

## The nucleus as a quantum laboratory

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## Introductory remarks

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## Why nuclear physics?



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#### The nucleus as a quantum laboratory

- The nucleus is a challenging and fascinating many-body system
  - $\hookrightarrow$  non-perturbative strong interactions balanced by the Coulomb force
  - $\hookrightarrow$  many interesting phenonema: drip lines, clustering, reactions, ...
  - $\hookrightarrow$  a plethora of few-body/many-body methods already exists
- Macroscopic nuclear matter = neutron stars
  - $\hookrightarrow$  gained prominence again in the multi-messenger aera  $\hookrightarrow$  must be able to describe these with the same methods
- I will advocate here a new quantum many-body appraoch
  - $\hookrightarrow$  synthezies chiral EFT w/ stochastic methods
  - $\hookrightarrow$  allows to tackle nuclear structure and reactions
  - $\hookrightarrow$  allows to access the multiverse



# Chiral EFT on a lattice



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## More on EFTs

#### • Much more details on EFTs in light quark physics:



#### **Effective Field Theories**

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## **Nuclear lattice effective field theory (NLEFT)**

Frank, Brockmann (1992), Koonin, Müller, Seki, van Kolck (2000), Lee, Schäfer (2004), . . . Borasoy, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Nucl. Phys. **A768** (2006) 179; Borasoy, Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Eur. Phys. J. **A31** (2007) 105

- new method to tackle the nuclear many-body problem
- discretize space-time  $V = L_s \times L_s \times L_s \times L_t$ : nucleons are point-like particles on the sites
- discretized chiral potential w/ pion exchanges and contact interactions + Coulomb

 $\rightarrow$  see Epelbaum, Hammer, UGM, Rev. Mod. Phys. **81** (2009) 1773

• typical lattice parameters

$$p_{
m max} = rac{\pi}{a} \simeq 315 - 630\,{
m MeV}\,[{
m UV}~{
m cutoff}]$$

- strong suppression of sign oscillations due to approximate Wigner SU(4) symmetry

E. Wigner, Phys. Rev. 51 (1937) 106; T. Mehen et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 83 (1999) 931; J. W. Chen et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 242302

ullet physics independent of the lattice spacing for  $a=1\dots 2$  fm

Alarcon, Du, Klein, Lähde, Lee, Li, Lu, Luu, UGM, EPJA 53 (2017) 83; Klein, Elhatisari, Lähde, Lee, UGM, EPJA 54 (2018) 121

#### **Transfer matrix method**

- Correlation-function for A nucleons:  $Z_A(\tau) = \langle \Psi_A | \exp(-\tau H) | \Psi_A \rangle$ with  $\Psi_A$  a Slater determinant for A free nucleons [or a more sophisticated (correlated) initial/final state]
- Transient energy

$$E_A( au) = -rac{d}{d au}\,\ln Z_A( au)$$

 $\rightarrow$  ground state:  $E_A^0 = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} E_A(\tau)$ 

• Exp. value of any normal–ordered operator  $\mathcal{O}$ 

$$Z_A^{\mathcal{O}} = raket{\Psi_A} \exp(- au H/2) \, \mathcal{O} \, \exp(- au H/2) \ket{\Psi_A}$$

$$\lim_{ au o \infty} \, rac{Z_A^{\mathcal{O}}( au)}{Z_A( au)} = \langle \Psi_A | \mathcal{O} \, | \Psi_A 
angle \, ,$$

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 $\Rightarrow$  all *possible* configurations are sampled  $\Rightarrow$  preparation of *all possible* initial/final states

 $\Rightarrow$  clustering emerges naturally

## **Auxiliary field method**

• Represent interactions by auxiliary fields (Gaussian quadrature):



## **Computational equipment**

• Present = JUWELS (modular system) + FRONTIER + ...



