第一性原理计算中的杂化泛函和无规相近似方法

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The idea of first-principles computations



Many-body interacting Hamiltonian for condensed matter physics, chemistry, and materials science

$$\hat{H} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \frac{\nabla_i^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^{N_e} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \qquad \text{The electron part} \\ -\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{nul}} \frac{\nabla_{\alpha}^2}{2M_{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha\neq\beta}^{N_{nul}} \frac{Z_{\alpha}Z_{\beta}e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{R}_{\beta}|} \qquad \text{The nuclei part} \\ -\sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{nul}} \frac{Z_{\alpha}e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_{\alpha}|} \qquad \text{The electron-nuclei attraction}$$

Different systems differ by their atomic species $\{Z_{\alpha}\}$ and positions $\{R_{\alpha}\}$.



The Born-Oppenheimer approximation and interacting many-electron problem

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{H}^{e} &= -\sum_{i=1}^{N_{e}} \frac{\overline{V}_{i}^{2}}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^{N_{e}} \frac{e^{2}}{|r_{i} - r_{j}|} + \sum_{i}^{N_{e}} V_{\{R_{\alpha}, Z_{\alpha}\}}^{ext}(r_{i}) \\ V_{\{R_{\alpha}, Z_{\alpha}\}}^{ext}(r) &= -\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{nul}} \frac{Z_{\alpha}e^{2}}{|r - R_{\alpha}|} \end{aligned}$$

is the external potential due to the nuclei.

The "external" potential contains the information about the positions and species of the constituted atoms, and hence specifies the actual systems: atoms, molecules, solids, surfaces, clusters, nanostructures

The Born-Oppenheimer (BO) approximation is not always valid. To describe non-adiabatic process, one needs to go beyond BO approximation.

The ab-initio electronic many-body Hamiltonian

$$\begin{split} \widehat{H}^{e} &= -\sum_{i=1}^{N_{e}} \frac{\nabla_{i}^{2}}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^{N_{e}} \frac{e^{2}}{|r_{i} - r_{j}|} + \sum_{i}^{N_{e}} V_{\{R_{i}, Z_{i}\}}^{ext}(r_{i}) \\ &= \widehat{T} + \widehat{V}_{ee} + \widehat{V}_{ext} \end{split}$$

The ground state and excited states of the electronic Hamiltonian determine most properties of materials.

Despite the considerable simplification that the Born-Oppenheimer approximation brings, the computational challenge remains. The exact solution of the interacting many-body Hamiltonian is not possible even numerically for O(N)>10.

Further simplification/approximation is a must!

The Hartree-Fock approximation

The ground-state many-body electronic wave function is approximated by a single Slater determinant:

$$\Psi_{\rm HF}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1}\sigma_{1},\boldsymbol{r}_{2}\sigma_{2},\cdots,\boldsymbol{r}_{N}\sigma_{N}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{1}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1})\zeta_{1}(\sigma_{1}) & \psi_{1}(\boldsymbol{r}_{2})\zeta_{1}(\sigma_{2}) & \cdots & \psi_{1}(\boldsymbol{r}_{N})\zeta_{1}(\sigma_{N}) \\ \psi_{2}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1})\zeta_{2}(\sigma_{1}) & \psi_{2}(\boldsymbol{r}_{2})\zeta_{2}(\sigma_{2}) & \cdots & \psi_{2}(\boldsymbol{r}_{N})\zeta_{2}(\sigma_{N}) \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \psi_{N}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1})\zeta_{N}(\sigma_{1}) & \psi_{N}(\boldsymbol{r}_{2})\zeta_{N}(\sigma_{2}) & \cdots & \psi_{N}(\boldsymbol{r}_{N})\zeta_{N}(\sigma_{N}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\min_{\{\psi_n\}} \langle \Psi_{\mathrm{HF}} | \hat{H}^e | \Psi_{\mathrm{HF}} \rangle \implies \left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + V^{ext}(r) + \sum_{m=1}^N \int dr' \frac{\psi_m^*(r')\psi_m(r')}{|r-r'|} \right) \psi_n(r)$$
$$- \sum_{m=1}^N \int dr' \frac{\psi_m^*(r')\psi_n(r')}{|r-r'|} \delta_{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \psi_m(r) = \epsilon_n \psi_n(r)$$

The interacting many-body problem is reduced to an effective single-particle problem that should be solved self-consistently.

The Hartree-Fock equation

The Hartree-Fock equation can also be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \right] \psi_{n,\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \\ & + \sum_{m}^{occ.} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\psi_{n,\sigma}(\mathbf{r}')\psi_{m,\sigma}^*(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \psi_{m,\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_n \psi_{n,\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \\ & n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{n,\sigma}^{occ.} \left| \psi_{n,\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$



The Hartree-Fock equations are a set of non-linear equations that need to be solved self-consistently. The resultant set of eigenstates are called Hartree-Fock orbitals.

