Linear response and resonances in adiabatic time-dependent density functional theory

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Linear response

TDDFT

Resonances

Polarizability



Static response

Physical systems are characterized by their response properties

Mathematically: **perturbation theory** for $F(X, \varepsilon)$ around equilibrium

 $F(X_*,0)=0$

Equilibrium perturbation:

$$F(X(\varepsilon), \varepsilon) = 0.$$

Implicit function theorem:

$$X(\varepsilon) = X_* - \varepsilon (\partial_X F)^{-1} \partial_\varepsilon F + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

derivatives evaluated at $(X_*, 0)$.

- Expansion of observables to first order provide response coefficients (mechanical, electrical, thermal, magnetic, optical...)
- ▶ $\partial_X F$ also determines the mathematical structure (error control, sensitivity, convergence of numerical methods...)

Dynamical response Time-dependent:

$$\begin{split} \dot{X} &= F(X, \varepsilon f(t)), \quad X(0) = X_* \\ \dot{X} &\approx \frac{\partial_X F(X - X_*)}{\partial_z F} + \varepsilon f(t) \partial_\varepsilon F \end{split}$$

Duhamel formula: (Dyson/variation of constant/interaction picture/perturbation theory/...)

$$\begin{aligned} X(\varepsilon,t) &= X_* + \varepsilon \int_0^t \underbrace{e^{\partial_X F(t-t')}(\partial_\varepsilon F)}_{K(t-t')} f(t') dt' + O_t(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= X_* + \varepsilon (K * f)(t) + O_t(\varepsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

by extending K and f to zero for negative times (causal functions).

- ▶ For physically stable systems (eg damped oscillator), $e^{\partial_{\chi}Ft} \rightarrow 0$
 - Validity of linear response clear (O independent on time)
 - $\widehat{K}(\omega)$ well-defined (AC response)
- ▶ Quantum mechanics is purely oscillatory: $e^{\partial_X Ft}$ unitary
 - Validity of linear response much more subtle
 - K does not decay: $\widehat{K}(\omega)$?

Dynamical polarizability

Consider a single electron in a localized potential (e.g. hydrogen atom)

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= -rac{1}{2}\Delta + V \ \sigma(\mathcal{H}) &= \{\lambda_0,\lambda_1,\dots\} \cup \mathbb{R}^+ \end{aligned}$$

Start in ground state:

$$\psi(\mathsf{0})=\psi_\mathsf{0},\quad H\psi_\mathsf{0}=\lambda_\mathsf{0}\psi_\mathsf{0}$$

turn on a small dynamical electric field

$$i\partial_t\psi = H\psi + \varepsilon f(t)V_{\mathcal{P}}\psi$$

and observe the result

$$\langle V_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle(t) = \langle \psi(t), V_{\mathcal{O}} \psi(t) \rangle.$$

Eg dynamical polarizability

$$V_{\mathcal{O}} = x_{\alpha}, \quad V_{\mathcal{P}} = x_{\beta}$$

Directly observable experimentally by light absorption (dipole approximation)

Linear response theory

Duhamel:

$$\begin{split} i\partial_t \psi &= H\psi + \varepsilon f(t) V_{\mathcal{P}} \psi \\ \psi(t) &= e^{-iHt} \psi_0 - \varepsilon i \int_0^t U(t,t') f(t') V_{\mathcal{P}} e^{-iHt'} \psi_0 dt' \end{split}$$

and therefore linear response: (Kubo, Green-Kubo...)

$$\langle V_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle(t) = \langle \psi_0, V_{\mathcal{O}} \psi_0 \rangle + \varepsilon \int_0^\infty K(t - t') f(t') dt' + O_t(\varepsilon^2 \\ K(\tau) = -i\theta(\tau) \left\langle \underbrace{V_{\mathcal{O}} \psi_0, \underbrace{e^{-i(H - \lambda_0)\tau}}_{\text{propagate}} \underbrace{V_{\mathcal{P}} \psi_0}_{\text{perturb}} \right\rangle + \text{c.c.},$$

