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## Computational Approach for Dynamics of Many-Fermion Systems

- from Nuclear Physics to Optical Science -

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# Links among Hierarchies in Nuclear Physics

Combining particle physics, nuclear physics, and astrophysics by computation

- Origin of elements
- Evolution of the universe



Quantum dynamics of many-fermion systems

#### Nuclei



#### Atoms, molecules, solids electron many-body system Coulomb interaction



Computational Approach for Dynamics of Many-Fermion Systems:

 from Nuclear Physics to Optical Science - Large-scale computing has a high potential to link different hierarchies.



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A number of concepts and methods on finite, quantum, fermion systems have been developed in nuclear physics.





Optical sciences developing as multi-disciplinary fields. In particular, nonlinear electron dynamics by intense and ultrashort laser pulses. Let me start to talk on

How I come to work on electron dynamics.

## Quantum Simulation for Many-Fermion Systems: Nuclear Collision

Time-dependent Hartree-Fock theory. 3D time-dependent Schroedinger equation is solved with real-time and real-space method.

H. Flocard, S.E. Koonin, M.S. Weiss, Phys. Rev. 17(1978)1682.

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THREE-DIMENSIONAL TIME-DEPENDENT HARTREE-FOCK...



FIG. 2. Contour lines of the density integrated over the coordinate normal to the scattering plane for an  ${}^{16}O + {}^{16}O$  collision at  $E_{1ab} = 105$  MeV and incident angular momentum  $L = 13\hbar$ . The times t are given in units of  $10^{-22}$  sec.

Spatial grid 30x28x16, time step  $4x10^2$ 

Time evolution of proton and neutron orbitals.

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_i(\vec{r}, t) = h[n(\vec{r}, t)] \psi_i(\vec{r}, t)$$
$$n(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_i |\psi_i(\vec{r}, t)|^2$$
$$\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \cdots, \vec{r}_N, t) = A\{\psi_1(\vec{r}_1, t)\psi_2(\vec{r}_2, t)\cdots\psi_N(\vec{r}_N, t)\}$$

## $^{24}O - {}^{16}O$ collision at E=16 MeV



Time: 10<sup>-22</sup>s, Length: 10<sup>-14</sup>m

## Crossover between nuclear physics and nanoscience: Atomic clusters

Synthesis of atomic clusters in cluster beam in the vacuum

- 1984: Discovery of magic numbers in metallic clusters Prediction of giant dipole resonance (soon observed)
- 1985: Discovery of fullerene  $C_{60}$  in cluster beam

(I was in graduate school during 1982-1987)

Abundance spectrum of Alkali metal clusters, electronic mean field and magic number



Metallic clusters: 2,8,20,40,58,92,138, ... Atomic nuclei: 2,8,20,28,50,82,126, ...



Nuclei

# Finite Fermion Systems confined in spherical potential

Common properties

- Magic number
- Deformation
- Collective excitation



Metallic clusters



Optical absorption of atomic nuclei

Optical absorption spectrum of Li clusters

I participated in atomic cluster physics in 1992. There are a lot of interesting but "complex and difficult" problems.

- Different shape of absorption profiles Li<sub>440</sub> among alkali metals, Li, Na, K. Why? 200 1002 - Bulk concepts (e.g. dielectric function) effective for small systems? huleV σ (Ų) / How to describe optical response? 1500. - Hundred of electrons. K<sub>440</sub> - Roughly spherical but precisely having no symmetry. 1000 500 0 hv(eV)

σ (Ų)

Absorption spectrum (Mie plasmon) of Alkali-metal clusters, Li and K My answer was to combine - Nuclear time-dependent mean-field method – and - First-principles density-functional theory in condensed matter physics -

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_i(t) = \{h_{KS}[\rho(t)] + V_{ext}(t)\} \psi_i(t)$$
$$\rho(t) = \sum_i |\psi_i(t)|^2$$

#### Electron density change from that in the ground state.



## Optical absorption spectrum of $Li_{147}^+$

K. Y, G.F. Bertsch, Phys. Rev. B54, 4484 (1996).



The width comes from electron-atom elastic scattering (Landau damping)

## Time-dependent mean-field theory

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## Single-particle dynamics in mean-field potential

- Protons and neutrons in nuclei
- Electrons in atoms, molecules, and solids

TDHF (Time-dependent Hartree-Fock) TDDFT (Time-dependent density-functional theory)

## Universal tool for photoabsorption

## Nuclei



#### Absorption spectra of molecules by real-time TDDFT

Molecules



Optical absorption spectrum is a linear response property (within perturbation theory). Next, on nonlinear fermion dynamics.

In low-energy nuclear physics, heavy-Ion collision has been the major phenomena of nonlinear nuclear dynamics.



Nuclear TDHF simulation

In optical sciences, intense laser pulse induces a variety of phenomena reflecting nonlinear electron dynamics.



Electron dynamics in solid, TDDFT simulation

#### Intense Laser Pulses: G. Mourou @ PIF2010



PIF2010 (International Conference on Physics in Intense Fields) (Nov. 24-26, 2010, KEK)

## Intense and Ultrashort







 $10^{13}-10^{15}$ W/cm<sup>2</sup>

Intensity of applied laser pulse is comparable to electric field in matter which binds electrons. 10<sup>-15</sup>s (1 femto sec)

Pulse duration shorter than molecular vibration comparable to electron dynamics.

