

Regularized Multi-Reference Energy Density Functional Calculations

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- GCM: coherent superposition of HF(B) states

$$|\text{MR}_\mu\rangle = \sum_q f_\mu(q) |\text{SR}_q\rangle$$

$$E_\mu = \langle \text{MR}_\mu | \hat{H} | \text{MR}_\mu \rangle = \frac{\sum_{q,q'} f_\mu^*(q) \langle \text{SR}_q | \hat{H} | \text{SR}_{q'} \rangle f_\mu(q')}{\sum_{q'',q'''} f_\mu^*(q'') \langle \text{SR}_{q''} | \text{SR}_{q'''} \rangle f_\mu(q''')}$$

weights $f_\mu(q)$ determined by variation

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Projection is a special case of GCM, where degenerate states that differ in orientation are mixed and the symmetry group determines (most of) the weight function.

How to calculate GCM kernels: Generalized Wick theorem

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is obtained for a one-body operator as

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True contact force $t_0 (1 + x_0 \hat{P}^\sigma) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$

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(see Perlinska *et al.* PRC 69 (2004) 014316 for definition of $\check{\mathbf{s}}_0(\mathbf{r})$ and $\check{\rho}_1(\mathbf{r})$)

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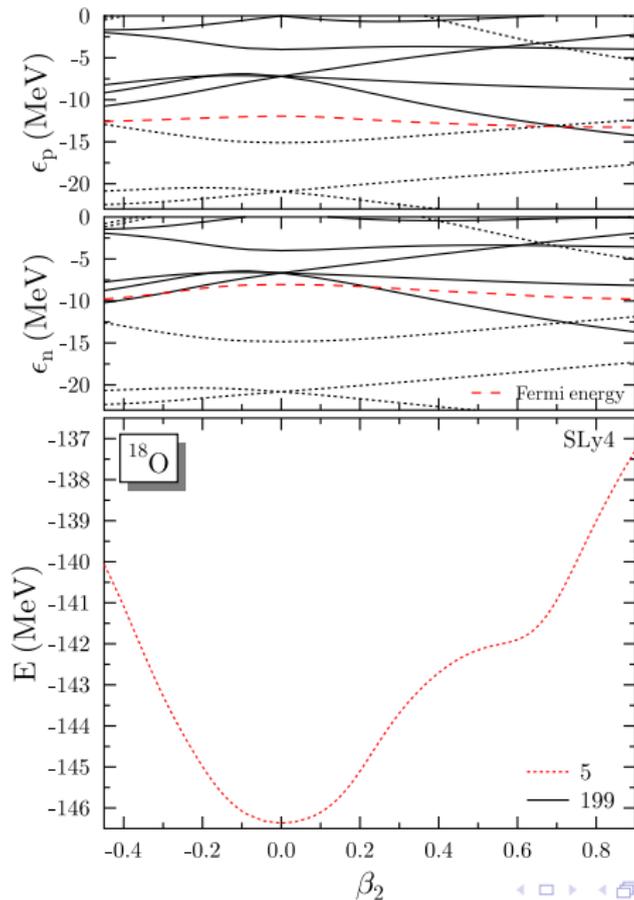
Coulomb interaction $\frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} \iint d^3 r d^3 r' \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \left[\rho_p(\mathbf{r}) \rho_p(\mathbf{r}') - \rho_p(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \rho_p(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}) + \kappa_p^*(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \kappa_p(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \right]$$

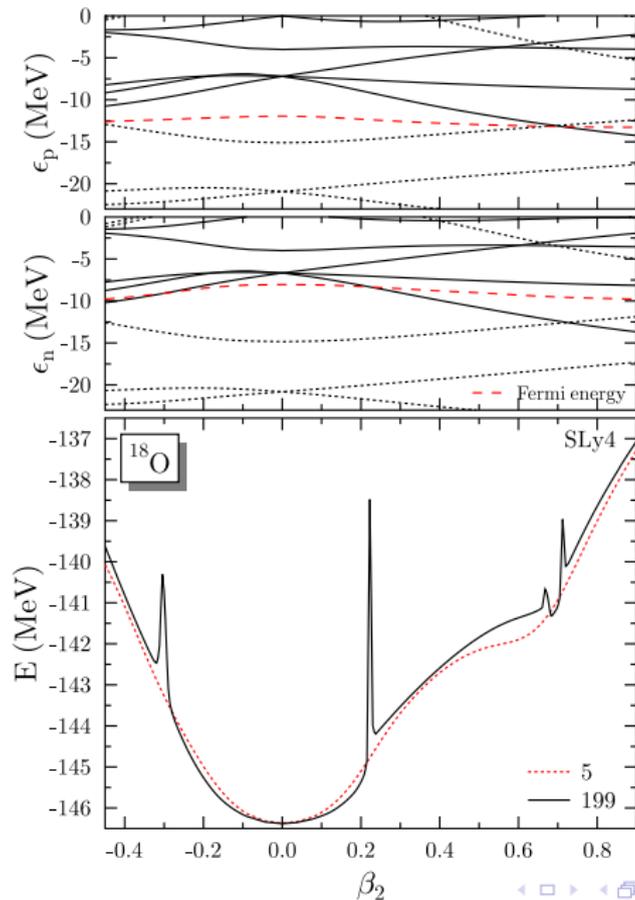
Approximate Coulomb functionals

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{e^2}{2} \iint d^3 r d^3 r' \frac{\rho_p(\mathbf{r}) \rho_p(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} - \frac{3e^2}{4} \left(\frac{3}{\pi} \right)^{1/3} \int d^3 r \rho_p^{4/3}(\mathbf{r})$$

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Bilinear toy energy density functional

Start with the single-reference energy density functional (all density matrices determined by the state $|q\rangle$)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}[\rho^{qq}, \kappa^{qq}, \kappa^{qq*}] &= \mathcal{E}^\rho + \mathcal{E}^{\rho\rho} + \mathcal{E}^{\kappa\kappa} \\ &= \sum_{ij} t_{ij} \rho_{ji}^{qq} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} \bar{v}_{ijkl}^{\rho\rho} \rho_{ki}^{qq} \rho_{lj}^{qq} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} \bar{v}_{ijkl}^{\kappa\kappa} \kappa_{ij}^{qq*} \kappa_{kl}^{qq}\end{aligned}$$

for example

$$\begin{aligned}\int d^3r \rho^2(\mathbf{r}) &= \int d^3r \left[\sum_{ik} \rho_{ki} \psi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_k(\mathbf{r}) \right] \left[\sum_{lj} \rho_{lj} \psi_j^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_l(\mathbf{r}) \right] \\ &= \sum_{ijkl} \underbrace{\int d^3r \psi_i^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_j^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \psi_k(\mathbf{r}) \psi_l(\mathbf{r})}_{\bar{v}_{ijkl}^{\rho\rho}} \rho_{ki} \rho_{lj}\end{aligned}$$

and similar for other terms.

- ▶ the vertices $\bar{v}^{\rho\rho}$ and $\bar{v}^{\kappa\kappa}$ might be different and not antisymmetrized.
- ▶ we assume that the vertices $\bar{v}^{\rho\rho}$ and $\bar{v}^{\kappa\kappa}$ are not density dependent
- ▶ generalization to higher-order polynomials in density matrices are straightforward, but not necessary for this discussion.

Particle-number projected energy functional

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{e^{-i\varphi N}}{2\pi c_N^2} \mathcal{E}_{GWT}[\rho^{0\varphi}, \kappa^{0\varphi}, \kappa^{\varphi 0*}] \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_\varphi \rangle \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{e^{-i\varphi N}}{2\pi c_N^2} \left[\sum_\mu t_{\mu\mu} \frac{v_\mu^2 e^{2i\varphi}}{u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 e^{2i\varphi}} \right. \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} \bar{v}_{\mu\nu}^{\rho\rho} \frac{v_\mu^2 e^{2i\varphi}}{u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 e^{2i\varphi}} \frac{v_\nu^2 e^{2i\varphi}}{u_\nu^2 + v_\nu^2 e^{2i\varphi}} \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mu\nu} \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\nu}^{\kappa\kappa} \frac{u_\mu v_\mu}{u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 e^{2i\varphi}} \frac{u_\nu v_\nu e^{2i\varphi}}{u_\nu^2 + v_\nu^2 e^{2i\varphi}} \right] \prod_{\lambda>0} (u_\lambda^2 + v_\lambda^2 e^{2i\varphi}) \end{aligned}$$

there are terms with $\mu = \nu$ which diverge for $u_\mu^2 = v_\mu^2 = 0.5 \Leftrightarrow \frac{|u_\mu|}{|v_\mu|} = 1$ and $\varphi = \pi/2$
[Anguiano, Egido, Robledo NPA696(2001)467]

Same divergence pointed out by Dönau, PRC 58 (1998) 872 in terms of approximations in a Hamiltonian-based framework.

First analysis of the homologue in a strict energy density functional framework and of EDF-specific consequences by Dobaczewski, Stoitsov, Nazarewicz, Reinhard, PRC 76 (2007) 054315

Similar problem discussed by Tajima, Flocard, Bonche, Dobaczewski and Heenen, NPA542 (1992) 355 for EDF kernels between HFB vacua and two-quasiparticle states.

substitute $z = e^{i\varphi} \Rightarrow$ contour integrals in the complex plane

Projected energy functional

$$\mathcal{E}_N = \oint_{C_1} \frac{dz}{2i\pi c_N^2} \frac{\mathcal{E}[z]}{z^{N+1}} \prod_{\mu>0} (u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2)$$

norm

$$c_N^2 = \oint_{C_1} \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \frac{1}{z^{N+1}} \prod_{\mu>0} (u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2),$$

transition density matrix and pairing tensor

$$\rho_{\mu\nu}^{0z} = \frac{v_\mu^2 z^2}{u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2} \delta_{\nu\mu} \quad \kappa_{\mu\nu}^{0z} = \frac{u_\mu v_\mu}{u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2} \delta_{\nu\bar{\mu}}, \quad \kappa_{\mu\nu}^{z0*} = \frac{u_\mu v_\mu z^2}{u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2} \delta_{\nu\bar{\mu}}$$

- ▶ Contour integrals can be evaluated using Cauchy's residue theorem [Bayman, NP15 (1960) 33]
- ▶ the norm and all operator matrix elements have a pole at $z = 0$

$$c_N^2 = 2i\pi \mathcal{R}es(0) \left[\frac{1}{z^{N+1}} \prod_{\mu>0} (u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2) \right]$$

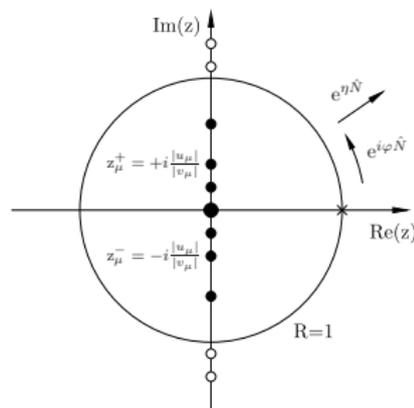
- ▶ Contour integrals can be evaluated using Cauchy's residue theorem [Bayman, NP15 (1960) 33]
- ▶ the norm and all operator matrix elements have a pole at $z = 0$

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- ▶ the energy functional has poles at $z = 0$ and $z^\pm = \pm \frac{u_\mu}{v_\mu}$

$$\mathcal{E}_N = \sum_{\substack{z_j=0 \\ |z_\mu^\pm| < 1}} \frac{2i\pi}{c_N^2} \mathcal{R}es(z_j) \left[\frac{\mathcal{E}[z]}{z^{N+1}} \prod_{\mu>0} (u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2) \right]$$

- ▶ poles entering or leaving the integration contour might generate divergences, steps, or discontinuities



- ▶ poles of the particle number restored EDF
- ▶ filled (open) circles: poles inside (outside) the standard integration contour at $R = 1$
- ▶ cross: SR energy functional at $\varphi = 0$.

