

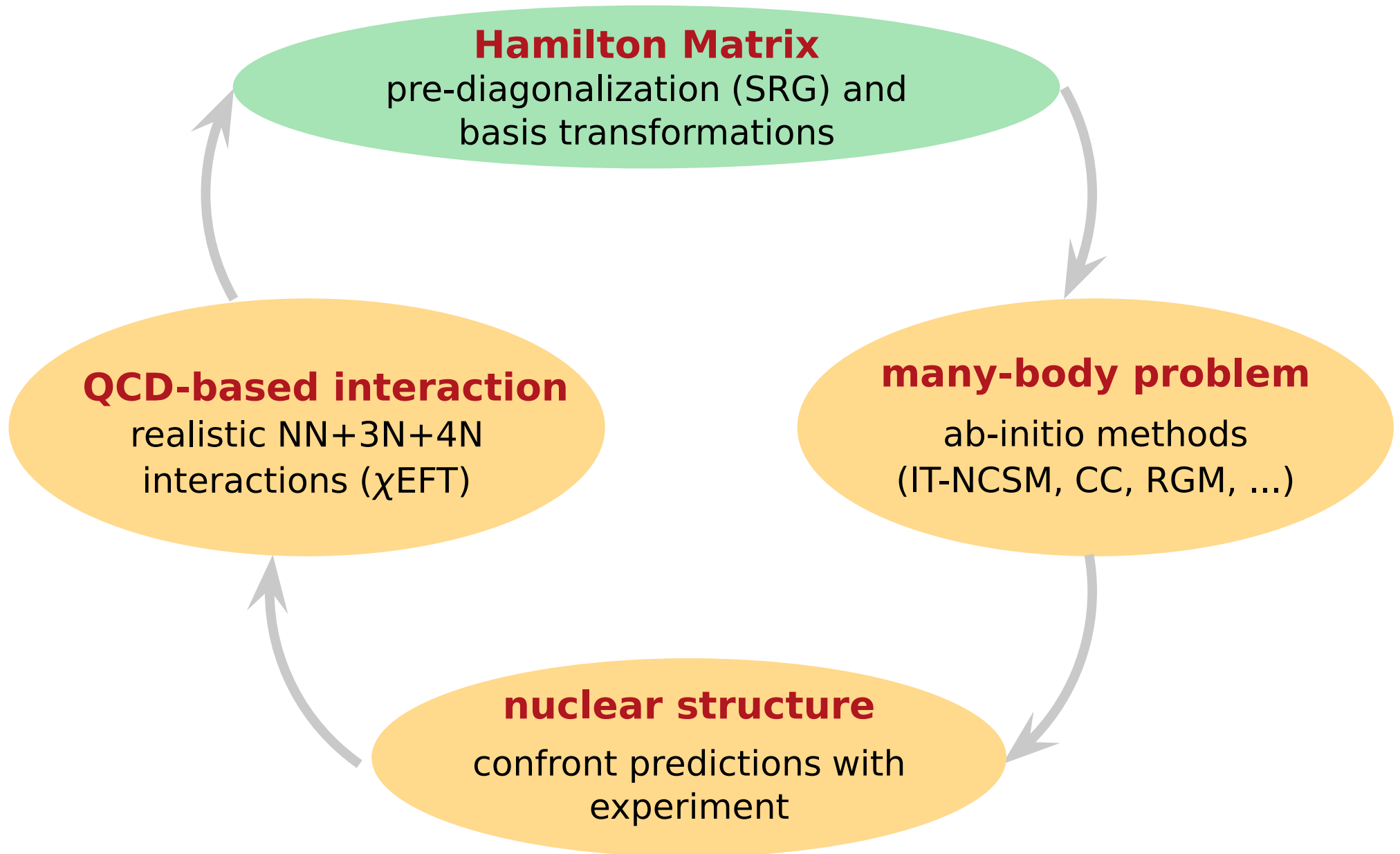
# Chiral Hamiltonians & Similarity Renormalization Group: New Directions

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# Introduction



# New Directions

## **Applications to Nuclear Spectra**

spectroscopy and sensitivity on 3N

## **Probe Next-Generation Chiral Potentials**

with ab-initio nuclear structure

## **Frequency Conversion**

extends SRG in HO Base  
to lower HO frequencies

## **SRG in 4B Space**

treatment of induced &  
initial 4N contributions

# Chiral NN+3N Interactions

## ■ standard Interaction:

- NN  $N^3LO$ : Entem&Machleidt, 500 MeV cutoff
- 3N  $N^2LO$ : Navrátil, local, 500 MeV cutoff, fitted to Triton

## ■ standard Interaction with modified 3N:

- NN  $N^3LO$ : Entem&Machleidt, 500 MeV cutoff
- 3N  $N^2LO$ : Navrátil, local, with modified LECs and cutoffs, fitted to  $^4He$

## ■ consistent $N^2LO$ Interaction:

- NN  $N^2LO$ : Epelbaum et al., 450, ..., 600 MeV cutoff
- 3N  $N^2LO$ : Epelbaum et al., 450, ..., 600 MeV cutoff, nonlocal

## ■ consistent $N^3LO$ Interaction:

- coming soon...

	NN	3N	4N
LO		—	—
NLO		—	—
N <sup>2</sup> LO			—
N <sup>3</sup> LO			

# Similarity Renormalization Group in Three-Body Space

Bogner, Furnstahl, Perry — Phys. Rev. C 75 061001(R) (2007)

Jurgenson, Navrátil, Furnstahl — Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 082501 (2009)

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# Similarity Renormalization Group (SRG)

**accelerate** convergence by **pre-diagonalizing** the Hamiltonian with respect to the many-body basis

- continuous **unitary transformation** of the Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H}_\alpha = U_\alpha^\dagger H U_\alpha$$

- leads to **evolution equation**

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} \tilde{H}_\alpha = [\eta_\alpha, \tilde{H}_\alpha] \quad \text{with} \quad \eta_\alpha = -U_\alpha^\dagger \frac{dU_\alpha}{d\alpha} = -\eta_\alpha^\dagger$$

initial value problem with  $\tilde{H}_{\alpha=0} = H$

- choose **dynamic generator**

$$\eta_\alpha = (2\mu)^2 [\mathcal{T}_{\text{int}}, \tilde{H}_\alpha]$$

advantages of SRG:  
**simplicity** and **flexibility**

# Three-Body Jacobi Basis

- “**relative coordinates**” for 3-body system

$$\vec{\xi}_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} [\vec{r}_a + \vec{r}_b + \vec{r}_c] \quad \vec{\xi}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} [\vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b] \quad \vec{\xi}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_a + \vec{r}_b) - \vec{r}_c \right]$$

- harmonic-oscillator (HO) Jacobi basis

- antisymmetric under  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ :

$$|\alpha\rangle = |[(N_1 L_1, S_1)J_1, (N_2 L_2, S_2)J_2]JM_J, (T_1, T_2)TM_T\rangle$$

- completely antisymmetric:

$$|EijM_JTM_T\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha,i} |\alpha\rangle$$

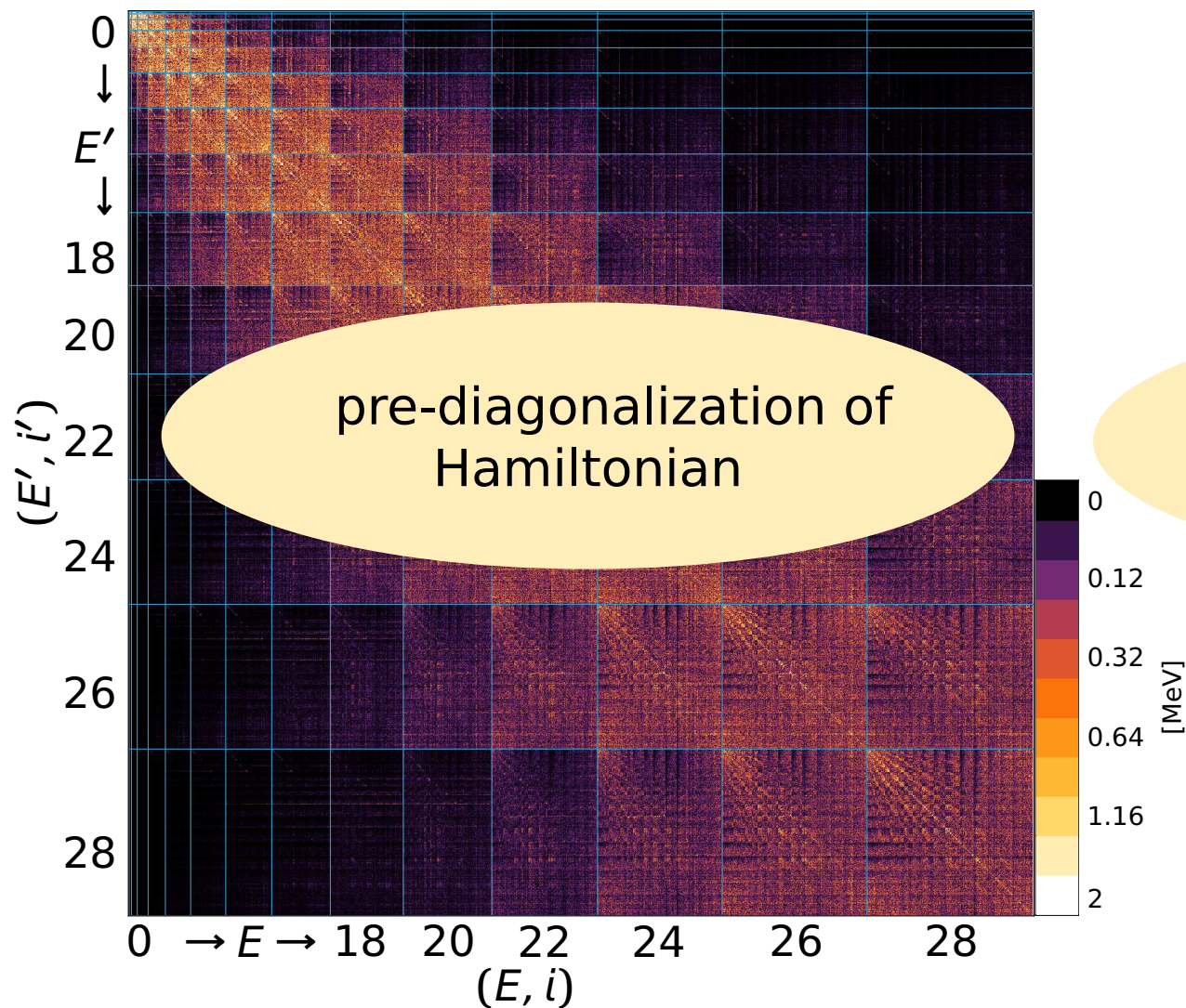
sizable **reduction** of  
basis dimension

