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Recent Developments in Nuclear Structure Theory

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Electroweak probes

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- Provide important informations in other fields of physics, where nuclear physics plays a crucial role:
 - Astrophysics:
 - Atomic physics
 - Particle physics



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$$(H-z)|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle = J^{\mu}|\Psi_0\rangle$$

Similar to Laplace Transform discussed on Wed by S.Gandolfi

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Selected Highlights

Interfacing with precision atomic physics to search for beyond standard model physics



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Merkel Talk on Tue & Vanderhaeghen Talk on Fri.

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Is lepton universality violated?



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Pushing the limits in mass number to challenge our understanding of neutron-rich nuclei







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Theory provides a deeper understanding: microscopic interpretation of collective phenomena Theory motivates new experiments: e.g. ⁸He will be measured in RIKEN by T. Aumann

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 α_D measured at Osaka with (p,p') J.Birkhan, *et al.*, arXiv:1611.07072



Future Developments

Adding triple corrections to coupled cluster theory

M.Miorelli. et al., (2017)



Frontiers at higher energies

How nuclear theory can help particle physics searches of fundamental neutrino properties

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Coupled-Cluster Calculations of the Coulomb Sum Rule

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Thank you! Merci!

Backup Slides



Calculating TPE with HH

N.Nevo-Dinur et al., PLB 755, 380 (2016)



Total error budget: numerical error, atomic physics error, nuclear physics error (in quadrature)

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⁶⁴Ni $R_{ch} = 3.8572$ fm





Consistent with DFT calculations, Roca-Maza (2015) $\alpha_D \approx 5.65~{\rm fm}^3$

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Benchmarks with methods that calculate the final states



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\mathbf{Q} μ D: There is a puzzle!

7.5 σ deviations from $\mu {\rm D}$ and CODATA



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