

Post-Hartree-Fock Wave Function Theory

Electron Correlation and
Configuration Interaction

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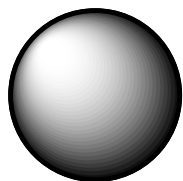
Electron Correlation

How Important is It?

The fundamental approximation of the Hartree-Fock method: interactions between electrons are treated in an *average* way, not an instantaneous way

$$f_i = -\frac{1}{2}\nabla_i^2 - \sum_k^{\text{nuclei}} \frac{Z_k}{r_{ik}} + V_i^{\text{HF}}\{j\}$$

Infinite basis set results

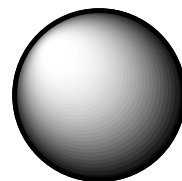


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Error $\sim 26 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$!

Correlated Methods. I. Configuration Interaction

A Hartree-Fock one-electron orbital is expressed as a linear combination of basis functions with expansion coefficients optimized according to a variational principle

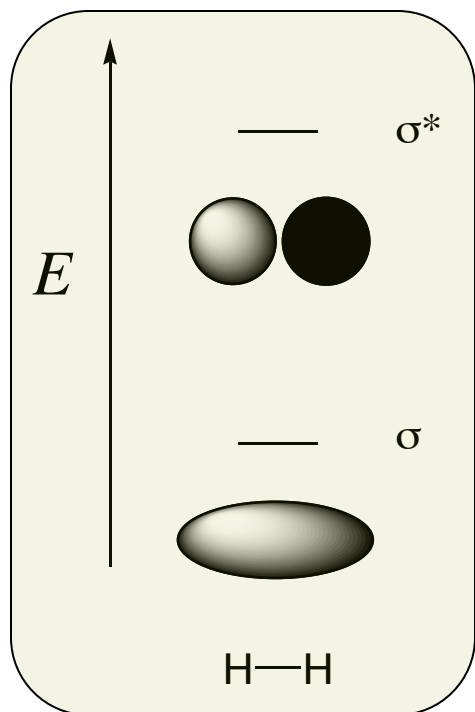
$$| \mathbf{F} - E\mathbf{S} | = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \phi = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \varphi_i$$

The HF many-electron wave function is the Slater determinant formed by occupation of lowest possible energy orbitals, *but, the HF orbitals are not "perfect" because of the HF approximation*

So, one way to improve things would be to treat the different Slater determinants that can be formed from *any occupation of HF orbitals* to *themselves* be a basis set to be used to create an improved many-electron wave function

$$| \mathbf{H} - E\mathbf{S} | = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Psi = a_0 \Psi_{\text{HF}} + \sum_i^{\text{occ.}} \sum_r^{\text{vir.}} a_i^r \Psi_i^r + \sum_{i < j}^{\text{occ.}} \sum_{r < s}^{\text{vir.}} a_{ij}^{rs} \Psi_{ij}^{rs} + \dots$$

Configuration Interaction (CI) Example: Minimal Basis H₂



$$\Psi_{\text{CI}} = a_0 \Psi_{\text{HF}} + \sum_i^{\text{occ. vir.}} \sum_r a_i^r \Psi_i^r + \sum_{i < j}^{\text{occ. vir.}} \sum_{r < s} a_{ij}^{rs} \Psi_{ij}^{rs} + \dots$$

$$= a_{1(0)} |\sigma^2\rangle + 0 + a_2 |\sigma^*{}^2\rangle$$

$$|\mathbf{H} - E\mathbf{S}| = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} H_{11} - E & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} - E \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$E^2 - (H_{11} + H_{22})E + (H_{11}H_{22} - H_{12}^2) = 0$$

$$E = \frac{(H_{11} + H_{22}) \pm \sqrt{(H_{11} - H_{22})^2 + 4H_{12}^2}}{2}$$

Recall:

$$H_{ab} = \langle \Psi_a | H | \Psi_b \rangle, \quad \text{e.g., } H_{11} = E_{\text{HF}}, \quad H_{12} = K_{\sigma\sigma^*}$$

Lowest energy eigenvalue
is lower than E_{HF} if H_{12} is
positive (as it is)

CI in a Nutshell

	Ψ_{HF}	Ψ_i^a	Ψ_{ij}^{ab}	Ψ_{ijk}^{abc}
Ψ_{HF}	E_{HF}	0	dense	0
Ψ_i^a	0	dense	sparse	very sparse
Ψ_{ij}^{ab}	d e n s e	sparse	sparse	extremely sparse
Ψ_{ijk}^{abc}	0	very sparse	extremely sparse	extremely sparse

The bigger the CI matrix, the more electron correlation can be captured.

