

Coupled-Cluster Calculations of Medium-Mass Nuclei

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Exact & Approx. Many-Body Methods

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- ab initio solution of the manybody problem for light & medium-mass nuclei (NCSM, CC)
- controlled approximations for heavier nuclei (HF & MBPT)
- all rely on restricted model spaces & benefit from unitary transformations

Uncertainty Summary

Similarity Renormalization Group

E. Jurgenson et al. --- Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 082501 (2009)

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Similarity Renormalization Group

continuous transformation driving
Hamiltonian to band-diagonal form
with respect to a chosen basis

- **unitary transformation** of Hamiltonian (and other observables)

$$\tilde{H}_\alpha = U_\alpha^\dagger H U_\alpha$$

- **evolution equations** for \tilde{H}_α and U_α depending on generator η_α

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} \tilde{H}_\alpha = \left[\eta_\alpha, \tilde{H}_\alpha \right] \quad \frac{d}{d\alpha} U_\alpha = -U_\alpha \eta_\alpha$$

- **dynamic generator**: commutator with the operator in whose eigenbasis H shall be diagonalized

$$\eta_\alpha = (2\mu)^2 \left[T_{\text{int}}, \tilde{H}_\alpha \right]$$

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- evolution **induces n -body contributions** $\tilde{H}_\alpha^{[n]}$ to Hamiltonian

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α -variation provides a **diagnostic tool** to assess the contributions of omitted many-body interactions

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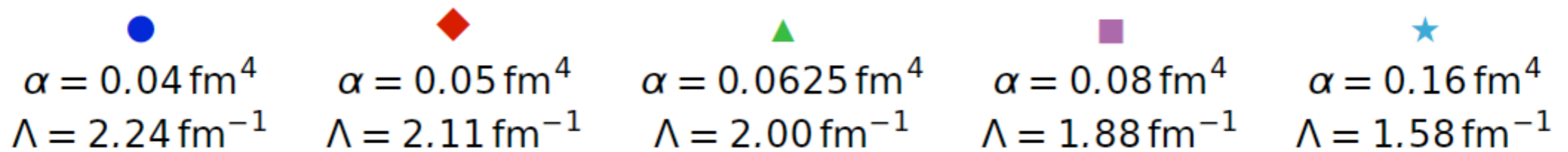
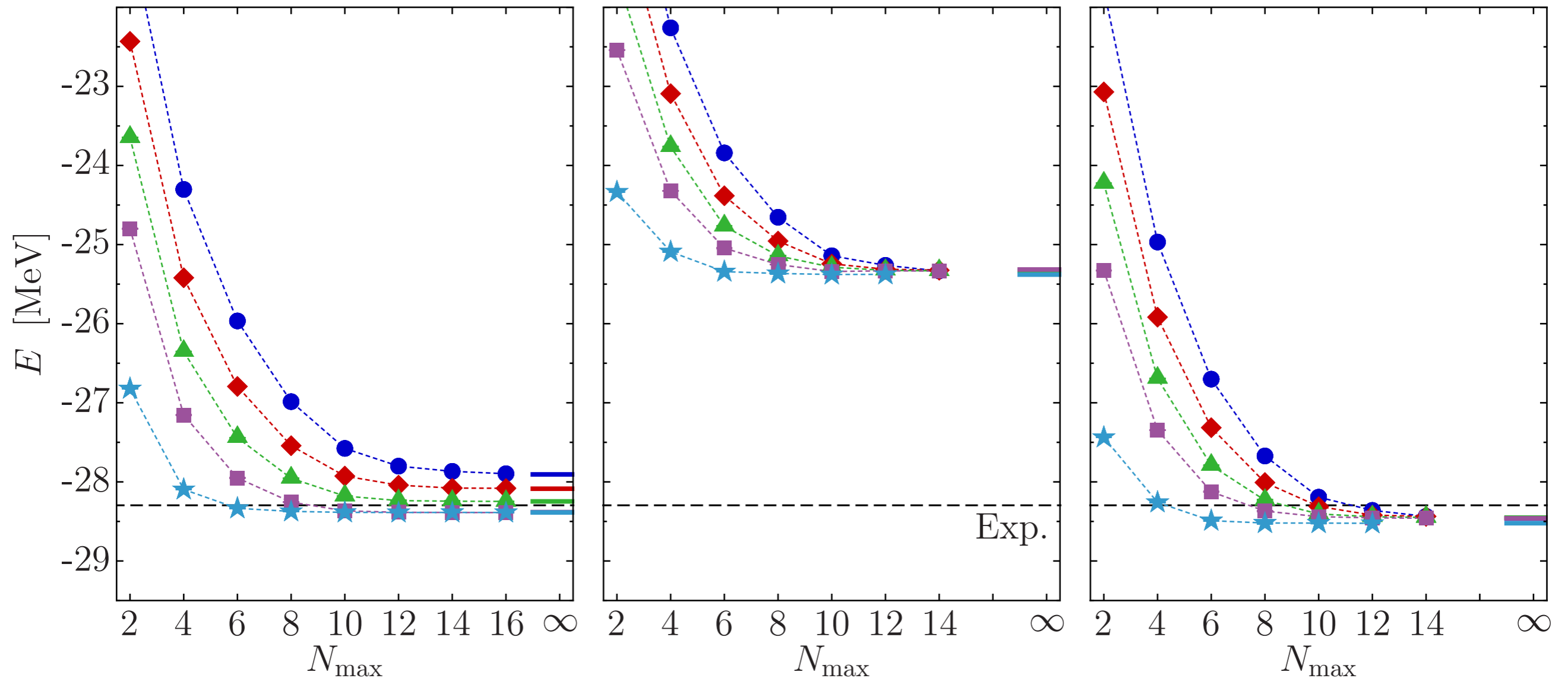
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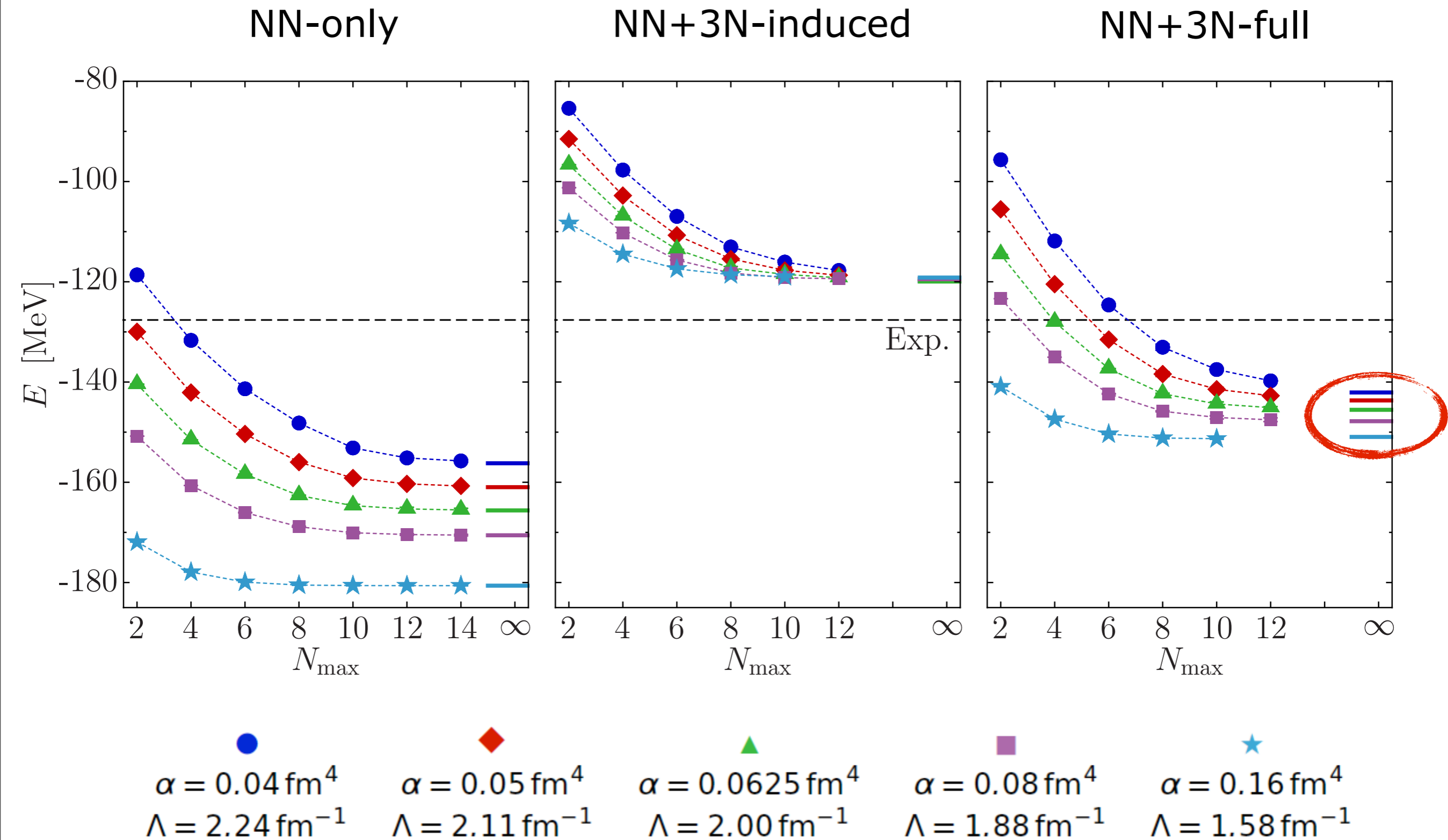
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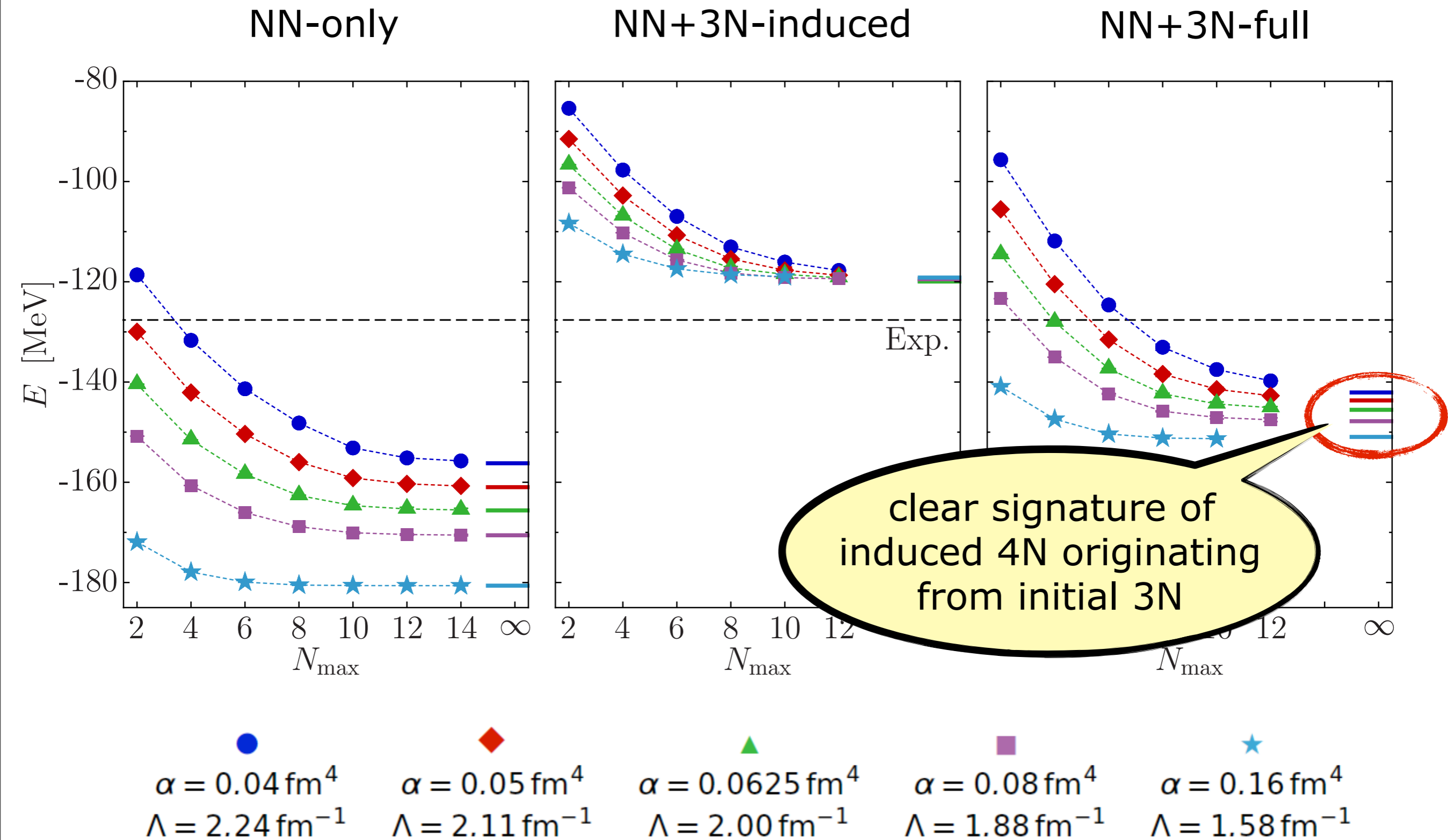
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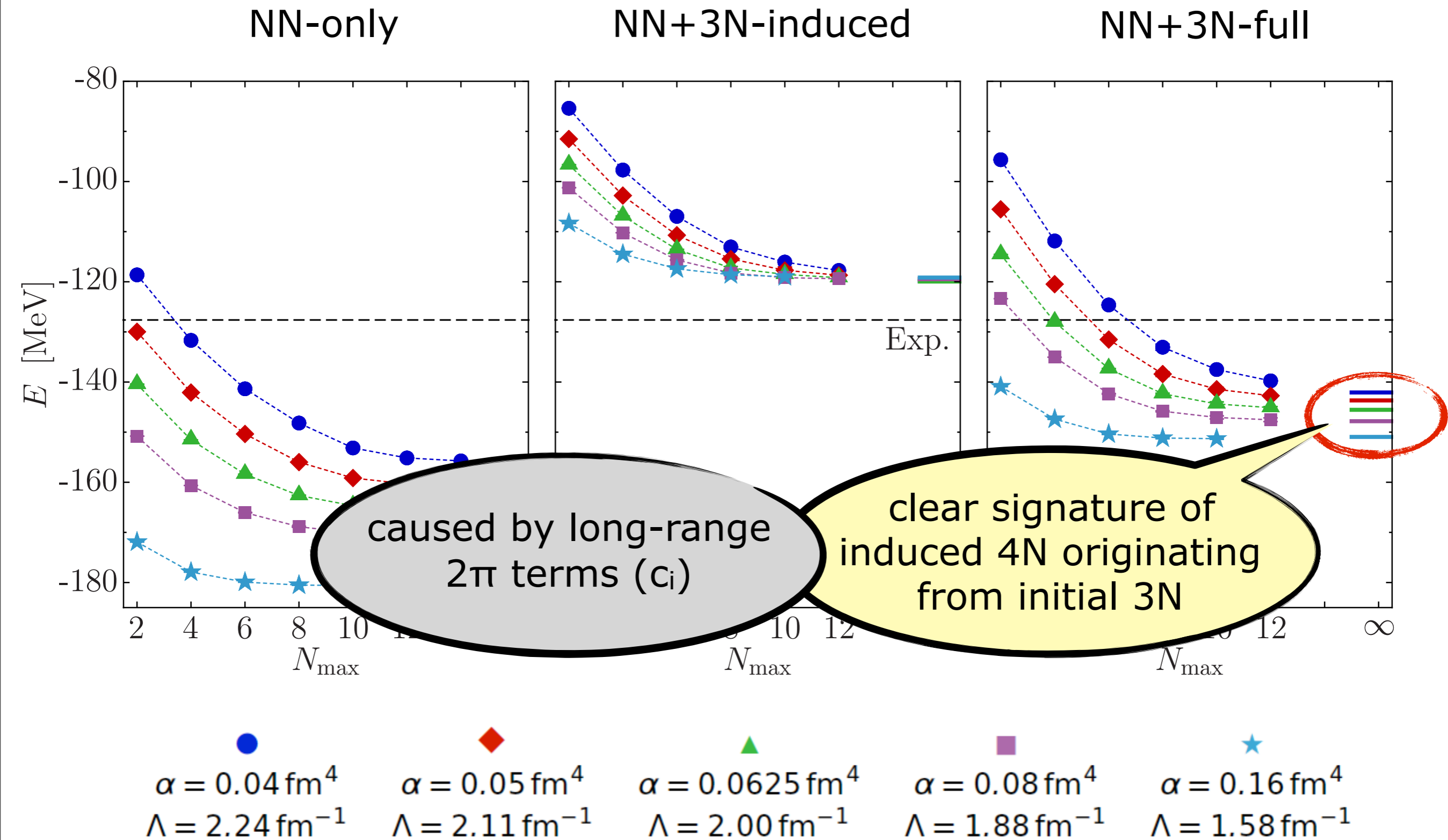
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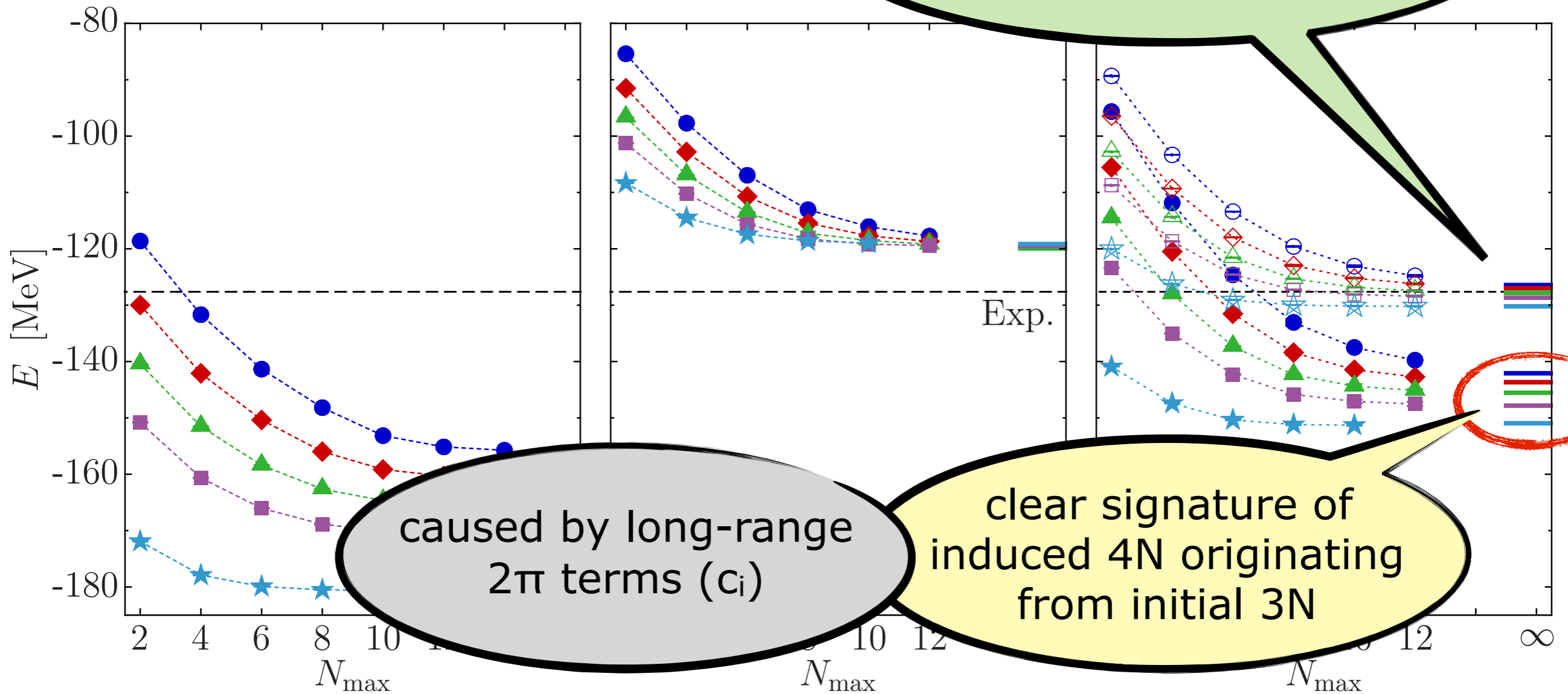


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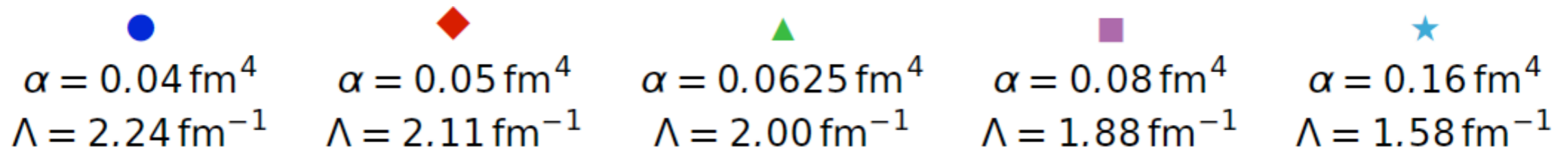
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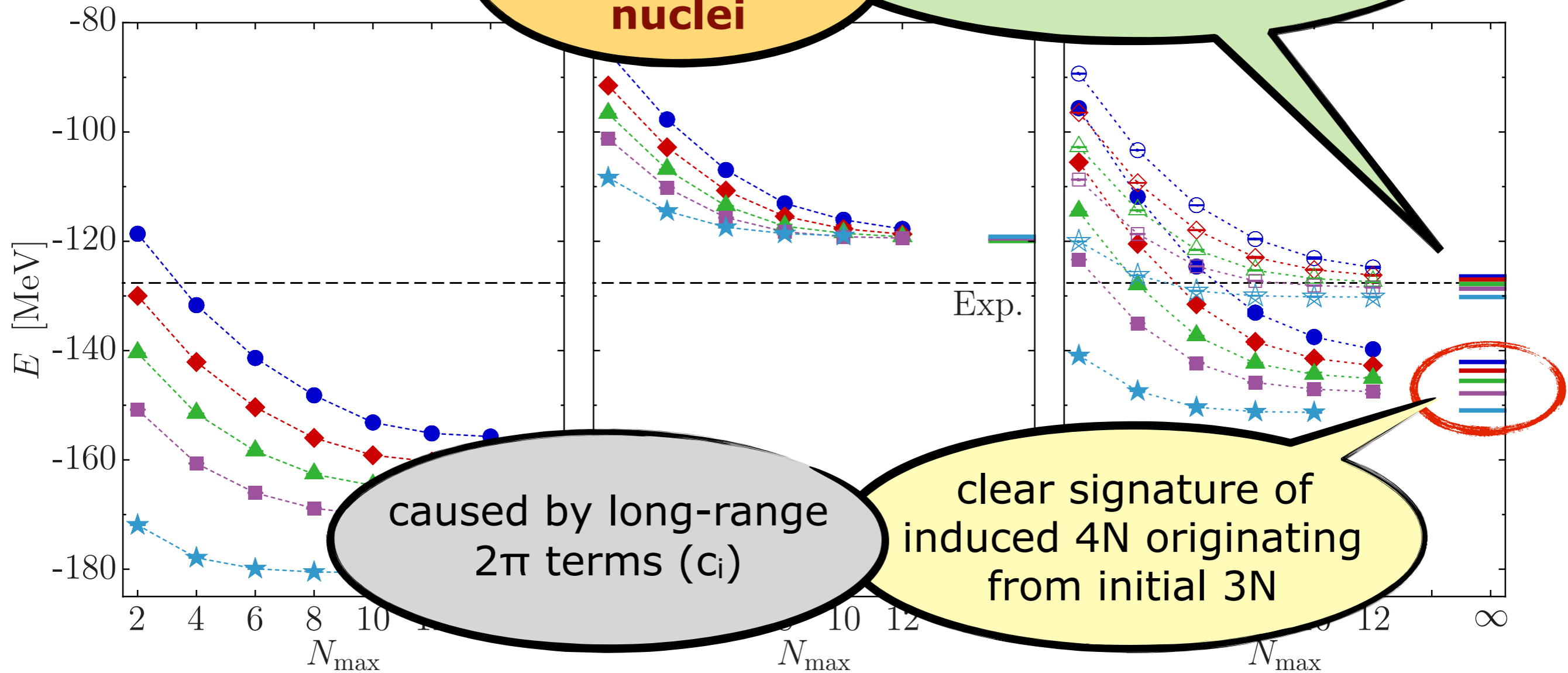


