

# Ground-State DFT



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# Many-Body Schrödinger Equation

$$\hat{H}\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = E\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V} + \hat{W}$$

$$\hat{T} = \sum_{j=1}^N -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_j^2}{2m}$$

$$\hat{V} = \sum_{j=1}^N v(\mathbf{r}_j)$$

$$\hat{W} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j,k=1 \\ j \neq k}}^N \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_k|}$$

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Example: Oxygen atom (8 electrons)

$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_8)$  depends on 24 coordinates

### rough table of the wavefunction

<b>10 entries per coordinate:</b>	$\Rightarrow 10^{24}$ entries
<b>1 byte per entry:</b>	$\Rightarrow 10^{24}$ bytes
<b><math>5 \times 10^9</math> bytes per DVD:</b>	$\Rightarrow 2 \times 10^{14}$ DVDs
<b>10 g per DVD:</b>	$\Rightarrow 2 \times 10^{15}$ g of DVDs $= 2 \times 10^9$ t of DVDs

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**Write total energy as functional  
of a simpler quantity and minimize**

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**Each of these functional theories comes in two versions:**

- **a ground-state (or equilibrium) version**
- **a time-dependent (or non-equilibrium) version**

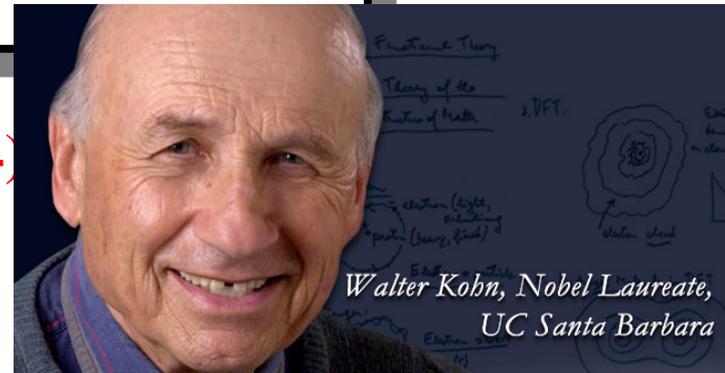
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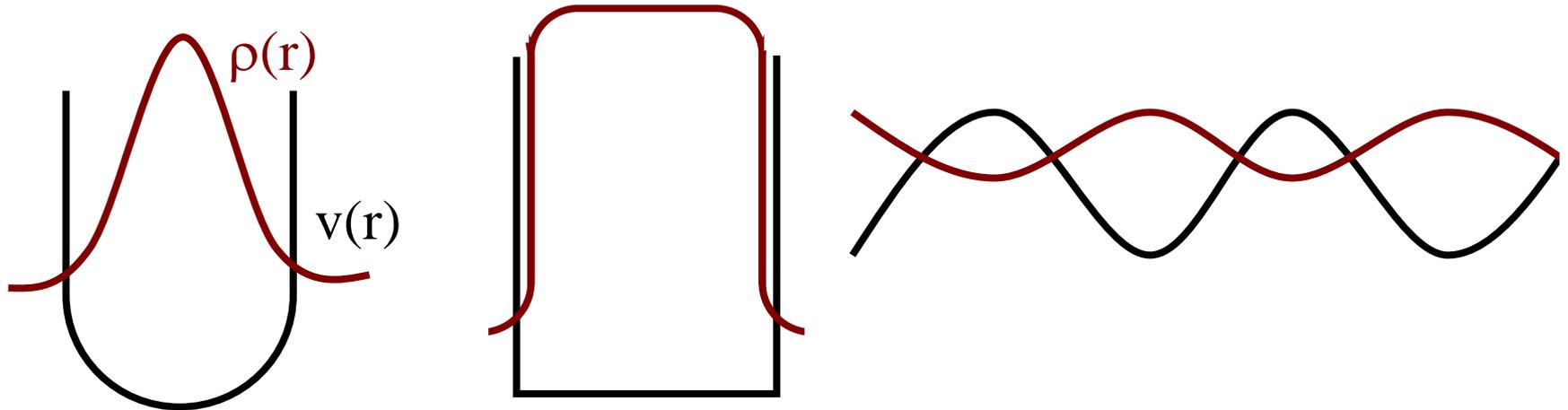
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**(for the ground state)**

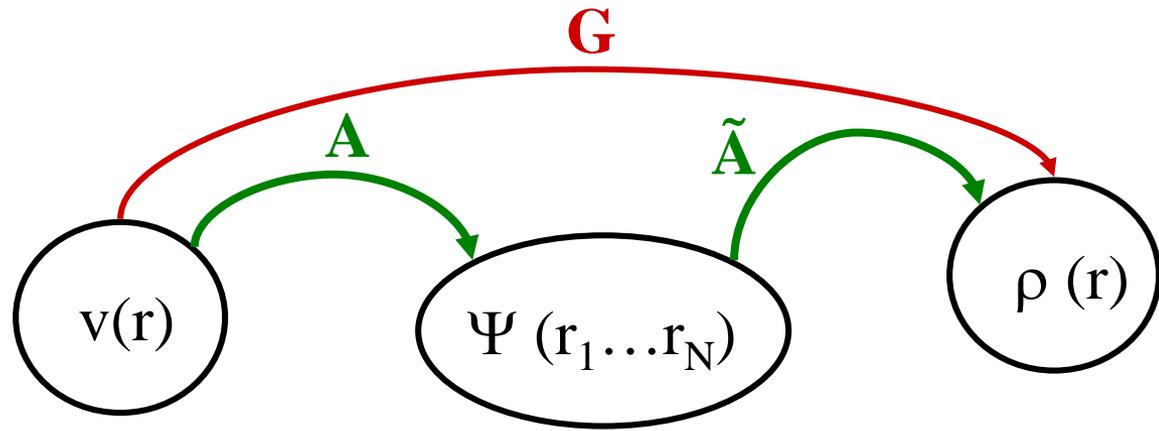


*Walter Kohn, Nobel Laureate,  
UC Santa Barbara*

compare ground-state densities  $\rho(r)$  resulting from different external potentials  $v(r)$ .



**QUESTION:** Are the ground-state densities coming from different potentials always different?



single-particle  
potentials having  
nondegenerate  
ground state

ground-state  
wavefunctions

ground-state  
densities

## Hohenberg-Kohn-Theorem (1964)

$G: v(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \rho(\mathbf{r})$  is invertible

## Proof

### Step 1: Invertibility of map A

Solve many-body Schrödinger equation for the external potential:

$$\hat{V} = \frac{(\mathbf{E} - \hat{\mathbf{T}} - \hat{\mathbf{W}}_{ee})\Psi}{\Psi}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N v(\mathbf{r}_j) = -\frac{\hat{\mathbf{T}}\Psi}{\Psi} - \mathbf{W}_{ee}(\vec{\mathbf{r}}_1 \dots \vec{\mathbf{r}}_N) + \text{constant}$$

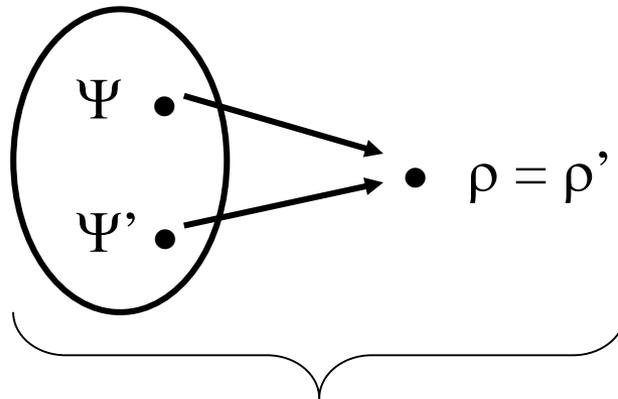
This is manifestly the inverse map: A given  $\Psi$  uniquely yields the external potential.

## Step 2: Invertibility of map $\tilde{A}$

Given: two (nondegenerate) ground states  $\Psi, \Psi'$  satisfying

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \hat{H}\Psi = E\Psi & & \hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{W} + \hat{V} \\ \hat{H}'\Psi' = E'\Psi' & \text{with} & \hat{H}' = \hat{T} + \hat{W} + \hat{V}' \end{array}$$

to be shown:  $\Psi \neq \Psi' \Rightarrow \rho \neq \rho'$



**cannot happen**

Use Rayleigh-Ritz principle:

$$\begin{aligned}\blacktriangle E &= \langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle < \langle \Psi' | \hat{H} | \Psi' \rangle = \langle \Psi' | H' + V - V' | \Psi' \rangle \\ &= E' + \int d^3r \rho'(r) [v(r) - v'(r)]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\star E' &= \langle \Psi' | \hat{H}' | \Psi' \rangle < \langle \Psi | \hat{H}' | \Psi \rangle \\ &= E + \int d^3r \rho(r) [v'(r) - v(r)]\end{aligned}$$

Reductio ad absurdum:

Assumption  $\rho = \rho'$ . Add  $\blacktriangle$  and  $\star \Rightarrow E + E' < E + E'$



## Consequence

Every quantum mechanical observable is completely determined by the ground state density.

