

Beyond integrability for collective pairing systems

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- The quantum many-body problem
- Pairing

2 Integrability

- Richardson
- for Sn isotopes
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- Richardson-Gaudin basis
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Theory

The mission of a quantum many-body theorist

- 1 Construct the A -body **Hamiltonian**

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^A -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_i} \nabla_i^2 + \sum_{i<j} V_2(r_i, r_j) + \sum_{i<j<k} V_3(r_i, r_j, r_k) + \dots$$

- 2 and solve the A -body **Schrödinger equation**

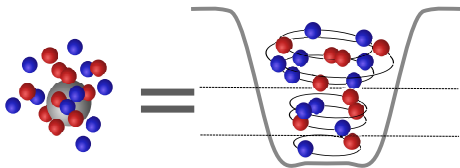
$$\langle r_1, r_2, \dots, r_A | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle = E \langle r_1, r_2, \dots, r_A | \Psi \rangle$$

Configuration Interaction (CI)

- Bound systems can be embedded within a mean field

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N [\hat{T}_i + V_m(r_i)] + \left[\sum_{i<j}^N V(r_i, r_j) - \sum_{i=1}^N V_m(r_i) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{H}_i + \sum_{i<j}^N V_{res}(r_i, r_j)$$

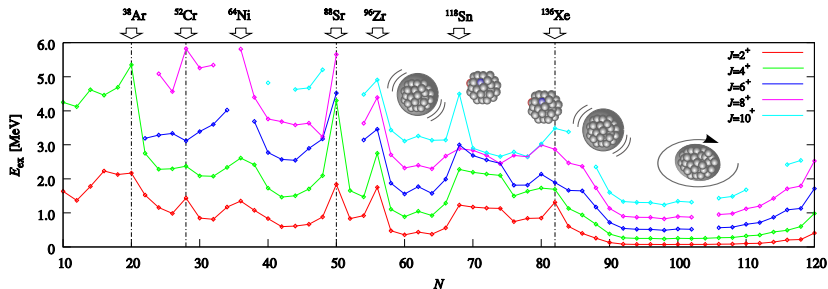
- The Hilbert space is spanned by all possible single-particle Slater determinants
- Residual interactions are treated in active valence space



Dimensions of the CI



More is different



Energy of excited states

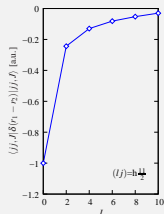
- Spikes at **magic numbers** $(N, Z) = \{8, 20, 28, 50, 82, \dots\}$ reminiscent of electronic shell structure
- Signatures of **collective** behaviour: (rigid) rotational and (soft) vibrational spectra.

Pairing for spherical nuclei

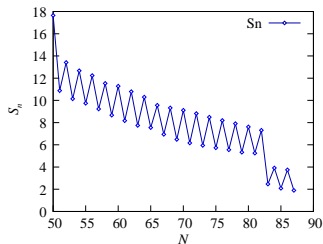
The interaction can be developed in a total angular momentum J expansion

$$\hat{H} = \sum_a \varepsilon_a \hat{n}_a + \frac{1}{4} \sum_J \sum_{abcd} \langle ab, JM | V | cd, JM \rangle [a_{j_a}^\dagger a_{j_b}^\dagger]^{(J)} \cdot [\tilde{a}_{j_c} \tilde{a}_{j_d}]^{(J)}$$

short-range interaction



- $J = 0$ dominance
- DOCI : keep only $\nu = 0$
Doubly Occupied CI
- $\dim \mathcal{H}(\nu = 0) \sim e^{N/2}$
- separation energies

