The nuclear many-body problem: an open quantum systems perspective



Some photos, movies...











Langevin equation and stochastic process

A. Einstein, (1905) "the theory of Brownian motion"

Introducing the concept of Stochastic Schroedinger equation

Standard Schroedinger equation:

$$d |\Psi\rangle = \frac{dt}{i\hbar}H |\Psi\rangle$$

Deterministic evolution

Stochastic Schroedinger equation (SSE):

 $|\Psi(t_0)\rangle$

$$d |\Psi\rangle = \left\{ \frac{dt}{i\hbar} H + \frac{dB_{sto}}{dB_{sto}} \right\} |\Psi\rangle$$

$$\blacksquare$$

$$dB_{sto} = \sum_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(t)O_{\alpha}$$

Stochastic operator :





time

 $|\Psi(t_f)\rangle$

Interesting aspects related to the introduction of Stochastic Schröd. Eq.



ightarrow Average density $D = \overline{|\Psi_1\rangle \langle \Psi_2|}$





Application : spin-boson model + heat bath



Benchmark for other techniques treating Non-Markovian effects

Example: « Time-Convolutionless method » (TCL), Breuer, Kappler, Petruccione, Ann. Phys., 291 (2001).



Under development: applications to system with potential energy surface



Benchmark : The Caldeira-Leggett model

System + heat-bath $h_S = \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}M\omega_0^2 Q^2 \iff h_E = \sum_n \left(\frac{p_n^2}{2m_n} + \frac{1}{2}m_n\omega_n^2 x_n^2\right)$ Coupling $H_I = Q \otimes B$ $B \equiv -\sum \kappa_n x_n$

More insight in the stochastic process

$$d\rho_{S} = \frac{dt}{i\hbar} [H_{S} + \langle B(t) \rangle_{E} Q, \rho_{S}] + du_{S} \{Q - \langle Q(t) \rangle_{S}, \rho_{S}\}_{+} - idv_{S} [Q - \langle Q(t) \rangle_{S}, \rho_{S}]$$
Hupin, Lacroix, Phys. Rev. C81, 014609 (2010)
Observables evolution
$$d\langle Q = \frac{(P)}{M} dt + 2du_{S}\sigma_{QQ}$$

$$d\langle P \rangle = -M\omega_{0}^{2} \langle Q \rangle dt - dt \langle B \rangle + 2du_{S}\sigma_{PQ} - \hbar dv_{S}$$

$$d\sigma_{QQ} = 2\frac{dt}{M} \sigma_{PQ}$$

$$d\sigma_{PQ} = \frac{dt}{M} \sigma_{PP} - M\omega_{0}^{2}\sigma_{QQ} dt$$

$$Quantum \quad \text{Statistical}$$

$$\int_{0}^{0} \int_{0}^{0} \int_{0$$



Position and momentum evolution

Quantum + Statistical fluctuations



Open systems

Closed systems





D. Lacroix, Annals of Physics, 322 (2007).



Existence theorem : Optimal stochastic path from observable evolution

D. Lacroix, Ann. of Phys. 322 (2007).



illustration: simulation of the free wave spreading with "quasi-classical states"



Reduction of the information: I want to simulate the expansion with Gaussian wavefunction having fixed widths. $\langle x^2 \rangle = cte$. $\langle p^2 \rangle = cte$





Stochastic c-number evolution



SSE for Many-Body Fermions and bosons D. Lacroix, Ann. Phys. 322 (2007) Starting point: $H = \sum_{ii} \langle i|T|j\rangle a_i^+ a_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} \langle ij|v_{12}|lk\rangle a_i^+ a_j^+ a_l a_k$ $D_{ab} = |\Phi_a\rangle \langle \Phi_b| \quad \text{with} \quad \langle \Phi_b \mid \Phi_a\rangle = 1$ $\rho_1 = \sum |\alpha_i\rangle \langle \beta_i|$ Ehrenfest theorem \implies BBGKY hierarchy $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \rho_1 = [h_{\text{MF}}, \rho_1],$ $v_{12} = \sum_{\lambda} O_{\lambda}(1)O_{\lambda}(2)$ $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \rho_{12} = [h_{\text{MF}}(1) + h_{\text{MF}}(2), \rho_{12}]$

The method is general.
 the SSE are deduced easily
 extension to Stochastic TDHFB
 D. Lacroix, arXiv nucl-th 0605033
 The mean-field appears naturally