$$c_{\alpha,i} = \langle EijM_JTM_T | \alpha \rangle$$

**coefficients of fractional parentage** (CFPs) by P. Navrátil

# SRG Evolution in Three-Body Space

## 3B-Jacobi HO matrix elements



$$\alpha = 0.16 \text{ fm}^4$$

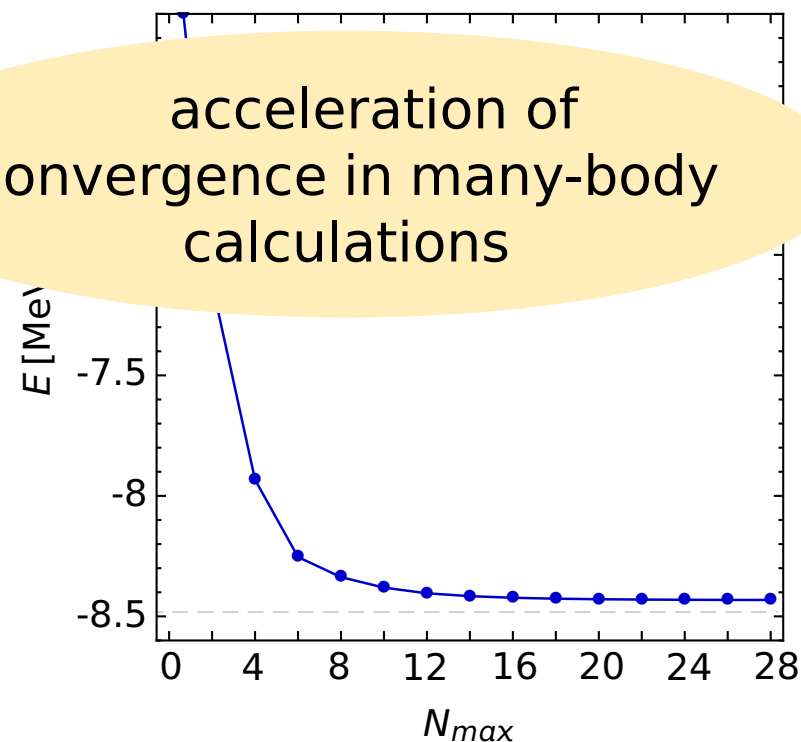
$$\Lambda = 1.58 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

$$\langle E' i' J T | \tilde{H}_\alpha - T_{\text{int}} | E i J T \rangle$$

$$J^\pi = \frac{1}{2}^+, T = \frac{1}{2}, \hbar\Omega = 24 \text{ MeV}$$

## NCSM ground state ${}^3\text{H}$

acceleration of convergence in many-body calculations





# SRG Evolution in $A$ -Body Space

- SRG induces **irreducible** many-body **contributions**

$$U_{\alpha}^{\dagger} H U_{\alpha} = \tilde{H}_{\alpha}^{[2]} + \tilde{H}_{\alpha}^{[3]} + \dots + \tilde{H}_{\alpha}^{[A]}$$

- restricted to a SRG evolution in 2B or 3B space
- formal **violation of unitarity**

## SRG-evolved Hamiltonians

- **NN only**: start with NN initial Hamiltonian and evolve in two-body space
- **NN+3N-induced**: start with NN initial Hamiltonian and evolve in three-body space
- **NN+3N-full**: start with NN+3N initial Hamiltonian and evolve in three-body space

$\alpha$ -variation provides a **diagnostic tool** to assess the contributions of omitted many-body interactions

# From Jacobi to $\mathcal{JT}$ -Coupled Scheme

**transformed interaction in 3B-Jacobi basis**

**first problem**

many-body calculations ( $A > 6$ ) in Jacobi coordinates not feasible  
→ advantageous to use ***m*-scheme**

**second problem**

*m*-scheme matrix elements become intractable for  $N_{\max} > 8$  (p-shell)

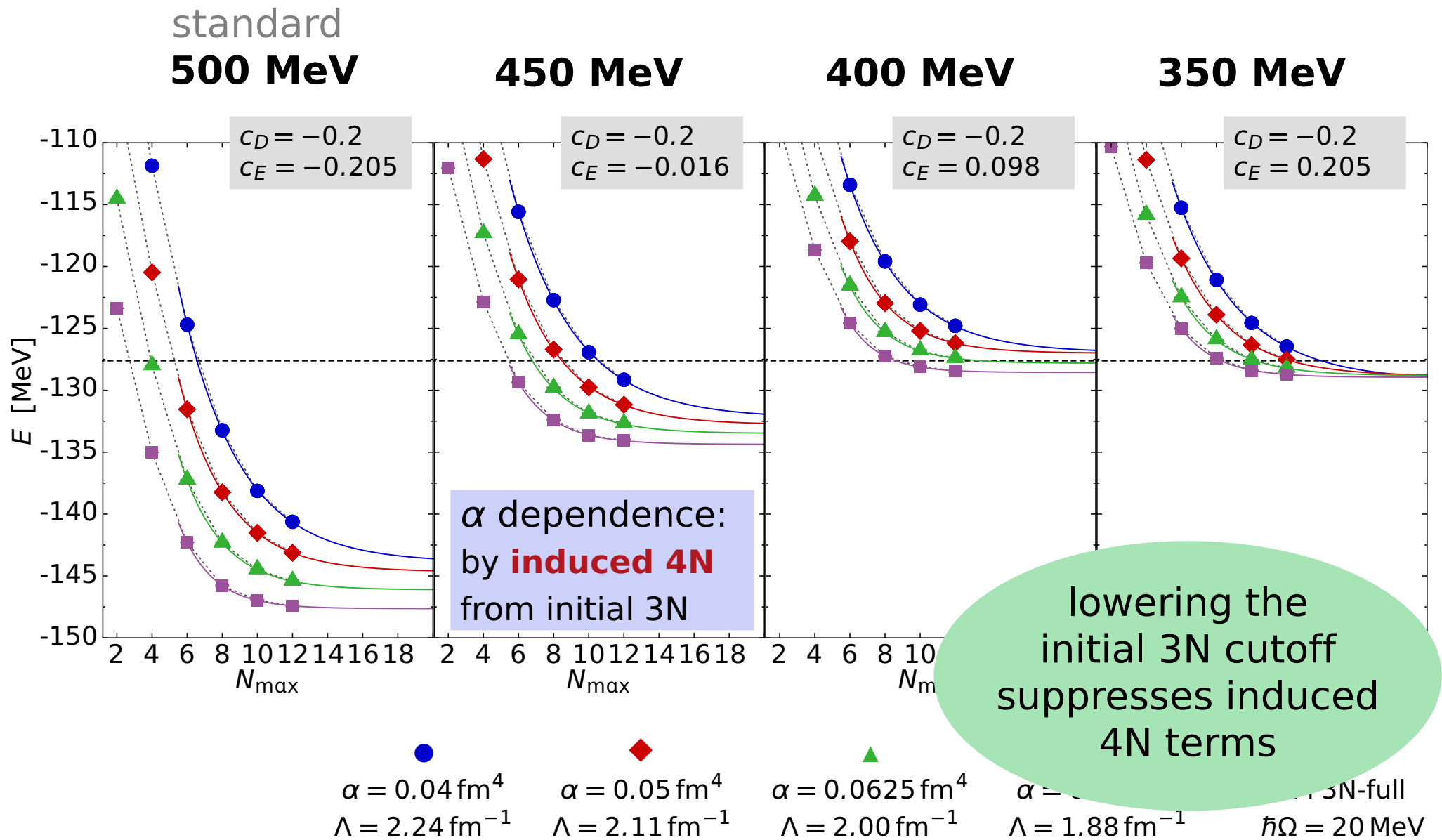
**transformation from Jacobi into  $\mathcal{JT}$ -coupled scheme**

**key to efficient NCSM calculations up to  $N_{\max} = 14$  for p-shell nuclei**

decoupling on the fly

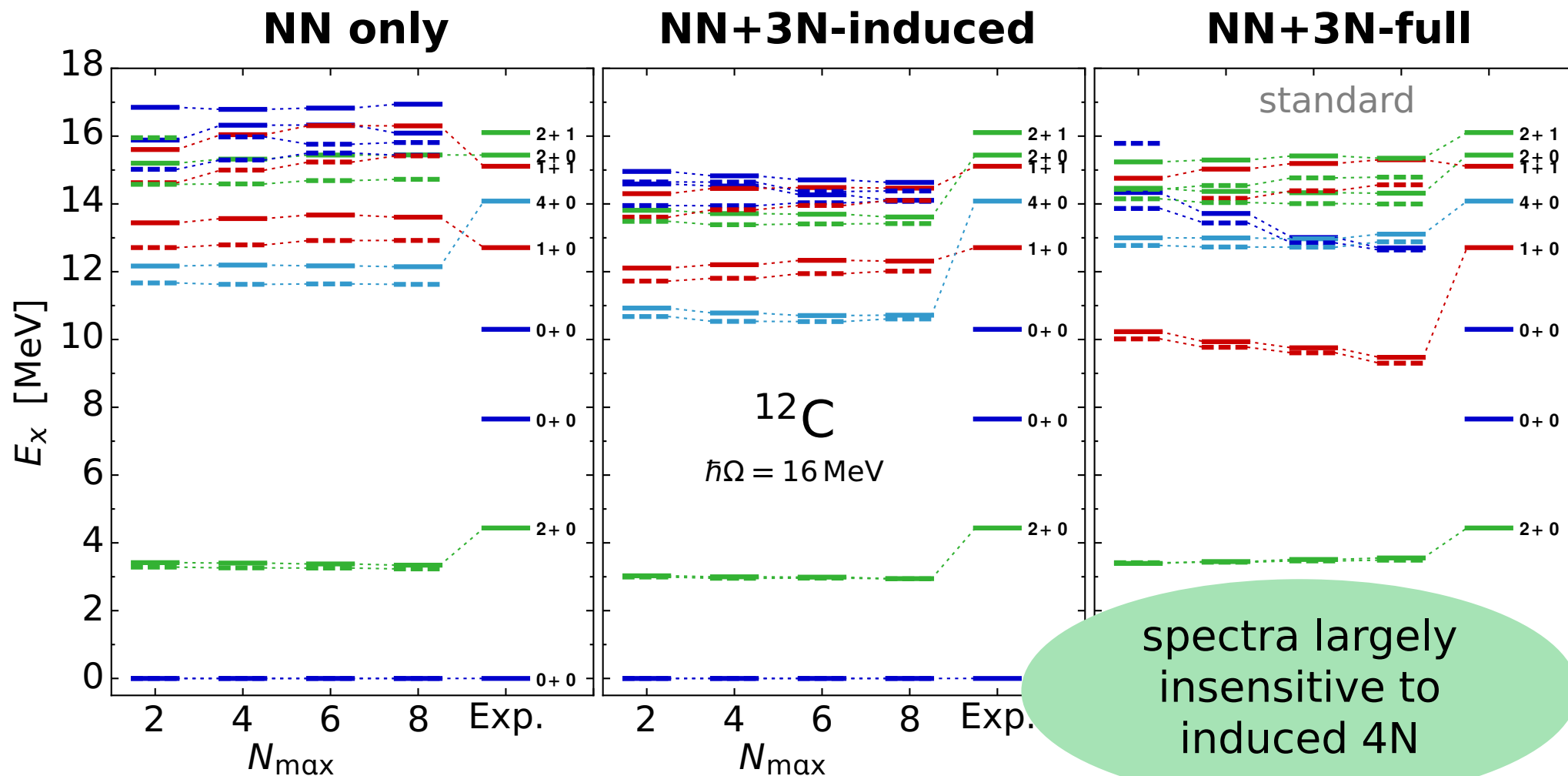
**ab-initio many-body calculation**

# $^{16}\text{O}$ : Lowering the Initial 3N Cutoff



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

Roth, et al; PRL 107, 072501 (2011)



