Equation of state and neutron star properties constrained by chiral effective field theory and observations

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#### 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 with different many-body methods

CC 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 Functions Cipollone et al., PRL (2013)



Many-body calculations of medium-mass nuclei have smaller uncertainty compared to uncertainties in nuclear forces

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good agreement with Quantum Monte Carlo calculations at low densities

new QMC benchmarks with local chiral potentials Gezerlis, Tews, Lynn et al.

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excellent agreement with other methods see also Drischler, Carbone et al., PRC (2016)

#### Nuclear forces and nuclear matter



#### Symmetry energy and pressure of neutron matter

neutron matter band predicts symmetry energy  $S_v$  and its density derivative L

comparison to experimental and observational constraints Lattimer, Lim, ApJ (2012), EPJA (2014)

neutron matter constraints H: Hebeler et al. (2010) G: Gandolfi et al. (2011) provide tight constraints!

from asymmetric matter calculations Drischler



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# Monte-Carlo calculation of all energy diagrams up to 4th order in MBPT

Drischler, Hebeler, AS, arXiv:1710.08220, automated 5th and 6th order calculation, Drischler et al. in prep.

chiral order	$\Lambda/c_D$	second order			third order	fourth order	
	-	NN-only	NN+3N	3N res.	NN+3N	NN-only	NN+3N <sup>a</sup>
N <sup>3</sup> LO/N <sup>2</sup> LO	$\lambda/\Lambda = 1.8/2.0 \ {\rm fm}^{-1}$	-2.30	-2.24	-0.40	-0.10	-0.20	-0.07



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E/A [MeV]

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including NN, 3N, 4N 3N fit to saturation region

systematic improvement from  $N^2LO$  to  $N^3LO$ 

first full N<sup>3</sup>LO Hamiltonians for use in nuclear structure and EOS calculations!



#### Neutron matter and neutron stars

Watts et al., RMP (2016)



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extend uncertainty band to higher densities using piecewise polytropes allow for soft regions



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36	• $M = 1.4 M_{\odot}$ • $M = 1.97 M_{\odot}$					
(cm <sup>2</sup> ]			$\widehat{M} = 1$	$1.97M_{\odot}$	$\widehat{M} =$	$2.4M_{\odot}$
yne/			$\min$	max	$\min$	max
P。[d		$\rho_c/\rho_0~(1.4M_\odot)$	1.8	4.4	1.8	2.7
00 00 34		$ ho_c/ ho_0~(1.97M_\odot)$	2.0	7.6	2.0	3.4
,		$ ho_c/ ho_0~(2.4M_\odot)$			2.2	5.4
33 1	$M \ge 14.2  14.4  14.6  14.8  15.0 \\ \log_{10} \rho_e \ [g/cm^3]$	central densities for 1.4 M <sub>sun</sub> star: 1.8-4.4 ρ <sub>0</sub> Fermi momenta < 550 MeV				

(not very high!)

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speed of sound needs to exceed  $\sim 0.65c$  to get 2 M<sub>sun</sub> stars Greif et al., in prep.

Connecting the equation of state to pQCD calculations  $O(\alpha_s^2)$  calculation of quark matter in perturbative QCD provides constraint at ultra high densities (above 50 saturation density)

interpolating between **neutron matter calculations** and **pQCD** gives consistent EOS band Kurkela et al., ApJ (2014)



#### Representative equations of state

all EOS for cold matter in beta equilibrium should go through our band

constructed 3 representative EOS for users: soft, intermediate, stiff



#### Neutron-star mergers and gravitational waves

explore sensitivity to neutron-rich matter in neutron-star merger predictions for gravitational-wave signal, including NP uncertainties

Bauswein, Janka, PRL (2012) Bauswein, Janka, Hebeler, AS, PRD (2012)







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candidate neutron star: PSR J0737-3039







"universal" relations are broader with general EOS band





#### Exciting era in nuclear physics

#### Effective field theory of the strong interaction

#### New experimental frontier

New observations in astrophysics



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