



TREX High Performance Software Solutions for Quantum Mechanical Simulations at the Exascale

Webinar, 8 February 2023
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About this Webinar

This webinar will guide participants through the six different quantum chemistry codes, and the open-source libraries developed in the framework of the TREX Centre of Excellence, optimised for upcoming Exascale systems and ready to be integrated into quantum chemical codes which thus could benefit from the Exascale transition.

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Agenda/ part 1

TREX inter-operable QMC codes for exascale application

Time	Title	Speaker
15:00-15:10	TREX Quantum MonteCarlo Methods and benefits from the Exascale transition. Welcome overview	Claudia Filippi , TREX project Coordinator
15:10-15:15	NECI	Ali Alavi , Director of the Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research
15:15-15:20	GAMMCOR	Kasia Pernal , Professor at the Institute of Physics at the Lodz University of Technology (TUL) and a leader of the Quantum Chemistry Group
15:20-15:25	TurboRVB	Kosuke Nakano , Research Associate, SISSA
15:25-15:30	CHAMP	Ravindra Shinde , Research Scientist, University of Twente
15:30-15:35	QMC=Chem	Anthony Scemama , Senior Research Engineer, CNRS
15:35-15:40	Quantum Package	Emmanuel Giner , CNRS, Paris
15:40-15:50	TREX I/O library	Evgeny Posenitskiy , a former member of TREX, Qubit Pharmaceuticals

Agenda/ part 2

Case of use of TREX codes

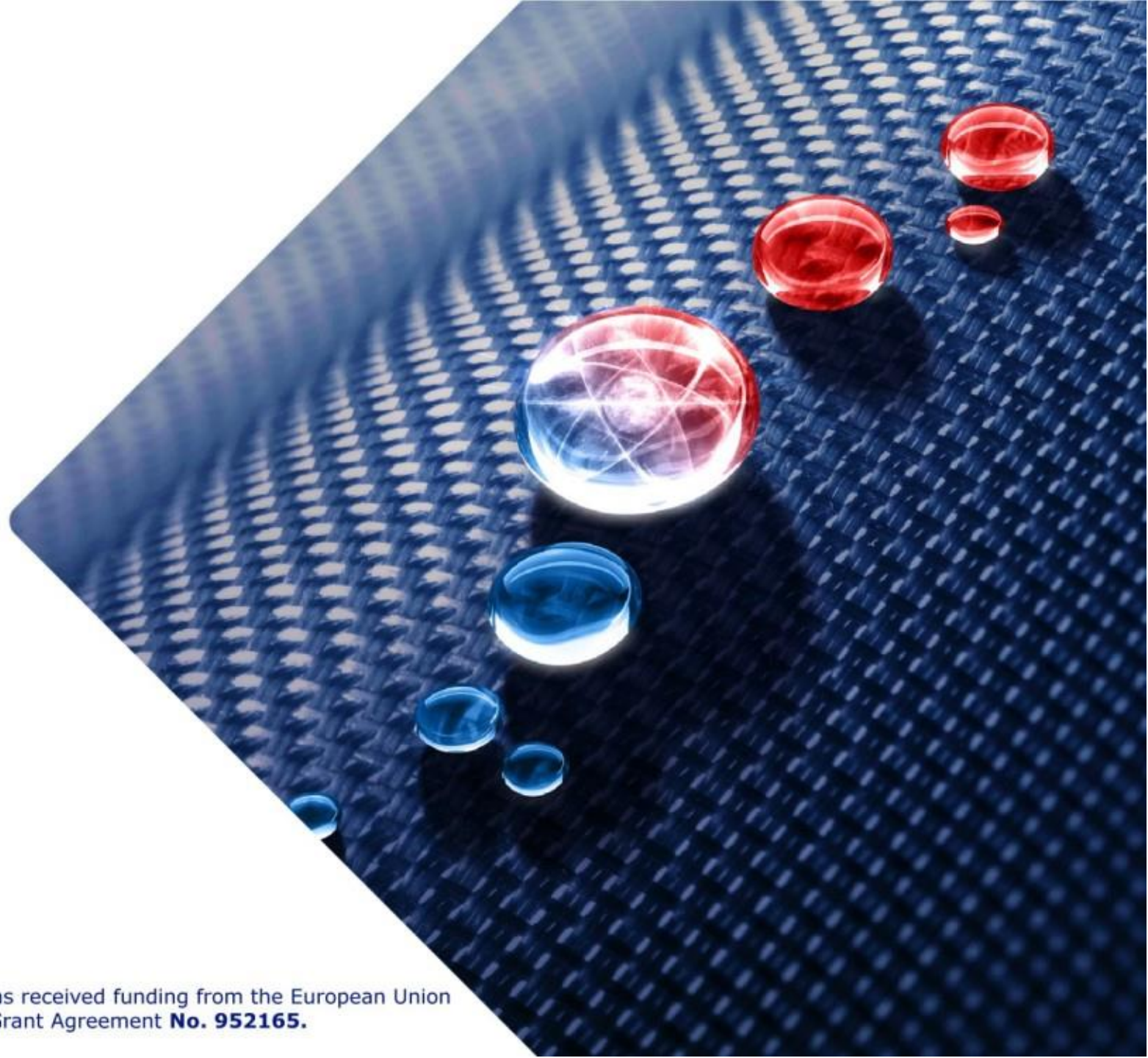
Time	Title	Speaker
16:00 – 16:25	Experience in using TREX codes	Anthony Ferté (University of Nantes) - using Quantum Package
		Pablo Lopez Rios - using NECI
		Giacomo Tenti and Andrea Zen , Sissa
		Stuart Shepard (University of Twente) - using CHAMP



Introduction TREX Center of Excellence

Claudia Filippi

University of Twente, NL



HORIZON
2020

Targeting Real chemical accuracy at the EXascale

Fact Sheet

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Project description



Complex quantum molecular simulations of unprecedented speed and accuracy

Computers and the rapid mathematical calculations they are able to perform, which would take human beings years to accomplish, have provided the fuel to power innovation. High-performance computing (HPC) and high-throughput computing (HTC) have enabled us to simulate large-scale complex processes and analyse tremendous amounts of data, benefitting applications ranging from climate research and drug discovery to material design. Emerging exascale computers will make the best even better, 50 times faster than today's most powerful supercomputers. The EU-funded TREX project is developing a platform that combines the upcoming exascale HPC and HTC architectures for stochastic quantum chemical simulations of unprecedented accuracy. The software and services will be designed for ease of use to ensure widespread utilisation, spurring a new age of discovery in molecular simulations.

[Hide the project objective](#)

Project Information

TREX

Grant agreement ID: 952165

Status

Ongoing project

Start date

1 October 2020

End date

30 September 2023

Funded under

H2020-EU.1.4.1.3.

Overall budget

€ 4 998 847,50

EU contribution

€ 4 998 847,50



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TREX - Targeting Real chemical accuracy at the EXascale

- Started in October 2020
- **Focus** → High-accuracy quantum chemical approaches
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- **Objective** → make codes ready for exascale systems
- **How** → provide libraries instead of re-writing codes (QMC) methods **Massively parallelisable**
 - One library for high performance QMC (QMCPACK)
 - One library for exchanging info between codes (TREXIO)



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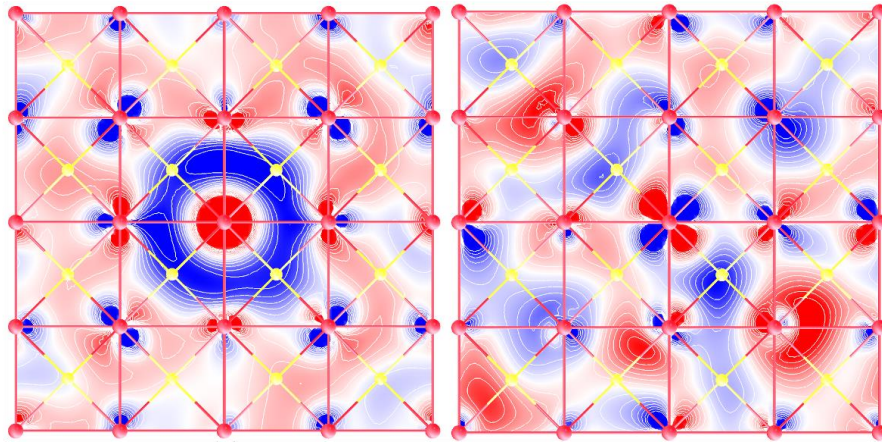
Scientists in quantum chemistry, physics, and machine learning
+ Software and HPC experts + Tech and communication SMEs
+ Representative of user communities



Quantum Monte Carlo

→ Stochastic simulation of the quantum interacting problem

Very accurate calculations for medium-large molecules and periodic systems!



Casula and Sorella (2013)

CPU intensive but can scale to massive parallelism






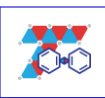



Ease in parallelization of QMC is not sufficient for accurate results



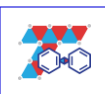






Recent methodological advances → new prospects

- Efficient computation of analytical energy derivatives + optimization tools
 - QMC “internally consistent” method
 - with geometries and wave functions determined in QMC
- Truly exploit freedom of choice of wave function $\Psi(r_1, \dots, r_N)$
 - development of new functional forms (geminals, FermiNet ..)

Software model → HPC platform of interoperable codes/libraries

- **QMCKI** high-performance (CPU and GPU) library of QMC kernels
- **TREXIO** library to exchange wave function data
 - Easy use of TREX + other codes (GAMESS, PySCF, Gaussian ...) in a pipeline
- **TREX codes** refactored and modularized to use these libraries
- **Machine learning tools** integrated in our workflows
 -  **AiiDA** Informatics Framework adopted for workflow management/HTC

- Real-space QMC:  CHAMP,  QMC=Chem,  TurboRVB
- Full configuration interaction QMC:  NECI
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- Machine learning: QMMLPACK
- Performance and optimization tools:  MAQAO,  Verificarlo
- Software for cloud-style access to HPC resources:  MEGWARE

- TREX website : <https://trex-coe.eu>

- Training :

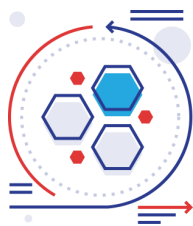
<https://trex-coe.eu/trex-training-and-educational-programme>

- TREX repository : <https://github.com/TREX-CoE>

- Presentation of codes and TRESIO library
- Presentation of examples of use of codes



TREX QMC Code: NECI

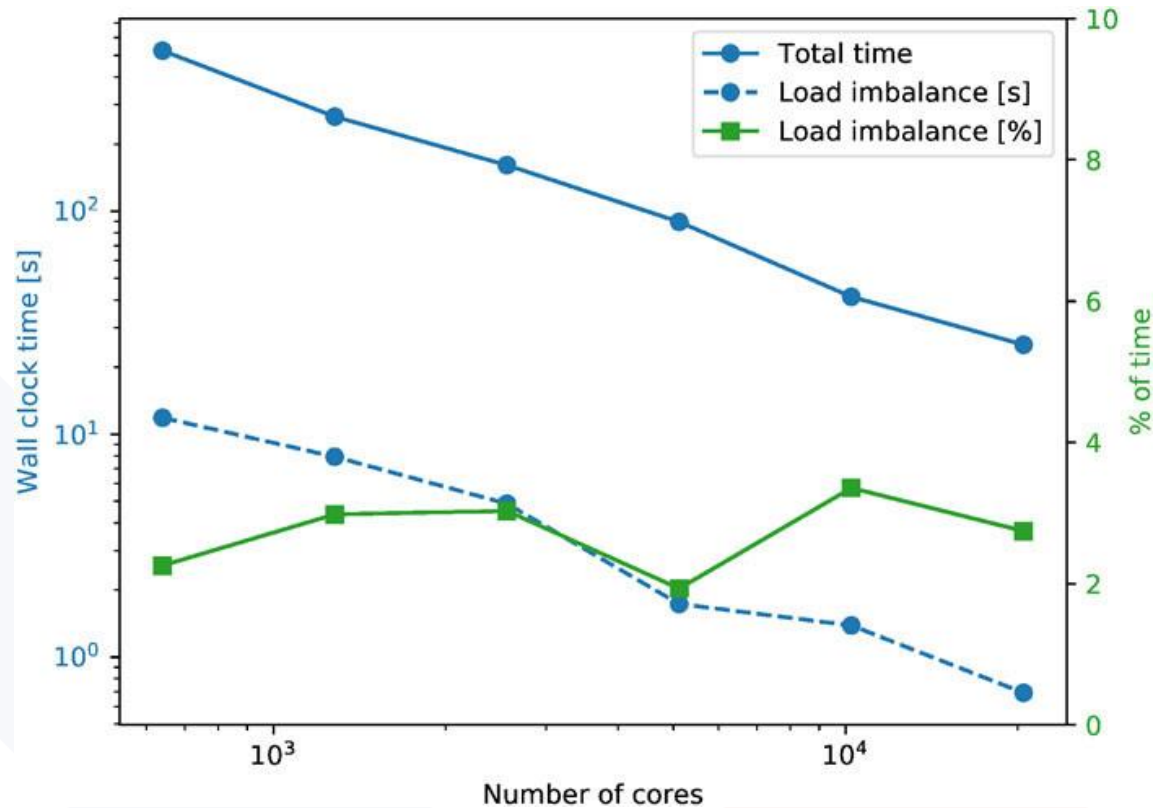


Ali Alavi,

Director of the Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research

NECI: Stochastic Full Configuration Interaction Solver (FCIQMC)

- Second-quantized Schrodinger and **Transcorrelated** (similarity-transformed) Hamiltonians based on Jastrow-factorized wavefunctions
- TC method: Non-Hermitian Hamiltonians and **3-body** interactions
- Annihilating random walkers in Slater determinant and **Spin-adapted** Hilbert spaces
- Particular emphasis on strongly **open-shell** chemistry problems (FeS complexes WP5)
- Strong scaling parallelisability demonstrated up to **20480** processes (MPI)
- TRESIO compatible **TCHint** library for calculation of 2-body and 3-body interactions (WP2).



Total time and time lost due to load imbalance for running 100 iterations with 1.6×10^9 walkers for the $Cr_2/cc\text{-}pVDZ$ (28e in 76o) on 640–20 480 cores (not counting initialization). The calculations were run on Intel Xeon Gold 6148 Skylake processors with a 100 Gb/s OmniPath node interconnect.

Guther et al ; *J. Chem. Phys.* **153**, 034107 (2020) DOI: 10.1063/5.0005754



TREX QMC Code:

GMM
COR

Kasia Pernal,

Professor at the Institute of Physics at the Lodz University of
Technology (TUL) and a leader of the Quantum Chemistry
Group

GammCor: electron correlation and molecular interaction calculations

Authors: K. Pernal, M. Hapka, M. Modrzejewski, M. Przybytek

- Electron correlation energy for strongly correlated molecules
unique feature: capable of treating $\sim 10^2$ strongly correlated electrons
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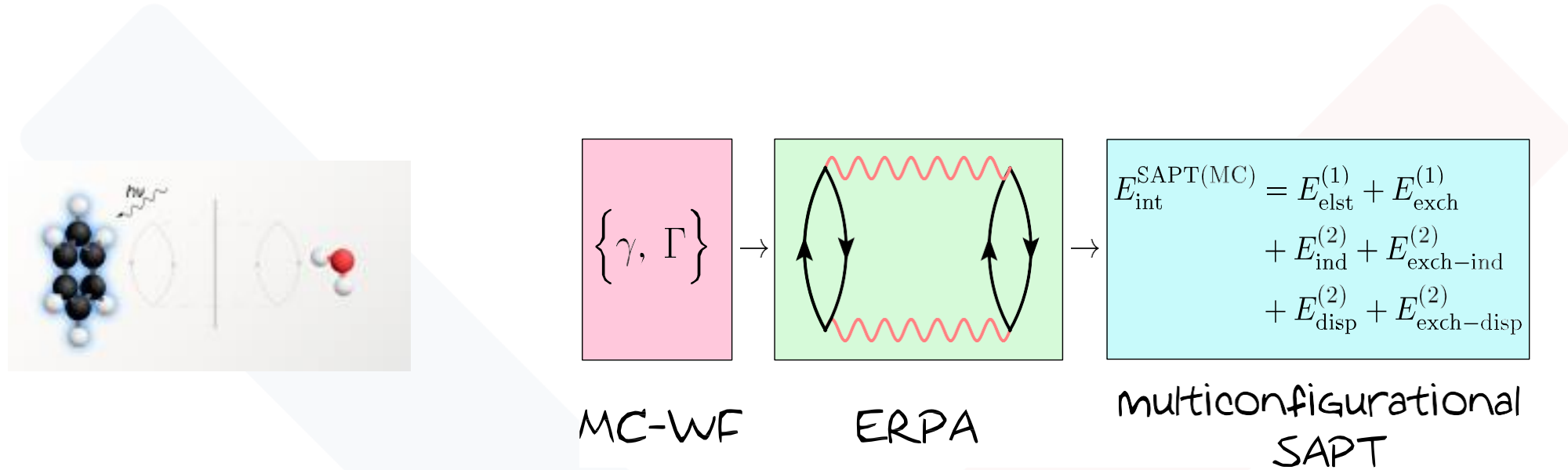
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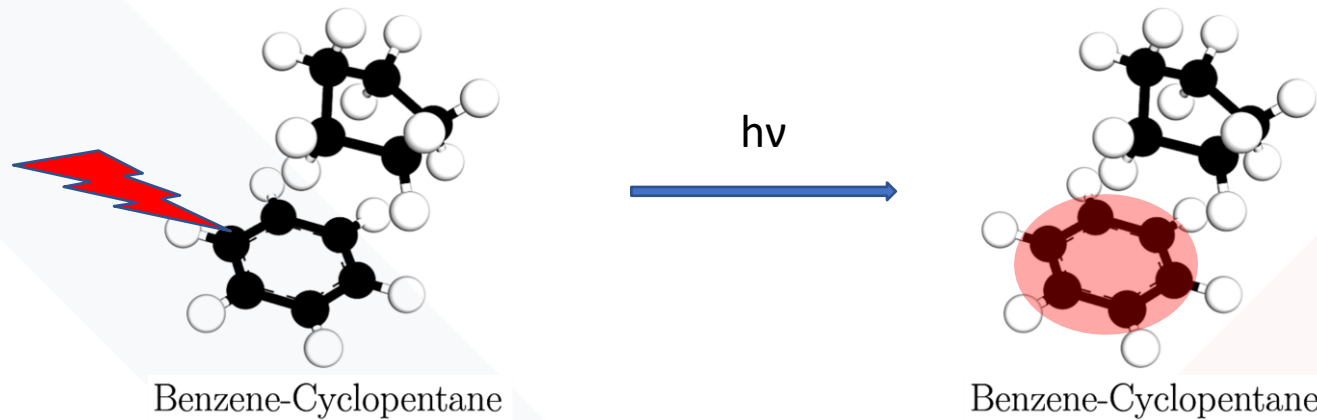
Interoperability with other codes:

- Requires 1- and particle reduced density matrices
- Compatible with **TREXIO** library
- Interfaced with: Molpro, Dalton, Quantum Package, Orca

Interaction energy in molecular complexes with localized excitons



Interaction energy in molecular complexes with localized excitons



E_{int} changes by 0.15 kcal/mol. Mainly electrostatic and dispersion interaction effects.

SAPT(MC) in GammCor: up to 10^2 electrons in 10^3 basis set functions.

Wavefunctions for monomers: CASSCF, CI.