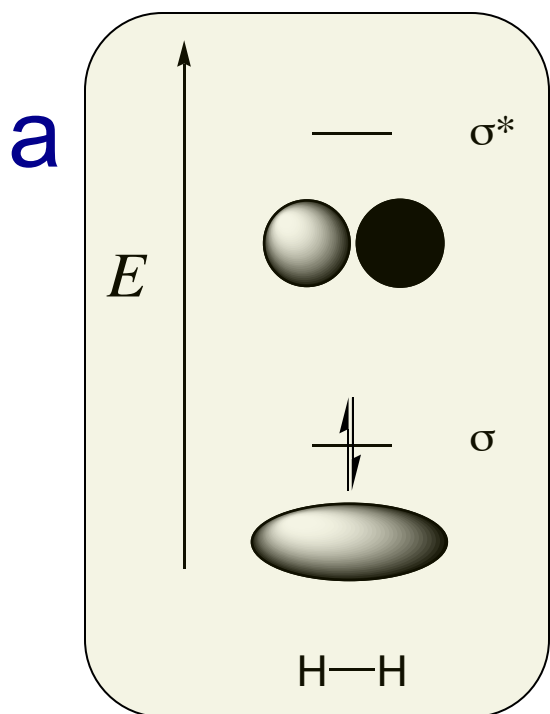
The CI matrix can be made bigger either by increasing basis-set size (each block is then bigger) or by adding more highly excited configurations (more blocks).

CI calculations generally more sensitive to basis-set incompleteness than HF.

Most common compromise is to include only single and double excitations (CISD)—not size extensive.

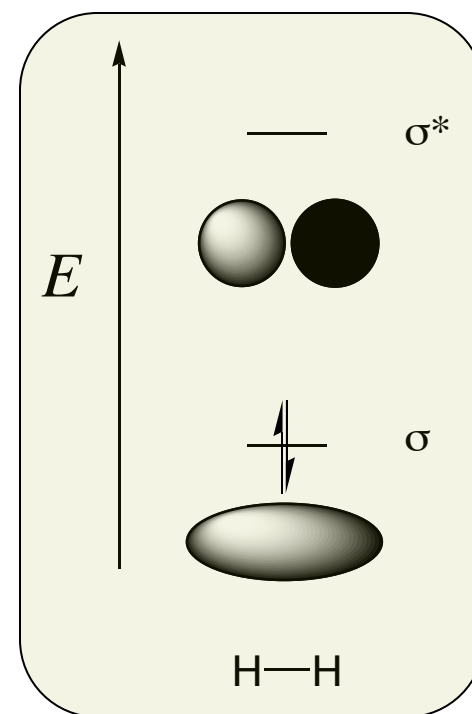
What is Size-extensivity?

Consider two non-interacting H_2 molecules in minimal basis:



