

Quantification of correlations in correlated electron systems

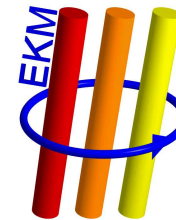
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Aim of this talk

CORRELATION

- What is it?
- How to quantify it?

Correlation

- **Correlation** [lat.]: con+relatio (“with relation”)
- Mathematics, Statistics, Natural Science:

$$\langle xy \rangle \neq \langle x \rangle \langle y \rangle$$

The term **correlation** stems from mathematical statistics and means that two distribution functions, $f(x)$ and $g(y)$, **are not independent** of each other.

- In many body physics: **correlations** are effects beyond factorizing approximations

$$\langle \rho(r, t) \rho(r', t') \rangle \approx \langle \rho(r, t) \rangle \langle \rho(r', t') \rangle,$$

as in Weiss or Hartree-Fock mean-field theories

Quantifying correlations

How many correlation is there in correlated electron systems?

Correlation functions (double occupancy, effective mass, Z- factor, conductance(vity), susceptibilities, ...) are very useful for particular cases when we know what to look at:

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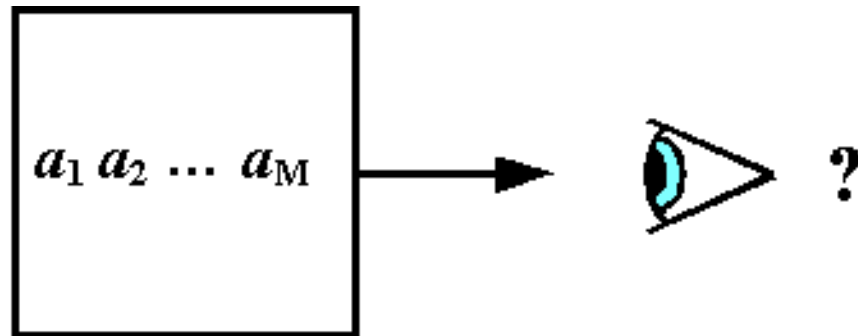
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However, we need information theory tools to address this issue in general.

Information theory



C. Shannon, 1916-2001



abstraction from the real (human) meaning of the messages

$$I(a) = -\ln p(a) - \text{surprise}$$

Information entropy

$$S(a) = \langle I(a) \rangle = -\langle \ln p(a) \rangle = -\sum_a p(a) \ln p(a) - \text{average surprise, **information**}$$

positive, monotonic, additive, convex, ...

Information theory - correlation

Two sources of messages with distribution $p(a, b)$, total information

$$S(a, b) = -\langle \ln p(a, b) \rangle$$

marginal distributions - $p(a) = \sum_b p(a, b)$, etc.

Messages are **correlated** (not independent)

$$p(a, b) \neq p(a)p(b),$$

i.e.

$$\langle ab \rangle \neq \langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle$$

Total correlation

$$\Delta S(a||b) = S(a, b) - S(a) - S(b) = - \left\{ \sum_{ab} p(a, b) [\ln p(a, b) - \ln p(a)p(b)] \right\}$$

Relative entropy (Kullback - Leibler divergence) vanishes in the absence of correlations (product distribution)

Classical vs. Quantum Information Theory

Probability distribution vs. **Density operator**

$$p_k \longleftrightarrow \hat{\rho} = \sum_k p_k |k\rangle \langle k|$$

Shannon entropy vs. **von Neumann entropy**

$$S = -\langle \log_2 p_k \rangle = -\sum_k p_k \log_2 p_k \longleftrightarrow S(\hat{\rho}) = -\langle \ln \hat{\rho} \rangle = -Tr[\hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}]$$

Two correlated (sub)systems have **relative entropy**

$$S = S_1 + S_2 - \Delta S \longleftrightarrow S = S_1 + S_2 - \Delta S$$

$$\Delta S(p_{kl} || p_k p_l) = -\sum_{kl} p_{kl} \left[\log_2 \frac{p_{kl}}{p_k p_l} \right] \longleftrightarrow \Delta S(\hat{\rho} || \hat{\rho}_1 \otimes \hat{\rho}_2) = -Tr[\hat{\rho}(\ln \hat{\rho} - \ln \hat{\rho}_1 \otimes \hat{\rho}_2)]$$

