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When the method uncertainty becomes a challenge

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The ab-initio promise

from Christian's talk

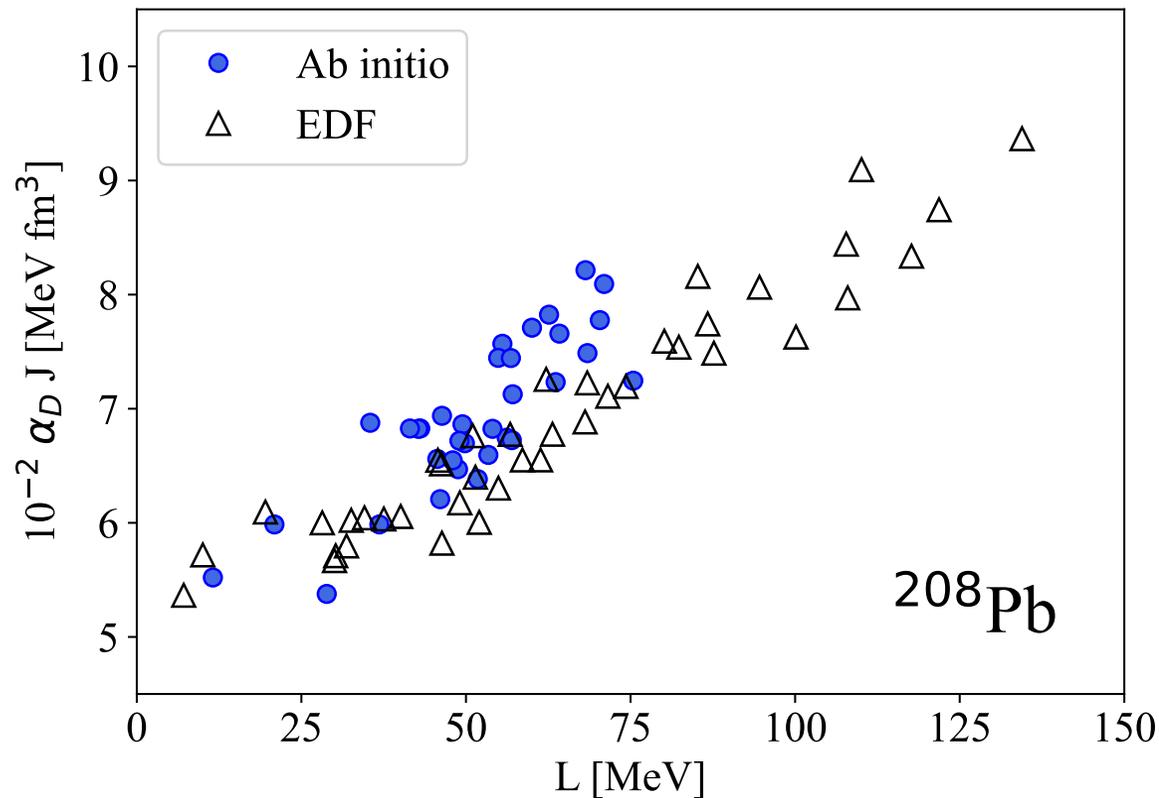
$$y_{\text{exp}} = \tilde{y}(\alpha) + \delta y_{\text{EFT}} + \delta y_{\text{method}} + \delta \tilde{y}_{\text{em}} + \delta y_{\text{exp}}$$

Solving the **quantum many-body problem**
in a **systematically improvable way**

But how much are many-body uncertainties **under control**?

see e.g. talks by Christian and Alex

Electric dipole polarizability



Data from X. Roca-Maza et al, PRC 88, 024316 (2013),
B. Hu et al, Nat. Phys. 18, 1196-1200 (2022).

$$\alpha_D = 2\alpha \int d\omega \frac{R(\omega)}{\omega}$$

It depends on the **nuclear response function**.

We need:

- Many-body solver: **coupled-cluster (CC) theory**

G. Hagen et al, RPP 77, 096302 (2014).

- Treatment of continuum states:

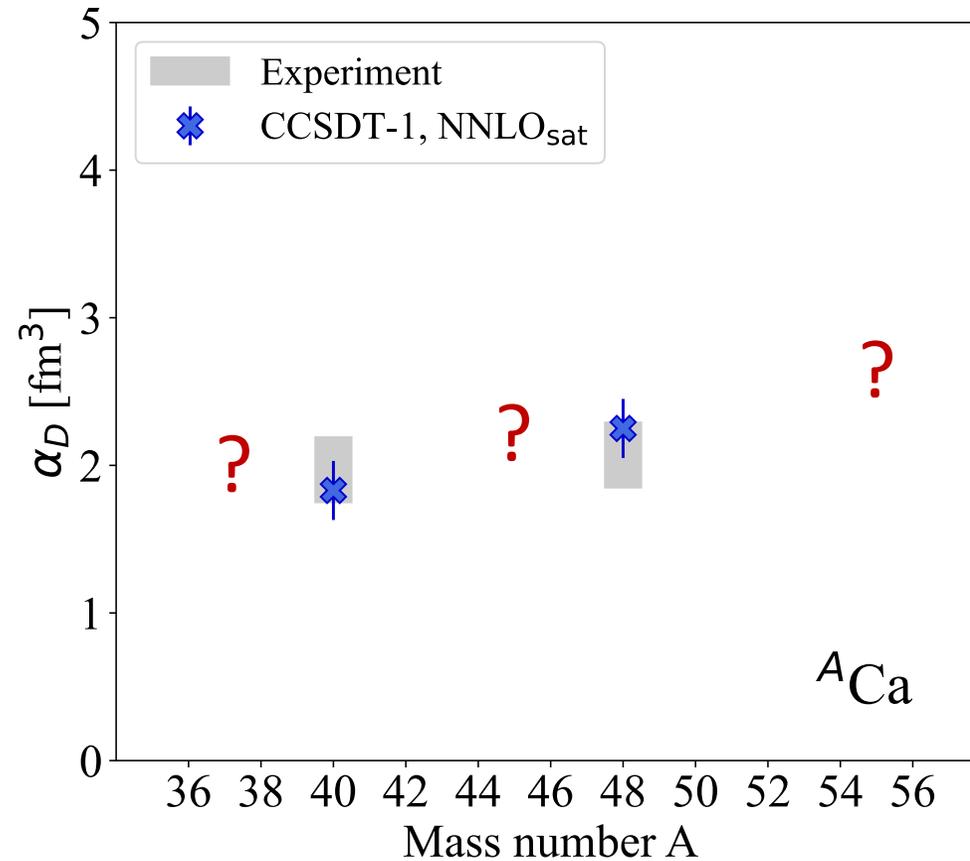
Lorentz Integral Transform (LIT) method

S. Bacca et al, PRL 111, 122502 (2013).

→ see Sonia's talk

First case study: open-shell nuclei

Happy ending for $^{40,48}\text{Ca}$... but what's next?

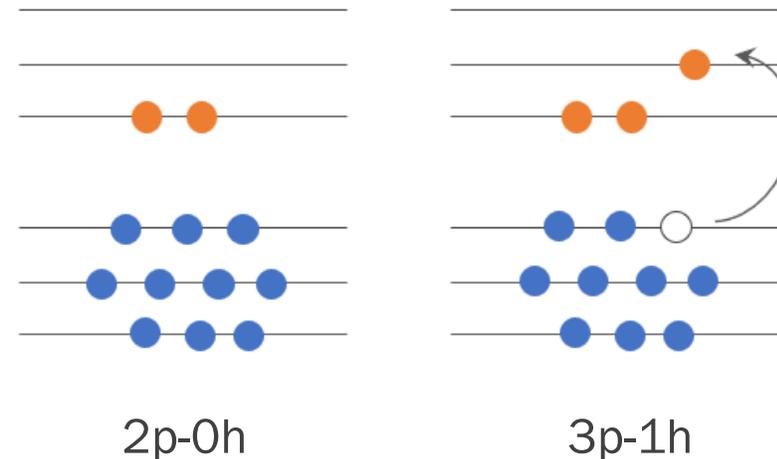


Open-shell nuclei: the 2-Particle-Attached (2PA) case

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{2} \sum r^{ab} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger + \frac{1}{6} \sum r_i^{abc} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_c^\dagger a_i + \dots$$

$$|\Psi_R\rangle = \mathcal{R} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

