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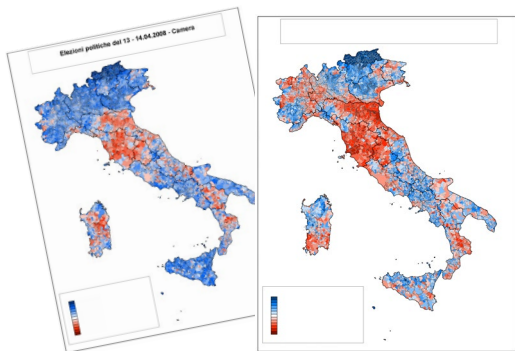


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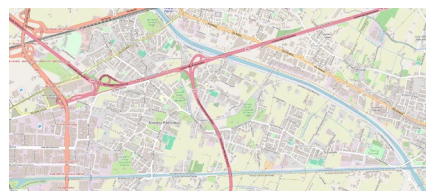
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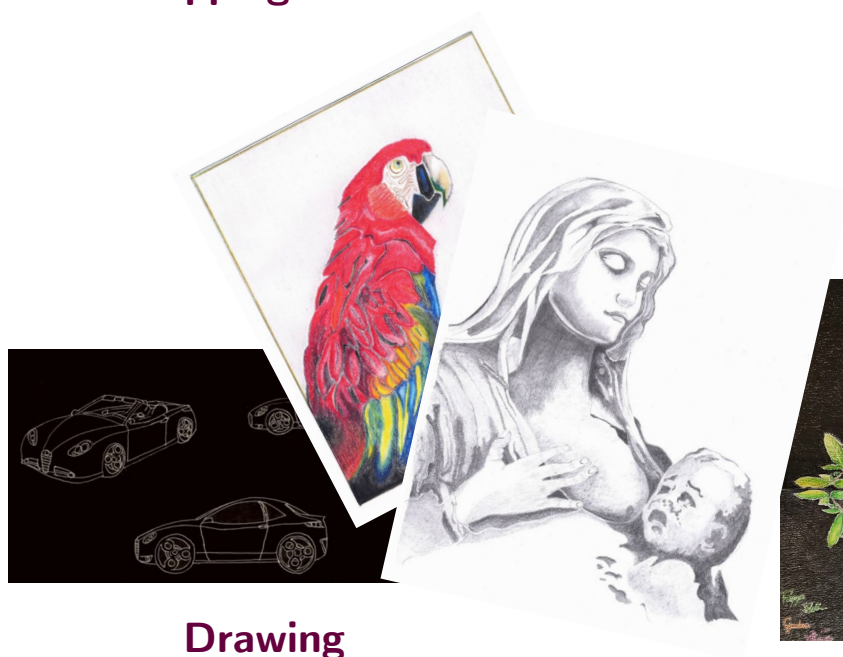
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Clustering and intrinsic shape of ^{24}Mg

- The **geometric alpha-cluster model (GαCM)** is a macroscopic approach describing α-conjugate nuclei in terms of N α-particles rotating and vibrating about their equilibrium positions, sitting at the vertices of a *polyhedral structure*. Equilibrium configurations are characterized by a *point symmetry group* \mathcal{G} .

Inspiration: R. Bijker and F. Iachello, *Nucl. Phys. A* **1006**, 122077 (2021) and G. S., L. Fortunato and A. Vitturi, *J. Phys. G*, **43**, 085104 (2016), *ArXiv*: **1512.025123** (2015).

The system is described the quantum vibration-rotation Hamiltonian, with N = 6 α-clusters:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} (J_\alpha - p_\alpha) \mu_{\alpha\beta} (J_\beta - p_\beta) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{3N-6} P_j^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{3N-6} \lambda_j Q_j^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{8} \sum_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha\alpha}$$

orbital angular momentum
vibrational angular momentum
normal coordinates

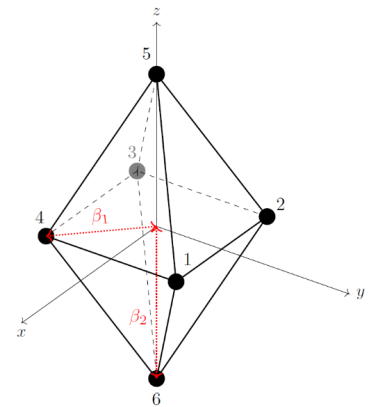
effective reciprocal inertia tensor
conjugate momenta

J.K.G. Watson, *Mol. Phys.* **15**, 479-490 (1968)

The structure parameters specifying the equilibrium α-configuration are β_1 and β_2 .

