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Nuclear density functional theory: From fundamentals to frontiers

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Bottom-up approach to nuclear structure



"Although QCD is the basic theory of strong interactions, other models must take over for a proper description of the lowenergy nuclear behavior."

"The figure indicates some models used and their region of applicability."

"Note that the regions overlap, we are progressing <u>towards a</u> <u>complete</u> understanding of <u>nuclear structure</u>."

Proper energy scale & degree of freedom for understanding the proper physics

Nuclear Physics European Collaboration Committee Long Range Plan 2004

State-of-the-art nuclear theories



http://www.unedf.org/

Density functional theory (DFT) aims at understanding <u>both ground-state</u> and excited-state properties of <u>thousands</u> of nuclei in a consistent and predictive way.

Nuclear many-body problem

Nuclear *N*-particle system

> Time-dependent Schrödinger/Dirac equation (in this talk $\hbar = c = 1$)

 $i\frac{\partial\Psi(t)}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\Psi(t)$

Stationary equation

$$\hat{H}\Psi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = E\Psi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

where $x_i = (\mathbf{r}_i, \sigma_i, \tau_i)$ stands for the **spatial**, **spin**, and **isospin** coordinates. The problem becomes extremely difficult when N = 4, 5, 6, ...

- □ However, the *N*-particle wave function contains a great deal of information, which is **irrelevant** to most of important physical properties.
- □ It is very advantageous to introduce the **density matrices**, defined from the many-body wave function by **integrating out** much of **redundant** information.



One-body local density & DFT

One-body local density (a function in 3D space, independent of N)

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\sigma,\tau} \int |\Psi(x, x_2, \dots, x_N)|^2 \mathrm{d}x_2 \dots \mathrm{d}x_N$$

- > experimental observable
- with transparent physical meaning
- easily visualized



The aim of density functional theory (DFT) is

> to reduce the many-body quantum mechanical problem formulated in terms of *N*-particle wave functions Ψ to the one-particle level with the local density distribution $\rho(\mathbf{r})$.

Impacts of DFT



"A work of fundamental importance is usually much quoted directly after is publication, but no longer so when it has entered textbooks and has become canonized. Why did this not happen to the Hohenberg-Kohn paper?"

"Actually the HK theorem is a rather unusual kind of theorem, that resists an easy interpretation, and that has still a touch of mystery."



— Werner Kutzelnigg

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Kohn's Nobel Lecture



Nobel Lecture: Electronic structure of matter—wave functions and density functionals*

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DFT by Legendre transformation



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Density functional theory in terms of a Legendre transformation for beginners

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Abstract

The derivation of the Hohenberg–Kohn (HK) theorem by means of a simplified version of Lieb's Legendre transformation is presented, with the stress on physically problematic aspects, and caring about the definition of the domains of the respective functionals only to the extent, that this is absolutely necessary. The take-home lesson consists in a critical analysis of some statements often found in the DFT literature. As a simple illustration for a Legendre transformation we discuss that in parameter space for the family of *n*-electron isoelectronic atomic ions, with the nuclear charge as parameter.

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Hohenberg-Kohn theorem

HK original paper [Phys. Rev. 136, B864 (1964)]

- We develop an exact formal variational principle for the ground-state energy E, in which the density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is the variable function.
- ► Into this principle enters a universal functional $F_{HK}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$, which applies to all electronic systems in their ground state no matter what the external potential $u(\mathbf{r})$ is.
- The main objective of theoretical considerations is a description of this functional. Once known, it is relatively easy to determine the ground-state energy in a given external potential.

Basic lemma of HK [Nobel Lecture]

> The ground-state density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ of a bound system of interacting electrons in some external potential $u(\mathbf{r})$ determines this potential **uniquely**.



Figure 1. Creators of density functional theory. Walter Kohn (left, in 1962) and his two postdoctoral fellows, Pierre Hohenberg (middle, in 1965) and Lu Sham (right, undated), produced their theory in 1964 and 1965. (Photographs courtesy of Walter Kohn and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Pierre Hohenberg, and Lu Sham.)

Photos: Zangwill, Phys. Today 68(7), 34 (2015)

Proof of Hohenberg-Kohn theorem (I)

- □ In proving their theorem, Hohenberg and Kohn considered a collection of an arbitrary number of electrons enclosed in a large box, moving under the influence of an external potential $u(\mathbf{r})$ and the mutual Coulomb repulsion.
- > Hamiltonian with an external field

 $\hat{H}_u = \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} + \hat{U}$ with $\hat{U} = \int \mathrm{d}x \,\psi^{\dagger}(x) u(\mathbf{r}) \psi(x)$

Schrödinger equation

 $\hat{H}_u\Psi_u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = E_u\Psi_u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$

One-body local density

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\sigma,\tau} \int |\Psi(x, x_2, \dots, x_N)|^2 \mathrm{d}x_2 \dots \mathrm{d}x_N$$

✓ Obviously, Ψ_{μ} and $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ are uniquely determined by $u(\mathbf{r})$.

To prove $u(\mathbf{r})$ is uniquely determined by $\rho(\mathbf{r})$

also see Petkov & Stoitsov, Nuclear Density Functional Theory (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1991)

Proof of Hohenberg-Kohn theorem (II)

- Assume that another potential $u'(\mathbf{r})$ leads to the ground-state wave function Ψ_u , and the energy E_u , but gives rise to the same density $\rho'(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r})$.
- reductio ad absurdum 旧谬法//帚謬法//吊档
- According to Rayleigh-Ritz minimal principle

$$E_{u'} = \langle \Psi_{u'} | \hat{H}_{u'} | \Psi_{u'} \rangle < \langle \Psi_u | \hat{H}_{u'} | \Psi_u \rangle = E_u + \langle \Psi_u | \hat{U'} - \hat{U} | \Psi_u \rangle$$

i.e.,

$$E_{u'} < E_u + \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} [u'(\mathbf{r}) - u(\mathbf{r})]\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

Exactly, in the same way, one gets

$$E_u < E_{u'} + \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}[u(\mathbf{r}) - u'(\mathbf{r})]\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

$$E_u + E_{u'} < E_u + E_{u'}$$

$$\rho'(\mathbf{r}) \neq \rho(\mathbf{r})$$

Therefore, $u(\mathbf{r})$ is uniquely determined by $\rho(\mathbf{r})$, so are Hamiltonian H_u , wave function Ψ_u , and the expectation values of all operators of interest.

