



Ab initio derivation of model EDFs

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Outline

1. *Ab initio* DFT
2. *Ab initio* derivations of nuclear DFT
3. Conclusions



What is DFT?

Density Functional Theory:

A variational method that uses
a two-step variational
procedure.

Levy and Lieb construction,
see Chapter 3.4 in R.G. Parr and W. Yang
Density-Functional Theory of Atoms and Molecules
(New York, Oxford University Press, 1989)

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A two-step variation

I	23	22	19	34	21	42	22	21	34	20	19
II	21	25	43	24	21	32	32	18	31	29	18
III	38	27	30	24	23	27	22	42	23	32	22
IV	21	23	31	32	27	35	20	21	26	37	20
V	32	22	36	25	22	23	21	25	34	33	21
VI	32	20	21	32	35	36	27	31	22	21	20
VII	31	33	42	32	25	31	42	29	31	23	23
VIII	24	29	24	32	42	23	34	45	32	27	23



What is DFT?

Density Functional Theory:

A variational method that uses a two-step variational procedure.

Divide all states into groups that have the same densities, and then:

1. Find the lowest energy in each group (very, very, difficult)
2. Find the lowest energy among all groups (relatively easy)



What is DFT?

Density Functional Theory:

A variational method that uses observables as variational parameters.

$$\delta \langle \hat{H} - \lambda \hat{Q} \rangle = 0$$

\Downarrow

$$E = E(Q)$$

for $E(\lambda) \equiv \langle \hat{H} \rangle$ and $Q(\lambda) \equiv \langle \hat{Q} \rangle$

Which DFT?

$$\delta \langle \hat{H} - \lambda \hat{Q} \rangle = 0 \implies E = E(Q)$$

$$\delta \langle \hat{H} - \sum_k \lambda_k \hat{Q}_k \rangle = 0 \implies E = E(Q_k)$$

$$\delta \langle \hat{H} - \int dq \lambda(q) \hat{Q}(q) \rangle = 0 \implies E = E[Q(q)]$$

$$\delta \langle \hat{H} - \int d\vec{r} \lambda(\vec{r}) \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}) \rangle = 0 \implies E = E[\rho(\vec{r})]$$

for $\hat{\rho}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^A \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)$

$$\delta \langle \hat{H} - \iint d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \lambda(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') \rangle = 0 \implies E = E[\rho(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')]$$

What is DFT?

Density Functional Theory:

Exact: A variational method that uses a two-step variational procedure with observables used for the variational parameters.

Practical: Build a model of density functional.

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Nuclear energy density functionals

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How the nuclear EDF is built?

$$E[\rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)] = \iint d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2 \mathcal{H}(\rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2))$$



Energy Density
Functional (EDF)

Energy Density

$$\mathcal{H}(\rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)) = V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \left[\rho(\vec{r}_1)\rho(\vec{r}_2) - \rho(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)\rho(\vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1) \right]$$



EDF generator

Direct

Exchange



Standard EDF generators

- Gogny*

$$V(\vec{r}_1\vec{r}_2; \vec{r}'_1\vec{r}'_2) = \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}'_1)\delta(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}'_2)V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

where,

$$V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) = \sum_{i=1,2} e^{-(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)^2 / \mu_i^2} \times (W_i + B_i P_\sigma - H_i P_\tau - M_i P_\sigma P_\tau) \\ + t_3(1 + P_\sigma)\delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)\rho^{1/3} \left[\frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2) \right].$$

$P_\sigma = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)$ and $P_\tau = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2)$ are, respectively, the spin and isospin exchange operators of particles 1 and 2, $\rho(\vec{r})$ is the total density of the system at point \vec{r} , and $\mu_i = 0.7$ and 1.2 fm, W_i , B_i , H_i , M_i , and t_3 are parameters.

- Skyrme*

$$V(\vec{r}_1\vec{r}_2; \vec{r}'_1\vec{r}'_2) = \left\{ t_0(1 + x_0 P^\sigma) + \frac{1}{6}t_3(1 + x_3 P^\sigma)\rho^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2) \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2}t_1(1 + x_1 P^\sigma)[\vec{k}'^{*2} + \vec{k}^2] + t_2(1 + x_2 P^\sigma)\vec{k}'^* \cdot \vec{k} \right\} \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}'_1)\delta(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}'_2)\delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2),$$

where the relative-momentum operators read $\hat{\vec{k}} = \frac{1}{2i}(\vec{\nabla}_1 - \vec{\nabla}_2)$, $\hat{\vec{k}}' = \frac{1}{2i}(\vec{\nabla}'_1 - \vec{\nabla}'_2)$.

