

# Extensions of the No-Core Shell Model

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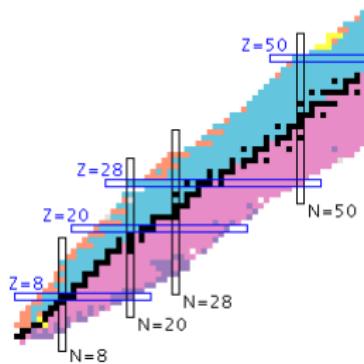
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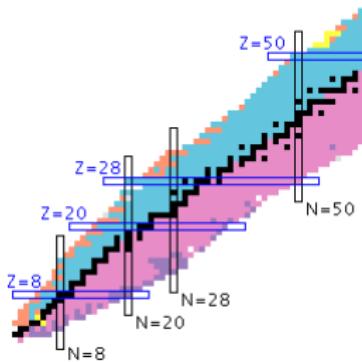
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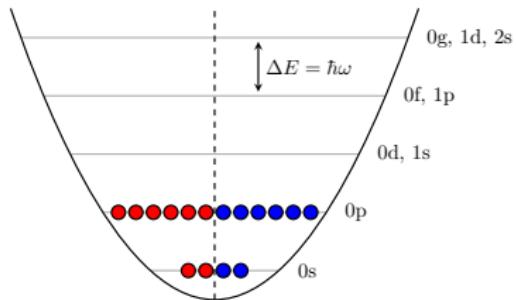
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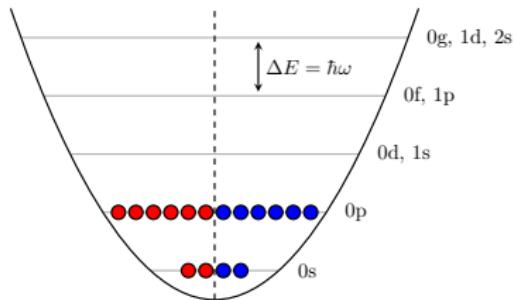
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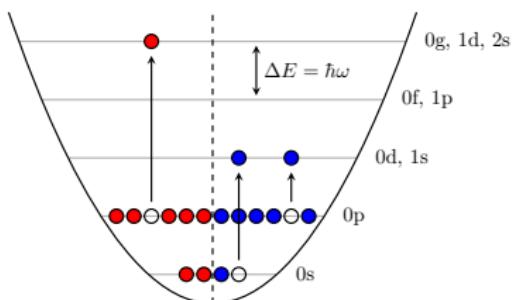
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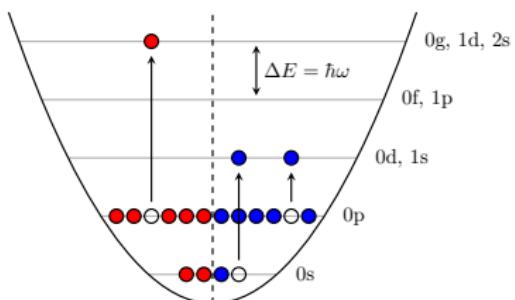
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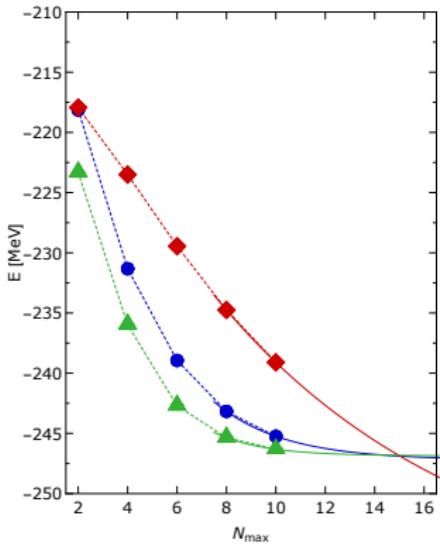
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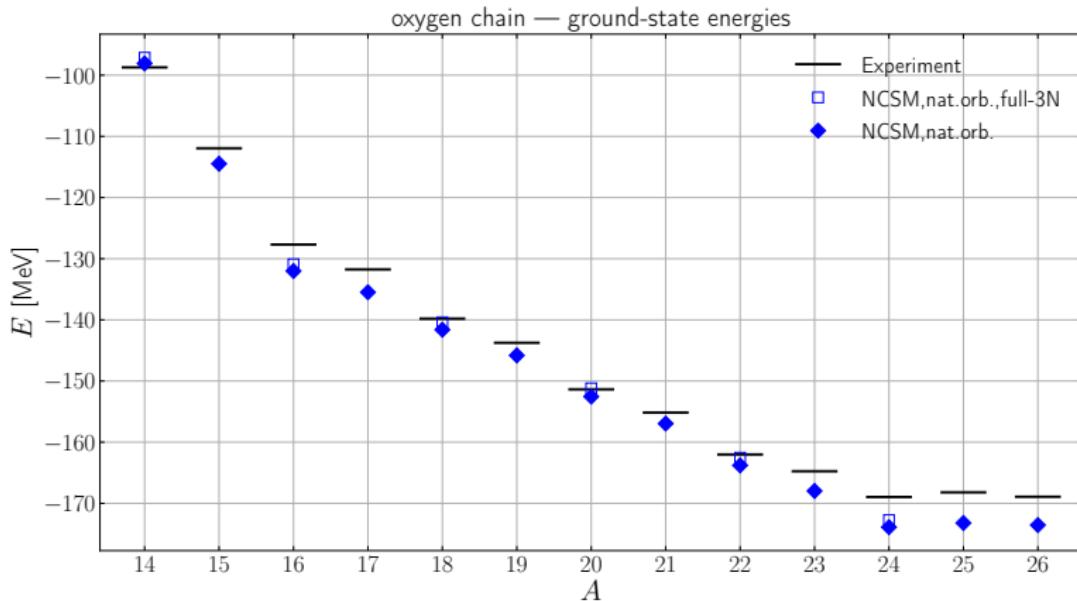
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- use of natural-orbital basis  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  eigenbasis of one-body density from, e.g., second-order Perturbation Theory
- boost  $N_{\max}$  convergence and eliminate  $\hbar\Omega$  dependency