Emergent geometry and duality in the carbon nucleus

#### **Short reminder of Wigner SU(4) symmetry**

Wigner, Phys. Rev. C 51 (1937) 106

• If the nuclear Hamiltonian does not depend on spin and isospin, then it is obviously invariant under SU(4) transformations [really  $U(4) = U(1) \times SU(4)$ ]:

$$egin{aligned} N 
ightarrow UN \,, & U \in SU(4) \,, & N = inom{p}{n} \ N & N 
ightarrow N \,, & \delta N = i \epsilon_{\mu
u} \sigma^\mu au^
u \, N \,, & \sigma^\mu = (1, \sigma_i) \,, & au^\mu = (1, au_i) \end{aligned}$$

• LO pionless EFT:  $\mathcal{L}_{\pi} = N^{\dagger} \left( i \partial_t + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m_N} \right) N - \frac{1}{2} \left( C_S (N^{\dagger}N)^2 + C_T (N^{\dagger}\vec{\sigma}N)^2 \right)$ Mehen, Stewart, Wise, Phys. Rev. Lett. 83 (1999) 931

• Partial wave LECs:  $C({}^1S_0) = C_S - 3C_T$  ,  $C({}^3S_1) = C_S + C_T$ 

⇒ The operator  $(N^{\dagger}N)^2$  is invariant under Wigner SU(4), but  $(N^{\dagger}\vec{\sigma}N)^2$  is not ⇒ In the Wigner SU(4) limit, one finds:  $C(^1S_0) = C(^3S_1) \rightarrow a_{np}^{S=0} = a_{np}^{S=1}$ ⇒ The exact symmetry limit corresponds to a scale invariant non-relativistic system

#### Remarks on Wigner's SU(4) symmetry

• Wigner SU(4) spin-isospin symmetry is particularly beneficial for NLEFT

↔ suppression of sign oscillations Chen, Lee, Schäfer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 242302

← provides a very much improved LO action when smearing is included Lu, Li, Elhatisari, Lee, Epelbaum, UGM, Phys. Lett. B **797** (2019) 134863

• Initimately related to  $\alpha$ -clustering in nuclei

- ← cluster states in <sup>12</sup>C like
   the famous Hoyle state
   Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM,
   Phys. Rev. Lett. **106** (2011) 192501
- → nuclear physics is close
   to a quantum phase transition
   Elhatisari et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **117** (2016) 132501



#### Wigner's SU(4) symmetry and the carbon spectrum

 Study of the spectrum of <sup>12</sup>C Shen, Lähde, Lee, UGM, Eur. Phys.J. A 57 (2021) 276
 → spin-orbit splittings are known to be weak Hayes, Navratil, Vary, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91 (2003) 012502 Johnson, Phys. Rev. C 91 (2015) 034313

 $\hookrightarrow$  start with cluster and shell-model configurations  $\rightarrow$  next slide

• Locally and non-locally smeared SU(4) invariant interaction:

$$V = C_{2} \sum_{n',n,n''} \rho_{NL}(n') f_{s_{L}}(n'-n) f_{s_{L}}(n-n'') \rho_{NL}(n'') :, \quad f_{s_{L}}(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & |n| = 0, \\ s_{L}, & |n| = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$\rho_{NL}(n) = a_{NL}^{\dagger}(n) a_{NL}(n)$$
$$a_{NL}^{(\dagger)}(n) = a^{(\dagger)}(n) + s_{NL} \sum_{|n'|=1} a^{(\dagger)}(n+n'), \quad s_{NL} = 0.2$$

 $\hookrightarrow$  only two adjustable parameters  $(C_2, s_L)$  fitted to  $E_{^4\mathrm{He}}$  &  $E_{^{12}\mathrm{C}}$ 

 $\hookrightarrow$  investigate the spectrum for  $a=1.64\,{
m fm}$  and  $a=1.97\,{
m fm}$ 

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 $|\mathbf{n}| = \mathbf{0}$ 

## Configurations

#### • Cluster and shell model configurations



#### **Transient energies**

• Transient energies from cluster and shell-model configurations



## Spectrum of <sup>12</sup>C

Shen, Lähde, Lee, UGM, Eur. Phys.J. A 57 (2021) 276 [arXiv:2106.04834]

 $\bullet$  Amazingly precise description  $\rightarrow$  great starting point



 $\rightarrow$  solidifies earlier NLEFT statements about the structure of the  $0^+_2$  and  $2^+_2$  states

#### A closer look at the spectrum of $^{12}C$

Shen, Elhatisari, Lähde, Lee, Lu, UGM, Nature Commun. 14 (2023) 2777

• Include also 3NFs: 
$$V = \frac{C_2}{2!} \sum_{n} \tilde{\rho}(n)^2 + \frac{C_3}{3!} \sum_{n} \tilde{\rho}(n)^3$$

