

# COUPLED-CLUSTER AND DENSITY FUNCTIONAL THEORY

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# Coupled-cluster theory

The starting point for all non-relativistic treatments of the many-body system is the Schrödinger equation,

$$\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} &= \hat{H}_0 + \hat{V} = \hat{T} + \hat{U} + \hat{V} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{t}_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i + \sum_{i<j}^N \hat{v}_{ij} + \sum_{i<j<k}^N \hat{v}_{ijk} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$\hat{T}$  - Kinetic energy, **one-body** operator

$\hat{U}$  - External potential, **one-body** operator

$\hat{V}$  - Particle interaction, in general a **n-body** operator

- The  $N$ -particle Schrödinger equation can in general **not** be solved analytically  
⇒ Numerical methods
- The coupled-cluster method is today probably the most powerful *ab initio* method to obtain ground state eigenvalues and eigenstates

# Coupled-cluster theory

## The exact wavefunction

Given an arbitrary set of orthogonal single-particle functions

$$\{\phi_\alpha\}_{\alpha=1}^\infty$$

that span the one-particle Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_1$ , the **exact wavefunction** of an interacting many-fermion systems reads,

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i |\Phi_i\rangle,$$

where

$$\Phi_i(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \mathbf{R} | \Phi_i \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \sum_p (-1)^p \hat{P} \phi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_\beta(\mathbf{r}_2) \phi_\gamma(\mathbf{r}_3) \dots \phi_\delta(\mathbf{r}_N),$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |C_i|^2 = 1.$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## The exact wavefunction

- In **principle**, no other restrictions on the single-particle functions besides completeness and orthogonality,

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \text{span} \{ \phi_\alpha \}_{\alpha=1}^{\infty}$$

- In **practice**, the choice of basis functions **is crucial!**
- How to decide the appropriate basis functions? Obviously, we want

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i |\Phi_i\rangle \approx \sum_{i=1}^k C_i |\Phi_i\rangle .$$

- When the interaction  $\hat{V}$  is small, natural choice of  $N$ -particle basis functions are the **eigenfunctions of the non-interacting system**,

$$\hat{H}_0 |\Phi_i\rangle = E_i^0 |\Phi_i\rangle ,$$

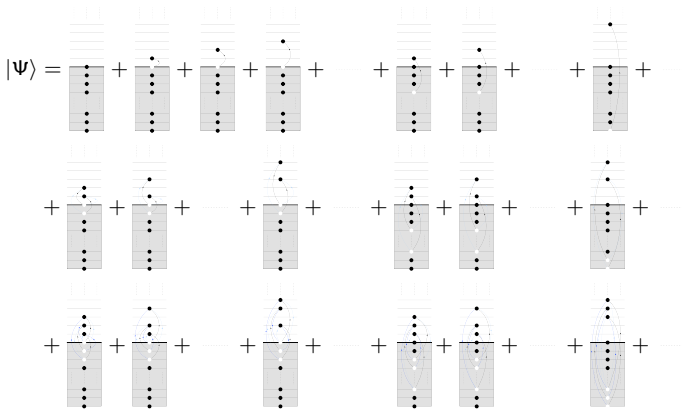
such that the single-particle basis functions are given by

$$\hat{h} |\phi_\alpha\rangle = \epsilon_\alpha |\phi_\alpha\rangle ,$$

where  $\hat{h} = \hat{t} + \hat{u}$ .

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## The exact wavefunction



- $|\Psi\rangle$  - linear combination of **excited states** of the non-interacting system
- **The correlations in the system are thus represented by excitations in the non-interacting system**

# Coupled-cluster theory

## The coupled-cluster wavefunction - the exponential “ansatz”

In the formalism of second quantization,  $|\Psi\rangle$  thus reads,

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Phi_0\rangle + \sum_i t_i^a a_a^\dagger a_i |\Phi_0\rangle + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} t_{ij}^{ab} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i |\Phi_0\rangle + \frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkabc} t_{ijk}^{abc} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_c^\dagger a_k a_j a_i |\Phi_0\rangle + \dots,$$

where  $t_{ijk\dots}^{abc\dots}$  are the excitation amplitudes. Defining the excitation operators

$$\hat{T}_1 \equiv \sum_{ia} t_i^a a_a^\dagger a_i$$

$$\hat{T}_2 \equiv \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} t_{ij}^{ab} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i$$

$$\hat{T}_3 \equiv \frac{1}{24} \sum_{ijkabc} t_{ijk}^{abc} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_c^\dagger a_k a_j a_i$$

$$\hat{T}_n \equiv \left(\frac{1}{n!}\right)^2 \sum_{ijk\dots abc\dots} t_{ijk\dots}^{abc\dots} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_c^\dagger \dots a_k a_j a_i$$

the exact wavefunction reads

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left(1 + \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 + \hat{T}_3 + \dots + \hat{T}_N\right) |\Phi_0\rangle.$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## The coupled-cluster wavefunction - the exponential “ansatz”

- We may also produce, for example,  $2p2h$ -excitations with  $\hat{T}_1^2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  No coupling between single-particle states
- Thus, the exact wavefunction reads

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left( 1 + \hat{T}_1 + \frac{1}{2!} \hat{T}_1^2 + \hat{T}_2 + \frac{1}{3!} \hat{T}_1^3 + \hat{T}_1 \hat{T}_2 + \hat{T}_3 + \dots + \hat{T}_N \right) |\Phi_0\rangle$$

- Since all excitation operators commute, all terms above match those from the power series expansion of an exponential function
- We therefore define the coupled-cluster wavefunction as

$$|\Psi_{CC}\rangle = e^{\hat{T}} |\Phi_0\rangle,$$

where

$$\hat{T} \equiv \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 + \hat{T}_3 + \dots + \hat{T}_N.$$



# Coupled-cluster theory

## The coupled-cluster wavefunction - the exponential “ansatz”

- When  $\hat{T}$  is not truncated and the model space  $\mathcal{P}$  is equal to the Hilbert space of  $N$  non-interacting fermions,

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_{CC}\rangle .$$

- In practical calculations, since  $\dim(\mathcal{H}_N) = \text{infy}$ , the model space must be truncated
- Also, choosing a CC scheme, for example CCSD, imply a truncation in  $\hat{T}$
- Therefore, the coupled-cluster wavefunction is called the exponential “ansatz”
- We approximate the exact ground state wavefunction with the coupled-cluster wavefunction,

$$|\Psi\rangle \approx |\Psi_{CC}\rangle ,$$

and hope this is a good approximation!

