

Theory for open-shell nuclei near the limits of stability May 11-29, 2015, East Lansing, MI, USA

Overview

- Arrive at a Hamiltonian (a "standard model") of nuclear physics
- Understand the link between (Lattice) QCD and EFT and nuclei
- What are the limits for the existence of nuclei (i.e. drip line location)
- Explain collective phenomena from individual motion of nuclei
- Error estimates of computed quantities

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Lattice QCD

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS



LQCD is computationally demanding

- unphysical pion masses right now
- requires larger lattices
- exponentially small signal-to-noise ratio
- difficult to identify bound states
- growth of Wick contractions for large number of quarks



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	Accurate	Inaccurate (systematic error)
Precise		
Imprecise (reproducibility error)		X X X X

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LO +-+X782 MeV hard scale (Ω) $\Lambda_{\mathbf{X}}$ 770 MeV $X | X | X | X \dots$ NLO mass gap (Q/Λ_{χ}) **NNLO** optimized '15 soft scale 140 MeV

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mathematical optimization and statistical regression are indispensable tools

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Simultaneous optimization critical in order to

- find the optimal set of LECs
- capture all relevant correlations between them
- reduce the statistical uncertainty.

Within such an approach we find that statistical errors are, in general, small, and that the total error budget is dominated by systematic errors.



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 $R_l^2(\mathbf{p})$

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Optimization Algorithm

POUNDerS	Levenberg-Marquardt	Newtons Method
Approximate Hessian		Exact Hessian
$\chi^2({f p})$	$\frac{\partial \chi^2(\mathbf{p})}{\partial p_i}$	$\frac{\partial \chi^2(\mathbf{p})}{\partial p_i}, \ \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2(\mathbf{p})}{\partial p_i \partial p_j}$

Optimization Algorithm



Computing derivatives

Performance of numerical derivation



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Derivative of χ^2 (arbitrary units)



Precision

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estimate these using exponential	$E(^{4}\text{He})$	$-28.2956099(11)^{a}$	[38]	$6.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
	$r_{\rm pt-p}(^{2}{\rm H})$	$1.97559(78)^{b}$	[65, 73]	$0.78\cdot10^{-3}$
extrapolation. The S-matrix for two-	$r_{\rm pt-p}(^{3}{\rm H})$	1.587(41)	65	0.041
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Algorithmic the implementation of the computer model. (Machine epsilon of float 10⁻¹⁶)

We safely neglect this.

estimate this from the rest term in the xEFT expansion: $\sigma_{\text{model},x}^{(\text{amplitude})} = \mathcal{C}_x \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda}\right)^{\nu+1}, x \in \{\text{NN}, \pi\text{N}\}$

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Error Propagation



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uncertainties for the NNLO potentials. c_i , d_i and e_i are in units of GeV⁻¹, GeV⁻² and GeV⁻³ respectively.

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[MeV]	-5	-18	
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NNLO_{sat} phase shifts and scattering observables



NNLO_{sat} and the reproduction of input data

NCSM Energies and charge radii with NNLOsat	CCSD Energies and charge radii with NNLOsat

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Observable	Theory	Experiment	D/Exp (%)	Observable	Theory	Experiment	D/Exp (%)
E _{gs} (²H)	-2.224574	2.224575(9) MeV	0.0	E _{gs} (¹⁴ C)	103.6	105.285 MeV	1.6
r _{pt-p} (²H)	1.978	1.97535(85) fm	0.1	r _{ch} (14 C)	2.48	2.5025(87) fm	0.9
Q _D (² H)	0.270	0.2859(3) fm ²	5.6	E _{gs} (¹⁶ O)	124.4	127.619 MeV	2.5
P _D (² H)	3.46%	_	_	r _{ch} (¹⁶ O)	2.71	2.6991(52) fm	0.4
E _{gs} (³ H)	-8.52	-8.482 MeV	0.4	E _{gs} (²² O)	160.8	162.028(57) MeV	0.8
r _{ch} (³ H)	1.78	1.7591(363) fm	1.1	E _{gs} (²⁴ O)	168.1	168.96(12) MeV	0.5
E _{gs} (³ He)	-7 76	-7 718 MeV	0.5	E _{gs} (²⁵ O)	167.4	168.18(10) MeV	0.5
(3He)	1 00	1 9661(30) fm	1.2				
	00.42		0.5				
	-20.43		0.0				
	1.70	1.0/00(20) IM	I.5				

¹S₀ effective range expansion

Observable	Theory	Experiment	D/Exp (%)
a _{nn}	-18.93	-18.9(4) fm	0.2
r _{nn}	2.855	2.75(11) fm	3.8
a _{np}	-23.728	-23.740(20) fm	0.0
r _{np}	2.798	2.77(5) fm	1.0
a _{pp}	-7.8258	-7.8196(26) fm	0.0
r _{pp}	2.855	2.790(14) fm	2.3

