Orbital energies in DFT

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1. DFT in Quantum Chemistry

DFT in Quantum Chemistry

In the field of QC, DFT studies are hardly found in the beginning of 1990's but rapidly increases to become the main stream at present.



Number of related papers published in electric journals of chemistry

DFT-related papers pull up the number of QC papers.



The percentage of DFTrelated papers in QC papers

At 2010, DFT-related papers are more than 80% of QC papers, and are supposed to be more than 90% as far as applications go.

DFT & its problems



Walter Kohn Novel prize winner for chemistry in 1998



The exchange-correlation energy is expressed as a functional of density $E_{\rm xc}[\rho]$.

This simple method reproduces accurate properties with much less computational time than conventional ones.

Significant problems that DFTs have faced in QC calculations

Large systems



VdW bonds Optical properties of long-chain molecules Band gaps of semiconductors & insulators

Photochemical reactions

Charge transfers Transition moments Nonadiabatic & Spin-forbidden transitions State crossings Bond dissociations

High-spin systems

Magnetic properties Spin-orbit splittings Diradicals

2. Long-range corrected (LC) DFT

DFT problems which LC has solved



The status of LC-DFT in Science



Citations of LC-related papers (TT)

1270 citations/21 papers (ISI Web of Science, Sep. 10, 2011)

Scientific impact of LC-related papers

According to "ScienceMap 2008" (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan, 2010), LC-related papers form a new research area of highest 1% citations in science.

LC-DFT is available on the official version of *Gaussian09 & GAMESS programs*.





Long-range correction (LC) scheme

The correction for the long-range part of general exchange functionals. [H. likura, T. Tsuneda, T. Yanai and K. Hirao, J. Chem. Phys. 115, 3540, 2001; A. Savin, in 'Recent Developments and Applications of Modern Density Functional Theory' (Elsevier, 1996)]



CAM-series [T. Yanai, D.P. Tew, & N.C. Handy, Chem. Phys. Lett. 91, 551, 2004.]

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Chemical reactions of small molecules

Figs. Mean absolute deviations in calculated reaction barriers & reaction enthalpies for Truhlar's benchmark set (78 chemical reactions).





[J. Song, T. Hirosawa, T. Tsuneda, and K. Hirao, J. Chem. Phys. 126, 154105, 2007; O. A. Vydrov and G. E. Scuseria, J. Chem. Phys. 125, 234109, 2006.]

Reaction enthalpies

LC scheme drastically improves reaction barriers with also modifying reaction enthalpies.



Van der Waals bonds

Combining LC-DFT with a dispersion functional ALL was applied to the calculations of van der Waals bonds. [M. Kamiya, T. Tsuneda and K. Hirao, J. Chem. Phys. 117, 6010, 2002.]



Van der Waals and weak hydrogen bonds



Optical response properties of long-chain polyenes



Second hyperpolarizabilities of diradicals

Fig. Diradical character dependence of second hyperpolarizability γ.



$$y = 1 - \frac{2T}{1 + T^2}, \quad T = \frac{n_{\text{HOMO}} - n_{\text{LUMO}}}{2}$$

Closed shell $\rightarrow y=0$, Diradical $\rightarrow y=1$

[R. Kishi, S. Bonness, K. Yoneda, H. Takahashi, M. Nakano, E. Botek, B. Champagne, T. Kubo, K. Kamada, K. Ohta, and T. Tsuneda, J. Chem. Phys. 132, 094107, 2010.]

LC-UBLYP quantitatively reproduces second hyperpolarizabilities of diradicals.



Table. Second hyperpolarizabilities of 1,4-bis-imidazol-2-ylidenecyclohexa-2,5-diene (BI2Y) γ (x10² a.u.).

Method	6-31G	6-31G*+ <i>p</i>	
UHF	1736	2002	
UMP2	9387	9962	
UCCSD	4474	-	
UCCSD(T)	5244	-	
UBLYP	-129	-298	
UB3LYP	-377	-472	
LC-UBLYP	4310	6019	

Electronic spectra in TDDFT



Charge transfer excitations in TDDFT



[Y. Tawada, T. Tsuneda, S. Yanagisawa, T. Yanai and K. Hirao, J. Chem. Phys. 120, 8425, 2004.]