- The unknowns are the excitation amplitudes  $t_{ijk..}^{abc..}$  which is determined by the Schrödinger equation

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Formal coupled-cluster theory

The formal coupled-cluster equations are found by substituting the CC function into the Schrödinger equation,

$$\hat{H}e^T |\Phi_0\rangle = Ee^T |\Phi_0\rangle,$$

and left-multiply with  $\langle \Phi_0 | e^{-\hat{T}}$ , yielding the energy equation

$$\langle \Phi_0 | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} | \Phi_0 \rangle = E.$$

The amplitude equations are found by left-multiplying the wanted amplitudes  $t_{ijk..}^{abc..}$  with  $\langle \Phi_{ijk..}^{abc..} | e^{-\hat{T}}$ , yielding

$$\langle \Phi_{ijk..}^{abc..} | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} | \Phi_0 \rangle = 0.$$

- These equations define the conventional method
- How to solve the CC equations? Normal ordering, Campell-Baker-Hausdorff expansion

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Normal-ordered form of $\hat{H}$

- Second quantized form of the hamiltonian (assume 2-body interaction),

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{pq} \langle p|h|q \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq|v|rs \rangle a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r$$

- Wick's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{ABCD} \dots \widehat{RXYZ} &= \left\{ \widehat{ABCD} \dots \widehat{RXYZ} \right\} + \sum_{[1]} \left\{ \overline{\widehat{ABCD} \dots \widehat{RXYZ}} \right\} \\ &+ \dots + \sum_{[\frac{N}{2}]} \left\{ \overline{\widehat{ABCD} \dots \widehat{RXYZ}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Using Wick's theorem, we obtain the following expressions

$$\begin{aligned} a_p^\dagger a_q &= \left\{ a_p^\dagger a_q \right\} + \delta_{pq \in i} \\ a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r &= \left\{ a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r \right\} - \left\{ a_q^\dagger a_r \right\} \delta_{ps \in i} + \left\{ a_q^\dagger a_s \right\} \delta_{pr \in i} \\ &+ \left\{ a_p^\dagger a_r \right\} \delta_{qs \in i} - \left\{ a_p^\dagger a_s \right\} \delta_{qr \in i} + \delta_{pr \in i} \delta_{qs \in j} - \delta_{ps \in i} \delta_{qr \in j}, \end{aligned}$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Normal-ordered form of $\hat{H}$

Inserting these expressions into the second quantized form of  $\hat{H}$  yields,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} = & \sum_{pq} \langle p|h|q \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_q\} + \sum_i \langle i|h|i \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq|v|rs \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{qri} \langle iq|v|ri \rangle \{a_q^\dagger a_r\} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{qsi} \langle iq|v|is \rangle \{a_q^\dagger a_s\} \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pri} \langle pi|v|ri \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_r\} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{psi} \langle pi|v|is \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_s\} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} \langle ij|v|ij \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} \langle ij|v|ji \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Remembering that

$$\langle pq|v|rs \rangle = -\langle pr|v|sr \rangle = -\langle rp|v|rs \rangle = \langle rp|v|sr \rangle,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} = & \sum_{pq} \langle p|h|q \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_q\} + \sum_{pqi} \langle pi|v|qi \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_q\} \\ & + \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq|v|rs \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} + \sum_i \langle i|h|i \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \langle ij|v|ij \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Normal-ordered form of $\hat{H}$

By defining

$$f_q^p \equiv \langle p|h|q\rangle + \sum_i \langle pi|v|qi\rangle$$

$$\hat{F}_N \equiv \sum_{pq} f_q^p \{a_p^\dagger a_q\}$$

$$\hat{V}_N \equiv \sum_{pqrs} \langle pq|v|rs\rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\},$$

and observing that

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H} | \Phi_0 \rangle = \sum_i \langle i|h|i\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \langle ij|v|ij\rangle,$$

the hamiltonian finally reads

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} &= \hat{F}_N + \hat{V}_N + \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \hat{H}_N + \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H} | \Phi_0 \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Normal-ordered form of $\hat{H}$

Defining  $E_{ref} = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H} | \Phi_0 \rangle$ , the normal-ordered form of the hamiltonian reads

$$\hat{H}_N = \hat{H} - E_{ref}.$$

- The normal-ordered form of the hamiltonian is equal to the hamiltonian itself minus the its reference expectation value
- Thus we consider  $\hat{H}_N$  as a correlation operator
- Substituting  $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_N + E_{ref}$  into the CC equations yields,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_0 | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H}_N e^{\hat{T}} | \Phi_0 \rangle &= E_{CC} \\ \langle \Phi_{ijk..}^{abc..} | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H}_N e^{\hat{T}} | \Phi_0 \rangle &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we have defined the coupled-cluster energy  $E_{CC} = E - E_{ref}$ .

# Coupled-cluster theory

## The Campbell-Baker-Hausdorff expansion

- The Campbell-Baker-Hausdorff formula allow us to expand the similarity transformed normal-ordered hamiltonian into nested commutators,

$$e^{-\hat{T}}\hat{H}_Ne^{\hat{T}} = \hat{H}_N + [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}] + \frac{1}{2!} [[\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}], \hat{T}] + \frac{1}{3!} [[[ \hat{H}_N, \hat{T} ], \hat{T} ], \hat{T}] + \dots$$

- We limit the discussion to the **coupled-cluster singles and doubles** (CCSD),

$$\hat{T} = \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2$$

- The similarity transformed hamiltonien then reads

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\hat{T}}\hat{H}_Ne^{\hat{T}} = & \hat{H}_N + [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1] + [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_2] + \frac{1}{2!} [[\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1], \hat{T}_1] + \frac{1}{2!} [[\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1], \hat{T}_2] \\ & + \frac{1}{2!} [[\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_2], \hat{T}_1] + \frac{1}{2!} [[\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_2], \hat{T}_2] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- The problem is now reduced to evaluating matrix elements of nested commutators
- One problem**, the general Campbell-Baker-Hausdorff expansion is in principle infinite
- However**, the sum truncates naturally in the CC context

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Derivation of programmable equations

Programmable CCSD equations can be obtained by two different approaches,

- **Algebraic method**  
“The hard way” - Each matrix element of nested commutators are evaluated by using Wick's theorem
- **Diagrammatic method**  
“The easy way” - Each matrix element of nested commutators is converted into a diagram, a set of rules transform each diagram into an algebraic expression



# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

- The energy equation reads

$$E_{CC} = \left\langle \Phi_0 \left| \hat{H}_N + [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1] + [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_2] + \frac{1}{2!} [[\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1], \hat{T}_1] + \dots \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle$$

- By construction, the reference expectation value of a normal-ordered operator is zero, viz.

