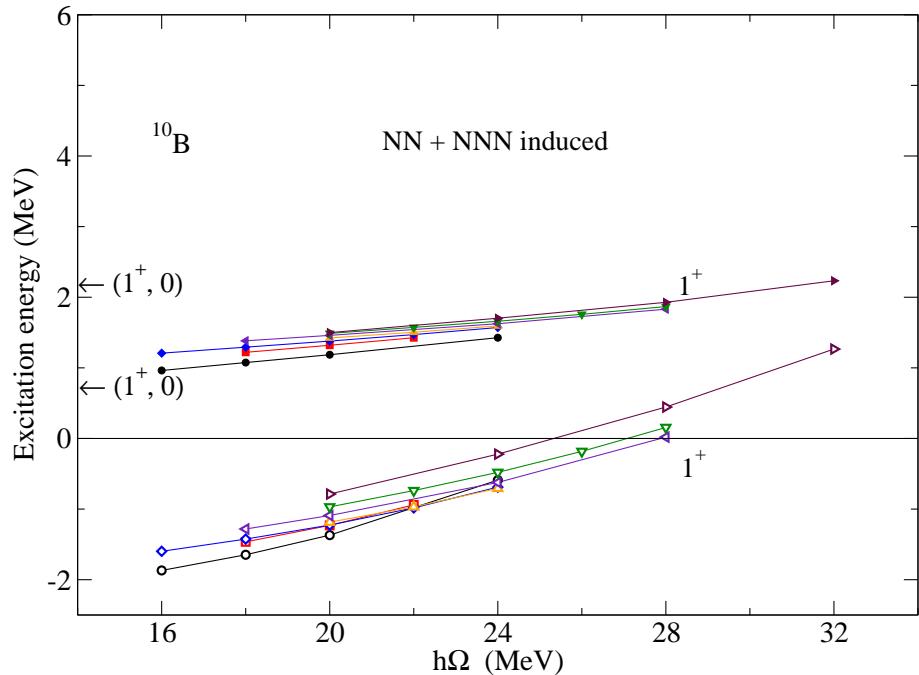
- good  $\lambda < 2.0$  fm $^{-1}$
- slow  $\lambda > 2.0$  fm $^{-1}$

Dependence on SRG parameter  $\lambda$

- NN only: strong
- NN + 3N induced: weak
- NN + 3N: weak

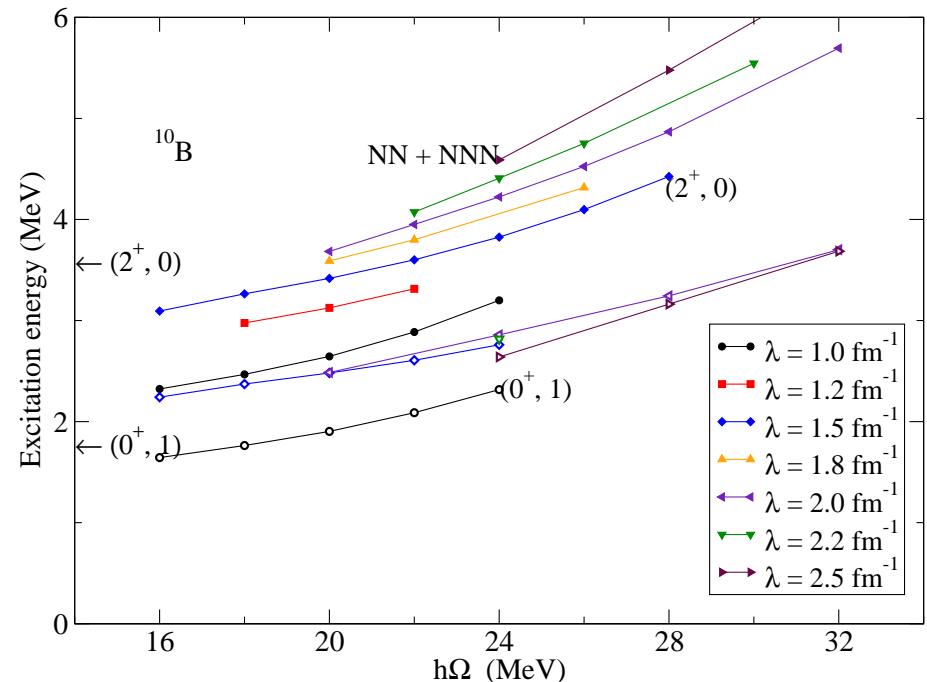
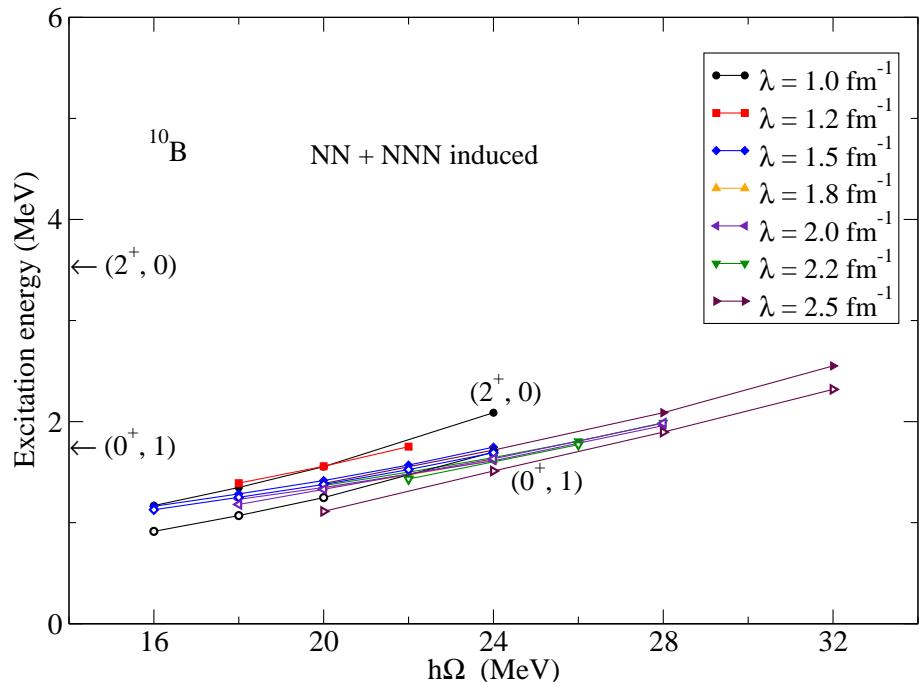
# Running of spectrum of $^{10}\text{B}$

