

# Linear scaling coupled cluster and perturbation theories in the atomic orbital basis

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- **Objective:** Reformulate the coupled cluster (CC) and perturbation theories in the atomic orbital (AO) basis to achieve **linear scaling** in computational cost.
- **Motivation:** Traditional methods scale **exponentially** with system size, limiting their use for large molecules.
- **Main Contribution:** Development of an AO-based CC algorithm that leverages the **decay properties** of integrals and excitation amplitudes to reduce the computational cost.

- **Reformulation of CC Equations:** The coupled cluster (CC) equations are reformulated in the atomic orbital (AO) basis.
- **Linear Scaling Algorithm:** This reformulation results in a linear scaling algorithm, advantageous for handling large molecules.
- **Screening Process:** A screening process is used to neglect certain excitation amplitudes, maintaining target energy accuracy while optimizing performance.
- **Comparable Performance for Small Molecules:** Despite using the AO basis, this method performs comparably to traditional molecular orbital (MO) approaches for smaller molecules.

- **Efficiency for Large Molecules:** For larger molecules, the decay properties of integrals and excitation amplitudes lead to linear scaling, overcoming the exponential scaling challenge of traditional high-level MO quantum chemistry calculations.
- **Benchmark Validation:** Benchmark calculations demonstrate the method's efficiency and

- **Linear Scaling Methods:**
- **MP2 Calculations:**
- **Extension to Coupled-Cluster Theory:**
- **Comparison to Localized MO Approaches:**
- **Quantum Locality and Mathematical Bounds:**

- A. Coupled cluster theory in the atomic orbital basis
- B. Comparison with alternative formulations
- C. Computational cost and scaling prefactor considerations
- D. The atomic orbital MP2 equations
- E. Asymptotic behavior and screening of AO amplitudes

## A. Coupled cluster theory in the atomic orbital basis

We will start from...

$$E_{\text{corr}} = \sum_{ij}^{\text{occ}} \sum_{ab}^{\text{vir}} \omega_{ab}^{ij} t_{ij}^{ab} \quad - (a)$$

,where

$$\omega_{ab}^{ij} = 2 v_{ab}^{ij} - v_{ba}^{ij}$$

$$v_{ab}^{ij} = \int i(1)j(2) \frac{1}{r_{12}} a(1)b(2) dr_1 dr_2 \quad - (b)$$

Indices  $i, j, k, l$  are occupied MOs and  $a, b, c, d$  are virtual Mos.

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MO basis are obtained by transformation from the atomic orbital ~AO! Basis

$$V_{ab}^{jj} = c_{\mu i} c_{\nu j} c_{\lambda a} c_{\sigma b} V_{\lambda \sigma}^{\mu \nu} \quad \text{-(c)}$$

The c coefficients determine the linear combination of AOs that constitute the MOs and provide a transformation from a nonorthogonal ~AO! to an orthogonal representation ~MO!

In the HF case, the c coefficients are simply the eigenvectors of the Fock matrix f and;

$$\overline{c}_{\mu i} = S_{\mu}^{\alpha} c_{\alpha i}$$

$$c_{\mu p} \overline{c}_{\mu q} = c_{\mu p} S_{\mu}^{\alpha} c_{\alpha q} = \delta_{pq}$$

where S is the overlap matrix between AO basis functions.



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We also need for later use the AO one-particle density matrix ( $P$ ) of the reference state, its complementary projector ( $Q$ ), and related projectors:

$$P_{\mu}^{\nu} = c_{\mu i} c_{\nu i},$$

$$Q_{\mu}^{\nu} = c_{\mu a} c_{\nu a},$$

$$\overline{P}_{\mu}^{\nu} = S_{\mu}^{\alpha} P_{\alpha}^{\nu} = \overline{c}_{\mu i} c_{\nu i},$$

$$\overline{Q}_{\sigma}^{\lambda} = S_{\sigma}^{\alpha} Q_{\alpha}^{\lambda} = \overline{c}_{\lambda a} c_{\sigma a}.$$

$P$  and  $Q$  are idempotent and orthogonal through the overlap matrix

$$PSP = P, \quad QSQ = Q, \quad PSQ = 0, \quad P + Q = S^{-1},$$

whereas  $\overline{P}$  and  $\overline{Q}$  are not symmetric and satisfy

$$\overline{P}\overline{P} = \overline{P}, \quad \overline{Q}\overline{Q} = \overline{Q}, \quad \overline{P}\overline{Q} = 0, \quad \overline{P} + \overline{Q} = \hat{I}.$$

