PROJECT: Testing the Transferability of Integrals in Multiplet-Sum (MS) Density-Functional Theory (DFT)

You will learn



to run a quantum chemistry program (deMon2k)



about some of the limitations of DFT and how to overcome them



that research need not require heavy or expensive calculations provided that you have a good formal understanding

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THE PROBLEM



Kohn-Sham DFT replaces the real interacting system with a fictious system of noninteracting electrons, described by a single-determinatal (SD) wavefunction (i.e., the Kohn-Sham determinant serves as the reference wavefunction for DFT).

Fortunately a SD reference is appropriate for the ground state of most closed-shell molecules near their equilibrium geometry.

Unfortunately a SD reference needs to be replaced with a reference multideterminantal (MD) wavefunction when (symmetry) degenerate (or quasidegenerate) states are present.

Wavefunction theory (WFT)

$$\Psi = \Phi + \sum_{i,a} \Phi_i^a C_i^a + \sum_{i,j}^{a,b} \Phi_{i,j}^{a,b} C_{i,j}^{a,b} + \cdots$$

We speak of *dynamical correlation* when Φ is a SD and WFT requires millions (billions) of correction terms for chemical accuracy. DFT beats WFT here when it comes to efficient calculations.

We speak of *static correlation* when the series diverges unless Φ is rechosen to be MD. This is where DFT typically fails and WFT is preferred.

H, AS A SIMPLE EXAMPLE OF WHERE STATIC CORRELATION IS IMPORTANT



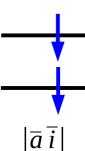
$$a = \sigma_u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1-S)}} \left(s_A - s_B \right)$$

The overlap matrix $S = \langle s_A | s_B \rangle$

$$i = \sigma_g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(1+S)}} \left(s_A + s_B \right)$$

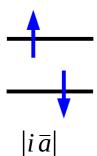
is used by chemists as one measure of bonding.

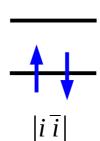
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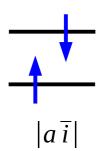




$$a \overline{a}$$







CONFIGURATION INTERACTION (CI)

Expanding
$$\Psi = |i\,\overline{i}|\,C_0 + |a\,\overline{i}|\,C_i^a + |i\,\overline{a}|\,C_{\overline{i}}^{\overline{a}} + |i\,a|\,C_{\overline{i}}^a + |a\,\overline{i}|\,C_{i\,\overline{i}}^{\overline{a}} + |a\,\overline{i}|\,C_{i\,\overline{i}}^{a\,\overline{a}}$$

and using the variational principle, leads to the classic configuration interaction (CI) eigenvalue problem,

$$\begin{bmatrix} E[i\,\bar{i}] & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B \\ 0 & E[a\,\bar{i}] & A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A & E[i\,\bar{a}] & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E[i\,a] & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E[\bar{a}\,\bar{i}] & 0 \\ B & 0 & 0 & 0 & E[a\,\bar{a}] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_0 \\ C_i^a \\ C_i^{\bar{a}} \\ C_i^{\bar{a}} \\ C_i^{\bar{a}} \\ C_i^{\bar{a}} \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} C_0 \\ C_i^a \\ C_i^{\bar{a}} \\ C_i^{\bar{a}} \\ C_i^{\bar{a}} \\ C_i^{\bar{a}\bar{a}} \end{bmatrix}$$

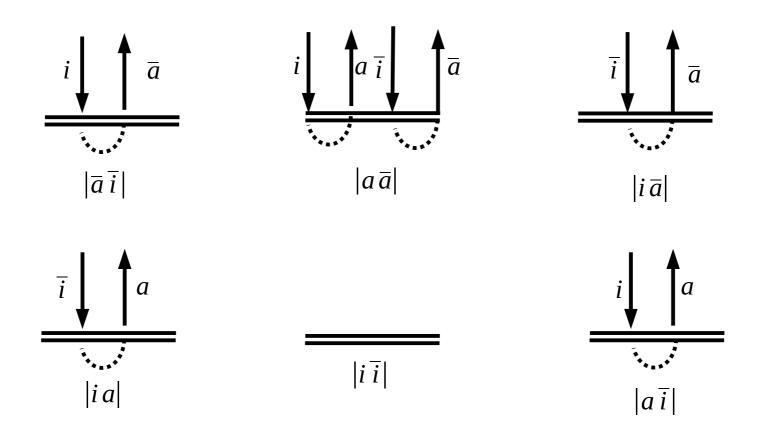
There are a lot of zeros because there is both spin and spatial symmetry in this problem.

As $E[i\,\overline{a}] = E[a\,\overline{i}]$, then it is easy to see that the block indicated in red diagonalizes

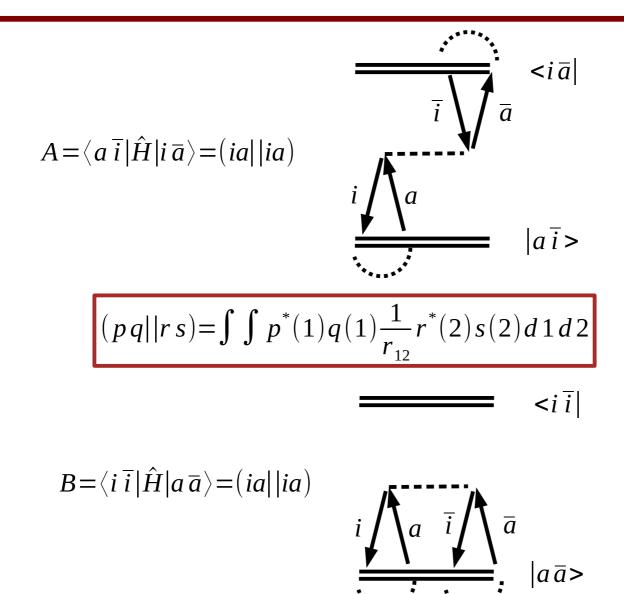
to give
$$E_{\pm} = E[a \overline{i}] \pm A$$

