LQCD for few-nucleon systems

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$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \overline{q}_{ij} \left(i \gamma^{u} \partial_{u} - m_{j} \right) q_{ij} + g(\overline{q}_{ij} \gamma^{u} \lambda_{a} q_{ij}) F_{u}^{a} - \frac{1}{4} F_{uv}^{a} F_{a}^{uv}$$

con $i = r, g, b$ $j = u, d, c, s, t, b$ q : quark spinor

Nuclear physics, the low-energy regime

Absence of analytic solutions of QCD in the non-perturbative regime

strong coupling constant vs energy



"The effective action"

$$\int [Dq] [D\overline{q}] [DG] e^{\int i d^4 x \mathcal{L}_{QCD}[q,\overline{q},G;\overline{J}]}$$
fundamental degrees of freedom

 $L_x \times L_y \times L_z \times T \rightarrow (N_s \times N_s \times N_s) \times N_t$



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World @ 800 MeV

Solve a linear system of equations: $D^{\dagger}(U)[m] D(U)[m] \chi = \phi$

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 \longrightarrow Condition number $\approx 1/m$

Ensemble	$ \mathbf{n} = 0$
$24^{3} \times 48$	1.20317(58)(84)
$32^{3} \times 48$	1.20396(47)(69)
$48^{3} \times 64$	1.2032(07)(11)
$L = \infty$	1.20359(41)(61)

 $m_{\pi} \sim 806 \text{ MeV}$

$$M_B^{(V)}(m_{\pi}L) = M_B^{(\infty)} + c_B^{(V)} \frac{e^{-m_{\pi}L}}{m_{\pi}L} + \cdots$$





Determination of the energy levels. Fitting strategies.

- Use a linear combination of SS/SP correlation functions to remove the excited-state contamination of the lowest lying state at earlier times (Matrix-Prony method/GPoF method)
- Perform a correlated χ^2 fit to single or two-exponential forms
- Work with an effective mass(energy) function:

$$C_{\widehat{O},\widehat{O}'}(\tau; \vec{d}, \tau_J) = \frac{1}{\tau_J} \log \left[\frac{C_{\widehat{O},\widehat{O}'}(\tau; \vec{d})}{C_{\widehat{O},\widehat{O}'}(\tau + \tau_J; \vec{d})} \right] \to E_0 \quad \text{at large times}$$



A. Parreño et al (NPLQCD), PRD 95 (2017), 114513

Ratios of single and two-body correlation functions \rightarrow energy shift of the system resulting from two-body interactions







Two-baryon states

SU(3) decomposition

Two-baryon states

J=1



M.L. Wagman et al (NPLQCD), PRD, ARXIV:1706.06550

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NN (${}^{1}S_{0}$)



NN $({}^{3}S_{1})$

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Calculations at lighter quark masses - Nucleon-Nucleon sector



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⁴He

Calculations on baryons and light nuclei

Interaction of nucleons/nuclei with external currents

Magnetic Moments



PRD **95**, 114513 (2017) PRL **116**, 112301 (2016) PRD **92**, 114502 (2015) PRL **113**, 252001 (2014)

PRL 119, 062002 (2017)



Proton-Proton Fusion



Tritium β Decay





post-multiplication of the SU(3) color gauge links by fixed U(1) e.m. links



$$U_{\mu}^{\text{e.m.}}(x) = e^{iqA_{\mu}(x)} \in U(1)$$

= $e^{-i qx_2 B \delta_{\mu 1}} e^{+i qx_1 B N \delta_{\mu 2} \delta_{x 2.N-1}}$



<u>G. t'Hooft, 1979</u>

U(1) flux through each plaquette = $e^{iQeF_{\mu\nu}}$, with $F_{12} = -F_{21} = B_z$ $QeB_z = \frac{2\pi}{L^2}n$

$$E_{B}^{(s)}(B_{z}) = M_{B} + \frac{|Q_{B}eB_{z}|}{M_{B}} \left(n_{L} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - 2\mu_{B}sB_{z} - 2\pi\beta_{B}^{(M0)}|B|^{2} - 2\pi\beta_{B}^{(M2)}\langle\hat{T}_{ij}B_{i}B_{j}\rangle + \cdots$$

$$\delta E \equiv E_{B}^{(+1/2)}(\vec{B}) - E_{B}^{(-1/2)}(\vec{B}) = -2\mu_{B}B_{z} + \cdots$$

$$O(B^{2}) \quad \text{(polarizabilities)}$$

 $SU(3)_{f}$

NPLQCD, PRD95, 114513 (2017)



NPLQCD, Phys. Rev .Lett. 113 (2014)



Octet baryon magnetic moments

> @~800 MeV @~450 MeV



Nuclear matrix elements in LQCD

Proton-Proton Fusion and Tritium β Decay from Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 062002 (2017)

 $L^3 \times T = 32^3 \times 64$ $a \approx 0.145 \text{ fm}$ $m_\pi \approx 806 \text{ MeV}$



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Gamow-Teller m.e. (axial current)

