## The Coupled-Cluster (CC) Formalism for Atomic and Molecular Electronic Structures



 $-2P(ia/jb)t^{ca}_{mn}t^{fb}_{ij}\langle mn|ef\rangle$ 

 $+P(ia/jb)t_{mn}^{ac}t_{ij}^{fb}\langle mn|ef\rangle$ 

$$|\Psi_{CC}\rangle = \exp(\hat{T})|\Phi_0
angle$$
  
=  $(1 + \hat{T} + \hat{T}^2/2 + \hat{T}^3/3! + \cdots)|\Phi_0$ 

Arik Landau



The method was initially developed by Fritz **Coester** and Hermann **Kümmel** in the 1950s for studying nuclear-physics phenomena, but became more frequently used when in 1966 Jiří **Čížek** (and later together with Josef **Paldus**) reformulated the method for electron correlation in atoms and molecules. It is now one of the most prevalent methods in quantum chemistry that includes electronic correlation.

#### The life and work of Jiří Čížek

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Jiří Čížek born in Prague on 24 August, 1938. Did his doctoral studies in 1961 at the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (csas), now the J. Heyrovský Institute.

In his doctoral dissertation (1965) he proposed the use of a coupled-cluster methodology for the study of electron correlation effects in atoms and molecules. This fundamental work laid the ground work for many further developments in quantum chemistry, and was summarized in his famous 1966 Journal of Chemical Physics paper [1] and elaborated upon in his heavily-cited 1968 Advances in Chemical Physics article [2]. The former paper earned him a csas prize in the chemistry division. After the completion of his CSc, he obtained a position as Junior Scientist at the Institute of Physical Chemistry in Prague in 1964.

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### **Coupled Cluster with Singles Doubles and Perturbative Triples Excitations**

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With CCSD(T) becoming the gold standard for quantum chemical calculations,<sup>126</sup>

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Full Configuration Interaction (FCI)  
$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Phi_0\rangle + \sum_{ia} c_i^a |\Phi_i^a\rangle + \sum_{ijab} c_{ij}^{ab} |\Phi_{ij}^{ab}\rangle \cdots$$

$$|\Psi_{FCI}
angle = \sum_{I}^{all} C_{I} |\Phi_{0}
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angle$$
Operators Coefficients

FCI is the exact solution of the Schrödinger equation in a given one-electron basis set









#### Many electrons atoms





#### The (three-days course) Outline

- 1. Hartree Fock, Second Quantization, Normal Form, Goldstone Diagrams
  - and writing the Many-Body Hamiltonian with Diagrams
- 2. Perturbation Theory, Linked-Diagram Theorem, Coupled Cluster (CC) for Closed-Shell Systems
- 3.CC in Fock-Space for Open-Shell Systems (IP, EA, EE... states)
- 4. Electronic Resonance (Aoutoionization) States in Chemistry



Perturbation Theory and the Treatment of Atomic Many-Body Effects

#### 9.1 Basic Problem

The basic problem in nonrelativistic atomic theory is to find an approximate solution of the time-independent Schrödinger equation

$$H\Psi = E\Psi \tag{9.1}$$

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The model Hamiltonian should be a reasonable approximation to the full Hamiltonian and it should be simple enough to manage. For atoms, the natural choice of  $H_0$  is some central-field approximation, such as the Hartree-Fock model, and it is, in fact, the presence of a natural first approximation which makes perturbation theory such a promising method for atoms.



Restricted Hartree FockClosed-shells  
(equal spins  
up and down)
$$E_{HF} = \langle D|H|D \rangle =$$
 $= 2 \sum_{i}^{n/2} \epsilon_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=1}^{n/2} (2J_{ij} - K_{ij})$  $Closed-shells(equal spinsup and down)$ Coulomb  
integral $J_{ij} = \langle \phi_i(r_1)\phi_j(r_2) | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | \phi_i(r_1)\phi_j(r_2) \rangle$  $K_{ij} = \langle \phi_i(r_1)\phi_j(r_2) | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | \phi_j(r_1)\phi_i(r_2) \rangle$ Exchange  
integral $K_{ij} = \langle \phi_i(r_1)\phi_j(r_2) | \frac{1}{r_{12}} | \phi_j(r_1)\phi_i(r_2) \rangle$ 