Distance (Å)

3. Orbital energies

Molecular orbitals



Molecular orbitals

MOs are expressed as a linear combination of atomic orbitals.

MOs have been taken as unobservable (unphysical) due to the free orbital rotation (unitary transformation) in HF



By experimental observations, MOs take increasing attentions in the field of QC.

Molecular orbital imaging

MO imaging of N₂ molecule. (a) experimental, (b) QC calculation. [Itatani et al., Nature, 432, 867, 2004.]

Reaction analyses on molecular orbitals

Frontier orbital theory (1952)

Electronic distribution of frontier orbitals of nitrobenzene.

HOMO



- Substitution reactions of aromatic compounds :
- (1) Electrophilic reactions target HOMO density.
- (2) Nucleophilic reactions target LUMO density.
- (3) Radical reactions proceed as the sum of (1) & (2).







Reaction analyses on orbital energies

Koopmans' theorem

Without SCF (orbital rotation), Hartree-Fock calculations give occupied orbital energies as minus corresponding IP & unoccupied orbital energies as minus corresponding EA.

No conventional theory including DFT satisfies this theorem.

Fukui function: HOMO & LUMO densities

Maximum hardness rule

Fukui functions of *p*-Cl-benzonitrile oxide. [A. Ponti & G. Molteni, Chem. Eur. J., 1156, 2006.]

A reaction index using orbital energies. As HOMO-LUMO gaps increasing, molecules become stabilized. ⇒Reactions proceed to increase HOMO-LUMO gaps. Global hardness:

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial N^2} \right]_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial N} \right]_{\nu} \longrightarrow \eta \approx \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\text{LUMO}} - \mathcal{E}_{\text{HOMO}}}{2}$$



Conditions for reproducing orbital energies

Many studies have been reported to identify the cause why orbital energy gaps are usually underestimated especially on the context of band gaps.

Kohn-Sham equation:

$$\left(\hat{h} + \hat{J} + v_{\rm xc}\right)\phi_i = \varepsilon_i\phi_i$$



Poor orbital energy gaps are originated from the discontinuity of exchangecorrelation potentials [Perdew, Parr, Levy, & Balduz, Phys. Rev. Lett. 49, 1691, 1982.]

$$\Delta_{\mathsf{xc}} = v_{\mathsf{xc}}^{n+\Delta n} - v_{\mathsf{xc}}^{n-\Delta n} = \mathsf{const.} > 0 \implies \Delta_{\mathsf{xc}} = \{\mathsf{IP} - \mathsf{EA}\} - \{\varepsilon_{n+1}(n) - \varepsilon_n(n)\}$$

⇒ For Δ_{xc} =0, HOMO & LUMO energies correspond to minus IP & EA, respectively. [Perdew & Levy, Phys. Rev. B 56, 1602, 1997; Casida, Phys. Rev. B 59, 4694, 1999.]

 Δ_{xc} is attributed to the energy deviation of outermost orbital energies. [Sham & Schlüter, Phys. Rev. B 32, 3883, 1985.]

$$\Delta_{\mathsf{xc}} = \mathcal{E}_{n+1}(n+1) - \mathcal{E}_{n+1}(n)$$

Orbital energies are not varied for outermost orbitals.

Koopmans' Ionization Potentials



Koopmans' Electron Affinities



Fig. Deviations of LUMO energies from the minus vertical EAs (\mathcal{E}_{LUMO} + EA) with aug-cc-pVQZ basis set.

HCOOH H₂S The \mathcal{E}_{LUMO} of LC-DFT calculations are H₂O very close to -EA for all systems.

The \mathcal{E}_{LUMO} of other functionals are considerably lower than –EA.

LC functionals satisfy Koopmans' theorem even for LUMO.

LC-BOP 0.142 LCgau 0.115	
LCgau 0.115	
M05-2X 0.618	
B3LYP 1.370	
BOP 2.116 HF 0.287	

HOMO-LUMO gaps



Fractional occupations to cation



Energies of fractionally-occupied systems

Fig. Total energies of C_2H_4 calculated for varying occupation numbers of HOMO to $C_2H_4^+$ cation.

Only LC functionals give total energies very close to a straight line, while other functionals give curved lines.