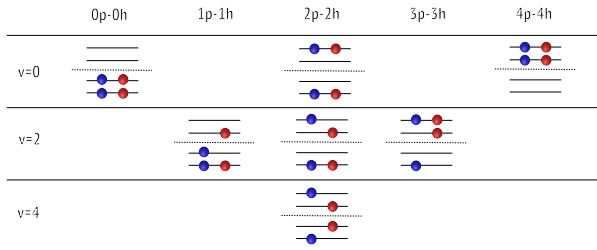


Hierarchy by Seniority

- Hamiltonian can be reordered wrt **seniority** ($v = 0, 2, 4$)

$$H = \sum_i \varepsilon_i a_i^\dagger a_i + \sum_{ik}^{v=0} V_{iikkk} a_i^\dagger a_i^\dagger \tilde{a}_k \tilde{a}_{\bar{k}} + \sum_{i \neq j, k}^{v=2} V_{ijjkk} (a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger \tilde{a}_k \tilde{a}_{\bar{k}} + h.c.) + \dots$$

- seniority** : number of particles *not* coupled pairwise together
- $\{S_i^\dagger, S_i, S_i^0\} = \{a_i^\dagger a_i^\dagger, \tilde{a}_i \tilde{a}_{\bar{i}}, \frac{1}{2}(n_i + n_{\bar{i}} - 1)\}$ span $su(2)$ quasi-spin algebra



Geminals

geminal states

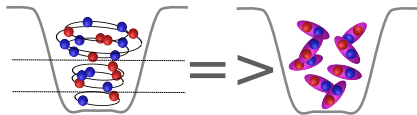
- "mean field" for pairing

$$|\text{APG}\rangle = \prod_{\alpha=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^m G_{\alpha i} S_i^{\dagger} |\theta\rangle$$

- overlap with slater states

$$\langle \text{Slater} | \text{APG} \rangle = \text{Per}(G)$$

- **factorial** scaling



tractable geminals

- APSG

$$\prod_{\alpha=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^m O_{\alpha i} S_i^{\dagger} |\theta\rangle$$

- AP1roG

$$\prod_{\alpha=1}^N \left(S_{\alpha}^{\dagger} + \sum_{i=N+1}^m G_{\alpha i} S_i^{\dagger} \right) |\theta\rangle$$

- Richardson-Gaudin

$$\prod_{\alpha=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{S_i^{\dagger}}{2\varepsilon_i - x_{\alpha}} |\theta\rangle$$

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Richardson's solution for the pairing problem

- The reduced BCS model is **exactly solvable**

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^m \varepsilon_i n_i + g \sum_{ij=1}^m S_i^\dagger S_j$$

- by means of a **Bethe Ansatz** product wavefunction

$$|\psi\rangle = \prod_{\alpha=1}^N S_{\alpha}^{\dagger} |\theta\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad S_{\alpha}^{\dagger} = \sum_i \frac{S_i^{\dagger}}{2\varepsilon_i - x_{\alpha}}$$

- provided the parameters x_{α} fulfill the

Richardson-Gaudin (RG) equations

$$1 + 2g \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{d_i}{2\varepsilon_i - x_{\alpha}} - 2g \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha}^N \frac{1}{x_{\beta} - x_{\alpha}} = 0 \quad (\forall \alpha = 1 \dots N)$$

