Correlation functionals from the Møller-Plesset adiabatic connection:



Accurate description of noncovalent interactions

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MP2 failure for large molecules: L7 dataset





Divergence of Many-Body Perturbation Theory for Noncovalent Interactions of Large Molecules

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Jacob's Ladder of DFT

$$E_{xc}^{\text{DH}}[\rho] = a_x E_x^{\text{HF}} + (1 - a_x) E_x^{\text{DFA}}[\rho] + (1 - a_c) E_c^{\text{DFA}}[\rho] + a_c E_c^{\text{MP2}}$$



DFT AC vs HF AC/MPAC

$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\lambda}^{\text{DFT}} &= \hat{T} + \lambda \, \hat{V}_{ee} + \hat{V}_{ext} + \hat{V}_{\lambda}[\rho] \\ \hat{V}_{\lambda}[\rho] \,:\, \rho_{\lambda} = \rho_1 = \rho \ \forall \lambda \end{aligned}$

$$W_{c,\lambda}^{\rm DFT} = \langle \Psi_{\lambda} | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_{\lambda} \rangle - \langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{V}_{ee} | \Psi_{0} \rangle$$

$$E_c^{\rm DFT} = \int_0^1 W_{c,\lambda}^{\rm DFT} \, d\lambda$$

$$\begin{split} \lambda &\to 0 \\ W_{c,\lambda}^{\text{DFT}} \to \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n \, E_c^{\text{GL}n} \, \lambda^{n-1} \\ \lambda &\to \infty \\ W_{c,\lambda}^{\text{DFT}} \to W_{c,\infty}^{\text{SCE}} + \frac{W_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\text{SCE}}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \dots \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{Hartree-Fock/MP} \\ \hat{H}^{\mathrm{HF}}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}^{\mathrm{HF}} + \hat{V}_{\mathrm{ext}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda} \left(\hat{V}_{ee} - \hat{V}^{\mathrm{HF}} \right) \\ \hat{V}^{\mathrm{HF}} = \hat{J}[\rho^{\mathrm{HF}}] - \hat{K}[\{\phi^{\mathrm{HF}}_i\}] \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda} - \mathrm{independent} \\ & \rho_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}=0} = \rho^{\mathrm{HF}} \\ & \rho_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}=1} = \rho \end{split}$$
$$\begin{split} & W^{\mathrm{HF}}_{c,\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \langle \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} | \hat{V}_{ee} - \hat{V}^{\mathrm{HF}} | \Psi_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \rangle - \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{V}_{ee} - \hat{V}^{\mathrm{HF}} | \Psi_0 \rangle \end{split}$$

$$E_c^{
m HF} = \int_0^1 W_{c,oldsymbol{\lambda}}^{
m HF} \, doldsymbol{\lambda}$$

Strong coupling limit

Exact results on the strong-coupling expansion of the MPAC:



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Strong Coupling Limit in Practice

 Our current functionals are crude approximations based on the DFT ones

 $W_{c,\infty}^{\alpha,\beta} = \alpha W_{\infty}^{\text{DFT}}[\rho] + \beta E_x$

• What the future will hold:

$$W_{c,\infty}[\rho^{\text{HF}}] \sim W_{c,\infty}^{DF1}[\rho^{\text{HF}}]$$
$$\approx \underbrace{\int \left[A\rho^{\text{HF}}(\mathbf{r})^{4/3} + B\frac{|\nabla\rho^{\text{HF}}(\mathbf{r})|^2}{\rho^{\text{HF}}(\mathbf{r})^{4/3}}\right] d\mathbf{r}}_{W_{\infty}^{\text{PC}}[\rho^{\text{HF}}]}$$

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 $W_{c,\lambda\to\infty}^{\rm HF} = W_{c,\infty}^{\rm HF} + \frac{W_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\rm HF}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{W_{\frac{3}{4}}^{\rm HF}}{\lambda^{\frac{3}{4}}} + \cdots,$ $W_{c,\infty}^{\rm HF} = E_{el}[\rho^{\rm HF}] + E_x,$ $W_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\rm HF} \approx 2.8687 \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\rho^{\rm HF}(\mathbf{r}_i^{\rm min}))^{1/2},$ $W_{\frac{3}{4}}^{\rm HF} \approx -1.272 \sum_{\mathbf{r}_{Z_k}} Z_k (\rho^{\rm HF}(\mathbf{r}_{Z_k}))^{\mathbf{r}/4},$