The origin of the poles I

- ▶ The poles are a consequence of using the GWT to motivate the MR EDF
- ▶ this can be shown constructing a basis where the kernels can be evaluated using a standard Wick theorem (SWT) or elementary operator algebra

Starting with two quasiparticle vacua

$$|\Phi_0\rangle = C_0 \prod_{\nu} \alpha_{\nu} |0\rangle \quad |\Phi_1\rangle = C_1 \prod_{\mu} \beta_{\mu} |0\rangle$$

with quasiparticle operators constructed in their respective canonical basis

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{U}^{\ell\dagger} & \bar{V}^{\ell\dagger} \\ \bar{V}^{\ell T} & \bar{U}^{\ell T} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \beta^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{U}^{r\dagger} & \bar{V}^{r\dagger} \\ \bar{V}^{r T} & \bar{U}^{r T} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$

which themselves are connected by a unitary transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$

The two sets of quasiparticle operators are connected by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{U}^{\ell\dagger} & \bar{V}^{\ell\dagger} \\ \bar{V}^{\ell T} & \bar{U}^{\ell T} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{U}^r & \bar{V}^{r*} \\ \bar{V}^r & \bar{U}^{r*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \beta^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{U}^{\ell\dagger} R \bar{U}^r + \bar{V}^{\ell\dagger} R^* \bar{V}^r & \bar{U}^{\ell\dagger} R \bar{V}^{r*} + \bar{V}^{\ell\dagger} R^* \bar{U}^{r*} \\ \bar{U}^{\ell T} R^* \bar{V}^r + \bar{V}^{\ell T} R \bar{U}^r & \bar{U}^{\ell T} R^* \bar{U}^{r*} + \bar{V}^{\ell T} R \bar{V}^{r*} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \beta^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This Bogoliubov transformation can be Bloch-Messiah-Zumino factorized

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha^\dagger \end{pmatrix} &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} A & B^* \\ B & A^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \beta^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \\ &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & C^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{A} & \bar{B}^* \\ \bar{B} & \bar{A}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & D^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \beta^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The two intermediate quasiparticle bases

$$\tilde{\alpha}^+ \equiv C^T \alpha^+ \qquad \tilde{\beta}^+ \equiv D^* \beta^+$$

with $|\Phi_0\rangle$ still being vacuum of the $\tilde{\alpha}_\nu^+$, and $|\Phi_1\rangle$ still being vacuum of the $\tilde{\beta}_\nu^+$.
 $\{\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\alpha}^\dagger\}$ and $\{\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\beta}^\dagger\}$ are connected through a BCS-like transformation

$$\tilde{\beta}_{\nu}^+ = \bar{A}_{\nu\nu} \tilde{\alpha}_{\nu}^+ + \bar{B}_{\nu\nu} \tilde{\alpha}_{\bar{\nu}}$$

with 2×2 blocks of the structure

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{A}_{pp} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{\bar{p}\bar{p}} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \bar{B}_{p\bar{p}} \\ -\bar{B}_{\bar{p}p} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

such that $|\Phi_1\rangle = \tilde{C}_{01} \prod_{\rho>0} (\bar{A}_{\rho\rho}^* + \bar{B}_{\rho\bar{\rho}}^* \tilde{\alpha}_\rho^+ \tilde{\alpha}_{\bar{\rho}}^+) |\Phi_0\rangle$

and $\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle = \tilde{C}_{01} \prod_{\rho>0} \bar{A}_{\rho\rho}^*$.

Defining

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, p \rangle = \tilde{C}_{01} \prod_{\substack{p' > 0 \\ p' \neq p, \bar{p}}} \bar{A}_{p' p'}^*$$

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, p, q \rangle = \tilde{C}_{01} \prod_{\substack{p' > 0 \\ p' \neq p, q, \bar{p}, \bar{q}}} \bar{A}_{p' p'}^* \quad \text{for } p \neq q$$

and $\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \nu, \nu \rangle = \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \nu, \bar{\nu} \rangle = 0$ one obtains for basic contractions

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \tilde{\alpha}_\nu^+ \tilde{\alpha}_\mu | \Phi_1 \rangle = \langle \Phi_0 | \tilde{\alpha}_\nu^+ \tilde{\alpha}_\mu^+ | \Phi_1 \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \tilde{\alpha}_\nu \tilde{\alpha}_\mu^+ | \Phi_1 \rangle = \delta_{\nu\mu} \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle$$

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \tilde{\alpha}_\nu \tilde{\alpha}_\mu | \Phi_1 \rangle = \delta_{\bar{\nu}\mu} \bar{B}_{\bar{\nu}\nu}^* \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \nu \rangle$$

Quasiparticle wave functions associated with $\{\tilde{\alpha}_\nu, \tilde{\alpha}_\nu^+\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\phi_\nu\rangle \\ |\varphi_{\bar{\nu}}\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\alpha}_\nu^\dagger \\ \tilde{\alpha}_\nu \end{pmatrix} |-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{U}^{\ell T} a^\dagger \\ \tilde{V}^{\ell\dagger} a^\dagger \end{pmatrix} |-\rangle,$$

with $\tilde{U}^0 = U^0 C$ and $\tilde{V}^0 = V^0 C$.

Energy functional motivated with standard Wick theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{E}_{SWT}[0, 1] = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\varphi\nu\varphi\mu}^{\rho\rho} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\phi\bar{\nu}\varphi\mu\phi\bar{\mu}}^{\kappa\kappa} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\phi\nu\varphi\mu}^{\kappa\kappa} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\bar{\nu}\varphi\mu\phi\bar{\mu}}^{\rho\rho} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\mu\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\phi\nu}^{\rho\rho} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \mu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\mu\phi\bar{\mu}\phi\nu\phi\bar{\nu}}^{\kappa\kappa} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Energy functional motivated with generalized Wick theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{E}_{GWT}[0, 1] = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\varphi\nu\varphi\mu}^{\rho\rho} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\phi\bar{\nu}\varphi\mu\phi\bar{\mu}}^{\kappa\kappa} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\phi\nu\varphi\mu}^{\rho\rho} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\bar{\nu}\varphi\mu\phi\bar{\mu}}^{\kappa\kappa} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\mu\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\phi\nu}^{\rho\rho} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \mu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\mu\phi\bar{\mu}\phi\nu\phi\bar{\nu}}^{\kappa\kappa} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\phi\nu\phi\mu}^{\rho\rho} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \bar{B}_{\mu\bar{\mu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \mu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\nu\mu} \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\bar{\nu}\phi\mu\phi\bar{\mu}}^{\kappa\kappa} \bar{B}_{\nu\bar{\nu}}^* \bar{B}_{\mu\bar{\mu}}^* \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \nu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle} \frac{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1, \mu\rangle}{\langle\Phi_0|\Phi_1\rangle}
 \end{aligned}$$

The correction for a strictly bilinear functional (in a given nucleon species)

Both are not equal as

$$\frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \nu, \mu \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle} = \begin{cases} \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \nu \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle} \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \mu \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle} & \text{for } \nu \neq \mu, \bar{\mu} \\ 0 & \text{for } \nu = \mu, \bar{\mu} \end{cases}$$

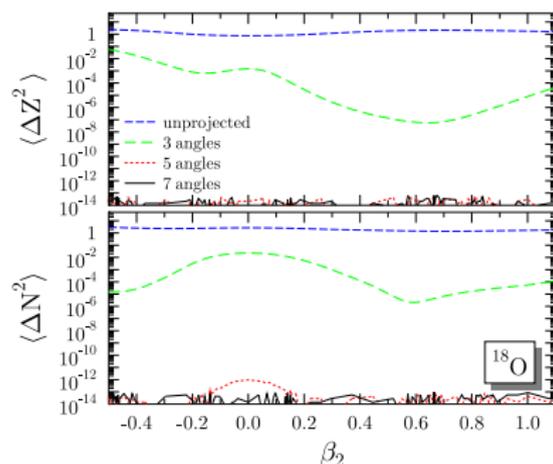
The difference between the SWT and GWT expressions are the $\frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \mu \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle} \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \mu \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle}$ and $\frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \mu \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle} \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1, \bar{\mu} \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_1 \rangle}$ terms in the GWT expression. In a Hamiltonian-based theory with $\bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\phi\nu\phi\mu}^{\rho\rho} = \bar{v}_{\varphi\nu\varphi\mu\phi\nu\phi\mu}^{\kappa\kappa}$ they are multiplied with a combination of matrix elements that is zero. In a EDF framework they multiply a matrix element that in general is non-zero. For particle-number restoration one obtains analytically

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{CG}^N &= \sum_{\mu>0} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\bar{v}_{\mu\mu\mu\mu}^{\rho\rho} + \bar{v}_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}}^{\rho\rho} + \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\mu}^{\rho\rho} + \bar{v}_{\bar{\mu}\mu\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\rho\rho}) - \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\mu}^{\kappa\kappa} \right] \\ &\quad \times (u_\mu v_\mu)^4 \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \frac{e^{-i\varphi N}}{2\pi c_N^2} \frac{(e^{2i\varphi} - 1)^2}{u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 e^{2i\varphi}} \prod_{\substack{\nu>0 \\ \nu \neq \mu}} (u_\nu^2 + v_\nu^2 e^{2i\varphi}) \\ &= \sum_{\mu>0} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\bar{v}_{\mu\mu\mu\mu}^{\rho\rho} + \bar{v}_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}}^{\rho\rho} + \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\mu}^{\rho\rho} + \bar{v}_{\bar{\mu}\mu\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\rho\rho}) - \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\bar{\mu}\mu}^{\kappa\kappa} \right] \\ &\quad \times \frac{(u_\mu v_\mu)^4}{2i\pi c_N^2} \oint_{C_1} \frac{dz}{z^{N+1}} \frac{(z^2 - 1)^2}{(u_\mu^2 + v_\mu^2 z^2)} \prod_{\substack{\nu>0 \\ \nu \neq \mu}} (u_\nu^2 + v_\nu^2 z^2) \end{aligned}$$

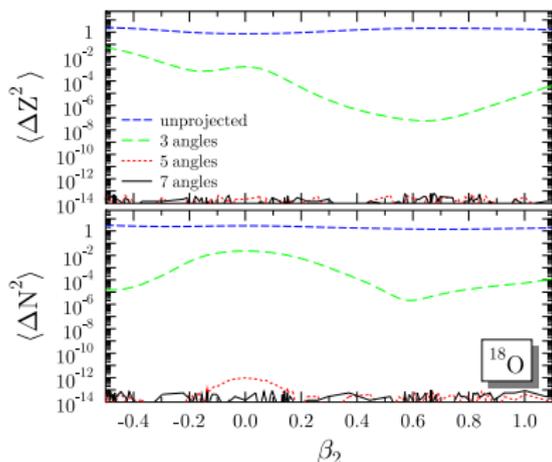
- ▶ The poles turn out to be a consequence of using the GWT to motivate the multi-reference energy functional
- ▶ They appear in terms that are spurious self-interactions or spurious self-pairing, the former known for long from condensed-matter DFT.
- ▶ self-interaction is related to broken antisymmetry of vertices in the functional (the interaction energy of a particle with itself should be zero)
- ▶ self-pairing comes from an incomplete combination of vertices (the energy from scattering a pair of particles onto themselves should be equal to the no-pairing value)
- ▶ The GWT adds a second level of spuriousity to these terms as it multiplies them with "unphysical" weight factors
- ▶ \mathcal{E}_{CG}^N contains entirely the poles at $z_{\mu}^{\pm} = \pm \frac{|u_{\mu}|}{|v_{\mu}|}$ and a contribution from the pole at $z = 0$
- ▶ Subtracting \mathcal{E}_{CG}^N as a correction from the energy functional removes the unphysical poles

Does it remove all anomalies from particle-number projection?