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ the Heaviside function

Response is dictated by correlations/fluctuations

 $K(\tau)$ and $\widehat{K}(\omega)$

$$K(\tau) = -i\theta(\tau) \left\langle V_{\mathcal{O}}\psi_0, e^{-i(H-\lambda_0)\tau} V_{\mathcal{P}}\psi_0 \right\rangle + \text{c.c.},$$

K does not decay, but Fourier transform defined in the distributional sense

 $K(\tau) = 0$ for $\tau < 0$: K is **causal**, Fourier transform can be computed as a limit:

$$\begin{split} \widehat{K}(\omega) &= \lim_{\eta \to 0^+} \int_0^\infty e^{i(\omega + i\eta)\tau} K(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \lim_{\eta \to 0^+} \left\langle \psi_0, V_{\mathcal{O}} \Big(\omega + i\eta - (H - \lambda_0) \Big)^{-1} V_{\mathcal{P}} \psi_0 \right\rangle \\ &- \left\langle \psi_0, V_{\mathcal{P}} \Big(\omega + i\eta + (H - \lambda_0) \Big)^{-1} V_{\mathcal{O}} \psi_0 \right\rangle, \end{split}$$

in the sense of distributions.

(unusual sign of Fourier transform, to match Schrödinger's e^{-iEt})

The response function

$$\widehat{K}(\omega) = \lim_{\eta \to 0^+} \left\langle \psi_0, V_{\mathcal{O}} \left(\omega + i\eta - (H - \lambda_0) \right)^{-1} V_{\mathcal{P}} \psi_0 \right\rangle$$
$$- \left\langle \psi_0, V_{\mathcal{P}} \left(\omega + i\eta + (H - \lambda_0) \right)^{-1} V_{\mathcal{O}} \psi_0 \right\rangle$$

At pole at each excitation energy λ_n − λ₀, with λ_n eigenvalues of H, n > 0
 Nothing at ω = 0 (transition ψ₀ → ψ₀ corresponds to a gauge mode ψ₀e^{-iα(t)})
 Plemelj formula

$$\lim_{\eta o 0^+} rac{1}{\omega + i\eta - \lambda} = ext{p.v.} rac{1}{\omega - \lambda} - i\pi \delta(\omega - \lambda)$$

When $\omega > -\lambda_0$, ${\rm Im}\widehat{\mathcal{K}}(\omega)$ is continuous: ionization cross-section



Several non-interacting electrons



Start with N eigenfunctions $\psi_1(0), \ldots, \psi_N(0)$ of H, and solve

- ▶ Pole at each transition energy $\lambda_a \lambda_i$, $i \leq N$, a > N
- ▶ Occupied-occupied transitions $\psi_i \rightarrow \psi_i$, $i, j' \leq N$ don't count (gauge modes)



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Electron interaction: Kohn-Sham density functional (DFT)

Quantum N-body problem intractable, replace with mean-field model.

Static problem (ground state)

$$\begin{split} H_{\rho}\psi_{n} &= \lambda_{n}\psi_{n}, \quad \langle\psi_{m},\psi_{n}\rangle = \delta_{mn} \\ H_{\rho} &= -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + V_{\text{nuclei}}(x) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3}} \frac{\rho(y)}{|x-y|} dy + v_{\text{xc}}[\rho](x) \\ \rho(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{N} |\psi_{n}(x)|^{2} \end{split}$$

- ► $v_{xc}[\rho]$ exchange-correlation potential, e.g. Local Density Approximation $v_{xc}[\rho](x) = v_{xc}(\rho(x))$
- Also admits a variational formulation

$$\min_{\langle \psi_m | \psi_n
angle = \delta_{mn}} E(\Psi)$$

with λ_n as Lagrange multipliers

• $E(\Psi R) = E(\Psi)$ if R is unitary: U(N) symmetry group of the equation

Assumptions

d = 3. Assumptions:

- 1. $V_{
 m nuclei}$ is $L^2 + L^\infty_{arepsilon}$
- 2. LDA, $v_{\mathrm{xc}}=e_{\mathrm{xc}}^\prime$, e_{xc} C^2 , $e_{\mathrm{xc}}(0)=e_{\mathrm{xc}}^\prime(0)=0$
- 3. There is $\Psi^0 \in (H^2)^N$, $\langle \psi^0_m | \psi^0_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$, non-degenerate local minimizer up to rotation, in the sense that, for all $\Psi \in (H^2)^N$ with $\langle \psi_m | \psi_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$,

$$E(\Psi) - E(\Psi^0) \ge \gamma \min_{R \in U(N)} \|\Psi - \Psi^0 R\|^2$$

(independent of Aufbau principle)

