

# Beyond LDA and GGA in practice

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# Density-functional theory to many-electron problems

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{\text{ext}} + \hat{V}_{\text{ee}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_i) \right] + \sum_{i>j=1}^N \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$
$$\hat{H}\Psi_k(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = E_n \Psi_k(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

## Kohn-Sham (KS) density-functional theory (DFT)

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \Psi_0 | \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) | \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_n^{\text{occ}} |\psi_n(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

$$E_0[n(\mathbf{r})] = T_s + E_{\text{ext}} + E_H + E_{\text{xc}}$$

$$E_{\text{ext}} = \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}); \quad E_H = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$T_s = \sum_n^{\text{occ}} \langle \psi_n | -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 | \psi_n \rangle$$

# Exchange-correlation energy

$$E_{xc} = E_x + E_c$$

$$E_x = \langle \Phi_{KS} | V_{ee} | \Phi_{KS} \rangle - E_H$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m,n}^{\text{occ}} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_m(\mathbf{r}) \psi_m^*(\mathbf{r}') \psi_n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} := E_x^{\text{EX}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_c &= \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_0 \rangle - \langle \Phi_{KS} | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{ee} | \Phi_{KS} \rangle \\ &= T_c + U_c \end{aligned}$$

$$T_c = \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{T} | \Psi_0 \rangle - T_s; \quad U_c = \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_0 \rangle - E_x^{\text{EX}}$$

- Explicitly density-dependent form for  $E_x$  must involve approximations  
⇒ self-interaction error
- $E_x$  and  $E_c$  are often approximated together
- If  $E_x$  is treated exactly, one must have a sophisticated (non-local) approximation to  $E_c$  to be compatible with  $E_x$ .

# Practical approximations to $E_{xc}$

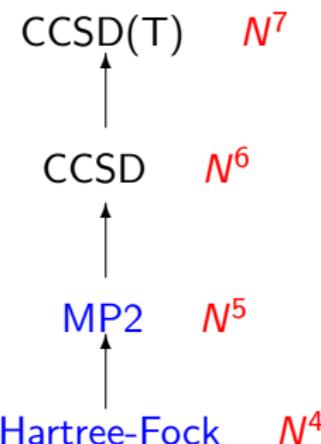
Jacob's ladder in DFT

RPA-type	unocc. $\psi_n(\mathbf{r})$	$N^4-N^6$
hybrids	occ. $\psi_n(\mathbf{r})$	$N^4$
meta-GGA	$\nabla^2 n(\mathbf{r})$	$N^3$
GGA	$\nabla n(\mathbf{r})$	$N^3$
LDA	$n(\mathbf{r})$	$N^3$

J. P. Perdew and K. Schmidt, in *Density Functional Theory and its Application to Materials*, (AIP, Melville, NY, 2001).

RPA: Random-phase approximation

Quantum chemistry approaches



MP2: second-order Moller-Plesset perturbation theory;  
CCSD: Couple-cluster with singles and doubles

# Shortcomings of explicit density-dependent functionals (LDA, GGAs, meta-GGAs):

- Self-interaction error  $\implies$ 
  - too small band gaps in semi-conductors
  - underestimated chemical reaction barrier heights
  - failure to describe localized electrons in both solids and molecules
  - the exchange-correlation potential decays too fast for finite systems
  - $\Rightarrow$  unbound negative ions, no Rydberg states, etc.
- Unable to describe “strong correlations”  
(e.g., transition metal oxides)
- Absence of van der Waals interactions  
(true also for hybrid functionals)
- No access to electronic excited states

# On the 4th rung of Jacob's ladder: hybrid functionals

$$E_{xc}^{\text{hyb}} = (1 - \alpha)E_x^{\text{GGA}} + \beta E_c^{\text{GGA}} + \alpha E_x^{\text{EX}}$$

Generalized Kohn-Sham (gKS) single-particle equation

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

## Main features of hybrid functionals

- + Self-interaction is reduced, and the localized electronic states are treated much better.
- + The generalized Kohn-Sham scheme allows for obtaining a much better band gap, particularly for semiconductors.
- The van der Waals interactions are still absent
- The computational costs are dominated by the evaluation of the exact-exchange part.

$(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$

$$0 < \beta < 1 \text{ (typically 1)}$$

D. Becke, J. Chem. Phys. 98, 1372 (1993); Seidl *et al.*, 53, 3764 (1996).

# On the fifth rung of the Jacob's ladder

I. Adiabatic-connection fluctuation-dissipation theorem: a formally exact way for constructing  $E_{XC}$

Imagine a continuum of fictitious systems governed by

$$\hat{H}_\lambda = \hat{T} + \hat{v}_{\text{ext}}^\lambda + \lambda \hat{V}_{\text{ee}} \quad (\text{where } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1),$$

$$\hat{H}_\lambda |\Phi_\lambda[n]\rangle = E_\lambda |\Phi_\lambda[n]\rangle.$$

Exchange-correlation (XC) part of the interaction energy

$$U_{XC}^\lambda = \langle \Phi_\lambda[n] | V_{\text{ee}} | \Phi_\lambda[n] \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{n(\mathbf{r})n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

Exact  $E_{XC}$ :  $E_{XC} = \int_0^1 d\lambda U_{XC}^\lambda = U_{XC}^{\lambda=1} + T_c$

