Mean field and nucleonic degrees of freedoms in **Orthogonal Wave Function Dynamics** for heavy-ion collisions

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The purpose first

A scheme to overcome some usual semi-classical approximations in transport approaches to HIC.

- Tracking wave-function evolution (widening, shape...).
- Preserving nucleonic correlations (avoiding splitting of a WF among two nuclei).
- Describing a large range of energy regimes, starting from low energy.
- Improving stability.

40Ca+40Ca, 35AMeV, h=6fm



e.g. : tracking one external neutron (blue) in Ca40+Ca40 at 35AMeV

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Microscopic models for nuclear dynamics

• Rich variety of microscopic models at low energy [Simenel PPNP 2018,

MARUHN-REINHARD-SURAUD SIMPLE MODELS OF MANY-FERMION SYSTEMS 2010]

- \rightarrow Not easy extension to HIC conditions [Sorensen PPNP 2024] :
- two-body dissipation incompatible with low-energy requirements, (non-locality, orthogonality, single-Slater evolution...)
- \rightarrow Computational requirements differ
- Widely recurrent scheme for HIC applications : Mean field (MF) vs Molecular dynamics (MD) [ONO RANDRUP EPJA30 2006, WOLTER PPNP 2022]
- Hereafter : familiar to unusual context in transport models, flash review



Usual scheme and approximations



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Usual approximations :

- Single Slater \Rightarrow deterministic
- Decoherence \rightarrow locality
- Wigner transform \Rightarrow quantum operators \rightarrow phase-space
- simple-basis decomposition (Gaussians)
- non-orthogonal system \Rightarrow overlaps
- freezing packet variances \Rightarrow dismissing non-local effects
- Quasiparticle lowest limit \Rightarrow e.g. BUU \rightarrow QMD

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Less conventional approaches

• $DYWAN \rightarrow$ decomposition into a dynamical orthogonal basis of wavelets [JouAult Sebille, de La Mota NPA 1996]

 \rightarrow But actually : wavelets refitted into Gaussians + decoherence + Wigner tr. \rightarrow weighted semiclassical quasipart. with variational width [BESSE PRC 2022, DINH NUOVO CIM 2022]

• back to delocalized wave functions without decoherence and Wigner tr. [DINH PHD TEL-04072941 2022] \rightarrow recalls early AMD / FMD (with variational widths) for $N \rightarrow A$ [FELDMEIER NPA 1990, NPA 1995]

Gaussian decomposition

 • HO routine applied to neutron/proton
 Skyrme potentials
 → HF states

→ each level is decomposed in as many Gaussians as the number of extrema

→ positive/negative amplitude → constructive/destructive interference



Searching for a new scheme



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Problem with delocalized wave functions
 → difficult to treat overlaps in presence of strong perturbations (i.e. collision term)

 \Rightarrow new fully orthogonal scheme : one Gaussian per nucleon used as a weighting function to build a hierarchy of Hermite modes \rightarrow no need to fit the initial states

 \rightarrow obtain AMD / FMD (with variational widths) by restricting to the weighting function

Hermite parameterization

$$\varphi = g_n(\vec{x}) \cdot \sum_I \frac{C_I}{\text{norm}} H_I\left(\frac{x - x_n}{\sqrt{(2\chi_{n,x})}}, \frac{y - y_n}{\sqrt{(2\chi_{n,y})}}, \frac{z - z_n}{\sqrt{(2\chi_{n,z})}}\right)$$

• *I* is a level superindex, e.g. $N_{\text{max}} = 6$ \rightarrow number of levels : $\sum_{k}^{N_{\text{max}}} \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$ $\rightarrow |I| = 84$

• built on the weighting function $g_n(\vec{x}) = g_n^x(x)g_n^y(y)g_n^z(z)$ $g_n^x(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\chi_n}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\xi_n \frac{(x-x_i)^2}{2} + ik_n(x-x_i)}$

with $\xi_n = \frac{1}{2\chi_n} - 2i\gamma_n$

• $\gamma_n = \frac{\sigma_n}{2\chi_n}$ links the variational widths

• this set is orthogonal

• A collision term would act on the level weights and numbers

very gentle situation (without collisions)



- Re-orthogonalization procedure → all scattered states after collisions are re-orthogonalized to the system.
- Example of orthogonality anomalies before treatment :
- \rightarrow external levels mostly affected
- \rightarrow satisfactory orthogonality in the overlap terget-projectile

 48 Ca+ 40 Ca, 25*A* MeV, *b*=9 fm, d*t*=0.2 fm/c



scalar product (N,M) [Re:blue Im:red]

Test. Collisional dynamics in Ca40+Ca40

Knowing that,

- One-body density is not sufficient to build up N-N corr.
- No decoherence approximation was done
- 1) *Mean-free path* from collapsing at random two wave functions on their one-body density distribution \rightarrow collision probability
- 2) centroids boosted like in a semiclassical approach, rotated, translated
- 3) *Pauli* : not from phase space occupancy but from the probability of finding an orthogonal solution for the scattered states \Rightarrow new variances and new level scheme

 ${}^{40}Ca + {}^{40}Ca, 35A MeV, b = 6 fm$



Test. Collisional dynamics in O16+Ne20

 ${}^{16}\text{O}+{}^{20}\text{Ne}$, 25A MeV, b=1 fm

effect of orthogonality, collisions, and NN-correlations ⇒
1) exchange of neutrons and protons between projectile and target
2) three wave functions rearrange into a 3He cluster

 $t = 200 \, \text{fm/c}$ $t=150 \,\mathrm{fm/c}$ $t = 130 \, \text{fm/c}$ $t = 110 \, \text{fm/c}$ $t=70 \, \text{fm/c}$ $t = 90 \, \text{fm/c}$ $t=30 \,\mathrm{fm/c}$ $t=50 \,\mathrm{fm/c}$ 18O 16O **n** y[fm] p p 150 18O 10 ²⁰Ne 0 -10 D -1010 z [fm]

wave-function evolution

tracking the average widths of the lower mode of each wave function.
jumps are produced by collisions followed by a level rearrangement.
trajectories moving away from the bunch : splits and emissions.



Conclusions

New approach to overcome some common approximations \rightarrow still preliminary but successful in handling mean field and NN correlations

Future applications in view

- very peripheral collisions
- low-density neck at Fermi energy in a less classical (hydrodynamic) picture
- tracking particle correlations from an emitting source
- testing nuclear interaction in a wider range of energies within the same model

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