Panorama of the methods in each discipline

II. Low-energy Nuclear Physics



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Workshop Program



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• Phenomenology

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Strong inter-nucleon forces

Basic phenomenology and modelling

• The ab initio nuclear many-body problem

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- Pre-processing short-range correlations
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The simple of view of an atomic nucleus

• Self-bound (or resonant) state of **Z protons and N neutrons**



4-fermions system (spin up/down ⊗ isospin up/down)

Residual strong force between color-less objects



Elementary questions driving the field and our activity

• How many nuclei are bound by the strong force; 6000-9000?

Less than 50% known (>10⁻²²s) \rightarrow Discovery of ~15 per year in the years 2010s \rightarrow Several 100s from next generation facilities

• Where are magic numbers over the nuclear chart?

N=20/28 shown to disappear away from stability in 1975/1993



The atomic nucleus as a 4-components quantum mesoscopic system *An extremely rich and diverse phenomenology*



Spectroscopy Excitation modes



Reaction processes

Fusion, transfer, knockout, ...



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Ab initio (i.e. In medias res) quantum many-body problem

Ab initio nuclear many-body theory = Chiral Effective Field Theory (χ EFT) in A-nucleon sector

- 1) A structure-less nucleons as degrees of freedom at low energy
- 2) Interactions mediated by pions and contact operators based on, e.g., Weinberg, power counting
- 3) Solve A-body Schrödinger equation to relevant accuracy

A-body Schrödinger Equation

 $H|\Psi_k^{\rm A}\rangle = E_k^{\rm A}|\Psi_k^{\rm A}\rangle$



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The nuclear Hamiltonian



Effective description = *A*-body operator in principle

 $H = T + V^{2N} + V^{3N} + V^{4N} + ... + V^{AN}$ At least 3N necessary = major difficulty to solve SE next

For the actual construction of V^{kN} operators via χEFT

- See my talk at the GDR NBODY kickoff meeting, Lille, January 2020
- Not recalled here

Symmetries of the nuclear Hamiltonian

$$\vec{P} = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \vec{p}_i$$

Total center-of-mass momentum

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S} = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \vec{l_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{A} \vec{s_i}$$

Total (internal) angular momentum

Nuclear systems are

• Translationally invariant: T(1)

$$[H,P_i] = 0$$

❷ Rotationally invariant: SU(2)

 $[H,J^2] = [H,J_z] = 0$

• Carry fixed neutrons/protons numbers: U(1)

[H,N] = [H,Z] = 0

Symmetries

- Strongly constrain the mathematical form of H
- Dictates quantum numbers of its eigenstates
 - e.g. factorization of cm hard to ensure in practice

Phenomenology of inter-nucleon interactions

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \frac{\vec{p}_{i}^{2}}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^{A} V^{2N}(i,j) + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k}^{A} V^{3N}(i,j,k) + \dots$$

Interactions between effective 4-components point fermions
 \Rightarrow nucleons $= \pm \frac{1}{2}$ isospin & $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ spin projections
 $= \sum_{\alpha\beta} t_{\alpha\beta} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta} + \left(\frac{1}{2!}\right)^{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \bar{v}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{2N} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\delta} a_{\gamma} + \left(\frac{1}{3!}\right)^{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\zeta\epsilon} \bar{v}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\zeta\epsilon}^{3N} \bar{v}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\zeta\epsilon}^{3N} a_{\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\gamma}^{\dagger} a_{\epsilon} a_{\zeta} a_{\delta} + \cdots$

1. Complex operator structure in $r \otimes \sigma \otimes \tau$ spaces (constrained by symmetries)



⊠AV18 model local but generally nuclear interactions are non-local in space

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2. Dominant 2-nucleon + sub-leading (but mandatory) 3-nucleon and (minor?) 4-nucleon forces

« Integrating out » DOFs lead to multi-nucleon forces



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Nuclear many-body problem

A-body Schrödinger Equation $H_{\rm N^2LO} |\Psi_k^{\rm JMNZ}\rangle = E_k^{\rm JNZ} |\Psi_k^{\rm JMNZ}\rangle$

Ex: $H_{N^2LO} = T + V_{N^2LO}^{2N} + V_{N^2LO}^{3N} + \emptyset$ because of the truncation of χ EFT expansion of the operator

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Specificities of atomic nuclei: mean field



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Pre-processing of short-range correlations



- To tame short-range choose $H_{\rm D} \equiv T$ = diagonal in momentum space basis
- Do not go all the way to fixed point because $[\eta(s), H(s)]$ induces multi-body operators in H(s)

Run until appropriate s_{final} = pre-diagonalization

Pre-processing of short-range correlations



Dynamic corr. in UV
 Strong static corr. in IR
 Pairing in SOS
 Collect. Quad. in DOS

1) Taming down the short-range/coupling to UV in the Hamiltonian

Unitary Similarity Renormalization Group (SRG) transformation



Similar SRG procedure and achievement for 3Nin mass (Atalion) y A. Tichai & R. Roth for further details]

