

Basics of Applied

Quantum Chemistry

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## Assumption/Goals:

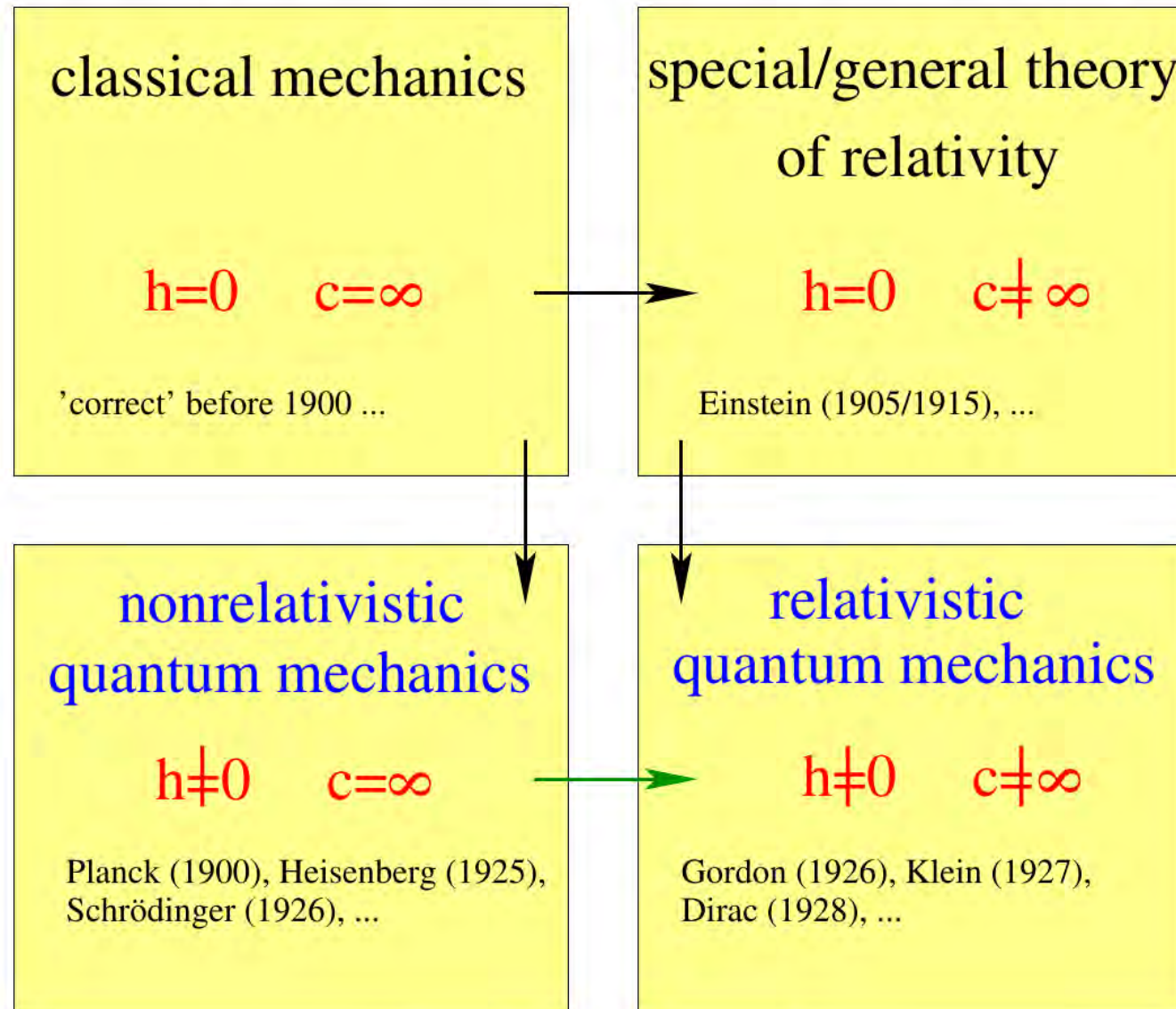
- You know the/some basics of quantum mechanics (QM).
- We repeat some of the things you know, but in English.
- We add some aspects to the basic knowledge in order to understand better the methods of quantum chemistry (QC)

# Chapter 1

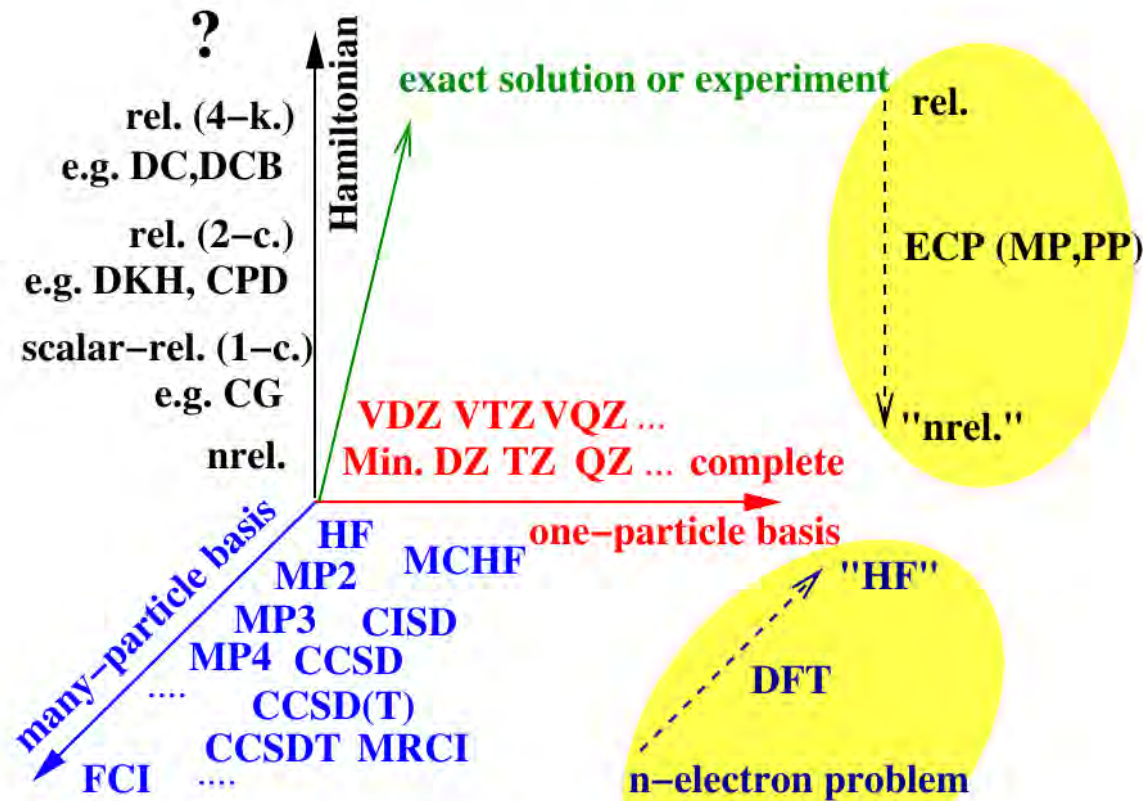
Quantum chemical

description of many-electron  
systems

# Theories of 'classical and 'modern' physics



application to chemistry:  
relativistic/nonrelativistic quantum chemistry



- relativistic contributions:  $\Delta E_{\text{rel}} \sim Z^4$ .
- correlation energy errors for standard basis set expansions:  $E_{\text{corr}}^1 - E_{\text{corr}}^\infty \sim 1/l^3$   
 → basis set extrapolation or F12-dependent wavefunctions.
- computational effort:  $t \sim n^k$  ( $n$  size of one-particle basis set,  $k$  for some standard approaches: DFT 3, HF 4, MP2 5, CISD, CCSD 6, CCSD(T) 7 ...) → low-order/linear scaling schemes.
- ECPs simplify the Hamiltonian and also lead to some reductions in the sizes of the one- and many-electron basis sets (e.g. small-core PPs plus valence-only SO terms) !
- DFT avoids costly many-determinantal wavefunctions/treatments.

Goal: Suitable compromise between accuracy and computational effort, i.e., sufficiently accurate low-cost relativistic electronic structure calculations, also for larger systems.

# The Postulates of Quantum Mechanics (QM)

- cannot be derived from classical physics (mechanics, electrodynamics)
- comparison to reality (experiments): correct → The Axioms of ...
- differing formulations in literature

## Postulat/Axiom 1:

"The state of a system is completely described by a wavefunction."

- state: characterized by results of experimental measurements (observable quantities, observables)

e.g. energy, angular momentum, spin, ...

$$\Rightarrow |E, \overset{(\hbar)}{L}, \overset{(\hbar)}{S}, \dots\rangle$$

"ket" vector

(Dirac "bra-ket" notation,  
cf. later!)

- wavefunction: different ways  
of formulation possible, i.e.

different representations:

- position representation

( $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ ,  $\hat{p} = \text{"derivatives wrt. } x, y, z\text{"}$ )

- momentum representation

( $\vec{p} = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$ ,  $\hat{r} = \text{"derivatives wrt. } p_x, p_y, p_z\text{"}$ )

- ....

We will mainly work in the position representation.

requirements for the wavefunction:

- function  $\Psi \rightarrow \Psi(\{\vec{r}_i\}, t), \Psi(\{\vec{p}_i\}, t)$   
single valued / positions of all particles / time / momenta of all particles / time

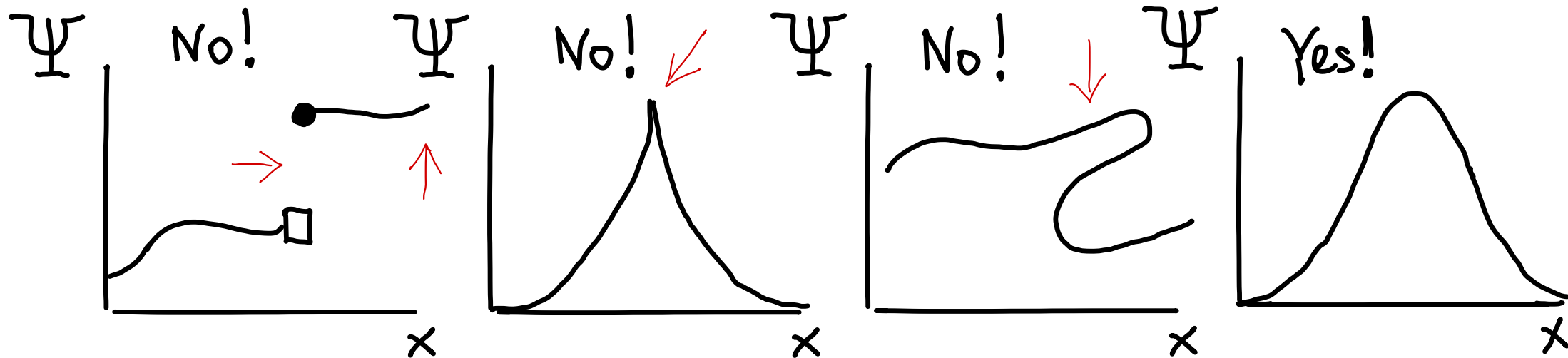
- square integrability

$$\int \Psi^* \Psi d\vec{r} = 1 \quad \text{normalization condition}$$

$\rightarrow$  Born probability interpretation, cf. later!

- (twice) continuously differentiable, i.e. derivatives of  $\Psi$  wrt.  $x, \dots$  or  $p_x, \dots$  must exist and be continuous functions of  $x, \dots$  or  $p_x, \dots$ .

examples in one dimension:



## Postulat/Axiom 2:

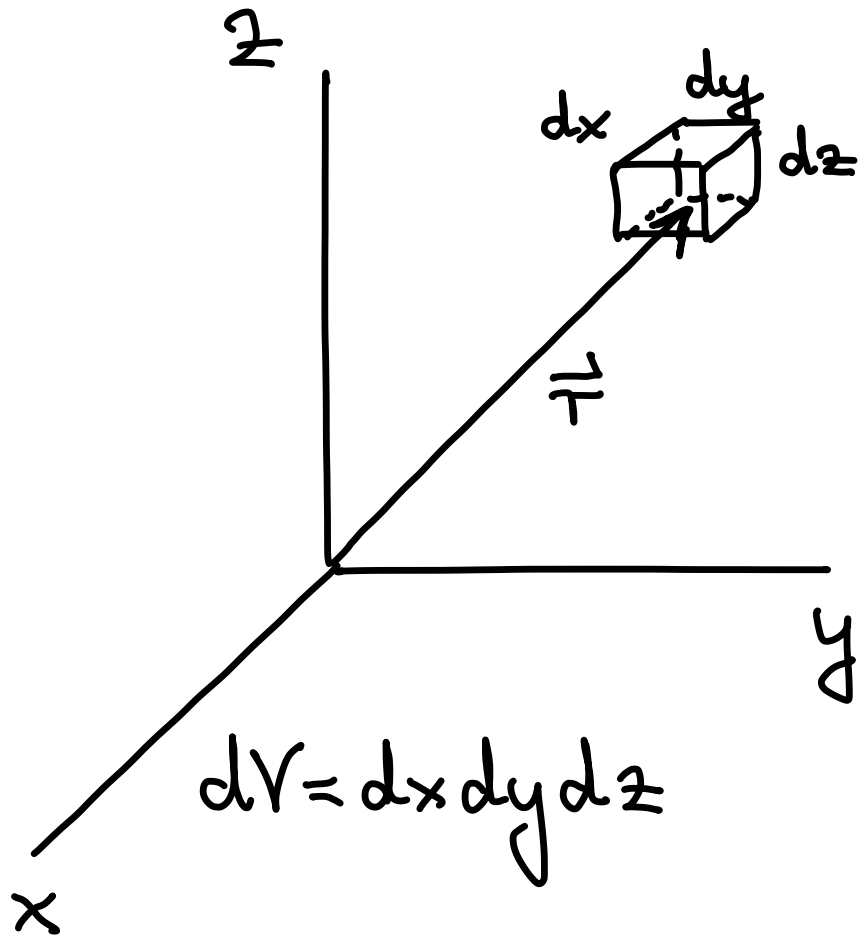
"The squared absolute value of the wavefunction is a probability density"

Born probability density interpretation of the wavefunction

$$|\Psi|^2 = \Psi^* \Psi \quad (\geq 0)$$

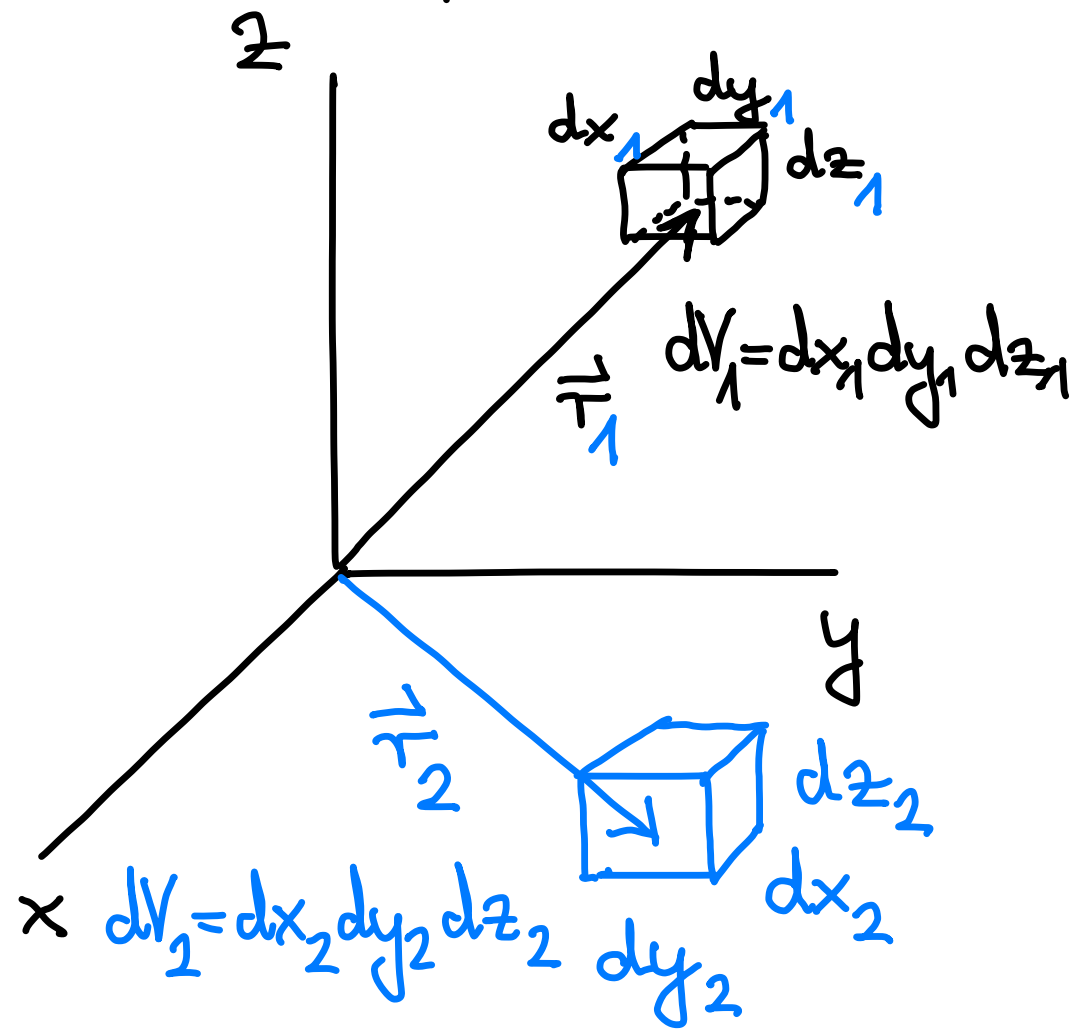
- $\Psi$  is not an observable (it cannot be measured!)
- $\Psi$  is a state function (it describes the state of a system completely)
- $\Psi$  can be written in different ways (different representations)
- $\Psi^* \Psi$  is an observable

e.g., one particle:



$$\int \Psi^*(\vec{r}, t_0) \Psi(\vec{r}, t_0) dV = 1$$

two particles:



$$\iint \Psi^*(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, t_0) \Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, t_0) dV_1 dV_2 = 1$$

- one particle:

$$\text{density } \rho(\vec{r}) = \Psi^* \Psi$$

elementary charge

e.g. electron density  $\rho(\vec{r}) = e \cdot |\Psi|^2$

can be measured in experiments

$\Rightarrow |\Psi|^2$  is observable

$\Psi$  not observable, e.g.  $|- \Psi|^2 = |+\Psi|^2$

elementary charge  
( $\hat{=}$  negative charge of an  
electron)

$$e = 1.602176634 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

C: Coulomb

## Postulat/Axiom 3:

" Measurements are represented by Hermitian operators. The elementary operators of position and momentum have to fulfill the commutation

relation  $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] = \hat{x}\hat{p}_x - \hat{p}_x\hat{x} = i\hbar.$ "

Planck's constant (1900):

$$h = 6.62607015 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

J: Joule (energy)

s: second (time)

energy  $\cdot$  time = action

$$\frac{h}{2\pi} = \hbar$$

- physical quantity  $A$  or  $\vec{A}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Operator  $\hat{A}$  or  $\hat{\vec{A}}$  acts to the right side!

$\hat{A}$  means "measure  $A$ ", ...

- order of measurements:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \hat{A} \hat{B} \\
 / \quad \backslash \\
 \text{2nd.} \quad \text{1st.}
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{ie.} \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \hat{A} \hat{B} - \hat{B} \hat{A} = [\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \\
 / \quad | \quad / \quad \backslash \\
 \text{2nd.} \quad \text{1st.} \quad \text{2nd.} \quad \text{1st.}
 \end{array}$$

commutator changes order

•  $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$

the order of the measurements does not matter, the operators  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$  commute.

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] \neq 0$$

the order of the measurements is important, the operators  $\hat{A}$  and  $\hat{B}$  do not commute.

e.g.  $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] = i\hbar$

$$\hat{A} | \dots \rangle \Rightarrow \hat{A} \psi$$

(state)                      (state function)

measurement                      operator

elementary operators:

position

$$\hat{x} = x.$$

$$\hat{x} = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial p_x}$$

momentum

$$\hat{p}_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$\hat{p}_x = p_x.$$

representation

position

momentum

$$[\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] = \hat{x} \hat{p}_x - \hat{p}_x \hat{x} = x \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) - \left( -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) x =$$

position representation

$$= i\hbar \left( -x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left( 1 + x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \right) = i\hbar$$

product rule:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x \cdot f) = f + x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$

measurements (operators) of position and momentum do not commute!

- Hermitian (Hermitian)  $\rightarrow$  Hermite

$$\int \psi_1^* \hat{A} \psi_2 d\tau = \left( \int \psi_2^* \hat{A} \psi_1 d\tau \right)^*$$

transpose indices

build conjugate complex

adjoint  
 $\downarrow$

$$\hat{A} = \hat{A}^\dagger = (\hat{A}^T)^* \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{conjugate} \\ \text{complex} \end{array}$$

↑  
transposed

- Hermitian operators have real eigenvalues, which yields real results of measurements!

$$\hat{A} \psi = a \cdot \psi$$

operator acts on function

eigenvalue

eigenvalue equation

eigenfunction

cf. later!

- construction of more complicated operators from elementary ones, e.g.

kinetic energy:

classical expression

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

mass
velocity
momentum

using  $p = mv$

"quantization"  $p \rightarrow \hat{p} = -i\hbar \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) = -i\hbar \nabla$

$$\nabla^2 = \Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

Laplace operator

Nabla operator

$\Rightarrow$  kinetic energy operator

$$\hat{T} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \quad \text{in 3D space}$$

$$\hat{T} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \quad \text{in 1D space}$$

# Postulat/Axiom 4:

"The average value of a measurement represented by an Operator  $\hat{A}$  for a system in a state  $|\psi\rangle$  is the expectation value

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle = \int \psi^* \hat{A} \psi d\tau.$$

Dirac  
"bra - c - ket"  
notation

in " " "  
representation

$|\underline{\psi}\rangle$  "ket" vector  $\rightarrow \underline{\psi}$  (behind  $\hat{A}$ )

$\langle \underline{\psi} |$  "bra" vector  $\rightarrow \underline{\psi}^*$  (in front of  $\hat{A}$ )

bringing them together in a scalar product implies integration in ... representation.

$$\langle \underline{\psi} | \underline{\psi} \rangle = \int \underline{\psi}^* \underline{\psi} d\tilde{r} = 1 \quad \text{normalization}$$

$$\langle \underline{\psi} | \hat{A} | \underline{\psi} \rangle = \int \underline{\psi}^* \hat{A} \underline{\psi} d\tilde{r} = \langle \hat{A} \rangle \quad \text{expectation value}$$

- $| \psi \rangle$  is an eigenstate of  $\hat{A}$ , i.e. the measurement does not change the state of the system:

$$\hat{A} | \psi \rangle = a \cdot | \psi \rangle \text{ and}$$

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \langle \psi | \hat{A} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | a \cdot \psi \rangle =$$

$$= a \cdot \langle \psi | \psi \rangle = a \quad \text{for normalized } | \psi \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$  only one value  $a$  is measured!

"sharp" measurement value

- $| \rangle$  is not an eigenstate of  $\hat{A}$ , i.e. the measurement changes the state of the system:

$$\hat{A} | \psi \rangle = | \tilde{\psi} \rangle$$

$\langle \hat{A} \rangle$  is an average value of all measurements, cf. later!

## Postulat/Axiom 5:

" The wavefunction is solution of the time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H} \Psi = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi . "$$

[ Schrödinger picture  $\Psi(\dots, t)$  used here,  
alternatively Heisenberg picture  $\hat{H}(\dots, t)$ , 1925/6 ]

- $\hat{H}$ : Hamilton operator, Hamiltonian; operator of total (= kinetic + potential) energy of the system.

quantization of the Hamilton function  $H = T + V$  with

$$x \rightarrow \hat{x}, \quad p_x \rightarrow \hat{p}_x, \dots$$

- stationary states:  $\hat{H} \hat{\psi} = E \hat{\psi}$

ansatz 2:  $\Psi(\vec{r}, t) = \psi(\vec{r}) \cdot e^{-iEt/\hbar}$

wave function      wave amplitude function

$\Rightarrow$  time-independent Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H} \psi = E \cdot \psi$$

total energy

- For  $n$  particles a Hamiltonian can be written as a sum over one-particle contributions  $\hat{h}$  (kinetic energy, interaction with external fields) and two-particle contributions  $\hat{g}$  (e.g. Coulomb interaction between charged particles):

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}(i) + \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{g}(i, j)$$

## Postulat/Axiom 6:

"The wavefunction of a system of identical (indistinguishable) particles is either

- symmetric (for bosons, integral spin particles,  $\rightarrow$  Bose)
- or
- antisymmetric (for fermions, half-integral spin particles  $\rightarrow$  Fermi)

wrt. interchange of two particles."

- $\Psi^* \Psi$  is observable,  $\Psi$  is not observable

permutation operator  $\hat{P}_{ij}$

$$\hat{P}_{ij} \Psi(\dots r_i \dots r_j \dots) = \Psi(\dots r_j \dots r_i \dots) =$$

$$= \Psi(\dots r_i \dots r_j \dots) \quad \text{symmetric}$$

or

$$= -\Psi(\dots r_i \dots r_j \dots) \quad \text{antisymmetric}$$

both yield

$$|\hat{P}_{ij} \Psi|^2 = |\Psi|^2$$

⇒ Pauli principle

An electronic wavefunction is antisymmetric wrt. an interchange of two electrons.

(Specialized:

Two electrons cannot agree in all quantum numbers ....)

## Additional considerations:

- Heisenberg uncertainty relation

"uncertainty":  $\Delta A := \sqrt{\langle (\hat{A} - \langle \hat{A} \rangle)^2 \rangle}$

with elementary operators  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{p}_x$ :

$$\Delta x \Delta p_x \geq \frac{1}{2} |\langle i [\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] \rangle| = \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

similar:  $\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$  (without proof)

- Hilbert space

linear space of functions, where to each pair a complex number (= scalar product) is associated.

(Extension of the Euclidian vector space to functions, however the scalar product is now complex and not commutative!)

Euclidian space

Hilbert space

$$\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_j \in V'$$

$$f_i, f_j \in V'$$

- addition of two elements

⇓  
analogous!

a)  $\vec{a}_i + \vec{a}_j \in V'$

closedness

b)  $\vec{a}_i + (\vec{a}_j + \vec{a}_k) =$

associative law

$$= (\vec{a}_i + \vec{a}_j) + \vec{a}_k$$

c)  $\vec{a}_i + \vec{a}_j = \vec{a}_j + \vec{a}_i$

commutative law

d)  $\vec{a}_i + \vec{0} = \vec{a}_i$

neutral element  $\vec{0}$

e)  $\vec{a}_i + (-\vec{a}_i) = \vec{0}$

inverse element  $(-\vec{a}_i)$

Euclidian space

Hilbert space

↘  
analogous!

- multiplication with a scalar (... number)  $c \in \mathbb{C}$

f)  $c \cdot \vec{a}_i \in V$

$$0 \cdot \vec{a}_i = \vec{0}, c \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

g)  $c_i (c_j \vec{a}_k) = (c_i c_j) \vec{a}_k$  associative law

h)  $(c_i + c_j) \vec{a}_k = c_i \vec{a}_k + c_j \vec{a}_k$  distributive

$$c_k (\vec{a}_i + \vec{a}_j) = c_k \vec{a}_i + c_k \vec{a}_j \quad \text{law(s)}$$

→ linear vector/function space!

# Euclidian space

# Hilbert space

i) scalar product

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j = \vec{a}_j \cdot \vec{a}_i$$

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot (c \cdot \vec{a}_j) = c \cdot (\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j)$$

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_i = \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{for } \vec{a}_i \neq \vec{0} \\ = 0 & \text{for } \vec{a}_i = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

• orthogonal vectors

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j = 0$$

$$\langle f_i | f_j \rangle = \langle f_j | f_i \rangle^* \quad \downarrow$$

$$\langle c f_i | f_j \rangle = c^* \langle f_i | f_j \rangle$$

$$\langle f_i | c f_j \rangle = c \langle f_i | f_j \rangle$$

• orthogonal functions

$$\langle f_i | f_j \rangle = 0$$

Euclidian space

Hilbert space

- component representation in a complete and orthonormal set of basis vectors/functions:

orthonormality:

$$\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{e}_j = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

$$\langle e_i | e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

completeness:

$$\vec{a} = \sum (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{e}_i) \cdot \vec{e}_i$$

$$1 = \sum_i |e_i\rangle \langle e_i|$$

$$|f\rangle = \sum_i \langle e_i | f \rangle |e_i\rangle$$

Euclidian space

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = (a_1^e, a_2^e, \dots, a_n^e)$$

Hilbert space

$$|f\rangle = (f_1^e, f_2^e, \dots, f_n^e)$$

MO  
molecular  
orbital  
coefficient  
vector

AOs  
atomic  
orbital  
coefficients

scalar product:

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^e b_i^e$$

MO - LCAO approach

$$\langle f | g \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i^{e*} g_i^e$$

# • Properties of Hermitian operators

$$\hat{A} = (\hat{A}^T)^* = A^\dagger$$

Hermitian  
operator  $\hat{A}$

alternatively:

$$\int \psi_i^* \hat{A} \psi_j d\tau = \left[ \int \psi_j^* \hat{A} \psi_i d\tau \right]^* = \int \psi_i^* \hat{A}^\dagger \psi_j d\tau$$

$$\langle \psi_i | \hat{A} | \psi_j \rangle = \langle \psi_j | \hat{A} | \psi_i \rangle^* = \langle \psi_i | \hat{A}^\dagger | \psi_j \rangle$$

$$\langle i | \hat{A} | j \rangle = \langle j | \hat{A} | i \rangle^* = \langle i | \hat{A}^\dagger | j \rangle$$

$$\underline{A}_{ij} = \underline{A}_{ji}^* = \underline{A}_{ij}^\dagger$$

$$\underline{A} = (\underline{A}^T)^* = \underline{A}^\dagger$$

$$\underline{A}^\dagger$$

Hermitian  
matrix  $\underline{A}$

real eigenvalues:

$$\hat{A}|\psi\rangle = a|\psi\rangle$$

$\rightarrow$

$$\langle\psi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle = a\langle\psi|\psi\rangle$$

$$\langle\psi|\hat{A}|\psi\rangle^* = a^*\langle\psi|\psi\rangle^*$$

difference<sup>1)</sup>

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$$0 = (a - a^*)\langle\psi|\psi\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in \mathbb{R}$$

<sup>1)</sup>used: hermitian operators  $\hat{A}$  and  $1$ ,  
normalized state  $|\psi\rangle$

orthogonal eigenfunctions:

$$\hat{A}|\psi_i\rangle = a_i|\psi_i\rangle$$

$$\hat{A}|\psi_j\rangle = a_j|\psi_j\rangle$$

$$\langle\psi_j|\hat{A}|\psi_i\rangle = a_i\langle\psi_j|\psi_i\rangle \quad \langle\psi_i|\hat{A}|\psi_j\rangle^* = a_j^*\langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle^*$$

equal for Hermitian operators  $\hat{A}$  and 1

difference:  $0 = (a_i - a_j^{(*)}) \cdot \langle\psi_j|\psi_i\rangle$

If  $a_i \neq a_j$  it follows that  $\langle\psi_j|\psi_i\rangle = 0$

(for  $a_i = a_j$  one can orthogonalize  $\psi_i, \psi_j$ )

- eigenfunctions of commuting operators

$$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = 0$$

$$\hat{A}|\psi\rangle = a|\psi\rangle$$

$$\hat{B}|\psi\rangle = |\tilde{\psi}\rangle$$

$$\hat{B}\hat{A}|\psi\rangle = \hat{B}a|\psi\rangle = a\hat{B}|\psi\rangle = \underline{a|\tilde{\psi}\rangle} = \hat{A}\hat{B}|\psi\rangle = \underline{\hat{A}|\tilde{\psi}\rangle}$$

equal for commuting operators

$\Rightarrow |\tilde{\psi}\rangle$  is eigenfunction of  $\hat{A}$  with eigenvalue  $a$ , i.e.  $|\tilde{\psi}\rangle \sim |\psi\rangle$  or  $|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = b \cdot |\psi\rangle$   
and thus  $\hat{B}|\psi\rangle = b|\psi\rangle$  holds.

$\Rightarrow$  Useful to classify solutions of the Schrödinger equation according to quantum numbers of operators commuting with  $\hat{H}$ :

e.g.  $\hat{L}^2$ ,  $\hat{L}_z$ ,  $\hat{S}^2$ ,  $\hat{S}_z$ ,  $\hat{J}^2$ ,  $\hat{J}_z$ , ... and other symmetry operators

$\Rightarrow 1s^1 2s_{1/2}$ ,  $\pi^1 2\pi_{1/2}$ , ...

- expectation values of non-eigenstates

$$\hat{A} |\psi_i\rangle = a_i |\psi_i\rangle$$

- if the system is in an eigenstate  $|\psi_i\rangle$  of the operator  $\hat{A}$ , the corresponding measurement will always yield the eigenvalue  $a_i$ , i.e.

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \langle \psi_i | \hat{A} | \psi_i \rangle = a_i$$

- if the system is not in an eigenstate one can still expand its state in the basis of eigenstates of  $\hat{A}$ , which form a complete orthonormal set  $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}$ :

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\psi_i\rangle \quad \langle\phi|\phi\rangle = \sum_i |c_i|^2 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\hat{A}\rangle &= \langle\phi|\hat{A}|\phi\rangle = \sum_i^* c_i^* c_j \langle\psi_i|\hat{A}|\psi_j\rangle = \\ &= \sum_i^* c_i^* c_j a_j \langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle = \sum_i^* c_i^* c_j a_j \delta_{ij} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_i |c_i|^2 a_i$$

⇒ one always measures one of the eigenvalues  $a_i$  of  $\hat{A}$ ; a particular eigenvalue  $a_i$  is obtained with a probability  $|c_i|^2$ ; the expectation value  $\langle \hat{A} \rangle$  is a weighted sum of eigenvalues  $a_i$ ; the weights correspond to the probability to "find" the system in eigenstate  $a_i$ .

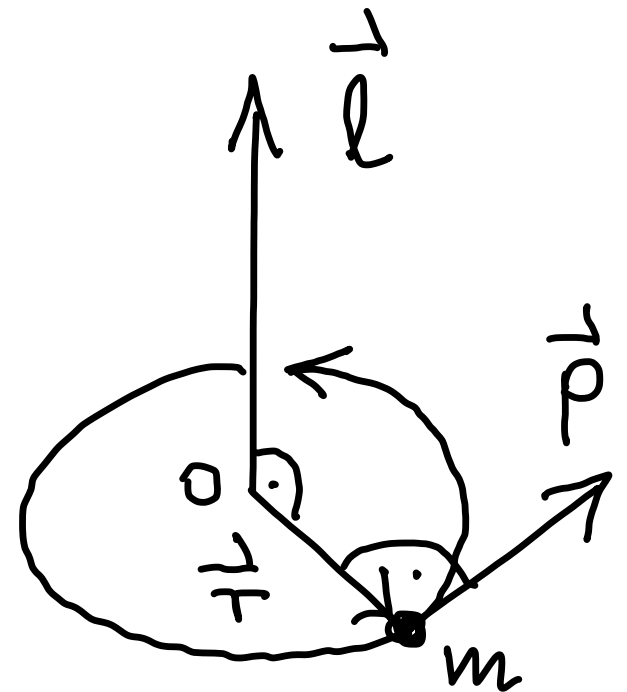
# Angular Momentum Operators

- position  $x \rightarrow \hat{x} = x.$
- momentum  $p_x \rightarrow \hat{p}_x = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

(position representation)

- angular momentum  
classical  
mechanics:

$$\vec{l} := \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$



particle with mass  $m$  on a ring with radius  $r$ :

$$E_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{m^2 \cdot v^2}{2m} = \frac{r^2 \cdot m^2 \cdot v^2}{2m \cdot r^2} =$$

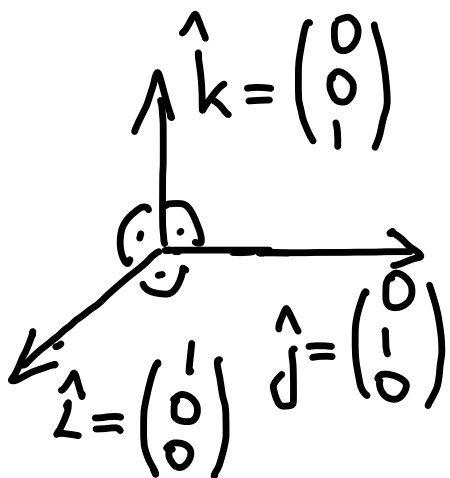
$$= \frac{l^2}{2\Theta} = \frac{\vec{l}^2}{2\Theta}$$

$\vec{l}$  angular momentum  
 $\Theta$  moment of inertia

quantization:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{rot}} = \frac{\hat{l}^2}{2\Theta}$$

$$\vec{l} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathbf{l}} &= \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\mathbf{p}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \hat{p}_x & \hat{p}_y & \hat{p}_z \end{vmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}\hat{p}_z - \hat{z}\hat{p}_y \\ \hat{z}\hat{p}_x - \hat{x}\hat{p}_z \\ \hat{x}\hat{p}_y - \hat{y}\hat{p}_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{l}_y \\ \hat{l}_z \\ \hat{l}_x \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$


Using the elementary commutation relation  $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] = i\hbar$  one can show that

$$[\hat{l}_i, \hat{l}_j] = 0, \quad [\hat{l}_x, \hat{l}_y] = i\hbar \hat{l}_z \quad \text{cyclic: } x \rightarrow y \rightarrow z$$

$i = x, y, z$

# Rigid Rotor ( $\hat{=}$ angular part H atom)

- mass  $m$  rotating on a sphere with radius  $r$  (= const.)
- analytical solution in spherical coordinates ( $x, y, z \rightarrow r, \vartheta, \varphi$ )
- $\hat{L}^2 |Y_{lm}(\vartheta, \varphi)\rangle = \hbar^2 l(l+1) |Y_{lm}(\vartheta, \varphi)\rangle$   
 $\hat{L}_z |Y_{lm}(\vartheta, \varphi)\rangle = \hbar m |Y_{lm}(\vartheta, \varphi)\rangle$   
 $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  (s, p, d, ...),  $m = -l, \dots, -1, 0, +1, \dots, +l$

$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$  spherical harmonics

- in QM one uses the commutation relation  $[\hat{l}_x, \hat{l}_y] = i\hbar \hat{l}_z$  (cyclic) as a definition of an angular momentum operator  $\hat{\vec{l}} = (\hat{l}_x, \hat{l}_y, \hat{l}_z)$ .

- Symbols:

H atom, atomic orbitals:

$$\hat{\vec{l}}, \hat{l}_x, \hat{l}_y, \hat{l}_z, l, m_l$$

- Rigid rotor:

$$\hat{J}^2, \hat{J}_x, \hat{J}_y, \hat{J}_z, J, M_J$$

⇒ these rotations have a classical analogue

the quantum numbers are integral

$$(l, J = 0, 1, 2, \dots; m_l, M_J = \pm m_l, \dots, 0)$$

- experimental evidence (e.g. Stern-Gerlach experiment) or

relativistic QM tells us that there exists also an angular momentum with half-integral quantum numbers and without classical analogue!

