

The adiabatic strictly-correlated electrons functional

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Study the adiabatic approximation in TD DFT in the **exact strong coupling limit**

- Highly non-local spatial dependence (very different than conventional approximate functionals)
- Satisfaction of exact many-body constraints
- Analysis of the adiabatic kernel in this limit

$$\mathcal{F}_{xc}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{\delta^2 E_{xc}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})\delta n(\mathbf{r}')}$$

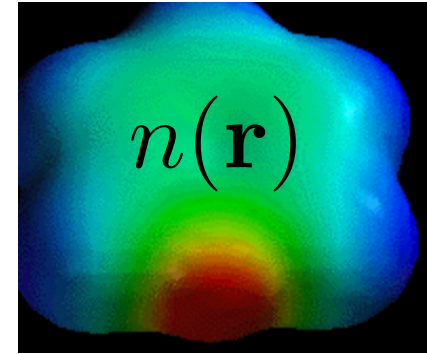


Get insight to build new approximations

Real time propagation

The strong-coupling limit of the HK functional

$$F[n] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi \rangle$$



$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} F_\lambda[n] = \lambda \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi \rangle + O(\sqrt{\lambda})$$

semiclassical limit at **fixed density**

Seidl, Gori-Giorgi & Savin, PRA 75, 042511 (2007)

Gori-Giorgi, Vignale & Seidl, JCTC 5, 743 (2009)

Gori-Giorgi, Seidl & Vignale, PRL 103, 166402 (2009)

Cotar, Friesecke, & Kluppelberg, Comm. Pure Appl. Math. 66, 548 (2013)

Strong coupling limit (SCE) of DFT

$$F[n] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi \rangle$$

HK functional

$$T_s[n] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{T} | \Psi \rangle$$

KS kinetic energy

$$V_{ee}^{\text{SCE}}[n] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi \rangle$$

SCE functional

“strictly correlated electrons”

**Hartree + xc functional tends asymptotically to SCE
in the low-density or strong-coupling limit**

$$E_{\text{Hxc}}[n] = F[n] - T_s[n] \rightarrow V_{ee}^{\text{SCE}}[n]$$

SCE functional (physical picture)

$$V_{ee}^{\text{SCE}}[n] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi \rangle$$

$$|\Psi_{\text{SCE}}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)|^2 = \int d\mathbf{s} \frac{n(\mathbf{s})}{N} \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{s})) \delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{s})) \dots \delta(\mathbf{r}_N - \mathbf{f}_N(\mathbf{s}))$$

the wavefunction collapses to a 3D subspace of the full 3N-dimensional configuration space

$$\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r}, [n])$$

$$n(\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r})) d\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r}) = n(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_1(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \mathbf{r},$$

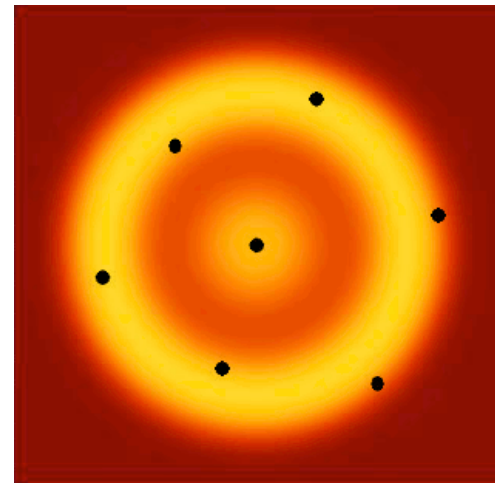
$$\mathbf{f}_2(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}),$$

$$\mathbf{f}_3(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r})),$$

$$\mathbf{f}_4(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}))),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{f}(\dots \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}))))}_{N \text{ times}} = \mathbf{r}.$$



Seidl, PRA 60, 4387 (1999)