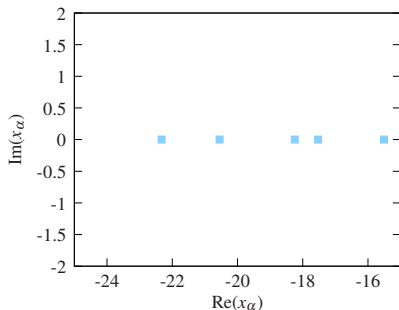
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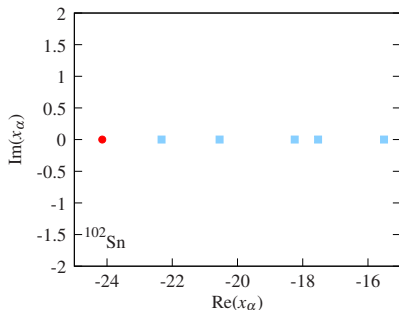
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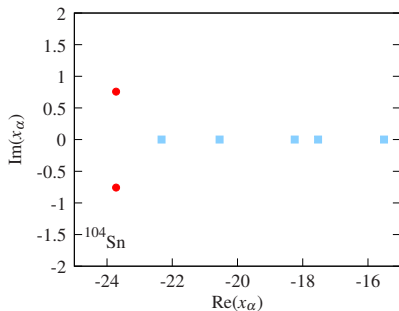
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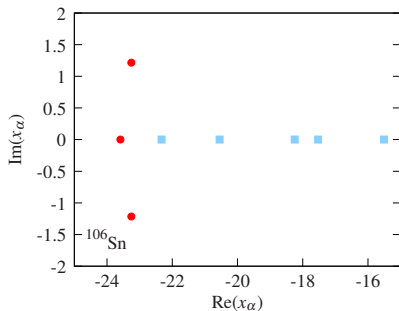
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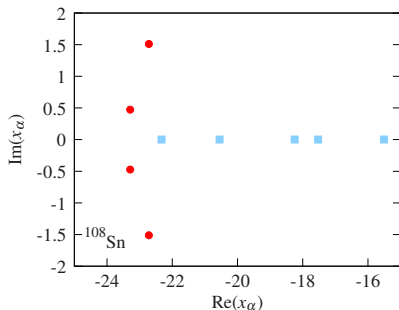
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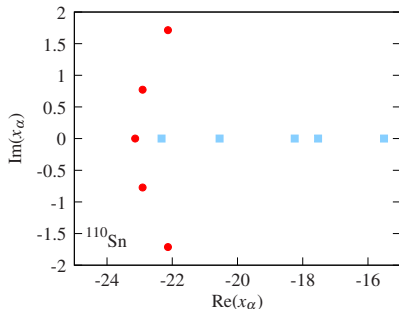
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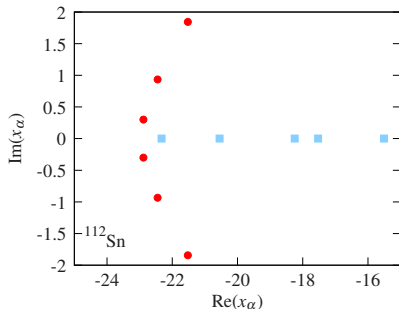
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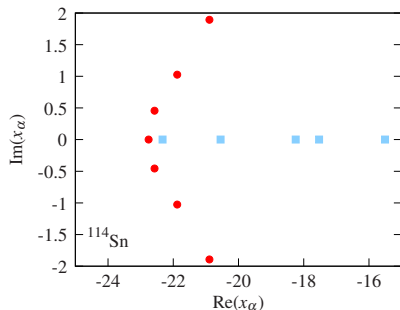
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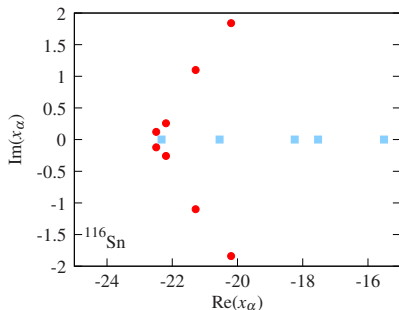
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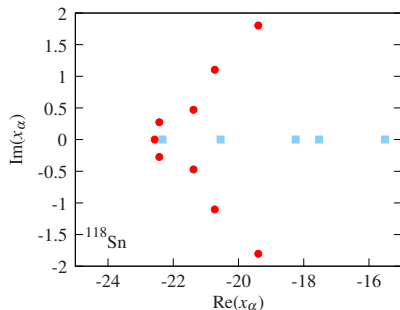
