

Effective interactions and effective operators from the No-Core Shell Model

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❑ Introduction

❑ **Formalism:** *ab-initio* effective sd-shell Hamiltonian from the NCSM solution for $A=18$ via Okubo-Lee-Suzuki similarity transformation

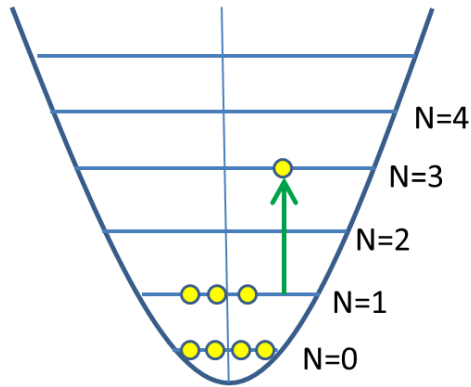
❑ Theory & Theory:

- comparison of the NCSM solution with Daejeon16 with valence-space calculations for $A>18$;
- construction of effective electromagnetic operators.

❑ **Theory & Experiment:** Analysis of TBMEs, monopole corrections and comparison with experiment and with phenomenological USDB interaction

❑ Conclusions and prospects

Shell model - (full) configuration-interaction approach



$$H = T + V = \underbrace{(T + U)}_{\text{Independent particle Hamiltonian}} + \underbrace{(V - U)}_{\text{residual interaction}} = H_0 + V_{res}$$

$$H|\Psi_n\rangle = E_n|\Psi_n\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_n\rangle = \sum_k c_{kn} |\Phi_k\rangle$$

*Independent
particle
Hamiltonian*

*residual
interaction*

$$H_0|\Phi_k\rangle = E_k^0|\Phi_k\rangle$$

$$\langle\Phi_k|\Phi_l\rangle = \delta_{kl}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^d \langle\Phi_l|H|\Phi_k\rangle c_{kn} = E_n c_{ln}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} & \dots & H_{1d} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} & \dots & H_{2d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ H_{d1} & H_{d2} & \dots & H_{dd} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} J^\pi$$

Ab-initio No-Core Shell Model : sufficiently large model space so that the results for A nucleons do not depend on the basis parameters (hw and Nmax)

Conservation of symmetries of the Hamiltonian, detailed information on low-energy states and transitions

Valence-space shell model for heavier nuclei

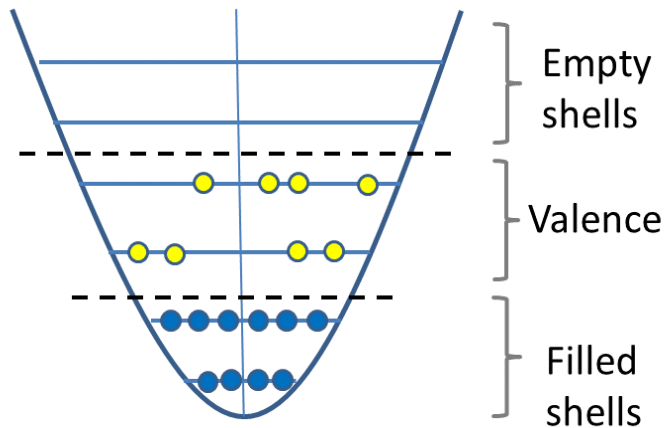
Restricted model space

Effective operators

$$H|\Psi_n\rangle = E_n|\Psi_n\rangle$$



$$H_{eff}|\Psi_n^M\rangle = E_n|\Psi_n^M\rangle$$



$$H = T + V = \underbrace{(T + U)}_{\text{exactly solvable}} + \underbrace{(V - U)}_{\text{residual interaction}} = H_0 + V_{res}$$

*exactly
solvable*

*residual
interaction*

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \langle \alpha\beta | V_{res} | \delta\gamma \rangle a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\gamma} a_{\delta}$$

Empirical

Microscopic

*Semi-microscopic
(microscopic,
constrained by the data)*

Empirical

Current status :

- Excellent description with empirical (phenomenological) interactions
- Microscopic interactions -> recent progress and challenges

Effective Interactions : monopole-multipole decomposition

Multipole decomposition :

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\alpha} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl, \lambda} w_{ijkl, \lambda} \left[a_i^{\dagger} \tilde{a}_j \right]^{(\lambda)} \left[a_k^{\dagger} \tilde{a}_l \right]^{(\lambda)} + \dots$$

$$H = \underbrace{\sum_i \varepsilon_i n_i + \sum_{i < j} \bar{V}_{ij} \frac{n_i(n_j - \delta_{ij})}{1 + \delta_{ij}}}_{\text{Monopole part (spherical mean-field)}} + \underbrace{V_{pair} + V_{quad} + \dots}_{\text{Multipole part (correlations)}}$$

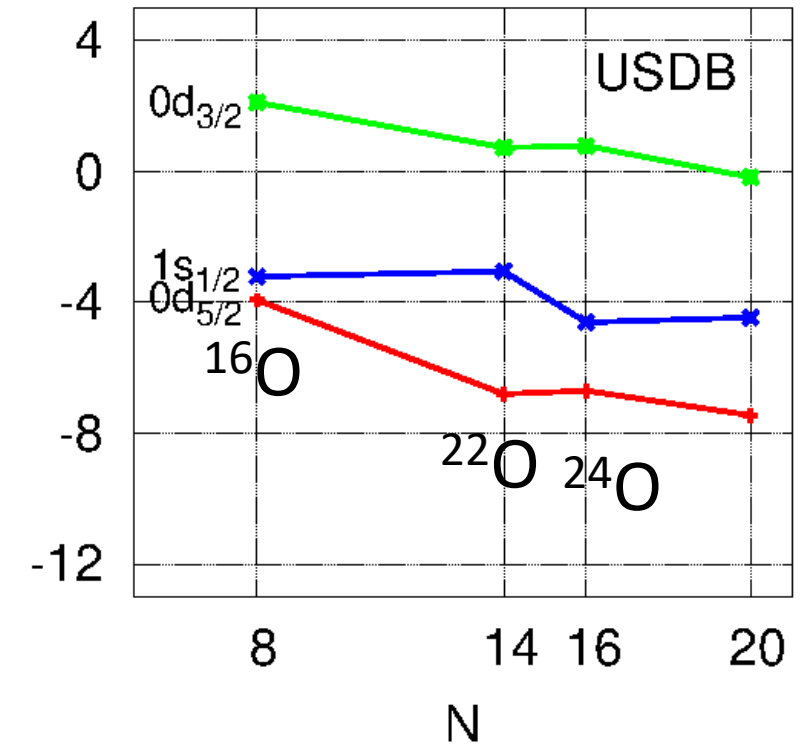
- Important to understand the nature of nuclear excitations (competition between sphericity and deformation)
- Crucial to understand defects of microscopic interactions and a way towards improvements

A.Poves, A.P. Zuker, *Phys. Rep.* 70, 235 (1981)

A.P. Zuker & M. Dufour, [arXiv.org:nuc-th/9505012](https://arxiv.org/abs/nuc-th/9505012); *PRC* 54, 1641 (1996),

E. Caurier, G. Martinez-Pinedo, F. Nowacki, A. Poves, A.P. Zuker, *RMP* 77, 427 (2005)

Neutron ESPEs in O-isotopes
(from monopole part)



USDB – universal sd interaction:
W.A. Richter, B.A. Brown,
PRC 74 (2006)

Microscopic approaches to valence-space interactions

$$H|\Psi_k\rangle = E_k|\Psi_k\rangle$$

$$\langle\Psi_f|O|\Psi_i\rangle = O_{fi}$$

Effective operators



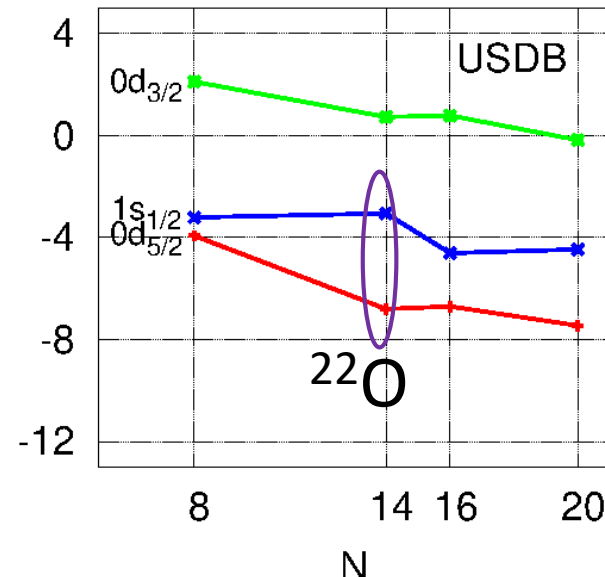
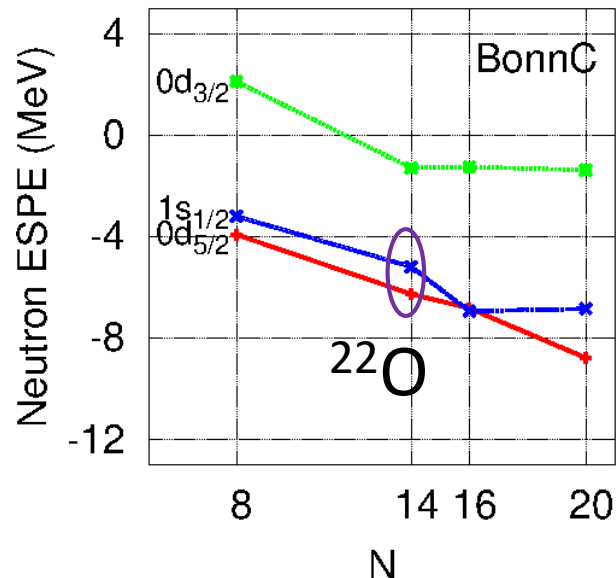
$$H_{eff}|\Psi_k^M\rangle = E_k|\Psi_k^M\rangle$$

$$\langle\Psi_f^M|O_{eff}|\Psi_i^M\rangle = O_{fi}$$

Many-body perturbation theory based on the G-matrix (NN)

G.F. Bertsch, T.T.S. Kuo, G.F. Brown, B.R. Barrett, M. Kirson, ... (from 60's)
M. Hjorth-Jensen, T.T.S. Kuo, E. Osnes, PR261, 126 (1995)

$$V_{eff} = \text{[Diagram showing a series of diagrams for the effective interaction V_eff. The first diagram is a single vertical line with an upward arrow. The second diagram is a vertical line with an upward arrow, followed by a dashed line, then another vertical line with an upward arrow. The third diagram is a vertical line with an upward arrow, followed by a dashed line, then a loop (representing a two-body interaction), then another dashed line, then another vertical line with an upward arrow. The fourth diagram is a vertical line with an upward arrow, followed by a dashed line, then another vertical line with an upward arrow, followed by a dashed line, then another vertical line with an upward arrow. The sequence is enclosed in brackets with a plus sign between the first and second terms, and a plus sign between the second and third terms, followed by an ellipsis.]$$



Poor description of the
monopole term
(spherical mean-field)

← Missing 3N forces

Conjectured : A.Poves, A.P. Zuker, PR70 (1981)

A.P. Zuker, PRL90, 042502 (2003)

Confirmed : T. Otsuka et al (2010), J. Holt et al (2012, 2014,...); L. Coraggio et al (2018 – 2020), etc.

Microscopic approaches to valence space interactions

Non-perturbative approaches :

For review see S. R. Stroberg, H. Heigert, S.K. Bogner, J.D. Holt, *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Science* **69**, 307 (2019).

