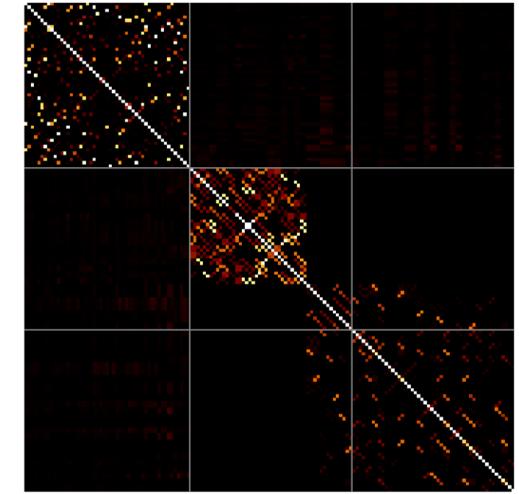
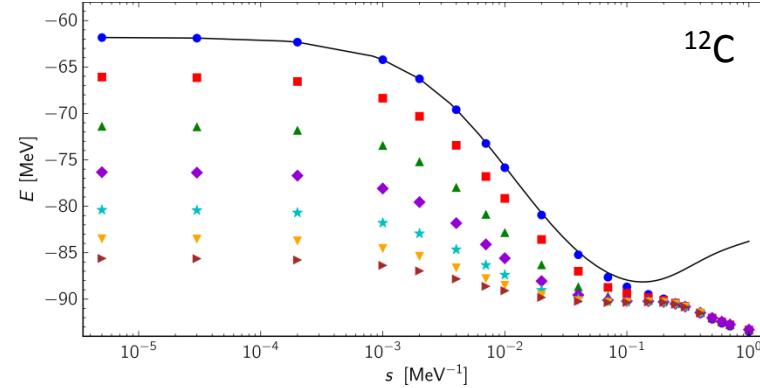
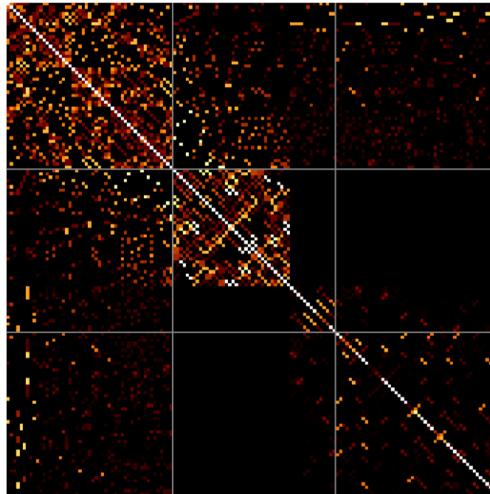


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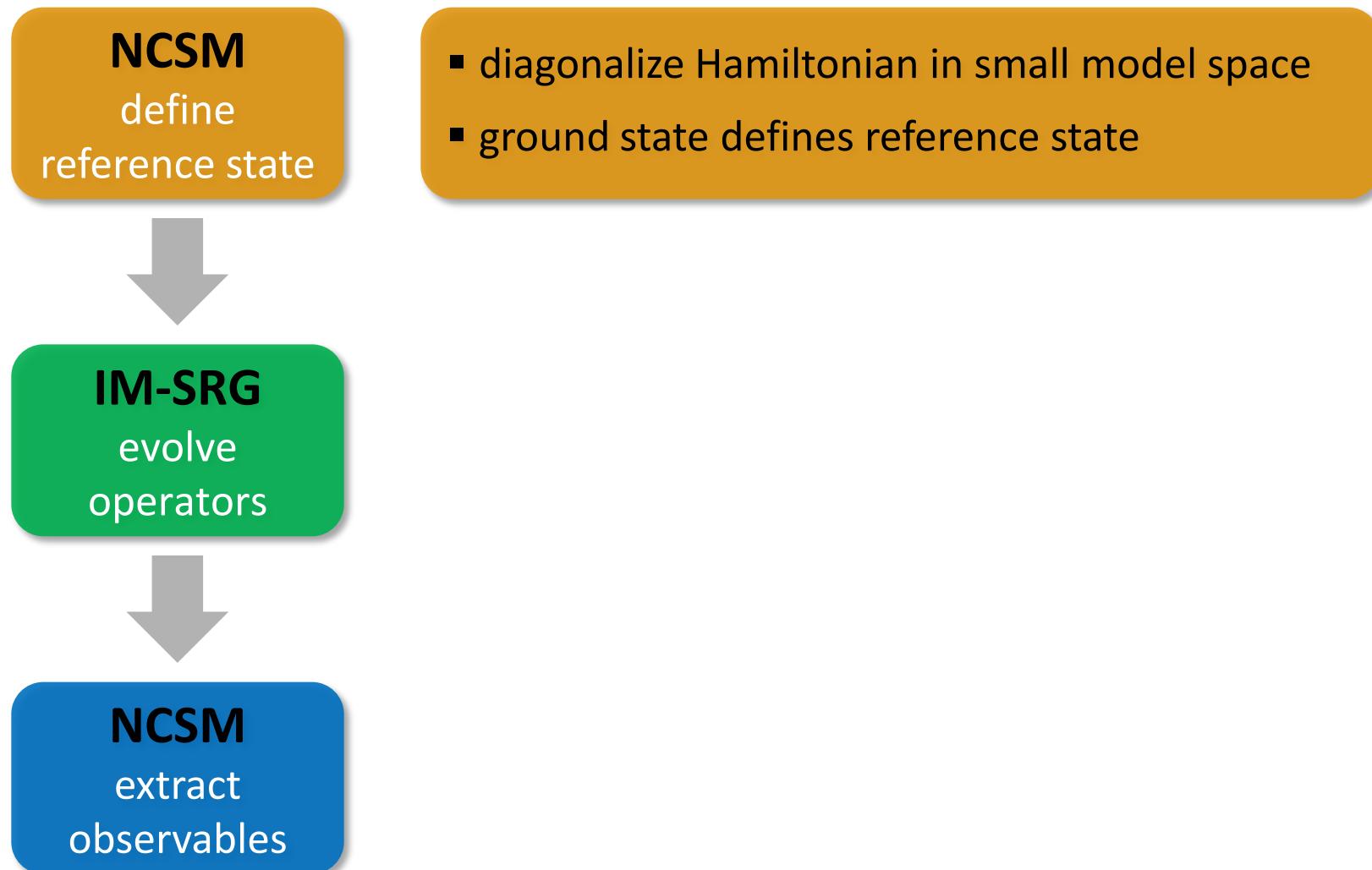
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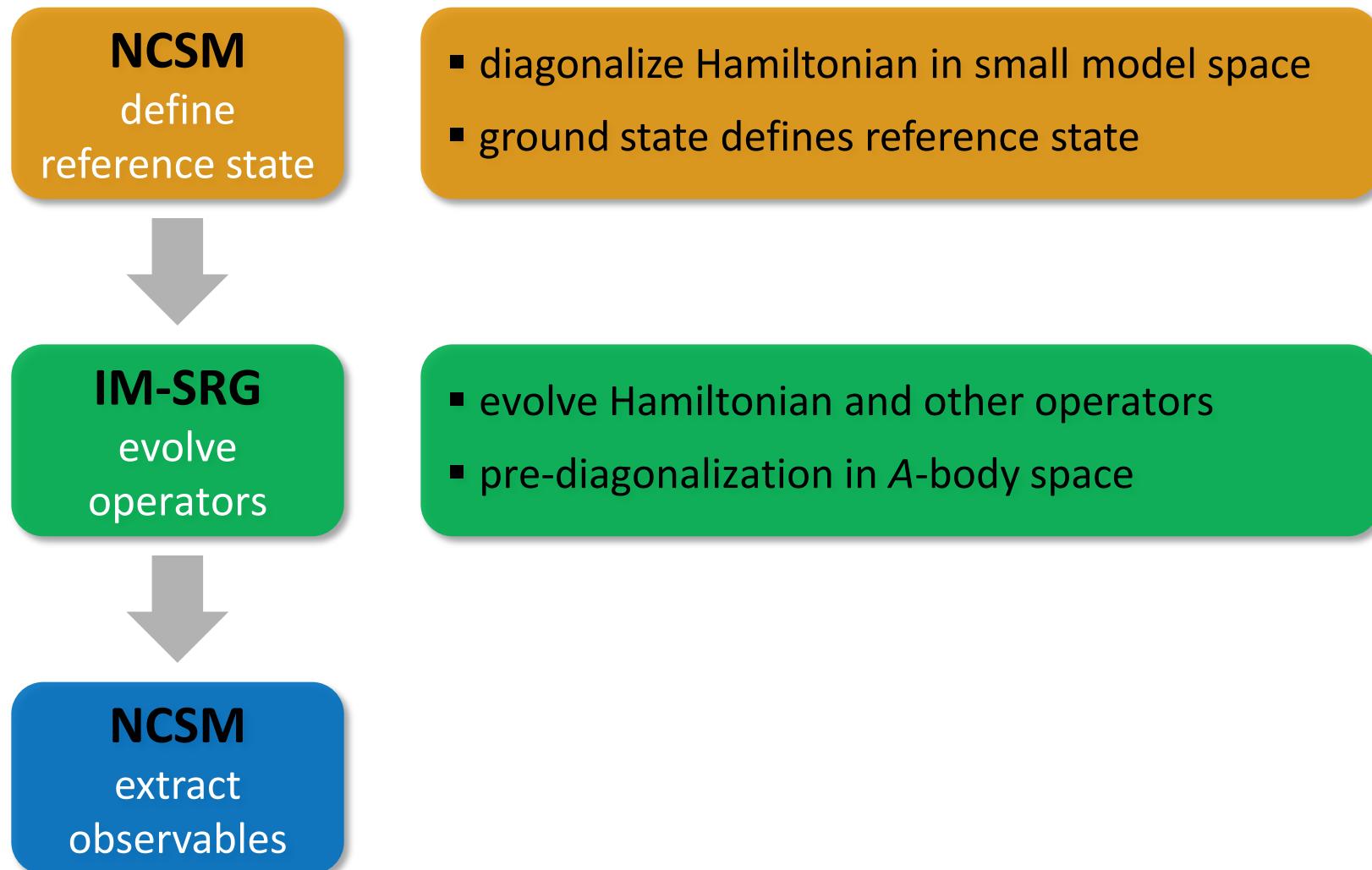
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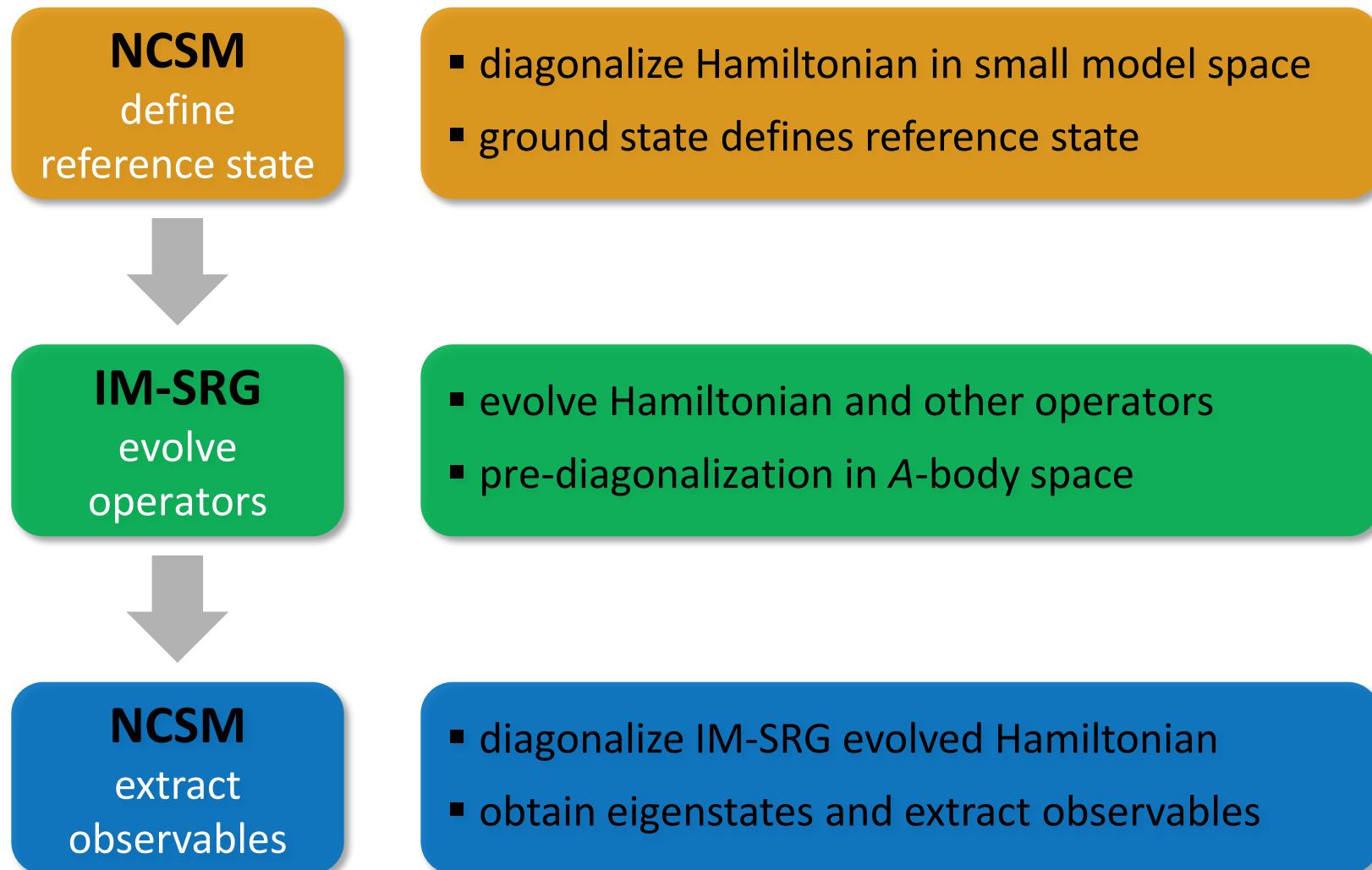
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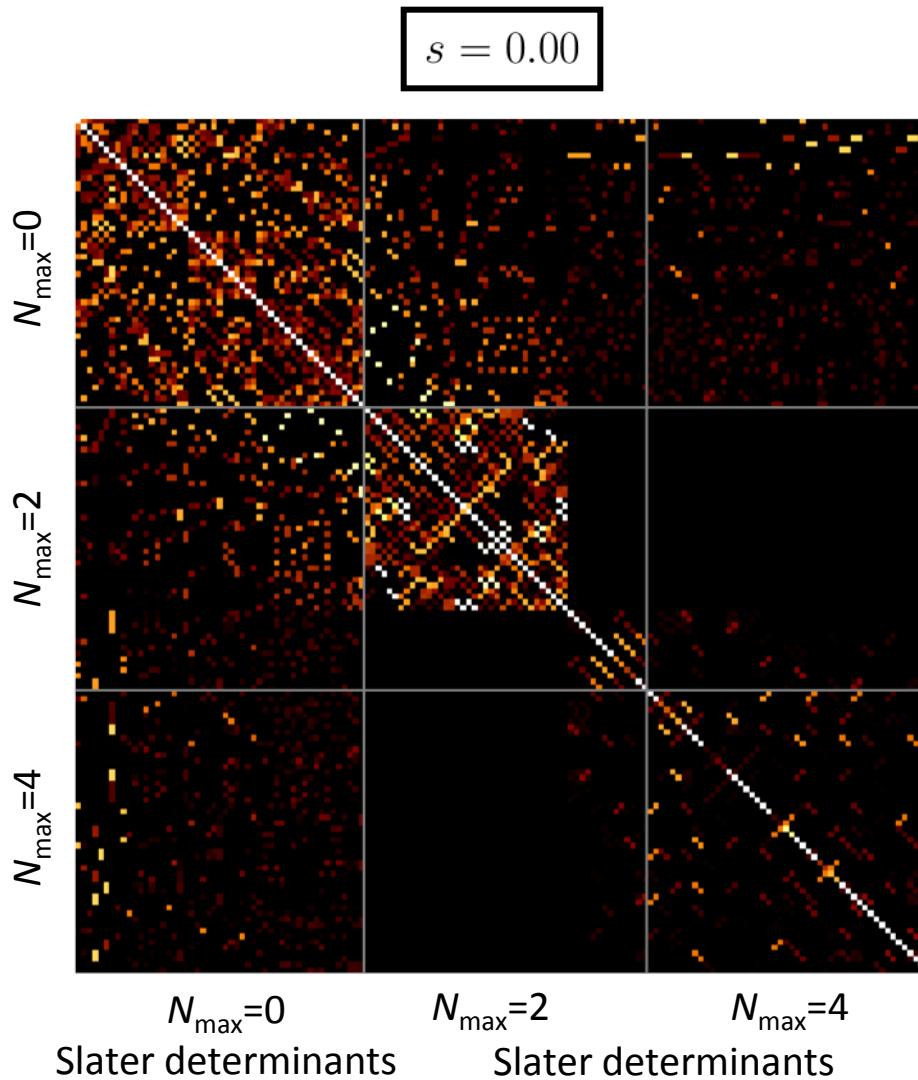
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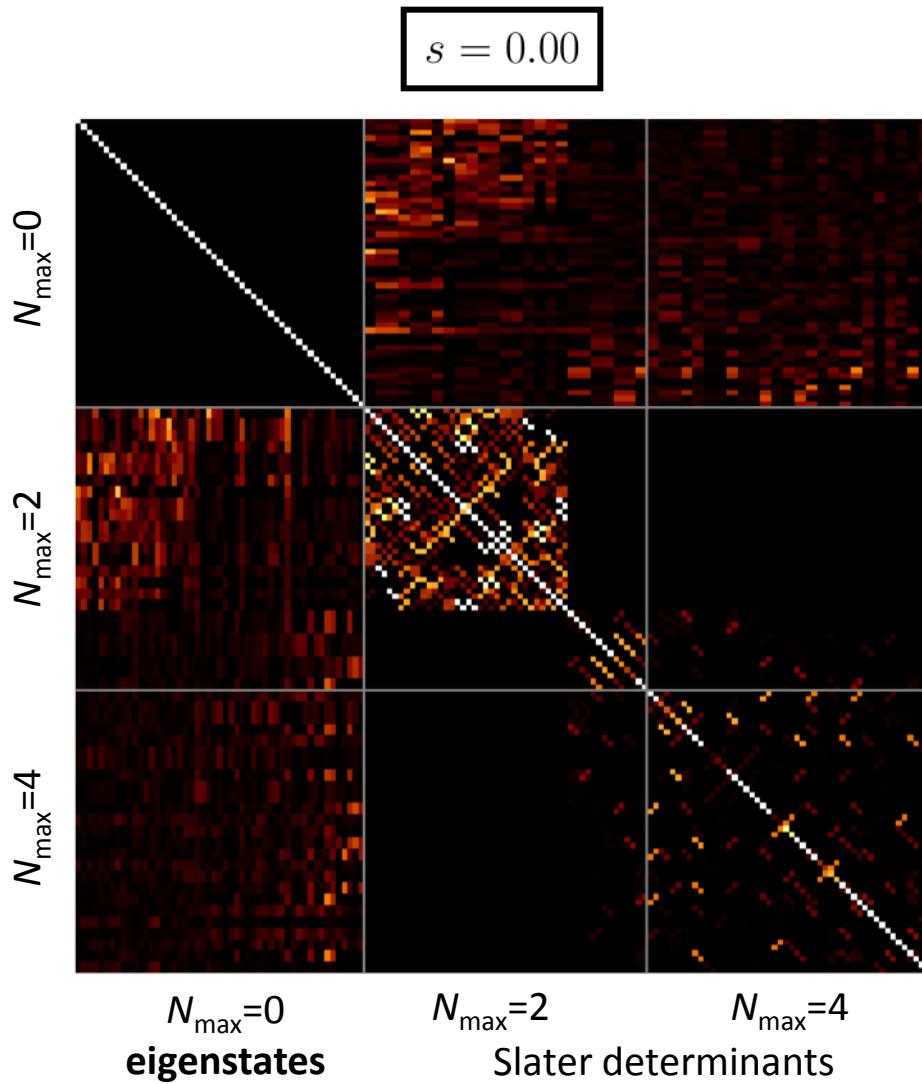
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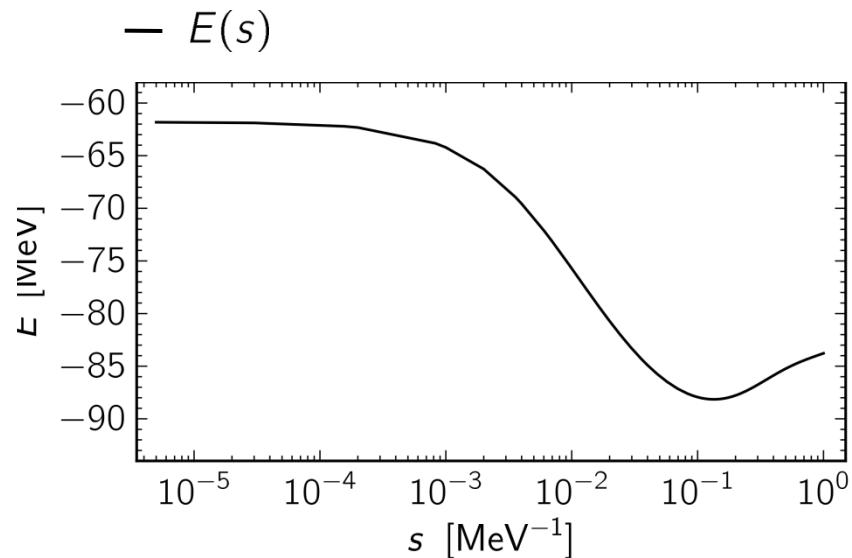
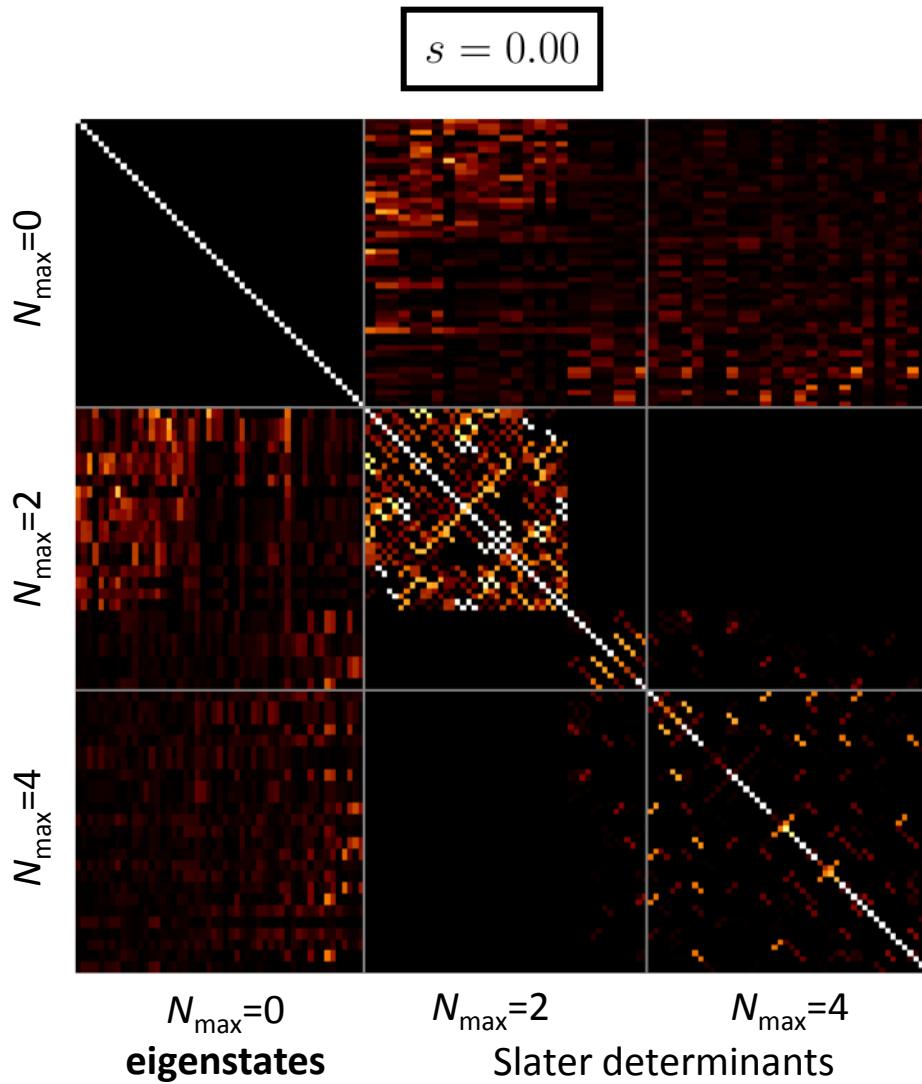
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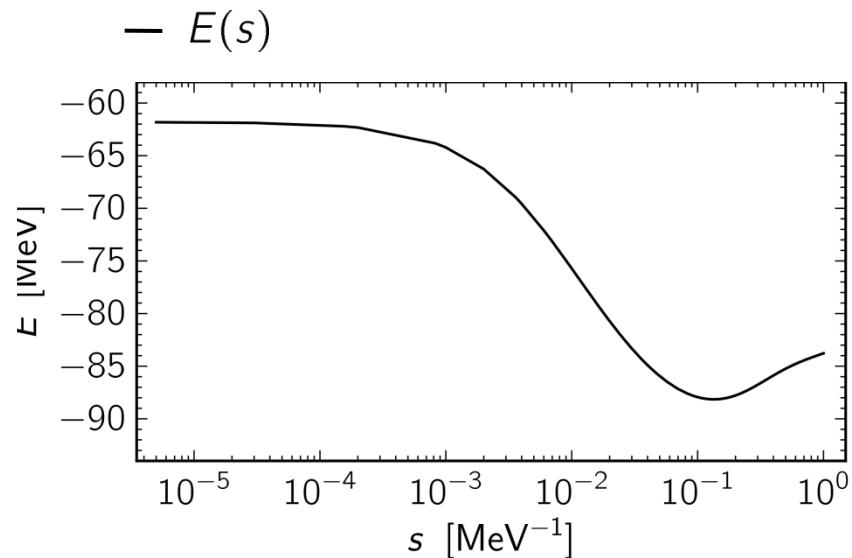
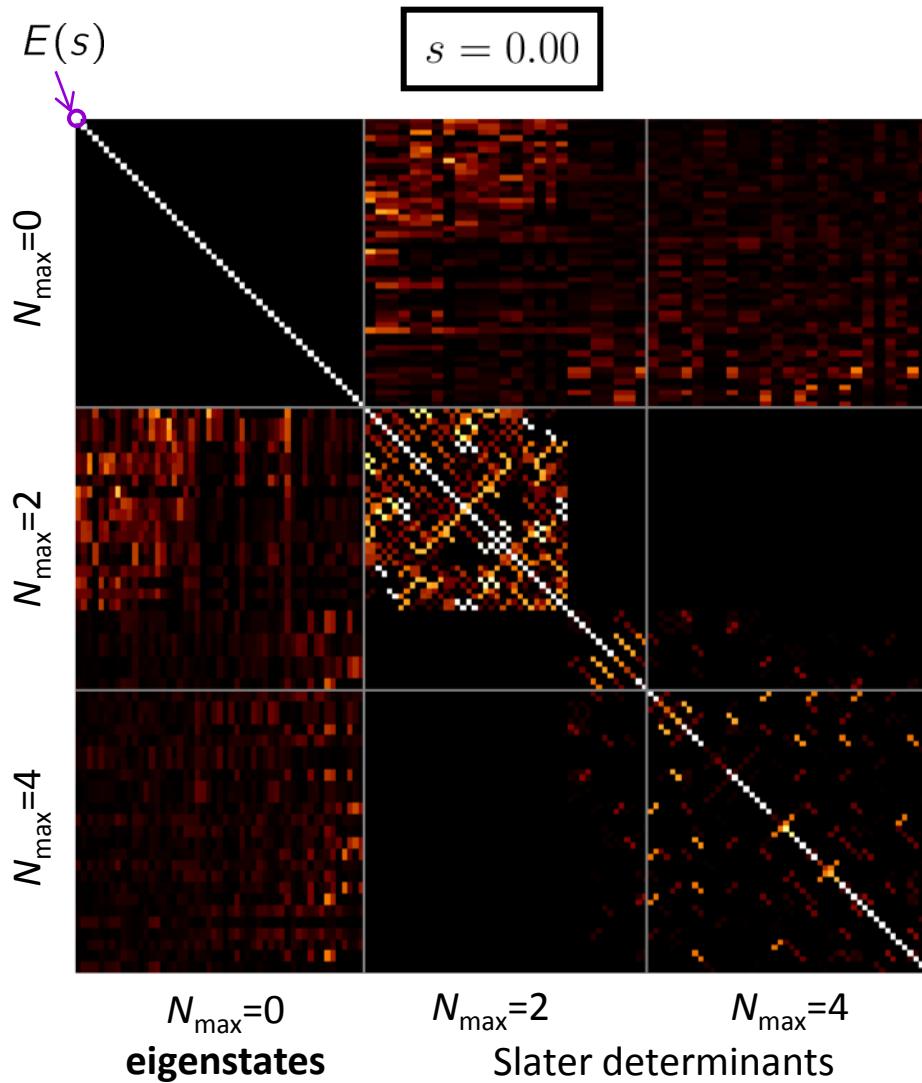
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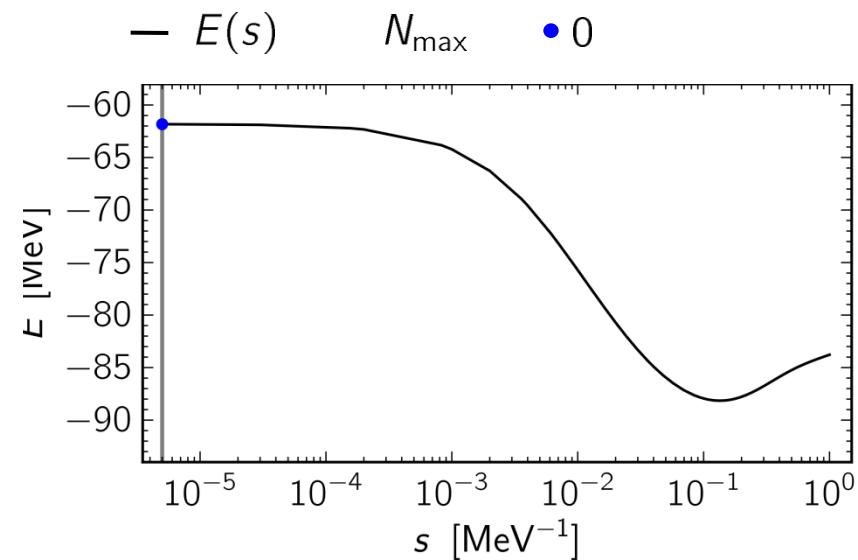
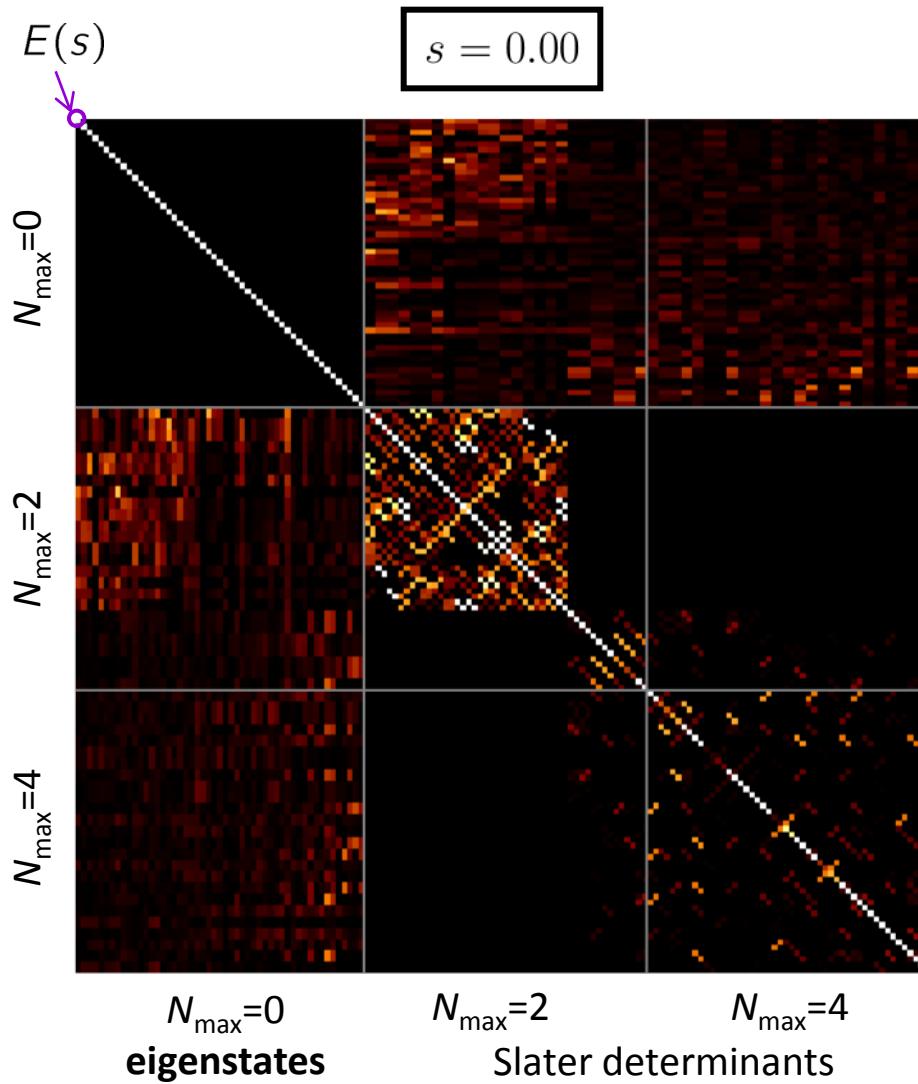
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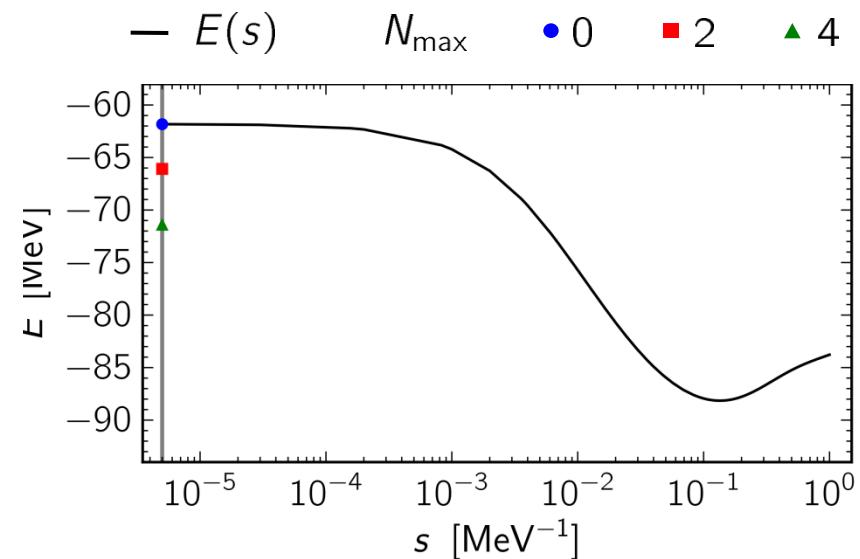
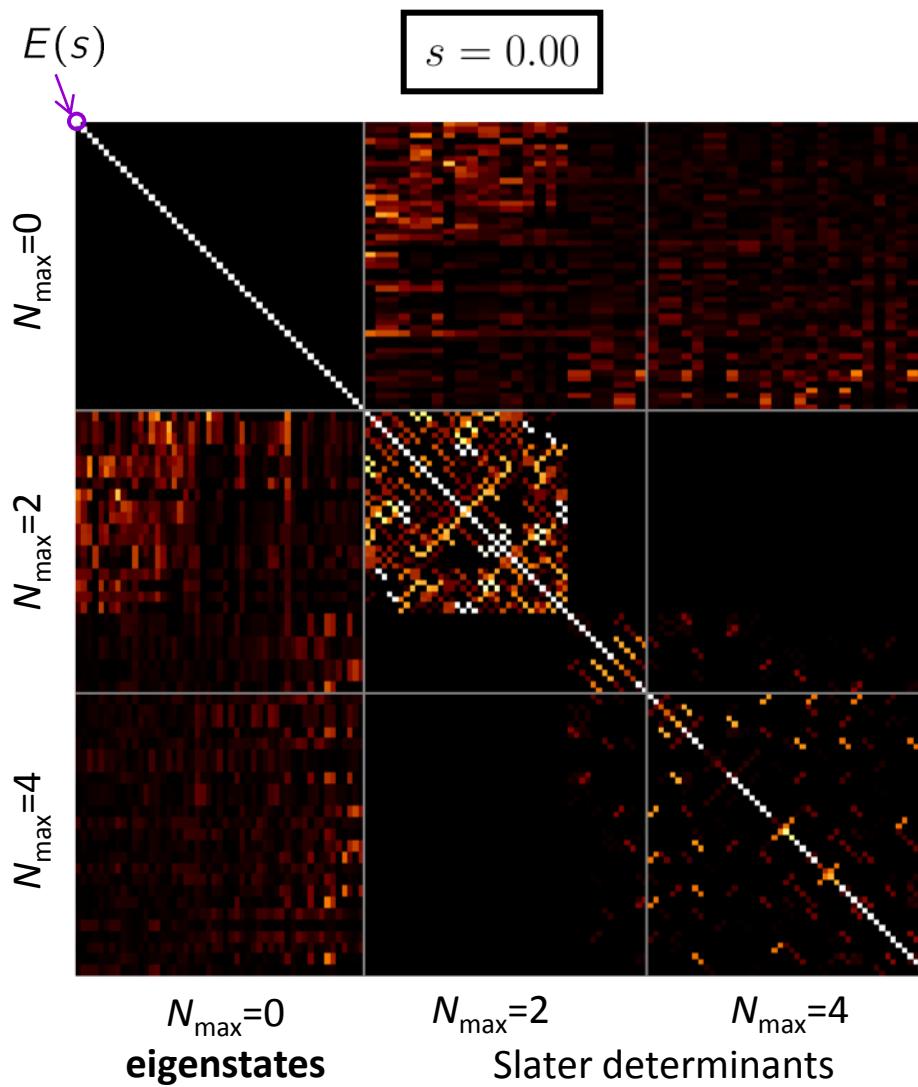
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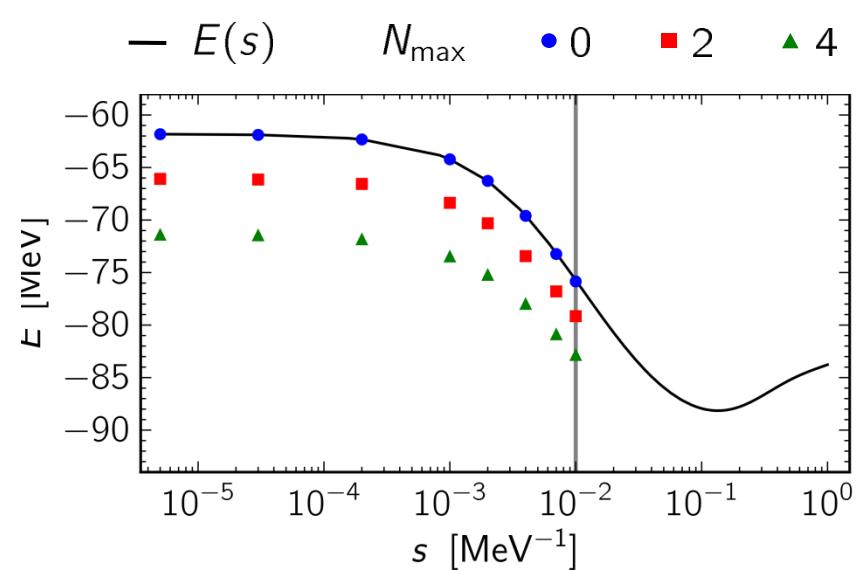
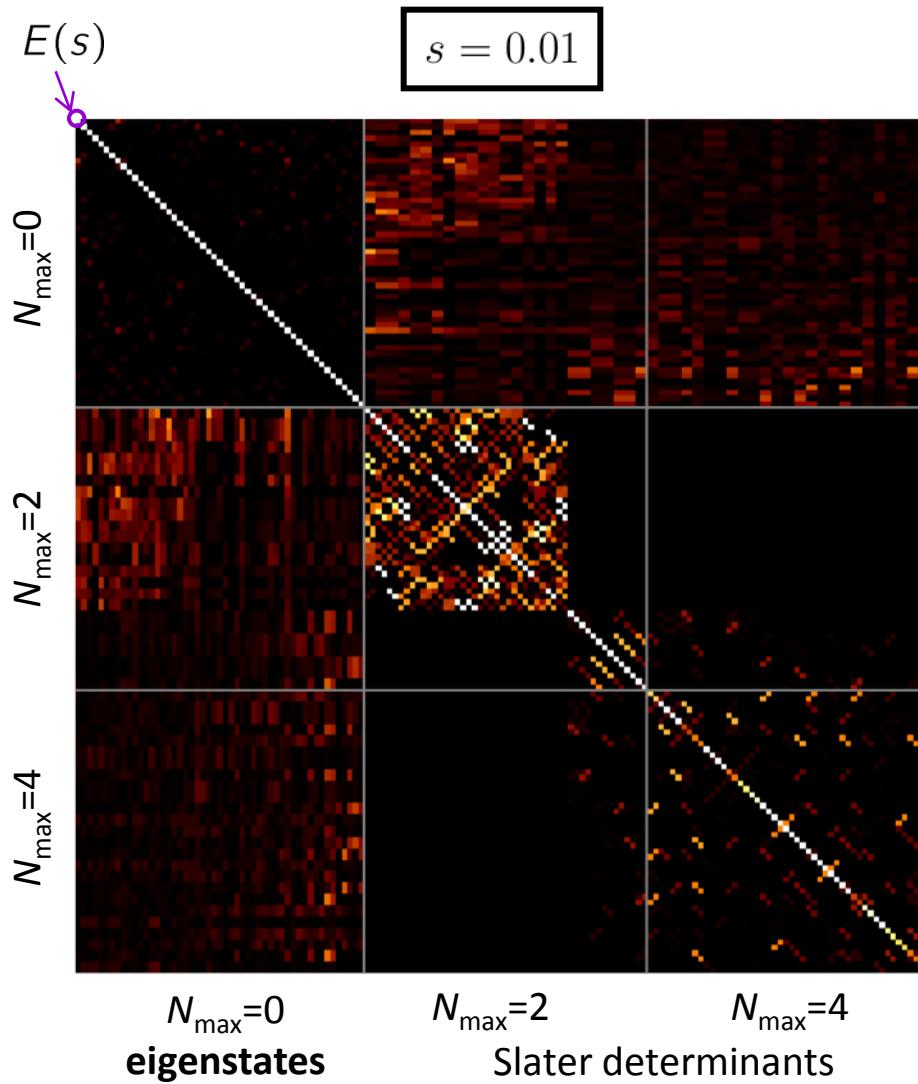
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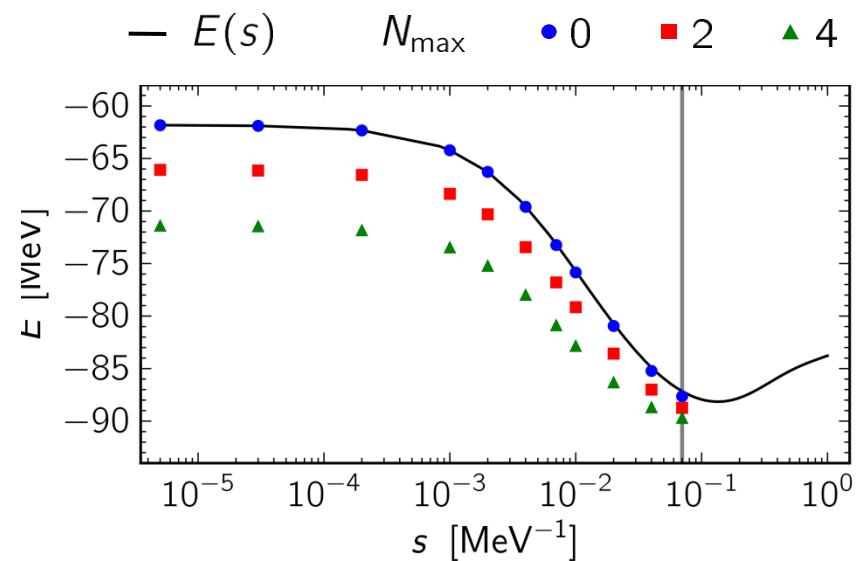
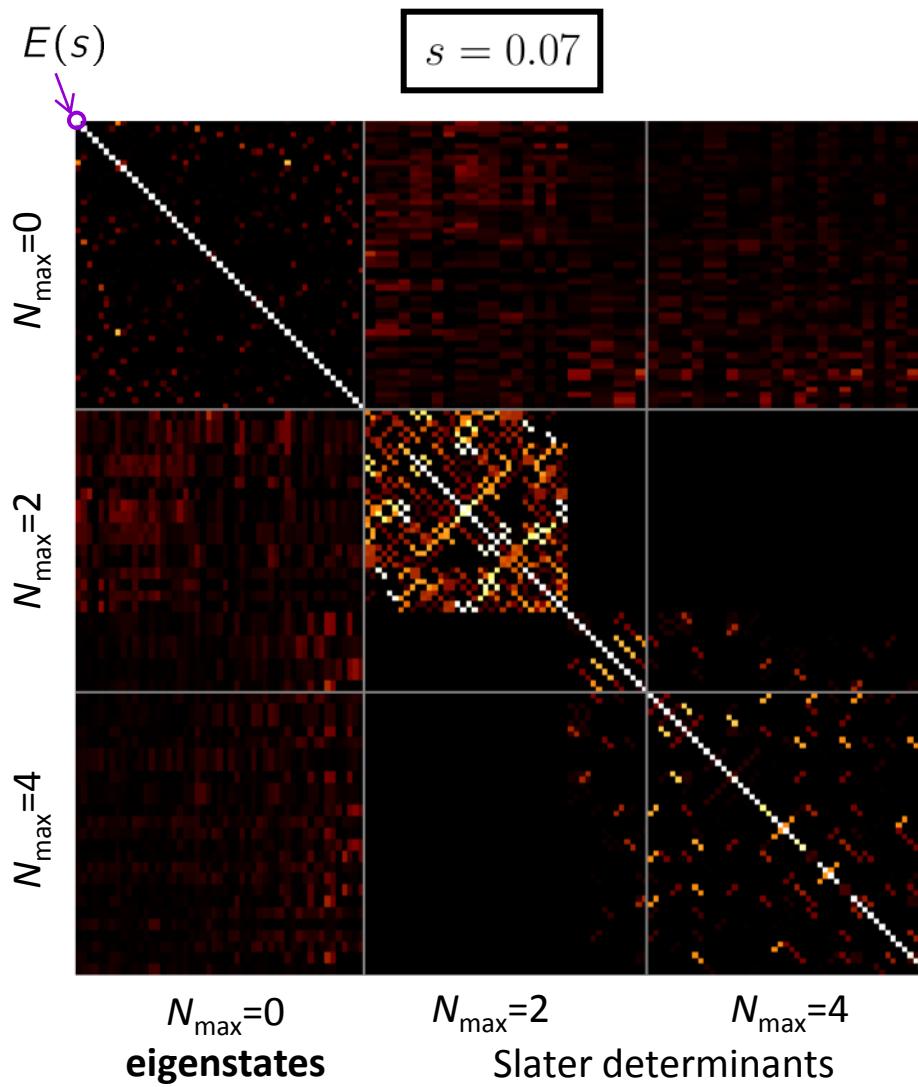


