## Coupled cluster calculations of nuclear structure and reactions

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## Outline

- Optimization of interactions and currents from chiral EFT
- Beta decays and quenching of Gamow-Teller strengths in <sup>14</sup>C and <sup>22,24</sup>O.
- Predictions for the weak charge form factor and neutron radius in <sup>48</sup>Ca with NNLOsat
- Correlations between neutron radius and other observables in <sup>48</sup>Ca
- Continuum coupling and level ordering in odd neutron rich calcium isotopes
- Elastic scattering from Coupled-cluster theory
- Ab-initio input to Halo EFT study of Efimov physics in <sup>62</sup>Ca

#### **Quenching of Gamow-Teller strength in nuclei**

The Ikeda sum-rule  $S^{N}(GT) = S^{N}(GT^{-}) - S^{N}(GT^{+}) = 3(N - Z)$ 

**Long-standing problem**: Experimental beta-decay strengths quenched compared to theoretical results.



Surprisingly large quenching Q (50%) obtained from (p,n) experiments. The excitation energies were just above the giant Gamow-Teller resonance ~10-15MeV (Gaarde 1983).

$$Q = \frac{S_{\text{GT}}^{-}(\omega_{\text{top}}^{-}) - S_{\text{GT}}^{+}(\omega_{\text{top}}^{+})}{3(N - Z)}$$

Charge exchange reactions on <sup>90</sup>Zr was used to extract GT strengths to high energies (Sasano et al 2009, Yako et al 2005) and deduced a smaller quenching Q =0.88-0.92

 Renormalizations of the Gamow-Teller operator?

- Missing correlations in nuclear wave functions?
- Model-space truncations?
- What does two-body currents and three-nucleon forces add to this long-standing problem?

#### **Optimization of chiral interactions currents at NNLO**

A. Ekström, G. Jansen, K. Wendt et al, PRL 113 262504 (2014)



#### **Coupled cluster calculations of odd-odd nuclei**

Diagonalize  $\overline{H} = e^{-T} H_N e^T$  via a novel equation-of-motion technique:

$$R \equiv \sum_{ia} r_i^a p_a^\dagger n_i + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} r_{ij}^{ab} p_a^\dagger N_b^\dagger N_j n_i$$



- Compute spectra of daughter nuclei as beta decays of mother nuclei
- Level densities in daughter nuclei increase slightly with 3NF
- Predict several states in neutron rich Fluorine

#### Normal ordered one- and two-body current



$$O_N^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq | O^{(2)} | rs \rangle \{ p^{\dagger} q^{\dagger} sr \}$$

## One- and two-body currents and normal ordering in Coupled-Cluster

CCSD similarity transformed normal-ordered current operator:  $T=T_1+T_2$ 

3-body terms

$$\overline{O_{\rm GT}} = e^{-T}O_N e^T = e^{-T}O_N^1 e^T + e^{-T}O_N^1 e^T$$

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$$e^{-T}O_N^2 e^T \approx O_N^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq | O^{(2)} | rs \rangle \{ p^{\dagger}q^{\dagger}sr \}$$



J. Menéndez, D. Gazit, A. Schwenk PRL 107, 062501 (2011)

Normal order with respect to free Fermi gas. One-body normal ordered approximation gives quenching of  $g_A$  by a factor q = 0.74...0.96 for different set of couplings constants

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#### **Quenching of Gamow-Teller strength in nuclei**

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Gamow-Teller matrix element:

 $\hat{O}_{\rm GT} \equiv \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{(1)} + \hat{O}_{\rm GT}^{(2)} \equiv g_A^{-1} \sqrt{3\pi} E_1^A$ 

The Gamow-Teller strength functions:

$$S_{-} = \langle \Lambda | \overline{\hat{O}_{\text{GT}}^{\dagger}} \cdot \overline{\hat{O}_{\text{GT}}} | \text{HF} \rangle$$
$$S_{+} = \langle \Lambda | \overline{\hat{O}_{\text{GT}}} \cdot \overline{\hat{O}_{\text{GT}}^{\dagger}} | \text{HF} \rangle$$



- Quenching of the Ikeda sum rule in  ${}^{14}C$  and  ${}^{22,24}O$  for different cutoffs. q = 0.92...0.96
- Grey area is region which reproduce triton half-life
- The quenching q<sup>2</sup> is about 8-16% and agrees with estimates in <sup>90</sup>Zr

## Anomalous life-time of <sup>14</sup>C revisited

A. Ekström, G. Jansen, K. Wendt et al, PRL 113 262504 (2014)



overall quenches the

Ikeda sum rule.