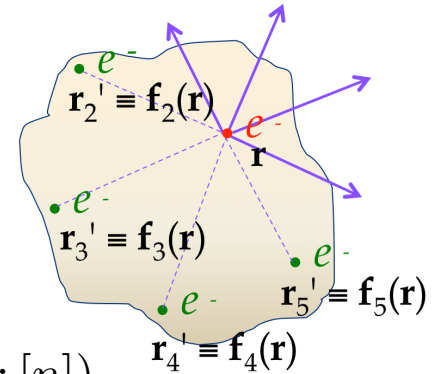
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SCE functional and functional derivative

$$V_{ee}^{\text{SCE}}[n] = \frac{1}{2} \int ds n(\mathbf{s}) \sum_{i=2}^N \frac{1}{|\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{s}; [n])|}$$



$$\frac{\delta V_{ee}^{\text{SCE}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} = v_{\text{SCE}}(\mathbf{r}; [n])$$

$$\nabla v_{\text{SCE}}(\mathbf{r}; [n]) = - \sum_{i=2}^N \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r}; [n])}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r}; [n])|^3}$$

shortcut to the functional derivative

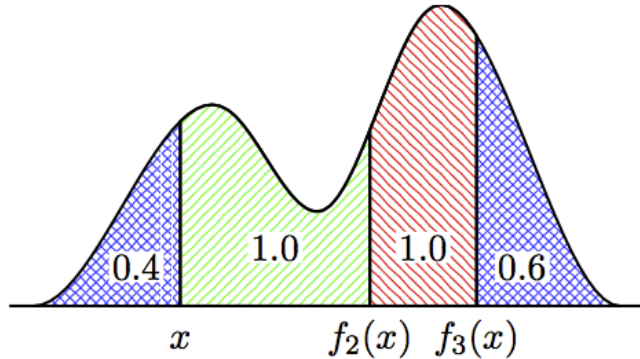
$$v_{\text{Hxc}}(\mathbf{r}; [n]) \rightarrow v_{\text{SCE}}(\mathbf{r}; [n]) \text{ in the low-density (strong-interaction) limit}$$

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1D case is transparent



$$N_e(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x n(x') dx'$$

$$a_k = N_e^{-1}(k)$$

$$f_i(x) = \begin{cases} N_e^{-1}[N_e(x) + i - 1] & x \leq a_{N+1-i} \\ N_e^{-1}[N_e(x) + i - 1 - N] & x > a_{N+1-i}, \end{cases}$$

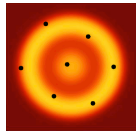
Written on simple physical considerations: [M. Seidl, PRA 60, 4387 \(1999\)](#)

Rigorous Proof: [M. Colombo, L. De Pascale, S. Di Marino, Can. J. Math. 67, 350 \(2015\)](#)

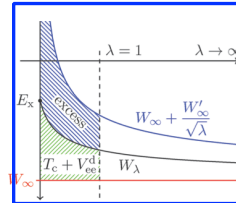
KS SCE applied to 1D physics: [Malet & Gori-Giorgi, PRL 109 246402 \(2012\);](#)
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Starting the investigation in TD DFT

A large amount of work has been done on the ground state



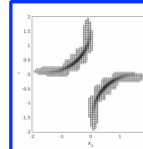
low-dimensional physics:
electrons, cold atoms..



xc functionals:
approximations, scaling
local interpolation, spin

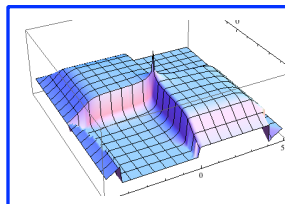
$$\Lambda[\rho] \equiv \max_{\Psi \rightarrow \rho} \lambda[\Psi]$$

Lieb-Oxford
bound



optimal transport theory:
algorithms, exact results

We start investigation in the TD framework



time-dependent:
adiabatic SCE kernel,
quantum transport

Adiabatic SCE: potential

The SCE potential has a highly non-local dependence on the density

if used in the adiabatic approximation for time propagation,
would it violate exact properties?

for example, KLI leads to spurious increased amplitude of dipole oscillations
[Mundt, Kummel, van Leeuwen, Reinhard, PRA 75, 050501 (2007)]

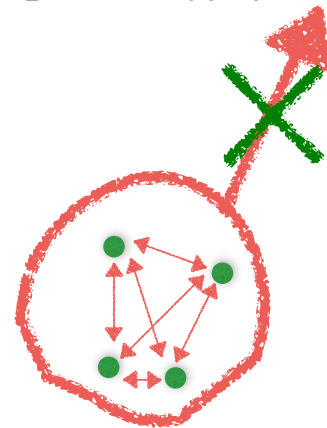
The xc potential should satisfy the **generalised translational invariance**

$$n'(\mathbf{r},t) = n(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t),t) \quad v_{xc}([n'];\mathbf{r},t) = v_{xc}([n];\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t),t)$$