• Fit the four parameters:

$$C_{f 2}, C_{f 3}$$
 – ground state energies of  $^4$ He and  $^{12}$ C

- $s_{\rm L}$  radius of <sup>12</sup>C around 2.4 fm
- *s*<sub>NL</sub> best overall description of the transition rates
- Calculation of em transitions
   requires coupled-channel approach
   e.g. 0<sup>+</sup> and 2<sup>+</sup> states



#### Spectrum of <sup>12</sup>C reloaded

Shen, Elhatisari, Lähde, Lee, Lu, UGM, Nature Commun. 14 (2023) 2777

• Improved description when 3NFs are included, amazingly good



#### $\rightarrow$ solidifies earlier NLEFT statements about the structure of the $0^+_2$ and $2^+_2$ states

## **Electromagnetic properties**

Shen, Elhatisari, Lähde, Lee, Lu, UGM, Nature Commun. 14 (2023) 2777

• Radii (be aware of excited states), quadrupole moments & transition rates

	NLEFT	FM	ID $\alpha$ clu	ster E	BEC	RXMC	Exp.		
$r_c(0^+_1)$ [fm]	2.53(1)	2.5	53 2.5	4 2	2.53	2.65	2.47(2)	2)	
$r(0^+_2)$ [fm]	3.45(2)	3.3	3.7	1 3	8.83	4.00	-		
$r(0^+_3)$ [fm]	3.47(1)	4.6	62 4.7	5	_	4.80	-		
$r(2^+_1)$ [fm]	2.42(1)	2.5	50 2.3	7 2	2.38	_	-		
$r(2^+_2)$ [fm]	3.30(1)	4.4	4.4	3	—	—	_		
			NLEFT	FMD	$\alpha$	cluster	NCSM	Exp.	
$Q(2^+_1)$ [ $e{ m fm}^2$	<sup>2</sup> ]		6.8(3)	_		_	6.3(3)	8.1(2.3)	3)
$Q(2^+_2)$ [ $e{ m fm}^2$	<sup>2</sup> ]		-35(1)	—		_	—	—	
$M(E0,0^+_1$ –	$ ightarrow 0^+_2)$ [ $e$ fm	$^{2}]$	4.8(3)	6.5		6.5	—	5.4(2)	)
$M(E0,0^+_1$ –	$ ightarrow 0^+_3)$ [ $e$ fm	[2]	0.4(3)	—		—	—	—	
$M(E0,0^+_2$ –	$ ightarrow 0^+_3)$ [ $e$ fm	$\left ^{2}\right]$	7.4(4)	—		_	—	—	
$B(E2,2^+_1-$	$ ightarrow 0^+_1)$ [ $e^2$ fm	า <sup>4</sup> ]	11.4(1)	8.7		9.2	8.7(9)	7.9(4)	)
$B(E2,2^+_1-$	$ ightarrow 0^+_2)$ [ $e^2$ fm	า <sup>4</sup> ]	2.5(2)	3.8		0.8	_	2.6(4)	)

#### **Electromagnetic properties cont'd**

Shen, Elhatisari, Lähde, Lee, Lu, UGM, Nature Commun. 14 (2023) 2777

• Form factors and transition ffs [essentially parameter-free]:



Sick, McCarthy, Nucl. Phys. A 150 (1970) 631 Strehl, Z. Phys. 234 (1970) 416 Crannell et al., Nucl. Phys. A 758 (2005) 399 Chernykh et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105 (2010) 022501

#### **Emergence of geometry**

• Use the pinhole algorithm to measure the distribution of  $\alpha$ -clusters/matter:



• equilateral & obstuse triangles  $\rightarrow 2^+$  states are excitations of the  $0^+$  states

## **Emergence of duality**

• <sup>12</sup>C spectrum shows a cluster/shell-model duality



• dashed triangles: strong 1p-1h admixture in the wave function

#### Sanity check

- Repeat the calculations w/ the time-honored N2LO chiral interaction
  - $\hookrightarrow$  better NN phase shifts than the SU(4) interaction
  - $\hookrightarrow$  but calculations are much more difficult (sign problem)