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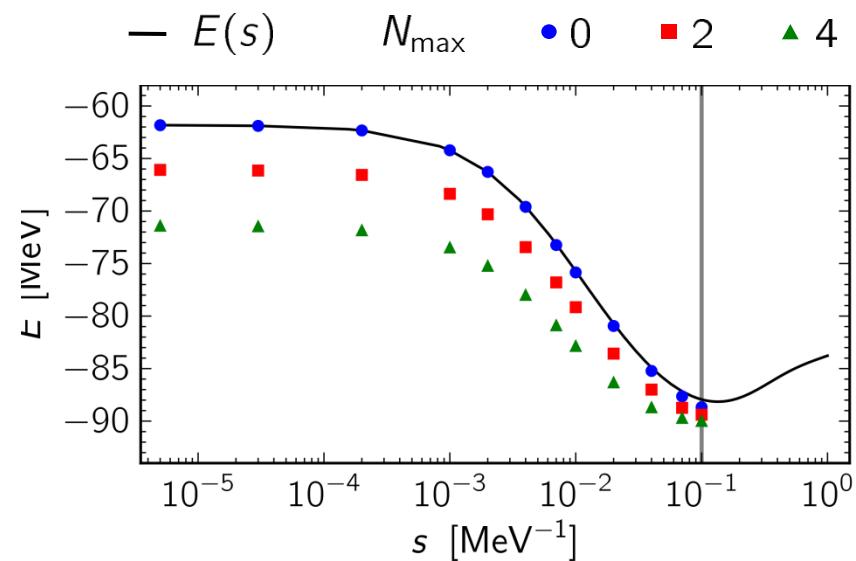
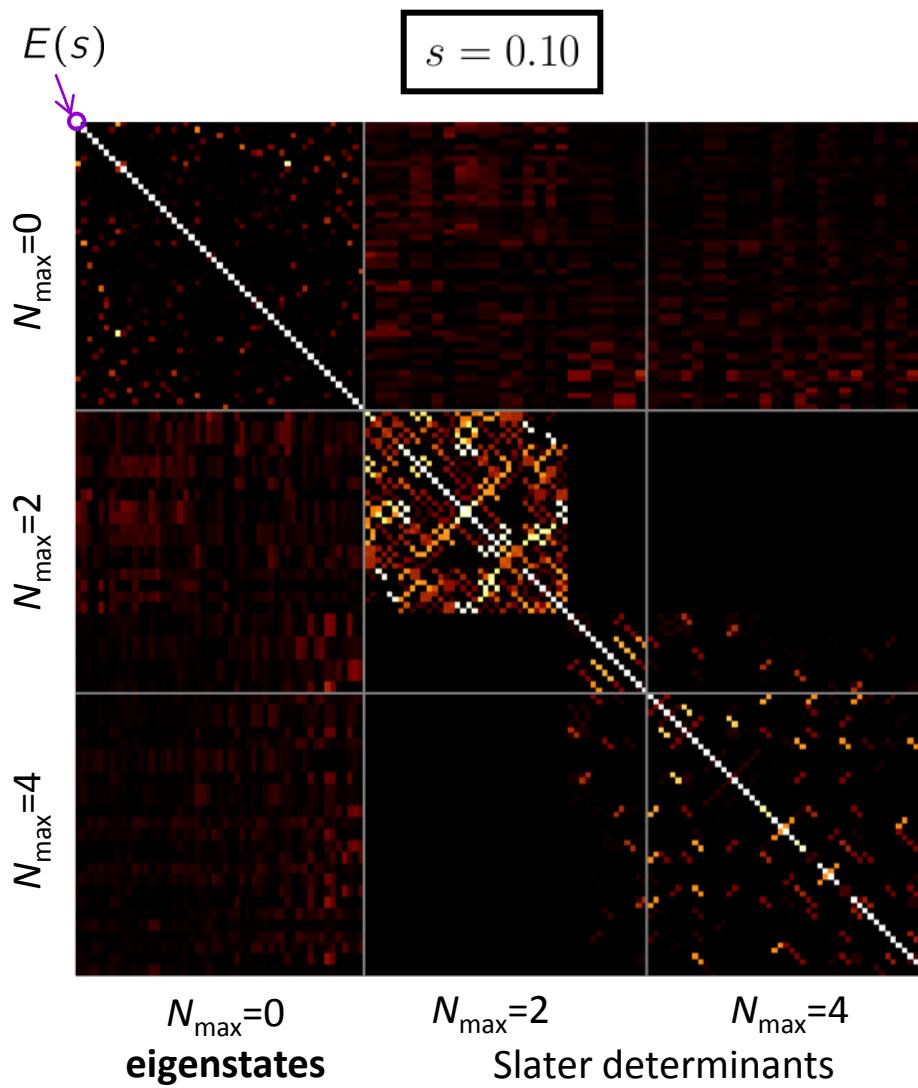


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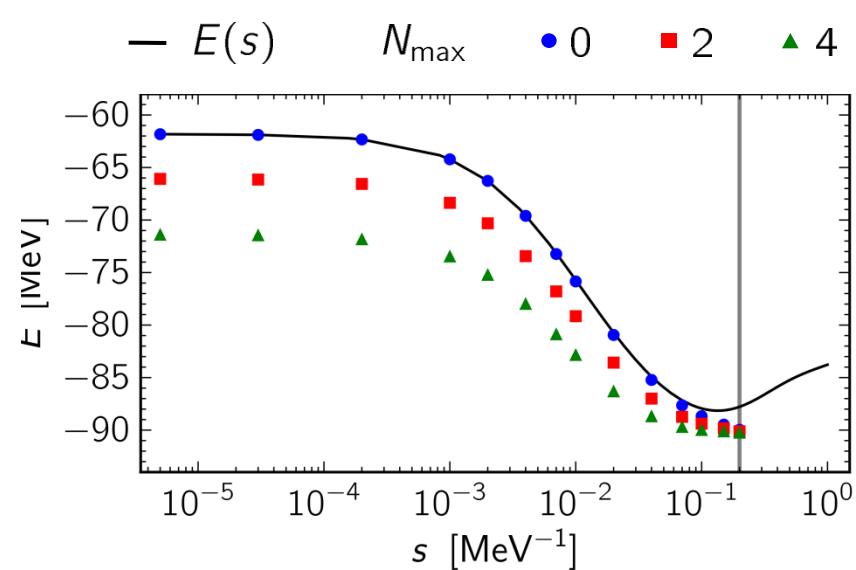
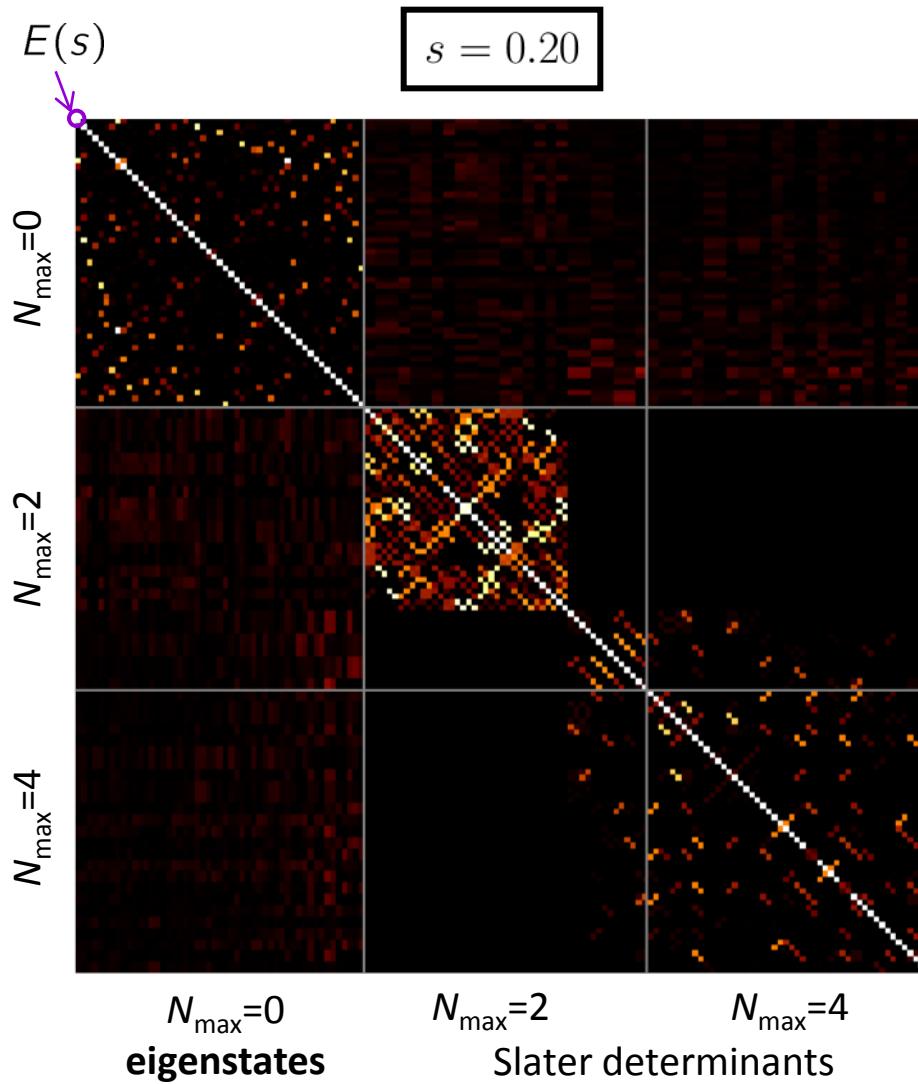


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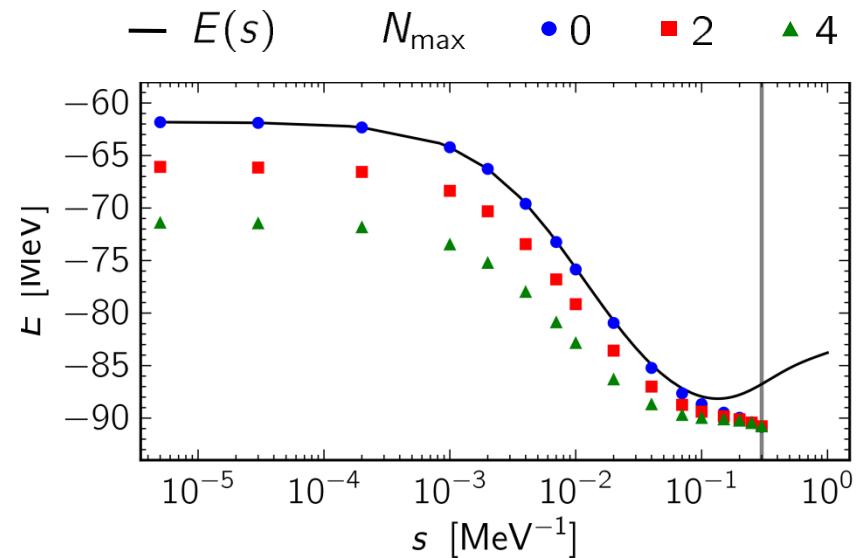
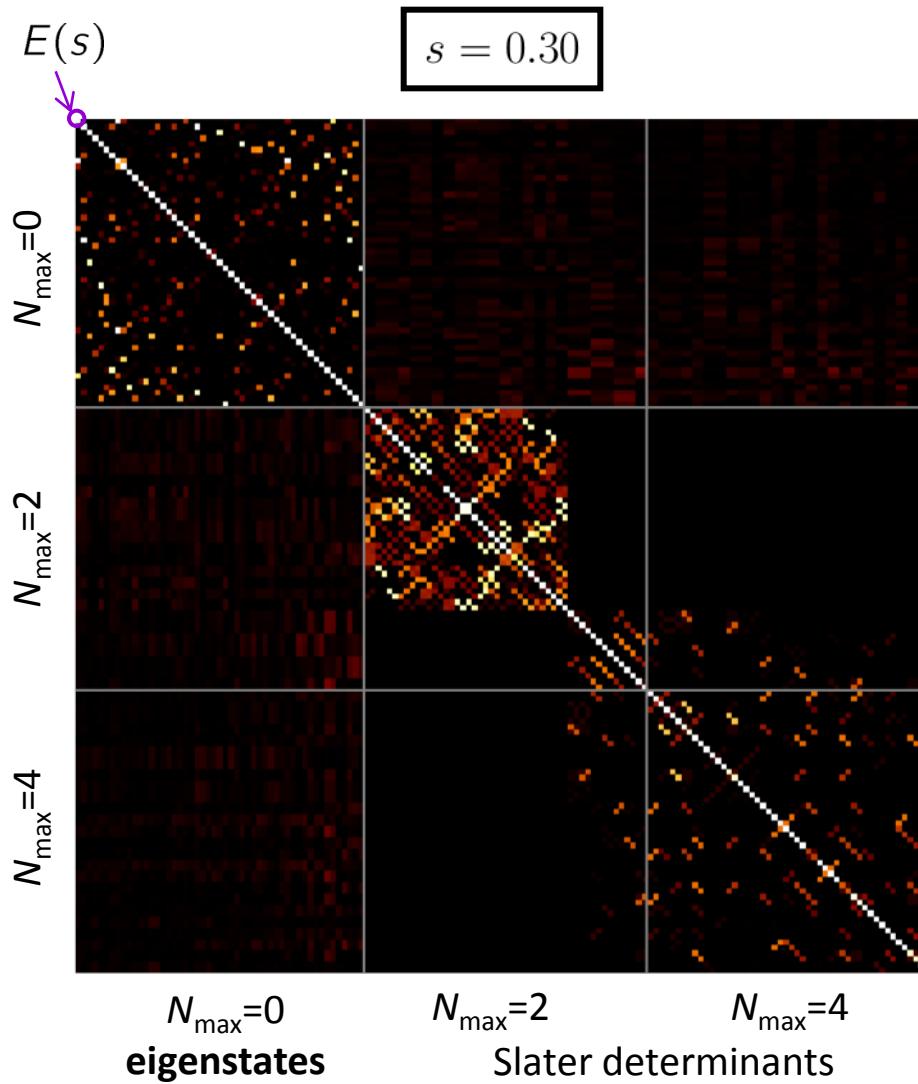


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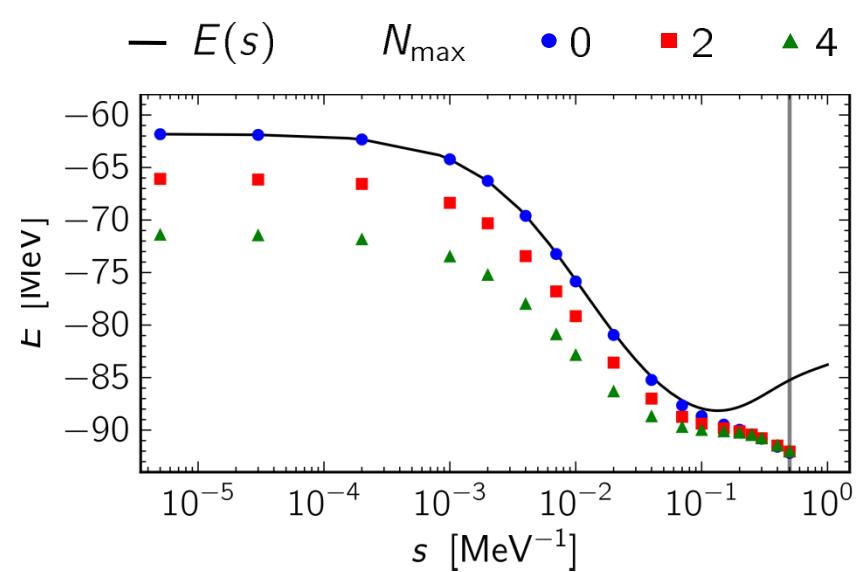
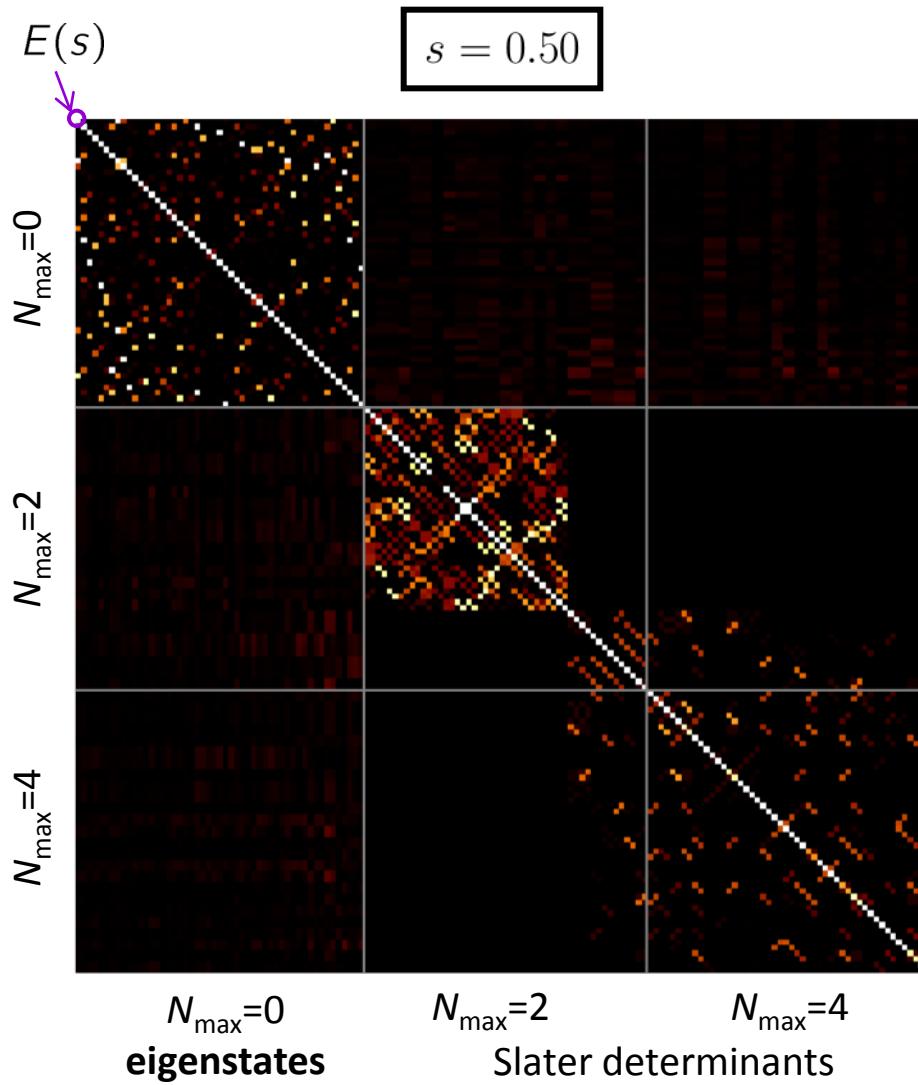


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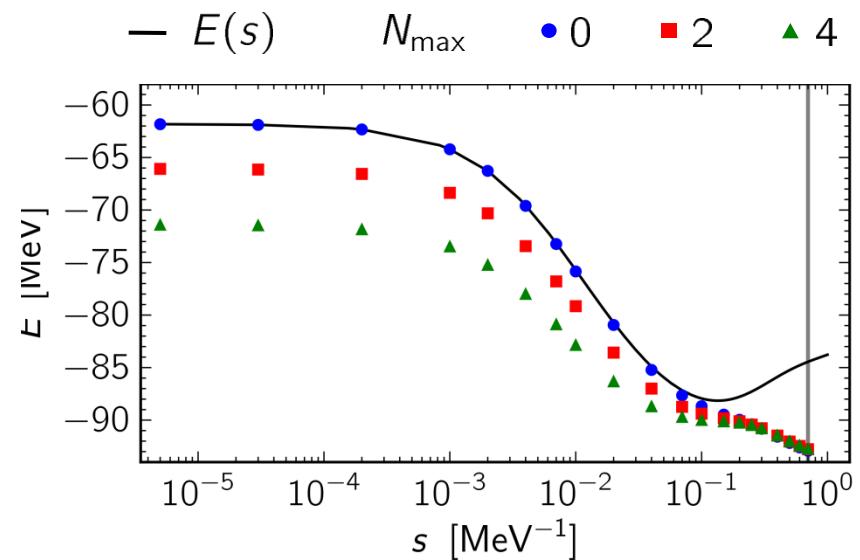
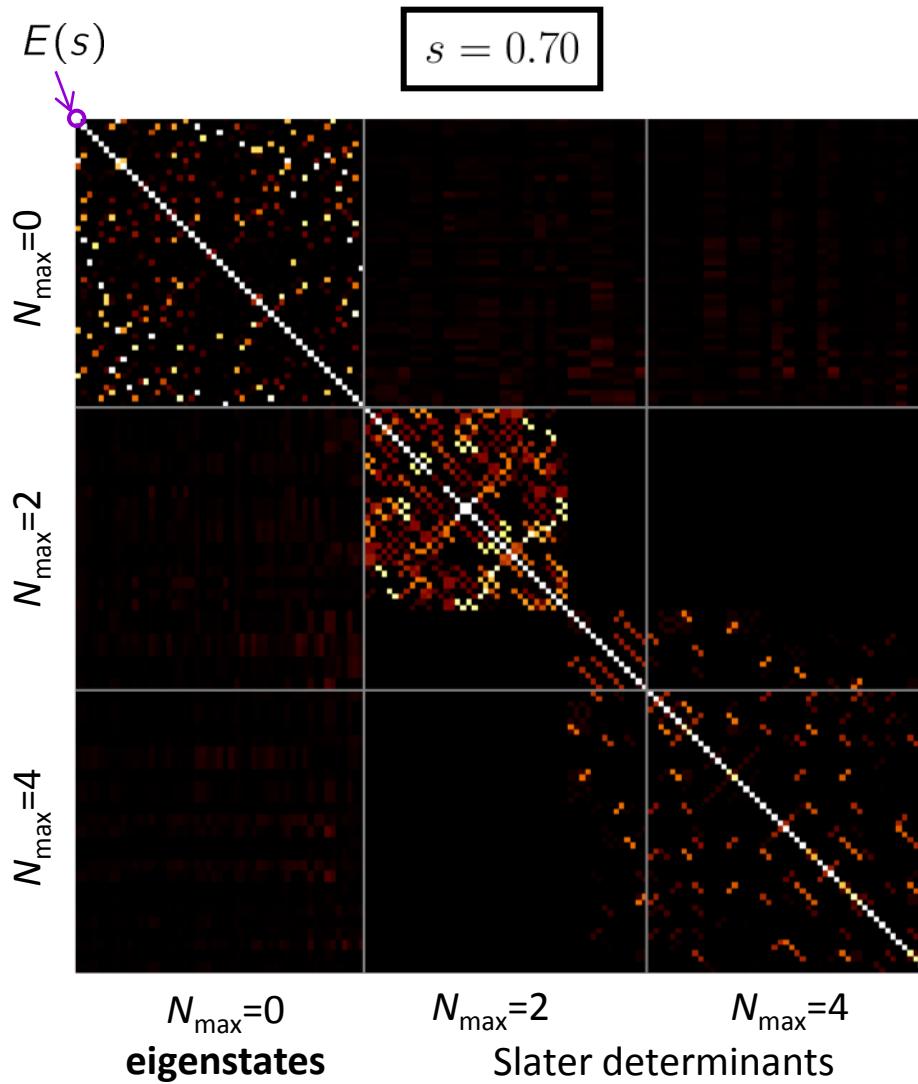


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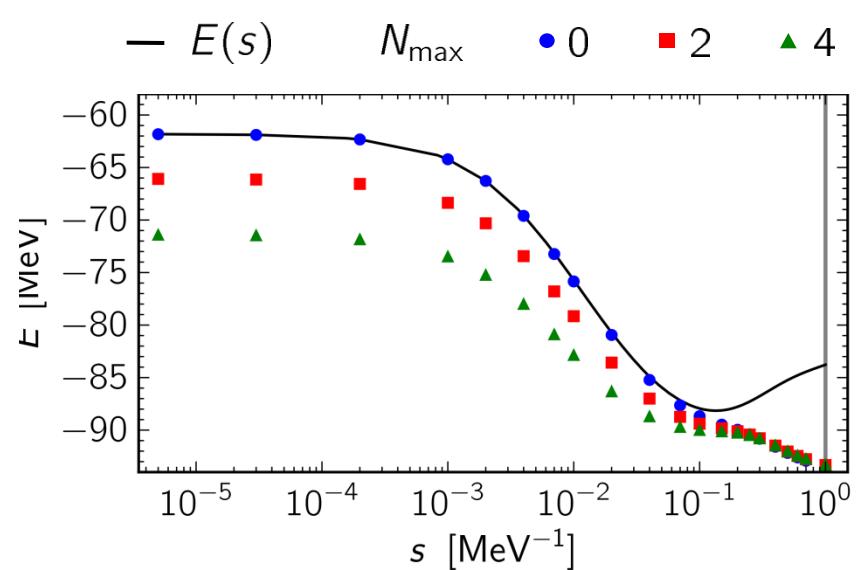
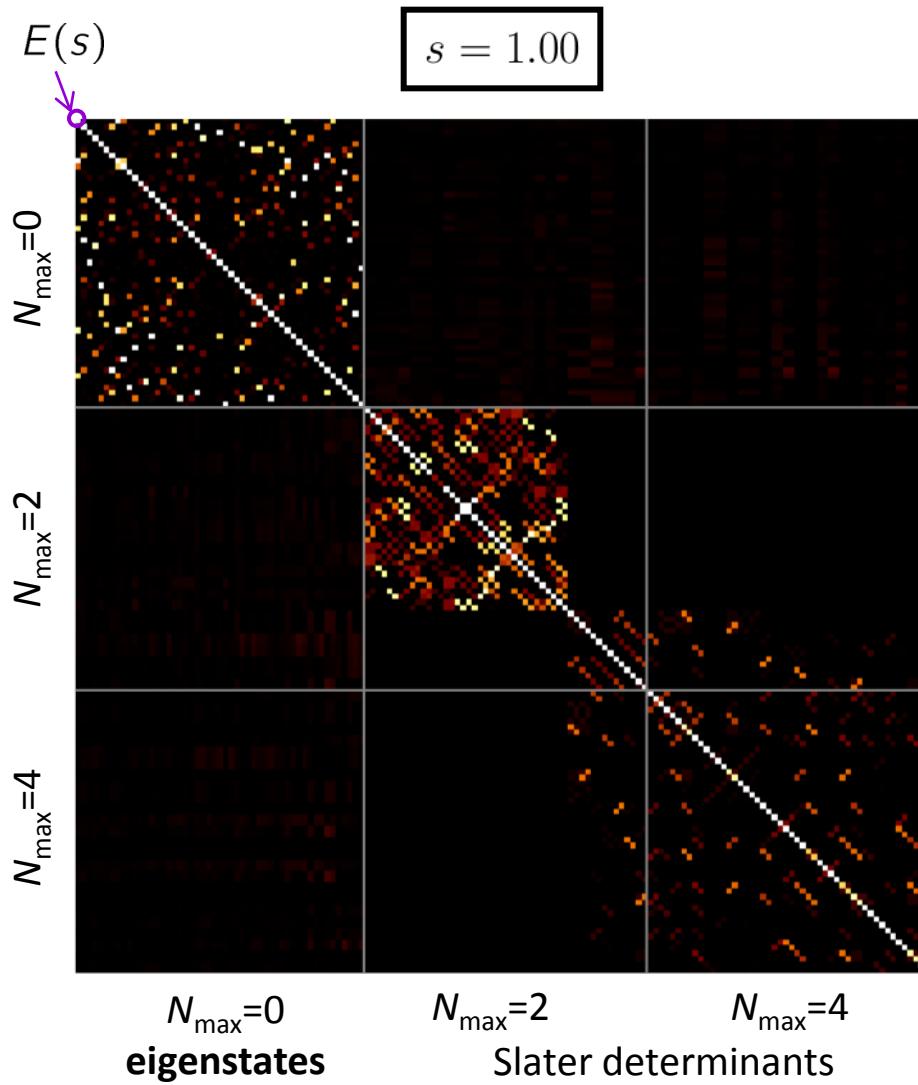
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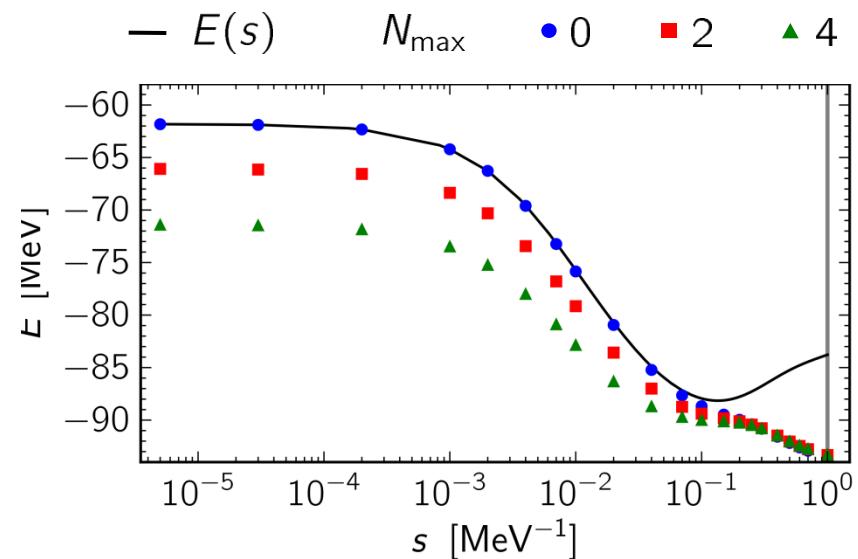
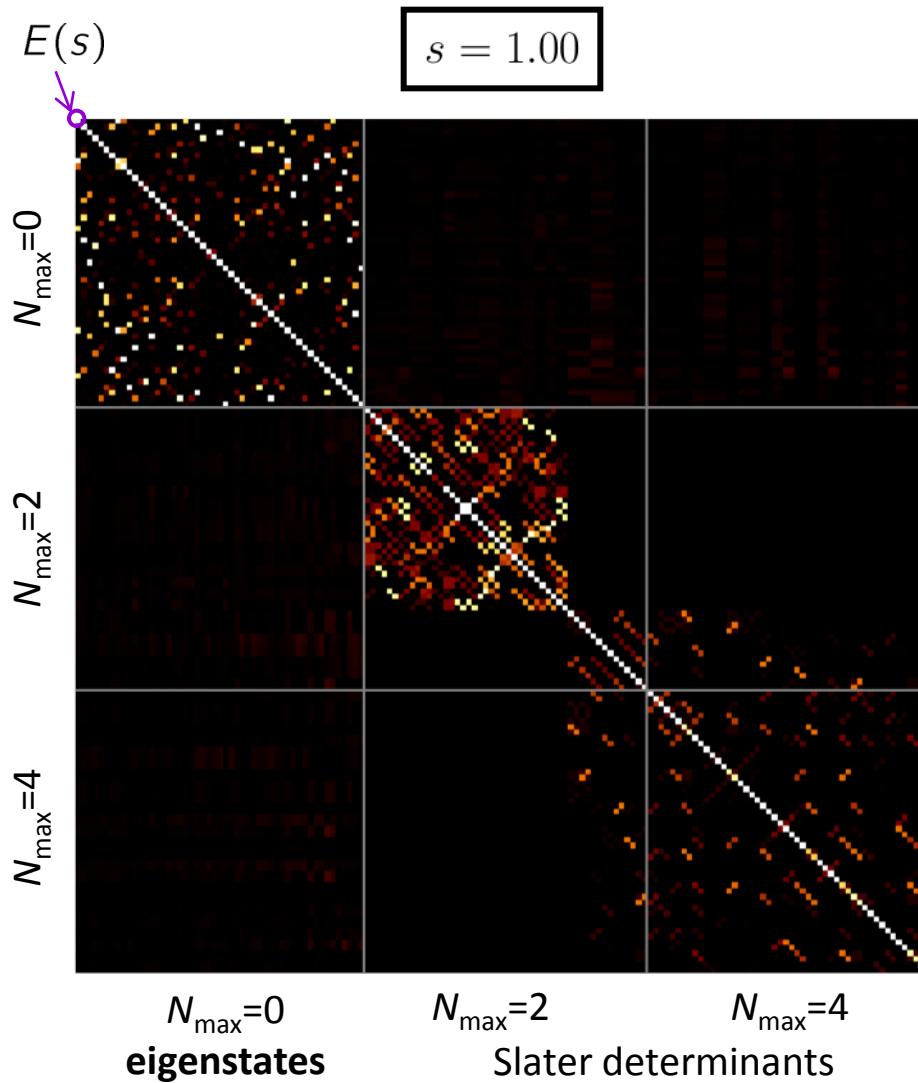
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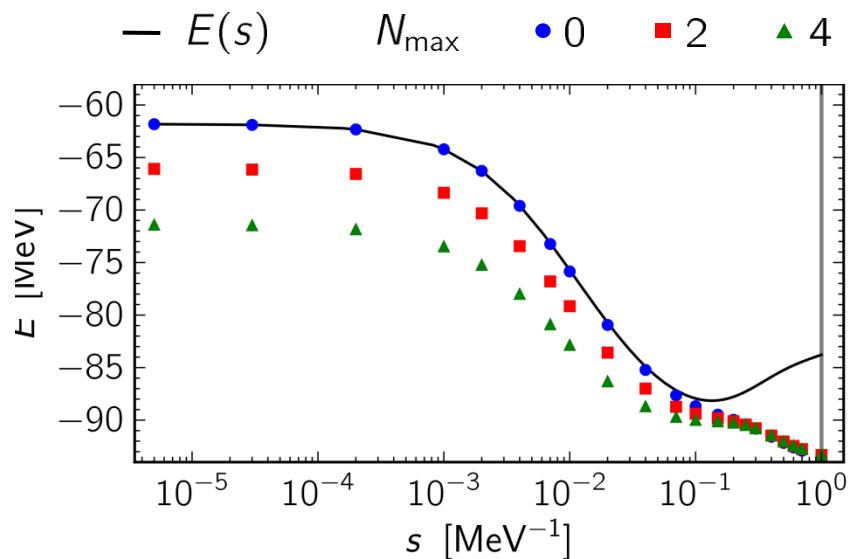
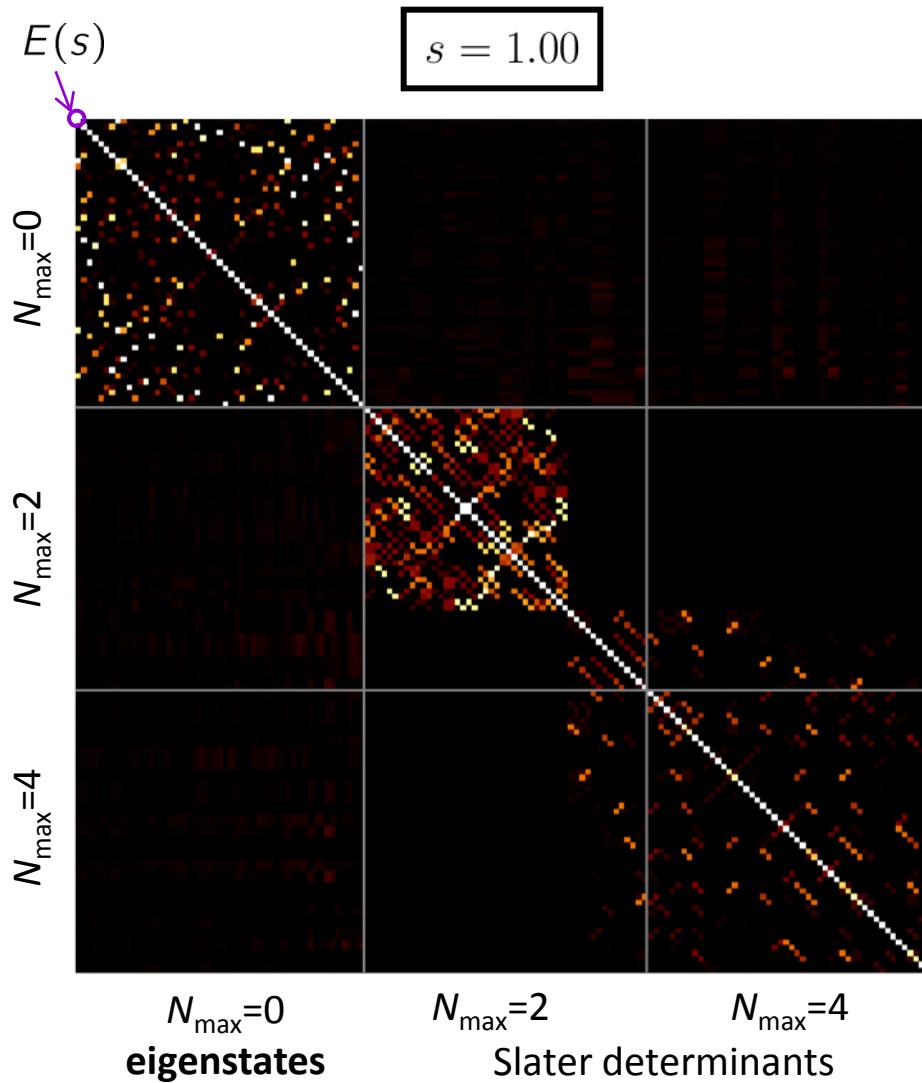
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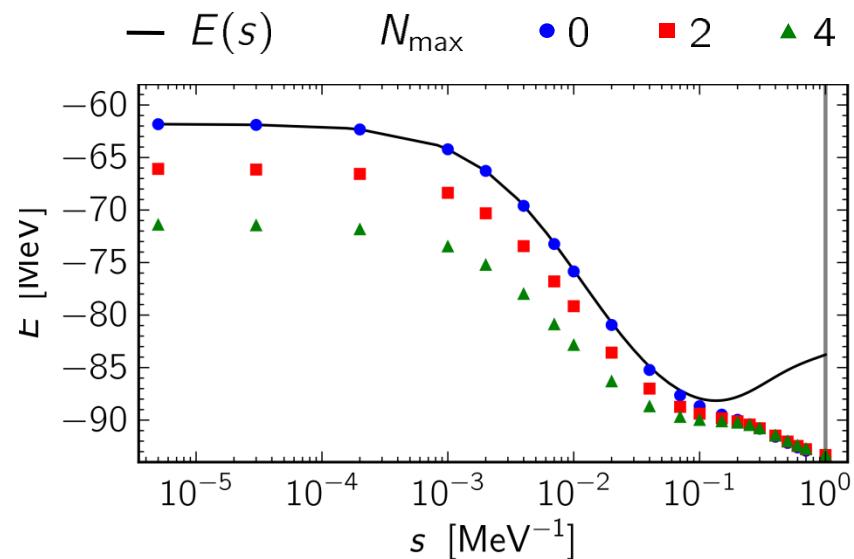
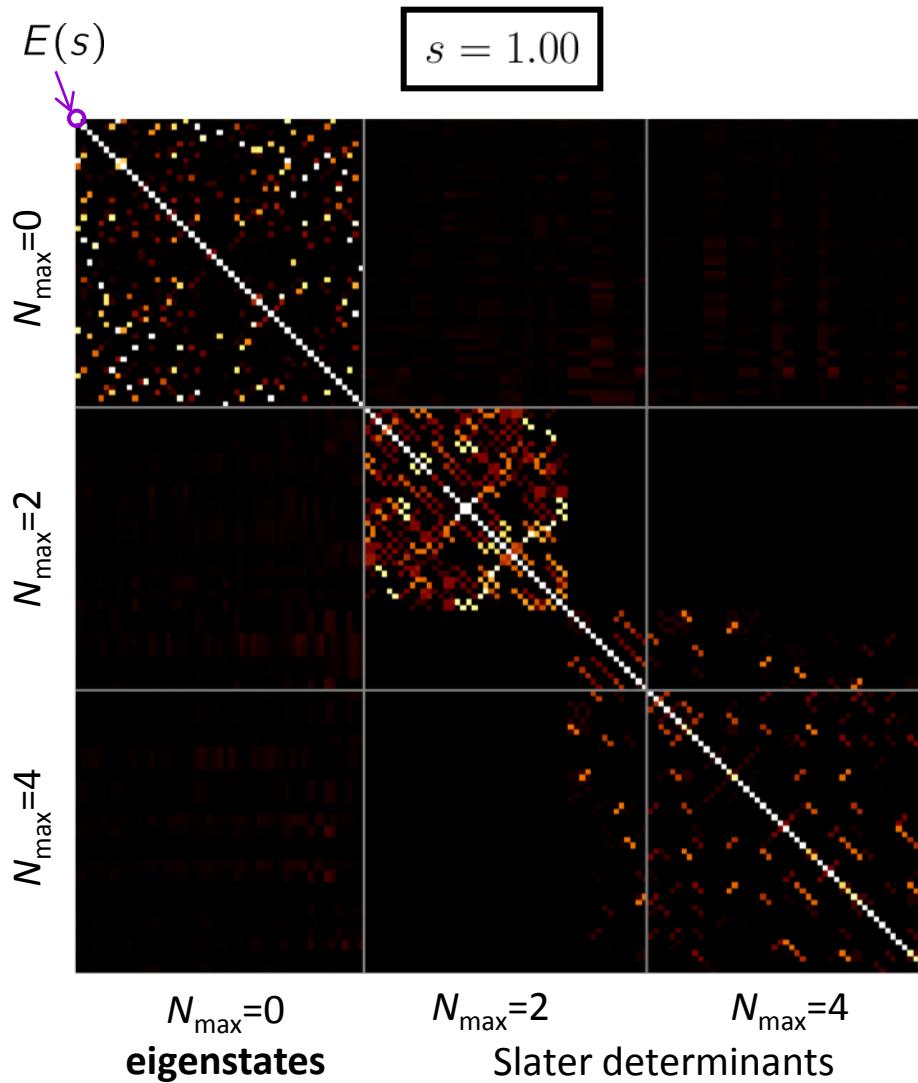
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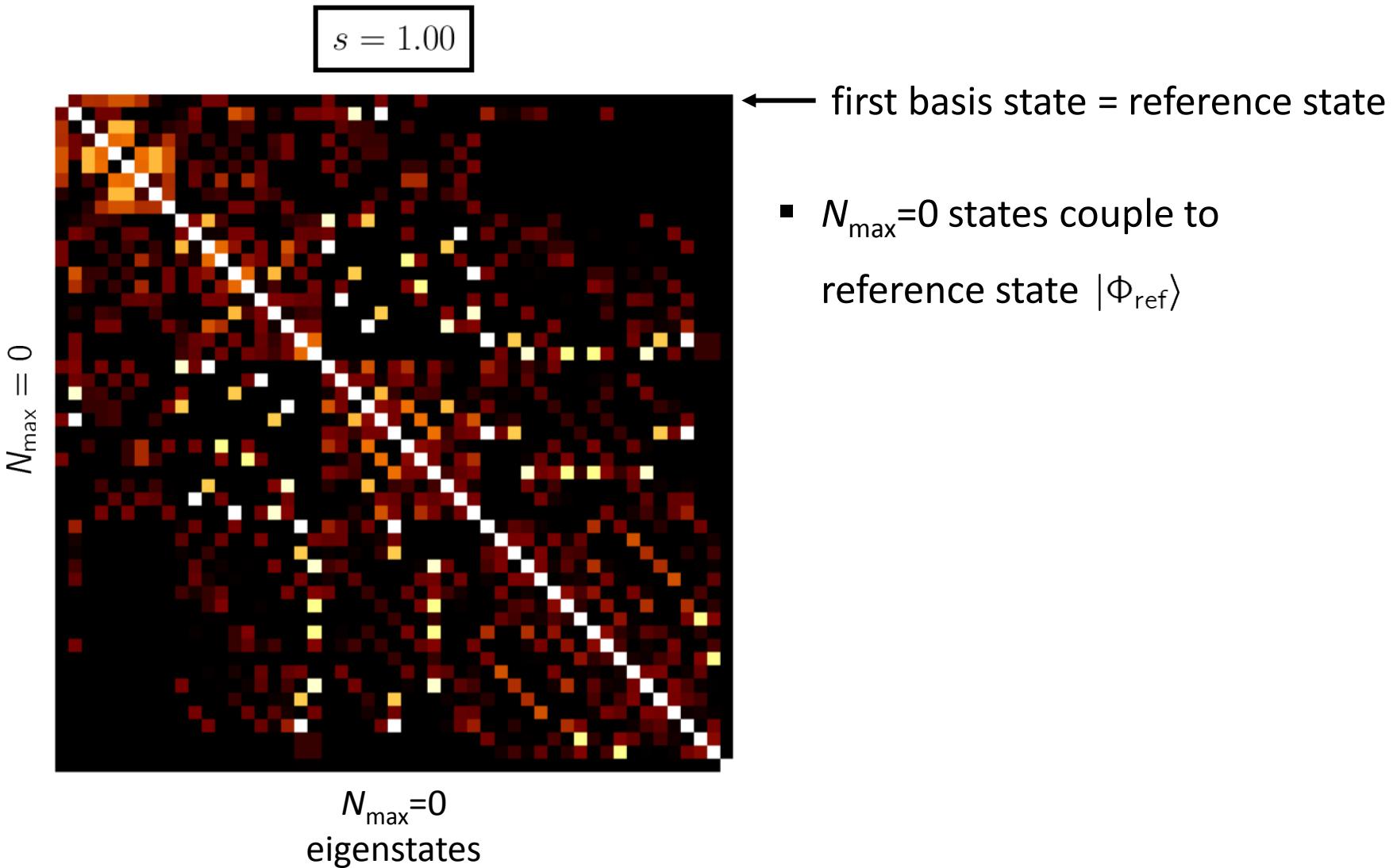
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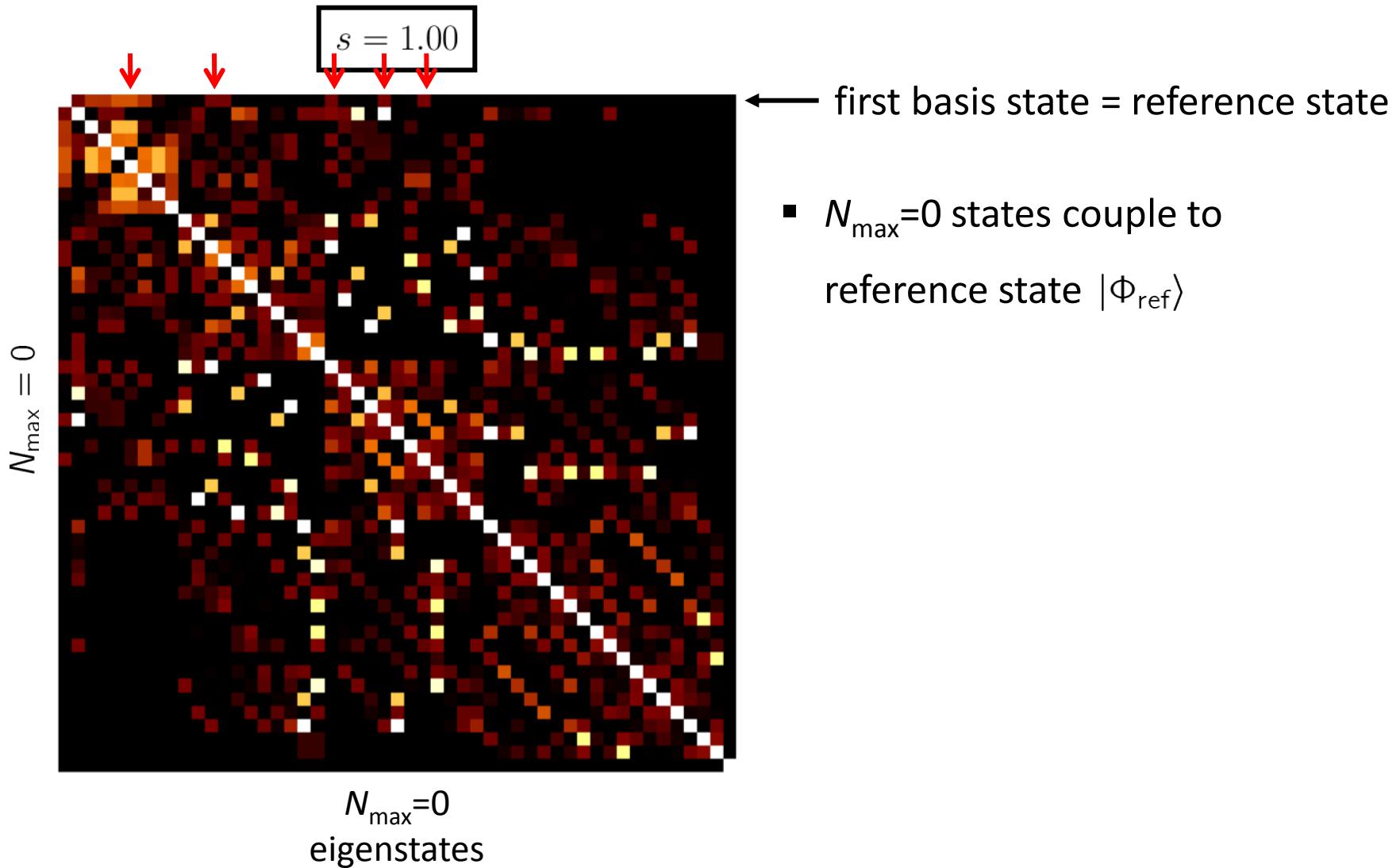
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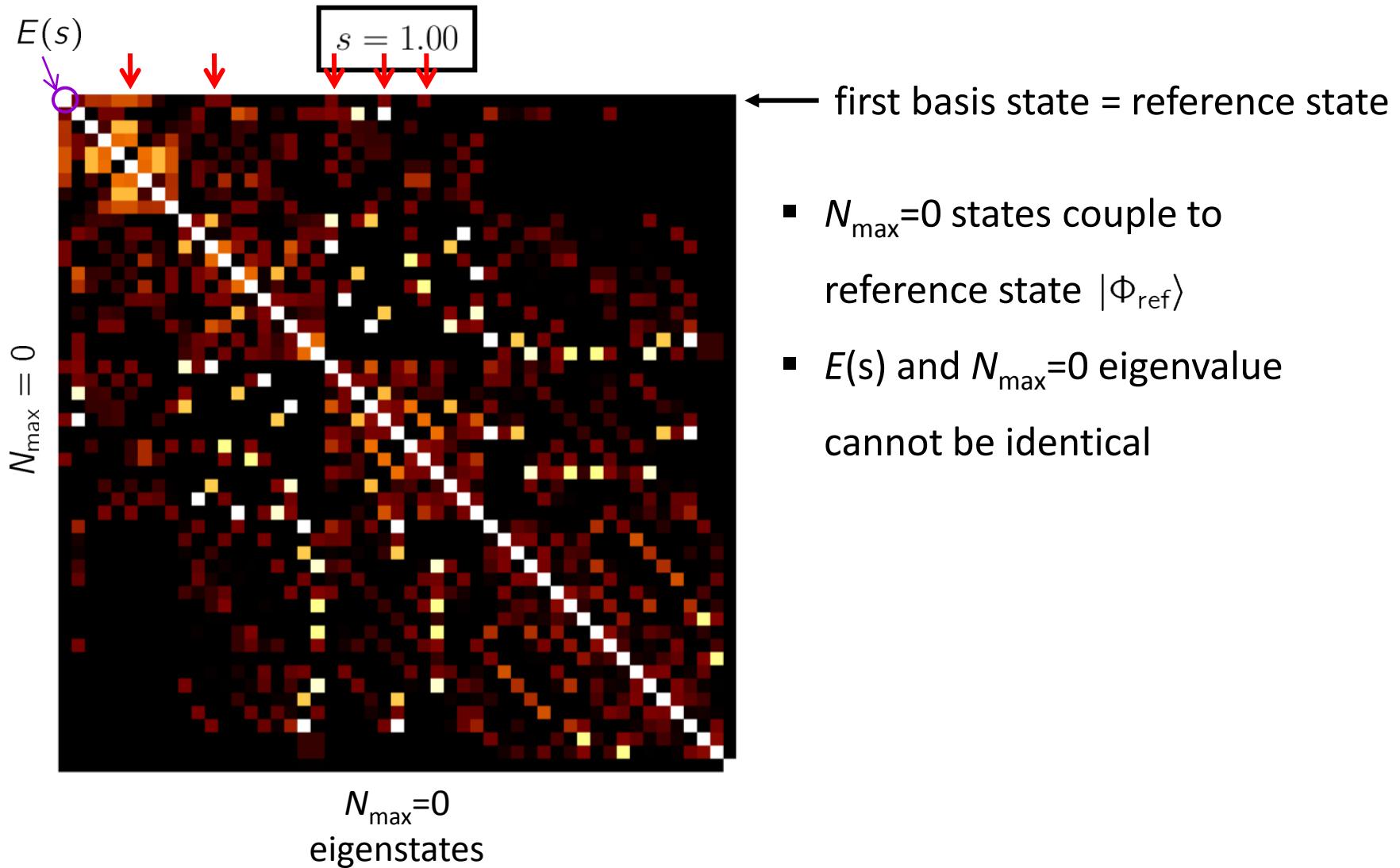
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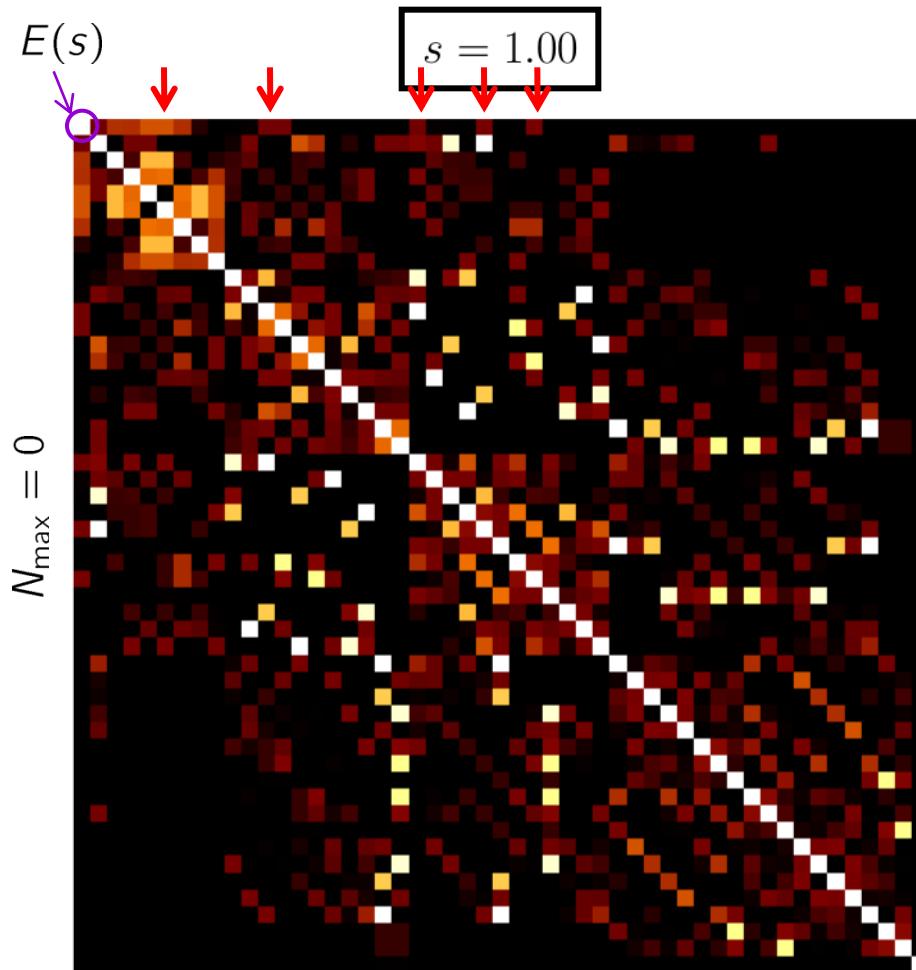
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$N_{\max}=0$   
eigenstates

