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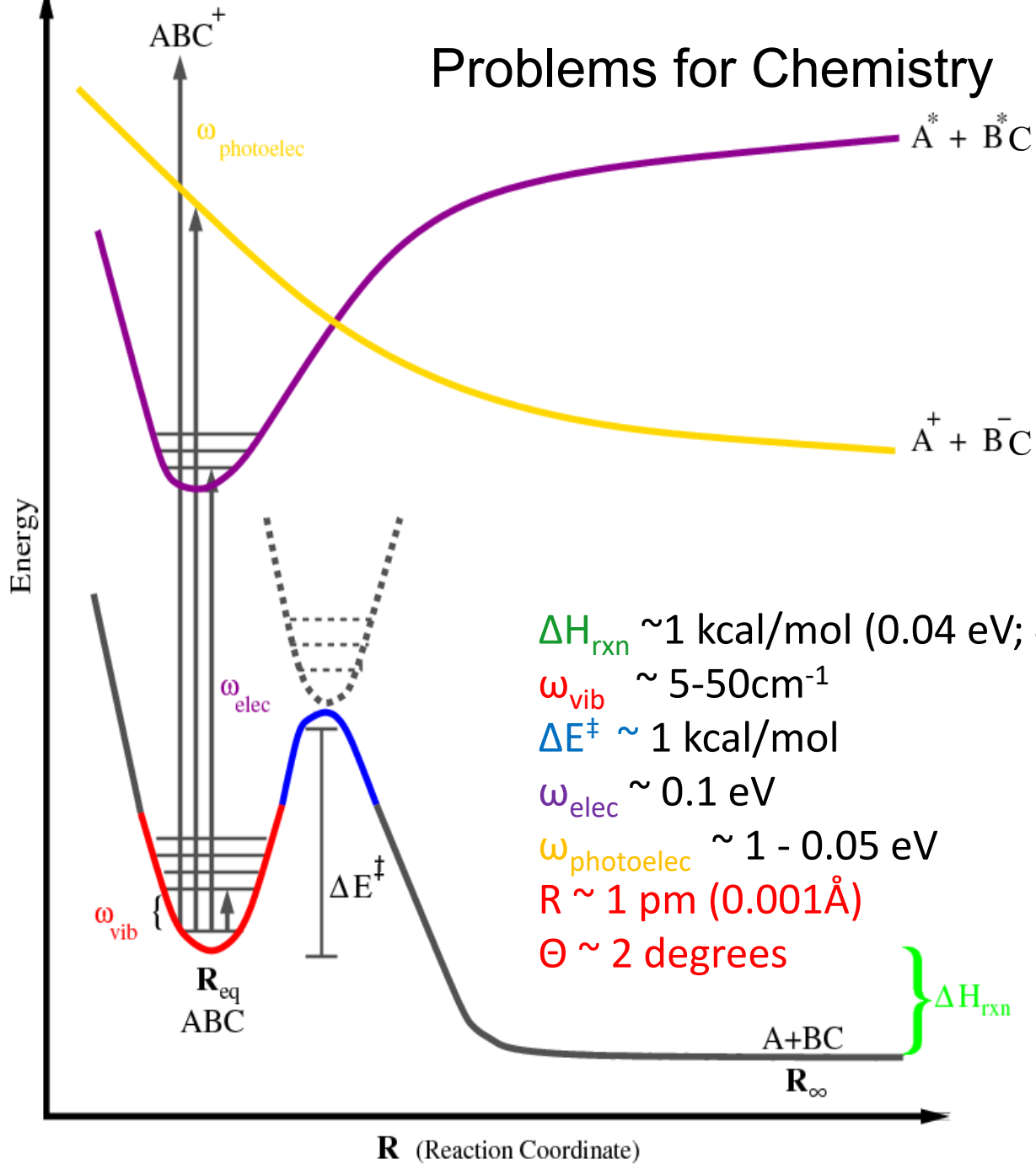
Introduction to Coupled-cluster Theory for Chemistry

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OUTLINE

- Pedagogical Introduction to CC in chemistry
- CC Numerical Results compared to FCI
- Quasi-linearization of CC eqns.
- Analytical gradients and Property Evaluation
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- Quadruple Excitations and a simplified form
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- 'Strong Correlation'. Bond Breaking, MR Tests for SR-CC.
- Changing particle number solutions: DIP and DEA
- Role of Reference Functions, featuring Pccd

Problems for Chemistry



The starting point is Molecular Orbital Theory, an effective independent particle theory whose wavefunction is a single determinant of MO's, that solve the Schrodinger-like eqn,

$$h^{\text{eff}}(1)\varphi_p(1) = \varepsilon_p \varphi_p(1)$$

$\Phi_0 = A(\varphi_1(1) \varphi_2(2) \dots \varphi_n(n))$ **A = Anti-symmetrizer makes a determinant of the MO's**

$$h^{\text{eff}}(1) = F(1) = t(1) + v(1) + J(1) - K(1) \text{ Hartree-Fock}$$

where all essential two-particle effects are hidden into an effective one-particle operator. HF *formally* accomplishes this, as does KS-DFT.

CORRELATION PROBLEM IN MANY-ELECTRON QUANTUM MECHANICS PER OLOV LÖWDIN

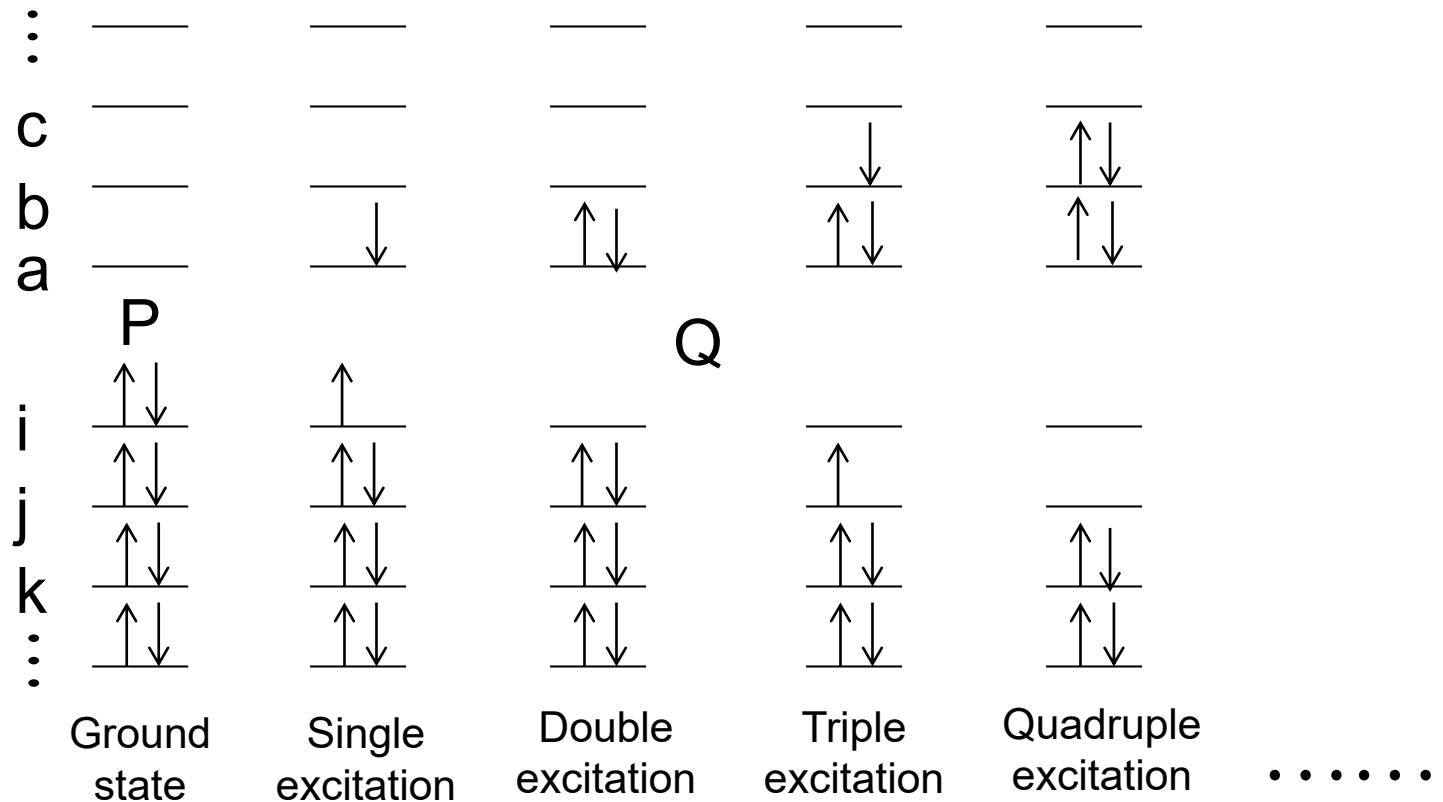
Adv. Chem. Phys. Vol II, pg. 207-365 (1959).

“...a wavefunction approximated by a single Slater determinant is usually a rather poor solution to the Schrödinger equation... It has instead turned out that phenomena depending on the individual motions of the different particles are of almost the same importance as the exchange phenomena and that a better theory of many-particle systems can be obtained only if this correlation between the individual motions is in some way taken into proper account. The correlation problem is today, therefore, of crucial importance not only in atomic, molecular, and solid-state theory, but also in nuclear physics.”

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CCSD $\sim o^2 v^4$, CCSDT $\sim o^3 v^5$, CCSDTQ $\sim o^4 v^6$

$o=10$, $v=100$, # Triples $\sim 10^9$, # Quads $\sim 10^{12}$



CID, CISD, CISDT, CISDTQ, Full CI

MBPT2, MBPT3, MBPT4, MBPT5, ... Full CI

CCD, CCSD, CCSDT, CCSDTQ ... Full CI

Properties of Full CI

- Best possible answer in a basis set
- Invariant to orbital choice
- Variational Upper bound to any electronic state
- Size-extensive, correct scaling with size of molecule
- Size-intensive for excited state energy differences
- Truncated CI (or MR-CI) satisfies none of these exact conditions---except upper bound—but bound is due to the incorrect retention of unlinked digrams.

Many-Body Perturbation Theory

$$\Psi_{\text{MBPT}} = \sum_{k=0} (R_0 H)^k |0\rangle \text{Linked}$$

$$R_0 = (E_0 - H_0)^{-1} Q$$

$$E_{\text{MBPT}} = \langle 0 | H | \Psi_{\text{MBPT}} \rangle = E_0 + E^{(1)} + E^{(2)} + E^{(3)} \dots$$

TRANSITION TO COUPLED-CLUSTER THEORY

Infinite-order summation of **linked MBPT** diagrams becomes

$$\Psi_{\text{MBPT}} = \exp(T)|0\rangle = \Psi_{\text{CC}} \quad . \quad T = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots$$

T is 'connected'

THE NECESSITY OF **SIZE-EXTENSIVITY*** IN QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Chemistry depends on energy differences.

We have to know that $E(AB)=E(A)+E(B)$, $R_{AB} \rightarrow \infty$

This can be accomplished provided that

$$H(AB)\Psi(AB)=[H(A)+H(B)] \Psi(A)\Psi(B)=[E(A)+E(B)] \Psi(A)\Psi(B)$$

With a separable (mean-field) reference function, $|A\rangle|B\rangle$

$$\Psi(AB)=\exp[T(AB)]|AB\rangle=\exp[T(A)]|A\rangle\exp[T(B)]|B\rangle,$$

where the operator, T , is *connected*.

Guaranteed by evaluating *only linked diagrams*.

***RJB, G. Purvis, IJQC (1978)**

Performance of theories for the correlation energy in small molecules.
 To facilitate comparisons, the ordinate gives the size-scaling parameter
 of the approximation, $\alpha = \alpha_n + \alpha_N + \alpha_{it}$ in the computational
 cost function $n^{\alpha_n} N^{\alpha_N} N_{it}^{\alpha_{it}}$.

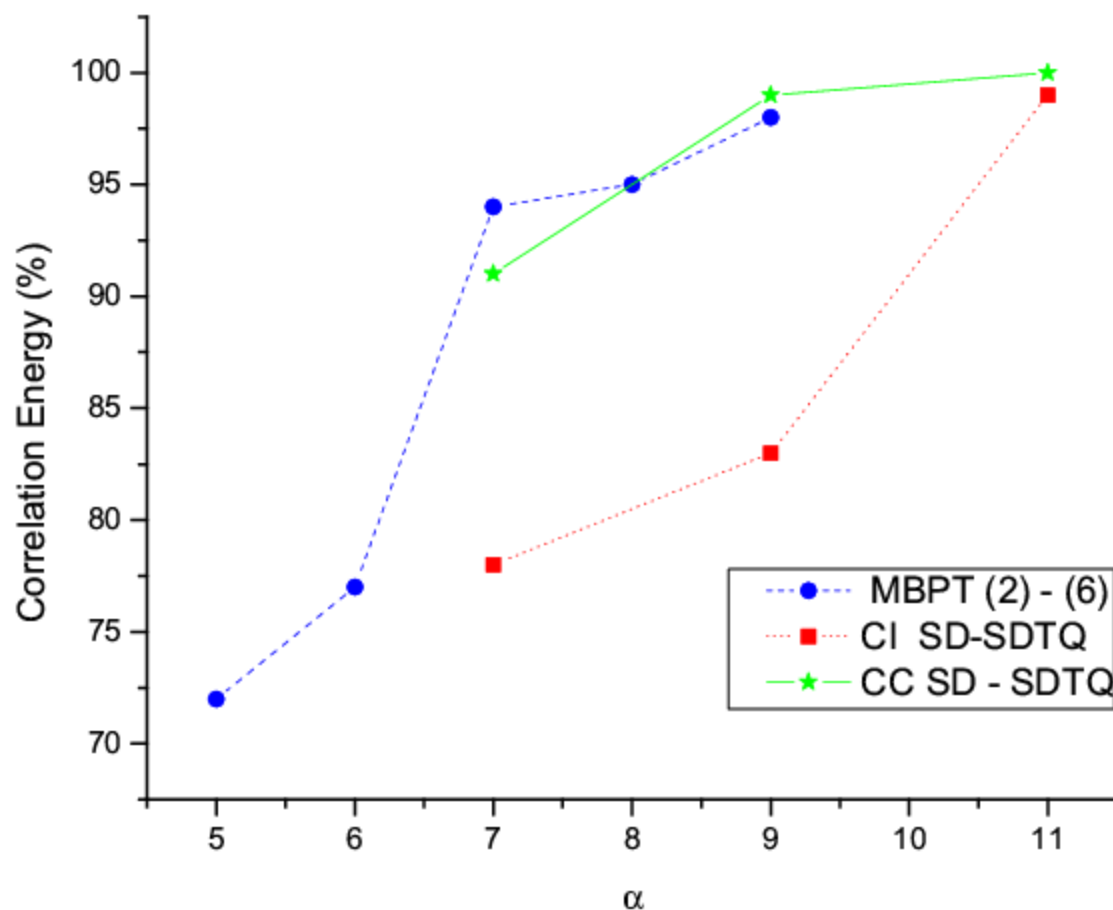


Illustration for FCI Correlation Energies

These are small molecules whose Full CI's are available in a DZP basis. But for a correlation energy study, they are highly demanding at stretched geometries because like all RHF reference functions, it cannot separate correctly to open shell fragments, making the correlation error excessive at large R .

TABLE V. Correlation corrections with various CC methods relative to FCI^a values [mH].

		CCSD	CCSDT	CCSDTQ	CCSDTQP
HF(DZP)	R_e	3.006	0.266	0.018	0.000
	$1.5R_e$	5.099	0.646	0.041	0.000
	$2.0R_e$	10.181	1.125	0.062	0.001
H ₂ O(DZP)	R_e	4.122	0.531	0.023	0.002
	$1.5R_e$	10.158	1.784	0.139	0.025
	$2.0R_e$	21.404	-2.472	-0.015	0.026
SiH ₂ (DZP)	R_e	2.843	0.100	0.002	0.001
	$1.5R_e$	6.685	0.058	-0.015	0.001
	$2.0R_e$	14.869	-3.689	-0.346	0.001
CH ₂ (DZP)	R_e	3.544	0.206	0.007	0.000
	$1.5R_e$	6.961	0.310	0.026	0.000
	$2.0R_e^b$	14.648	-1.900	-0.050	0.000

^aThe FCI values, basis sets and geometry taken from Ref. 27 for HF; Ref. 28 for H₂O; Ref. 29 for SiH₂ and Ref. 30 for CH₂.

