

Scattering phase shifts and mixing angles for an arbitrary number of coupled channels on the lattice

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- Chiral lattice EFT (as described by Dean Lee) allows for simulations of light and medium-mass nuclei, e.g. ${}^3\text{H}$, ${}^4\text{He}$, ${}^{12}\text{C}$, ${}^{16}\text{O}$, ${}^{28}\text{Si}$.

Eur. Phys. J. A 41, 125 (2009); Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 192501 (2011);

Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 252501 (2012); Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, no. 10, 102501 (2014);

Phys. Lett. B 732, 110 (2014)

- It requires a method to extract the infinite-volume scattering amplitude from the lattice data.
- In lattice QCD (as described by Constantia Alexandrou), Lüscher's method can be used to relate the (n -channel) S-matrix to the finite-volume energy spectrum.

Phys. Rev. D 89, no. 7, 074507 (2014); JHEP 1610, 011 (2016); Phys. Rev. D 97, no. 5, 054513 (2018);

JHEP 1807, 043 (2018); arXiv:1904.04136

Introduction

- For heavier nuclei in lattice EFT, the finite-volume scattering energies (~ 100 keV) are very small compared to the binding energies (~ 100 MeV).
- Therefore, the error of the Monte-Carlo energy levels is larger than the separation between these levels.
 \Rightarrow Lüscher's method is not accurate enough for calculations of nucleus-nucleus scattering phase shifts.

[Phys. Lett. B 760, 309 \(2016\)](#)

- Instead, one can use the adiabatic projection method to compute an effective nucleus-nucleus Hamiltonian.

[Phys. Rev. C 92, no. 5, 054612 \(2015\)](#); [Nature 528, 111 \(2015\)](#); [Eur. Phys. J. A 52, no. 6, 174 \(2016\)](#)

Introduction

- Once this so-called adiabatic Hamiltonian is calculated, one can extract phase shifts using spherical wall boundary conditions together with projection onto partial waves.

Nucl. Phys. A 424, 47 (1984); Eur. Phys. J. A 34, 185 (2007); Phys. Lett. B 760, 309 (2016);
Eur. Phys. J. A 53, no. 5, 83 (2017); Phys. Rev. C 98, no. 4, 044002 (2018)

- However, this technique has so far only been applied to uncoupled channels or two coupled channels.
- **goal: generalization to three or more coupled partial waves (non-trivial)**

Benchmark system

scattering of two spin-1 bosons with approximate deuteron mass $m_1 = m_2 = 2m_N$, $m_N = 938.92$ MeV:

$$H = \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

test potential for spin-1/2 fermions (“one-pion exchange”):

$$V(\vec{r}) = C \left(1 + \frac{3(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1)(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) - (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)r^2}{r_0^2} \right) e^{-r^2/(2r_0^2)}$$

$$C = -2 \text{ MeV}, \quad r_0 = 3.95 \text{ fm}$$

$\vec{\sigma}_i$: Pauli matrices for particle $i = 1, 2$

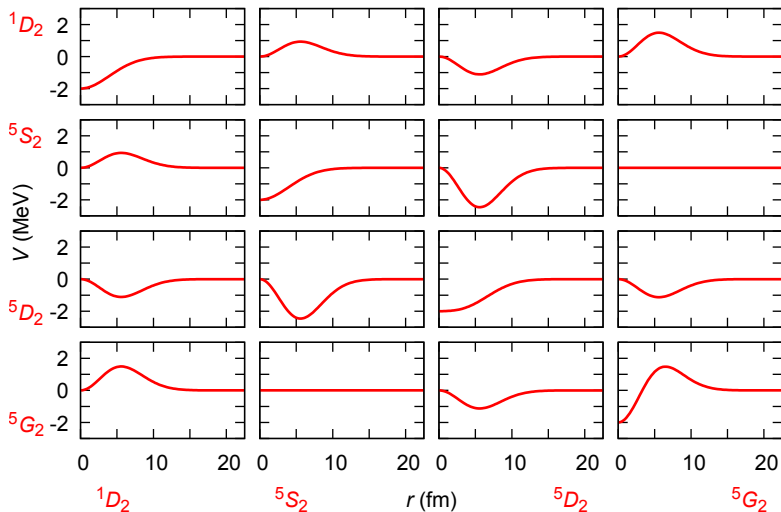
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replace Pauli matrices $\vec{\sigma}_i$ by spin-1 matrices \vec{s}_i :

