

Bethe-Salpeter equation for the particle-particle propagator

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Two-body Green's function

Definition

$$G_2(12; 1'2') = (-i)^2 \left\langle \underbrace{\Psi_0^N}_{\text{N-electron ground-state}} \left| \hat{T} \left[\hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}(2) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(2') \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1') \right] \right| \underbrace{\Psi_0^N}_{\text{N-electron ground-state}} \right\rangle$$

$1 = (\mathbf{r}_1, \sigma_1, t_1)$

Field operators

Electron-hole pair propagation

$$t_2, t_{2'} > t_1, t_{1'} \quad G_2(12; 1'2') = (-i)^2 \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}(2) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(2')] \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1')] | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

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Electron-hole propagator

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$\xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad}$
 $x_{1'} = (\mathbf{r}_{1'}, \sigma_{1'})$

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Lehman representation

$$L(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2; \mathbf{x}_{1'} \mathbf{x}_{2'}; \omega) = \sum_{\nu > 0} \frac{L_\nu^N(\mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{2'}) R_\nu^N(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_{1'})}{\omega - \underbrace{(E_\nu^N - E_0^N)}_{N\text{-th Excitation energies}} + i\eta} - \sum_{\nu > 0} \frac{L_\nu^N(\mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_{2'}) R_\nu^N(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_{1'})}{\omega - (E_0^N - E_\nu^N) - i\eta}$$

Particle-particle channel

Electron-electron pair propagation

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Hole-hole pair propagation

$$t_{1'}, t_{2'} > t_1, t_2 \quad G_2(12; 1'2') = (-i)^2 \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{T}[\hat{\psi}^\dagger(1')\hat{\psi}^\dagger(2')] \hat{T}[\hat{\psi}(1)\hat{\psi}(2)] | \Psi_0^N \rangle$$

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Electron-hole channel

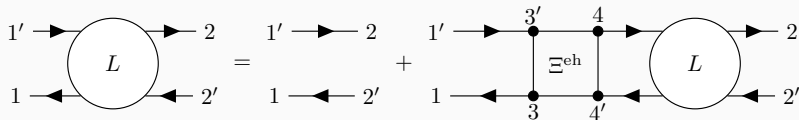
Electron-hole Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$L(12; 1'2') = \underbrace{L_0(12; 1'2')}_{\text{Independent particle propagator}} + \int d(3456) L_0(14; 1'3) \underbrace{\Xi^{\text{eh}}(36; 45)}_{\text{eh kernel}} L(52; 62')$$

where

$$L_0(12; 1'2') = G(12')G(21')$$

$$\Xi^{\text{eh}}(12; 34) = \left. \frac{\delta \Sigma(13)}{\delta G(42)} \right|_{U=0}$$



Eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\dagger & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{ia,jb} = (\epsilon_a - \epsilon_i) \delta_{ab} \delta_{ij} + \Xi_{ia,jb}^{\text{eh}}(\omega = 0)$$

$$B_{ia,bj} = \Xi_{ia,bj}^{\text{eh}}(\omega = 0)$$

Approximate kernels

RPA kernel

$$\Xi^{\text{eh},\text{RPA}}(12; 1'2') = i \left. \frac{\delta \Sigma_{\text{H}}(11')}{\delta G(2'2)} \right|_{U=0} = \left. \frac{\delta [G(3'3)v(13; 1'3')]}{\delta G(2'2)} \right|_{U=0} = v(12; 1'2')$$

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GW kernel

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi^{\text{eh},\text{GW}}(12; 1'2') &= i \left. \frac{\delta \Sigma_{\text{Hxc}}^{\text{GW}}(11')}{\delta G(2'2)} \right|_{U=0} = v(12; 1'2') - \left. \frac{\delta [G(33')W(11'; 33')]}{\delta G(2'2)} \right|_{U=0} \\ &= v(12; 1'2') - W(11'; 2'2) - G(33') \left. \frac{\delta W(11'; 33')}{\delta G(2'2)} \right|_{U=0} \end{aligned}$$

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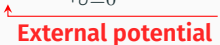
Kernels

$$\Xi_{ia,jb}^{\text{eh,RPA}} = \langle ib|aj \rangle \quad \Xi_{ia,jb}^{\text{eh,GW}} = \langle ib|aj \rangle - W_{ibja}(\omega = 0)$$

- Second-order kernel
- T -matrix kernel
- ...