^bFor CH₂ system the FCI $2R_e$ result is not available; the CCSDTQP value was used as the reference.

TABLE VI. Net correlation effects due to particular cluster operators [mH].

		$\Delta E(\text{CCSD})$	$\Delta E(T_3)$	$\Delta E(T_4)$	$\Delta E(T_5)$
HF(DZP)	R_e	-200.876	-2.740	-0.248	-0.018
	$1.5R_e$	-222.066	-4.453	-0.605	-0.041
	$2.0R_e$	-253.355	-9.056	-1.063	-0.061
H ₂ O(DZP)	R_e	-211.960	-3.591	-0.508	-0.021
	$1.5R_e$	-260.753	-8.374	-1.645	-0.114
	$2.0R_e$	-348.579	-23.876	2.457	0.041
SiH ₂ (DZP)	R_e	-114.008	-2.743	-0.098	-0.001
	$1.5R_e$	-137.469	-6.627	-0.073	0.016
	$2.0R_e$	-210.241	-18.558	3.343	0.347
CH ₂ (DZP)	R_e	-137.342	-3.338	-0.119	-0.007
	$1.5R_e$	-172.173	-6.651	-0.284	-0.026
	$2.0R_e$	-242.752	-16.548	1.850	0.050

CCSDTQP 2002



Monika Musial

CCSDT 1987

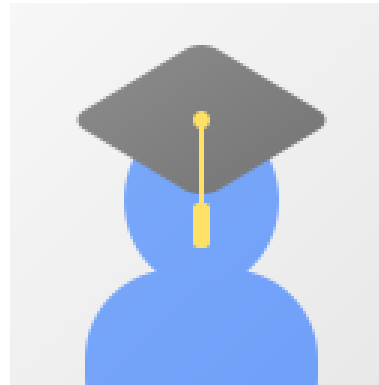


Josef Noga



George Purvis

CCSD 1982



Stan Kucharski

CCSDTQ 1992

T_3 eqns



Fig. 10.5. ASG diagrams representing the CCSDT $\hat{T}_3$ equations.

T_4 eqns.

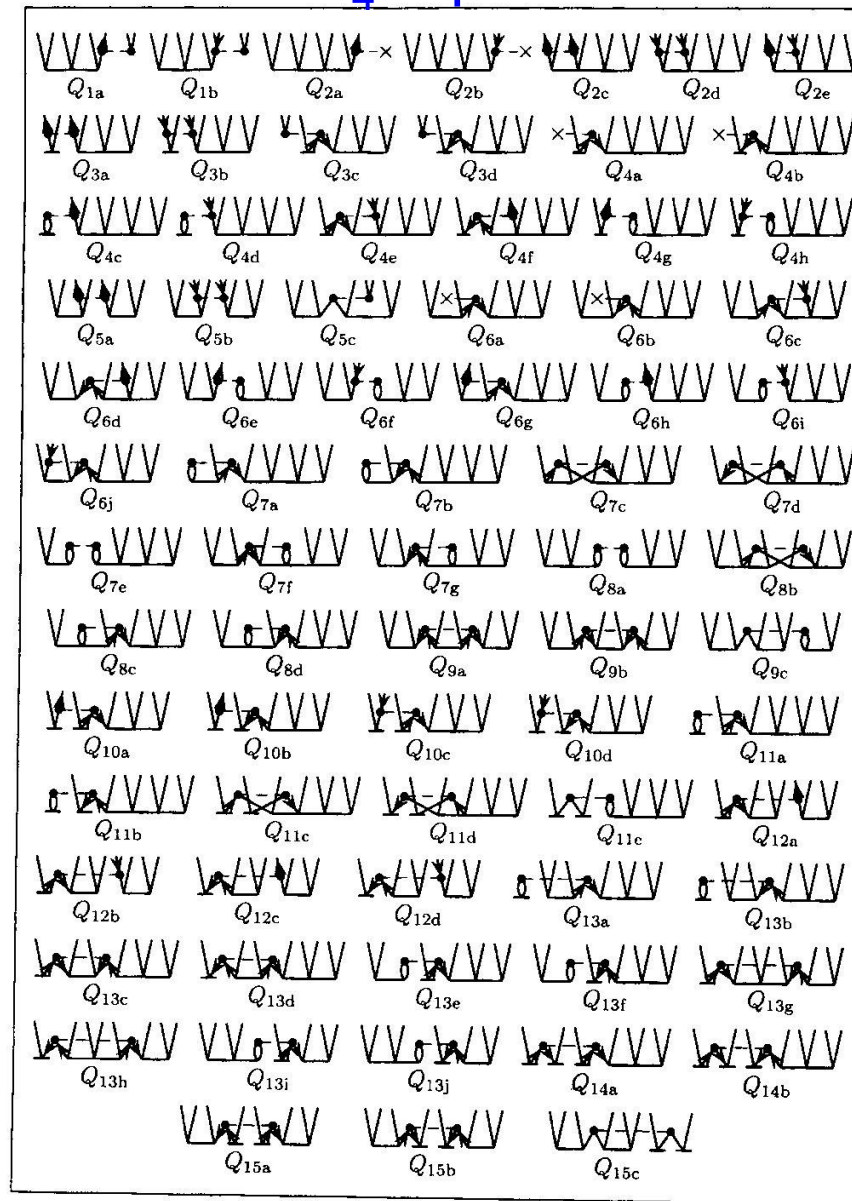


Fig. 10.9. Antisymmetrized Goldstone diagrams representing the CCSDTQ $\hat{T}_4$ equation.

Quasi-linearization of CC eqns. Kucharski, RJB TCA 1991

CCSDTQ eqns, subject to defined intermediates

$$V_{\text{---}x} + V_{\text{wavy}} + V_{\text{double}} + \text{loop}_1 + \text{loop}_2 + \text{loop}_3 + \text{loop}_4 + \text{loop}_5$$

Now we can hide most details
to proceed expediently

Example I: CC theory.

The exact wavefunction has to be
 $\psi = \exp(T)|0\rangle$, (with potential mods for MR
theory) It's multiplicatively separable,
size-extensive, suited to infinite systems,
etc. Why use any wavefunction form that
isn't?

The CC energy is

$$E_P = P\bar{H}P,$$

The similarity transformed Hamiltonian is

$$\bar{H} = \exp(-T)H\exp(T)$$

and the wavefunction equations are

$$Q\bar{H}P = 0.$$

EQUATIONS IN CC THEORY

$$T = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots \text{CCSDT} \dots$$

Critical Element is that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-T} H e^T &= H + [H, T] + \frac{[H, T]T}{2} + \frac{[[H, T]T]T}{3!} + \frac{[[[H, T]T]T]T}{4!} \\ &= (H e^T)_C \\ &= \hat{H} \end{aligned}$$

Regardless of what level of excitations are in T .

Thus, the equations for the wavefunction amplitudes are *finite*, even though the wavefunction is *not truncated*.

$$E = \langle 0 | \hat{H} | 0 \rangle$$

$$Q \hat{H} | 0 \rangle = 0$$

$Q = \text{single} + \text{double} + \text{triple} + \dots \text{excitations.}$

Analytical Gradients, $\{\partial E/\partial X_\alpha\}$

Chemistry is critically dependent on molecular geometry. Yet they have $\sim 3N$ degrees of freedom. To explore structure, transition states, and vibrational spectroscopy for polyatomic molecules demands the $3N$ analytical gradients, $\{\partial E/\partial X_\alpha\}$, computed at the same time and cost as E , itself.



ANALYTICAL GRADIENTS IN CC THEORY

PROBLEMS:

- Before CC theory all quantum chemical methods depended upon being variational to get better approximations and to make it possible to evaluate forces analytically.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial E / \partial X_{\alpha} = & \langle \partial H / \partial X_{\alpha} \rangle + \sum_{\mu} (\partial E / \partial \eta_{\mu}) (\partial \eta_{\mu} / \partial X_{\alpha}) \text{ (AO)} \\ & + \sum_p (\partial E / \partial c_p) (\partial c_p / \partial X_{\alpha}) \text{ (MO)} + \sum (\partial E / \partial C_k) (\partial C_k / \partial X_{\alpha}) \text{ (CI)} \end{aligned}$$

- Methods like CI and MCSCF do not correspond to an *unterminated* exponential structure.

Example II. Properties in CC Theory

Take derivative(s) of the CC energy to get $\partial E / \partial X_\alpha = E^\alpha$,

$$EP = P\mathbf{H}P,$$

$$E^\alpha P = P(\mathbf{H}^\alpha)P + P(\mathbf{H}T^\alpha)P$$

And the wavefunction, from first- order PT

$$QT^\alpha P = (E - \mathbf{H})^{-1}Q \mathbf{H}^\alpha P$$

$$E^\alpha P = P[(\mathbf{H}^\alpha) + \mathbf{H}Q(E - \mathbf{H})^{-1}Q \mathbf{H}^\alpha]P$$

Then, Define $\Lambda = P\mathbf{H}Q(E - \mathbf{H})^{-1}Q$

$E^\alpha P = P(1 + \Lambda) \mathbf{H}^\alpha P$. And
 $E = P(1 + \Lambda)\mathbf{H}P$, is the CC functional.
 It is stationary wrt Λ and T .

Expectation Value in CC Properties

Since the expectation value

$$\langle O \rangle = (\exp(T^\dagger) O \exp(T))_C$$

Doesn't terminate, this simple
Expression does not work.

Instead $\langle O \rangle = \langle 0 | (1 + \Lambda) [(O \exp(T))]_C | 0 \rangle$

This provides an **expectation value** for an *untruncated* exponential wavefunction, and a **generalization of *density matrices* to CC theory** and for methods that do not have a wavefunction like CCSD(T).

$$Y_{pq} = \langle 0 | (1 + \Lambda) e^{-T} \{p^\dagger q\} e^T | 0 \rangle$$

$$\Gamma_{pqrs} = \langle 0 | (1 + \Lambda) e^{-T} \{p^\dagger q^\dagger sr\} e^T | 0 \rangle$$

These density matrices enable CC theory to handle all first-order properties, including analytical gradients.

Example III: Non-iterative Triple Excitation Corrections

CCSD(T): “the gold-standard.”

**Combines MBPT(4) Triple Excitations with
CCSD (Purvis, RJB, 82) solutions.**

If let $T_3[2] \rightarrow T_2 + T_1$ and iterate, have CCSDT-1, 84(Lee, Kucharski, RJB).

If stop after first iteration, get $\Delta E_{(T)}$.

$$H = H_0 + f_{ov} + W$$

$$\Delta E_{(T)} = \langle 0 | (T_1 + T_2)^\dagger (f_{ov} + W) Q_3 D_3 Q_3 (W T_2) | 0 \rangle$$

Urban, Noga, RJB, 85[T],

Raghavchari, Trucks, ...Pople 89(T)

Watts, Gauss, RJB 93
(Generalized (T)).

CCSD(T) arises from assuming that the T_3 amplitudes can be approximated from T_2 and T_1 known from CCSD.

$$\epsilon_{ijk}^{abc} [2] = \text{diagram} \quad \text{If let } T_3[2] \rightarrow T_2 + T_1 \text{ and iterate, have CCSDT-1}$$

[T], Urban, Noga, RJB, 85

$$\mathbf{E}_T^{[4]} = \text{diagram} \quad \text{OR} \quad \text{diagram} \quad \text{(T)non HF, Watts, Gauss, RJB, 93}$$

$$+ \text{diagram} + \text{diagram} \times$$

Non-iterative triple excitations

$$E_{\text{CC4SD(T)}} = E_{\text{CCSD}} + E_{\text{T}}^{[4]} + E_{\text{ST}}^{[5]} + E_{\text{DT}}^{[4]}, \quad (10.38)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{T}}^{[4]} &= \text{Diagram 1} = \text{Diagram 2} \\ &= \frac{1}{36} \sum_{ijkabc} t_{ijk}^{abc[2]*} t_{ijk}^{abc[2]} \varepsilon_{ijk}^{abc} = \sum_{\substack{i>j>k \\ a>b>c}} t_{ijk}^{abc[2]*} t_{ijk}^{abc[2]} \varepsilon_{ijk}^{abc}, \end{aligned} \quad (10.39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{ST}}^{[4]} &= \text{Diagram 3} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ia} t_i^{a[1]*} \left\{ \sum_{jkbc} \langle bc || jk \rangle t_{ijk}^{abc[2]} \right\} = \sum_{ia} t_i^{a[1]*} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{j>k \\ b>c}} \langle bc || jk \rangle t_{ijk}^{abc[2]} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (10.40)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{DT}}^{[4]} &= \text{Diagram 4} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} t_{ij}^{ab[1]*} \left\{ \sum_{kc} f_{kc} t_{ijk}^{abc[2]} \right\} = \sum_{\substack{i>j \\ a>b}} t_{ij}^{ab[1]*} \left\{ \sum_{kc} f_{kc} t_{ijk}^{abc[2]} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (10.41)$$

But what happens when CCSD(T) fails?

CC Functional, $E = \langle 0 | (1 + \Lambda) \exp(-T) H \exp(T) | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | (1 + \Lambda) \hat{H} | 0 \rangle$

Assuming the CCSD solution has been obtained, then one can use this half-CI and half-CC biorthogonal expression to improve non-iterative triple excitation corrections like CCSD[T], CCSD(T),, so that despite their perturbative nature, and incorrectly separating reference RHF functions, surprisingly good potential curves can be obtained.

CC functional, $E = P(1 + \Lambda)\hat{H}P$

CCSD(T) and Λ CCSD(T)

Λ CCSD(T) is the “minimal” formal improvement of CCSD(T)

$$\Delta E_{(T)} = \langle 0 | T^\dagger (F_{ov} + W) | T \rangle D_3 \langle T | (WT_2)_C | 0 \rangle$$

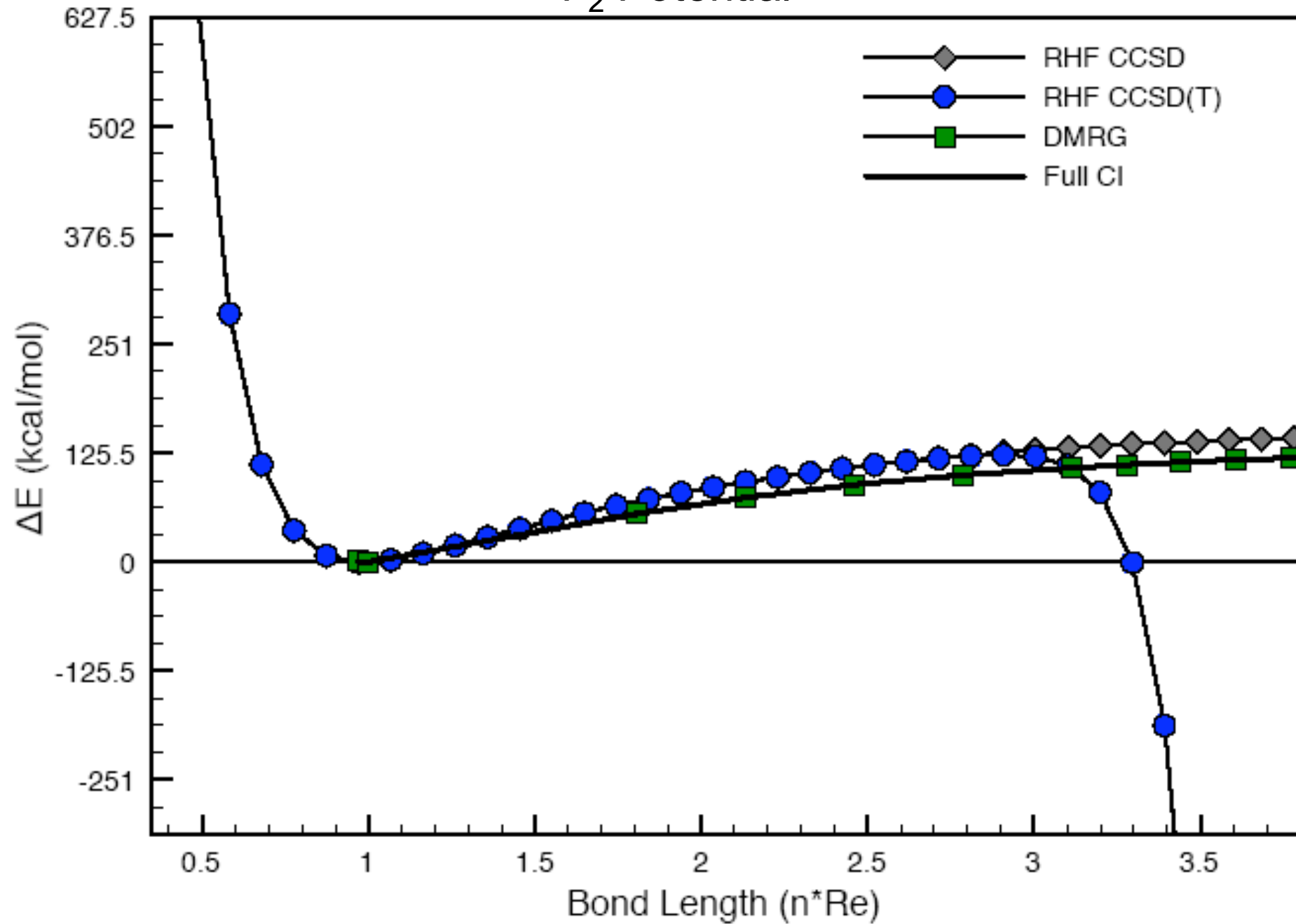
$$\Delta E_{\Lambda(T)} = \langle 0 | \Lambda (F_{ov} + W) | T \rangle D_3 \langle T | (WT_2)_C | 0 \rangle$$

