

# A pedagogical introduction to the “SHCI” algorithm.

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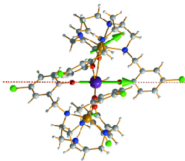
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## Spin-orbit coupling

*X. Wang, B. Mussard*

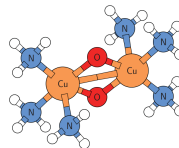
- Four-component DCB Hamiltonian exactly;
- Ab-initio parameters for model spin-Hamiltonian (analytical response theory).



## Multireference perturbation theory

*B. Mussard*

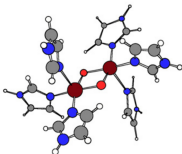
- Calculations of Copper oxides;
- Use of ML techniques that would forego the need of RDMs altogether.



## Embedding techniques

*J.E.T. Smith, B. Mussard*

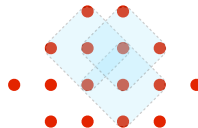
- Use projection-based embedding to tackle large systems of interest.



## Orbital space VMC

*I. Sabzevari, A. Mahajan*

- Use of ML minimizer to optimize large numbers of parameters of a flexible wft;



The wavefunction is written with **determinants**.

In multireference methods, one chooses a subset of orbitals and a subset of electrons, defining an **active space**, hopefully treated exactly:

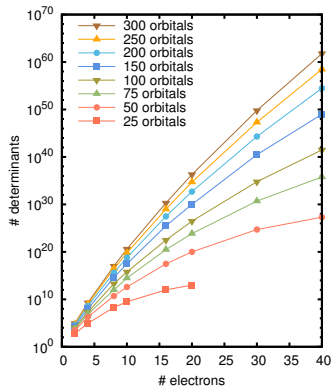
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum c_i |D_i\rangle$$

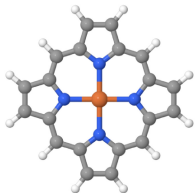


→ For any given method, the size of the tractable active space is crucial.

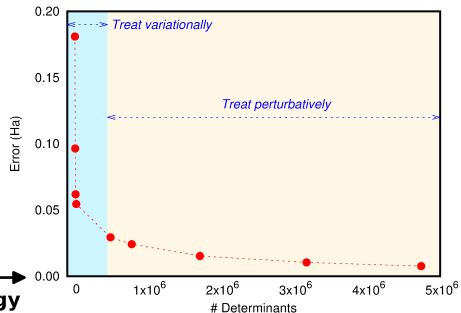
For more challenging systems, it is hard to perform exact calculations for interesting active spaces: **approximate methods are needed**.

$$\text{cost} \propto \binom{\#\text{orb}}{\#\uparrow} \binom{\#\text{orb}}{\#\downarrow}$$



**Fe(Porphyrin)**

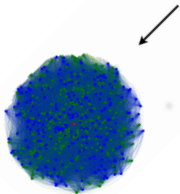
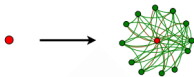
(32e,29o)

>  $10^{15}$  determinants**CAS →  
energy**

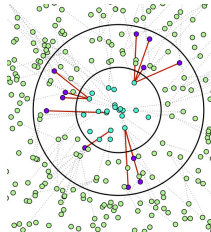
## Selected CI + Perturbation : Two stages

- Variational stage: calculate  $E_0$  in a space of important det.  
→ **Q1) How to quickly select “important” det.?**
- Perturbational stage: calculate  $E_2$   
→ **Q2) How to avoid the memory bottleneck?**

→ Iteratively find important determinants by connections to a current space.



At a given iteration the variational space is augmented by a subset of the connected determinants.



This involves a parameter to add a **very small subset** of the connected determinant.

