

# (Today's) Progress in coupled cluster computations of atomic nuclei

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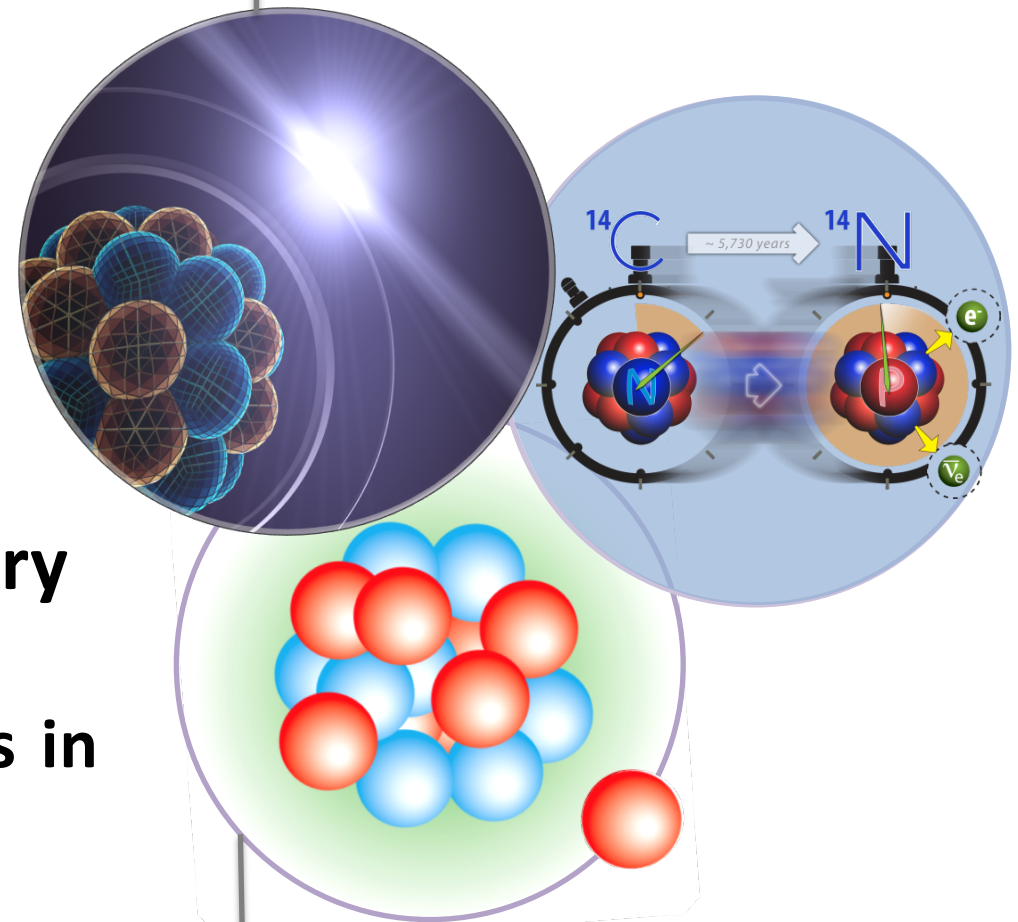
Progress in Ab Initio Techniques in  
Nuclear Physics

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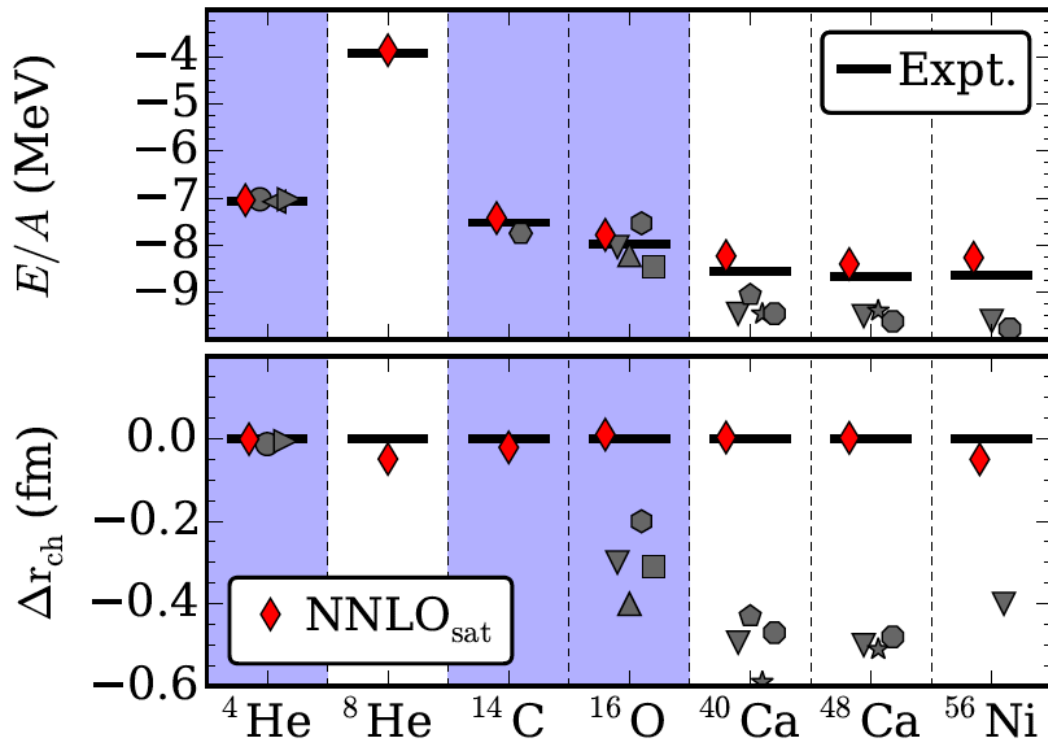
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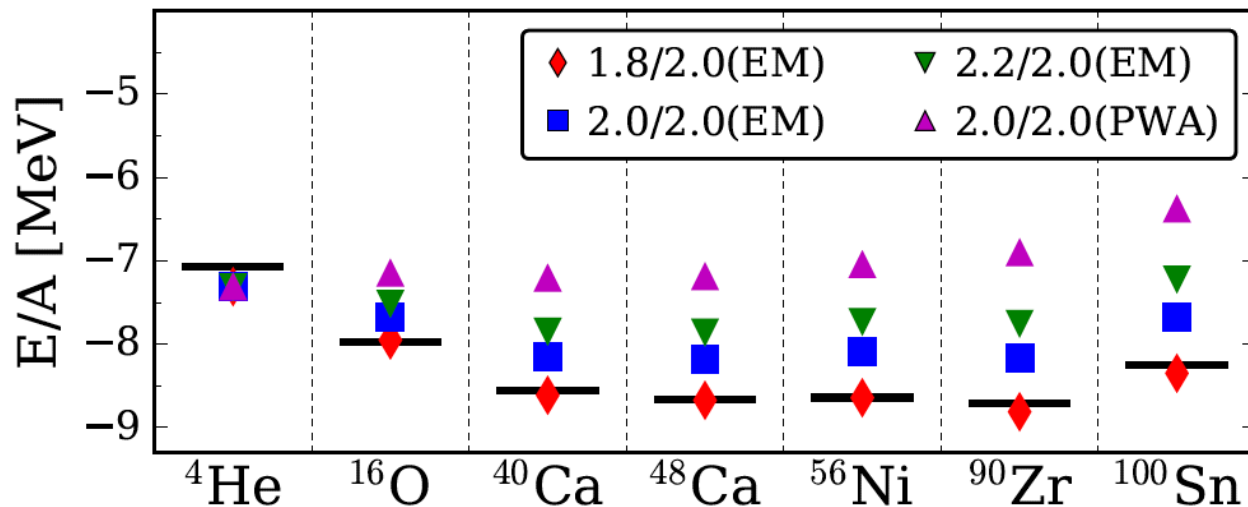
# Pragmatists view of interactions from chiral EFT



## $\text{NNLO}_{\text{sat}}$ : Accurate radii and BEs

- Simultaneous optimization of NN and 3NFs
- Include charge radii and binding energies of  ${}^3\text{H}$ ,  ${}^{3,4}\text{He}$ ,  ${}^{14}\text{C}$ ,  ${}^{16}\text{O}$  in the optimization
- Harder interaction: difficult to converge beyond  ${}^{56}\text{Ni}$

A. Ekström *et al*, Phys. Rev. C **91**, 051301(R) (2015).



## 1.8/2.0(EM): Accurate BEs

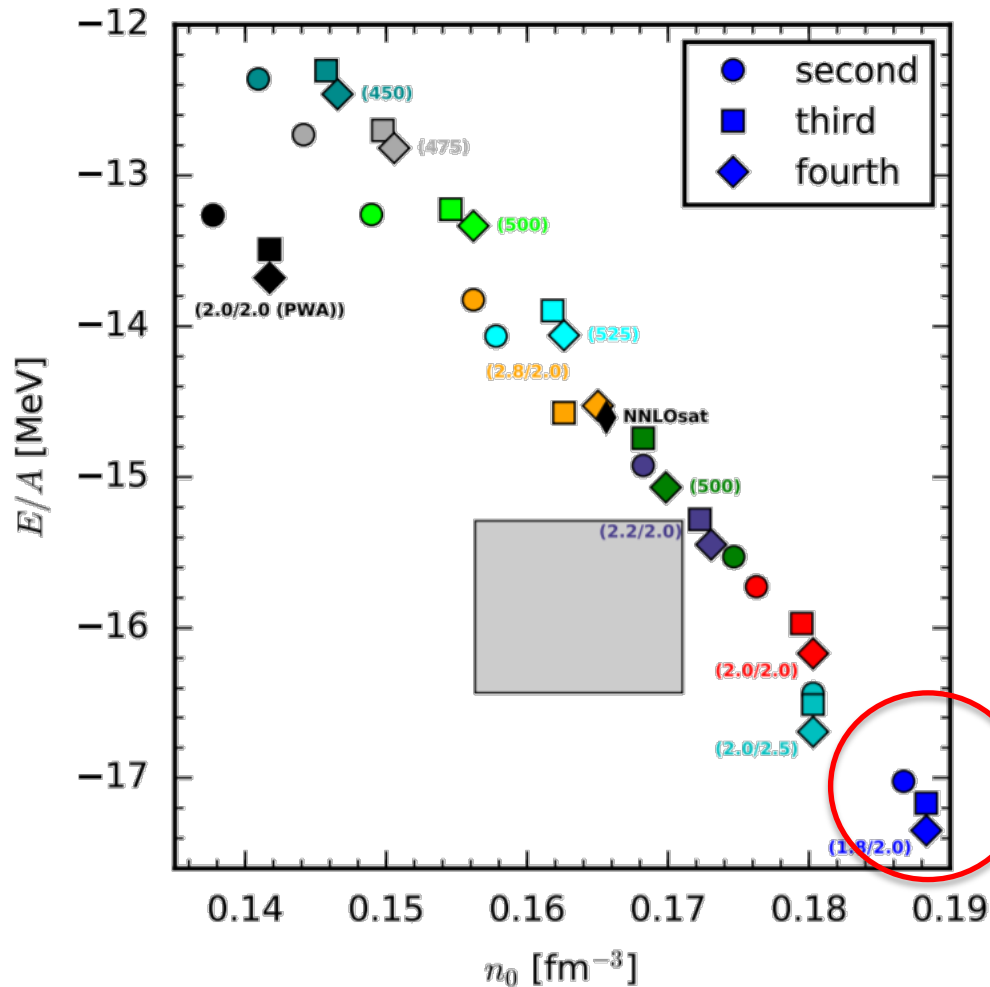
Soft interaction: SRG NN from Entem & Machleidt with 3NF from chiral EFT

K. Hebeler *et al* PRC (2011).

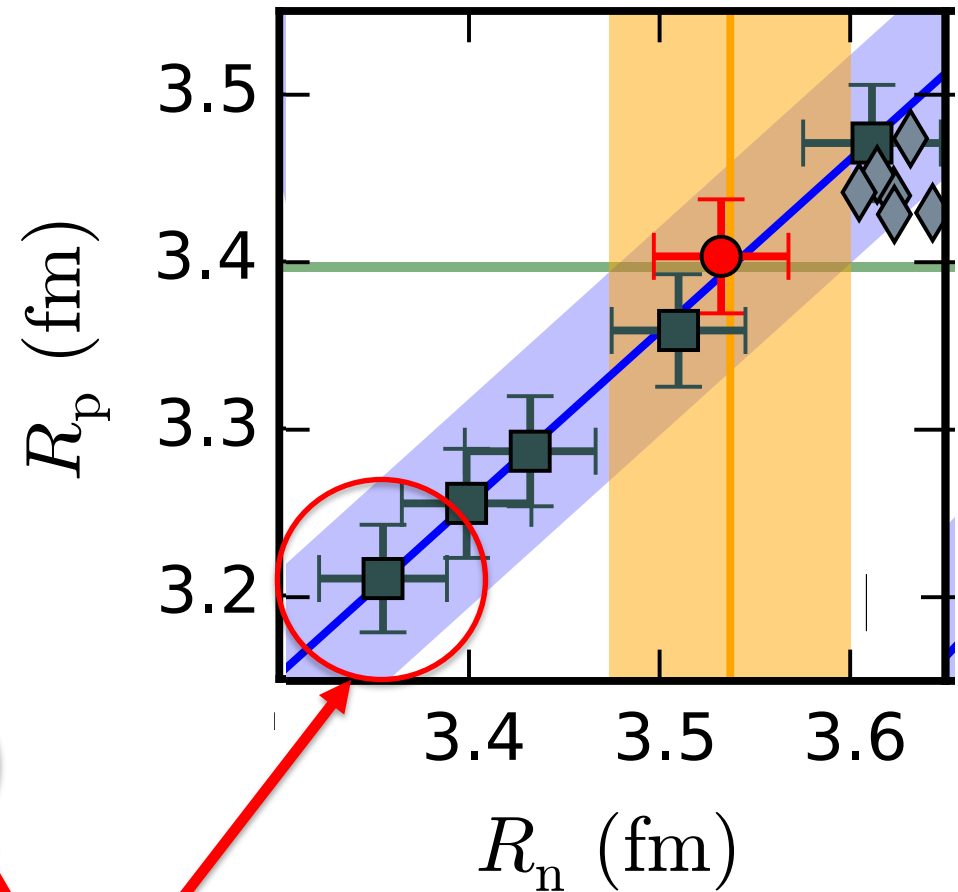
T. Morris *et al*, arXiv:1709.02786 (2017).

