

# Exploiting low entanglement in nuclear shells

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# Outline

1. Introduction: Entanglement, Shell model
2. Quantifying entanglement in the nuclear shell model

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3. Harnessing low entanglement with entanglement forging

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Physics-inspired entanglement forging for nuclear ground states  
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# Entanglement in many-body physics

**Measures unseparability of quantum states:**

$$|\psi\rangle \neq |\psi_1\rangle \otimes |\psi_2\rangle$$

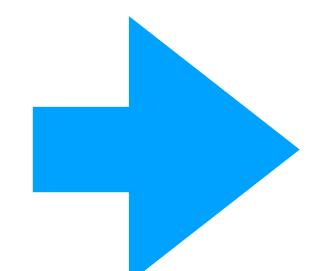
**Quantified with Von Neuman entropy:**

$$S_{VN} = -Tr(\rho_A \log(\rho_A))$$

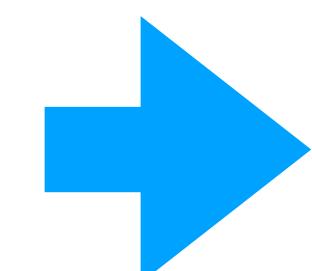
**It's a relative concept**  
(particle/mode, basis, mapping, partition)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

1st quantization  
“entangled”


$$a_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} a_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} |0\rangle$$

2nd quantization



$$|11\rangle$$

Jordan-Wigner  
(not entangled)

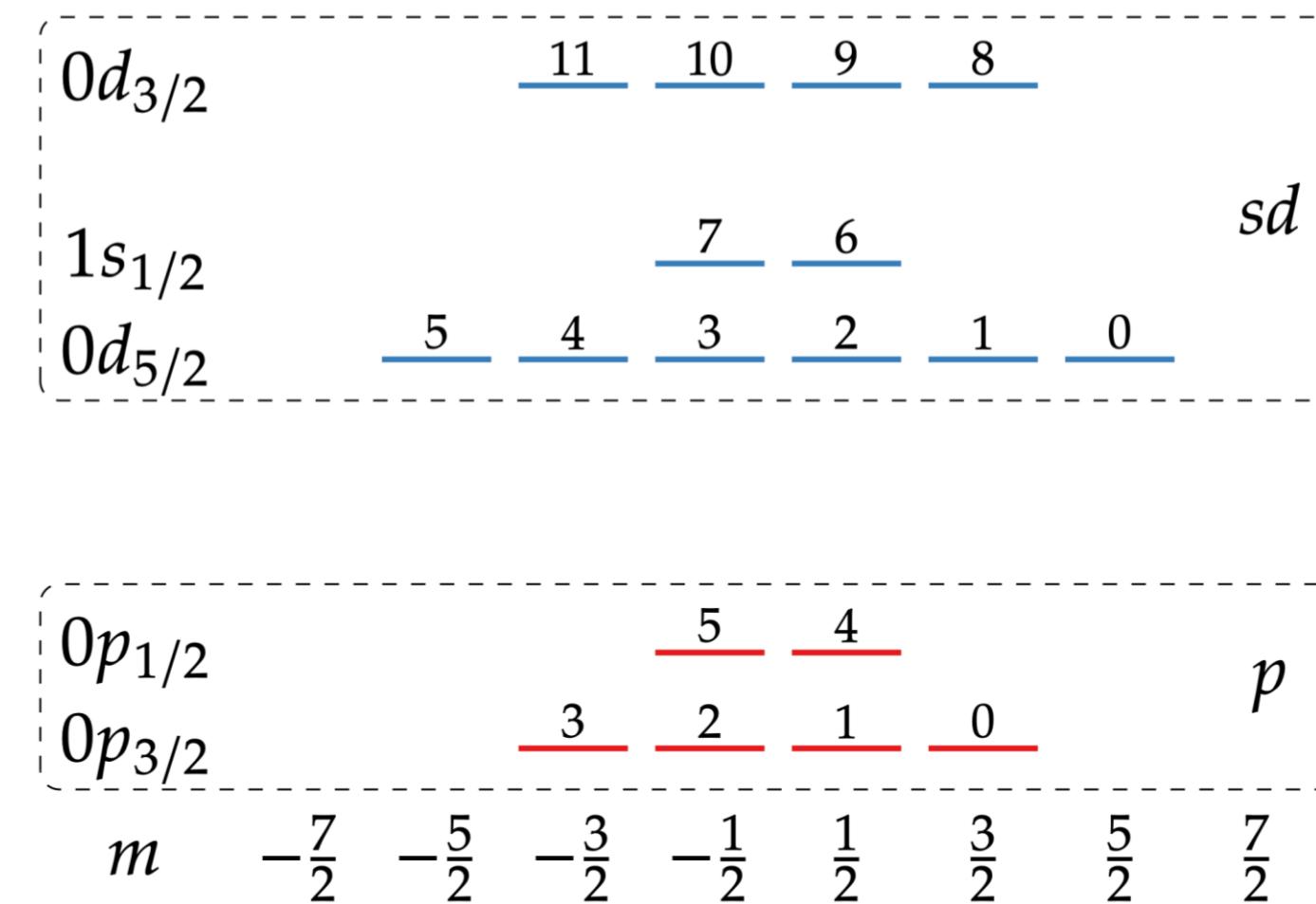
# Shell model

## 1. Single particle Schrodinger equation

H.O. potential + spin-orbit

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega r^2 + D \vec{l}^2 + C \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}$$

