



The MONSTRE Project

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The MONSTRE Project: **MO**deling Nuclear **ST**tructure and **R**eactions

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Project 2020-2023:

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Project 2024-2026:

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Project 2024-2026: Brief Summary

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The MONSTRE Project:

Research Units

- ✓ INFN-Bologna (Local Coordinator: Paolo Finelli)
- ✓ INFN-Catania (Local Coordinator: Isaac Vidana)
- ✓ INFN-LNS (Local Coordinator: Maria Colonna)
- ✓ INFN-Milano (Local Coordinator: Javier Roca Maza)
- ✓ INFN-Padova (Local Coordinator: Lorenzo Fortunato)
- ✓ INFN-TIFPA-Trento (Local Coordinator: Alessandro Roggero)



The MONSTRE Project: staff members (FTE=20.7, 33 members)

INFN-Bologna (FTE=1)

- ✓ Paolo Finelli

INFN-Catania (FTE=3.1)

- ✓ Edoardo Lanza
- ✓ Massimo Papa
- ✓ Michelangelo Sambataro
- ✓ Isaac Vidana
- ✓ **Rui Wang (Post-doc)**

INFN-LNS (FTE=3.9)

- ✓ Angela Bonaccorso (INFN-Pisa)
- ✓ Aldo Bonasera
- ✓ Stefano Burrello
- ✓ Maria Colonna
- ✓ Danilo Gambacurta
- ✓ Enzo Greco
- ✓ Angela Gargano (INFN-Napoli)
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INFN-Padova (FTE=1.7)

- ✓ Lorenzo Fortunato
- ✓ Silvia Monica Lenzi
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INFN-Milano (FTE=5.8)

- ✓ Carlo Barbieri
- ✓ Gianluca Colò
- ✓ Javier Roca Maza
- ✓ Enrico Vigezzi
- ✓ **Pietro Klausner (Ph.D. student)**
- ✓ **Francesco Marino (Ph.D. student)**
- ✓ **Imane Moumene (Post-doc)**
- ✓ **Stefano Brolli (Ph.D. student)**

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- ✓ Maurizio Dapor
- ✓ Alessandro Lovato
- ✓ Francesco Pederiva
- ✓ Alessandro Roggero
- ✓ Simone Taioli
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- ✓ **Luca Vespucci (Ph.D.)**
- ✓ **Iyadh Chaker (Ph.D.)**

The MONSTRE Project:

Abstract of the proposal:

Our project aims to establish a comprehensive and integrated framework for the study of atomic nuclei, nuclear reactions, and strongly interacting matter. The synergistic efforts of the various units, based on their complementary expertise in advanced many-body and computational methods, will be devoted to the study of complex nuclear phenomena occurring at different scales of energy and size. Modern *ab initio* techniques will be refined and applied making use of microscopic interactions, derived from nuclear effective field theories. Density functionals will be developed using *ab initio* and/or phenomenological constraints and applied to the calculation of bulk, spectroscopic, and decay properties of finite nuclei throughout the whole nuclear chart. Collective modes will be studied making use of many body techniques including beyond mean-field correlations. The consistent merging of structure and reaction theories will offer the opportunity to directly compare theoretical calculations with empirical data for nuclear systems under extreme conditions, also deriving microscopic optical potentials. These investigations will also be performed by developing mathematical methods, quantum computing-based algorithms and machine learning techniques specifically tailored for the study of the nuclear many-body problem. Special attention will be devoted to the current experimental projects related to the production of rare isotopes, dark-matter detection, and the physics of electroweak interactions, including neutrino physics and double-beta decay. Combined astrophysical and terrestrial constraints, together with predictions based on state-of-the-art models, will be employed to achieve an improved, multi-faceted understanding of the nuclear equation of state.

The MONSTRE Project:

- ✓ **Modern *ab initio* techniques** will be refined and applied making use of **microscopic interactions**, derived from nuclear **effective field theories**
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- ✓ EDF methods including **beyond mean-field correlations** (2p-2h, phonon coupling, ...)
- ✓ **Merging of structure and reaction theories** (also deriving **microscopic optical potentials**)
- ✓ Multi-faceted understanding of the **nuclear equation of state**
- ✓ **Mathematical methods, quantum computing-based algorithms and machine learning techniques** specifically tailored for the study of the **nuclear many-body problem**
- ✓ Special attention to the **current experimental projects** (production of rare isotopes, dark-matter detection, the physics of electroweak interactions, neutrino physics and double-beta decay, ...)

