

An introduction to Dynamical mean field theory

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Outline

- Some backgrounds.
- The main idea of DMFT, derivation of self-consistent equations.
- Conclusions

Why DMFT?

Strongly correlated fermion systems

Perturbation

Mean field approach:

Hartree-Fock: Attempts to parametrize the whole mean-field function by a single number. This amounts to freezing local quantum fluctuation, which is only reasonable when a single low-energy scale is important.

DMFT: Use energy-dependent mean field function to replace a single number, which can take into account local quantum fluctuation.

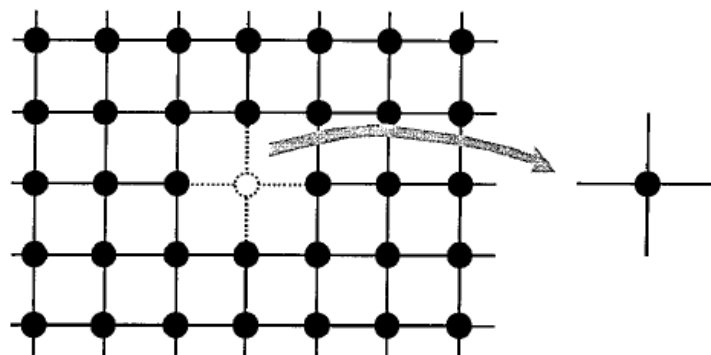
Classical case

$$\sum_{S_i, i \neq o} e^{-\beta H} \equiv e^{-\beta H_{\text{eff}}[S_o]},$$

$$H = -h_o S_o - \sum_i J_{io} \hat{S}_o \cdot \hat{S}_i + H^{(o)}$$

$$J_{io} S_o \equiv \eta_i$$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \text{const} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_1 \dots i_n} \frac{1}{n!} \eta_{i_1} \dots \eta_{i_n} \langle S_{i_1} \dots S_{i_n} \rangle_c^{(o)}$$



For a ferromagnetic system, with $J_{ij} > 0$ scaled as $1/d^{|i-j|}$

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -h_{\text{eff}} S_o; \quad d \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{Dimensionality depress fluctuation correlation}$$

$$h_{\text{eff}} = h + \sum_i J_{oi} \langle S_i \rangle^{(o)} \quad \text{Weiss field}$$

$$m = \tanh(\beta h_{\text{eff}})$$

$$\langle S_i \rangle^{(o)} \rightarrow \langle S_i \rangle$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \langle S_i \rangle = \langle S_o \rangle \equiv m \\ h_{\text{eff}} = h + zJm \\ m = \tanh \beta h_{\text{eff}} \end{array} \right]$$

Quantum case

A closed set of functional equations for on-site Green's function and Weiss function

$$S_{\text{eff}} = - \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau' \sum_{\sigma} c_{o\sigma}^+(\tau) \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(\tau - \tau') c_{o\sigma}(\tau')$$

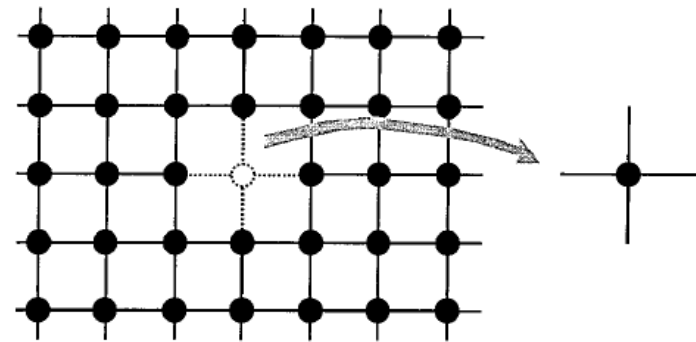
$$+ U \int_0^\beta d\tau n_{o\uparrow}(\tau) n_{o\downarrow}(\tau).$$

$$\mathcal{G}_0^{-1} = \Sigma + 1/\tilde{D}(i\omega_n + \mu - \Sigma)$$

$$G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma(i\omega_n)}$$

$$G_{ii}(i\omega_n) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)$$

$$\Sigma(i\omega_n) = \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) - G^{-1}(i\omega_n).$$



$$G(\tau - \tau') \equiv - \langle T c(\tau) c^+(\tau') \rangle_{S_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$G(i\omega_n) = \int_0^\beta d\tau G(\tau) e^{i\omega_n \tau}, \quad \omega_n \equiv \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\beta}$$

$$D(\epsilon) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \delta(\epsilon - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}), \quad \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \sum_{ij} t_{ij} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j)},$$

$$\tilde{D}(\zeta) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\epsilon \frac{D(\epsilon)}{\zeta - \epsilon}$$

$$D(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{t\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\epsilon^2}{2t^2}\right). \quad \text{Cubic lattice in infinite dimension}$$

