Scattering Applications with the Ab Initio No Core Shell Model James P. Vary, Iowa State University

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The Overarching Questions

How did visible matter come into being and how does it evolve? How does subatomic matter organize itself and what phenomena emerge? Are the fundamental interactions that are basic to the structure of matter fully understood? How can the knowledge and technological progress provided by nuclear physics best be used to benefit society? - NRC Decadal Study

The Time Scale

Protons and neutrons formed 10⁻⁶ to 1 second after Big Bang (13.7 billion years ago)

- H, D, He, Li, Be, B formed 3-20 minutes after Big Bang
- Other elements born over the next 13.7 billion years



Topical Collaboration on Neutrinos and Fundamental **Symmetries**





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Scattering Applications with the Ab Initio No-Core Shell Model Two Approaches

"SS-HORSE"

Single State – Harmonic Oscillator Representation of Scattering Equations For elastic scattering resonances – can be broad resonances ⁷He (n + ⁶He channel) Tetraneutron (democratic decay)

"tBF"

Time-dependent Basis Function For elastic and inelastic scattering Sub-barrier Coulomb dissociation of deuteron by ²⁰⁸Pb

Common features: Employ NCSM results for bound and unbound states Non-perturbative treatment of scattering without phenomenological optical potentials Can employ chiral EFT interactions (strong and EM) in scattering applications Systematically improvable

General idea of the HORSE formalism

"Harmonic Oscillator Representation of Scattering Equations"

Infinite set of algebraic equations in HO basis of relative motion: $\sum_{n'=0}^{N} \left(T_{nn'}^{l} + V_{nn'}^{l} - \delta_{nn'} E \right) a_{n'l}(E) = 0. \qquad n \le N - 1$ T + VMatching condition at n = N $\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(T_{Nn'}^{l} + V_{Nn'}^{l} - \delta_{Nn'}E \right) a_{n'l}(E) + T_{N,N+1}^{l}a_{N+1,l}(E) = 0. \quad n \le N-1$ Then for n > N+1NCSM with: $\lambda(N,\hbar\Omega) \& \Lambda(N,\hbar\Omega)$ $\sum_{n'=0} \left(T_{nn'}^{l} - \delta_{nn'} E \right) a_{n'l}(E) = 0, \text{ which produces:}$ $T_{n,n-1}^{l}a_{n-1,l}(E) + (T_{nn}^{l} - E)a_{nl}(E) + T_{n,n+1}^{l}a_{n+1,l}(E) = 0.$ "think outside the box"=>TArises as a natural extension of NCSM where both potential and This is an exactly kinetic energies are truncated solvable algebraic problem!

Single-State HORSE (SS-HORSE)

 E_{λ} are (obtained from) eigenvalues of the NCSM (for given $\hbar\Omega$ and N_{max}). Once a scattering channel is defined (sets the continuum energy scale) the phase shift is calculated. Ananlog of Lüscher's method for a plane-wave basis.

A.M. Shirokov, A.I. Mazur, I.A. Mazur and J.P. Vary, PRC 94, 064320 (2016); arXiv:1608.05885

Resonances in Exotic ⁷He Nucleus within the No-Core Shell Model

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Once the converged phase shifts are obtained via SS-HORSE, proceed to analyze: Phase shifts -> S-matrix -> complex poles of the S-matrix

Use the spread of the phase shifts to determine resonance uncertainties.

Experiments: stripping/pickup reactions, IAS studies, one neutron knockout from ⁸He

TABLE II: Energies E_r (relative to the $n+{}^{6}$ He threshold) and widths of resonant states in ⁷He nucleus. Our estimate of the uncertainties of the quoted results are presented in parentheses. The available results of the GSM calculations [24] in the *psdf* valence space and of the NCSMC calculations [25], [26] with SRG-evolved N³LO chiral NN force together with experimental data are shown for comparison. All values are in MeV.