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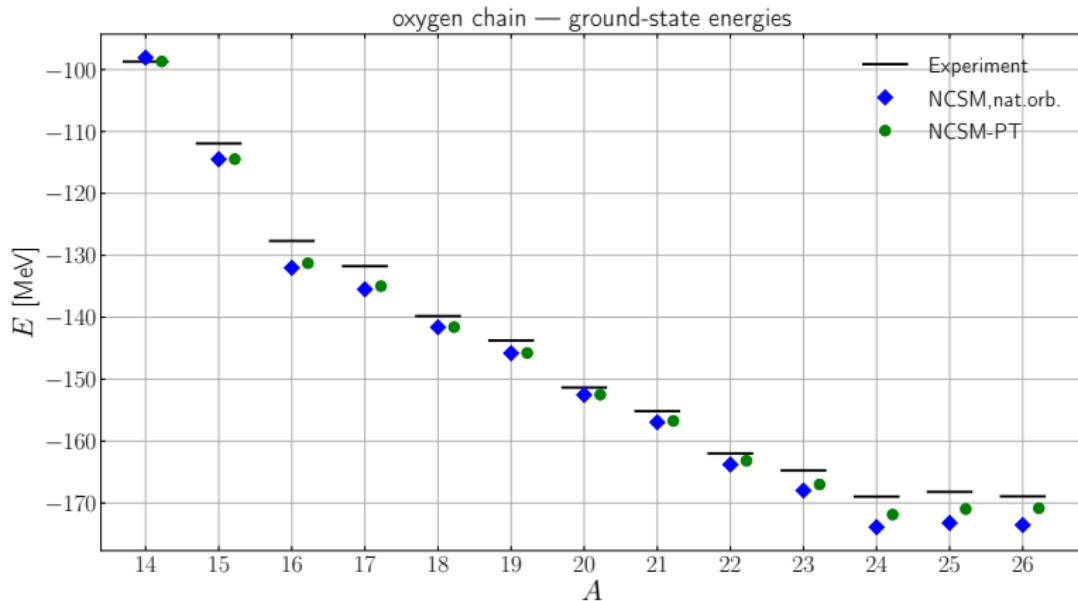
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- use second-order multi-configurational PT to capture correlation effects beyond  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{ref}}$

$$E^{(2)} = - \sum_{\nu \notin \mathcal{M}_{\text{ref}}} \frac{|\langle \Psi | W | \phi_\nu \rangle|^2}{E_\nu^{(0)} - E_{\text{ref}}^{(0)}}$$

PT

- evaluate perturbative corrections in large model space (typically single-particle  $e_{\text{max}}$  truncated)
- convergence booster efficiently accounting for correlation from huge model space

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- use IM-SRG-evolved Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}(s)$  as input for subsequent NCSM calculation
- convergence of NCSM calculation massively improved w.r.t.  $N_{\max}$

# In-Medium No-Core Shell Model: IM-SRG

- use normal-ordered operators truncated at NO2B level throughout evolution

$$\hat{H}(s) \equiv E(s) + \sum_{pq} f_q^p(s) \left\{ \hat{p}^\dagger \hat{q} \right\}_{|\psi\rangle} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \Gamma_{rs}^{pq}(s) \left\{ \hat{p}^\dagger \hat{q}^\dagger \hat{s}^\dagger \hat{r} \right\}_{|\psi\rangle}$$

- perform unitary transformation via SRG flow equation approach:

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

- generator  $\hat{\eta}(s)$  defines decoupling behavior/pattern  $\rightsquigarrow$  tailor SRG for specific applications
- evaluate commutator  $\rightsquigarrow$  coupled system of first-order ordinary differential equations