Hartree-Fock The total wave function of *n* identical fermions

$$|D\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(r_1) & \phi_2(r_1) & \cdots & \phi_n(r_1) \\ \phi_1(r_2) & \phi_2(r_2) & \cdots & \phi_n(r_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1(r_n) & \phi_2(r_n) & \cdots & \phi_n(r_n) \end{vmatrix}$$

- The total wave function for *n* identical fermions is **anti-symmetric** with respect to exchange of the particles.
- This is a rigorous statement of the **Pauli exclusion principle**

#### But we are after the a FCI like approximation

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Phi_0\rangle + \sum_{ia} c^a_i |\Phi^a_i\rangle + \sum_{ijab} c^{ab}_{ij} |\Phi^{ab}_{ij}\rangle \dots$$





Intuitively, we know that the state  $|\alpha_a^r\rangle$ is related to the state  $|\alpha\rangle$  in a simple way, but it is not possible to express this relation easily with the formalism we have been using.

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$$\langle 0 | a_i \equiv \langle \varphi_i |$$
.  
an absorption, destruction or annihilation operator.



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a Hartree-Fock determinant. Orbitals appearing in this

determinant are referred to as *core* orbitals and the remaining, unoccupied ones as *virtual* orbitals. When operating on the reference state, it is not possible to create a particle in a core orbital or to absorb a particle from an virtual orbital. This means that

$$a^{\dagger}_{ ext{core}} | lpha 
angle = a_{ ext{virt}} | lpha 
angle = 0$$
 .

Notice that the vacuum is changed from  $|0\rangle$  to  $|\alpha\rangle$ 

(11.15)

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Denoting, as before, core orbitals by a, b, ... and virtual orbitals by r, s, ..., the states  $|\alpha_a^r\rangle$ ,  $|\alpha_{ab}^{rs}\rangle$ , for which one or two electrons are excited, can be expressed

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An intuitive relation between HF and the excited determinants

(11.16a)

(11.16b)



$$H = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{p}_{i}^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{Z}{r_{i}} + \sum_{i < j}^{N} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

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The zeroth-order Hamiltonian  $H_0$ ,

$$H_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N h_0(i) = \sum_i a_i^{\dagger} a_i \varepsilon_i$$

$$h_0|i\rangle = \varepsilon_i|i\rangle$$

The ideas applied above can easily be extended to two-body operators.

### **Many-Body Hamiltonian**

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As an illustration, we consider the one-body operator

$$F = \sum_{ij} a_i^{\dagger} a_j \langle i | f | j \rangle .$$
(11.27)

As before, we choose a particular Slater determinant  $|\alpha\rangle$  as the reference and define core and virtual orbitals with respect to this state. If i(=a) in (11.27)

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 $F = \sum_{ij} a_i^{\dagger} a_j \langle i | f | j \rangle . \quad \text{if:} \quad i = a, \quad |a_{\text{core}}^{\dagger} | \alpha \rangle = a_{\text{virt}} | \alpha \rangle = 0 .$ rewrite the operators by means of the anticommutation rules  $a_{a}^{\dagger}a_{i} = -a_{i}a_{a}^{\dagger} + \delta_{ai}$ the first term on the right-hand side does not contribute while the last term reproduces  $|\alpha\rangle$  for j = a. So in this case  $a_i^{\dagger}a_i$ does not represent any excitation at all.

In order to see in a more systematic way which terms do correspond to real excitations when operating on  $|\alpha\rangle$ , we shall rearrange the creation and  $egin{aligned} \{a_i^\dagger,\,a_j^\dagger\} &= 0 \ &\{a_i,\,a_j\} &= 0 \ &\{a_i,\,a_j^\dagger\} &= \delta_{ij} \end{aligned}$ absorption operators so that  $a_{\rm core}^{\dagger}$  and  $a_{\rm virt}$ appear to the right of  $a_{\rm core}$  and  $a_{\rm virt}^{\dagger}$  $a_{\rm core}^{\dagger} | \alpha \rangle = a_{\rm virt} | \alpha \rangle = 0$ .

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The terms which contain the former operators

will then give zero when operating on  $|\alpha\rangle$ 

while the remaining ones will produce real excitations.

operator written in this way is said to be in normal order or in normal form.