D. C. Langreth and J. P. Perdew, Phys. Rev. B 15, 2884 (1977).

# On the fifth rung of the Jacob's ladder: RPA

## Fluctuation-Dissipation theorem

$$\frac{U_{xc}^\lambda}{\text{Fluctuation}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' v(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \left[ -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\text{Im} \chi_\lambda(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega)}{\text{Dissipation}} - n(\mathbf{r}) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \right]$$

$\chi_\lambda(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', t - t')$  =  $\delta n(\mathbf{r}, t) / \delta v_{\text{ext}}^\lambda(\mathbf{r}', t')$ : Response function  
(the imaginary part describes the dissipation process)

$$\chi_\lambda = \chi_0 + \chi_0(\lambda v + f_{xc}^\lambda) \chi_\lambda \quad f_{xc} = \delta v_{xc} / \delta n$$

$$\chi_0(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', \omega) = 2 \sum_{mn} \frac{(f_n - f_m) \psi_m^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n^*(\mathbf{r}') \psi_m(\mathbf{r}')} {\omega - \epsilon_m + \epsilon_n}$$

$0 \leq f_m \leq 1$  : Fermi occupation number

$$\text{RPA} \iff f_{xc}^\lambda = 0$$

# On the fifth rung of the Jacob's ladder: GL2/MP2

## II. Many-body perturbation theory

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}^0 + \hat{H}'$$

$$\hat{H}^0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 + v^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) + v_i^{\text{MF}} \right]$$

$$\hat{H}' = \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} - \sum_{i=1}^N v_i^{\text{MF}}$$

$$\hat{H}^0 |\Phi_n\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |\Phi_n\rangle$$

$$E_0 = E_0^{(0)} + E_0^{(1)} + E_0^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$E_0^{(0)} = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}^0 | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

$$E_0^{(1)} = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}' | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

$$E_0^{(2)} = \sum_{n>0} \frac{|\langle \Phi_0 | H' | \Phi_n \rangle|^2}{E_0^{(0)} - E_n^{(0)}}$$

$v^{\text{MF}} = v^{\text{HF}}$  (HF potential)  $\implies$  Møller-Plesset perturbation theory  
 $v^{\text{MF}} = v^{\text{KS}}$  (KS potential)  $\implies$  Görling-Levy perturbation theory

A. Görling and M. Levy, Phys. Rev. B 47, 13105 (1993).

S. Grimme, J. Chem. Phys. 122, 034108 (2006). (Double hybrids)

# Diagrammatic (Goldstone) representation of cRPA

- Random phase approximation to the correlation energy

$$E_c^{\text{RPA}} = \text{Diagram A} + \text{Diagram B} + \dots$$

Advantages:

- The long-range vdW interactions are included.
- Compatible with exact-exchange, the inclusion of which cancels the self-interaction term present in the Hartree energy.

$$E_c^{\text{MP2}} = \text{Diagram A} + \text{Diagram B}$$

MP2: “second-order direct (ring) plus exchange terms”

# Beyond LDA and GGA: hybrid functionals, GL2, RPA, and GW

Basic ingredients required:

- Full or a fraction of exact-exchange
  - Exact-exchange : the **first-order term** of the perturbation series based on the Kohn-Sham non-interacting reference Hamiltonian
- GL2 (MP2) or RPA-type correlation energy
  - GL2 (MP2) : the **second-order term** of the perturbation series based on the Kohn-Sham (Hartree-Fock) reference Hamiltonian
  - RPA: a partial summation of “ring” diagrams to infinite order
- GW self-energy (**talk by P. Rinke, Wed, Jul. 20**)
  - In analogy to RPA, but for the self-energy.

All can be formulated within the framework of many-body perturbation theory (either for total energy or the self-energy)

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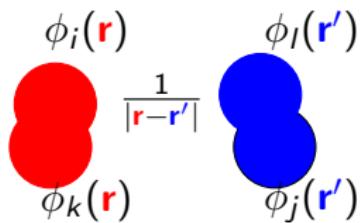
Numeric atom-centered basis (NAO):

$$\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{u_{nl}(r)}{r} Y_{lm}(\hat{\Omega})$$

- Well established for standard functionals (LDA and GGAs)
  - Flexible in shape  $\Rightarrow$  compactness
  - Natural inclusion of core electrons
  - Becoming more and more popular recently  
Dmol, FPLO, FHI-aims, Siesta, etc.
- But how about doing exact-exchange and beyond  
(e.g., MP2, RPA et al.)?

Main challenges:  
four-center Coulomb integrals

$$(ik|lj) = \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_k(\mathbf{r}) \phi_l(\mathbf{r}') \phi_j(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$



Our solution: resolution of identity (RI), or “density fitting”

$GW$ , RPA (noninteracting response function)

$$\chi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}', i\omega) = \sum_m^{\text{occ}} \sum_a^{\text{unocc}} \left[ \psi_m(\mathbf{r}) \psi_a(\mathbf{r}) \psi_m(\mathbf{r}') \psi_a(\mathbf{r}') \frac{2(\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_a)}{\omega^2 + (\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_a)^2} \right]$$

Hartree-Fock (exchange matrix)

$$\Sigma_{ij}^x = \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \sum_n^{\text{occ}} \frac{\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n(\mathbf{r}') \phi_j(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

MP2 (Coulomb repulsion integral)

$$(ma|nb) = \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\psi_m(\mathbf{r}) \psi_a(\mathbf{r}) \psi_n(\mathbf{r}') \phi_b(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