2PA LIT state
closed-shell reference



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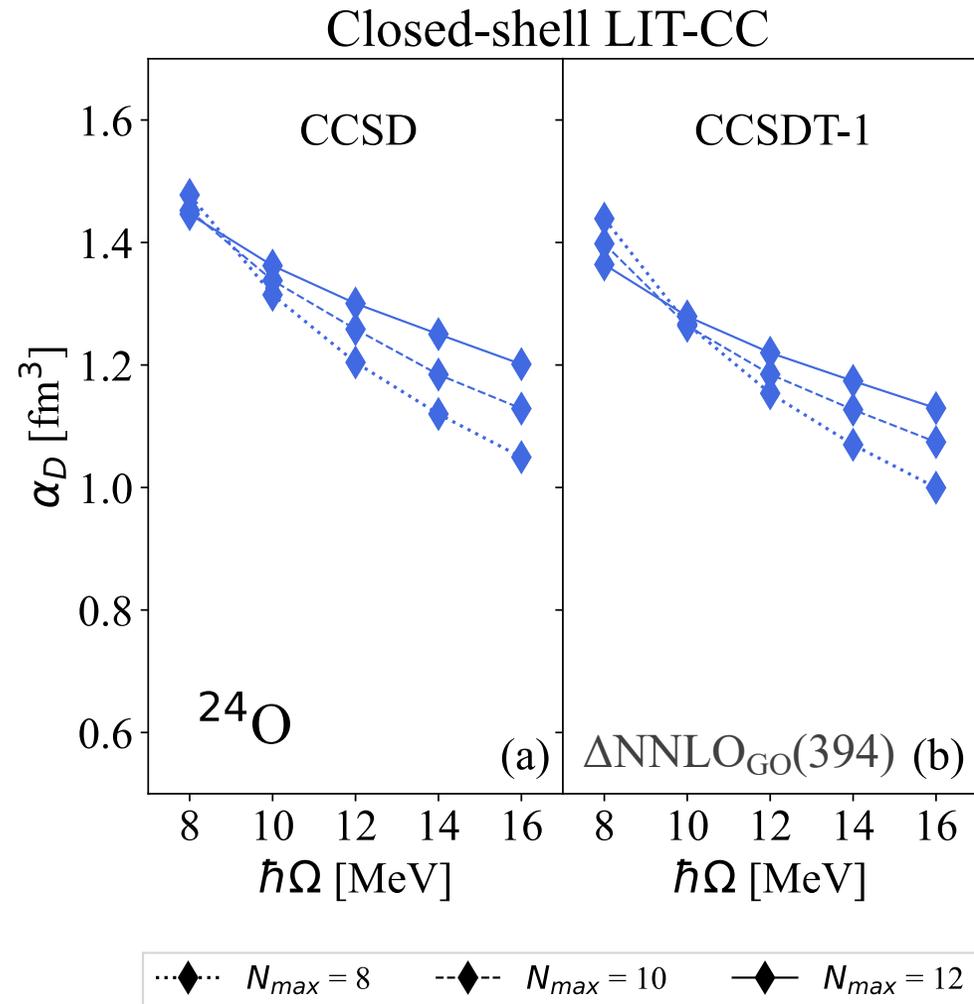
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For **2PA**, we are limited to 3p-1h...