Table. Orbital energies of C₂H₄ & C₂H₄⁺ compared to the total energy gradients.

Method	C ₂ H ₄ +		C ₂ H ₄	
	^E LUMO	∂E/∂n(–1)	∂E/∂n(0)	⁸ номо
LC-BOP	-10.22	-10.17	-10.71	-10.68
B3LYP	-13.48	⁻ 13.46	-7.59	-7.60
BOP	-14.40	-14.39	-6.43	-6.45
HF	-7.71	-7.61	-10.11	-10.22
M05-2X	-11.92	-11.67	-9.17	-9.16
LCgau	-10.37	-10.33	⁻ 10.53	-10.56

Fractional occupations to anion



This also backs up that LC functionals satisfy Koopmans' theorem approximately.

Hybrid B3LYP & pure GGA BOP provide negative orbital energies for C_2H_4 .

 ϵ_{LUMO} of neutrals should also be identical to ϵ_{HOMO} of the anions.

Fig. Total energies of C_2H_4 calculated for varying occupations of HOMO to $C_2H_4^-$ anion.

For anions, similar curves are given.

LC functionals always give $\partial^2 E/\partial n^2$ close to zero.

Table. Orbital energies of $C_2H_4 \& C_2H_4^-$ compared to the total energy gradients.

Method	C ₂ H ₄		$C_2H_4^-$	
	[£] LUMO	∂E/∂n(0)	∂E/∂n(1)	⁸ номо
LC-BOP	2.60	2.62	1.97	1.94
B3LYP	-0.22	-0.20	4.69	4.66
BOP	- 0.7 8	-0.72	5.74	5.68
HF	3.56	3.95	2.23	2.11
M05-2X	1.12	1.15	3.49	3.47
LCgau	2.54	2.56	1.97	2.10

Orbital energies for fractional occupations

Fig. Orbital energies of C₂H₄ calculated for varying occupation numbers of HOMO to C₂H₄ for -1 < Δn < 0 (left) and for 0 < Δn < 1 (right).



LC functionals give almost constant orbital energies for fractional occupations. Other functionals provide positive gradients raising ε as increasing electrons. HF gives negative gradients lowering ε due to the lack of electron correlation.

Orbital energy derivatives

Orbital energy derivative

The derivative of the orbital energy in terms of the fractional occupation:

$$\frac{\delta \varepsilon_i}{\delta n_i} = \iint \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}') \left[\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} + \frac{\delta v_{xc}}{\delta \rho} \right] \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \phi_i(\mathbf{r}') d^3 \mathbf{r} d^3 \mathbf{r}'$$

Only the discrepancy in the self-interaction through the sum of Coulomb and exchange-correlation potential derivative $dv_{xc}/d\rho$ directly affects the dependence of orbital energies on fractional occupations.

Coulomb self-interaction potential

A normalized Gaussian-type function: $\phi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\frac{\varsigma_i}{\pi}} \exp(-\varsigma_i r^2)$

The Coulomb self-interaction potential approximated:

$$\hat{J}^{SI} = \left(\frac{\varsigma_i}{\pi}\right) \int \frac{\exp\left[-2\varsigma_i \left(r^2 + r_{12}^2 + 2rr_{12}\cos\theta\right)\right]}{r_{12}} d^3 \mathbf{r}_{12}$$
$$= r^{-1} \exp\left(-2\varsigma_i r^2\right) \int_0^\infty r_{12}^{-1} \exp\left[-2\varsigma_i r_{12}^2\right] \sinh\left[4\varsigma_i rr_{12}\right] dr_{12}$$

This form gives the accurate Coulomb energy for H atom.

Self-interaction energies



Why orbital energy reproduciblities are different?



Conclusions

Long-range corrected (LC) DFT

Applicabilities of LC-DFT are reviewed.

LC-DFT has solved or improved various chemical properties that conventional DFTs have poorly given: van der Waals bonds, charge transfers, optical properties, reaction barriers and enthalpies, and so on.

Orbital energies

LC-DFT also enables us to calculate orbital energies quantitatively for the first time. To reproduce orbital energies quantitatively by DFT, self-interaction energies through the potential derivatives should be excluded in exchange functionals. LC may be the best strategy to remove the self-interaction energies. LC-DFT suggests a new reaction analysis based on orbital energies.

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