*We omit the spin-orbit and tensor terms for simplicity.



Ab initio derivation of model EDFs

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A few remarks are in order:

- In the standard derivation of the DFT, the first-step constrained variation corresponds to probing the system with an **external one-body field**. By inverting the obtained relation $\rho[U]$ and inserting it into the functional $E[U]$, one can, again in principle, obtain the final exact EDF, $E[\rho]$.
- The second-step variation, with respect to the density, $\delta_{\rho(\mathbf{r})}E[\rho]=0$, obviously then gives the **exact ground-state energy** and the exact ground-state local one-body density.
- The EDF is always meant to be **minimized with respect to the density**, and thus its detailed form beyond the minimum is not essential.
- Therefore, for the model functionals built from the generators, **the manifold** of meaningful ground-state densities is not really infinite dimensional, but it can be parametrized by the coupling constants, so it **has a finite number of dimensions**.
- If we use model functionals, then instead of probing the system with all possible one-body potentials of an arbitrary shape, it is enough to probe it within the **finite set of the EDF generators**.



Ab initio derivation of model EDFs

The goal is to provide an *ab initio* derivation within a certain class of model EDFs $\tilde{E}[\rho]$:

$$\tilde{E}[\rho] = \sum_{i=1}^m C^i V_i[\rho],$$

where C^i are coupling constants and $V_i[\rho]$ are the EDF generators.

Instead of probing the system with all possible one-body potentials it is enough to probe it within the finite set of the EDF generators $-\hat{V}_j$, that is, to solve the constrained variational equation,

$$\delta E' = \delta \langle \Psi | \hat{H} - \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda^j \hat{V}_j | \Psi \rangle = 0,$$

for a suitable set of values of a finite number of Lagrange multipliers λ^i , which is perfectly manageable a task.

Solution of this equation gives us the exact ground-state energies $E(\lambda^j)$ and one-body non-local densities $\rho_{\lambda^j}(r_1, r_2)$, both as functions (not functionals!) of the Lagrange multipliers λ^j . Then we adjust the EDF coupling constants C^i so as to have,

