

Delocalisation Error in action: Self-consistent field convergence failure and how to fix it.

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Delocalisation Error

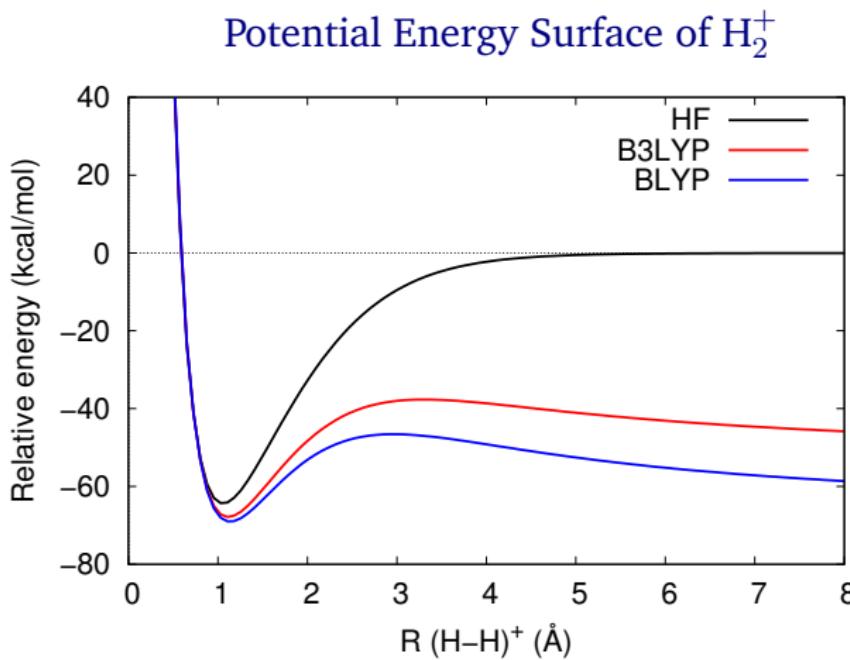
Source of the ‘band gap problem’

Approximation to the exact density functional overstabilize fractional charge.

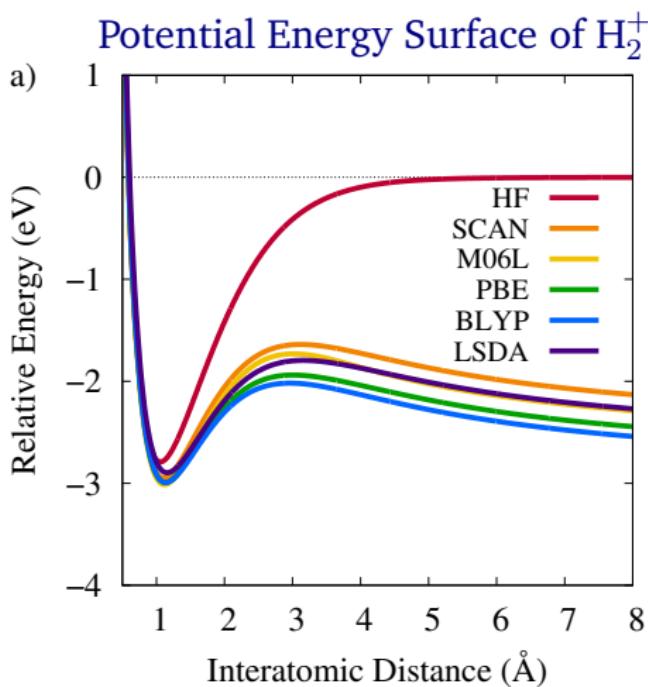
This phenomenon is known as:

- Self-interaction Error
 - Delocalisation Error
 - Charge-transfer Error

Classic Example



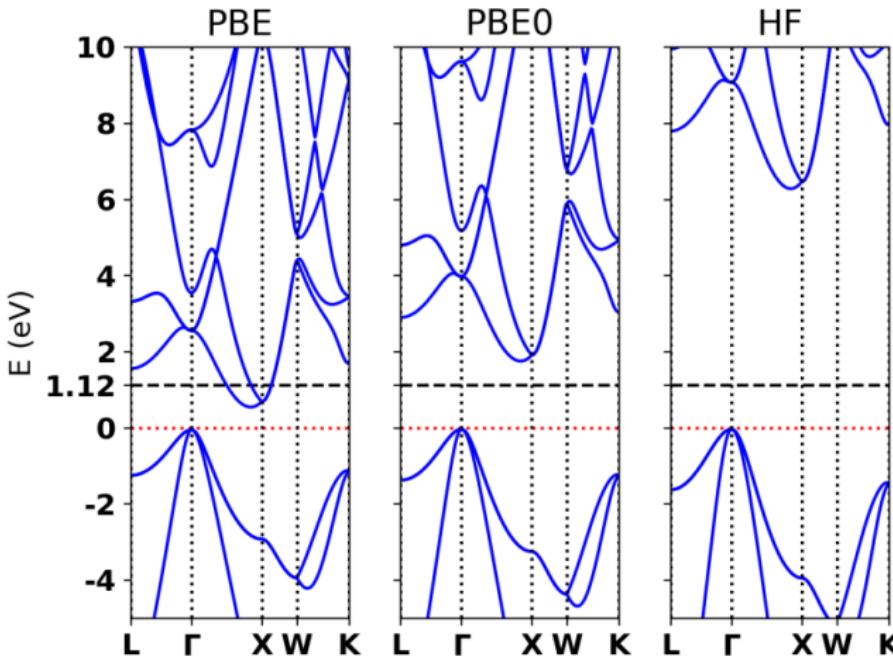
Bonus Slide: Classic Example



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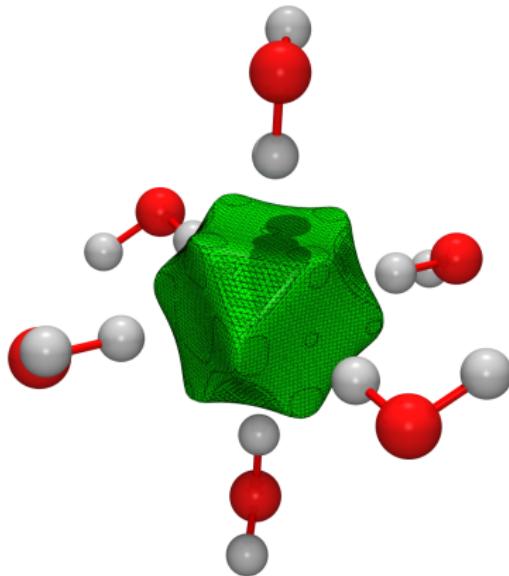
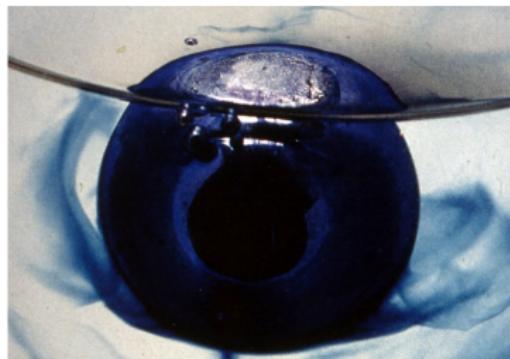
Band Gap Problem

Band structure of Si crystal according to:

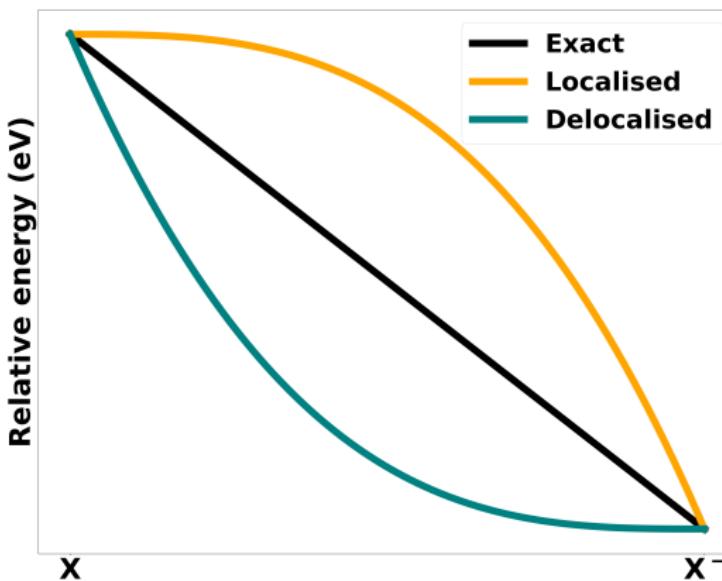


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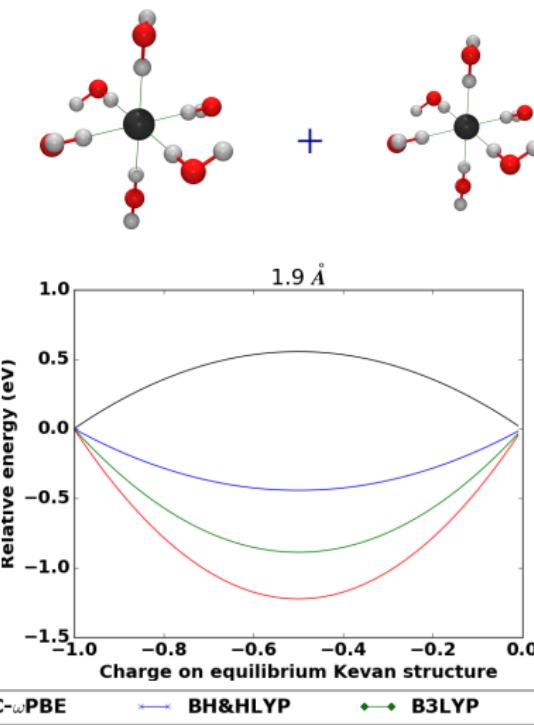
Delocalisation Error and the Solvated Electron



Typical Behaviour

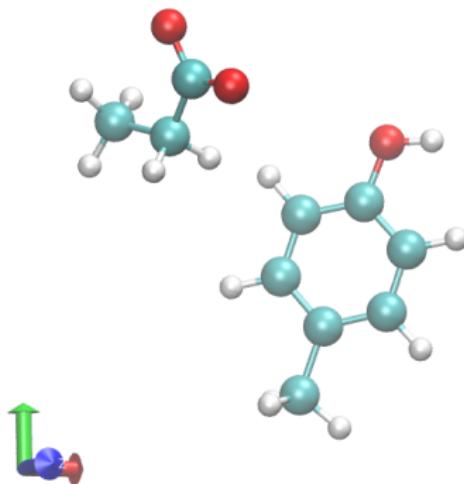


Example of Typical Behaviour



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Simplified Tyrosine-Aspartate pair



Basic input

```
② Select stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5E5: ~/calcWorkshop/tailed_com  
import psi4  
  
n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"  
Basis = "def2-msvp"  
  
psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,  
                  "reference":"uks"})  
# psi4.set_output_file(f"{n}.out")  
xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])  
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)  
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)  
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Start of convergence

	Total Energy	Delta E	RMS [F,P]
@DF-UKS iter SAD:	-612.92724315251030	-6.12927e+02	0.00000e+00
@DF-UKS iter 1:	-612.48389267056882	4.43350e-01	7.20414e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 2:	-602.22880421060404	1.02551e+01	1.34159e-02 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 3:	-605.33900628080028	-3.11020e+00	1.30322e-02 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 4:	-611.33264791484225	-5.99364e+00	6.51709e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 5:	-613.58756208384693	-2.25491e+00	2.88256e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 6:	-613.67607872116673	-8.85166e-02	2.06501e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 7:	-613.74172378003550	-6.56451e-02	1.21213e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 8:	-613.76092654766921	-1.92028e-02	9.10761e-04 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 9:	-613.77706692805441	-1.61404e-02	4.70644e-04 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 10:	-612.72321115862405	1.05386e+00	3.90027e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 11:	-613.78135802452948	-1.05815e+00	2.81782e-04 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 12:	-612.66935482976396	1.11200e+00	3.94041e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 13:	-612.67711837765137	-7.76355e-03	3.90425e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 14:	-612.67793575083806	-8.17373e-04	3.89993e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 15:	-612.67192415525233	6.01160e-03	3.92523e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 16:	-612.67683648347975	-4.91233e-03	3.90375e-03 DIIS

Failed to converge

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGN818S:~/calc/Workshop/Tailed_comv
@DF-UKS iter 84: -612.67577837163208 4.49331e-04 3.90632e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 85: -612.67583663911864 -5.82675e-05 3.90599e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 86: -612.67572738321360 1.09256e-04 3.90630e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 87: -612.67562590472153 1.01478e-04 3.90663e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 88: -612.67552551962945 1.00385e-04 3.90717e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 89: -612.67551086360800 1.46560e-05 3.90805e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 90: -612.67584031749857 -3.29454e-04 3.90859e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 91: -612.67575775509022 8.25624e-05 3.90800e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 92: -612.67622127929053 -4.63524e-04 3.90695e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 93: -612.67500370808648 1.21757e-03 3.91018e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 94: -612.67631440140622 -1.31069e-03 3.90479e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 95: -612.67610917557386 2.05226e-04 3.90545e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 96: -612.67607734239073 3.18332e-05 3.90537e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 97: -612.67589943759776 1.77905e-04 3.90583e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 98: -612.67569545639299 2.03981e-04 3.90657e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 99: -612.67557558186218 1.19875e-04 3.90767e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter 100: -612.67582000112361 -2.44419e-04 3.90857e-03 DIIS

PsiException: Could not converge SCF iterations in 100 iterations.

Failed to converge.
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Examine SCF steps