Asymptotic distinguishability

Quantum version of Sanov's theorem:

Let $\hat{\rho}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ are two states of quantum system Q , and we are provided with N identically prepared copies of Q . A measurement is made to determine if the prepared state is $\hat{\rho}$. The probability that the state $\hat{\sigma}$ passes this test (i.e. is confused with $\hat{\rho}$) is

$$P_N \approx e^{-N\Delta S(\hat{\rho}||\hat{\sigma})}.$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$ and the optimal strategy is known and depend only on $\hat{\rho}$. Relative entropy $\Delta S(\hat{\rho}||\hat{\sigma})$ as a 'distance' between quantum states.

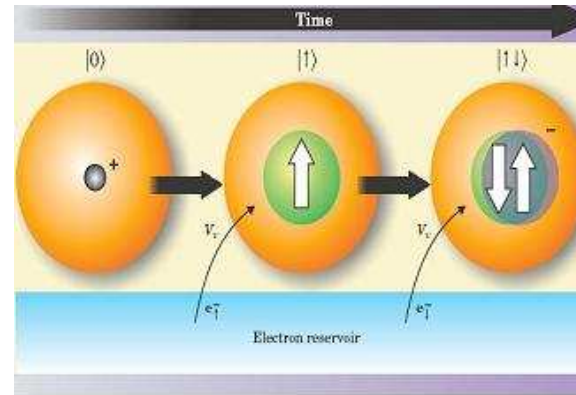
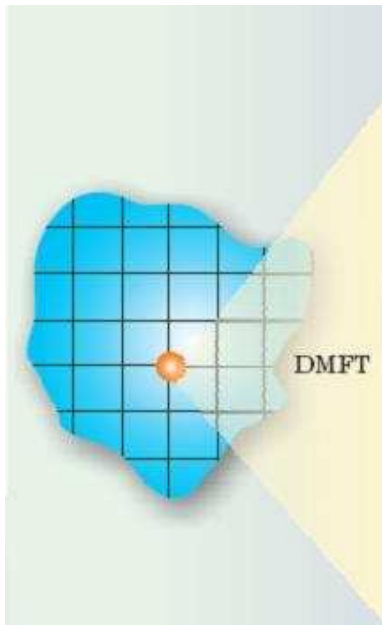
Correlation measure

relative entropy between correlated $|\text{corr}\rangle$ and uncorrelated (product) $|\text{prod}\rangle$ states

$$\Delta_{\text{corr} \rightarrow \text{prod}} = \Delta S(\text{corr}||\text{prod})$$

Application: DMFT for lattice fermions

Replace (map) full many-body lattice problem by a single-site coupled to dynamical reservoir and solve such problem self-consistently



All local dynamical correlations included exactly

Space correlations neglected - mean-field approximation

Reduced Entropy and Reduced Relative Entropy

Reduced density operator:

$$\hat{\rho}_i = \text{Tr}_{j \neq i} \hat{\rho}$$

$$S(\hat{\rho}_i) = - \sum_{k=1}^n p_k \ln p_k, \quad \Delta S(\hat{\rho}_i || \hat{\rho}_i^{\text{prod}}) = - \sum_{k=1}^n p_k (\ln p_k - \ln p_k^{\text{prod}})$$

where, e.g. for 1s orbitals

$$p_1 = \langle (1-n_{i\uparrow})(1-n_{i\downarrow}) \rangle, \quad p_2 = \langle n_{i\uparrow}(1-n_{i\downarrow}) \rangle, \quad p_3 = \langle (1-n_{i\uparrow})n_{i\downarrow} \rangle, \quad p_4 = \langle n_{i\uparrow}n_{i\downarrow} \rangle.$$

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Generalized equations for [reduced relative entropy](#)

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Expectation values for correlated states are determined from DMFT solution and for uncorrelated states from product solutions.