- e.g.
  - spin of an electron  $\rightarrow \hat{S}$
  - total angular momentum of an electron (e.g. H atom)  $\rightarrow \hat{J} = \hat{L} + \hat{S}$

# Spin of an electron

intrinsic angular momentum, property

operators:  $\hat{S}^2$ ,  $\hat{S}_x$ ,  $\hat{S}_y$ ,  $\hat{S}_z$

quantum numbers:  $s = 1/2$ ,  $m_s = \pm 1/2$

eigenvalue equations:

$$\hat{S}^2 \left| \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \hbar^2 \frac{3}{4} \left| \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

$$\hat{S}_z \left| \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \pm \hbar \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$$

eigenfunctions:  $|s, m_s\rangle = \left| \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$

- vector/matrix representation of spin eigenfunctions/operators

spin functions:

$$|\alpha\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |\beta\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\langle\alpha| = (1 \ 0), \quad \langle\beta| = (0 \ 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle\alpha|\beta\rangle = 0, \quad \langle\alpha|\alpha\rangle = \langle\beta|\beta\rangle = 1$$

complete  
orthonormal  
basis in 2D  
spin space

spin operators:

$$\hat{\vec{S}} = (\hat{S}_x, \hat{S}_y, \hat{S}_z)$$

$$\hat{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} G_x$$

$$\hat{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} G_y$$

$$\hat{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{2} G_z$$

$$\hat{S}^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2x2 Pauli  
spin matrices  
 $G_x, G_y, G_z$

definition of  
angular  
momentum

$$[\hat{S}_x, \hat{S}_y] = i\hbar \hat{S}_z$$

is fulfilled

examples:

$$\hat{S}_z^2 |\alpha\rangle = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\hbar^2}{h} |\alpha\rangle \Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} \frac{\hbar^2}{h} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\hbar^2}{h} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

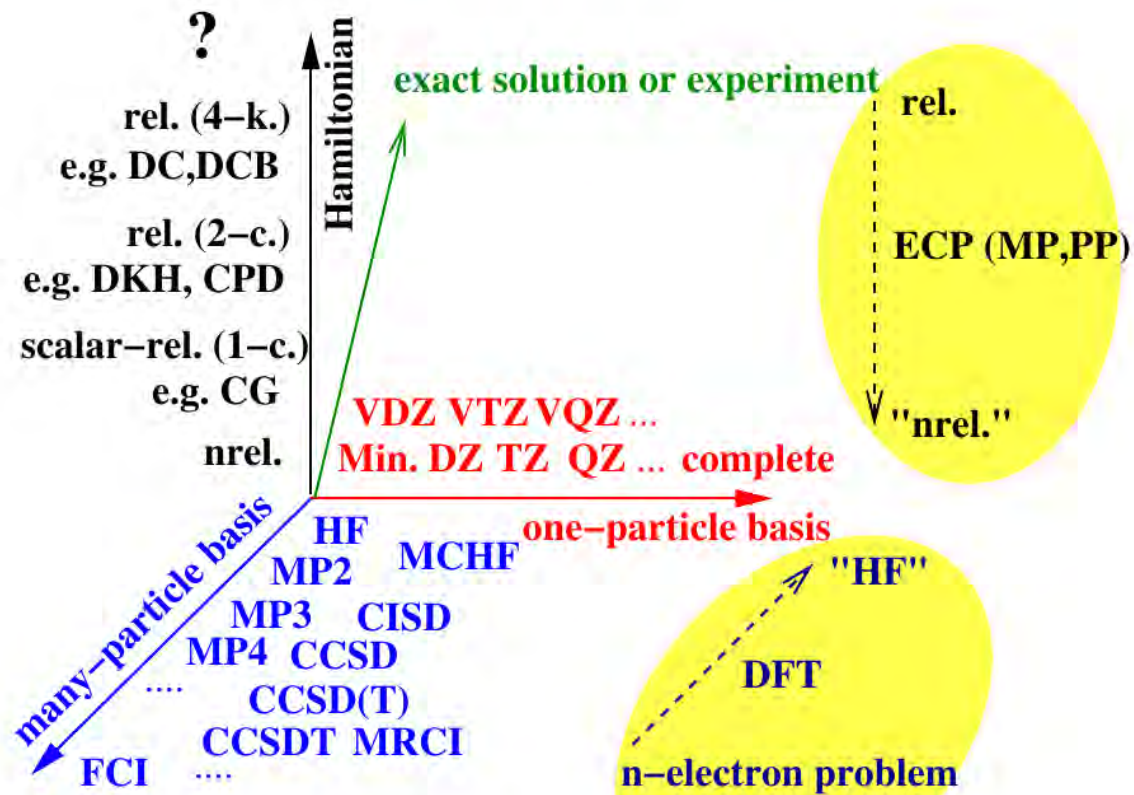
$$\hat{S}_z |\beta\rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{h} |\beta\rangle \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{h} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{h} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

etc.

wavefunction:

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_\alpha \\ \psi_\beta \end{pmatrix} = \psi_\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \psi_\beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

spatial part  $\alpha$   
spin part  $\alpha$



- relativistic contributions:  $\Delta E_{\text{rel}} \sim Z^4$ .
- correlation energy errors for standard basis set expansions:  $E_{\text{corr}}^1 - E_{\text{corr}}^\infty \sim 1/l^3$   
→ basis set extrapolation or F12-dependent wavefunctions.
- computational effort:  $t \sim n^k$  ( $n$  size of one-particle basis set,  $k$  for some standard approaches: DFT 3, HF 4, MP2 5, CISD, CCSD 6, CCSD(T) 7 ...) → low-order/linear scaling schemes.
- ECPs simplify the Hamiltonian and also lead to some reductions in the sizes of the one- and many-electron basis sets (e.g. small-core PPs plus valence-only SO terms) !
- DFT avoids costly many-determinantal wavefunctions/treatments.

Goal: Suitable compromise between accuracy and computational effort,  
i.e., sufficiently accurate low-cost relativistic electronic structure calculations, also for larger systems.

# Atomic units:

inconvenient,  
numerical  
problems

$$m_{0,e} = 9,1093837139 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$e = 1,602176634 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$h = 6.62607015 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

by definition:

$$m_{0,e} = e = h = 1 \text{ atomic unit (a.u.)}$$

length:

$$1 \text{ a.u.} = 1 \text{ Bohr} \approx 0.52918 \text{ \AA}$$

energy:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ a.u.} &= 1 \text{ Hartree} \approx 27.2117 \text{ eV} \\ &\approx 627.5 \text{ kcal/mol} \\ &\approx 2625.5 \text{ kJ/mol} \\ &\approx 219474 \text{ cm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

# Many-electron systems

Born-Oppenheimer approximation:

- nuclei heavy, electrons light
- uniform distribution of energy on the particles (electrons, nuclei)

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \quad m \text{ large} \rightarrow v \text{ small}$$

- nuclei slow, electrons fast
- electrons in the field of fixed nuclei

- Hamiltonian: BO approximation

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}(i) + \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{g}(i,j)$$

$$\hat{h}(i) = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta_i - \sum_{I=1}^N \frac{Z_I}{r_{iI}}, \quad g(i,j) = \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

universal
specific
universal

- Schrödinger equation:  
 $\hat{H} \psi = E \psi \rightarrow$  "electronic"  $H_{el}, E_{el}$

- nuclear repulsion:

$$W = \sum_{I=J+1}^N \sum_{J=1}^{N-1} \frac{z_I z_J}{r_{IJ}}$$

const. in the  
BO approximation

- total energy:

$$E_{\text{tot}}(\{\vec{R}_I\}) = E_{\text{el}} + W$$

⇒ potential curve,  
energy hypersurface

- wavefunction:

- no analytic solution as for the H atom possible

- build a many-electron wavefunction from (familiar) one-electron wavefunctions ( $\rightarrow$  orbitals or spin-orbitals: one electron in the field of all others and the nuclei)

- Hartree product

$$\Phi = \prod_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(i) = \varphi_1(1) \varphi_2(2) \dots \varphi_n(n)$$

- we assume  $\langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ , so that  $\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle = 1$  holds
- every electron occupies its own orbital

- Slater determinant

- electrons are indistinguishable

- wavefunction must be antisymmetric wrt. exchange of two electrons

⇒ antisymmetrized linear combination of Hartree products

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \sum_{k=1}^{n!} \hat{P}_k (-1)^{P_k} \prod_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(i) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} \varphi_1(1) & \varphi_2(1) & \dots & \varphi_n(1) & \\ \varphi_1(2) & \varphi_2(2) & \dots & \varphi_n(2) & \\ \varphi_1(3) & \varphi_2(3) & \dots & \varphi_n(3) & \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ \varphi_1(n) & \varphi_2(n) & \dots & \varphi_n(n) & \end{array}$$

$\hat{P}_k$ 

permutation operator  
acts on the "diagonal" Hartree  
product  $\varphi_1(1) \varphi_2(2) \dots \varphi_n(n)$   
and exchanges  $p_k$  times two  
electrons  
 $\rightarrow n!$  possible arrangements  
of  $n$  electrons in  $n$  orbitals,  
 $n!$   $\hat{P}_k$  operators

→ indistinguishability of electrons  
→  $(-1)^{P_k}$  leads to antisymmetry  
of the wavefunction (Pauli  
principle)

- we assume  $\langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ , so that  
 $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = 1$  due to the normalization  
factor  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}}$

- properties of determinants:
    - change of sign upon exchange of two rows or two columns, corresponding to exchange of two electrons or two orbitals
    - zero if two lines or two columns are identical
- ⇒ fulfillment of Pauli principle!

Note: a Slater determinant is not the exact solution of the Schrödinger equation!

The "best" orbitals (wrt.  $E$ ) can be determined in the Hartree-Fock method. cf. later!

- how to evaluate determinants

2x2

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \underline{ad} - \underline{bc}$$

*(Note: In the original image, a blue arrow points from 'a' to 'd' with a '+' sign below it, and a red arrow points from 'b' to 'c' with a '-' sign below it.)*

to make it easier...

3x3

"rule of Sarrus"

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = \underline{aei} + \underline{bfg} + \underline{cdh} - \underline{gfc} - \underline{hfa} - \underline{idb}$$

*(Note: In the original image, blue arrows show the positive terms (aei, bfg, cdh) and red arrows show the negative terms (gfc, hfa, idb). The signs below the matrix are: -, -, -, +, +, +.)*

$n \times n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ): expansion according to Laplace

$$\det|\underline{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} + & - & + & \dots \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots \\ - & + & - & \dots \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots \\ + & - & + & \dots \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \end{vmatrix} = \sum_k a_{lk} (-1)^{l+k} \cdot \det|\underline{A}^{lk}|$$

expansion wrt row  $l$ :

delete row  $l$  and column  $k$  from  $\underline{A}$

choose row or column to expand  
(if possible choose those with  $a_{ij} = 0$ )

$$\det|\underline{A}^{lk}| = \begin{vmatrix} | & | & | \\ \hline & \underline{A} & \\ \hline | & | & | \end{vmatrix}$$

example:

$$\begin{vmatrix} +a_{11} & -a_{12} & +a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$+ a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} - a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}$$

$$- a_{12} a_{21} a_{33} + a_{12} a_{23} a_{31} + a_{13} a_{21} a_{32} - a_{13} a_{22} a_{31}$$

expansion  
wrt. column l:

$$\det | \underline{A} | = \sum_k a_{kl} (-1)^{k+l} \det | \underline{A}^{kl} |$$

# Two-electron systems

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1(1) & \varphi_2(1) \\ \varphi_1(2) & \varphi_2(2) \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\varphi_1(1)\varphi_2(2) - \varphi_2(1)\varphi_1(2))$$

every electron in every orbital ✓  
sign change upon electron exchange ✓

$\varphi_i$ : spin orbitals

spatial part  $\phi_i$ , spin part  $\sigma_i = \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \end{cases}$

there are four possibilities for  $\phi$ :

$$\varphi_1 = \phi_1 \cdot \alpha, \phi_1 \cdot \beta, \phi_1 \cdot \alpha, \phi_1 \cdot \beta$$

$$\varphi_2 = \phi_2 \cdot \alpha, \phi_2 \cdot \beta, \phi_2 \cdot \beta, \phi_2 \cdot \alpha$$

1)                      2)                      3)                      4)

$$M_S = m_{S_1} + m_{S_2} = \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad 0 \quad 0$$

there is a triplet ( $S=1$ ) and a singlet ( $S=0$ )

$$\Phi_{M_S=1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(1) \underline{\alpha(1)} & \phi_2(1) \underline{\alpha(1)} \\ \phi_1(2) \underline{\alpha(2)} & \phi_2(2) \underline{\alpha(2)} \end{vmatrix} = \Phi_{S=1, M_S=1} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \underline{\alpha(1) \alpha(2)} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(1) & \phi_2(1) \\ \phi_1(2) & \phi_2(2) \end{vmatrix} \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

spin  
part:  
symmetric

spatial  
part:  
anti-  
symmetric

triplet!

$$\Phi_{M_S=-1} \text{ analogous } (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{M_S=0,3)} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(1)\alpha(1) & \phi_2(1)\beta(1) \\ \phi_1(2)\alpha(2) & \phi_2(2)\beta(2) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\underbrace{\phi_1(1)\alpha(1)} \underbrace{\phi_2(2)\beta(2)} - \underbrace{\phi_2(1)\beta(1)} \underbrace{\phi_1(2)\alpha(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{M_S=0,4)} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(1)\beta(1) & \phi_2(1)\alpha(1) \\ \phi_1(2)\beta(2) & \phi_2(2)\alpha(2) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\underbrace{\phi_1(1)\beta(1)} \underbrace{\phi_2(2)\alpha(2)} - \underbrace{\phi_2(1)\alpha(1)} \underbrace{\phi_1(2)\beta(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \Phi_{M_S=0,3} - \Phi_{M_S=0,4} \right] = \Phi_{S=0, M_S=0}^{0s} = \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underbrace{\phi_1(1)} \underbrace{\alpha(1)} \underbrace{\phi_2(2)} \underbrace{\beta(2)} - \underbrace{\phi_2(1)} \underbrace{\beta(1)} \underbrace{\phi_1(2)} \underbrace{\alpha(2)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \underbrace{\phi_1(1)} \underbrace{\beta(1)} \underbrace{\phi_2(2)} \underbrace{\alpha(2)} + \underbrace{\phi_2(1)} \underbrace{\alpha(1)} \underbrace{\phi_1(2)} \underbrace{\beta(2)} \right] \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underbrace{(\phi_1(1)\phi_2(2) + \phi_2(1)\phi_1(2))}_{\text{spatial part:}} \begin{vmatrix} \alpha(1) & \beta(1) \\ \alpha(2) & \beta(2) \end{vmatrix} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

singlet  
 $\uparrow \downarrow - \downarrow \uparrow$

spatial part:  
symmetric

spin part:  
antisymmetric

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \Phi_{M_S=0,3} + \Phi_{M_S=0,4} \right] = \Phi_{S=1, M_S=0} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \underbrace{\phi_1(1)}_{\text{blue}} \alpha(1) \underbrace{\phi_2(2)}_{\text{blue}} \beta(2) - \underbrace{\phi_2(1)}_{\text{green}} \beta(1) \underbrace{\phi_1(2)}_{\text{green}} \alpha(2) \right.$$

$$\left. + \underbrace{\phi_1(1)}_{\text{blue}} \beta(1) \underbrace{\phi_2(2)}_{\text{blue}} \alpha(2) + \underbrace{\phi_2(1)}_{\text{green}} \alpha(1) \underbrace{\phi_1(2)}_{\text{green}} \beta(2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\alpha(1) \beta(2) + \beta(1) \alpha(2)) \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(1) & \phi_2(1) \\ \phi_1(2) & \phi_2(2) \end{vmatrix} \right]$$

spin part:

spatial part:

triplet

symmetric

antisymmetric

$$\uparrow \downarrow + \downarrow \uparrow$$

Note :

- an open shell singlet ( $\phi_1 \neq \phi_2$ ) cannot be described by a single Slater determinant.
- $\uparrow \downarrow$  is not an open shell singlet (wavefunction).
- $\phi_1 = \phi_2$  leads to the closed shell singlet or  $\phi = \sigma$  for the "triplet"

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \Phi_{M_S=0,3} - \Phi_{M_S=0,4} \right] = \Phi_{S=0, M_S=0}^{CS} \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\phi_1(1)\phi_1(2) + \phi_1(1)\phi_1(2)) \begin{vmatrix} \alpha(1) & \beta(1) \\ \alpha(2) & \beta(2) \end{vmatrix} \right] \\
& \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \phi_1(1)\phi_1(2) \begin{vmatrix} \alpha(1) & \beta(1) \\ \alpha(2) & \beta(2) \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{closed shell} \\ \text{singlet } \uparrow\downarrow \end{array} \\
& \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \Phi_{M_S=0,3} + \Phi_{M_S=0,4} \right] = \begin{array}{l} \text{equal} \\ \text{columns!} \end{array} \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\alpha(1)\beta(2) + \beta(1)\alpha(2)) \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(1) & \phi_1(1) \\ \phi_1(2) & \phi_1(2) \end{vmatrix} \right] \\
& = 0 \quad \text{Pauli forbidden! } \uparrow\uparrow
\end{aligned}$$

Energies of open-shell singlet and triplet:

$$\hat{H}(1) + \hat{H}(2) + \hat{g}(1,2)$$

$$\langle \Phi_{S=1, M_S=1} | \hat{H} | \Phi_{S=1, M_S=1} \rangle = \text{no spin dependence!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \langle \alpha(1)\alpha(2) | \alpha(1)\alpha(2) \rangle \cdot$$

$$\langle \phi_1(1)\phi_2(2) - \phi_2(1)\phi_1(2) | \hat{H}(1) + \hat{H}(2) + \hat{g}(1,2) | \dots$$

$$\dots \phi_1(1)\phi_2(2) - \phi_2(1)\phi_1(2) \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2h_1 + 2h_2 + 2J_{12} - 2K_{12}) =$$

$$= \underbrace{h_1 + h_2}_{\text{one electron terms}} + \underbrace{J_{12} - K_{12}}_{\text{two electron terms}}$$

$\varepsilon \uparrow$

$$h_1 = \langle \phi_1 | \hat{h} | \phi_1 \rangle, \quad h_2 = \langle \phi_2 | \hat{h} | \phi_2 \rangle$$

$$J_{12} = \langle \phi_1(1) \phi_2(2) | \hat{g}(1,2) | \phi_1(1) \phi_2(2) \rangle \quad \text{Coulomb}$$

$$K_{12} = \langle \phi_1(1) \phi_2(2) | \hat{g}(1,2) | \phi_2(1) \phi_1(2) \rangle \quad \text{exchange}$$

same result for  $\phi_{S=1, M_S=-1}$  !

$$\langle \Phi_{S=0, M_S=0}^{0s} | \hat{H} | \Phi_{S=0, M_S=0}^{0s} \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left\langle \begin{array}{c} | \alpha(1) \beta(1) \\ | \alpha(2) \beta(2) \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} | \alpha(1) \beta(2) \\ | \alpha(2) \beta(1) \end{array} \right\rangle \cdot$$

spatial part  
almost as for  
 $S=1, M_S=1!$

$$\cdot \langle \phi_1(1) \phi_2(2) + \phi_2(1) \phi_1(2) | \hat{P}_h(1) + \hat{P}_h(2) + \hat{g}(1,2) | \dots$$

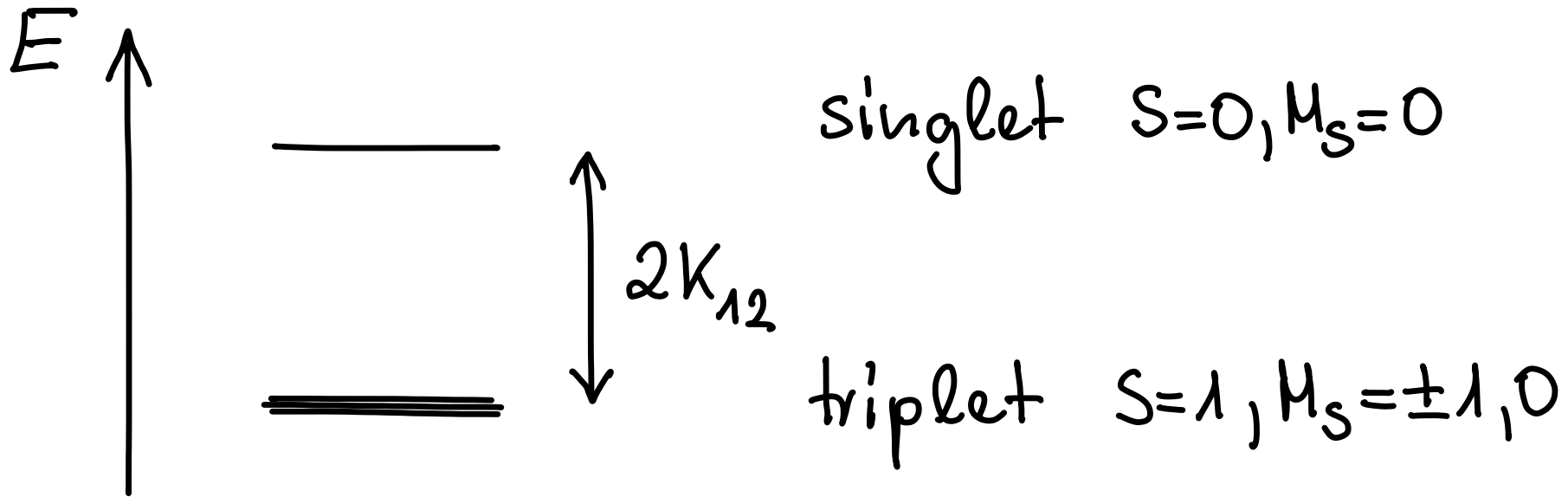
$$\dots \phi_1(1) \phi_2(2) + \phi_2(1) \phi_1(2) \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 \cdot (2P_{h_1} + 2P_{h_2} + 2J_{12} + 2K_{12}) =$$

$$= P_{h_1} + P_{h_2} + J_{12} + K_{12}$$

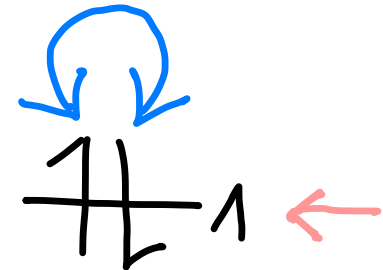
$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \phi_{S=1, M_S=0} | \hat{H} | \phi_{S=1, M_S=0} \rangle = \\
& = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \langle \alpha(1)\beta(2) + \beta(1)\alpha(2) | \alpha(1)\beta(2) + \beta(1)\alpha(2) \rangle \cdot \\
& \cdot \langle \phi_1(1)\phi_2(2) - \phi_2(1)\phi_1(2) | \hat{p}_1(1) + \hat{p}_1(2) + \hat{g}(1,2) | \dots \\
& \quad \dots \phi_1(1)\phi_2(2) - \phi_2(1)\phi_1(2) \rangle = \\
& = \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 \cdot (2P_1 + 2P_2 + 2J_{12} - 2K_{12}) = \\
& = P_1 + P_2 + J_{12} - K_{12}
\end{aligned}$$

result:



The exchange integral determines the singlet - triplet splitting (open shell case)

Closed shell case:

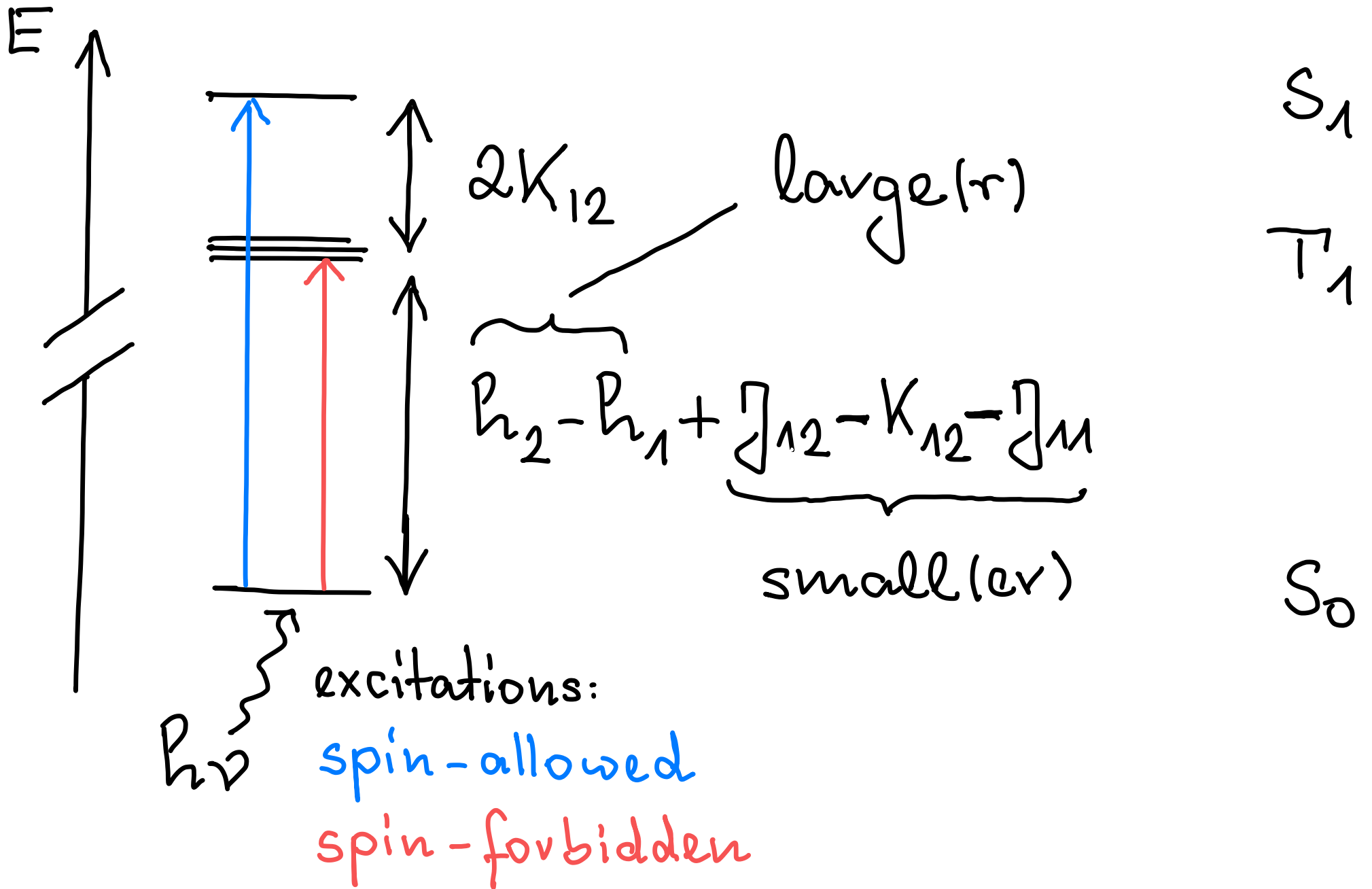
$$\langle \Phi_{S=0, M_S=0}^{\text{CS}} | \hat{H} | \Phi_{S=0, M_S=0}^{\text{CS}} \rangle = \epsilon$$


$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \begin{array}{c} | \alpha(1) \ \beta(1) \\ | \alpha(2) \ \beta(2) \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} | \alpha(1) \ \beta(1) \\ | \alpha(2) \ \beta(2) \end{array} \right\rangle \cdot$$

$$\bullet \langle \phi_1(1) \phi_1(2) | \hat{h}(1) + \hat{h}(2) + \hat{g}(1,2) | \phi_1(1) \phi_1(2) \rangle =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot (2h_1 + J_{11}) = \underline{2h_1} + \underline{J_{11}}$$

result:



# Electron density and density matrices

density:

$$g(\vec{r}_1) = n \cdot \int_1 \int_2 \dots \int_n \psi^* \psi \, dG_1 \, d\vec{r}_2 \dots d\vec{r}_n$$

*spin*     *space and spin*

- integration over all but one spatial electron coordinates
- $\int g(\vec{r}) \, d\vec{r} = n$  (number of electrons)
- indistinguishability of electrons: result independent of which coordinates are integrated.

$$g(\tau) = n \int \dots \int_{2n} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \sum_{k=1}^{n!} \hat{P}_k (-1)^{P_k} \prod_{i=1}^n \varphi_i^*(z_i) \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \sum_{k=1}^{n!} \hat{P}_k (-1)^{P_k} \prod_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(z_i) \right) d\tau_2 \dots d\tau_n$$

electron 1 fixed to  $\varphi_k^*(1)\varphi_k(1)$ ,  $(n-1)!$  possibilities for electrons 2 to  $n$ .

$$= \frac{n}{n!} \cdot (n-1)! \left( \varphi_1^* \varphi_1 + \varphi_2^* \varphi_2 + \dots + \varphi_n^* \varphi_n \right) =$$

$$= g_1(\tau) + g_2(\tau) + \dots + g_n(\tau)$$

sum of densities of occupied orbitals

$$\gamma(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_1) = \text{different}$$

$$\int_2 \dots \int_n \psi^*(\underbrace{\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_n}_{\text{equal}}) \psi(\underbrace{\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_n}_{\text{equal}}) d\vec{r}_2 \dots d\vec{r}_n$$

first order  
density matrix

$$\gamma(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_1) = \rho(\vec{r}_1)$$

the diagonal of the first-order density matrix is the density.

Higher order density matrices can be defined in analogous way; important is the pair density, which is the diagonal of the second-order density matrix:

$$\tilde{\Pi}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \Gamma(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)$$

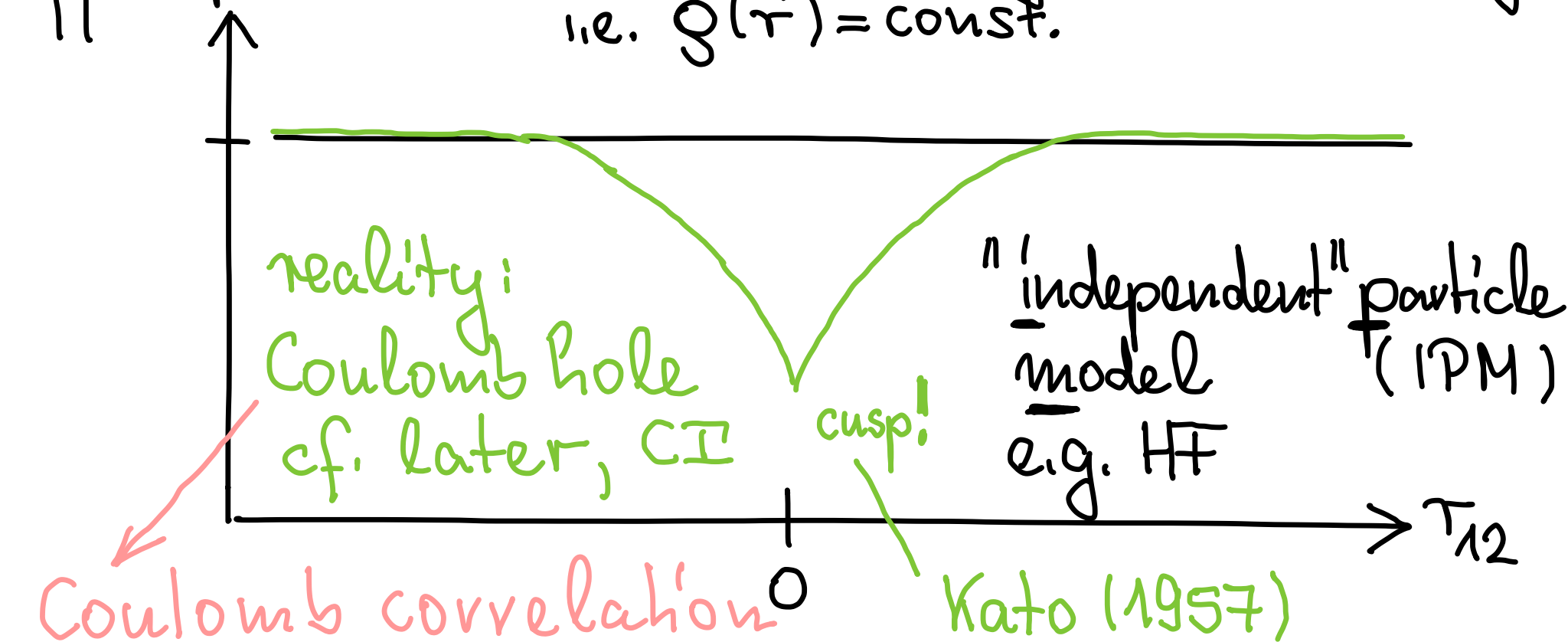
We can look at examples for the derived wavefunctions of two-electron systems and distinguish between  $S=0$  and  $S=1$ .

$$\Pi^{\alpha\beta}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) =$$

We always integrate over all spin coordinates

$$\phi_1^*(1) \phi_1^*(2) \phi_1(1) \phi_1(2) = g_1(1) \cdot g_1(2)$$

$\Pi^{\alpha\beta}$  plot: assume homogenous electron gas, i.e.  $g(\vec{r}) = \text{const.}$



# Kato cusp conditions (1957)

- electron-nucleus cusp

$$2 \cdot g(\vec{r}) \cdot Z_H = - \frac{dg(\vec{r})}{dr} \Big|_{\vec{r} = \vec{R}_H} \Rightarrow \text{cf. DFT}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r_i} \Big|_{\vec{r}_i = \vec{R}_H} = -Z_H \psi(\vec{R}_H)$$

→ You know H-type systems:

$\psi_{1s} \sim e^{-Zr} \rightarrow$  fulfills the conditions ( $\vec{R}_H = \vec{0}$ )

- electron-electron cusp

$$\left. \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tau_{12}} \right|_{\tau_{12}=0} = \frac{1}{2} \psi(\tau_{12}=0)$$

→ assume a 2-electron system so that  $\psi^* \psi = \tilde{\pi}$  and apply the product rule for derivatives to  $\psi^* \psi$ ! Note that  $\psi(\tau_{12}=0)$  for  $\alpha, \alpha$  spin, but not for  $\alpha, \beta$  spin.

→  $\tau_{12}$ - or  $f(\tau_{12})$ -dependent wave-functions, e.g.  $\tilde{T}_{12}$ -CCSD( $\tilde{T}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{\Pi}^{\alpha\alpha}(\vec{\tau}_1, \vec{\tau}_2) = \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\phi_1^*(1) \phi_2^*(2) - \phi_2^*(1) \phi_1^*(2)) (\phi_1(1) \phi_2(2) - \phi_2(1) \phi_1(2)) \right] = \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[ g_1(1) g_2(2) + g_2(1) g_1(2) \quad \text{similar to } \hat{\Pi}^{\alpha\beta}! \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \phi_1^*(1) \phi_2(1) \phi_2^*(2) \phi_1(2) - \phi_2^*(1) \phi_1(1) \phi_1^*(2) \phi_2(2) \right] = \\
& = ?
\end{aligned}$$

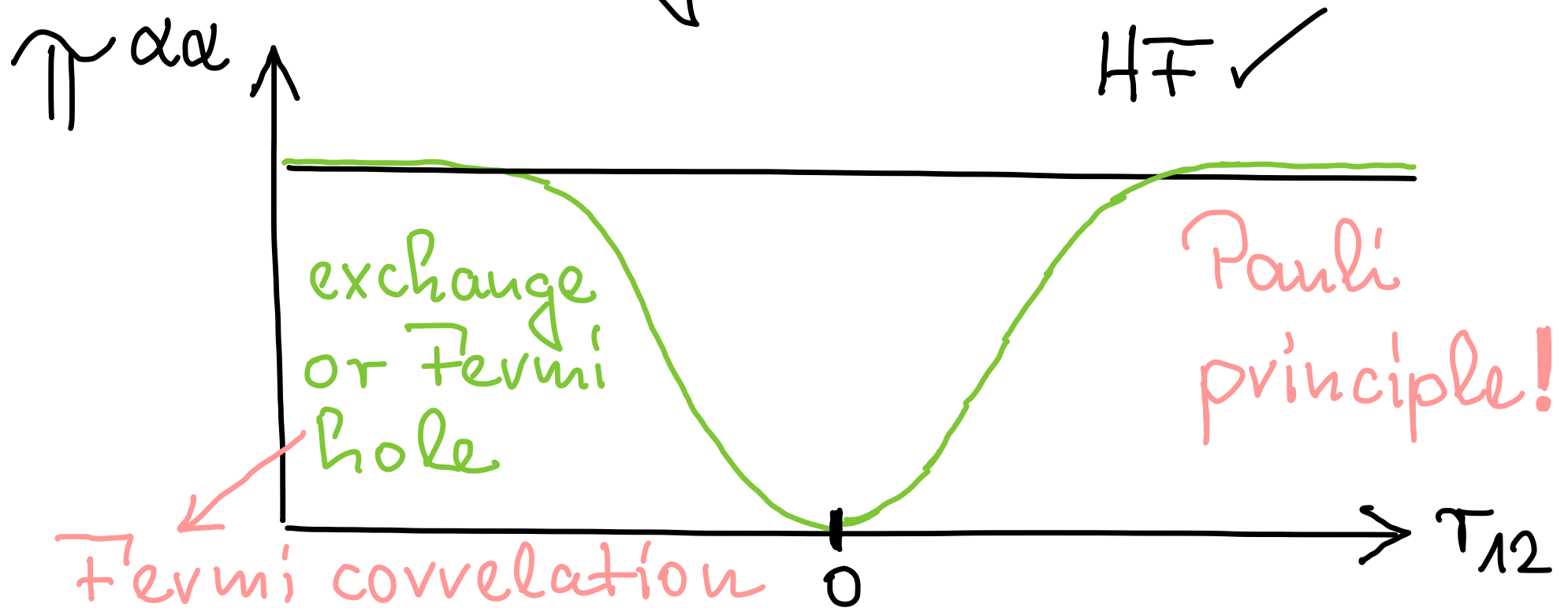
Note that  $\phi_1 \neq \phi_2$

assume  $\vec{\tau}_1 = \vec{\tau}_2$ ! then  $\phi_1^*(1) \phi_1(2) = g_1$ , etc.

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2g_1g_2 - g_1g_2 - g_2g_1] = 0 \text{ Pauli principle!}$$

The pair density vanishes when two electrons with equal spin approach each other. The electrons "avoid" each other.

The pair density shows a Fermi hole:



# Chapter 2

The Hartree - Fock (HF)

method

(and beyond)

Why is the Hartree-Fock method so important for QC?

- best possible quantitative description of many-electron systems with a simple wavefunction using orbitals
- starting point for more accurate "correlation" calculations
- connection to qualitative models based on orbitals
- extension to Kohn-Sham density functional theory (HF  $\rightarrow$  HFS,  $X_\alpha \hat{=} \text{early KS DFT}$ )

Most important ingredients:

- Hamiltonian: variationally stable, i.e., bounded from below
- Wavefunction: Slater determinant
- Variational principle: minimize the energy to obtain the best solution
- Method of Lagrange multipliers to keep orbital orthonormalization

Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{p}_i(\dot{z}_i) + \sum_{j=i+1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \hat{g}(\dot{z}_i, \dot{z}_j)$$

$$\hat{p}_i(\dot{z}_i) = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta_{z_i} \sim \sum_{I=1}^N \frac{z_I}{r_{Ii}}$$

$$\hat{g}(\dot{z}_i, \dot{z}_j) = \frac{1}{r_{ij}^2}$$

most simple  
choice;  
non-relativistic  
Hamiltonian

# Wavefunction: Slater determinant

normalization factor

permutation operator

spin-orbitals

electron index

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \sum_{k=1}^{n!} \hat{P}_k (-1)^{P_k} \prod_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(i)$$

Slater determinant

antisymmetrization operator

Hartree product

orbital index

antisymmetrization operator

Hartree product

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \det | \varphi_1(1) \dots \varphi_n(n) | ; \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

Variational principle:

$$E_0^{\text{exact}} \leq \frac{\langle \tilde{\psi} | \hat{H} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle}{\langle \tilde{\psi} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle} = E[\tilde{\psi}]$$

- $\tilde{\psi}$  is a suitable trial wavefunction
- $E_0^{\text{exact}}$  is the exact ground state energy
- for the exact ground state wavefunction one obtains  $E_0^{\text{exact}} = E[\psi_0^{\text{exact}}]$

proof:

1. assume  $\hat{H}|\psi_i\rangle = E_i|\psi_i\rangle$  is solved!