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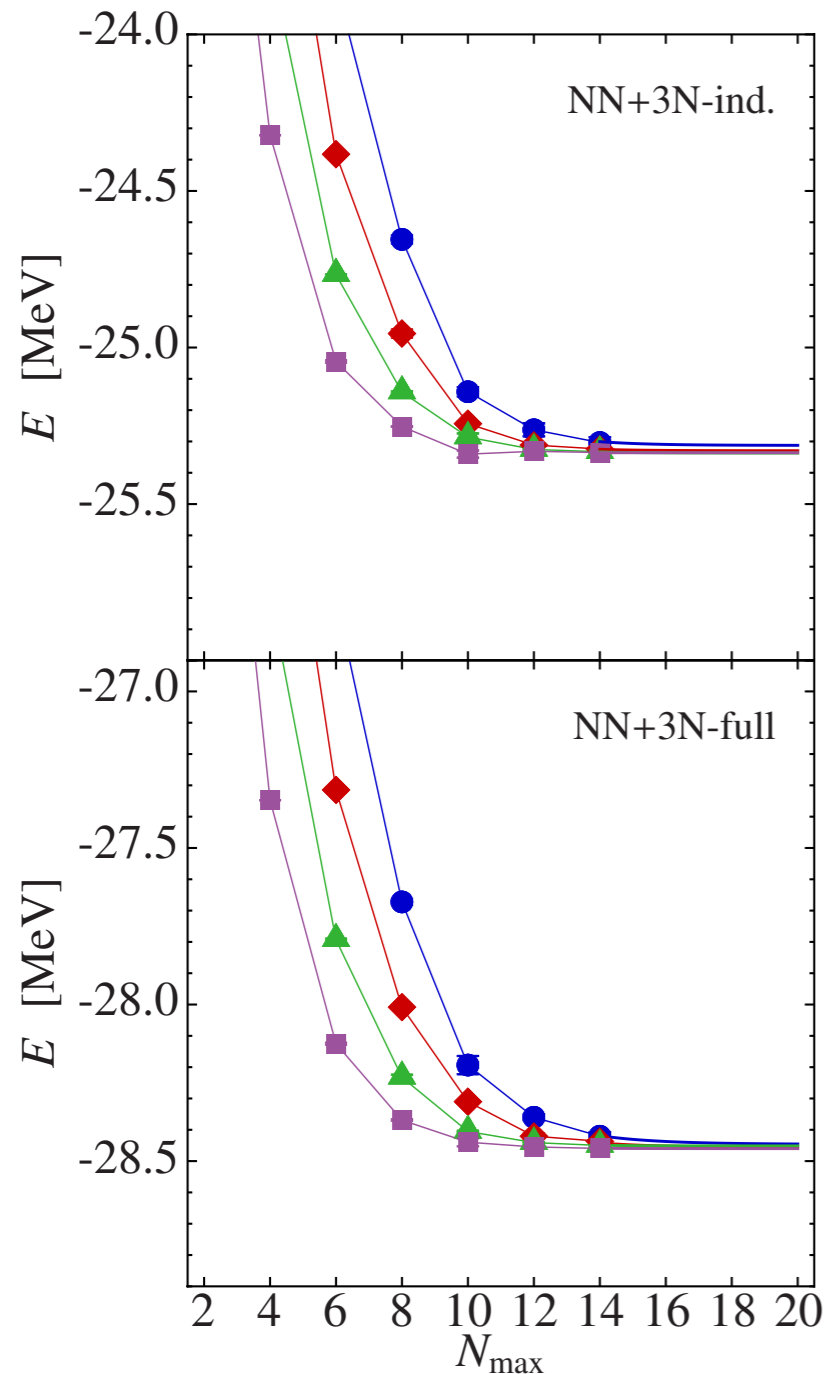
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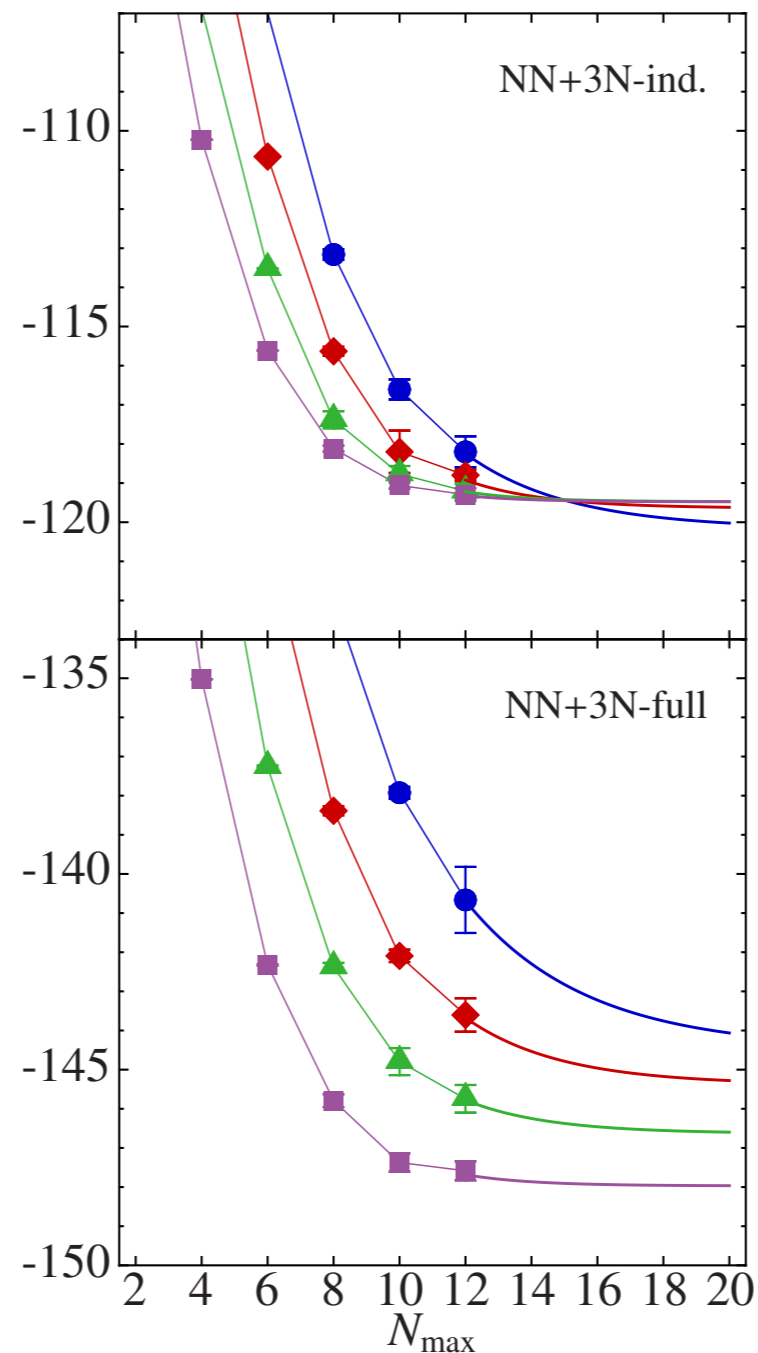
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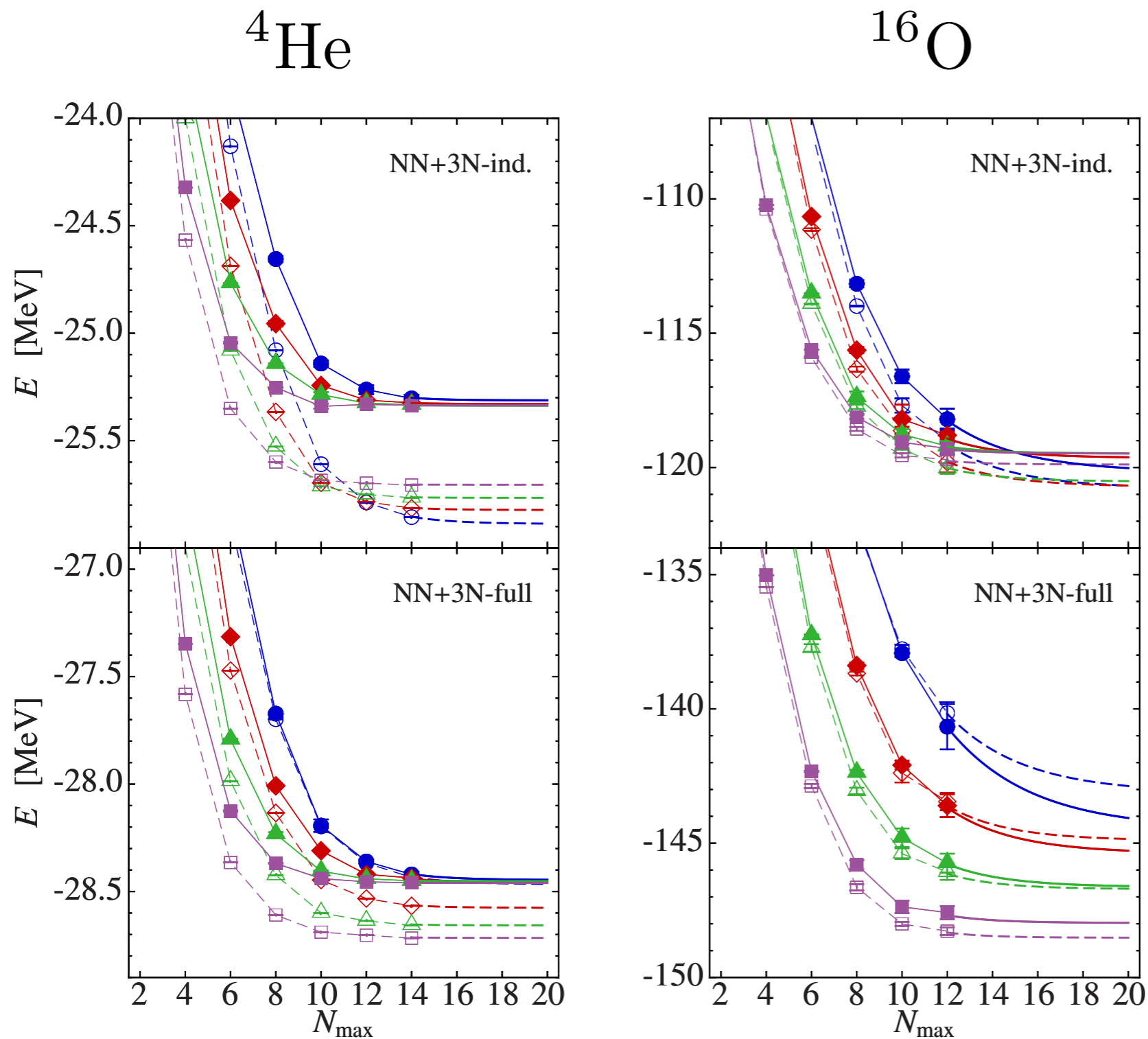
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Coupled Cluster Approach

- **exponential Ansatz** for wave operator

$$|\Psi\rangle = \hat{\Omega}|\Phi_0\rangle = e^{\hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 + \dots + \hat{T}_A} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

- \hat{T}_n : **nph excitation** (cluster) operators

$$\hat{T}_n = \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \sum_{\substack{ijk\dots \\ abc\dots}} t_{ijk\dots}^{abc\dots} \{ \hat{a}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_b^\dagger \hat{a}_c^\dagger \dots \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_i \}$$

- **similarity-transformed** Schroedinger equation

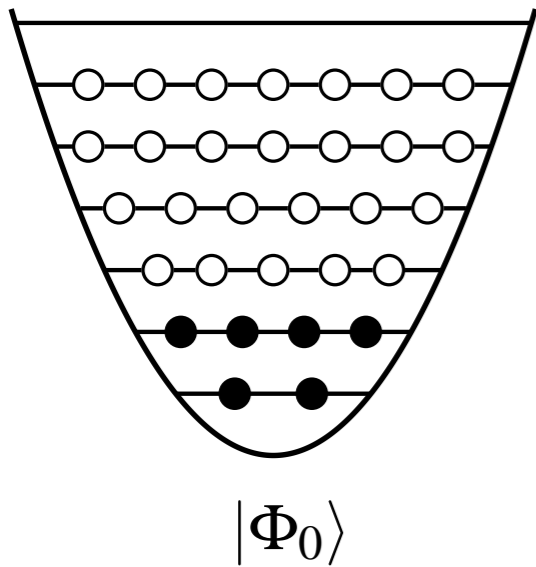
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}|\Phi_0\rangle = \Delta E|\Phi_0\rangle, \quad \hat{\mathcal{H}} = e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H}_N e^{\hat{T}}$$

- $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$: non-Hermitian **effective Hamiltonian**

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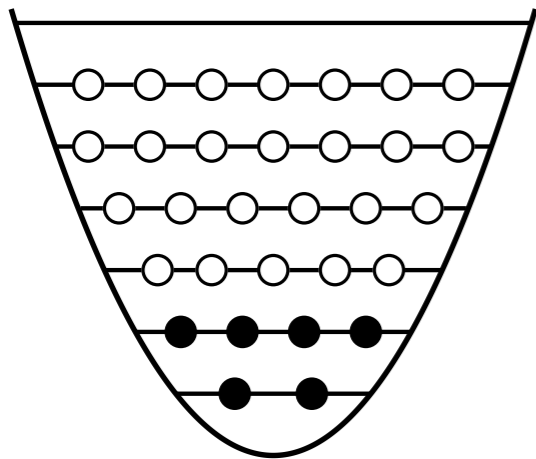
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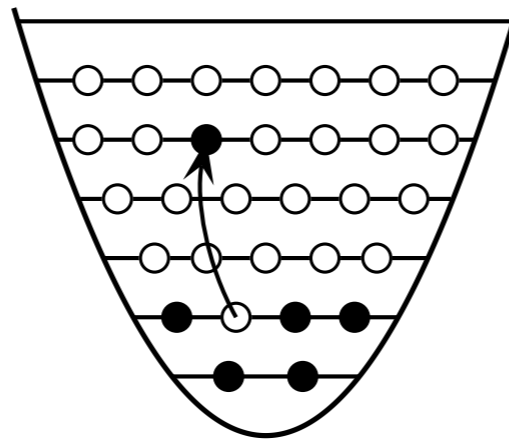