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In order to write the correlation energy in the AO basis, one can simply replace equation ~ (c) in equation ~ (a) and use ~ (b) to obtain

$$E_{\text{corr}} = \omega_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} t_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma},$$

where

$$\omega_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} = 2 V_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} - V_{\sigma\lambda}^{\mu\nu},$$

and by definition

$$t_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = c_{\mu i} c_{\nu j} c_{\lambda a} c_{\sigma b} t_{ij}^{ab}, \quad \text{-(d)}$$

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The MO  $t_{ijab}$  amplitudes can be recovered from the  $t_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$  amplitudes using the inverse transformation

$$t_{ij}^{ab} = \overline{c_{\mu i}} \overline{c_{\nu j}} \overline{c_{\lambda a}} \overline{c_{\sigma b}} t_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} \quad \text{-(e)}$$

The most convenient AO representation for large molecules is the one given by

$$E_{\text{corr}} = \Pi_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = \pi_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \Theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma},$$

where

$$\Pi_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} = 2 \pi_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} - \pi_{\sigma\lambda}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = 2 \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} - \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\sigma\lambda}$$

And 
$$\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = S_{\mu}^{\alpha} S_{\nu}^{\beta} S_{\gamma}^{\lambda} S_{\delta}^{\sigma} t_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} = \overline{c_{\mu i}} \overline{c_{\nu j}} \overline{c_{\lambda a}} \overline{c_{\sigma b}} t_{ij}^{ab}, \quad \text{-(f)}$$

$$\pi_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} = P_{\alpha}^{\mu} P_{\beta}^{\nu} V_{\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta} Q_{\lambda}^{\gamma} Q_{\sigma}^{\delta}$$

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Note also that because of the symmetry of the  $t_{ijab}$  amplitudes,  $\theta_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \theta_{\nu\mu\sigma\lambda}$ . Of course, all sets of excitation amplitudes are connected; besides ~ (d), ~ (e), and ~ (f), we also have

$$t_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = P_{\mu}^{\alpha} P_{\nu}^{\beta} Q_{\gamma}^{\lambda} Q_{\delta}^{\sigma} \theta_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta},$$

$$t_{ij}^{ab} = c_{\mu i} c_{\nu j} c_{\lambda a} c_{\sigma b} \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}.$$

Furthermore, the  $\theta$  amplitudes satisfy

$$\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = S_{\mu}^{\rho} P_{\rho}^{\alpha} S_{\nu}^{\epsilon} P_{\epsilon}^{\beta} S_{\eta}^{\lambda} Q_{\gamma}^{\eta} S_{\tau}^{\sigma} Q_{\delta}^{\tau} \theta_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} = \overline{P}_{\mu}^{\alpha} \overline{P}_{\nu}^{\beta} \overline{Q}_{\gamma}^{\lambda} \overline{Q}_{\delta}^{\sigma} \theta_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta},$$

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We next write the CC equations in the AO basis by transformation from the MO basis. For the closed-shell case, the  $t_{ijab}$  amplitudes satisfy

$$Z_{ij}^{ab} = v_{ij}^{ab} + v_{ij}^{kl} t_{kl}^{ab} + v_{cd}^{ab} t_{ij}^{cd} + v_{cd}^{kl} t_{ij}^{cd} t_{kl}^{ab} + \Omega_{ij}^{ab} [g_c^a t_{ij}^{cb} - g_i^k t_{kj}^{ab} \\ + j_{ic}^{ak} (2t_{kj}^{cb} - t_{kj}^{bc}) - k_{ic}^{ka} t_{kj}^{cb} - k_{ic}^{kb} t_{kj}^{ac}] = 0$$

Note that in this equation  $i, j, a$ , and  $b$  are “external” ~i.e., uncontracted! indices.

- Contraction, external, internal indices???
- What is  $\Omega$  ???

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The intermediates in above equation are

$$g_i^k = f_i^k + \omega_{cd}^{kl} t_{il}^{cd},$$

$$g_c^a = f_c^a - \omega_{cd}^{kl} t_{kl}^{ad},$$

$$j_{ic}^{ak} = v_{ic}^{ak} - \frac{1}{2} v_{cd}^{kl} t_{il}^{da} + \frac{1}{2} \omega_{cd}^{kl} t_{il}^{ad},$$

$$k_{ic}^{ka} = v_{ic}^{ka} - \frac{1}{2} v_{dc}^{kl} t_{il}^{da},$$

where  $f$  is the Fock matrix.

