

Search for triaxially deformed halo nucl

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(Time-depend) CDFT in 3D lattice

VERSITY EoM on 3D lattice with the inverse Hamiltonian and Fourier spectral methods.

Linear 3α clusters chain structure for ¹²C against the bending and fission in **cranking CDFT** and **TD CDFT** on a 3D lattice



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Toroidal states in ²⁸Si

7α disassembly of ²⁸Si

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Density distributions in the z = 0 plane for the toroidal states in cranking CDFT on a 3D lattice

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(Time-depend) CDFT in 3D lattice

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Dynamical Synthesis of ⁴He in the Scission Phase of Nuclear Fission

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(Time-depend) CDFT in 3D lattice

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Dynamics of rotation in chiral nuclei

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The dynamics of chiral nuclei is investigated for the first time with the ti covariant density functional theories on a three-dimensional space lattice . The experimental energies of the two pairs of the chiral doublet bands

ljustable parameters beyond the well-defined density functional. A no ealed from the microscopic dynamics of the total angular momennicity is associated with a transition from the planar into aplanar re E [MeV] les a fully microscopic and dynamical view to understand the chiral

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Selection rules of electromagnetic transitions for chirality-parity violation in atomic nuclei

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Nuclear Chirality-Parity (ChP) violation



ab initio calculation

Relativistic Brueckner Hartree-Fock Theory

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Energies and charge radii of ¹⁶O in RBHF in comparison with EDA and BHF

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Review

Towards an *ab initio* covariant density functional theory for nuclear structure



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Tensor effects on spin-Orbit Splitting

- Neutron drop is a neutron system confined in an external field.
- A neutron drop provides also an ideal and simple system to investigate the effects of tensor forces.



Effects of tensor forces in nuclear spin–orbit splittings from ab initio calculations.

Phys. Lett. B778 (2018) 344-348

Relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock theory for neutron drops **Phys. Rev. C** 97, 054312 (2018)

RHF shows similar pattern, mainly contributed by πNN tensor interaction.
 Neither RBHF nor CDFT includes beyond-mean-field effects → a fair comparison!



ab initio calculation

Relativistic Brueckner Hartree-Fock Theory

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Relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock theory in nuclear matter without the average momentum approximation

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FIG. 1. Binding energy per nucleon for nuclear matter as a function of the total density ρ. Results for Bonn potentials A, B, C with (left panel) and without (right panel) c.m. momentum approximation are shown. The RBHF results are represented by open and solid circles, where open circles stand for the data used in the fit and solid circles indicate the validity of the results of the fit (solid curves). The red stars indicate the saturation points obtained from RBHF results.

Nuclear matter in relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock theory with Bonn potential in the full Dirac space

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Starting from the Bonn potential, the relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (RBHF) equations are solved for nuclear matter in the full Dirac space, which provides a unique way to determine the single-particle potentials and avoids the approximations applied in the RBHF calculations in the Dirac space with positive-energy states (PESs) only. The uncertainties of the RBHF calculations in the Dirac space with PESs only are investigated, and the importance of RBHF calculations in the full Dirac space is demonstrated. In the RBHF calculations in the full Dirac space, the empirical saturation properties of symmetric nuclear matter are reproduced, and the obtained equation of state agrees with the results based on the relativistic Green's function approach up to the saturation density.





Relativistic NN interaction

Chiral Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction





Dibaryon with highest charm number near unitarity from lattice QCD

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Leading order relativistic chiral nucleonnucleon interaction,

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 $E[\rho] = T[\rho] + U[\rho] + \left[V(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}) \,\mathrm{d}^{3}\mathbf{r} \right]$

H-K Theorem proves the existence of a universal functional depends solely on density.

BUT, all previous attempts for a nuclear kinetic energy functional FAILS. → One has to introduce Kohn-Sham, i.e., a functional of orbits

$$T[\rho] \doteq \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\langle \varphi_i \left| -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right| \varphi_i \right\rangle$$

By Machine Learning, a robust and accurate orbital-free density functional is established !



