

The NN interaction and light nuclei from lattice QCD

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From quarks to nuclei

- Nuclear physics emerges from the underlying Standard Model
 - How exactly does this happen?
 What does it take to make a quantitative connection?
- Recent progress: focus on BB interactions and light nuclei

• Future directions

Quantum chromodynamics

- Lattice QCD: quarks and gluons
 - Formulate problem as functional integral over quark and gluon d.o.f. on R₄
 - Discretise and compactify system
 - Integrate via importance sampling (average over important gluon cfgs)
 - Undo the harm done in previous steps
- Major computational challenge ...











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points correspond to different sets of calculations

QCD Spectroscopy

• Measure correlator (χ = object with q# of hadron)

$$C_2(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle 0 | \chi(\mathbf{x}, t) \overline{\chi}(\mathbf{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle$$

• Unitarity: $\sum_n |n\rangle \langle n| = 1$

$$=\sum_{\mathbf{x}}\sum_{n}\langle 0|\chi(\mathbf{x},t)|n\rangle\langle n|\overline{\chi}(\mathbf{0},0)|0\rangle$$



Hamiltonian evolution

$$=\sum_{\mathbf{x}}\sum_{n}e^{-E_{n}t}e^{i\mathbf{p}_{n}\cdot\mathbf{x}}\langle0|\chi(\mathbf{0},0)|n\rangle\langle n|\overline{\chi}(\mathbf{0},0)|0\rangle$$

• Long times only ground state survives

$$\stackrel{t \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} e^{-E_0(\mathbf{0})t} |\langle \mathbf{0}; \mathbf{0} | \overline{\chi}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{0}}, t) | \mathbf{0} \rangle|^2 = Z e^{-E_0(\mathbf{0})t}$$

Effective mass

- Construct $M(t) = \ln \left[C_2(t) / C_2(t+1) \right] \stackrel{t \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} M$
 - Plateau corresponds to energy of ground state



• Fancier techniques able to resolve multiple eigenstates

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• For nucleus A:

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[Lepage '89]



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Interpolator choice can be used to suppress noise

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- I. Scattering phase shifts for baryon-baryon systems
- 2. Dibaryon systems
- 3. Light nuclei and hyper-nuclei

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- Exact relation provided r«L
- Used for $\pi\pi$, KK, ...
 - A precision science for stretched states
- Known for many years in QM, NP





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Dashed lines are non-interacting energy levels



1107.5023 [prd]

• Allows phase shift to be extracted at multiple energies







- Combine with chiral perturbation theory to interpolate to physical pion mass
- D wave phase shift also extracted [JLab]





NN phase shifts

[NPLQCD | 301.5790]





• Fine-tuning of NN at physical mass?





$\Sigma^{-}n$ (I=3/2) phase shifts

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- Hyperon-nucleon phase shifts important EoS of neutron stars
- Determine at one quark mass
- Match to effective field theory to extract phase shift at physical mass





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quark-hybrid

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Fe

nucleon star

R~10 km

N+e N+e+n n.p.e. u

Σ^{-} n (I=3/2) phase shifts

- Influence on EoS is complex
 - Crude approx: Fumi's theorem

$$\Delta E = -\frac{1}{\pi\mu} \int_0^{k_f} dk \ k \left[\frac{3}{2} \delta_{3S_1}(k) + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{1S_0}(k) \right]$$

• For
$$\rho_n \sim 0.4 \text{ fm}^{-3}$$
,
 $\mu_n + \mu_{e^-} \sim 1290 \text{ MeV}$

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 $\mu_{\Sigma^-} = M_{\Sigma} + \Delta E \lesssim 1290 \text{ MeV}$ then Σ^- s probably relevant to n-star structure



Lattice QCD potentials?

• HALQCD collaboration determine a Bethe-Salpeter (BS) wavefunction from QCD correlation functions

$$G(\mathbf{r}, t - t_0; J^P) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left\langle 0 \left| h^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}, t) h^{(2)}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}, t) \overline{J}(t_0; \{Q\}) \right| 0 \right\rangle,$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \psi^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}; \{Q\}) e^{-E_n(t - t_0)}$$

$$\psi^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}; \{Q\}) \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left\langle 0 \left| h_a^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}, 0) h_b^{(2)}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}, 0) \right| n \right\rangle$$

• Satisfies Schrödinger equation

$$(E_{n=0} - H_0) \psi^{(n=0)}(\mathbf{r}, \{Q\}) = \int d^3 \mathbf{r}' U(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \psi^{(n=0)}(\mathbf{r}', \{Q\}).$$

 $U(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') = V(\mathbf{r},-i\nabla)\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \qquad V(\mathbf{r},-i\nabla) = V_0(r) + \mathcal{O}(\nabla^2/M^2)$

• Invert Schrödinger equation to obtain a potential $V_0^{(n=0)}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{M} \frac{(\nabla^2 + |\mathbf{k}|^2)\psi^{(n=0)}(\mathbf{r}, \{Q\}))}{\psi^{(n=0)}(\mathbf{r}, \{Q\})}$

Lattice QCD potentials?

