Nuclear Physics from the Standard Model

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Nuclear Physics from Lattice QCD

2017 NPLQCD Results:

• “Nuclear modification of scalar, axial and tensor charges from lattice QCD,” Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, no. 15, 152002 (2018)

• “First lattice QCD study of the gluonic structure of light nuclei,” Phys. Rev. D 96, no. 9, 094512 (2017)


2018 Proposal: Nuclear matrix elements at $m_\pi \sim 450$ MeV
Nuclear spectroscopy at $m_\pi \sim 170$ MeV

Davoudi, Detmold, Murphy, Orginos, Parreño, Roche, Shanahan, Tiburzi, Wagman, Winter
Light Nuclei at Heavy Quark Mass

Baryon-baryon interactions are “technically unnatural” with large scattering lengths in all spin-flavor channels

\[ R_d(t, \tau) \]

MW, Winter, Chang, Davoudi, Detmold, Orginos, Savage, Shanahan, PRD 96 (2017)

Nuclei have non-trivial gluonic structure, including signals of gluonic transversity not present in isolated nucleons

Winter, Detmold, Gambhir, Orginos, Savage, Shanahan, MW, PRD 96 (2017)

\[ N_f = 3, \ m_\pi = 0.806 \ \text{GeV}, \ a = 0.145(2) \ \text{fm} \]
Nuclear Matrix Elements

Matrix elements of one- and two-body currents in nuclei are interesting

\[ g_X(A) = \langle A | J_X | A \rangle \]

Scalar currents relevant for dark matter direct detection and isotope shift measurements

Axial currents relevant for single- and double-beta decay, polarized quark structure

Tensor currents relevant for nuclear Electric Dipole Moments and quark transversity
Current operator insertions describing linear response to a background field can be added to quark propagators with sequential source techniques.

Linear response and matrix elements of composite particles obtained from linear combinations of “background fields” where nonlinear terms cancel.

Multi-baryon contractions of compound propagators can be performed straightforwardly.
Matching to Pionless EFT

Bound dineutron state mixes with bound deuteron state through axial current, transition matrix element related to proton-proton fusion in EFT

$L_{1A} = 3.9(0.2)(1.0)(0.4)(0.9)$

Pionless EFT interactions can be fit to LQCD data (e.g. by matching background field correlators), future EFT calculations can then predict properties of larger nuclei

See e.g. INT Program INT-17-2a

Two axial current insertions can mix $pp$ and $nn$ states, allowing LQCD simulations to constrain polarizabilities contributing to double but not single beta decay

Tiburzi, MW, Winter, Chang, Davoudi, Detmold, Orginos, Savage, Shanahan, PRD 96 (2017)
Nuclear Responses

Full spin-flavor decomposition computed of static responses of $A=1-3$ nuclei to external probe

Disconnected diagrams efficiently computed with hierarchical probing, contribute significantly to scalar isoscalar matrix elements


Chang, Davoudi, Detmold, Gambhir, Orginos, Savage, Shanahan, Tibuzri, MW, Winter, PRL 120 (2018)
Nuclear Medium Effects

Isovector axial charge shows 1-2% nuclear effects in $^3H$ beta-decay rate with heavier quark masses (5% in nature)

Tensor charges show similar or smaller nuclear effects, scalar charges unexpectedly shows much larger nuclear effects

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Plateaus, Noise, and Quark Mass

$m_\pi \sim 806$ MeV two-baryon correlators show clear ground-state plateaus independent of sink and weakly-dependent on volume (vs power law scaling in excited states), pass checks suggested by HALQCD collaboration.

At lighter pion masses, the Golden Window shrinks and subsequent Parisi-Lepage variance growth becomes more rapid.
Nuclei at Lighter Quark Masses

Explorations at $m_\pi \sim 450$ MeV and scaling $m_\pi \sim 806$ MeV resources suggests

$$N_{\text{sources}} \sim 10^5$$

sufficient for $3\sigma$ determination of nuclear charge modifications and $L_{1,A}$ at $m_\pi \sim 450$ MeV

4x more sources disconnected diagram sources planned as at $m_\pi \sim 806$ MeV

Reliable ($3\sigma$) evidence of nuclear modifications has phenomenological impact:

— dark matter direct detection searches would be forced to model “scalar quenching” effects analogous to axial quenching in double-beta decay searches

— the sensitivity of new physics searches examining isotope shifts in light nuclei such as helium will be directly determined from QCD

— tensor modifications will inform possible nuclear EDM experiments
Nearly Physical Nuclei

Compound propagator inversion and correlator calculations run efficiently on KNLs with QPhiX inverter at $m_\pi \sim 450$ MeV.

Multigrid is necessary for efficient calculations at lighter quark masses.

We’ve benchmarked QUDA mutligrid inverters and QDP-JIT/LLVM contraction codes on K20s and find order of magnitude speedups at $m_\pi \sim 170$ MeV.

Actively exploring various source constructions methods:

- Generalized eigenvalue problem with multiple smearing
- Matrix-Prony
- Generalized pencil-of-functions
- Phase reweighting

$N_f = 2 + 1, \ m_\pi \sim 170$ MeV, $a \sim 0.09$ fm
$\Delta E_{(3S_1)}^0$ smallest separation consistent with a negative finite-volume energy shift

Extrapolating (far!) from present exploratory statistics, 2 MeV precision requires

$$N_{\text{sources}} \sim 1.7 \times 10^6$$

Resource needs also estimated by scaling precision from

$$e^{2\times2(M_N-\frac{3}{2}m_\pi)}(0.5 \text{ fm})$$

$$N_{\text{sources}} \sim 1.7 \times 10^6$$

Consistent with 2009 expectations

$$N_{\text{sources}} \sim 1.6 \times 10^6$$
2018 Allocation Request

Requesting first stage of spectroscopy resources for one volume with $m_\pi \sim 170$ MeV

— Results can be matched to finite-volume EFT to fit low-energy constants and constrain the nuclear force at near physical point masses.

— Results will also allow more precise estimates of the computational cost of future calculations of nuclei in larger volumes with $m_\pi \sim 170$ MeV that we intend to pursue with future USQCD and non-USQCD resources

Nuclear matrix elements at $m_\pi \sim 450$ MeV have clear goals and resource needs, USQCD resources target $3\sigma$ signals of $L_{1,A}$ and nuclear charge modifications

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