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

“Density fitting”  $\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_\mu C_{ij}^\mu P_\mu(\mathbf{r})$

$\phi_i(\mathbf{r})$  : NAO basis;  $\psi_n(\mathbf{r})$  : single-particle KS/HF orbitals

## RI with a set of auxiliary basis functions

- Observation:  $N_{\text{basis}} \cdot (N_{\text{basis}} + 1)/2$  many pair products  $\{\phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_j(\mathbf{r})\}$ , where  $i < j = 1, 2, \dots, N_{\text{basis}}$ , are heavily linear dependent
- One can construct a linearly independent, auxiliary basis set  $\{P_\mu(\mathbf{r})\}$ , ( $N_{\text{aux}} \sim N_{\text{basis}}$ ), sufficiently accurate to represent  $\{\phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_j(\mathbf{r})\}$ .

$$\phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_j(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_{\mu}^{N_{\text{aux}}} C_{ij}^\mu P_\mu(\mathbf{r})$$

- It follows (RI decomposition)

$$(ik|lj) \approx \sum_{\mu\nu} C_{ik}^\mu < P_\mu | v | P_\nu > C_{lj}^\nu = \sum_{\mu\nu} C_{ik}^\mu V_{\mu\nu} C_{lj}^\nu$$

- Construct  $\{P_\mu(\mathbf{r})\}$ , and determine  $C_{ik}^\mu$

# A simpl

1.  $\{P_\mu(\mathbf{r})\}$

$$P(\mathbf{r})$$

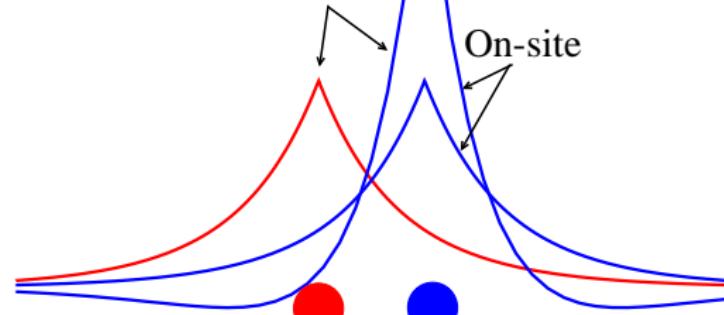
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- “On-site” pairs  $\phi_i(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_a)\phi_j(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_b)$  “exactly” represented by  $P_\mu(\mathbf{r})$  !
- But how about “off-site” pairs  $\phi_i(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_b)\phi_j(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_a)$  ?

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# Determining $C_{ik}^\mu$ : “RI-SVS” vs “RI-V”

$$\phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_j(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_\mu C_{ij}^\mu P_\mu(\mathbf{r}); \quad \left( \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_k(\mathbf{r}) - \sum_\mu C_{ik}^\mu P_\mu(\mathbf{r}). \right)$$

minimizing  $(\delta\rho|\delta\rho)$

$$C_{ik}^\mu = \sum_\nu (ik\nu) S_{\nu\mu}^{-1}$$

$$(ik\nu) = \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_k(\mathbf{r}) P_\nu(\mathbf{r})$$

$$S_{\nu\mu} = \int d\mathbf{r} P_\nu(\mathbf{r}) P_\mu(\mathbf{r})$$

$$(ik|lj) = \sum_{\mu\mu'\nu\nu'} (ik\nu) S_{\nu\nu'}^{-1} V_{\nu'\mu'} S_{\mu'\mu}^{-1} (\mu|lj).$$

“RI-SVS” version

minimizing  $(\delta\rho|\delta\rho)$

$$C_{ik}^\mu = \sum_\nu (ik|\nu) V_{\nu\mu}^{-1}$$

$$(ik|\nu) = \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \phi_i(\mathbf{r})\phi_k(\mathbf{r}) v(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') P_\nu(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$V_{\nu\mu} = \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' P_\nu(\mathbf{r}) v(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') P_\mu(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$(ik|lj) = \sum_{\mu\nu} (ik|\nu) V_{\nu\mu}^{-1} (\mu|lj).$$