Hold on paramagnetic phase only! We use translation invariance! ($G_{\uparrow}(i\omega_n) \quad G_{\downarrow}(i\omega_n) \quad)$

Coherent path integral

Bosonic

$$a_i|\phi\rangle = \phi_i|\phi\rangle$$

$$|\phi\rangle \equiv \exp[\sum_i \phi_i a_i^\dagger] |0\rangle$$

$$\int \prod_i \frac{d\bar{\phi}_i d\phi_i}{\pi} e^{-\sum_i \bar{\phi}_i \phi_i} |\phi\rangle \langle \phi| = \mathbf{1}_F$$

fermionic

$$a_i|\eta\rangle = \eta_i|\eta\rangle$$

$$|\eta\rangle = \exp[-\sum_i \eta_i a_i^\dagger] |0\rangle$$

$$\int \prod_i d\bar{\eta}_i d\eta_i e^{-\sum_i \bar{\eta}_i \eta_i} |\eta\rangle \langle \eta| = \mathbf{1}_F$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum \langle n | e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{N})} | n \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \prod_{n=0}^N d[\bar{\psi}_n, \psi_n] e^{-\sum_{n=1}^N [\bar{\psi}_n \cdot (\psi_n - \psi_{n-1}) + \Delta\beta (H(\bar{\psi}_n, \psi_{n-1}) - \mu N(\bar{\psi}_n, \psi_{n-1}))]}$$

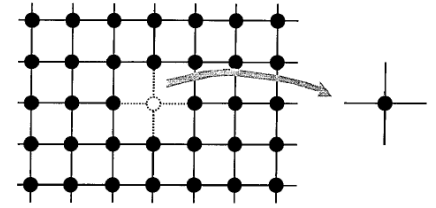
$\bar{\psi}_N = -\zeta \bar{\psi}_0, \psi_N = -\zeta \psi_0$

$$\Delta\beta \sum_{n=0}^N \rightarrow \int_0^\beta d\tau, \quad \frac{\psi_n - \psi_{n-1}}{\Delta\beta} \rightarrow \partial_\tau \psi \Big|_{\tau=n\Delta\beta}, \quad \prod_{n=0}^N d[\bar{\psi}_n, \psi_n] \rightarrow D(\bar{\psi}, \psi)$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int_{\substack{\bar{\psi}(\beta) = -\zeta \bar{\psi}(0) \\ \psi(\beta) = -\zeta \psi(0)}} D(\bar{\psi}, \psi) e^{-S[\bar{\psi}, \psi]}, \quad S[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = \int_0^\beta d\tau (\bar{\psi} \cdot \partial_\tau \psi + H(\bar{\psi}, \psi) - \mu N(\bar{\psi}, \psi))$$

Derivations of the DMFT equations

Hubbard model:



$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + c_{j\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}.$$

$$Z = \int \prod_i Dc_{i\sigma}^+ Dc_{i\sigma} e^{-S}, \quad S = \int_0^\beta d\tau \left(\sum_{i\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ \partial_\tau c_{i\sigma} - \sum_{ij, \sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} - \mu \sum_{i\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} \right).$$

Effective action of site o :

$$\frac{1}{Z_{\text{eff}}} e^{-S_{\text{eff}}[c_{o\sigma}^+, c_{o\sigma}]} \equiv \frac{1}{Z} \int \prod_{i \neq o, \sigma} Dc_{i\sigma}^+ Dc_{i\sigma} e^{-S}.$$

$$S = S^{(o)} + S_o + \Delta S$$

$$\eta_i \equiv t_{io} c_{o\sigma}$$

$$S_o = \int_0^\beta d\tau \left(\sum_\sigma c_{o\sigma}^+ (\partial_\tau - \mu) c_{o\sigma} + U n_{o\uparrow} n_{o\downarrow} \right)$$

$$\Delta S = - \int_0^\beta d\tau \sum_{i\sigma} t_{io} (c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{o\sigma} + c_{o\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma})$$

