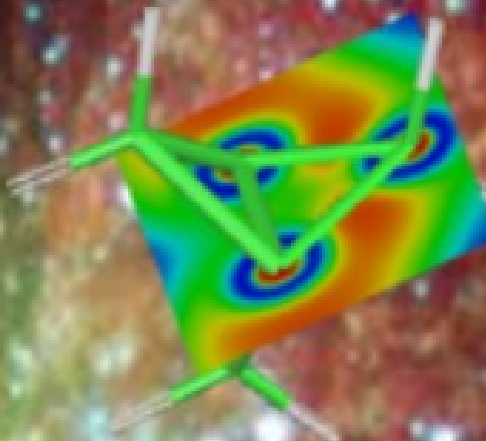
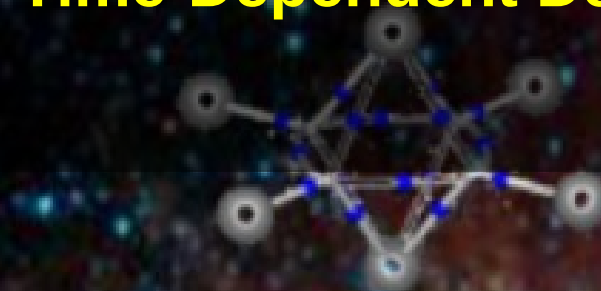


Time-Dependent Density-Functional Theory (TD-DFT) for Molecules



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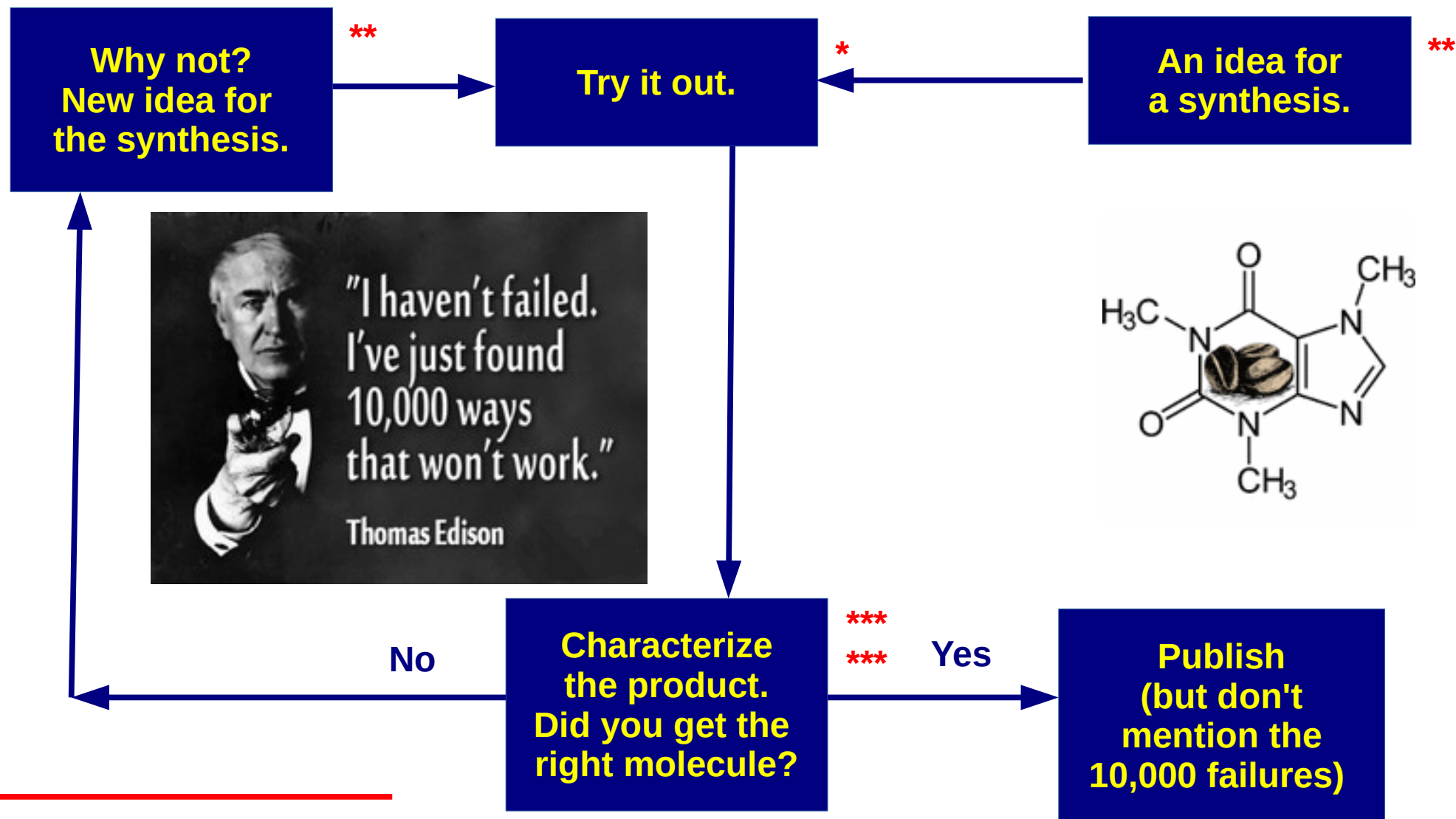
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CHEMISTRY: "Better things for better living through chemistry"
Dupont Chemical Motto: 1935-1982

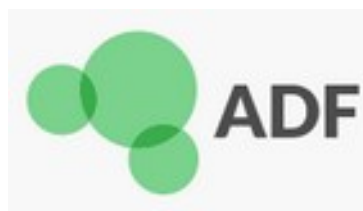


*** Physical chemistry and theoretical chemistry are here.**

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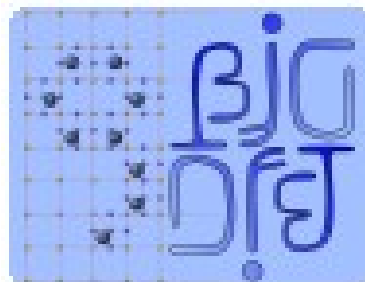
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Amsterdam density functional



QUANTUM ESPRESSO



and many others!

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http://www.demon-software.com/public_html/index.html

A member of the ETSF software suite:

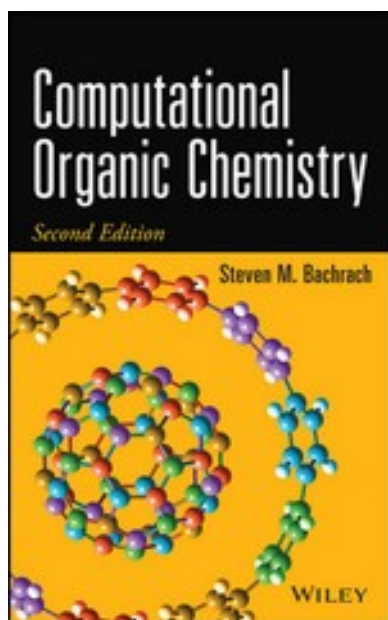
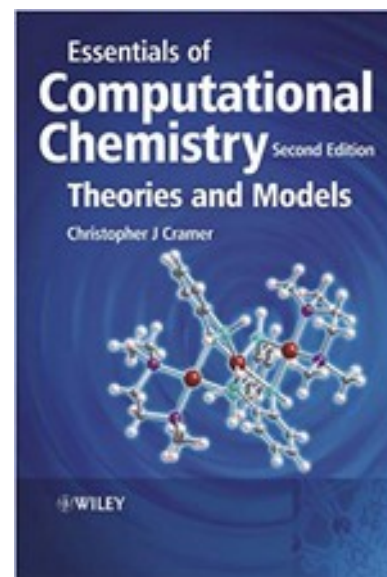
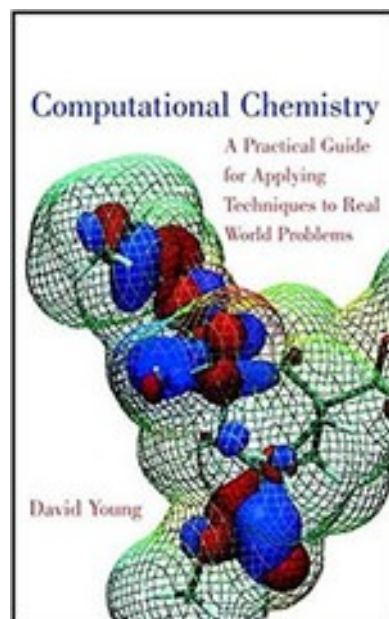
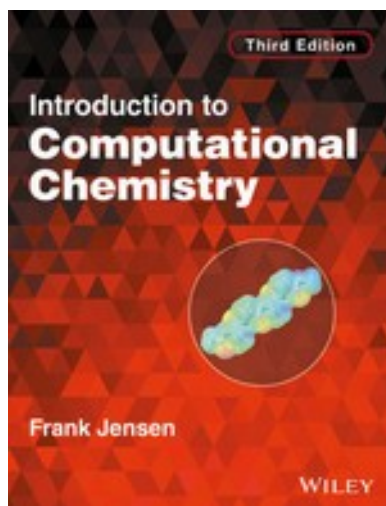


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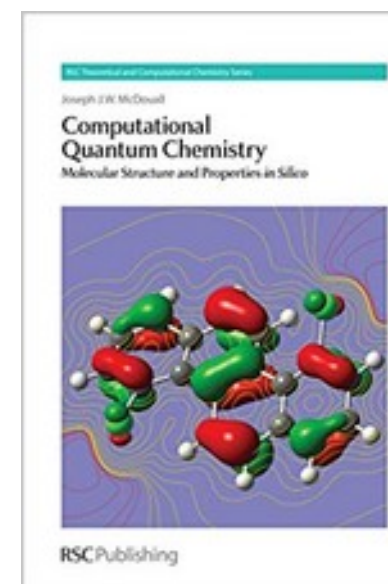
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(Needs updating!)

COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY: The name of a course where experimentalists learn to use the tools developed and built by theoretical chemists



and probably many more!



Geometric and Electronic Structures of Nickel(II) Complexes of Redox Noninnocent Tetradentate Phenylenediamine Ligands

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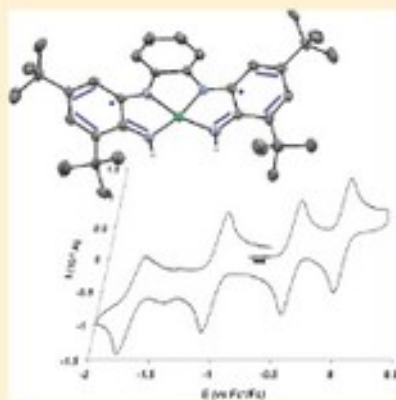
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 Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Five tetradentate ligands based on the *N,N'*-bis(2-amino-3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)-*o*-phenylenediamine backbone were prepared, with different substituents at positions 4 and 5 (CH_3 (3a), $p\text{-CH}_3\text{O-C}_6\text{H}_4$ (3b), H (3c), Cl (3d), F (3e)). Their reaction with a nickel(II) salt in air affords the neutral species 4(a-e), which were isolated as single crystals. 4(a-e) feature two antiferromagnetically exchange-coupled diimino-semiquinone moieties, both located on peripheral rings, and a diamidobenzene bridging moiety. Reaction of 4(a-e) with 1 equiv of AgSbF_6 yields the cations 4(a-e)⁺, which harbor a monosemiquinonate radical. Significant structural differences were observed within the series. 4(a-e)⁺ is mononuclear and contains a localized diimino-semiquinonate moiety. In contrast, 4(a-e) is a dimer wherein the diimino-semiquinonate radical is rather delocalized over the entire ligand backbone.

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Denis
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OBJECTIVES FOR THIS ULTRA-SHORT COURSE



- Teach some wave function theory because TD-DFT looks very much like wave function theory and one must not put the cart before the horse.
- Give the essentials of TD-DFT.
- Discuss problems of TD-DFT and helpful techniques to surmount them as time allows.
- Try to minimize the math and physics but *never* be afraid to include it when it appears helpful.

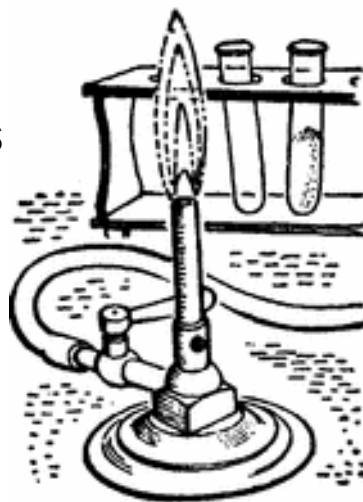
WARNING!
I shall probably
repeat somethings
you already know or
from previous lectures.
THIS IS INTENTIONAL.

BUT CHEMISTRY IS A PHYSICAL SCIENCE

*“Ein Chemiker, der nicht gleichzeitig Physiker ist, ist gar nichts.”**

Robert Eberhard Wilhelm Bunsen (1811-1899)

- Spectroscopy for chemical characterization
- Photochemistry
- A nifty little burner -->
- and quite a few other things



*** “A chemist who is not at the same time a physicist is nothing at all.”**

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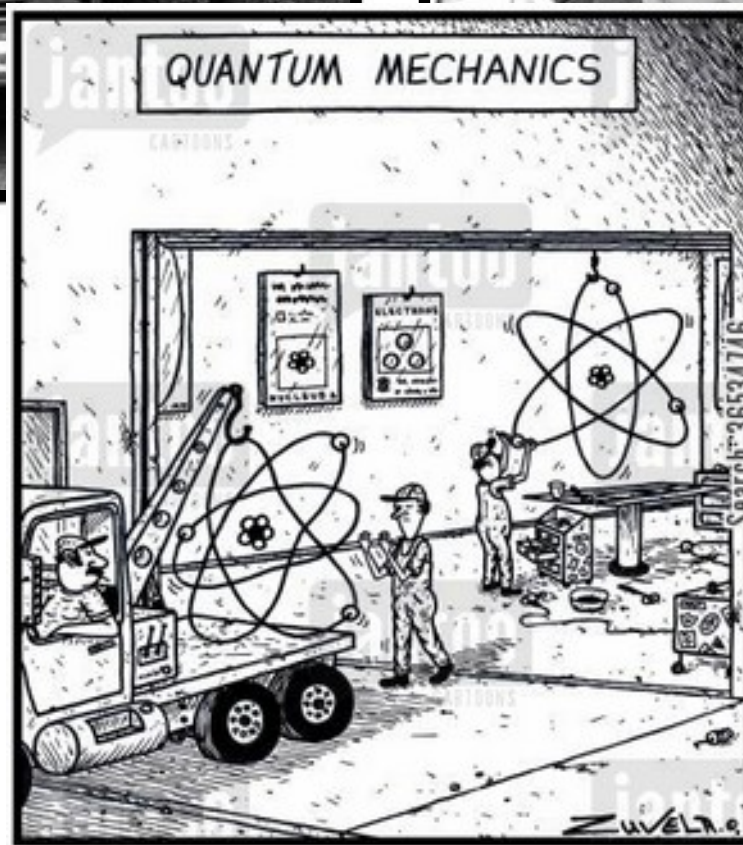
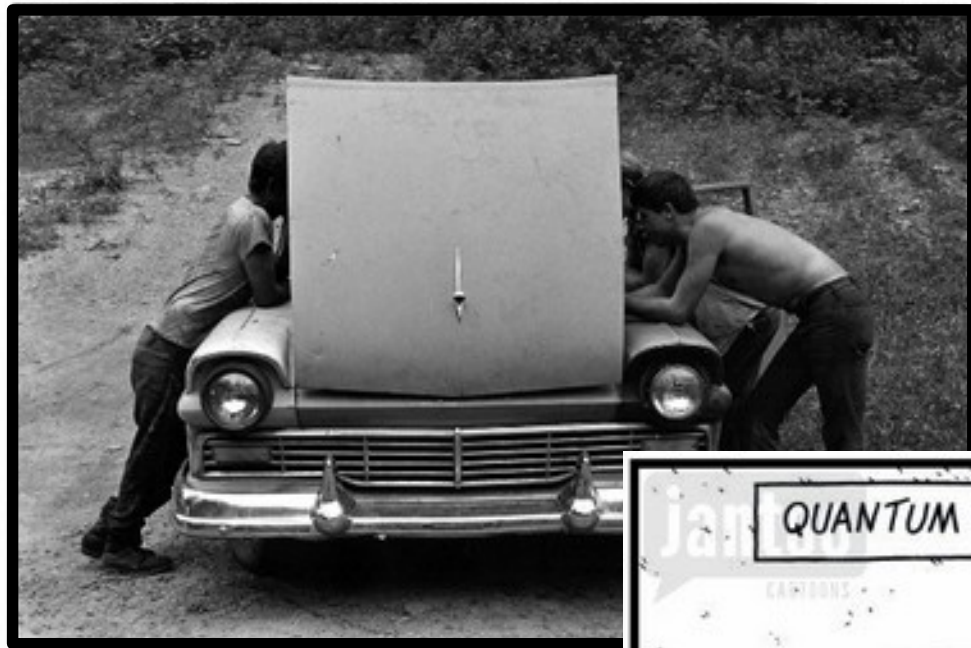
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Let Us Be Quantum Mechanics and Look Under the Hood



DIRAC'S FAMOUS CHALLENGE

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Paul Adrien Maurice DIRAC
Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Series A,
Containing Papers of a Mathematical and Physical Character,
Vol. 123, Page 714 (6 April 1929)

Let us concentrate on the electronic problem!

$$\hat{H}_e(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}) \Psi_I^e(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{R}) = E_I^e(\mathbf{R}) \Psi_I^e(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{R}) \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{H} \Psi_I(\mathbf{x}) = E_I \Psi_I(\mathbf{x}) \quad (2)$$

THE PART OF THE QUOTATION WHICH IS RARELY SEEN

“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. **It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed, which can lead to an explanation of the main features of complex atomic systems without too much computation.**”



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Quantum Mechanics of Many-Electron Systems.

By P. A. M. DIRAC, St. John's College, Cambridge.

(Communicated by R. H. Fowler, F.R.S.—Received March 12, 1929.)

§ 1. *Introduction.*

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 relativity 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. It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed, which can lead to an explanation of the main features of complex atomic systems without too much computation.

1926 : Schrödinger equation
1927 : Heitler-London VB theory

Dirac's 1929 paper is actually about the symmetric group applied to justify the Heitler-London VB theory for many-electron systems.

We want to solve

$$\hat{H} \Psi_I = E_I \Psi_I; E_0 \leq E_1 \leq E_2 \leq \dots \quad (1)$$

We will use the variational principle

$$E_0 \leq W[\Psi] = \frac{\langle \Psi_{trial} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{trial} \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{trial} | \Psi_{trial} \rangle} \quad (2)$$

Valid for every test function Ψ_{test} , satisfying the same boundary conditions as Ψ_I .

* Quantum Chemistry 101 ?

Electrons are fermions:

$$\Psi(1,2,\cdots,j,\cdots,i,\cdots,N) = -\Psi(1,2,\cdots,i,\cdots,j,\cdots,N) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } i = \vec{x}_i \quad (2)$$

The simplest function satisfying equation (1) is a **Slater determinant**:

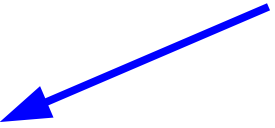
$$\Phi = |\psi_1, \psi_2, \cdots, \psi_N| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \det \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(1) & \psi_2(1) & \cdots & \psi_N(1) \\ \psi_1(2) & \psi_2(2) & \cdots & \psi_N(2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_1(N) & \psi_2(N) & \cdots & \psi_N(N) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

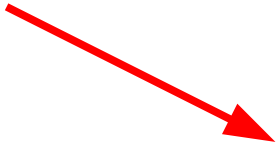
$$\text{where } \langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j} \quad (4)$$

HARTREE-FOCK (HF) ENERGY

$$E = \sum_i n_i \langle \psi_i | \hat{h} | \psi_i \rangle + E_{SCF} = \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i - E_{SCF} \quad (1)$$

$$E_{SCF} = E_H + E_x \quad (2)$$


$$E_H = \frac{1}{2} \int \int \frac{\rho(1)\rho(2)}{r_{12}} d1 d2 \quad (3)$$


$$E_x = -\frac{1}{2} \int \int \frac{|\gamma(1,2)|^2}{r_{12}} d1 d2 \quad (4)$$

THE HARTREE-FOCK (HF) APPROXIMATION

The test function is a Slater determinant.

We minimize the variational energy subject to the condition that the orbitals are orthonormal. The result is

$$\hat{f} \psi_i = \epsilon_i \psi_i \quad (1)$$

The Fock operator:

$$\hat{f} = \hat{h} + \hat{v}_{SCF} \quad (2)$$

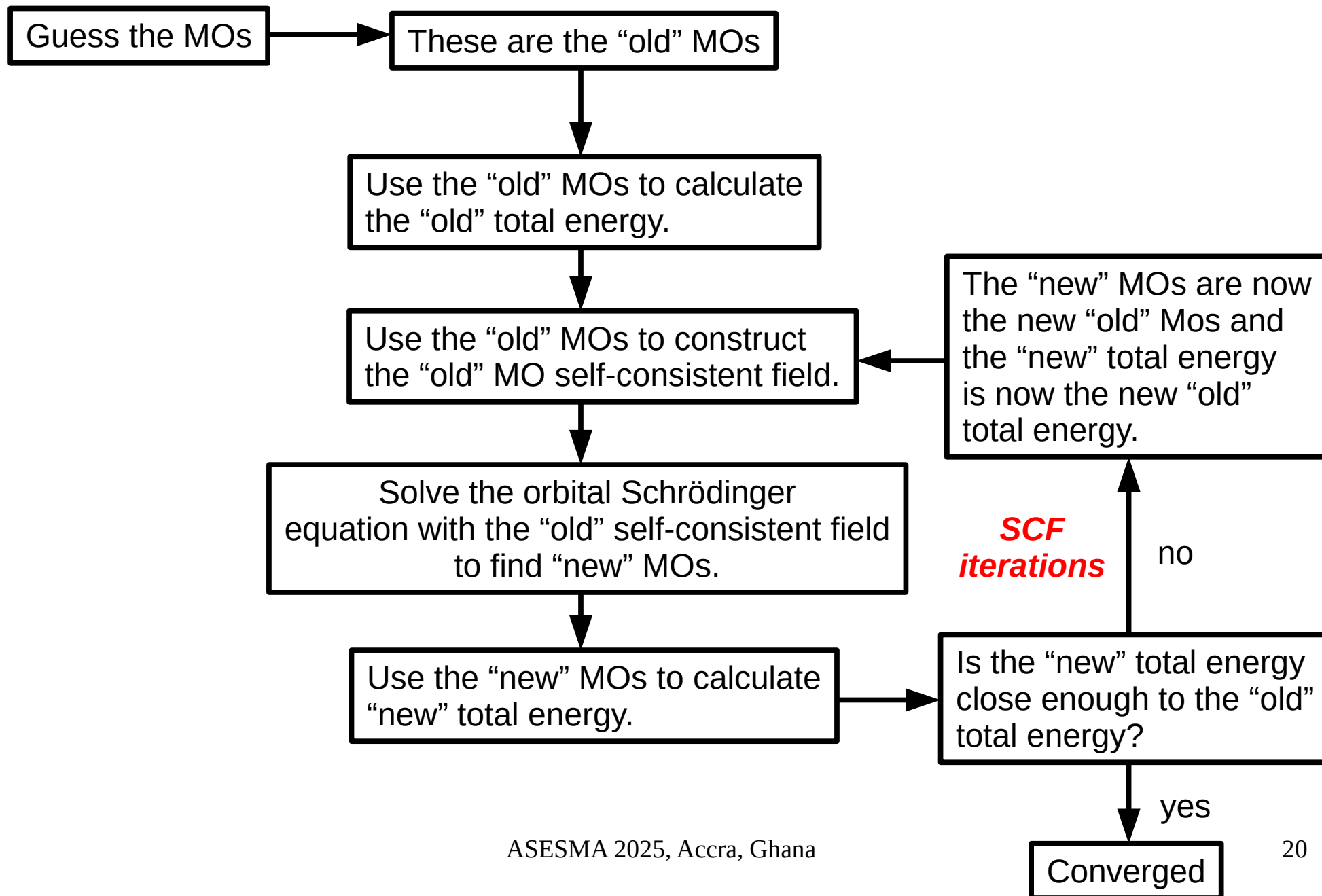
Self-consistent field (SCF) :

$$\hat{v}_{SCF} = \underbrace{v_H + \hat{\Sigma}_x}_{\text{Physics notation}} = \underbrace{\hat{J} - \hat{K}}_{\text{Chemistry notation}} \quad (3)$$

Physics notation

Chemistry notation

SELF-CONSISTENT FIELD CYCLES



ROGUES GALLERY



Wolfgang
PAULI



John C. SLATER



Douglas Rayner
HARTREE



Vladimir
FOCK



Inga FISCHER-HJALMARS*

C.A. Coulson and Miss I. Fischer, “XXXIV. Notes on the molecular orbital treatment of the hydrogen molecule”, *Phil. Mag.* **40**, 386 (1949).

*** Lest we forget the heroines
among our heroes!**

KOOPMANS' THEOREM*

In the HF approximation, in the absence of orbital relaxation:

Ionization potential (IP)

$$M + IP \rightarrow M^+ + e^-(v=0) \quad (1)$$

$$-IP_i = E_N - E_{N-1}(i^{-1}) = \epsilon_i \quad (2)$$

The occupied orbitals “see” N-1 electrons.