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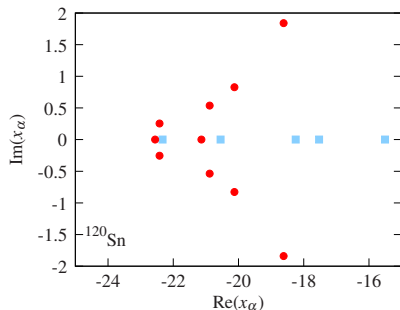
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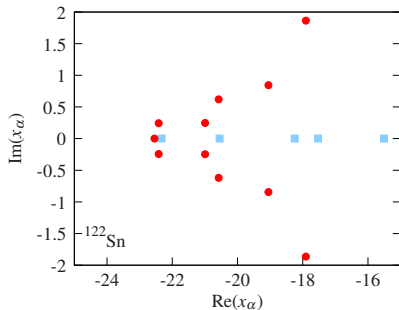
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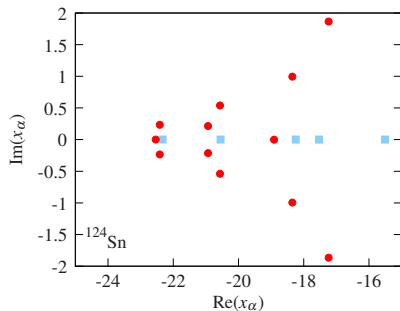
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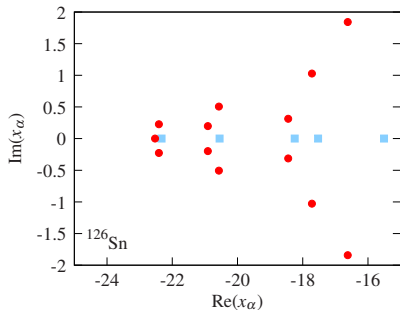
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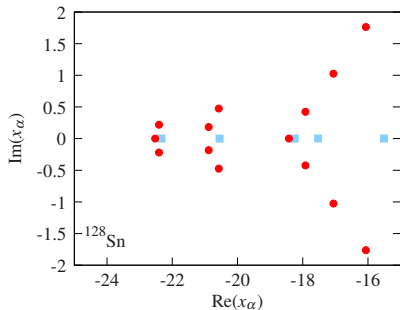
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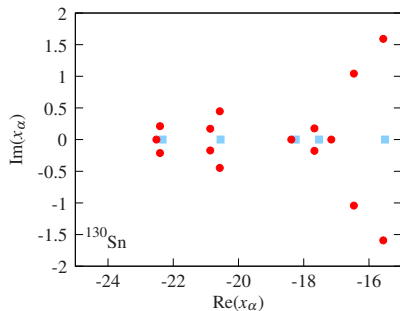
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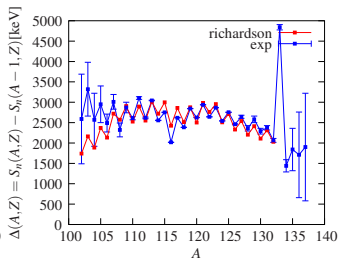
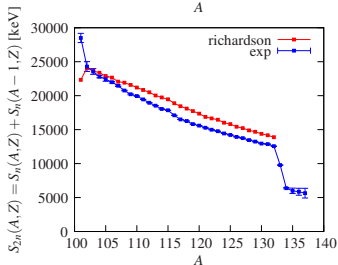
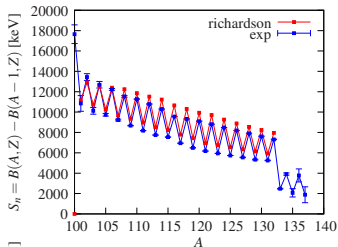
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Separation energies, gaps, ...



