A Stochastic Approach for Thermal DFT

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Putting the Theory Back in Density Functional Theory 2016



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Introduction- WDM Regime



Figure is taken from: http://www.lanl.gov/projects/dense-plasma-theory/background/warm-dense-matter.php (Los Alamos National Labs website)



Introduction - TDFT

Hohenberg & Kohn $\tau = 0$ $\widehat{H} = \widehat{T} + \widehat{U}_{ee} + \widehat{V}$ $E[n(\mathbf{r})] = \underbrace{T[n(\mathbf{r})] + U_{ee}[n(\mathbf{r})]}_{F_{HK}[n(\mathbf{r})]} + \int v(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r})$ **Mermin** $\tau > 0$ $\widehat{\Omega} = \widehat{H} - \tau \widehat{S} - \mu \widehat{N}$ \Downarrow $\Omega_{\nu-\mu}^{\tau}[n(\mathbf{r})] = T[n(\mathbf{r})] + U_{ee}[n(\mathbf{r})] - \tau S[n(r)] + \int (\nu(\mathbf{r}) - \mu)n(\mathbf{r})$ $F_M[n(r)]$ $v(\mathbf{r}) \leftrightarrow n(\mathbf{r})$

$$\min_{n(r)} \Omega^{\tau}_{\nu-\mu} \to Free \ Energy$$

N. David Mermin, Phys. Rev. 137, A1441 – Published 1 March 1965

Introduction- Thermal Kohn-Sham DFT



$$f_{i} = (\mathbf{1} + e^{\beta(\epsilon_{i} - \mu)})^{-1}$$

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$$(\phi_{i} | \hat{h} | \phi_{j})$$

Thermal Kohn-Sham dDFT Occupied States





Kohn-Sham Orbital-Free DFT

Scaling \propto System Size

Orbital-Free DFT:

Corrections to Thomas-Fermi for kinetic energy

Stochastic DFT:

$$\hat{h} \rightarrow \{\phi_i\} \rightarrow n(\mathbf{r})$$

R. Baer, D. Neuhauser, E. Rabani "Self-averaging stochastic Kohn-Sham density functional theory", Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 106402 (2013)

Stochastic representation of the unit operator



$$\langle |\chi\rangle\langle\chi|\rangle = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m}^{M\to\infty} |\chi_m\rangle\langle\chi_m| = \sum_{i,j} \langle \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i^* \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \rangle |\psi_j\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \sum_{i} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| = \hat{I}$$



Stochastic TDFT- Trace

$$tr{\hat{A}} = tr{\langle |\chi \rangle \langle \chi | \rangle \hat{A}} =$$

$$\frac{1}{M}\sum_{m}\sum_{i}\langle\psi_{i}|\chi_{m}\rangle\langle\chi_{m}|A|\psi_{i}\rangle =$$

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$$\frac{1}{M}\sum_{m}\langle\chi_{m}|A|\chi_{m}\rangle = \langle\langle\chi|A|\chi\rangle\rangle$$

M. F. Hutchinson, Comm. Stat., Simul. and Comp., 19, 433 (1990)



Stochastic TDFT- Trace

$$\hat{A} \to f_{FD}(\hat{h})\hat{n}(\boldsymbol{r})$$

$$n(\boldsymbol{r}) = tr\{f_{FD}(\hat{h})\hat{n}(\boldsymbol{r})\} = \langle\langle\chi|f_{FD}(\hat{h})\hat{n}(\boldsymbol{r})|\chi\rangle\rangle$$

$$\begin{split} |\zeta\rangle &= \sqrt{f_{FD}(\hat{h})} |\chi\rangle \\ &\downarrow \\ \langle \langle \zeta | \hat{n}(\boldsymbol{r}) | \zeta \rangle \rangle &= n(\boldsymbol{r}) \end{split}$$



Stochastic TDFT- SCF



* R. Baer and M. Head-Gordon,"Electronic structure of large systems: coping with small gaps using the energy renormalization group method", J. Chem. Phys. 109, 10159 (1998).



Stochastic TDFT-SCF





Stochastic TDFT-Free Energy Calculation

 $\Omega = \mathbf{T}_{s} - \tau S_{s} + \int \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r})(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) - \mu)d^{3}\mathbf{r} + E_{H}[\mathbf{n}] + E_{XC}[\mathbf{n}]$

$$n(r) = \left\langle \langle \zeta | \delta(r - \hat{r}) | \zeta
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angle
ight
angle = \left\langle \zeta(r)^2
ight
angle$$

$$T_{s} = \left\langle \left\langle \zeta | \widehat{T} | \zeta \right\rangle \right\rangle = -\frac{1}{2m} \left\langle \left\langle \zeta | \nabla^{2} \zeta \right\rangle \right\rangle$$

 $S_s = \left\langle \langle \chi | f \ln f + (1-f) \ln (1-f) | \chi \rangle \right\rangle$



sDFT vs. dDFT for H_{32} **Cluster**



Convergence with M: Si at Γ point



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Convergence of Γ point calculation as function of system size



Scaling as a function of System size



Preliminary results: $\Omega(V), \Omega'(V)$

M = 80 $\beta = 40 E_h^{-1}, \mu = 0.2 E_h$



Conclusions & Future Plans

- Linear-scaling calculation (or better) of free-energy using sDFT
- More efficient the higher the temperature
- Error controlled by number of stochastic orbitals
- Enable calculation of equation of state $p(\beta, \mu)$

Future Plans:

- Mean force calculations for nuclear dynamics
- Calculations of impurities (perhaps using the fragment method)
- Implement a "more suitable" XC functional for finite temperature
- Suggestions are welcome!