$\{|\psi_i\rangle\}$ : complete orthonormal basis, i.e.

$$\langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 = \sum_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

orthonormality

completeness

approximate wavefunction (normalized):

$$|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\psi_i\rangle$$

$$1 = \langle\tilde{\psi}|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_i^* c_j \underbrace{\langle\psi_i|\psi_j\rangle}_{\delta_{ij}} = \sum_i |c_i|^2$$

$$E[\hat{\psi}] = \langle \hat{\psi} | \hat{H} | \hat{\psi} \rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_i^* c_j \langle \psi_i | \hat{H} | \psi_j \rangle =$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} c_i^* c_j E_j \underbrace{\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle}_{\delta_{ij}} = \sum_i |c_i|^2 E_i \geq$$

$$\geq \sum_i |c_i|^2 E_0 = E_0 \underbrace{\sum_i |c_i|^2}_{=1} = E_0$$

$$\Rightarrow E[\hat{\psi}] \geq E_0 = E[\psi_0] \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

quod erat demonstrandum

2. assume  $\hat{H}|\phi_i\rangle \neq E|\phi_i\rangle$

$\{|\phi_i\rangle\}$ : complete orthonormal basis, i.e.

$$\langle\phi_i|\phi_j\rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 = \sum_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$$

*orthonormality*                      *completeness*

exact wavefunction (normalized):

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\phi_i\rangle$$

$$1 = \langle\psi|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_i^* c_j \underbrace{\langle\phi_i|\phi_j\rangle}_{\delta_{ij}} = \sum_i |c_i|^2$$

Schrodinger equation:

$$\sum_i c_i \hat{H} |\phi_i\rangle = E \cdot \sum_i c_i |\phi_i\rangle \quad | \langle \phi_j |$$

$$\sum_i c_i \underbrace{\langle \phi_j | \hat{H} | \phi_i \rangle}_{H_{ji}} = E \cdot \sum_i c_i \underbrace{\langle \phi_j | \phi_i \rangle}_{\delta_{ij}}$$

$$\sum_i c_i H_{ji} = E \cdot c_j$$

row                  column

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_{j1} & H_{j2} & \dots & H_{jn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = E \left( \boxed{H_{j1}c_1 + H_{j2}c_2 + \dots + H_{jn}c_n} \right)$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{jth row}}$ 
 $\downarrow$ 
 $\xrightarrow{\text{jth element}}$

matrix eigenvalue problem!  
 (routine task for a computer (code))

one state:                      many states:

$$\underline{H} \underline{c}_i = E_i \underline{c}_i \quad \underline{H} \underline{C} = \underline{E} \underline{C} \quad \text{with} \quad \underline{C} = (\underline{c}_1 \dots \underline{c}_n)$$

$$\underline{E} = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & E_n \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ full configuration interaction (FCI)

- basis: all Slater determinants which can be formed for a given set of (spin-orbitals) and a given number of electrons!

- exact solution! (for the underlying one-particle basis set, cf. later)

3. assume  $\hat{H}|\phi_i\rangle \neq E|\phi_i\rangle$

$\{|\phi_i\rangle\}$ : incomplete orthonormal basis, i.e.

$$\langle\phi_i|\phi_j\rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 \neq \sum_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$$

orthonormality no completeness

approximate wavefunction (unnormalized):

$$|\tilde{\psi}\rangle = \sum_i c_i |\phi_i\rangle$$

Variational principle:

$$E^2 \langle \tilde{\psi} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle = \langle \tilde{\psi} | \hat{H} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle = E[\tilde{\psi}] \geq E_0^{\text{exact}}$$

$$E^2 \sum_{i,j} c_i^* c_j \langle \phi_i | \phi_j \rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_i^* c_j \langle \phi_i | \hat{H} | \phi_j \rangle$$

$$E^2 \sum_i c_i^* c_i = \sum_i c_i^* \sum_j c_j H_{ij}$$

$$\sum_i c_i^* \left( \sum_j c_j H_{ij} - E c_i \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_j c_j H_{ij} = \tilde{E} \cdot c_j \quad [\text{cf. before, 2)!}]$$

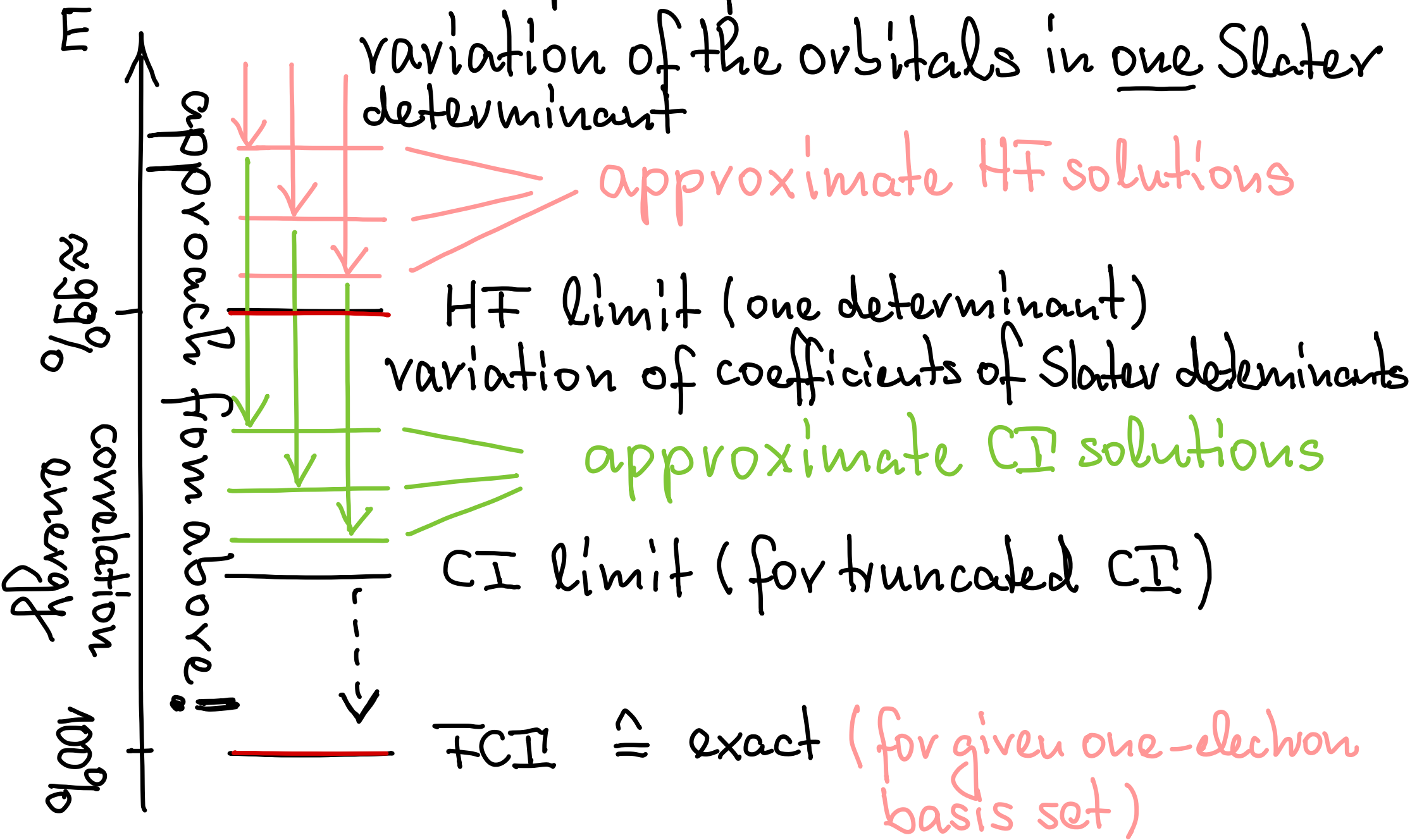
row
column

$$\underline{H} \underline{c} = \underline{\tilde{E}} \underline{c} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{H} \underline{C} = \underline{\tilde{E}} \underline{C}$$

⇒ truncated configuration interaction,  
 e.g. with single and double excitations

CISD, and others, cf. later!

# Variational principle in QC: HF, CI



Hartree-Fock:

$$\text{Variation of } E_{\text{HF}} = \frac{\langle \hat{\Phi} | \hat{H} | \hat{\Phi} \rangle}{\langle \hat{\Phi} | \hat{\Phi} \rangle}$$

Slater  
determinant

wrt. orbitals  $\phi_i$  ( $\psi_i = c_i \phi_i$ ) in  $\hat{\Phi}$

under the orthonormality condition

$$\langle \phi_i | \phi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad (\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij})$$

$\Rightarrow$  method of Lagrange multipliers

$$E_{HF} = \langle \phi | \hat{H} | \phi \rangle = \langle \phi | \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}(i) + \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{g}(i,j) | \phi \rangle =$$

assume  $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = 1$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \left( \underbrace{n}_{\text{\# electrons}} \cdot \langle \det | \varphi_i(i) | | \hat{h}(1) | \det | \varphi_i(i) | \rangle + \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \cdot \langle \det | \varphi_i(i) | | \hat{g}(1,2) | \det | \varphi_i(i) | \rangle = \right.$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{\# pairs of electrons}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{electron pair 1,2}}$

exploit the indistinguishability of the electrons!

1st term: apply Laplace expansion once

$$\det |\varphi_i(z)| = \mathbb{D} = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} \varphi_i(1) \mathbb{D}^{1i}$$

determinant      subdeterminant

↳ expand wrt 1st row where we have electron 1

Note:  $\langle \mathbb{D} | \mathbb{D} \rangle = n!$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{D}^{ij} | \mathbb{D}^{kl} \rangle = \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} (n-1)!$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n!} (n \cdot (n-1)!) \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \varphi_i(1) | \hat{h}_i | \varphi_i(1) \rangle + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}_i + \dots$$

for the  
1st term ...

2nd term: apply Laplace expansion twice

$$\det |\varphi_i(z)| = \mathbb{D} = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+1} \varphi_i(1) \mathbb{D}^{1i} =$$

indices for  $\mathbb{D}$  ↓

1st expansion

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{j+1} \varphi_j(2) (\mathbb{D}^{1i})^{1j}$$

2nd expansion

indices for  $\mathbb{D}^{1i}$  ↑

$$\det |\varphi_i(z)| = \mathbb{D} = \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{i+j} (\varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2) - \varphi_j(1) \varphi_i(2)) \mathbb{D}^{12,ij}$$

Note:  $\langle \mathbb{D}^{i,j,k,l} | \mathbb{D}^{m,n,o,p} \rangle = \delta_{im} \delta_{jn} \delta_{ko} \delta_{lp} (n-2)!$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n!} \left( \dots \frac{n(n-1)}{2} (n-2)! \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \frac{g_i(1) g_j(2)}{\tau_{12}} \right)$$

$$\bullet \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( \langle \underbrace{\varphi_i(1)} \underbrace{\varphi_j(2)} | \hat{g}(1,2) | \underbrace{\varphi_i(1)} \underbrace{\varphi_j(2)} \rangle - \langle \varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2) | \hat{g}(1,2) | \varphi_j(1) \varphi_i(2) \rangle \right)$$

exchange of indices

$$= \dots + \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (J_{ij} - K_{ij})$$

for the 2nd term ...

- └ exchange integral
- └ Coulomb integral

$$E_{\text{HF}} = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i + \sum_{j=i+1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\underbrace{J_{ij}}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{K_{ij}}_{\text{red}})$$

e.g. 4 electrons in 3 orbitals with  $M_S = +1$

	$J$	$h$	$K$	
$\epsilon$				$E_{\text{HF}} =$
3		$h_3$		$2h_1 + h_2 + h_3$
2		$h_2$		$+ J_{11} + 2J_{12} + 2J_{13}$
1		$2h_1$		$+ J_{23}$
				$- K_{12} - K_{13} - K_{23}$

Coulomb integral/operator:

$$J_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2) | \hat{g}(1,2) | \varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2) \rangle = \langle ij | ij \rangle =$$

$$= \iint \frac{\varphi_i^*(1) \varphi_j^*(2) \varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2)}{r_{12}} d\tau_1 d\tau_2$$

$$= \int \varphi_i^*(1) \hat{J}_j \varphi_i(1) d\tau_1$$

$$\hat{J}_j = \int \varphi_j^*(2) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \varphi_j(2) d\tau_2$$

classical interpretation ✓

Integration  
over spin

"trivial":

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_k &\rightarrow \phi_k \\ \varphi_k^* \varphi_k &\rightarrow \rho_k \end{aligned}$$

Exchange integral / operator:

$$K_{ij} = \langle \varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2) | \hat{g}(1,2) | \varphi_j(1) \varphi_i(2) \rangle = \langle \underline{ij} | \underline{j_i} \rangle =$$

$$= \iint \frac{\varphi_i^*(1) \varphi_j^*(2) \varphi_j(1) \varphi_i(2)}{r_{12}} d\tau_1 d\tau_2$$

$$= \int \varphi_i^*(1) \hat{K}_j \varphi_i(1) d\tau_1$$

no classical interpretation!

$$\hat{K}_j \varphi_i(1) = \int \varphi_j^*(2) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \varphi_i(2) d\tau_2 \varphi_j(1)$$

Note:  $K_{ij} = 0$  if  $\varphi_i$  and  $\varphi_j$  have different spin!

Note:  $K_{ii} = J_{ii}$ ,  $K_{ij} = K_{ji}$ ,  $J_{ij} = J_{ji}$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{HF}} = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (J_{ij} - K_{ij})$$

indices refer to spin orbitals  $\varphi_k$ !

special case:  $\frac{n}{2}$  doubly occupied spatial orbitals

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{HF}} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} h_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} (2J_{ij} - K_{ij})$$

indices refer to spatial orbitals  $\phi_k$ !

Application of the method of Lagrange multipliers to the HF energy expression and the orthonormality condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E_{\text{HF}}[\{\varphi_i + \delta\varphi_i\}] - E_{\text{HF}}[\{\varphi_i\}] + \\
 & \quad \text{↳ infinitesimal change of orbital } \varphi_i \\
 & + \sum_{i,j} \lambda_{ij} \left( \underbrace{[\delta_{ij} - \langle \varphi_i + \delta\varphi_i | \varphi_j + \delta\varphi_j \rangle]}_{=0} - \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \underbrace{[\delta_{ij} - \langle \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle]}_{=0} \right) \stackrel{\text{for assumed minimum}}{=} 0 \\
 & \quad \text{Lagrange multipliers}
 \end{aligned}$$

order  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\delta\varphi_i$   $\longrightarrow$  equ. (trivially) fulfilled  
 " 1 " "  $\longrightarrow$  Fock equations  
 "  $\geq 2$  " "  $\longrightarrow$  neglected

we try to derive an expression of the type

$$\langle \delta\varphi_i^{(1)} | \boxed{?} \rangle = \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow | \boxed{?} \rangle = | 0 \rangle$$

$\boxed{?}$  equations from which to obtain  $\{\varphi_i\}$

in  $E_{HF}$  for  $h_i$  2 positions and in  $J_{ij}, K_{ij}$  4 positions for  $\delta\varphi_k$ !

$$\langle \varphi_L + \delta\varphi_L | \hat{H} | \varphi_L + \delta\varphi_L \rangle =$$

$$= \langle \varphi_L | \hat{H} | \varphi_L \rangle + \underbrace{\langle \varphi_L | \hat{H} | \delta\varphi_L \rangle}_{\text{1st order}} + \underbrace{\langle \delta\varphi_L | \hat{H} | \varphi_L \rangle}_{\text{1st order}} + \dots$$

0th order  
(drops out)

neglect

$$\underbrace{\langle \delta\varphi_L | \hat{H} | \varphi_L \rangle^*}_{\text{Hermitian operator } \hat{H}}$$

Hermitian  
operator  $\hat{H}$

$$2 \operatorname{Re} \langle \delta\varphi_L | \hat{H} | \varphi_L \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{1st order: } 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Re} \langle \delta\varphi_L | \hat{H} | \varphi_L \rangle$$

$$\langle \varphi_i + \delta\varphi_i \quad \varphi_j + \delta\varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i + \delta\varphi_i \quad \varphi_j + \delta\varphi_j \rangle =$$

$$= \langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle +$$

0th order

$$+ \langle \delta\varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle + \langle \varphi_i \delta\varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle +$$

1st order

I: electron exchange  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$

$$\langle \delta\varphi_j \varphi_i | \hat{g} | \varphi_j \varphi_i \rangle$$

$$+ \langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \delta\varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle^* + \langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \delta\varphi_j \rangle^* + \dots$$

neglect

II: Hermitian operator  $\hat{g}$

I and II

$$\langle \delta\varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle^*$$

$$\langle \delta\varphi_j \varphi_i | \hat{g} | \varphi_j \varphi_i \rangle^*$$

$$\rightarrow 2 \operatorname{Re} \langle \delta \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle + 2 \operatorname{Re} \langle \delta \varphi_j \varphi_i | \hat{g} | \varphi_j \varphi_i \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$  2nd order:

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^{n-1} \operatorname{Re} \left( \langle \delta \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle + \langle \delta \varphi_j \varphi_i | \hat{g} | \varphi_j \varphi_i \rangle \right) =$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i \neq j}^n \operatorname{Re} \langle \delta \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle$$

Coulomb part

analogous derivation:

$$- 2 \sum_{i \neq j}^n \operatorname{Re} \langle \delta \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_j \varphi_i \rangle$$

exchange part

orthonormality condition (similar to terms):

$$-2 \sum_{i,j} \lambda_{ij} \operatorname{Re} \langle \delta \varphi_i | \varphi_j \rangle$$

? therefore leads to

$$[\hat{H} + \sum_{j \neq i} (\hat{J}_j - \hat{K}_j)] |\varphi_i\rangle = \sum_j \lambda_{ij} |\varphi_j\rangle$$

(using the Coulomb and exchange operators defined above!)

since  $\hat{J}_{ii} = K_{ii}$  resp.  $\hat{J}_i |\varphi_i\rangle = \hat{K}_i |\varphi_i\rangle$  one gets one equation for all  $\varphi_i$ :

$$\left[ \hat{h} + \sum_j (\hat{J}_j - \hat{K}_j) \right] |\varphi_i\rangle = \sum_j \lambda_{ij} |\varphi_j\rangle$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\hat{F}}$   
 $\hat{F}$

Fock operator

$\Downarrow$   
 $\langle \varphi_i | \hat{F} | \varphi_i \rangle = \lambda_{ii}$

$\Downarrow$

by diagonalizing  $\underline{\lambda}$  resp.  $\underline{F}$  one obtains

orbital energy

$$\left[ \hat{h} + \sum_j (\hat{J}_j - \hat{K}_j) \right] |\varphi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\varphi_i\rangle$$

$$\text{or: } \hat{F} |\varphi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\varphi_i\rangle$$

orbitals  $\varphi_i$  and  
orbital energies  $\varepsilon_i$

"canonical" Fock equation

Since  $\hat{F}[\{\varphi_i\}]$  the Fock equation  
depends on its own solution!

$\Rightarrow$

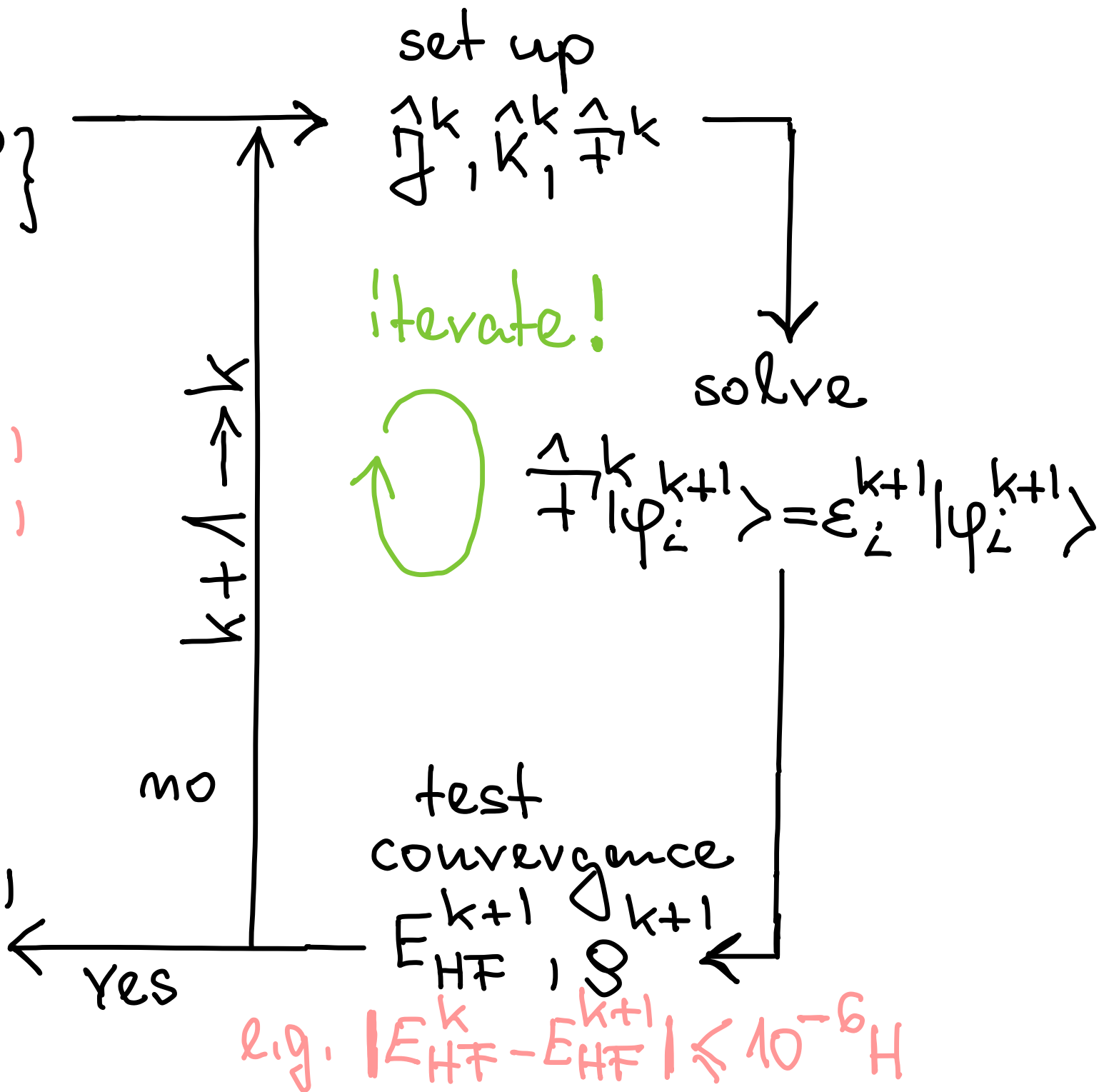
Self-consistent field (SCF)

method for solution (iterative).

initial guess  
orbitals  $\{\psi_i^0\}$

properties,  
orbital plots,  
density plots,  
.....  
correlation.

final  $\{\psi_i\}$ ,  
 $E_{HF}, S, \dots$



How to solve the Fock equations in practice?

- atoms : spherical symmetry
  - angular part analytically:  $Y_{lm}$
  - radial part on a grid:  $R_{nl}$
- general molecules (and of course atoms):
  - expansion of orbitals in (usually atom-centered) basis sets
  - conversion of integro-differential equation to a matrix eigenvalue problem

# Roothaan-Hall approach

$$|\phi_i\rangle = \sum_k c_{ki} |\chi_k\rangle$$

basis functions, e.g.  
Slater or Gaussian  
type functions

in Fock equation:

$$\hat{F} |\phi_i\rangle = \epsilon_i |\phi_i\rangle$$

$$\sum_k c_{ki} \hat{F} |\chi_k\rangle = \epsilon_i \sum_k c_{ki} |\chi_k\rangle \quad | \langle \chi_e |$$

$$\sum_k c_{ki} \langle \chi_e | \hat{F} | \chi_k \rangle = \epsilon_i \sum_k c_{ki} \langle \chi_e | \chi_k \rangle$$

$$\sum_k \underbrace{F}_{\text{row}} \underbrace{e_k}_{\text{column}} \underbrace{C}_{\text{row}} \underbrace{c_{ki}}_{\text{column}} = \epsilon_i \sum_k \underbrace{S}_{\text{row}} \underbrace{e_k}_{\text{column}} \underbrace{C}_{\text{row}} \underbrace{c_{ki}}_{\text{column}}$$

$$\underline{F} \underline{C}_i = \epsilon_i \underline{S} \underline{C}_i \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{F} \underline{C} = \underline{\epsilon} \underline{S} \underline{C}$$

generalized matrix  
eigenvalue problem

$\underline{C}_i$  is  $i$ th  
column

After insertion of  $\underline{1} = \underline{S}^{-1/2} \underline{S}^{1/2}$  and  
multiplication from left with  $\underline{S}^{-1/2}$

$$\underbrace{\underline{S}^{-1/2}}_{\sim} \underbrace{\underline{F}}_{\sim} \underbrace{\underline{S}^{-1/2} \underline{S}^{1/2}}_{\sim} \underline{C} = \underline{\varepsilon} \underbrace{\underline{S}^{1/2}}_{\sim} \underline{C}$$

$$\underline{F} \underline{\tilde{C}} = \underline{\varepsilon} \underline{\tilde{C}}$$

standard matrix eigenvalue problem,  
 solved by diagonalization of  $\underline{F}$   
 (Nontrivial solutions if  $\det |\underline{F} - \underline{\varepsilon}| = 0$ )  
 ideal task for computer (code)!

Suitable basis functions:

- Slater type functions (STFs)

radial part  $\sim e^{-\zeta(r - r_0)}$

exponent  
"zeta"

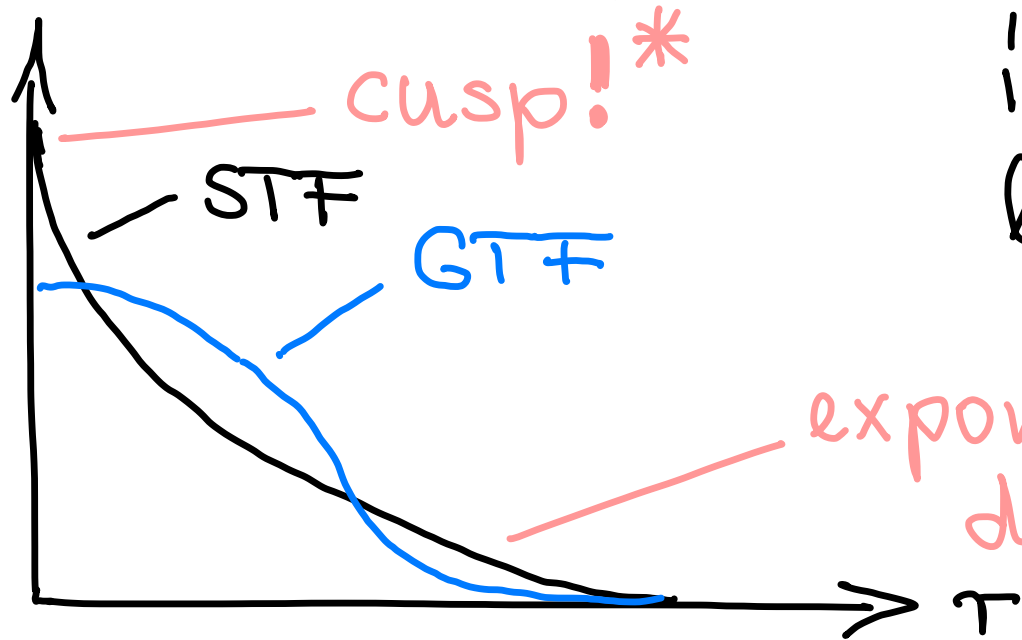
nuclear  
position

$\Rightarrow$  corresponds to solutions of  
hydrogen atom resp. hydrogen  
like ions  $\rightarrow$  accurate, but

integrals over  $\hat{h}$  and  $\hat{g}$  very complicated  
resp. costly to evaluate!

- Gaussian type functions (GTF)

$\chi$  radial part  $\sim e^{-\alpha(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)^2}$



integral evaluation  
less difficult / costly!

\* cf. cusp  
conditions in  
chapter 1!

to improve the accuracy use linear combinations of GTFs to approximate STFs! e.g. STO-3G, STO-4G, ... sets

STO : Slater type orbitals } often used  
GTO : Gaussian type orbitals } instead of  
STF, GTF.

- angular part

$Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$  wrt. atomic center : spherical

$(x-x_0)^i (y-y_0)^j (z-z_0)^k$ ,  $i+j+k=l$  : cartesian

$l$	$m$	$k$	angular part	type
0	0	0	1	1s
1	0	0	$x - x_0$	$2p_x$
	...			
1	1	0	$(x - x_0)(y - y_0)$	$3d_{xy}$
	...			
2	0	0	$(x - x_0)^2$	$3d_{x^2 - y^2}$ $3d_{2z^2 - x^2 - y^2}$ <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;"><math>3s</math></span>
0	2	0	$(y - y_0)^2$	
0	0	2	$(z - z_0)^2$	

excluded in spherical basis }  $\rightarrow$   $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$

contraction pattern: segmented  
 exponent coefficients e.g. (5s)/[2s]  
 orbital 1 orbital 2

# 1

≠ 0

0

# 2

≠ 0

0

# 3

≠ 0

0

# 4

0

≠ 0

# 5

0

≠ 0

1st contraction

2nd contraction

← primitives (GTOs)

← contractions

contraction pattern: generalized

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orbital 1      orbital 2

#1  
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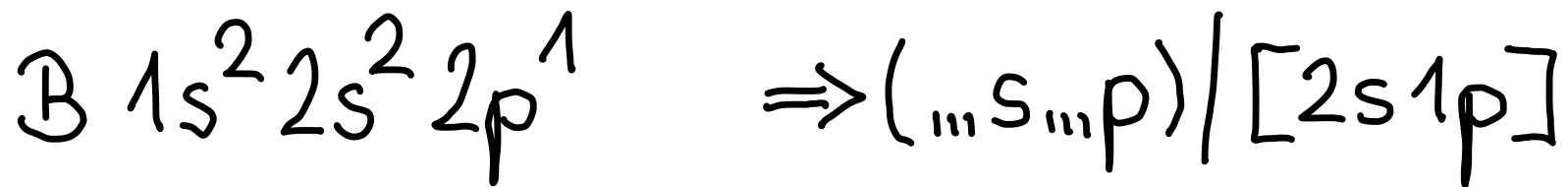
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nomenclature:

- minimal basis set: one set of contractions for every occupied atomic shell, e.g.



- double-, triple-, ... zeta basis set: two, three, ... contractions for every occupied shell, e.g.

H, He  $\mathcal{D}Z : (\dots s) | [2s]$

$\mathcal{T}Z : (\dots s) | [3s]$

...

$\Downarrow$   $\mathcal{D}Z : (\dots s \dots p) | [4s2p]$

$\mathcal{T}Z : (\dots s \dots p) | [6s3p]$

...

- valence double-, triple-, ... zeta basis set; minimum basis for core shells, double-, triple-, ... zeta for valence shells, e.g.

$$\text{B} \quad \text{VDZ} \quad (\dots s \dots p) / [3s2p]$$

$$\text{VTZ} \quad (\dots s \dots p) / [4s3p]$$

...

- augmented basis sets: a diffuse set is added to describe anions better, e.g.

$$\text{B} \quad \text{VDZ} + [1s1p] \Rightarrow \text{AVDZ} \quad (\dots s \dots p) / [4s3p]$$

$$\text{VTZ} + [1s1p] \Rightarrow \text{AVTZ} \quad (\dots s \dots p) / [5s4p]$$

...

- polarized basis sets: higher angular momentum functions added to improve the description of bonding, e.g. correlation consistent basis sets cc-pVXZ

H, He cc-pVDZ (…s…p)/[2s1p]

cc-pVTZ (…s…p…d)/[3s2p1d]

…

B cc-pVDZ (…s…p…d)/[3s2p1d]

cc-pVTZ (…s…p…d…f)/[4s3p2d1f]

…

other schemes possible …

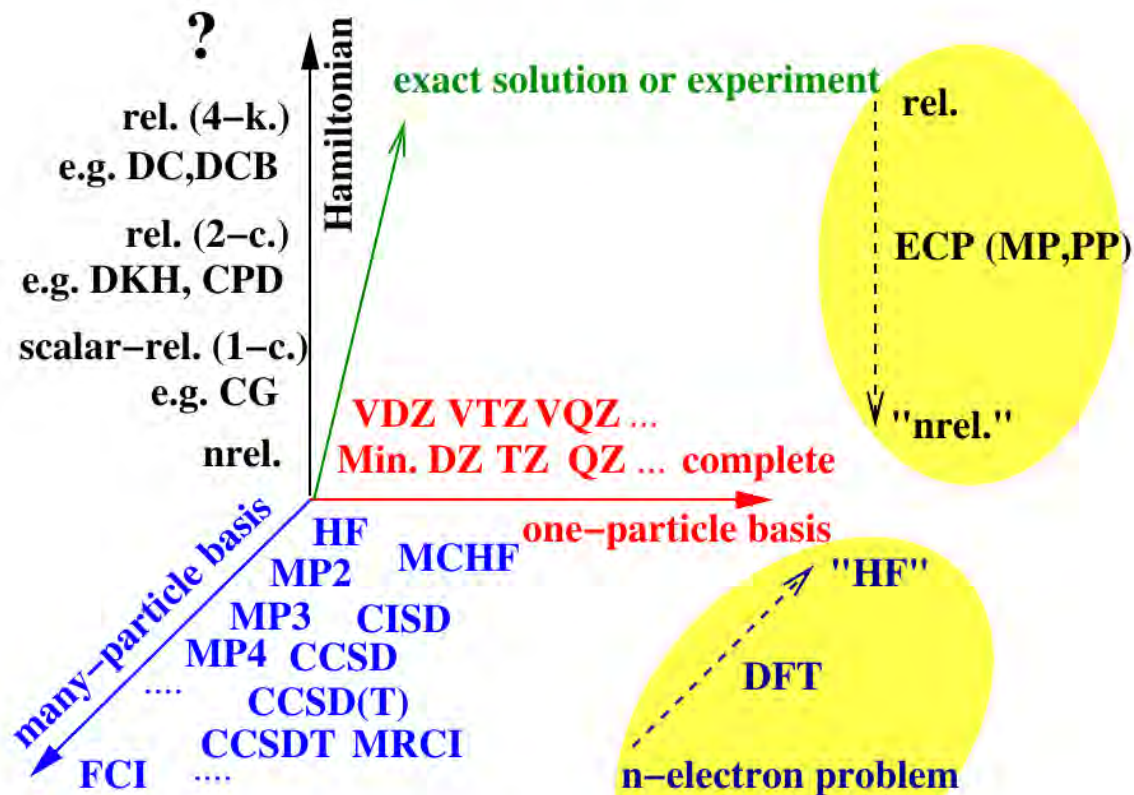
The larger and the more flexible the basis set, the better. Lower (HF-) energy usually indicates a better basis set.

Problem: scaling of the computational effort with system size ( $n$  basis functions)

[standard] HF  $\sim n^4$ , MP2  $\sim n^5$ ,

CI SD, CCSD  $\sim n^6$ , ...

$\Rightarrow$  compromises needed!