- Existence of (possibly degenerate) minimizer from [Anantharaman-Cancès '09] (under additional hypotheses on e_{xc})
- Restriction to particular model for the functional analysis, but method general:
 - Works for magnetic fields (does not use specific real structure)
 - Works for Hartree-Fock exchange (does not use the fact that H depends only on ρ, unlike Dyson methods)

The Stiefel manifold

$$\mathfrak{M}_{N} = \{ \Psi \in (L^{2})^{N}, \langle \psi_{m} | \psi_{n} \rangle = \delta_{mn} \}$$

Tangent space:



with S and A the set of Hermitian and skew-Hermitian matrices ($N = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}\psi$ and $i\mathbb{R}\psi$)

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for all $\Psi \in (H^2)^N \cap \mathfrak{M}_N$ implies that the hessian M of the energy is positive on $(\operatorname{Ran}(\Psi^0)^{\perp})^N$

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Well-posedness

Theorem (DLL '24)

Assume that f is continuous, and $V_{\mathcal{P}} \in H^2$. Then, for any T > 0, there is $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that, for all $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$,

$$J\partial_t\psi_n = H_\rho\psi_n + \varepsilon V_{\mathcal{P}}f(t)\psi_n, \quad \psi_n(0) = \psi_n^0$$

is well-posed in $(H^2(\mathbb{R}^3,\mathbb{C}))^N$ for times $\leq T$.

- Suboptimal both in regularity and in existence time, but sufficient to define and study linear response
- Strategy of proof: fixed-point in the Duhamel form of

$$J\partial_t u_n = (M_{\rm dyn}U)_n + \varepsilon f(t)V_{\mathcal{P}}\psi_n^0 + O(U^2 + \varepsilon U)$$

in H^2 .

Sufficient to study the linear equation

$$J\partial_t U = M_{\rm dyn} U$$

and prove bounds like

 $\|U(t)\|_{H^2} \leq C(t)\|U(0)\|_{H^2}$

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	Casida representation	Real/imaginary representation
$U+iV$ for $U,V\in (L^2(\mathbb{R}^3,\mathbb{C}))^N$	$igg(rac{U+iV}{U+iV}igg)\in (L^2(\mathbb{R}^3,\mathbb{C}))^{2N}$	$egin{pmatrix} U_{ m r}+iV_{ m r}\ U_{ m j}+iV_{ m j}\end{pmatrix}\in (L^2(\mathbb{R}^3,\mathbb{C}))^{2N}$
J	$\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$U \mapsto AU + B\overline{U}$	$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ \overline{B} & \overline{A} \end{pmatrix}$	$egin{array}{ccc} A_{\mathrm{r}}+B_{\mathrm{r}} & -A_{\mathrm{j}}+B_{\mathrm{j}} \ A_{\mathrm{j}}+B_{\mathrm{j}} & A_{\mathrm{r}}-B_{\mathrm{r}} \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$

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 $M_{
m dyn}$ \mathbb{C} -linear on $(L^2)^{2N}$

- Still not a Schrödinger structure, but now a Hamiltonian structure
- > Stability depends on positive definiteness of M_{dyn} (like in classical mechanics)
- ▶ If $M_{\rm dyn}$ is positive definite, then

$$e^{-JM_{
m dyn}t} = M_{
m dyn}^{-1/2} \, e^{-M_{
m dyn}^{1/2} \, J \, M_{
m dyn}^{1/2} t} \, M_{
m dyn}^{1/2}$$

with $M_{
m dyn}^{1/2}\,J\,M_{
m dyn}^{1/2}$ skew-adjoint

- M_{dyn} is not positive definite on L² (only on (Ran(Ψ⁰)[⊥])^N), but the non-positive-definite part is in (Ran(Ψ⁰))^N, finite-dimensional
- Conclude using standard functional analysis tools (norm equivalences, interpolation)

