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Progress in Ab Initio Techniques in Nuclear Physics

# No-core MCSM calculations in light nuclei

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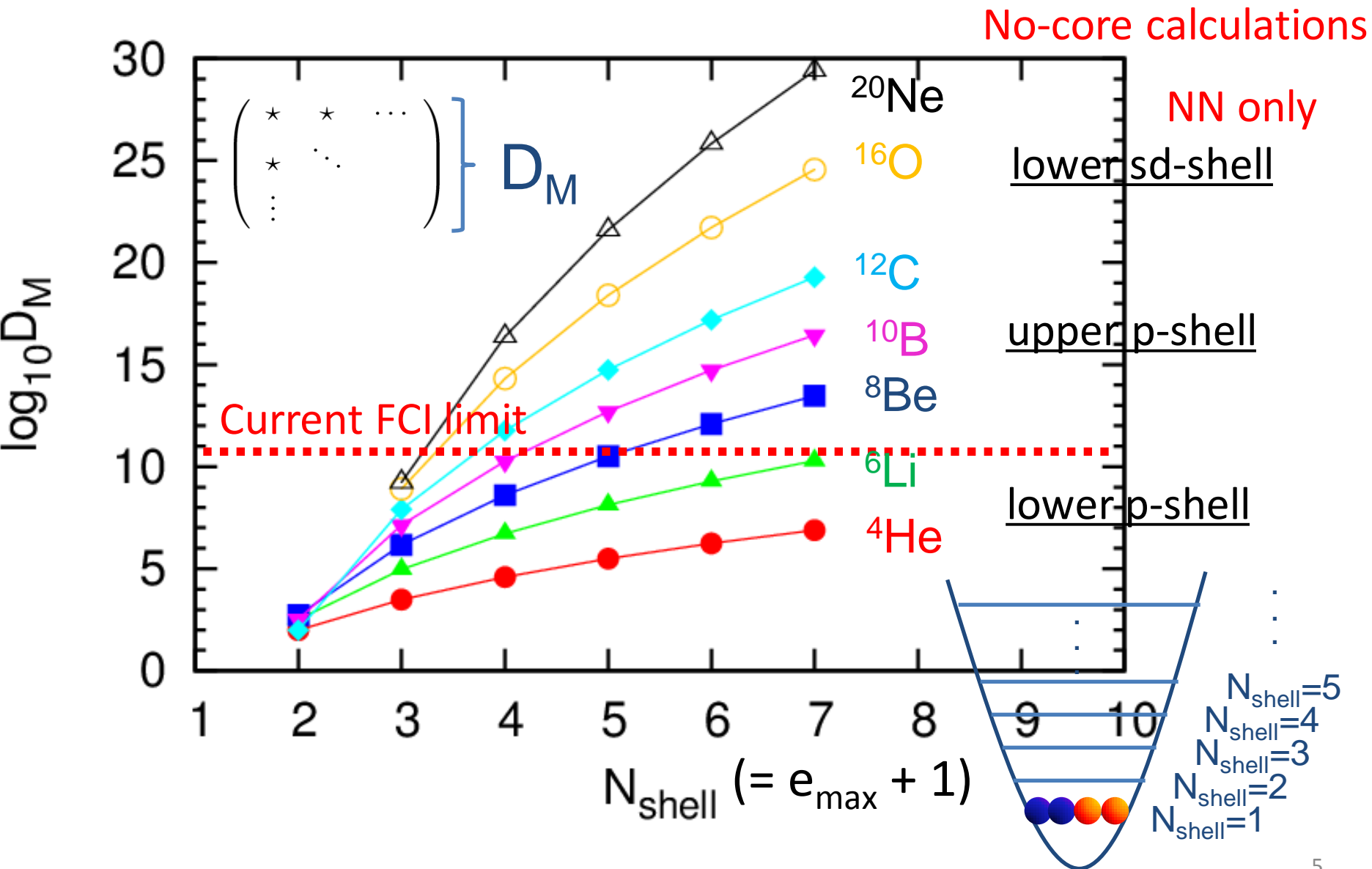
# Ab initio approaches

- Major challenge in nuclear physics
  - Understand the nuclear structure & reactions from *ab-initio* calculations w/ realistic **nuclear forces (potentials)**
  - *ab-initio* approaches in nuclear structure calculations ( $A > 4$ ):
    - GFMC, NCSM** ( $A \sim 12-16$ ), **CC** (sub-shell closure +/- 1,2),
    - Self-consistent Green's Function theory, IM-SRG, Lattice EFT, ...**

➔ demand for extensive computational resources

- ✓ *ab-initio*(-like) SM approaches (which attempt to go) beyond standard methods
  - IT-NCSM, IT-CI: R. Roth (TU Darmstadt), P. Navratil (TRIUMF), ...
  - SA-NCSM: T. Dytrych, J. P. Draayer, K. D. Launey (Louisiana State U), ...
  - **No-Core Monte Carlo Shell Model (MCSM)**

# M-scheme dimension in $N_{\text{shell}}$ truncation



# Monte Carlo shell model (MCSM)

- Importance truncation

## Standard shell model

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & \dots \\ * & * & * & * & & \\ * & * & * & & & \\ * & * & & \ddots & & \\ * & & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

All Slater determinants

Diagonalization

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_0 & & & & & 0 \\ & E_1 & & & & \\ & & E_2 & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & \\ 0 & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$d > O(10^{10})$

## Monte Carlo shell model

$$\mathbf{H} \sim \begin{pmatrix} * & * & \dots \\ * & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Important bases stochastically selected

Diagonalization

$$\begin{pmatrix} E'_0 & & 0 \\ & E'_1 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$d_{\text{MCSM}} \sim O(100)$

# SM Hamiltonian & MCSM many-body w.f.

- 2nd-quantized non-rel. Hamiltonian (up to 2-body term, so far)

$$H = \sum_{\alpha\beta}^{N_{sps}} t_{\alpha\beta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{N_{sps}} \bar{v}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\delta} c_{\gamma} \quad \bar{v}_{ijkl} = v_{ijkl} - v_{ijlk}$$

- Eigenvalue problem

$$H|\Psi(J, M, \pi)\rangle = E|\Psi(J, M, \pi)\rangle$$

- MCSM many-body wave function & basis function

$$|\Psi(J, M, \pi)\rangle = \sum_i^{N_{basis}} f_i \Phi_i(J, M, \pi)\rangle \quad |\Phi(J, M, \pi)\rangle = \sum_K g_K P_{MK}^J P^{\pi} |\phi\rangle$$

These coeff. are obtained by the diagonalization.

