

# The Importance of Density

## From Kohn's Obsession to Many-body Theory of Real Systems

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- Walter Kohn the mensh
- Density for a random choice of DFT topics unifying the finite  $N$  systems and macro systems  $N \rightarrow \infty$

## Walter

- Deep thinker and deliberate speaker
  - His pipe.
  - Throat clearing.
- Impish Humor – when least expected, examples later.
- Reckless athlete (in contrast to his usual staidness)
  - Skiing in June Mountain – Mogul for ski jump. Broke shoulder. Missed APS March Meeting 1966.
  - Sailfish off La Jolla Shores. Took Marilyn and me sailing on a blustery day. Capsized in by a squall. Lectured by life guard.
- Passionate advocate for banning nuclear weapons
  - Lecturing me on LANL and holding up the luncheon
- Environmentalist
  - Tree rescuing
  - His calling card as a movie producer

# Density Obsession – Its manifestation of the quantum effects

Friedel Oscillations (1954) r space

Kohn Anomaly (1959) k space

Langer & Vosko (1959)

Impurity effect on electron density

Dielectric response at  $q=2k_f$  log derivative

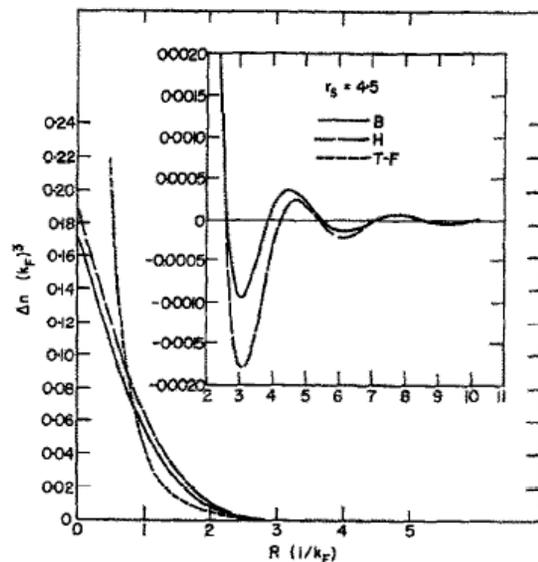
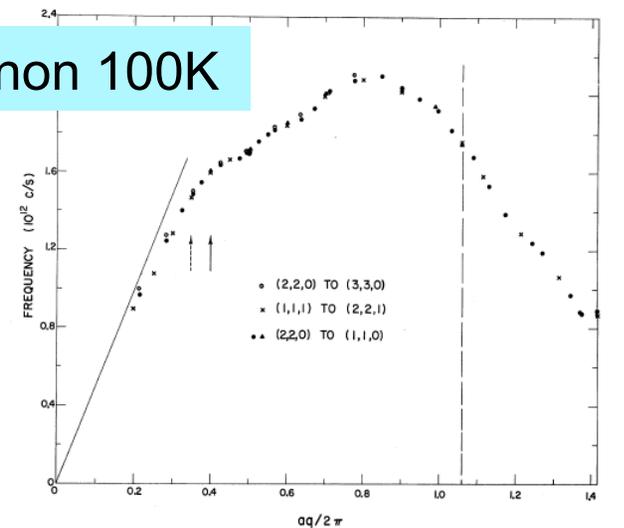


FIG. 5. The displaced electron density for  $r_s = 4.5$  vs. the distance from the inserted charge.

Pb phonon 100K



Brockhouse et al (1961)

Kohn & Vosko (1959)

Nuclear spin resonance in Cu/imp

Na phonon with el-ph at  $2k_f$  too weak

Sham (1963,1965)

## Den Obs II – Density as Road to high concentration alloys

Hohenberg, Kohn, Sham (1990)  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Ed. S. Trickey

- Contains an account of the origin of the HK theorem
- And serves as a sample of Kohn's humor, as promised.