SHCI uses a simple criterion that allows to **easily implement a fast algorithm.**

Consider the first-order correction to the wavefunction:

$$|1\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{D}_a \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{\sum_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} H_{ai} c_i}{E_0 - E_a} |\mathbf{D}_a\rangle$$

A good criteria to include a determinant into  $\mathcal{V}$  is based on:

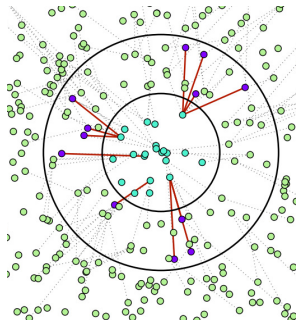
$$f(|\mathbf{D}_a\rangle) = \frac{\sum_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} H_{ai} c_i}{E_0 - E_a}$$

We observe that:

- the denominator  $E_0 - E_a$  is fairly constant
- the numerator is dominated by  $\max_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} |H_{ai} c_i|$

The criteria can be safely approximated as:

$$f(|\mathbf{D}_a\rangle) = \max_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} |H_{ai} c_i|$$



The two criteria will pick the same determinants

$$\left\{ |D_a\rangle \mid \max_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} |H_{ai} c_i| > \epsilon \right\}$$

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$$\left\{ |D_a\rangle \mid \exists D_i \in \mathcal{V} / |H_{ai}| > \epsilon / |c_i| \right\}$$

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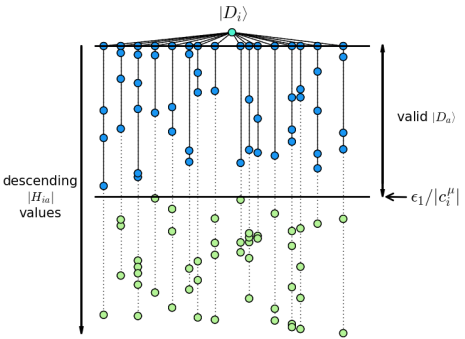
$$\bigcup_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} \left\{ |\hat{E}_{pq}^{rs} D_i\rangle \mid |H_{pq}^{rs}| > \epsilon / |c_i| \right\}$$

We loop through determinants in  $\mathcal{V}$  and generate for each all the excited determinants for which  $H_{pq}^{rs}$  is above a  $i$ -dependent threshold.

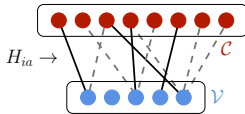
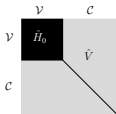
$H_{ai} = \langle D_a | \hat{H} | D_i \rangle$  depends only on the orbitals that change between  $D_a$  and  $D_i$

$H_{ia} = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \middle| \hat{H} \middle| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle = H_{pq}^{rs} = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \middle| \hat{H} \middle| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle = H_{jb}$

Diagram illustrating the calculation of  $H_{ia}$  as  $H_{pq}^{rs}$ . It shows two orbital configurations: the left one has orbitals  $r$  and  $s$  occupied (red circles) and  $p$  and  $q$  empty (blue circles); the right one has  $r$  and  $s$  empty and  $p$  and  $q$  occupied. The matrix element  $H_{pq}^{rs}$  is the energy difference between these two states.



$$|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\hat{H}_0 - E_0} \hat{V} |0\rangle$$



too memory  
intensive!

$$e^2 v^2 N_V$$

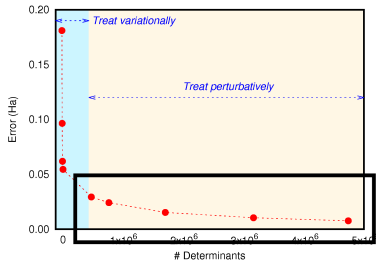
$$\approx 20^2 100^2 10^7$$

$$\approx 10^{12}$$

## Truncated summation

$$E_2[\text{trunc.}] = \sum_{D_a \in \mathcal{C}(\epsilon)} \frac{1}{E_a - E_0} \left( \sum_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}}^{(\epsilon)} H_{ai} c_i \right)^2$$

The size of the sum is very sensitive  
to the truncation threshold



## Stochastic expression

For the same reason: this lends  
itself to a stochastic treatment!