```
stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

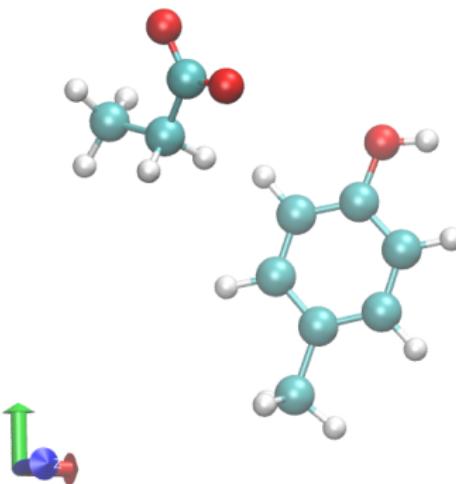
n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)

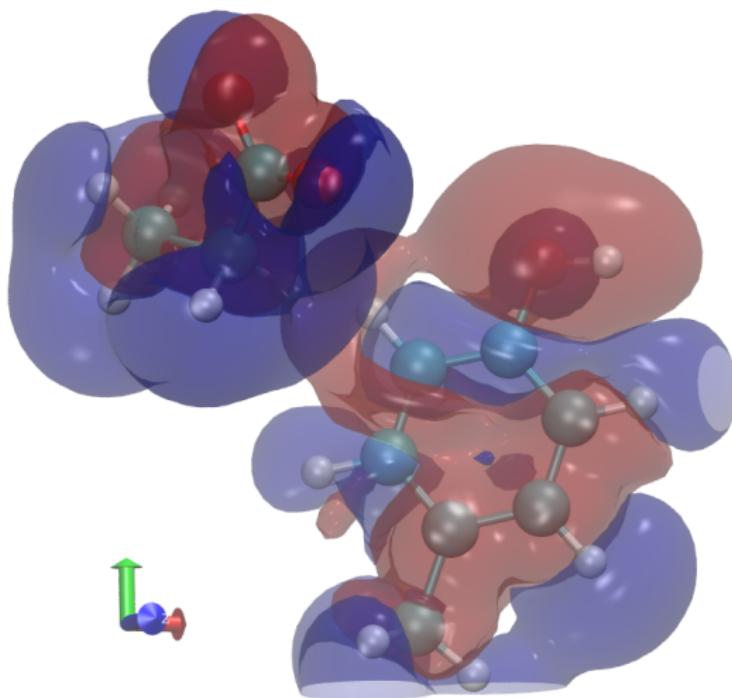
psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference":"uks",
                  "fail_on_maxiter":False,
                  "maxiter":5,
                  "guess":"sad"})
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)
psi4.fchk(wfn, "5.fchk")