Jurgenson, Maris, Furnstahl, Navrátil, Ormand, Vary, PRC87 054312 (2013)



- $(1^+, 0)$  at about 1.6(4) MeV with  $\mu \approx 0.4$  (solid symbols)
  - reasonably well converged, weak  $\lambda$ -dependence
- un-converged  $(1^+, 0)$  with  $\mu \approx 0.8$  (open symbols)
  - without 3NF: weak  $\lambda$ -dependence but strong  $\hbar\Omega$ -dependence
  - with 3NF: not converged, very strong  $\lambda$ - and  $\hbar\Omega$ -dependence

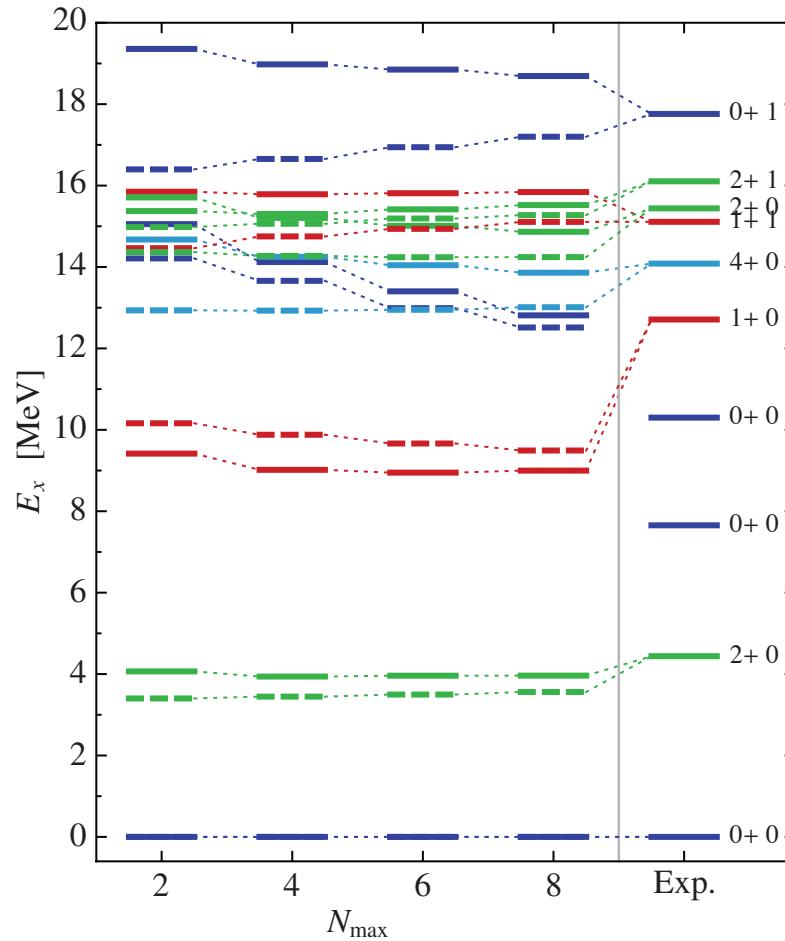
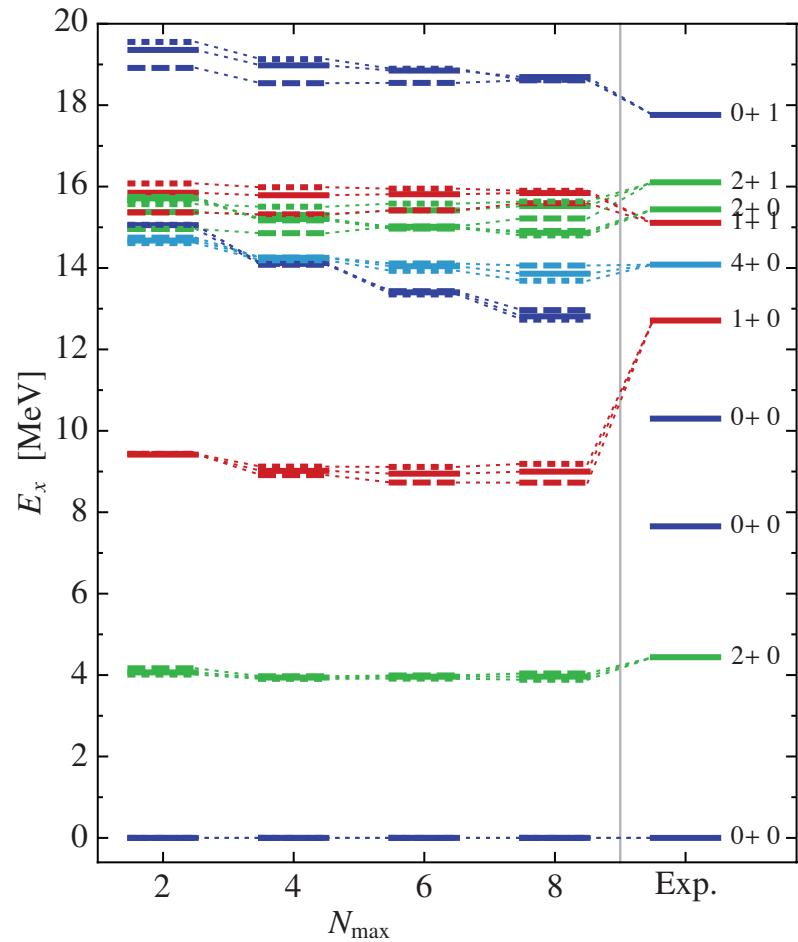
# Running of spectrum of $^{10}\text{B}$