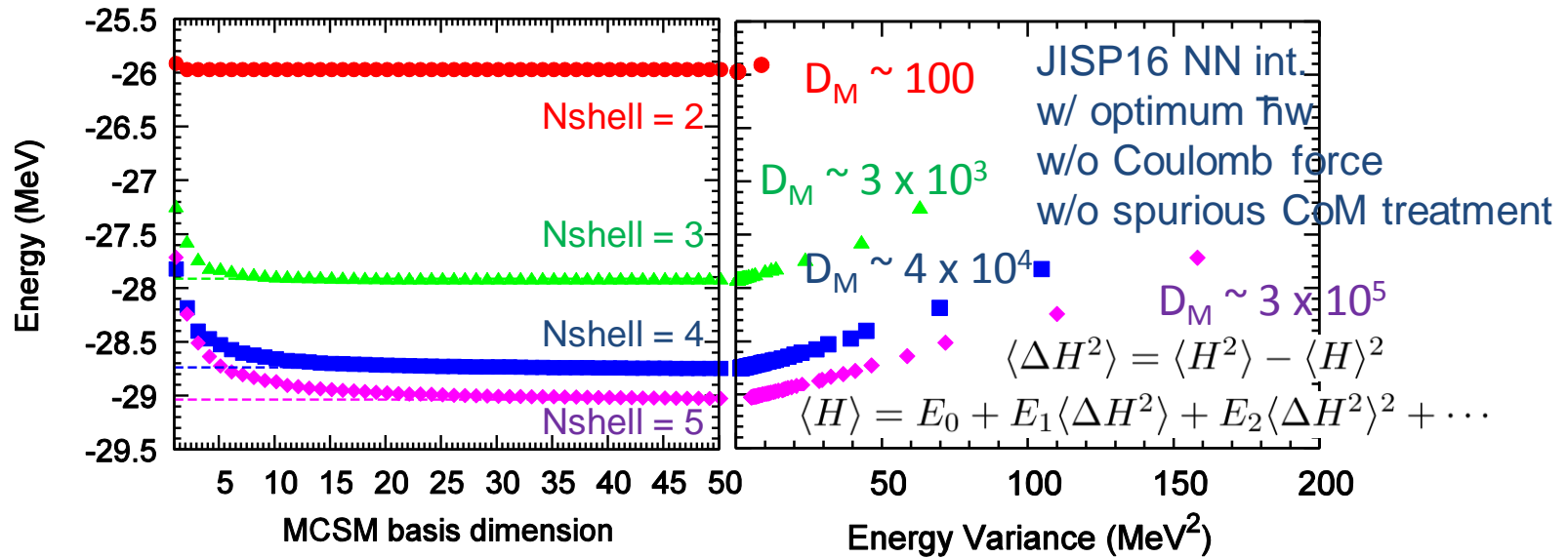
- Deformed SDs

$$|\phi\rangle = \prod_i^A a_i^{\dagger} |-\rangle \quad a_i^{\dagger} = \sum_{\alpha}^{N_{sps}} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} D_{\alpha i} \quad (c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \dots \text{spherical HO basis})$$

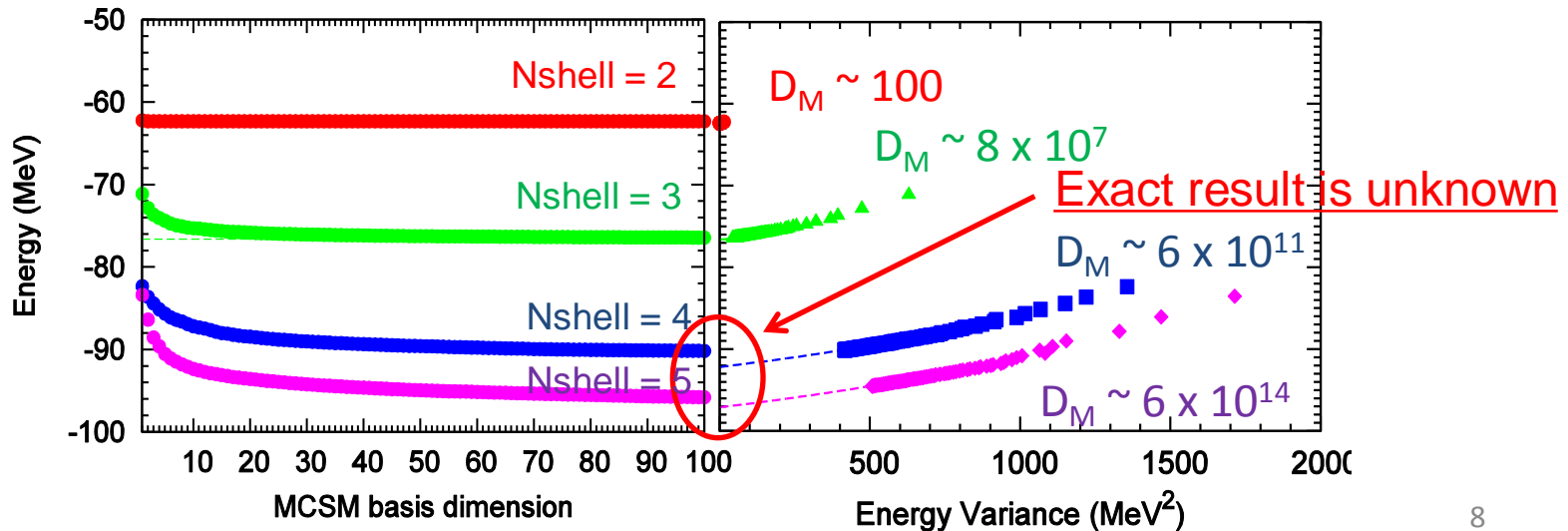
This coeff. is obtained by a stochastic sampling & CG.

