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Reflection-asymmetric Nuclear Deformations within the Density Functional Theory ERIK OLSEN, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, JOCHEN ERLER, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, WITEK NAZAREWICZ, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, MARIO STOITSOV, Oak Ridge National Laboratory — Within the nuclear density functional theory (DFT) we study the effect of reflection-asymmetric shapes on ground-state binding energies and binding energy differences. To this end, we developed the new DFT solver AxialHFB that uses an approximate second-order gradient to solve the Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov equations of superconducting DFT with the quasi-local Skyrme energy density functionals. Illustrative calculations are carried out for even-even isotopes of radium and thorium.

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