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference":"uks",
                  "fail_on_maxiter":False,
                  "maxiter":6,
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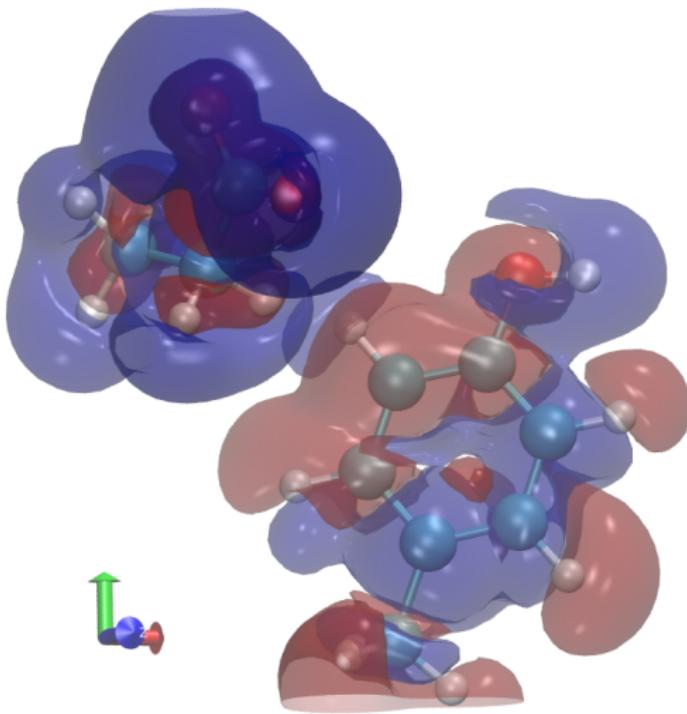
Simplified Tyrosine-Aspartate pair



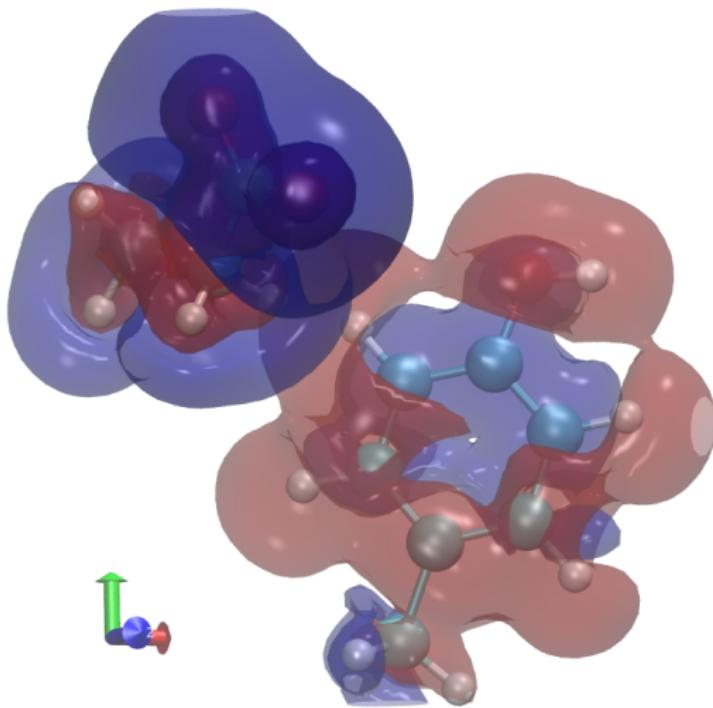
Density difference SCF step 6 vs 5



Density difference SCF step 7 vs 6



Density difference SCF step 8 vs 7



Guess SADNO

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❸ stephen@DESKTOP-FGN81BS: ~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference": "uks",
                  "guess": "sadno"})
# psi4.set_output_file(f"{n}.out")
xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)
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Guess Core

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steven@DESKTOP-FGN9SBS:~/calc/Workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference":"uks",
                  "guess":"core"})
# psi4.set_output_file(f"{n}.out")
xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)

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Damping SCF steps

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference": "uks",
                  "damping_percentage": 50})
xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)

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Second Order SCF convergence

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steven@DESKTOP-FGN05BS:~/calc/Workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference":"uks",
                  "soscf":True})
# psi4.set_output_file(f"{n}.out")
xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)

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Successful convergence!