← first basis state = reference state

- $N_{\max}=0$  states couple to reference state  $|\Phi_{\text{ref}}\rangle$
- $E(s)$  and  $N_{\max}=0$  eigenvalue cannot be identical

diagonalization of evolved Hamiltonian necessary

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chiral NN+3N<sub>NO2B</sub>

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$\hbar\Omega = 20 \text{ MeV}$

Imag. Time

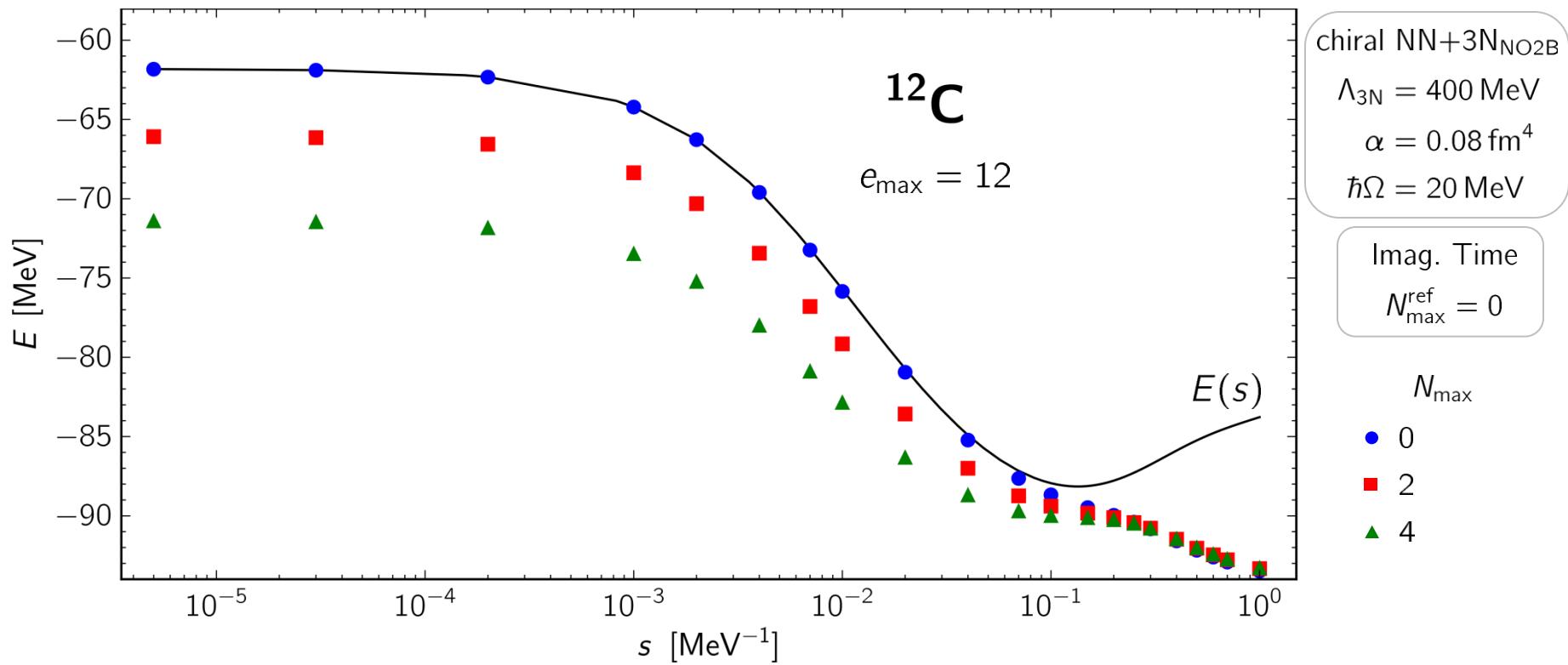
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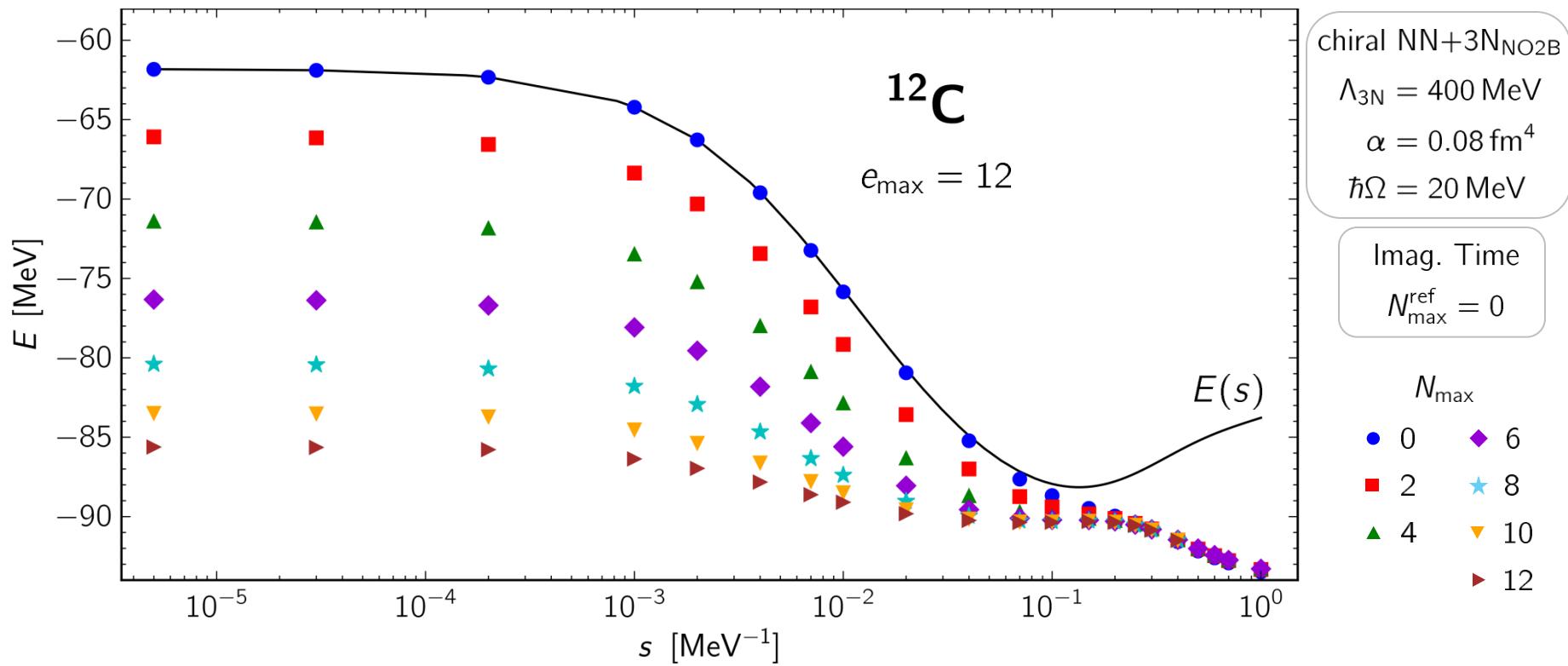


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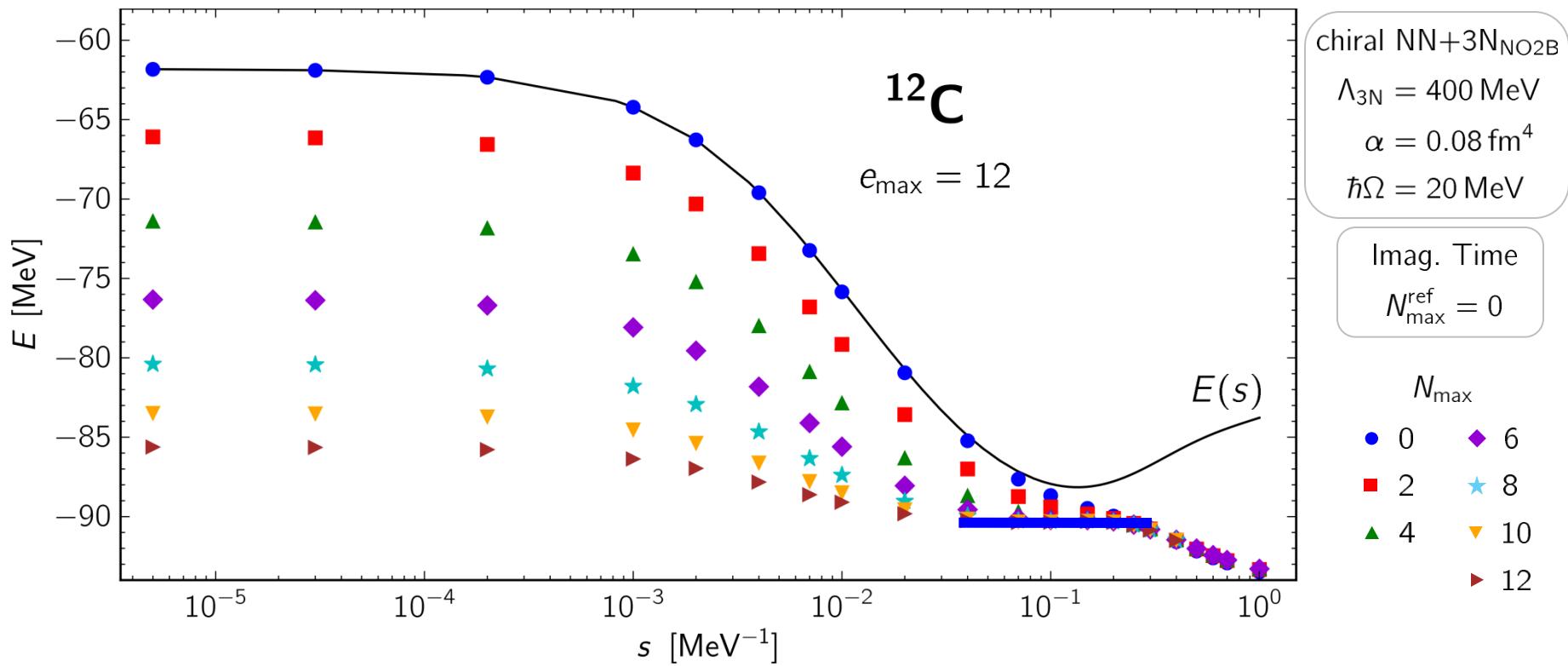
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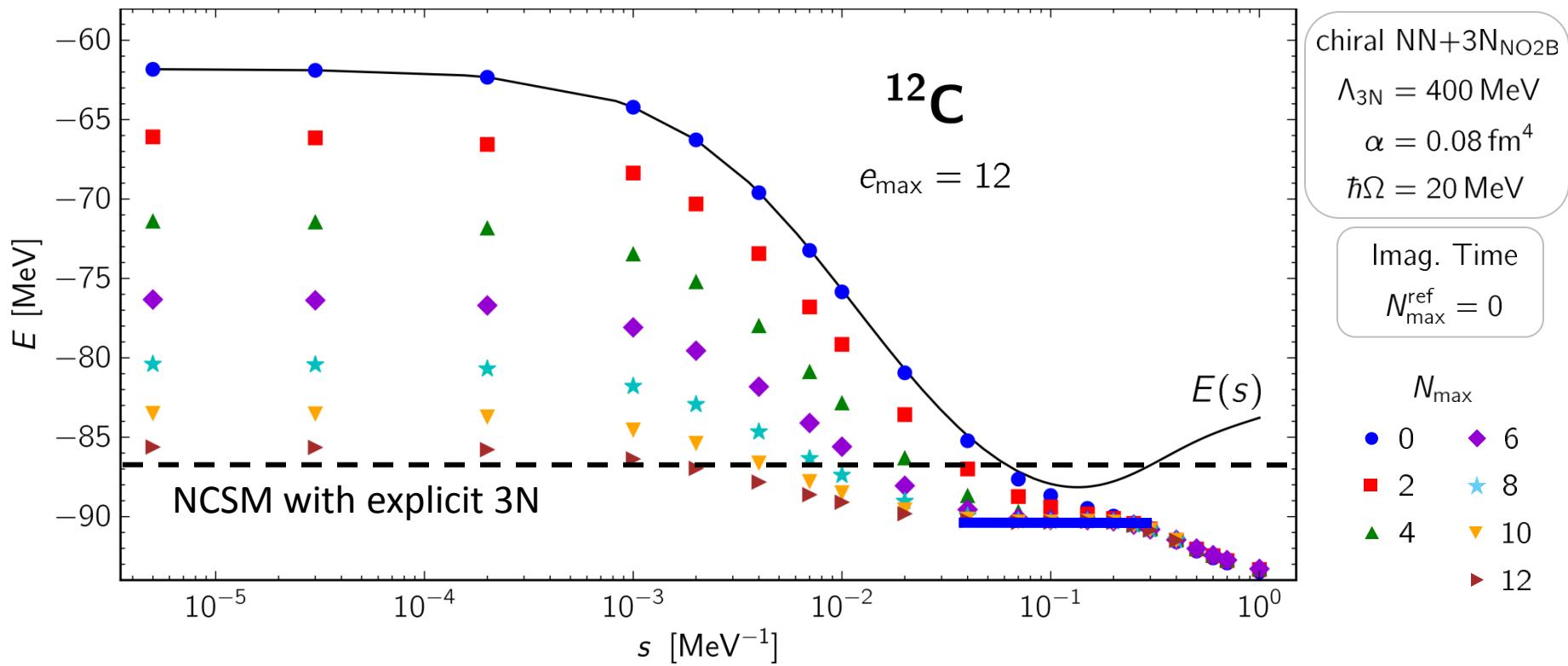
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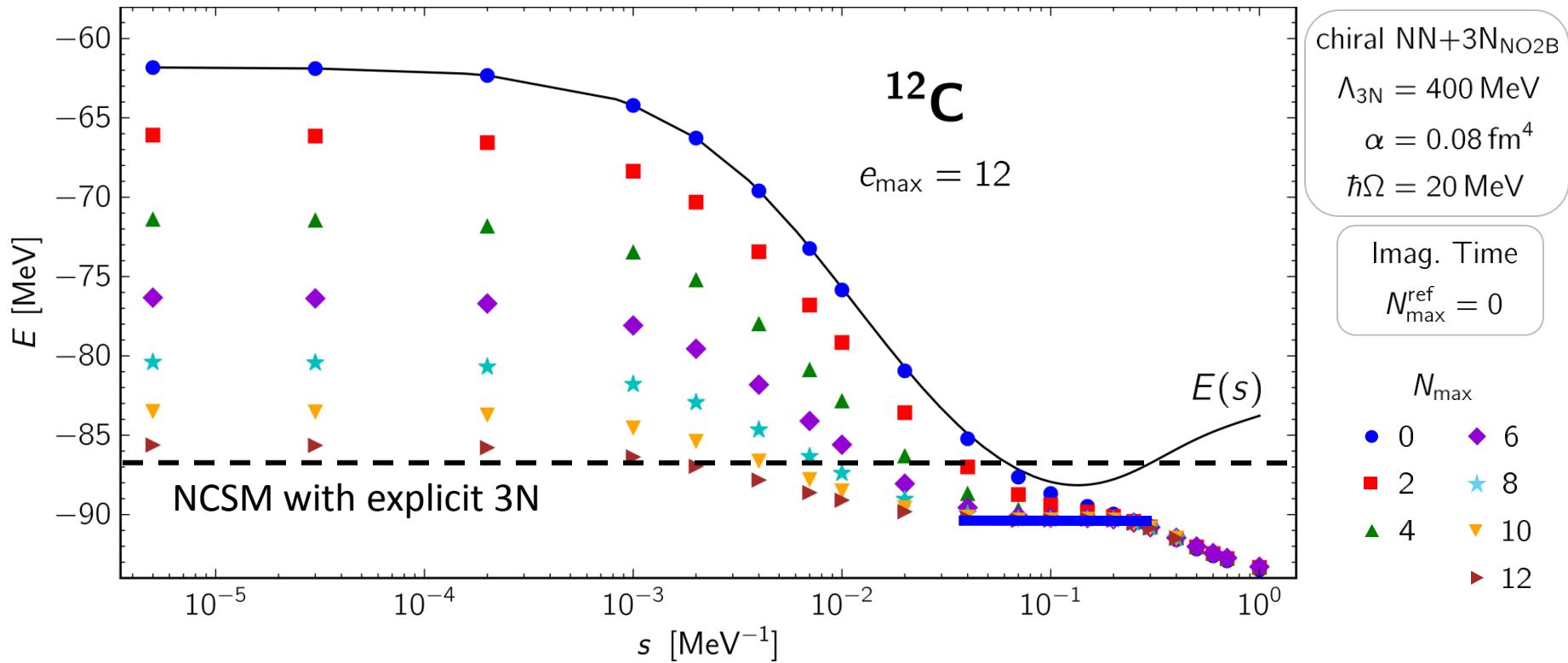