HK variational principle (I)

In general, one can obtain the ground-state energy E_u of H_u by $E_u = \min_{\tilde{\Psi}} \langle \tilde{\Psi} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} + \hat{U} | \tilde{\Psi} \rangle$

Two-step constrained search method

also cf. Levy, PRA 26, 1200 (1982); Lieb, Int. J. Quantum Chem. 24, 243 (1983)

1. Fix a trial ground-state density $\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})$, denoting $\tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}}$ the class of trial wave functions with this density $E_u[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] = \min_{\tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}}} \langle \tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} + \hat{U} | \tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}} \rangle = F_{\text{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] + \int u(\mathbf{r})\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r}$ where

$$F_{\rm HK}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] = \min_{\tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}}} \langle \tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}} \rangle$$

2. Minimize E_{μ} over all $\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})$

$$E_{u} = \min_{\tilde{\rho}} \left\{ F_{\mathrm{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] + \int u(\mathbf{r})\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})\mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \right\}$$

*F*_{HK}[*ρ*(**r**)] requires no explicit knowledge of *u*(**r**).
 It is a universal functional of the density *ρ*(**r**).

HK variational principle (II)

HK variation principle

$$\delta E_u = \int d\mathbf{r} \left\{ \frac{\delta F_{\text{HK}}}{\delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})} + u(\mathbf{r}) - \mu \right\} \delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\left\{\frac{\delta F_{\rm HK}}{\delta \tilde{\rho}({\bf r})} + u({\bf r}) - \mu\right\}\delta \tilde{\rho}({\bf r}) = 0$$

with Lagrange multiplier μ , chemical potential.

Non-interaction system (I)

Exercise: Non-interacting system

$$F_{\rm HK}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] \Rightarrow T_0[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] = \min_{\tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}}} \langle \tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}} | \hat{T} | \tilde{\Psi}_{\tilde{\rho}} \rangle$$
$$\left\{ \frac{\delta T_0}{\delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})} + u(\mathbf{r}) - \mu \right\} \delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

> However, even in this simple case, the functional $T_0[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$ is unknown.

We are in the fortunate situation that

> One-body local density
$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \varphi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$



Expectation value of kinetic energy $T_0 = \langle \hat{T} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \langle \varphi_i | -\frac{1}{2M} \nabla^2 | \varphi_i \rangle$

> Thus $\frac{\delta T_0}{\delta r_0} = -\frac{1}{2M} \nabla^2 \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$

$$\frac{\delta \varphi_i^*(\mathbf{r})}{\delta \varphi_i^*(\mathbf{r})} = \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\delta T_0}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}')} \frac{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}')}{\delta \varphi_i^*(\mathbf{r})} = \frac{\delta T_0}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

Non-interaction system (II)

□ If we get the solutions of Schrödinger equation exactly

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{2M}\nabla^2 + u(\mathbf{r}) - \epsilon_i\right\}\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

we get the solution of the HK variation principle.

$$\left\{\frac{\delta T_0}{\delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})} + u(\mathbf{r}) - \mu\right\}\delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$



> "We are so in the curious situation, that we are able to solve the HK variational equations, without even knowing anything about the functional $F_{\rm HK}$, nor its derivative (except that they exist)."

"DFT without a density functional"

Kutzelnigg, J. Mol. Struct. 768, 163 (2006)

Kohn-Sham scheme

- The unknown functional $F_{\text{HK}}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$ is decomposed into two parts *Phys. Rev.* **140**, A1133 (1965) $F_{\text{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] = T_0[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] + I[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})]$
- $ightarrow I[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = \text{interaction energy} + (T T_0) \leftarrow Caution: T$ the actual kinetic energy

To solve Euler-Lagrange equations for HK variation principle

always local?

 $\left\{\frac{\delta T_0}{\delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})} + u_{\mathrm{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) - \mu\right\}\delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad u_{\mathrm{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) = u(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\delta I}{\delta \tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})}$

by solving KS equations (self-consistently) $\left\{-\frac{1}{2M}\nabla^2 + u_{\text{KS}}(\mathbf{r}) - \epsilon_i\right\}\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) = 0$ $I[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{1}{2}\iint\frac{\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}_1)\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}_2)}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}d\mathbf{r}_1d\mathbf{r}_2 + E_{\text{xc}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})]$

V_{HO}

Questions & Discussions (I)

• All information about the ground state of a Hamiltonian is in the density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$.

$\succ \rho(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow u(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow H_{u} \rightarrow \Psi \rightarrow \text{everything (?)}$

- The first objection against this argument is that the problem, that $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is given, but $u(\mathbf{r})$ unknown, never arises in practice.
- Second, whether it is appropriate to call the exact Ψ a functional of ρ has no significant conclusions. Lieb, Int. J. Quantum Chem. 24, 243 (1983)
- > Nevertheless, whether Ψ a functional of ρ is <u>irrelevant</u> for the central issue of DFT, namely the existence of $F_{HK}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$. It has <u>no consequences</u>, and therefore

"it is an empty statement"

Functionals

 $\Box E[u(\mathbf{r})], F_{\mathrm{HK}}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] \checkmark vs \Psi[u(\mathbf{r})], \Psi[\rho(\mathbf{r})] \checkmark$

Functionals have well-defined domains and analytic properties, that, e.g., allow the construction of <u>Legendre transformations</u>.

Questions & Discussions (II)

- Wave-function theory and DFT are two equivalent alternative approaches to solve the *n*-electron problem.
- There are some similarities:

 $E_{u} = \min_{\tilde{\Psi}} \langle \tilde{\Psi} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} + \hat{U} | \tilde{\Psi} \rangle \qquad E_{u} = \min_{\tilde{\rho}} \left\{ F_{\text{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] + \int u(\mathbf{r})\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right\}$

In both cases one specifies a $u(\mathbf{r})$ and searches for an infimum, either over a set of wave functions or of densities.

> There are also differences:

DFT would only lead to E and $\rho(\mathbf{r})$, i.e. to <u>less information</u> than that contained in E and Ψ .

"if one is interested in Ψ , even HK have no better suggestion than to solve the Schrödinger equation"

Questions & Discussions (III)

(Kohn-Sham) DFT is a mean-field model.

"no"

DFT cannot apply to very light nuclei.

"it is not true"





Hartree-Fock vs DFT

Ritz variational principle and Hartree-Fock theory

$$E_u = \min_{\tilde{\Psi}} \langle \tilde{\Psi} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} + \hat{U} | \tilde{\Psi} \rangle$$

 $HF \rightarrow BCS \rightarrow HFB \rightarrow Quantum Monte-Carlo \rightarrow \dots$

To search the ground state by using larger and larger sets of trail w.f.

HK variational principle and DFT

$$E_{u} = \min_{\tilde{\rho}} \left\{ F_{\text{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] + \int u(\mathbf{r})\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r} \right\}$$

 $F_{\rm HK}[\rho] = T_0[\rho] + E_{\rm H}[\rho] + E_{\rm x}^{\rm LDA}[\rho] + E_{\rm c}^{\rm LDA}[\rho] + E_{\rm xc}^{\rm GGA}[\rho, |\nabla\rho|] + E_{\rm xc}^{\rm Meta-GGA}[\rho, |\nabla\rho|, \nabla^2\rho, \tau] + \cdots$

To search better and better approximations to EDF

Once $F_{\rm HK}$ is known ...