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \hat{X}_N | \Phi_0 \rangle = 0$$

- All excitation operators are already normal-ordered, viz.

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \hat{T}_i | \Phi_0 \rangle = 0$$

- In the algebraic approach, each nested commutator between reference states is evaluated using the generalized Wick's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \{ \widehat{ABCD} \dots \} \{ \widehat{RXYZ} \dots \} &= \{ \widehat{ABCD} \dots \widehat{RXYZ} \} + \sum_{(1)} \left\{ \overline{\widehat{ABCD} \dots \widehat{RXYZ}} \right\} \\ &+ \sum_{(2)} \left\{ \overline{\widehat{ABCD} \dots \widehat{RXYZ}} \right\} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

⇒ Only nonzero contributions from fully contracted terms!

$$(1) E_{CC} \leftarrow \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_N | \Phi_0 \rangle = 0$$

$$(2) E_{CC} \leftarrow \langle \Phi_0 | [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1] | \Phi \rangle = \langle \Phi | [\hat{F}_N, \hat{T}_1] | \Phi \rangle + \langle \Phi | [\hat{V}_N, \hat{T}_1] | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

The **first** term,

$$\hat{F}_1 \hat{T}_1 = \sum_{pqia} f_q^p t_i^a \{a_p^\dagger a_q\} \{a_a^\dagger a_i\}$$

$$\hat{T}_1 \hat{F}_1 = \sum_{pqia} f_a^p t_i^a \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q\}.$$

The generalized Wick's theorem yields,

$$\begin{aligned} \{a_p^\dagger a_q\} \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} &= \{a_p^\dagger a_q a_a^\dagger a_i\} + \overbrace{\{a_p^\dagger a_q a_a^\dagger a_i\}} + \overbrace{\{a_p^\dagger a_q a_a^\dagger a_i\}} + \overbrace{\{a_p^\dagger a_q a_a^\dagger a_i\}} \\ &= \{a_p^\dagger a_q a_a^\dagger a_i\} + \{a_q a_a^\dagger\} \delta_{pi} + \{a_p^\dagger a_i\} \delta_{qa} + \delta_{pi} \delta_{qa} \\ \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q\} &= \{a_a^\dagger a_i a_p^\dagger a_q\} \end{aligned}$$

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## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

Thus we obtain

$$\left[\hat{F}_N, T_1\right] = \sum_{qia} f_q^i t_i^a \left\{a_q a_a^\dagger\right\} + \sum_{pia} f_a^p t_i^a \left\{a_p^\dagger a_i\right\} + \sum_{ia} f_a^i t_i^a.$$

The **second** term,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{V}_N \hat{T}_1 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrsia} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle t_i^a \left\{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\right\} \left\{a_a^\dagger a_i\right\} \\ \hat{T}_1 \hat{V}_N &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrsia} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle t_i^a \left\{a_a^\dagger a_i\right\} \left\{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Due to Wick's generalized theorem, two normal-ordered strings with different number of creation- and annihilation operators cannot produce fully contracted terms. Thus,

$$E_{CC} \leftarrow \left\langle \Phi_0 \left| \left[ \hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1 \right] \right| \Phi \right\rangle = \sum_{ia} f_a^i t_i^a$$

Observation: For a two-body hamiltonian (electron system, coulomb interaction), the energy equation will be on the same form for all schemes (CCSD, CCSDT,...)

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

$$(3) \quad E_{CC} \leftarrow \langle \Phi | [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_2] | \Phi \rangle = \langle \Phi | [\hat{F}_N, \hat{T}_2] | \Phi \rangle + \langle \Phi | [\hat{F}_N, \hat{T}_2] | \Phi \rangle$$

The **first** term,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{F}_N \hat{T}_2 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqijab} f_q^p t_{ij}^{ab} \{a_p^\dagger a_q\} \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} \\ \hat{T}_2 \hat{F}_N &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqijab} f_q^p t_{ij}^{ab} \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q\}.\end{aligned}$$

Again, since the number of creation- and annihilation operators are different, no fully contractions are possible, i.e. no nonzero contributions.

The **second** term,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{V}_N \hat{T}_2 &= \frac{1}{16} \sum_{pqrsijab} t_{ij}^{ab} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} \\ \hat{T}_2 \hat{V}_N &= \frac{1}{16} \sum_{pqrsijab} t_{ij}^{ab} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_i a_j\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\}.\end{aligned}$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} &= \left\{ \overbrace{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i}^{(1)} \right\} + \left\{ \overbrace{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i}^{(2)} \right\} \\
 &+ \left\{ \overbrace{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i}^{(3)} \right\} + \left\{ \overbrace{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i}^{(4)} \right\} \\
 &+ \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} + \dots \\
 &= \delta_{pi} \delta_{qj} \delta_{sb} \delta_{ra} - \delta_{pi} \delta_{qj} \delta_{sa} \delta_{rb} - \delta_{pj} \delta_{qi} \delta_{sb} \delta_{ra} + \delta_{pj} \delta_{qi} \delta_{sa} \delta_{rb} \\
 &+ \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} + \dots \\
 \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} &= \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{V}_N, \hat{T}_2] &= \frac{1}{16} \sum_{ijab} [\langle ij | v | ab \rangle - \langle ij | v | ba \rangle - \langle ji | v | ab \rangle + \langle ji | v | ba \rangle] t_{ij}^{ab} + \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \langle ij | v | ab \rangle t_{ij}^{ab} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

Thus we obtain the following contribution to the coupled-cluster energy,

$$E_{CC} \leftarrow \langle \Phi | [\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_2] | \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \langle ij | v | ab \rangle t_{ij}^{ab}$$

$$(4) \quad E_{CC} \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi | [[\hat{H}_N, \hat{T}_1], \hat{T}_1] | \Phi \rangle$$

The **first** term,

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{F}_N, \hat{T}_1] \hat{T}_1 &= \sum_{qijab} f_q^i t_i^a t_j^b \{a_q a_a^\dagger\} \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} + \sum_{pijab} f_a^p t_i^a t_j^b \{a_p^\dagger a_i\} \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} + \sum_{ijab} f_a^i t_i^a t_j^b \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \\ \hat{T}_1 [\hat{F}_N, \hat{T}_1] &= \sum_{qijab} f_q^i t_i^a t_j^b \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \{a_q a_a^\dagger\} + \sum_{pijab} f_a^p t_i^a t_j^b \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \{a_p^\dagger a_i\} + \sum_{ijab} f_a^i t_i^a t_j^b \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \end{aligned}$$

gives no contribution to the energy since only non-zero contractions are between creation (annihilation) operator with quantum number  $a$  ( $i$ ), and an annihilation (creation) operator with quantum number  $p$ .