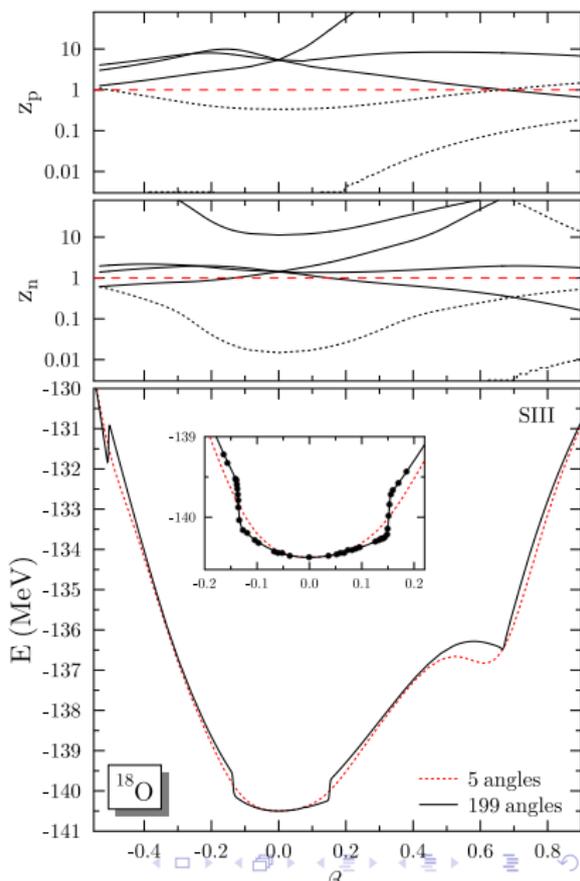
Part I. Successes of regularized MR EDF

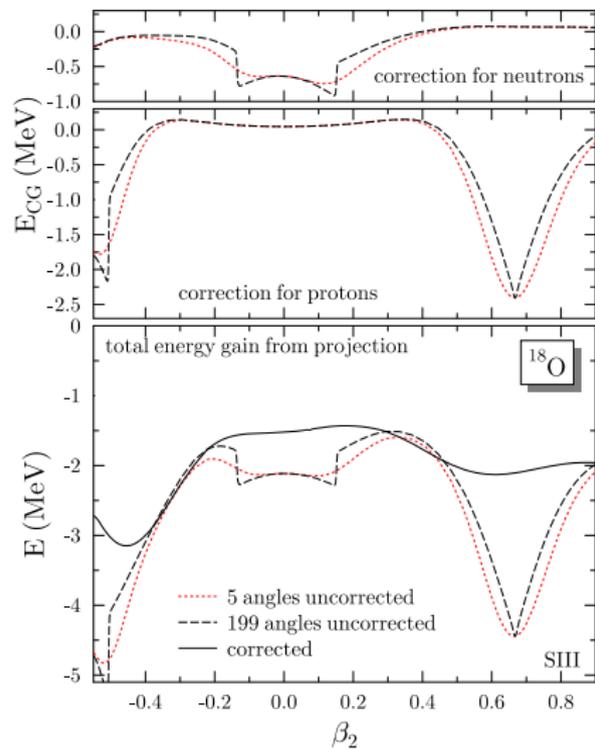


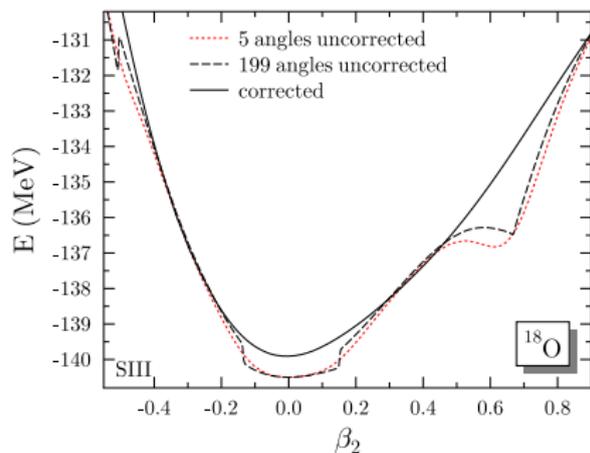
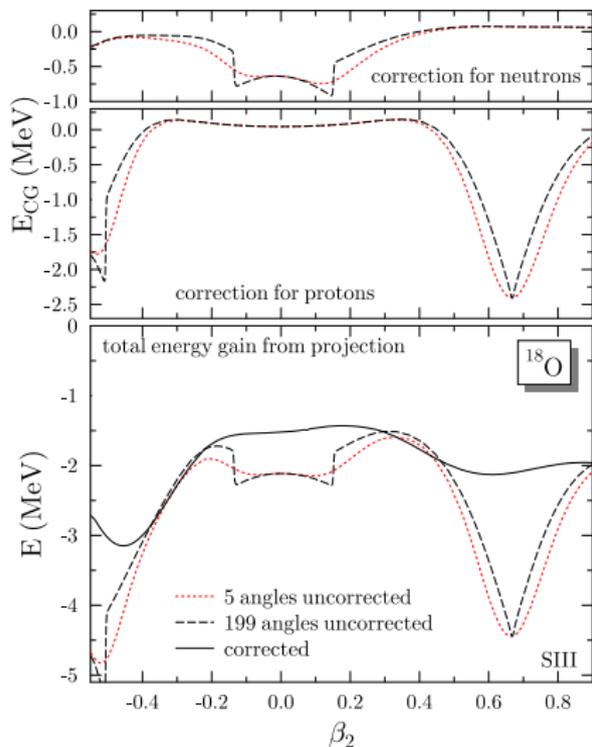
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- ▶ the projected energy functional does *not* converge with $L = 199$ points

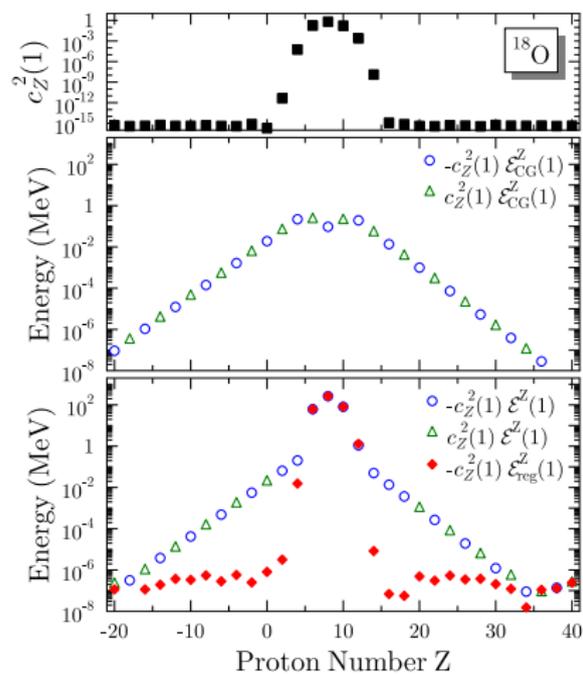


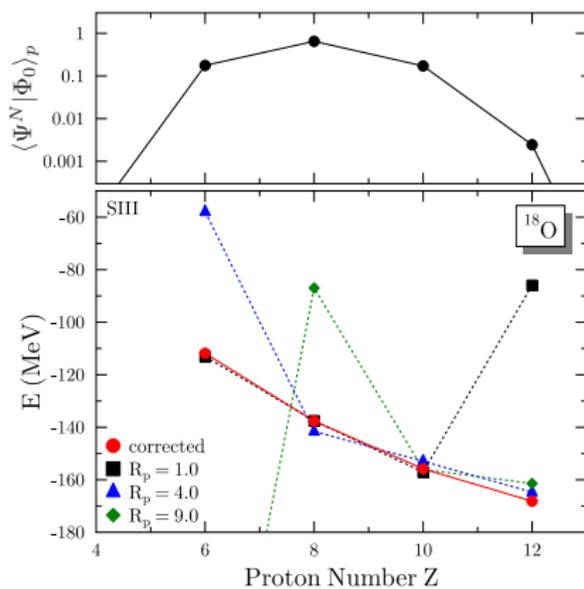
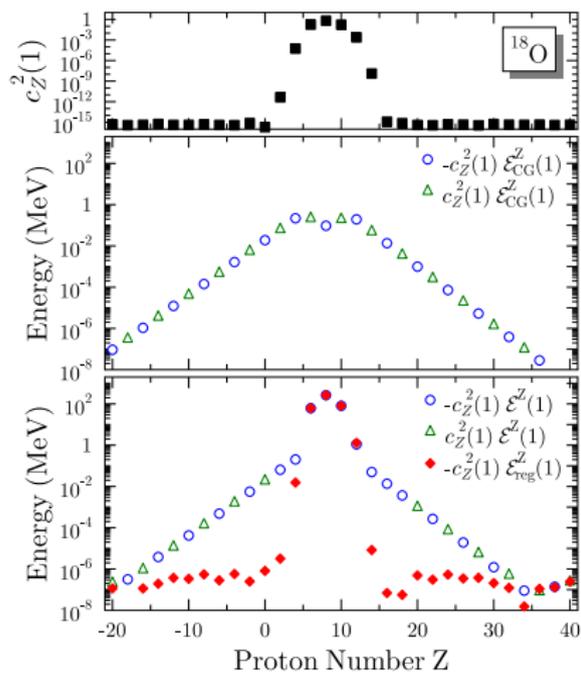
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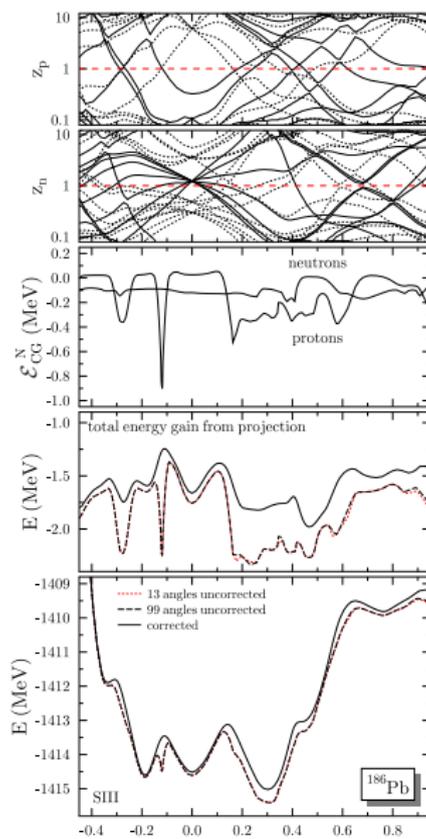
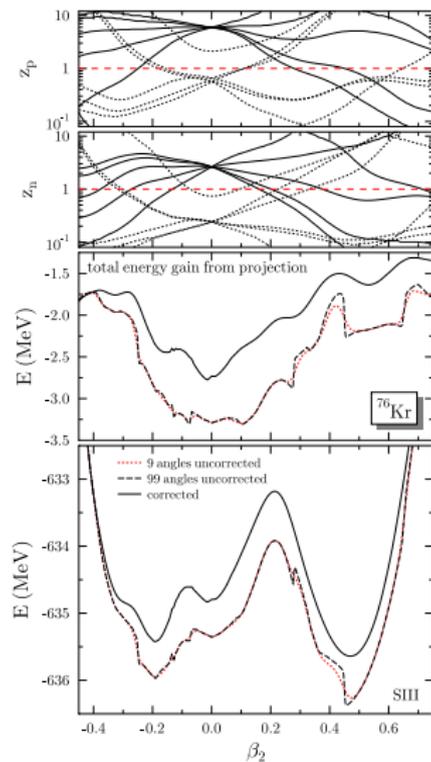