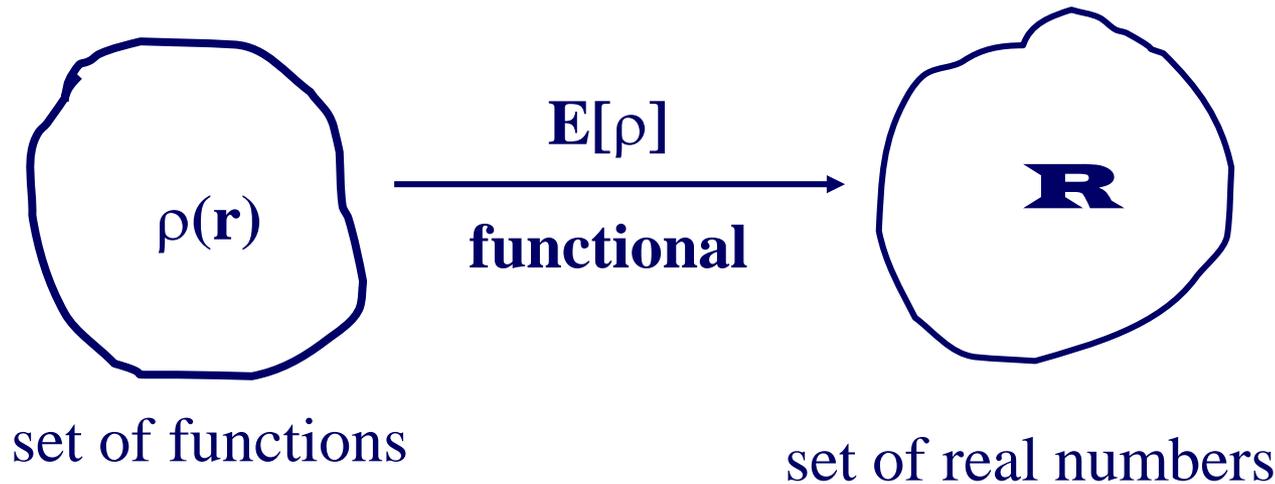
Proof:  $\rho \xrightarrow{G^{-1}} v[\rho] \xrightarrow{\text{solve S.E.}} \Phi_i[\rho]$

Hermitian operator  $\hat{B}$

$$B_i[\rho] = \langle \Phi_i[\rho] | \hat{B} | \Phi_i[\rho] \rangle$$

e.g. excitation spectrum:  $E_i[\rho]$

# What is a FUNCTIONAL?



## Generalization:

$v_{\vec{r}}[\rho] = v[\rho](\vec{r})$  functional depending parametrically on  $\vec{r}$

$\Psi_{\vec{r}_1 \dots \vec{r}_N}[\rho] = \Psi[\rho](\vec{r}_1 \dots \vec{r}_N)$  or on  $(\vec{r}_1 \dots \vec{r}_N)$

# Explicit construction of the HK map $v_s \longleftrightarrow \rho$ for non-interacting particles

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + v_s(\mathbf{r}) \right) \varphi_i = \epsilon_i \varphi_i \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \sum \\ i \end{array} \varphi_i^* \cdot \right.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i^* \left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \right) \varphi_i + v_s(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon_i |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v_s(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\rho(\mathbf{r})} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \epsilon_i |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2 - \varphi_i^* \left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \right) \varphi_i \right)$$

## Iterative procedure

$\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$  given (e.g. from experiment)

Start with an initial guess for  $v_s(\mathbf{r})$  (e.g. GGA potential)

$$\text{solve } \left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + v_s(\mathbf{r}) \right) \varphi_i = \epsilon_i \varphi_i$$

$$v_s^{\text{new}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\rho_0(\mathbf{r})} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \epsilon_i |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2 - \varphi_i^* \left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \right) \varphi_i \right)$$

solve SE with  $v_s^{\text{new}}$  and iterate, keeping  $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$  fixed

## QUESTION:

How to calculate ground state density  $\rho_o(\vec{r})$  of a given system (characterized by the external potential  $V_o = \sum v_o(\vec{r})$ ) without recourse to the Schrödinger Equation?

### Theorem:

There exists a density functional  $E_{\text{HK}}[\rho]$  with properties

$$i) E_{\text{HK}}[\rho] > E_o \text{ for } \rho \neq \rho_o$$

$$ii) E_{\text{HK}}[\rho_o] = E_o$$

where  $E_o$  = exact ground state energy of the system

Thus, Euler equation 
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta\rho(\vec{r})} E_{\text{HK}}[\rho] = 0$$

yields exact ground state density  $\rho_o$ .

proof:

formal construction of  $E_{\text{HK}}[\rho]$  :

for arbitrary ground state density  $\rho(\vec{r}) \xrightarrow{\tilde{A}^{-1}} \Psi[\rho]$

define: 
$$E_{\text{HK}}[\rho] \equiv \langle \Psi[\rho] | \hat{T} + \hat{W} + \hat{V}_o | \Psi[\rho] \rangle$$

$$> E_o \quad \text{for } \rho \neq \rho_o$$

$$= E_o \quad \text{for } \rho = \rho_o \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

$$E_{\text{HK}}[\rho] = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_o(\mathbf{r}) + \underbrace{\langle \Psi[\rho] | \hat{T} + \hat{W} | \Psi[\rho] \rangle}_{\text{F}[\rho] \text{ is universal}}$$

**F[ρ] is universal**

# HOHENBERG-KOHN THEOREM

1.  $v(\mathbf{r}) \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \rho(\mathbf{r})$

one-to-one correspondence between external potentials  $v(\mathbf{r})$  and ground-state densities  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$

## 2. Variational principle

Given a particular system characterized by the external potential  $v_0(\mathbf{r})$ . Then the solution of the Euler-Lagrange equation

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} E_{\text{HK}}[\rho] = 0$$

yields the exact ground-state energy  $E_0$  and ground-state density  $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$  of this system

3.  $E_{\text{HK}}[\rho] = F[\rho] + \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_0(\mathbf{r}) d^3r$

$F[\rho]$  is UNIVERSAL. **In practice,  $F[\rho]$  needs to be approximated**

## **Four steps needed**

**Step 1:** Basic Theorems, exact features

**Step 2:** Find approximate functionals for  $v_{xc}[\rho(r')](r)$

**Step 3:** Write code that solves the equations

**Step 4:** Run code for interesting systems/questions

## Expansion of $F[\rho]$ in powers of $e^2$

$$F[\rho] = F^{(0)}[\rho] + e^2 F^{(1)}[\rho] + e^4 F^{(2)}[\rho] + \dots$$

where:  $F^{(0)}[\rho] = T_s[\rho]$  (kinetic energy of non-interacting particles)

$$e^2 F^{(1)}[\rho] = \frac{e^2}{2} \iint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3r d^3r' + E_x[\rho] \quad (\text{Hartree + exchange energies})$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} (e^2)^i F^{(i)}[\rho] = E_c[\rho] \quad (\text{correlation energy})$$

$$\Rightarrow F[\rho] = T_s[\rho] + \frac{e^2}{2} \iint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3r d^3r' + E_x[\rho] + E_c[\rho]$$

# TOWARDS THE EXACT FUNCTIONAL

$$F[\rho] = T_s[\rho] + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3r \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + E_x[\rho] + E_c[\rho]$$

1<sup>st</sup> generation of DFT: Use approximate functionals (LDA/GGA) for  $T_s$ ,  $E_x$  and  $E_c$  e.g.

$$T_s[\rho] = \int d^3r \left( a\rho(\mathbf{r})^{5/3} + b \frac{(\nabla\rho)^2}{\rho} + \dots \right)$$

⇒ **Thomas-Fermi-type equation has to be solved**

2<sup>nd</sup> generation of DFT: Use exact functional  $T_s^{\text{exact}}[\rho]$  and LDA/GGA for  $E_x$  and  $E_c$

$$T_s^{\text{exact}}[\rho] = \sum_{j_{\text{occ}}} \int d^3r \varphi_j^*[\rho](\mathbf{r}) \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} \right) \varphi_j[\rho](\mathbf{r})$$

⇒ **KS equations have to be solved**

3<sup>rd</sup> generation of DFT: Use  $T_s^{\text{exact}}[\rho]$ , and an orbital functional  $E_{xc}[\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots]$  e.g.

$$E_x^{\text{exact}}[\rho] = - \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow\downarrow} \sum_{j,k}^{N_\sigma} \int \frac{\varphi_{k\sigma}^*[\rho](\mathbf{r}') \varphi_{k\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_{j\sigma}^*(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_{j\sigma}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3r d^3r'$$

⇒ **KS equations have to be solved self-consistently with OEP integral equation**

# DF correlation energy versus traditional QC correlation energy

$$E_c^{\text{QC}} := E_{\text{tot}} - E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{HF}}[\varphi_j^{\text{HF}}]$$

$$E_c^{\text{DFT}} = \mathbf{F} \left[ -T_s - \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} d^3\mathbf{r} d^3\mathbf{r}' - E_x^{\text{HF}}[\varphi_j^{\text{KS}}] \right. \\ \left. + \int \rho v_{\text{ext}} \right] - \int \rho v_{\text{ext}}$$

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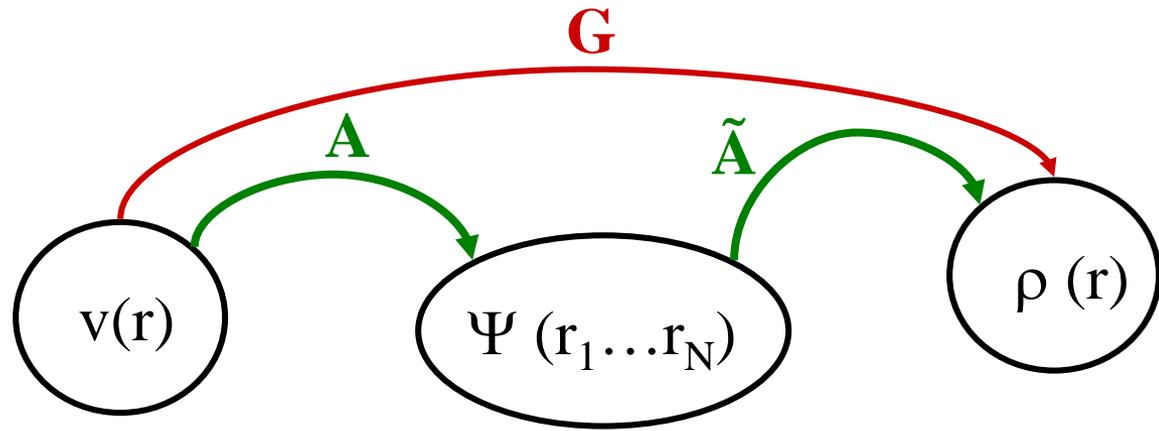
$$E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{HF}}[\varphi_j^{\text{HF}}] \leq E_{\text{tot}}^{\text{HF}}[\varphi_j^{\text{KS}}]$$

$$\Rightarrow E_c^{\text{DFT}} \leq E_c^{\text{QC}}$$

	$E_c^{\text{DFT}}$	$E_c^{\text{QC}}$
$\text{H}^-$	-0.04195	-0.039821
He	-0.042107	-0.042044
$\text{Be}^{2+}$	-0.044274	-0.044267

in Hartree units

details see: E.K.U.G., M.Petersilka, T.Grafo, in: Chemical Applications of Density Functional Theory, B.B. Laird, R.B. Ross, T. Ziegler, eds., ACS Symposium Series 629, 42 (1996).



