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Triton binding energy calculated from the SU_6 quark-model nucleon-nucleon interaction

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Properties of the three-nucleon bound state are examined in the Faddeev formalism, in which the quarkmodel nucleon-nucleon interaction is explicitly incorporated to calculate the off-shell *T* matrix. The most recent version, fss2, of the Kyoto-Niigata quark-model potential yields the ground-state energy $E({}^{3}\text{H})$ = -8.514 MeV in the 34 channel calculation, when the *np* interaction is used for the nucleon-nucleon interaction. The charge root mean square radii of the ${}^{3}\text{H}$ and ${}^{3}\text{He}$ are 1.72 fm and 1.90 fm, respectively, including the finite size correction of the nucleons. These values are the closest to the experiments among many results obtained by detailed Faddeev calculations employing modern realistic nucleon-nucleon interaction models.

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All the present-day quark-model descriptions of nucleonnucleon (NN) and hyperon-nucleon (YN) interactions incorporate important roles of the quark-gluon degrees of freedom in the short-range region and the meson-exchange processes dominating in the medium- and long-range parts of the interaction [1]. For example, the Kyoto-Niigata quark-model potential employs a one-gluon exchange Fermi-Breit interaction and effective meson-exchange potentials (EMEP's) acting between quarks, and has achieved accurate descriptions of the NN and YN interactions with a limited number of parameters [2-5]. The early version, the model FSS [2,3], includes only the scalar (S) and pseudoscalar (PS) mesonexchange potentials as the EMEP's. This model is superseded by the new model fss2 [5], which has also introduced the vector (V) meson-exchange potentials and the momentum-dependent Bryan-Scott terms included in the S and V meson EMEP's. Owing to the introduction of the V mesons, the model fss2 in the NN sector has attained the accuracy comparable to that of one-boson exchange potential (OBEP) models. For example, the χ^2 values defined by χ^2 $=\sum_{i=1}^{N} (\delta_i^{cal} - \delta_i^{exp})^2 / N$ for the $J \leq 2 np$ phase-shift parameters in the energy range $T_{\rm lab} = 25-300$ MeV are $\sqrt{\chi^2}$ $=0.59^{\circ}$ for fss2, which is compared with the values [6] 1.10°, 1.40°, and 1.32° for OBEP, Paris, and Bonn potentials, respectively. The incorporation of the momentumdependent Bryan-Scott term is favorable in extending our quark-model description of the NN scattering at the nonrelativistic energies to the higher energies up to T_{lab} = 800 MeV, and also in describing reasonable asymptotic behavior of the nucleon s.p. potentials in the highmomentum region. The agreement of the higher partial waves up to J=4 with the phase shift analysis is also improved. In both models FSS and fss2, the existing data for the YN scattering are well reproduced and the essential feature of the ΛN - ΣN coupling remains almost unchanged. Fixing the model parameters in the strangeness S=0 and -1sectors, we proceed to explore interactions for any arbitrary combinations of octet baryons (B_8) [4]. The B_8B_8 interactions in S = -2, -3, and -4 sectors include the $\Lambda\Lambda$ and ΞN interactions, which are recently attracting much interest in the rapidly developing field of the hypernuclei and the strangeness nuclear matter. The interaction derived in these models may be used for realistic calculations in few-baryon systems, like the triton 3 H, the hypertriton ${}^{3}_{\Lambda}$ H, and also in various types of baryonic matter. This project, however, involves a nontrivial problem of determining how to extract the effective two-baryon interaction from the microscopic quark-exchange kernel. The basic baryon-baryon interaction is formulated as a composite-particle interaction in the framework of the resonating-group method (RGM). If we rewrite the RGM equation in the form of a Schrödinger-type equation, the interaction term becomes nonlocal and energy dependent. Furthermore, the RGM equation sometimes involves redundant components, due to the effect of the antisymmetrization, which is related to the existence of the Pauli-forbidden states. In such a case, the full off-shell T matrix is not well defined in the standard procedure, which usually assumes simple energy-independent local potentials [7]. Since these features are related to the description of the short-range part in the quark model, it would be desirable if the quark-exchange kernel could be used directly in application to many-baryon systems.