# SRG Model Space & Frequency Conversion

Roth, AC, Langhammer et al. — in preparation

# SRG: Basis Representation

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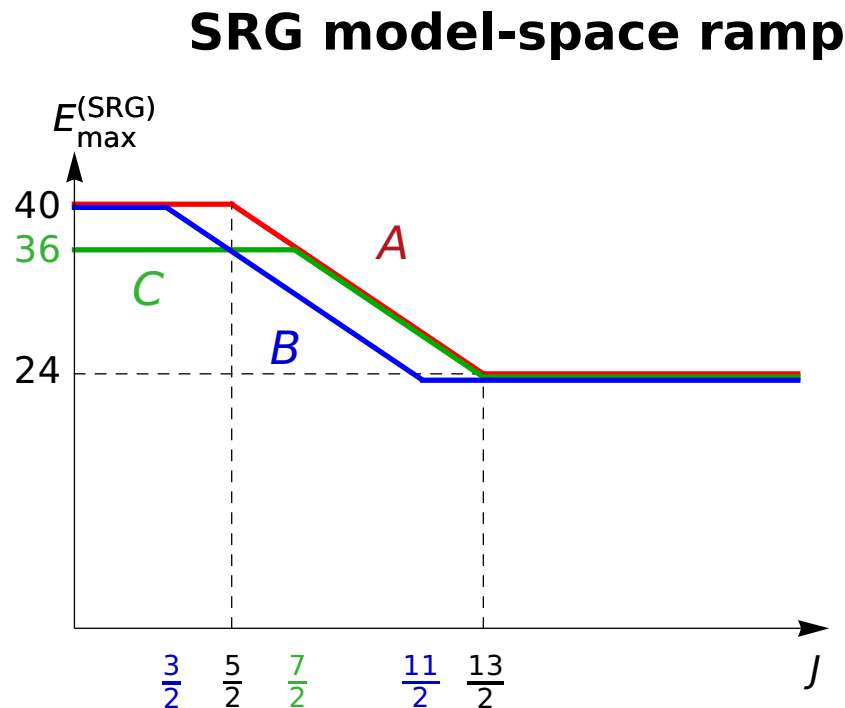
- **unitary** transformation driven by

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{d\alpha} \langle E' i' JT | \tilde{H}_\alpha | E i JT \rangle \approx \\ & (2\mu)^2 \sum_{E'', E'''}^{E_{\max}^{(\text{SRG})}} \sum_{i'', i'''} \langle E' i' JT | T_{\text{int}} | E'' i'' JT \rangle \langle E'' i'' JT | \tilde{H}_\alpha | E''' i''' JT \rangle \langle E''' i''' JT | \tilde{H}_\alpha | E i JT \rangle \\ & \quad - 2 \langle E' i' JT | \tilde{H}_\alpha | E'' i'' JT \rangle \langle E'' i'' JT | T_{\text{int}} | E''' i''' JT \rangle \langle E''' i''' JT | \tilde{H}_\alpha | E i JT \rangle \\ & \quad + \langle E' i' JT | \tilde{H}_\alpha | E'' i'' JT \rangle \langle E'' i'' JT | \tilde{H}_\alpha | E''' i''' JT \rangle \langle E''' i''' JT | T_{\text{int}} | E i JT \rangle \end{aligned}$$

SRG model space truncated  $E \leq E_{\max}^{(\text{SRG})}$

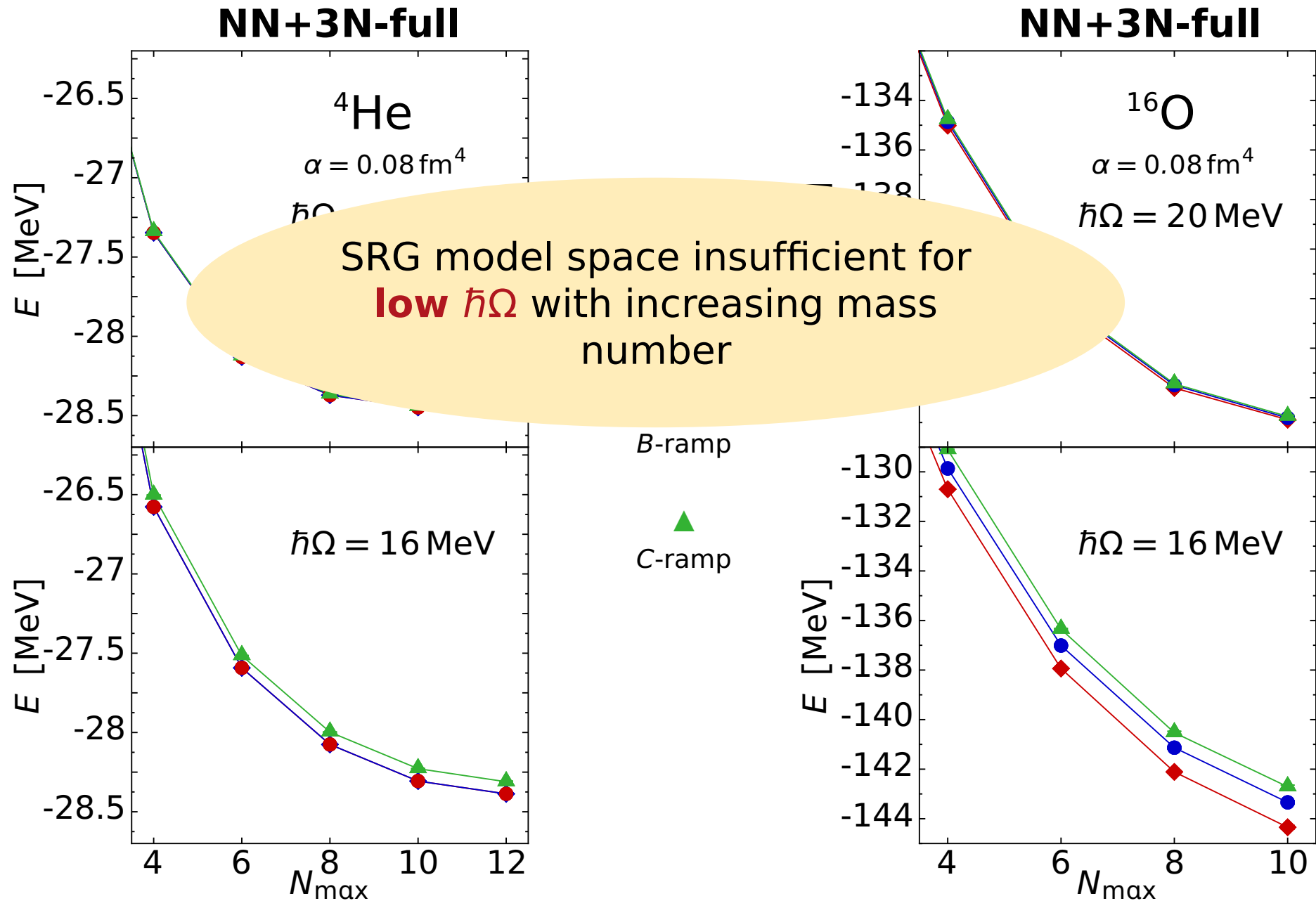
# SRG Model Space

- large angular momenta less important for low-energy properties
- $J$ -dependent model space truncation  $E_{\max}^{(\text{SRG})}(J)$



- use  $A$ -ramp as standard
- use  $B$ - and  $C$ -ramp to investigate sensitivity to model space truncation