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## Hohenberg-Kohn-Theorem (1964)

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By construction, the HK mapping is well-defined for all those functions  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  that are ground-state densities of some potential (so called V-representable functions  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ ).

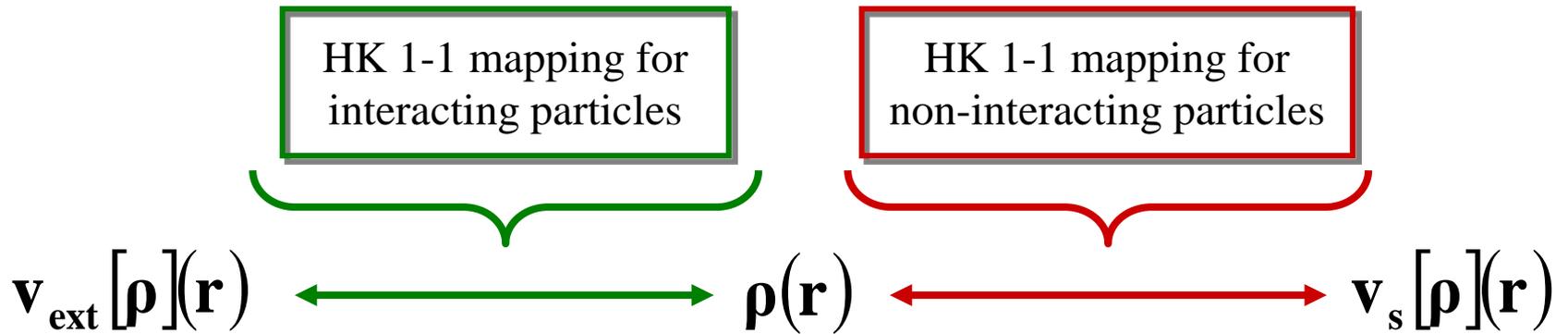
**QUESTION: Are all “reasonable” functions  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  V-representable?**

**V-representability theorem (Chayes, Chayes, Ruskai, J Stat. Phys. 38, 497 (1985))**

On a lattice (finite or infinite), any normalizable positive function  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ , that is compatible with the Pauli principle, is (both interacting and non-interacting) ensemble-V-representable.

In other words: For any given  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  (normalizable, positive, compatible with Pauli principle) there exists a potential,  $v_{\text{ext}}[\rho](\mathbf{r})$ , yielding  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  as interacting ground-state density, and there exists another potential,  $v_{\text{s}}[\rho](\mathbf{r})$ , yielding  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  as non-interacting ground-state density.

In the worst case, the potential has degenerate ground states such that the given  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  is representable as a linear combination of the degenerate ground-state densities (ensemble-V-representable).



### Kohn-Sham Theorem

Let  $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$  be the ground-state density of interacting electrons moving in the external potential  $v_0(\mathbf{r})$ . Then there exists a unique local potential  $v_{s,0}(\mathbf{r})$  such that non-interacting particles exposed to  $v_{s,0}(\mathbf{r})$  have the ground-state density  $\rho_0(\mathbf{r})$ , i.e.

$$\left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + v_{s,0}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_j \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}) , \quad \rho_0(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{j(\text{with lowest } \epsilon_j)}^N |\varphi_j(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

**proof:**  $v_{s,0}(\mathbf{r}) = v_s[\rho_0](\mathbf{r})$

**Uniqueness follows from HK 1-1 mapping**

**Existence follows from V-representability theorem**

**Define**  $v_{xc}[\rho](\mathbf{r})$  by the equation

$$v_s[\rho](\mathbf{r}) =: v_{\text{ext}}[\rho](\mathbf{r}) + \underbrace{\int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} d^3r'}_{v_H[\rho](\mathbf{r})} + v_{xc}[\rho](\mathbf{r})$$

$v_s[\rho]$  and  $v_{\text{ext}}[\rho]$  are well defined through HK.

**KS equations**

$$\left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + \underbrace{v_{\text{ext}}[\rho_o](\mathbf{r})}_{v_o(\mathbf{r})} + v_H[\rho_o](\mathbf{r}) + v_{xc}[\rho_o](\mathbf{r}) \right) \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_j \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

$v_o(\mathbf{r})$   
fixed

to be solved selfconsistently with  $\rho_o(\mathbf{r}) = \sum |\varphi_j(\mathbf{r})|^2$

**Note:** The KS equations do not follow from the variational principle. They follow from the HK 1-1 mapping and the V-representability theorem.

**Variational principle gives an additional property of  $v_{xc}$ :**

$$\mathbf{v}_{xc}[\rho_o](\mathbf{r}) = \left. \frac{\delta E_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{\rho_o}$$

where  $E_{xc}[\rho] := F[\rho] - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3r d^3r' - T_s[\rho]$

**Consequence:**

**Approximations can be constructed either for  $E_{xc}[\rho]$  or directly for  $v_{xc}[\rho](\mathbf{r})$ .**

**Proof:**  $\mathbf{E}_{\text{HK}}[\rho] = \mathbf{T}_s[\rho] + \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{v}_o(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{E}_H[\rho] + \mathbf{E}_{\text{xc}}[\rho]$

$$0 = \left. \frac{\delta E_{\text{HK}}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{\rho_o} = \left. \frac{\delta T_s}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{\rho_o} + v_o(\mathbf{r}) + v_H[\rho_o](\mathbf{r}) + \left. \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{\rho_o}$$

$\delta T_s$  = change of  $T_s$  due to a change  $\delta \rho$  which corresponds to a change  $\delta v_s$

$$= \delta \sum_j \int \varphi_j[\rho](\mathbf{r}) \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} \right) \varphi_j[\rho](\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$



$$= \underbrace{\sum_j \delta \epsilon_j}_{\text{cancel}} - \int \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_s(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r} - \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) \delta v_s(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$

$$\sum_j \langle \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}) | \delta v_s(\mathbf{r}) | \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

$$= - \int \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) v_s(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\delta T_s}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} = -v_s[\rho](\mathbf{r})$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -v_s [\rho_o](\mathbf{r}) + v_o(\mathbf{r}) + v_H [\rho_o](\mathbf{r}) + \left. \frac{\delta E_{xc}}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{\rho_o}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{xc} [\rho_o](\mathbf{r}) = \left. \frac{\delta E_{xc}}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{\rho_o}$$

# Approximations of the xc functional

## Three generations of approximations

1. Local Density Approximation (LDA):

$$E_{xc}[\rho] = \int d^3r e_{xc}^{\text{hom}}(\rho(\mathbf{r}))$$

2. Generalized Gradient Approximation (GGA):

$$E_{xc}[\rho] = \int d^3r g_{xc}(\rho, \nabla\rho, \dots)$$

3. Orbital functionals (Meta-GGA, hybrid functionals, hyper-GGA...)

$$E_{xc} = E_{xc}[\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_N]$$

## SUCCESSSES OF LDA

Quantity	Typical deviation from expt
• Atomic & molecular ground state energies	< 0.5 %
• Molecular equilibrium distances	< 5 %
• Band structure of metals Fermi surfaces	few %
• Lattice constants	< 2 %

# Generalized Gradient Approximation (GGA)

## Detailed study of molecules (atomization energies)

B. G. Johnson, P. M. W. Gill, J. A. Pople, *J. Chem. Phys.* **97**, 7847 (1992)

32 molecules (all neutral diatomic with first-row atoms only + H<sub>2</sub> )

Atomization energies (kcal/mol) from:

	$E_x^B + E_c^{VWN}$	$E_x^B + E_c^{LYP}$	HF
mean deviation from experiment	0.1	1.0	-85.8
mean absolute deviation	4.4	5.6	85.8

for comparison: MP2  
-22.4  
22.4

# LIMITATIONS OF LDA/GGA

- Not free from spurious self-interactions KS potential decays more rapidly than  $r^{-1}$

## Consequences:

- no Rydberg series
- negative atomic ions not bound
- ionization potentials (if calculated from highest occupied orbital energy) too small

- Dispersion forces cannot be described

$$W_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{R}) \longrightarrow e^{-R} \text{ (rather than } R^{-6}\text{)}$$

- band gaps too small:

$$E_{\text{gap}}^{\text{LDA}} \approx 0.5 E_{\text{gap}}^{\text{exp}}$$

- Cohesive energies of bulk metals not satisfactory

in LDA overestimated

in GGA underestimated

- Wrong ground state for strongly correlated solids, e.g. FeO, La<sub>2</sub>CuO<sub>4</sub> predicted as metals

**More "densities"**

# DENSITY-FUNCTIONAL THEORY OF MAGNETIC SYSTEMS

**Quantity of interest: Spin magnetization  $m(\mathbf{r})$**

In principle, Hohenberg-Kohn theorem guarantees that  $m(\mathbf{r})$  is a functional of the density:  $m(\mathbf{r}) = m[\rho](\mathbf{r})$ . In practice,  $m[\rho]$  is not known.

**Include  $m(\mathbf{r})$  as basic variable in the formalism, in addition to the density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ .**

# DFT for spin-polarized systems

$$\hat{H}_{v,\vec{B}} = \hat{T} + \hat{W} + \int \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r})v(\mathbf{r})d^3\mathbf{r} - \int \hat{\vec{m}}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \vec{B}(\mathbf{r})d^3\mathbf{r}$$

$$\vec{m} = \text{spin magnetization} : \hat{\vec{m}}(\mathbf{r}) = -\mu_o \sum_{\alpha\beta} \hat{\psi}_{\alpha}^{+}(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \hat{\psi}_{\beta}(\mathbf{r})$$

## HK theorem

$$[\rho(\mathbf{r}), \vec{m}(\mathbf{r})] \xleftrightarrow{1-1} [\psi]$$

total energy:

$$E_{v,\vec{B}}[\rho, \vec{m}] = F[\rho, \vec{m}] + \int d^3\mathbf{r} (v(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}) - \vec{B}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \vec{m}(\mathbf{r}))$$

↑  
universal

## KS scheme

For simplicity:

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + [v(\mathbf{r}) + v_H(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{v}_{xc}(\mathbf{r})] \pm \mu_o [\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{B}_{xc}(\mathbf{r})] \right) \varphi_{\pm}^j(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_{\pm}^j \varphi_{\pm}^j(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{xc}[\rho, \mathbf{m}] = \delta E_{xc}[\rho, \mathbf{m}] / \delta \rho \quad \mathbf{B}_{xc}[\rho, \mathbf{m}] = \delta E_{xc}[\rho, \mathbf{m}] / \delta \mathbf{m}$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_+(\mathbf{r}) + \rho_-(\mathbf{r}), \quad \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_+(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_-(\mathbf{r}), \quad \rho_{\pm} = \sum |\varphi_{\pm}^j|^2$$

### **B → 0 limit**

These equations do not reduce to the original KS equations for **B → 0** if, in this limit, the system has a finite **m(r)**.

