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Density-Functional Perturbation Theory : basics

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Density Functional Theory

* Total energy and density as a function of Kohn-Sham wavefunctions

$$E_{el} = \sum_{occ} \langle \psi_i | \underline{T+V} | \psi_i \rangle + E_{Hxc}[\rho]$$
$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{occ} |\psi_i(\vec{r})|^2$$

Either : solve Kohn-Sham equations self-consistently

or : minimize E_{el} (variational !) under orthonormalization constraints.

Can use different representations of wavefunctions

Fix the potential => fix the system
(unit cell parameters, nuclei types and positions)

Here, compute the response of the system to small modifications...

Density - Functional Perturbation Theory

Many physical properties are derivatives of the total energy
(or a suitable thermodynamic potential) with respect to perturbations.

Let us consider the following perturbations :

- atomic displacements (phonons)
- dilatation/contraction of the primitive cell
- homogeneous external field (electric field ...)

Derivatives of the total energy (electronic part + nuclei-nuclei interaction) :

1st order derivatives : forces, stresses, dipole moment ...

2nd order derivatives : dynamical matrix, elastic constants, dielectric susceptibility
atomic polar tensors or Born effective charge tensors
piezoelectricity, internal strains

3rd order derivatives : non-linear dielectric susceptibility
phonon - phonon interaction, Grüneisen parameters, ...

Further properties obtained by integration over phononic degrees of freedom :

entropy, thermal expansion, phonon-limited thermal conductivity ...

Perturbations

- * Variation of energy and density around a fixed potential

$$E_{el}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i) = \langle \psi_{occ}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i) | \hat{T} + \hat{V}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i) | \psi_{occ}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i) \rangle + E_{Hxc}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i)$$

$$\rho(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i) = \sum_{occ} \psi_{occ}^*(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i) \psi_{occ}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i)$$

- * Perturbations (assumed known through all orders)

$$\hat{V}(\vec{r}; \vec{r}_i) = \hat{V}^{(0)} + \hat{V}^{(1)} + \hat{V}^{(2)} + \dots$$

i.e. : to investigate phonons, the parameter of the perturbation governs linearly the nuclei displacement, but note that the change of potential is non-linear in this parameter.

$$V_{ph}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{nuclei} V(\vec{r} - (\vec{a} + \vec{u})) - V(\vec{r} - \vec{a})$$

$$\vec{u} = \epsilon \vec{e} \cos(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{a})$$

small parameter
‘polarisation’ of the phonon
phonon wavevector

More perturbations ...

- * Dilatation / Contraction

$$r' = r + \epsilon \cdot r$$

ϵ
small parameter

- * \vec{q} of another perturbation

- * 'Alchemical' perturbation

$$\cdot \hat{V}_{A \rightarrow B} \quad [\text{for example } V_{\text{Pb} \rightarrow \text{Au}} = V_{\text{Au}} - V_{\text{Pb}}]$$
$$\cdot \hat{V}_{\text{so}}$$

- * $\frac{d}{dt}$ in classical dynamics for ions

- * \vec{B} Magnetic field

Total energy changes

$$E = E^{(0)} + E^{(1)} + {}^2E^{(2)} + \dots$$

2nd order derivatives : dielectric susceptibility
 elastic constants
 dynamical matrix

=Linear - response theory : Baroni, Giannozzi, Testa, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 58, 1861 (1987)

3rd order derivatives : non-linear responses

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DFPT allows to compute $E^{(1)}, E^{(2)}$ (as well as $E^{(3)}, E^{(4)} \dots$)

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$$= {}^{(0)} + {}^{(1)} + {}^2 {}^{(2)} + \dots$$

How is it possible to get energy derivatives ?