$$E(\lambda^j) = \sum_{i=1}^m C^i V_i[\rho_{\lambda^j}].$$

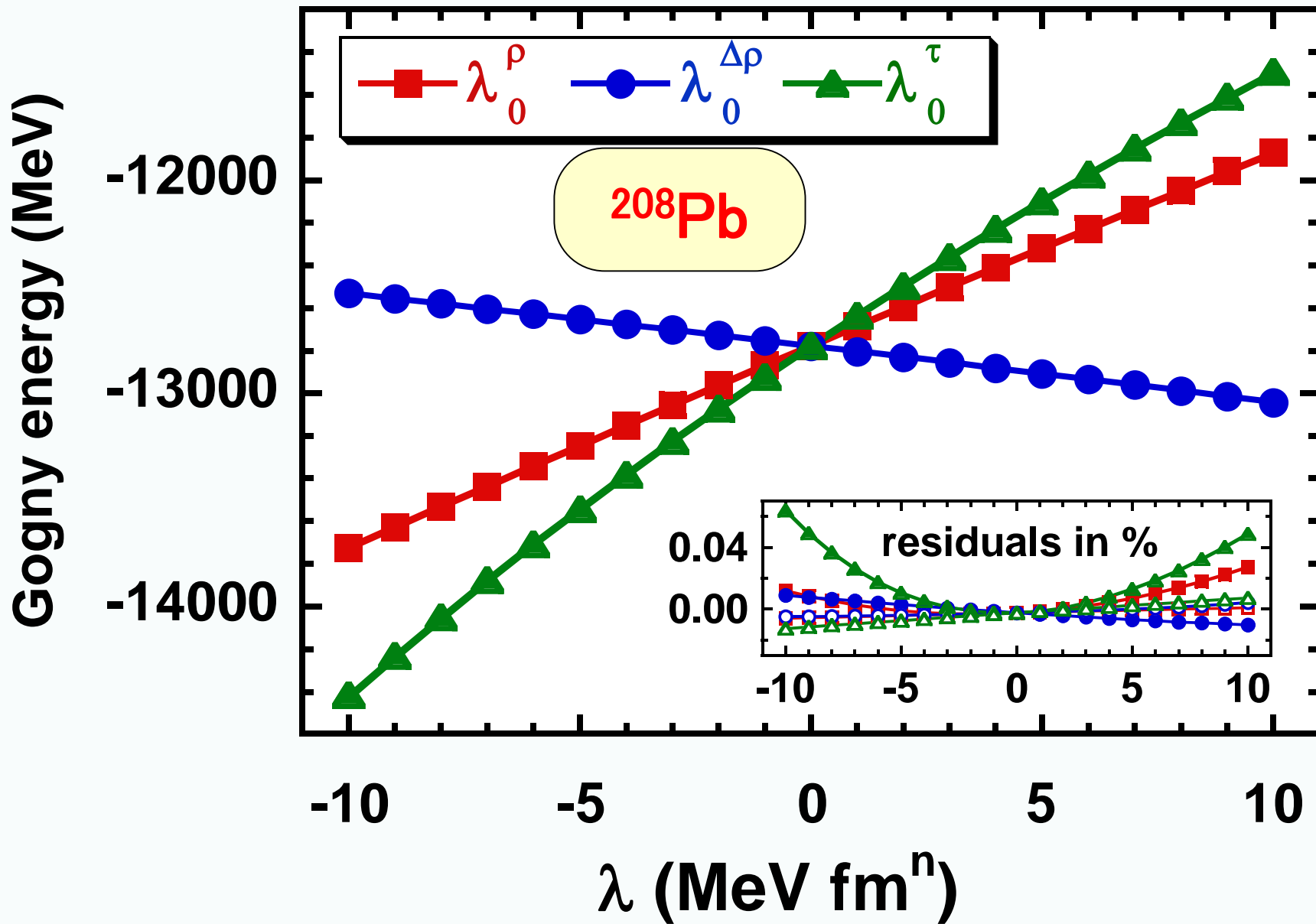


More remarks are in order:

- After adjustment of the best coupling constants, one obtains a true **ab initio-equivalent model EDF**.
- On the manifold of the exact one-body densities, the model EDF then gives the closest possible **approximation to the exact energies**.
- After the minimization in the space of all one-body densities (the second-step variation), the resulting approximate energies may deviate from the exact ones, and this **may inform us about the quality** of the proposed model EDF.
- Within the outlined method, only true two-, three-, or many-body operators can be used as functional generators. The obtained EDFs are then automatically **self-interaction free** and usable in the **beyond-mean-field approaches**.



Gogny-equivalent Skyrme EDF



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Gogny-equivalent Skyrme EDF

S1Se

		$t = 0$	$t = 1$
C_t^ρ	(MeV fm ³)	-605.41(16)	509(3)
$C_t^{\Delta\rho}$	(MeV fm ⁵)	-74.82(12)	41(2)
C_t^τ	(MeV fm ⁵)	79.73(16)	-98(2)

Table 1: Gogny-force D1S ground-state energies E_G (b) compared to energies E (c) calculated using the Skyrme EDF S1Se.

	E_G	E	δE	$\delta E/ E $	$\delta E/\Delta E$
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
¹⁶ O	-129.626	-128.83(6)	0.79	0.61%	13
⁴⁰ Ca	-344.663	-344.34(6)	0.32	0.09%	5
⁴⁸ Ca	-416.829	-419.36(7)	-2.53	-0.61%	-37
⁵⁶ Ni	-483.820	-485.83(7)	-2.01	-0.42%	-29
⁷⁸ Ni	-640.598	-642.99(13)	-2.39	-0.37%	-18
¹⁰⁰ Sn	-830.896	-832.60(10)	-1.70	-0.20%	-18
¹³² Sn	-1103.246	-1107.17(15)	-3.93	-0.36%	-26
²⁰⁸ Pb	-1638.330	-1641.26(16)	-2.93	-0.18%	-18
rms	n.a.	n.a.	2.34	0.40%	22