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Most general magnetic situation: KS equation of non-collinear  
Current-Spin –DFT (CSDFT):

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( -i\vec{\nabla} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{A}_s(\mathbf{r}) \right)^2 + v_s(\mathbf{r}) + \mu_B \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}_s(\mathbf{r}) \right] \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i \Phi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$v_s(\mathbf{r}) = v_0(\mathbf{r}) + v_H(\mathbf{r}) + v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2c^2} [A_0^2(\mathbf{r}) - A_s^2(\mathbf{r})]$$

$$\vec{B}_s(\mathbf{r}) = \vec{B}_0(\mathbf{r}) + \vec{B}_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \vec{A}_s(\mathbf{r}) = \vec{A}_0(\mathbf{r}) + \vec{A}_{xc}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \Phi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \quad \vec{m}(\mathbf{r}) = -\mu_B \sum_{i=1}^N \Phi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\sigma} \Phi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\vec{j}_p(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2i} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \Phi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \vec{\nabla} \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}) - (\vec{\nabla} \Phi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{r})) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

# Functionals available:

Ordinary LSDA yields GLOBAL collinearity

$$\vec{B}_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ B_{xc}(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{m}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ m(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$\vec{B}_{xc}, \vec{m}$  parallel to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  everywhere in space

$$\int \rho(\mathbf{r}) v(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r - \int \vec{m}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \vec{B}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r$$

$$\equiv \sum_{\alpha, \beta = \uparrow \downarrow} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\mathbf{r}) v_{\alpha, \beta}(\mathbf{r})$$

$\{\rho(\mathbf{r}), \vec{m}(\mathbf{r})\}$ : 4 independent functions

$\rho_{\alpha\beta}$  is Hermitian  $\Rightarrow$  4 independent functions

Non-collinear LSDA:  
(Kübler, Sandratskii '80s)

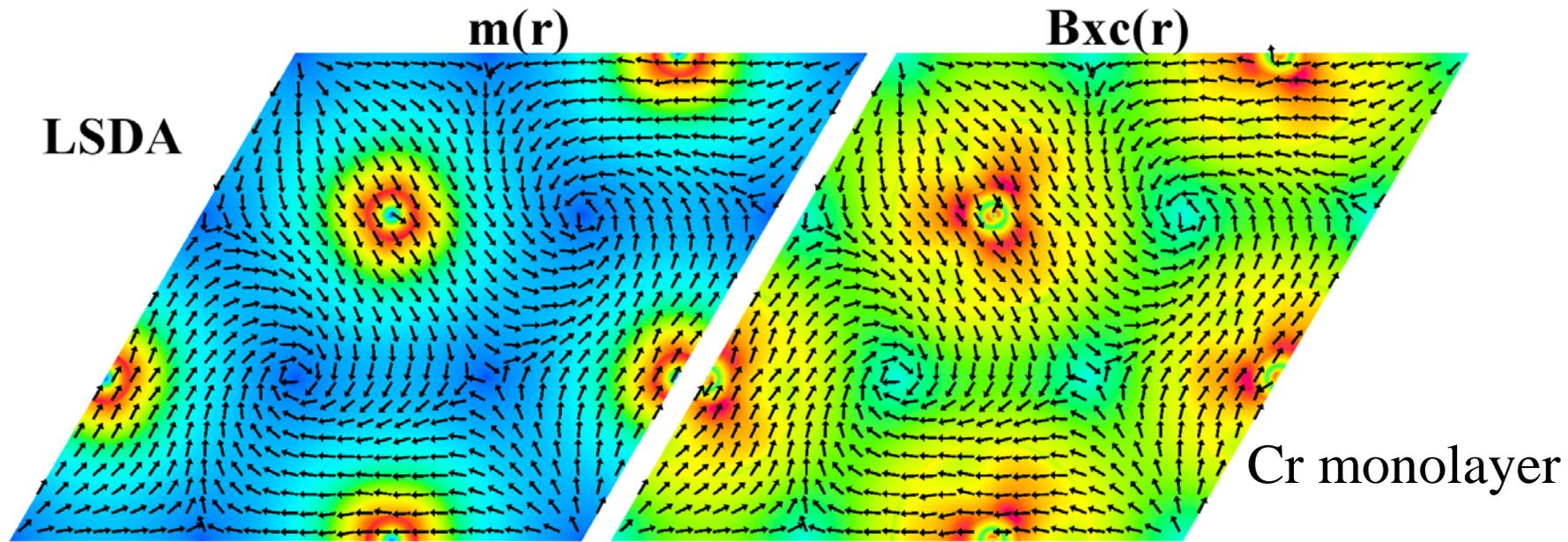
$\vec{r}$  given point in space:

① Find unitary matrix  $U(\mathbf{r})$  such that

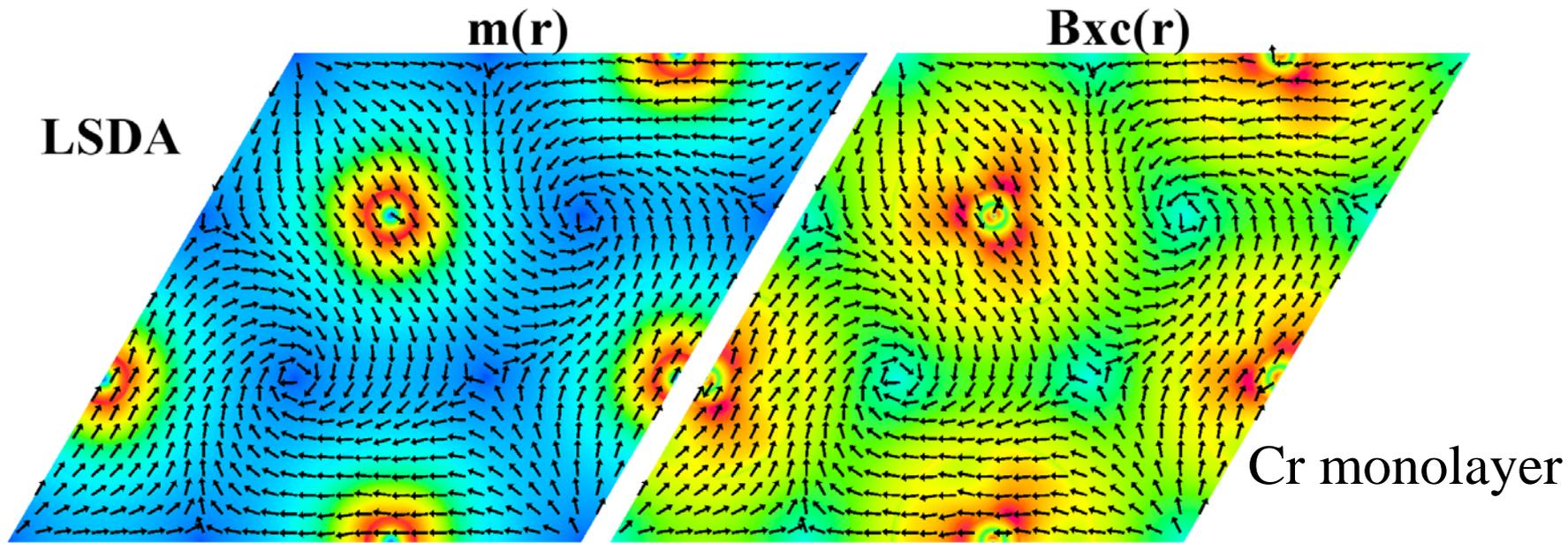
$$U^+(\mathbf{r})(\rho_{\alpha\beta})U(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{r}) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{n}_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix}$$

② Calculate  $\mathbf{v}_{xc}^{\uparrow}(\mathbf{r})$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{xc}^{\downarrow}(\mathbf{r})$  from  $\{\mathbf{n}_{\uparrow}, \mathbf{n}_{\downarrow}\}$   
using the normal LSDA expressions

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (\mathbf{v}_{xc}^{\alpha\beta}) = U(\mathbf{r}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{xc}^{\uparrow}(\mathbf{r}) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{v}_{xc}^{\downarrow}(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} U^+(\mathbf{r})$$



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in this approximation  $\vec{B}_{xc}(\mathbf{r})$  and  $\vec{m}(\mathbf{r})$  may change their direction in space, but locally they are always parallel

# Why is that important?

## Ab-initio description of spin dynamics:

microscopic equation of motion (following from TDSDFt)

$$\dot{\vec{m}}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{m}(\vec{r}, t) \times \vec{B}_{\text{xc}}(\vec{r}, t) - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_s(\vec{r}, t) + \text{SOC}$$

in absence of external magnetic field

**Consequence of local collinearity:  $\vec{m} \times \vec{B}_{\text{xc}} = 0$ :**

**→ possibly wrong spin dynamics (e.g. spurious dynamics in ground state with non-vanishing  $J_s$ )**

# Construction of a novel GGA-type functional

Traditional LSDA: Start from uniform electron gas in collinear magnetic state. Determine  $e_{xc}(n,m)$  from QMC or MBPT and parametrize this function to use in LSDA.

New non-collinear functional: Start from spin-spiral phase of e-gas. Determine  $e_{xc}[n, \vec{m}]$  from MBPT and parametrize  $e_{xc}[n, \vec{m}]$  to use as non-collinear GGA.