- Predicts magic numbers
- Provides orbital/valence space



## 2. Interaction shell model:

- Mean field + residual two-body interactions:

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ij} K_{ij} a_i^\dagger a_j + \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k a_l$$

- Diagonalization problem

Jordan-Wigner  
mapping:

$$a_j^\dagger = \prod_{k=0}^{j-1} Z_k \frac{X_j - iY_j}{2}$$

+ adapt-VQE

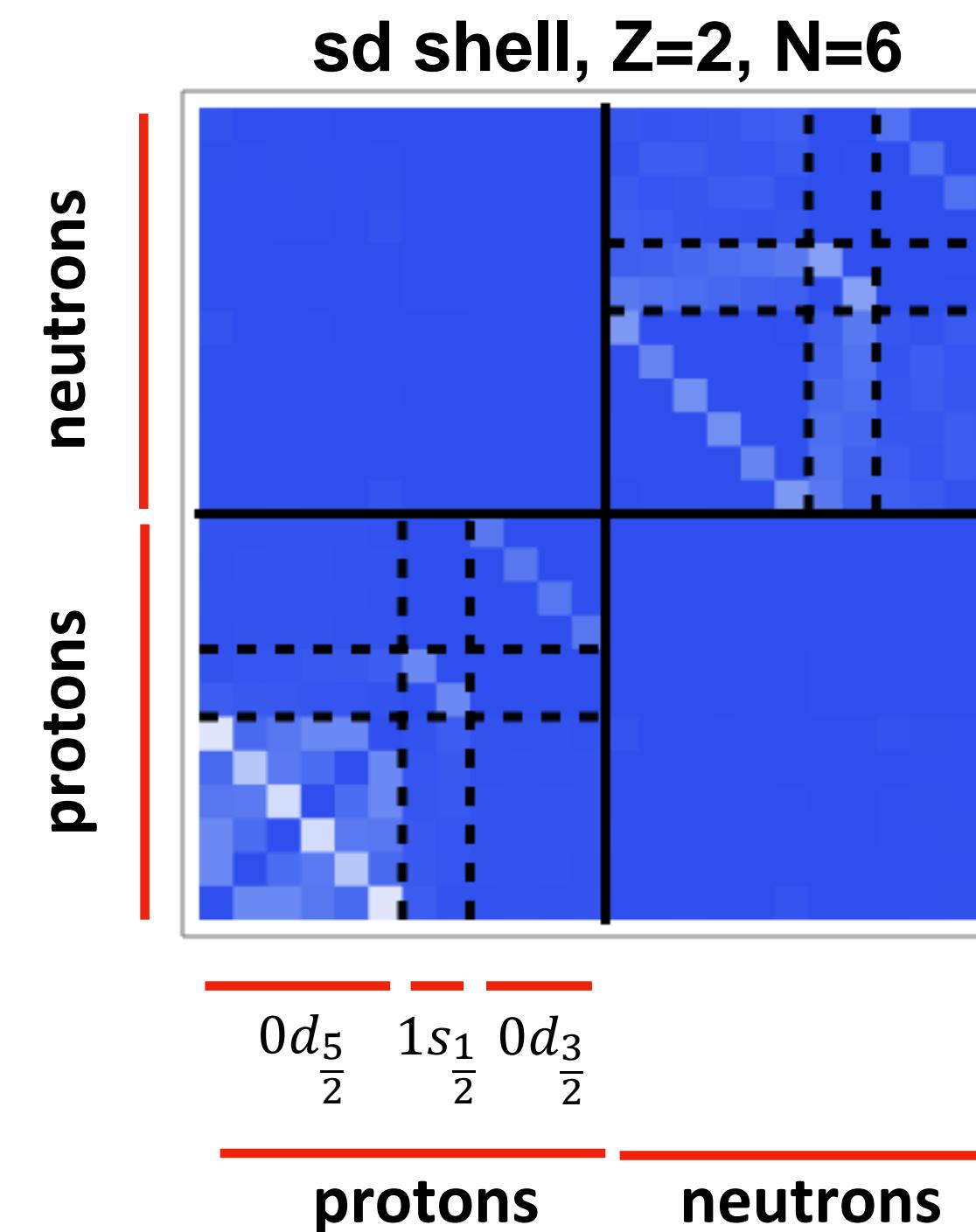
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## 3. Entanglement depends on:

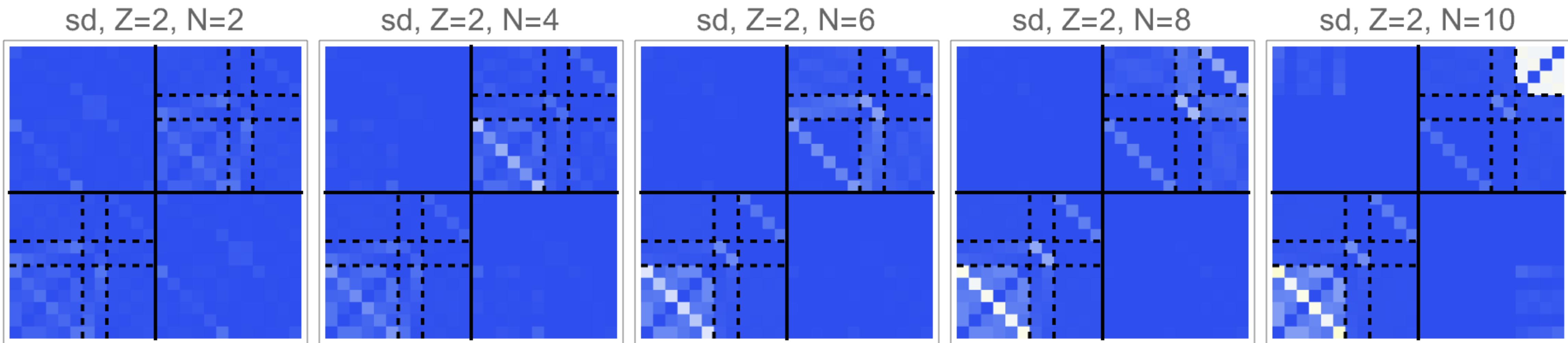
- Basis chosen (**M-scheme**, J-scheme)
- fermion-qubit mappings (**JW**, BK, VC)
- Partition (**1 orbital, 2 orbital, equipartition**)