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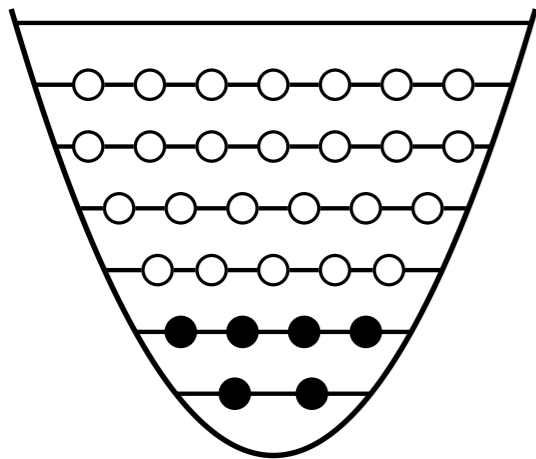
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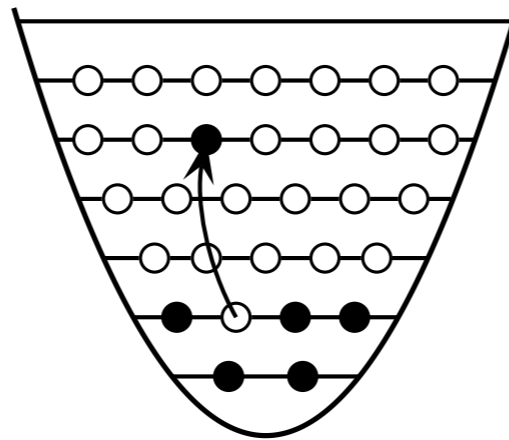
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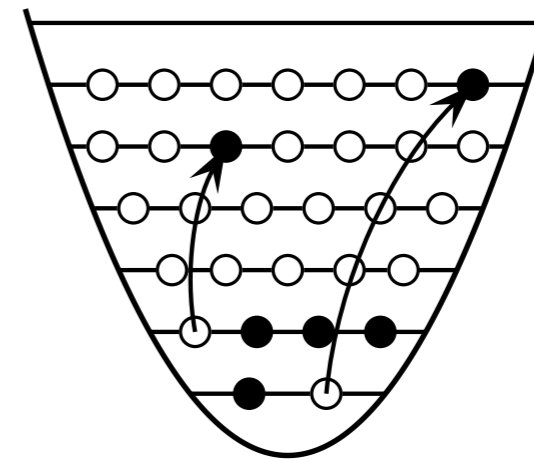
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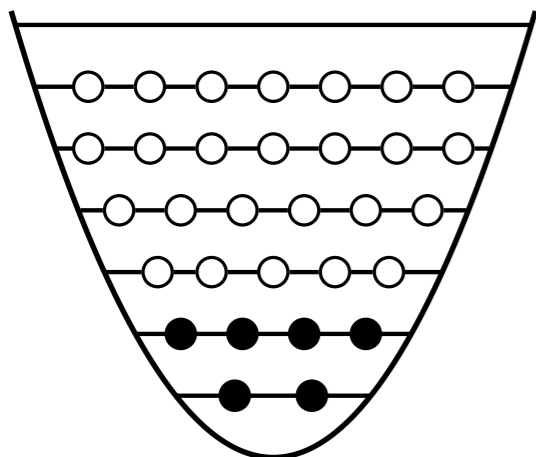
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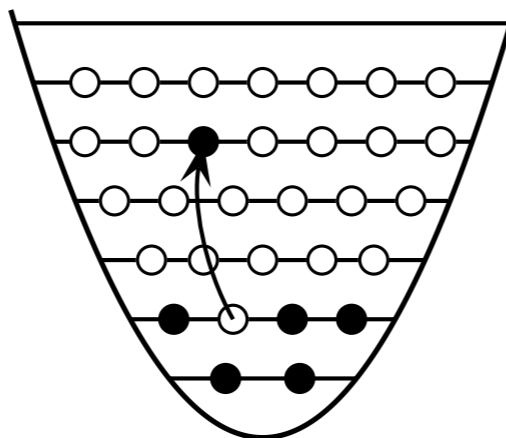
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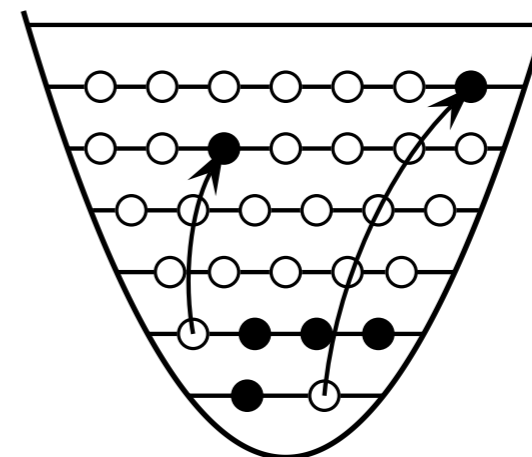
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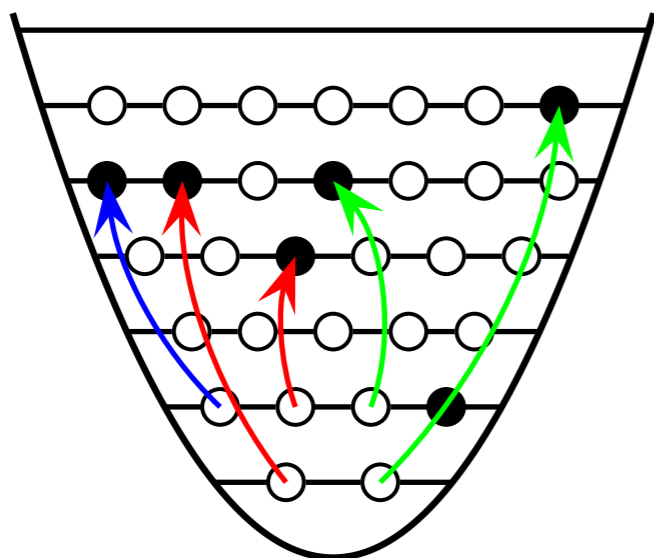
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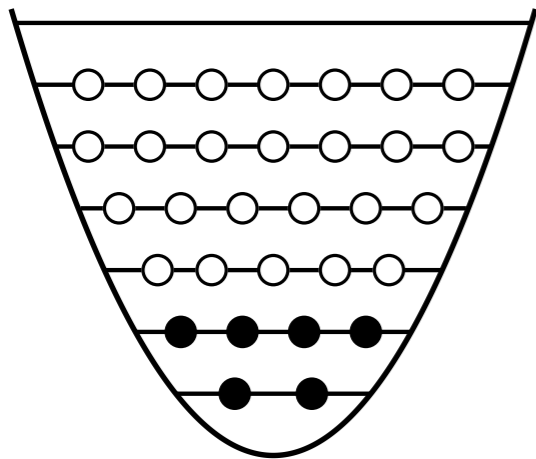
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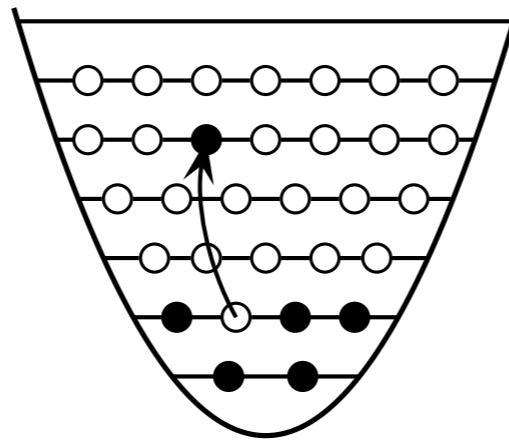
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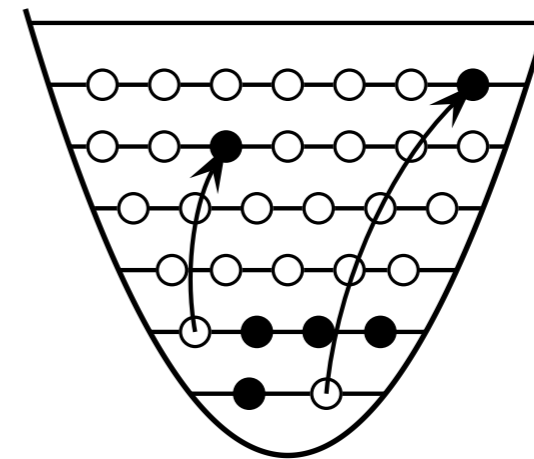
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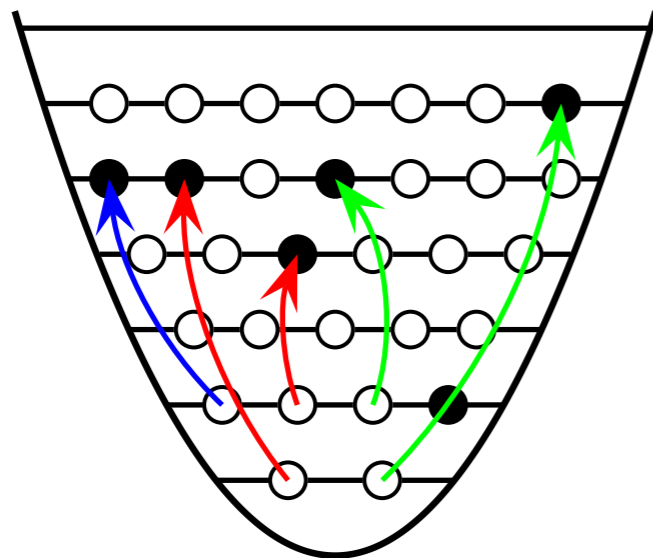
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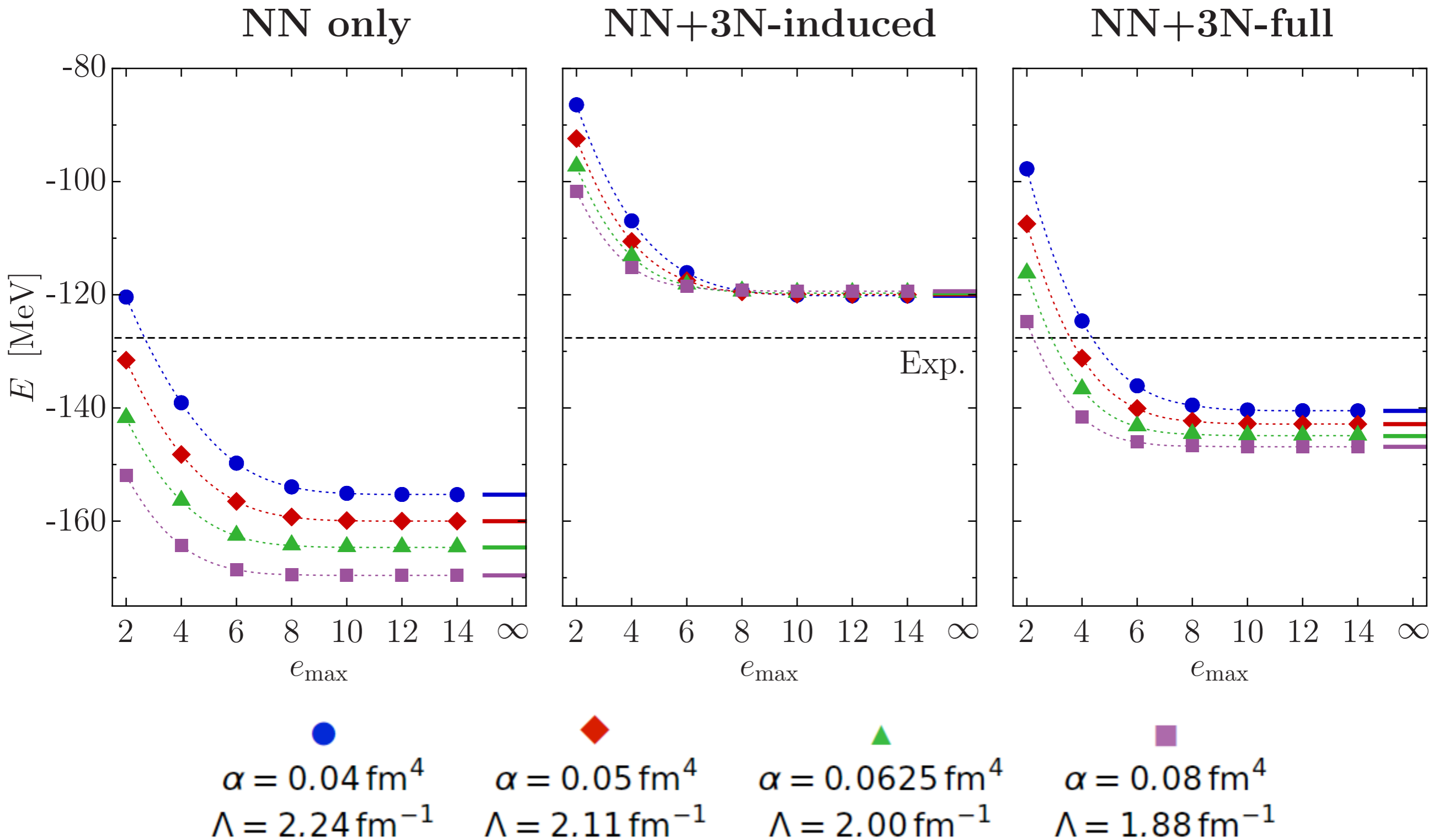
- CCSD equations

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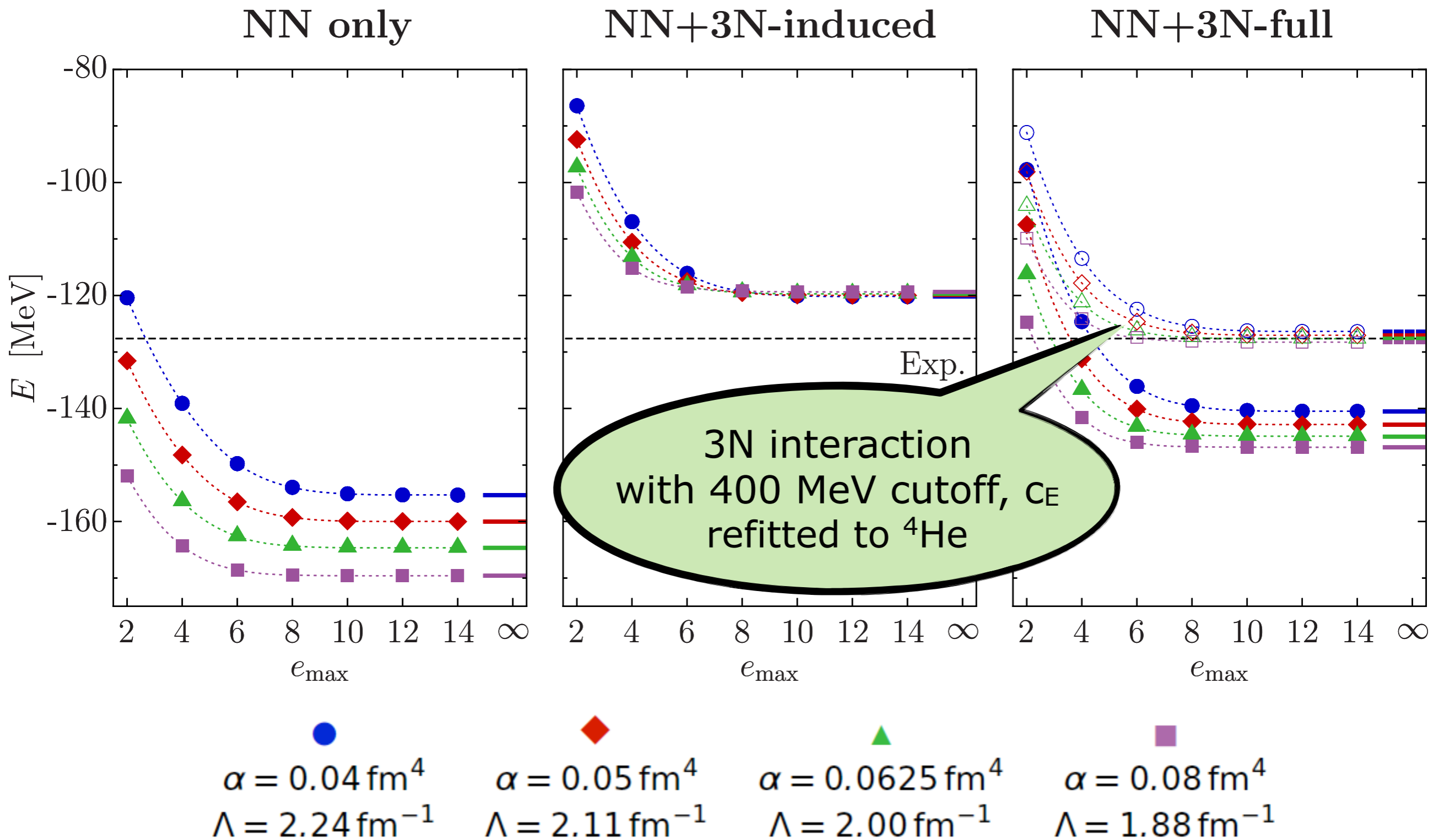
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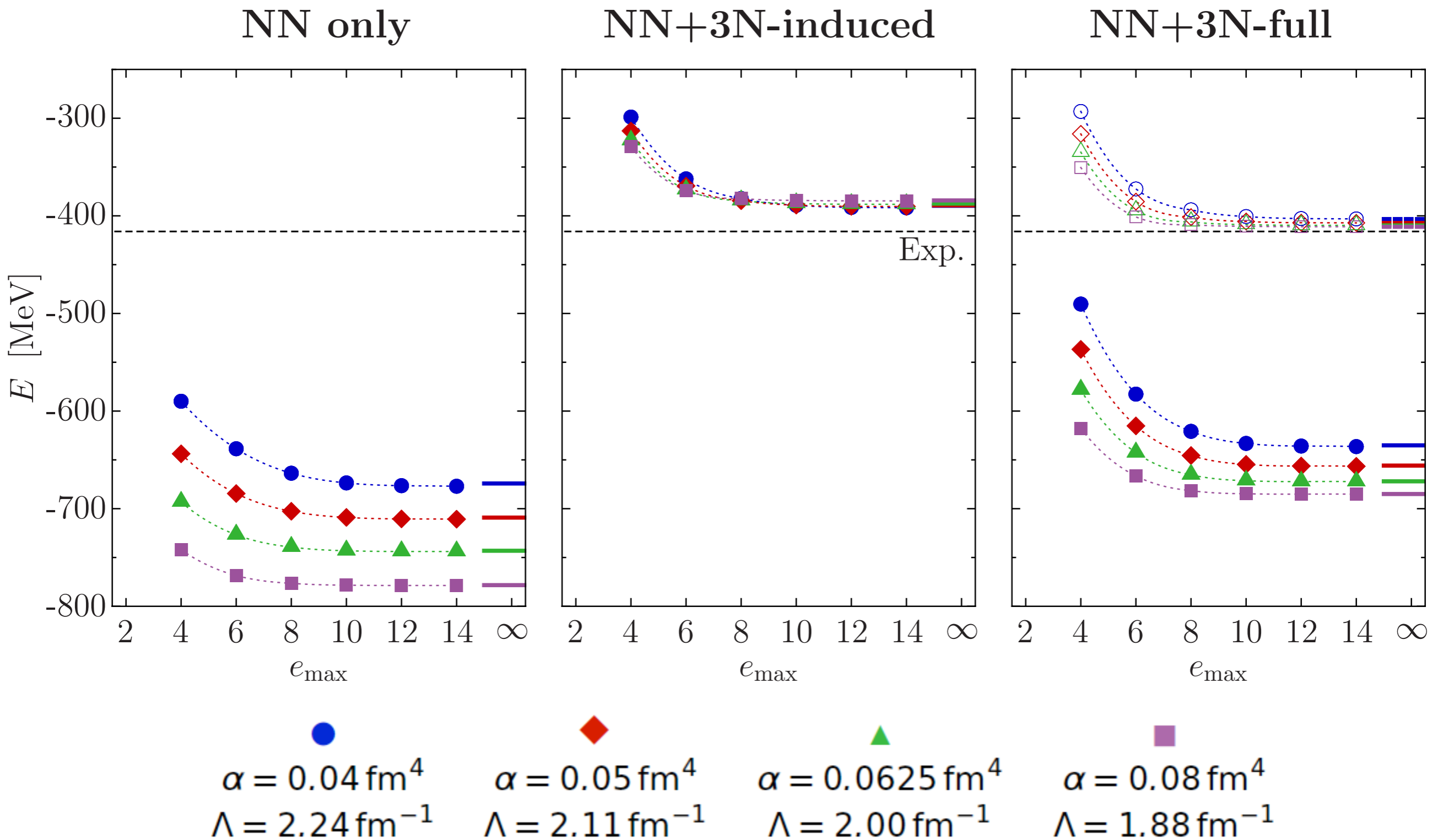
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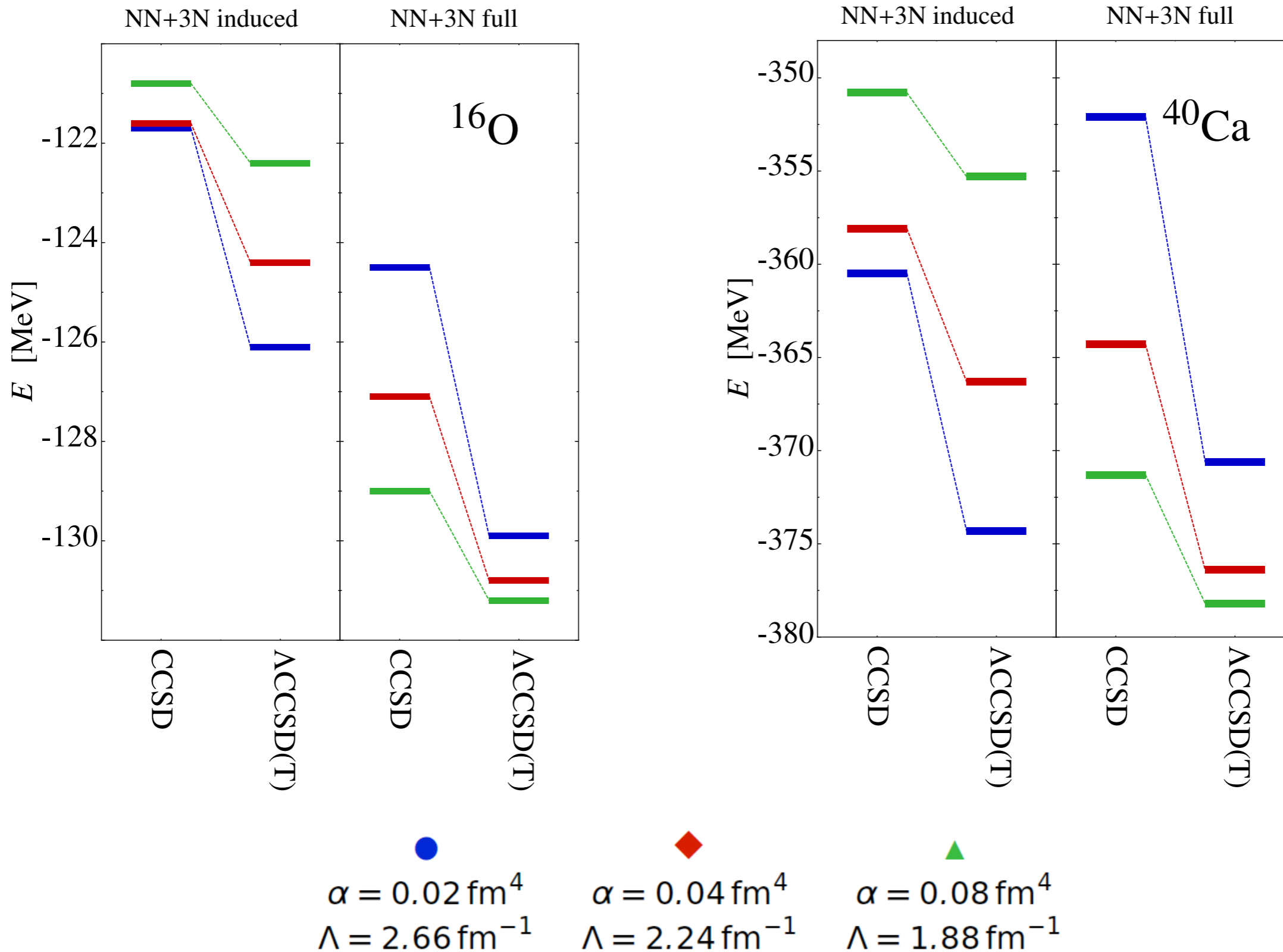
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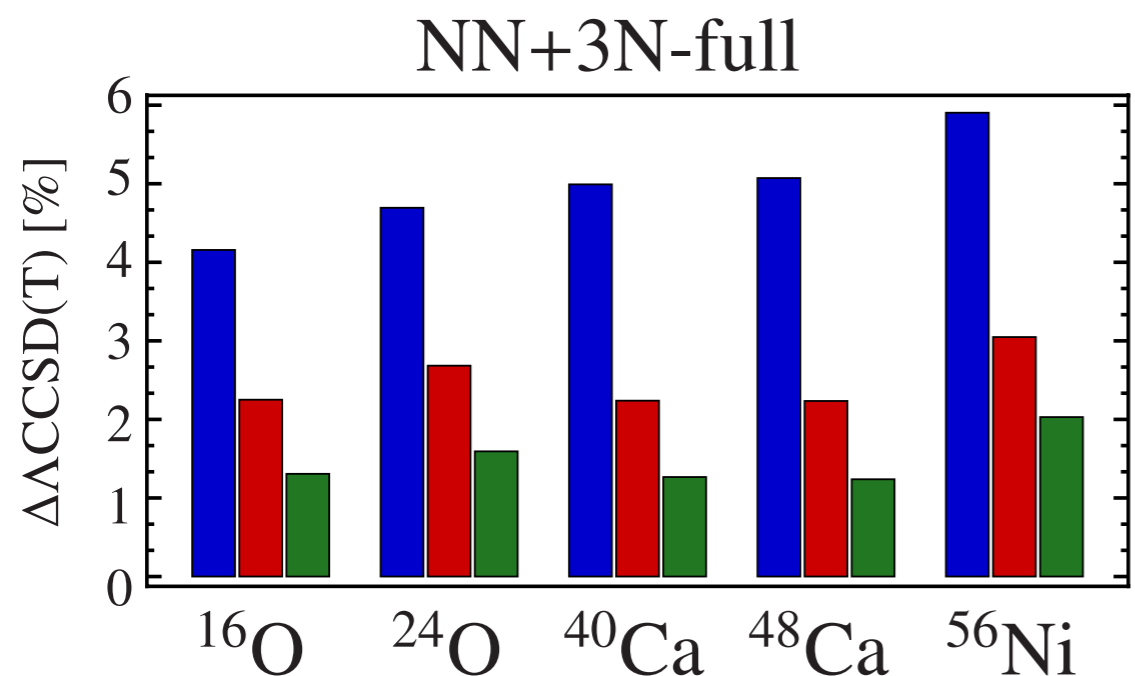
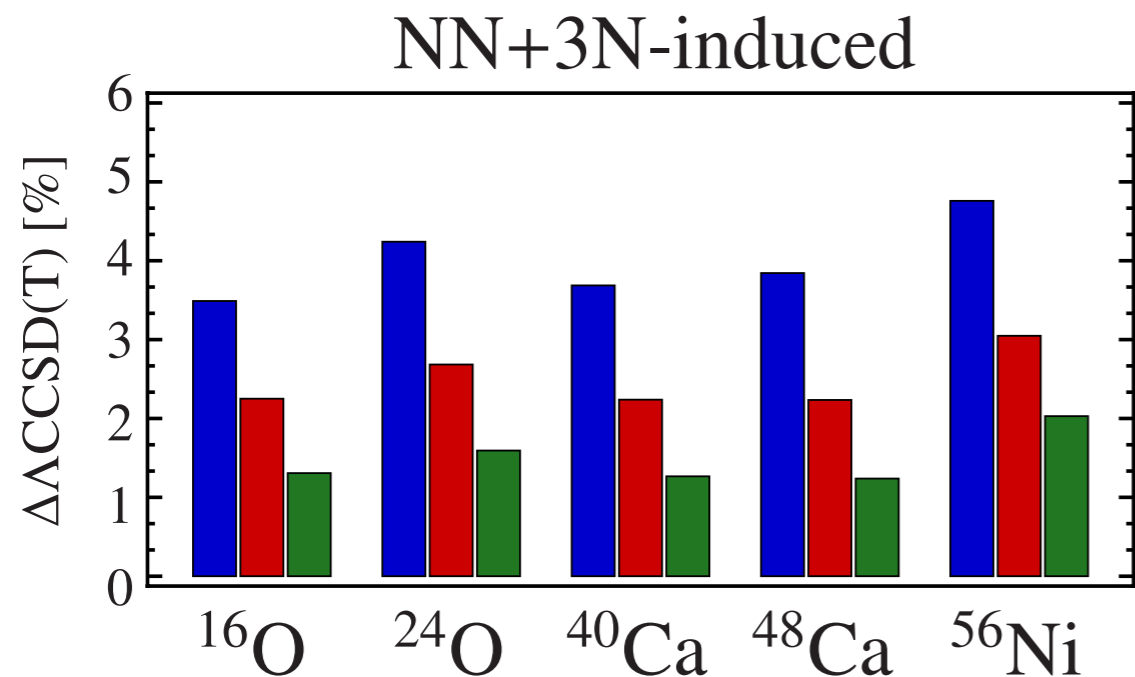
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change in g.s. energy

- inclusion of **triples excitations mandatory** (up to 6% more binding for heavier nuclei)
 - cluster truncation works better for **softer interactions**
 - cluster truncation is source of **flow-parameter dependence**
 - Λ CCSD(T) is correction for **energy**, not **wavefunction**
- ⇒ **hard interactions:**
CCSD wavefunction sufficient?