Regularized PNP: ^{76}Kr and ^{186}Pb



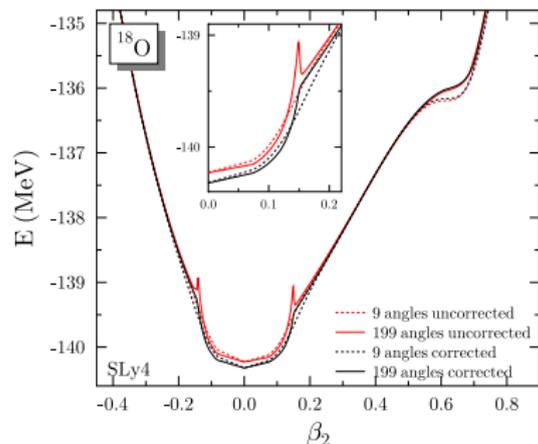
Further arguments why regularization of the EDF by removal of the contribution defined above are provided by the analysis of

- ▶ shift invariance (change of integration radius) of observables
- ▶ radius-weighted sum rules
- ▶ non-radius-weighted sum rules
- ▶ analysis of the contribution of single poles to the energy

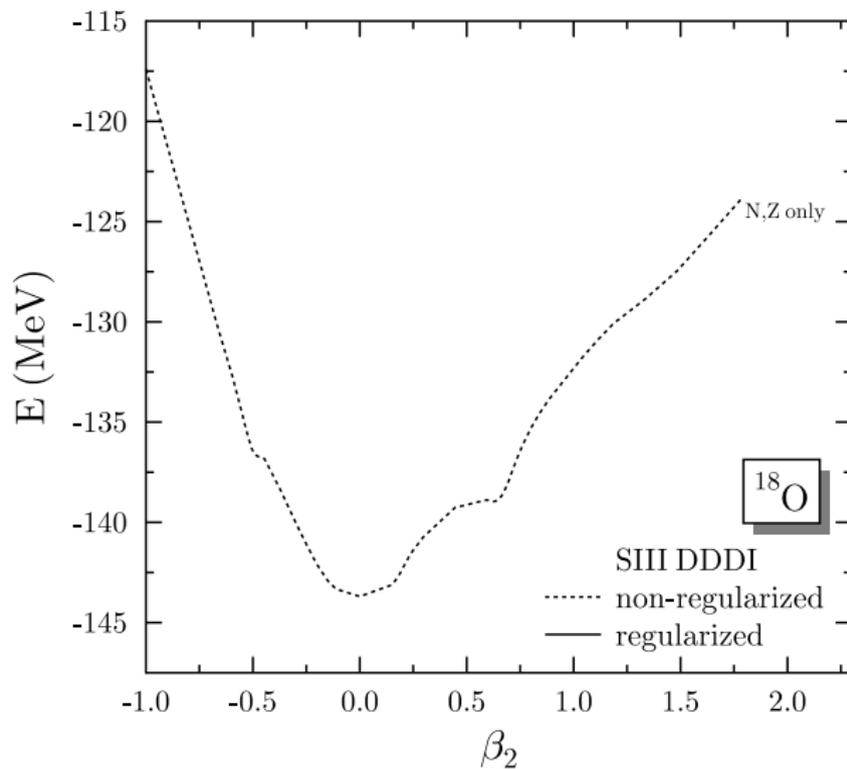
... see Bender, Duguet, Lacroix, PRC 79 (2009) 044319.

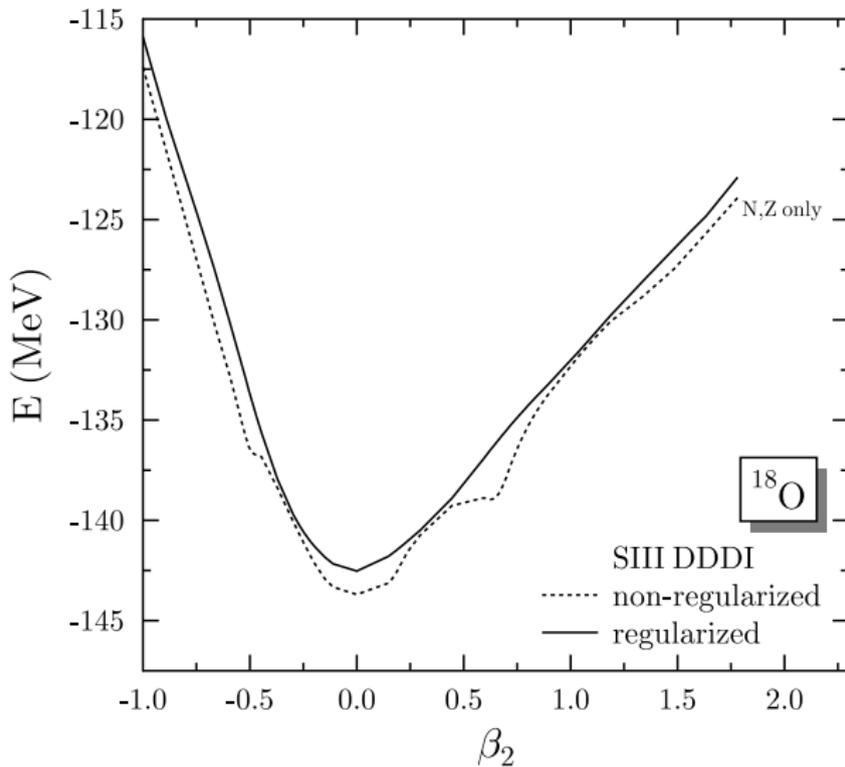
Non-viability of non-integer density dependencies

- ▶ we do not see a way to set up a regularization scheme for non-integer density dependencies
- ▶ some "density-dependent Hamiltonians" are of this kind (Gogny force)
- ▶ same problem with standard Skyrme interactions and Slater approximation for Coulomb exchange
- ▶ we can simulate a "density-dependent Hamiltonian" regularizing the bilinear part, leaving only the density dependence unregularized
- ▶ there remains a spurious contribution from branch cuts (see Duguet *et al.* PRC 79 (2009) 044320 for complex plane analysis)

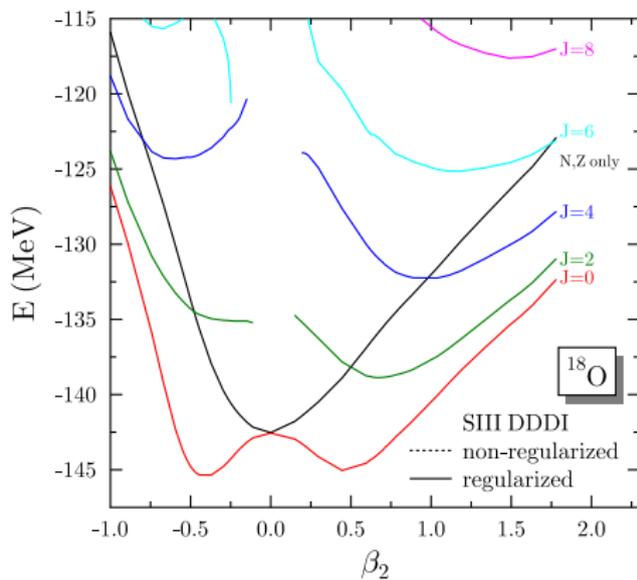
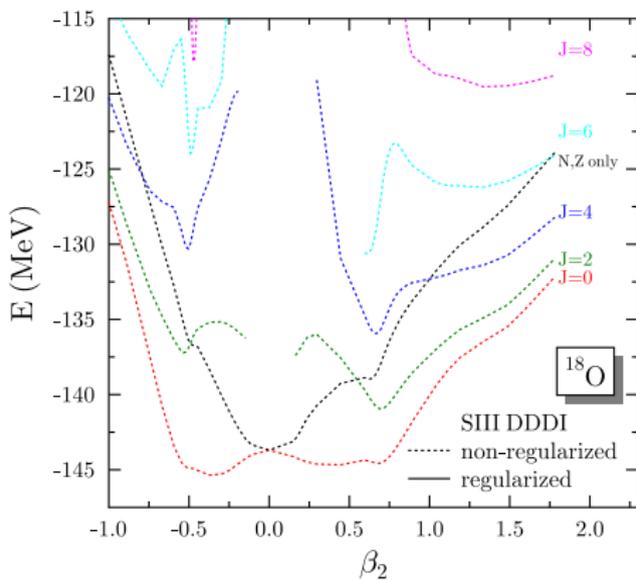


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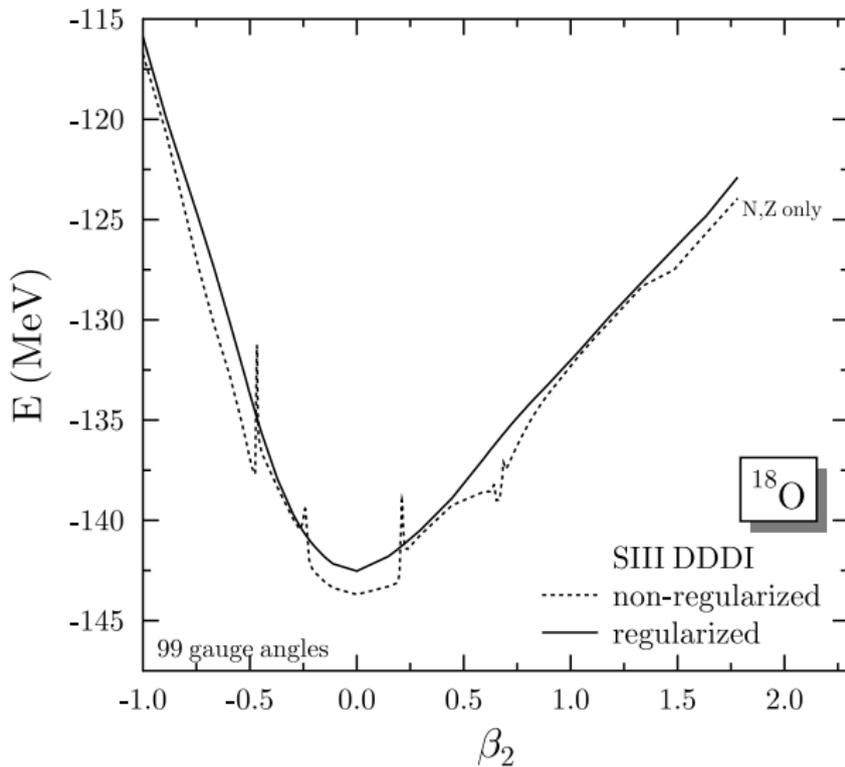