Hohenberg & Kohn, Phys. Rev. 136, B864 (1964)

□ Once the universal functional $F_{HK}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$ is known, it is relatively easy to determine the ground-state energy in a given external potential.

$$E_{u} = \min_{\tilde{\rho}} \left\{ F_{\text{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] + \int u(\mathbf{r})\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r} \right\}$$

This is not a very realistic assumption.

Why should we assume that the more difficult problem to know *E(u)* for a family of *u* is solved, if we are interested in the much simpler problem to obtain *E(u)* for a single *u*?

Kutzelnigg, J. Mol. Struct. 768, 163 (2006)

Mathematical foundations of DFT

The Fundamentals of Density Functional Theory (revised and extended version)

H. Eschrig



From wikipedia

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Keys

Convex-functional analysis

Legendre transformation

Mathematical foundations of DFT

Functionals

- $\Box E[u(\mathbf{r})], F_{\mathrm{HK}}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] \checkmark vs \quad \Psi[u(\mathbf{r})], \Psi[\rho(\mathbf{r})] \checkmark$
- ➤ Functionals have well-defined domains and analytic properties, that, e.g., allow the construction of <u>Legendre transformations</u>. $L^{k}(\mathbb{R}^{3}) := \left\{ \int |f(\mathbf{r})|^{k} d\mathbf{r} \right\}^{1/k} < \infty$

From $E[u(\mathbf{r})]$ to $F_{\mathrm{HK}}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$

- *E*[*u*(**r**)] is a concave functional in *u* ∈ *L*^{3/2} + *L*[∞]
 Legendre transformation is well defined
 Restriction to Coulomb
- $\succ \text{ Legendre transformation is well defined} \\ F_{\text{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] = \sup_{\tilde{\tilde{u}}} \left\{ E[\tilde{\tilde{u}}(\mathbf{r})] \int \tilde{\tilde{u}}(\mathbf{r})\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r} \right\}$

From $F_{\rm HK}[\rho({\bf r})]$ to $E[u({\bf r})]$

- \succ *F***_{HK}[***ρ***(r**)] is a convex functional in *ρ* ∈ *L*³ ∩ *L*¹ *g*(·)[↑]
- > Legendre transformation is well defined $E[u(\mathbf{r})] = \inf_{\tilde{\rho}} \left\{ F_{\text{HK}}[\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})] + \int u(\mathbf{r})\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{r})d\mathbf{r} \right\}$

Lieb, Int. J. Quantum Chem. 24, 243 (1983); Eschrig (2003)



potentials is essential.

HK theorem would not hold

for arbitrary potentials.

Lieb (1983)

The legacy of DFT



The legacy of DFT

"One could argue that the algorithms implemented in DFT programs reflect <u>a</u> <u>long sequence of approximations and extensions</u> made by many individuals to the original Hartree-Fock method."

"DFT provides both the scientific justification and the basis for understanding the meaning behind these algorithms."

Zangwill, Phys. Today 68(7), 34 (2015)



century of density functional theory Andrew Zangwill Today's most popular method

Today's most popular method for calculating the electronic structure of atoms, molecules, liquids, solids, and plasmas began as a bold hypothesis: The electron density distribution completely characterizes the ground state of a many-electron system.

DFT to isolated nucleus

Nucleus is a self-bound system (without external potential)

- ➤ It is somewhat useless to use the ground-state density in the laboratory frame, because $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = N/V \rightarrow 0$ (V → ∞).
- > DFT theorem for the **intrinsic density** $\rho_{\text{intr.}}(\mathbf{r})$ (a *wave-packet* state) $|\Psi\rangle = |\Phi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle$



where Φ indicates the intrinsic state and χ defines the spurious motion.

See, e.g., Review REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS, VOLUME 88, OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2016

Time-dependent density-functional description of nuclear dynamics

Nakatsukasa, Matsuyanagi, Matsuo, Yabana, RMP 88, 045004 (2016)

Open questions:

- > What is the domain of $\rho_{\text{intr.}}(\mathbf{r})$?
- > Is $F[\rho_{intr.}(\mathbf{r})]$ strictly convex in this domain?

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Nucleon-nucleon interaction

Nucleon-nucleon interaction

Bonn meson-exchange model for NN interaction



http://www.particleadventure.org/





Nobel Prize 1949



Meson parameters used in the relativistic (energy-independent) momentum space one-boson-exchange potential (OBEPQ)

	$g_{\alpha}^2/4\pi; [f_{\alpha}/g_{\alpha}]$	$g_{\alpha}^2/4\pi(k^2=0)$	m_{α} [MeV]	Λ_{α} [GeV]	n _a
π	14.6	14.27	138.03	1.3	1
ρ	0.81; [6.1]	0.43	769	2.0	2
η	5	3.75	548.8	1.5	1
ω	20; [0.0]	10.6	782.6	1.5	1
δ	1.1075	0.64	983	2.0	1
σ	8.2797 *	7.07	550 *	2.0	1

Machleidt, Holinde, Elster, Phys. Rep. 149, 1 (1987)

Covariant density functional theory (I)

Effective Lagrangian density: starting point of CDFT

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L} &= \bar{\psi} \left[i\gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} - M - g_{\sigma} \sigma - \gamma^{\mu} \left(g_{\omega} \omega_{\mu} + g_{\rho} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\rho}_{\mu} + e \frac{1 - \tau_{3}}{2} A_{\mu} \right) - \frac{f_{\pi}}{m_{\pi}} \gamma_{5} \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau} \right] \psi \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \partial^{\mu} \sigma \partial_{\mu} \sigma - \frac{1}{2} m_{\sigma}^{2} \sigma^{2} - \frac{1}{4} \Omega^{\mu\nu} \Omega_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\omega}^{2} \omega_{\mu} \omega^{\mu} - \frac{1}{4} \vec{R}_{\mu\nu} \cdot \vec{R}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\rho}^{2} \vec{\rho}^{\mu} \cdot \vec{\rho}_{\mu} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \vec{\pi} \cdot \partial^{\mu} \vec{\pi} - \frac{1}{2} m_{\pi}^{2} \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\pi} - \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$
where $\Omega^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu} \omega^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} \omega^{\mu}, \ \vec{R}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu} \vec{\rho}^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} \vec{\rho}^{\mu}, \ F^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^{\mu} A^{\nu} - \partial^{\nu} A^{\mu} \end{aligned}$

Legendre transformation

$$\mathcal{H} = T^{00} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}_i} \dot{\phi}_i - \mathcal{L}$$

σ, ω (T=0) $ρ, \overline{\pi}$ (T=1)

where ϕ_i represent the nucleon, meson, and photon fields.

The Lorentz covariance is taken into account.