$$\langle E_2 \rangle = \langle 0 | \hat{V} \frac{1}{\hat{H}_0 - E_0} \hat{V} | 0 \rangle$$

## Semistochastic implementation

$$E_2[\text{trunc.}] + \left( \langle E_2 \rangle - \langle E_2[\text{trunc.}] \rangle \right)$$



$$E_2 = \sum_{D_a \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{E_a - E_0} \left( \sum_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} H_{ai} c_i \right)^2$$

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Semistochastic implementation

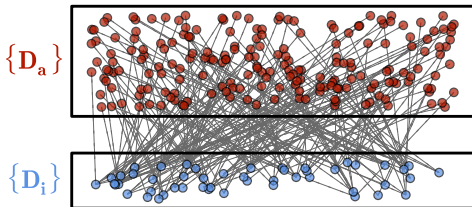
$$E_2[\text{trunc.}] + \left( \langle E_2 \rangle - \langle E_2[\text{trunc.}] \rangle \right)$$

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4

**1** : the naive PT correction is too expensive to calculate with a purely brute force approach.



—  $H_{ai}$

## ★ About the perturbative calculation

$$E_2 = \sum_{D_a \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{E_a - E_0} \left( \sum_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} H_{ai} c_i \right)^2$$

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**Semistochastic implementation**

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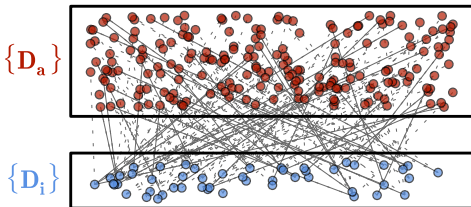
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2 : the summation is truncated based on  $|H_{ia}|$ .

This is still very expensive, but one can cut the summation depending on computer resources.

The error is quite uncontrolled.



$$\text{—} |H_{ai}| > \epsilon/|c_i| \quad \text{---} |H_{ai}| < \epsilon/|c_i|$$

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Semistochastic implementation

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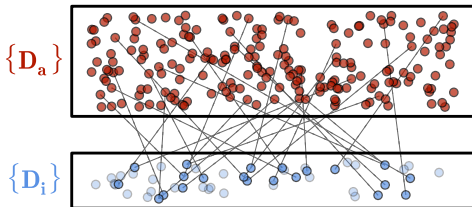
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3 : the PT is evaluated  
stochastically.

The situation is good  
for this approach.



—  $H_{ai}$

$$E_2 = \sum_{D_a \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{E_a - E_0} \left( \sum_{D_i \in \mathcal{V}} H_{ai} c_i \right)^2$$

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Semistochastic implementation

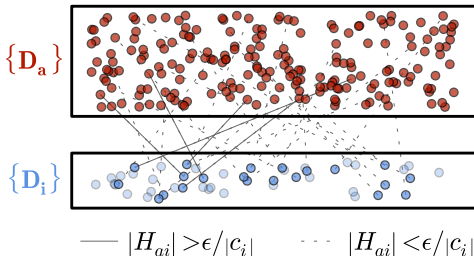
$$E_2[\text{trunc.}] + \left( \langle E_2 \rangle - \langle E_2[\text{trunc.}] \rangle \right)$$

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4 : the PT is evaluated stochastically  
AND truncated based on  $|H_{ia}|$ .

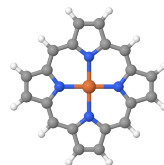


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### Self-consistent field feature

Going from near-exact CASCI with large active spaces to near-exact **CASSCF with large active spaces**.

[Smith,**BM**,Holmes,Sharma JCTC (2017)]

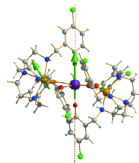


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### Spin-orbit coupling

Variational treatment of **relativistic effects** with large active spaces.

