Applications of Renormalization Group Methods in Nuclear Physics – 5

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SciDAC-2 NUCLEI Project

- NUclear Computational Low Energy Initiative
- US funding but many international collaborators
- See computingnuclei.org for highlights!







Explosion of many-body methods using microscopic input

Ab initio (new and enhanced methods; microscopic NN+3NF)

- Stochastic: GFMC/AFDMC (new: with local EFT); lattice EFT
- Diagonalization: IT-NCSM
- Coupled cluster (CCSD(T), CR-CC(2,3), Bogoliubov, ...)
- IM-SRG (In-medium similarity renormalization group)
- Self-consistent Green's function
- Many-body perturbation theory
- Shell model (usual: empirical inputs)
 - Effective interactions from coupled cluster, IM-SRG
- Density functional theory
 - Microscopic input, e.g., through density matrix expansion



Do we really need all of these methods?

Compare to lattice QCD: Are all the different lattice actions needed?

- clover quarks on anisotropic lattices (mass spectrum)
- domain wall quarks (chiral symmetry)
- highly improved staggered quarks (high-precision extrapolations)
- and more!

Answer: yes!

- Complementary strengths
- Cross-check results
- Identify theory error bars



A frame from an animation illustrating the typical four-dimensional structure of gluon-field configurations used in describing the vacuum properties of QCD.

Oxygen chain with 3 methods [from H. Hergert et al. (2013)]



- In-medium SRG, importance-truncated NCSM, coupled cluster
- Same Hamiltonian \implies test for consistency between *methods*
- Impact of three-nucleon force (3NF) on dripline
- Need precision experiment and theory

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- Probing α cluster structure of 0⁺ states
- How does the triple-α reaction rate depend on the quark mass?
- Much more!
 - Most recent: ¹⁶O structure

Spectral functions from self-consistent Green's function



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A-1

 $\Sigma^{HF}_{\alpha\beta}$

- One-body Greens function (or propagator *g_{ab}(ω)* describes the motion of quasi-particles and quasi-holes
- Contains all the structure information probed by nucleon transfer
- Imaginary (absorptive) part of g_{ab}(ω) is the spectral function

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Effective two-body matrix elements Single-particle energies (SPEs)





Chiral 3NFs meet the shell model [from J. Holt]

3N Forces for Valence-Shell Theories

Normal-ordered 3N: contribution to valence neutron interactions



Combine with microscopic NN: eliminate empirical adjustments

GFMC: Calculating observables in light nuclei

- Green's Function Monte Carlo (GFMC) energies are accurate but lowest-order theory of one-body currents (blue) disagrees with experiment (black)
- Including two-nucleon currents based on EFT (red) improves all predictions!





Combining structure and reactions [P. Navratil et al.]

Resonating Group Method + NCSM:

$$\overbrace{(A-a)}^{\overrightarrow{r}_{A-a,a}} \overbrace{(a)}^{(a)} \bigvee_{1\nu}^{(A-a)} \bigvee_{2\nu}^{(a)} \delta(\overrightarrow{r} - \overrightarrow{r}_{A-a,a})$$

NCSM/RGM with SRG-N³LO NN potentials



• Ab initio fusion! In progress: SRG-evolved NNN interactions

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Choose a basis and a reference state $|\Phi_0\rangle$

- The basis could be harmonic oscillators or Hartree-Fock or
- Anti-symmetric wave functions: A-particle Slater determinants
- Use second-quantization formalism: creation/destruction operators



- The reference state is filled, so no particles or holes: 0p-0h
- If one particle moved to a higher level, leaves hole behind: 1p-1h
- Complete basis: Slater determinants from all 1p-1h, 2p-2h, ...

In-medium SRG decoupling [slides from H. Hergert]

Consider SRG with 0p-0h reference state (instead of vacuum)



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A new ab-initio structure method that can be applied directly and to generate shell-model effective interactions!

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IM-SRG equations: Flow equations

0-body Flow



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2-body Flow



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IM-SRG results for Calcium and Nickel chains [preliminary]

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IM-SRG shell-model effective interaction [slides from H. Hergert]



arXiv: 1402.1407 [nucl-th], [figures by J. Holt]

- 3N forces crucial
- IM-SRG improves on finite-order MBPT effective interaction
- Competitive with phenomenological calculations

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IM-SRG equations: Choice of generator



Off-Diagonal Hamiltonian & Generator
$$H^{od} \equiv f^{od} + \Gamma^{od}$$
, $f^{od} \equiv \sum_{ph} f^{p}_{h} : A^{p}_{h} : + \text{H.c.}$, $\Gamma^{od} \equiv \sum_{pp'hh'} \Gamma^{pp'}_{hh'} : A^{pp'}_{hh'} : + \text{H.c.}$