Pre-processed nuclear many-body problem



Rather strong coupling to UV

Ex: $H_{N^2LO} = T + V_{N^2LO}^{2N} + V_{N^2LO}^{3N}$ + Ø because of the truncation of chiral-EFT expansion of the operator

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Expansion many-body methods



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IM-SRG

In-Medium Similarity Renormalization Group

- Expand in terms of elementary (np-nh) excitations of $|\Phi_0\rangle$
- Accounts for « weak/dynamical » correlations
- Expand as a series (MBPT, CC...) + truncate = N^p cost

Goal: Solve SRG flow equation $\frac{dH(s)}{ds} = [\eta(s), H(s)]$ in \mathcal{H}_A such that $|\Phi_0\rangle$ is the GS of H(∞)

1. Normal order H with respect to $|\Phi_0\rangle$ (instead of $|0\rangle$ for standard SRG)

Working basis of \mathcal{H}_1 & MEs calculation [see Talk by A. Tichai]

Reference state (« RHF ») $|\Phi_0\rangle \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{A} a_i^{\dagger} |0\rangle$ with $\rho_{qp} \equiv \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | a_p^{-} a_q | \Phi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle} = n_p \delta_{pq}$ $n_a = 0$ particles

Standard Wick's theorem



$$H = h^{(0)} + \sum_{pq} h^{(1)}_{pq} :a_p^{\dagger} a_q : + \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{pqrs} h^{(2)}_{pqrs} :a_p^{\dagger} a_q^{\dagger} a_s a_r : + \frac{1}{6!} \sum_{pqrstu} h^{(3)}_{pqrstu} :a_p^{\dagger} a_q^{\dagger} a_r^{\dagger} a_u a_t a_s :$$

HF basis & MEs transformation [see Talk by A. Tichai]

[Hergert et. al, Phys. Rep. 2016]

Matrix elements of nomal-ordered operators

$$h^{(0)} = \sum_{i} t_{ii}n_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} v_{ijij}n_{i}n_{j} + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{ijk} w_{ijkijk}n_{i}n_{j}n_{k} = \mathcal{E}_{0}$$

$$h^{(1)}_{pq} = t_{pq} + \sum_{i} v_{piqi}n_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} w_{pijqij}n_{i}n_{j}$$

$$h^{(2)}_{pqrs} = t_{pqrs} + \sum_{i} w_{pqirsi}n_{i}$$

$$h^{(3)}_{pqrstv} = w_{pqrstv}$$

*Large part of the original 3N transfered into *effective* lower-rank tensors/NO operators

⊠Neglect residual NO 3N operator = NO2B approx

⊠Many-body machinery with 2N operators only (1-3% error benchmarked up ¹⁶O via IT-NCSM) [Roth *et al.*, PRL (2012)]



2. Agebraic form of the coupled flow equations in the IMSRG(2) approximation

Evaluate $[\eta(s), H(s)]$ through Wick's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dh^{(0)}}{ds} &= \sum_{ij} (n_i - n_j) \eta^{(1)}_{ij} h^{(1)}_{ji} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijab} \eta^{(2)}_{ijab} h^{(2)}_{abij} n_i n_j \bar{n}_a \bar{n}_b \\ &\text{Size extensive Connected diagrams only} \\ \frac{dh^{(1)}_{pq}}{ds} &= \sum_r (1 + P_{pq}) \eta^{(1)}_{pr} h^{(1)}_{rq} + \sum_{ij} (n_i - n_j) (\eta^{(1)}_{ij} h^{(2)}_{jpiq} - h^{(1)}_{ij} \eta^{(2)}_{jpiq}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ija} n_i n_j \bar{n}_a (1 + P_{pq}) \eta^{(2)}_{apij} h^{(2)}_{ijaq} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{abi} \bar{n}_a \bar{n}_b n_i (1 + P_{pq}) \eta^{((2)}_{ipab} h^{(2)}_{abiq} \\ \frac{dh^{(2)}_{pqrs}}{ds} &= \sum_t \left\{ (1 - P_{pq}) (\eta^{(1)}_{pt} h^{(2)}_{tqrs} - h^{(1)}_{pt} \eta^{(2)}_{tqrs}) - (1 - P_{rs}) (\eta^{(1)}_{tr} h^{(2)}_{prts} - h^{(1)}_{tr} \eta^{(2)}_{prts}) \right\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (1 - n_i - n_j) (\eta^{(2)}_{pqij} h^{(2)}_{ijrs} - h^{(2)}_{pqij} \eta^{(2)}_{ijrs}) \\ &- \sum_{ij} (n_i - n_j) (1 - P_{pq}) (1 - P_{rs}) \eta^{(2)}_{ijqs} h^{(2)}_{ipjr} \end{aligned} \text{phi ladders} \\ &\text{phi function of the set of the s$$



♦ $E_{\Lambda-\text{CCSD}(T)} \le E_0(\infty) \le E_{\text{CCSD}} \Leftrightarrow$ understood from MBPT(n) analysis

Current challenge is to go to IMSRG(3) truncation order

[Hergert et. al, Phys. Rep. 2016]

Expansion many-body methods



Wave operator Reference state

- Expand in terms of elementary (np-nh) excitations of $| \Phi_0 >$
- Accounts for « weak/dynamical » correlations
- Expand as a specific series (MBPT, CC...) + truncate = N^p cost

Degenerate Improper starting point for expansion Most of nuclear GS are open-shell...

