Chiral effective field theory for dark matter direct detection

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How does the nuclear chart emerge from quantum chromodynamics?

Lattice QCD and effective field theories of the strong interaction for few nucleons for all nuclei Effective field theories of the strong interaction

reduce complexity of underlying theory to relevant degrees of freedom

applicable at **low energy/low momentum** scales

expansion scheme (e.g., in powers of momenta/derivatives) **power counting** with **controlled uncertainties** from truncation

consequence: need theoretical uncertainties in many-body methods

theory enables systematic coupling to photons and weak interactions

effective field theories **play guiding role** to improve other approaches

Chiral effective field theory for nuclear forces

Separation of scales: low momenta $\frac{1}{\lambda} = Q \ll \Lambda_b$ breakdown scale ~500 MeV $\sim m_{\Delta}$ - $m_N \dots m_n$ NN 4N3N limited resolution at low energies, LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^0}{\Lambda^0}\right)$ can expand in powers $(Q/\Lambda_h)^n$ LO, n=0 - leading order, NLO, n=2 - next-to-leading order,... NLO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$ expansion parameter $\sim 1/3$ N²LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^3}{\Lambda^3}\right)$ derived in (1994/2002 N³LO $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^4}{\Lambda^4}\right)$ + ••• (2011) ••• (2006) •••

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The oxygen anomaly



Nuclei with a 'magic' number of both protons and neutrons, dubbed doubly magic, are particularly stable. The oxygen isotope ²⁴O has been found to be one such nucleus — yet it lies just at the limit of stability.

The oxygen anomaly Otsuka, Suzuki, Holt, AS, Akaishi, PRL (2010)



Progress in ab initio calculations of nuclei

dramatic progress in last 5 years to access nuclei up to $A \sim 50$



Ab initio calculations of neutron-rich oxygen isotopes

based on same NN+3N interactions



ab initio methods agree at few % level

Coupled Cluster theory/CCEI Hagen et al., PRL (2012), Jansen et al., PRL (2014) Multi-Reference In-Medium SRG and IT-NCSM Hergert et al., PRL (2013) Self-Consistent Green's Function methods Cipollone et al., PRL (2013)

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+ diagonalization in valence space (2v-0h block)

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Future: IM-SRG for neutrinoless double-beta decay with J.D. Holt et al.

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Neutron skin of ⁴⁸Ca

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Neutron and weak-charge distributions of the ⁴⁸Ca nucleus

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predict small neutron skin, dipole polarizability, and weak formfactor



dipole polarizability in good agreement with recent DA-Osaka expt. Birkhan, Miorelli, et al., PRL (2017)



Unexpectedly large charge radii of neutron-rich calcium isotopes

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Nuclear physics of dark matter direct detection

WIMP scattering off nuclei needs nuclear structure factors as input

particularly sensitive to nuclear physics for **spin-dep**. or **beyond spin-indep**. WIMP-nucleon interactions

relevant momentum transfers $\sim m_{\pi}$

calculate systematically with chiral EFT

Menéndez, Gazit, AS, PRD (2012), Klos, Menéndez, Gazit, AS, PRD (2013), Baudis et al., PRD (2013), Vietze et al., PRD (2015), Hoferichter, Klos, AS, PLB (2015), Hoferichter et al., PRD (2016)

incorporate what we know about QCD/nuclear physics



from CDMS collaboration

Preview

structure factors for spin-dependent WIMP scattering with Klos, Menéndez, Gazit, PRD (2012, 2013)

based on large-scale nuclear structure calculations and systematic expansion of WIMP-nucleon currents in chiral EFT

signatures of WIMP **inelastic scattering** with Baudis et al., PRD (2013)

WIMP-nucleon interactions in chiral EFT to N²LO with Hoferichter, Klos, PLB (2015)

general coherent (SI+) WIMP-nucleus scattering with Hoferichter, Klos, Menéndez, PRD (2016)

Chiral EFT for (electro)weak interactions in nuclei



Chiral EFT currents and electromagnetic interactions predicts consistent electromagnetic 1+2-body currents

GFMC calculations of magnetic moments in light nuclei Pastore et al. (2012-) 2-body currents (meson-exchange currents=MEC) are key!



Nuclear structure for direct detection

valence-shell Hamiltonian calculated from NN interactions + corrections to compensate for not including 3N forces (will improve in the future)

valence spaces and interactions have been tested successfully in nuclear structure calculations, largest spaces used



very good agreement for spectra; ordering and grouping well reproduced Menendez, Gazit, AS, PRD (2012)

connects WIMP direct detection with double-beta decay

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compare to other calculations for WIMP scattering