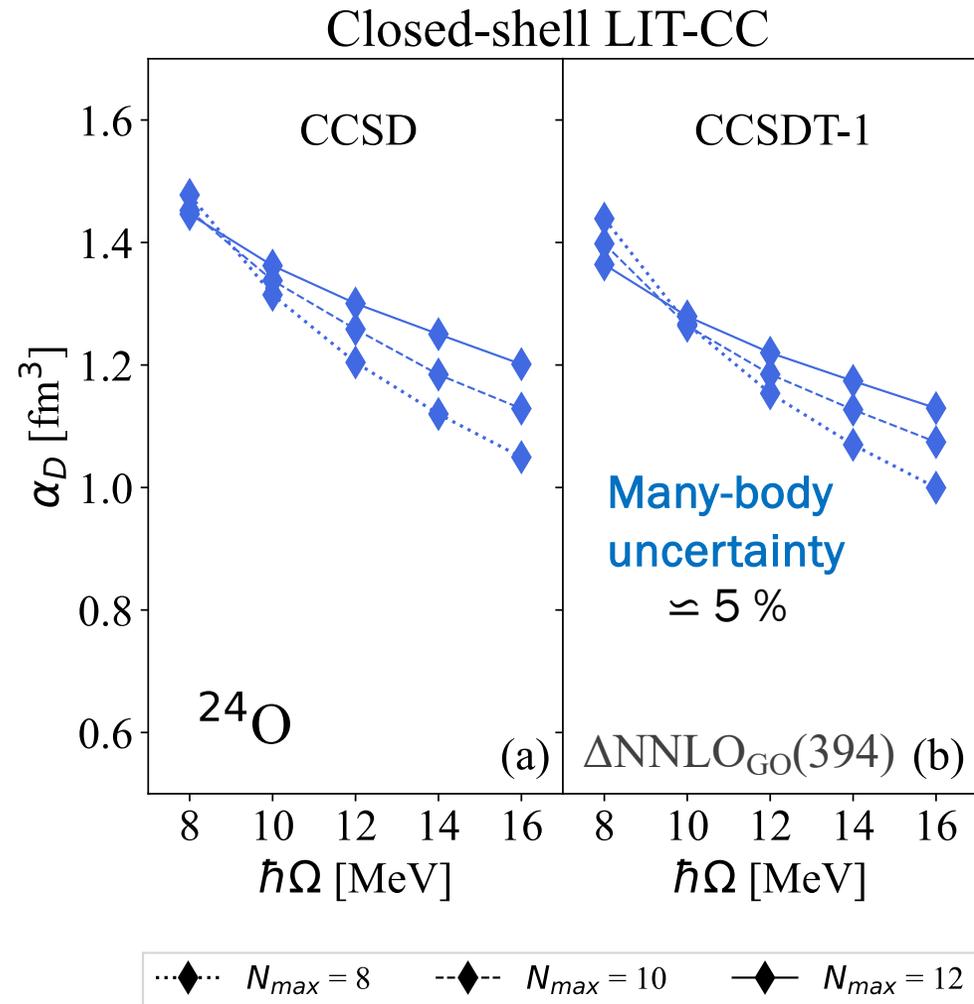
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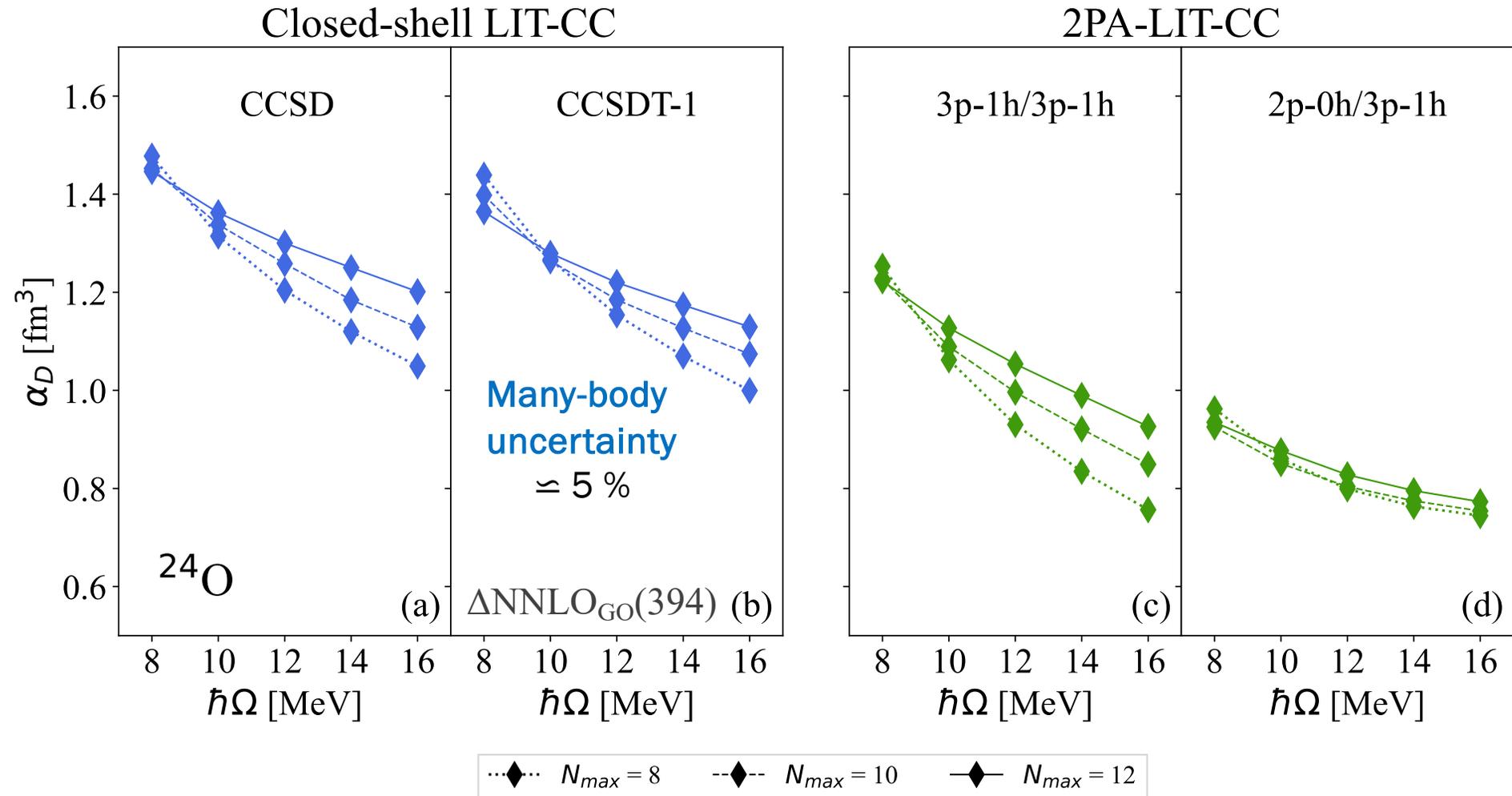
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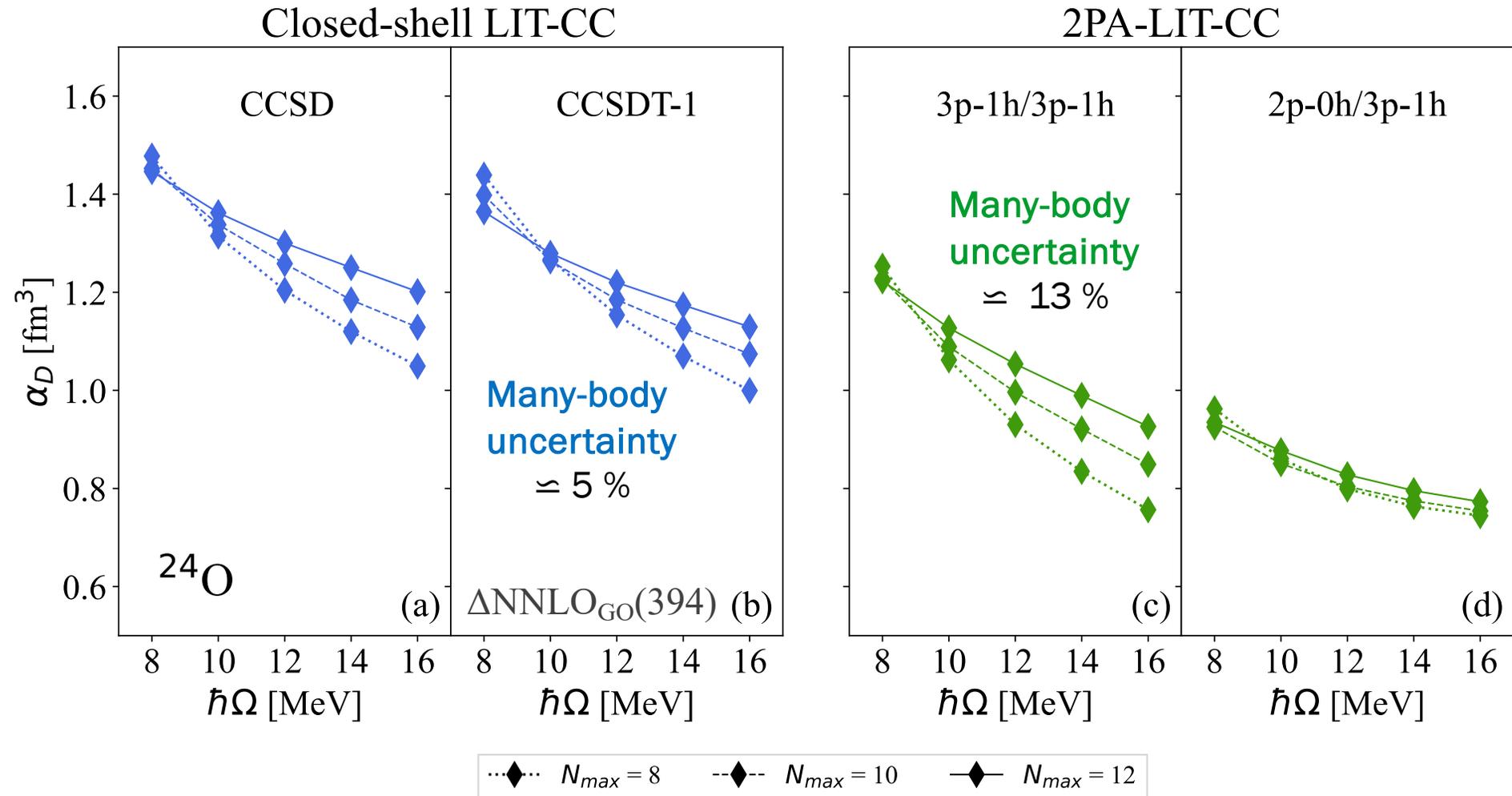