# SRG Model Space: ${}^4\text{He}$ & ${}^{16}\text{O}$ Ground-State



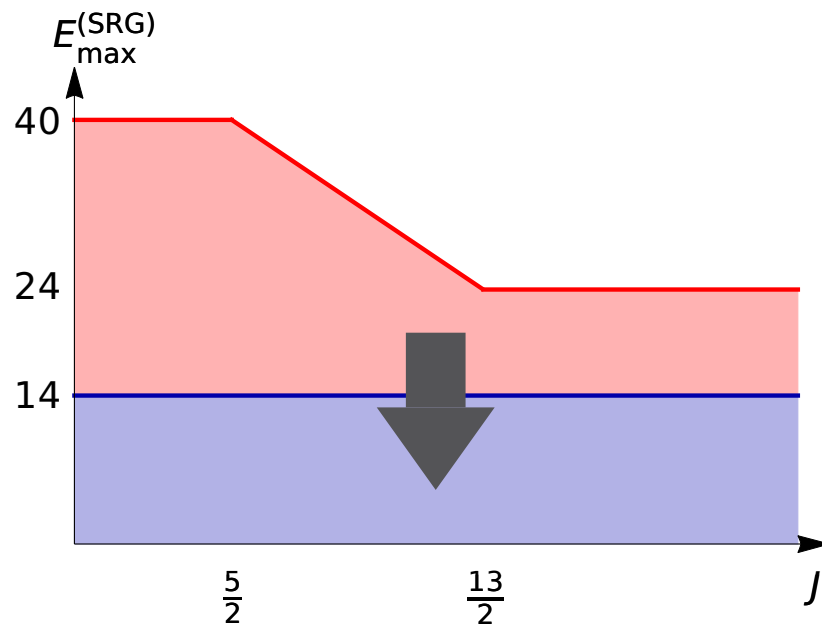


# Frequency Conversion

## Idea:

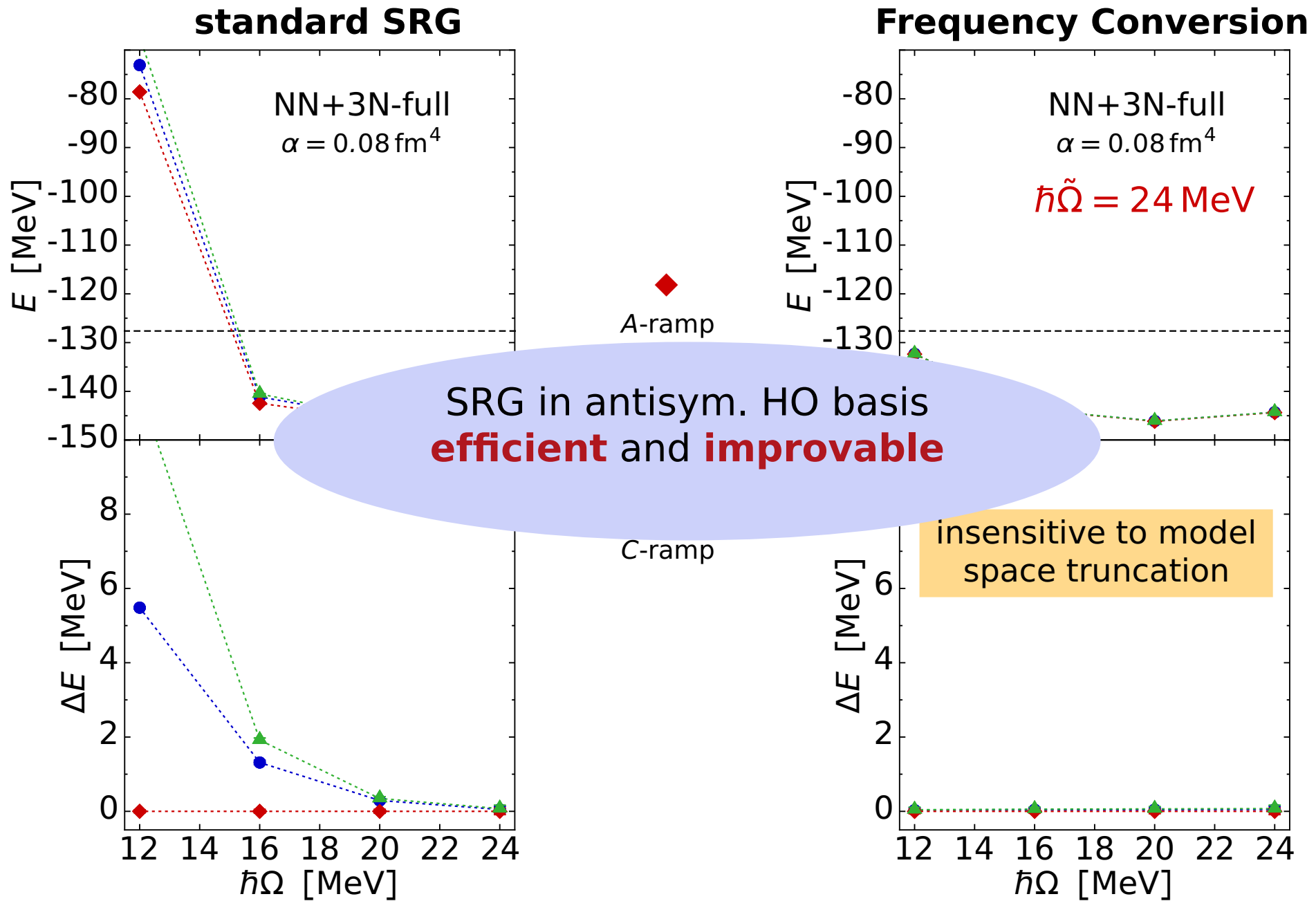
- SRG transformation for adequate  $\hbar\tilde{\Omega}$
- convert to  $\hbar\Omega$  needed for the many-body calculations

## Model Space: **SRG** → **Many-Body**



- benefits
  - simple & efficient access to low frequencies
- limitation
  - conversion becomes inaccurate if  $\hbar\tilde{\Omega} - \hbar\Omega$  large

# Frequency Conversion: $^{16}\text{O}$ Ground State



# Sensitivity of Nuclear Spectra on Chiral 3N Interactions

Roth, Langhammer, AC et al. — in preparation

# Sensitivity on Chiral 3N Interactions

- analyze the sensitivity of spectra on **low-energy constants** ( $c_i, c_D, c_E$ ) and **cutoff** ( $\Lambda$ ) of the chiral 3N interaction at N<sup>2</sup>LO

- why this is interesting:

- **impact of N<sup>3</sup>LO contributions**: some N<sup>3</sup>LO diagrams can be absorbed into the N<sup>2</sup>LO structure by shifting the  $c_i$  constants

$$\bar{c}_1 = c_1 - \frac{g_A^2 M_\pi}{64\pi F_\pi^2}, \quad \bar{c}_3 = c_3 + \frac{g_A^4 M_\pi}{16\pi F_\pi^2}, \quad \bar{c}_4 = c_4 - \frac{g_A^4 M_\pi}{16\pi F_\pi^2} \quad (\text{Bernard et al., Ishikawa, Robilotta})$$

- **uncertainty propagation**: sizable variations of the  $c_i$  from different extractions (also affects N<sup>3</sup>LO)

$$c_1 = -1.23\dots - 0.76, \quad c_3 = -5.5\dots$$

provide **constraints** for the development of chiral Hamiltonians and **quantify theoretical uncertainties**

- **cutoff dependence**: does the cutoff affect nuclear structure observables?

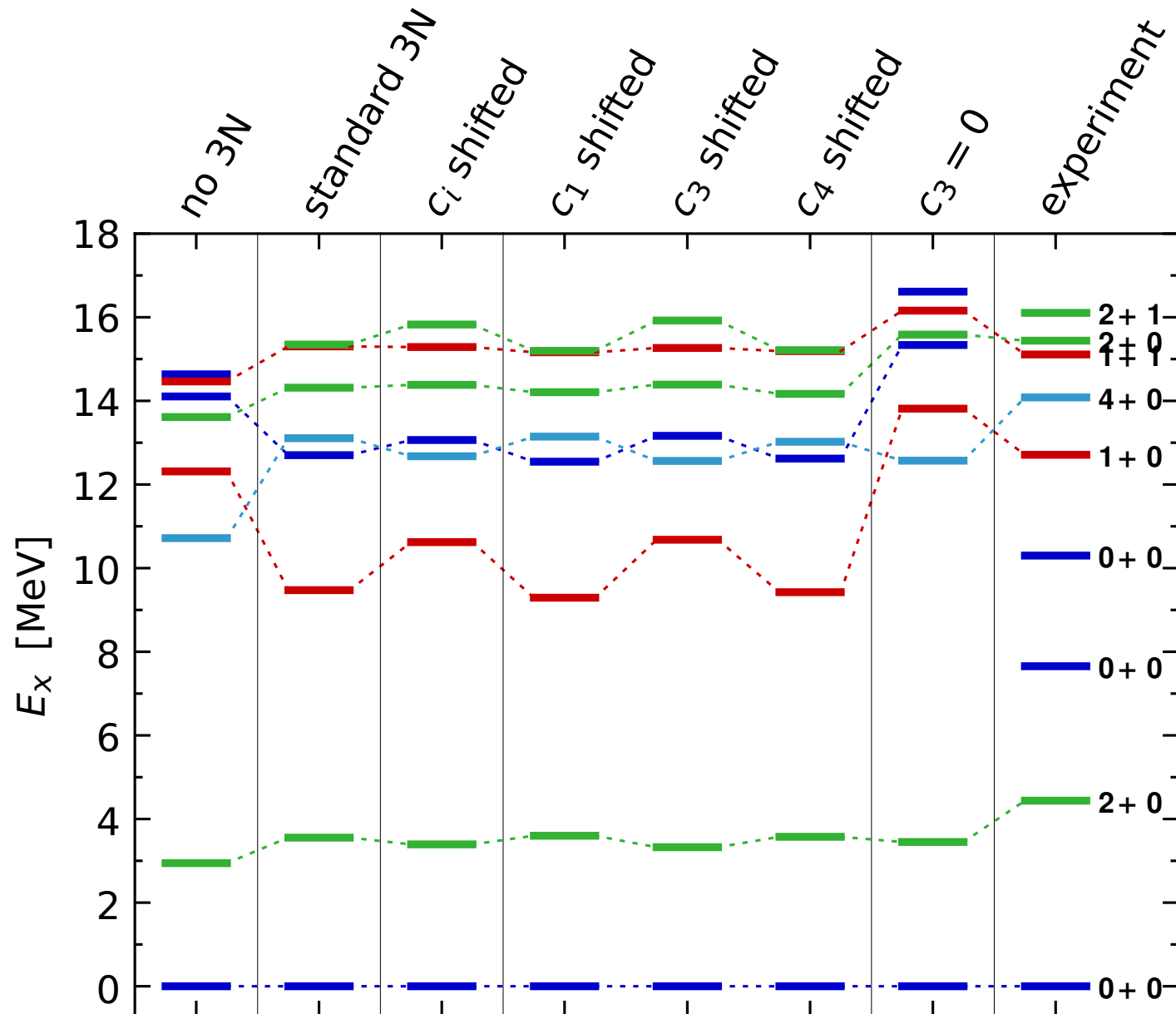
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	$c_1$ [GeV <sup>-1</sup> ]	$c_3$ [GeV <sup>-1</sup> ]	$c_4$ [GeV <sup>-1</sup> ]	$c_D$	$c_E$
standard 3N	-0.81	-3.2	+5.4	-0.2	-0.205
$c_i$ shifted	<b>-0.94</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>+4.5</b>	-0.2	<b>-0.085</b>
$c_1$ shifted	<b>-0.94</b>	-3.2	+5.4	-0.2	<b>-0.247</b>
$c_3$ shifted	-0.81	<b>-2.3</b>	+5.4	-0.2	<b>-0.200</b>
$c_4$ shifted	-0.81	-3.2	<b>+4.5</b>	-0.2	<b>-0.130</b>
$c_D = -1$	-0.81	-3.2	+5.4	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.386</b>
$c_D = +1$	-0.81	-3.2	+5.4	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>-0.038</b>
$\Lambda = 400$ MeV	-0.81	-3.2	+5.4	-0.2	<b>+0.098</b>
$\Lambda = 450$ MeV	-0.81	-3.2	+5.4	-0.2	<b>-0.016</b>