“A breezy account”

- ... we have had a lot of fun with density functional theory, both doing it and watching other partisans (and even “enemies”) ...
- We trust that the editor will tactfully suppress failures.
- ... We do not want to be relics of the past ...
- ... drawing on our vast experience (beware!) to suggest .. [future directions]

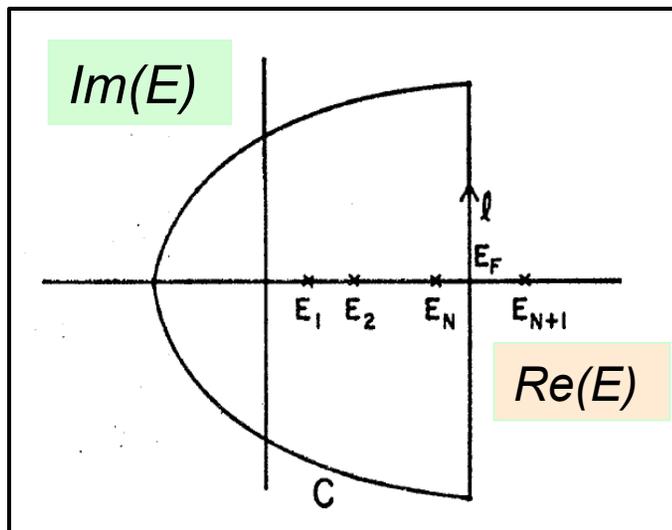
## Den Obs III – Quantum Density Oscillations

Kohn-Sham-I (1965) – relatively unknown. (Unknown ratio: 100 to 1)

Quantum Density Oscillations in an Inhomogeneous Electron Gas

Find the Source of oscillations

To test the gradient series (HK)



One-electron Green's function

- Contour integration along  $\mathcal{C}$
- Oscillations from close to  $\text{Im}(E) = 0$
- In semi-classical approx, WKB phase leading to density oscillations is better than Thomas-Fermi.

Relation between the classical and the quantum regimes!

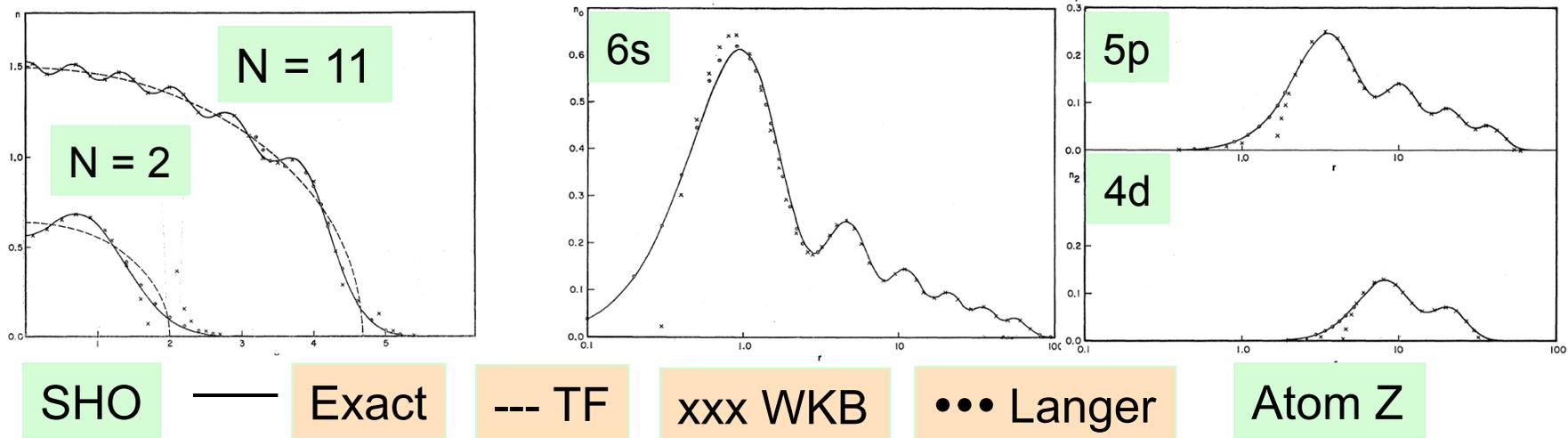
$H = T + V$ ;  $[T, V] \neq 0$ , quantum

$[T, V] = 0$  (TF), classical

# Den Obs III – Quantum Density Oscillations

KS-I: Method of computation for finite systems

- Non-interacting particle approx.
  - WKB turning point connection by Airy function (R.E. Langer 1937)
  - 1D – Green's fn solved exactly in terms of wave fns at same E
- Oscillations – quantum confinement in r or k space.
  - Slowly varying approx works quite well.