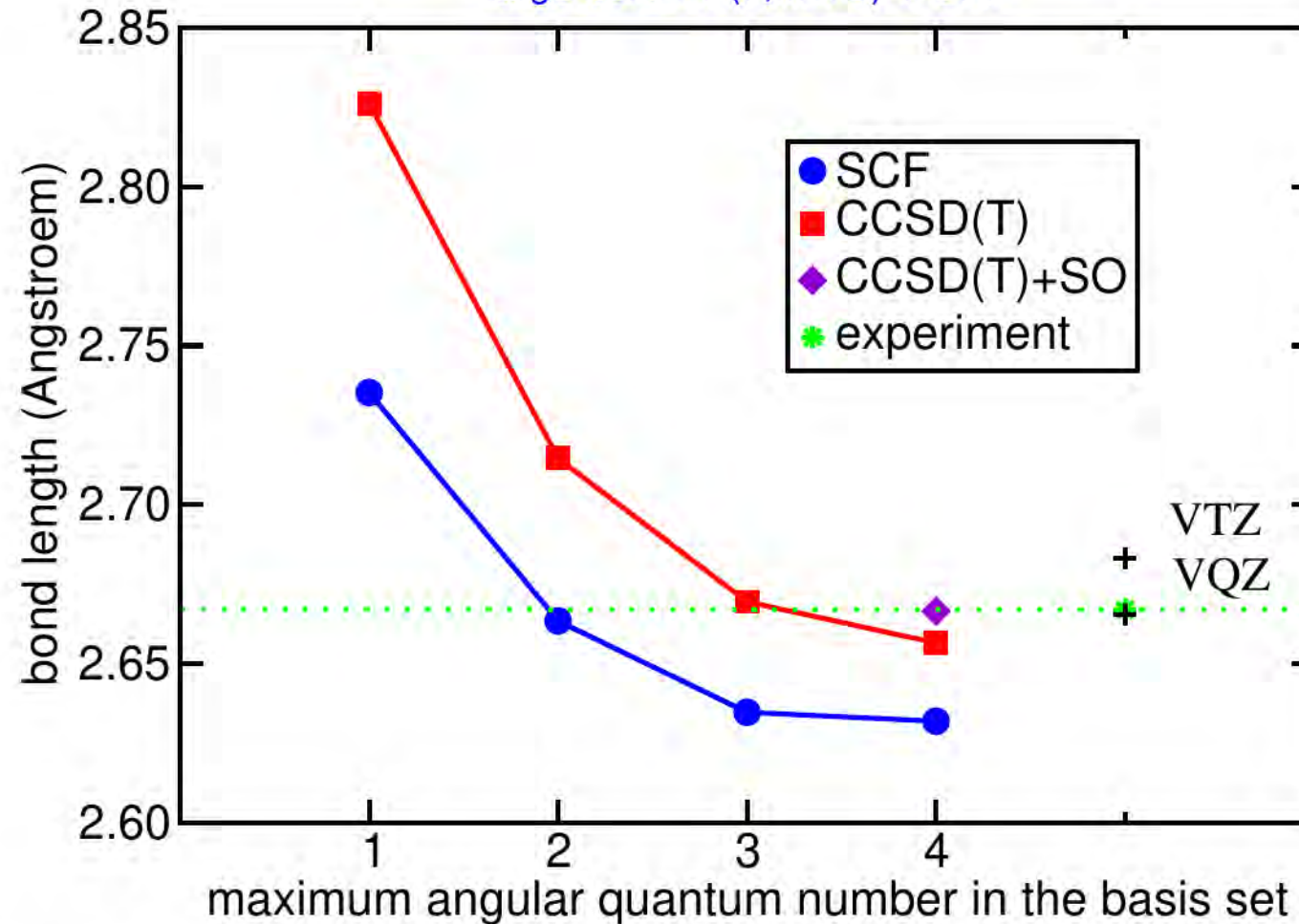


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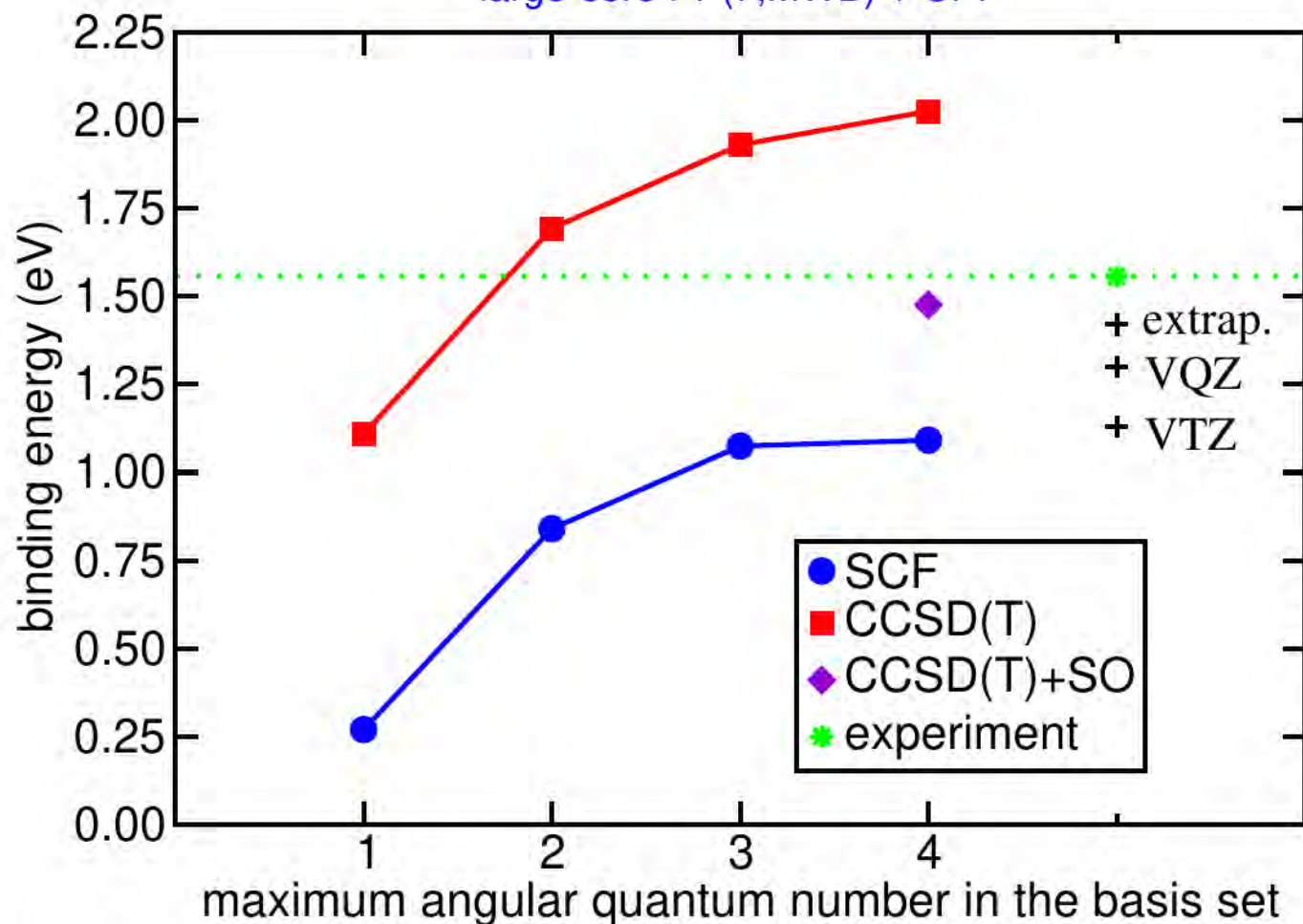


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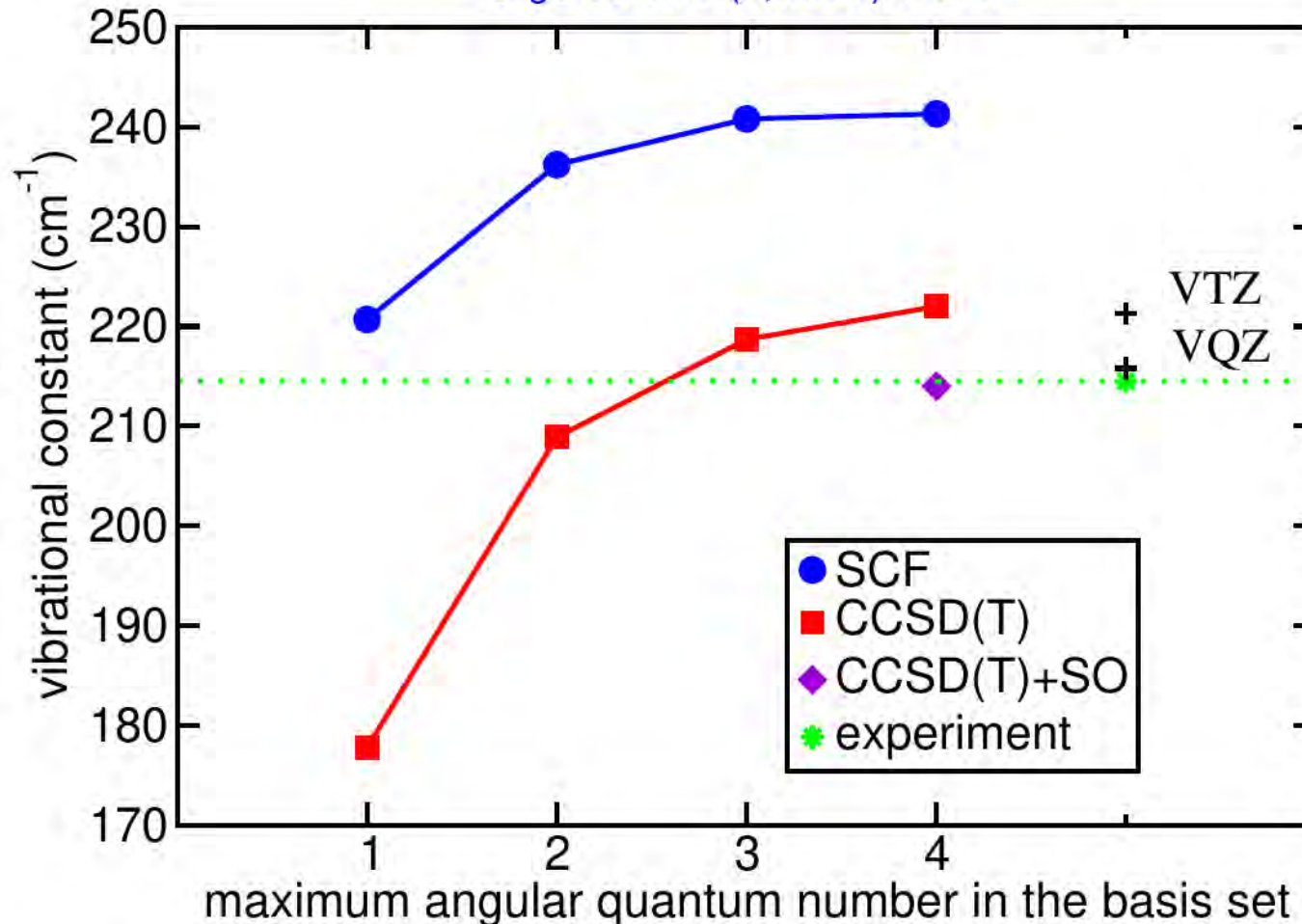


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2 types of Roothaan-Hall Hartree-Fock self-consistent field procedure:

- conventional (normal sized systems)
  - evaluate  $\langle x_i | \hat{h} | x_j \rangle$  and  $\langle x_i x_j | \hat{g} | x_k x_l \rangle$  and store them on disk
  - read integrals from disk in every iteration to set up  $\underline{F}$

- disadvantage:

for  $n$  basis functions one has  $\approx n^4/4$  two-electron integrals!

-  $\langle ij|kl\rangle = \langle x_i x_j | \hat{g} | x_k x_l \rangle$  *short notation*

nonrelativistic case:  $\hat{H}$  real  $\rightarrow \phi, \psi_i, \dots$  real

"symmetries" (electron exchange,

Hermitian operator  $\hat{g}$ )

$$\langle ij|kl\rangle = \langle ji|lk\rangle = \langle lk|ji\rangle^* = \langle kl|ij\rangle^*$$

$i \leq k, j \leq l$  (*spatial symmetry not exploited*)

store without indices: 1 dp word = 8 byte

$$100 \text{ bf} \rightarrow (10^2)^4 / 4 \cdot 8 \text{ byte} \approx 200 \text{ MB} \checkmark$$

$$1000 \text{ bf} \rightarrow (10^3)^4 / 4 \cdot 8 \text{ byte} \approx 2000 \text{ GB} = 2 \text{ TB} \checkmark$$

$$10000 \text{ bf} \rightarrow (10^4)^4 / 4 \cdot 8 \text{ byte} \approx 20000 \text{ TB} \text{ impossible!} \text{ ⚡}$$

in addition: disk I/O is often slower than the CPU  $\rightarrow$  therefore:

- direct (very large systems)
  - evaluate  $\langle i|j|k\rangle$  when needed in every iteration ("on the fly")

- integral prescreening important

$$\text{e.g. } \langle i_j | k_l \rangle \leq \langle i_j | i_j \rangle^{1/2} \cdot \langle k_l | k_l \rangle^{1/2}$$

many

not so many

remiscent of the Schwarz inequality

$$|\langle i | j \rangle|^2 \leq \langle i | i \rangle \langle j | j \rangle$$

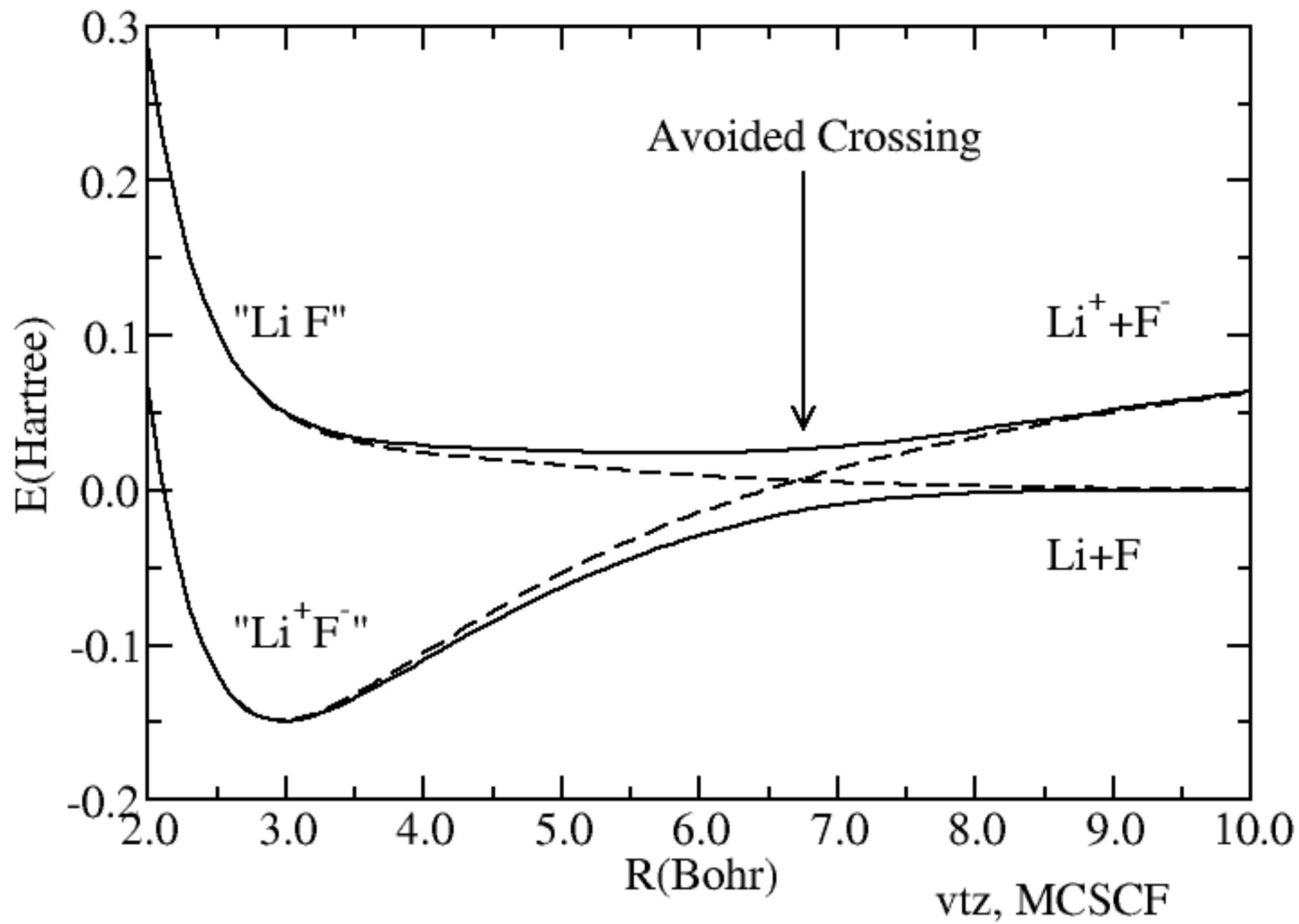
- do not calculate  $\langle i_j | k_l \rangle$  if  $\langle i_j | i_j \rangle \langle k_l | k_l \rangle$  is lower than a certain threshold

What HF can do well and what it cannot do so well:

Remember:

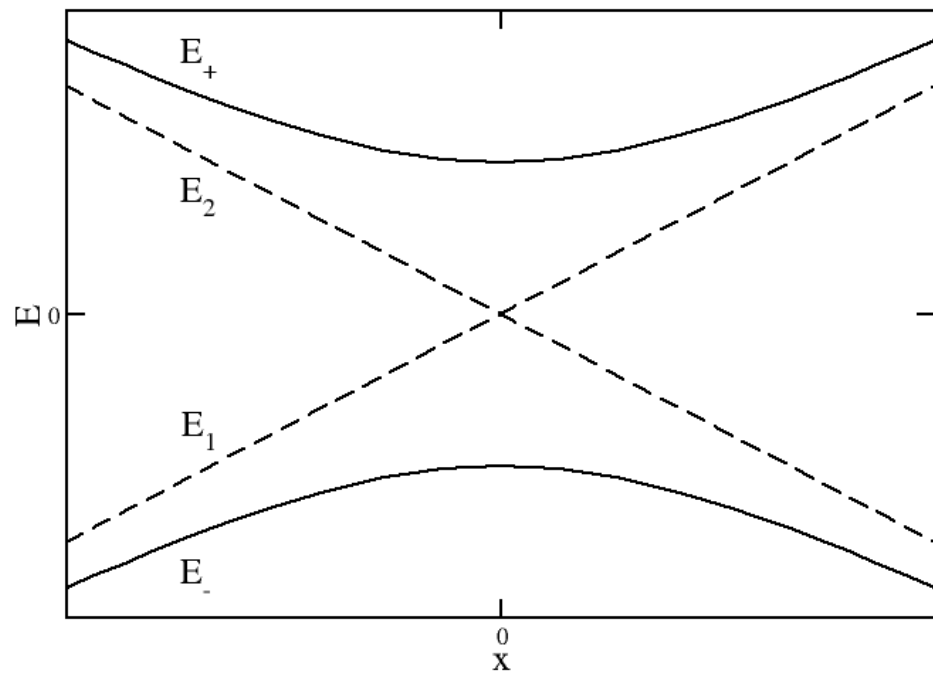
- HF is a single determinant method  
→ it cannot describe situations where two or more determinants are needed, e.g. breaking of bonds

# Bond breaking in LiF



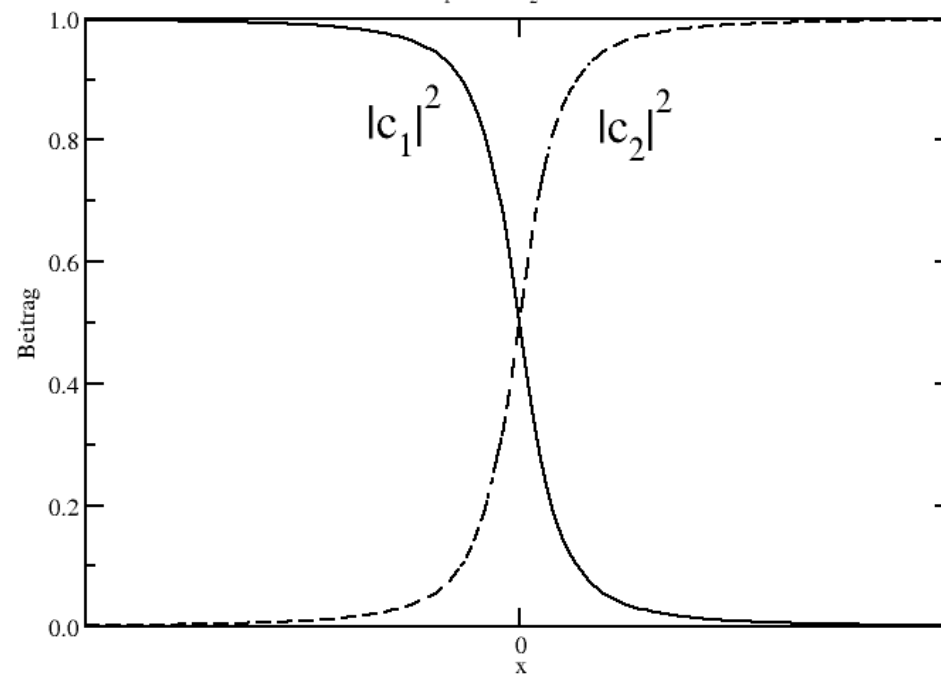
### Avoided crossing of two potential curves

model calculation:  $E_1=x$ ,  $E_2=-x$ ,  $W_{12}=1$ , avoided crossing at  $x=0$



### Configuration interaction at an avoided crossing

$|c_1|^2$  and  $|c_2|^2$  of  $\Psi_-$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{H}_2 \text{ at large distance is } \psi &\sim |G_g^2\rangle - |G_u^2\rangle \sim \\
 &\sim (1s_a(1) + 1s_b(1))(1s_a(2) + 1s_b(2)) - \\
 &\quad (1s_a(1) - 1s_b(1))(1s_a(2) - 1s_b(2)) \\
 &\sim 1s_a(1)1s_b(2) + 1s_b(1)1s_a(2) \Rightarrow \text{H}\cdot + \text{H}\cdot \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

- HF does not include Coulomb correlation

→ it cannot describe interactions due to electron correlation, e.g. van der Waals bonding

otherwise:

equilibrium geometries  
(of covalent/ionic bonded systems)

vibrational frequencies

dipole moments etc.

electron density

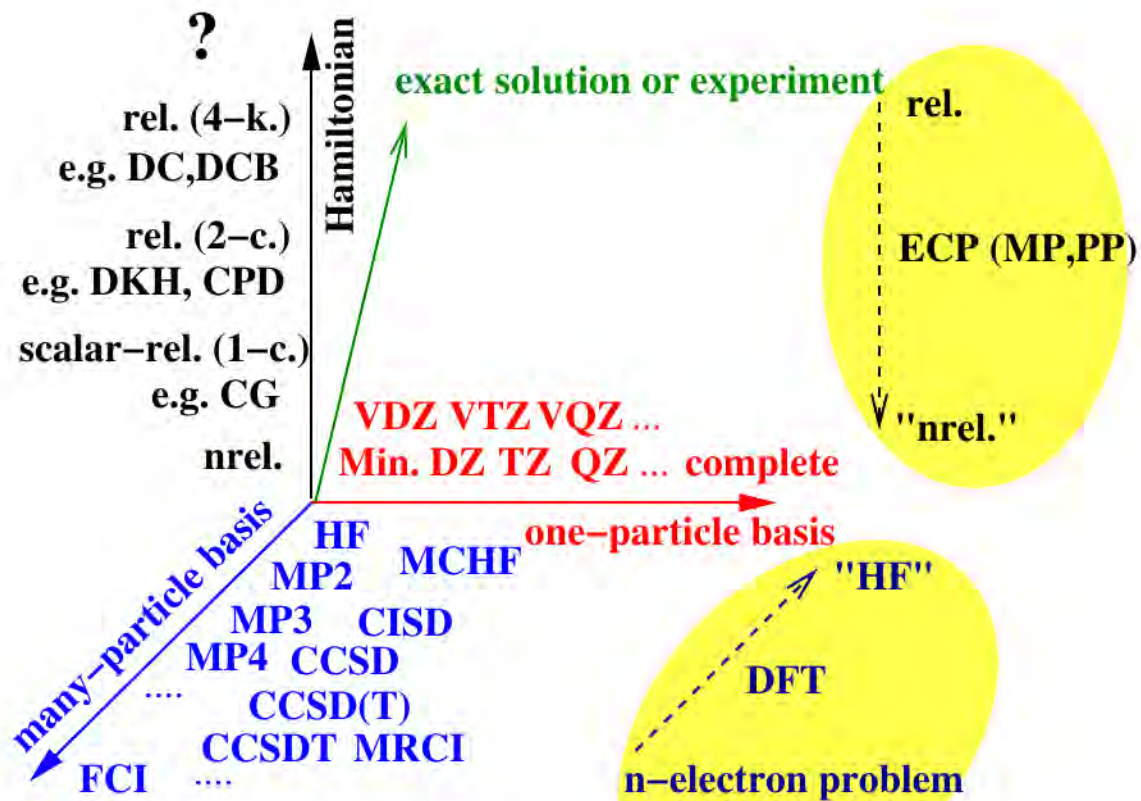
⇒ not extremely accurate, but  
reasonable

# Chapter 3

Beyond nonrelativistic

Hartree - Fock theory

(correlated relativistic calculations)



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Definition of correlation energy  $E^{\text{corr}}$

according to Löwdin:

$$E^{\text{corr}} = E^{\text{exact}} - E^{\text{HF-limit}}$$

Often neither  $E^{\text{exact}}$  nor  $E^{\text{HF-limit}}$  are known\* and one estimates/simplifies

$$\tilde{E}^{\text{corr}} = E^{\text{correlated method}} - E^{\text{HF}}$$

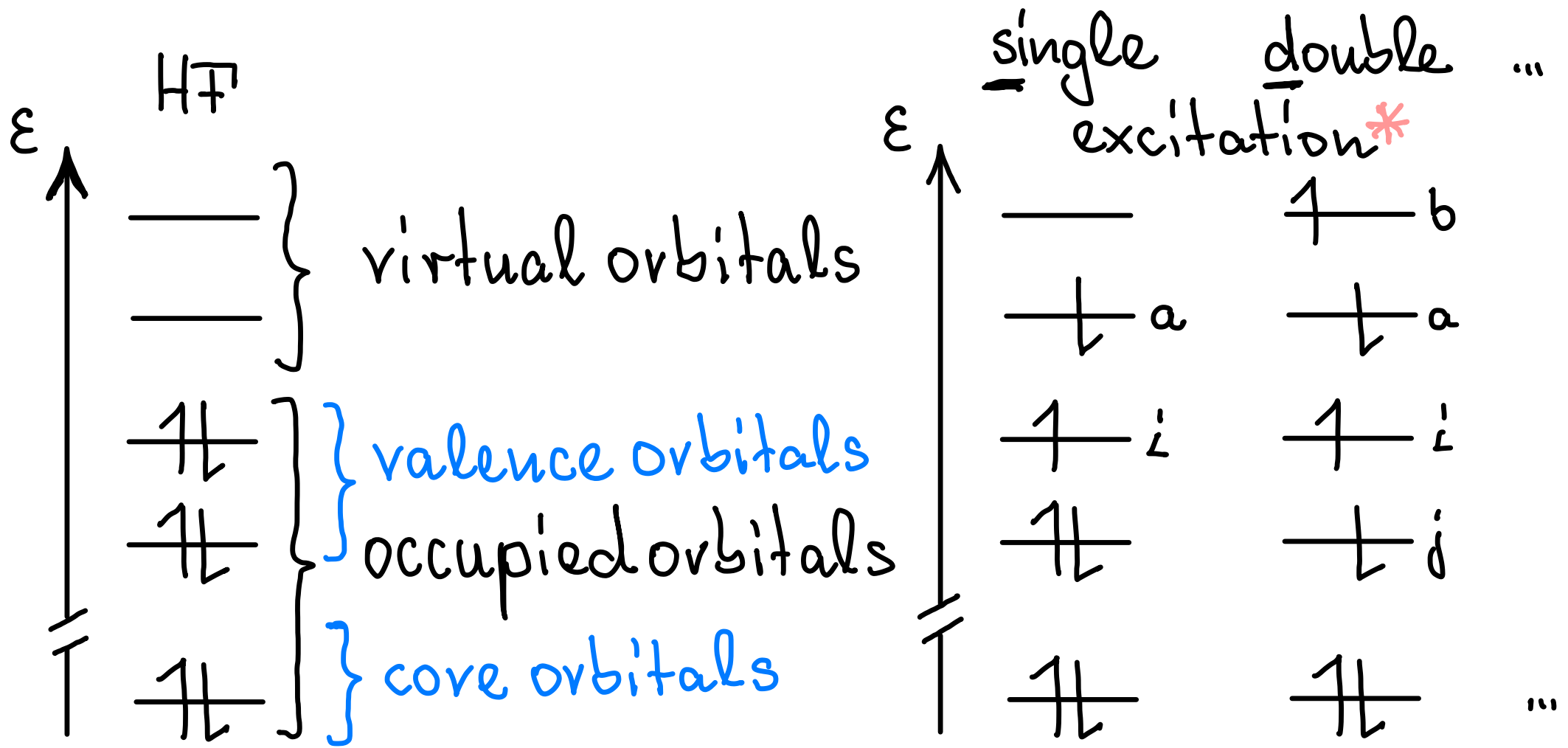
\* truncated one- and many-electron basis

3 axes of ab initio methods coordinate system

- one-electron basis, cf. chapter 2!
- many-electron basis, cf. chapter 1!
  - Slater determinant or CSF basis
- Hamiltonian
  - nonrelativistic or relativistic
  - all-electron or valence-only
  - treatment of the environment, e.g. solvent or embedding effects

# Many-electron methods beyond HF

- variational  
(e.g. CI, configuration interaction method)
- perturbative  
(e.g. MBPT, many-body perturbation theory)
- projective  
(e.g. CC, coupled cluster ansatz)
- others  
(e.g. QMC, quantum Monte Carlo)



$$\Phi_{\text{HF}}, \Phi_0, |0\rangle$$

$$\Phi_i^a, |S\rangle$$

$$\Phi_{ij}^{ab}, |D\rangle \dots$$

$a, b, \dots, i, j, \dots$  denote spin orbitals

\* better: substitution

# Expansion of the many-electron wavefunction

$$\Psi = \phi_0 + \sum_{i,a} c_i^a \phi_i^a + \sum_{i,j,a,b} c_{ij}^{ab} \phi_{ij}^{ab} + \dots$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$   
HF

$\underbrace{\hspace{10cm}}$   
CI SD

$\underbrace{\hspace{12cm}}$   
FCI (exact)

$$|\Psi\rangle = |0\rangle + |S\rangle + |D\rangle + |T\rangle + |Q\rangle + \dots$$

singles    doubles    triples    quadruples

$$\hat{H}|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}(|0\rangle + |s\rangle + |D\rangle + |T\rangle + \dots) = E(|0\rangle + |s\rangle + |D\rangle + |T\rangle + \dots)$$

Note: intermediate normalization is used, i.e.

$$\langle 0|\psi\rangle = \langle 0|0\rangle = 1 \quad (\text{standard normalization } \langle \psi|\psi\rangle = 1)$$

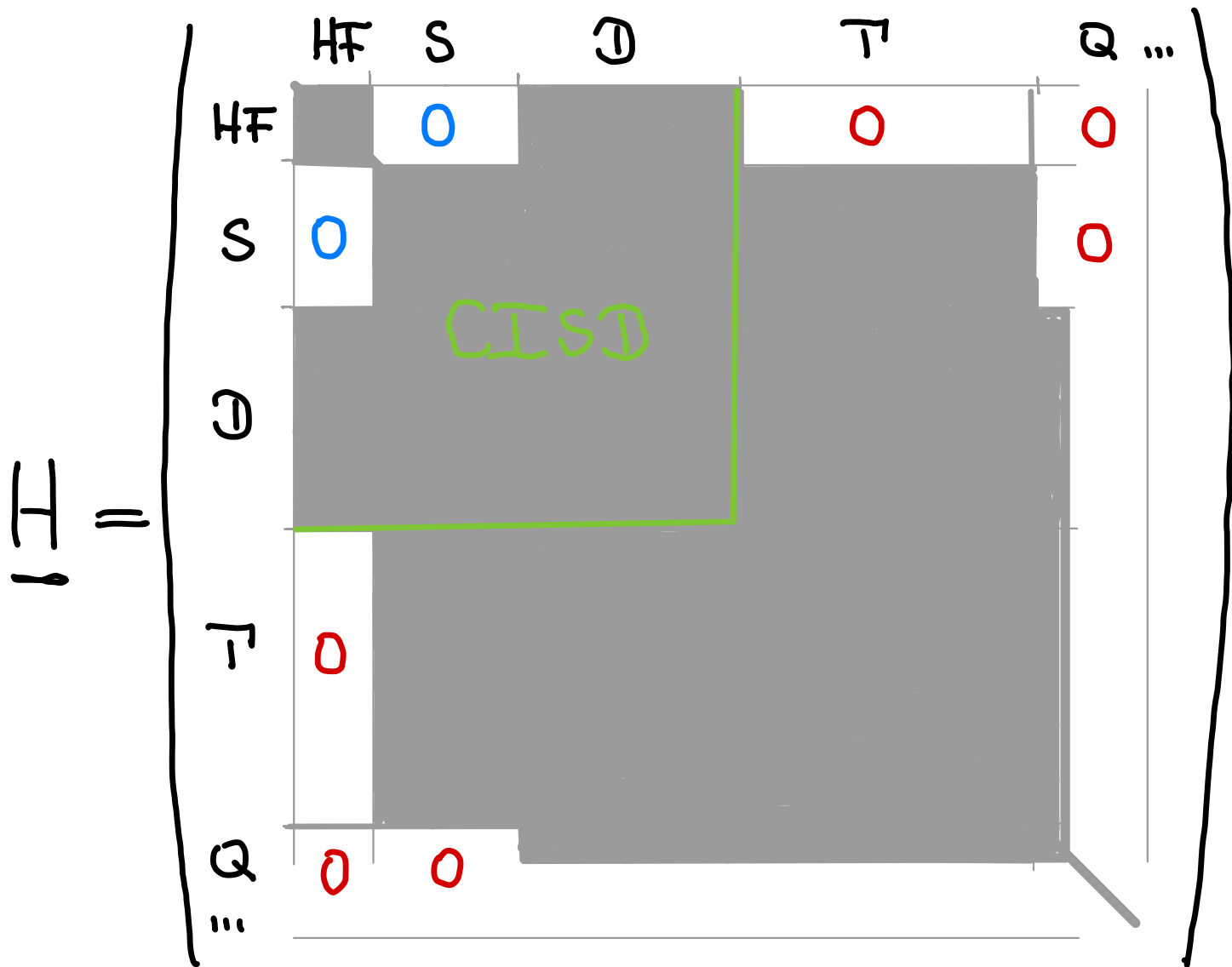
$$\langle 0| \left[ \langle 0|\hat{H}|0\rangle + \langle 0|\hat{H}|s\rangle + \langle 0|\hat{H}|D\rangle \right] = E$$

$$\text{Note: } \langle 0|s\rangle = \langle 0|D\rangle = \dots = \langle s|D\rangle = \langle s|T\rangle = \dots = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  The exact energy  $E$  is determined by a CISD expansion (with exact coefficients)!

⇒ This explains why most methods include single and double excitations wrt a HF reference! The remaining problem is the determination of the necessary exact coefficients!

Note:  $c_i^a$ ,  $c_{ij}^{ab}$  cannot be determined from a (truncated) CISD, but have to be calculated in a FCI!



$\hat{H}$  contains one- and two-electron terms, i.e.

$$\langle \phi_k | \hat{H} | \phi_e \rangle = 0$$

if  $\phi_k$  and  $\phi_e$  differ by more than two orbitals.

Brillouin theorem

$$\langle \phi_{HF} | \hat{H} | \phi_i^a \rangle = 0$$

- Variational determination of  $c_{i \dots}^{a \dots}$   
cf. chapter 1

necessary matrix elements can be evaluated with the Slater-Condon

rules:

$$\hat{h}: \langle \phi | \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}(i) | \phi \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \varphi_i | \hat{h} | \varphi_i \rangle$$

cf. chapter 1  
HF energy!

electron  
indices

$$\langle \phi | \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}(i) | \phi_k^a \rangle = \langle \varphi_k | \hat{h} | \varphi_a \rangle$$

orbital indices

$$\langle \phi | \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}(i) | \phi_{k e \dots}^{a b \dots} \rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{g}: \langle \Phi | \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{g}^{(i,j)} | \Phi \rangle = \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (\langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_i \varphi_j \rangle - \langle \varphi_i \varphi_j | \hat{g} | \varphi_j \varphi_i \rangle)$$

cf. chapter 1, HF energy!

$$\langle \Phi | \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{g}^{(i,j)} | \Phi_k^a \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n (\langle \varphi_k \varphi_i | \hat{g} | \varphi_p \varphi_i \rangle - \langle \varphi_k \varphi_i | \hat{g} | \varphi_p \varphi_i \rangle)$$

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Now we know how to do HF + CI!

# Many-body perturbation theory (MBPT)

- assume  $\hat{H}_0 |\psi_i^{(0)}\rangle = E_i^{(0)} |\psi_i^{(0)}\rangle$  is solved!
- zeroth-order Hamiltonian  $H_0$ , energies  $E_i^{(0)}$  and wavefunctions  $\psi_i^{(0)}$
- a simple Hamiltonian is necessary!

e.g. 
$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} , \quad E_i^{(0)} = \sum_{k \in \text{OCC}} \epsilon_k$$

$$\phi_i^{(0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \det |\varphi_k(k)| = \phi_{\text{HF}} \quad \text{MPO (Møller-Plesset)}$$

- one adds a "small" but complicated perturbation  $H'$

$$\hat{H}^{\text{exact}} = \hat{H}_0 + \lambda \hat{H}'$$

perturbation parameter

$\lambda = 0$  "off"

no perturbation

$\lambda = 1$  "on"

full perturbation

- e.g.  $\hat{H}' = \hat{H}^{\text{exact}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{T}^i(L) =$

exact electron-electron interaction

$$\sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \int \psi_k^*(i) \psi_k(i) \right)$$

HF electron-electron interaction

$$\left( \int \psi_k^*(i) \psi_k(i) \right)$$

MP<sub>n</sub>

electrons

orbitals

- expansion of the (exact) energy

$$E^{\text{exact}} = E^{(0)} + \lambda E^{(1)} + \lambda^2 E^{(2)} + \dots + \lambda^n E^{(n)}$$

- expansion of the (exact) wavefunction

$$|\psi^{\text{exact}}\rangle = |\psi^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + \lambda^2 |\psi^{(2)}\rangle + \dots + \lambda^n |\psi^{(n)}\rangle$$

zeroth  
order

first

second

... nth order  
corrections

- Insert the expansions in the Schrödinger equation, order wrt.  $\lambda^k$  and solve starting  $k=0$

$$(\hat{H}_0 + \lambda \hat{H}^1)(|\psi^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + \lambda^2 |\psi^{(2)}\rangle + \dots) =$$

$$= (E^{(0)} + \lambda E^{(1)} + \lambda^2 E^{(2)} + \dots)(|\psi^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + \lambda^2 |\psi^{(2)}\rangle + \dots)$$

$$\lambda^0: \hat{H}_0 |\psi^{(0)}\rangle = E^{(0)} |\psi^{(0)}\rangle \quad \hat{=} \text{assumption!}$$

$$\lambda^1: \hat{H}_0 |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + \hat{H}^1 |\psi^{(0)}\rangle = E^{(0)} |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + E^{(1)} |\psi^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}_0 | \psi^{(1)} \rangle}_0 + \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}^1 | \psi^{(0)} \rangle =$$

$$= E^{(0)} \underbrace{\langle \psi^{(0)} | \psi^{(1)} \rangle}_0 + E^{(1)} \underbrace{\langle \psi^{(0)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle}_1$$

"tricks!"

Hermitian

$\psi$  eigenfunction

1

$$\langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}_0 | \psi^{(1)} \rangle = \langle \psi^{(1)} | \hat{H}_0 | \psi^{(0)} \rangle^* = E_0 \langle \psi^{(1)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E^{(1)} = \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}^{(1)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle$$

useful, e.g., to  
evaluate  
spin-orbit  
splittings.

1st order energy correction

e.g. in case of Møller - Plesset perturbation theory one gets

$$E^{(0)} + E^{(1)} = E^{\text{HF}} \quad \underline{\text{MP1}}$$

Up to here nothing is gained wrt. HF!

Correlation comes in in higher orders,

i.e. MP2, ...

$$\lambda^2: \hat{H}_0 |\psi^{(2)}\rangle + \hat{H}' |\psi^{(1)}\rangle = E^{(0)} |\psi^{(2)}\rangle + E^{(1)} |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + E^{(2)} |\psi^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}_0 | \psi^{(2)} \rangle}_{0} + \langle \psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi^{(1)} \rangle =$$

cf.  $\lambda^1$  for "tricks"!

$$= E^{(0)} \underbrace{\langle \psi^{(0)} | \psi^{(2)} \rangle}_{0} + E^{(1)} \underbrace{\langle \psi^{(0)} | \psi^{(1)} \rangle}_{0} + E^{(2)} \underbrace{\langle \psi^{(0)} | \psi^{(0)} \rangle}_{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow E^{(2)} = \langle \psi_{\underline{i}}^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi^{(1)} \rangle = \sum_{\substack{k \\ k \neq \underline{i}}} c_k \langle \psi_{\underline{i}}^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi_k^{(0)} \rangle$$

$\angle$  i-th state

$\angle$  exclude i-th state for  $\psi^{(1)}$

$\{ |\psi_{\underline{i}}^{(0)}\rangle \}$  complete orthonormal basis set

Nice result, but from where to get the  $c_k$ ?

→  $c_k$  define the 1st-order correction  $\psi^{(1)}$ ,  
so we look at the 1st-order equation again!

$$\lambda^1: \hat{H}_0 |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + \hat{H}^1 |\psi^{(0)}\rangle = E^{(0)} |\psi^{(1)}\rangle + E^{(1)} |\psi^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$\sum_{k \neq i} c_k \left( \hat{H}_0 - E_i^{(0)} \right) |\psi_k^{(0)}\rangle + \left( \hat{H}^1 - E_i^{(1)} \right) |\psi_i^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi_j^{(0)} |$$

$$= E_k^{(0)} |\psi_k^{(0)}\rangle$$

$$c_j (E_j^{(0)} - E_i^{(0)}) + \langle \psi_j^{(0)} | \hat{H}^1 | \psi_i^{(0)} \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_j = \frac{\langle \psi_j^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi_i^{(0)} \rangle}{E_i^{(0)} - E_j^{(0)}}$$

1st order wavefunction:

$$|\psi_i^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \frac{\langle \psi_j^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi_i^{(0)} \rangle}{E_i^{(0)} - E_j^{(0)}} |\psi_j^{(0)}\rangle$$

2nd order energy:

$$E_i^{(2)} = \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \frac{|\langle \psi_j^{(0)} | \hat{H}' | \psi_i^{(0)} \rangle|^2}{E_i^{(0)} - E_j^{(0)}}$$

in general:  
 nth order wave-  
 function  
 determines  
 2n+1th order  
 energy

⇒ 2nd order Rayleigh-Schrödinger  
perturbation theory (RS2)

the simplest (and cheapest) ab initio  
approach to go beyond HF!

$$\hat{H}^1 = \hat{H}^{\text{exact}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{T}^1(i)$$

$$\left\{ \Psi_i^{(0)} = \phi_{\text{HF}}, \phi_{kl}^{ab} \right\}$$

Closed shell reference:

$$\langle \phi_{\text{HF}} | \hat{H} | \phi_k^a \rangle = 0$$

[Brillouin theorem].

HF ground state Slater  
determinant and doubly  
excited Slater determinants  
constructed from HF  
orbitals

- Møller - Plesset perturbation theory

$$E_i^{(0)} = \sum_k \varepsilon_k$$

⇒ MP2

very popular

- Epstein - Nesbet perturbation theory

$$E_i^{(0)} = \langle \psi_i^{(0)} | \hat{H} | \psi_i^{(0)} \rangle$$

⇒ EN2

not much used

- Higher orders can be derived, but are costly.  
MP4 is occasionally used.

Example: He atom  $1s^2$   $^2S$  ground state

$$|\Psi_{\text{CI SD}}\rangle \approx 0.9964 |1s^2\rangle + 0.0011 |1s^1 2s^1\rangle$$

HF comes in by coupling to double excitations

$$- 0.0645 |2s^2\rangle - 0.0321 (|2p_x^2\rangle + |2p_y^2\rangle + |2p_z^2\rangle)$$

radial correlation angular correlation

$\pm \dots$	in eV	HF	CI	MP2	Exp.
cc-pVDZ	$1P_1$	23.44	24.33	24.15	
cc-pV5Z		23.45	<u>24.58</u>	24.44	<u>24.59</u>
cc-pVDZ	$1P_2$	54.25			
cc-pV5Z		<u>54.42</u>			<u>54.42</u>

(CPU times  $\ll$  1 second)

So far (CI, MBPT) we had a linear operator to generate excitations from the HF zeroth-order wavefunction:

$$|\psi\rangle = (1 + \hat{T})|\phi_0\rangle$$

$\hat{T} = \sum \text{excitation operator} \cdot \text{coefficient}$   
 ( $\rightarrow$  singles, doubles, triples, ...)

$$\hat{T} = \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 + \dots$$

$$\hat{T}_1 = \sum_{i \in \text{occ}} \sum_{a \in \text{virt}} c_i^a \hat{a}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_i$$

single excitations operator

$$\hat{T}_2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j \in \text{occ}} \sum_{a,b \in \text{virt}} C_{ij}^{ab} \hat{a}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_b^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_i \quad \text{double excitations operator}$$

...