See, e.g., Serot & Walecka, The Relativistic Nuclear Many Body Problem (1986) Bouyssy et al., Phys. Rev. C **36**, 380 (1987); Long, Giai, Meng, Phys. Lett. B **640**, 150 (2006)

Covariant density functional theory (II)

The Hamiltonian density then is obtained as

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 $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_N + \mathcal{H}_\sigma + \mathcal{H}_\omega + \mathcal{H}_\rho + \mathcal{H}_\pi + \mathcal{H}_A + \mathcal{H}_{\text{int.}}$

where the contributions from nucleon, meson and photon fields are

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{H}_{N} &= \bar{\psi} \left[-i\gamma \cdot \nabla + M \right] \psi, \\ \mathcal{H}_{\text{int.}} &= \bar{\psi} \left[g_{\sigma}\sigma + g_{\omega}\gamma^{\mu}\omega^{\mu} + g_{\rho}\gamma^{\mu}\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\rho}^{\mu} + \frac{f_{\pi}}{m_{\pi}}\gamma_{5}\gamma \cdot \nabla\vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau} + e\frac{1 - \tau_{3}}{2}\gamma^{\mu}A^{\mu} \right] \psi, \\ \mathcal{H}_{\sigma} &= +\frac{1}{2}\dot{\sigma}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\nabla\sigma \cdot \nabla\sigma + \frac{1}{2}m_{\sigma}^{2}\sigma^{2}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{\omega} &= -\frac{1}{2}\Omega^{0\nu}\dot{\omega}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{i\nu}\partial_{i}\omega_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m_{\omega}^{2}\omega_{\mu}\omega^{\mu}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{\rho} &= -\frac{1}{2}\vec{R}^{0\nu} \cdot \dot{\rho}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{R}^{i\nu} \cdot \partial_{i}\vec{\rho}_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m_{\rho}^{2}\vec{\rho}_{\mu} \cdot \vec{\rho}^{\mu} \\ \mathcal{H}_{\pi} &= +\frac{1}{2}\dot{\pi}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\nabla\vec{\pi} \cdot \nabla\vec{\pi} + \frac{1}{2}m_{\pi}^{2}\vec{\pi}^{2}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{A} &= -\frac{1}{2}F^{0\nu}\dot{A}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}F^{i\nu}\partial_{i}A_{\nu}. \end{split}$$

Covariant density functional theory (III)

Trial wave function (Slater determinant: mean-field approximation)

$$|\Phi_0\rangle = \prod_k c_k^{\dagger}|0\rangle$$



Energy functional of the system

 $E[\rho] = \langle \Phi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Phi_0 \rangle = E_k + E_{\sigma}^D + E_{\omega}^D + E_{\rho}^D + E_A^D + E_{\sigma}^E + E_{\omega}^E + E_{\rho}^E + E_{\pi}^E + E_A^E$

"D" represents the **direct terms** and "E" represents the **exchange terms**.

"There is no direct term of π . Why?"

Hartree approximation (I)

Relativistic Mean Field (RMF) = relativistic Hartree approximation

Energy functional of the system

$$E_{\text{RMF}}[\rho] = \langle \Phi_0 | \mathcal{H} | \Phi_0 \rangle \qquad \text{Meng et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 57, 470 (2006)} \\ = \text{Tr}[\beta(-i\gamma \cdot \nabla + M)\rho] \\ + \text{Tr}\left[\beta \left(g_{\sigma}\sigma + g_{\omega}\gamma^{\mu}\omega^{\mu} + g_{\rho}\gamma^{\mu}\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\rho}^{\mu} + e\frac{1-\tau_3}{2}\gamma^{\mu}A^{\mu}\right)\rho\right] \\ + \int d\mathbf{r} \left\{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\sigma}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\nabla\sigma \cdot \nabla\sigma + \frac{1}{2}m_{\sigma}^2\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{0\nu}\dot{\omega}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega^{i\nu}\partial_i\omega_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m_{\omega}^2\omega_{\mu}\omega^{\mu} \\ - \frac{1}{2}\vec{R}^{0\nu} \cdot \dot{\vec{\rho}}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{R}^{i\nu} \cdot \partial_i\vec{\rho}_{\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m_{\rho}^2\vec{\rho}_{\mu} \cdot \vec{\rho}^{\mu} - \frac{1}{2}F^{0\nu}\dot{A}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}F^{i\nu}\partial_iA_{\nu}\right\}$$

See en

time reversal symmetry → only time-like components of ω_μ, ρ_μ, A_μ
 no isospin-mix → only third component of τ, ρ_μ
 stationary states → only space derivatives of meson fields

Hartree approximation (II)

- > The variation principle with respect to ϕ_i^{\dagger} leads to the **Dirac equation** $[\alpha \cdot \mathbf{p} + V(\mathbf{r}) + \beta (M + S(\mathbf{r}))] \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r})$ with $S(\mathbf{r}) = g_\sigma \sigma(\mathbf{r})$ and $V(\mathbf{r}) = g_\omega \omega(\mathbf{r}) + g_\rho \tau_3 \rho(\mathbf{r}) + e \frac{1 - \tau_3}{2} A(\mathbf{r})$
- > The variation principle with respect to σ , ω_0 , ρ_0^3 , A_0 leads to the **Klein-Gordon equations**

 $(-\Delta + m_{\sigma}^2)\sigma(\mathbf{r}) = -g_{\sigma}\rho_s(\mathbf{r}) \qquad (-\Delta + m_{\omega}^2)\omega(\mathbf{r}) = g_{\omega}\rho_v(\mathbf{r})$ $(-\Delta + m_{\rho}^2)\rho(\mathbf{r}) = g_{\rho}\rho_3(\mathbf{r}) \qquad -\Delta A_0(\mathbf{r}) = e\rho_c(\mathbf{r})$

with the local densities

$$\rho_s(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \bar{\psi}_i(\mathbf{r}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\rho_3(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \psi_i^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \tau_3 \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\rho_{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \psi_{i}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{i}(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\rho_{c}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{p=1}^{Z} \psi_{p}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{p}(\mathbf{r})$$

□ To solve the equations in a **self-consistent** (**iterative**) way.

Nuclear potentials in relativistic models

- □ The scalar and vector potentials are both very big in amplitude, but with opposite signs: $S(\mathbf{r}) < 0$ and $V(\mathbf{r}) > 0$.
- □ This results in a shallow Fermi sea and a deep Dirac sea, the latter is responsible for the large spin-orbit coupling.


Another nuclear chart



Physics of exotic nuclei





Prof. Shan-Gui Zhou's plenary talk @ INPC2016, Australia

Tensor force and its effects

Tensor force is an important component of NN interaction

Crucial for the shell evolution in exotic nuclei





Otsuka et al., PRL 95, 232502 (2005)

Crucial for the new magic numbers



Steppenbeck et al., Nature 502, 207 (2013)

DFT and tensor effects

Shell evolution (N = 82)



Colò, Sagawa, Fracasso, Bortignon, *PLB* **646**, 227 (2007) Long, Sagawa, Meng, Giai, *EPL* **82**, 12001 (2008) (exp) Schiffer et al., *PRL* **92**, 162501 (2004)

Giant resonances (spin-dipole)



Bai, Zhang, Sagawa, Zhang, Colò, Xu, PRL **105**, 072501 (2010) (exp) Wakasa et al., PRC **85**, 064606 (2012)

Tensor effects in relativistic DFT?