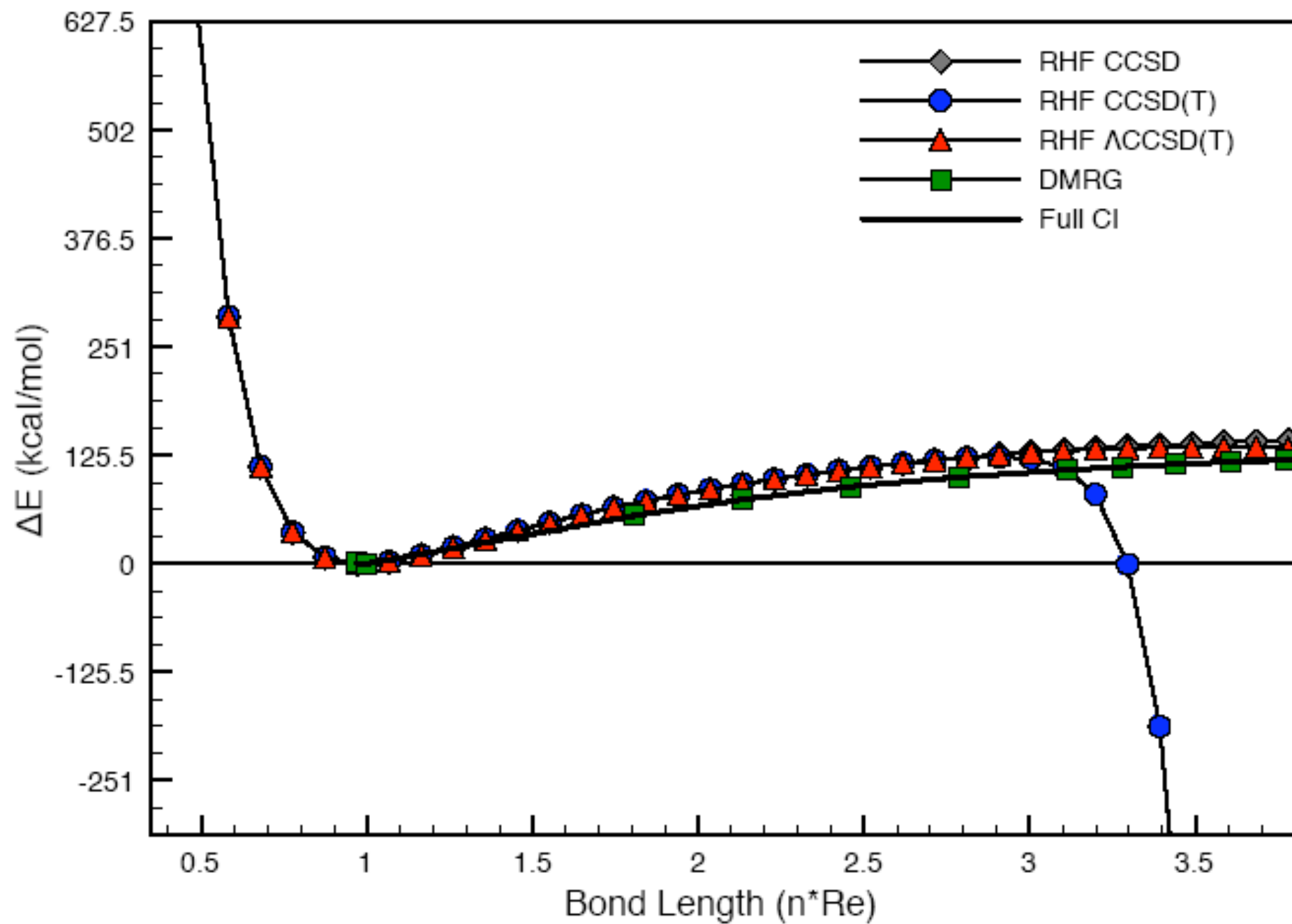
Proposed, Kucharski, RJB, 1998, who showed much better agreement with Full CI than CCSD(T).

Crawford, Stanton, 1998 Further applied and discussed gradients

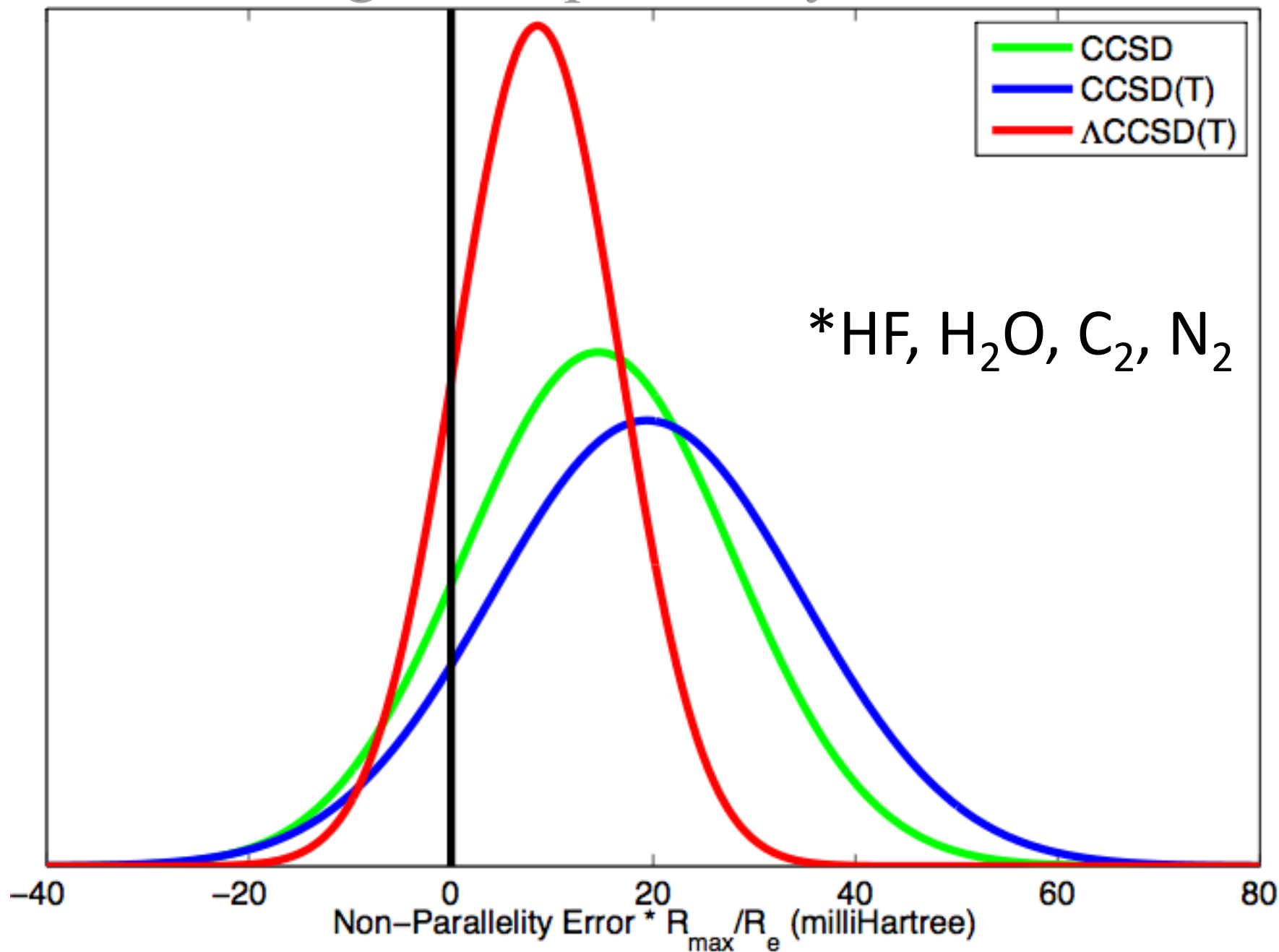
Taube, RJB 2008 implemented gradients.

F₂ Potential





Average Non-parallelity Error*



Simplified methods for quadruple excitations?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta E_Q^{(5)} &= \langle 0 | \hat{W} \hat{R}_0 \hat{W} \hat{T}_4^{(3)} | 0 \rangle_C = \text{diagram (3)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \text{diagram (3)} + \text{diagram (3)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{32} \sum_{\substack{abcd \\ ijkl}} \left\{ \frac{\langle ij || ab \rangle}{\varepsilon_{ij}^{ab}} \langle kl || cd \rangle + \frac{\langle kl || cd \rangle}{\varepsilon_{kl}^{cd}} \langle ij || ab \rangle \right\} t_{ijkl}^{abcd} \quad (10.48) \\
 &= \frac{1}{32} \sum_{\substack{abcd \\ ijkl}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{ij}^{ab}} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{kl}^{cd}} \right\} \langle ij || ab \rangle \langle kl || cd \rangle t_{ijkl}^{abcd} \\
 &= \frac{1}{32} \sum_{\substack{abcd \\ ijkl}} \frac{\langle ij || ab \rangle}{\varepsilon_{ij}^{ab}} \frac{\langle kl || cd \rangle}{\varepsilon_{kl}^{cd}} \varepsilon_{ijkl}^{abcd} t_{ijkl}^{abcd} .
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta E_Q^{(5)} = \frac{1}{2} \langle 0 | (\hat{T}_2^{\dagger(1)})^2 [\hat{W}(\hat{T}_3 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{T}_2^2)] | 0 \rangle_C . \quad (10.49)$$

$$\Delta E_{Q_f}^{[5]} = \frac{1}{2} \langle 0 | \hat{T}_2^{\dagger} \hat{T}_2^{\dagger(1)} [\hat{W}(\hat{T}_3 + \frac{1}{2}\hat{T}_2^2)] | 0 \rangle_C . \quad (10.50)$$

Factorized Quadruples and a Predictor of Higher-Level Correlation in Thermochemistry

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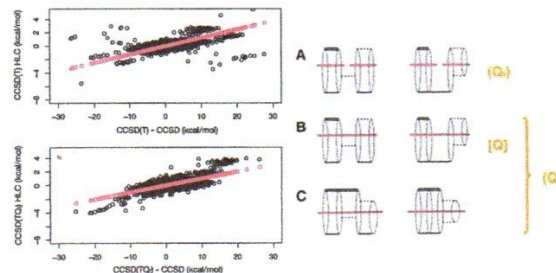
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ABSTRACT: Coupled cluster theory has had a momentous impact on the ab initio prediction of molecular properties, and remains a staple ingratiate in high-accuracy thermochemical model chemistries. However, these methods require inclusion of at least some connected quadruple excitations, which generally scale at best as $O(N^9)$ with the number of basis functions. It is very difficult to predict, a priori, the effect correlation of past CCSD(T) on a given reaction energy. The purpose of this work is to examine cost-effective quadruple corrections based on the factorization theorem of the many-body perturbation theory that may address these challenges. We show that the $O(N^7)$ factorized CCSD(TQ_f)

method introduces minimal error to predicted correlation and reaction energies as compared to the $O(N^9)$ CCSD(TQ). Further, we examine the performance of Goodson's continued fraction method in the estimation of CCSDT(Q)_A contributions to reaction energies as well as a "new" method related to %TAE[(T)] that we refer to as a scaled perturbation estimator. We find that the scaled perturbation estimator based upon CCSD(TQ_f)/cc-pVDZ is capable of predicting CCSDT(Q)_A/cc-pVDZ contributions to reaction energies with an average error of 0.07 kcal mol⁻¹ and an L₂D of 0.52 kcal mol⁻¹ when applied to a test-suite of nearly 3000 reactions. This offers a means by which to reliably "ballpark" how important post-CCSD(T) contributions are to reaction energies while incurring no more than CCSD(T) formal cost and a little mental math.



So far, we get accurate single state potential surfaces, their vibrational spectra, transition states, and density matrices, but we also need excited state PES, UV-vis spectroscopy, photoelectron spectra, ionizations and electron-attached processes.

How do we do that?

Equation-of-motion CC...



JCP **98** 7029 (1993)

Example IV: Excited states.

EOM-CC

$$(E_0 - H)\Psi_0 = 0 \quad \text{GROUND STATE}$$

$$(E_0 - H)\Psi_K = \omega_K \Psi_K \quad \text{EXCITED STATE}$$

$\Psi_K = R_K \exp(T)|0\rangle$ R_K is an operator that can create excited, ionized, or electron attached states---

$$[T, R_K] = 0$$

Subtract the ground state equation from the excited state, to give

$$[(e^{-T} H e^T - E) R_K]_C |0\rangle = (\mathbb{H}, R_K)_C |0\rangle = \omega_K R_K |0\rangle$$

$$\langle 0 | (L_K \mathbb{H}) = \langle 0 | L_K \omega_K$$

$$\omega_K = \langle 0 | L_K (\mathbb{H} R_K)_C |0\rangle$$

This is the analogous functional for excited states that can be differentiated to get properties.

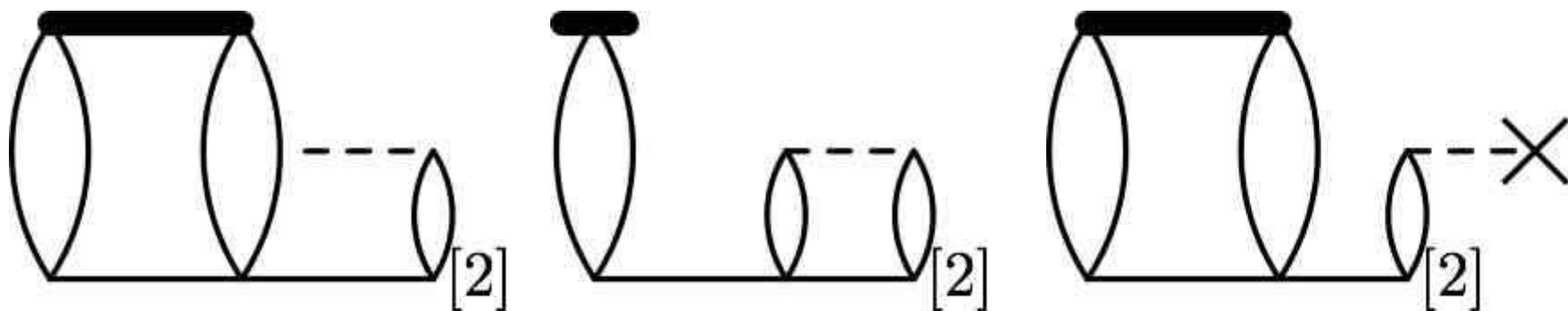
Following exactly the same strategy as for Λ CCSD(T), triples effect in EOM-CC can be readily approximated....

$$\omega_k = \langle 0 | L_K \textcolor{violet}{H} R_K | 0 \rangle, \quad \langle L_K | R_L \rangle = \delta_{KL}$$

$$\omega_T = \langle 0 | (L_1 + L_2) (\textcolor{violet}{H} R_3)_C | 0 \rangle$$

$$Q_3 \textcolor{violet}{H}_0 R_3 | 0 \rangle = Q_3 [\textcolor{violet}{H} (R_2 + R_1)]_C | 0 \rangle \simeq$$

$$Q_3 H_0 R_3 | 0 \rangle = Q_3 W R_2 | 0 \rangle$$



Replacing Λ by L_K and T_3 by R_3 gives EOM-CCSD(T).