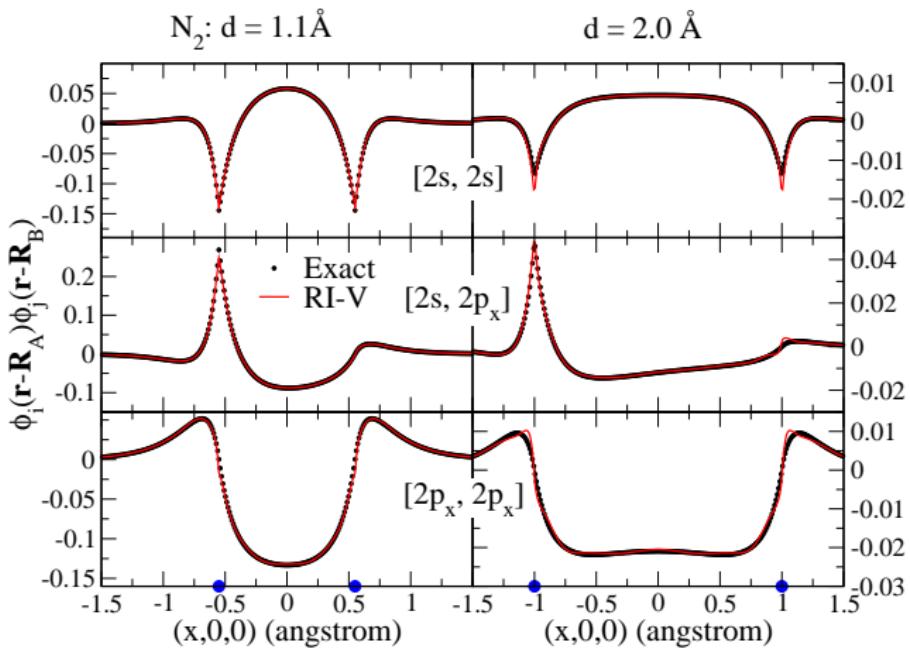
“RI-V” version

- “RI-V” gives much better accuracy
- A singular value decomposition  $\epsilon^{\text{svd}}$  is introduced in the matrix inversion to prevent the possible illconditioning behavior.

Dunlap, Connolly, and Sabin, JCP **71**, 3396 (1979).

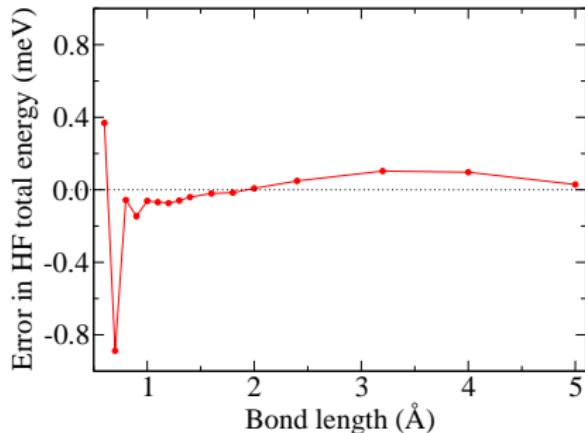
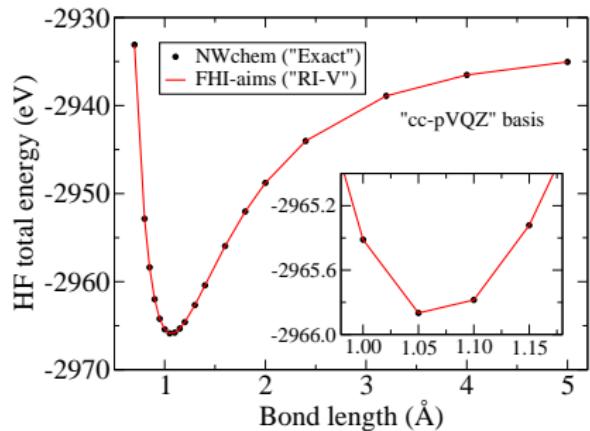
Vahtras, J. Almlöf, and Feyereisen, CPL **213**, 514 (1993).

# On the accuracy of the RI approximation (for off-site pairs)



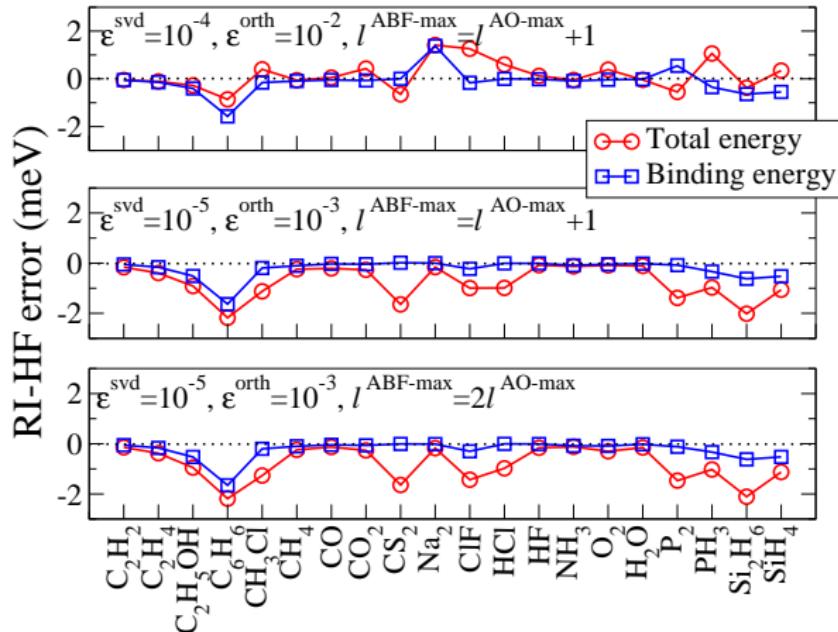
- NAO tier 2 basis set ( $4s3p2d1f1g$ ) is used in the auxiliary basis construction

