Density-Functional-Theory Lecture I

Dr. Boris Kiefer

Physics Department New Mexico State University







Overview: Monday

Building the periodic table:

Classical mechanics.

Electricity.

Quantum mechanics: wave function and probability.

Hydrogen atom/units.

Multi-electron atoms.

Periodic table.

- · Covalent bonding.
- · Adiabatic-decoupling/time scales.
- · Ritz variational principle.
- · Hartree-Fock: Exchange Interaction.
- Density-Functional-Theory.
- · Exchange-correlation energy.
- · Examples of DFT applications.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Material Properties

- · Crystal Chemistry.
- · Ground State Energy.
- · Phase Diagrams.
- · Vibrational Properties.
- · Electronic Density of States.
- · Magnetism.
- · Solid Solutions. Alloying.
- · Elasticity.
- ...

Transport Properties:

- Thermal conductivity.
- · Electrical conductivity.
- · Viscosity.
- ...

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM



"Minimal" Requirements

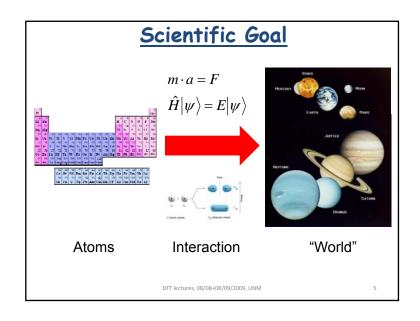
- · Periodic table.
- · Thermodynamics.
- Single theoretical framework for solid, liquid, gas.
- · Bulk, surfaces, and molecules.

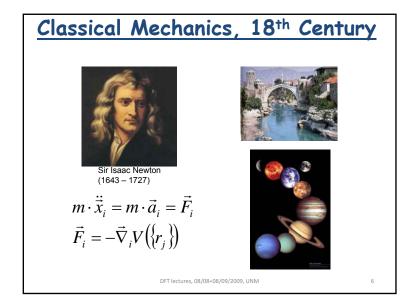


Requirement

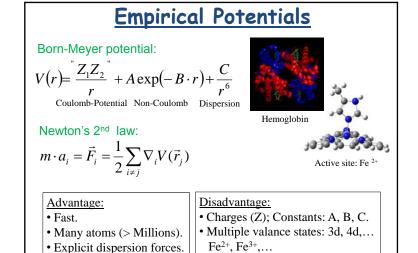
- Description of atoms and interactions.
- · Forces.
- · Ensembles.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM





Assessment



DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Transferability?
 Electronic properties?
 Predictive Power?
 →Suggest that electrons should be treated explicitly

Electricity, 18th+19th Century



(1736 - 1806)

$$F = -\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{q_1 \cdot q_2}{R^2}$$



(1831 - 1879)

Electrodynamics

$$\nabla \times \overrightarrow{E} = -\frac{\partial \overrightarrow{B}}{\partial t} - \overrightarrow{M}$$

$$\nabla \times \overrightarrow{H} = -\frac{\partial \overrightarrow{D}}{\partial t} + \overrightarrow{J}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \overrightarrow{D} = \rho$$

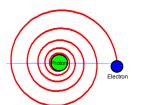
11

 $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

z://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/et/thumb/b/ba/Charles_Coulomb.jpg/zuph_Charles_Coulomb.jpg/suph_Charles_Coulomb.jpg/suph_Charles_Coulomb.jpg/suph_Charles_Coulomb.jpg/suph_Charles_Coulomb.jpg/suph_Charles_Coulomb.jpg

Constituents of Atoms

- Electron (Thomson, 1897): negatively charged particle.
 - → need positively charged particle.
- Proton (Thomson + Rutherford, 1907).



Electrodynamics predicts that the electron spirals into the nucleus within ~10⁻⁸ s.

Classical Physics Predicts that Matter is Unstable?!?



DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Solution: Quantum Mechanics

➤ Max Planck (1899).



- $E = n\hbar\omega$
- > Albert Einstein (1905). ➤ Niels Bohr (1915).
- ➤ Werner Heisenberg (1925).
- > Erwin Schroedinger (1925).

 $i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\psi$

 $E\psi = \hat{H}\psi$

Interpretation

(Time independent) Schroedinger equation:

Energy Total energy (operator) eigenvalue

$$E\psi = \hat{H}\psi$$

New quantity: Wave function

$$\hat{H} = \hat{K} + \hat{U}$$

Total energy = Kinetic energy + Potential energy

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

What is a Wave Function?