THE WFT LANGUAGE OF FEYNMAN DIAGRAMS

WFT Feynman diagrams are convenient for figuring out the A and B matrix elements.



WFT FORMULAE FOR THE A AND B INTEGRALS



SPIN-SYMMETRY

$$\begin{bmatrix} E[i\,\bar{i}\,] & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B \\ 0 & E[a\,\bar{i}\,] & A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A & E[i\,\bar{a}\,] & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E[i\,a\,] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E[\bar{a}\,\bar{i}\,] & 0 \\ B & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_0 \\ C_i^a \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{i\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \end{bmatrix} = E \begin{bmatrix} C_0 \\ C_i^a \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{i\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}\bar{a}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagnalization of this block leads to one singlet and three degenerate triplet wavefunctions $\Psi_{\rm S,M}$

$$\Psi_{0,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|a\,\overline{i}| + |i\,\overline{a}|)$$
 open-shell singlet (higher energy)

$$\Psi_{1,+1} = |i\,a|$$

$$\Psi_{1,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|a\,\bar{i}| + |i\,\bar{a}| \right)$$
 degenerate triplets (lower energy)
$$\Psi_{1,-1} = |\bar{i}\,\bar{a}|$$

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CAN WE TAKE THE BEST FROM BOTH WORLDS?



IDEA!

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Include dynamic correlation by using DFT to calculate the diagonal elements.

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Include static correlation by using WFT to calculate the off-diagonal elements.

$$\begin{vmatrix} E[i\,\bar{i}\,] & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B \\ 0 & E[a\,\bar{i}\,] & A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A & E[i\,\bar{a}\,] & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E[i\,a\,] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E[\bar{a}\,\bar{i}\,] & 0 \\ B & 0 & 0 & 0 & E[a\,\bar{a}\,] \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} C_0 \\ C_i^a \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{i\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \end{vmatrix} = E \begin{vmatrix} C_0 \\ C_i^a \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \\ C_{i\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \end{vmatrix}$$

Problem: The three triplet states are no longer degenerate!

MULTIPLET SUM (MS) DENSITY-FUNCTIONAL THEORY (DFT)*

$$\Psi_{0,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|a\,\overline{i}| + |i\,\overline{a}|)$$

$$E_{S} = \langle \Psi_{0,0} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{0,0} \rangle = E[a \overline{i}] + A$$

$$\Psi_{1,+1}=|i\,a|$$

$$E_T = E[ia]$$

$$\Psi_{1,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|a\,\overline{i}| + |i\,\overline{a}|)$$

$$E_T = \langle \Psi_{1,0} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{1,0} \rangle = E[a \overline{i}] - A$$

 $\Psi_{1,-1} = |\overline{i} \, \overline{a}|$

Solving the three equations on the RHS gives

$$A = E[a \overline{i}] - E[ia] \neq (ai||ai)$$
 (except in WFT)

WHAT IF SYMMETRY ARGUMENTS ARE NOT ENOUGH?

PECs of H₂ molecule by Kolos, Wolniewicz and collaborators

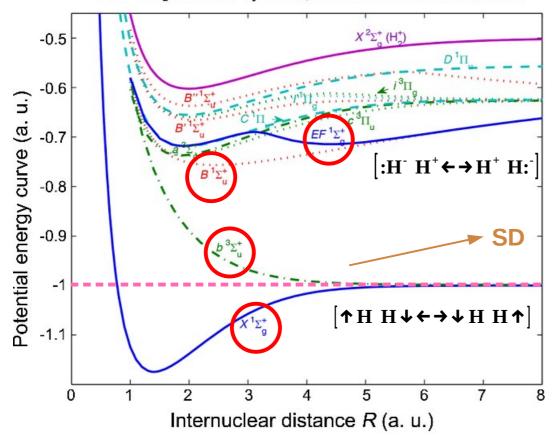


Figure 1. Potential energy curves of H₂ obtained by Kolos

Correct dissociation without symmetry breaking is obtained by solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} E[i\,\overline{i}\,] & B \\ B & E[a\,\overline{a}\,] \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} C_0 \\ C_{i\,\overline{i}}^{a\,\overline{a}} \end{vmatrix} = E \begin{vmatrix} C_0 \\ C_{i\,\overline{i}}^{a\,\overline{a}} \end{vmatrix}$$

What to use for B?

$$B = (ia||ia)$$

$$B = E[a\overline{i}] - E[ia]$$



WHAT WILL YOU GAIN IN DOING THIS PROJECT?





Extension to O₂ if time permits.



Additional explanation in tomorrow's special topics seminar.



Familiarity with quantum chemical methods.



Experience dealing with static correlation.



Possibility of contributing to research in progress.



Expansion of your network of Pan-African friends.