- $(0^+, 1)$  at 1 to 3 MeV (open symbols)
  - weak  $\lambda$ -dependence but moderate  $\hbar\Omega$ -dependence
- $(2^+, 0)$  (solid symbols)
  - without 3NF: weak  $\lambda$ -dependence, moderate  $\hbar\Omega$ -dependence, but too low in excitation energy
  - with 3NF: not converged, strong  $\lambda$ - and  $\hbar\Omega$ -dependence

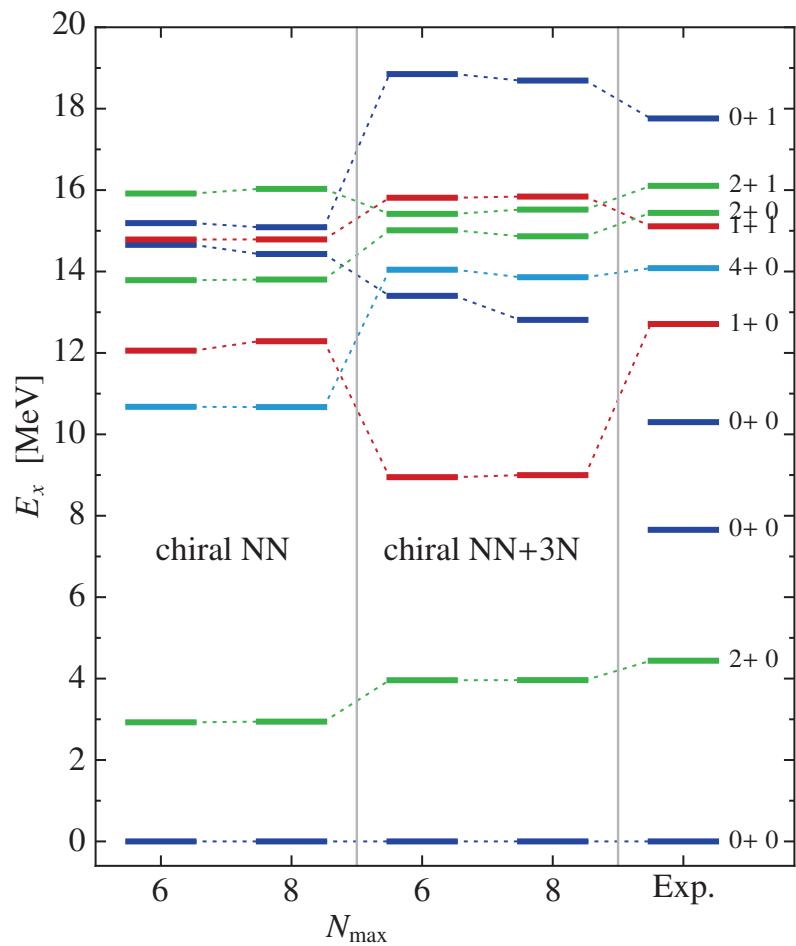
# Spectrum of $^{12}\text{C}$

Maris, Vary, Calci, Langhammer, Binder, Roth, arXiv:1405:1331 [nucl-th]

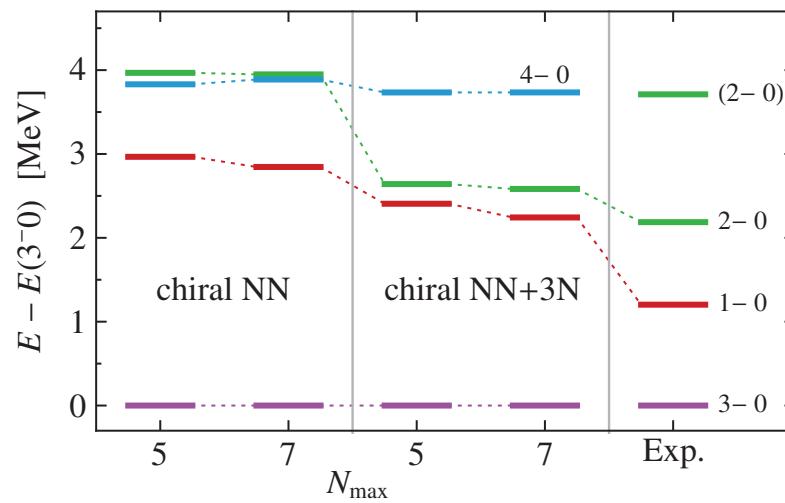


- excitation energies reasonably well converged
- dependence of SRG parameter (left) generally smaller than dependence on basis  $\hbar\Omega$  (right)