Schwinger relation

$$-G_2(12; 1'2') + G(11')G(22') = \left. \frac{\delta G(11'; [U])}{\delta U^{\text{eh}}(2'2)} \right|_{U=0} = L(12; 1'2')$$

External potential


External potential

$$\hat{U}(t_1) = \int d(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1' t_1') \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1) U^{\text{eh}}(11') \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_1')$$

Pairing field linear response

Another external potential ...

$$\hat{\mathcal{U}}(t_1) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\int d(\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1' t_1') \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_1) U^{\text{hh}}(11') \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_1') + \int d(\mathbf{x}_1 d\mathbf{x}_1' t_1') \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1') U^{\text{ee}}(11') \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_1') \right)$$


Non-number conserving

Pairing field linear response

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...leading to an alternative Schwinger relation

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(G_2(12; 1'2'; [U]) - G^{\text{hh}}(12; [U]) G^{\text{ee}}(2'1'; [U]) \right) \Big|_{U=0} = \frac{\delta G^{\text{ee}}(2'1'; [U])}{\delta U^{\text{hh}}(12)} \Big|_{U=0} = K(12; 1'2')$$

Description of a non-number conserving Hamiltonian

Anomalous propagators

$$G^{hh}(11'; [U]) = (-i) \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}(1')] | \Psi_0 \rangle \quad G^{ee}(11'; [U]) = (-i) \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{T} [\hat{\psi}^\dagger(1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1')] | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

Nambu formalism and the Gorkov propagator

$$\mathbf{G}(11') = (-i) \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{T} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1') & \hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}(1') \\ \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1') & \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1) \hat{\psi}(1') \end{pmatrix} \right] | \Psi_0 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} G^{he}(11') & G^{hh}(11') \\ G^{ee}(11') & G^{eh}(11') \end{pmatrix}.$$

Gorkov-Dyson equation

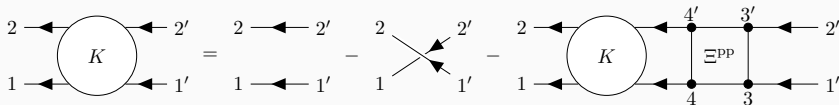
$$\mathbf{G}^{-1}(11') = \mathbf{G}_0^{-1}(11') - \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^{he}(11') & \Sigma^{hh}(11') + U^{ee}(11') \\ \Sigma^{ee}(11') + U^{hh}(11') & \Sigma^{eh}(11') \end{pmatrix}$$

Particle-particle channel

Particle-particle Bethe-Salpeter equation

$$K(12; 1'2') = \overbrace{K_0(12; 1'2')}^{\text{Independent particle propagator}} - \int d(3456) K(12; 56) \overbrace{\Xi^{\text{pp}}(56; 34)}^{\text{pp kernel}} K_0(34; 1'2')$$

$$\text{where } K_0(12; 1'2') = \frac{1}{2}[G(11')G(22') - G(21')G(12')] \quad \Xi^{\text{pp}}(56; 34) = \left. \frac{\delta \Sigma^{\text{ee}}(34)}{\delta G^{\text{ee}}(56)} \right|_{U=0}$$



Eigenvalue problem

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$$B_{ab,ij}^{\text{RPA}} = \Xi_{ab,ij}^{\text{pp}}(\omega = 0)$$

$$D_{ij,kl}^{\text{RPA}} = -(\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j) \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \Xi_{ij,kl}^{\text{pp}}(\omega = 0)$$

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pp GW kernel

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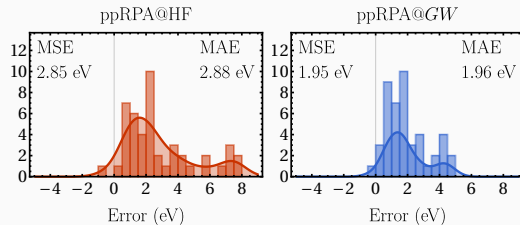
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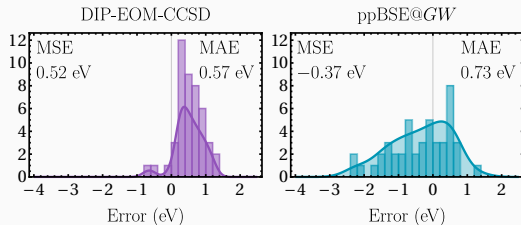
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Error distribution (w.r.t. FCI) for 46 DIP of 23 small molecules in the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set



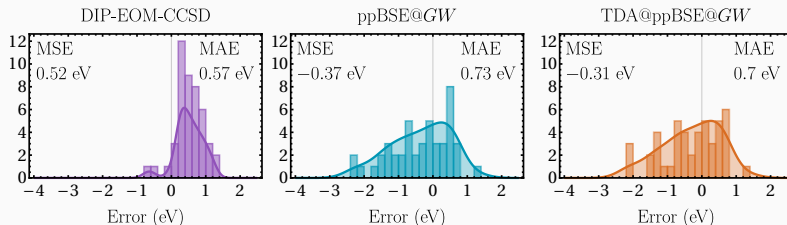
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Tamm-Dancoff approximation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\dagger & \mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{pmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{CX} &= \omega \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{DY} &= -\omega \mathbf{Y} \end{aligned}$$

Dynamical perturbative correction

Static eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{D}^{(0)} \mathbf{Y}_n^{(0)} = -\Omega_n^{(0)} \mathbf{Y}_n^{(0)}$$

