

From infinite dimensions to real materials

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Outline

- Electronic correlations
- From materials to models
- Interacting many-particle systems
 - Mean-field theories
 - Infinite dimensions
 - Hubbard model
- Dynamical mean-field theory (DMFT)
- Application of DMFT: From models back to materials





Correlations



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Correlation [lat.] (*with* + *relation*): mutual relation, interdependence

Temporal/spatial correlations in every-day life



correlated classical many-body system

Correlations in physics:

$$\langle AB \rangle \neq \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle$$

e.g., densities: $\langle n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r'}) \rangle \neq \langle n(\mathbf{r}) \rangle \langle n(\mathbf{r'}) \rangle = n^2$

$$\underbrace{\left\langle n_{i}n_{j}\right\rangle - \left\langle n_{i}\right\rangle \left\langle n_{j}\right\rangle}_{i}$$

quantifies correlations

Def. of electronic correlations (I): Effects beyond a factorization (Hartree-Fock) approximation

The Fermi gas $\psi(1,...,N) = \mathcal{A}\prod_{i=1}^{N} \psi_{v_i}(i)$ is "uncorrelated" by definition, although it is spatially correlated due to Fermi statistics ("exchange hole")

Electronic Correlations in Solids

Orbital overlap vs. energy bands

	<u>Energy</u>	<u>Character</u>	Example	<u>Property</u>
	Degenerate atomic levels, flat bands	Spatially localized electrons: $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{i}\sigma}$	NaCl, solid H, frustrated/ pyrochlore lattices	<mark>(correlated)</mark> Insulators
No overlap				
Weak overlap	Narrow bands	$n_{\mathbf{i}\sigma} \leftrightarrow n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$	Transition + rare earth elements (Fe, Ce, V ₂ O ₃)	Corre- lated electron systems
$\land \land \land$	Broad	Extended		Cimerto
	bands	waves: $n_{{f k}\sigma}$	Na, Al	metals

Strong overlap

Narrow band systems : $|E_{kin}| < E_{int}$ Interaction + Pauli principle \longrightarrow correlations + magnetism become important

Correlated electron materials

Periodic Table of the Elements



Electronic Correlation Phenomena



Weiss, Forrer (1926)

Exp.: Weiss, Forrer (1926) Theory: Kouvel, Fisher (1964)

Typical for localized moments Incompatible? Curie-Weiss behavior for mobile electrons

Why do mobile electrons order ferromagnetically?

2. Mott metal-insulator transitions







Why does a metal-insulator transition occur?

PI ← → PM: 1. order transition without lattice symmetry change

3. Photoemission spectra of Ni



Unusual properties of correlated electron materials

- huge resistivity changes
- gigantic volume anomalies
- colossal magnetoresistance
- high-T_c superconductivity
- correlated metallic behavior at interfaces of insulators, ...

With potential for technological applications:

- sensors, switches
- spintronics
- thermoelectrics
- high-T_c superconductor devices
- functional materials: oxide heterostructures, ...
 - How to *explain* these properties?
 - Theoretical framework needed!

Realistic theoretical investigations of materials



material

simplification needed



The art of modeling: Reduction (idealization + abstraction) From materials to models: Ferromagnetism How to explain ferromagnetism in 3*d* transition metals?

Weiss model of magnetic domains (1906)



Alignment of "elementary magnets" in each domain due to a "molecular field" (Weiss mean field)

Microscopic origin?

How to explain ferromagnetism in 3*d* transition metals?

Ising model (1925)



Exact solution in d=1: no order (also in d=3?!)

But: Magnetism is a quantum effect Bohr (1911), van Leeuwen (1919)

How to explain ferromagnetism in 3*d* transition metals?

Heisenberg model (1928)

Zur Theorie des Ferromagnetismus.

Von W. Heisenberg in Leipzig.

Mit 1 Abbildung. (Eingegangen am 20. Mai 1928.)