$$E_{\text{CI}}(a,b) = 2E_{\text{CI}}(a)$$

b



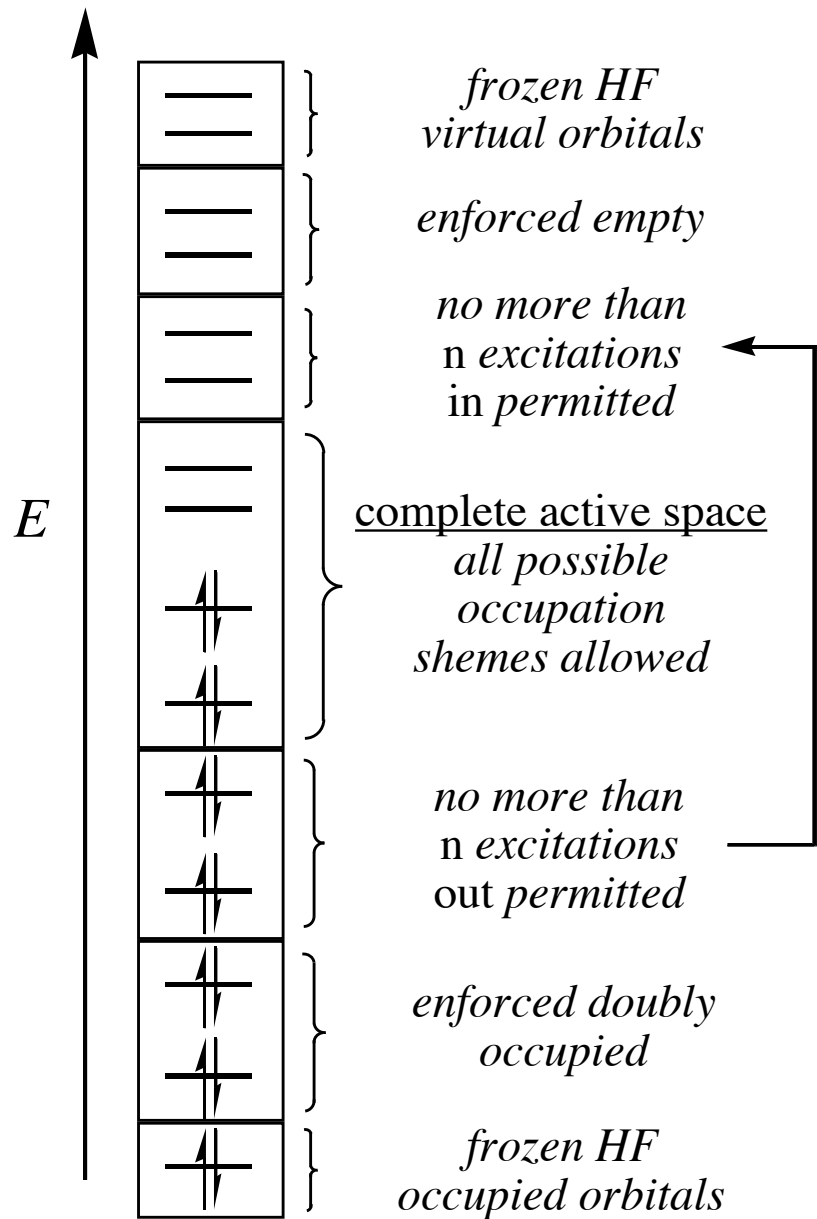
For one H_2 , CID is exact so, multiplying by 2 gives the exact answer

But, now consider CI wave function for pair:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{\text{CI}} &= A \Psi_{\text{CI}(a)} \Psi_{\text{CI}(b)} \\ &= A \left(a_0 |\sigma^2\rangle_a + a_2 |\sigma^{*2}\rangle_a \right) \left(a_0 |\sigma^2\rangle_b + a_2 |\sigma^{*2}\rangle_b \right) \\ &= A \left(a_0^2 |\sigma^2\rangle_a |\sigma^2\rangle_b + a_0 a_2 |\sigma^{*2}\rangle_a |\sigma^2\rangle_b + a_0 a_2 |\sigma^2\rangle_a |\sigma^{*2}\rangle_b + a_2^2 |\sigma^{*2}\rangle_a |\sigma^{*2}\rangle_b \right) \end{aligned}$$

Not present in CID truncation

CI: Thème et Variation



If one chooses not to include *all* excited configurations (full CI) perhaps one should reoptimize the basis-function coefficients of the most important orbitals instead of using their HF values

Maybe *more* excitations into lower-energy orbitals is a better option than *any* excitations into higher-energy orbitals

The general term for this class of calculations is multiconfiguration self-consistent field (MCSCF)—special cases are CASSCF and RASSCF

A final option is to do a CI *after* reoptimizing the MCSCF orbitals: multi-reference CI (MRCI)

Conceptual Test

If you compare the geometry of a molecule computed at the Hartree-Fock level compared to the same molecule computed at the CI level, in general, do you expect the bond lengths at the CI level to be longer or shorter than those at the HF level?