□ Valence-space In-Medium Similarity Renormalization Group – IMSRG (NN + 3N)

S.R. Stroberg et al, PRC93, 051301 (2016); PRL118, 032502 (2017), etc.

$$H(s) = U(s)H(0)U^\dagger(s),$$

$$dH(s)/ds = [\eta(s), H(s)]$$

□ OLS transformation applied to NCSM results

E. Dikmen, A.F. Lisetskiy, B.R. Barrett, P. Maris, A.M. Shirokov, J.P. Vary, PRC91, 064301 (2015)

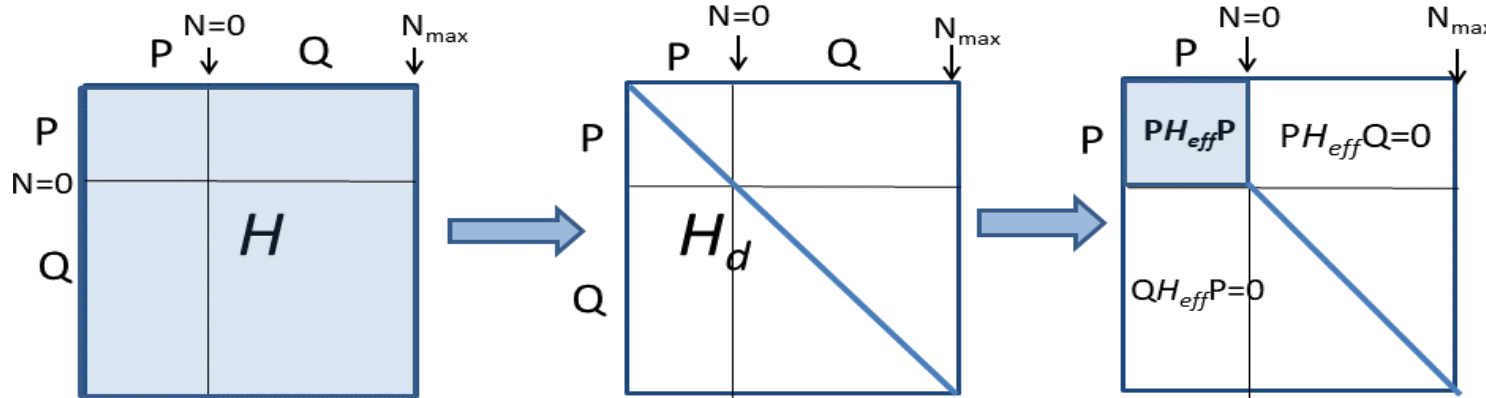
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□ Coupled-cluster theory (NN + 3N)

G.R. Jansen et al, PRC94, 011301 (2016); Z.H. Sun, T.D. Morris, G. Hagen et al, PRC98, 054320 (2018)

Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM

Okubo-Lee-Suzuki (OLS) similarity transformation
of the NCSM solution



$$H_d = U H U^\dagger$$

$$H_{eff} = \frac{U_P^\dagger}{\sqrt{U_P U_P^\dagger}} H_d \frac{U_P}{\sqrt{U_P U_P^\dagger}}$$

FLOW

□ ¹⁸F from the NCSM at N_{max}

□ H_{eff} for ¹⁸F at N=0

□ ¹⁶O from the NCSM at N_{max}

→ Core energy

□ ¹⁷O, ¹⁷F from the NCSM at N_{max}

→ One-body terms

□ Single-particle energies ϵ_i

two-body matrix elements V_{ijkl}

S. Okubo, Prog. Theor. Phys. 12 (1954); K. Suzuki, S. Lee, Prog. Theor. Phys. 68 (1980)

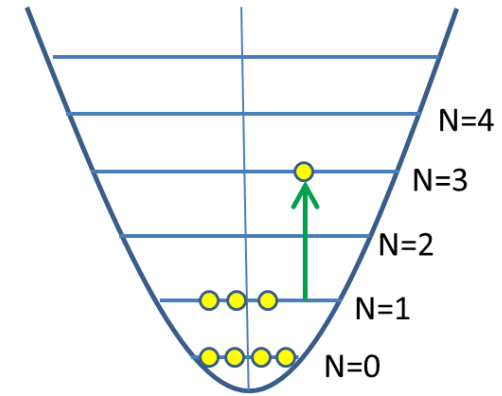
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J.P. Vary, R. Basili, W.Du, M. Lockner, P. Maris, S.Pal, S.Sarker PRC98, 065502 (2018)

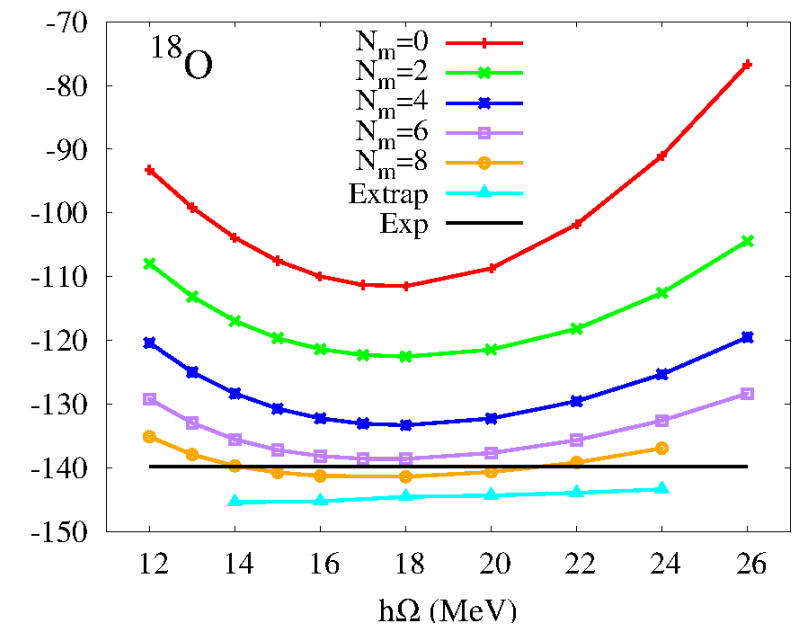
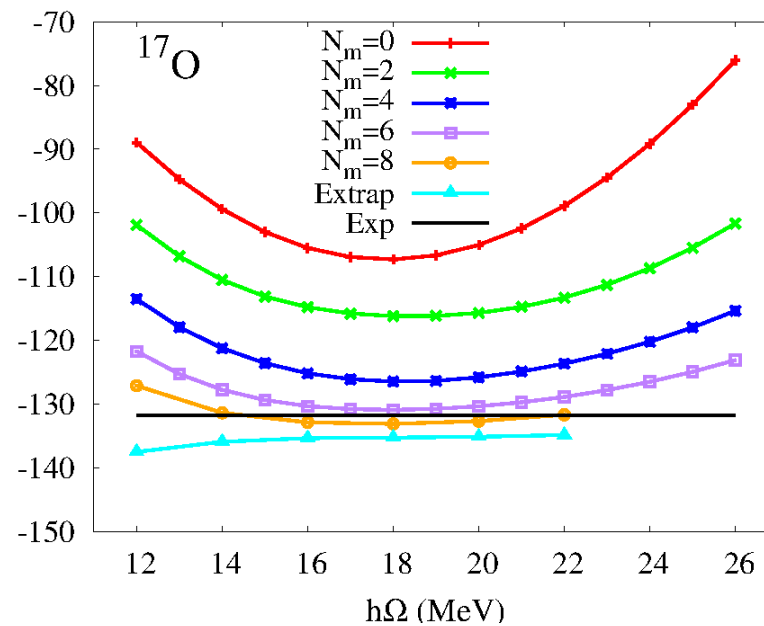
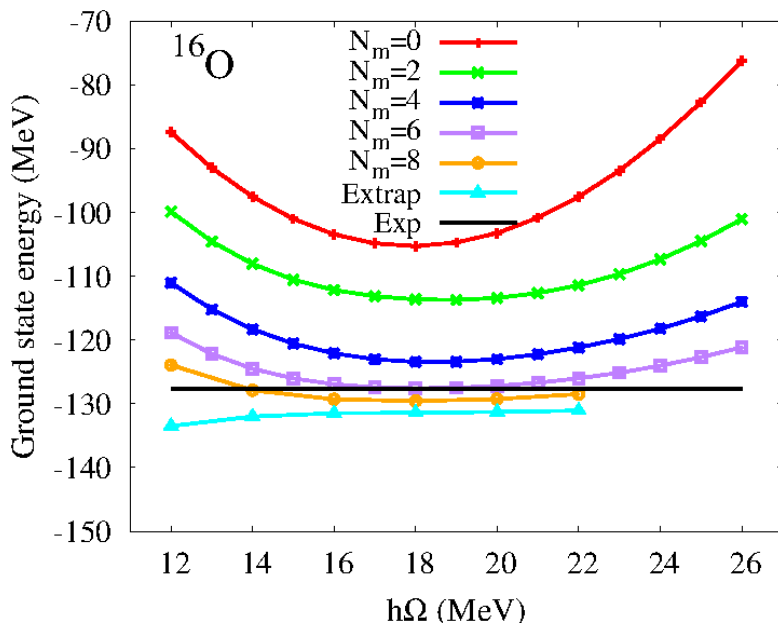
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No-Core Shell Model

$$H = \sum_{i<j} \frac{(\vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_j)^2}{2mA} + \sum_{i<j} V_{ij} + \left(\sum_{i<j<k} V_{ijk} \right)$$



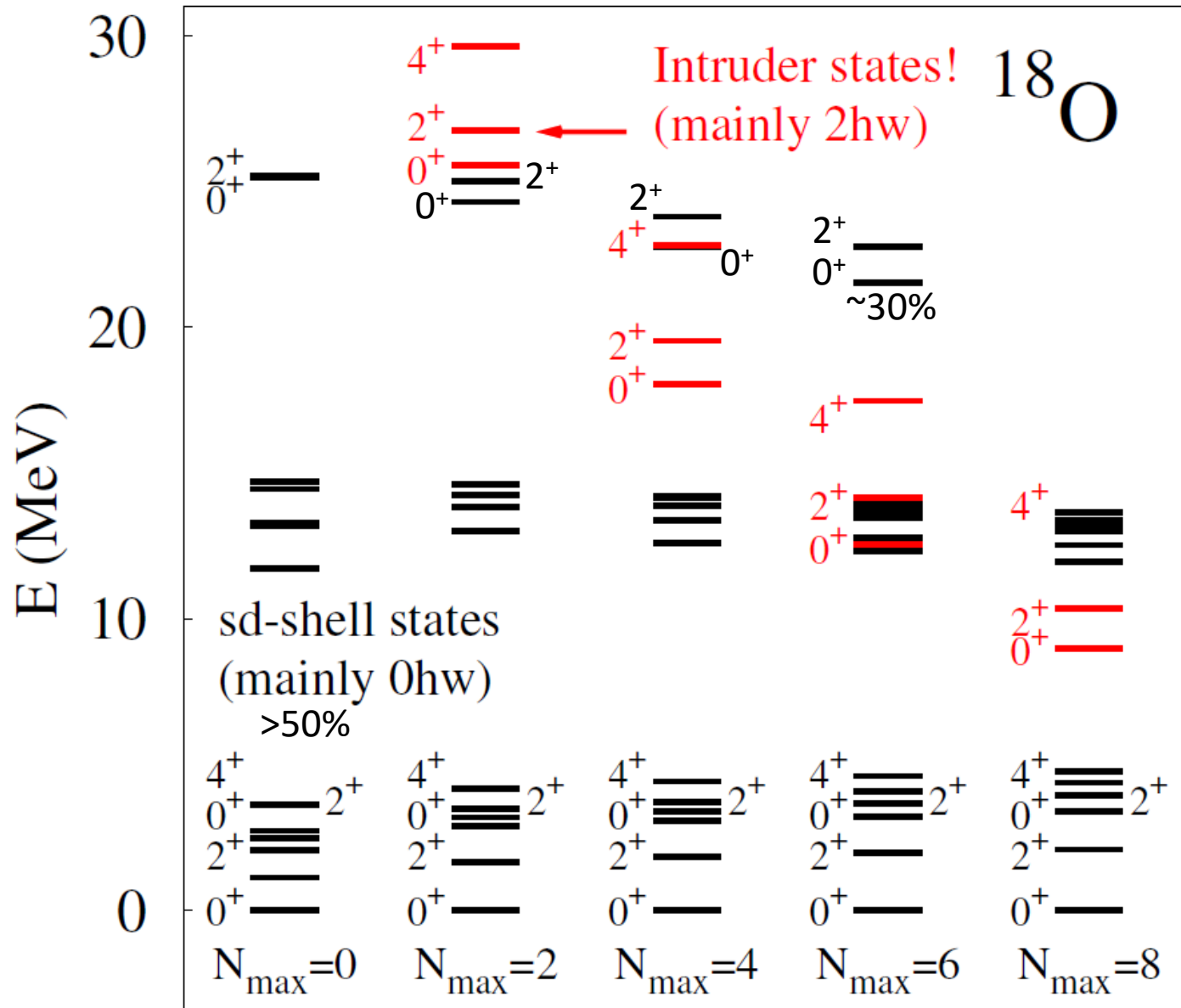
Daejeon16 NN potential (N3LO + SRG evolved + PETs)



Daejeon16: *A.M. Shirokov, I.J. Shin, et al, PLB 761, 87 (2016)*
B.R. Barrett, P. Navratil, J.P. Vary, Ab initio no core shell model,
PPNP 69, 131 (2013).

