Green's Function Methods for Quantum Chemistry

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Green's Function Methods





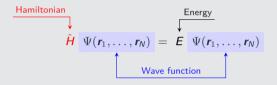
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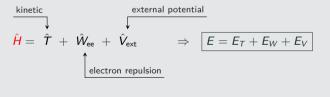


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Electronic Schrödinger Equation

Wave Function Theory





Reduced Quantities

Density Functional Theory

$$N\int\cdots\int\Psi^*({\pmb r},\ldots,{\pmb r}_N)\Psi({\pmb r},\ldots,{\pmb r}_N)\mathrm{d}{\pmb r}_2\cdots\mathrm{d}{\pmb r}_N=rac{{\sf n}({\pmb r})}{{\pmb n}({\pmb r})}$$

Wave Function Theory (WFT) → Density Functional Theory (DFT)

$$E = E_T + E_W + E_V$$

Hohenberg & Kohn, Phys. Rev. 1964 (B864) 136

(Less) Reduced Quantities

Density Matrix Functional Theory

$$N \int \cdots \int \Psi^*(\textbf{\textit{r}}, \ldots, \textbf{\textit{r}}_{\textit{N}}) \Psi(\textbf{\textit{r}}', \ldots, \textbf{\textit{r}}_{\textit{N}}) \mathrm{d}\textbf{\textit{r}}_2 \cdots \mathrm{d}\textbf{\textit{r}}_{\textit{N}} = \boxed{\textbf{\textit{n}}_1(\textbf{\textit{r}}, \textbf{\textit{r}}')}$$

Wave Function Theory (WFT) → Reduced Density Matrix Functional Theory (RDMF)

$$E = E_T + E_W + E_V$$

Gilbert, Phys. Rev. B 12 (1975) 2111

(Even Less) Reduced Quantities

Density Matrix Functional Theory (2nd order)

2nd-order reduced density matrix

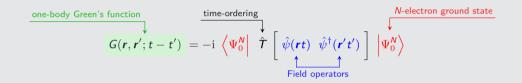
$$\frac{N(N-1)}{2} \int \cdots \int \Psi^*(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) d\mathbf{r}_3 \cdots d\mathbf{r}_N = \frac{\mathbf{r}_2(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)}{\mathbf{r}_2(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)}$$

$$E = E_T + E_W + E_V$$

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} \int \left. \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^{2} \mathbf{n}_{1}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \right|_{\mathbf{r}' = \mathbf{r}} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} + \int \int \frac{\mathbf{n}_{2}(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2})}{r_{12}} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}_{1} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}_{2} + \int \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}$$

One-Body Green's Function: The Sweet Spot?

One-Body Propagator in the Time Domain



$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t - t') = \begin{cases} -\mathrm{i} \left\langle \Psi_0^N \middle| \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}t) \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}'t') \middle| \Psi_0^N \right\rangle & \text{for } t > t' \\ +\mathrm{i} \left\langle \Psi_0^N \middle| \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}'t') \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}t) \middle| \Psi_0^N \right\rangle & \text{for } t' < t \end{cases}$$

- $\langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}t) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}'t') | \Psi_0^N \rangle$ measures the propagation of an electron (electron branch)
- $\langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}^\dagger({\bf r}'t') \hat{\psi}({\bf r}t) | \Psi_0^N \rangle$ measures the propagation of a hole (hole branch)

Martin, Reining & Ceperley, "Interacting Electrons"

Links With Other Reduced Quantities

Link to RDMFT & DFT

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{\textit{n}}_1(\textbf{\textit{r}},\textbf{\textit{r}}') = -\mathrm{i} \lim_{t' \to t} \textit{\textit{G}}(\textbf{\textit{r}},\textbf{\textit{r}}';t-t') \\ & \textbf{\textit{n}}(\textbf{\textit{r}}) = -\mathrm{i} \lim_{t' \to t} \lim_{r' \to r} \textit{\textit{G}}(\textbf{\textit{r}},\textbf{\textit{r}}';t-t') \end{array}$$