Interpretation (Max Born, 1927):

probability

The square of a $= |\psi^2| dV$ wave function describes a

 $=\langle\psi|\psi\rangle dV$

probability (density).

Example: Hydrogen Atom

$$\hat{K} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2; \hat{U} = -\frac{e^2}{r}$$

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Hydrogen Atom

 $E_n = -\frac{13.6eV}{n^2}$ $a_n = 0.529 \cdot 10^{-10} \, m$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2\mu} - \frac{e^2}{|\hat{r}|}$$

$$m_{l} = -l,...,l$$

Degeneracy:

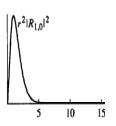
 $No-spin: n^2$

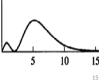
 $Spin: 2 \cdot n^2$

1 kcal/mol = 4.184 kJ/mol

= 1.6022 10⁻¹⁹ J = 96.4860 kJ/mol.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM



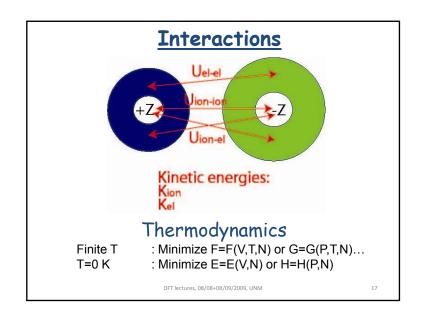


Thermodynamics

How to distribute two or more electrons over available states?

Lowest energy that is compatible with constraints

Ground State





Probability = $|\psi(r_1, r_2)|^2 dV_1 dV_2$

Two Fermions in the same location:

$$\psi(r_1, r_2) = -\psi(r_2, r_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(r_1, r_1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Probability} = 0$$

Slater determinants:

$$\psi(r_1,...,r_n) = \frac{1}{N!} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1(r_1) & \dots & \psi_1(r_n) \\ \dots & \dots \\ \psi_n(r_1) & \dots & \psi_n(r_n) \end{vmatrix}$$

Fermions in the exact same quantum state are impossible

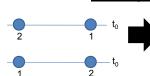
DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Multi-Electron Atoms

Electrons are indistinguishable



Wolfgang Pauli: Pauli exclusion Principle (1925)



Physics/Chemistry must be independent of numbering.

In quantum mechanics we have two possibilities:

$$\psi(r_1,r_2) = -\psi(r_2,r_1)$$

Fermions: electrons. protons, neutrons,...

$$\psi(r_1, r_2) = +\psi(r_2, r_1)$$

Bosons: photons, phonons,

spin-waves,...

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Hund's Rule #1

For a given electron configuration, the term with maximum multiplicity has the lowest energy. Since multiplicity is equal to 2S+1, this is also the term with maximum S.

$$\left|1,2\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\left|\uparrow\right\rangle\right|\downarrow\right\rangle \mp \left|\downarrow\right\rangle\left|\uparrow\right\rangle\right) \qquad * \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\left|1\right\rangle\left|2\right\rangle \pm \left|2\right\rangle\left|1\right\rangle\right)$$

"+" == symmetric; "-" == anti-symmetric.

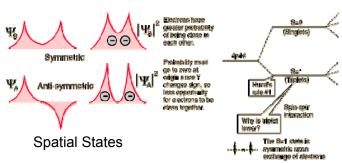
Consider two electrons:

 $S=0 \Rightarrow$ anti-symmetric spin state \Rightarrow symmetric spatial state.

 $S=1 \rightarrow$ symmetric spin state \rightarrow anti-symmetric spatial state

- → zero probability to find electrons at "same" location.
- → reduced Coulomb repulsion.
- → S=1 (triplet) state has a lower energy.





Electrostatic repulsion reduced for anti-symmetric spatial state → lower energy.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Hund's Rule #2

For a given multiplicity, the term with the largest value of L has the lowest energy.

High $L \rightarrow$ electrons orbit in the same direction. For low Lsome electrons rotate oppositely → must pass → increase in Coulomb repulsion → higher energy.



High L, electrons

orbiting same

direction to add

Lew L, same erbiting in appeals Larger L

"Classically" speaking:

- → More electrons orbit nucleus in the same sense.
- → Reduced Coulomb repulsion.
- → Lower energy.

Hund's Rule #3

For a given term, in an atom with outermost subshell halffilled or less, the level with the lowest value of

J=L+S

lies lowest in energy. If the outermost shell is more than halffilled, the level with highest value of J is lowest in energy.