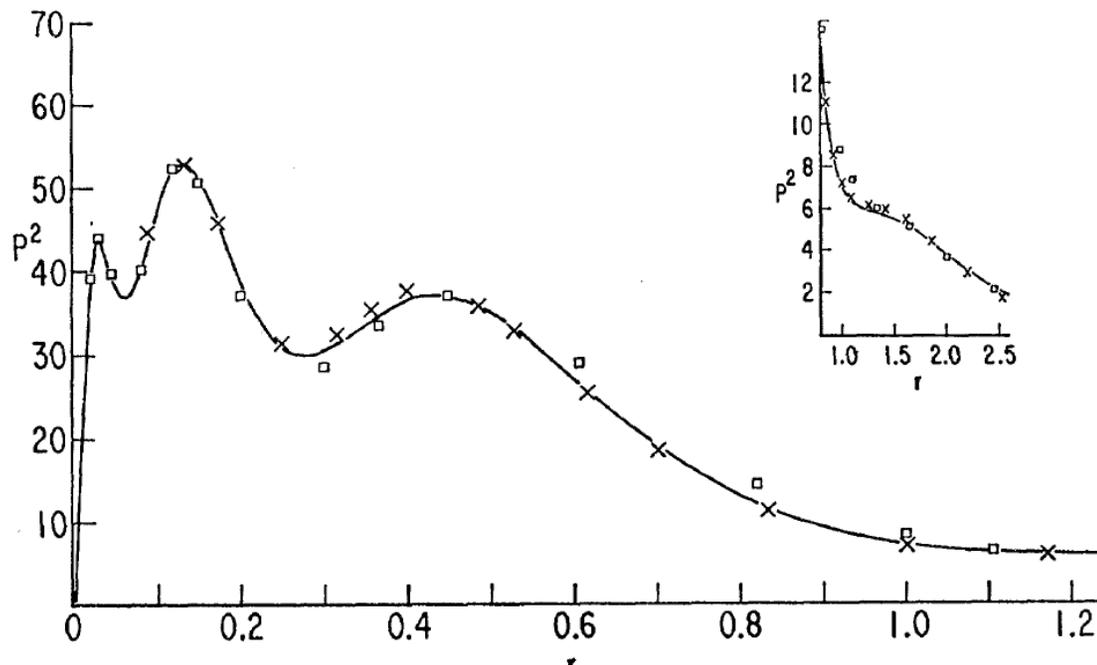
Applied to nucleus – David Thouless (private comm) use the method for  $\text{Ca}^{40}$ . [Nuc. Phys. (1965); Thorpe and Thouless, *ibid* (1970).]

## First Application of DFT-LDA

Tong and Sham (1966) Noble atoms.

$\epsilon_c(n)$  Interpolation between Wigner and Gellmann-Brueckner

Kr



Solid curve – KS-LDA,  $\square$ -Old HF, X- Slater exchange

Deviation from Old HF worse than Ar. Agreed better with LANL group HF.

## Density Functional Theory for Computation

Situation in the sixties – my impression, not rigorous history

- Electron gas (homogeneous) interaction theory  
RPA (Brueckner)
  - Exchange and correlation energy.
- Band structure theory in solids
  - Computation methods flourished.
  - One-particle potential.
  - Most in the Hartree approximation if at all.
  - A few Hartree-Fock calculations for insulating crystals.
  - John Ziman on band calculations: “Teaching elephants how to dance”.
- Never the twain shall meet.

# Density Functional Theory for Computation

Letter from the Editor of PRL, S. A. Goudsmit

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Dear Dr. Sham:

For the reasons discussed in the enclosed memorandum, we are still finding it necessary to restrict the number of papers published

We have carefully considered the following manuscript:

"Exchange and Correlation Effects in an Inhomogeneous Gas" -- Kohn and Sham

# Density Functional Theory for Computation

Letter - second half

Our judgment is that while it deserves publication it is not

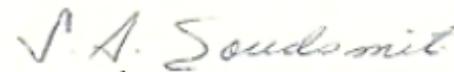
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Yours sincerely,



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## One Particle Excitation Energy

Sham and Kohn (1966)

- Self energy  $\Sigma(r,r',E)$  short-ranged ( $\lambda_F, \lambda_{TF}$ ) and depends on the density at the mean of  $r$  and  $r'$  (Wigner rep).
  - Proof for lattice to first order in  $v$  for an electron gas.
  - Separate  $\Sigma$  into the local  $\varphi(r) \delta(r-r')$  and nonlocal,  $M(r,r',E)$ .
  - $M$  is shown short-ranged by
    - $1/r^3$  amplitude of quantum oscillation
    - two Ward identities, connecting the one-particle  $M$  to the two-particle vertex (linear response to  $v$ ), leads to the screening of the long range part of  $M$  and the neighborhood density dependence.
  - An example of “nearsightedness”, Kohn (1996), which led to  $O(N)$  computation. Unifies validity for finite and infinite  $N$
- LDA for the self-energy in the Dyson equation to produce quasi-particle energy  $M(r,r',E)$ .
- Application to metals.  $M_h[r - r'; E - \mu + \mu_h(n(\bar{r}))]; n(\bar{r})]$