# Nonlinear Electron Dynamics induced by intense and ultrashort laser pulse

#### Atoms:

High Harmonic Generation and Attosecond pulse generation



#### Molecules:

Tomographic imaging of molecular orbital by electron rescattering



#### Solids:

Nonthermal laser machining, formation of electron-hole plasma by intense and ultrashort pulse



FIG. 1. (a) Drilling of enamel (tooth) with conventional 1053 nm, nanosecond pulses (ablation threshold=30 J/cm<sup>2</sup> for  $\tau_p$ =1.4 ns). (b) Same as in (a) but with the pulse duration reduced to the ultrashort regime (ablation threshold=3 J/cm<sup>2</sup> for  $\tau_p$ =350 fs). In both cases, the laser spot size was 300  $\mu$ m. (c) cross section of hole made with 350 fs pulses.

## Intense laser pulse propagation in solid requires undivided treatment of quantum mechanics and electromagnetism

Different length scales of light wavelength and atomic size requires multi-scale description



## Theoretical description of light propagation in matter Electromagnetism and Quantum Mechanics

Maxwell equation	Constitutive relations	Schroedinger equation
$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$	$\vec{D} = \vec{D} \left[ \vec{E}, \vec{H} \right] \neq \varepsilon \vec{E}$	$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi_{i} = \frac{1}{2m}\left(-i\hbar\vec{\nabla} + \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}\right)^{2}\psi_{i} - e\phi\psi_{i}$
$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$	$\vec{B} = \vec{B} \left[ \vec{E}, \vec{H} \right] \neq \mu \vec{H}$	$\vec{\nabla}^2 \phi = -4\pi \{en_{ion} - en_e\}$
$\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{D}=\rho$	/	Linear response (perturbation) theory
$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \vec{j}$		$\varepsilon(\omega), \mu(\omega)$
$\mathbf{\Gamma}$ = $\mathbf{r}$ = $\mathbf{r}$ = $1$ = $1$ = $1$ = $1$ = $1$		

For extremely intense field, we need to solve coupled Maxwell + Schroedinger equations Two spatial scales, light wavelength [µm] and electron dynamics [nm]

## Microscopic Electron dynamics in crystalline Si under spatially uniform, time-dependent electric field

Time-dependent Bloch orbitals, an extension of band-theory for electron dynamics

G.F. Bertsch, J.-I. Iwata, A. Rubio, K. Y., Phys. Rev. B62, 7998 (2000).



## Coupled Maxwell + TDDFT multi-scale simulation

K. Y., T. Sugiyama, Y. Shinohara, T. Otobe, G.F. Bertsch, Phys. Rev. B85, 045134 (2012).

## Two coordinates: Macroscopic and microscopic

Macroscopic grids for Z (µm scale) to calculate propagation of vector potential

$$\frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}A_Z(t) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Z^2}A_Z(t) = \frac{4\pi}{c}J_Z(t)$$

$$J_{Z}(t)$$

 $A_{\rm Z}(t)$ 

Coupled by macroscopic vector potential and current averaged over unit cell volume

$$J(Z,t) = \int_{\Omega} d\vec{r} \, \vec{j}_{e,Z}$$
$$\vec{j}_{e,Z} = \frac{\hbar}{2mi} \sum_{i} \left( \psi_{i,Z}^* \vec{\nabla} \, \psi_{i,Z} - \psi_{i,Z} \vec{\nabla} \, \psi_{i,Z}^* \right) - \frac{e}{4\pi c} n_{e,Z} \vec{A}$$



## Electron orbitals: $\psi_{i,Z}(\vec{r},t)$

At each macroscopic grid point Z, we consider Kohn-Sham orbital with microscopic grids (nm) to describe electron dynamics

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi_{i,Z} = \frac{1}{2m}\left(-i\hbar\vec{\nabla} + \frac{e}{c}\vec{A}_{Z}(t)\right)^{2}\psi_{i,Z} - e\phi_{Z}\psi_{i,Z} + \frac{\delta E_{xc}}{\delta n}\psi_{i,Z}$$
$$\vec{\nabla}^{2}\phi_{Z} = -4\pi\left\{en_{ion} - en_{e,Z}\right\}$$

## Propagation of weak pulse

(Linear response regime, separate dynamics of electrons and E-M wave)

## $I = 10^{10} W/cm^2$



## More intense laser pulse Maxwell and TDKS equations no more separate.

 $I = 5 \times 10^{12} W/cm^2$ 



## Reflectivity depends on laser intensity.



## Interpretation by Drude model

Laser pulse excites electrons. Excited electrons behave metallic.

$$\varepsilon(n_{ph}) = \varepsilon_{GS} - \frac{4\pi e^2 n_{ph}}{m^*} \frac{1}{\omega(\omega + \frac{i}{\tau})}$$

 $n_{ph}$  electron-hole density

au collision time



Time-dependent mean-field calculation includes collision effect !?

## Summary

- Nuclear physics (has been and will) provide useful concepts/methods for new emergences in a variety of fields.
- Large scale computing has a high potential to link different hierarchies.
- I showed an example, the time-dependent mean-field theory
  - Universal tool for linear optical response
  - Maxwell / Schroedinger description for nonlinear electromagnetism (regarded as a new light source by computation after the laser, synchrotron radiation, XFEL, ...)