Explain your reasoning.

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Perturbation Theory and Coupled-
Cluster Theory

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Correlated Methods. II. Many-body Perturbation Theory

Rayleigh-Schrödinger perturbation theory maps an inexact operator with known eigenfunctions to an exact operator with increasing orders of accuracy

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^{(0)} + \lambda \mathbf{V} \quad \mathbf{A}^{(0)} \Psi_0^{(0)} = a_0^{(0)} \Psi_0^{(0)}$$

$$a_0^{(1)} = \langle \Psi_0^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_0^{(0)} \rangle$$

$$\Psi_0^{(1)} = \sum_j c_j \Psi_j^{(0)}$$

$$a_0^{(2)} = \sum_{j>0} \frac{|\langle \Psi_j^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_0^{(0)} \rangle|^2}{a_0^{(0)} - a_j^{(0)}}$$

$$c_j = \frac{\langle \Psi_j^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_0^{(0)} \rangle}{a_0^{(0)} - a_j^{(0)}}$$

$$a_0^{(3)} = \sum_{j>0, k>0} \frac{\langle \Psi_0^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_j^{(0)} \rangle [\langle \Psi_j^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_k^{(0)} \rangle - \delta_{jk} \langle \Psi_0^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_0^{(0)} \rangle] \langle \Psi_k^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_0^{(0)} \rangle}{(a_0^{(0)} - a_j^{(0)}) (a_0^{(0)} - a_k^{(0)})}$$

Møller-Plesset (MP) Perturbation Theory

Møller and Plesset (MP) first suggested mapping from the zeroth-order Fock operator (a sum of one-electron mean-field operators) to the correct Hamiltonian (the “perturbation” is the entire electron repulsion energy, which is double counted in the sum of HF occupied eigenvalues)

$$H = F^{(0)} + \lambda \left[\sum_i^{\text{occ.}} \sum_{j>i}^{\text{occ.}} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \sum_i^{\text{occ.}} \sum_j^{\text{occ.}} \left(J_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} K_{ij} \right) \right] \quad F^{(0)} \Psi_0^{(\text{HF})} = \sum_i^{\text{occ.}} \varepsilon_i \Psi_0^{(\text{HF})}$$

$$a_0^{(1)} = \langle \Psi_0^{(0)} | \mathbf{V} | \Psi_0^{(0)} \rangle \quad \text{By construction,} \quad a^{(0)} + a^{(1)} = E_{\text{HF}}$$

$$a_0^{(2)} = \sum_i^{\text{occ.}} \sum_{j>i}^{\text{occ.}} \sum_a^{\text{vir.}} \sum_{b>a}^{\text{vir.}} \frac{\left[(ij|ab) - (ia|jb) \right]^2}{\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_b}$$

*Eigenvalues already available;
requires computation of electron-
repulsion integrals over MOs;
favorable scaling; size extensive;
higher orders well defined but not
necessarily convergent.*

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- MP0 double-counts electron repulsion, MP1 = HF, MP2 captures a “good” amount of correlation energy at low cost, higher orders available (up to about MP6 in modern codes—becomes expensive rapidly)
- Multireference options available: CASPT2, RASPT2, and analogs
- No guarantee of convergent behavior—pathological cases occur with unpleasant frequency

Correlated Methods. III. Coupled Cluster

CI adopts a linear ansatz to improve upon the HF reference

$$\Psi = a_0 \Psi_{\text{HF}} + \sum_i^{\text{occ.}} \sum_r^{\text{vir.}} a_i^r \Psi_i^r + \sum_{i < j}^{\text{occ.}} \sum_{r < s}^{\text{vir.}} a_{ij}^{rs} \Psi_{ij}^{rs} + \dots$$