# Insulator Band Gap Problem – Solution Beyond LDA

Sham and Schlüter (1983)

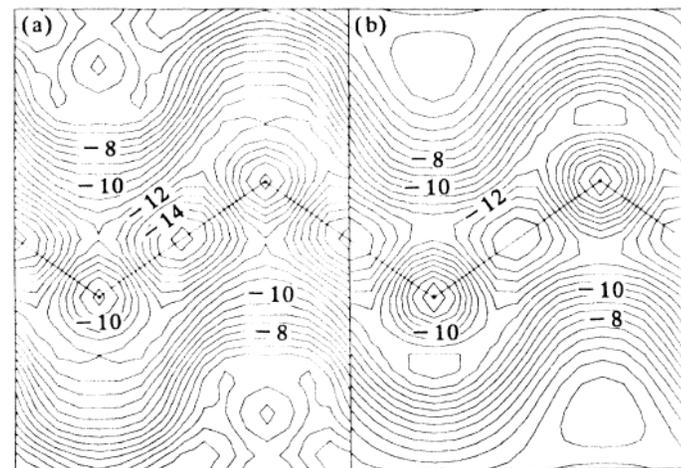
- $T_s[n]$  and  $E_{xc}[n]$  have a derivative discontinuity in insulators.
- Formulation of the  $E_{xc}[n]$  discontinuity contribution to the band gap, denoted by  $\Delta$ , in terms of the self energy.
- A two-band model to demonstrate explicit .

Perdew, Parr, Levy, Balduz (1982), Perdew, Levy (1983)

$E_{xc}[n]$  discontinuity in finite atoms from fractional occupation in 1982. Then extend it to insulators in 1983.

Godby, Schlüter, Sham (1985-88)

- $v_{xc}(r, [n])$  computed in RPA, cf LDA. Difference in bond area.
- Calculated  $\Delta$  solved the band gap problem (LDA gap too small by 50%).
- Si, GaAs, AlAs, Diamond.



Si: RPA

LDA

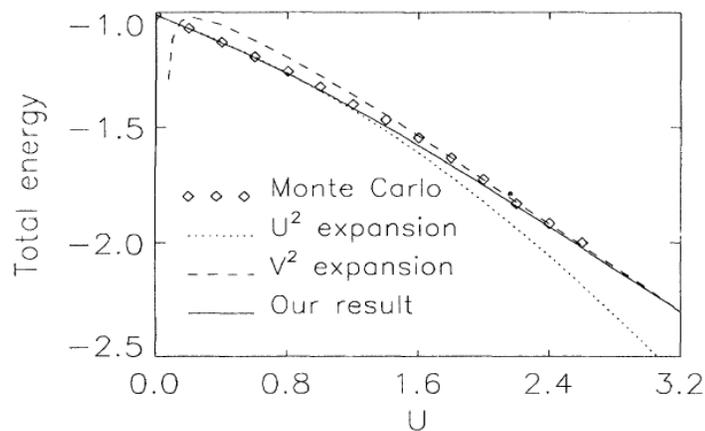
# Strongly Correlated Electron System – I. Model Test

Steiner, Albers, Scalapino, Sham (1991).

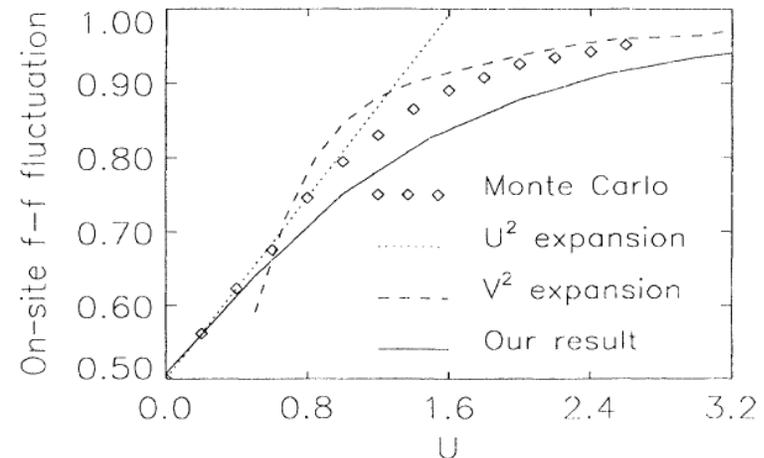
## Methodology

- Essential ingredients from Anderson's model: onsite interaction  $U$ , and d-band/f-level hybridization  $V$ .
- Fluctuation around the MFT (not  $E$ ) given in second order in  $U$ .

