#### Resonances, currents, and medium mass nuclei

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#### Signatures of few-body resonances in finite volume

P. Klos, SK, J. Lynn, H.-W. Hammer, and A. Schwenk, arXiv:1805.02029 [nucl-th]

## Motivation

# terra incognita at the doorstep...



• bound dineutron state not excluded by pionless EFT

Hammer + SK, PLB 736 208 (2014)

• recent indications for a three-neutron resonance state...

Gandolfi et al., PRL 118 232501 (2017)

• ... although excluded by previous theoretical work

Offermann + Glöckle, NPA 318, 138 (1979); Lazauskas + Carbonell, PRC 71 044004 (2005)

• possible evidence for tetraneutron resonance

Kisamori et al., PRL 116 052501 (2016)

conflicting theoretical results!

Hiyama et al., PRC 93 044004 (2016); Deltuva, PLB 782 238 (2018) Shirokov et al. PRL 117 182502(2016); Gandolfi et al., PRL 118 232501 (2017); Fossez et al., PRL 119 032501 (2017)

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#### Discrete variable representation

#### Needed: calculation of several few-body energy levels

• difficult to achieve with QMC methods

Klos et al., PRC 94 054005 (2016)

• direct discretization possible, but not very efficient

#### → use a Discrete Variable Representation (DVR)

well established in quantum chemistry, suggested for nuclear physics by Bulgac+Forbes, PRC 87 87, 051301 (2013)

#### Main features



- potential energy matrix diagonal
- kinetic energy matrix sparse (in d > 1)...
- ... or implemented via Fast Fourier Transform

periodic boundary condistions ↔ plane waves as starting point



#### Three-body check

#### Take established three-body resonance from literature:

Fedorov et al., Few-Body Syst. P 33 153 (2003); Blandon et al., PRA 75 042508 (2007)

$$V(r) = V_0 \exp\left(-\left(\frac{r}{R_0}\right)^2\right) + V_1 \exp\left(-\left(\frac{r-a}{R_1}\right)^2\right)$$
  
$$V_0 = -55 \text{ MeV}, V_1 = 1.5 \text{ MeV}, R_0 = \sqrt{5} \text{ fm}, R_1 = 10 \text{ fm}, a = 5 \text{ fm}$$



- three spinless bosons with mass m = 939.0 MeV
- two- and three-body bound states at -6.76 MeV and -37.22 MeV
- three-body resonance at -5.31 i0.12 MeV (Blandon et al.), -5.96 i0.40 MeV (Fedorov et al.)



• fit inflection point(s) to extract resonance energy  $\rightarrow E_R = -5.32(1)$  MeV





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 $\hookrightarrow$  possible to move three-body state  $\leftrightarrow$  spatially localized wf.

#### Four-boson resonance

Still same potential, look at four bosons...



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#### Work in progress

- chiral interactions (non-diagonal due to spin dependence!)
  - application to few-neutron systems
  - further optimization (especially for spin-dep. potentials)

     → need to reach decent N<sub>DVR</sub> for four-neutron calculation!
  - isospin degrees of freedom ~ treat general nuclear systems
  - different boundary conditions (e.g., antiperiodic)

#### Electroweak currents from chiral EFT in few-nucleon systems

R. Seutin, SK, K. Hebeler, A. Schwenk et al., work in progress

## Chiral EFT currents

#### Chiral EFT predicts consistent electroweak 1+2-body currents



Gamow-Teller beta decay of <sup>100</sup>Sn Gysbers, Hagen et al.



contributions from 2-body currents are key!

## Chiral EFT currents

developing framework to include 1+2-body currents at finite q in partial-wave basis, momentum basis, HO matrix elements



magnetic form factor benchmarks with literature not perfect

2-body current tests ongoing, especially for cm-dependent part pw basis vs. mom basis check



#### Probing next-generation nuclear forces in medium-mass nuclei

J. Hoppe, J. Simonis, K. Hebeler, A. Schwenk et al., work in progress

Shell-model interactions from chiral EFT: L. Huth, V. Durant, J. Simonis, A. Schwenk, arXiv:1804.04990

#### Nuclear forces and nuclear matter

#### Monte-Carlo calculation of all energy diagrams up to 4th order in MBPT

Drischler, Hebeler, AS, arXiv:1710.08220

including NN, 3N, 4N 3N fit to saturation region

systematic improvement from N<sup>2</sup>LO to N<sup>3</sup>LO

first full N<sup>3</sup>LO Hamiltonians for use in nuclear structure!