Electron affinity (EA)

$$M + e^-(v=0) \rightarrow M^- + EA \quad (3)$$

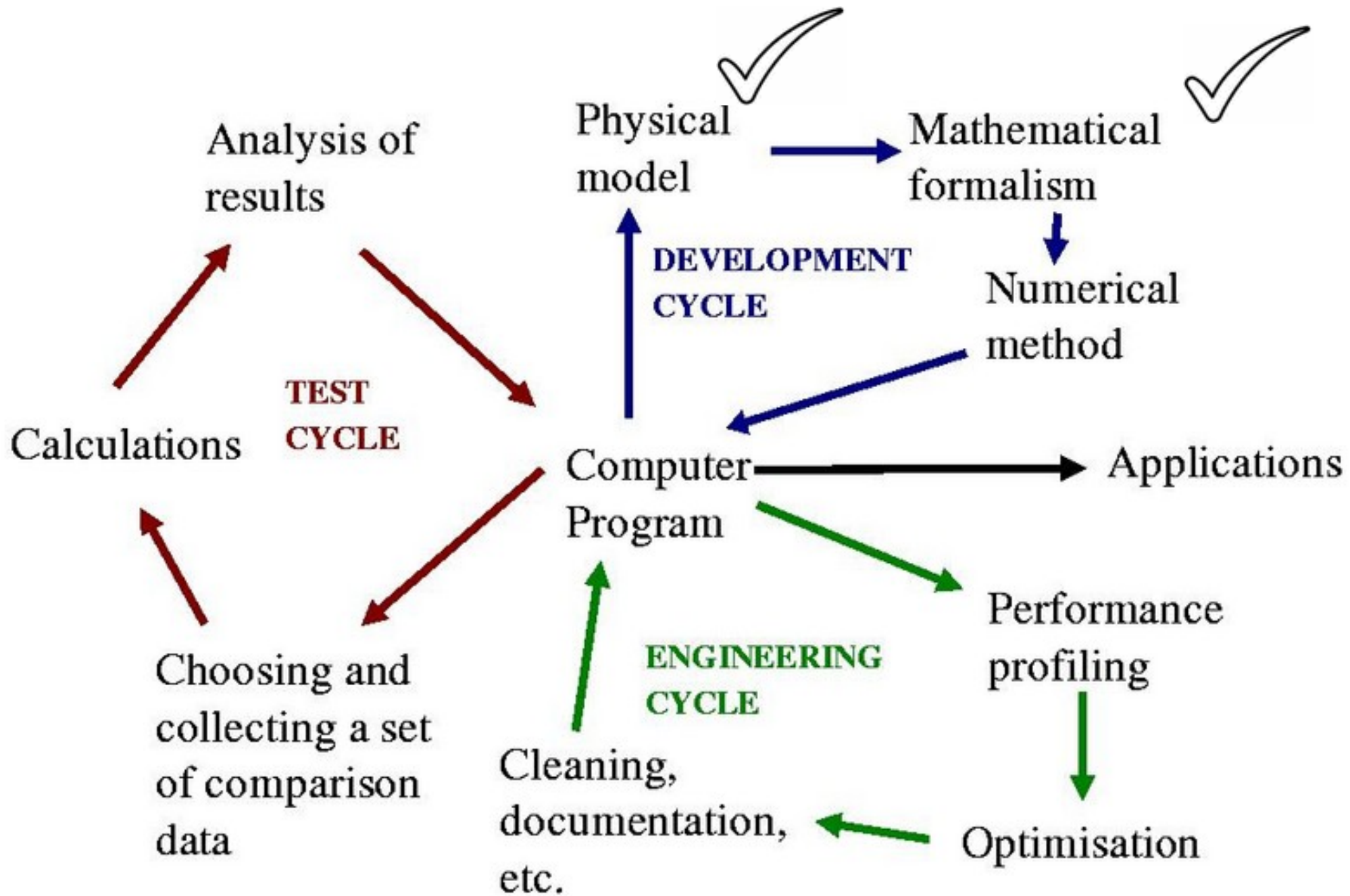
$$-EA_a = E_{N+1}(a^{+1}) - E_N = \epsilon_a \quad (4)$$

The unoccupied orbitals “see” N electrons.



Tjalling Charles
KOOPMANS

* T. Koopmans, “Über die Zuordnung von Wellenfunktionen und Eigenwerten zu den Einzelnen Elektronen Eines Atomes”, *Physica* **1**, 104 (1934).



Want to solve the molecular orbital (MO) equation,

$$\hat{f} \psi_i = \epsilon_i \psi_i \quad (1)$$

Expand each MO in a basis of atomic orbitals (AOs),

$$\psi_i = \sum_v \chi_v c_{v,i} \quad (2)$$

Either (i) rigorously by finding the MO coefficients $c_{v,i}$ by doing a variational minimization of the energy or (ii) heuristically by inserting Eq. (2) in Eq. (1) and projecting:

$$\sum_v \hat{f} \chi_v c_{v,i} \approx \epsilon_i \sum_v \chi_v c_{v,i} \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_v \langle \chi_\mu | \hat{f} | \chi_v \rangle c_{v,i} = \epsilon_i \sum_v \langle \chi_\mu | \chi_v \rangle c_{v,i} \quad (4a)$$

N equations in
N unknowns

$$f \vec{c}_i = \epsilon_i s \vec{c}_i \quad (4b)$$





Walter KOHN (9 March 1923 - 19 April 2016)

- Father of modern DFT
- Theoretical physicist and a great friend to chemists
- 1998 Nobel prize in Chemistry

P. HOHENBERG AND W. KOHN, PHYS. REV. 136, B864 (1964).
“INHOMOGENOUS ELECTRON GAS”



Walter KOHN



Pierre C. HOHENBERG

Theorem (HK1)

For a nondegenerate ground state, the external potential is determined by the charge density up to an arbitrary additive constant (i.e., an energy zero.)

$$\rho(\vec{r}) \overset{1-1}{\longleftrightarrow} v_{ext}(\vec{r}) + \text{const.} \quad (1)$$

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Fortunately DFT really rests on HK2 which requires only N-representability, not v-representability.



Walter KOHN



Pierre C. HOHENBERG

Theorem (HK2)

The ground state energy and density are determined the variational principle,

$$E = \min_{\rho} \left(F[\rho] + \int v_{\text{ext}}(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} \right) \quad (1)$$

The functional $F[\rho]$ is universal in the sense of being independent of v_{ext} .

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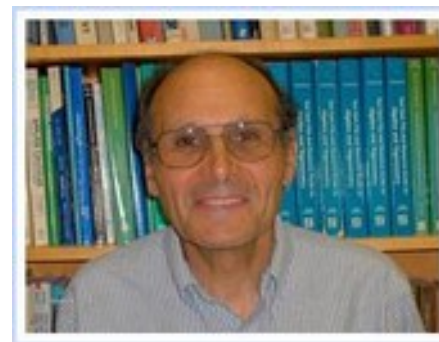
Proof (Levy-Lieb*)

$$F[\rho] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow \rho} \langle \Psi | \hat{T} + V_{ee} | \Psi \rangle \quad (2)$$



So the exact “unknown” functional is known, but just impossibly difficult to calculate !

* M. Levy, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* **76**, 6062 (1979).
M. Levy, *Phys. Rev. A* **26**, 1200 (1982).



Mel LEVY



Elliott LIEB

The Kohn-Sham Formulation

[*Phys. Rev.* 140, A1133 (1965)]

Introducing N orthonormal Kohn-Sham orbitals allows us to give an exact description of an important part of the total energy.

$$E = \sum_{i\sigma} n_{i\sigma} \langle \psi_{i\sigma} | -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{ext}} | \psi_{i\sigma} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \int \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}_1) \rho(\vec{r}_2)}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|} d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2 + E_{\text{xc}}[\rho] \quad (1)$$

where

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i\sigma} n_{i\sigma} |\psi_{i\sigma}(\vec{r})|^2 \quad (2)$$

Variational minimization subject to the orbital orthonormality constraint gives the **Kohn-Sham equation**.

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\vec{r}) + \int \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r}' + v_{\text{xc}}(\vec{r}) \right] \psi_{i\sigma}(\vec{r}) = \varepsilon_{i\sigma} \psi_{i\sigma}(\vec{r}) \quad (3)$$

where the exchange-correlation (xc) potential is

$$v_{\text{xc}}[\rho](\vec{r}) = \frac{\delta E_{\text{xc}}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\vec{r})} \quad (4)$$

Functional Derivatives

Definition

$$E_{xc}[\rho + \delta \rho] - E_{xc}[\rho] = \int \frac{\delta E_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\vec{r})} \delta \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r} \quad (1)$$

We need ...

$$v_{xc}[\rho](\vec{r}) = \frac{\delta E_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\vec{r})} \quad (2)$$

$$f_{xc}[\rho](\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \frac{\delta^2 E_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\vec{r}_1) \delta \rho(\vec{r}_2)} \quad (3)$$

and sometimes also

$$g_{xc}[\rho](\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3) = \frac{\delta^3 E_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\vec{r}_1) \delta \rho(\vec{r}_2) \delta \rho(\vec{r}_3)} \quad (4)$$

WANTED

**COMPUTATIONALLY
CONVENIENT EFFECTIVE
APPROXIMATIONS,
TYPICALLY OF THE FORM**

$$F[\rho] = \int f[\rho](\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$$

DFAs VERSUS DFT

Density- Functional Theory

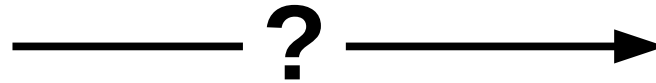
- Formally exact
- Computationally useless
- What DFAs try to approximate



Density- Functional Approximations

- Never exact
- But computationally useful
- Try to approximate the behavior of DFT





« *Le but n'est pas toujours placé pour être atteint, mais pour servir de point de mire ou de direction.* »*

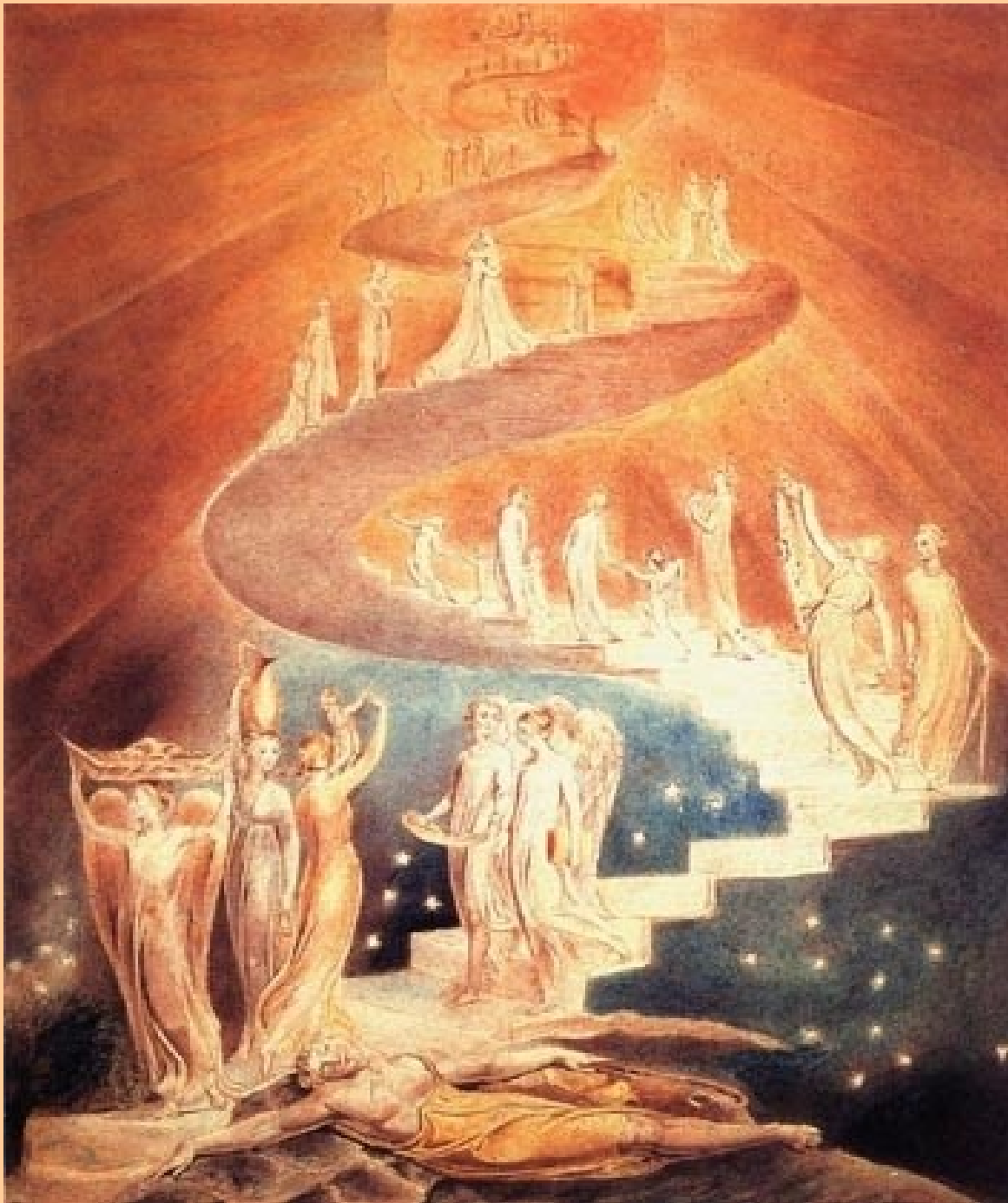
--- Joseph Joubert (p. 221 of *Receuil des pensées de M. Joubert* by F.-R. De Chateaubriand, 1838)

*** The target is not always meant to be hit, but rather to show where we should aim.**

Taking Stock

- Up to this point, we have only discussed *pure* DFT (depends only on ρ .)
- Today pure DFT is pure spin-DFT (depends on ρ_α and on ρ_β .)
- Today we really see pure DFT (pure Kohn-Sham). Most people use some type of generalized Kohn-Sham (GKS) that includes an orbital dependence.





"Jacob's Ladder"
William Blake
watercolor
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THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY HEAVEN**

Jacob's Ladder

MBPT *ab initio* DFT

$\hat{K}_x^{HF}$ hybrid/OEP

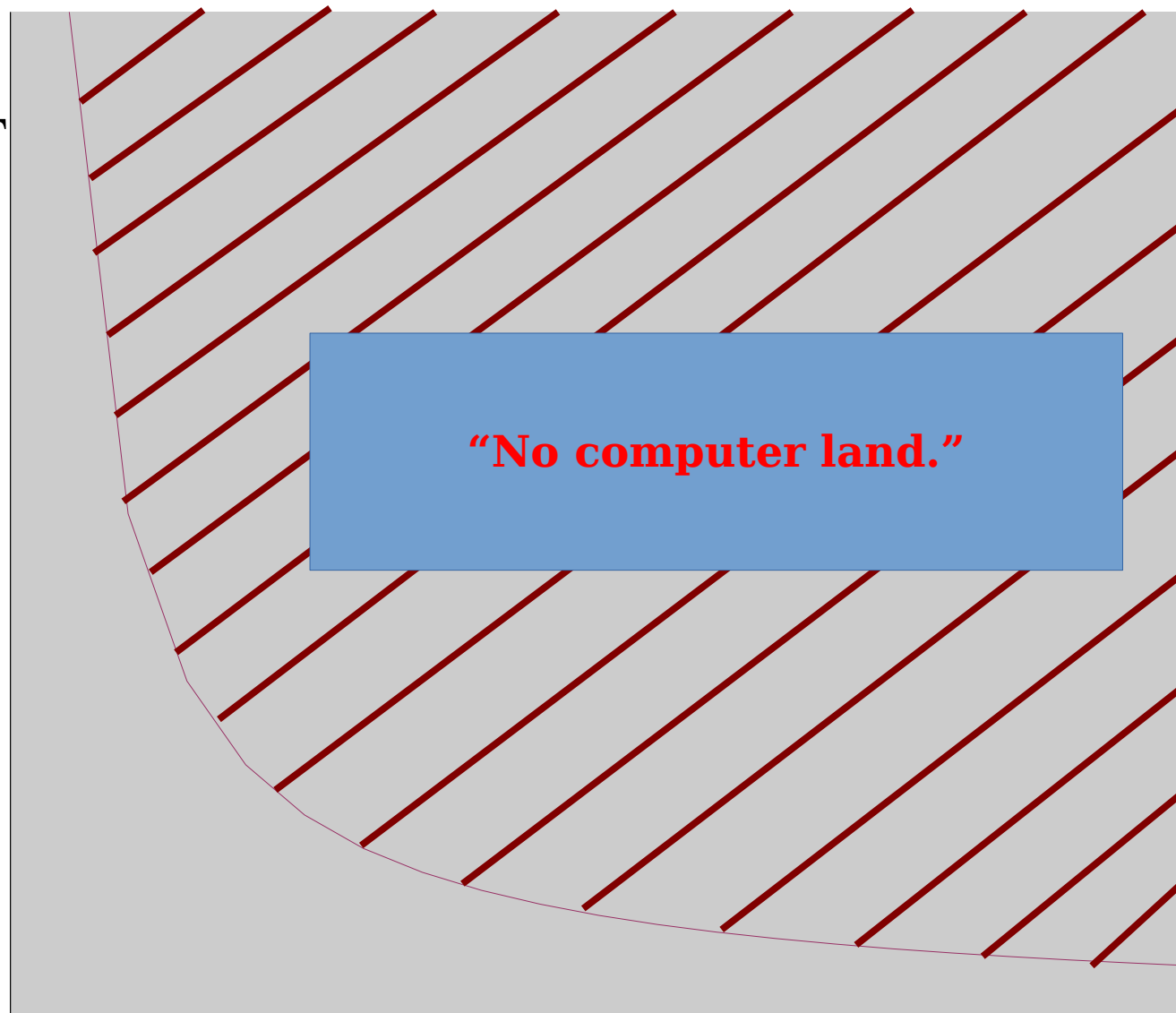
$\tau(\vec{r}) = \sum_i n_i |\nabla \psi_i|^2$ mGGA*

$$x(\vec{r}) = \frac{|\nabla \rho(\vec{r})|}{\rho(\vec{r})^{4/3}} \quad \text{GGA}$$

pure DFT

$\rho(\vec{r})$ LDA

HARTREE WORLD



Size of the molecule →

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* or include $\nabla^2 \rho$

** 1 kcal/mol or better precision

The favorite type of GKS is less
And less B3LYP and more and
More a RSH.

$$\frac{1}{r_{12}} = \underbrace{\frac{\text{erfc}(\gamma r_{12})}{r_{12}}}_{\text{SHORT RANGE}} + \underbrace{\frac{\text{erf}(\gamma r_{12})}{r_{12}}}_{\text{LONG RANGE}}$$

Molecules:

SR $\leftrightarrow$ DFT

LR $\leftrightarrow$ WF (e.g., HF)

Solids:

SR $\leftrightarrow$ WF

LR $\leftrightarrow$ DFT

The RSH idea came originally from Andreas Savin (Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris.)

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E. Livshits and R. Baer, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **9**, 2932 (2007).

* because Nature is not always short-sighted.

SEMI-EMPIRICAL DISPERSION CORRECTION*

Semi-empirical (molecular-modeling-type) formula designed to interpolate between two physical limits: *"the asymptotic part that is described very accurately by [TD-DFT] (for atomic or molecular fragments) and the short-range regime for which standard [DFAs] often yield a rather accurate description of the exchange-correlation problem"*.

$$E_{\text{disp}} = \sum_{A,B} \sum_{n=6,8,10,\dots} s_n \frac{C_n^{A,B}}{R_{A,B}^n \left[1 + 6 \left(\frac{R_{AB}}{s_{r,n} R_0^{A,B}} \right)^{-\alpha_n} \right]} - \sum_{A,B,C} \frac{\sqrt{C_6^{AB} C_6^{AC} C_6^{BC}} (3 \cos \theta_a \cos \theta_b \cos \theta_c + 1)}{(R_{AB} R_{BC} R_{CA})^3 \left[1 + 6 \left(\frac{\bar{R}_{ABC}}{s_{r,3} R_0^{A,B}} \right)^{-\alpha_3} \right]}$$

* S. Grimme, J. Antony, S. Ehrlich, and H. Krieg, *J. Chem. Phys.* **132**, 154104 (2010).
“A consistent and accurate *ab initio* parameterization of density functional dispersion correction (DFT-D) for the 94 elements H-Pu”

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All of the orthonormal orbitals, taken together, form a complete (infinite) basis set that can be used to expand any one-electron wave function.

Similarly, all of the (infinitely many) N -electron Slater determinants, taken together, constitute a complete basis set that may be used to expand any N -electron wave function.

This type of N -electron expansion is called “*complete CI*” and it is just a nice dream!

$$\Psi = C_0 \Phi + \sum_{i,a} C_{ai} \Phi_i^a + \sum_{i,j,a,b} C_{abji} \Phi_{ij}^{ab} + \dots \quad (1)$$

An expansion in all of possible determinants made from a finite orbital basis is called “*full CI*” and is only possible for small basis sets (and hence for small molecules).

For normal sized orbital basis sets, we can only do “*truncated CI*”.

$$\Psi_{\text{test}} = \text{truncated CI} \quad (1)$$

Using this trial function in a variation calculation is a *linear variation* and special theorems apply.

$$\mathbf{H} \vec{C}_I = E_I \vec{C}_I \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{0,0} & \vec{H}_{0,1}^+ & \cdots \\ \vec{H}_{0,1} & \mathbf{H}_{1,1} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \quad (3a)$$

$$\vec{C}_I = \begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ \vec{C}_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad (4a)$$

$$H_{0,0} = \langle \Phi | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle = E_{\text{HF}} \quad (3b)$$

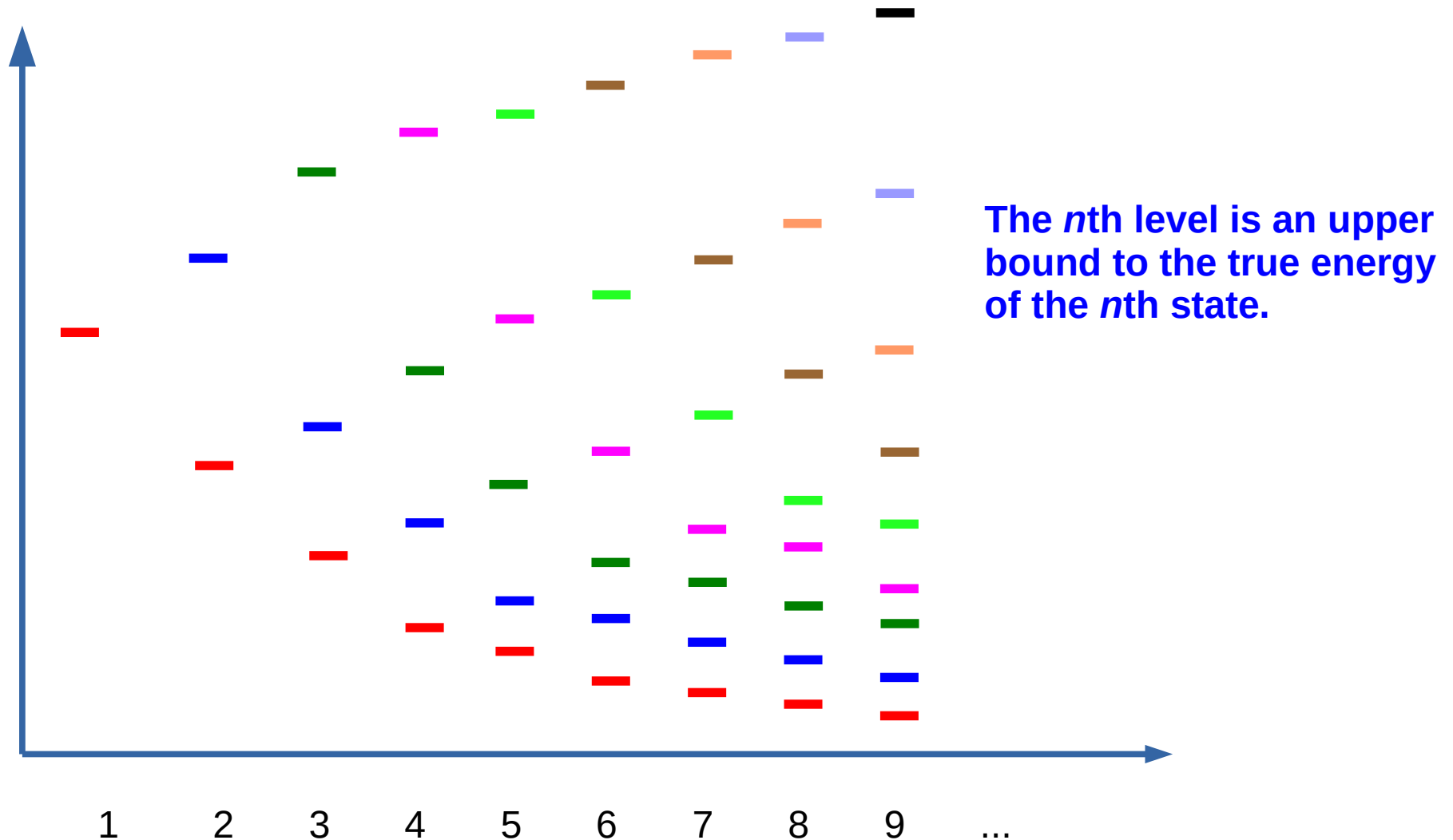
$$(\vec{C}_1)_{ai} = C_{ai} \quad (4b)$$

$$(\vec{H}_{0,1})_{ai} = \langle \Phi_i^a | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle = f_{a,i} = 0 \quad (3c) \quad (\text{Brillouin's theorem})$$

$$(\mathbf{H}_{1,1})_{ai,bj} = \delta_{i,j} \delta_{a,b} E_{\text{HF}} + A_{ai,bj} \quad (3d)$$

THE HYLLERAAS-UNDHEIM-MACDONALD or CAUCHY'S INTERLEAVING THEOREM

Only for *linear* variations (such as CI):



$$\begin{bmatrix} H_{0,0} & \vec{H}_{0,1}^+ \\ \vec{H}_{0,1} & \mathbf{H}_{1,1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ \vec{C}_1 \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ \vec{C}_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{\text{HF}} & \vec{0}^+ \\ \vec{0} & \mathbf{A} + E_{\text{HF}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ \vec{C}_1 \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ \vec{C}_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \vec{C}_1 = (E - E_{\text{HF}}) \vec{C}_1 = \omega \vec{C}_1 \quad (3)$$

How do we solve such a big eigenvalue equation?