- refit  $c_E$  parameter to reproduce <sup>4</sup>He ground-state energy

# $^{12}\text{C}$ : Sensitivity on $c_i$

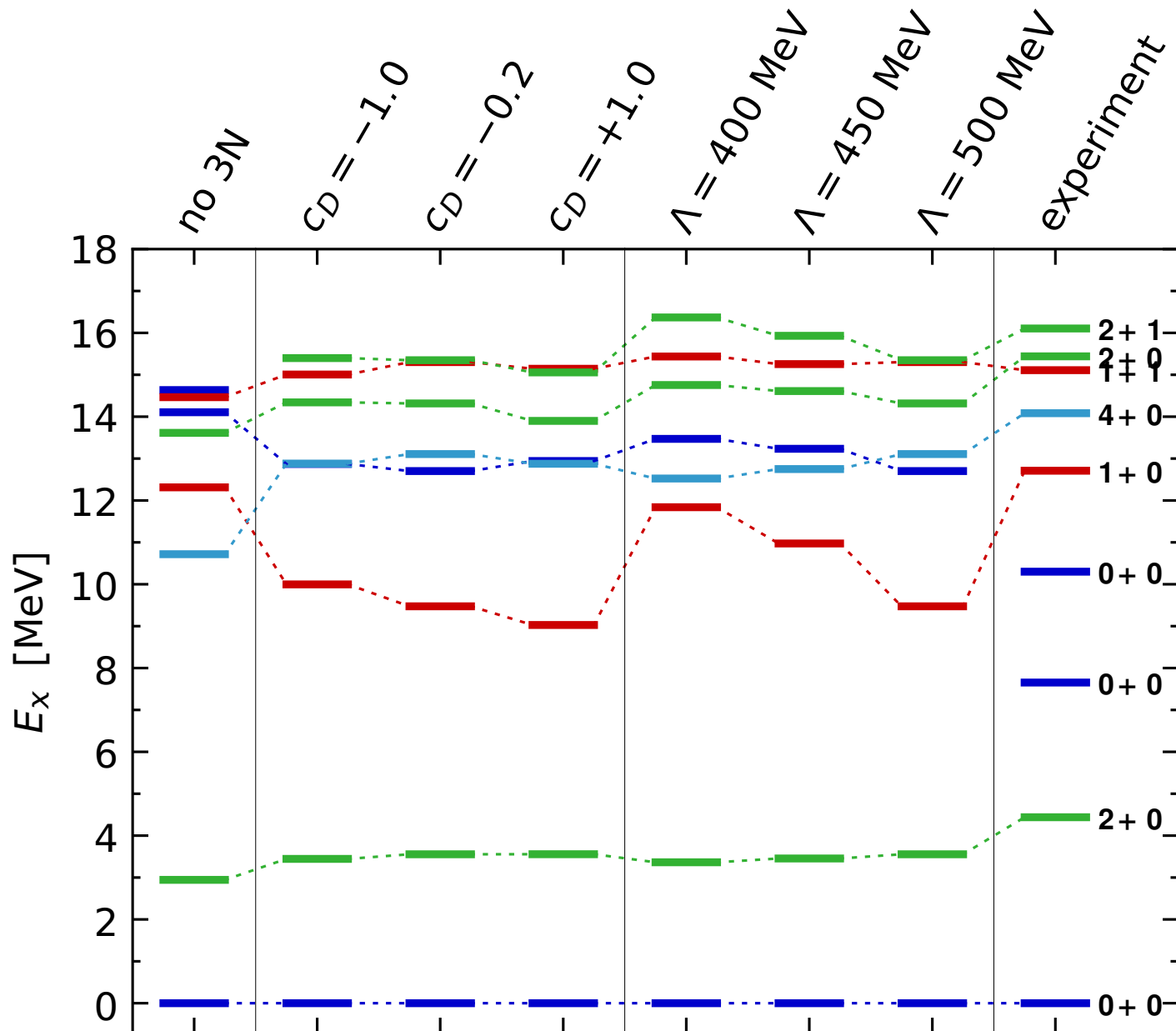


■ many states are rather  $c_i$ -insensitive

■ first  $1^+$  state shows strong  $c_3$ -sensitivity

$\hbar\Omega = 16$  MeV  
 $N_{\text{max}} = 8$   
 $\alpha = 0.08$  fm $^4$

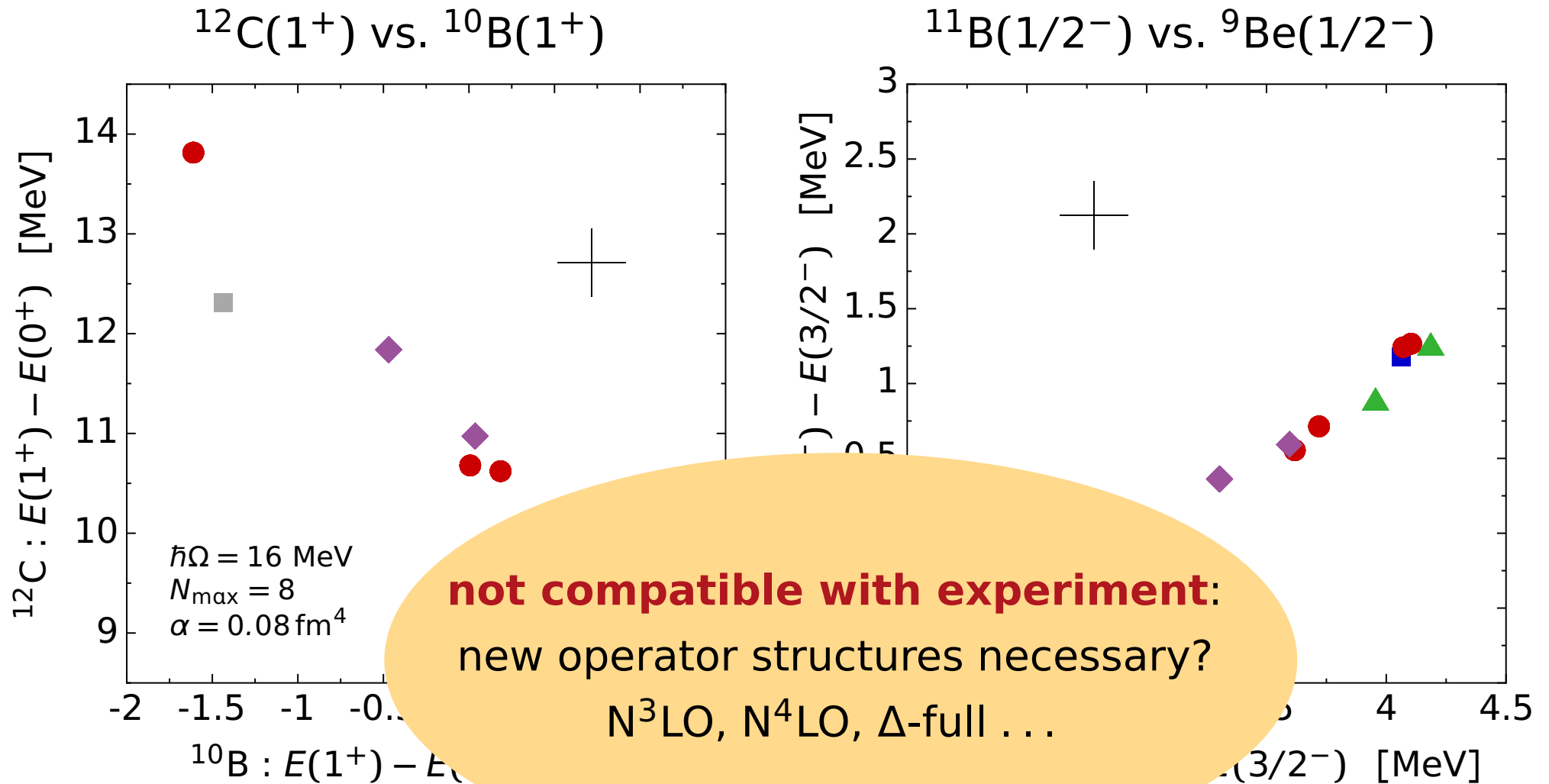
# $^{12}\text{C}$ : Sensitivity on $c_D$ & Cutoff



- weak dependence on  $c_D$ , stronger dependence on  $\Lambda$
- again first  $1^+$  state is most sensitive

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# Correlation Analysis



+ exp    ■ no 3N    ■ std 3N    ●  $c_i$  var    ▲  $c_D$  var    ◆  $\Lambda$  var



# Towards Next-Generation Chiral Hamiltonians

# Technical Aspects

- **starting point**: numerical 3N matrix elements in partial-wave Jacobi-momentum basis (antisym. under  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ )

$$\langle p'_1 p'_2 \beta' | V_3(1 + P) | p_1 p_2 \beta \rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \langle p'_1 p'_2 \beta' | (1 + P) V_3(1 + P) | p_1 p_2 \beta \rangle$$
$$| p_1 p_2 \beta \rangle = | p_1 p_2 \{ (L_1, S_1) J_1, (L_2, S_2) J_2 \} J M_J; (T_1, T_2) T M_T \rangle$$