# Energies wrt # of basis & energy variance

${}^4\text{He}(0^+; \text{gs})$



${}^{12}\text{C}(0^+; \text{gs})$





# Extrapolations in the no-core MCSM

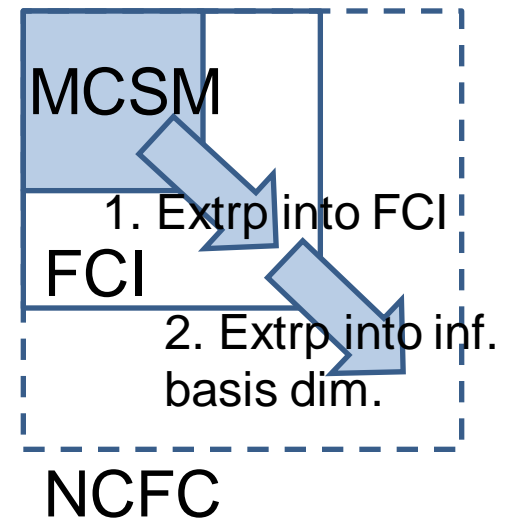
- Two steps of the extrapolation

1. Extrapolation of our MCSM (approx.) results to the FCI (exact) results in the fixed size of model space -> **Energy-variance extrapolation**

N. Shimizu, Y. Utsuno, T. Mizusaki, T. Otsuka, T. Abe, & M. Honma, Phys. Rev. C82, 061305(R) (2010)

2. Extrapolation into the infinite model space

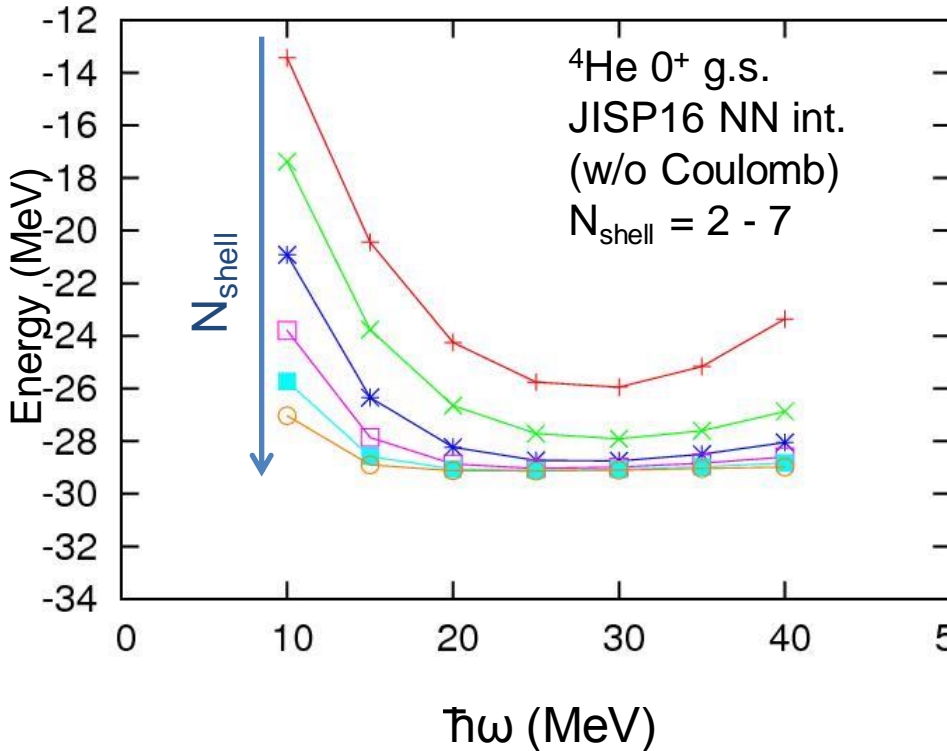
- Exponential fit w.r.t.  $N$  w/ fixed  $hw$
- IR- & UV-cutoff extrapolations



Largely developed by Arizona, Oak Ridge, Ohio, Iowa, Chalmers, ...