The MONSTRE Project: Work Packages (WPs)

- ✓ WP1) ***Ab initio* many body methods for nuclei and nuclear matter:** increasing the accuracy and predictive power
- ✓ WP2) **Advanced theoretical studies of nuclear phenomena:** addressing the experimental challenges
- ✓ WP3) **Nuclear matter under extreme conditions:** from nuclear dynamics to compact objects
- ✓ WP4) **Emerging computational technologies:** quantum computing and machine learning techniques

WP1: *Ab initio* many body methods for nuclei and nuclear matter

- ✓ Self-consistent Green's functions (SCGF), Quantum Monte Carlo, (QMC), Configuration Interaction Monte Carlo (CIMC) and Shell Model (SM), with effective interactions from the chiral EFT including 3-N terms
- ✓ Quantum computing and neural-network quantum states, to extend the domain of their applicability (WP4)
- ✓ Accurate optical nucleon- and nucleus-nucleus potentials within the SCGF approach at low energy (spectator expansion and the impulse approximation)
- ✓ Study of nuclear and hyperonic matter, exotic and deformed nuclei

WP2: Advanced theoretical studies of nuclear phenomena

- ✓ Extending EDF models (*ab initio* constraints, atomic parity-violating data, inclusion of SRCs, beyond mean-field approaches, symmetry restoration,...)
- ✓ Exotic Nuclei: shell structure evolution, low-lying states (PDR), collective excitations (deformed nuclei), ...
- ✓ Phenomenological nucleus-nucleus optical potentials to extract spectroscopic information via breakup and transfer reactions.
- ✓ Direct reactions populating weakly bound systems, unbound resonances.
- ✓ Neutrino physics: single and double-beta decay, charge-exchange reactions

WP3: Nuclear matter under extreme conditions

- ✓ Heavy ion collisions (HICS) at Fermi/intermediate energies
- ✓ DWBA, Coupled-Channel (CC) calculations, semi-classical and transport models to study the collision mechanism
- ✓ Combined astrophysical and terrestrial constraints to improve the EoS
- ✓ The formation of clustering structures at sub-saturation densities in modelization of the EoS (extended EDF incorporating SRCs)

WP4: Emerging computational technologies

- ✓ Developing scalable quantum algorithms for *ab initio* calculations and implementation on current quantum technologies (INFN, CERN and IBM).
- ✓ Different possible encodings of pion-less effective theory for light-nuclei (benchmark calculations)
- ✓ Entanglement properties of light nuclei and infinite nuclear matter to characterize many-nucleon correlations
- ✓ Variational MC methods based on neural-network (N-N) quantum states

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Research Units: [Milano, Trento, LNS]
- ✓ WP2) **Advanced theoretical studies of nuclear phenomena:** addressing the experimental challenges
Research Units: [Catania, Milano, Padova, Trento, LNS]
- ✓ WP3) **Nuclear matter under extreme conditions:** from nuclear dynamics to compact objects
Research Units: [Catania, Milano, LNS]
- ✓ WP4) **Emerging computational technologies:** quantum information and machine learning techniques
Research Units: [Catania, Milano, Trento]

The MONSTRE Project: Experimental collaborations

- ✓ Asfin collaboration, LNS Italia
- ✓ Chimera Collaboration, LNS Italia
- ✓ CHIRONE - NUCLEX collaboration INFN-Catania and LNS-Catania
- ✓ GAMMA Experiment, INFN, Italy
- ✓ INDRA-FAZIA international collaboration
- ✓ LAND-Chimera collaboration, GSI Darmstadt, Germany
- ✓ MAGNEX and NUMEN collaboration, LNS Italia
- ✓ $S\pi$ RIT international collaboration
- ✓ Australian National University-Canberra, Australia:
- ✓ CSIC, Madrid, Spain:
- ✓ i-Themba, Capetown, South Africa:
- ✓ Oak Ridge NL, USA:
- ✓ Research Center for Nuclear Physics ,Osaka, Japan
- ✓ RIKEN, Japan
- ✓ Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany
- ✓ Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, Newport News, USA

The MONSTRE WebSite (<https://www0.mi.infn.it/monstre/>)



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MONSTRE is a research project sponsored and financed by the National Scientific Committee for Theoretical Physics ([CSN4](#)) of the [Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare](#) (INFN).