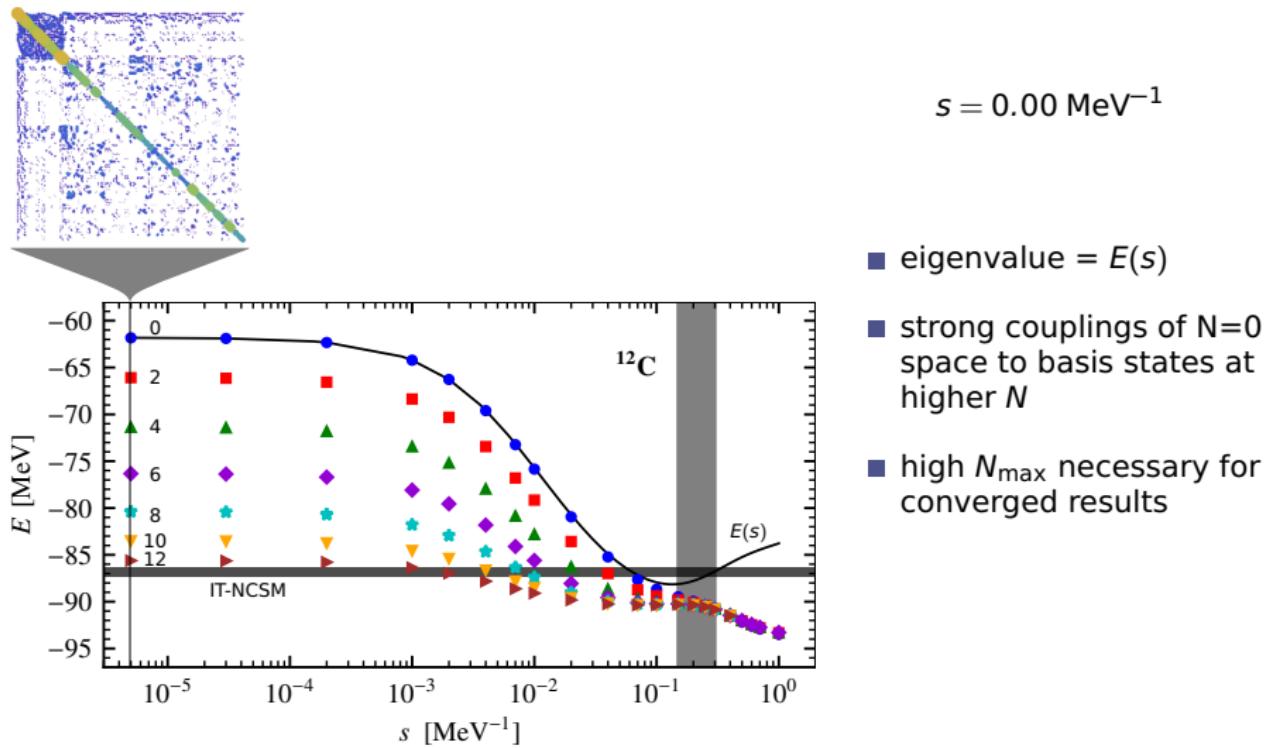
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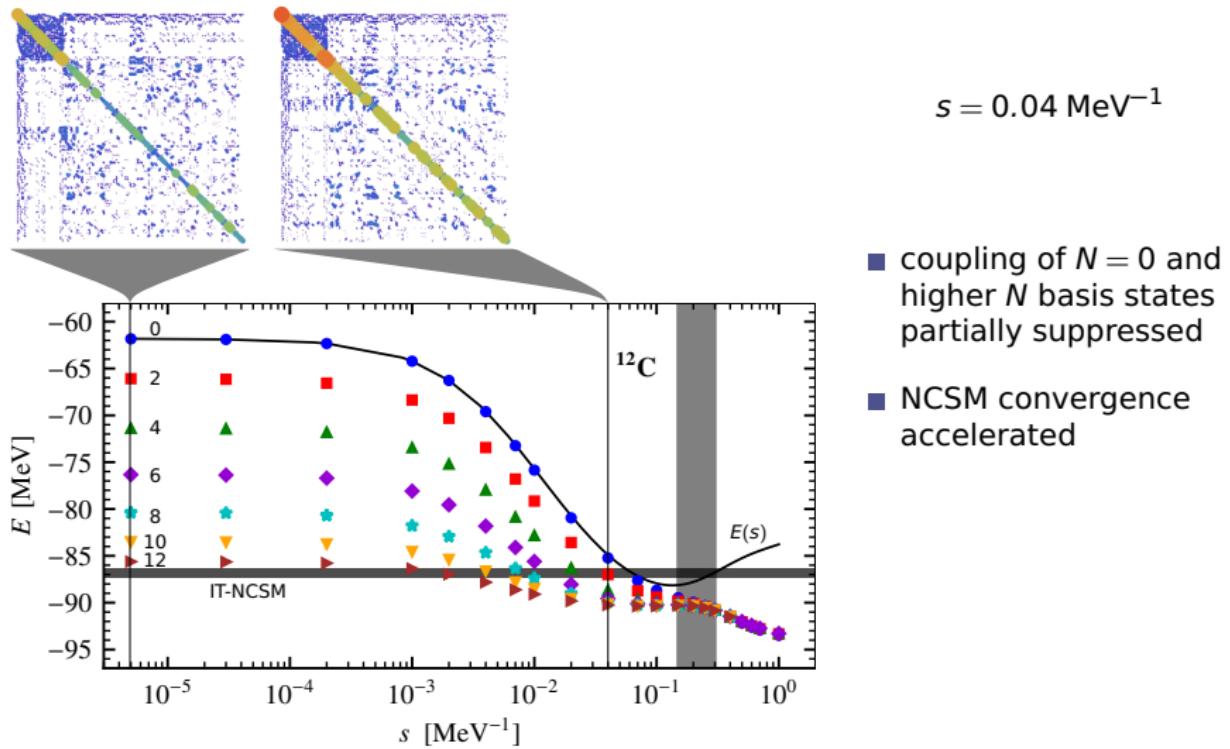
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- coupled formulation restricted to  $J = 0$  reference states  $\rightsquigarrow$  even nuclei