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Benchmark system

projecting $V(\vec{r})$ onto partial waves yields up to four coupled scattering channels:

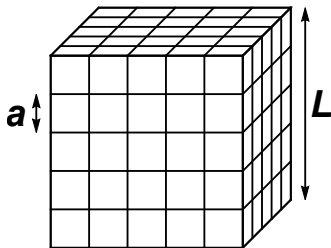


Lattice method: projection onto partial waves

define cubic lattice with spacing
 $a = 1.97$ fm and length $L = 35a$:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= (r_1, r_2, r_3); \\ r_i &= 0, \dots, (L-1)a \\ &= 0, \dots, (L-1) \text{ l.u.}\end{aligned}$$

(use dimensionless lattice units)



introduce periodic boundary conditions:

$$|\vec{r}\rangle = |\vec{r} + L\hat{e}_1\rangle = |\vec{r} + L\hat{e}_2\rangle = |\vec{r} + L\hat{e}_3\rangle$$

consider Hamiltonian in center-of-mass system (CMS):

$$H = \frac{\Delta}{2\mu} + V(\vec{r}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Lattice method: projection onto partial waves

discretize free term using $O(a^4)$ -improved lattice dispersion relation: [Eur. Phys. J. A 34, 185 \(2007\)](#)

$$\begin{aligned} H|\vec{r}\rangle &= \frac{49}{12\mu} |\vec{r}\rangle - \frac{3}{4\mu} \sum_{i=1}^3 (|\vec{r} + \hat{e}_i\rangle + |\vec{r} - \hat{e}_i\rangle) \\ &+ \frac{3}{40\mu} \sum_{i=1}^3 (|\vec{r} + 2\hat{e}_i\rangle + |\vec{r} - 2\hat{e}_i\rangle) \\ &- \frac{1}{180\mu} \sum_{i=1}^3 (|\vec{r} + 3\hat{e}_i\rangle + |\vec{r} - 3\hat{e}_i\rangle) + V(\vec{r}) |\vec{r}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

define radial states for partial wave $^{2s+1}l_j$: [Phys. Lett. B 760, 309 \(2016\)](#)

$$|R\rangle_{s,l,j} = \sum_{\vec{r}} \sum_{l_z, s_z} \sum_{s_{1,z}} \sum_{s_{2,z}} C_{0,l_z,s_z}^{j,l,s} C_{s_z,s_{1,z},s_{2,z}}^{s,1,1} Y_{l,l_z}(\hat{r}) \delta_{r,R} |\vec{r}\rangle \otimes |s_{1,z}, s_{2,z}\rangle$$

Lattice method: projection onto partial waves

consider n coupled channels:

$$|R\rangle_\alpha := |R\rangle_{s_\alpha, l_\alpha, j_\alpha} \text{ for } \alpha = 1, \dots, n$$

compute norm matrix of radial states:

$$[N(R)]_{\alpha\alpha'} = {}_\alpha\langle R | R \rangle_{\alpha'}$$

project Hamiltonian onto normalized radial states:

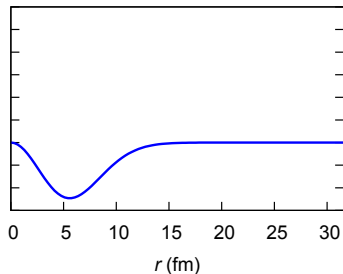
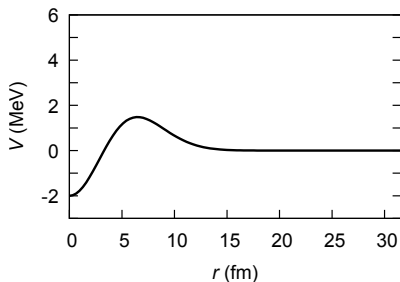
$$[H_R(R_1, R_2)]_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{\alpha', \beta'=1}^n [N^{-1/2}(R_1)]_{\alpha\alpha'} {}_{\alpha'}\langle R_1 | H | R_2 \rangle_{\beta'} [N^{-1/2}(R_2)]_{\beta'\beta}$$