The main goal of our collaboration is to implement an integrated framework for the physics of atomic nuclei, nuclear reactions, and strongly interacting matter. We aim to match the development of nuclear structure and reaction theory with the experimental progress currently underway in areas like the production of rare isotopes, dark-matter detection, and the physics of electroweak interactions, including neutrino-oscillation and double-beta decay. The recent progress in gravitational-wave detection also calls for a better understanding of the nuclear interactions aiming to reconcile terrestrial nuclear physics observations with the new constraints of astrophysical origin. We will not disregard important applicative aspects like those related to nuclear medicine. Different complementary aspects in the field will be tackled by networking the combined expertise of the various units, who are active in developing a set of advanced and complementary many-body analytic and computational methods. We plan to use our experience in a concerted way in the effort of bridging the gap between the different scales involved in a modern nuclear physics research program.

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Workpackage WP1



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Quantum Monte Carlo calculations in configuration space with three-nucleon forces

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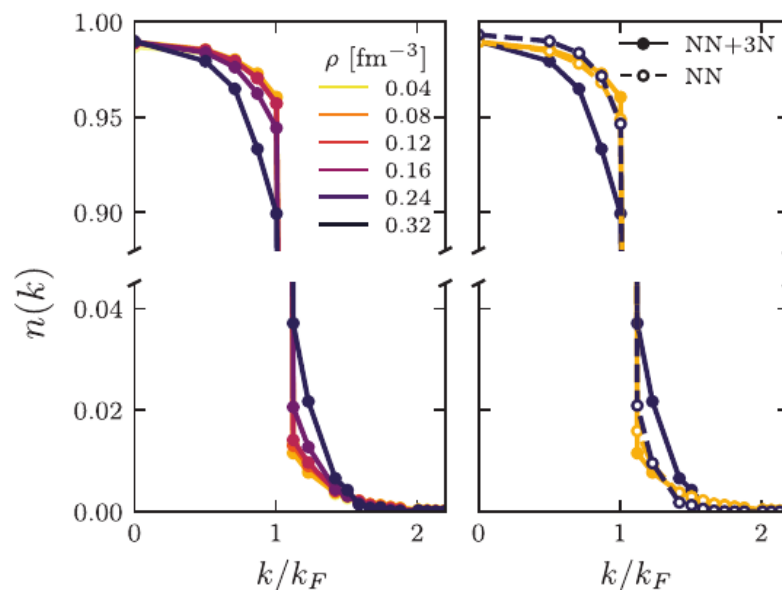
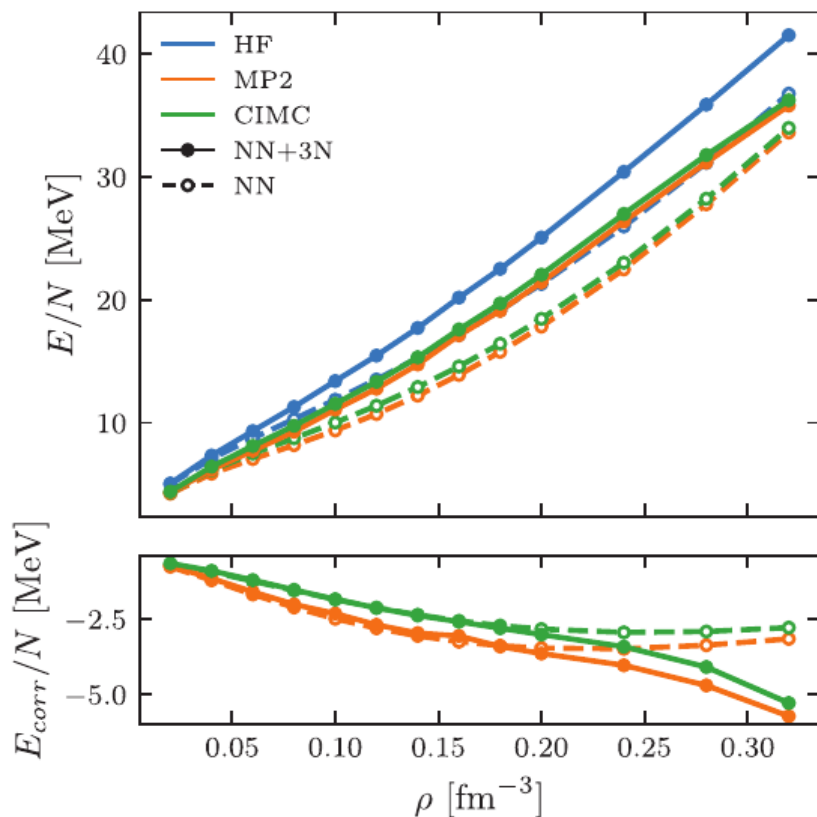