 $-E_{\mathbf{x}}[\{\boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}^{\mathrm{HF}}\}]$

build GGA's for these two functionals (so far approximated with DFT-like form)



Use this functional by making the approximation that there is 1e at the nucleus per atom

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Interpolations along the MPAC

- Directly approximating the MPAC using information from both limits.
- SPL2: 4 fitted parameters on S22

$$W_{\lambda}^{\text{SPL2}}(\mathbf{W}) = C - \frac{m_1}{\sqrt{1+b_1\lambda}} - \frac{m_2}{\sqrt{1+b_2\lambda}}$$

• MPACF-1: 2 fitted Parameters on S22 $E_c(\lambda) = -a\lambda + \frac{a(c+1)\lambda}{\sqrt{b_1^2\lambda + 1} + c\sqrt[4]{b_2^4\lambda + 1}}$





Interpolation in the DFT context was first proposed by Seidl, Perdew & Levy [PRA 1999]. The idea was abandoned because of lack of size consistency



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GEA/GGA for Eel

Going back to GGA's

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- $E_{\rm el}[\rho]$ is bounded by $W^{\rm DFT}_{\infty}[\rho]$: $E_{\rm el}[\rho] \leq W^{\rm DFT}_{\infty}[\rho]$
- Which has an accurate GEA (PC Model): $W_{\infty}^{\mathrm{PC}}[\rho] = A^{\mathrm{PC}} \int \rho(\mathbf{r})^{\frac{4}{3}} d\mathbf{r} + B^{\mathrm{PC}} \int \frac{|\nabla \rho(\mathbf{r})|^2}{\rho(\mathbf{r})^{\frac{4}{3}}} d\mathbf{r}$
- GEA for $E_{\rm el}[\rho]$ will have the same LDA (Wigner crystal)
- And the same form, since it has the same scaling as $[E_r^{
 m HF\Gamma}[
 ho]$ $E_{\rm el}[\rho_{\gamma}] = \gamma E_{\rm el}[\rho]$





How to get the B: Semiclassics

• Burke derived Becke-88 of Ex using Thomas Fermi Scaling:

$$\Delta E_{\rm x}^{\rm B88}[n] = -\beta^{\rm B88} \int d^3 r n^{4/3}(\mathbf{r}) \frac{x^2}{1 + 6x\beta^{\rm B88} \sinh^{-1}[2^{1/3}x]}$$

• When $N \rightarrow \infty$ the bulk of the density of atoms becomes TF-like, which scales as:

$$\rho_{\zeta}(r) = \zeta^2 \,\rho(\zeta^{1/3} \, r) \quad \zeta = N$$



Elliott, P.; Burke, K. Non-empirical derivation of the parameter in the B88 exchange functional. Canadian Journal of Chemistry 2009, 87, 1485–1491.

Where the reduced gradient gets smaller when N increases:

$$x(\mathbf{r}, [\rho_{\zeta}]) = \zeta^{-1/3} x(\zeta^{1/3} \mathbf{r}, [\rho]) \quad x = \frac{|\nabla \rho|}{\rho^{4/3}}$$

• And the same can be applied to $E_{\rm el}[
ho]$





How to derive the B?

• One can prove that the GEA2 of $E_{\rm el}[\rho]$ scales as:



- This only works for TF-scaled densities not for neutral atoms
- We will extract the B as a function of N with

$$\widetilde{B}(N) = \frac{E_{\rm el}[\bar{\rho}_N] - E_{\rm el}^{\rm LDA}[\bar{\rho}_N]}{\int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \frac{|\nabla \bar{\rho}_N(\mathbf{r})|^2}{\bar{\rho}_N(\mathbf{r})^{4/3}}}$$

Notice that B is profile dependent!

Gradient expansions for the large-coupling strength limit of the Møller-Plesset adiabatic connection



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