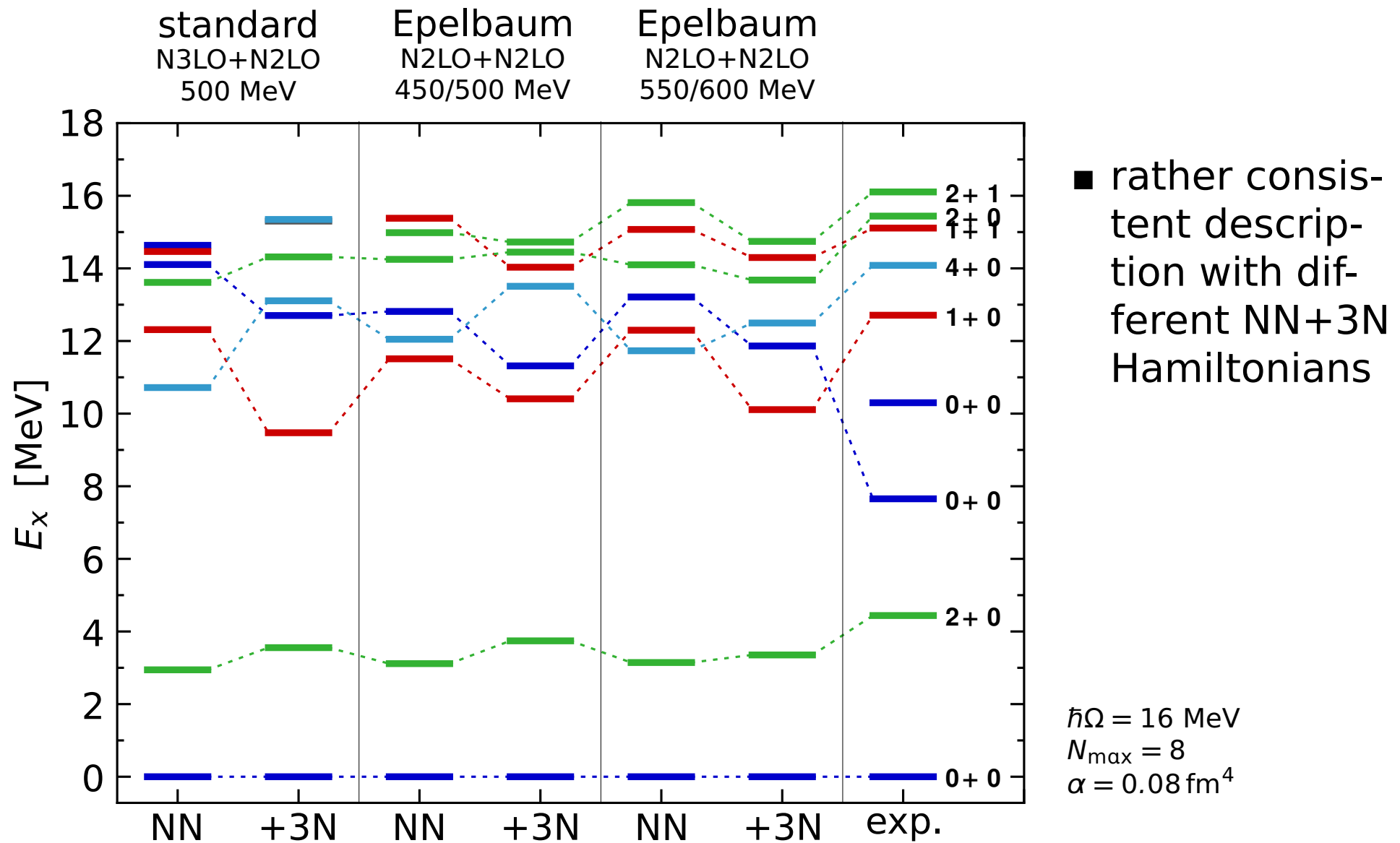
- numerical partial-wave decomposition of Skibinski et al.
  - ongoing collaborative effort to produce N<sup>2</sup>LO/N<sup>3</sup>LO matrix elements (Cracow, Bochum, Bonn, Ohio SU, Iowa SU, Darmstadt)
- 
- **need** transformation to **HO basis** for nuclear structure calculations!
    - SRG in momentum space then transformation to HO basis (Kai Hebeler)
    - direct transformation to HO basis

# Machinery 3-Body Momentum Basis

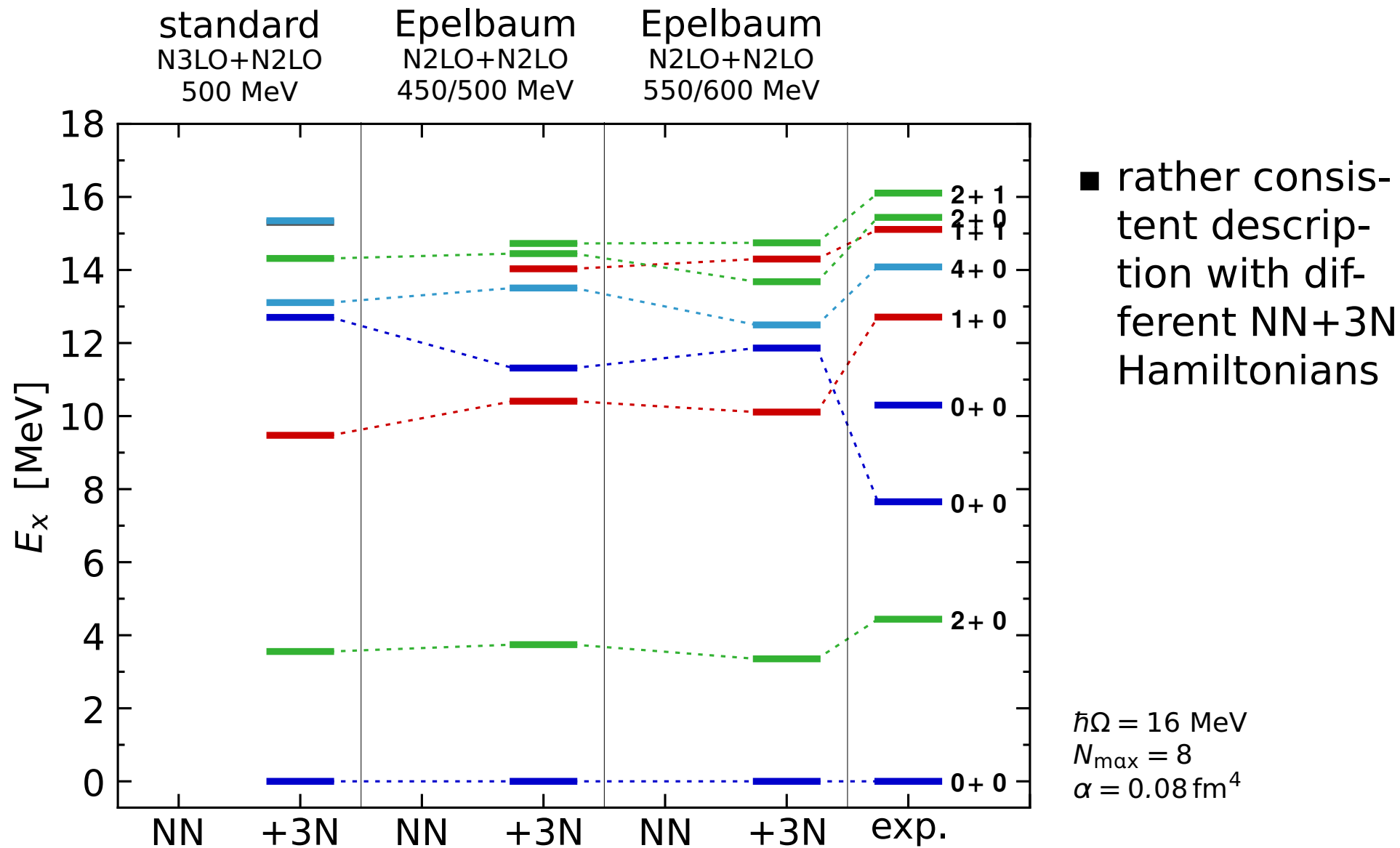
## Our Strategy:

- transform initial interaction to antisym. HO Jacobi basis
- use HO machinery afterwards (SRG;  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $T$ -coupled scheme; . . . )
  - SRG in HO basis very efficient (discrete, consider antisymmetry)
  - new developments in HO basis applicable for all chiral interactions
- **first application**: consistent NN+3N Hamiltonian at N<sup>2</sup>LO
  - NN at N<sup>2</sup>LO: Epelbaum et al., cutoffs 450, . . . , 600 MeV, phase-shift fit  $\chi^2/\text{dat} \sim 10$  ( $\sim 1$ ) up to 300 MeV (100 MeV)
  - 3N at N<sup>2</sup>LO: Epelbaum et al., cutoffs 450, . . . , 600 MeV, nonlocal, fit to  $\alpha(nd)$  and  $E(^3\text{H})$ , included up to  $J=7/2$

