

Tunable non-interacting free-energy functionals: Development and applications to low-density aluminum

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Motivation, Physical problem

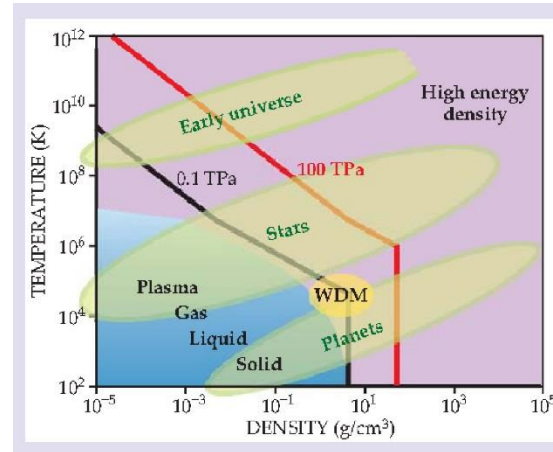
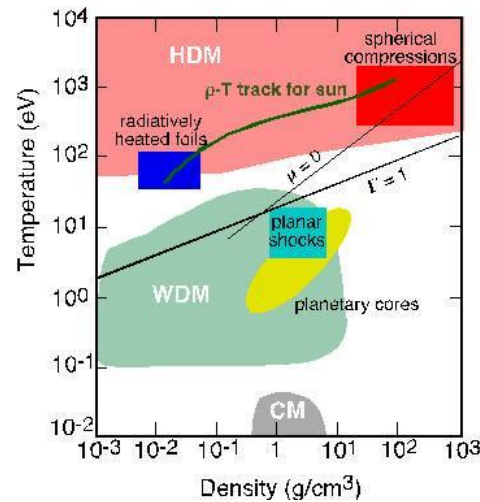
Warm Dense Matter (WDM)

- Challenging region *between* normal condensed matter and plasmas:
 $T < 100\text{eV}$ ($\approx 1,100,000\text{ K}$)
 Densities: from gas to $\approx 100 \times$ equilibrium density
 (*i.e.* $P \rightarrow$ thousands of GPa).
- Inertial confinement fusion pathway; interiors of giant planets & exo-planets, shock compression experiments
- Both the Coulomb coupling constant $\Gamma = e^2 / r_s k_B T$
 and the Fermi-degeneracy parameter $t = \theta := k_B T / E_F$
 are in the intermediate region \Rightarrow
 no perturbation expansion.
- Methods developed for WDM regime also work well for high-energy density physics and dense plasmas.

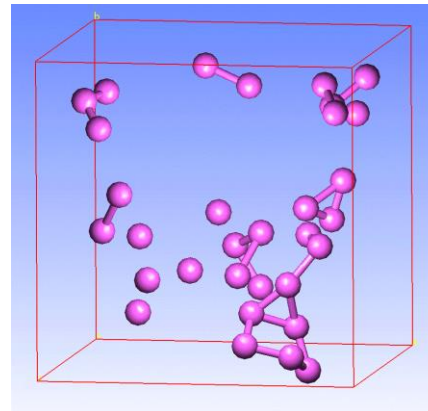
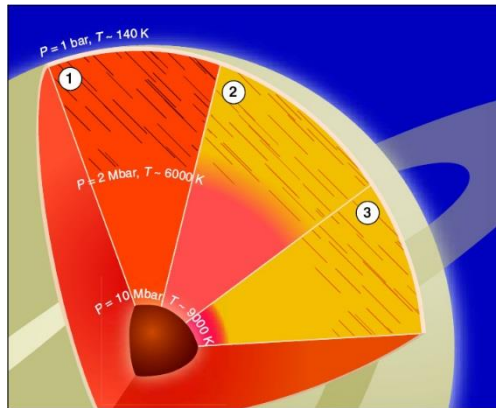


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Schematic temperature-density diagrams -
Left: Hydrogen [from R. Lee, LLNL]
Right: Aluminum [Phys. Today 63(6), 28 (2010)]