Plays the role of a source coupled to $c_{i\sigma}^\mp$

$$\frac{1}{Z_{\text{eff}}} e^{-S_{\text{eff}}[c_{o\sigma}^+, c_{o\sigma}]} \equiv \frac{1}{Z} \int \prod_{i \neq o, \sigma} Dc_{i\sigma}^+ Dc_{i\sigma} e^{-S}.$$

The integration over fermions for $i \neq o$ brings in the generating function of the connected Green's function $G^{(o)}$ of the cavity Hamiltonian.

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_1 \dots j_n} \int \eta_{i_1}^+(\tau_{i_1}) \dots \eta_{i_n}^+(\tau_{i_n}) \eta_{j_1}(\tau_{j_1}) \dots \eta_{j_n}(\tau_{j_n}) G_{i_1 \dots j_n}^{(o)}(\tau_{i_1} \dots \tau_{i_n}, \tau_{j_1} \dots \tau_{j_n}) + S_o + \text{const.}$$

The scaling of the hopping amplitude:

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = -2t \sum_{j=1}^d \cos k_j$$

$$t = t^* / (2d)^{1/2}$$

$$S_{\text{eff}} = - \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau' \sum_{\sigma} c_{o\sigma}^+(\tau) \mathcal{F}_0^{-1}(\tau - \tau') c_{o\sigma}(\tau') + U \int_0^\beta d\tau n_{o\uparrow}(\tau) n_{o\downarrow}(\tau). \quad d \rightarrow \infty$$

$$G(\tau - \tau') \equiv - \langle T c(\tau) c^+(\tau') \rangle_{S_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$G(i\omega_n) = \int_0^\beta d\tau G(\tau) e^{i\omega_n \tau}, \quad \omega_n \equiv \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) = i\omega_n + \mu - \sum_{ij} t_{oi} t_{oj} G_{ij}^{(o)}(i\omega_n)$$



$$G_{ij}^{(o)} = G_{ij} - \frac{G_{io} G_{oj}}{G_{oo}}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0^{-1} = \Sigma + 1/\tilde{D}(i\omega_n + \mu - \Sigma)$$

Self consistent relation: the relation between field and local observable.

Some comments

- We can interpret $\mathcal{G}_0(\tau-\tau')$ as the quantum generalisation of the Weiss effective field in the classical case. The main difference with the classical case is that this “dynamical mean-field” is a *function of energy (or time) instead of a single number*. $\mathcal{G}_0(\tau-\tau')$ also plays the role of a bare Green’s function for the effective action .
- This is required in order to take full account of local quantum fluctuations, which is the main purpose of DMFT.

TABLE I. Correspondence between the mean-field theory of a classical system and the (dynamical) mean-field theory of a quantum system.

Quantum case	Classical case	
$-\sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$	$H = -\sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j - h \sum_i S_i$	Hamiltonian
$t_{ij} \sim (1/\sqrt{d})^{ i-j }$	$J_{ij} \sim (1/d)^{ i-j }$ (ferromagnet)	Scaling
$G_{ij}(i\omega_n) = -\langle c_i^+(i\omega_n) c_j(i\omega_n) \rangle$	$\langle S_i S_j \rangle$	Correlation function
$G_{ii}(i\omega_n) = -\langle c_i^+(i\omega_n) c_i(i\omega_n) \rangle$	$m_i = \langle S_i \rangle$	Local observable
$-\int \int c_{\sigma}^+(\tau) \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(\tau-\tau') c_{\sigma}(\tau') + \int U n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow}$	$H_{\text{eff}} = -h_{\text{eff}} S_0$	Single-site Hamiltonian
$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{l\sigma} \tilde{\epsilon}_l a_{l\sigma}^+ a_{l\sigma} + \sum_{l\sigma} V_l (a_{l\sigma}^+ c_{\sigma} + \text{H.c.})$		
$-\mu \sum_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^+ c_{\sigma} + U n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow}$		
$\mathcal{G}_0(i\omega_n)$	h_{eff}	Weiss field/function
$\mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) = \omega_n + \mu + G(i\omega_n)^{-1}$	$h_{\text{eff}} = z \text{ J m} + h$	Relation between Weiss field and local observable
$-R[G(i\omega_n)]$		