$\hat{a}_i, \hat{a}_j, \dots$  annihilation operators  $\rightarrow$   
electrons in orbitals  $i, j, \dots$  deleted

$\hat{a}_a^\dagger, \hat{a}_b^\dagger, \dots$  creation operators  $\rightarrow$   
electrons in orbitals  $a, b, \dots$  created

anticommutation relations obeyed:

$$\{\hat{a}_p, \hat{a}_q\} = \{\hat{a}_p^\dagger, \hat{a}_q^\dagger\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{a}_p, \hat{a}_q^\dagger\} = \delta_{pq}$$

Commutator:  $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}$  ✓

anticommutator:  $\{\hat{A}, \hat{B}\} = \hat{A}\hat{B} + \hat{B}\hat{A}$  new

$\hat{a}_i, \hat{a}_j, \dots, \hat{a}_a^\dagger, \hat{a}_b^\dagger, \dots \rightarrow$  2nd quantization  
← useful "language" for many-particle theories; we will not investigate this topic further ...

Problem of truncated CI: the correlation energy does not scale correctly with system size.

Consider a system with two orbitals and two electrons and only double excitations (e.g.  $H_2$  in a minimal basis set):

$$|\Psi_{CI\mathcal{D}}\rangle = (1 + \hat{T}_2)|\phi_{HF}\rangle = |\phi_{HF}\rangle + c_{\mathcal{D}}|\phi_{\mathcal{D}}\rangle$$

intermediate normalization!

$$E = \frac{\langle \phi_{HF} + c_{\mathcal{D}}\phi_{\mathcal{D}} | \hat{H} | \phi_{HF} + c_{\mathcal{D}}\phi_{\mathcal{D}} \rangle}{\langle \phi_{HF} + c_{\mathcal{D}}\phi_{\mathcal{D}} | \phi_{HF} + c_{\mathcal{D}}\phi_{\mathcal{D}} \rangle}$$

rel.  $\hat{H}$ :  
all real!

$$= \frac{E^{HF} + 2c_{\mathcal{D}} \langle \phi_{\mathcal{D}} | \hat{H} | \phi_{HF} \rangle + c_{\mathcal{D}}^2 \langle \phi_{\mathcal{D}} | \hat{H} | \phi_{\mathcal{D}} \rangle}{1 + c_{\mathcal{D}}^2}$$

check with HF code!

CI $\mathcal{D}$  here is  $\overline{FCI}$ !

Now consider two of such systems at an infinite distance from each other:

$$|\psi_{CI\mathcal{D}}\rangle = (1 + \hat{T}_{2,A} + \hat{T}_{2,B}) |\phi_{HF}\rangle \quad \text{systems A and B}$$

$$= |\phi_{HF}\rangle + c_{\mathcal{D},A} |\phi_{\mathcal{D},A}\rangle + c_{\mathcal{D},B} |\phi_{\mathcal{D},B}\rangle$$

↑ numerically equal ↑

$2E_{HF,A}$  ↓

$$E = \frac{E_{HF} + 2 \cdot 2c_{\mathcal{D},A} \langle \phi_{\mathcal{D},A} | \hat{H} | \phi_{HF} \rangle + 2 \cdot c_{\mathcal{D},A}^2 \langle \phi_{\mathcal{D},A} | \hat{H} | \phi_{\mathcal{D},A} \rangle}{1 + \underline{\underline{2}}c_{\mathcal{D},A}^2}$$

2: A and B contribute equally;  $\langle \phi_{\mathcal{D},A} | \hat{H} | \phi_{\mathcal{D},B} \rangle = 0$

$$\Rightarrow E(2 \text{ systems}) \neq 2 \cdot E(1 \text{ system})$$

- size extensivity:

$$E(n \text{ systems}) = n E(1 \text{ system})$$

- CID (and other truncated CI schemes are not size extensive!
- missing is the simultaneous double excitation on A and B, i.e.  $\hat{T}_{2,A} \cdot \hat{T}_{2,B}$ !  
(or a fourfold excitation  $\hat{T}_4$  as in FCI)

We try an exponential ansatz for the excitation operator:

$$|\psi\rangle = e^{\hat{T}} |\phi_0\rangle = \left( \underbrace{1 + \hat{T}}_{\text{as for CI}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \hat{T}^2 + \dots}_{\text{coupled higher order excitations}} \right) |\phi_0\rangle$$

$$\hat{T} = \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 + \dots$$

$$\hat{T}_1 = \sum_{i \in \text{occ}} \sum_{a \in \text{virt}} t_i^a \hat{a}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_i$$

single excitations operator

amplitude, not coefficient!

$$\hat{T}_2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j} \sum_{a,b} t_{ij}^{ab} \hat{a}_a^\dagger \hat{a}_b^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_i$$

double excitations operator

coupled higher excitations generate size extensivity

...

Note:

CI	CC
$\hat{T}_1$	$\hat{T}_1$
$\hat{T}_2$	$\hat{T}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \hat{T}_1^2$
$\hat{T}_3$	$\hat{T}_3 + \hat{T}_1 \hat{T}_2 + \frac{1}{6} \hat{T}_1^3$
⋮	⋮

products of amplitudes  $t_i^a t_j^b$  yield coefficients!

The exponential ansatz is the basic idea of  
Coupled Cluster (CC) theory.

(Koester, Kümmel, 1957/1960; after  $\approx$  1970  
also used in QC)

Problem: the underlying equations for the  
CC amplitudes are nonlinear and more  
difficult to solve than the linear ones  
for CI coefficients.

projective and iterative solution.

assume a "full" CC wavefunction solves  
the Schrödinger equation:

$$\hat{H} |e^{\hat{T}} \phi_0\rangle = E |e^{\hat{T}} \phi_0\rangle$$

then:  $\langle \phi_0 | \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} \phi_0 \rangle = E$

projection  $\langle \phi_{i,\dots}^{a,\dots} | \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} \phi_0 \rangle = E \langle \phi_{i,\dots}^{a,\dots} | e^{\hat{T}} \phi_0 \rangle$

equation for the energy and  
equations for the amplitudes!  
(nonlinear, coupled)

CCSD(T) is currently considered as the "gold standard" of computational chemistry.

CCSD : Coupled cluster with single and double substitutions, nonlinear system of equations solved.

(T) : triple substitutions calculated by perturbation theory.

Attempts to combine the simplicity  
of CI with the higher accuracy  
of CC: (only a few examples)

- $ACP\overline{F}$  averaged coupled pair functional
- $(SC)^2CI$  self-consistent size-consistent CI
- $CEPA_n$  coupled electron pair approximation ( $n=0, \dots, 3$ )

# Schemes for (near-) degeneracy situations

- more than one leading configuration

→ multi-reference schemes:

- orbitals optimized for more than a single configuration:

MCSCF (or MCHF) multi-configuration

- if the MC wavefunction corresponds to a FCI in a so-called active orbital space:

CASSCF complete active space

- multi-reference SCF schemes account for "static" electron correlation.

→ adding MBPT, CI, CC to MCSCF or CASCF

- MRPT, CASPT2, ...

- MRCI (usually MRCISD)

- MRCC (several variants)

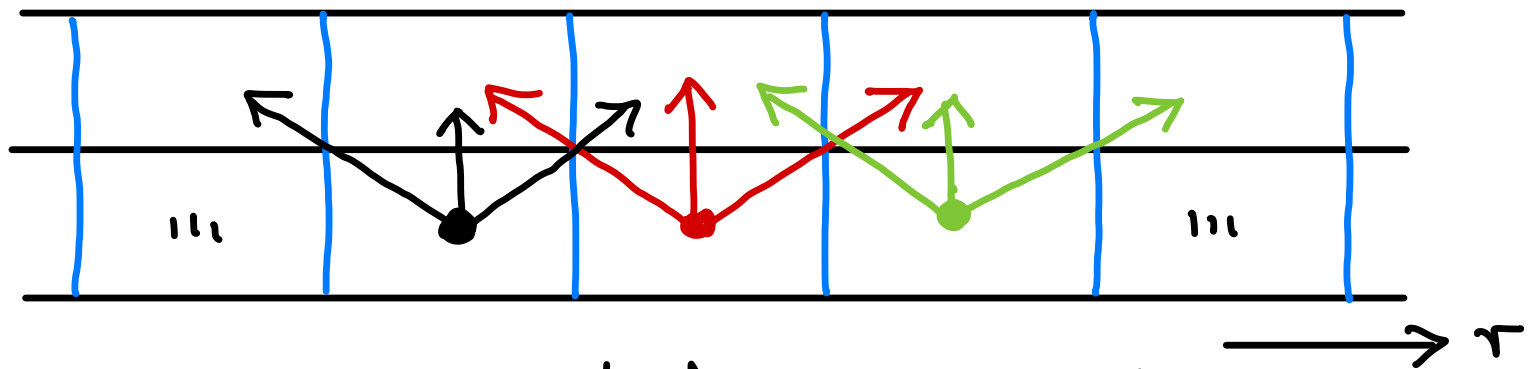
## Schemes for large systems:

- formal scaling with system size  $n$  ...  
HF  $\sim n^4$ , MP2  $\sim n^5$ , CISD, CCSD  $\sim n^6$ , ...
- exploiting the locality of electron correlation (electrons have to come close to each other to "feel" their Coulomb repulsion, "near-sightedness" of electrons)  $\longrightarrow$

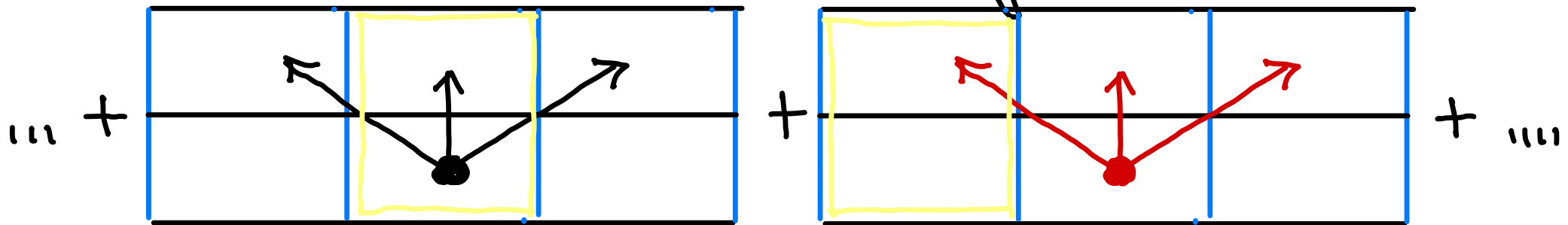
electrons  
orbitals  
units

→ localization of occupied and possibly virtual orbital, only "local" excitations included

virtual  
occupied



→ partitioning into separated overlapping subsystems



usually requires size consistent electron correlation scheme, e.g. CC, MPn

→ numerous so-called

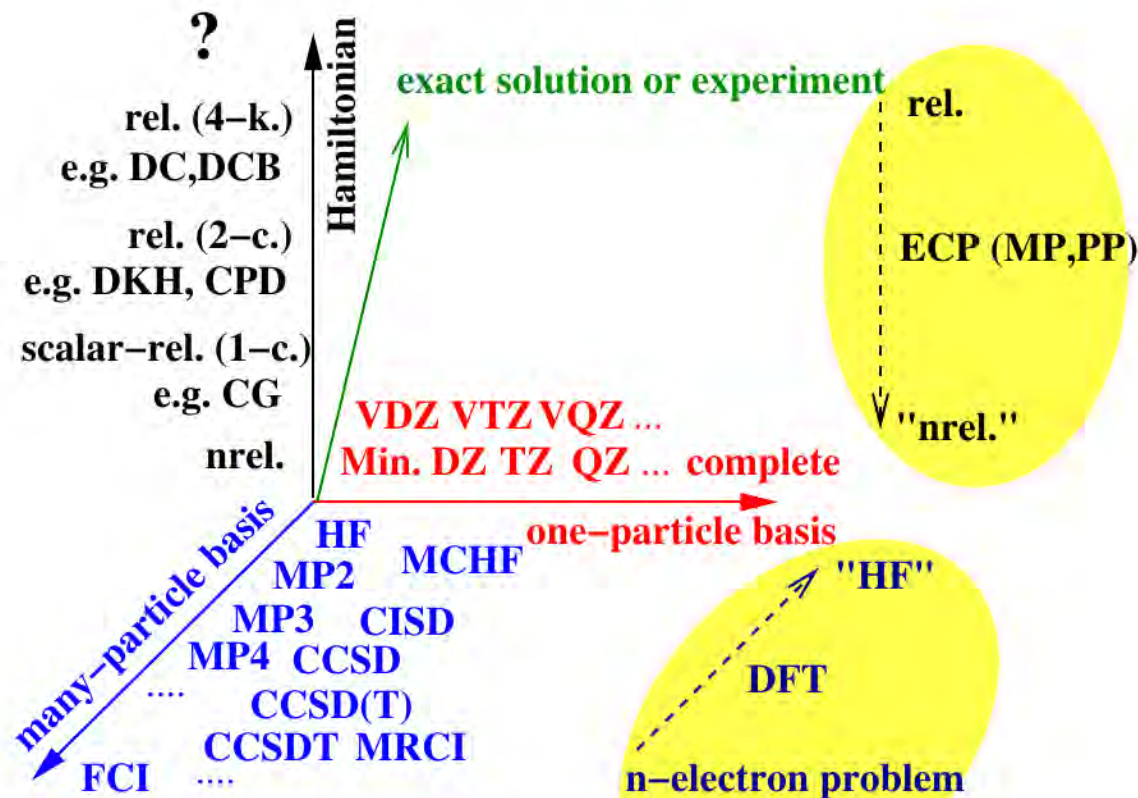
local correlation approaches

- separating the system in an interesting part requiring an accurate treatment and a less interesting spectator part, e.g. solvation models for systems in solution (e.g. COSMO)

e.g. embedding schemes for molecules  
in a solid matrix, active sites of  
enzymes, ... (QM/MM)

quantum  
mechanics

molecular  
mechanics



- relativistic contributions:  $\Delta E_{\text{rel}} \sim Z^4$ .
- correlation energy errors for standard basis set expansions:  $E_{\text{corr}}^1 - E_{\text{corr}}^\infty \sim 1/l^3$   
 → basis set extrapolation or F12-dependent wavefunctions.
- computational effort:  $t \sim n^k$  ( $n$  size of one-particle basis set,  $k$  for some standard approaches: DFT 3, HF 4, MP2 5, CISD, CCSD 6, CCSD(T) 7 ...) → low-order/linear scaling schemes.
- ECPs simplify the Hamiltonian and also lead to some reductions in the sizes of the one- and many-electron basis sets (e.g. small-core PPs plus valence-only SO terms) !
- DFT avoids costly many-determinantal wavefunctions/treatments.

Goal: Suitable compromise between accuracy and computational effort, i.e., sufficiently accurate low-cost relativistic electronic structure calculations, also for larger systems.

- "Definition" of relativistic effects:

*many choices!*

$$\Delta O^{\text{rel}} = \langle \psi^{\text{rel}} | \hat{O}^{\text{rel}} | \psi^{\text{rel}} \rangle - \langle \psi^{\text{nrrel}} | \hat{O}^{\text{nrrel}} | \psi^{\text{nrrel}} \rangle$$

- "Definition" of correlation effects:

*exact?*

$$\Delta O^{\text{corr}} = \langle \psi^{\text{corr}} | \hat{O} | \psi^{\text{corr}} \rangle - \langle \psi^{\text{HF}} | \hat{O} | \psi^{\text{HF}} \rangle$$

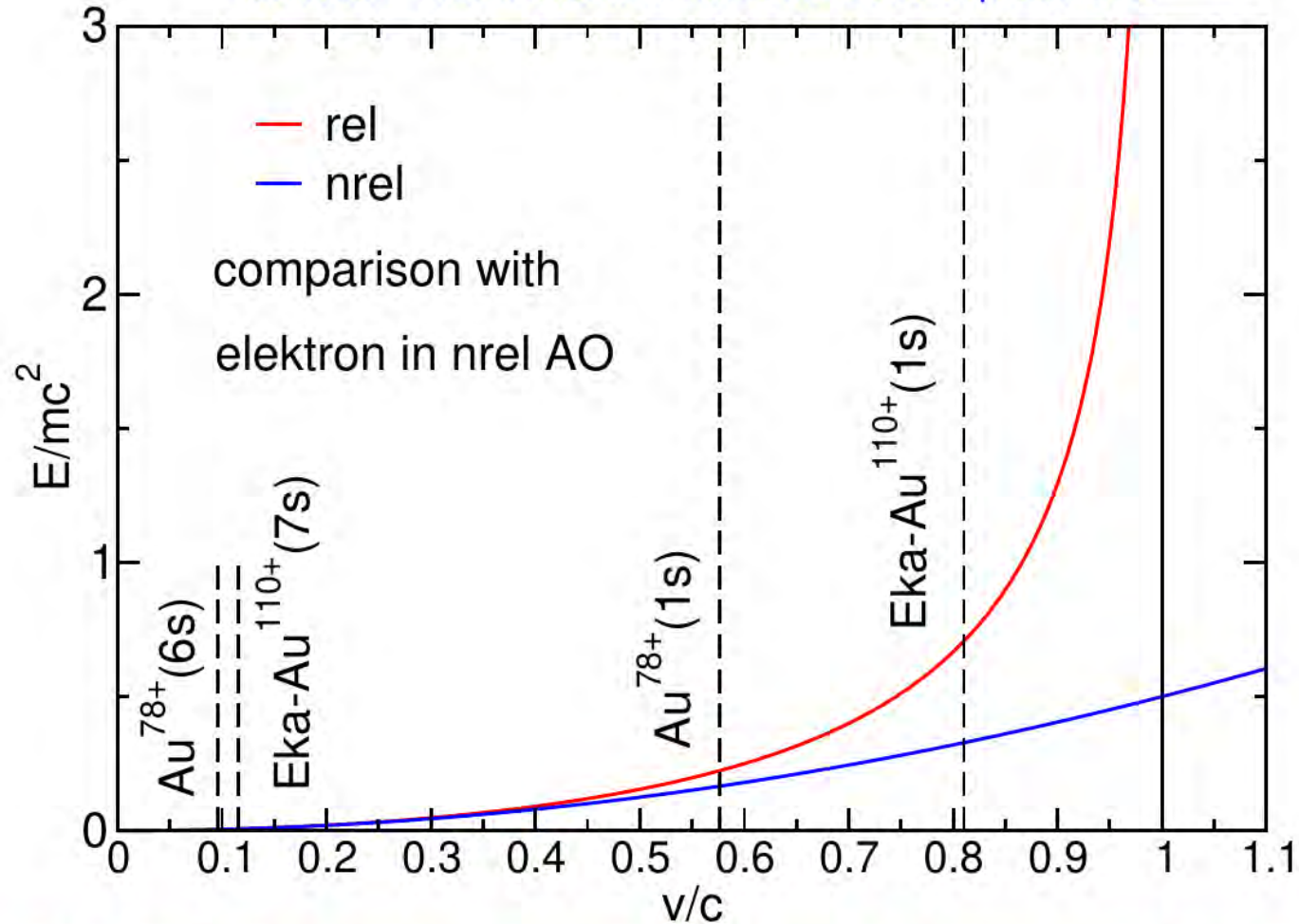
Note:

$\Delta O^{\text{rel}}$  and  $\Delta O^{\text{corr}}$  are not strictly additive!

$\hat{O} = \hat{H} \Rightarrow$  energies, geometries, frequencies, ...

## Kinetic energy

'classical' relativistic and nonrelativistic expressions



→ Is relativity for the valence shells and thus for chemistry unimportant ?  
Strong relativistic contributions are to be expected for inner shells ...

$$E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{nrel}} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{rel}} = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} - mc^2$$

Relativistic Quantum Mechanics requires that the relativistic wave equation for one electron has four components: *we do not go into details here!*

→ two degrees of freedom for spin ( $\alpha, \beta$ )

two degrees of freedom for charge ( $e^-, e^+$ )

→ Hamilton operator contains  $4 \times 4$  matrices

Wavefunction is a 4 component vector

→ Approximate relativistic scheme keep only 2 component ( $\alpha, \beta$ ) or 1 component

# The Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{h}(i) + \sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{g}(i, j) + W_{NN}$$

$$\hat{h}(i) = \hat{h}_D(i) = c \vec{\alpha}_i \vec{p}_i + (\beta_i - \mathbb{I}_4) c^2 + V_N(i)$$

$$V_N(i) = \sum_{I=1}^N \left( -\frac{Z_I}{r_{iI}} \right)$$

finite nuclei possible!

$$\hat{g}(i, j) = \hat{g}_{CB}(i, j) = \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \frac{1}{2r_{ij}} \left[ \vec{\alpha}_i \cdot \vec{\alpha}_j + \frac{(\vec{\alpha}_i \cdot \vec{r}_{ij})(\vec{\alpha}_j \cdot \vec{r}_{ij})}{r_{ij}^2} \right]$$

$$V_{NN} = \sum_{I=1}^N \sum_{J=I+1}^N \frac{z_I z_J}{r_{IJ}}$$

Dirac matrices:

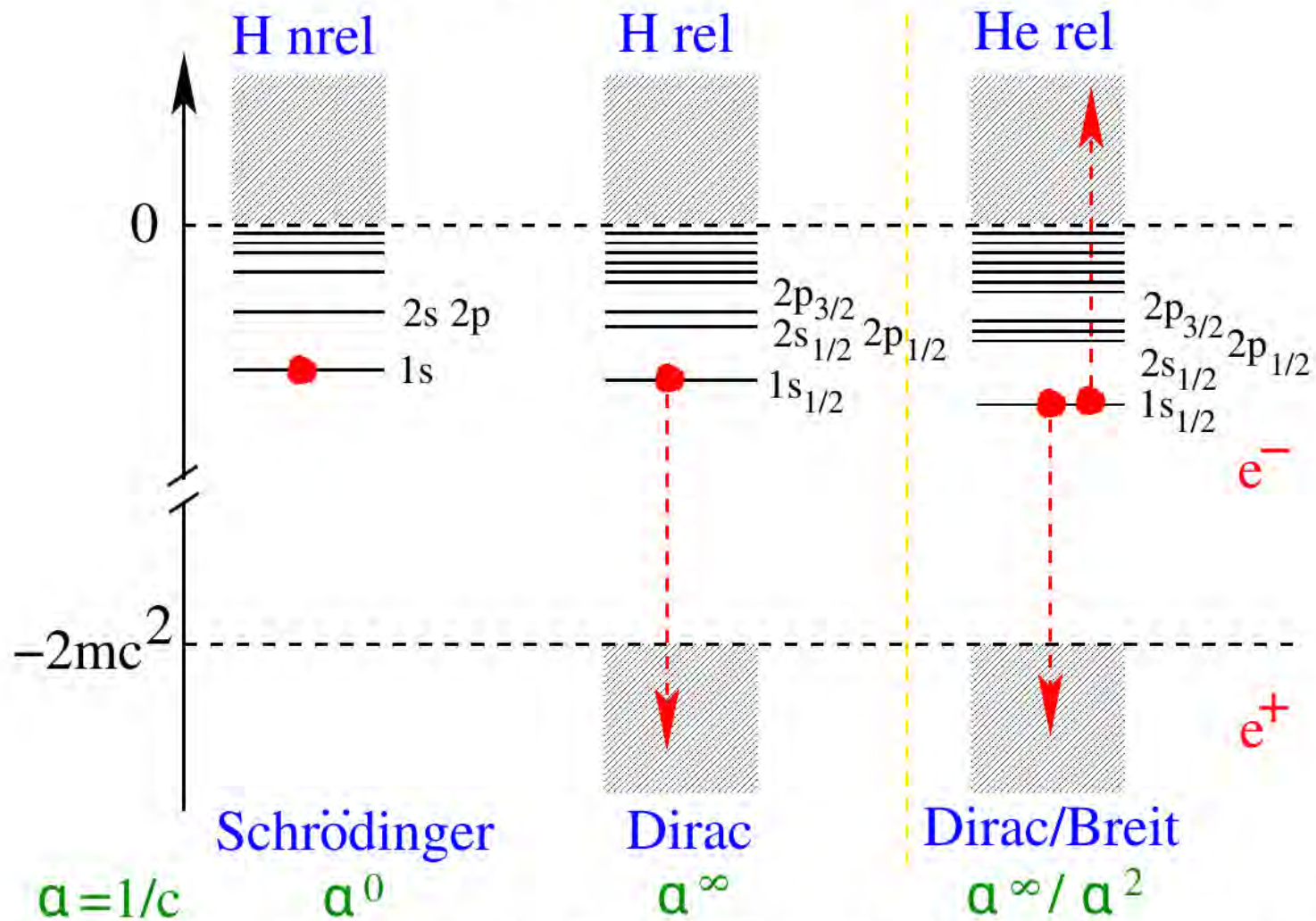
$$\alpha_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & iG_k \\ -iG_k & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } k=x, y, z, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -I_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pauli matrices:

$$G_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

other representations possible!

# One- and many-electron atoms (nrel vs. rel)



→ fundamental difficulties ('variational collapse', 'finite basis set disease', 'continuum dissolution'/'Brown-Ravenhall disease') are nowadays solved for practical calculations ('projection' on electronic states, 'kinetic balance', ...), but high computational effort is required !  
 → finite difference atomic MCDHF/DC(B) calculations (e.g. GRASP, Grant et al.) are 'routine' today. Used to generate reference data for recent energy-consistent pseudopotentials.

# Relativistic H-like atoms/ions energy

$$E = \frac{1 \text{ a.u.} \downarrow \underbrace{mc^2}_{\text{green}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2}{\left(n_r + \sqrt{\left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - Z^2 \alpha^2}\right)^2}}}$$

$$n_r = n - j - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{c} \approx 137 \text{ a.u.}$$

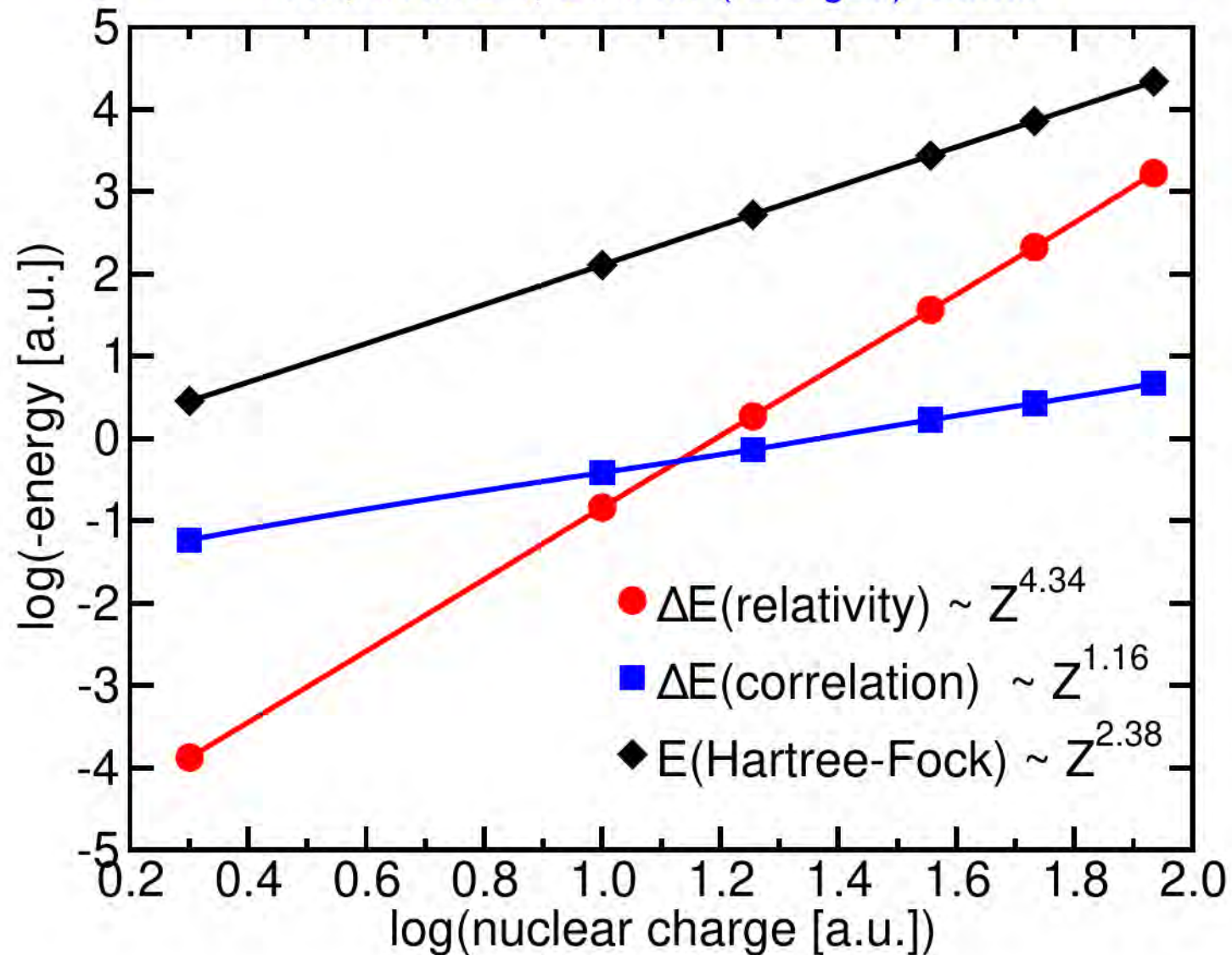
fine structure constant

- assume  $Z \ll c \approx 137 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(j + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - Z^2 \alpha^2} \approx j + \frac{1}{2}$   
and  $n_r + \sqrt{\quad} \approx n$       rest e. nrel. e. rel. corr.

- Taylor expansion  $\frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2}{n^2}}} \approx mc^2 - \frac{Z^2 m}{2n^2} + O(Z^4 \alpha^2)$   
 $\sim Z^2$        $\sim Z^4$

# Relativistic and electron correlation contributions

HF, DHF/DC, DFT for (rare gas) atoms



Note: relativistic effects are not only important for core orbitals (high average electron velocities) but also for valence orbitals (low average electron velocities) and influence the chemical properties of heavy elements.

Quantum Mechanics  
of Many-Electron Systems

P. A. M. Dirac

Proc. Roy. Soc. London A 123 (1929) 714

The general theory of quantum mechanics is now almost complete, the imperfections that still remain being in connection with the exact fitting in of the theory with **relativistic ideas**. These give rise to difficulties only when high speed particles are involved, and **are therefore of no importance in the consideration of atomic and molecular structure and ordinary chemical reactions** in which it is, indeed, usually sufficiently accurate if one neglects relativity variation of mass with velocity and assumes only Coulomb forces between the various electrons and atomic nuclei. **The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to equations much too complicated to be soluble.**

Relativistic effects in chemistry are investigated systematically since about three decades, cf. e.g. the following early review papers on the topic:

P. Pyykkö, Adv. Quant. Chem. 11 (1978) 353.

K. S. Pitzer, Acc. Chem. Res. 12 (1979) 271.

P. Pyykkö, J.-P. Desclaux, Acc. Chem. Res. 12 (1979) 276.

# Relativistic effects for atoms

- direct effects

- reason: replacing  $\hat{H}^{\text{nrrel}}$  by  $\hat{H}^{\text{rel}}$

- result: causes contraction and stabilization of all orbitals

- the larger the smaller  $n$  and  $l$ , i.e.,  
size  $1s > 2s \gtrsim 2p > 3s \gtrsim 3p \gtrsim 3d \dots$

- result: causes spin-orbit splitting

- the larger the smaller  $n$  and  $l$ , i.e.,  
size  $2p > 3p > 3d \dots$

- indirect effects

- reason: direct effects cause a contraction of inner (core) shells
- result: better screening of the nuclear charge for outer (valence) shells and thus to a destabilization and expansion.

Many-electron atoms:

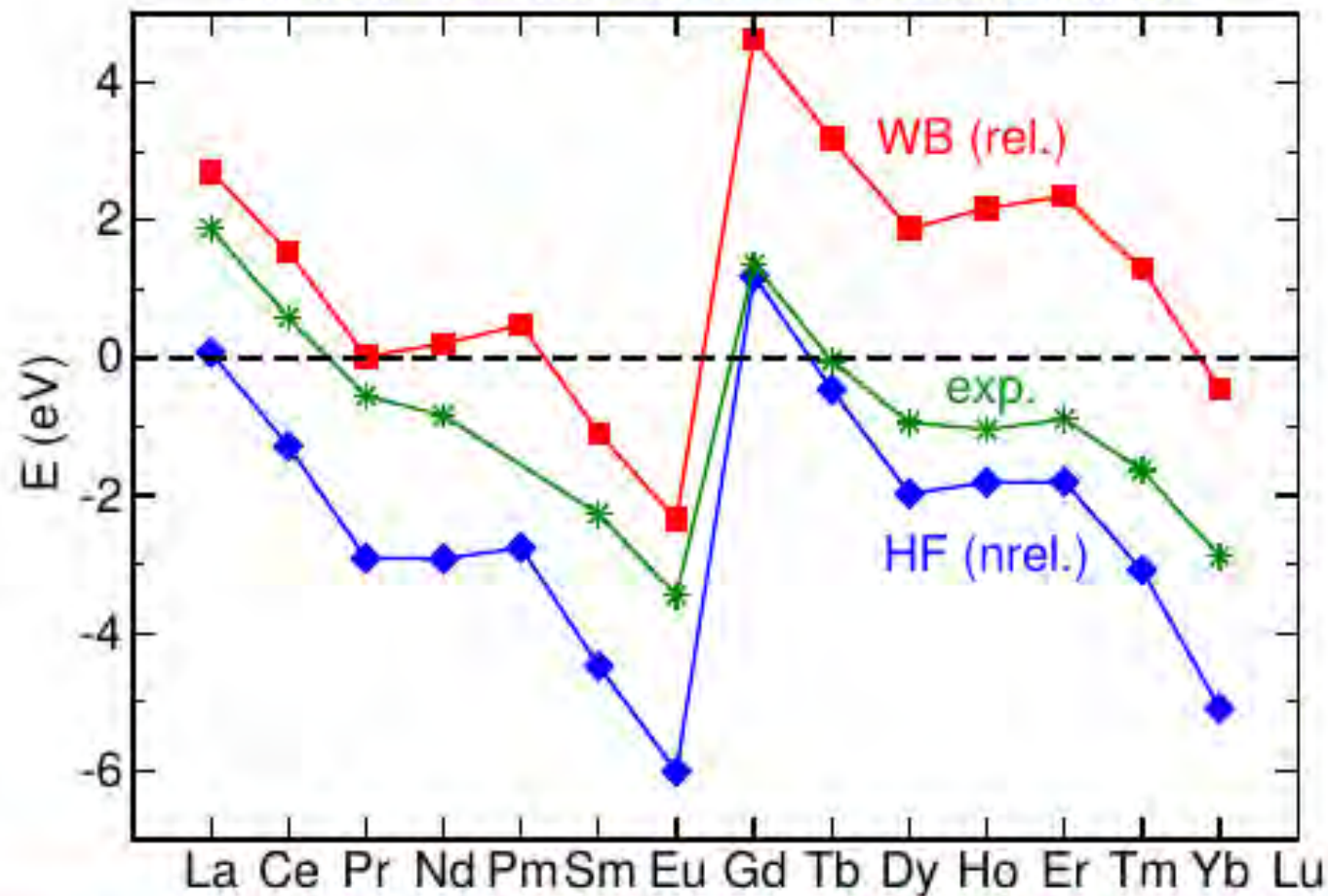
Both effects act on all shells!

Result for valence shells:

- stabilization and contraction of s and p shells
- destabilization and expansion of d and f shells

(rules of thumb!)

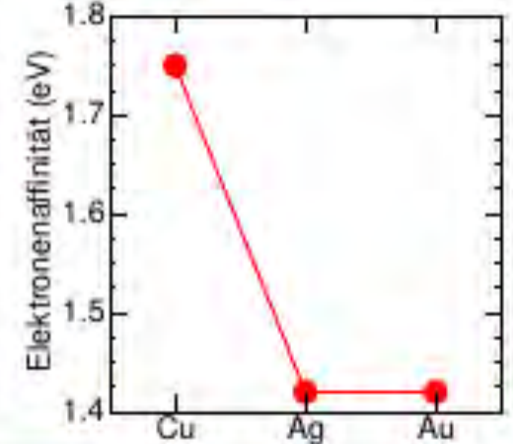
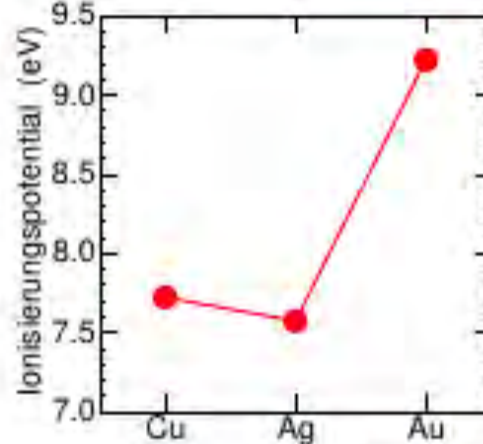
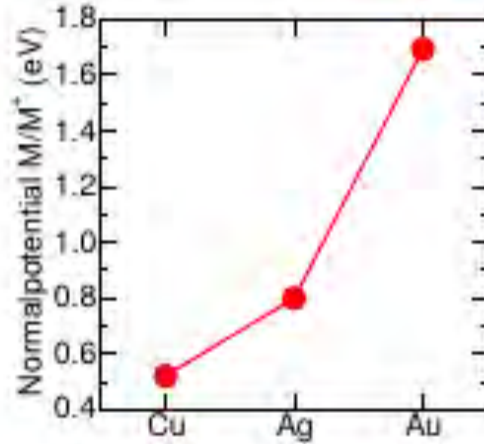
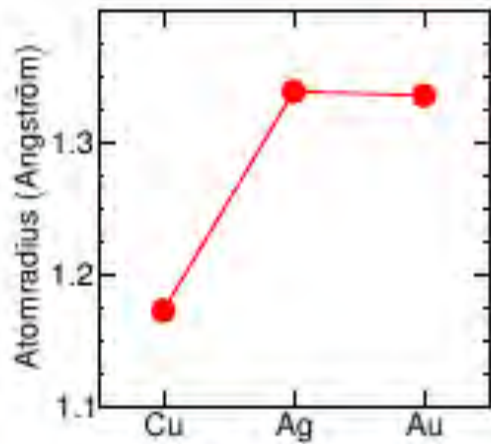
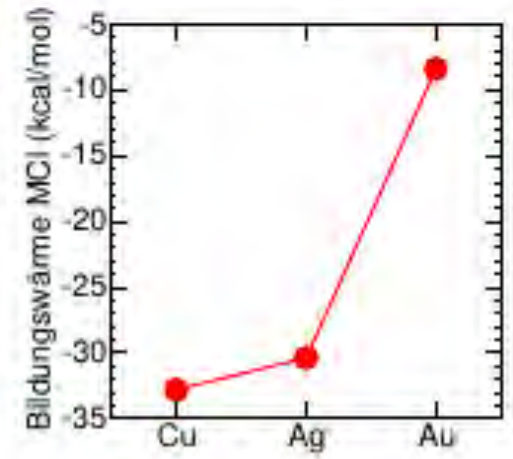
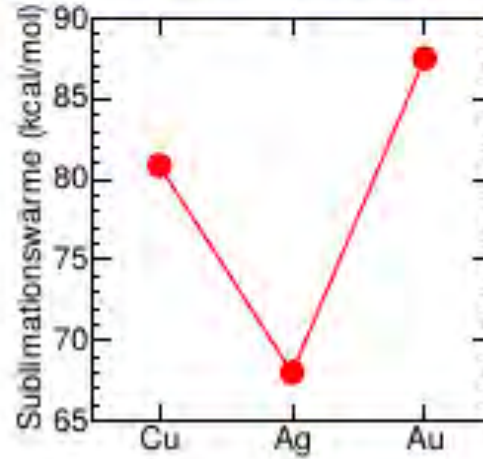
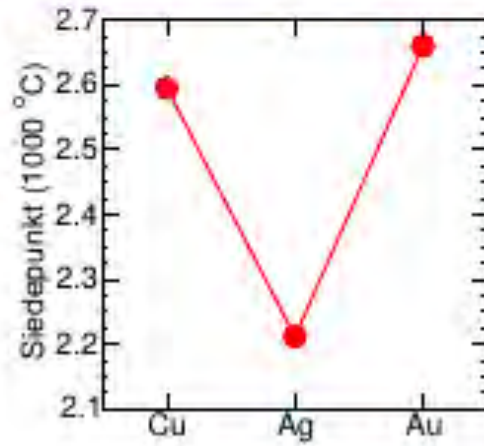
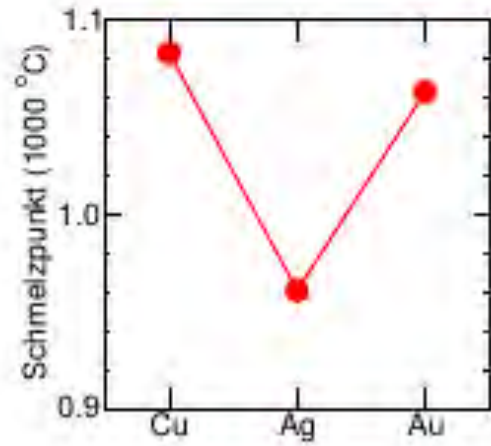
d->f excitation energies of lanthanide atoms  
differential relativistic and electron correlation effects



– Large and counteracting differential relativistic (WB vs. HF) and correlation (WB vs. Exp.) effects.