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Static correlations and (near) degenerate systems

I. The basic facts



Static correlations and (near) degenerate systems



Ex. Bogoliubov many-body perturbation theory

- Perturbative reduction of BCC [Duguet, Signoracci 2016]
- -> Code for automated generation&evaluation of many-body diagrams to arbitrary order [Arthuis et al. 2018]
- → Convergence properties at high orders and resummation methods [Demol et al. 2020]
- Validation of BMBPT(2,3) in mid-mass SOS nuclei

AO ^ACa -100 -300 $E_{\rm gs}$ [MeV] -120-140-400 -160 -500 -180 [MeV]20 $E_{S_{2n}}$ 20 202614 16 18 22 2436 40 56 44 48 52 A A

[Tichai et al. 2018]

Chiral NN+3N Hamiltonian SRG α = 0.08 fm⁴ 13 major shells (1820 s.p. states) Canonical HFB reference Runtime NCSM: 20.000 hours MCPT: 2.000 hours IMSRG(2): 1.500 hours SCGF(2): 400 hours BMBPT(2): < 1min !

Calculation details

2-3% agreement of all methods with exact results (IT-NCSM)

Consistent with non-perturbative methods for basic ground-state properties

→ Optimal for first (i) test of novel χ EFT Hamiltonians (ii) exploration of large A → Refined observables require non-perturbative methods (at high order) [Tichai et al. 2020]

Static correlations and (near) degenerate systems



*Symmetry conserving = just one particular point when viewed from general perspective of vacuum TES

*Vacuum TES contains physics beyond the minimum (symmetry conserving or not)

softness around it indicates further collective/static correlations even for "closed-shell" system

Static correlations and (near) degenerate systems

II. Towards an optimal combination of SSB and MR

⇔1D projection along ρ_{20} (≥ 0) at $\Delta_{pairing}$ = 0

« Closed-shell » = symmetry-conserving minimum

Order parameter of broken symmetry $\langle \Phi_0^{\rm UFHB} | Q | \Phi_0^{\rm UFHB} \rangle \equiv q = |q| e^{i {\rm Arg}(q)}$

« Open-shell » = symmetry-breaking minimum



Ex. 2D-PGCM (i.e. NOCI) of ²⁰Ne



Static correlations and (near) degenerate systems

II. Towards an optimal combination of SSB and MR

 \Rightarrow Elementary excitations on top of NOV: { $|\Phi_q^{k_q}\rangle$; $q \in \text{NOV}$ and $k_q \in \text{EE}_q$ }

« Closed-shell » = symmetry-conserving minimum

« Open-shell » = symmetry-breaking minimum





This idea to consistently capture static and dynamical correlations should be pushed in the future

➡Two recent examples/proposals

♦ MR-IMSRG in NP [Hergert et al. (2013); Yao et al. (2020)]

◆NOCI-PT in QC [Burton, Thom (2020)]

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Many-body tensor networks and basis representation

Many-body calculations employ mode-n tensors and compute tensor networks



potential

Generalized Laguerre polynomials

 $|k\rangle \equiv |n_k l_k j_k m_{j_k} m_{t_k}\rangle$

 $e_{n_k l_k} = \hbar \omega \left(2n_k + l_k + \frac{3}{2} \right)$

 \circ Tensor-product basis of \mathcal{H}_n used to represent $T_{i_1...i_ni_{n+1}...i_{2n}}$

Maximum excitation of the n-body basis state set by $e_{n\max} \equiv ne_{\max}$

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• Challenge to store mode-6 tensors, e.g. 3N force, in large enough basis

• Storage/handling of full tensor impossible in Hilbert space initially considered

→ Need
$$e_{1max} \sim 13$$
 (N~2000)/ $e_{3max} = 3^*E_{1max} \sim 40$ in mid-mass systems

- → Impossible! → Further truncation on e_{3max} mandatory
- \circ 3N matrix elements files can easily be 100Gb in size

 \circ CI benchmarks : 4N force quite small (~100keV in ⁴He)

→ Size of 4N forces in medium-mass systems unknown!



M-scheme

J-scheme

JT-scheme

Jacobi basis

Ex. Pre-processing tools: TF and IT

Many-body calculations employ mode-n tensors and compute tensor networks



- Push ab initio calculations to (i) doubly open-shell (ii) heavier (A>130) (iii) better accuracy (<1%)
- \rightarrow Storage/CPU of ab initio calculations scale as Nⁿ
 - \rightarrow N = 1-body basis dimension
 - \rightarrow n = characteristic of accuracy/AN force
- → Systematic data compression techniques
 - → Tensor Factorization (TF) = acts on n [Tichai et al. 2018] [see Talk by A. Tichai]
 - → Importance Truncation (|T) = acts on N

[Tichai, Ripoche, Duguet 2019] [Porro et al. unpublished 2021]



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