# Accuracy of the RI approximation: HF total energy for N<sub>2</sub>



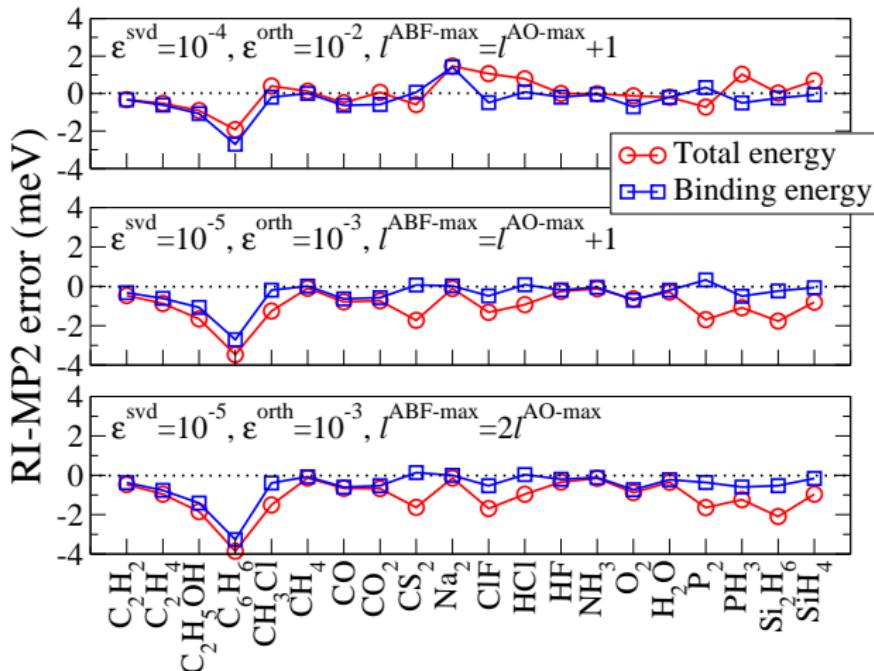
- Gaussian basis set "cc-pVQZ" is used.
- Reference values are obtained with NWchem.
- Thresholding parameters  
 $\text{JABF-max} = \text{JAO-max} + 1$ ,  $\epsilon^{\text{orth}} = 10^{-2}$ ,  $\epsilon^{\text{svd}} = 10^{-4}$

# On the accuracy of RI-HF for light elements



- Gaussian cc-pVQZ basis set is used
- “RI-free” NWchem results are used as reference

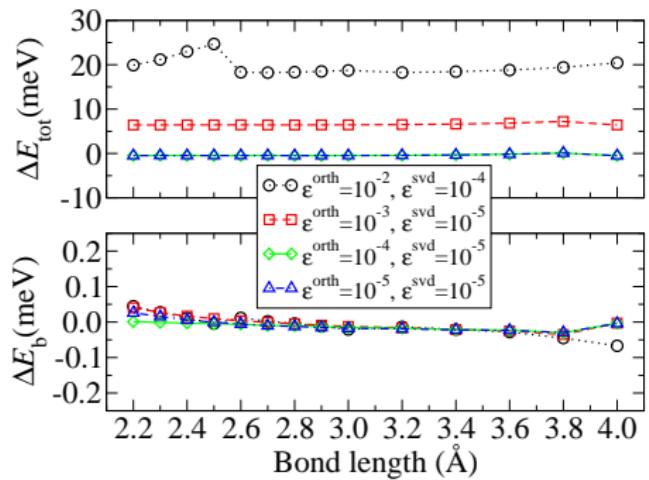
# On the accuracy of RI-MP2 for light elements



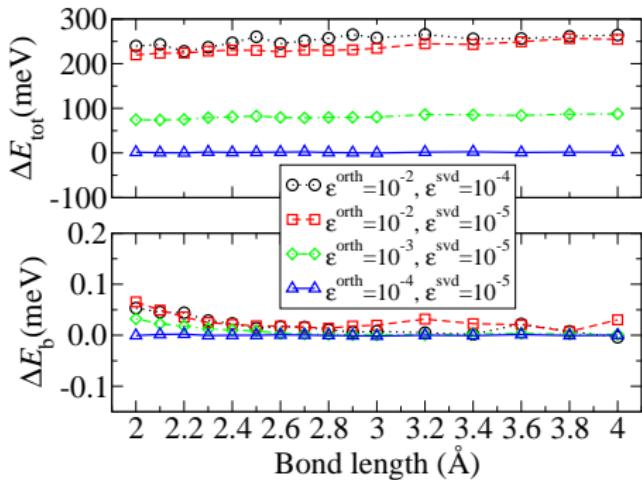
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# On the accuracy of RI-HF for heavy elements

$\text{Cu}_2$

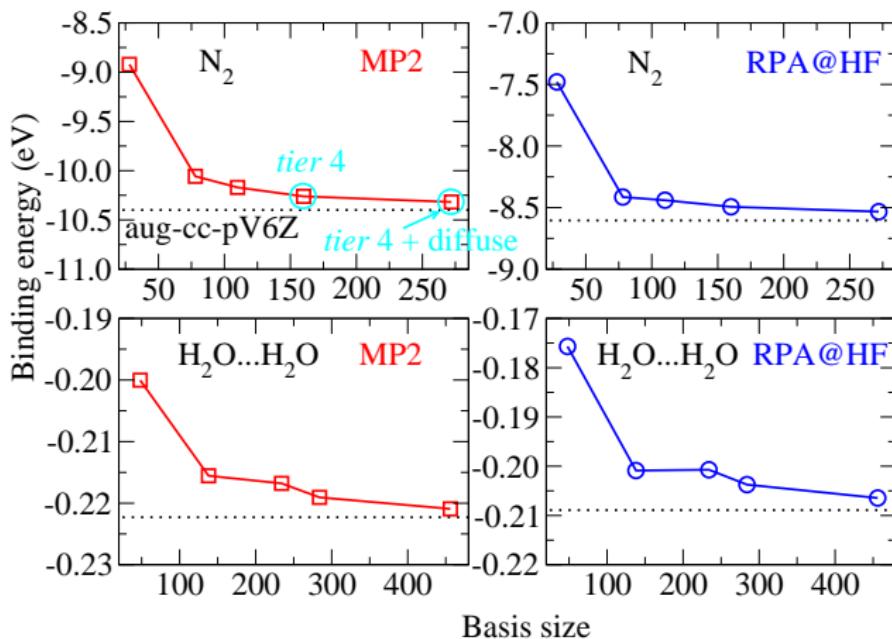


$\text{Au}_2$



Tighter  $\epsilon^{\text{orth}}$  parameter is needed for heavy elements, but meV/atom total-energy accuracy can still be achieved with  $\epsilon^{\text{orth}} = 10^{-4}$  and tighter.