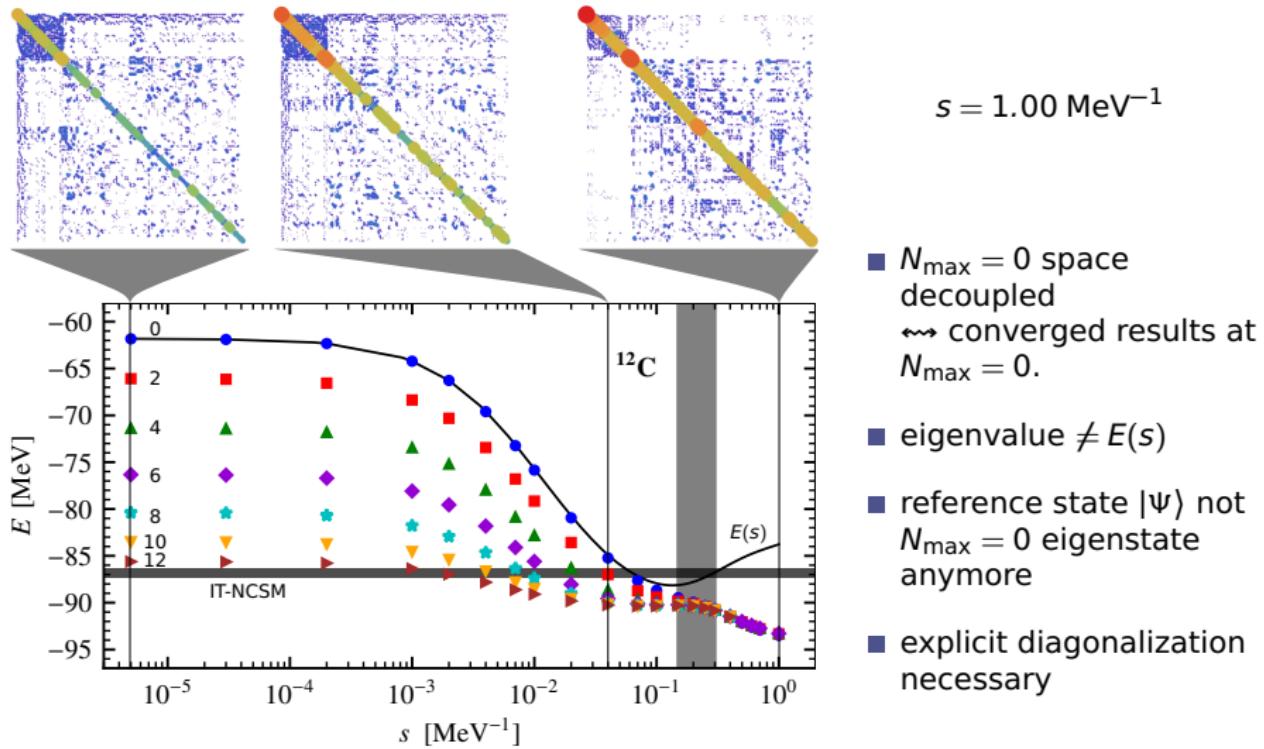
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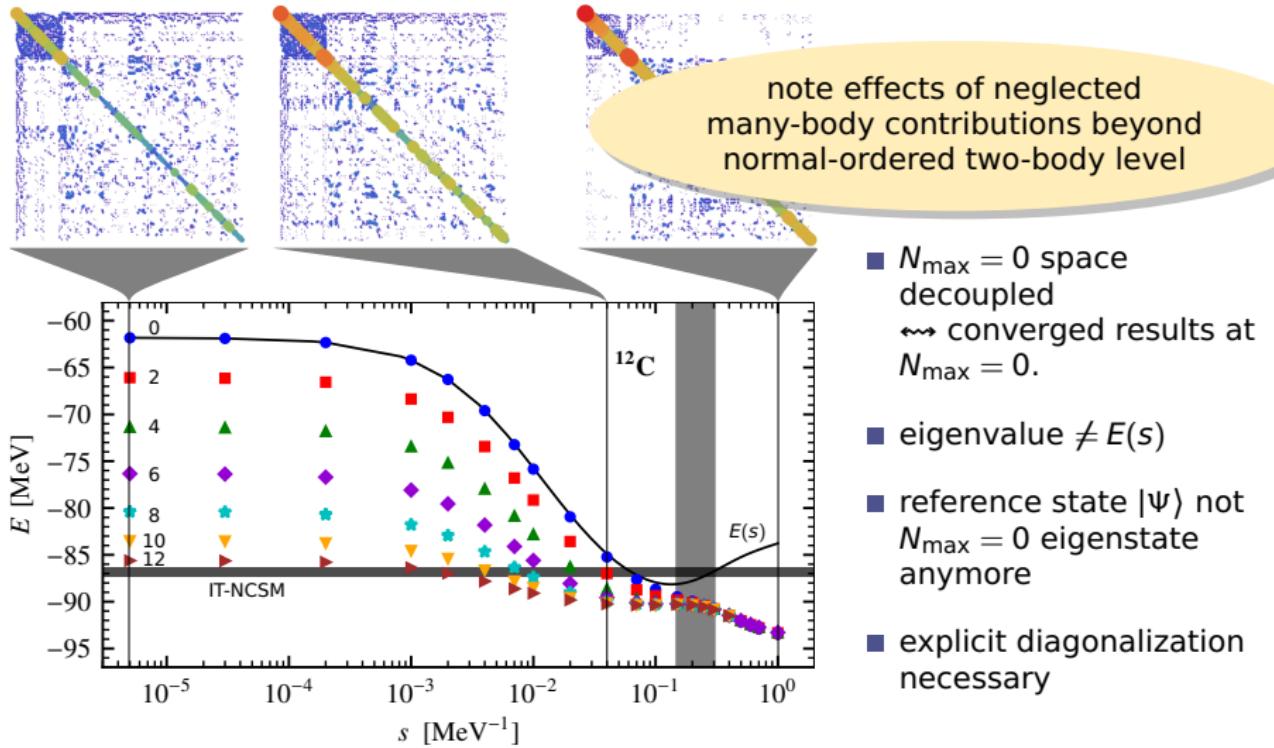
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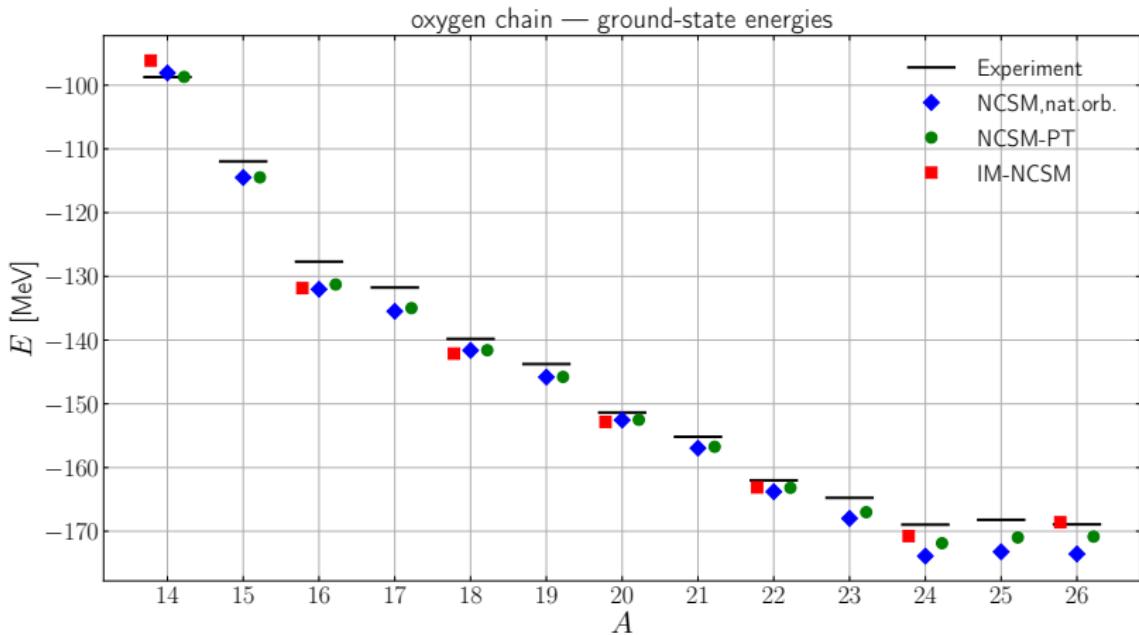
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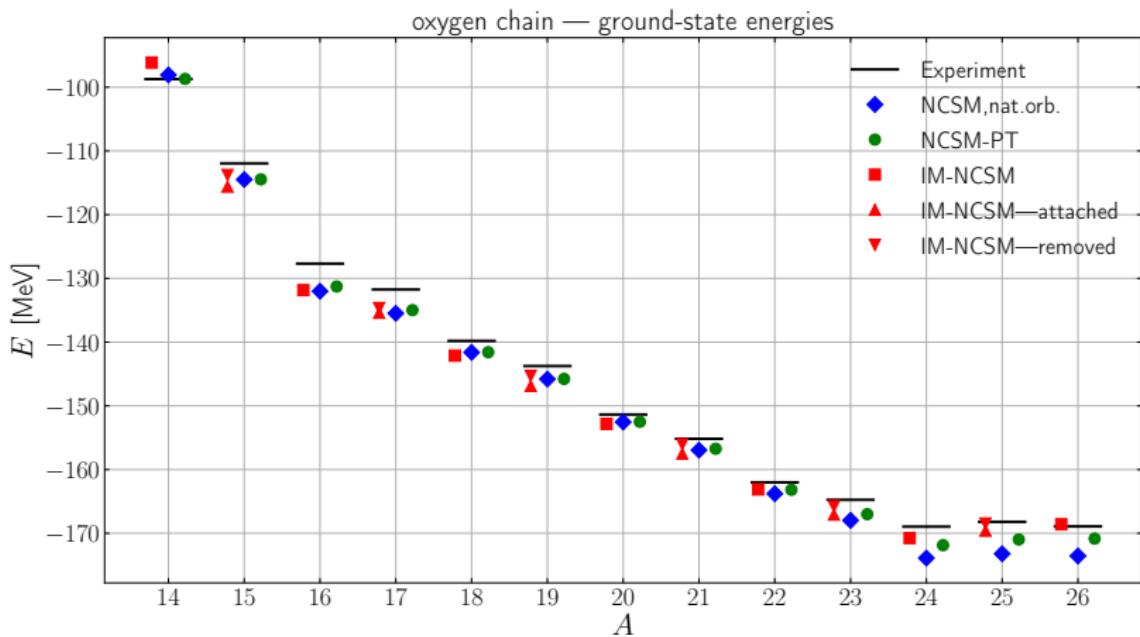