# Spectrum of $^{12}\text{C}$



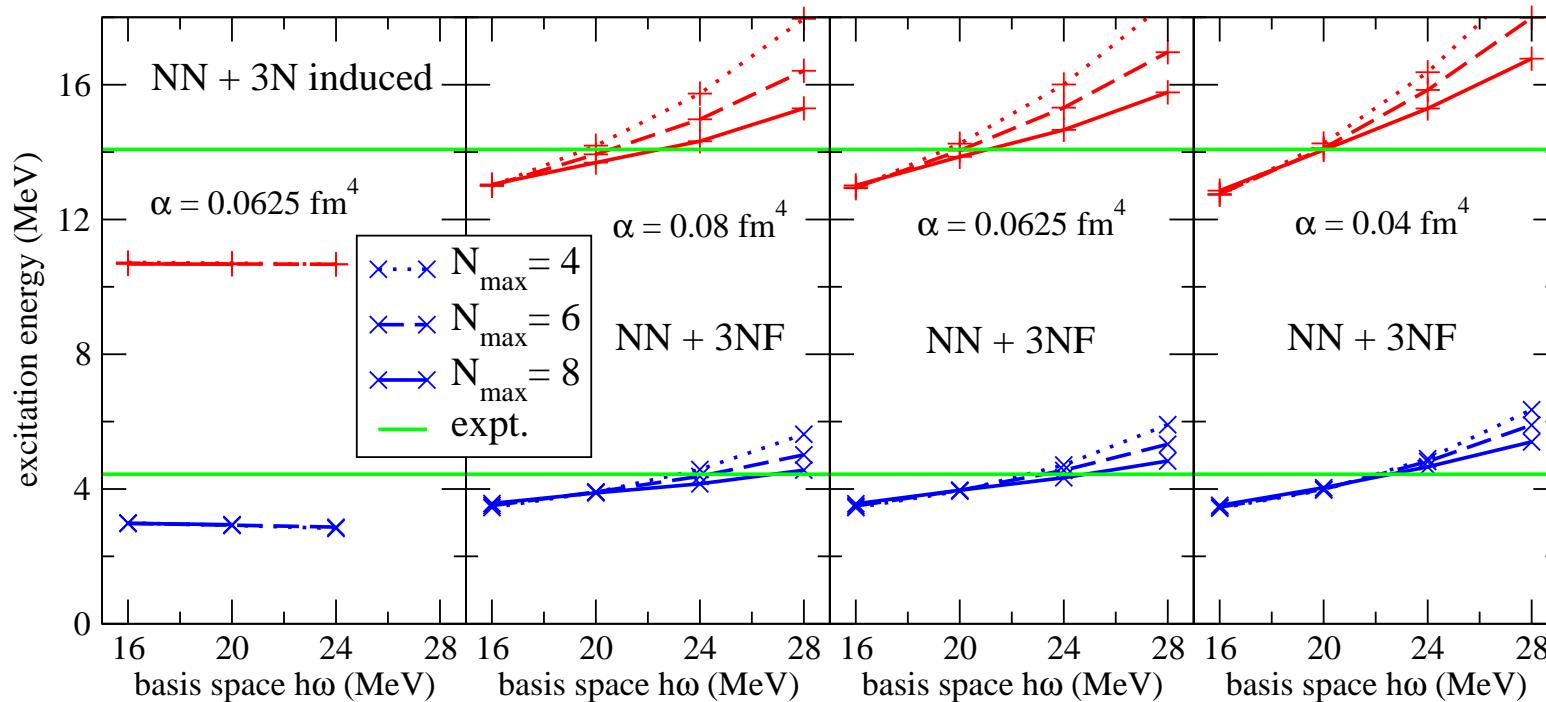
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- 500 MeV cutoff



- Excitation energies  $(1^+, 0)$  and  $(0^+, 1)$  sensitive to 3NF
- Negative parity spectrum relative to lowest  $(3^-, 0)$  reasonably well converged, and 3NF improves agreement with experiment

# Effect of 3-body forces on rotational excited states $^{12}\text{C}$

Maris *et al* J. Phys. Conf. Ser. 454, 012063 (2013)



- Qualitative agreement with data
- Not converged with explicit 3NF, despite weak  $N_{\max}$  dependence
- Ratio's of excitation energies, quadrupole moments and  $B(E2)$ 's in agreement with rotational model

# Intermezzo: Consistent chiral EFT 2- and 3-body interactions

## Calculation of three-body forces at N<sup>3</sup>LO

Low  
Energy  
Nuclear  
Physics  
International  
Collaboration



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J. Langhammer, R. Roth



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### Goal

Calculate matrix elements of 3NF in a partial-wave decomposed form which is suitable for different few- and many-body frameworks

### Challenge

Due to the large number of matrix elements,  
the calculation is extremely expensive.

### Strategy

Develop an efficient code which allows to  
treat arbitrary local 3N interactions.  
(Krebs and Hebeler)

# *Something different: Ab Initio Extreme Neutron Matter*

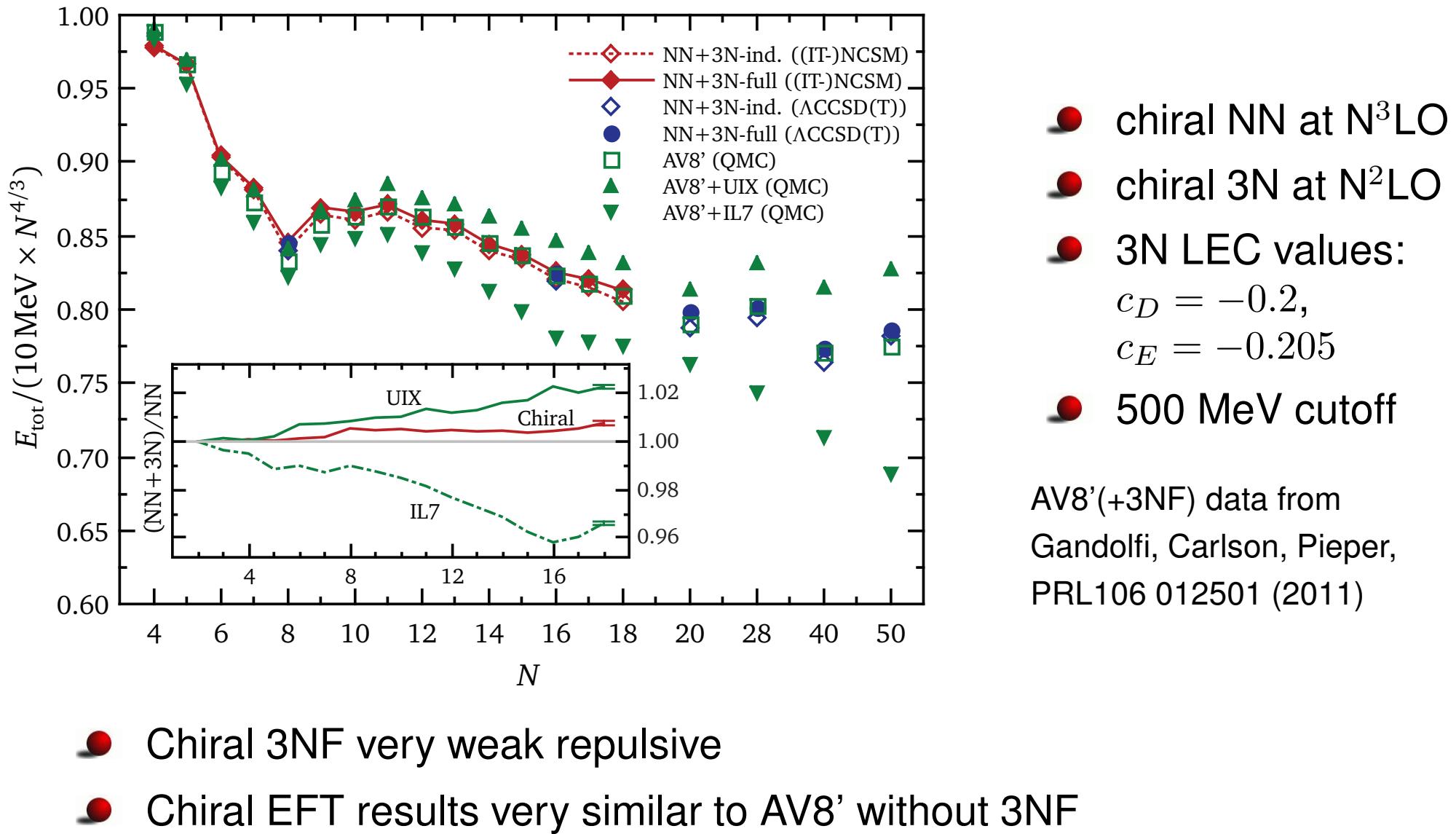
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Neutrons confined in a trap