Density Matrix Renormalization Group with Dynamical Correlation via Adiabatic Connection

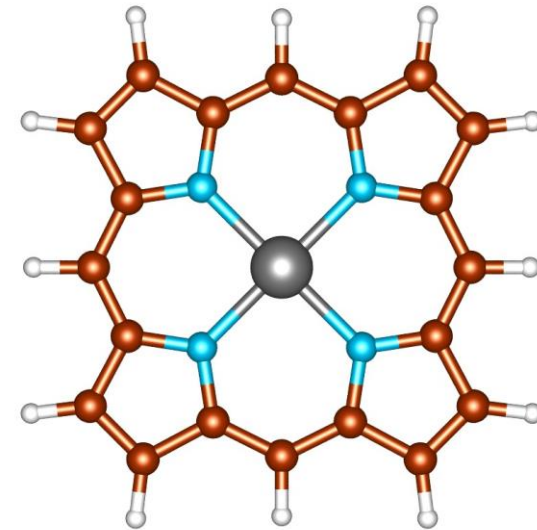
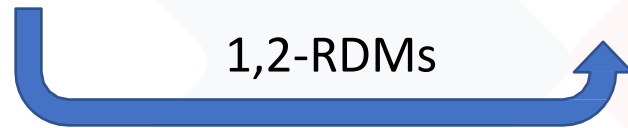
$$E = E^{\text{DMRG}} + E_{\text{corr}}^{\text{AC}}$$



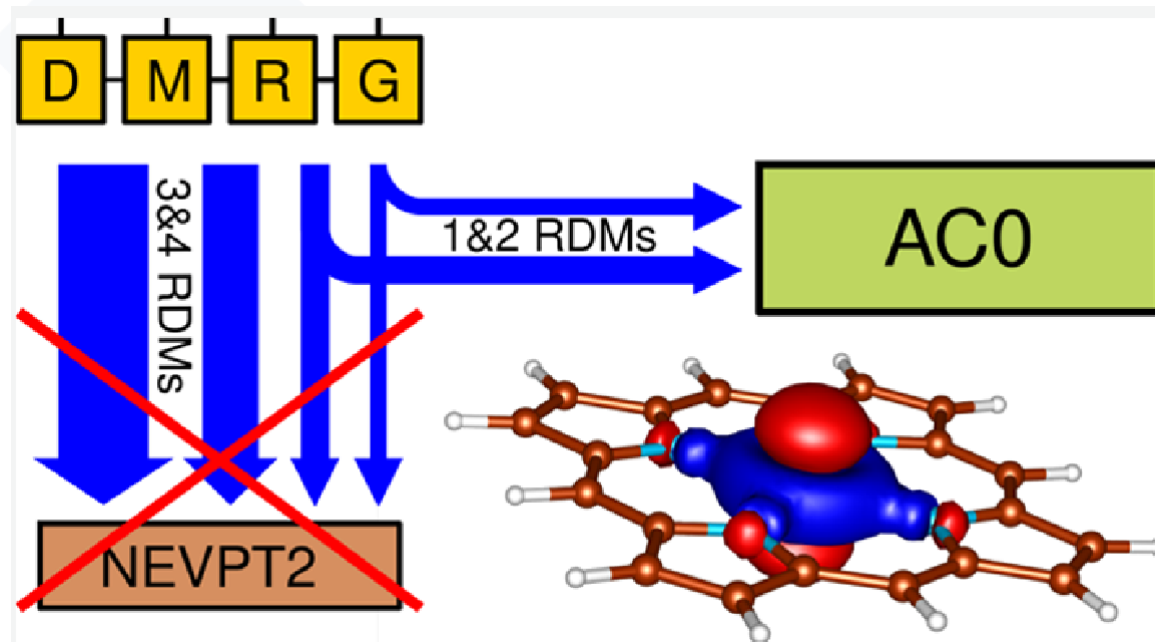
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Fe(II)-porphyrin

Quintet-Triplet energy gap

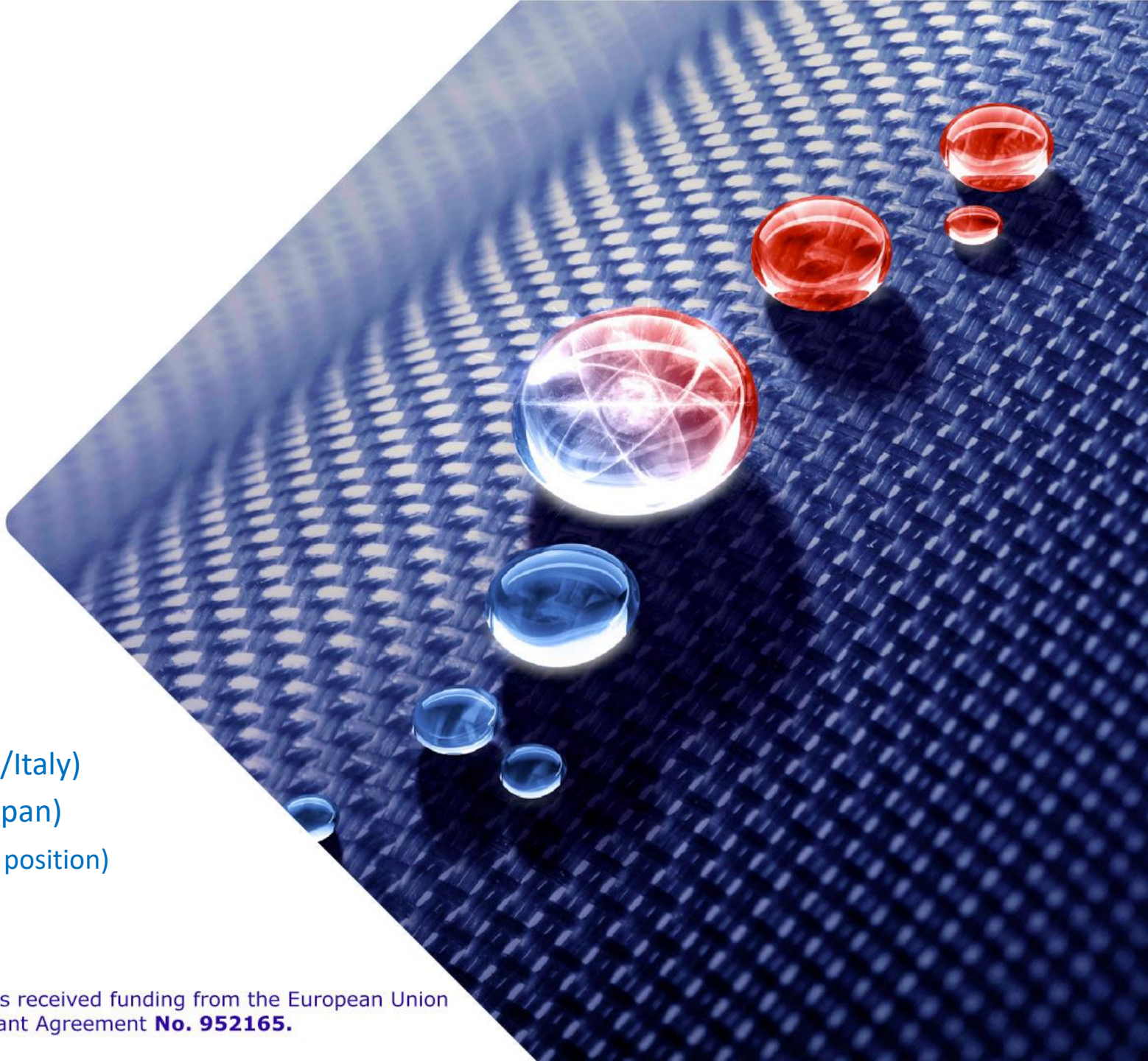
40 active electrons in 42 orbitals

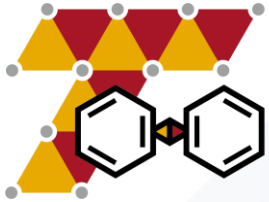
Wall Time of AC0 calc.: $\sim 10^3$ sec.

TurboRVB and TurboWorkflows

Kosuke Nakano

- SISSA (International School for Advanced Studies/Italy)
 - NIMS (National Institute for Materials Science/Japan)
- (Current position)





TurboRVB

Quantum Monte Carlo Package **SISSA**

QMC engines (DFT, VMC, and DMC).

K. Nakano, C. Attaccalite, M. Barborini, L. Capriotti, M. Casula, E. Coccia, M. Dagrada, Y. Luo, G. Mazzola, A. Zen, and S. Sorella, *J. Chem. Phys.* 152, 204121 (2020)



TurboGenius

Command line tools (python).




TurboWorkflows

Workflow systems (python).

K. Nakano et al., *in preparation* (2023)



TurboRVB

Quantum Monte Carlo Package 

The main developer was Prof. Sandro Sorella.

The project PIs are M. Casula and K. Nakano.

open-source by July 2023!!

- Variational Monte Carlo (VMC) and Lattice regularized Diffusion Monte Carlo (LRDMC).

M. Casula et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett* 95, 100201 (2005)

- Atomic Forces by exploiting the algorithmic differentiation (AD).

S. Sorella et al., *J. Chem. Phys.* 133, 234111 (2010)

- Flexible ansatz such as Antisymmetrized Geminal Power (AGP) and Pfaffian (Pf).

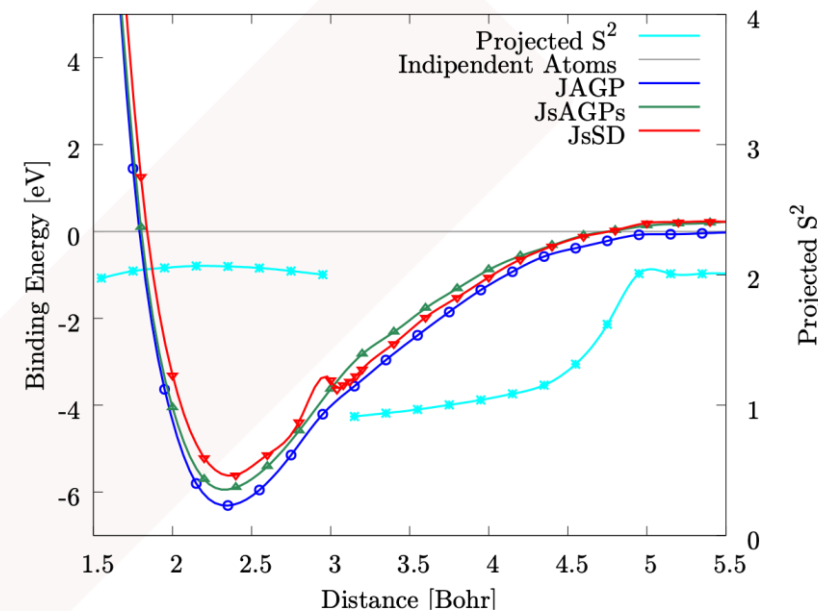
M. Casula et al., *J. Chem. Phys.* 119, 6500 (2003)

C. Genovese et al., *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 16, 6114 (2020)

- Parallelized by MPI/OpenMP (hybrid) and GPU. O. Kohulak et al., in preparation (2023)

Binding energies of the C₂ dimer obtained by LRDMC

Wavefunction	C atom (Ha)	C ₂ molecule (Ha)	Binding (eV)
Jastrow Slater	-37.82966(4)	-75.8672(1)	5.656(3)
Jastrow Geminal (Singlet)	-37.8364(1)	-75.8938(2)	6.01(1)
Jastrow Geminal (Singlet + broken sym.)	-37.8364(1)	-75.8935(2)	6.00(1)
Jastrow Geminal (All-pairing, Pfaffian)	-37.8363(1)	-75.9045(2)	6.31(1)
Estimated exact	-37.8450	-75.9045(2)	6.44(2) (Exp.)

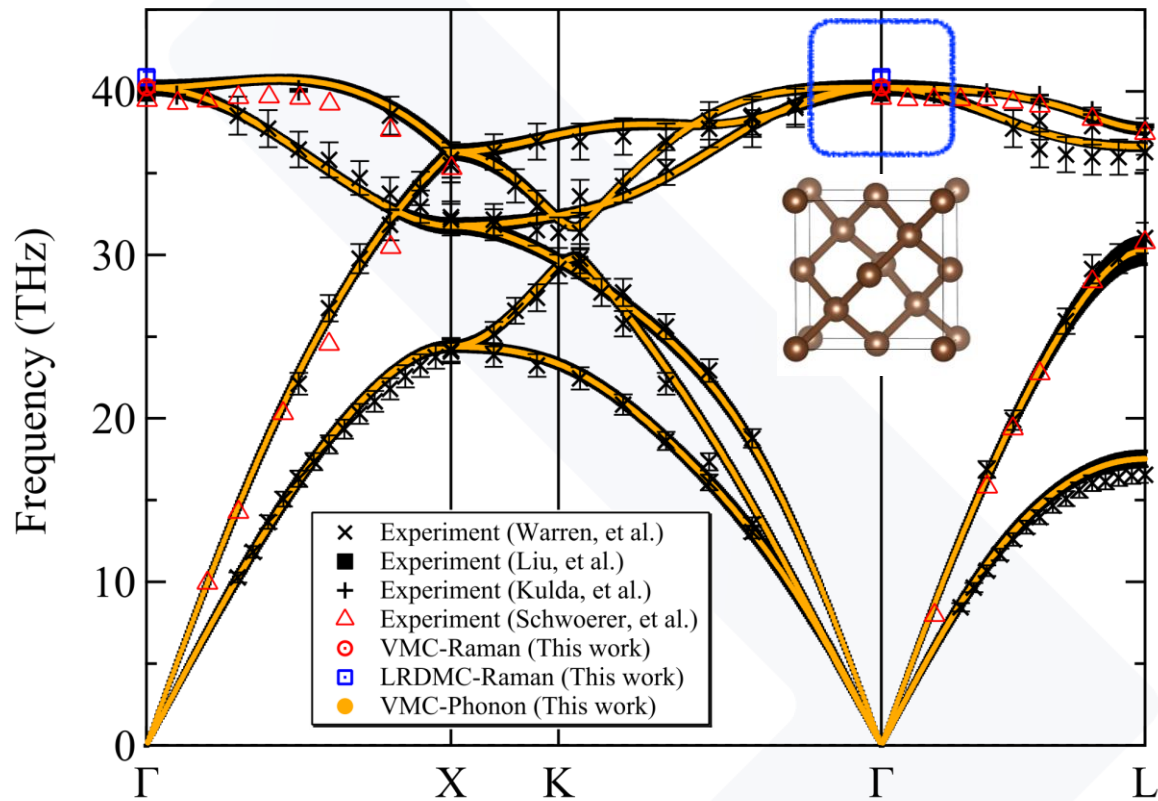


More complex ansatz.

C. Genovese et al., *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 16, 6114 (2020)

DMC gives a more accurate result than CCSD(T) does for the challenging molecule.

- Diamond: the conventional 2x2x2 supercell with the experimental lattice parameter
- Employed the frozen phonon method implemented in Phonopy package.



* including anharmonic corrections.

A. Togo and I. Tanaka, *Scr. Mater.* **108**, 1 (2015).

Raman Freq. (optical phonon at Γ)

DFT-LDA 38.55 THz

VMC 40.65(38) THz

Exp. 40.35 THz

** These are harmonic frequencies

K. Nakano *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B* **103**, L121110 (2021)

- Controlling QMC jobs on a python script

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vmcopt_workflow = eWorkflow(
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    dirname=f'vmcopt-workflow',
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    workflow=VMCopt_workflow(
        ## job
        server_machine_name="fugaku",
        cores=48,
        openmp=1,
        queue="small",
        version="stable",
        sleep_time=180,
        ## vmcopt
        vmcopt_max_continuation=2,
        vmcopt_target_error_bar=1.0e-3, # Ha
        vmcopt_trial_optsteps=50,
        vmcopt_trial_steps=50,
        vmcopt_production_optsteps=20,
        vmcopt_optwarmupsteps_ratio=0.8,
        vmcopt_bin_block=1,
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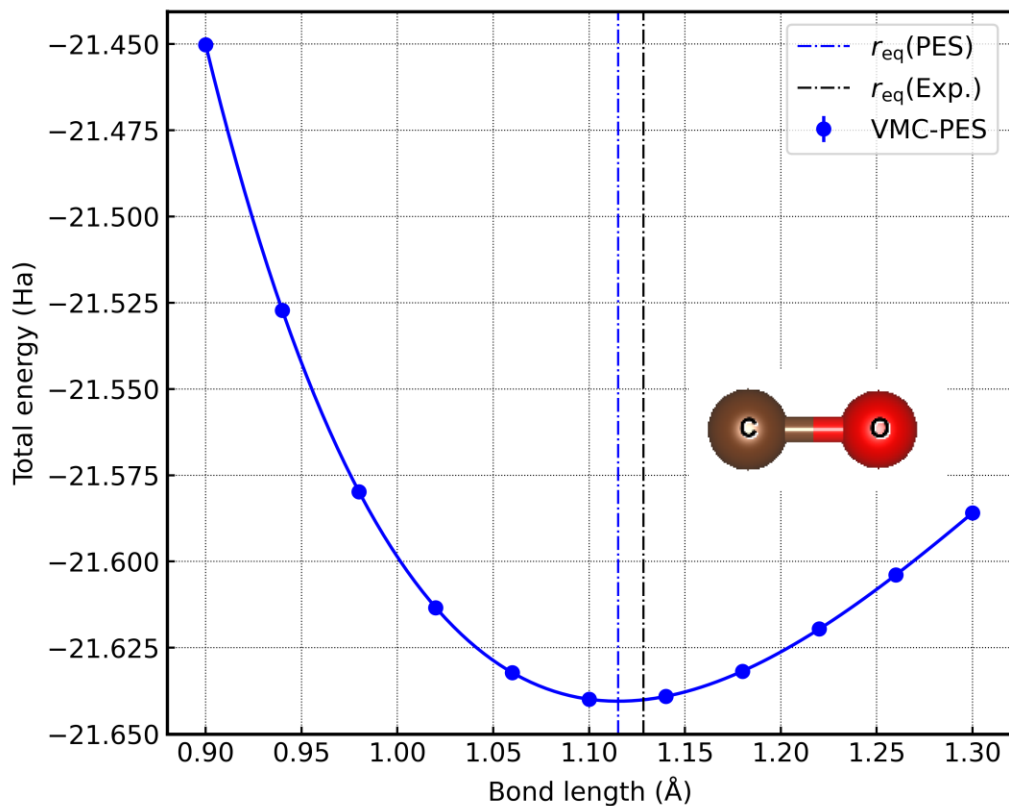
<https://github.com/kousuke-nakano/turboworkflows>



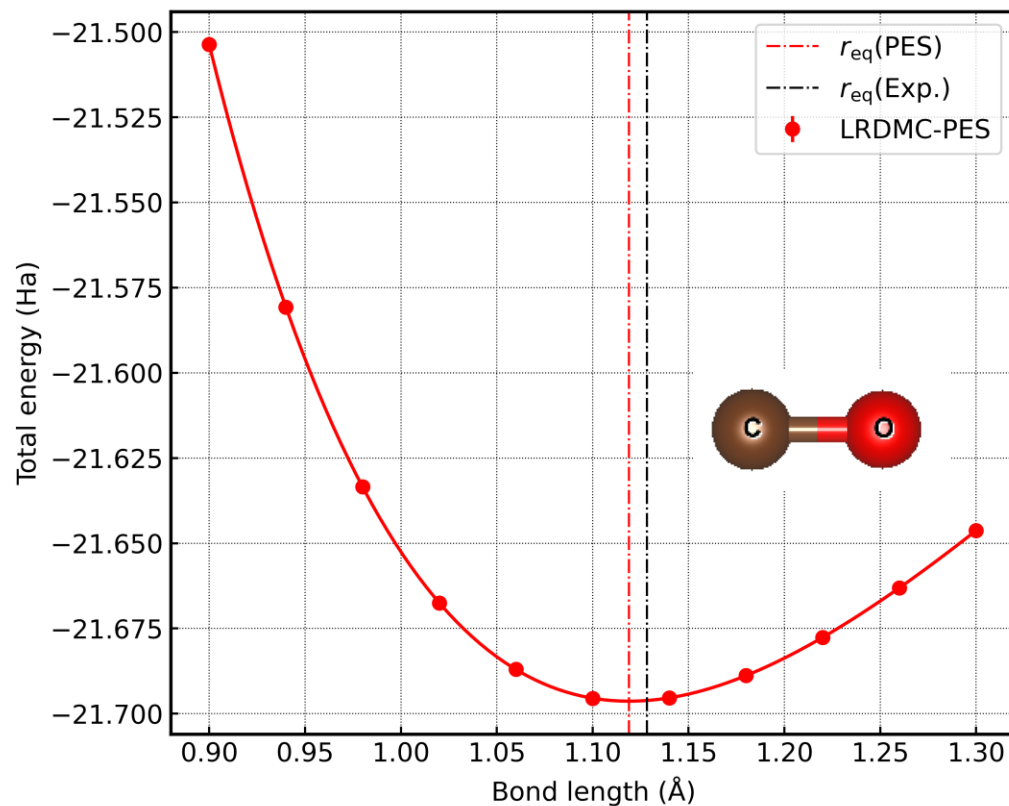
In production from 2022 -

- Implemented in object-oriented fashion by Python3
- Solving dependencies and monitoring jobs
- Allowed to define user's own workflows
- Open source under the BSD3 license (Jul. 2023-)

K. Nakano *et al.*, in preparation (2023)



PES at the VMC level.



PES at the LRDMC level.

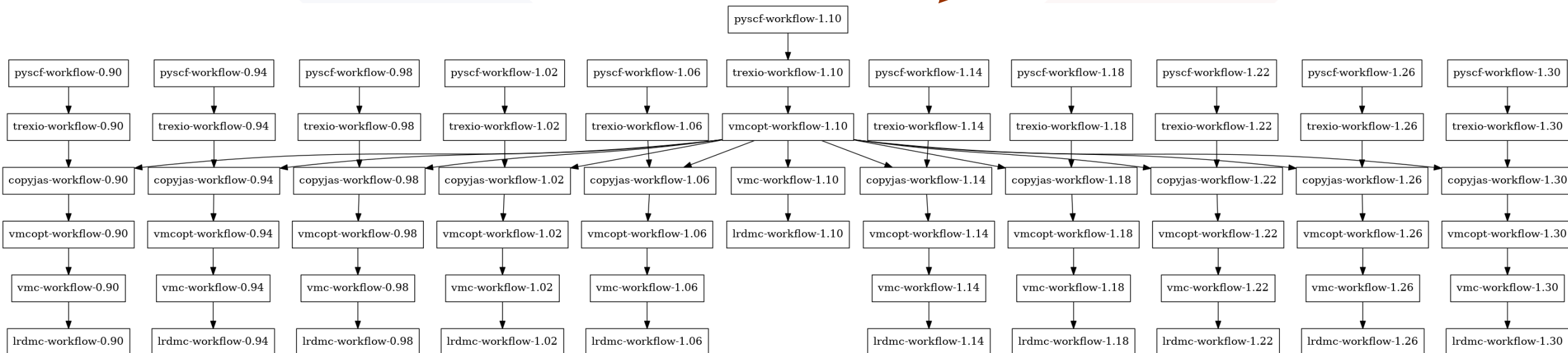
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It automatically solves the dependencies of the calculations.