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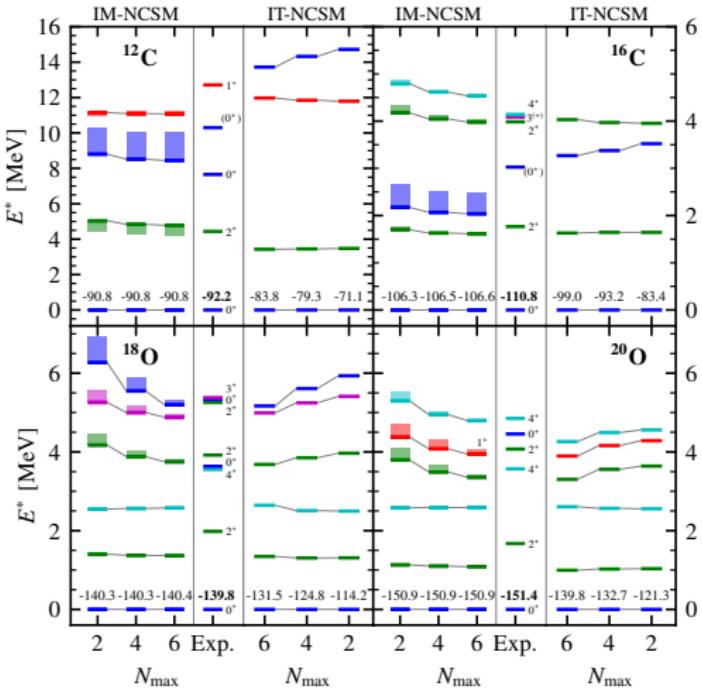
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# Applications: Spectra