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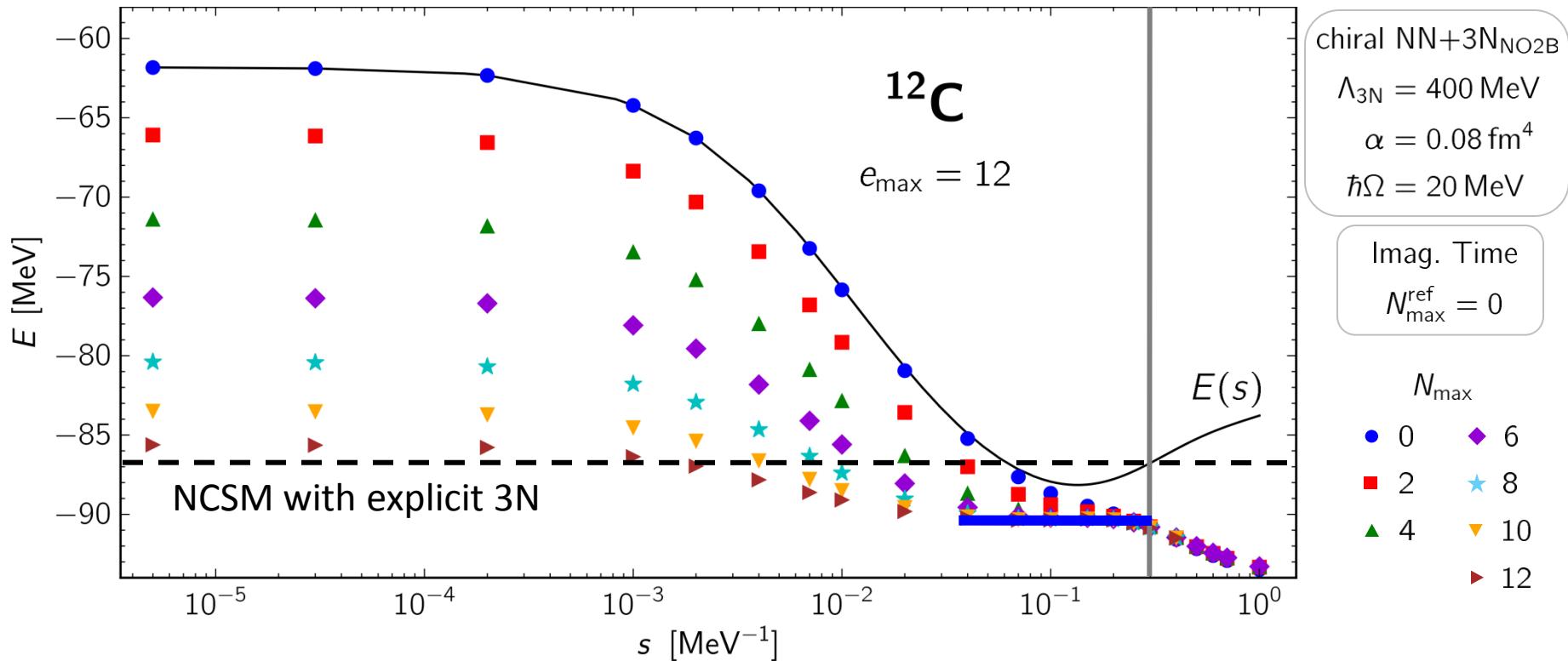
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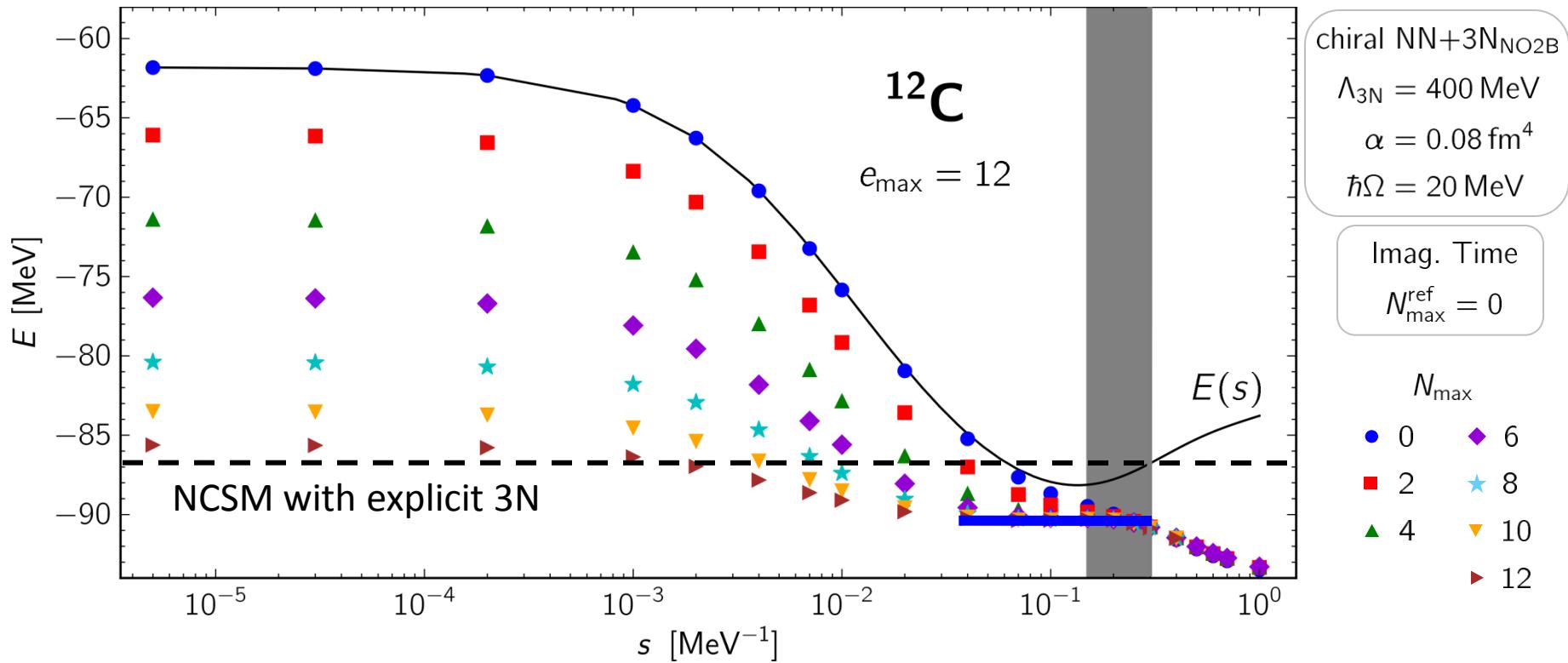
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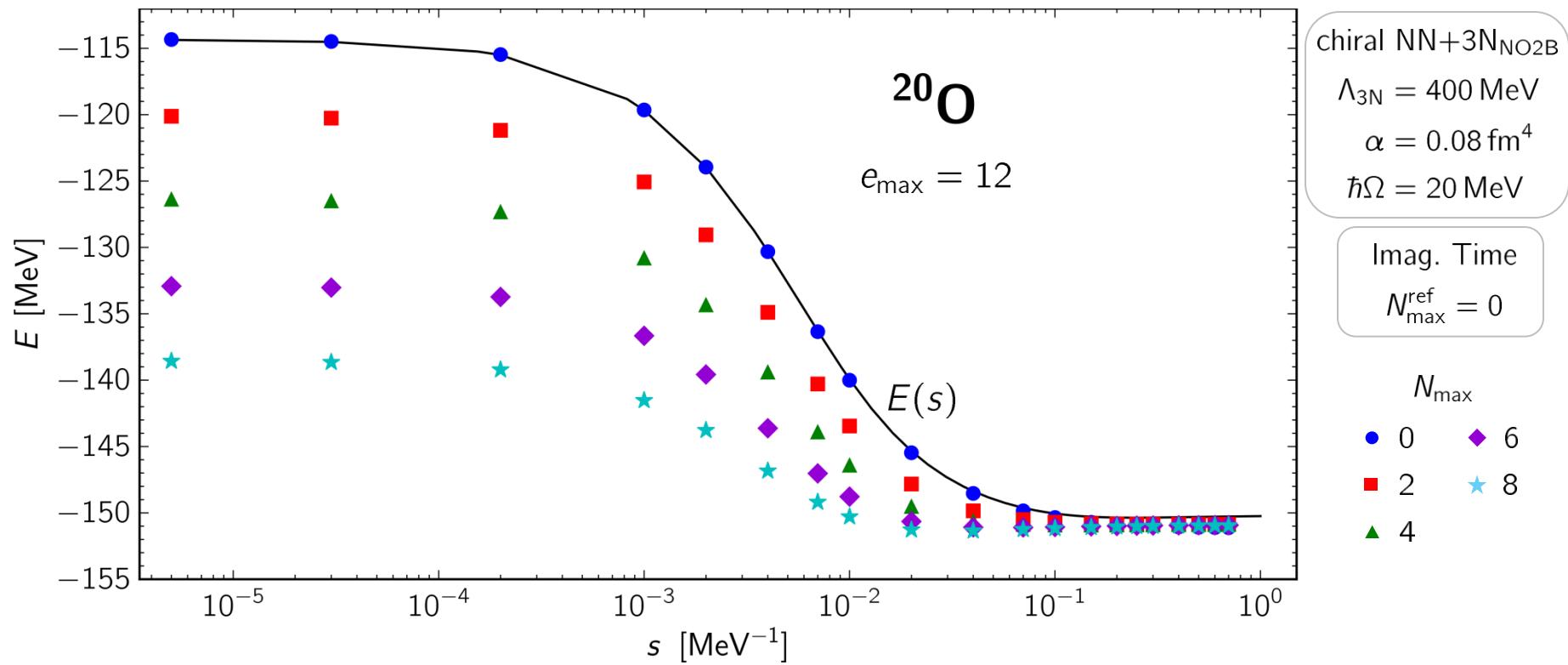
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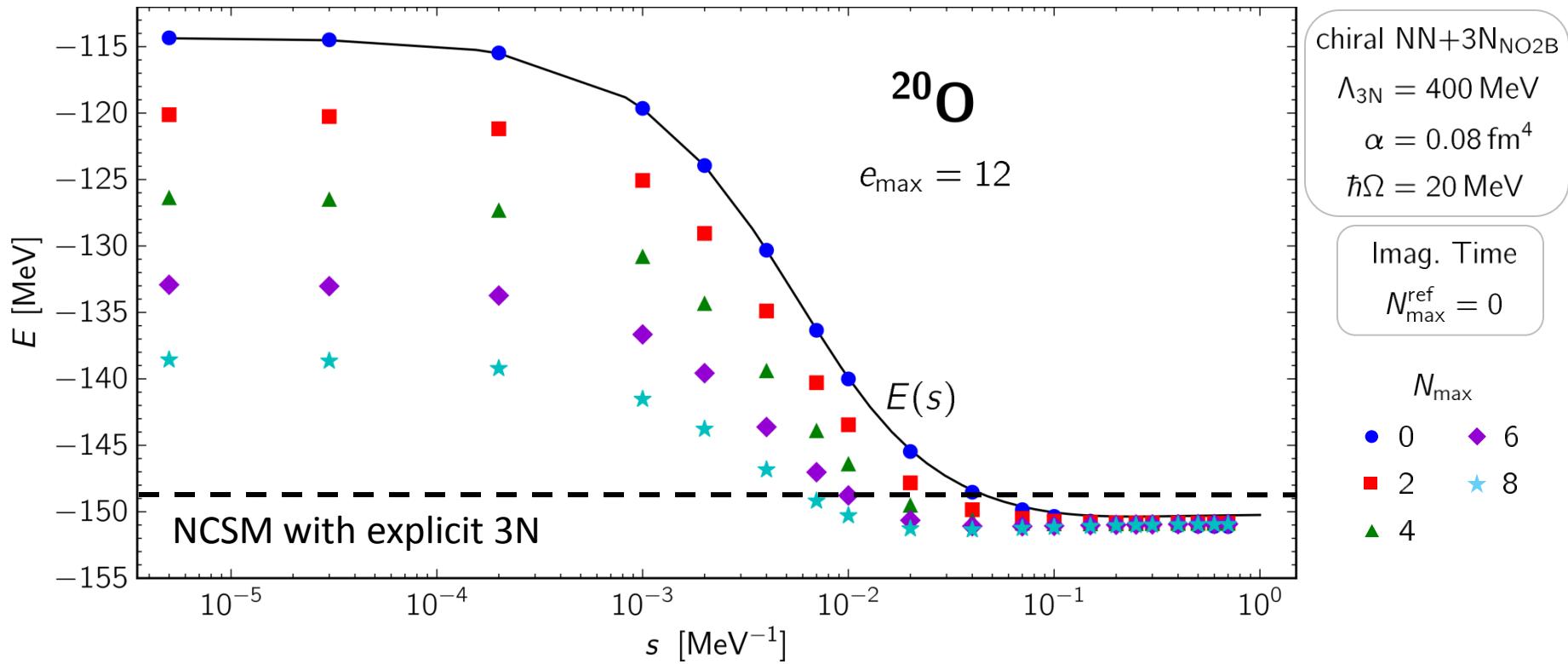
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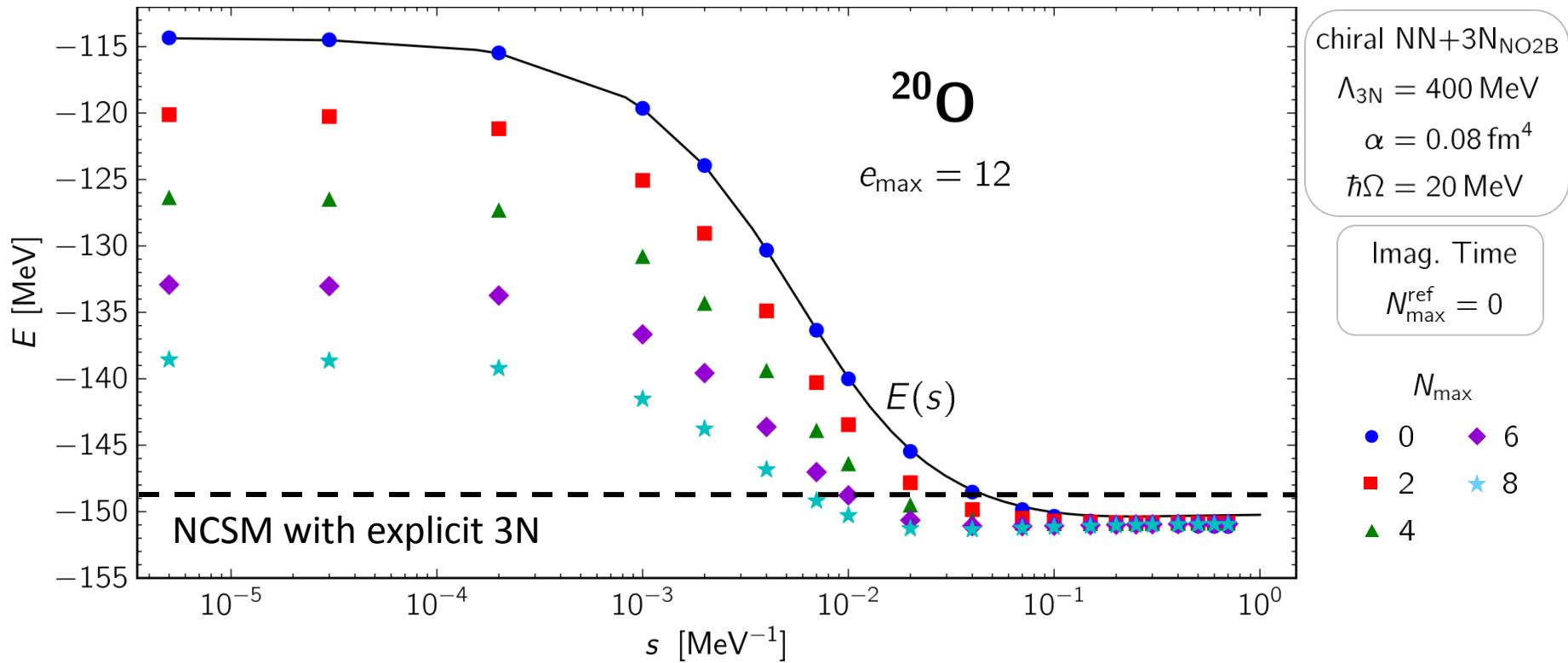
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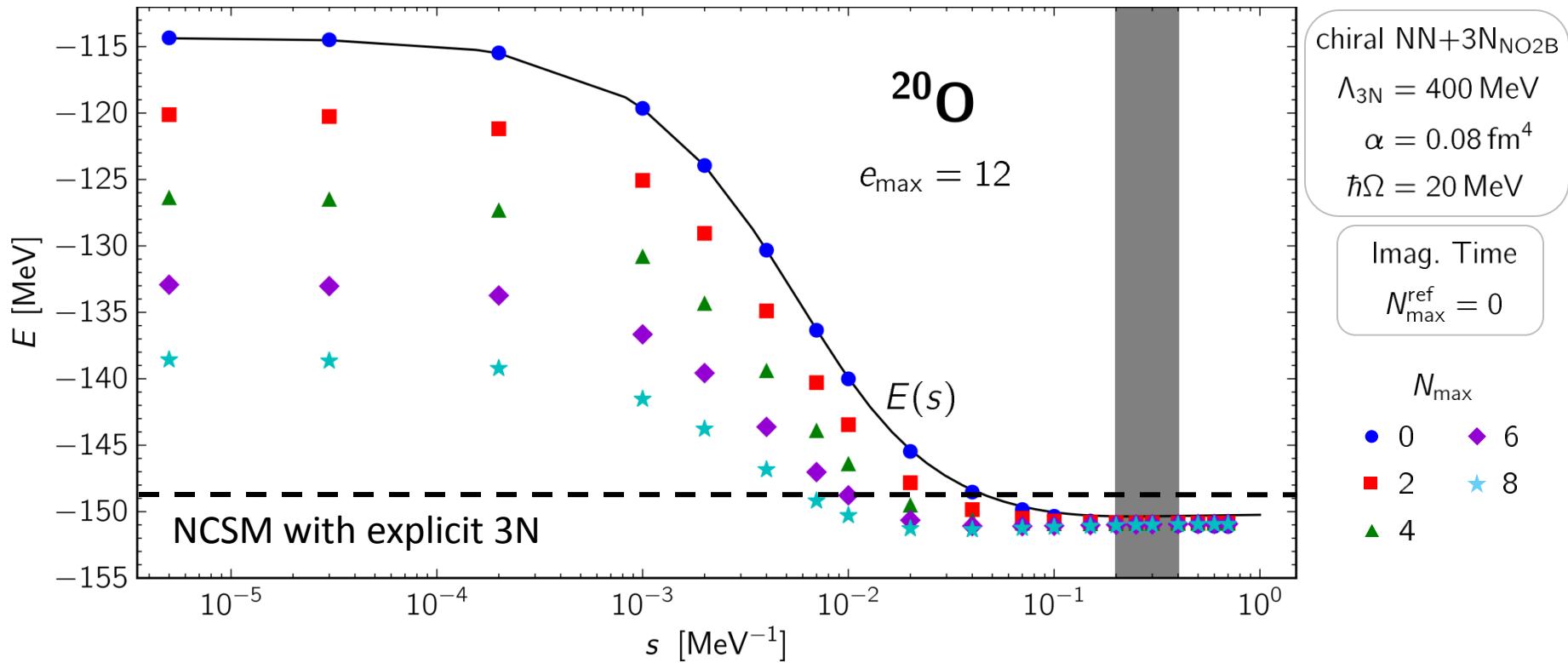
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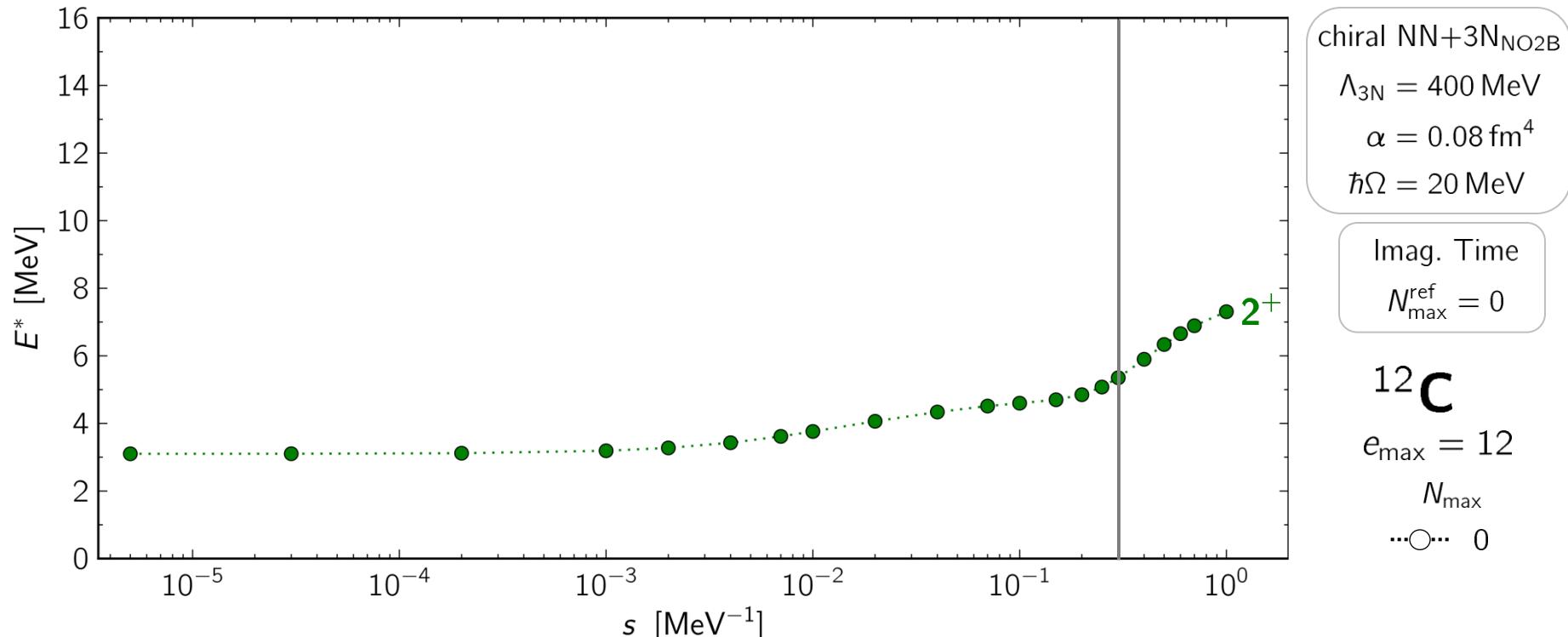
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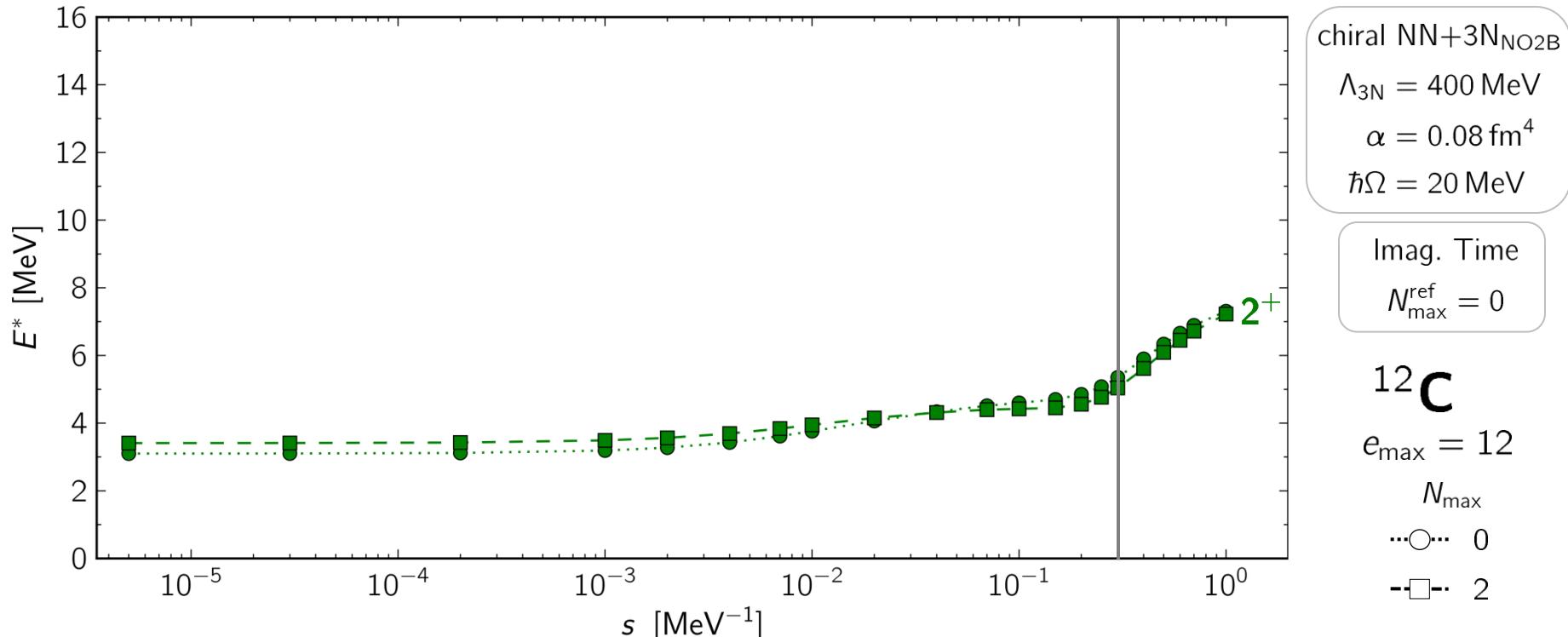
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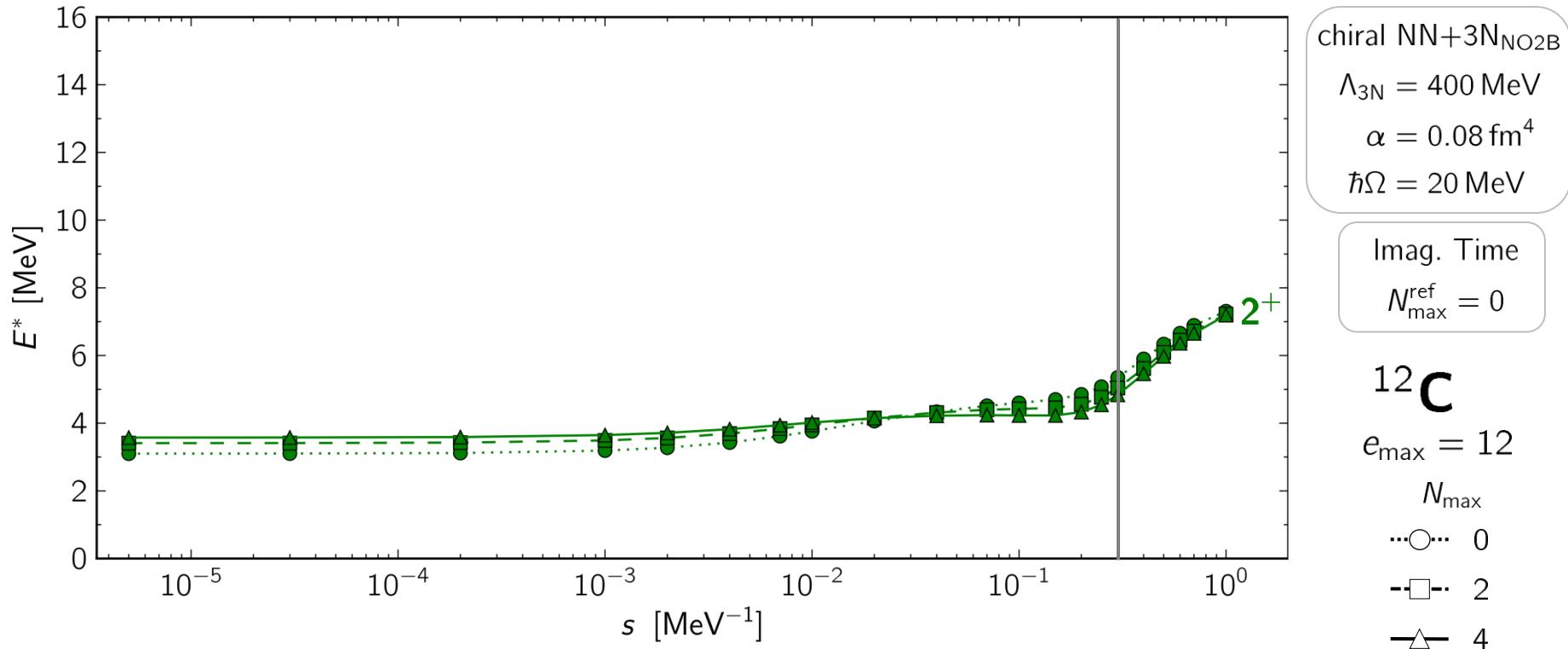
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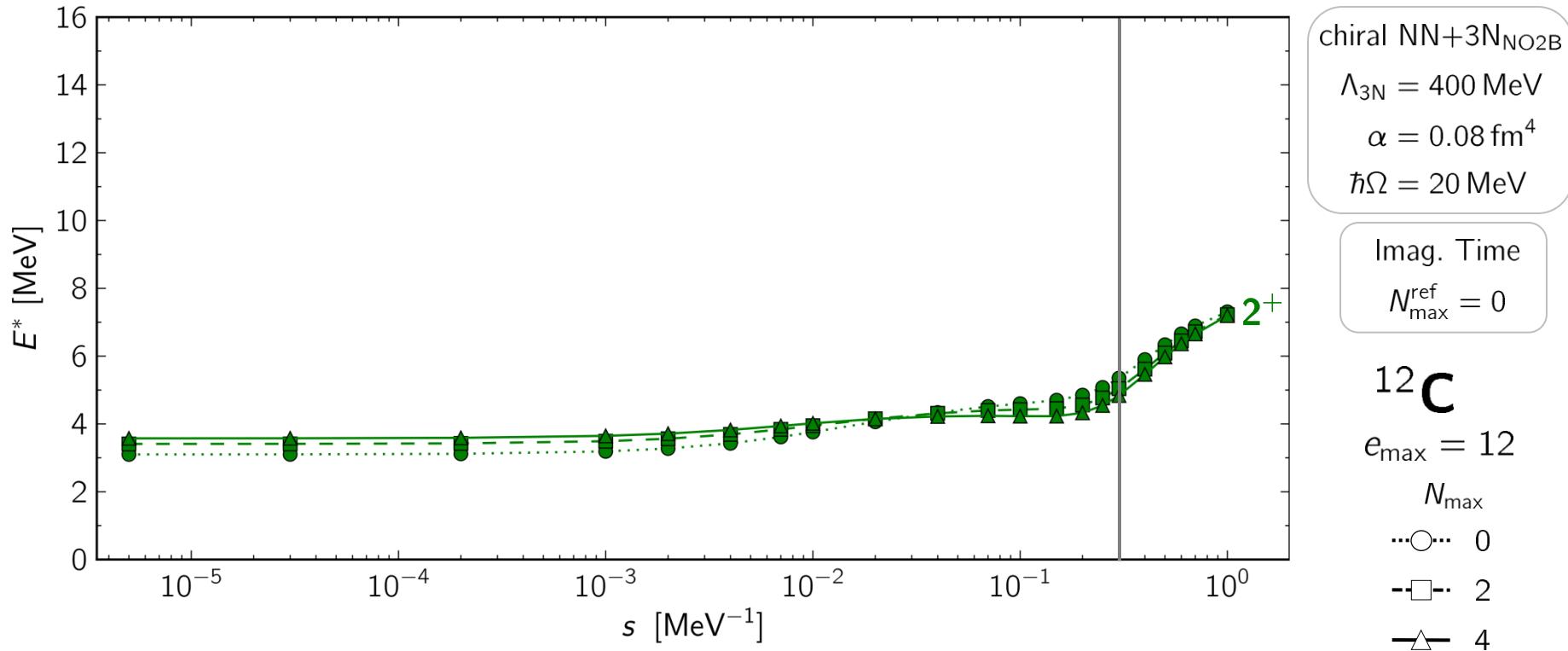


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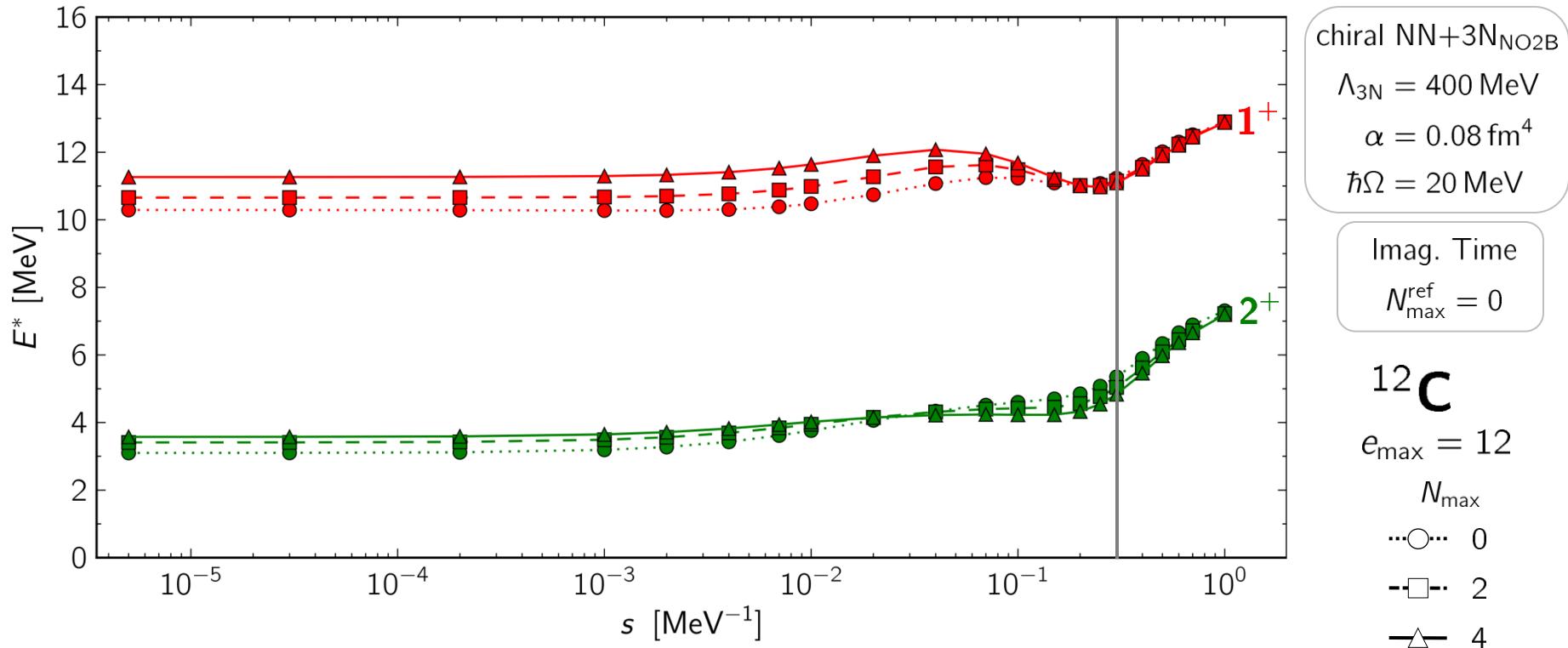
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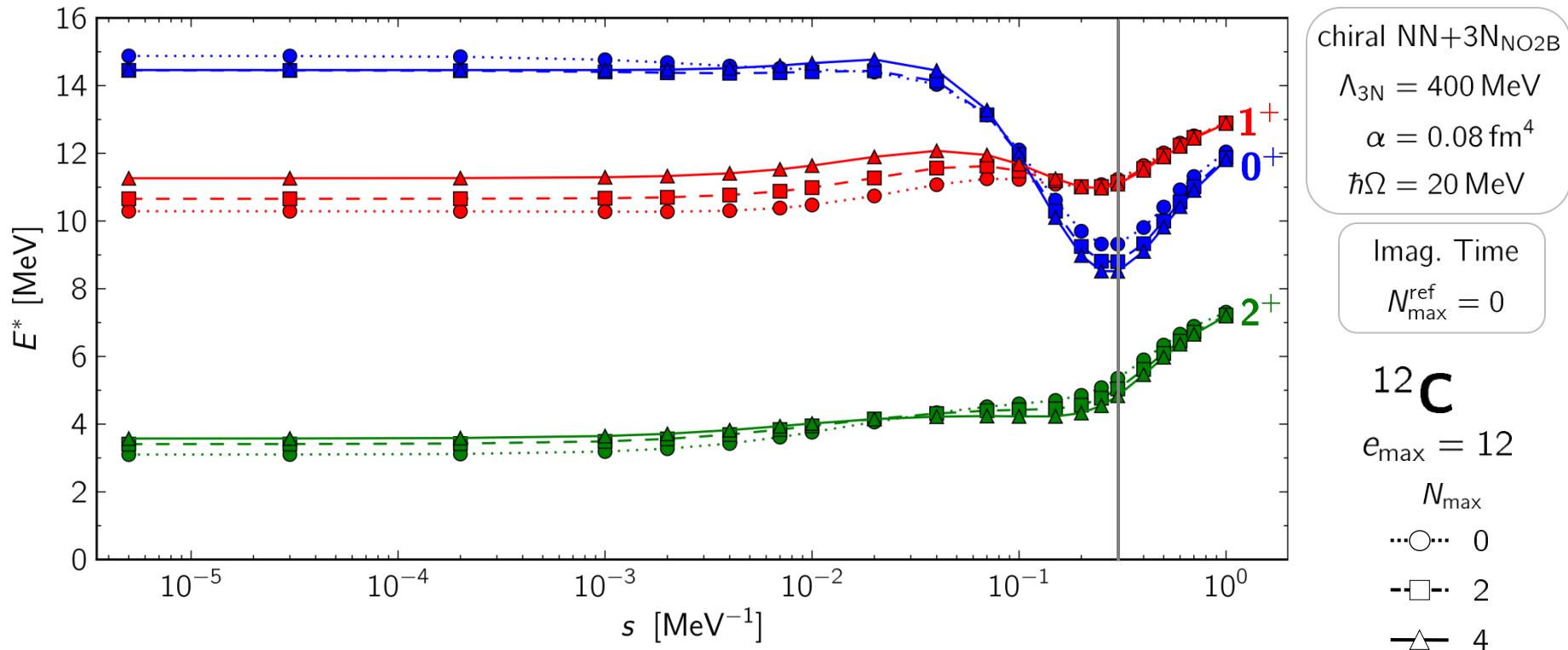


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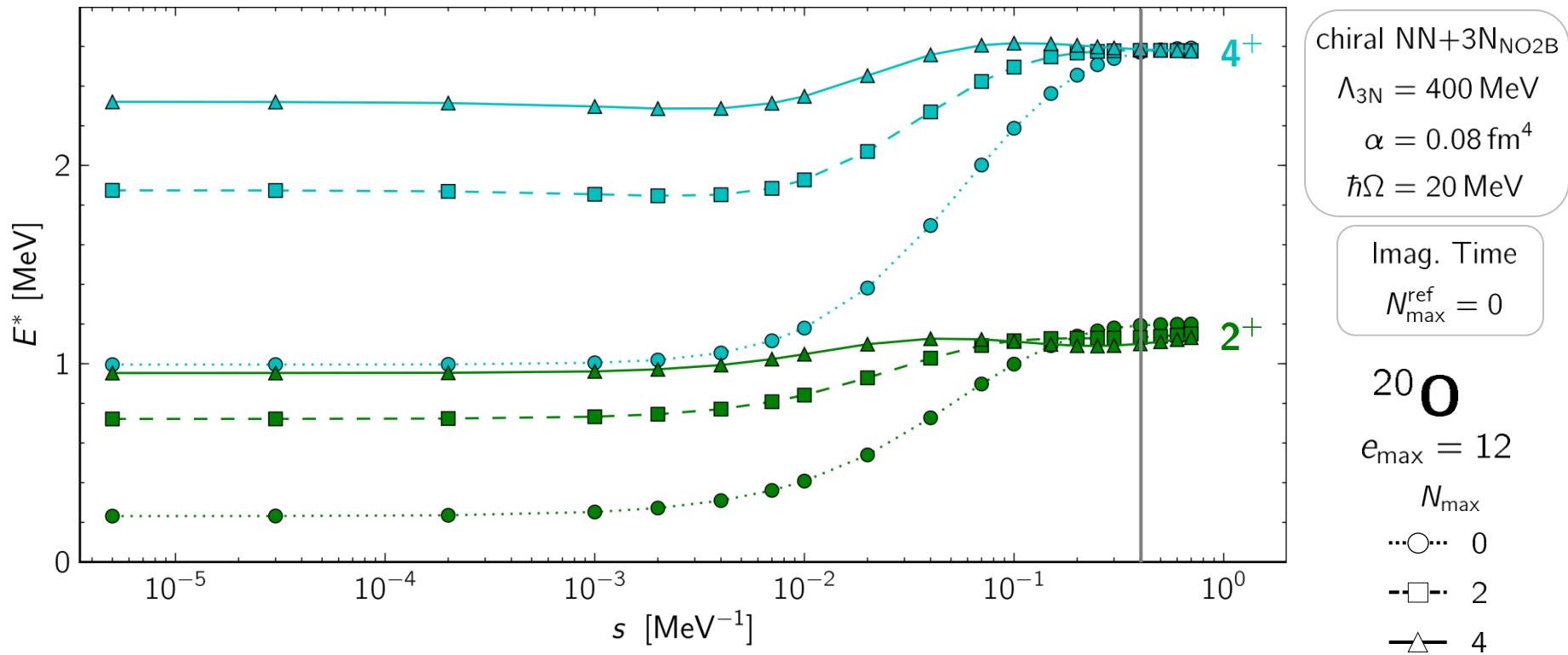
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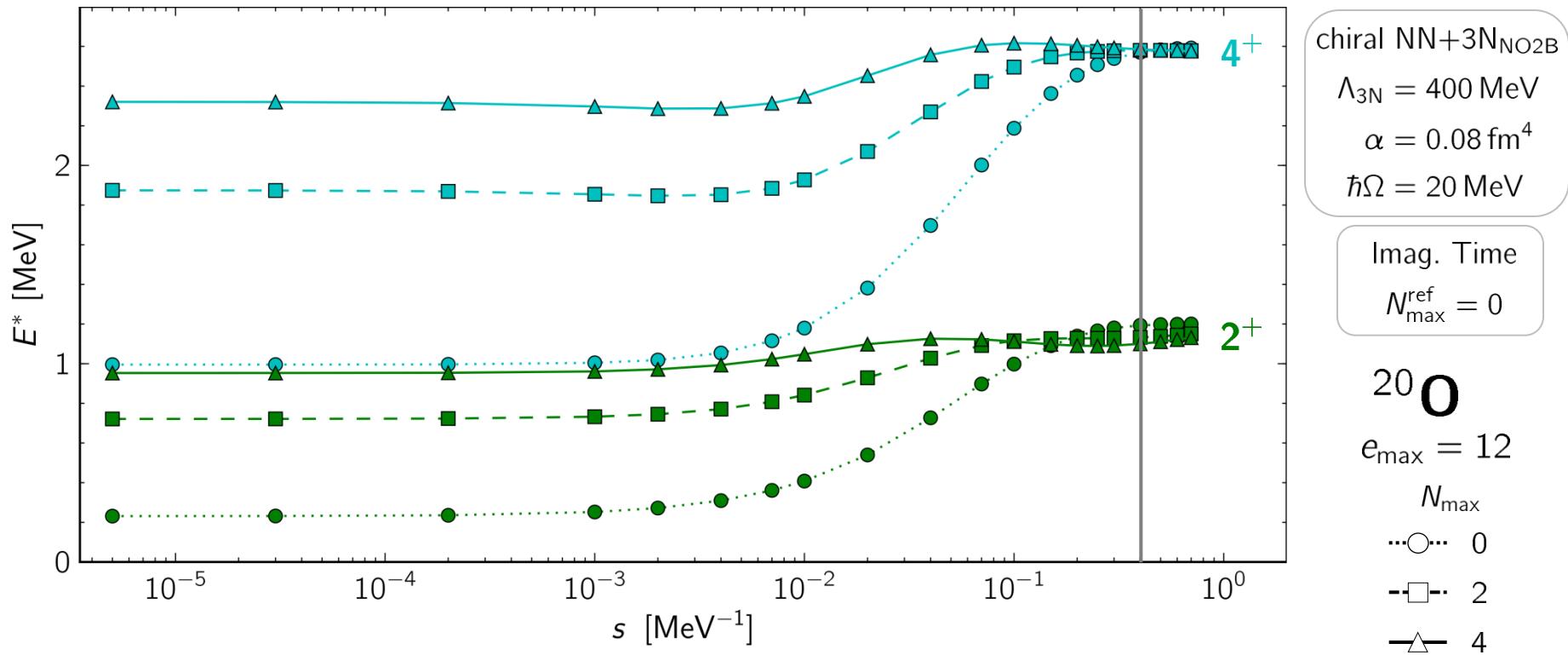