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

The **second** term,

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{V}_N, \hat{T}_1] \hat{T}_1 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrsijab} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle t_i^a t_j^b \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrsijab} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle t_i^a t_j^b \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \\
 \hat{T}_1 [\hat{V}_N, \hat{T}_1] &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrsijab} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle t_i^a t_j^b \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{pqrsijab} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle t_i^a t_j^b \{a_b^\dagger a_j\} \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} \{a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_r\} \\
 \frac{1}{2} [[\hat{V}_N, \hat{T}_1], \hat{T}_1] &= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{pqrsijab} \langle pq | v | rs \rangle t_i^a t_j^b \\
 &\quad \times (\delta_{pi} \delta_{qj} \delta_{sa} \delta_{rb} - \delta_{pi} \delta_{qj} \delta_{sb} \delta_{ra} - \delta_{pj} \delta_{qi} \delta_{sa} \delta_{rb} + \delta_{pj} \delta_{qi} \delta_{sb} \delta_{ra}) + \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{ijab} (\langle ij | v | ba \rangle - \langle ij | v | ab \rangle - \langle ji | v | ba \rangle + \langle ji | v | ab \rangle) t_i^a t_j^b + \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijab} \langle ij | v | ab \rangle t_i^a t_j^b + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

Thus we obtain the following contribution to the coupled-cluster energy,

$$E_{CC} \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \langle \Phi | [[\hat{V}_N, \hat{T}_1], \hat{T}_1] | \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijab} \langle ij | v | ab \rangle t_i^a t_j^b$$

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- **An important generalization** - Wick's theorem applied to the commutators, the only nonzero terms in the Hausdorff expansion are those in which  $\hat{H}_N$  has **at least** one contraction with every  $\hat{T}_n$  on its right
  - The Hausdorff expansion of the similarity transform hamiltonian thus reads,

$$e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} = \left( \hat{H}_N + \hat{H}_N \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^4 + \dots \right)_c$$

- We assume an electronic system  $\Rightarrow$  2-body interaction (coulomb)
- The Hausdorff expansion then truncates naturally,

$$e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} = \left( \hat{H}_N + \hat{H}_N \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^3 + \frac{1}{24} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^4 \right)_c$$



# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The energy equation

- The CCSD energy equation thus reads,

$$E_{CC} = \left\langle \Phi \left| \left( \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_1 + \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_1^2 \right) \right| \Phi \right\rangle_{fc},$$

where *fc* denote that only fully contracted terms give contribution to the energy

- For the electron system, the ground state energy only depends **explicitly** on  $t_i^a$  and  $t_{ij}^{ab}$  for all CC schemes (CCSD, CCSDT, CCSDTQ,..)
- However, when including more than singles and doubles, the energy depend **implicitly** on  $t_{ijk...}^{abc...}$  - all amplitudes are coupled together
- The final coupled-cluster energy equation reads

$$E_{CC} = \sum_{ia} f_a^i t_i^a + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \langle ij | v | ab \rangle t_{ij}^{ab} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijab} \langle ij | v | ab \rangle t_i^a t_j^b$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Algebraic approach - The amplitude equation

- The amplitude equation reads (assume two-body hamiltonian)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left\langle \Phi_{ijk..}^{abc..} \left| e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H}_N e^{\hat{T}} \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \Phi_{ijk..}^{abc..} \left| \left( \hat{H}_N + \hat{H}_N \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^3 + \frac{1}{24} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^4 \right) \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- However, since

$$\left\langle \Phi_{ijk..}^{abc..} \right| \Phi_0 \rangle = 0,$$

fully contracted terms **DO NOT** give contribution

- $\hat{T}_1$  equation, nonzero contribution from terms with **excitation level 1**, viz. terms with

$$\{a_a^\dagger a_i\}$$

- $\hat{T}_2$  equation, nonzero contribution from terms with **excitation level 2**, viz. terms with


$$\{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\}$$


# Coupled-cluster theory


## Diagrammatic method - Wavefunction representation

- **The diagrammatic approach** - far more convenient and practical approach to construct programmable equations
- **Basic procedure** - matrix element is transformed into a diagram, rules determine its corresponding algebraic expression
- Depending on the mathematical context, diagrams can represent wavefunctions, operators and matrix elements

$$= |\Phi\rangle$$


$$= |\Phi_i\rangle$$


$$= |\Phi_i^a\rangle$$


$$= |\Phi^a\rangle$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - Wavefunction representation

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ i & j & a & b \end{array} = |\Phi_{ij}^{ab}\rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ i & j \end{array} = |\Phi_{ij}\rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ i & j & k & a & b & c \end{array} = |\Phi_{ijk}^{abc}\rangle$$

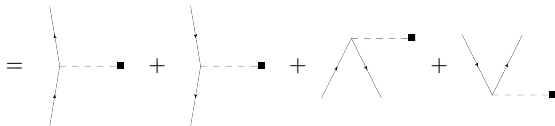
$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ a & b \end{array} = |\Phi^{ab}\rangle$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - Operator representation

- Diagrams may represent operators - interested in the diagrammatic representation of  $\hat{F}_N$ ,  $\hat{V}_N$  and  $\hat{T}_n$

$$\hat{F}_N = \sum_{ab} f_b^a \{a_a^\dagger a_b\} + \sum_{ij} f_j^i \{a_i^\dagger a_j\} + \sum_{ia} f_a^i \{a_i^\dagger a_a\} + \sum_{ai} f_i^a \{a_a^\dagger a_i\}$$



# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - Operator representation

$$\hat{V}_N =$$

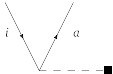
$$\hat{T}_1 = \sum_{ia} t_i^a \{a_a^\dagger a_i\} =$$

$$\hat{T}_2 = \sum_{ijab} t_{ij}^{ab} \{a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_j a_i\} =$$