FIG. 3. Left: Momentum distribution of neutron matter for the NNLO_{opt} Hamiltonian plus 3NFs, computed in a periodic box with 66 particles, for different densities. Right: Comparison of $n(k)$ computed with and without 3NFs for two cases, at half and twice saturation density. The momentum is expressed as a fraction of the Fermi momentum k_F .

Predictions for the momentum distribution and the static structure factor.

Toward a Unified Description of Isoscalar Giant Monopole Resonances in a Self-Consistent Quasiparticle-Vibration Coupling Approach

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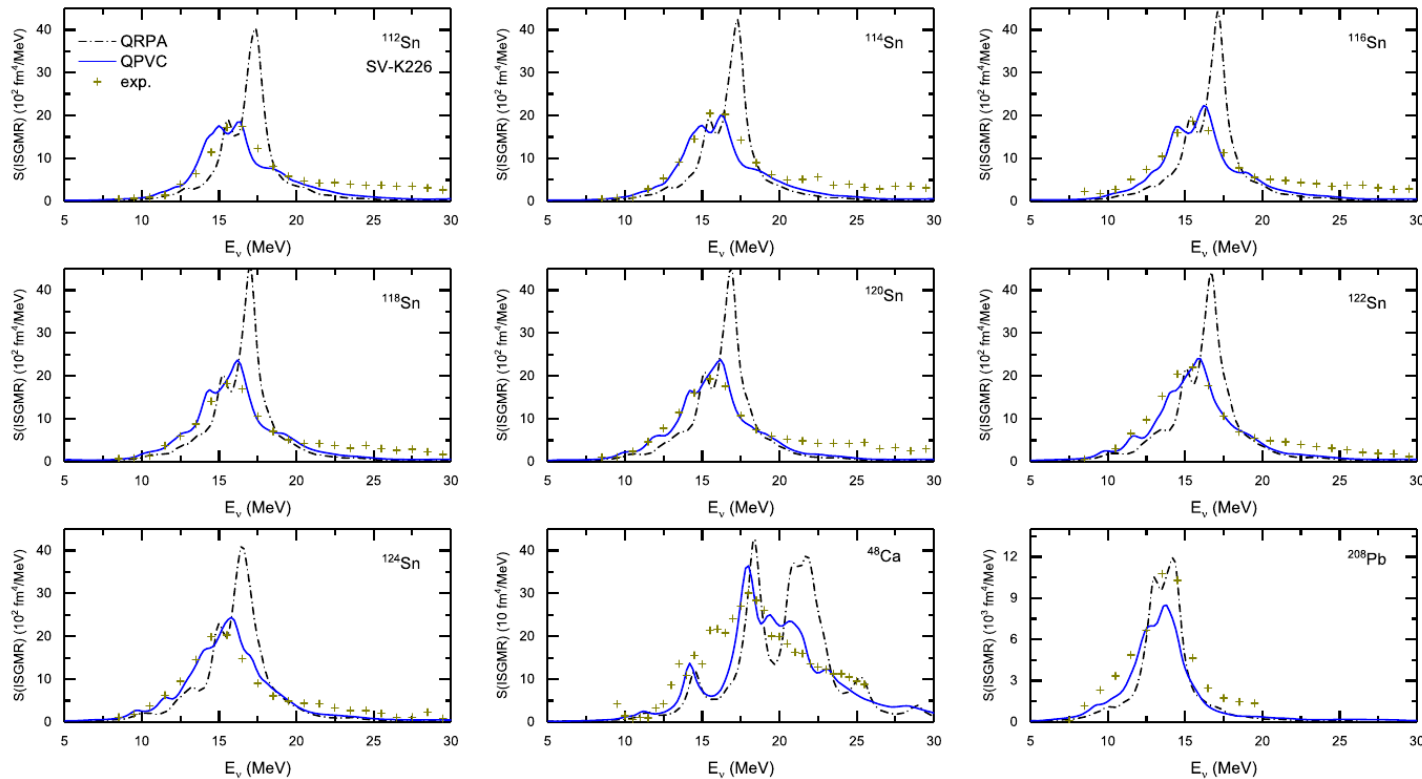
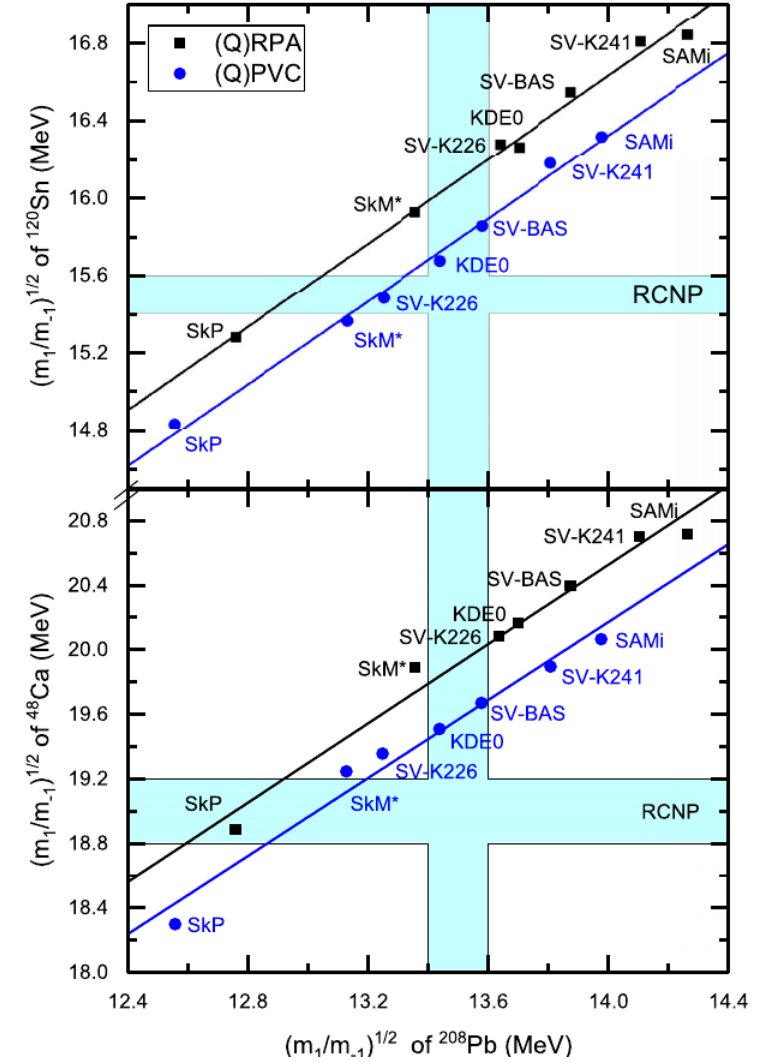


FIG. 1. ISGMR strength functions in even-even $^{112-124}\text{Sn}$, ^{48}Ca , and ^{208}Pb isotopes, calculated either by (Q)RPA using a smoothing with Lorentzian having a width of 1 MeV [dash-dotted (black) line], or (Q)RPA + (Q)PVC [solid (blue) line]. The SV-K226 Skyrme force is used. The experimental data are given by green crosses [8,15,45].

