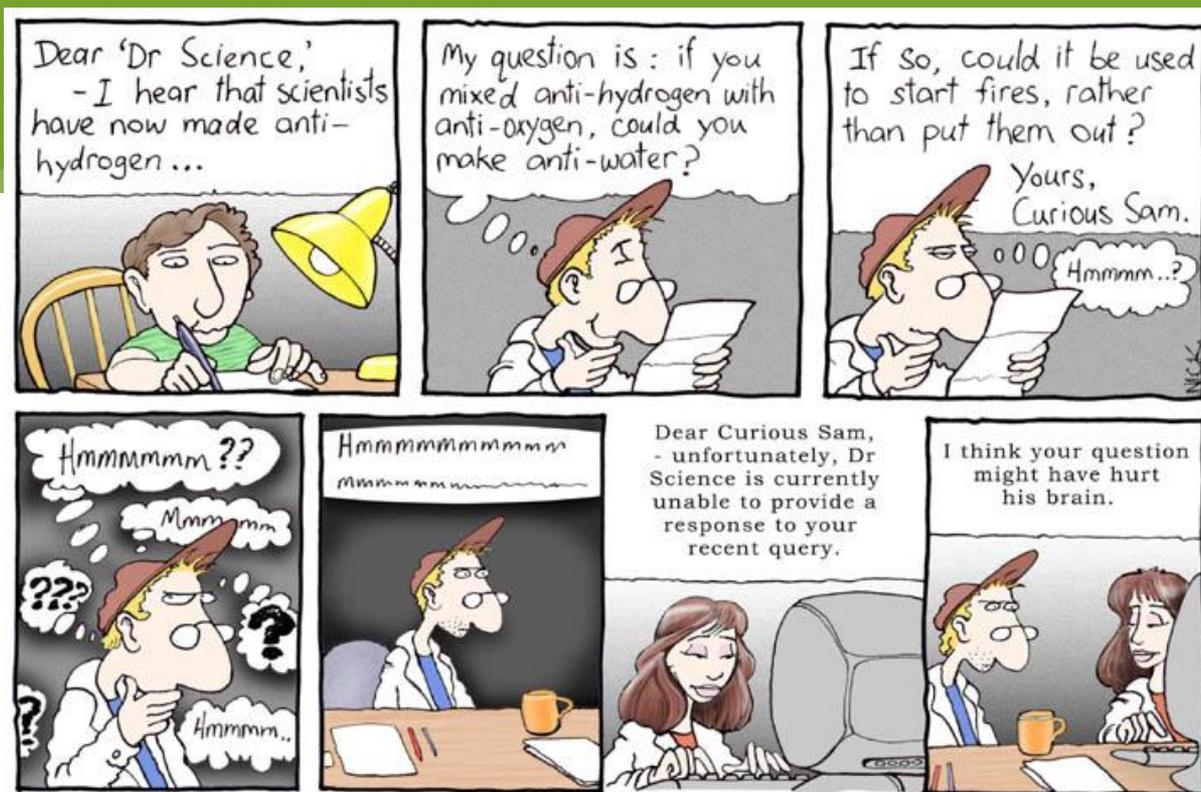


# Basic Introduction of Computational Chemistry



# What is Computational Chemistry?



- Definition
- Some examples
- The relation to the real world

Cartoons from "scientist at work; work, scientists, work!"

- A branch of chemistry
- That uses equations encapsulating the behavior of matter on an atomistic scale and
- Uses computers to solve these equations
- To calculate structures and properties
- Of molecules, gases, liquids and solids
- To explain or predict chemical phenomena.
  