Galitskii-Migdal Energy Functional

$$E = \frac{i}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \lim_{t' \to t} \lim_{\mathbf{r}' \to \mathbf{r}} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^{2} G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t - t') + \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \lim_{t' \to t} \lim_{\mathbf{r}' \to \mathbf{r}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\hat{h}(\mathbf{r}) \right] G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', t - t') + E_{V}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \lim_{t' \to t} \lim_{\mathbf{r}' \to \mathbf{r}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i\hat{h}(\mathbf{r}) \right] G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; t - t')$$

Wave Function Theory (WFT) → Green's Function Functional Theory (GFFT) ?!

Galitskii & Migdal, JETP 7 (1958) 96

Lehmann Representation

One-Body Propagator in the Frequency Domain

$$G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega) = \sum_{\nu} \frac{\mathcal{I}_{\nu}(\mathbf{r})\mathcal{I}_{\nu}^{*}(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - (E_{0}^{N} - E_{\nu}^{N-1}) - \mathrm{i}\eta} + \sum_{\nu} \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\nu}(\mathbf{r})\mathcal{A}_{\nu}^{*}(\mathbf{r}')}{\omega - (E_{\nu}^{N+1} - E_{0}^{N}) + \mathrm{i}\eta}$$

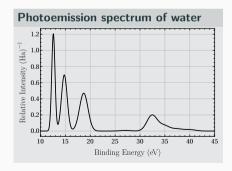
$$\frac{\mathbf{r}_{\nu}^{N+1} - \mathbf{r}_{0}^{N}}{\mathbf{r}_{\nu}^{N+1} + \mathbf{r}_{0}^{N}} + \mathrm{i}\eta$$

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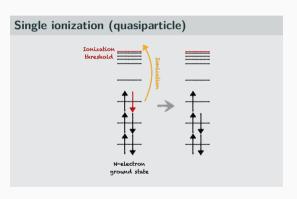
Spectral function

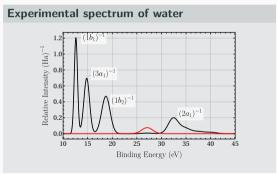
$$A(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' |\text{Im } G(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; \omega)|$$

Marie & Loos, JCTC 20 (2024) 4751

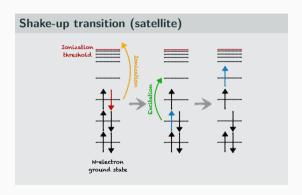


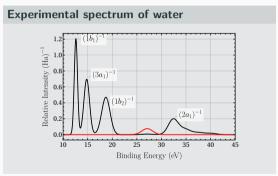
Photoemission Spectroscopy



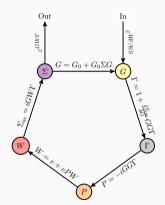


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Hedin's Pentagon

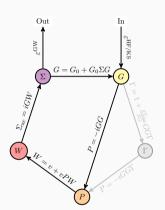


Hedin, Phys. Rev. 139 (1965) A796

Hedin's Equations

$$\begin{split} &\underbrace{\frac{\textbf{G}(12)}{\text{Green's function}}} = \textbf{G}_0(12) + \int \textbf{G}_0(13) \Sigma(34) \underbrace{\textbf{G}(42) \textbf{d}(34)}_{\text{Green's function}} \\ &\underbrace{\frac{\Gamma(123)}{\text{Vertex}}} = \delta(12) \delta(13) + \int \frac{\delta \Sigma_{\text{xc}}(12)}{\delta \, \textbf{G}(45)} \, \textbf{G}(46) \, \textbf{G}(75) \Gamma(673) \textbf{d}(4567) \\ &\underbrace{\frac{\textbf{P}(12)}{\text{polarizability}}} = -\mathrm{i} \int \textbf{G}(13) \Gamma(342) \, \textbf{G}(41) \textbf{d}(34) \\ &\underbrace{\frac{\textbf{W}(12)}{\text{screening}}} = v(12) + \int v(13) \textbf{P}(34) \, \textbf{W}(42) \textbf{d}(34) \\ &\underbrace{\Sigma_{\text{xc}}(12)}_{\text{self-energy}} = \mathrm{i} \int \textbf{G}(14) \, \textbf{W}(13) \Gamma(423) \, \textbf{d}(34) \end{split}$$