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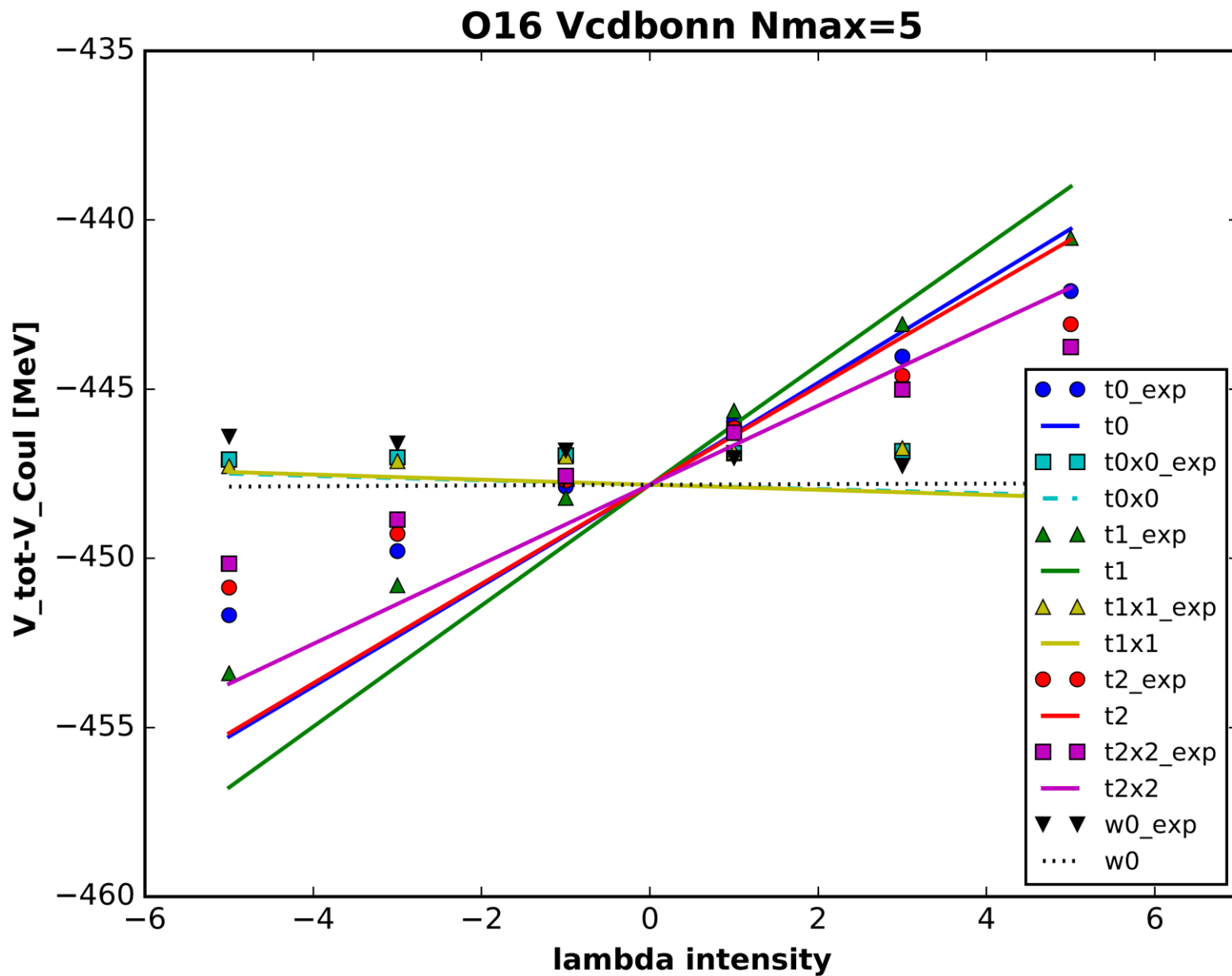
Table 2: Gogny-force D1S ground-state radii R_G (b) compared to radii R (c) calculated using the Skyrme EDF S1Se.

	R_G	R	δR	$\delta R/R$	$\delta R/\Delta R$
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
¹⁶ O	2.6689	2.6350(7)	-0.0339	-1.27%	-48
⁴⁰ Ca	3.4117	3.3860(8)	-0.0257	-0.75%	-31
⁴⁸ Ca	3.4423	3.4347(10)	-0.0076	-0.22%	- 8
⁵⁶ Ni	3.6773	3.6781(11)	0.0008	0.02%	1
⁷⁸ Ni	3.9070	3.9222(10)	0.0151	0.39%	16
¹⁰⁰ Sn	4.4070	4.4118(12)	0.0048	0.11%	4
¹³² Sn	4.6530	4.6694(11)	0.0164	0.35%	15
²⁰⁸ Pb	5.4365	5.4535(12)	0.0170	0.31%	14
rms	n.a.	n.a.	0.0183	0.57%	22