ROLE OF TRIPLE EXCITATIONS IN EOM-CC (ev)

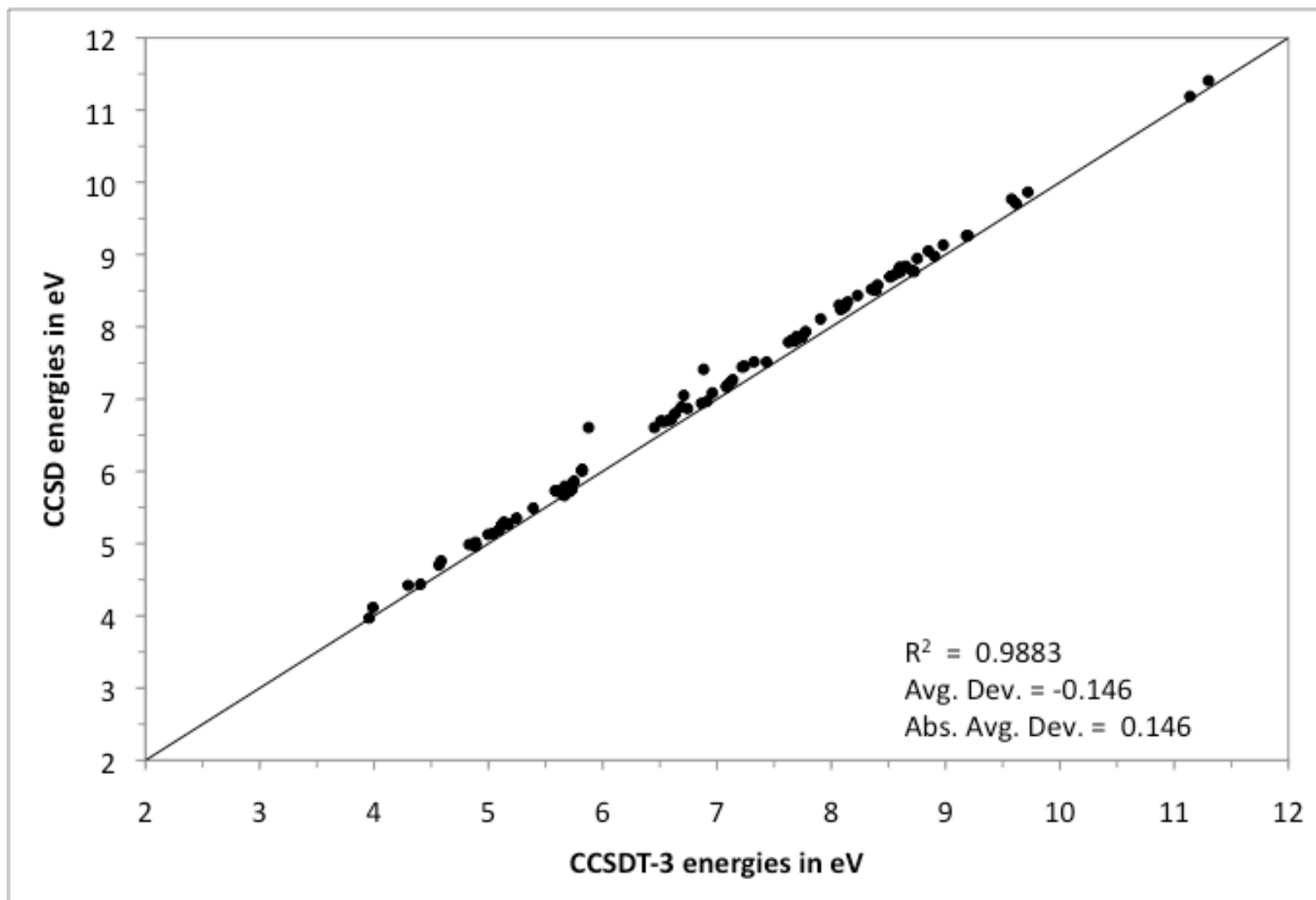
Cystosine (aug-pVDZ basis), P. Szalay, et al JPC (2012)
(Tom Watson's ACES III implementation)

STATE	CCSD	CCSDT-3 #	CC3 &	CCSD(T) #
$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	4.94	4.79	4.71	4.73
$\Pi_N \rightarrow \pi^*$	5.86	5.65	5.55	5.62
$\pi \rightarrow 2\pi^*$	6.50	6.38	6.30	6.35
$n_{O+N} \rightarrow R$	6.70	6.57	6.43	6.57
$\pi_N \rightarrow 2\pi^*$	6.88	6.72	6.62	6.69

J. Watts, RJB Chem. Phys. Lett. (1994)

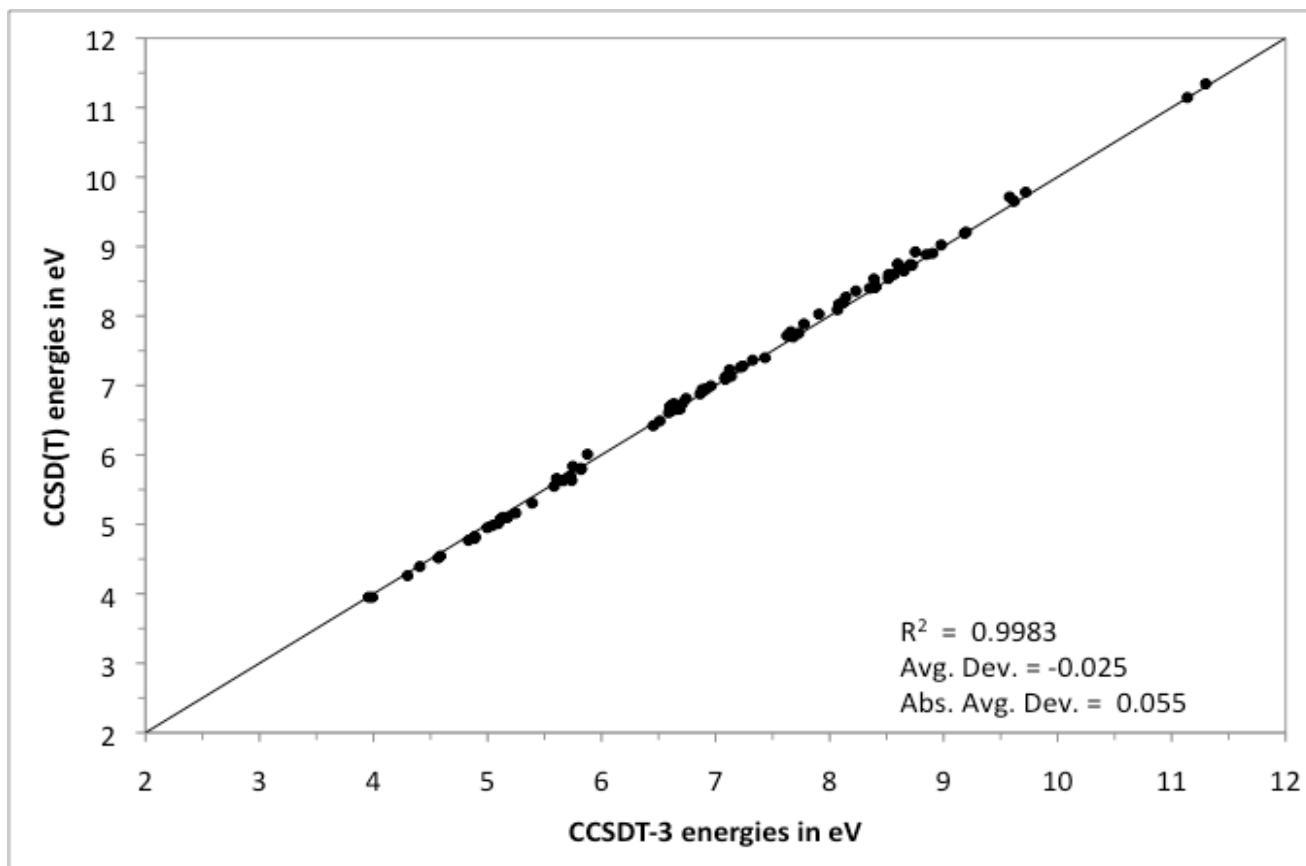
& O. Christiansen, et al J. Chem. Phys. (1997)

EOM-CCSD vs. EOM-CCSDT-3



Reference results, Sauer, Schreiber, Silva-Junior, Thiel, JCTC (2009).

EOM-CCSD(T) vs. EOM-CCSDT-3



Reference results, Sauer, Schreiber, Silva-Junior, Thiel, JCTC (2009).

Example VI. “Strong Correlation” and MR Character

Choice of Reference Function and Bond Breaking Problems

- RHF
- ROHF
- UHF
- QRHF
- Brueckner
- Natural
- KS
- Pccd (**New!**)



RHF CC vs. UHF CC for Diatomic Molecules

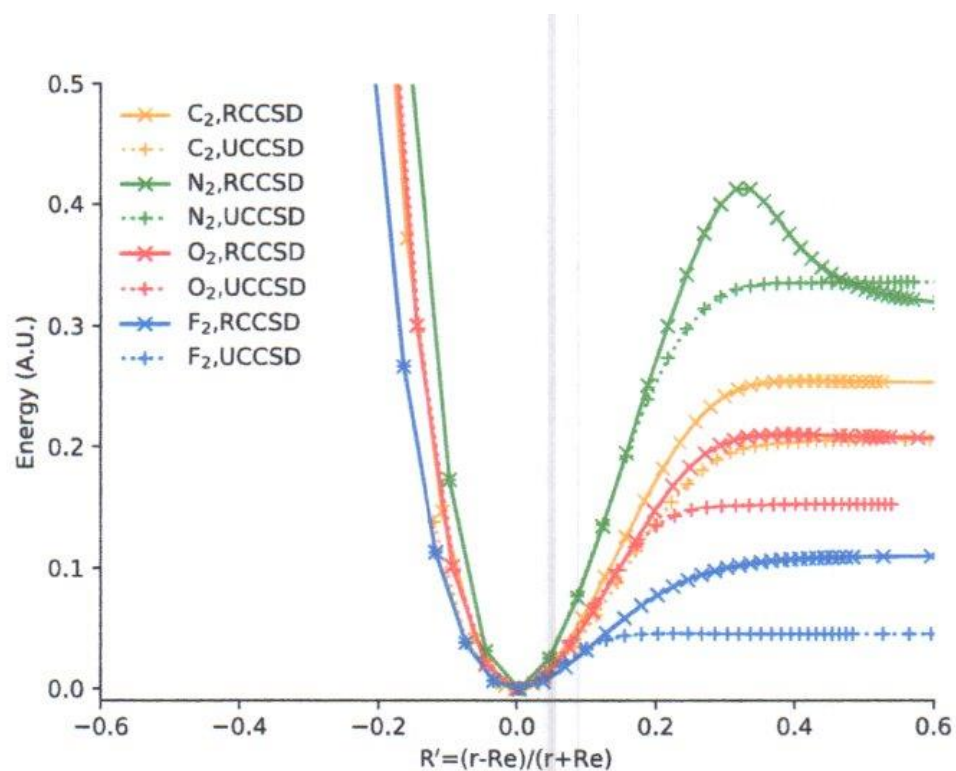
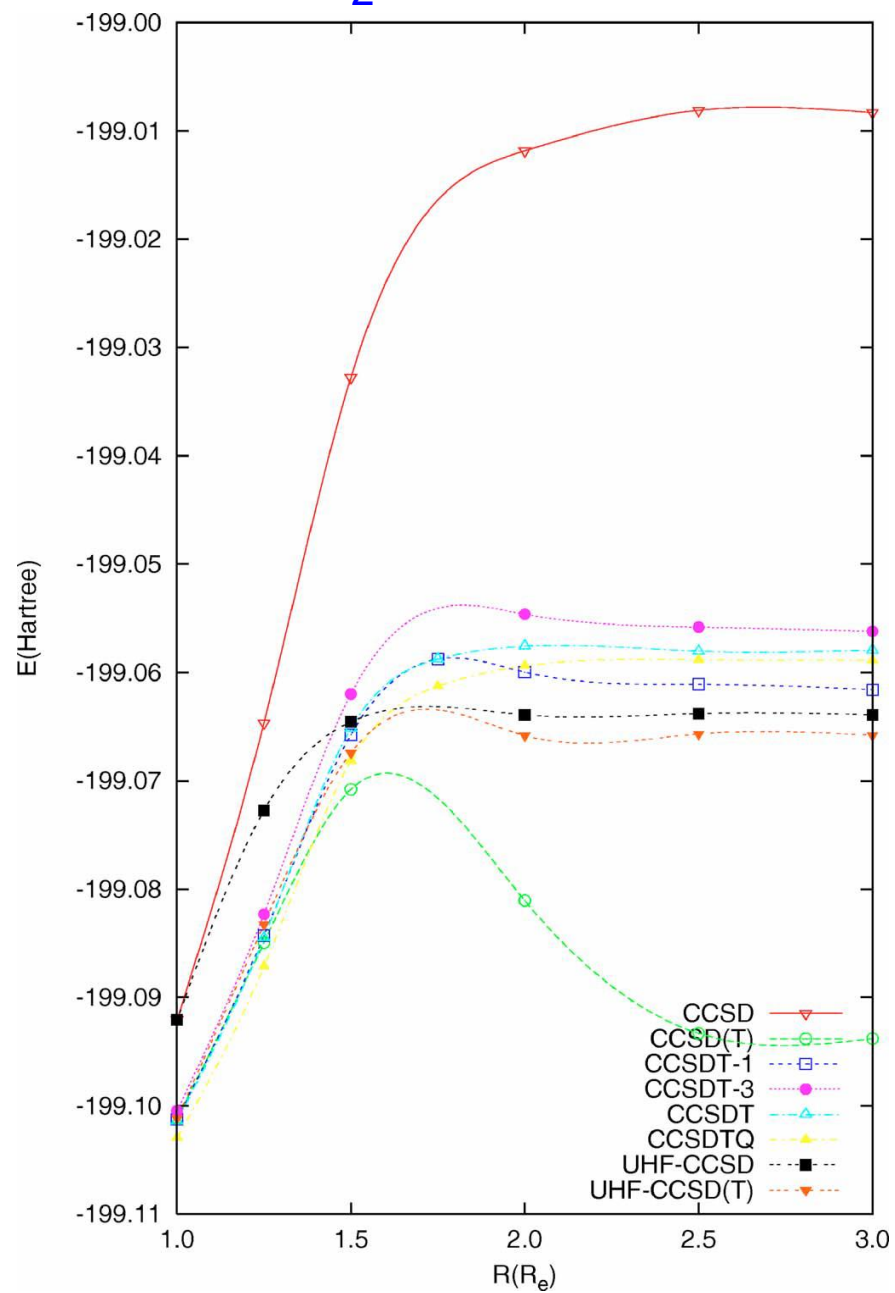
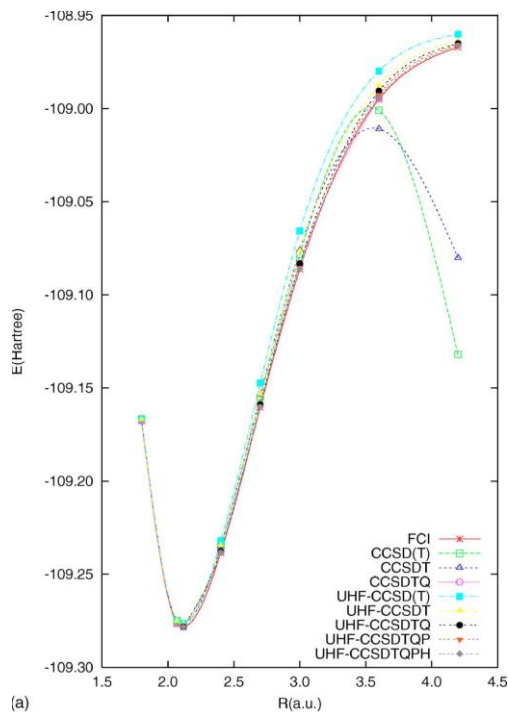


FIG. 14. PESs of diatomic molecules. The x axis (r') is the distance with respect to the stable bond length (R_e). The $^1\Delta_g$ state is used for O₂ RHF-CCSD.