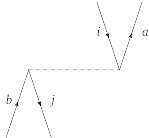
# Coupled-cluster theory

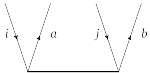
## Diagrammatic method - Matrix element representation

- Diagrams can be interpreted from bottom to top as **matrix elements of operators between slater determinants**
- Example, fourth fragment of  $\hat{F}_N$  - since  $|\Phi_0\rangle$  is represented by empty space, and  $|\Phi_i^a\rangle$  by a pair of directed lines, we may do the following interpretation,

$$\langle \Phi_i^a | \hat{F}_N | \Phi_0 \rangle =$$


- Two other examples, third fragment of  $\hat{V}_N$  and the  $2p2h$ -excitation operator  $\hat{T}_2$

$$\langle \Phi_i^a | \hat{V}_N | \Phi_j^b \rangle =$$


$$\langle \Phi_{ij}^{ab} | \hat{T}_2 | \Phi_0 \rangle =$$


# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - The energy equation

- The coupled-cluster energy equation,

$$E_{CC} = \left\langle \Phi_0 \left| \left( \hat{H}_N + \hat{H}_N \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^4 + \dots \right) \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle_c$$

- Excitation level** - An easy way to determine which diagram that contributes to the energy
- Since  $|\Phi_0\rangle$  is represented by empty space, the diagram can not contain directed lines that extend above or below the first or last operator line  $\Rightarrow$  **Total excitation level 0**
- None of the fragments of  $\hat{H}_N$  satisfy this criterion, thus
$$E_{CC} \leftarrow \left\langle \Phi_0 \left| \hat{H}_N \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle = 0$$
- How should we evaluate the contribution from for example  $\left\langle \Phi_0 \left| \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_1 \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle$ ?
  - Rightmost operator  $\hat{T}_1 \Rightarrow \hat{T}_1$  interaction line at bottom of the diagram
  - $\hat{T}_1$  has excitation level +1
  - Total excitation level **must be 0**
  - Require those diagrams of  $\hat{H}_N$  with excitation level -1, **and**  $|\Phi_0\rangle$  at the top
  - Only the third fragment of  $\hat{F}_N$



# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - The energy equation

- We then **connect** the diagrams together (analogous to contractions), yielding

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_1 | \Phi_0 \rangle = \text{Diagram: A vertical oval with two horizontal lines at the top and bottom. The top line is dashed and ends in a small black square. The bottom line is solid and underlined. Arrows on the vertical sides point upwards.$$

- Since  $\hat{H}_N$  has minimum excitation level -2, all excitation operators and products of excitation operators with a larger excitation level than +2 do not contribute
- Therefore,

$$E_{CC} = \left\langle \Phi_0 \left| \left( \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_1 + \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}_1^2 \right)_{fc} \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle$$

- Using same procedure as before, we obtain three diagrams that contribute to the energy,

$$E_{CC} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3}$$

Diagram 1: A vertical oval with two horizontal lines at the top and bottom. The top line is dashed and ends in a small black square. The bottom line is solid and underlined. Arrows on the vertical sides point upwards.

Diagram 2: Two vertical ovals connected by a horizontal dashed line at the top. The top line of the first oval is dashed and ends in a small black square. The bottom lines of both ovals are solid and underlined. Arrows on the vertical sides point upwards.

Diagram 3: Two vertical ovals connected by a horizontal dashed line at the top. The top line of the first oval is dashed and ends in a small black square. The bottom lines of both ovals are solid and underlined. Arrows on the vertical sides point upwards.

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - The amplitude equation

- The CCSD amplitude equations

$$0 = \left\langle \Phi_i^a \left| \left( \hat{H}_N + \hat{H}_N \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^4 + \dots \right)_c \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle$$

$$0 = \left\langle \Phi_{ij}^{ab} \left| \left( \hat{H}_N + \hat{H}_N \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \hat{H}_N \hat{T}^4 + \dots \right)_c \right| \Phi_0 \right\rangle$$

- Diagrams that contribute to the  $\hat{T}_1$  equation have **total excitation level +1**
- Diagrams that contribute to the  $\hat{T}_2$  equation have **total excitation level +2**
- Different fragments of  $\hat{H}_N$  and combinations of excitation operators is then combined to satisfy this criterion

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - The amplitude equation

The  $\hat{T}_1$  amplitude equation reads,

$$0 =$$

Diagrammatic representation of the  $\hat{T}_1$  amplitude equation, showing the sum of various diagrams representing the equation  $0 =$ .

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Diagrammatic method - The diagram rules

### Diagram rules - Algebraic interpretation of diagrams

- Label all directed lines  $\rightarrow$  Hole lines:  $ijk\dots$ , Particle lines:  $abc\dots$ .
- Operator interaction line contributes with a matrix element or amplitude,

$$\widehat{F}_N \rightarrow f_{in}^{out}$$

$$\widehat{V}_N \rightarrow \langle pq | v | rs \rangle$$

$$\widehat{T}_1 \rightarrow t_i^a$$

$$\widehat{T}_2 \rightarrow t_{ij}^{ab}$$

- Summation over all internal indices
- Sign of diagram determined by the formula  $(-1)^{n_h + n_l}$
- For each pair of equivalent lines, a prefactor  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  is included

# Coupled-cluster theory

## Solving the coupled-cluster equations

- Energy- and amplitude equations - **NOT** coupled
- $E = E(t_i^a, t_{ij}^{ab})$
- $\hat{T}_1$  and  $\hat{T}_2 \rightarrow$  **non-linear coupled equations**
- Must be solved **iteratively till self-consistency is obtained**

### Algorithm

- 1 Determine modelspace  $\mathcal{P}$
- 2 Calculate the matrix elements  $f_p^q$  and  $\langle pq | v | rs \rangle$
- 3 Initialize  $t_i^a = 0$  and  $t_{ij}^{ab} = 0$
- 4 WHILE ( $|E_{new} - E_{old}| > \epsilon$ )  
    Calculate new  $t_i^a$  and  $t_{ij}^{ab}$   
    Calculate new energy  $E_{new}$   
END WHILE
- 5  $E_0 = E_{new} + E_{ref}$

# Density Functional Theory

- DFT in its earliest formulation - description of ground state properties of many-electron systems in terms of **electron density**
- Why is this possible?
- Implication: Exact ground state density **equivalent** with exact ground state density

# Density Functional Theory

## Non-degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

- We consider a many-fermion system with hamiltonian,

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V} + \hat{W},$$

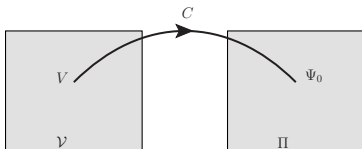
where, for a given system,  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{W}$  is specified,  $\hat{V}$  can be varied.