- * Finite Differences

Compare $E \{ \ ; V_{ext} \}$ and $E' \{ \ ; V'_{ext} \}$

‘Direct’ Approach (Frozen phonons ...)
 [Note problem with commensurability]

- * Hellman - Feynman theorem (for $E^{(l)}$)

Due to variational character : $\frac{dE}{dV_{ext}} = 0$

$$\frac{dE}{dV_{ext}} = \frac{E}{V_{ext}} \frac{dV_{ext}}{dV_{ext}} + \frac{E}{0} \cdot \frac{d}{dV_{ext}} = \frac{E}{V_{ext}} V_{ext}^{(1)}$$

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↓
(1)

In order to get $E^{(1)}$ we do not need (1)

General framework of perturbation Theory

* $A(\lambda) = A^{(0)} + \lambda A^{(1)} + \lambda^2 A^{(2)} + \lambda^3 A^{(3)} \dots$

* $E \{ \psi; V_{ext} \}$

Hypothesis : we know $V_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) = V_{ext}^{(0)} + \lambda V_{ext}^{(1)} + \lambda^2 V_{ext}^{(2)} + \dots$

through all orders, as well as $\psi^{(0)}, n^{(0)}, E^{(0)}$

We would like to calculate

$E^{(1)}, E^{(2)}, E^{(3)} \dots$

$n^{(1)}, n^{(2)}, n^{(3)} \dots$

$\psi^{(1)}, \psi^{(2)}, \psi^{(3)} \dots$

$\rho^{(1)}, \rho^{(2)}, \rho^{(3)} \dots$

Perturbation theory for ordinary quantum mechanics

$$(\hat{H} - E) |\psi\rangle = 0 \quad (\text{Schrödinger equation})$$

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1 \quad (\text{normalisation condition})$$

$$\langle \psi | \hat{H} - E | \psi \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{or } E = \langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle \quad (\text{expectation value})$$

The Hamiltonian is supposed known through all orders

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}^{(0)} + \hat{H}^{(1)} + \hat{H}^{(2)} + \dots = \sum_n \hat{H}^{(n)}$$

Perturbation expansion of the Schrödinger Equation

Suppose $\hat{H}(\lambda) | \psi_n(\lambda) \rangle = \epsilon_n | \psi_n(\lambda) \rangle$ valid for all

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} \hat{H}(\lambda) = \hat{H}^{(0)} + \lambda \hat{H}^{(1)} \\ \psi_n(\lambda) = \psi_n^{(0)} + \lambda \psi_n^{(1)} + \lambda^2 \psi_n^{(2)} + \dots \\ \epsilon_n(\lambda) = \epsilon_n^{(0)} + \lambda \epsilon_n^{(1)} + \lambda^2 \epsilon_n^{(2)} + \dots \end{cases}$$

One expands the Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{H}^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \left(\hat{H}^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \hat{H}^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle \right) + \lambda^2 \left(\hat{H}^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle + \hat{H}^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(2)} \rangle \right) + \dots \\ = & \epsilon_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \left(\epsilon_n^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \epsilon_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle \right) + \lambda^2 \left(\epsilon_n^{(2)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \epsilon_n^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle + \epsilon_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(2)} \rangle \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

In $\lambda = 0$, one gets $\hat{H}^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle = \epsilon_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle$ no surprise ...

Derivation with respect to λ , then $\lambda = 0$ (=first order of perturbation)

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H}^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \hat{H}^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle = \epsilon_n^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \epsilon_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle$$

2 derivations with respect to λ , then $\lambda = 0$ (=second order of perturbation)

$$\Rightarrow \hat{H}^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle + \hat{H}^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(2)} \rangle = \epsilon_n^{(2)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \epsilon_n^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle + \epsilon_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(2)} \rangle$$

Perturbation expansion of the normalisation condition

If $\forall: \langle \psi_n(\forall) | \psi_n(\forall) \rangle = 1$

with $\psi_n(\forall) = \psi_n^{(0)} + \psi_n^{(1)} + \psi_n^{(2)} + \dots$

With the same technique than for the Schrödinger equation, one deduces

$$\langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle = 1 \quad \text{no surprise ...}$$

$$\langle \psi_n^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \psi_n^{(2)} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle + \langle \psi_n^{(1)} | \psi_n^{(1)} \rangle + \langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \psi_n^{(2)} \rangle = 0$$