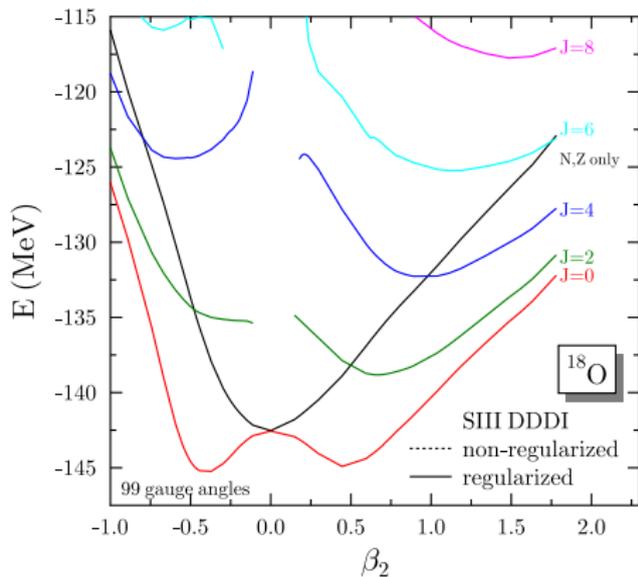
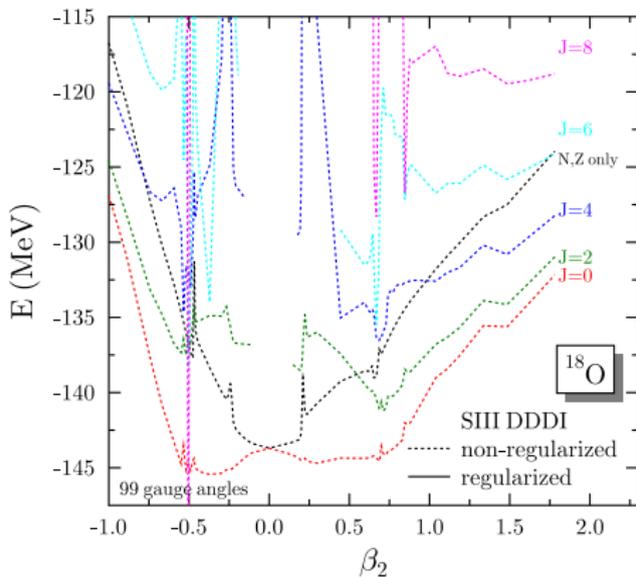
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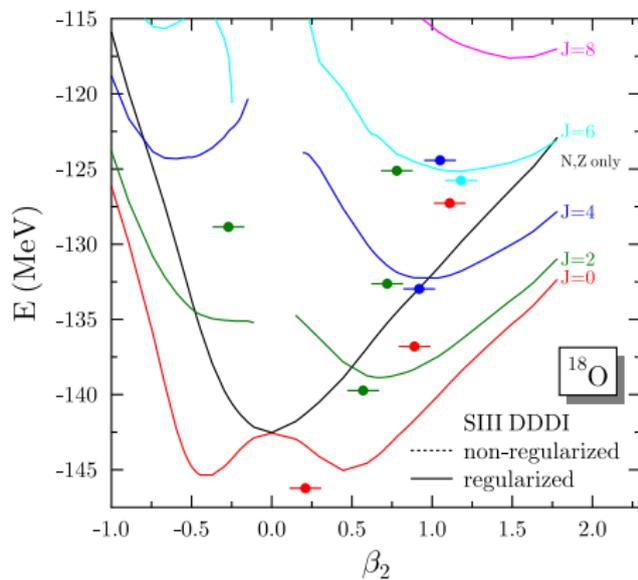
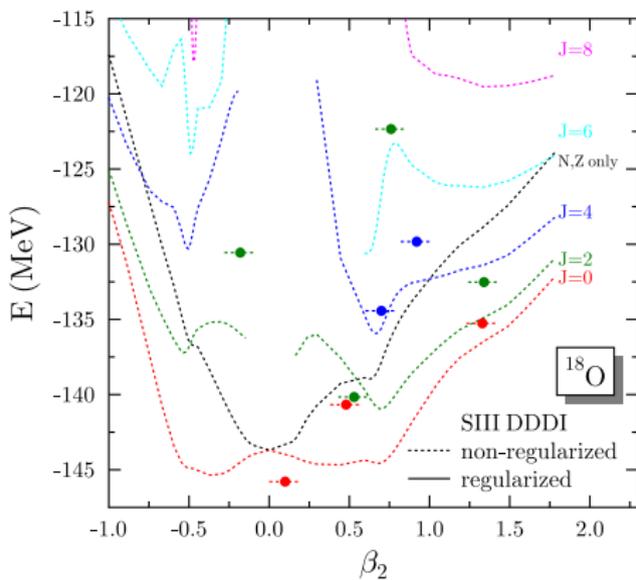
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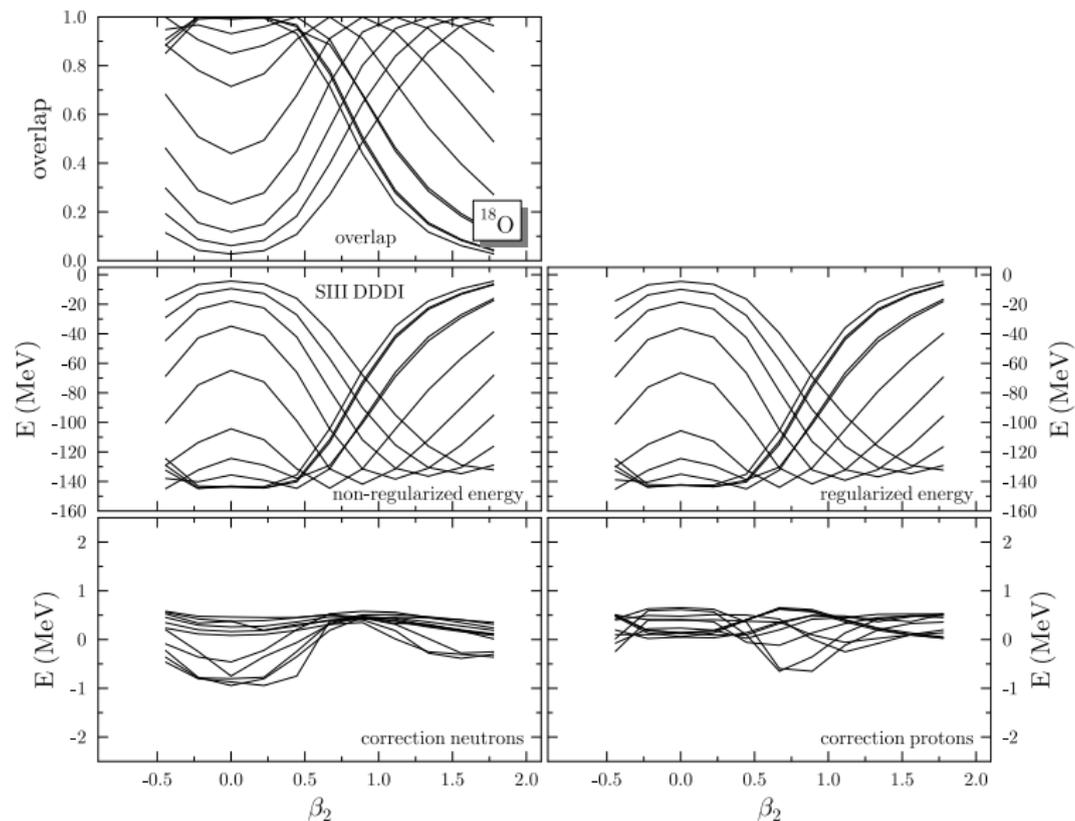
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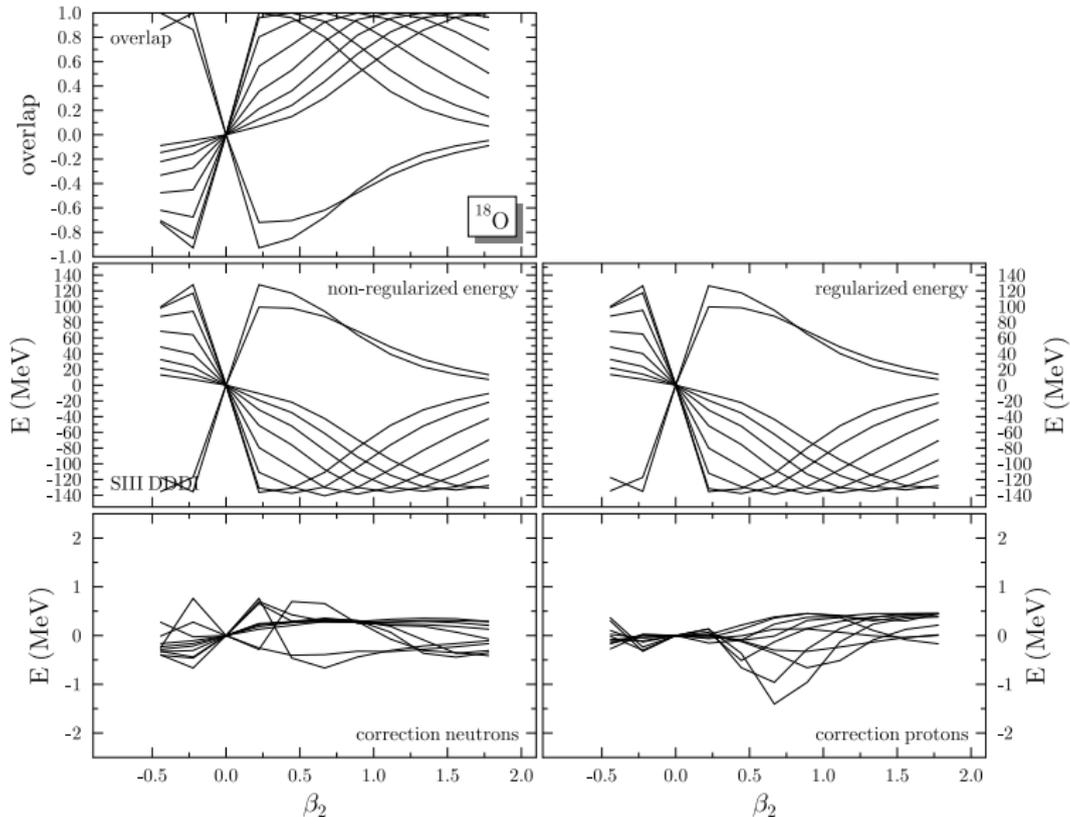
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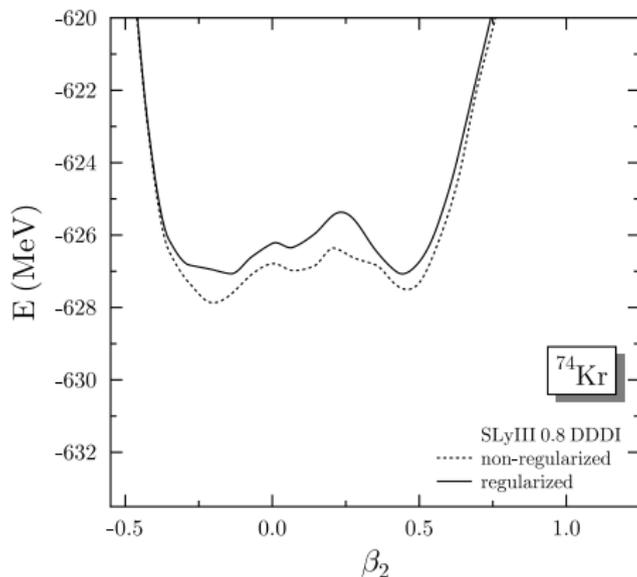