Coupled cluster proceeds from the idea that accounting for the interaction of one electron with more than a single other electron is unlikely to be important. Thus, to the extent that “many-electron” interactions are important, it will be through simultaneous pair interactions, or so-called “disconnected clusters”

An exponential ansatz can accomplish this in an elegant way. If we define excitation operators, e.g., the double excitation operator as

$$\mathbf{T}_2 \Psi_{\text{HF}} = \sum_{i < j}^{\text{occ.}} \sum_{a < b}^{\text{vir.}} t_{ij}^{ab} \Psi_{ij}^{ab}$$

Then the full CI wave function for n electrons can be generated from the action of $1 + \mathbf{T} = 1 + \mathbf{T}_1 + \mathbf{T}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{T}_n$ on the HF reference

Correlated Methods. III. Coupled Cluster (cont.)

More importantly, if we consider the action of $e^{\mathbf{T}}$ on the HF reference, restricting ourselves for the moment to just $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_2$

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{\text{CCD}} &= e^{\mathbf{T}_2} \Psi_{\text{HF}} \\ &= \left(1 + \mathbf{T}_2 + \frac{\mathbf{T}_2^2}{2!} + \frac{\mathbf{T}_2^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \Psi_{\text{HF}}\end{aligned}$$

Note that repeated applications of \mathbf{T}_2 (which is what is implied in squared, cubed, etc. terms) generates the desired “disconnected clusters”

Like CID, an iterative solution to coupled equations can be undertaken

$$\langle \Psi_{\text{HF}} | \mathbf{H} | e^{\mathbf{T}_2} \Psi_{\text{HF}} \rangle = E_{\text{corr}} \left\langle \Psi_{\text{HF}} \left| \left(\Psi_{\text{HF}} + \sum_{A < B, I < J} t_{ab}^{ij} \Psi_{ab}^{ij} \right) \right. \right\rangle = E_{\text{corr}}$$

$$\langle \Psi_{ab}^{ij} | \mathbf{H} | e^{\mathbf{T}_2} \Psi_{\text{HF}} \rangle = \left\langle \Psi_{ab}^{ij} | \mathbf{H} \left| \left(1 + \mathbf{T}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{T}_2^2 \right) \Psi_{\text{HF}} \right. \right\rangle = t_{ab}^{ij} E_{\text{corr}}$$

Correlated Methods. III. Coupled Cluster (cont.)

The math is somewhat tedious, but the CC equations can be shown to be size-extensive for any level of excitation

CCSD (single and double excitations) is convenient but addition of disconnected triples (CCSDT) is very expensive. A perturbative estimate of the effect of triple excitations defines the CCSD(T) method, sometimes called the “gold standard” of modern single-reference WFT

Post-HF levels: Price/Performance

HF < MP2 ~ MP3 ~ CCD < CISD

< MP4SDQ ~ QCISD ~ CCSD < MP4 < QCISD(T) ~ CCSD(T) < ...

Scaling behavior	Method(s)
N^4	HF
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N^7	MP4, CCSD(T), QCISD(T)
N^8	MP5, CISDT, CCSDT
N^9	MP6
N^{10}	MP7, CISDTQ, CCSDTQ

From Electronic Energies to Thermodynamics

The Triumph of Statistical Mechanics
*(The Ideal-Gas, Rigid-Rotator,
Quantum-Mechanical-Harmonic-
Oscillator Approximation)*

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How Does an Electronic Energy Relate to a Thermodynamic Quantity?

- Electronic energies are unspeakably tiny energies referring to the *potential* energy of a single molecule at 0 K characterized by classical nuclei (only the electrons are treated quantum mechanically)
- Chemistry involves an unspeakably *large* number of molecules whose distribution is governed by Boltzmann statistics at equilibrium
- Thermodynamic quantities describe the *ensemble* properties of large numbers of molecules
- One molecule at 0 K is like a ball on a PES, one *mole* of molecules at non-zero T is like a dense flock of birds, thinning in all directions from a central point, hovering above that surface and in constant motion with individual birds going up, down, back, and forth...

