G_0W_0 for molecules

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where

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 \right) - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{Z_{\alpha}}{r_{i\alpha}} + \sum_{i < j}^{N} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} + C_{nn}$$
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- Green function methods
 - GW approximation: The gap-filling method; decent accuracy for cheap computational cost
 - ▶ variation of this (G_0W_0) studied here

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Qualitatively

$$\epsilon_{\text{self}} = \epsilon_{\text{quasi}} - \epsilon_{\text{bare}},$$
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The **self-energy** Σ can be thought of as the difference between the quasi and bare electron

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Table: Deviation in $\varepsilon_p^{\rm QP}$ (in eV) for G_0W_0 between my implementation and PySCF²

Orbital	H ₂ O	NH_3	LiH	СО
HOMO - 2	5.33e-15	1.42e-14	3.55e-14	0.00477
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НОМО	2.84e-13	1.30e-12	1.96e-10	2.84e-13
LUMO	2.65e-14	8.78e-14	2.66e-15	0.00679
LUMO + 1	2.71e-14	8.78e-14	2.43e-14	0.00678
LUMO + 2	6.92e-10	4.97e-14	3.09e-14	3.99e-14

Linearized G_0W_0 density matrix⁵: Part 1

Natural occupations: number of electrons in a given orbital.⁴

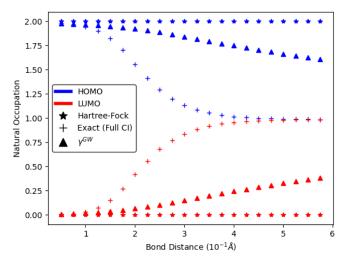


Figure: HOMO and LUMO of H_2 along the dissociation coordinate

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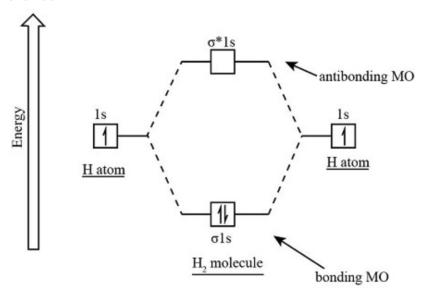


Figure: MO diagram of H_2 at the equilibrium bond distance⁶

Total energies from the linearized G_0W_0 density matrix

Galitskii-Migdal E^{corr} : convolution of the correlation self-energy Σ_c with the Green's function $\mathcal D$

$$E_{\text{corr}}^{\text{GM}} = -\frac{\mathrm{i}}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{2\pi} \int \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}_{1} \boldsymbol{x}_{3} e^{\mathrm{i}\omega\eta} \Sigma_{c} \left(\boldsymbol{x}_{1} \boldsymbol{x}_{3}; \omega\right) \mathcal{D}\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{3} \boldsymbol{x}_{1}; \omega\right)$$
(5)

Table: Deviation in total energies (in eV) from the CCSD(T) reference for Hartree-Fock and $\gamma^{\rm GW}$ of the linearized G_0W_0 density matrix (using $E^{\rm corr}$ from equation 5).

Molecule	$HF \ \triangle CCSD(T)$	$\gamma^{\mathrm{GW}} \Delta \mathbf{CCSD(T)}$	
H ₂ O	5.93	0.696	
NH ₃	5.60	0.544	
LiH	0.846	0.0361	

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