- spectrum as before (good agreement w/ data)
- density distributions as before (more noisy, stronger sign problem)

Towards heavy nuclei and nuclear matter in NLEFT

## **Towards heavy nuclei in NLEFT**

- Two step procedure:
  - 1) Further improve the LO action
    - $\hookrightarrow$  minimize the sign oscillations
    - $\hookrightarrow$  minimize the higher-body forces
    - $\hookrightarrow$  gain an understanding of the essentials of nuclear binding
    - $\hookrightarrow$  essentially done  $\checkmark$   $\rightarrow$  next slide
  - 2) Work out the corrections to N3LO
    - $\hookrightarrow$  first on the level of the NN interaction  $\checkmark$
    - $\hookrightarrow$  new important technique: wave function matching  $\checkmark$
    - $\hookrightarrow$  second for the spectra/radii/... of nuclei (first results)  $\checkmark$
    - $\hookrightarrow$  third for nuclear reactions (nuclear astrophysics)

#### **Essential elements of nuclear binding**

Lu, Li, Elhatisari, Lee, Epelbaum, UGM, Phys. Lett. B 797 (2019) 134863

• LO smeared SU(4) symmetric action with 2NFs and 3NFs:



- Masses of 88 nuclei up to A = 48, deviation < 4% (except <sup>12</sup>C)
- Charge radii deviate by at most 5% (expect <sup>3</sup>H)
- Neutron matter EoS also consistent w/ other calculations (APR, GCR, ...)

#### **NN interaction at N3LO**

Li et al., Phys. Rev. C **98** (2018) 044002; Phys. Rev. C **99** (2019) 064001 • np phase shifts including uncertainties for a = 1.32 fm (cf. Nijmegen PWA)



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## Wave function matching I

Elhatisari et al., acc. for publication in ... [arXiv:2210.17488 [nucl-th]]

#### • Graphical representation of w.f. matching



• W.F. matching is a "Hamiltonian translator": eigenenergies from  $H_1$  but w.f. from  $H_2 = U^{\dagger}H_1U$ 

## Wave function matching II

Elhatisari et al., acc. for publication in ... [arXiv:2210.17488 [nucl-th]]

- $\bullet$   $H_{\rm soft}$  has tolerable sign oscillations, good for many-body observables
- $H_{\chi}$  has severe sign oscillations, derived from the underlying theory
- $\hookrightarrow$  can we find a unitary trafo, that creates a chiral  $H_{\chi}$  that is pert. th'y friendly?

$$H'_{\chi} = U^{\dagger} \, H_{\chi} \, U$$

 $\Box$  Let  $|\psi^0_{
m soft}
angle$  be the lowest eigenstate of  $H_{
m soft}$ 

 $\Box$  Let  $|\psi_{\chi}^{0}
angle$  be the lowest eigenstate of  $H_{\chi}$ 

 $\Box$  Let  $|\phi_{soft}\rangle$  be the projected and normalized lowest eigenstate of  $H_{soft}$  $|\phi_{soft}\rangle = \mathcal{P} |\psi_{soft}^0\rangle/||\psi_{soft}^0\rangle||$ 

 $\Box$  Let  $|\phi_{\chi}\rangle$  be the projected and normalized lowest eigenstate of  $H_{\chi}$  $|\phi_{\chi}\rangle = \mathcal{P} |\psi_{\chi}^{0}\rangle/||\psi_{\chi}^{0}\rangle||$ 

$$\hookrightarrow U_{R',R} = \theta(r-R)\delta_{R',R} + \theta(R'-r)\theta(R-r)|\phi_{\chi}^{\perp}\rangle\langle\phi_{\rm soft}^{\perp}|$$

## Wave function matching III

Elhatisari et al., acc. for publication in ... [arXiv:2210.17488 [nucl-th]], L. Bovermann, PhD thesis