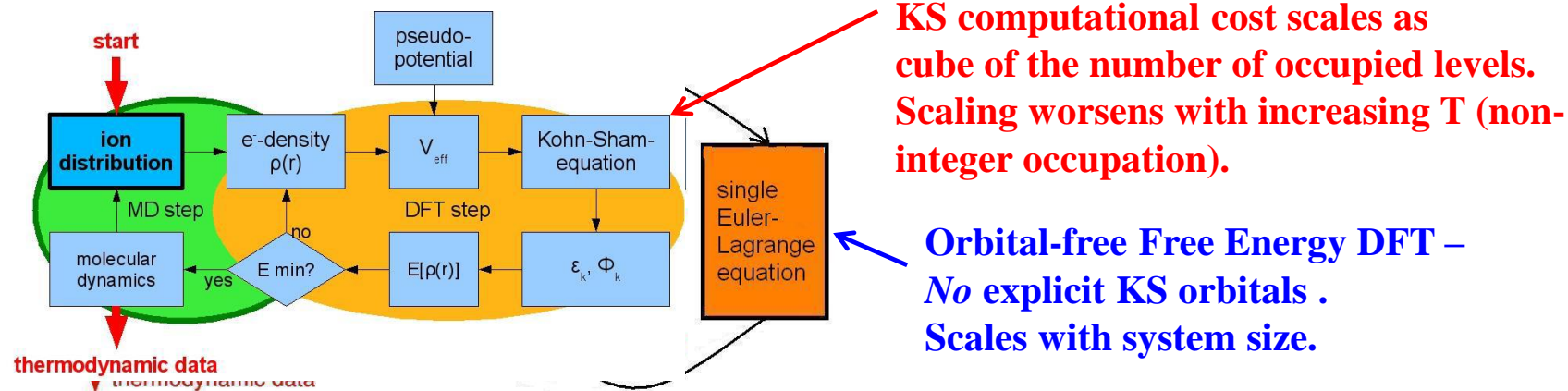
Left: Interior of Saturn [J.J. Fortney, Science 305, 1414 (2004)]:

- (1) At an age of ≈ 1.5 billion years
- (2) The current Saturn according to previous H-He phase diagram
- (3) The current Saturn according to new evolutionary models

Right: MD snapshot of Al (0.20 g/cm³) at T=5 kK. Shows complexity of WDM regime, formation of ions, molecules, and clusters.



Computational Challenge



**Mermin,
Hohenberg-Kohn
DFT**

$$\Omega[n] = F[n] + \int d\mathbf{r} (v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) - \mu) n(\mathbf{r}) \quad \text{Grand potential}$$

$$F[n] = F_s[n] + F_H[n] + F_{\text{xc}}[n] \quad \text{Universal free energy functional}$$

$F_H[n]$ = Hartree free energy, $F_s[n]$ = Non-interacting (KS) free energy,

$F_{\text{xc}}[n]$ = eXchange-Correlation (XC) free energy

KS equation

$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_1}^2 + v_H(\mathbf{r}_1; \{\mathbf{R}\}) + v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}_1; \{\mathbf{R}\}) + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_1; \{\mathbf{R}\}) \right\} \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}_1; \{\mathbf{R}\}) = \varepsilon_j \varphi_j(\mathbf{r}_1; \{\mathbf{R}\})$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}_1; \{\mathbf{R}\}) = \sum_j f(\varepsilon_j) |\varphi_j(\mathbf{r}_1; \{\mathbf{R}\})|^2 \quad ; \quad v_{\text{xc}}[n] = \frac{\delta F_{\text{xc}}}{\delta n}$$

Electrons Nuclei

Original Image: W. Lorenzen



Finite-Temperature OF-DFT Basics

OFDFT requirements: reliable, orbital-free approximations for

$$F_s[\{\varphi\}] = T_s[\{\varphi\}] - TS_s[\{\varphi\}] \quad \leftarrow \text{Non-interacting (Kohn-Sham) free energy}$$

$$F_{xc}[n] = (T[n] - T_s[n]) - T(S[n] - S_s[n]) + (U_{ee}[n] - F_H[n]) \quad \leftarrow \text{Exchange-Correlation free energy}$$

$$\frac{\delta F_s[n]}{\delta n(r)} + v_s([n]; r) = \mu, \quad \text{where} \quad v_s = v_{ext} + v_H + v_{xc} \quad \leftarrow \text{Single Euler equation to solve}$$

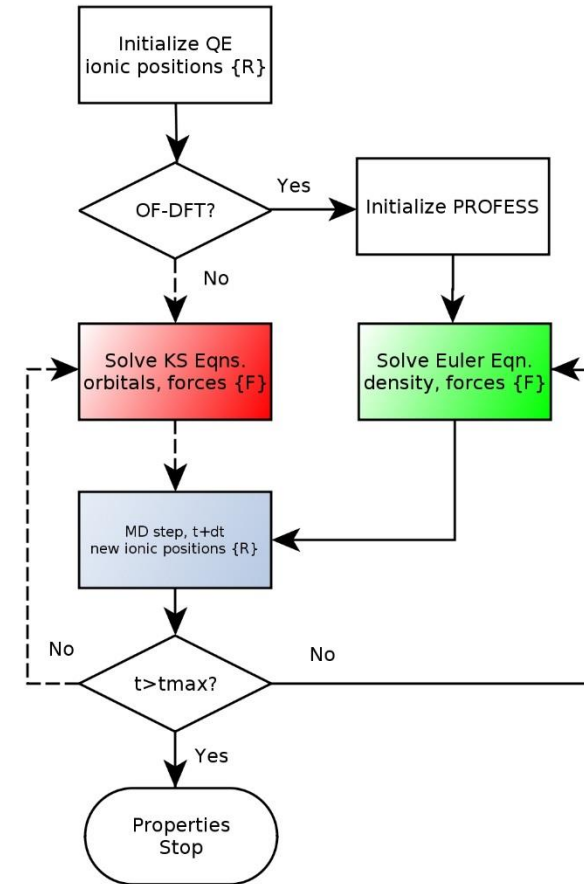
Partial history of finite-T functional development:

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- (1949) Feynman, Metropolis: finite-T Thomas-Fermi: $F_s^{\text{TF}}[n]$
 - (1979) Perrot: Gradient corrections to TF: $F_s^{\text{SGA}}[n]$
 - (2012) Karasiev, Sjostrom, Trickey: Finite-T GGA formalism: $F_s^{\text{GGA}}[n]$ Phys. Rev. B **86**, 115101 (2012)
 - (2013) Karasiev, Chakraborty, et al.: Non-empirical GGA: $F_s^{\text{GGA}}[n]$ Phys. Rev. B **88**, 161108(R) (2013)
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- (1979-2000) finite-T XC based on different models: $F_{xc}[n]$
 - (2014) Karasiev, Sjostrom, Dufty, Trickey: finite-T LDA XC $F_{xc}^{\text{LDA}}[n]$ Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 076403 (2014)
 - (2017) Karasiev, Dufty, Trickey: finite-T GGA XC $F_{xc}^{\text{GGA}}[n]$ Phys. Rev. Lett. (submitted) (2017)



PROFESS@Quantum-Espresso package

- **Finite-T OF-DFT functionals are implemented in the PROFESS code.**
- **T-dependent XC implemented in PROFESS and Q-Espresso**
- **Our analytical representations of Fermi-Dirac integral combinations are implemented**
- **PROFESS@Q-Espresso interface gives Quantum-Espresso MD driven by OF-DFT forces**
- **Vers. 2.0 was released recently – go to <http://www.qtp.ufl.edu/ofdft>**



Flow chart for MD simulation with PROFESS@Q-Espresso

Karasiev, Sjostrom, Trickey, Comput. Phys. Commun. 185, 3240 (2014)



Optical Conductivity & XC thermal effects

OF-DFT MD and subsequent Kohn-Sham and Kubo-Greenwood conductivity calculations -

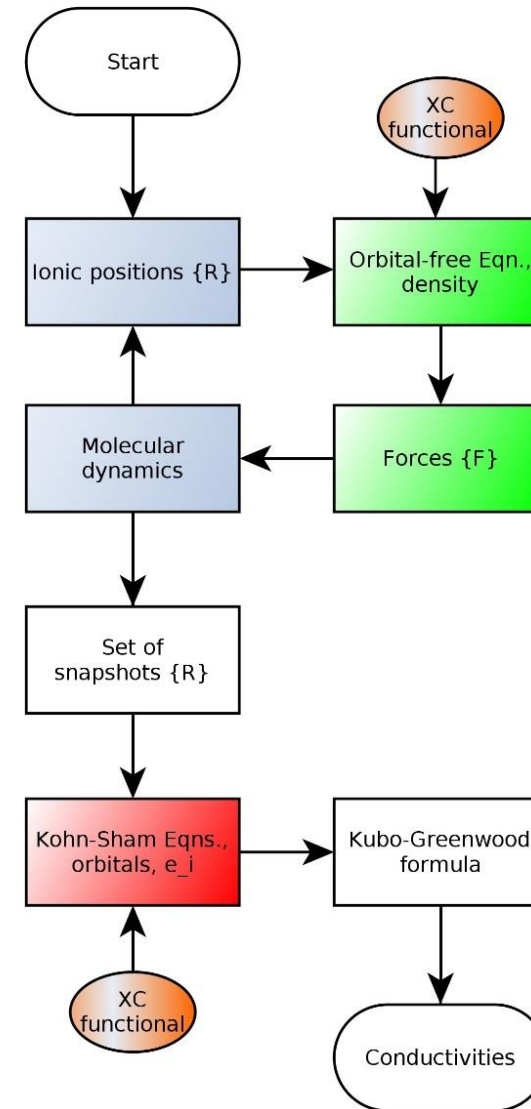
- **Non-interacting free-energy functional is a critical input to OF-DFT MD**
- **2 to 10 “snapshots”; explicit KS to get orbitals and eigenvalues**
- **XC free-energy functional is a critical input for both OF-DFT MD and snapshot KS**

Kubo-Greenwood Electron Conductivity Expression and Implementation for Projector Augmented Wave Datasets