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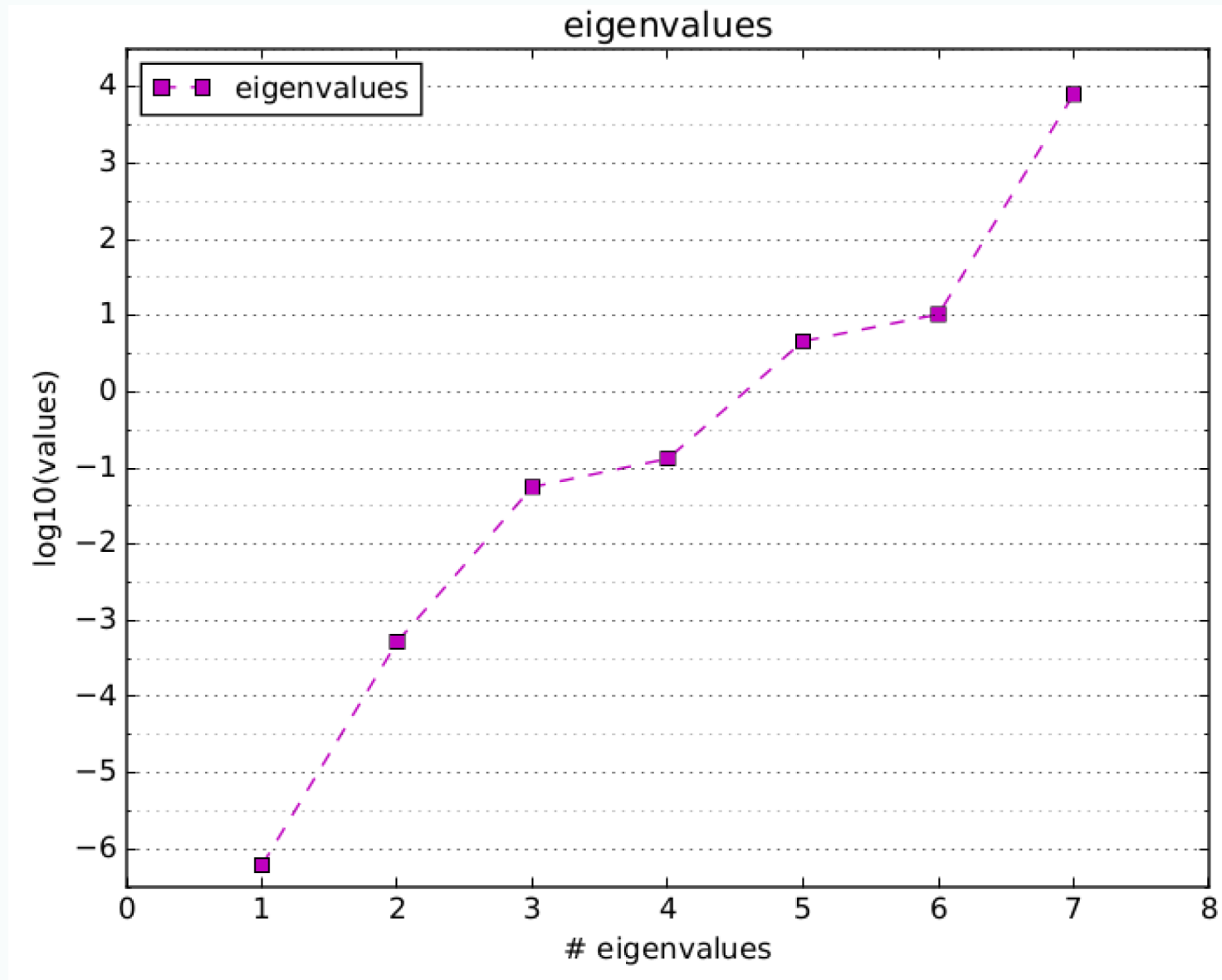
SV-like EDF from CD Bonn