Orbital energies $\{\epsilon_n\}$ describe approximately the energy cost to remove or the energy gain to add an electron to the system. (Koopman's theorem)

Exact ground-state wave function

$$E_{c} = \langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{H}^{e} | \Psi_{0} \rangle - \langle \Psi_{\rm HF} | \hat{H}^{e} | \Psi_{\rm HF} \rangle$$

Hartree-Fock wave function

The different ways to treat the correlation effects underlines the different electronic structure methods in quantum chemistry and condensed matter physics.

HF is insufficiently accurate for most applications, especially for extended systems (no screening!).

Approaches to solve the electronic Hamiltonian

Interacting electron Hamiltonian $\widehat{H} = \widehat{T} + \widehat{V}_{ee} + \widehat{V}_{ext}$

Wave function methods

(quantum chemistry)

Configuration Interaction Coupled Cluster Theory Møller-Plesset Perturbation Theory

(Generalized) Kohn-Sham DFT, TDDFT

LDA, GGA. meta-GGA hybrid functional vdW-DF, ...

Model Hamiltonian

Model:

Tight-binding, Anderson, Kondo, Heisenberg, t-J model, Hubbard, ... Numerical algorithm:

ED, NRG, DMRG, QMC, DMFT,

Guzwiller, Tensor Network, ...

The Nobel prize in chemistry (1998)



John Pople for his contribution to wave-function methods



Walter Kohn for his contribution to density functional theory

Basic idea behind density functional theory

The many-body Hamiltonian:

$$\widehat{H} = \widehat{T} + \widehat{V}_{ee} + \widehat{V}_{ext} = \sum_{i}^{N} - \frac{\nabla_{i}^{2}}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^{N} \frac{e^{2}}{|r_{i} - r_{j}|} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} V_{ext}(r_{i})$$

How to compute the ground-state energy?

1. From the wave function (3*N*-dimensional variable)

$$E_0[\Psi] = \langle \Psi \mid \widehat{H} \mid \Psi \rangle$$

2. From the electron density (3-dimensional variable)

$$E_0 = E_0[n]$$

$$E_0 = E_0[\Psi] \qquad \stackrel{?}{\longrightarrow} \qquad E_0 = E_0[n]$$

If one can avoid complex many-body wavefunction, and express the groundstate energy as a function of the electron density, then the problem will be significantly simplified.

Energy functional of interacting manyparticle system

$$E_{v_{ext}}[n] = T[n] + V_{ee}[n] + \int d^3 r v_{ext}(r) n(r) \ge E_0$$

Re-expressing the functional as:

$$E_{v_{ext}}[n] = T_s[n] + E_H[n] + E_{xc}[n] + \int d^3 r v_{ext}(r) n(r)$$

T[n] : Kinetic energy functional of interacting system;

 $T_s[n]$: Kinetic energy functional of noninteracting system;

$$E_H[n]$$
 : The Hartree energy functional;

$$E_{xc}[n] = T[n] + V_{ee}[n] - T_s[n] - E_H[n]$$

Exchange-correlation energy functional (everything unknown).

The Kohn-Sham equation (1965)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + v_{eff}(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} \psi_l(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_l \psi_l(\mathbf{r})$$

$$v_{eff}(\mathbf{r}) = V_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) + \int d^3 r' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{\delta E_{xc}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}$$
To be solved self-consistently
$$n(\mathbf{r}) \to n_0(\mathbf{r})$$

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{l=1}^{N} |\psi_l(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

$$E_0 = -\frac{1}{2m} \sum_{l=1}^{N} \langle \psi_l \mid \nabla^2 \mid \psi_l \rangle + E_H[n_0] + E_{xc}[n_0] + \int d^3 r v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}) n_0(\mathbf{r})$$

By solving the Kohn-Sham equation, one can in principle obtain the exact ground-state energy and density of interacting systems, if $E_{xc}[n]$ is known exactly.

