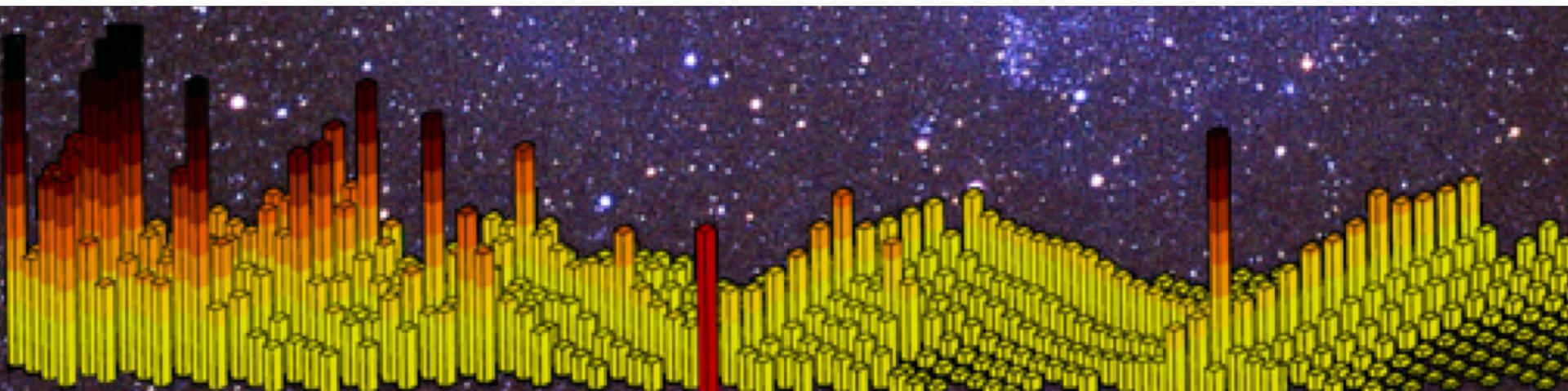


# A04: Strong interactions and structure of medium-mass nuclei

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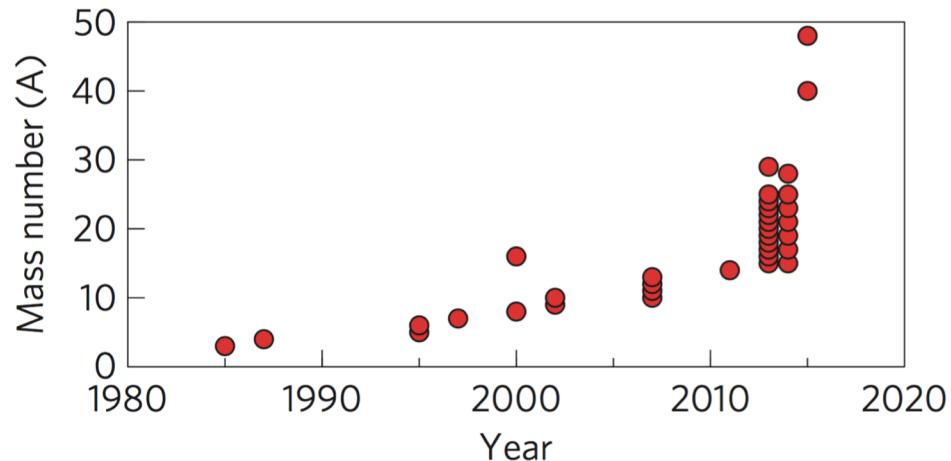


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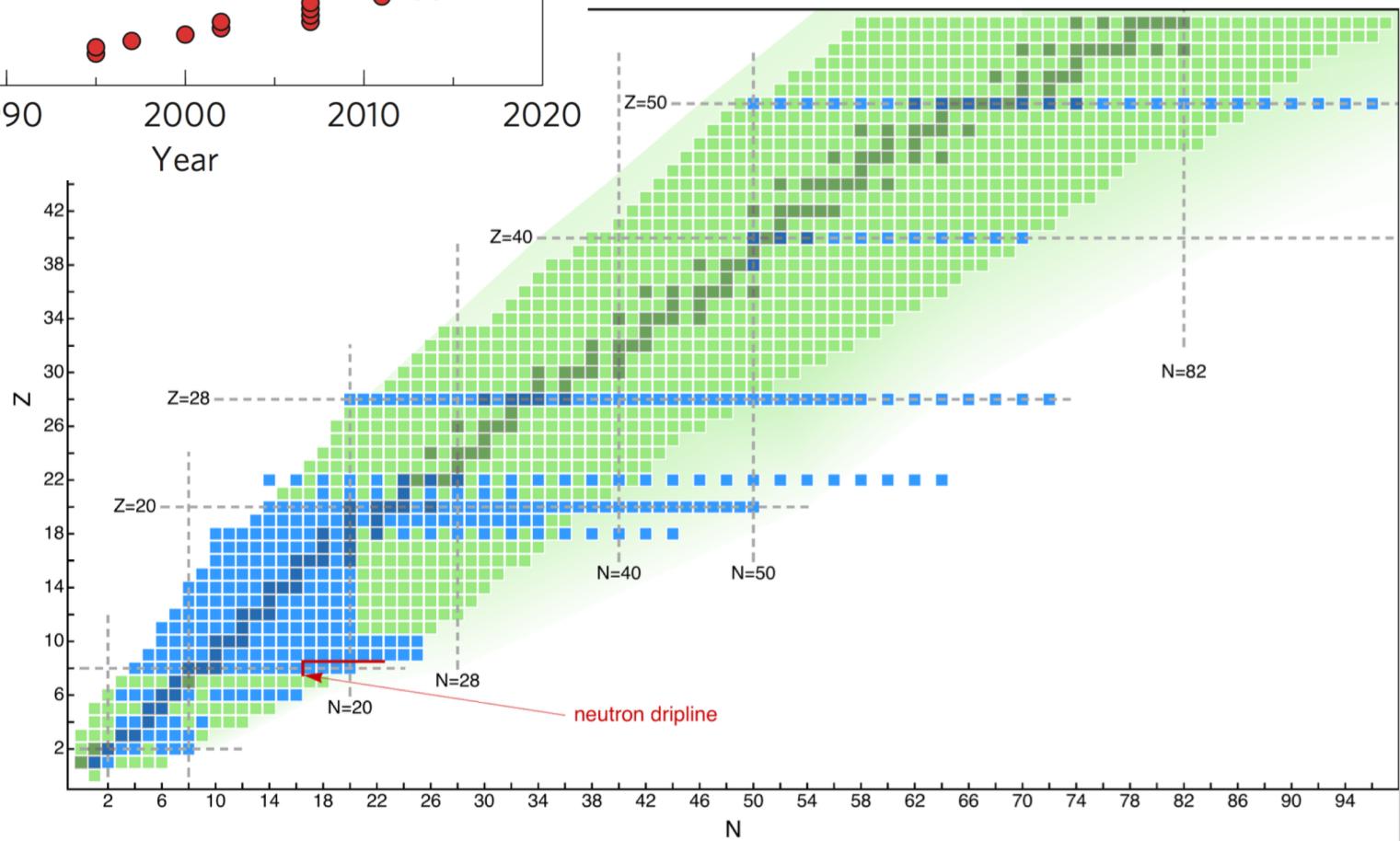
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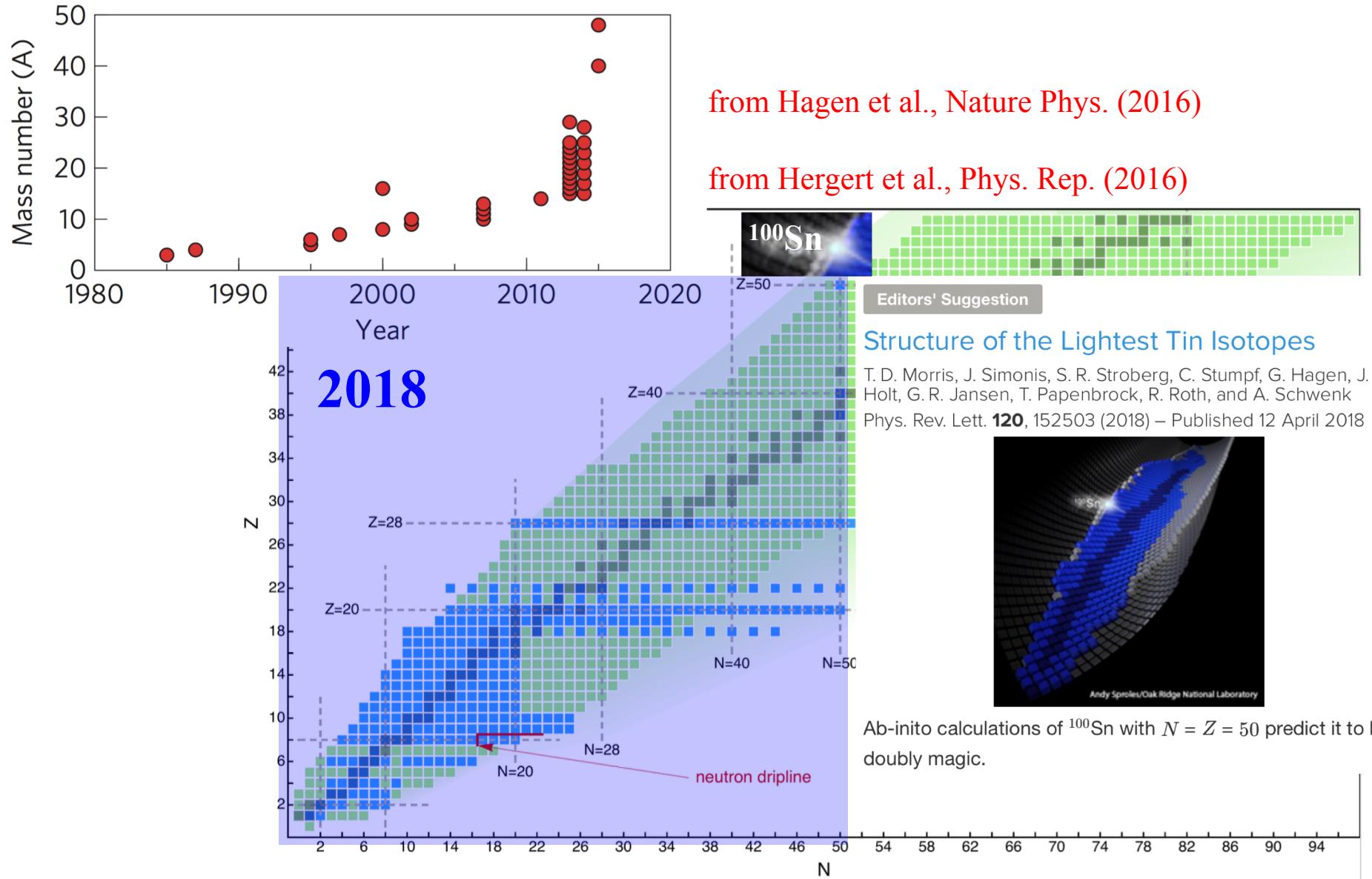
from Hagen et al., Nature Phys. (2016)