# The 1.8/2.0 (EM) interaction

J. Simonis, et al, Phys. Rev. C 96, 014303 (2017).



G. Hagen *et al*, Nat. Phys. **12**, 186 (2016)

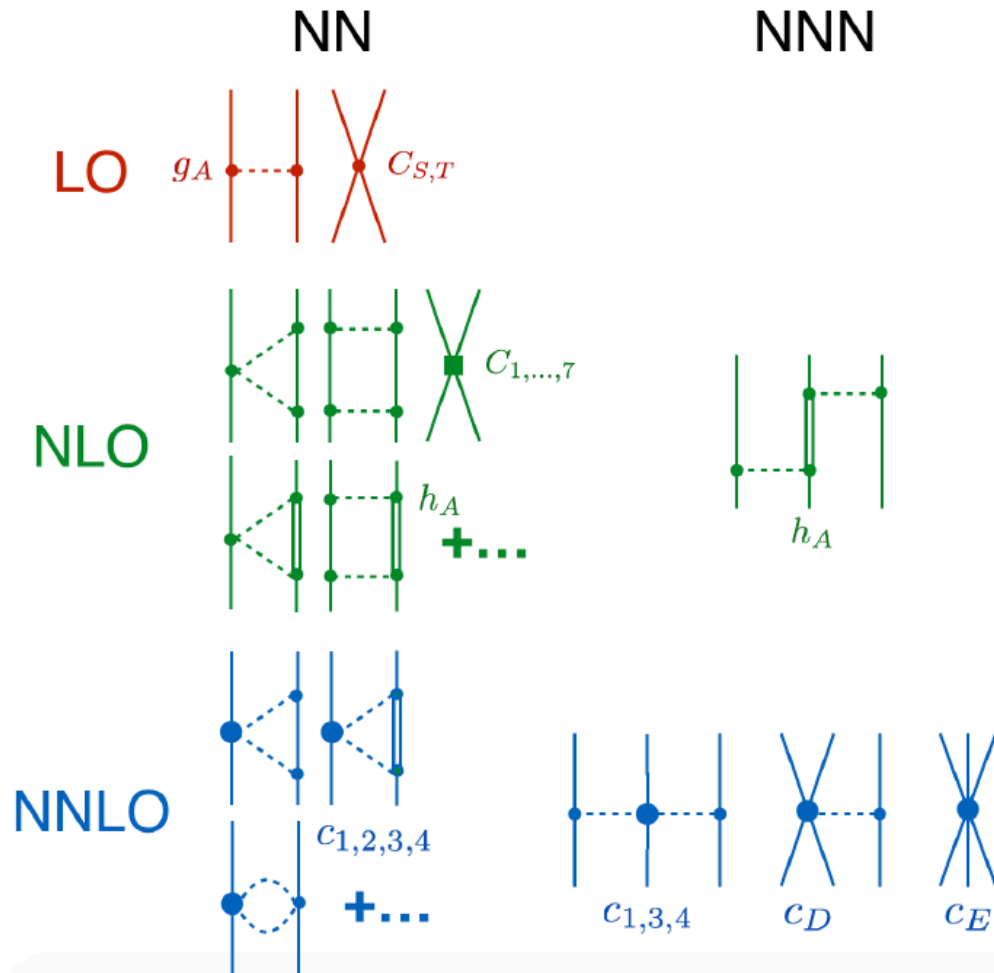


1.8/2.0 (EM) is great for binding energies and spectra.

Nuclear matter saturates at too high density  $\rightarrow$  Radii too small

# Role of delta isobars on nuclear saturation

A. Ekström, et al, Phys. Rev. C 97, 024332 (2018)

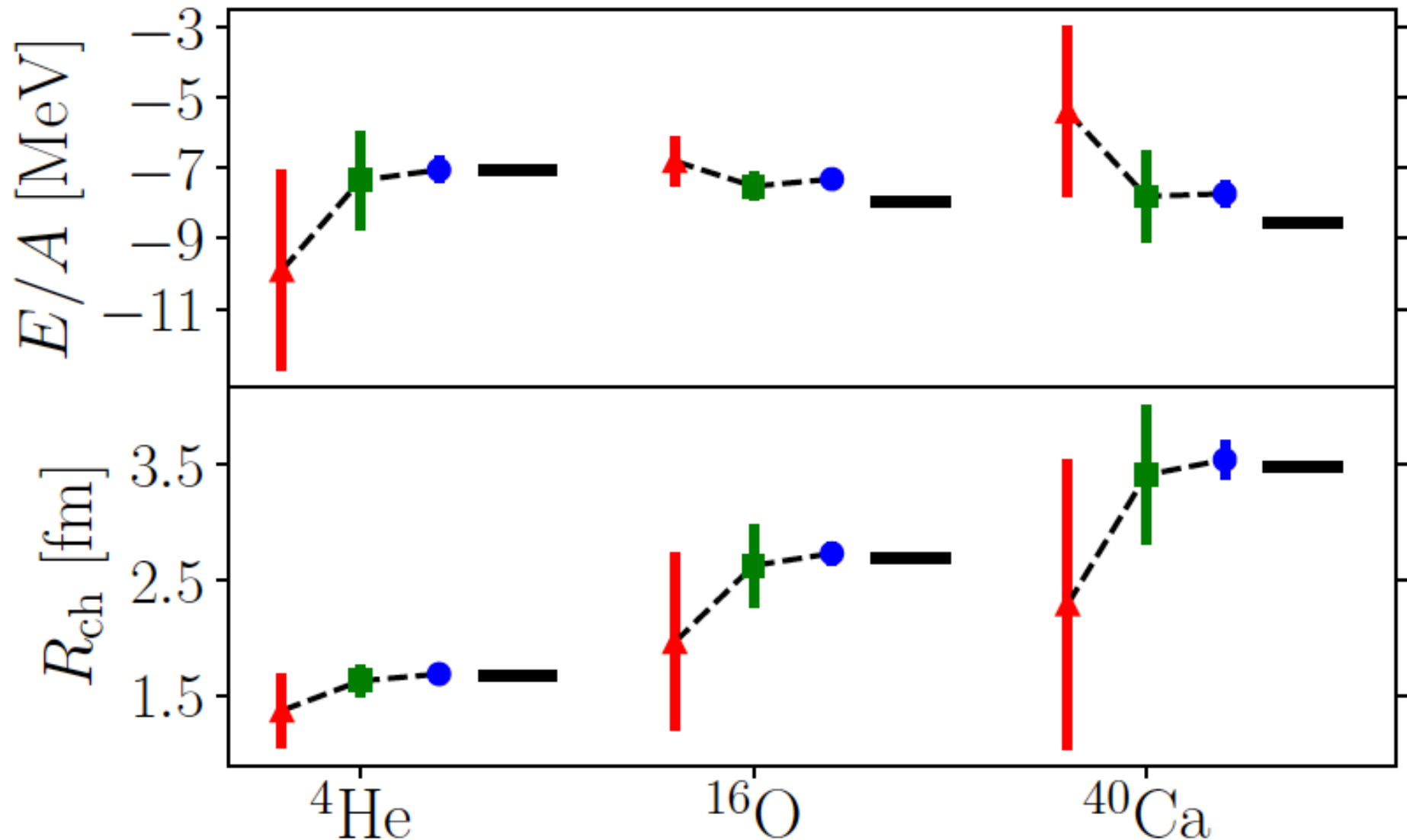


- Pion-nucleon LECs fixed from recent analysis based on Roy-Steiner equations
- Short ranged contacts fixed from NN scattering and  $^4\text{He}$  BE and charge radius
- Estimate uncertainties at given order following Epelbaum, Krebs, Meissner (2015) and Furnstahl, Klco, Phillips (2015).

$$\sigma_X(\text{NjLO}) = X_0 Q^{j+2} \max(|a_0|, |a_1|, \dots, |a_{j+1}|)$$

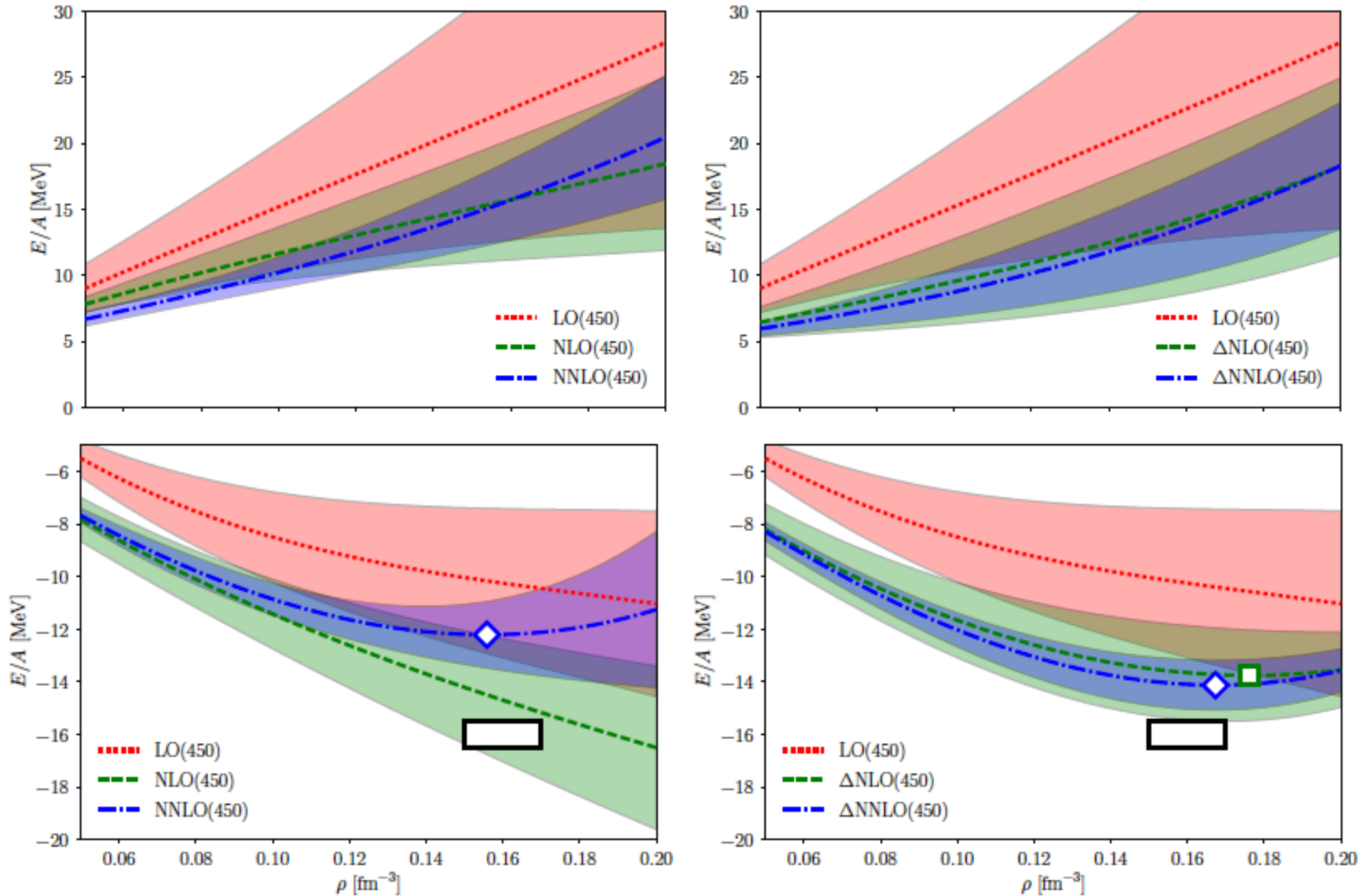
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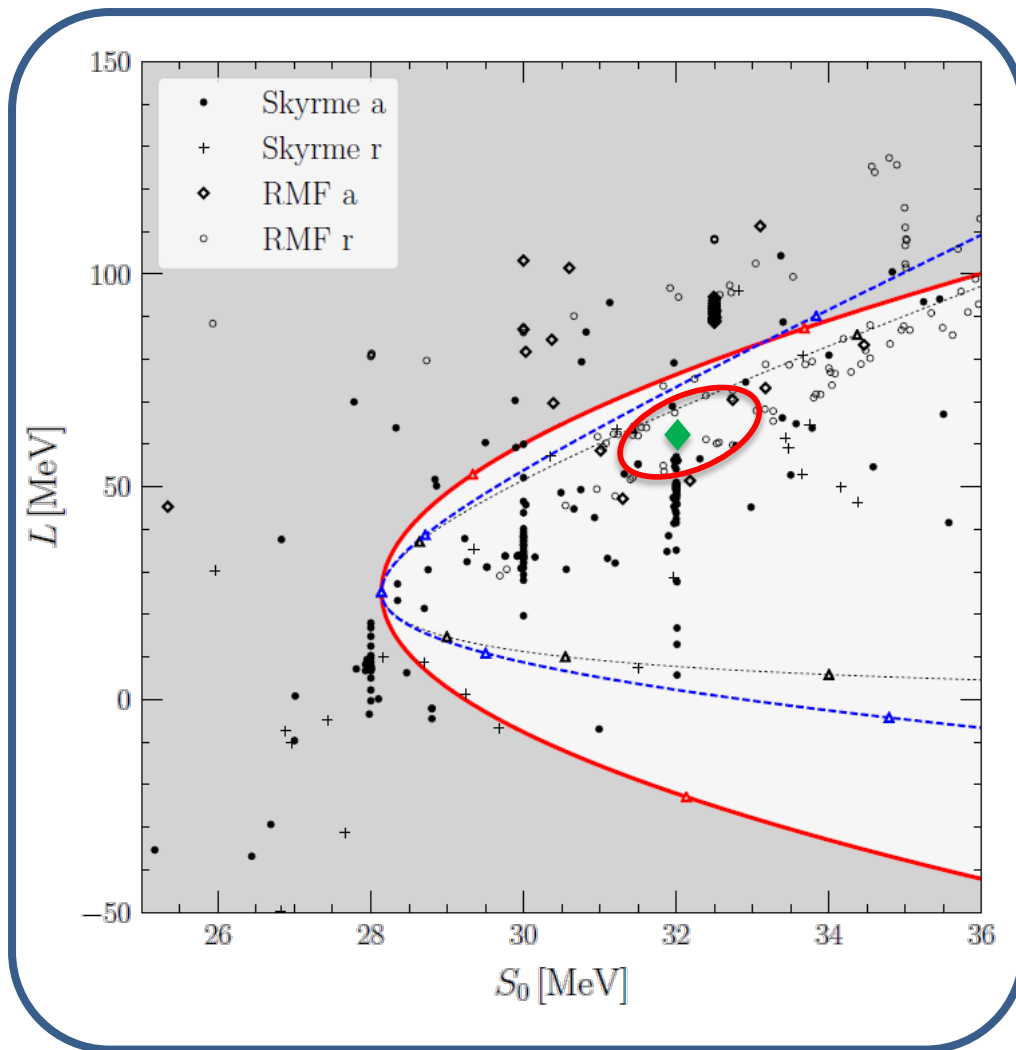


