#### **SCAN in context**

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# Outline

- Brief history of DFT
- Popular approximations
- Today's uses of DFT
- Meta-GGA's
- My first use of SCAN:

- Adiabatic spin energy differences for Fe(II) clusters

### Non-DFT electronic structure methods

2000 papers in 2016



Quantum Monte Carlo Dynamical mean field theory Density Matrix renormalization group coupled cluster

#### All electronic structure



### Thomas/Fermi Theory 1927

• Derived in 1926 without Schrodinger eqn.

The Calculation of Atomic Fields

L. H. THOMAS (Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. 23, p. 542–548) Trinity College

The theoretical calculation of observable atomic constants is often

only possible if the effective electric field inside the atom is known.

[Received 6 November, read 22 November 1926.]

- Thomas-Fermi Theory (TF):
  - T  $\approx$  T<sup>TF</sup>
  - $V_{ee} \approx U = Hartree energy$
  - $V = \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})$
  - $E_0 = T + V_{ee} + V$
  - Minimize  $E_0[n]$  for fixed N

Some fields have been calculated to fit observed data\* but for many elements no such fields are available. In the following paper a method is given by which approximate fields can easily be determined for heavy atoms from theoretical considerations alone.  

$$3(3\pi)^{2/3}$$

$$T_s^{loc} = \frac{3(3\pi)^{2/3}}{10} \int d^3r \, n^{5/3}(r)$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \int d^3r' \frac{n(r)n(r')}{|r-r'|}$$

- Properties:
  - Typical error of order 10%
  - Teller's unbinding theorem: Molecules don't bind.

# KS equations (1965)

Define *fictitious* non-interacting electrons satisfying:

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2+v_{\rm s}(\mathbf{r})\right\}\phi_j(\mathbf{r})=\epsilon_j\phi_j(\mathbf{r}),\qquad \sum_{j=1}^N|\phi_j(\mathbf{r})|^2=n(\mathbf{r}).$$

where  $v_{\rm S}(\mathbf{r})$  is *defined* to yield  $n(\mathbf{r})$ .

Define  $\mathcal{T}_{\rm S}$  as the kinetic energy of the KS electrons, U as their Hartree energy and

$$T + V_{\rm ee} = T_{
m \scriptscriptstyle S} + U + E_{
m \scriptscriptstyle XC}$$

the remainder is the exchange-correlation energy. Most important result of exact DFT:

$$v_{\rm S}(\mathbf{r}) = v(\mathbf{r}) + \int d^3 r \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + v_{\rm XC}[n](\mathbf{r}), \qquad v_{\rm XC}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta E_{\rm XC}}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}$$

Knowing  $E_{\rm XC}[n]$  gives closed set of self-consistent equations.



# Today's commonly-used functionals

- Local density approximation (LDA)  $E_{X}^{LDA}[n] = A_{X} \int d^{3}r \ n^{4/3}(\mathbf{r})$ 
  - Uses only n(**r**) at a point.

 $A_{\rm x} = -(3/4)(3/\pi)^{1/3} = -0.738.$ 

- Generalized gradient approx (GGA)
  - Uses both  $n(\mathbf{r})$  and  $|\nabla n(\mathbf{r})|$
  - Should be more accurate, corrects overbinding of LDA
  - Examples are PBE and BLYP
- Hybrid:
  - Mixes some fraction of HF
  - Examples are B3LYP and PBE0



*DFT: A Theory Full of Holes,* Aurora Pribram-Jones, David A. Gross, Kieron Burke, Annual Review of Physical Chemistry (2014).

### Key

Paper Stacks: Percentage of papers which contribute to a discipline



Colors indicate change in the citation distribution (market share)





#### Who uses DFT?



# Chemistry (24%)



47% Physical
21% Multidisciplinary
15% Inorganic
11% Organic
2% Analytical

### Physics (19%)



80% Atomic/Chemical 9% Condensed Matter 5% Applied 3% Optics 2% Multidisciplinary

### Materials (12%)



53% Multidisciplinary
30% Nanomaterials
9% Polymers
3% Films/coatings
2% Textiles
2% Metallurgy
1% Ceramics

# Engineering (8%)



65% Chemical 13% Environmental 7% Electrical 4% Mechanical 4% Civil 3% Multidisciplinary 1% Biomedical

# Biology (7%)



51% Molecular Biology
28% Biophysics
11% Research Methods
4% Computational Biology
2% Plant Science
1% Applied Microbiology

#### Who will be using DFT?



#### Meta-GGA

- Hybrids deliver higher accuracy (usually), but much more expensive for solids (HSE06)
- Meta-GGA is logical generalization of GGA
  - Uses kinetic energy density (semi-local ingredient)
  - Does not need total non-locality of Fock integral
- Goal:
  - Achieve hybrid-level accuracy (or better) without hybrid cost

### The path to SCAN

- PBE (1996)
- PKZB (1999)
- TPSS (2003)
- revTPSS (2009)
- SCAN (2015)

### Naming scan

- Strongly constrained, appropriately trained (SCAT)
- Strongly constrained, appropriately normed (SCAN)
- Strongly constrained, appropriately meaned (SCAM)
- Strongly protected, appropriately meaned (SPAM)

### **Density-corrected DFT**

- In abnormal DFT calculations, energy error is dominated by delocalization error in density
- For molecules, often using the HF density improves results a lot
- Fixed anions, ions and radicals in solution, transition state barriers, molecular dissociation curves...
- But never tried it for spin before...
- All work by Suhwan Song and Eunji Sim, Yonsei

# SCO complexes



(exp.) LS stable Complex

- Fe (II) with 6 ligands attached
- FeL<sub>6</sub><sup>++</sup>
- 'Small' ones have L=CO,H<sub>2</sub>O,NCH,NH<sub>3</sub>
- E<sup>SA</sup>=E<sup>HS</sup>-E<sup>LS</sup> is substantial
- Very important in spintronics and molecular magnets
- Size means DFT only game in town
- Here, ground-state depends crucially on spin state.



#### Rainbow slide



FIG. 2. SA of NCH complex evaluated with several different XC approximations on several different self-consistent densities (red dots) and the HF density (blue bar). The x-axis labels the energy functional, the colored bars indicate which density (grey is LDA, yellow is GGA/mGGA, green is hybrid, and blue is HF). The dark green bar uses the self-consistent density of Becke's half-and-half functional (HH), which contains 50% exact exchange. The purple horizontal line is DMC and black is CCSD(T).

#### **Density difference for CO complex**



FIG. 3: Isosurfaces (left) and 2D contour plots (right) of the density difference in units of Å<sup>-3</sup> between QMC(DFT) and PBE densities for the HS (a) and the LS (b)  $[Fe(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  complex.

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#### Escaping the parameter dilemma





### Summary

- KS-DFT dominates electronic structure calculations in almost all fields
- SCAN has tremendous potential to improve ten's of thousands of published calculations per year (i.e., make PBE obsolete)
- Might need some more work on the spindependendence.
- Thanks to NSF and Korea for funding.

#### My first SCAN



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