

The Fock matrix

Using the **variational principle**, one can show that, to minimise the energy, the MOs need to **diagonalise the Fock operator**

$$f(1) = h(1) + \sum_j^{\text{occ}} [\mathcal{J}_j(1) - \mathcal{K}_j(1)]$$

For a **closed-shell system** (i.e. two electrons in each orbital)

$$f(1) = h(1) + \sum_j^{N/2} [2J_j(1) - K_j(1)] \quad (\text{closed shell})$$

These orbitals are called **canonical molecular orbitals** (= eigenvectors):

$$f(1) \chi_i(1) = \varepsilon_i(1) \chi_i(1)$$

and ε_i are called the **MO energies** (= eigenvalues)

Introduction of a basis

Expansion in a basis

$$\psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu}^K C_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \equiv \quad |i\rangle = \sum_{\mu}^K C_{\mu i} |\mu\rangle$$

K AOs gives K MOs: $N/2$ are occupied MOs and $K - N/2$ are vacant/virtual MOs

Roothaan-Hall equations

$$\begin{aligned} f|i\rangle &= \varepsilon_i |i\rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad f \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu i} |\nu\rangle = \varepsilon_i \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu i} |\nu\rangle \\ \Rightarrow \quad \langle \mu | f \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu i} |\nu\rangle &= \varepsilon_i \langle \mu | \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu i} |\nu\rangle \\ \Rightarrow \quad \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu i} \langle \mu | f | \nu \rangle &= \sum_{\nu} C_{\nu i} \varepsilon_i \langle \mu | \nu \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\sum_{\nu} F_{\mu\nu} C_{\nu i} = \sum_{\nu} S_{\mu\nu} C_{\nu i} \varepsilon_i} \end{aligned}$$

Introduction of a basis (Take 2)

Matrix form of the Roothaan-Hall equations

$$\boxed{\mathbf{F}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{E} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{F}'\mathbf{C}' = \mathbf{C}'\mathbf{E}}$$

$$\mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{X}^\dagger \mathbf{F} \mathbf{X} \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{C}' \quad \mathbf{X}^\dagger \mathbf{S} \mathbf{X} = \mathbb{I}$$

- Fock matrix $F_{\mu\nu} = \langle \mu | f | \nu \rangle$ and Overlap matrix $S_{\mu\nu} = \langle \mu | \nu \rangle$
- We need to determine the coefficient matrix \mathbf{C} and the orbital energies \mathbf{E}

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1K} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{2K} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{K1} & C_{K2} & \cdots & C_{KK} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \varepsilon_K \end{pmatrix}$$

Self-consistent field (SCF) procedure

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{C}) \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{E} \quad \text{How do we solve these HF equations?}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\mu\nu} &= \langle \mu | h + \sum_j^{\text{occ}} (\mathcal{J}_j - \mathcal{K}_j) | \nu \rangle = H_{\mu\nu} + \sum_j^{\text{occ}} \langle \mu | \mathcal{J}_j - \mathcal{K}_j | \nu \rangle \\
 &= H_{\mu\nu} + \sum_j^{\text{occ}} (\langle \mu \chi_j | r_{12}^{-1} | \nu \chi_j \rangle - \langle \mu \chi_j | r_{12}^{-1} | \chi_j \nu \rangle) \\
 &= H_{\mu\nu} + \sum_j^{\text{occ}} \sum_{\lambda\sigma} C_{\lambda j} C_{\sigma j} (\langle \mu \lambda | r_{12}^{-1} | \nu \sigma \rangle - \langle \mu \lambda | r_{12}^{-1} | \sigma \nu \rangle) \\
 &= H_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{\lambda\sigma} P_{\lambda\sigma} (\langle \mu \lambda | \nu \sigma \rangle - \langle \mu \lambda | \sigma \nu \rangle) \\
 &= H_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{\lambda\sigma} P_{\lambda\sigma} \langle \mu \lambda || \nu \sigma \rangle = H_{\mu\nu} + G_{\mu\nu} \\
 F_{\mu\nu} &= H_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{\lambda\sigma} P_{\lambda\sigma} (\langle \mu \lambda | \nu \sigma \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \mu \lambda | \sigma \nu \rangle) \quad \text{(closed shell)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Density matrix & Chemists vs Physicists