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We present below the CC equations in the AO basis for  $\theta_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$  amplitudes. The algebraic manipulations to derive these equations are simple. First, we contract  $Z_{ijab}$  with c coefficients and overlap matrices to yield an AO doubles equation:

$$Z_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = \overline{c_{\mu i}} \overline{c_{\nu j}} \overline{c_{\lambda a}} \overline{c_{\sigma b}} Z_{ij}^{ab} = 0$$

The resulting equation for the  $\theta_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$  amplitudes is

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} + a_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} \theta_{\alpha\beta}^{\lambda\sigma} + \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} b_{\alpha\beta}^{\lambda\sigma} + \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} \pi_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} \theta_{\gamma\delta}^{\lambda\sigma}, \\ + \Omega_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} [ {}^v G_{\alpha}^{\lambda} \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\sigma} - {}^o G_{\mu}^{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} + j_{\mu\alpha}^{\lambda\gamma} \Theta_{\gamma\nu}^{\alpha\sigma} - k_{\mu\alpha}^{\gamma\lambda} \theta_{\gamma\nu}^{\alpha\sigma} \\ - k_{\mu\alpha}^{\gamma\sigma} \theta_{\gamma\nu}^{\lambda\alpha} ] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

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where the intermediates are

$${}^vG_{\alpha}^{\lambda} = {}^vF_{\alpha}^{\lambda} - \Theta_{\gamma\delta}^{\lambda\beta} \pi_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta},$$

$${}^oG_{\mu}^{\alpha} = {}^oF_{\mu}^{\alpha} + \Theta_{\mu\beta}^{\gamma\delta} \pi_{\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta},$$

$${}^vF_{\alpha}^{\lambda} = \bar{Q}_{\tau}^{\lambda} f_{\rho}^{\tau} Q_{\alpha}^{\rho},$$

$${}^oF_{\mu}^{\alpha} = \bar{P}_{\mu}^{\rho} f_{\rho}^{\tau} P_{\tau}^{\alpha},$$

$$j_{\mu\alpha}^{\lambda\gamma} = c_{\mu\alpha}^{\lambda\gamma} - \frac{1}{2} \theta_{\mu\delta}^{\beta\lambda} \pi_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} + \frac{1}{2} \theta_{\mu\delta}^{\lambda\beta} \pi_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta},$$

$$k_{\mu\alpha}^{\gamma\lambda} = c_{\mu\alpha}^{\gamma\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} \theta_{\mu\delta}^{\beta\lambda} \pi_{\beta\alpha}^{\gamma\delta}$$



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and four sets of transformed AO two-electron integrals are needed

$$a_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} = \bar{P}_{\mu}^{\rho} \bar{P}_{\nu}^{\epsilon} V_{\rho\epsilon}^{\eta\tau} P_{\eta}^{\alpha} P_{\tau}^{\beta},$$

$$b_{\alpha\beta}^{\lambda\sigma} = Q_{\alpha}^{\rho} Q_{\beta}^{\epsilon} V_{\rho\epsilon}^{\eta\tau} \bar{Q}_{\eta}^{\lambda} \bar{Q}_{\tau}^{\sigma},$$

$$c_{\mu\alpha}^{\gamma\lambda} = \bar{P}_{\mu}^{\rho} Q_{\alpha}^{\epsilon} V_{\rho\epsilon}^{\eta\tau} P_{\eta}^{\gamma} \bar{Q}_{\tau}^{\lambda},$$

$$d_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = \bar{P}_{\mu}^{\rho} \bar{P}_{\nu}^{\epsilon} V_{\rho\epsilon}^{\eta\tau} \bar{Q}_{\eta}^{\lambda} \bar{Q}_{\tau}^{\sigma}.$$

Note that  $d_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$  is related to  $\pi_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$  through overlap matrices.