A python script defining the QMC workflows.



TurboRVB: A many-body toolkit for *ab initio* electronic simulations by quantum Monte Carlo

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COLLECTIONS

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Note: This article is part of the JCP Special Topic on Electronic Structure Software.



TurboRVB website
Updated on 24/12/2022

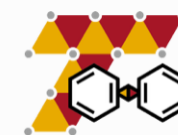
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TurboRVB
Quantum Monte Carlo Package

Recent papers

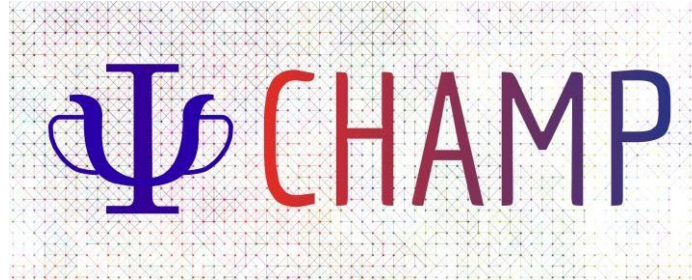
- A. Tirelli et al. have published a paper in *Phys. Rev. B*, **106**, L041105 (2022).
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This paper has been selected as an **Editors' Suggestion**.

Features

TurboRVB is a computational package for *ab initio* Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) simulations of both molecular and bulk electronic systems. The code was initially launched by Prof. Sandro Sorella and Prof. Michele Casula and has been continuously developed by many contributors for over 20 years. The code implements two types of well established QMC algorithms: Variational Monte Carlo (VMC), and Diffusion Monte Carlo in its robust and efficient lattice regularized variant (LRDMC).

<https://turborvb.sissa.it>

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CHAMP : Cornell-Holland Ab-initio Materials Package

QMC suite of programs for accurate electronic structure calculations of molecular systems

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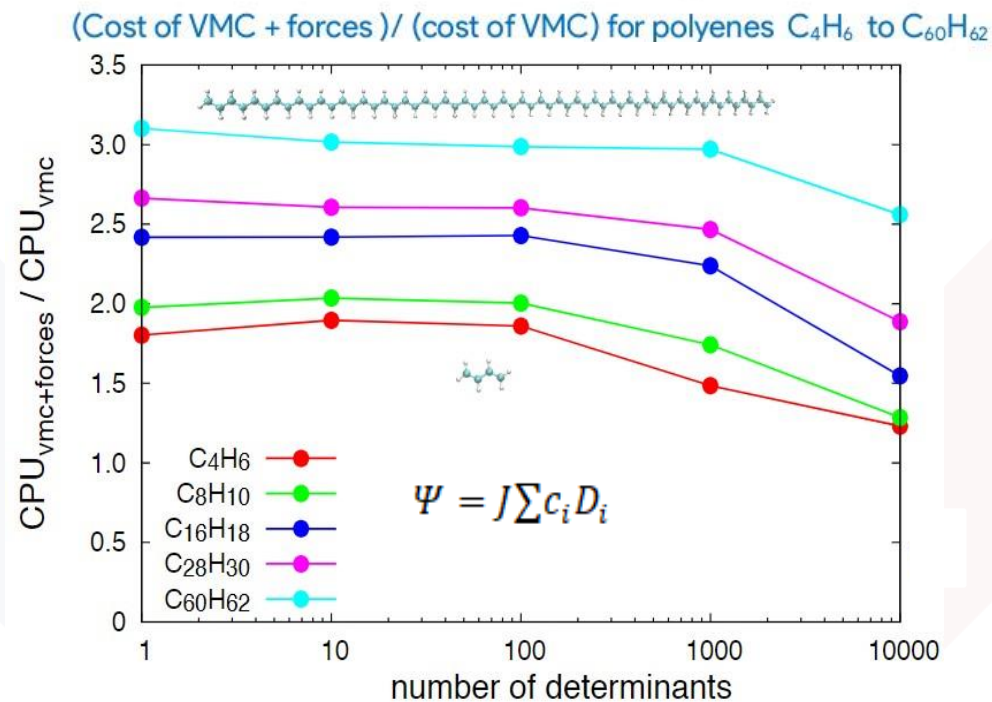
Noteworthy functionalities

- Efficient optimization schemes for ground and excited states in VMC
State-specific energy minimization implemented
- Efficient analytical interatomic forces in VMC
- Fast evaluation of multi-determinants and their derivatives
- Multiscale hybrid QMC calculations (QMC/PCM, QMC/MM, and QMC/MMpol)

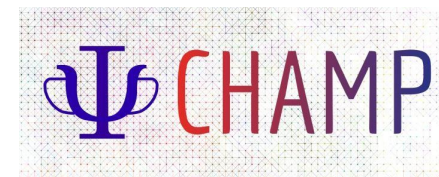


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Geometry Optimization

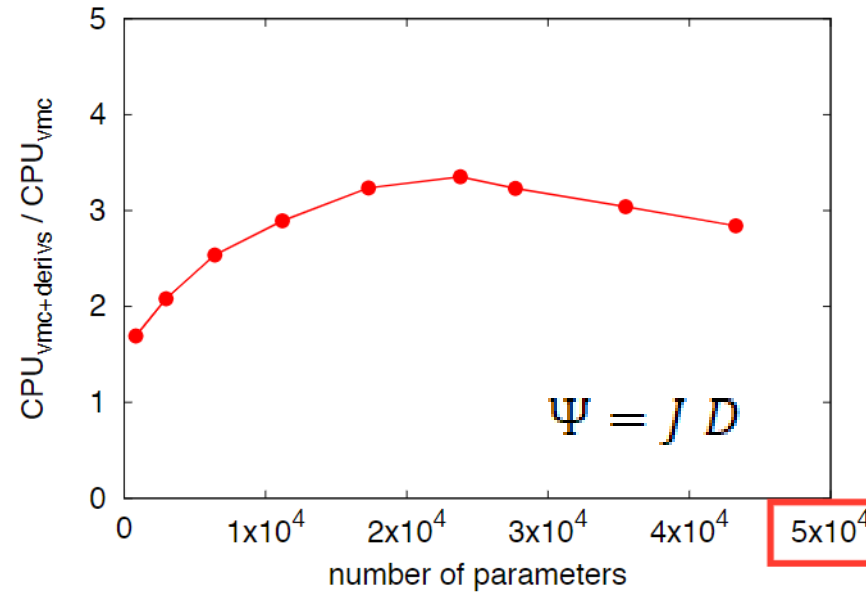


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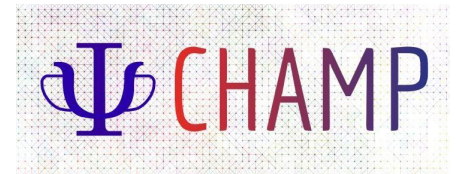


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Wavefunction Optimization

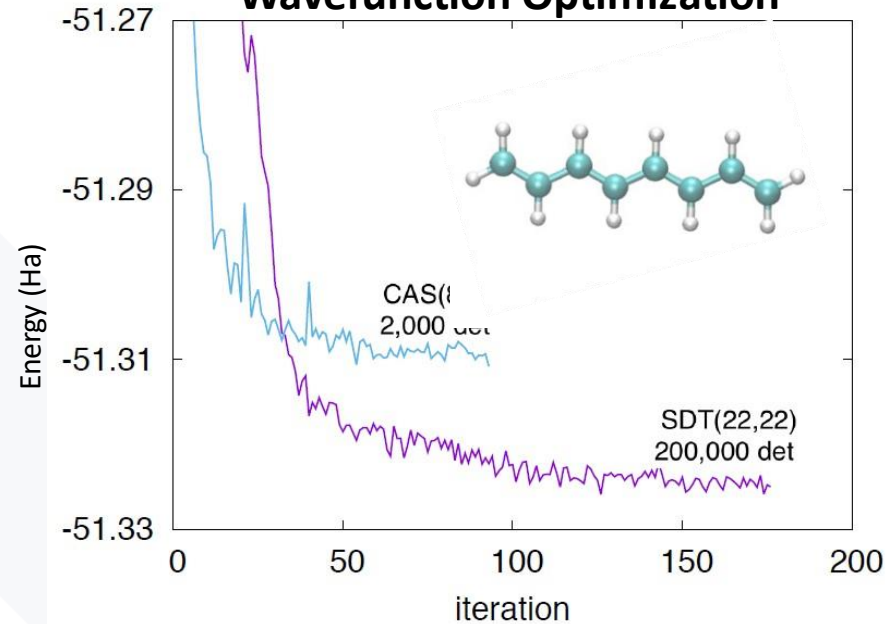


Fast evaluation of multideterminants and their derivs



Noteworthy functionalities

Both Geometry and Wavefunction Optimization



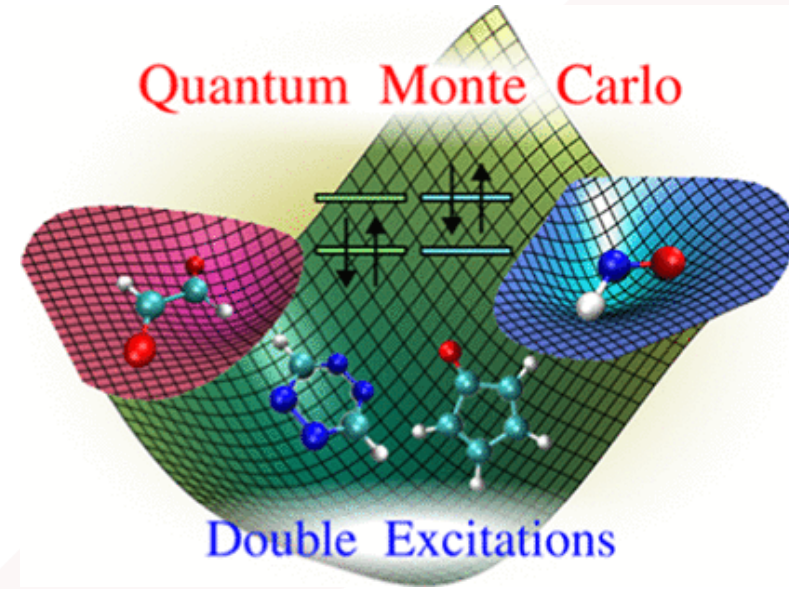
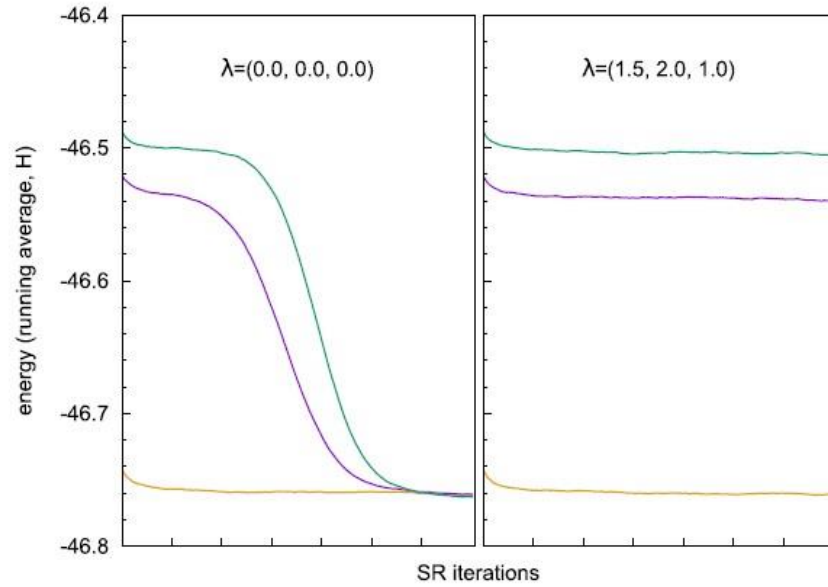
65000 wave function parameter optimization of C_8H_{10}

Efficient optimization schemes for ground and excited states in VMC



Noteworthy functionalities

With constraints



State-specific energy optimization

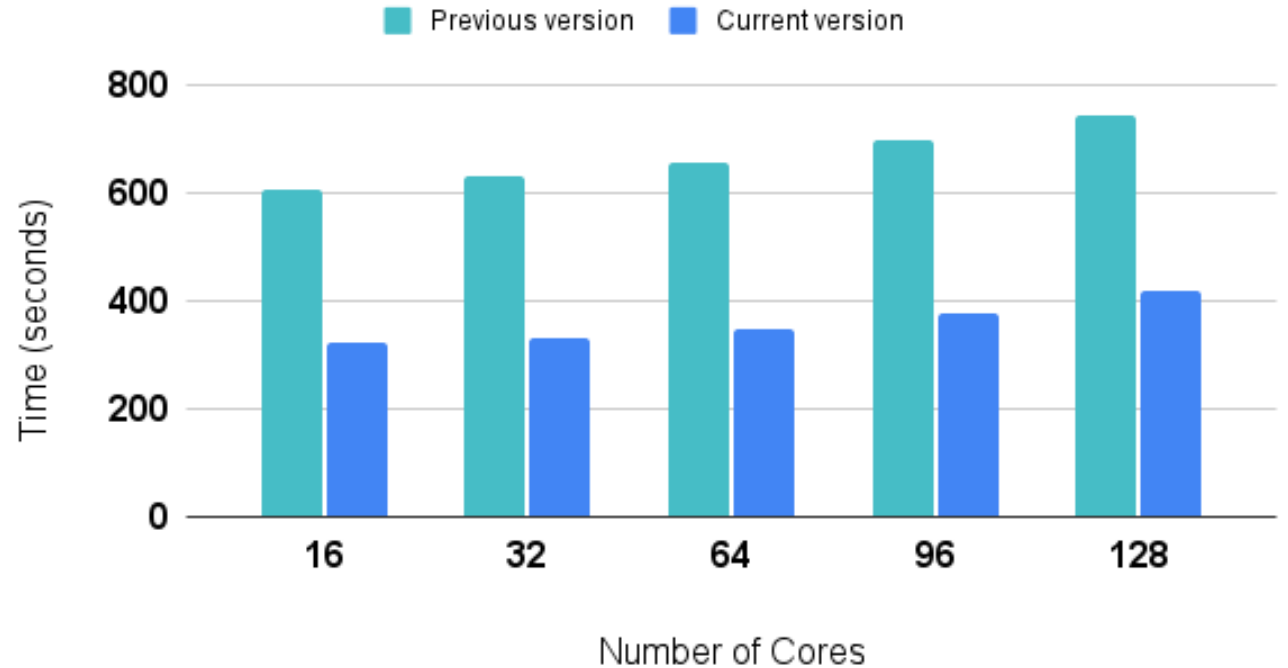


Interoperability with codes within and outside TREX



Massive parallelization and efficient scaling

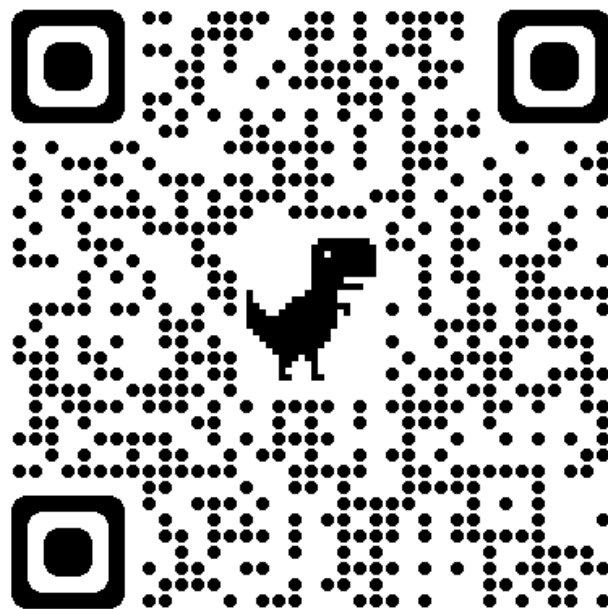
- Improved vectorization
- QMCKI library for highly-efficient, optimized, scalable, common QMC tasks



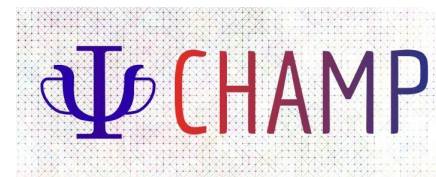
Run on Snellius/SURFsara AMD Epyc 128 cores/node

Total energy calculation

Codes available on GitHub



Thank you!



Quantum Package

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Full Configuration Interaction (FCI)

- Exact solution of $\hat{H}\Psi = E\Psi$ in a complete basis of Slater determinants
- The determinant basis is derived from the one-electron basis set
- Only approximation : one-electron basis-set incompleteness
- Intractable : $O(N!)$ scaling
- All the post-Hartree-Fock methods are approximations of the FCI within the same basis set

Pushing configuration-interaction to the limit: Towards massively parallel MCSCF calculations

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A new large-scale parallel multiconfigurational self-consistent field (MCSCF) implementation in the open-source NWChem computational chemistry code is presented. The generalized active space approach is used to partition large configuration interaction (CI) vectors and generate a sufficient number of batches that can be distributed to the available cores. Massively parallel CI calculations with large active spaces can be performed. The new parallel MCSCF implementation is tested for the chromium trimer and for an active space of 20 electrons in 20 orbitals, which can now routinely be performed. Unprecedented CI calculations with an active space of 22 electrons in 22 orbitals for the pentacene systems were performed and a **single CI iteration calculation with an active space of 24 electrons in 24 orbitals for the chromium tetramer was possible**. The chromium tetramer corresponds to a CI expansion of one trillion Slater determinants (914 058 513 424) and is the largest conventional CI calculation attempted up to date. *Published by AIP Publishing.* <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4989858>

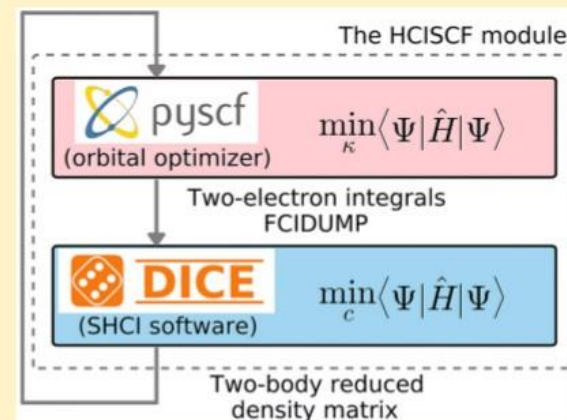
Cheap and Near Exact CASSCF with Large Active Spaces

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ABSTRACT: We use the recently developed Heat-bath Configuration Interaction (HCI) algorithm as an efficient active space solver to perform multiconfiguration self-consistent field calculations (HCISCF) with large active spaces. We give a detailed derivation of the theory and show that difficulties associated with non-variationality of the HCI procedure can be overcome by making use of the Lagrangian formulation to calculate the HCI relaxed two-body reduced density matrix. HCISCF is then used to study the electronic structure of butadiene, pentacene, and Fe–porphyrin. One of the most striking results of our work is that the converged active space orbitals obtained from HCISCF are relatively insensitive to the accuracy of the HCI calculation. This allows us to obtain nearly converged CASSCF energies with an estimated error of less than 1 mHa using the orbitals obtained from the HCISCF procedure in which the integral transformation is the dominant cost.

For example, an HCISCF calculation on the Fe–porphyrin model complex with an active space of (44e, 44o) took only 412 s per iteration on a single node containing 28 cores, out of which 185 s was spent in the HCI calculation and the remaining 227 s was used mainly for integral transformation. Finally, we also show that active space orbitals can be optimized using HCISCF to substantially speed up the convergence of the HCI energy to the Full CI limit because HCI is not invariant to unitary transformations within the active space.