obtain wave functions from eigenvectors $|\psi\rangle$ of H_R :

$$\psi_\alpha(R) = \sum_{\alpha'=1}^n [N^{-1/2}(R)]_{\alpha\alpha'} {}_{\alpha'}\langle R | \psi \rangle$$

Lattice method: auxiliary potentials

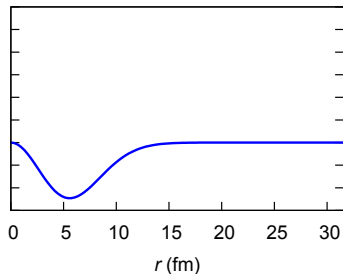
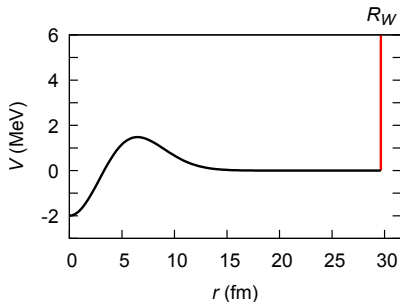
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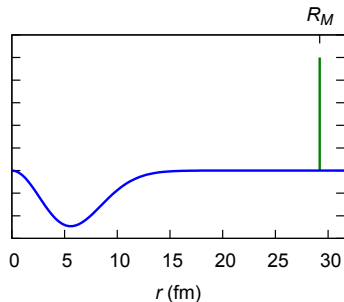
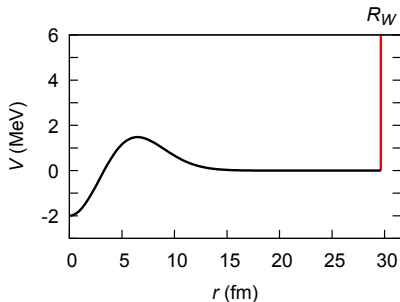


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spherical wall

$V(\vec{r}) \rightarrow V(\vec{r}) + \Lambda \theta(r - R_W)$, $R_W = 15.02a$, $\Lambda = 10^8$ MeV
(used to avoid artifacts caused by periodic boundary condition)

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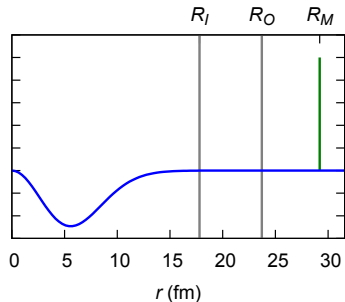
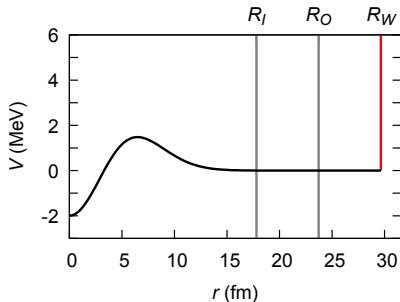
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$$H_R \rightarrow H_R + U_0 \delta_{r,R_M} \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_M \lesssim R_W, \quad U_0 = 5 \text{ MeV}$$

(used to construct full-rank S-matrix)

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interval for fitting wave functions: $R_I = 9.02a$, $R_O = 12.02a$

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→ time reversal symmetry must be broken to obtain two linearly independent solutions:

$$(H_R + U)\psi(r) = E\psi(r) \quad \text{with} \quad U(r) = U_0 \delta_{r, R_M} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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construction of S-matrix:

$$\psi'_{\beta+(\alpha-1)n}(r) = A_{\alpha\beta} h_{l_\alpha}^-(pr) + B_{\alpha\beta} h_{l_\alpha}^+(pr)$$
$$\Rightarrow S = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & \cdots & B_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B_{n1} & \cdots & B_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \cdots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