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The doubles equation in the AO basis can be solved iteratively after partitioning it in a manner similar to the MO case. In the four terms involving products of the Fock matrix, we simply separate the term containing  $\theta_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$  and define

$$\Delta F_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = \sum_{\alpha \neq \lambda} {}^vF_{\alpha}^{\lambda} \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\sigma} + \sum_{\alpha \neq \sigma} {}^vF_{\alpha}^{\sigma} \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\lambda} - \sum_{\alpha \neq \mu} {}^oF_{\mu}^{\alpha} \theta_{\alpha\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} - \sum_{\alpha \neq \nu} {}^oF_{\nu}^{\alpha} \theta_{\mu\alpha}^{\lambda\sigma}$$

to yield

$$\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = \frac{d_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} + \Delta F_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(\theta) + R_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(\theta)}{{}^oF_{\mu}^{\mu} + {}^oF_{\nu}^{\nu} - {}^vF_{\lambda}^{\lambda} - {}^vF_{\sigma}^{\sigma}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} = & a_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} \theta_{\alpha\beta}^{\lambda\sigma} + \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} b_{\alpha\beta}^{\lambda\sigma} + \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} \pi_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} \theta_{\gamma\delta}^{\lambda\sigma} \\ & + \Omega_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} [-\theta_{\gamma\delta}^{\lambda\beta} \pi_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} \theta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\sigma} - \theta_{\mu\beta}^{\gamma\delta} \pi_{\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta} \theta_{\alpha\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} + j_{\mu\alpha}^{\lambda\gamma} \Theta_{\gamma\nu}^{\alpha\sigma} \\ & - k_{\mu\alpha}^{\gamma\lambda} \theta_{\gamma\nu}^{\alpha\sigma} - k_{\mu\alpha}^{\gamma\sigma} \theta_{\gamma\nu}^{\lambda\alpha}] \end{aligned}$$

## B. Coupled cluster theory in the atomic orbital basis

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- **Introduction:** Before diving further into the AO approach, it's important to consider alternative methods developed by other researchers. These alternatives revolve around local and localized correlation techniques.
- **Key Alternatives:**
  - **MO-Based with Localized Orbitals**
  - **Mixed AO–MO Methods**

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### Alternative 1: Localized Molecular Orbitals (MO)

- **Concept:** Localize both **occupied** and **virtual** molecular orbitals (MOs) to reduce computational cost.
  - This is done by rotating the CC equations using unitary matrices that **localize the orbitals**.
- **Invariance of CC:** The CC theory is invariant to localization as long as occupied and virtual orbitals aren't mixed, so **localized and delocalized orbitals give the same energy**.

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### Methods to Achieve Localization

- **Approaches to Localize MOs:**
  - **Pseudodiagonalization:** This can help avoid diagonalizing large Hamiltonians in big systems but may not always work.
  - Example: For **diamond-like systems**, it has been challenging to localize orbitals via pseudodiagonalization.
- **Conclusion:** While feasible, **MO localization** comes with practical difficulties, especially in large systems.

### Alternative 2: Mixed AO–MO Approaches

- **Concept:** Another approach is to **localize only the occupied orbitals** and retain the virtual orbitals in the AO basis.
  - This combines the benefits of **localized MOs** for occupied states with **atomic orbitals (AOs)** for the virtual space.

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### Localized MO Method: Benefits and Challenges

- **Benefit:** Localizing MOs allows for **neglecting excitations** between spatially distant orbitals, which makes negligible contributions to correlation energy.
- **Challenge:**
  - Localization depends on successful **localization procedures**.
  - For large molecules, localizing MOs becomes **computationally expensive**.
  - **Virtual orbitals** are harder to localize than occupied ones.
  - Errors from neglecting orbitals are hard to control.

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### Full AO Approach vs Mixed AO–MO

- **AO-Based Method:**
  - The proposed **full AO approach** does not rely on any molecular orbitals, making it unique.
  - All information about the system is contained in **PPP and QQQ** matrices, which project the **occupied and virtual spaces** in the AO basis.
- **Comparison:**
  - **Mixed AO–MO:** Still relies on some form of molecular orbitals for the occupied space.
  - **Full AO:** No MOs required, simplifying the process further.

### Key Advantage of Full AO Approach

- **Scalability:** The AO approach achieves  **$O(N^2)$  scaling**, which can reduce to  **$O(N)$**  for large systems.
  - This makes the AO method highly efficient, even for large molecular systems.
- **Conclusion:** Even in small systems, the AO method is competitive with MO-based methods while avoiding the complexity of localization procedures.