The model for ^{24}Mg predicts 9 normal modes of vibration, labeled by the irreducible representations of \mathcal{D}_{4h} , the symmetry group associated with the intrinsic structure of the nucleus at equilibrium, a **square bipyramid**:

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| ω_1 | ω_2 | ω_3 | ω_4 | ω_5 | ω_6 | ω_7 | ω_8 | ω_9 |
| Q_1 | Q_2 | Q_3 | Q_4 | Q_5 | Q_6 | (Q_7, Q_8) | (Q_9, Q_{10}) | (Q_{11}, Q_{12}) |
| ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| A_{1g} | A_{1g} | A_{2u} | B_{1g} | B_{2g} | B_{2u} | E_g | E_u | E_u |
| $\in \mathcal{D}_{4h}$ | | | | | | | | |



Adopted values

$$(\beta_1, \beta_2) = (2.38, 3.72) \text{ fm}$$

- The candidates for the 9 rotational bands (singly-excited normal modes) have been *identified* in the measured spectrum!

The exact Hamiltonian can be systematically approximated, by introducing higher-order coupling between rotations and vibrations. At LO rotations and vibrations are decoupled. Thus, the LO Hamiltonian is invariant under *parity*, *time reversal*, and the *equilibrium point group*, \mathcal{D}_{4h} .

$$E_{LO}(J, K, [\mathbf{n}]) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_{xx}^{\text{stat}}} [J(J+1) - K^2] + \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_{zz}^{\text{stat}}} K^2 + \sum_{i=1}^6 \hbar\omega_i (\mathbf{n}_i + \frac{1}{2}) + \sum_{i=7}^9 \hbar\omega_i (\mathbf{n}_i + 1) - \frac{\hbar^2}{8} \sum_{\alpha} I_{\alpha\alpha}^{\text{stat} - 1}$$

where $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4, \omega_5, \omega_6, \omega_7, \omega_8, \omega_9) \equiv (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{12}) \rightsquigarrow$ frequencies of the normal modes
and $\mathbf{n}_i \rightsquigarrow$ number of vibrational quanta of the mode ω_i , vectorized as $[\mathbf{n}]$

More details:

G.S. et al: *ArXiv*: **2412.17782** (2024)

The first excited rotational band B_{2g}

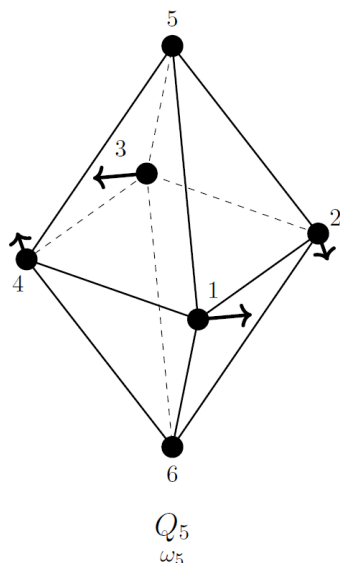
EXAMPLE

Excitation quantum: $\hbar\omega_5 = 2.997(29)$ MeV

associated with the normal coordinate:

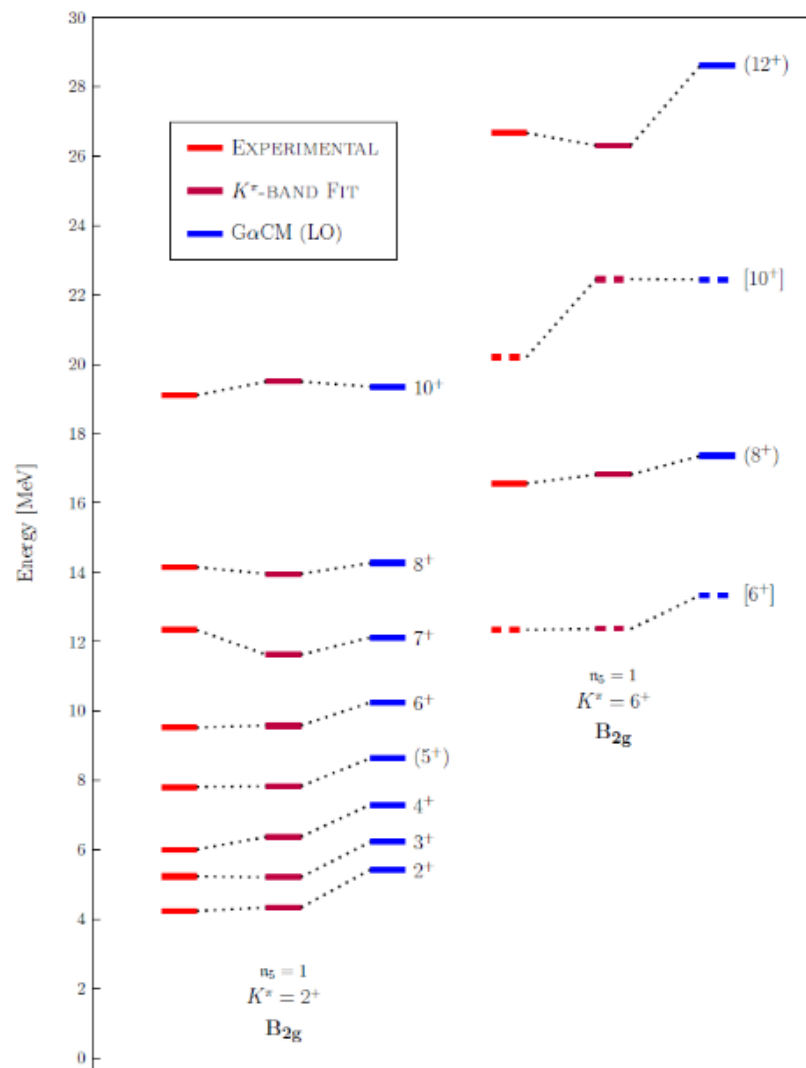
$$Q_5 = \sqrt{m} \left(-\frac{\Delta x_1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Delta x_2}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Delta x_3}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\Delta x_4}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\Delta y_1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Delta y_2}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\Delta y_3}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\Delta y_4}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

The $K^\pi = 2^+$ bandhead is a 2^+ at 4.123 MeV. The composition of the band reflects the literature assignments, corroborated by the NNDC. It is the most consolidated singly-excited band.



The 6^+ band is a new assignment and rather uncertain.

Description: Symmetric *scissoring mode* of pairs of adjacent α -clusters in the xy plane. The basis of the bipyramid becomes rectangular. The apical α -clusters do not move.



| INTRABAND B_{2g} | EXPERIMENTAL | | GαCM LO |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | W.U. | $e^2 \text{ fm}^4$ | $e^2 \text{ fm}^4$ |
| B[E2; 2^+ (4.123) \rightarrow 3^+ (5.235)] | n.a. | n.a. | 196.85 |
| B[E2; 2^+ (4.238) \rightarrow 4^+ (6.010)] | 26.82^{+216}_{-216} | 110.30^{+888}_{-888} | 84.36 |
| B[E2; 4^+ (6.010) \rightarrow 6^+ (9.528)] | 36.1^{+317}_{-130} | 148.5^{+1307}_{-535} | 133.62 |
| B[E2; 5^+ (7.812) \rightarrow 7^+ (12.340)] | n.a. | n.a. | 141.59 |
| B[E2; 6^+ (9.527) \rightarrow 8^+ (14.150)] | n.a. | n.a. | 146.02 |
| B[E2; 8^+ (14.150) \rightarrow 10^+ (19.110)] | n.a. | n.a. | 150.17 |

► The calculated values of the reduced transition probabilities at LO in the GαCM agree with the experimental values within **one** standard deviation.

Nucleon mass-specific moments of inertia:

$$\mathcal{I}_x = 140.3(15) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\mathcal{I}_z = 87.7(24) \text{ fm}^2$$

More details:

G.S. et al: *ArXiv: 2412.17782* (2024)

Work in progress:
M1, M2 transitions and calculations at NLO

Light
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CEA Paris-Saclay
2024

The **ESNT** workshop coorganized by G.S. last year, together with V. Somà and T. Duguet.