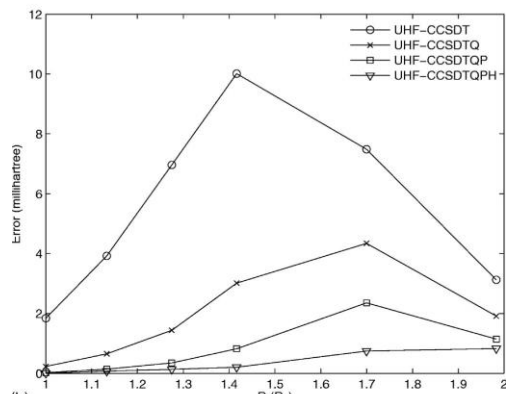
F₂ Potential Curves



UHF vs. RHF for N_2 PES



Chan, Kallay, Gauss
JCP (2004)



SR/MR test-sets, natural occupation numbers

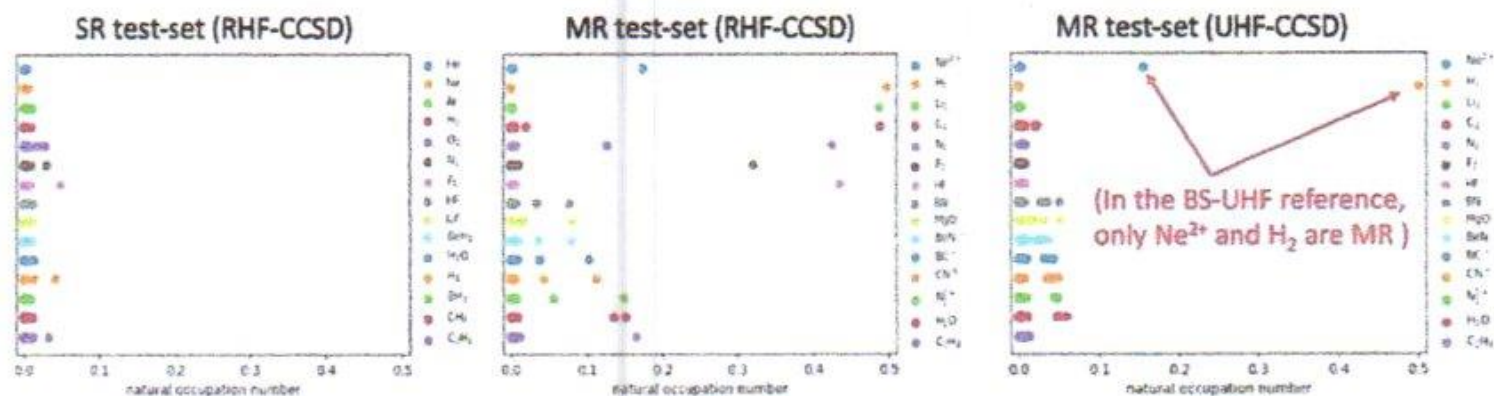


Fig. 2 Plots of NON, the largest virtual orbital natural occupation number vs. for a series of molecules deemed SR, and a set termed MR, at the RHF-CCSD level. For the MR set, these are compared to the NON from UHF-CCSD.

Exploiting different particle numbers for MR: DIP, DEA

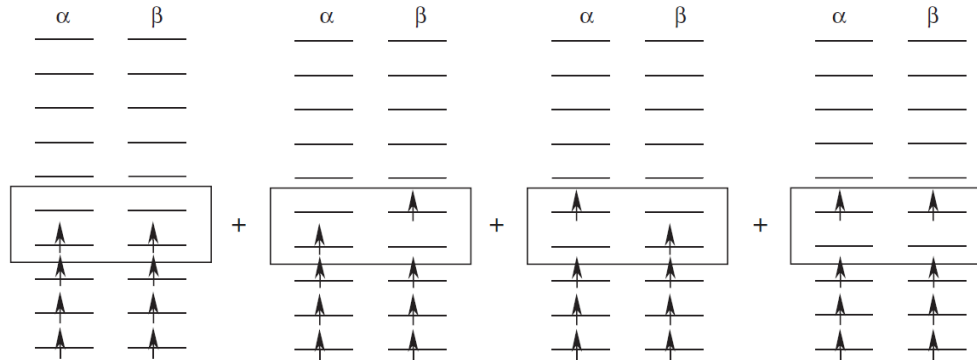


FIG. 1. Orbital occupancy and associated determinants for two electrons in two spatial orbitals.

The EOM-CC equations are

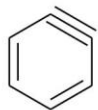
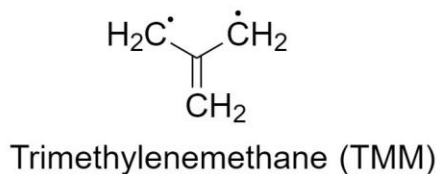
$$[\overline{H}, \hat{R}_k] \Phi_0 = \omega_k \hat{R}_k \Phi_0 \quad \forall k, \quad (3)$$

$$\overline{H} \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} \omega. \quad (4)$$

***We choose to introduce a vacuum for $N + 2$ electrons
And then depend upon the double ionization operator
To remove two of them to introduce all four determinants
In Fig. 1 in an equivalent manner.***

Singlet-Triplet gap of 2 by 2 multi-reference molecules

CH₂:
Methylene



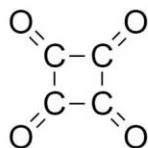
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meta-Benzyne



para-Benzyne



cyclobutane-1,2,3,4-tetraone

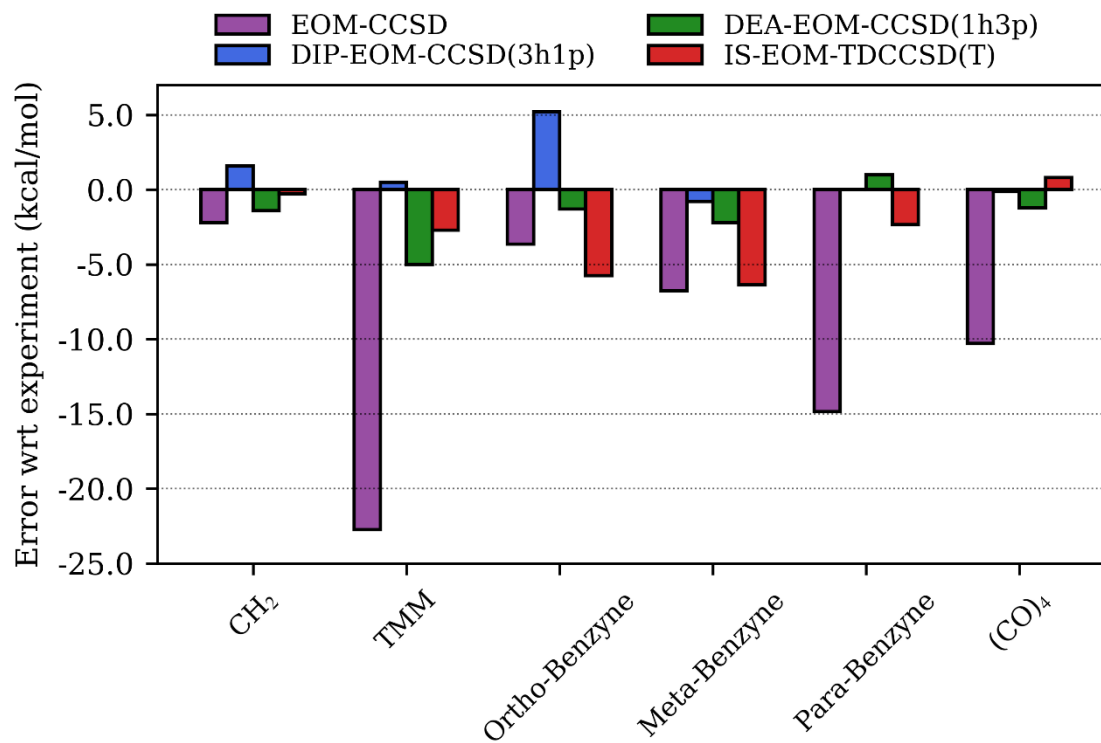
Multi-reference Index (MRI)

	MRI	Highest unoccupied NON
CH ₂	0.9074	0.0656
TMM	-0.9996	0.4076
ortho-Benzyne	0.0254	0.1182
meta-Benzyne	-0.8121	0.1571
para-Benzyne	-0.9991	0.3482
(CO) ₄	0.2389	0.1230

*MRI and NON obtained from
1-DM of CCSD

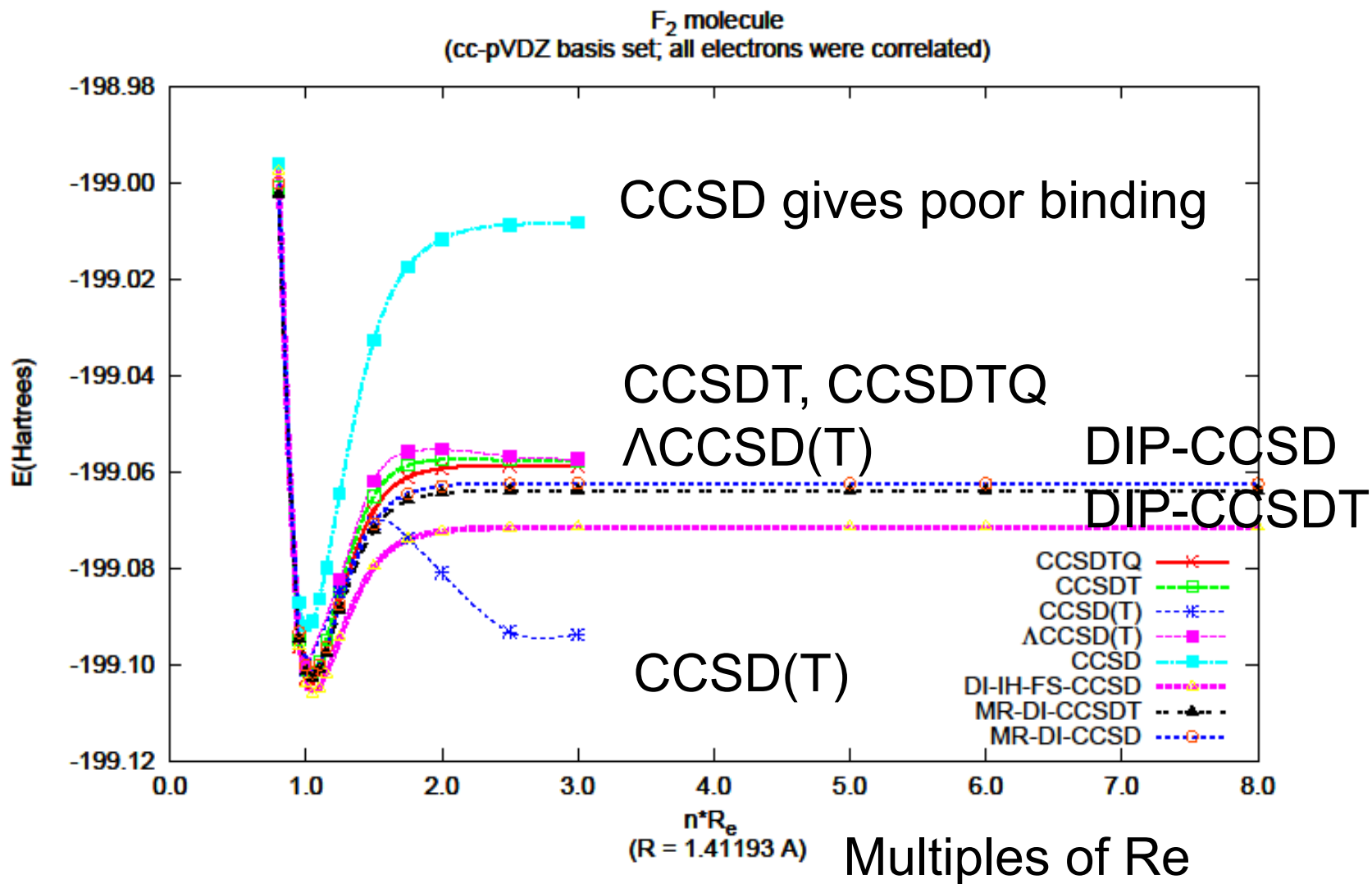
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Adiabatic Singlet-Triplet gap with other EOM based methods

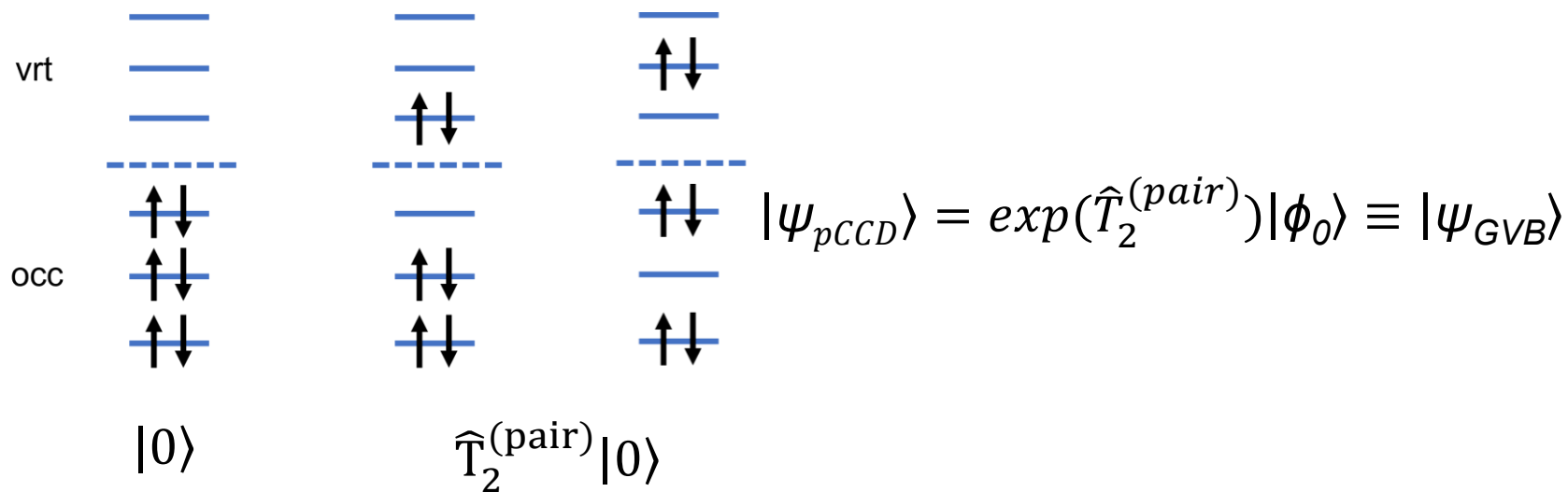


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Transition to DIP/DEA MR Methods

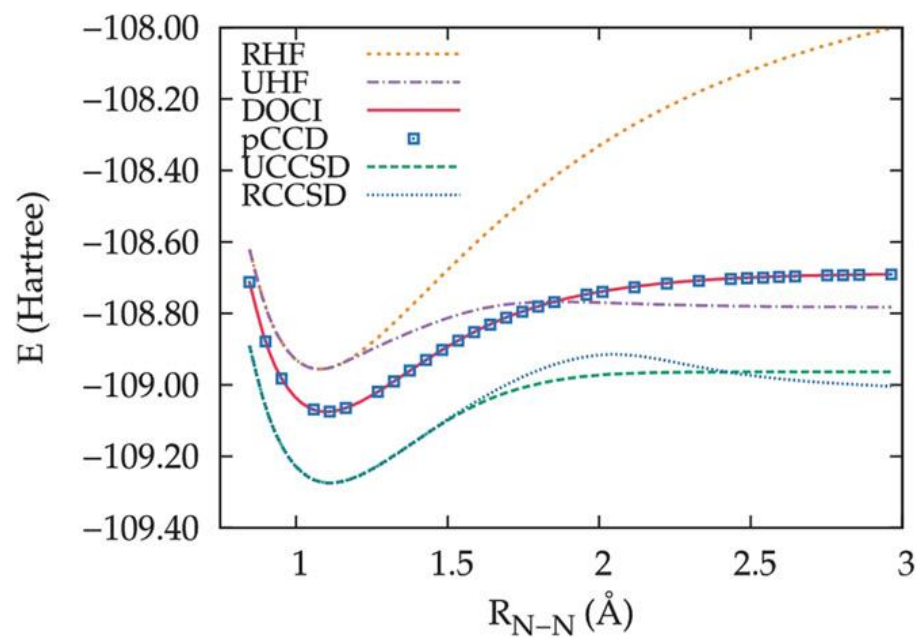


A New Reference Function: Pair CCD (pCCD)