## C. Computational cost and scaling prefactor considerations

### Computational Cost and Scaling: MO vs AO Basis

- **Key Variables:**

- **o**: Number of occupied molecular orbitals.
- **v**: Number of virtual orbitals.
- **N**: Number of atomic orbitals (AOs), with  $N=o+v$

#### **Number of Amplitudes:**

- **MO Basis:** The number of  $t$  amplitudes (MO) is  $\frac{1}{2} o^2 + v^2 + ov$
- **AO Basis:** The number of  $\theta$  amplitudes (AO) is  $\frac{1}{2} N^2(N+1)$ .
- **Implication:** The AO formulation requires **many more amplitudes** compared to MO:
  - For large systems, the number of AO-based  $\theta$  amplitudes can be **16 times larger** than the MO-based  $t$  amplitudes.



## C. Computational cost and scaling prefactor considerations

### Floating Point Operations (FPO) per Iteration

- **MO Formulation:** The cost per iteration for the CC doubles equation scales as:

$$\text{FPO}_{\text{MO}} \sim \frac{1}{2}o^2v^4 + 4o^3v^3 + o^4v^2$$

- **AO Formulation:** The AO approach results in higher computational cost:

$$\text{FPO}_{\text{AO}} \sim \frac{11}{2}N^6$$

- **Example:** For a carbon molecule with 4 AOs per atom:
  - MO amplitudes:  $\frac{1}{32}N^4$
  - AO amplitudes:  $\frac{1}{2}N^4$
  - AO is 64 times more costly in terms of FPO for the same iteration.

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### Asymptotic Advantage of AO in Large Systems

- **Scaling Consideration:**
  - **MO Methods:** Favorable for **small molecules** due to fewer amplitudes and lower FPO cost.
  - **AO Methods:** Become favorable as **molecular size grows**.
- **Screening in AO:**
  - AO amplitudes decay rapidly with **distance** between atomic orbitals, allowing efficient **screening** of negligible contributions.
  - Screening drastically reduces the number of **significant variables**, yielding  **$O(N)$**  scaling for large systems.
- **Conclusion:** The **crossover** point (where AO becomes more efficient than MO) occurs at **modest molecular sizes**, making AO advantageous for large systems.

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For a detailed analysis of the FPO cost for solving the CC equations, you are referred to Refs. 35 and 36.

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## D. The atomic orbital MP2 equations

### Atomic Orbital MP2 Equations

- AO-MP2 Equation: The AO-MP2 amplitudes  $u_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}$  are given by:

$$\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(\text{MP2}) = \frac{d_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} + \Delta F_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(\theta)}{{}^oF_{\mu}^{\mu} + {}^oF_{\nu}^{\nu} - {}^vF_{\lambda}^{\lambda} - {}^vF_{\sigma}^{\sigma}}.$$

Where:

- $d_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}$  represents **two-electron integrals** in the AO basis.
- $\Delta F_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(u)$  accounts for the Fock matrix projection with density matrices.
- $\epsilon$  terms are **Fock matrix elements**.
- **Iterative Process**: These equations must be solved **iteratively** due to the  $u$ -dependence of  $\Delta F$ .
  - **DIIS Extrapolation**: Employed to stabilize and accelerate convergence.

## D. The atomic orbital MP2 equations

### Comparison with Laplace AO-MP2 Method

- **Laplace AO-MP2:** Eliminates the denominator via a **numerical quadrature** over the Laplace transform:

$$v_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(t_n) = X_{\mu}^a(t_n)X_{\nu}^b(t_n)v_{ab}^{gd}Y_g^{\lambda}(t_n)Y_d^{\sigma}(t_n)$$

Where  $t_n$  are Laplace quadrature parameters and  $X(t_n), Y(t_n)$  are **generalized density matrices**.

- **Energy Expression:**

$$E_{\text{corr}}^{\text{MP2}} = - \sum_n w(t_n) \omega_{\lambda\sigma}^{\mu\nu} \bar{v}_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(t_n)$$

- **Convergence:** The converged MP2 amplitudes  $u_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(\text{MP2})$  are expressed as a linear combination of the **Laplace-correlated integrals**:

$$t_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(\text{MP2}) = - \sum_n w(t_n) \bar{v}_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}(t_n).$$

- **Key Insight:** The Laplace MP2 method allows determination of the MP2 amplitudes in a **closed form**.