Differential relativistic and electrons correlation effects for 3d-, 4d-, 5d-transition metals are discussed in R. L. Martin, P. J. Hay, J. Chem. Phys. 75 (1981), 4539 (comparison Hartree-Fock results, Cowan-Griffin results and experimental data). Differential relativistic effects for 4f-elements can be found in M. Dolg, H. Stoll, H. Preuss, J. Chem. Phys. 90 (1989) 1730, and for 5f-elements in W. Küchle, M. Dolg, H. Stoll, H. Preuss, J. Chem. Phys. 100 (1994) 7535 (comparison Hartree-Fock and Wood-Boring results).

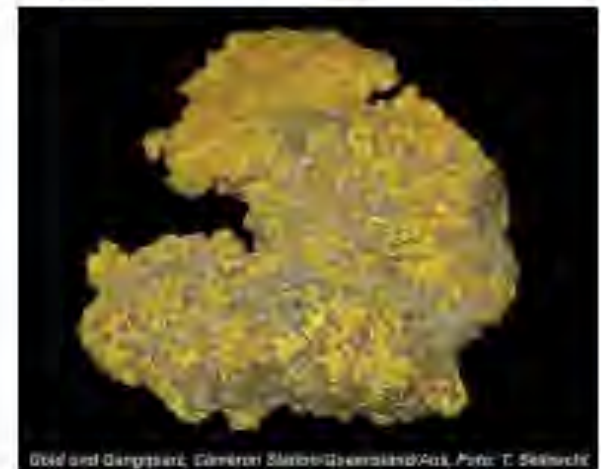
# Experimentally observed trends for Cu - Ag - Au



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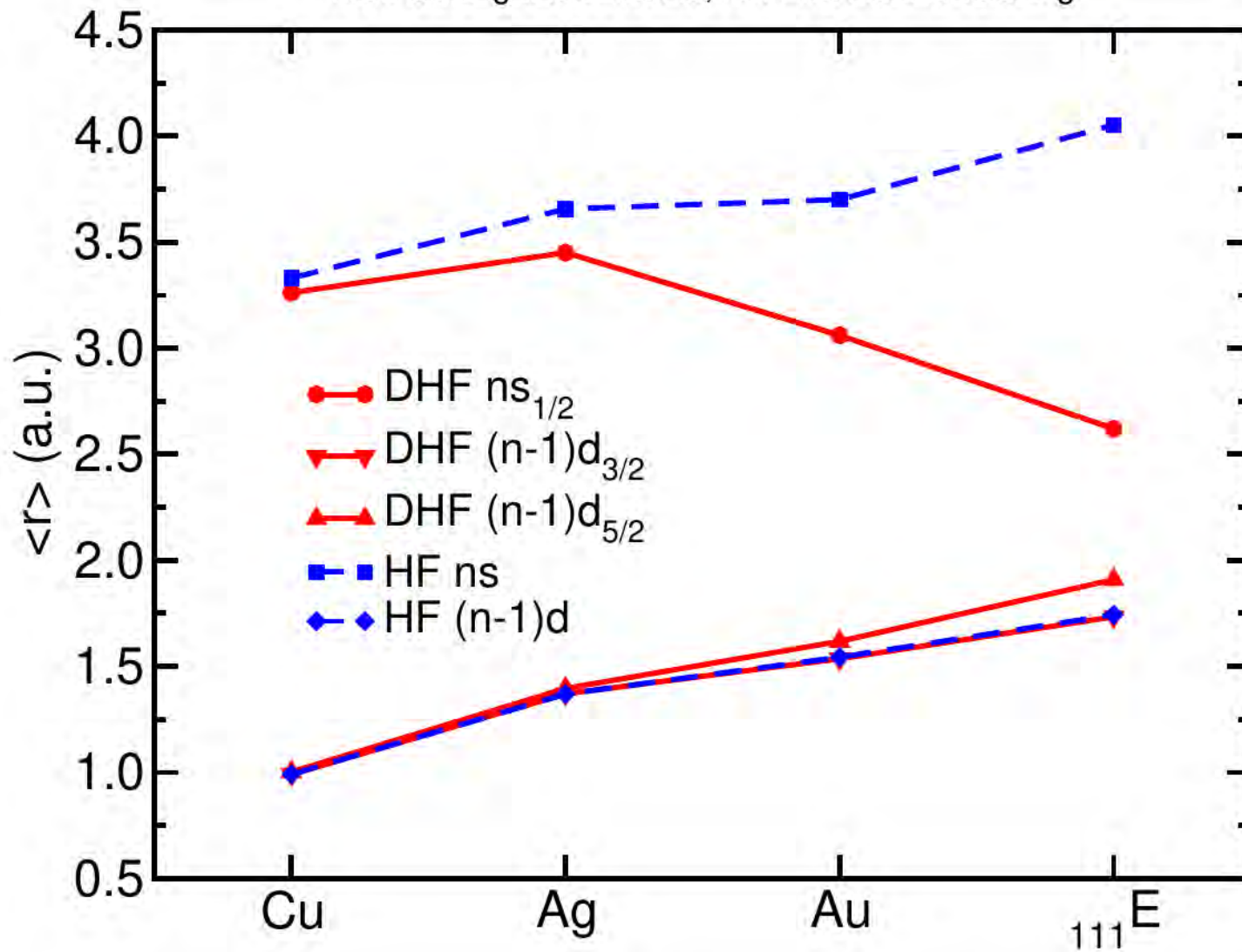
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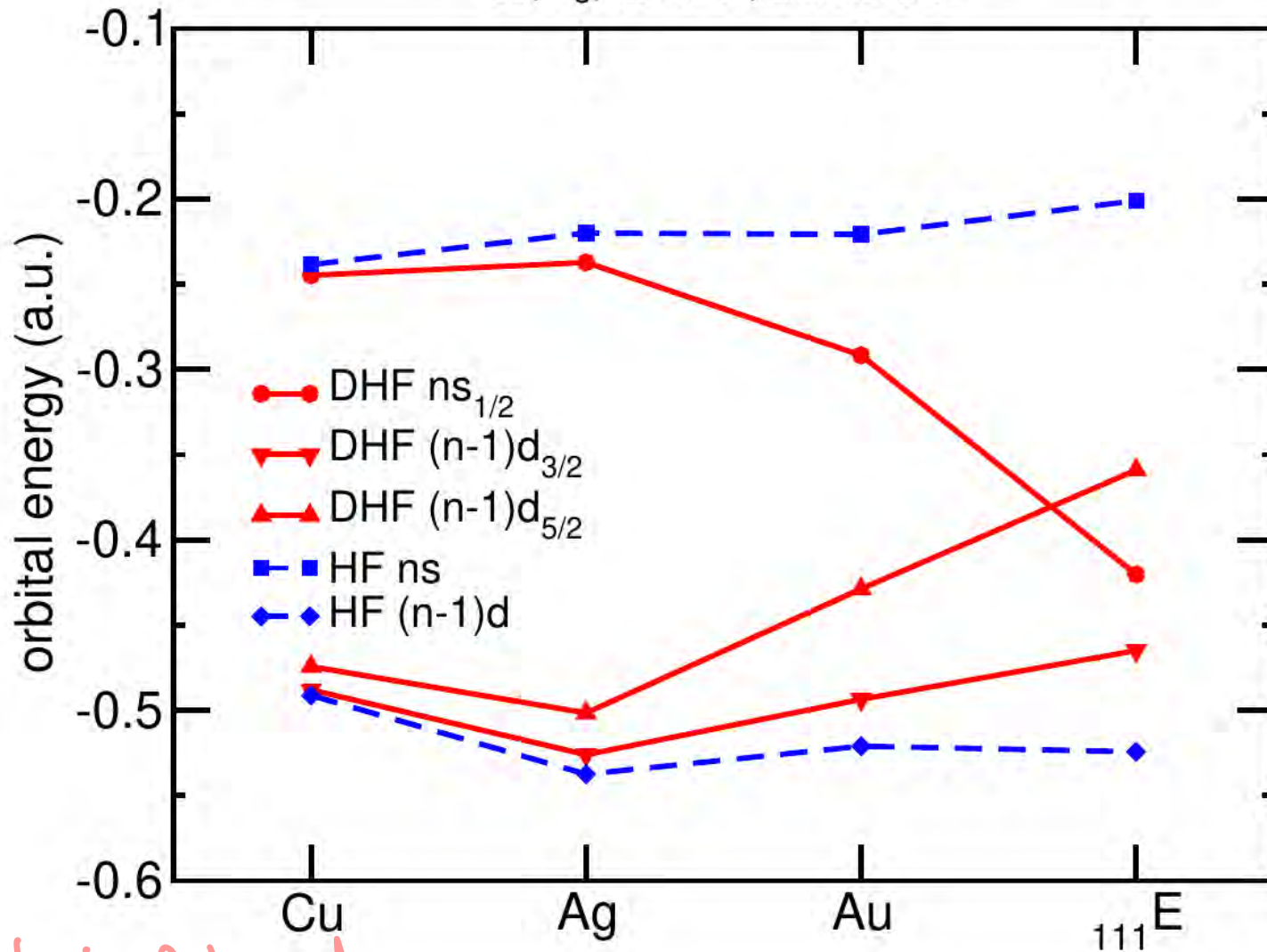
# Size of the coinage metals

nrel: Cu<Ag<Au<Eka-Au; rel: Eka-Au<Au<Cu<Ag



# Ground states of the coinage metals

Cu, Ag, Au:  $d^{10}s^2$ ; Eka-Au:  $d^9s^2$

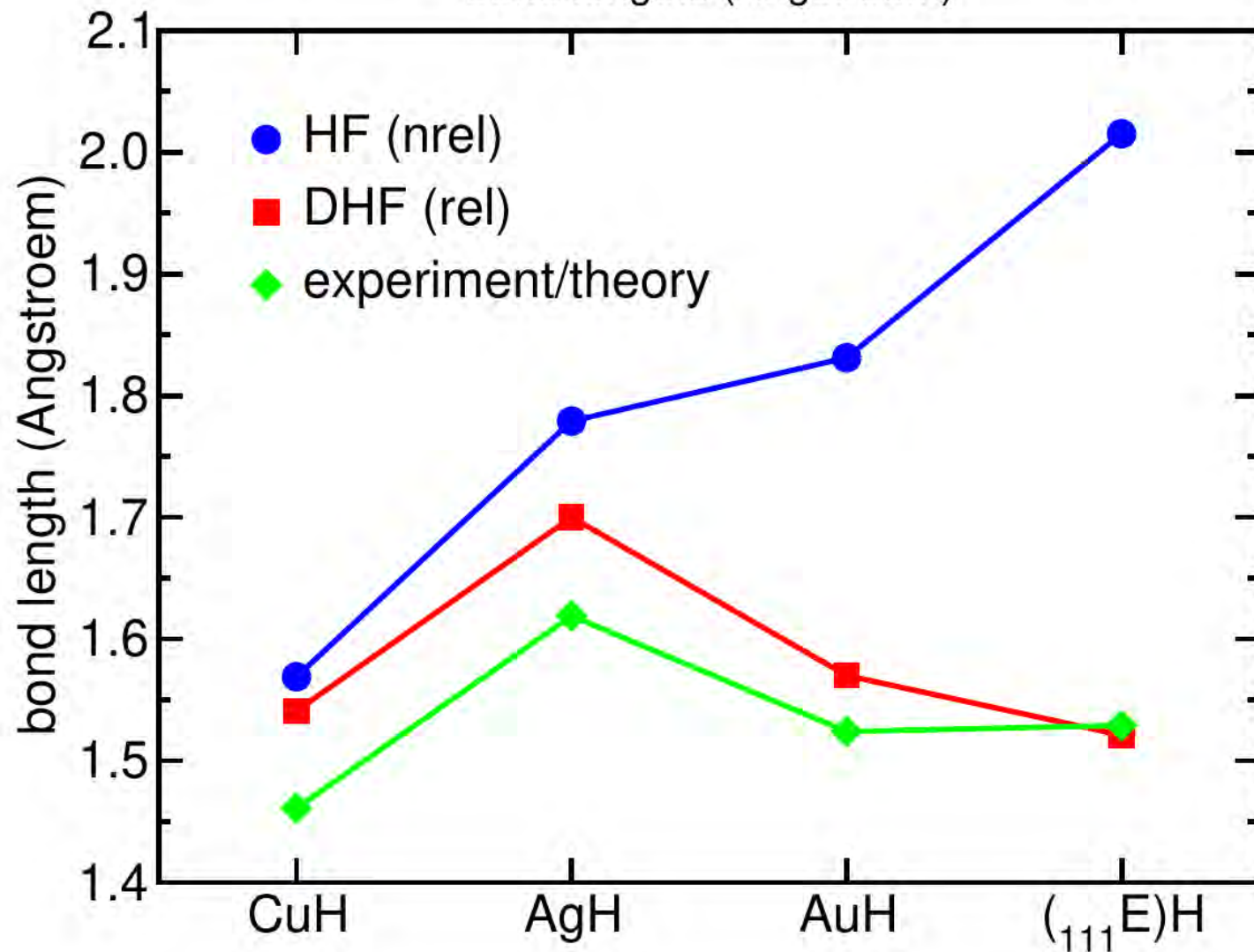


destabilized  
 $d^{10} s^1$   
 stabilized

$\Rightarrow d^9 s^2$  for very large  $Z$ !

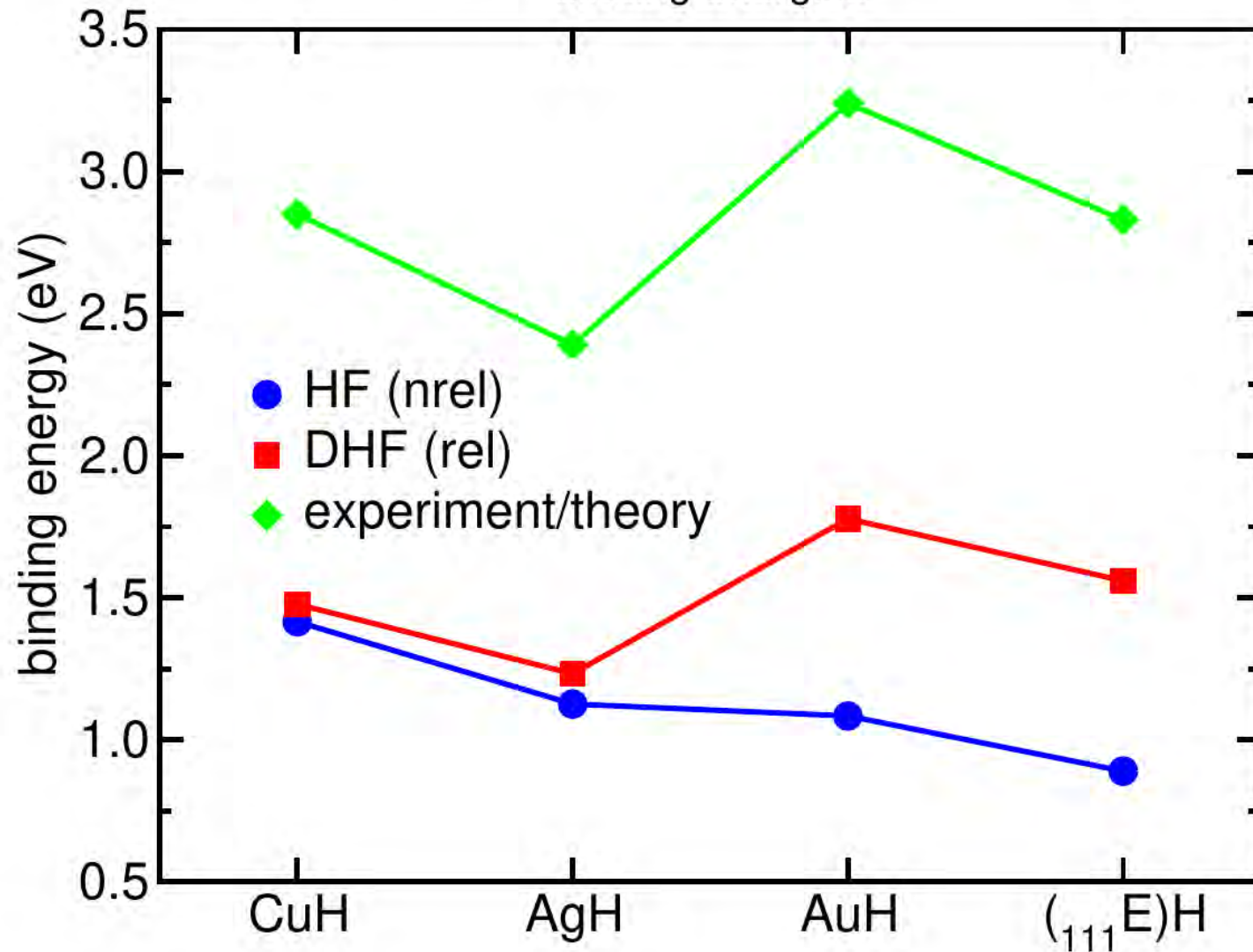
# Relativistic effects in coinage metal hydrides

bond lengths (Angstroem)

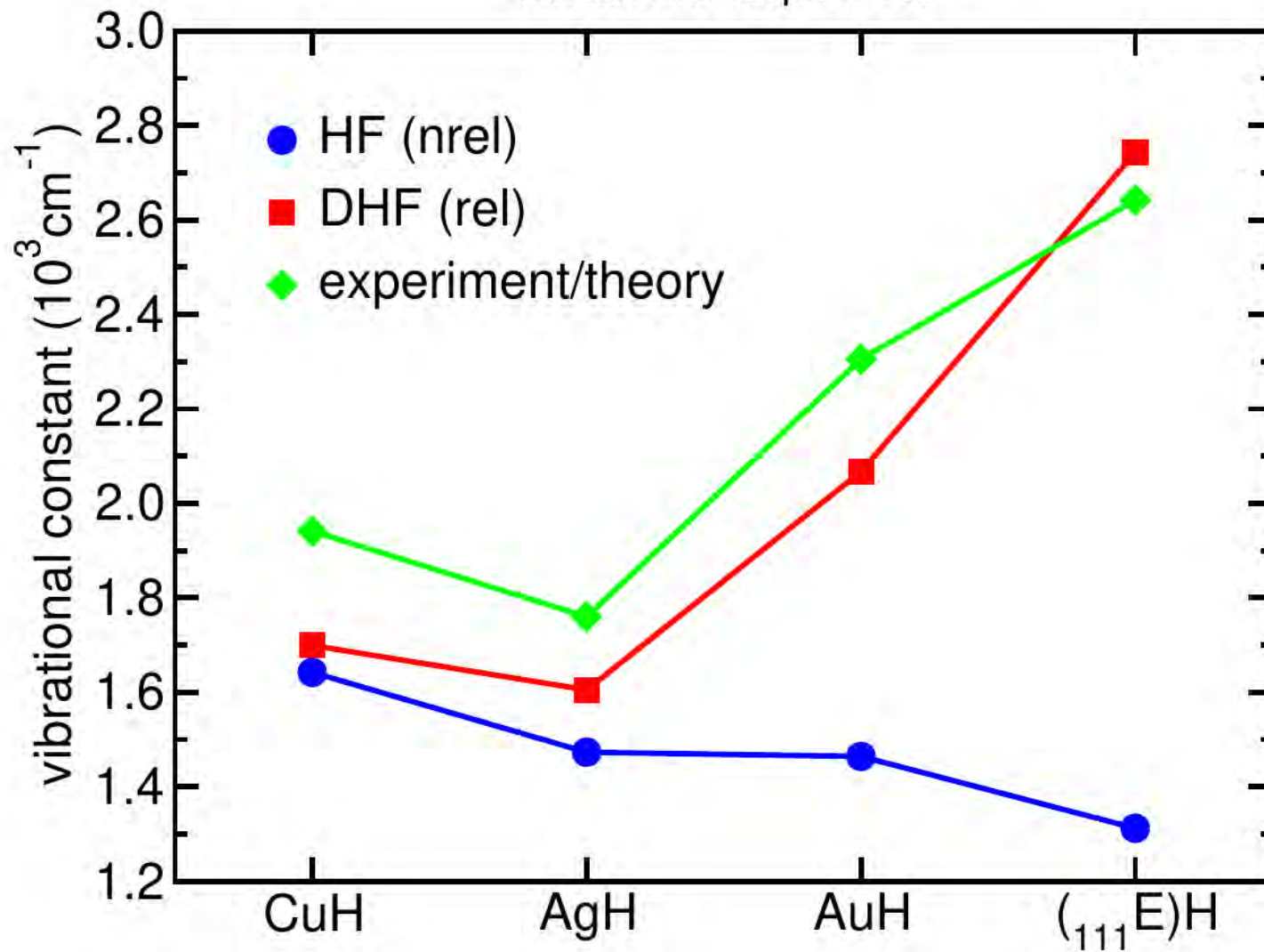


bonding orbitals contract  $\rightarrow$  bond contracts  
(Attention: interpretations depend on  $\hat{H}$ !)

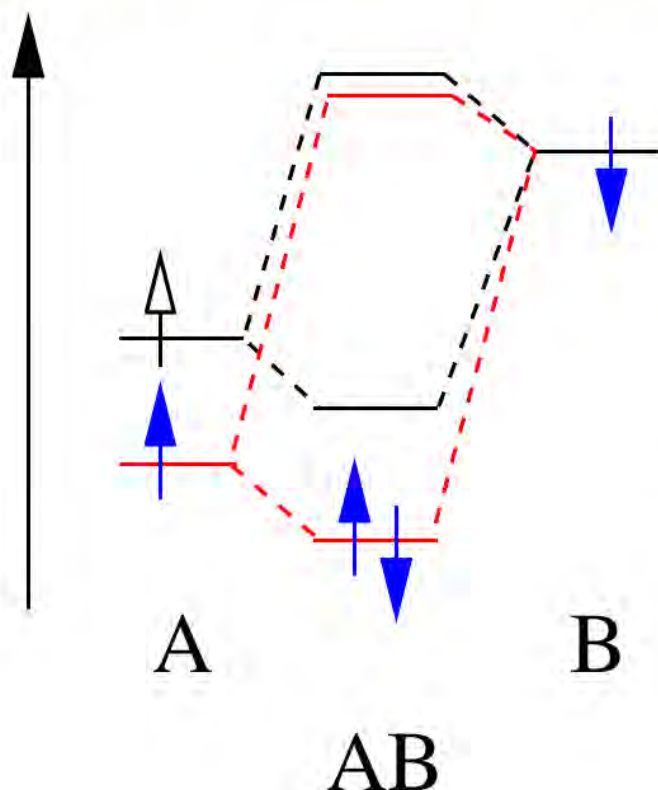
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# Relativistic effects in coinage metal hydrides vibrational frequencies



# Stabilization of chemical bonds



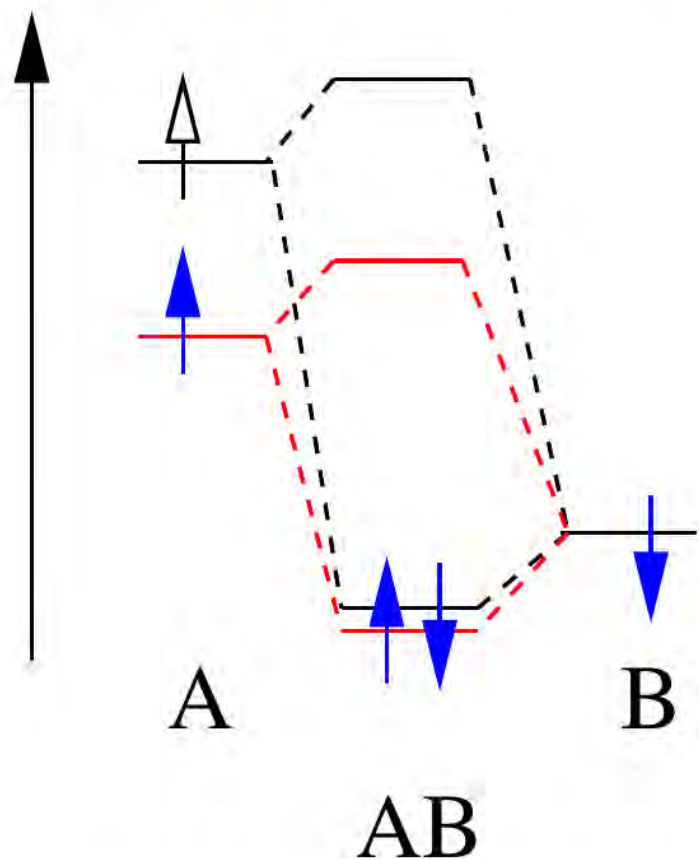
B more electropositive than A  
A relativistically stabilized  
 $\Rightarrow$  AB stabilized

example: AuLi (Au<sup>-</sup> Li<sup>+</sup>)

stabilization

ca. 30 % of the binding energy

# Destabilization of chemical bonds



B more electronegative A  
A relativistically stabilized  
 $\Rightarrow$  AB destabilized

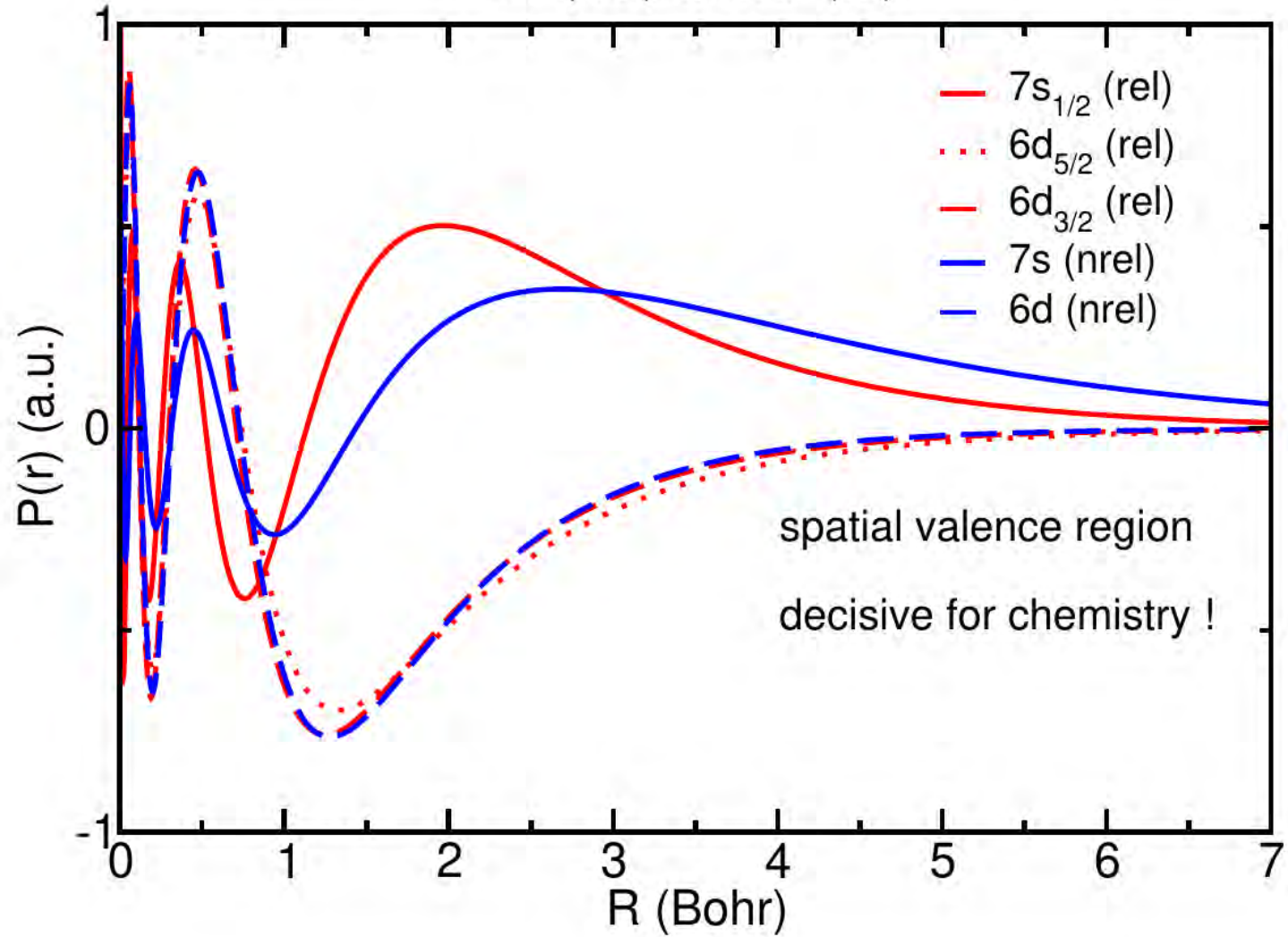
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destabilization

ca. 25 % of binding energy

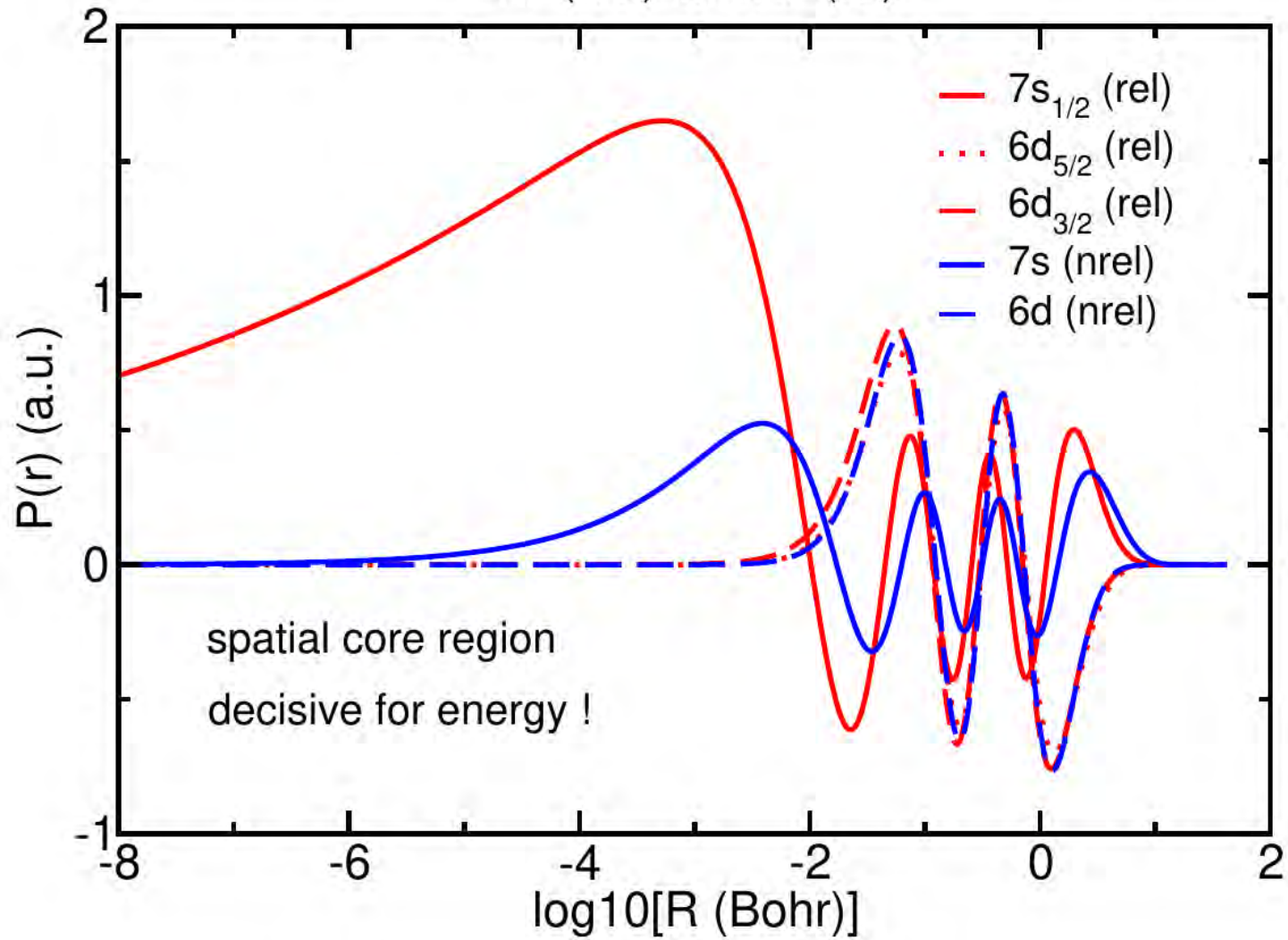
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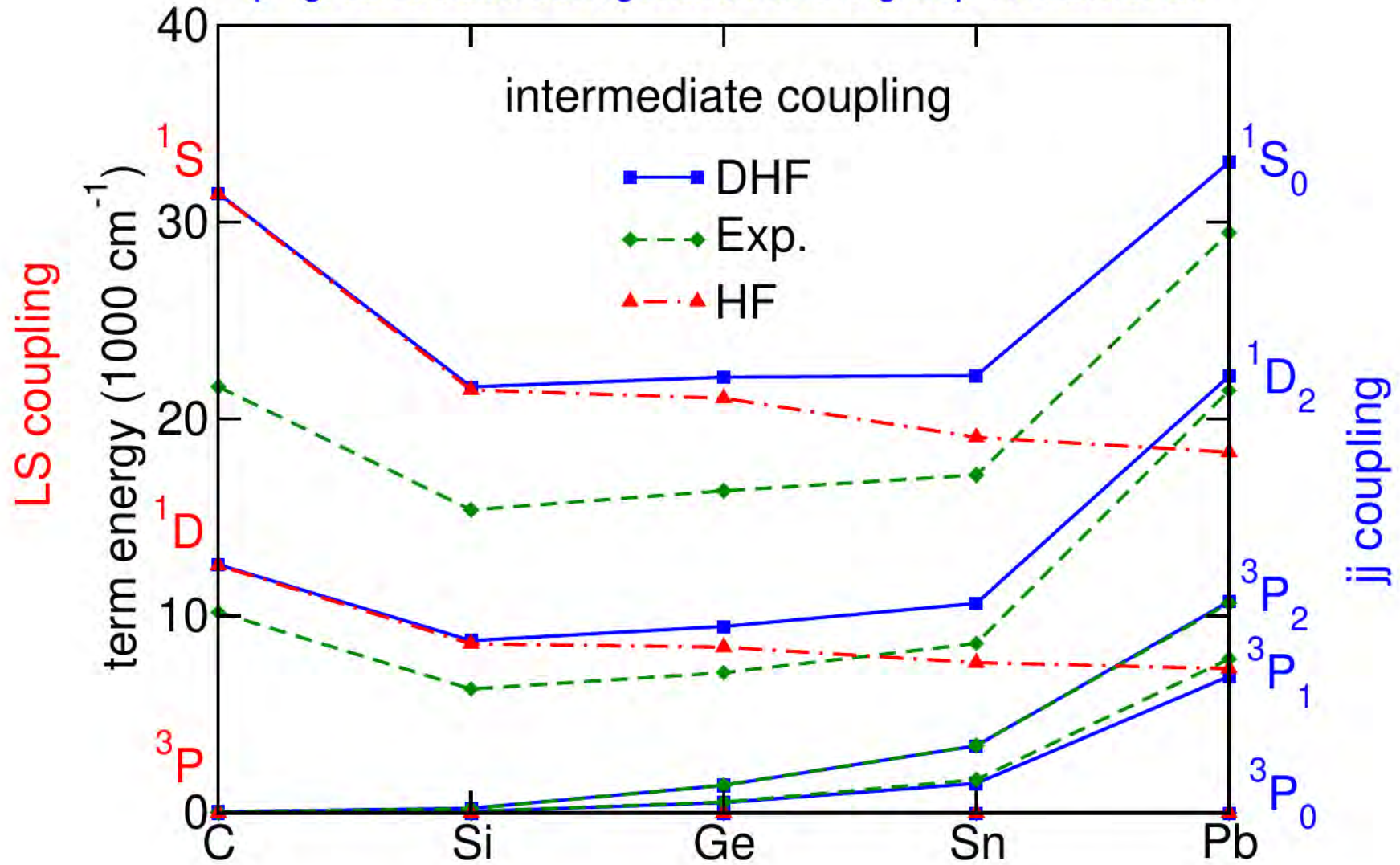