- Potential is energy dependent: only guaranteed to reproduce phase shift at the energy of the NN system in the calculation
- Potential is dependent on choice of sink operators
- Complicated analysis in the presence of statistical uncertainty
- Serious issues with excited states and finite volume effects
- Caveat emptor!





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- NB: at unphysical quark masses and no electroweak interactions





Bound states at finite volume

• Two particle scattering amplitude in infinite volume

$$\mathcal{A}(p) = \frac{8\pi}{M} \frac{1}{p \cot \delta(p) - ip}$$

bound state at $p^2 = -\gamma^2$ when $\cot \delta(i\gamma) = i$

• Scattering amplitude in finite volume (Lüscher method)

$$\cot \delta(i\kappa) = i - i \sum_{\vec{m} \neq 0} \frac{e^{-|\vec{m}|\kappa L}}{|\vec{m}|\kappa L} \qquad \kappa \stackrel{L \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \gamma$$

- Need multiple volumes
- More complicated for n>2 body bound states

Ex: H dibaryon



- First dibaryon bound state calculated in QCD [NPLQCD 2009]
- Multiple volumes needed to disentangle bound state from attractive scattering state





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Many baryon systems

- Many baryon correlator construction is messy and expensive
 - Techniques learnt in many-pion studies [WD & M. Savage; WD,, K Orginos, Z. Shi]
 - New tricks [T. Doi & M. Endres.; WD, K Orginos; Gunther et al]
- Enables study of few (and many) baryon systems
- NPLQCD collaboration study
 - Unphysical SU(3) symmetric world @ m_s^{phys}
 - Multiple big volumes, single lattice spacing































• Need to ask if this is a 2+1 or 3+1 or 2+2 etc scattering state








 $@ m_{\pi} = 800 \text{ MeV}$

NPLQCD arXiv:1206.5219

d, nn, ³He, ⁴He



- PACS-CS: bound d,nn, ³He, ⁴He
 - Previous quenched work
 - Recent unquenched study at m_{π} =500 MeV
- HALQCD
 - Extract an NN potential
 - Strong enough to bind H, ⁴He at m_{PS}=490 MeV SU(3) pt
 - d, nn not bound



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QCD Nuclei (s=0,-1)



QCD Periodic Table





• Quark mass dependence of nuclear binding energies bounds such contributions

$$\delta\sigma_{Z,N} = \frac{\langle Z, N(\mathrm{gs}) | \ \overline{u}u + \overline{d}d | Z, N(\mathrm{gs}) \rangle}{A \ \langle N | \ \overline{u}u + \overline{d}d | N \rangle} - 1 = -\frac{1}{A\sigma_N} \frac{m_\pi}{2} \frac{d}{dm_\pi} B_{Z,N}$$

• Lattice calculations + physical point suggest such contributions are O(10%) or less for light nuclei



• Admittedly crude approximation to derivative ... stay tuned

NPLQCD arXiv:1306.6939

The road ahead...

- What does the future hold?
 - Physical quark masses, isospin breaking, E&M
 - Precision YN, YY phase shifts
 - *p*-shell and larger nuclei
 - Three body information: nnn, YNN, ...
 - Properties of light nuclei (moments/structure) and electroweak interactions
 - Nuclear reactions(?): eg d+d in ⁴He channel



[FIN]

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NN fine tuning





• In flavour SU(3) symmetric case, multi-baryon states come in multiplets

$\mathbf{8}\otimes\mathbf{8}\ =\ \mathbf{27}\oplus\mathbf{10}\oplus\overline{\mathbf{10}}\oplus\mathbf{8}_{S}\oplus\mathbf{8}_{A}\oplus\mathbf{1}$

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• Unphysical symmetries manifest in spectrum

H-dibaryon

• R Jaffe [1977]: chromo-magnetic interaction $\langle H_m \rangle \sim \frac{1}{4}N(N-10) + \frac{1}{3}S(S+1) + \frac{1}{2}C_c^2 + C_f^2$

most attractive for spin, colour, flavour singlet

• H-dibaryon (uuddss) J=I=0, s=-2 most stable $\Psi_{II} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\Lambda \Lambda + \sqrt{3}\Sigma\Sigma + 2\XiN \right)$

$$\Psi_H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \left(\Lambda \Lambda + \sqrt{3\Sigma\Sigma} + 2\Xi N \right)$$