Block Davidson Diagonalisation



Ernest R. Davidson, J. Comp. Phys. **17**, 87 (1975).

"The iterative calculation of a few of the lowest eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of large real-symmetric matrices"

Ernest R. Davidson, Comp. Phys. Comm. **53**, 49 (1989).

"Super-matrix methods"

C.W. Murray, S.C. Racine, and E.R. Davidson,
J. Comp. Phys. **103**, 382 (1992).

"Improved algorithms for the lowest few eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors of large matrices"

Algorithm

Want to solve $A \vec{x} = a \vec{x}$

- 1) guess $\vec{x}_0$
- 2) calculate correction $\delta \vec{x} = (a - D)^{-1} (A - a) \vec{x}_0$
- 3) if $|\delta \vec{x}| < \epsilon$ then we are converged
- 4) orthonormalize with respect to $\vec{x}_0$ to obtain $\vec{x}_1$
- 5) set up projected (2 x 2) matrix $\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_0^+ A \vec{x}_0 & \vec{x}_0^+ A \vec{x}_1 \\ \vec{x}_1^+ A \vec{x}_0 & \vec{x}_1^+ A \vec{x}_1 \end{bmatrix}$
- 6) solve $\tilde{A} \vec{c} = \tilde{a} \vec{c}$
- 7) update $\vec{x}_0 = c_0 \vec{x}_0 + c_1 \vec{x}_1$
- 8) repeat until converged



Block Davidson Diagonalisation : Pyridine Results

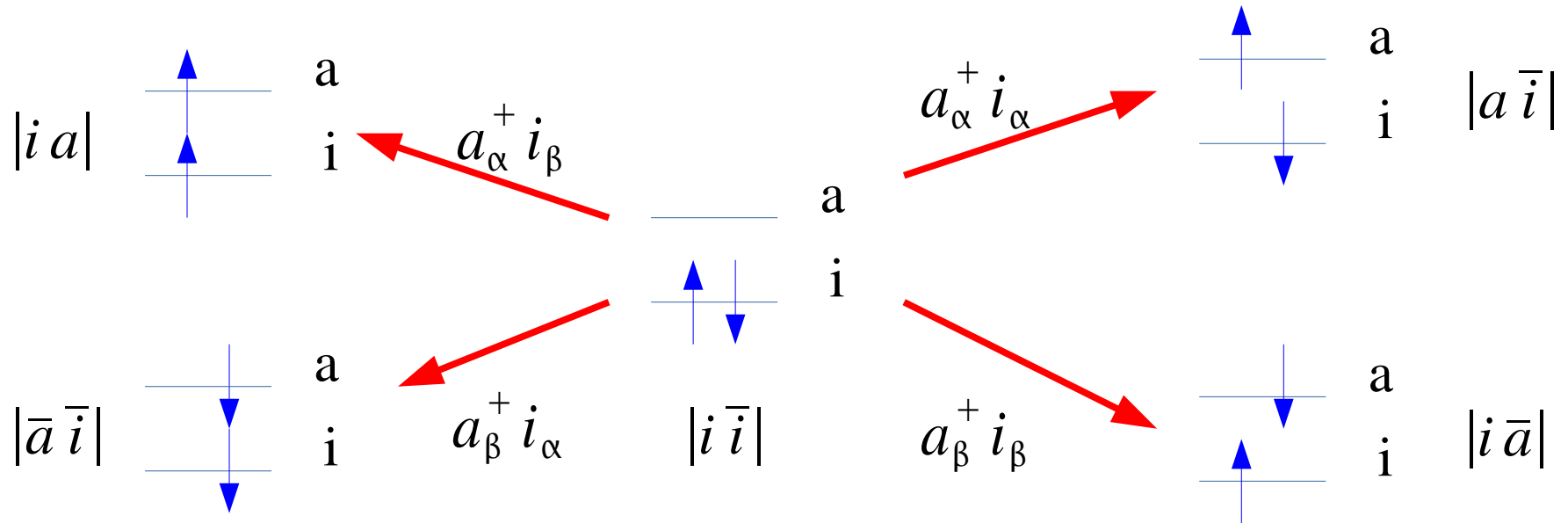
Vertical Excitation Energies in eV (oscillator strength)

State	Full diagonalization ^a	Davidson (40 states) ^b	Davidson (30 states) ^b	Davidson (20 states) ^{b,d}	Davidson (10 states) ^b	Davidson (10 states) ^c
45	9.983579					
44	9.982837					

Exact up to numerical convergence.
Not an approximation!

13	8.261103	8.261105	8.261103	8.261104		
12	8.237879	8.237889	8.237879	8.237880		
11	8.101488	8.101494	8.101489	8.101492		
10	7.514902	7.514903	7.514904	7.514908	7.514908	
9	7.336417 (0.300983)	7.336417 (0.300977)	7.336415 (0.300978)	7.336417 (0.300879)	7.336418 (0.300999)	
8	7.317097	7.317098	7.317097	7.317100	7.317099	
7	7.258573	7.258573	7.258573	7.258573	7.258575	
6	7.234619	7.234620	7.234621	7.234619	7.234623	
5	7.221868	7.221869	7.221870	7.221875	7.221871	7.231149
4	7.023707	7.023707	7.023707	7.023707	7.023709	7.044960
3	6.688117 (0.059847)	6.688117 (0.059828)	6.688117 (0.059847)	6.688124 (0.059683)	6.688117 (0.059882)	6.694428 (0.058550)
2	6.596621	6.596621	6.596621	6.596621	6.596626	6.606604
1	4.403893	4.403898	4.403895	4.403895	4.403898	4.574847
No. iterations		20	13	13	11	8
Memory	38MB	43MB	43MB	6MB	43MB	8MB
usertime	38.24	14.52	14.49	13.01	7.77	8.15
system time	999.63	196.96	157.07	142.28	129.56	113.39

TWO-ORBITAL TWO-ELECTRON MODEL (TOTEM)*



	Ψ_{S, M_S}
Singlet	$\Psi_{0,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a\bar{i}\rangle + i\bar{a}\rangle)$
Triplets	$\Psi_{1,0} = ia\rangle$
	$\Psi_{1,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a\bar{i}\rangle - i\bar{a}\rangle)$
	$\Psi_{1,-1} = \bar{a}\bar{i}\rangle$

* two-orbital two-electron model.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_a - \epsilon_i + [ai|ia] - [aa|ii] & [ai|ia] \\ [ai|ia] & \epsilon_a - \epsilon_i + [ai|ia] - [aa|ii] \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_{ai\alpha} \\ X_{ai\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} X_{ai\alpha} \\ X_{ai\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

Singlet type excitation

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_{ai\alpha} \\ X_{ai\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \omega = \epsilon_a - \epsilon_i + 2[ai|ia] - [aa|ii]$$

Triplet type excitation

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_{ai\alpha} \\ X_{ai\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \omega = \epsilon_a - \epsilon_i - [aa|ii]$$



THE ZIEGLER-RAUK-BAERENDS (DAUL) MULTIPLY SUM METHOD*

	Ψ_{S, M_S}
Singlet	$\Psi_{0,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a\bar{i} + i\bar{a})$
Triplets	$\Psi_{1,0} = ia $ $\Psi_{1,0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a\bar{i} - i\bar{a})$ $\Psi_{1,-1} = \bar{a}\bar{i} $

$$E_S = \langle \Psi_{0,0} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{0,0} \rangle = \langle a\bar{i} | \hat{H} | a\bar{i} \rangle + \langle a\bar{i} | \hat{H} | i\bar{a} \rangle$$

$$E_T = \langle \Psi_{1,0} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{1,0} \rangle = \langle a\bar{i} | \hat{H} | a\bar{i} \rangle - \langle a\bar{i} | \hat{H} | i\bar{a} \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$E_S + E_T = 2 \langle a\bar{i} | \hat{H} | a\bar{i} \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$E_S = 2 \langle a\bar{i} | \hat{H} | a\bar{i} \rangle - \langle ia | \hat{H} | ia \rangle$$

because

$$E_T = \langle ia | \hat{H} | ia \rangle$$

* T. Ziegler, A. Rauk, and E.J. Baerends, *Theor. Chim. Acta* **4**, 877 (1977)
 C. Daul, *Int. J. Quantum Chem.* **52**, 867 (1994)

A consequence of Koopmans' theorem is that the TOTEM formulae are almost never accurate enough to be useful.





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TIME-DEPENDENT DENSITY-FUNCTIONAL THEORY (TD-DFT)

[E. Runge and E.K.U. Gross, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 52, 997 (1984)]

Given a system, initially in its ground state, exposed to a time-dependent perturbation:

1st Theorem (RG1): $v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}t)$ is determined by $\rho(\mathbf{r}t)$ up to an arbitrary additive function of time.

Corollary: $\rho(\mathbf{r}t) \rightarrow N, v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}t) + C(t) \rightarrow \hat{H}(t) + C(t) \rightarrow \Psi(t) e^{-i \int_{t_0}^t C(t') dt'} \quad (1)$

(RG1 has only been proven for functions whose time dependence can be expanded in a Taylor series.)

2nd Theorem (RG2): The time-dependent charge-density is a stationary point of the Frenkel-Dirac action

$$A[\rho] = \int_{t_0}^t \langle \Psi(t') | i \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} - \hat{H}(t') | \Psi(t') \rangle dt' \quad (2)$$

[RG2 suffers from a “causality paradox”. But this difficulty now seems to have been solved by G. Vignale, *Phys. Rev. A* **77**, 062511 (2008). “Real-time solution of the causality paradox of time-dependent density-functional theory”]

TIME-DEPENDENT KOHN-SHAM EQUATION

[E. Runge and E. K. U. Gross, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **52**, 997 (1984)]

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + v_{ext}(\mathbf{r}, t) + \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}', t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}' + v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_{i\sigma} n_{i\sigma} |\psi_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\delta A_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)} \quad (3)$$

Remark: If the initial state is not the ground state, then

$$v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}, t) = v_{xc}[\rho, \Psi_0, \Phi_0](\mathbf{r}, t) \quad (4)$$

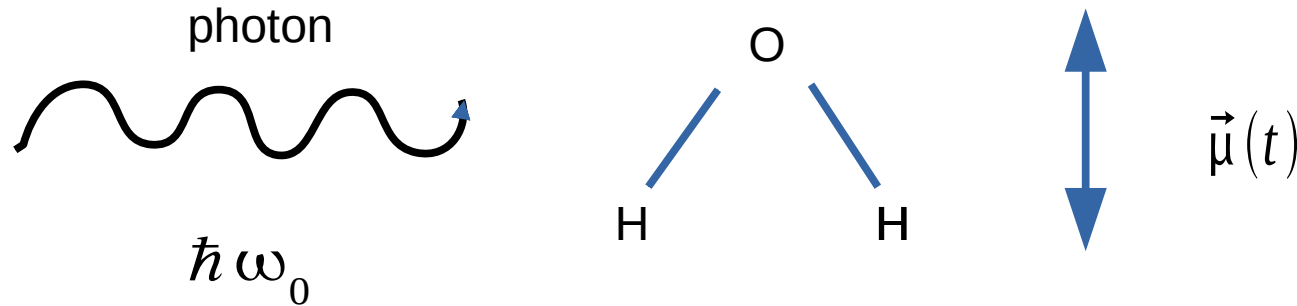
TD-DFT ADIABATIC APPROXIMATION (AA)

Assume that the exchange-correlation (xc) potential responds instantaneously and without memory to any change in the time-dependent density.

$$v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}t) = \frac{\delta A_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}t)} \quad \longrightarrow \quad v_{xc}(\mathbf{r}t) = \frac{\delta E_{xc}[\rho_t]}{\delta \rho_t(\mathbf{r})}$$
$$\rho_t(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r}t)$$

This defines “conventional TD-DFT”.

ELECTRONIC POLARIZATION INDUCED BY THE APPLICATION OF A TIME-DEPENDENT ELECTRIC FIELD



Classical model of a photon

$$\vec{\varepsilon}(t) = \vec{\varepsilon} \cos \omega_0 t \quad (1)$$

$$v(\vec{r}, t) = e \vec{\varepsilon}(t) \cdot \vec{r} \quad (2)$$

Induced dipole moment

$$\delta \vec{\mu}(t) = -e (\langle \Psi_0 | \vec{r} | \delta \Psi_0(t) \rangle + \langle \delta \Psi_0(t) | \vec{r} | \Psi_0 \rangle) \quad (3)$$

RESPONSE THEORY FOR CHEMISTS ...

The linear response for a property a

$$\delta \langle \hat{a} \rangle(t)$$

to the perturbation b

$$\hat{b}(t) = \hat{b} \cos \omega_0 t \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{H} \Psi_I = E_I \Psi_I \quad (2)$$

$$[\hat{H} + \hat{b}(t)] \Psi_0(t) = i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_0(t) \quad (3)$$

$$\Psi_0(t) = [\Psi_0 + \delta \Psi_0(t) + \dots] e^{-iE_0 t / \hbar} \quad (4)$$

which allows us to deduce the 1st order equation

$$\hat{b}(t) \Psi_0 = (i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \hat{H} + E_0) \delta \Psi_0(t) \quad (5)$$

ENERGY REPRESENTATION

Fourier transforms

$$f(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\omega t} f(t) dt \quad (1)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i\omega t} f(\omega) d\omega \quad (2)$$



Joseph Fourier
Prefect of the Isère
(Grenoble)
1802-1815



Transform the 1st order equation

$$\hat{b}(t) \Psi_0 = (i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \hat{H} + E_0) \delta \Psi_0(t) \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{b}(\omega) \Psi_0 = (\hbar\omega - \hat{H} + E_0) \delta \Psi_0(\omega) \quad (4)$$



Solve by Rayleigh-Schrödinger perturbation theory!

$$\delta \Psi_0(\omega) = \sum_{I \neq 0} \Psi_I \frac{\langle \Psi_I | \hat{b}(\omega) | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\omega - \omega_I} \quad (5) \quad \text{where} \quad \hbar\omega_I = E_I - E_0 \quad (\hbar=1) \quad (6)$$

TIME REPRESENTATION

Since

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\omega t} \cos \omega_0 t dt = \pi [\delta(\omega + \omega_0) + \delta(\omega - \omega_0)] \quad (1)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\omega t} \sin \omega_0 t dt = \frac{\pi}{i} [\delta(\omega + \omega_0) - \delta(\omega - \omega_0)] \quad (2)$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \Psi_0(t) = & \left(\sum_{I \neq 0} \Psi_I \frac{\omega_I \langle \Psi_I | \hat{b} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\omega_0^2 - \omega_I^2} \right) \cos \omega_0 t \\ & - i \left(\sum_{I \neq 0} \Psi_I \frac{\omega_0 \langle \Psi_I | \hat{b} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\omega_0^2 - \omega_I^2} \right) \sin \omega_0 t \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

RESPONSE OF AN ARBITRARY PROPERTY

$$\delta \langle \hat{a} \rangle(t) = \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{a} | \delta \Psi_0(t) \rangle + \langle \delta \Psi_0(t) | \hat{a} | \Psi_0 \rangle \quad (1)$$

Electronic polarizabilities, NMR chemical shifts

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \langle \hat{a} \rangle(t) = & \left(\sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{2 \omega_I \Re e \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{a} | \Psi_I \rangle \langle \Psi_I | \hat{b} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\omega_0^2 - \omega_I^2} \right) \cos \omega_0 t \\ & + \sum_{I \neq 0} \left(\frac{2 \omega_0 \Im m \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{a} | \Psi_I \rangle \langle \Psi_I | \hat{b} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\omega_I^2 - \omega_0^2} \right) \sin \omega_0 t \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Circular dichroïsme

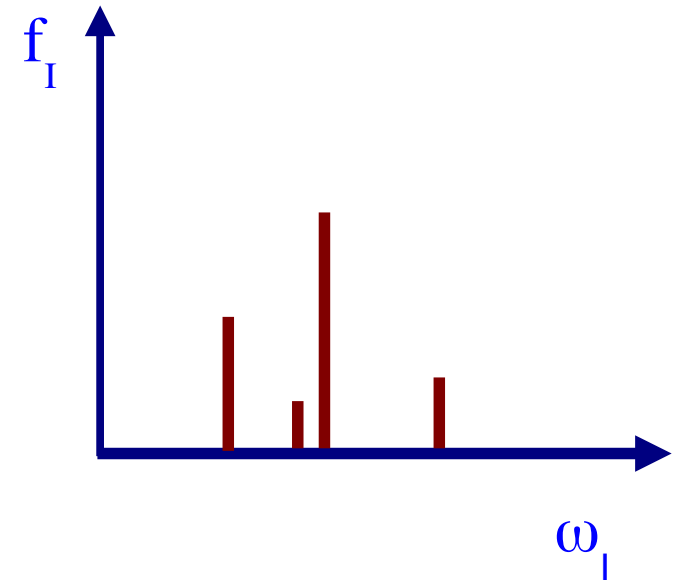
THE DYNAMIC POLARIZABILITY

$$\mu_i(t) = \mu_i + \sum_j \alpha_{i,j}(\omega) \varepsilon_j \cos \omega t + \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha_{i,j}(\omega) = \sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{2\omega_I \langle \Psi_0 | r_i | \Psi_I \rangle \langle \Psi_I | r_j | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\omega_I^2 - \omega^2} \quad (2)$$

Sum-over-states (SOS*)

$$\alpha(\omega) = \sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{f_I}{\omega_I^2 - \omega^2} \quad (3)$$



$$f_I = \frac{2}{3} \omega_I (|\langle \Psi_0 | x | \Psi_I \rangle|^2 + |\langle \Psi_0 | y | \Psi_I \rangle|^2 + |\langle \Psi_0 | z | \Psi_I \rangle|^2) \quad (4)$$

FREQUENCY/ENERGY FORMULATION

Mark E. Casida in *Recent Advances in Density Functional Methods, Part I*, edited by D.P. Chong (Singapore, World Scientific, 1995), p. 155.

"Time-dependent density-functional response theory for molecules"

"RPA" equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(\omega_I) & B(\omega_I) \\ B(\omega_I) & A(\omega_I) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X}_I \\ \vec{Y}_I \end{bmatrix} = \omega_I \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X}_I \\ \vec{Y}_I \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

or

$$A_{ij\sigma,kl\tau}(\omega) = \delta_{\sigma,\tau} \delta_{i,k} \delta_{j,l} (\varepsilon_{i\sigma} - \varepsilon_{j\sigma}) + K_{ij\sigma,kl\tau}(\omega) \quad (2)$$

$$B_{ij\sigma,kl\tau}(\omega) = K_{ij\sigma,lk\tau}(\omega) \quad (3)$$

Coupling matrix

$$K_{ij\sigma,kl\tau} = \int \int \psi_{i\sigma}^*(\vec{r}) \psi_{j\sigma}(\vec{r}) f_{Hxc}^{\sigma,\tau}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; \omega) \psi_{k\tau}(\vec{r}') \psi_{l\tau}^*(\vec{r}') d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' \quad (4)$$

Remark: The general formulation does not make the adiabatic approximation.

EQUATION-OF-MOTION/SUPEROPERATOR APPROACH

The idea here is to present a method which is relatively “easy” and “elegant” to understand but which gives us the same equations as response theory.



The EOM

$$\check{H} \hat{O}^+ = [\hat{H}, \hat{O}^+] = \omega \hat{O}^+ \quad (1)$$

has excitation-type solutions

$$[\hat{H}, |I\rangle \langle 0|] = (E_I - E_0) |I\rangle \langle 0| \quad (2)$$

and de-excitation-type solutions

$$[\hat{H}, |0\rangle \langle I|] = (E_0 - E_I) |0\rangle \langle I| \quad (3)$$

(it also has other solutions, but these are all we care about here!)

Let us seek a solution of the form

$$\hat{O}^+ = \sum_{ai} a^\dagger_i X_{ai} + \sum_{ai} i^\dagger_a Y_{ai} \quad (4)$$

$$\check{H} \hat{O}^+ = [\hat{H}, \hat{O}^+] = \omega \hat{O}^+ \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{O}^+ = \sum_{ai} a^+ i X_{ai} + \sum_{ai} i^+ a Y_{ai} \quad (2)$$

Inserting (2) into (1) and using the “metric”

$$(\hat{A}|\hat{B}) = \langle \Phi | [\hat{A}^+, \hat{B}] | \Phi \rangle \quad (3)$$

gives us

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^* & \mathbf{A}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X} \\ \vec{Y} \end{bmatrix} = \omega \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{X} \\ \vec{Y} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

with

$$A_{ai,bj} = \delta_{i,j} \delta_{a,b} (\epsilon_a - \epsilon_i) + (ai|f_H|jb) - (ab|f_H|ji) \quad (5)$$

$$B_{ai,bj} = (ib|f_H|ja) - (jb|f_H|ia) \quad (6)$$

excitation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^* & \mathbf{A}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{X} \\ \vec{Y} \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{X} \\ \vec{Y} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

corresponding de-excitation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^* & \mathbf{A}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{Y}^* \\ \vec{X}^* \end{pmatrix} = -\omega \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{Y}^* \\ \vec{X}^* \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B=0 \\ B^*=0 & A^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{X} \\ \vec{Y} \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{X} \\ \vec{Y} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

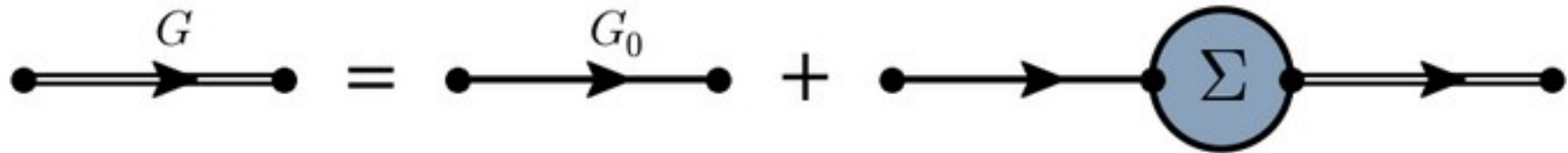
$$A \vec{X} = \omega \vec{X} \quad (2)$$

This looks like CIS !!
(and is actually the same as CIS if we start from TD-HF)

1-ELECTRON GREEN'S FUNCTION

Dyson's equation 1 (ω suppressed) $G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G$ (1)

“time” →

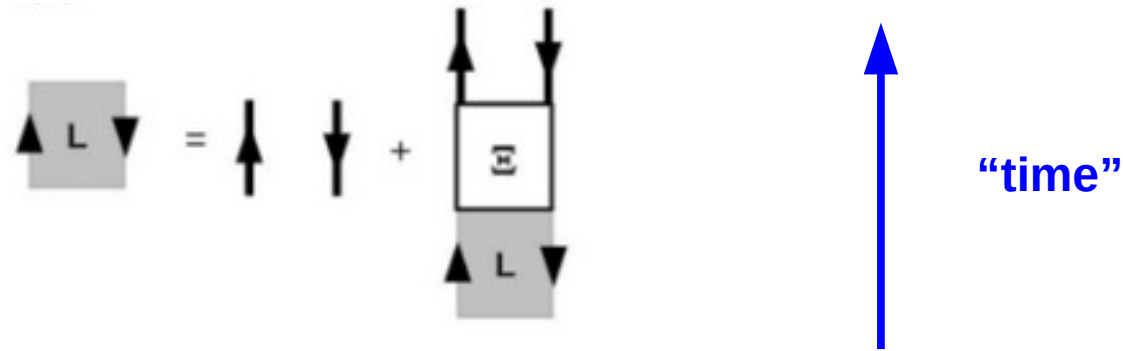


Zero-order approximation $G_0 = (\omega - h)^{-1}$ (2)

Dyson's equation 2 (from the Lehmann representation) $(h + \Sigma(\omega)) \psi = \omega \psi$ (3)

2-ELECTRON GREEN'S FUNCTION

Dyson's equation 1 (ω suppressed) $L = L_0 + L_0 \Xi L$ (1)



Zero-order approximation $L_0 = (\omega - \Delta \epsilon)^{-1}$ (2)

$\Delta \epsilon$ represents both excitations and de-excitations!