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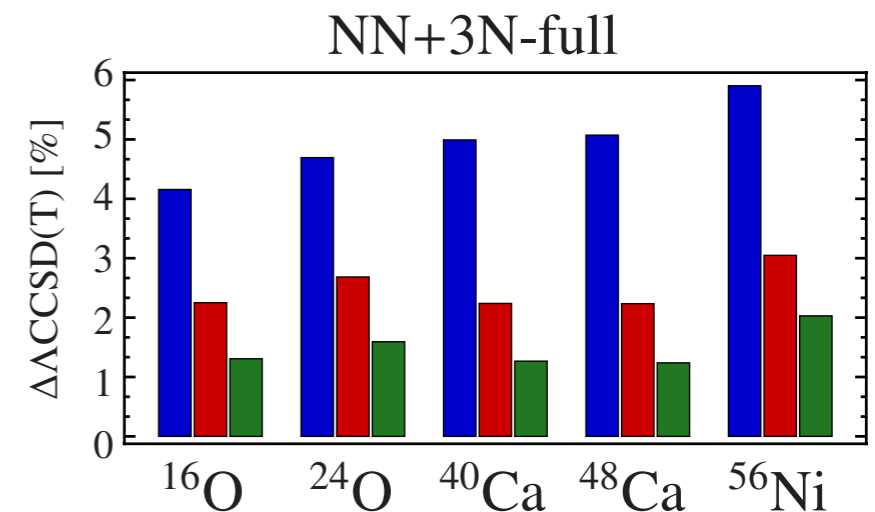
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- **Normal-Ordering 2B Approximation**

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- **Cluster Truncation**

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- soft interactions: only 1-2%
- no strong increase with mass number

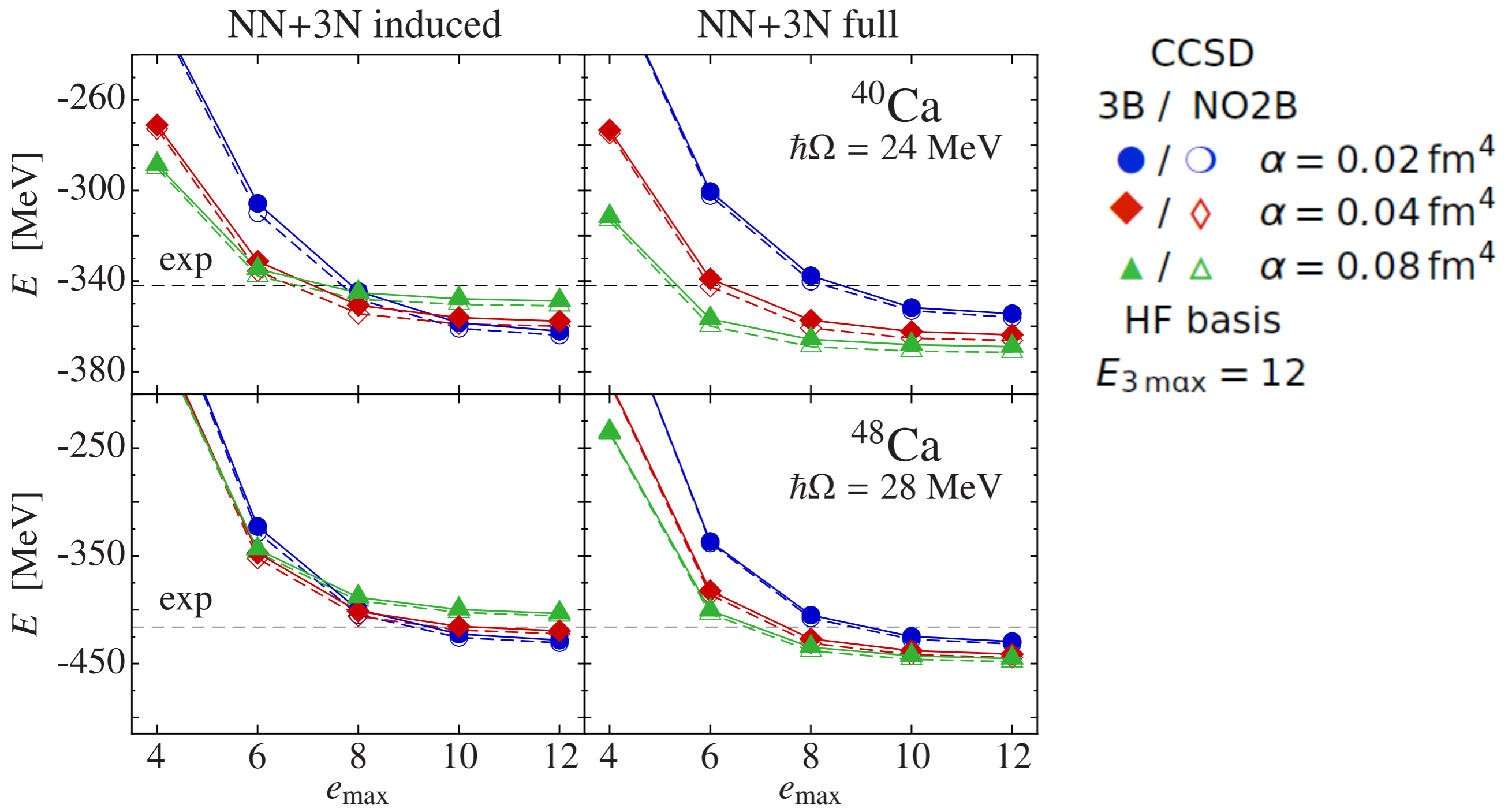


Coupled-Cluster with Explicit 3N Interactions

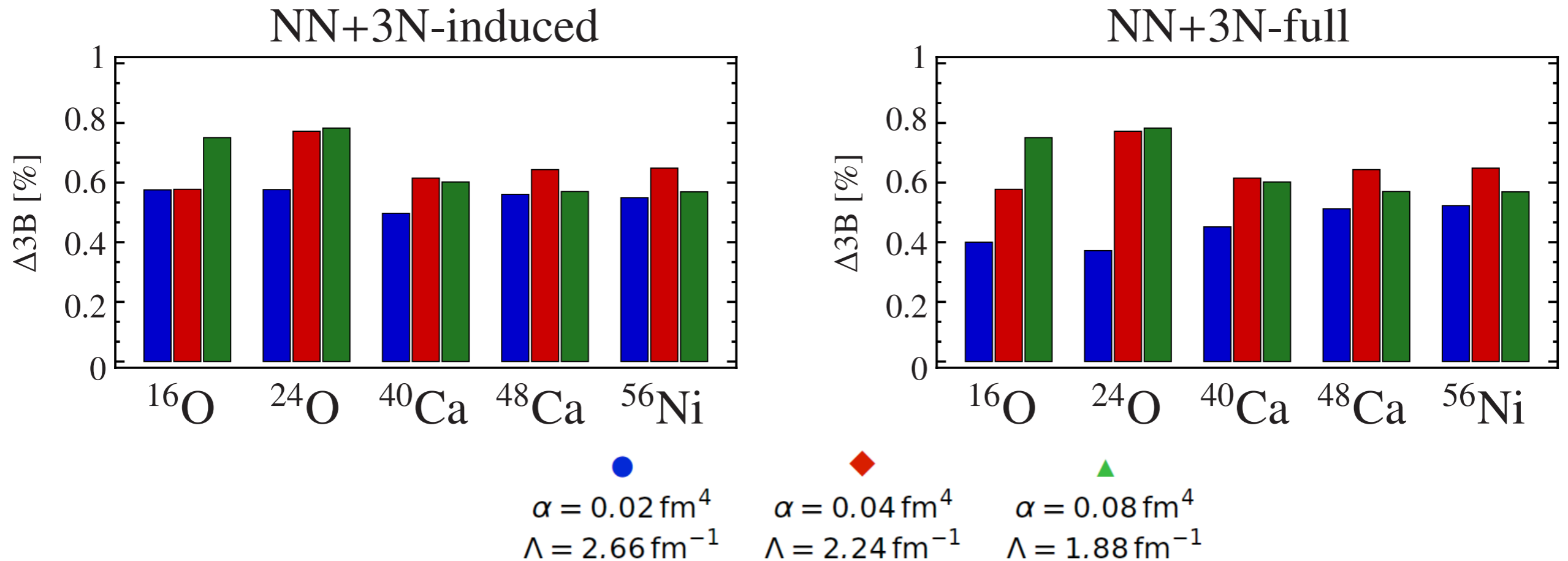
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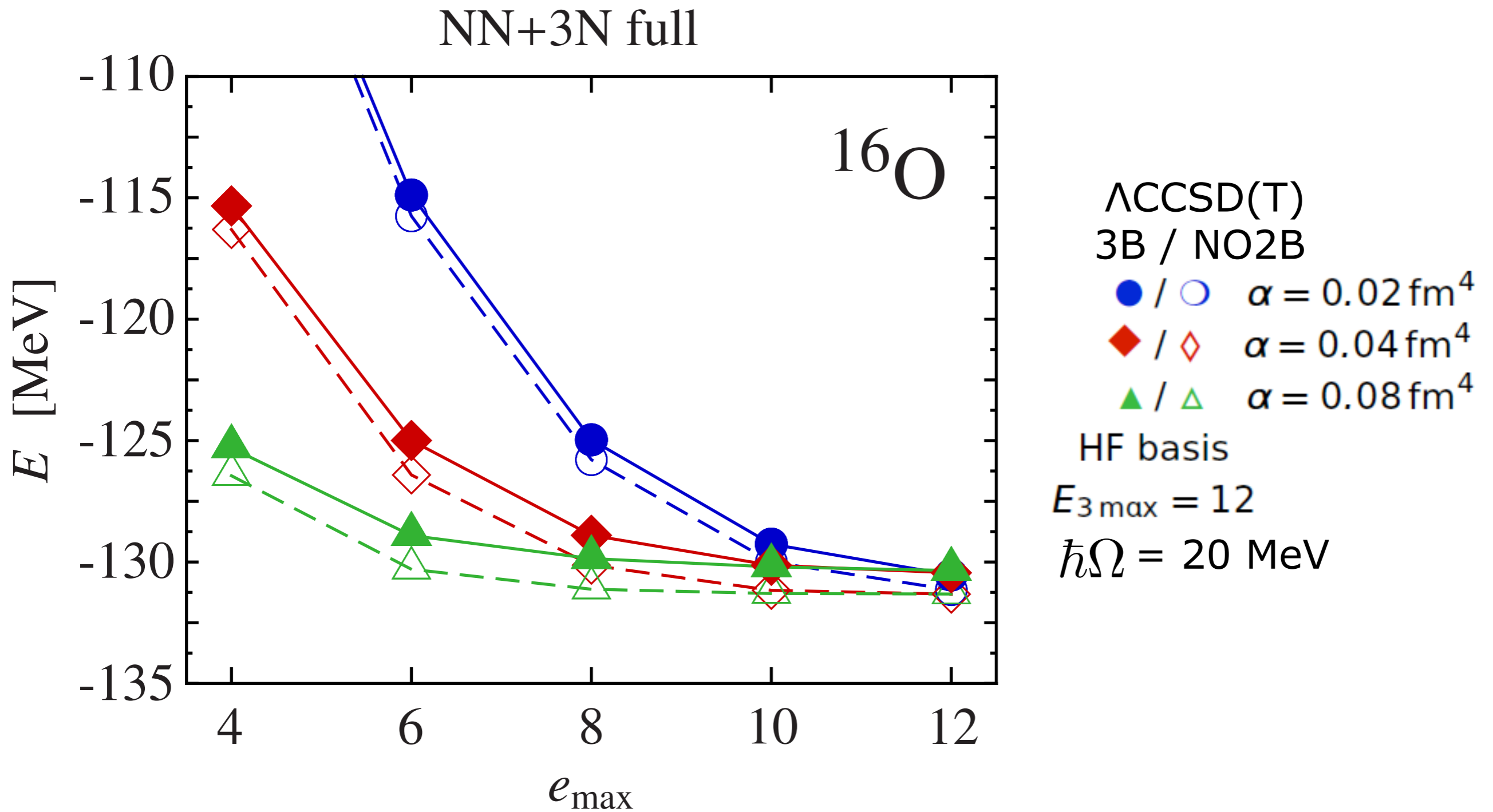


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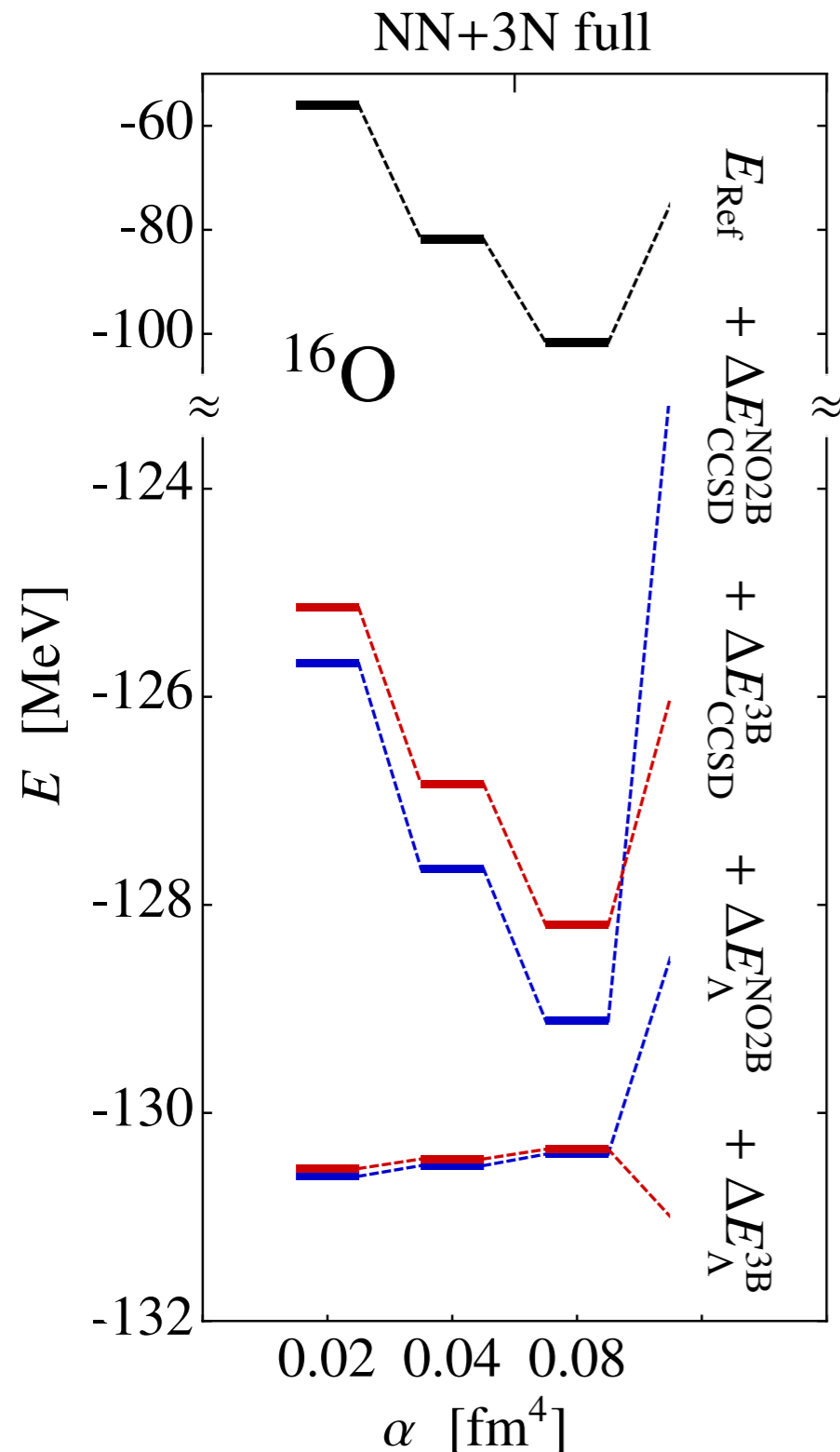


- **excellent agreement** between NO2B and explicit 3N (deviation < 1% for all nuclei considered)
- quality of NO2B **independent** of e_{\max} , $\hbar\Omega$, α
- **efficient and accurate** way to include 3N interactions

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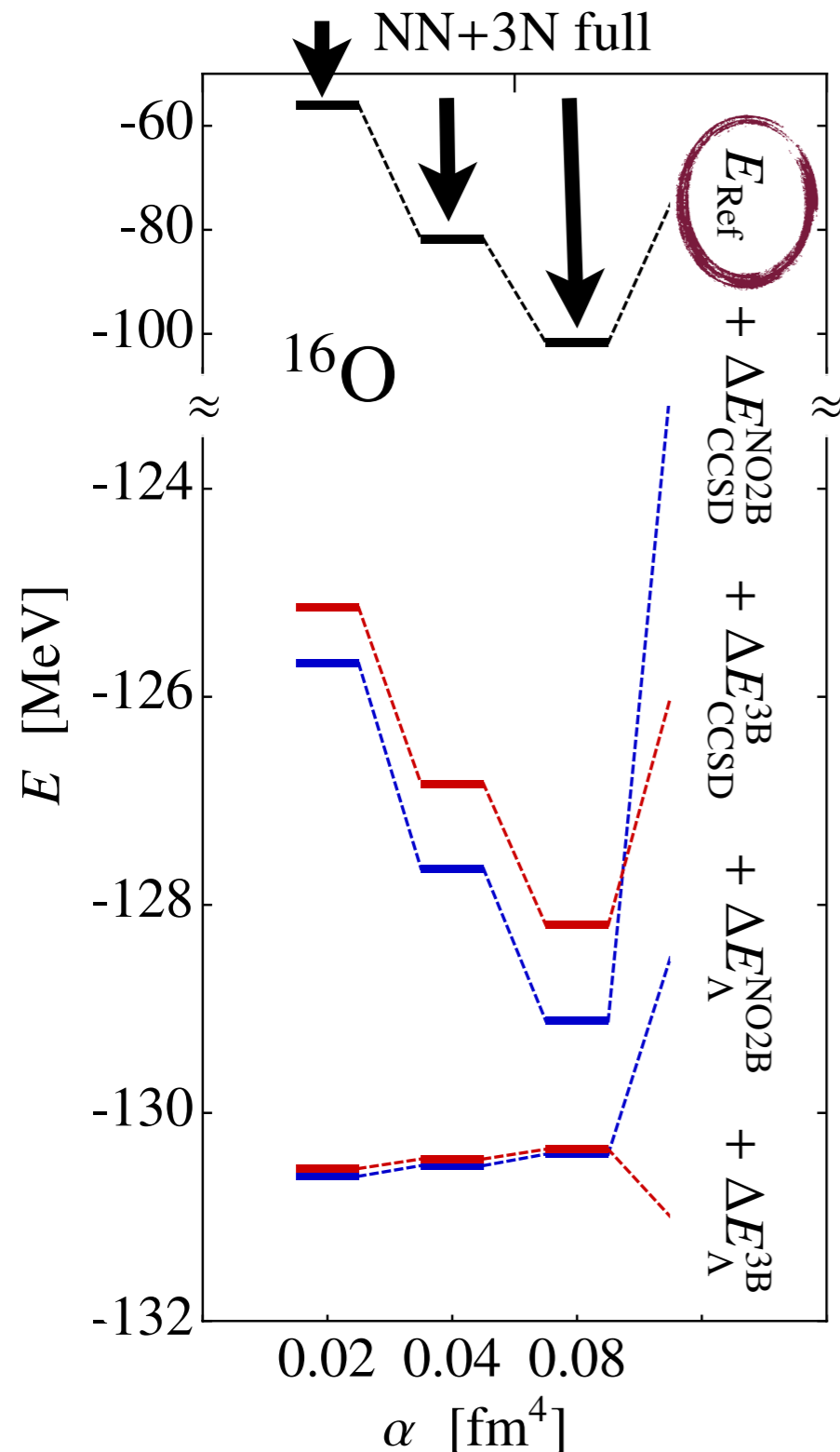
- NO2B shows **excellent agreement** also for Λ CCSD(T)

- $E_{\Lambda\text{CCSD(T)}} = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H} | \Phi_0 \rangle + \Delta E_{\text{CCSD}} + \Delta E_{\Lambda\text{CCSD(T)}}$

$$\Delta E_{\text{CCSD}} = \Delta E_{\text{CCSD}}^{\text{NO2B}} + \Delta E_{\text{CCSD}}^{3\text{B}}, \text{ etc.}$$

- significant contribution of residual 3N **only for ΔE_{CCSD}**
- **soft interactions**: contributions from residual 3N to ΔE_{CCSD} comparable to contribution from Λ CCSD(T) correction