E. Gebrerufael et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 152503 (2017)



■ good agreement for well converged states

■ slow convergence w.r.t.  $N_{\max}$   
↔ dominant contributions from outside  $N_{\max} = 0$  space

IM-NCSM bands: uncertainty estimate

# Epilogue

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## COMPUTING TIME



# **BACKUP**

# SRG: Basic Concept & Formalism

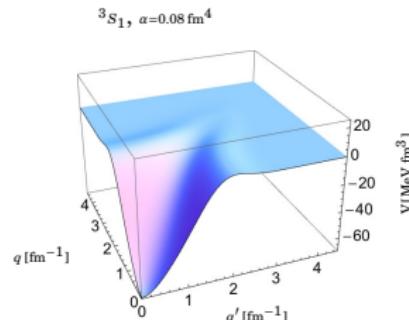
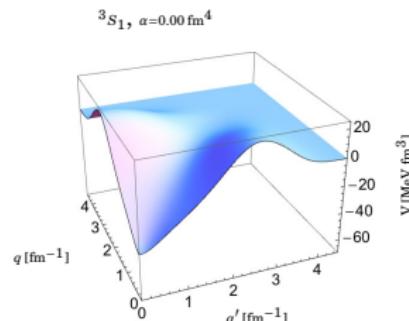
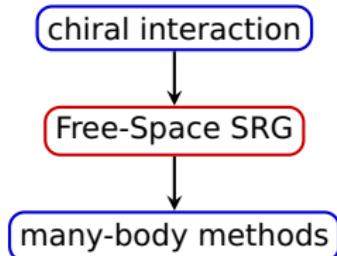
- transformation towards diagonal form w.r.t. specific basis
- unitary transformation  $\leftrightarrow$  SRG flow equation

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- observables have to be evolved simultaneously ( if  $\hat{\eta}(s)$  depends on  $\hat{H}(s)$  )  
$$\frac{d}{ds} \hat{O}(s) = [\hat{\eta}(s), \hat{O}(s)]$$
- choice of generator  $\hat{\eta}$   $\leftrightarrow$  desired behavior
- antihermitian generator  $\hat{\eta}(s)$  determines decoupling behavior and decoupling pattern  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  tailor SRG for specific applications
- SRG induces many-body terms up to the  $A$ -body level

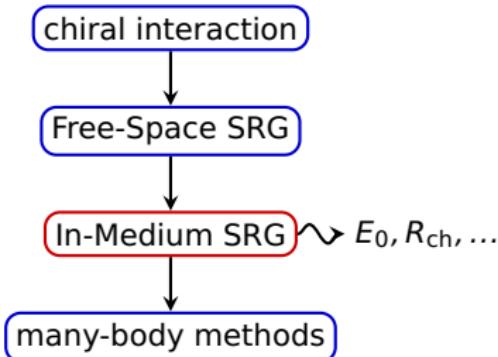
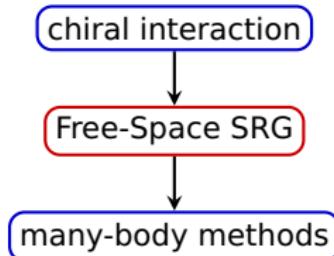
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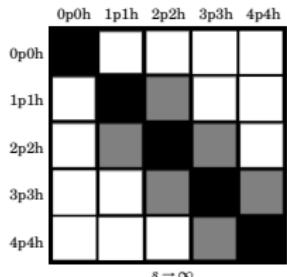
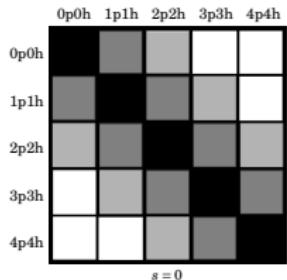


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- decoupling of reference state of specific  $A$ -body system
- even further acceleration of model-space convergence
- new opportunities, e.g., valence-space interactions from ab initio treatment

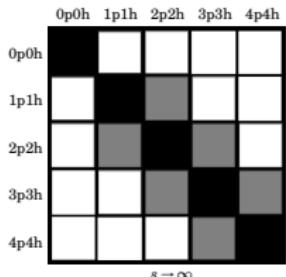
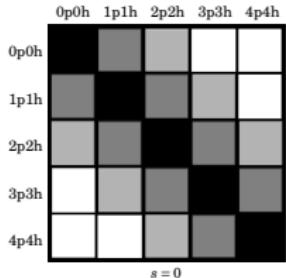
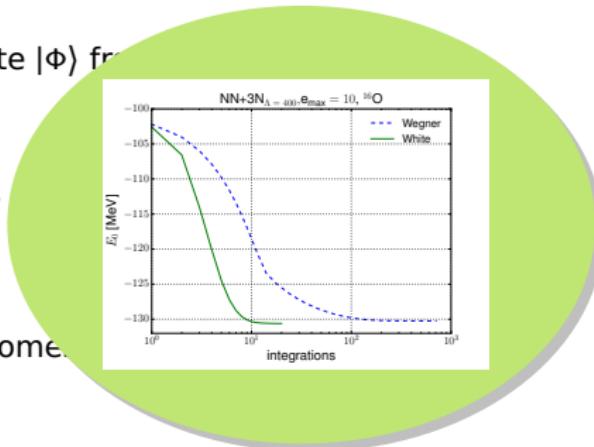
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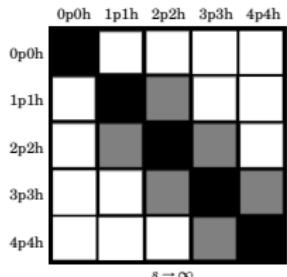
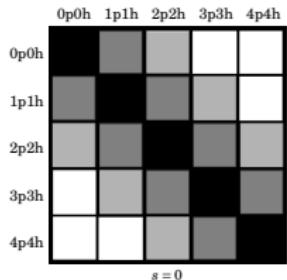
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# In-Medium SRG: Key Ingredients