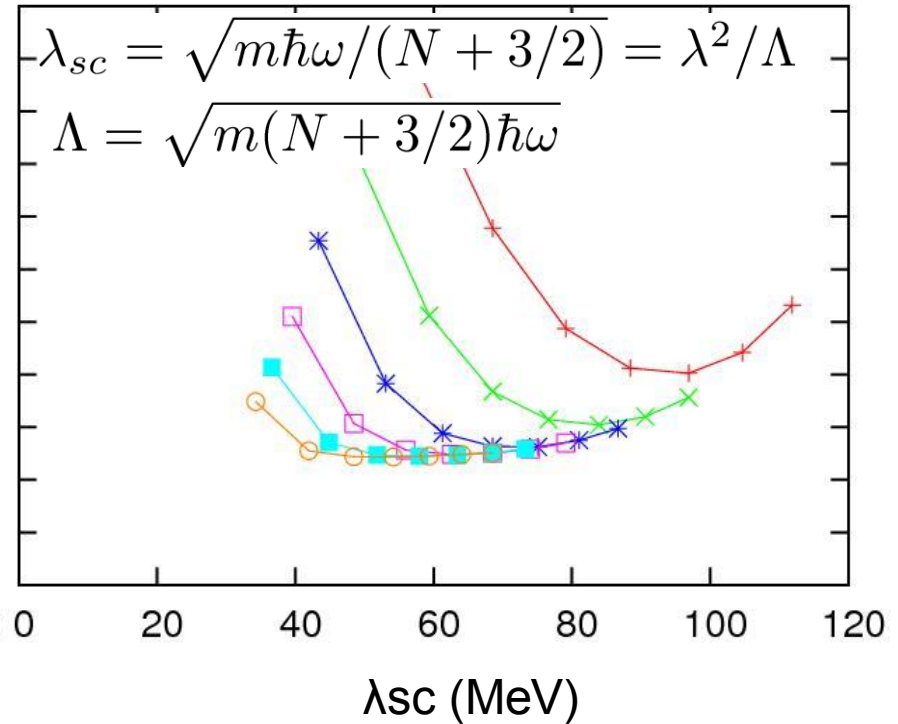
# Traditional extrapolation

$$E(N) = E(N = \infty) + a \exp(-bN)$$



# IR-cutoff extrapolation

$$E(\lambda) = E(\lambda = 0) + a \exp(-b/\lambda)$$

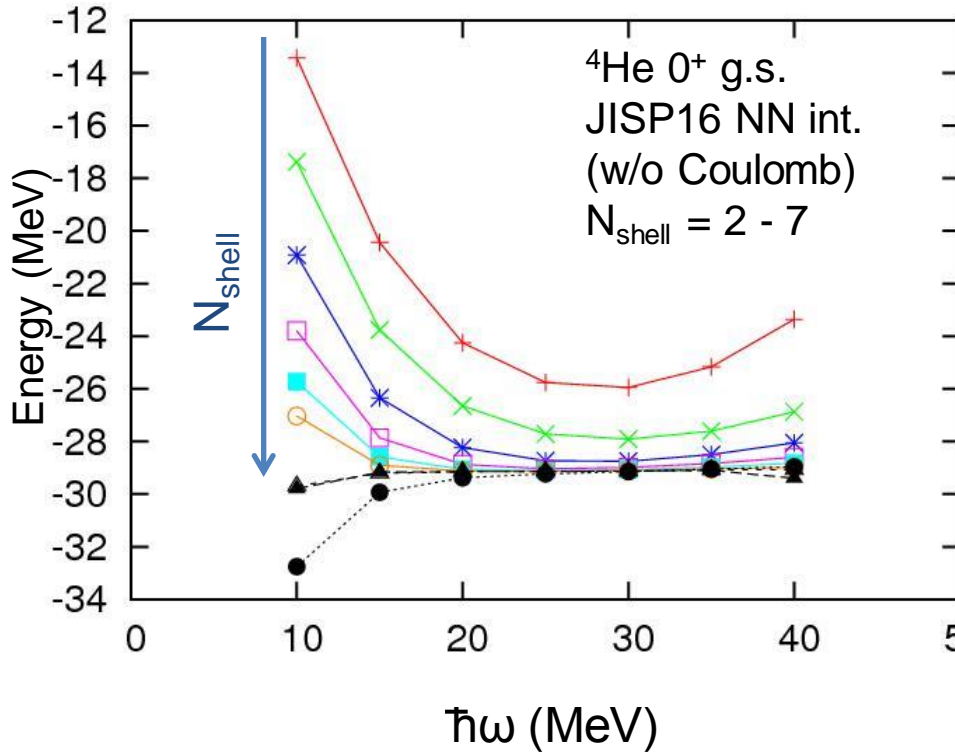


$$(N_{\text{shell}}, \hbar\omega) \longleftrightarrow (\Lambda, \lambda_{sc})$$

$\Lambda$ : UV cutoff     $\lambda_{sc}$ : IR cutoff

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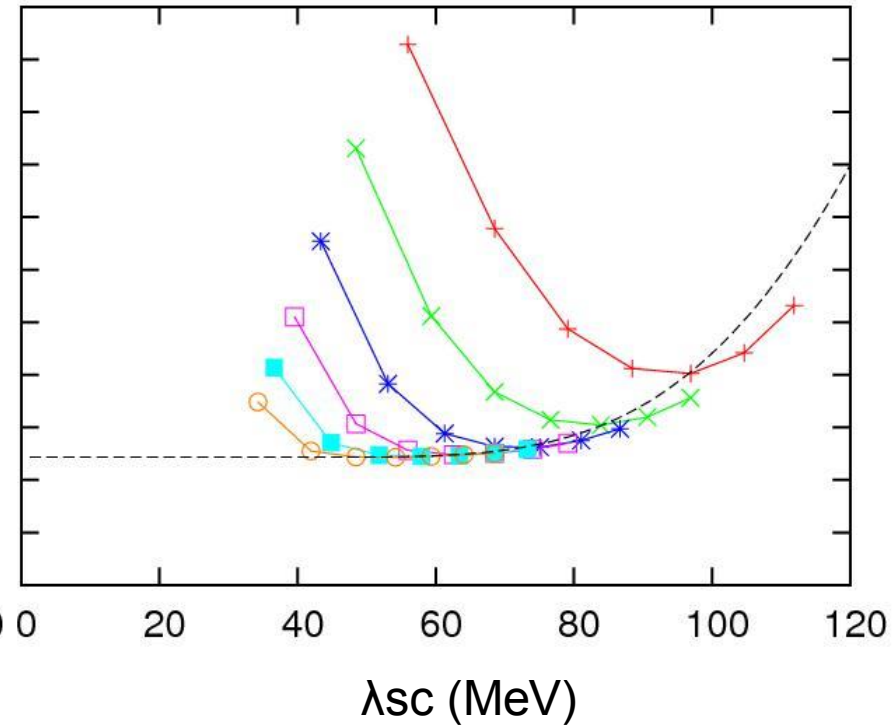
MCSM(empirical): -29.4 ~ -29.1 MeV  
( $N_{\text{shell}} = 3 - 7$ ,  $\hbar\omega = 15 - 35$  MeV)

**O(100) keV error**

c.f.) NCFC: -29.164(2) MeV  
Extrapolated results to infinite  $N_{\text{max}}$  space