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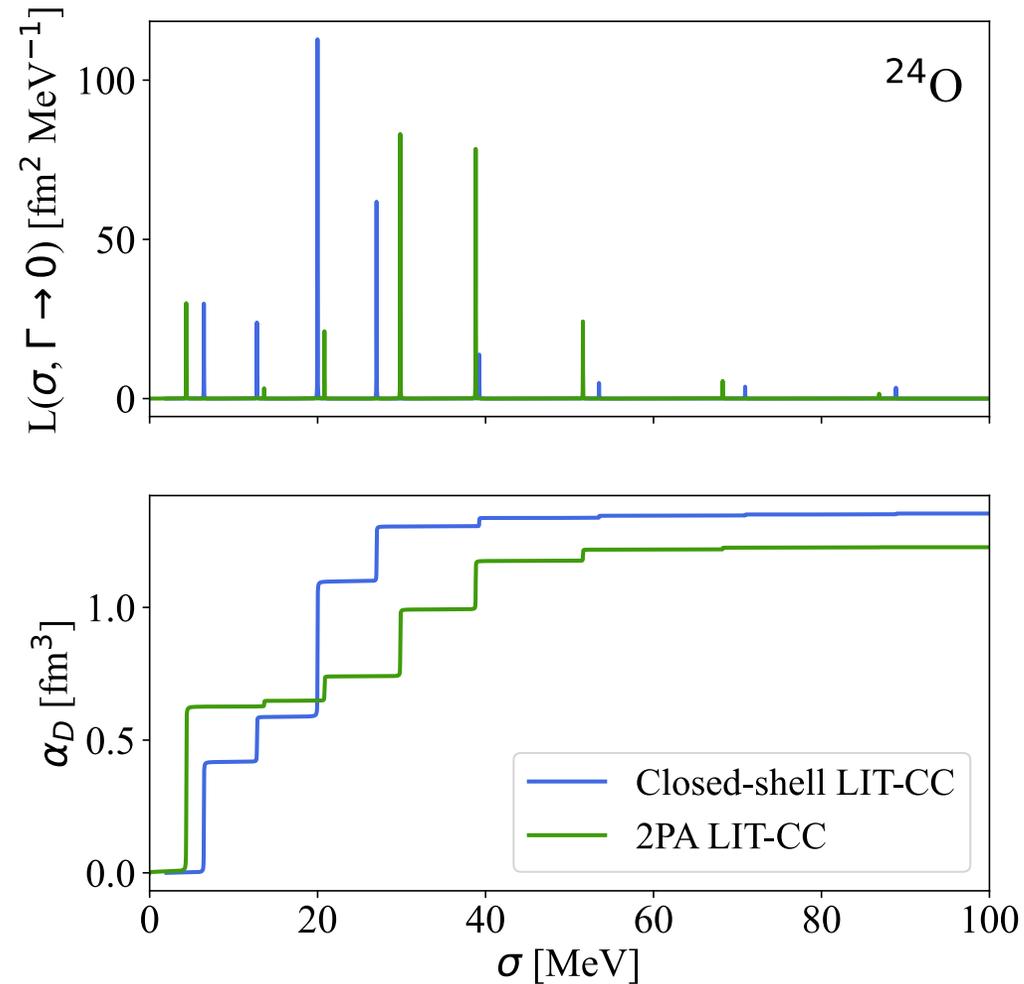
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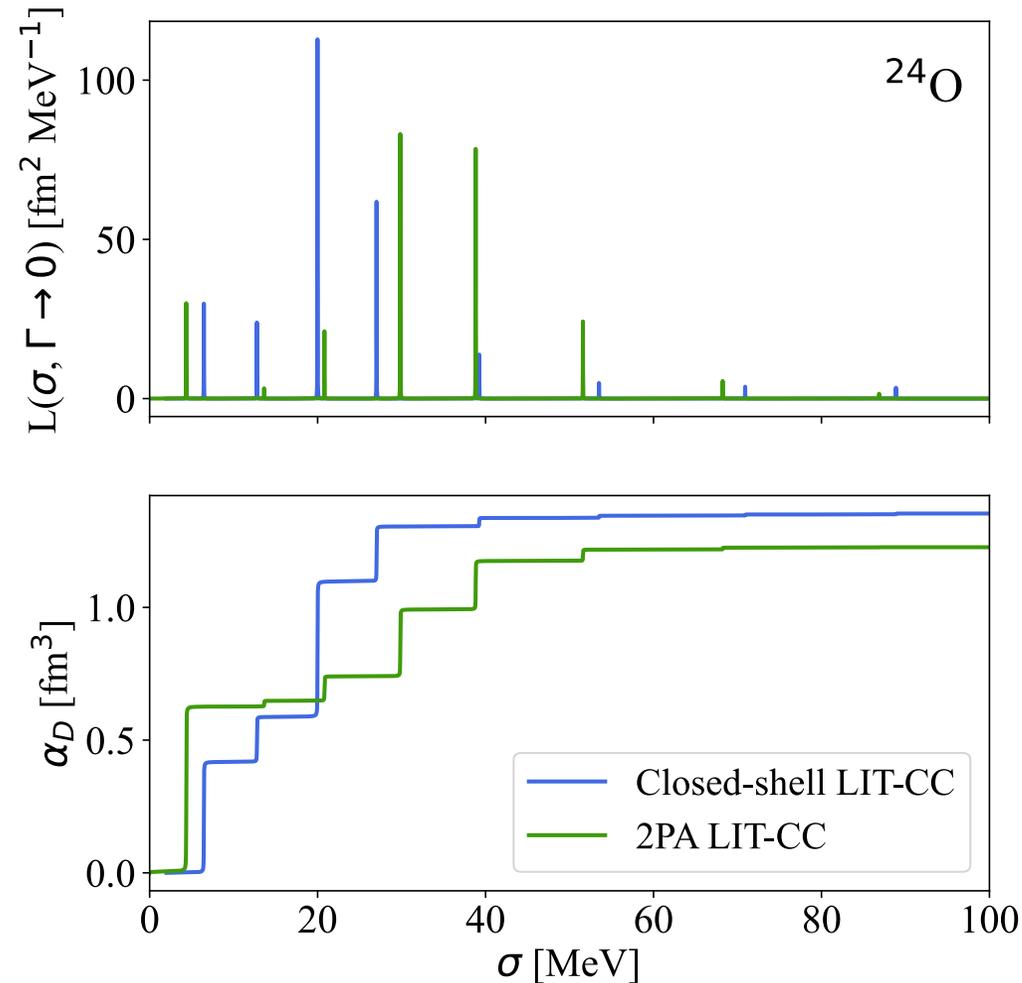
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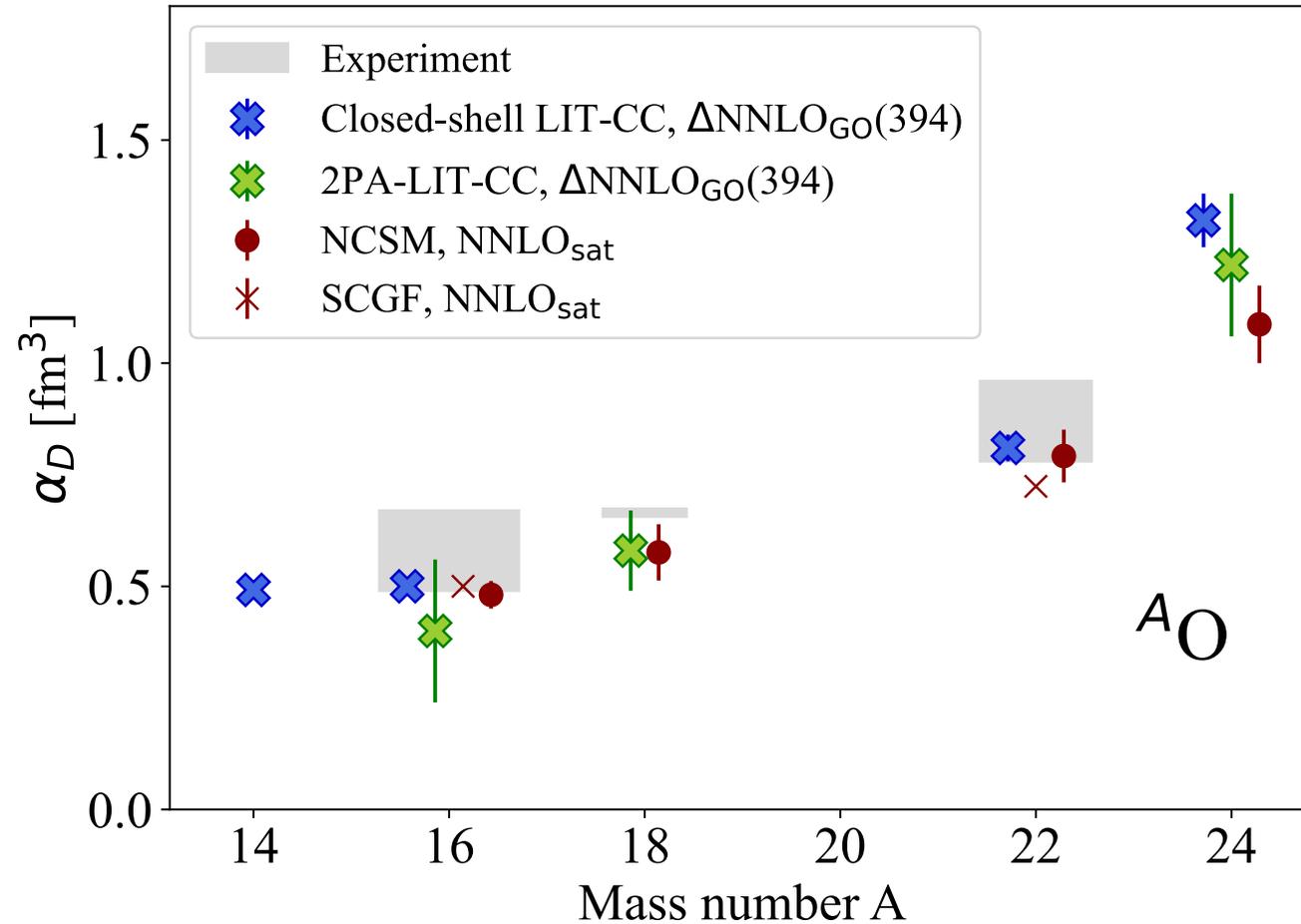