from Hergert et al., Phys. Rep. (2016)



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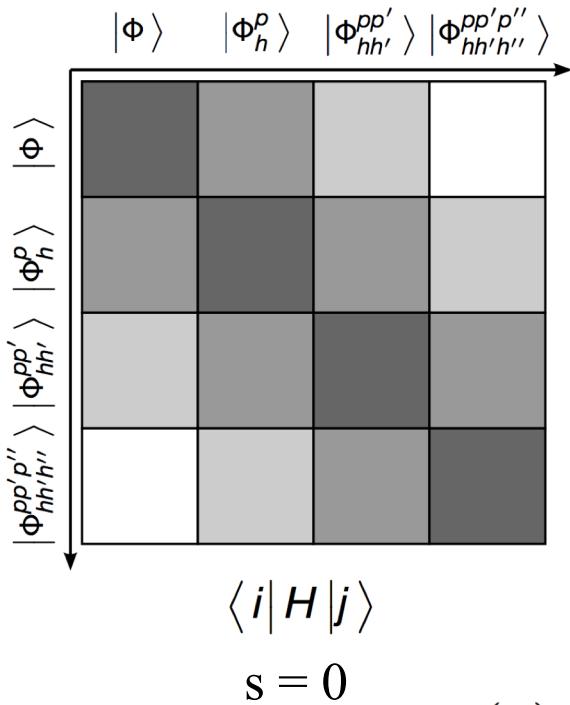
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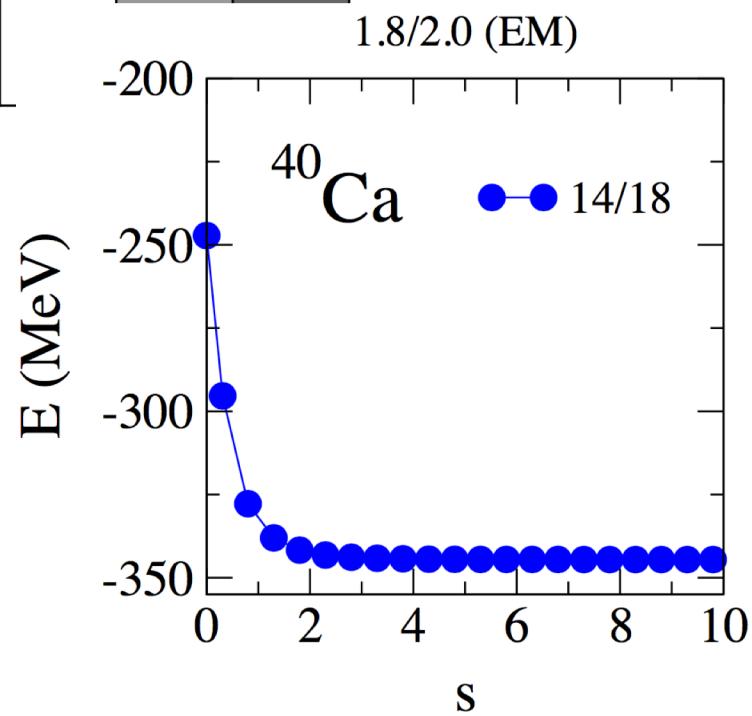
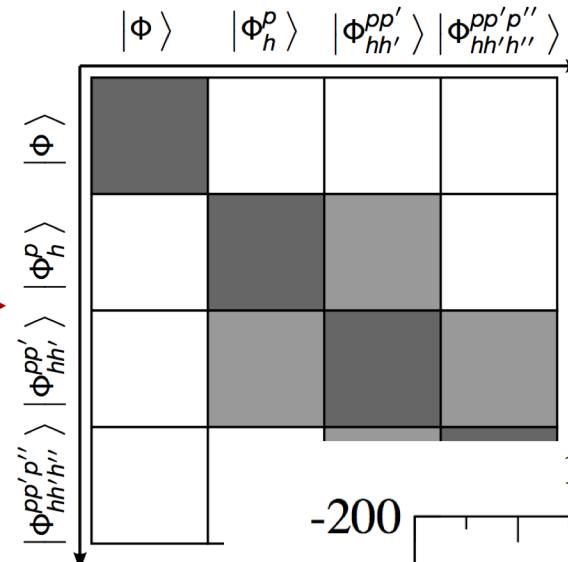
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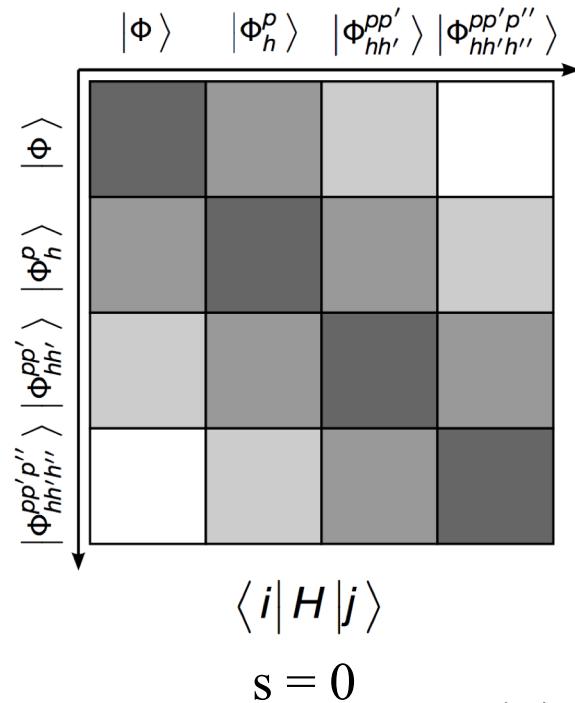
with generator  $\eta = [H^d(s), H^{od}(s)]$