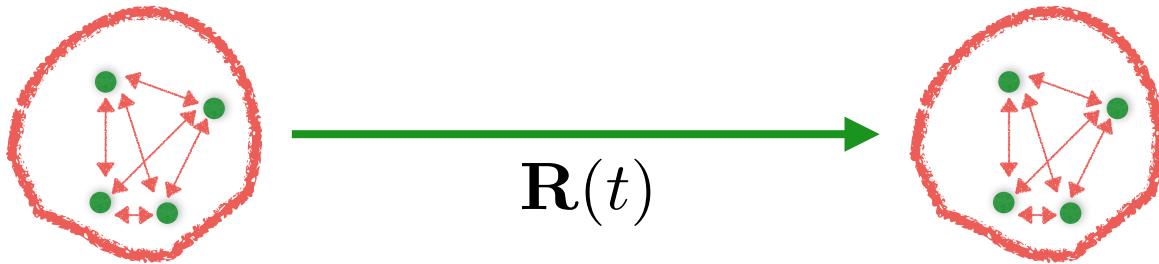
this also guarantees fulfilment of the zero-force theorem:

$$\int n(\mathbf{r},t) \nabla v_{xc}(\mathbf{r},t) d^3r = \mathbf{0}.$$

Vignale, PRL **74**, 3233 (1995)



The adiabatic SCE potential satisfies GTI



$$n'(\mathbf{r}, t) = n(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t), t)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_i([n']; \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{f}_i([n]; \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t)) + \mathbf{R}(t).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla v_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n']; \mathbf{r}, t) &= - \sum_{i=2}^N \frac{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{f}_i([n]; \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t)) - \mathbf{R}(t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{f}_i([n]; \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t)) - \mathbf{R}(t)|^3} \\ &= \nabla v_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t), t). \end{aligned}$$

the adiabatic SCE potential satisfies the generalised translational invariance
(and thus the zero-force theorem)

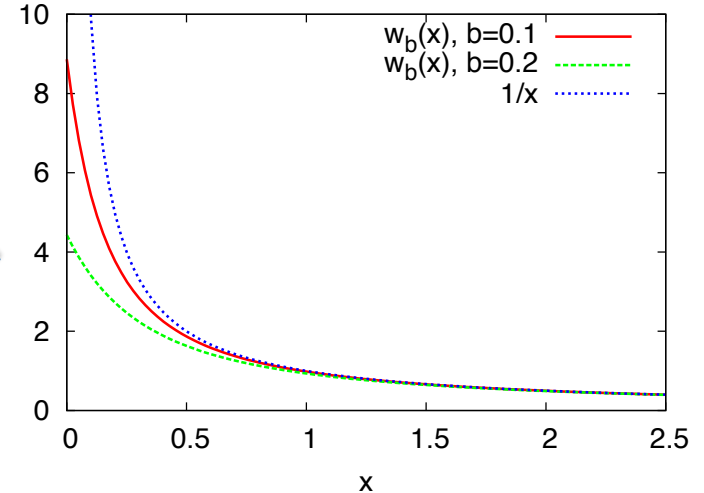
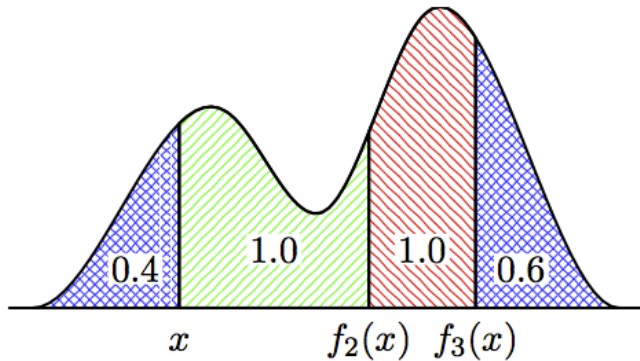
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = \frac{\delta^2 V_{ee}^{\text{SCE}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r}) \delta n(\mathbf{r}')}$$

Intense amount of work has been done in identifying exact features of the kernel

SCE allows us to see how some of these features appear from the density dependence