In this Rapid Communication, we will show some results of the Faddeev calculation which directly employs the quarkmodel *NN* interactions fss2 and FSS to derive the off-shell *T* matrix. Following the notation in Refs. [7,8], we write the RGM equation of the (3q)-(3q) system in the form of the Schrödinger-type equation

$$[\varepsilon - h_0 - V^{\text{RGM}}(\varepsilon)]\chi = 0, \qquad (1)$$

where ε is the total energy in the center-of-mass system, measured from the two-cluster threshold, $\varepsilon = E - 2E_N$, h_0 is the kinetic-energy operator of the NN relative motion, and FUJIWARA, MIYAGAWA, KOHNO, SUZUKI, AND NEMURA

$$V^{\rm RGM}(\varepsilon) = V_{\rm D} + G + \varepsilon K \tag{2}$$

is the RGM kernel composed of the direct potential V_D , the sum of the exchange kinetic-energy and interaction kernels, $G = G^K + G^V$, and the exchange normalization kernel *K*. Since there is no Pauli forbidden state in the *NN* system, we can solve the Lippmann-Schwinger equation

$$T(\omega,\varepsilon) = V^{\text{RGM}}(\varepsilon) + V^{\text{RGM}}(\varepsilon)g_0(\omega)T(\omega,\varepsilon), \qquad (3)$$

with $g_0(\omega) = 1/(\omega - h_0 + i0)$, by assuming the 2N energy ε as a mere parameter. The Faddeev equation for the 3N bound state is given by the eigenvalue problem

$$\lambda(E)\psi_{\alpha} = G_0^{(+)}(E)T_{\alpha}^{(3)}(E,\varepsilon_{\alpha})(\psi_{\beta} + \psi_{\gamma}), \qquad (4)$$

with $\lambda(E) = 1$, where the two-body *T* matrix in the threebody model space is given by

$$T_{\alpha}^{(3)}(E,\varepsilon_{\alpha}) = T_{\alpha}(E - h_{0\bar{\alpha}},\varepsilon_{\alpha}), \qquad (5)$$

and $G_0(E) = 1/(E - H_0 + i0)$ is the free Green's function for the three-body kinetic-energy operator $H_0 = h_{0\alpha} + h_{0\overline{\alpha}}$. The energy dependence of the two-cluster RGM kernel is selfconsistently determined [8,9] through

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha} = \langle \Psi | h_{0\alpha} + V_{\alpha}^{\text{RGM}}(\varepsilon_{\alpha}) | \Psi \rangle = \frac{1}{3}E + \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi_{\alpha} | H_0 | \Psi \rangle, \quad (6)$$

where $\Psi = \varphi_{\alpha} + \varphi_{\beta} + \varphi_{\gamma}$ is the normalized total wave function for the 3N bound state. In practice, we start from some specific values of ε_{α} and *E*, and solve Eq. (4) to find a negative three-body energy *E* such that the eigenvalue $\lambda(E)$ becomes 1. The normalized Faddeev component φ_{α} yields a new value of ε_{α} through Eq. (6).¹ Since it is usually not equal to the starting value, we repeat the process by using the new value. This process of double iteration converges very fast if the starting values of ε_{α} and *E* are appropriately chosen.

For the numerical calculation, we discretize the continuous momentum variables p and q for the Jacobi coordinate vectors, using the Gauss-Legendre n_1 - and n_2 -point quadrature formulas, respectively, for each of the three intervals of 0-1 fm⁻¹, 1-3 fm⁻¹, and 3-6 fm⁻¹. The small contribution from the intermediate integral over p beyond p_0 = 6 fm⁻¹ in the 2*N T*-matrix calculation is also taken into account by using the Gauss-Legendre n_3 -point quadrature formula through the mapping $p = p_0 + \tan{\{\pi(1+x)/4\}}$.² The momentum region q=6 fm⁻¹- ∞ is also discretized by the n_3 point formula just as in the p discretization case. We take $n_1-n_2-n_3=10-10-5$, for which well-converged results are obtained at least for two and five channel calculations. The partial-wave decomposition of the 2*N* RGM kernel is carried

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TABLE I. The deuteron properties by fss2 and FSS in the isospin basis. The results by the Bonn B potential [6] are also shown for comparison. A small difference in FSS from Table IV of [3] is due to the numerical inaccuracy in the previous calculation. The effect of the meson exchange current is not included in the calculated values of Q_d and μ_d .

