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Constrained-Path Quantum Monte-Carlo Approach for the Nuclear Shell Model

The interacting shell model is a powerful theoretical framework for studying the nuclear structure. Unfortunately, the combinatorial scaling of the many-body space with the number of valence nucleons or the size of the single-particle basis strongly restricts its applicability. Quantum Monte-Carlo (QMC) methods may then be considered as attractive techniques to overcome such limitations by offering an alternative to the diagonalization of the Hamiltonian. In this context, I will present a new QMC approach for the shell model yielding nearly exact spectroscopies of nuclei. The originality of the formalism lies in the use of a variational symmetry-restored wave function to 'guide' the Brownian motion, as well as to control the sign/phase problem that generally makes the traditional QMC samplings totally ineffective by causing a prohibitive growth of the statistical errors.

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