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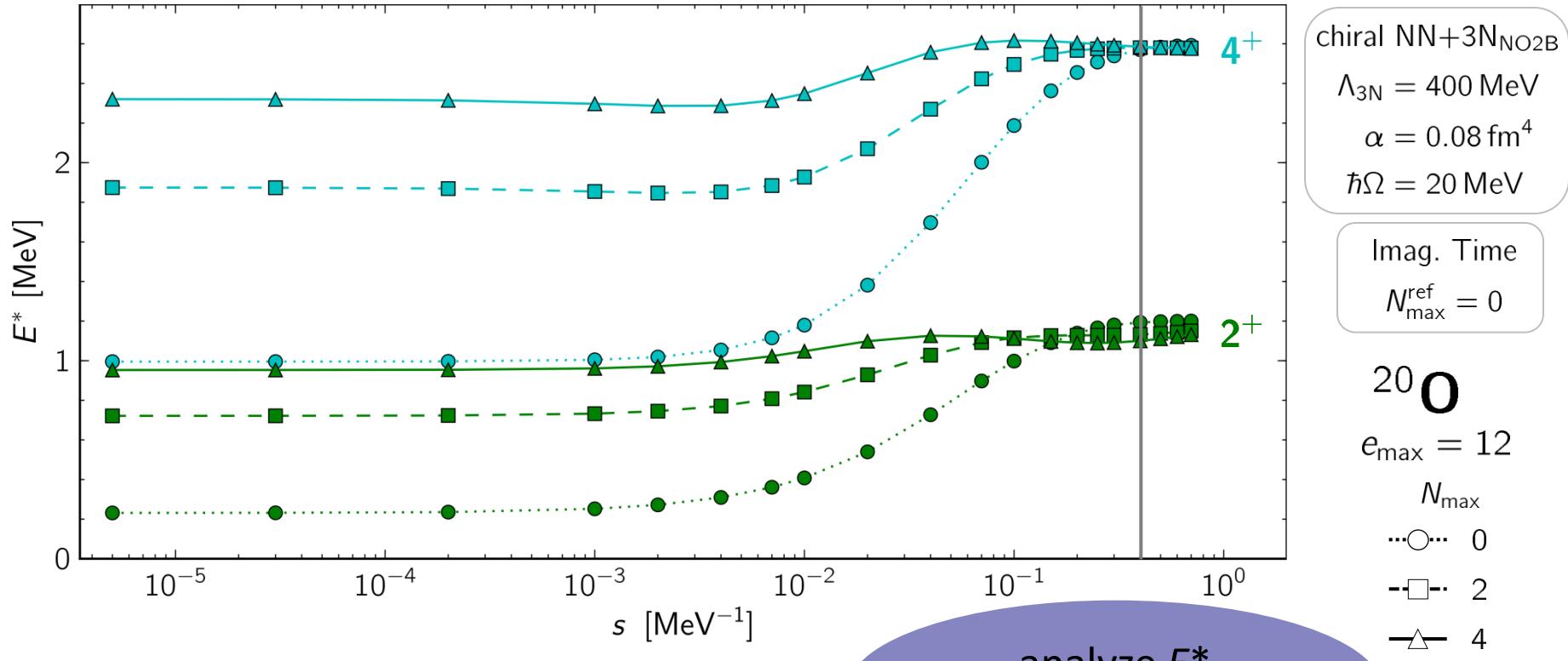
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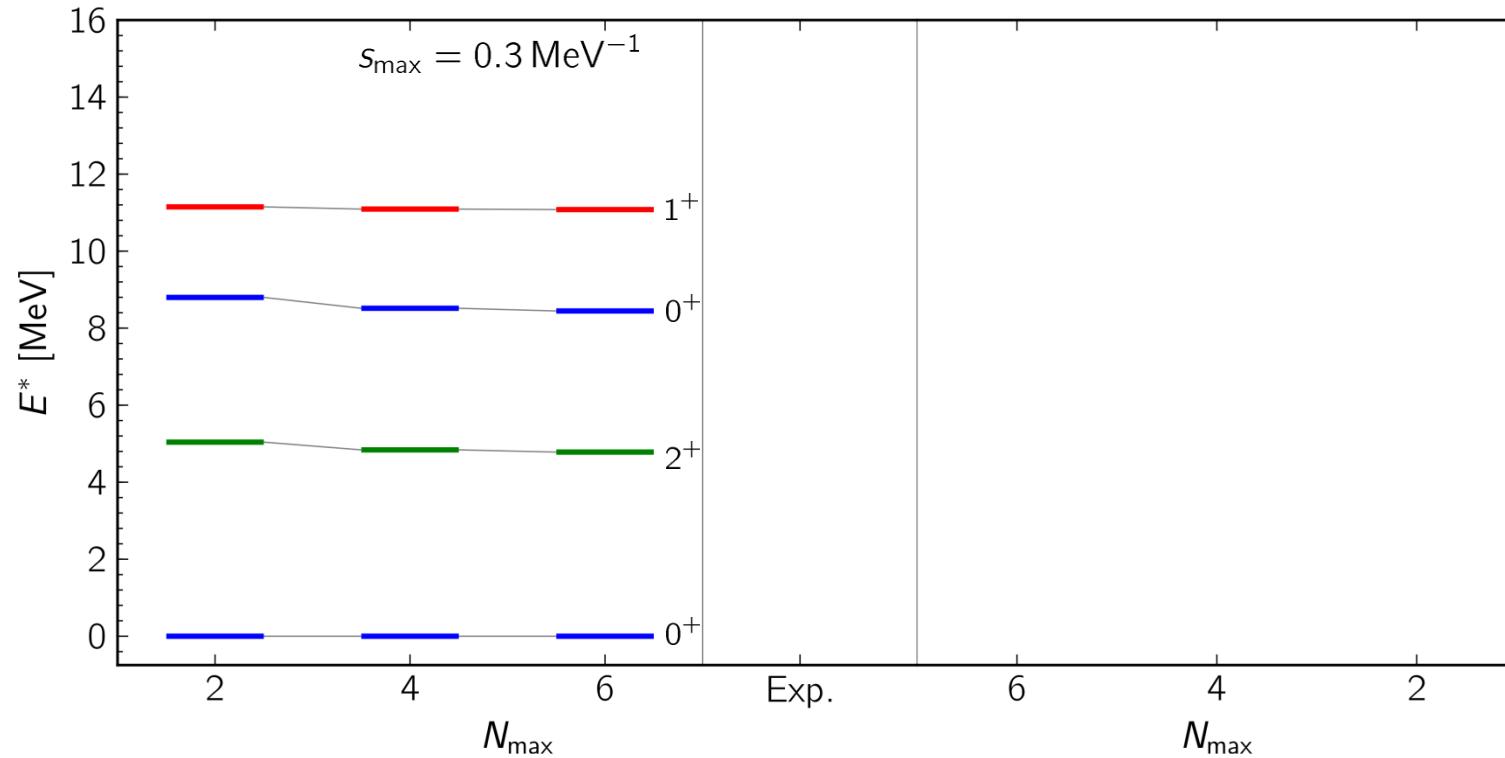
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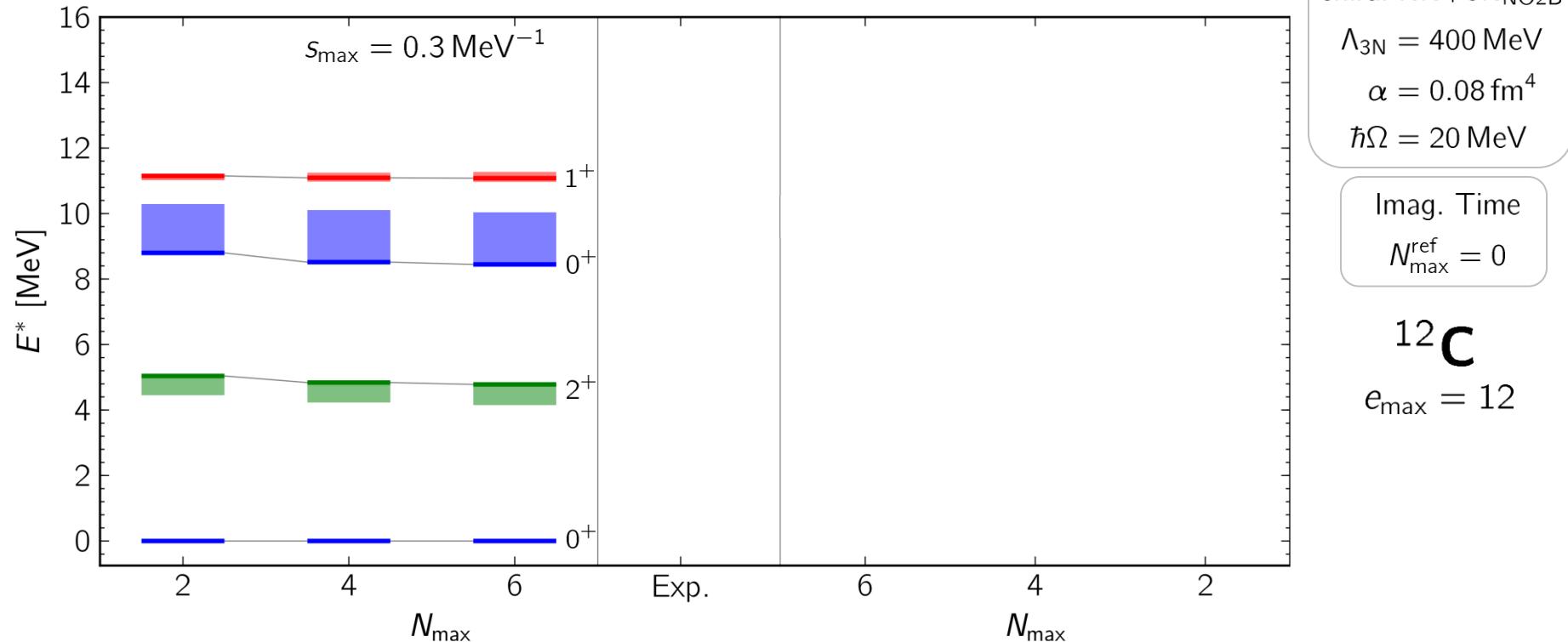
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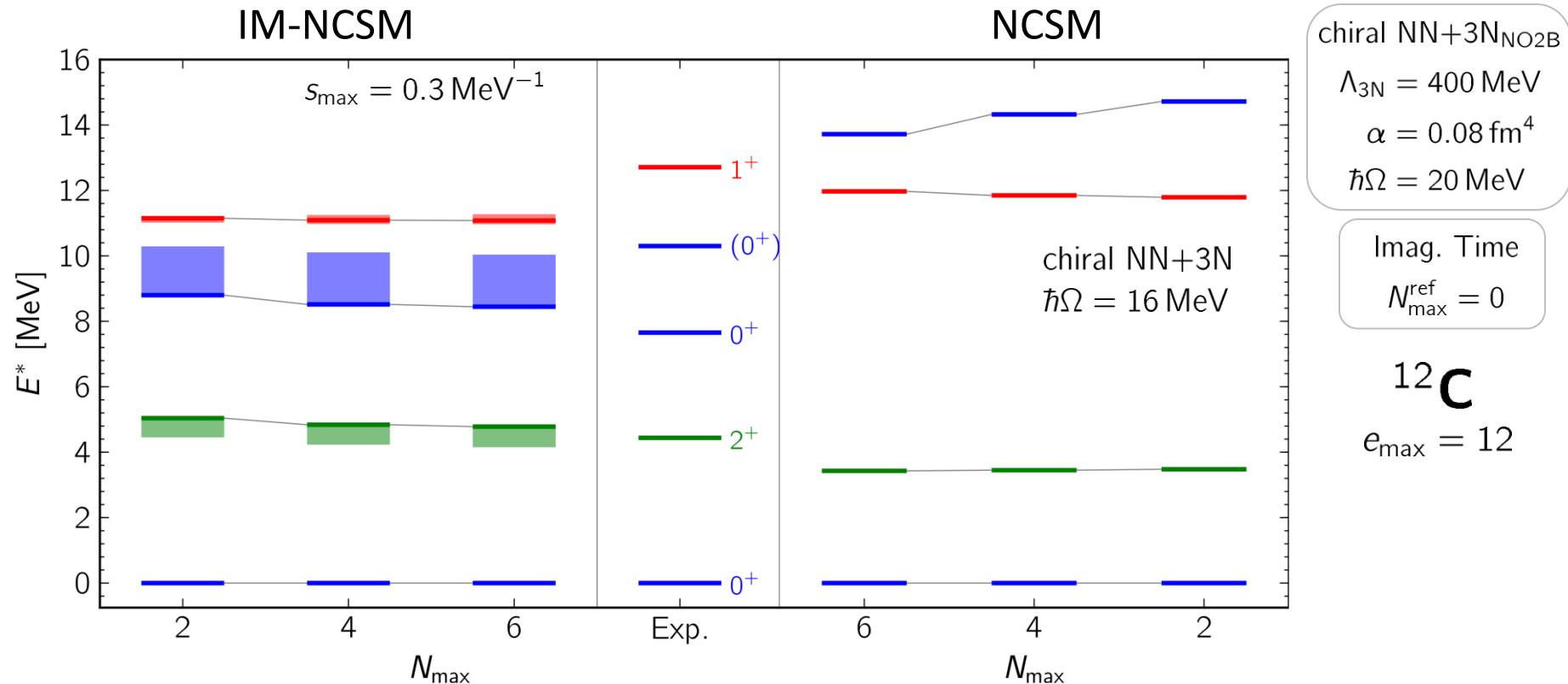
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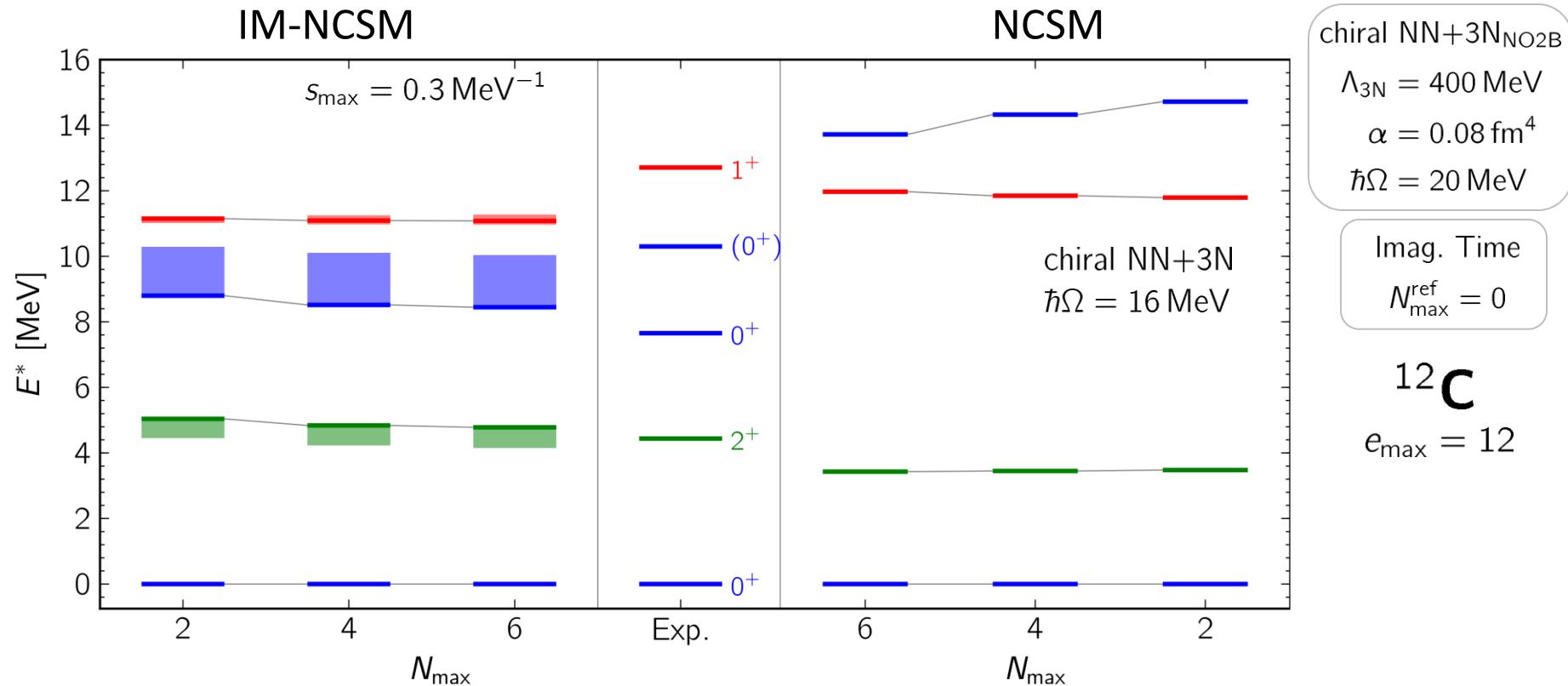
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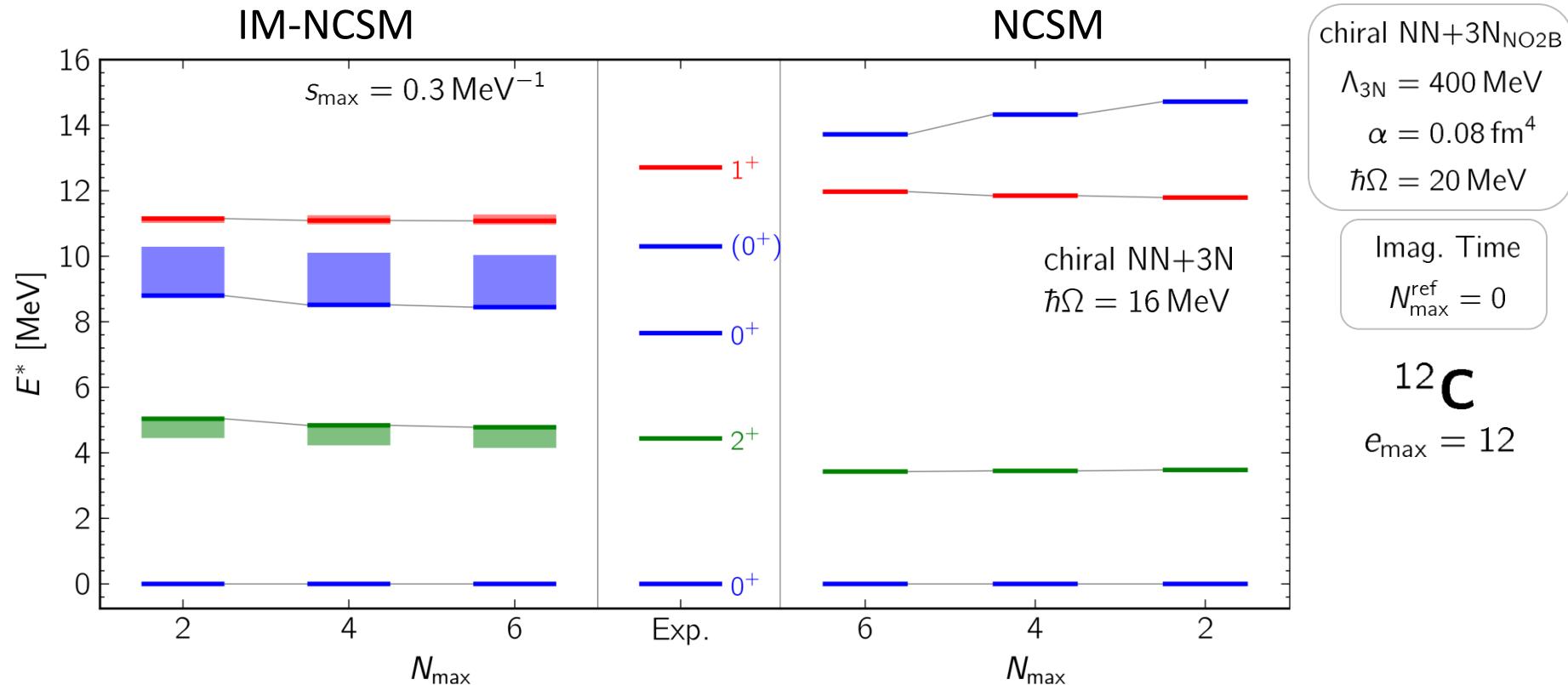
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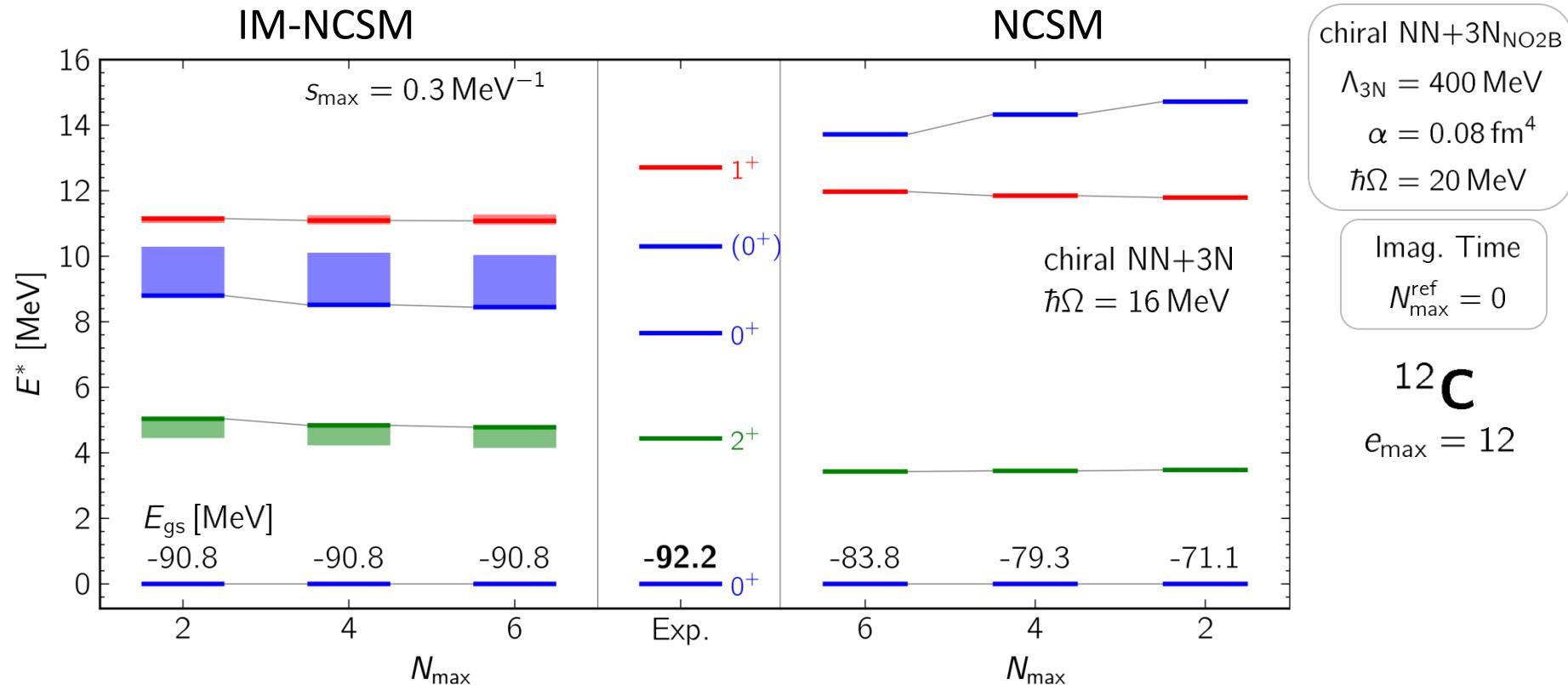
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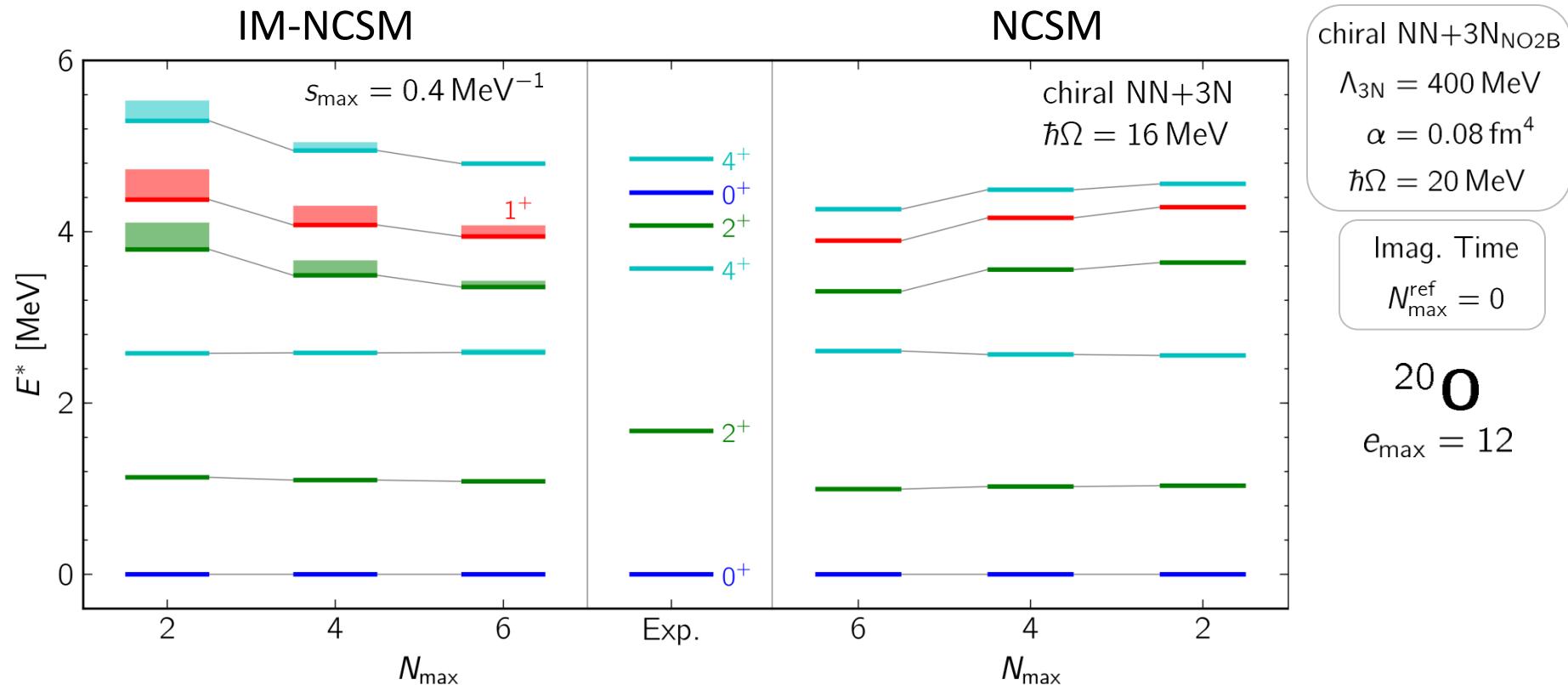
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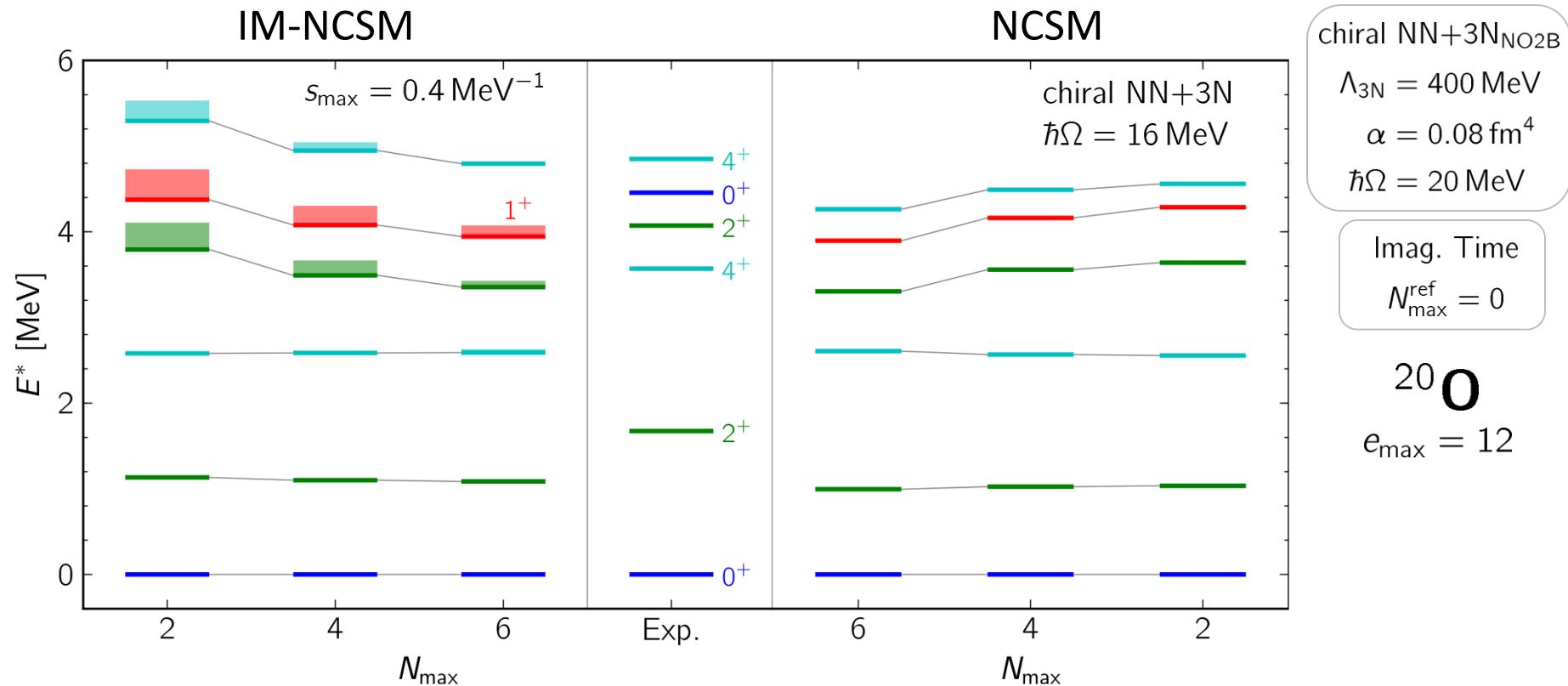
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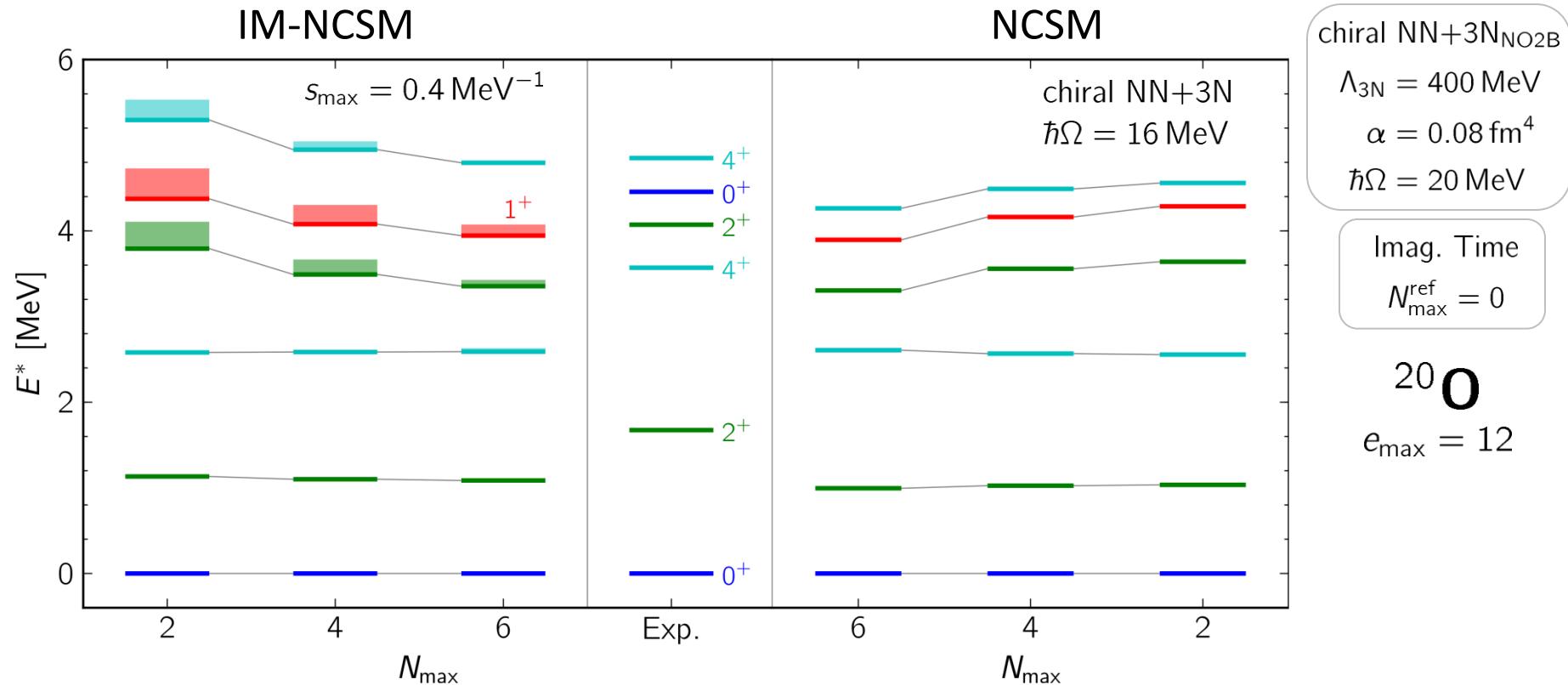
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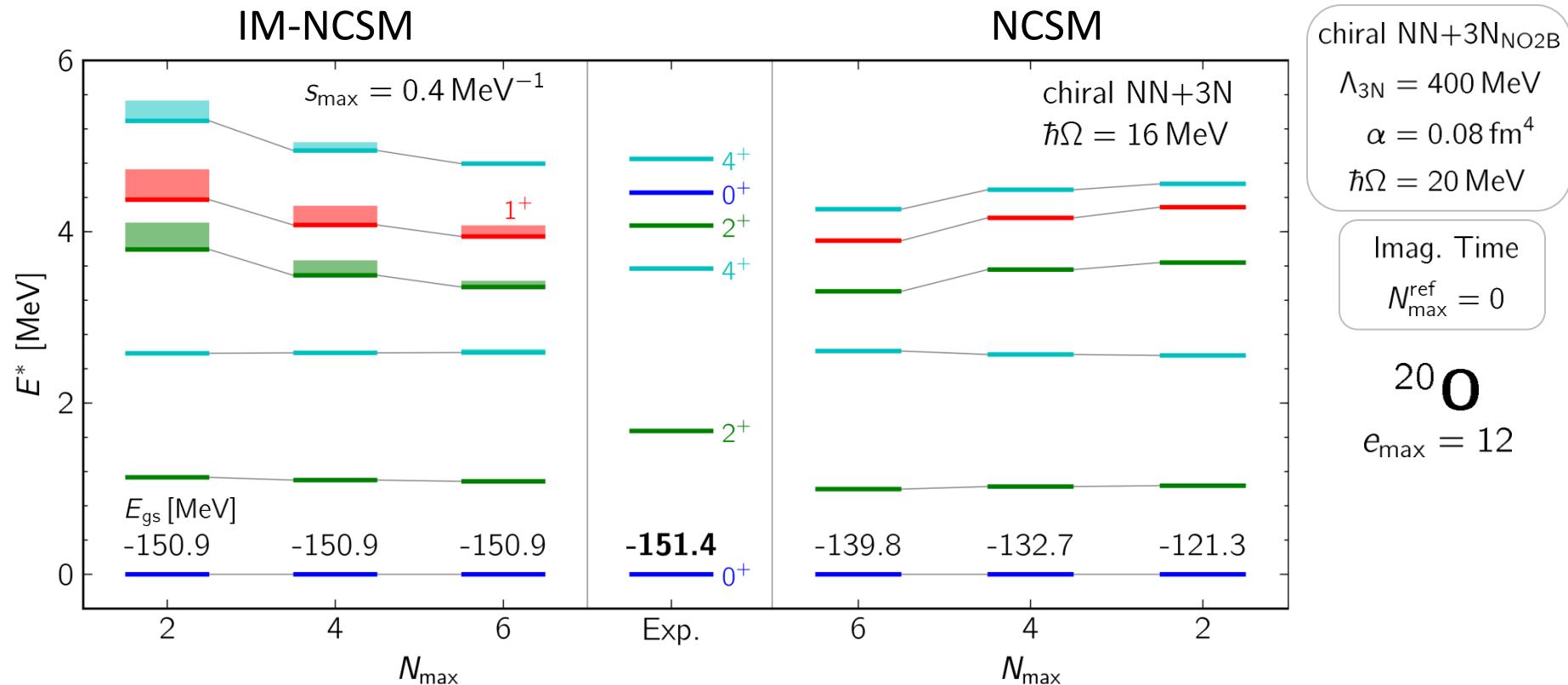
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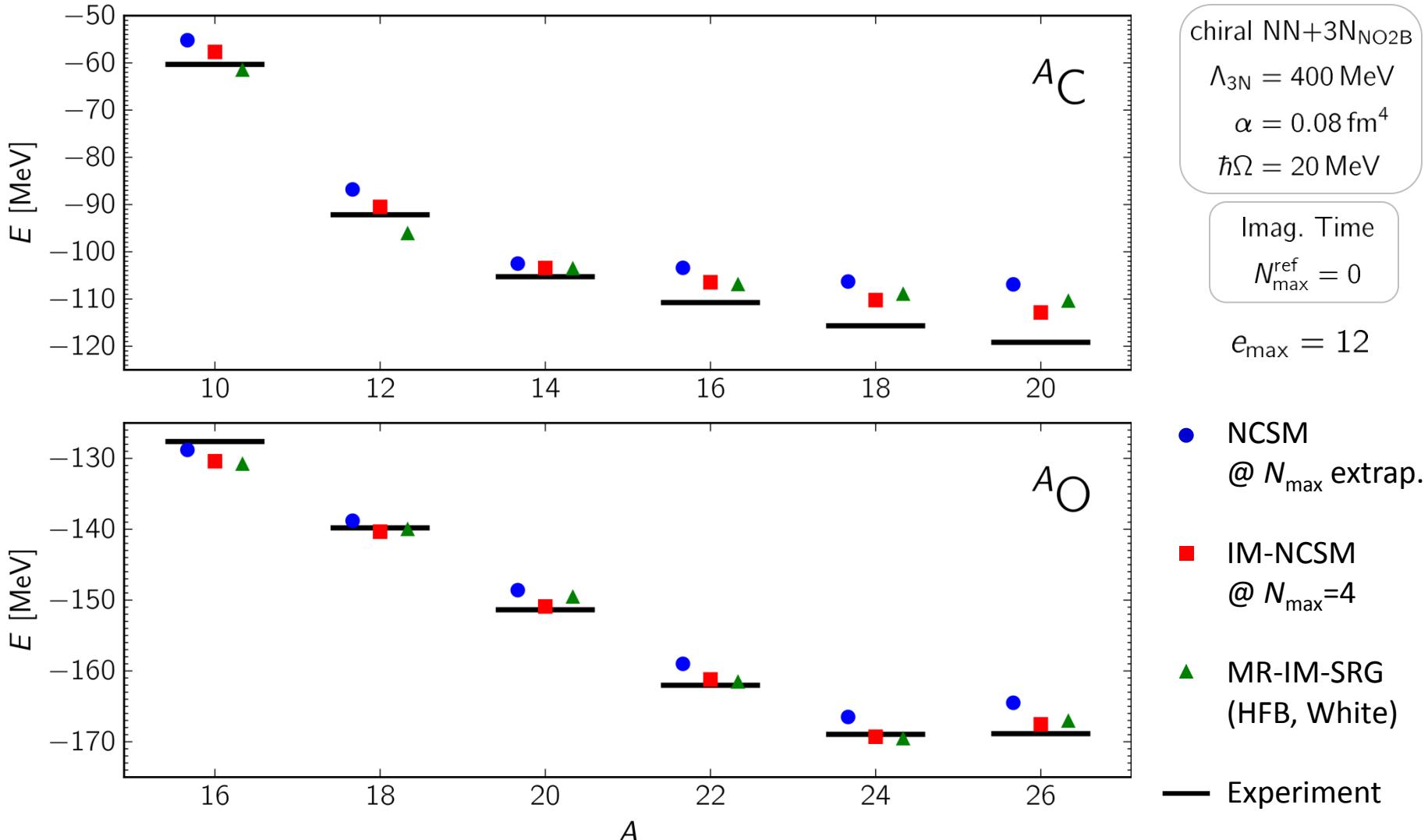
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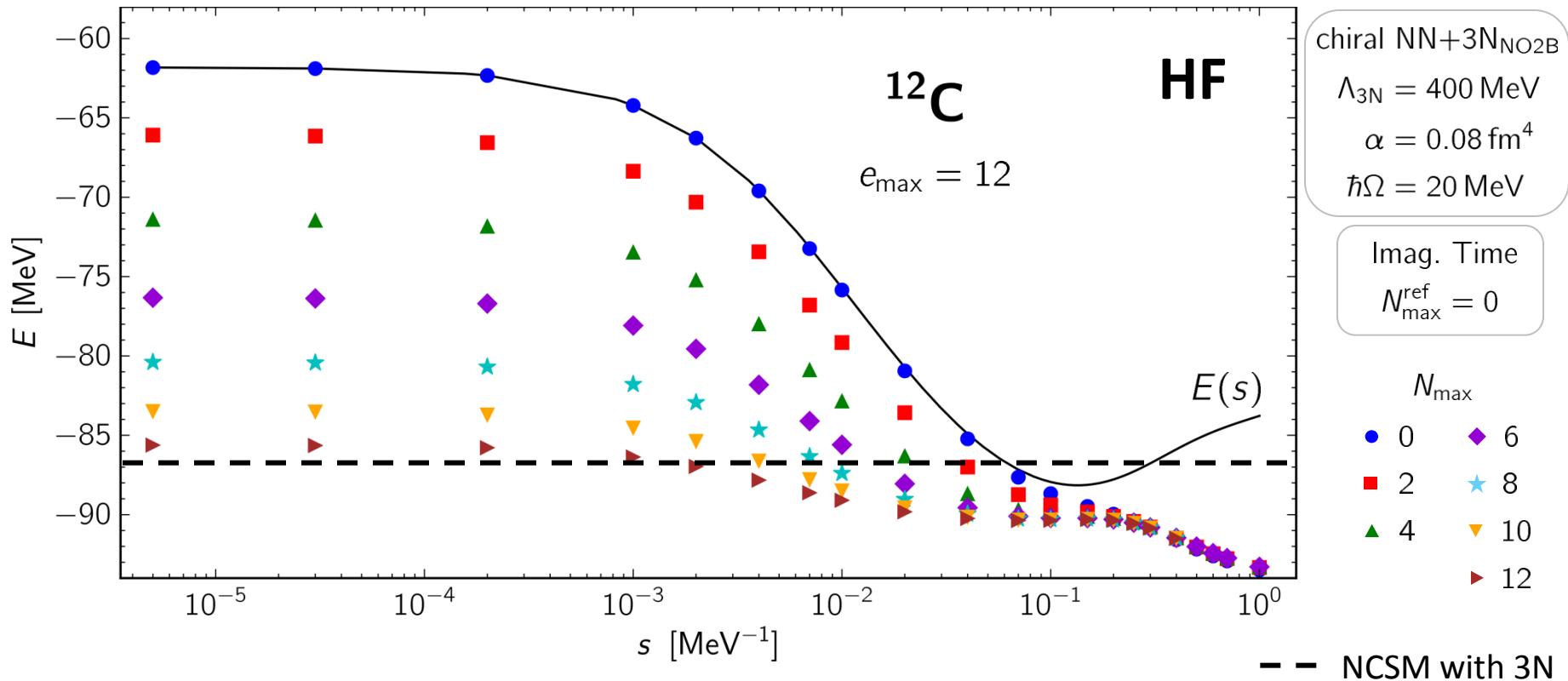