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv

      Total Energy        Delta E    RMS |[F,P]|

@DF-UKS iter SAD: -612.92724315251030 -6.12927e+02 0.00000e+00
@DF-UKS iter  1: -612.48389267056996  4.43350e-01 7.20414e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter  2: -602.22880421060427  1.02551e+01 1.34159e-02 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter  3: -605.33900628080255 -3.11020e+00 1.30322e-02 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter  4: -611.33264791484362 -5.99364e+00 6.51709e-03 DIIS
@DF-UKS iter  5: -613.58756208384762 -2.25491e+00 2.88256e-03 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter  6: -613.63358425177239 -4.60222e-02 1.56521e-03 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter  7: -613.76877315500997 -1.35189e-01 3.68070e-04 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter  8: -613.78219083851309 -1.34177e-02 1.13402e-04 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter  9: -613.78333182593110 -1.14099e-03 3.88645e-05 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter 10: -613.76712740007702  1.62044e-02 5.88150e-04 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter 11: -613.78214377745303 -1.50164e-02 9.29611e-05 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter 12: -613.78380601533854 -1.66224e-03 3.74660e-05 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter 13: -613.78400412363749 -1.98108e-04 8.23983e-06 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter 14: -613.78401355711094 -9.43347e-06 3.53712e-06 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter 15: -613.78401442759059 -8.70480e-07 1.88187e-06 SOKS, nmicro=5
@DF-UKS iter 16: -613.78401464741160 -2.19821e-07 8.89503e-07 SOKS, nmicro=conv

Energy and wave function converged.
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HF guess, with no PBE convergence

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① stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference":"uks"})
# psi4.set_output_file(f"{n}.out")
xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)
e, wfn = psi4.energy('hf', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)
psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference":"uks",
                  "fail_on_maxiter":False,
                  "maxiter":0,
                  "guess":"read"})
e, wfn = psi4.energy('pbe', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)
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```

HF SCF convergence

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
      Total    221    221
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      ==> Iterations <==

      Total Energy        Delta E      RMS |[F,P]|
      @DF-UKS iter SAD: -609.18268432492027   -6.09183e+02  0.00000e+00
      @DF-UKS iter  1: -610.43754969477777   -1.25487e+00  3.82815e-03 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  2: -610.73596376861497   -2.98414e-01  1.99585e-03 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  3: -610.80570138837675   -6.97376e-02  3.28432e-04 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  4: -610.80920787906825   -3.50649e-03  1.26356e-04 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  5: -610.80968553913112   -4.77660e-04  2.16836e-05 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  6: -610.80970806540404   -2.25263e-05  7.47540e-06 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  7: -610.80971030496403   -2.23956e-06  2.99667e-06 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  8: -610.80971076038259   -4.55419e-07  1.00371e-06 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  9: -610.80971085403826   -9.36557e-08  4.39149e-07 DIIS
      Energy and wave function converged.

      ==> Post-Iterations <==
```

PBE energy on HF density

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
=====
      A      221      221      49      49      49      0
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 Total    221      221      49      49      49      0
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==> Iterations <==

          Total Energy          Delta E      RMS |[F,P]|
@DF-UKS iter  0: -613.69055738418319   -6.13691e+02   2.51005e-03

PsiException: Could not converge SCF iterations in 0 iterations.

Energy and/or wave function did not converge, but proceeding anyway.

==> Post-Iterations <==

Electrons on quadrature grid:
  Nalpha = 49.0000105624 ; deviation = 1.056e-05
```

PBE energy on HF density

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stephen@DF-UKS:~/DFT/DFT-TESTS> calc_neutral_hf1d_low
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A	221	221	49	49	49	0
Total	221	221	49	49	49	0

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==> Iterations <=
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	Total Energy	Delta E	RMS [F,P]
@DF-UKS iter 0:	-613.69055738418319	-6.13691e+02	2.51005e-03