 $\|U(t)\|_{H^2} \leq C(t)\|U(0)\|_{H^2}$

with C polynomial (needed for distributional Fourier transforms)

Linear response

Refining the proof,

$$\begin{split} \rho(t) &= \rho_{\Psi^0(t) + \varepsilon U(t)} = \rho_0 + \varepsilon \int_0^t \chi(t - t') V_P f(t') dt' + O_t(\varepsilon^2) \\ \chi(t) V_P &= -\theta(t) \frac{d\rho}{d\Psi} \left(e^{-tJM} J(1 - P_0) V_P \Psi^0 \right) \end{split}$$

with P_0 projector on $(\text{Ran}(\Psi^0))$, and $M = (1 - P_0)M_{\text{dyn}}(1 - P_0)$. Frequency response:

$$\hat{\chi}(\omega)V_P = \lim_{\eta \to 0^+} - \frac{d\rho}{d\Psi} \left(\frac{1}{M + i(\omega + i\eta)J} (1 - P_0)V_P \Psi^0 \right).$$

Excitation energies are poles of $(M + i(\omega + i\eta)J)^{-1}$ (spectrum of -JM)

Back to independent electrons

$$\hat{\chi}(\omega)V_P = \lim_{\eta \to 0^+} -rac{d
ho}{d\Psi} \left(rac{1}{M + i(\omega + i\eta)J} (1 - P_0)V_P \Psi^0
ight).$$

When independent electrons, in the Casida representation,

$$J \stackrel{\text{Casida}}{\simeq} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0\\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad M \stackrel{\text{Casida}}{\simeq} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega & 0\\ 0 & \Omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\Omega U)_n = H_{\rho_0} u_n - \lambda_n u_n$$



Accuracy of TDDFT



Absorption spectrum of benzene (C6H6)and chlorophyll (C55H72O5N4Mg), D. Rocca '07; Solid Argon, F. Sottile et al (2007)



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- $\blacktriangleright \ \lambda_{2p} \lambda_{1s} = \lambda_{\text{scatt}} \lambda_{2s}, \ \lambda_{\text{scatt}} > 0$
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Fermi's golden rule: example

Generically, eigenvalue embedded in continuous spectrum turn into resonances upon perturbation: Feshbach resonances (\neq shape resonances)





- ▶ The bound state at $\varepsilon = 0$ pumps energy to the propagating waves through resonant coupling
- Mathematically nontrivial phenomenon, derivations in the physical literature often "incomplete"
- ▶ In time, exponential decay of $\langle \psi_0 | e^{-iHt} | \psi_0 \rangle$ in a special regime (Davies, Orth, Sofer-Weinstein, . . .)
- ▶ In frequency, pole in the analytic continuation of the resolvent (Simon, ...)

Fermi's golden rule: assumptions

Let $H = H_0 + \varepsilon H_1$, H_0 with simple eigenvalue at E_0 :

$$H_0 = E_0 |\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0| + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lambda dP_{\lambda}.$$

Assume there is $X \subset \mathcal{H}$ sub-Hilbert such that

$$dP_{\lambda} = p(\lambda)d\lambda$$

near E_0 , with $p(\lambda)$ analytic from X to X^{*}. Also assume $\psi_0 \in X$, H_1 bounded from \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{H} and from X to X^{*}

Exemple: X = exponentially localized functions, H_0 local perturbation of Laplacian, H_1 multiplication by exponentially localized function

Fermi's golden rule: result

Theorem (Classical)

1. The Green function

$${\it G}(z)=\langle\psi_0|rac{1}{z-({\it H}_0+arepsilon{\it H}_1)}|\psi_0
angle$$

defined for Im(z) > 0 extends to a meromorphic function near E_0 for ε small enough, and has a simple pole at $E(\varepsilon) = E_0 + \varepsilon \langle \psi_0 | H_1 | \psi_0 \rangle + \varepsilon^2 \Delta E + O(\varepsilon^3)$, with

$$\Delta E = \text{p.v.} \int \frac{\langle \psi_0 | H_1 p_\lambda H_1 | \psi_0 \rangle}{E_0 - \lambda} d\lambda - \frac{i}{\pi} |\langle \psi_0 | H_1 p_{E_0} H_1 | \psi_0 \rangle|^2$$

