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From Few to Many: Recent Advances in Ab Initio Nuclear Structure Calculations

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A first-principle description of atomic nuclei requires the use of two- and three-nucleon interactions combined with an efficient many-body solution for the nuclear state. In particular the treatment of chiral three-body operators provides a significant computational challenge due to high memory requirements. In the first part of my talk, I will discuss two complementary ways to cope with that challenge by approximating chiral threenucleon forces, either from low-rank matrix factorizations [1] or normal-ordering techniques [2]. The two frameworks are benchmarked in atomic nuclei, from triton up to lead.

In the second part, I will introduce the density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) approach and show how the DMRG outperforms traditional diagonalization-based approaches by using a factorized matrix-product-state representation of the many-body wave function. I will further discuss the use of entanglement entropies as a proxy for nuclear shell effects along medium-mass isotopic chains [3].

Eventually, the combination of accurate nuclear interactions with scalable many-body approaches will pave the way for further high-precision calculations in exotic nuclei.

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