Signals of tensor force in relativistic DFT? (nuclear mass)



□ How to **identify** the tensor effects in relativistic DFT?

- Can we make **fair and quantitative comparison** with Skyrme, Gogny, etc.?
- What would be the proper ways to determine the strengths of tensor force?

Relativistic Hartree-Fock (RHF) theory



Hamiltonian

$$H = \int d^3x \,\bar{\psi}(x) [-i\boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} + M] \psi(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\phi} \iint d^3x \, d^4y \,\bar{\psi}(x) \bar{\psi}(y) \Gamma_{\phi}(x,y) D_{\phi}(x,y) \psi(y) \psi(x)$$

According to interaction vertices, we have interaction vertices propagators

$$\sigma$$
-S, ω -V, ρ -V, ρ -T, ρ -VT, and π -PV couplings

Caution: T here indicates Dirac matrix $\sigma^{\mu\nu}$, not the "tensor force"

Their leading-order terms contain the tensor force. Sagawa & Colò, PPNP 76, 76 (2014)
 How about the next-to-the-leading-order terms? Are they important?

Non-relativistic reduction

Relativistic meson-exchange two-body interactions

$$\hat{V}_{\phi}(m{r}_1,m{r}_2) = \gamma_0(m{r}_1)\gamma_0(m{r}_2)\Gamma_{\phi}(m{r}_1,m{r}_2)D_{\phi}(m{r}_1,m{r}_2)$$

Two-body interaction matrix elements

$$V_{\phi,\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \langle \varphi_{\alpha}\varphi_{\beta} | \hat{V}_{\phi} | \varphi_{\gamma}\varphi_{\delta} \rangle = \iint d\boldsymbol{r}_1 \, d\boldsymbol{r}_2 \, \varphi_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{r}_1) \varphi_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{r}_2) \hat{V}_{\phi}(\boldsymbol{r}_1, \boldsymbol{r}_2) \varphi_{\gamma}(\boldsymbol{r}_1) \varphi_{\delta}(\boldsymbol{r}_2)$$

Non-relativistic reduced two-body interactions

$$V_{\phi,\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \langle \varphi_{\alpha}\varphi_{\beta} | \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\phi}\Pi_{+} | \varphi_{\gamma}\varphi_{\delta} \rangle = \langle \xi_{\alpha}\xi_{\beta} | \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\phi} | \xi_{\gamma}\xi_{\delta} \rangle$$

 ξ : upper component $\hat{\gamma}$ can be expanded in the **powers of 1**/*M* (~ Foldy-Wouthuysen method for one-body problem)

Example: plane waves in finite-density systems

$$\begin{split} V_{\phi,abcd} &= \bar{u}_{\boldsymbol{p}_{a}^{*}}(1)\bar{u}_{\boldsymbol{p}_{b}^{*}}(2)\frac{1}{m_{\phi}^{2} + \boldsymbol{q}^{2}}\Gamma_{\phi}(1,2)u_{\boldsymbol{p}_{c}^{*}}(1)u_{\boldsymbol{p}_{d}^{*}}(2) & \boldsymbol{p}^{*} \equiv \boldsymbol{p} + \hat{\boldsymbol{p}}\Sigma_{V}(\boldsymbol{p}) \\ \text{with} \quad u_{\boldsymbol{p}_{a}^{*}} &= \sqrt{\frac{M^{*} + \varepsilon_{a}^{*}}{2\varepsilon_{a}^{*}}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{p}_{a}^{*}}{M^{*} + \varepsilon_{a}^{*}} \end{pmatrix} & \varepsilon^{*}(\boldsymbol{p}) \equiv \boldsymbol{\omega}(\boldsymbol{p}) - \Sigma_{0}(\boldsymbol{p}) \end{split}$$

Non-relativistic reduced interactions

 $S_{12} \equiv (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{q})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{q}) - \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)q^2$ \Box Up to the $1/M^2$ order $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\sigma-\mathrm{S}} = -g_{\sigma}(1)g_{\sigma}(2)\frac{1}{m_{\sigma}^{2} + \boldsymbol{q}^{2}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{4}\frac{4\boldsymbol{k}^{2} - \boldsymbol{q}^{2} - 4i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\cdot(\boldsymbol{k}\times\boldsymbol{q})}{4M^{*}(1)M^{*}(1)} - \frac{1}{4}\frac{4\boldsymbol{k}'^{2} - \boldsymbol{q}^{2} - 4i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}\cdot(\boldsymbol{q}\times\boldsymbol{k}')}{4M^{*}(2)M^{*}(2)} \right],$ $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\omega-\mathrm{V}} = + g_{\omega}(1)g_{\omega}(2)\frac{1}{m_{\omega}^{2} + \boldsymbol{q}^{2}} \left[1 + \frac{1}{4}\frac{4\boldsymbol{k}^{2} - \boldsymbol{q}^{2} - 4i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\cdot(\boldsymbol{k}\times\boldsymbol{q})}{4M^{*}(1)M^{*}(1)} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{4\boldsymbol{k}'^{2} - \boldsymbol{q}^{2} - 4i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}\cdot(\boldsymbol{q}\times\boldsymbol{k}')}{4M^{*}(2)M^{*}(2)} \right]$ $-\frac{g_{\omega}(1)g_{\omega}(2)}{4M^*(1)M^*(2)}\frac{1}{m^2+\boldsymbol{q}^2}\left|4\boldsymbol{k}\boldsymbol{k}'+2i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1\cdot(\boldsymbol{q}\times\boldsymbol{k}')-2i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2\cdot(\boldsymbol{q}\times\boldsymbol{k})+\frac{2}{3}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)\boldsymbol{q}^2-\boldsymbol{S}_{12}\right|,$ $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\pi\text{-}PV} = -\vec{\tau}(1) \cdot \vec{\tau}(2) \frac{f_{\pi}(1)f_{\pi}(2)}{m^2} \frac{1}{m^2 + q^2} \left| S_{12} + \frac{1}{3} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) q^2 \right|,$ Finite density $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\rho-\mathrm{T}} = +\vec{\tau}(1)\cdot\vec{\tau}(2)\frac{f_{\rho}(1)f_{\rho}(2)}{4M^2}\frac{1}{m_{\circ}^2+\boldsymbol{q}^2}\left[\boldsymbol{S}_{12}-\frac{2}{3}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)\boldsymbol{q}^2\right],$ $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\rho\text{-VT}} = +\vec{\tau}(1)\cdot\vec{\tau}(2)\frac{f_{\rho}(1)g_{\rho}(2)}{4MM^{*}(1)}\frac{1}{m^{2}+\boldsymbol{a}^{2}}\left[-\boldsymbol{q}^{2}+2i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\cdot(\boldsymbol{q}\times\boldsymbol{k})\right]$ $+\vec{\tau}(1)\cdot\vec{\tau}(2)\frac{f_{\rho}(1)g_{\rho}(2)}{4MM^{*}(2)}\frac{1}{m^{2}+\boldsymbol{q}^{2}}\left[-2i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\cdot(\boldsymbol{q}\times\boldsymbol{k}')-\frac{2}{3}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2})\boldsymbol{q}^{2}+\boldsymbol{S}_{12}\right]$ + $\vec{\tau}(1) \cdot \vec{\tau}(2) \frac{g_{\rho}(1)f_{\rho}(2)}{4MM^{*}(2)} \frac{1}{m^{2} + q^{2}} \left[-q^{2} - 2i\sigma_{2} \cdot (q \times k') \right]$ $+\vec{\tau}(1)\cdot\vec{\tau}(2)\frac{g_{\rho}(1)f_{\rho}(2)}{4MM^{*}(1)}\frac{1}{m^{2}+\boldsymbol{q}^{2}}\left[+2i\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}\cdot(\boldsymbol{q}\times\boldsymbol{k})-\frac{2}{3}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2})\boldsymbol{q}^{2}+\boldsymbol{S}_{12}\right].$

