

# **Mathematical foundations of DFT**

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**Atomic units:**  $\hbar = 1, e = 1, m_e = 1, 4\pi\varepsilon_0 = 1$

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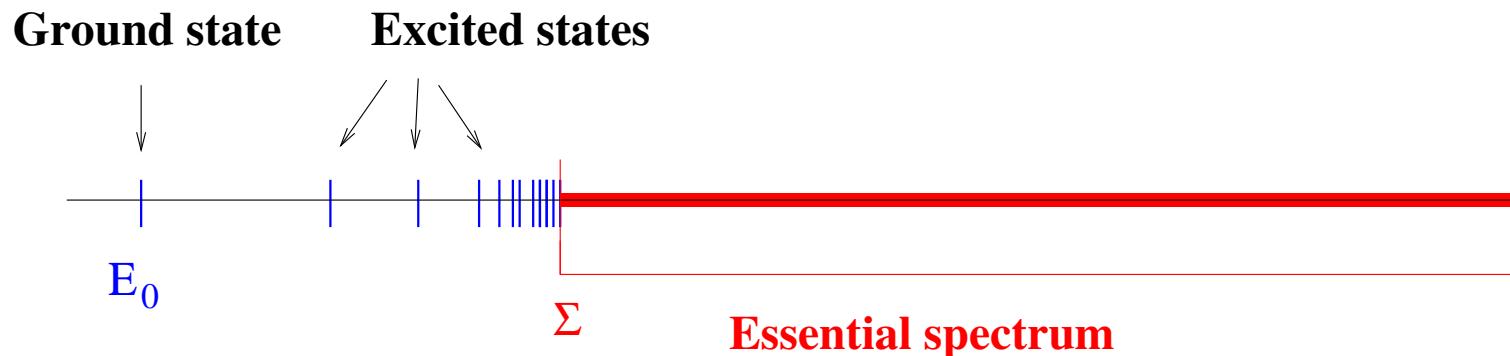
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**Theorem (Zhislin '61):** if  $N \leq \sum_{k=1}^M z_k$  (neutral or positively charged system), then

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or, equivalently, the minimization problem

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## **2 - Constrained search**

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**Theorem ( $N$ -representability of densities).**

We have

$$\{n \mid \exists \Psi \in \mathcal{W}_N \text{ s.t. } n_\Psi = n\} = \left\{n \mid \exists \widehat{\Gamma} \in \mathcal{D}_N \text{ s.t. } n_{\widehat{\Gamma}} = n\right\} = \mathcal{R}_N,$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}_N := \left\{n \geq 0, \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} n(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = N, \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla \sqrt{n}(\mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r} < \infty\right\}.$$

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$F_L[n_0] = F_{LL}[n_0]$  if  $n_0$  is pure-state  $V$ -representable, that is if  $n_0$  is the density associated with a ground state wavefunction for some external potential  $V$ .

$F_L$  is the convex hull of  $F_{LL}$ .

No explicit expressions of the functionals  $F_L$  and  $F_{LL}$  are available.

Approximations are needed for numerical simulations!

## **3 - Kohn-Sham and extended Kohn-Sham models**

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### One-body reduced density matrix (1-RDM)

- **1-RDM associated to a wavefunction**  $\Psi \in \mathcal{W}_N$

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### Expressions of the kinetic energy as a function of the 1-RDM

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Psi | \widehat{T} | \Psi \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 \gamma_\Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Big|_{\mathbf{r}'=\mathbf{r}} \right) d\mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{Tr} \left( \widehat{T} \widehat{\Gamma} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \left( -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 \gamma_{\widehat{\Gamma}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \Big|_{\mathbf{r}'=\mathbf{r}} \right) d\mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$$

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"Explicit" expression of the Janak functional

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## Exchange-correlation functional

$$F_L[n] = \inf_{\widehat{\Gamma} \in \mathcal{D}_N \mid n_{\widehat{\Gamma}} = n} \text{Tr} \left( \left( \widehat{T} + \widehat{V}_{ee} \right) \widehat{\Gamma} \right) = T_J[n] + E_{\text{Hartree}}[n] + E_{\text{xc}}[n]$$

where

- $T_J[n]$ : Janak functional
- $E_{\text{Hartree}}[n] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}'$ : classical Coulomb interaction
- $E_{\text{xc}}[n] := F_L[n] - T_J[n] - E_{\text{Hartree}}[n]$ : exchange-correlation functional.