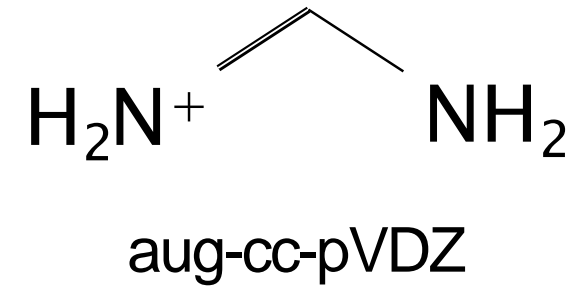
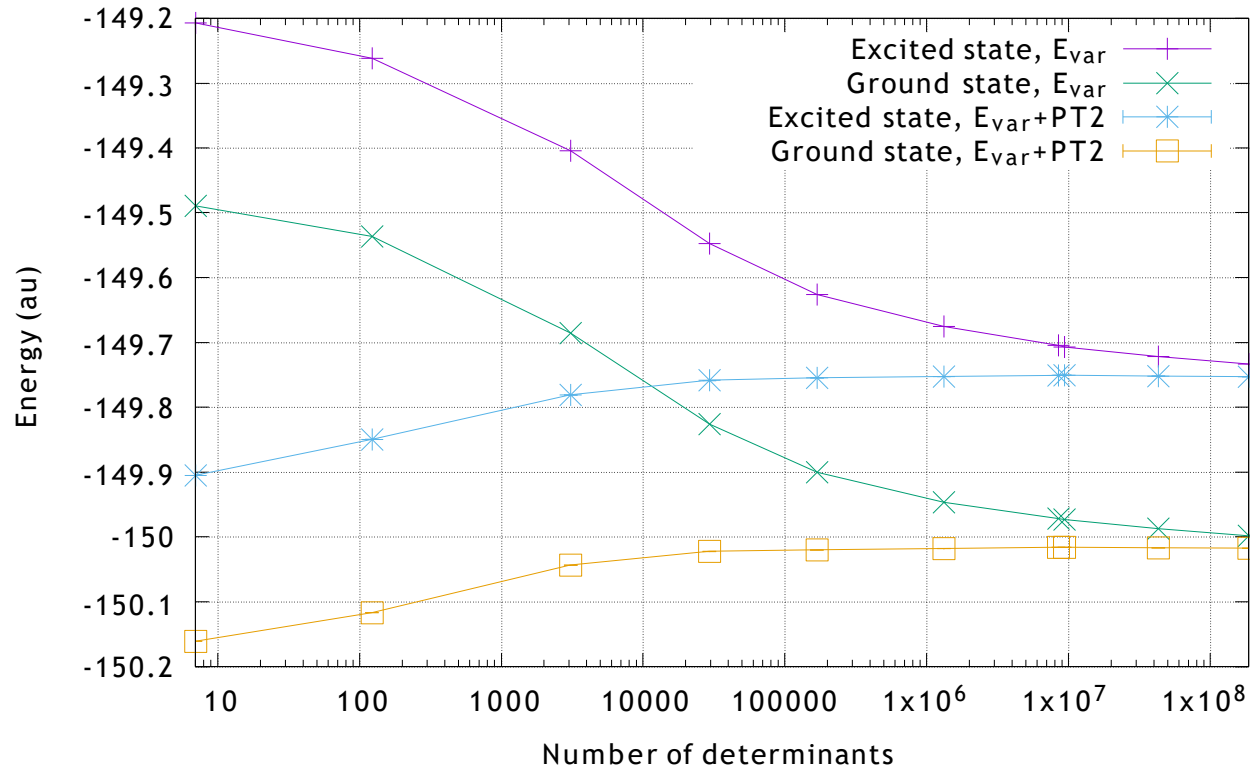


CIPSI Algorithm¹

Start with $D_0 = \{|\text{HF}\rangle\}$ and $|\Psi_0\rangle = |\text{HF}\rangle$.

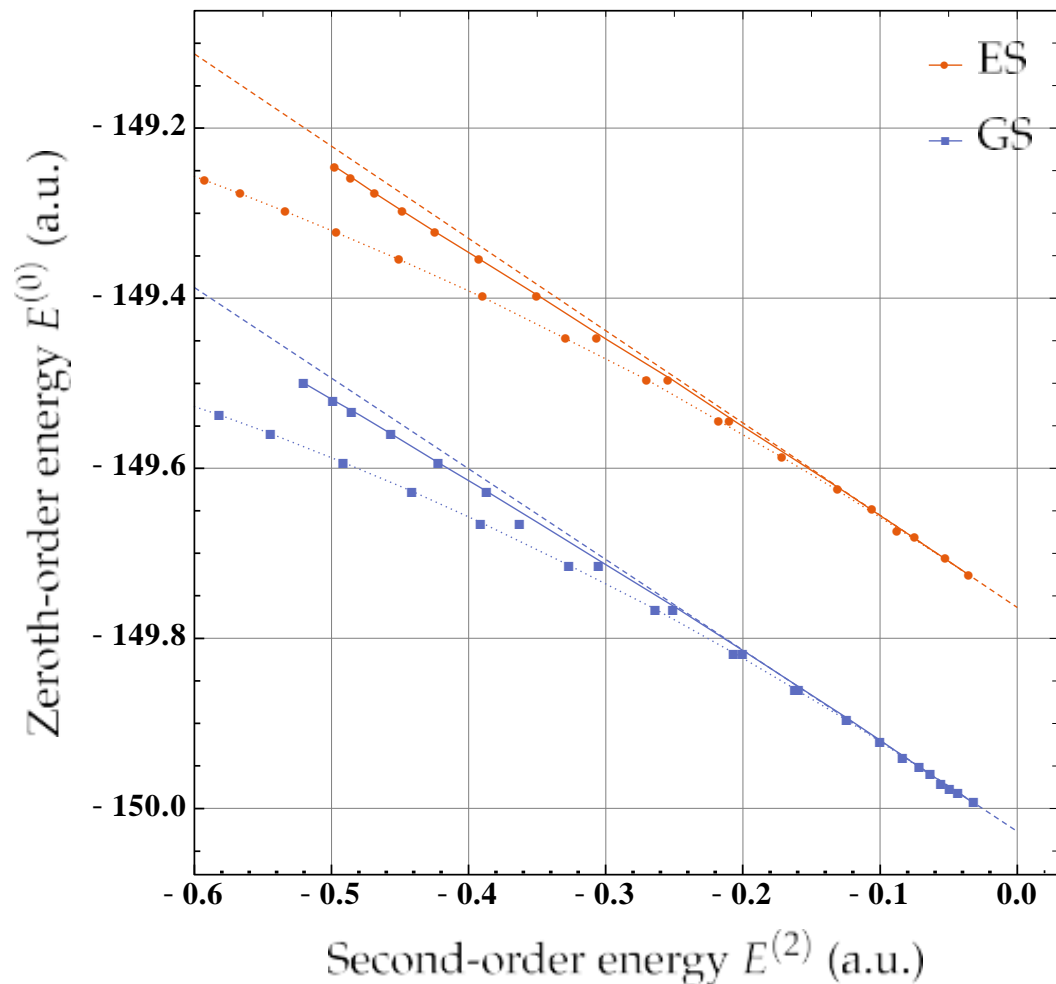
- 1 $\forall |i\rangle \in \{\hat{T}_{\text{SD}}|\Psi_n\rangle\} \setminus \{D_n\}$, compute $\epsilon_i = \frac{\langle i|\text{H}|\Psi_n\rangle^2}{E(\Psi_n) - \langle i|\text{H}|i\rangle}$
- 2 if $|\epsilon_i| > \epsilon_n$, select $|i\rangle$
- 3 Estimated energy : $E(\Psi_n) + E_{\text{PT2}}(\Psi_n) = E(\Psi_n) + \sum_i \epsilon_i$
- 4 $D_{n+1} = D_n \cup \{\cup_{i(\text{selected})} |i\rangle\}$
- 5 Minimize $E(\Psi_{n+1})$ (Davidson),
 $\Psi_{n+1} = \Psi_n + \sum_{i(\text{selected})} c_i |i\rangle$
- 6 Choose $\epsilon_{n+1} < \epsilon_n$
- 7 Iterate

¹B. Huron, J.P. Malrieu, and P. Rancurel, *J. Chem. Phys.* **58**, 5745 (1973).



- When $N_{det} = N_{FCI}$, $E_{PT2} = 0$, CI is solved *exactly*.
- Every CI problem can be solved by iterative perturbative selection

- **exFCI** : Extrapolate $E = f(E_{PT2})$ at $E_{PT2} = 0$, estimates the complete CI solution.

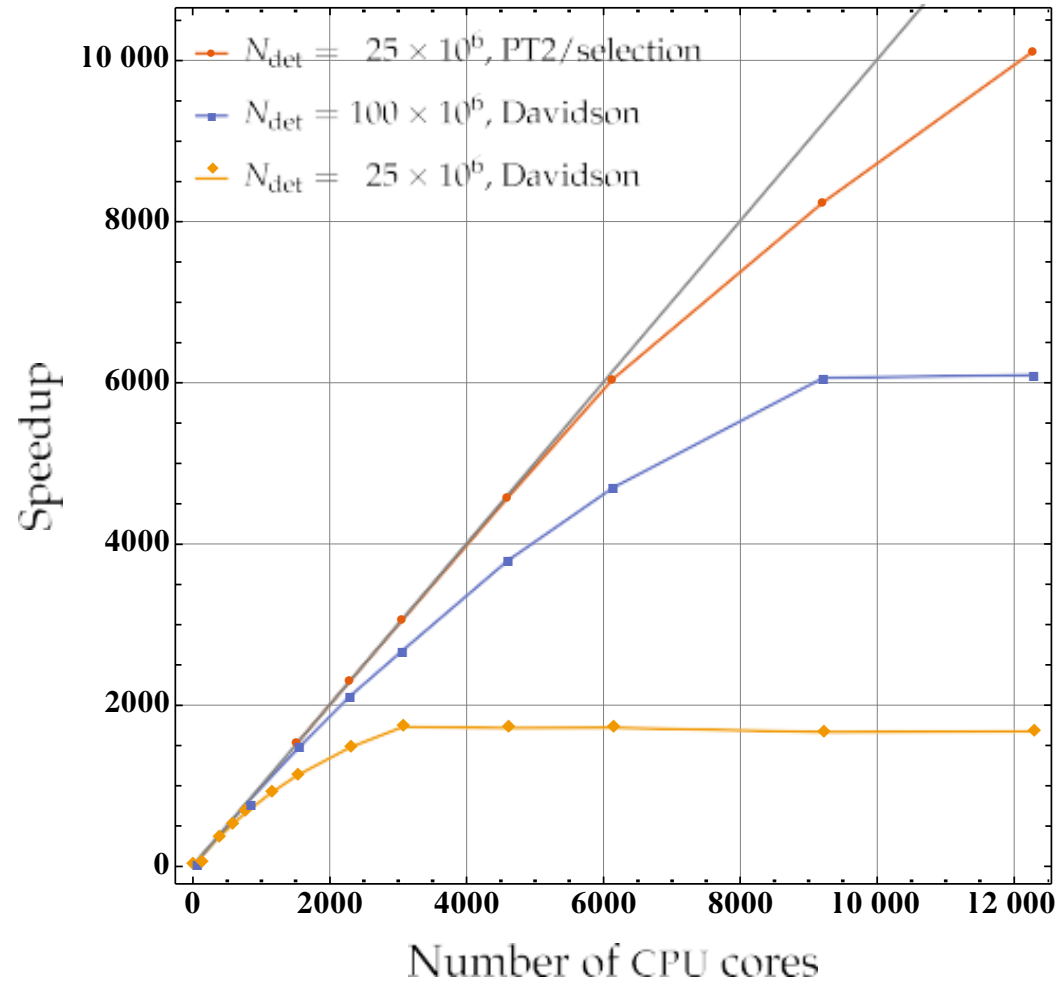


FCI wave function can't be computed or even stored:

$$N_{\text{FCI}} = 2.5 \times 10^{25}$$

$$= 42.4 \text{ moles}$$

- OpenMP / MPI / ZeroMQ
- HPC environments
- Cloud environments
- Resources can be increased dynamically



The Quest for Highly Accurate Excitation Energies: A Computational Perspective

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ABSTRACT: We provide an overview of the successive steps that made it possible to obtain increasingly accurate excitation energies with computational chemistry tools, eventually leading to chemically accurate vertical transition energies for small- and medium-size molecules. First, we describe the evolution of *ab initio* methods employed to define benchmark values, with the original Roos CASPT2 method, then the CC3 method as in the renowned Thiel set, and more recently the resurgence of selected configuration interaction methods. The latter method has been able to deliver consistently, for both single and double excitations, highly accurate excitation energies for small molecules, as well as medium-size molecules with compact basis sets. Second, we describe how these high-level methods and the creation of representative benchmark sets of excitation energies have allowed the fair and accurate assessment of the performance of computationally lighter methods. We conclude by discussing possible future theoretical and technological developments in the field.



QUESTDB: A database of highly accurate excitation energies for the electronic structure community

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Abstract

We describe our efforts of the past few years to create a large set of more than 500 highly accurate vertical excitation energies of various natures ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, double excitation, Rydberg, singlet, doublet, triplet, etc.) in small- and medium-sized molecules. These values have been obtained using an incremental strategy which consists in combining high-order coupled cluster and selected configuration interaction calculations using increasingly large diffuse basis sets in order to reach high accuracy. One of the key aspects of the so-called QUEST database of vertical excitations is that it does not rely on any experimental values, avoiding potential biases inherently linked to experiments and facilitating theoretical cross comparisons. Following this composite protocol, we have been able to produce theoretical best estimates (TBEs) with the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set for each of these transitions, as well as basis set corrected TBEs (i.e., near the complete basis set limit) for some of them. The TBEs/aug-cc-pVTZ have been employed to benchmark a large number of (lower-order) wave function methods such as CIS(D), ADC(2), CC2, STEOM-CCSD, CCSD, CCSDR(3), CCSDT-3, ADC(3), CC3, NEVPT2, and so on (including spin-scaled variants). In order to gather the huge amount of data produced during the QUEST project, we have created a website (https://lcpq.github.io/QUESTDB_website) where one can easily test and compare the accuracy of a given method with respect to various variables such as the molecule size or its family, the nature of the excited states, the type of basis set, and so on. We hope that the present review will provide a useful summary of our effort so far and foster new developments around excited-state methods.

This article is categorized under:

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benchmark, coupled cluster theory, database, excitation energies, excited states, full configuration interaction

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ABSTRACT

Following our recent work on the benzene molecule [P.-F. Loos, Y. Damour, and A. Scemama, J. Chem. Phys. 153, 176101 (2020)], motivated by the blind challenge of Eriksen *et al.* [J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 11, 8922 (2020)] on the same system, we report accurate full configuration interaction (FCI) frozen-core correlation energy estimates for 12 five- and six-membered ring molecules (cyclopentadiene, furan, imidazole, pyrrole, thiophene, benzene, pyrazine, pyridazine, pyridine, pyrimidine, s-tetrazine, and s-triazine) in the standard correlation-consistent double- ζ Dunning basis set (cc-pVDZ). Our FCI correlation energy estimates, with an estimated error smaller than 1 millihartree, are based on energetically optimized-orbital selected configuration interaction calculations performed with the *configuration interaction using a perturbative selection made iteratively* algorithm. Having at our disposal these accurate reference energies, the respective performance and convergence properties of several popular and widely used families of single-reference quantum chemistry methods are investigated. In particular, we study the convergence properties of (i) the Møller–Plesset perturbation series up to fifth-order (MP2, MP3, MP4, and MP5), (ii) the iterative approximate coupled-cluster series CC2, CC3, and CC4, and (iii) the coupled-cluster series CCSD, CCSDT, and CCSDTQ. The performance of the ground-state gold standard CCSD(T) as well as the completely renormalized CC model, CR-CC(2,3), is also investigated. We show that MP4 provides an interesting accuracy/cost ratio, while MP5 systematically worsens the correlation energy estimates. In addition, CC3 outperforms CCSD(T) and CR-CC(2,3), as well as its more expensive parent CCSDT. A similar trend is observed for the methods including quadruple excitations, where the CC4 model is shown to be slightly more accurate than CCSDTQ, both methods providing correlation energies within 2 millihartree of the FCI limit.

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Ground- and Excited-State Dipole Moments and Oscillator Strengths of Full Configuration Interaction Quality

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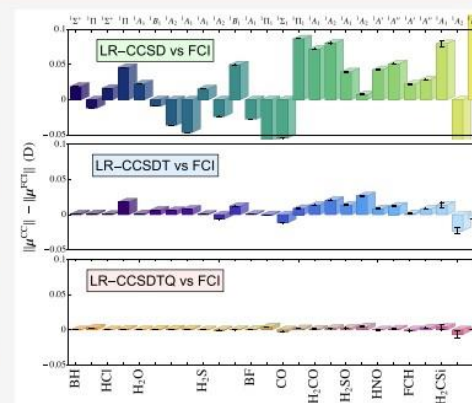
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Quantum Package

<https://quantumpackage.github.io/qp2>

- Open-source programming environment for quantum chemistry
- Uses determinant-driven algorithms : can solve CI problems with **arbitrary CI spaces**
- Efficient CIPSI and stochastic PT2 computational kernels
- Designed first for **for programmers**, but easy to use
- Users are encouraged to develop their own plugins, which they can redistribute autonomously