Robust self-consistent solution

Most accurate ever orbit-free DFT for nuclei

		Kohn-Sham	Machine-Learning	Experiment
⁴ He	$E_{\rm tot}$	-26.3700	-26.3931 (0.0012)	-28.2957
	$E_{\rm kin}$	35.2138	$35.2044 \ (0.0056)$	/
	$\langle r^2 angle$	2.1626	$2.1628\ (0.0002)$	1.6755
¹⁶ O	$E_{\rm tot}$	-127.3781	$-127.1622 \ (0.1584)$	-127.6193
	$E_{\rm kin}$	219.2875	$218.3458 \ (0.6882)$	/
	$\langle r^2 angle$	2.8077	$2.8113\ (0.0047)$	2.6991
⁴⁰ Ca	$E_{\rm tot}$	-342.0645	$-341.8027 \ (0.5724)$	-342.0521
	$E_{\rm kin}$	643.1100	$642.9145 \ (1.6875)$	/
	$\langle r^2 \rangle$	3.4677	$3.4652 \ (0.0055)$	3.4776

X. H. Wu, Z. X. Ren, P. W. Zhao, Phys. Rev. C, 105, L031303 (2022)















• Halo nuclei have attracted lots of attention since the discovery of the halo phenomenon in ¹¹Li.



¹¹Li

Tanihata *et al.*, PRL 55, 2676 (1985) Tanihata *et al.*, PPNP 68, 215 (2013)





Theoretical study of halo nuclei

- Few-body model
- ➤ Shell model
- Antisymmetrized molecular dynamics model
- ➢ Halo effective field theory
- Non-relativistic density functional theory
- Covariant density functional theory (CDFT)
- Advantages of the CDFT:
 - ✓ Spin-orbit automatically included
 - ✓ Lorentz covariance restricts parameters
 - ✓ Pseudo-spin Symmetry
 - ✓ Consistent treatment of time-odd fields
 - ✓ Relativistic saturation mechanism
 ✓ ...

Zhukov et al., Phys. Rep. 231, 151 (1993)

Otsuka et al., PRL 70, 1385 (1993)

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Koepf et al., ZPA 340, 119 (1991)

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✓ Based on the CDFT, a self-consistent description of the neutron halo in ¹¹Li is achieved by the relativistic continuum Hartree-Bogoliubov (RCHB) theory.

Meng and Ring, PRL 77, 3963 (1996)

 ✓ Pairing correlations and continuum effects are very important for the description of halos.

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Spherical halo nuclei & Giant halos



Meng and Ring, PRL 80, 460 (1998)

 ✓ Later studies based on DFT and CDFT support the prediction of giant halos in Zr and Ca isotopes.

> Meng, Toki, Zeng, Zhang, and Zhou, PRC 65, 041302(R) (2002) Sandulescu, Geng, and Hillhouse, PRC 68, 054323 (2003) Terasaki, Zhang, Zhou, Meng, PRC 74, 054318 (2006) Grasso, Yoshida, Sandulescu, and Van Giai, PRC 74, 064317 (2006)







RCHB Mass Table

Based on the RCHB theory, a nuclear mass table including continuum effects has been constructed.

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The limits of the nuclear landscape explored by the relativistic continuum Hartree-Bogoliubov theory

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ABSTRACT

Arride history: Received 2 May 2017 Received in revised form 12 August 2017 Accepted 5 September 2017 Available online 1 November 2017 The ground-state properties of nuclei with $8 \le Z \le 120$ from the proton drip line to the neutron drip line have been investigated using the spherical relativistic continuum Hartree–Bogoliubov (RCHB) theory with the relativistic density functional PC-PK1. With the effects of the continuum included, there are totally 9035 nuclei predicted to be bound, which largely extends the existing nuclear landscapes predicted with other methods. The calculated binding energies, separation energies, neutron and proton Fermi surfaces,



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Deformed halos

There has been controversy over the existence of deformed halo nuclei.

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✓ Considering axial deformation, pairing, and continuum effects, the deformed relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov theory in continuum (DRHBc) predicts deformed halo nuclei.

Zhou, Meng, Ring, and Zhao, PRC 82, 011301(R) (2010) Li, Meng, Ring, Zhao, and Zhou, PRC 85, 024312 (2012)



✓ Recently, several candidates of deformed halo nuclei have been suggested in experiment, such as ³¹Ne and ³⁷Mg.

Nakamura *et al.*, PRL 112, 142501 (2014) Kobayashi *et al.*, PRL 112, 242501 (2014)

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 (2019)
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 Sun, PRC 103, 054315 (2021)
 Zhang *et al.*, PRC 104, L021301 (2021)
 Pan *et al.*, PRC 104, 024331 (2021)
 He *et al.* CPC 45, 101001 (2021)



DRHBc Mass Table

 To construct a nuclear mass table including both deformation and continuum effects, the DRHBc Mass Table Collaboration was established.