Die Weissschen Molekularkräfte werden zurückgeführt auf ein quantenmechanisches Austauschphänomen; und zwar handelt es sich um diejenigen Austauschvorgänge, die in letzter Zeit von Heitler und London mit Erfolg zur Deutung der homöopolaren Valenzkräfte herangezogen worden sind.

Z. Physik 49, 619 (1928)

$$egin{aligned} H_{ ext{Heis}} &= -J\sum_{\langle i,j
angle} ec{S_i}\cdotec{S_j} \ &= -J\sum_{\langle i,j
angle} \left(S_i^xS_j^x+S_i^yS_j^y+S_i^zS_j^z
ight) \end{aligned}$$

Quantum-mechanical exchange processes \rightarrow Weiss molecular field



But: Electrons are mobile

Bloch (1929)

→ need to include their kinetic energy + Coulomb interaction

1929

Next step: Hubbard model ??

Not for another 34 years!

Investigation of many-particle problems required development of

1) mathematical techniques

- field-theoretic/ diagrammatic methods
- Green functions, etc.

2) physical concepts

- multiple scattering
- screening of the long-range Coulomb interaction
- quasiparticles and Fermi liquid theory
- electron-phonon coupling
- superconductivity
- metal-insulator transitions
- disorder
- super-exchange, etc.

Elementary ("bare") particles + fundamental interactions

particles
$$N \rightarrow \infty$$



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Elementary ("bare") particles + fundamental interactions

$$\oint \# \text{ particles } N \to \infty$$

effective ("quasi") particles + effective interactions



Switch on repulsive interaction \rightarrow unsolvable many-body problem



"Standard model of condensed matter physics"

Simple metals

"Heavy Fermion systems"

Steglich et al. (1979)

60

T² (K²)

CeCu₂Si₂, UBe₁₃

20

40

80

100

120

Stewart et al.

(1983)



Result of elementary excitations (quasiparticles)

Beginning of the 1960s

1) Two major unsolved intermediate coupling problems in solid state physics:

- Ferromagnetism in *3d* transition metals
- Mott metal-insulator transition

No many-body models for extended systems available

2) Independent, parallel development: Localized magnetic states in metals Exp.: Matthias *et al.* (1960) Theory: Anderson (1961) Kondo (1964)

Hubbard model 1963 t

to explain ferromagnetism in transition metals

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EFFECT OF CORRELATION ON THE FERROMAGNETISM OF TRANSITION METALS

Martin C. Gutzwiller

Research Laboratory Zurich, International Business Machines Corporation, Rüschlikon ZH, Switzerland (Received 27 September 1962)

Source: Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Series A, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Vol. 276, No. 1365 (Nov. 26, 1963), pp. 238-257

Electron correlations in narrow energy bands

By J. HUBBARD

Theoretical Physics Division, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Didcot, Berks

(Communicated by B. H. Flowers, F.R.S.-Received 23 April 1963)

Progress of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 30, No. 3, September 1963

Electron Correlation and Ferromagnetism of Transition Metals

Junjiro KANAMORI

Department of Physics Osaka University, Osaka

(Received May 14, 1963)

Hubbard model

- tight binding
- strong screening: local interaction
- no classical analogue



Gutzwiller (1963) Hubbard (1963) Kanamori (1963)

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \rangle, \sigma} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\sigma} c_{\mathbf{j}\sigma} + U \sum_{\mathbf{i}} n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}$$



Hubbard model: Far from obvious!

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Gutzwiller (1963) Hubbard (1963) Kanamori (1963)

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\mathbf{k}} n_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + \boldsymbol{U} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}$$

Diagonal in momentum space (waves) Diagonal in position space (particles)

- How to solve?
- At least: find good approximation
- Does it describe ferromagnetism?

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

Reliable approximation scheme (mean-field theory) for the Hubbard model

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How to construct a mean-field theory?