2. The time evolution satisfies

$$\langle \psi_0 | e^{-i(H_0 + \varepsilon H_1)t} \psi_0
angle = e^{-iE(\varepsilon)t} + o_{\mathrm{unif}}(1)$$

Proof: 1 by Schur complement, 2 by 1 +spectral concentration

Many applications and extensions

Fermi's golden rule: interpretation

Resonance = long-lived unbound state, with decay rate (to second order)

 $\Gamma = \pi |\langle \psi_0 | H_1 p_{E_0} H_1 | \psi_0 \rangle|^2$

In physics literature:

$$\Gamma = \pi |\langle \psi_0 | H_1 | \psi_f \rangle|^2 D(E_0)$$

with ψ_f the "final states", and $D(E_0)$ the density of such states at energy E_0

Correct upon proper interpretation (normalization of continuum eigenstates, average over all possible eigenstates):

$$p(E_0) = \int dk \delta(\lambda(k) - E_0) |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k| = \underbrace{\int_{\lambda(k) = E_0} dk \frac{1}{|\nabla \lambda(k)|}}_{D(E_0)} |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k|$$

with $\langle \psi_k | \psi_{k'}
angle = \delta(k-k')$ (in the sense of distributions)

Application to TDDFT

$$\begin{split} \hat{\chi}(\omega) V_{P} &= \lim_{\eta \to 0^{+}} -\frac{d\rho}{d\Psi} \left(\frac{1}{M + i(\omega + i\eta)J} (1 - P_{0}) V_{P} \Psi^{0} \right). \\ & J \stackrel{\text{Casida}}{\simeq} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0\\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \\ & M \stackrel{\text{Casida}}{\simeq} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega & 0\\ 0 & \Omega \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{dH}{d\rho} \frac{d\rho}{d\Psi} \cdot \right) \Psi^{0}}_{K} \\ & (\Omega U)_{n} &= H_{\rho_{0}} u_{n} - \lambda_{n} u_{n} \end{split}$$

Assume

- 1. There is a simple transition $\lambda_{a_0} \lambda_{i_0}$ at the same energy as a ionization $\lambda_{\text{scatt}} \lambda_{j_0}$, $i_0, j_0 \leq N$, λ_{a_0} eigenvalue, $a_0 > N$, $\lambda_{\text{scatt}} > 0$
- 2. Total (Kohn-Sham potential) is exponentially localized (eg atoms)

Resonances in TDDFT

Theorem (DLL '14)

 $\hat{\chi}(z)$ admits an analytic continuation in a neighborhood of $\lambda_{a_0} - \lambda_{i_0}$. If ||K|| is small enough, it has a simple pole at distance $O(||K||^2)$ of $\lambda_{a_0} - \lambda_{i_0}$ with a non-positive imaginary part given by a Fermi golden rule expression.

(in the appropriate topologies)

Ideas of the proof:

- X: exponentially localized functions
- Need to continue (essentially) the resolvent of

$$M = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2}\Delta + \text{shift}}_{M_0} + \underbrace{V + K}_{M_1}$$

▶ Resolvent of M_0 extends analytically as a delocalizing operator (from X to X^*)

• V and the electron-electron interaction part $K = \left(\frac{dH}{d\rho} \frac{d\rho}{d\Psi} \cdot\right) \Psi^0$ localize (map X* to X)

$$(z - M)^{-1} = (z - M_0)^{-1}(1 - M_1(z - M_0)^{-1})^{-1}$$

and $1 - M_1(z - M_0)^{-1}$ Fredholm on X

Extensions, perspectives

Numerics

- What happens in a finite basis [Dupuy-Levitt '21]
- ▶ How to compute resonances [Toulouse et. al. '22, Duchemin-Levitt '23]
- Periodic background [Duchemin et al. '22]
- Non-perturbative dynamics
- ► Resonance structure instance of a general notion of effective dynamics of x' = (A + εB)x with x(0) ∈ Null(A)
- Coulomb interaction (hybrids)