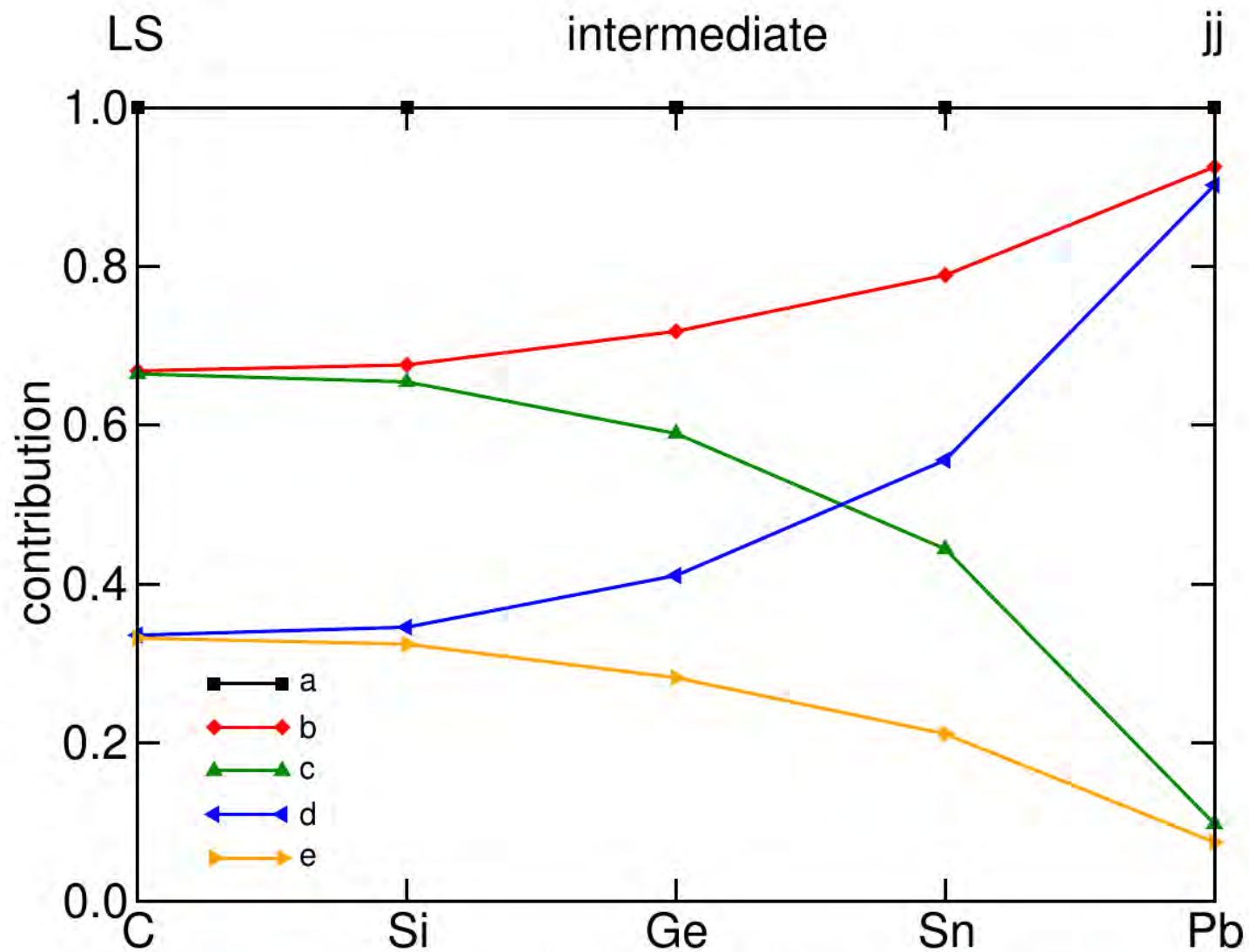
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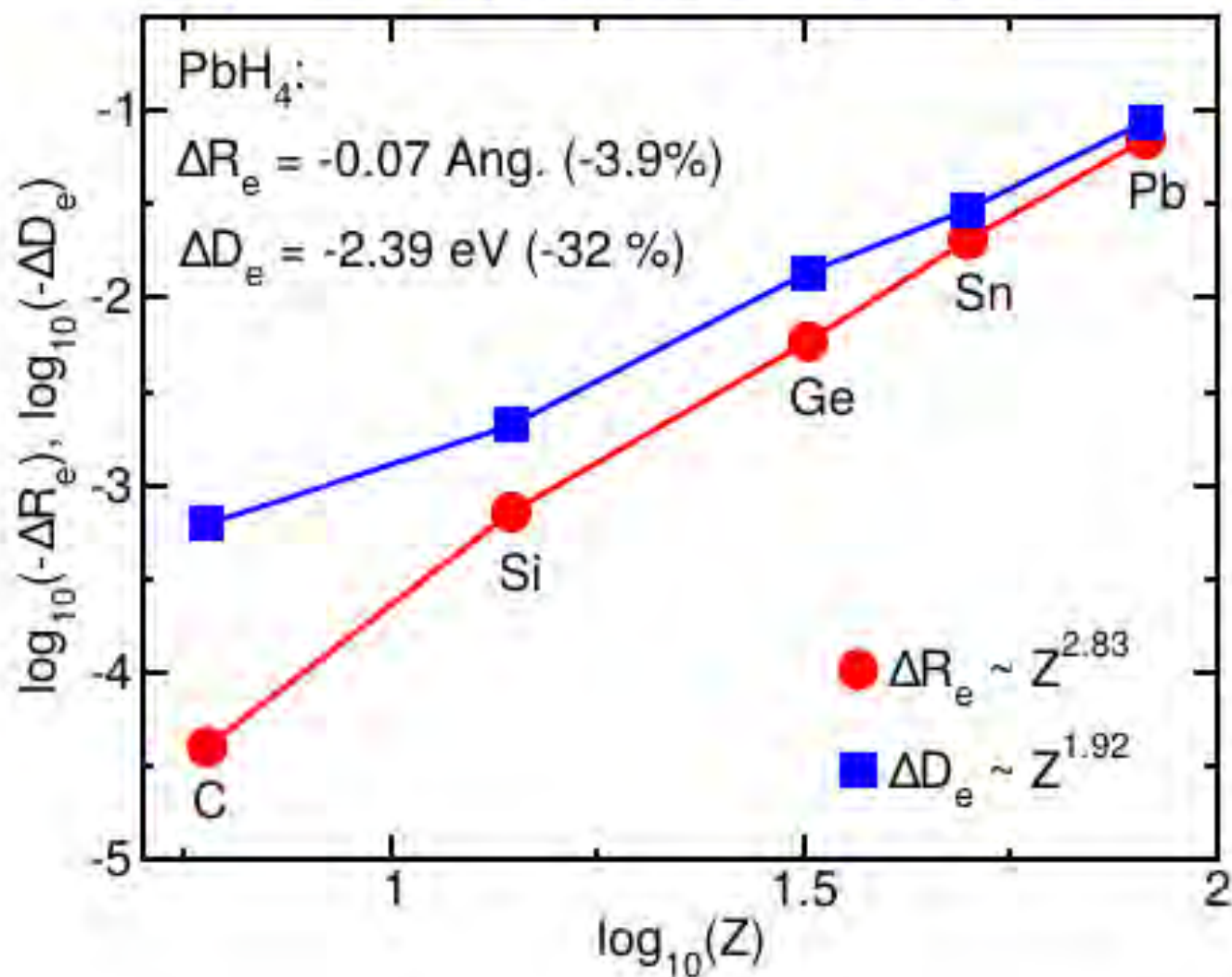
Term energies of states arising from the  $p^2$  ground state configuration of the group IV elements





Contribution of the relativistic configuration to the LSJ levels of the  $p^2$  ground state configurations of C, Si, Ge, Sn, Pb from average level DHF/DC calculations. **a:**  $p_{1/2}^1 p_{3/2}^1$  in  $^3P_1$ , **b:**  $p_{1/2}^2$  in  $^3P_0$  and  $p_{3/2}^2$  in  $^1S_0$ , **c:**  $p_{1/2}^1 p_{3/2}^1$  in  $^1D_2$  and  $p_{3/2}^2$  in  $^3P_2$ , **d:**  $p_{1/2}^1 p_{3/2}^1$  in  $^3P_2$  and  $p_{3/2}^2$  in  $^1D_2$ , **e:**  $p_{1/2}^2$  in  $^1S_0$  and  $p_{1/2}^2$  in  $^3P_0$ .

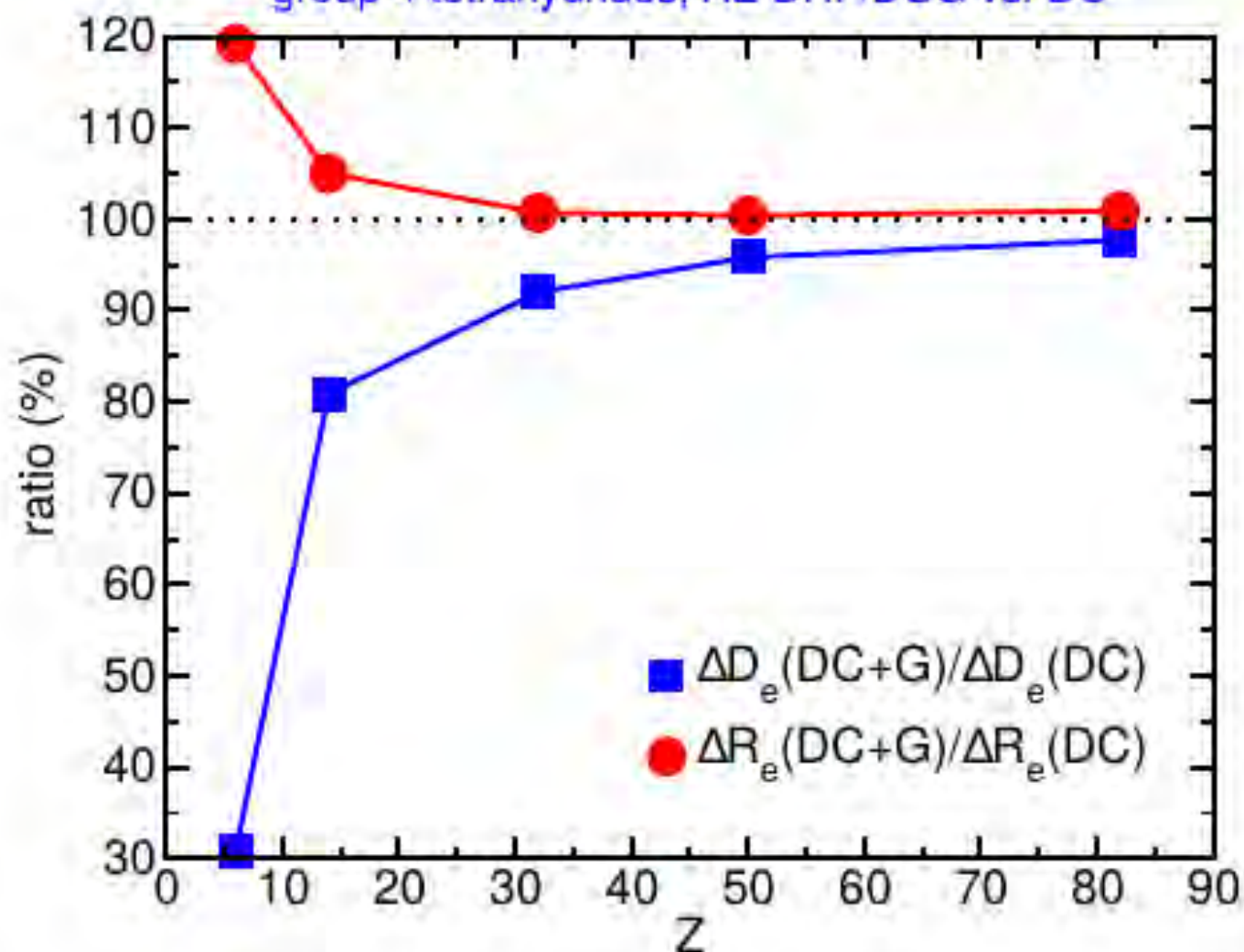
Relativistic effects in bond lengths and binding energies  
group 4 tetrahydrides, AE DHF/DCG vs. AE HF



$\Delta R_e$  (Å),  $\Delta D_e$  (eV)

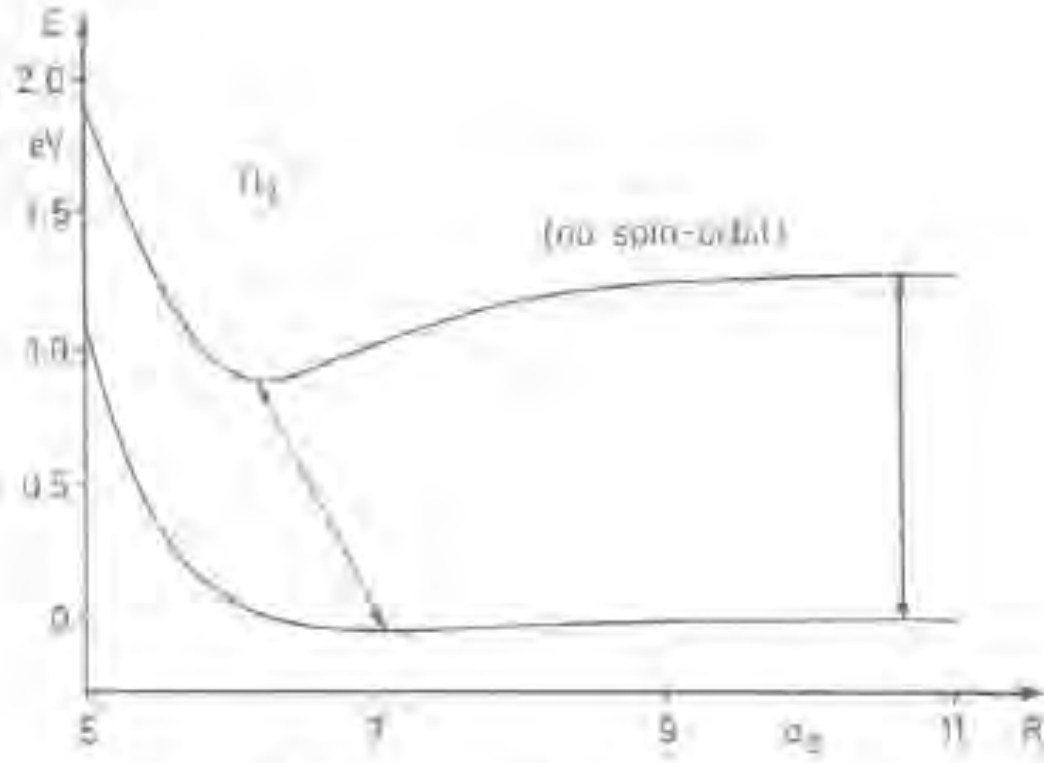
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## Gaunt contribution to bond lengths and binding energies group 4 tetrahydrides, AE DHF/DCG vs. DC



Relativistic one-particle corrections are much more important than two-particle corrections.

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Spin-orbit coupling will usually split the atomic LS ground states and lead to a stabilization of the separated atoms. In molecules the lower symmetry leads to a partial quenching of spin-orbit coupling and a smaller stabilization compared to the atoms. Thus, usually a chemical bond is destabilized and elongated by spin-orbit coupling.

An example is  $Tl_2$ , where the experimentally observed spin-orbit splitting of the  $Tl\ 6p^1\ ^2P$  ground state is  $7793\ cm^{-1}$  or  $0.96\ eV$ . Thus, the  $Tl\ 6p_{1/2}\ ^2P_{1/2}$  state is lowered by about  $0.64\ eV$  and the separated atom limit of  $Tl_2$  by about  $1.28\ eV$ .

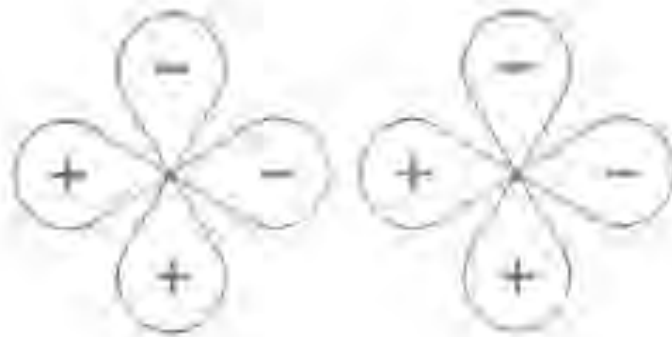
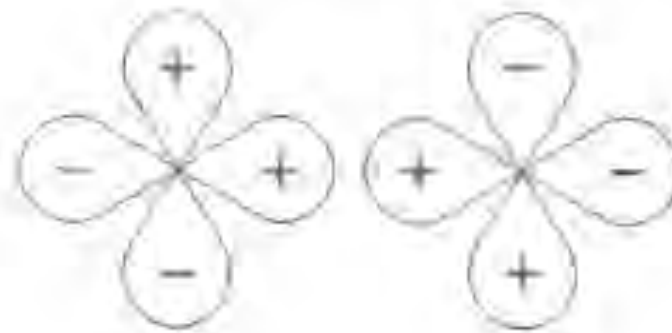


Fig. 10. Two  $p_{1/2}$ -AOs, forming a  $\sigma$ -bond and a  $\pi^*$ -antibond (right side), forming a  $\pi$ -bond and a  $\sigma^*$ -antibond (left side)

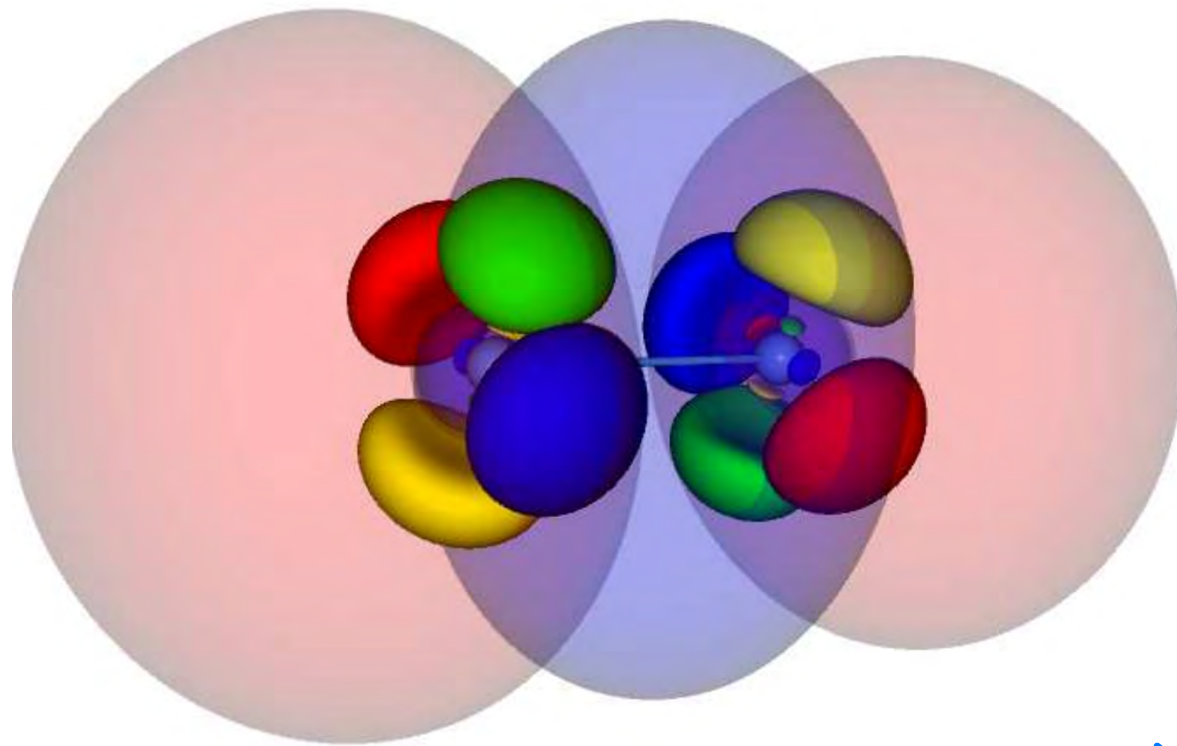


A  $p_{1/2,1/2}$  spinor can be written as

$$p_{1/2,1/2} \sim p_x\beta + ip_y\beta + p_z\alpha \sim -\sqrt{2}p_{+1}\beta + p_0\alpha$$

and has a spherical charge density. A similar relation exists for its Kramers partner  $p_{1/2,-1/2}$ . In a diatomic molecule aligned along the  $z$  axis a  $p_{1/2}$  spinor thus has a  $\sigma$  and two  $\pi$  components. In systems like  $\text{Tl}_2$  the  $p_{1/2}$  spinors of the two Tl atoms can only form a  $\sigma$  bond (weight  $1/3$ ) and simultaneously a  $\pi$  antibond (weight  $2/3$ ), or a  $\pi$  bond (weight  $2/3$ ) and simultaneously a  $\sigma$  antibond (weight  $1/3$ ). Thus, spin-orbit coupling leads to a destabilization of the bond. Similarly, the  $p_{3/2,\pm 1/2}$  spinors can form a  $\sigma$  antibond (weight  $2/3$ ) and simultaneously a  $\pi$  bond (weight  $1/3$ ) or a  $\sigma$  bond (weight  $2/3$ ) and simultaneously a  $\pi$  antibond (weight  $1/3$ ). The  $p_{3/2,\pm 3/2}$  spinors do not contain the  $\sigma$  components and can form  $\pi$  bond and antibond.

Bond destabilization due to spin-orbit coupling  
e.g. large/small SO energy lowering in  $2Tl/Tl_2$ ;  
 $\sigma$  bonding and  $\pi$  antibonding in  $Tl-Tl$



Cover of  
"Basics of Relativistic Quantum Chemistry",  
X. Cao, W. Fang, M. Dolg; Science Press,  
in Chinese!

All-electron case:

Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_i^n h(i) + \sum_{i<j}^n g(i, j) + V_{NN}$$

$$h_D(i) = c\vec{\alpha}_i\vec{p}_i + (\beta_i - \mathbf{I}_4)c^2 + V_{Nn}$$

$$V_{Nn}(i) = \sum_{\lambda}^N \left(-\frac{Z_{\lambda}}{r_{\lambda i}}\right)$$

$$g_{CB}(i, j) = \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \frac{1}{2r_{ij}} \left[ \vec{\alpha}_i \vec{\alpha}_j + \frac{(\vec{\alpha}_i \vec{r}_{ij})(\vec{\alpha}_j \vec{r}_{ij})}{r_{ij}^2} \right]$$

$$V_{NN} = \sum_{\lambda < \mu}^N \frac{Z_{\lambda} Z_{\mu}}{r_{\lambda \mu}}$$

possibly augmented by finite nuclear model,  
frequency dependence of electron interaction,  
vacuum polarization, electron self-energy, ...

Valence-electron-only case:

pseudopotential Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_v = \sum_i^{n_v} h_v(i) + \sum_{i<j}^{n_v} g_v(i, j) + V_{cc} + V_{cpp}$$

$$h_v(i) = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta_i + V_{cv}(i)$$

$$V_{cv}(i) = \sum_{\lambda}^N \left(-\frac{Q_{\lambda}}{r_{\lambda i}} + \Delta V_{cv}^{\lambda}(\vec{r}_{\lambda i})\right) + \dots$$

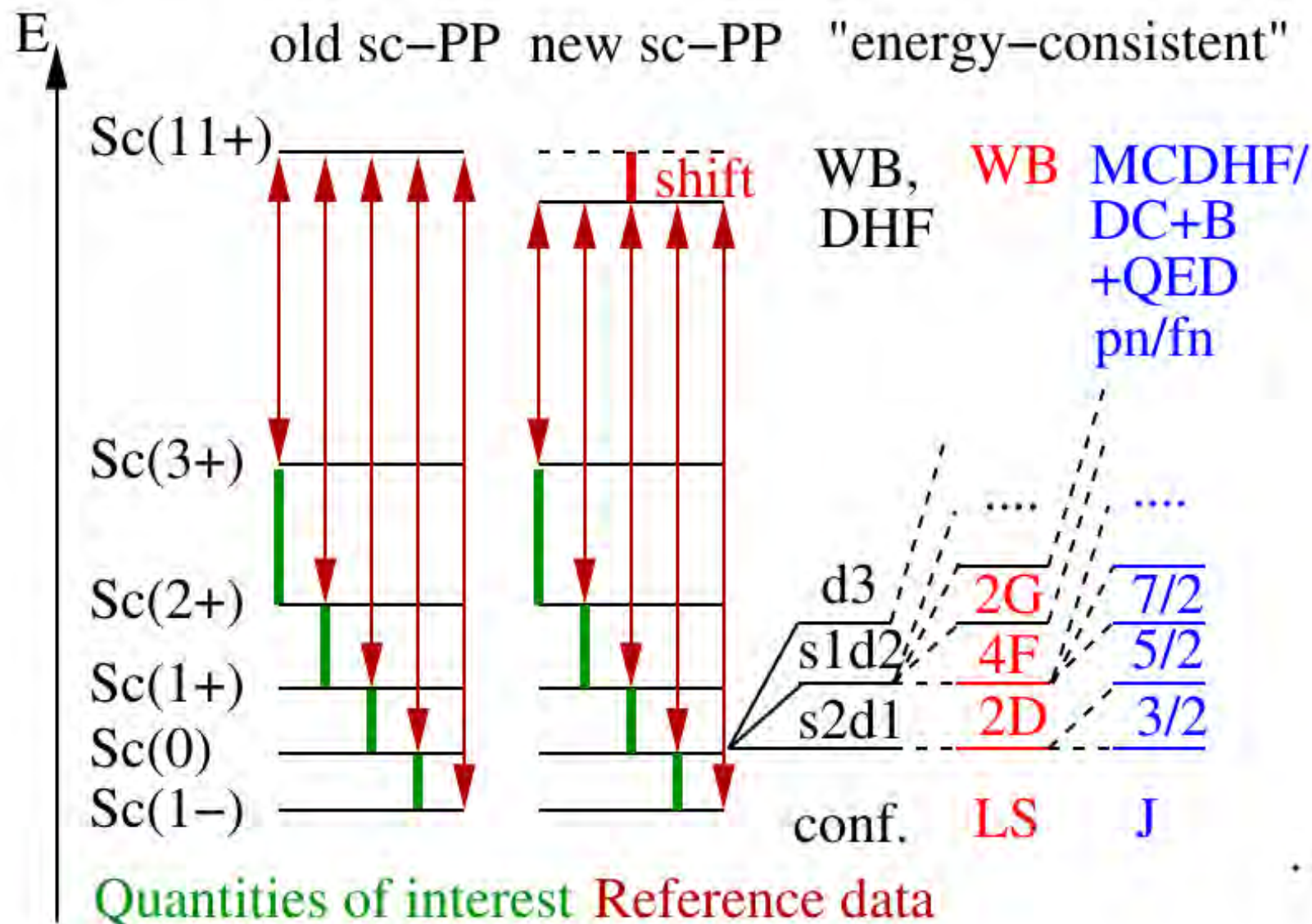
$$\Delta V_{cv}^{\lambda}(\vec{r}_{\lambda i}) = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} \sum_{j=|l-1/2|}^{l+1/2} (V_l^{\lambda}(r_{\lambda i}) - V_L^{\lambda}(r_{\lambda i})) P_{lj}^{\lambda}(i) + V_L^{\lambda}(r_{\lambda i})$$

$$g_v(i, j) = g_C(i, j) = \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

$$V_{cc} = \sum_{\lambda < \mu}^N \left(\frac{Q_{\lambda} Q_{\mu}}{r_{\lambda \mu}} + \Delta V_{cc}^{\lambda \mu}(r_{\lambda \mu})\right)$$

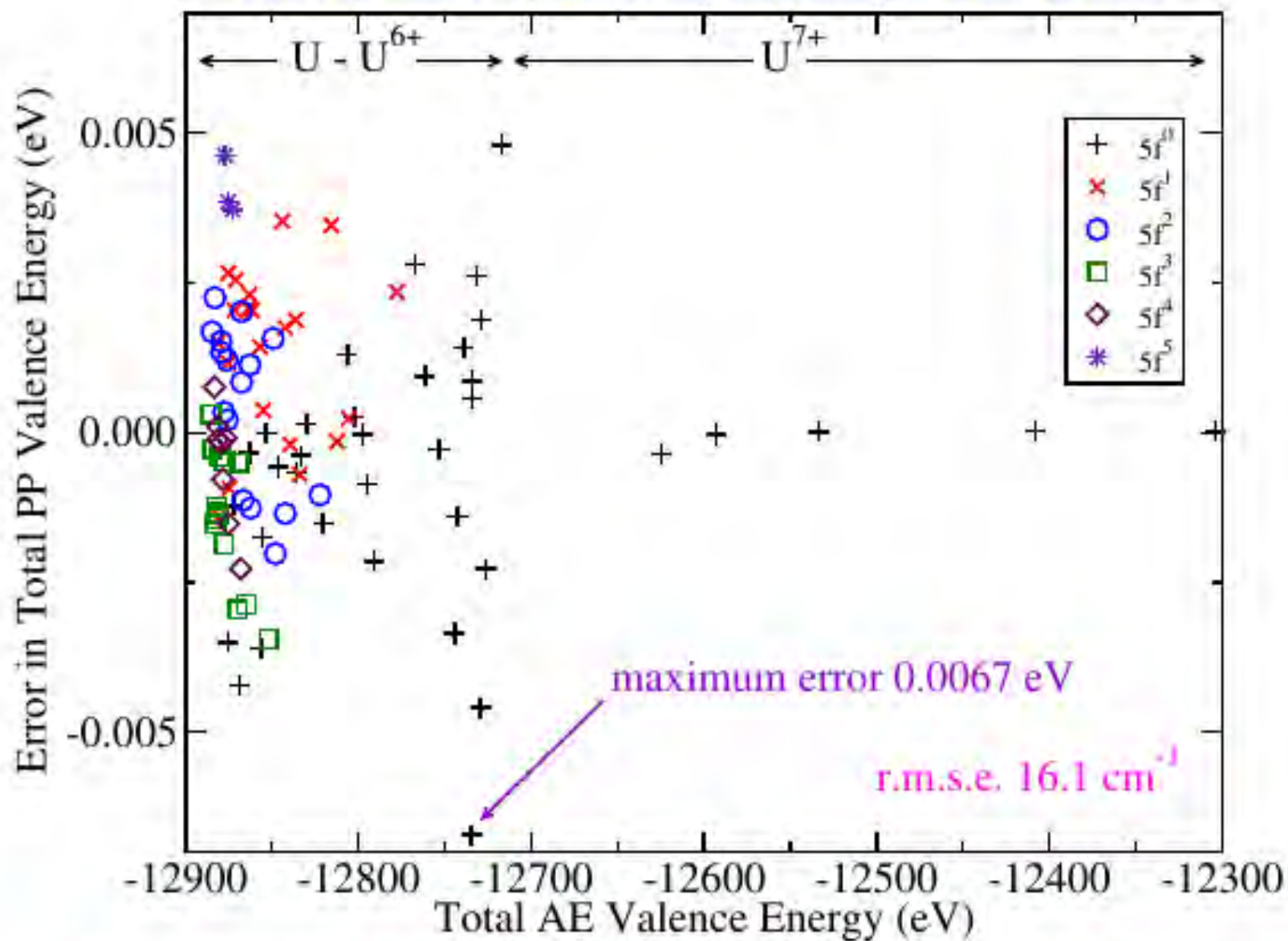
$$V_{cpp} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda} \vec{f}_{\lambda}^2 + \sum_{\lambda, i} V^{\lambda}(r_{\lambda i})$$

$n_v, Q_{\lambda}$ : values to be chosen;  $\alpha_{\lambda}$ : experimental or ab initio value;  $(\Delta)V_{cv}^{\lambda}, \vec{f}_{\lambda}$ : contain adjustable parameters



- AE:  $\mathcal{H}$  [complicated]  $\rightarrow$  VO(PP):  $\mathcal{H}_v$  [simple]
- Important: good energetic and spatial separation of core and valence shells!
- Parameter adjustment  $\sum_I (E_I^{\text{AE}} - E_I^{\text{PP}} + \Delta E_{\text{shift}})^2 := \min (10^1\text{-}10^2 \text{ nrel. conf./LS-states}, 10^2\text{-}10^4 \text{ J-levels})$
- 'Stuttgart(-Dresden/Bonn/Cologne) PPs': SDD in GAUSSIAN, ECP<sub>xy</sub>MWB/MDF in MOLPRO, TURBOMOLE, ...
- Supplemented by 'in-house' basis sets as well as correlation-consistent (Peterson, ...) and error-balanced (Weigend, ...) basis sets.
- cf. <http://www.tc.uni-koeln.de> (clickable periodic system of elements: PPs and basis sets); <http://basissetexchange.org>.

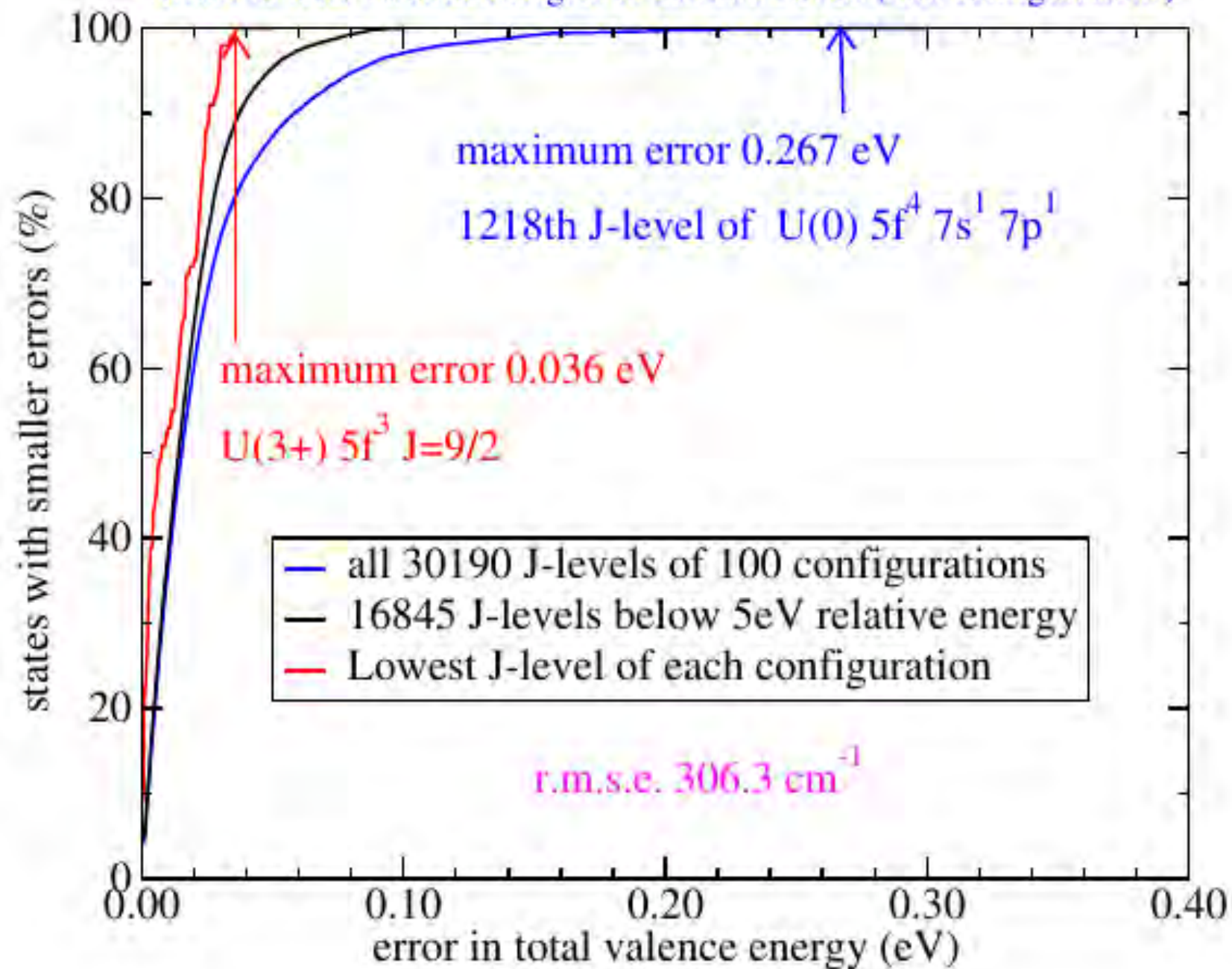
U f.n. MCDF/DC+B(l.f.l.) PP Q=32  
 errors in valence energies of 100 non-relativistic configurations



Current work: Ce - Yb, 56 - 62 configurations, m.a.e. 3.5 - 8.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>, r.m.s.e. 5.3 - 11.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 Improvement on 1989 PPs more than two orders of magnitude! (NSFC project W2441007)

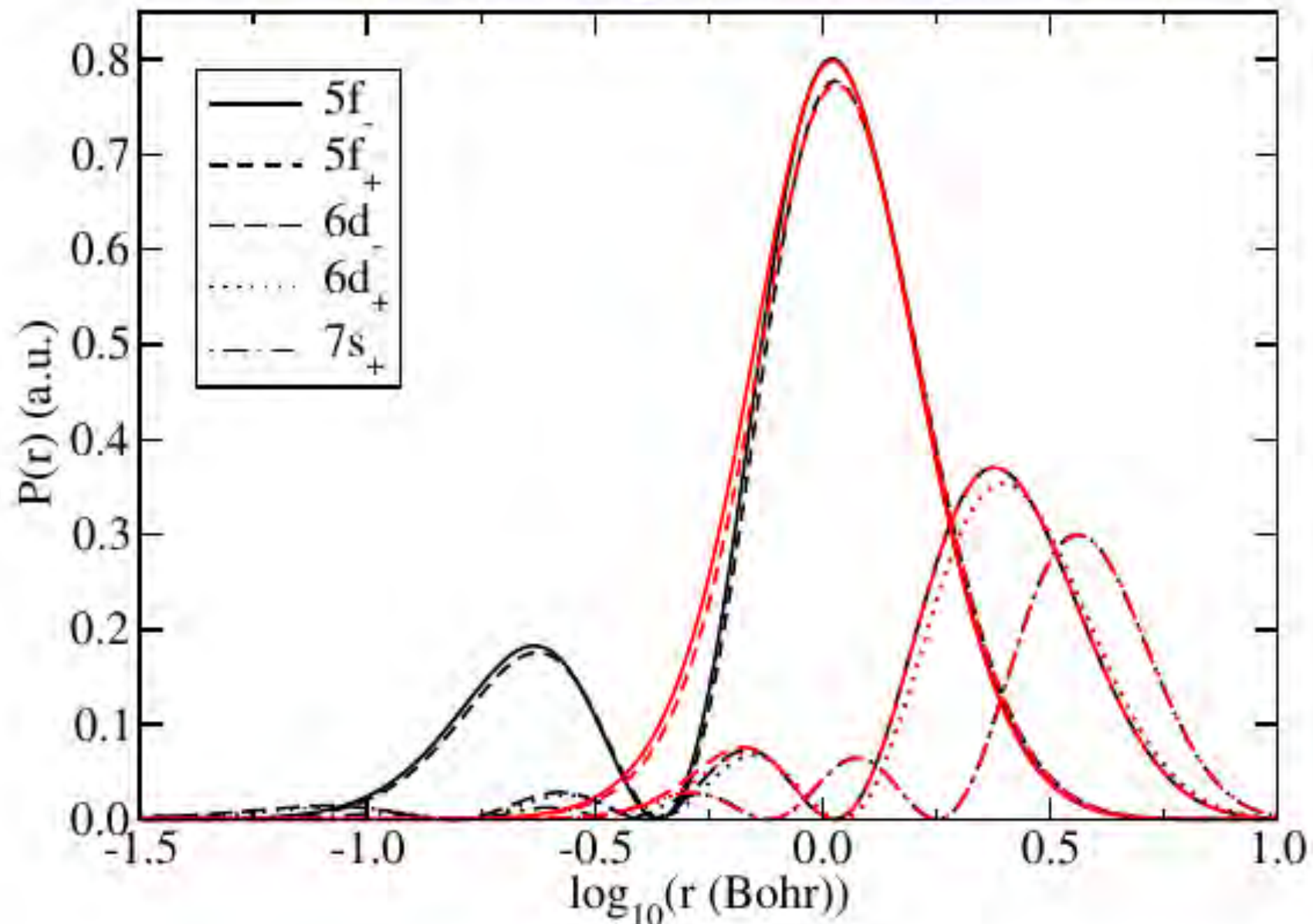
U f.n. MCDHF/DC+B(l.f.l.) Q=32 PP

errors in total valence energies of 30190 J-levels (100 configurations)



U  $5f^3 6d^1 7s^2$  (AE MCDHF vs. ECP60(MCDHF/DC+B))

PP: state averaged relativistic MCHF



## Term energies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of U<sup>4+</sup> 5f<sup>2</sup> J-Levels

J	DCB PP <sup>b</sup> SO-CI	DCB PP <sup>c</sup> SO-CI	DCB PP <sup>d</sup> IH-FSCC	DCB PP <sup>e</sup> IH-FSCC	AE DKH <sup>f</sup> SO-CI	AE DCB <sup>g</sup> MCDF+CI	AE DCB <sup>h</sup> XIH-FSCC	exp.
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	4585	4406	3959	4233	4501	3844	4202	4161
5	6128	6162	5902	5890	6392	6012	6070	6137
3	9295	9191	8612	8825	9455	8624	8974	8984
4	9765	9583	9196	9264	9819	9278	9404	9434
6	11609	11608	11178	11144	12010	11116	11420	11514
2	17640	17195	15998	16601	17531	15816	16554	16465
4	17006	16807	16181	16221	17289	15853	16630	16656
0	18573	18532	17025	17960	18170	16199	17837	17128
1	21142	21112	19529	20420	20960	18942	20441	19819
6	23792	23065	22594	22441	23744	22131	22534	22276
2	25899	25659	24042	24799	25998	23379	24991	24653
0	46772	46583	43783	45329	46189	43847	45611	43614
<b>m.a.e.</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>m.a.d.</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>357</b>

<sup>a</sup>mean absolute error (m.a.e.) wrt. experimental data and mean absolute deviations (m.a.d.) wrt. AE DCB XIH-FSCC data.