## A test against QMC



Total energy

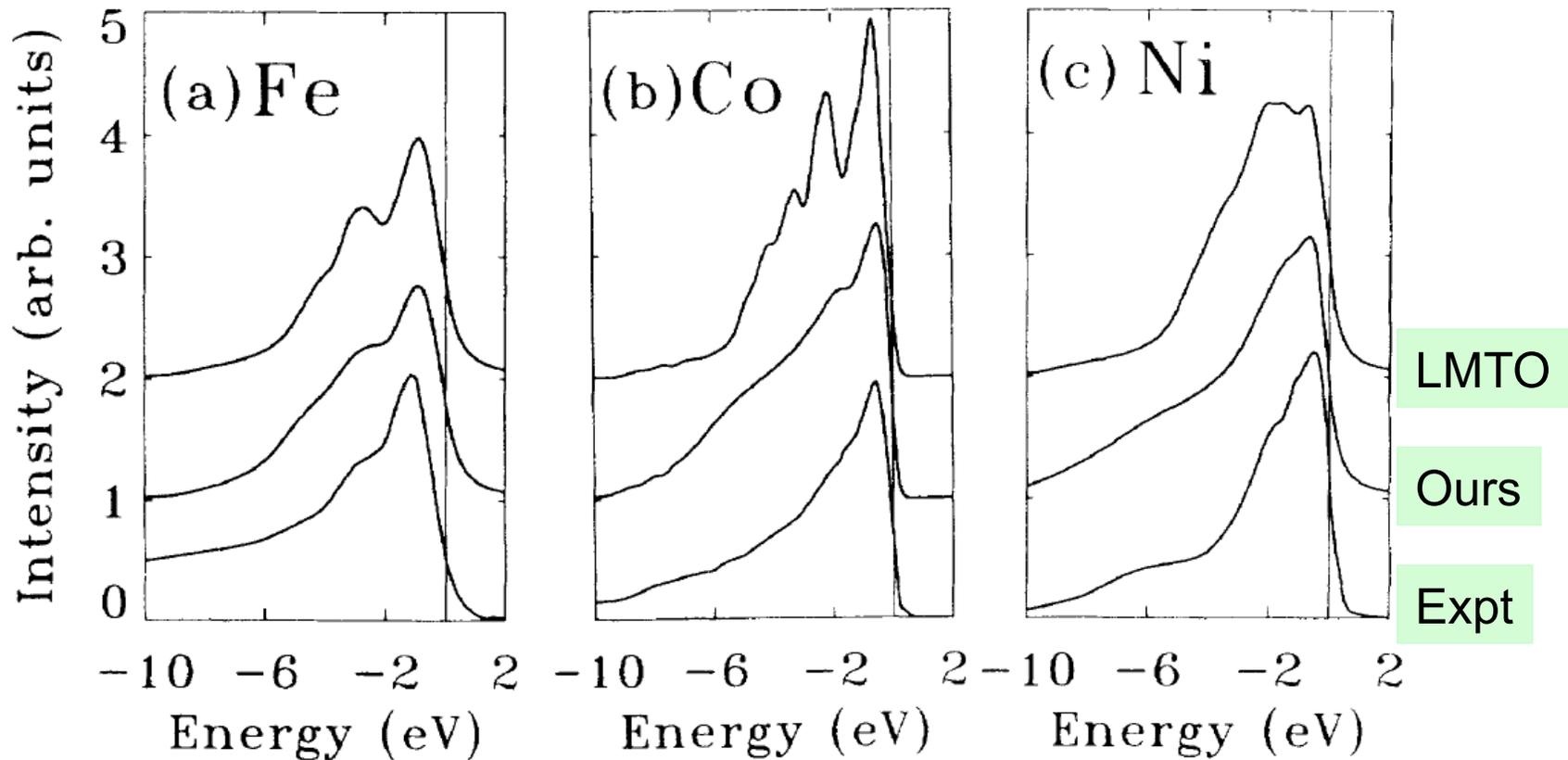


RMS magnetic moment on f site

## Strongly Correlated Electron System – II Ferromagnets

Steiner, Albers, Sham (1992) Fe, Co, Ni

LDA & U fluctuations



XPS satellites for occupied DOS (theory results broadened).  
Expt by Kirby, Kisker, King, Garwin (1985).