- See also:
  - ◆ Wikipedia,
  - ◆ <http://www.chem.yorku.ca/profs/renef/whatiscc.html> [11/10/2010]
  - ◆ <http://www.ccl.net/cca/documents/dyoung/topics-orig/compchem.html> [11/10/2010]

## ■ Including:

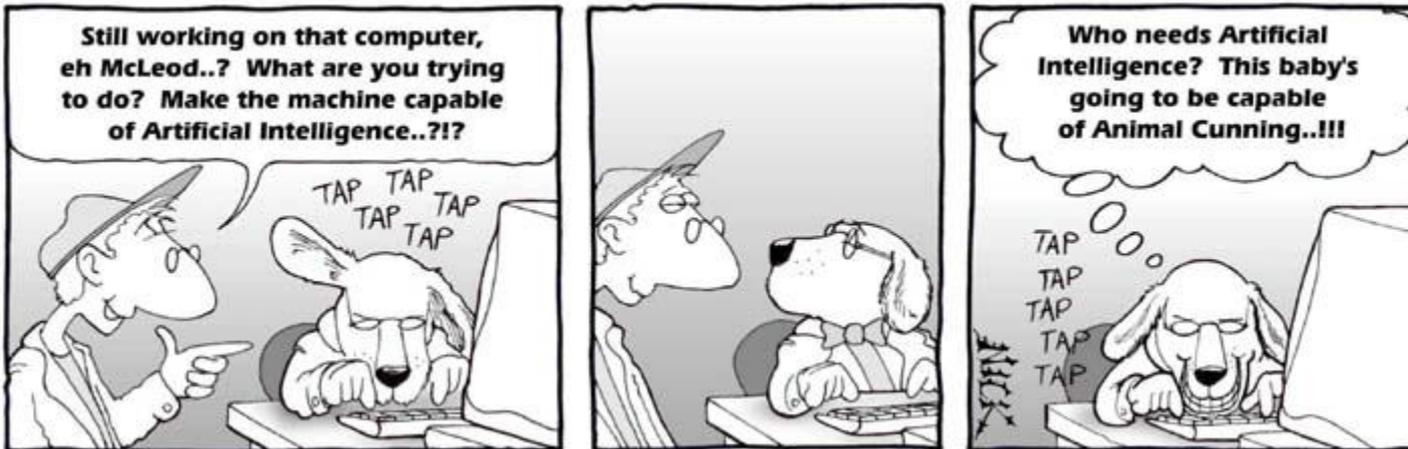
- ◆ Electron dynamics
- ◆ Time independent ab initio calculations
- ◆ Semi-empirical calculations
- ◆ Classical molecular dynamics
- ◆ Embedded models
- ◆ Coarse grained models

## ■ Not including:

- ◆ Quantum chromo-dynamics
- ◆ Calculations on Jellium
- ◆ Continuum models
- ◆ Computational fluid dynamics
- ◆ Data mining
- ◆ Rule based derivations

- “To explain or predict chemical phenomena”:
  - ◆ Phenomenon is any observable occurrence
  - ◆ Therefore computational chemistry has to connect with practical/experimental chemistry
  - ◆ In many cases fruitful projects live at the interface between computational and experimental chemistry because:
    - Both domains criticize each other leading to improved approaches
    - Both domains are complementary as results that are inaccessible in the one domain might be easily accessible in the other
    - Agreeing on the problem helps focus the invested effort

# Where do you start?



- Selection of energy expressions
- Hartree-Fock / Density Functional Theory
- Moller-Plesset Perturbation Theory
- Coupled Cluster
- Quantum Mechanics / Molecular Mechanics
- Molecular Mechanics

- Everything starts with an energy expression
- Calculations either minimize to obtain:
  - ◆ the ground state
  - ◆ equilibrium geometries
- Or differentiate to obtain properties:
  - ◆ Infra-red spectra
  - ◆ NMR spectra
  - ◆ Polarizabilities
- Or add constraints to
  - ◆ Optimize reaction pathways (NEB, string method, ParaReal)
- The choice of the energy expression determines the achievable accuracy

- Effective 1-Electron Models
  - ◆ Hartree-Fock and Density Functional Theory
  - ◆ Plane wave formulation
  - ◆ Local basis set formulation
- Correlated Models
  - ◆ Møller-Plesset Perturbation Theory
  - ◆ Coupled Cluster
- Combined Quantum Mechanical / Molecular Mechanics (QM/MM)
- Molecular Mechanics