- Model for neutron-rich systems  
in particular those with closed shell protons (Oxygen, Calcium)
- Theoretical 'laboratory' to explore
  - properties of different nuclear interactions
  - effect of density and gradient  
on nuclear properties for different interactions
- Construct and/or validate Nuclear Energy Density Functionals  
using microscopic ab-initio calculations
  - Validate Density Matrix Expansion using Minnesota potential  
Bogner *et al*, arXiv:1106.3557 [nucl-th], PRC84, 044306 (2011)
  - Adjust standard Skyrme functionals  
to reproduce ab-initio neutron drop energies  
Gandolfi, Carlson, Pieper, arXiv:1010.4583 [nucl-th], PRL106 012501 (2011)

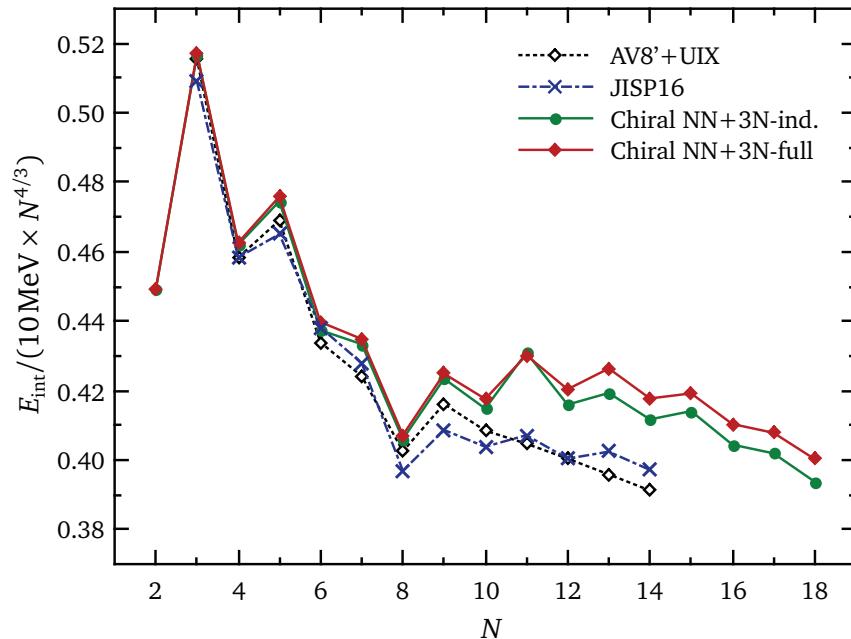
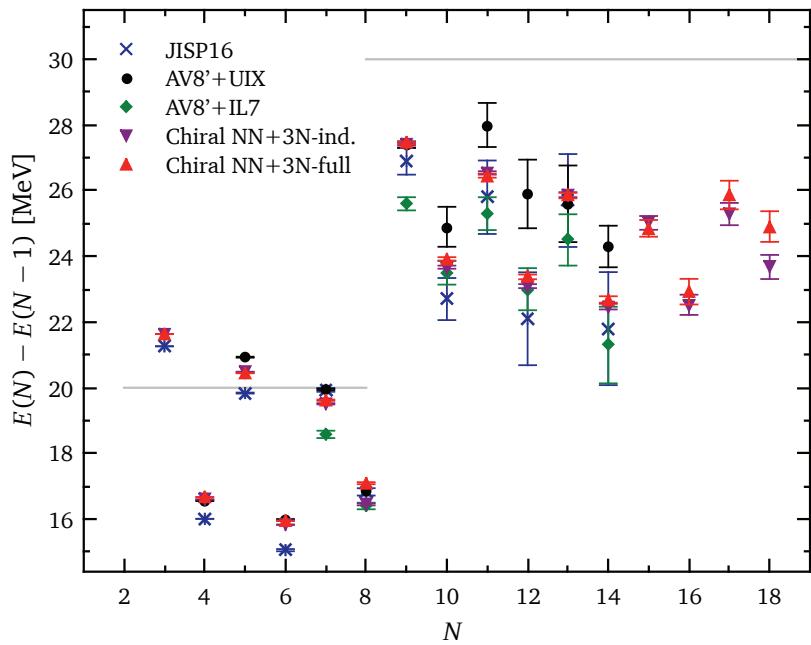
# Neutrons confined in HO external field

Potter, Fischer, Maris, Vary, Binder, Calci, Langhammer, Roth, arXiv:1406.1160 [nucl-th]