Self consistent Gorkov-Green's function theory

► **New tool**: we introduce Gorkov's **polarization propagator**, whose definition reflects Dyson's case:

$$\Pi_{acdb}^{gg''g'''}(t, t') \equiv \lim_{\substack{t'' \rightarrow t^+ \\ t''' \rightarrow t'^+}} iG_{abcd}^{gg'g''g'''}(t, t', t'', t''') - iG_{ac}^{gg''}(t, t'')G_{bd}^{g'g'''}(t', t''') \quad \text{where} \quad i^2\mathbf{G}_{abcd}(t, t', t'', t''') \equiv \langle \Psi_0 | T \{ \mathbf{A}_a(t) \odot \mathbf{A}_b(t') \odot \mathbf{A}_d^*(t''') \odot \mathbf{A}_c^*(t'') \} | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

The Fourier transform of time delivers the **Lehmann representation**,

$$\Pi_{acdb}^{gg''g'''}(\omega) \equiv \Pi_{acdb}^{+gg''g'''}(\omega) + \Pi_{acdb}^{-gg''g'''}(\omega) \quad \text{where} \quad \Pi_{acdb}^{+gg''g'''}(\omega) = \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{k \chi_{ac}^{gg''} k \chi_{db}^{*g'''}{g'}}{\omega - (\Omega_k - \Omega_0)/\hbar + i\eta} \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_{acdb}^{-gg''g'''}(\omega) = - \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{k \Upsilon_{ac}^{gg''} k \Upsilon_{db}^{*g'''}{g'}}{\omega + (\Omega_k - \Omega_0)/\hbar - i\eta}$$

where the + (-) part is analytical in the upper (lower) part of the complex plane for ω .

► The poles approx. coincide with the **energies of the excited states** of the A -body system with respect to the g.s. energy $E_k \approx \Omega_k - \Omega_0$. At the numerator

$$^k\chi_{bc}^{11} \equiv \langle \Psi_0 | A_b^\dagger A_c^\dagger | \Psi_k \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | a_b a_c^\dagger | \Psi_k \rangle \quad ^k\chi_{bc}^{12} \equiv \langle \Psi_0 | A_b^\dagger A_c^{\dagger 2} | \Psi_k \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | a_b a_c^\dagger | \Psi_k \rangle \quad ^k\chi_{bc}^{21} \equiv \langle \Psi_0 | A_b^2 A_c^\dagger | \Psi_k \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | a_b^\dagger a_c^\dagger | \Psi_k \rangle \quad ^k\chi_{bc}^{22} \equiv \langle \Psi_0 | A_b^2 A_c^{\dagger 2} | \Psi_k \rangle = \langle \Psi_0 | a_b^\dagger a_c^\dagger | \Psi_k \rangle$$

are the **transition amplitudes**, fulfilling $-(-1)^{g+g'} k \Upsilon_{ab}^{gg'} = [^k\chi_{\bar{a}\bar{b}}^{\bar{g}\bar{g}'}]^*$ hence $\Pi_{acdb}^{+gg''g'''}(\omega) = (-1)^{\bar{g}+\bar{g}'+\bar{g}''+\bar{g}'''} [\Pi_{\bar{a}\bar{c}\bar{d}\bar{b}}^{-\bar{g}\bar{g}''\bar{g}'''}(-\omega)]^*$

Observables: reduced *electric* ($R = E$) and *magnetic* ($R = M$) multipole transition probabilities between states with angular momentum J and J_p :

$$B(J_0 \rightarrow J_p, R\ell) \equiv \frac{1}{2J_0 + 1} \sum_{M_0} \sum_{M_p} \sum_m |\langle \Psi_p | \Omega_{\ell m}(R) | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2$$

where $\Omega_{\ell m}(R)$ are the transition operators with angular momentum ℓ and projection m : $\langle \Psi_p | \Omega_{\ell m}(R) | \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_{ab} (a | \Omega_{\ell m}(R) | b) \langle \Psi_p | [A_a^{\dagger 1} \otimes A_b^1]_{\ell m} | \Psi_0 \rangle$