MFDn code, P. Maris, J. P. Vary
et al, Iowa State University

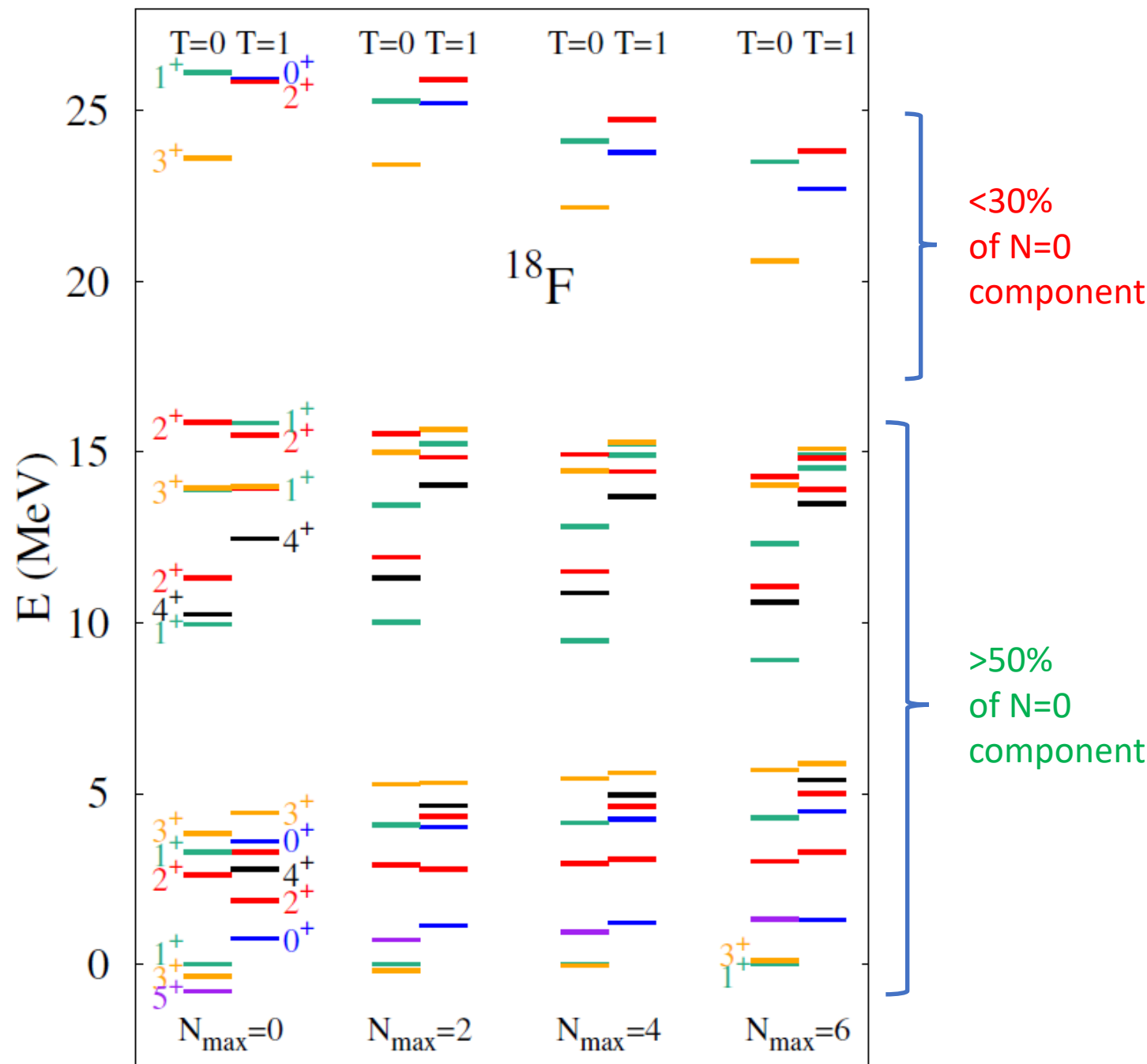
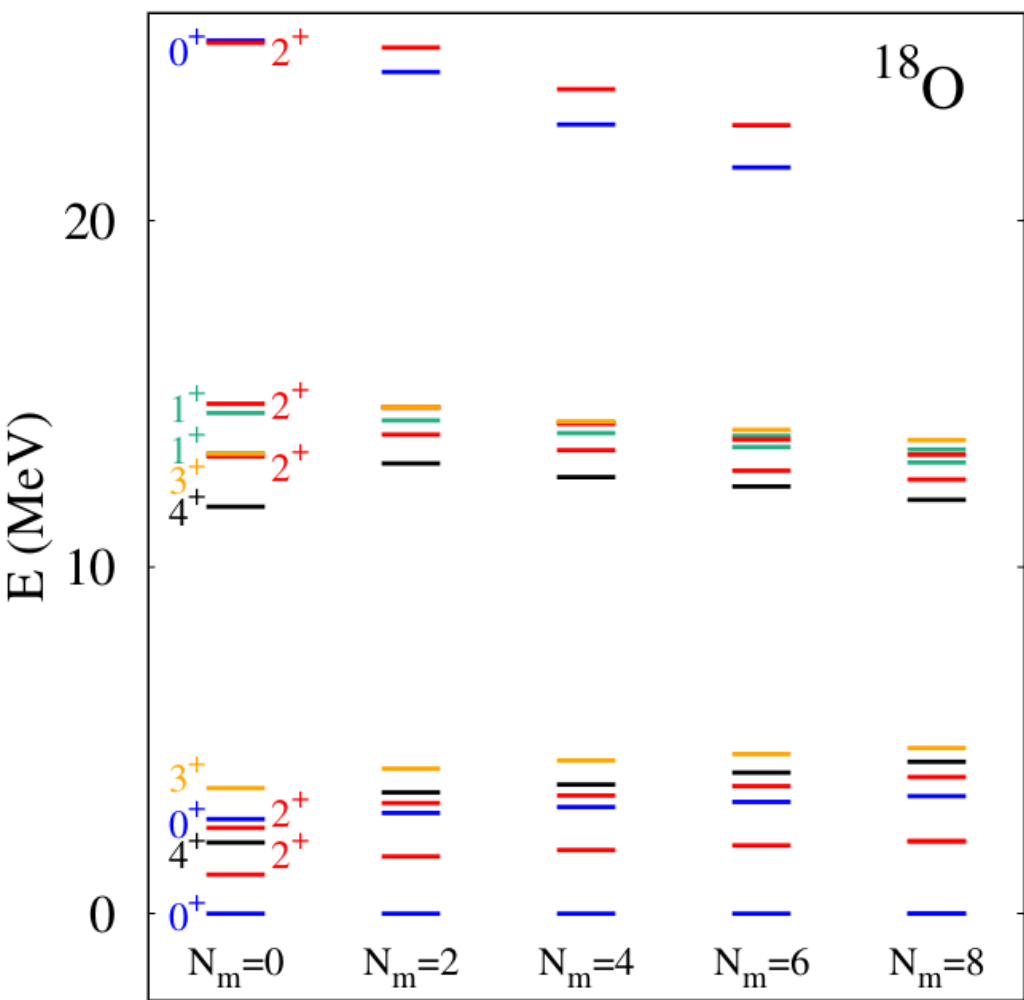
Low-energy spectrum of ^{18}O from the NCSM with Daejeon16



- The states dominated by sd-shell components are quickly converged!
- Intruder states (identified experimentally by large E2 matrix elements) are not converged yet!
- Such general structure of the spectrum is also typical for heavier sd-shell nuclei