Mean-Field Theory (MFT)

1. Construction by factorization



mean field	

Ising model

$$H = -\frac{1}{2}J\sum_{\langle \mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{R}_j \rangle} S_i S_j = \sum_{\mathbf{R}_i} h_i S_i$$

$$h_i = -J\sum_{\substack{\boldsymbol{R}_j\\ \text{local (fluctuating) field}}}^{(i)} S_j$$



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 $\langle h_i \rangle$: Global ("molecular") static field $h_{\mathrm{MF}} = \langle h_i \rangle \equiv -JZ \langle S_i \rangle$

Factorization \rightarrow Weiss MFT

$$H^{\rm MF} = h_{\rm MF} \sum_{\boldsymbol{R}_i} S_i + E_{\rm shift}$$

Effective single-site problem

2. Construction by exaggeration

Spin S Degeneracy N Range of interaction, density Brout (1960) Spatial dimension d or coordination number Z Fisher, Gaunt (1964)
Hypercubic lattices: Coordination number Z=2d

Dimension d=3





Body-centered cubic lattice

Dimension d=3





Face-centered cubic lattice

Dimension d=3



 $\xrightarrow{d,Z\to\infty}$ simplifications ?

Mean-Field Theory

Spin model (Ising)



fcc-lattice (d=3): Z=12



$$J \rightarrow \frac{J^*}{Z}$$
, $J^* = \text{const}$ "Classical scaling"

Effective static single-site (single-spin) problem

Mean-Field Theory

Electronic model (Hubbard)

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \rangle, \sigma} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\sigma} c_{\mathbf{j}\sigma} + U \sum_{\mathbf{i}} n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}$$



Purely local interaction: independent of *d*,*Z*



$$\left\langle n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow}^{}n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}^{}\right
angle \neq \left\langle n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow}^{}\right
angle \left\langle n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}^{}\right
angle$$

Static (Hartree-Fock-type) mean-field theories do not become exact in $d \rightarrow \infty$

 $d, Z \rightarrow \infty$

• MFT ?

what simplifications ?

MFT will be very different from Weiss/Hartree

Metzner, DV (1989)



Amplitude for hopping $j \rightarrow NN i \Big|^2 \propto$ Probability for hopping from $j \rightarrow NN i = \frac{1}{7}$

Actual history:

- Discussion of the Gutzwiller variational approach
- Exact, analytic calculation of expectation values in d=1
- Great simplifications observed numerically in $d \rightarrow \infty$
 - ightarrow Diagrammatic derivation of the Gutzwiller approximation in d $ightarrow \infty$

DV (1984)

Metzner, DV (1987) Metzner, DV (1988)

Metzner, DV (1989)

Alternative derivation of the scaling of t in k-space

 \rightarrow Dispersion for a hypercubic lattice (Z=2d)

 \rightarrow Lecture by M. Kollar

Metzner, DV (1989)



 \rightarrow Collapse of irreducible diagrams in position space

Example (2. order perturbation theory):



→ great simplifications in diagrammatic perturbation theory
 → diagrams can be summed to infinite order

Müller-Hartmann (1989), Janiš (1991)

Most important quantities (local):
$$G_{ii}(\omega) \equiv G(\omega), \quad \Sigma_{ii}(\omega) \equiv \Sigma(\omega)$$

Dynamical, but mean-field in position space



free electrons in a dynamic potential $\Sigma(\omega)$ (mean field)

Dynamical Mean-Field Theory (DMFT) for Correlated Electrons

Metzner, DV (1989) $H = -\frac{t^*}{\sqrt{Z}} \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i} \rangle, \sigma} c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{i}\sigma} c_{\mathbf{j}\sigma} + U \sum_{\mathbf{i}} n_{\mathbf{i}\uparrow} n_{\mathbf{i}\downarrow}$ Quantum scaling *d*=3, *Z*=12 d or $Z \rightarrow \infty$ dynamical mean field $\Sigma(\omega)$ Effective dynamical single-site problem Müller-Hartmann (1989); Brandt, Mielsch (1989)