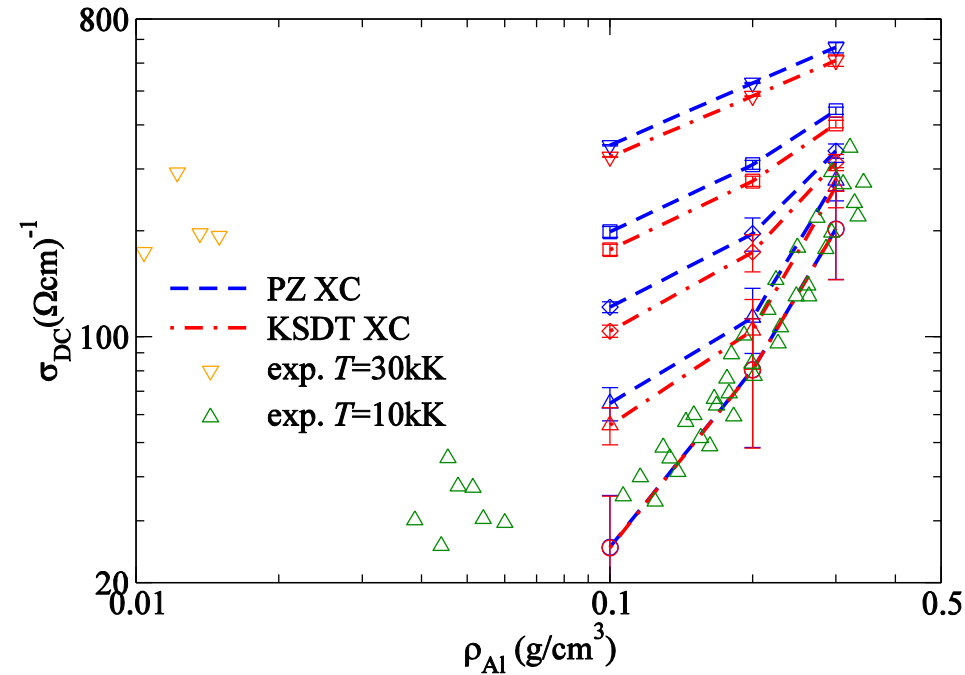
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Paper & code in preparation for GPL release.



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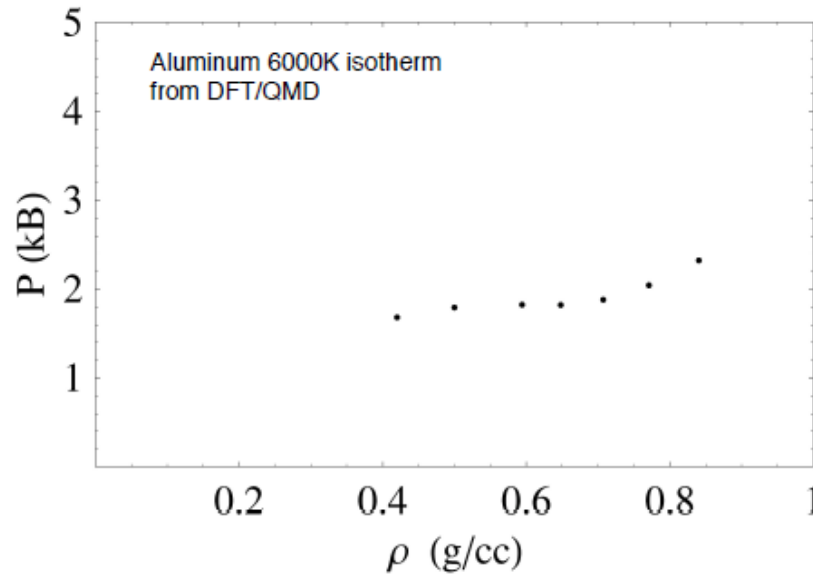


Aluminum DC conductivity as a function of material density from calculations with T-dependent KSDT (dot-dashed) and ground state PZ (dashed) XC functionals for five isotherms: 5, 10, 15, 20, and 30 kK (bottom to top).

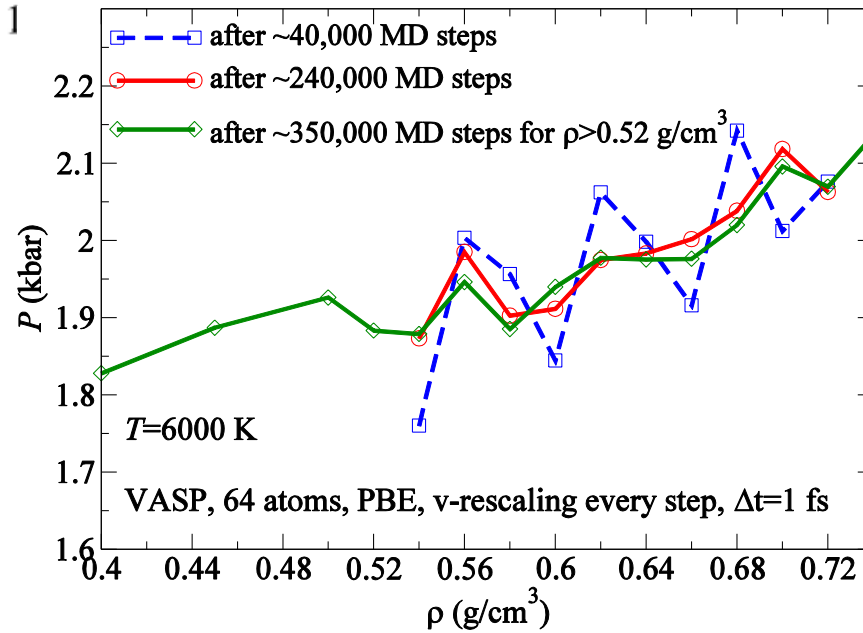
Use of explicitly T-dependent XC lowers the DC conductivity of low-density Al, yielding improved agreement with experiment.