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# Optimization strategy



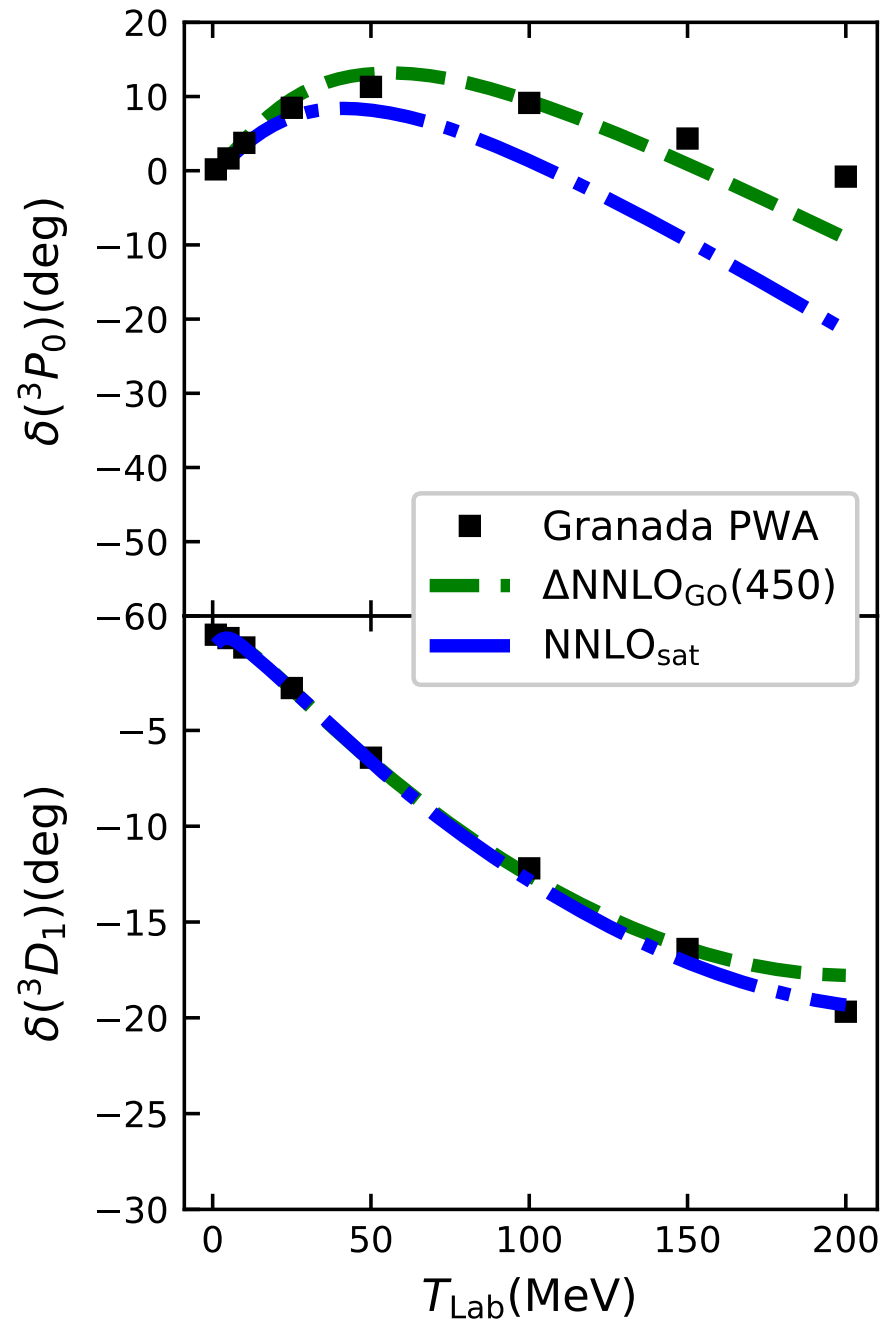
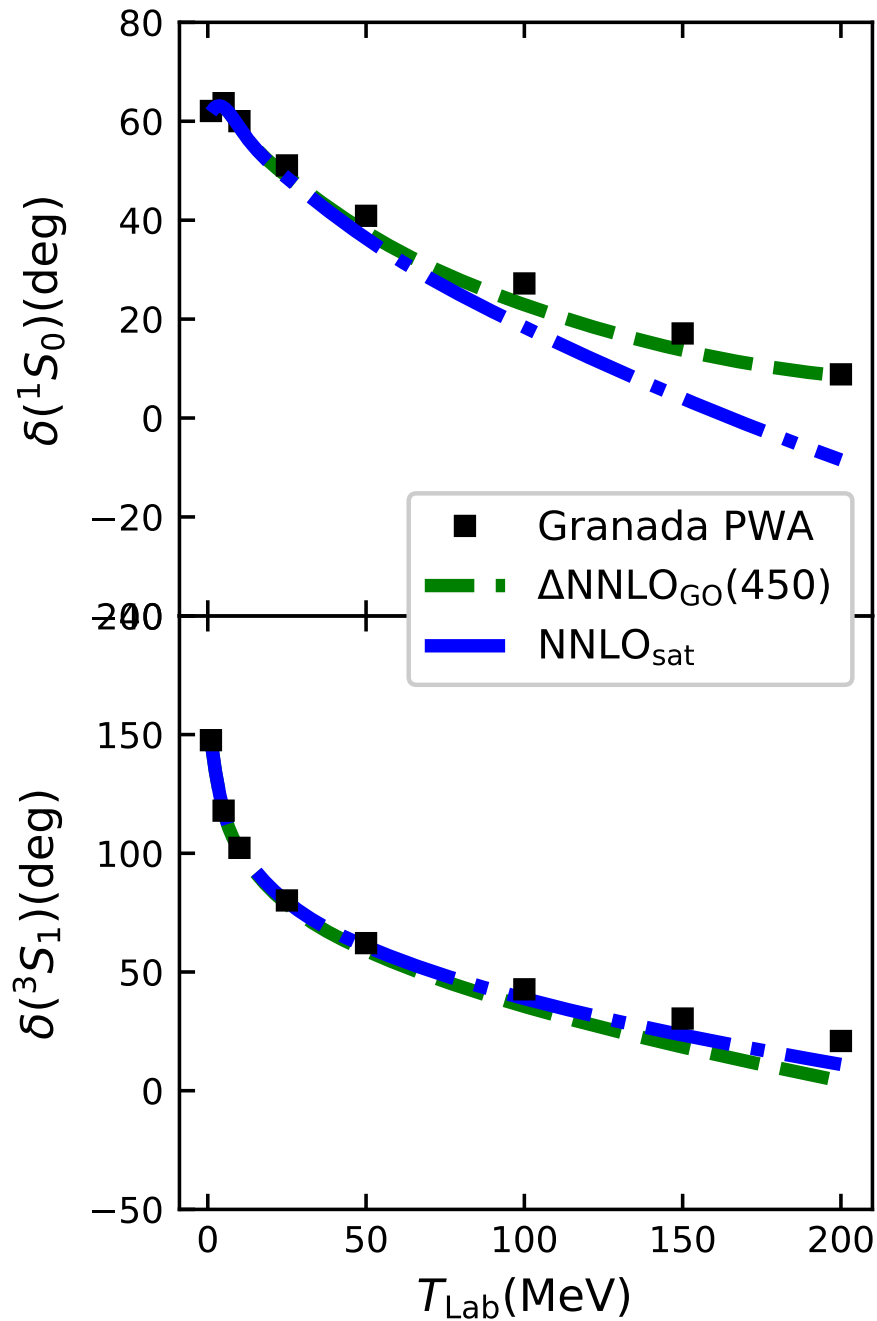
- Use the empirical saturation point of nuclear matter and constraints on symmetry energy and its slope
- Fit NN to phase shifts (up to 200MeV) and deuteron properties
- 3NF fixed to reproduce  $A = 3, 4$  nuclei
- Informed by BE and radii in medium mass nuclei

Ingo Tews, et al. Symmetry parameter constraints from a lower bound on neutron-matter energy. The Astrophysical Journal, 848(2):105, 2017.

NNLO(450):  $S = 32$ MeV,  $L = 65$ MeV



# Scattering phaseshifts

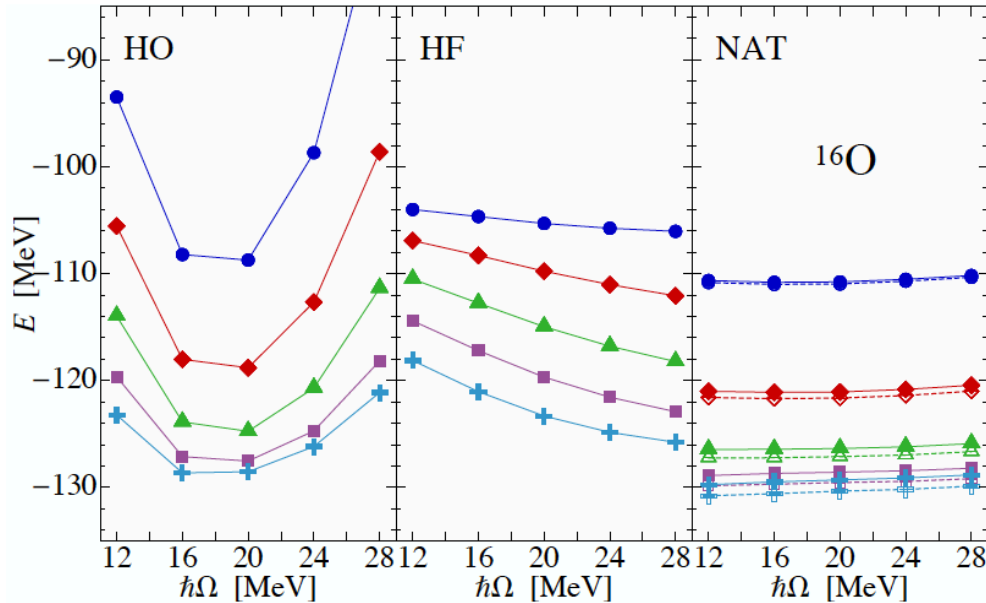


# Light nuclei

TABLE I. Binding energies ( $E$ ) in MeV, charge radii ( $R_{ch}$ ) in fm, for  ${}^2,{}^3\text{H}$  and  ${}^3,{}^4\text{He}$  with  $\Delta\text{NNLO}_{\text{GO}}(450)$ , compared to experiment.

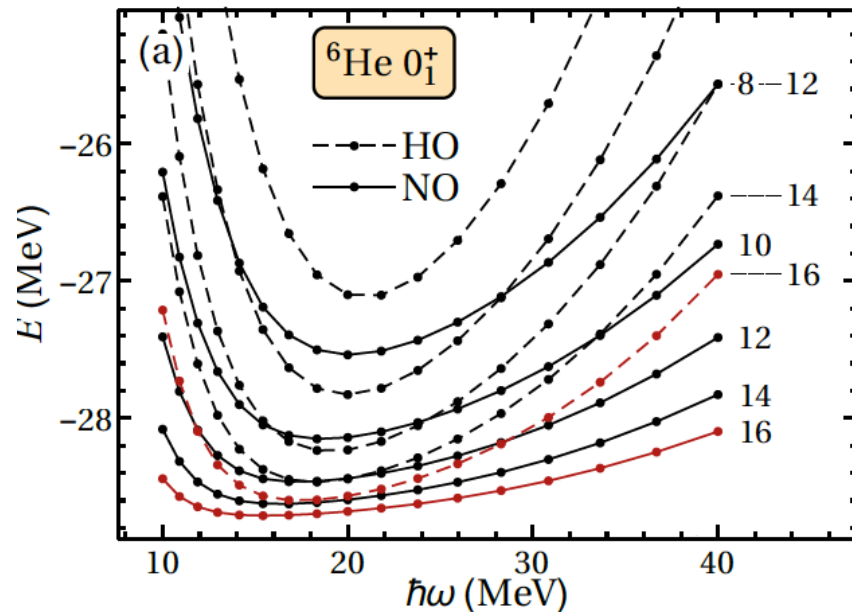
	$\Delta\text{NNLO}_{\text{GO}}(450)$	Expt.
$E({}^2\text{H})$	2.2358	2.2245
$R_{ch}({}^2\text{H})$	2.1509	2.1421
$P_D({}^2\text{H})$	3.12	-
$Q({}^2\text{H})$	0.267	0.27
$E({}^3\text{H})$	8.4809	8.4818
$R_{ch}({}^3\text{H})$	1.7801	1.7591
$E({}^3\text{He})$	7.7162	7.7180
$R_{ch}({}^3\text{He})$	2.0036	1.9661
$E({}^4\text{He})$	28.2975	28.2957
$R_{ch}({}^4\text{He})$	1.6960	1.6775

# Natural orbitals in many-body approaches



A. Tichai, J. Müller, K. Vobig, R. Roth, arXiv:1809.07571 (2018).

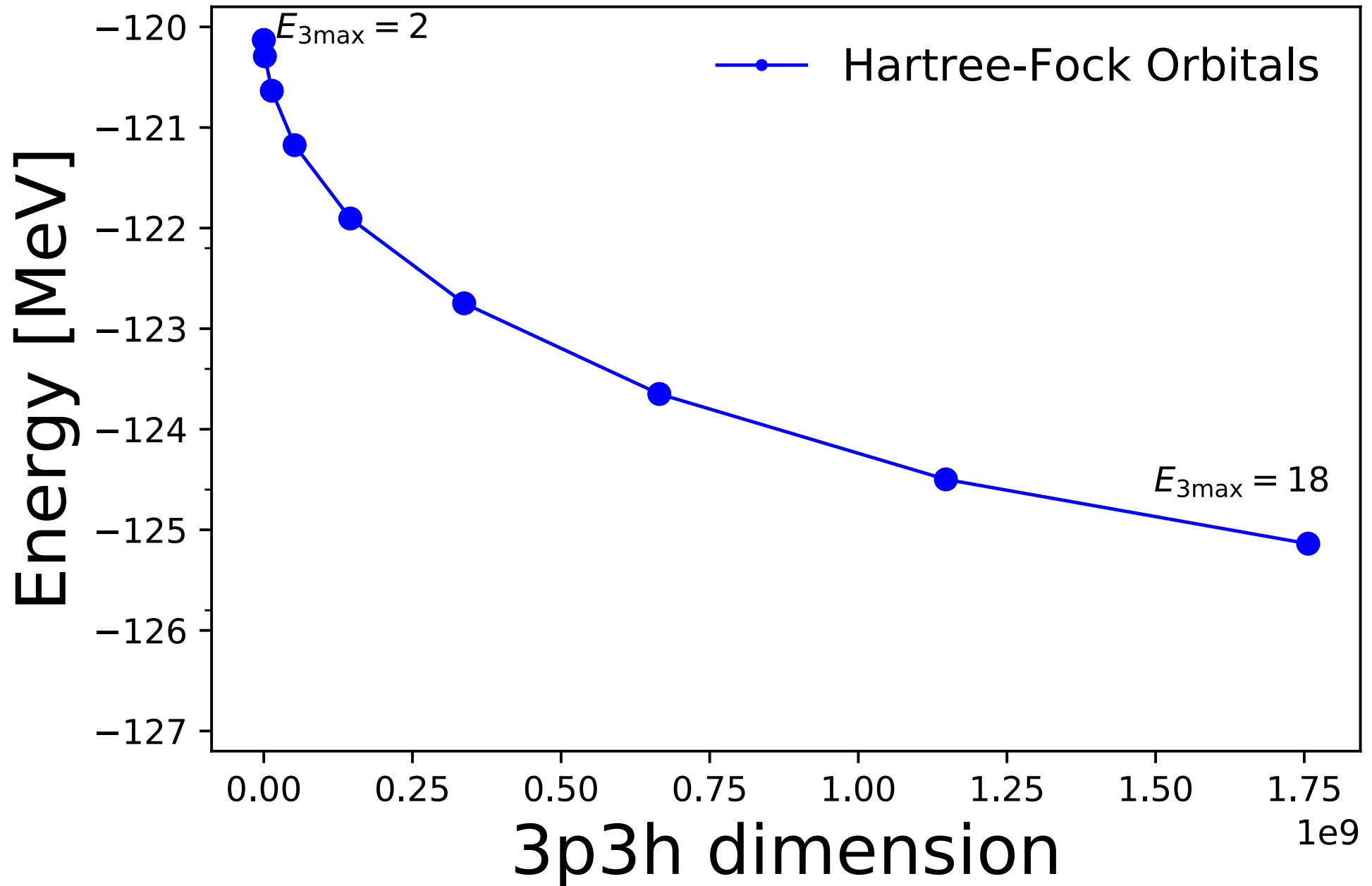
- NCSM with natural orbitals show significant improvement in convergence wrt model-space