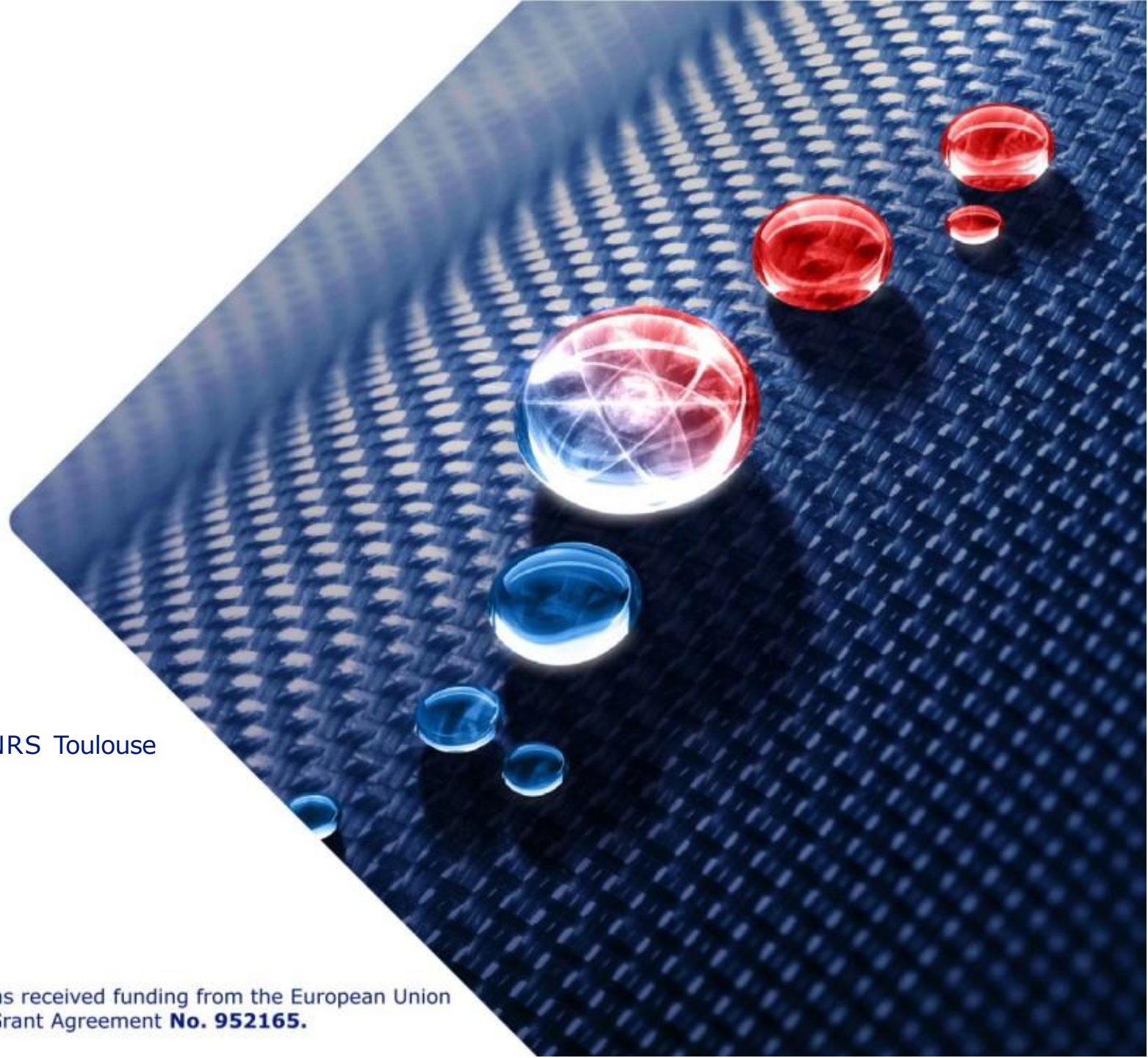


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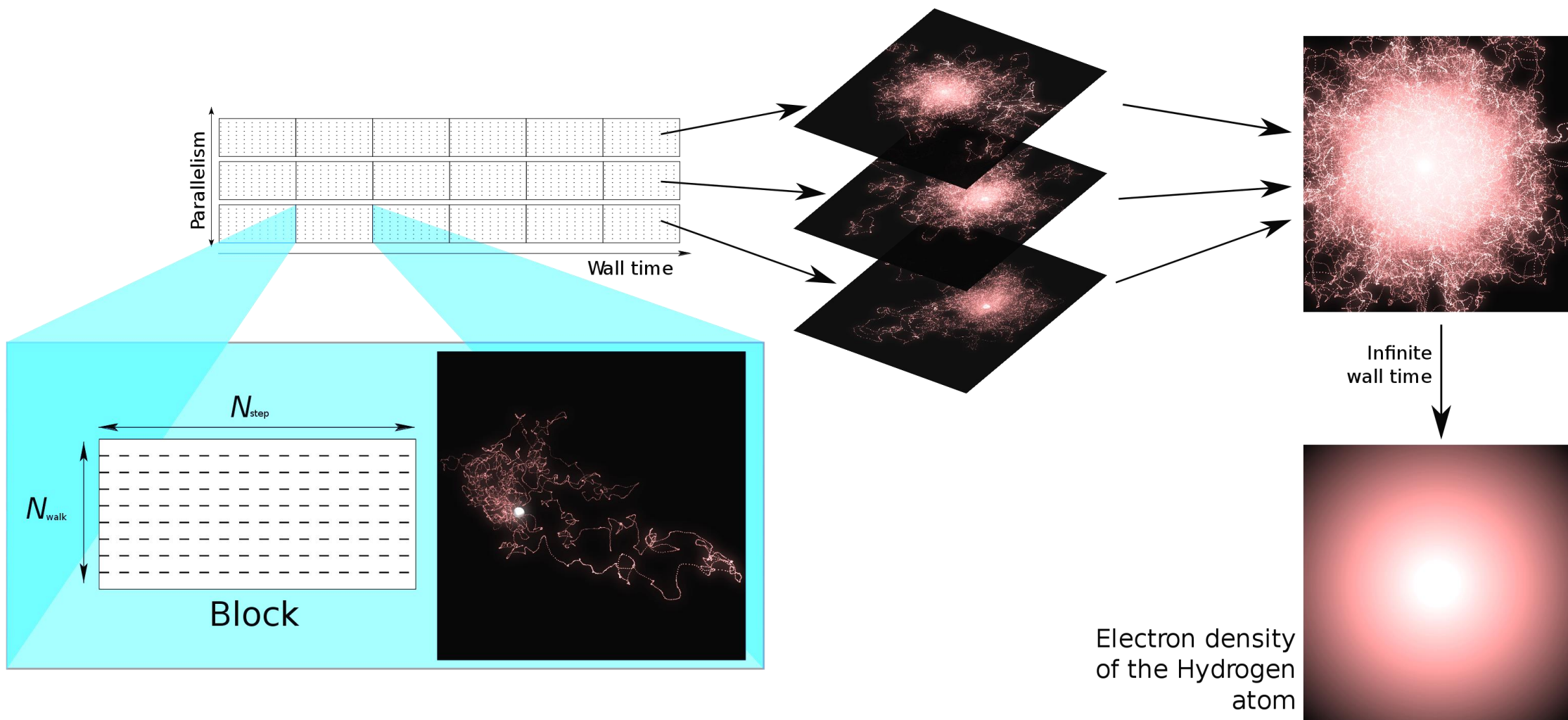
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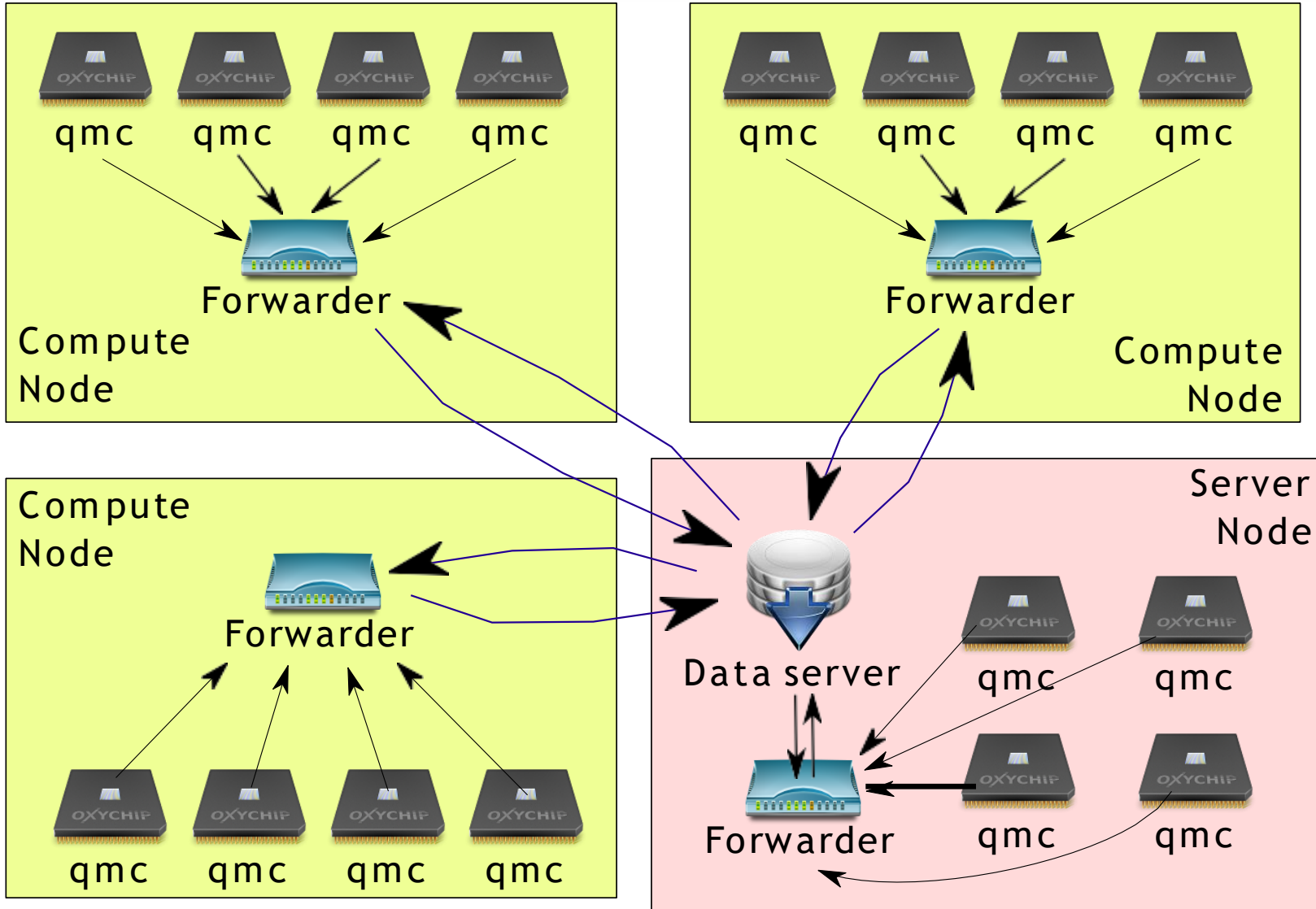
What it can do

- VMC and DMC of large CI expansions
- Ground and excited states
- All-electron / Pseudo-potentials (DLA)
- Optimization of very large CI expansions
- Massively parallel calculations

What it cannot do

- Periodic systems
- T-moves
- Sophisticated Jastrow factors
- Backflow
- JAGP
- Nuclear forces





Programming

- Wave function preparation: Quantum Package
- Computation: Fortran
- Communication + post-processing: OCaml
- ZeroMQ for communication \Rightarrow HPC systems + Cloud infrastructures
- Fault tolerance + dynamical resource management

Large scale applications

- 0.96 PFlops/s in 2011 on Curie (TGCC/CEA), 76 800 cores
- Distributed HPC+Cloud calculations in 2015 (France Grilles)

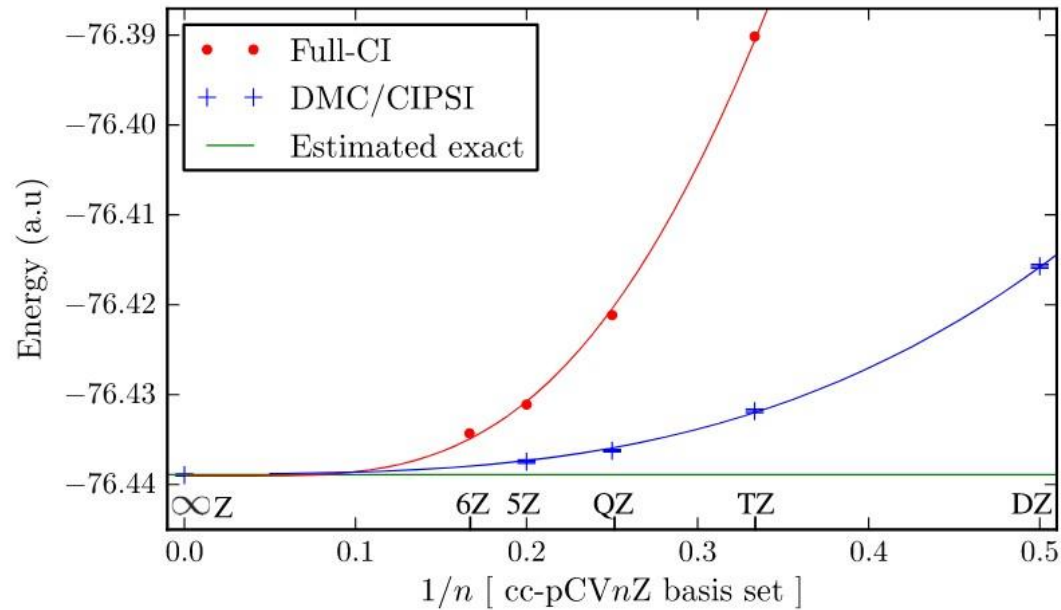


FIG. 1. CBS extrapolation of FCI and DMC/CIPSI energies. Error bars on DMC data are plotted but almost imperceptible.

TABLE III. Comparison of nonrelativistic ground-state total energies of water obtained with the most accurate theoretical methods. Energies in a.u.

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This work, DMC (upper bound)	-76.437 44(18)
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Muller and Kutzelnigg, ³⁰ R12-CCSD(T)	-76.437 3
Almora-Diaz, ²⁷ FCI + CBS	-76.438 6(9)
Halkier <i>et al.</i> , ³¹ CCSD(T) + CBS	-76.438 6
Bytautas and Ruedenberg, ³² FCI + CBS	-76.439 0(4)
This work, DMC + CBS	-76.438 94(12)
Experimentally derived estimate ²⁵	-76.438 9

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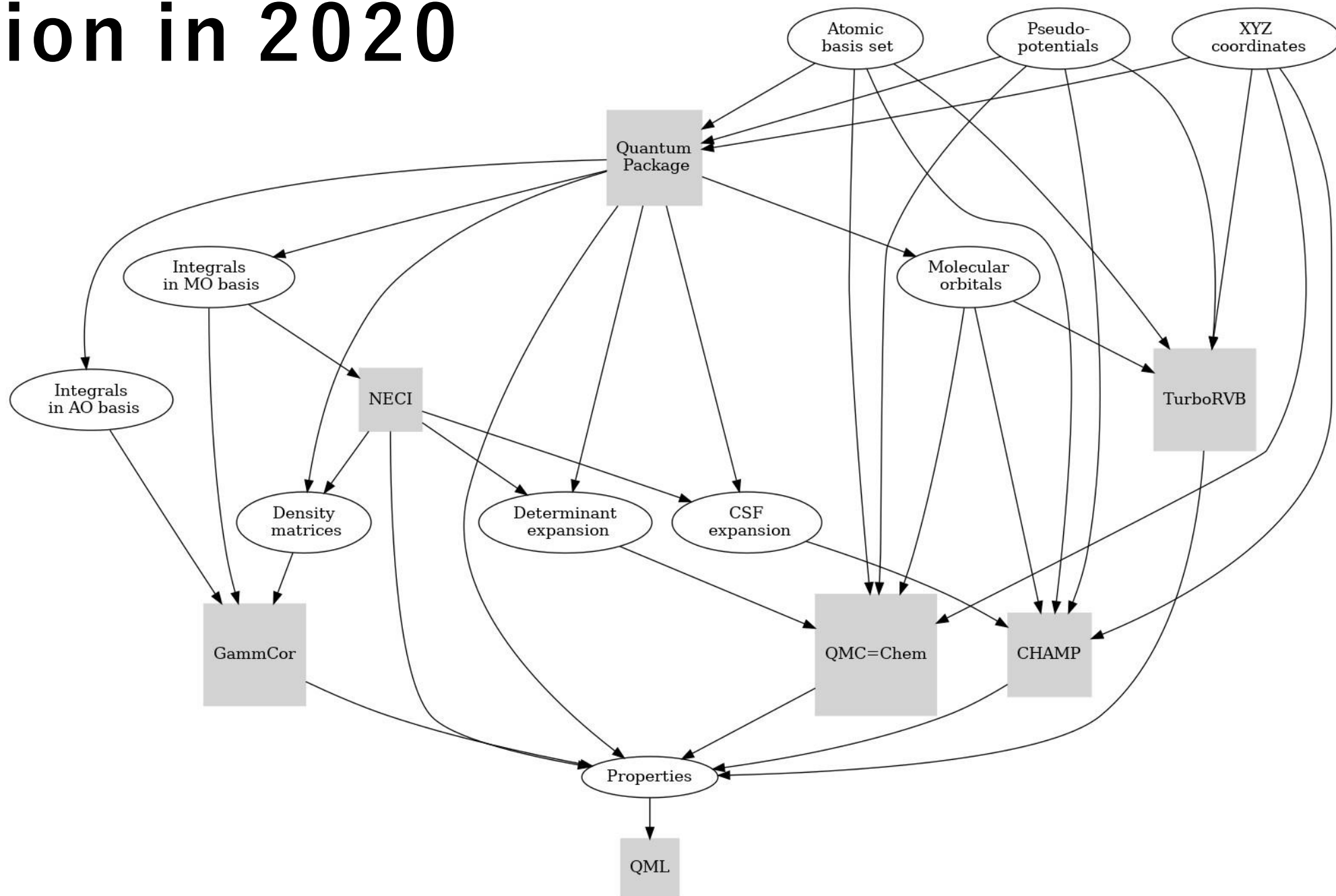
TREX libraries:

TREXIO & QMCKI

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TREXIO as I/O format

Situation in 2020



TREXIO configuration file (trex.json)

group:

data : [data type , [list of dimensions]]

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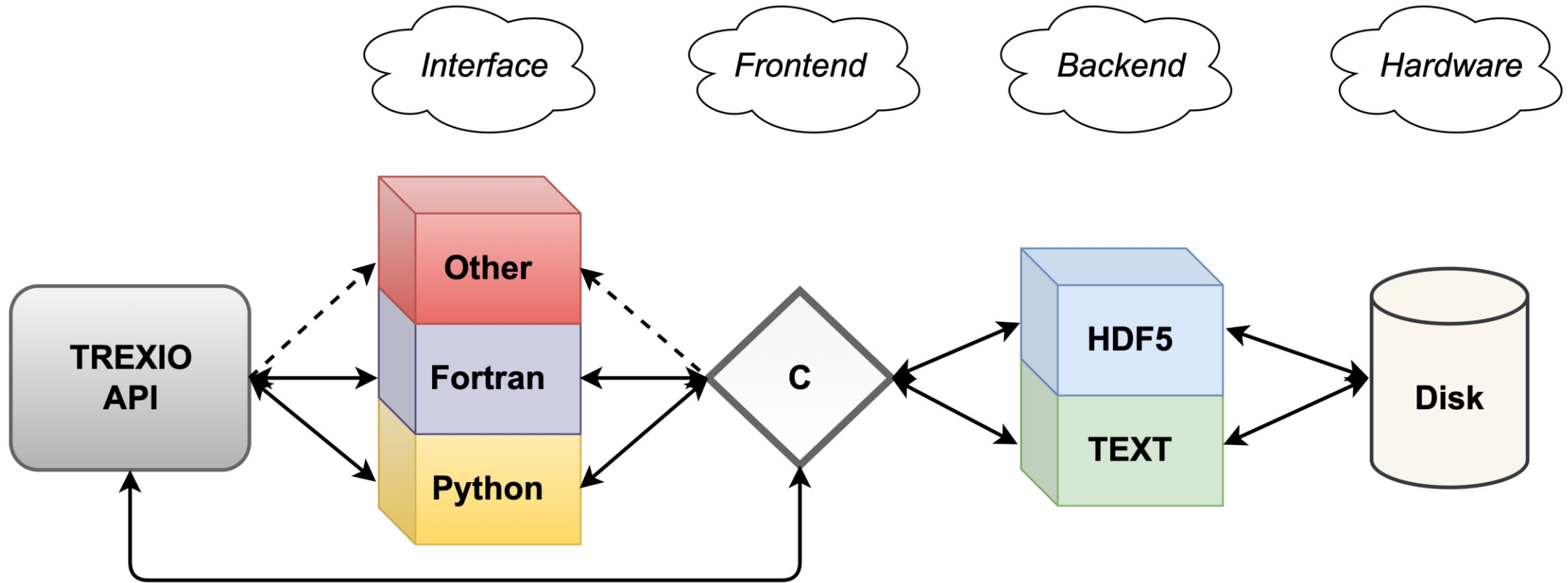
* <https://trex-coe.github.io/trexio/trex.html>

Enhancements compared to other wave function formats

- Fully self-consistent: no code-specific knowledge is required
- Normalization parameters cover all existing ambiguities
- Compact storage of sparse quantities like 2-electron integrals

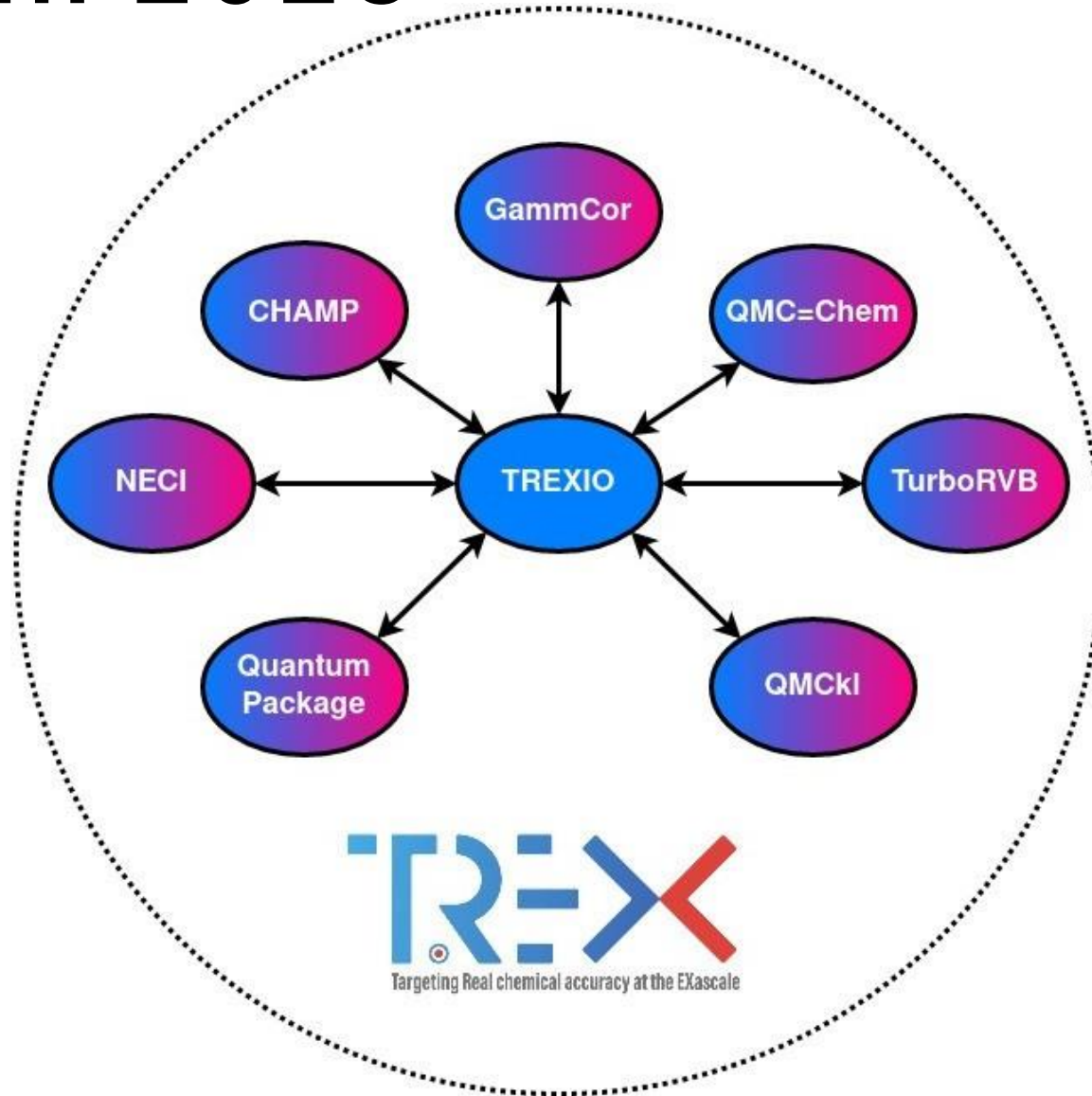
- No custom text-based formatting, forget about typos!

