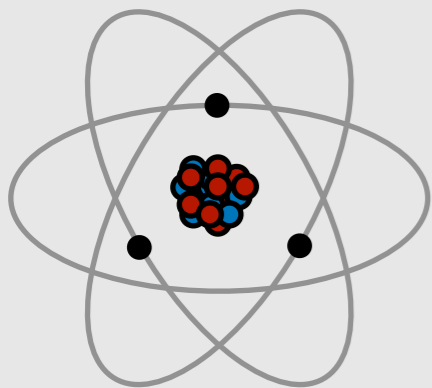


Spectroscopy from the valence-space density matrix renormalization group

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Tichai *et al.*, PLB (2023)

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DMRG collaboration

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Outline

Theme:
**Scalable *ab initio* simulations from
tensor network approaches.**

IMSRG and hybrid schemes

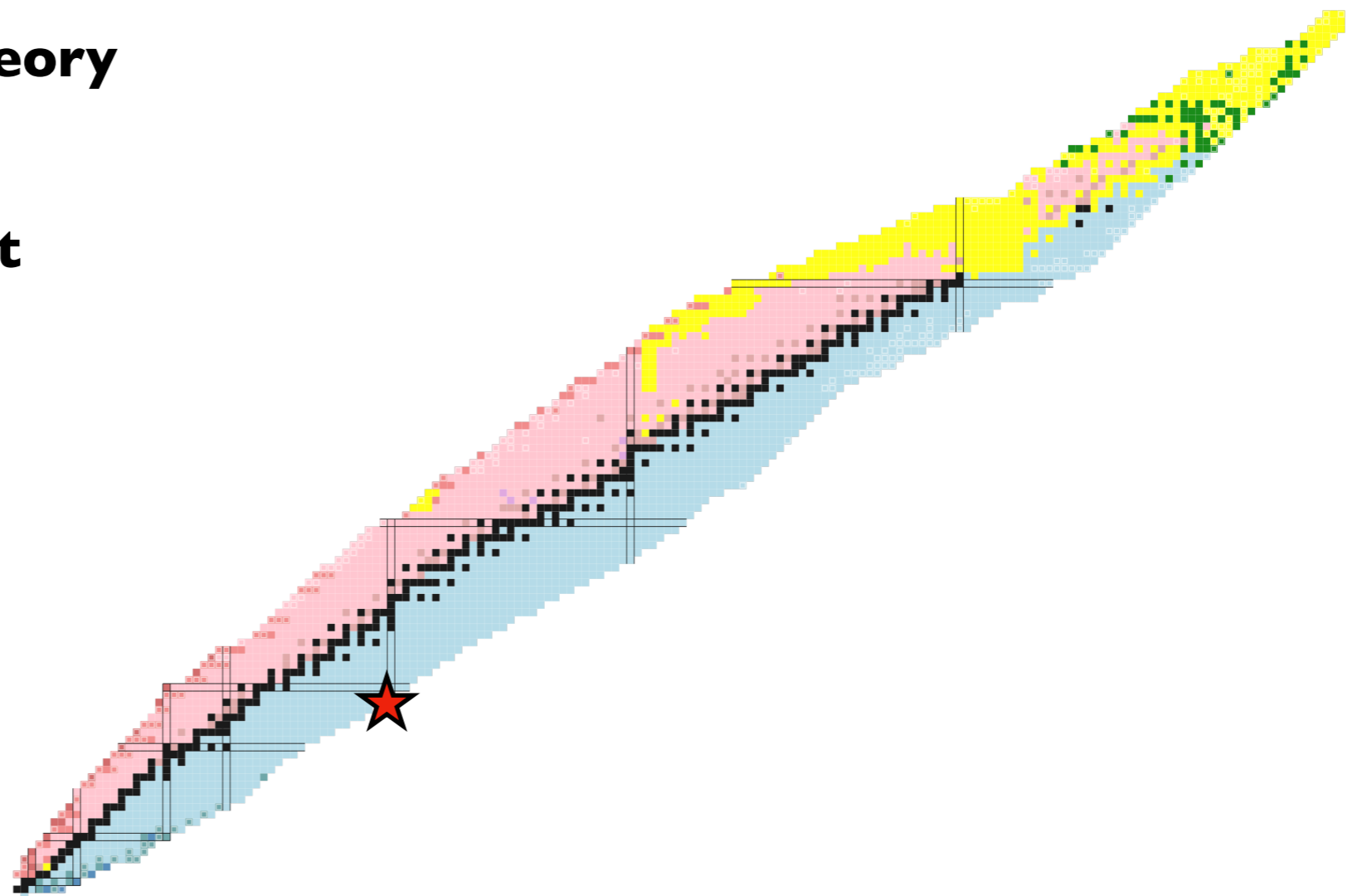
Density matrix renormalization group

Quantum information theory

Nuclear correlations

Many-body entanglement

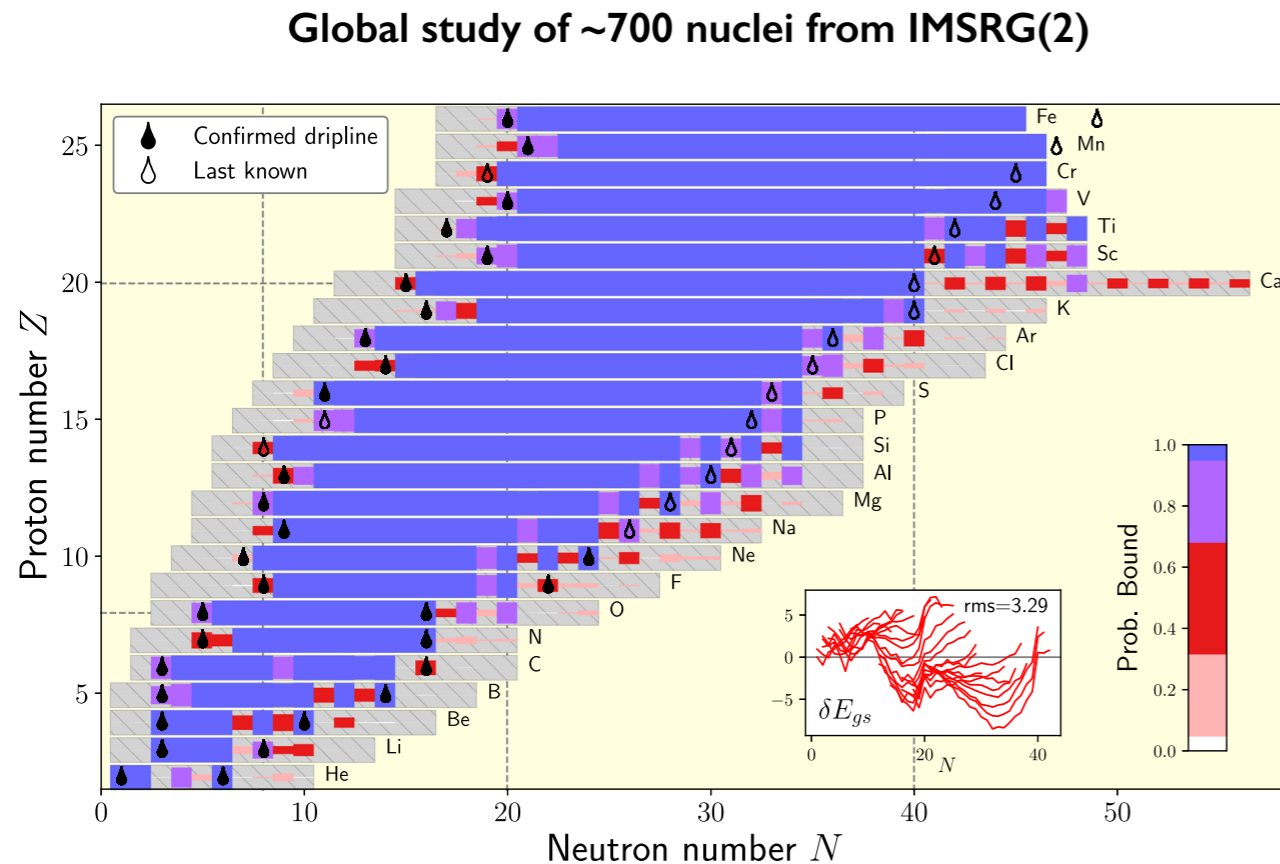
Perspectives



Part I

The valence-space density matrix renormalization group

Advantages of the IMSRG



Stroberg *et al.*, PRL (2021)

see talks by
Matthias, Ragnar and Heiko!

(In-medium)
RPA, GCM, NCSM, ...

- **Mild scaling** with system size