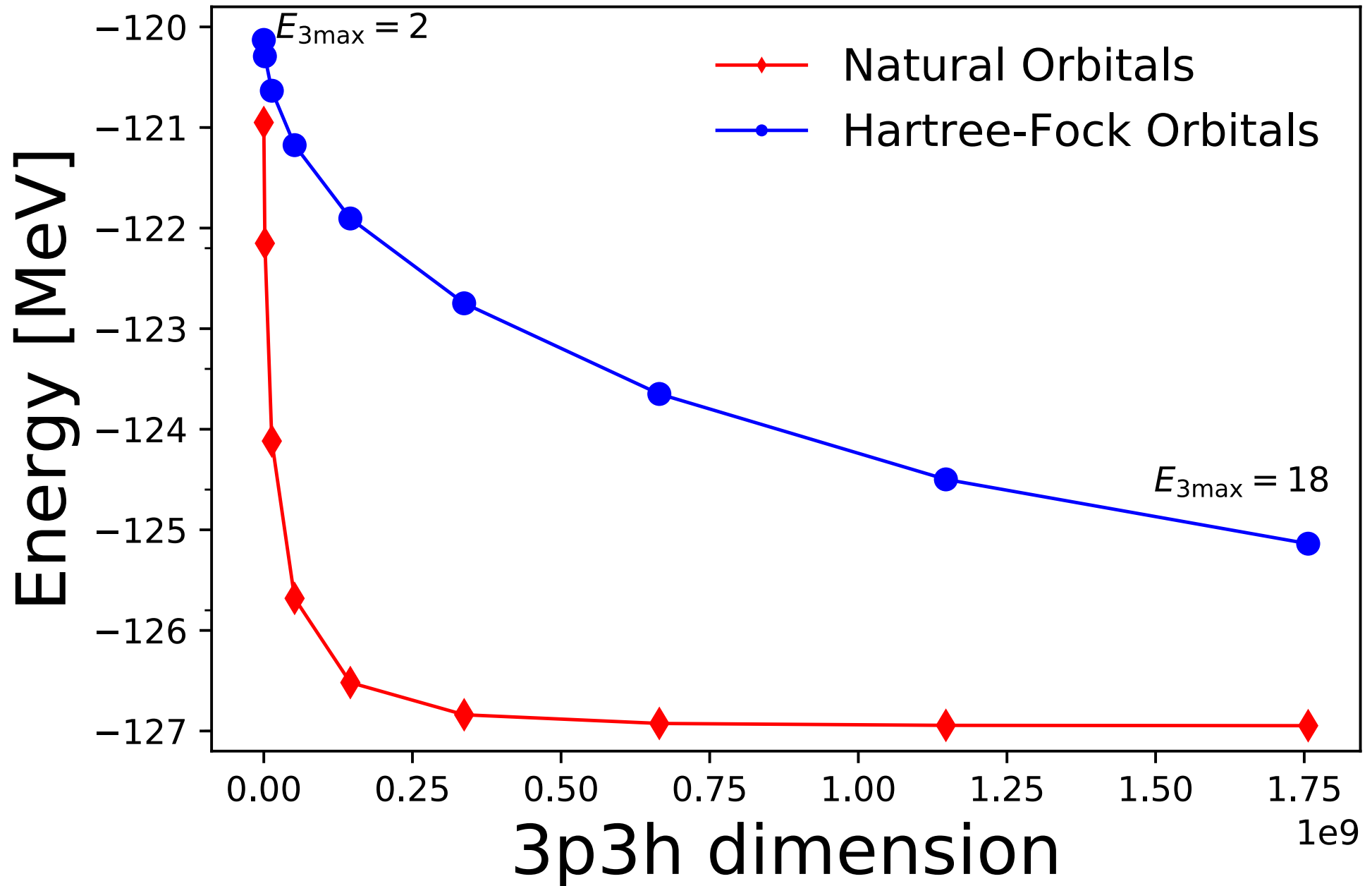
- We follow A. Tichai et al and construct natural orbitals from many-body perturbation theory
- Aim: explore convergence in higher order coupled-cluster approaches to nuclei

Ch. Constantinou, M. A. Caprio, J. P. Vary, P. Maris, Nucl. Sci. Tech. 28, 179 (2017)

# 16-O with natural orbitals



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# Equation-of-motion with perturbative energy correction for excited states

Diagonalize  $\bar{H} = e^{-T} H_N e^T$  via equation-of-motion technique:

$$R_\mu = \sum r_i^a p_a^\dagger n_i + \frac{1}{4} \sum r_{ij}^{ab} p_a^\dagger N_b^\dagger N_j n_i + \frac{1}{36} \sum r_{ijk}^{abc} p_a^\dagger N_b^\dagger N_c^\dagger N_k N_j n_i$$

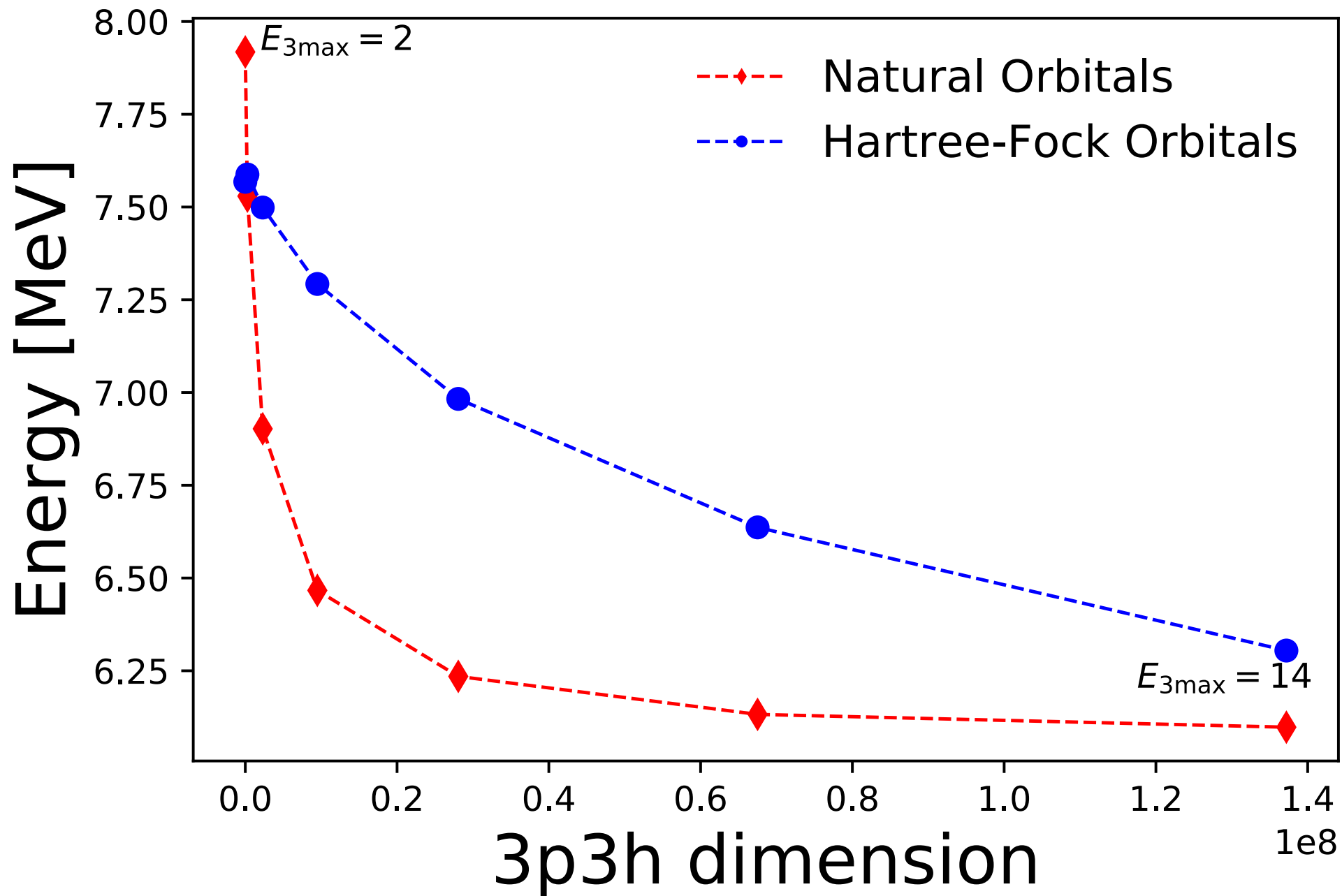
- Diagonalize in the P-space:

$$\tilde{E}_{pqr} = \tilde{e}_p + \tilde{e}_q + \tilde{e}_r \leq \tilde{E}_{3\max} \quad \tilde{e}_p = |N_p - N_F|$$

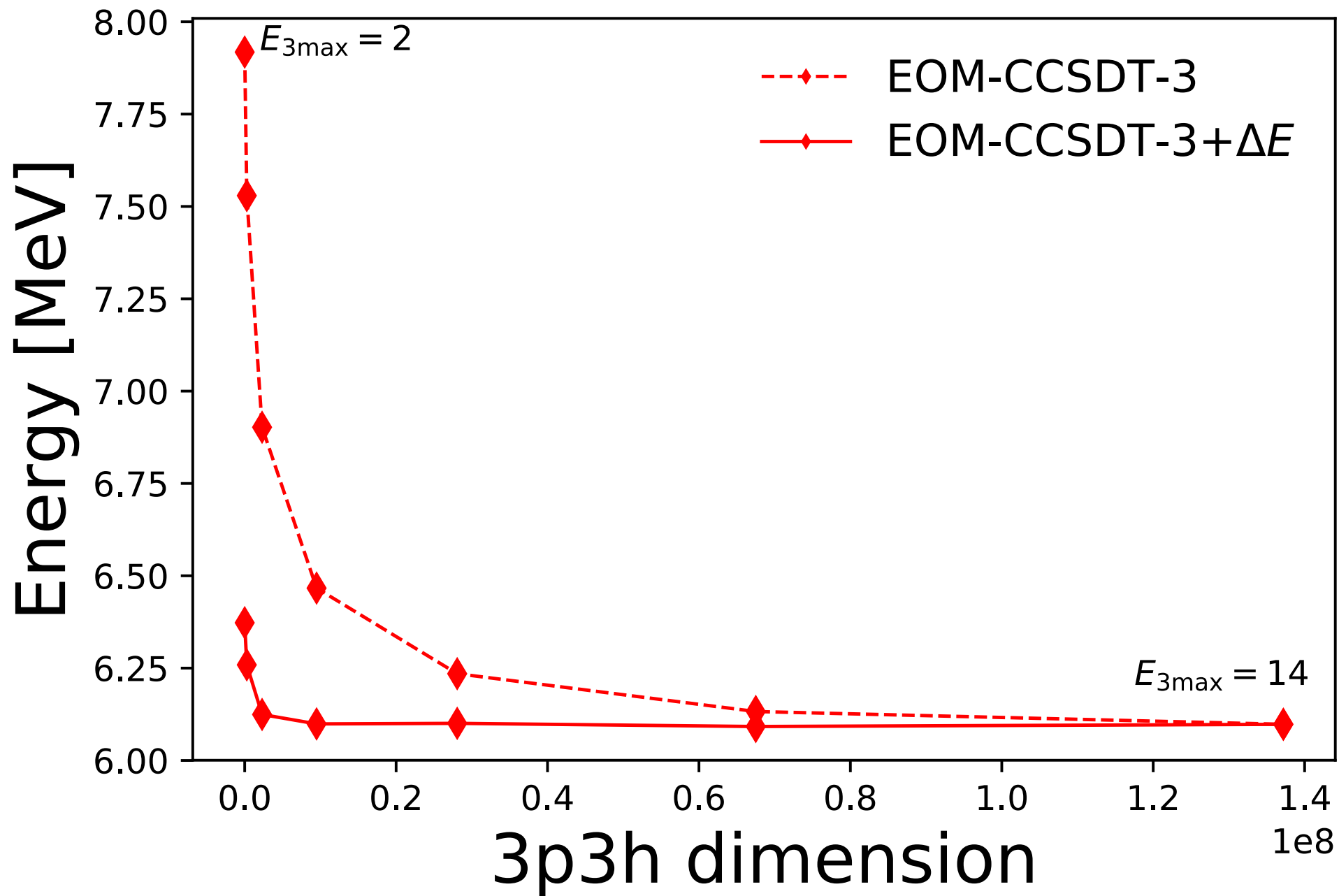
- Correct perturbatively for all excitations outside of P:

$$\Delta E_\mu = \langle \Phi_0 | L_\mu \bar{H}_{PQ} (E_\mu - \bar{H}_{QQ})^{-1} \bar{H}_{QP} R_\mu | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