# Hartree-Fock & Density Functional Theory I

## Plane wave & Local basis

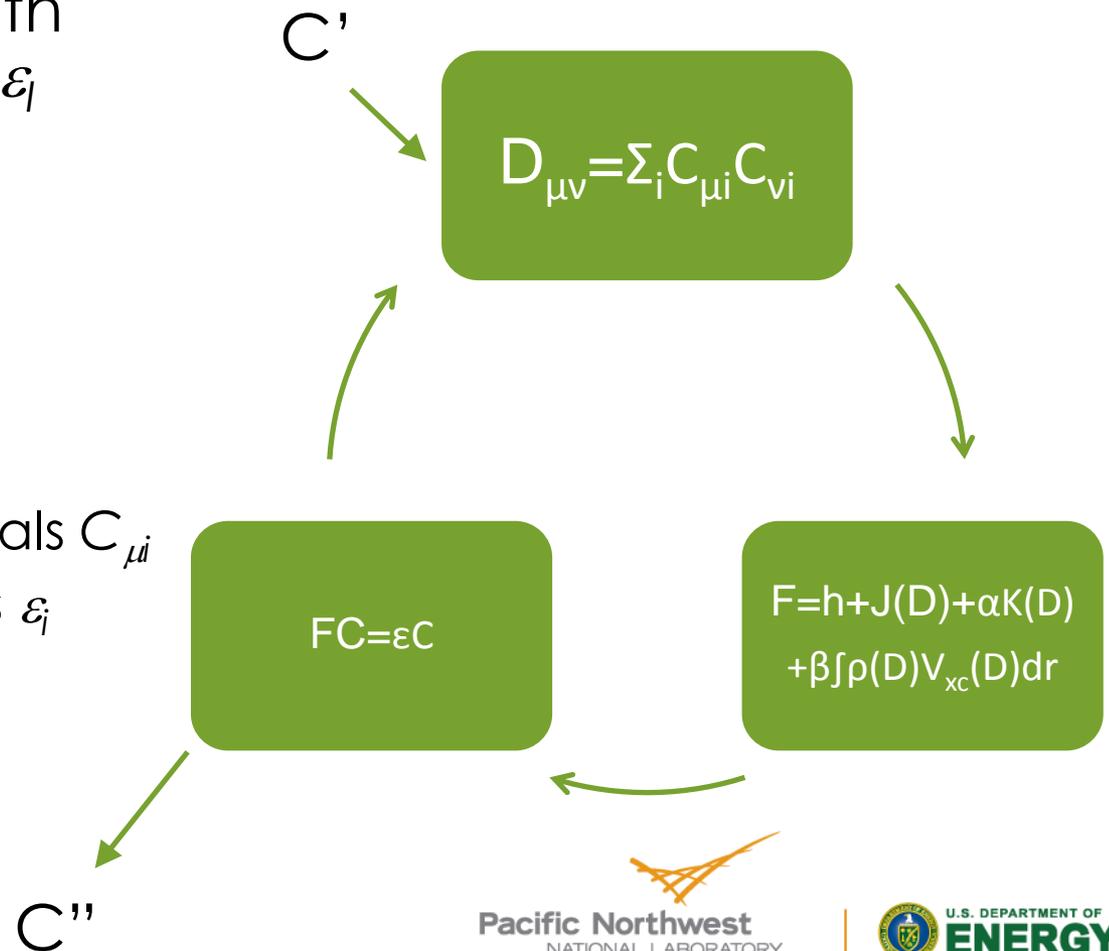


- The energy expression is derived from a single determinant wave function approximation
- Replace the exchange with a functional to go from Hartree-Fock to DFT
- Use different basis sets for different problems
  - ◆ Plane waves for infinite condensed phase systems
  - ◆ Local basis sets for finite systems