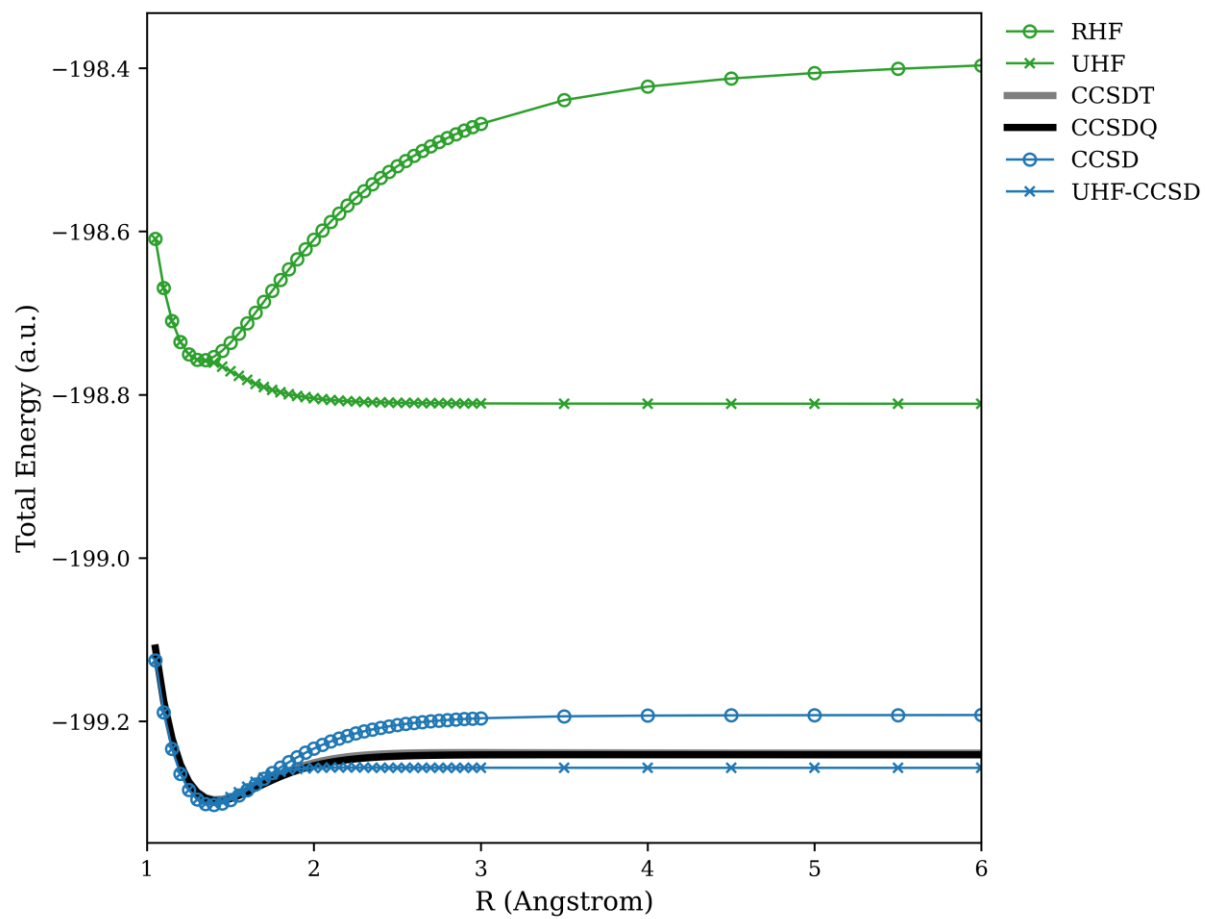


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Pccd compared to UHF-CCSD

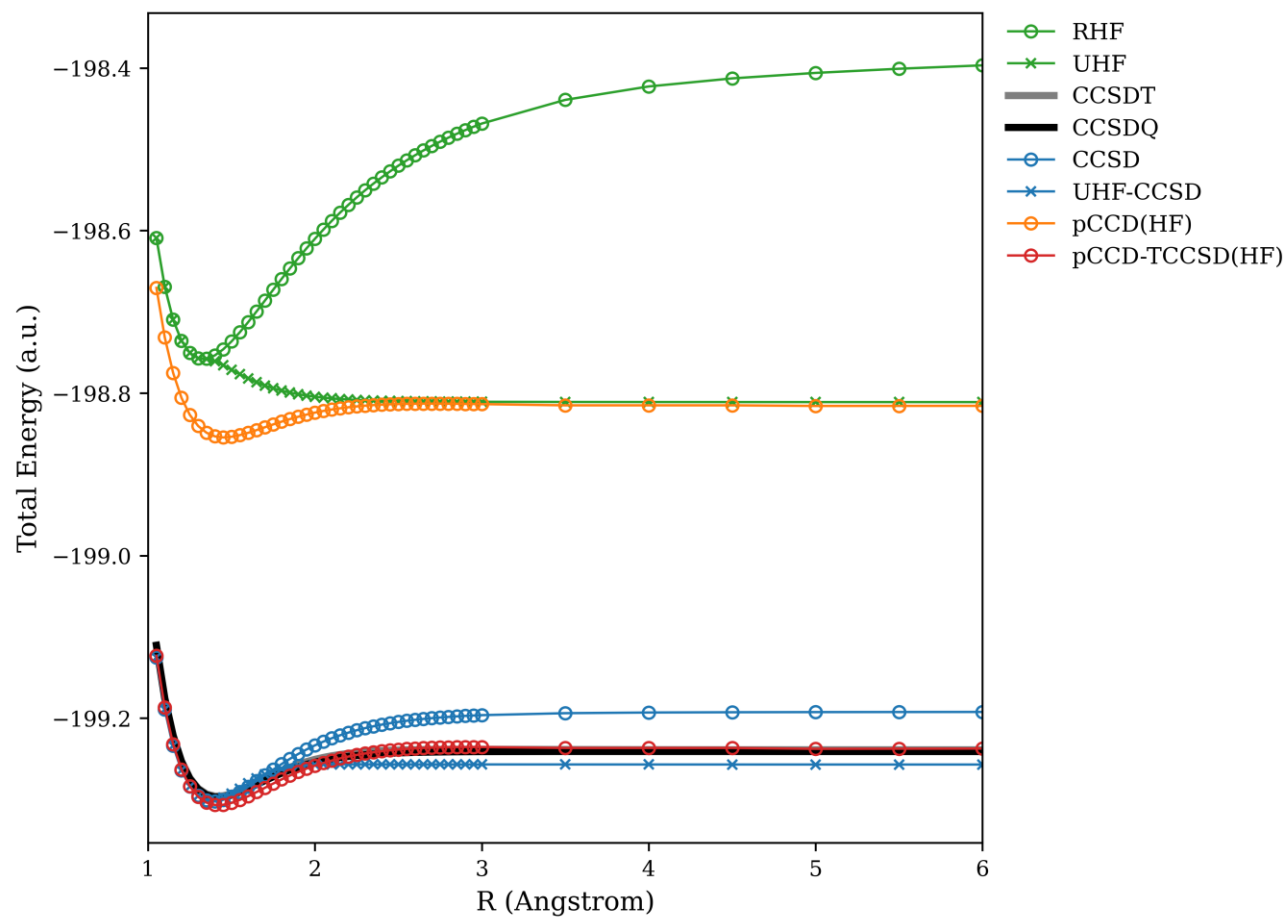


F₂ Potential Energy Surface

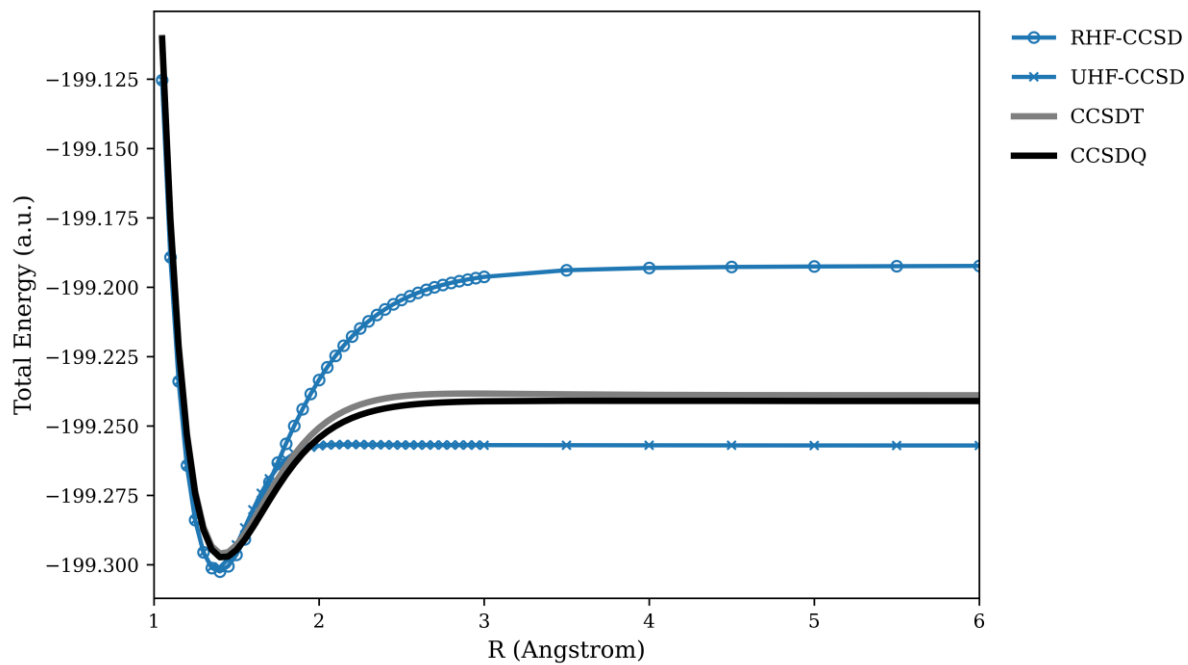


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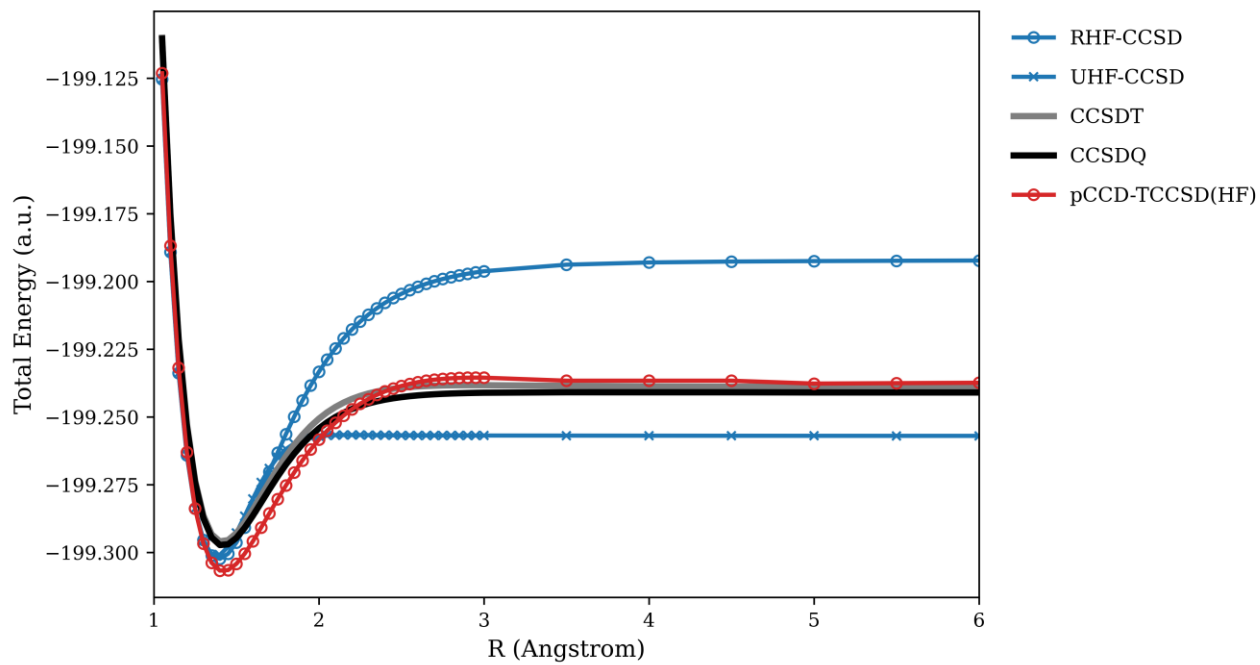
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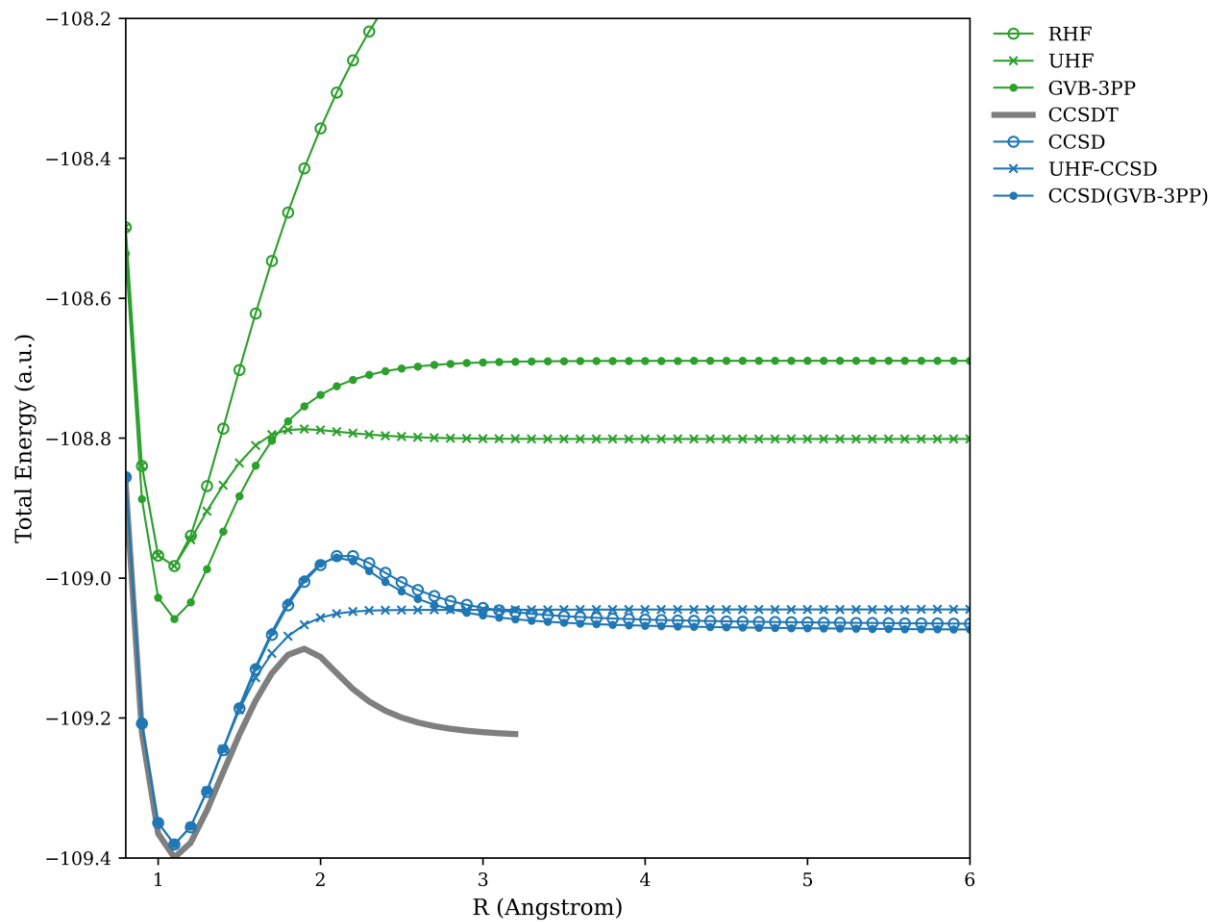
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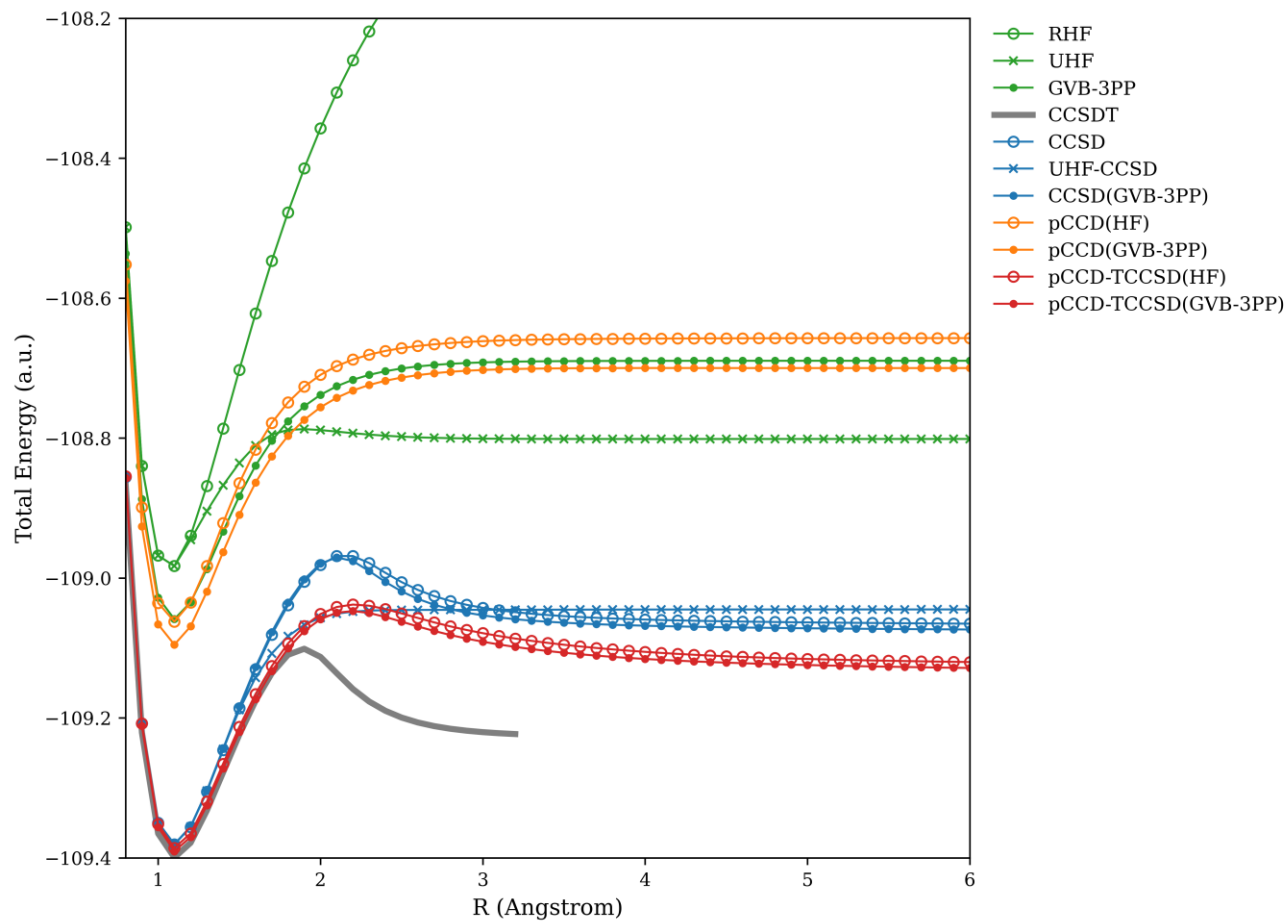
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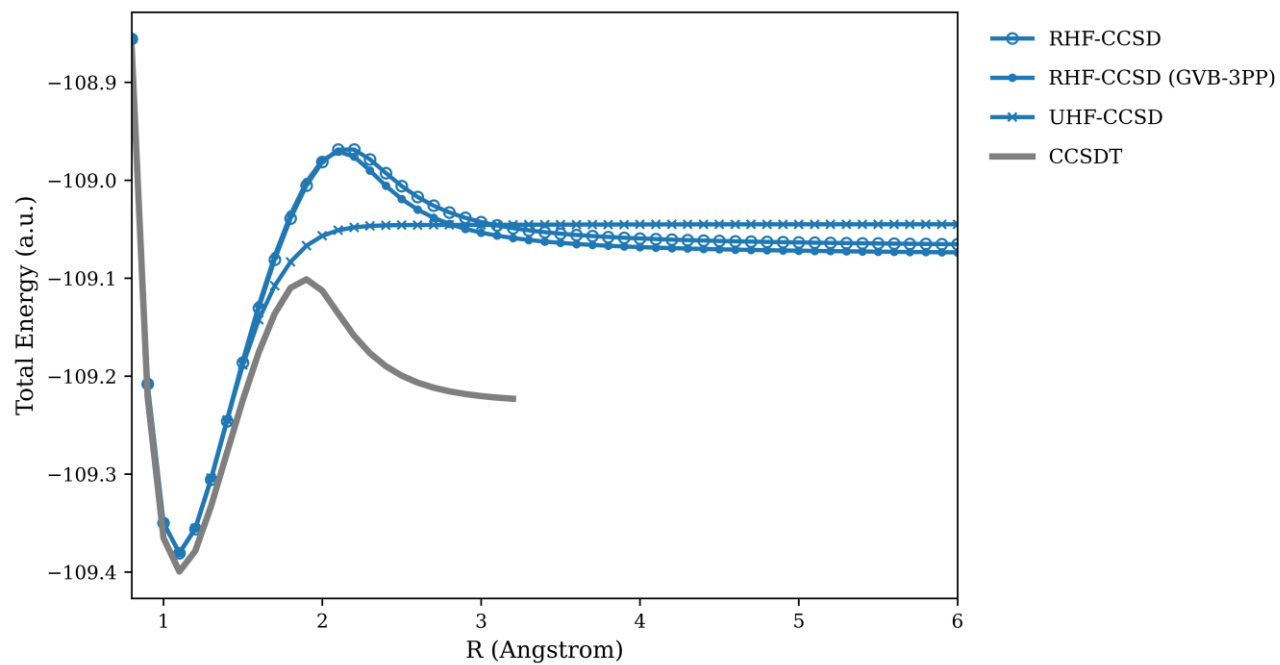
N₂ Potential Energy Surface