Formalism is in agreement with Bonn interaction: Machleidt, Adv. Nucl. Phys. 19, 189 (1989)

Tensor effects on shell evolution

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 81, 064327 (2010)

Tensor effects in shell evolution at Z, N = 8, 20, and 28 using nonrelativistic and relativistic mean-field theory

Skyrme vs Gogny vs RHF

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Tenser effects on gap Z=8



□ The **same behavior** of tensor force but **weaker** than Skyrme and Gogny

Wang, Zhao, HZL, Long, PRC 98, 034313 (2018)

Tenser effects on gap Z=20



Ab initio for relativistic DFT

Brueckner-Hartree-Fock theory (*ladder diagrams to all order*)

(with exchange terms as well)

$${}_{c} \bigcirc \overset{\mathsf{HF}}{\longrightarrow} \bigcirc d + {}_{c} \bigcirc \overset{\mathsf{m}}{\underset{n}{\longrightarrow}} \overset{\mathsf{m}}{\underset{n}{\underset{n}{{\longrightarrow}}} \overset{\mathsf{m}}{\underset{n}{{\longrightarrow}}} \overset{\mathsf{m}}{\underset{n}{{\ldots}}} \overset{\mathsf{m}}{$$

➢ Bethe-Goldstone equation → finite nuclei

 $\langle ab|G(W)|cd\rangle = \langle ab|V|cd\rangle + \sum_{mn} \langle ab|V|mn\rangle \frac{Q(m,n)}{W - \varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_n} \langle mn|G(W)|cd\rangle$

where the starting energy $W = \varepsilon_c + \varepsilon_d$

For the first time, **Bethe-Goldstone equation** is solved **self-consistently**

in the rest frame
 Shen, Hu, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, Chin. Phys. Lett. 33, 102103 (2016)
 in pure relativistic scheme
 Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, Phys. Rev. C 96, 014316 (2017)

Relativistic BHF for finite nuclei

Relativistic BHF calculations for ¹⁶O with Bonn A interaction



EDA = effective density approximation [Müther(1990)] LDA = local density approximation

Shen, Hu, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, Chin. Phys. Lett. **33**, 102103 (2016)

a first *ab initio* calculations for finite nuclei in relativistic scheme
 Spin-orbit splitting is reproduced well from the bare interaction
 benchmark for various LDA calculations

Neutron drops

Neutron drop is a multi-neutron system confined in an external field.

Why neutron drops?

- Simple, can be accessed by many *ab initio* methods
- > An ideal environment for studying neutron rich system

Pudliner et al., *PRL* **76**, 2416 (1996) Gandolfi, Carlson, Pieper, *PRL* **106**, 012501 (2011) Maris et al., *PRC* **87**, 054318 (2013) Potter et al., *PLB* **739**, 445 (2014) Zhao & Gandolfi, *PRC* **94**, 041302(R) (2016) Shen, Colò , Roca-Maza, *PRC* **99**, 034322 (2019)



Relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (RBHF) theory for neutron drops

Neither RBHF nor CDFT
 includes beyond-mean-field
 effects

→ it is a fair comparison!

Shen, Hu, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, CPL **33**, 102103 (2016) Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PRC **96**, 014316 (2017) Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PLB **778**, 344 (2018) Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PRC **97**, 054312 (2018) Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PLB **781**, 227 (2018)

Energies and radii

Relativistic BHF calculations for neutron drops with Bonn A interaction



Energies *E* and radii *R*_N are consistent with JISP16 or AV8'.
 *R*_N follows the *N*^{1/6} law.

Spin-orbit splitting (RBHF)





Otsuka et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 232502 (2005)



■ The SO splitting **decreases** as the spinup $j_> = l + 1/2$ orbitals are filled, while the SO splitting **increases** as the spindown $j_< = l + 1/2$ orbitals are filled.

Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PLB 778, 344 (2018); PLB 781, 227 (2018); PRC 97, 054312 (2018)

Spin-orbit splitting (RMF)



Comparison with the phenomenological relativistic mean-field (RMF) energy density functionals (EDF).



Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PLB 778, 344 (2018); PLB 781, 227 (2018); PRC 97, 054312 (2018)

Spin-orbit splitting (RHF)



Comparison with the phenomenological relativistic Hartree-Fock (RHF) energy density functionals (EDF).



- RHF (PKO1) shows a very similar pattern, but with stronger tensor strengths
- Neither RBHF nor CDFT includes
 beyond-mean-field effects
 - → it is a fair comparison!

Shen, HZL, Meng, Ring, Zhang, PLB 778, 344 (2018); PLB 781, 227 (2018); PRC 97, 054312 (2018)

Exploration of strength of tensor force



□ Increasing the strengths of tensor force: $f_{\pi} \rightarrow 1.4f_{\pi}$ or $a_{\pi} \rightarrow 0.3a_{\pi}$ □ Small $a_{\pi} \rightarrow$ "Tensor renormalization persistency"

cf. Tsunoda et al., PRC, 84, 044322 (2011)

Summary

- □ A first quantitative analysis of tensor effects in the relativistic Hartree-Fock theory
 - ✓ It allows **fair and direct comparisons** with Skyrme, Gogny, etc.
 - ✓ We have investigated the tensor effects on shell evolutions, spin-orbit splitting, spin-isospin resonances, etc. → The strengths of tensor force in present EDFs seem too weak.
- A first relativistic *ab initio* calculation for finite nuclei by the relativistic Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (RBHF) theory
 - ✓ The binding energies and radii of 16 O are reasonable
 - ✓ Spin-orbit splitting is well reproduced ← bare NN interaction together with relativistic scheme
- **Remarkable tensor effects on spin-orbit splitting in neutron drops**
 - ✓ **Important guideline** for phenomenological EDF

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http://www.unedf.org/

Density functional theory (DFT) aims at understanding <u>both ground-</u> <u>state and excited-state properties</u> of <u>thousands of</u> nuclei in a consistent and predictive way.