Mapping it to Anderson impurity model

The impurity model offers an intuitive picture of the local dynamics of a quantum many-body system. (if we identify some quantities, the scenario above is the same as Anderson impurity model)

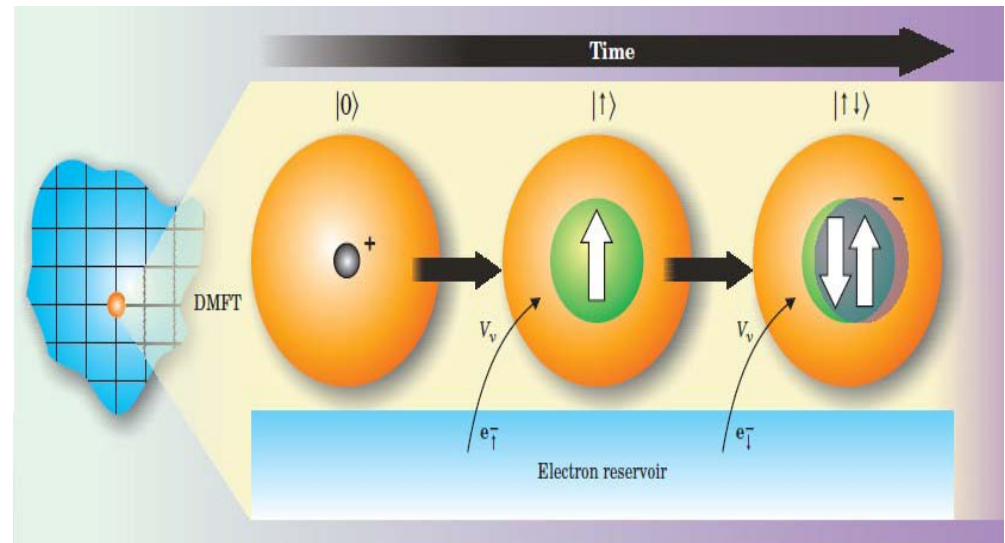
$$H_{AIM} = H_{atom} + H_{bath} + H_{coupling}$$

$$H_{atom} = U n_{\uparrow}^c n_{\downarrow}^c + (\epsilon_0 - \mu) (n_{\uparrow}^c + n_{\downarrow}^c)$$

$$H_{bath} = \sum_{l\sigma} \tilde{\epsilon}_l a_{l\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{l\sigma}$$

$$H_{coupling} = \sum_{l\sigma} V_l (a_{l\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{\sigma} + c_{\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{l\sigma})$$

The $\tilde{\epsilon}_l$ and V_l 's are parameters which should be chosen in such a way that the impurity Green's function coincides with the local Green's function of the lattice Hubbard model under consideration



The essential idea is to replace a lattice model by a single-site quantum impurity problem embedded in an effective medium determined self-consistently.

$$S_{eff} = - \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau' \sum_{\sigma} c_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\tau) \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(\tau - \tau') c_{\sigma}(\tau') + U \int_0^\beta d\tau n_{\uparrow}(\tau) n_{\downarrow}(\tau)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) = i\omega_n + \mu - \varepsilon_0 - \Delta(i\omega_n) \quad \Delta(i\omega_n) = \sum_l \frac{|V_l|^2}{i\omega_n - \tilde{\varepsilon}_l}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{imp}(i\omega_n) &\equiv \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(i\omega_n) - G^{-1}(i\omega_n) \\ &= i\omega_n + \mu - \varepsilon_0 - \Delta(i\omega_n) - G^{-1}(i\omega_n) \end{aligned}$$

Original lattice :

$$G(\tau - \tau') \equiv - \langle T c(\tau) c^{\dagger}(\tau') \rangle_{S_{eff}}$$