The exchange-correlation energy

$$E_{\rm xc} = E_{\rm x} + E_{\rm c}$$

Exact-exchange energy in KS-DFT

Slater determinant formed by occupied Kohn-Sham orbitals

$$E_{\rm x} = \langle \Phi_{\rm KS} | \hat{V}_{\rm ee} | \Phi_{\rm KS} \rangle - E_{\rm Hartree} = -\sum_{m,n}^{occ.} \iint dr dr' \frac{\psi_m^*(r)\psi_n(r)\psi_n^*(r')\psi_m(r')}{|r-r'|}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|} \qquad \text{The Hartree energy}$$
Electron-electron interaction operator

Correlation energy in KS-DFT

$$E_{c} = \langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_{0} \rangle - \langle \Phi_{KS} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Phi_{KS} \rangle = T_{c} + U_{c}$$
$$T_{c} = T - T_{s}, \qquad U_{c} = \langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_{0} \rangle - E_{Hartree} - E_{x}$$

The exchange-correlation energy

$$E_{\rm xc} = E_{\rm x} + E_{\rm c}$$

Exact-exchange energy in KS-DFT

- Approximation must be made for $E_{\rm c}$.
- $E_{\rm x}$ and $E_{\rm c}$ are often approximated together to achieve error compensation.
- Approximate E_x as an explicit density-dependent functional introduces "self-interaction error".

Correlation energy in KS-DFT

$$E_{c} = \langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_{0} \rangle - \langle \Phi_{KS} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Phi_{KS} \rangle = T_{c} + U_{c}$$

$$T_c = T - T_s$$
, $U_c = \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_0 \rangle - E_{Hartree} - E_x$

Jacob's ladder in DFT



J. Perdew & K. Schmidt, in Density functional theory and its application to materials, edited by Van Doren e al. (2001).

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The adiabatic connection construction



Define a series of fictitious systems with scaled interparticle interactions:

The electron density n(r) is kept fixed for $0 \le \lambda \le 1$.

$$E_{\rm xc}^{\rm exact} = \int_0^1 d\lambda U_{\rm xc}^{\lambda} \qquad U_{\rm xc}^{\lambda} = \langle \Psi_0^{\lambda} | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_0^{\lambda} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Two limits in the adiabatic connection path

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$$\lambda = 0, v_{aux}^{\lambda=0}(r) = v_{KS}(r), |\Psi_0^{\lambda=0}\rangle = |\Psi_{KS}\rangle$$
 (the KS system)

$$U_{xc}^{\lambda=0} = \langle \Psi_{\text{KS}} | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_{\text{KS}} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m,n}^{occ.} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\psi_m^*(\mathbf{r})\psi_n(\mathbf{r})\psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}')\psi_m(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \coloneqq E_x^{\text{HF}}$$

Exchange-only limit, where LDA/GGAs are least accurate. => exact exchange is needed.

•
$$\lambda = 1, v_{aux}^{\lambda=1}(r) = v_{ext}(r), \left|\Psi_0^{\lambda=1}\right\rangle = \left|\Psi_0\right\rangle$$
 (fully interacting system)
 $U_{xc}^{\lambda=1} = \left\langle\Psi_0\left|\hat{V}_{ee}\right|\Psi_0\right\rangle - \frac{1}{2}\iint d\mathbf{r}d\mathbf{r}'\frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} = E_x^{HF} + U_c$

LDA/GGAs work reasonably well. Correlation effect is crucial, and exact-exchange-only treatment will not work.

Adiabatic connection path



The milestone: Becke's half-half theory

A. D. Becke, JCP 98, 1372 (1993)

$$E_{xc} = \int_{0}^{1} d\lambda U_{xc}^{\lambda} \approx 1/2 \left(U_{xc}^{\lambda=0} + U_{xc}^{\lambda=1} \right)$$

$$U_{xc}^{\lambda=0} = E_x^{\text{exact}}, \quad U_{xc}^{\lambda=1} \approx U_{xc}^{\text{LSDA}}$$

Becke's half-half (HH) theory :

 $E_{xc}^{\rm HH} = 1/2 \left(E_x^{\rm exact} + U_{xc}^{\rm LSDA} \right)$

Performance of the half-half method

	Exact ^a	LSDA ^b	HH°
н	-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
в	-3.869	-3.563	-3.744
С	5.202	-4.819	5.045
N	6.785	-6.323	- 6.596
0	-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
AI	-18.55	-17.50	-18.11
Si	-20.80	19.63	-20.30
Р	-23.19	21.91	
S	-25.63	-24.23	-25.02
Cl	-28.22	-26.68	-27.54
Ar	-30.98	-29.29	-30.23

TABLE I. Atomic exchange-correlation energies (a.u.).

A. D. Becke, JCP 98, 1372 (1993)

Further development: the B3LYP functional

A. D. Becke, J. Chem. Phys. 98, 5648 (1993) (# of citations >900,000)



Lee-Yang-Parr 1991 GGA correlation correction

Simplification to one parameter

The B3LYP functional:

$$E_{xc}^{\text{B3LYP}} = E_{xc}^{\text{LSDA}} + a_0 (E_x^{\text{exact}} - E_x^{\text{LSDA}}) + a_x \Delta E_x^{\text{B88}} + a_c \Delta E_c^{\text{LYP}}$$

Choosingparameters: $a_x = 1 - a_0$, $a_c = 1$
B1LYP:

$$E_{xc}^{\text{B1LYP}} = E_{xc}^{\text{BLYP}} + a_0 (E_x^{\text{exact}} - E_x^{\text{B88}})$$
$$(= E_x^{\text{B88}} + E_c^{\text{LYP}})$$

In general, one-parameter hybrid functional :

$$E_{xc}^{\text{hyd}} = E_{xc}^{\text{GGA}} + a_0 \left(E_x^{\text{exact}} - E_x^{\text{GGA}} \right)$$

 $a_0 \sim 0.25$ performs best for atomization energies!