Can be useful to look at the **wavefunction's share** in **2p-0h configurations**

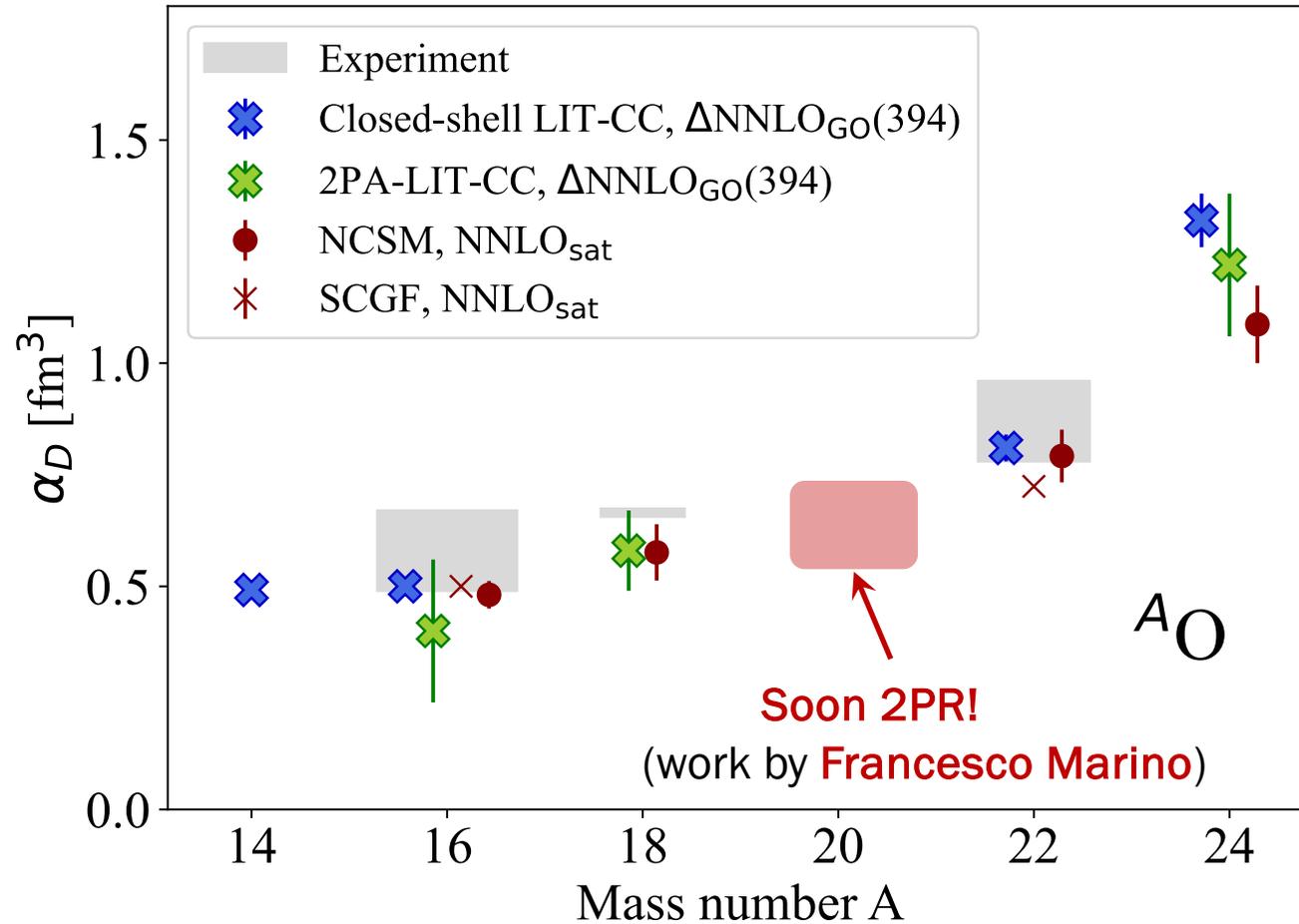
Ground state	First 1^- state
90%	88%

but rapidly decreases for **higher-energy states!**

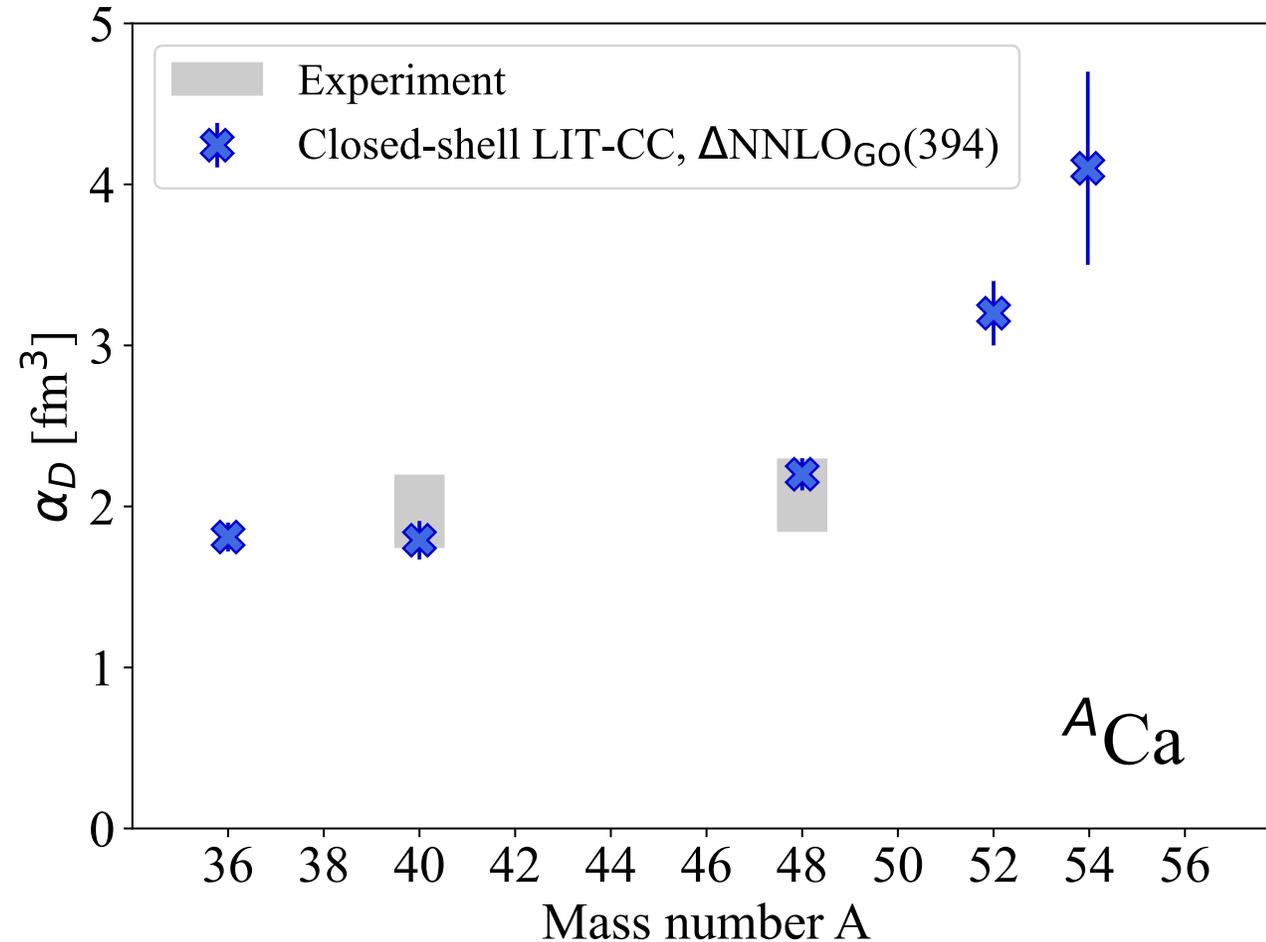