 $SU(3)_f$



$$C_{\lambda_{q}}^{(h\sigma)}(t) = \Gamma_{\beta\alpha} \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}} \left(\langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) \overline{\chi}_{\beta}^{h}(0) | 0 \rangle + \lambda_{q} \sum_{\boldsymbol{y}} \sum_{\tau=0}^{t} \langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) O^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{y}, \tau) \overline{\chi}_{\beta}^{h}(0) | 0 \rangle \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda_{q}^{2})$$

$$C_{2\mathrm{pt}}^{(h\sigma)}(t,\boldsymbol{p}) \xrightarrow{t \gg 0} \mathcal{F}_{2\mathrm{pt}}^{\mathfrak{o}}(\Gamma) e^{-E_{\boldsymbol{p}}t}$$

$$C_{\lambda_{q}}^{(h\sigma)}(t,\boldsymbol{p},\boldsymbol{p}') \Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda_{q})} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} e^{-E_{\boldsymbol{p}}t} \left[c + t\mathcal{F}_{3\mathrm{pt}}^{\mathfrak{o},\mathfrak{o}}(\Gamma,\Upsilon) \underline{G}_{\Upsilon}(Q^{2}=0) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta E t}) \right]$$

$$g_{\Upsilon}$$

$$\Upsilon = \{1, \gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}, i\sigma_{\mu\nu}\}$$

$$R_{h}(t) = \sum_{\sigma} \frac{C_{\lambda_{q}}^{(h\sigma)}(t) \left|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda_{q})}}{C_{\lambda_{q}=0}^{(h\sigma)}(t)} \qquad \overline{R}_{h}(t,\Upsilon) \equiv R_{h}(t+1) - R_{h}(t) \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{3\text{pt}}(\Gamma,\Upsilon)}{\mathcal{F}_{2\text{pt}}(\Gamma)} g_{\Upsilon}$$

$$\begin{split} \overline{R}_{h}(t,\Upsilon) &\equiv R_{h}(t+a) - R_{h}(t) \stackrel{t \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{3\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma,\Upsilon)}{\mathcal{F}_{2\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma)} g_{\Upsilon} \qquad \Upsilon = \{1,\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}, i\sigma_{\mu\nu}\} \end{split}$$
For a polarized hadron:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{2\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma_{\mathrm{pol}}) &= Z\tilde{Z}^{\dagger} \\ \mathcal{F}_{3\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma_{\mathrm{pol}},1) &= Z\tilde{Z}^{\dagger} \\ \mathcal{F}_{3\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma_{\mathrm{pol}},\gamma_{4}\gamma_{5}) &= 0 , \quad \mathcal{F}_{3\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma_{\mathrm{pol}},\gamma_{k}\gamma_{5}) = Z\tilde{Z}^{\dagger} \cdot is_{k} \\ \mathcal{F}_{3\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma_{\mathrm{pol}},i\sigma_{i4}) &= 0 , \quad \mathcal{F}_{3\mathrm{pt}}(\Gamma_{\mathrm{pol}},i\sigma_{ij}) = Z\tilde{Z}^{\dagger} \cdot (-i\epsilon_{ijk4}s^{k}) \end{split}$$

For a polarized hadron in the *z*-direction :

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_{3\text{pt}}(\Gamma_{\text{pol}},1)}{\mathcal{F}_{2\text{pt}}(\Gamma_{\text{pol}})}g_{S} = g_{S} , \quad \frac{\mathcal{F}_{3\text{pt}}(\Gamma_{\text{pol}},\gamma_{3}\gamma_{5})}{\mathcal{F}_{2\text{pt}}(\Gamma_{\text{pol}})}g_{A} = is_{z}g_{A} , \quad \frac{\mathcal{F}_{3\text{pt}}(\Gamma_{\text{pol}},\gamma_{1}\gamma_{2})}{\mathcal{F}_{2\text{pt}}(\Gamma_{\text{pol}})}g_{T} = is_{z}g_{T}$$

proton axial charge

$$C_{\lambda_{q}}^{(h\sigma)}(t) = \Gamma_{\beta\alpha} \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}} \left(\langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) \overline{\chi}_{\beta}^{h}(0) | 0 \rangle + \lambda_{q} \sum_{\boldsymbol{y}} \sum_{\tau=0}^{t} \langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) O^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{y}, \tau) \overline{\chi}_{\beta}^{h}(0) | 0 \rangle \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda_{q}^{2})$$

$$R_{p}(t) = \frac{C_{\lambda_{u};\lambda_{d}=0}^{(p)}(t)\Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda_{u})} - C_{\lambda_{u}=0;\lambda_{d}}^{(p)}(t)\Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda_{d})}}{C_{\lambda_{u}=0;\lambda_{d}=0}^{(p)}(t)} \xrightarrow{T \to \infty} \frac{g_{A}}{Z_{A}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{Q}}_{S} \xrightarrow{\mathbb$$

Gamow-Teller matrix element for ${}^{3}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^{3}\text{He} \ e^{-}\bar{\nu}$