# Hartree-Fock & Density Functional Theory II

## Plane wave & Local basis

- Minimize energy with respect to  $C_{\mu i}$  and  $\epsilon_i$
- Iterative process cycling until Self-Consistency
- Gives
  - The total energy  $E$
  - The molecular orbitals  $C_{\mu i}$
  - The orbital energies  $\epsilon_i$



# Hartree-Fock & Density Functional Theory III

## Local Basis Sets



### Memory requirements

- Largest quantities are the density, Fock, overlap, 1-electron matrices
- Memory needed  $O(N^2)$ 
  - ◆ Replicated data  $O(N^2)$  per node
  - ◆ Distributed data  $O(N^2)$  for whole calculation

### Computational Complexity

- Main cost is the evaluation of the 2-electron integrals
- Takes  $O(N^2)$ - $O(N^4)$  work
  - ◆  $O(N^4)$  for small systems
  - ◆  $O(N^2)$  in the large  $N$  limit
- For large  $N$  the linear algebra becomes dominant at  $O(N^3)$

# Hartree-Fock & Density Functional Theory IV

## Plane waves



### Memory requirements

- Largest quantities are the density, Fock, overlap, 1-electron matrices
- Memory needed  $O(N^2)$ 
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  - ◆ Distributed data  $O(N^2)$  for whole calculation

### Computational Complexity

- Main cost stems from the Fourier transforms
- For small systems and large processor counts dominated by FFTs costing  $O(N^2 \ln(N))$
- For large systems the non-local operator and orthogonalization are important costing  $O(N^3)$

- Assumes that electron correlation effects are small
- The Hartree-Fock energy is the 1<sup>st</sup> order corrected energy
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> order corrected energy can be calculated from the 1<sup>st</sup> order corrected wave function (2N+1 rule)

- The zeroth order energy is the sum of occupied orbital energies
- The first order energy is the Hartree-Fock energy
- The energy correction gives an estimate of the interaction of the Hartree-Fock determinant with all singly and double substituted determinants
- The total energy scales correctly with system size
- It is ill defined if the HOMO and LUMO are degenerate

$$E = E^{HF} + E^{\Delta MP2}$$

$$E^{\Delta MP2} = \sum_{\substack{i,j \in \{occ\} \\ r,s \in \{virt\}}} \frac{|(ij|rs)|^2}{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j - \epsilon_r - \epsilon_s}$$

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moller-Plesset\\_perturbation\\_theory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moller-Plesset_perturbation_theory) [11/19/2010]

## Memory requirements

- The MO basis 2-electron integrals require the dominant amount of storage
  - ◆ This takes  $O(N^4)$  storage
  - ◆ Can be reduced to  $O(N^3)$  by treating the integral in batches

## Computational complexity

- Transforming the integrals requires a summation over all basis functions for every integral
  - ◆ This takes  $O(N^5)$  work
  - ◆ If not all transformed integrals are stored then there is an extra cost of calculating all the integrals for every batch at  $O(N^4)$

- Sums some corrections to infinite order
- Involves singly, doubly, triply-substituted determinants
- Simplest form is CCSD
- Often necessary to include triply-substituted determinants (at least perturbatively), i.e. CCSD(T)

- The wavefunction is expressed in an exponential form
- The operator  $T$  contains single and double substitution operators with associated amplitudes
- The vector equation:
  - ◆ Solve top two lines for the amplitudes  $d_i^r$ ,  $d_{ij}^{rs}$
  - ◆ The bottom line gives the total energy

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi\rangle &= e^{\hat{T}} |\Psi^{HF}\rangle \\
 \hat{T} &\approx \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{i \in \{occ\} \\ r \in \{virt\}}} d_i^r a_r^+ a_i + \sum_{\substack{i, j \in \{occ\} \\ r, s \in \{virt\}}} d_{ij}^{rs} a_r^+ a_s^+ a_i a_j \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ E \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \langle \Psi_{ij}^{rs} | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} | \Psi^{HF} \rangle \\ \langle \Psi_i^r | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} | \Psi^{HF} \rangle \\ \langle \Psi^{HF} | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} | \Psi^{HF} \rangle \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coupled\\_cluster](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coupled_cluster) [11/19/2010]