- **Non-perturbative resummation**
- **Flexibility:** enables for targeting diverse set of observables
- **Unitary transformation:** easy interface with other methods
- **Successfully merged** with with many techniques in the past

The valence-space IMSRG

- Non-perturbative decoupling of particle-hole excitations from **valence space**

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

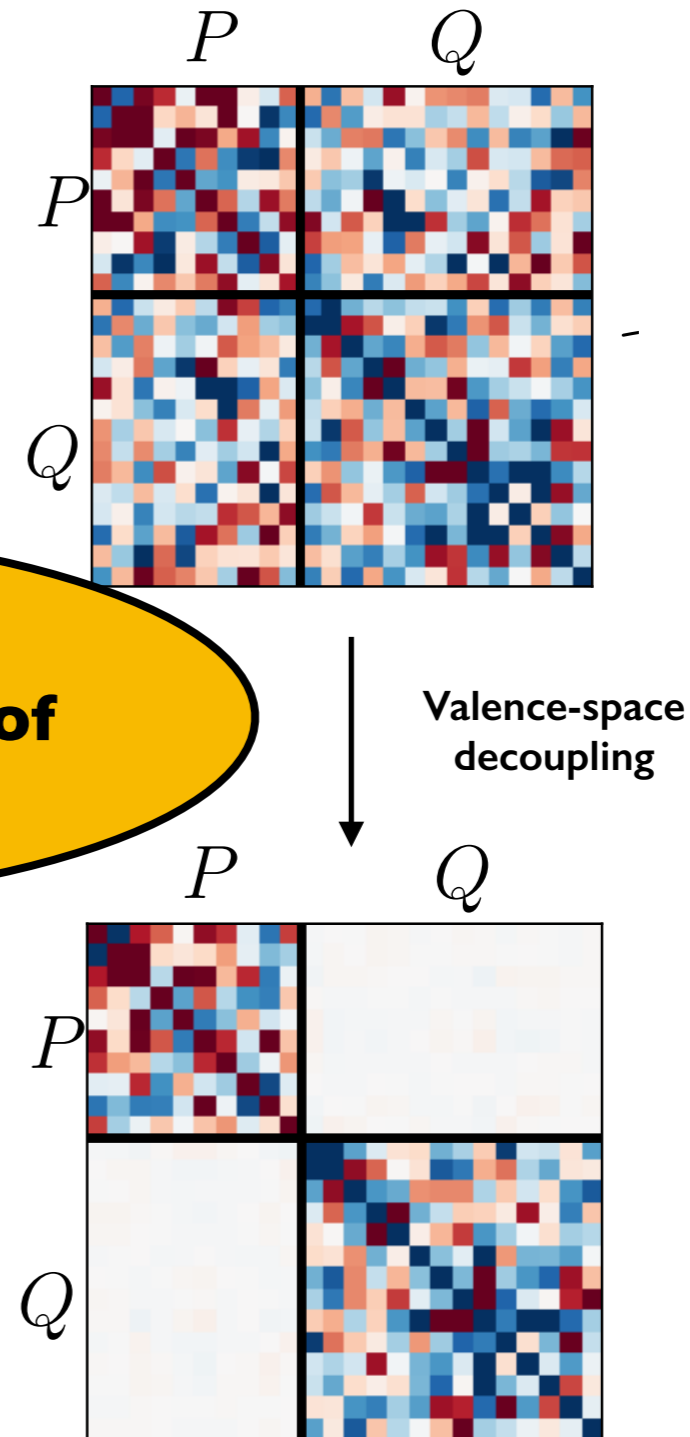
- Large no-core problem mapped to **tractable active-space problem**

- Many-body observables **shell-model diagonalization**

- Simple access to **low-lying spectroscopy**

- Benefits from extensive machinery from shell-model developers

Challenge:
Computational cost of diagonalization



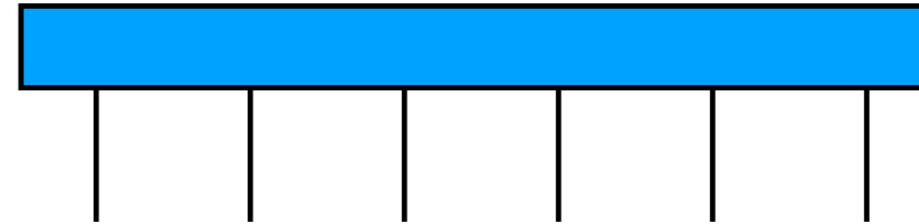
Stroberg et al., *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.* (2019)