Janiš (1991): Generalization of *coherent potential approximation* Georges, Kotliar (1992), Jarrell (1992):

Self-consistent *single-impurity* Anderson model

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Excursion: Single-impurity Anderson model



Useful physical *interpretation*:

Hubbard model $\xrightarrow{d \to \infty}$ single-impurity Anderson model + self-consistency condition



Kotliar, DV (2004)

Fully dynamical, but mean-field in position space

"Dynamical Mean-Field Theory (DMFT)"

DMFT self-consistency equations

T>0 In Matsubara frequencies

self-energy $\Sigma_{\sigma n} \equiv \Sigma_{\sigma}(i\omega_n)$ Green function $G_{\sigma n} \equiv G_{\sigma}(i\omega_n)$

lattice structure

Coherent-state path-integral formulation

Fermionic operator $\hat{c} \rightarrow$ Grassmann variable ψ

Thermal average

Partition function

$$\langle \hat{C}
angle_{\mathcal{A}} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int \mathcal{D}[\psi] \, \mathcal{D}[\psi^*] \, C[\psi, \psi^*] \, \mathrm{e}^{\mathcal{A}[\psi, \psi^*, \mathcal{G}]}$$

 $\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}[\psi] \, \mathcal{D}[\psi^*] \, \mathrm{e}^{\mathcal{A}[\psi, \psi^*, \mathcal{G}]}$

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Single-site ("impurity") action

DMFT self-consistency cycle



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Impurity solver

Semi-analytical approximations:

IPT NCA Hubbard I

Numerical:

CT-QMC ED Lanczos NRG DMRG

 \rightarrow Lectures by F. Assaad, E. Koch, H. G. Evertz

Application of DMFT: 1. Mott-Hubbard metal-insulator transition

Mott-Hubbard metal-insulator transition



Intermediate-coupling problem

DMFT: Metal-insulator transition in the one-band Hubbard model

Paramagnetic solution



Application of DMFT: 2. From models back to materials

Non-perturbative approximation schemes for real materials



DFT/LDA, GGA

- + material specific
- + fast code packages
- fails for strong correlations



\rightarrow Lecture by O. K. Andersen









time-averaged electron density

lattice potential



Computational scheme for correlated electron materials:

Material specific electronic structure (Density functional theory: LDA, GGA, ...) or GW

> Local electronic correlations (Many-body theory: DMFT)



 \rightarrow Lecture by E. Pavarini

Anisimov, Poteryaev, Korotin, Anokhin, Kotliar (1997) Lichtenstein, Katsnelson (1998) Nekrasov, Held, Blümer, Poteryaev, Anisimov, DV (2000) Computational scheme for correlated electron materials:

Material specific electronic structure (Density functional theory: LDA, GGA, ...) or GW

> Local electronic correlations (Many-body theory: DMFT)

> > X+DMFT X= DFT (LDA, GGA); GW, ...

Solve self-consistently with an impurity solver

Charge self-consistency \rightarrow Lecture by F. Lechermann



Held, Nekrasov, Keller, Eyert, Blümer, McMahan, Scalettar, Pruschke, Anisimov, DV (Psi-k, 2003)

LDA+U: No correlations, but often good results for long-range ordered states





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Goal: Dynamical mean-field approach with predictive power for strongly correlated materials



http://www.physik.uni-augsburg.de/for1346/

Dynamical mean-field theory



Definition of electronic correlations (II): transfer of spectral weight due to $\operatorname{Pe}\Sigma(\alpha)$

- transfer of spectral weight due to $\operatorname{Re}\Sigma(\omega)$
- finite lifetime of excitations due to $\text{Im}\Sigma(\omega)$

Experimentally testable (PES, ARPES, ...)