which are expressed in terms of the angular-momentum-coupled transition matrix elements: $[A_a^{\dagger 1} \otimes A_b^1]_{\ell m} = [a_a^\dagger \otimes a_b]_{\ell m} = \sum_{m_a m_b} (j_a j_b \ell | m_a - m_b m) (-1)^{-m_b} a_a^\dagger a_b$

and the matrix elements between the s.p. states and the EM mult. transition oper. are given by:

$$(a | \Omega_{\ell m}(E) | b) = \int d^3r (a | r^\ell Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) \rho(\mathbf{r}) | b) \quad \text{and} \quad (a | \Omega_{\ell m}(M) | b) = \int d^3r (a | \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{L} r^\ell Y_\ell^m(\theta, \phi) | b)$$

$$\text{where} \quad \rho(\mathbf{r}) = e \sum_{i=1}^Z \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{e\hbar}{2mi} \sum_{i=1}^Z [\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) \vec{\nabla}_i - \vec{\nabla}_i \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)] \quad (\text{pointlike charge distribution})$$

The ADC method for Gorkov's polarization propagator

► **Strategy:** By means of the automated implementation of Wick's theorem (AIWT) codes (on [GitHub](#)), the Nambu comp. of the polarization propagator are expanded in *perturbation theory* up to third order. The expression of each time-ordered or Goldstone contribution in energy representation is also provided.

► **Method:** application of the *algebraic diagrammatic construction* (ADC) scheme. The starting-point is general one-body *transition operator*

$$\mathcal{D} = \sum_{g_1 g_2} \sum_{rs} D_{rs}^{g_1 g_2} A_r^{g_1 \dagger} A_s^{g_2}$$

Defining the transition function as $T(\omega) \equiv \sum_{g_1 g_2 g_3 g_4} \sum_{abcd} D_{ac}^{g_1 g_3} \Pi_{acdb}^{+g_1 g_3 g_4 g_2}(\omega) D_{db}^{g_4 g_2}$ consistently with J. Schirmer, *Phys. Rev. A* **26**, 5, 2395-2416 (1982)

For the polarization propagator, the ADC ansatz recalls the Lehmann representation: $T(\omega) \equiv \mathbf{F}^\dagger (\omega \mathbb{1} - \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{C})^{-1} \mathbf{F}$

where $\mathbf{K} \Rightarrow$ 'matrix' depending on the eigenvalues associated with the unperturbed Hamiltonian (grand-canonical potential).

and $\mathbf{C} \Rightarrow$ modified interaction 'matrix' $\mathbf{C} \equiv \mathbf{C}^{(1)} + \mathbf{C}^{(2)} + \dots$ and $\mathbf{F} \Rightarrow$ modified transition moments $\mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}^{(0)} + \mathbf{F}^{(1)} + \mathbf{F}^{(2)} + \dots$

The geometric series gives: $T(\omega) \stackrel{\text{ADC}}{=} \mathbf{F}^\dagger (\omega \mathbb{1} - \mathbf{K})^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ \mathbf{C} (\omega \mathbb{1} - \mathbf{K})^{-1} \right\}^n \mathbf{F} \rightsquigarrow T(\omega) \equiv T^{(0)}(\omega) + T^{(1)}(\omega) + T^{(2)}(\omega) + \dots$

► A *matching* procedure with the perturbative expansion of the polarization propagator yields the expressions for \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{K} .

Approx. expressions for the poles of Lehmann's repr. of the polarization prop. are obtained by means of the diagonalization of the 'matrix', $\mathbf{K} + \mathbf{C}$.

► **Example:** first order $T^{(1)}(\omega) = \mathbf{F}^{\dagger(1)} [\omega \mathbb{1} - \mathbf{K}]^{-1} \mathbf{F}^{(0)} + \mathbf{F}^{\dagger(0)} [\omega \mathbb{1} - \mathbf{K}]^{-1} \mathbf{F}^{(1)} + \mathbf{F}^{\dagger(0)} [\omega \mathbb{1} - \mathbf{K}]^{-1} \mathbf{C}^{(1)} [\omega \mathbb{1} - \mathbf{K}]^{-1} \mathbf{F}^{(0)}$