Wave-function representations

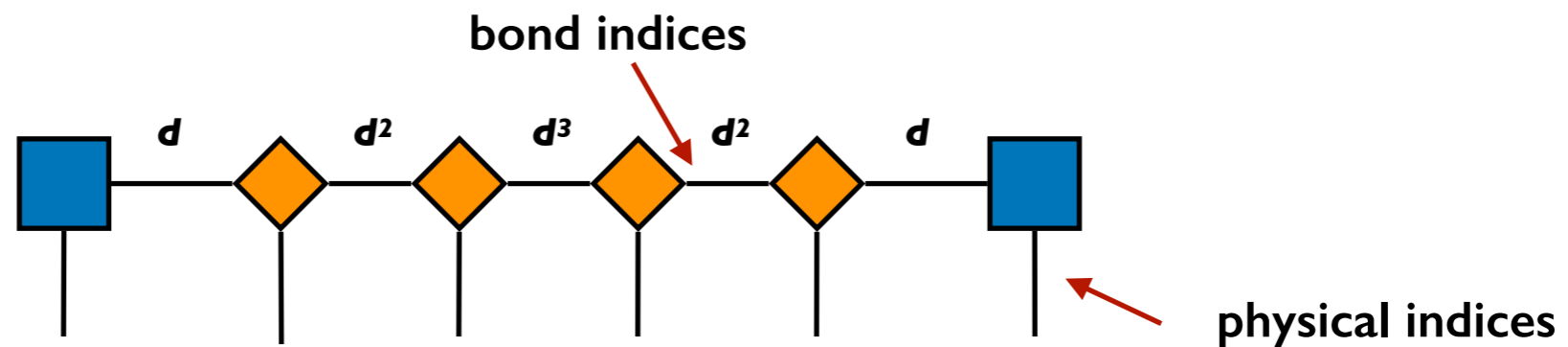
- Many-body state is inefficiently represented in **configuration interaction**

complexity d^N
 (d : local dimension, e.g. $d=2$ for $s=1/2$ spin chain)

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{p_1 \dots p_N} \Psi_{p_1 \dots p_N} |p_1 \dots p_N\rangle$$



- Exact rewriting of CI wave function using **matrix product state (MPS) ansatz**



$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{p_1 \dots p_N} \sum_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N} A_{p_1}^{\alpha_1} A_{p_2}^{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} \dots A_{p_{N-1}}^{\alpha_{N-1} \alpha_N} A_{p_N}^{\alpha_N} |p_1 \dots p_N\rangle$$

- Approximate MPS representation obtained by **limiting intermediate summation**

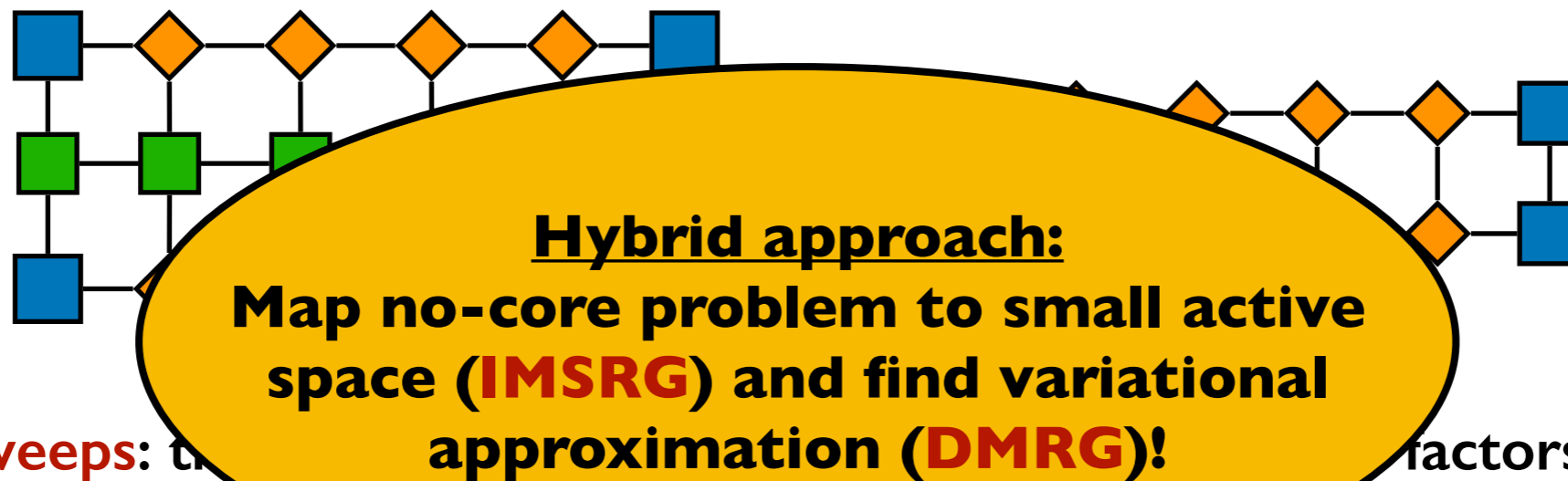
→ **bond dimension M**

Density matrix renormalization group

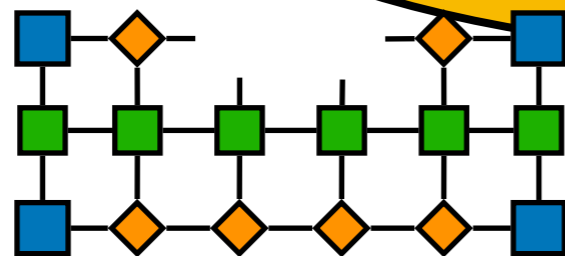
White, PRL (1991)

- DMRG provides a **variational procedure** for the calculation of expectation values
- Rewriting expectation value in terms of MPS factors yields **tensor network**

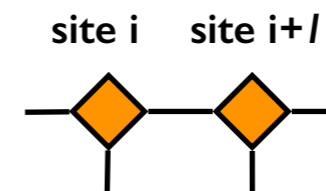
Schollwöck, Ann. Phys. (2011)