<sup>b</sup>MCDHF/DCB PP, MRCI+DaC + SO-CI, no frozen orbitals, (14s13p10d8f6g)/[6s6p5d4f3g]

<sup>c</sup>MCDHF/DCB PP, IH-FSCC + SO-CI, no frozen orbitals, (14s13p10d8f6g)/[6s6p5d4f3g], LS energies from PP IH-FSCC with (16s15p12d10f8g7h7i)

<sup>d</sup>MCDHF/DCB PP, IH-FSCC, no frozen orbitals, (14s13p10d8f6g)/[6s6p5d4f3g]

<sup>e</sup>MCDHF/DCB PP, IH-FSCC, no frozen orbitals, (16s15p12d10f8g7h7i)

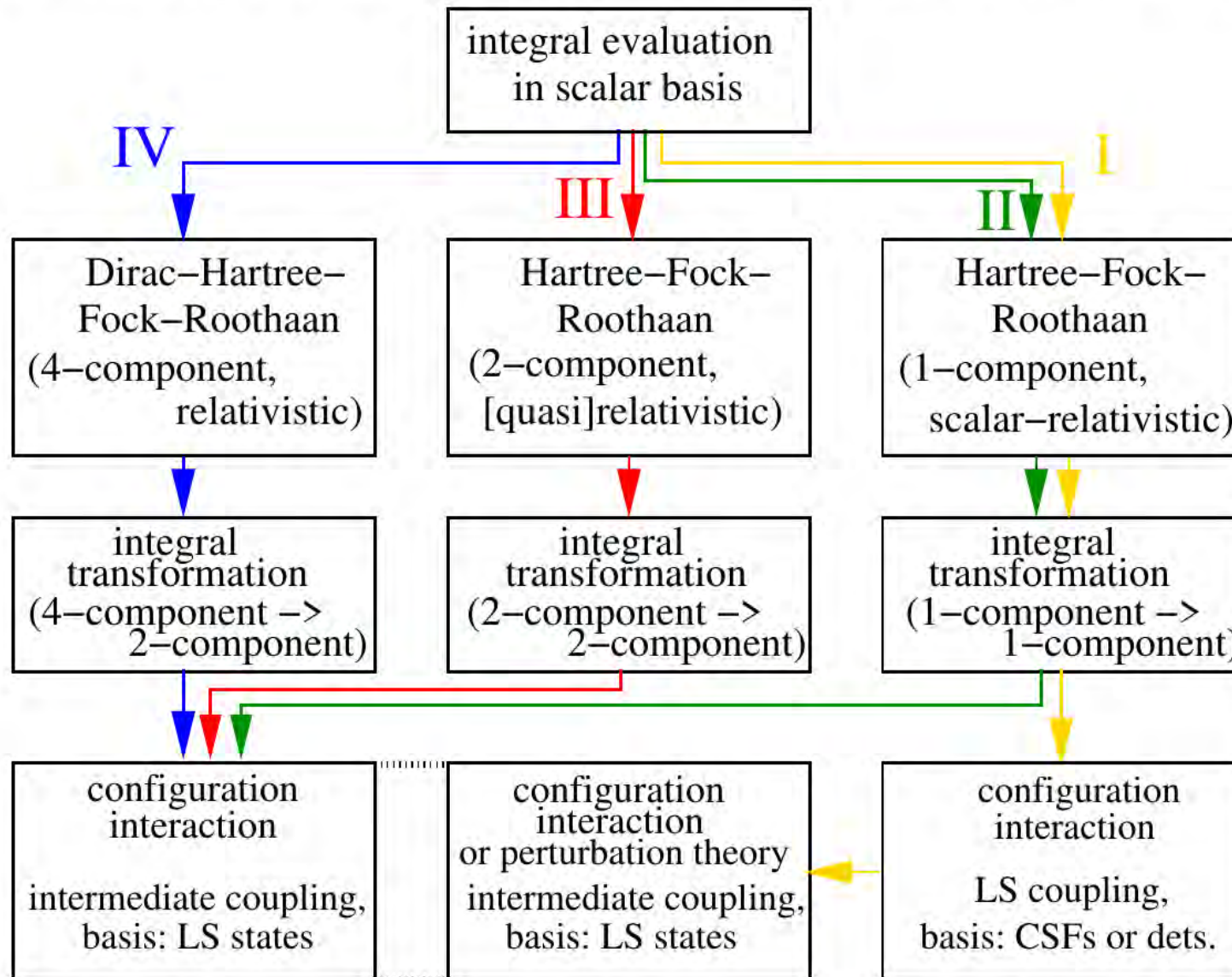
<sup>f</sup>AE DKH MRCI+DaC + AMFI SO-CI, 1s-5p frozen, 5f-6d active, (26s23p17d13f5g)/[10s9p7d5f3g] (Danilo et al., 2008)

<sup>g</sup>AE DCB MCDF-CI+DaC, (1s1p2d3f3g2h1i) spinors in virtual space (Seth et al., 2001)

<sup>h</sup>AE DCB XIH-FSCC, (37s32p24d21f12g10h9i) (Infante et al., 2007)

A. Weigand, X. Cao, V. Vallet, J.-P. Flament, M.D., J. Phys. Chem. A 113 (2009) 11500.

# Relativistic and correlated ab initio calculations



Note: for heavy elements frozen scalar-relativistic cores may require different spin-orbit operators from those applicable to a fully variational treatment ! Similarly, when starting from scalar-relativistic orbitals different spin-orbit operators for a variational and perturbative treatment may be necessary !

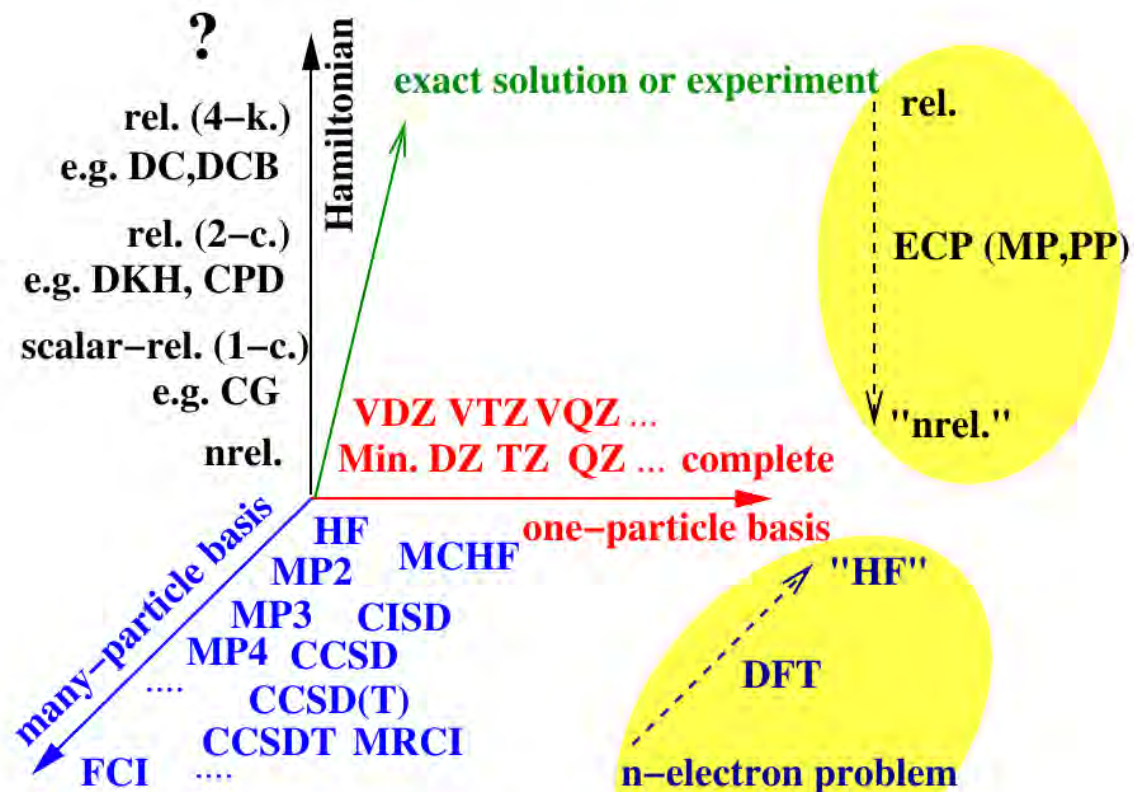
# Chapter 4

Density functional theory

(DFT)

(for ground states)

Some general advice/remarks



- relativistic contributions:  $\Delta E_{\text{rel}} \sim Z^4$ .
- correlation energy errors for standard basis set expansions:  $E_{\text{corr}}^1 - E_{\text{corr}}^\infty \sim 1/l^3$   
 → basis set extrapolation or F12-dependent wavefunctions.
- computational effort:  $t \sim n^k$  ( $n$  size of one-particle basis set,  $k$  for some standard approaches:  
 DFT 3, HF 4, MP2 5, CISD, CCSD 6, CCSD(T) 7 ...) → low-order/linear scaling schemes.
- ECPs simplify the Hamiltonian and also lead to some reductions in the sizes of the one- and many-electron basis sets (e.g. small-core PPs plus valence-only SO terms) !
- DFT avoids costly many-determinantal wavefunctions/treatments.

Goal: Suitable compromise between accuracy and computational effort,  
 i.e., sufficiently accurate low-cost relativistic electronic structure calculations, also for larger systems.

- nowadays the most popular electronic structure approach in computational chemistry (basis sets usually STOs/GTOs; all-electron and valence-only treatments) and theoretical solid state physics (basis sets usually plane waves, used in combination with pseudopotentials)
- in principle (theory) exact, in practise (applications) not, unsystematic

Hohenberg-Kohn theorem proves the exactness, but does not tell how to do it correctly

→ a huge variety of approaches/functionals

- quite fast (DFT: "dirty fast trick"), since one determinant approach (Kohn-Sham formalism)
- before DFT was theoretically founded (HK theorem 1964, KS formalism 1965)

existed DFT-like methods:

- Thomas-Fermi-Dirac statistical model for atoms  $\rightarrow$  "pure" DFT
- Hartree-Fock-Slater or  $X_\alpha$  method for atoms/molecules/periodic systems  $\rightarrow$  DFT KS approach with only local exchange to model/simplify HF
- Coupling of electrons and nuclei-possible, e.g. Car-Parrinello molecular dynamics (CPMD)

# motivation:

ab initio treatment

(HF  $\rightarrow$  CI, CC, ...)

$E[\psi]$

we know  
how it  
looks!

3n spatial and  
n spin coordinates,

$(x_i, y_i, z_i, \sigma_i), i=1, \dots, n$

$\rightarrow$  high dimensional

$\psi$  not observable

first principles treatment

(KS DFT, ...)

$E[\rho]$

we know that it exists,  
but do not know how  
it looks!

3 spatial coordinates,  
 $(x, y, z)$

$\rightarrow$  3-dimensional

$\rho$  observable

$$\hat{T} + \hat{V} + \hat{G} + \hat{W} = \hat{H} \quad \frac{\hat{H}|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle}{E = E[\psi]} \rightarrow E, |\psi\rangle$$

$$\hat{T} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta_i\right) \quad \hat{G} \left(\frac{1}{r_{ij}}\right)$$

universal

universal

ab initio

$$\left(-\frac{z_I}{r_{iI}}\right) \hat{V} + \hat{W} \left(+\frac{z_I z_J}{r_{IJ}}\right)$$

specific

specific

known:  $\{z_\alpha, \vec{R}_\alpha\}, n$

(BO approximation)

START

$$E, |\psi\rangle$$

all properties can be calculated

$$S$$

$$S = n \int_{G_1} \dots \int_{\tau_n} \psi^* \psi dG_1 d\tau_2 \dots d\tau_n$$

END

$$\left\{ z_\lambda, \vec{R}_\lambda \right\}, n \xleftarrow[\substack{1) \quad 2) \quad 3)}]{\text{DFT}} \int \rho$$

$$1) \quad n = \int \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

2) \* peaks in the electron density  $\rightarrow \vec{R}_\lambda$

$$3) * \left. \frac{\partial \bar{g}(\vec{r})}{\partial |\vec{r} - \vec{R}_\lambda|} \right|_{\vec{r} \rightarrow \vec{R}_\lambda} = -2z_\lambda \bar{g}(\vec{R}_\lambda) \rightarrow z_\lambda$$

\* H type ions:  $\psi \sim e^{-zr} \rightarrow \rho \sim e^{-2zr}$

peak at  $r=0$  and  $\frac{d\rho(r)}{dr} \sim -2z\rho(r)$

cf. cusp conditions in chapter 1!

In summary:

$$g \rightarrow n, \{ \vec{R}_\alpha, Z_\alpha \} \rightarrow \hat{H} \xrightarrow{*} E$$

the energy  $E$  is a functional of the electron density,  
 $E[g]$

\* variational search for an exact solution of  $\hat{H}|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$   
under the condition that  $|\psi\rangle$  delivers  $g$ :

$$g_0 \rightarrow E_0 = E[g_0]$$

ground state

↳ nobody knows how it looks!

questions not discussed here:

- does a wavefunction  $\psi$  exist for every electron density  $\rho$  integrating to  $n$  electrons?

( $n$  representability)

- does a potential  $V$  exist for every electron density  $\rho$ ?

( $V$  representability)

→ do unreasonable/incorrect functions  $\rho(\vec{r})$  exist, which should not be used in  $E[\rho]$ ?

# Theorems of Hohenberg and Kohn (1964)

assume a universal functional

$$Q[g] := \min \langle \psi_g | \hat{T} + \hat{G} | \psi_g \rangle$$

- universal operators:  $\hat{T} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \Delta_i$ ,  $\hat{G} = \sum_{i>j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$

-  $\psi_g$ : antisymmetric wavefunction yielding  $g$

-  $g$ :  $n$  electron density

$$Q[g] = \langle \psi_g^{\min} | \hat{T} + \hat{G} | \psi_g^{\min} \rangle, \text{ dito for } g \rightarrow g_0$$

solution yielding  
the minimum of  
 $\langle \hat{T} + \hat{V} \rangle$

# Theorem II:

$$\int \hat{v}(\vec{r}) g(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} + Q[g] \geq E_0^{el}$$

external potential  
Coulomb potential of nuclei

electronic ground state energy

proof:

$$\int \hat{v}(\vec{r}) g(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} + Q[g] = \langle \psi_g^{min} | \underbrace{\hat{V} + \hat{T} + \hat{G}}_{\hat{H}_{el}} | \psi_g^{min} \rangle \geq E_0^{el}$$

definitions of  $Q[g]$  and  $\psi_g^{min}$

variational principle

$$\hat{V} = \sum_i \hat{v}_i$$

q.e.d.

# Theorem II:

$$\int \hat{V}(\vec{r}) g_0(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} + Q[g_0] = E_0^{el}$$

proof:

$$E_0^{el} = \langle \psi_0 | \hat{V} + \hat{T} + \hat{G} | \psi_0 \rangle$$

exact ground state wavefunction

variational principle

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \leq \\ \geq \end{array} \right\} \langle \psi_{g_0}^{\min} | \hat{V} + \hat{T} + \hat{G} | \psi_{g_0}^{\min} \rangle$$

definition of  $Q[g]$   
and  $\psi_{g_0}^{\min}$

$\Rightarrow$  only = sign fulfills  
both conditions!

$$\int \hat{V}(\vec{r}) g_0(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} = \langle \psi_{g_0} | \hat{V} | \psi_{g_0} \rangle = \text{const.}$$

q.e.d.

- The existence of a universal and variational density functional for the ground state energy has been proven.
- The theorems and their proof do not help to find the functional or construct suitable approximations.

A pure DFT:

Thomas - Fermi - Dirac model (1927/30)

$$E[g] = \underbrace{\int \hat{V}(\vec{r}) g(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}}_{\text{exact! } \underline{V[g]}} + \underbrace{C_{TF} \int g(\vec{r})^{5/3} d\vec{r}}_{\underline{T[g]} \text{ problem!}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{g(\vec{r}_1) g(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2}_{\text{Coulomb } \underline{J[g]}} - \underbrace{C_x \int g(\vec{r})^{4/3} d\vec{r}}_{\underline{K[g]} \text{ "Slater exchange"}}$$

Coulomb  $\underline{J[g]}$  K[g] "Slater exchange"

→ results not good, mainly due to  $T[g]$

# Kohn-Sham formalism (1965)

$T[g]$  is split up in an expression for a noninteracting model system with the same density  $\rho$  ( $\rightarrow$  use orbital model!) and a correction ( $\rightarrow$  contained in the "exchange and correlation" functional  $E_{xc}[g]$ )

$$E[g] = \int \hat{v}(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} + T_0[\{\varphi_i\}] + E_{xc}[g] +$$

*Other order / corrections to  $T_0$*

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\rho(\vec{r}_1) \rho(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2 = V[g] + T_0[\{\varphi_i\}] + E_{xc}[g] + J[g]$$

This equation is the definition of  $E_{xc}[g]$ , which should contain

- exchange interaction (x)
- correlation contributions (c)
- higher-order kinetic energy corrections

Note:

$$g^{\text{exact}} = \sum_{i \in \text{occ}} \varphi_i^* \varphi_i$$

KS (spin) orbitals

Is this generally possible for all  $g^{\text{exact}}$ ?

$$- T_0[\{\varphi_i\}] = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \text{occ}} \langle \varphi_i | \Delta | \varphi_i \rangle$$

easy to calculate, accurate

- but this does not mean, e.g.

$$\Psi^{\text{exact}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \det | \varphi_i(z) |$$

$$E^{\text{exact}} = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \det | \varphi_i | \middle| \hat{H} \middle| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \det | \varphi_i | \right\rangle$$

-  $\varphi_i^{\text{KS}}$  similar to  $\varphi_i^{\text{HF}}$ , since  $\hat{T}$  and  $\hat{V}$  in both KS and HF equations!

$$\underline{\text{KS}} \\ E[g] = T_0[\{\varphi_i\}] +$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \varphi_i | \Delta | \varphi_i \rangle \quad \underline{\text{equal!}}$$

$$+ \int \hat{v}(\vec{r}) g(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} +$$

$$\int v(\vec{r}) \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i^*(\vec{r}) \varphi_i(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \varphi_i | \hat{v} | \varphi_i \rangle \quad \underline{\text{equal!}}$$

HF

$$E[\Phi] = \langle \hat{T} \rangle + \text{kinetic}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \varphi_i | \Delta | \varphi_i \rangle$$

$$+ \langle \hat{V} \rangle + \text{potential}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \langle \varphi_i | \hat{v} | \varphi_i \rangle$$

$$\frac{KS}{2} \iint \frac{g(\vec{r}_1) g(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2$$

$$\frac{HF}{2} + \langle \hat{J} \rangle +$$

Coulomb

$$\sum_{i=j+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \iint \frac{\varphi_i^*(1) \varphi_j^*(2) \varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2$$

no self-interaction

$$\frac{1}{2} \iint \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i^*(\vec{r}_1) \varphi_i(\vec{r}_1) \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_j^*(\vec{r}_2) \varphi_j(\vec{r}_2) \right)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \iint \frac{\varphi_i^*(1) \varphi_j^*(2) \varphi_i(1) \varphi_j(2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2$$

not equal!

self-interaction ( $i=j$ )

KS

HF

+  $\langle \hat{K} \rangle$

exchange

+  $E_{xc}[g]$

very different

correlation

size of contributions (absolute values!)

potential  $>$  kinetic  $>$  Coulomb  $>$

$>$  exchange  $>$  correlation

- Applying the variational principle to  $E[g]$  wrt.  $\varphi_i$ :

Kohn-Sham equations

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2}\Delta + \hat{v}(\vec{r}) + \int \frac{g(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r}' + \frac{\delta E_{xc}}{\delta g(\vec{r})} \right] |\varphi_i\rangle = \varepsilon_i |\varphi_i\rangle$$

as for HF

self-interaction!

depending on the selected correlation exchange functional

- Self-consistent field procedure (cf. HF)

# Types of density functionals

- LDA, local density approximation

$$E_{xc}[g] = \int \epsilon_{xc}[g] \cdot g(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

↑  
exchange and correlation  
energy per particle from  
a homogenous electron gas  
of density  $g$

often  $\approx E_x^S[g] + E_c^{VWN}[g]$

X: analytic derivation possible

$$-C_x \int g(\vec{\tau})^{4/3} d\vec{\tau} \quad \text{Dirac, Slater (S)}$$

Hartree-Fock-Slater (HFS) method  
as simplification of HF

( $X_\alpha$  method, since  $\alpha_x = C_x$ )

C: Quantum Monte Carlo results of  
Ceperly and Alder parametrized by  
Vosko, Wilk and Nusair (VWN)

LDA still very popular in solid state physics  
( $\rightarrow$  relatively "homogenous" densities),  
but densities of atoms and molecules  
are not really "homogenous"  $\rightarrow$

- GGA, generalized gradient approximation  
inclusion of dependencies on local  
gradient  $\nabla g(\vec{r})$  (besides  $g(\vec{r})$ )  
many functionals!

X: Becke (1988)  
B88

C: Lee, Yang, Parr  
LYP

XC: B-LYP, BP86

C: Perdew (1986)  
P86

- meta-GGA

inclusion of dependencies on  $\Delta g$  (besides  $\vec{\nabla} g$  and  $g$ )

- OPM, optimized effective potential method

$$E_{xc}[g] = E_x[\{\psi_i\}] + E_c[g]$$

... and many other schemes

- semiempirical combinations with HF  
e.g. B3LYP, ...

↳ maybe the most popular DF?

Hybrid functionals, e.g.

$$E_{xc}[g] = E_{xc}^{LDA} + a_0 (E_x^{\text{exact}} - E_x^{LDA})$$

Slater's rule  $K[\{\varphi_i\}]$  S

$$+ a_x \Delta E_x^{\text{B88}} + a_c \Delta E_c^{\text{LYP}}$$

gradient corrections

# The adiabatic connection (AC)

exact exchange-correlation energy expression  
of the Kohn-Sham formalism

$$E_{xc} = \int_0^1 U_{xc}^{\lambda} d\lambda$$

$\lambda$ : interelectronic coupling strength  
parameter

→ switches  $\frac{1}{r_{12}}$  on ( $\lambda=1$ ) and off ( $\lambda=0$ )

- $\lambda = 0$  noninteracting Kohn-Sham system
- $\lambda = 1$  fully interacting real system
- $0 < \lambda < 1$  "continuum" of partially interacting systems

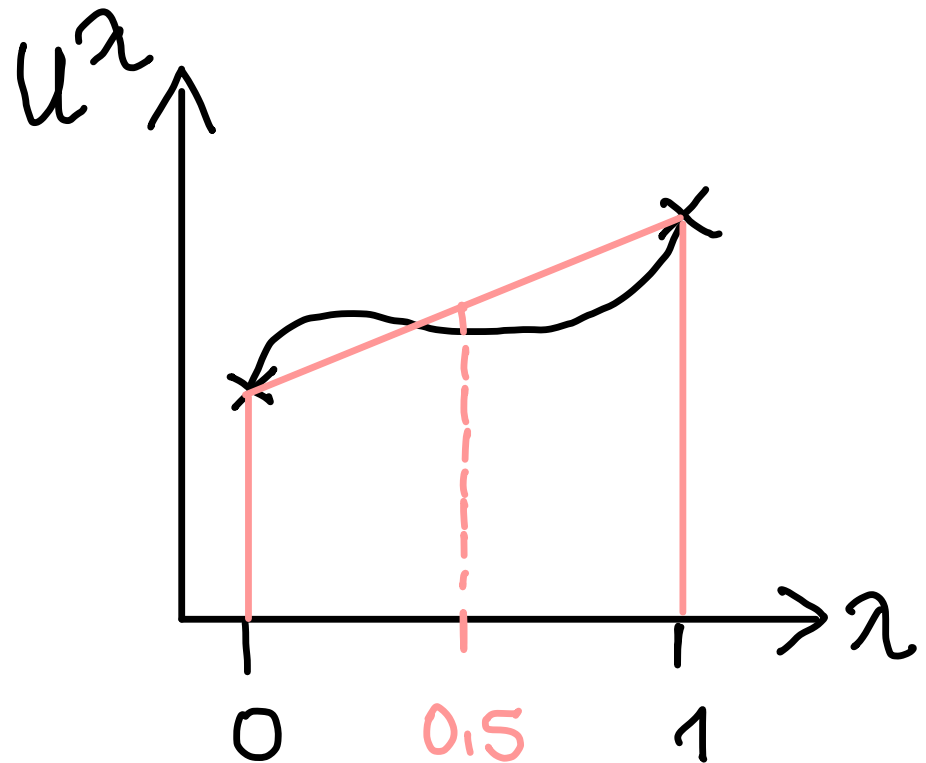
Note: all systems ( $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ) share the exact density (density of the fully interacting system)

$U_{xc}^0$  pure exchange energy of the Slater determinant of the Kohn-Sham orbitals, without any dynamical correlation:  $E_x^{KS}$

$$E_x^{KS} \approx E_x^{HF}$$

$$\int_0^1 U_{xc}^{\alpha} d\alpha \approx \frac{1}{2} (U_{xc}^1 + U_{xc}^0) \approx$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} E_{xc}^{DFT} + \frac{1}{2} E_x^{HF}$$



⇒ "Half-and-half" functional of  
Becke (1993) : BHH

↓ Hybrid

TABLE I. Atomic exchange-correlation energies (a.u.).

	Exact <sup>a</sup>	LSDA <sup>b</sup>	HH <sup>c</sup>
H	-0.313	-0.290	-0.308
He	-1.068	-0.997	-1.045
Li	-1.827	-1.689	-1.782
Be	-2.761	-2.537	-2.671
B	-3.869	-3.563	-3.744
C	-5.202	-4.819	-5.045
N	-6.785	-6.323	-6.596
O	-8.432	-7.881	-8.201
F	-10.32	-9.70	-10.06
Ne	-12.50	-11.78	-12.19
Na	-14.42	-13.60	-14.07
Mg	-16.43	-15.50	-16.04
Al	-18.55	-17.50	-18.11
Si	-20.80	-19.63	-20.30
P	-23.19	-21.91	-22.65
S	-25.63	-24.23	-25.02
Cl	-28.22	-26.68	-27.54
Ar	-30.98	-29.29	-30.23

<sup>a</sup>Exact: from Ref. 14.

<sup>b</sup>LSDA: from Ref. 14.

<sup>c</sup>HH: half-and-half theory of Eq. (12).

TABLE II. Atomization energies  $D_0$  (kcal/mol). Expt.: from Refs. 9 and 15.  $E_X^{\text{exact}}$ : exact exchange only.  $E_X^{\text{exact}} + E_C^{\text{SPP}}$ : exact exchange plus SPP correlation (Ref. 27).  $E_{XC}^{\text{HH}}$ : half-and-half theory, Eq. (12).  $E_{XC}^{\text{SE}}$ : Equation (14) with semiempirical parameters 0.332 and 0.575.  $\Delta$ : average absolute deviation from experiment.

Expt.	$E_X^{\text{exact}}$	$E_X^{\text{exact}} + E_C^{\text{SPP}}$	$E_{XC}^{\text{HH}}$	$E_{XC}^{\text{SE}}$
H <sub>2</sub>	103.5	78.4	108.7	102.7
LiH	56.0	32.2	57.6	53.1
BeH	46.9	46.1	55.2	55.9
CH	79.9	51.4	76.1	79.9
CH <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> B <sub>1</sub> )	179.6	143.1	176.9	185.0
CH <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )	170.6	115.4	162.3	167.7
CH <sub>3</sub>	289.2	224.8	284.9	294.1
CH <sub>4</sub>	392.5	300.9	383.2	396.6
NH	79.0	44.3	72.0	80.5
NH <sub>2</sub>	170.0	103.6	156.6	167.9
NH <sub>3</sub>	276.7	179.0	254.3	273.6
OH	101.3	62.0	87.5	99.4
H <sub>2</sub> O	219.3	142.4	190.4	215.0
HF	135.2	91.0	113.8	132.2
Li <sub>2</sub>	24.0	2.8	20.3	17.0
LiF	137.6	85.9	106.2	128.6
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	388.9	275.6	342.7	384.7
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	531.9	395.0	495.7	534.8
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	666.3	503.8	637.9	674.4
CN	176.6	68.6	106.6	157.4
HCN	301.8	185.8	245.8	290.6
CO	256.2	167.9	199.9	245.0
HCO	270.3	168.2	213.7	264.2
H <sub>2</sub> CO	357.2	235.8	301.8	351.4
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	480.8	334.2	433.9	481.0
N <sub>2</sub>	225.1	108.0	160.6	205.2
N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	405.4	230.3	350.4	399.2
NO	150.1	43.9	82.4	134.5
O <sub>2</sub>	118.0	23.7	47.5	107.9
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	252.3	113.5	177.4	239.7
F <sub>2</sub>	36.9	-41.8	-29.4	22.8
CO <sub>2</sub>	381.9	227.7	278.8	368.9
SiH <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )	144.4	100.9	145.3	144.0
SiH <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>3</sup> B <sub>1</sub> )	123.4	95.2	127.2	128.1
SiH <sub>3</sub>	214.0	163.4	219.4	216.8
SiH <sub>4</sub>	302.8	233.3	311.2	305.9
PH <sub>2</sub>	144.7	96.0	144.4	146.0
PH <sub>3</sub>	227.4	152.8	222.2	226.0
H <sub>2</sub> S	173.2	120.0	164.2	173.1
HCl	102.2	74.2	95.3	102.4
Na <sub>2</sub>	16.6	-2.2	12.7	12.3
Si <sub>2</sub>	74.0	38.0	56.2	71.7
F <sub>2</sub>	116.1	32.0	75.6	101.5
S <sub>2</sub>	100.7	45.8	66.1	98.1
Cl <sub>2</sub>	57.2	16.5	28.1	54.7
NaCl	97.5	69.3	85.8	92.5
SiO	190.5	104.3	134.7	175.5
CS	169.5	91.4	120.0	156.8
SO	123.5	45.8	68.0	115.4
ClO	63.3	-10.6	8.0	54.5
ClF	60.3	2.0	14.5	53.7
Si <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	500.1	379.4	505.2	506.1
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	371.0	272.3	345.1	374.9
CH <sub>3</sub> SH	445.1	320.1	416.2	448.2
HOCl	156.3	66.5	104.4	149.3
SO <sub>2</sub>	254.0	90.2	137.5	231.5
$\Delta$		77.7	32.3	6.5

TABLE III. Ionization potentials (eV). Expt.: from Refs. 9 and 15.  $E_X^{\text{exact}}$ : exact exchange only.  $E_X^{\text{exact}} + E_C^{\text{SPP}}$ : exact exchange plus SPP correlation (Ref. 27).  $E_{XC}^{\text{HH}}$ : half-and-half theory, Eq. (12).  $\Delta$ : average absolute deviation from experiment.

Expt.	$E_X^{\text{exact}}$	$E_X^{\text{exact}} + E_C^{\text{SPP}}$	$E_{XC}^{\text{HH}}$
H	13.60	13.58	13.58
He	24.59	23.42	24.98
Li	5.39	5.32	5.37
Be	9.32	8.06	9.02
B	8.30	7.97	8.37
C	11.26	10.76	11.13
N	14.54	13.89	14.23
O	13.61	11.92	13.20
F	17.42	15.57	16.71
Ne	21.56	19.62	20.64
Na	5.14	4.89	4.99
Mg	7.65	6.64	7.47
Al	5.98	5.54	5.85
Si	8.15	7.64	7.94
P	10.49	10.00	10.29
S	10.36	9.14	10.21
Cl	12.97	11.76	12.73
Ar	15.76	14.65	15.54
CH <sub>4</sub>	12.62	11.49	12.38
NH <sub>3</sub>	10.18	8.57	9.46
OH	13.01	11.29	12.38
H <sub>2</sub> O	12.62	10.87	11.80
HF	16.04	14.16	15.13
SiH <sub>4</sub>	11.00	10.20	11.07
PH	10.15	9.69	10.05
PH <sub>2</sub>	9.82	9.34	9.78
PH <sub>3</sub>	9.87	8.58	9.41
SH	10.37	9.19	10.14
SH <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> B <sub>1</sub> )	10.47	9.29	10.12
SH <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )	12.78	11.63	12.47
HCl	12.75	11.58	12.44
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	11.40	9.80	10.65
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	10.51	8.77	9.60
CO	14.01	13.34	14.36
N <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> $\Sigma_g^-$ )	15.58	15.91	16.77
N <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> $\Pi_u$ )	16.70	15.34	16.26
O <sub>2</sub>	12.07	12.13	12.68
P <sub>2</sub>	10.53	9.32	10.08
S <sub>2</sub>	9.36	9.26	9.75
Cl <sub>2</sub>	11.50	10.97	11.71
ClF	12.66	12.04	12.83
CS	11.33	10.41	11.34
$\Delta$		0.97	0.37

TABLE IV. Proton affinities (kcal/mol). Expt.: from Refs. 9 and 15.  $E_X^{\text{exact}}$ : exact exchange only.  $E_X^{\text{exact}} + E_C^{\text{SPP}}$ : exact exchange plus SPP correlation (Ref. 27).  $E_{XC}^{\text{HH}}$ : half-and-half theory, Eq. (12).  $\Delta$ : average absolute deviation from experiment.

Expt.	$E_X^{\text{exact}}$	$E_X^{\text{exact}} + E_C^{\text{SPP}}$	$E_{XC}^{\text{HH}}$
H <sub>2</sub>	100.8	97.8	99.0
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	152.3	158.4	160.1
NH <sub>3</sub>	202.5	207.1	209.5
H <sub>2</sub> O	165.1	168.5	170.4
SiH <sub>4</sub>	154.0	150.4	152.0
PH <sub>3</sub>	187.1	191.9	194.6
H <sub>2</sub> S	168.8	167.0	169.0
HCl	133.6	130.9	132.4
$\Delta$		3.8	4.1

results are  
very good!  
⇓  
improvements  
still possible ...

⇒ first hybrid functional by Becke, 1993:  $\Delta$  3 optimized parameters

$$a_0 = 0.20$$

$$a_x = 0.72$$

$$a_c = 0.81$$

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Hybrid

TABLE V. Average absolute deviations.

	<i>ab initio</i> G2 <sup>a</sup>	Eq. (2)	GC <sup>b</sup> GGA
56 Atomization energies (kcal/mol)	1.2	2.4	5.7
42 Ionization potentials (eV)	0.05	0.14	0.15
8 Proton affinities (kcal/mol)	1.0	1.2	1.5
10 Total energies (hartree)		6.0	11.0

<sup>a</sup>G2: Gaussian-2 theory (Refs. 13 and 14).

<sup>b</sup>GC: Gradient-corrected DFT of Ref. 5.

light atoms!

semipirical

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↓ "hybrid"

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light atoms!

⇒ almost uncountable number  $[O(10^2)]$   
of possibilities / functionals!

You can almost always find a functional which produces excellent results for one property of one system, but hardly one which does this for several properties of many systems.

## • Advantages DFT:

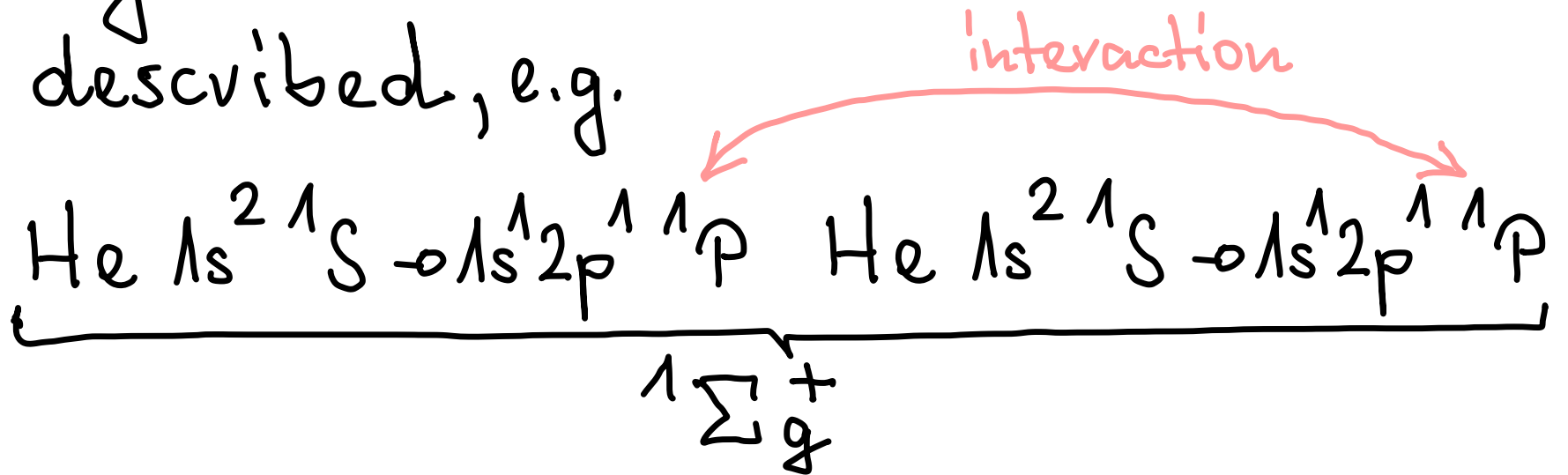
- efficient (fast, moderate computational effort, large systems accessible)

## • Disadvantages of DFT:

- not systematically improvable ( $\neq$  ab initio)
- one determinantal approach: problems to dissociate bonds, problems with (near-) degeneracies, problems with multiplet splittings
- long range potential often wrong ( $\hat{v}_g + \hat{v}_x$ ): anions often with  $\epsilon_i > 0$  for valence shell

-  $p_x, p_x + ip_y$  or  $d_{2z^2 - x^2 - y^2}, d_{x^2 - y^2}$  are degenerate, but have different densities  
 → no degeneracy at DFT level, e.g.,  
 for Sc  $3d^1 2D$  (5 levels)

- no interaction for no density overlap,  
 e.g. van der Waals interaction is not described, e.g.



The HK-theorem and the KS-formalism  
are for electronic ground states.

An extension to time-dependent  
potentials (external electromagnetic  
fields) allows to calculate the response  
of the system to these, e.g. excitation  
energies  $\implies$  time-dependent  
density functional theory (TDDFT)

We had a look at "standard" approaches,

HF, MBPT (MP<sub>n</sub>, ...), CI (CISD, ...,  $\overline{FCI}$ ),

CC (CCSD, ..., CCSD( $\overline{T}$ ), ...)

DFT (LDA, GGA, meta-GGA, Hybrid, ...)

There are many more approaches /  
variants / details / topics ... to talk about.

→ MSc, PhD, ... enough time to find out!

# Some advice for practical work

Before you start:

- Check the literature! (Wos, Bing, ...)
- Theory and experiment
- Who? Which methods? Results? Problems?
- Was your problem/question already looked at or even solved?

Doing calculations:

- Use published coordinates (calculations, experiment) as starting guess;  
if not available start with simple/cheap methods first and increase the accuracy step by step (force field  $\rightarrow$  DFT  $\rightarrow$  ab initio; small basis  $\rightarrow$  big basis; HF  $\rightarrow$  MP2  $\rightarrow$  CI, CC)
- Make sure your chosen approach can deal with your problem

- Check by visualization your initial and your final structures for plausability (jmol, avogadro, ...)
- Check charges on atoms for plausability ( Mulliken population analysis, ...)
- Check your output(s) for error messages or warnings ( "...not implemented; code not tested for ...", "no convergence; ...")

Writing the report/paper:

- Make sure you provide the correct references in correct form (at least look at title and abstract; check author names, journal, year, volume and page numbers (WOS, ...))
- Provide all details of your calculations (Hamiltonian, basis set,

density functional/correlation method,  
" , program system ) → It should  
be possible to reproduce the work  
with the information provided!

Good Luck!