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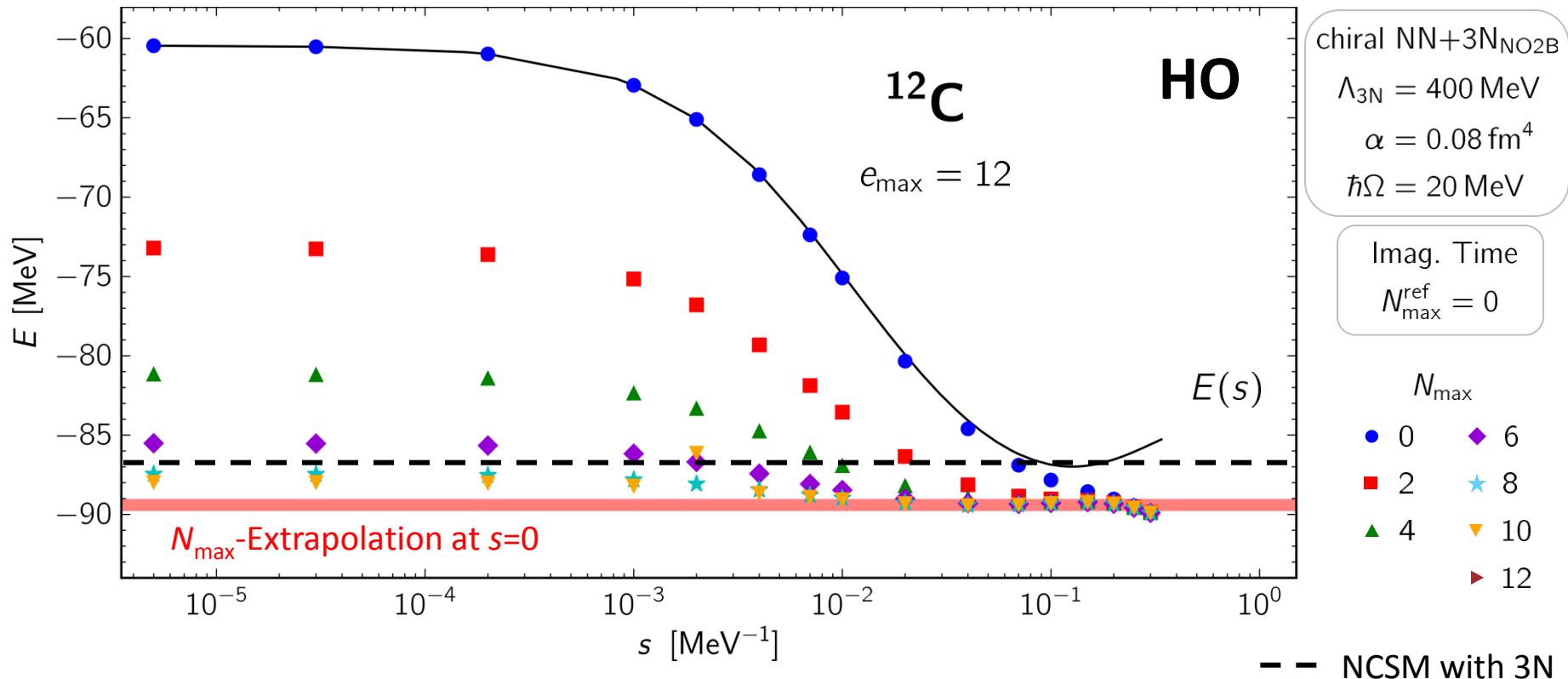
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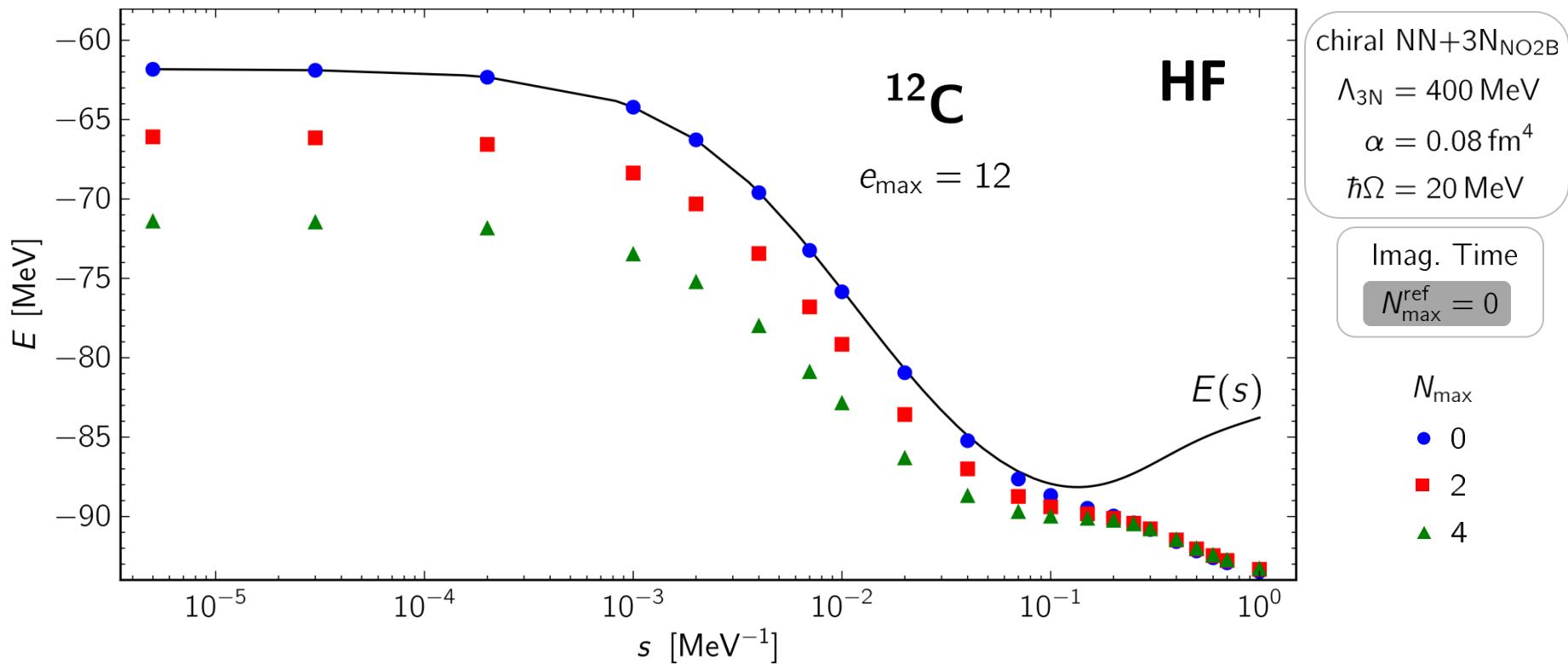
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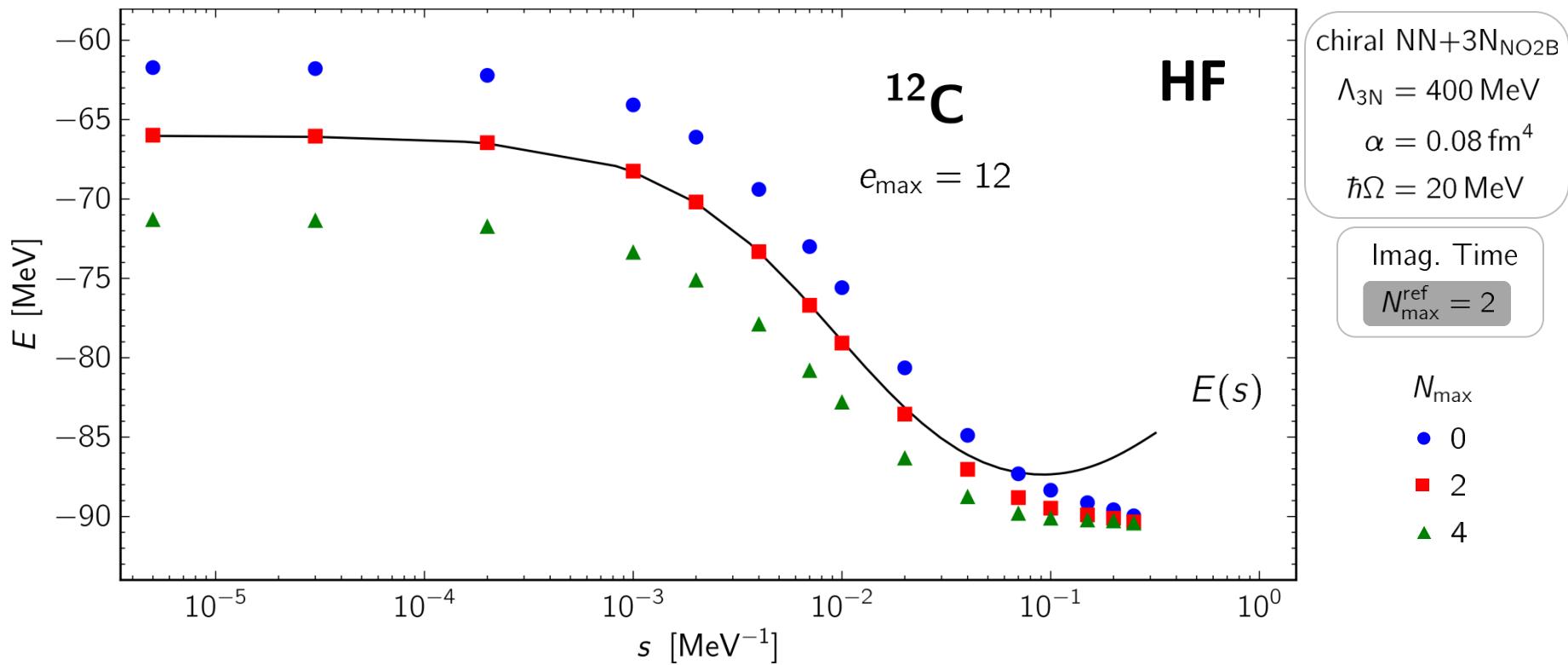
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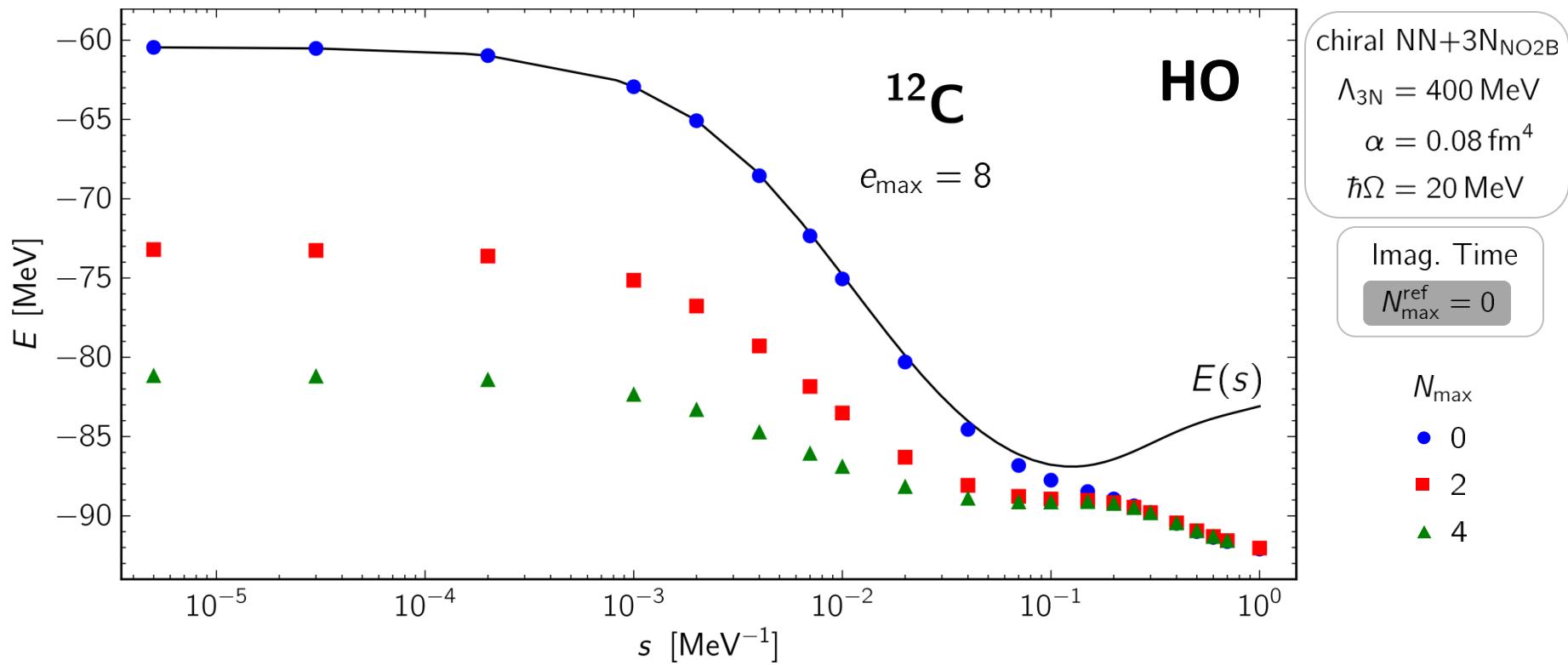
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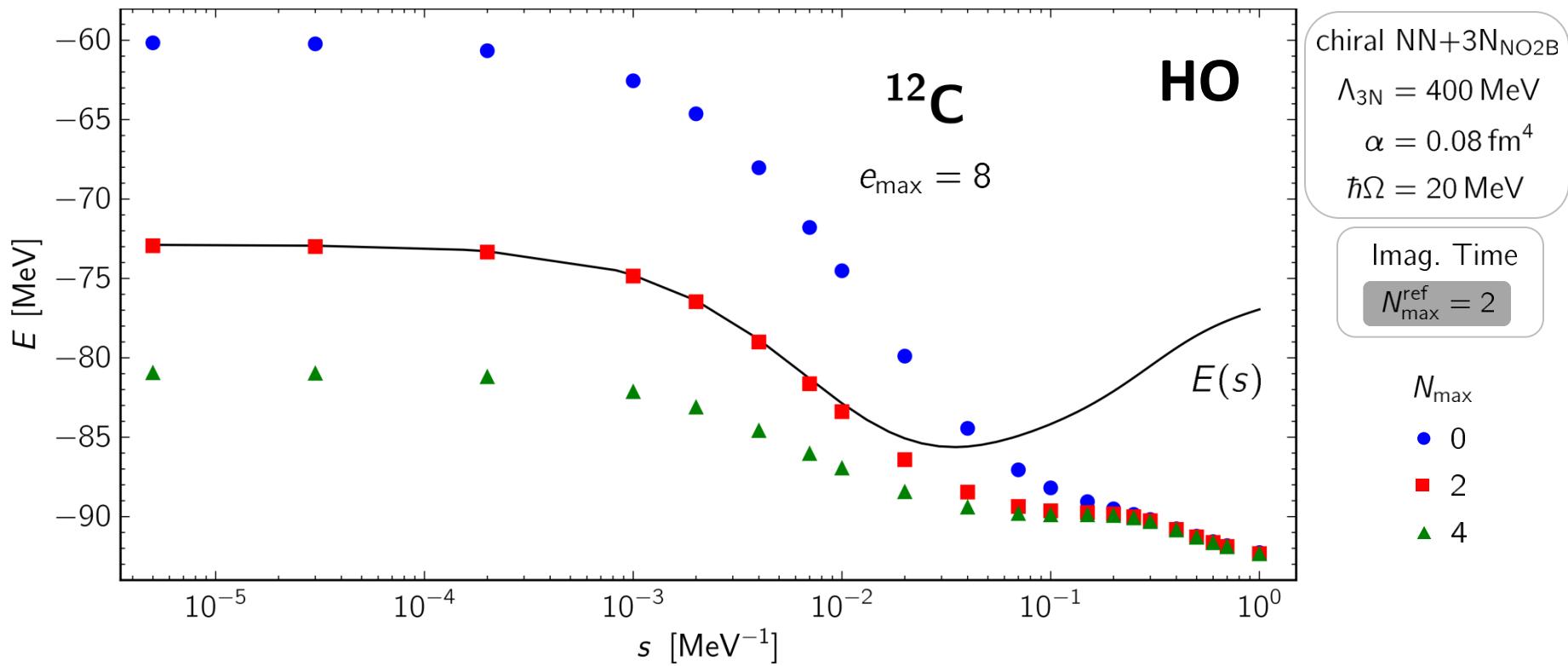
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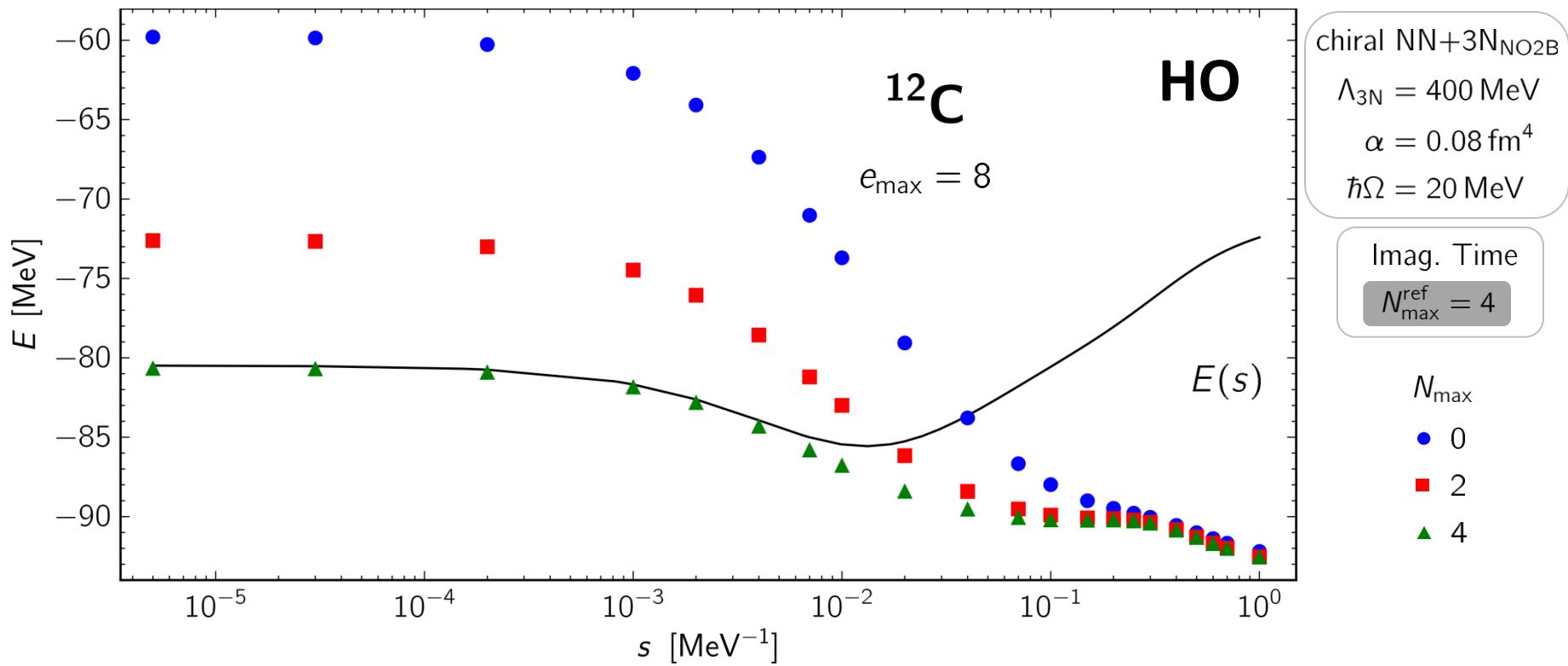
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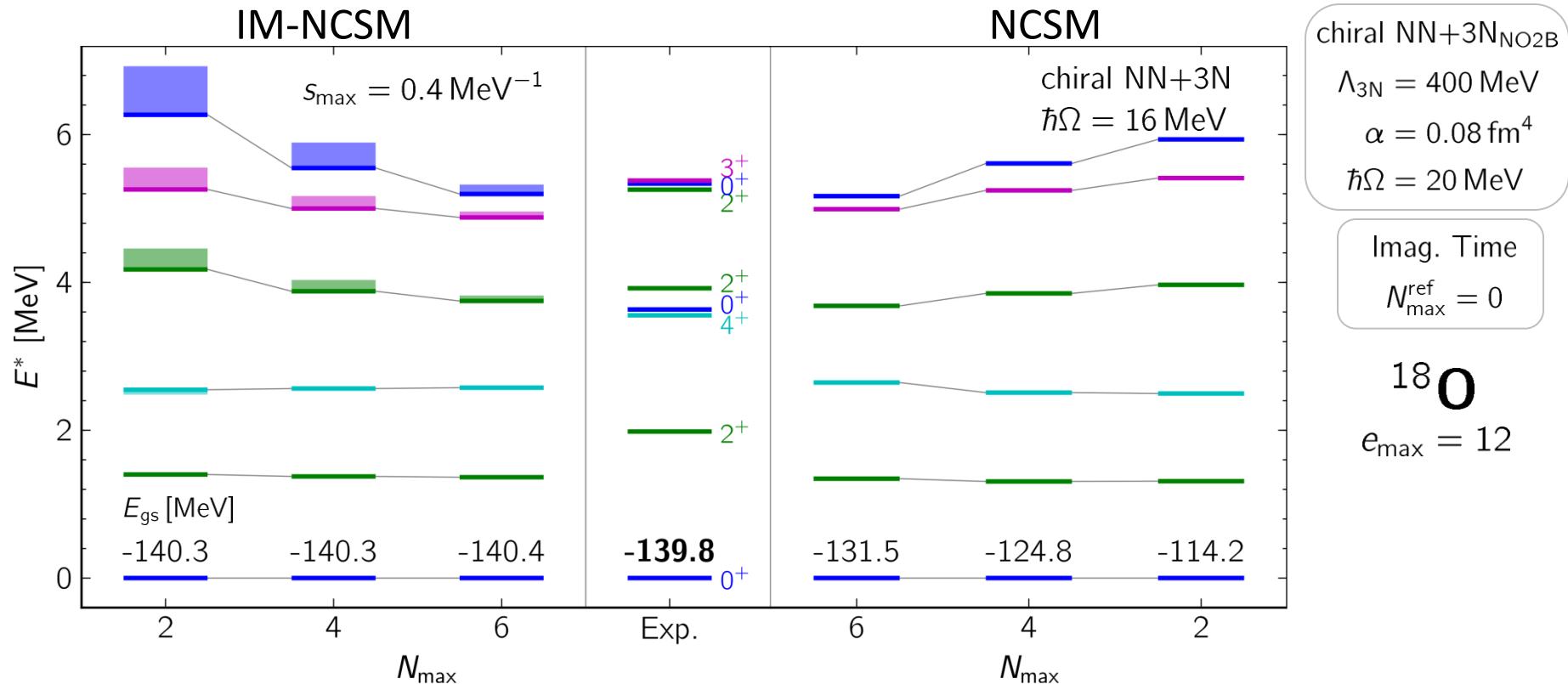
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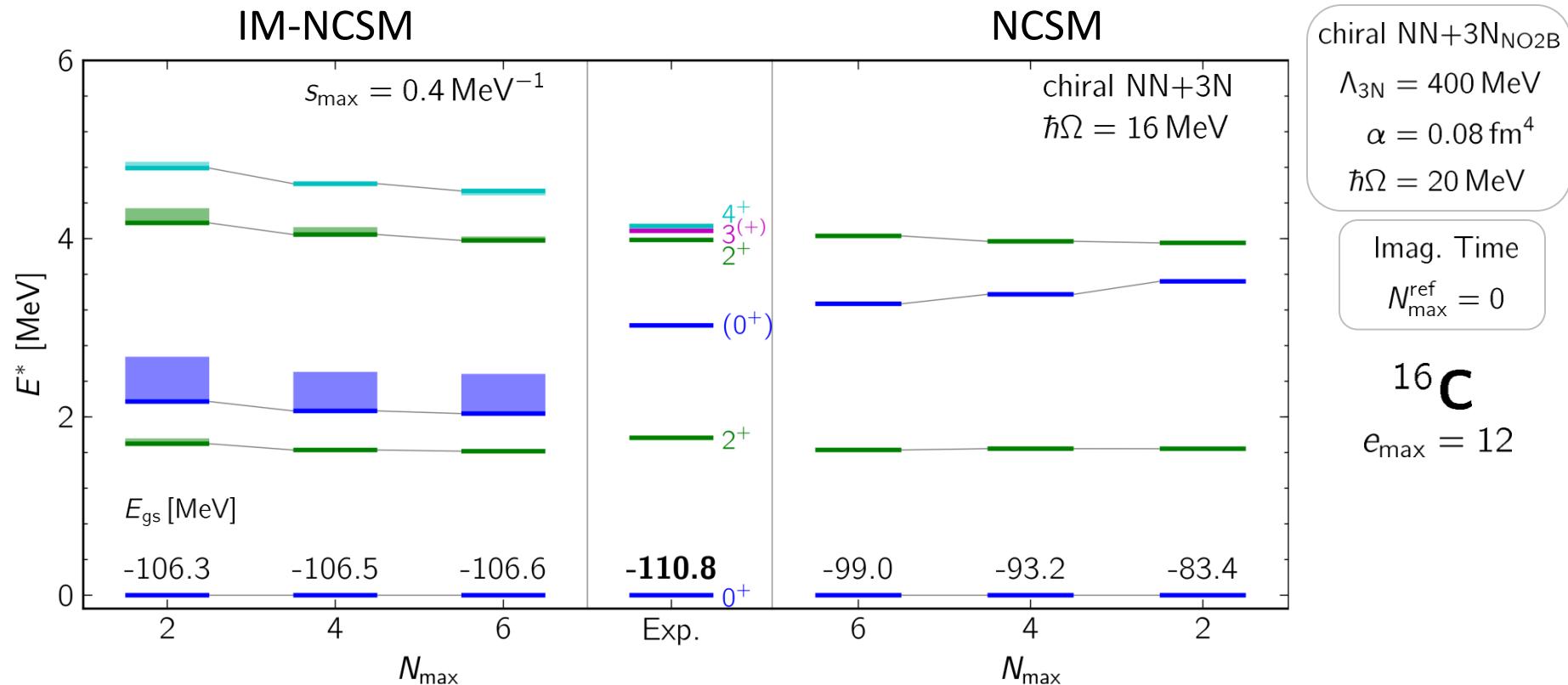
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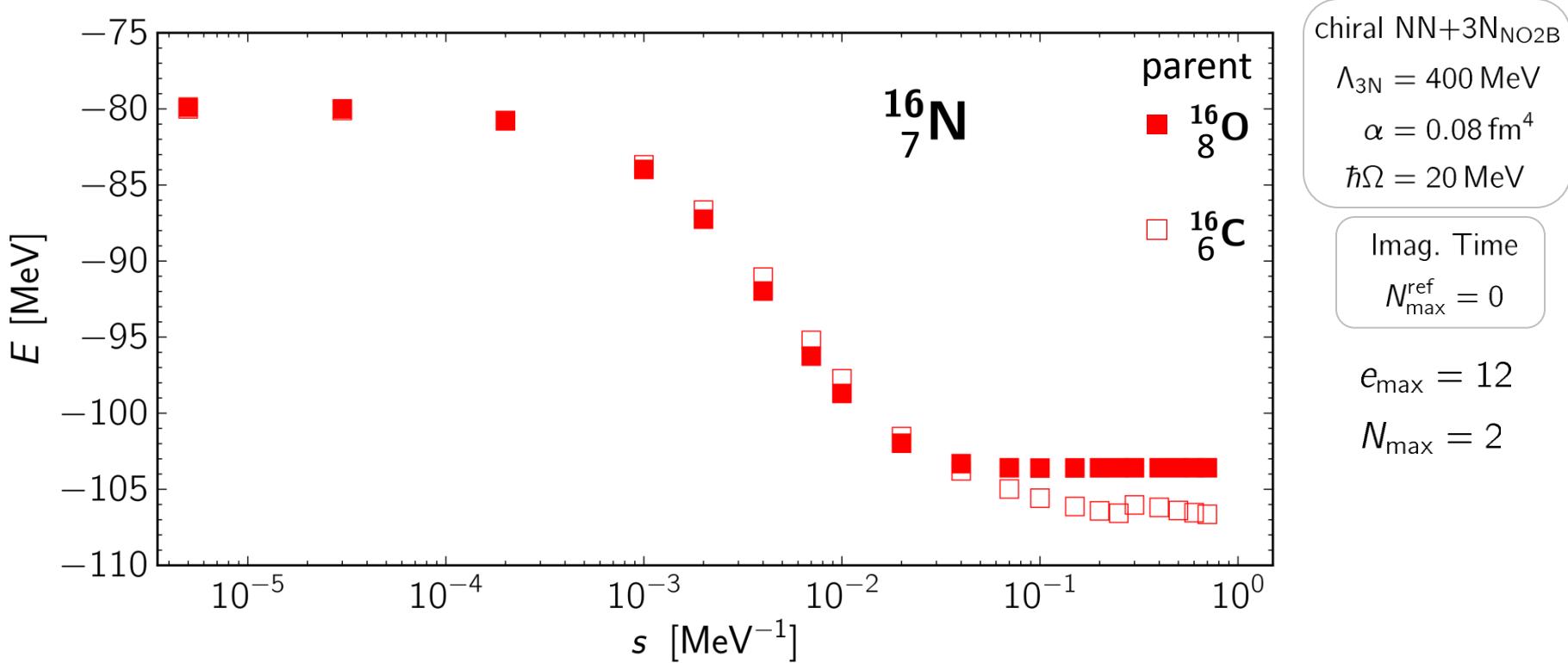
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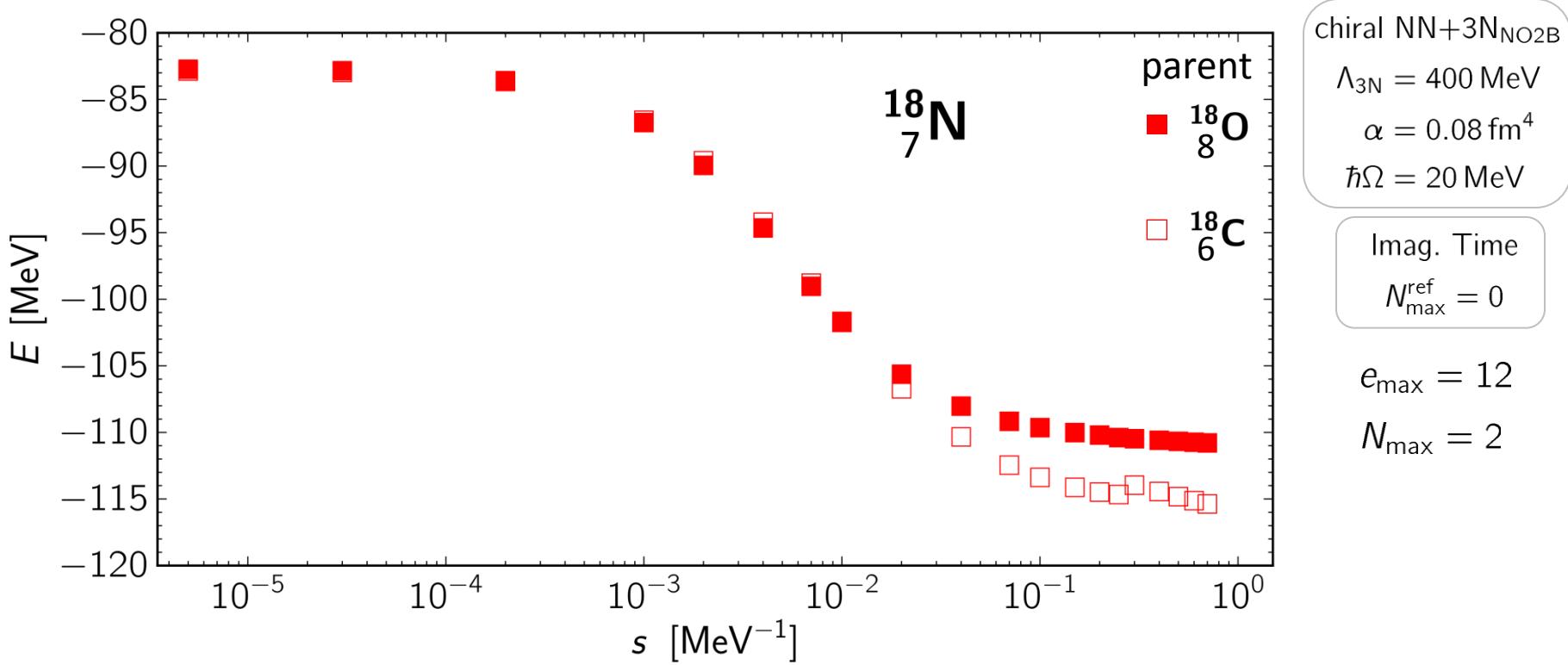
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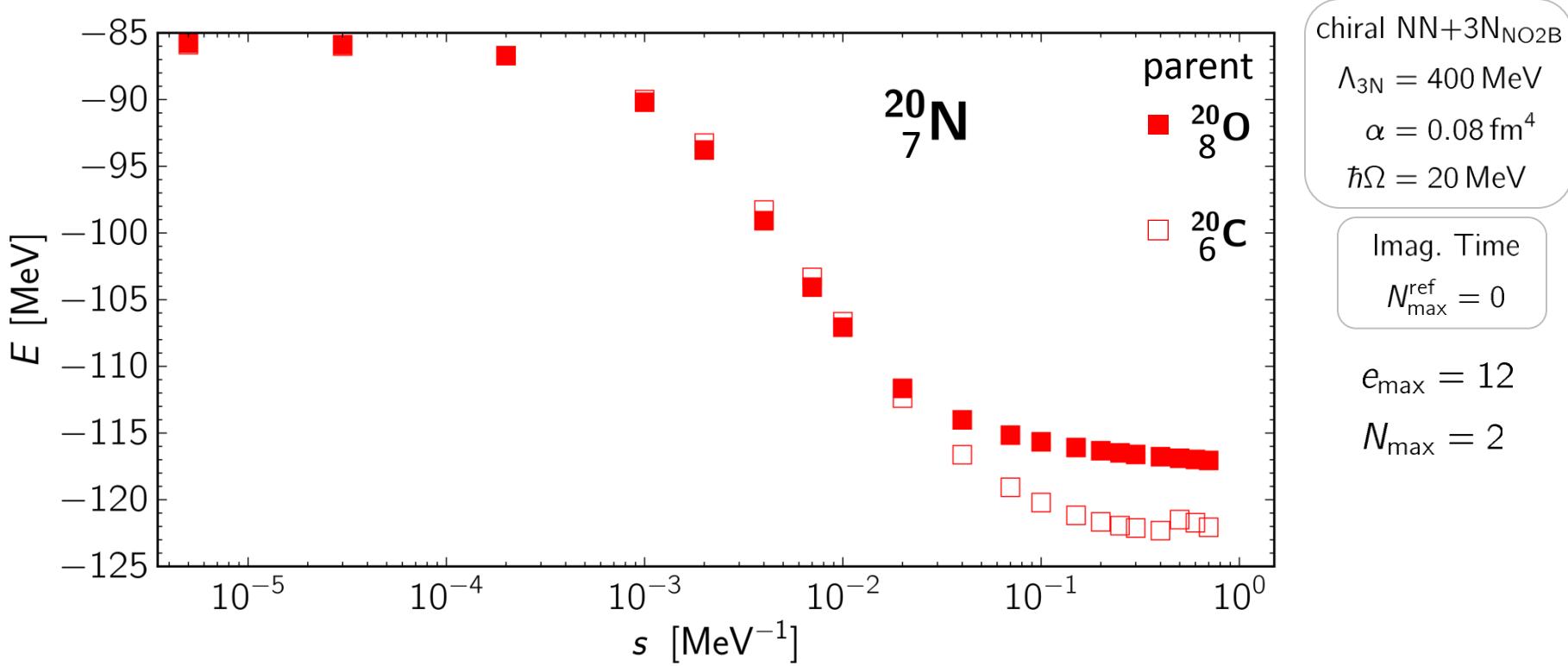
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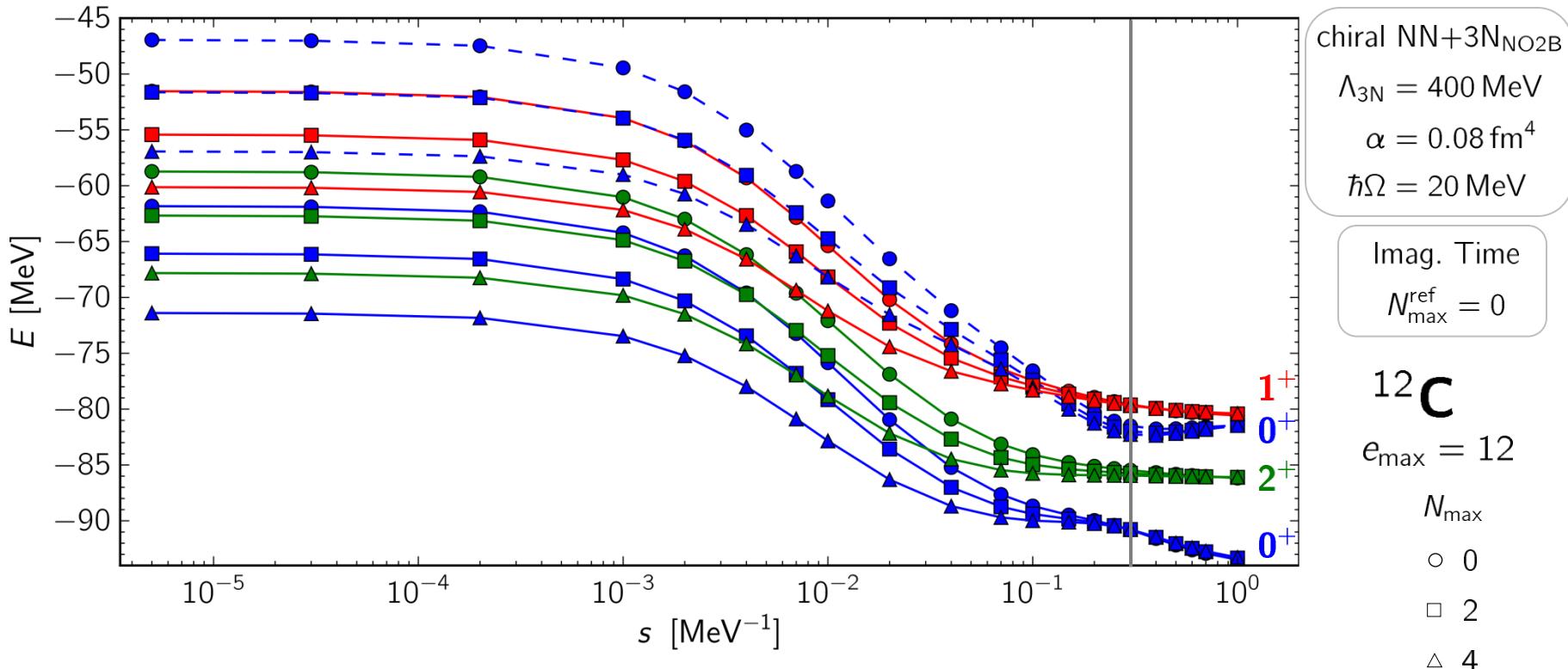
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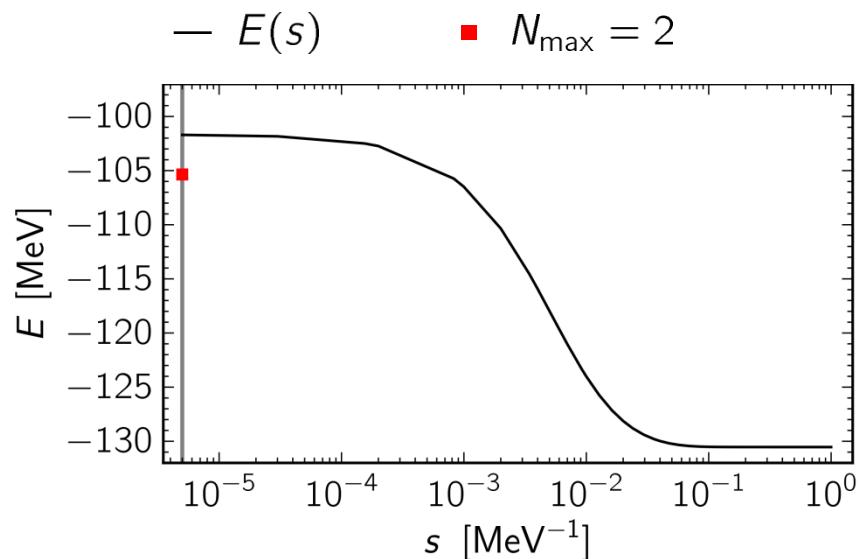
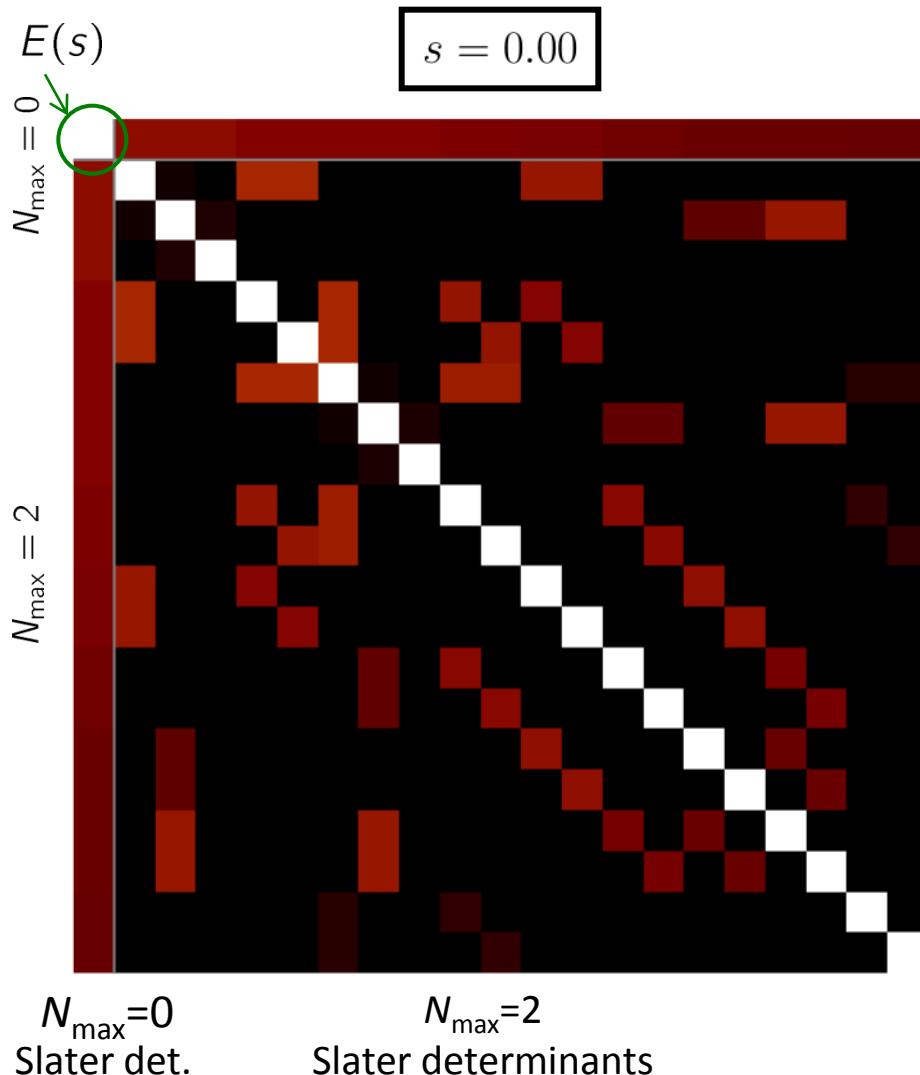
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- 2<sup>+</sup> perfectly converged on absolute scale
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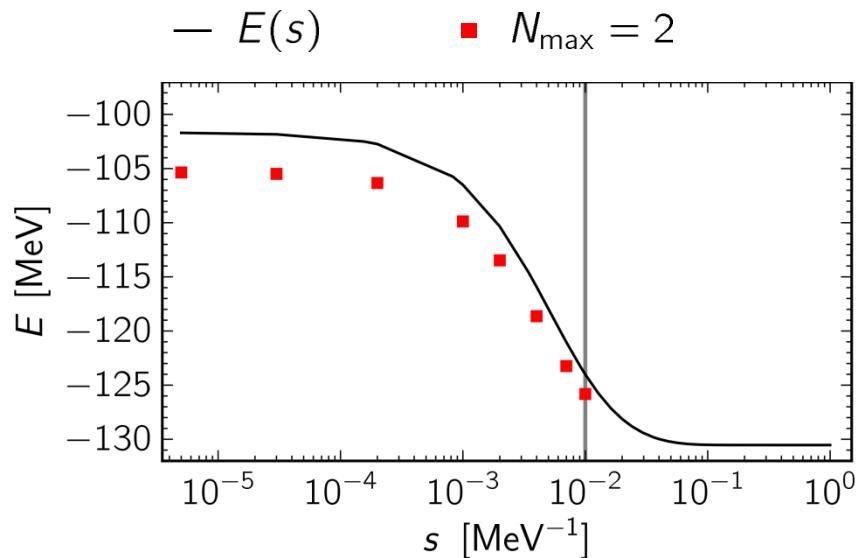
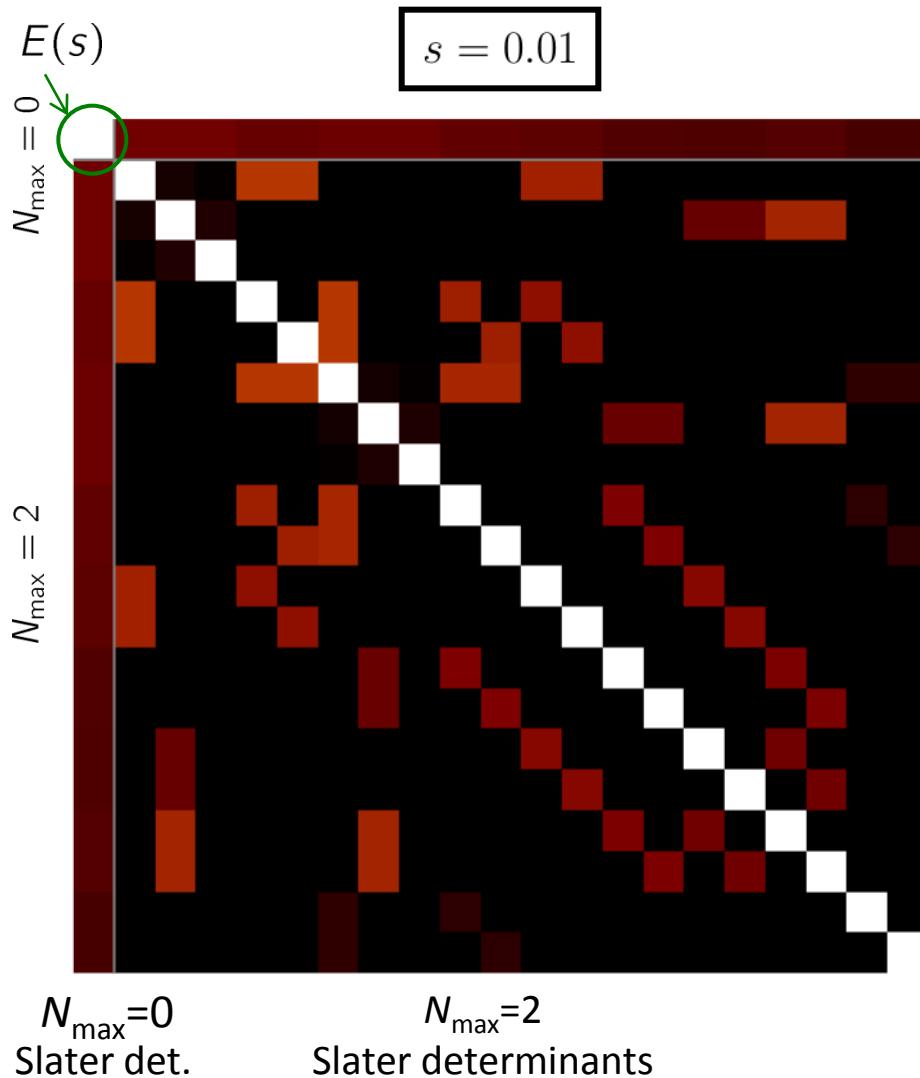


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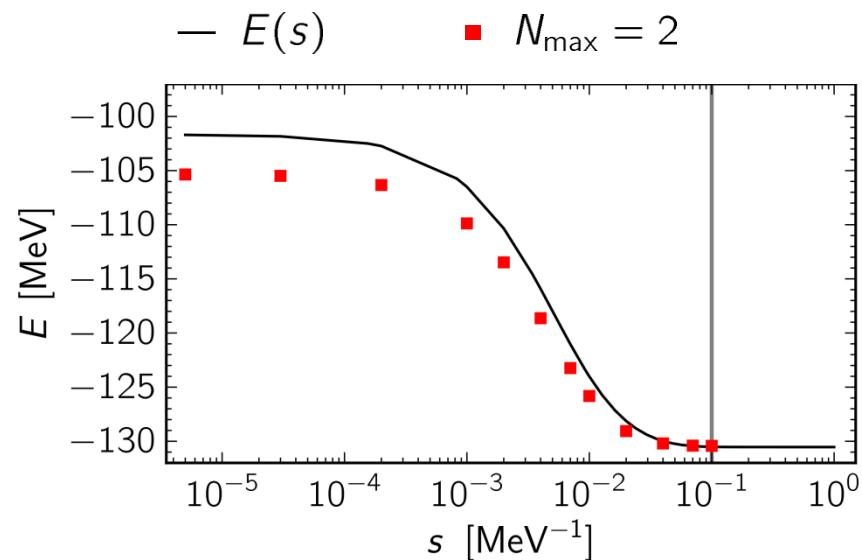
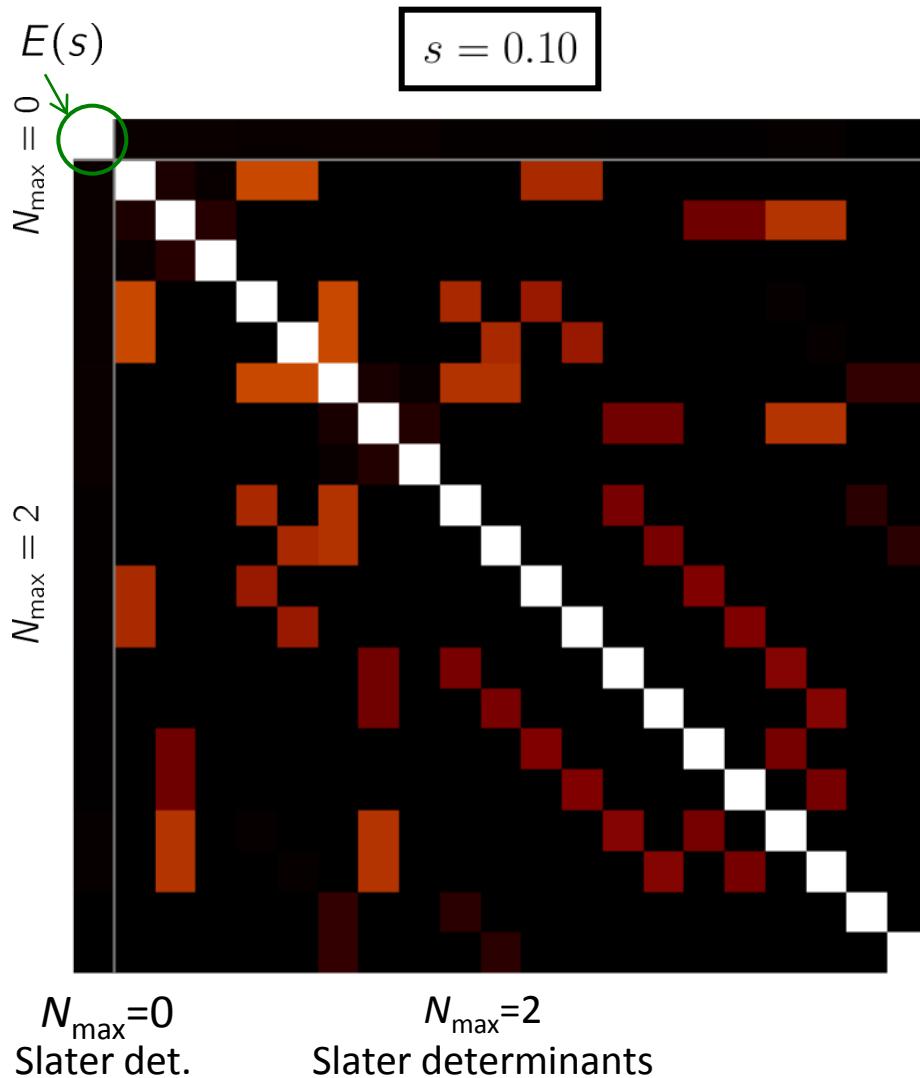