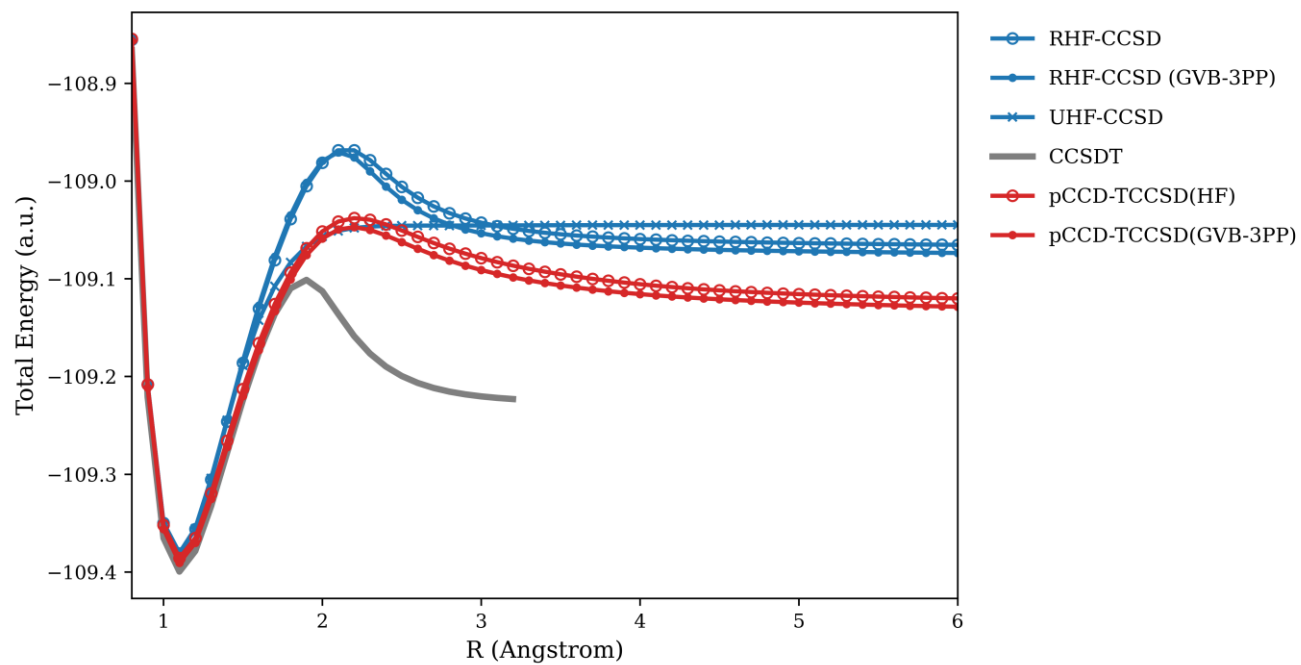
N₂ Potential Energy Surface



N_2 Potential Energy Surface



N₂ Potential Energy Surface



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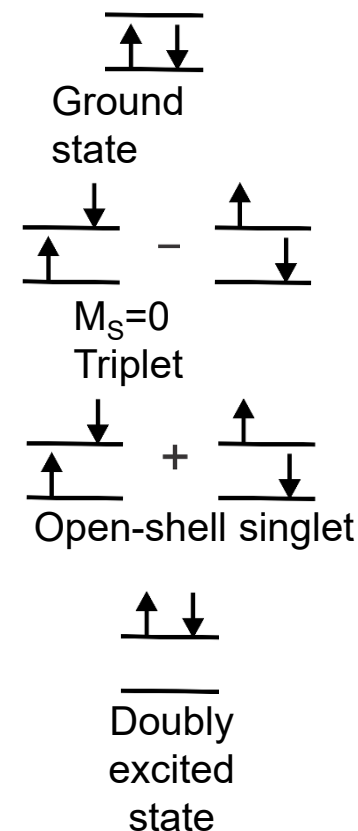
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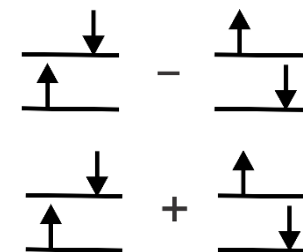
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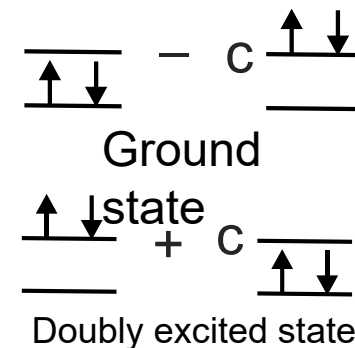
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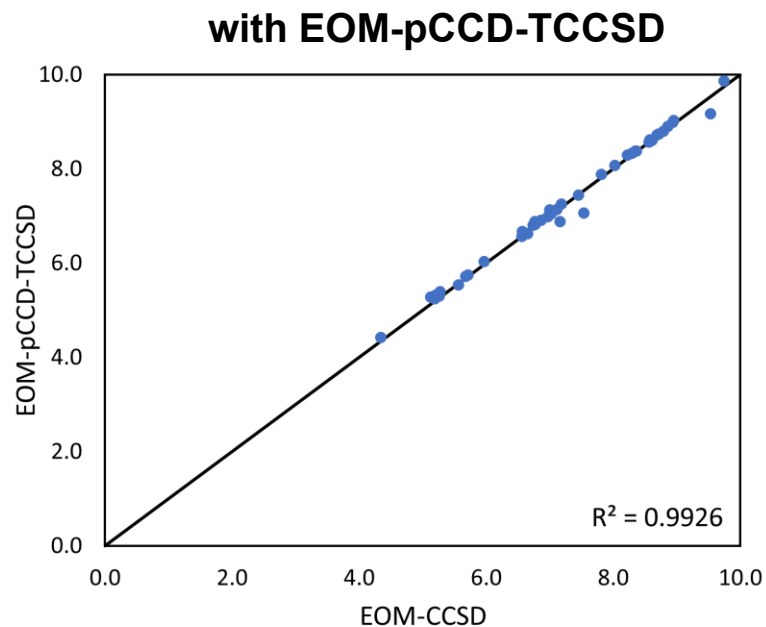
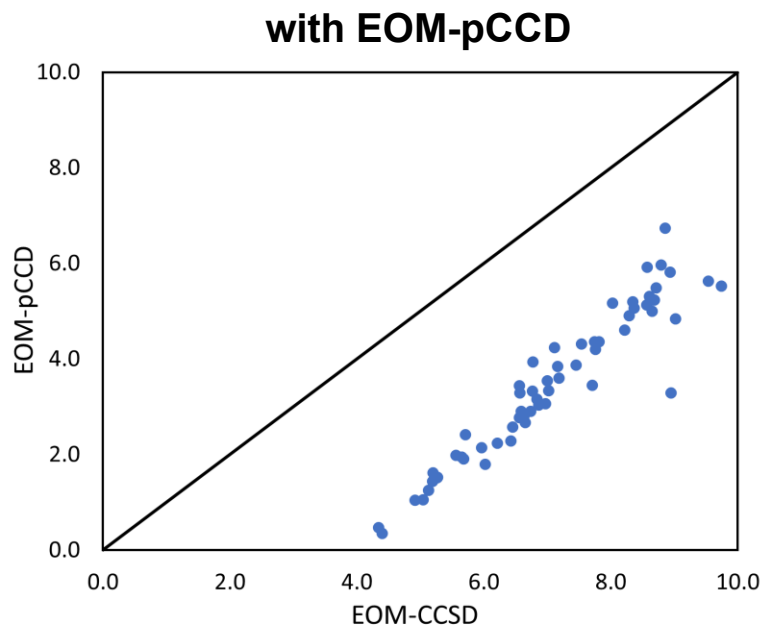
Static correlation:



Non-dynamic correlation



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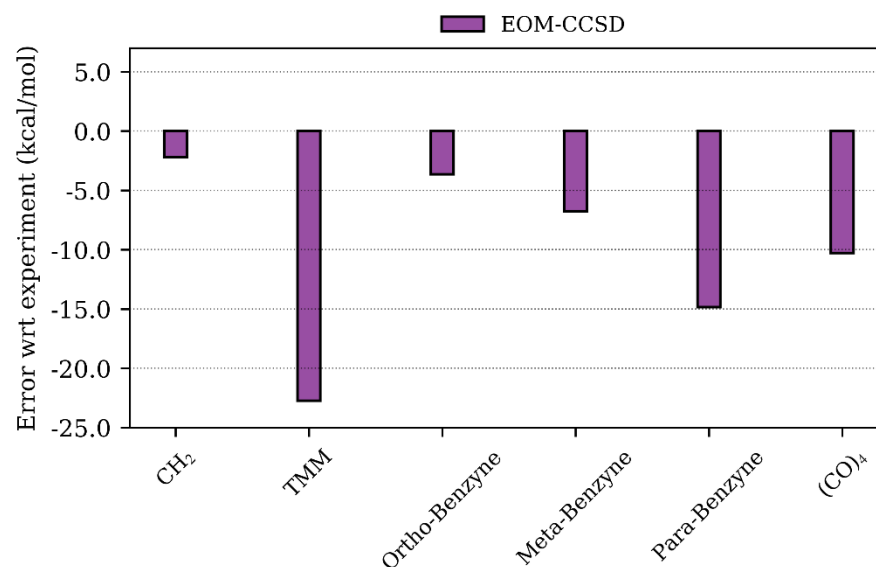
H2C=C[CH2]
Trimethylenemethane (TMM)

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Adiabatic Singlet-Triplet gap with EOM-pCCD-TCCSD

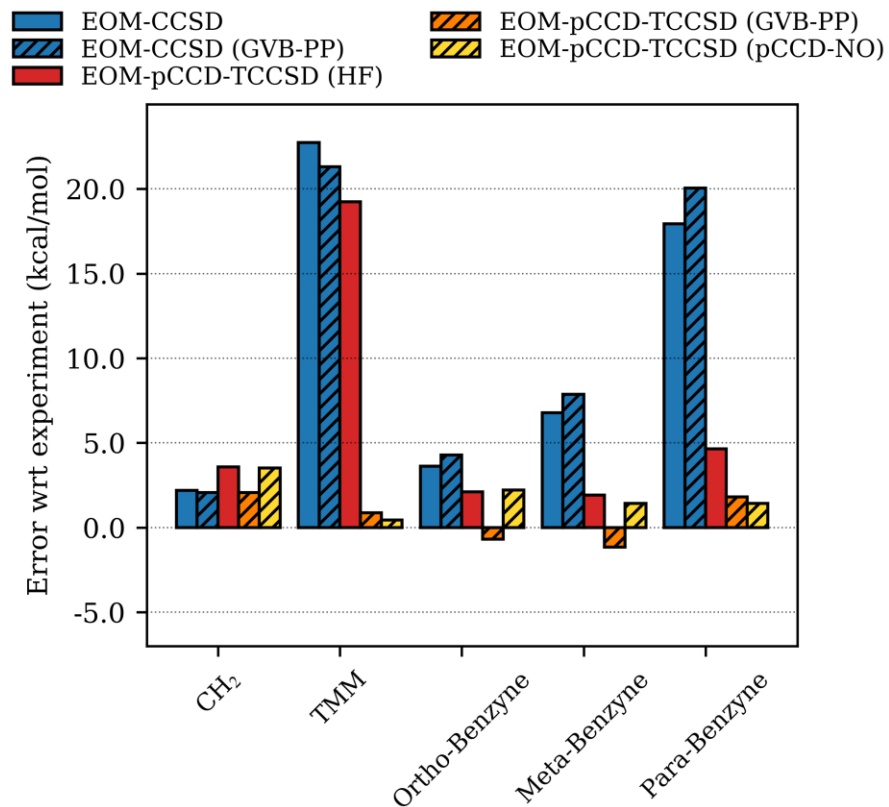


TABLE II. Adiabatic singlet–triplet gap obtained with EOM-pCCD-TCCSD using HF, GVB-PP, and pCCD natural orbitals in kcal/mol.