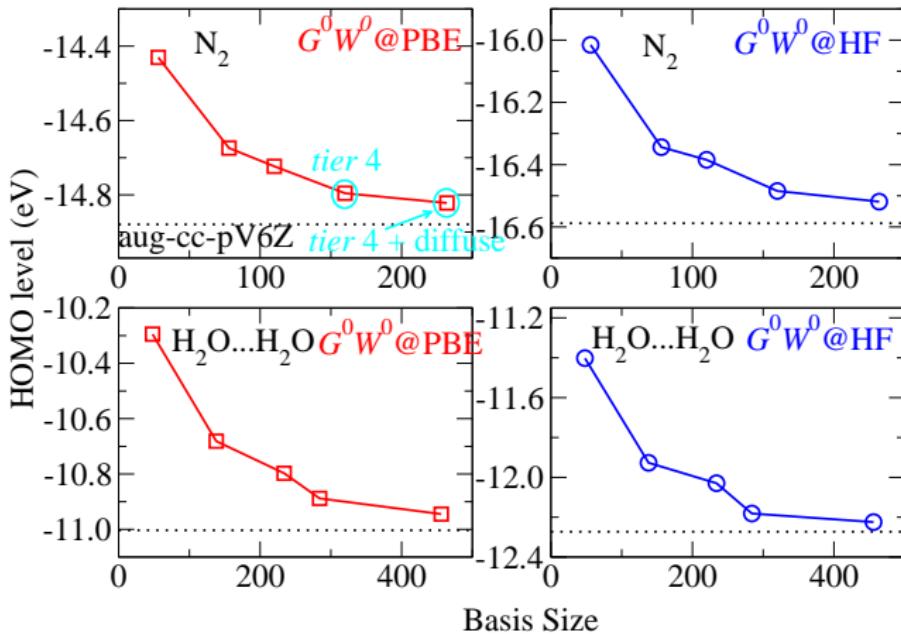
# Convergence with NAO basis sets



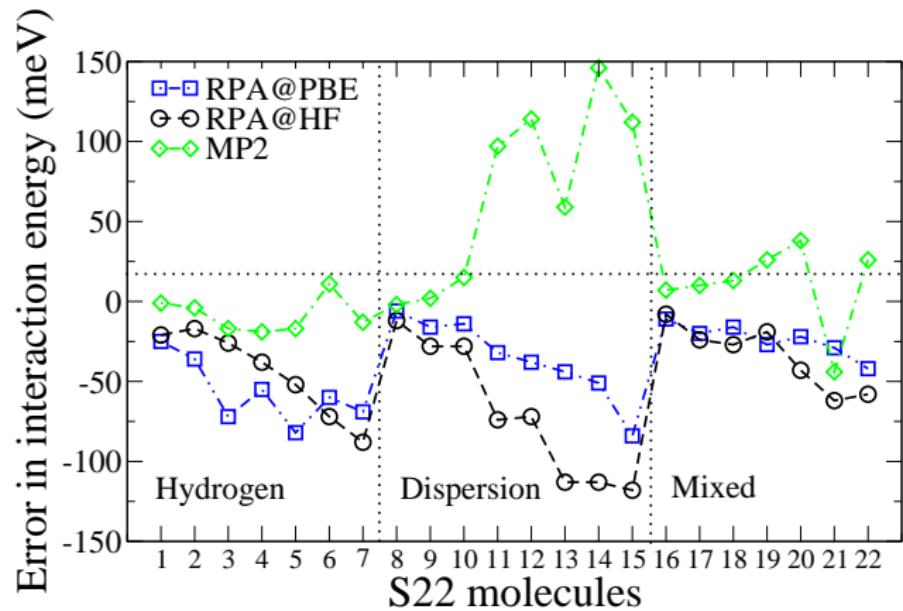
NAOs for N:  
tier 1:  $3s2p1d$   
tier 2:  $4s3p2d1f1g$   
tier 3:  $5s4p3d2f1g$   
tier 4:  $6s5p4d3f2g$   
(80)

diffuse functions from  
aug-cc-pV5Z  
 $1s1p1d1f1g1h$  (36)  
aug-cc-pV6Z:  
 $8s7p6d5f4g3h2i$   
(189)

# Convergence with NAO basis sets



# Application I: Binding energies for molecules



S22 molecular set:  
Jurečka *et al.*, PCCP 8, 1985  
(2006)

- 7 hydrogen-bonded molecules
- 8 dispersion bonded molecules
- 7 with mixed character