## Strongly Correlated Electron System – III Heavy Fermions

Steiner, Albers, Sham (1994)

LDA bands & second order U fluctuations

To explain the variation in specific mass of  $\text{UIr}_3$ ,  $\text{UPt}_3$ ,  $\text{UAu}_3$

mJ/K <sup>2</sup>	$\text{UIr}_3$	$\text{UPt}_3$	" $\text{UAu}_3$ "
$\gamma^{\text{expt}}$	19.5	452	260
$N^{\text{LDA}}(E_F)$	13.1	25.9	28.1
$\gamma^{(2)}$	17	475	243

Expt by Ott et al. (1987).

- The U and exchange effect of the localized electrons are essential. Dependence on the Hubbard U alone is insufficient.
- This theory expresses the varying contribution of Ir, Pt, Au.

## Extension of DFT in $[v(r), n(r)]$

L.-A. Wu, M. S. Sarandy, D. A. Lidar, and L. J. Sham (2006)

Spin Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \hat{F} + \int dr v(r)\hat{n}(r) \rightarrow \hat{H}_0 + \sum_l \lambda_l \hat{A}_l$

Micro Legendre Transformation:  $v(r) \rightarrow n(r)$

Generalization:  $\lambda_l \rightarrow a_l$

ground-state expectations of  $\hat{A}_l$   $a_l = \langle \hat{A}_l \rangle$

Condition: Local observables  $[\hat{A}_i, \hat{A}_k] = 0$

Some freedom to include interaction in the V term

$\hat{A}_i = \hat{B}_i \hat{B}_{i+k}$  is "local" for a fixed k for inter-site interaction

Quantum effects stem from non-commutative F and V

# Quantum Phase Transition

## Example

Transverse-field Ising model

$$H = -J \left( \sum_i \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \lambda \sum_i \sigma_i^z \right)$$