Nuclear structure factors

differential cross section for spin-dependent WIMP scattering \sim axial-vector structure factor $S_A(p)$ Engel et al. (1992)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp^2} = \frac{1}{(2J_i + 1)\pi v^2} \sum_{s_f, s_i} \sum_{M_f, M_i} |\langle f| \mathcal{L}_{\chi}^{\text{SD}} |i\rangle|^2$$
$$= \frac{8G_F^2}{(2J_i + 1)v^2} S_A(p) ,$$

decompose into longitudinal, transverse electric and transverse magnetic

$$S_{A}(p) = \sum_{L \ge 0} \left| \langle J_{f} || \mathcal{L}_{L}^{5} || J_{i} \rangle \right|^{2} + \sum_{L \ge 1} \left(\left| \langle J_{f} || \mathcal{T}_{L}^{\text{el5}} || J_{i} \rangle \right|^{2} + \left| \langle J_{f} || \mathcal{T}_{L}^{\text{mag5}} || J_{i} \rangle \right|^{2} \right)$$

transverse magnetic multipoles vanish for elastic scattering

can also decompose into isoscalar/isovector structure factors $S_{ij}(p)$ $S_A(p) = a_0^2 S_{00}(p) + a_0 a_1 S_{01}(p) + a_1^2 S_{11}(p)$

Xenon response with one-body currents



^{129,131}Xe are even Z, odd N, spin is carried mainly by neutrons

at p=0 structure factors at the level of one-body currents dominated by "neutron"-only

 $S_{A}=rac{(2J+1)(J+1)}{\pi J}ig|a_{p}\langle S_{p}
angle+a_{n}\langle S_{n}
angleig|^{2}$

Xenon response with 1+2-body currents



two-body currents due to strong interactions among nucleons



WIMPs couple to neutrons and protons at the same time

enhances coupling to even species in all cases (protons for Xe)

Limits on SD WIMP-neutron interactions

limits from XENON100 Aprile et al., PRL (2013) PandaX-II Fu et al., PRL (2017) and LUX Akerib et al., PRL (2017)

used our calculations with uncertainty bands for WIMP currents in nuclei



Spin-dependent WIMP-nucleus response for ¹⁹F, ²³Na, ²⁷Al, ²⁹Si, ⁷³Ge, ¹²⁷I

Klos, Menéndez, Gazit, AS, PRD (2013) includes structure factor fits for all isotopes



Inelastic WIMP scattering to 40 and 80 keV excited states

Baudis, Kessler, Klos, Lang, Menéndez, Reichard, AS, PRD (2013)



Signatures for **inelastic** WIMP scattering elastic recoil + **promt** *y* **from de-excitation**

combined information from elastic and inelastic channel will allow to **determine dominant interaction channel** in one experiment

inelastic excitation sensitive to WIMP mass



Chiral EFT for general WIMP-nucleon interactions

chiral symmetry implies a hierarchy for general responses with Q^{ν} Hoferichter, Klos, AS, PLB (2015)

	Nucleon		V		A			Nucleon	S	Р
WIMP		t	X	t	X		WIMP			
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	2b	4	2 + 2	2	4 + 2		S	2b	3	5
	2b NLO	_	_	5	3 + 2			2b NLO	-	4
A	1b	0 + 2	1	2 + 2	0	-		1b	2+2	1 + 2
	2b	4 + 2	2	2 + 2	4		Р	2b	3 + 2	5 + 2
	2b NLO	_	_	5 + 2	3			2b NLO	_	4 + 2

SD interactions are axial-vextor (A) – A interactions, SI is scalar (S) – S 2-body currents as large as 1-body currents in V-A channel

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matching to non-relativistic EFT $O_1 = 1$, $O_2 = (\mathbf{v}^{\perp})^2$, $O_3 = i\mathbf{S}_N \cdot (\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{v}^{\perp})$,Fitzpatrick et al., JCAP (2013) $O_4 = \mathbf{S}_{\chi} \cdot \mathbf{S}_N$, $O_5 = i\mathbf{S}_{\chi} \cdot (\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{v}^{\perp})$, $O_6 = \mathbf{S}_{\chi} \cdot \mathbf{q} \, \mathbf{S}_N \cdot \mathbf{q}$,Without chiral physics $O_7 = \mathbf{S}_N \cdot \mathbf{v}^{\perp}$, $O_8 = \mathbf{S}_{\chi} \cdot \mathbf{v}^{\perp}$, $O_9 = i\mathbf{S}_{\chi} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_N \times \mathbf{q})$, $O_{10} = i\mathbf{S}_N \cdot \mathbf{q}$, $O_{11} = i\mathbf{S}_{\chi} \cdot \mathbf{q}$, $O_{11} = i\mathbf{S}_{\chi} \cdot \mathbf{q}$,

shows that NREFT operators are not linearly indep. (e.g., 4+6 are SD) and not all are present up to v=3 (only 8 of 11 operators)

General coherent (SI+) WIMP nucleus scattering

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Summary

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chiral effective field theory

nuclear forces and electroweak/WIMP/... interactions, systematic for energies below ~300 MeV, so for direct detection

exciting era in nuclear physics of neutron-rich nuclei with chiral EFT and powerful many-body calculations

structure factors for elastic/inelastic WIMP scattering based on **large-scale nuclear structure calculations** and systematic expansion of **WIMP-nucleon currents in chiral EFT**

incorporate what we know about QCD/nuclear physics to go from future DM signal to nature of WIMP-quark interactions