Hellmann & Feynman theorem : $\frac{d}{dn} E_n^{(1)}$

Starting from the first-order Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle + \hat{H}^{(0)} \left| \psi_n^{(1)} \right\rangle = E_n^{(1)} \left| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle + E_n^{(0)} \left| \psi_n^{(1)} \right\rangle$$

Premultiplication by $\left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right|$

$$\left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right| \hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle + \underbrace{\left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right| \hat{H}^{(0)} \left| \psi_n^{(1)} \right\rangle}_{\parallel \left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle} = E_n^{(1)} \underbrace{\left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle}_{=1} + E_n^{(0)} \left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right| \psi_n^{(1)} \right\rangle$$

So : $E_n^{(1)} = \left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right| \hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle$ = Hellmann & Feynman theorem

Notes : * $\left| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle$ and $\hat{H}^{(1)}$ are supposed known

* $E_n^{(1)}$ is not needed

* $\left. \frac{d}{dn} E_n \right|_{=0}$

* $\left\langle \psi_n^{(0)} \right| \hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \psi_n^{(0)} \right\rangle$ = expectation value of the Hamiltonian for the non-perturbed wavefunction

* generalisation

$$\left. \frac{d}{dn} E_n \right| = \left\langle \psi_n(\lambda) \right| \frac{d\hat{H}}{d\lambda} \left| \psi_n(\lambda) \right\rangle$$

$\frac{d}{dn} E_n^{(1)}$ OK!

The second order derivative of total energy ⁽²⁾_n

Starting from the second-order Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \begin{matrix} (1) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle + \hat{H}^{(0)} \left| \begin{matrix} (2) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle = \left| \begin{matrix} (2) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{matrix} (0) \\ n \end{matrix} \right| + \left| \begin{matrix} (1) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{matrix} (1) \\ n \end{matrix} \right| + \left| \begin{matrix} (0) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{matrix} (2) \\ n \end{matrix} \right|$$

Premultiplication by $\left\langle \begin{matrix} (0) \\ n \end{matrix} \right|$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \begin{matrix} (0) \\ n \end{matrix} \right| \hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \begin{matrix} (1) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle &= \left\langle \begin{matrix} (0) \\ n \end{matrix} \right| \hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \begin{matrix} (1) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left\langle \begin{matrix} (0) \\ n \end{matrix} \right| \hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \begin{matrix} (1) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle + \left\langle \begin{matrix} (1) \\ n \end{matrix} \right| \hat{H}^{(1)} \left| \begin{matrix} (0) \\ n \end{matrix} \right\rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

No knowledge of ⁽²⁾ is needed, but one needs ⁽¹⁾ ! How to get it ?

In search of $|n^{(1)}\rangle$

Again the first-order Schrödinger equation :

$$\hat{H}^{(1)} |n^{(0)}\rangle + \hat{H}^{(0)} |n^{(1)}\rangle = \underbrace{|n^{(1)}\rangle}_{\text{known}} + \underbrace{|n^{(0)}\rangle}_{\text{known}} |n^{(1)}\rangle$$

Terms containing $|n^{(1)}\rangle$ are gathered :

$$\left(\hat{H}^{(0)} - \epsilon_n^{(0)} \right) |n^{(1)}\rangle = - \left(\hat{H}^{(1)} - \epsilon_n^{(1)} \right) |n^{(0)}\rangle \quad (\text{called Sternheimer equation})$$

Equivalence with the matrix equation (systeme of linear equations)

usually solved by $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{y}$
 $\underline{x} = \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{y}$ if \underline{A}^{-1} exist.

Problem : $\left(\hat{H}^{(0)} - \epsilon_n^{(0)} \right)$ is not invertible !