- Define  $\mathcal{V}$  as the set of one-particle potentials with the property that the ground state,

$$(\hat{T} + \hat{V} + \hat{W})|\Psi_0\rangle = E_0|\Psi_0\rangle \quad \hat{V} \in \mathcal{V},$$

is **non-degenerate**

- Define  $\Pi$  as the set of all these ground state functions
- Define the **surjective map**  $C : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \Pi$



# Density Functional Theory

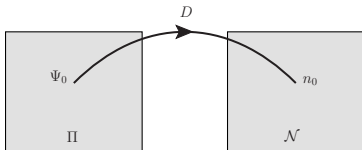
## Non-degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

- For all ground state wavefunctions  $|\Psi_0\rangle \in \Pi$ , we calculate the ground state density,

$$\begin{aligned} n(\mathbf{r}) &= \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | \Psi_0 \rangle \\ &= N \sum_s \int d\mathbf{x}_2 \int d\mathbf{x}_3 \dots \int d\mathbf{x}_N |\Psi_0(\mathbf{r}s, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)|^2, \end{aligned}$$

defining the set  $\mathcal{N}$  of ground state densities

- Define the surjective map  $D : \Pi \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$





# Density Functional Theory

Non-degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

- $C$  and  $D$  are also **injective**, viz. one-to-one (proof not shown)
- **Hence**,  $|\Psi_0[n]\rangle$  unique functional of  $n$
- The full inverse map  $(CD)^{-1} : n \rightarrow V$  is also a unique map
- **Properties of system can be totally described by its density  $n(\mathbf{r})$ !**

## First statement of Hohenberg-Kohn theorem

The ground state expectation value of *any* observable  $\hat{O}$  is a unique functional of  $n$ ,

$$\langle \Psi_0[n] | \hat{O} | \Psi_0[n] \rangle = O[n]$$

# Density Functional Theory

Non-degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

## Second statement of Hohenberg-Kohn theorem

- $\hat{V}$  : External potential  $\rightarrow$  unique ground state density  $n_0(\mathbf{r})$  and energy  $E_0$
- Define  $E_V[n] \equiv \langle \Psi[n] | \hat{T} + \hat{V} + \hat{W} | \Psi[n] \rangle$
- Due to the quantum mechanical variational principle,

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 &< E_V[n] & (n \neq n_0) \\ E_0 &= E_V[n_0] \end{aligned}$$

- The exact ground state density (and energy) can be determined by minimizing the energy functional  $E_V[n]$  with respect to  $n$ ,

$$E_0 = \min_{n \in \mathcal{N}} E_V[n]$$

# Density Functional Theory

Non-degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

- The energy functional,

$$\begin{aligned} E_V[n] &= \langle \Psi[n] | \hat{T} + \hat{W} | \Psi[n] \rangle + \langle \Psi[n] | \hat{V} | \Psi[n] \rangle \\ &= F_{HK}[n] + \int d^3r v(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$

- The **Hohenberg-Kohn functional**  $F_{HK}[n] \equiv \langle \Psi[n] | \hat{T} + \hat{W} | \Psi[n] \rangle$  is **universal** in the sense that it does not depend on  $\hat{V}$
- For electronic systems (atoms, quantum dots, molecules,...),  $F_{HK}[n]$  is the same

# Density Functional Theory

## Degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

- Basic formalism is easily extended for systems with degenerate ground states
- Define**  $\mathcal{V}$  as the set of single-particle potentials  $\hat{V}$  that the ground state

$$\left(\hat{T} + \hat{V} + \hat{W}\right) |\Psi_0\rangle = E_0 |\Psi_0\rangle \quad \hat{V} \in \mathcal{V},$$

is **degenerate**

- Each  $\hat{V} \in \mathcal{V}$  defines a set of ground state functions

$$\Pi_V = \left\{ |\Psi_0\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^q c_i |\psi_0^i\rangle \right\}$$

- $\Pi_V$  - continuum of ground states
- $|\psi_0^i\rangle$  - not well-defined, chosen to be orthogonal
- Define**  $\Pi$  as the union of all subspaces

$$\Pi = \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{V}} \Pi_V$$

# Density Functional Theory

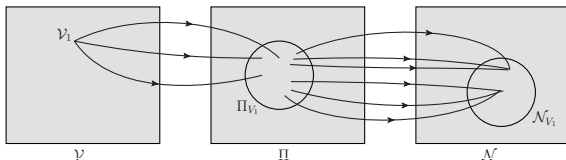
## Degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

- Define  $\mathcal{N}_V$  as the set of ground states densities defined by the set of ground states  $\Pi_V$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}_V = \left\{ n(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | \Phi_0 \rangle \mid |\Phi_0\rangle \in \Pi_V \right\}$$

- Define  $\mathcal{N}$  as the union of all subspaces

$$\mathcal{N} = \bigcup_{V \subset \mathcal{V}} \mathcal{N}_V$$



# Density Functional Theory

## Degenerate ground state - Basic formalism for non-relativistic systems

- **Warning!**  $|\Psi_0\rangle \neq |\Psi_0[n_0]\rangle$  - not a unique functional of the density
- The variational principle needs a unique functional
$$F_{HK}[n] \equiv \langle \Psi[n] | \hat{T} + \hat{W} | \Psi[n] \rangle$$
- $n \rightarrow V[n]$  unique + constant  $\rightarrow$  unique  $E_0$  + constant
- **Hence**,  $F_{HK}[n] \equiv \langle \Psi[n] | \hat{T} + \hat{W} | \Psi[n] \rangle$  is a unique functional of  $n$
- Variational principle is OK for the degenerate case

# Density Functional Theory

## The Kohn-Sham scheme

Define the hamiltonian of  $N$  non-interacting particles

$$\hat{H}_s = \hat{T}_s + \hat{V}_s.$$

According to Hohenberg-Kohn theorem,

$$E_S[n] = \hat{T}_s[n] + \int d^3r v_s(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r})$$

exists, such that

$$E_0^s = \min_{n \in \mathcal{N}} E_s[n],$$

gives the ground state density  $n_s$  of  $\hat{H}_s$ .