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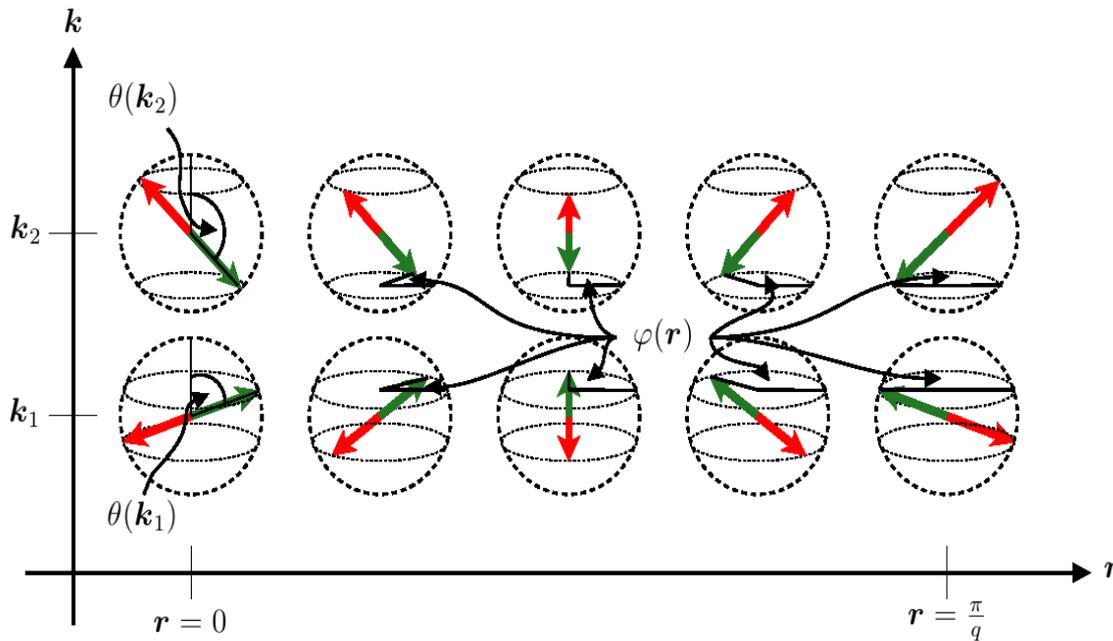


Illustration of spin spiral waves along one spatial coordinate for two different choices of wavevector  $q=k_{1/2}$ .

## Magnetisation of a spin-spiral state in the uniform electron gas

$$\mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r}) = m \begin{pmatrix} s \cos(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \\ s \sin(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \\ \sqrt{1-s^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon_{\text{xc}}^{\text{SSW}} = \epsilon_{\text{xc}}^{\text{SSW}}(n, m, q, s)$$

$$E_{\text{xc}}^{\text{GGA}} [n, \vec{m}] = \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r}) \varepsilon_{\text{xc}}^{\text{SSW}} (n(\mathbf{r}), m(\mathbf{r}), q(\mathbf{r}), s(\mathbf{r}))$$

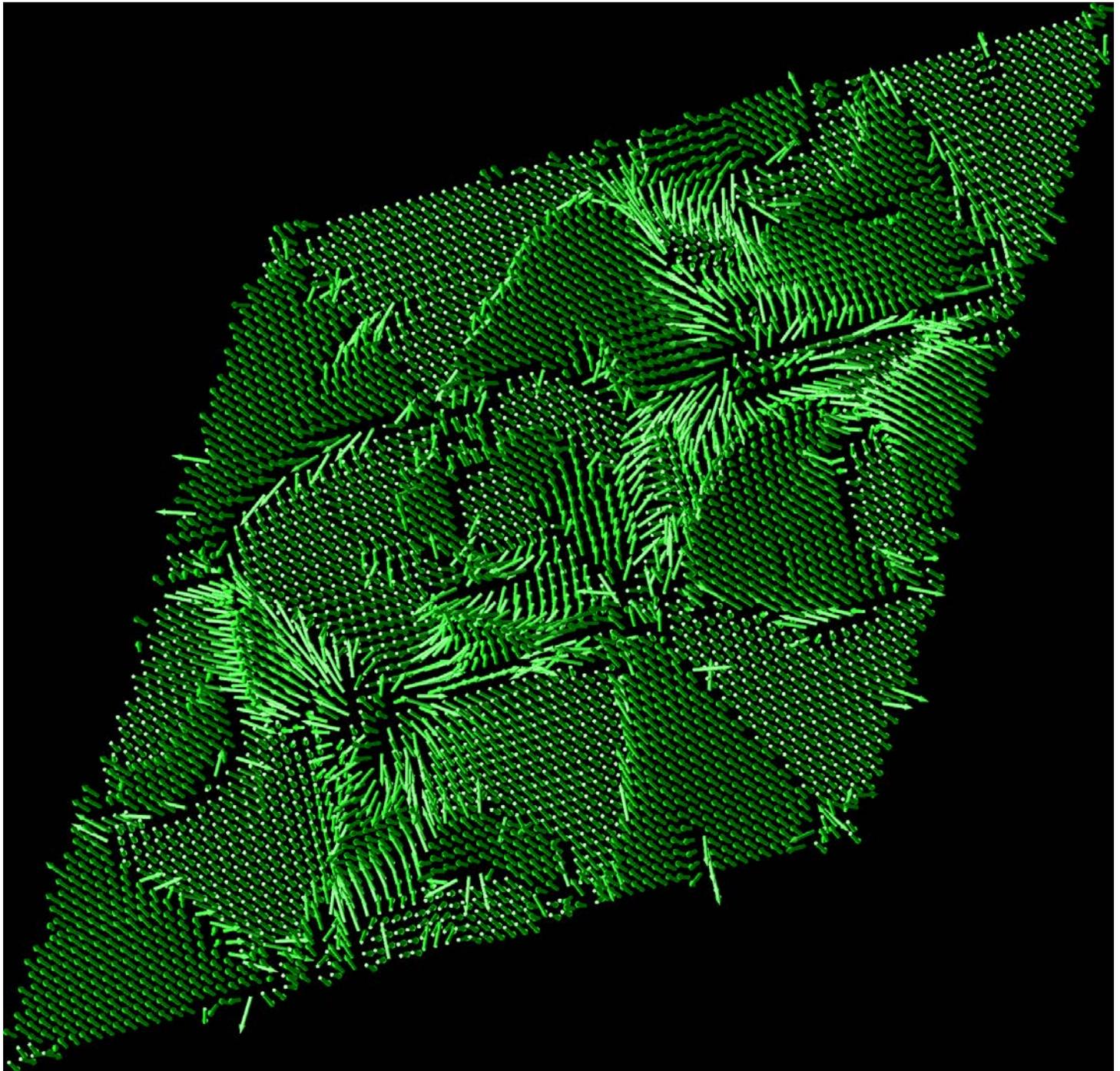
$$s^2(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{D_{\text{T}}^2(\mathbf{r})}{D_{\text{T}}^2(\mathbf{r}) + m^4(\mathbf{r})d_{\text{T}}(\mathbf{r})} \quad q^2(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{D_{\text{T}}^2(\mathbf{r}) + m^4(\mathbf{r})d_{\text{T}}(\mathbf{r})}{m^4(\mathbf{r})D_{\text{T}}(\mathbf{r})}$$

$$D_{\text{T}}(\mathbf{r}) = \left| \vec{m}(\mathbf{r}) \times (\nabla \otimes \vec{m}(\mathbf{r})) \right|^2 \quad d_{\text{T}}(\mathbf{r}) = \left| \vec{m}(\mathbf{r}) \times (\nabla^2 \vec{m}(\mathbf{r})) \right|^2$$

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$\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{B}_{xc}$

in non-coll.  
functional



# EXTENSIONS

## 1. Relativistic systems

### KS equations:

$$\left[ \vec{\gamma} \cdot \left( -i\hbar \vec{\nabla} - \vec{\mathbf{A}}_s(\mathbf{r}) \right) + mc^2 + \gamma_0 \mathbf{v}_s(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_n \gamma_0 \psi_n(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{A}}_s(\mathbf{r}) = -e \left\{ \vec{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int d^3r' \frac{\vec{\mathbf{j}}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[\rho, \vec{\mathbf{j}}]}{\delta \vec{\mathbf{j}}(\mathbf{r})} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_s(\mathbf{r}) = -e \left\{ \underbrace{A_{\text{ext}}^0(\mathbf{r})}_{V_{\text{nuc}}(\mathbf{r})} + \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[\rho, \vec{\mathbf{j}}]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} \right\}$$

**KS orbitals are Dirac spinors**

**Local spin-density approximation and EXX-OPM available**

# EXTENSIONS

## 2. Finite temperature

### KS equations:

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + v_{\text{nuc}}(\mathbf{r}) + \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 r' + v_{\text{xc}}^{(\mathbf{T})}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_j \varphi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_j \underbrace{f_{\mathbf{T}}(\varepsilon_j)}_{\text{Fermi distribution}} \cdot |\varphi_j(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

## 3. Superconductors

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}[\rho, \chi]$$

Superconducting order parameter

# DENSITY-FUNCTIONAL THEORY OF CONVENTIONAL SUPERCONDUCTORS

## BASIC IDEA:

- **Include order parameter,  $\chi$ , characterising superconductivity as additional “density”**  
L.N. Oliveira, E.K.U.G., W. Kohn, PRL **60**, 2430 (1988)
- **Include N-body density matrix,  $\Gamma$ , of the nuclei as additional “density”**  
T. Kreibich, E.K.U.G., PRL **86**, 2984 (2001)

## Electronic KS equation

$$\left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} - \mu + v_s[\rho, \chi, \Gamma](\mathbf{r}) \right) u(\mathbf{r}) + \int \Delta_s[\rho, \chi, \Gamma](\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') v(\mathbf{r}') d^3 \mathbf{r}' = E u(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\int \Delta_s^*[\rho, \chi, \Gamma](\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') u(\mathbf{r}') d^3 \mathbf{r}' - \left( -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} - \mu + v_s[\rho, \chi, \Gamma](\mathbf{r}) \right) v(\mathbf{r}) = E v(\mathbf{r})$$

## Nuclear KS equation

$$\left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_n} -\frac{\nabla_{\alpha}^2}{2M_{\alpha}} + W_s[\rho, \chi, \Gamma](\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \right) \psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = E \psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$$