## Local Density Approximation (LDA):

$$E_{\text{xc}}^{\text{LDA}}[n] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e_{\text{xc}}^{\text{HEG}}(n(\mathbf{r})) d\mathbf{r}$$

$e_{\text{xc}}^{\text{HEG}}(\bar{n})$ : exchange-correlation energy density of a homogeneous electron gas of uniform density  $\bar{n}$ .

#### Extended Kohn-Sham LDA model (orbital formulation)

$$E_0^{\text{LDA}} = \inf \left\{ E^{\text{LDA}}(\{\phi_i, \nu_i\}), 0 \leq \nu_i \leq 1, \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \nu_i = N, \right.$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_i \phi_j^* = \delta_{i,j}, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \nu_i \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla \phi_i|^2 < \infty \left. \right\}.$$

$\phi_i$ :  $i^{\text{th}}$  **Kohn-Sham orbital**

$\nu_i$ : **occupation number of**  $\phi_i$

$$E^{\text{LDA}}(\{\phi_i, \nu_i\}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \nu_i \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla \phi_i|^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} n_{\{\phi_i, \nu_i\}} V + E_{\text{Hartree}}[[n_{\{\phi_i, \nu_i\}}]] + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e_{\text{xc}}^{\text{HEG}}(n_{\{\phi_i, \nu_i\}}(\mathbf{r})) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$n_{\{\phi_i, \nu_i\}}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \nu_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

#### Extended Kohn-Sham LDA model (density operator formulation)

$$\text{density matrix} \quad \gamma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \nu_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i(\mathbf{r}')^* \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \hat{\gamma} = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \nu_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i| \quad \text{density operator}$$

$$E_0^{\text{LDA}} = \inf \left\{ \mathcal{E}^{\text{LDA}}(\hat{\gamma}), \quad \hat{\gamma} \in \mathcal{S}(L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)), \quad 0 \leq \hat{\gamma} \leq 1, \quad \mathbf{Tr}(\hat{\gamma}) = N, \quad \mathbf{Tr}(-\Delta \hat{\gamma}) < \infty \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{LDA}}(\hat{\gamma}) = \mathbf{Tr} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \hat{\gamma} \right) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} n_{\hat{\gamma}}(\mathbf{r}) V(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + E_{\text{Hartree}}[n_{\hat{\gamma}}] + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} e_{\text{xc}}^{\text{HEG}}(n_{\hat{\gamma}}(\mathbf{r})) d\mathbf{r},$$