 $E_1^A$  varies between 5x10<sup>-3</sup> to 2x10<sup>-2</sup> which is more than one order of magnitude larger than the empirical value ~6x10<sup>-4</sup> extracted from the 5700 a half life of <sup>14</sup>C

## The neutron radius of <sup>48</sup>Ca



#### **Relevance:**

- C-REX will measure the weak charge distribution at a 0.02fm precision from parity violating electron scattering at JLab
- Darmstadt is currently analyzing data on  $\alpha_D$ Significance:
- Sets the size of neutron rich nuclei
- Impacts equation-of-state of neutron stars
- Constrains density dependence in DFT



 $q(fm^{-1})$ 

J. Piekarewicz e al, PRC 85, 041302(R) (2012)



# Accurate binding energies and radii from a chiral interaction

A. Ekström, G. Jansen, K. Wendt et al, arXiv:1502.04682 (2015)



#### **Evolution of shell structure in neutron rich Calcium**



#### Physics of nuclei at the edges of stability



## **Neutron rich calcium isotopes**

Hagen, Hjorth-Jensen, Jansen, Machleidt, Papenbrock, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 032502 (2012).



#### Spectra and shell evolution in Calcium isotopes





#### Elastic proton/neutron scattering on 40Ca

G. Hagen and N. Michel, Phys. Rev. C 86, 021602(R) (2012).

The one-nucleon overlap function:

$$O_A^{A+1}(lj;r) = \mathcal{P}_n \left\langle A+1 \left\| \tilde{a}_{nlj}^{\dagger} \right\| A \right\rangle \phi_{nlj}(r)$$

Beyond the range of the nuclear interaction the overlap functions take the form:

$$O_A^{A+1}(lj;kr) = C_{lj} \frac{W_{-\eta,l+1/2}(kr)}{r}, \ k = i\kappa$$
  
$$O_A^{A+1}(lj;kr) = C_{lj} \left[ F_{\ell,\eta}(kr) - \tan \delta_l(k) G_{\ell,\eta}(kr) \right]$$



## Efimov physics around neutron rich <sup>60</sup>Ca

G. Hagen, P. Hagen, H.-W. Hammer, and L. Platter, PRL 111, 132501 (2013)



## Efimov physics around neutron rich <sup>60</sup>Ca



- <sup>22</sup>C is the largest known twoneutron halo R<sub>rms</sub> ~5.4fm (Tanaka PRL 2010)
- Computed matter radii for <sup>62</sup>Ca indicates that it can be the largest and heaviest halo in the chart of nuclei so far.

- For S<sub>2n</sub> larger than ~ 230keV another state appears in the spectrum
- <sup>62</sup>Ca is likely to have an Efimov state (large halo)
- It is conceivable that <sup>62</sup>Ca displays an excited Efimov state



## Summary

- Continuum coupling impacts level ordering and excitation energies of states in neutron rich odd calcium isotopes
- Computed elastic neutron scattering on <sup>60</sup>Ca and found ½<sup>+</sup> as ground state of <sup>61</sup>Ca
- Used halo EFT to study Efimov physics in <sup>62</sup>Ca
- Optimization of chiral forces with consistent twobody currents
- Origin of quenched Gamow-Teller strengths traced to two-body currents
- Revisited the anomalous life time of <sup>14</sup>C: depends on 3NFs, 2BC and 1<sup>+</sup> state in <sup>14</sup>N
- Predictions for neutron radius and dipole polarizability in <sup>48</sup>Ca relevant for C-REX (Calcium Radius Experiment) at JLab.

## **Road to ββ decay in <sup>76</sup>Ge: Coupled-cluster** effective interactions

G. R. Jansen, J. Engel, G. Hagen, P. Navratil, A. Signoracci, PRL **113**, 142502 (2014).

- Start from chiral NN(N3LO<sub>FM</sub>) + ۲ 3NF(N2LO) interactions
- Solve for A+1 and A+2 using CC. Project A+1 and A+2 CC wave functions onto the *s*-*d* model space using Lee-Suzuki similarity transformation.

A. F. Lisetsky et al Phys. Rev. C 78, 044302

Comparison between coupled-cluster effective interaction (CCEI) and "exact" coupled-cluster calculation with inclusion of perturbative triples  $(\Lambda$ -CCSD(T)).

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## Coupled-cluster effective interactions for the shell model: Oxygen isotopes



## Benchmarking different methods: Spectra in <sup>22</sup>O

#### In-medium SRG

S. Bogner et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 142501 (2014)

#### **Coupled-Cluster Effective Interactions**

G. R. Jansen et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 142502 (2014)