1D hamiltonians

$$H_{1D} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>i}^N w_b(|x_i - x_j|) + \sum_{i=1}^N v_{\text{ext}}(x_i)$$



$$v_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x) = - \sum_{i=2}^N \int_x^\infty w'(|y - f_i([n]; y)|) \times \text{sgn}(y - f_i([n]; y)) dy.$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x, x') = \frac{\delta v_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x)}{\delta n(x')}$$

we can analyse the kernel analytically

1D ASCE kernel

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$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x, x') = \frac{\delta v_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x)}{\delta n(x')};$$

for densities that are non zero on the whole real line:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x, x') = \sum_{i=2}^N \int_x^\infty \frac{w''(|y - f_i([n]; y)|)}{n(f_i([n]; y))} [\theta(y - x') - \theta(f_i([n]; y) - x')] dy$$

for densities with compact support there is an extra boundary term:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{boundary}}([n]; x, x') = \sum_{i=i}^N \theta(a_i - x)\theta(a_i - x') \frac{w'(|a_i - n^+|) + w'(|a_i - n^-|)}{n(a_i)}$$

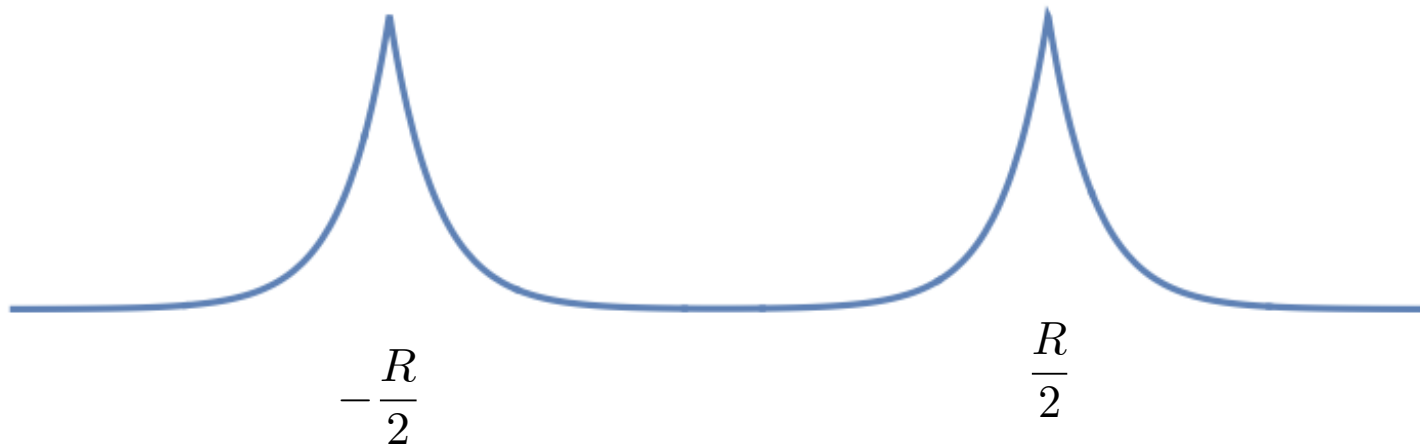
$$\int_{-\infty}^{a_i} n(x) dx = i \in \mathbb{N}$$

1D ASCE kernel

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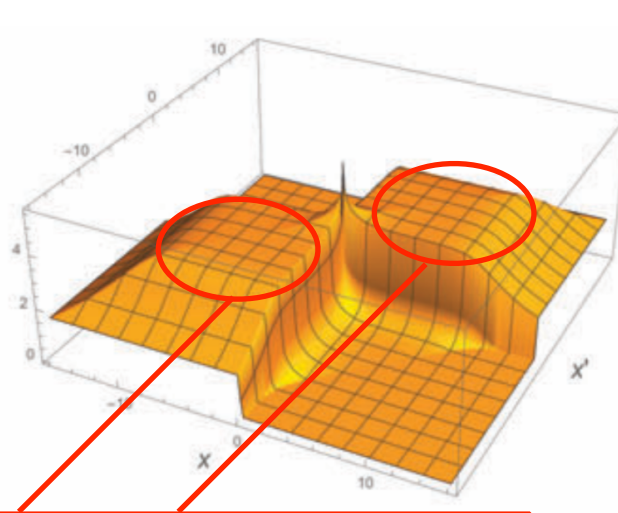
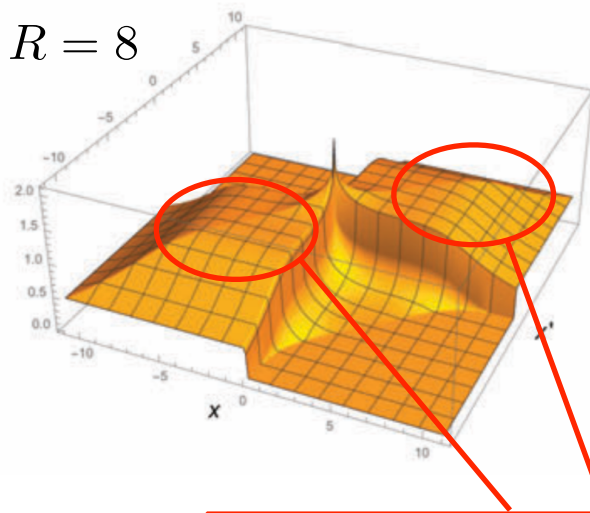
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plateau regions around each atom of size $\approx R \times R$