	FSS	fss2	Bonn B	Expt.	Ref.
ϵ_d (MeV)	2.256	2.225	2.2246	2.224644 ± 0.000046	[20]
P_D (%)	5.86	5.49	4.99	—	
$\eta = A_D / A_S$	0.0267	0.0253	0.0264	0.0256 ± 0.0004	[21]
rms (fm)	1.963	1.960	1.968	1.9635 ± 0.0046	[20]
Q_d (fm ²)	0.283	0.270	0.278	0.2860 ± 0.0015	[22]
$\mu_d(\mu_N)$	0.8464	0.8485	0.8514	$0.857406 \!\pm\! 0.000001$	[23]

out numerically using the Gauss-Legendre 20-point quadrature formula. The modified spline interpolation technique developed in [10] is employed for constructing the rearrangement matrix. For the diagonalization of the large nonsymmetric matrix, the Arnordi-Lanczos algorithm recently developed in the ARPACK subroutine package [11] is very useful.

Tables I and II list the deuteron properties and the NN effective range parameters predicted by fss2 and FSS, respectively. All the calculations in the present paper are carried out in the isospin basis. For a realistic calculation of the ³H binding energy, it is essential to use the NN interaction that reproduces the correct D-state probability (P_D) of the deuteron and the effective range parameters of the ${}^{1}S_{0}$ scattering [12]. Since all the realistic NN interactions reproduce the NN phase shifts more or less correctly, the strength of the central attraction is counterbalanced with that of the tensor force. Namely, if the interaction has a weaker tensor force, then it should have a stronger central attraction. Generally speaking, the effect of the tensor force is reduced in the nuclear many-body systems, in comparison with the bare two-nucleon collision. This implies that the NN interaction with a weaker tensor force is favorable, in order to obtain sufficient binding energies of the nuclear many-body systems. The weak tensor force, however, causes various problems such as a too small value for the deuteron quadrupole moment Q_d and some disagreement of the mixing parameter ε_1 of the ${}^3S_1 + {}^3D_1$ coupling. For example, the Reid soft core potential (RSC) [13] gives $P_D = 6.5\%$ and predicts too

TABLE II. The NN effective range parameters calculated by fss2 and FSS in the isospin basis. The results by the Bonn B potential [6] are also shown for comparison. The higher-order terms of the Coulomb force are not included. The experimental values are taken from [20].

	FSS	fss2	Bonn B	Expt.
a_s (fm)	-23.64	-23.76	-23.75	-23.748 ± 0.010
r_s (fm)	2.62	2.58	2.71	2.75 ± 0.05
a_s (fm)	5.41	5.399	5.424	5.424 ± 0.004
r_s (fm)	1.76	1.730	1.761	1.759 ± 0.005

¹As a system of identical three particles, ε_{α} , ε_{β} , and ε_{γ} are all equal and are expressed as ε in Table III.

²These n_3 points for *p* are not included for solving the Faddeev equation (4), since it causes a numerical inaccuracy for the interpolation.

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TABLE III. The three-nucleon bound state properties predicted by the Faddeev calculation with fss2 and FSS. The np interaction is used in the isospin basis. The discretization points of p and q are specified by the values of n_1 - n_2 - n_3 =10-10-5 (see the text). The column "channels" implies the number of two-nucleon channels included, and $n_{\text{max}} = n(3n_1)(3n_2+n_3)$ for the n channel calculation is the dimension of the diagonalization for the Faddeev equation. $E({}^{3}\text{H})$ is the ground state energy, and $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{H}}}$ and $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{He}}}$ are the charge rms radii for ${}^{3}\text{H}$ and ${}^{3}\text{He}$, respectively, with the proton and neutron size corrections introduced by Eq. (7). The Coulomb force and the relativistic corrections are neglected. ε is the 2N expectation value, Eq. (6), determined self-consistently.