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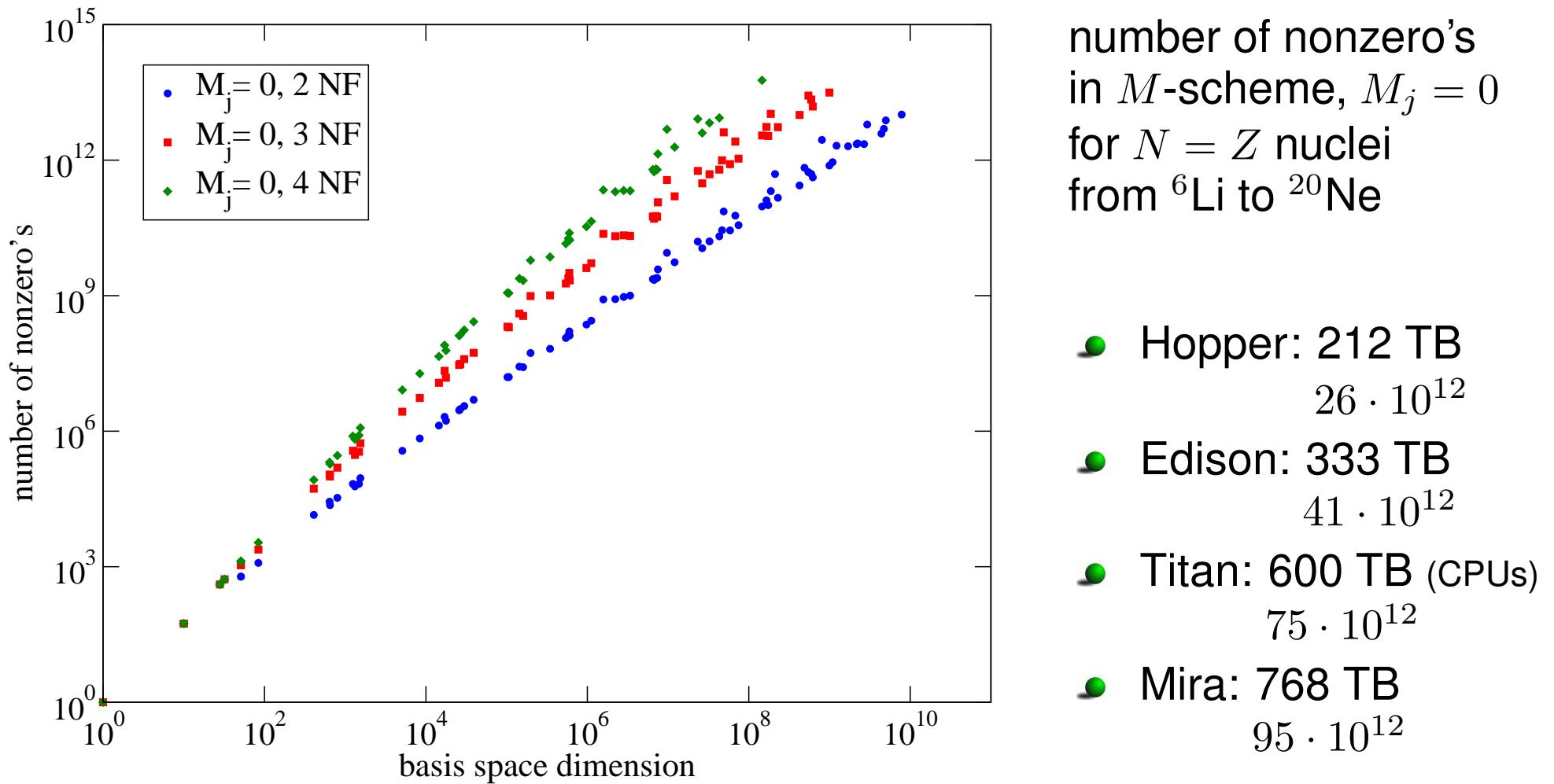


- Clear evidence for pairing with chiral EFT potential both in total energy (left) and in internal energy (right)
- GFMC results for AV8' + IUX show significantly less pairing, in particular above  $N = 8$

JISP16, AV8'+3NF data from Maris, Vary, Gandolfi, Carlson, Pieper, PRC87 054318 (2013)

# Looking forward: Taming the scale explosion

- Reaching the limit of  $M$ -scheme  $N_{\max}$  truncation
  - extremely large, extremely sparse matrices

