#### Dispersion Interactions in Exciton-Localized States. Theory and Applications to $\pi - \pi^*$ and $n - n^*$ Excited States



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  - ▶ comparison of CASSCF-based approaches



R. M. Young, M. R. Wasilewski, Acc. Chem. Res. 53, 1957 (2020)

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Effective fragment potential: A. DeFusco et al., J. Phys. Chem. Lett, 2, 2184 (2011)

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Polarizable embedding: P. Reinholdt et al., J. Chem. Theory Comput., 16, 5999 (2020)

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M. Hubert et al. J. Chem. Theory Comput., 12, 2203 (2016)

#### Challenges for *ab initio* approaches

- multireference PT-based methods (CASPT2, NEVPT2)
  - ▶ size-inconsistency, intruder states
- coupled-cluster response (CC2, CC3)
  - limited to small- and medium-size systems
- time-dependent DFT
  - dispersion corrections designed for ground states



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- excition localized on one of the monomers
  - ▶ no need for degenerate PT

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$$\lim_{R_{AB}\to\infty} |\Psi^{AB}\rangle = |\Psi^A_I \Psi^B_J\rangle, \quad \text{if } |\Psi^A_I \Psi^B_J\rangle \text{ nondegerate}$$

$$E_{\rm disp}^{(2)}(A_I B_J) = -\sum_{\mu \neq I, \nu \neq J} \frac{1}{\omega_{\mu}^{A_I} + \omega_{\nu}^{B_J}} \left( \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \frac{\rho_{\mu}^{A_I}(\mathbf{r}_1) \rho_{\nu}^{B_J}(\mathbf{r}_2)}{r_{12}} \right)^2 \,,$$

where  $I \rightarrow \mu$  transition energies and density are

$$\omega_{\mu}^{A_{I}} = E_{\mu}^{A} - E_{I}^{A}$$
$$\rho_{\mu}^{A_{I}}(\mathbf{r}) = N_{A} \sum_{\sigma} \int \Psi_{I}^{A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{2}, ...)^{*} \Psi_{\mu}^{A}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{2}, ...) \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_{2} ... \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_{N_{A}}$$



where

$$W^{A_{I}B_{J}}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{\omega^{A_{I}}_{\mu} + \omega^{B_{J}}_{\nu}} \left( \int \int \frac{\rho^{A_{I}}_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_{1})\rho^{B_{J}}_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}_{2})}{r_{12}} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}_{1} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}_{2} \right)^{2}$$



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# $E_{\rm disp}^{(2)}$ for excited states with SAPT(MC)

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ERPA: K. Chatterjee, K. Pernal, J. Chem. Phys. 137 (2012)

#### $SAPT(MC) \equiv multiconfigurational SAPT$

- requires only one- and two-particle reduced density matrices  $(\gamma, \Gamma)$  of the monomers
- 2nd order based on response properties from extended random phase approximation (ERPA)
- may be applied with any MC wavefunction (CAS, DMRG, GVB-PP, CIPSI...)

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GAMMCOR, https://github.com/pernalk/GAMMCOR

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S66: J. Řezáč et al., J. Chem. Theory Comput. 7, 2427 (2011)

- energy decomposition
  - ► SAPT(CAS)
- assessment of CASSCF-based approaches
  - ► CAS+dispersion
  - ▶ multireference adiabatic connection (AC) methods



|   | ground state |       |                   | e      | excited state |                   |  |
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|   | $H_2O$       | MeOH  | $\mathrm{MeNH}_2$ | $H_2O$ | MeOH          | $\mathrm{MeNH}_2$ |  |
| $E_{\rm disp}^{(2)}$                      | -3.06        | -4.89 | -4.86             | -2.88  | -4.63         | -4.62             |  |
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| $\varepsilon_{\rm disp}^{1\to 0}$ |              |       |                   | -0.04         | -0.06 | -0.02    |
| disp/elst                         | 1.1          | 1.6   | 2.2               | 1.6           | 2.2   | 2.8      |

 $\varepsilon_{disp}^{1\to0}$ : non-CP terms; kcal/mol



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| $\Delta E_{\rm ind}^{(2)}$       | 0.11      | 0.15                      | 0.08              |
| $\Delta E_{\rm exch-ind}^{(2)}$  | -0.05     | -0.08                     | -0.03             |
| $\Delta E_{\rm disp}^{(2)}$      | 0.17      | 0.24                      | 0.22              |
| $\Delta E_{\rm exch-disp}^{(2)}$ | -0.05     | -0.07                     | -0.05             |
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| $E_{\rm elst}^{(1)}$ | -6.71        | -10.55            | -5.99         | -9.84             |
| disp/elst            | 0.4          | 0.5               | 0.5           | 0.6               |



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| $\frac{\text{HB}}{\text{PeptideWater}}$  | Pepti          | $\frac{1}{n-\pi^*}$ |
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| $\Delta E_{\rm ind}^{(2)}$               | 0.12           | -0.12               |
| $\Delta E_{\rm exch-ind}^{(2)}$          | -0.03          | 0.32                |
| $\Delta E_{\rm disp}^{(2)}$              | -0.01          | -0.10               |
| $\Delta E_{\rm exch-disp}^{(2)^{\rm r}}$ | 0.01           | 0.05                |
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| disp/elst            | 0.4          | 0.4   | 1.3               | 0.4    | 0.4           | 1.3      |  |



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Pyridine  $\cdots$  H<sub>2</sub>O,  $\cdots$  MeOH,  $\cdots$  MeNH<sub>2</sub>

| HB                               | HB            |                           | Sec. mix              |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| PyridineWater                    | PyridineMe    | OH Pyri                   | dineMeNH <sub>2</sub> |
| $ \pi - \pi^* $                  | $\pi - \pi^*$ |                           | $\pi - \pi^*$         |
|                                  |               | <b>D D</b>                |                       |
|                                  |               | $E_{\rm es} - E_{\rm gs}$ | 5                     |
|                                  | $H_2O$        | MeOH                      | $MeNH_2$              |
| $\Delta E_{\rm elst}^{(1)}$      | 0.04          | 0.03                      | 0.17                  |
| $\Delta E_{\rm exch}^{(1)}$      | 0.02          | 0.02                      | -0.15                 |
| $\Delta E_{\rm ind}^{(2)}$       | 0.02          | 0.02                      | 0.04                  |
| $\Delta E_{\rm exch-ind}^{(2)}$  | 0.01          | 0.01                      | -0.04                 |
| $\Delta E_{\rm disp}^{(2)}$      | 0.02          | 0.04                      | 0.15                  |
| $\Delta E_{\rm exch-disp}^{(2)}$ | 0.00          | 0.00                      | -0.03                 |
| $\Delta E_{\rm int}^{\rm SAPT}$  | 0.03          | 0.04                      | 0.14                  |
|                                  |               |                           |                       |
| - stabilization                  | + destab.     | kcal/mol                  |                       |

 $Pyridine \cdots H_2O, \cdots MeOH, \cdots MeNH_2$ 



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#### Interaction energies: mean absolute % errors



#### • SAPT > CAS + DISP > CASPT2

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