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PsiException: Could not converge SCF iterations in 0 iterations.
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Energy and/or wave function did not converge, but proceeding anyway.
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==> Post-Iterations <=
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Electrons on quadrature grid:  
Nalpha = 49.0000105624 ; deviation = 1.056e-05
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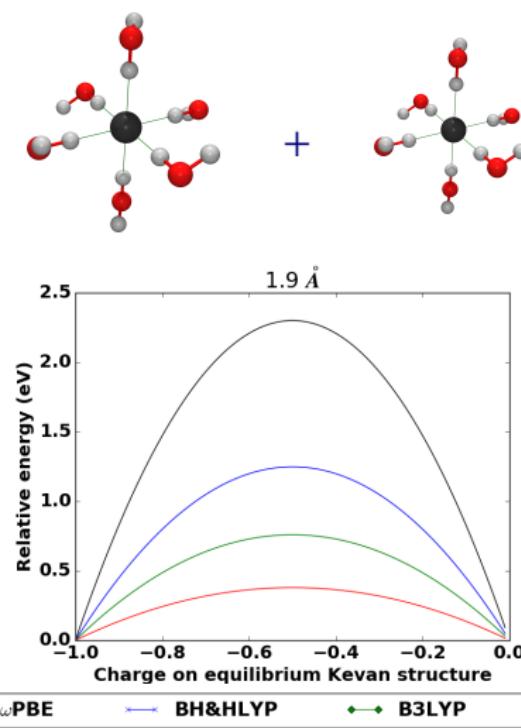


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Density-Corrected DFT Explained: Questions and Answers

Suhwan Song, Stefan Vuckovic, Eunji Sim,* and Kieron Burke

Side Note: Localization Error using CPCM



S. G. Dale, E. R. Johnson. J. Chem. Phys. 143 18 184112 (2014)

PCM stabilised SCF

```
stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference":"uks",
                  "pcm":True,
                  "pcm_scf_type":'total'})

pcm_string = '''
    Units = Angstrom
    Medium {
        SolverType = cpcm
        Solvent = Explicit
        ProbeRadius=2.0
        Green<inside> {Type=Vacuum}
        Green<outside> {Type=UniformDielectric
                         Eps=80
                         EpsDyn=2.0}
    }
'''
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PCM stabilised SCF converged

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
      Total    221    221
      -----
      ==> Iterations <==

      Total Energy        Delta E      RMS |[F,P]|
      @DF-UKS iter SAD: -612.92782743992075   -6.12928e+02  0.00000e+00
      @DF-UKS iter  1: -612.66893944920457   2.58888e-01  7.07694e-03 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  2: -611.81673105235313   8.52208e-01  9.27816e-03 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  3: -613.87956680073478   -2.06284e+00  1.12801e-03 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  4: -613.89604398416327   -1.64772e-02  6.68267e-04 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  5: -613.90425882138766   -8.21484e-03  2.34244e-04 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  6: -613.90518014322868   -9.21322e-04  8.78316e-05 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  7: -613.90531707039736   -1.36927e-04  2.09915e-05 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  8: -613.90532724683840   -1.01764e-05  6.42227e-06 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter  9: -613.90532807864417   -8.31806e-07  2.53475e-06 DIIS
      @DF-UKS iter 10: -613.90532823779620   -1.59152e-07  3.44895e-07 DIIS
Energy and wave function converged.
```