[Karasiev, Calderín, Trickey, Phys. Rev. E 93, 063201 (2016)]

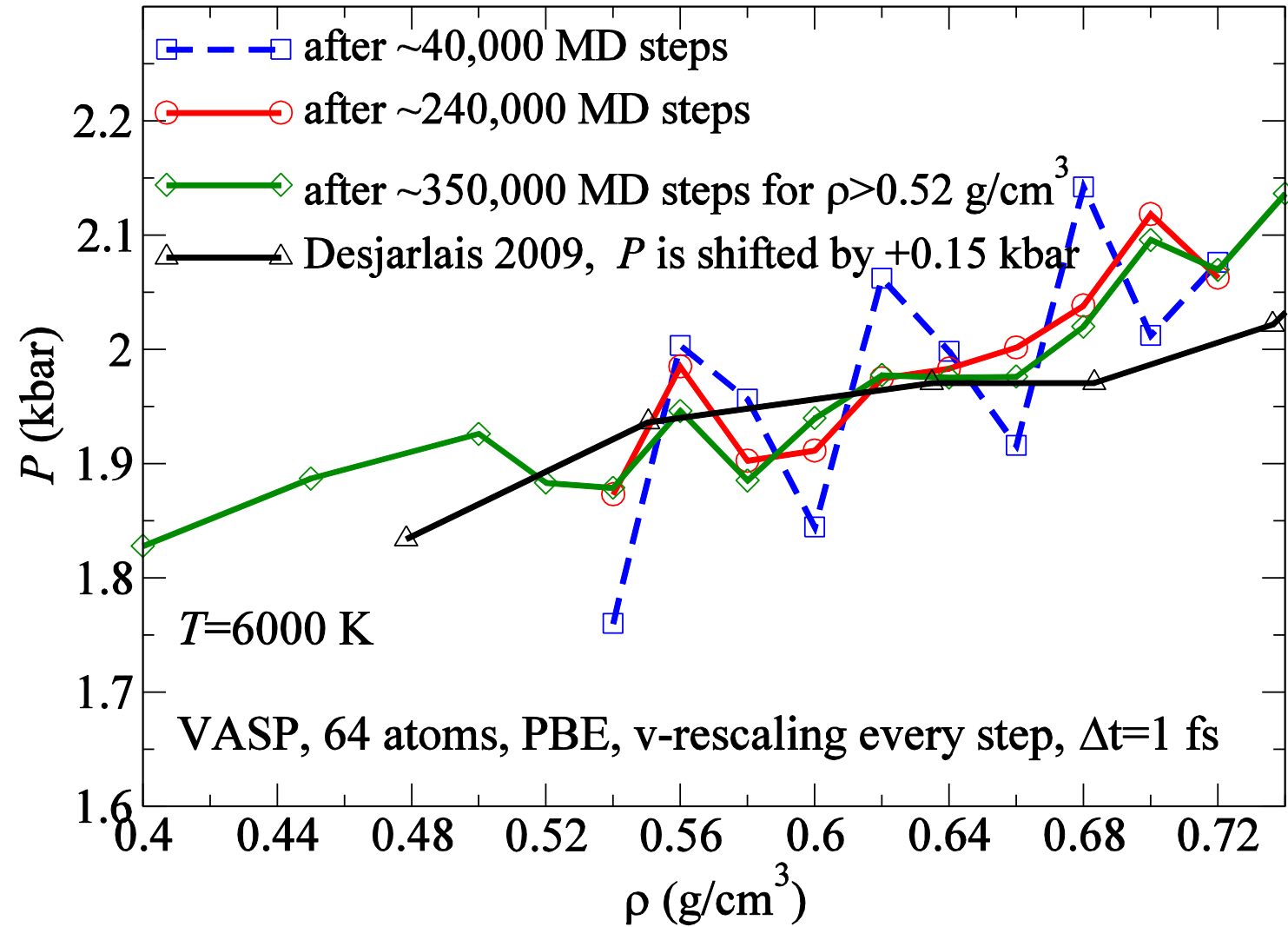
Low-density System Challenge: Liquid-vapor transition in Al



M.P. Desjarlais [Atom. Proc. Plasmas
CP-1161, 32 (2009)] “very tedious”
KS-MD calculations



Low-density System Challenge: Liquid-vapor transition in Al



Low-density System Challenge

Challenge to OF-DFT removal of Kohn-Sham bottleneck: all known orbital-free non-interacting functionals (including ours) are grossly inaccurate for low density Al.