TREXIO as I/O library



- Source code in pure **C** for the best **performance and portability**
- High-performance I/O backend based on the HDF5 library
- Bindings in **Fortran, Python, OCaml**
- **Very easy to install:** Autotools/CMake, conda, Spack, Guix, pip, apt, opam, you name it :-)

Situation in 2023



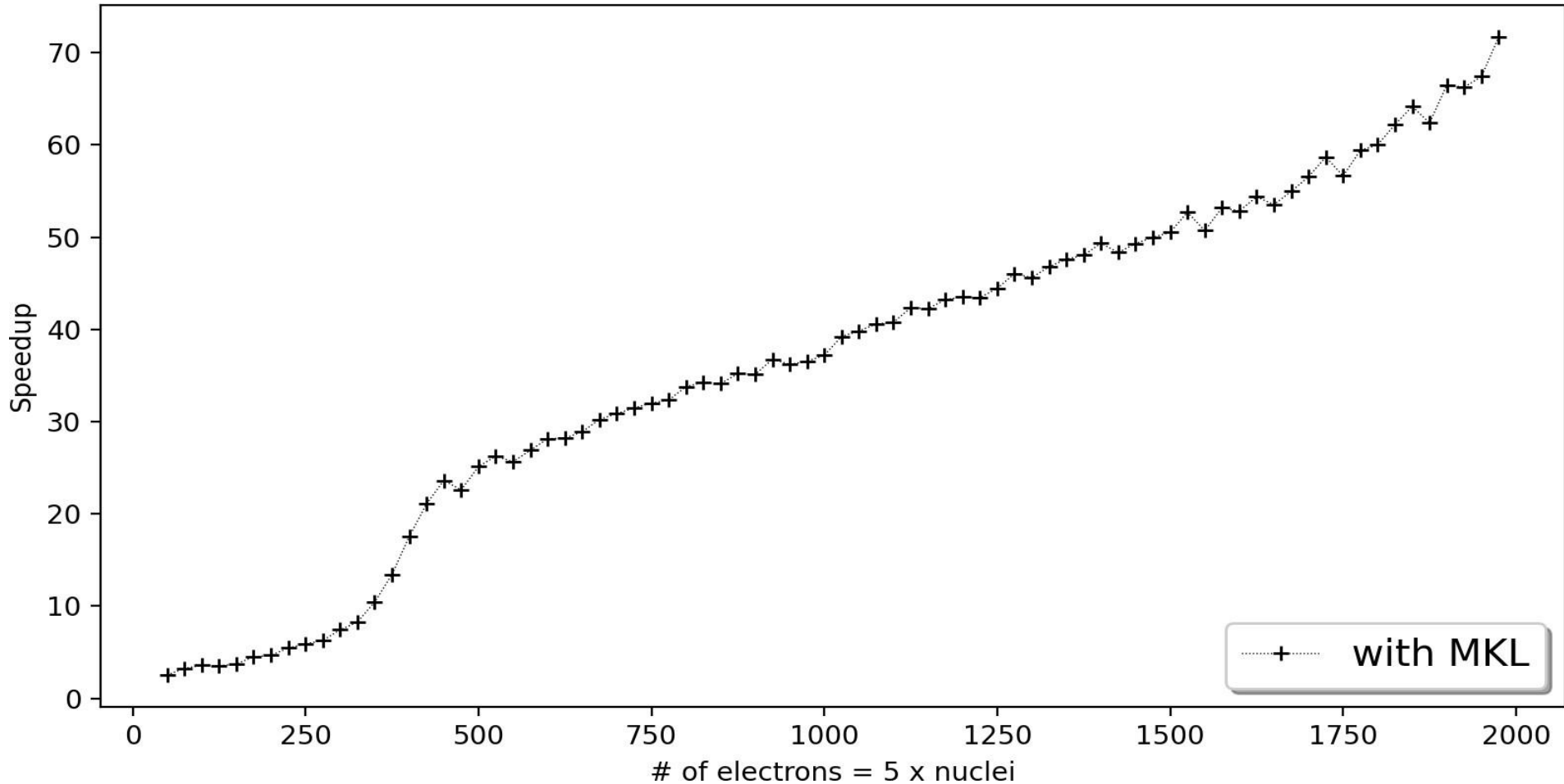
Adoption of **TREXIO** enabled

- Enhanced data exchange and I/O performance in TREN codes
- **QP** \Rightarrow **TREXIO** \Rightarrow **GammCor** : SAPT with CIPSI density matrices
- **QP** \Rightarrow **TREXIO** \Rightarrow **CHAMP** : QMC with CIPSI wave functions
- **trexio_tools** \Rightarrow **TREXIO** \Rightarrow **all TREXIO users** are interfaced with external programs like GAMESS, Gaussian, PySCF
- **QP** \Rightarrow **TREXIO** \Rightarrow **QMCKI** : user-friendly QMC tutorials in pure Python

QMC Kernel Library: **QMCKI**

- API for main algorithms of Quantum Monte Carlo
- **Pedagogical** and **high-performance** implementations
- Low-level functions: linear algebra
- High-level functions: domain-specific
- Bindings in **C**, **Fortran**, **Python**

QMCKI use case: Jastrow factor*





- **TREXIO repository:** <https://github.com/TREX-CoE/trexio>
- **QMCKI repository:** <https://github.com/TREX-CoE/qmcki>

Thank you for your attention!

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TREX WEBINAR

Quantum Package - User Feedback

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Master 2 Internship, LCT, Sorbonne Université :

- With Emmanuel Giner and Julien Toulouse
- Multideterminant range separated DFT
- Development and implementation in QP

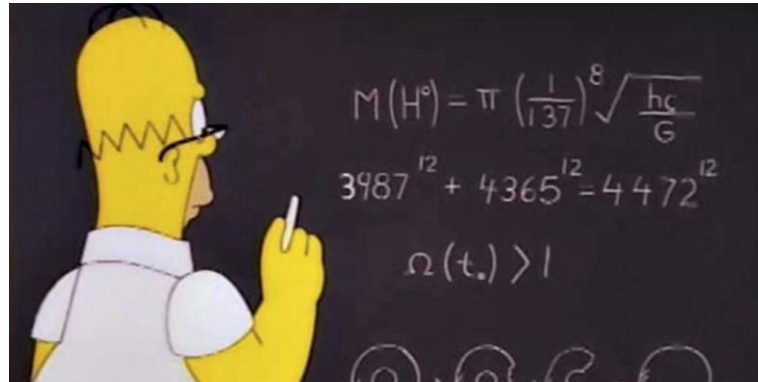
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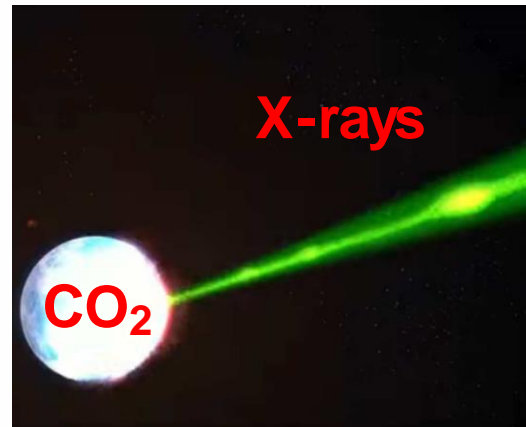
My PhD in a nutshell

Theoretical study of double ionisation/excitation in core shell

Quantum Chemistry



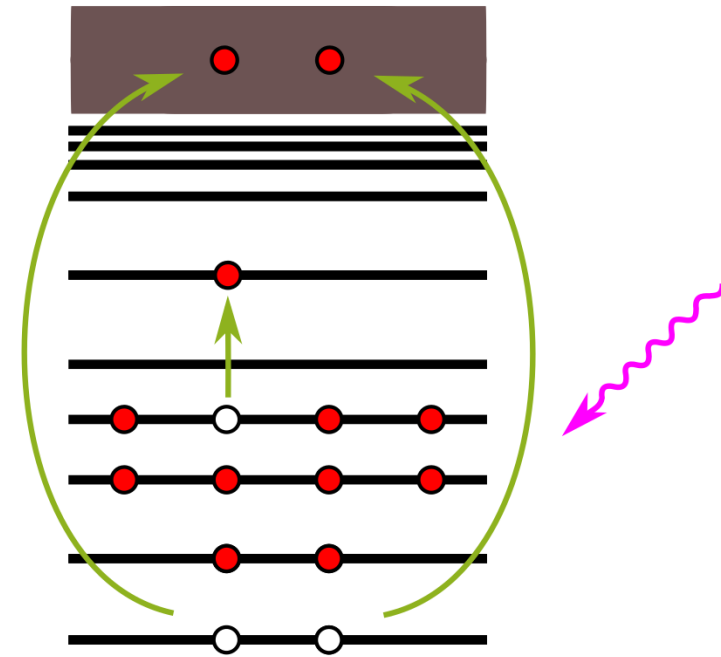
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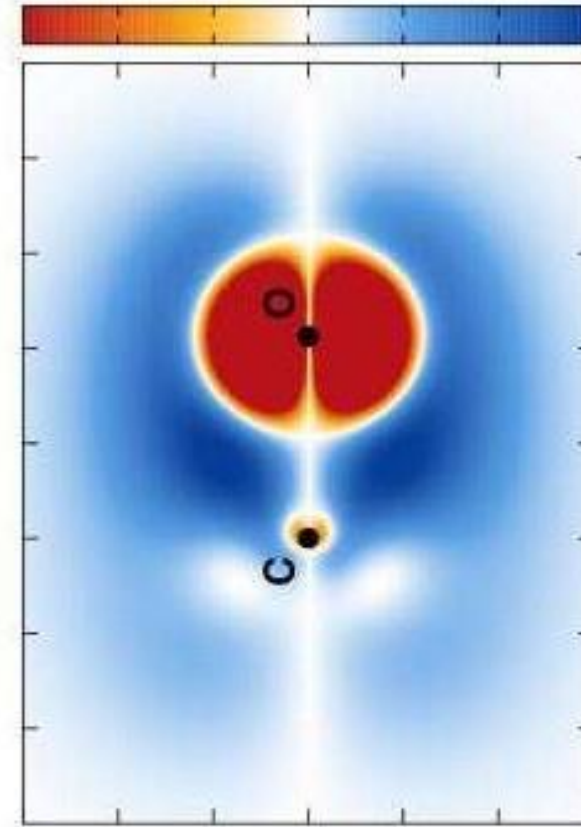
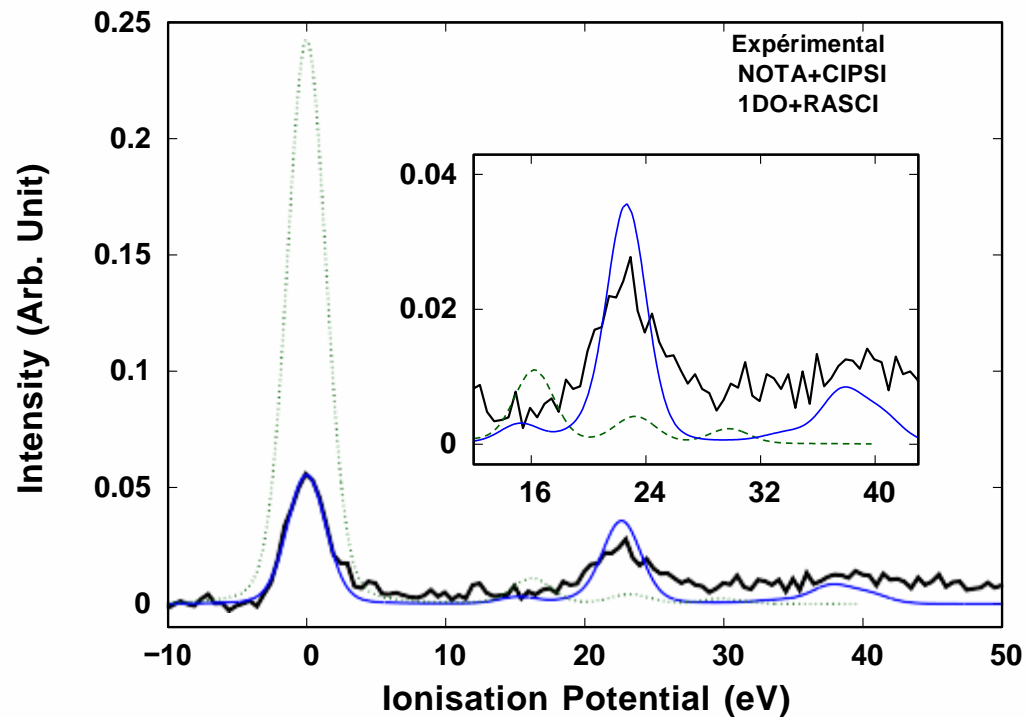
Spectroscopy - XPS

Why did we need new methodological developments?

Double Photo-ionization + *Shake-up*



Why did we need new methodological developments?



Due to relaxation a given one electron MO basis can not properly describe both initial and final systems

[A. Ferté et al., J. Phys. Chem. Lett., 11, 4359-4366, 2020](#)

Why did I use Quantum Package?

- QP do not fight back (Flexible ; IRPF90 ; EZFIO ; Plugin system)
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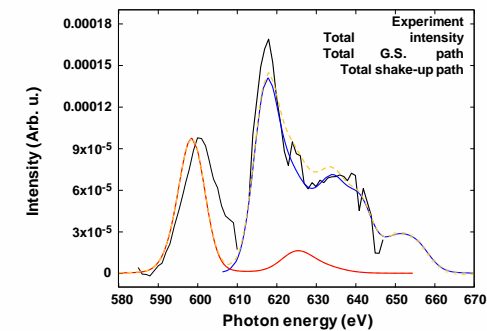
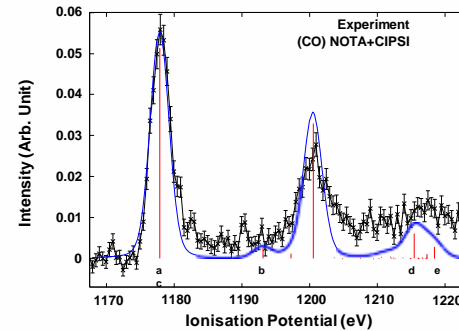
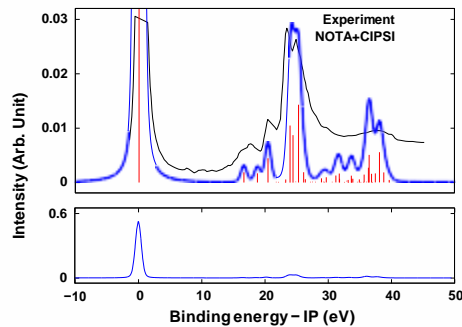


What did I use Quantum Package for ?

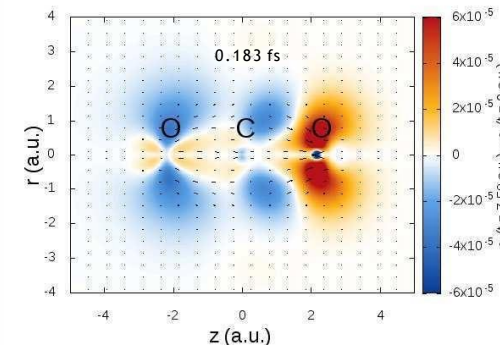
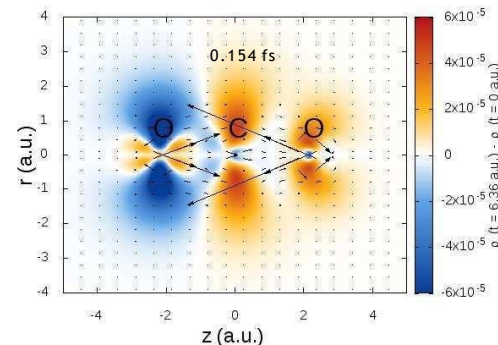
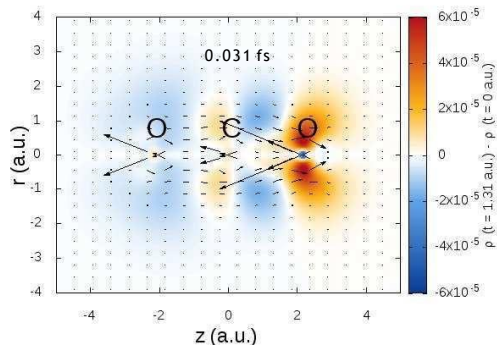
Methodological aspects

- How to use the native programs of QP for core hole state calculation
- Development of a large plugin series fully interfaced with QP

Simulation / Production



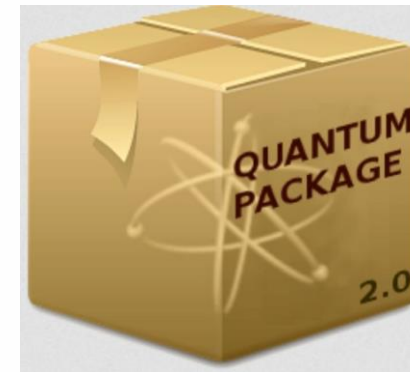
Physics Interpretation





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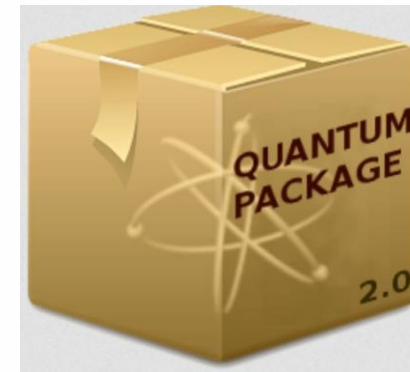


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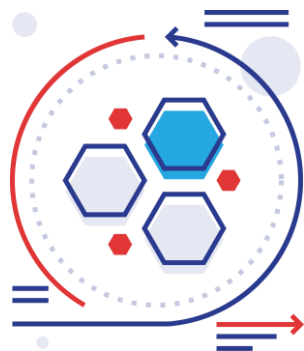


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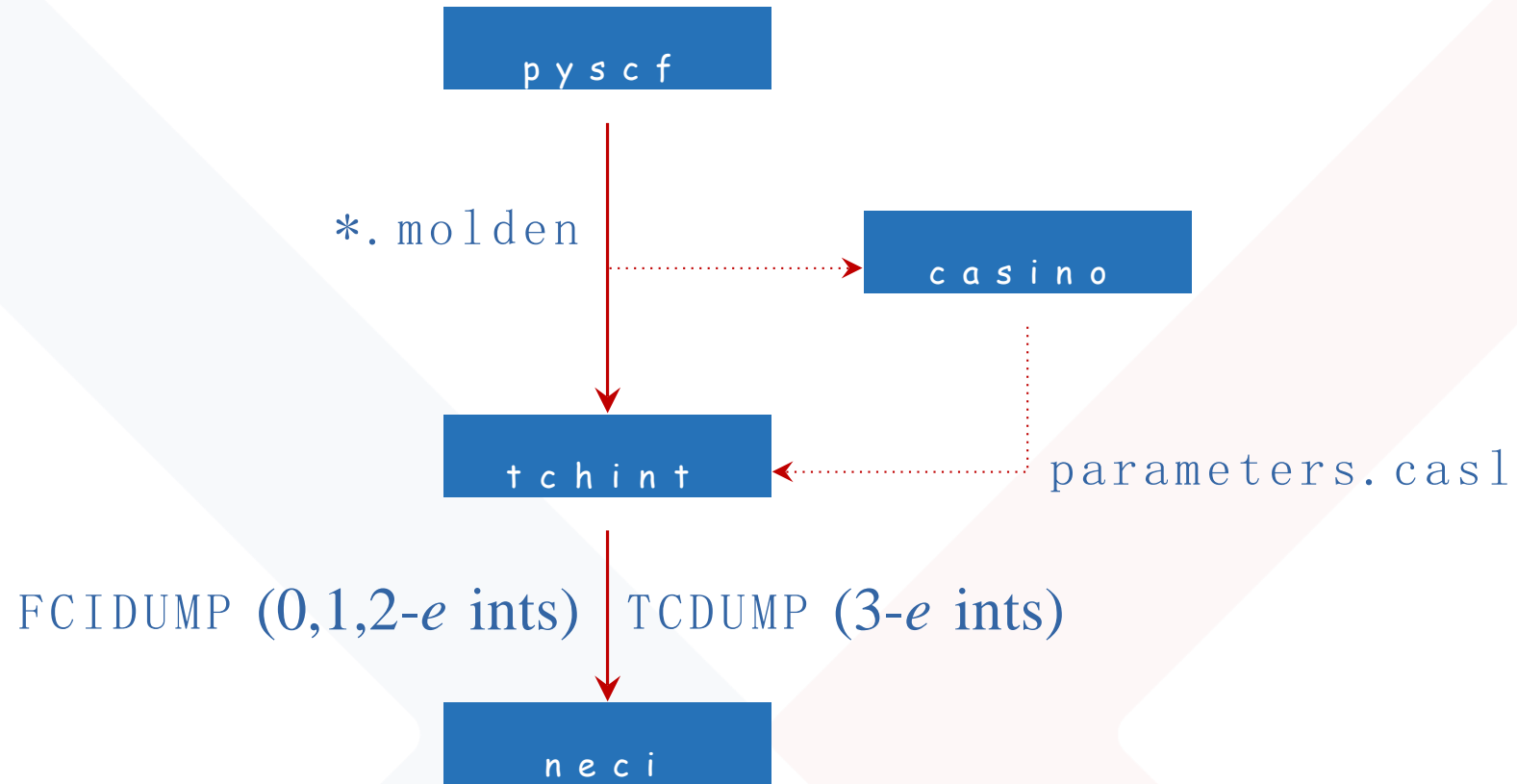