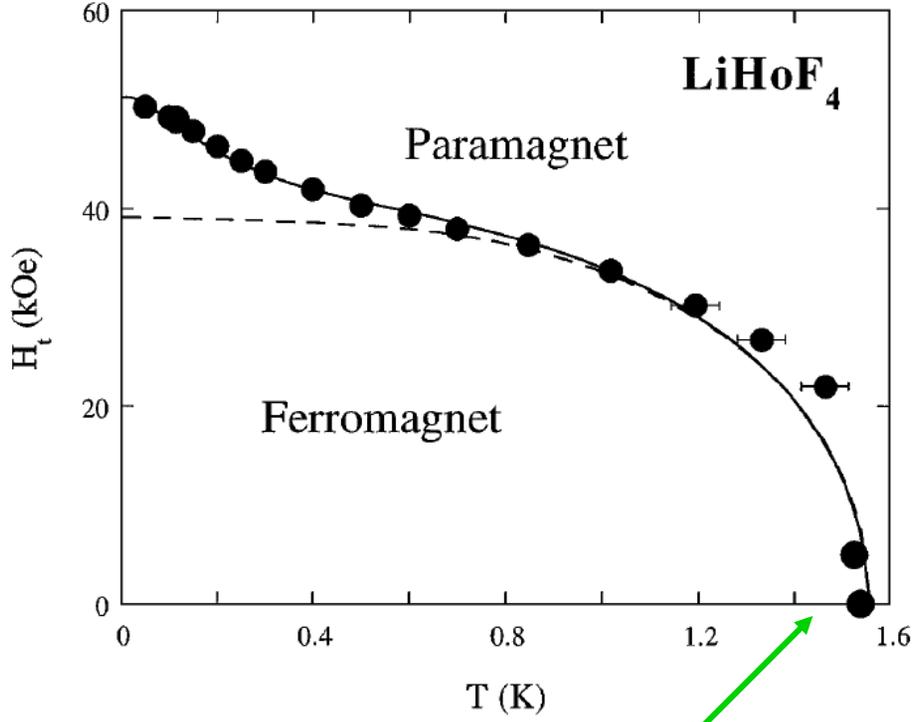
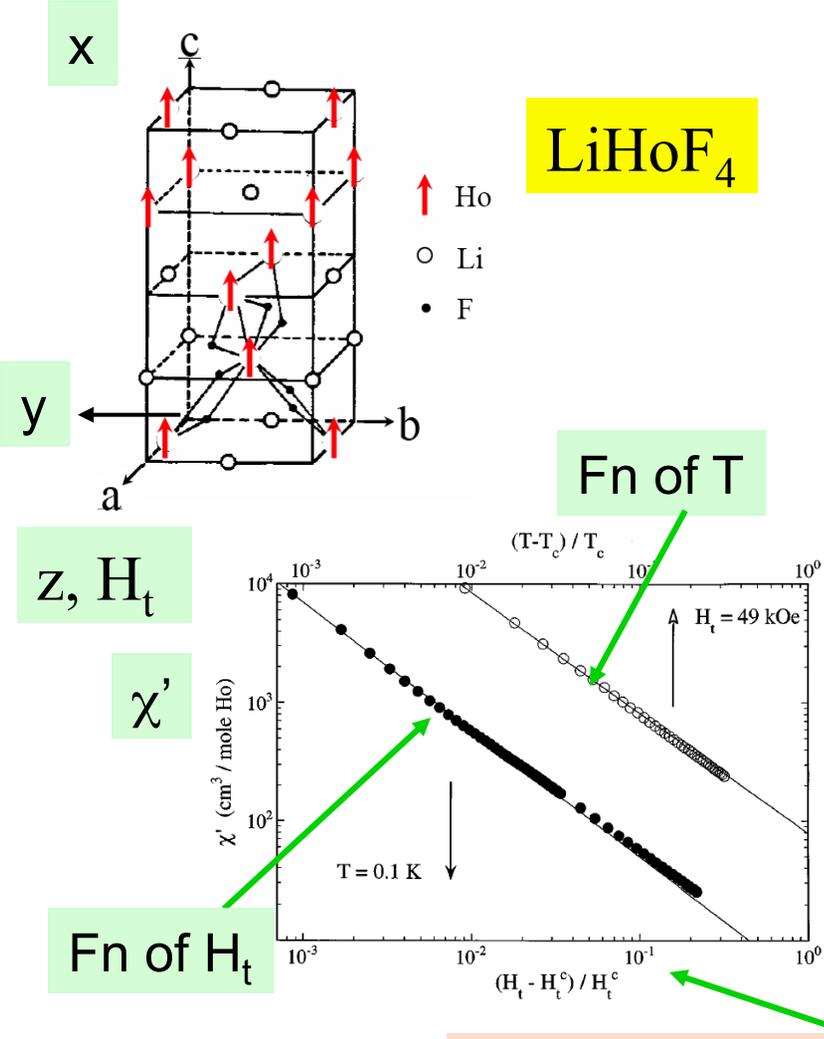
field parameter

Phase transformation as a function of  $\lambda$

Non-commutating terms in  $H$  make it quantum.

# An Example of Transverse-Field Ising Model + Dipolar

Bitko, Rosenbaum & Aeppli, PRL 77, 940 (1996)



Behavior mean-field like

Critical behavior from susceptibility meas

## DFT for Quantum Phase Transition

### To find the quantum critical point and scaling

Correlation length scaling with coupling,  $\xi \propto |\lambda - \lambda_c|^{-\nu}$

Entanglement is a pure quantum correlation.  
Use it instead of the mixed correlation.

DFT to compute entanglement content by  $a \rightarrow \lambda$ :

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda_l} = \langle \psi | \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda_l} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | \hat{A}_l | \psi \rangle = a_l$$

Entanglement measures by

- Reduced density matrix  $\rho_{ij}$
- Bipartite systems
- Extremely case of 1 spin against the rest

# DFT for Spin Systems

Valid “local” terms for V with larger scope including interaction

Transverse field Ising model

$$H = -J \left( \sum_i \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \lambda \sum_i \sigma_i^z \right)$$

XXZ

$$H(\Delta) = \sum_l [\sigma_l^x \sigma_{l+1}^x + \sigma_l^y \sigma_{l+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_l^z \sigma_{l+1}^z]$$

field parameter

XYX(z): non-Abelian V?