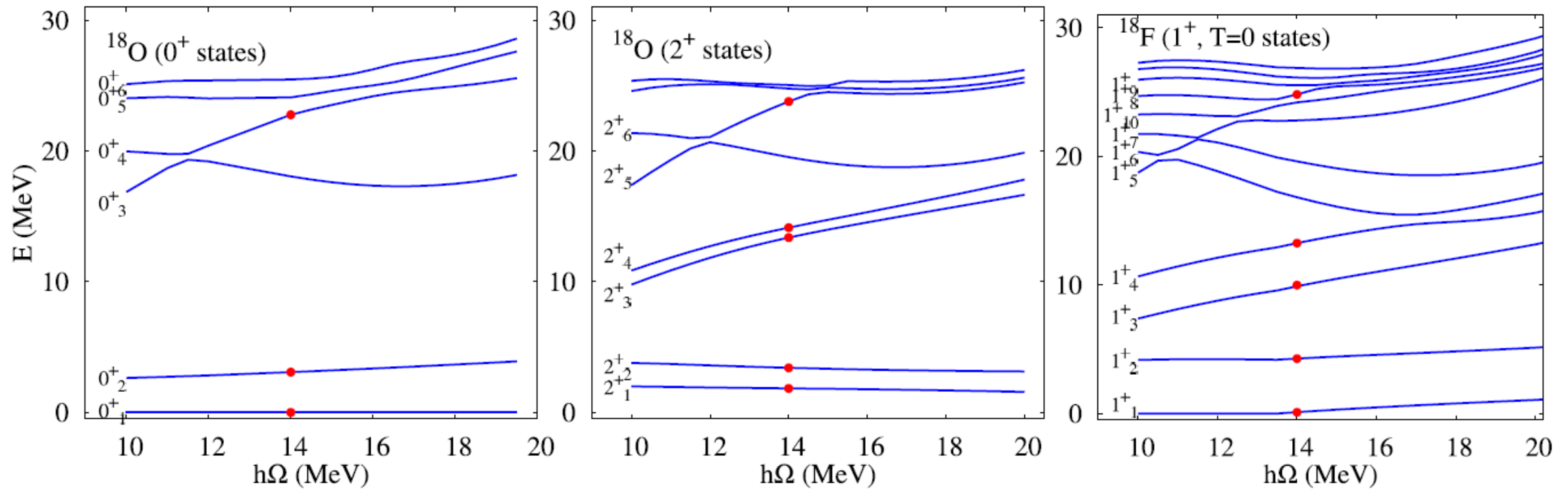
Selected states for A=18

$$\hbar\Omega = 14 \text{ MeV}$$

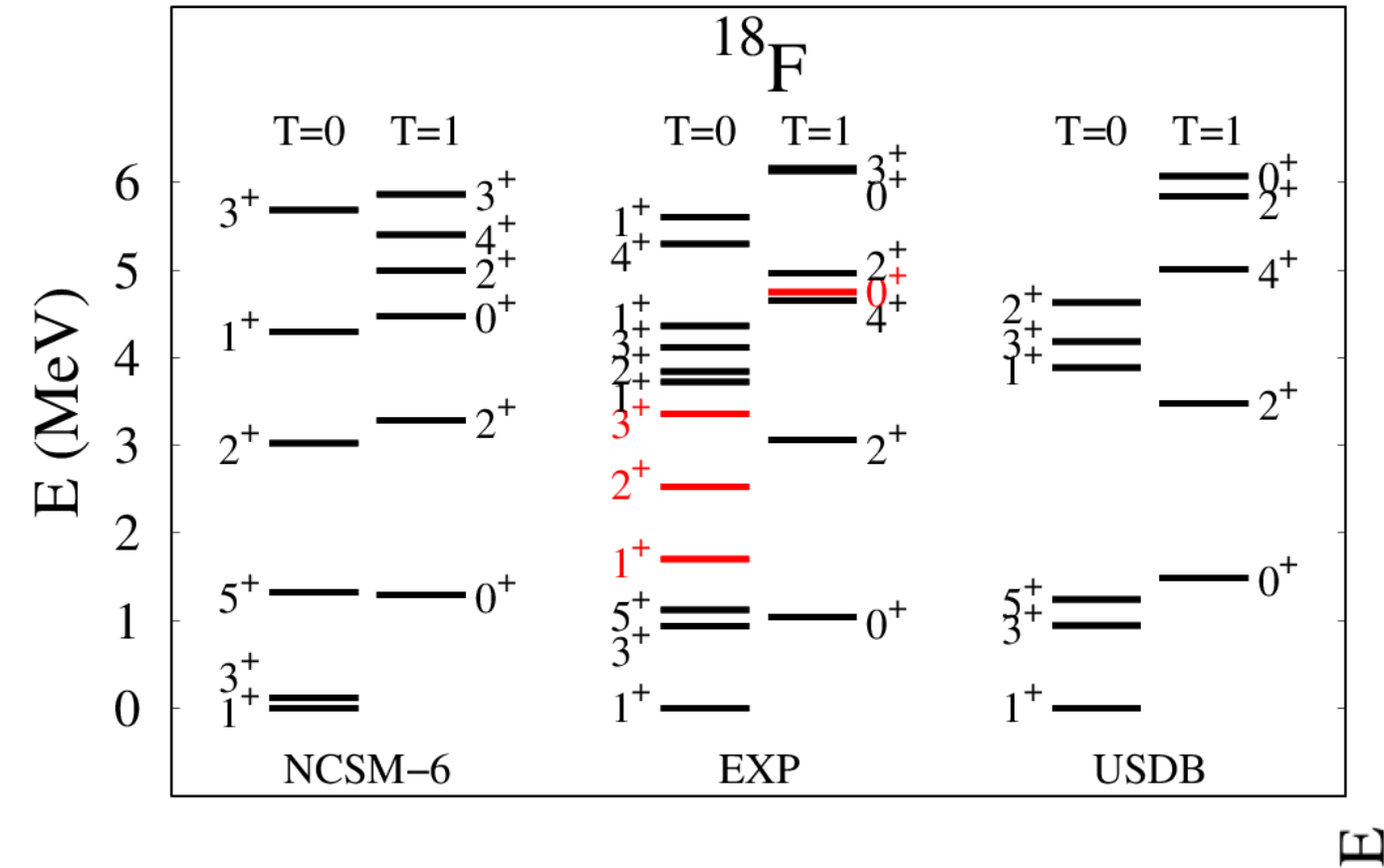


Excitation spectra for a given J,T and state selection for A=18 as a function of $\hbar\Omega$

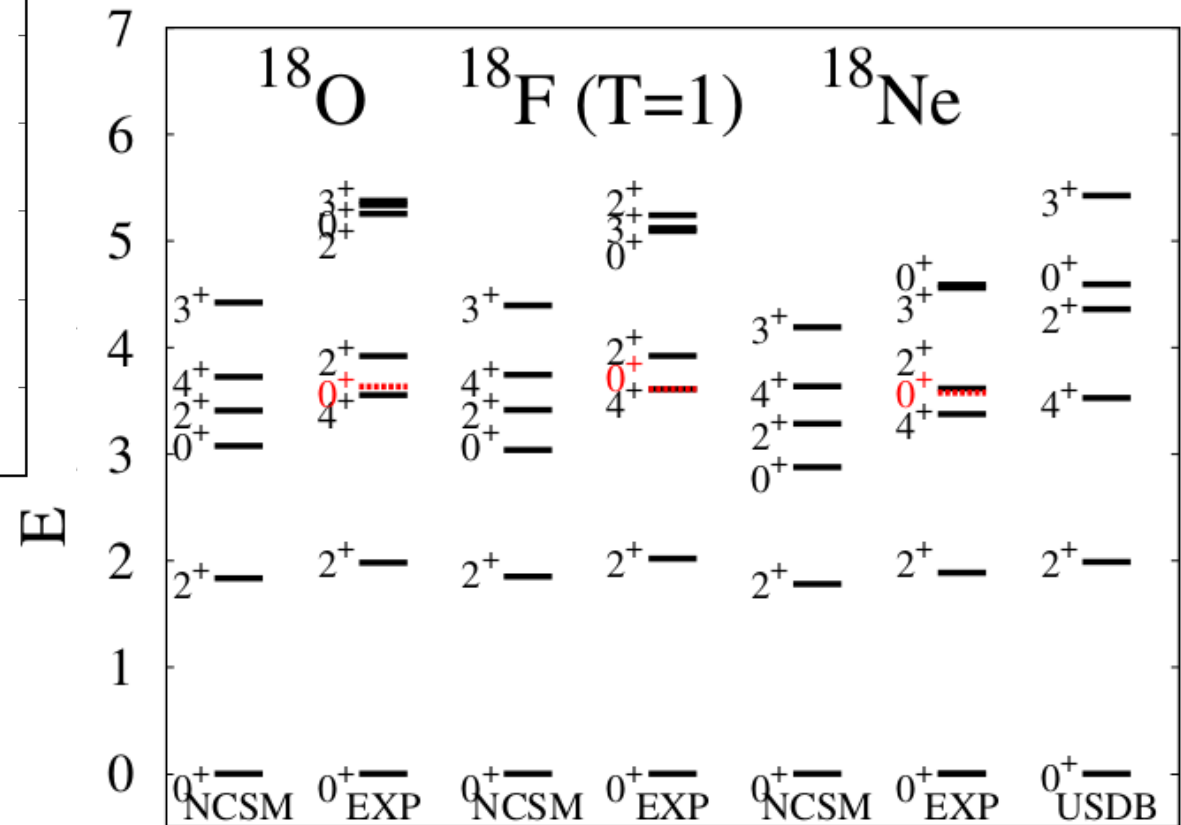
$$N_{max} = 4$$



Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM with Daejeon16



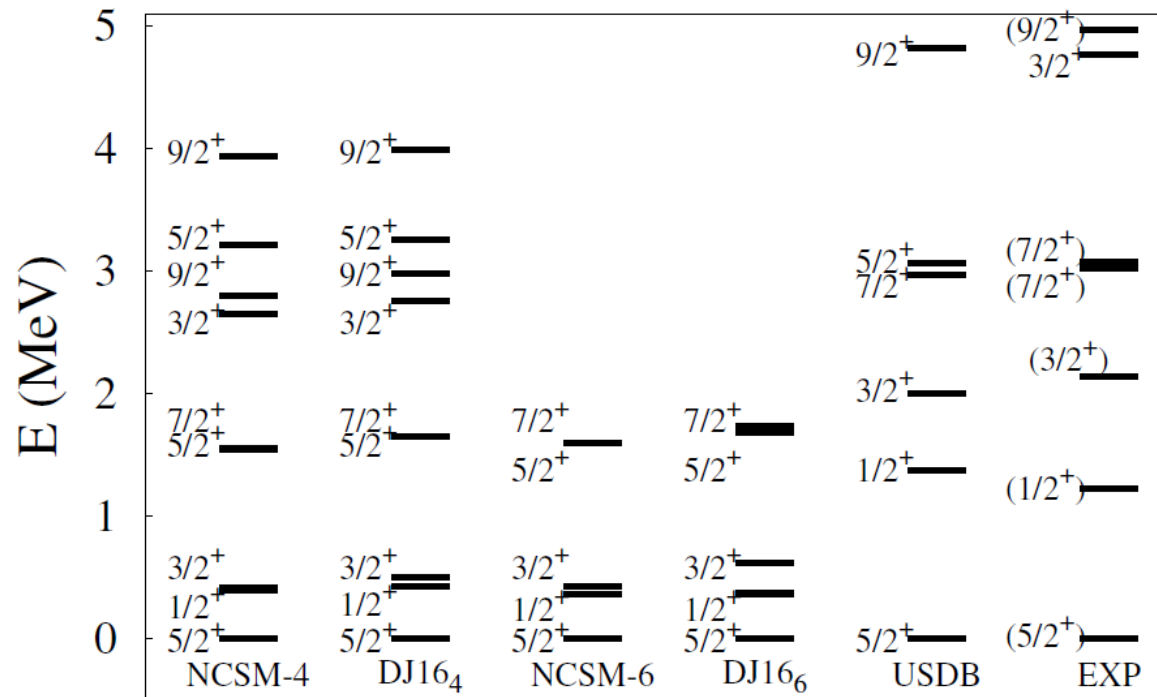
By construction, valence-space two-nucleon calculation reproduces the NCSM results



Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM : $A > 18$ nuclei

^{21}O

9 states : rms error 225 keV

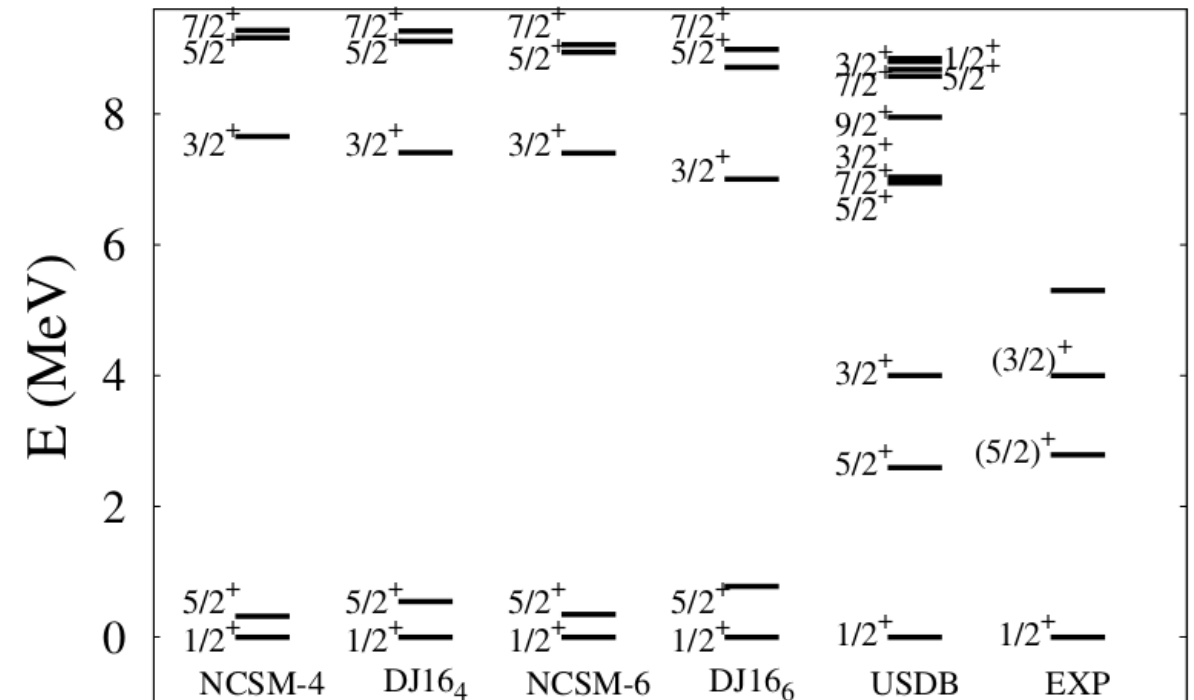


➤ Sometimes poor agreement with experiment ...