User Experience with NECI

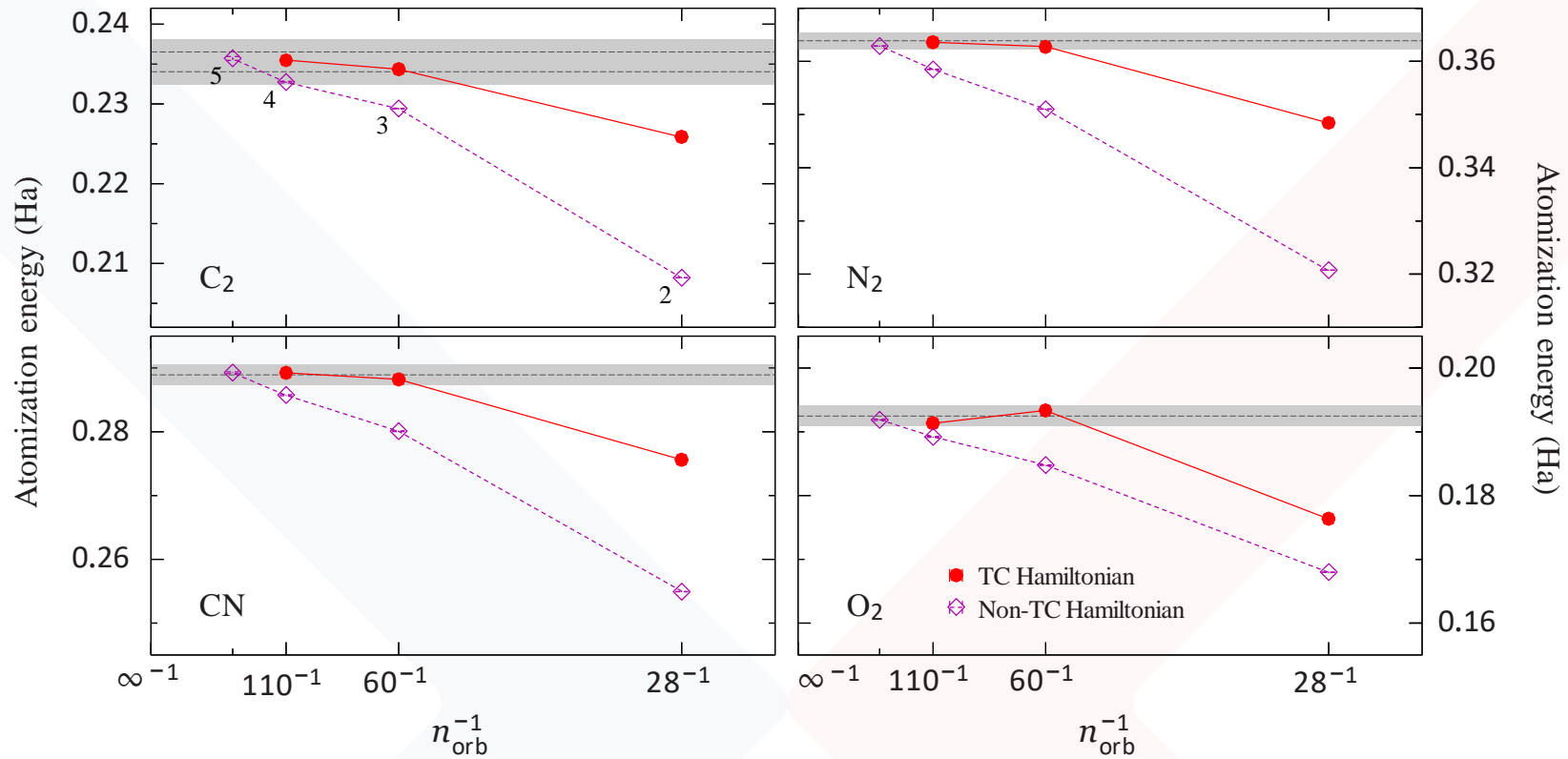
Pablo Lopez Rios,
Max Planck Gesellschaft



- TC-FCIQMC with `neci` and `tchint`:



- TC method provides ~ 2 cardinal-number advantage:





User experience with TurboRVB

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My experience with TurboRVB

First contact with TurboRVB:

Study of the hydrogen chain with a Pfaffian wave function (Master's thesis with prof. Sandro Sorella)



Learning Turbo **the hard way** (complex workflow, lots of parameters to control...)



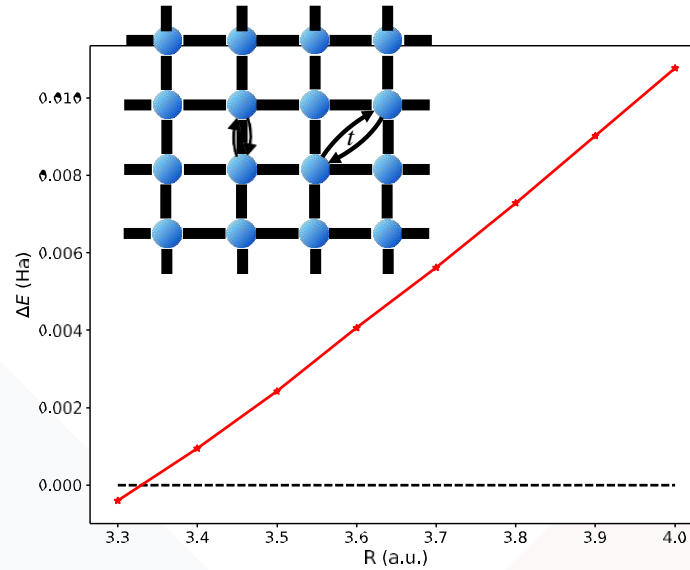
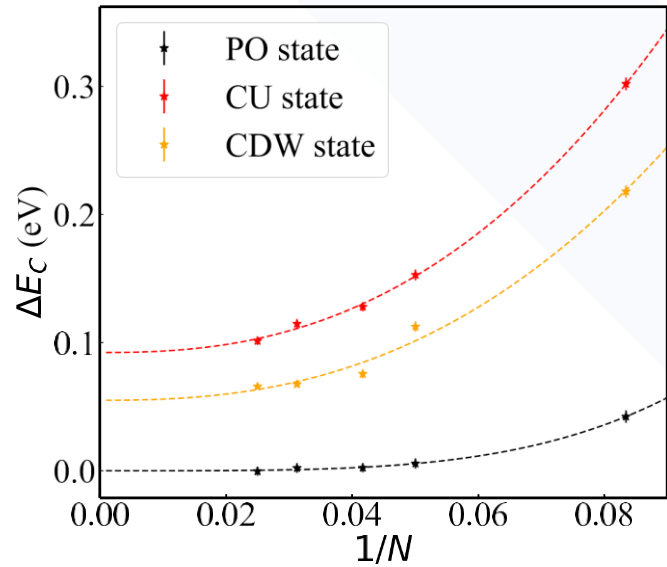
The **easy way**:

Using TurboGenius, the workflow of a typical calculation becomes much simpler!

(Best way to learn how to use TurboRVB)

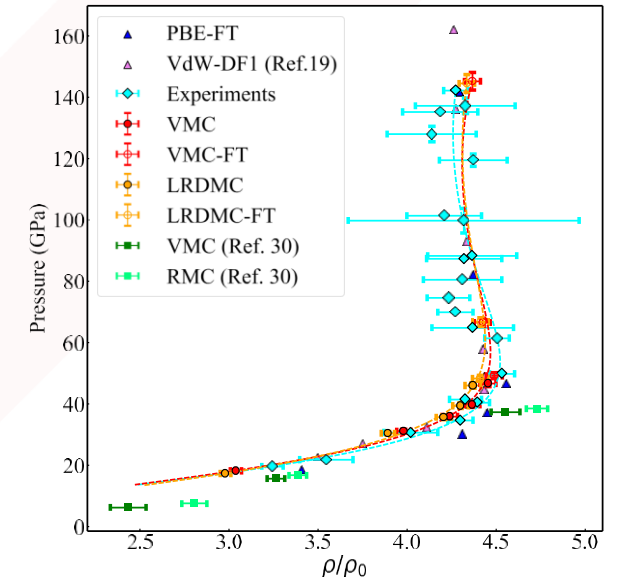
Moreover, advanced users still have complete control of the calculation

Structure optimization and CDW states



Phase diagram of hydrogen model systems

Generation of training sets for QMC - Machine Learning potentials

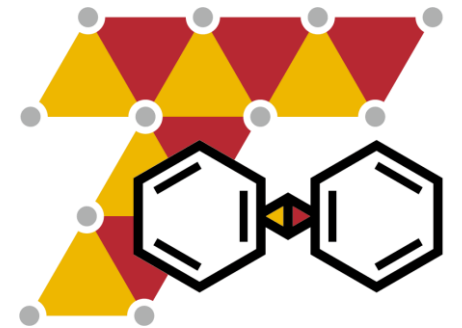


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Modelling molecules and materials using TurboRVB

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Implicitly multideterminant approach

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Implicitly multideterminat ansatz

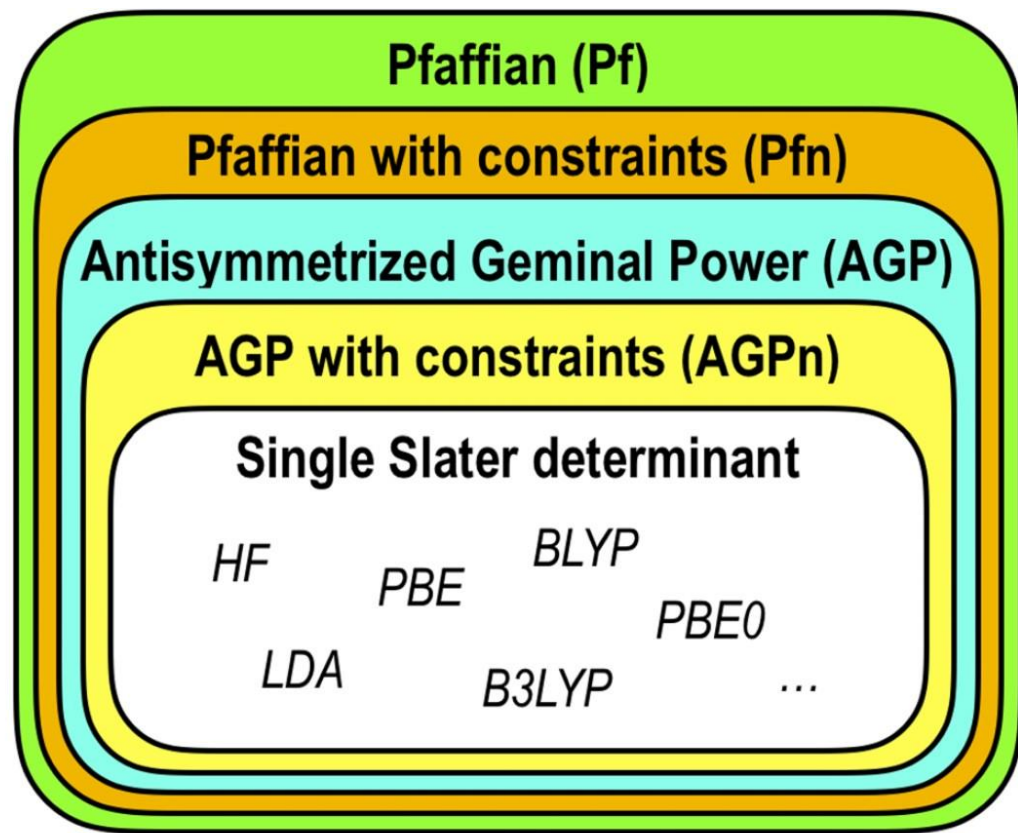


FIG. 3. Ansatz hierarchy. The output of Hartree–Fock (HF) or DFT simulations with different exchange–correlation functionals are special instances of the SD Ansatz.

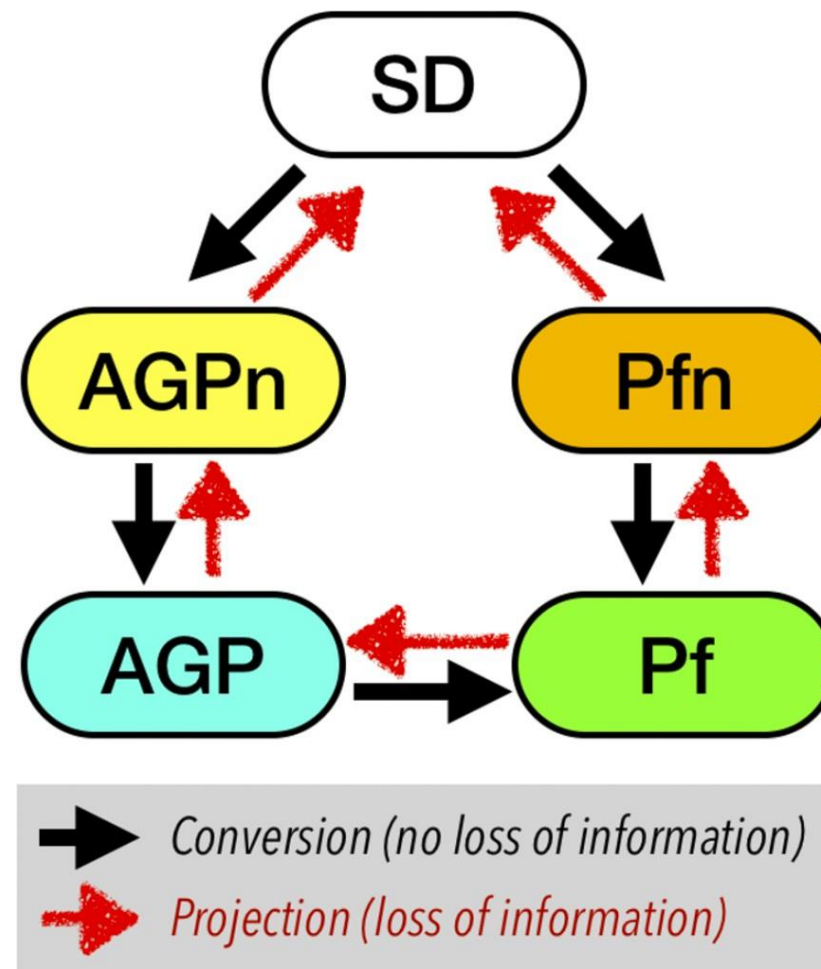
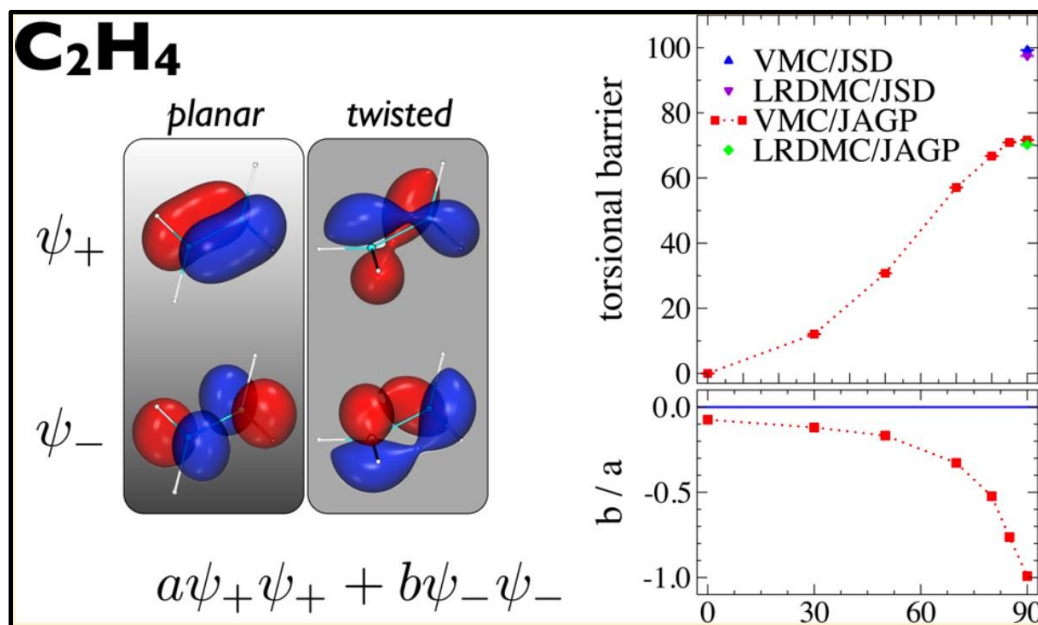


FIG. 4. Ansatz conversion.

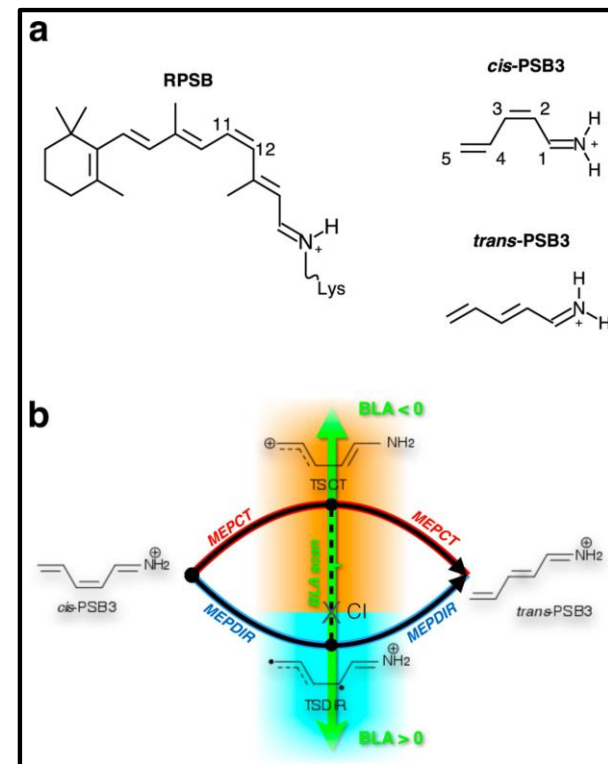
When do we need a multideterminant ansatz?

Breaking bonds



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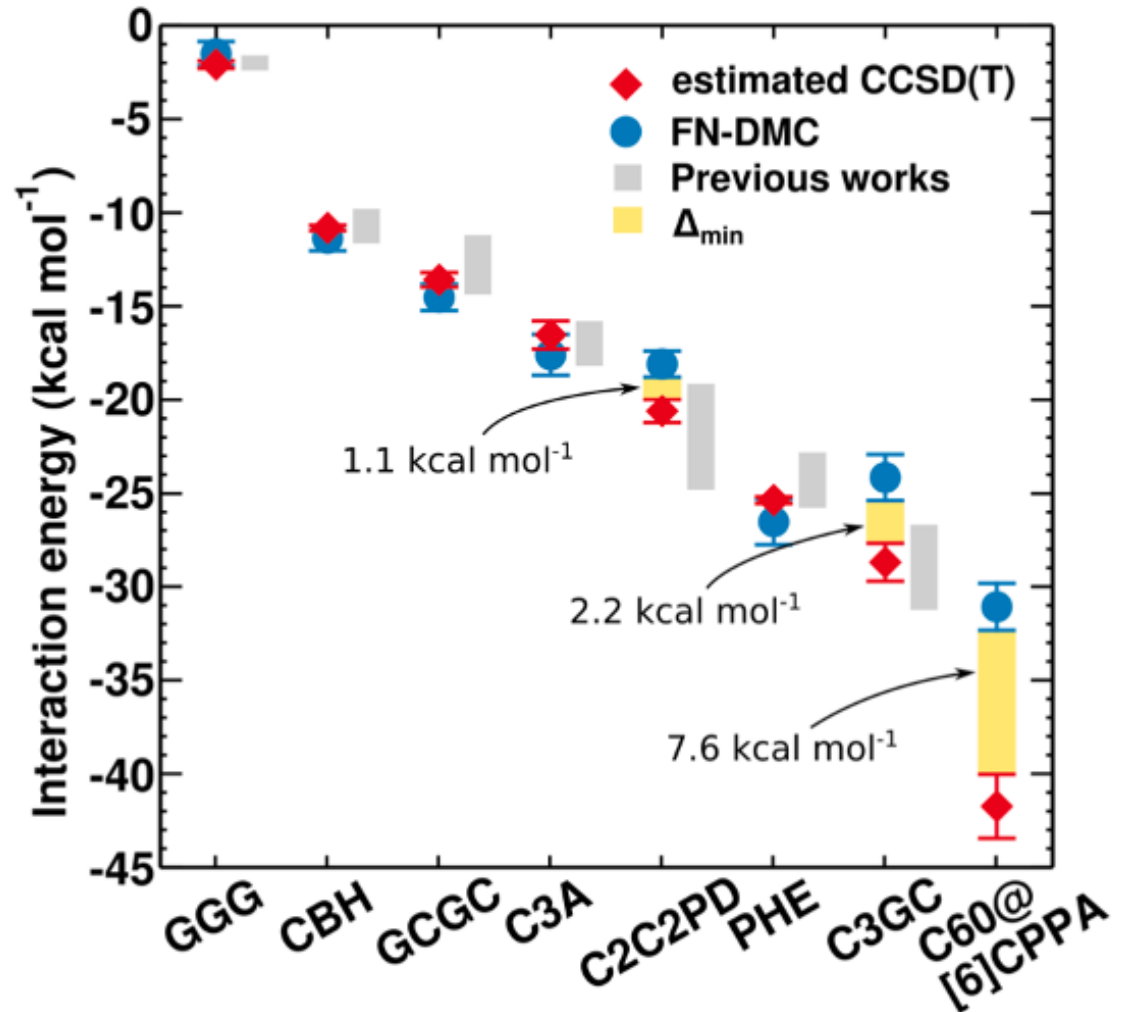
Transition states