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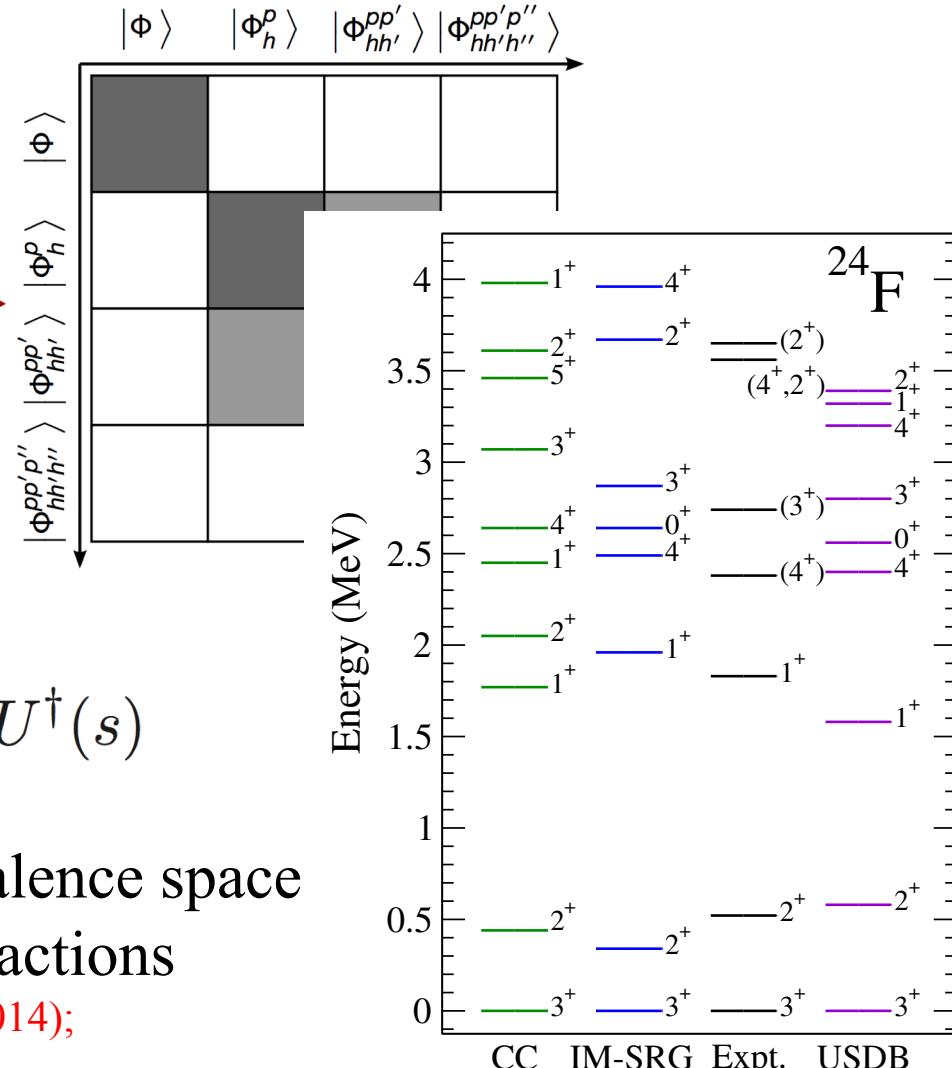
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**IM-SRG**



valence-space IMSRG: decouple valence space  
to derive nonpert. shell-model interactions

Tsukiyama et al., PRC (2012); Bogner et al., PRL (2014);

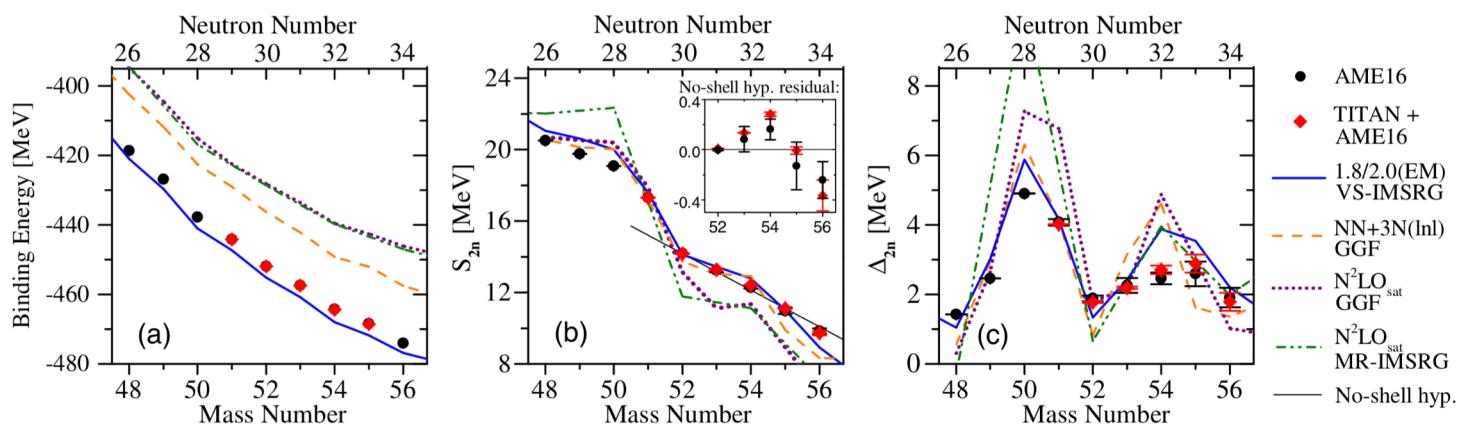
+ ensemble normal ordering Stroberg et al., PRL (2016)

Cáceres et al., PRC (2015)

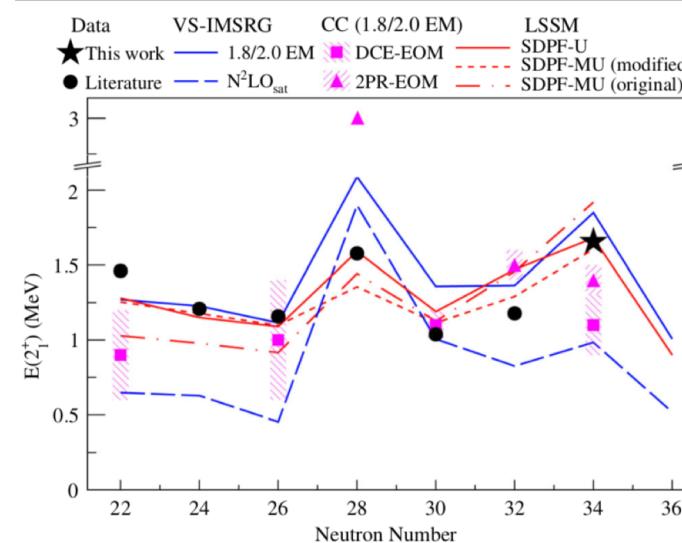
# Valence-space IMSRG highlights

joint collaborations with TITAN, ISOLTRAP, R3B, GANIL, RIKEN,...  
for F, Ar, Ti, Cr based on NN+3N with good saturation properties