- **DMRG sweeps:** tr



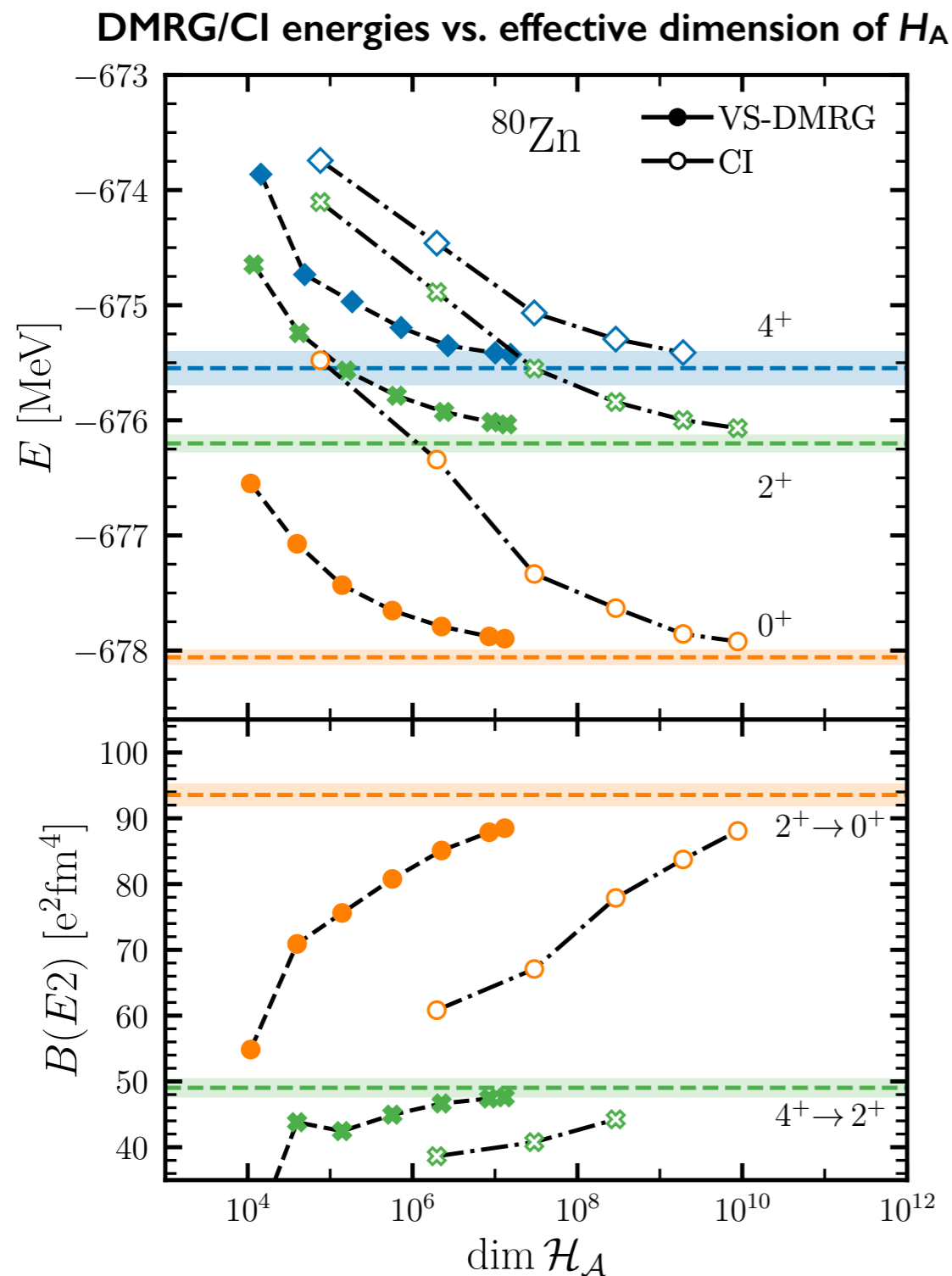
Removal of two neighbouring sites



Construction of two-site tensor

- Limited by the **number of orbitals** and required **bond dimension**

DMRG vs. CI: Many-body convergence



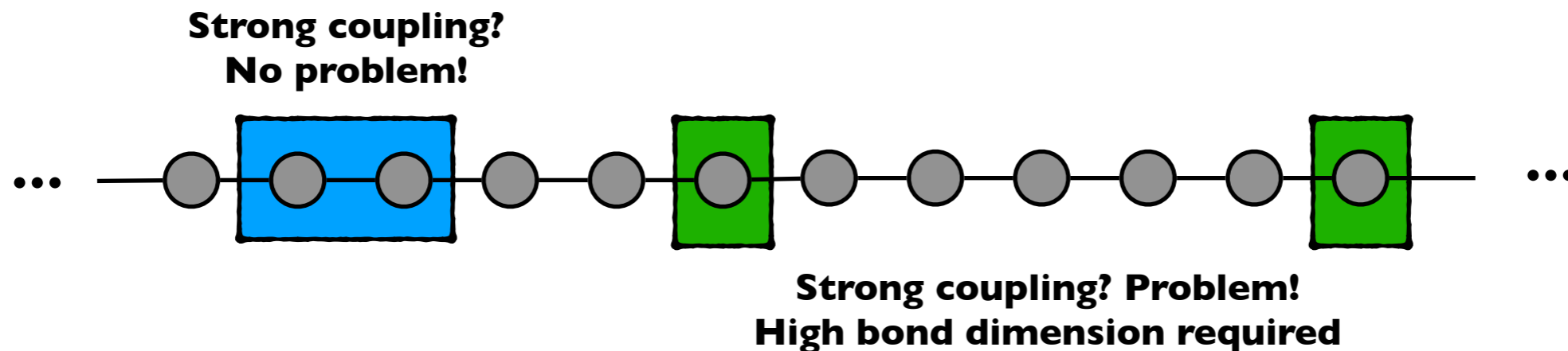
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- **DMRG: economic representation** of the many-body wave function
- **Slow convergence** of binding energies in CI calculations
- **Robust convergence** of DMRG energies at large bond dimension
- **B(E2) transition: more systematic convergence pattern** compared to CI
- **DMRG does extend CI capacities**

Orbital ordering

- Ordering problem: which **arrangement** yields most rapid convergence?