 \rightarrow Lecture by H. Tjeng

Contact with experiment via

Spectral function in DMFT

k-integrated spectral function \rightarrow PES

$$A(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{G}(\omega)$$

→ ARPES $G(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = [\omega - \Sigma(\omega) - \mathbf{H}_{LDA}^{0}(\mathbf{k})]^{-1}$

$$A(\mathbf{k},\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} Tr \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{k},\omega)$$

1. Application of DFT+DMFT

(Sr,Ca)VO₃: 3d1 system

Electronic structure

Crystal structure

SrVO₃: $\angle V - O - V = 180^{\circ}$



orthorhombic distortion \downarrow CaVO₃: $\angle V - O - V \approx 162^{\circ}$ e_{g} $3d^{1}$ Cubic sxystal field f_{2g} $d_{xz} = Y$ $d_{yz} = X$



No correlation effects/spectral transfer

LDA+DMFT for (Sr,Ca)VO₃: Comparison with experiment

Osaka - Augsburg - Ekaterinburg collaboration (2004, 2005)

(i) bulk-sensitive high-resolution photoemission spectra (PES)
 → occupied states
 (ii) 1s x-ray absorption spectra (XAS)
 → unoccupied states

SrVO₃, LDA+DMFT(QMC) SrVO3, LDA+DMFT(QMC) Intensity (arbitrary units) CaVO₃, LDA+DMFT(QMC) CaVO₃, LDA+DMFT(QMC) SrVO₃ (Sekiyama et al.) SrVO₃ (Inoue et al.) CaVO₃ (Sekiyama et al.) Ca_{0.9}Sr_{0.1}VO₃ (Inoue et al.) -2 2 3 3-peak structure Energy (eV) Energy (eV) detected

2. Application of DFT+DMFT

Elemental Fe

Periodic Table of the Elements



Narrow d, f-bands \longrightarrow electronic correlations



Origin of metallic ferromagnetism?

DMFT: Ferromagnetism in the one-band Hubbard model

Generalized fcc lattice ($Z \rightarrow \infty$)



Intermediate-coupling problem

DMFT: Ferromagnetism in the one-band Hubbard model

Generalized fcc lattice ($Z \rightarrow \infty$)



Microscopic origin of exchange interactions in Fe

Eriksson collaboration (2016)
Until recently: DFT+DMFT investigations of correlated materials for given lattice structure



- How do electrons + ions influence each other ?
- Which lattice structure is stabilized ?



DFT/GGA: Paramagnetic α -phase unstable

Why is the paramagnetic α-phase stable?
How to compute T_{struct}?

GGA+DMFT: Electronic correlations (local repulsion)

- increase unit cell volume \rightarrow correct density & compressibility
- stabilize paramagnetic α -phase $\rightarrow T_{struct} > T_{c}$

Leonov, Poteryaev, Anisimov, DV (2011)

Lattice dynamics of paramagnetic α -Fe



Non-magnetic GGA phonon dispersion



1. Brillouin zone



Lattice dynamics of paramagnetic α -Fe

- phonon frequencies calculated with frozen-phonon method
- harmonic approximation



GGA+DMFT phonon dispersion at 1.2 T_{c} $(\xi 0 0)$ 50 frozen phns (T~1.2 T_c) Phonon energy (meV) BvK (nn=5) exp (T=1173 K) 40 30 20 10 0 н P N **Experiment:** Neuhaus, Petry, Krimmel (1997)

Calculated:

- equilibrium lattice constant $(a_{exp} \sim 2.897 \text{ Å})$ *a*~2.883 Å
- Debye temperature ⊙~458 K

Theory:

Leonov, Poteryaev, Anisimov, DV (2012)

Further applications of DFT+DMFT to Fe





Application of DMFT: Need for improved realism

• Beyond single-site DMFT

→ Lectures by M. Potthoff, H. Hafermann, T. Maier, K. Held

• Correlated electrons in non-equilibrium

 \rightarrow Lecture by M. Eckstein



Wide field of applications for DMFT based techniques