Rationale for the best mixing parameter

Perdew, Ernzerhof, Burke, J. Chem. Phys. 105, 9982 (1996)

$$E_{xc,\lambda}^{\text{hyd}}(n) = E_{xc,\lambda}^{\text{DFA}} + \left(E_x^{\text{exact}} - E_x^{\text{DFA}}\right)(1-\lambda)^{n-1}$$
$$E_{xc}^{\text{hyd}}(n) = \int_{0}^{1} E_{xc,\lambda}(n) = E_{xc}^{\text{DFA}} + \frac{1}{n}\left(E_x^{\text{exact}} - E_x^{\text{DFA}}\right)$$

n=4 🖨 The 4th-order Møller-Plesset perturbation theory

The PBEO functional :

$$E_{xc}^{\text{PBE0}} = E_{xc}^{\text{PBE}} + 0.25 \left(E_x^{\text{exact}} - E_x^{\text{PBE}} \right)$$

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Number of Publications on Topics "DFT"



K. Burke, J. Chem. Phys. 136, 150901 (2012)

Application to solids: the HSE functional

Heyd, Scuseria, Ernzerhof, J. Chem. Phys. 118, 8207 (2003)



$$E_{x}^{\text{HF,SR}} = -\sum_{l,m}^{occ} \int d^{3} r d^{3} r' \frac{\psi_{l}^{*}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{m}(\mathbf{r})erfc(\omega|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|)\psi_{m}^{*}(\mathbf{r}')\psi_{l}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$E_{xc}^{\text{PBE0}} = E_{xc}^{\text{PBE}} + 0.25 (E_x^{\text{HF}} - E_x^{\text{PBE}})$$

$$E_{xc}^{\text{HSE}} = E_{xc}^{\text{PBE}} + 0.25 \left(E_x^{\text{HFt,SR}} - E_x^{\text{PBE,SR}} \right)$$

Lattice constants

40 Semiconductors

TABLE VI. Lattice constant error statistics for the SC/40 test set (Å).

Solid	LSDA	PBE	TPSS	HSE
ME ^a	-0.046	0.076	0.063	0.035
MAE ^b	0.047	0.076	0.063	0.037
rms ^c	0.058	0.084	0.071	0.044
Max (+) ^d	0.017	0.158	0.143	0.100
Max (–) ^e	0.139			-0.014

Heyd, Peralta, Scuseria, and Martin, J. Chem. Phys. 123, 174101 (2005)

Band gaps



Heyd, Peralta, Scuseria, and Martin, J. Chem. Phys. **123**, 174101 (2005)

T. M. Henderson, J. Paier, G.E., Scuseria, Phys. Status. Solidi B **248**, 767 (2011) **Table 1** Mean error (ME) and mean absolute error (MAE) in the semiconductor band gaps for the SC 40 test set of Heyd et al. Results reported at the optimized geometry for each functional.

functional	ME (eV)	MAE (eV)
LSDA	-1.01	1.01
PBE	-0.98	0.98
TPSS	-0.83	0.83
HSE	-0.20	0.28

Band gap problem: another perspective



Formation energy

Formation energies of different defects in Si

Energy difference of the diamond and β -tin phases of Si



T. M. Henderson, J. Paier, G.E., Scuseria, Phys. Status. Solidi B 248, 767 (2011)

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RPA as a first-principles method

With the framework of adiabatic-connection fluctuation-dissipation (ACFD) theorem, RPA can be formulated as an approximate, but fully nonlocal exchange-correlation (XC) energy functional.

The XC energyThe density response function
$$E_{\rm xc} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_0^\infty d\omega \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' [\chi_\lambda(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',i\omega) - n(\mathbf{r})\delta(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')] v(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}')$$
The coupling constantCoulomb interactionLangreth & Perdew, Phys. Rev. B 15, 2884 (1977).
Gunnarsson & Lundqvist, Phys. Rev. B 13, 4274 (1976). $\chi_\lambda(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',t-t') = \delta n_\lambda(\mathbf{r},t)/\delta v_\lambda^{ext}(\mathbf{r}',t')$

Dyson equation for the linear response function:

$$\chi_{\lambda} = \chi_0 + \lambda \chi_0 (\nu + f_{xc}) \chi_{\lambda}$$
, $f_{xc} = 0 \rightarrow \chi_{\lambda} \approx \chi_{\lambda}^{\text{RPA}}$

Explicitly known in terms of KS (both occupied and virtual) orbitals and orbital energies

$$\implies E_c^{\text{RPA}} = E_c^{\text{RPA}}[\epsilon_i, \psi_i]$$

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First application to real molecules.