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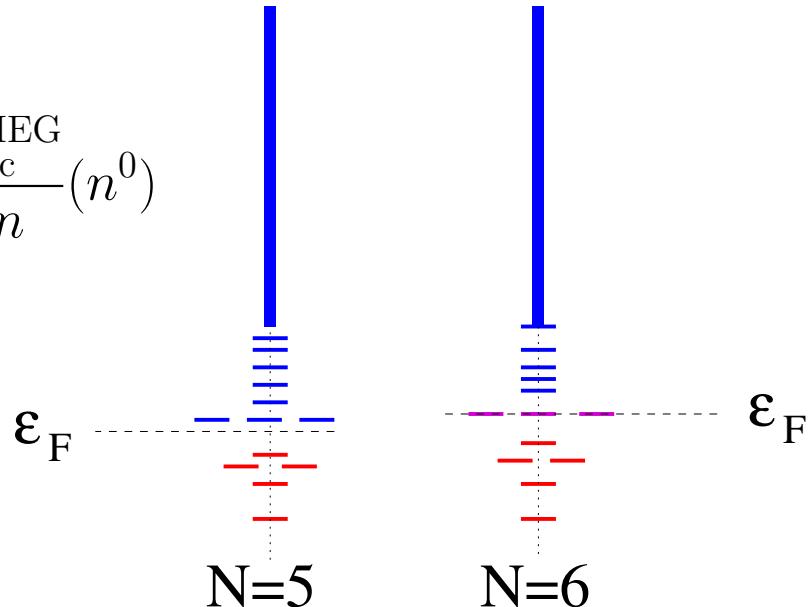
The minimization set  $\{\hat{\gamma} \in \mathcal{S}(L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)), \quad 0 \leq \hat{\gamma} \leq 1, \quad \mathbf{Tr}(\hat{\gamma}) = N, \quad \mathbf{Tr}(-\Delta \hat{\gamma}) < \infty\}$  is convex and so are the first three terms of the LDA functional. On the other hand, the LDA exchange-correlation functional is concave.

## Extended Kohn-Sham LDA equations (first order optimality conditions)

$$\hat{\gamma}^0 = \sum_i \nu_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|, \quad \gamma^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \sum_i \nu_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i(\mathbf{r}')^*, \quad n^0(\mathbf{r}) = \gamma^0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_i \nu_i |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_{n^0}^{\text{KS}} \phi_i = \varepsilon_i \phi_i \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \phi_i \phi_j^* = \delta_{ij} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \nu_i = 1 \text{ if } \varepsilon_i < \varepsilon_F, \\ 0 \leq \nu_i \leq 1 \text{ if } \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_F, \\ \nu_i = 0 \text{ if } \varepsilon_i > \varepsilon_F, \end{array} \right. \quad \sum_i \nu_i = N$$

$$H_{n^0}^{\text{KS}} = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V + n^0 \star |\cdot|^{-1} + \frac{de_{\text{xc}}^{\text{HEG}}}{dn}(n^0)$$



#### Some comments

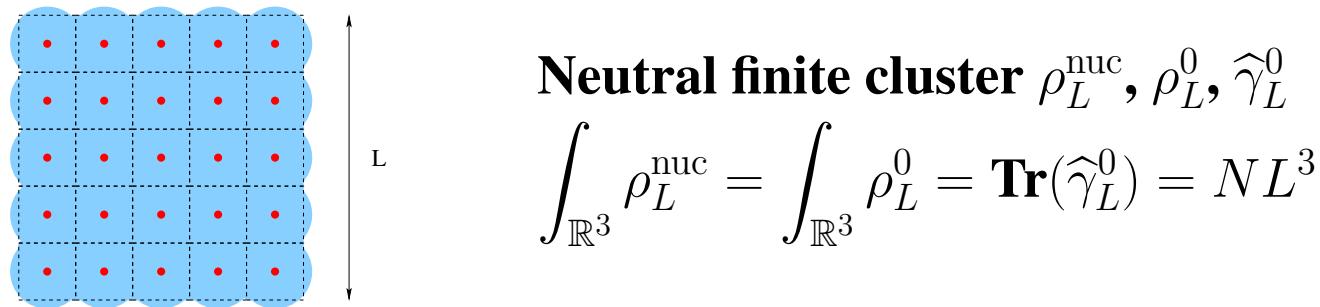
- 1. For the exact exchange-correlation functional, the Kohn-Sham and extended Kohn-Sham models give the same ground state energy.**
- 2. For approximate exchange-correlation functionals, the two models agree for "insulators", but may differ from "metals".**
- 3. The extended Kohn-Sham is the one actually simulated when smearing techniques are used to fasten SCF convergence: it is the limit when  $T$  goes to zero of the finite-temperature Kohn-Sham model.**
- 4. The density operator formulation of the (extended) Kohn-Sham model is very useful for the numerical simulation of very large systems (Kohn's "shortsightedness" principle = decay of  $\gamma(r, r')$  when  $|r - r'| \rightarrow 0$ ).**