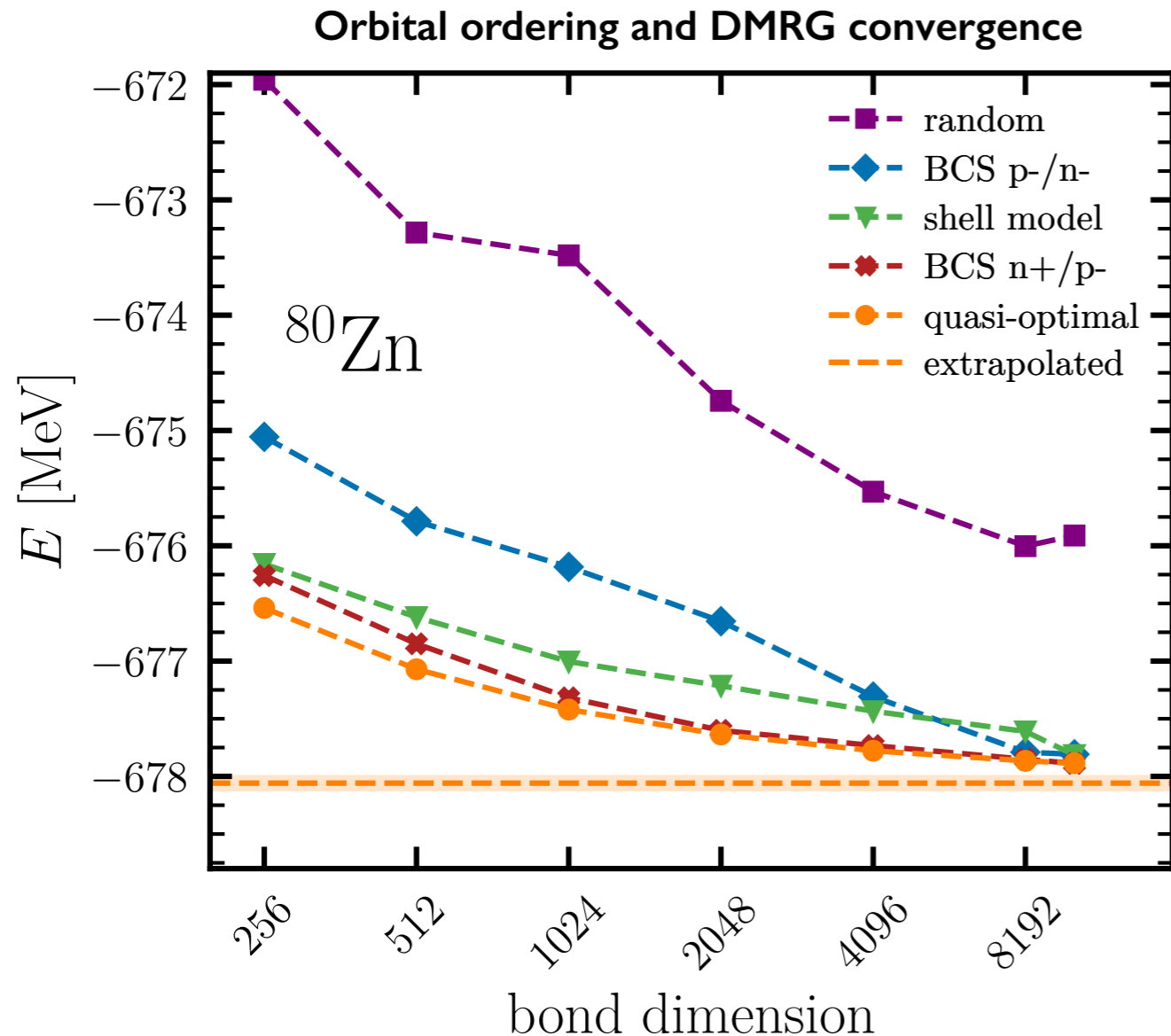
Presence of long-range correlations problematic



- 'Bad encodings': MPS must have large bond dimension to capture correlations
- Finding best ordering is complicated and requires **exhausting all $N!$ possibilities**
- **Microscopic understanding** of nuclear correlations can guide heuristics

$$s_i = -n_i \log n_i - \bar{n}_i \log \bar{n}_i$$

The role of the DMRG topology

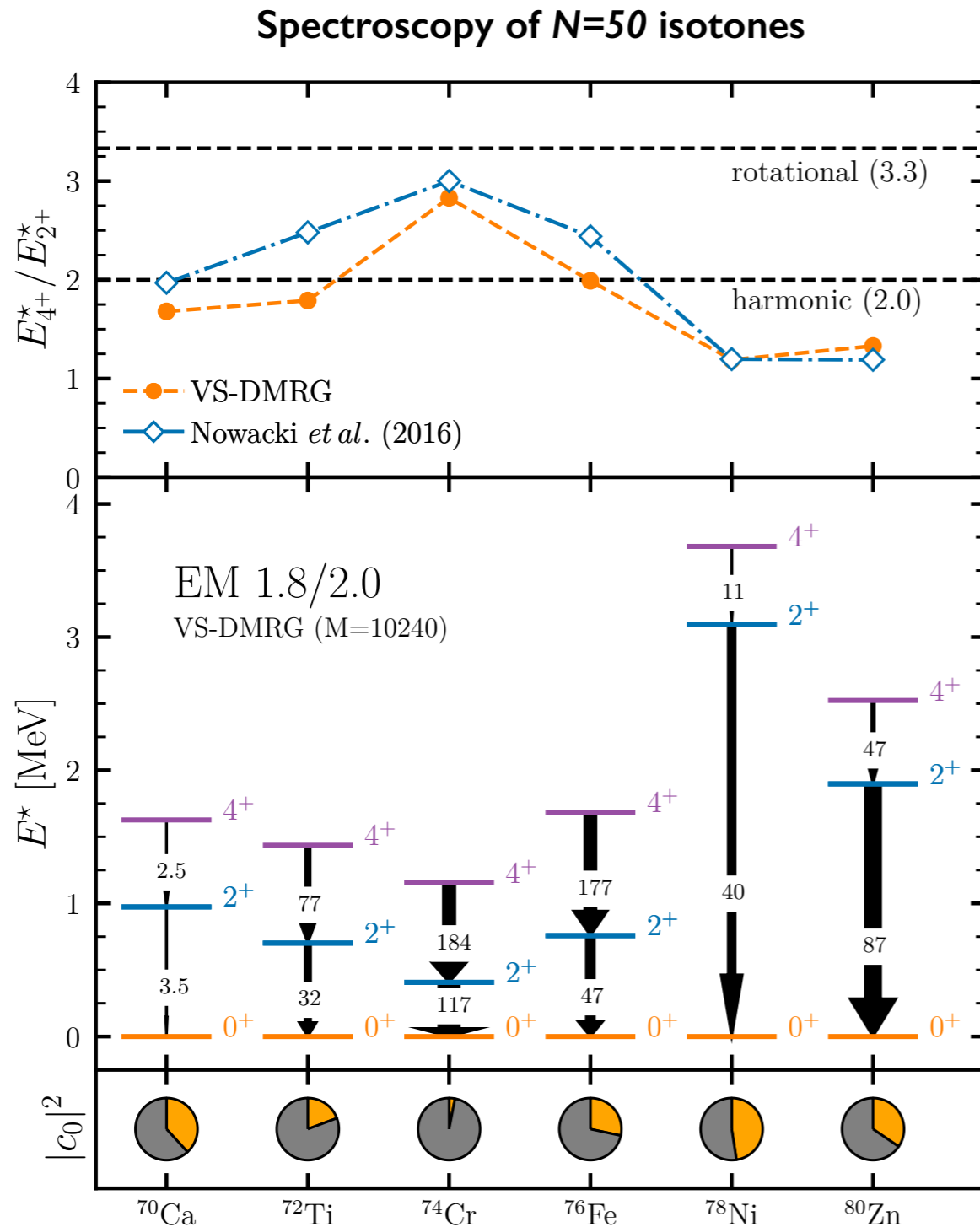


- **Random ordering gives bad results** being trapped in local minimum
- **BCS ordering: time-reversed states** next to each other ($m_j, -m_j$)
- **Arrangement of j multiplets** significantly impacts convergence
- **Stable convergence of shell-model** ordering but 500 keV off at large M
- **Quasi-optimal ordering** gives consistently best results

