

# Phase Field Crystal (PFC) model.

The Application of Lagrange Multipliers in PFC

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# Outline

- ▶ Free Energy
- ▶ Lagrange Multiplier
- ▶ Density Functional Theory
- ▶ Phase Field Crystal

# Free Energy

▶  $F = U - TS$ , Helmholtz Free Energy

▶  $G = H - TS$ , Gibbs Free Energy

U : Internal Energy

T : Absolute Temperature

S : Entropy

H : Enthalpy

▶ The meaning of minimized free energy is thermal equilibrium  
(Different free energy with different constraints)

Helmholtz's : Constant T & Constant V

Gibbs' : Constant T & Constant P

# Lagrange Multiplier

- ▶ Lagrange Multiplier is a way to find an extreme value

$f(x_1, x_2 \dots x_i \dots)$  is a Multivariable function.

$g(x_1, x_2 \dots x_i \dots) = 0$  is the constraint of the problem we deal with.

Define  $f^*(x_1, x_2 \dots x_i \dots, \lambda) = f(x_1, x_2 \dots x_i \dots) + \lambda g(x_1, x_2 \dots x_i \dots)$

And we'll get  $\frac{\partial f^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, \lambda)}{\partial x_i} = 0$  &  $\frac{\partial f^*(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = 0$

Using blackboard to show example & explanation of why Lagrange Multiplier works.

# Classical Density Functional Theory

$$F[\rho] = F_{\text{ideal}}[\rho] + F_{\text{int}}[\rho]$$

$$F_{\text{ideal}}[\rho] = k_B T \int d\vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}) \ln \rho(\vec{r}) \Lambda^3 - \rho(\vec{r})$$

$$F_{\text{int}}[\rho] = F_{\text{int}}(\rho_0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n \int d\vec{r}_i \overbrace{(\rho(\vec{r}_i) - \rho_0)}^{\delta\rho(\vec{r}_i)} \left. \frac{\delta^n F_{\text{int}}[\rho]}{\delta\rho(\vec{r}_1) \cdots \delta\rho(\vec{r}_n)} \right|_{\rho_0}$$

Functional Taylor expansion around  $\rho_0$

$$= F_{\text{int}}(\rho_0) - k_B T \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i=1}^n \int d\vec{r}_i \delta\rho(\vec{r}_i) c^{(n)}(\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_n)$$

$$\frac{\Delta F[\rho]}{k_B T} = \int d\vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}) \ln \frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{\rho_0} - \delta\rho(\vec{r}) - \frac{1}{2} \iint d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2 \delta\rho(\vec{r}_1) \delta\rho(\vec{r}_2) c^{(2)}(|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|)$$

# Classical Density Functional Theory

- ▶ Constraint :

$$\int dr \rho(r) = N$$

- ▶ Define a new functional :

$$\Omega[\rho] = F[\rho] - \mu \left( \int dr \rho(r) - N \right)$$

- ▶ Variational method

# Phase Field Crystal Model

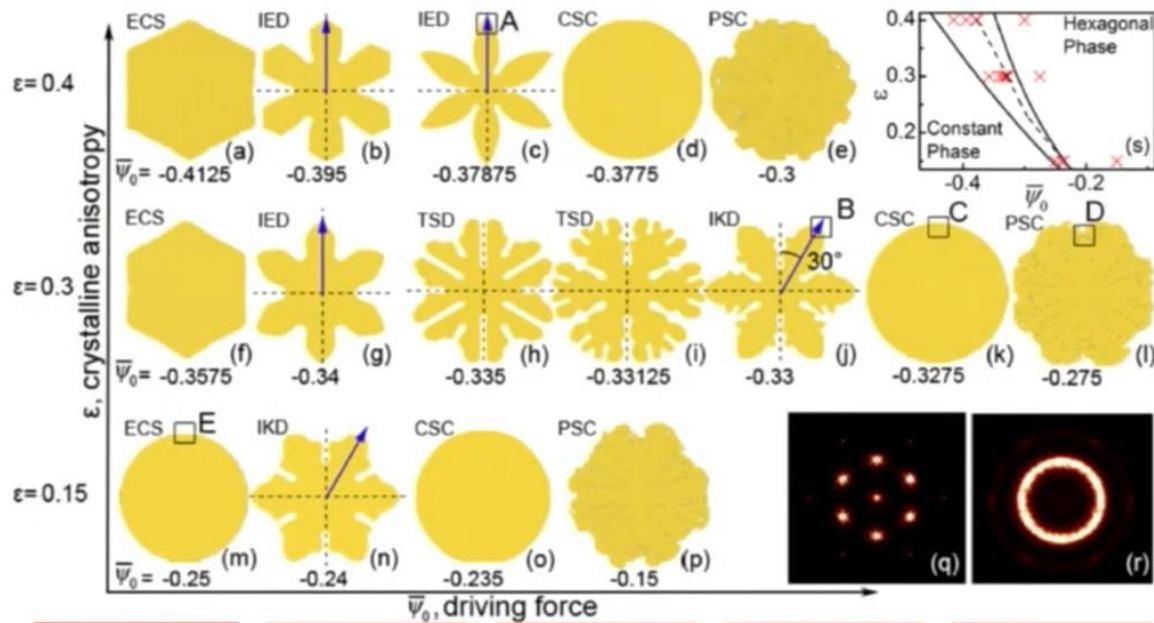
- ▶ Based on cDFT
- ▶ Lower power terms of cDFT
- ▶ Density waves

$$\delta\rho(\vec{r}) = \rho_0 \sum_{\vec{K}_i} A_i(z) \cdot e^{i\vec{K}_i \cdot \vec{r}}$$

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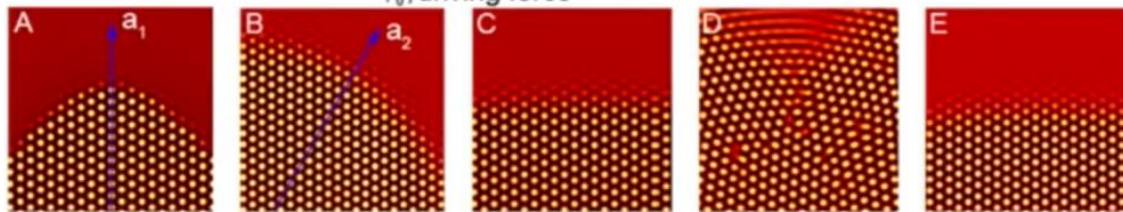
$$F = \int d\vec{r} \left\{ \frac{\psi}{2} [-\epsilon + (\nabla^2 + 1)^2] \psi + \frac{\psi^4}{4} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta F}{\delta \psi}$$



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