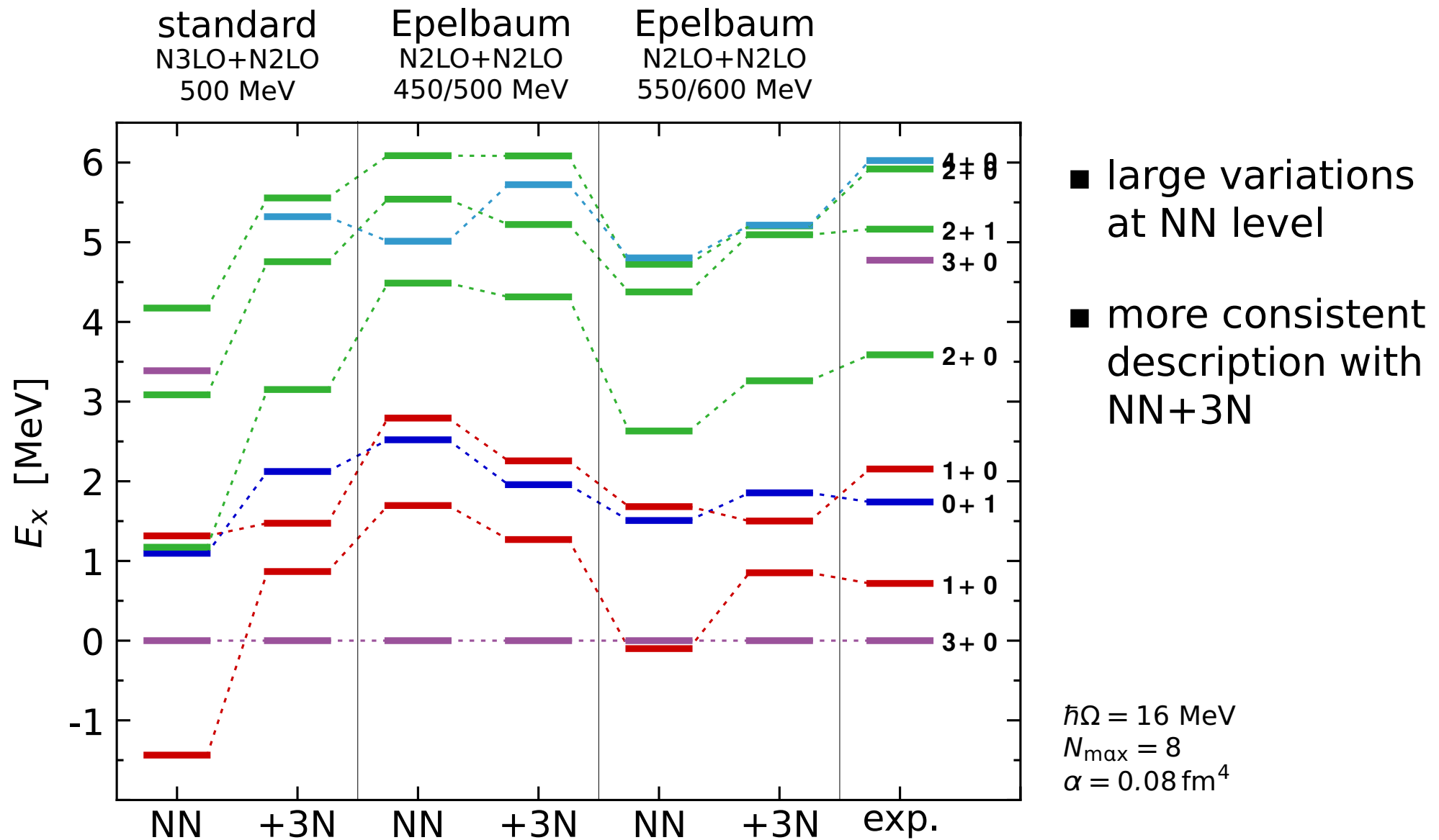
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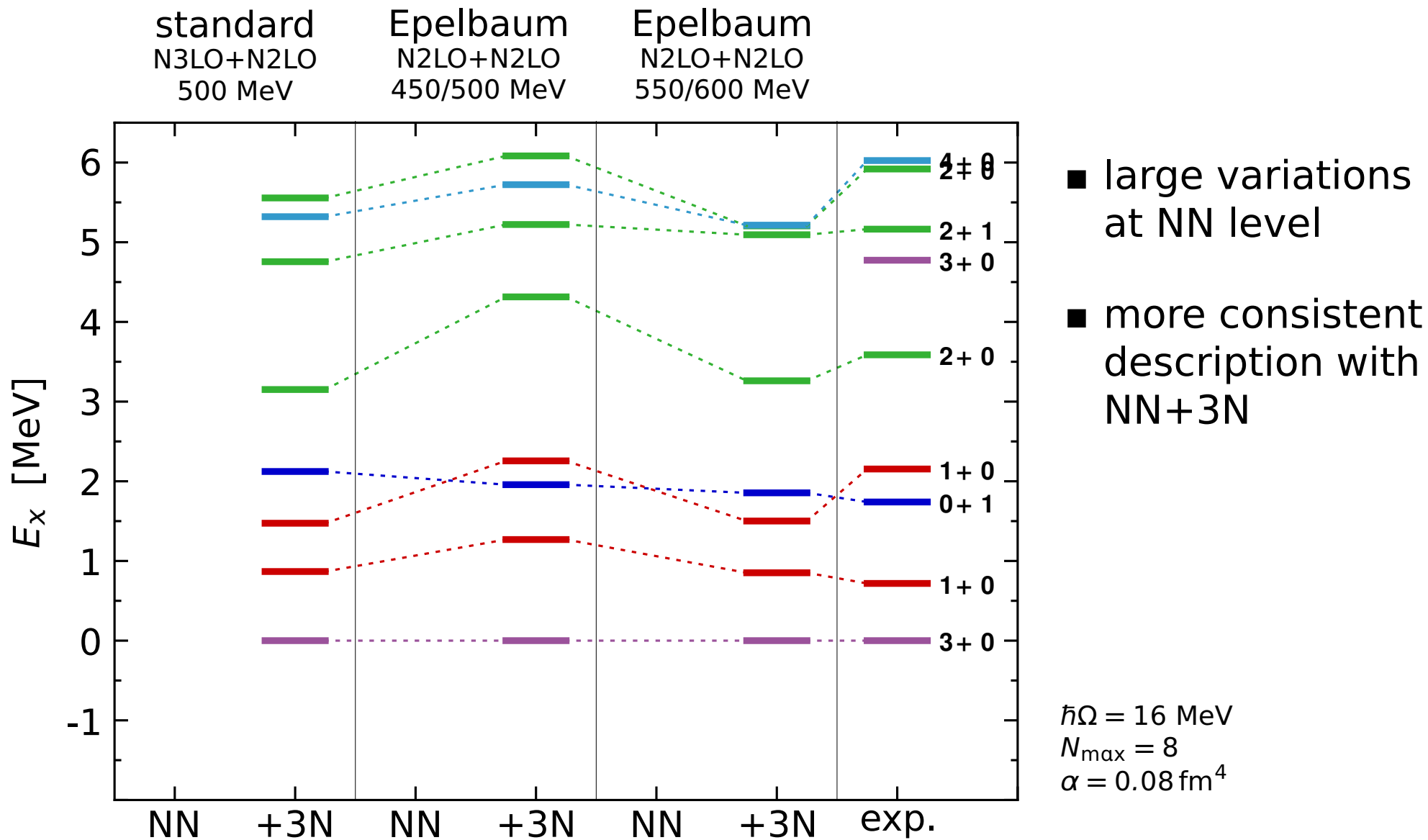
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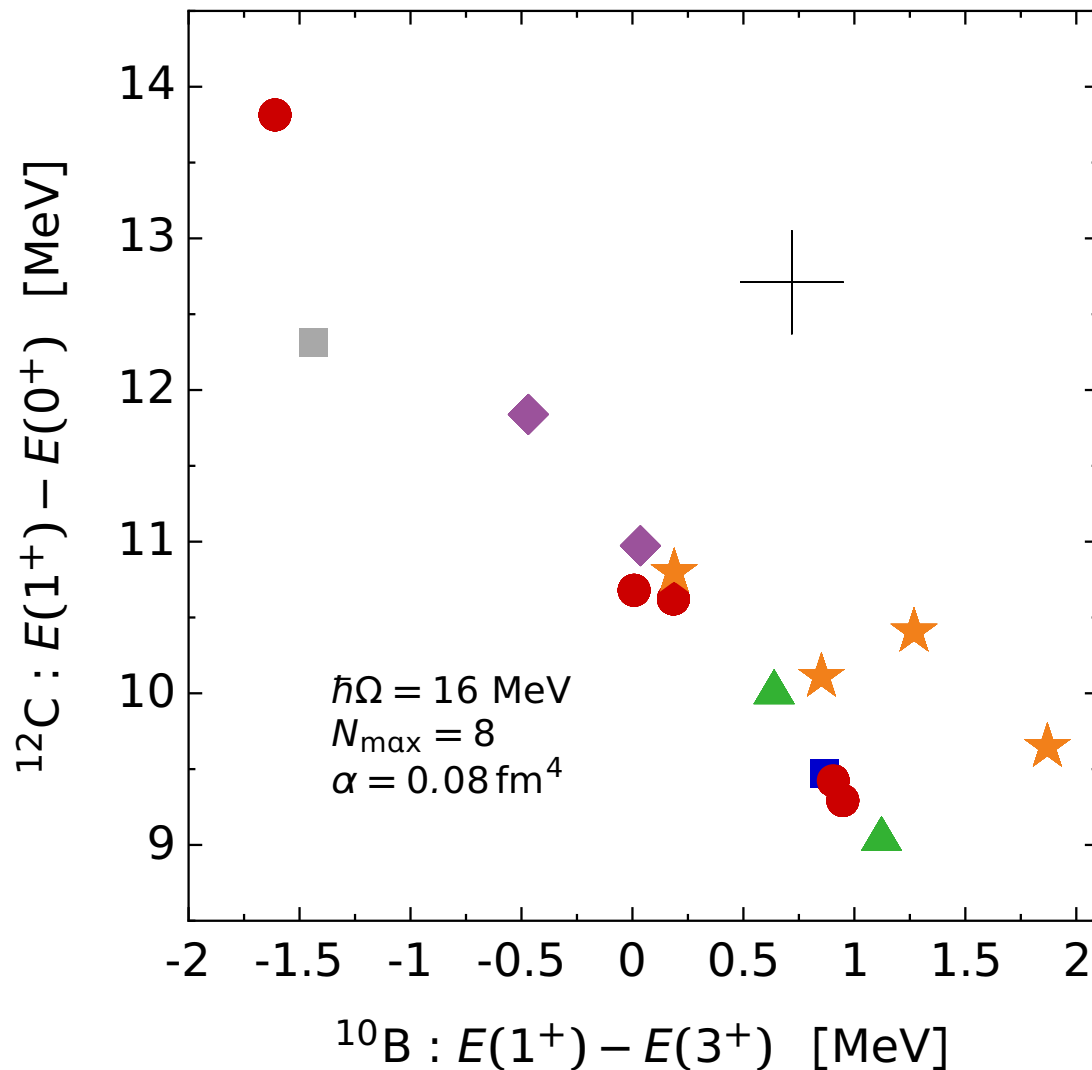
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# Correlation Analysis: $^{12}\text{C}(1^+)$ vs. $^{10}\text{B}(1^+)$



- interesting **deviation** from E&M+N systematics
- **NN** possible reason

+ exp

Entem&Machleidt+Navrátil

- no 3N
- std 3N
- $c_i$  var
- ▲  $c_D$  var
- ◆  $\Lambda$  var

Epelbaum @  $N^2\text{LO}$

★ NN+3N



# SRG in Four-Body Space

# Four-Body Jacobi Basis

Navrátil, Barrett, Glöckle Phys. Rev. C 59 611 (1999)

- Jacobi coordinate:  $\vec{\xi}_3 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \left[ \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_a + \vec{r}_b + \vec{r}_c) - \vec{r}_d \right]$

- Jacobi state antisym. under  $1 \leftrightarrow 2 \leftrightarrow 3$   
(extension of antisym. three-body Jacobi state)

$$|E_{12}E_3i_{12}; \alpha\rangle = |E_{12}E_3i_{12} [J_{12}, (L_3, S_3)J_3] JM_J; (T_{12}T_3)TM_T\rangle$$

