

Search for nuclear energy-density functional

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- From effective interaction to energy density functional
- Extensions of Skyrme functional
- Surface-peaked effective mass



Methods in nuclear structure

Basic methods and their applicability

Ab initio	Light nuclei
Shell model	Medium nuclei
Mean-field methods	Heavy nuclei



Hartree-Fock method

Ritz variational principle

$$H = T_{\mu\mu} a_{\mu}^{\dagger} a_{\mu} + \frac{1}{4} V_{\mu\nu\mu'\nu} a_{\mu}^{\dagger} a_{\nu}^{\dagger} a_{\nu} a_{\mu},$$

$$\delta \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle = 0 \qquad | \psi \rangle = a_{N}^{\dagger} \dots a_{1}^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle$$

Density matrix and energy

$$\rho_{\mu'\mu} = \langle \psi | a_{\mu}^{+} a_{\mu'} | \psi \rangle \qquad E = T_{\mu\mu'} \rho_{\mu'\mu} + \frac{1}{4} V_{\mu\nu\mu'\nu'} \rho_{\nu'\nu} \rho_{\mu'\mu}$$

• Mean field

$$h_{\mu\mu'} = T_{\mu\mu'} + V_{\mu\nu\mu'\nu'} \rho_{\nu'\nu} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \rho_{\mu'\mu}}$$

Hartree-Fock equations and solution

$$[\rho, h] = 0$$
 $h \to \rho \to h \to \rho \to \dots$



Effective interaction

- Ladder diagrams
- Bethe-Goldstone equation



- Brueckner-Hartree-Fock method
- Phenomenological Gogny and Skyrme interactions

$$V(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r'}) \sim e^{-(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r'})^2/a^2}$$
 $V(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r'}) \sim \delta(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r'})$



Skyrme force

• Lord Tony Hilton Royle Skyrme (1922-1987) Philosophical Magazine 1 (1956) 1043

$$V(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = t_0 (1 + x_0 P_{\sigma}) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') + \frac{1}{2} t_1 (1 + x_1 P_{\sigma}) [\mathbf{k}^2 \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') + \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{k}^2] + t_2 (1 + x_2 P_{\sigma}) \mathbf{k} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{6} t_3 (1 + x_3 P_{\sigma}) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \rho (\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}')) + i W_0 (\mathbf{\sigma} + \mathbf{\sigma}') \mathbf{k} \times \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \mathbf{k}$$

Relative momentum (derivative) operator

$$\boldsymbol{k} = \frac{1}{2i} (\boldsymbol{\nabla} - \boldsymbol{\nabla}')$$



Skyrme functional

Interaction energy

$$E = \frac{1}{4} V_{\mu\nu\mu'\nu'} \rho_{\nu'\nu} \rho_{\mu'\mu} = \int d^3 \boldsymbol{r} \Re(\boldsymbol{r})$$

Energy density

$$\Re = C^{\rho\rho} \rho^2 + C^{\rho\Delta\rho} \rho \Delta \rho + C^{\tau\rho} \tau \rho + C^{JJ} \bar{J}^2 + C^{\rho\nabla J} \rho \nabla J + C^{ss} s^2 + C^{s\Delta s} s \Delta s + C^{sT} s T + C^{jj} j^2 + C^{s\nabla j} s (\nabla \times j)$$



Local densities

Local densities

Particle	$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = [\rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r'})]_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r'}}$
Spin	$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{r}) = [\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')]_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}'}$
Kinetic	$\tau(\mathbf{r}) = [\nabla \nabla ' \rho(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')]_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}'}$
Vector kinetic	$\boldsymbol{T}(\boldsymbol{r}) = [\boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\nabla}' \boldsymbol{s}(\boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{r}')]_{\boldsymbol{r}=\boldsymbol{r}'}$
Momentum	$\boldsymbol{j}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{1}{2i} [(\boldsymbol{\nabla} - \boldsymbol{\nabla}') \rho(\boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{r}')]_{\boldsymbol{r}=\boldsymbol{r}'}$
Spin-current	$J_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2i} \left[(\nabla_{\mu} - \nabla_{\nu}') s_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \right]_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{r}'}$