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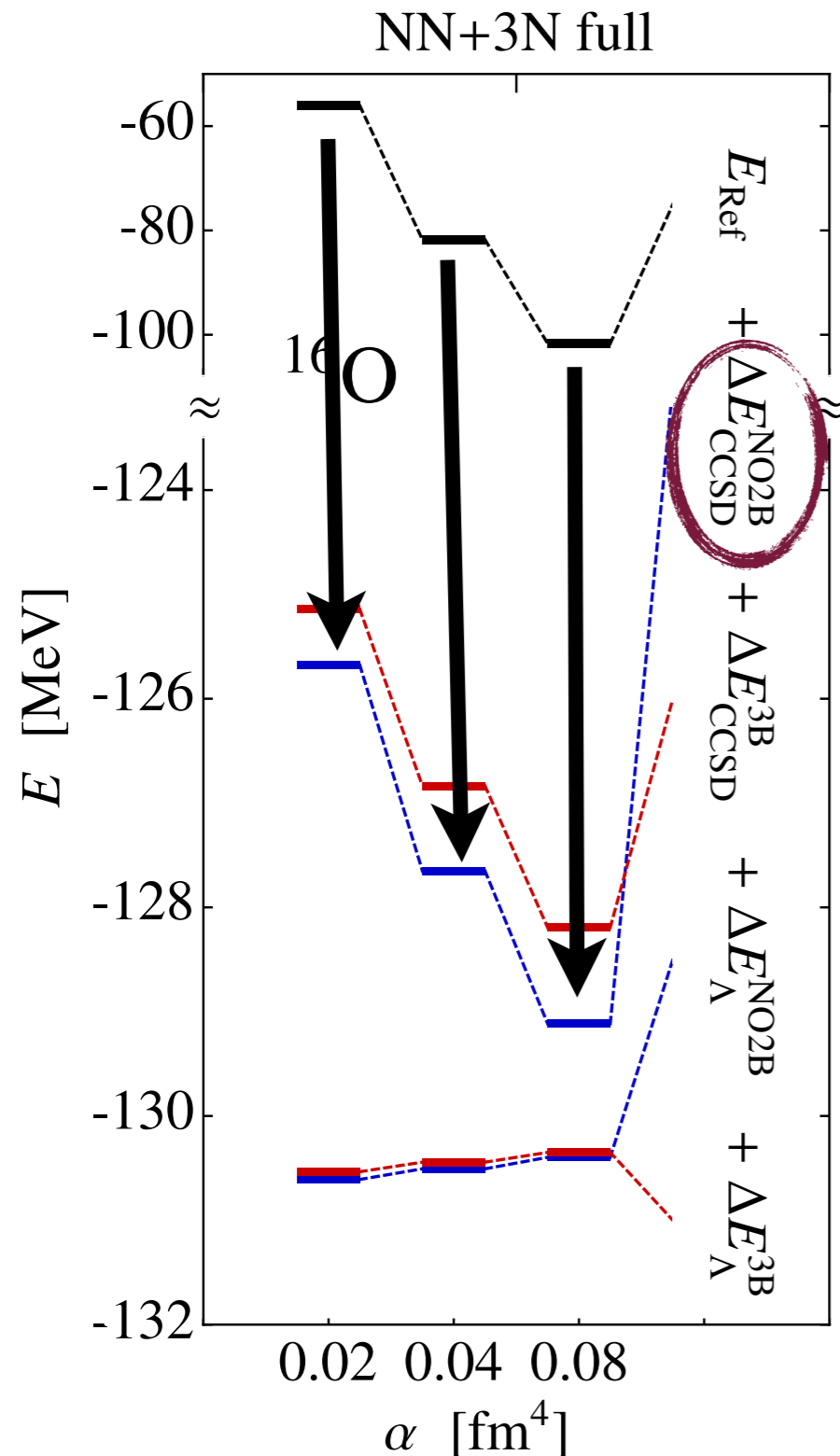
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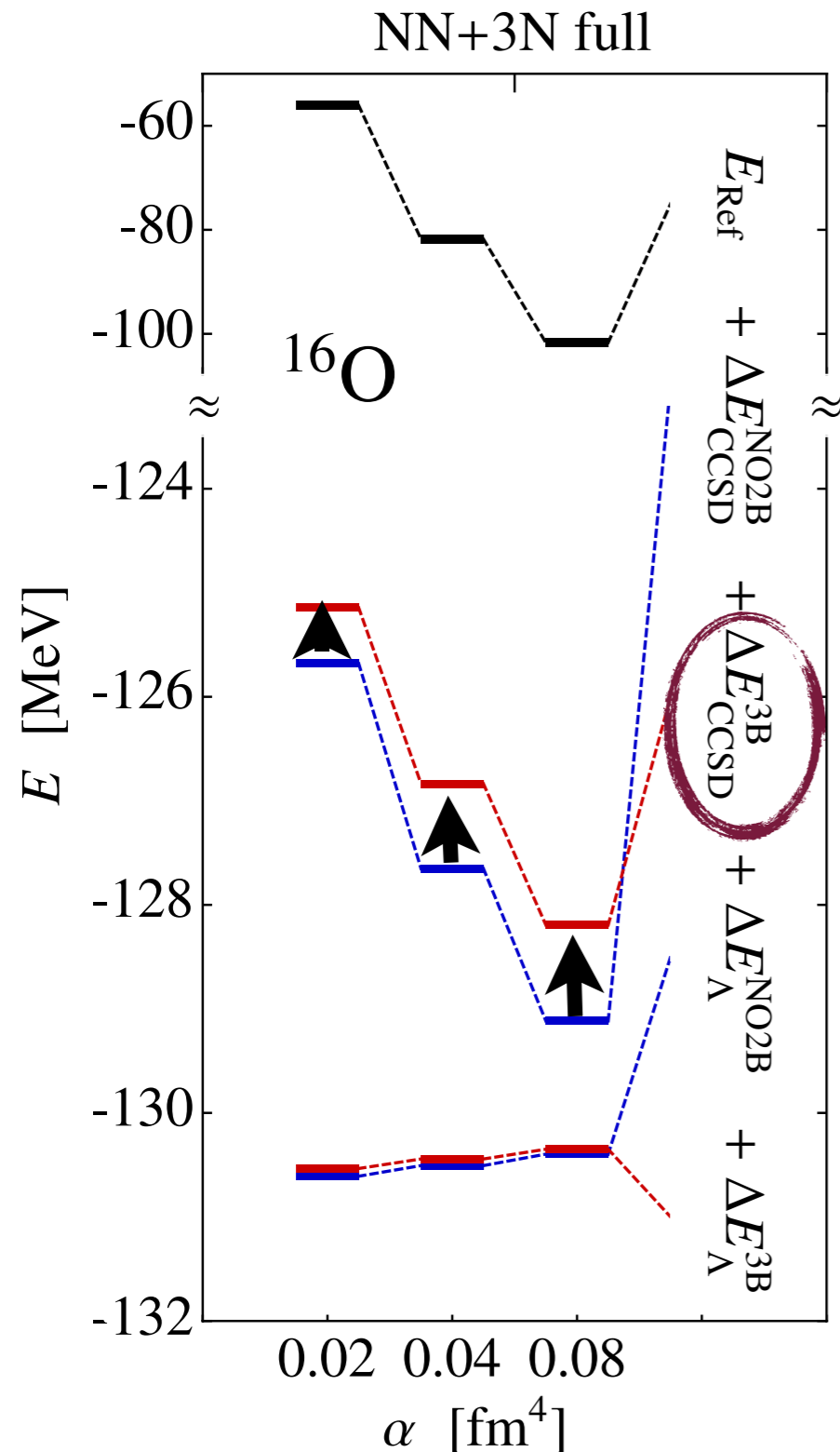
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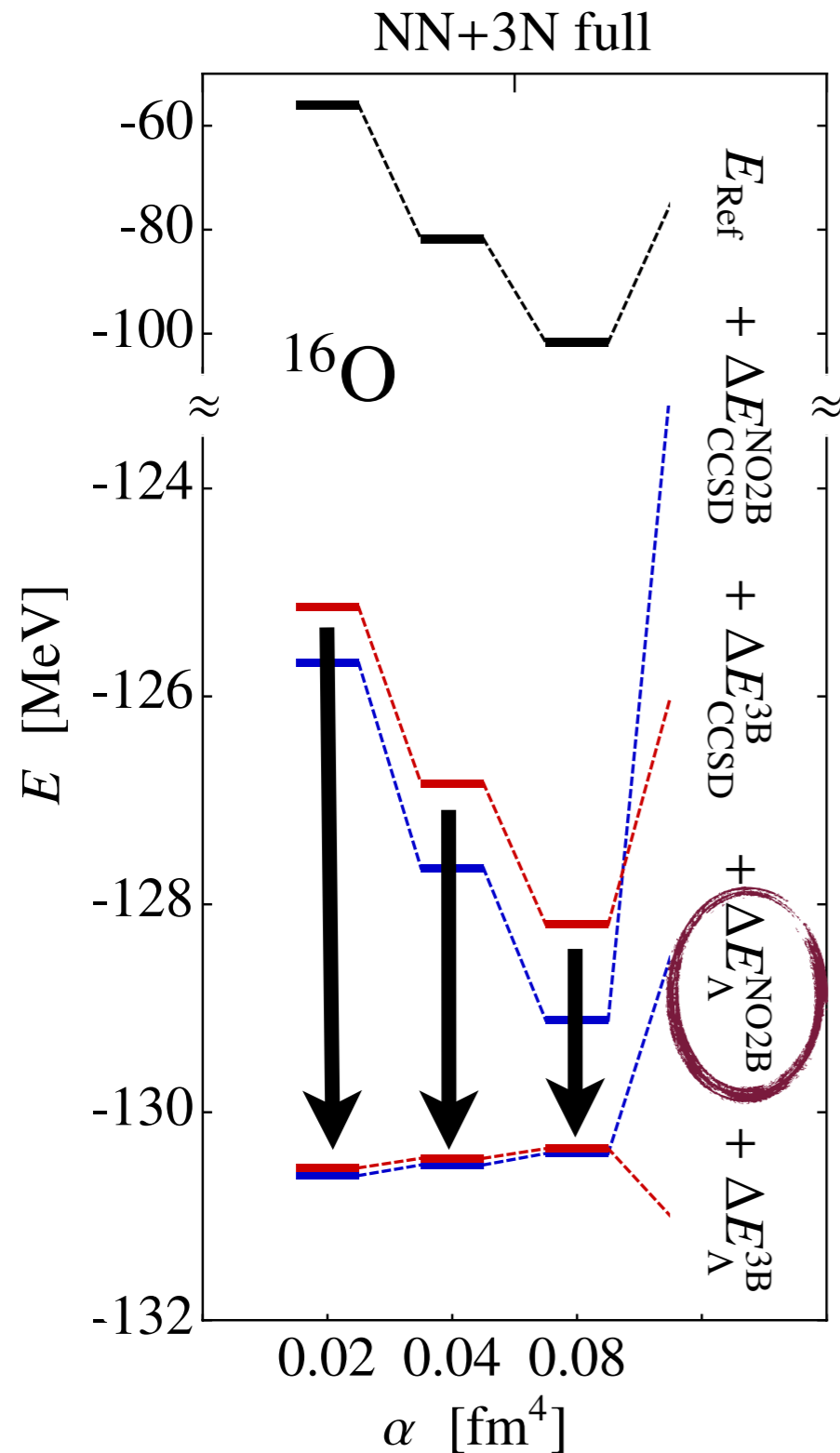
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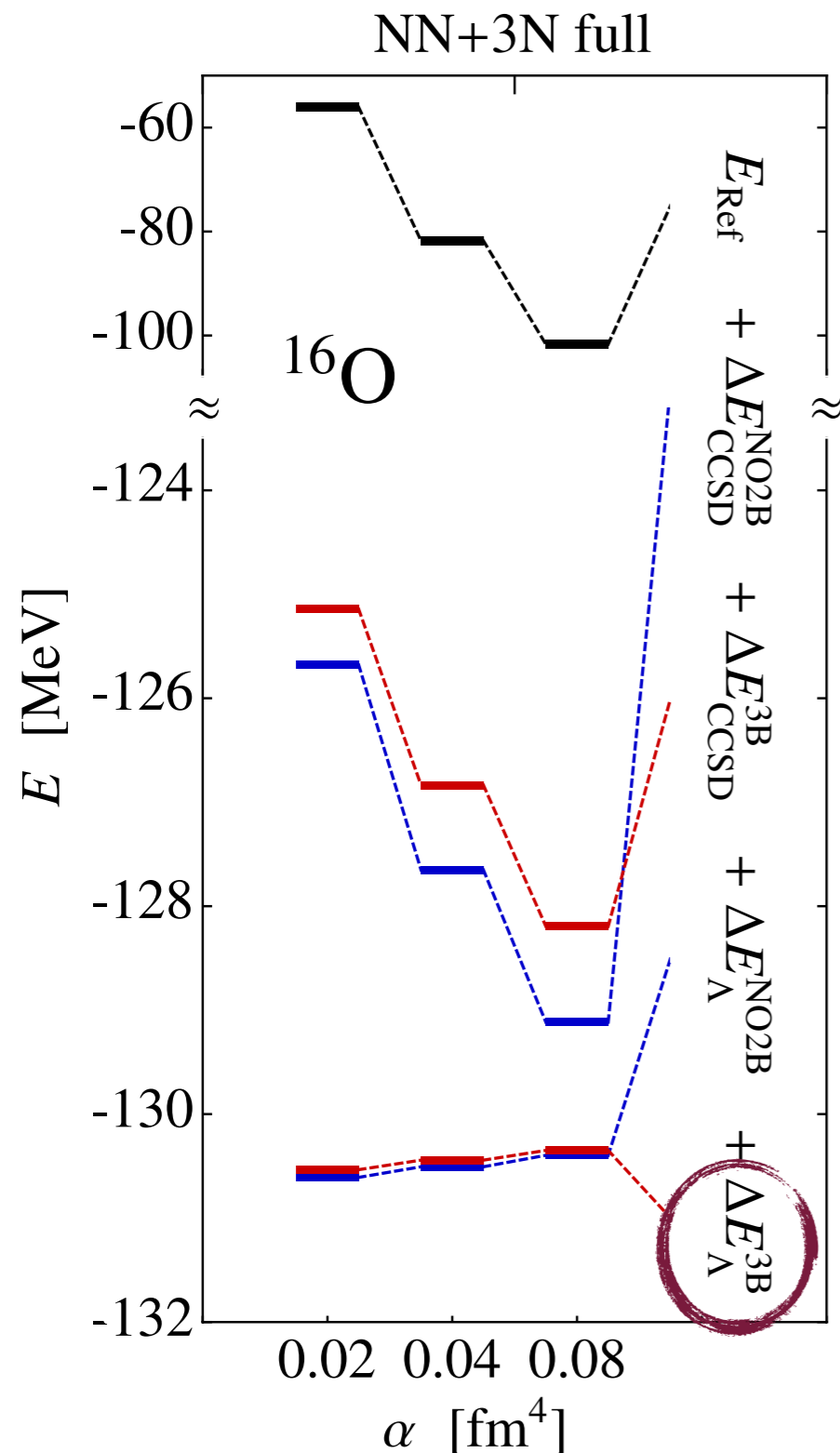
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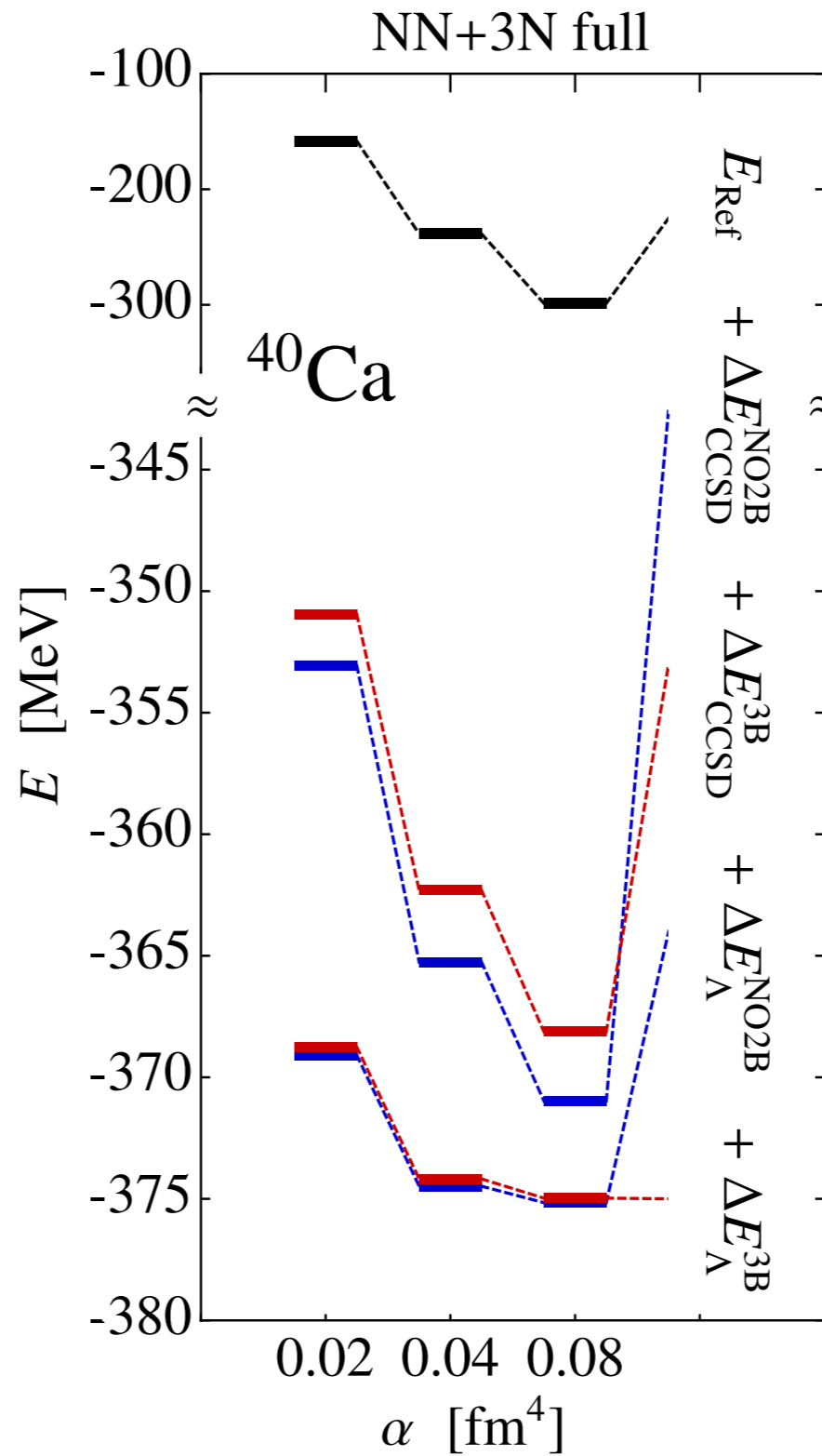
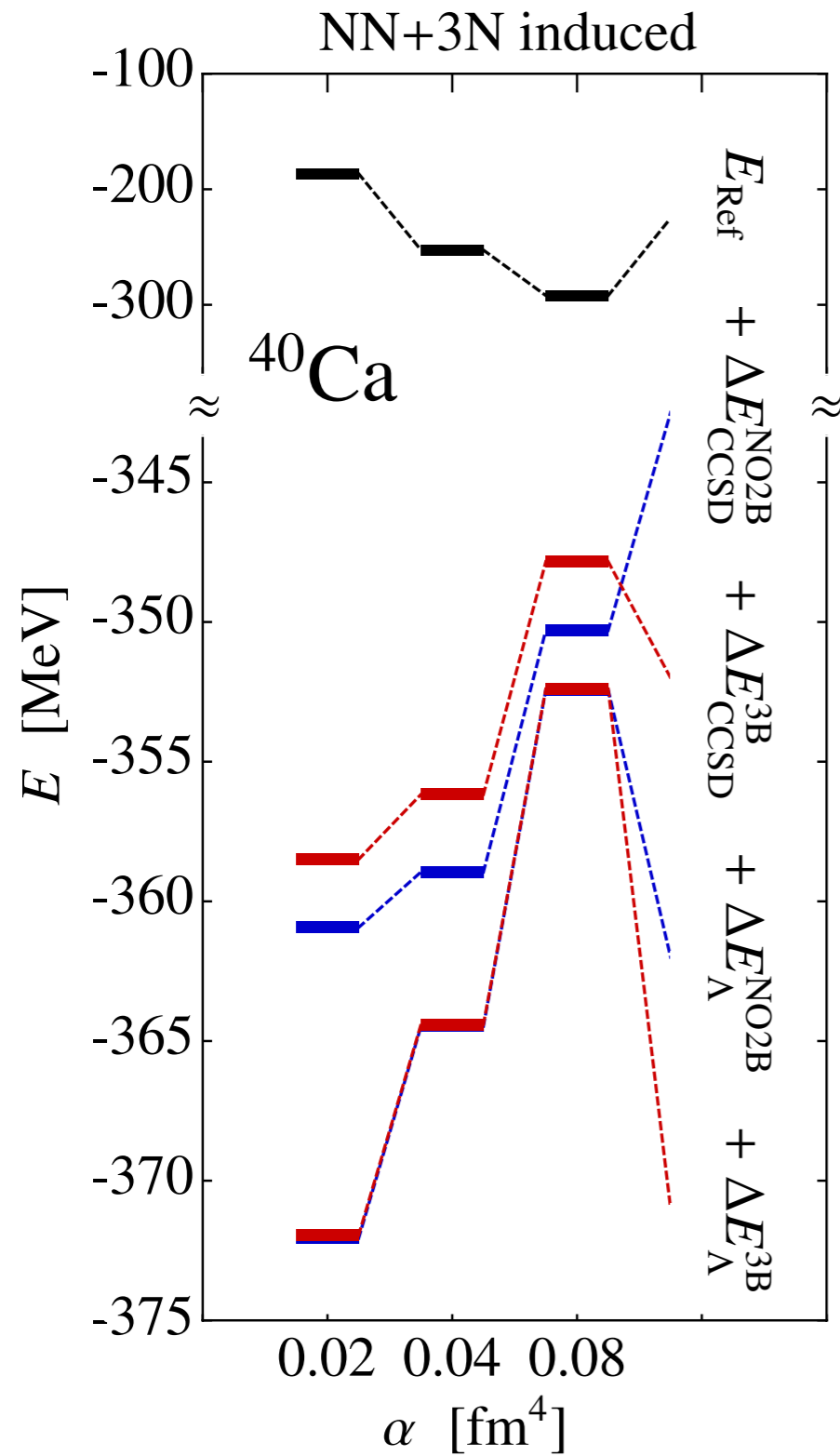
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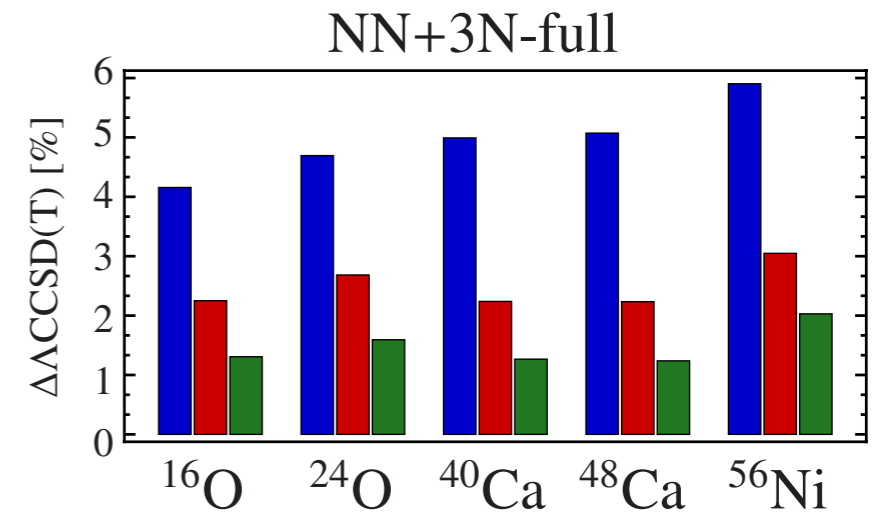
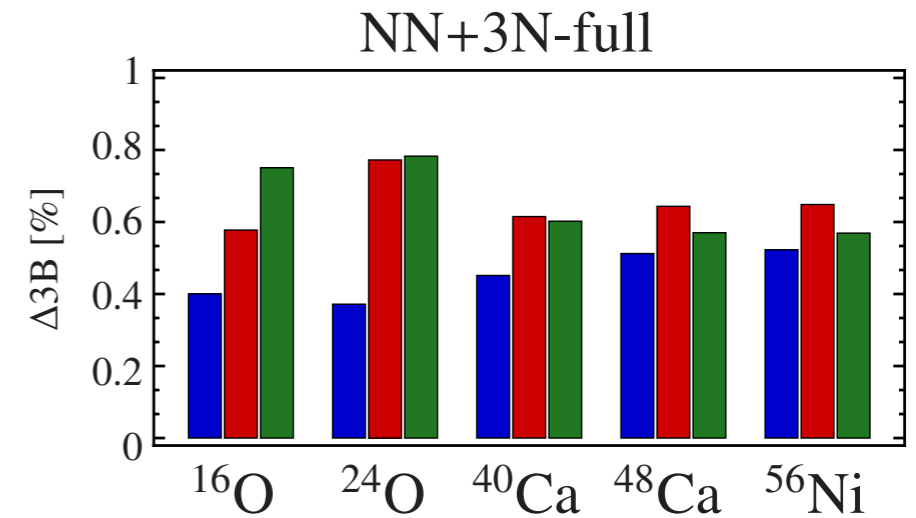
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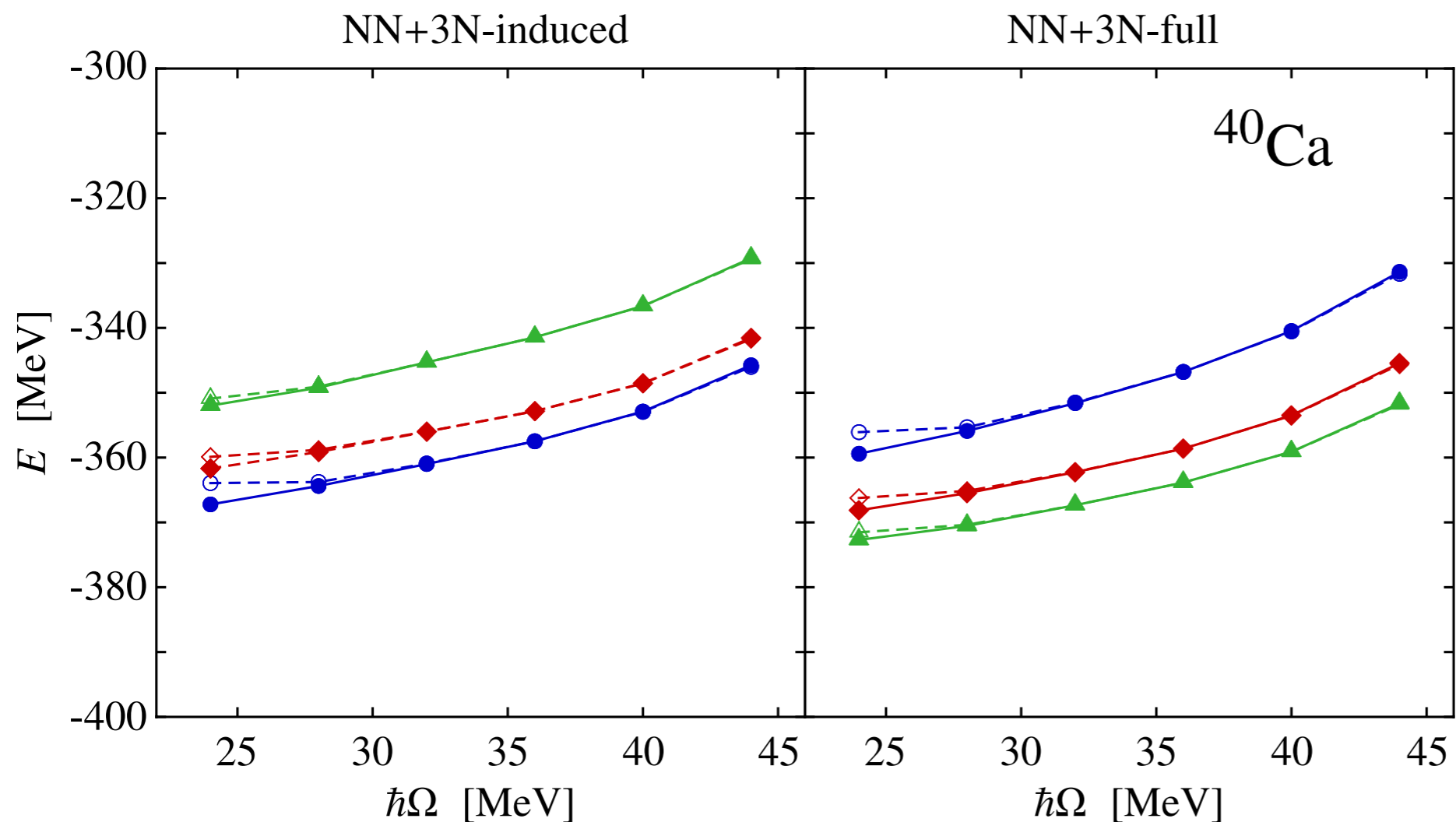