- determine reference state  $|\Phi\rangle$  of  $A$ -body system (HF,NCSM,HFB,...)
- use normal-ordered form of operators throughout the evolution

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- IMSRG(2): truncate operators at normal-ordered two-body level

- derive flow equations for  $E(s)$ ,  $f_q^p(s)$  and  $\Gamma_{rs}^{pq}(s)$  from

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

note difference to  
free-space SRG!

- choose and construct appropriate generator
- solve ODE system

# Reference states

- type of reference state determines IM-SRG “flavor”
- Single-Reference IM-SRG (SR-IM-SRG):
  - reference state is single Slater determinant from, e.g., Hartree-Fock calculation  
 $|\Phi\rangle = |i_1 \dots i_A\rangle$
  - applicable to closed-shell nuclei
- Multi-Reference IM-SRG (MR-IM-SRG):
  - reference state from previous NCSM or Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov calculation  
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  - applicable to open-shell nuclei
  - emergence of additional terms involving irreducible density matrices  $\lambda^{(2)}, \lambda^{(3)}, \dots$

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- evaluation of  $\frac{d}{ds} \hat{H}(s) = [\hat{\eta}(s), \hat{H}(s)]$  via (generalized) Wick's theorem

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- implemented in C, using BLAS, exploitation of physical symmetries (parity,...)

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- express in terms of reduced operators (non-interacting one-particle operators)

nonlinear algebraic equations for cluster amplitudes (CC)

- implement



coupled differential equations for matrix elements (IM-SRG)

# ODE Solving

- formally  $\frac{d}{ds} \vec{x}(s) = \vec{f}(\vec{x}(s))$ , with  $\vec{x}(s) = (E(s), f_0^0(s), f_1^0(s), \dots, \Gamma_{00}^{00}(s), \Gamma_{01}^{00}(s), \dots)$
- flow equations are coupled system of first-order ordinary differential equations
- typically:  $\sim 60$  million coupled differential equations
- numerical integration of ODE system until  $\hat{H}^{\text{od}}$  is “sufficiently” suppressed
- ODE solver from gsl with RKF45 algorithm is employed

# Magnus Expansion

- IM-SRG unitarily transforms Hamiltonian

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- unitary transformations can be written as

$$\hat{U}(s) = \exp(\hat{\Omega}(s))$$

- derive differential equation for  $\hat{\Omega}(s)$  associated with unitary transformation  $\hat{U}(s)$

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- solve flow equations for matrix elements of anti-hermitian  $\hat{\Omega}(s)$

- Magnus(2): truncate all operators involved at two-body level

- apply unitary transformation via Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff series

$$\hat{O}(s) = \exp(-\hat{\Omega}(s)) \hat{O}(0) \exp(\hat{\Omega}(s)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} [\hat{\Omega}(s), \hat{O}(0)]_k$$

# Magnus Expansion

- IM-SRG unitarily transforms Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}(s) \equiv \hat{U}^\dagger(s)\hat{H}(0)\hat{U}(s) \iff \frac{d}{ds}\hat{H}(s) = [\hat{\eta}(s), \hat{H}(s)]$$

- unitary transformations can be written as

$$\hat{U}(s) = \exp(\hat{\Omega}(s))$$

- derive differential equation for  $\hat{\Omega}(s)$  associated with unitary transformation  $\hat{U}(s)$

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- solve flow equations for  $\hat{\Omega}(s)$

foundation of IM-SRG:  
(efficient) commutator evaluation machinery

- Magnus(2): truncate all

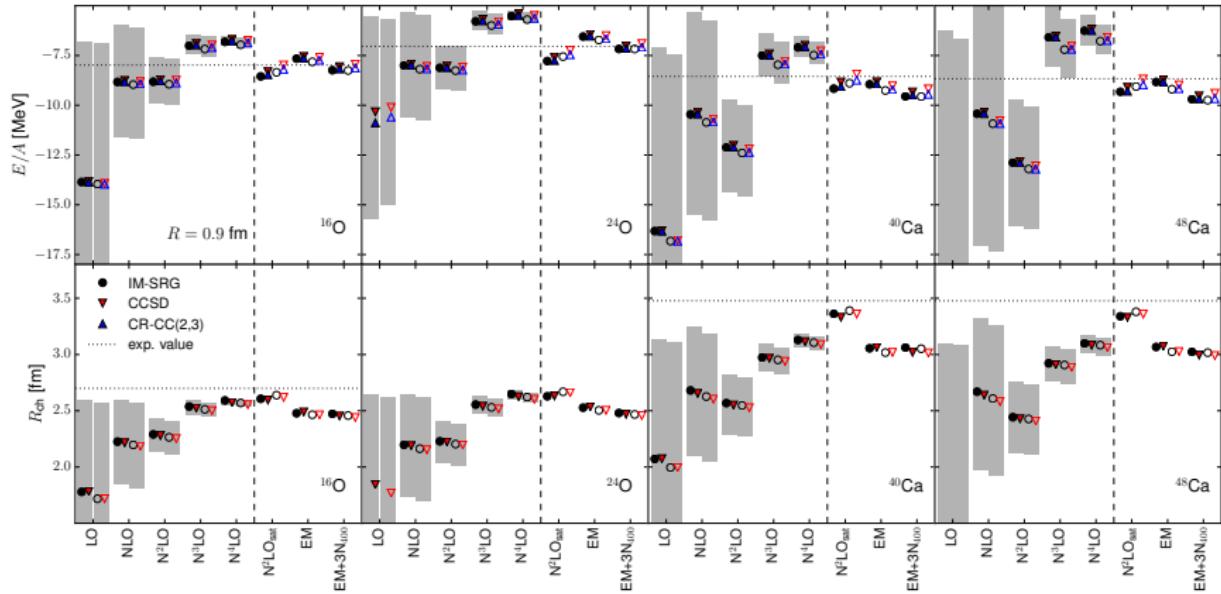
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# Benchmarks: LENPIC-NN vs. Others