Significance of Richardson's solution

Diagonalisation

- Exact results
- Exponential scaling
- General interaction

Richardson

- Exact results
- Linear scaling
- Integrable systems

BCS

- Variational
- Linear scaling
- General interaction

What's the magic?

Integrable system (loose definition)

A system with m degrees of freedom is called **integrable** if the Hamiltonian can be written as a sum of m mutually commuting operators

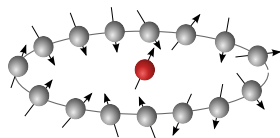
$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^m \varepsilon_i \hat{R}_i, \quad \text{with} \quad [\hat{R}_i, \hat{R}_j] = 0, \quad \forall i, j = 1..m$$

- Conserved charges of the pairing problem

$$R_i = S_i^0 + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{2} X_{ij} (S_i^\dagger S_j + S_i S_j^\dagger) + Z_{ij} S_i^0 S_j^0$$

- Integrability defines Gaudin algebra \mathfrak{g}

$$X_{ij} X_{jk} + X_{ki} Z_{ij} + X_{ki} Z_{jk} = 0, \quad \forall ijk$$



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rational model (XXX)

■ reduced BCS (Richardson)

$$X_{ij} = Z_{ij} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j}$$

hyperbolic model (XXZ)

■ factorisable interactions

$$X_{ij} = \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j}}{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j}, \quad Z_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j}{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j}$$

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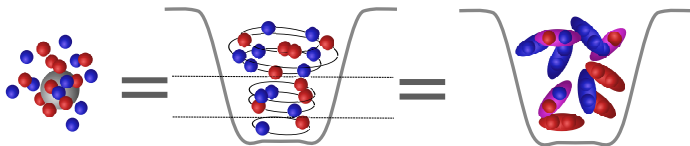
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Integrable systems for non-integrable systems

- Beyond mean-field correlations are described **exactly** in integrable systems

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{H}_i + \sum_{i<j}^N [V_{res}(r_i, r_j) + V_{int}(r_i, r_j) - V_{int}(r_i, r_j)] = \hat{H}_{int} + \sum_{i<j}^N v_{res}(r_i, r_j)$$

- Use Bethe Ansatz wavefunctions as **improved basis** over Slater determinants.
- fCI, perturbation theory, Kohn-Sham DFT, projected Schrödinger formalism, coupled cluster...
- ...



Correlation functions

Geminal states

- generalized richardson states

$$|\text{APG}\rangle = \prod_{\alpha=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^m G_{\alpha i} S_i^{\dagger} |\theta\rangle$$

- overlap with slater states

$$\langle \text{Slater} | \text{APG} \rangle = \text{Per}(G)$$

- factorial scaling

Richardson states

- special geminal states

$$|\text{RG}\rangle = \prod_{\alpha=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{S_i^{\dagger}}{2\varepsilon_i - x_{\alpha}} |\theta\rangle$$

- overlap with slater states
(Borchardt)

$$\langle \text{Slater} | \text{RG} \rangle = \frac{\det(\text{RG} * \text{RG})}{\det(\text{RG})^2}$$

- overlap with off-shell RG states
(Slavnov)

$$\langle \text{off-RG} | \text{RG} \rangle = \det(\text{Slavnov})$$

Richardson-Gaudin states as variational ansatz

- *non*-integrable DOCI Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^m \varepsilon_i n_i + \sum_{ik} V_{ik} S_i^\dagger S_k$$

- RG as **variational** ansatz

$$E[g] = \langle RG(g) | H | RG(g) \rangle$$

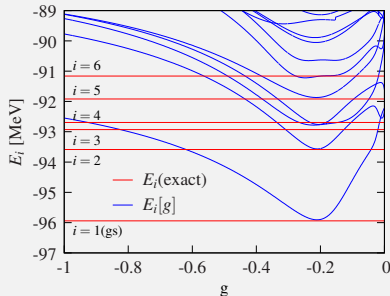
- $\min_g E[g]$ with **integrability** constraint

$$1 + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{2g d_i}{2\varepsilon_i - x_\alpha} - \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha}^N \frac{2g}{x_\beta - x_\alpha} = 0$$