## Memory requirements

- The main objects to store are the transformed 2-electron integrals and the amplitudes
- This costs  $O(N^4)$  storage
- Local memory depends on tile sizes and level of theory
  - ◆ CCSD –  $O(n_t^4)$
  - ◆ CCSD(T) –  $O(n_t^6)$

## Computational complexity

- The main cost are the tensor contractions
- For CCSD they can be formulated so that they take  $O(N^6)$  work
- For CCSD(T) the additional perturbative step dominates at  $O(N^7)$

- Describe local chemistry under the influence of an environment
  - ◆ Quantum region treated with ab-initio method of choice
  - ◆ Surrounded by classical region treated with molecular mechanics
  - ◆ Coupled by electrostatics, constraints, link-atoms, etc.
- Crucial part is the coupling of different energy expressions

- The scheme we are considering is an hybrid scheme (not an additive scheme like ONIOM)
- This scheme is valid for any situation that the MM and QM methods can describe, the limitation lies in the interface region

$$E = E_{QM}(r, R, \Psi) + E_{MM}(r, R)$$

$$E_{QM} = E_{QM}^{\text{internal}}(r, R, \Psi) + E_{QM}^{\text{external}}(R, \rho[\Psi])$$

$$E_{QM}^{\text{external}} = \sum_{I \in MM} \int \frac{Z_I \rho(r')}{|R_I - r'|} dr' + \sum_{I \in MM} \sum_{i \in QM} \frac{Z_I Z_i}{|R_I - R_i|} + E_{vdW}(R)$$

<http://www.ccl.net/cca/documents/dyoung/topics-orig/qmmm.html> [11/20/2010]

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[http://www.chem.umn.edu/groups/gao/qmmm\\_notes/LEC\\_HYB.html](http://www.chem.umn.edu/groups/gao/qmmm_notes/LEC_HYB.html) [11/20/2010]

## Memory requirements

- Dominated by the memory requirements of the QM method
- See chosen QM method,  $N$  is now the size of the QM region

## Computational complexity

- Dominated by the complexity of the QM method
- See chosen QM method,  $N$  is now the size of the QM region

- Energy of system expressed in terms of relative positions of atoms
- The parameters depend on the atom and the environment
  - ◆ A carbon atom is different than a oxygen atom
  - ◆ A carbon atom bound to 3 other atoms is different from one bound to 4 other atoms
  - ◆ A carbon atom bound to hydrogen is different from one bound to fluorine
  - ◆ Etc.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A,B} k_{AB} (r_{AB} - r_{AB}^0)^2 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A,B,C} k_{ABC} (\theta_{ABC} - \theta_{ABC}^0)^2 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A,B,C,D} \sum_n v_{ABCD;n} \left[ 1 + \cos(n\phi_{ABCD} - \phi_{ABCD}^0) \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A,B} \left[ \frac{\alpha_{AB}}{r_{AB}^{12}} - \frac{\beta_{AB}}{r_{AB}^6} \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A,B} \frac{\varepsilon_{AB} q_A q_B}{r_{AB}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Energy terms (parameters)
  - ◆ Bond distances ( $k_{AB}, r_{AB}^0$ )
  - ◆ Bond angles ( $k_{ABC}, \theta_{ABC}^0$ )
  - ◆ Dihedral angles ( $v_{ABCD;n}, \phi_{ABCD}^0$ )
  - ◆ Van der Waals interactions ( $\alpha_{AB}, \beta_{AB}$ )
  - ◆ Electrostatic interactions ( $\varepsilon_{AB}$ )
- The parameters are defined in special files
- For a molecule the parameters are extracted and stored in the topology file
- This force field is only valid near equilibrium geometries