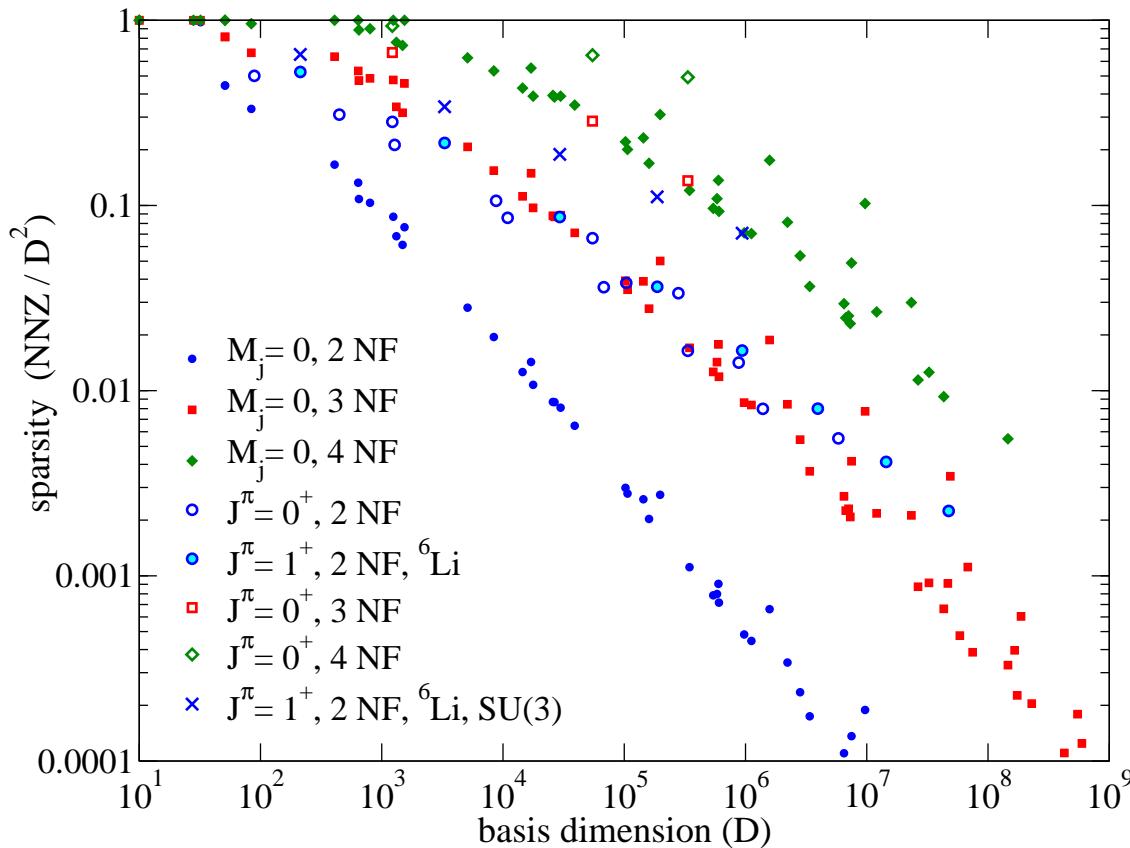


# Looking forward: Taming the scale explosion

- Reaching the limit of  $M$ -scheme  $N_{\max}$  truncation
- Exploit symmetries to reduce basis dimension
  - SU(3) basis
  - Coupled-J basis

Dytrych *et al*, PRL111, 252501 (2013)

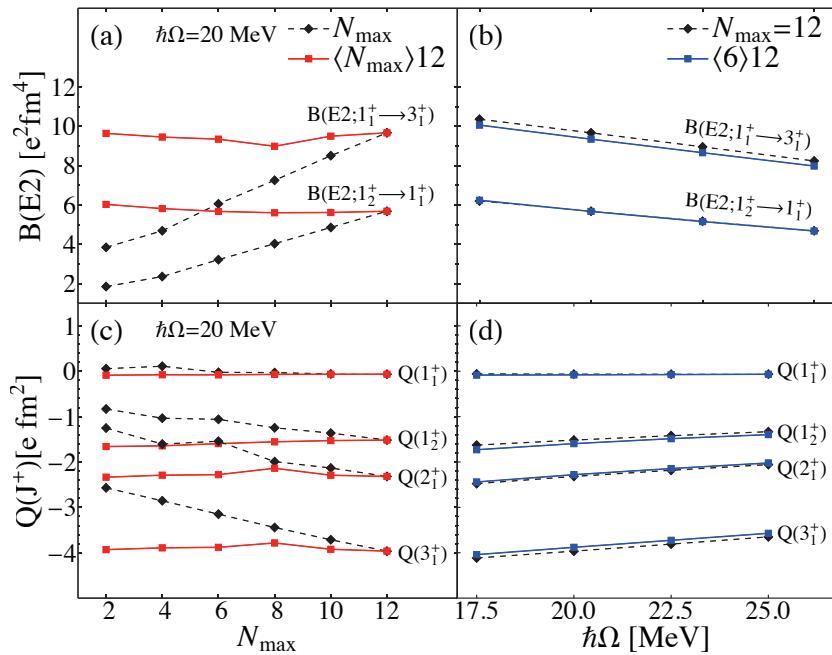
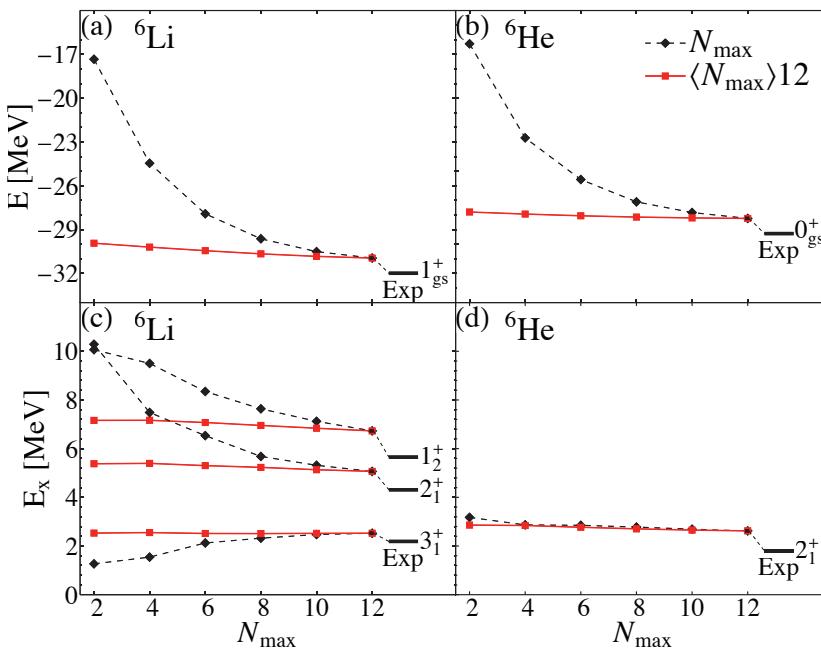
Aktulga, Yang, Ng, Maris, Vary, HPCS2011



- smaller, but less sparse matrices
- number of nonzero matrix elements often (significantly) larger than in  $M$ -scheme
- construction of matrix more costly
- diagonalization cheaper than in  $M$ -scheme

# Looking forward: Taming the scale explosion

- Reaching the limit of  $M$ -scheme  $N_{\max}$  truncation
- Exploit symmetries to reduce basis dimension
- Reduce basis dim. by keeping only most important basis states
  - Symmetry Adapted No-Core Shell Model



$\langle N_{\max} \rangle 12$  complete basis up to  $N_{\max}$ ,  
dominant SU(3) irreps up to  $N_{\max} = 12$

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# *Looking forward: Taming the scale explosion*