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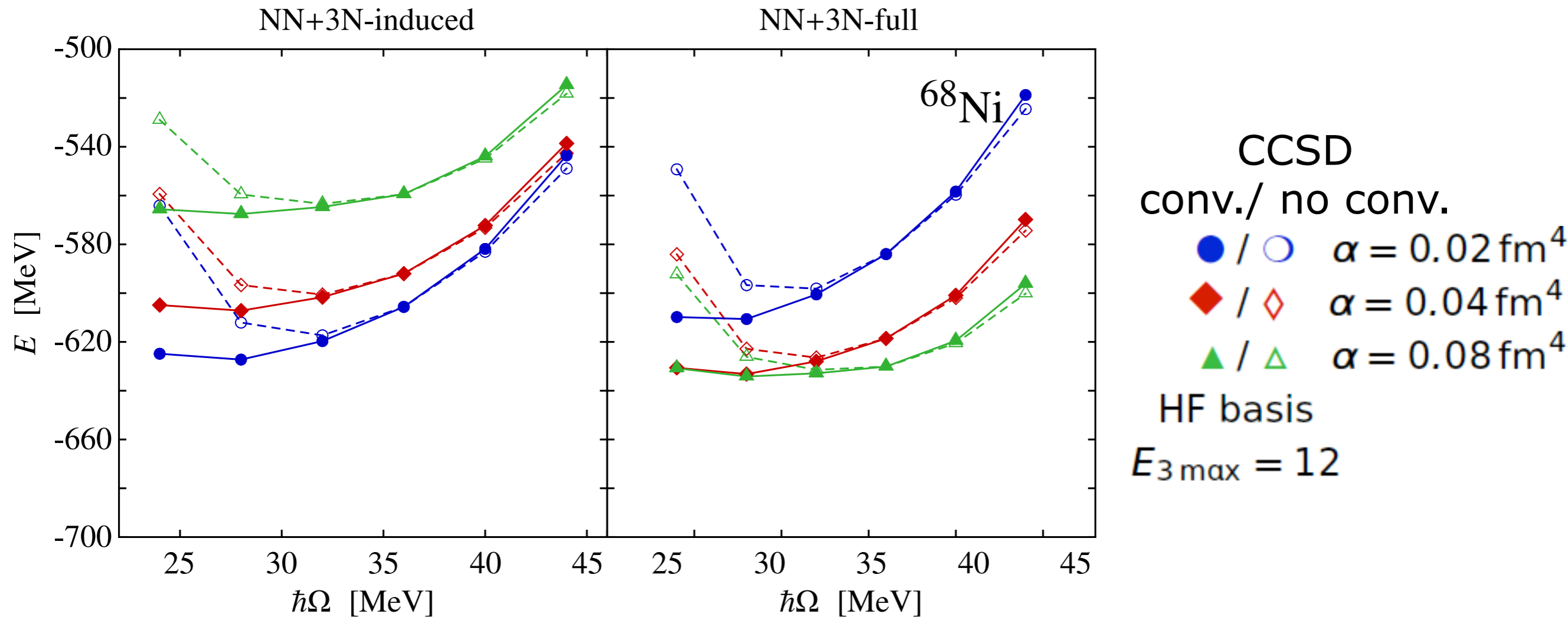
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- current SRG model spaces **not appropriate** for small frequencies
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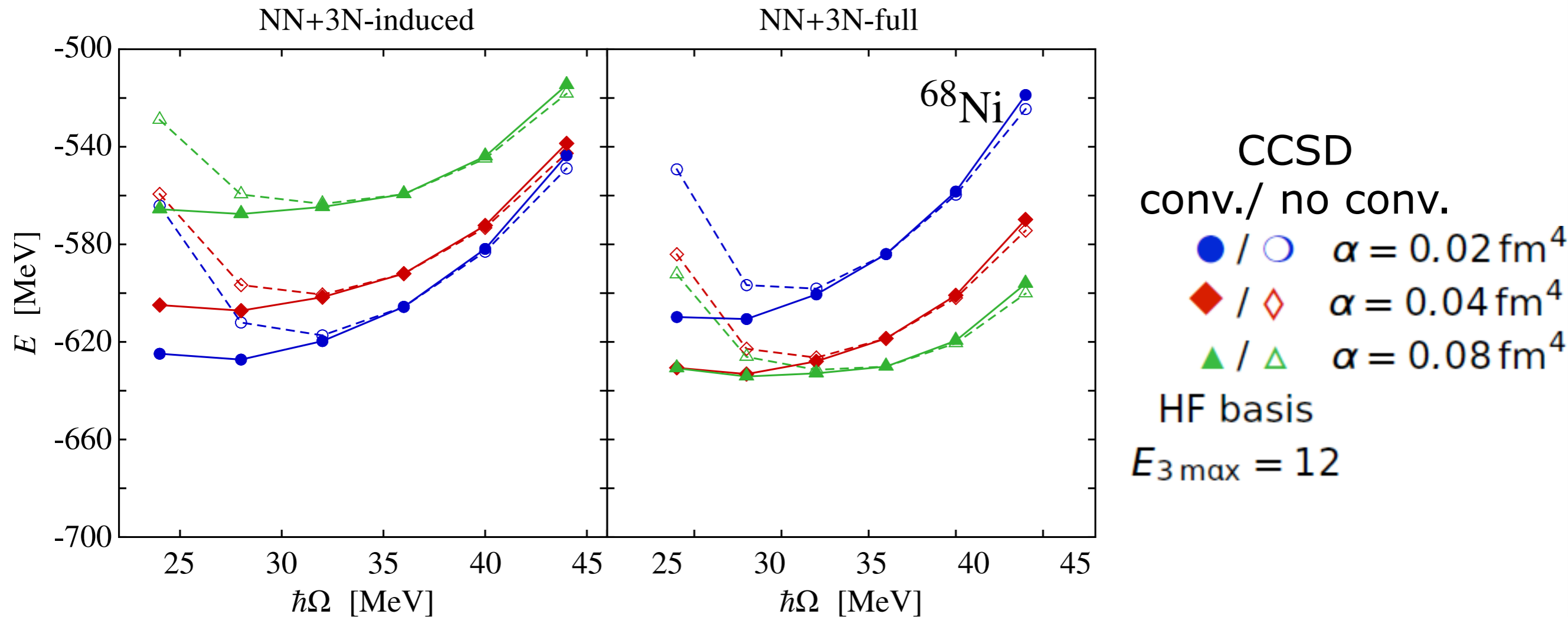
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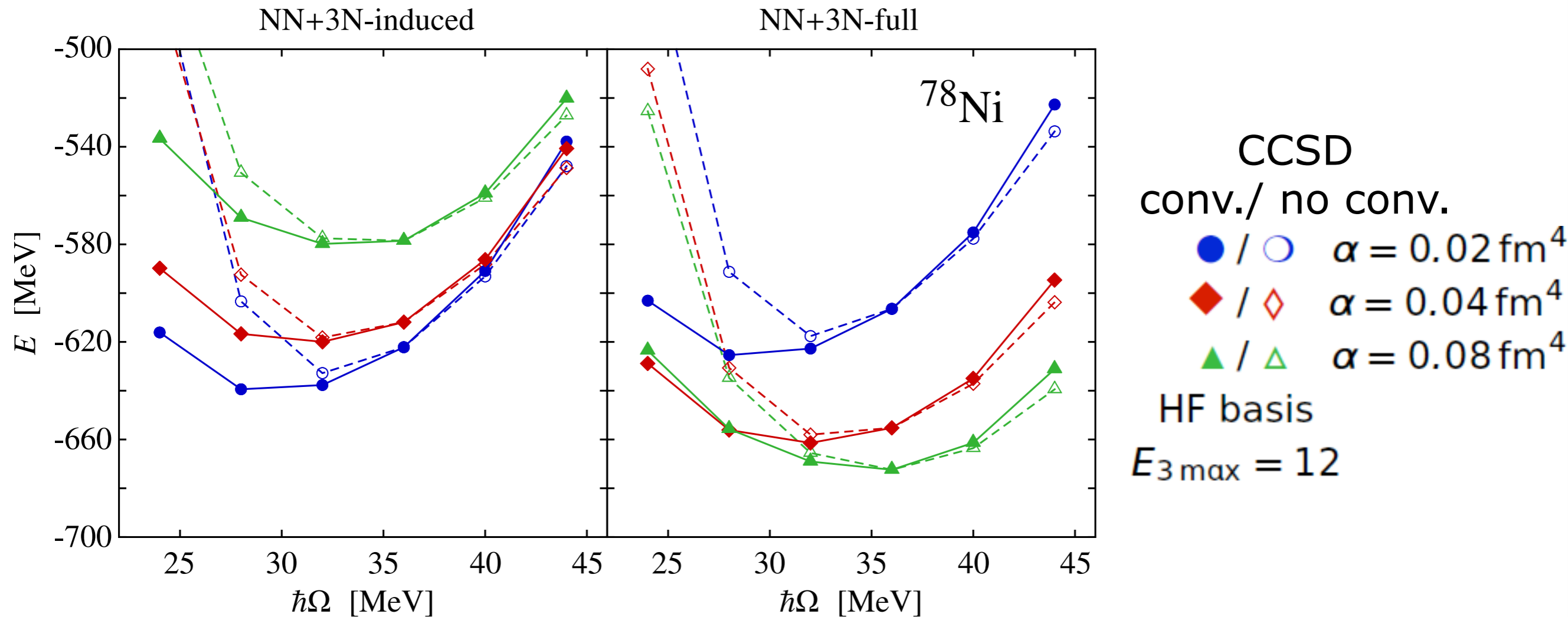
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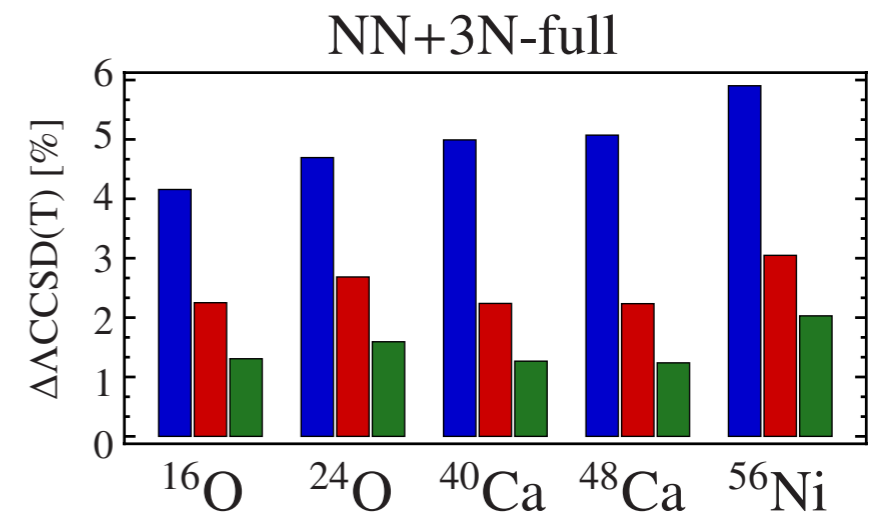
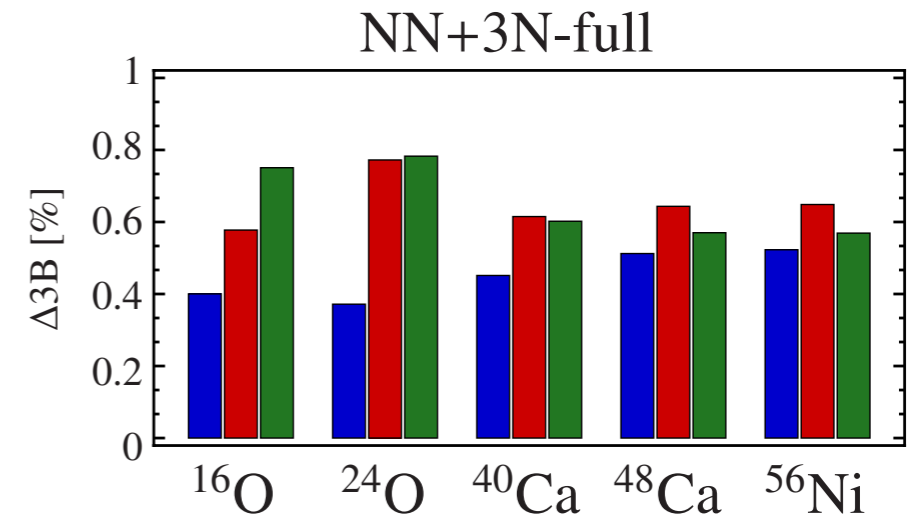
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- **$E_{3\max}$ truncation:** use \hat{W}_{3B} matrix elements $\langle pqr | \hat{W}_{3B} | stu \rangle$ with

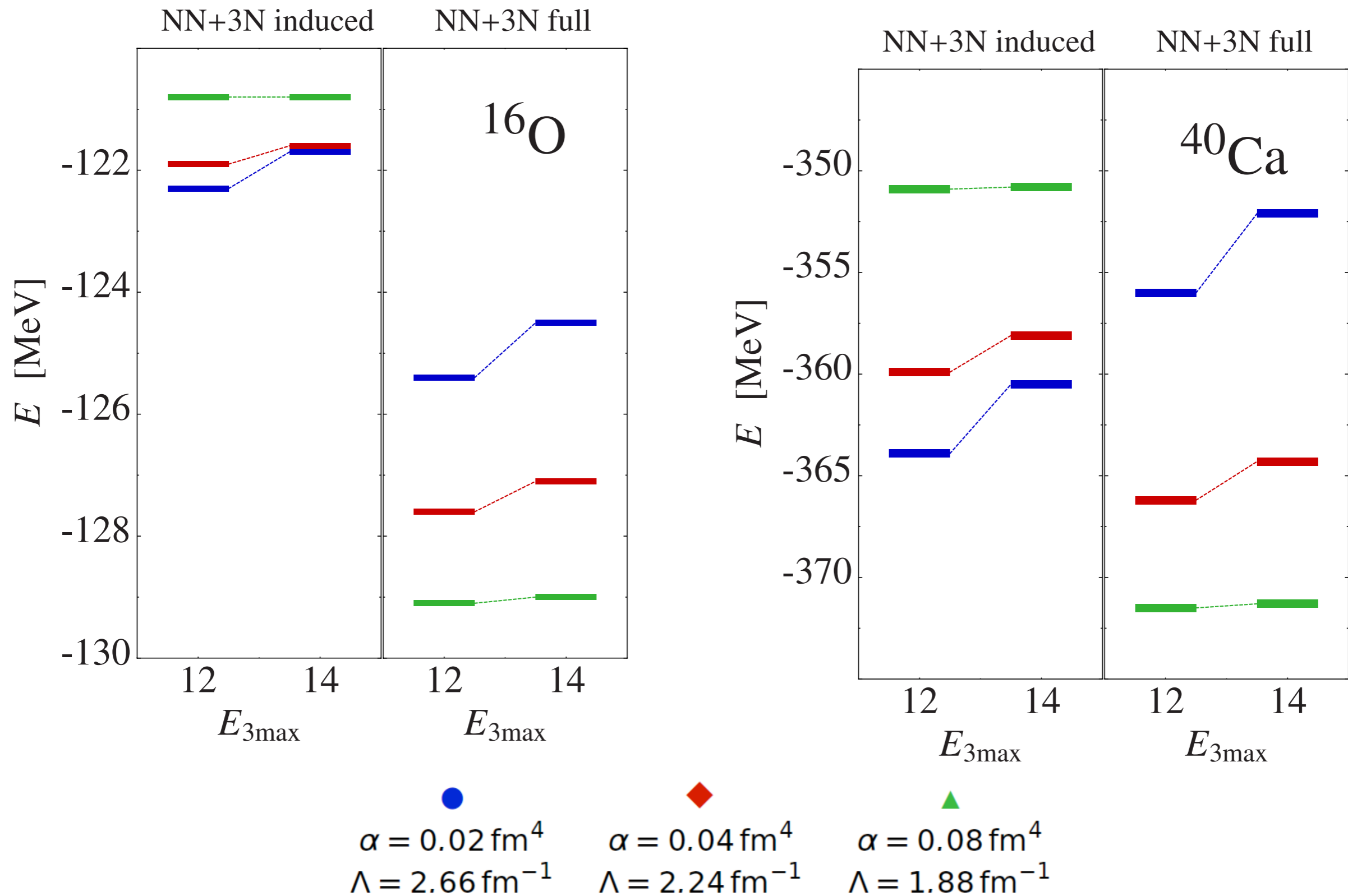
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$$e_p = 2n_p + l_p$$

