

Valeev Research Group

Objectives

To solve the electronic Schrödinger equation with controlled precision and accuracy, but fast enough to treat systems (100s of atoms) and explore dynamics.



With sparse electronic structure methods, the electronic structure of entire proteins can be computed accurately!

- especially condensed phase
- high precision and accuracy for prediction (not rationalization)
- for execution on massively-parallel computers of today and tomorrow

Self-Interaction Free DFT

Density Functional Approximations (DFAs) often suffer from self-interaction error (SIE) that results from incomplete cancellation of the coulomb self-interaction and the approximate exchange-correlation functional. In the local density approximation, even the very simple one-electron system, H_{2^+} shows signs of SIE.



Explicitly-Correlated Many-Body Methods

All many-body methods suffer from slow convergence of with respect to the basis set size. Explicitly Correlated R12/F12 methods improve basis set convergence and allow to attain optimal performance, as demonstrated here for the single-particle self-energy methods that yield correlated ionization potential (IP) and electron affinity (EA)



Reduced Complexity Methods via Tensor Compression

Many-body electronic structure methods, in their canonical formalism, suffer from high polynomial scaling with respect to the system size due to the highly delocalized nature of the reference orbitals. Tensor compression strategies like pair natural orbitals, canonical polyadic decompositions etc, attempt to lower the scaling through a compact representation of the wavefunction.



Canonical Polyadic Decomposition (CP)



High Performance Computing for Electronic Structure Theory

Massively-Scalable Explicitly-Correlated Coupled-Cluster Methods



(T) Time on a (H₂O)₂₀ cluster 2048 -★- GPU -- CPU 1024 512 256 3.6x speedup using GPU 128 13.5x speedup using 16 Nodes Number of Nodes

efficient execution on graphical processing units

Near Future: Near-Complete Automation

Werner, et al, DOI 10.1021/ct500725e

Molpro

43

161

37

54

265

conventional DF-MP2 solver: 579 seconds

MPQC

54

139

91

21

341

of Theoretical Exploration



Efficient Electronic Structure Theory for Periodic Systems

Reduced-scaling methods are an efficient way to treat not only molecules but also infinite periodic systems, such as a crystal bulk or surface. In solids each unit cell interacts with an "infinite" number of its replicas the "infinite sum may converge"), making computational costs significantly higher than in molecular cases. Reduced-scaling approximations and parallel computing can be used to reduce the costs.

orbital localization in periodic systems: $(C_2H_2)_n$







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