Furche, Phys. Rev. B **64**, 195120 (2001). Fuchs & Gonze, Phys. Rev. B **65** 235109 (2002).

Applications to molecules, solids, surfaces, molecules on surfaces, and layered materials (2006-2012).

For a review, see XR, P. Rinke, C. Joas, and M. Scheffler, J. Mater. Sci. 47, 7447 (2012)
Why is RPA interesting for materials science?

- Automatic and seamless inclusion of van der Waals (vdW) interactions; non-additive, anisotropic, and many-body screening effects are properly accounted for.
- Compatible with exact exchange; exact exchange plus RPA correlation makes the self-interaction error insignificant.
- Different bonding (ionic, covalent, metallic, vdW) types are treated on an equal footing.
- Static correlation (partly) captured => Correct dissociation of H₂; excellent chemical reaction barrier heights

RPA calculations in practice (so far ...)

In practical calculations, RPA is most often carried out as a single-point post-SCF approach, based on references from a preceding semi-local (or hybrid) calculation.

RPA correlation energy

$$E^{\text{RPA}} = \left\langle \Phi_0 \middle| \widehat{H} \middle| \Phi_0 \right\rangle + E_c^{\text{RPA}}[\epsilon_i, \psi_i]$$

Hartree-Fock energy with (generalized) KS orbitals

 ϵ_i, ψ_i : (generalized) Kohn-Sham orbitals and orbital energies

 Φ_0 : Slater determinant formed with occupied ψ_i

Typical choices for reference: LDA, PBE, TPSS, PBEO, HSE

Consequently, RPA results show a slight dependence on the starting point, denoted e.g., by "RPA@PBE".

RPA description of vdW interactions



- RPA captures the non-local coupling between spontaneous quantum charge fluctuations separated in space.
- It can be shown analytically

 $\Delta E_c^{\text{RPA}} \rightarrow C_6^{\text{RPA}}/R^6$ for large $R \rightarrow \infty$

 $C_6^{RPA} = \frac{3}{\pi} \int d\omega \alpha_A^{RPA}(i\omega) \alpha_B^{RPA}(i\omega)$ "Dispersion consistent"

J. Dobson, in "Topics in Condensed Matter Physics", Ed. M. P. Das (Nova, New York, 1994) Y. Gao, W. Zhu, and XR, Phys. Rev. B. **101**, 035113 (2020).

RPA for the S22 test set





S22 test set: P. Jurečka, J. Šponer, J. Černý, and P. Hobza, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 8, 1985 (2006).



 $H_2O-C_6H_6$

200

RPA applied to the "CO adsorption puzzle"





CO@Cu(111)

XR, P. Rinke, and M. Scheffler, Phys. Rev. B 80, 045402 (2009) LDA/GGA => hollow site Exp/RPA => on-top site

See also L. Schimka et al., Nature Materials 9, 741 (2010).

CO adsorption energy versus surface energy



L. Schimka, J. Harl, A. Stroppa, A. Grüneis, M. Marsman, F. Mittendorfer, and G. Kresse, Nature Materials **9**, 741 (2010)

Energy difference between fcc and hcp phases of Ar crystal



S. Yang & X. Ren, New J. Phys. 24, 033049 (2022)

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 Local hybrids (LH): position-dependent admixture of HFX and semi-local exchange

$$E_{\rm xc}^{\rm LH} = \int d^3 r \left[\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \epsilon_{\chi}^{\rm HF}(\mathbf{r}) + (1 - \alpha(\mathbf{r})) \epsilon_{\chi}^{\rm GGA}(\mathbf{r}) \right] + E_c^{\rm GGA}$$
$$\alpha(\mathbf{r}) = c \frac{\tau_W(r)}{\tau(r)}$$
$$\tau(r) = \sum_n |\nabla \psi_n(r)|^2 : \text{kinetic energy density}$$
$$\tau_W(r) = \frac{|\nabla n(r)|^2}{8n(r)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{Constant density region} \\ \tau(r) & \text{One-electron region} \end{cases}$$

System-dependent hybrid functionals

The mixing parameter α , and the screening parameter ω are related to the dielectric function of the system.



Shimazaki, T.; Asai, Y. Chem. Phys. Lett. 2008, 466, 91–94.