[**BM**,Sharma JCTC (2017)]

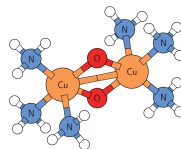


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### Dynamical correlation

Tackle static and dynamical correlation with an **internally contracted MRPT**.

[**BM**,Sharma (in prep.)]



## Orbital Optimization

$E_{\text{SHCI}} = E_0 + E_2$  is not variational wrt. to its parameters:

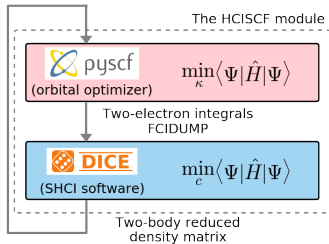
$$\partial E \neq \langle 0 | \partial \hat{H}_0 | 0 \rangle$$

We use the **Lagrangian formalism** to get the analytical gradient:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial E = & \langle 0 | \partial \hat{H}_0 | 0 \rangle \\ & + (\text{lagrangian terms}) \end{aligned}$$

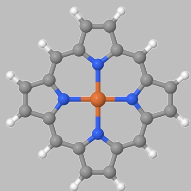
Note: the equations to derive the gradient wrt the orbital parametrization are similar to the equations of the **gradient wrt the nuclear coordinates** ( ➔ **geometry optimizations**, ... )

[Smith,BM,Sharma (in prep.)]



**Leads to faster convergence of an individual SHCI run.**

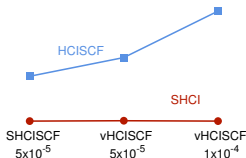
## Fe(Porphyrin)



Model of the active site  
of the heme group

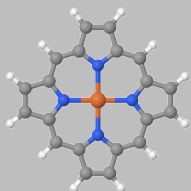
## Effect of the orbitals

	$\epsilon_1$	$E_{\text{SHCISCF}}$	$E_{\text{SHCI}}$
SHCISCF orbitals	$5.10^{-5}$	-2245.0178	-2245.0314
vHCISCF orbitals	$5.10^{-5}$	-2245.0121	-2245.0313
vHCISCF orbitals	$1.10^{-4}$	-2244.9980	-2245.0314



→ A quick vHCISCF calculation is enough to  
obtain converged active space orbitals.

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## Large active spaces

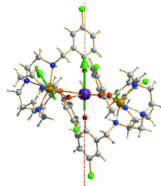
	$E_{\text{SHCI}}$	$E_{\text{ex}}$
cc-pVDZ (32e,29o)		
$^5A_g$	-0.0314(5)	16.7
$^3B_{1g}$	-0.0049(6)	
cc-pVTZ (32e,29o)		
$^5A_g$	-0.2549(5)	16.4
$^3B_{1g}$	-0.2288(6)	
cc-pVDZ (44e,44o)		
$^5A_g$	-0.1964(9)	-2.0
$^3B_{1g}$	-0.1995(6)	

→ Need to include  
Fe-N bonding  
and anti-bonding  
and a second *d* shell



## Relativistic effects

- important to capture phosphorescence, magnetism, hyperfine constant, g-tensors, ...
- comparable to electron correlation in heavy atoms.



### Challenge

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{\text{SR}} + \hat{H}_{\text{SOC}}$$

$$\text{where } \langle n_{\alpha} n_{\beta} | \hat{H}_{\text{SOC}} | n'_{\alpha} n'_{\beta} \rangle \neq 0$$

State of the art methods  
use a 2-step process with QDPT:

- 1) obtain  $|1\rangle, \dots, |N\rangle$  of  $\hat{H}_{\text{SR}}$
- 2) diagonalize  $\langle i | \hat{H}_{\text{SR}} + \hat{H}_{\text{SOC}} | j \rangle$