Density matrix **P**

$$\boxed{P_{\mu\nu} = \sum_i^{\text{occ}} C_{\mu i} C_{\nu i}} \quad \text{or} \quad P_{\mu\nu} = 2 \sum_i^{N/2} C_{\mu i} C_{\nu i} \quad (\text{closed shell})$$

Physicist's notation for two-electron integrals

$$\langle \mu\nu | \lambda\sigma \rangle = \iint \phi_\mu(\mathbf{1}) \phi_\nu(\mathbf{2}) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \phi_\lambda(\mathbf{1}) \phi_\sigma(\mathbf{2}) d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2$$

$$\langle \mu\nu || \lambda\sigma \rangle = \langle \mu\nu | \lambda\sigma \rangle - \langle \mu\nu | \sigma\lambda \rangle$$

Chemist's notation for two-electron integrals

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$$(\mu\nu || \lambda\sigma) = (\mu\nu | \lambda\sigma) - (\mu\sigma | \lambda\nu)$$

How to perform a HF calculation in practice?

The SCF algorithm

- ① Specify molecule $\{\mathbf{R}_A\}$ and $\{Z_A\}$ and basis set $\{\phi_\mu\}$
- ② Calculate integrals $S_{\mu\nu}$, $H_{\mu\nu}$ and $\langle\mu\nu|\lambda\sigma\rangle$
- ③ Diagonalize \mathbf{S} and compute \mathbf{X}
- ④ Obtain guess density matrix for \mathbf{P}
 1. Calculate \mathbf{G} and then $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{G}$
 2. Compute $\mathbf{F}' = \mathbf{X}^\dagger \mathbf{F} \mathbf{X}$
 3. Diagonalize \mathbf{F}' to obtain \mathbf{C}' and \mathbf{E}
 4. Calculate $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{C}'$
 5. Form a new density matrix $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^\dagger$
 6. Am I converged? If not go back to 1.
- ⑤ Calculate stuff that you want, like E_{HF} for example

How to calculate \mathbf{X} ?

Different orthogonalizations

1 Symmetric orthogonalization

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{S}^{-1/2} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{s}^{-1/2} \mathbf{U}^\dagger$$

Is it working?

$$\mathbf{X}^\dagger \mathbf{S} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{S}^{-1/2} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{S}^{-1/2} = \mathbf{I}$$

2 Canonical orthogonalization (when you have linear dependencies)

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{s}^{-1/2}$$

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3 Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization

How to obtain a good guess for the MOs or density matrix?

Possible initial density matrix

- 1 We can set $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H}$ (core Hamiltonian approximation):
 \Rightarrow Usually a poor guess but easy to implement
- 2 Use EHT or semi-empirical methods (cf previous lectures):
 \Rightarrow Out of fashion
- 3 Using tabulated atomic densities:
 \Rightarrow "SAD" guess in QChem/IQmol
- 4 Read the MOs of a previous calculation:
 \Rightarrow Very common and very useful

How do I know I have converged (or not)?

Convergence in SCF calculations

- 1 You can check the **energy and/or the density matrix**:
⇒ The energy/density **should not** change at convergence
- 2 You can check the commutator **$\mathbf{FPS} - \mathbf{SPF}$** :
⇒ At convergence, we have **$\mathbf{FPS} - \mathbf{SPF} = 0$**
- 3 The **DIIS (direct inversion in the iterative subspace)** method is usually used to speed up convergence:
⇒ **Extrapolation of the Fock matrix** using previous iterations

$$\mathbf{F}_{m+1} = \sum_{i=m-k}^m c_i \mathbf{F}_i$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{HF}} &= \sum_i h_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\mathcal{J}_{ij} - \mathcal{K}_{ij}) \quad (\text{cf few slides ago}) \\
 &= \sum_i \left\langle \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu} \left| h \right| \sum_{\nu} c_{\nu i} \phi_{\nu} \right\rangle \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \left\langle \left(\sum_{\mu} c_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu} \right) \left(\sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda j} \phi_{\lambda} \right) \left| \left| \left(\sum_{\nu} c_{\nu i} \phi_{\nu} \right) \left(\sum_{\sigma} c_{\sigma j} \phi_{\sigma} \right) \right\rangle \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{\mu\nu} P_{\mu\nu} \left[H_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda\sigma} P_{\lambda\sigma} \langle \mu\lambda || \nu\sigma \rangle \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{\text{HF}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\mathbf{P} (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{F})]$$