# 3- state in 16-O

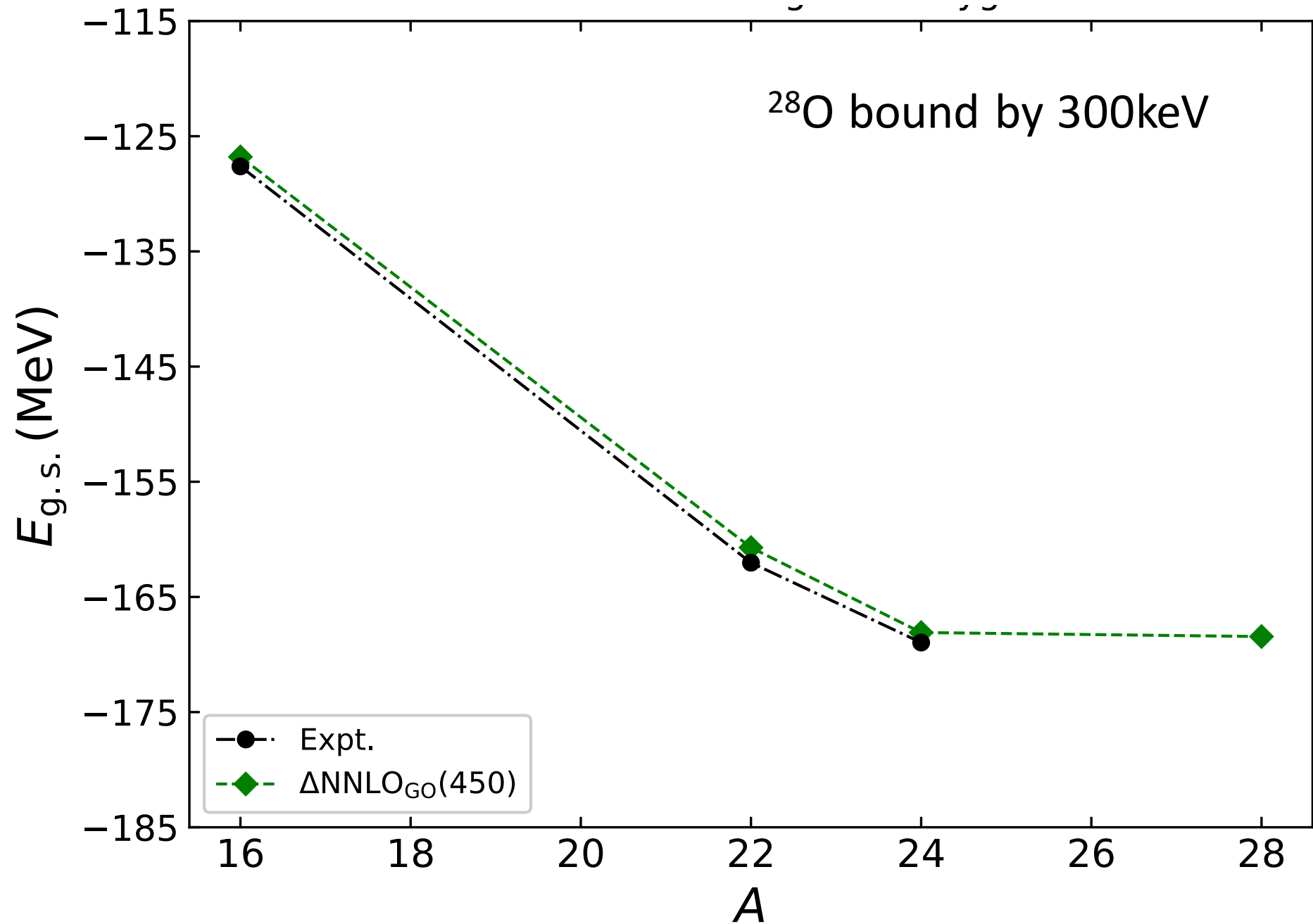


# 3<sup>-</sup> state in 16-O

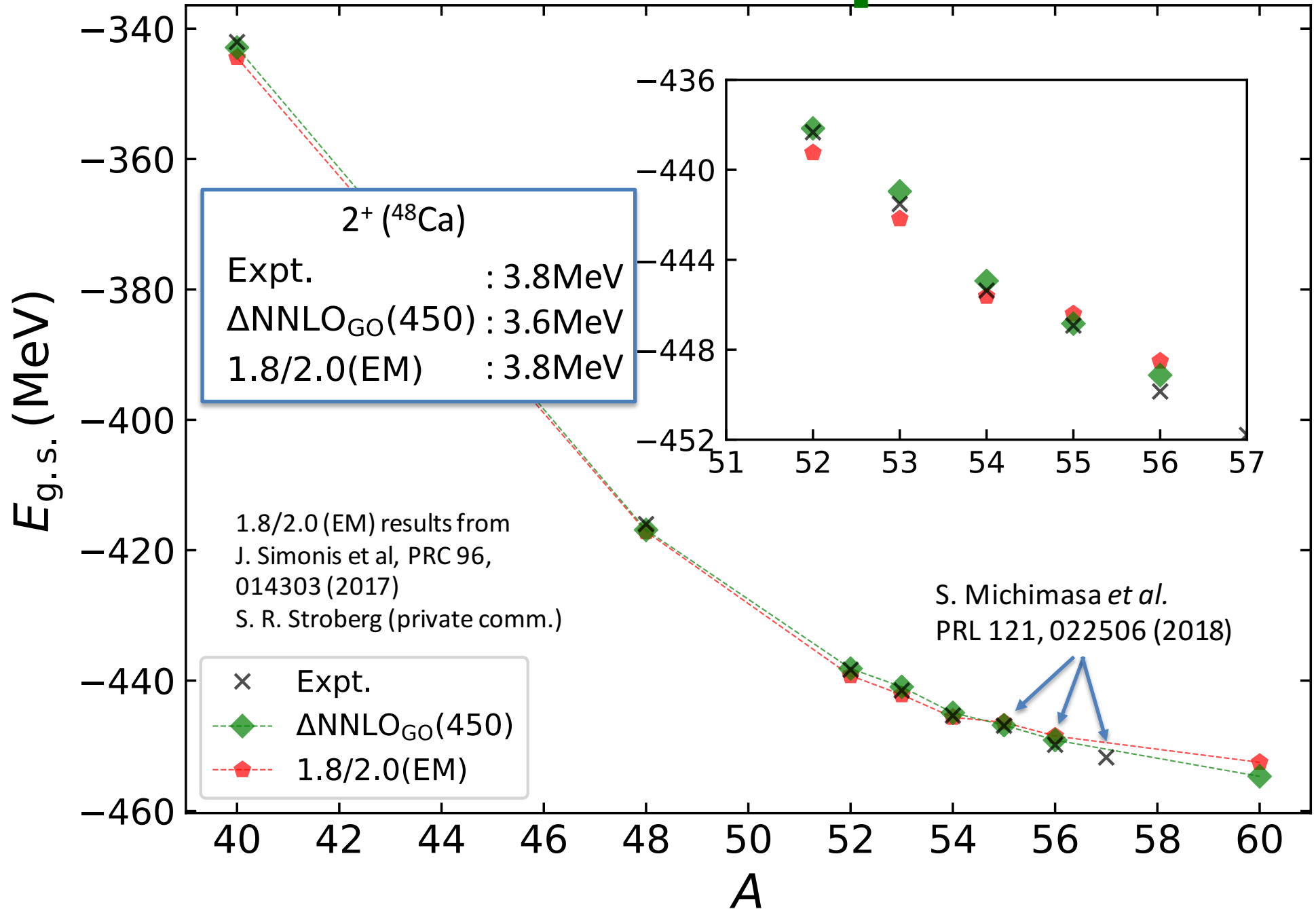




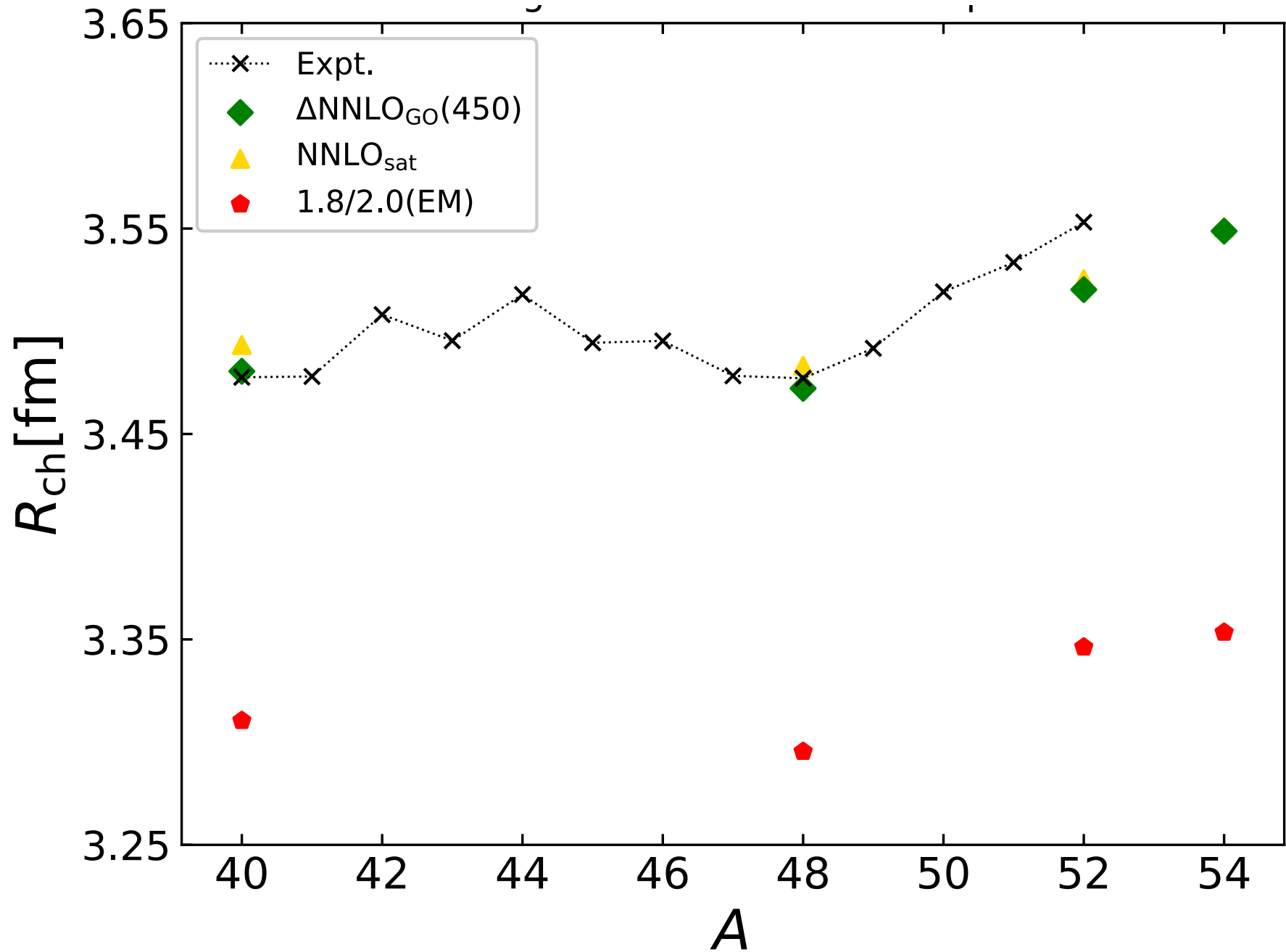
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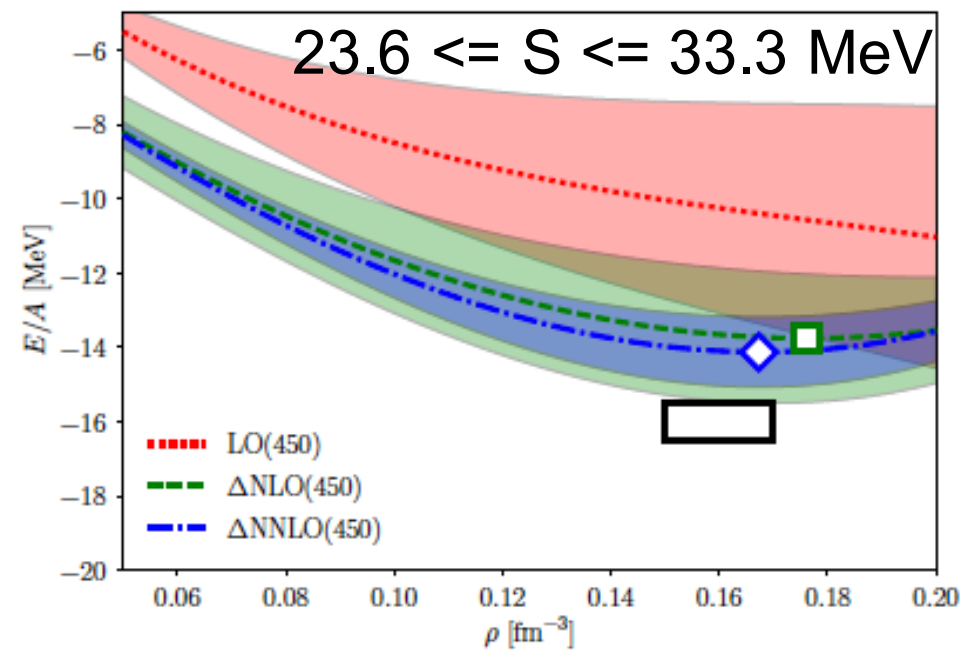
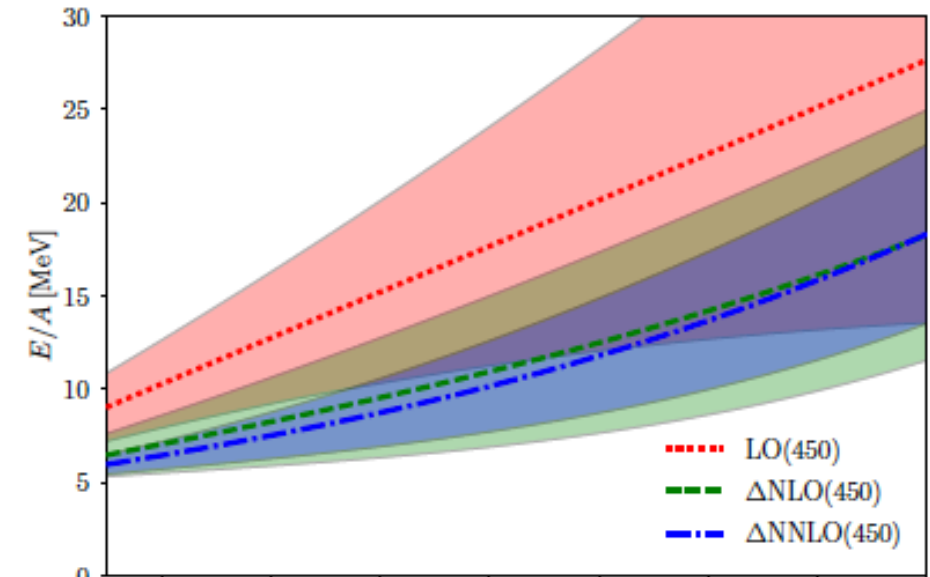
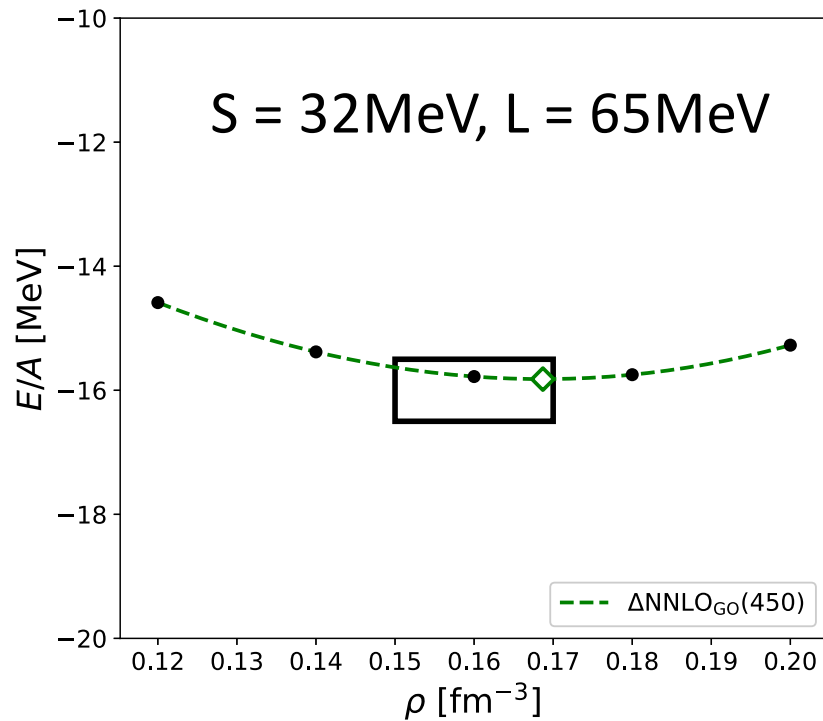
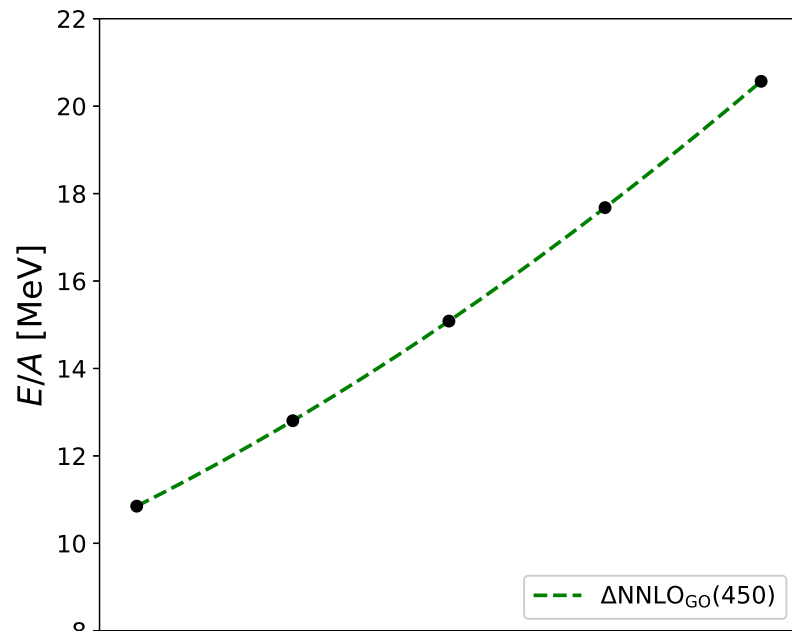
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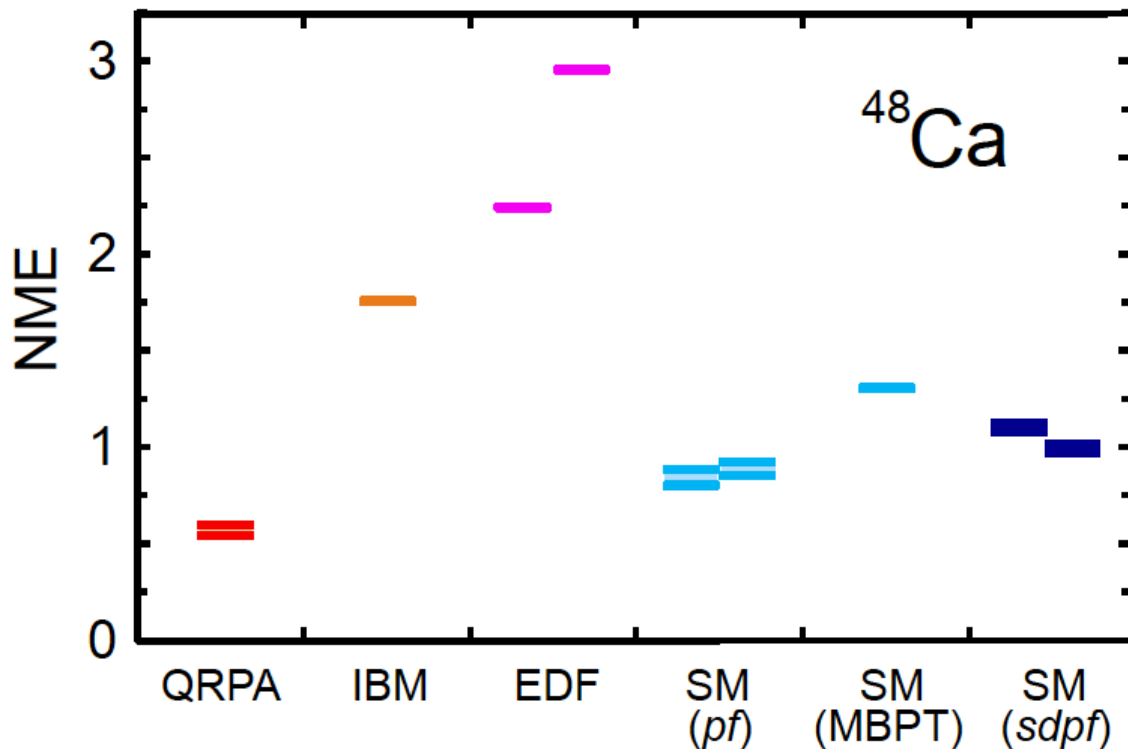
# Nuclear/neutron matter at CCD(T)



# Neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ -decay of $^{48}\text{Ca}$

$$\left[ T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \left( 0_i^+ \rightarrow 0_f^+ \right) \right]^{-1} = G^{0\nu} |M^{0\nu}|^2 \left( \frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle}{m_e} \right)^2$$

$0\nu\beta\beta$



Nuclear matrix element for neutrinoless double beta decay in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  using different methods. From Y. Iwata et al, PRL (2016).

- The NME for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  differ by a factor two to six depending on the method
- Need to determine the NME more precisely with quantified uncertainties
- What does ab-initio calculations add to this picture?

# Neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ -decay of $^{48}\text{Ca}$

$$|\langle ^{48}\text{Ti} | O | ^{48}\text{Ca} \rangle|^2 = \langle ^{48}\text{Ti} | O | ^{48}\text{Ca} \rangle \langle ^{48}\text{Ca} | O^\dagger | ^{48}\text{Ti} \rangle$$

Closure approximation with  
Gamow-Teller, Fermi and Tensor  
contributions:

$$M_{GT}^{0\nu} + \left( \frac{g_V}{g_A} \right)^2 M_F^{0\nu} + M_T^{0\nu}$$

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The ground-state of  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  is computed in the CCSD approximation:

$$\bar{H}_N |\Phi_0\rangle = E_0 |\Phi_0\rangle, \quad \bar{H}_N = e^{-T} H_N e^T, \quad T = T_1 + T_2$$

The CC energy functional is expressed in term of left/right ground-states

$$\langle \Phi_0 | (1 + \Lambda) \bar{H}_N | \Phi_0 \rangle = E_0, \quad \langle \Phi_0 | (1 + \Lambda) | \Phi_0 \rangle = 1.$$

$$\Lambda = \sum_{ia} \lambda_a^i a_a a_i^\dagger + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijab} \lambda_{ab}^{ij} a_b a_a a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger$$

# Neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ -decay of $^{48}\text{Ca}$

$^{48}\text{Ti}$  is computed using a double charge exchange equation of motion method with 2p2h and 3p3h excitations

$$\overline{H}_N R_\mu |\Phi_0\rangle = E_\mu R_\mu |\Phi_0\rangle$$

$$\langle \Phi_0 | L_\mu \overline{H}_N = \langle \Phi_0 | L_\mu E_\mu$$

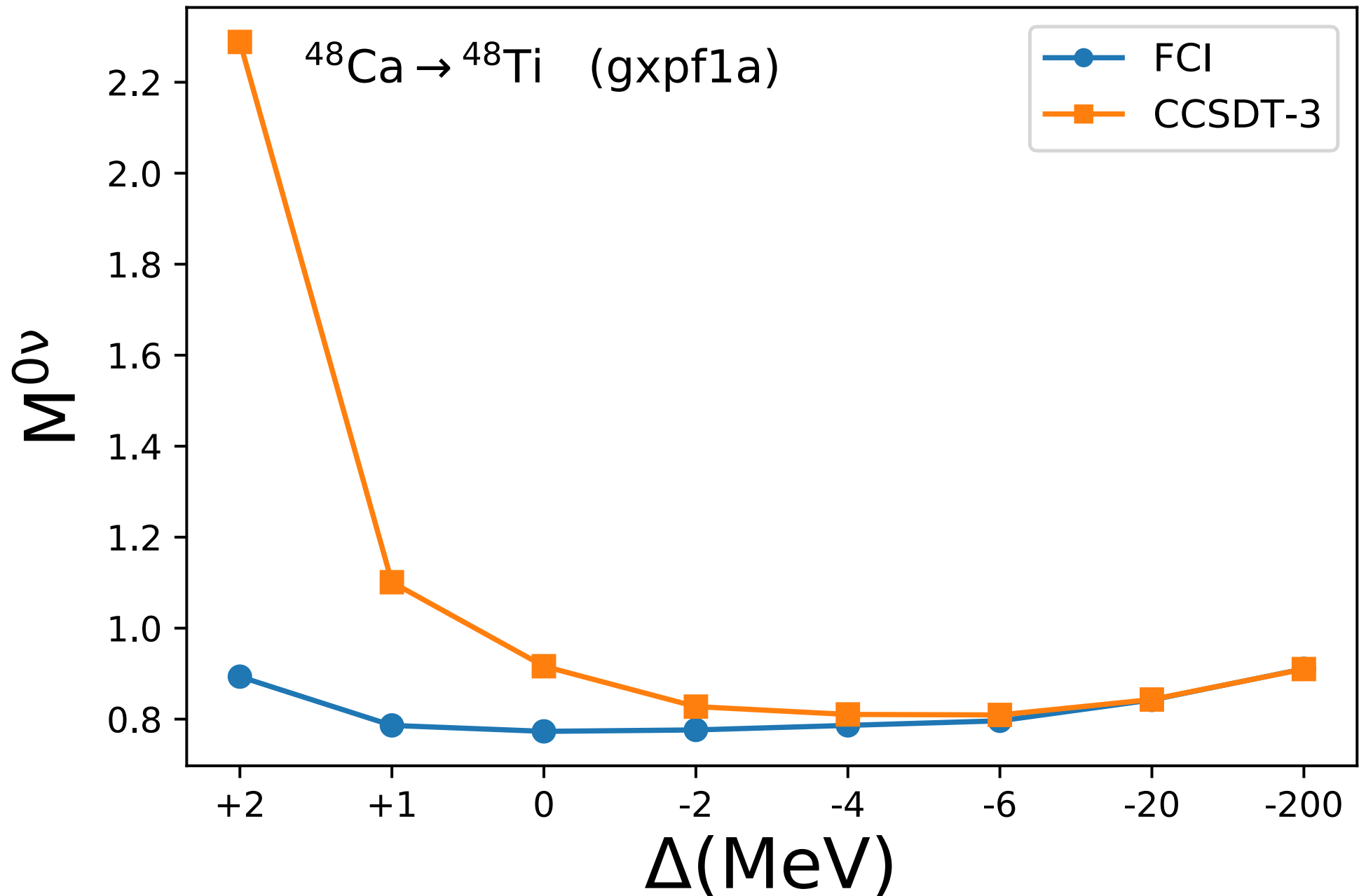
$$R_\mu = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} r_{ij}^{ab} p_a^\dagger p_b^\dagger n_i n_j + \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijkabc} r_{ijk}^{abc} p_a^\dagger p_b^\dagger N_c^\dagger N_k n_i n_j$$

$$L_\mu = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} l_{ab}^{ij} p_b p_a n_i^\dagger n_j^\dagger + \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijkabc} l_{abc}^{ijj} p_a p_b N_c N_k^\dagger n_i^\dagger n_j^\dagger$$

The Nuclear matrix element for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  is given by:

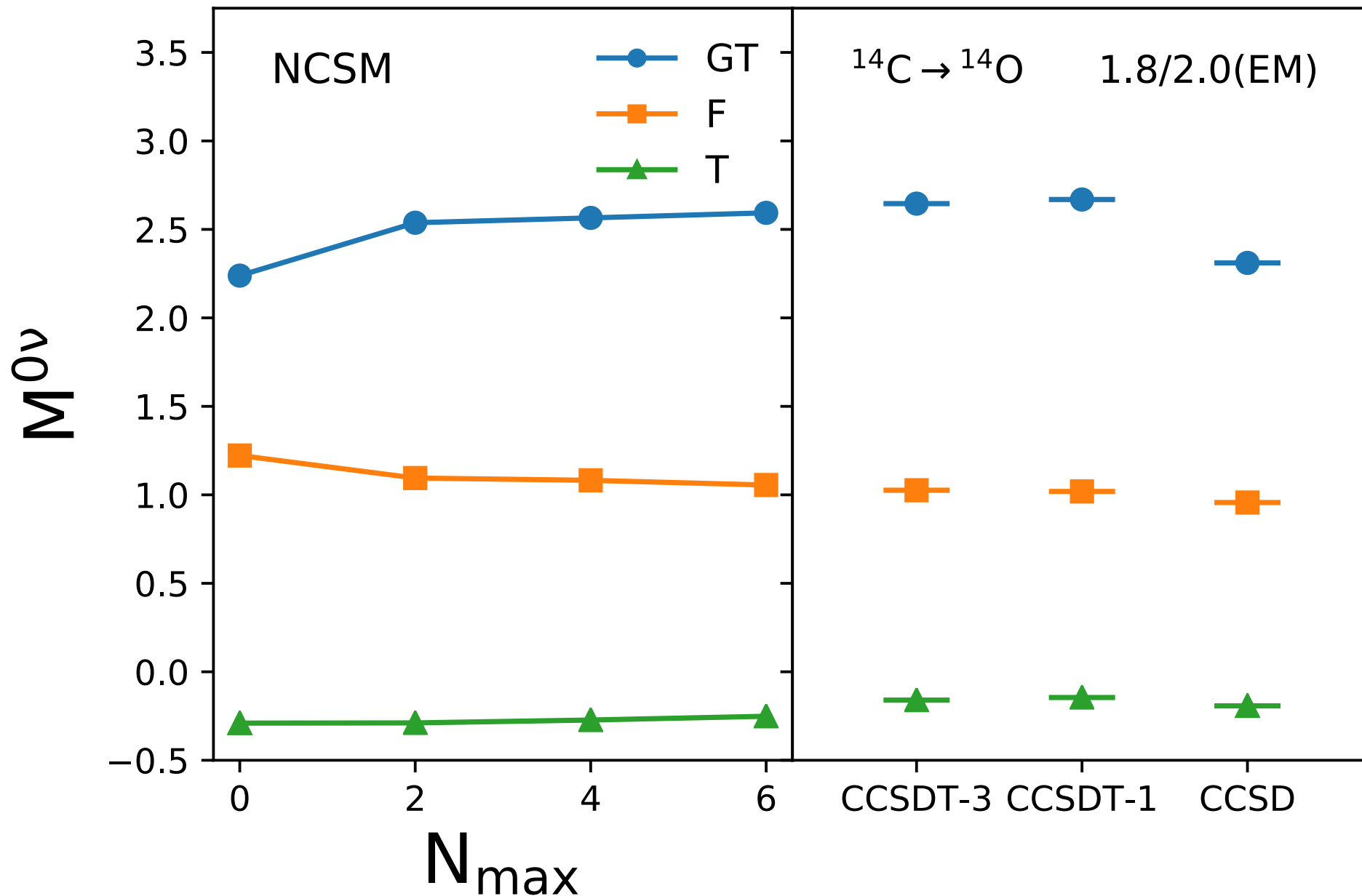
$$\begin{aligned} |\langle ^{48}\text{Ti} | O | ^{48}\text{Ca} \rangle|^2 &= \langle ^{48}\text{Ti} | O | ^{48}\text{Ca} \rangle \langle ^{48}\text{Ca} | O^\dagger | ^{48}\text{Ti} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_0 | L_0 \overline{O}_N | \Phi_0 \rangle \langle \Phi_0 | (1 + \Lambda) \overline{O}_N^\dagger R_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# $\beta\beta$ -decay of $^{48}\text{Ca}$ with GXPF1A shell-model interaction