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We consider first the one-body part of the perturbation

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Wick's theorem can now be formulated as follows:

If A is a product of creation and absorption operators, then

$$A = \{A\} + \{\overline{A}\}, \qquad (11.49)$$

where  $\{A\}$  represents the normal form of A and  $\{\overline{A}\}$  represents the sum of the normal-ordered terms obtained by making all possible single, double, ... contractions within A.

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first sum is a number—or a zero-body operatorwhile the second sum represents a normal-ordered, one-body operator. each operator in the second summation either gives zero or produces a determinantal state of the form  $|\alpha_a^r\rangle$ 

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The second term of the perturbation

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} a_i^{\dagger} a_j^{\dagger} a_l a_k \langle ij | r_{12}^{-1} | kl \rangle$$

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$$\begin{split} C &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} \left\{ a_i^{\dagger} a_j^{\dagger} a_l a_k \right\} \left\langle ij | r_{12}^{-1} | kl \right\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{ij} \left\{ a_i^{\dagger} a_j \right\} \sum_a \left( \left\langle ia | r_{12}^{-1} | ja \right\rangle - \left\langle ai | r_{12}^{-1} | ja \right\rangle \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab} \left( \left\langle ab | r_{12}^{-1} | ab \right\rangle - \left\langle ba | r_{12}^{-1} | ab \right\rangle \right). \end{split}$$

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### Graphical representation of a one-body

The meaning of the formalism of second quantization

can be illustrated by means of the simple scattering process



Graphical representation of a two-body interaction

 $a_i^{\dagger}a_j^{\dagger}a_la_k W_{ijkl}$ 

interaction by means of the scattering process





$$a \bigvee \left\langle r \right\rangle = \left\{ a_r^{\dagger} a_a \right\} \left\langle r | v | a \right\rangle = a_r^{\dagger} a_a \left\langle r | v | a \right\rangle$$

$$a \bigvee_{---}^{r} = \{a_{r}^{\dagger}a_{a}\} \langle r | v | a \rangle = a_{r}^{\dagger}a_{a} \langle r | v | a \rangle$$

$$b \bigvee_{a} = \{a_{a}^{\dagger}a_{b}\} \langle a | v | b \rangle = -a_{b}a_{a}^{\dagger} \langle a | v | b \rangle.$$

$$r \bigwedge_{t} \int_{t} s = \frac{1}{2} \{a_{r}^{\dagger}a_{s}^{\dagger}a_{u}a_{t}\} \langle rs | r_{12}^{-1} | tu \rangle$$

$$t \bigwedge_{t} u = \frac{1}{2} a_{r}^{\dagger}a_{s}^{\dagger}a_{u}a_{t} \langle rs | r_{12}^{-1} | tu \rangle$$

$$r \bigwedge_{t \to \infty} s = \frac{1}{2} \{a_r^{\dagger} a_s^{\dagger} a_u a_t\} \langle rs | r_{12}^{-1} | tu \rangle$$

$$t \bigwedge_{t \to \infty} u = \frac{1}{2} a_r^{\dagger} a_s^{\dagger} a_u a_t \langle rs | r_{12}^{-1} | tu \rangle$$

$$b \bigvee c \bigvee r = \frac{1}{2} \{a_a^{\dagger} a_r^{\dagger} a_c a_b\} \langle ar | r_{12}^{-1} | bc \rangle$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} a_r^{\dagger} a_c a_b a_a^{\dagger} \langle ar | r_{12}^{-1} | bc \rangle$$

#### Graphical Representation For each wa a) a creation (d

The Goldstone rules can be formulated as follows:

For each wave-operator diagram there is

a) a creation (absorption) operator for each free outgoing (incoming) orbital line. These are written in normal form

 $\{a_i^{\dagger}a_j^{\dagger}a_k^{\dagger} \dots a_{k'}a_{j'}a_{i'}\};$ 

where  $(a_i^{\dagger}a_{i'})$ , etc., originate from the same vertex or from vertices connected by orbital lines;

b) a matrix element for each interaction line;

c) an energy denominator for each interaction line

 $D = \sum (\epsilon_{ ext{down}} - \epsilon_{ ext{up}}),$ 

### **The Goldstone Evaluation Rules**

ngle-particle eigenvalue associated with the downut by a line immediately above the interaction line; iternal orbital lines;

 $(-1)^{h+l}$ ,

where h is the number of internal core (hole) lines and l the number of closed loops of orbital lines;

f) a factor of 1/2 for each two-particle interaction and an equivalence factor equal to the number of equivalent diagrams represented by the diagram considered.