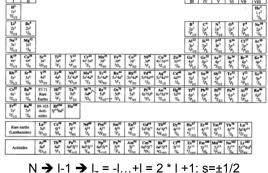
Reason: Spin-orbit coupling $\sim L * S \rightarrow J = L + S \rightarrow \text{energy}$ lower if L and S are in opposite directions \rightarrow lower J.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

23

Periodic Table

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM



N=1: I=0, $s = \pm 1/2 \rightarrow 2$ states N=2: I=0, s = $\pm 1/2 \rightarrow 2$ states

 $l=1, s = \pm 1/2 \implies 6 \text{ states}$

Summary

- Failure of classical mechanics/electrodynamics.
- Quantum mechanics to the rescue.
- New quantity: wave function Probability.
- Building blocks of the periodic table:
 Pauli exclusion principle.
 Hund's rules.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

25

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Born-Oppenheimer or Adiabatic Decoupling

Do we need to treat nuclei quantum mechanically as well?

$$\hat{H} = \hat{K}_{ion} + \hat{U}_{ion} + \hat{K}_{el} + \hat{U}_{el} + \hat{U}_{el-ion}$$

 $m_p/m_e \sim 2000 \Rightarrow$ motion of electron much faster than nuclei.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Born-Oppenheimer or Adiabatic Decoupling

Time scales:

Diffusion : D= 10^{-11} cm²/s; d=1 A \rightarrow t=d²/D $\sim 10^{-5}$ s

Vibrations : $H_2 \sim 4400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ $t=1/(c \text{ k}) \sim 7.5 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ s}.$

Electrons : $t= h/c^2 m_e \sim 10^{-20} s$.

Electronic time-scale shortest

→ Electrons follow nuclear motion *instantaneously*. (except may be for the lightest element: hydrogen)

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Consequence

- If T=0 K → Kinetic energy of the nuclei is zero.

 Note: Nuclei are <u>not</u> eliminated from the problem, U_{nuc-nuc} and U_{nuc-el}.

 Static problem.
- If T>0 K → Nuclei are no longer fixed. Lattice vibrations; thermodynamics.

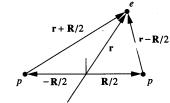
Electrons: always treated quantum mechanically.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

29

Covalent Bonds- I

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m_e} - \frac{e^2}{|\hat{r} - R/2|} - \frac{e^2}{|\hat{r} + R/2|} + \frac{e^2}{|R|}$$



$$\hat{\Pi}|1\rangle = \lambda|2\rangle \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\left|\pm\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pm2\cdot\left\langle1\,|\,2\right\rangle}} \left(\left|1\right\rangle\pm\left|\,2\right\rangle\right)$$

$$\hat{H}_{ij} = \langle i \mid H \mid j \rangle$$

Electron bound to nucleus 1: I1> Electron bound to nucleus 2: I2>

$$\hat{H}_{11} = \hat{H}_{22}$$

$$\hat{H}_{11} = \hat{H}_{22}$$

 $\hat{\boldsymbol{H}}_{\scriptscriptstyle{12}}=\hat{\boldsymbol{H}}_{\scriptscriptstyle{21}}$

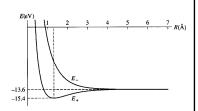
DET lectures 08/08+08/09/2009 LINM

30

Covalent Bonds- II

$$|\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pm 2 \cdot \langle 1 | 2 \rangle}} (|1\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

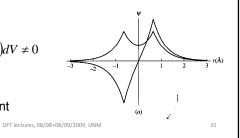
$$E_{\pm} = \frac{1}{1 \pm \langle 1 | 2 \rangle} (H_{11} \pm H_{12})$$



$$\langle 1 | 2 \rangle \neq 0$$

 $\Rightarrow H_{12} = \int \psi_1(r) H \psi_2(r) dV \neq 0$

Overlap of electronic wave functions is necessary for covalent bonding.



Ritz's Variational Principle

$$E_{0} \leq \frac{\left\langle \Psi^{*}(r_{1},...,r_{N}) \middle| \hat{H} \middle| \Psi(r_{1},...,r_{N}) \middle\rangle}{\left\langle \Psi^{*}(r_{1},...,r_{N}) \middle| \Psi(r_{1},...,r_{N}) \middle\rangle}$$

For a given *H* the ground state energy can be estimated as the lowest energy found for *any* possible wave function.