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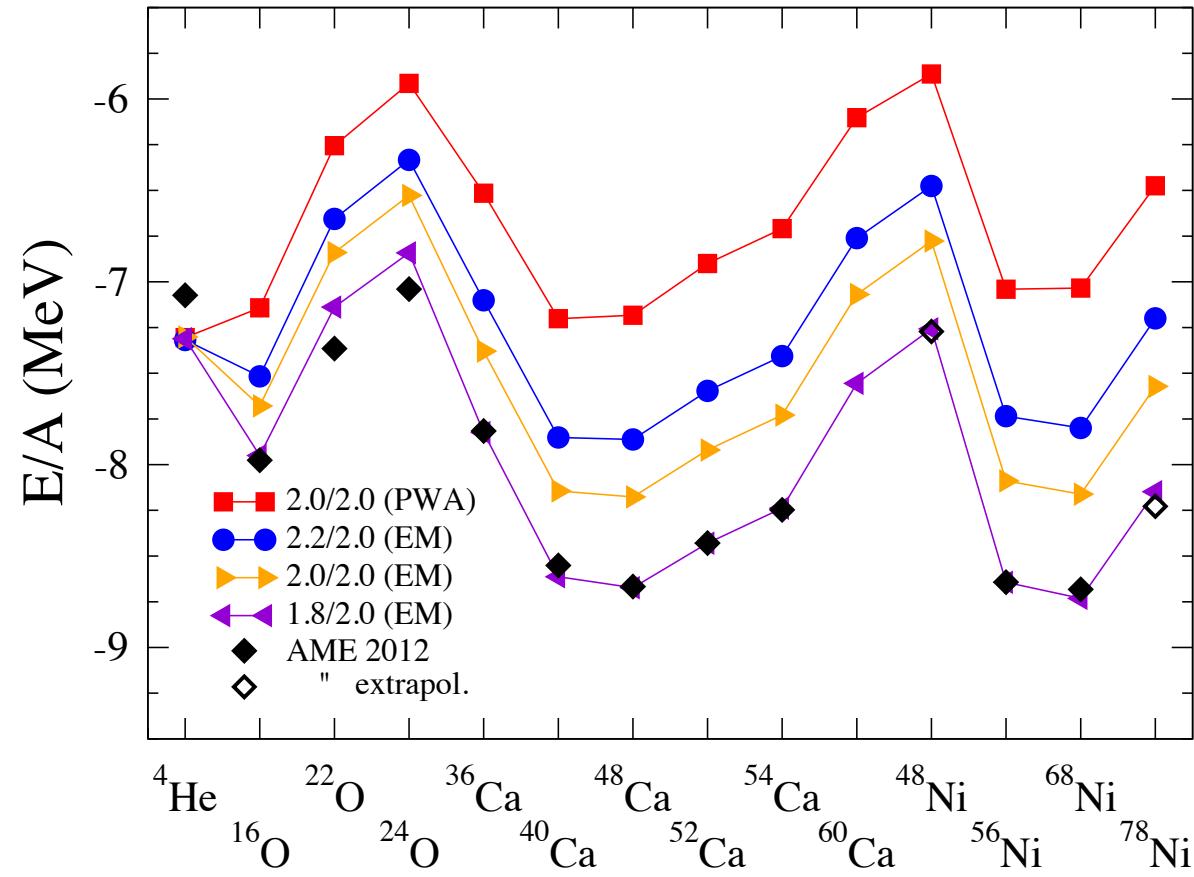
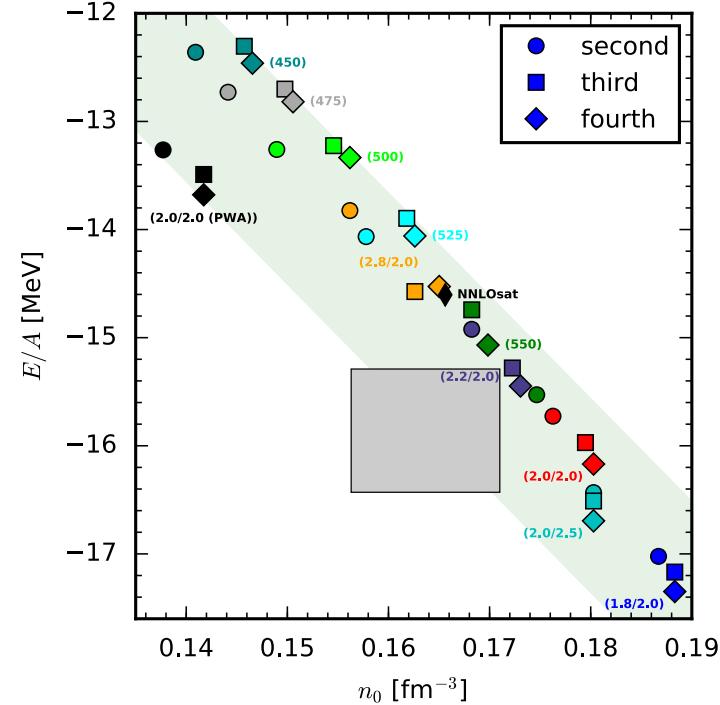


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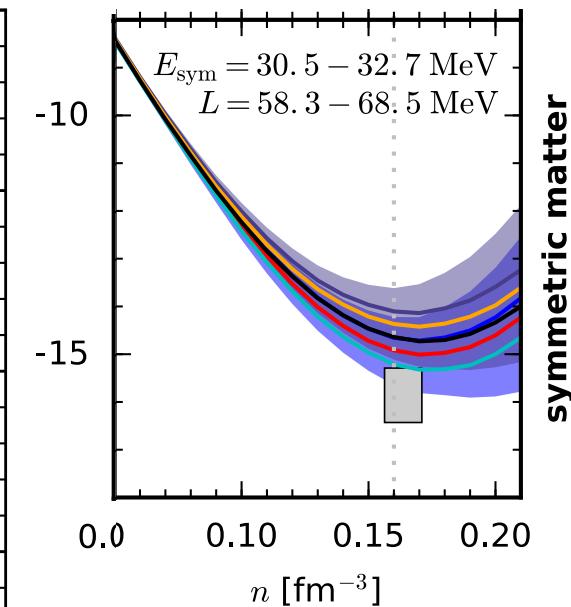
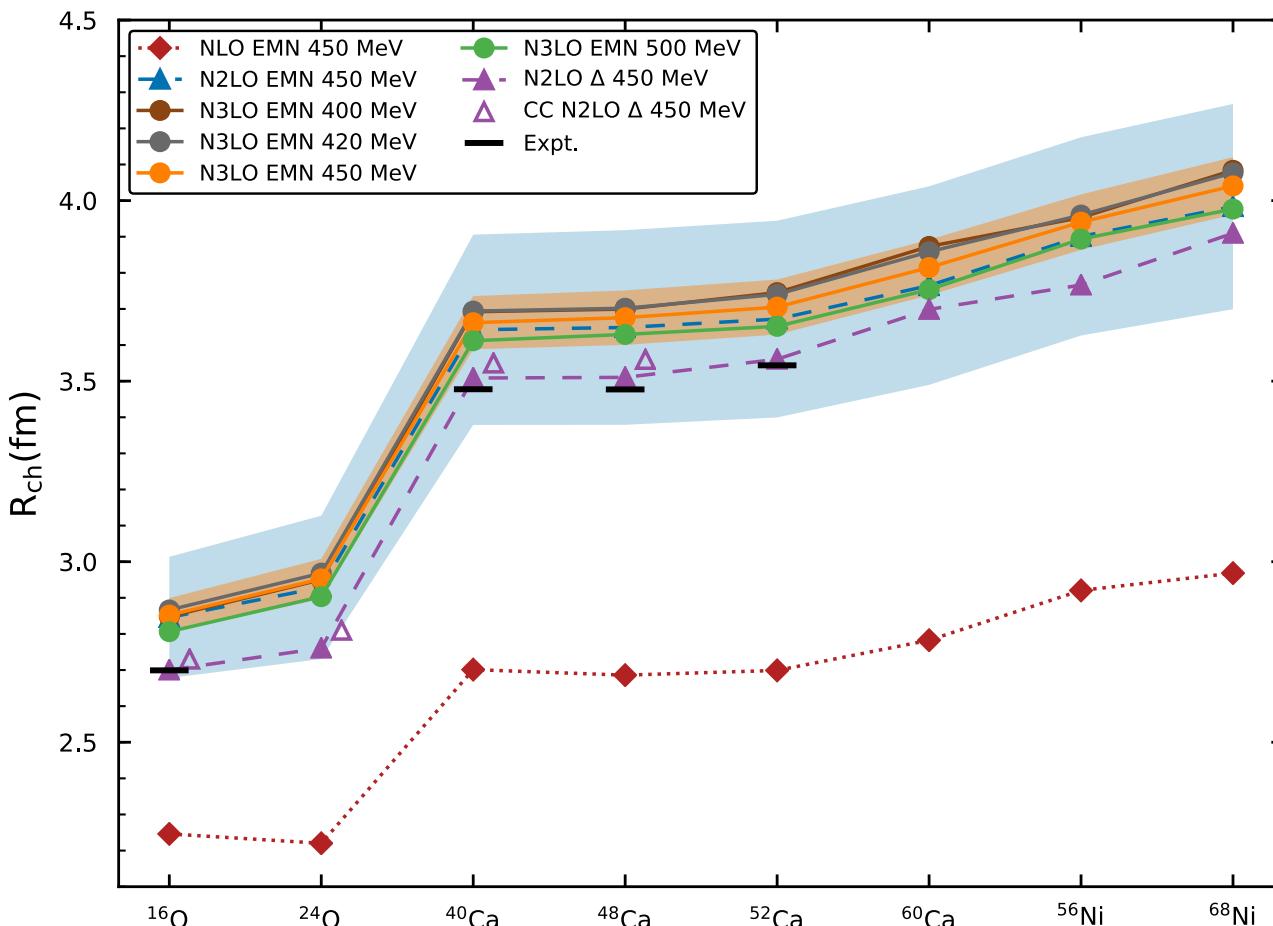
# Importance of saturation for nuclear forces Simonis, Stroberg et al. (2017)

IMSRG calculations of closed shell nuclei follow nuclear matter saturation trends



