Multistate Hylleraas type equation for rotated functions  $|\tilde{N}\rangle$ :

$$E_L^{(2)} = \sum_{\Omega\Omega'} \sum_{MN} \langle \tilde{M} | \hat{T}_{\Omega',ML}^{\dagger} (\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)}) \hat{T}_{\Omega,LN} | \tilde{N} \rangle + \langle \tilde{M} | \hat{T}_{\Omega',ML}^{\dagger} \hat{H} | \tilde{N} \rangle. \tag{1}$$

Differentiate with respect to T-amplitude,  $T_{\Omega',ML}^{\dagger}$ , to get amplitude equation:

$$\frac{\partial E_L^{(2)}}{\partial T_{\Omega'}^{ML}} = \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{N} \langle \tilde{M} | \hat{E}_{\Omega'}^{\dagger} (\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)}) \hat{T}_{\Omega,LN} | \tilde{N} \rangle + \langle \tilde{M} | \hat{E}_{\Omega'}^{\dagger} \hat{H} | \tilde{N} \rangle = 0$$
 (2)

Left hand side should be stationary with respect to variations in T-amplitudes, in other words, we should minimize the residual  $r_{LN,\Omega}$ ,

$$r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}] = \langle \tilde{M} | \hat{E}_{\Omega'}^{\dagger} (\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)}) \hat{T}_{\Omega,LN} | \tilde{N} \rangle = 0, \tag{3}$$

with respect to variations in  $T_{\Omega,LN}$ ;

$$r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}] = r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN} + \Delta T_{\Omega,LN}] \tag{4}$$

$$r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}] = r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}] - \langle \tilde{M} | \hat{E}_{\Omega'}^{\dagger} (\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)}) \Delta T_{\Omega,LN} \hat{E}_{\Omega} | \tilde{N} \rangle$$
 (5)

leading to

$$\frac{r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}]}{(r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}] - \langle \tilde{M}|\hat{E}_{\Omega'}^{\dagger}(\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)})\hat{E}_{\Omega}|\tilde{N}\rangle\Delta T_{\Omega,LN})} = 1$$
 (6)

assuming we are not too far from convergence

$$r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}] \ll \langle \tilde{M}|\hat{E}_{\Omega'}^{\dagger}(\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)})\hat{E}_{\Omega}|\tilde{N}\rangle\Delta T_{\Omega,LN}$$
 (7)

so

$$\Delta T_{\Omega,LN} \approx \frac{r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}]}{\langle \tilde{M} | \hat{E}_{\Omega'}^{\dagger}(\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)}) \hat{E}_{\Omega} | \tilde{N} \rangle}.$$
 (8)

The states  $\{|N\rangle\}$  diagonalize the Fock operator, hence M=N. Furthermore, the off diagonal elements of the Fock operator (in terms of molecular orbital indexes) are small, so we need only consider terms where  $\Omega = \Omega'$ . This leads to

$$\Delta T_{\Omega,LN} \approx \frac{r_{LN,\Omega}[T_{\Omega,LN}]}{\langle \tilde{N}|\hat{E}_{\Omega}^{\dagger}(\hat{f} - E_L^{(f)})\hat{E}_{\Omega}|\tilde{N}\rangle}.$$
 (9)