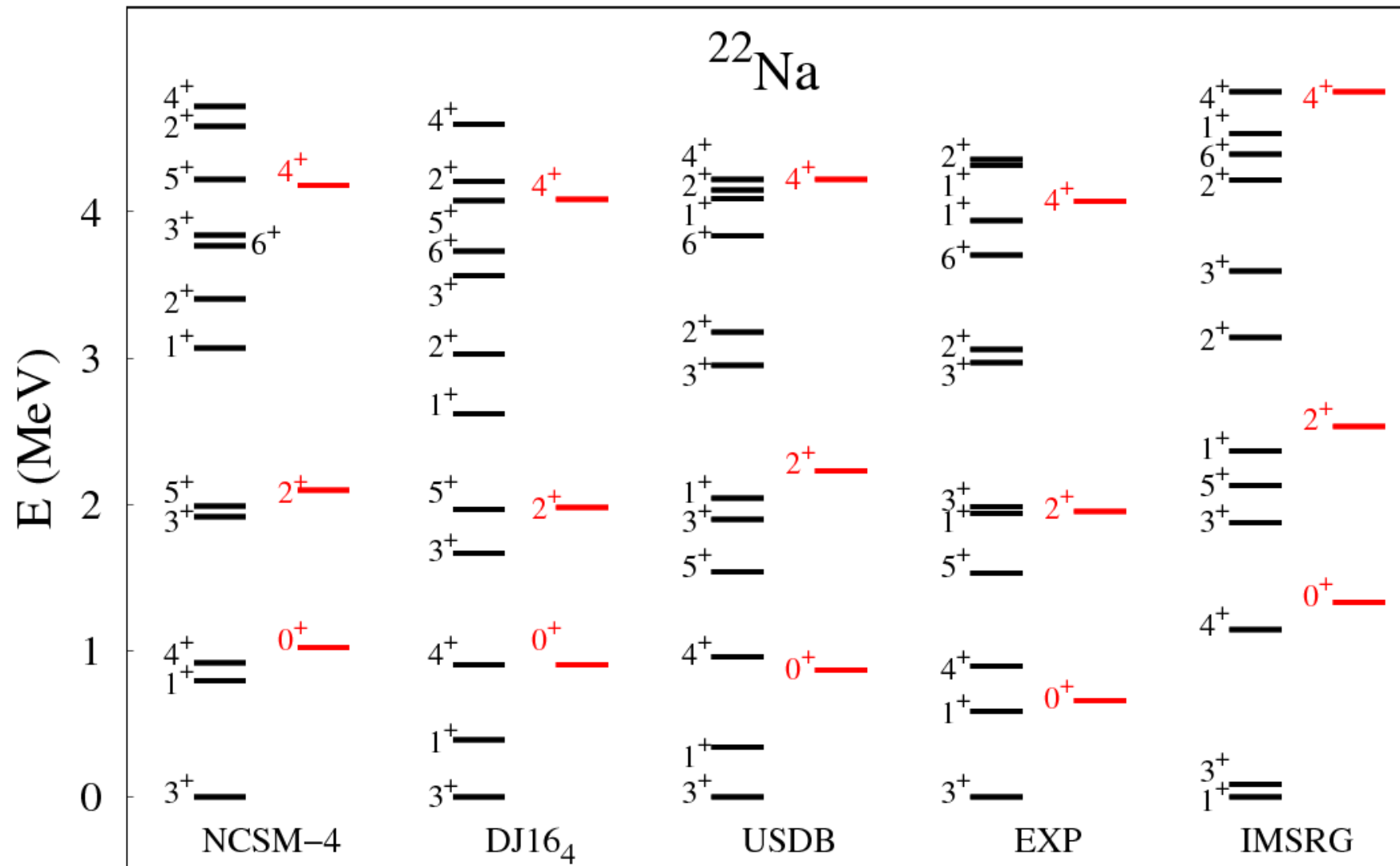
➤ Valence-space TBMEs and theoretical s.p.e.'s robustly reproduce the NCSM results !

^{23}O

14 states : rms error 63 keV

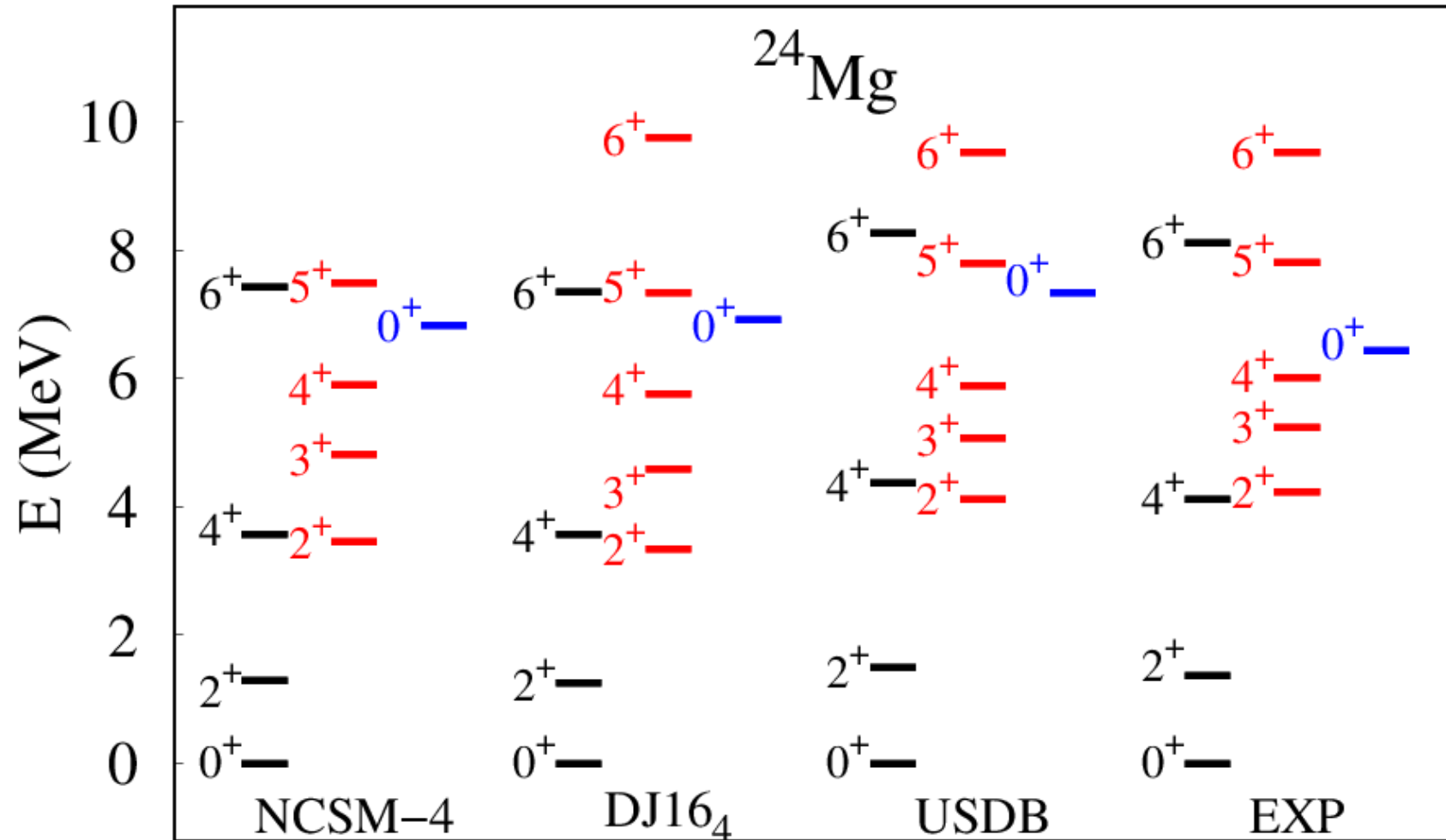


Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM : $A > 18$ nuclei



14 states : rms error 220 keV

Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM : $A > 18$ nuclei



9 states : rms error 225 keV

Electromagnetic transition operators from the NCSM

Effective $E2$ operator in the sd shell

$$e_{n/p}(a, b) \langle b || r^2 \hat{Y}_2(\hat{r}) || a \rangle = \langle J_f || \hat{O}(E2) || J_i \rangle \quad (\text{from } ^{17}\text{O}/^{17}\text{F})$$

sd-shell single-particle
matrix elements

$$\hat{O}(E2) = \sum_k^A e_k r_k^2 \hat{Y}_2(\hat{r}_k) \quad (e_n = 0, e_p = e) \quad \text{from the NCSM}$$

Bare one-body operator

State-dependent effective charges/g-factors

(a, b)	$e_n(a, b)$	$e_p(a, b)$	$g_n^s(a, b)$	$g_n^l(a, b)$	$g_p^s(a, b)$	$g_p^l(a, b)$
bare	0.0	1.0	-3.826	0.0	5.586	1.0
$(0d_{5/2}, 1s_{1/2})$	0.181	1.171	-3.608	0.020	5.252	0.916
$(0d_{5/2}, 0d_{3/2})$	0.281	1.236	-3.751	0.026	5.499	0.976
$(1s_{1/2}, 0d_{3/2})$	0.168	1.297	-3.690	0.033	5.332	0.957
$(0d_{5/2}, 0d_{5/2})$	0.179	1.060	-3.729		5.468	
$(0d_{3/2}, 0d_{3/2})$	0.172	1.248				
$(1s_{1/2}, 1s_{1/2})$						
	\bar{e}_n	\bar{e}_p	\bar{g}_n^s	\bar{g}_n^l	\bar{g}_p^s	\bar{g}_p^l
average	0.196	1.202	-3.695	0.026	5.388	0.950
typical	0.35	1.35	-3.826	0.0	5.586	1.0

Idem for M1 operator =>
Effective g-factors

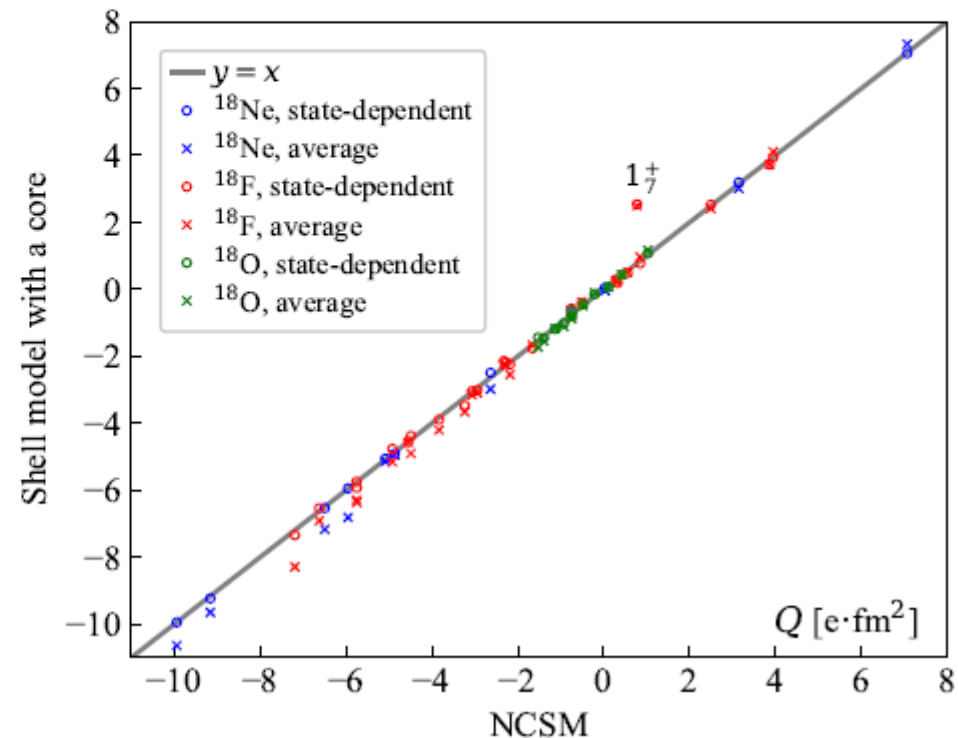
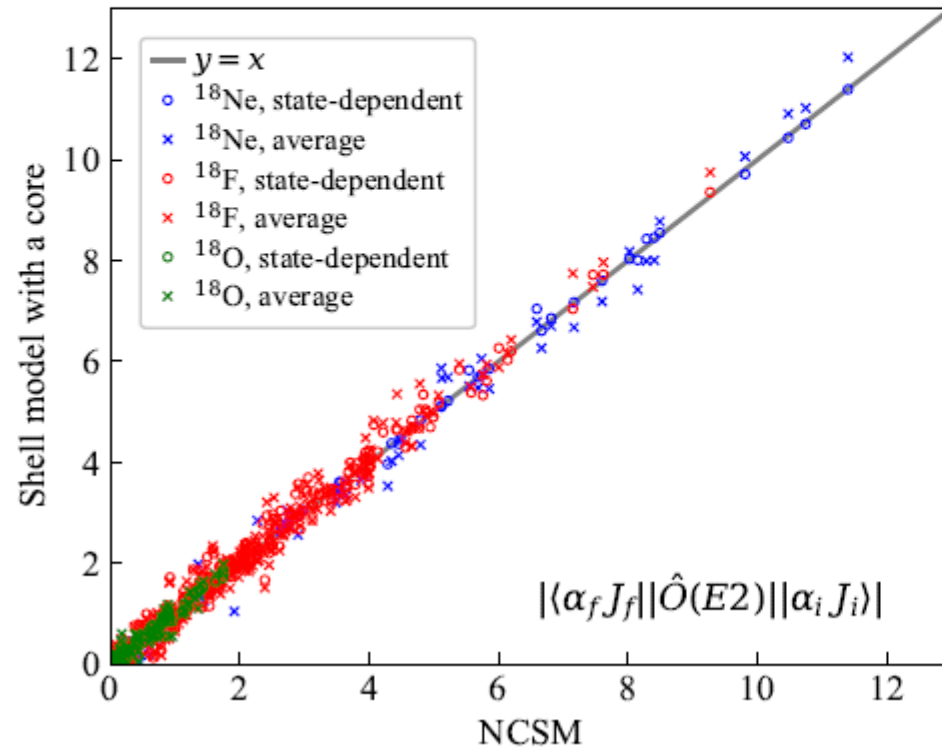
Effective one-body
state-dependent
transition operators !