# First N<sup>3</sup>LO results for medium-mass nuclei Hoppe, Simonis et al.

NLO, N<sup>2</sup>LO, N<sup>3</sup>LO (EMN 450) with EFT uncertainty bands

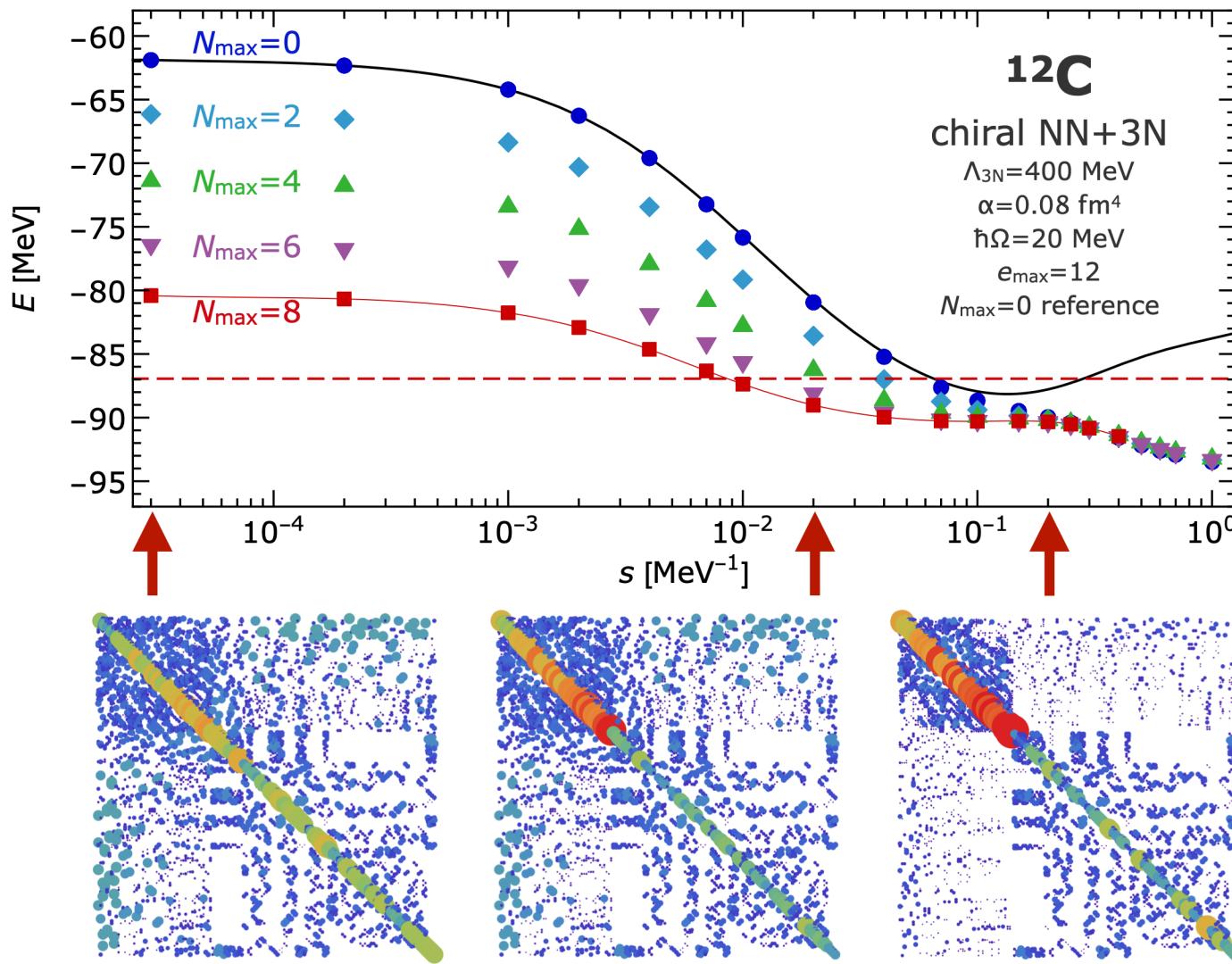


bands overlap and at N<sup>3</sup>LO cutoff variation is within band

radii in better agreement, larger than expected from saturation point

# In-Medium NCSM

Gebrerufael, Vobig, Hergert, Roth; PRL 118, 152503 (2017)



multi-reference  
IM-SRG evolution  
to decouple  
small- $N_{\max}$   
reference space

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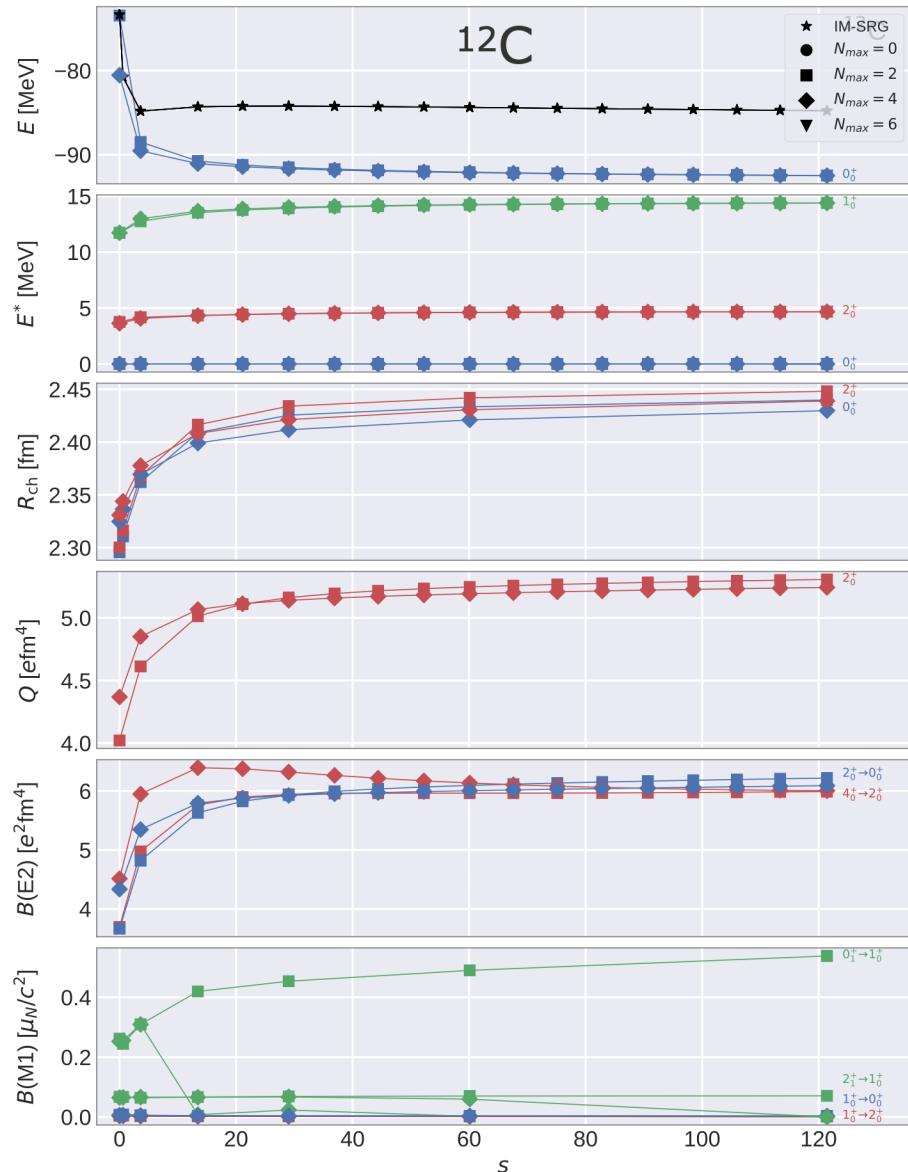
NCSM calculation  
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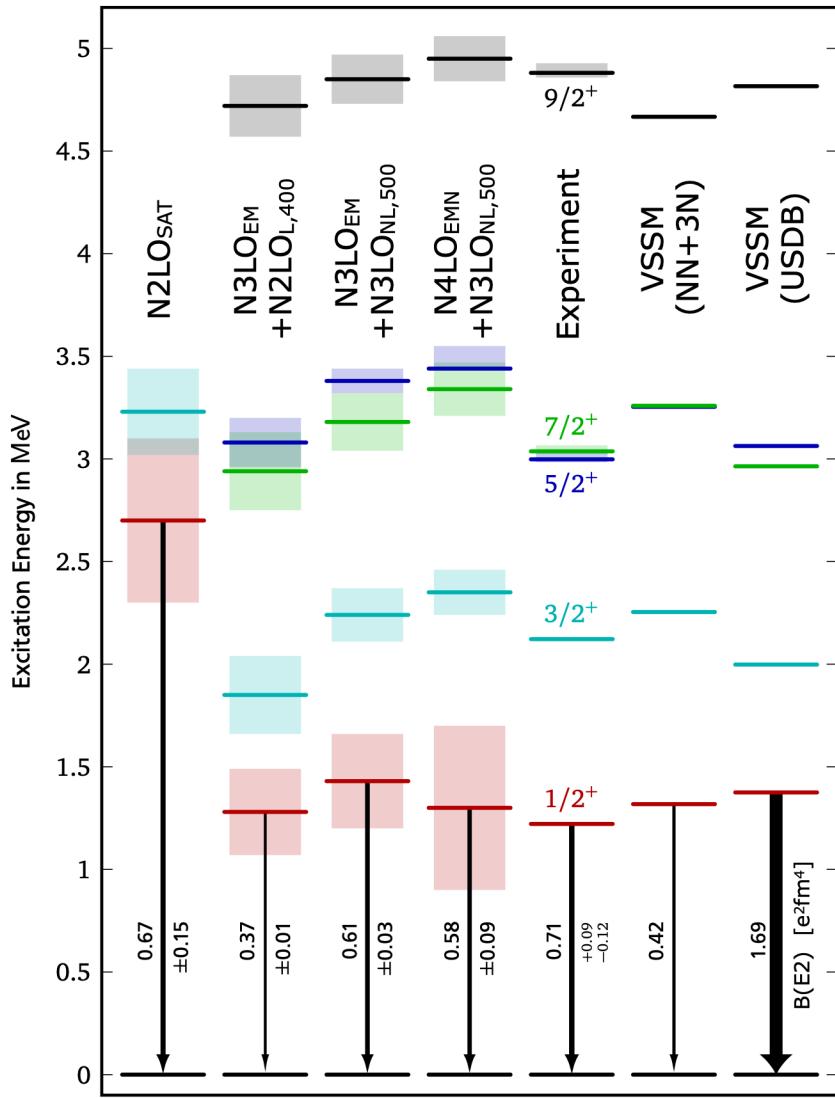
# In-Medium NCSM: Developments