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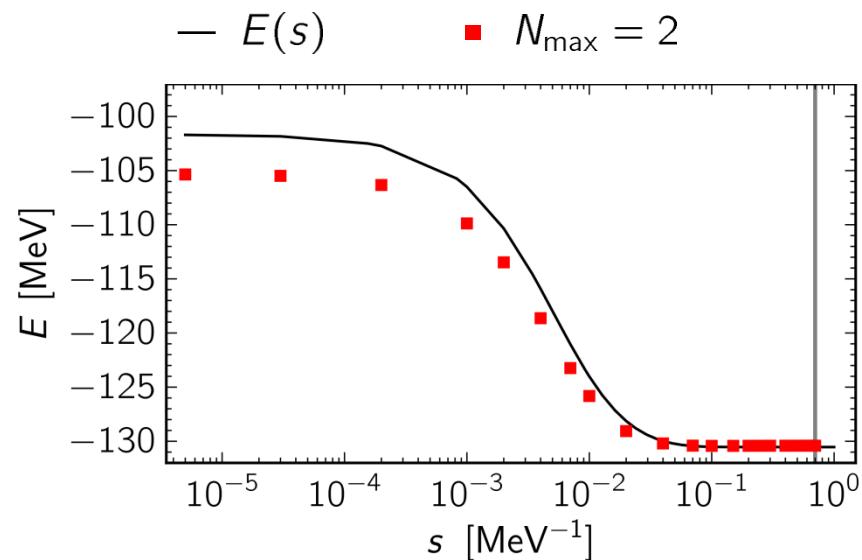
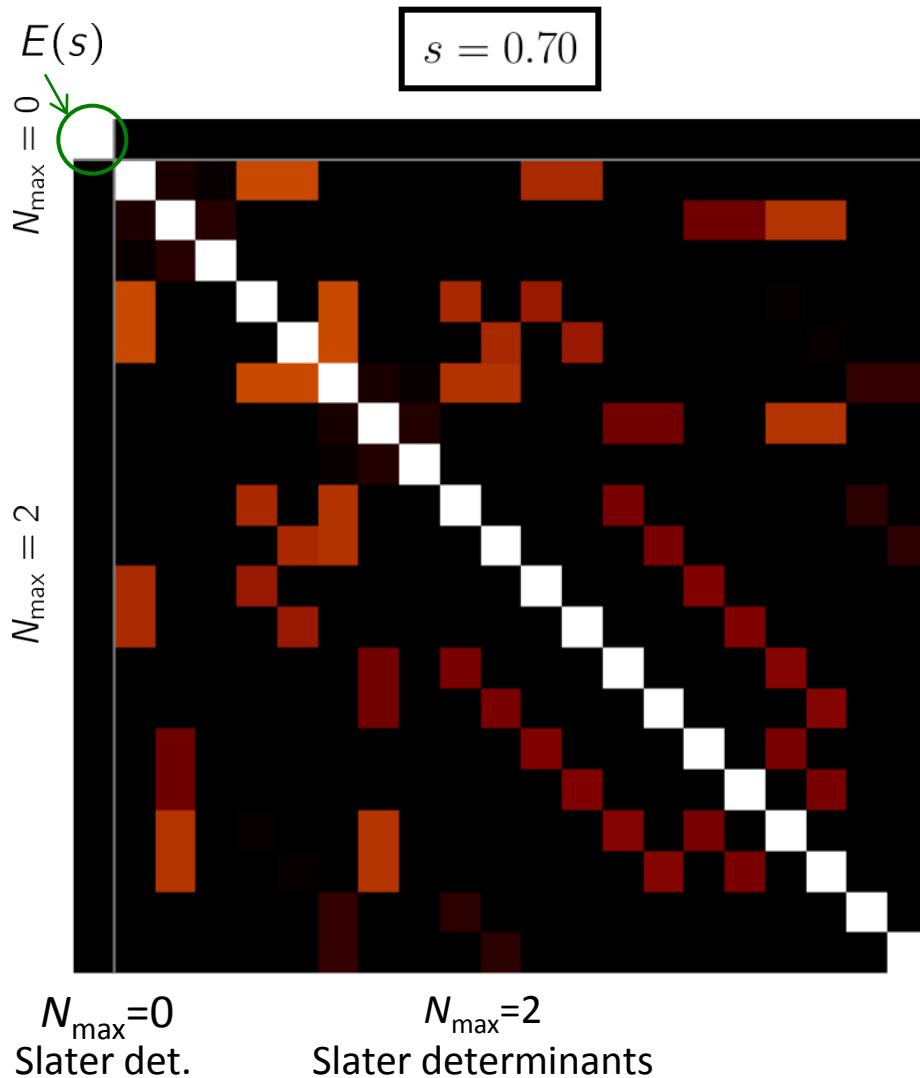


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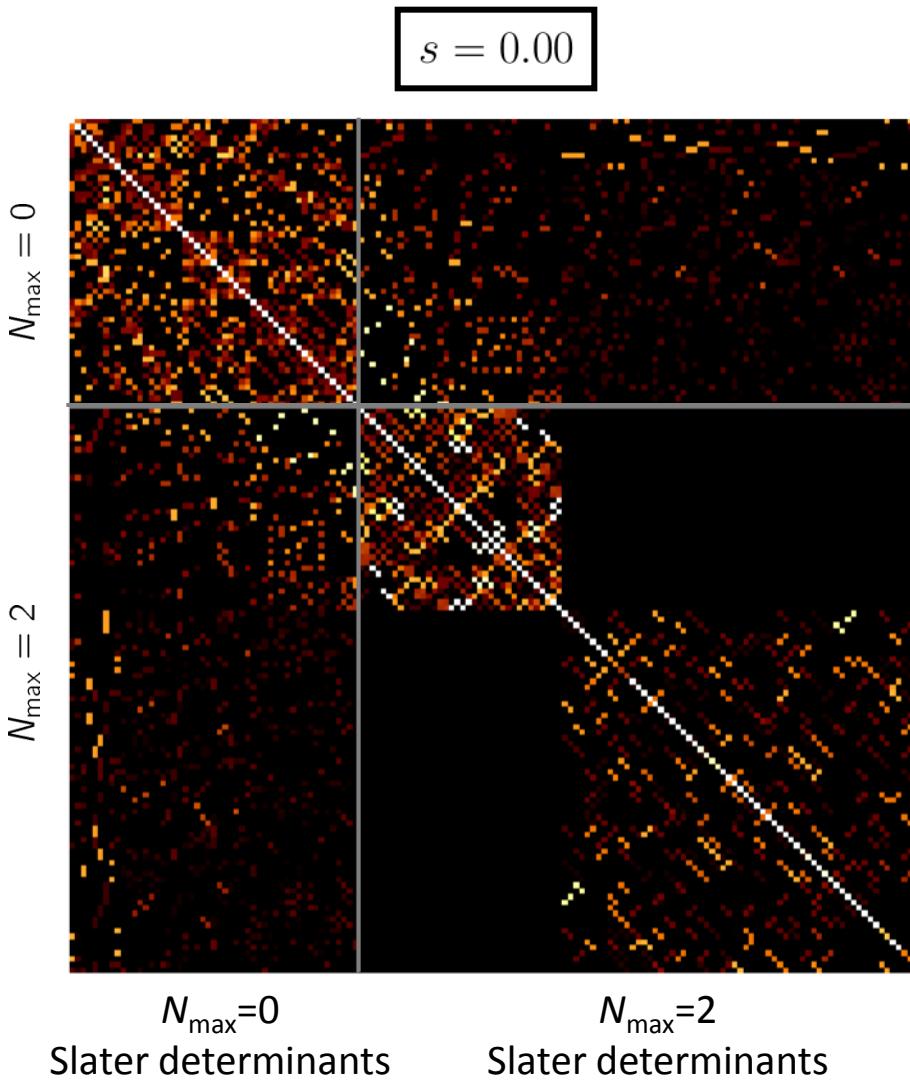
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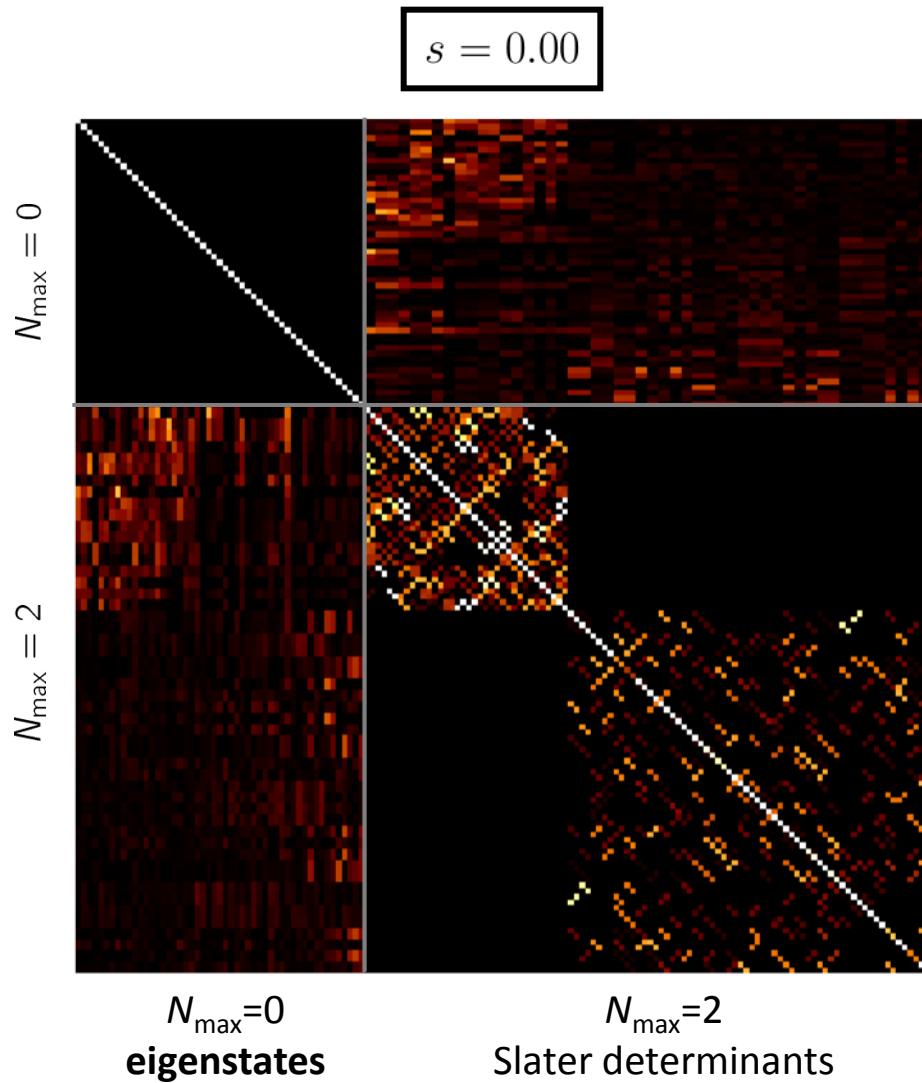


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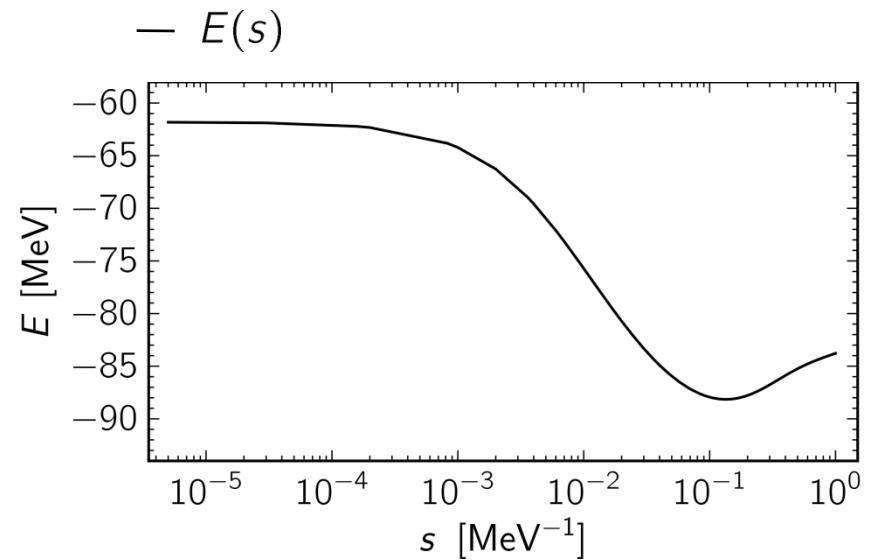
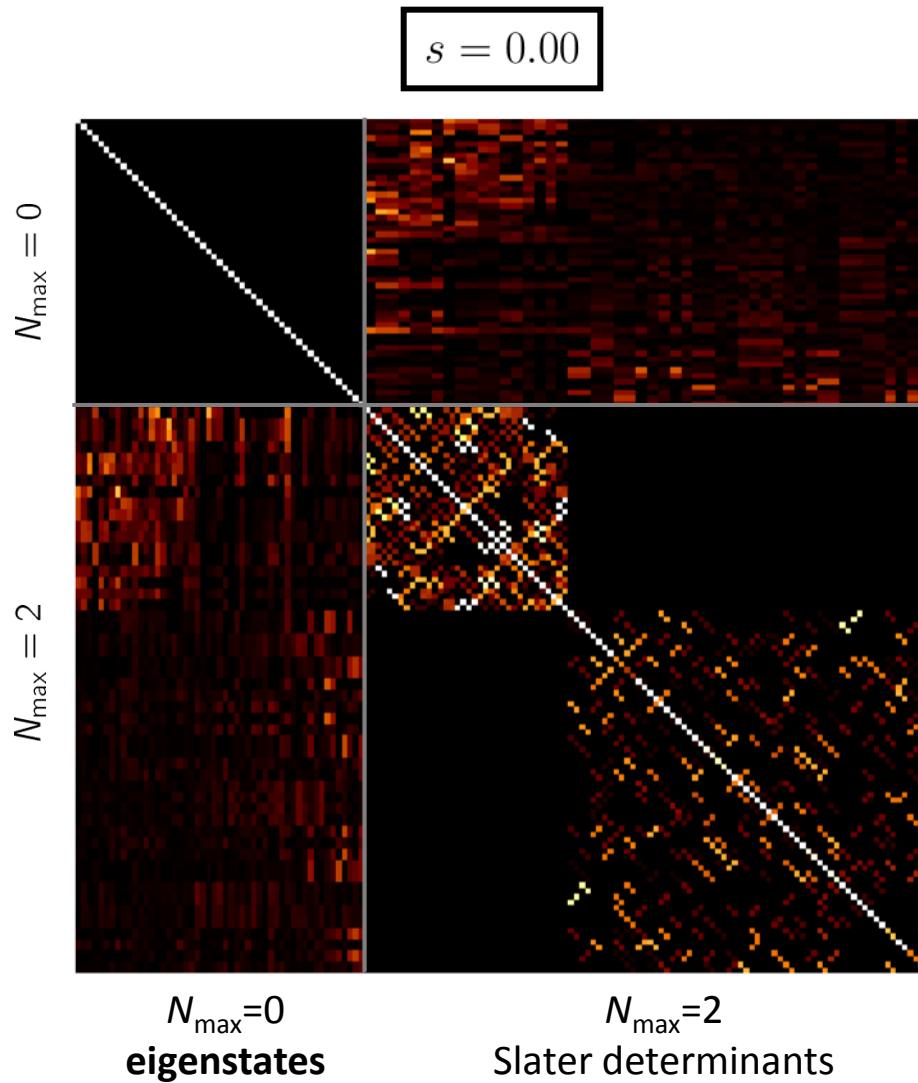
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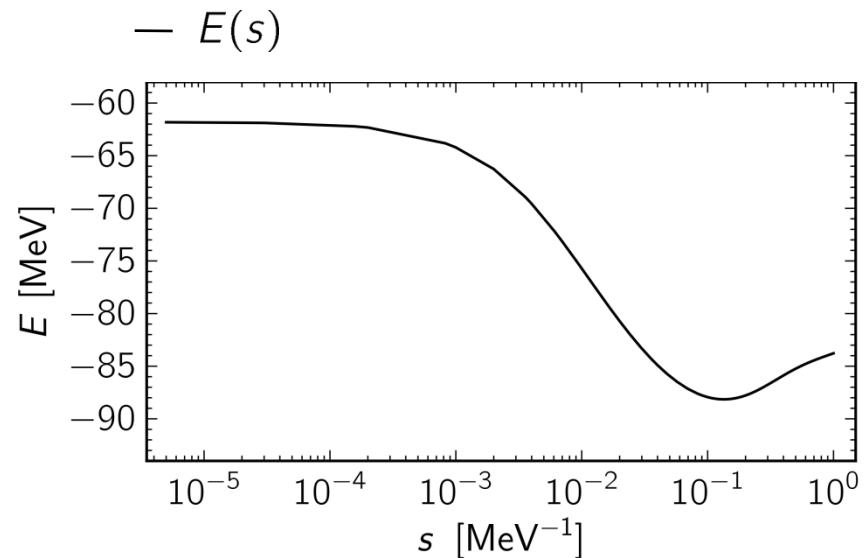
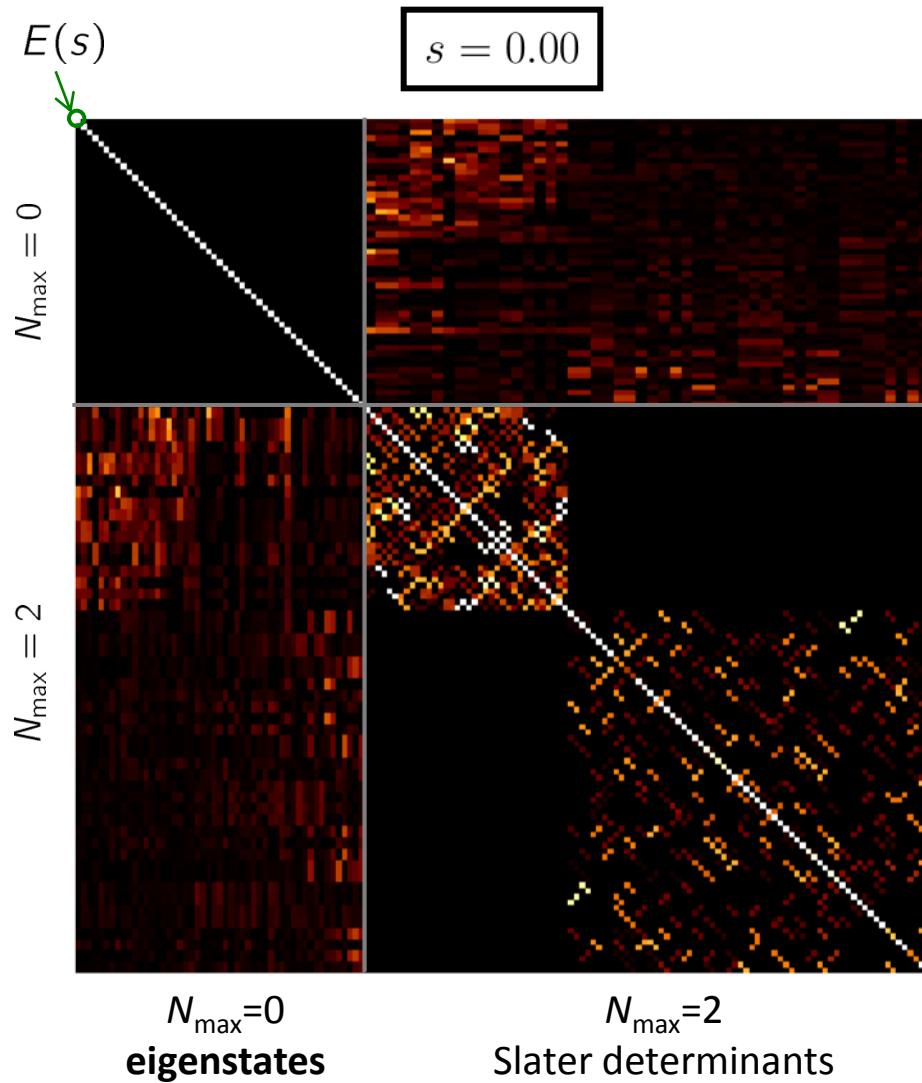
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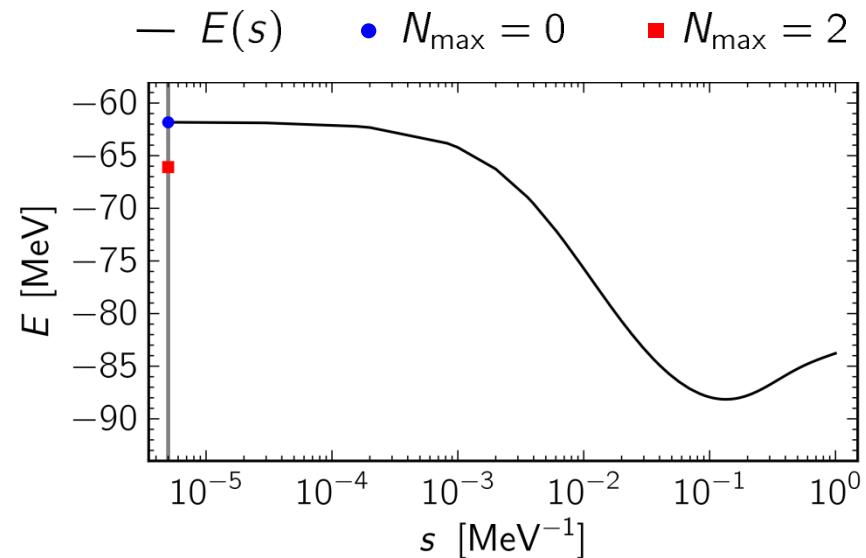
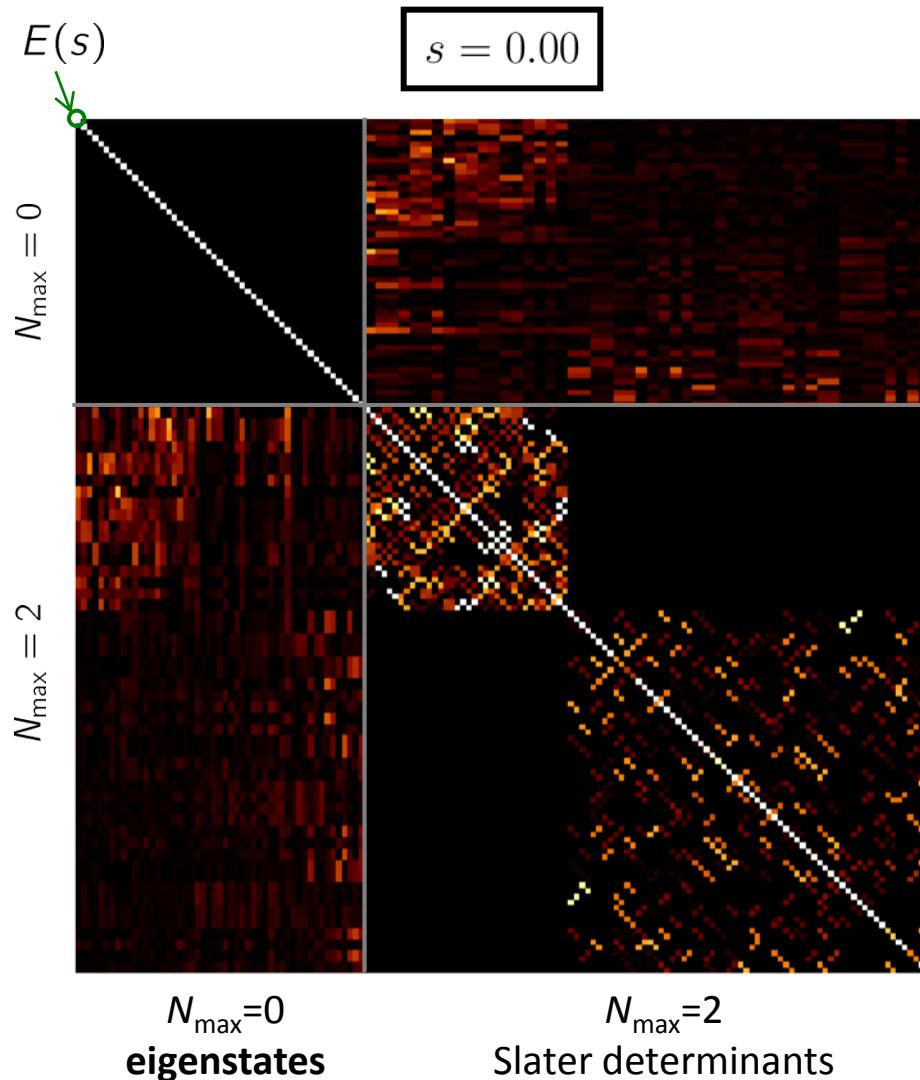
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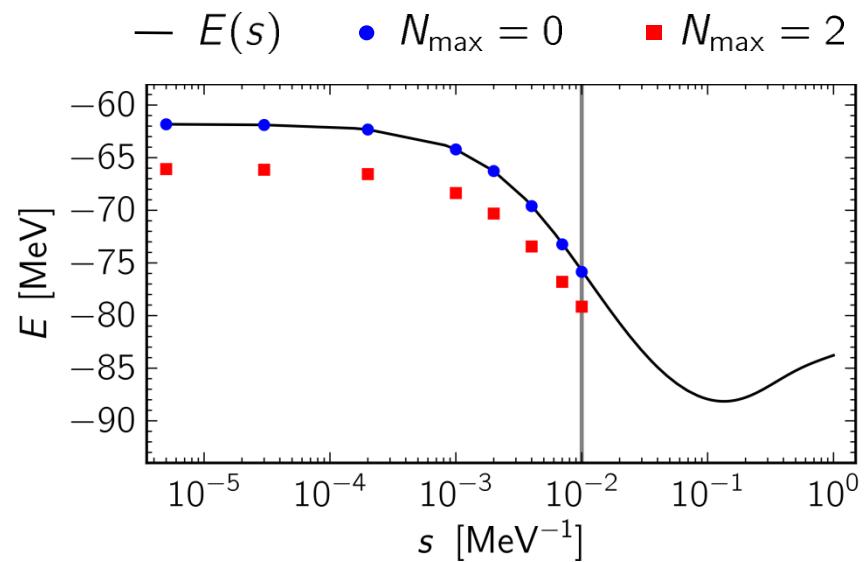
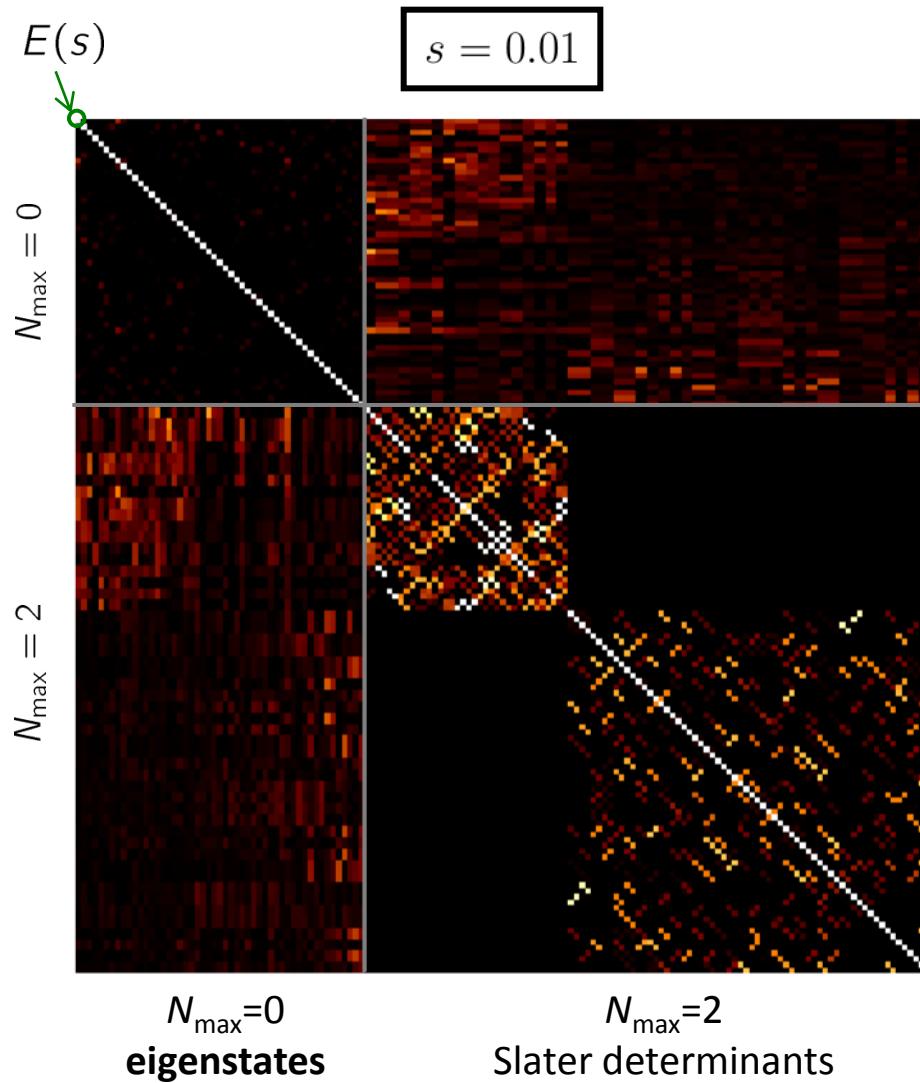
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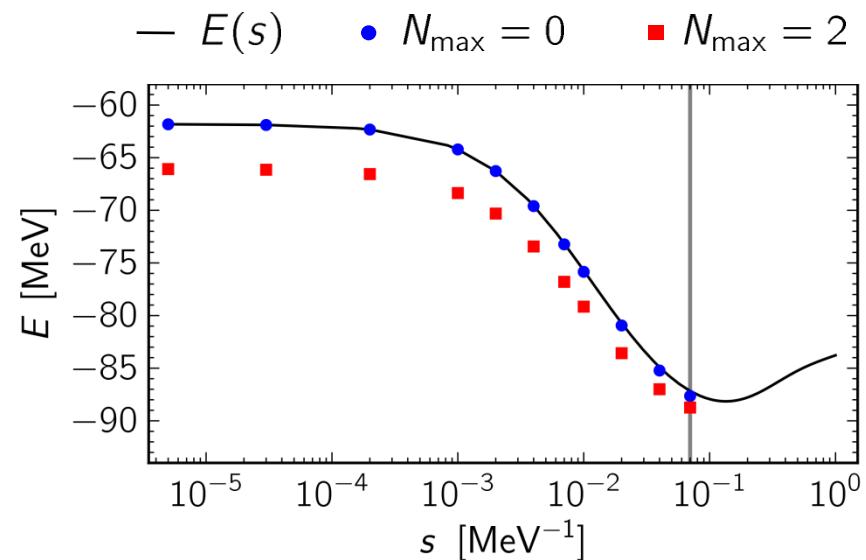
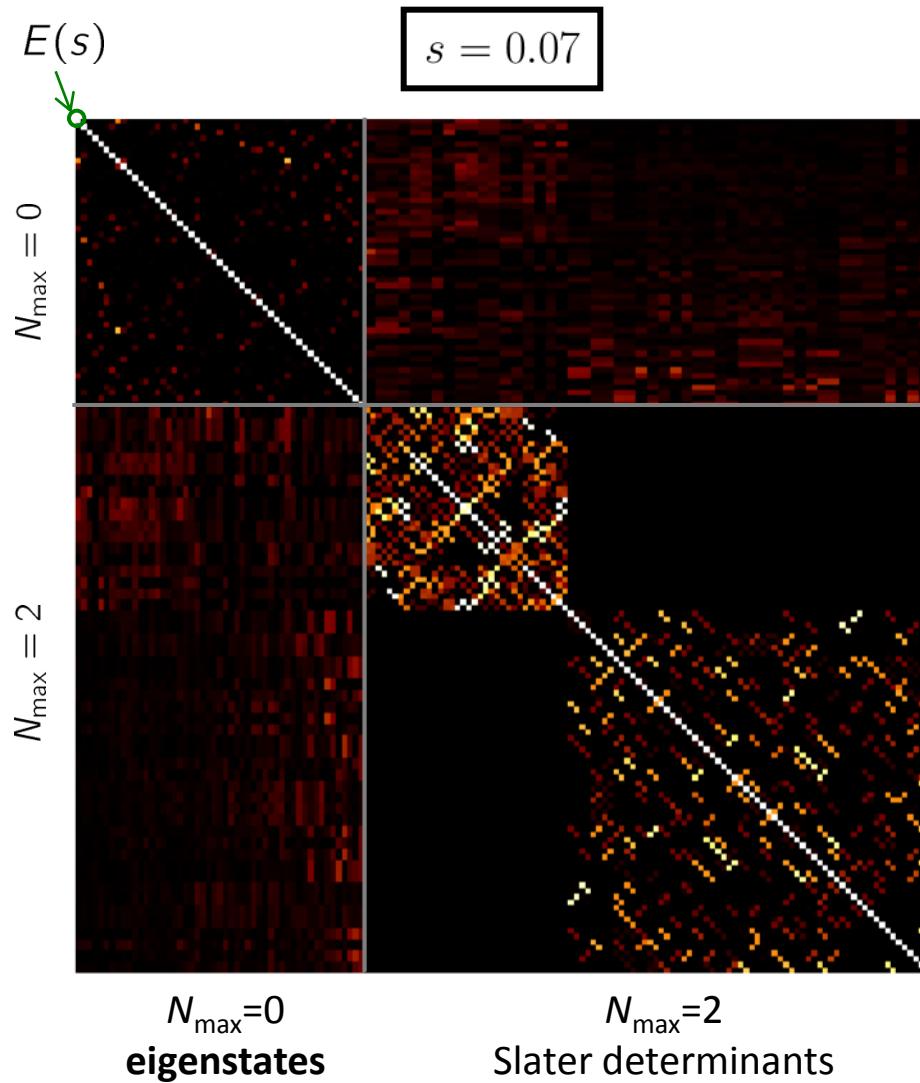
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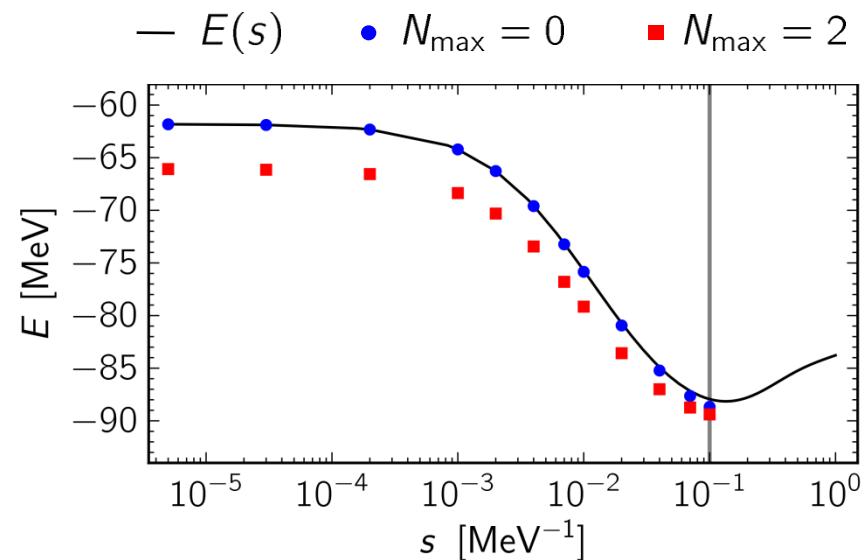
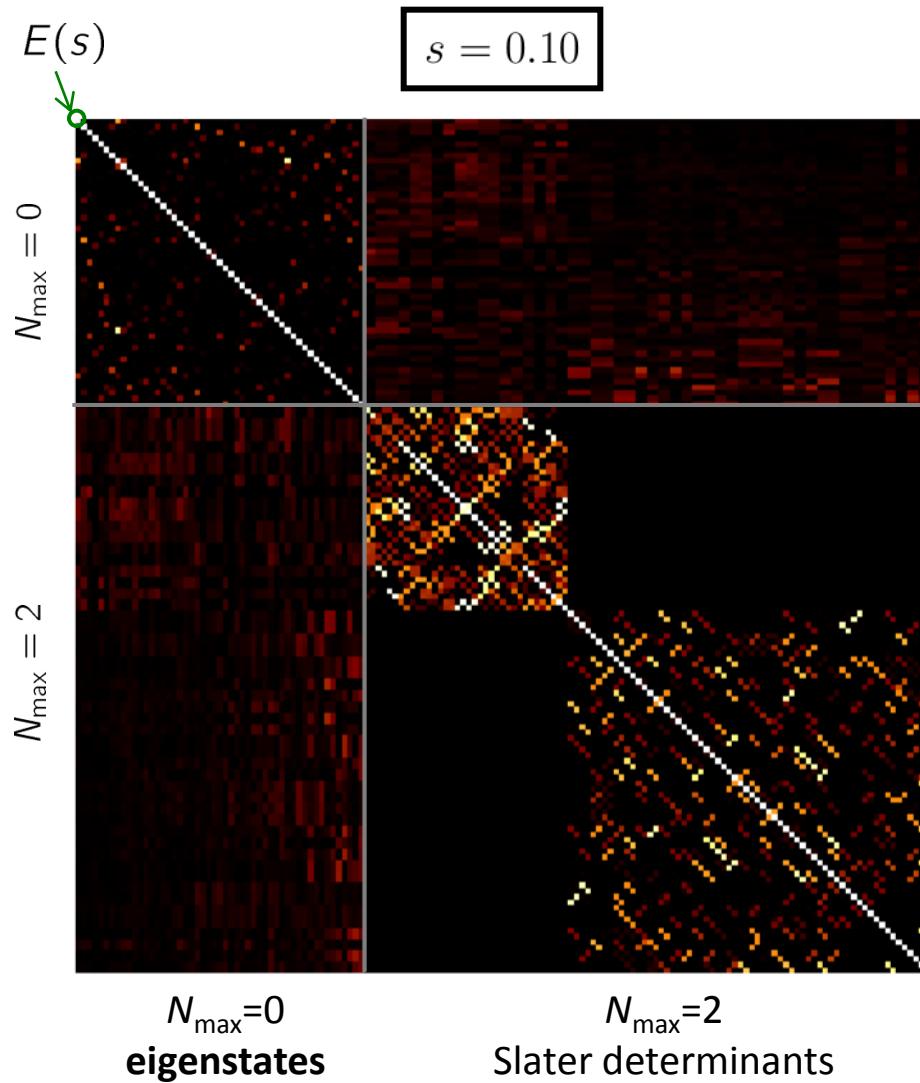
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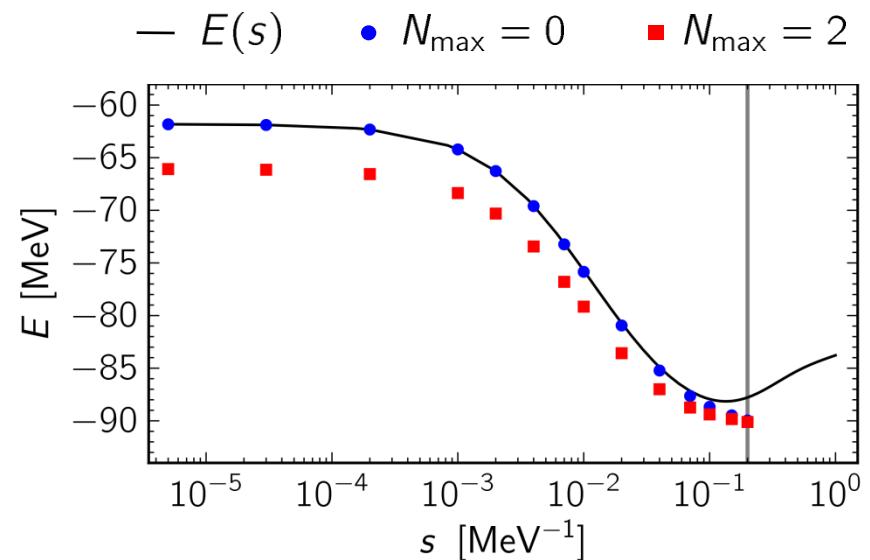
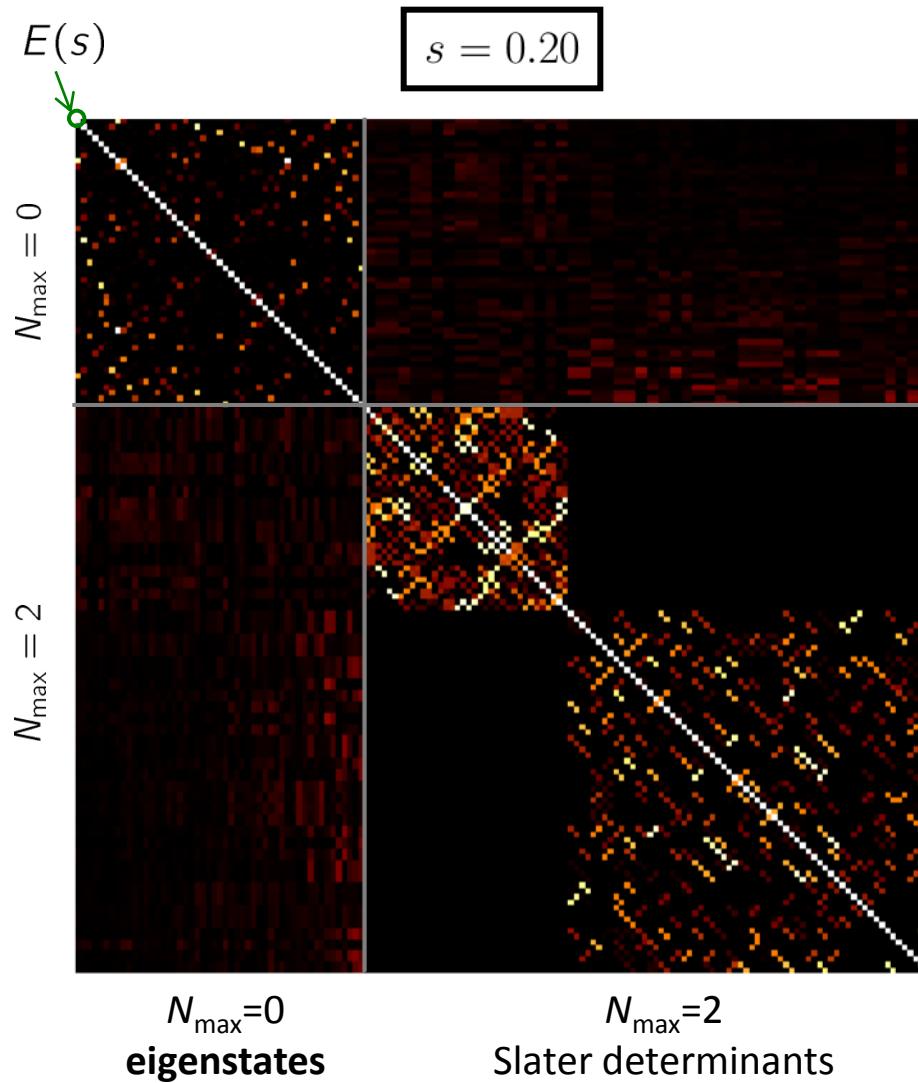
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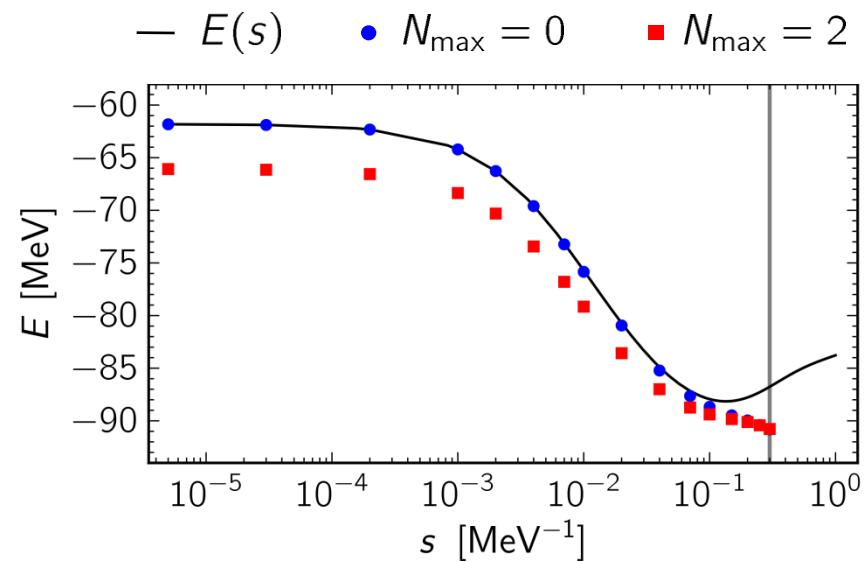
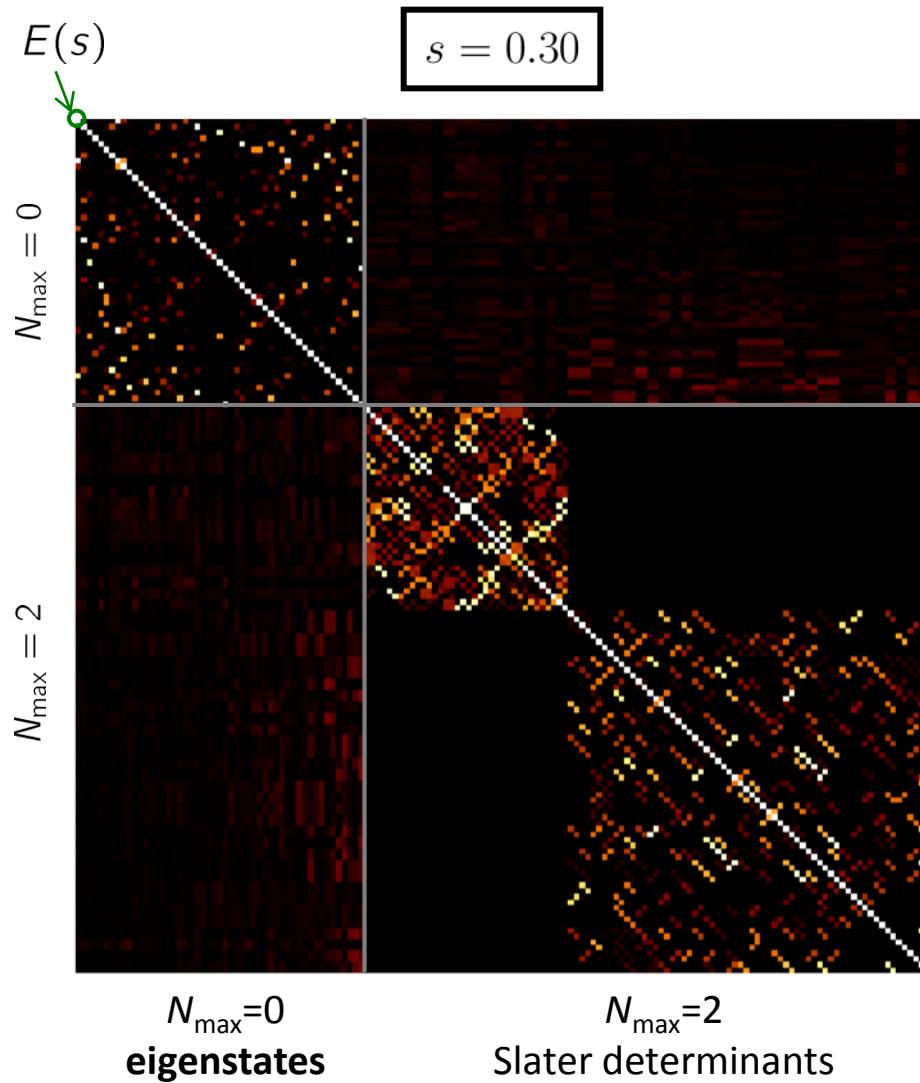
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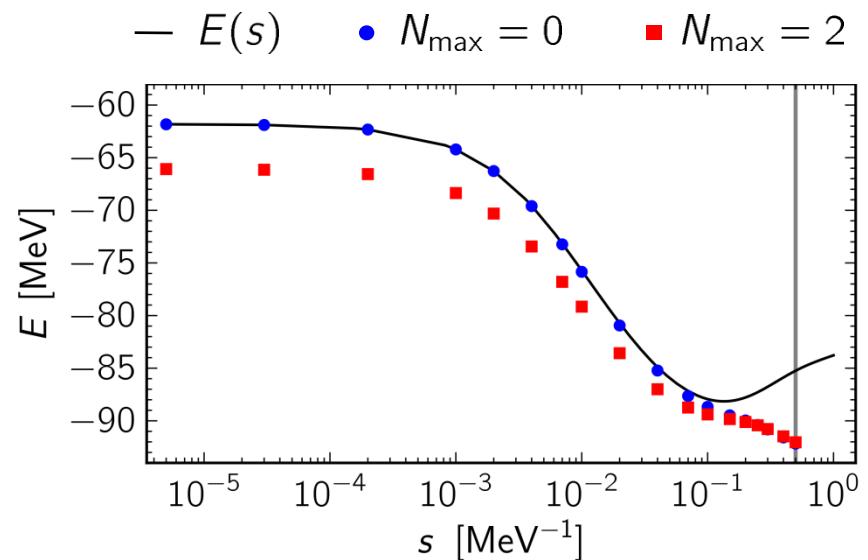
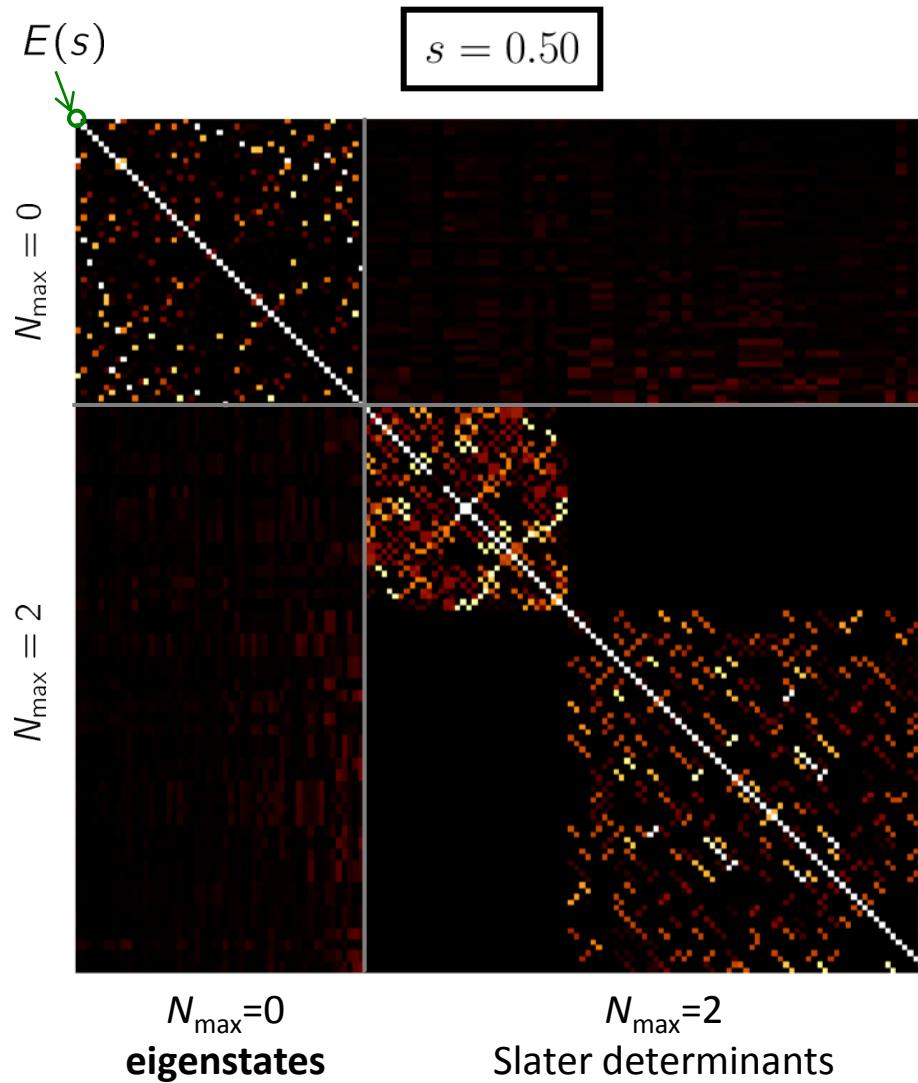
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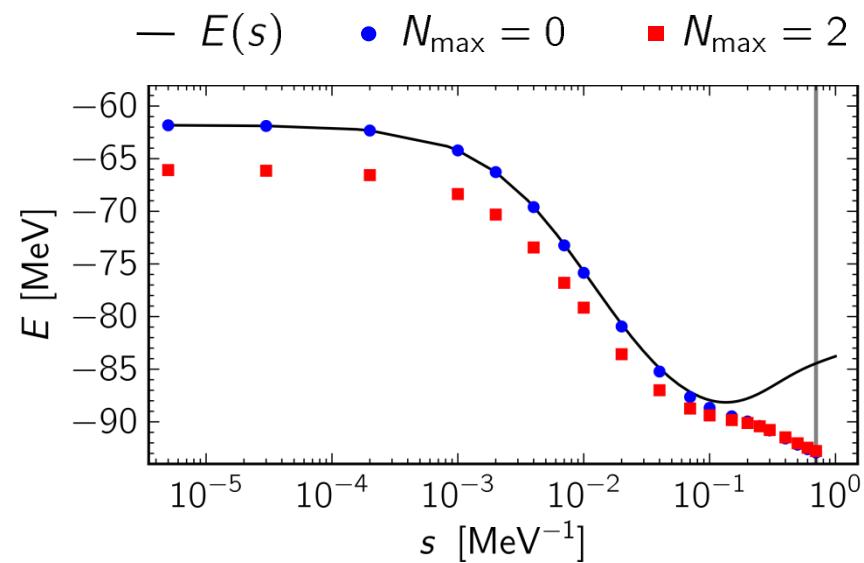
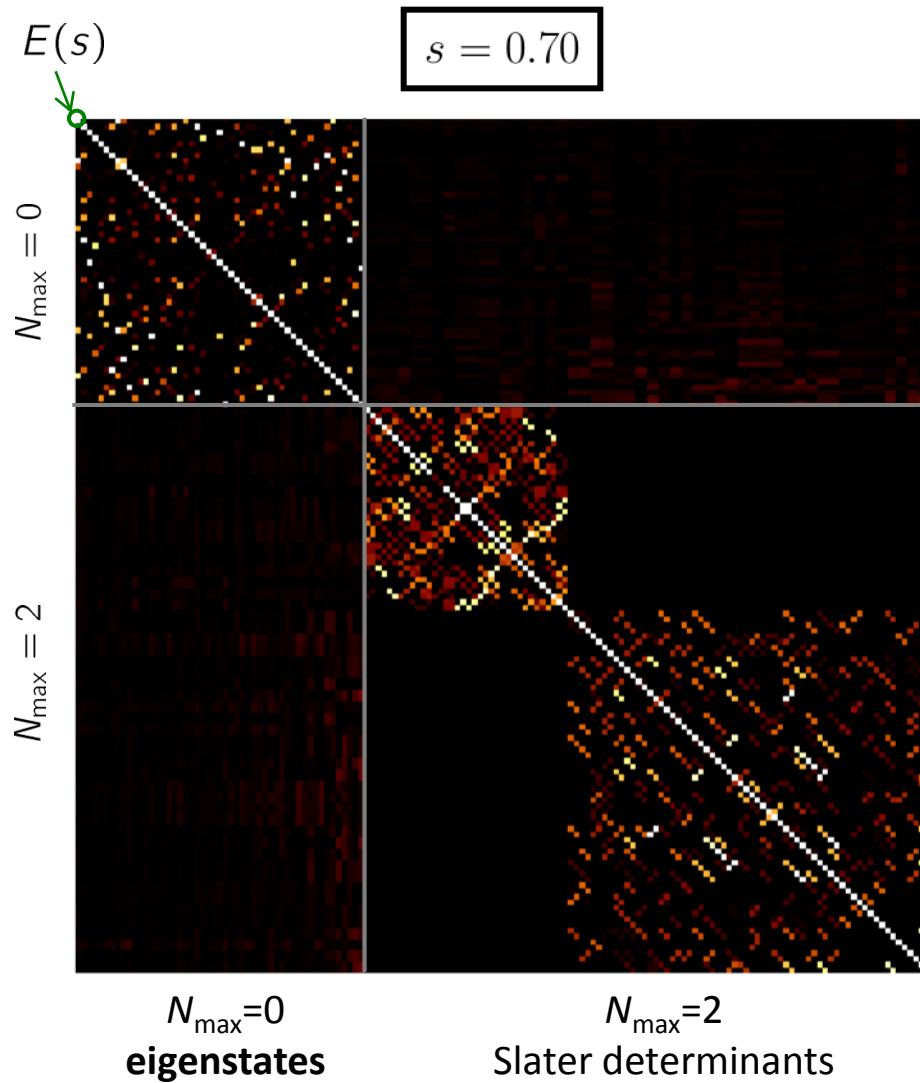