E2 operator from the NCSM : transitions and moments in A=18

^{18}O : rms(RME) ≈ 0.07 e.fm² (66 data), rms(Q) ≈ 0.06 e.fm²

^{18}F : rms(RME) ≈ 0.11 e.fm² (269 data), rms(Q) ≈ 0.37 e.fm²

^{18}Ne : rms(RME) ≈ 0.22 e.fm² (66 data), rms(Q) ≈ 0.06 e.fm²

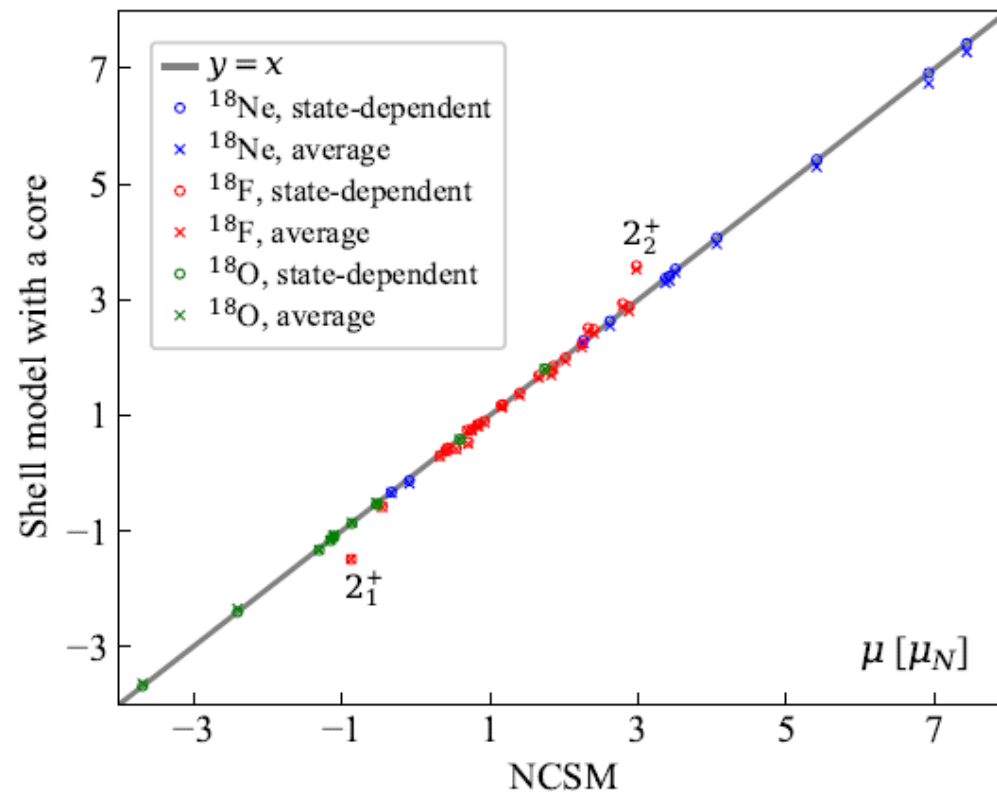
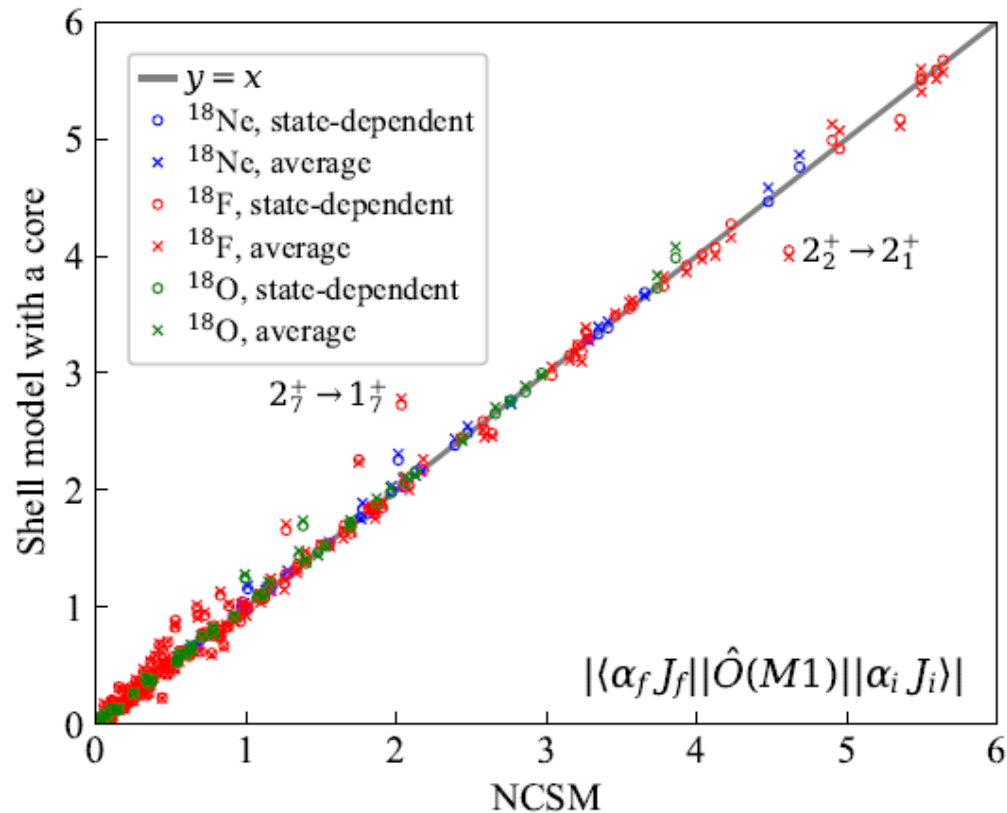


M1 operator from the NCSM : transitions and moments in A=18

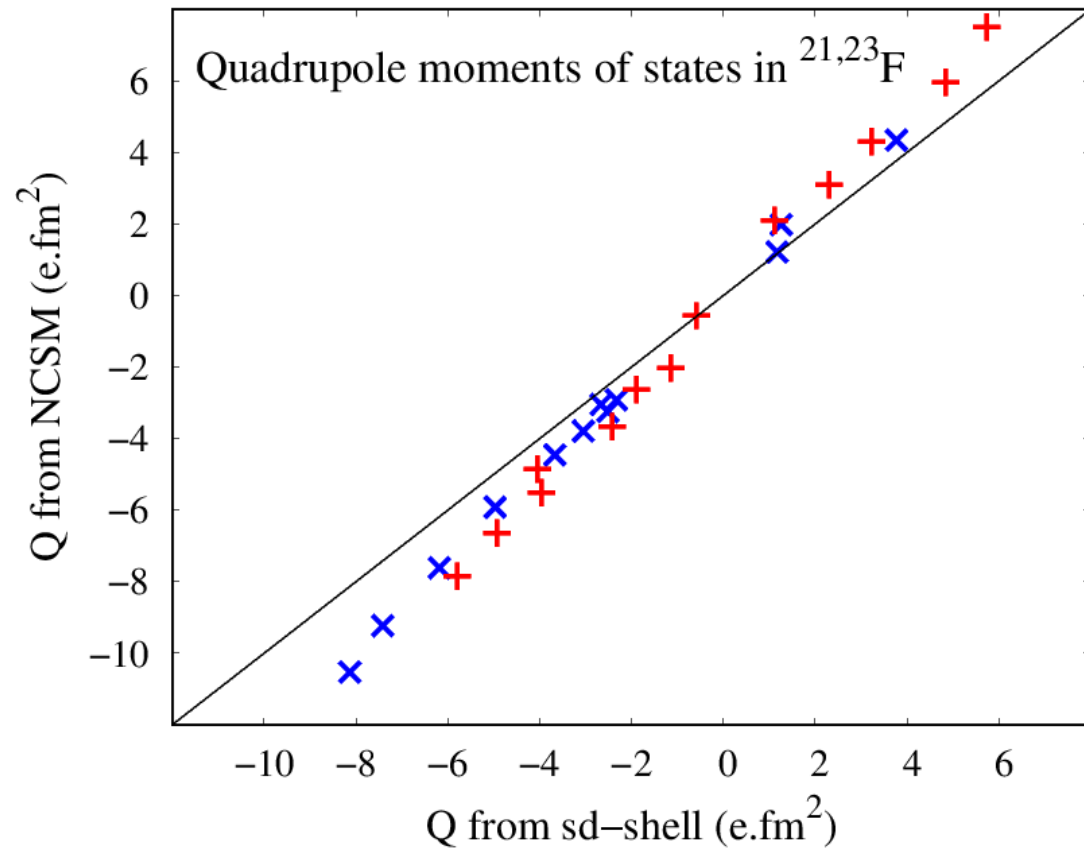
^{18}O : rms(RME) $\approx 0.06 \mu_N$ (43 data), rms(μ) $\approx 0.02 \mu_N$

^{18}F : rms(RME) $\approx 0.09 \mu_N$ (212 data), rms(μ) $\approx 0.19 \mu_N$

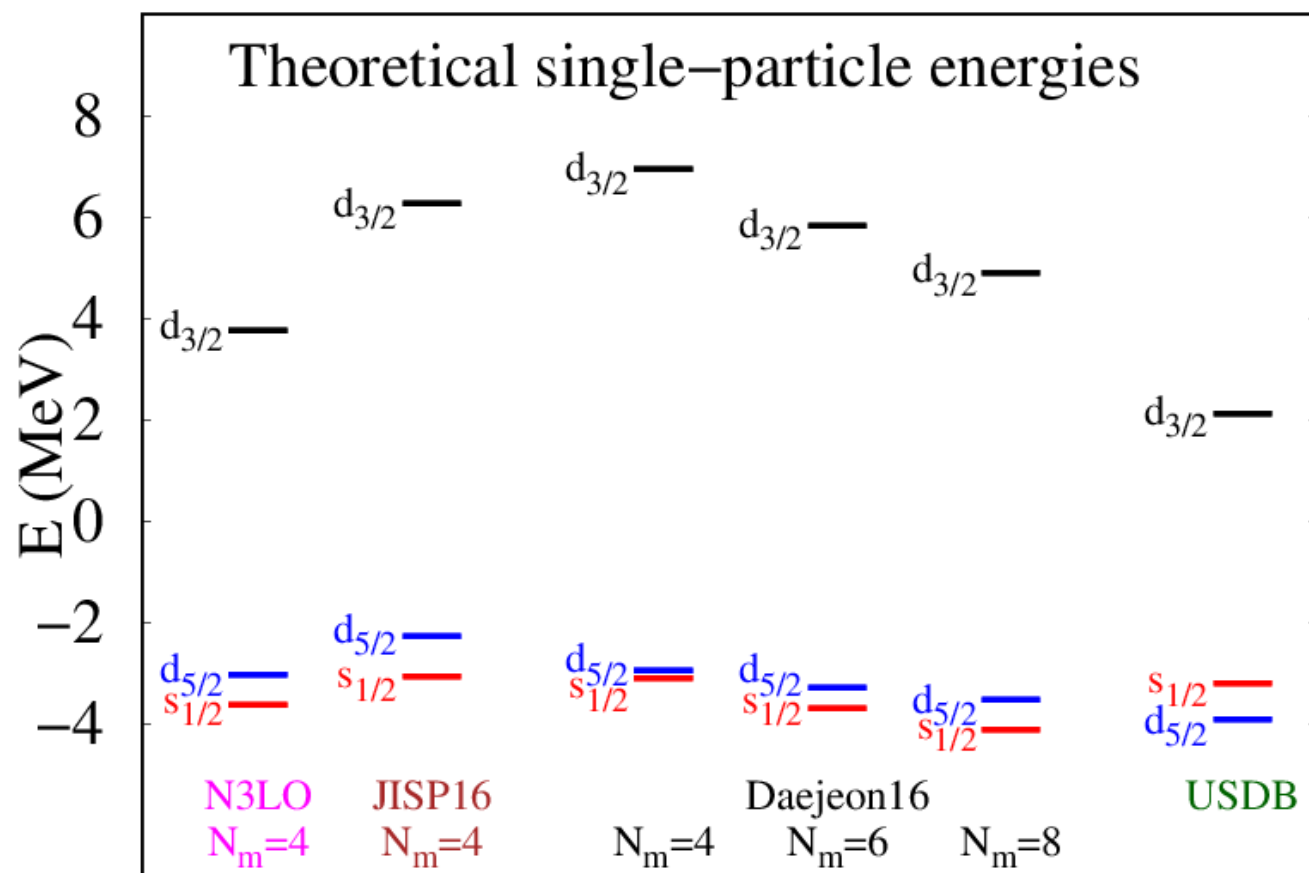
^{18}Ne : rms(RME) $\approx 0.06 \mu_N$ (43 data), rms(μ) $\approx 0.02 \mu_N$