plateau height:

$$\approx \frac{1}{n(0)(R - 1/a)^2}$$

density in the midbond:
the height diverges as
 R increases

Analysis of the divergence

$${}^1\Sigma_g \rightarrow {}^1\Sigma_u \quad \text{bond breaking excitation in H}_2$$

Gritsenko, van Gisbergen, Gorling & Baerends, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 113, 8478 (2000)
Giesbertz & Baerends *Chem. Phys. Lett.*, 461, 338 (2008)

$$(\epsilon_u - \epsilon_g) \int dx \int dx' \sigma_g(x) \sigma_u(x) \mathcal{F}_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x, x') \sigma_g(x') \sigma_u(x')$$

goes to zero
as R gets larger

$$\int dx \int dx' |\phi_A(x)|^2 \mathcal{F}_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{SCE}}([n]; x, x') |\phi_A(x')|^2 \approx \frac{1}{n(0)(R - 1/a)^2}$$

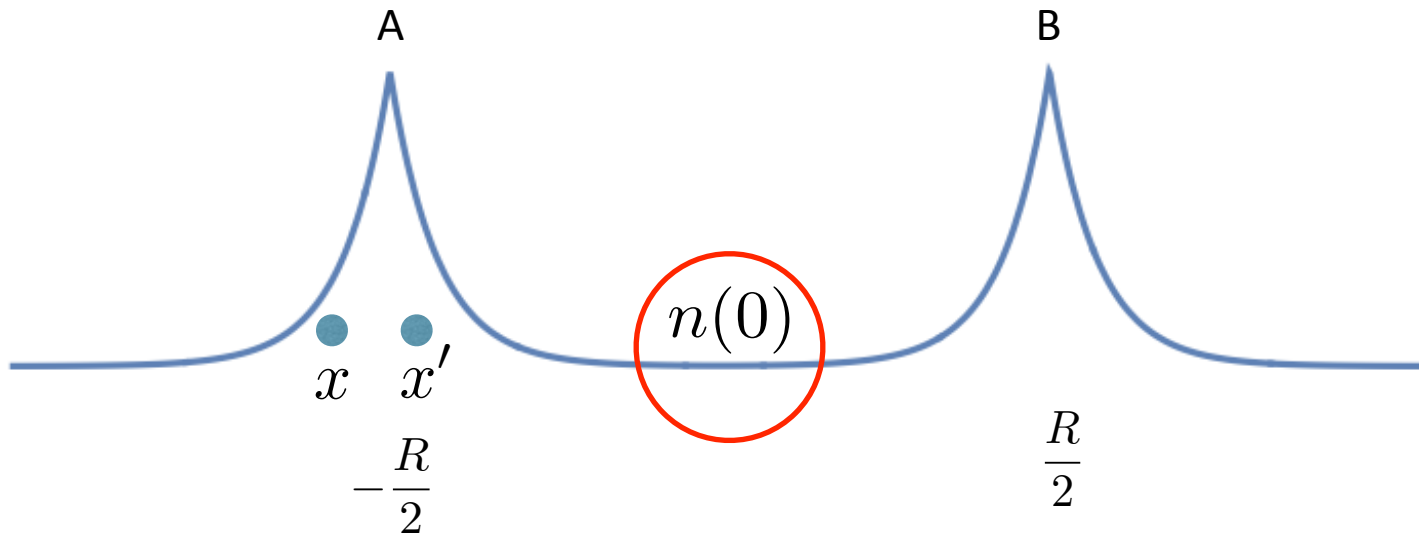
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- The adiabatic SCE potential does satisfy the zero-force theorem
 - real time evolution for bosons/fermions in presence of disorder
 - transport
- SCE kernel: mathematical and physical aspects
 - Mott gap ?
 - bond breaking excitations ?
 - learn how to construct approximations
 - next leading order

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