# Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory

## Time-Dependent Phenomena in Nuclei

Small-amplitude oscillations:

- Giant Dipole Resonance
- Giant Quadrupole Resonance
- Giant Monopole Resonance
- Giant Spin Vibrations





# Multi-nucleon transfer reactions



# Elements of Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory

#### A. The Runge-Gross Theorem

**Runge-Gross theorem:** under certain quite general conditions, there is a one-to-one correspondence between time-dependent one-body densities  $n(\mathbf{r},t)$  and time-dependent one-body potentials  $v_{ext}(\mathbf{r},t)$ , for a given initial state. That is, a given evolution of the density can be generated by at most one time-dependent potential.

... define a fictitious system of noninteracting electrons moving in a time-dependent effective potential, whose density is precisely that of the real system. This effective potential is known as the time-dependent Kohn-Sham potential.

Just as in ground-state density functional theory (DFT), it consists of an external part, the Hartree potential, and the exchange-correlation potential,  $v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ , which is a functional of:

- the entire history of the density, n(r, t),
- the initial interacting wavefunction,  $\Psi(0)$ , and
- the initial Kohn-Sham wavefunction,  $\Phi(0)$ .

#### B. One-to-one correspondence

N nonrelativistic electrons, mutually interacting via the Coulomb repulsion, in a time-dependent external potential.

The evolution of the wavefunction is governed by the time-dependent Schroedinger equation:

$$\hat{H}(t)\Psi(t) = \mathrm{i}\frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi(t)}{\mathrm{d}t}$$
,  $\Psi(0)$  given

$$\hat{T} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_{i}^{2} \qquad \qquad \hat{V}_{ee} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^{N} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{r}_{i} - \boldsymbol{r}_{j}|}, \qquad \qquad \hat{V}_{ext} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} v_{ext}(\boldsymbol{r}_{i}, t),$$

...electron density:

nsity: 
$$n(\boldsymbol{r},t) = N \int d^3 r_2 \dots \int d^3 r_N |\Psi(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}_2,\dots,\boldsymbol{r}_N,t)|^2$$
,  $\int d^3 r n(\boldsymbol{r},t) = N$ .

**R-G Theorem:** the densities  $n(\mathbf{r}, t)$  and  $n'(\mathbf{r}, t)$  that evolve from a common initial state  $\Psi$  (t = 0) under the influence of two potentials  $v_{ext}(\mathbf{r},t)$  and  $v'_{ext}(\mathbf{r},t)$ , eventually differ if the potentials differ by more than a purely time-dependent (**r**-independent) function:

$$\Delta v_{\text{ext}}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = v_{\text{ext}}(\boldsymbol{r},t) - v'_{\text{ext}}(\boldsymbol{r},t) \neq c(t) \,.$$

→ one-to-one mapping between densities and potentials, which implies that the potential is a functional of the density.

#### C. Time-dependent Kohn-Sham Equations

... system of noninteracting electrons that satisfy time-dependent Kohn-Sham equations:

$$i\frac{\partial\varphi_j(\boldsymbol{r},t)}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + v_{\rm KS}[n](\boldsymbol{r},t)\right]\varphi_j(\boldsymbol{r},t),$$

The corresponding density: n(r

$$(\boldsymbol{r},t) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} |\varphi_j(\boldsymbol{r},t)|^2,$$

Is by definition identical to that of the real, interacting system.



The exchange-correlation potential  $\rightarrow$  a functional of the entire history of the density, n(r,t), the initial interacting wavefunction  $\Psi(0)$ , and the initial Kohn-Sham wavefunction,  $\Phi(0)$ .

### D. Adiabatic approximation to the K-S Equations

The exact exchange-correlation potential depends on the entire history of the density, as well as the initial wavefunctions of both the interacting and the Kohn-Sham systems:

$$v_{\rm xc}[n,\Psi(0),\Phi(0)](\boldsymbol{r},t) = v_{\rm KS}[n,\Psi(0),\Phi(0)](\boldsymbol{r},t) - v_{\rm ext}(\boldsymbol{r},t) - v_{\rm H}[n](\boldsymbol{r},t)$$

Functionals of the initial density.