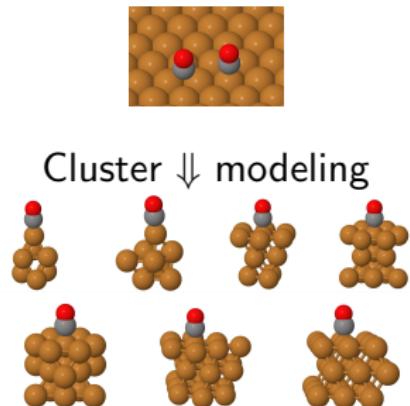
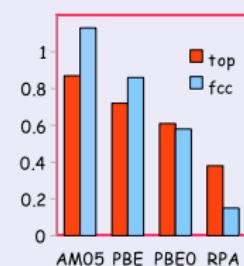
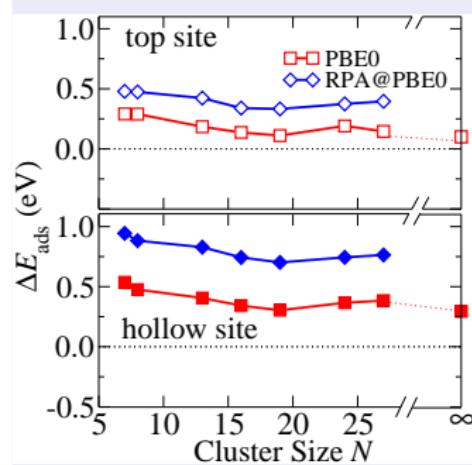
# Application II: Adsorption problem

## Delta-XC correction scheme

$$E_{\text{ads}}(\text{XC-better}) = E_{\text{ads}}(\text{PBE}) + \lim_{\text{cluster} \rightarrow \infty} [E_{\text{ads}}^{\text{cluster}}(\text{XC-better}) - E_{\text{ads}}^{\text{cluster}}(\text{PBE})]$$

Hu, Reuter, and Scheffler, PRL **98**, 176103 (2007).

## PBE0 and RPA calculation for CO@Cu(111)



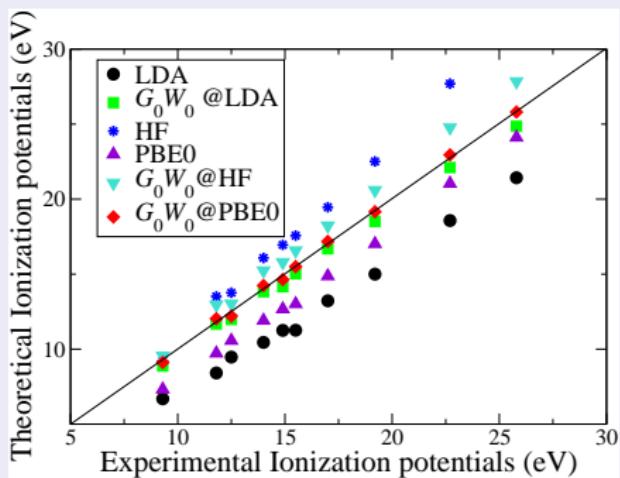
Ren, Rinke, and Scheffler, PRB, **80**, 045402 (2009).

# Application III: $G^0W^0$ quasiparticle energy corrections

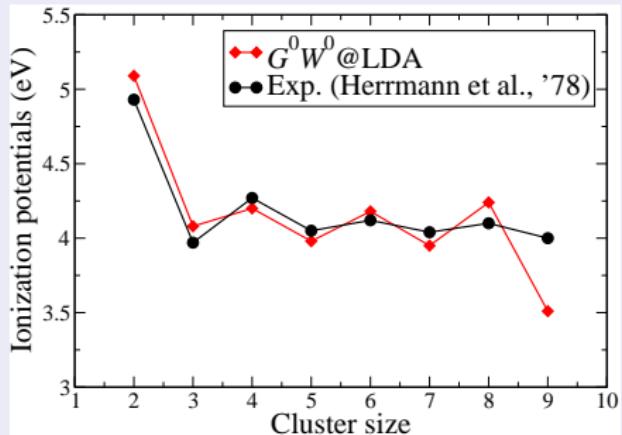
$G^0W^0$  correction to KS energy levels

$$E_n^{G^0W^0} = E_n^{\text{KS}} + \sum_{nn}^{G^0W^0} (E_n^{G^0W^0}) - V_n^{\text{xc}}$$

Ionization potentials for benzene



Ionization potentials for Na clusters



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# Exact-exchange plus the correlation energy in the random phase approximation (EX+cRPA)

⇒ A promising route to go beyond (semi-)local DFT

- Self-interaction in (semi-)local DFT is reduced in EX+cRPA;  
(cRPA is not self-correlation free though)
  - Correct asymptotic Kohn-Sham potential for finite systems
- cRPA is fully non-local, and van der Waals interactions are included automatically;
- Applicable to molecules, insulators, and metals with various bonding natures. (In contrast to second-order perturbation theory like MP2)

# RPA calculations in practice

In practical calculations, RPA is done perturbatively on a LDA/GGA reference (e.g., RPA@PBE)

The “standard” RPA scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} E^{\text{RPA@PBE}} &= E^{\text{PBE}} - E_{\text{xc}}^{\text{PBE}} + \left( E_{\text{x}}^{\text{exact}} + E_{\text{c}}^{\text{RPA}} \right) @\text{PBE} \\ &= \left( E_{\text{kin}} + E_{\text{ext}} + E_{\text{Hartree}} + E_{\text{x}}^{\text{exact}} + E_{\text{c}}^{\text{RPA}} \right) @\text{PBE} \\ &= E^{\text{EX@PBE}} + E^{\text{cRPA@PBE}} \end{aligned}$$

$E^{\text{EX@PBE}}$ : non-self-consistent Hartree-Fock energy  
(exchange-only total energy) evaluated with PBE orbitals.