Pragmatic response: Develop tunable functionals to work with particular system at relevant thermodynamic conditions.

Tuning: Adopt a functional form with parameters, set most of them to match exact conditions, set the rest to match reference Kohn-Sham calculations at some matching temperatures T_m and material densities ρ_m .

Build transferability to higher $T > T_m$ by incorporating exact high-T limit by construction.



Orbital-free tunable non-interacting functional

1) Zero-T kinetic energy GGA enhancement factor

$$F_t(s) = \frac{1 + a_2 s^2 + a_4 s^4 + a_5 s^5 + a_6 s^6}{1 + b_2 s^2 + b_4 s^4} \quad s(n, \nabla n) = \frac{|\nabla n|}{2(3\pi^2)^{1/3} n^{4/3}}$$

2) Apply the finite-T GGA framework [Karasiev, Sjostrom, Trickey, PRB 86, 115101 (2012)] :

$$F_\tau(s_\tau) = F_t(s_\tau); \quad F_\sigma(s_\sigma) = 2 - F_t(s_\sigma)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_s^{\text{GGA}}[n, T] = \int d^3 r \tau_0^{\text{TF}}(n) \{ \xi(t) F_\tau(s_\tau) - \zeta(t) F_\sigma(s_\sigma) \}$$

$$s_\tau(n, \nabla n, T) := s(n, \nabla n) \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{h}(t) - t(d\tilde{h}/dt)}{\xi(t)}} \quad s_\sigma(n, \nabla n, T) := s(n, \nabla n) \sqrt{\frac{t(d\tilde{h}/dt)}{\zeta(t)}} \quad t = T / T_F$$

3) Most parameters determined from constraints; leave a few free.

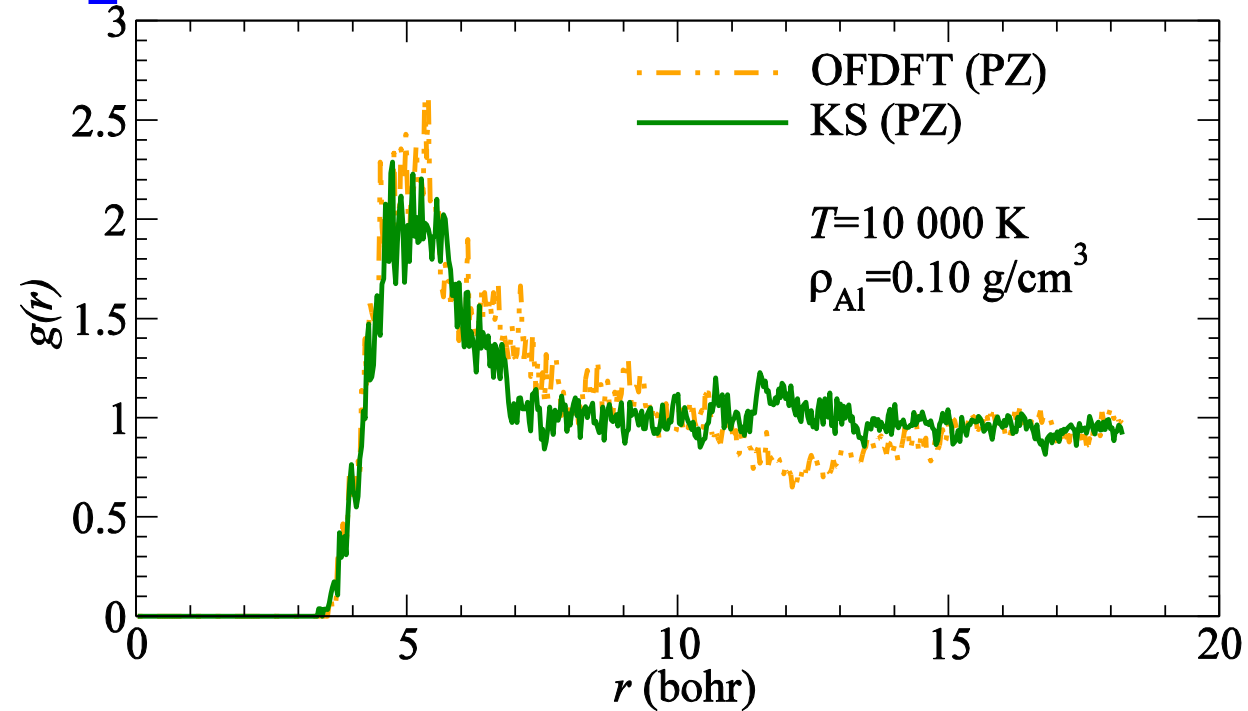
4) Tune free parameters to match the KS static lattice hot curve (pressure vs. volume), not KS AIMD, at $T=T_m$ and relevant bulk density regime.