Dyson's equation 2 (from the Lehmann representation) $(\Delta \epsilon + \Xi(\omega))g = \omega g$ (3)

$(\Delta \epsilon + K)g = \omega g$ (3')

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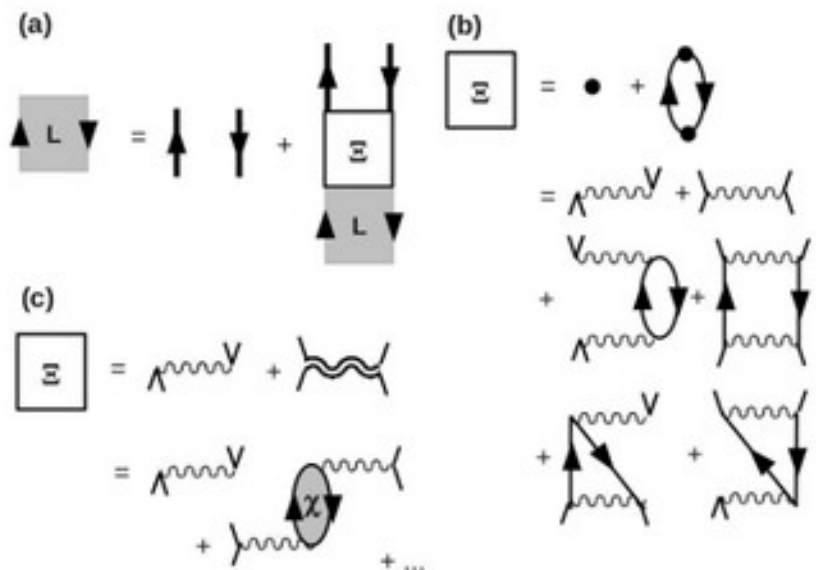
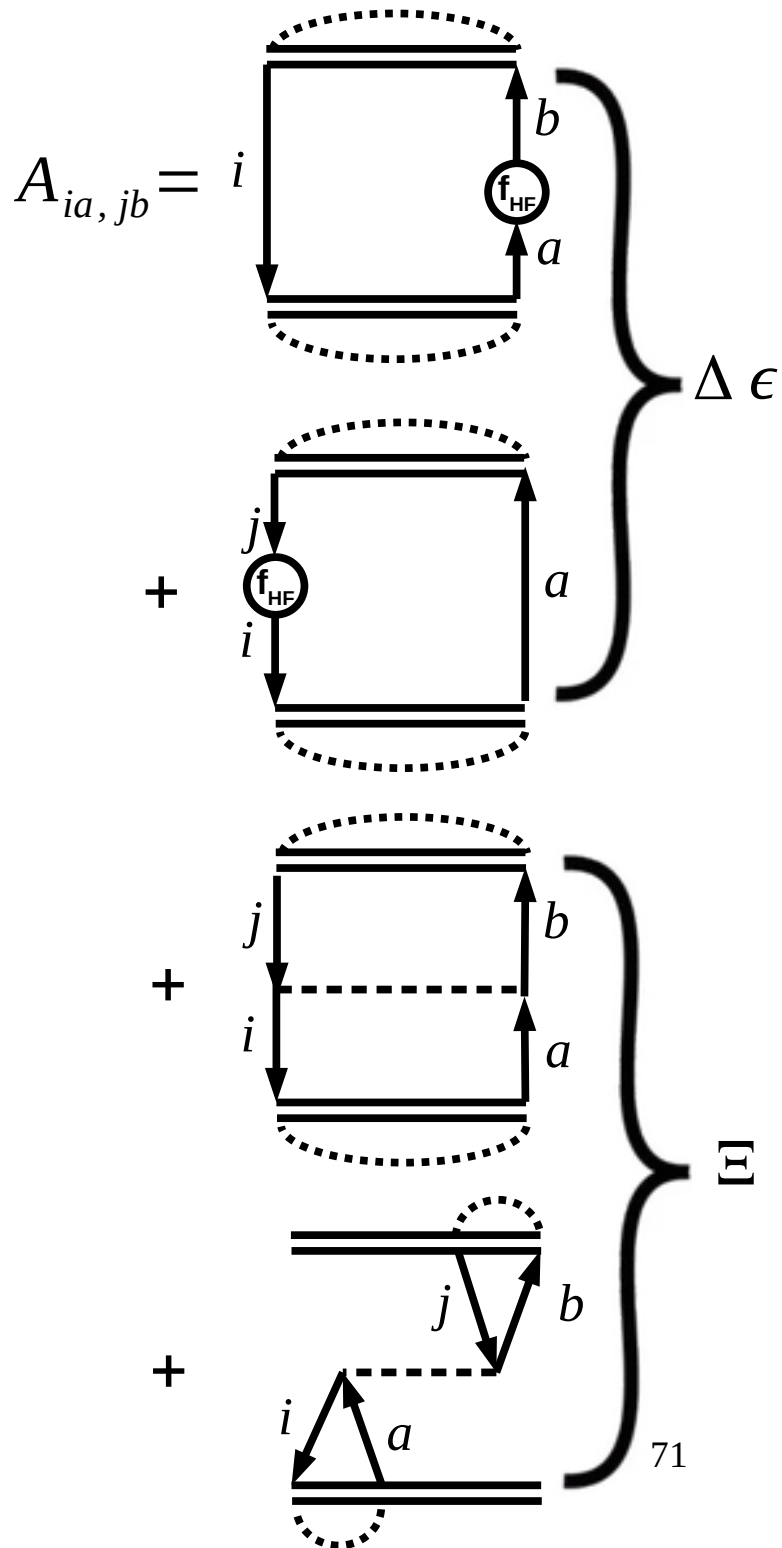


Fig. 10 Time-unordered (Feynman and Abrikosov) ph-propagator diagrams: (a) BSE, (b) second-order self-energy quantum chemistry approximation, (c) GW self-energy solid-state physics approximation. Note in part (c) that the solid-state physics literature will often turn the v and w wiggly lines at right angles to each other to indicate the same thing that we have indicated here by adding tab lines.

$$A_{ai,bj} = \delta_{i,j} \delta_{a,b} (\epsilon_a - \epsilon_i) + (ai|f_H|jb) - (ab|f_H|ji)$$

Configuration Interaction Matrix Element (CIME) diagrams



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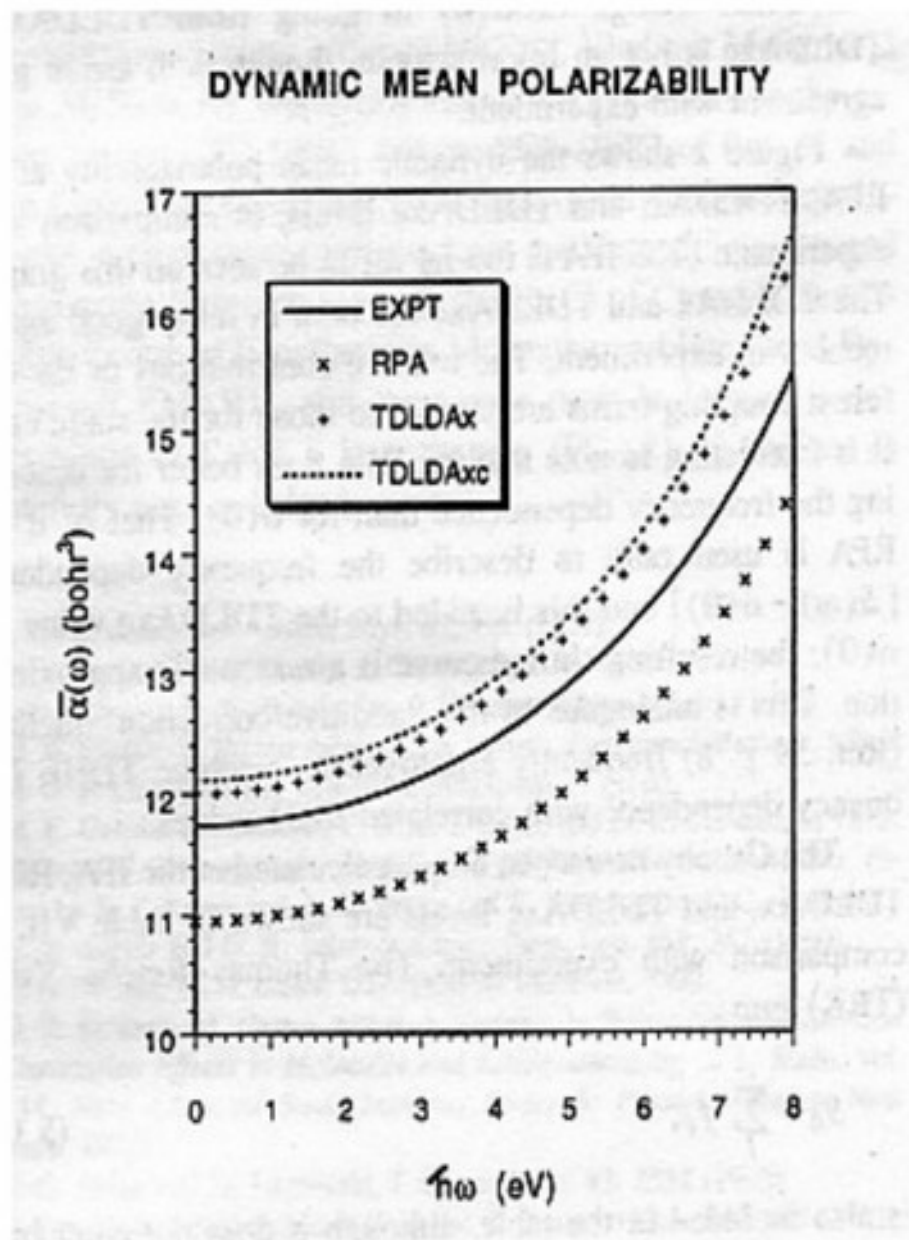
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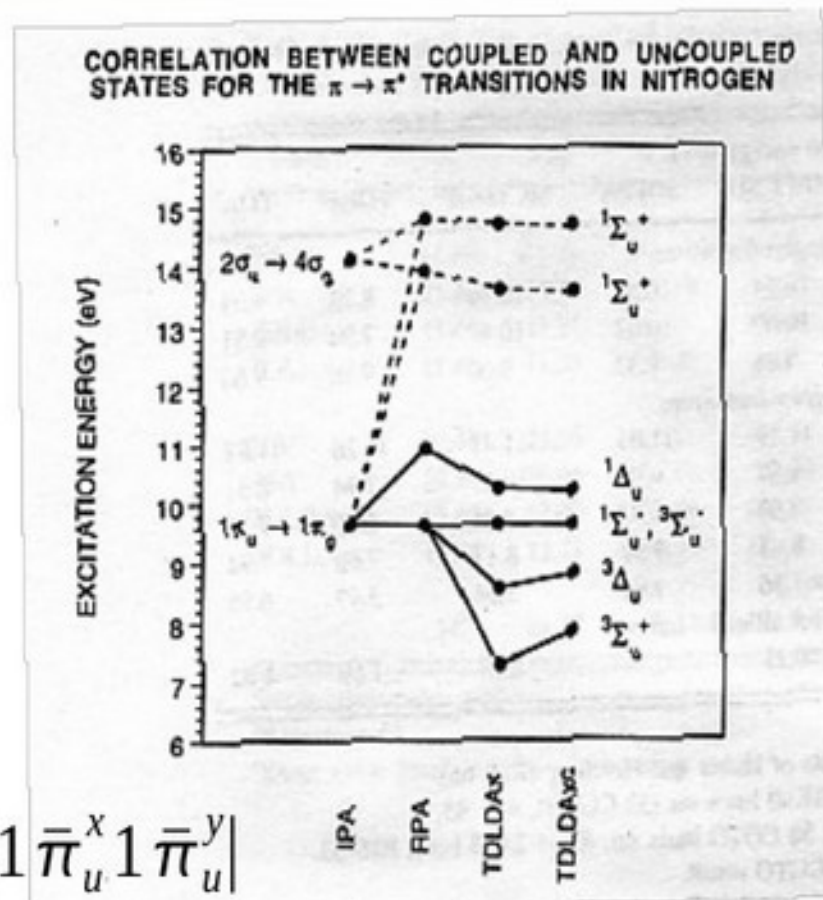
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$N_2 \pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ Excitations

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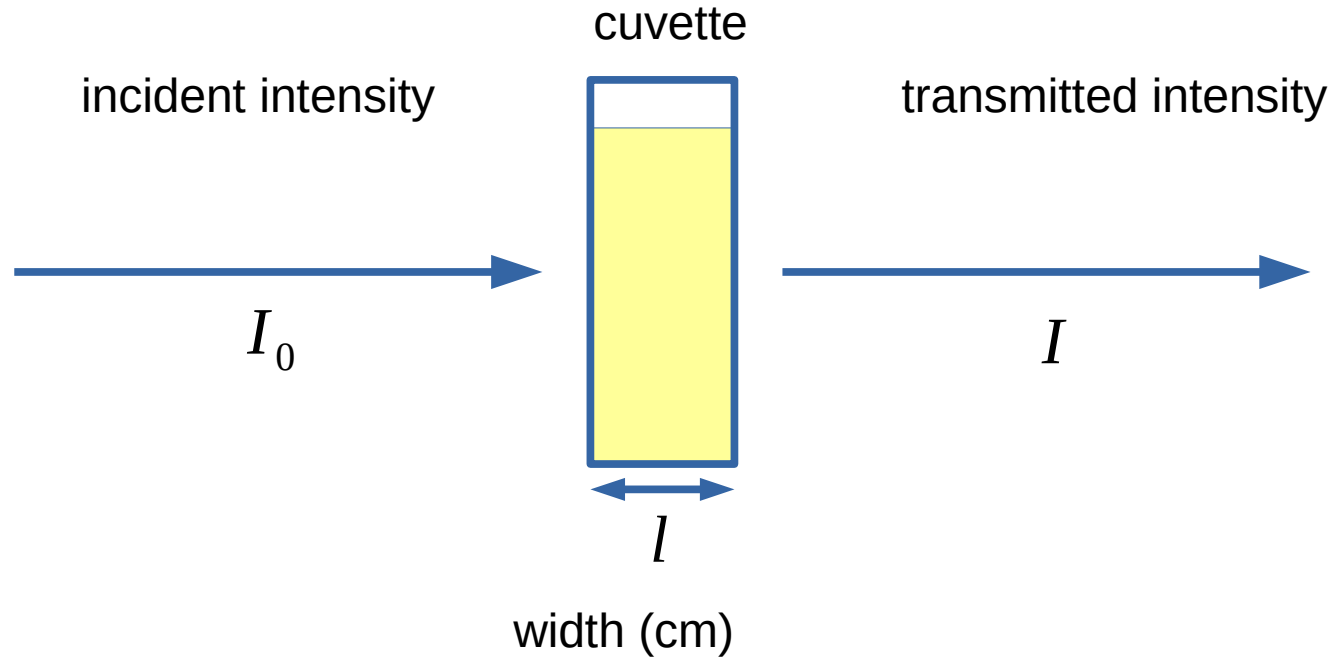


$$\Sigma_u^+ \Rightarrow |1\pi_g^x 1\pi_u^y 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y| + |1\pi_u^x 1\pi_g^y 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y|$$

$$\Sigma_u^- \Rightarrow |1\pi_g^y 1\pi_u^y 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y| - |1\pi_u^x 1\pi_g^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y|$$

$$\Delta_u \Rightarrow |1\pi_g^x 1\pi_u^y 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y| - |1\pi_u^x 1\pi_g^y 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y|, \\ |1\pi_u^x 1\pi_g^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y| + |1\pi_u^x 1\pi_g^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^x 1\bar{\pi}_u^y|$$

BEER'S LAW*



Absorbance (unitless) $A = \log_{10} \frac{I_0}{I}$ (1) Concentration (mol/L) C

Beer's law $A = \epsilon C l$ (2) Molar extinction coefficient (L/mol.cm) ϵ

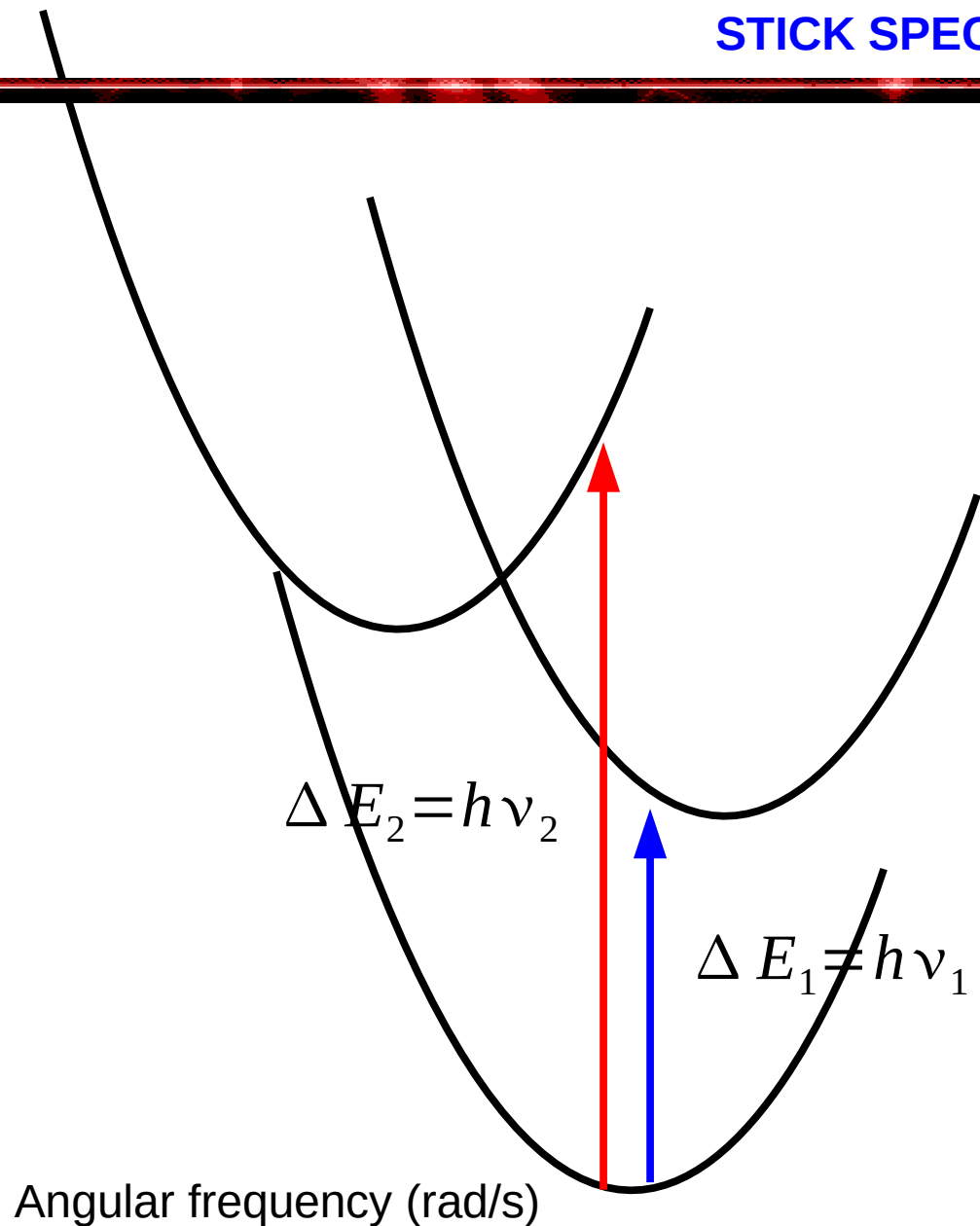
* August Beer (1825-1863). The term Beer's law appears to date from 1889.

$$\epsilon = \frac{A}{cl}$$



λ (nm)

STICK SPECTRUM



- Vertical transition (ground-state equilibrium geometry)
- Neglect vibrations (and rotations)
- Neglect other contributions to the width of the peaks (e.g., solvent, spectrometer artifacts)
- Average over rotations
- Dipole-dipole approximation

Spectral function (units: cm)

$$S(\nu) = \sum_I f_I \delta(\nu - \nu_I) \quad (1)$$

Oscillator strength (unitless)

$$f_I = \frac{2\omega_I m_e}{3\hbar} |\langle \Psi_0 | \mathbf{r} | \Psi_I \rangle|^2 \quad (2)$$

Angular frequency (rad/s)

$$\omega = 2\pi\nu \quad (3) \quad h\nu = \hbar\omega \quad (4)$$

More about oscillator strengths ...

If $[\hat{x}, \hat{p}_x] = +i\hbar$ **(1)**

Plane-wave basis or any sufficiently complete basis set ...

Then the following are equivalent:

$$f_I = \frac{2\omega_I m_e}{3\hbar} |\langle \Psi_0 | \mathbf{r} | \Psi_I \rangle|^2$$
 (2) Length form

$$f_I = \frac{2}{3\hbar\omega_I m_e} |\langle \Psi_0 | \hat{\mathbf{p}} | \Psi_I \rangle|^2$$
 (3) Momentum form

$$f_I = -\frac{2i}{3\hbar} \langle \Psi_0 | \mathbf{r} | \Psi_I \rangle \cdot \langle \Psi_I | \hat{\mathbf{p}} | \Psi_0 \rangle$$
 (4) Mixed form

The Thomas-Reiche-Kuhn (TRK) or “*f*-Sum” Rule

The sum of the oscillator strengths gives the total number of electrons:

$$\sum_I f_I = N$$

Used

- By experimentalists to normalize their spectra.
- By theoreticians to test their programs (careful: basis-set-dependent answer)

TABLE VIII. Comparison of TDLDAxc Cauchy coefficients (in a.u.) with those from other *ab initio* methods and with experiment. $R_{NV}=2.074$ bohr.

Method	Basis set	S_0	S_{-2}^a	S_{-4}	S_{-6}
TD-DFRT Calculations					
TDLDAxc	TZVP+	11.48	11.92	32.71	114.5
	BK90	12.96	10.56	31.93	127.98
	Sadlej	10.44	12.11	34.83	131.3
	DSadlej	13.99	12.19	34.00	128.2
	88CGTO	14.04	11.55	29.32	99.12
	106CGTO	14.03	11.73	31.70	121.1
Experiment ^b					
		14 ^c	11.74	30.11	101.8
Other theory					
TDHF ^d	[11s8p4d1f]	13.96	11.56	27.60	100.51
TDHF ^e	[7s5p3d]		11.44	27.53	83.56
TDHF ^f	DSadlej	14.01	11.54	27.39	83.84
MCTDHF ^g	[11s8p4d1f]		11.06	25.61	68.53
MCTDHF ^h	[8s6p4d1f]			28.92	94.51
SOPPA ⁱ	DSadlej		11.42	29.24	98.6

^aMean static polarizability.^bReference 66.^cExact value equals number of electrons.^dTime-dependent Hartree–Fock calculation of Ref. 46.^eTime-dependent Hartree–Fock calculation of Ref. 67.^fTime-dependent Hartree–Fock calculation of Ref. 44^gMulticonfigurational time-dependent Hartree–Fock calculation of Ref. 46. Six orbital active space.^hMulticonfigurational time-dependent Hartree–Fock calculation of Ref. 60. Twelve orbital active space.ⁱSecond-order polarization propagator approximation calculation of Ref. 44.

$$S_n = \sum_I f_I \omega^n$$

We assume that the photon absorption process is sudden and use Fermi's (2nd) Golden Rule to obtain (in Gaussian units):



$$f_I = \frac{m_e c \ln(10)}{\pi N_A e^2} \int \epsilon(\nu) d\nu \quad (1)$$

You must integrate over all of the spectra coming from the electronic transition!