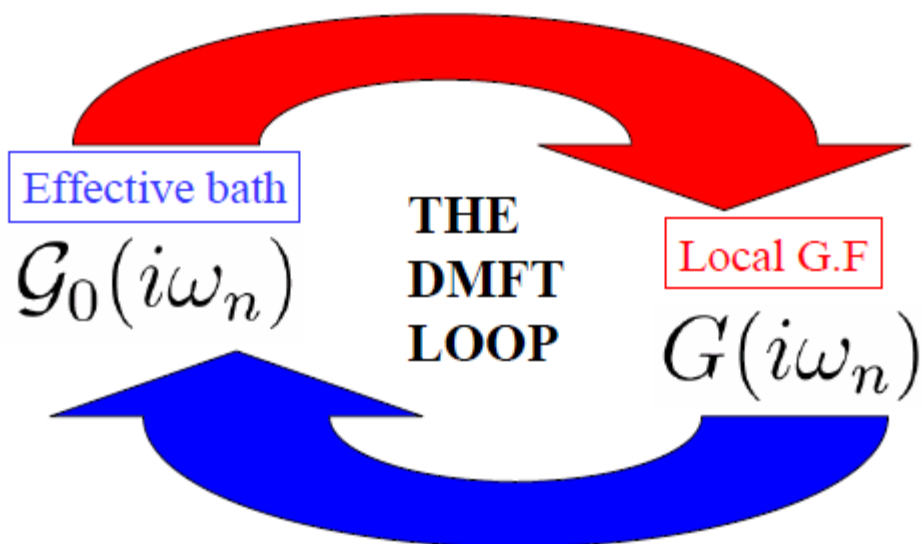
$$G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n + \mu - \varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \Sigma(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n)}$$

$$\Sigma_{ii} \simeq \Sigma_{imp}$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{\Delta(i\omega_n) + G(i\omega_n)^{-1} - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} = G(i\omega_n)$$

$$\int d\varepsilon \frac{D(\varepsilon)}{\Delta(i\omega_n) + G(i\omega_n)^{-1} - \varepsilon} = G(i\omega_n)$$

EFFECTIVE LOCAL IMPURITY PROBLEM



$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{eff}} = & - \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\beta d\tau' \sum_\sigma c_{o\sigma}^+(\tau) \mathcal{F}_0^{-1}(\tau - \tau') c_{o\sigma}(\tau') \\
 & + U \int_0^\beta d\tau n_{o\uparrow}(\tau) n_{o\downarrow}(\tau).
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \longrightarrow \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 G(\tau - \tau') \equiv & - \langle T c(\tau) c^+(\tau') \rangle_{S_{\text{eff}}} \\
 G(i\omega_n) = & \int_0^\beta d\tau G(\tau) e^{i\omega_n \tau}, \quad \omega_n \equiv \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\beta}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \mathcal{F}_0^{-1} = & \Sigma + 1/\tilde{D}(i\omega_n + \mu - \Sigma) \\
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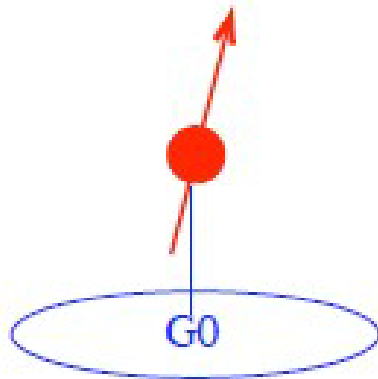
Conclusions:

- DMFT is a theory which can fully take into account local quantum fluctuation self-consistently.
- The DMFT equations can easily be extended to study phases with long-range order, calculate critical temperatures for ordering as well as phase diagrams.
- Thermodynamic quantities for the original model can all be simply related to their single-site model counterparts: energy, free energy, dynamic response function ,transport properties.
- Successful applications:Hubbard model,Mott metal -insulator transition)

Beyond DMFT(Cluster DMFT)

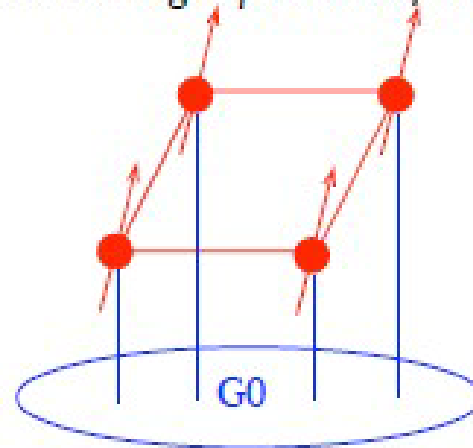
Single-site DMFT

local quantum fluctuations



Cluster DMFT

short range quantum fluctuations



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