Hedin's Square



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The GW Approximation

Green's function
$$\Gamma(123) = G_0(12) + \int G_0(13)\Sigma(34) G(42) d(34)$$

$$\Gamma(123) = \delta(12)\delta(13)$$

$$P(12) = -iG(12)G(21)$$

$$polarizability$$

$$W(12) = v(12) + \int v(13)P(34)W(42)d(34)$$

$$\sum_{\text{screening}} \sum_{\text{sclf-energy}} iG(12)W(12)$$
self-energy

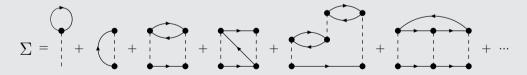
Golze et al. Front. Chem. 7 (2019) 377; Marie et al. Adv. Quantum Chem. 90 (2024) 157

Self-Energy

Self-Energy as a Function of the Bare Coulomb Operator

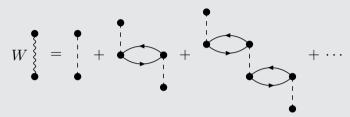
$$\Sigma(11') = \underbrace{-\mathrm{i}\bar{\mathbf{v}}(12;1'2')\,\mathsf{G}(2'2)}_{\text{first-order terms}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\bar{\mathbf{v}}(12;3'2')\,\mathsf{G}(3'3)\,\mathsf{G}(4'2)\,\mathsf{G}(2'4)\bar{\mathbf{v}}(34;1'4')}_{\text{second-order terms}} + \dots$$

Diagrammatic Representation



Hedin's Equations

GW Approximation



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pp *T*-matrix Approximation

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 = $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$

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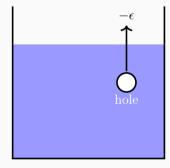
How to Compute *G*?

The Dyson Equation

Quasi-Particle Equation

$$\underbrace{ \begin{bmatrix} \textbf{\textit{H}}_0 \\ + \\ \textbf{\textit{\Sigma}} \end{bmatrix} \psi_p(\textbf{\textit{x}}) = \underbrace{ \epsilon_p }_{\text{poles of the Green's function}}^{\text{Dyson orbitals}} \psi_p(\textbf{\textit{x}}) \,, }_{\text{poles of the Green's function}}$$

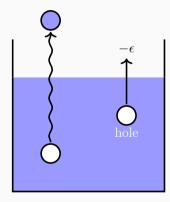
Quasiparticle Concept



electron removal

- Link to electron-boson Hamiltonian:
 Langreth, PRB 1 (1970) 471
 Hedin, JPCM 11 (1999) R489
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Quasiparticle Concept



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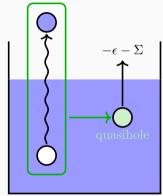
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Quasiparticle Concept

RPA excitation



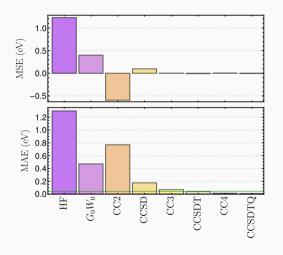
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Inner- and Outer-valence IPs (aug-cc-pVTZ) for 23 small molecules (FCI reference)



Computational cost

- HF $\mathcal{O}(K^4)$
- $G_0W_0 \mathcal{O}(K^6) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(K^4)$
- IP-EOM-CC2 $\mathcal{O}(K^5)$
- IP-EOM-CCSD $\mathcal{O}(K^6)$
- IP-EOM-CCSDT $\mathcal{O}(K^8)$

Some issues:

- Highly starting point dependent!
- Systematic improvable?