- initial formulation for even- $A$  nuclei and energy observables
- implementation of alternative Magnus-formulation of flow equations
- reformulation of generator to suppress induced many-body terms
- extension to odd- $A$  nuclei via a particle attachment or removal scheme
- extension to consistent transformation of non-scalar operators



# $^{21}\text{O}$ : Collaboration with A03

Heil, Petri, Vobig et al., in preparation



- application of IM-NCSM with particle attachment/removal and electromagnetic operators
- prediction of low-lying spectrum plus complete set of  $B(E2)$  and  $B(M1)$  transition strengths
- different improved chiral NN+3N interactions
- quantification of many-body uncertainties

PhD Theses: Sebastian Heil & Klaus Vobig  
joint paper: in preparation

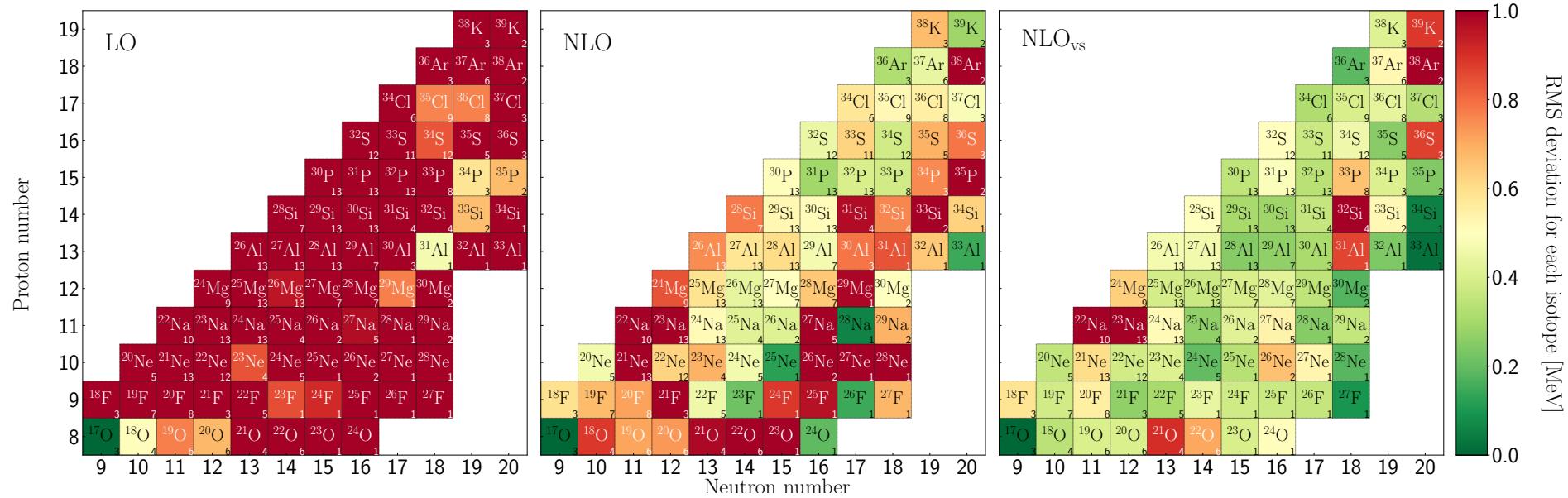
# Chiral shell model interactions

use chiral EFT interactions as basis and fit in sd shell directly

Huth, Durant et al., PRC (2018)

includes new valence-space (vs) operators

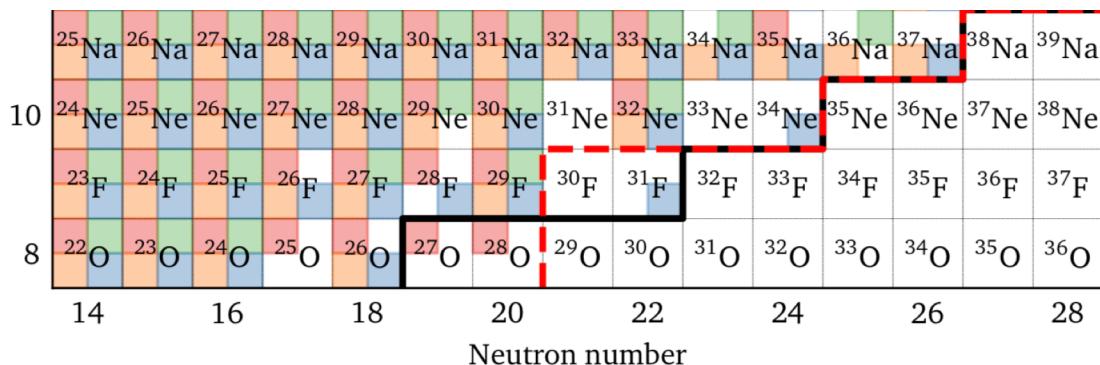
all LECs turn out natural



explore dripline  
in  $sdf_{7/2}$  space

Huth et al.

- MNMS95
- HFB – 32
- LO
- NLO<sub>vs</sub>
- N<sup>2</sup>LO<sub>vs</sub>
- N<sup>3</sup>LO<sub>vs</sub>