model	channels	n _{max}	ε(2 <i>N</i>) (MeV)	<i>E</i> (³ H) (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\mathrm{H}}}$ (fm)	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{He}}}$ (fm)
	2 ch	2,100	2.361	-7.807	1.80	1.96
fss2	5 ch 10 ch	5,250 10,500	4.341 4.249	-8.189 -8.017	1.75 1.76	1.92 1.94
	18 ch 34 ch	18,900 35,700	4.460 4.488	-8.439 -8.514	1.72 1.72	1.90 1.90
	2 ch	2,100	2.038	-7.674	1.83	1.99
FSS	5 ch 10 ch	5,250 10,500	3.999 3.934	- 8.034 - 7.909	1.78 1.78	1.95 1.97
	18 ch 34 ch	18,900 35,700	4.160 4.175	-8.342 -8.390	1.74 1.74	1.93 1.92

small ³H binding energy, $B_t = 7.35$ MeV, compared with the experimental value $B_t^{exp} = 8.48$ MeV. A series of the Bonn potentials reproduce the NN phase shifts very accurately, but they have a tendency where the tensor force is generally rather weak [6]. The model C has the strongest tensor force $P_D = 5.61$ %, yielding $B_t = 7.99$ MeV. The value P_D becomes smaller for models B and A, and the value of B_t becomes larger, correspondingly. The following results are given in Ref. [6]: model-B ($P_D = 5.0\%$, $B_t = 8.13$ MeV), model-A ($P_D = 4.4\%$, $B_t = 8.32$ MeV). These results are all obtained in the 34 channel calculations (including the 2Ntotal angular momentum $J \leq 4$), and by using the *np* interaction. In fact, the effects of the charge dependence and the charge asymmetry are important for the detailed discussion, and it is estimated to be about 190 keV in Refs. [6,14]. The most recent Faddeev calculation employing the CD-Bonn potential [15] incorporates these effects, and predicts B_t = 8.014 MeV [16] for P_D = 4.85%. The present status of the ³H binding energy calculation is summarized as more than 0.5 MeV is missing if the two-nucleon force of any realistic *NN* interactions is only employed [17].

On the other hand, our result of P_D in Table I is about 5.5% both in the fss2 and FSS cases. We think that this is a reasonable value, in spite of the fact that Q_d of fss2 is too small. This is because a careful evaluation of the meson-exchange current contributions to Q_d , which could be as large as 0.01 fm² [18,19], must be made. Our results of the effective range parameters in Table II are not as perfect as those of the Bonn B potential. It should be noted that the effects of the higher-order terms of the Coulomb interaction

are not incorporated in these calculations. The deuteron binding energy and the scattering length a_s for the 1S_0 state are fit in determining our quark-model parameters.

Table III lists the results of the Faddeev calculations by fss2 and FSS in various types of truncations of the model space. The five channel calculation with $J \leq 1^+$ incorporates only the partial waves ${}^{3}S_{1} + {}^{3}D_{1}$ and ${}^{1}S_{0}$ for the 2N T matrix. Similarly, the 18 and 34 channel calculations incorporate the partial waves with $J \leq 2$ and $J \leq 4$, respectively. We find that the energy gain in the five channel to 34 channel calculation is about 330-360 keV, which is the same tendency for the realistic NN potentials with a strong tensor force, such as the RSC and Paris potentials [12]. The convergence is not enough even in the 34 channel calculation, and we expect the further energy gain of the order of 4-5keV. The model fss2 predicts $B_t = 8.51$ MeV and seems to give too large binding energy, compared with experiment. In fact, it underbinds by 150-160 keV, if the effects of the charge dependence and the charge asymmetry of the NN interaction are taken into account. The scenario assuming the most favorable Bonn A potential is given in Table 11.1 of Ref. [6], which tells us that the corrected value due to the charge dependence and the charge asymmetry of the twobody force is 8.13 MeV and the rest, 350 keV, is attributed to the combined contribution of the three-body force and the medium effect of the two-body force. Our result using the quark-model potentials indicates that one can reduce the net effect besides the two-nucleon force to less than half of the OBEP values, keeping the deuteron D-state probability in a reasonable magnitude.