# IR-cutoff extrapolation

$$E(\lambda) = E(\lambda = 0) + a \exp(-b/\lambda)$$



MCSM(IR cutoff): ~ -29.14(1) MeV

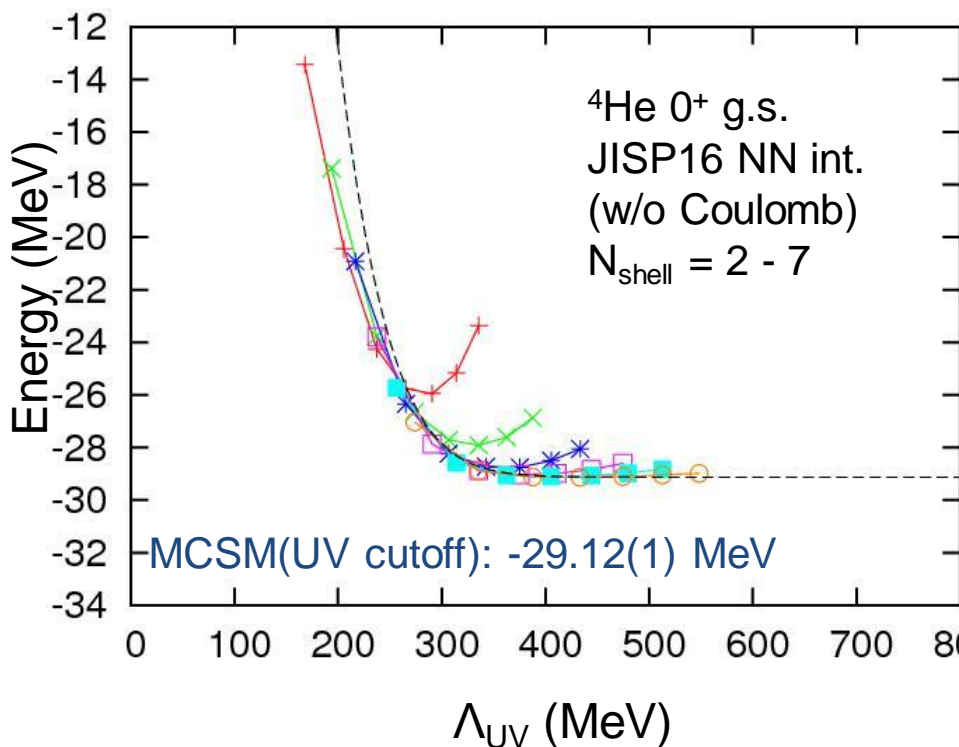
**O(10) keV error**

## UV-cutoff extrapolation

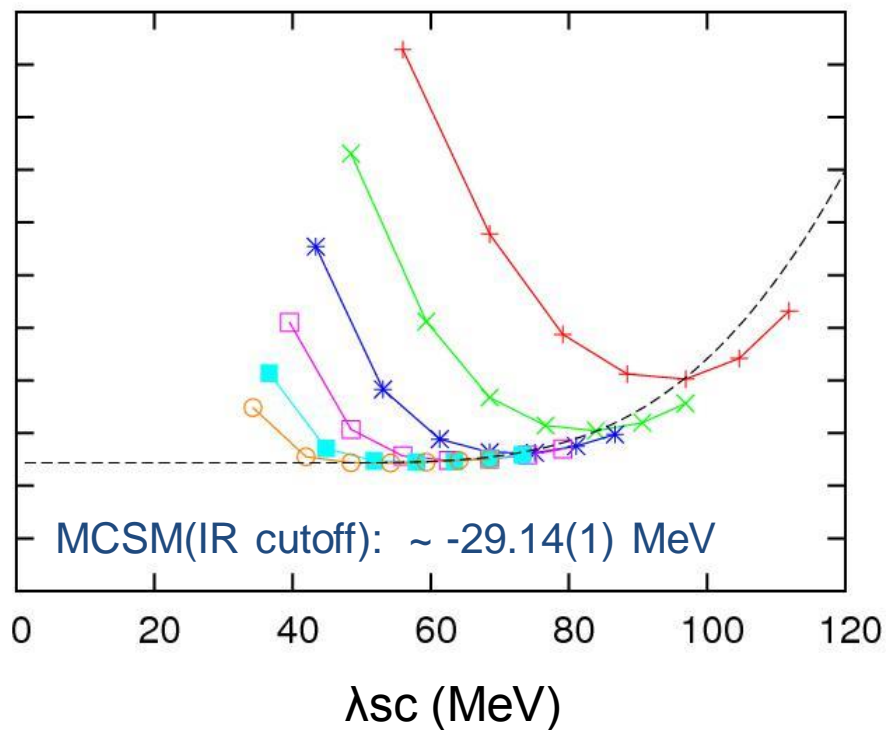
$$E(\Lambda) = E(\Lambda = \infty) + c \exp(-\Lambda^2/d^2)$$