The matching procedure for the modified transition moments yields:

$$k_3 k_2 F^{(1)} \equiv \sum_{k_2 k_3} \sum_{db} \sum_{g_5 g_6} D_{db}^{g_6 g_5} \frac{k_2 \Upsilon_b^{(0) g_5 k_3} \chi_d^{*(0) g_6} - k_3 \chi_b^{*(0) g_5 k_2} \Upsilon_d^{(0) g_6}}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\substack{g_1 g_2 \\ g_3 g_4}} \sum_{pqrs} \left(k_1 k_4 k_3 k_2 f_{pqrs}^{(1,d) g_1 g_4 g_3 g_2} + k_1 k_4 k_3 k_2 f_{pqrs}^{(1,c) g_1 g_4 g_3 g_2} \right)$$

$$k_1 k_4 k_3 k_2 f_{\bar{p}\bar{r}\bar{s}\bar{q}}^{*(1,d) 1111} \equiv \frac{1}{2\hbar} \sum_{k_5} \frac{k_5 \Upsilon_p^{(0) 2 k_4} \chi_r^{*(0) 2} \bar{v}_{\bar{s}\bar{r}\bar{q}\bar{p}} k_5 \Upsilon_s^{*(0) 2 k_2} \Upsilon_q^{(0) 2} \delta_{k_1 k_3}}{-\left(\frac{\Omega_{k_2} - \Omega_0}{\hbar}\right) - \left(\frac{\Omega_{k_4} - \Omega_0}{\hbar}\right)} - \frac{1}{2\hbar} \sum_{k_5} \frac{k_1 \chi_p^{(0) 2 k_5} \Upsilon_r^{*(0) 2} \bar{v}_{\bar{s}\bar{r}\bar{q}\bar{p}} k_3 \Upsilon_s^{*(0) 2 k_5} \Upsilon_q^{(0) 2} \delta_{k_2 k_4}}{-\left(\frac{\Omega_{k_1} - \Omega_0}{\hbar}\right) - \left(\frac{\Omega_{k_3} - \Omega_0}{\hbar}\right)} + \dots$$

$$k_1 k_4 k_3 k_2 f_{\bar{p}\bar{r}\bar{s}\bar{q}}^{*(1,d) 1122} \equiv -\frac{1}{2\hbar} \sum_{k_5} \frac{k_5 \chi_p^{*(0) 2 k_4} \Upsilon_r^{(0) 2} \bar{v}_{\bar{r}\bar{q}\bar{p}\bar{s}} k_5 \chi_s^{(0) 2 k_2} \chi_q^{*(0) 1} \delta_{k_1 k_3}}{-\left(\frac{\Omega_{k_2} - \Omega_0}{\hbar}\right) - \left(\frac{\Omega_{k_4} - \Omega_0}{\hbar}\right)} + \dots$$

Outlook: complete the procedure, at least, up to second order, i.e. ADC[2].

Properties of dilute neutron matter with 3-body forces

Purpose: Investigation of the properties of the upper layers of the inner crust of neutron stars, which could explain the phenomenon of the *glitches*. Neutron matter is in superfluid state, with a density close to the neutron-drip density $n \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^{-3}$. Primary targets are the **equation of state** (EoS) and the **pairing gaps**.

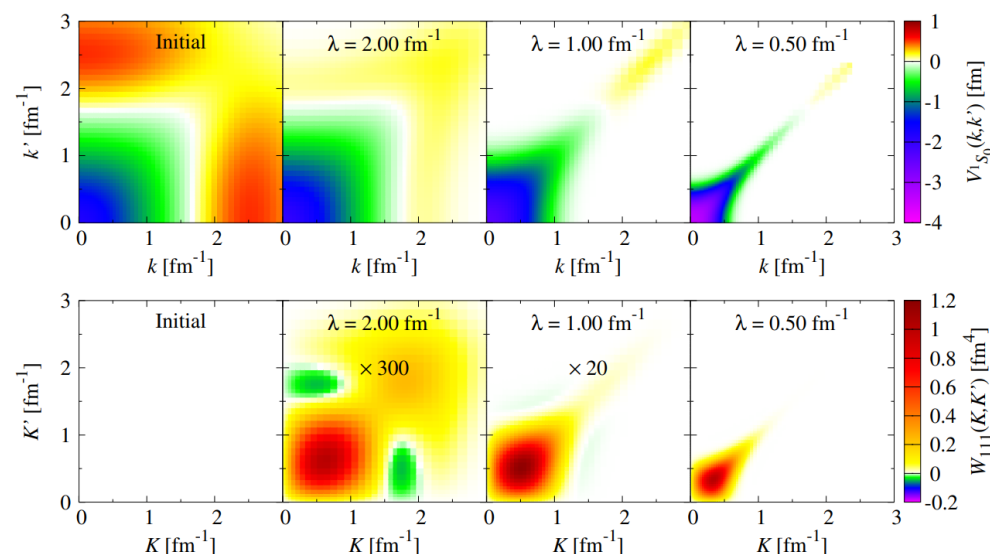
Inspiration : V. Palanappian, S. Ramanan and M. Urban: *ArXiv*: [2412.00137](#) (2024)

