# Recent progress on IMSRG calculations with 3-body operators

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# Setting the stage...

Ab initio ingredients:

- Hamiltonian with 2B and 3B forces
- Systematically improvable many-body method

**IMSRG:** 

- Polynomially scaling many-body method
- Open-shell systems via MR-IMSRG and VS-IMSRG
- Standard: truncate at IMSRG(2) level



Stroberg et al., PRL 126 (2021)





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- More refined = **IMSRG(3)** ( $N^7 N^9$ )

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Standard = IMSRG(2) (2-particle excitations, scales like  $(o + u)^6 \equiv N^6$ ) Heinz et al., PRC **103** (2021)









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C(3)	Heinz et al., PRC <b>103</b> (2021)
RG(2)IMSRG(3)SDCCSDT	exact
	computational cost



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IMSRG(3) error ~150 keV



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### **Pragmatic approach:**

Work with converged IMSRG(2) and try to capture 3B effects at minimal computational cost

Goal: Converge 3B w.r.t. *e*<sub>max,3b</sub>, *E*<sub>3max</sub>





# IMSRG(2) as a solid NO2B base

• NAT basis = efficient computational basis

> Tichai et al., PRL 99 (2019) Hoppe et al., PRC **103** (2021) Novario et al., PRC **102** (2020)

• New treatment of 3N forces in NO2B approximation allow large/no  $E_{3max}$  cut

> Miyagi et al., PRC **105** (2022) Hebeler et al., arXiv:2211.16262

(MeV)

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• IMSRG(2) converged at  $e_{\text{max}} = 10$ 

• Nice convergence in  $E_{3\max}$ 

e<sub>max,3b</sub> seems converged to ~100 keV

• Apparent consistency with  $\Lambda$ -CCSD(T)



## Calcium-48: Not so easy...



- Slow convergence in  $e_{max,3b}$  and  $E_{3max}$
- $E_{3\max} \sim 3e_{\max,3b}$  seems to be required
  - Direction of IMSRG(3) corrections consistent with  $\Lambda$ -CCSD(T)

### The VS-IMSRG



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Decouple core, valence, and outside spaces

 Obtain nucleus-dependent ab initio shell model Hamiltonian

• Can use existing shell model machinery



## 2<sup>+</sup> energies of calcium-48

### • VS-IMSRG(2) overestimates 2<sup>+</sup> energy

• Does VS-IMSRG(3) solve the problem?

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Investigate improved bases for 3-body operators Novario et al., PRC **102** (2020)

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## **Conclusions and outlook**

- Approaching realistic IMSRG(3) calculations of medium-mass nuclei
- Small corrections for ground-state energies; Larger corrections for  $2^+$  energies

- Further optimization needed (basis, numerical implementation)
- Impact of IMSRG(3) in **neutron-rich isotopes**?



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