# Single orbital & orbital-orbital entanglement

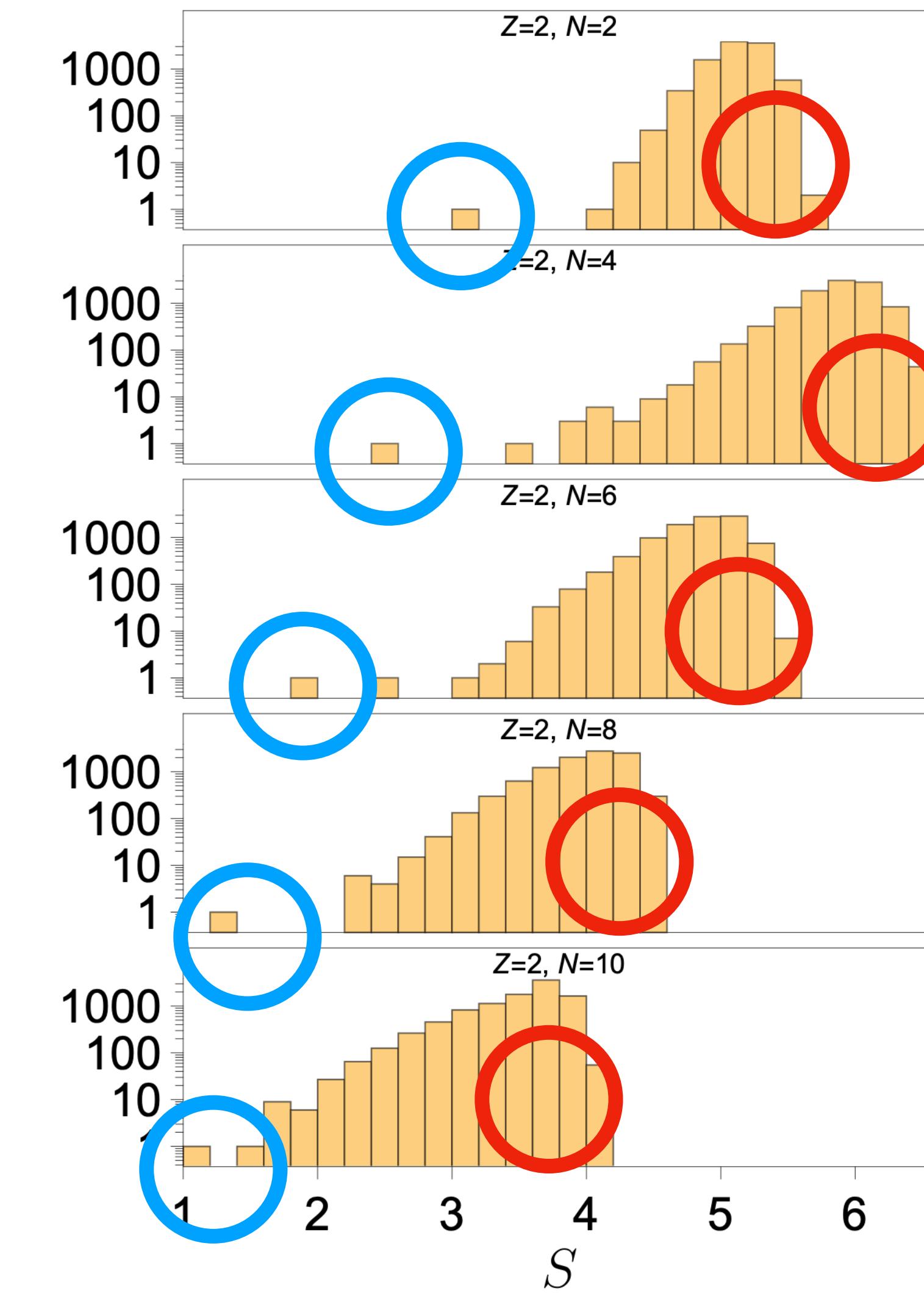
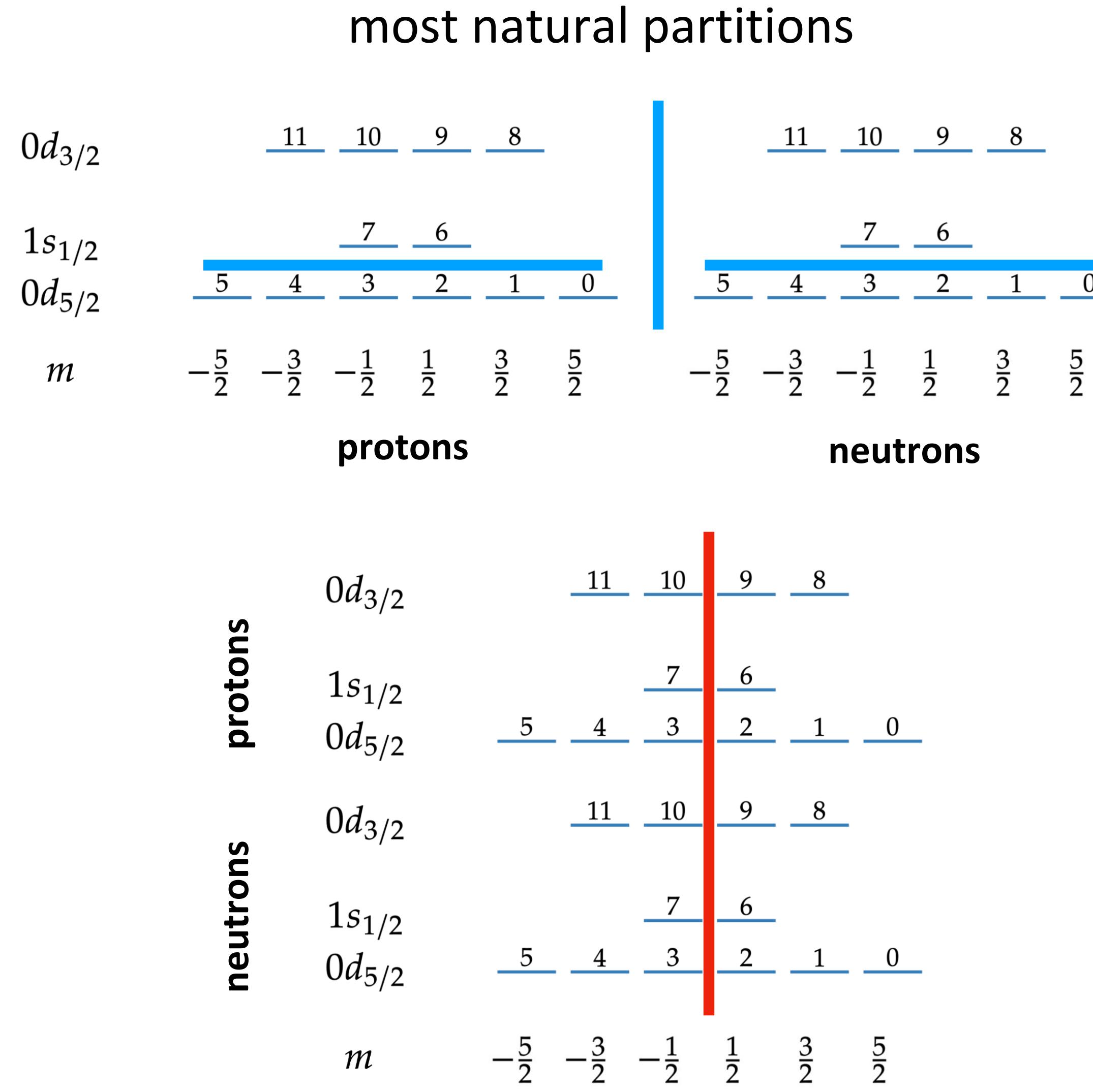
**mutual information**  
 $S_i + S_j - S_{ij}$   
gives a good overall  
picture:



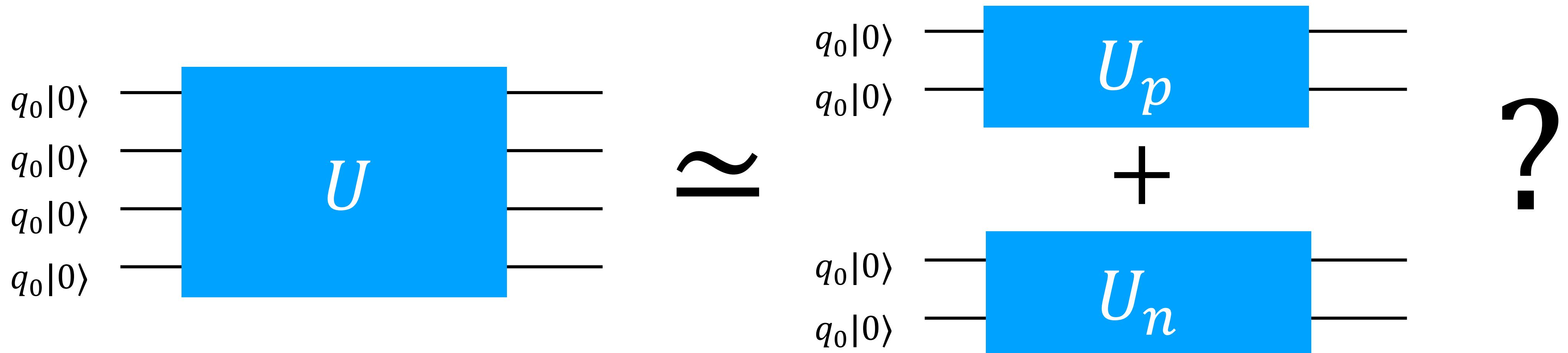
# Mutual information across the sd shell



# Equipartition entanglement



# Can we harness (low) entanglement?



Schmidt decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_{GS}\rangle &= \lambda_1 |\psi_p^{(1)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_n^{(1)}\rangle \\ &\quad + \lambda_2 |\psi_p^{(2)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_n^{(2)}\rangle \\ &\quad + \lambda_3 |\psi_p^{(3)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_n^{(3)}\rangle \\ &\quad + \lambda_4 |\psi_p^{(4)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_n^{(4)}\rangle \\ &\quad + \lambda_5 |\psi_p^{(5)}\rangle \otimes |\psi_n^{(5)}\rangle \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Orthogonal:  
 $\langle \psi_k^{(i)} | \psi_k^{(j)} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad (k = n, p)$

Normalized:  
 $\sum_j \lambda_j^2 = 1$

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**Non-degenerate**  
 $\lambda = 0.83$   
 $M = 0, 0$

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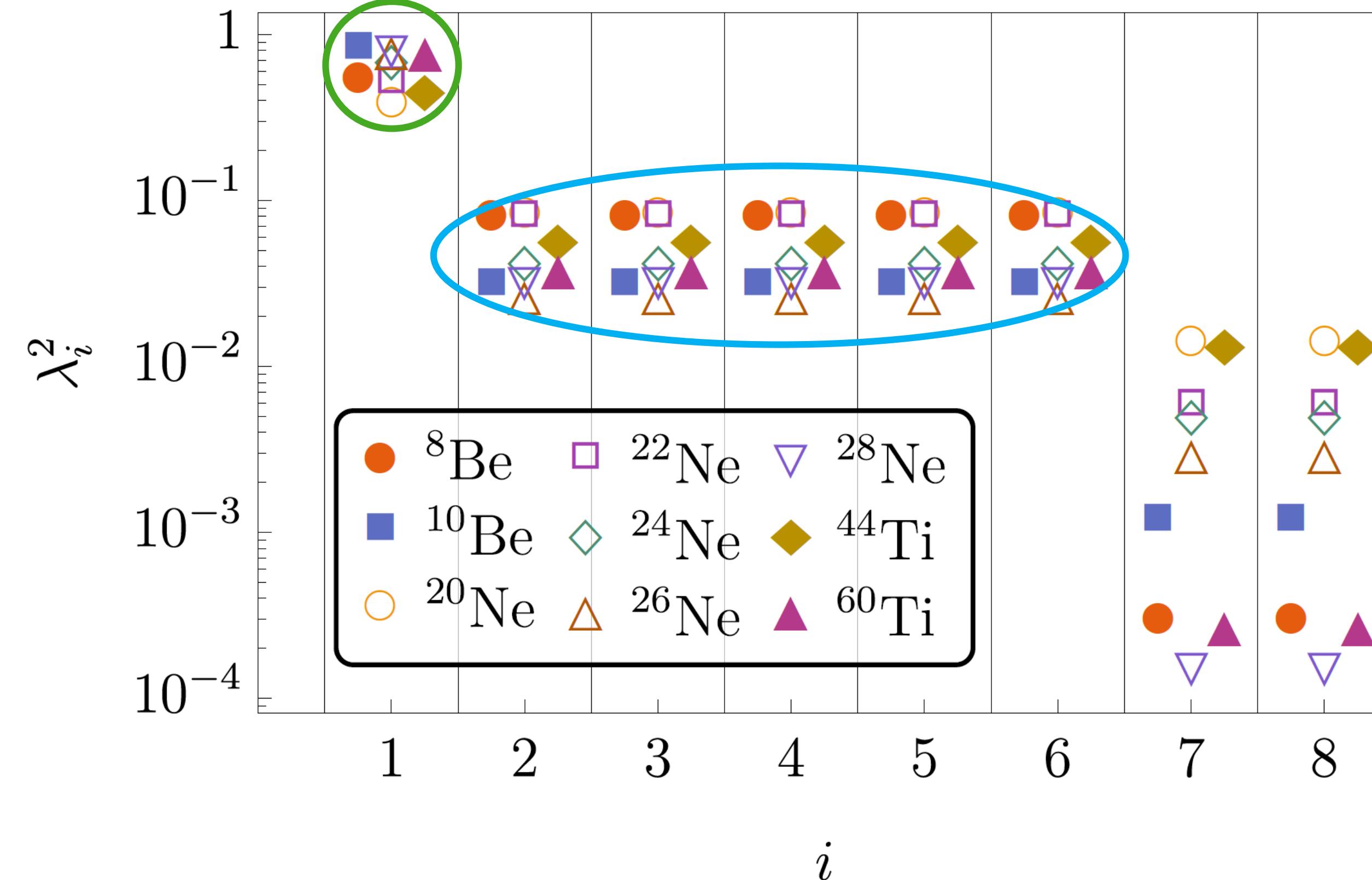
**5-fold degeneracy**  
 $M = -2, 2$   
 $M = -1, 1$   
 $M = 0, 0$   
 $M = 1, -1$   
 $M = 2, -2$