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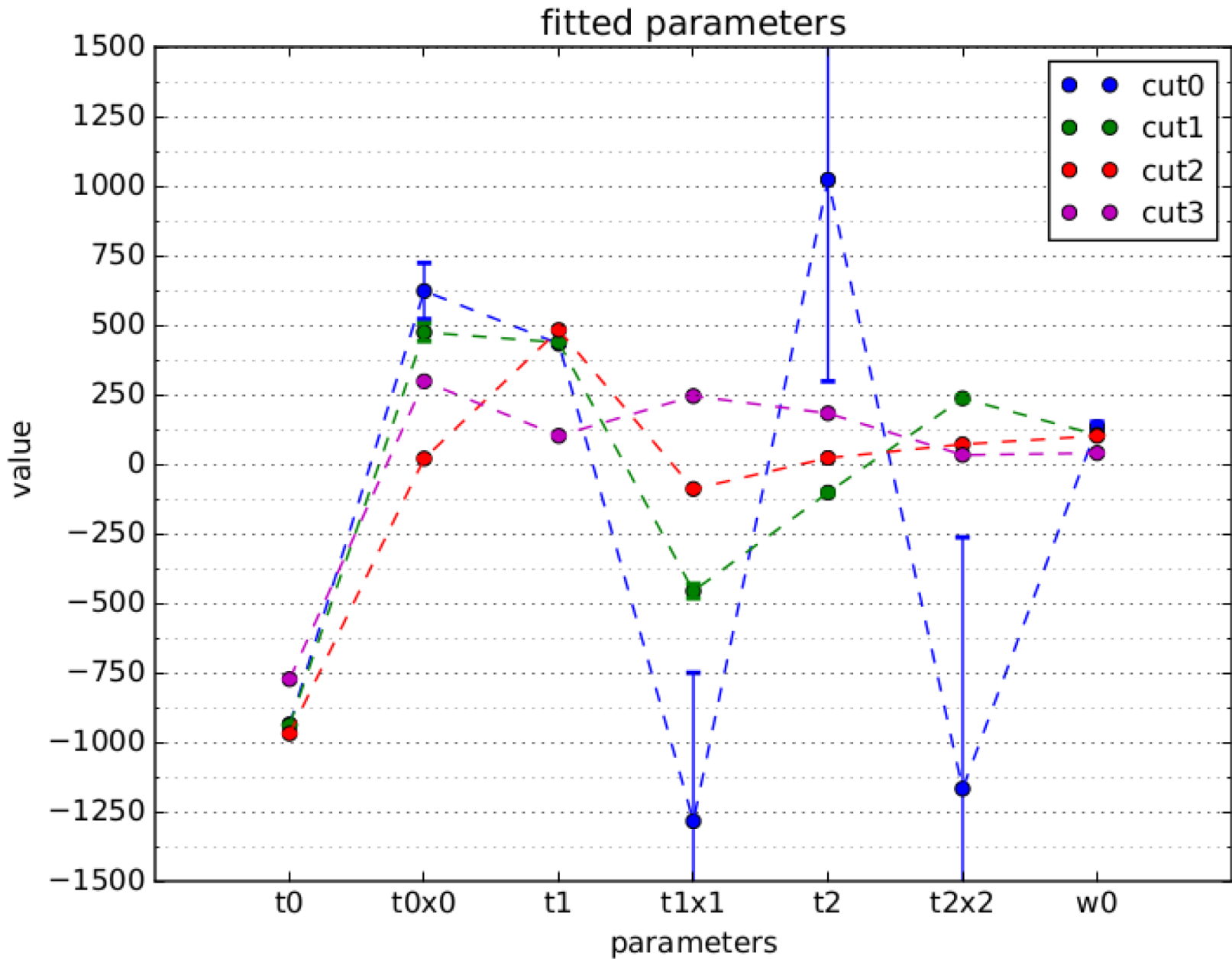
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Conclusions

- *Ab initio* derivations of density functionals are progressing.



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Collectivity

beyond mean field, ground-state correlations, shape coexistence, symmetry restoration, projection on good quantum numbers, configuration interaction, generator coordinate method, multi-reference DFT, etc....

$$E = \frac{\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} \simeq \iint d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \mathcal{H}(\rho(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'))$$

**True for
interaction**

$$\text{for } \rho(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{\langle \Psi | a^+(\vec{r}') a(\vec{r}') | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}$$

$$\frac{\langle \Psi_1 | \hat{H} | \Psi_2 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle} \simeq \iint d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \mathcal{H}(\rho_{12}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'))$$

$$\text{for } \rho_{12}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \frac{\langle \Psi_1 | a^+(\vec{r}') a(\vec{r}') | \Psi_2 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle}$$