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## Memory requirements

- Main data objects are the atomic positions
- Storage  $O(N)$

## Computational complexity

- Most terms involve local interactions between atoms connected by bonds, these cost  $O(N)$  work
  - ◆ Bond terms
  - ◆ Angle terms
  - ◆ Dihedral angle terms
- The remaining two terms involve non-local interactions, cost at worst  $O(N^2)$ , but implemented using the particle mesh Ewald summation it costs  $O(N \cdot \log(N))$

Method	Memory	Complexity	Strengths
Molecular Dynamics	$O(N)$	$O(N \cdot \ln(N))$	Conformational sampling/Free energy calculations
Hartree-Fock/DFT	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^3)$	Equilibrium geometries, 1-electron properties, also excited states
Møller-Plesset	$O(N^4)$	$O(N^5)$	Medium accuracy correlation energies, dispersive interactions
Coupled-Cluster	$O(N^4)$	$O(N^6)$ - $O(N^7)$	High accuracy correlation energies, reaction barriers
QM/MM	*	*	Efficient calculations on complex systems, ground state and excited state properties

\* Depends on the methods combined in the QM/MM framework.

# What properties might you want to calculate?



- Energies
- Equilibrium geometries
- Infrared spectra
- UV/Vis spectra
- NMR chemical shifts
- Reaction energies
- Thermodynamics
- Transition states
- Reaction pathways
- Polarizabilities

- Having chosen an energy expression we can calculate energies and their differences
  - ◆ Bonding energies
  - ◆ Isomerization energies
  - ◆ Conformational change energies
  - ◆ Identification of the spin state
  - ◆ Electron affinities and ionization potentials
- For QM methods the wavefunction and for MM methods the partial charges are also obtained. This allows the calculation of
  - ◆ Molecular potentials (including docking potentials)
  - ◆ Analysis of the charge and/or spin distribution
  - ◆ Natural bond order analysis
  - ◆ Multi-pole moments

- Differentiating the energy with respect to the nuclear coordinates we get gradients which allows the calculation of
  - ◆ Equilibrium and transition state geometries
  - ◆ Forces to do dynamics

- Differentiating the energy twice with respect to the nuclear coordinates gives the Hessian which allows calculating
  - ◆ The molecular vibrational modes and frequencies (if all frequencies are positive you are at a minimum, if one is negative you are at a transition state)
  - ◆ Infra-red spectra
  - ◆ Initial search directions for transition state searches
- Hessians are implemented for the Hartree-Fock and Density Functional Theory methods

## Memory requirements

- In the effective 1-electron models a perturbed Fock and density matrix needs to be stored for every atomic coordinate
- The memory required is therefore  $O(N^3)$

## Computational complexity

- To compute the perturbed density matrices a linear system of dimension  $O(N^2)$  has to be solved for every atomic coordinate
- The number of operations needed is  $O(N^5)$

- The chemical shift is calculated as a mixed second derivative of the energy with respect to the nuclear magnetic moment and the external magnetic field.
- Often the nuclear magnetic moment is treated as a perturbation
- Note that
  - ◆ The paramagnetic and diamagnetic tensors are not rotationally invariant
  - ◆ The total isotropic and an-isotropic shifts are rotationally invariant
- Requires the solution of the CPHF equations at  $O(N^4)$

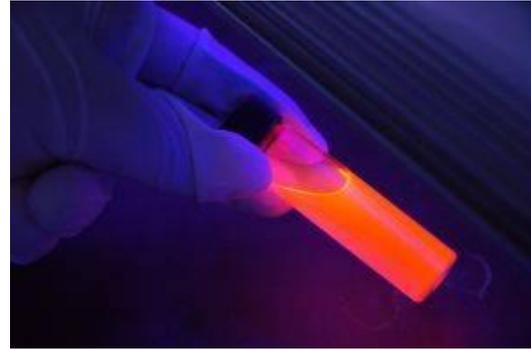
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- Adding an external electric field to the Hamiltonian and differentiating the energy with respect to the field strength gives polarizability
  - ◆ Hartree-Fock and DFT
  - ◆ CCSD, CCSDT