• W.F. matching for the light nuclei

Nucleus	$B_{ m LO}$ [MeV]	B <sub>N3LO</sub> [MeV]	Exp. [MeV]
$E_{oldsymbol{\chi},\mathbf{d}}$	1.79	2.21	2.22
$ig  \langle \psi_{ m soft}^{0}    H_{m{\chi}, { m d}}    \psi_{ m soft}^{0}  angle  ig $	0.45	0.62	
$\langle \psi^0_{ m soft}    H_{\chi, m d}^{\prime}    \psi^0_{ m soft}  angle $	1.65	2.01	
$\langle \psi_{ m soft}^{0}    H_{\chi, { m t}}    \psi_{ m soft}^{0}  angle$	5.96(8)	5.91(9)	8.48
$\langle \psi_{ ext{soft}}^{0}    H_{oldsymbol{\chi}, ext{t}}^{oldsymbol{\prime}}   \psi_{ ext{soft}}^{0}  angle$	7.97(8)	8.72(9)	
$\langle \psi_{ m soft}^{0}    H_{oldsymbol{\chi}, lpha}    \psi_{ m soft}^{0}  angle$	24.61(4)	23.84(14)	28.30
$\langle \psi_{ m soft}^0    H_{\chi,lpha}^{\prime}    \psi_{ m soft}^0  angle $	27.74(4)	29.21(14)	



- reasonable accuracy for the light nuclei
- Tjon-band recovered with  $H'_{\gamma}$

Platter, Hammer, UGM, Phys. Lett. B 607 (2005) 254

 $\hookrightarrow$  now let us go to larger nuclei....

## Nuclei at N3LO

#### • Binding energies of nuclei for a = 1.32 fm: Determining the 3NFs

Elhatisari et al., acc. for publication in ... [arXiv:2210.17488 [nucl-th]]



#### Charge radii at N3LO

• Prediction: Charge radii (a = 1.32 fm, statistical errors can be reduced) Elhatisari et al., acc. for publication in ... [arXiv:2210.17488 [nucl-th]]



#### **Neutron & nuclear matter at N3LO**

#### • Prediction: EoS of pure neutron matter & nuclear matter (a = 1.32 fm)

Elhatisari et al., acc. for publication in ... [arXiv:2210.17488 [nucl-th]]



 $\hookrightarrow$  can be improved using twisted b.c.'s

Ab initio calculation of hyper-neutron matter

## **Towards hyper-neutron matter**

- Densities in the interior of neutron stars up to  $5 \cdot 
  ho_0 \ [
  ho_0 = 0.17 \ {
  m fm^{-3}}]$ 
  - $\hookrightarrow$  possible appearance of hyperons
    - $\rightarrow$  "hyperon puzzle"
  - → many possible solutions
     (3-body forces, BSM physics, modifed gravity)
  - → Neutron matter EoS plays an important role
     in multimessenger astronomy [gravitational waves]
- Can we address this topic w/ NLEFT? If so, how?
  - $\hookrightarrow \text{large densities require a small lattice spacing}$
  - $\hookrightarrow$  need to extend the minimal nuclear interaction to such densities
  - $\hookrightarrow$  need to extend the minimal nuclear interaction to the strangeness sector





#### **Pure neutron matter**

Input: S-wave phase shifts (2N)
 & symmetric nuclear matter (3N)



#### $\Rightarrow$ Output: Pure neutron matter (PNM) EoS



#### - comparable to the renowned APR EoS

Akmal, Pandharipande, Ravenhall, Phys. Rev. C 58 (1998) 1804

less stiff than the recent AFDMC one

Gandolfi et al., Eur. Phys. J. A **50** (2014) 10

→ work out consequences for neutron stars based on this PNM EoS

#### Tong, Elhatisari, UGM, in progress

#### The minimal interaction with strangeness I

Tong, Elhatisari, UGM, in progress

• Baryon-baryon interaction (consider nucleons and  $\Lambda$ 's plus non-local smearing):