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Propagation Can be Longer Than Expected

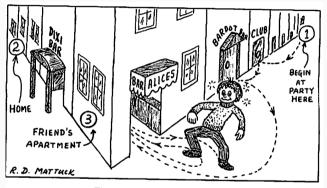


Fig. 1.1 Propagation of Drunken Man

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Mattuck, "A Guide to Feynman Diagrams in the Many-Body Problem"

Two-Body Green's Function

Two-Body Propagator in the Time Domain

Propagation of electron-hole pairs ($t_{1'} > t_1$ and $t_{2'} > t_2$)

$$G_2^{\text{eh}}(12;1'2') \ = (-\mathrm{i})^2 \left< \Psi_0^{\textit{N}} \right| \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1') \hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(2') \hat{\psi}(2) + \hat{\psi}^\dagger(2') \hat{\psi}(2) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(1') \hat{\psi}(1) \left| \Psi_0^{\textit{N}} \right>$$

Propagation of electron-electron and hole-hole pairs ($t_{1'} > t_{2'}$ and $t_1 > t_2$)

$$\begin{split} & \textit{G}_{2}^{\text{ee}}(12;1^{\prime}2^{\prime}) \ = (-\mathrm{i})^{2} \left\langle \Psi_{0}^{\textit{N}} \middle| \hat{\psi}(1)\hat{\psi}(2)\hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(1^{\prime})\hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(2^{\prime}) \middle| \Psi_{0}^{\textit{N}} \right\rangle \\ & \textit{G}_{2}^{\text{hh}}(12;1^{\prime}2^{\prime}) \ = (-\mathrm{i})^{2} \left\langle \Psi_{0}^{\textit{N}} \middle| \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(1^{\prime})\hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(2^{\prime})\hat{\psi}(1)\hat{\psi}(2) \middle| \Psi_{0}^{\textit{N}} \right\rangle \end{split}$$

The Electron-Hole Channel

Electron-Hole Correlation Function

Electron-Hole Bethe-Salpeter Equation (eh-BSE)

$$L(12; 1'2') = \underbrace{L_0(12; 1'2')}_{G(12')G(21')} + \int d(33'44') L_0(13'; 1'3) \Xi^{eh}(34'; 3'4) L(42; 4'2')$$
eh kernel

Strinati, Riv. Nuovo Cimento 11 (1988) 1; Blase et al. JPCL 11 (2020) 7371

Electron-Hole Effective Interaction Kernel

Effective Interaction Kernel

$$\Xi^{\mathsf{eh}}(12;1'2') = \frac{\delta\Sigma(11')}{\delta G(2'2)} \qquad \qquad \Sigma_{\mathsf{xc}} = \mathrm{i} GW \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\delta\Sigma_{\mathsf{xc}}}{\delta G} = \mathrm{i} \frac{\delta G}{\delta G}W + \mathrm{i} G\underbrace{\frac{\delta W}{\delta G}}_{=0} = \mathrm{i} W$$

Casida Equations for eh-BSE

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ -\mathbf{B} & -\mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{\nu} \\ \mathbf{Y}_{\nu} \end{pmatrix} = \Omega^{N}_{\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{\nu} \\ \mathbf{Y}_{\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

If no correlation, $W_{ij,ab} = \langle ib|ja \rangle$, then eh-BSE becomes RPAx (or TDHF)!