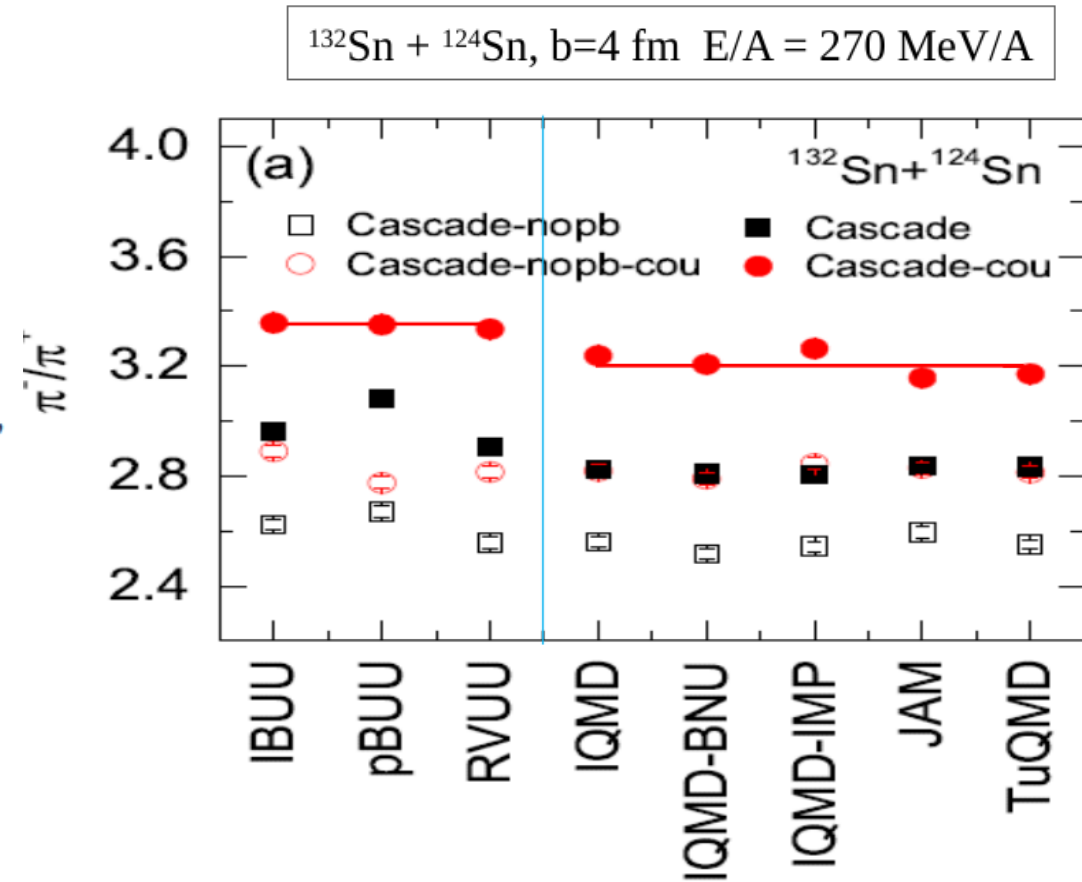


$K_\infty = 226 \text{ MeV}$ and 229 MeV ,

Review

Transport model comparison studies of intermediate-energy heavy-ion collisions

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Transport Model Evaluation (Comparison) Project -- **TMEP**

• **CASCADE**: difference **BUU/QMD** due to better treatment of Pauli-Blocking in **BUU**