α_D along the oxygen chain



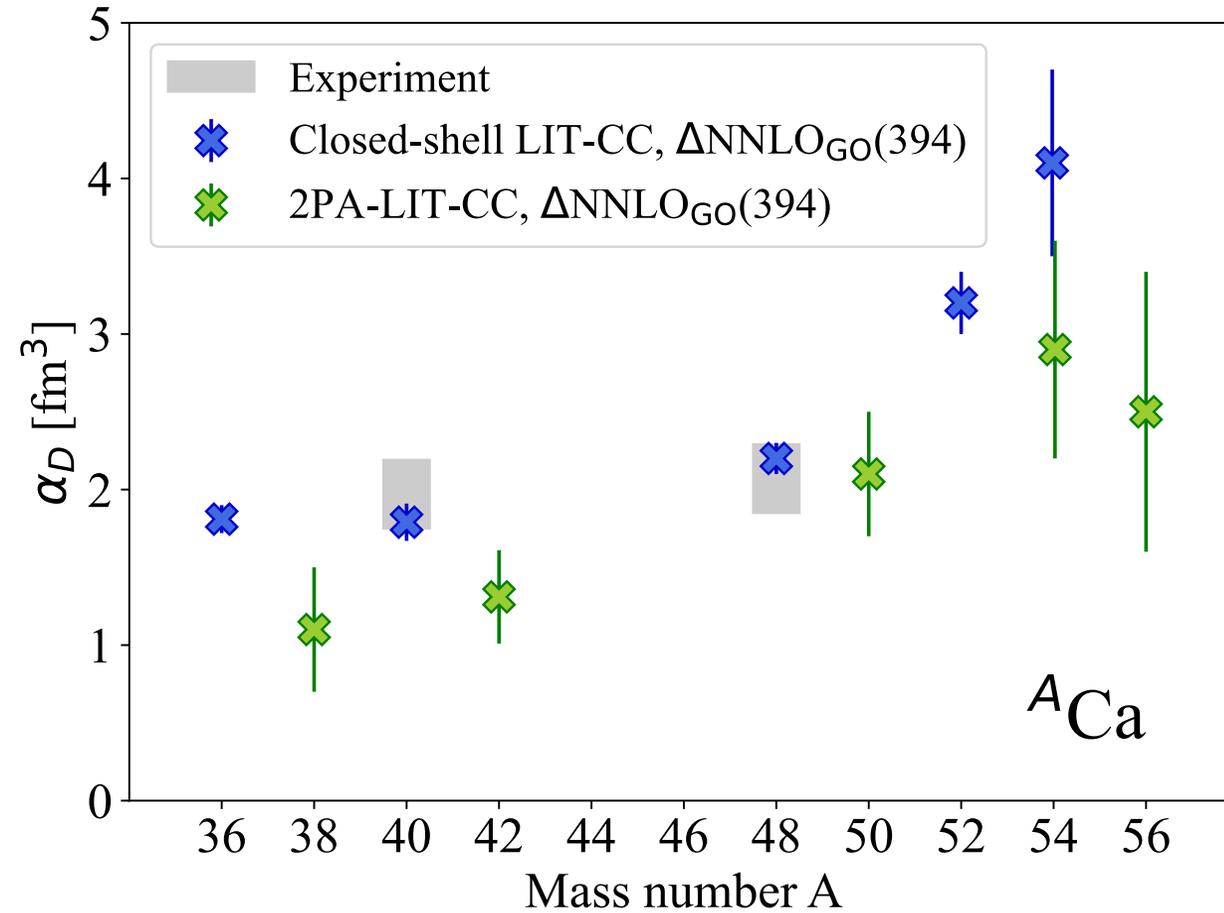
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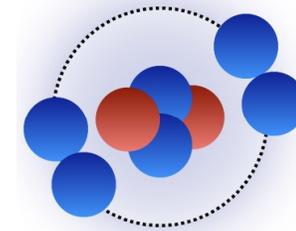


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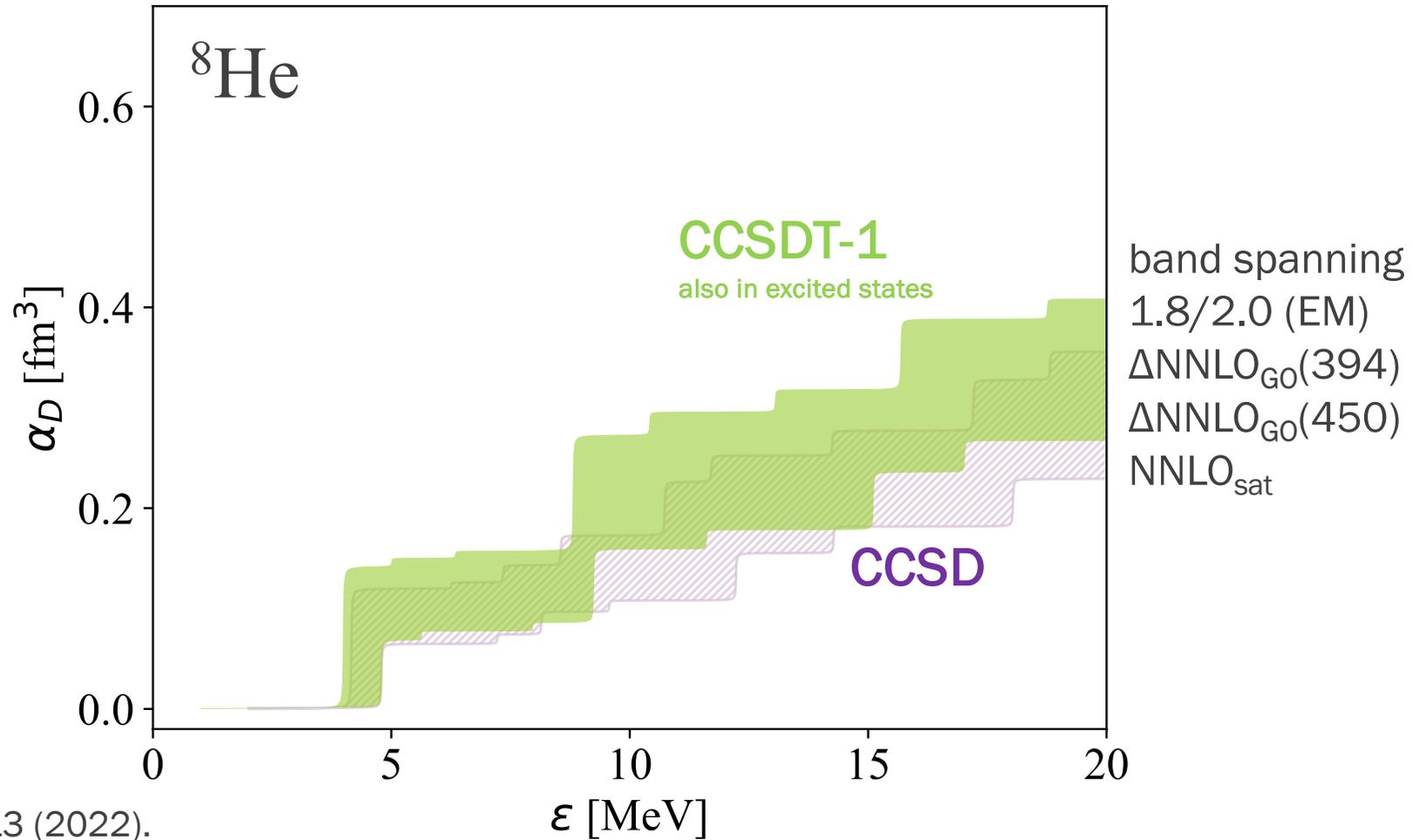