► **Tools:** As in ab-initio methods, nuclear interactions are drawn from Chiral Effective Field Theory (e.g. at $N^2\text{LO}$)

$$H = T + V_{nn}^{N^2\text{LO}} + W_{nnn}^{N^2\text{LO}} \quad \text{where} \quad W_{nnn}^{N^2\text{LO}} = \frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^4} \mathcal{A}_{123} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \frac{(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \mathbf{q}_i)(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \mathbf{q}_j)}{(q_i^2 + m_\pi^2)(q_j^2 + m_\pi^2)} [-2c_1 m_\pi^2 + c_3 \mathbf{q}_i \cdot \mathbf{q}_j]$$



► Preprocessing of nuclear interactions with **similarity renormalization group** (SRG) techniques:



► SRG-induced 3-body interactions, from S-wave V_{nn}
[[ArXiv: 2412.00137](#)]

I. addition of SRG-induced 3-body forces into the second-quantized Hamiltonian \hat{H} , together with the dependence of the 2- and 3-body matrix elements on the evolution parameter s

II. Derivation of the *SRG flow equations* for the matrix elements of the antisymmetrized 2- and 3-body interaction from the flow eq. for \hat{H}

$$\frac{d\hat{H}_s}{ds} = [\eta_s, \hat{H}_s] \quad \text{with generator} \quad \eta_s \equiv [\hat{T}, \hat{H}_s]$$

III. Numerical solution of SRG flow equations for the matrix elements of the 2- and 3-body forces, in the *hyperspherical plane wave basis*.

$$\text{Typical values:} \quad \lambda \equiv s^{-1/4} \lesssim 0.50 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

$$\text{also} \quad \lambda \approx 2k_F \quad \text{where} \quad k_F \equiv (3\pi^2 n)^{1/3} \quad \text{is the } \textit{Fermi momentum}$$

Properties of dilute neutron matter with 3-body forces

- Next, comes the derivation of the **equation of state** for dilute neutron matter with three-body forces.

It consists in calculating the g.s. energy per particle, E_{HFB} for the Hamiltonian \hat{H} .

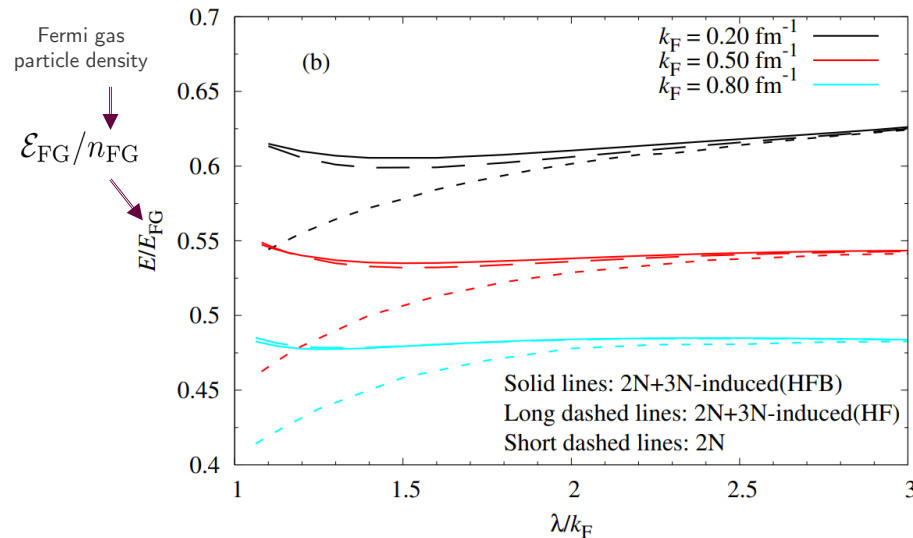
Mean field approximation: Hartree-Fock (HF) or Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov (HFB):