The density dependence causes havoc

Particle-number projection impossible

Strong self interaction present

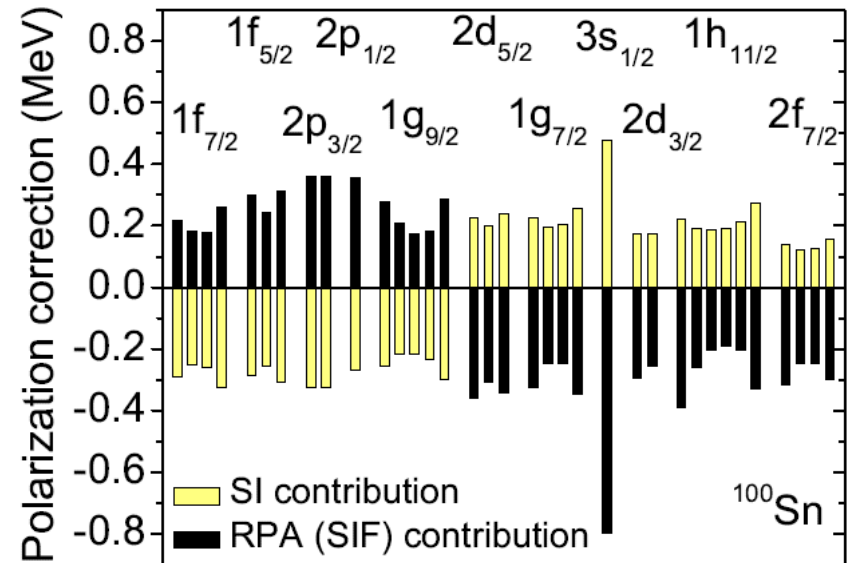
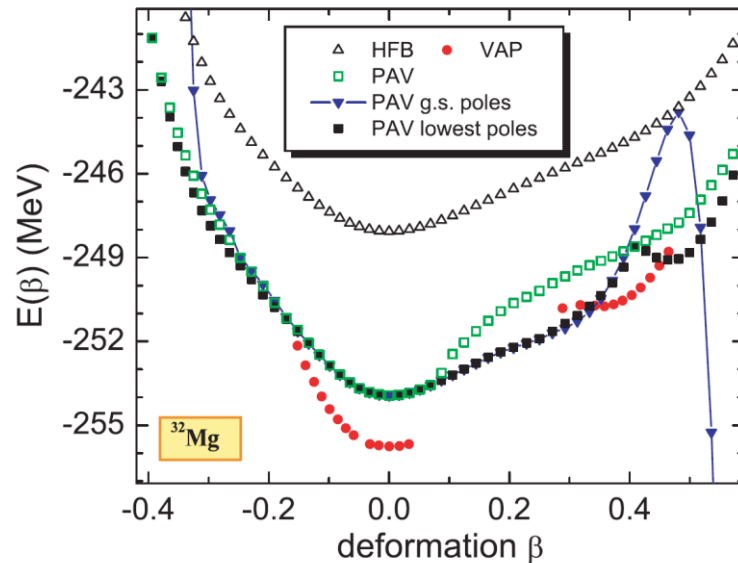


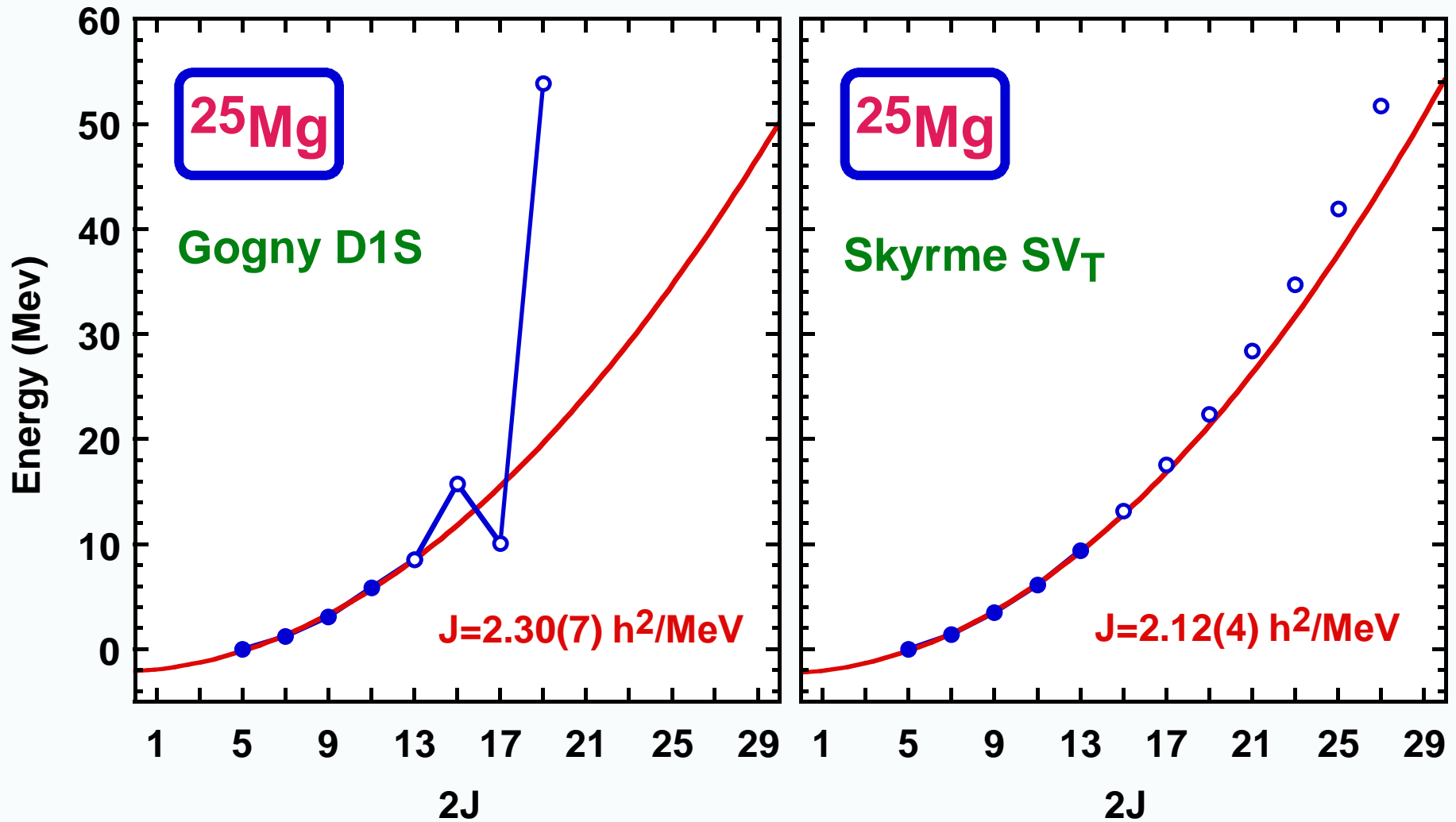
FIG. 11. (Color online) Deformation energy $E(\beta)$ as a function of quadrupole deformation β calculated for ^{32}Mg with the SIII force volume pairing interaction. Results of the PAV HFB+LN calculation (squares and triangles) are compared with the VAP PNP results (red circles). The standard HFB result is shown by open triangles.