Zhang et al. (DRHBc Mass Table Collaboration), PRC 102, 024314 (2020)



✓ Recently, the DRHBc mass table for even-even nuclei has been constructed, and it for odd nuclei is in progress.

Zhang *et al.* (DRHBc Mass Table Collaboration), ADNDT 144, 101488 (2022) Pan *et al.* (DRHBc Mass Table Collaboration), arXiv:2205.01329



→ PC-PK1 + DRHBc, 2583 even-even nuclei with $8 \le Z \le 120$, first mass table including both deformation and continuum, $\sigma = 1.5$ MeV

K. Y. Zhang *et al.* (DRHBc Mass Table Collaboration), Nuclear mass table in deformed relativistic Hartree–Bogoliubov theory in continuum, I: Even–even nuclei, **At. Data Nucl. Data Tables** 144, 101488 (2022)



Nuclear mass table in deformed relativistic Hartree–Bogoliubov theory in continuum, I: Even–even nuclei

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✓ Triaxial deformation plays a crucial role in nuclear chirality, wobbling motion, and fission.

Frauendorf and Meng, Nucl. Phys. A 617, 131 (1997) Bohr and Mottelson, *Nuclear Structure* (1975) Lu, Zhao, and Zhou, PRC 85, 011301(R) (2012)

✓ A study based on triaxial Woods-Saxon potential suggests that the triaxial deformation might extend the region of halo nuclei.

Uzawa, Hagino, and Yoshida, PRC 104, L011303 (2021)

Recently, a triaxial relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov theory in continuum (TRHBc), which considers triaxial deformation, pairing, and continuum effects, is developed to search for triaxially deformed halo nuclei.





♦ Introduction

• Theoretical framework







 \checkmark The starting point is a effective Lagrangian density,

M: nucleon mass

 $\alpha_S, \alpha_V, \alpha_{TV}, \delta_S, \delta_V, \delta_{TV}, \beta_S, \gamma_S, \gamma_V$: coupling constants





Relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov (RHB) equations for nucleons read

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{h}_D - \lambda & \hat{\Delta} \\ -\hat{\Delta}^* & -\hat{h}_D^* + \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_k \\ V_k \end{pmatrix} = E_k \begin{pmatrix} U_k \\ V_k \end{pmatrix}$$

- λ is the Fermi energy, E_k is the quasi-particle energy, and $(U_k, V_k)^T$ is the quasi-particle wave function.
- The Dirac Hamiltonian $h_D(\boldsymbol{r}) = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot [\boldsymbol{p} \boldsymbol{V}(\boldsymbol{r})] + V^0(\boldsymbol{r}) + \beta [M + S(\boldsymbol{r})]$

 $\rho_{S}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum \bar{V}_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}) V_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}),$

$$\begin{split} S(\boldsymbol{r}) = & \alpha_{S} \rho_{S} + \beta_{S} \rho_{S}^{2} + \gamma_{S} \rho_{S}^{3} + \delta_{S} \Delta \rho_{S}, \\ V^{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r}) = & \alpha_{V} j^{\mu} + \gamma_{V} (j_{\mu} j^{\mu}) j^{\mu} + \delta_{V} \Delta j^{\mu} + eA^{\mu} \\ & + \alpha_{TV} j_{3}^{\mu} + \delta_{TV} \Delta j_{3}^{\mu}. \end{split}$$
$$\begin{aligned} J^{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r}) &= \sum_{k} \bar{V}_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}) \gamma^{\mu} \tau_{3} V_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}), \\ j^{\mu}_{s}(\boldsymbol{r}) &= \sum_{k} \bar{V}_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}) \gamma^{\mu} \tau_{3} V_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}), \\ j^{\mu}_{c}(\boldsymbol{r}) &= \sum_{k} \bar{V}_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}) \gamma^{\mu} \frac{1 - \tau_{3}}{2} V_{k}(\boldsymbol{r}). \end{split}$$

• The pairing potential $\Delta(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = V^{pp}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)\kappa(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$



✓ To include triaxial deformation, densities and potentials are expanded in terms of spherical harmonic functions,

$$f(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} f_{\lambda\mu}(r) Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \varphi)$$

✓ According to spatial reflection symmetry and reflection symmetries with respect to *xy*, *xz*, and *yz* plane,

$$\hat{P}f(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} f_{\lambda\mu}(r) Y_{\lambda\mu}(\pi - \theta, \pi + \varphi) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} f_{\lambda\mu}(r) (-1)^{\lambda} Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \varphi)$$
$$\hat{P}_z f(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} f_{\lambda\mu}(r) Y_{\lambda\mu}(\pi - \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} f_{\lambda\mu}(r) (-1)^{\lambda+\mu} Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \varphi)$$
$$\hat{P}_x f(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} f_{\lambda\mu}(r) Y_{\lambda\mu}(\theta, \pi - \varphi) = \sum_{\lambda\mu} f_{\lambda\mu}(r) Y_{\lambda-\mu}(\theta, \varphi)$$

 λ, μ are restricted to be even numbers, and $-\mu$ component is equal to μ component.