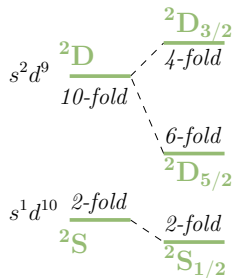
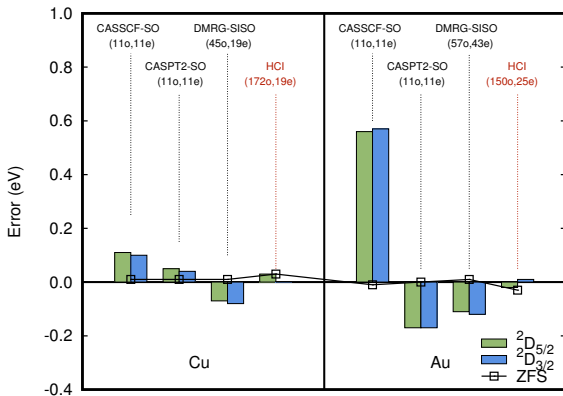
In our approach, SHCI treats relativistic effects with large active spaces in a one-step procedure on an equal footing with correlation.

SHCI retains its ability to discard large parts of low importance in the increased-size Hilbert space.

## Coinage metals

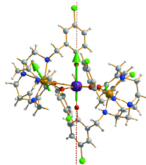
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Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe					
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn					
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La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb
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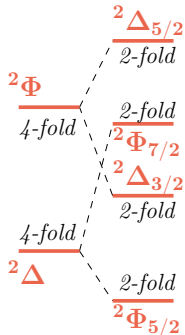
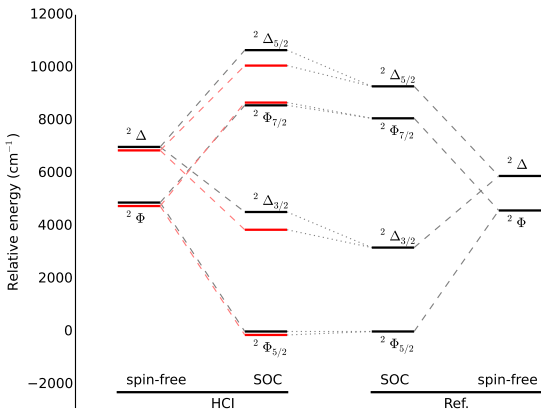
→ Au (25e,150o):  $> 10^{30}$ ,  
converged results with  $10^7$

- Insight into interesting complexes  
(**Single Molecular Magnets**)



H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
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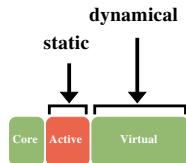
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Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No



Static and dynamical correlation typically have **vastly different needs** in term of ansatz for the WFT.

- static correlation typically needs high flexibility in many-body configuration space
- dynamical correlation needs a large set of virtual orbitals (the many-body structure can be simple).

→ This is generally challenging to reconcile.



In an MR calculation, the “out-of-active space” dynamical correlation is untreated, and can be added *a posteriori*.

### MRLCC (MR Linearized Coupled-Cluster)

- cheaper than MRCI+Q ; at least as accurate
- independence to the orbitals (versus MRCI)
- intruder state free (versus CASPT)

The **first-order correction** to the WFT is expanded on a basis  $\{|b_I\rangle\}$ :

$$|1\rangle = \sum d_I |b_I\rangle$$

where the coefficients  $d_I$  are found by **minimizing the Hylleraas functional**:

$$(E_0 - \hat{H}_0) |1\rangle = \hat{V} |0\rangle$$

$$\iff \forall I \langle b_I | (E_0 - \hat{H}_0) | b_J \rangle d_J = \langle b_I | \hat{V} | 0 \rangle$$

**Internal contraction:**

the basis  $\{\hat{E}_I | 0\rangle\}$  is used:

$$A_{IJ} = \langle 0 | \hat{E}_I^\dagger (E^{(0)} - \hat{H}_0) \hat{E}_J | 0 \rangle$$

$$s_I = \langle 0 | \hat{E}_I^\dagger \hat{E}_J | 0 \rangle w_J$$

Normal-ordering  $A_{IJ}$  and  $s_I$  yields  $\sim 10^3$  lines of equations for  $E_2$  and for  $E_3$