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# Adapt VQE

1. Initial state: lowest energy basis state

$$|\Psi_0\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle, \text{ e.g. } |\psi_0\rangle = a_0^\dagger a_3^\dagger |0\rangle$$

2. Pool of operators for the ansatz

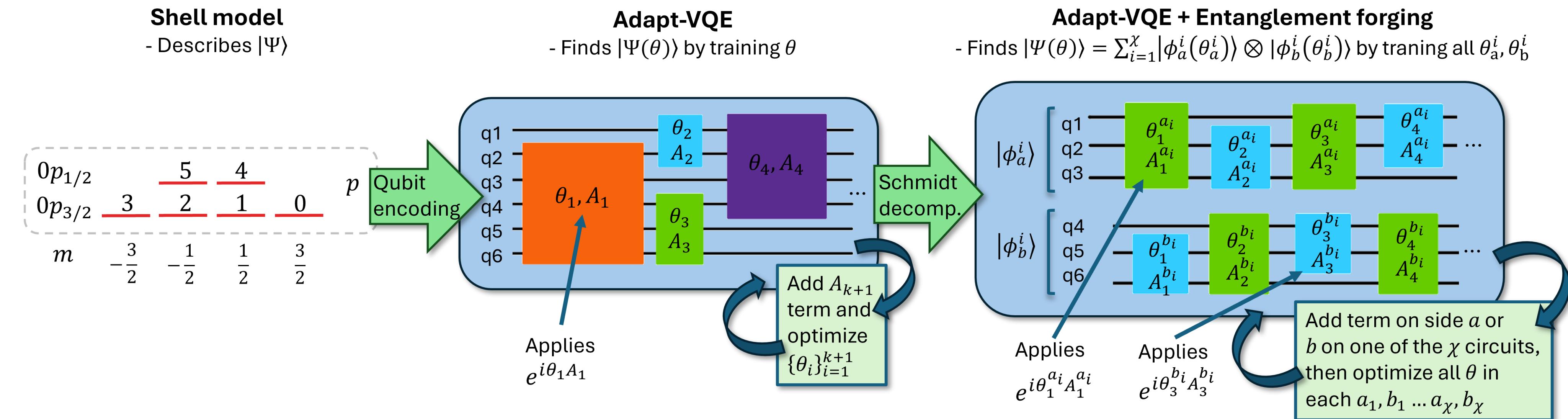
$$A_k = i(a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_r a_s - a_r^\dagger a_s^\dagger a_p a_q)$$

3. Ansatz built adaptively: largest  $\frac{\partial E^{(n)}}{\partial \theta_k}|_{\theta_k=0}$

After n steps:  $|\psi(\vec{\theta})\rangle = \prod_{k=1}^n e^{i\theta_k A_k} |\psi_0\rangle$

Grimsley et al., Nat. comm. **10**, 1–9 (2019)

4. Minimize:  $E = \min_{\theta_k} \langle \Psi(\theta_k) | H | \Psi(\theta_k) \rangle$



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let's simulate 6 product states

$$|\psi_p(\vec{\alpha})\rangle = e^{i\alpha_1 T_1} \dots e^{i\alpha_N T_N} |ref_p^{(1)}\rangle \quad \mathbf{M = 0}$$

$$|\psi_n(\vec{\phi})\rangle = e^{i\alpha'_1 T'_1} \dots e^{i\alpha'_{N'} T'_{N'}} |ref_n^{(1)}\rangle \quad \mathbf{M = 0}$$

+

$$|\psi_p(\vec{\beta})\rangle = e^{i\beta_1 T_1} \dots e^{i\beta_N T_N} |ref_p^{(2)}\rangle \quad \mathbf{M = -2}$$

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Minimize energy with adapt-vqe