## 4 - Thermodynamic limits

### DFT for crystals: some theoretical and practical issues

For each model (TFW, Hartree, LDA, GGA-PBE, B3LYP, ...),

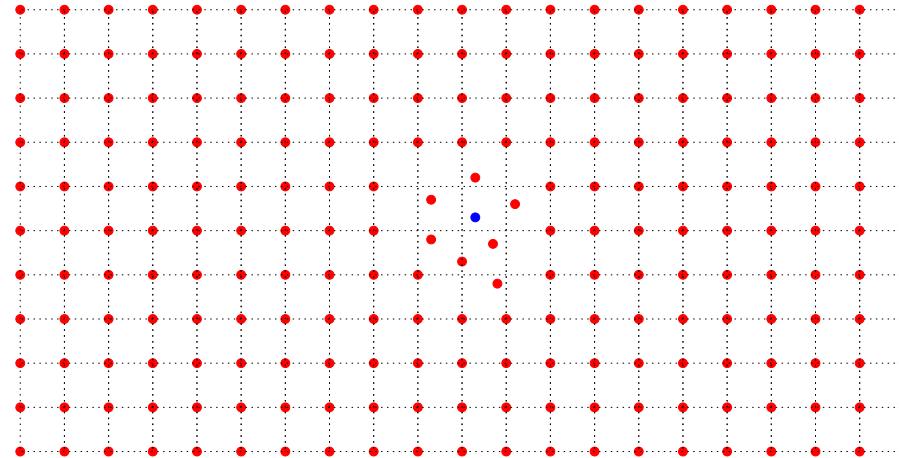
1. Existence (and uniqueness) of the ground state density for molecules
2. Thermodynamic (bulk) limit for perfect crystals



When  $L \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\rho_L^{\text{nuc}}$  converges to some  $\mathcal{R}$ -periodic charge density  $\rho_{\text{per}}^{\text{nuc}}$ ,

- does  $\rho_L^0$  have a limit?
- is this limit some  $\mathcal{R}$ -periodic density  $\rho_{\text{per}}^0$ ?
- can  $\rho_{\text{per}}^0$  be characterized as a solution of some variational problem?
- can this problem be solved numerically?
- same questions for the limit  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\text{per}}^0$  of  $\widehat{\gamma}_L^0$ .

### 3. Thermodynamic limits for crystals with local defects and screening effect



$$\rho^{\text{nuc}} = \rho_{\text{per}}^{\text{nuc}} + m \quad \rho^0 = \rho_{\text{per}}^0 + \rho^{m,\varepsilon_F} \quad \widehat{\gamma}^0 = \widehat{\gamma}_{\text{per}}^0 + \widehat{Q}^{m,\varepsilon_F}$$

**Formal definitions of the total charge of the defect**

- $\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} m - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho^{m,\varepsilon_F}$
- and also for Kohn-Sham models,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} m - \text{Tr}(\widehat{Q}^{m,\varepsilon_F})$

$\text{Tr}(\widehat{Q}^{m,\varepsilon_F}) \neq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho^{m,\varepsilon_F} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{charge screening!}$

### State of the art of the mathematical analysis for 1, 2 and 3

	Molecules	Perfect crystals	Charge screening
TF TFW DIOF DDOF	Lieb-Simon '77 Lieb '81 Blanc-E.C. '05 ?	Lieb-Simon '77 CLL '98 - ?	Lieb-Simon '77 E.C.-Ehrlacher '11 - ?
Hartree LDA GGA B3LYP	Solovej '91 Anantharaman-E.C. '09 ?? ??	CLL '01 non convex ?? ??	E.C.-Lewin '10 non convex ?? ??
Schrödinger	Zhislin '61	??? Fefferman '85 HLS '11	???

CLL: Catto-LeBris-Lions, HLS: Hainzl, Lewin, Solovej