# Density Functional Theory

## The Kohn-Sham scheme

- **Central assertion in the Kohn-Sham scheme** - For any interacting system there exists a local single-particle potential  $v_s(\mathbf{r})$  such that the exact ground state density of the interacting system

$$n_0(\mathbf{r}) = n_s(\mathbf{r}),$$

where  $n_s(\mathbf{r})$  is the ground state density of the non-interacting system

- Assuming  $\hat{H}_s$  with non-degenerate ground state imply

$$n_0(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

- Obviously, given  $v_s(\mathbf{r})$  - system solved
- Thus we are seeking the single-particle potential  $v_s(\mathbf{r})$  such that  $n_0(\mathbf{r}) = n_s(\mathbf{r})$



# Density Functional Theory

## The Kohn-Sham scheme

- Consider the energy functional,

$$\begin{aligned}E_V[n] &= F_{HK}[n] + \int d^3r v(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}) \\&= T_S[n] + \frac{1}{2} \int \int d^3r d^3r' n(\mathbf{r})w(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')n(\mathbf{r}') + E_{xc}[n] + \int d^3r v(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}) \\ \Rightarrow E_{xc} &= F_{HK}[n] - \frac{1}{2} \int \int d^3r d^3r' n(\mathbf{r})w(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')n(\mathbf{r}') - T_S[n]\end{aligned}$$

- Explicit form of  $F_{HK}[n]$  - unknown
- Hence,  $E_{xc}[n]$  is unknown  $\Rightarrow$  **must be approximated**
- What do we need?** We need an expression for  $v_s(\mathbf{r})$

# Density Functional Theory

## The Kohn-Sham scheme

We start with the variational principle,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \delta E_V[n] = E_V[n_0 + \delta n] - E_V[n_0] \\ &= \delta T_s[n] + \int d^3r \delta n(\mathbf{r}) \left[ v(\mathbf{r}) + \int d^3r' w(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n_0(\mathbf{r}') + v_{xc}([n_0], \mathbf{r}) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$v_{xc}([n_0], \mathbf{r}) = \left. \frac{\delta E_{xc}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{n_0}.$$

It can be shown through

$$\hat{h}_s |\phi\rangle = \epsilon |\phi\rangle,$$

that

$$\delta T_s[n] = - \int d^3r v_s(\mathbf{r}) \delta n(\mathbf{r}).$$

Finally we obtain

$$v_s(\mathbf{r}) = v(\mathbf{r}) + \int d^3r' w(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n_0(\mathbf{r}') + v_{xc}([n_0], \mathbf{r}).$$

# Density Functional Theory

## The Kohn-Sham scheme

### Kohn-Sham scheme for non-degenerate ground states

Kohn-Sham equation,

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + v_s(\mathbf{r}) \right) \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \phi_i(\mathbf{r}),$$

where

$$v_s(\mathbf{r}) = v(\mathbf{r}) + \int d^3 r' w(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n_0(\mathbf{r}') + v_{xc}([n_0], \mathbf{r}).$$

Ground state density given by,

$$n_0(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N |\phi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2.$$

# Linking DFT with ab initio methods

- **Wavefunction based methods**, like for example *CI* and *CC*, offer a systematic route to the approximate solution of the Schrödinger equation
- In principle - can obtain arbitrary accuracy,  $CC \rightarrow CCSD, CCSD(T), CCSDT, \dots$
- However, with increasing system size, ab initio methods like *CI* and *CC* becomes expensive  $\Rightarrow$  **Cannot in practice obtain arbitrary accuracy**
- **DFT** - consider a non-interacting model system with ground state density equal to the interacting one
- **Problem** - The hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_s$  contains an unknown part, must be approximated
- **One more problem** - No systematic route to determine this contribution  $\Rightarrow$  accuracy is not easily controlled
- *Ab initio* methods and DFT - complimentary
- Natural thought: Link *ab initio* with DFT

# Linking DFT with ab initio methods

## The Lieb formulation

- General hamiltonian (functional of  $v$ )

$$\hat{H}_\lambda[v] = \hat{T} + \hat{V} + \lambda \hat{W},$$

where the interaction strength is determined by  $\lambda$

- Remember: Variational principle demand that all trial densities must be pure-state  $v$ -representable
- **Definition** - Ensemble  $v$ -representable density

$$n_\gamma(\mathbf{r}) = \text{Tr} \{ \hat{\gamma} \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) \} = \sum_{i=1}^q d_i n_i(\mathbf{r}),$$

where  $n_i(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \Psi_i | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | \Psi_i \rangle$ ,  $\{ |\Psi_i\rangle \}_{i=1}^q$  are basis set of deg. ground states of  $\hat{H}$  with external potential  $\hat{V}$

- For general coefficients  $\Rightarrow n_\gamma(\mathbf{r})$  not a pure-state  $v$ -representable
- Possible extension of domain of  $F_{HK}[n] \Rightarrow F_L[n]$ ,

$$F_L[n] = \inf_{\gamma \rightarrow n} \text{Tr} \{ \hat{\gamma} (\hat{T} + \hat{W}) \}$$

# Linking DFT with ab initio methods

## The Lieb formulation

- Standard formulation of variational principle,

$$E_0 = \inf_n E_V[n] = \inf_n \left( F_L[n] + \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r}) v(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

- Define  $E_\lambda[n]$  as the ground state energy of  $\hat{H}_\lambda[n]$  with Lieb functional  $F_\lambda[n]$
- The variational principle can be formulated as

$$E_\lambda[v] = \inf_{\gamma \rightarrow N} \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H}_\lambda[v] \hat{\gamma} \right\} \equiv \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H}_\lambda[v] \hat{\gamma}_\lambda^v \right\}$$

- The Lieb functional (showed by Lieb) reads

$$F_\lambda[n] = \inf_{\gamma \rightarrow n} \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H}_\lambda[0] \hat{\gamma} \right\} \equiv \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H}_\lambda[0] \hat{\gamma}_\lambda^n \right\}$$

- Lieb established the Legendre transforms between the energy and the universal functional,

$$F_\lambda[n] = \sup_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \left[ E_\lambda[v] - \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r}) v(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

$$E_\lambda[v] = \inf_{n \in \mathcal{N}} \left[ F_\lambda[n] + \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r}) v(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

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## The Lieb formulation

- Frenchel inequalities,

$$F_{\lambda}[n] \geq E_{\lambda}[v] - \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r})v(\mathbf{r})$$

$$E_{\lambda}[n] \leq F_{\lambda}[n] + \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r})v(\mathbf{r})$$