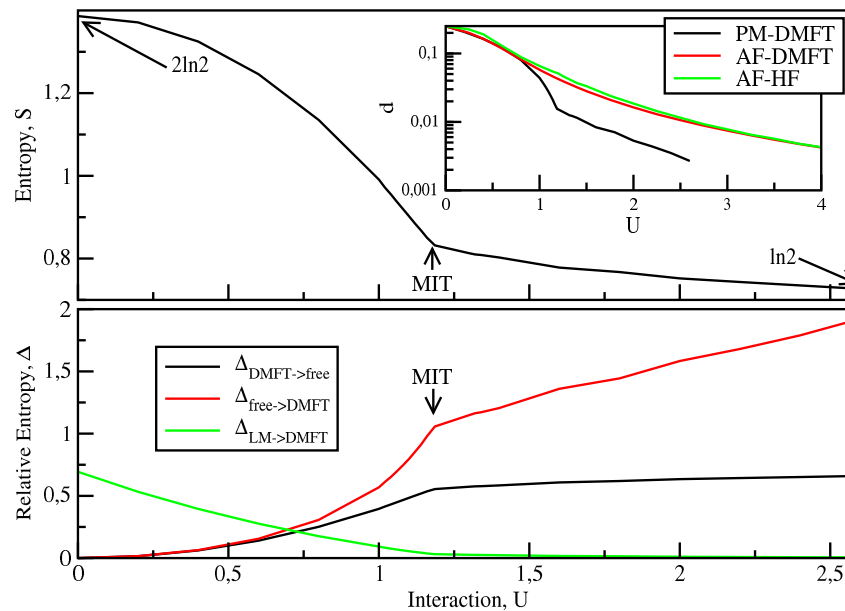
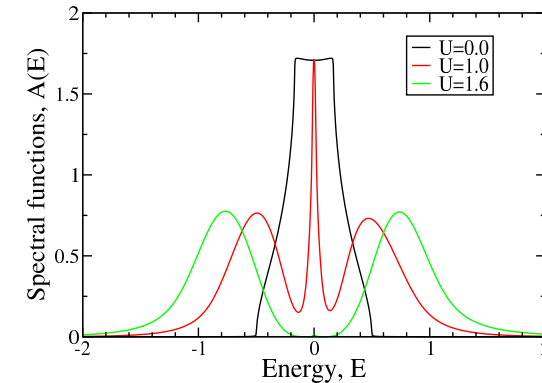
Example 1: Correlation and Mott Transition

Hubbard model, $n = 1$, $T = 0$, $d = 3$, PM

Uncorrelated product states:

$$|\text{free}\rangle = \prod_{k\sigma}^{k_F} a_{k\sigma}^\dagger |v\rangle - U = 0 \text{ Hartree-Fock limit}$$

$$|\text{LM}\rangle = \prod_i^{N_L} a_{i\sigma_i}^\dagger |v\rangle - \text{local moment limit}$$



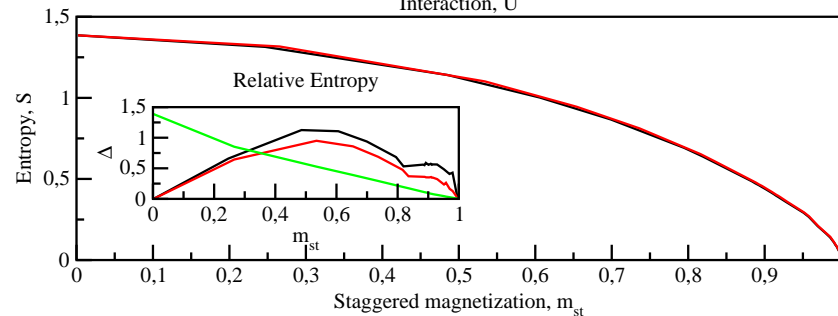
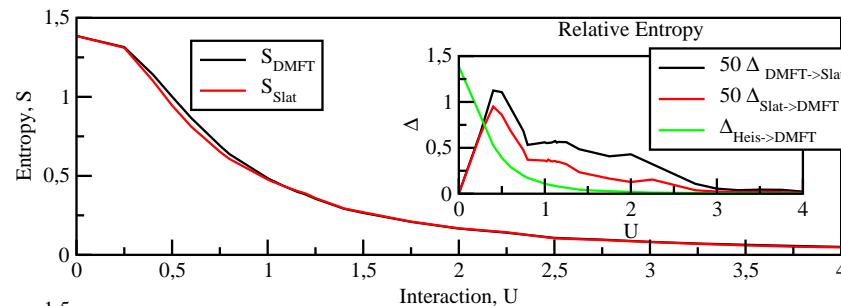
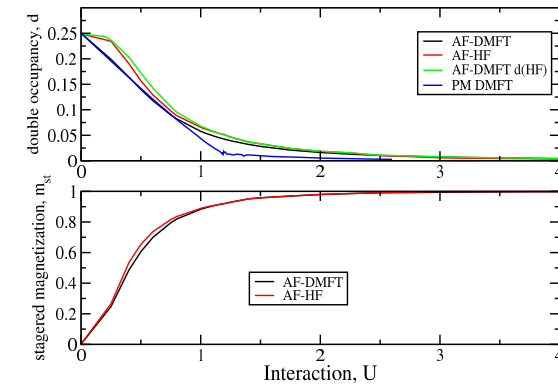
Example 2: Correlation and Antiferromagnetic LRO