3 KS potentials:  $v_s$   $\Delta_s$   $W_s$

KS theorem: There exist functionals  $v_s[\rho, \chi, \Gamma]$ ,  $\Delta_s[\rho, \chi, \Gamma]$ ,  $W_s[\rho, \chi, \Gamma]$ , such that the above equations reproduce the exact densities of the interacting system

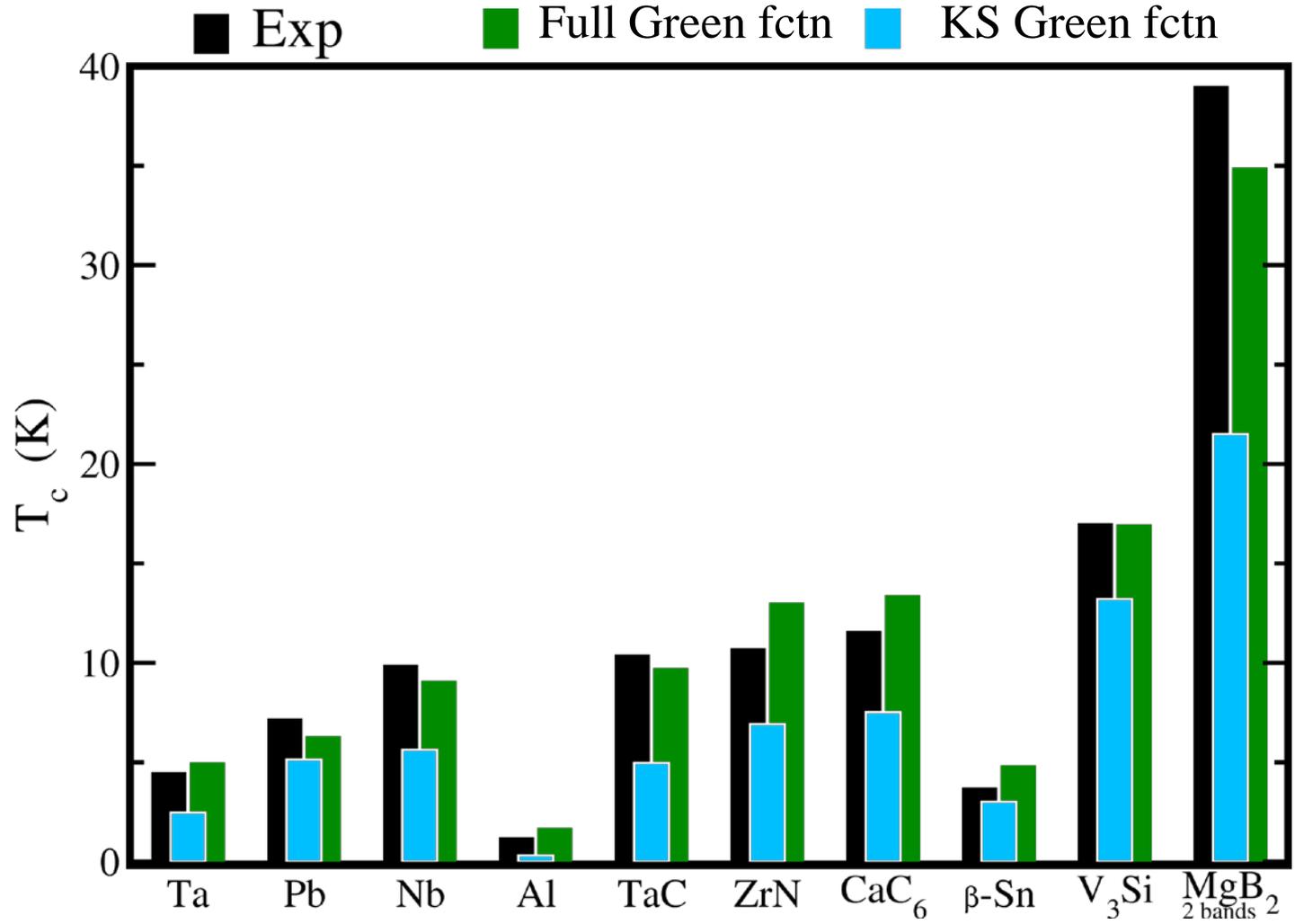
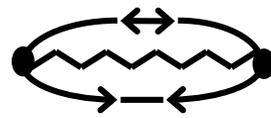
**No approximation yet!**

In a solid, the ions remain close to their equilibrium positions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_s(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) &= W_s(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}_0 + \underline{\underline{\mathbf{U}}}) \\
 &= W_s(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}_0) + \underbrace{\left( \nabla W_s \right) \Big|_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}_0}}_0 \cdot \underline{\underline{\mathbf{U}}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij}^3 \sum_{\mu\nu}^{N_n} \left( \partial_i^\mu \partial_j^\nu W_s(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \right) \Big|_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}_0} U_i^\mu U_j^\nu + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

0 (because forces vanish at equilibrium positions)

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H}_{n,KS} = \dots = \sum_q \Omega_q \left( \hat{b}_q + \hat{b}_q + \frac{3}{2} \right) + O(U^3)$$



Isotope effect:

$$T_c \propto M^{-\alpha}$$

	Calculations			Experiment		
Pb		0.47			0.47	
Mo		0.37			0.33	

The deviations from BCS value  $\alpha=0.5$  are correctly described

## Jump of specific heat at $T_c$

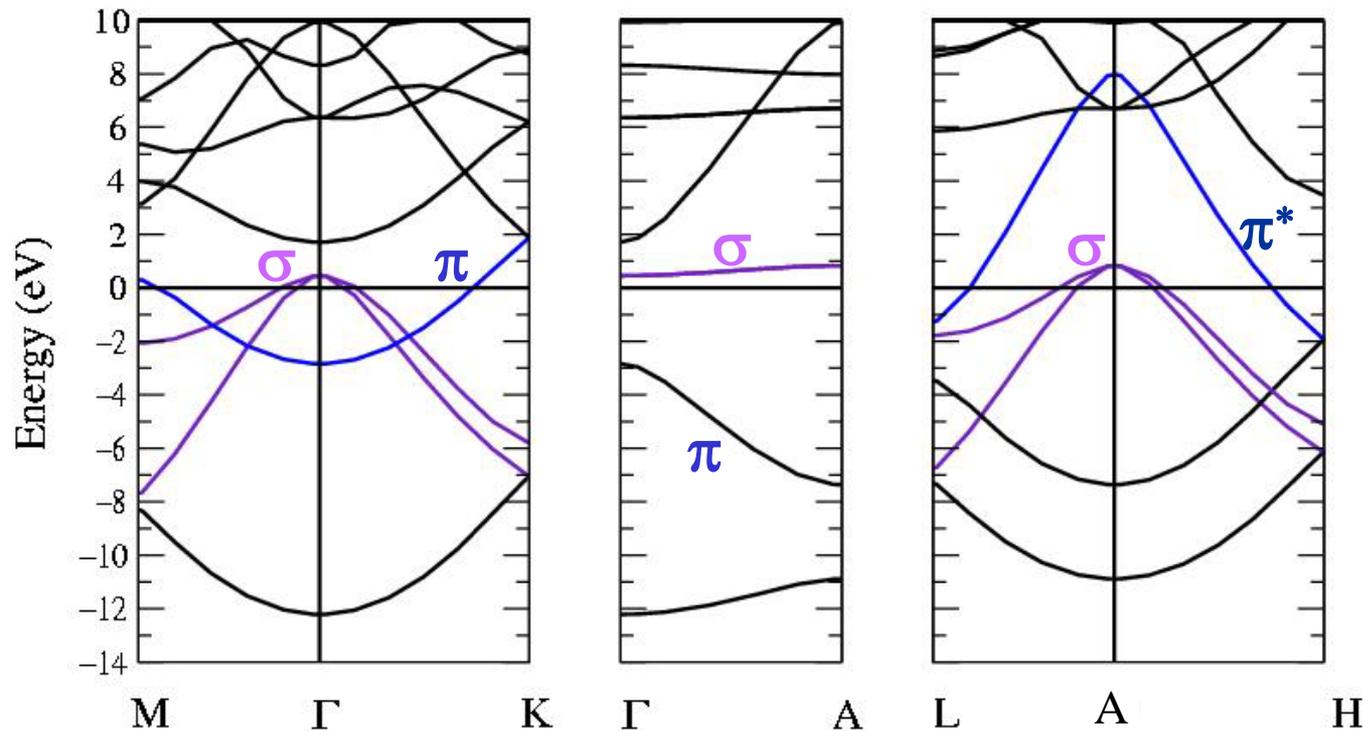
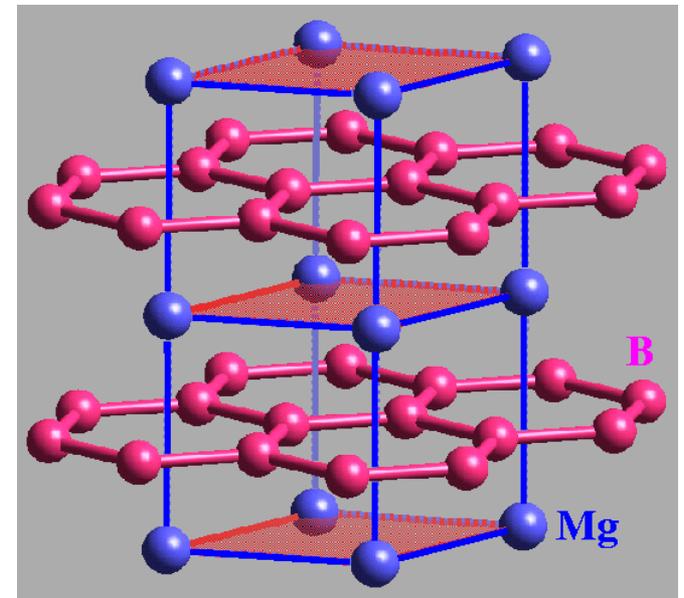
	Theory	Experiment
Pb	2.93	3.57-3.71
Nb	2.87	2.8-3.07
Ta	2.64	2.63
Al	2.46	2.43