 $|<^{3}HellE_{1}^{A}||^{3}H>| = 0.6343$ (empirical = 0.6848(11))

$$\begin{split} \langle r_{\rm ch}^2 \rangle &= \langle r_{\rm pp}^2 \rangle + \langle R_{\rm p}^2 \rangle + \frac{N}{Z} \langle R_{\rm n}^2 \rangle + \frac{3\hbar^2}{4m_p^2 c^2} \\ {\rm R}_{\rm p} = &0.8775 \ {\rm fm} \\ ({\rm R}_{\rm n})^{2} = &0.1149 \ {\rm fm}^2 \\ {\rm Darwin-Foldy} = &0.033 \ {\rm fm}^2 \end{split}$$

NNLO_{sat} and the reproduction of input data

NCSM Energies and	charge radii with NNLOsat	CCSD Energies and	charge radii with NNLOsat
3	5	3	3

Observable	Theory	Experiment	D/Exp (%)	Observable	Theory	Experiment	D/Exp (%)
E _{gs} (² H)	-2.224574	2.224575(9) MeV	0.0	E _{gs} (¹⁴ C)	103.6	105.285 MeV	1.6
r _{pt-p} (2H)	1.978	1.97535(85) fm	0.1	r _{ch} (¹⁴ C)	2.48	2.5025(87) fm	0.9
Q _D (² H)	0.270	0.2859(3) fm ²	5.6	E _{gs} (¹⁶ O)	124.4	127.619 MeV	2.5
P _D (² H)	3.46%	_	_	r _{ch} (¹⁶ O)	2.71	2.6991(52) fm	0.4
E _{gs} (³ H)	-8.52	-8.482 MeV	0.4	E _{gs} (²² O)	160.8	162.028(57) MeV	0.8
r _{ch} (³ H)	1.78	1.7591(363) fm	1.1	E _{gs} (²⁴ O)	168.1	168.96(12) MeV	0.5
	7.70	7 740 84.34	0.5	E _{gs} (²⁵ O)	167.4	168.18(10) MeV	0.5
Egs(°He)	-7.76	-/./18 MeV	0.5		1		

NNLOsat

reproduces the binding energies and the charge radii of selected psd-shell nuclei to **1%**

 $\langle r_{\rm ch}^2 \rangle = \langle r_{\rm pp}^2 \rangle + \langle R_{\rm p}^2 \rangle +$ $\overline{Z}^{\langle n_n \rangle}$ $4m_{p}^{2}c^{2}$ $R_p=0.8775 \text{ fm}$ (R_n)^{2=-0.1149 fm²} Darwin-Foldy=0.033 fm²

¹S₀ effective range expansion

1.99

-28.43

1.70

r_{ch}(³He)

E_{gs}(⁴He)

r_{ch}(⁴He)

Observable	Theory	Experimen	an
a _{nn}	-18.93	-18.9(4) fm	
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1.9661(30) fm

-28.296 Me

1.6755(28) f

¹⁶O charge density and negative parity states



One-nucleon separation energies

	NNLOsat	Experiment
S _n (¹⁷ O)	4.0 MeV	4.14 MeV
S _n (¹⁶ O)	14.0 MeV	15.67 MeV
$S_{p}(^{17}F)$	0.5 MeV	0.60 MeV
S _p (¹⁶ O)	10.7 MeV	12.12 MeV

A-CCSD(T) hw=22 MeV, Nmax=14 E3max=16 NO2B HF basis +leading order NNN contribution to the total energy

> *ab initio* challenge: E(3⁻)=6.34 MeV

NNLOsat E(3⁻)=6.13 MeV, 90% Ip-1h excitation (p_{1/2}-d_{5/2})

Ip-Ih states sensitive to the particle-hole
gap (A=16/17 separation energies)

Experimental charge distribution data: H. DeVries, et al At. Data Nucl. Data Tables 36, 494 (1987)

Spectra, binding energies and radii



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Ground s	tate energ	ies in MeV
	NNLO _{sat}	Exp.
⁶ Li	32.4	32.0
⁸ He	30.9	31.5
⁹ Li	43.9	45.3
¹⁴ N	103.7	104.7
²² F	163.0	167.7
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	Radii in fm:						
	charge matter Exp.						
⁸ He	1.91		1.959(16)				
⁹ Li	2.22		2.217(35)				
²² O	(2.72)	2.80	2.75(15)				
²⁴ 0	(2.76)	2.95					

¹⁸O spectra compressed E(2⁺)=0.7 MeV (exp. 1.9 MeV)

Spectra, binding energies and radii



	E _{gs} (MeV)	r _{ch} (fm)	E(3 ⁻) (MeV)
NNLOsat	326	3.48	3.81
Experimen	342	3. 48	3.74

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Summary and conclusions

- "We are tightening the experiment-theory feedback loop"
- Progress in ab initio nuclear physics using a consistently in-medium optimized force: NNLO_{sat}. (designed for masses and radii)
- In ⁴⁸Ca, we have constructed a bridge to nuclear density functional theory and predicted intervals for relevant observables.
- Next step: the optimization of N3LO NN+3NF.
- Much effort is going into estimating the uncertainty budget of chiral interactions and many-body calculations.
- Advanced optimization/regression technology in place for uncertainty quantification in few-nucleon sector.
- Work in progress to include NNN scattering in optimization.



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Appendix