Molecules	EOM-CCSD (HF)	EOM-CCSD (GVB-PP)	EOM-pCCD-TCCSD (HF)	EOM-pCCD-TCCSD (GVB-PP)	EOM-pCCD-TCCSD (pCCD NO)	Expt.-ZPE-core ^a
CH ₂	−11.2	−11.1	−12.6	−11.0	−12.5	−8.99
TMM	−42.1	−40.7	−38.6	−20.3	−19.9	−19.4
<i>Ortho</i> -benzyne	33.8	33.1	35.3	38.1	35.2	37.4 ± 0.3
<i>Meta</i> -benzyne	13.7	12.6	18.6	21.7	19.1	20.5 ± 0.3
<i>Para</i> -benzyne	−13.5	−15.7	−0.2	2.6	3.0	4.4 ± 0.3

^aTaken from Ref. 33.

CONCLUSIONS

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- With the development of the massively parallel ACES III, CC theory and all of its applications are poised to be applied routinely to ~100 atoms, ~500 electrons, ~3000 basis functions.

Example VII. Correlated one-particle theory (COT)

How often do you hear that DFT and its KS implementation need a new idea?

The following presents an alternative approach to an

exact-one particle correlation theory that comes from CC theory.

CC theory to COT

$$h^{\text{eff}}(1)\phi_p(1) = \varepsilon_p \phi_p(1)$$

$$\Phi_0 = A(\phi_1(1) \phi_2(2) \dots \phi_n(n))$$

$$h^{\text{eff}}(1) = t(1) + v(1) + J(1) + V_x(1) + V_c(1)$$

Our objective is to find a $V_x(1) + V_c(1)$ where this is an effective one-particle operator that accounts for electron exchange and correlation, familiar from KS DFT, but we also want to do this in WFT. We build a “constructive proof”, not an existence one.

First, start with the Dyson eqn and one-particle Greens' Fxns. Solns have to give I_p , and E_a .

Second, insert a CC ground state into the Dyson eqn, to decouple the I and A parts of the Greens' Fxn. and remove the frequency dependence. This step degenerates into IP-EA/EOM-CC so results must be exact in FCI limit. This is COT.

Third, take this *ab initio* COT and project it onto KS-DFT to provide rapid calcs. (Define QTP functionals) that must satisfy Bartlett's theorem for coorelated orbitals.. COT orbitals have eigenvalues for all principal levels hat correspond to exp.

1. The oldest realization of such a correlation potential is the self-energy of the Dyson Eqn.

$$[\hbar + J - K + \Sigma(1, \omega)] \phi_p = [f + \Sigma(1, \omega)] \phi_p = \omega_p \phi_p$$

- (1) The problem with solving this eqn. for our purposes is the frequency dependence, ω , as the solutions, ϕ_p , are only obtained when $\omega = \omega_p$.
- (2) This also causes the self-energy, correlation potential, $\Sigma(1, \omega_p)$ to differ for every orbital as in Hartree-theory, making the (Dyson) orbitals obtained non-orthogonal and over determined.
- (3) When used to evaluate the Greens' Fxn the I_p and E_a parts are coupled, contrary to the fact they correspond to different electron numbers

2. The CC and EOM-CC method provide a better route toward a correlation potential.

The CC ground state wavefn, $\Psi_{\text{CC}} = \exp(T)\Phi_0$, causes the Ip and Ea parts of the electron-propagator to decouple, so they can be treated independently.

L. Meissner, RJB (1993)
M. Nooijen J. Snidjers (1992}

Then the electron-propagator can be built by solving the EOM-CC equations separately for the I and A parts, which provide the frequencies as eigenvalues.

$$\mathbb{H} R_k^I \Phi_0 = \omega_k^I R_k^I \Phi_0 \quad \mathbb{H} = \exp(-T) H \exp(T)$$

$$\mathbb{H} R_k^A \Phi_0 = \omega_k^A R_k^A \Phi_0$$

The total energy is $\mathbb{H}\Phi_0 = E\Phi_0$

But the good thing is that some of the ω_p 's **must** be exactly the ionization potentials and electron affinities for the 1h and 1p states. Hence, Bartlett's theorem: COT correlated orbitals must offer correct IP/s (EA's) in the FCI limit.

The bad thing is those Ip's and Ea's also include 2h1p, 2p1h, etc resonances. This is great for interpretation of PES, but bad for generating n-orbitals to define a correlated orbital **effective** Hamiltonian problem, **our objective**.

Thus, the expression for the correlated one particle theory,

$$h^{\text{eff}}(1) = f(1) + \Sigma_{\text{CC}}(1) = h(1) + J(1) - K(1) + \Sigma_{\text{CC}}(1)$$

$$h^{\text{eff}}\phi_P(1) = \epsilon_P \phi_P(1)$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{CC}}(1) = V_C(1) \text{ 'COP'}$$

$\Sigma_{\text{CC}}(1)$ is a frequency independent self-energy/correlation potential--

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expressed in terms of T and R. (RJB, Frontiers Article, CPL, 2009.)

$\epsilon_i = -I(i)$, the exact principal Ip's for occ orbitals

$\epsilon_a = A(a)$, the Ea's, for bound unoccupied orbitals

Orbitals are biorthogonal in the most general case

This gives us a model COT that we can try to emulate
using elements of KS-DFT.

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MAD of eigenvalues compared to EOM-CCSD/cc-pVTZ basis
sets (eV).

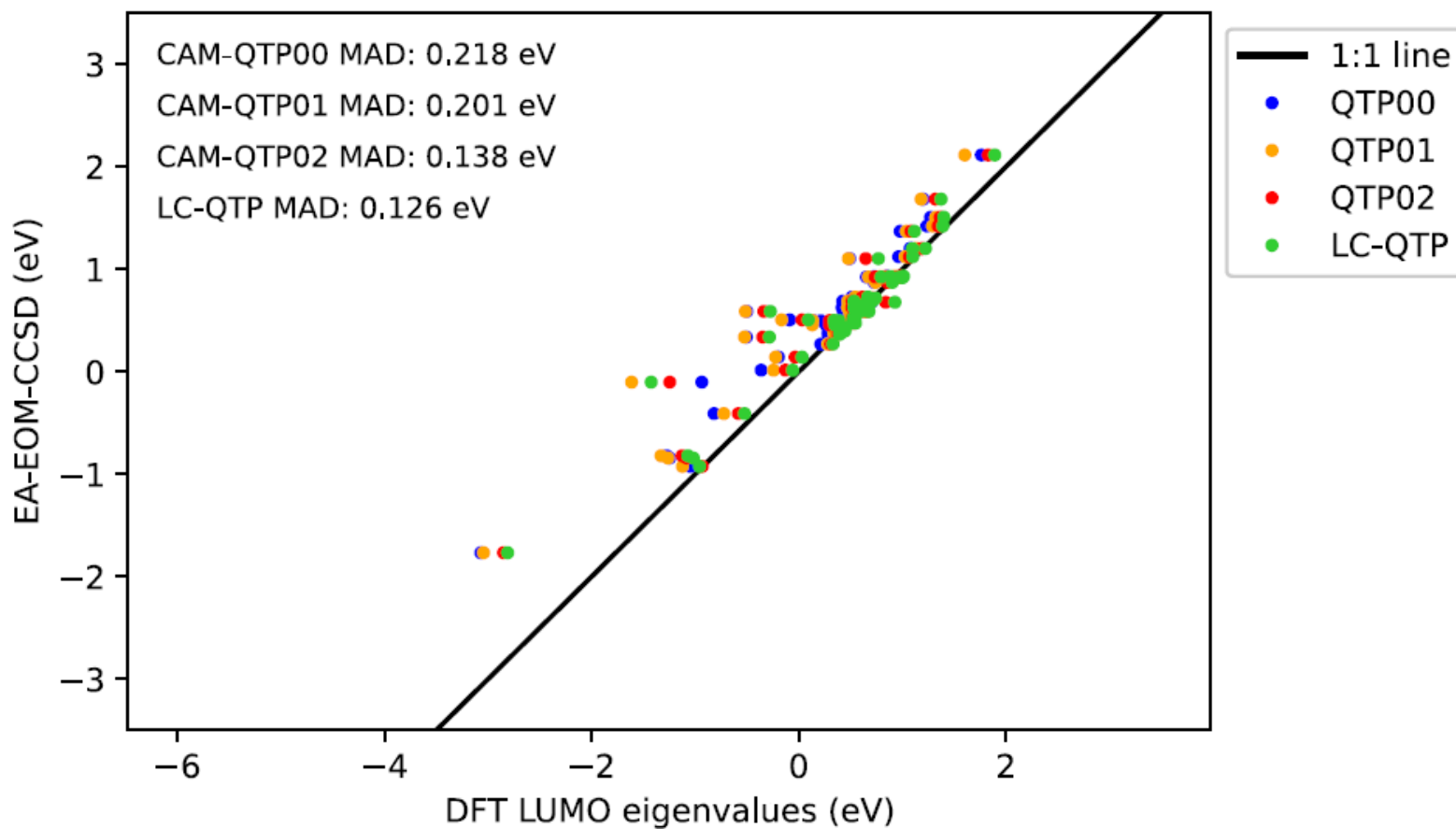
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LDA	4.84	4.34
B3LYP	3.44	3.23
CAM-B3LYP	1.55	1.51
QTP00	0.65	0.32
QTP01	0.31	0.29
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CONCLUSIONS

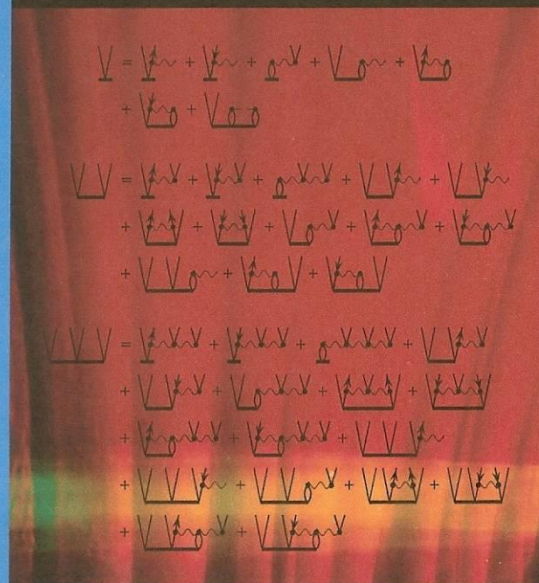
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Many-Body Methods in Chemistry and Physics

MBPT and Coupled-Cluster Theory

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

OUTLINE

I. RSPT→MBPT→exp wavefn.

Infinite order summation of MBPT.

Extensivity.

Ultimate objective is the full CI, $\Psi_{CI} = \Phi_0 + \sum_k \Phi_k C_k$, without restriction in excitations up to 'n', the number of electrons.

$$\Psi_{CC} = \exp(T) \Phi_0 = 1 + T + T^2/2 + T^3/3! + \dots$$

$$T = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + T_4 + \dots$$

Decomposition of CI excitations

$$C_2 = T_2 + T_1^2/2,$$

$$C_3 = T_3 + T_1 T_2 + T_1^3/3!,$$

$$C_4 = T_4 + T_2^2/2 + T_1 T_3 + T_1^2 T_2/2 + T_1^4/4!, \dots$$

II. Basic CCD eqns,

Diagrammatic # 10 Diagrams Scaling $\sim M^6$

Algebraic Interpretation

Already includes disconnected quadruples from T_2^2 . Physically these are simultaneous doubles, not T_4 .

III. Singles; CCSD.

45 Diagrams. Scaling $\sim M^6$

Numerical Illustrations. Insensitive to orbital choice. Numerically important for properties. Can be large for non-HF orbital choices.

IV. Triples; CCSDT.

54 Diagrams. Scaling $\sim M^8$

Since most of CI quadruples come from T_2^2 , with HF ref all in fourth -order MBPT, T_3 is most important numerical correction after CCSD.

CCSDT-1, CCSDT-3, CCSD(T) approximations. Scaling, $\sim M^7$

V. Quadruples, CCSDTQ.

81 Diagrams Scaling $\sim M^{10}$

Particularly important when one ref fcn strongly interacts with another determinant (multi-ref example like GVB)

CCSDT(Q_i) approximation. Scaling $\sim M^7$

VI. Analytic gradients and Density matrices. CC functional.

Generalized Hellman-Feynman Theorem

Analytical gradients to search energy surfaces, properties

Illustrations

VII. EOM-CC for excited, ionized, doubly ionized and electron attached and DEA states.

EOM-CCSD(T), EOM-CCSDT-3, EOM-CCSDT

Illustrations.

VIII. Importance of the reference function

Possible reference functions:

RHF, ROHF, UHF, Bruckner, Natural, QRHF, KS, Localized, and Pccd is a new one.

Illustrations

IX. What constitutes “Strong Correlation”?

Some Accommodations for MR situations.

UHF, ACCSD(T), DIP, DEA, pCCD

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Illustrations

X. Alternative Ansatz. Unitary CC (UCC)

For quantum computers

Simplicity for Gradients and Properties

Illustrations

XI. Correlated Orbital Theory (COT) and DFT

From the IP/EA-EOM-CC eqns, one can create a correlated one-particle theory (COT).

This is the wavefxn analogue of Kohn-Sham DFT without any direct dependence on the density or use of KS theorems.

Instead, it depends on what we call the CC self-energy, $\Sigma_{cc}(1)$. A one-particle operator defined diagrammatically.

But by choosing well-known DFT expressions like LR(ω)-PBE or CAM B3LYP, one can replace $\Sigma_{cc}(1)$, by a $V_{xc}(\rho, \Delta\rho)$, and minimum parameterization, to ensure satisfaction of the COT condition that the orbital eigenvalues must correspond to principal IP's and EA's.

This IP-eigenvalue theorem is the *correlated orbital equivalent* of Koopmans' thm in HF.

When we do this, we obtain the (minimally parameterized) QTP family of density functionals.

Illustrations.

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 - For relativistic effects it is used for solutions of the Dirac equation in 1,2 and 4 component forms
 - It is used with explicit consideration of inter-electronic interactions, F12, to more rapidly approach the basis set limit.
 - UHF based CC correctly describes many MR problems, but still suffers from spin contamination warranting a 'break and restore strategy'.
 - With recent developments, it now offers solutions for many MR problems. MIP/MEA-EOM-CC is operationally SR, so suits 'black-box' implementation and calibration.
 - pCCD looks like a very useful new single ref that behaves like UHF, but with no symmetry breaking that when combined into pCCD+TCCSD, handles some MR issues also in an operationally SR form.
 - CC has been applied to polymers, and is now being used for 2 and 3 dim systems subject to periodic boundary conditions for the wavefunction.
- * Various kinds of linear scaled implementations exist (Werner, Neese, Flocke+RJB)
- With the development of ACES III, CC theory and all of its applications are poised to be applied to ~100 atoms, ~500 electrons, ~3000 basis functions.