Doubly screened hybrid (DSH) functional

$$v_{\rm sc}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') \approx \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\rm M}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\rm M}}\right) \frac{\operatorname{erfc}(\mu |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$V_{\rm xc}^{\rm DSH}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\rm M}} V_{\rm x}^{\rm HF}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\rm M}}\right) V_{\rm x}^{\rm HF,SR}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}';\mu) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{\rm M}}\right) V_{\rm x}^{\rm PBE,LR}(\mathbf{r};\mu) + V_{\rm c}^{\rm PBE}(\mathbf{r}).$$



Cui, Wang, Zhang, Xu, Hong Jiang*, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. **9**, 2338(2018)

DSH: Performances



NGSs: narrow gap semiconductors

Cui, Wang, Zhang, Xu, Hong Jiang, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 9, 2338 (2018)

Doubly hybrid functionals

$$E_{xc} = \alpha E_x^{\text{HF}} + (1 - \alpha) E_x^{\text{GGA}} + \beta E_c^{\text{PT2}} + (1 - \beta) E_c^{\text{GGA}}$$
$$E_c^{\text{PT2}} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p,q}^{occ} \sum_{r,s}^{unocc} \frac{|\langle pq|rs \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_p + \epsilon_q - \epsilon_r - \epsilon_s}$$
Second-order (non-local) correlation energy

One successful functional: XYG3

$$E_{xc}^{XYG3} = a_1 E_x^{HF} + (1 - a_1) E_x^{LDA} + a_2 (E_x^{B88} - E_x^{LDA}) + a_3 E_c^{PT2} + (1 - a_3) E_c^{GGA}$$

Y. Zhang, X. Xu, W. A. Goddard III, PNAS 106, 4963 (2009)

XYG7: the highest accuracy record of current density functional approximation



Accuracy significantly beyond B3LYP and PBE.

I.Y. Zhang* and X. Xu* J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 12:2638 (2021)

Problem of RPA for Ar₂



Reference: Tang and Toennies, J. Chem. Phys. 118, 4976 (2003)

Correct asymptotic behavior, crucial for large molecules
 Underbinding around the equilibrium distance

The singles correction: A many-body perturbation analysis

$$\hat{H}^{e} = \hat{H}_{0}^{\text{KS}} + \hat{H}_{1}, \ \hat{H}_{0}^{\text{KS}} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left(-\frac{\nabla_{k}^{2}}{2} + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_{k}) + v_{\text{Hxc}}(\mathbf{r}_{k}) \right), \quad \hat{H}_{0}^{\text{KS}} \left| \Phi_{n} \right\rangle = E_{n}^{(0)} \left| \Phi_{n} \right\rangle$$
$$E_{0}^{(0)} = \left\langle \Phi_{0}^{\text{KS}} \left| \hat{H}_{0} \right| \Phi_{0}^{\text{KS}} \right\rangle, \quad E_{0}^{(1)} = \left\langle \Phi_{0}^{\text{KS}} \left| \hat{H}^{'} \right| \Phi_{0}^{\text{KS}} \right\rangle,$$

$$E_{\rm KS}^{\rm EXX} = E_0^{(0)} + E_0^{(1)}$$



The computation of singles correction



 Originally derived within the framework of Rayleigh-Schrödinger perturbation theory

XR, A. Tkatchenko, P. Rinke, M. Scheffler, PRL 106, 153003 (2011)

• This term accounts for the fact that the orbitals used in RPA calculations are not "optimal".

RPA+SE for Ar₂



Singles contributions correct the too strong Pauli repulsion arising from the too extended semi-local DFT charge density.

XR, A. Tkatchenko, P. Rinke, and M. Scheffler, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 153003 (2011).

The concept of renormalized second-order perturbation theory (rPT2)



The performance of rPT2

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	<u> </u>	\$22	$\widehat{G2}$	EBL10	HTBH38	NHTBH38
	Method	(%) (kcal/mol)	(Å)	(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)
	PBE	57.8	8.2	0.044	9.7	8.9
	PBE0	55.2	3.0	0.056	4.4	3.6
	MP2	18.7	6.5	0.020	3.9	5.2
	RPA	16.1	10.5	0.032	1.5	1.9
	RPA + rSE	7.7	7.1	0.018	4.3	5.8
	RPA + SOSEX	10.5	5.7	0.038	5.6	4.3
	rPT2	7.1	3.1	0.019	1.9	3.0

rPT2: most balanced approach for atomization energy, van der Waals interaction, and chemical reaction barrier heights !