Coupling constants

Linear functions of Skyrme force parameters

$$64 \begin{pmatrix} C_0^{\Delta\rho} \\ C_1^{\Delta\rho} \\ C_0^{\tau} \\ C_0^{\tau} \\ C_1^{\tau} \\ C_0^{\Delta s} \\ C_1^{\Delta s} \\ C_1^{\Delta s} \\ C_1^{\tau} \\ C_1^{\tau} \\ C_1^{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 2 \\ 12 & 0 & 20 & 16 \\ -4 & -8 & 4 & 8 \\ 3 & -6 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 8 & 4 & 8 \\ -4 & 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_1 x_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_2 x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Numbers of coupling constants

Skyrme force	9
Skyrme functional	24



Local density approximation

- Force range < density variation distance
- Expansion of full density matrix up to second order
- Energy density ...

$$\Re = C^{\rho\rho} \rho^2 + C^{\rho\Delta\rho} \rho \Delta \rho + C^{\tau\rho} \tau \rho + C^{JJ} \overline{J}^2 + C^{\rho\nabla J} \rho \nabla J + C^{ss} s^2 + C^{s\Delta s} s \Delta s + C^{sT} s T + C^{jj} j^2 + C^{s\nabla j} s (\nabla \times j)$$

Coupling constants are moments of interaction, e.g.

$$C^{\rho} \sim \int d^3 \boldsymbol{r} \, \boldsymbol{r}^2 V(\boldsymbol{r})$$

• Spurious dependence on interaction !



Density functional theory

General functional and its minimum

$$E = E(\rho) \qquad \delta E = 0$$

Single-particle hamiltonian

$$h_{\mu\mu'} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial \rho_{\mu'\mu}}$$

Kohn-Sham equations and their solution

$$[\rho, h] = 0 \qquad \qquad h \to \rho \to h \to \rho \to \dots$$



Why functional and how

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem

Exact functional exists

- Includes effects beyond mean field
- More in spirit of effective field theory
- Unknown how to construct such functional
- Start from Skyrme and
 - Treat C coupling constants as independent
 - Add new terms
 - Modify in any way



Skyrme functional

- Good description of bulk properties like masses and radii
- Unsatisfactory description of single-particle properties
- Search for spectroscopic-quality functionals



Can Skyrme functional describe single-particle data?

- Kortelainen, Dobaczewski, Mizuyama, Toivanen Phys. Rev. C 77 (2008) 064307
- Linear dependence of single-particle energies on coupling constants





Can Skyrme functionals describe single-particle data?

- Linear fit problem solvable via Singular Value Decomposition of the Regression Matrix
- Deviations in single-particle energies:



Skyrme functionals not sufficient – extensions needed



Next-to-next-to-next-to Leading Order (N³LO)

- Carlsson, Dobaczewski, Kortelainen Phys. Rev. C 78 (2008) 044326
- Functional quadratic in density derivatives up to sixth order

LO	$ ho^2$	Delta force
NLO	$ ho abla^2 ho$	Skyrme
N ³ LO	$ ho abla^6 ho$	

 Nucleon-nucleon scattering well described by nucleon-pion Lagrangian up to N³LO



Next-to-next-to-next-to Leading Order (N³LO)

Numbers of coupling constants

Skyrme	24
N ³ LO	376
+ galilean + gauge symmetry	42
+ spherical + time-reversal symmetry	22

• Several tens of thousands of observables described (including single-particle data)



Definition of effective mass

Standard single-particle Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + U(r)$$

 Space and time nonlocality incorporated into the kinetic term

$$\hat{H} = -\nabla \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*(r)} \nabla + U(r)$$

- Effective mass: $m^*(r)/m$
- Mass parameter:

$$A(r) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\,m^*(r)}$$



Effective mass in infinite nuclear matter and in finite nuclei

Infinite nuclear matter requires

 $m^*(r)/m\approx 0.6\div 0.9$

S.p. level density in finite nuclei requires

 $m^*(r)/m \approx 1$

• Typical radial dependence





Surface-peaked effective mass



- Low inside, unit on average
- Peak may account for coupling to surface vibrations



Surface-peaked effective mass in Woods-Saxon potential

- Kurpeta MSc Thesis
- Mass parameter





Surface-peaked effective mass in Woods-Saxon potential

Mass parameter and effective mass





Surface-peaked effective mass in Woods-Saxon potential

- Ma, Wambach Nucl. Phys. A **402** (1983) 275
- Inspired by Green function approach

$$\frac{m^{*}(r)}{m} = (1 - \alpha g(r)) \left(1 + \beta \frac{d g}{d r} \right) \qquad g(r) \sim V_{ws}(r)$$

k-mass
space nonlocality
mass lower inside



Effective mass in the Skyrme functional

Mass parameter in functional approach

$$M = \frac{\delta \Re}{\delta \tau}$$

Part of the Skyrme functional containing τ

$$\Re = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \tau + C^{\tau\rho} \tau \rho + \dots$$