Effective E2 and M1 operators from NCSM : moments in $A > 18$



Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM : Theory & Experiment



Drawbacks ($hw=14$ MeV):

- ❑ *Inversion of $s_{1/2}$ and $d_{5/2}$ orbitals*
- ❑ *Too large $d_{3/2} - d_{5/2}$ spin-orbit splitting*

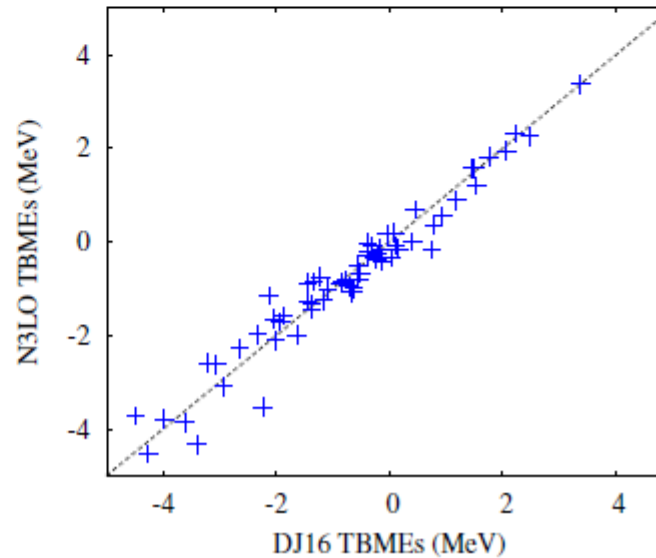
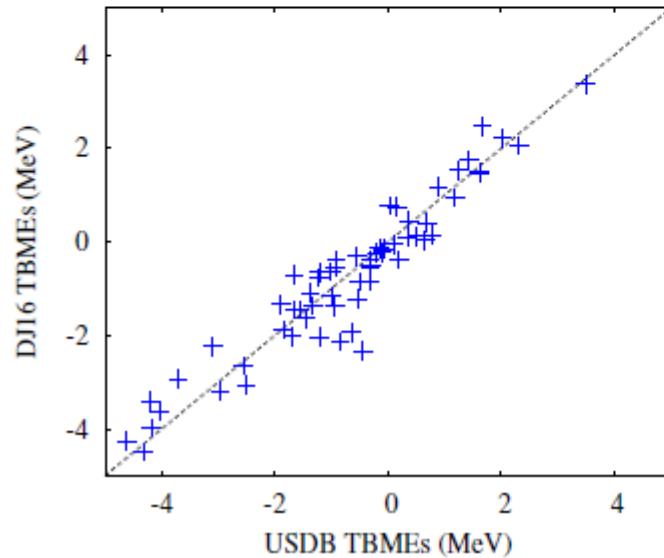
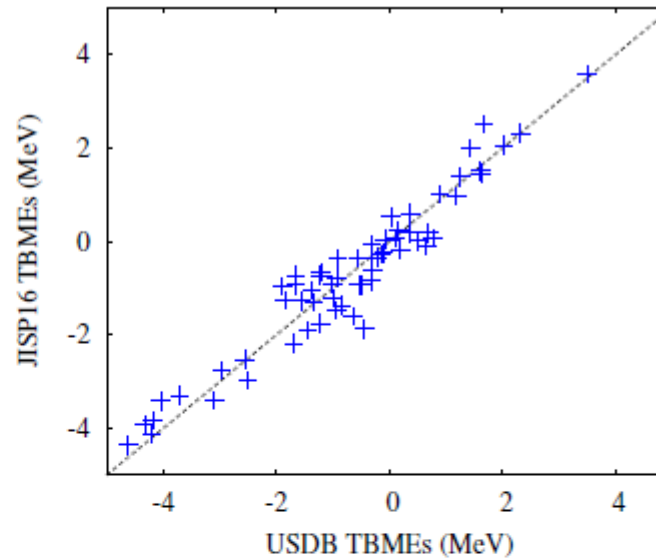
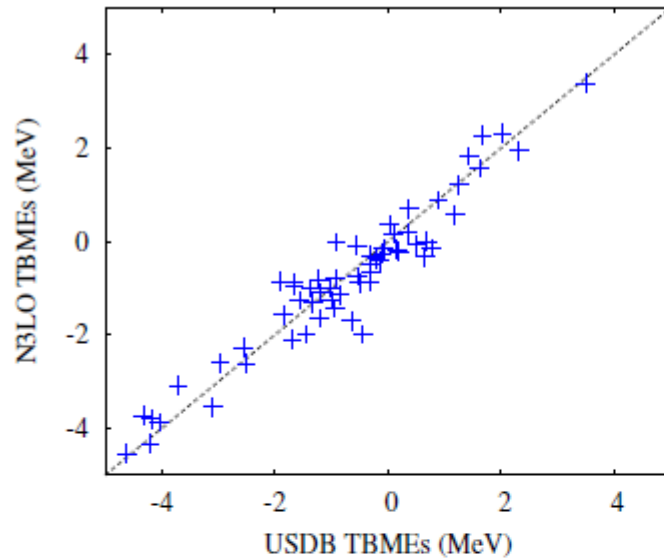
We adopt USDB single-particle energies and impose an $A^{-0.3}$ mass dependence on TBMEs

N3LO : from chiral EFT by D.R.Entem, R.Machleidt, PRC68 (2003)

JISP16 : A.M. Shirokov et al, PRC70, 044005 (2004)

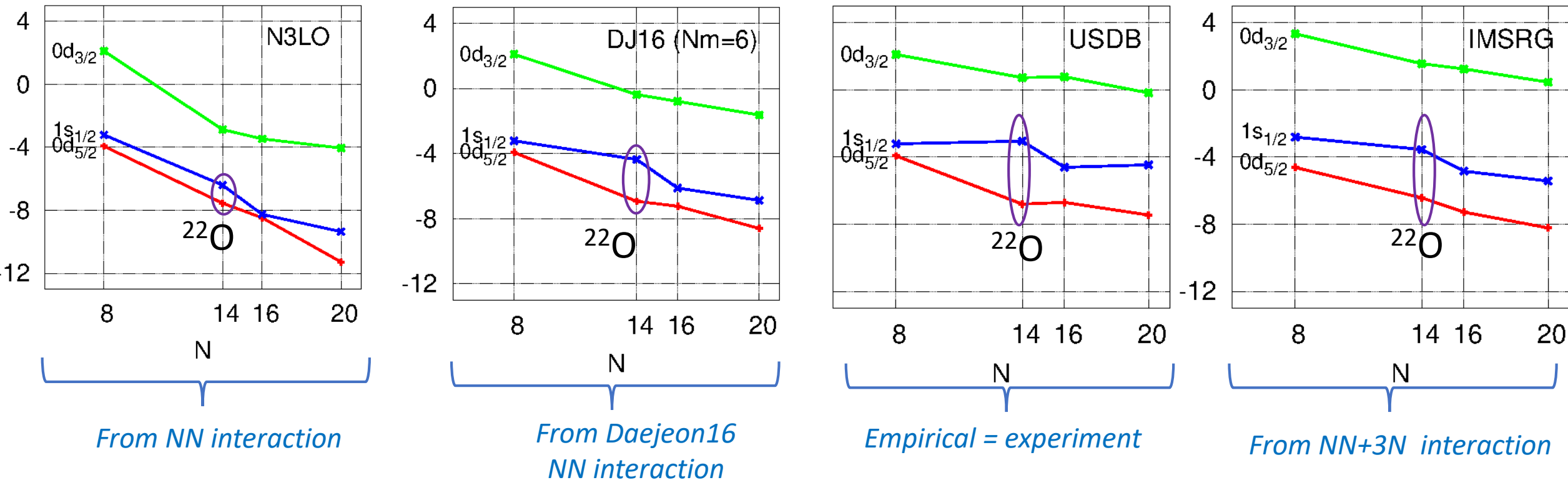
Daejeon16 : A.M. Shirokov et al, PLB761, 87 (2016) – based on N3LO + SRG evolved + phase-equivalently transformed

Comparison of TBMEs: microscopic & empirical (USDB)



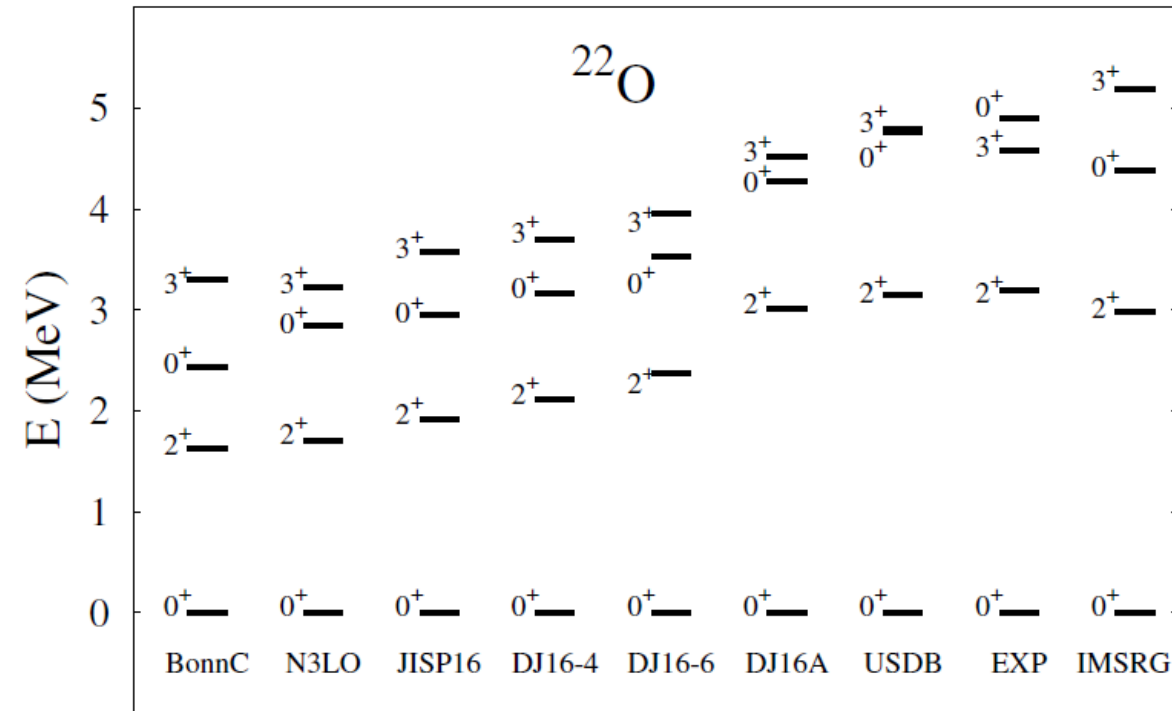
Comparison of monopole properties valence-space interactions