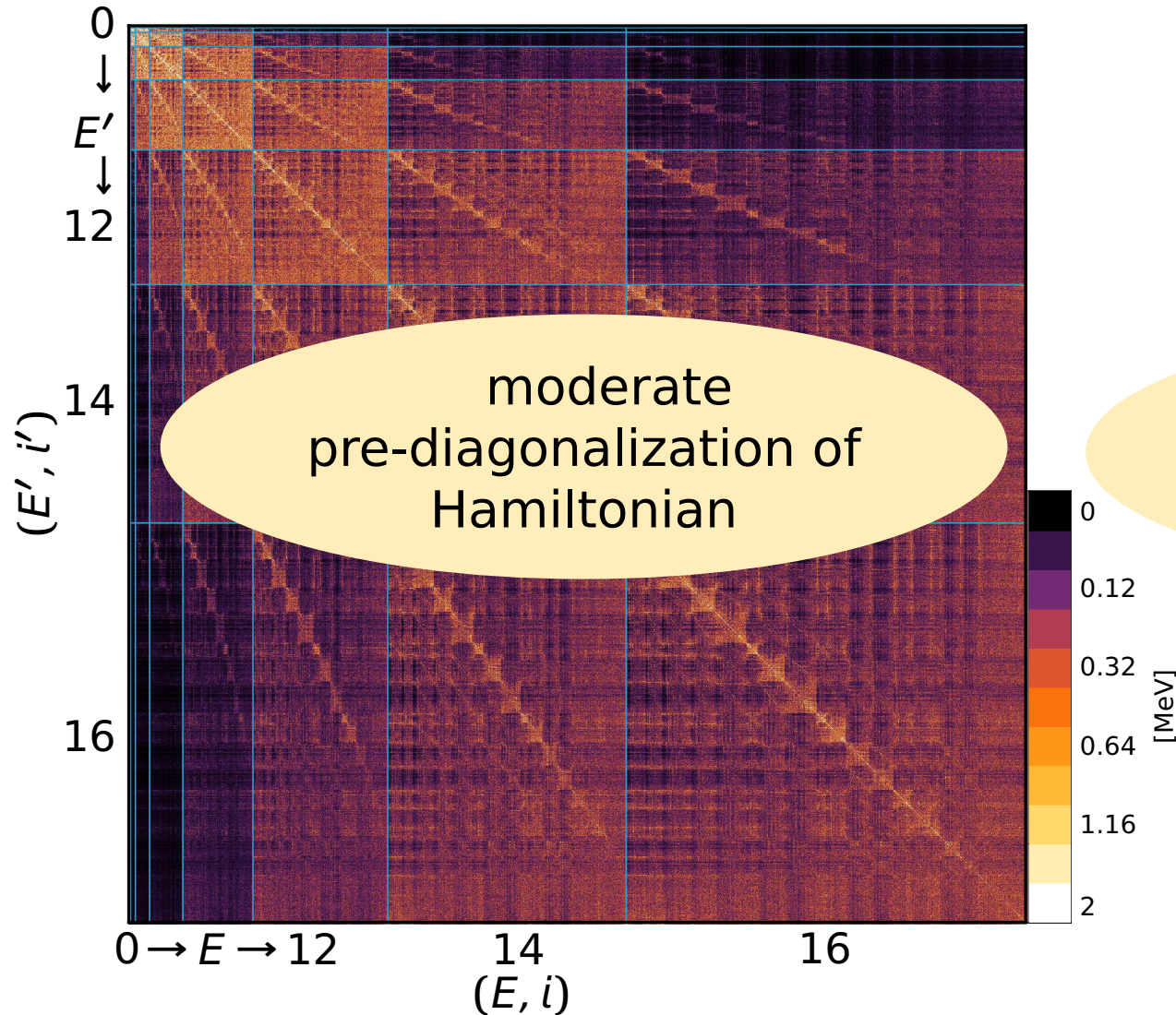
- antisym. Jacobi state

$$|EiJM_JTM_T\rangle = \sum_{i_{12}, \beta} \tilde{c}_{E_{12}, E_3, i_{12}}^{\alpha, i} |E_{12}E_3i_{12}; \alpha\rangle \quad \text{with } E = E_{12} + E_3$$

introduce **four-body CFPs**:  $\tilde{c}_{E_{12}, E_3, i_{12}}^{\alpha, i}$

# SRG Evolution in Four-Body Space

## 4B-Jacobi HO matrix elements



$$\alpha = 0.16 \text{ fm}^4$$

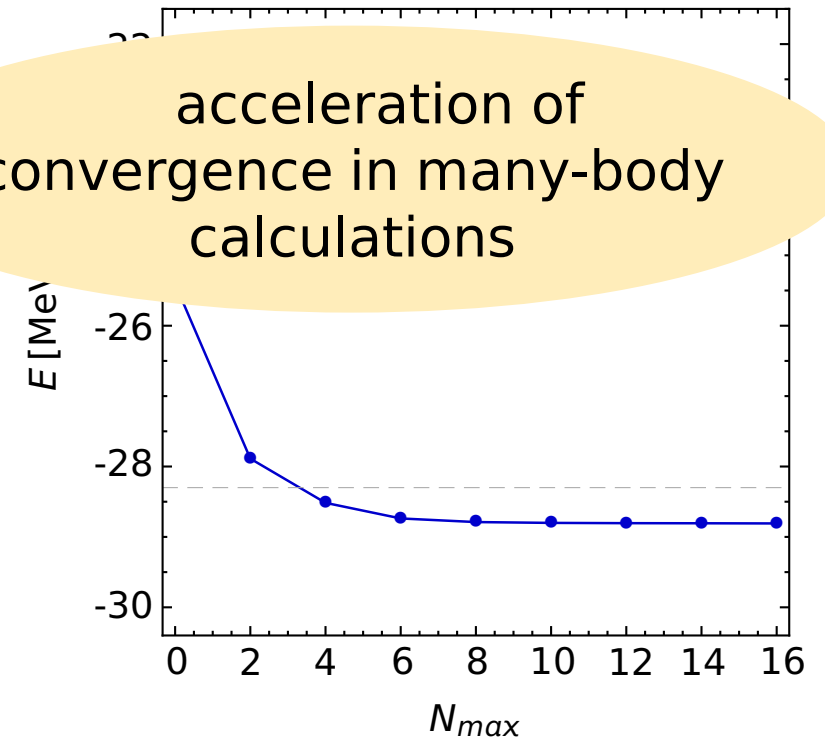
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$$J^\pi = 0^+, T = 0, \hbar\Omega = 24 \text{ MeV}$$

## NCSM ground state ${}^4\text{He}$

acceleration of convergence in many-body calculations



# First Shot: Sum over Fourth Particle

- transformation to **four-body m-scheme** basis and additional **normal-ordering** approximation in progress
- meanwhile:
  - create **effective three-body interaction** in Jacobi basis
  - sum over fourth particle (unperturbed m-scheme state)
  - only consider equal  $J_{12}, T_{12}$  in Bra and Ket and average over projections
  - set three-body center of mass motion to ground-state

$$\langle E'_{12} i'_{12} J_{12} T_{12} | \hat{V}_{3N}^{\text{eff}} | E_{12} i_{12} J_{12} T_{12} \rangle$$

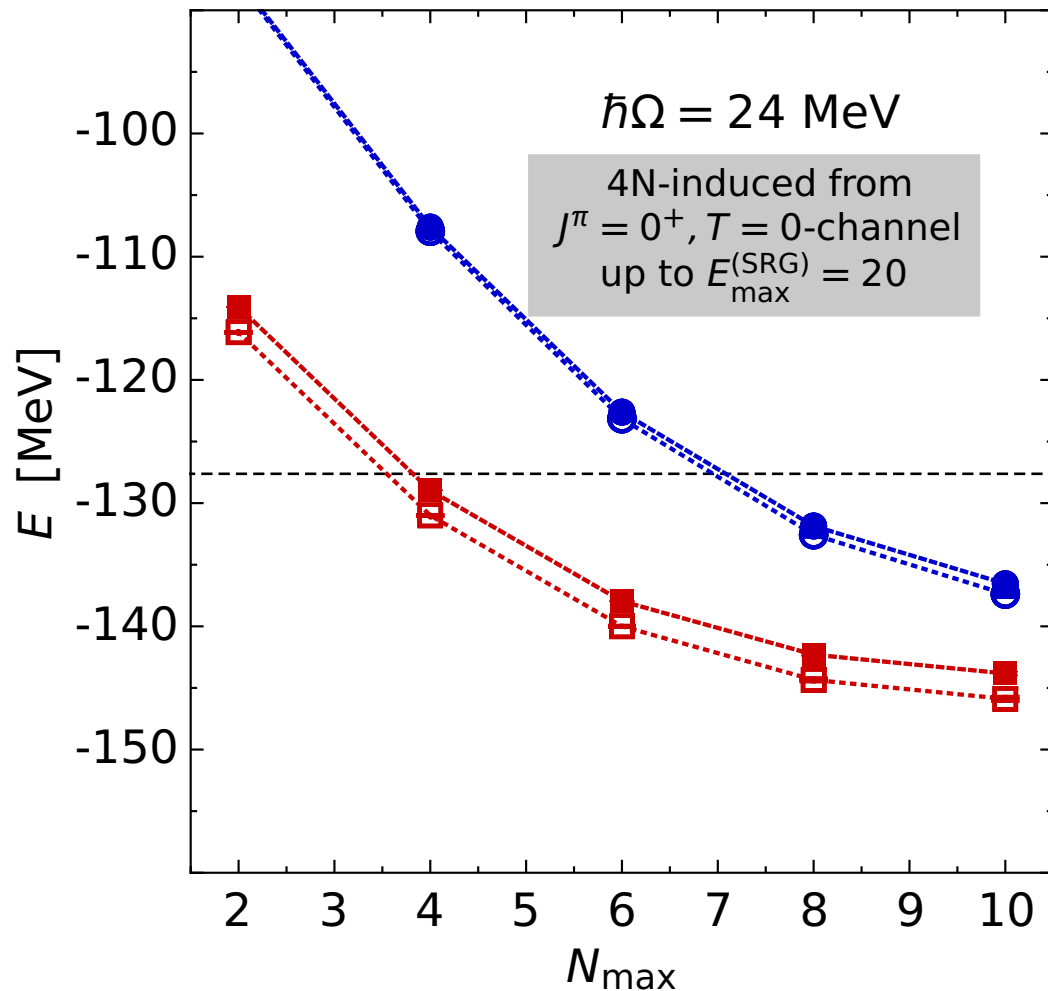
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4N}} \sum_{i_3, J_3, T_3} \dots$$

## Motivation:

reproduces ground-state energy for closed shell nuclei in  $N_{\text{max}} = 0$  space

$$\times \{ |000\rangle \otimes |E_{12} i_{12} J_{12} T_{12}\rangle \otimes |i_d (t_d s_d) J_d m_{j_d}; t_d m_{t_d}\rangle \}$$

# First Shot: $^{16}\text{O}$ Ground State



■ correction by induced 4N in **right direction**, but **too small**

■ **improvements:**

- consider further 4N channels
- increase  $E_{\max}^{(\text{SRG})}$
- use normal-ordering approximation

NN+3N-std

NN+3N+4N-ind

○  $\alpha = 0.04$  fm<sup>4</sup>

□  $\alpha = 0.08$  fm<sup>4</sup>

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# Conclusions

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- **SRG** evolution in **HO basis** efficient and **improvable**
  - frequency conversion & model space increase
- **consistent four-body** SRG evolution (for induced and initial contributions)
  - inclusion via **effective three-body** interaction
  - next step: use normal-ordering approximation
- **p-shell spectra** provide powerful testbed for chiral potentials
- machinery ready to use **3N @ N<sup>3</sup>LO** in momentum Jacobi basis
  - directly applicable in IT-NCSM, CC, IM-SRG, RGM ...

# Epilogue

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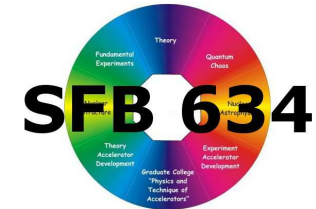
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