In SI units, this becomes

$$f_I = \frac{m_e c 4\pi \epsilon_0 \ln(10)}{\pi N_A e^2} \int \epsilon(\nu) d\nu \quad (2)$$

which makes

$$f_I = (1.44 \times 10^{-19} \text{ mol.cm.s/L}) \int \epsilon(\nu) d\nu \quad (3)$$

* *It Can Be Shown That*

THEORETICAL CALCULATION OF THE MOLAR EXTINCTION COEFFICIENT

For a single transition,

$$f_I = \frac{m_e c 4 \pi \epsilon_0 \ln(10)}{\pi N_A e^2} \int \epsilon(\nu) d\nu \quad (1)$$

$$\epsilon(\nu) = \frac{\pi N_A e^2}{m_e c 4 \pi \epsilon_0 \ln(10)} f_I \delta(\nu - \nu_I) \quad (2)$$

For several transitions,

$$\epsilon(\nu) = \frac{\pi N_A e^2}{m_e c 4 \pi \epsilon_0 \ln(10)} S(\nu) \quad (3)$$

$$S(\nu) = \sum_I f_I \delta(\nu - \nu_I) \quad (4)$$

GAUSSIAN CONVOLUTION

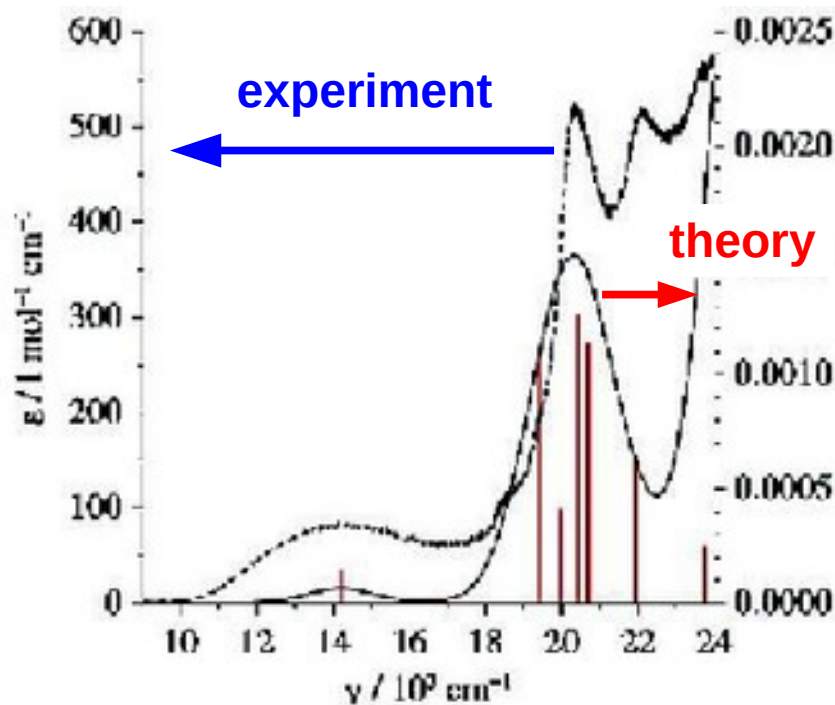
Normalized gaussian function

$$g(\nu) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\pi}} e^{-\alpha \nu^2} \quad (1)$$

Full width at half maximum (FWHM)

$$FWHM = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\ln 2}{\alpha}} \quad (2)$$

$$\epsilon(\nu) = \frac{\pi N_A e^2}{m_e c 4 \pi \epsilon_0 \ln(10)} \times \sum_I f_I g(\nu - \nu_I) \quad (3)$$



One program:

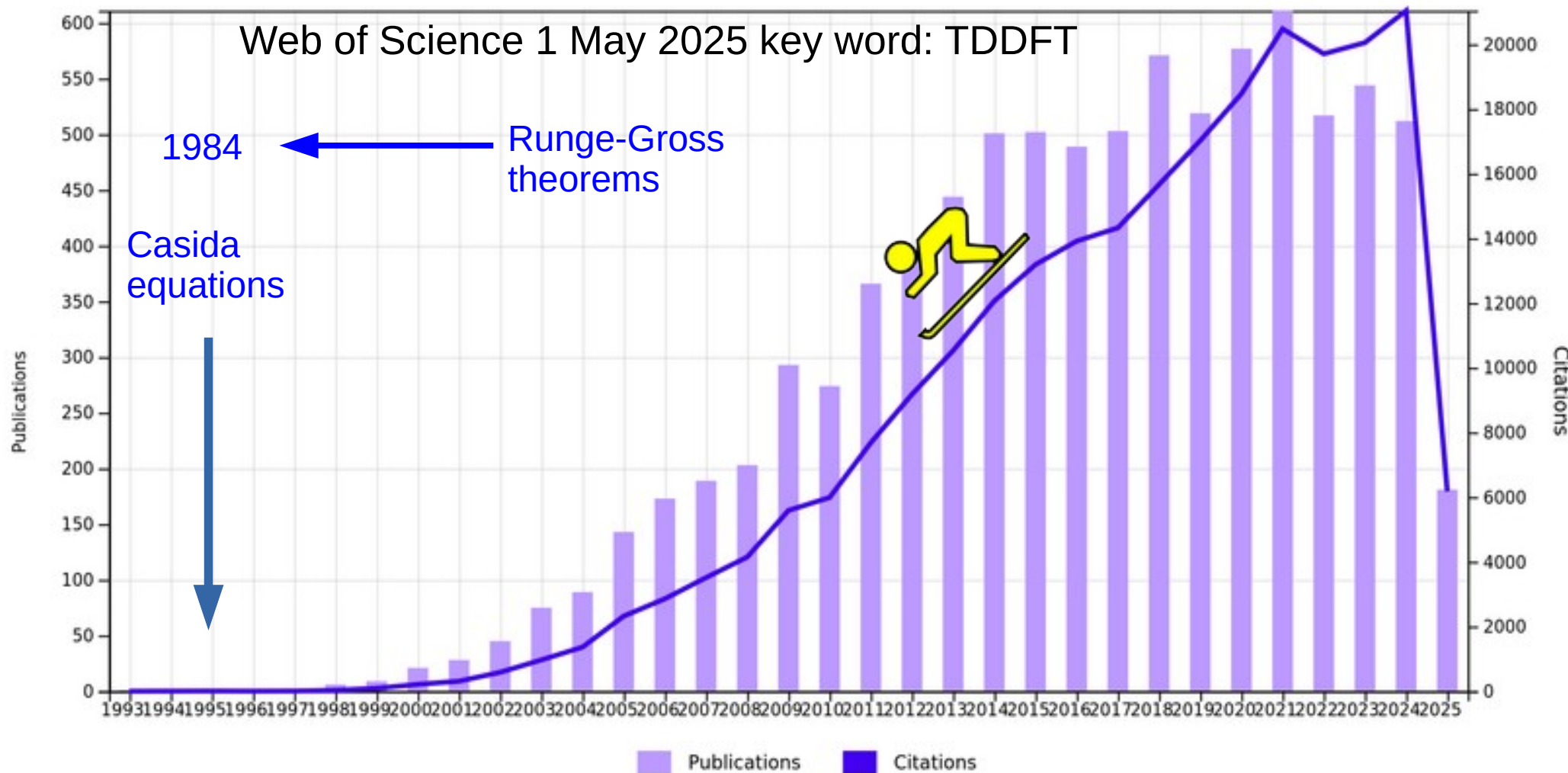
spectrum.py

By Pablo Baudin and M.E.C.

Normally experiment and properly normalized theoretical spectra have intensities which agree to within an order of magnitude:

- Imperfect spectrometers
- Neglect of vibrational coupling
- Neglect of solvent
- ???

TD-DFT is the Main Single-Determinantal Theory for Excited States



Present-day conventional TDDFT is relatively “simple”, but often gives acceptably good results.

Literally introduce

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(t) = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cos \omega_0 t \quad (1)$$

$$v_{\text{appl}}(\mathbf{r}t) = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r} \quad (2)$$

Propagate in time :

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}t) + \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}'t)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}' + v_{\text{xc}}(\mathbf{r}t) \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}t) = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}t) \quad (3)$$

Katherine Johnson in *Hidden Figures* turns to Euler's method to solve a critical problem



Basic Time-Dependent (TD) Theory

May solve the time-dependent Schrödinger equation (TDSE), $\hat{H}(t)\Psi(t) = i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(t)$ (1), by numerical integration :



Euler's method

$$t_i = i \Delta t \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{H}(t_i)\Psi(t_i) = i \frac{\Psi(t_{i+1}) - \Psi(t_i)}{\Delta t} \quad (3)$$

Solve by “Shooting”



Euler's method
$$\Psi(t_{i+1}) = \Psi(t_i) - i(\Delta t) \hat{H}(t_i) \Psi(t_i) \quad (1)$$

The solution of a first-order differential equation requires knowing: $\Psi(t_0) \quad (2)$

(initial value problem)

Calculate

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{\mu}(t) = - \sum_i n_i \langle \psi_i(t) | \mathbf{r} | \psi_i(t) \rangle - \boldsymbol{\mu}(t=0) \quad (1)$$

Dynamic polarizability

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{\mu}(t) = \int \boldsymbol{\alpha}(t-t') \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{appl}(t') dt' + HOT \quad (2)$$

Convolution theorem

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{\mu}(\omega) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\omega) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{appl}(\omega) + HOT \quad (3a)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}(\omega) = \frac{\Delta \boldsymbol{\mu}(\omega)}{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{appl}(\omega)} \quad (3b)$$

Spectral function

$$S(\omega) = \frac{2\omega}{\pi} \Im \alpha(\omega + i\eta) \quad (1)$$

Dynamic polarizability

$$\alpha(\omega) = \sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{f_I/2\omega_I}{\omega + \omega_I} - \sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{f_I/2\omega_I}{\omega - \omega_I} \quad (2)$$

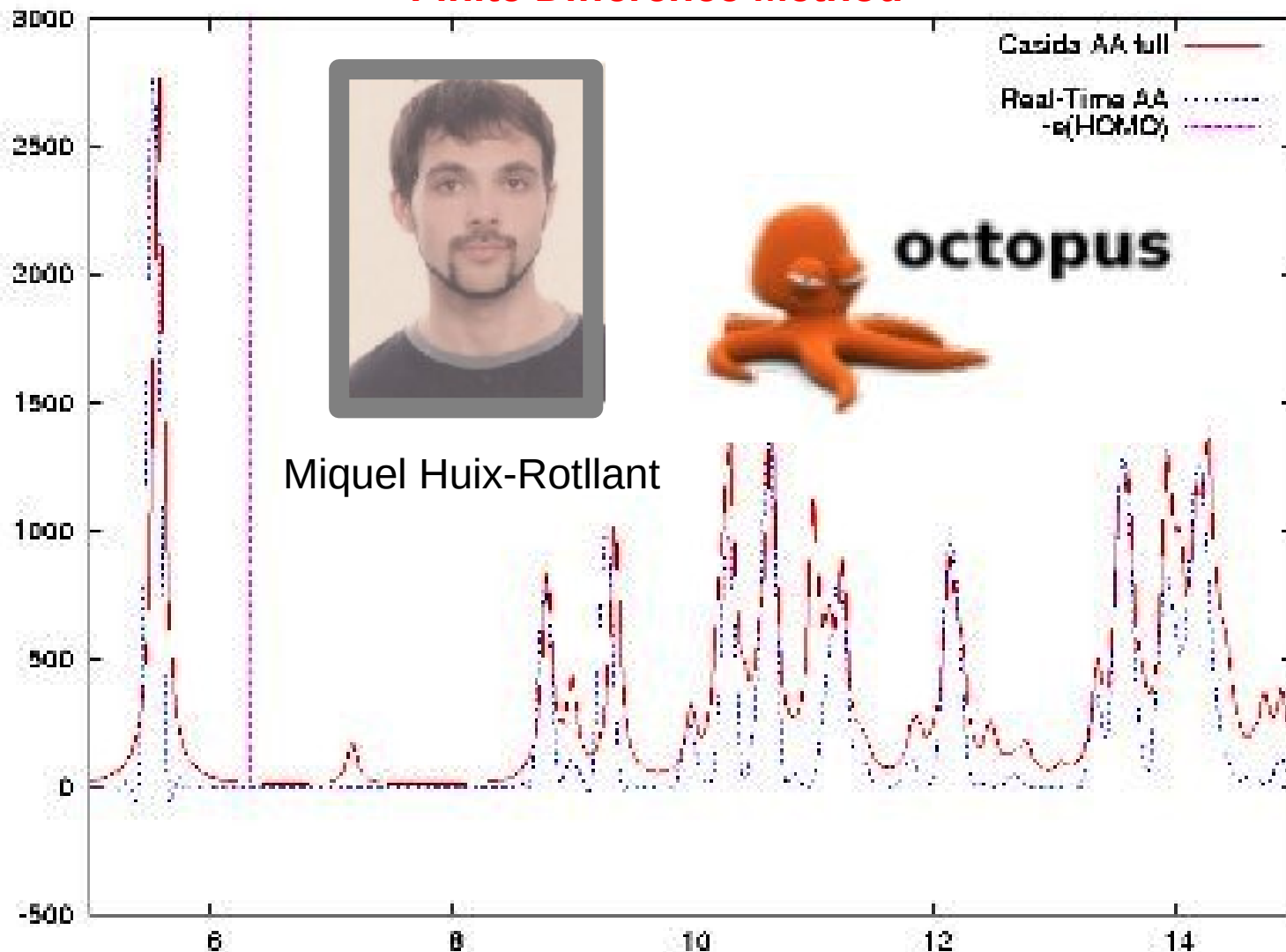
$$S(\omega) = \frac{2\omega}{\pi} \Im \left[\sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{f_I/2\omega_I}{\omega + i\eta + \omega_I} - \sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{f_I/2\omega_I}{\omega + i\eta - \omega_I} \right] \quad (3a)$$

$$= \frac{\omega}{\omega_I} f_I \left[\sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{\eta}{(\omega - \omega_I)^2 + \eta^2} - \sum_{I \neq 0} \frac{\eta}{(\omega + \omega_I)^2 + \eta^2} \right] \quad (3b)$$

Laurentzian function

$$L(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\eta}{(\omega - \omega_I)^2 + \eta^2} \quad (4)$$

Finite Difference Method



Note: Only x and y components drawn in the real-time propagation

- Allows you to go to high energies in calculated spectra.
- Energy resolution is limited by time of dynamics run.
- Assignment is nontrivial (especially for dark states).

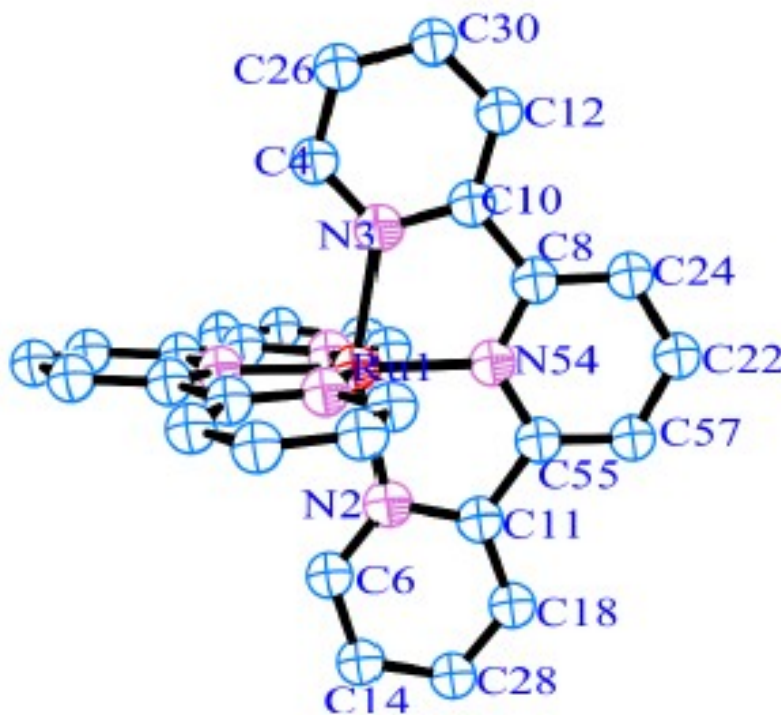
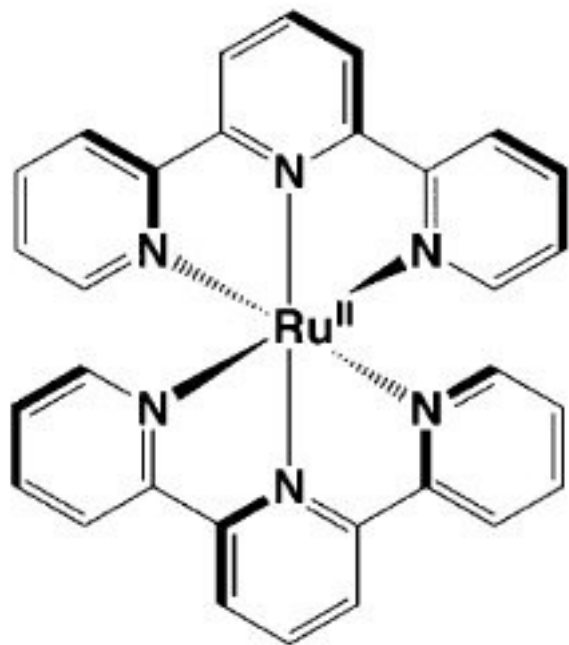


WHERE TD-DFT WORKS BEST:

- Single electron (particle-hole) excitations
- Calculations without symmetry breaking
- Low-energy excitations
- Localized excitations
- Excitations without too much charge transfer
- Away from conical intersections

Much progress has been made on overcoming these limitations. Only a little can presented here about these problems and their solutions.

CALCULATION OF THE ABSORPTION SPECTRUM OF $[\text{Ru}(\text{trpy})_3]^{2+}$



Optimisation
beginning with the
X-ray structure.

B3LYP/6-31G(d)+LANL2DZ ECP on Ru



Example prepared by Denis MAGERO with **Gaussian09**.

HOW GOOD IS THE GEOMETRY?

Table 5. Comparison of parameters for geometries optimized at HF and DFT. Bond lengths are in (Å) and bond angles are in degrees.

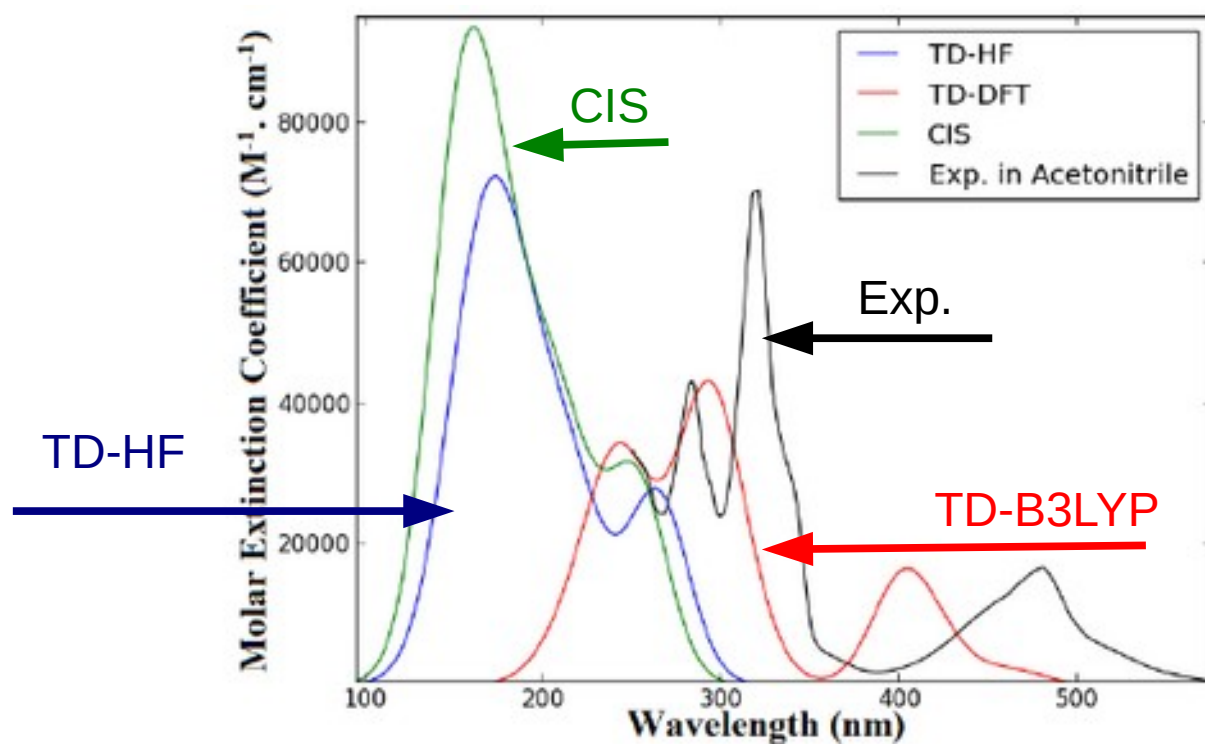
	HF	DFT	Exp.[109]	Other Works‡
RuN ₂	2.21	2.122	2.074	2.11
RuN ₅₄	2.086	2.018	1.984	2.011
RuN ₃	2.21	2.122		
N ₅₄ C ₅₅	1.336	1.365	1.345	1.36
N ₂ C ₁₁	1.353	1.382	1.374	1.38
C ₁₁ C ₅₅	1.489	1.474	1.466	1.47
N ₂ C ₆	1.33	1.354	1.35	1.36
RuN ₅₄ C ₅₅	118.132	118.784	119.4	118.8
RuN ₂ C ₁₁	112.473	113.477	113.4	113.8
RuN ₂ C ₆	127.502	127.336	127.5	126.6
N ₅₄ RuN ₂	77.002	78.456	78.6	78.9



D. Magero

Gas phase B3LYP calculations give a geometry close to the one measured in the crystal.

CALCULATION OF THE ABSORPTION SPECTRUM OF $[\text{Ru}(\text{trpy})_3]^{2+}$



Only the TD-DFT spectrum is close enough to the experiment to allow an assignment.



D. Magero

Figure 7. Comparison of experimental with calculated absorption spectra at different levels of theory; CIS, TD-HF and TD-DFT for $[\text{Ru}(\text{trpy})_2]^{2+}$. Calculated spectra has been done with 100 singlet states and 6-31G(d) basis set. Experimental spectra; measured at room temperature in acetonitrile [99].

TWO-ORBITAL TWO-ELECTRON MODEL (TOTEM)

$$\omega_T = \epsilon_a - \epsilon_i + \left(ia \left| f_{xc}^{\alpha, \alpha} - f_{xc}^{\alpha, \beta} \right| ai \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\omega_S = \epsilon_a - \epsilon_i + \left(ai \left| 2 f_H + f_{xc}^{\alpha, \alpha} + f_{xc}^{\alpha, \beta} \right| ia \right) \quad (2)$$

Interpretation of Kohn-Sham Orbital Energies

When a good quality v_{xc} is used, excitation energies can often be interpreted simply in terms of orbital energy differences,

$$\omega_T < \Delta \varepsilon < \omega_S$$

In the case of Rydberg excitations, the energy separation between singlet-triplet pairs becomes very small,

$$\omega_T \approx \Delta \varepsilon \approx \omega_S$$

One consequence is that many unoccupied Kohn-Sham orbitals are bound!

CH₂O Excitation Energies

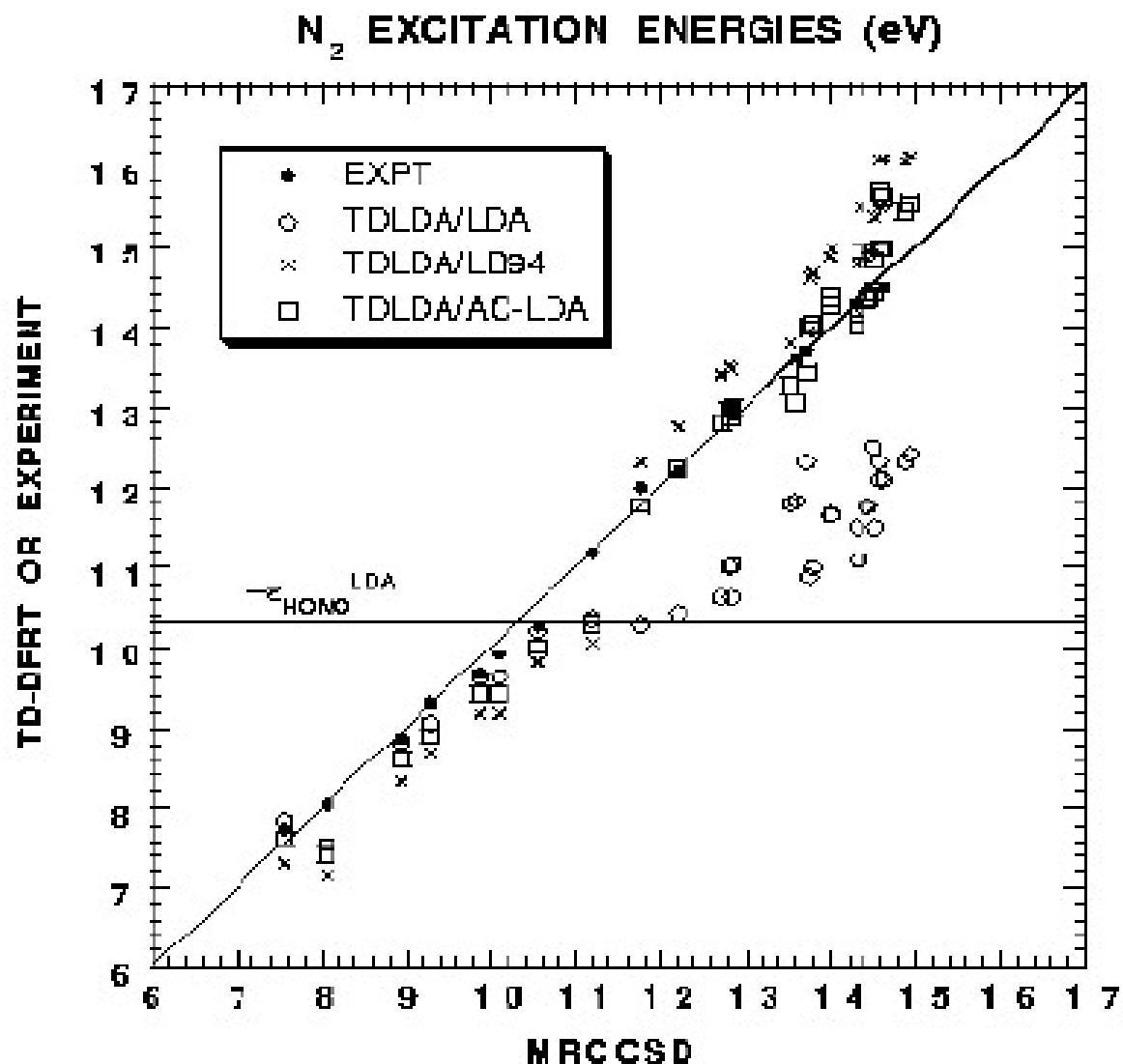
Energies d'Excitation de CH ₂ O (eV)			
Transition	TDLDA/AC-LDA		
	ω_T	ω_S	$\Delta\epsilon$
Rydberg			
$B_2[2b_2(n), 9a_1(3d_{z^2})]$	9.65	9.66	9.68
$B_1[2b_2(n), 1a_2(3d_{xy})]$	9.51	9.38	9.68
$A_1[2b_2(n), 4b_2(3d_{yz})]$	9.64	~10.1	9.64
$B_2[2b_2(n), 8a_1(3d_{x^2-y^2})]$	8.64	8.95	8.78
$A_2[2b_2(n), 3b_a(3p_x)]$	8.54	8.55	8.58
$A_1[2b_2(n), 3b_s(3p_y)]$	7.55	7.95	7.90
$B_2[2b_2(n), 7a_1(3p_z)]$	7.53	7.70	7.66
$B_2[2b_2(n), 6a_1(3s)]$	6.49	6.73	6.68
Valence			
$B_1[5a_1(\sigma), 2b_1(\pi^*)]$	7.51	8.55	7.95
$A_1[1b_1(\pi), 2b_1(\pi^*)]$	6.14	~9.6	7.33
$A_2[2b_2(n), 2b_1(\pi^*)]$	2.97	3.58	3.26