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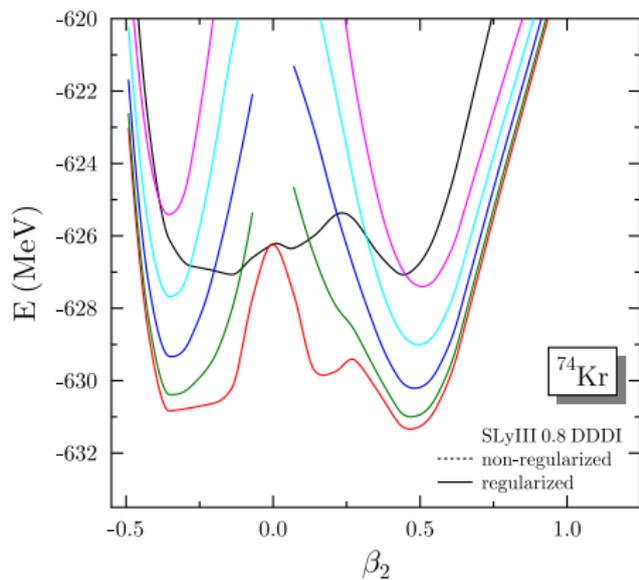
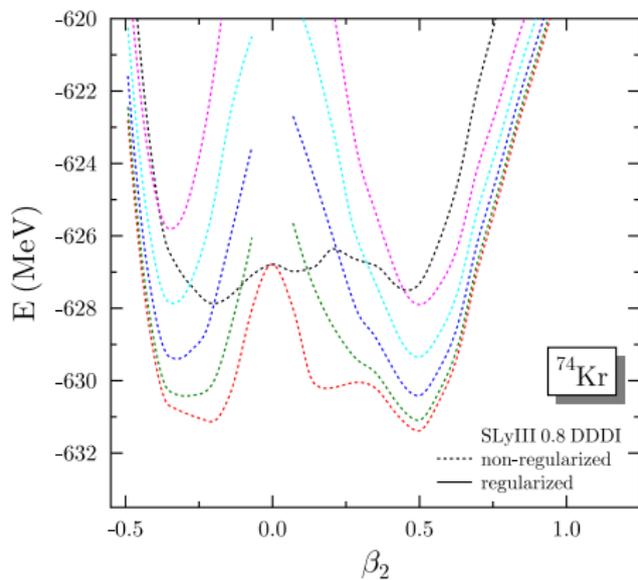
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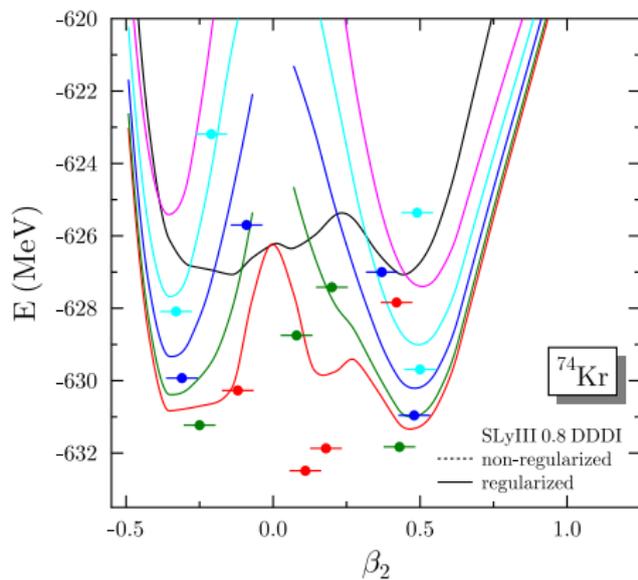
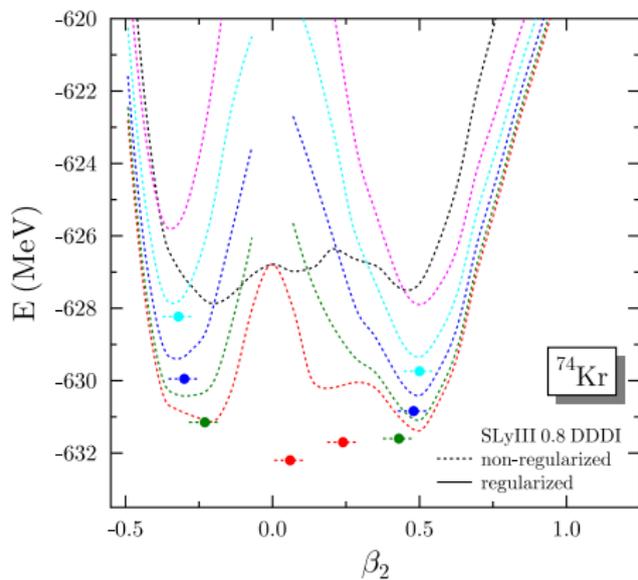


- ▶ New bilinear + trilinear EDF fitted by K. Washiyama, K. Bennaceur, M. B., P.-H. Heenen, V. Hellemans (in preparation)

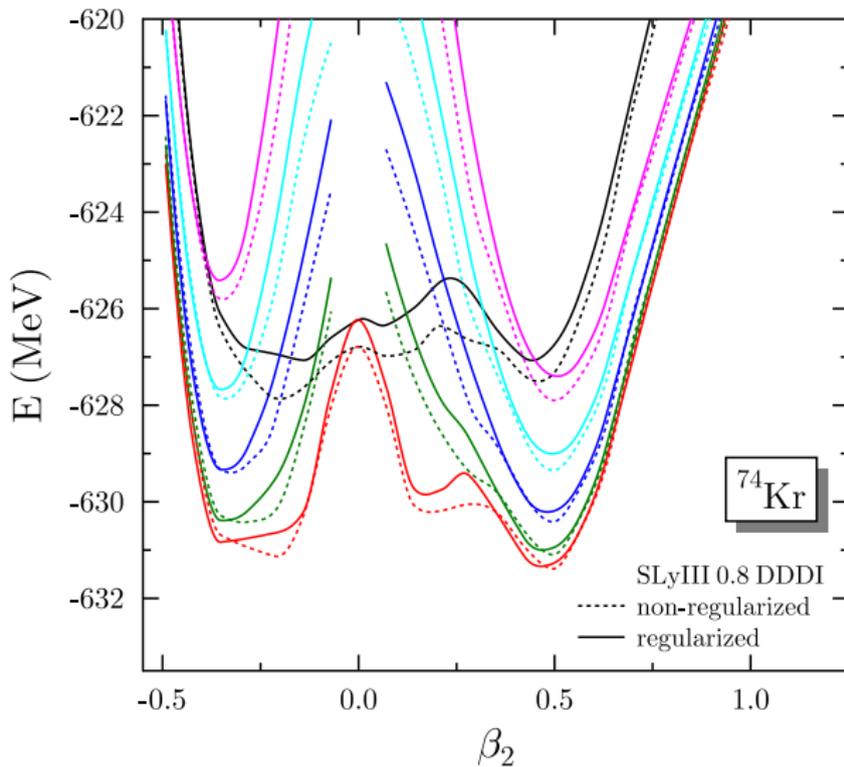
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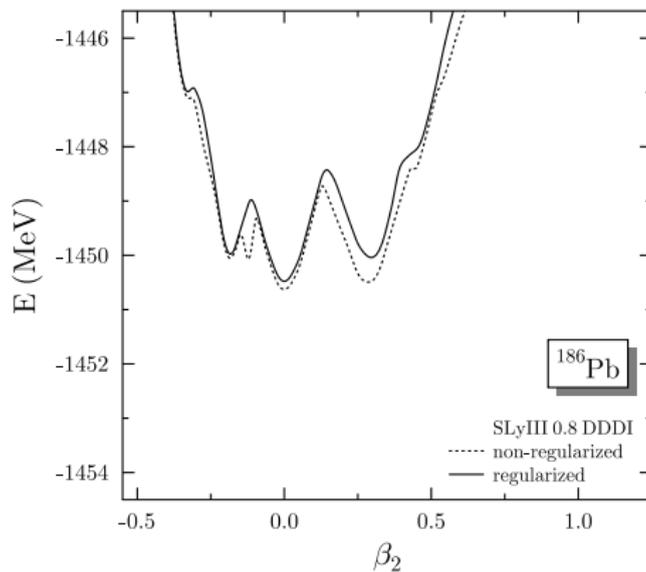
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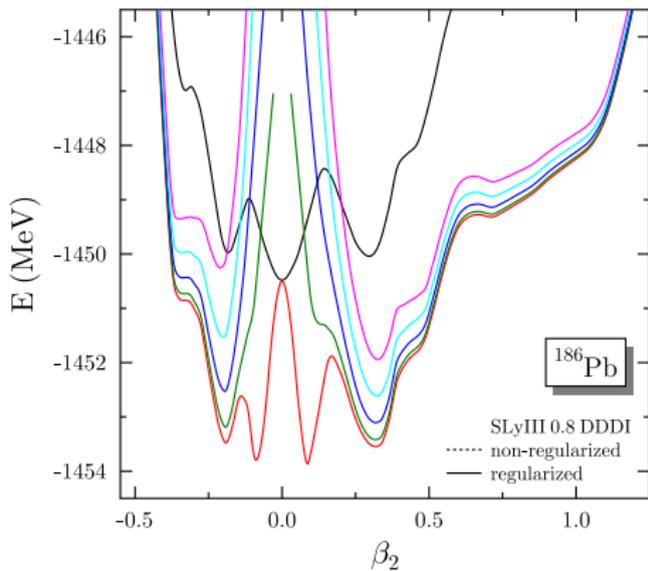
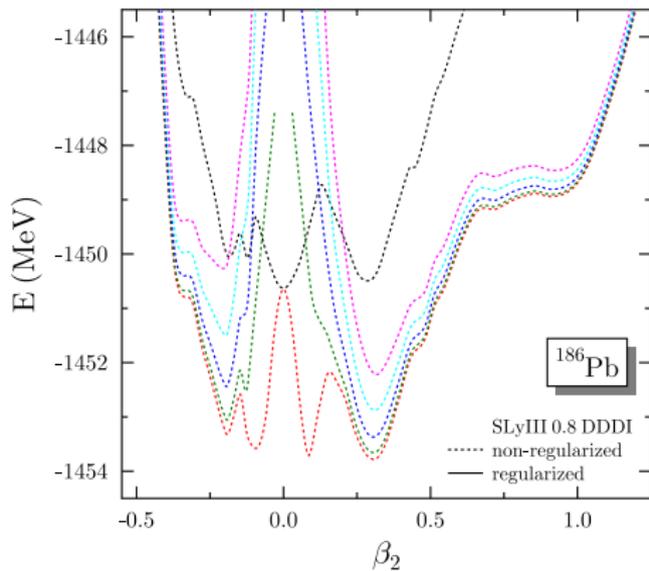
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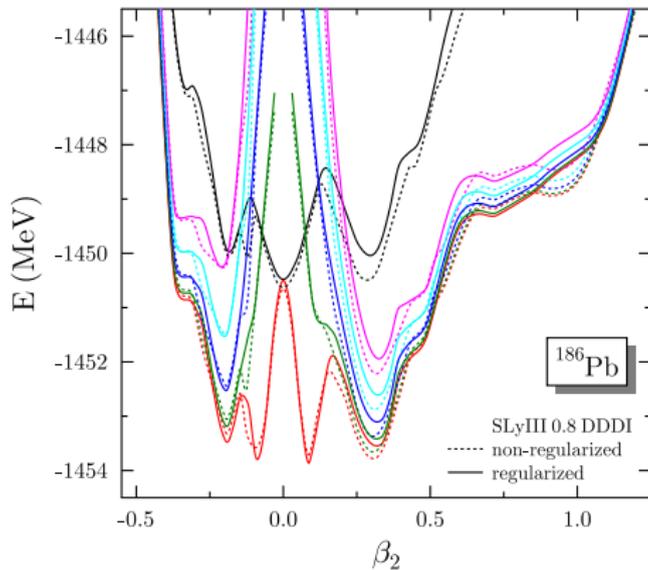
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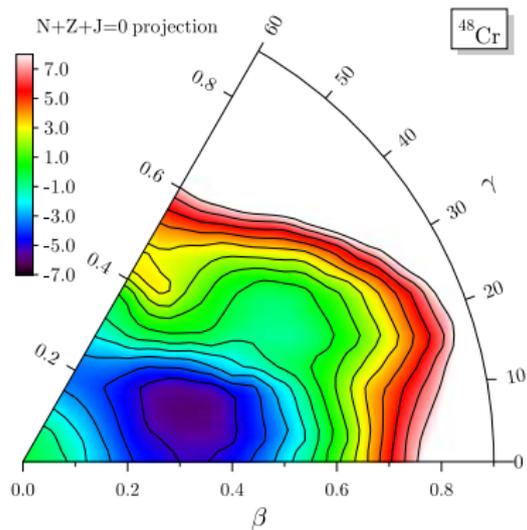
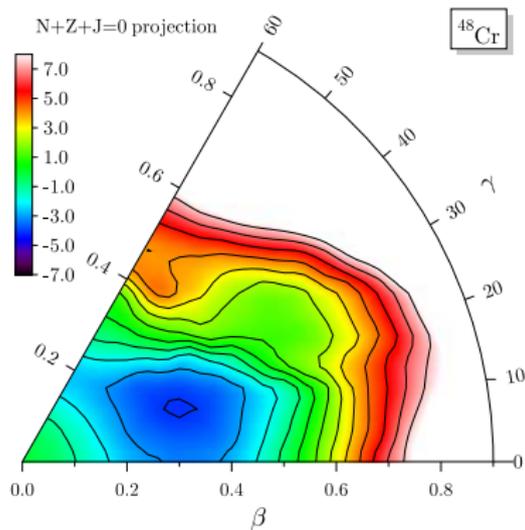
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General configuration mixing: ^{48}Cr