## E. Asymptotic behavior and screening of AO amplitudes

### Asymptotic Behavior of AO Amplitudes

- **Decay Properties:**
  - AO amplitudes  $\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}$  and integrals decay as  $1/R^3$  with distance between atomic orbital (AO) centers.
  - **Correlation energy** contributions between distant orbitals decay as  $1/R^6$  or faster.
- **Long-Range Correlation:**
  - For distant orbitals, the first significant contribution to the correlation energy decays as  $1/R^6$ , as higher-order terms (like  $1/R^4$ ) cancel out.
- **Improvement Over Laplace MP2:**
  - The AO integrals in this work decay **faster** than those used in the Laplace MP2 method, leading to better screening and faster convergence.

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### Screening of AO Amplitudes Using Schwarz Inequality

- **Schwarz Inequality:** Provides an upper bound to screen small AO amplitudes based on the norms of their diagonal elements:

$$|\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}|^2 \leq |\theta_{\mu\mu}^{\lambda\lambda}| |\theta_{\nu\nu}^{\sigma\sigma}|.$$

- **Impact:**
  - Allows effective **screening** of AO amplitudes that are negligible, reducing the number of amplitudes from  $O(N^4)$  to  $O(N^2)$ .
  - Only amplitudes between **nearby orbitals** are retained after screening, dramatically reducing computational effort.
- **Limitation:**
  - The Schwarz inequality is less useful for **long-range amplitudes**  $\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma}$  which require different screening techniques.



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### Practical Application of Screening in AO Methods

- **MP2 Level:**
  - Schwarz inequality works well and provides **exact screening** for AO amplitudes at the **MP2** level.
- **CC Level:**
  - While CC amplitudes have **positive and negative eigenvalues**, the Schwarz inequality still provides reliable screening with violations typically being small (e.g.,  $10^{-8}$  a.u. or smaller).
- **Conclusion:** Screening using the Schwarz inequality significantly reduces the number of AO amplitudes that need to be computed, enabling **efficient scaling** for large systems.



## F. Linear scaling perturbation and coupled cluster theories

### Introduction to Linear Scaling in MP2 and CC Theories

- **Objective:** Achieving  $O(N)$  scaling in MP2 and Coupled Cluster (CC) theories.
- **Key Concept:** Only  $O(N)$  excitation amplitudes survive for large molecules, allowing efficient computational scaling.
- **Coulomb Integral Transformation:** Dominated by density matrices in both Laplace and AO-MP2 schemes, leading to the following key equation:

$$\theta_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\sigma} \sim \bar{P}_{\mu}^{\alpha} \bar{P}_{\nu}^{\beta} v_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma\delta} \bar{Q}_{\gamma}^{\lambda} \bar{Q}_{\delta}^{\sigma}.$$

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### Schwarz Screening and Sparsity

- **Schwarz Screening:** Only a subset of excitation amplitudes need to be computed due to the Schwarz inequality.
- **Domains:**
  - **P-domain ( $D_p(m)$ ):** Set of atomic orbitals (AOs) where P values are above a threshold.
  - **Q-domain ( $DQ(m)$ ):** Defined similarly for Q and  $\bar{Q}$ .
- **Sparsity:**
  - Overlap matrix  $S$ , density matrix  $P$ , and Coulomb integrals become sparse as molecular size increases.
  - Leads to only  $O(N)$  non-zero Coulomb integrals and excitation amplitudes above a neglect threshold.

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### Proof of $O(N)$ Scaling for MP2 and CC

- **Key Insight:** Matrix multiplication involving sparse matrices (e.g.,  $P$  and  $Q$ ) scales as  $O(N)$ .
- **MP2 Scaling:**
  - The interaction between short-range Coulomb integrals decays exponentially with distance, leaving only  $O(N)$  amplitudes after screening.
- **CC Scaling:**
  - CC equations are solved iteratively starting from  $O(N)$  MP2 amplitudes.
  - Conditions for non-zero contributions are based on sparsity in  $P$ - and  $Q$ -domains.

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### Extending to Higher Order CC Equations

- **Iterative Process:** Each iteration maintains  $O(N)$  scaling.
- **Higher-Order CC Equations:**
  - The approach can be extended to higher-order excitations ( $u_3$ ,  $u_4$ , etc.), suggesting the potential for  $O(N)$  scaling for the full coupled cluster set.
- **Conclusion:** Linear scaling in MP2 and CC methods is achievable through sparsity and efficient screening techniques.



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