→ Symbolic Algebra

Tensor contractions of integrals and RDMs up to fourth-order

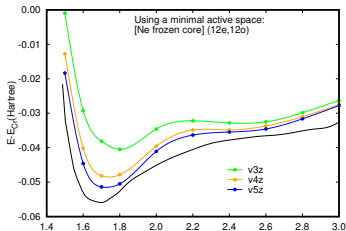
→ Tensor Contraction engine

The coefficient are found by minimization of the Hylleraas functional

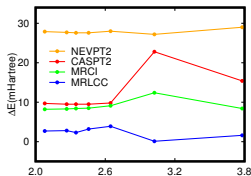
→ Minimizer for  $d$

## Properties of MRLCC

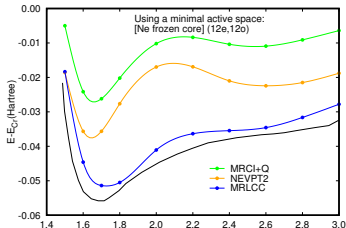
### Basis dependence



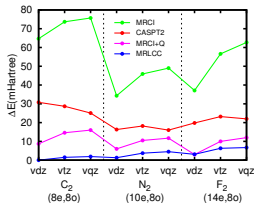
### $C_2$ PES



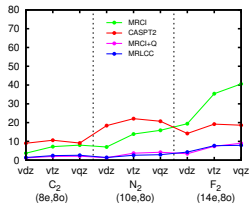
### Performance on $Cr_2$



### CASCI reference wavefunction



### CASSCF reference wavefunction

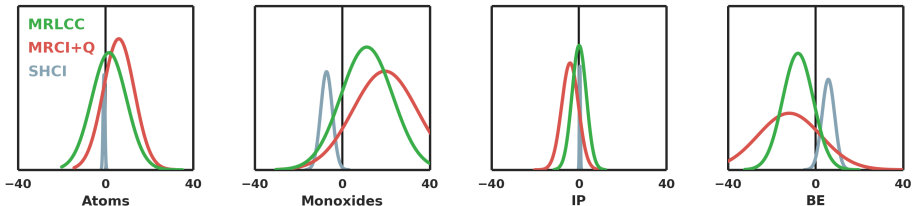


is underway using various methods  
(DFT, RPA, GF2, SEET, DMC, DMRG, AFQMC, ...).

The transition metal oxides involved are ScO, TiO, VO, CrO, MnO, FeO, CuO.

The quantities at play are the **energies** of the neutral atoms, cations and monoxides, as well as **ionization and dissociation energies**.

H																	He
Li	Be									B	C	N	O	F	Ne		
Na	Mg									Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar		
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Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No				



<https://sanshar.github.io/Dice/>

Dice is interfaced with PySCF, a widely-used *ab initio* computational chemistry program implemented in Python/C and available with `pip`

### Welcome to Dice's documentation!



*Dice* implements the semistochastic heat bath configuration interaction (SHCI) algorithm for *ab initio* Hamiltonian of a quantum chemical system. Unlike full configuration interaction (FCI), SHCI can be used to treat active spaces containing 30–100 orbitals. SHCI is able to accomplish this by taking advantage of the fact that although the full Hilbert space may be enormous, only a small fraction of the determinants in the space have appreciable coefficients. Compared to other methods in this class SHCI is often not only orders of magnitude faster, it also does not suffer from a serious memory bottleneck that plagues such methods. The resulting algorithm as implemented in *Dice* allows us to treat difficult benchmark systems such as the Chromium dimer and Mn–Salen (a challenging bioinorganic cluster) at a cost that is often an order of magnitude faster than either density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) or full configuration interaction quantum Monte Carlo (FCIQMC). Thus if you are interested in performing multireference calculations with active space containing several tens to hundreds of orbitals, SHCI might be an ideal choice for you.

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