- Equality may be obtained by **maximization with respect to  $v(\mathbf{r})$**  or **minimizing with respect to  $n(\mathbf{r})$**

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## The adiabatic connection

- Universal Lieb functional  $F_\lambda [n]$  and interacting ground state energy  $E_\lambda [n]$  may be written as

$$F_\lambda [n] = F_0 [n] + \int_0^\lambda \frac{dF_\lambda [n]}{d\lambda} d\lambda$$
$$E_\lambda [v] = E_0 [v] + \int_0^\lambda \frac{dE_\lambda [v]}{d\lambda} d\lambda$$

- Hellmann-Feynman theorem yields

$$\frac{dF_\lambda [n]}{d\lambda} = \text{Tr} \left\{ \widehat{W} \widehat{\gamma}_\lambda^n \right\} = \mathcal{W}_\lambda [n]$$
$$\frac{dE_\lambda [v]}{d\lambda} = \text{Tr} \left\{ \widehat{W} \widehat{\gamma}_\lambda^v \right\} = \mathcal{W}_\lambda [v]$$

- Inserting explicit expressions for  $F_0 [n]$  and  $E_0 [v]$ , we obtain

$$F_\lambda [n] = \text{Tr} \left\{ \widehat{H}_0 [0] \widehat{\gamma}_\lambda^n \right\} + \int_0^\lambda \mathcal{W}_\lambda [n] d\lambda$$
$$E_\lambda [v] = \text{Tr} \left\{ \widehat{H}_0 [v] \widehat{\gamma}_\lambda^v \right\} + \int_0^\lambda \mathcal{W}_\lambda [v] d\lambda$$



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## The adiabatic connection

- Defining  $\mathcal{W}_{c,\lambda}[n] = \mathcal{W}_\lambda[n] - \mathcal{W}_0[n]$  and  $\mathcal{W}_{c,\lambda}[v] = \mathcal{W}_\lambda[v] - \mathcal{W}_0[v]$ , we may write

$$F_\lambda[n] = \underbrace{\text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H}_\lambda[0] \hat{\gamma}_\lambda^n \right\}}_{\text{uncorrelated contribution}} + \underbrace{\int_0^\lambda \mathcal{W}_{c,\lambda}[n] d\lambda}_{\text{correlation corrections}}$$
$$E_\lambda[v] = \underbrace{\text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H}_\lambda[v] \hat{\gamma}_\lambda^v \right\}}_{\text{uncorrelated contribution}} + \underbrace{\int_0^\lambda \mathcal{W}_{c,\lambda}[v] d\lambda}_{\text{correlation corrections}}$$

- Standard decomposition of the Lieb functional,

$$F_\lambda[n] = T_s[n] + \lambda J[n] + \lambda E_x[n] + E_{c,\lambda}[n]$$
$$T_s[n] = \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H}_0[0] \hat{\gamma}_0^n \right\} = \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{T} \hat{\gamma}_0^n \right\}$$
$$J[n] = \int \int n(\mathbf{r}_1) n(\mathbf{r}_2) \frac{1}{r_{12}} d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2$$
$$E_x[n] = \mathcal{W}_0[n] - J[n]$$
$$E_{c,\lambda}[n] = \int_0^\lambda \mathcal{W}_{c,\lambda}[n] d\lambda$$

# Linking DFT with ab initio methods

## The adiabatic connection

- **Question:** How to compute the adiabatic connection integrand  $\mathcal{W}_{C,\lambda}$ ?
- One solution: Extracting the density matrix  $\hat{\gamma}_{\lambda}^n$  from  $E_{\lambda} [v_{\lambda}]$  determined by the potential  $v_{\lambda}$  that maximizes the righthand side of

$$F_{\lambda} [n] \geq E_{\lambda} [v] - \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r})v(\mathbf{r})$$

- **What do we need?** - A method to determine accurately the ground state energy  $E_{\lambda} [v_{\lambda}]$  for a given  $\lambda$  and for a given modified external potential  $v_{\lambda}$
- $\Rightarrow$  **AB INITIO METHODS** - for example the cupled-cluster method
- We begin by expanding the unknown potential,

$$v_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}} = v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + (1 - \lambda)v_{\text{ref}}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_i b_i g_i(\mathbf{r}),$$

where  $v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r})$  is the external potential,  $v_{\text{ref}}(\mathbf{r})$  is a fixed reference potential, and  $g_i(\mathbf{r})$  are gaussian functions

- We next define the functional,

$$\mathcal{F}_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}} [n] = E_{\lambda} [v_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}}] - \int d^3r n(\mathbf{r})v_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}}$$

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## The adiabatic connection

- The universal Lieb functional thus reads

$$F_{\lambda}[n] = \max_{\mathbf{b}} \mathcal{F}_{\lambda, \mathbf{b}}[n]$$

- Obviously,  $v_{\lambda}$  given by

$$0 = G_i = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_{\lambda, \mathbf{b}}[n]}{\partial b_i} = \int [n_{\lambda, \mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{r}) - n(\mathbf{r})] g_i(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r},$$

where  $n_{\lambda, \mathbf{b}}$  is the density corresponding to  $E_{\lambda}[v_{\lambda, \mathbf{b}}]$

- Possible to set up an iterative procedure based on quasi-Newton maximization of  $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda, \mathbf{b}}[n]$

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## The adiabatic connection

### A schematic algorithm

- CC calculation for a relaxed (Lagrangian) density matrix with the full interacting hamiltonian
- Obtain a good approximation of the interacting density - to be used in the first derivative of  $G_i$
- CC code modified to handel general hamiltonians  $\hat{H}_\lambda [v_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}}]$  to generate  $E_\lambda [v_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}}]$
- Initialization:  $\mathbf{b} = 0$ , calculate relaxed density matrix calculated, calculate gradient  $\mathbf{G}$ , the hessian  $\mathbf{H}$  is set to  $\mathbf{I}$
- WHILE ( $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}}$  NOT CONVERGED)
  - Calculate  $\mathbf{b}_{new} = \mathbf{b}_{old} - \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{G}$
  - Calculate new  $\mathbf{H}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$
  - Cacluate  $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda,\mathbf{b}}$
- At convergence - correlation contribution  $\mathcal{W}_{c,\lambda} [n]$  calculated from  $\mathcal{W}_\lambda = Tr \left\{ \widehat{W} \hat{\gamma}_\lambda^n \right\}$