- Bound in a many hadronic models
- Experimental searches
 - Emulsion expts, heavy-ion, stopped kaons
 - No conclusive evidence for or against

KEK-ps (2007) K⁻ ¹²C → K⁺ ΛΛ X



H dibaryon in QCD

- Early quenched studies on small lattices: mixed results [Mackenzie et al. 85, Iwasaki et al. 89, Pochinsky et al. 99, Wetzorke & Karsch 03, Luo et al. 07, Loan 11]
- Semi-realistic calculations
 - "Evidence for a bound H dibaryon from lattice QCD" PRL 106, 162001 (2011) $N_f=2+1$, $a_s=0.12$ fm, $m_{\pi}=390$ MeV, L=2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.9 fm
 - "Bound H dibaryon in flavor SU(3) limit of lattice QCD" * PRL 106, 162002 (2011) $N_f=3$, $a_s=0.12$ fm, $m_{\pi}=670$, 830, 1015 MeV, L=2.0, 3.0, 3.9 fm
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H dibaryon in QCD

• Extract energy eigenstates from large Euclidean time behaviour of two-point correlators

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Correlator ratio allows direct access to energy shift



H dibaryon in QCD

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- After volume extrapolation H bound at unphysical quark masses
- Quark mass extrapolation is uncertain and unconstrained

 $B_H^{\text{lin}} = +4.9 \pm 4.0 \pm 8.3 \text{ MeV}$ other extrapolations possible [Shanahan,Thomas & Young PRL. 107 (2011) 092004, Haidenbauer & Meissner 1109.3590]

 Suggests H is weakly bound or just unbound



4.0 fm

Deuteron



Deuteron



Hypernuclei

- Recent studies at SU(3) point (physical m_s)
 - Isotropic clover lattices
 - Single lattice spacing: 0.145 fm
 - Multiple volumes: 3.4, 4.5, 6.7 fm
 - High statistics



Label	L/b	T/b	β	$b m_q$	$b [{\rm fm}]$	$L [{\rm fm}]$	$T [\mathrm{fm}]$	$m_{\pi} [{ m MeV}]$	$m_{\pi} L$	$m_{\pi} T$	$N_{\rm cfg}$	$N_{\rm src}$
А	24	48	6.1	-0.2450	0.145	3.4	6.7	806.5(0.3)(0)(8.9)	14.3	28.5	3822	48
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С	48	64	6.1	-0.2450	0.145	6.7	9.0	806.7(0.3)(0)(8.9)	28.5	38.0	1212	32

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- Calculable in QCD
 - 30% determinations would have impact
 - Happening for YN [NPLQCD PRL 109 (2012) 172001]



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- Interpolating fields express weighted sums $\bar{\mathcal{N}}^{h} = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{w}} \tilde{w}_{h}^{(a_{1},a_{2}\cdots a_{n_{q}}),k} \sum_{i} \epsilon^{i_{1},i_{2},\cdots,i_{n_{q}}} \bar{q}(a_{i_{1}}) \bar{q}(a_{i_{2}})\cdots \bar{q}(a_{i_{n_{q}}})$
 - Generation of weights can be automated (symbolic c++ code) for given quantum numbers
 - Specify final quantum numbers (spin, isospin, strangeness etc)
 - Build up from states of smaller quantum numbers just by using rules of eg angular momentum addition
 - Contraction just reads in weights and can be implemented independent of the particular process being considered



[WD, K Orginos, 1207.1452; Doi and Endres 1205.0585]

- Given a complex many baryon system to perform contractions for, always possible to group colour singlets at one end (sink)
- Contractions can be written in terms of baryon blocks (objects that are contracted at sink)
- A particular set of quantum numbers b for the block is select by a weighted sum of components of quark propagators

$$\mathcal{B}_{b}^{a_{1},a_{2},a_{3}}(\mathbf{p},t;x_{0}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{B(b)}} \tilde{w}_{b}^{(c_{1},c_{2},c_{3}),k} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \epsilon^{i_{1},i_{2},i_{3}}$$

$$\times S(c_{i_{1}},x;a_{1},x_{0})S(c_{i_{2}},x;a_{2},x_{0})S(c_{i_{3}},x;a_{3},x_{0})$$

• Can be generalised to multi-baryon blocks if desired although storage requirements rapidly increase

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where

$$G(\mathbf{a}';\mathbf{a})_{j,i} = \begin{cases} S(a'_j;a_i) & a'_j \in \mathbf{a}' \text{ and } a_i \in \mathbf{a} \\ \delta_{a'_j,a_i} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 Determinant can be evaluated in polynomial number of operations (LU decomposition)
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