This work GSM NCSMC Experiment 20 E_r^1 0.24(6)0.390.710.430(3) Γ^1 $3/2^{-}$ 0.11(2)0.1780.182(5)0.30 E_r^2 4.9(3) Γ^2 3.1(3) $\overline{23}$ 2122SS-HORSE (Daejeon16) $1/2^{-}$ E_r 2.7(4)3.0(5)3.51.0(1)2.39predicts 4 more resonances 0.75(8)Γ 4.3(3)2.89 $\mathbf{2}$ 10 $(1/2 - \sim NCSMC)$ that could help explain conflicting Experiments 193.36(9) E_r 3.63(18) 3.47(2) $5/2^{-}$ 3.13 2.3(3)1.36(3)1.071.99(17) E_r 4.1(3) $3/2^{+}$ 4.4(5)4.2(5) $5/2^{+}$ 5.0(5)

SS-HORSE (Daejeon16) agrees

for two resonances

with Experiment, GSM and NCSMC

I.A. Mazur, et al., arXiv: 2001.08898

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

Candidate Resonant Tetraneutron State Populated by the 4 He(8 He, 8 Be) Reaction

K. Kisamori *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 052501 – Published 3 February 2016





Tetraneutron:

Interaction	JISP16,	Daejeon16	Idaho N3LO, SRG		Idaho N3LO
	Ref. [16]		$\Lambda = 1.5 ~{\rm fm}^{-1}$	$\Lambda = 2.0 \ {\rm fm}^{-1}$	
$a (MeV^{\frac{1}{2}})$	0.701	0.749	0.613	0.662	
$b^2 ({ m MeV})$	1.09	1.28	0.970	1.07	
$c \; (\mathrm{MeV}^{-rac{5}{2}})$	-27.0	-16.2	-31.6	-28.1	4960
$d \; ({\rm MeV^{-4}})$	0.281	0.717	0.720	0.776	2330
$E_r ({ m MeV})$	0.844	0.997	0.783	0.846	
$\Gamma ~({ m MeV})$	1.38	1.60	1.15	1.29	
$E_f \; (\mathrm{keV})$	-54.9	-63.4	-52.1	-54.5	
$ E_v $ (keV)					15.2
$\Xi~({ m keV})$	43.8	47.9	29.0	31.7	19.4

JISP16 results: A. M. Shirokov, G. Papadimitriou, A. I. Mazur, I. A. Mazur, R. Roth, and J. P. Vary, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 182502 (2016); Other results: A. I. Mazur, A. M. Shirokov, I. A. Mazur, L. D. Blokhintsev, Y. Kim, I. J. Shin, and J. P. Vary, Phys. At. Nucl. 82, 537 (2019); I. A. Mazur, A. M. Shirokov, A. I. Mazur, I. J. Shin, Y. Kim, P. Maris, and J. P. Vary, Phys. Part. Nucl., 50, 537 (2019).

Newer tetraneutron results of Darmstadt group working in larger spaces (S. Alexa, et al, **preliminary**)





 $E \approx 0.8$ MeV, $\Gamma \approx 1.3$ MeV

Before we had with JISP16:

 $E_r = 186 \text{ keV}, \Gamma = 815 \text{ keV}$

 E_r = 844 keV, Γ = 1.378 MeV, E_{false} = -55 keV

Motivations for tBF

Can one study nuclear elastic and inelastic scattering non-perturbatively as an entangled/coherent state?

This could enable promising avenues of research to

- Probe ab initio nuclear structure results with strong external and time-dependent Coulomb + nuclear forces
- Use ab initio scattering amplitudes to compare with experimental cross section data
- Investigate "forbidden" transitions resulting from non-perturbative processes – sensitivity to EFT?
- Search for emergent phenomena coherent non-perturbative processes (eka-resonances, resonant charge exchange, ...)

Scattering with the time-dependent basis function (tBF) approach



- Natural extension of the NCSM
- Non perturbative
- Ab initio
- Full quantal coherence
- Weijie Du, Peng Yin, Yang Li, Guangyao Chen, Wei Zuo, Xingbo Zhao, and James P. Vary, Phys. Rev. C 97, 064620 (2018);
- Weijie Du, Peng Yin, Guangyao Chen, Xingbo Zhao, and James P. Vary, in Proceedings of the International Conference "Nuclear Theory in the Supercomputing Era–2016" (NTSE-2016), Khabarovsk, Russia, September 19–23, 2016.
- Peng Yin, Weijie Du, Wei Zuo, Xingbo Zhao and James P. Vary, arXiv:1910.10586

 $V_{I}(t)$

<u>We solve the time-dependent</u> <u>Schrödinger equation in the basis rep.</u>

Equation of motion of the scattering in the interaction picture is

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\psi;t\rangle_I = V_I(t) |\psi;t\rangle_I$$

Formal solution

$$|\psi; t\rangle_{I} = U_{I}(t; t_{0})|\psi; t_{0}\rangle_{I}$$
$$U_{I}(t; t_{0}) = \hat{T}\left\{\exp\left[-i\int_{t_{0}}^{t}V_{I}(t') dt'\right]\right\}$$