$$\begin{split} & \left( V_{\Lambda N} = \mathbf{c}_{N\Lambda} \sum_{\vec{n}} \tilde{\rho}(\vec{n}) \tilde{\xi}(\vec{n}) + \mathbf{c}_{\Lambda\Lambda} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{n}} \left[ \tilde{\xi}(\vec{n}) \right]^2 \right) \\ \tilde{\rho}(\vec{n}) = \sum_{i,j=0,1} \tilde{a}_{i,j}^{\dagger}(\vec{n}) \tilde{a}_{i,j}(\vec{n}) + s_{\mathrm{L}} \sum_{|\vec{n} - \vec{n}'|^2 = 1} \sum_{i,j=0,1} \tilde{a}_{i,j}^{\dagger}(\vec{n}') \tilde{a}_{i,j}(\vec{n}') \\ \tilde{\xi}(\vec{n}) = \sum_{i=0,1} \tilde{b}_{i}^{\dagger}(\vec{n}) \tilde{b}_{i}(\vec{n}) + s_{\mathrm{L}} \sum_{|\vec{n} - \vec{n}'|^2 = 1} \sum_{i=0,1} \tilde{b}_{i}^{\dagger}(\vec{n}') \tilde{b}_{i}(\vec{n}') \end{split}$$

• Three-baryon forces (consider nucleons and  $\Lambda$ 's, no non-local smearing):

Petschauer, Kaiser, Haidenbauer, UGM, Weise, Phys. Rev. C 93 (2016) 014001

$$\left(V_{NN\Lambda}=oldsymbol{c_{NN\Lambda}}{1\over 2}~\sum_{ec n}\left[
ho(ec n)
ight]^2 \xi(ec n)~,~~V_{N\Lambda\Lambda}=oldsymbol{c_{N\Lambda\Lambda}}{1\over 2}~\sum_{ec n}
ho(ec n)~\left[\xi(ec n)
ight]^2
ight)
ight)$$

 $\hookrightarrow$  must determine 4 LECs! [smearing parameters from the nucleon sector]

 $\hookrightarrow$  first time that the  $\Lambda\Lambda N$  three-body force is included

## The minimal interaction with strangeness II

Tong, Elhatisari, UGM, in progress



• Three-body LECs from hyper-nuclei (separation energies):

Nucleus	NLEFT [MeV]	Exp. [MeV]
$^{5}_{\Lambda}$ He	3.10(9)	3.10(3)
$^9_{\Lambda}$ Be	6.64(13)	6.61(7)
$^{13}_{\Lambda}\text{C}$	11.71(14)	11.80(16)
${}_{\Lambda\Lambda}{}^{6}$ He	6.96(9)	6.91(16)
$^{10}_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ Be	14.35(13)	14.70(40)

 $\hookrightarrow$  this defines our EoS of hyper-nuclear matter called **HMN(I)** 

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#### **Neutron star properties**

Tong, Elhatisari, UGM, in progress

• Now solve the TOV equations for the PNM and HNM(I) EoSs:



Mass-radius relation

• Maximun neutron star mass:  $M_{
m max} = 2.18(1) \, M_{\odot}$  for PNM

 $M_{
m max} = 1.54(2) \ M_{\odot}$  for HNM(I)  $\rightarrow$  need repulsion

## **EoS of hyper-neutron matter**

Tong, Elhatisari, UGM, in progress

#### • Not surprisingly, we need more repulsion [as in the pure neutron matter case]

- $\hookrightarrow$  this will move the threshold of  $\mu_\Lambda=\mu_n$  up
- $\hookrightarrow$  take  $M_{
  m max}$  as data point:  $M_{
  m max} = 1.9 M_{\odot}$  for HNM(II)

 $M_{
m max}=2.1M_{\odot}$  for HNM(III)



#### EoS & speed of sound



## **Neutron star properties**

#### Tong, Elhatisari, UGM, in progress

Yagi, Yunes, Science 341 (2013) 365



• Mass-radius relation and *I*-Love relation:

#### • All EoSs consistent with the NICER result Miller et al., Astrophys. J. Lett. 887 (2019) L24



GW170817: Abbott et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 161101

- $\bar{I} = I/M^3$  mom. of inertia
- $\Lambda$  = tidal deformability
- First ab initio calc. of this univ. relation

#### **Summary & outlook**

- Nuclear lattice simulations: a new quantum many-body approach
  - $\rightarrow$  based on the successful continuum nuclear chiral EFT
  - $\rightarrow$  a number of highly visible results already obtained
- Recent developments
  - $\rightarrow$  minimal nuclear interaction & applications
  - $\rightarrow$  chiral interaction at 3NF, first promising results
  - $\rightarrow$  extension to hyper-nuclei & EoS in neutron stars

 $\Rightarrow$  stayed tuned for many new results!