## IR-cutoff extrapolation

$$E(\lambda) = E(\lambda = 0) + a \exp(-b/\lambda)$$



**O(10) keV error**

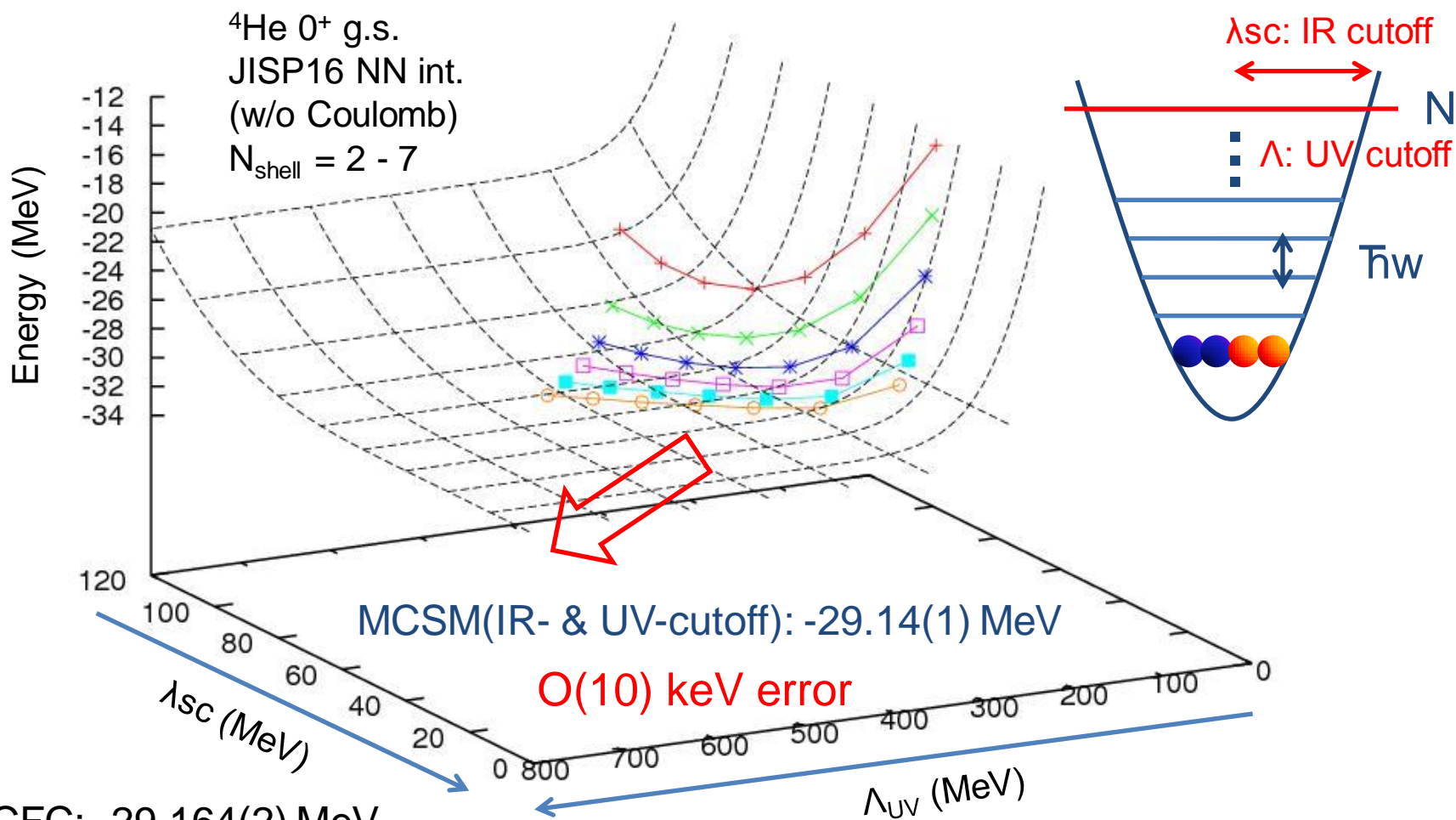


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# IR- & UV-cutoff extrapolation

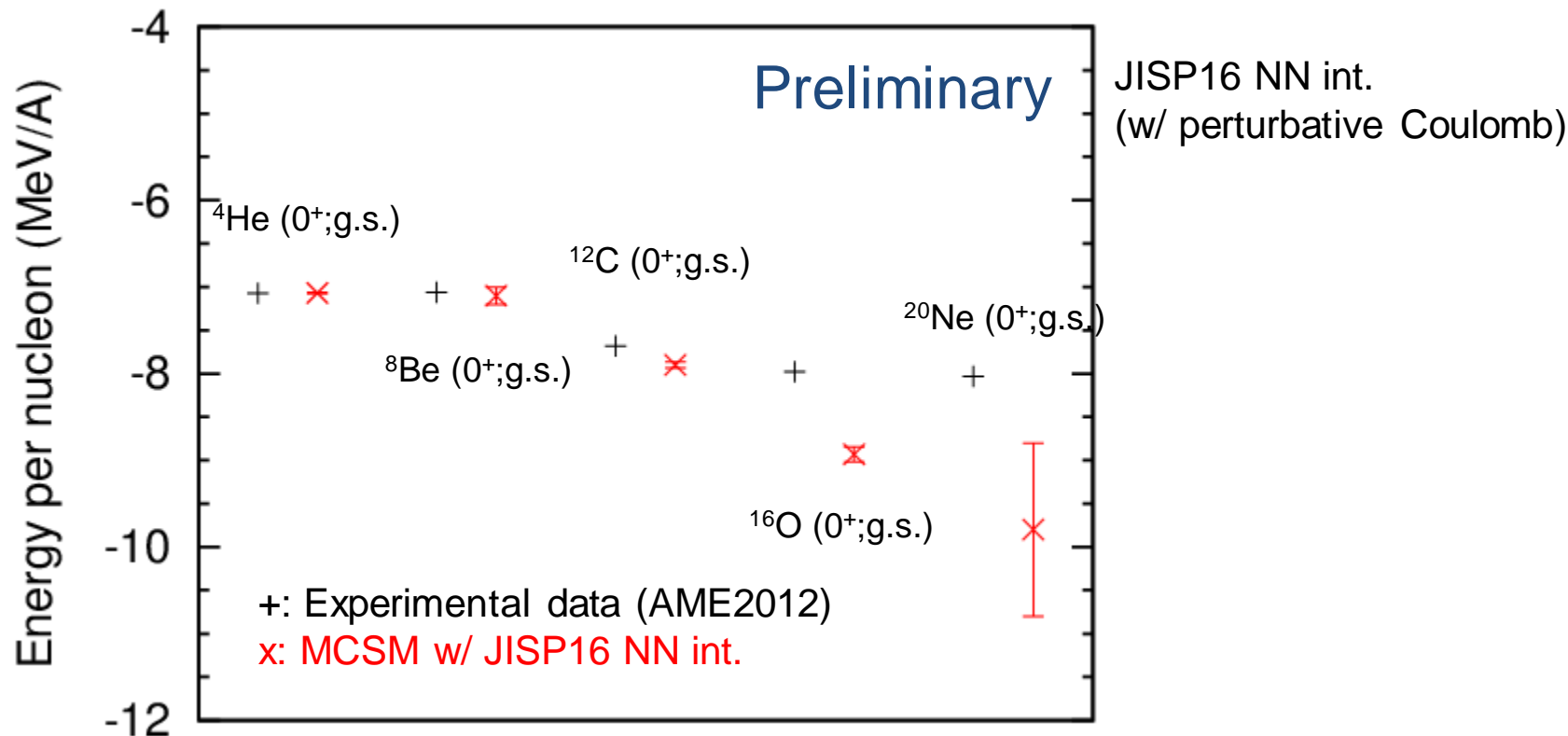
$$E(\lambda, \Lambda) = E(\lambda = 0, \Lambda = \infty) + a \exp(-b/\lambda) + c \exp(-\Lambda^2/d^2)$$



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# Comparison of MCSM results w/ experiments