- **current limits:**

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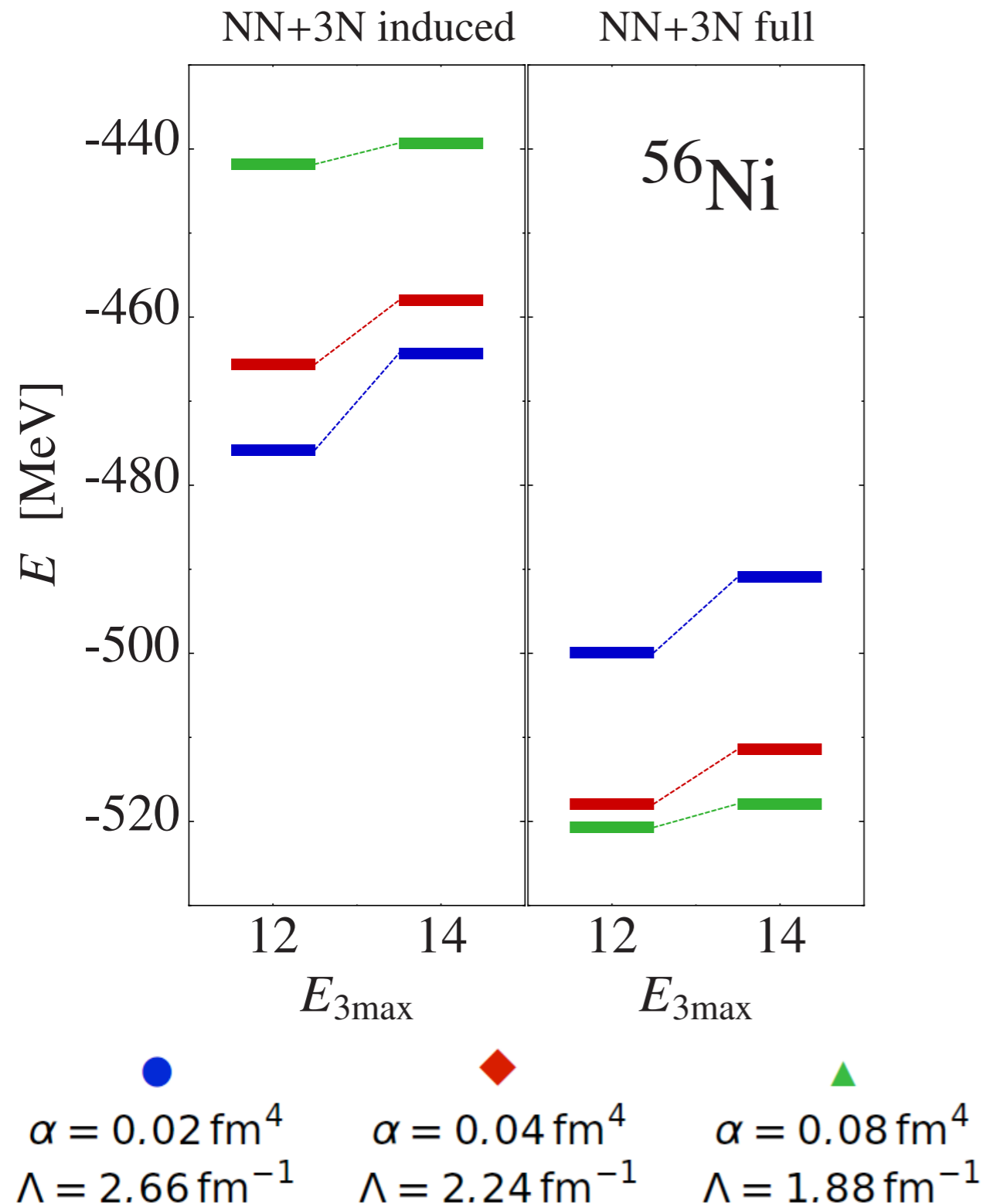
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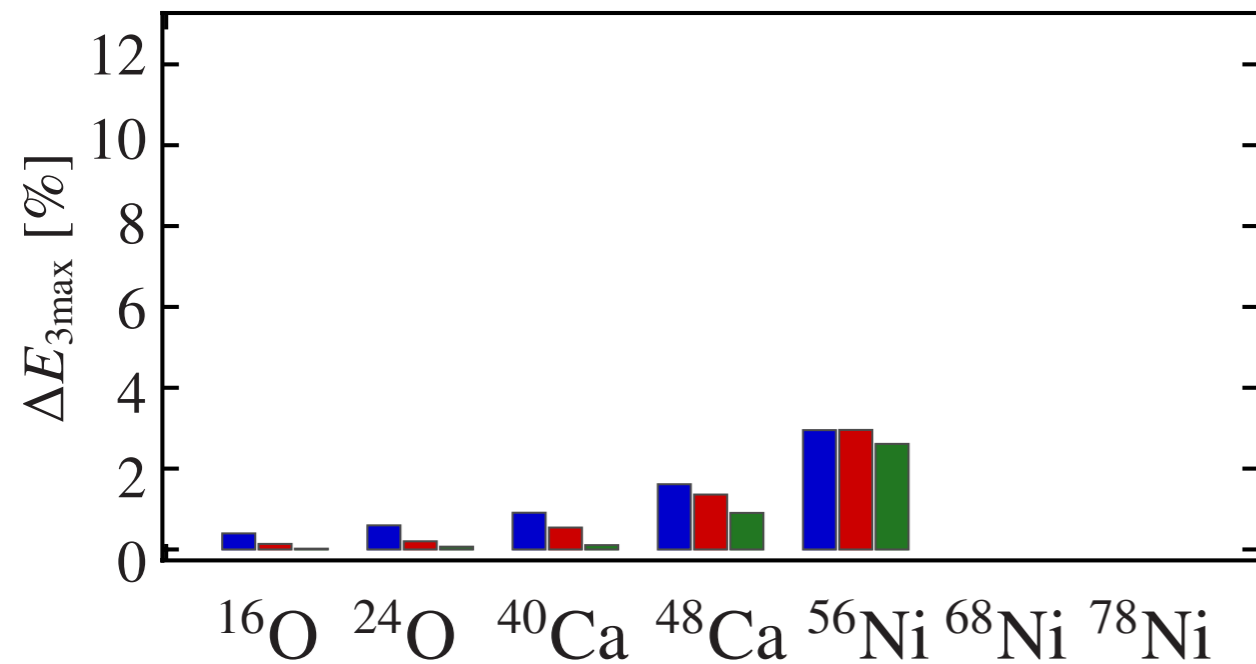


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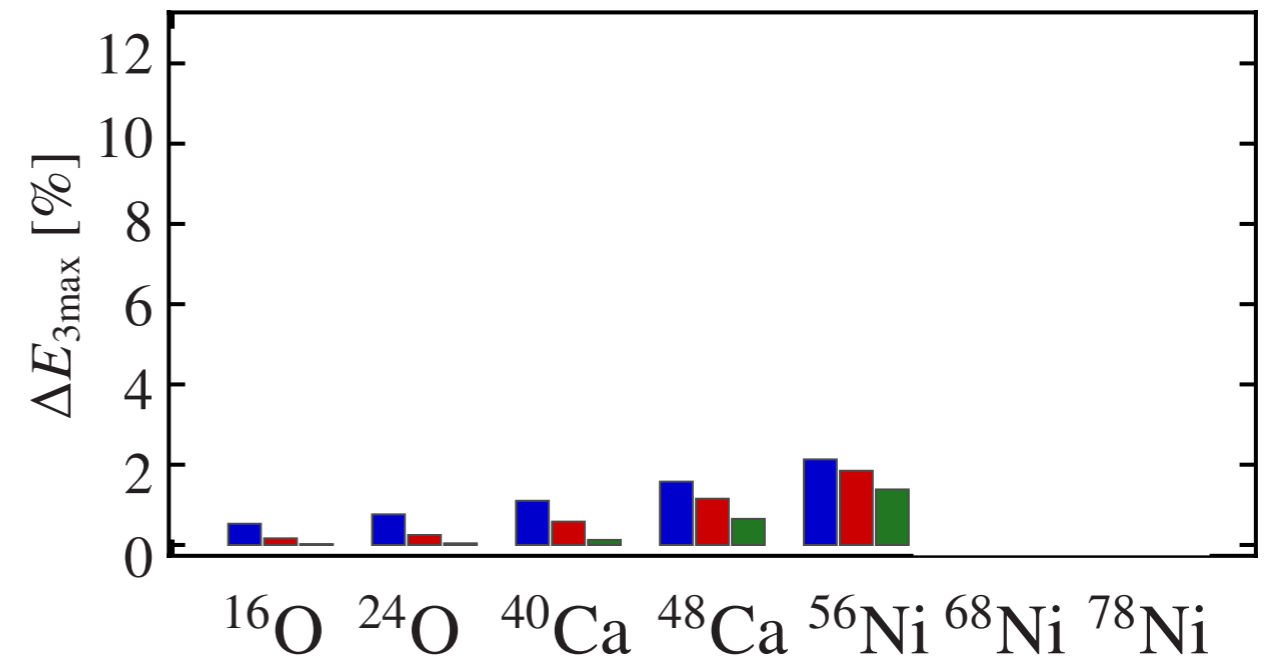
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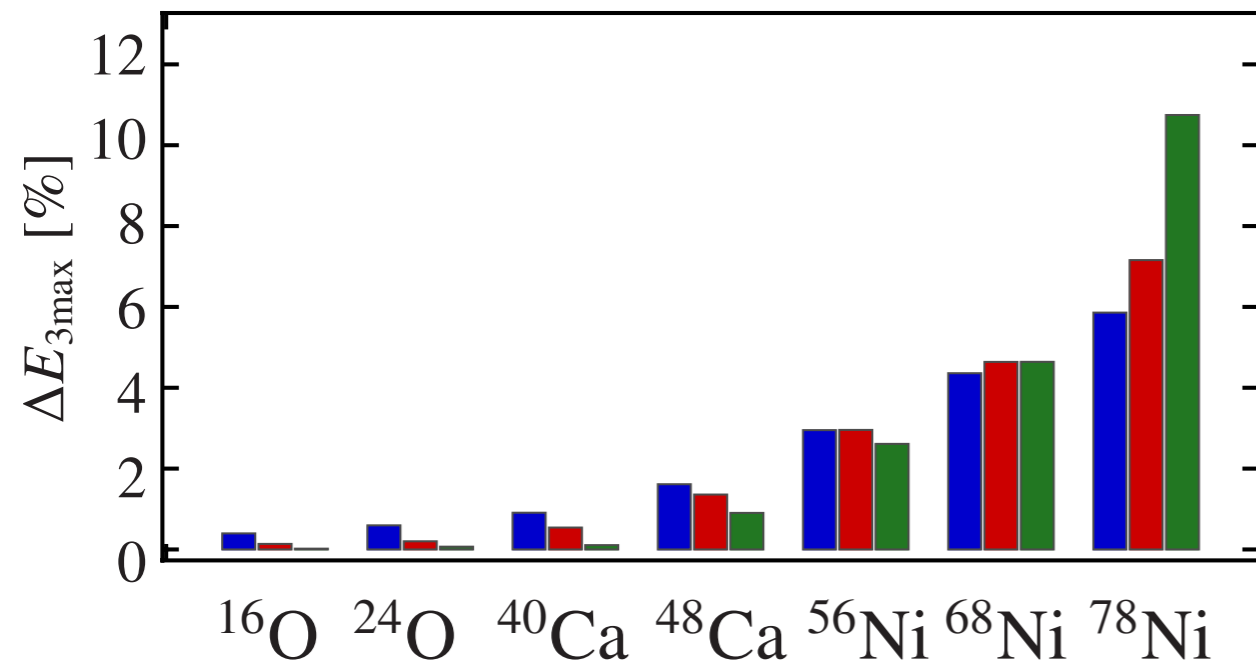


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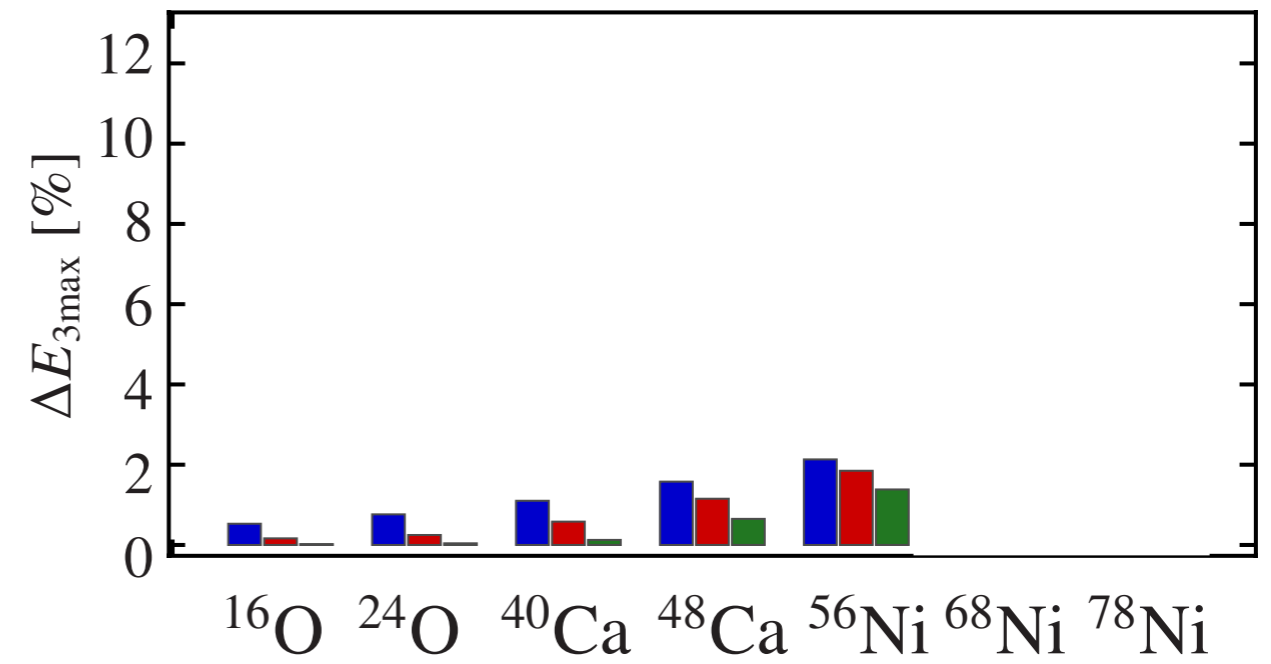
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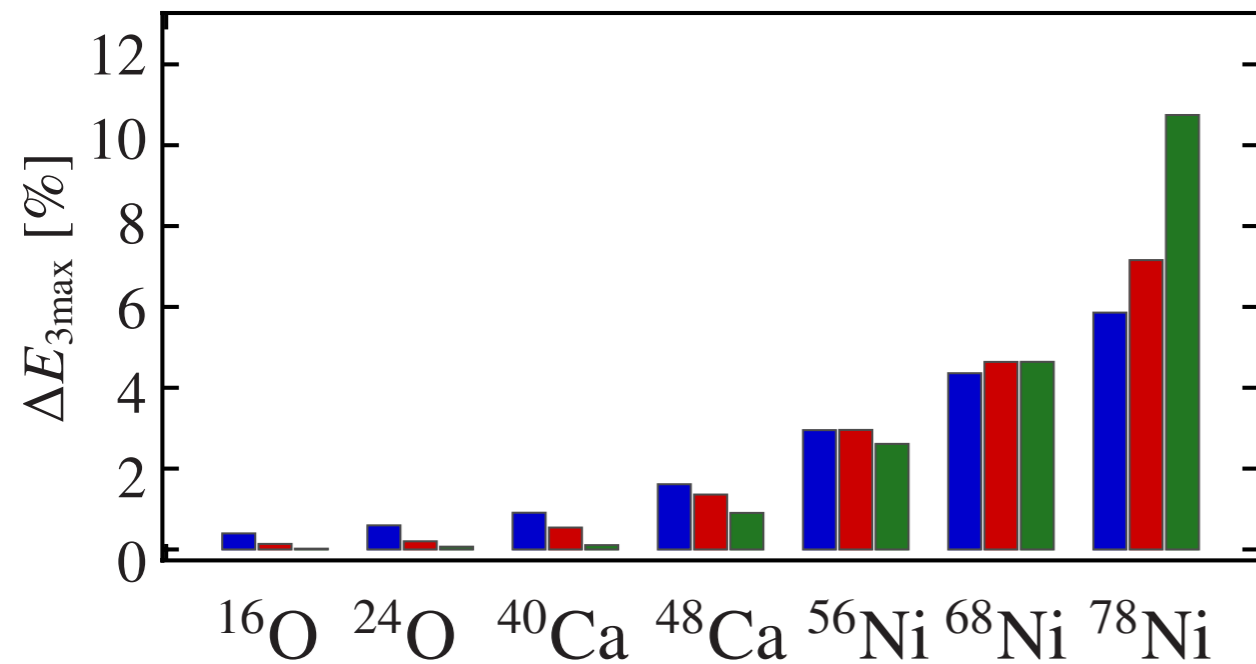