Dirac Woods-Saxon basis

✓ In the TRHBc theory, the RHB equations are solved in a Dirac Woods-Saxon (DWS) basis, whose wave function has a more realistic behavior at large *r* compared with the HO basis.



✓ The DWS basis is obtained by solving a Dirac equation containing the spherical Woods-Saxon potential. Because the basis function itself is a Dirac spinor, there is no need to expand upper and lower components separately.

Zhou, Meng, and Ring, PRC 68, 034323 (2003)

$$\hat{h}_{0}|\varphi_{n\kappa m}\rangle = \epsilon_{n\kappa}|\varphi_{n\kappa m}\rangle, \quad \varphi_{n\kappa m}(\boldsymbol{r}\sigma) = \frac{1}{r} \begin{pmatrix} iG_{n\kappa}(r)Y_{jm}^{l}(\Omega\sigma)\\ -F_{n\kappa}(r)Y_{jm}^{\tilde{l}}(\Omega\sigma) \end{pmatrix}$$



Introduction

Theoretical framework







- ✓ Density functional: PC-PK1, NL3*, NLSH, PK1
- ✓ Pairing interaction: Density-dependent zero-range pairing force
- ✓ Box size: $R_{box} = 20$ fm
- ✓ Mesh size: $\Delta r = 0.1$ fm
- ✓ Energy cutoff: $E_{cut} = 300 \text{ MeV}$
- ✓ Angular momentum cutoff: $J_{\text{max}} = 19/2 \hbar$
- ✓ Pairing strength: $V_0 = -342.5$ MeV fm³

Xia et al., ADNDT 121–122, 1 (2018)

✓ Spherical harmonic expansion order: $\lambda_{max} = 6$

Zhang *et al.* (DRHBc Mass Table Collaboration), PRC 102, 024314 (2020) Pan. Zhang. and Zhang. LIMPE 28, 1950082 (2019)



Deformation of Al isotopes



 ✓ Light neutron-rich nuclei are calculated, and several Al isotopes are found to be triaxially deformed.



Observables



 S_n data taken from CPC 45, 030003 (2021) [Experimental values for $11 \le N \le 25$] R_{ch} data taken from PRC 103, 014318 (2021)

- ✓ AME2020 data and experimental charge radii are reproduced well.
- ✓ ⁴²Al is triaxially deformed, and it has a small $S_n = 0.67(64)$ MeV.



Increase of neutron radii



✓ The ratio of TRHBc calculated neutron radius increment to that from empirical formula increases significantly at ^{40,42}Al, which is similar to the increase in giant halo Zr isotopes.



✓ Weakly bound level 4 occupied by the valance neutron has a remarkably large rms radius.

- considerable ✓ Level 4 has 2pcomponents ($\geq 45\%$).
- \checkmark Level 4 contributes dominantly to the total neutron density in the region far from center.



Density in different planes



✓ Core: r = 3.85 fm, $\beta = 0.38$, $\gamma = 50^{\circ}$, z > x > y✓ Halo: r = 5.26 fm, $\beta = 0.79$, $\gamma = -23^{\circ}$, z > y > x



♦ Introduction

Theoretical framework

Results and discussion







- ✓ Triaxial relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov theory in continuum (TRHBc) is developed to explore triaxially deformed halo nuclei.
- ✓ TRHBc theory reproduces available experimental data for Al isotopes. ⁴²Al has triaxially deformed ground state, small S_n , and suddenly increased neutron radius.
- ✓ The orbital occupied by the valance odd neutron of 42 Al has a significantly large radius, due to its weak binding and considerable 2*p* components, and it contributes dominantly to neutron density at large *r*.
- ✓ Decomposed neutron densities suggest that ⁴²Al is a triaxially deformed halo nucleus with a triaxial shape decoupling between the core and the halo.



Thank you for your attention!