

Toward Realistic Description of Low-energy Fusion of Light Ions for Astrophysics

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The description of nuclear reaction observables from first principles, which provides many insights into the nuclear Hamiltonian, has been a long-standing goal in nuclear physics. The *ab initio* no-core shell model combined with the resonating-group method (NCSM/RGM) [1, 2] is capable of addressing both structural and reaction properties of light-nuclei. While promising results have already been achieved starting from a two-body Hamiltonian, a truly realistic prediction of nuclear observables requires the treatment the three-nucleon interactions. Using similarity-renormalization-group evolved two- and three-nucleon interactions [3, 4], I will present N - ^4He and d - ^4He scattering processes when accounting for the chiral two- plus three-nucleon interaction versus the chiral two-nucleon interaction. This work paves the way to modeling of light-ion fusion reactions with realistic nuclear forces, that are important for understanding nuclear astrophysics processes.^a

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