paper in preparation



theoretical error bars in gray

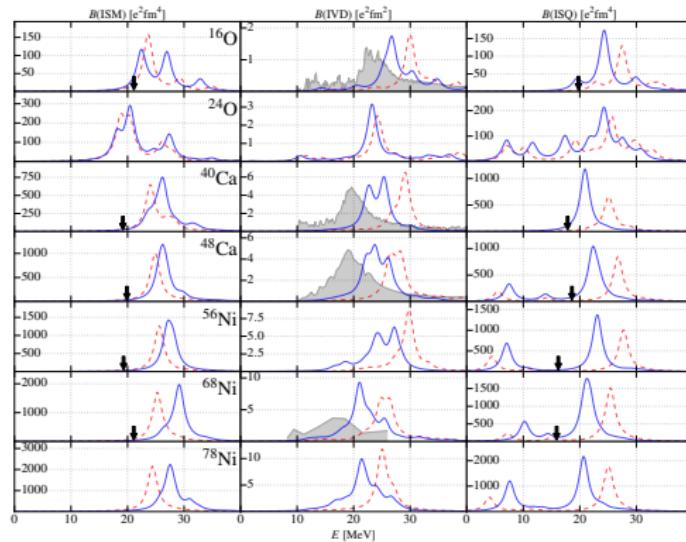
$$\alpha = 0.04 \text{ fm}^4 \text{ (open)}$$

$$\alpha = 0.08 \text{ fm}^4 \text{ (solid)}$$

- characteristic pattern from LO to  $N^4LO$
- compared to NN of E. & M.
  - more attractive 3N forces necessary ( $N^3LO, N^4LO$ )
  - radii improved, still underestimated

# IM-SRG & SRPA: Transition Strengths

R. Trippel, doctoral thesis



- SRPA: 2p2h EoM approach  
↔ description of collective motions
- IM-SRG-evolved Hamiltonian as input  
↔ improved physical content of reference state
- transition strengths of high experimental interest
- good qualitative agreement between experiment and theory  
↔ improved via IM-SRG

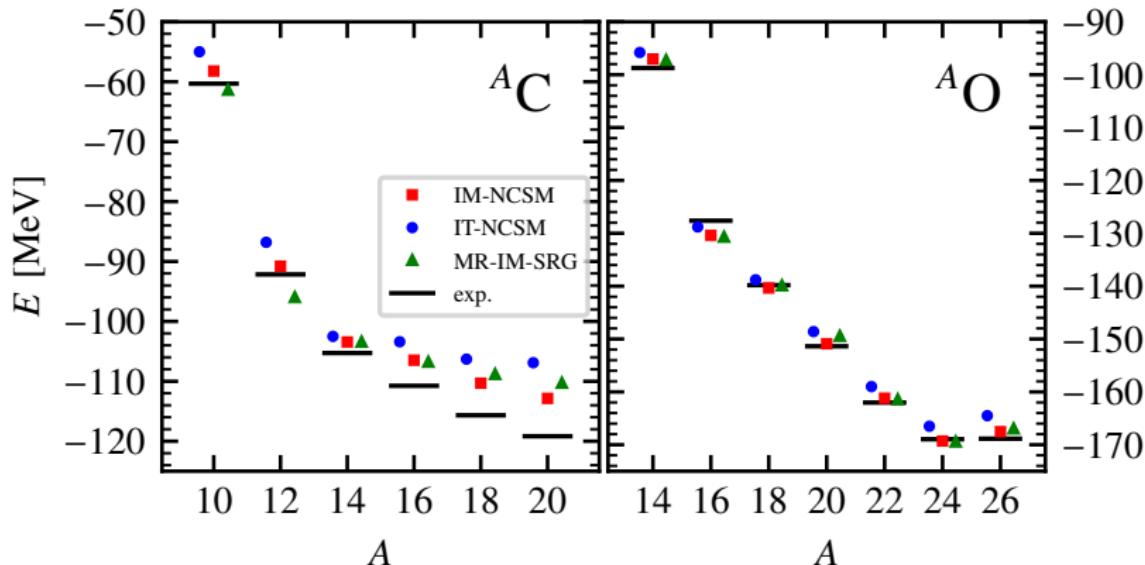
$\text{N}^2\text{LO}_{\text{sat}}$  (blue line)

$\text{NNEM} + \text{3N400}$  (dashed red line)

exp. centroid (arrow) or spectra (gray)

# IM-NCSM: Ground States Carbon & Oxygen Chain

E. Gebrerufael et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 152503 (2017)



- very good agreement between methods for oxygen (deviations  $\sim 2\%$ )
- larger method uncertainties for carbon isotopes, especially  $^{12}\text{C}$