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Perturbative Computations of Few-Body Observables in Chiral Effective Field Theory using a Modified Weinberg Power Counting up to N3LO

Chiral effective field theory (χ EFT) promises a systematic approach to describe the force between nucleons as arising from the fundamental principles of quantum chromodynamics. A power counting (PC) quantifies the relative importance of different contributions in the χ EFT expansion. The PC ensures that the EFT predictions of observables show order-by-order convergence, which in turn enables robust estimates of the theoretical uncertainty. We investigate a PC where sub-leading interactions are treated perturbatively [1]. We fit unknown low-energy constants in the two-nucleon system and find a good description of both neutron-proton scattering cross sections and *S*-wave low-energy theorems [2,3]. We have taken the first steps in using this PC for A > 2 systems beyond first-order perturbation theory. For ³H, we demonstrate reliable computations of the ground-state energy using third-order perturbation theory in the no-core shell model [4].

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