$E^{\text{cRPA@PBE}}$ : RPA correlation energy evaluated with PBE orbitals.

But, the “standard” RPA scheme underestimates the bond strength systematically

# Rayleigh-Schrödinger perturbation theory

Perturbative correction to the ground state energy:

Hartree-Fock vs Kohn-Sham reference

$$H^{(0)} = H^{\text{HF}}; |\Phi_0\rangle = |\Phi_{\text{HF}}\rangle$$

$$E_0^{(0)} + E_0^{(1)} = E^{\text{HF}}$$

$$E_c^{\text{SE}} = 0 \text{ (Brillouin theorem)}$$

$$H^{(0)} = H^{\text{PBE}}; |\Phi_0\rangle = |\Phi_{\text{PBE}}\rangle$$

$$E_0^{(0)} + E_0^{(1)} = E^{\text{EX@PBE}}$$

$$E_c^{\text{SE}} = \sum_{ia} \frac{|\langle a | \hat{v}_{\text{HF}} - \hat{v}_{\text{KS-PBE}} | i \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_a} \neq 0$$

(but not included in the RPA@PBE)

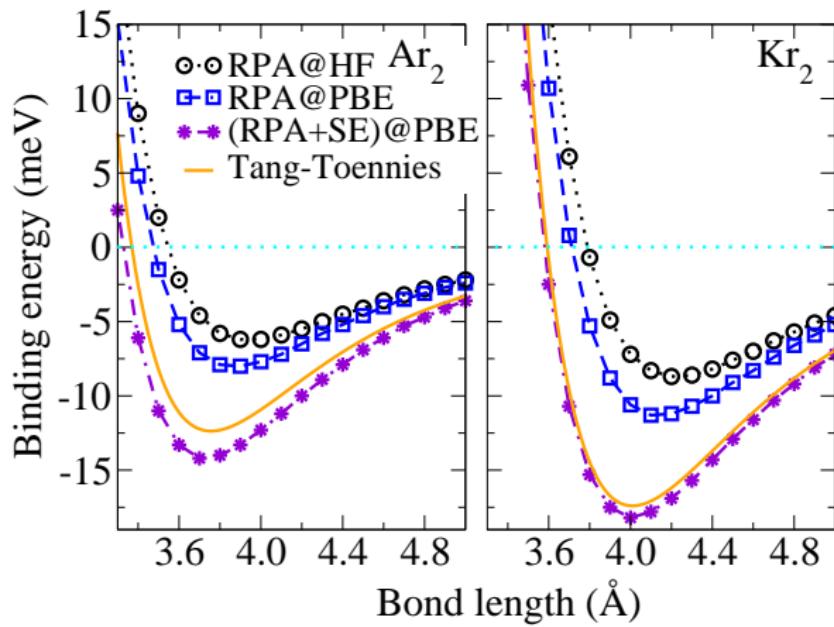
Kohn-Sham many-body perturbation theory

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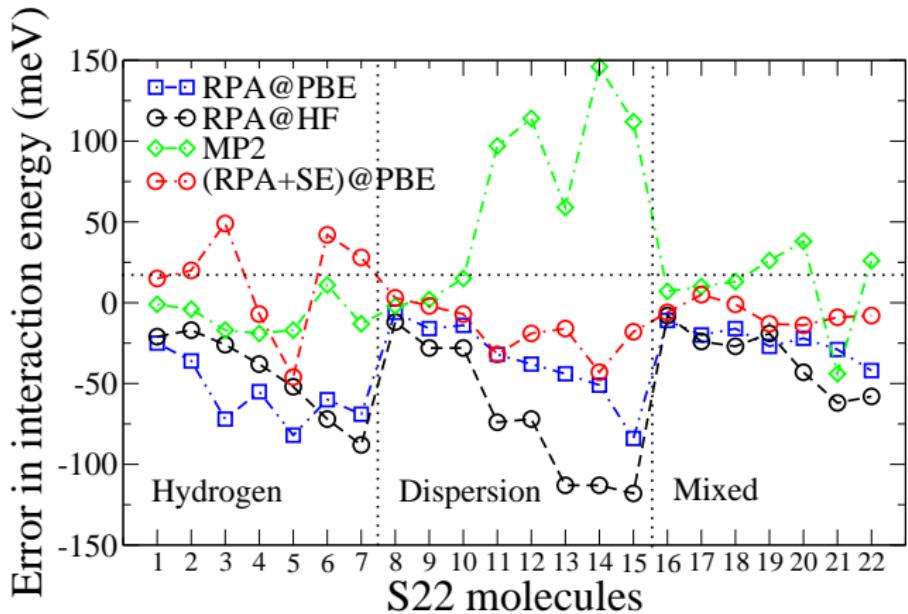
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# Conclusions

- The RI technique makes the NAO basis functions a competitive option for the implementation of approaches beyond LDA and GGA.
  - ▶ hybrid functionals
  - ▶ MP2
  - ▶ RPA and  $GW$
- can treat system size  $\sim 100$  light atoms . . .
- The many-body perturbation theory offers a useful perspective for designing more elaborate functionals in the higher rungs of Jacob's ladder.

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