Orbital-free tunable non-interacting functional

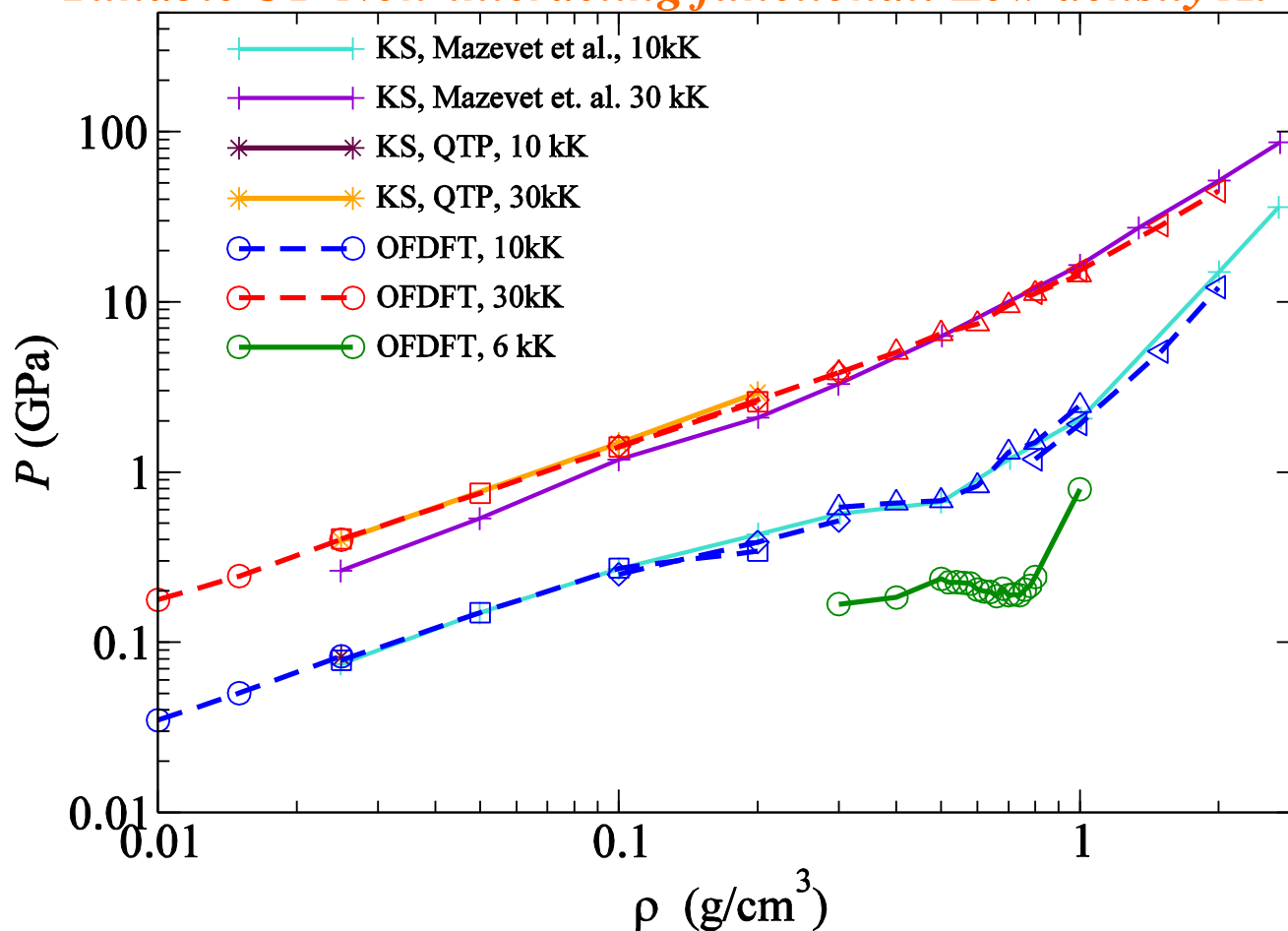
Functional tuned at one $T_m = 8\text{ kK}$ is usefully accurate for $T \geq 10\text{ kK}$.

Conservative approach: Run KS-MD for $T \leq 10\text{ kK}$, and use tunable in OF-DFT MD for $T \geq 10\text{ kK}$.



OF-DFT and KS ion pair-correlation functions for Al at $\rho_{\text{Al}}=0.10\text{ g/cm}^3$ & $T=10\text{ kK}$.

Tunable OF Non-interacting functional: Low density Al



Low-density Al EOS at $T=10$ kK and 30 kK; tunable OF-DFT functional compared to KS. Tuned at $T_m = 8$ kK & three ρ_m (1.0, 1.5, 2.0 g/cm³)

Number of atoms in simulation cell: 8 → 108.