Schiavilla, Viviani et al. PRC 58, 1263 (1998)

NPLQCD, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 062002 (2017)





 $\langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle_{\exp} = 0.9511(13)$ Baroni, Girlanda, Kievsky, Marcucci, Schiavilla, Viviani, PRC 94, 024003 (2016)

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Background isovector axial-vector field

 $A^{a,\mu} = \overline{q}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\frac{\tau^{a}}{2}q \qquad \text{mixes the } J_{z}=I_{z}=0 \text{ components} \\ \Delta I = 1 \text{ and } \Delta J = 1 \qquad \text{of the NN } {}^{3}S_{1} \text{ and } {}^{1}S_{0}$

access to the $\ pp \rightarrow de^+ \nu$ matrix element

$$C_{\lambda_{q}}^{(h\sigma)}(t) = \Gamma_{\beta\alpha} \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}} \left(\langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) \overline{\chi}_{\beta}^{h}(0) | 0 \rangle + \lambda_{q} \sum_{\boldsymbol{y}} \sum_{\tau=0}^{t} \langle 0 | \chi_{\alpha}^{h}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) O^{(q)}(\boldsymbol{y}, \tau) \overline{\chi}_{\beta}^{h}(0) | 0 \rangle \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda_{q}^{2})$$

$$C_{\lambda_{u},\lambda_{d}=0}^{(^{3}S_{1},^{1}S_{0})}(t) = \lambda_{u} \sum_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}} \sum_{\tau=0}^{t} \langle 0 | \chi_{^{3}S_{1}}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) J_{3}^{(u)}(\boldsymbol{y}, \tau) \chi_{1}^{\dagger}_{S_{0}}(0) | 0 \rangle + c_{2}\lambda_{u}^{2} + c_{3}\lambda_{u}^{3}$$

$$C_{\lambda_{u}=0,\lambda_{d}}^{(^{3}S_{1},^{1}S_{0})}(t) = \lambda_{d} \sum_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}} \sum_{\tau=0}^{t} \langle 0 | \chi_{^{3}S_{1}}(\boldsymbol{x}, t) J_{3}^{(d)}(\boldsymbol{y}, \tau) \chi_{1}^{\dagger}_{S_{0}}(0) | 0 \rangle + d_{2}\lambda_{d}^{2} + d_{3}\lambda_{d}^{3}$$

to extract the desired matrix element, one computes the correlator @ three (or more) values of λ (λ_u , λ_d)

relevant matrix element

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two-body short-distance

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$$R_{{}^{3}S_{1},{}^{1}S_{0}}(t) = \frac{C_{\lambda_{u},\lambda_{d}=0}^{({}^{3}S_{1},{}^{1}S_{0})}(t)\Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda_{u})} - C_{\lambda_{u}=0,\lambda_{d}}^{({}^{3}S_{1},{}^{1}S_{0})}(t)\Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda_{d})}}{\sqrt{C_{\lambda_{u}=0,\lambda_{d}=0}^{({}^{3}S_{1},{}^{3}S_{1})}(t)C_{\lambda_{u}=0,\lambda_{d}=0}^{({}^{1}S_{0},{}^{1}S_{0})}(t)}}$$

$$\overline{R}_{{}^{3}S_{1},{}^{1}S_{0}}(t) \equiv R_{{}^{3}S_{1},{}^{1}S_{0}}(t+1) - R_{{}^{3}S_{1},{}^{1}S_{0}}(t)$$

$$\xrightarrow{t \to \infty} \frac{\langle {}^{3}S_{1}; J_{z} = 0 \mid A_{3}^{3} \mid {}^{1}S_{0}; I_{z} = 0 \rangle}{Z_{A}} = 2.568(5)(31)$$

$$\xrightarrow{N} \\ \overbrace{\widehat{a}} \\ \overbrace{\underline{a}} \\ \overbrace{\underline{a}} \\ \overbrace{\underline{b}} \\ \overbrace{\underline{c}} } \\ \overbrace{\underline{c} \\ \underbrace{c}} \\ \overbrace{\underline{c}} \\ \overbrace{\underline{c}}$$

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Estimation @ physical quark mass

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On going investigations

• Spectroscopy @ lighter quark masses

• ongoing analysis of baryon interactions and light nuclear systems @ ~ 450 MeV, including strangeness

- starting production @ ~170 MeV
- LQCD calculations would be specially of interest for systems that are not accessible experimentally

Complementary information to experimental programs (JPARC/KEK, GSI/FAIR, JINR, BNL, JLAB, MAMI)



Weak transition amplitudes in few-nucleon systems can be studied directly from the fundamental quark and gluon degrees of freedom. The study at lighter quark masses is feasible and it is ongoing.

Lattice computations are relevant for the experimental program (SNO, MuSun, double-\$\varbba\ decay, Electron-Ion Collider, Nuclear electric dipole moments, dark matter direct detection)

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Nuclear Physics with Lattice QCD

Computational resources, in units of 10⁶ core-hrs