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- realistic DOCI Hamiltonian with G-matrix formalism
- collective pair



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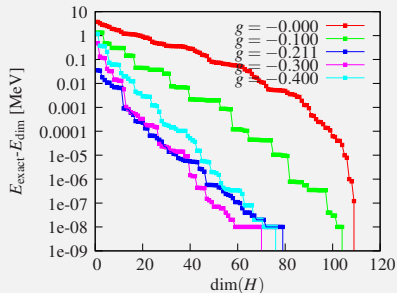
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- complete basis set with hierarchy
- diagonalise H in increasing basis set $\{|RG_1\rangle, |RG_2\rangle, |RG_3\rangle, \dots, |RG_i\rangle\}$
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- quick convergence at optimal $g = -0.211$
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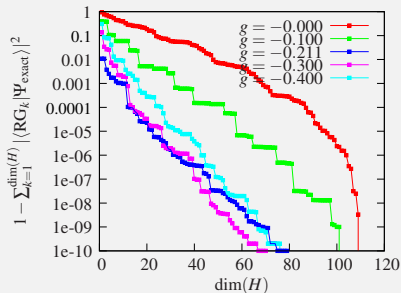
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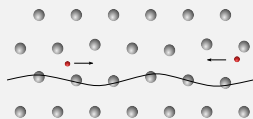


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Across the borders of nuclear structure

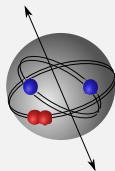
- Pairing correlations are ubiquitous

Superconductivity



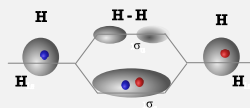
electron-phonon
coupling

Nuclear Structure



short-range interactions

Molecular Structure



bonding-antibonding

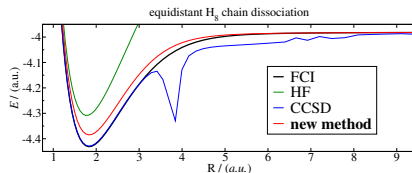
AP1roG (i)

- AP n roG picks n **occupied** orbitals and leaves virtual orbitals free

$$|\text{AP1roG}\rangle = \prod_{\alpha=1}^N \left(S_{\alpha}^{\dagger} + \sum_{i=N+1}^m G_{\alpha i} S_i^{\dagger} \right) |\theta\rangle$$

- projected Schrödinger approach: **reference** states




$$\langle \psi_{\text{ref}} | H | \text{AP1roG} \rangle = E \langle \psi_{\text{ref}} | \text{AP1roG} \rangle$$

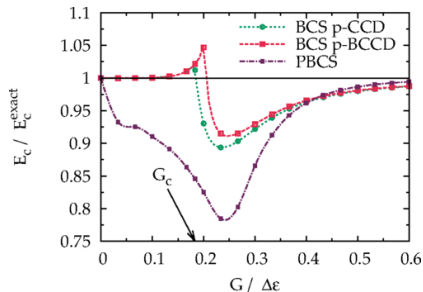





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AP1roG (ii)

features

- equivalent to pCCD 
- sufficiently flexible (GVB-PP)
- static correlations from weak residual interactions
- orbital optimization 
- ? collective pairs? 
superconductivity/fluidity
- ? DOCI limit?



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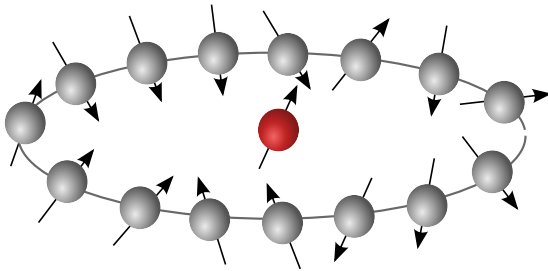
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