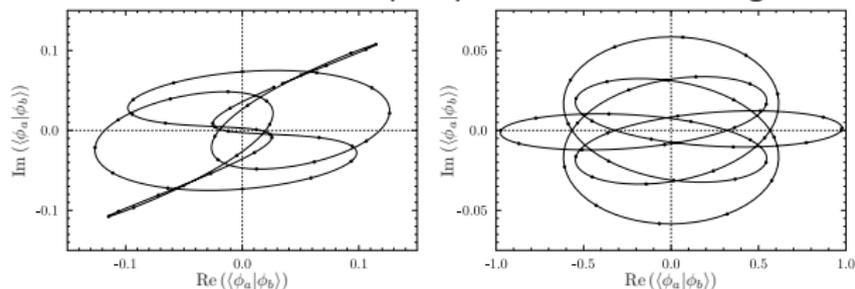
non-regularized $N = Z = 24, J = 0$ projection

regularized $N = Z = 24, J = 0$ projection

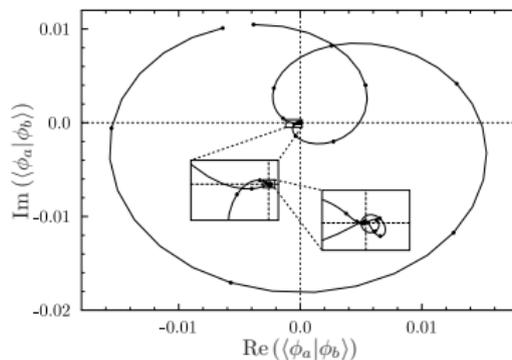


Overlap from Pfaffian formula, Benoît Avez & M B. arXiv:1109.2078v1
 α, β held fixed at some values, γ varied

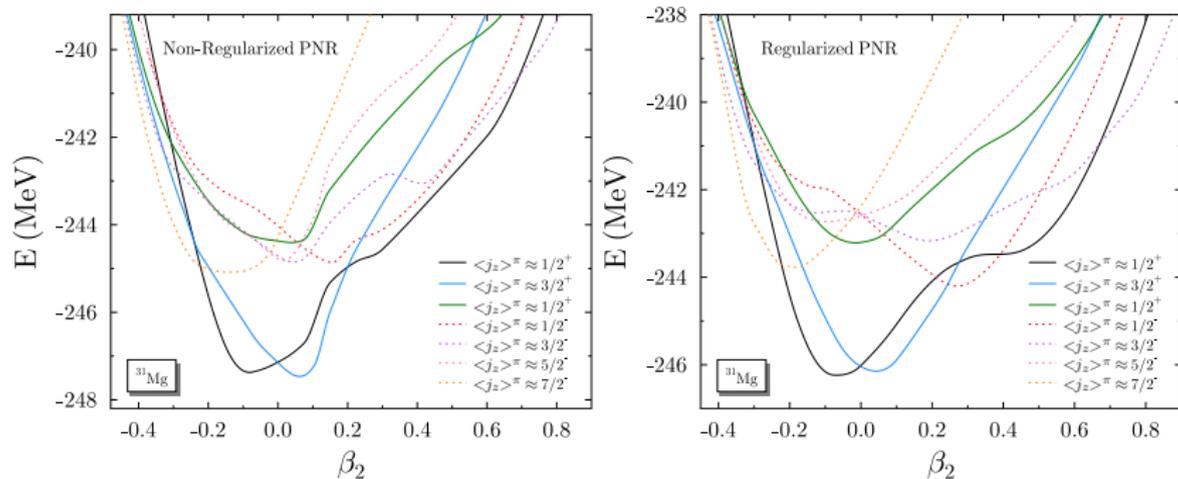
lowest blocked one-quasiparticle state in ^{25}Mg



^{24}Mg cranked to $I = 8\hbar$

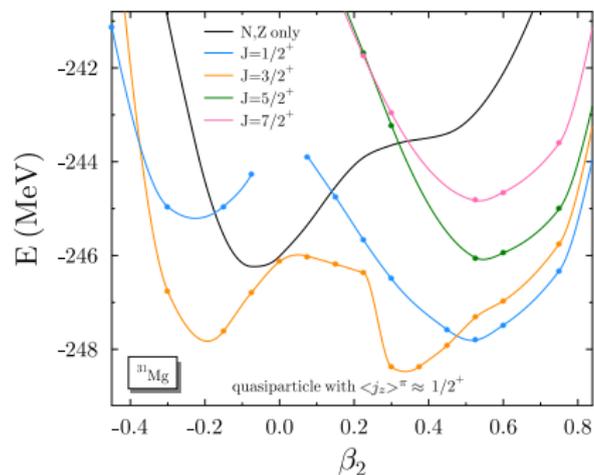


Particle-number restoration of ^{31}Mg



Benjamin Bally, Benoît Avez, M B., P.-H. Heenen (unpublished)

Particle-number and angular-momentum restoration of ^{31}Mg



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Part II. Remaining (and new) problems of regularized MR EDF

Regularization is *asymmetric* under exchange of left and right states

nondiagonal N and J projected matrix element between axial states in ^{48}Cr

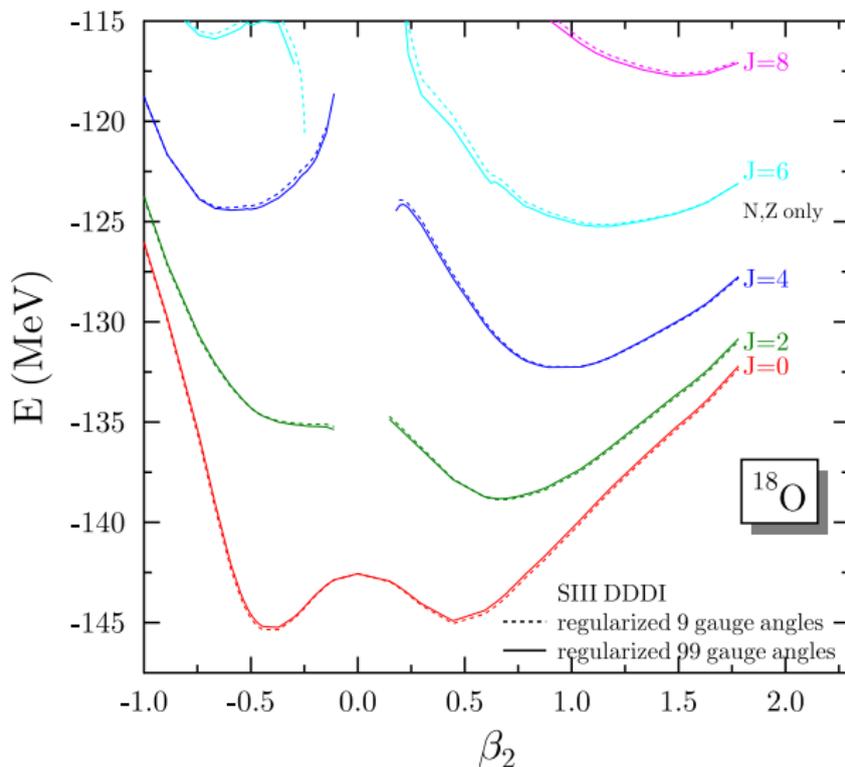
J	K_1	K_2	overlap	E^{LR}	$E_{\text{reg}}^{\text{LR}}$	E^{RL}	$E_{\text{reg}}^{\text{RL}}$
0	0	0	0.010439	-407.871	-408.782	-407.871	-409.057
2	0	0	0.042743	-407.031	-407.868	-407.031	-408.064
4	0	0	0.048782	-405.163	-405.844	-405.163	-405.886
6	0	0	0.035154	-402.322	-402.786	-402.322	-402.631

Similar in N -projected K decomposition of triaxial states

J	K_1	K_2	overlap	E	E_{reg}
2	0	0	0.07092697	-404.091	-404.653
2	0	2	-0.00180980	-404.327	-404.932
2	2	0	-0.00180982	-404.326	-405.538
2	2	2	0.00806622	-397.064	-397.147

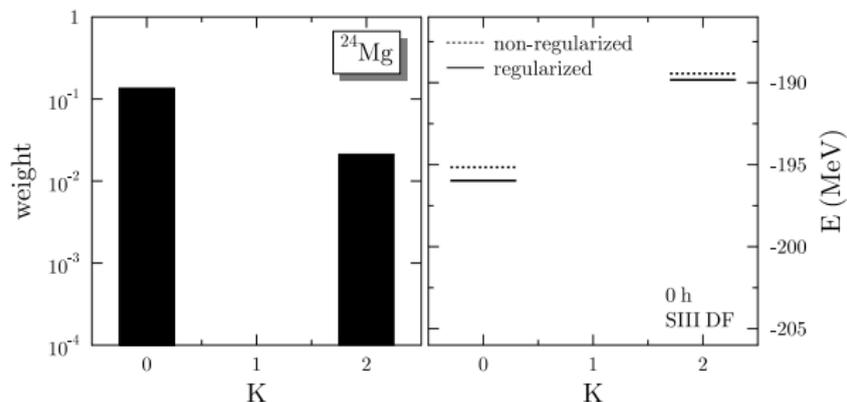
Remedy: average “left” and “right” regularization