Fundamental Equations of Thermodynamics

*The partition
function*

$$Q(N, V, T) = \sum_i e^{-E_i(N, V) / k_B T}$$

Internal energy

$$U = k_B T^2 \left(\frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial T} \right)_{N, V}$$

Enthalpy

$$H = U + PV$$

Entropy

$$S = k_B \ln Q + k_B T \left(\frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial T} \right)_{N, V}$$

*Gibbs Free Energy
(Free Enthalpy)*

$$G = H - TS$$

*Note how in
thermodynamics
the partition
function has
essentially the
same status as
the wave
function has in
quantum
mechanics*

A Convenient Partition Function

The partition function

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Identifying all possible energy states available to an arbitrary system is a brobdingnagian task. A simplification is to take the system to be an ideal gas. By definition, the individual molecules of the ideal gas do not interact with one another, so the total energy is the sum of their individual energies:

$$Q(N, V, T) = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_i e^{-[\epsilon_1(V) + \epsilon_2(V) + \dots + \epsilon_N(V)] / k_B T}$$

The sum

$$= \frac{1}{N!} \left[\sum_{j(1)} e^{-\epsilon_{j(1)}(V) / k_B T} \right] \left[\sum_{j(2)} e^{-\epsilon_{j(2)}(V) / k_B T} \right] \dots \left[\sum_{j(N)} e^{-\epsilon_{j(N)}(V) / k_B T} \right]$$

Exponential of sum is product of exponentials

$$= \frac{1}{N!} \left[\sum_k^{\text{levels}} g_k e^{-\epsilon_k(V) / k_B T} \right]^N$$

All molecules of ideal gas are identical

$$= \frac{[q(V, T)]^N}{N!}$$

q is molecular partition function

What Contributes to the Total Energy of a Molecule?

Electronic energy: (from Schrödinger or Kohn-Sham eqs)

Translational kinetic energy: (dense levels, like classical system; depends only on molecular weight, *choice of standard-state volume*, and temperature; 0 at 0 K)

