APPROXIMATING THE MANY BODY PROBLEM THROUGH REFINING COUPLED CLUSTER THEORY

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Thouless Theorem

$$|\Phi\rangle = e^{\widehat{T_1}} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

Greens and Spectral Functions

 $G(x, x_0) = G(rt, r_0 t_0) = -i\Theta(t - t_0) \langle 0 | \{ \psi(rt), \psi^{\dagger}(r_0 t_0) \} | 0 \rangle$ $A(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} Im | G(\omega) |$

Time-dependent approach to the calculation of spectral functions

K. Schönhammer and O. Gunnarsson, Phys Rev B 18, 6606 (1978)

- Time dependent generalization of coupled-cluster theory
- Goal: Calculate the spectral weight function of a many body Hamiltonian with respect to some given Slater determinant, $|\Phi_o\rangle$

Two ways

Frequency domain

$$\rho(\epsilon) = \langle \Phi_o | \delta(\epsilon - H) | \Phi_o \rangle = \sum | \langle \Phi_o | E_i \rangle |^2 \delta(\epsilon - E_i)$$

Time domain

$$\rho(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\pi} Im[i \int_0^\infty e^{i(\epsilon - i0)t} \langle \Phi_o | e^{-iHt} | \Phi_o \rangle$$

Methods for solving a many-body Schrodinger Equation

- Hedin GW Approximation (GWA)
- Configuration Interaction
- Cumulant Expansion
- Coupled-Cluster Theory

Why Coupled Cluster Theory?

What is Coupled Cluster Theory?

- Extension of Hartree Fock Ab Initio Method
- Exact solution to TISE

$$H|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$$

- H is the Hamiltonian
- $|\Psi\rangle$ is the exact ground state wave function
- E is the exact ground state energy
- CC Ansatz: $|\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{T}}|\Psi_0\rangle$

Hartee Fock

Minimizes energy expectation value of orbitals

- Solving set of coupled 1-electron eigenvalue equations $\hat{f}\psi_i = \varepsilon_i\psi_i$
- Great Initial Approximation
 - 99% of total electronic energy
 - 95% of the wave function

3-State/ 2-Electron Model



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3-State/2-Electron Spectral Functions





4-State/2-Electron



What is the Coupling Potential v_{pq}^{rs} ?

- Describes the coulombic potential between different, interacting electrons.
- Approximate value comes from the Hartee Fock method

$$v_{pq}^{rs} = \langle pq | | rs \rangle = \langle pq | rs \rangle - \langle pq | sr \rangle$$
$$\langle pq | rs \rangle = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\overline{r_1} d\overline{r_2} \frac{\varphi_p^*(\overline{r_1})\varphi_q^*(\overline{r_2})\varphi_r(\overline{r_1})\varphi_s(\overline{r_2})}{|\overline{r_2} - \overline{r_1}|}$$





v_{pq}^{rs} Role in Coupled Cluster Method

$$\begin{split} H \Big| \Phi^{N-1} &>= \left(\hat{h}_{nuc} + \hat{V} \right) \Big| \Phi^{N-1} > \\ &= \left(\hat{h}_{nuc} + f^N - f^N \right) \Big| \Phi^{N-1} > \\ &= \left(h_{HF}^N - f^N + f^{N-1} + \hat{V} \right) \Big| \Phi^{N-1} > \end{split}$$

$$\widehat{V} = \sum_{pqrs} v_{ps}^{rs} a_p^* a_q^* a_r a_s$$

Realistic Model of N_2



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Going Forward

- Goal is to get proof of principle
 - Prototype Calculations
 - approximations that have about 20% accuracy
- Better understanding of electron interactions
- Faster calculations of larger systems
- More complicated system simulations

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