## First (preliminary) N<sup>3</sup>LO results for nuclei



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#### **Backup slides**

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explore dripline in  $sdf_{7/2}$  space Huth et al., in prep.



#### Tetraneutron evidence

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#### Viewpoint: Can Four Neutrons Tango?

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Evidence that the four-neutron system known as the tetraneutron exists as a resonance has been uncovered in an experiment at the RIKEN Radioactive Ion Beam Factory.





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#### DVR construction

• start with some initial basis; here:  $\phi_i(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \exp\left(i\frac{2\pi i}{L}x\right)$ 

• consider  $(x_k, w_k)$  such that  $\sum_{k=-N/2}^{N/2-1} w_k \, \phi_i^*(x_k) \phi_j(x_k) = \delta_{ij}$ 



#### **DVR** states

•  $\psi_k(x)$  localized at  $x_k$ ,  $\psi_k(x_j) = \delta_{kj}/\sqrt{w_k}$ 

• **note:** momentum mode  $\phi_i \leftrightarrow$  spatial mode  $\psi_k$ 

#### **DVR** features

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- ② kinetic energy is simple (via FFT) or sparse (in d > 1)!
  - plane waves  $\phi_i$  are momentum eigenstates  $\rightsquigarrow \hat{T} \ket{\psi_k} \sim \mathcal{F}^{-1} \otimes \hat{p}^2 \otimes \mathcal{F} \ket{\psi_k}$
  - $\langle \psi_k | \hat{T} | \psi_l \rangle =$  known in closed form

 $\hookrightarrow$  replicated for each coordinate, with Kronecker deltas for the rest

## General DVR basis states

- construct DVR basis in simple relative coordinates...
- ... because Jacobi coord. would complicate the boundary conditions
- ullet separate center-of-mass energy (choose  $\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{0})$
- mixed derivatives in kinetic energy operator



## (Anti-)symmetrization and parity

#### Permutation symmetry

- for each  $|s\rangle \in B$ , construct  $|s\rangle_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{N} \sum_{p \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(p) D_n(p) |s\rangle$
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## This operation partitions the orginal basis, *i.e.*, each state appears in at most one (anti-)symmetric combination.

- efficient reduction to (anti-)symmetrized orthonormal basis
  - $\hookrightarrow$  no need for numerically expensive diagonalization!
- $B \rightarrow B_{\text{reduced}}$ , significantly smaller:  $N \rightarrow N_{\text{reduced}} \approx N/n!$

Note: parity (with projector  $\mathcal{P}_{\pm} = 1 \pm \mathcal{P}$ ) can be handled analogously.

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• potential part still diagonal in symmetry-reduced basis

#### Broken symmetry

The finite volume breaks the symmetry of the system:



Irreducible representations of SO(3) are reducible with respect to O!

- finite subgroup of SO(3)
- number of elements = 24
- five irreducible representations



## Cubic projection



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numerical implementation:  $\hat{H} \rightarrow \hat{H} + \lambda (\mathbf{1} - \mathcal{P}_{\Gamma})$  ,  $\lambda \gg E$ 

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#### finite-volume spectra





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## Three fermions

#### Consider same shifted Gaussian potential for three fermions...

- add spin d.o.f., but no spin dependence in potential
- $\rightsquigarrow$  total spin S good quantum number (fix  $S_z$  to determine)
- also: can still consider simple cubic irreps.



• all lowest states found to be in  $T_1^-$  irrep. (~ P-wave state)

- some remaining volume dependence (box not very large)
- extracted S = 1/2 resonance energy:  $E_R = 5.7(2)$