The rules above hold also for the energy diagrams, except that rule a) does not apply, and there is

g) no energy denominator associated with the last interaction.

$$\begin{split} V &= V_0 + V_1 + V_2 \\ V_0 &= \sum_{a}^{\text{core}} \langle a | -u | a \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ab}^{\text{core}} \left( \langle ab | r_{12}^{-1} | ab \rangle - \langle ba | r_{12}^{-1} | ab \rangle \right) \\ V_1 &= \sum_{ij} \left\{ a_i^{\dagger} a_j \right\} \langle i | v | j \rangle \\ V_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl} \left\{ a_i^{\dagger} a_j^{\dagger} a_l a_k \right\} \langle ij | r_{12}^{-1} | kl \rangle \,. \end{split}$$



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$$V_{1} = \sum_{ij} \{a_{i}^{\dagger}a_{j}\} \langle i | v | j \rangle$$

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The Wave Operator
$$H_0 | \alpha \rangle = E_0 | \alpha \rangle$$
 $E_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i$  $\Psi_0 = | \alpha \rangle$  $| \alpha \rangle = | \{ \varphi_i \varphi_j \varphi_k \dots \} \rangle$  $\Psi_0 = P \Psi$  $H \Psi = E \Psi$  $P = | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha |$  $\Psi = \Omega \Psi_0$  $Q = \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} | \beta \rangle \langle \beta | = 1 - P$  $(\Omega - 1) \Psi_0 = \Psi - P \Psi = Q \Psi$ 

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Fig. 9.1. Simple illustration of the wave operator  $(\Omega_E)$  and the projection operator (P). P projects out of any function the component along the model function  $\Psi_0$ , and the wave operator generates the exact wave function by operating on  $\Psi_0$ 

### The Generalized Bloch Equation

 $H\Psi^a=E^a\Psi^a\,,$ 

$$(E^a - H_0)\Psi_0^a = PV\Psi^a$$

which we rewrite as

$$(E^a - H_0)\Psi^a = V\Psi^a$$
,

*a* = Ground Electronic State

We operate on this equation from the left first with  $P = |\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$ 

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$$E^{a}\Psi^{a}-\Omega H_{0}\Psi^{a}_{0}=\Omega PV\Omega\Psi^{a}_{0}$$
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$$(\Omega H_0 - H_0 \Omega) \Psi_0^a = (V \Omega - \Omega P V \Omega) \Psi_0^a$$
.

$$\Psi^a = \Omega \Psi^a_0$$

$$\left[\Omega, H_0\right] P = V\Omega P - \Omega P V\Omega P$$

$$Q = 1 + \Omega^{(1)} + \Omega^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$[\Omega^{(1)}, H_0] P = QVP$$

$$[\Omega^{(2)}, H_0] P = QV\Omega^{(1)}P - \Omega^{(1)}PVP$$

$$[\Omega^{(3)}, H_0] P = QV\Omega^{(2)}P - \Omega^{(2)}PVP - \Omega^{(1)}PV\Omega^{(1)}P$$

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

Perturbative Expansion

$$\left[\Omega, H_0\right] P = V\Omega P - \Omega P V\Omega P$$

The Generalized Bloch Equation

$$\begin{split} & \left[\Omega^{(n)}, H_0\right] P = QV\Omega^{(n-1)}P - \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \Omega^{(n-m)}PV\Omega^{(m-1)}P \\ & \left[\Omega^{(1)}, H_0\right] P = QVP \\ & \left[\Omega^{(2)}, H_0\right] P = QV\Omega^{(1)}P - \Omega^{(1)}PVP \\ & \left[\Omega^{(3)}, H_0\right] P = QV\Omega^{(2)}P - \Omega^{(2)}PVP - \Omega^{(1)}PV\Omega^{(1)}P \end{split}$$

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When the wave operator is known in a certain order, the energy can be obtained in the next higher order by means of (12.37)

$$E^{(n+1)} = \langle \alpha | (V_1 + V_2) \Omega^{(n)} | \alpha \rangle \Big|.$$