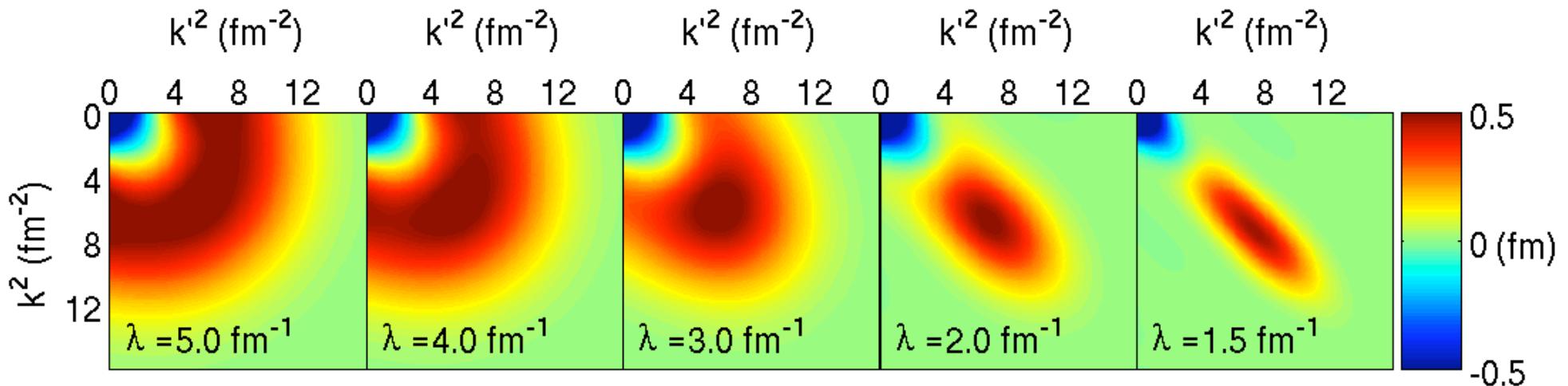
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    - Symmetry Adapted NCSM Dytrych *et al*, PRL111, 252501 (2013)
    - Importance Truncated NCSM Roth, PRC79, 064324 (2009)
      - reduce basis dimension by (several) order(s) of magnitude
      - many-body states single Slater Determinants in  $M$ -scheme
    - No-Core Monte-Carlo Shell Model
      - Abe, Maris, Otsuka, Shimizu, Utsuno, Vary, PRC86, 054301 (2012)
      - reduce basis to (few) hundred highly optimized states
      - many-body states linear combination of Slater Determinants
      - hotspot:  
construction of optimized basis and of many-body matrix

# Caveat: Uncertainty Quantification

- can the numerical errors due to reduced basis dimension be quantified within the computation framework?

## Looking forward: Taming the scale explosion

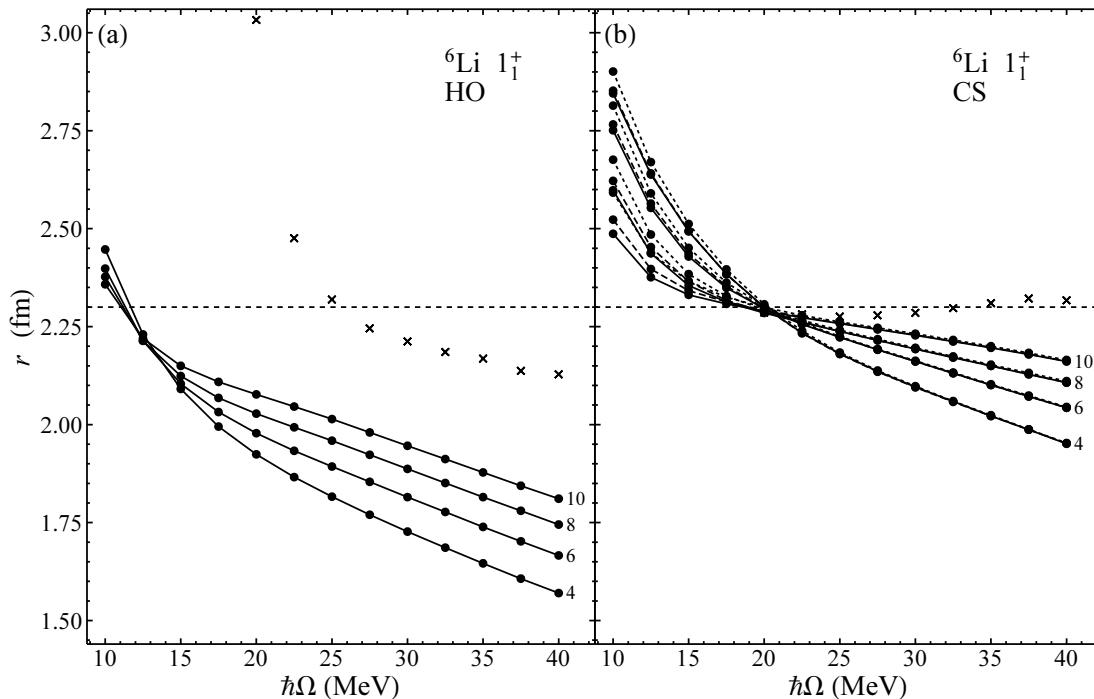
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- Reduce basis dim. by keeping only most important basis states
- Accelerate convergence rate with  $N_{\max}$ 
  - Similarity Renormalization Group



- construction of renormalized input Hamiltonian
- need to transform operators as well as Hamiltonian
- include induced many-body interactions and operators?

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  - More flexible / realistic (radial) basis functions



e.g. Coulomb–Sturmian basis  
to improve convergence  
of RMS radius,  
Caprio, Maris, Vary,  
PRC86, 034312 (2012)

# Conclusions

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- No-core Configuration Interaction nuclear structure calculations
  - Binding energy, spectrum, magnetic moments
  - $\langle r^2 \rangle$ ,  $Q$ , transitions, wfns, one-body densities
- Main challenge: construction and diagonalization of extremely large ( $D \sim 10^{10}$ ) sparse ( $NNZ \sim 10^{14}$ ) matrices
- JISP16
  - Nonlocal phenomenological 2-body interaction
  - Good convergence for energies and magnetic moments
  - Good description of  $p$ -shell nuclei
- Chiral EFT interactions
  - Slower convergence than JISP16, improved by SRG
  - Need consistent NN and 3NF for description of nuclei
  - Effect 3NF on pure neutron drops very small
- Would not have been possible without collaboration with applied mathematicians and computer scientists