Blatt-Biedenharn parametrization: [Phys. Rev. 86, 399 \(1952\)](#)

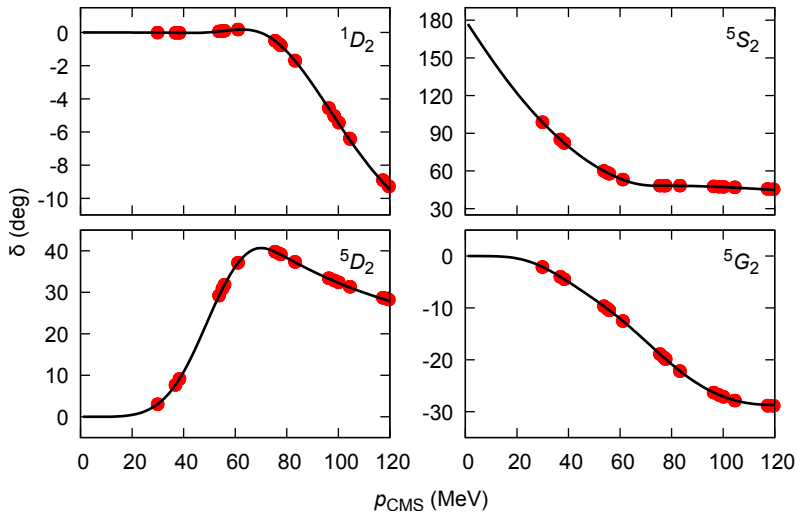
$$S = O^{-1} \text{diag}(e^{2i\delta_1}, \dots, e^{2i\delta_n}) O$$

with n phase shifts $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$ and $n(n-1)/2$ mixing angles

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \tan^{-1} O_{\alpha\beta} \text{ for } \alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, n \text{ and } \beta > \alpha$$

Computational results

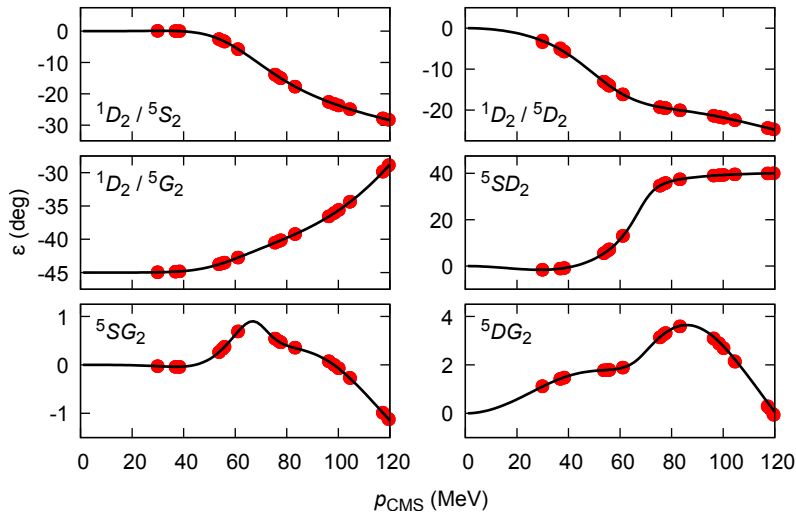
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Summary

- The spherical wall method has been generalized for particles with any spin and an arbitrary number of coupled scattering channels.
- For the benchmark system of two spin-1 bosons, the lattice and continuum results agree for CMS momenta well below the lattice cutoff $\Lambda_{\text{latt}} \sim \pi/a \simeq 314 \text{ MeV}$.
- The presented technique can be combined with the adiabatic projection method, which allows one to consider scattering of particle clusters.
- By using chiral EFT interactions, one can apply the adiabatic projection method to nuclear reactions (e.g. dd scattering), where $n > 2$ coupled channels often appear.

Thank you for your attention!