MgB<sub>2</sub>

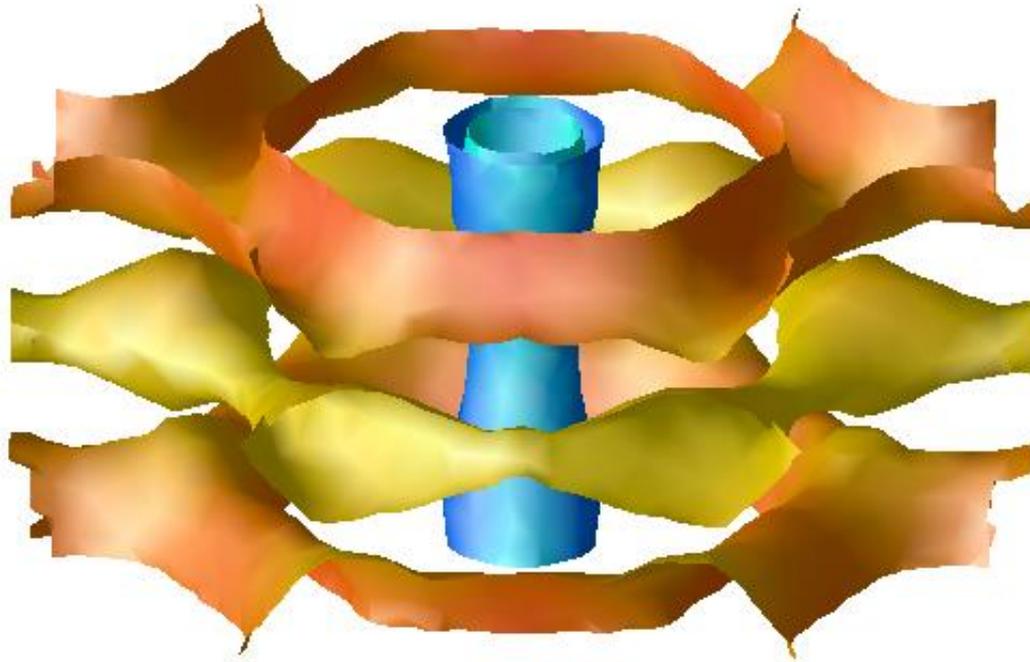
**MgB<sub>2</sub>**

**T<sub>c</sub> = 39.5 K**

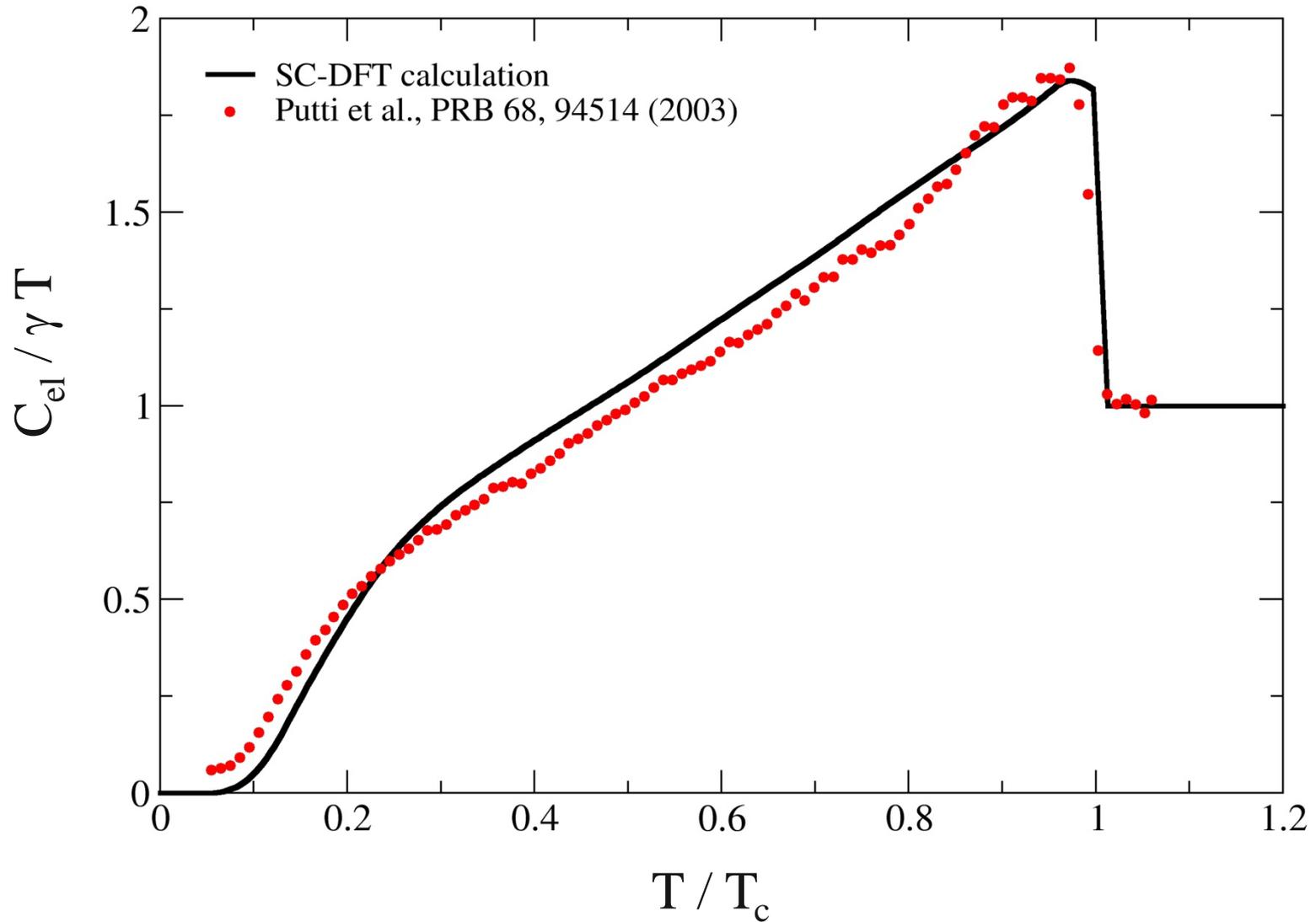
**2-D  $\sigma$ -bonding hole pockets**  
**3-D  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$  Fermi surfaces**