Indeed $\left(\hat{H}^{(0)} - \epsilon_n^{(0)} \right) |n^{(0)}\rangle = \hat{H}^{(0)} |n^{(0)}\rangle - \epsilon_n^{(0)} |n^{(0)}\rangle = |0\rangle$

Sum-over-states solution of the Sternheimer equation

$$\hat{H}^{(0)} - \frac{(0)}{n} \left| \frac{(1)}{n} \right\rangle = - \left(\hat{H}^{(1)} - \frac{(1)}{n} \right) \left| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle$$

Define the complete orthonormal basis associated to $\hat{H}^{(0)}$

$$\left\{ \frac{(0)}{m} \right\} \text{ such that } \hat{H}^{(0)} \left| \frac{(0)}{m} \right\rangle = \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \frac{(0)}{m} \right\rangle$$

Représentation of the Sternheimer equation in this basis

$$C_{mn}^{(1)} = \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \frac{(1)}{n} \right\rangle \quad \left| \frac{(1)}{n} \right\rangle = \sum_m C_{mn}^{(1)} \left| \frac{(0)}{m} \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_m \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \hat{H}^{(0)} - \frac{(0)}{n} \right| \frac{(1)}{n} \right\rangle &= - \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \hat{H}^{(1)} - \frac{(1)}{n} \right| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle \\ \left(\frac{(0)}{m} - \frac{(0)}{n} \right) \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \frac{(1)}{n} \right\rangle &= - \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \hat{H}^{(1)} \right| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle + \frac{(1)}{n} \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle \right. \\ \left(\frac{(0)}{m} - \frac{(0)}{n} \right) C_{mn}^{(1)} &= - \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \hat{H}^{(1)} \right| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle + \frac{(1)}{n} \delta_{mn} \end{aligned}$$

Sum-over-states solution of the Sternheimer equation (II)

$$\left(\epsilon_m^{(0)} - \epsilon_n^{(0)} \right) C_{mn}^{(1)} = - \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \hat{H}^{(1)} \right| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle + \frac{(1)}{n} \delta_{mn}$$

(1) For $m = n$, $0 \cdot C_{nn}^{(1)} = - \left\langle \frac{(0)}{n} \left| \hat{H}^{(1)} \right| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle + \frac{(1)}{n}$
 $= 0$ due to Hellmann & Feynman theorem

$\Rightarrow C_{nn}^{(1)}$ undetermination

(2) For $m \neq n$, $\frac{(0)}{m} - \frac{(0)}{n} \neq 0$ (non degenerate case)

$$C_{mn}^{(1)} = - \frac{\left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \hat{H}^{(1)} \right| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle}{\epsilon_m^{(0)} - \epsilon_n^{(0)}}$$

Thus $\left| \frac{(1)}{n} \right\rangle = C_{mn}^{(1)} \left| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle - \frac{\left| \frac{(0)}{m} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{(0)}{m} \left| \hat{H}^{(1)} \right| \frac{(0)}{n} \right\rangle}{\epsilon_m^{(0)} - \epsilon_n^{(0)}}$

actually, the undetermined coefficient can be set to 0 !

The 1st order derivative of the wavefunctions

$$(1) \quad (\hat{H}^{(0)} - E^{(0)}) |^{(1)}\rangle = - (\hat{H}^{(1)} - E^{(1)}) |^{(0)}\rangle$$

(Sternheimer equation)

Should be inverted to find $|^{(1)}\rangle$

Operator $(\hat{H}^{(0)} - E^{(0)})^{-1}$ is singular

projection on subspace to $|^{(0)}\rangle$

$$(2) \quad P (\hat{H}^{(0)} - E^{(0)}) P |^{(1)}\rangle = - P \hat{H}^{(1)} |^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$(3) \quad \hat{P} |^{(1)}\rangle = \hat{G} (E) \hat{H}^{(1)} |^{(0)}\rangle$$

where $\hat{G} (E) = \hat{P} [\hat{P} (\hat{H}^{(0)} - E) \hat{P}]^{-1} \hat{P}$

(Green's function technique)

$$(4) \quad \hat{P} |^{(1)}\rangle = |^{(0)}\rangle \frac{1}{-} \langle ^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | ^{(0)} \rangle$$

