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The accuracy of an energy density functional determines the accuracy of the density functional calculation. Thus, it is highly motivated to improve the accuracy of an EDF.

Then, a question arises: Can we improve an EDF if we know the "exact" density?

To answer this question, recently, we proposed a method named "IKS-DFPT" to improve the known EDF using a combination of the inverse Kohn-Sham method and the density functional perturbation theory [1]. In Ref. [1], this method was benchmarked in atomic systems, while it was extended to the covariant density functional theory for nuclear systems [2].

In this talk, I will introduce this method and its benchmark results.

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