Phenomenological energy density functionals

Predictions of phenomenological EDF (10 years ago)



Li, Chen, Ko, Phys. Rep. 464, 113 (2008)

Toward ab initio DFT

Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 64 (2010) 120–168

DFT as Legendre transform via **path integrals** for **effective actions**

- Effective actions are the natural theoretical framework for Legendre transforms, which is the underlying basis for DFT.
- > Path integral construction of DFT is **transparent**.
- > Path integral effective actions are particularly suited for **symmetry breaking**.
- > Connections to **EFT** and **power counting** can be more accessible.
- > Path integral formulation puts the DFT construction in a **broader perspective**.
- Path integral formulation can suggest different kinds of non-perturbative approximations.

Various paths to a DFT effective action

- > The auxiliary field (Hubbard-Stratonovich) method
- The inversion method
- > The RG approach

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A dream for next-generation DFT

quantum-field-theory oriented DFT

EDF from **effective action** $F_{HK}[\rho] \sim \Gamma[\rho]/\beta$ (Legendre transform) Interdisciplinary: (lattice) QCD hadron cold atom condensed matter quantum chemistry

non-perturbative nature by renormalization group $\partial_k \Gamma_k[\rho] = Tr\{...\}$ (flow eq.)

theoretical uncertainties from **EFT** $\Gamma^{(2)}, \Gamma^{(3)}, \Gamma^{(4)} \dots$ (power counting)

also cf.

Schwenk & Polonyi, arXiv:0403011 [nucl-th] Kutzelnigg, JMS 768, 163 (2006) Drut, Furnstahl, Platter, PPNP 64, 120 (2010) Braun, JPG 39, 033001 (2012) Metzner et al., RMP 84, 299 (2012) Drews & Weise, PPNP 93, 69 (2017)

Density Functional Theory

The aim of density functional theory (DFT) is

► to reduce the many-body quantum mechanical problem formulated in terms of *N*-particle wave functions Ψ to the one-particle level with the local density distribution $\rho(\mathbf{x})$.

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem [Phys. Rev. 136, B864 (1964)]

- ✓ There exist a universal density functional $F_{\text{HK}}[\rho(\mathbf{x})]$.
- ✓ The ground-state energy E_{gs} attains its minimum value when the density $\rho(x)$ has its correct ground-state value.

HK variational principle

$$E_U = \inf_{\rho} \left\{ F_{\mathrm{HK}}[\rho(\mathbf{x})] + \int \mathrm{d}^d \mathbf{x} \, U(\mathbf{x}) \rho(\mathbf{x}) \right\}$$

Goal: $F_{\rm HK}[\rho]$

Where $F_{\text{HK}}[\rho(\mathbf{x})] = \min_{\Psi_{\rho}} \langle \Psi_{\rho} | \hat{T} + \hat{V} | \Psi_{\rho} \rangle$ is a **universal functional**, which is valid for any number of particles *N* and for any external field *U*(**x**).

EDF from effective action

Strategy: $F_{\text{HK}}[\rho] \leftarrow \Gamma[\rho] \leftarrow \text{partition function} \leftarrow \text{path integral}$

Classical action in Euclidean space

$$S_{\rm E}[\psi^{\dagger},\psi] = \int_0^\beta \mathrm{d}\tau \int \mathrm{d}^d \mathbf{x} \,\psi^{\dagger}(\tau,\mathbf{x}) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\tau} - \frac{\nabla^2}{2M} + U(\mathbf{x})\right) \psi(\tau,\mathbf{x}) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\beta \mathrm{d}\tau \int \mathrm{d}^d \mathbf{x}_1 \mathrm{d}^d \mathbf{x}_2 \,\psi^{\dagger}(\tau,\mathbf{x}_1) \psi^{\dagger}(\tau,\mathbf{x}_2) V(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2) \psi(\tau,\mathbf{x}_2) \psi(\tau,\mathbf{x}_1) \psi(\tau,\mathbf{x}_2) \psi(\tau,\mathbf{x}_2$$

where U(x) is one-body potential and $V(x_1, x_2)$ is two-body interaction.

Partition function in two-particle point-irreducible (**2PPI**) scheme $Z[J] = \int \mathfrak{D}\psi^{\dagger} \mathfrak{D}\psi \exp \left[-S[\psi^{\dagger}, \psi] + \int_{0}^{\beta} d\tau \int d^{d}\mathbf{x} J(\tau, \mathbf{x})\psi^{\dagger}(\tau, \mathbf{x})\psi(\tau, \mathbf{x}) \right]$

external source **J** couples $\psi^{\dagger}\psi$ at the same space-time.

Thermodynamic potential / generating function / Schwinger function $W[J] = \ln Z[J]$

$$E_{\rm gs} = \lim_{\beta \to \infty} -\frac{1}{\beta} W$$

Connection to Hohenberg-Kohn theorem

Local density

 $\rho(\tau, \mathbf{x}) = \langle \psi^{\dagger}(\tau, \mathbf{x}) \psi(\tau, \mathbf{x}) \rangle = \frac{\delta W[J]}{\delta J(\tau, \mathbf{x})}$

$$E_{\rm gs}[\rho] = \lim_{\beta \to \infty} \frac{1}{\beta} \Gamma[\rho]|_{J \to 0}$$

Effective action \leftarrow **Legendre transform** of **W** with respect to **J**

$$\Gamma[\rho] = \sup_{\{J\}} \left\{ -W[J] + \int_0^\beta \mathrm{d}\tau \int \mathrm{d}^d \mathbf{x} \, J(\tau, \mathbf{x}) \rho(\tau, \mathbf{x}) \right\}$$

✓ The universality of the Hohenberg-Kohn functional $F_{HK}[\rho]$ follows from the fact that the background *U* potential can be absorbed into the source terms *J* by a simple shift $J \rightarrow J - U$.

Non-perturbative nature of interaction

□ Lippmann-Schwinger eq. / Bethe-Goldstone eq. / Brueckner theory Brueckner Hartree-Fock, hole-line expansion ... (*in 1960s*, 70s)

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Functional Renormalization Group (**FRG**) --- Wetterich, *PLB* **301**, 90 (1993)



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Functional Renormalization Group (FRG) --- Wetterich, PLB 301, 90 (1993)

FRG + DFT --- Schwenk & Polonyi, arXiv:0403011 [nucl-th]

Flow equation

$$\partial_{\lambda}\Gamma_{\lambda}[\rho] = \operatorname{Tr}\left\{ (\partial_{\lambda}U_{\lambda}) \cdot \rho + \frac{1}{2}\rho \cdot V \cdot \rho + \frac{1}{2}V \cdot \left[\Gamma_{\lambda}^{(2)}\right]^{-1} \right\}$$



Theoretical uncertainty

FRG Flow equation: a set of coupled differential equations (infinite hierarchy)



D Proper power counting by $\Gamma^{(0)}$, $\Gamma^{(2)}$, $\Gamma^{(3)}$, $\Gamma^{(4)}$...?