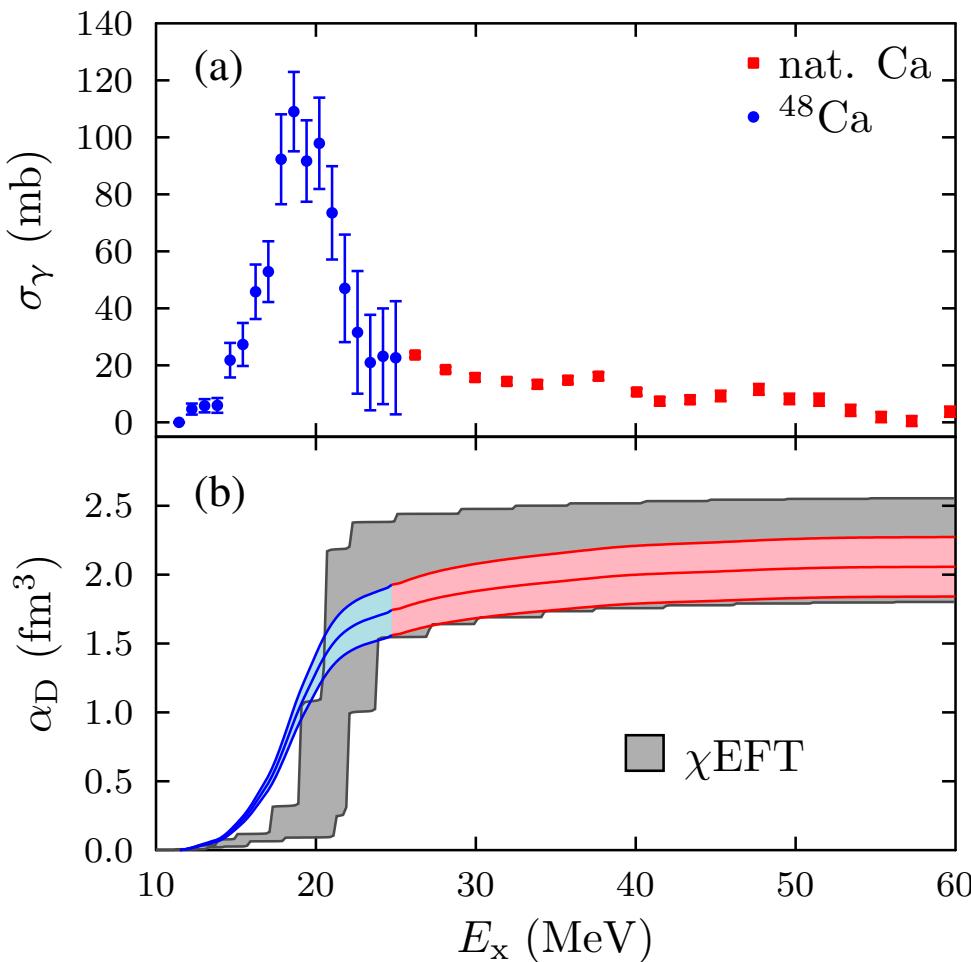
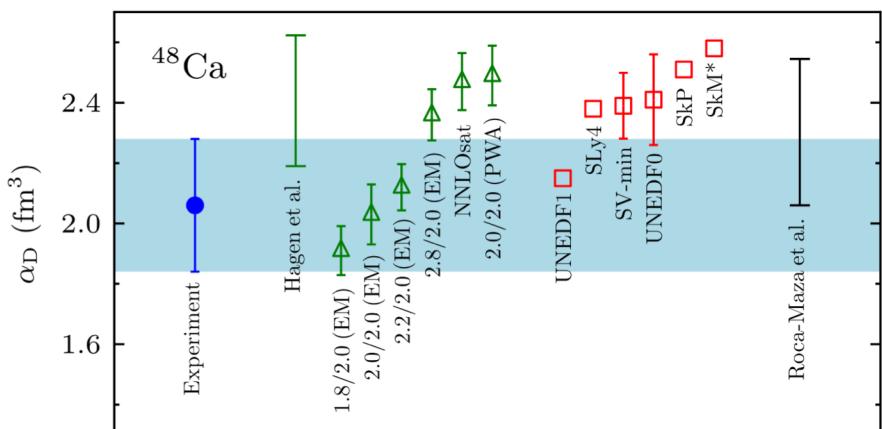
# Electric Dipole Polarizability of $^{48}\text{Ca}$ and Implications for the Neutron Skin

J. Birkhan,<sup>1</sup> M. Miorelli,<sup>2,3</sup> S. Bacca,<sup>2,4</sup> S. Bassauer,<sup>1</sup> C. A. Bertulani,<sup>5</sup> G. Hagen,<sup>6,7</sup> H. Matsubara,<sup>8,9</sup>  
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 A. Schwenk,<sup>1,10,11</sup> and A. Tamii<sup>8</sup>

from photo-absorption cross section, measured at Osaka up to 25 MeV

good agreement with  
chiral EFT predictions

theory comparison gives  
 $R_{\text{skin}} = 0.14\text{-}0.20 \text{ fm}$

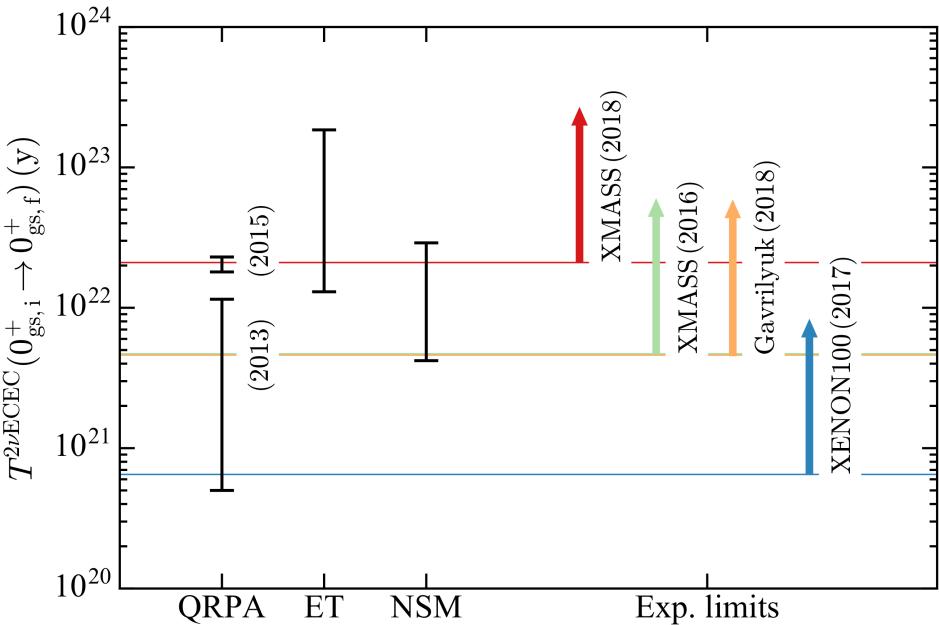
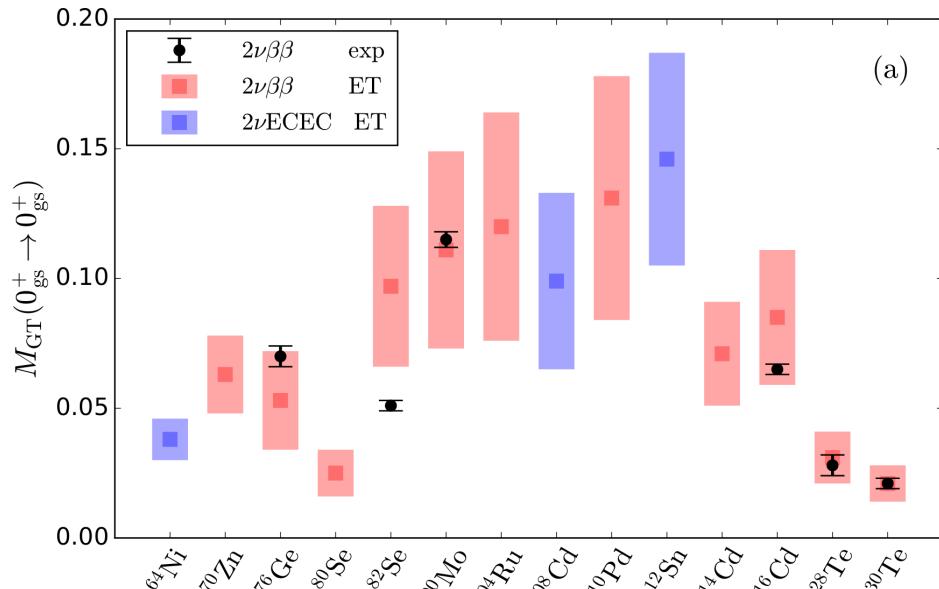