Trapped-ion quantum simulation of collective neutrino oscillations

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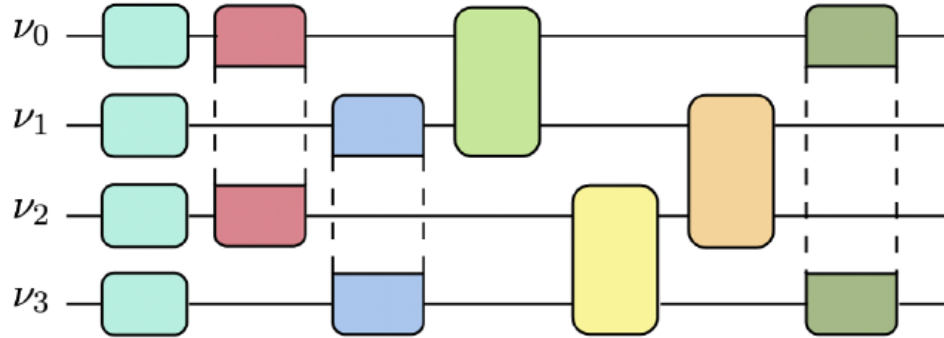


FIG. 8. Scheme for implementing a single Trotter step. We first apply the single-qubit gates corresponding to the one-body propagator $U_1(dt)$ and then the pair propagator using the optimal ordering implementing $U_2(dt)$.

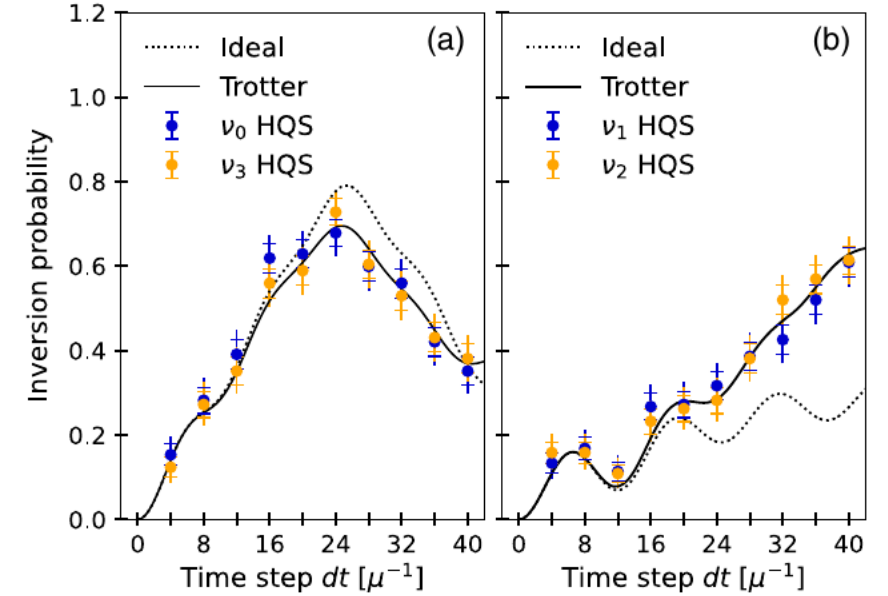


FIG. 9. Single Trotter step evolution for the inversion probability starting with the initial state $|\Psi_0^{(4)}\rangle = |0011\rangle$. Panel (a) is for neutrinos ν_0 and ν_3 , and panel (b) is for ν_1 and ν_2 . The dotted line represents the ideal results using the exact propagator, while the solid black line indicates the ideal result obtained using one Trotter step. The results obtained from experiments on QSM H1-2 are represented by data points and error bars with and without caps corresponding to 68% and 90% confidence intervals, respectively.

The MONSTRE Project: Talks

- ✓ *Quantum computing for nuclear physics [35']*
Alessandro Roggero, Università di Trento
- ✓ *Digital quantum computing for collective neutrino oscillations[20']*
Valentina Amitrano, Università di Trento, **(Ph.D. student)**
- ✓ *Microscopic theory of infinite nuclear matter and connections to the nuclear energy functional [20']*, Francesco Marino, Sezione di Milano, **(Ph.D. student)**
- ✓ *Systematics of reaction cross sections from double folding and single folding optical potentials [20']*, Imane Moumene, Sezione di Milano, **(Post-doc)**
- ✓ *Clustering and two-body correlations within extended density functional approach [35']*, Stefano Burrello, LNS-Catania
- ✓ *Kinetic approach of light-nuclei production in intermediate-energy heavy-ion collisions [20']*, Rui Wang, Sezione di Catania, **(Post-doc)**

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- ✓ Clustering and alpha-like correlations induced by the p-n pairing force

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