The Ionization Potential is Minus the HOMO Energy for the Exact Exchange-Correlation Functional

Ionization Potential (eV)			
Molécule	$-\epsilon_{HOMO}^{LDA}$	ΔSCF	Exp
N ₂	10.36	15.62	15.60
CO	9.10	14.10	14.01
CH ₂ O	6.32	10.92	10.88
C ₂ H ₄	6.91	10.94	10.68

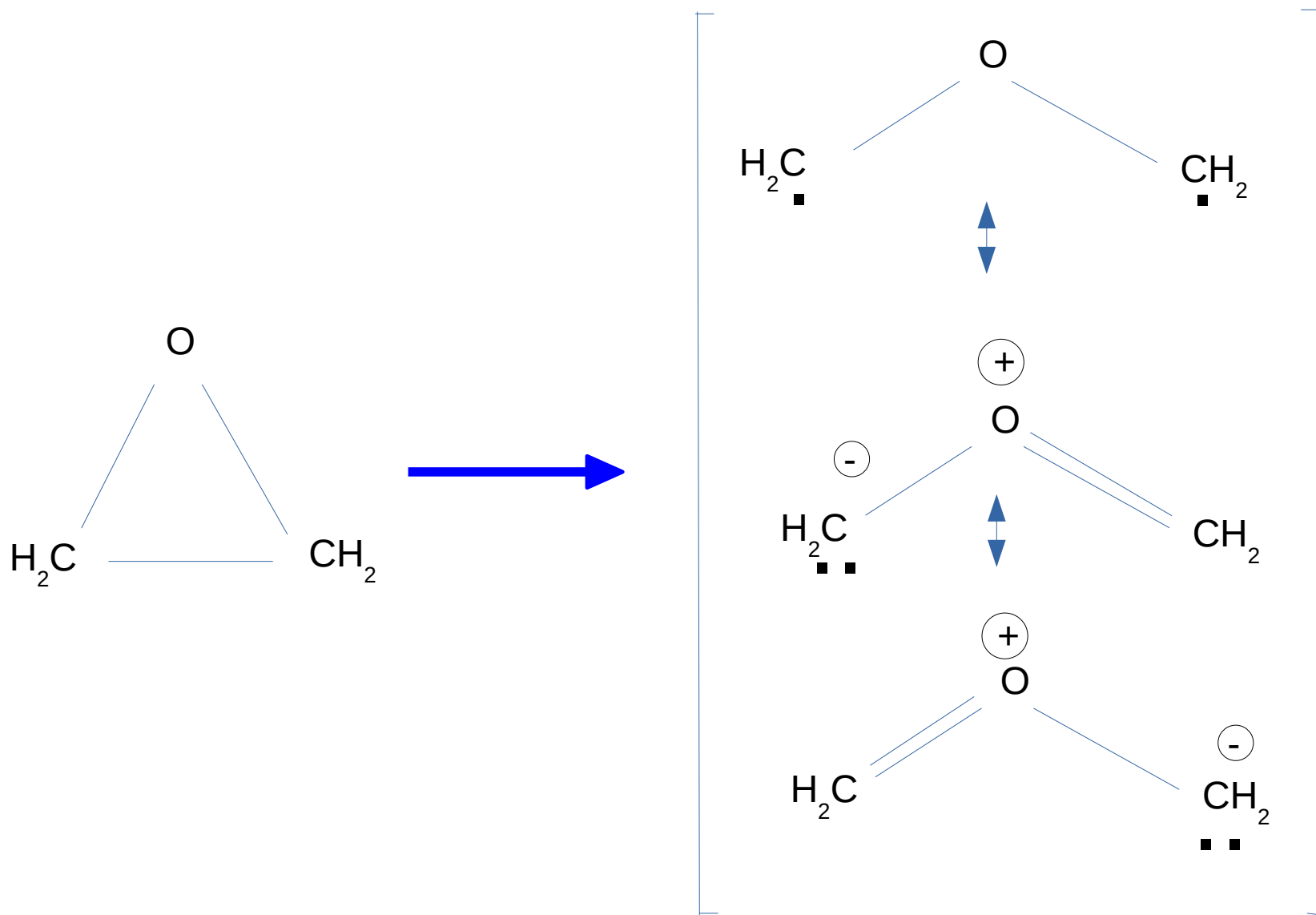
The vast majority of approximate exchange-correlation potentials v_{xc} underbind the electrons because the potentials go too rapidly to zero at large distance!

The Ionization Threshold is at $-E_{\text{HOMO}}$, which is Too Low!



The collapse of high excitation energies is avoided by using exchange-correlation potentials with an improved long range behavior.

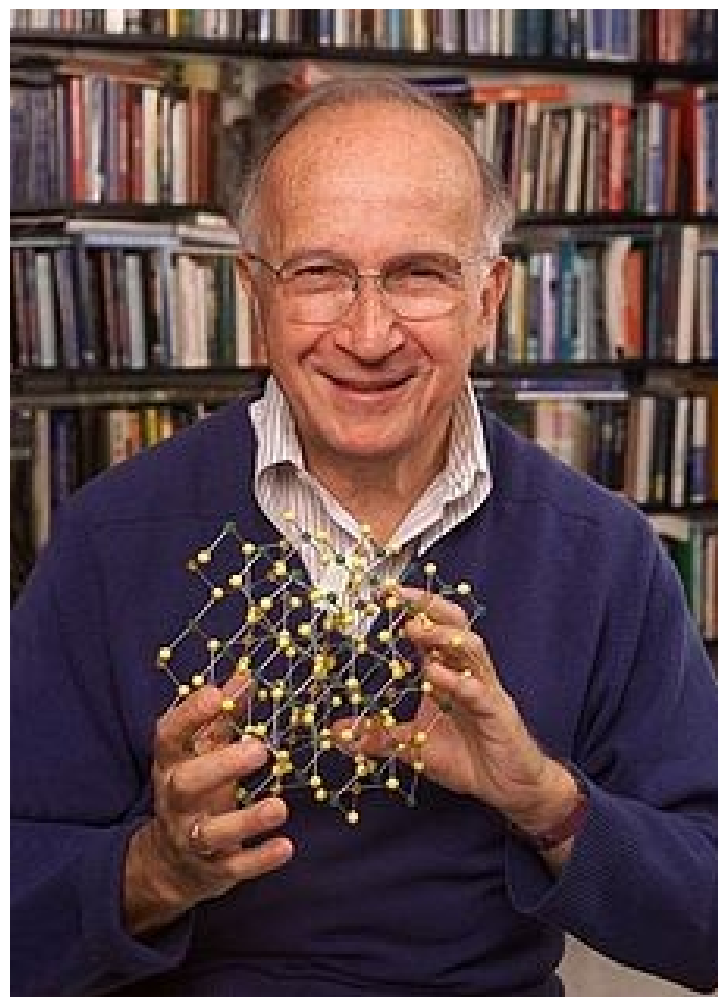
OXIRANE C-C RING OPENING



ROGUES GALLERY

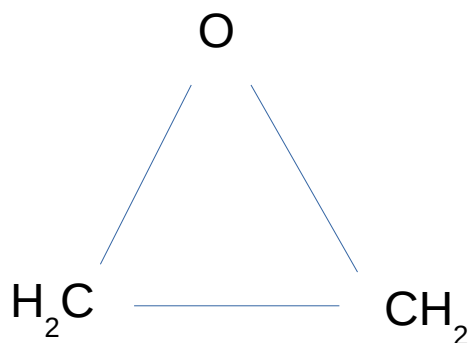


Robert Burns WOODWARD

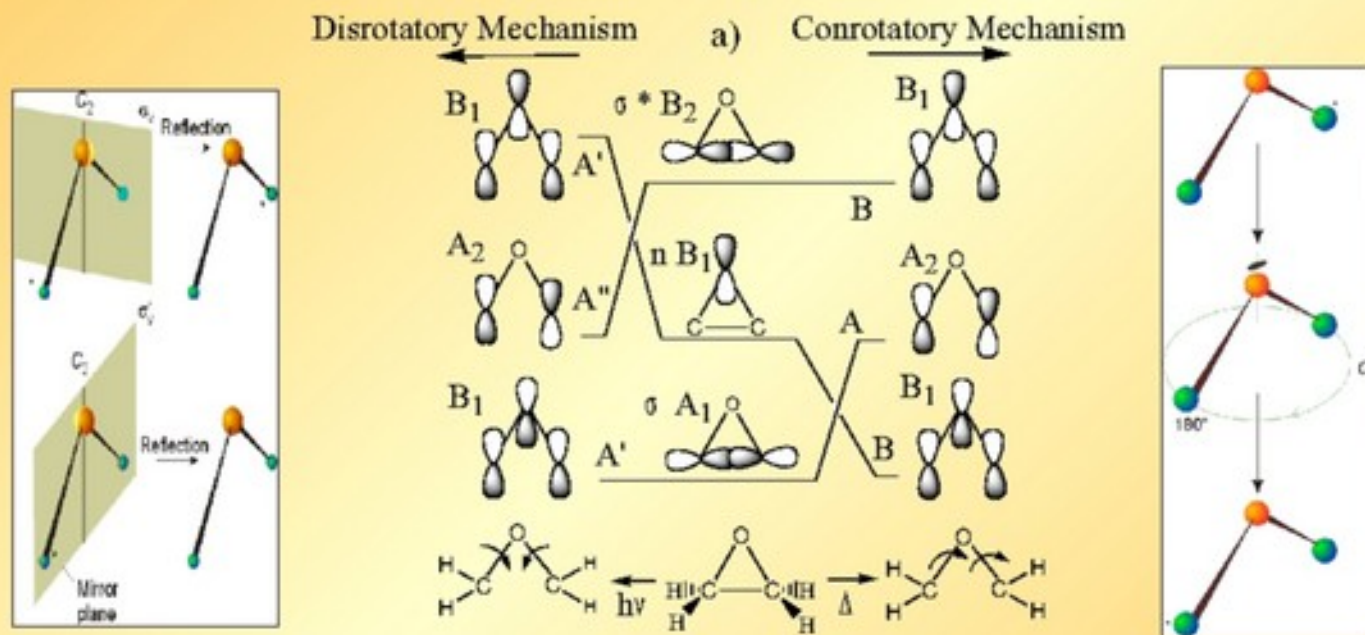


Roald HOFFMANN

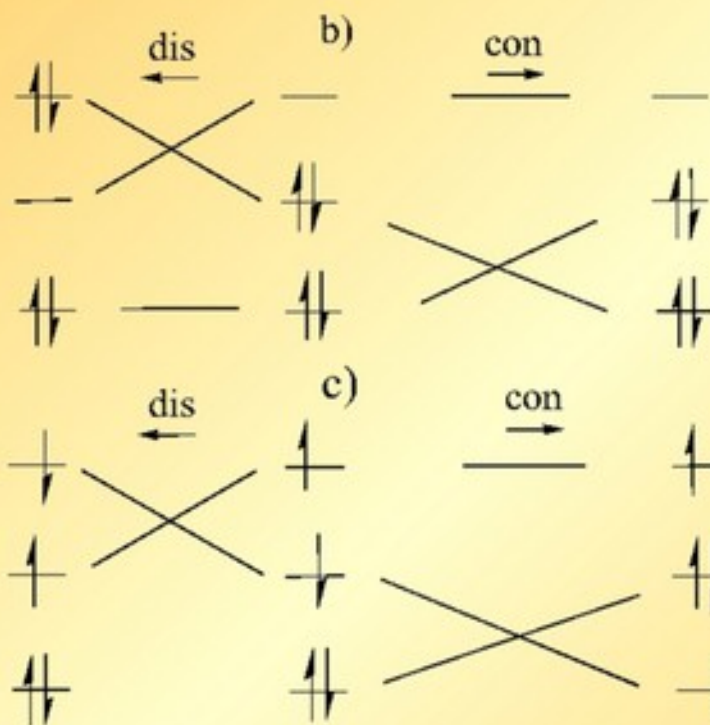
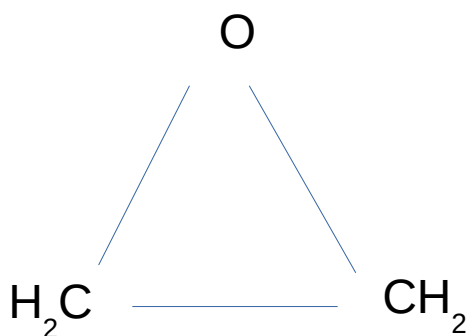
WOODWARD-HOFFMANN THEORY



Oxirane : a good molecule for computational test



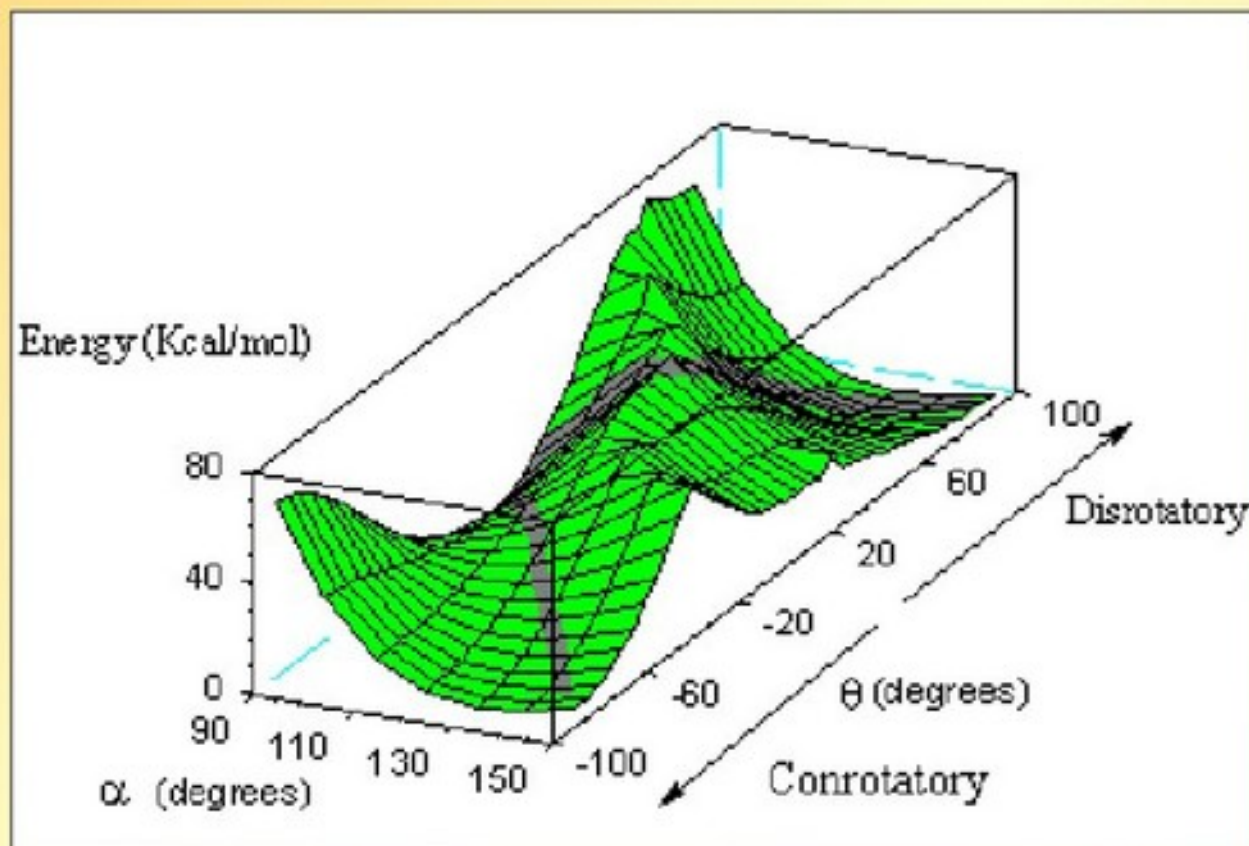
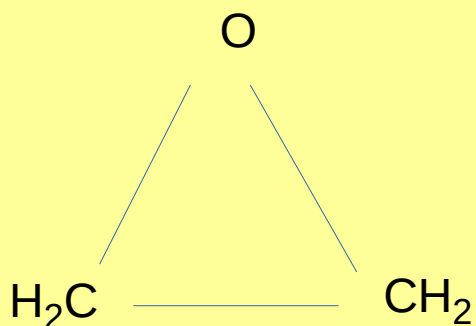
THE THERMAL REACTION IS CONROTATORY



Thermal

Photochemical

GROUND STATE POTENTIAL ENERGY SURFACE

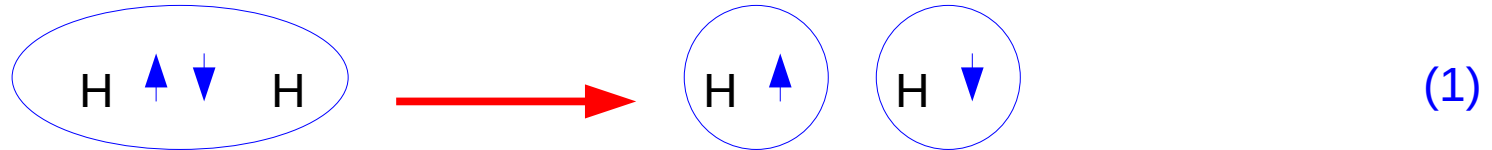


B3LYP

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HF STABILITY ANALYSIS*

Given a spin-restricted solution (same orbitals for different spin), is it possible that there is a lower energy solution with different orbitals for different spin?



Look at an arbitrary unitary transformation of the orbitals:

$$\psi_r^\lambda(\vec{r}) = e^{i\lambda(\hat{R} + i\hat{I})} \psi_r(\vec{r}) \quad (2)$$

We find

$$E_\lambda = E_0 + \lambda^2 \left[\vec{R}^+ (A - B) \vec{R} + \vec{I}^+ (A + B) \vec{I} \right] + O(\lambda^3) \quad (3)$$

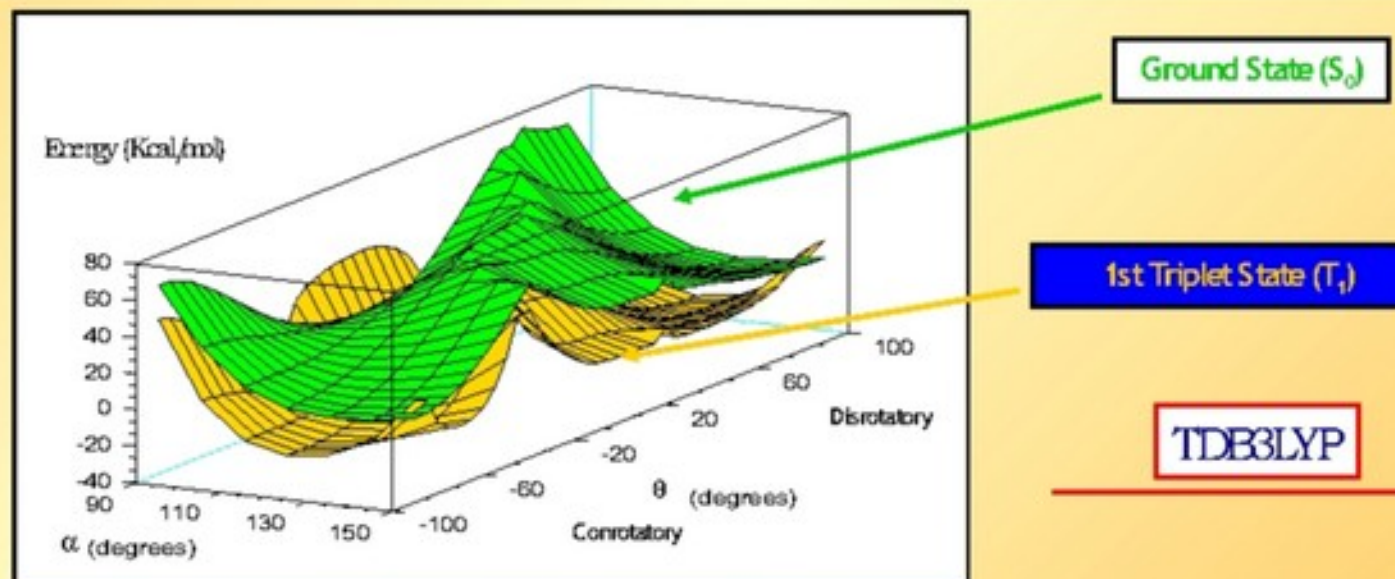
But another way to write the EOM matrix equation is

$$(A + B)(A - B) \vec{Z}_I = \omega_I^2 \vec{Z}_I \quad (4)$$

Conclusion :

Symmetry breaking will occur if there are imaginary excitation energies.

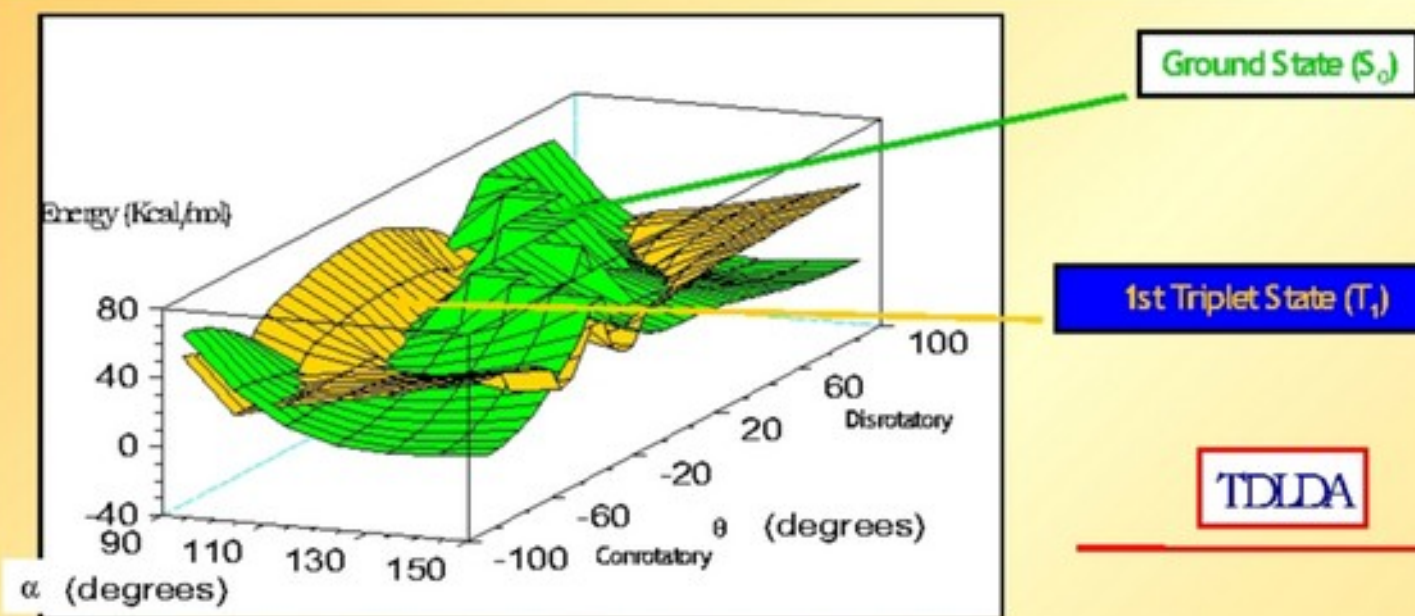
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93% of the surface shows symmetry breaking

Which would you use?