Second case study: halo nuclei

${}^8\text{He}$



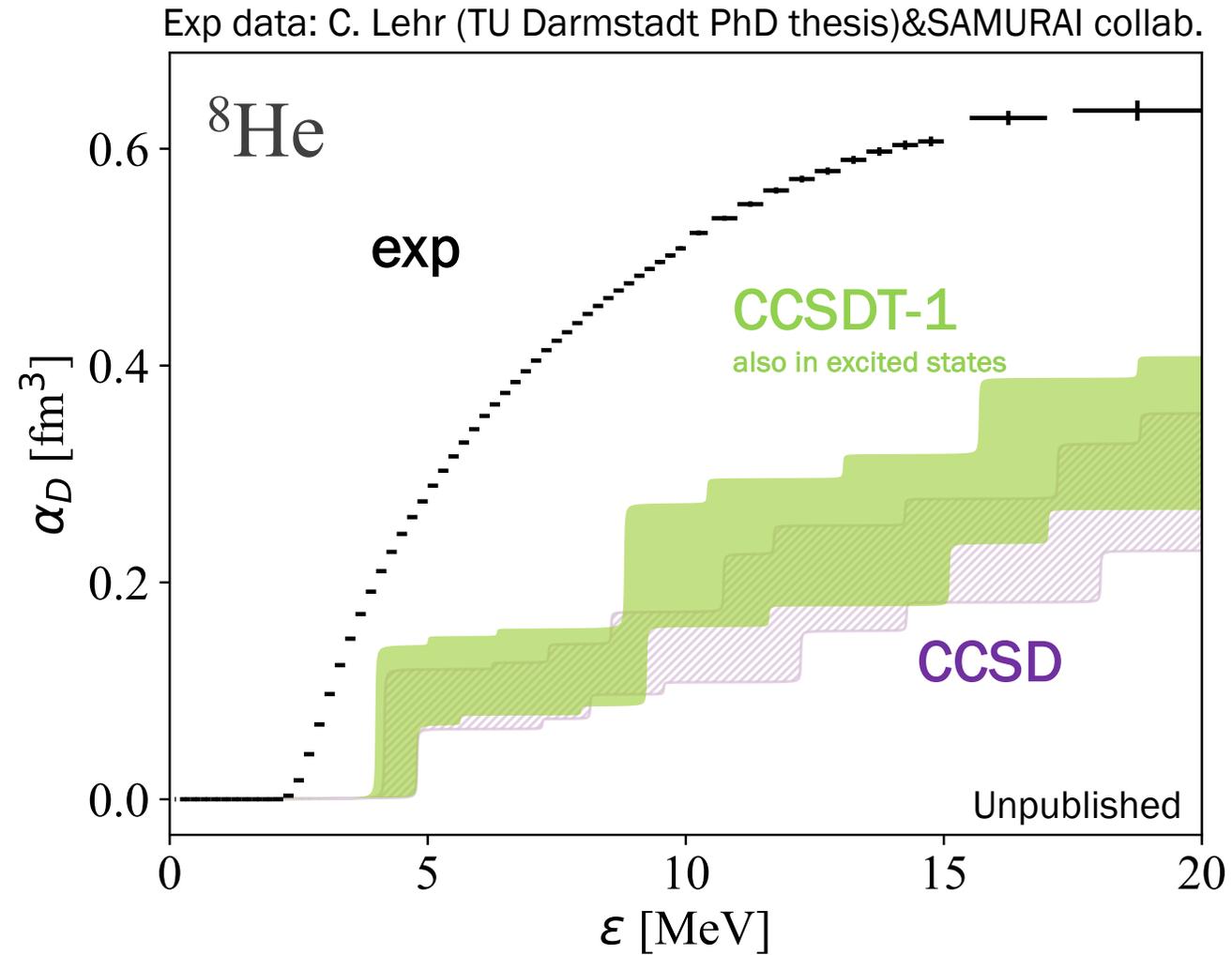
Theory...



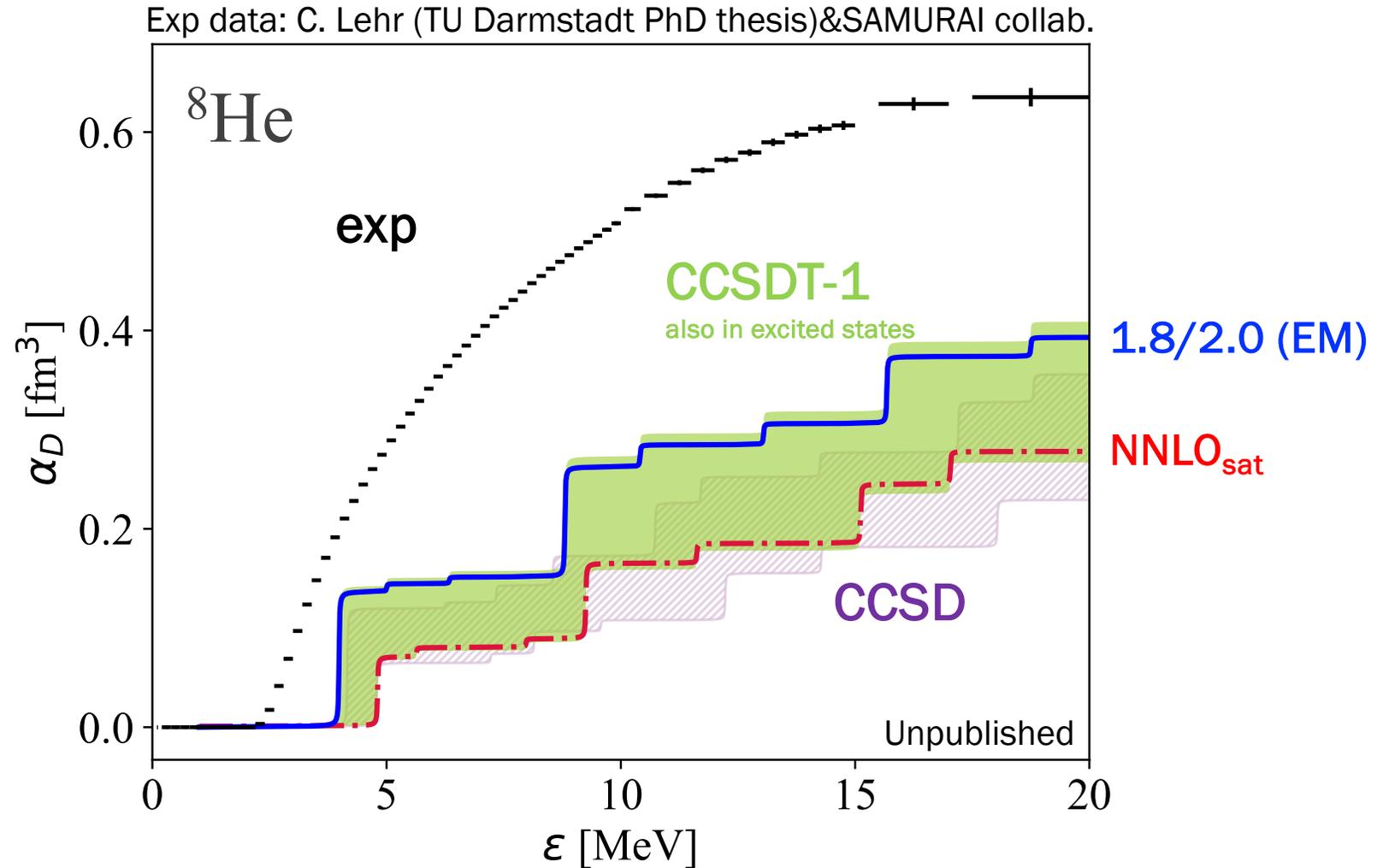
FB et al., PRC 105, 034313 (2022).

FB et al., FBS 65, 54 (2024).

