

Calculating Schiff-Moments

in the Next Few Years

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Atoms get EDMs from nuclei. But electronic shielding replaces nuclear dipole operator with "Schiff operator,"

$$S \propto \sum_{p} \left(r_p^2 - \frac{5}{3} R_{ch}^2 \right) z_p + \dots,$$

making relevant nuclear quantity the Schiff moment:

$$\langle S \rangle = \sum_{m} \frac{\langle O | S | m \rangle \langle m | V_{PT} | O \rangle}{E_{O} - E_{m}} + c.c.$$



 $V_{PT} \propto$

Job of nuclear-structure theory: compute dependence of $\langle S \rangle$ on the three \bar{g} 's (and on the contact-term coefficients and nucleon EDM). Atom

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π

ns/etc.

nuclea It's up to QCD/EFT to compute the dependence of the \bar{g} vertices on fundamental sources of *CP* violation.

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Must must apply same unitary transformation to transition operator.



In-Medium Similarity Renormalization Group

One way to determine the transformation

Flow equation for effective Hamiltonian. Gradually decouples reference space.



from H. Hergert

 $\frac{d}{ds}H(s) = \left[\eta(s), H(s)\right], \qquad \eta(s) = \left[H_d(s), H_{od}(s)\right], \qquad H(\infty) = H_{eff}$

Trick is to keep all 1- and 2-body terms in *H* at each step *after normal ordering* (**IMSRG-2**, includes most important parts of 3, 4-body ... terms).

If reference space is a single state, end up with g.s. energy. If, e.g., it is a valence space, get effective shell-model interaction and operators.

Background: Generator Coordinate Method

Construct set of mean fields by constraining coordinate(s), e.g. quadrupole moment $\langle Q_0 \rangle$. Then diagonalize *H* in space of symmetry-restored quasiparticle vacua with different $\langle Q_0 \rangle$.

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Potential energy surface



Li et al.: Potential energy surface for ¹³⁰Xe

Collective squared wave functions



Rodríguez and Martínez-Pinedo: Wave functions in ⁷⁶Ge,Se peaked at two different deformed shapes.

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Shell-Model Representation



Full Self-Consistent DFT Calculation

Small and soft deformation a worst case scenario for mean-field. We did it nonetheless¹.



Oscillating *PT*-odd density distribution indicates delicate Schiff moment.

¹S. Ban, JE, J. Dobaczewski, A. Shukla, Phys. Rev. C 82, 015501 (2010)

Results

$$\langle S \rangle_{\text{Hg}} \equiv a_0 \, g \overline{g}_0 + a_1 \, g \overline{g}_1 + \dots \quad (\text{e fm}^3)$$

	a 0	a ₁
HFB SkM*	4.1	-2.7
HFB SLy4	1.3	-0.6
Typical QRPA	1.0	7.4
Shell Model ²	8.0	7.8

Sign of a_1 not clear.

Yanase and Shimizu suggest HFB calculation examined the "wrong" $1/2^{-}$ state. We're re-examining the situation in an equivalent approach (Finite Amplitude Method, an implementation of QRPA).

New results soon.

²Yanase and Shimizu, PRC **102** 065502 (2020)

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Valence-Space IMSRG: Include V_{PT} as part of the Hamiltonian, so that the flow generator η and the transformed Hamiltonian will have negative-parity parts η^- and H^- :

$$\frac{d}{ds}H^{-}(s) = [\eta^{O}(s), H^{-}(s)] + [\eta^{-}(s), H^{O}(s)]$$
$$H^{-}(O) = V_{PT}.$$

 η^0 and H^0 are what you get without V_{PT} .

Diagonalize transformed Hamiltonian in shell-model space, and use transformed Schiff operator to compute $\langle S \rangle$.

R. Stroberg doing this with me for ²⁰⁵Tl first.

²²⁵Ra and Other Light Actinides

Octupole Physics and DFT



Unlike in other nuclei, these two states are the whole story.



Deformed density

Two members of the parity doublet correspond to the same intrinsic mean-field state:

$$\frac{1}{2}^{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\left| \bigoplus \right\rangle \pm \left| \bigoplus \right\rangle\right)$$

and, to good approximation,



Octupole Systematics More DFT



From Cao et al., Phys. Rev. C 102, 024311 (2020)

Correlation of 225 Ra $\langle S \rangle$ with 224 Ra Octupole Moment



J. Dobaczewski et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 232501 (2018)

Looks good, but we're at the left end of the lines.

Range doesn't include systematic uncertainty.

IM-GCM

Application to Neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ Decay of ⁴⁸Ca

J.M. Yao et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 232501 (2020).

Potential Energy Surfaces



⁴⁸Ca is spherical and ⁴⁸Ti is weakly deformed.

Spectrum in ⁴⁸Ti

In 9 shells



E2's are realistic (large).

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