 $V_{exc}(\mathbf{r},t)$  has a functional dependence on all  $n(\mathbf{r},t')$  for  $0 \le t' \le t$ . The potential remembers the density's past, it has memory.

The adiabatic approximation  $\rightarrow$  ignore all dependence on the past, and allow only a dependence on the instantaneous density (local in time):

 $v_{\mathrm{xc}}^{\mathrm{adia}}[n](\boldsymbol{r},t) = v_{\mathrm{xc}}^{\mathrm{approx}}[n(t)](\boldsymbol{r})$ 

$$v_{\rm xc}^{\rm adia}[n](\boldsymbol{r},t) = v_{\rm xc}^{\rm GS}[n_{\rm GS}](\boldsymbol{r})|_{n_{\rm GS}(\boldsymbol{r}')=n(\boldsymbol{r}',t)}$$
  
uniform electron gas

...memory due to initial-state dependence, and memory due to the history-dependence of the density:

$$v_{\rm xc}[n,\Psi(0),\Phi(0)](\boldsymbol{r},t) = v_{\rm KS}[n,\Psi(0),\Phi(0)](\boldsymbol{r},t) - v_{\rm ext}(\boldsymbol{r},t) - v_{\rm H}[n](\boldsymbol{r},t)$$

Memory arises in TDDFT because of the reduced nature of the density as a basic variable: If the wavefunction of the system was known, there would be no memory dependence, since the wavefunction at time t contains the complete information about the system at time t.

ALDA 
$$v_{\rm xc}^{\rm ALDA}(\boldsymbol{r},t) = v_{\rm xc}^{\rm unif}[n(\boldsymbol{r},t)]$$

An adiabatic approximation will work well if the system is slowly-varying so that it remains in a slowly-evolving lowest-energy state.

# **TDDFT in Nuclear Physics**

A. No pairing - Hartree-Fock

**One-body operators** 

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho(t) = [h(t), \rho(t)],$$

Density operator:  $\rho(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} |\phi_k(t)\rangle \langle \phi_k(t)|,$ 

expressed in the time-dependent canonical singleparticle basis.  $[\langle \phi_k(t) | \phi_l(t) \rangle = \delta_{kl}]$ 



Self-consistent and density-dependent (ALDA) potentials

# B. Pairing - Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}R = [\mathcal{H}, R],$$

$$R \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \kappa \\ -\kappa^* & 1-\rho^* \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathcal{H} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} h & \Delta \\ -\Delta^* & -h^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho(t) = [h(t), \rho(t)] + \kappa(t)\Delta^{*}(t) - \Delta(t)\kappa^{*}(t),$$
 Density operator  

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\kappa(t) = h(t)\kappa(t) + \kappa(t)h^{*}(t)$$
 Pairing tensor  

$$+\Delta(t)[1 - \rho^{*}(t)] - \rho(t)\Delta(t).$$

**TD-HFB** equations

# BCS approximation in the canonical basis

TD-HFB state:

$$\Psi(t)\rangle = \prod_{k>0} \{u_k(t) + v_k(t)c_k^{\dagger}(t)c_k^{\dagger}(t)\}|0\rangle.$$
  
Time-reversed orbital

BCS approximation:  $\Delta_{k\bar{l}} = -\Delta_k \delta_{kl} \rightarrow Diagonal pairing field.$ 

$$i\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{k}(t) = \kappa_{k}(t)\Delta_{k}^{*}(t) - \kappa_{k}^{*}(t)\Delta_{k}(t),$$

$$i\frac{d}{dt}\kappa_{k}(t) = [\eta_{k}(t) + \eta_{\bar{k}}(t)]\kappa_{k}(t) + \Delta_{k}(t)[2\rho_{k}(t) - 1],$$

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\phi_{k}(t)\rangle = [h(t) - \eta_{k}(t)]|\phi_{k}(t)\rangle,$$

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\phi_{\bar{k}}(t)\rangle = [h(t) - \eta_{\bar{k}}(t)]|\phi_{\bar{k}}(t)\rangle.$$

...where 
$$\eta_k(t) \equiv \langle \phi_k(t) | h(t) | \phi_k(t) \rangle + i \langle \frac{\partial \phi_k}{\partial t} | \phi_k(t) \rangle$$