 Within the basis rep., the state vector of the system under scattering is the superposition of the bases

initial value
$$|\psi; t\rangle_I = \sum_{j=1}^n A_j^I(t)|\beta_j\rangle$$
problem $|\psi; t_0\rangle_I \equiv |\beta_i\rangle$ or any initial state expressed as
a superposition of NCSM states

The transition amplitude is

$$A_{i \to j}^{I}(t) \equiv A_{j}^{I}(t) = \langle \beta_{j} | \frac{U_{I}(t;t_{0})}{U_{I}(t;t_{0})} | \beta_{i} \rangle$$

<u>Numerical solution of the time-evolution</u> <u>operator: Multi-Step Differencing (MSD)</u>

• MSD for the evolution:

MSD2

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi;t+\delta t\rangle_{I} &= e^{-iV_{I}(t)\delta t}|\psi;t\rangle_{I} = (1-iV_{I}(t)\delta t+O(iV_{I}(t)\delta t)^{2})|\psi;t\rangle_{I} \\ |\psi;t-\delta t\rangle_{I} &= e^{iV_{I}(t)\delta t}|\psi;t\rangle_{I} = (1+iV_{I}(t)\delta t+O(iV_{I}(t)\delta t)^{2})|\psi;t\rangle_{I} \\ & \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} |\psi;t+\delta t\rangle_{I} &= |\psi;t-\delta t\rangle_{I} - 2iV_{I}(t)\delta t|\psi;t\rangle_{I} + O(iV_{I}(t)\delta t)^{3})|\psi;t\rangle_{I} \end{aligned}$$

- MSD is an explicit method it does not evaluate matrix inversions
- MSD2 is accurate up to $(\delta t)^3$
- MSD4 is accurate up to $(\delta t)^4$, however less efficient
- We employ MSD2 for better numerical stability and efficiency

[T. litaka, Phys. Rev. E 49 4684 (1994)]

d+²⁰⁸Pb scattering below Coulomb barrier



- Scattering states of np system: LENPIC N4LO in 3DHO basis with large N_{max}
- Rutherford + polarization potential trajectory of CM
- Scattering basis space: coherent superposition of hundreds of states
- E1 transition included; M1 transitions found to be very weak in comparison
- > Peng Yin, Weijie Du, Wei Zuo, Xingbo Zhao and James P. Vary, arXiv:1910. 10586.



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d+²⁰⁸Pb scattering at E_d =7 MeV and θ =150° Convergence with respect to N_{max} and E_{cut}



- Initial state: deuteron ground state with M=-1;
- P₀ is the probability of the initial state;
- The asymptotic value is well converged with respect to N_{max} and E_{cut} .

Occupation probabilities of np states after d+208Pb scattering E_d=7 MeV; LENPIC NN (N4LO) interaction



Peng Yin, Weijie Du, Wei Zuo, Xingbo Zhao and James P. Vary, arXiv:1910.10586



- Initial state: deuteron ground state with M=-1;
- P is the probability of states other than the initial state;
- Allowed states (solid lines) populate first. Forbidden states (dotted lines) populate afterwards.
- 6 allowed states populate dominantly in the early stage of the time evolution.

d+²⁰⁸Pb scattering at E_d =7 MeV and θ =150° Phase coherence and decoherence



d+²⁰⁸Pb scattering

Observables: cross section and Von-Neumann entropy





 $S_{M=-1} = -\sum_{i} P_{i} log P_{i}$ $S_{M=-1,0,1} = -\sum_{i} P_{i} log P_{i} + 3 \times \frac{1}{3} \log \frac{1}{3}$

Unpolarized initial state: equal probability $(\frac{1}{3})$ for M=-1,0,1 at t=0.

Peng Yin, et al., in preparation

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d+²⁰⁸Pb scattering

Average excitation energy and inelastic probability distribution



Conclusions/Perspectives

- ♦ New scattering application opportunities with the SS-HORSE formalism
- \diamond ⁷He and Tetraneutron examples illustrate the recent progress and challenges
- \diamond Extensions to proton-nucleus resonances such as p + ⁴He have been reported
- \diamond tBF offers access to dynamics that complements stationary state approaches
- tBF provides opportunities to test strong and electromagnetic interactions from chiral EFT in precision reaction studies
- ♦ Higher energy diffractive dissociation of rare isotope beams under investigation

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