Ab Initio Functionals

- overview
- status and plans
Role and Goals of the Ab Initio Functionals Group

From last year’s CPR: (previous talks) (today’s talks)

- Develop low-momentum NN and NNN interactions and operators as input to ab initio wave function methods and nuclear matter (Hebeler, Wendt, Anderson)
- Develop nuclear matter calculations with controlled theoretical errors as input to microscopic functionals (Hebeler)
- Construct ab initio functionals in the form of a generalized Skyrme interaction, with theoretical error bars, and understand conceptual issues (Drut, Bogner, Hergert)
- Validate the functionals against ab initio wave function methods (Maris, Kortelainen, Holt)
- Provide guidance to DFT Applications on novel density dependencies for EDF’s based on microscopic input (Stoitsov, Hergert, Holt)
SRG NN+NNN (Hebeler, Wendt) + operators (Anderson)
Vlowk, SRG NN + fit NNN

Neutron/Nuclear matter (Hebeler)
DME development (Hergert)

OEP development (Drut)
DME-based EDF
(Stoitsov, Kortelainen)
CC constraints on EDF (Holt)
Progress reports in this session

- Kai Hebeler, Neutron/nuclear matter/pairing with 3NF [presented by Furnstahl]
- Kyle Wendt, SRG developments
- Eric Anderson, SRG-evolved operators
- Scott Bogner, In-medium SRG

Coffee break

- Heiko Hergert, HFB/DME and QRPA calculations
- Jason Holt, Constraints on explicit nuclear density functionals from coupled-cluster theory
Ab Initio Nuclear DFT Deliverables

Plan for Year-5 from Continuation Progress Report

- Perform neutron drop benchmarks starting from NN and NNN interactions and validate against ab-initio calculations.
- Develop and test improved DME functionals that go beyond HF (microscopic pairing; constrain volume terms from BHF).
- Develop the Optimized Effective Potential (OEP) method for 3D-HFB; compare with HF, HF-DME, and ab initio.
- Use in-medium SRG to develop valence shell model Hamiltonians and effective operators for open-shell nuclei.

Other deliverables from CPR

- Apply $NN + NNN$ low-$k$ SRG interactions in p-shell with NCFC
- SRG: develop few-body operators, test factorization, explore alternative generators to control many-body operators
- Improve and test infinite matter on which DME relies; initial steps toward Monte Carlo and CC calculations
- Compare DME to CC and NCFC with the same (variable) Hamiltonian, including with external fields.
Ab Initio Functionals Overview

Nuclear Density Functional Theory and Extensions

Optimization

- Nuclear Energy Density Functional
- HFB (self-consistency) Symmetry breaking

Symmetry restoration
- Multi-reference DFT (GCM)
- Time dependent DFT (TDHFB)
- QRPA

Excited states
- Decays
- Fission

Observables

Spectroscopy scattering

Fit-observables
- Experiment
- Pseudo data

Density dependent interactions

Density Matrix Expansion

Observables

Truncation + diagonalization Monte Carlo

Spectroscopic information

Compound Nucleus

Expt
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Compound Nucleus Reaction Theory

Coupled Channels DWBA

Optical potentials

Observables

Decays, fission

Expt

cross sections