(Sum Over States technique)

The computation of ⁽³⁾ (I)

- * Starting from (now we consider higher-order contributions for the Hamiltonian again)

$$(\hat{H}^{(0)} - E^{(0)}) | \psi^{(3)} \rangle + (\hat{H}^{(1)} - E^{(1)}) | \psi^{(2)} \rangle + (\hat{H}^{(2)} - E^{(2)}) | \psi^{(1)} \rangle + (\hat{H}^{(3)} - E^{(3)}) | \psi^{(0)} \rangle = 0$$

Premultiply by $\langle \psi^{(0)} |$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi^{(0)} | \psi^{(3)} \rangle &= \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(3)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle \\ &+ \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \psi^{(2)} \rangle \\ &+ \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \psi^{(1)} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad \triangle! \quad \langle \psi^{(2)} | \text{ is needed in this formula}$$

The computation of $\langle \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle$ (3) (II)

* However, the perturbation expansion of $0 = \langle \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle$ at third order gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & \langle \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle \\
 & + \langle \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle \\
 & + \langle \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

It can be seen that the sum of terms in a row or in a column vanishes ! (Exercise !)

We get rid off the two last columns and the two last rows, rearrange the equation, and get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle = & \langle \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(3)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle \\
 & + \langle \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

[We have used $\langle \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle = I$ and $\langle \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle + \langle \hat{H}^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle = 0$]

⚠ $\langle \hat{H}^{(2)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} | \rangle$ is not needed in this formula

Variational Principle for the lowest ⁽²⁾_n (Hylleraas principle)

$$E_n^{(2)} = \min_{(1)} \left\{ \langle (1) | \hat{H}^{(1)} | (0) \rangle + \langle (1) | \hat{H}^{(0)} - E_n^{(0)} | (1) \rangle + \langle (0) | \hat{H}^{(2)} | (0) \rangle + \langle (0) | \hat{H}^{(1)} | (1) \rangle \right\}$$

with the following constraint on (1) :

$$\langle (0) | (1) \rangle + \langle (1) | (0) \rangle = 0$$

It allows to recover Sternheimer's equation :

$\frac{\delta}{\delta (1)} [\dots] = 0$ + a Lagrange multiplier

$$(\hat{H}^{(0)} - E_n^{(0)}) | (1) \rangle + (\hat{H}^{(1)} - E_n^{(1)}) | (0) \rangle = 0$$

- Equivalence of :
- * Minimization of $E_n^{(2)}$
 - * Sternheimer equation
 - * Green's function technique
 - * Sum over States
 - * Finite differences + limit

Perturbation of a variational principle (I)

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 E^{(0)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0) \end{array} \right\} & \text{variational} \\
 E^{(1)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0) \end{array} \right\} & \text{(Hellman -Feynman) non-variational} \\
 E^{(2)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); (1) \end{array} \right\} & \text{"} \\
 E^{(3)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); (1); (2) \end{array} \right\} & \text{"} \\
 \vdots &
 \end{array}$$

Is it the best ?

* Let us suppose that we know the correct wavefunctions $\bar{\psi}^{(n)}$ through order $n-1$
 $\bar{\psi}^{(n)} = \psi^{(n-1)} + O(\epsilon^n)$ where $\psi^{(n-1)} = \psi^{(0)} + \psi^{(1)} + \dots + \psi^{(n-1)}$

* Variational property of the energy functional
 $E\{\psi_{\text{trial}} + O(\epsilon^n)\} = E\{\psi_{\text{trial}}\} + O(\epsilon^{2n})$

* Set $\psi_{\text{trial}} = \psi^{(n-1)}$; $\psi = \psi^{(n)}$
 $E\{\psi^{(n-1)}\} = E\{\bar{\psi}^{(n)}\} + O(\epsilon^{2n})$
 the knowledge of $\psi^{(n-1)}$ gives E up to order $2n-1$
 the knowledge of $\psi^{(n)}$ gives E up to order $2n+1$
‘ $2n+1$ theorem’