# Fermi Surface of MgB<sub>2</sub>

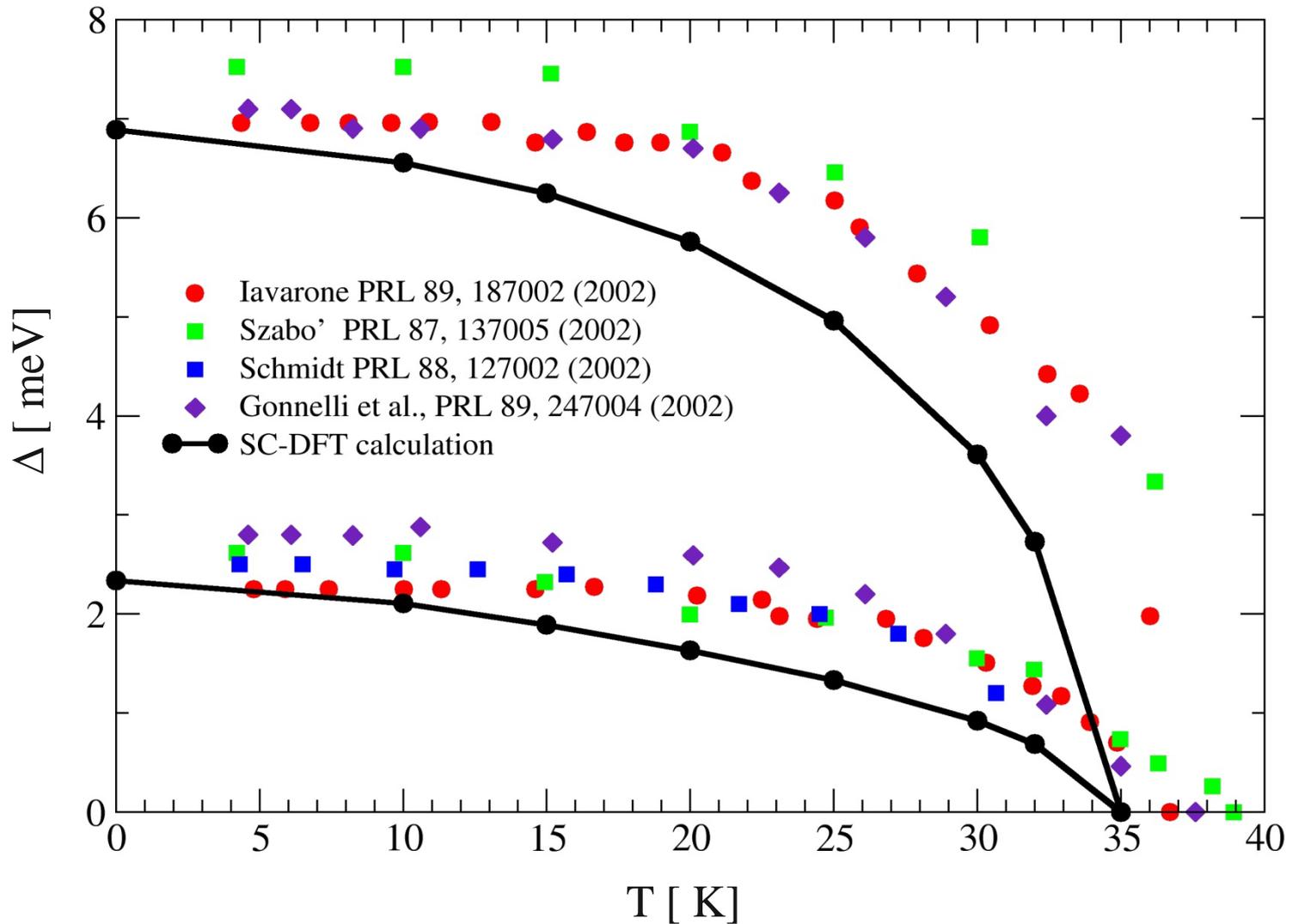


# Specific heat of $\text{MgB}_2$

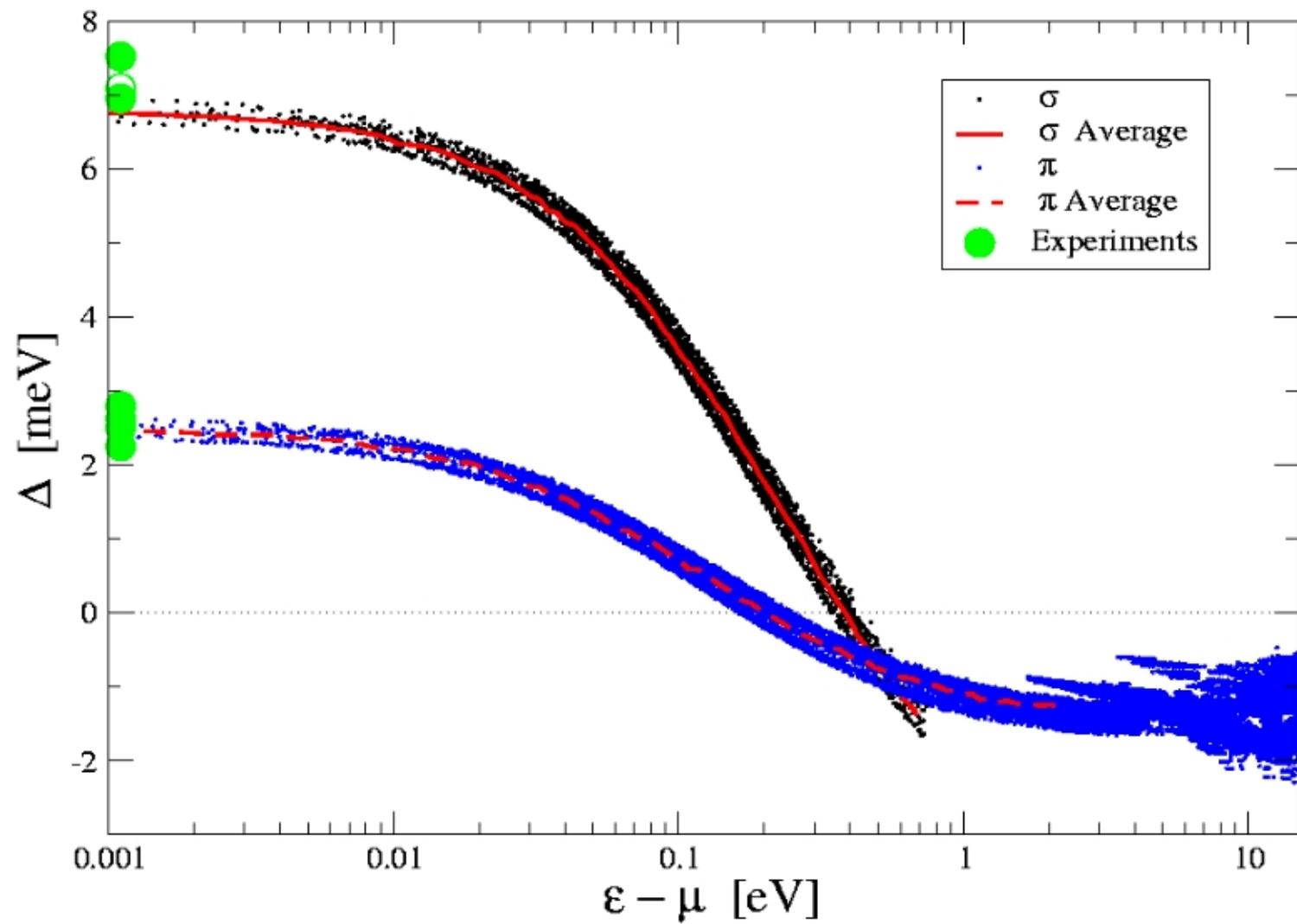


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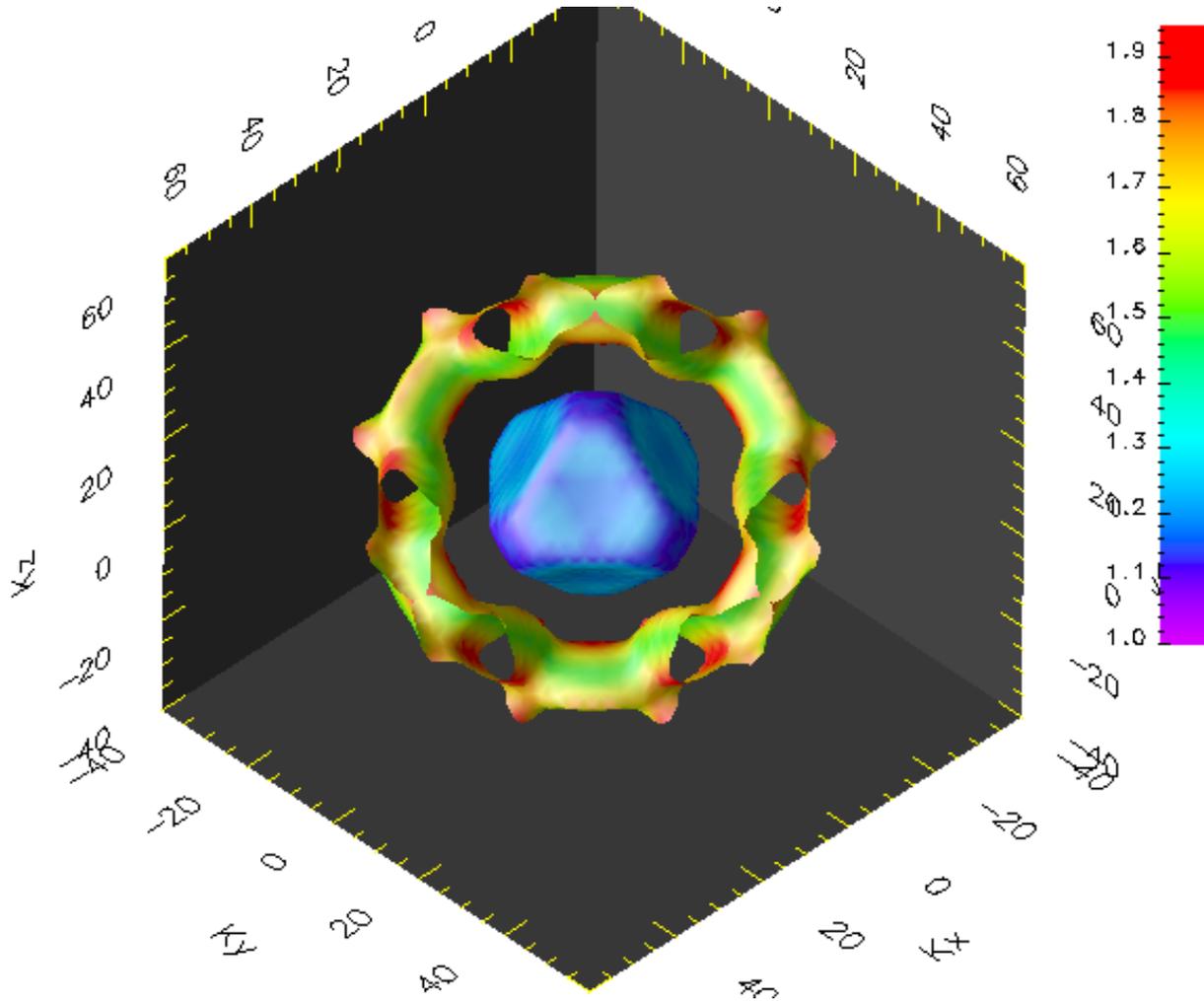
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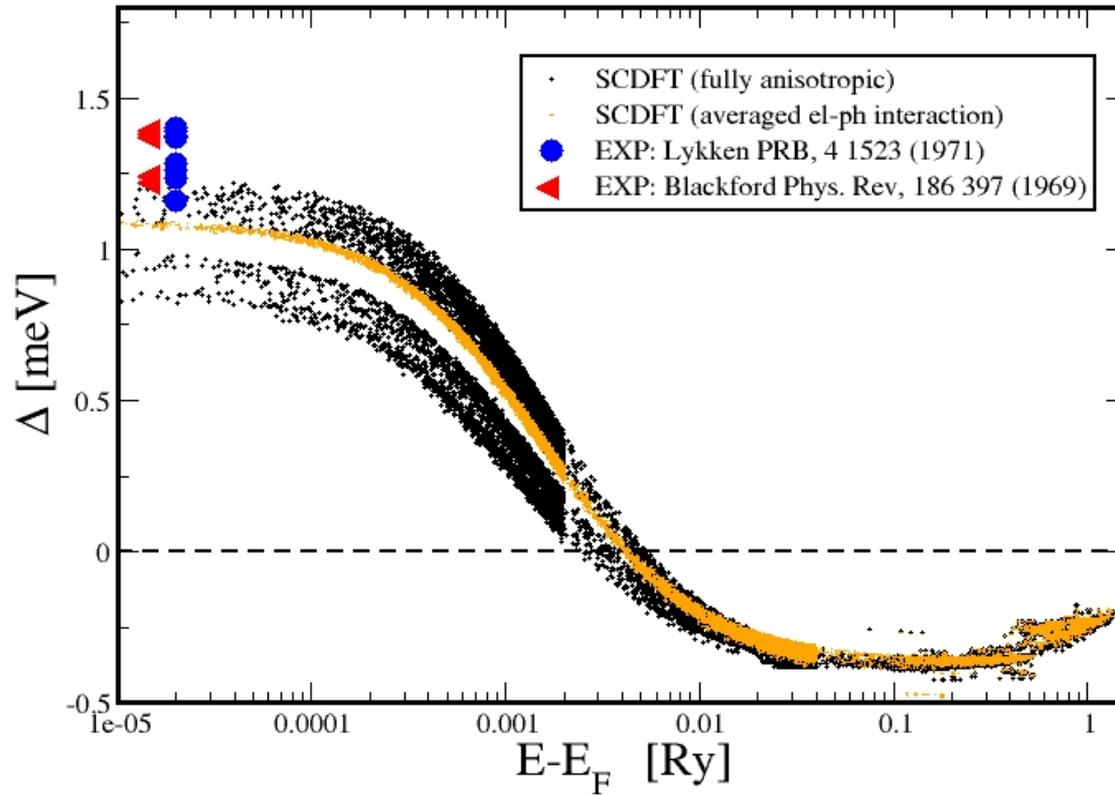
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# Pb: Gap on the Fermi surface



# Pb ( Gap at T = 0.01 K)



# Thanks !



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