Non-convergence of combined N and J projection



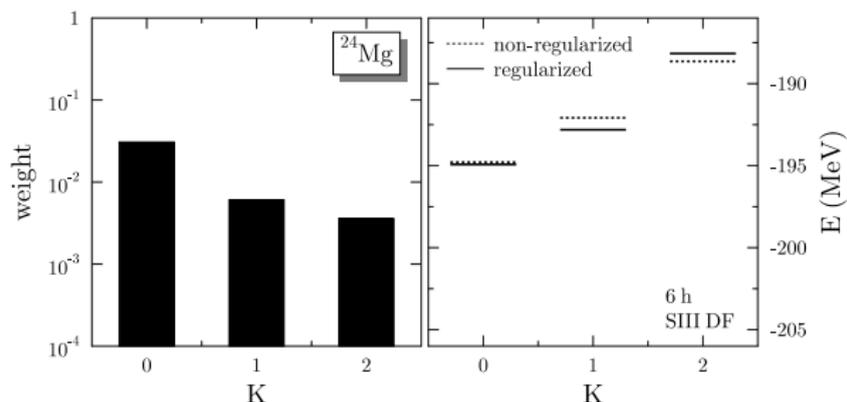
- ▶ non-diagonal regularized MR EDF kernels can be decomposed on unphysical particle numbers (i.e. components that have strictly zero norm), including *negative* particle numbers
- ▶ Violation of physical sum rules in particle-number projection of non-diagonal regularized MR EDF kernels

combined $N, Z, J = 2$ projection of triaxial ^{24}Mg



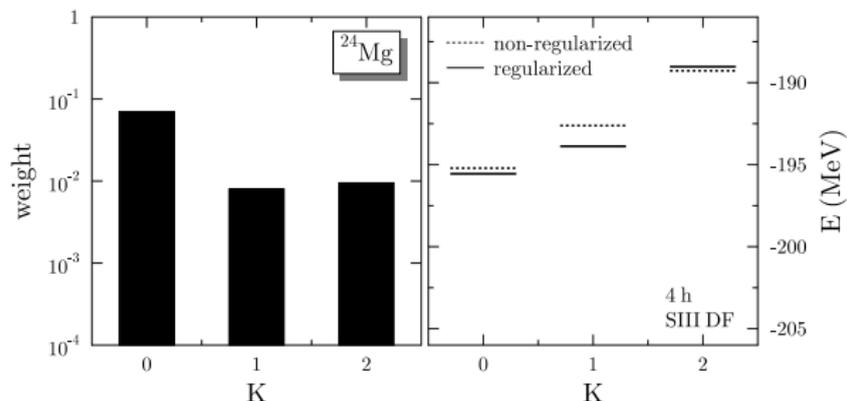
K decomposition, no K mixing yet

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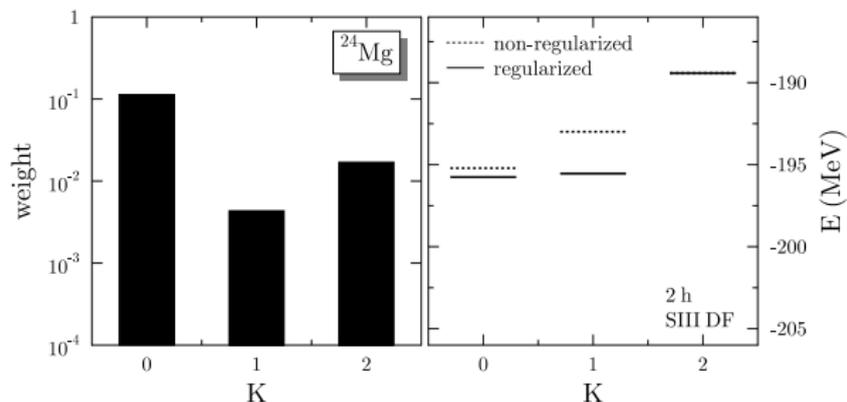
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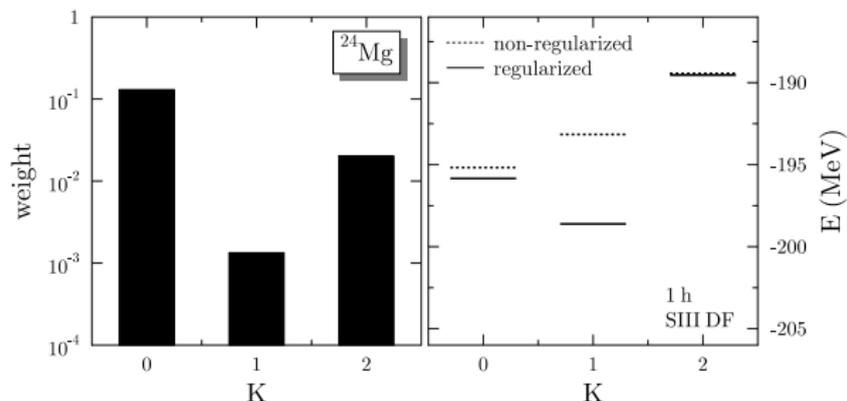
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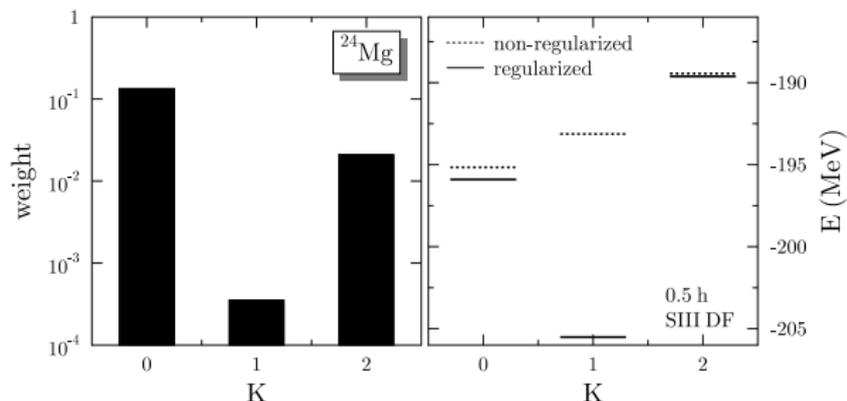
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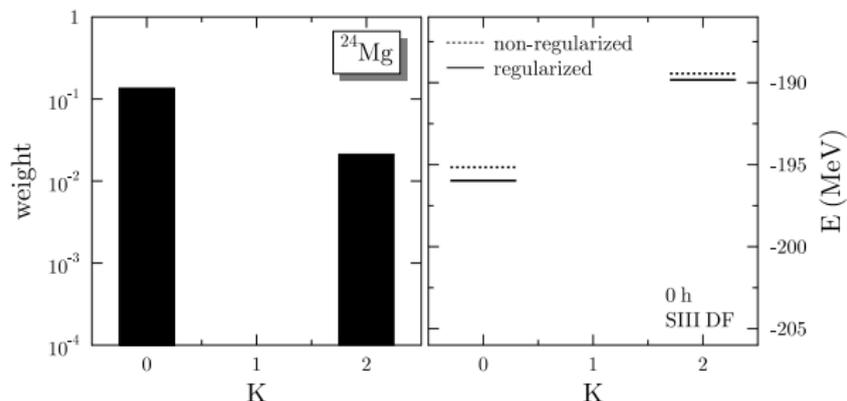
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Summary

- ▶ all standard energy functionals contain small spurious self-interactions (and potentially self-pairing for Bogoliubov type auxiliary states)
- ▶ using the generalized Wick theorem to motivate a multi-reference energy functional gives these terms an unphysical weight *for any type of mixing*, including that of Slater determinants, which might lead to
- ▶ divergences for terms of order > 2 in density matrices of the same isospin
- ▶ ... and always to steps or discontinuities when in particle number restoration a pole crosses the integration contour
- ▶ spurious energy can be isolated constructing a basis that permits to use the standard Wick theorem to evaluate the kernels.
- ▶ We are now able to do this for *any* mixing
- ▶ only energy density functionals with density dependencies of integer power are regularizable. "density dependent Hamiltonians" are *not* a priori free of anomalies

Outlook

- ▶ new energy density functionals necessary
(only polynomials of normal and anomalous density matrices?)
- ▶ regularized MR EDF still has *other* problems than the “pole problem”
- ▶ regularized (and non-regularized) MR EDF may become unreliable in the limit of weak symmetry breaking and/or for sub-dominant components.
- ▶ all mentioned remaining problems of regularized MR EDF disappear when working with a Hamiltonian

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back-up slides

- ▶ related to broken antisymmetry of vertices in the functional
- ▶ The presence of self-interaction in the functionals used in DFT has been pointed out by J. P. Perdew and A. Zunger, Phys. Rev. B23, 5048 (1981).
- ▶ violation of the exchange symmetry in nuclear effective interactions has also been discussed from a different perspective and using different vocabulary by S. Stringari and D. M. Brink, *Constraints on effective interactions imposed by antisymmetry and charge independence*, Nucl. Phys. A304, 307 (1978).
- ▶ the interaction energy of a particle with itself should be zero
- ▶ One-particle limit of the interaction energy divided by the probability to occupy this state

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_\mu - t_{\mu\mu}}{v_\mu^2} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{V}_{\mu\mu\mu\mu}^{\rho\rho} v_\mu^2.$$

In a composite system, the particle-number of other particle species is left untouched.

- ▶ complete correction for self-interaction requires so-called orbital-dependent energy functional; approximate corrections have been proposed for DFT

- ▶ self-pairing comes from an incomplete combination of vertices
- ▶ Direct interaction energy: remove self-interaction and divide by the probability $P_{\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\Phi}$ to occupy the pair

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_{\mu\bar{\mu}} - \mathcal{E}_{\mu} - \mathcal{E}_{\bar{\mu}}}{P_{\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\Phi}} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\rho\rho} + \bar{v}_{\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}\mu}^{\rho\rho}) v_{\mu}^2 + \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\kappa\kappa} u_{\mu}^2.$$

Probability $P_{\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\Phi}$ to occupy the pair $P_{\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\Phi} = \frac{\langle \Phi_{\varphi} | a_{\mu}^{\dagger} a_{\bar{\mu}}^{\dagger} a_{\bar{\mu}} a_{\mu} | \Phi_{\varphi} \rangle}{\langle \Phi_{\varphi} | \Phi_{\varphi} \rangle} = v_{\mu}^2$

For a Hamiltonian $\bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\rho\rho} = \bar{v}_{\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}\mu}^{\rho\rho} = \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\kappa\kappa} \equiv \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}}$, the terms recombine

$$\frac{E_{\mu\bar{\mu}} - E_{\mu} - E_{\bar{\mu}}}{P_{\mu\bar{\mu}}^{\Phi}} = \bar{v}_{\mu\bar{\mu}\mu\bar{\mu}},$$

into the HF interaction energy without pairing.

- ▶ The energy from scattering a pair of particles onto themselves should be equal to the no-pairing value
- ▶ To the best of our knowledge, self-pairing was never considered in the published literature so far.

- ▶ a Hamiltonian + wave function framework does not show these pathologies, but at present there are no useful/successful strict Hamiltonian-based approaches using the full model space in sight.
- ▶ DME and LDA of the in-medium interaction motivates the use of functionals
- ▶ self-interaction and self-pairing are the price to pay for the enormous simplification of the many-body problem brought by an EDF approach
- ▶ there are higher-order self-interactions in higher-order functionals
- ▶ Restoring the effect of violations of Pauli's principle has to be scrutinized
- ▶ remember that violations of the Pauli principle are hard-wired into many many-body techniques even when using a Hamiltonian, for example into (Q)RPA through the quasi-boson approximation

How to avoid or to remove these problems?

- ▶ Branch cuts are a consequence of using a non-analytical functional.
- ▶ Poles and steps are related to unphysical poles in the complex plane (they are unphysical as (i) they break so-called "shift invariance" [Dobaczewski *et al.* PRC 76 2007 054315] of the energy functional and (ii) they give a contribution to sum rules for states with zero norm, for example with $N \leq 0$).

Remedy:

- ▶ use density-dependent Hamiltonian without approximations and use particle-number projected density for the density dependence. As long as certain symmetries are not broken (that could lead to zero overlap), the pole problem is completely suppressed and one rests on the same step (Madrid)

Removing the problem: When you want to work with more general functionals or break more symmetries than usual:

- ▶ We do not see how to remove branch cuts other than using analytical functionals.
⇒ use functionals depending on integer powers of the density matrix only
- ▶ to get rid of poles and steps: use correctable energy density functionals and work out the correction scheme proposed in Lacroix, Duguet, Bender, PRC 79 (2009) 044318 for arbitrary mixing.