$$E_{\text{HFB}} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\text{HFB}}}{n_{\text{HFB}}} \quad \text{and the ratio } \mathcal{E}_{\text{HFB}}/\mathcal{E}_{\text{FG}} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{E}_{\text{FG}} = \frac{k_F^5}{10\pi^2 m_n}$$

energy density of the non-interacting neutron Fermi gas

- Improvements are obtained by applying *Bogoliubov many-body perturbation theory* (BMBPT).

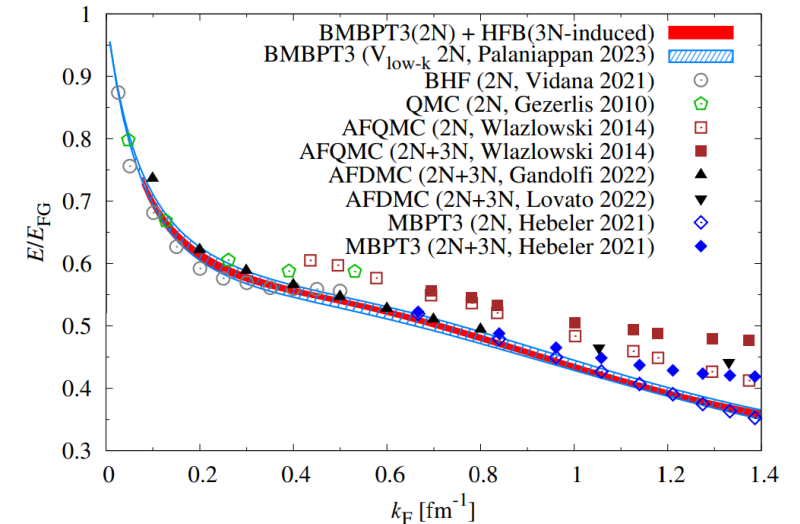
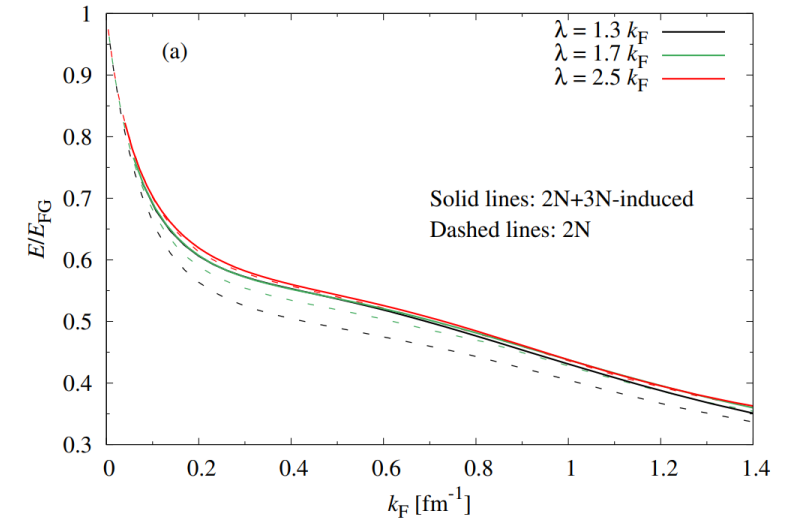
Further reading: M. Urban et al., *Phys. Rev. A* **103**, 063306 (2021) V. Palaniappan et al., *Phys. Rev. C* **107**, 025804 (2023)



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- EoS as a function of the SRG evolution parameter λ (left), divided by the Fermi momentum. Effects of the induced 3-body forces in the EoS with S-wave 2-body forces (right).

- EoS with different approaches, including quantum Monte Carlo with (AFMC) and without (QMC) **auxiliary fields** as a function of the Fermi momentum. The addition of induced 3-body forces increases the ratio of energies per particle.



[[ArXiv: 2412.00137](#)]



THANK YOU *for your attention!*