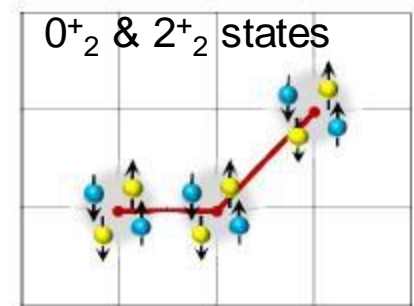
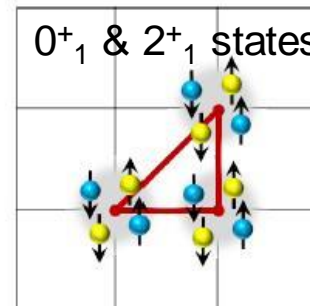
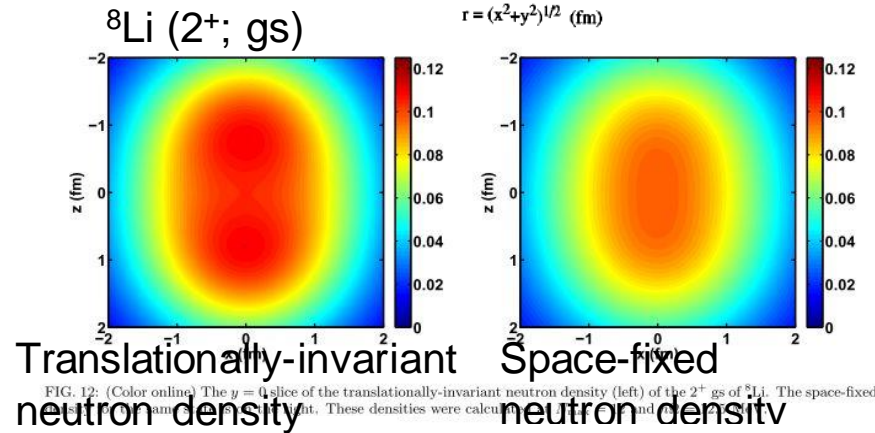
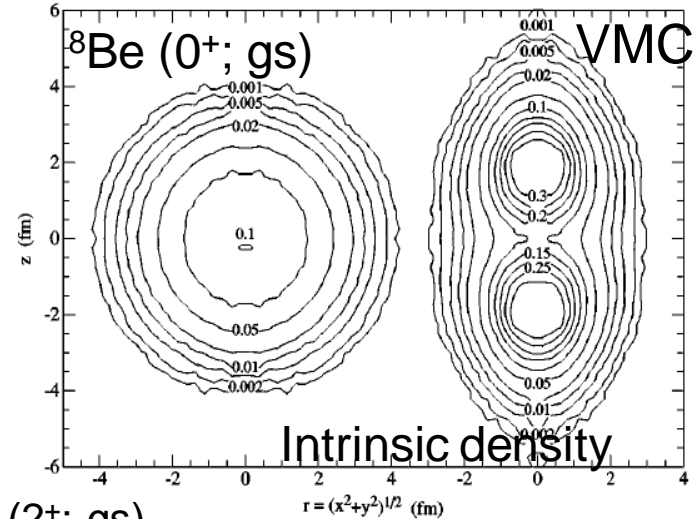


MCSM results are obtained by traditional extrapolation w/ optimum harmonic oscillator energies. Coulomb interaction is included perturbatively.

MCSM results show good agreements w/ experimental data up to  $^{12}\text{C}$ , slightly overbound for  $^{16}\text{O}$ , and clearly overbound for  $^{20}\text{Ne}$ .

# Density distribution from ab initio calc.

- Green's function Monte Carlo (GFMC)
  - "Intrinsic" density is constructed by aligning the moment of inertia among samples  
R. B. Wiringa, S. C. Pieper, J. Carlson, & V. R. Pandharipande, Phys. Rev. C62, 014001 (2000)
- No-core full configuration (NCFC)
  - Translationally-invariant density is obtained by deconvoluting the intrinsic & CM w.f.  
C. Cockrell J. P. Vary & P. Maris, Phys. Rev. C86, 034325 (2012)
- Lattice EFT
  - Triangle structure in carbon-12  
E. Epelbaum, H. Krebs, T. A. Lahde, D. Lee, & U.-G. Meissner, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 252501 (2012)
- Fermionic Molecular Dynamics (FMD)
  - M. Chernykh, H. Feldmeier, T. Neff, P. von Neumann-Cosel, A Richter, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 032501 (2007)



# Density distribution in MCSM

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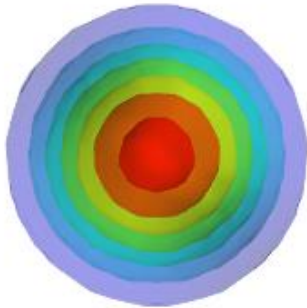
$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{basis}} c_i |\Phi_i\rangle = c_1 \text{img}_1 + c_2 \text{img}_2 + c_3 \text{img}_3 + c_4 \text{img}_4 + \dots$$

Angular-momentum projection

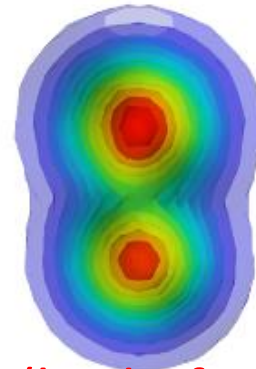
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{basis}} c_i P^J P^\pi |\Phi_i\rangle$$

Rotation of each basis  
by diagonalizing Q-moment

$$|\Phi'\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{basis}} c_i R(\Omega_i) |\Phi_i\rangle$$