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda \langle \psi_p(\vec{\alpha}), \psi_n(\vec{\alpha}) | H | \psi_p(\vec{\alpha}), \psi_n(\vec{\alpha}) \rangle \\ & + \sqrt{\frac{1 - \lambda^2}{5}} \langle \psi_p(\vec{\beta}), \psi_n(\vec{\beta}) | H | \psi_p(\vec{\beta}), \psi_n(\vec{\beta}) \rangle \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Need to optimize  $\lambda \in (0.5, 1)$

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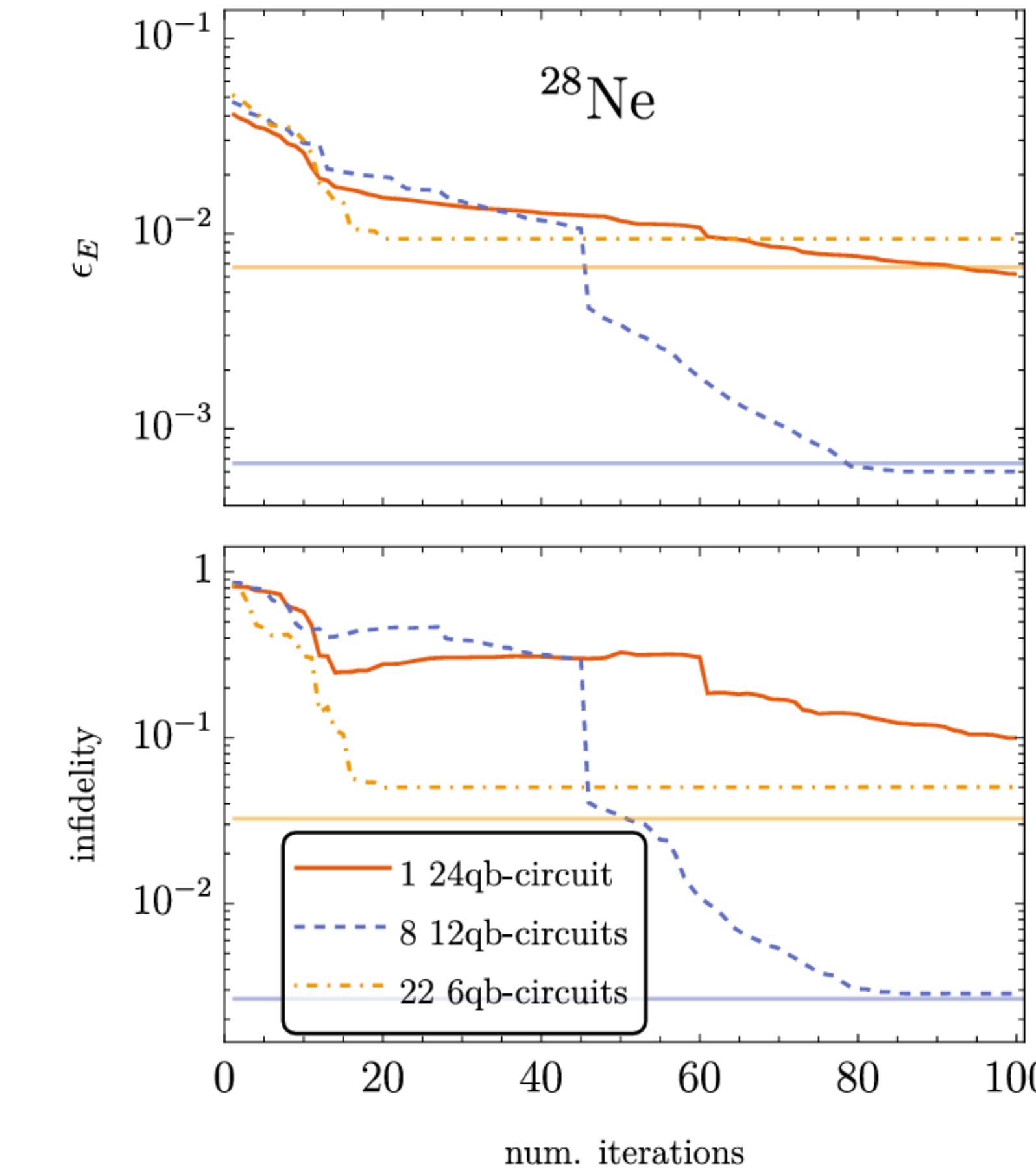
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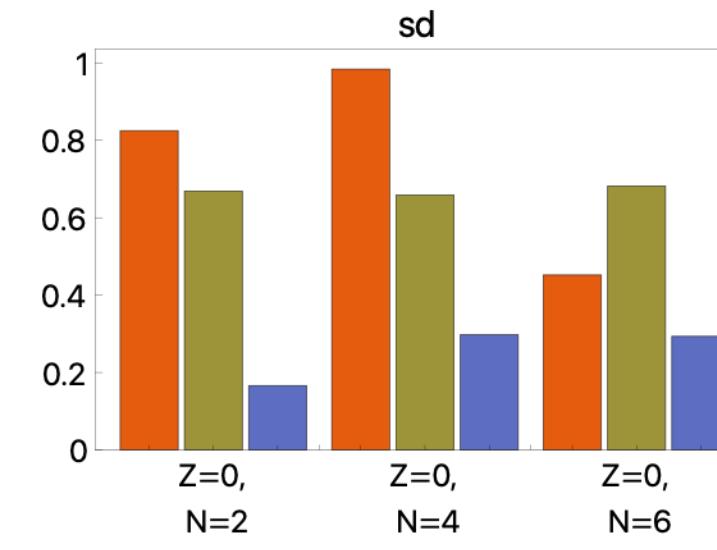
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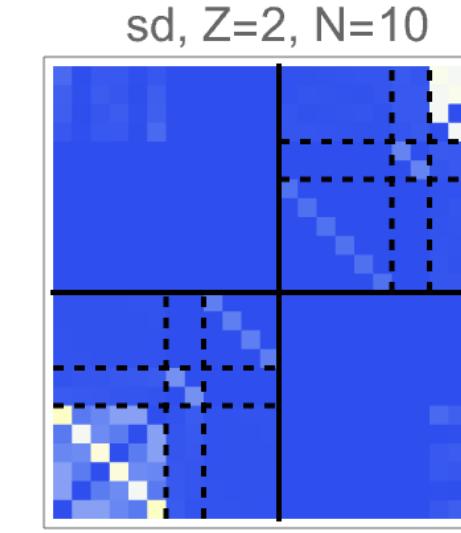