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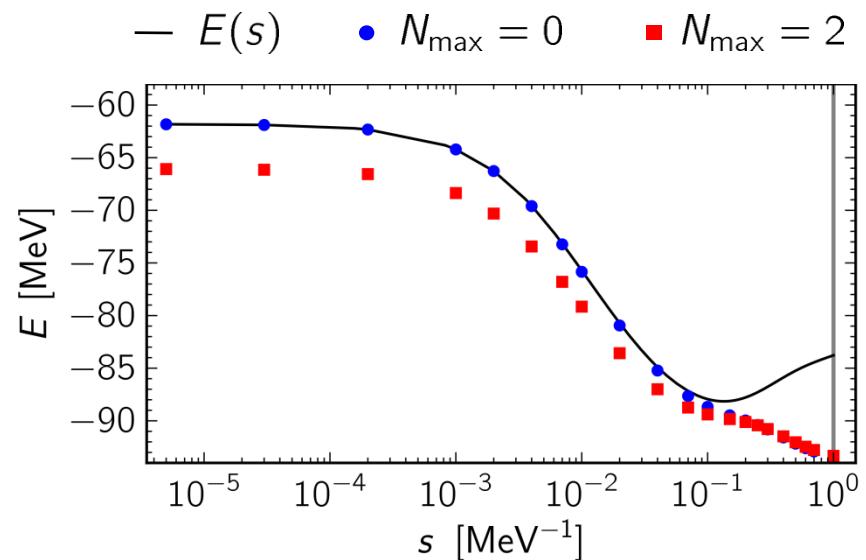
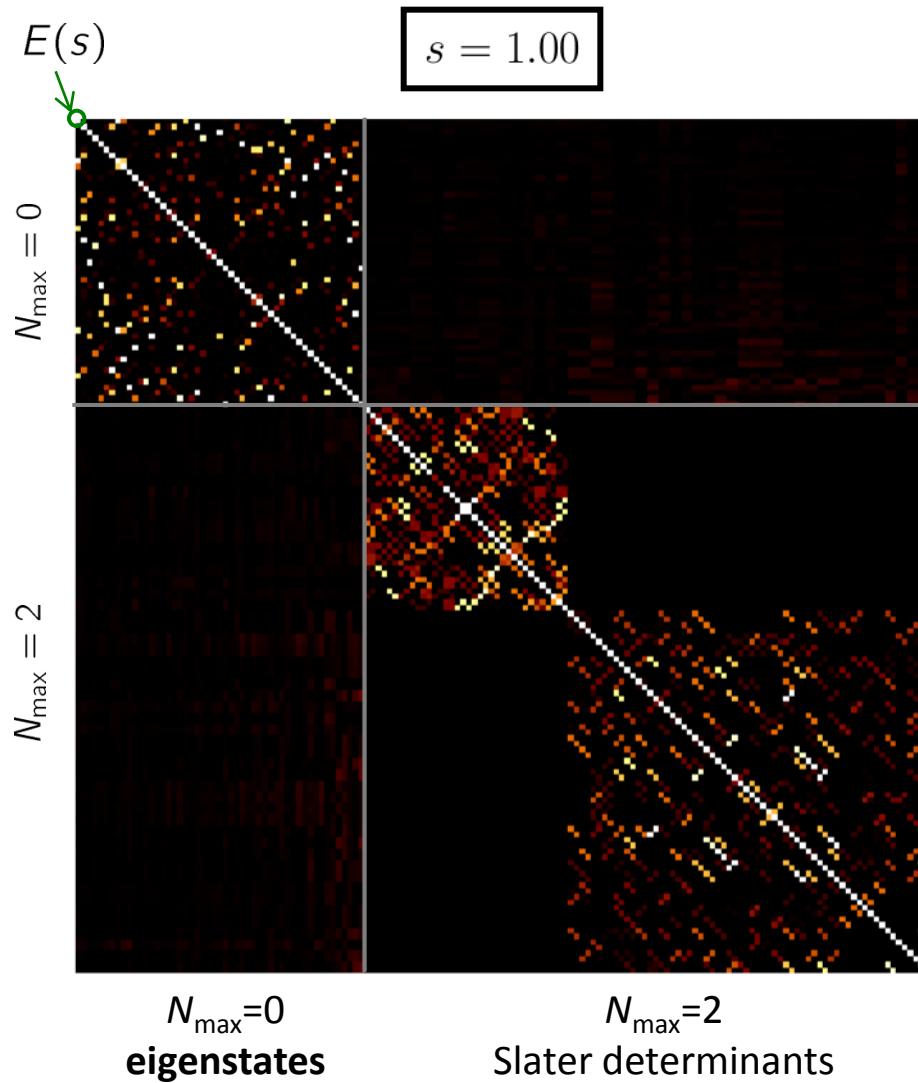


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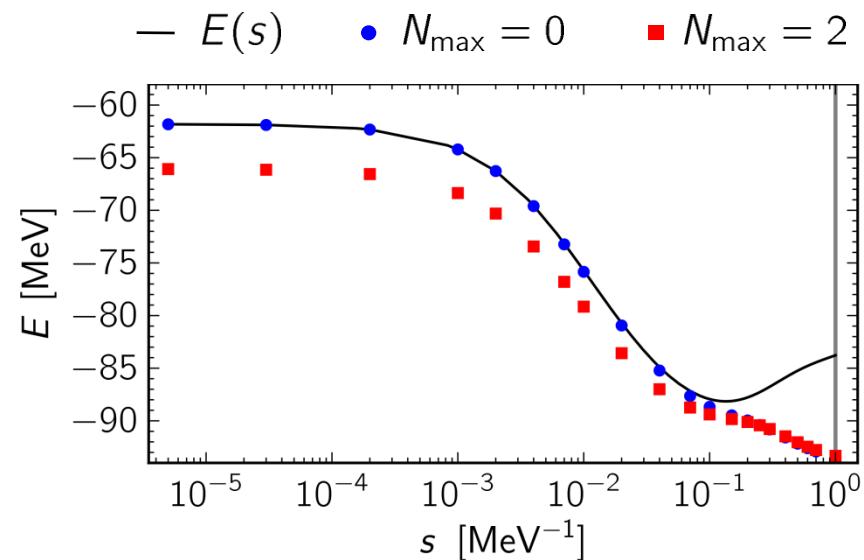
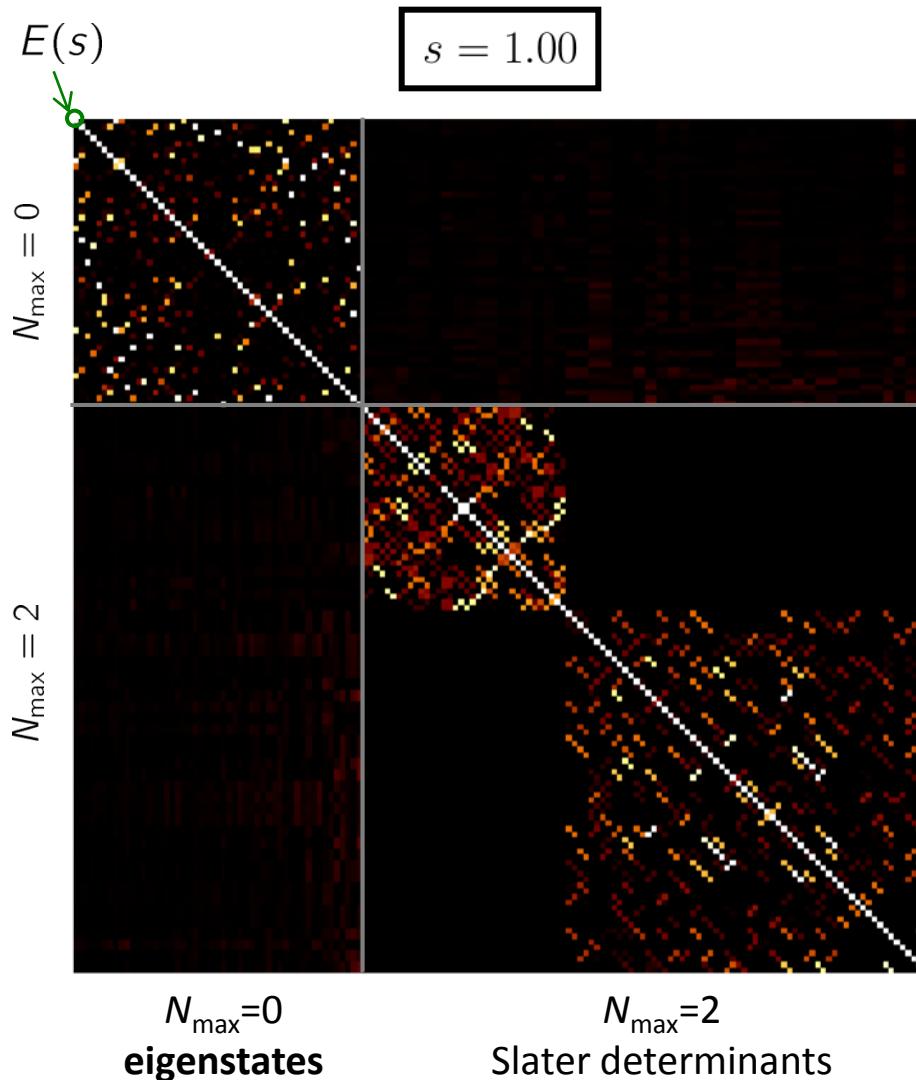
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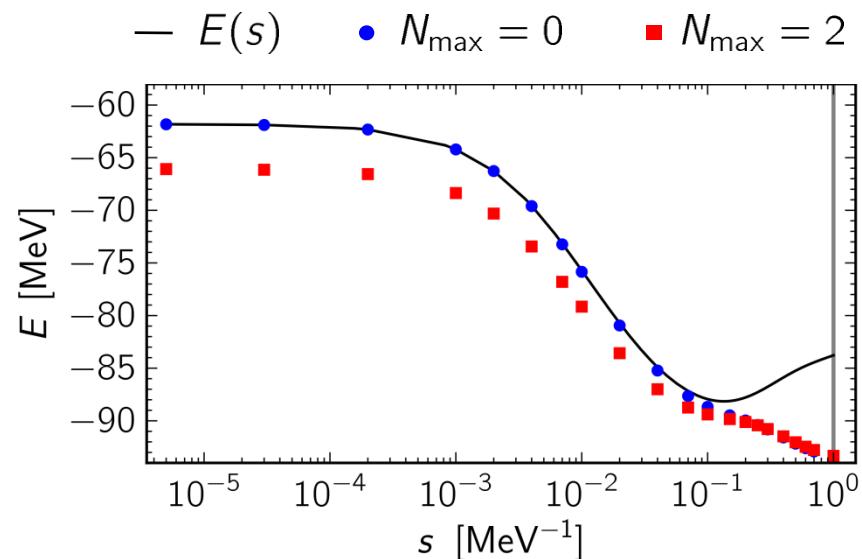
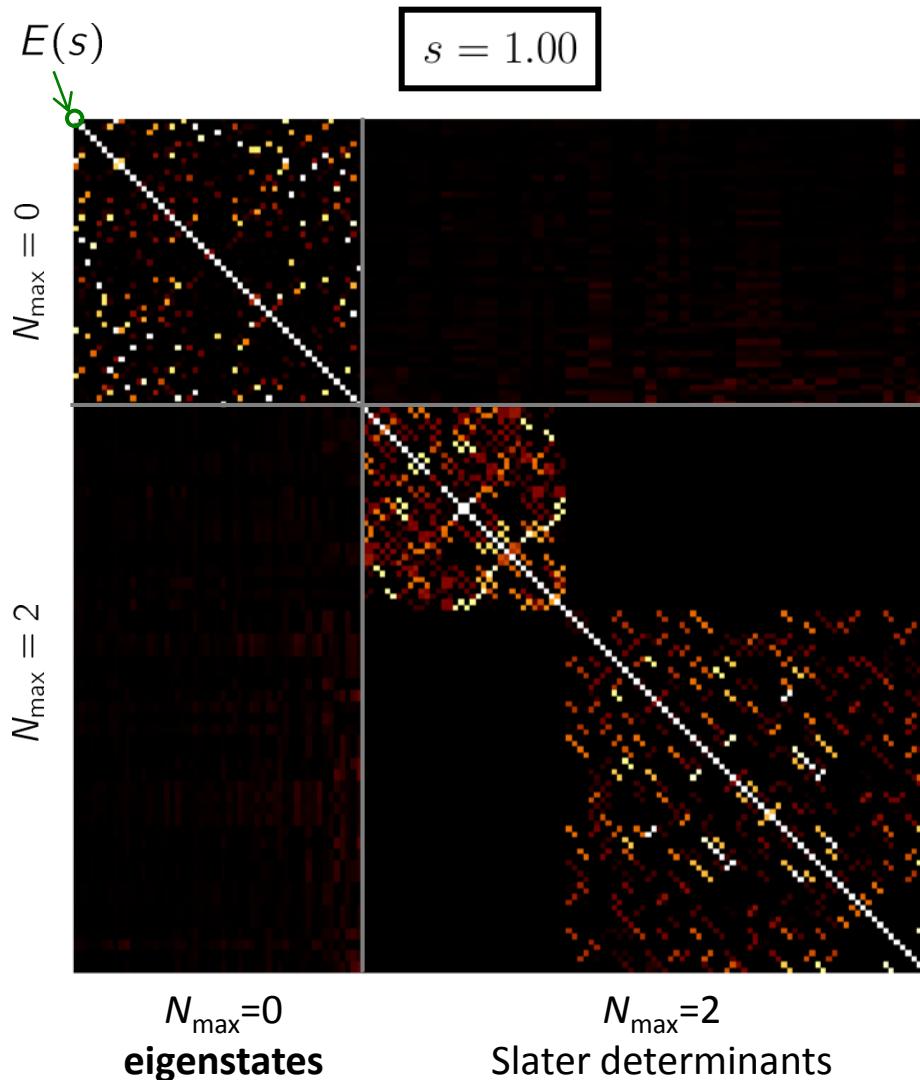
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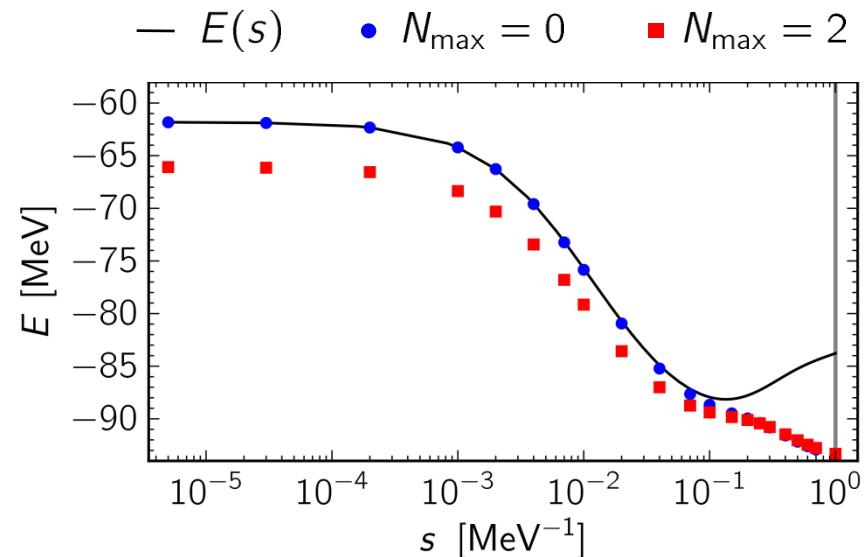
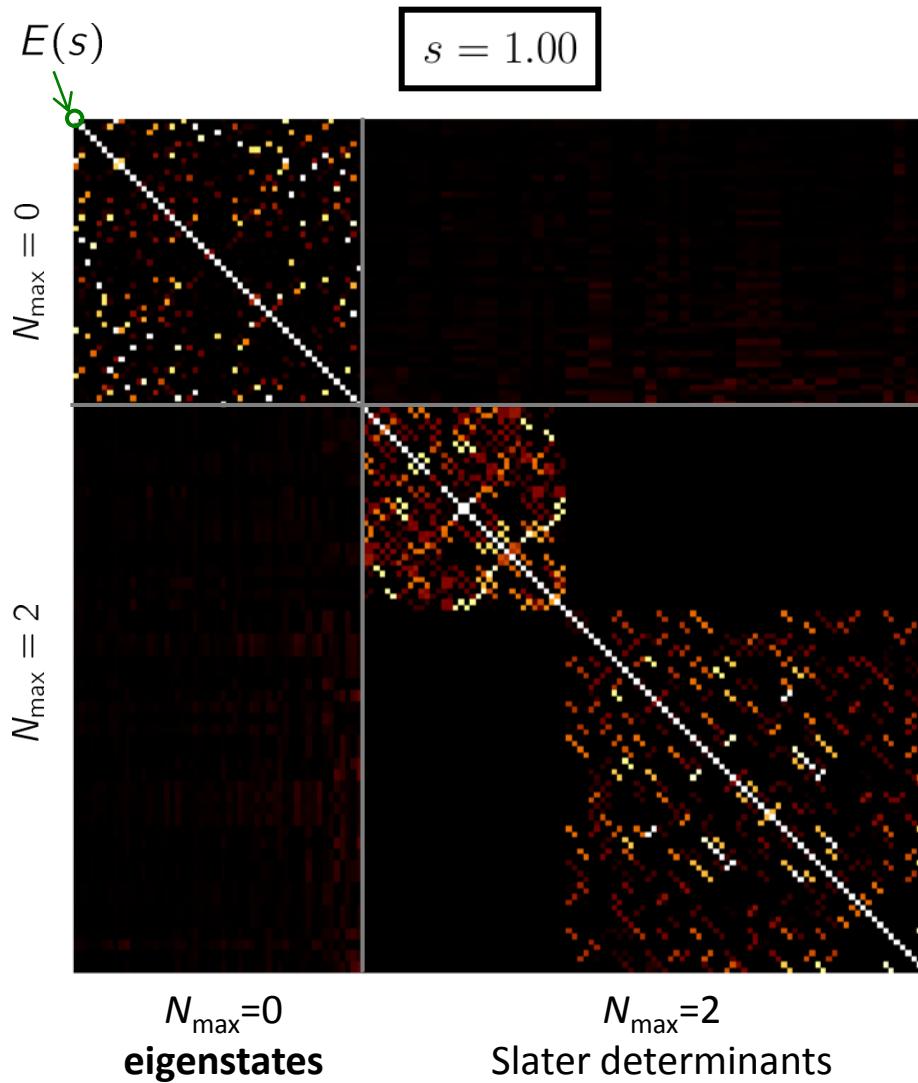


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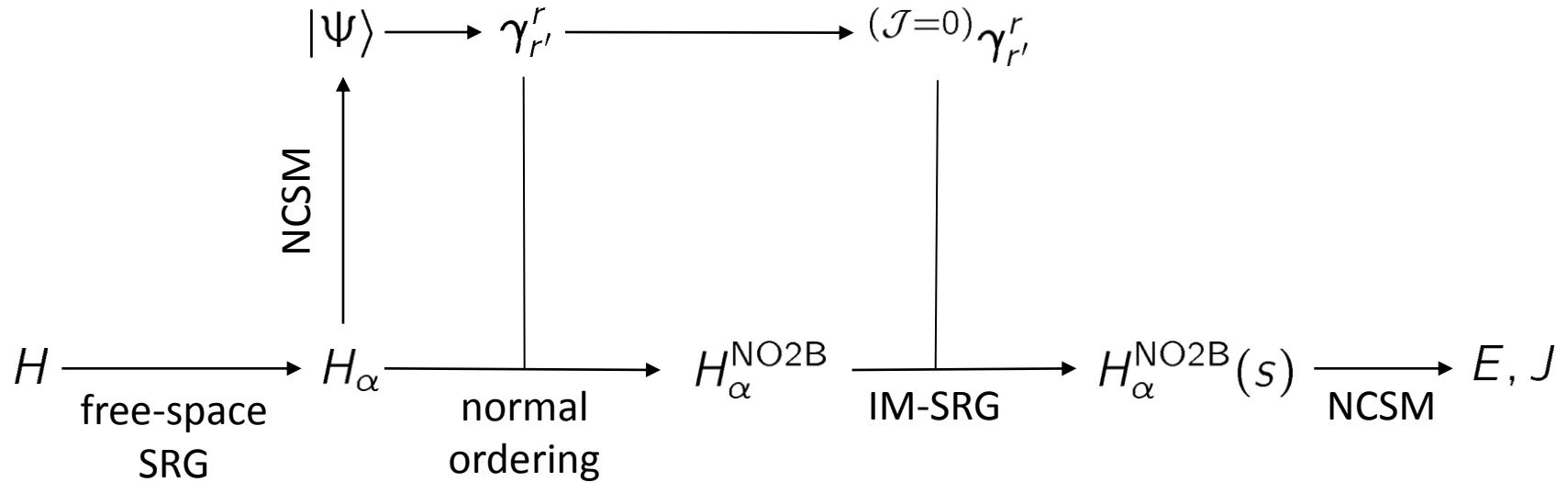


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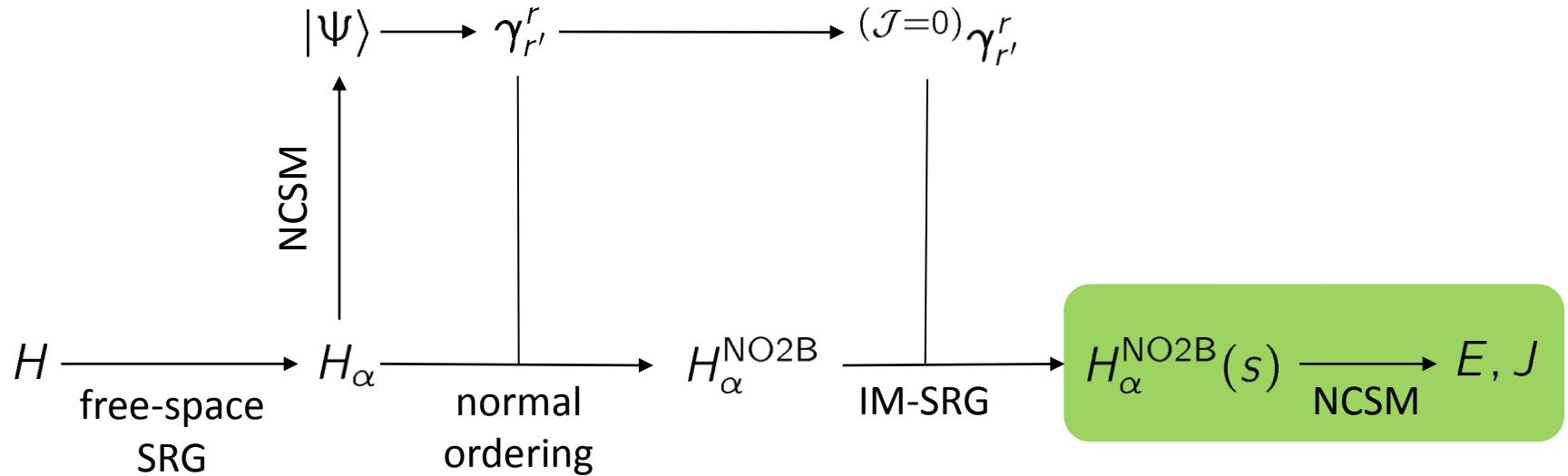
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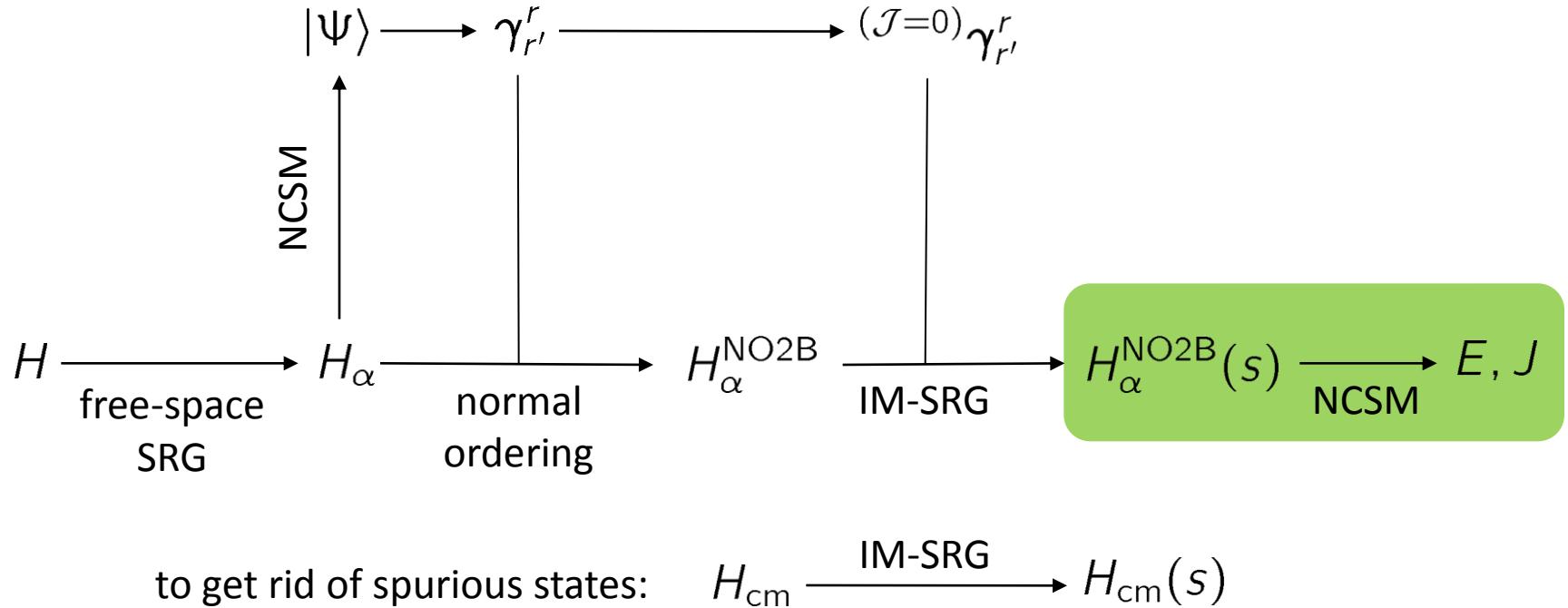
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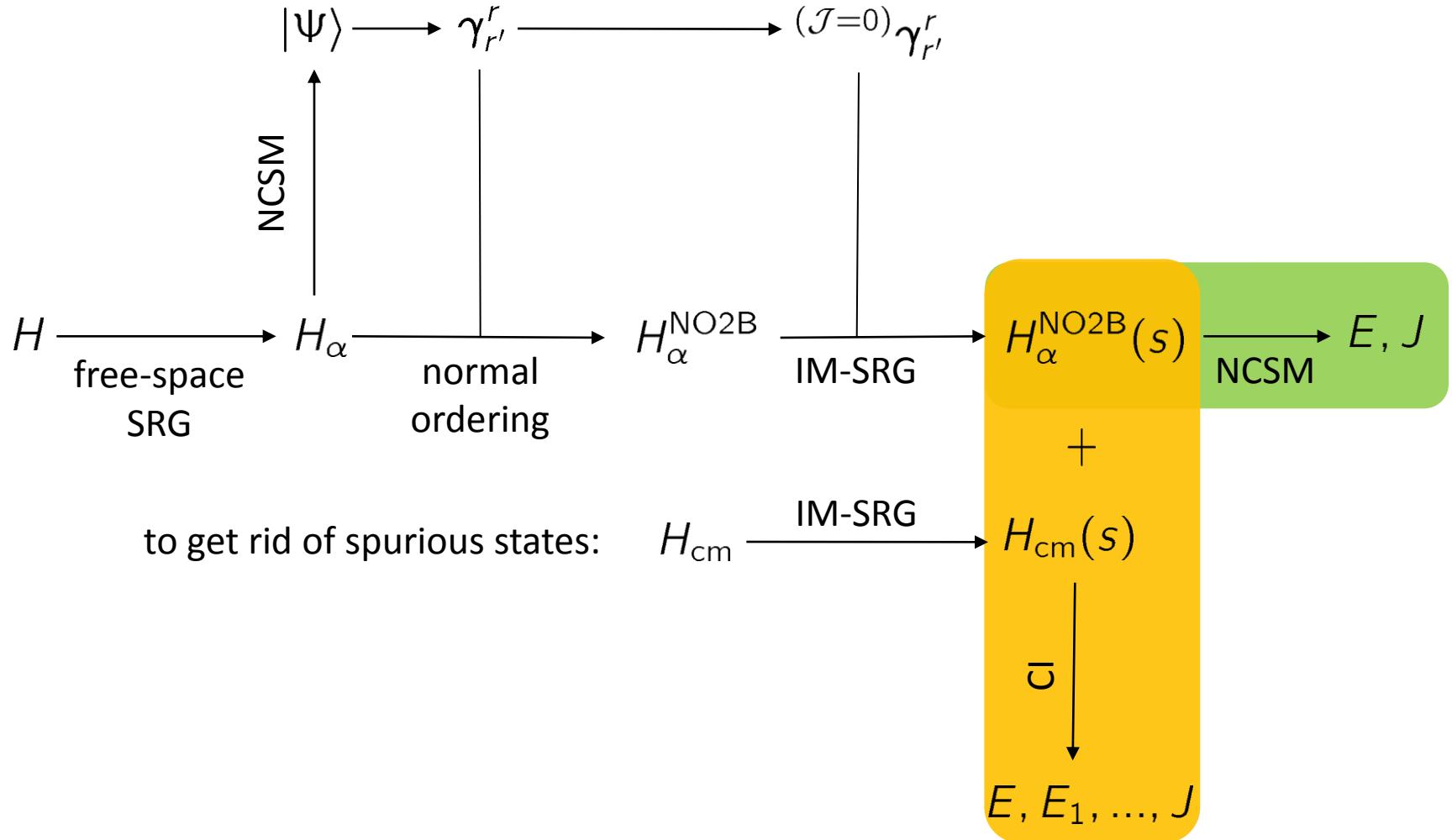
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$$H = E + \sum f_{\circ}^{\circ} \tilde{a}_{\circ}^{\circ} + \frac{1}{4} \sum \Gamma_{\circ\circ}^{\circ\circ} \tilde{a}_{\circ\circ}^{\circ\circ} + \frac{1}{36} \sum W_{\circ\circ\circ}^{\circ\circ\circ} \tilde{a}_{\circ\circ\circ}^{\circ\circ\circ}$$

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**natural orbitals:**

$n_i$  occupation number

$$\bar{n}_i = 1 - n_i$$

$$\eta_{34}^{12} = \text{sgn}(\Delta_{34}^{12}) \underbrace{\langle \Psi | H \tilde{a}_{34}^{12} | \Psi \rangle}_{n_1 n_2 \bar{n}_3 \bar{n}_4 \Gamma_{34}^{12} + \dots} - [(12) \leftrightarrow (34)]$$

... missing terms contain irreducible density matrix

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