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [S_i^x S_j^x + \Delta S_i^y S_j^y + S_i^z S_j^z] - h \sum_i S_i^z$$

Infinite-ranged interaction

Hartree-Fock exact

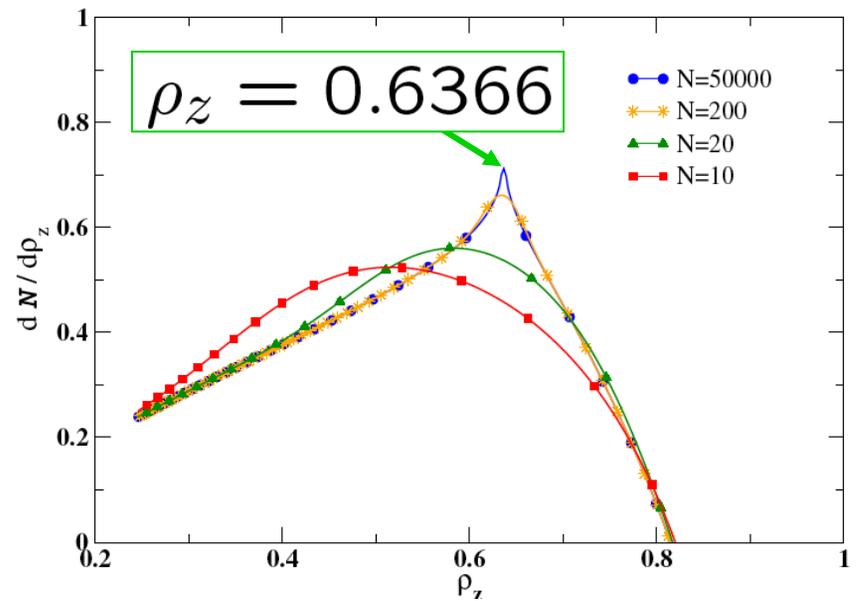
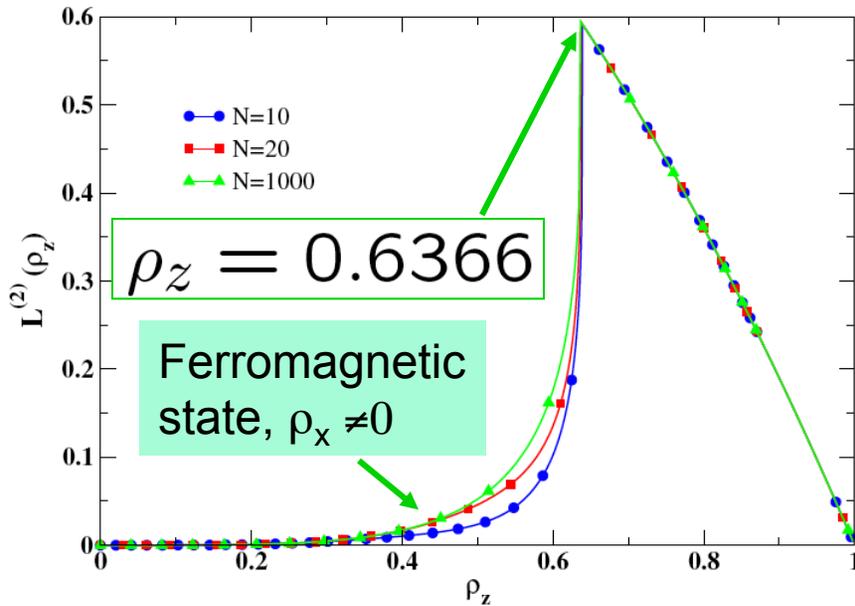
QPT of disordered systems

Spin liquid?

# Application of DFT to the Transverse-field Ising Model

Spin polarization as variable

$$\rho_z = \langle \psi | \sigma^z | \psi \rangle$$



Bipartite entanglement of one spin and the rest: Linear entropy

$$L_i^{(2)} = 1 - |\vec{\rho}_i|^2$$

Bloch vector

n.n. spins entanglement measure:

Negativity  $\mathcal{N}(\rho) \equiv \frac{\|\rho^{T_A}\|_1 - 1}{2}$

Sum of eigenvalue magnitudes

$$\langle i_A, j_B | \rho^{T_A} | k_A, \ell_B \rangle = \langle k_A, j_B | \rho | i_A, \ell_B \rangle$$

## Future for DFT – Blind guesses

- Technological applications
  - More ab initial computation of technologically important systems, cf. Giulia Gulli
  - Beyond simple models, to study functionalities and noise.
  - Macro-systems needed for quantum information processing.
- Adding real material features to the model spin systems
  - It might alter the resultant phenomena.
- Validation of theory and computation
  - More imaginative and wide ranging tests by experiments and/or numerical analysis
  - Blind tests a la DeCarlos E Taylor, et al.
- Big Data simulations and studies

**DFT – Find simple ways to solve complex systems**