$\{ \nu : s_{1/2} d_{3/2} d_{5/2} g_{7/2} g_{9/2}; \pi : f_{7/2} f_{5/2} p_{3/2} p_{1/2} \}$

Quasi-optimal ordering

Transitional nuclei at $N=50$



- Ratios of $4^+/2^+$ excitation energies close to **rigid-rotor limit**

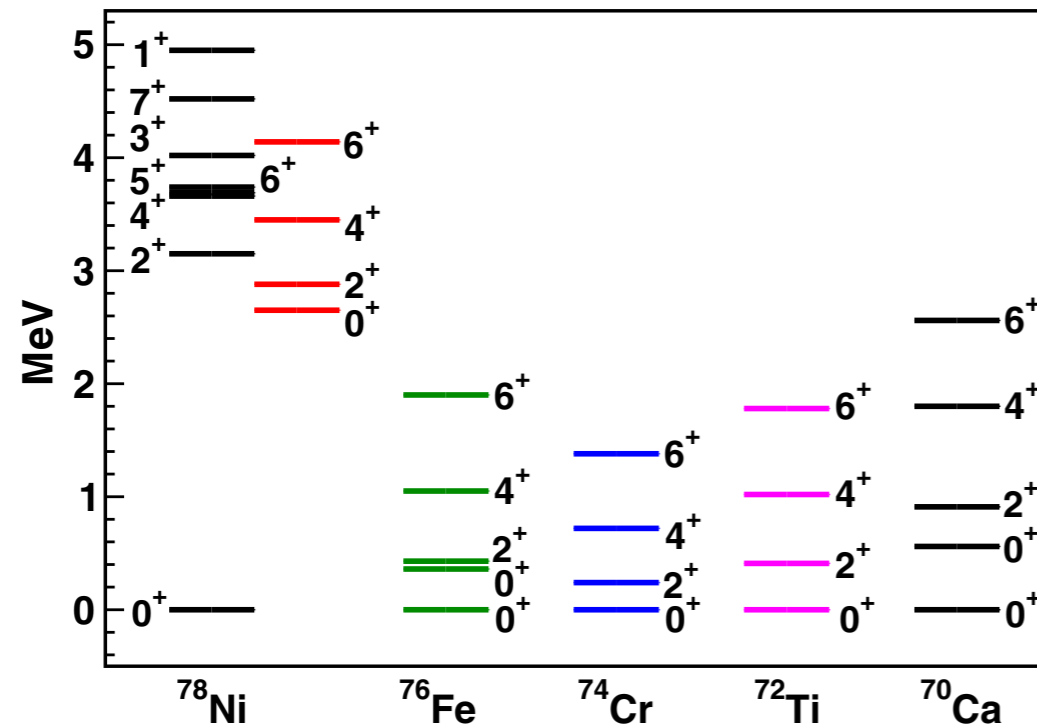
$$E_{\text{rot}}^* \sim J(J + 1)$$

- Increase of $B(E2)$ values towards open-shell ^{74}Cr
- **Rapid transition** between single-particle-like and collective excitations
- Qualitative agreement with **previous shell-model calculations**
Nowacki et al., PRL (2016)
- **Island-of-inversion**: very low $0p0h$ -component in ground state

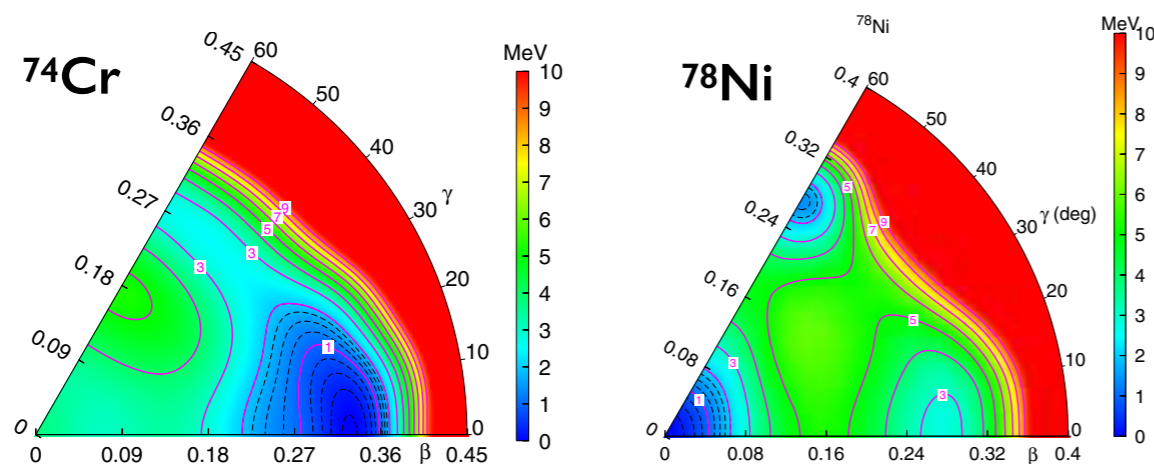
Future challenges: shape coexistence

see also Taniuchi *et al.*, Nature (2019)

Spectroscopy of $N=50$ isotones



- Emergence of **excited-state rotational band** in ^{78}Ni
- Second 0^+ state comes out much higher at 5 MeV: **IMSRG(3) and beyond?**
- Complementary perspective on deformation from **valence-space HFB**
- Pronounced spherical minimum in ^{78}Ni but prolate minimum in ^{74}Cr



Nowacki *et al.*, PRL (2016)

Part II

Entanglement and nuclear phenomenology

Orbital entanglement

see also Robin, Savage, Pillet, Gu, Sun, Hagen, Papenbrock, Pérez-Obiol, Rios, Menéndez,...