Also reminiscent of Pauli exclusion principle, Hund's rules, and thermodynamics which all required the minimization of energy.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Generalization: Hartee-Fock

Many-electron systems:

Keep:

Adiabatic decoupling. Pauli-principle.

$$\psi(r_1,...,r_n) = \frac{1}{N!} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1(r_1) & \dots & \psi_1(r_n) \\ \dots & \dots \\ \psi_n(r_1) & \dots & \psi_n(r_n) \end{vmatrix}$$

This theory is called Hartree-Fock theory.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

33

Hartee-Fock: Electrostatics

Notably the theory contains expressions such as:

$$\iint \psi_i^2(r_1) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \psi_j^2(r_2) dV_1 dV_2$$

Electrostatic energy

Note:

 $\psi_i = \psi_i$

Electrons at the same location: r₁₂=0

→ Increase of electrostatic energy.

This is *impossible* according to the Pauli-exclusion principle.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

_ .

Hartee-Fock: Exchange

But another term appears as well:

$$-\iint \psi_{i}(r_{1})\psi_{j}(r_{2})\frac{1}{r_{12}}\psi_{i}(r_{2})\psi_{j}(r_{1})dV_{1}dV_{2}$$

Exchange energy:

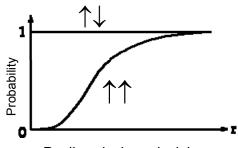
Origin: Pauli-exclusion principle. No classical analogue.

 $\psi_i = \psi_j$ Exact compensation of electrostatic term: Pauli exclusion principle is fulfilled.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

35

Exchange: Another Look



Pauli exclusion principle

- **→**Exchange energy
- → Reduces Coulomb repulsion
- →Lowers energy of system.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Changing the Point of view

Hartree-Fock:

central quantity: wave functions.

Alternatively: Choose to focus on the charge density.

→ Density-Functional-theory.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

37

Density-Functional-Theory (DFT)

Hohenberg-Kohn (1964)

Theorem 1

For any system of <u>interacting</u> particles in an external potential $V_{ext}(r)$, the potential is determined <u>uniquely</u> by the ground state particle density $n_0(r)$:

$$E[n,V_{ext}] = \int n(\vec{r}) \cdot V(\vec{r}) d^3r + F[n]$$

- → F[n] is unique and depends only on the density, n.
- → Completely general.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Theorem 2

A <u>universal</u> functional for the energy $E[n,V_{ext}]$ in terms of the density n(r) exists with a <u>global minimum</u> for the exact ground state density $n_0(r)$.

→ Valid for any system (universal): gas, liquid, solid...

Iterative Solution

$$V_{ext}(r) \qquad \biguplus \qquad \qquad n_0(r) = \left\langle \Psi_0(\{r\}) \middle| \Psi_0(\{r\}) \right\rangle \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \biguplus \qquad \qquad \qquad \\ \Psi_1(\{r\}) \qquad \qquad \qquad \Psi_0(\{r\}) \\ \textbf{All States} \qquad \qquad \textbf{Ground State}$$

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Kohn and Sham Ansatz (1965)

Replace <u>correlated</u> many-electron problem by an equivalent single electron <u>independent</u> particle problem in an <u>effective</u> potential.

$$\begin{split} F\big[n\big] &= \frac{e^2}{2} \frac{\int n(\vec{r}) \cdot n(\vec{r}^{\,\prime})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}^{\,\prime}|} \; d^3r \; d^3r^{\,\prime} & \qquad \text{Coulomb interaction} \\ &+ T_0 \big[n\big] & \qquad \text{Kinetic energy} \\ &+ E_{XC} \big[n\big] & \qquad \text{Exchange-Correlation-energy} \end{split}$$

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Kohn and Sham Equations Kohn and Sham (1965)

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_{el}}\nabla_r^2 + V_{eff}(r, n(r))\right]\phi_i(r) = \varepsilon_i\phi_i(r)$$

$$V_{\it eff} \left(r, n(r)
ight) = V(r)$$
 External potential.
$$+ \, e^2 \int \frac{n(r')}{|r-r'|} dr'$$
 Coulomb interaction.

$$+ \frac{\delta E_{XC}(n(r))}{\delta n(r)}$$
 Exchange-correlation.

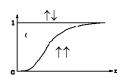
Can be generalized to include magnetism:

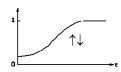
$$n = n_{\uparrow} + n_{\downarrow}$$

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

What is the Exchange-Correlation Potential, Exc?

Thermodynamics: ground state == lowest energy state





Pauli exclusion principle Repulsion of opposite spins → Exchange energy.

→ Correlation energy.