Matrix Elements With Static Screening

$$A_{ia,jb} = \overbrace{(\epsilon_a^{GW} - \epsilon_i^{GW})}^{\text{quasiparticle energies}} \delta_{ij} \delta_{ab} + \underbrace{\langle ib|aj \rangle}_{\text{Hartree}} - \underbrace{W_{ij,ab}}_{\text{exchange-correlatio}}$$

$$B_{ia,jb} = \langle ij|ab \rangle - W_{ib,aj}$$

The Particle-Particle Channel

Particle-Particle Correlation Function

$$K(12;1'2') = -G_2(12;1'2') + G^{\text{hh}}(12)G^{\text{ee}}(2'1')$$

$$K(\boldsymbol{r_1r_2};\boldsymbol{r_1r_2};\boldsymbol{r_1r_2};\omega) = \sum_{\nu} \frac{L_{\nu}^{N+2}(\boldsymbol{r_1r_2})R_{\nu}^{N+2}(\boldsymbol{r_1'r_2})}{\omega - (E_{\nu}^{N+2} - E_{0}^{N} - \mathrm{i}\eta)} - \sum_{\nu} \frac{L_{\nu}^{N-2}(\boldsymbol{r_1'r_2})R_{\nu}^{N-2}(\boldsymbol{r_1r_2})}{\omega - (E_{0}^{N} - E_{\nu}^{N-2} + \mathrm{i}\eta)}$$

$$\underline{\nu} \text{th double EA (DEA)}$$

$$vth double IP (DIP)$$

Particle-Particle Bethe-Salpeter Equation (pp-BSE)

$$\textit{K}(12;1'2') = \underbrace{\textit{K}_{0}(12;1'2')}_{\frac{1}{2}[\textit{G}(21')\textit{G}(12')-\textit{G}(11')\textit{G}(22')]} - \int \textit{d}(33'44') \textit{K}(12;44') \underbrace{\Xi^{\mathsf{pp}}(44';33')}_{\mathsf{pp} \; \mathsf{kernel}} \textit{K}_{0}(33';1'2')$$

Marie, Romaniello, Loos, PRB 110 (2024) 115155; Marie et al. JCP 162 (2025) 134105

Effective Interaction Kernel

$$\Xi^{\mathsf{pp}}(11';22') = \left. \frac{\delta \Sigma^{\mathsf{ee}}(22')}{\delta \, \mathsf{G}^{\mathsf{ee}}(11')} \right|_{\mathcal{U}=0} \qquad \qquad \Sigma^{\mathsf{GW}}_{\mathsf{Bc}} = -\mathrm{i} \, \mathsf{G}^{\mathsf{ee}} W \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathrm{i} \, \frac{\delta \Sigma^{\mathsf{GW}}_{\mathsf{Bc}}(11')}{\delta \, \mathsf{G}^{\mathsf{ee}}(22')} = \frac{1}{2} [W(11';22') - W(11';2'2)]$$

Casida Equations for pp-BSE

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pmb{C} & \pmb{B} \\ -\pmb{B}^{\dagger} & -\pmb{D} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \pmb{X}_{\nu} \\ \pmb{Y}_{\nu} \end{pmatrix} = \Omega_{\nu}^{N\pm 2} \begin{pmatrix} \pmb{X}_{\nu} \\ \pmb{Y}_{\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$

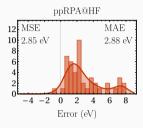
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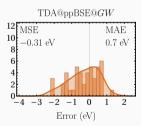
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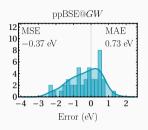
$$C_{ab,cd} = \overbrace{(\epsilon_a^{GW} + \epsilon_b^{GW})}^{ ext{quasiparticle energies}} \delta_{ac}\delta_{bd} + \underbrace{W_{ac,bd} - W_{ad,bc}}_{ ext{Bogoliubov-correlation}}$$
 $B_{ab,ij} = W_{ai,bj} - W_{aj,bi}$

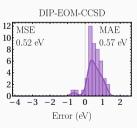
 $D_{ii} k_l = -(\epsilon_i^{GW} + \epsilon_i^{GW})\delta_{ik}\delta_{il} + W_{ik} i_l - W_{il} i_k$