- **Entanglement measures** offer better understanding of (nuclear) correlation effects
- Partition orbital space: **orbital reduced density matrices** from partial trace

(A, B two subsystems)

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B \rho_{AB}$$

- Orbital entanglement from **orbital-reduced density matrix**: $A=\{i\}$ and $B=\{\text{rest of basis}\}$

$$\rho_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \gamma_{ii} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_{ii} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \gamma: \text{reduced density matrix} \\ \text{(NOT orbital-reduced matrix!)} \end{array}$$

- **Single-orbital entropy** encodes nuclear correlation effects in a simple way

$$s_i = -\text{Tr} \rho_i \log \rho_i \leq \log 2$$

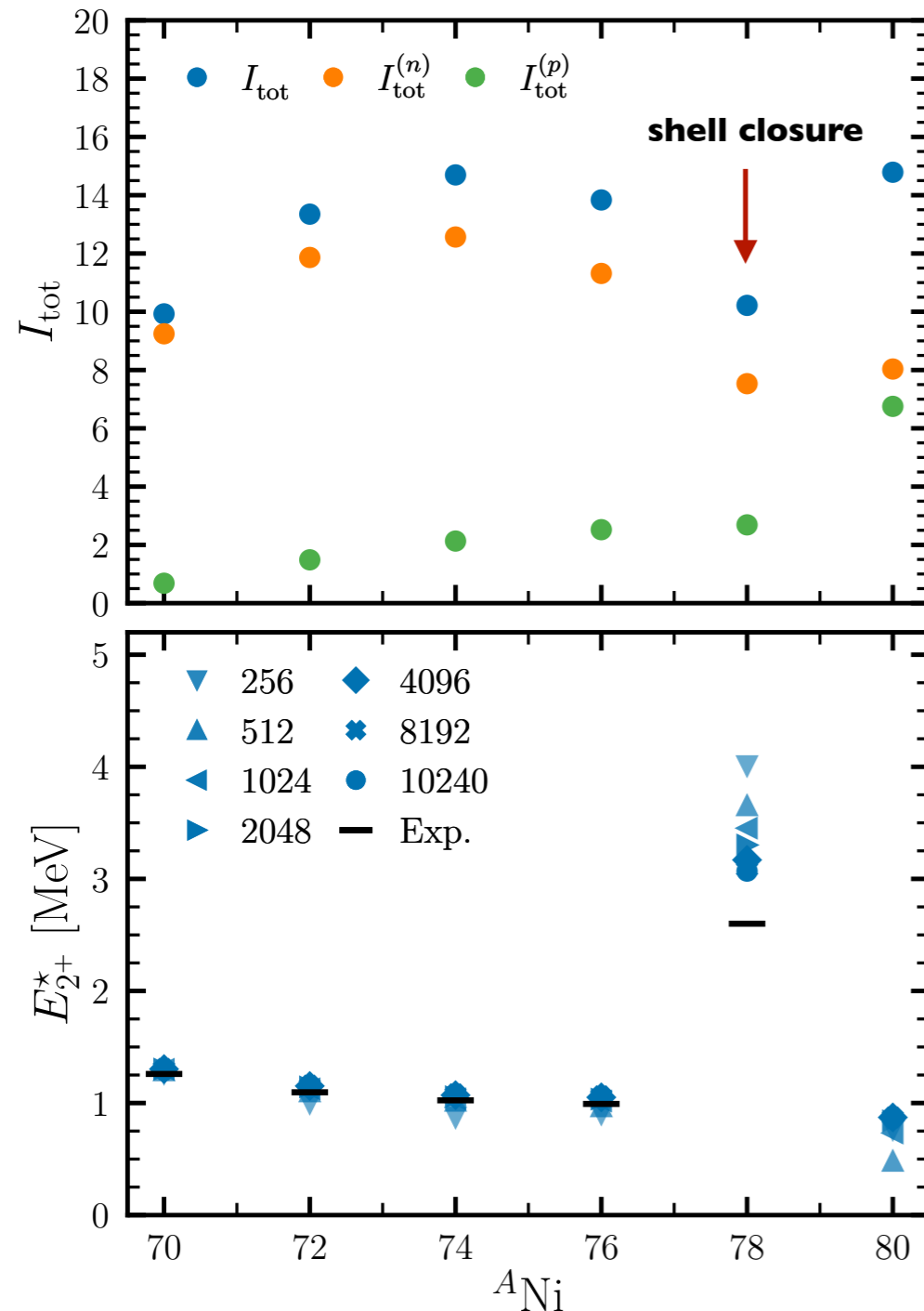
- **Total correlation** obtained from sum of single-orbital entropies

$$S_{\text{total}} = \sum_i s_i$$

Entropies and shell structure

see also [Taniuchi et al., Nature \(2019\)](#)

Total entropy in even-mass nickel isotopes



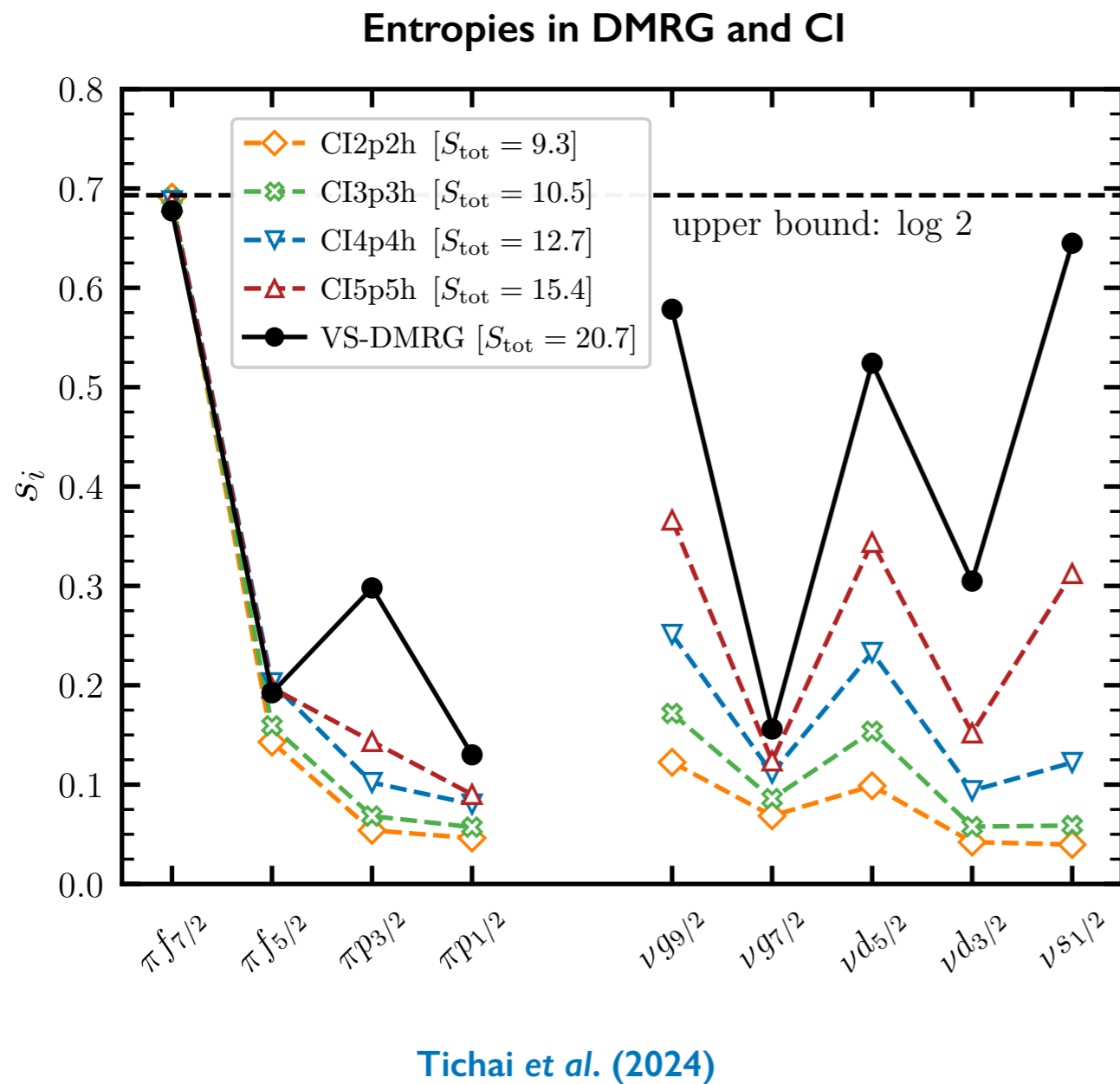
[Tichai et al., PLB \(2023\)](#)

