Time dependent dynamics of nuclear many-body states

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Atomic nucleus and open quantum system



Time dependence of decay





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$$M_{nn'}(t) = \langle n | e^{-iHt} | n' \rangle = \int_0^\infty e^{-ik^2t} \langle n | k \rangle \langle k | n' \rangle dk.$$



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Time-dependent Continuum Shell Model Approach

•Expand Using evolution operator in Chebyshev polynomials

$$\exp(-iHt) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-i)^n (2 - \delta_{n0}) J_n(t) T_n(H)$$

•Chebyshev polynomial $T_n[\cos(\theta)] = \cos(n\theta)$

•Use iterative relation and matrix-vector multiplication to generate $|\lambda_{u}\rangle = T_{u}(H)|\lambda\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda_{n}\rangle &= |\lambda\rangle, \quad |\lambda_{1}\rangle = H|\lambda\rangle \quad |\lambda_{n+1}\rangle = 2H|\lambda_{n}\rangle - |\lambda_{n-1}\rangle \\ \langle\lambda'|T_{n+m}(H)|\lambda\rangle &= 2\langle\lambda'_{m}|\lambda_{n}\rangle - \langle\lambda'|\lambda_{n-m}\rangle, \quad n \ge m \end{aligned}$$

•Use FFT to find return to energy representation

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Time-dependent picture



$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{1}{E - E_o + i/2\,\Gamma(E)}$$

$$\Gamma(E) \propto \sqrt{E}$$

Power-law remote decay rate!

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Time-dependent picture Two-neutron decay



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Superradiance in ¹³C



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Example of interference between resonances



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Coupling via continuum



Universal law of relaxation

$$\begin{split} Q_a(t) &= \left< \Psi_a(t) \left| \hat{Q} \right| \Psi_a(t) \right>. \qquad f_{a'a}(t) &= \left< a' \right| e^{-i\hat{H}t} \left| a \right>, \\ f_{aa'}(0) &= \delta_{aa'}, \quad f_{aa'}(t) = f_{a'a}(-t), \end{split}$$

$$\overline{f_{aa'}(t)} = \sum_{n} e^{-iE_n t} \overline{\langle a | n \rangle \langle n | a' \rangle} = \delta_{aa'} f(t), \qquad Q(t) = Q(0) |f(t)|^2$$

Under the above assumptions of full randomness, the function f(t) is universal

 $f(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau} J_1(2\tau),$



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Realistic shell model

Realistic sd shell model USDB Hamiltonian Realistic quadrupole moment Spreading width ~10 MeV



- Most states thermalize at zero
- Extreme states retain their average quadrupole moment
- Giant resonances
- Scars in chaotic dynamics

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Relaxation in realistic systems

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Relaxation times in realistic systems is significantly longer. Extended lifetime of perturbation

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Conclusions

- Discussion of dynamics becomes central to exotic nuclear systems on the verge of stability.
- Exponential decay is not exact and is a result of delicate approximations.
- Poles of the scattering matrix differentiate the types of dynamics.
- The initial state (of real energy) matters, as do the reaction mechanism and memory effect.
- Experimental studies of correlations can be used to probe the state and its time evolution.
- There is strong competition between internal relaxation and decay.

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