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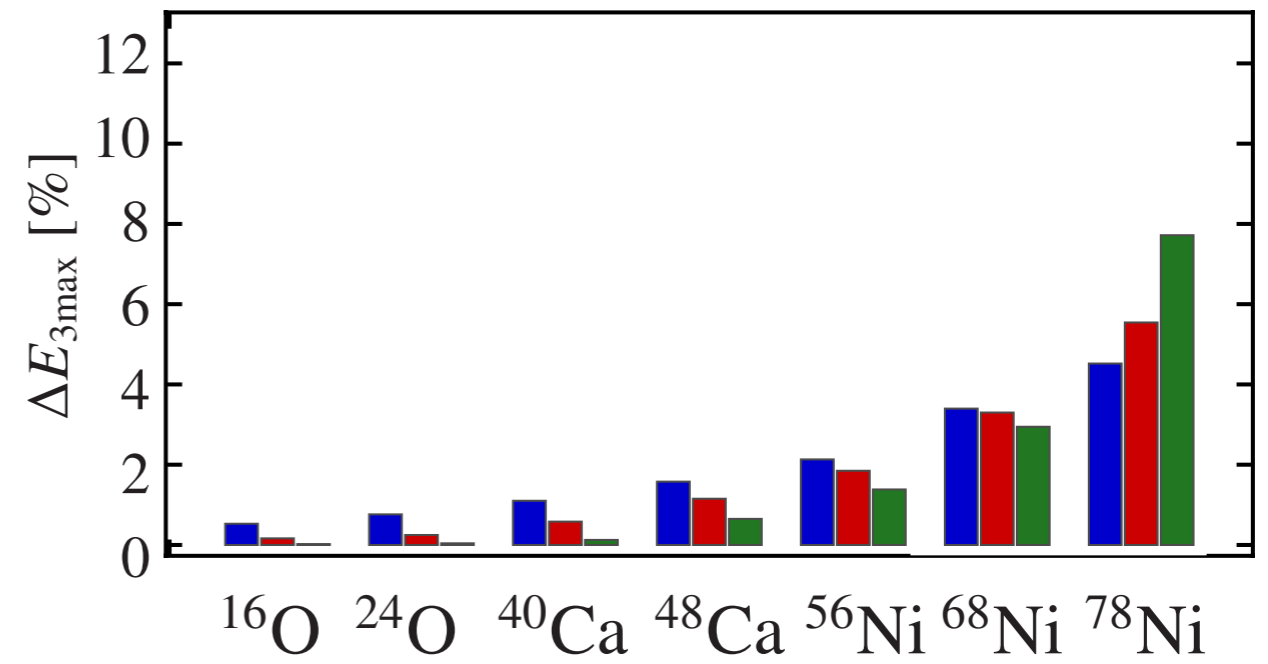
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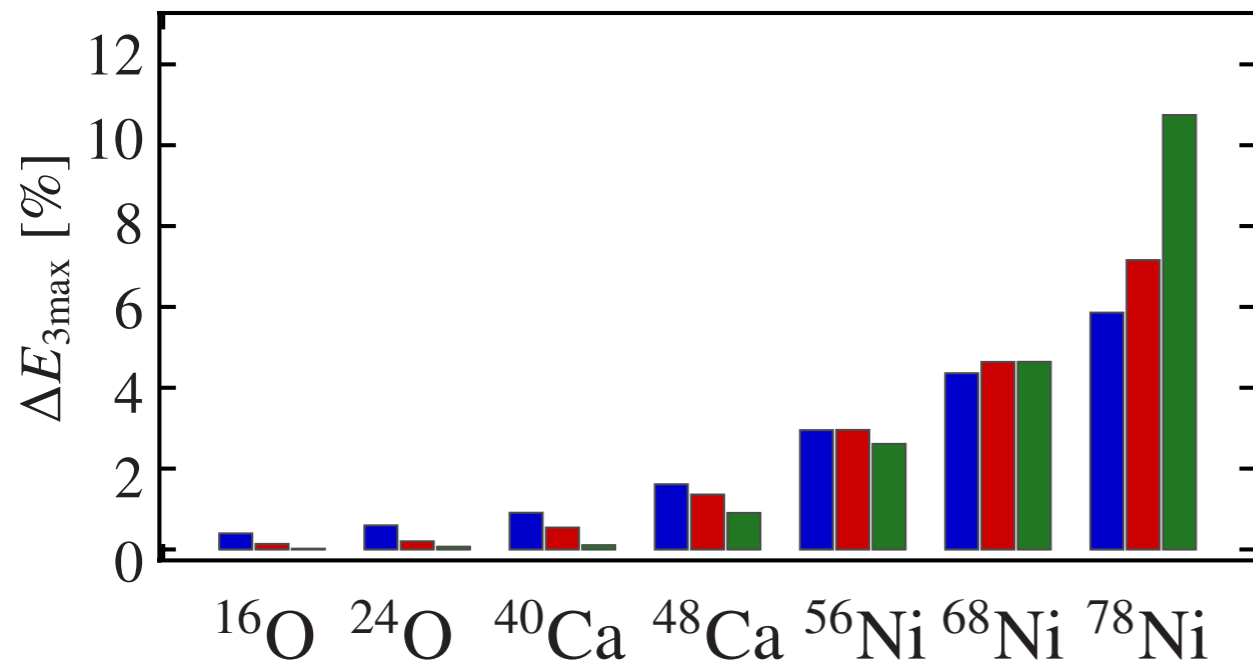
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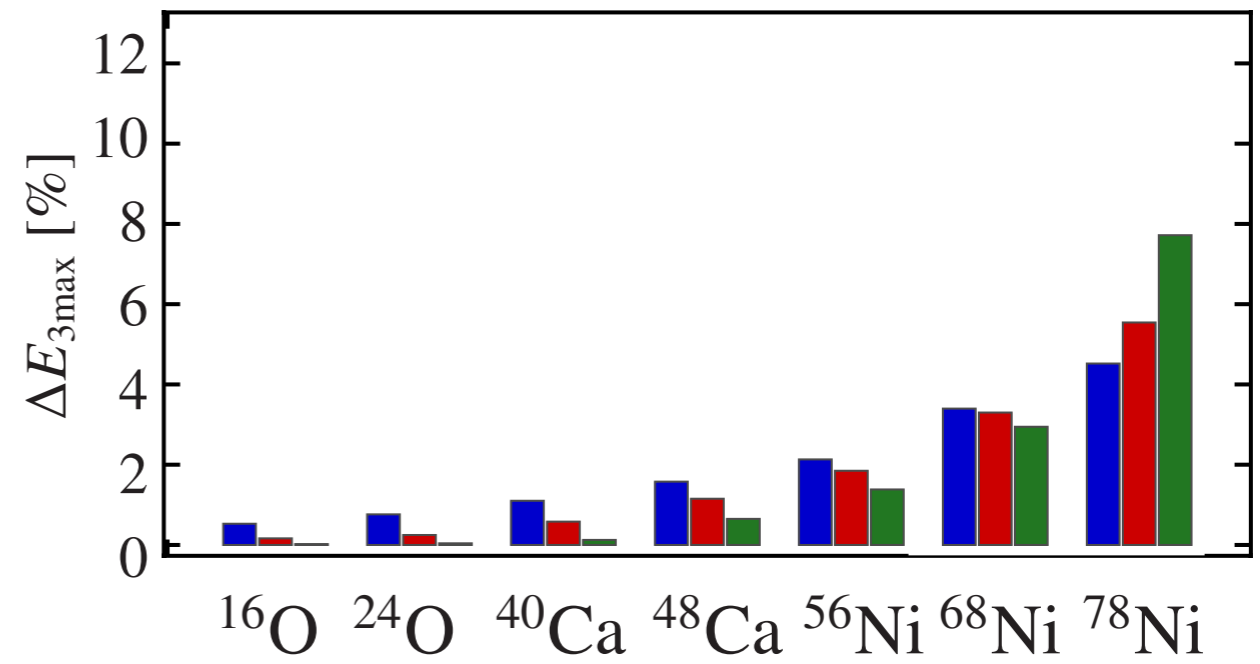
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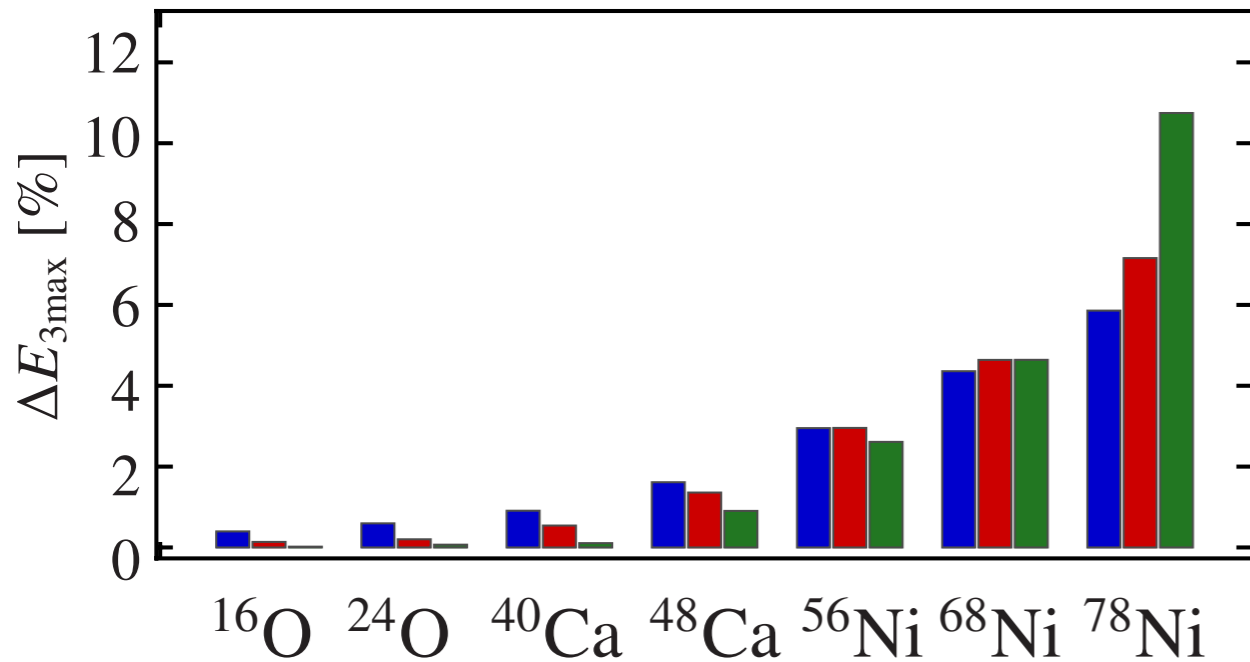
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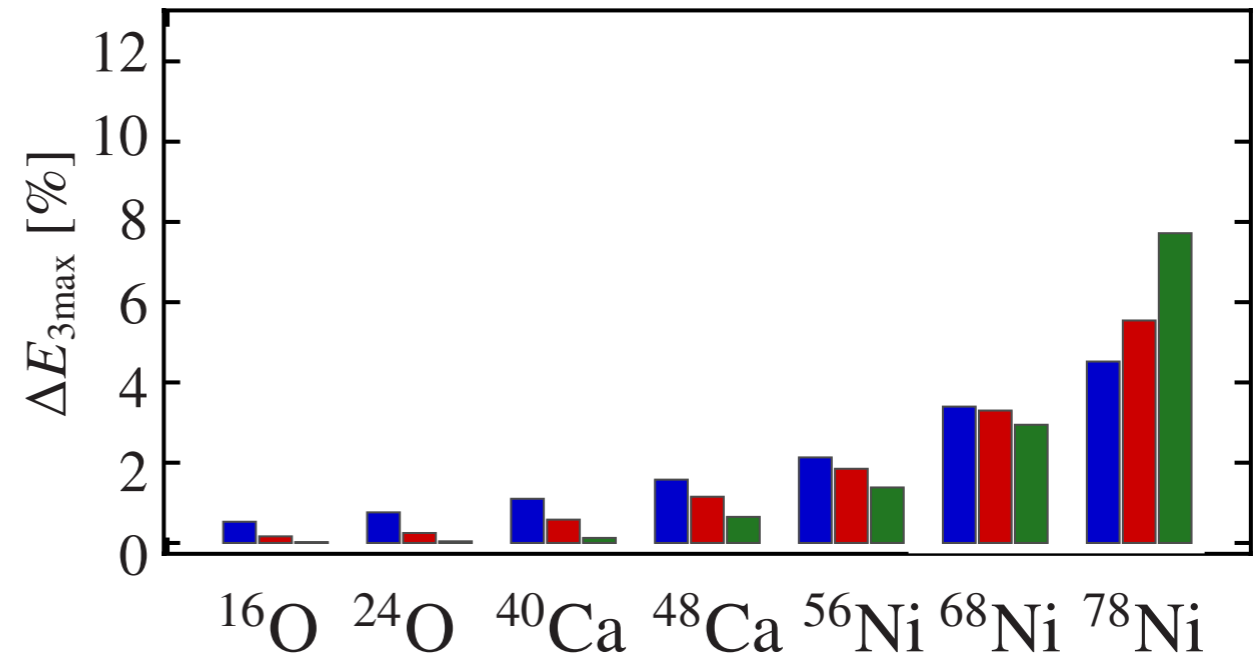
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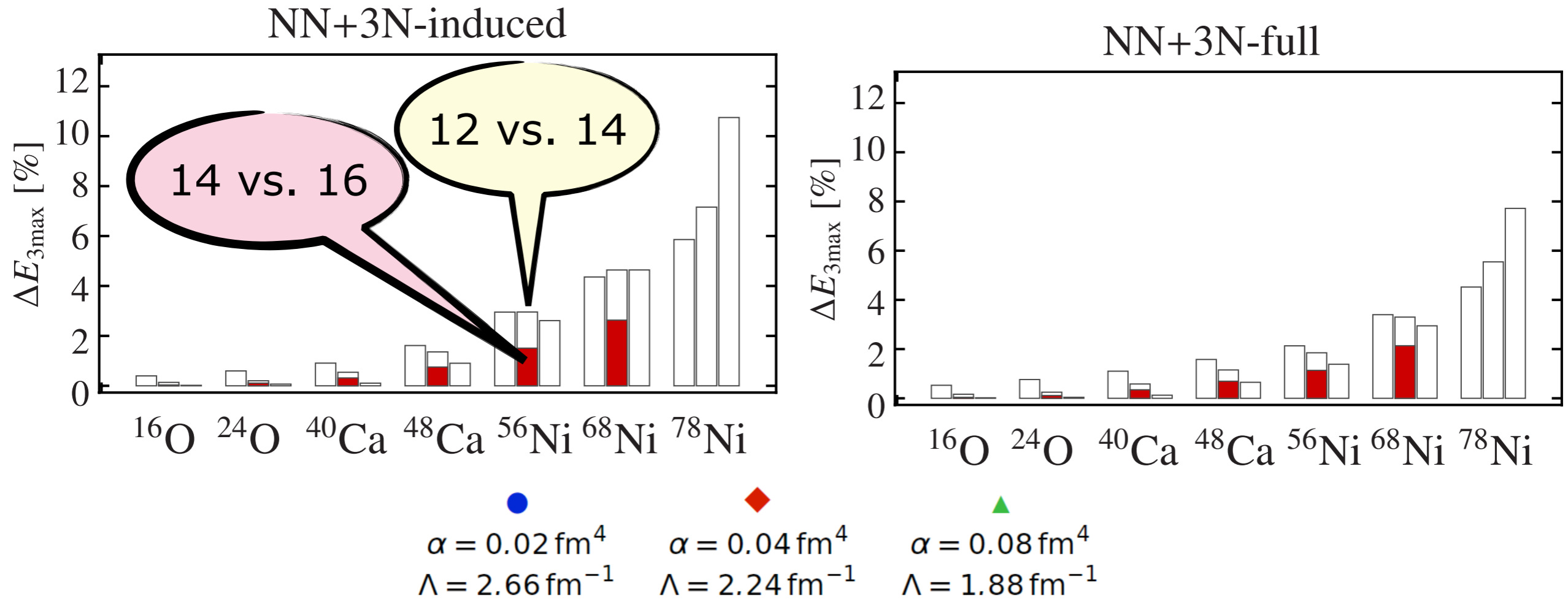


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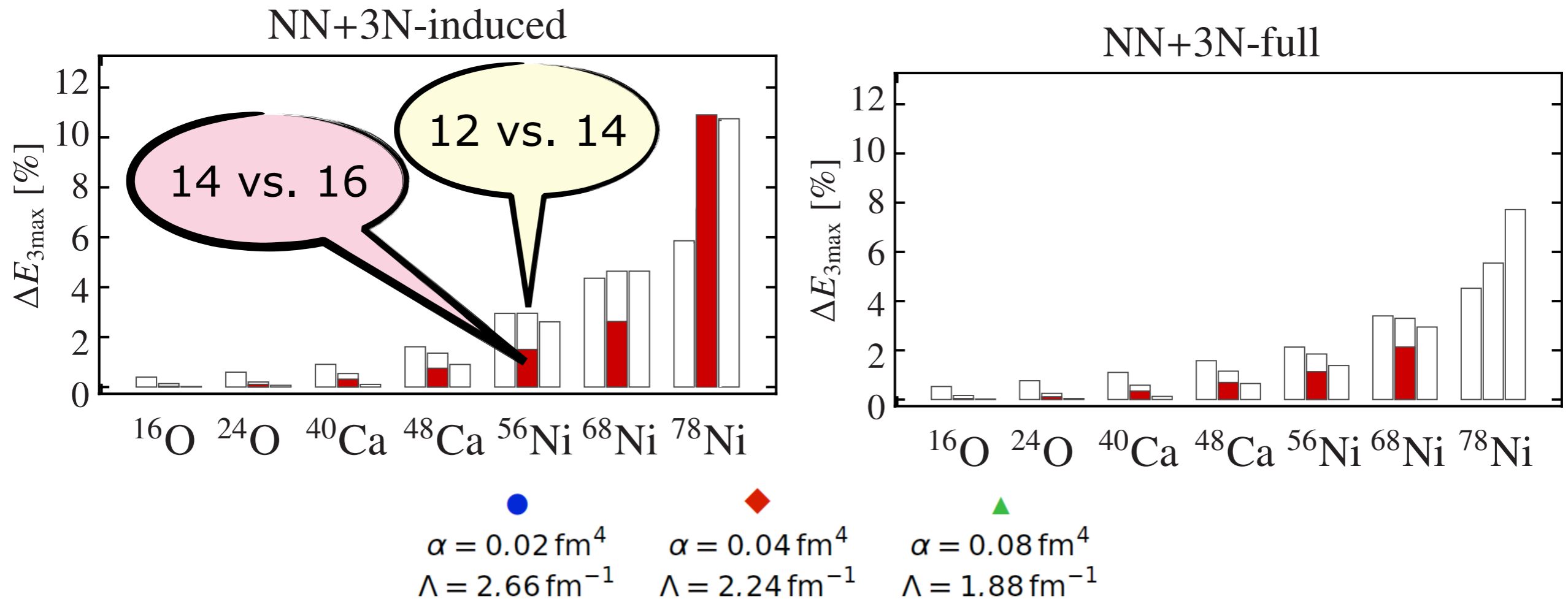
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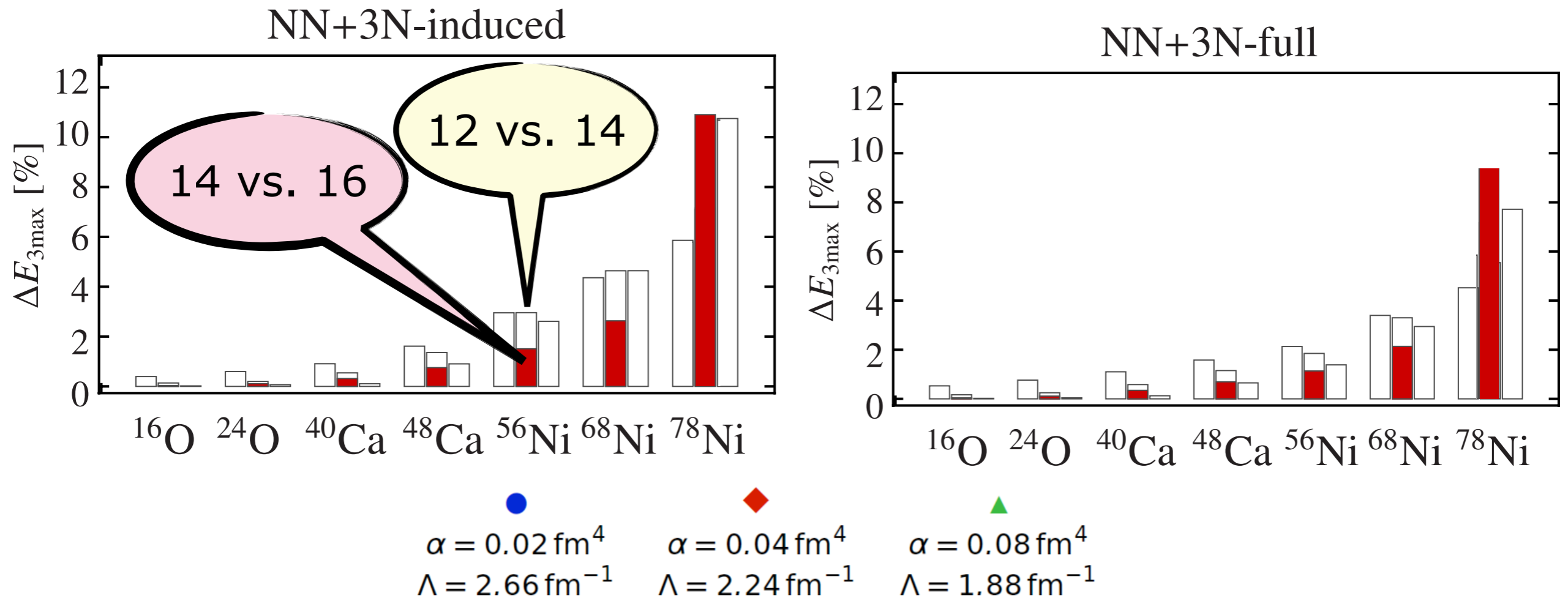
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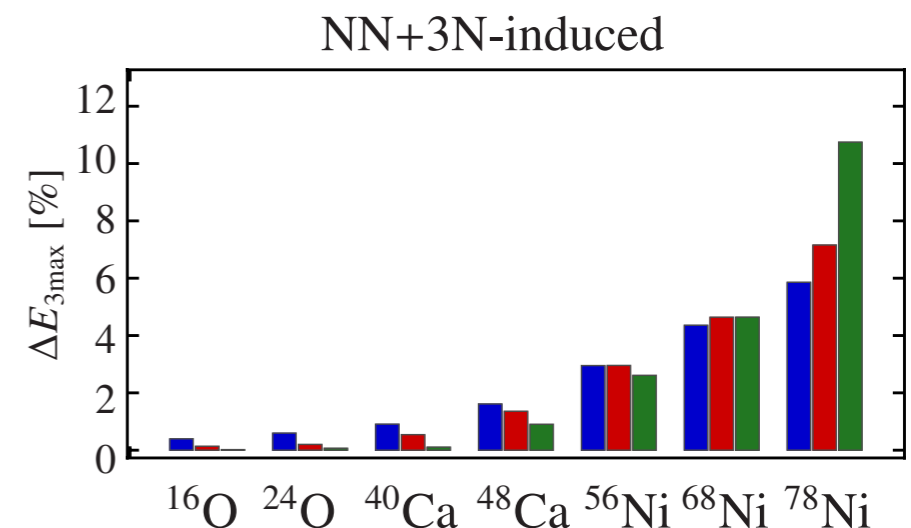
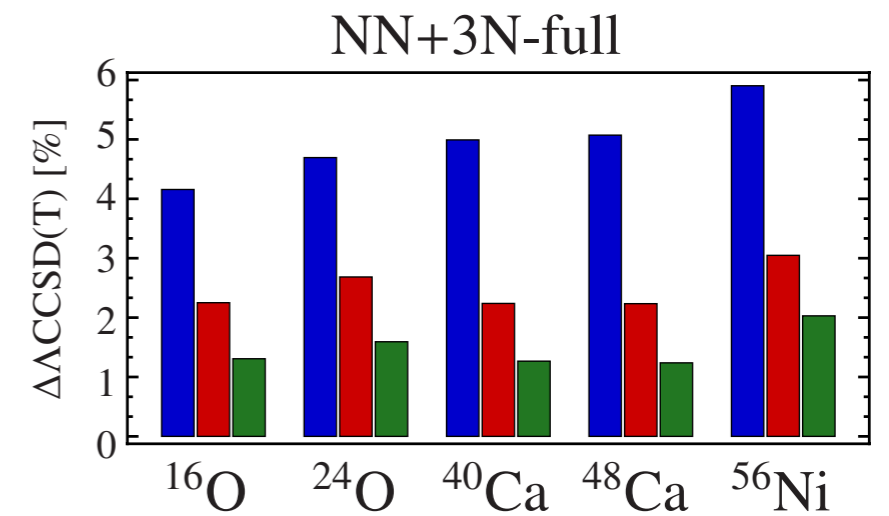
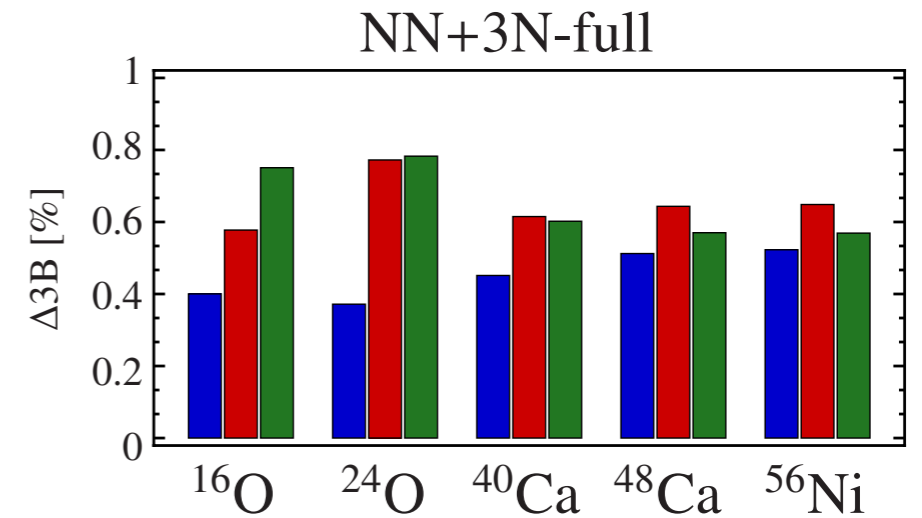
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Conclusions

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- various **truncations** involved \Rightarrow **error quantification** necessary
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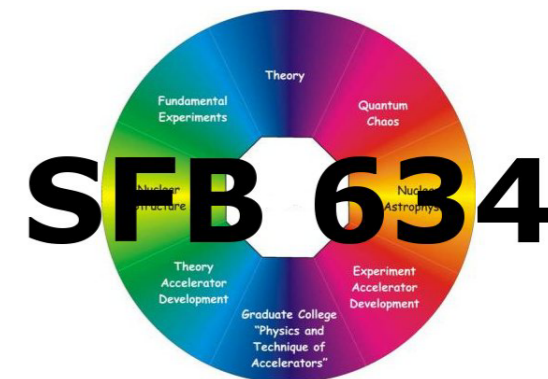
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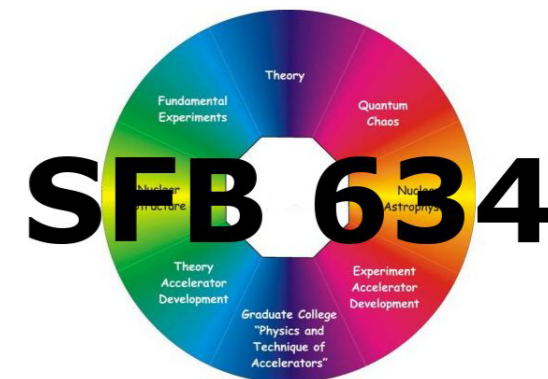
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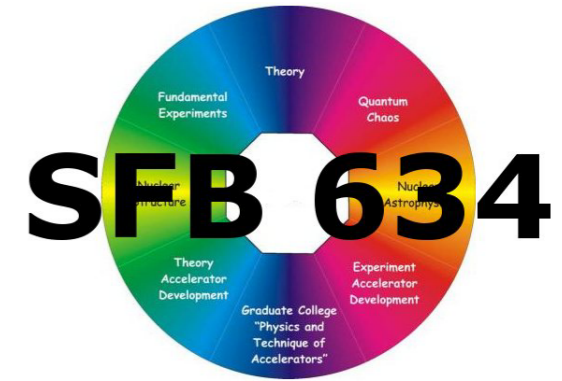
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