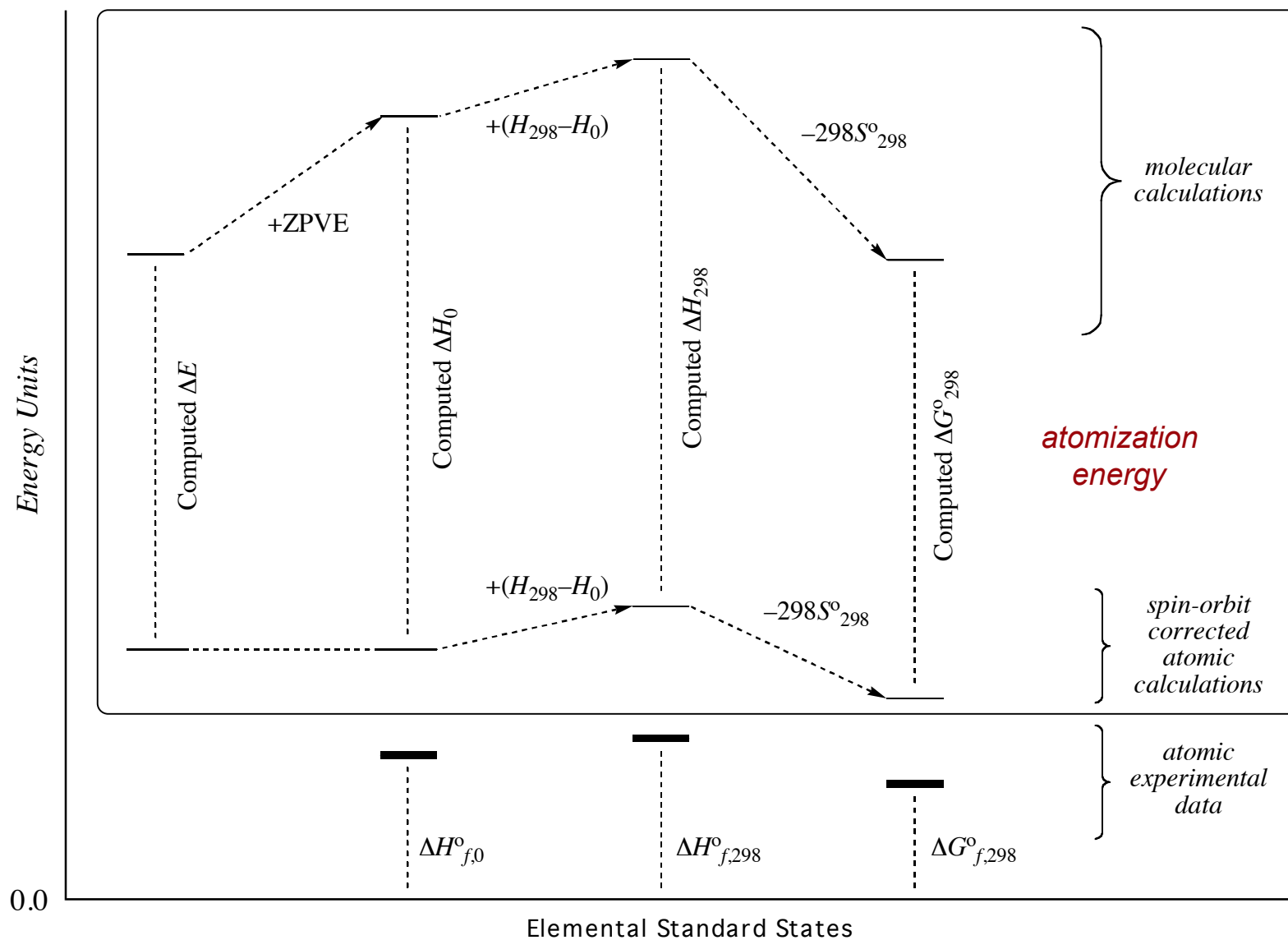
Rotational kinetic energy: (if rigid rotator: dense levels, like classical system; depends only on principal moments of inertia and temperature; 0 at 0 K)

Vibrational kinetic energy: (if harmonic oscillator: *not* dense levels, but convergent sum; depends only on molecular vibrational frequencies (normal modes) and temperature; *not 0 at 0 K for QMHO*)

Practical thermodynamic calculations require only that a geometry and vibrational frequencies be available

Zero-point vibrational energy (ZPVE)

How to Reconcile Experimental and Theoretical Standard-State Conventions?



Conceptual Test

Calculations at semiempirical levels of theory report heats of formation without ever doing frequency calculations. Explain how the predicted heat of formation is computed and what is involved in foregoing a frequency calculation.

How 'bout Those Post-HF WFTs?

Benchmarking the Models

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How Do Post-HF Theories Do?

Various Atomization Energy Test Sets

- HF/6-311+G(3df,2p): MUE, 211.5 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 582.2 kcal mol⁻¹
- TPSSh/6-311++G(3df,3pd): MUE, 3.9 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 16.2 kcal mol⁻¹
- MP2/6-311+G(3df,2p): MUE, 9.7 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, ~25 kcal mol⁻¹
- QCISD/6-31G(d): MUE, 51.7 kcal mol⁻¹ (109 molecules)
- CCSD(T)/6-311G(2df,p): MUE, 11.5 kcal mol⁻¹ (32 molecules)

Great theories, maybe, but disastrous thermochemistry

Correlated Methods. IV. Multilevel Protocols

Use of an incomplete (i.e., non-infinite basis set) leads to errors—for some levels of theory, one knows the manner in which the infinite limit is approached, so one can extrapolate to the infinite basis result. E.g., for HF:

$$E_{\text{HF},\infty} = \frac{x^5 E_{\text{HF},x} - y^5 E_{\text{HF},y}}{x^5 - y^5}$$

where x and y are the highest angular momentum quantum numbers in the basis sets (e.g., $d = 2$, $f = 3$, etc.)