Effective mass in the Skyrme functional





Surface-peaked effective mass in the Skyrme force

- Farine, Pearson, Tondeur Nucl. Phys. A 696 (2001) 396
- New term in Skyrme force, analogous to t₁, x₁

$$V(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}') = \frac{1}{2} t_4 (1 + x_4 P_{\sigma}) \left(\boldsymbol{k}^2 \rho(\boldsymbol{r})^{\beta} \delta(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{r}') + \delta(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{r}') \rho(\boldsymbol{r})^{\beta} \boldsymbol{k}^2 \right) + \dots$$

Functional

$$\Re = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \tau + C^{\tau\rho} \tau \rho + C^{\tau\rho^{\beta+1}} \tau \rho^{\beta+1} + \dots$$
$$M = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + C^{\tau\rho} \rho + C^{\tau\rho^{\beta+1}} \rho^{\beta+1}$$



Surface-peaked effective mass in the Skyrme force

Mass parameter and effective mass

$$M = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + C^{\tau \rho} \rho + C^{\tau \rho^{\beta+1}} \rho^{\beta+1} \qquad \beta = 0.4 \quad C^{\tau \rho} < 0 \quad C^{\tau \rho^{\beta+1}} > 0$$





Surface-peaked effective mass in the energy density functional

Quadratic term a la Kurpeta

$$\Re = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \tau + C^{\tau\rho} \tau \rho + C^{\tau(\nabla\rho)^2} \tau (\nabla\rho)^2 + \dots$$
$$M = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + C^{\tau\rho} \rho + C^{\tau(\nabla\rho)^2} (\nabla\rho)^2$$

• Linear term a la Ma & Wambach only for spherical symmetry

$$\Re = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \tau + C^{\tau\rho} \tau \rho + C^{\tau \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r}} \tau \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} + \dots$$
$$M = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + C^{\tau\rho} \rho + C^{\tau \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r}} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r}$$



Details of the calculations

- Even-Even N=Z nuclei: ⁴⁰Ca, ⁵⁶Ni, ¹⁰⁰Sn No time-odd nor isovector terms
- SkXc force Effective mass ≈ 1, emphasis on s.p. levels
- Code Spherius by PO Spherical and time-reversal symmetry, coordinate space
- Calculations by MZ, coordination by WS



Varying radial profile of effective mass

Constraint on mean effective mass

$$\int \frac{m^{*}(\boldsymbol{r})}{m} \frac{\rho(\boldsymbol{r})}{A} d^{3}\boldsymbol{r} = 1$$

Treatment of coupling constants

$C^{\tau(\nabla \rho)^2}$ or $C^{\tau \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r}}$	Varied freely
$C^{ au ho}$	Adjusted to ensure unit effective mass on average
Remaining ones	Unchanged



Radial dependence of effective mass

- Zalewski, Olbratowski, Satuła To be published
- Largest peaks in ⁴⁰Ca







Spin-orbit splitting and centroid



Spin-orbit field



Single-particle levels with quadratic term





- Weak influence on s.p. levels
- No modifications at surface, more fluctuations inside touches low-l states
- Incorrect trend in 1f splitting



Single-particle levels with linear term





- Decrease in high-l splittings, increase in all centroids
- Surface moved outwards, lower density inside
- Correct trend in 1f splitting



Fit to masses and radii

- New constants deteriorate description of masses and radii – refit needed
- Treatment of coupling constants

$C^{\tau(\nabla \rho)^2}$ or $C^{\tau \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r}}$	Varied freely
$C^{ au ho}$	Adjusted to ensure unit effective mass on average
$C^{\rho\rho}$ and $C^{\rho\Delta\rho}$	Fitted to masses and radii of ⁴⁰ Ca, ⁵⁶ Ni, ¹⁰⁰ Sn
C^{JJ} and $C^{\rho \nabla J}$	Unchanged

 Small changes in fitted constants and original SkXc masses and radii nearly reproduced over whole range of new constants



Single-particle levels after fit



Correct trend in splittings retained for linear term





- Possible to obtain surface-peaked effective mass in functional approach, but height of peak limited
- Possible to retain quality of masses and radii
- Linear term gives correct trend in spin-orbit splittings
- Surface-peaked effective mass will probably interplay nicely with tensor term