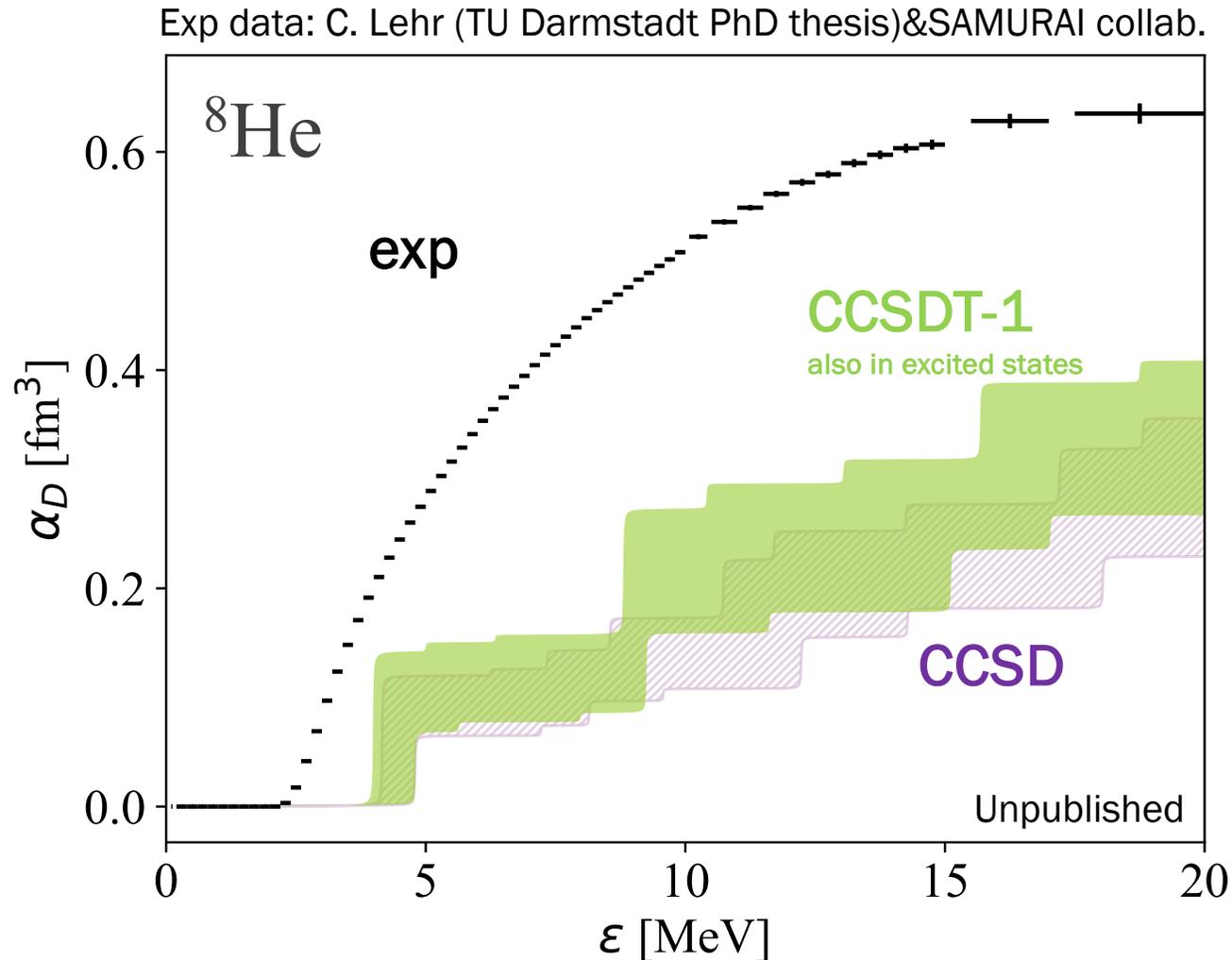
... and experiment



Strong dependence on the Hamiltonian



Missing higher order correlations?



For NNLO_{sat} , **NCSM value available**
C. Stumpf, PhD thesis, TU Darmstadt, 2017

$$\alpha_D = 0.4454(19) \text{ fm}^3$$

compared to CC

$$\alpha_D = 0.37(3) \text{ fm}^3.$$

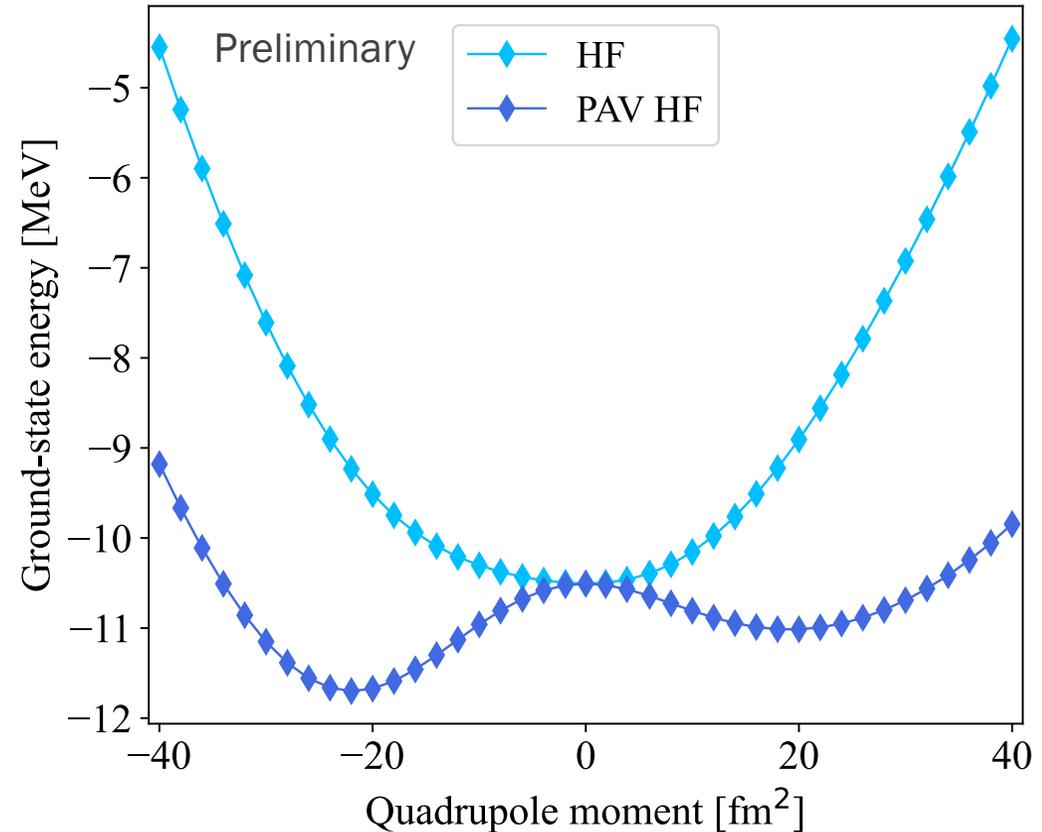
**Indication of the impact
of 4p-4h correlations?**

Deformation in ^8He ?

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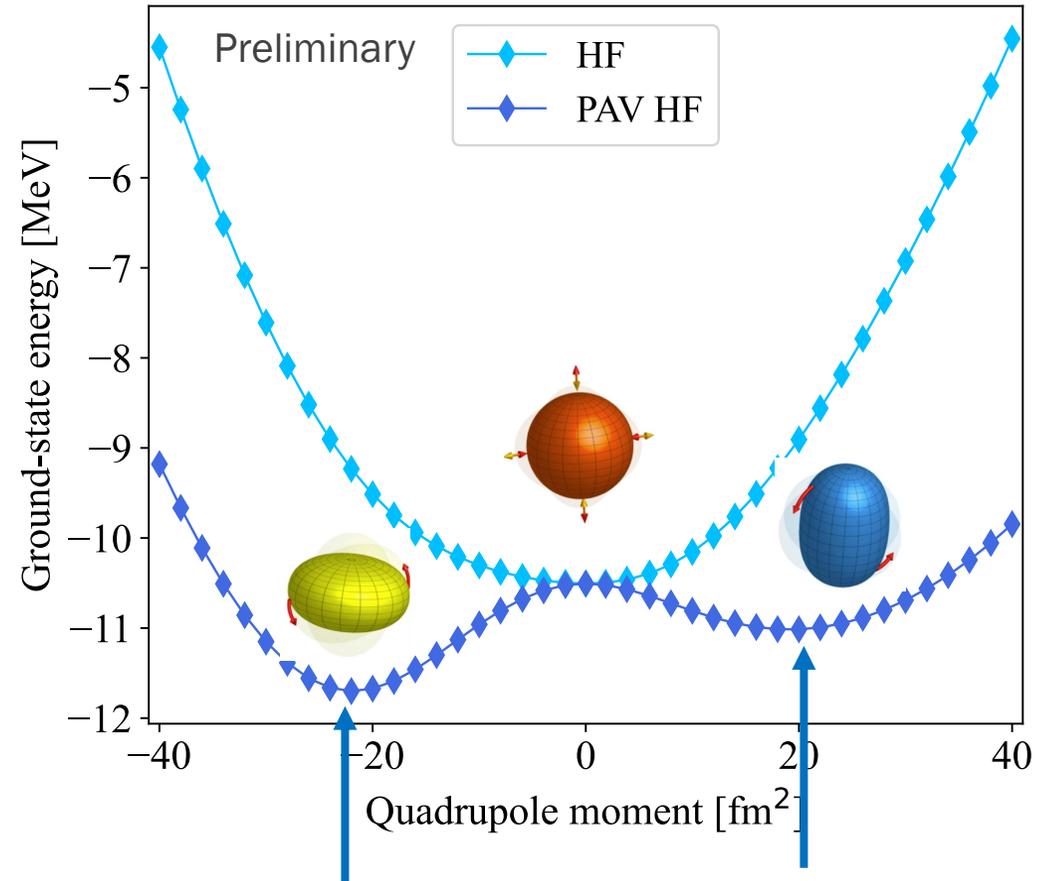


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two minima away from the spherical point!

Food for discussion

- In some cases, we can get more info on **chiral EFT convergence** with respect to **many-body convergence**

LO → **NLO** → **N²LO** → **N³LO**

versus

from Alex's talk

IMSRG(2) → **IMSRG(3)** → **IMSRG(4)**
2p-0h → 3p-1h → 4p-2h

- Is **expert assessment** the only way to get to many-body uncertainties? Can “metrics” as e.g. partial norms help us in developing a more rigorous strategy?
- In the presence of **clustering or deformation phenomena**, our estimate of the many-body uncertainty is not always reliable. Comparison with Halo/Cluster EFTs/virtually exact methods?

Thank you for your attention!