Controllable theoretical uncertainty?

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φ^4 -theory in zero dimension

Model setup

Classical action (0D in space-time, bosonic d.o.f.)

 $S[\varphi] = \frac{1}{2}\omega^2\varphi^2 + \frac{1}{24}v\varphi^4$

Partition function (2PPI scheme) $Z[J] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varphi \exp\{-S[\varphi] + J\varphi^2\}$



Exact solution

Ground-state energy
$$(\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}/\boldsymbol{\omega}^4)$$

 $E_{\text{gs}} = Z[0]/Z_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}\varphi \, \exp\{-S[\varphi]\}/Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi v_0}} K_{\frac{1}{4}}\left(\frac{3}{4v_0}\right) e^{\frac{3}{4v_0}}$

Ground-state density

$$\rho_{\rm gs} = \langle \varphi^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\delta Z[J]}{\delta J} \Big|_{J=0} \\ = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \left[\frac{3}{2} K_{\frac{5}{4}} \left(\frac{3}{4v_0} \right) + \frac{3}{2} K_{-\frac{3}{4}} \left(\frac{3}{4v_0} \right) - (v_0 + 3) K_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{3}{4v_0} \right) \right] \Big/ \left[v_0 K_{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\frac{3}{4v_0} \right) \right]$$

Typical cases



FRG for OD φ^4 -theory

FRG + DFT Flow equation $\partial_{\lambda}\Gamma_{\lambda}[\rho] = \operatorname{Tr}\left\{(\partial_{\lambda}U_{\lambda}) \cdot \rho + \frac{1}{2}\rho \cdot V \cdot \rho + \frac{1}{2}V \cdot \left[\Gamma_{\lambda}^{(2)}\right]^{-1}\right\}$ $\partial_{\lambda}\Gamma_{\lambda}[\rho] = \frac{1}{24}v\left[\rho^{2} + \left(\Gamma_{\lambda}^{(2)}[\rho]\right)^{-1}\right]$ **Conventional expansion Kemler & Braun, JPG 40, 085105 (2013)** $\Gamma_{\lambda}[\rho] = \Gamma_{\lambda}^{(0)}[\bar{\rho}_{\lambda}] + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}\Gamma_{\lambda}^{(n)}[\bar{\rho}_{\lambda}](\rho - \bar{\rho}_{\lambda})^{n}$

Coupled differential equations



FRG for OD φ^4 -theory



Up to 6th-order calculation, results are not satisfactory.
Our ideas



Ideas of Kohn-Sham

- □ To introduce an artificial **non-interacting** system which provides **the same** ground-state density ρ_{gs} with a Kohn-Sham (mean-field) potential
- □ **Difference** between interacting and non-interacting systems is absorbed in the correlation (*beyond-mean-field*) part of EDF, $E_x[\rho]$.

KS-FRG



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Typical cases (I) Perturbative case $v_0 = v/\omega^4 = 0.01$ $\int_{\Box}^{1.0} \int_{0.5}^{0.5} \int_{0.5}^{0.5}$

 $0.0 \begin{array}{c} & \text{ground state} \\ \hline (a) \\ \hline (a) \\ \hline 0.0 \\ 0.5 \\ 1.0 \\ 1.5 \\ 2.0 \\ 2.5 \\ \hline \rho \end{array}$

• Effective action vs density, $F_{\rm HK}[\rho]$.

HZL, Niu, Hatsuda, Phys. Lett. B 779, 436 (2018)

3.0

- 1st-order optimized FRG result is on top of the exact solution in a very large density region.
- **Theoretical uncertainty** is invisible in the figure.



- □ 1st-order result reproduces the exact solution in a wide density region, with corresponding uncertainty.
- **2**nd-order result does improve.



- □ 1st-order result is still able to describe the exact solution with large uncertainty.
- □ 2nd-order and 3rd-order results improve step by step
 - accuracy of ρ_{gs} increases by factor 4, E_{gs} by factor 10 at each order.

Ground-state properties

• Ground-state densities and energies: ϕ^4 -theory in 0D

	v = 0.01		v = 1		v = 100	
	$ ho_{ m gs}$	$E_{ m gs}$	$ ho_{ m gs}$	$E_{\rm gs}$	$ ho_{ m gs}$	E_{gs}
1st-order	$0.995065 29^{+27}_{-77}$	0.001241785_{-19}^{+55}	0.745^{+18}_{-23}	0.0850^{+11}_{-10}	0.12^{+13}_{-4}	0.64^{+32}_{-18}
2nd-order	0.99506530_{-20}^{+8}	$0.00124177880_{-81}^{+31}$	0.7508^{+14}_{-11}	0.08456_{-45}^{+36}	0.142^{+29}_{-9}	0.747^{+44}_{-17}
3rd-order	0.9950653285^{+21}_{-8}	$0.001241778944_{-44}^{+16}$	0.75052^{+15}_{-15}	$0.0845 29^{+67}_{-68}$	0.1482_{-65}^{+58}	0.7597_{-62}^{+52}
exact	0.9950653282	0.001241778951	0.750 51	0.08 4557	0 . 15 04	0.7597
8 th digit			0.08	%	0.8	%

Progress in 1D & 2D systems



• Correlation energy of 2D electron gas



Yokota, Yoshida, Kunihiro, Phys. Rev. C 99, 024302 (2019) PTEP 2019, 011D01 (2019)

cf. Kemler, Pospiech, Braun, *JPG* **44**, 015101 (2017) Alexandrou, Myczkowski, Negele, *PRC* **39**, 1076 (1989) Yokota & Naito, Phys. Rev. B 99, 115106 (2019)

Summary

DFT ← ideas of QFT (effective action + RG + EFT)

- ✓ EDF $F_{HK}[\rho]$ is derived from effective action $\Gamma[\rho]$ in 2PPI scheme with Legendre transform.
- ✓ Non-perturbative nature of interaction is handled by **FRG** with **flow equation**.
- ✓ Beyond-mean-field effects $\gamma^{(n)}$ in $F_{HK}[\rho]$ are taken into account order-byorder with (proper) theoretical uncertainties.





from φ^4 -theory in ∂D to 3+1D finite nuclei ...

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Homework

"The Kohn-Sham reference system, that has originally been introduced as a tool without any physical meaning, just in order to circumvent the need to express the kinetic energy as a functional of the density, has turned out to carry more physics than originally believed."

Kutzelnigg, J. Mol. Struct. 768, 163 (2006)

"What is the physics?"

Thank you!