Partitioning

$$\mathbf{D}(\omega) = \mathbf{D}^{(0)} + \mathbf{D}^{(1)}(\omega)$$

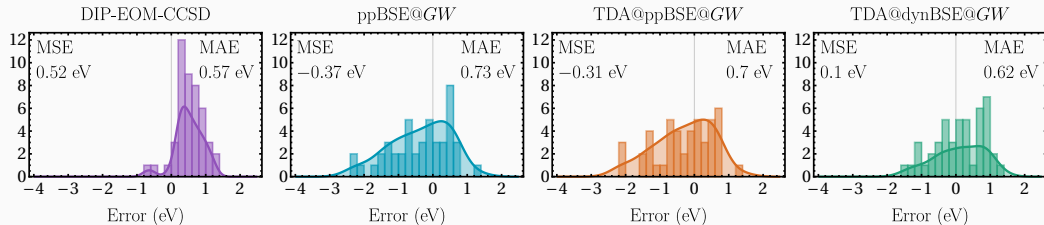
Perturbative correction

$$\Omega_n^{(1)} = (\mathbf{Y}_n^{(0)})^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{D}^{(1)}(-\Omega_n^{(0)}) \cdot \mathbf{Y}_n^{(0)}$$

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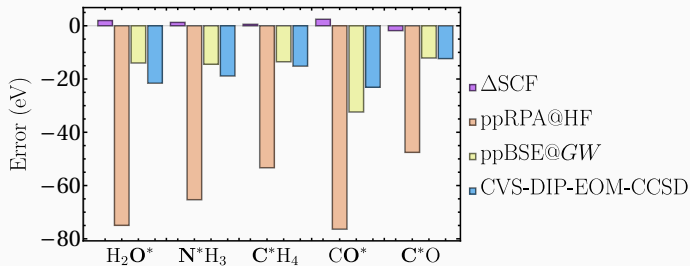
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Core double ionization potentials

Error with respect to CVS-FCI in the aug-cc-pCVTZ basis set



Conclusion and open questions

Conclusions

- Simple expression for the kernel of the particle-particle channel
- ppBSE brings quantitative improvements for double ionization
- More details in J. Chem. Phys. 162, 134105 (2025)

Questions?

Particle-particle Bethe-Salpeter equation

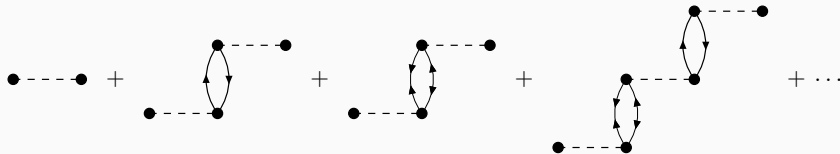
Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}K(12; 1'2') &= \left. \frac{\delta G^{ee}(2'1')}{\delta U^{hh}(12)} \right|_{U=0} \\&= G(32') \left. \frac{\delta (G^{-1})^{ee}(33')}{\delta U^{hh}(12)} \right|_{U=0} G(3'1') \\&= -G(32') \left. \frac{\delta U^{hh}(33')}{\delta U^{hh}(12)} \right|_{U=0} G(3'1') - G(32') \left. \frac{\delta \Sigma^{ee}(33')}{\delta U^{hh}(12)} \right|_{U=0} G(3'1') \\&= K_0(12; 1'2') - \left. \frac{\delta G^{ee}(44')}{\delta U^{hh}(12)} \right|_{U=0} \left. \frac{\delta \Sigma^{ee}(33')}{\delta G^{ee}(44')} \right|_{U=0} G(3'1') G(32')\end{aligned}$$

Self-energy

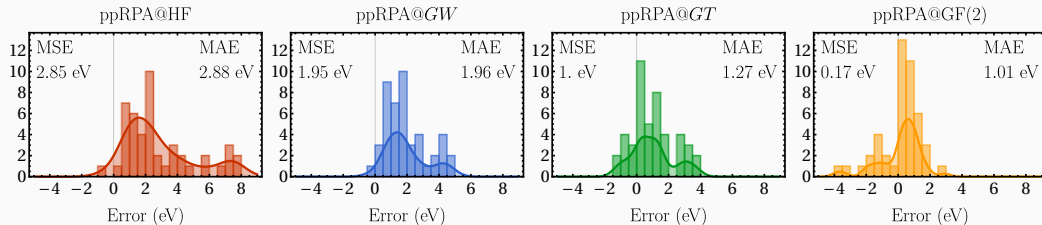
$$\Sigma(11') = i \int d(33') \begin{pmatrix} W(13'; 31') G^{\text{he}}(33') & -W(13'; 31') G^{\text{hh}}(33') \\ -W(31'; 13') G^{\text{ee}}(33') & W(31'; 13') G^{\text{eh}}(33') \end{pmatrix}$$

Screened interaction



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