- Pronounced kink at ^{78}Ni hints at **neutron shell closure** (\sim dominated by HF)
- **Larger bond dimensions** required to converge ^{78}Ni excited state
- Agreement with **conventional prediction** based on 2^+ excitation energies
- Deviation from experiment attributed to missing triples corrections: **IMSRG(3)**

Total entropy is a good proxy for shell closures!

(... but non-observable and basis dependent!)

Orbital entanglement in ^{74}Cr



- Orbital correlations are only **slowly built up** in CI expansions
- Total amount of **entanglement much higher** in DMRG approach
- Subset of orbitals well captured at very low CI truncations: $f_{7/2}$
- Selected 6p-6h excitations (and more) are needed for high accuracy

DMRG efficiently captures important correlations

Pairwise correlations

- Better understanding of **orbital correlation effects between two states**

$$\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_C \rho_{ABC}$$

A = {orbit i }

B = {orbit j }

C = {rest of basis}

- **Two-orbital-reduced density matrix** encodes pairwise entanglement

$$\rho_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \gamma_{ii} - \gamma_{jj} + \gamma_{ijij} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_{jj} - \gamma_{ijij} & \gamma_{ij} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_{ij} & \gamma_{ii} - \gamma_{ijij} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma_{ijij} \end{pmatrix}$$

two-body density required!

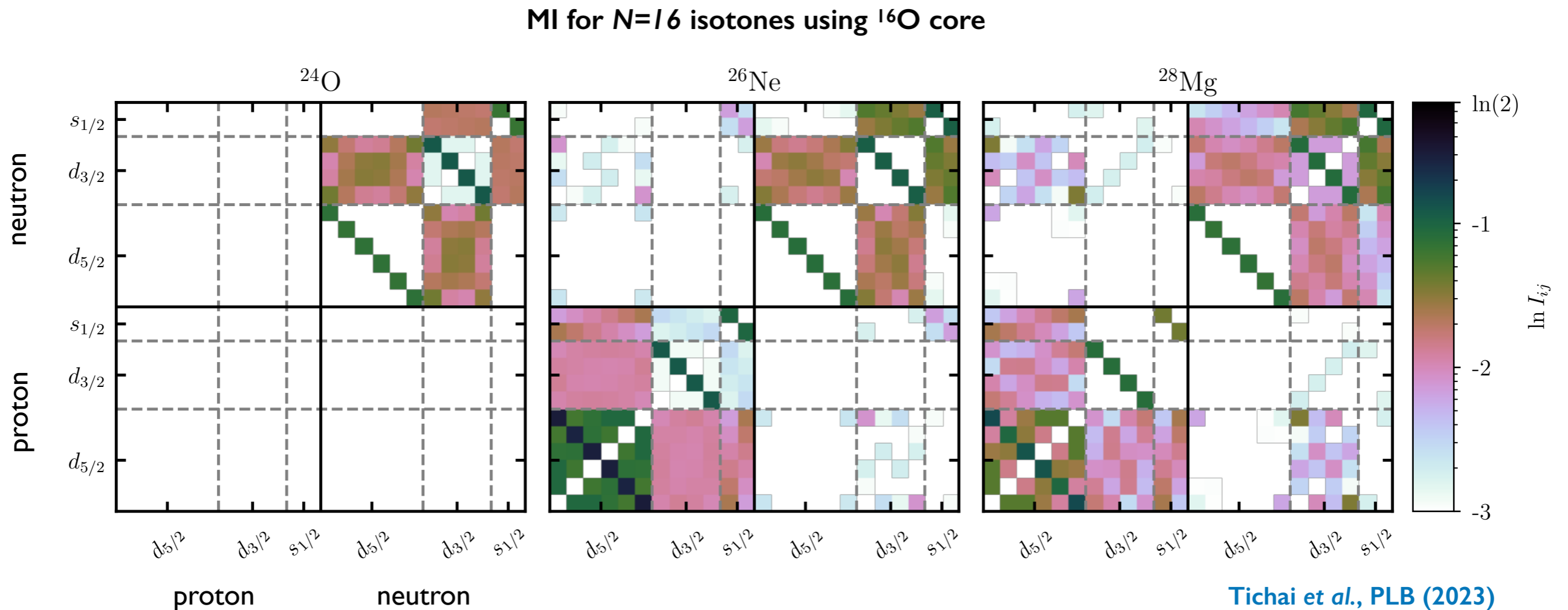
- **Two-orbital entropy** again obtained from two-orbital-reduced density matrix

$$s_{ij} = -\text{Tr} \rho_{ij} \log \rho_{ij}$$

- **Mutual information** combines one- and two-particle entanglement

$$I_{ij} = S_i + S_j - S_{ij}$$

Mutual information in *sd*-shell nuclei



- Indications of **BCS-type *nn*- and *pp*-pairing** within the same shell ($J=0, M=0, T=1$)
- Neutron-neutron correlations affected by **presence of protons**
- Proton-neutron correlations suppressed but **off-diagonal coupling** present

Conclusions

Establish **DMRG** as scalable alternative to **CI**

- MPS representation is superior to CI representation
- Robust convergence of observables with reduced uncertainties
- VS-DMRG: novel merging of complementary *ab initio* approaches

Next steps: SU(2)-invariant *ab initio* techniques cases in heavy nuclei

Thank you for your attention!

Nuclear entanglement from **quantum information theory**

- Link nuclear phenomenology to QIT measures
- New perspective from orbital entanglement
- Superfluid correlations and shell closures related to entropies

Next steps: systematic understanding of collective nuclear effects