RPA + Singles for Solids

THE JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS 143, 102816 (2015)

Singles correlation energy contributions in solids

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The random phase approximation to the correlation energy often yields highly accurate results for condensed matter systems. However, ways how to improve its accuracy are being sought and here we explore the relevance of singles contributions for prototypical solid state systems. We set out with a derivation of the random phase approximation using the adiabatic connection and fluctuation dissipation theorem, but contrary to the most commonly used derivation, the density is allowed to vary along the coupling constant integral. This yields results closely paralleling standard perturbation theory. We re-derive the standard singles of Görling-Levy perturbation theory [A. Görling and M. Levy, Phys. Rev. A **50**, 196 (1994)], highlight the analogy of our expression to the renormalized singles introduced by Ren and coworkers [Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 153003 (2011)], and introduce a new approximation for the singles using the density matrix in the random phase approximation. We discuss the physical relevance and importance of singles alongside illustrative examples of simple weakly bonded systems, including rare gas solids (Ne, Ar, Xe), ice, adsorption of water on NaCl, and solid benzene. The effect of singles on covalently and metallically bonded systems is also discussed. (© 2015 Author(s). All article content. excent where otherwise noted. is licensed under

rSE fixed the problem of RPA!

On-going community-wide activities

- Low-scaling $[O(N^3 N)]$ RPA algorithm and implementations
 - -- Georg Kresse (VASP), up to 256 Si atoms
 - -- Joerg Hutter (CP2K), up to 500 water molecules
 - -- Rong Shi, Xinguo Ren etal (LibRPA), up to 1000 atoms for solids
- Analytical gradient of RPA energy, allowing for geometry determination
 - -- Filipp Furche (Turbomole) for molecules
 - -- Georg Kresse (VASP) for solids
 - -- M. Tahir, X. Ren et al. (FHI-aims) for molecules, working towards for solids
- Self-consistent RPA within a generalized Kohn-Sham (GKS) framework
 - -- Weitao Yang, optimizing the orbitals for RPA (similar to the Bruckner theory)
 - -- Filipp Furche, GKS-RPA, defining a static "RPA Hamiltonian"

How to relax geometries with RPA?



Energy hierarchy of water hexamers



M.N. Tahir, T. Zhu, H. Shang, J. Li, V. Blum, and X. Ren, J. Chem. Theory Comput. 18, 5297 (2022)

Energy hierarchy of (H₂O)₂₅

Energy ordering of five low-lying isomers of $(H_2O)_{25}$



M.N. Tahir, , H. Shang, J. Li, and X. Ren, submitted

Outline

- Background basics of density functional theory
- The concept of hybridizing DFT and Hartree-Fock and the popular hybrid functionals
- Random phase approximation as a method to compute the ground-state total energy of interacting electron systems
- Recent progresses and perspectives
- Implementation and computer codes

Key component: the exact-exchange matrix

$$E_{xc}^{hyd}[\{\psi_n\}] = \alpha E_x^{HF}[\{\psi_n\}] + (1 - \alpha) E_x^{GGA}[n, \nabla n] + E_c^{GGA}[n, \nabla n]$$

$$E_x^{\mathrm{HF}}[\{\psi_n\}] = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m,n}^{occ.} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\psi_m^*(\mathbf{r})\psi_n(\mathbf{r})\psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}')\psi_m(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) c_{in}$$

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{x} = -\sum_{n}^{occ.} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\varphi_{i}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{n}(\mathbf{r})\psi_{n}^{*}(\mathbf{r}')\varphi_{j}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$E_x^{\text{HF}}[\{\psi_n\}] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \Sigma_{ij}^x D_{ij}^* \qquad D_{ij} = \sum_n^{occ} c_{in} c_{jn}^* \text{ (Density matrix)}$$

Construction of the exact-exchange matrix

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{\mathbf{x}} = -\sum_{n}^{bcc.} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})\psi_n(\mathbf{r})\psi_n(\mathbf{r}')\varphi_j(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}$$

• Plane wave basis set

$$\varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} e^{i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}} \qquad \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \psi_{nq}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \sum_{\mathbf{G}} c_{n,q}(\mathbf{G}) e^{i(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{G})\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{\chi} \to \Sigma_{k}^{\chi}(\boldsymbol{G}, \boldsymbol{G}') = -\frac{1}{N_{q}} \sum_{n,q}^{occ} \sum_{\boldsymbol{G}''} \frac{c_{n,q}(\boldsymbol{G} - \boldsymbol{G}'')c_{n,q}^{*}(\boldsymbol{G}' - \boldsymbol{G}'')}{|\boldsymbol{k} - \boldsymbol{q} - \boldsymbol{G}''|}$$

• Atomic-orbital basis set

$$\Sigma_{ij}^{x}[D] = -\sum_{k,l} D_{kl} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\varphi_{i}(\mathbf{r})\varphi_{k}(\mathbf{r})\varphi_{l}(\mathbf{r}')\varphi_{j}(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Two-electron Coulomb integrals

Compute codes that support hybrid functional calculations

• Plane wave codes:



• Gaussian orbital codes:





PWAI

• Numerical atomic orbital (NAO) codes





Localized resolution of identity (LRI)



Localized resolution of identity (LRI)



Linear-scaling hybrid functional implementation (@ABACUS)

Time of Fock build per iteration



P. Lin, X. Ren, L. He, J. Chem. Theory Comput. 17, 222 (2021)

Accuracy of the HSE hybrid functional implemented in ABACUS



P. Lin, X. Ren, L. He, J. Phys. Chem. Lett., **11**, 3082 (2020).

Released in ABACUS 3.0.