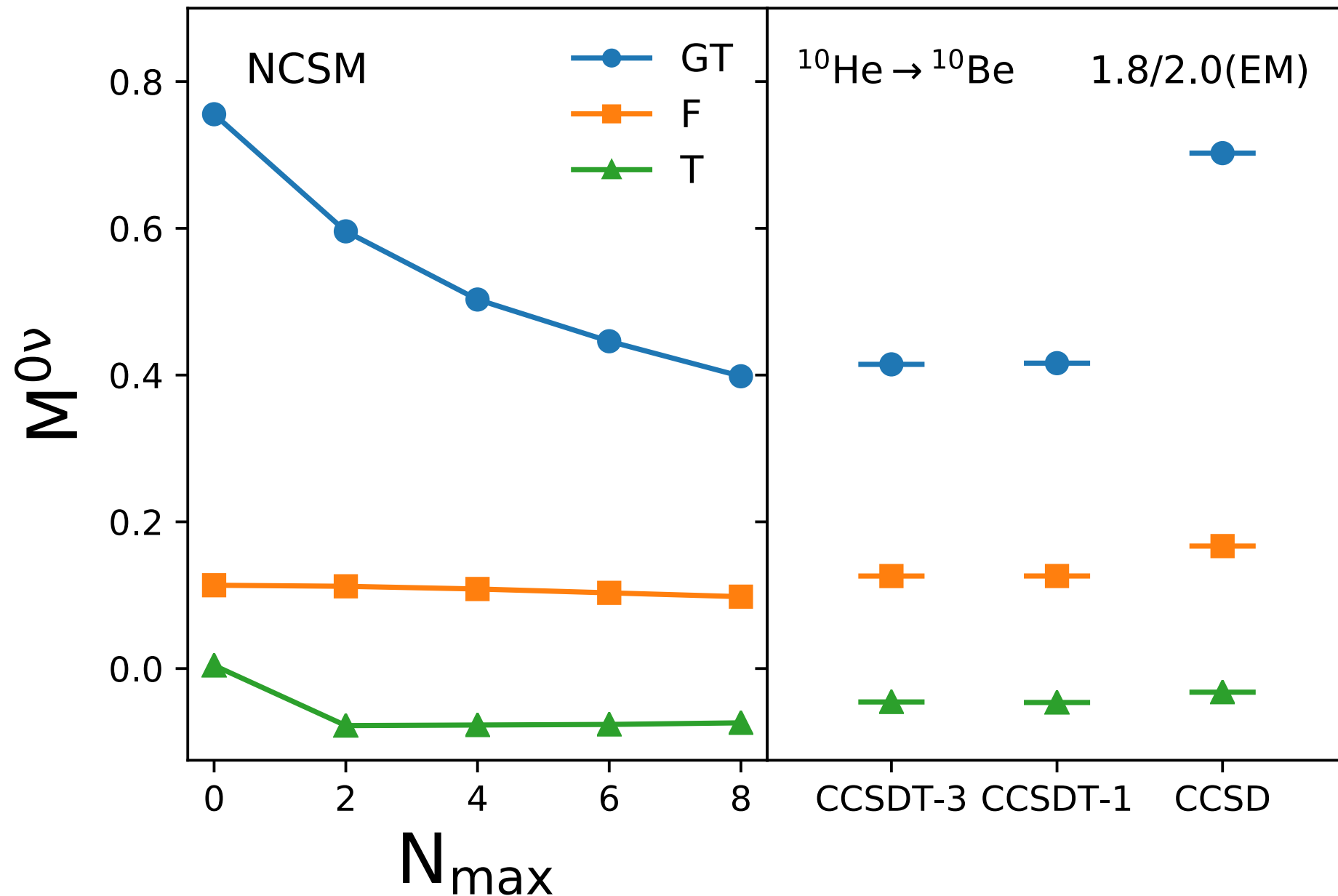




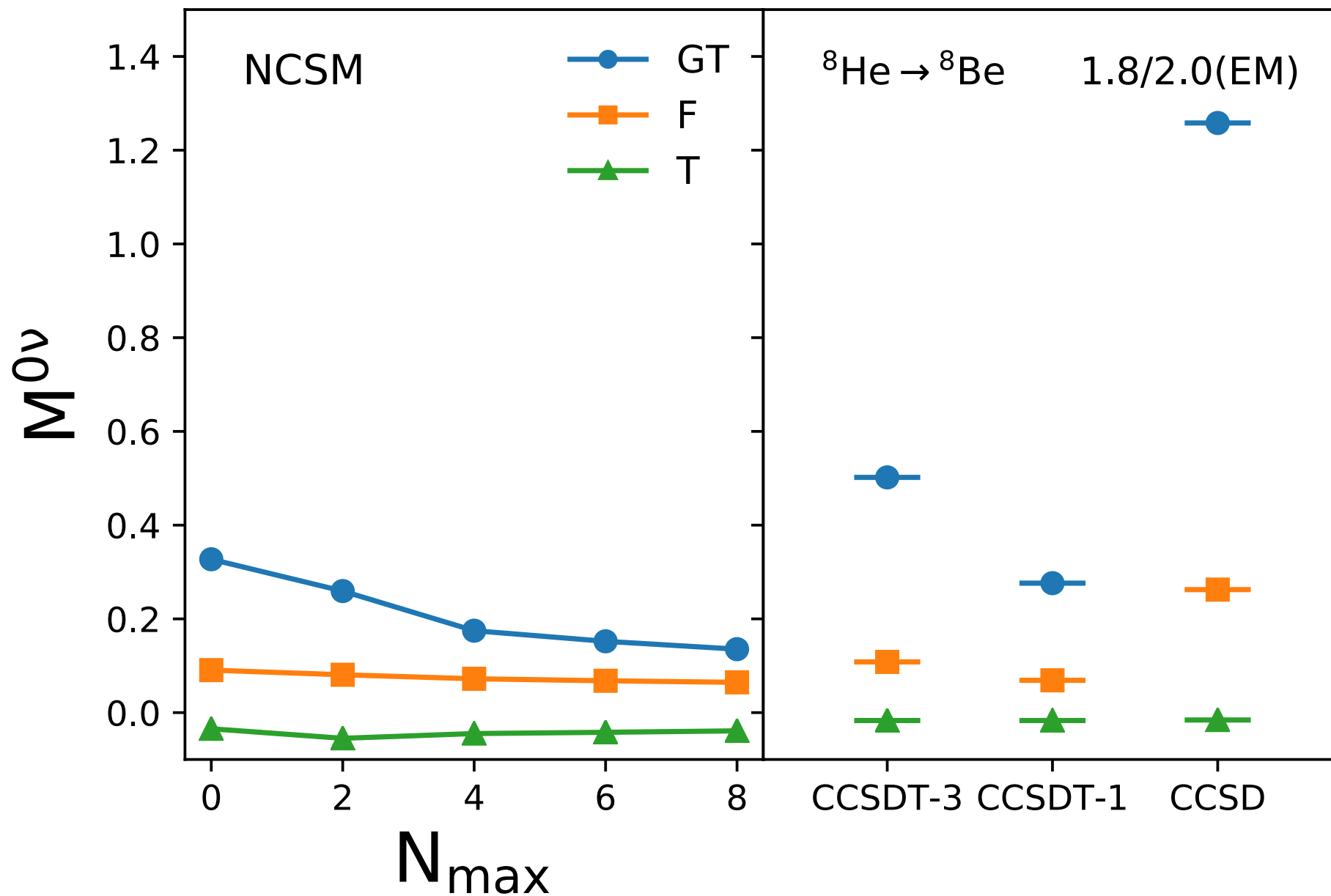
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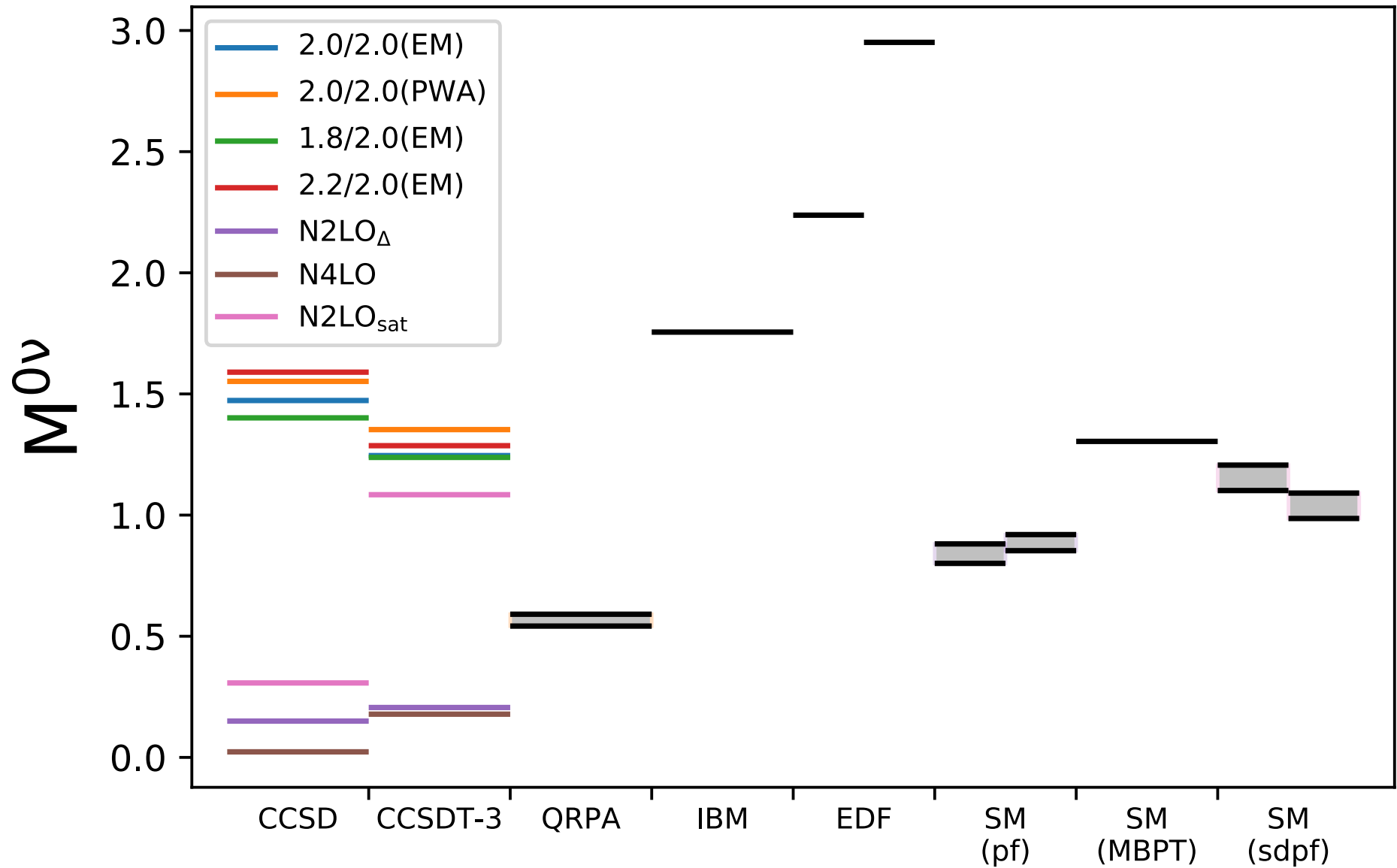
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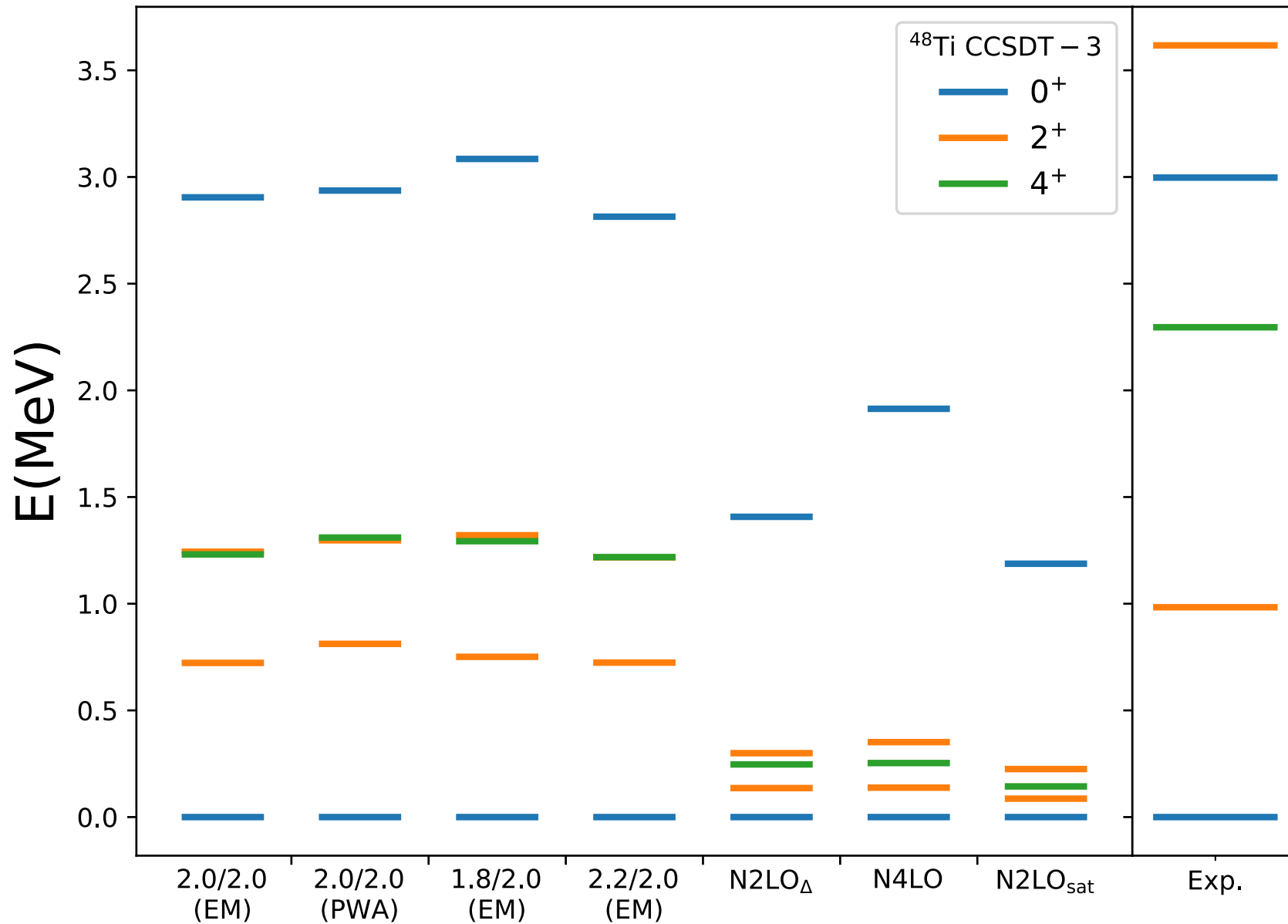
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# $^{48}\text{Ti}$ from CR-EOM-CCSD(T)



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## $\beta\beta$ -decay of $^{48}\text{Ca}$

$$\begin{aligned} M^{2\nu} &= \sum_{\mu} \frac{\langle 0_f^+ | O_{\text{GT}} | 1_{\mu}^+ \rangle \langle 1_{\mu}^+ | O_{\text{GT}} | 0_i^+ \rangle}{E_{\mu} - E_i + Q_{\beta\beta}/2} \\ &= \langle 0_f^+ | O_{\text{GT}} \frac{1}{H - E_i + Q_{\beta\beta}/2} O_{\text{GT}} | 0_i^+ \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_0 | L_0 \bar{O}_{\text{GT}} \frac{1}{\bar{H} - E_i + Q_{\beta\beta}/2} \bar{O}_{\text{GT}} | \Phi_0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# Lanczos continued fraction method