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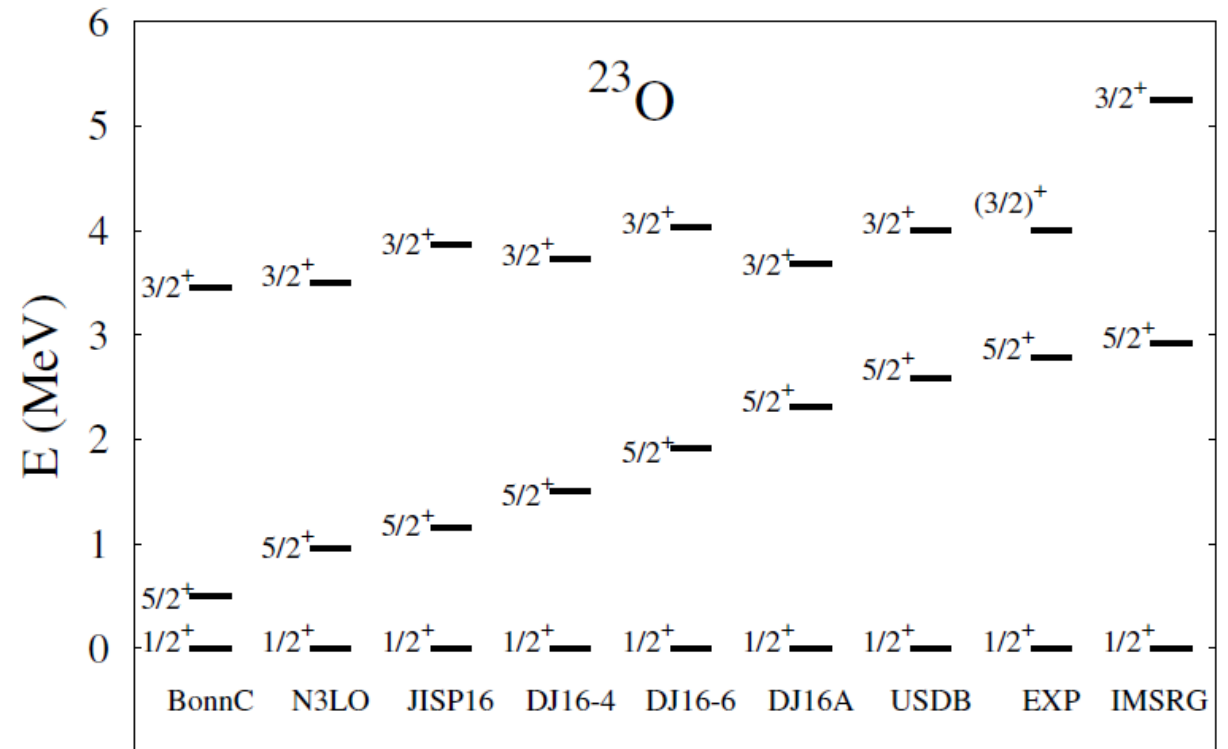
Small monopole modifications to DJ16 (change of centroids by ~ 100 - 300 keV) can be useful !

Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM



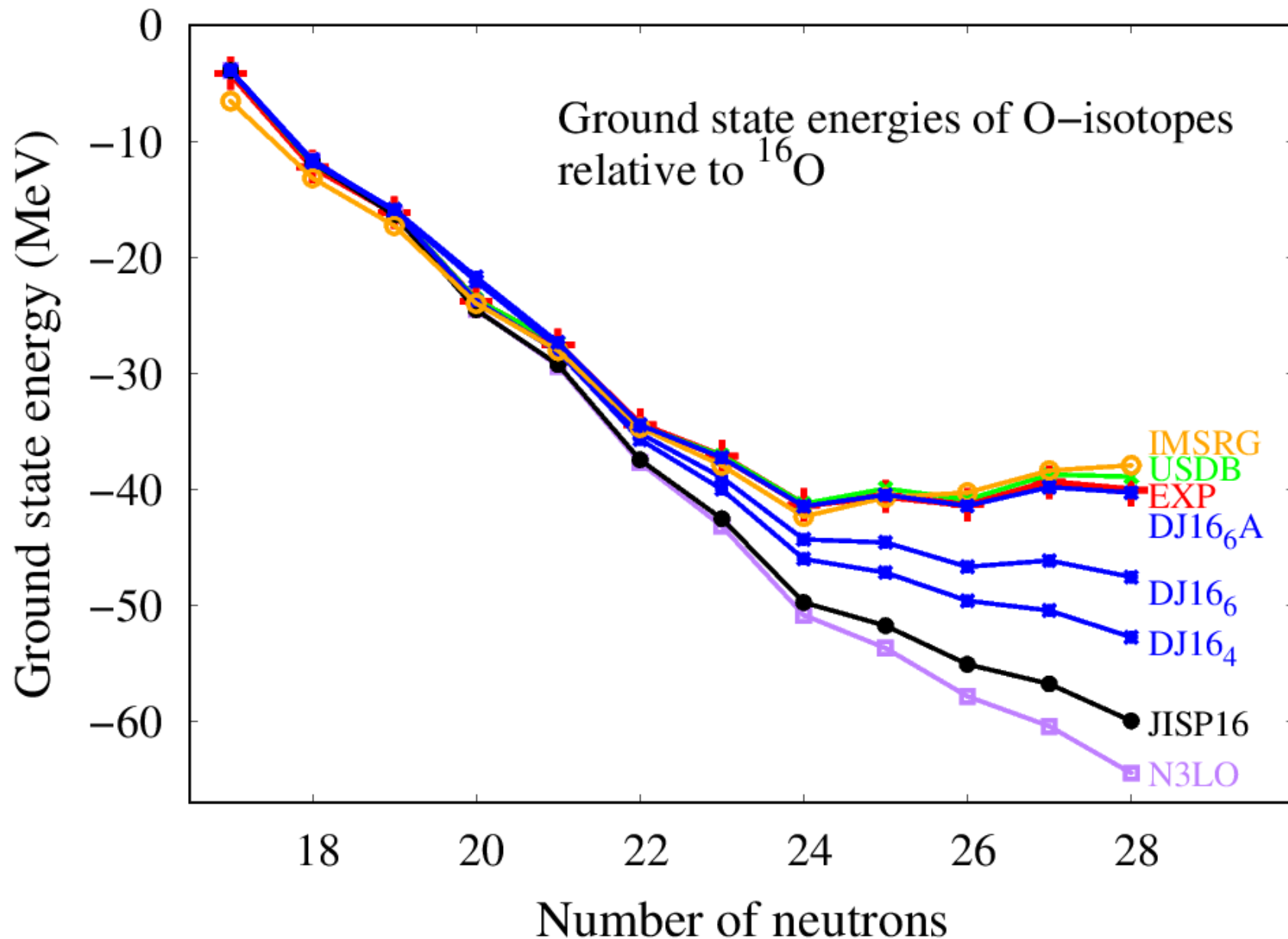
→
Increase of $N=14$ subshell gap

DJ16A is DJ16-4 with monopole modifications



→
Increase of $N=14$ subshell gap

Ab-initio effective Hamiltonian from the NCSM

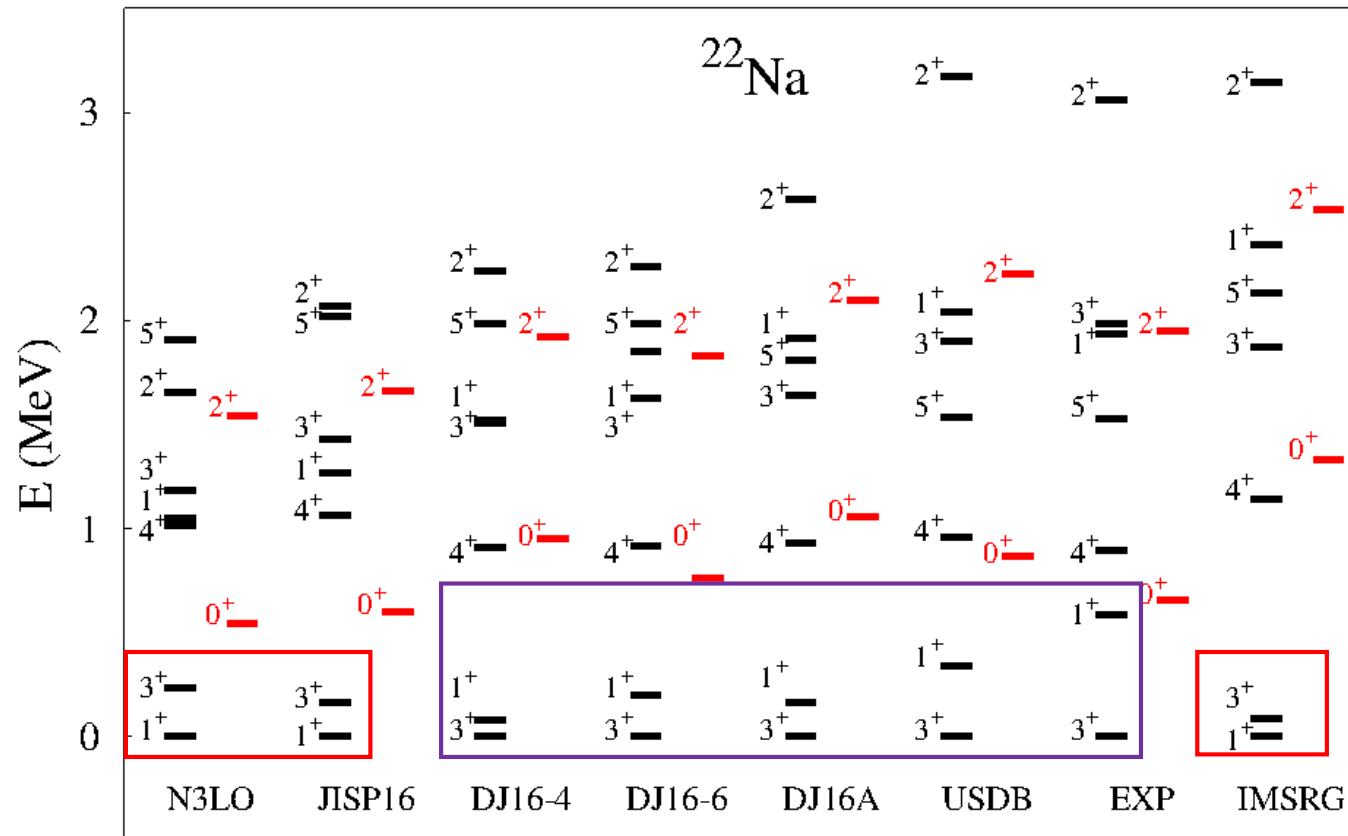


DJ16₆ : rms = 3671 keV

DJ16₆A (DJ16₆ with
monopole modifications):
rms = 235 keV

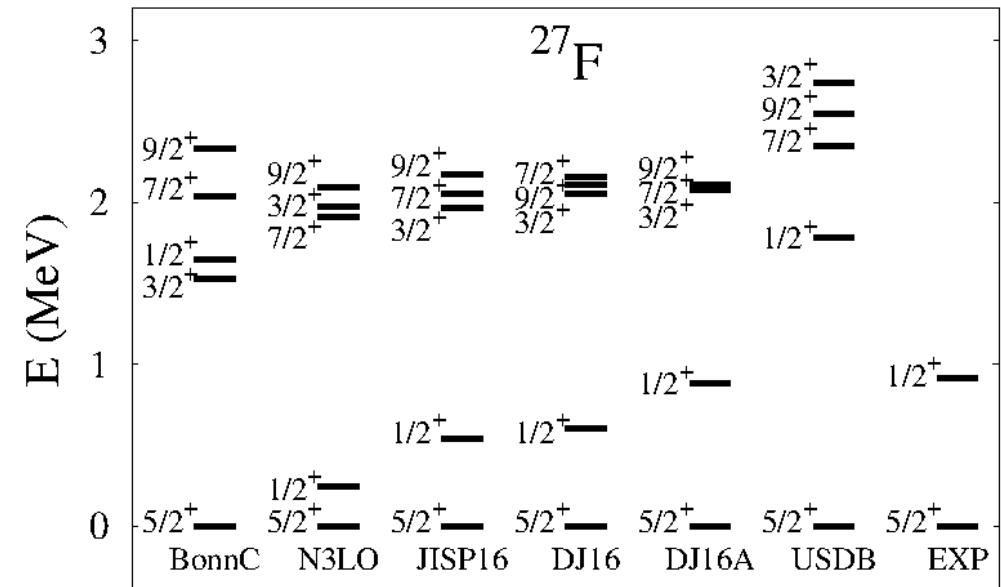
USDB : rms = 467 keV

Microscopic effective interactions



RMS (microscopic) > RMS (phenomenological)

**For detailed nuclear spectroscopy and applications -
Experimentally constrained Interactions !**



Conclusions and Perspectives

- ❑ Microscopic derivation of effective valence-space interaction for the nuclear shell model is still challenging, although it rapidly progresses
- ❑ OLS transformation of the NCSM solution gives encouraging results : further steps are foreseen towards larger NCSM spaces and/or larger valence-spaces (*p-sd-pf*).
- ❑ Effective interaction theory -> towards microscopic foundations of the model and link to the ab-initio nuclear theory
- ❑ Importance of further developments of microscopic approaches towards precision nuclear theory for spectroscopy of exotic nuclei, fundamental interaction studies and astrophysical applications

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