 $+ (1-\rho_1)(1-\rho_2)v_{12}\rho_1\rho_2 - \rho_1\rho_2v_{12}(1-\rho_1)(1-\rho_2)$

- and the interpretation is easier
- the numerical effort can be reduced by reducing the number of observables

Observables $\langle j|\rho_1|i\rangle = \langle a_i^+a_j\rangle$ Fluctuations $\langle ij|\rho_{12}|kl\rangle = \langle a_k^+a_l^+a_ja_i\rangle$

Stochastic one-body evolution

$$d\rho_{1} = [h_{MF}, \rho_{1}] + \sum_{\lambda} d\xi_{\lambda}^{[2]}(1-\rho_{1})O_{\lambda}\rho_{1} + \sum_{\lambda} d\eta_{\lambda}^{[2]}(1-\rho_{1})O_{\lambda}\rho_{1}$$
with $\overline{d\xi_{\lambda}^{[2]}d\xi_{\lambda'}^{[2]}} = -\overline{d\eta_{\lambda}^{[2]}d\eta_{\lambda'}^{[2]}} = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}\frac{dt}{i\hbar}$



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Dissipation in self-interacting systems

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Short time evolution

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}\rho_{1} = [h_{MF}, \rho_{1}],$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}\rho_{12} = [h_{MF}(1) + h_{MF}(2), \rho_{12}] + (1 - \rho_{1})(1 - \rho_{2})v_{12}\rho_{1}\rho_{2} - \rho_{1}\rho_{2}v_{12}(1 - \rho_{1})(1 - \rho_{2})$$
Correlation

$$C_{12} = \rho_{12} - (\rho_{1}\rho_{2})\rho_{1}\rho_{2}$$

Approximate long time evolution+Projection

 $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}\rho_1 = [h_{MF}, \rho_1] + Tr_2 [v_{12}, C_{12}]$

 $C_{12}(t) = -rac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t U_{12}(t,s) F_{12}(s) U_{12}^{\dagger}(t,s) ds + \delta \zeta$

projected two-body

effect

Propagated initial

correlation

with



condition

Alternative formulation with Stochastic Schroedinger equations

GOAL: Restarting from an uncorrelated state $D = |\Phi_0\rangle \langle \Phi_0|$ we should:

1-have an estimate of $D = |\Psi(t)\rangle \langle \Psi(t)|$

2-interpret it as an average over jumps between "simple" states



Time-scale and Markovian dynamics



Two strategies can be considered:

- Considering waves directly (philosophy of exact treatment)
- Considering densities directly (philosophy of dissipative treatment)

$$\overline{\Delta D} = \frac{\Delta t}{i\hbar} [H_{MF}, D] - \frac{\tau \Delta t}{2\hbar^2} \overline{[\delta v_{12}, [\delta v_{12}, D]]}$$

Simplified scenario for introducing fluctuations beyond Mean-field



> The stochastic method is directly applicable to nuclei

- It provide an easy way to introduce fluctuations beyond mean-field
- ➡ It does not account for dissipation.
- In nuclear physics the two particle-two-hole components dominates the residual interaction, but $U_{\delta_{2p2h}}(\rho) = 0!!!$

Quantum jump with dissipation: link between Extended TDHF and Lindblad eq.





Application to Bose condensate

1D bose condensate with gaussian two-body interaction

N-body density: $D = |N:\alpha\rangle \langle N:\alpha|$

SSE on single-particle state :



Summary, stochastic methods for Many-Body Fermionic and bosonic systems



Some finalremarks

Stochastic Equations = MF (non linear term) + stochastic

Different application:

Open quantum systems – exact reformulation

-Two level system coupled to a set of 2 levels OK

-systems coupled to a heat bath:

-two level system (tunneling) - OK

-harmonic oscillator - OK

-anharmonic oscillator – NOT OK

Open quantum systems- exact reformulation

-Bosonic 1D systems – NOT OK

Open quantum systems- approximate reformulation

-Fermionic systems in 3D – OK -Bosonic systems in 1D – OK



Reverse process : can we treat the S+E exactly ?

Applications : measurement, decoherence, quantum/classical transitions...

Non local effect in time : Non-Markovian process...





Influence functional technique, (Feynman, Vernon Annals of Physics, 24, (1963).



Environment System t Interaction Non-locality Feed-back time time



 $H = \frac{P^2}{2M} + V(X) + X \sum_{i} C_i q_i + \sum_{i} \left(\frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + \frac{1}{2} m_i q_i^2 \right)$

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