- Adding a time dependent electric field to the Hamiltonian, substituting it in the dependent Schrodinger equation, and expanding the time-dependent density in a series an equation for the first order correction can be obtained.
- This expression is transformed from the time domain to the frequency domain to obtain an equation for the excitation energies
- Solving this equation for every root of interest has a cost of the same order a the corresponding Hartree-Fock or DFT calculation, both in memory requirements as in the computational complexity.

<http://www.physik.fu-berlin.de/~ag-gross/articles/pdf/MG03.pdf>

- The equations have  $N_{\text{occ}} * N_{\text{virt}}$  solutions
- Note that the vectors are normalized but differently so than your usual wavefunction
- The orbital energy difference is a main term in the excitation energy
- In the case of pure DFT with large molecules most of the integrals involving  $F_{xc}$  vanish as this is a local kernel



$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & A^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1 = (X|X) - (Y|Y)$$

$$A_{ia,jb} = \delta_{ij} \delta_{ab} (\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_i) + (ia|F_H + F_{xc}|jb)$$

$$B_{ia,jb} = (ia|F_H + F_{xc}|jb)$$

$$F_{xc}(r_1, r_2) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \rho(r_1) \partial \rho(r_2)}$$

<http://www.tddft.org/TDDFT2008/lectures/IT2.pdf>

# EOM CCSD/CCSD(T)

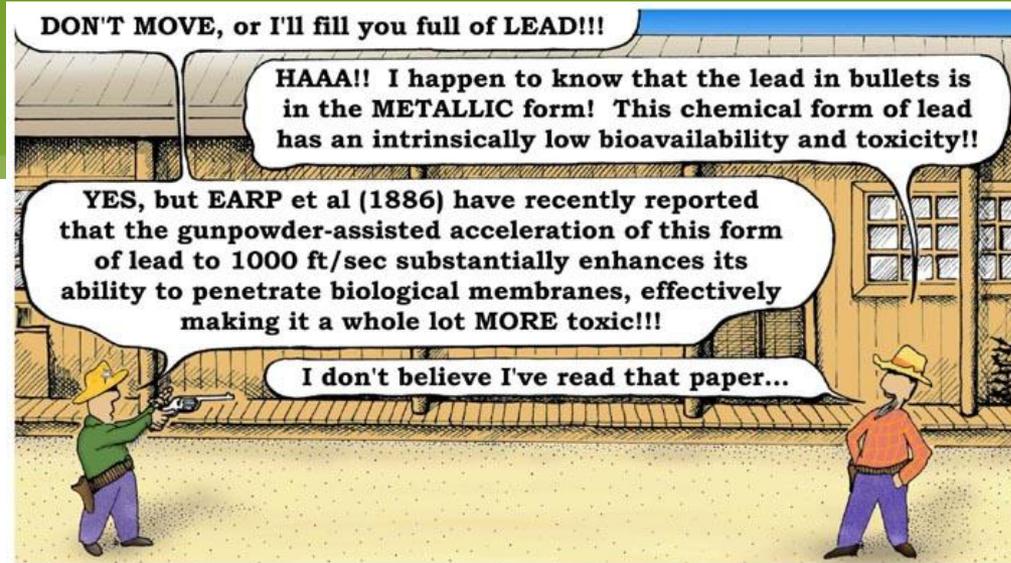
- A Coupled Cluster method for excited states
- Depends on the ground state cluster amplitudes
- Memory and computational complexity similar to corresponding Coupled Cluster method

$$|\Psi_k\rangle = R_k e^{\hat{T}} |\Psi^{HF}\rangle$$

$$R_k = r_k + \sum_{i,s} r_{k,i}^s a_s^+ a_i + \sum_{i,j,s,t} r_{k,ij}^{st} a_s^+ a_t^+ a_i a_j$$

$$e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} R_k |\Psi^{HF}\rangle = E_k R_k |\Psi^{HF}\rangle$$