Singlet and Triplet DIPs (aug-cc-pVTZ) for 23 small molecules (FCI reference)









Schwinger-Dyson Relationship

$$G^{-1}(11') = G_0^{-1}(11') - \Sigma(11')$$

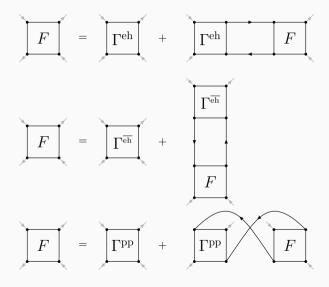
$$\Sigma(11') = -iv(12; 3'2') G_2(3'2'; 32) G^{-1}(31')$$

Two-body Vertex



Parquet theory aims at computing F, hence G_2 , through Dyson equations

Bethe-Salpeter Equations



Two-body Vertex

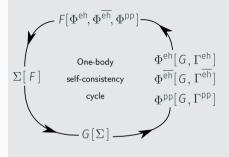
Parquet Decomposition

$$F(12;34) = \Lambda(12;34) + \underbrace{\Phi^{\text{eh}}(12;34) + \Phi^{\overline{\text{eh}}}(12;34) + \Phi^{\text{pp}}(12;34)}_{\text{can be computed with Bethe-Salpeter equations}}$$

Proper way to account for different correlation channels in the self-energy without double counting!

De Dominicis & Martin, J. Math. Phys. 5 (1964) 14; ibid 5 (1964) 31 Bickers, "Self-consistent many-body theory for condensed matter systems" in Theoretical Methods for Strongly Correlated Electrons (2004) 237

Self-Consistent Algorithm

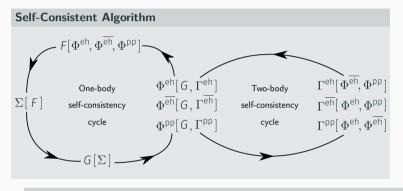


Approximations

- Parquet approximation $\Lambda = -\mathrm{i}\bar{v}$
- One-shot approximation
- Static kernel approximation for Γ

One-shot parquet approximation (osPA)

Full two-body self-consistency, single one-body iteration in the diagonal approximation

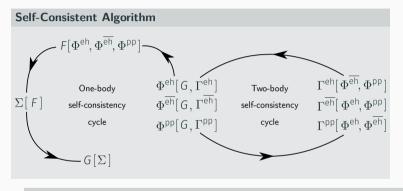


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Preliminary Results on Principal IPs

Preliminary statistics on 20 IPs in the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set

Method	osPA	G_0W_0	$G_0 T_0$
MAE	0.29	0.37	0.34

Marie & Loos, arxiv:2509.03253

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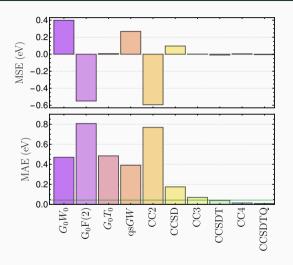
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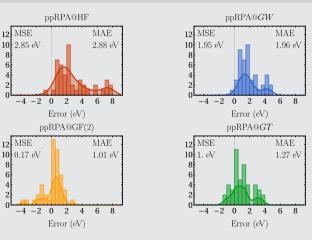
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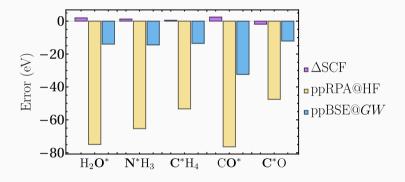
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Effect of the Quasiparticle Energies



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(Single-Site) Double Core Holes (aug-cc-pCVTZ & CVS-FCI reference)



Cederbaum et al. JCP 85 (1986) 6513; Marie et al. JCP 162 (2025) 134105