Perturbation of a variational principle (II)

- * If the variational principle is an external principle
 [the error is either > 0 - minimal principle -
 or < 0 - maximal principle -]

the leading missing term is also of definite sign also an extremal principle

To summarize :

$$\begin{array}{l}
 E^{(0)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{variational} \\
 E^{(1)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0) \end{array} \right\} \\
 E^{(2)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); (1) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{variational with respect to } (1) \\
 E^{(3)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); (1) \end{array} \right\} \\
 E^{(4)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); (1); (2) \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{variational with respect to } (2) \\
 E^{(5)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); (1); (2) \end{array} \right\}
 \end{array}$$

Note : for mixed derivatives, similar expressions exists; however the extremal property is lost, but the 'stationarity' is preserved

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 E^{j_1 j_2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); j_1 \end{array} \right\} \\
 E^{j_1 j_2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); j_2 \end{array} \right\} \\
 E^{j_1 j_2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (0); j_1; j_2 \end{array} \right\}
 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l}
 \text{exist ! but non-stationary} \\
 \text{stationary}
 \end{array}$$

Basic equations in DFT

$$\text{DFT} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } E_{el} \{ \psi \} = \int \psi^* (\hat{T} + \hat{V}) \psi + E_{Hxc}[\rho] \\ \text{with } \rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{occ} \psi^* \psi \\ \text{under constraint } \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

or solve self-consistently Kohn-Sham equations, with

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} \psi &= \epsilon \psi \\ \hat{H} &= \hat{T} + \hat{V} + \frac{\delta E_{Hxc}}{\delta \rho} \end{aligned}$$

Basic equations in DFPT

DFPT

Minimize wrt $\psi^{(1)}$:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned}
 E_{el}^{(2)} \left\{ \psi^{(1)}; \psi^{(0)} \right\} &= \overset{occ}{\langle} \psi^{(1)} | \hat{H}^{(0)} - \epsilon^{(0)} | \psi^{(1)} \rangle + \langle \psi^{(1)} | \hat{V}^{(1)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle \\
 &+ \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{V}^{(1)} | \psi^{(1)} \rangle + \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{V}^{(2)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2E_{Hxc}}{(\vec{r})} \psi^{(1)}(\vec{r}) \psi^{(1)}(\vec{r}') d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \\
 \\
 \text{with } \psi^{(1)}(\vec{r}) &= \overset{occ}{\langle} \psi^{(1)*}(\vec{r}) \psi^{(0)}(\vec{r}) + \psi^{(0)*}(\vec{r}) \psi^{(1)}(\vec{r}) \\
 \\
 \text{under constraint } &\langle \psi^{(0)} | \psi^{(1)} \rangle = 0
 \end{aligned} \right.$$

or solve self-consistently the Sternheimer equation, with

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\hat{H}^{(0)} - \epsilon^{(0)}) | \psi^{(1)} \rangle &= - (\hat{H}^{(1)} - \epsilon^{(1)}) | \psi^{(0)} \rangle \\
 \hat{H}^{(1)} &= \hat{V}^{(1)} + \int \frac{2E_{Hxc}}{(\vec{r})} \psi^{(1)}(\vec{r}') d\vec{r}' \\
 \epsilon^{(1)} &= \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Order of calculations in DFPT (for linear-response)