Hubbard model, $n = 1$, $T = 0$, $d = 3$, AF

Uncorrelated product states:

$$|\text{Slat}\rangle = \prod_{k \in (A,B)}^{k_F} a_{kA\uparrow}^\dagger a_{kB\downarrow}^\dagger |v\rangle - \text{Slater limit}$$

$$|\text{Heis}\rangle = \prod_{i \in (A,B)}^{N_L} a_{iA\uparrow}^\dagger a_{iB\downarrow}^\dagger |v\rangle - \text{Heisenberg limit}$$



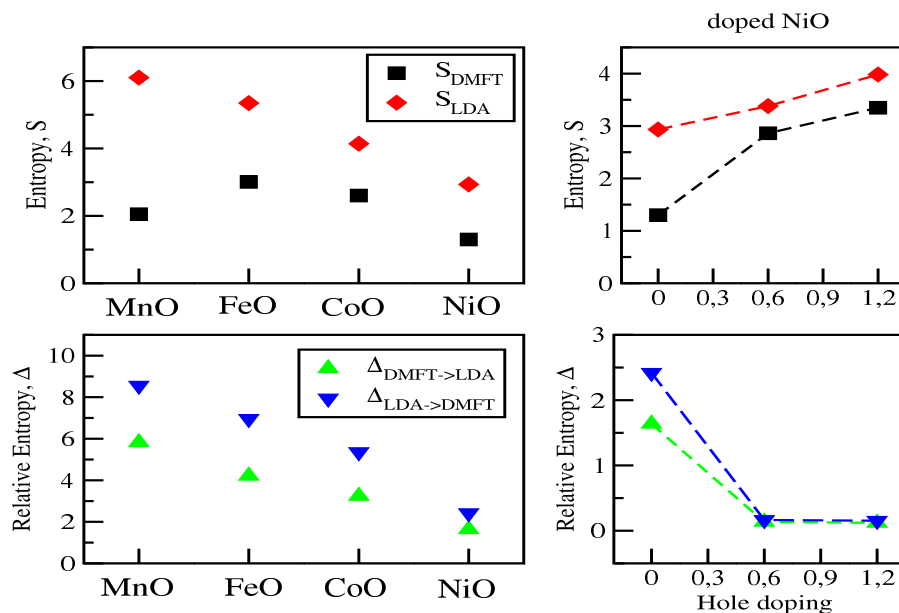
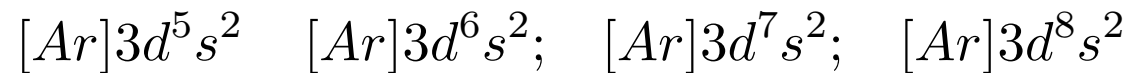
Example 3: Correlation in Transition Metal-Oxides

MnO

FeO

CoO

NiO



LDA entropy represents number of local states - maximum at d^5
 Interaction reduces this number and it becomes almost the same
 Non-interacting system chemistry decides how much it is correlated

Summary

- We used **relative entropy** to **quantify in numbers** correlation in interacting many-electron systems.
- Examples for Hubbard model.
- Different correlations in paramagnetic and in antiferromagnetic cases.
- Different amount of correlation in transition metal oxides, e.g., MnO is 3 times more correlated than NiO.