Check for wavefunction stability

```
stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
import psi4

n = "SSI-084TYR-089ASP-1-dimer"
Basis = "def2-msvp"

psi4.set_options({"basis": Basis,
                  "reference": "uhf",
                  "stability_analysis": 'follow'})
# psi4.set_output_file(f"{n}.out")
xyz = "".join(open(f'./{n}.xyz', 'r').readlines()[1:])
xyz = psi4.geometry(xyz)
e, wfn = psi4.energy('hf', molecule=xyz, return_wfn=True)

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SCF identified as unstable

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv

==> Iterations <==

          Total Energy        Delta E      RMS |[F,P]|

@DF-UHF iter SAD: -609.18268432687023 -6.09183e+02 0.00000e+00
@DF-UHF iter  1: -610.43754969677593 -1.25487e+00 3.82815e-03 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter  2: -610.73596377061222 -2.98414e-01 1.99585e-03 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter  3: -610.80570139037081 -6.97376e-02 3.28432e-04 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter  4: -610.80920788106414 -3.50649e-03 1.26356e-04 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter  5: -610.80968554112496 -4.77660e-04 2.16836e-05 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter  6: -610.80970806739970 -2.25263e-05 7.47540e-06 DIIS
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@DF-UHF iter  8: -610.80971076237870 -4.55420e-07 1.00371e-06 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter  9: -610.80971085603323 -9.36545e-08 4.39149e-07 DIIS

Energy and wave function converged.

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UHF Stability code
Jérôme Gonthier
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SCF re-converged to table

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stephen@DESKTOP-FGNB5BS:~/calc/workshop/failed_conv
DLUSolver converged.

Negative totally symmetric eigenvalue detected: -0.016556
Wavefunction unstable!
Lowest UHF->UHF stability eigenvalues:
  A -0.016556

Rotating orbitals by 0.500000 * pi / 2 radians along unstable eigenvector.
Running SCF again with the rotated orbitals.

@DF-UHF iter 10: -610.79856917061602 -6.10799e+02 2.65067e-04 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter 11: -610.80417391533638 -5.60474e-03 1.34883e-04 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter 12: -610.80672224431373 -2.54833e-03 9.76061e-05 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter 13: -610.80833144179269 -1.60920e-03 7.35476e-05 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter 14: -610.81017407540412 -1.84263e-03 3.90569e-05 DIIS
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@DF-UHF iter 17: -610.81098770438916 -3.66480e-05 3.06051e-06 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter 18: -610.81099046227018 -2.75788e-06 1.24072e-06 DIIS
@DF-UHF iter 19: -610.81099078921534 -3.26945e-07 5.48717e-07 DIIS
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Note: Original SCF energy was -610.80971085603323.

Conclusions

Delocalisation error is a primary contributor to SCF instability. Tools for improving SCF convergence include:

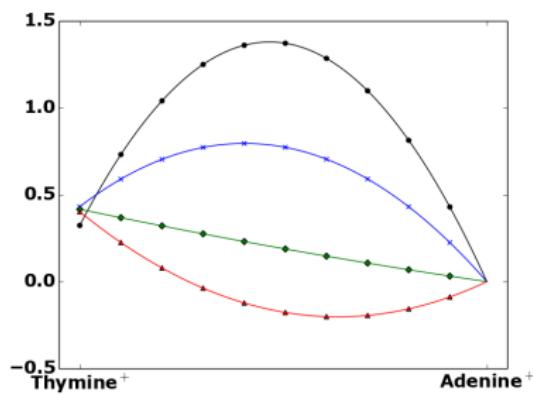
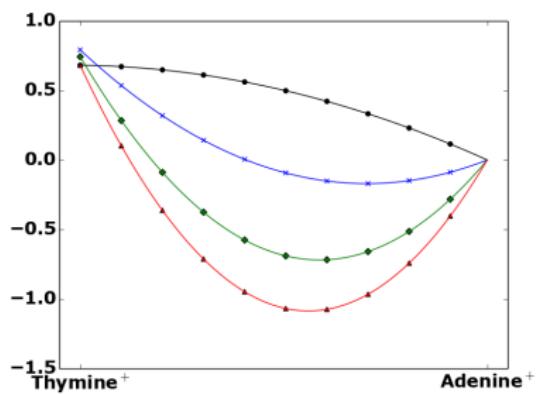
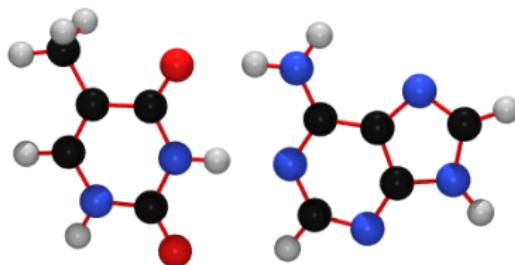
- Change initial guess
- SCF damping
- Second Order Convergence
- Convergence with a different functional
 - ▶ Density Corrected DFT
- Convergence with an applied potential (like a solvent correction)

Remember to check for SCF stability

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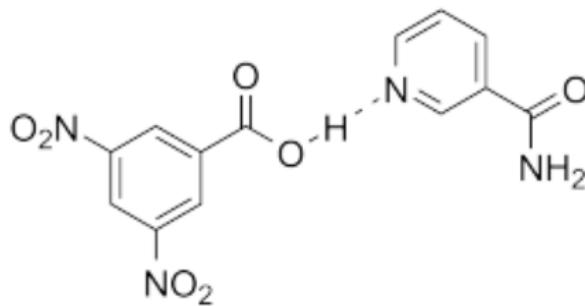


Cationic Thymine-Adenine Dimer



• LC- ω PBE ← BH&HLYP ♦ B3LYP ▲ BLYP

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AJAKEB	salt	salt	co	co	co	co
ULAWAF02	salt	salt	co	co	co	co
SEDJUI	salt	salt	co	co	co	co