Real-space implementation of RPA

(1) Preparation

Atom-centered auxiliary basis functions

$$\chi^{0}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}',i\tau) = -iG^{0}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}',i\tau)G^{0}(\boldsymbol{r}',\boldsymbol{r},-i\tau)$$

$$= \sum_{\boldsymbol{R}}\sum_{\mu,\nu}P_{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mu})\chi^{0}_{\mu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R},i\tau)P_{\nu}(\boldsymbol{r}'-\boldsymbol{R}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})$$

$$G^{0}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}',i\tau) = \sum_{\mu,\nu}\varphi_{\mu\nu}(\boldsymbol{r}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau}_{\nu})G^{0}_{\nu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}_{\mu}-\boldsymbol{\tau$$

$$(\mathbf{r}_{i},\mathbf{r}_{j},\iota) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}_{1},\mathbf{R}_{2},i,j} \varphi_{i}(\mathbf{r}_{j}-\mathbf{R}_{1}-\iota_{i}) \varphi_{ij}(\mathbf{R}_{2}-\mathbf{R}_{1},\iota) \varphi_{j}(\mathbf{r}_{j}-\mathbf{R}_{2}-\iota_{j})$$

$$(\alpha_{i}(\mathbf{r}_{j}-\mathbf{R}_{j}-\tau_{i})) \varphi_{i}(\mathbf{r}_{j}-\mathbf{R}_{j}-\tau_{i}) = \sum_{i} C^{\mu i} (\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{R}_{j}-\tau_{i})$$

$$\varphi_{i}(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{R}_{1} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_{i})\varphi_{j}(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{R}_{2} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_{j}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{R},\mu} C_{i\boldsymbol{R}_{1},j\boldsymbol{R}_{2}}^{\mu\boldsymbol{R}} P_{\mu}(\boldsymbol{r} - \boldsymbol{R} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\mu}) C_{i\boldsymbol{R}_{1},j\boldsymbol{R}_{2}}^{\mu\boldsymbol{R}} = C_{i\boldsymbol{R}_{1}-\boldsymbol{R},j\boldsymbol{R}_{2}-\boldsymbol{R}}^{\mu\boldsymbol{0}}$$

(2) Constructing the response function matrix

highly sparse under LRI

$$\chi^{0}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{R},i\tau) = -i\sum_{i,j,k,l}\sum_{\mathbf{R}_{1},\mathbf{R}_{2},\mathbf{R}_{3},\mathbf{R}_{4}} C^{\mu 0}_{i\mathbf{R}_{1},j\mathbf{R}_{3}} G^{0}_{ij}(\mathbf{R}_{2}-\mathbf{R}_{1},i\tau) G^{0}_{lk}(\mathbf{R}_{3}-\mathbf{R}_{4},-i\tau) C^{\nu 0}_{j(\mathbf{R}_{2}-\mathbf{R}),l(\mathbf{R}_{4}-\mathbf{R})}$$

(3) Fourier transform to $(\boldsymbol{q}, i\omega)$ domain $\chi^{0}_{\mu\nu}(\boldsymbol{R}, i\tau) \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} \chi^{0}_{\mu\nu}(\boldsymbol{q}, i\omega)$ Computational cost: $O(N_{basis}^2 N_k)$ with a large prefactor

LibRPA: A stand-alone library for low-scaling RPA & GW calculations



Scaling behavior of real-space RPA implementation

ABACUS+LibRPA: C diamond with increasing supercell size



R. Shi, P. Lin, M. Zhang, L. He, and X. Ren, Phys. Rev. B 109, 035103 (2024).
Hybrid functionals

- Hybrid functionals deliver accuracy that is systematically better than GGAs (better band gaps, structure and energetics).
- Typically one or two orders of magnitude more expensive than local/semi-local functionals; for large systems (>1000 atoms), the difference in cost gets small.

RPA

- With rapid advance of new concepts and algorithms, RPA-based methods can be developed into a viable approach that bridges the conventional DFT and quantum-chemistry methods
- Routinely tackle system size of a few hundred atoms
- Provide unprecedented accuracy for computational materials science