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50% of the surface shows symmetry breaking

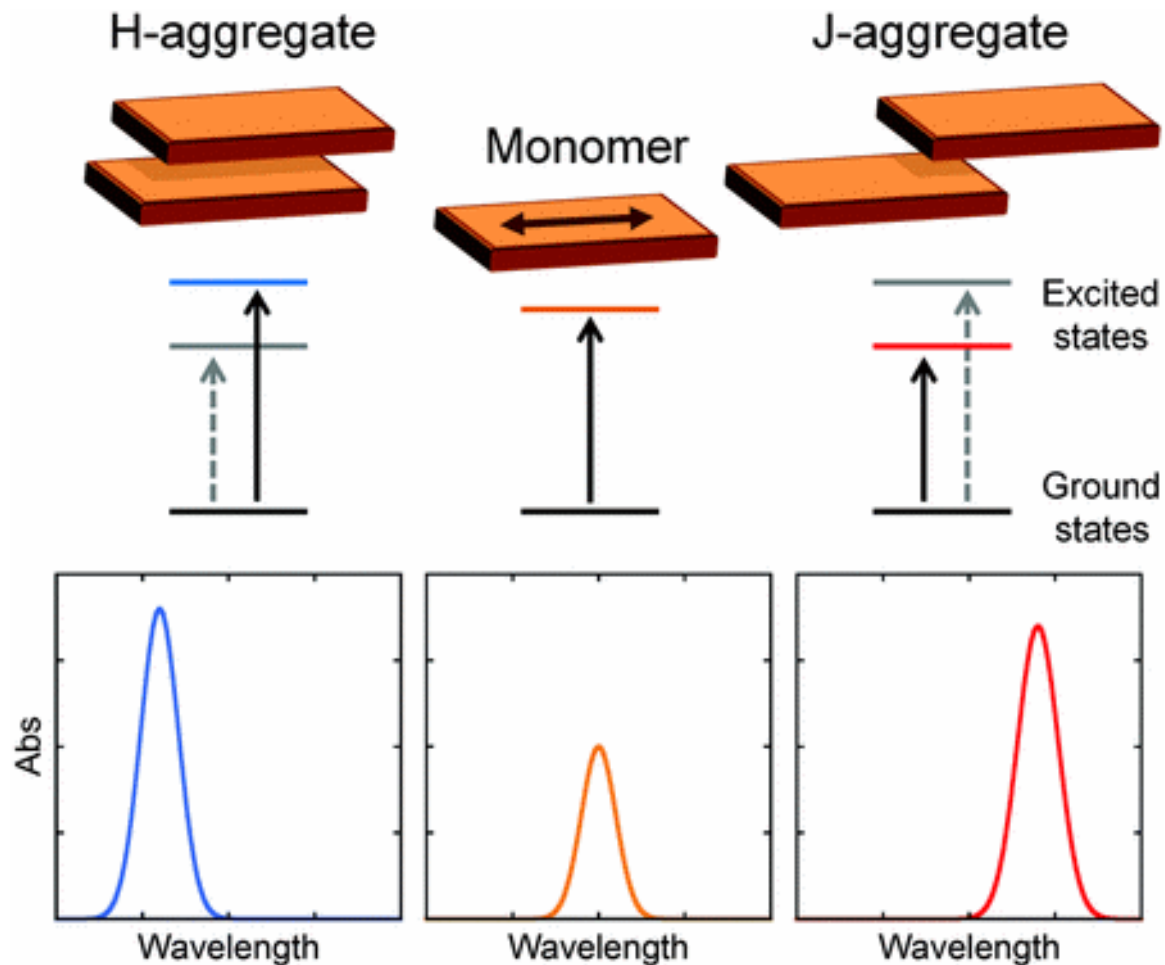


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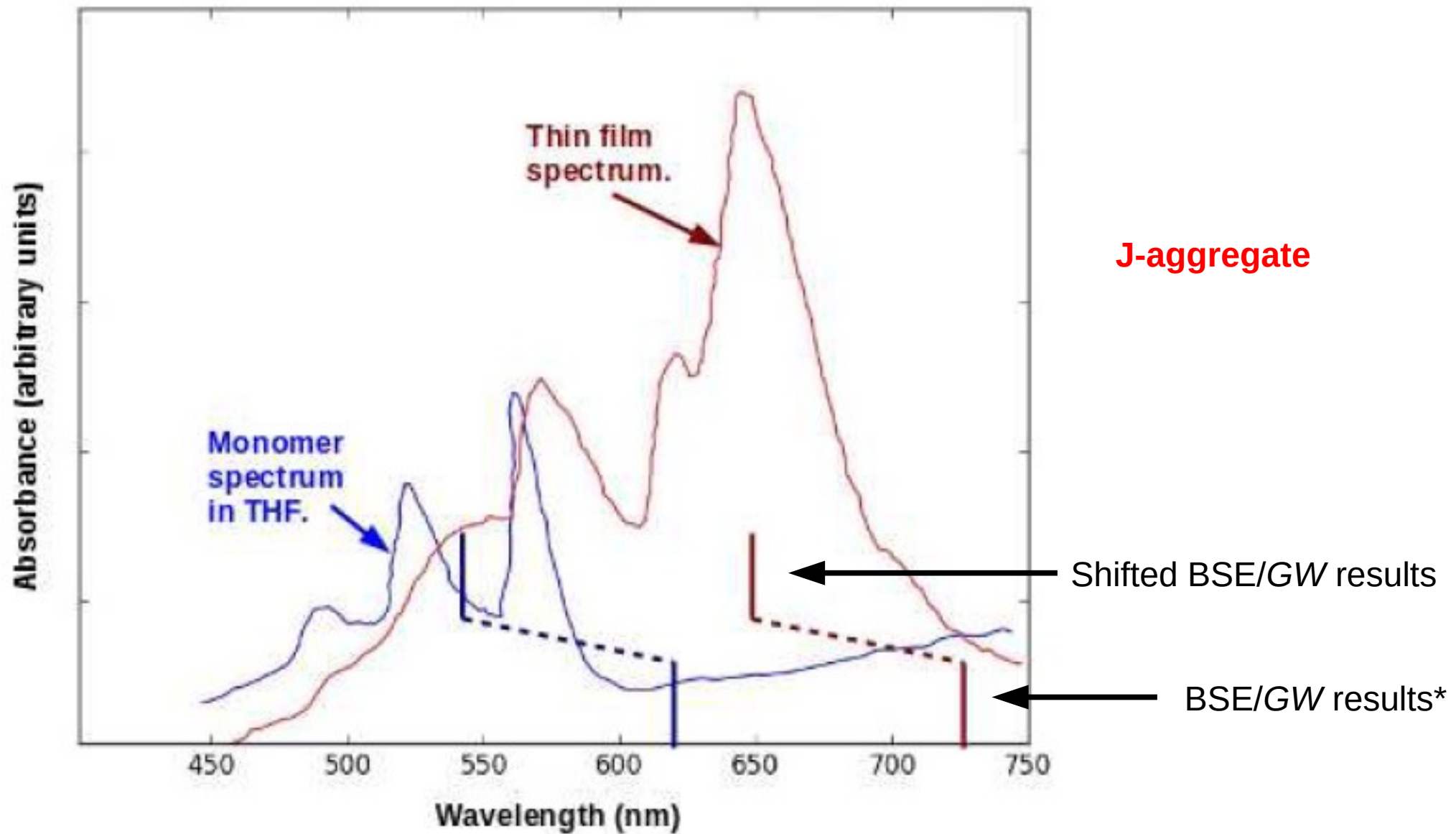
Spectral effects seen in dye aggregates:

J-aggregates (Jelly/Scheibe) spectrum shifts to lower energies and new narrow peaks appear.

H-aggregates (hypsochromic) spectrum shifts to higher energies.



Davydov Splitting in Pentacene



* P. Cudazzo, F. Sottile, A. Rubio, and M. Gatti, "Topical Review: Exciton dispersion in molecular Solids," *J. Phys. Condens. Matter* **27**, 113204 (2015).



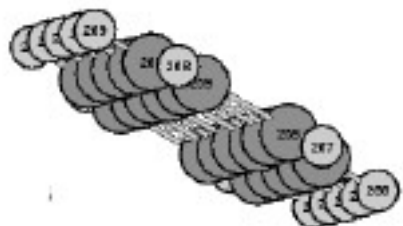
Michael Kasha
(1920-2013)

1. Historical theory (1960s). Necessarily very approximate!
2. Assumes a van der Waals (vdW) dimer.
3. Perturbative. Only zero and first order.
4. Point-dipole point-dipole approximation.



$$\Psi_1^0 \rightarrow \Psi_1^I \quad (1)$$

$$\omega = E_1^I - E_1^0 \quad (2)$$



$$\Psi_2^0 \rightarrow \Psi_2^I \quad (3)$$

$$\omega = E_1^I - E_1^0 \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_1 + \hat{H}_2 + \hat{V}_{12} \quad (5)$$

$$\Psi_0 = \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \quad (6)$$

$$\Psi_I = C_1 \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 + C_2 \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I \quad (7)$$

* [KRE65] M. Kasha, H.R. Rawls, and A. El Bayoumi, "The exciton model in molecular Spectroscopy", *Pure Appl. Chem.* **11**, 371 (1965).

Ground-State Energy

$$E_0 = \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 | \hat{H} | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \rangle \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_1 + \hat{H}_2 + \hat{V}_{12} \quad (2)$$

$$E_0 = \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 | \hat{H}_1 | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 | \hat{H}_2 | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 | \hat{V}_{12} | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \rangle \quad (3)$$

$$E_0 = \langle \Psi_1^0 | \hat{H}_1 | \Psi_1^0 \rangle \langle \Psi_2^0 | \Psi_2^0 \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^0 | \Psi_1^0 \rangle \langle \Psi_2^0 | \hat{H}_2 | \Psi_2^0 \rangle + \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 | \hat{V}_{12} | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \rangle \quad (4)$$

$$E_0 = E_1^0 + E_2^0 + \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 | \hat{V}_{12} | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \rangle \quad (5)$$

$$E_0 = E_1^0 + E_2^0 + E_{\text{vdW}}^0 \quad (6)$$

Excited-State Energy

$$\Psi_I = C_1 \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 + C_2 \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = E^I \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$A = \langle \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 | \hat{H} | \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \rangle = \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I | \hat{H} | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I \rangle \quad (3)$$

$$B = \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I | \hat{H} | \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \rangle = \langle \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 | \hat{H} | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I \rangle \quad (4)$$

$$\Psi_{\pm}^I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \pm \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I \right) \quad (5)$$

$$E_{\pm}^I = A \pm B \quad (6)$$

Exciton Splitting

$$A = \langle \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 | \hat{H} | \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \rangle \quad (1)$$

$$B = \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I | \hat{H} | \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \rangle \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_1 + \hat{H}_2 + \hat{V}_{12} \quad (3)$$

$$A = E_1^I + E_2^0 + \langle \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 | \hat{V}_{12} | \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \rangle = E_1^I + E_2^0 + E_{\text{vdW}}^I \quad (4)$$

$$B = \langle \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I | \hat{V}_{12} | \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \rangle = E_{\text{exciton splitting}} \quad (5)$$

$$E_{\pm}^I = E_1^I + E_2^0 + E_{\text{vdW}}^I \pm E_{\text{exciton splitting}} \quad (6)$$

$$\omega_{\pm}^I = E_{\pm}^I - E^0 = \omega_1^0 + (E_{\text{vdW}}^I - E_{\text{vdW}}^0) \pm E_{\text{exciton splitting}} \quad (7)$$

Transition Moments

$$\vec{\mu}^{I0} = \langle \Psi^I | \vec{r} | \Psi^0 \rangle \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{\mu}_{\pm}^{I0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \langle \Psi_1^I \Psi_2^0 \pm \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^I | \vec{r} | \Psi_1^0 \Psi_2^0 \rangle \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{\mu}_{\pm}^{I0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{\mu}_1^{I0} \pm \vec{\mu}_2^{I0}) \quad (3)$$

$$f_{\pm}^I = \frac{\omega_{\pm}^I}{3} |\vec{\mu}_1^{I0} \pm \vec{\mu}_2^{I0}|^2 \quad (4)$$

Example: Parallel stacking $\vec{\mu}_{1/2} \perp \vec{r}$ (5)

$$f_+^I = \frac{4}{3} \omega_1^I |\vec{\mu}_1^{I0}|^2 \quad (6)$$

$$f_-^I = 0 \quad (7)$$

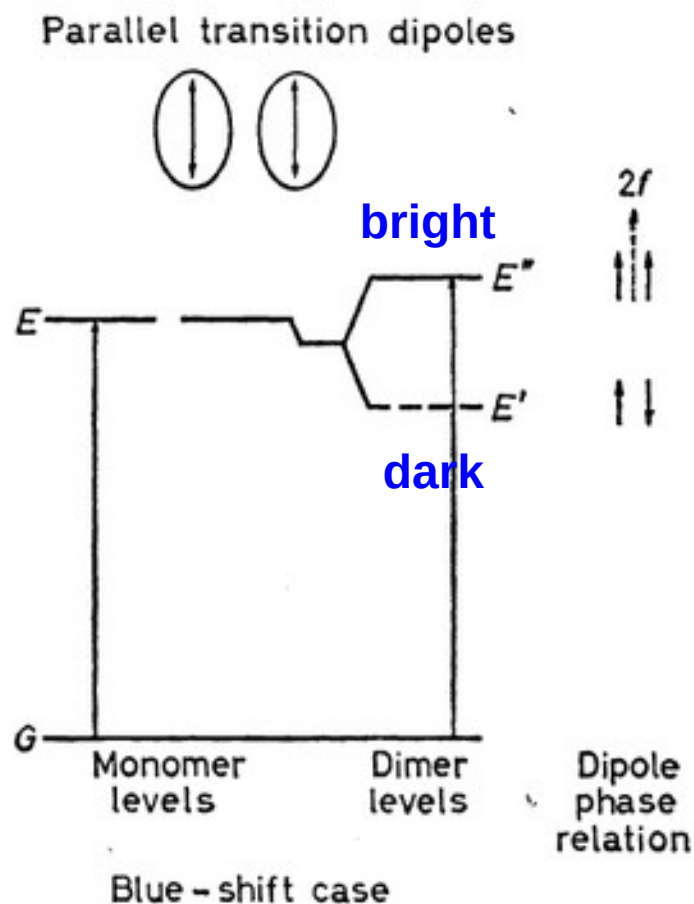
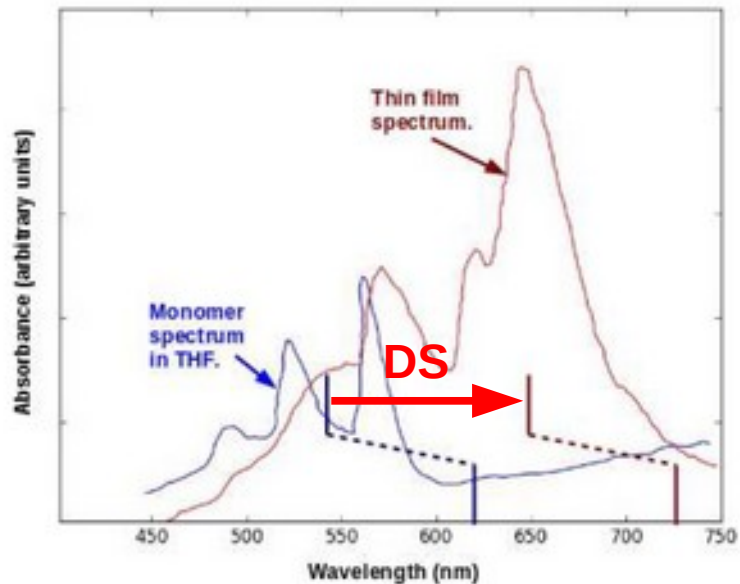


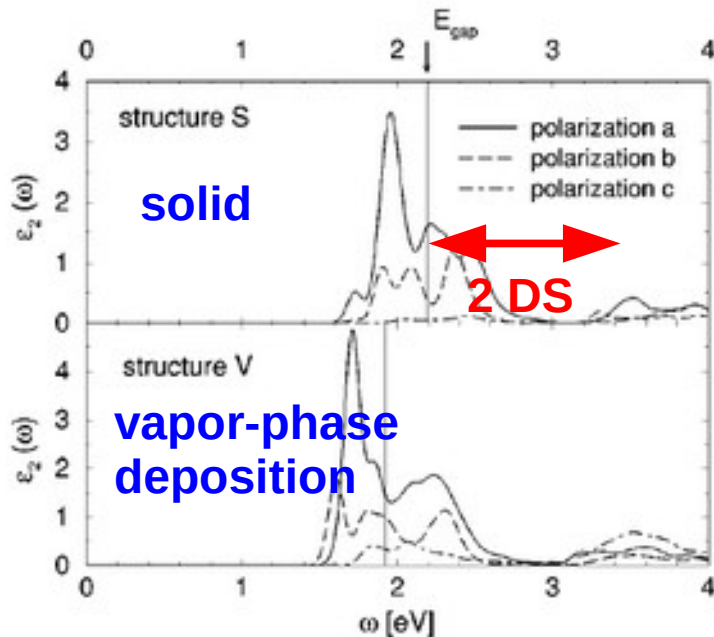
Fig. 1. Ref. [KRE65]

Two Ways to Get the Davydov Splitting (DS)



Shift upon aggregation.

$$\omega_{\pm}^I - \omega_1^0 = (E_{vdW}^I - E_{vdW}^0) \pm E_{\text{exciton splitting}} \approx \pm DS \quad (1)$$

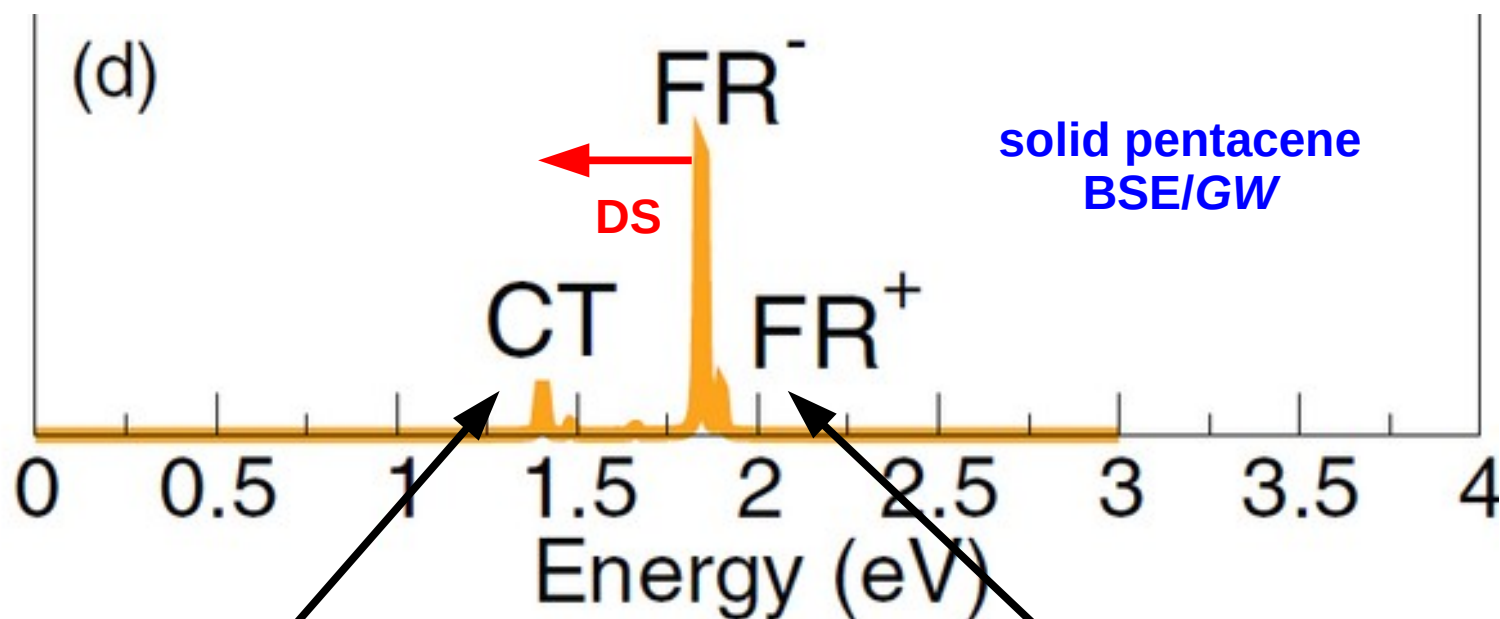


Intensities as a function of light polarization direction.

$$q f_{\pm}^I = \frac{\omega_{\pm}^I}{3} |q \mu_1^{I0} \pm q \mu_2^{I0}|^2 \quad (2)$$

M.L. Tiago, J.E. Northrup, and S.G. Louie, "Ab initio Calculation of the electronic and optical properties of Solid pentacene", *Phys. Rev. B* **67**, 115212 (2003).

But Kasha's Model Neglects Charge Transfer!

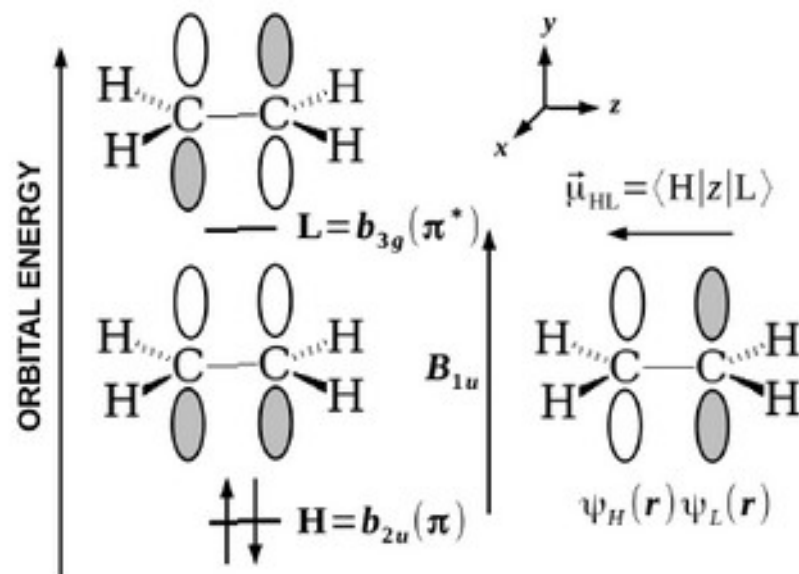
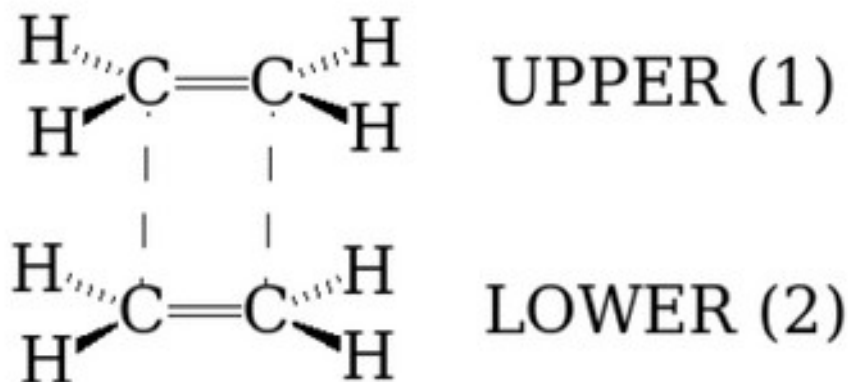


Charge transfer (CT)
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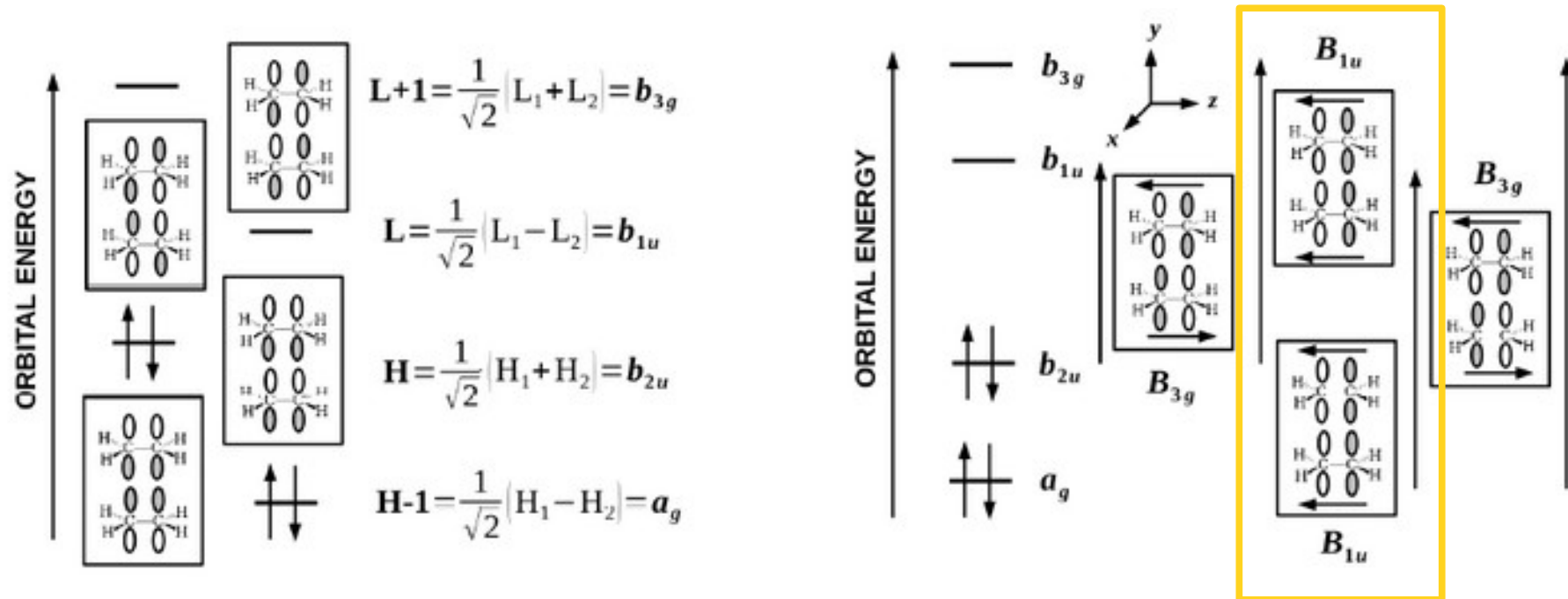
Energy transfer (ET)
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choice of functional)

* P. Cudazzo, F. Sottile, A. Rubio, and M. Gatti, "Topical Review: Exciton dispersion in molecular Solids," *J. Phys. Condens. Matter* **27**, 113204 (2015); P. Cudazzo, M. Gatti, A. Rubio, and M. Gatti, "Frenkel versus charge-transfer exciton dispersion in molecular crystals", *Phys Rev. B* **88**, 195152 (2013).