# Effective theory for heavy nuclei Coello Perez et al., PRC 2018, arXiv:1809.04443

near spherical nuclei based on  
phonons + nucleons/holes

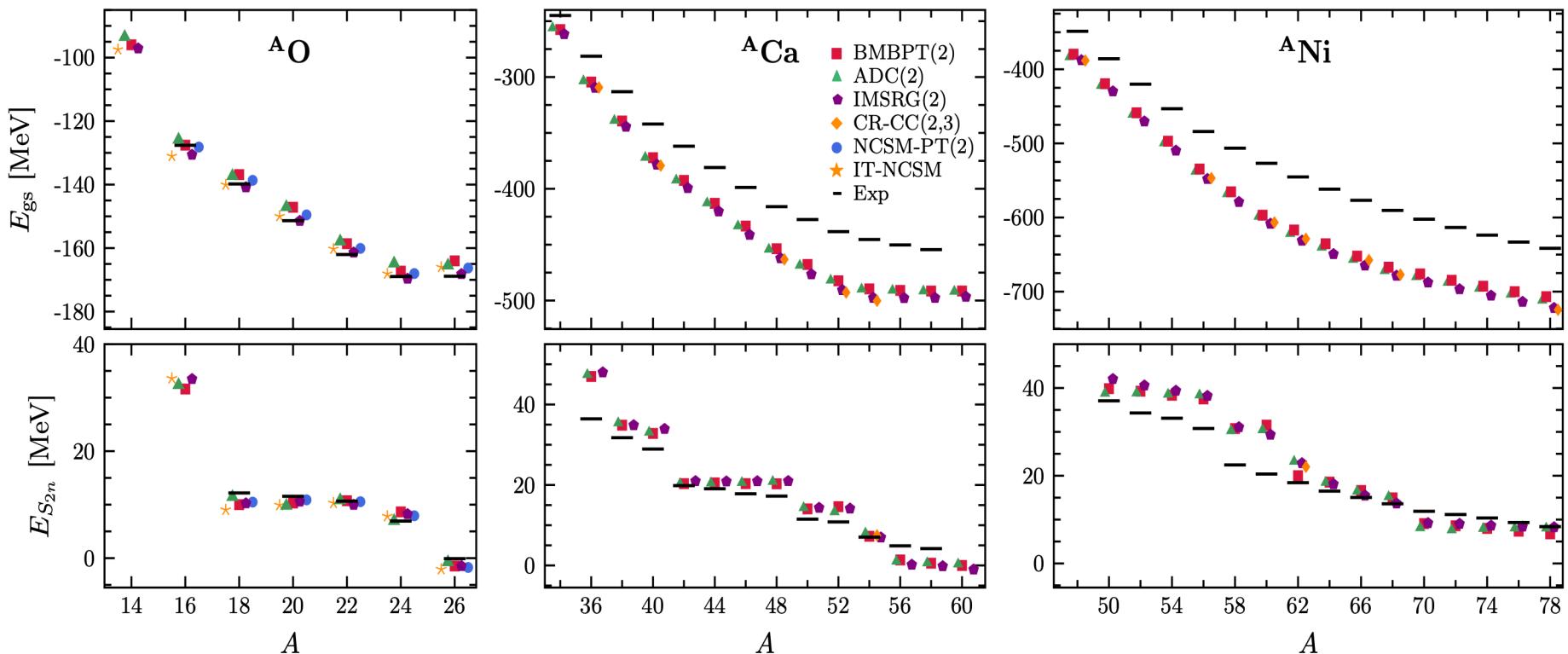
Gamow-Teller transitions  
for single and double-beta  
decay at LO in effective theory

first prediction (ET and shell  
model) for double electron  
capture of  $^{124}\text{Xe}$



# Bogoliubov MBPT

Tichai, Arthuis, Duguet, et al.; PLB 786, 195 (2018)



- perturbative methods for “rapid characterization” of new NN+3N interactions
- first implementation and benchmark of low-order Bogoliubov MBPT
- good agreement with other many-body method at a fraction of the cost

## A04 Publications

**19 publications** in first period (**8 PRL**),  
1 Editors' suggestion, 2 press releases

- T.D. Morris et al., Structure of the lightest tin isotopes, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 152503 (2018).
- E. Gebrerufael et al., Ab initio description of open-shell nuclei: Merging no-core shell model and in-medium similarity renormalization group, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 152503 (2017).
- S.R. Stroberg et al., Nucleus-dependent valence-space approach to nuclear structure, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 032502 (2017).
- J. Simonis et al., Saturation with chiral interactions and consequences for finite nuclei, Phys. Rev. C 96, 014303 (2017).

# A04 People

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Victoria Durant (Mainz)



Doctoral Researchers:

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Alexander Tichai; at present: Klaus Vobig, Jan Hoppe

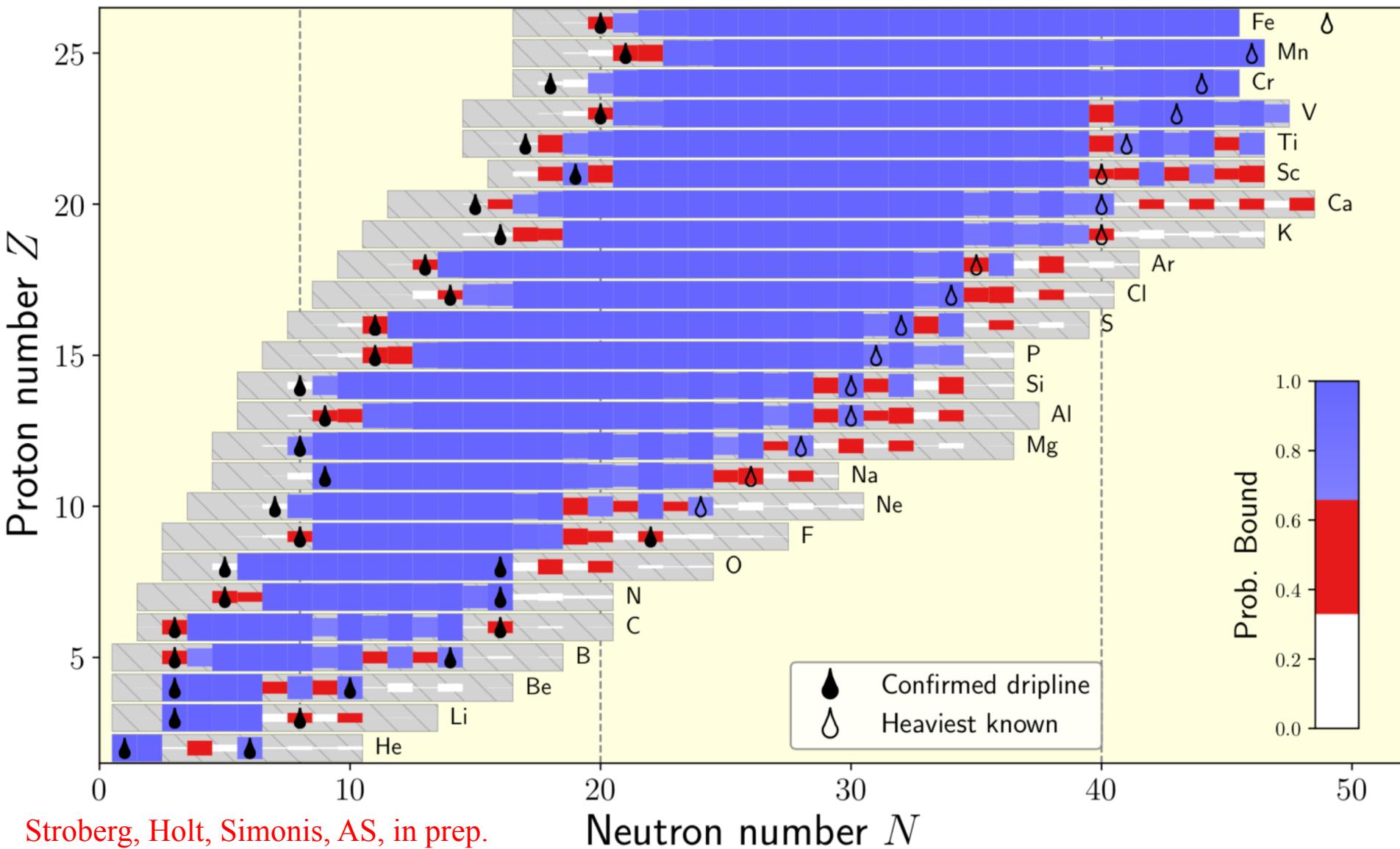
Master Theses:

- Simon Dentinger, Jan Hoppe, Lars Zurek

Bachelor Theses:

- Catharina Bräse, Jan Hoppe, Sulamith Weber, Lars Zurek

# Nuclear landscape based on a chiral NN+3N interaction



## Future plans: IMSRG developments

- extend the IM-SRG to include normal-ordered higher-body contributions, new normal ordering for heavier nuclei
- systematic IM-SRG exploration of the connection between medium-mass nuclei and nuclear matter properties
- develop accurate interactions for medium-mass and heavy nuclei (with B05)
- exploration of density-matrix expansions based on chiral EFT interactions to develop new energy-density functionals
- support key SFB experiments for structure and electroweak observables (A03, A06, A08, B02, B04)

# Future Plans: In-Medium NCSM

## Developments

- development and implementation of lowest-order corrections for the induced normal-ordered three-body terms in the In-Medium NCSM
- exploration of alternative references spaces and decoupling patterns, e.g., full 2p2h reference spaces instead of  $N_{\max}$ -truncated spaces
- combination of the In-Medium NCSM with the Lanczos strength-function method for the description of collective excitations

## Applications

- complete study of spectroscopy and electromagnetic properties of oxygen isotopic chain using consistent chiral NN+3N interactions from A02
- extension to the spectroscopy of neutron-rich fluorine and neon isotopes
- study of radii, moments, and B(E2) transitions of even and odd isotopes up into the mass  $A \sim 60$  regime (calcium, iron, nickel) for project A03
- exploratory study of collective excitation in the sd-shell

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Joint publications with **A02, A03, A06, B01, B04, B05**

**Excellent people!**

**IMSRG future** is bright!