(1) Ground-state calculation

$$V_{ext}^{(0)}, n^{(0)}$$

(2) Do for each perturbation j_1

- use $V_{ext}^{(0)}, n^{(0)}$

- $V_{ext}^{j_1}, n^{j_1}$

using — minimization of second-order energy
or
Sternheimer equation

Enddo

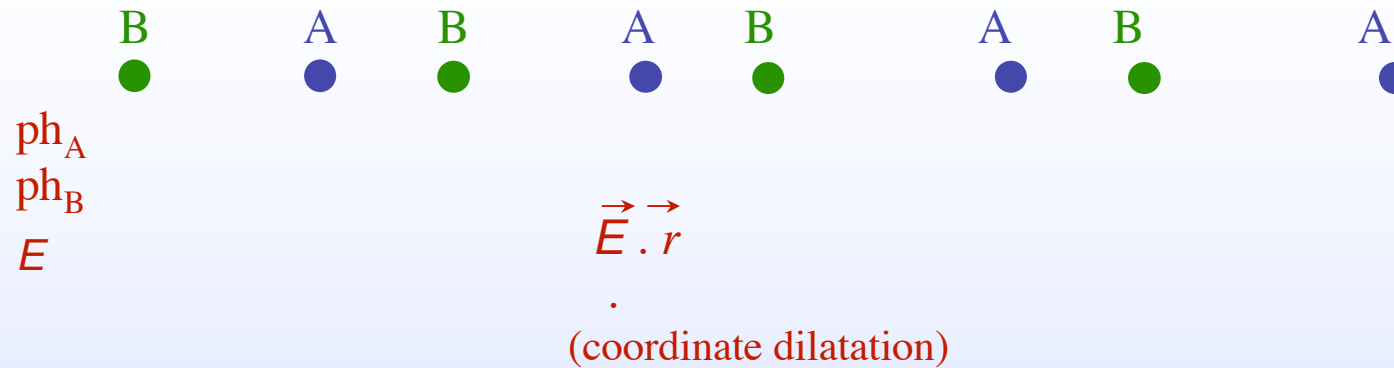
(3) Do for each $\{j_1, j_2\}$

either get $E^{j_1 j_2}$ stationary using both j_1 and j_2
or get $E^{j_1 j_2}$ using j_1

Enddo

(4) Post-processing : from 'bare' $E^{j_1 j_2}$
to physical properties

Example : 1-dimensional diatomic linear chain [only phonons]



(2) Get ph_A , ph_B , E , for all bands, self-consistently

(3) Get $E^{j1 j2}$

	ph_A	ph_A	E	
ph_A	D_{AA}^{anal}	D_{AB}^{anal}	Z_A	A
ph_B	D_{AB}^{anal}	D_{BB}^{anal}	Z_B	B
E	Z_A	Z_B		\bar{f}
	A	B	\bar{f}	\bar{c}

either stationary or interchange

(4) Get physical properties [schematic formulas ...] $E = 0$ fixed or $D = 0$ fixed

$$D = D^{anal} + \frac{Z^* Z^*}{D - M^2} \quad () = \quad + \frac{Z^* Z^*}{D - M^2} \quad c = \bar{c} + \frac{\quad}{D^{anal}}$$

Treatment of phonons : factorization of the phase

- * Suppose the unperturbed system is periodic

$$V^{(0)}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_a) = V^{(0)}(\vec{r})$$

- * If the perturbation is characterized by a wavevector :

$$V^{(1)}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_a) = e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_a} V^{(1)}(\vec{r})$$

all the responses, at linear order, will also be characterized by a wavevector :

$$n^{(1)}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_a) = e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_a} n^{(1)}(\vec{r})$$

$$u_{m,\vec{k},\vec{q}}^{(1)}(\vec{r} + \vec{R}_a) = e^{i(\vec{k} + \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{R}_a} u_{m,\vec{k},\vec{q}}^{(1)}(\vec{r})$$

...

- * Now, we define related **periodic** quantities

$$\bar{n}^{(1)}(\vec{r}) = e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} n^{(1)}(\vec{r})$$

$$u_{m,\vec{k},\vec{q}}^{(1)}(\vec{r}) = (N_0)^{1/2} e^{-i(\vec{k} + \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{r}} u_{m,\vec{k},\vec{q}}^{(1)}(\vec{r})$$

- * In the equations of DFPT, only these periodic quantities appear: the phases

$$e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} \text{ and } e^{-i(\vec{k} + \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{r}} \text{ can be factorized}$$

- * **The treatment of perturbations incommensurate with the unperturbed system periodicity, including electric fields, is mapped onto the original periodic system.**