FIG. 6: (Color online) The SIF and SI contributions to the polarization corrections of Eq. (46), calculated in ^{100}Sn for the Skyrme EDF SLy5.

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Rotational symmetry restoration in odd nuclei



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1) “Remember that all models are wrong;
the practical question is how wrong do
they have to be to not be useful”

G.E.P. Box and N.R. Draper

*Empirical Model Building and Response
Surfaces*

(John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1987)

- **Error Estimates of Theoretical Models: a Guide:**
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Zero-range vs. regularized finite-range pseudopotentials and functionals

Zero range:

B.G. Carlsson *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 78, 044326 (2008)
F. Raimondi *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 83, 054311 (2011)

$$\hat{V}_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L},v_{12}S}^{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'} = \frac{1}{2}i^{v_{12}} \left(\left[[K'_{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'} K_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L}}]_S \hat{S}_{v_{12}S} \right]_0 + (-1)^{v_{12}+S} \left[[K'_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L}} K_{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'}]_S \hat{S}_{v_{12}S} \right]_0 \right) \times (1 - \hat{P}^M \hat{P}^\sigma \hat{P}^\tau) \delta(\vec{r}'_1 - \vec{r}_1) \delta(\vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}_2) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2).$$

Finite range:

F. Raimondi *et al.*, J. Phys. G 41, 055112 (2014)

$$\hat{V}_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L},v_{12}S}^{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}',\tilde{t}} = \frac{1}{2}i^{v_{12}} \left(\left[[K'_{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'} K_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L}}]_S \hat{S}_{v_{12}S} \right]_0 + (-1)^{v_{12}+S} \left[[K'_{\tilde{n}\tilde{L}} K_{\tilde{n}'\tilde{L}'}]_S \hat{S}_{v_{12}S} \right]_0 \right) \times (\hat{P}^\tau)^{\tilde{t}} (1 - \hat{P}^M \hat{P}^\sigma \hat{P}^\tau) \delta(\vec{r}'_1 - \vec{r}_1) \delta(\vec{r}'_2 - \vec{r}_2) g_a(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2).$$

Numbers of terms of the finite-range pseudopotential at different orders up to N³LO. In the second, third, and fourth column, numbers of central ($\tilde{S} = 0$), SO ($\tilde{S} = 1$), and tensor ($\tilde{S} = 2$) terms, respectively, are displayed.

Order	$\tilde{S} = 0$	$\tilde{S} = 1$	$\tilde{S} = 2$	Total
0	4	0	0	4
2	8	2	4	14
4	16	4	10	30
6	24	8	20	52
N ³ LO	52	14	34	100