Note that the 2N energy ε_{α} in Eq. (6) is directly related to the separation of the total energy $E({}^{3}H)$ into the kineticenergy contribution, $\langle H_0 \rangle = 2(3\varepsilon_{\alpha} - E)$, and the potentialenergy contribution, $\langle V \rangle = 3(E - 2\varepsilon_{\alpha})$. In the 34 channel calculations, these are given by $\langle H_0 \rangle = 43.95$ MeV, $\langle V \rangle$ = -52.47 MeV for fss2, and $\langle H_0 \rangle$ = 41.83 MeV, $\langle V \rangle$ = -50.22 MeV for FSS. If we compare these with the re-[17] CD-Bonn potential sults of the $(\langle H_0 \rangle$ = 37.42 MeV, $\langle V \rangle$ = -45.43 MeV) and the AV-18 potential ($\langle H_0 \rangle = 46.73$ MeV, $\langle V \rangle = -54.35$ MeV), we find that our quark-model potentials give a moderate amount of the kinetic-energy contribution just between the CD-Bonn and AV18 potentials.

Table III also shows the calculated charge root mean square (rms) radii of ³H and ³He obtained by fss2 and FSS. The finite size corrections of the nucleons are made through

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{H}} = R_C (^{^{3}}\text{H})^2 + (0.8502)^2 - 2 \times (0.3563)^2,$$

 $\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{He}} = R_C (^{^{3}}\text{He})^2 + (0.8502)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times (0.3563)^2,$ (7)

where R_C^2 stands for the square of the charge rms radius for the point nucleons. Since our 3N bound state wave functions are given in the momentum representation, we first calculate the charge form factors $F_C(Q^2)$, according to the formulation given in Ref. [24]. R_C^2 is then extracted from the power series expansion of $F_C(Q^2)$ with respect to Q^2 . We have employed 20 points, $Q=0.05 \times n$ fm⁻¹ with n=1-20, for the extrapolation to Q=0. In the present calculation, the Coulomb force and the relativistic correction terms [25] of the charge current operator are entirely neglected. The experimental values are rather difficult to determine, as discussed in Ref. [25]. Here we compare our results with two empirical values

$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{H}}} = \begin{cases} 1.70 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm } [26] \\ 1.81 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm } [27], \\ \sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{He}}} = \begin{cases} 1.87 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm } [26] \\ 1.93 \pm 0.03 \text{ fm } [27]. \end{cases}$$
(8)

We find that the agreement with the experiment is satisfactory both for fss2 and FSS.

The Faddeev calculations for ³H, using the quark-model NN potentials, have been carried out by Takeuchi, Cheon, and Redish [28], and recently by the Salamanca-Jülich group [29]. In the former calculation, the model QCM-A, by the Tokyo University group gives the NN phase shifts with almost the same accuracy as our model FSS. The model QCM-A predicts $P_D = 5.58\%$ for the deuteron D-state probability and $B_t = 8.01 - 8.02$ MeV for the ³H binding energy in the five channel calculation. This is very similar to our results for the model FSS. On the other hand, the Salamanca-Jülich group predicts $B_t = 7.72$ MeV, in spite of the very small D-state probability $P_D = 4.85\%$. It is not clear to us how they treated the energy dependence of the RGM kernel at the process of the separable expansion for solving the Faddeev equation. They have to improve the fit of the NN phase shifts for higher partial waves (especially, for the P

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waves), in order to extend their calculation to more than five channels.

In summary, we have carried out the Faddeev calculation for the three-nucleon bound state, by explicitly incorporating the off-shell T matrix derived from the RGM exchange kernel of the quark-model NN interaction. The energy dependence of the two-cluster RGM kernel is self-consistently treated [8,9]. For the two models fss2 [2,3] and FSS [4,5], we have obtained $E({}^{3}\text{H}) = -8.514$ MeV (fss2), and -8.390 MeV (FSS) in the 34 channel calculation using the np interaction. The charge rms radii of the ³H and ³He are in fair agreement with experiment: $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{H}}} = 1.72 \text{ fm (fss2)},$ 1.74 fm (FSS) and $\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{^{3}\text{He}}} = 1.90$ fm (fss2), 1.92 fm (FSS). In these calculations, the Coulomb force and the relativistic correction terms are neglected. In view of the fact that the NN phase shifts of FSS are not that excellent, the results of fss2 are more meaningful. These results are the closest to the experiments among many results obtained by Faddeev calculations employing modern realistic NN interaction models. Since both models fss2 and FSS have a common feature in describing the short-range correlation by the quark exchange kernel, it is important to clarify the mechanism in which the quark-model potentials give larger ³H binding energy than the meson-exchange potentials. The off-shell behavior of the RGM T matrix is closely connected to this alternative description of the short-range correlations. A more detailed study on this point is now underway.

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