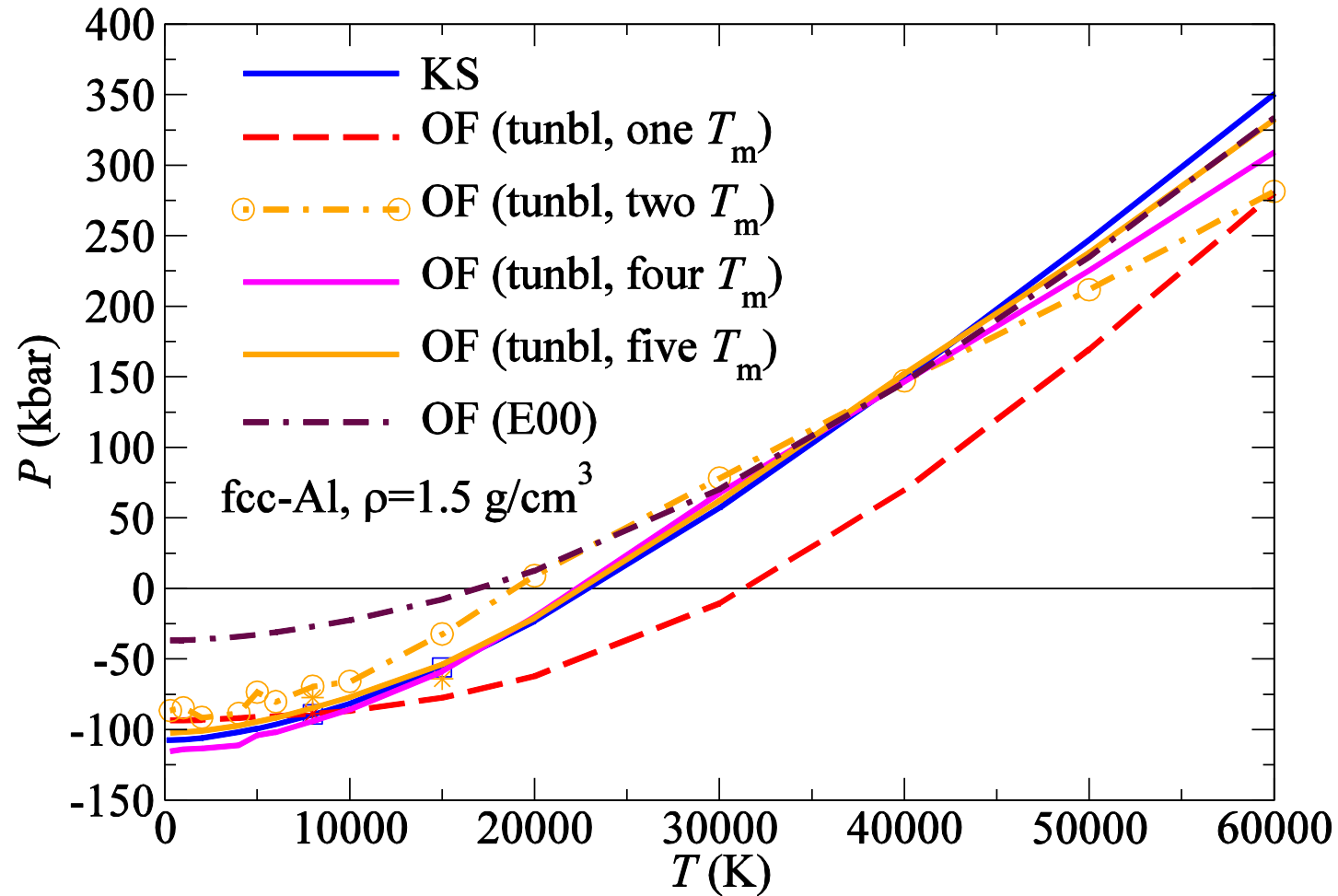
10 kK. 30 kK OF-DFT \approx 12,000 steps
6 kK \approx 6,000 steps

Liquid-vapor critical point -

- Does not model two phases (phase separation or co-existence)
- Searches for the diverging isothermal compressibility $\kappa = \left(n \frac{\partial P}{\partial n} \right)^{-1}$
- Requires very long MD due to slow convergence of averages over MD steps.



Tuning – At how many Temperatures?



T_m sets = {8 kK}; {8, 15 kK}; {8, 15, 30, 60 kK}; {8, 15, 30, 40, 60 kK}

ρ_m set = {1.0, 1.5, 2.0} g/cm³

Summary

- Real progress on orbital-free DFT (both $T = 0$ K and $T > 0$ K):
 - * Finite-T GGA formalism (for the non-interacting free-energy)
 - * First non-empirical GGAs for non-interacting free-energies
 - * Tunable non-interacting functional enables far-reaching extension of static KS calculations into OF-DFT MD
- Real progress on finite-T XC:
 - * “KSDT” LSDA XC based on parametrization of quantum Monte-Carlo data
 - * Non-empirical “KDT16” GGA XC free-energy (submitted)
 - TODAY: Room 289; 11:51 am – 12:03 pm; L26.00004, V.V. Karasiev**
- Software:
 - * Profess@Q-Espresso orbital-free package
 - * Kubo-Greenwood post-processing transport properties package for QE (soon)
 - www.qtp.ufl.edu/ofdft