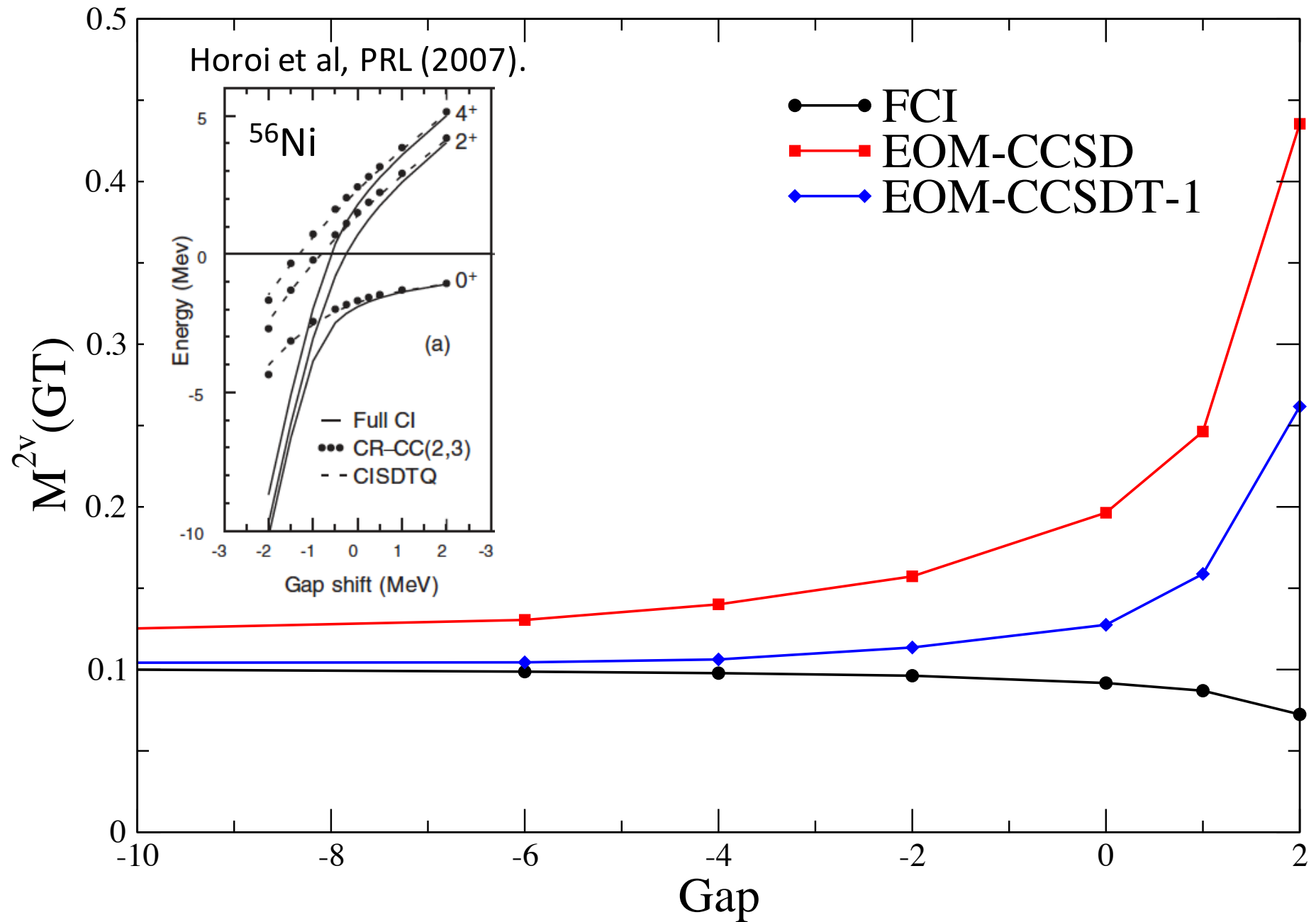
$$M^{2\nu} = \langle \Phi_0 | L_0 \bar{O}_{\text{GT}} \frac{1}{\bar{H} - E_i + Q_{\beta\beta}/2} \bar{O}_{\text{GT}} | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

Define left/right Lanczos pivots:  $\langle \tilde{\nu}_0 | = \langle \Phi_0 | L_0 \bar{O}_{\text{GT}}$   $|\nu_0\rangle = \bar{O}_{\text{GT}} | \Phi_0 \rangle$

$$M^{2\nu} = \langle \tilde{\nu}_0 | \nu_0 \rangle \left\{ \frac{1}{(a_0 - Q_{\beta\beta}/2) - \frac{b_0^2}{(a_1 - Q_{\beta\beta}/2) - \frac{b_1^2}{(a_2 - Q_{\beta\beta}/2) - \dots}}} \right\}$$

- Lanczos continued fraction method, see e.g. Engel, Haxton, Vogel PRC (1992), Haxton, Nollett, Zurek PRC (2005), Miorelli et al PRC (2016).
- Matrix element is converged to machine precision after ~10 iterations.
- Need more than 50  $1^+$  states converged in  $^{48}\text{Sc}$  (300-400 Lanczos iterations) if we sum explicitly over intermediate states

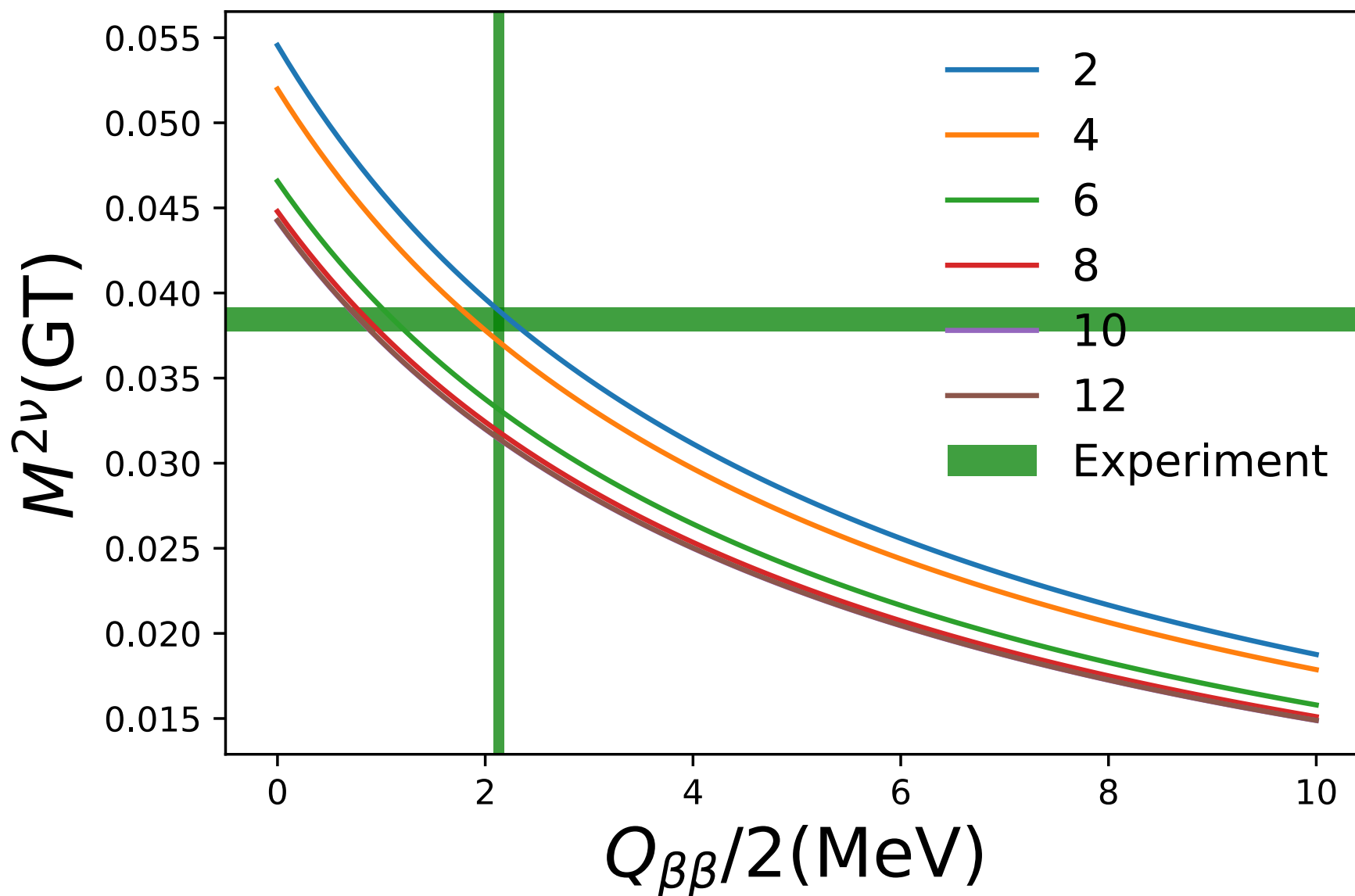
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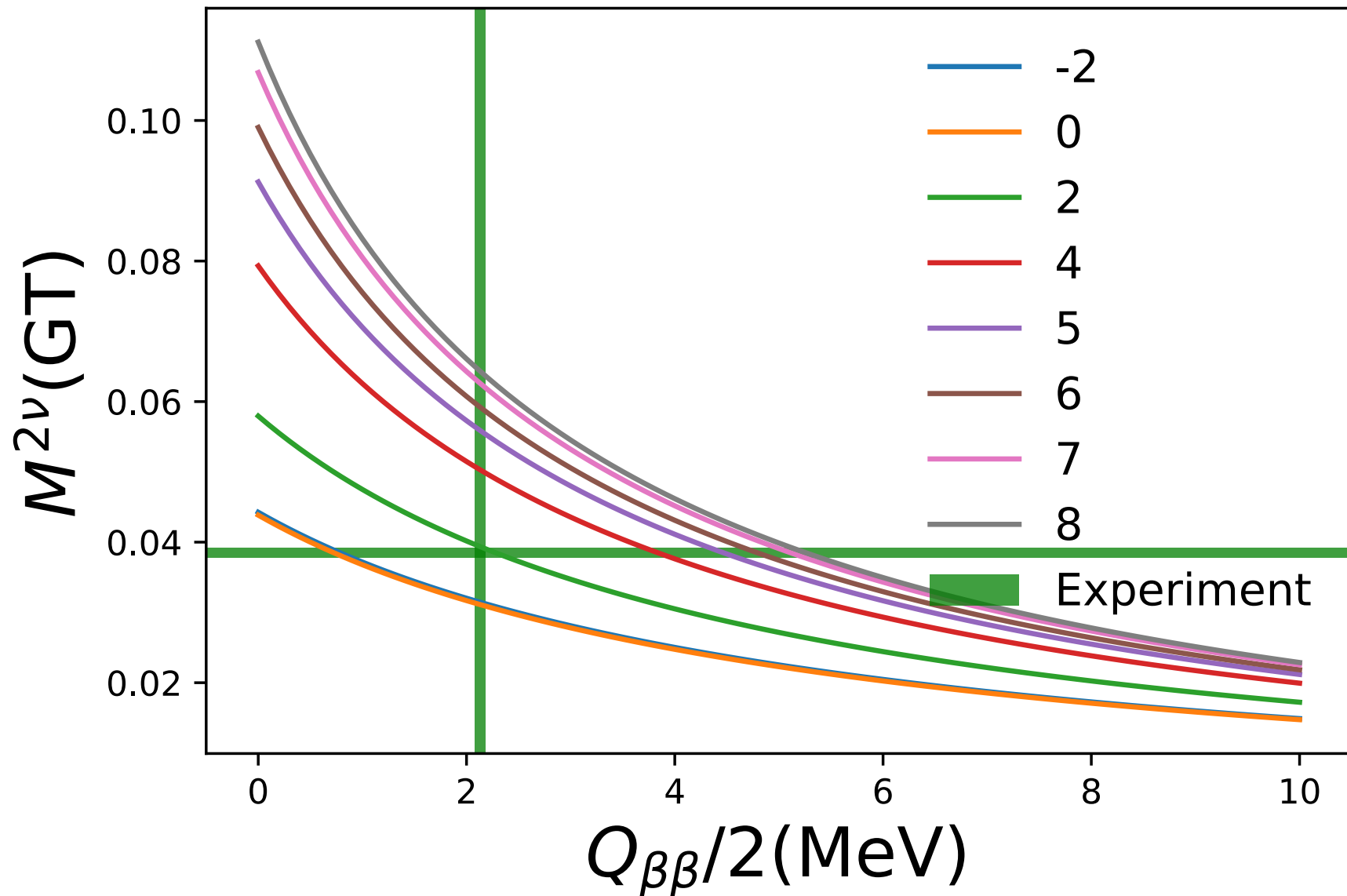
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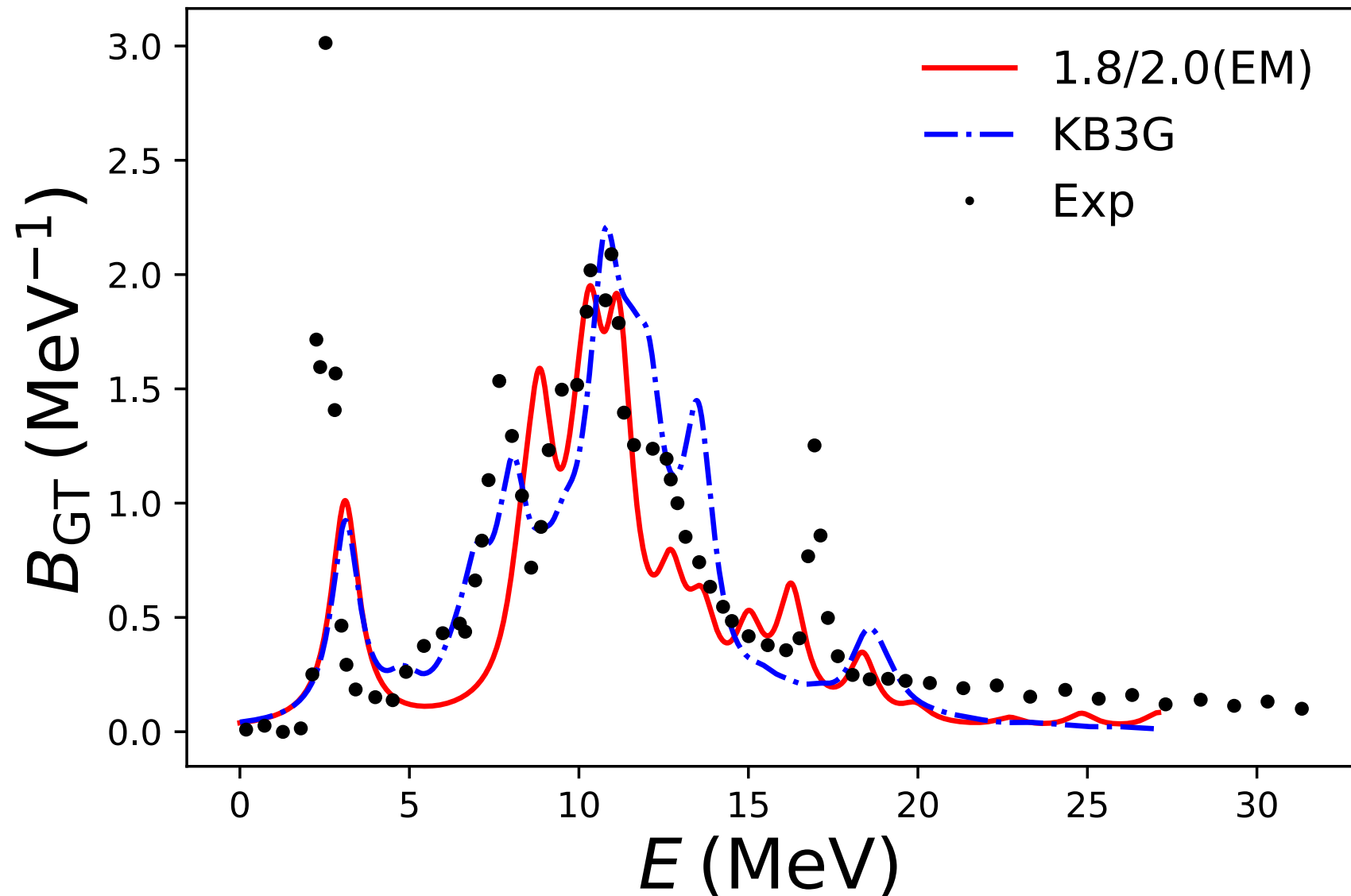
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The role of 3p3h excitations in the intermediate  $1^+$  states of  $^{48}\text{Sc}$



# Gamow-Teller strengths in $^{48}\text{Ca}$

GT-strength computed using the Lanczos method and EOM-CCSDT-1  
No 2BCs, strength function folded with a Lorentzian of width 0.5MeV.



# Summary

- Optimized chiral interactions with explicit delta's show significant improvement in description of light- and medium mass nuclei and infinite matter
- Natural orbitals offers a promising route to include higher order correlations in coupled-cluster computations
- First NME for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  and  $2\nu\beta\beta$  in  $^{48}\text{Ca}$  from coupled-cluster calculations