

Consider the AO basis set  $\phi_\mu$ , with overlap matrix  $S_{\mu\nu} = \langle \phi_\mu | \phi_\nu \rangle$

The relationship between the density and the density matrix is basically:

$$\rho(r) = \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu} \phi_\mu^* \phi_\nu$$

Consider the Lowdin orthogonalization, define the new orthogonalized basis:

$$\bar{\phi}_\mu = X_{\mu\nu} \phi_\nu$$

$$X_{\mu\nu} = S_{\mu\nu}^{-1/2}$$

$$\phi_\mu = X_{\mu\nu}^{-1} \bar{\phi}_\nu$$

Obviously:

$$\langle \bar{\phi}_\mu | \bar{\phi}_\nu \rangle = \sum_{\alpha\beta} X_{\mu\alpha} X_{\nu\beta} \langle \phi_\alpha | \phi_\beta \rangle = X S X^T = I$$

Then we intend to write the density matrix in the orthogonalized basis:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(r) &= \sum_{\alpha\beta} P_{\alpha\beta} \phi_\alpha^* \phi_\beta \\ &= \sum_{\mu\nu} \sum_{\alpha\beta} P_{\alpha\beta} X_{\alpha\mu}^{-1} \bar{\phi}_\mu^* X_{\beta\nu}^{-1} \bar{\phi}_\nu \\ &= \sum_{\mu\nu} \bar{P}_{\mu\nu} \bar{\phi}_\mu^* \bar{\phi}_\nu \end{aligned}$$

With (considering  $X$  must be symmetric):

$$\bar{P} = X^{-1} P X^{-1}$$

Then what you need to do is the following:

1. Find the total density matrix in the overlap subspace:

$$P = P_A + P_B$$

2. Find the  $P$  in orthogonalized basis:

$$\bar{P} = X^{-1} P X^{-1}$$

3. Diagonalize  $\bar{P}$ , and decompose it into cluster and environment parts according to the eigenvalues:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P} &= U^T D U \\ &= U^T (D_A + D_B) U \\ &= U^T D_A U + U^T D_B U \\ &= \bar{P}'_A + \bar{P}'_B \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $D_A$  keeps all the diagonal elements that are 0.5, while  $D_B$  keeps all the diagonal elements that are 1.

4. Rotate back to normal AO basis:

$$P'_A = X\bar{P}'_A X$$

$$P'_B = X\bar{P}'_A X$$

5. Do OEP to reproduce  $P'_A$ , maximize the following functional to find the embedding potential  $V_{emb}$ :

$$W[V] = E_A[V] + \sum_{\mu\nu} V_{\mu\nu} (P[V] - P'_A)_{\mu\nu}$$

Here  $P[V]$  is the density matrix coming from the embedded DFT calculation.

6. Use the  $P'_B$  to construct the projection potential:

$$V_P = \mu S P'_B S$$

7. Finally, the full embedding potential is:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= V_{emb} + V_P \\ &= V_{emb} + \mu S P'_B S \end{aligned}$$