$^8\text{Be } 0^+$  ground state



Laboratory frame

“Intrinsic” (body-fixed) frame

Densities in lab. & body-fixed frames can be constructed by MCSM

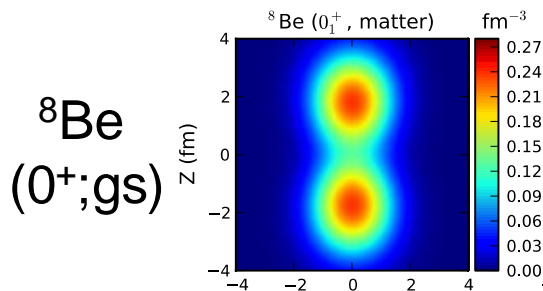


# Density distribution of Be isotopes

Preliminary

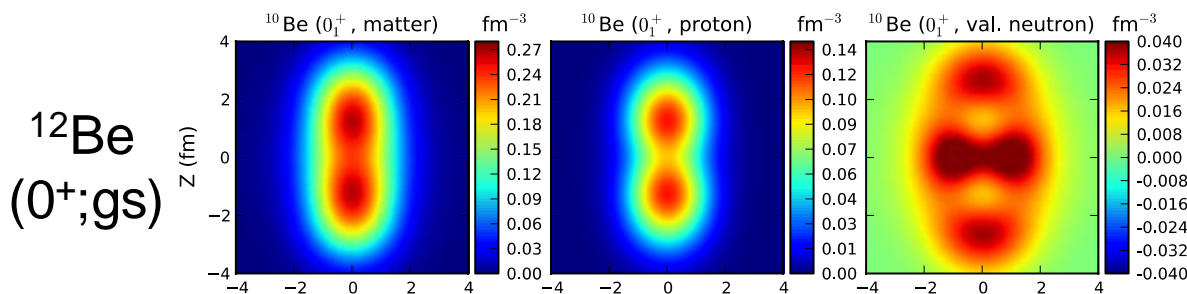
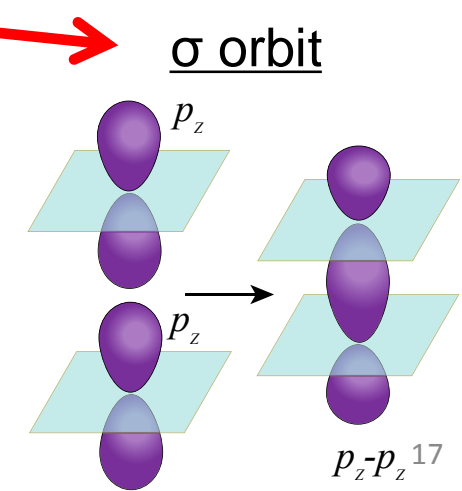
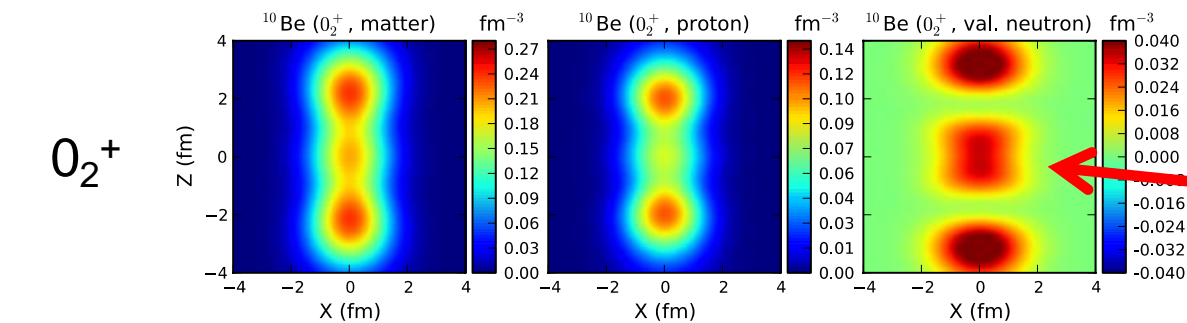
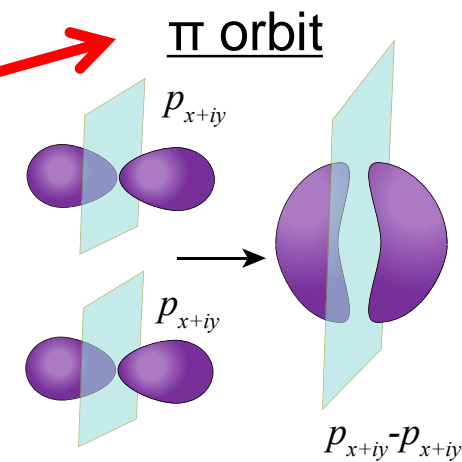
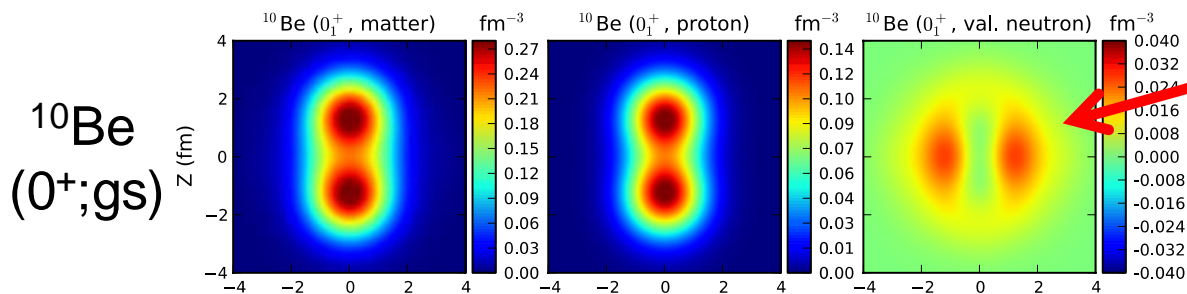
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2- $\alpha$  structure is vanishing as A increases



2- $\alpha$ -cluster structure

Molecular-orbital states



# Summary

- MCSM results of g.s. energies for light nuclei can be extrapolated to the infinite basis space.
- JISP16 NN interaction gives good agreement w/ experimental data up to  $^{12}\text{C}$ , slightly overbound for  $^{16}\text{O}$ , and clearly overbound for  $^{20}\text{Ne}$ .
- Intrinsic cluster structure of Be isotopes can be visualized using MCSM wave functions.

# Perspective

- Extrapolation to the infinite basis space
  - Need better error estimate for the extrapolations
  - Extrapolate other observables (rms radius, ...)
  - Test another IR- & UV-cutoff extrapolation scheme
- Physics
  - Study cluster structure of C isotopes (including excited states)