# Conclusions

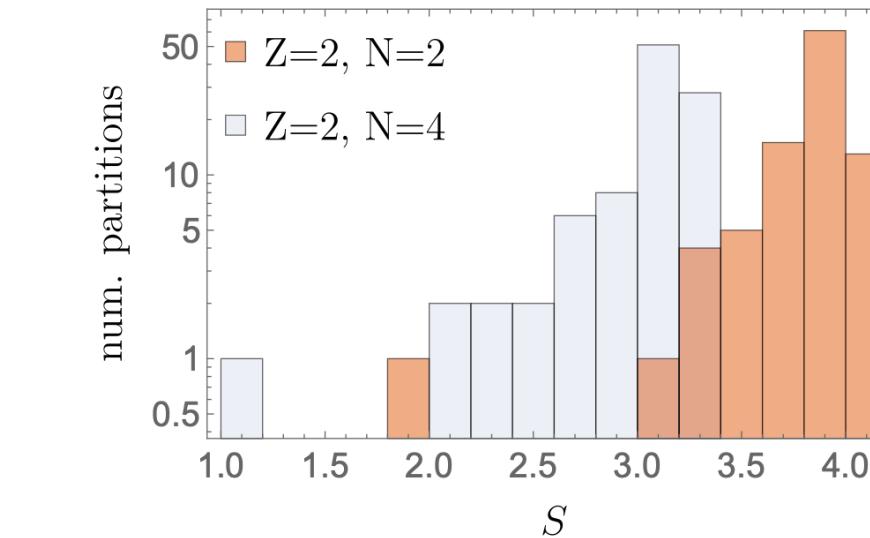
1. Entanglement in nuclei: fundamental & practical interests
2. Entanglement is low (lowest) between protons & neutrons and large (~largest) between  $M < 0$  &  $M > 0$
3. Circuit cutting + degeneracy of SV improves adapt VQE (smaller circuits, faster convergence)



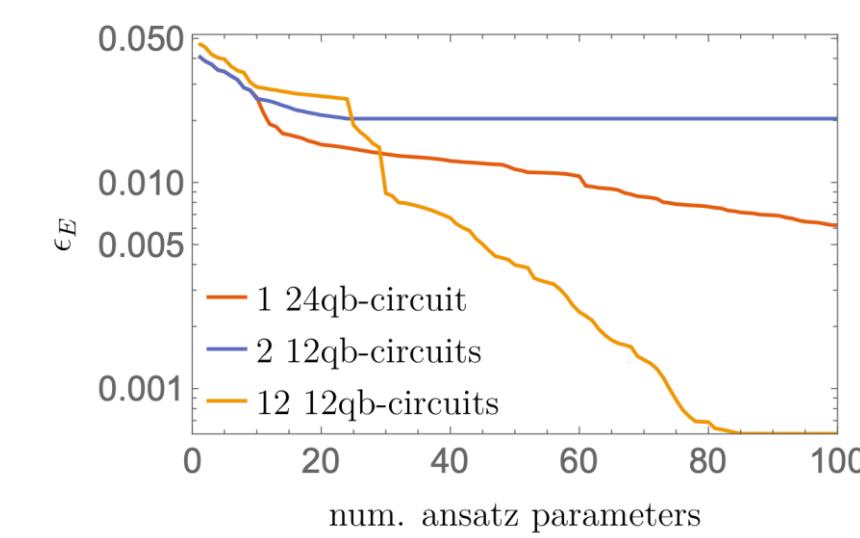
1. single-orbital / filling of subshells



2. general picture of entanglement



3. min. vs max. entanglement



4. circuit cutting improves VQE

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