# Which methods do you pick?



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- Factors in decision making
- Available functionality
- Accuracy aspects

- The method of choice for a particular problem depends on a number of factors:
  - ◆ The availability of the functionality
  - ◆ The accuracy or appropriateness of the method
  - ◆ The memory requirements and computational cost of the method

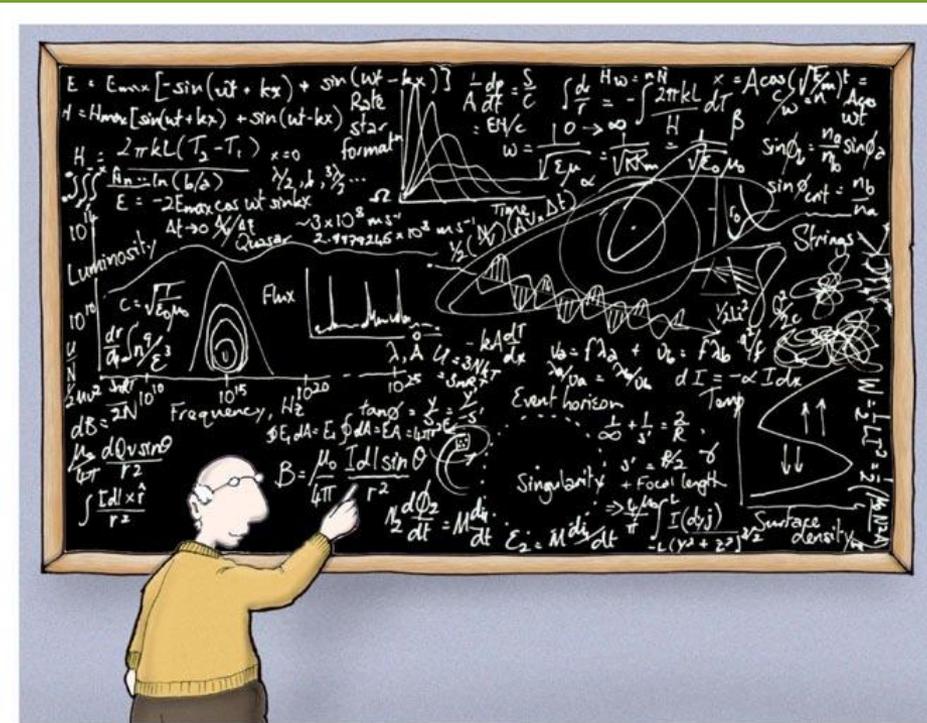
	MM	HF/DFT	MP2	CC	QM/MM
Energy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gradients	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Hessians	x	✓	x	x	x
Polarizabilities	x	✓	x	x	✓
Excited states	x	✓	x	✓	✓
NMR	x	✓	x	x	✓

Gradients and Hessians can always be obtained by numerical differentiation but this is slow.

<http://www.nwchem-sw.org/>

- Too complex a question to answer here in general
- For example consider bond breaking
  - ◆ Molecular Mechanics cannot be used as this is explicitly not part of the energy expression
  - ◆ HF/DFT can be used but accuracy limited near transition states (unrestricted formulation yields better energies, but often spin-contaminated wavefunctions)
  - ◆ Moller-Plesset cannot be used as near degeneracies cause singularities
  - ◆ CCSD or CCSD(T) can be used with good accuracy
  - ◆ QM/MM designed for these kinds of calculations of course with the right choice of QM region
- So check your methods before you decide, if necessary perform some test calculations on a small problem.
- Often methods that are not a natural fit have been extended, e.g. dispersion corrections in DFT
- Bottom line: Know your methods!

# Wrapping up...



Astrophysics made simple

- Further reading
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