Both effects lower the energy

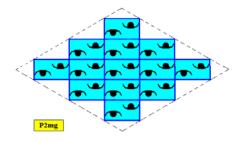
Active research field to develop better E_{xc} functionals:

• LDA: Ceperley and Alder.

• GGA: PW91, PBE, rPBE, revPBE,...

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Periodic Structures: Bloch's Theorem



Crystals are 3-d periodic structures:

v.metafysica.nl/ontology/para 10.gi

That is they can be created by periodically repeating a smaller unit.

Crystal == Lattice + Motif

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Consequence?

1 g of Na → ~3 x 10²³ electrons.

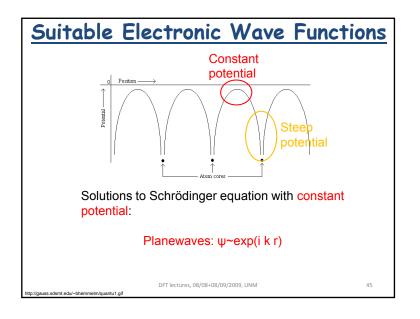
Need to solve determine for 10²³ electrons?!?

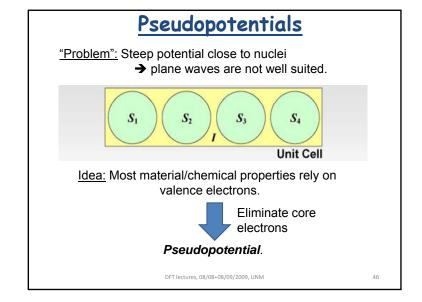
Recognize that crystals are *periodic* structures.

Sufficient to describe one unit cell. (Bloch's theorem).

bcc-Na: 22 electrons sufficient.

→ Our problem has become tractable.





Optimization: Forces

Hellman-Feynman (force) theorem:

$$\begin{split} \vec{F}_i &= -\nabla_i E \\ &= \left\langle \psi \middle| \nabla_i \hat{H}_{electronic} \middle| \psi \right\rangle - \nabla_i U_{ion-ion} \end{split}$$

Summary:

- ✓ Periodic Table.
- ✓ Pseudopotential → fewer electrons.
- ✓ Universal E_{XC}: solid, liquid, gas. Bulk, surface, molecule.
- ✓ Optimization.

→ Predictive power.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Summary

- · Covalent bonding.
- · Adiabatic decoupling.

T=0 K and finite temperatures.

- Hartree-Fock → Exchange.
- DFT → Exchange and correlation.
- Periodic structures, Bloch's theorem.
- Pseudopotential.
- Forces.
- Predictive power.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

Some Applications of DFT

"Fundamentals" of Condensed Matter Physics/Chemistry:

- Sodium at high pressure.
- Octet-rule at high pressure.

Student presentations

• Andrew: $Pt_{1-x}Re_x$ solid solutions.

• Eric: Pd on γ -Al₂O₃. • Levi: Pd on α -Al₂O₃.

• Sam: non-Pt based catalysts.

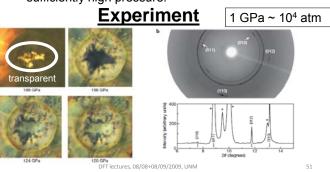
DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

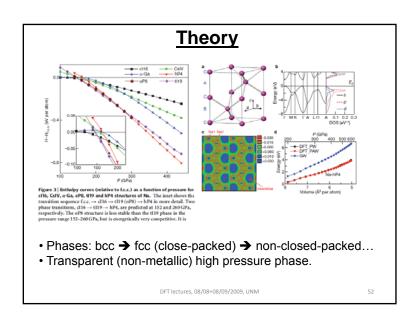
Sodium at High Pressures

(Ma et al., 2009)

Background:

- · Sodium at ambient conditions is a metal.
- Expected: structures adopt dense packed structures at sufficiently high pressure.





Octet rule at High Pressures

(Kiefer and Tschauner)

• Octet rule: main group elements tend to achieve a complete outermost shell: eight electrons.



• CH₄: C: 4e⁻; each hydrogen donates 1e⁻.



• H₂S: S: 6e⁻; each hydrogen donates 1e⁻.



· CHOONa: Na-formate.

DFT lectures, 08/08+08/09/2009, UNM

53

Summary

- DFT versatile tool.
- Exchange and correlation.
- Pseudopotentials.
- · Periodic table.
- Applicable to solid, liquid, and gas.
- Bulk, surface, molecule.
- T=0 K, finite temperature.

Outlook

- · Review.
- DFT: in's and out's.