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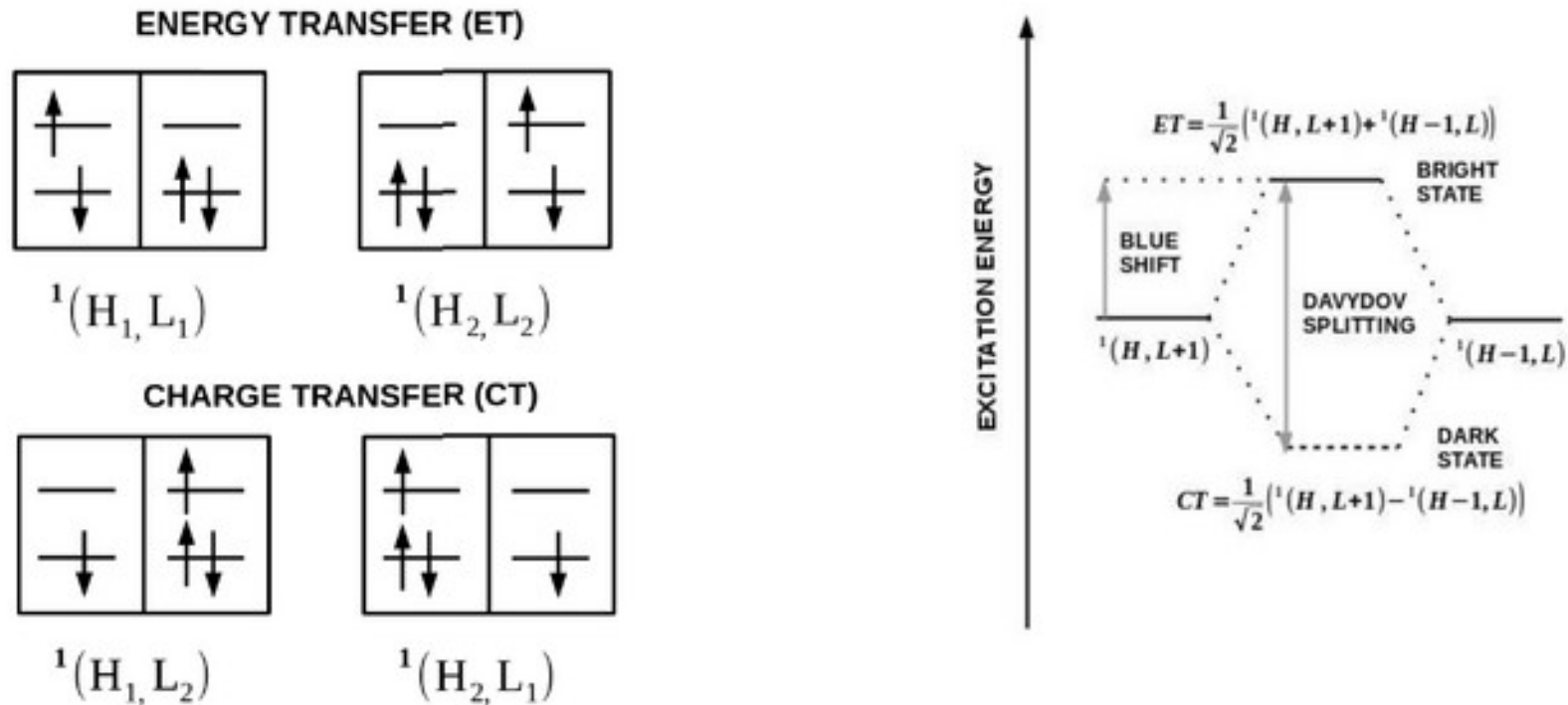
$$\Psi_{B_{1u}} = c_1^1(H, L+1) + c_2^1(H-1, L) \quad (1)$$

$$\Psi_{B_{1u}} = \frac{c_1 + c_2}{\sqrt{2}} ET_{12} + \frac{c_1 - c_2}{\sqrt{2}} CT_{12} \quad (2)$$

$$ET_{12}^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[{}^1(H_1, L_1) + {}^1(H_2, L_2) \right] \quad (3)$$

$$CT_{12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[{}^1(H_1, L_2) + {}^1(H_2, L_1) \right] \quad (4)$$

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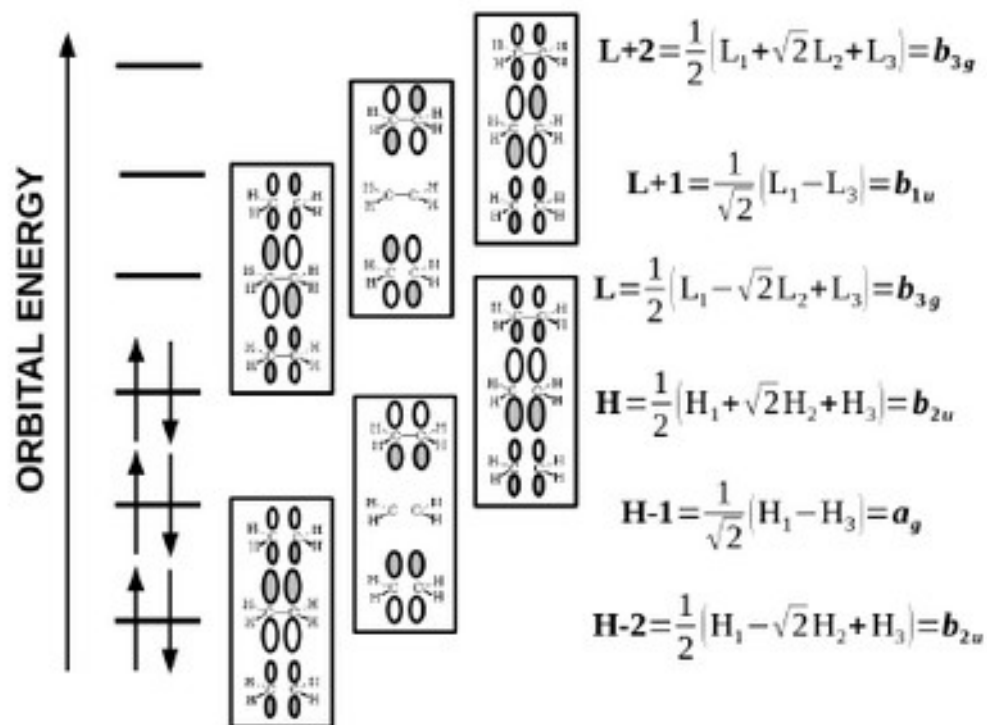


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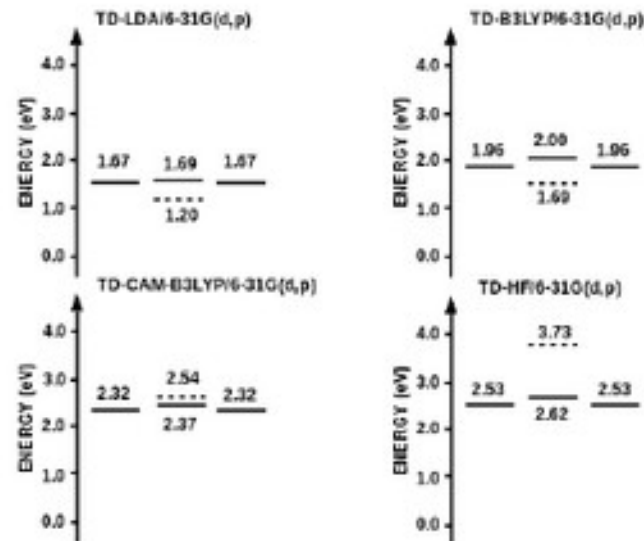
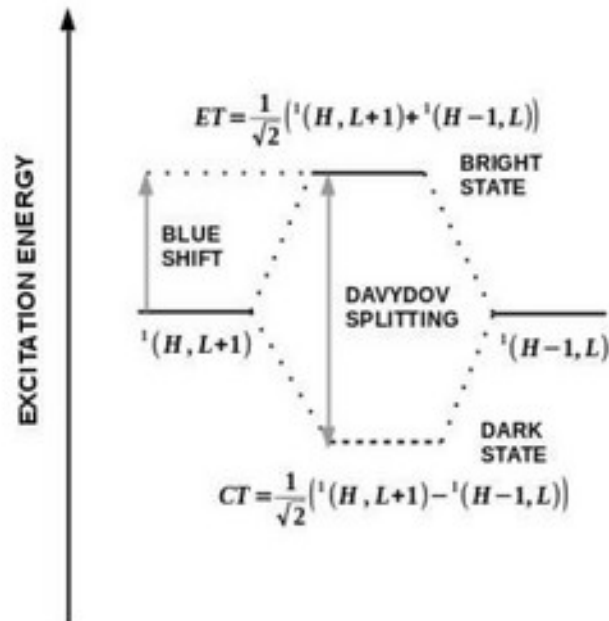
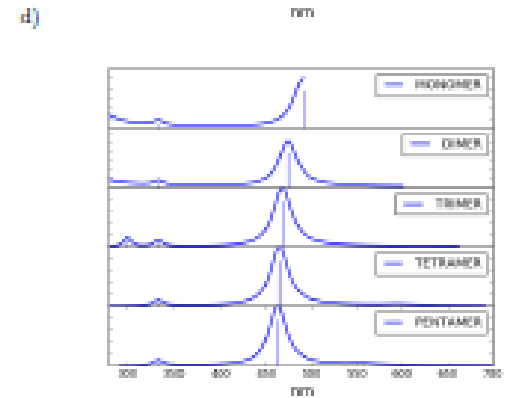
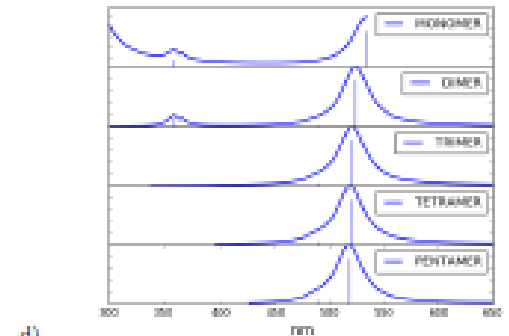
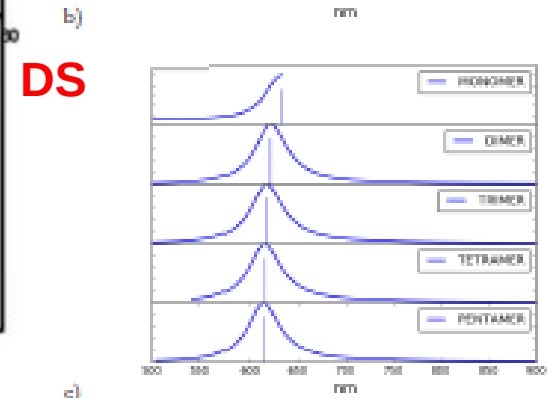
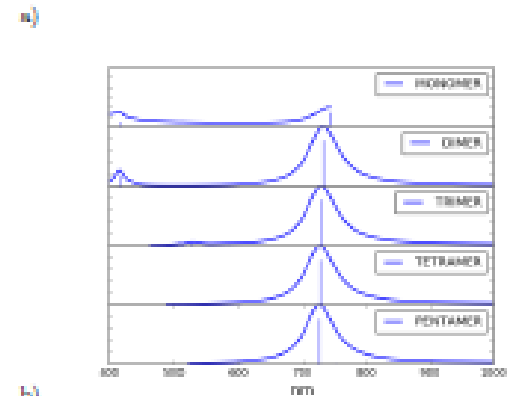
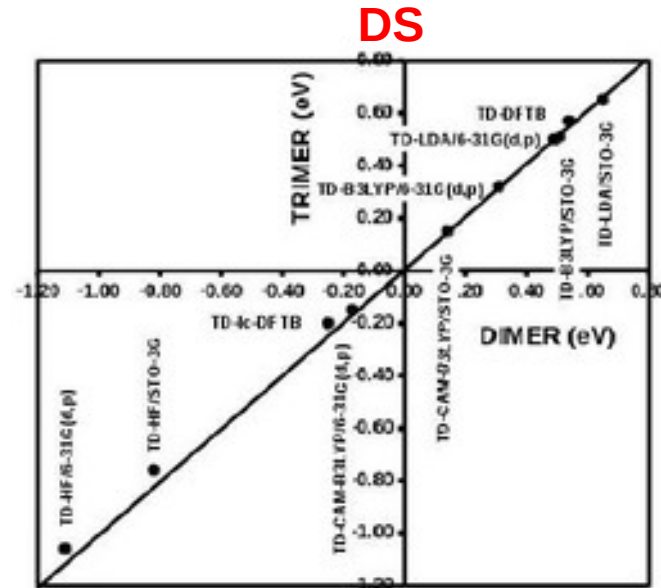
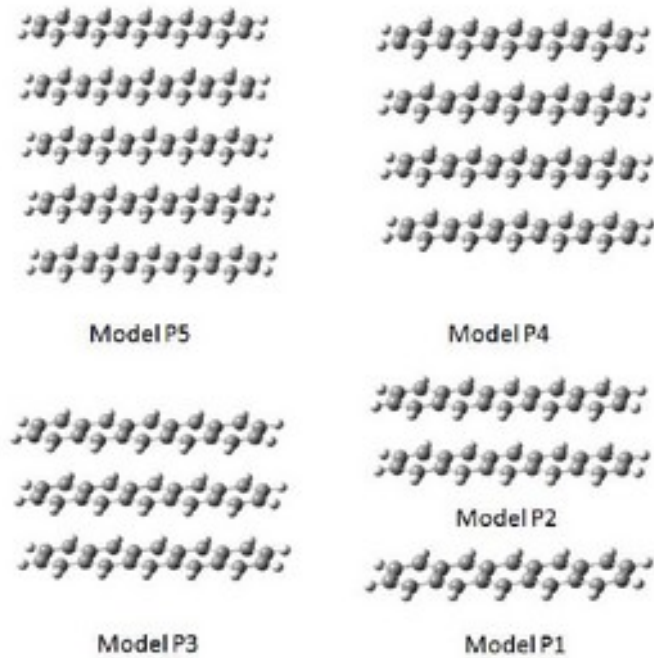
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Three Stacked Ethylene Molecules!

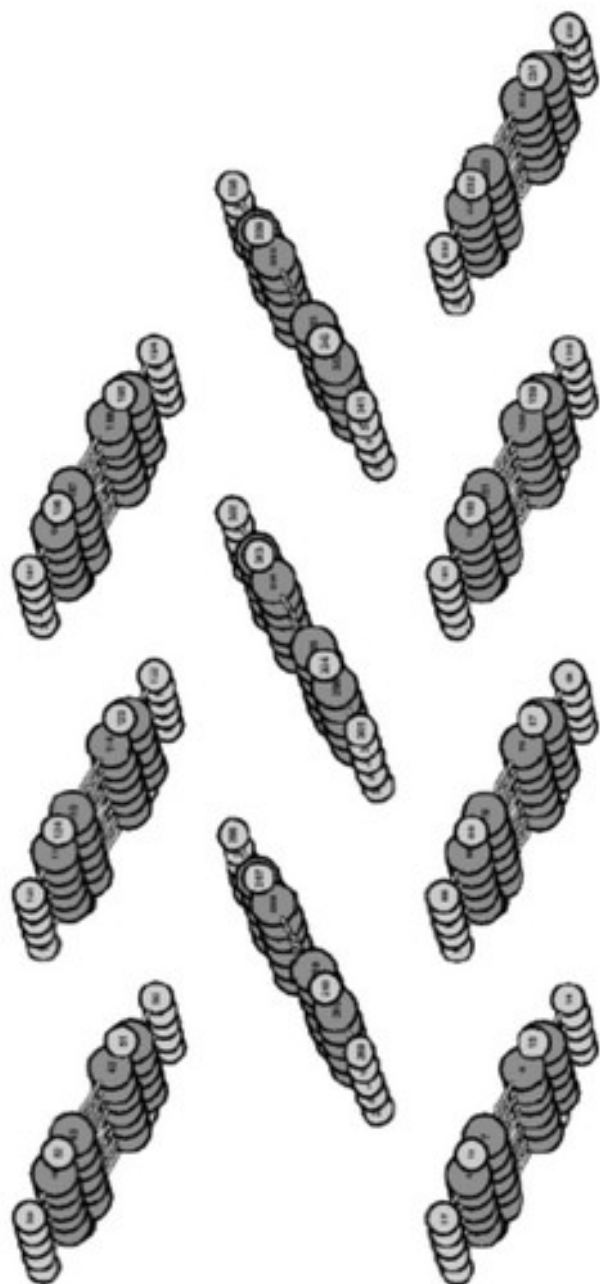


$$\begin{aligned} \Psi = & c_1 {}^1(H, L) \\ & + \frac{3c_2 + 2c_3 + 3c_4}{2\sqrt{6}} \left(\frac{ET_{12} + ET_{23}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \\ & + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} c_3 \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left[ET_{13} - \frac{1}{3}(ET_{12} + ET_{23}) \right] \right\} \\ & + \frac{c_2 - c_4}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{CT_{12} + CT_{23}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ & + \frac{c_2 - 2c_3 + c_4}{2\sqrt{2}} CT_{13} \\ & + c_5 {}^1(H - 2, L + 2), \end{aligned}$$

We can apply this to stacked pentacene!!



Reality Check: Herringbone Pentacene



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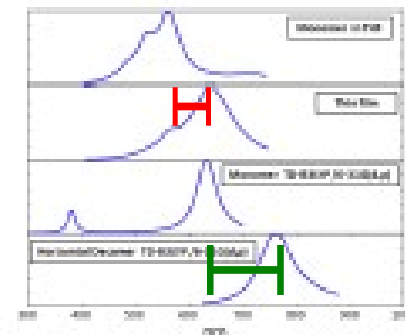
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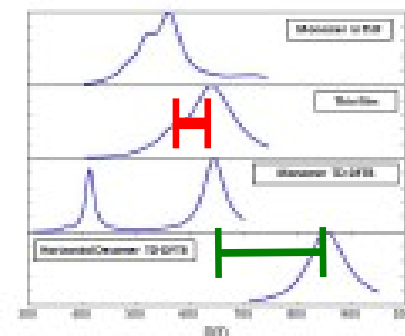
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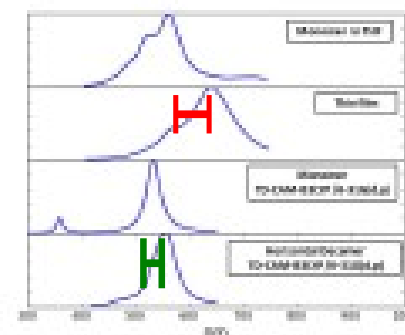
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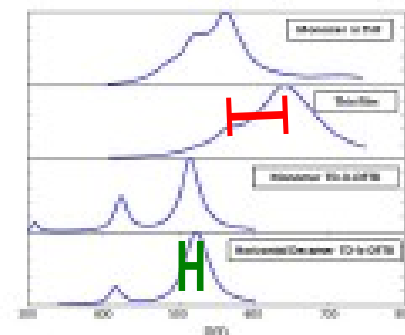
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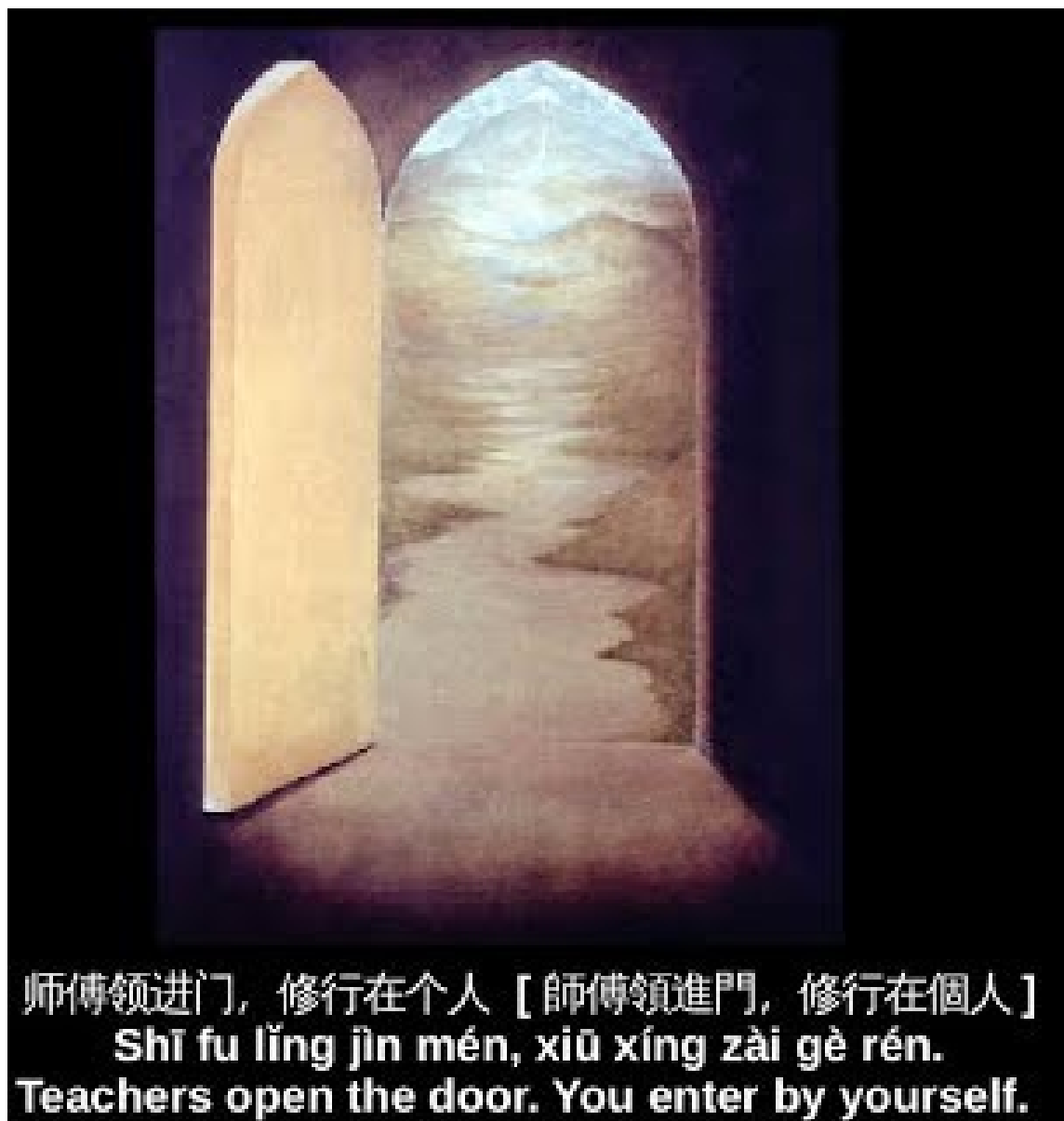
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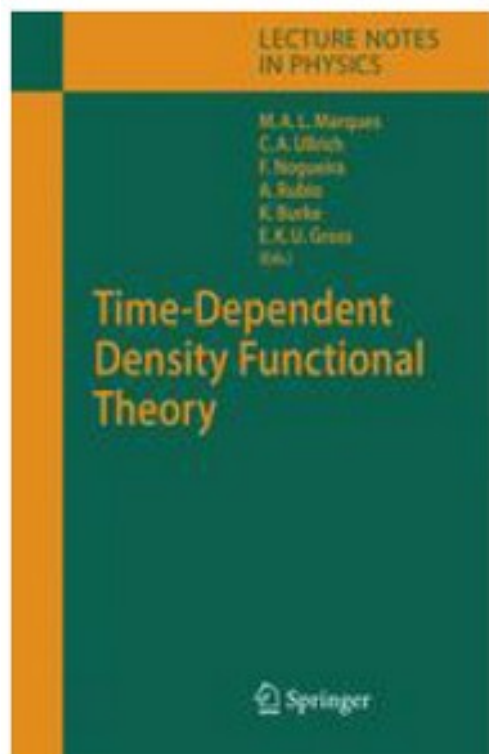
VI. CONCLUSION

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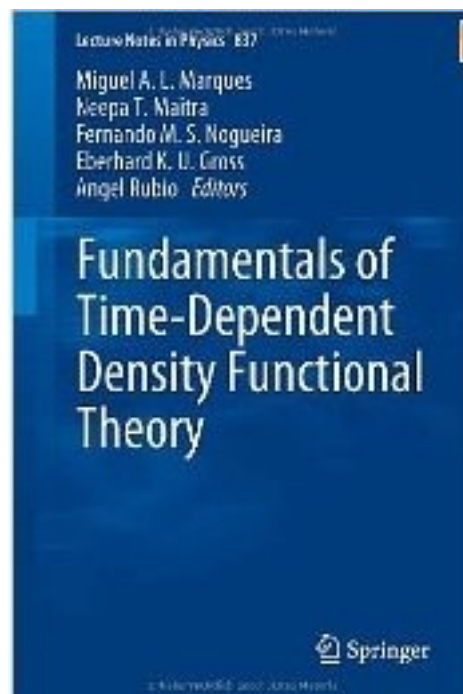
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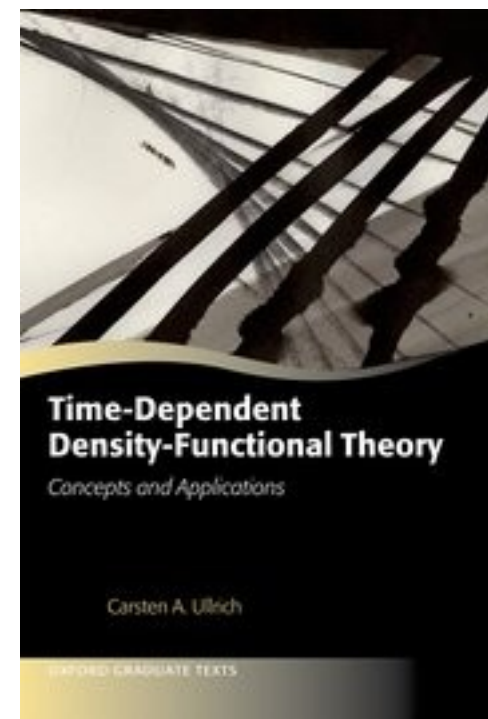
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