Similar scaling for some correlation-energy schemes

$$E_{\text{corr},\infty} = \frac{x^3 E_{\text{corr},x} - y^3 E_{\text{corr},y}}{x^3 - y^3}$$

Multilevel Protocols: Tema y Variación

Rather than estimating limits in a rigorous fashion, consider total energy to be a linear combination of components with empirically optimized coefficients

$$E_{\text{multilevel}} = \sum_i^{\text{components}} c_i \varepsilon_i$$

- ε_1 MP2/cc-pVDZ (optimized structure *a*)
- ε_2 MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ – MP2/cc-pVDZ // *a*
- ε_3 MP4/cc-pVTZ – MP2/cc-pVDZ // *a*
- ε_4 CCSD(T)/cc-pVDZ – MP4/cc-pVDZ // *a*
- ε_5 etc. (possible empirical terms)

may also include scaled thermochemical contributions, of course

Multilevel Protocols: The Menagerie

Purely additive protocols:	G2, G3, G2MP2, G3MP2, G3B3, G3MP2B3, G3-RAD, ...
Extrapolative/additive protocols:	CBS-4, CBS-q, CBS-Q, CBS-APNO, W1, W1U, W1BD, W2, W3, W4, ...
Scaled/additive protocols:	SAC, MCQCISD, MCG3, G3S, G3S(MP2), G3X, ...
Bond-correcting protocols:	BAC-MP4, PDDG/MNDO, PDDG/PM3

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- CBS-Q: MUE, 1.2 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 8.1 kcal mol⁻¹
- G3: MUE, 1.1 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 7.1 kcal mol⁻¹
- W2: MUE, 0.5 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 1.9 kcal mol⁻¹ (55 molecules—wildly expensive)

What's the Right Way to Do a Calculation?

- Solve the Schrödinger equation exactly (full CI, infinite basis)—rarely practical...
- Use a multilevel approach to get as close as you can to the exact solution
- Use an isodesmic protocol to foster error cancellation
- Assume error transferability between related known and unknown systems at an affordable level
- Assume that good results for a known property of the system will ensure good results for an unknown
- Indulge in optimism and hope

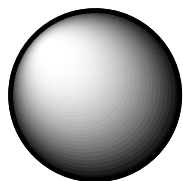
Density Functional Theory—No Panacea

In its Kohn-Sham implementation, DFT also employs a one-electron-operator formalism to compute densities/energies

$$h_i^{\text{KS}} = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_k^{\text{nuclei}} \frac{Z_k}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}'|} + \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}' + V_{\text{xc}}$$

and the correct form for V_{xc} is known only for very simple model systems (e.g., the uniform electron gas)

PBE/cc-pV5Z

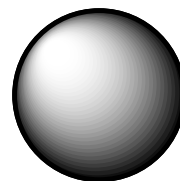


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What the Hell is Density Functional Theory?

Hohenberg and Kohn proved that the total energy can be determined exclusively from the electron density

$$E[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = T[\rho(\mathbf{r})] + V[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$$

conceptually simple but operationally challenging!

In practice one employs

$$E[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = T[\rho^*(\mathbf{r})] - \sum_k^{\text{nuclei}} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})Z_k}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_k|} d\mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}' + V_{\text{xc}}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$$

where ρ^* is the correct density but for *non-interacting* electrons and V_{xc} corrects for this approximation and using the classical repulsion energy

How Do One-electron Theories Do?

G3/99 Test Set (223 Molecules)

- HF/6-311+G(3df,2p): MUE, 211.5 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 582.2 kcal mol⁻¹
- LDA/6-311+G(2df,p): MUE, 121.9 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 347.5 kcal mol⁻¹
- BPW91/6-311++G(3df,3pd): MUE, 9.0 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 28.0 kcal mol⁻¹
- TPSS/6-311++G(3df,3pd): MUE, 5.8 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 22.9 kcal mol⁻¹
- TPSSh/6-311++G(3df,3pd): MUE, 3.9 kcal mol⁻¹; Max, 16.2 kcal mol⁻¹

Hybrid DFT not bad, but still not really acceptable