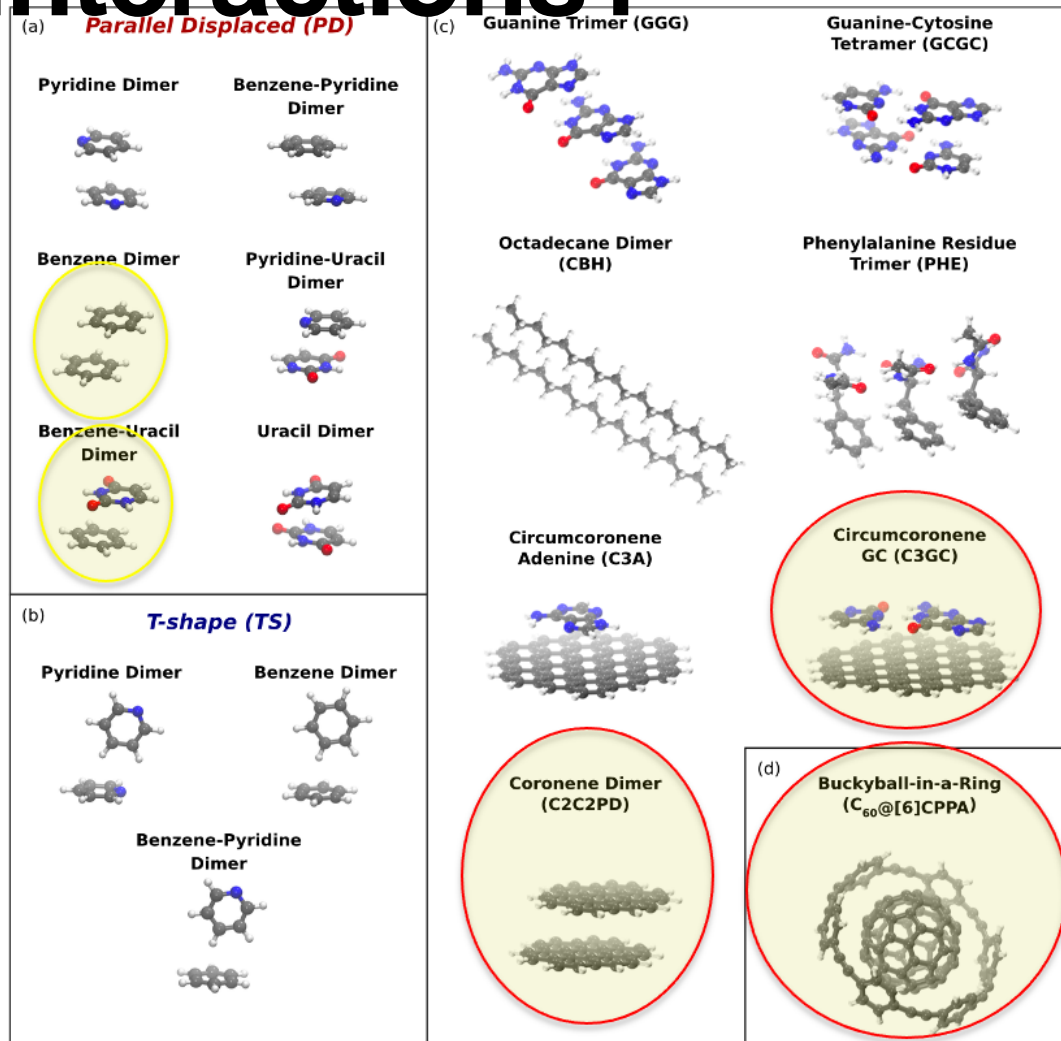
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Reference methods: FN-DMC & CCSD(T)

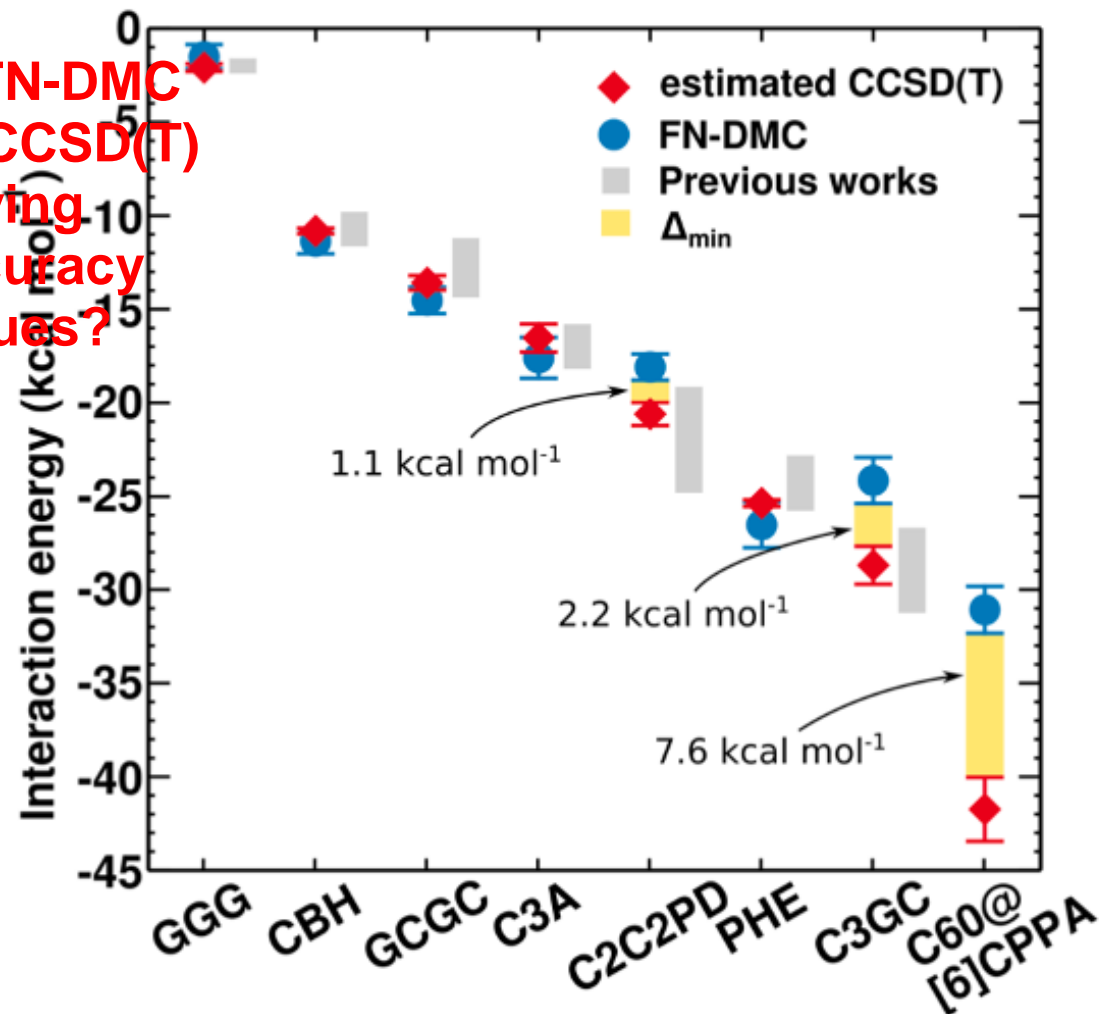
- Generally observed a **good agreement between the CCSD(T) and the FNDMC** (with a Slater-Jastrow guide function) evaluation of **non-covalent interactions**.
- Recently observed a **disagreement in large complexes** not coming from the known issues (small basis set, timestep bias, etc.)



Issue with pi-pi interactions?



Is FN-DMC or CCSD(T) having accuracy issues?

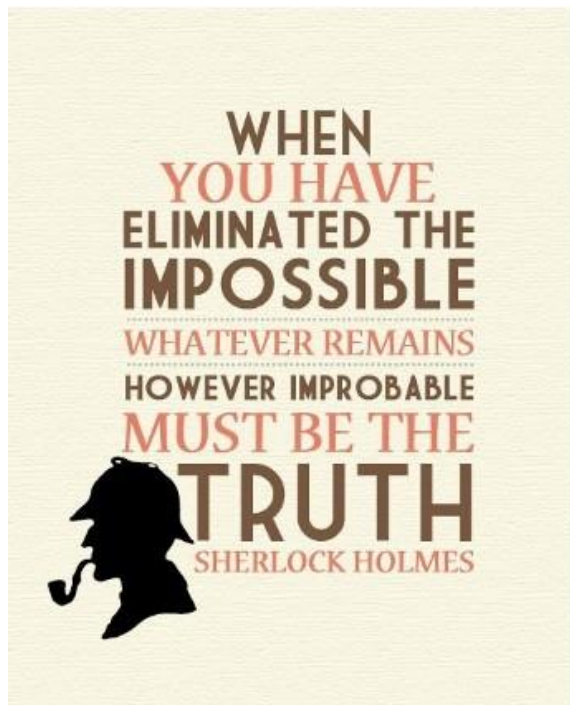


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Interactions between Large Molecules: Puzzle for Reference Quantum-Mechanical

Methods

Inspecting FN-DMC weaknesses



Weaknesses in FN-DMC:

- ~~Bugs in the code~~ No, 2 codes agree [1,2]
- ~~Pseudopotentials~~ No, AE and PP agree [1,2]
- ~~Optimization of Jastrow~~ No: tested LA, TM & DLA [1]
- ~~Determinant initialization~~ No: tested LDA, PBE, PBE0 [1]
- **FN beyond single Slater (?) Work in progress**

1] Y.S. Al-Hamdani, P.R. Nagy, A. Zen, D. Barton, M. Kállay, J.G. Brandenburg, A. Tkatchenko, *Interactions between Large Molecules: Puzzle for Reference Quantum-Mechanical Methods*, Nature Communications 12, 3927 (2021).

Uses CASINO, DMC with pseudopotentials testing LA/TM/DLA.

2] A. Benali, H. Shin and O. Heinonen, Quantum Monte Carlo benchmarking of large noncovalent complexes in the L7 benchmark set, JCP 153, 194113 (2020).

Uses QMCPACK, DMC with all-electrons.

FN beyond single Slater

Interaction energy is the energy difference between two or more systems. It's a small fraction of the total energy of a system.

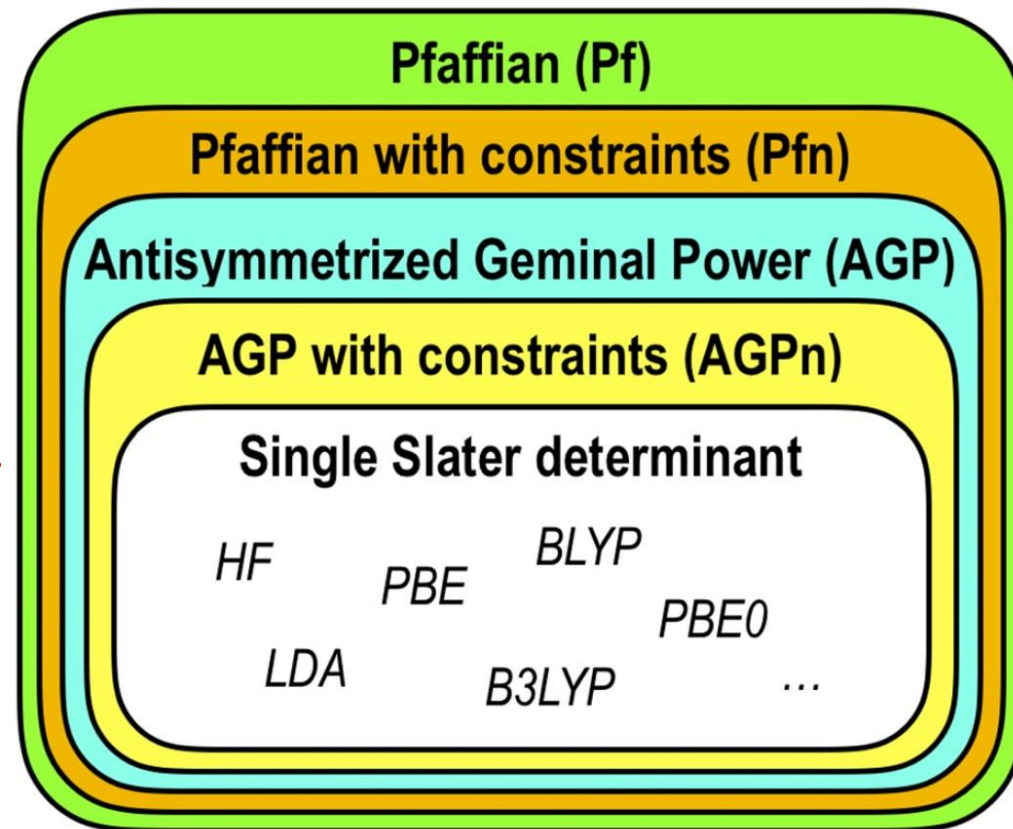
Difficulty: keeping the quality of the wave function (optimisation) consistently good in two or more systems.

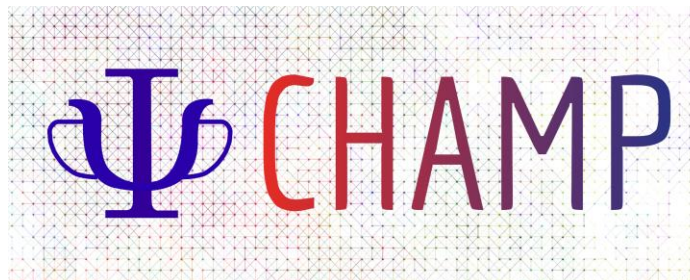


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CHAMP : Cornell-Holland Ab-initio Materials Package

QMC suite of programs for accurate electronic structure calculations of molecular systems

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Excited States using CHAMP

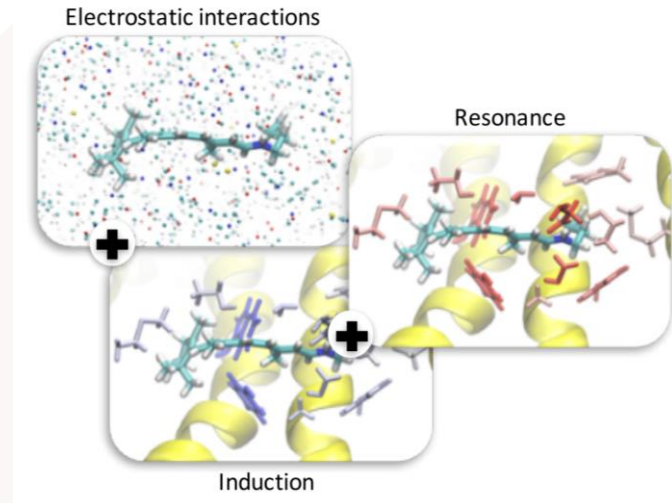
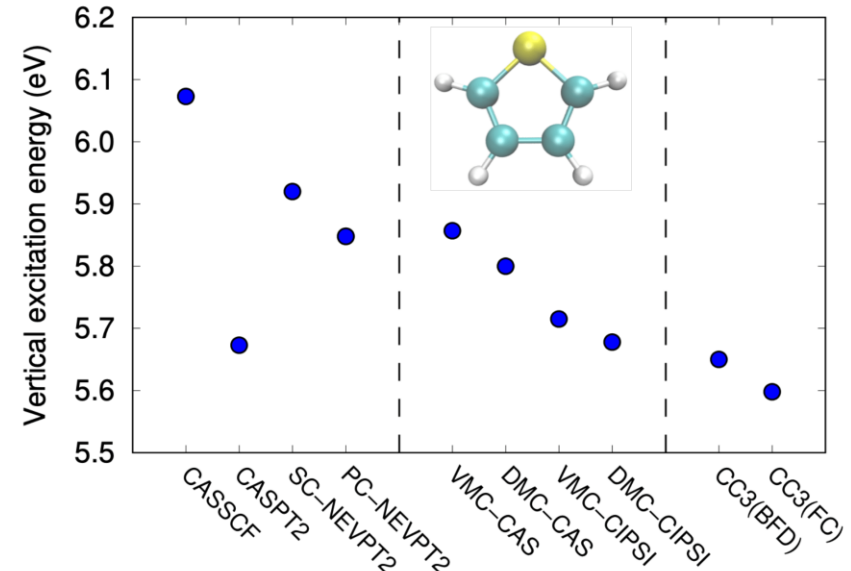
× VMC wave function optimization + DMC

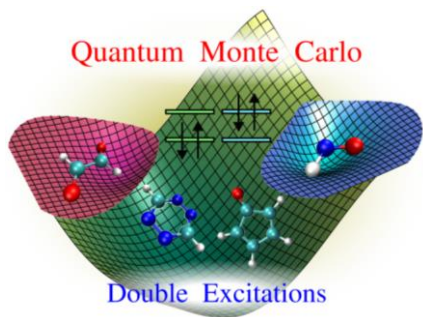
× Jastrow-Slater multi-determinant

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \times \sum_i c_i D_i(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

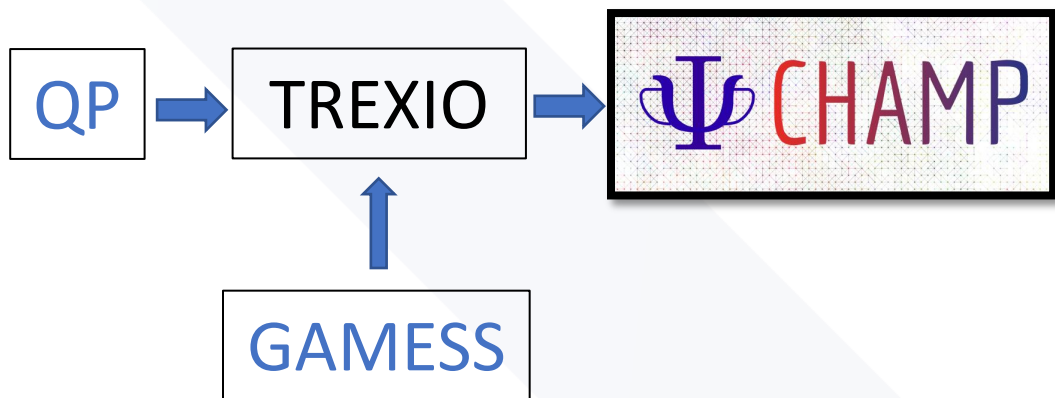
× Any symmetry

× Embedding

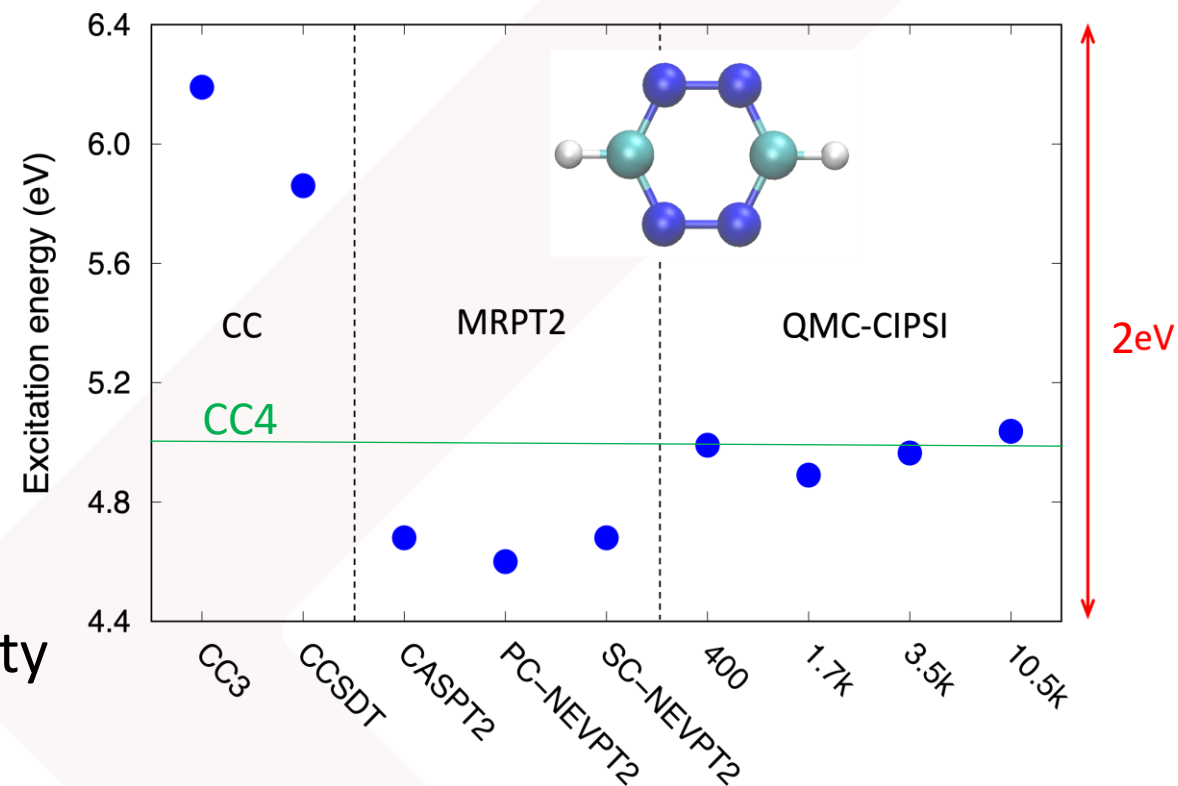




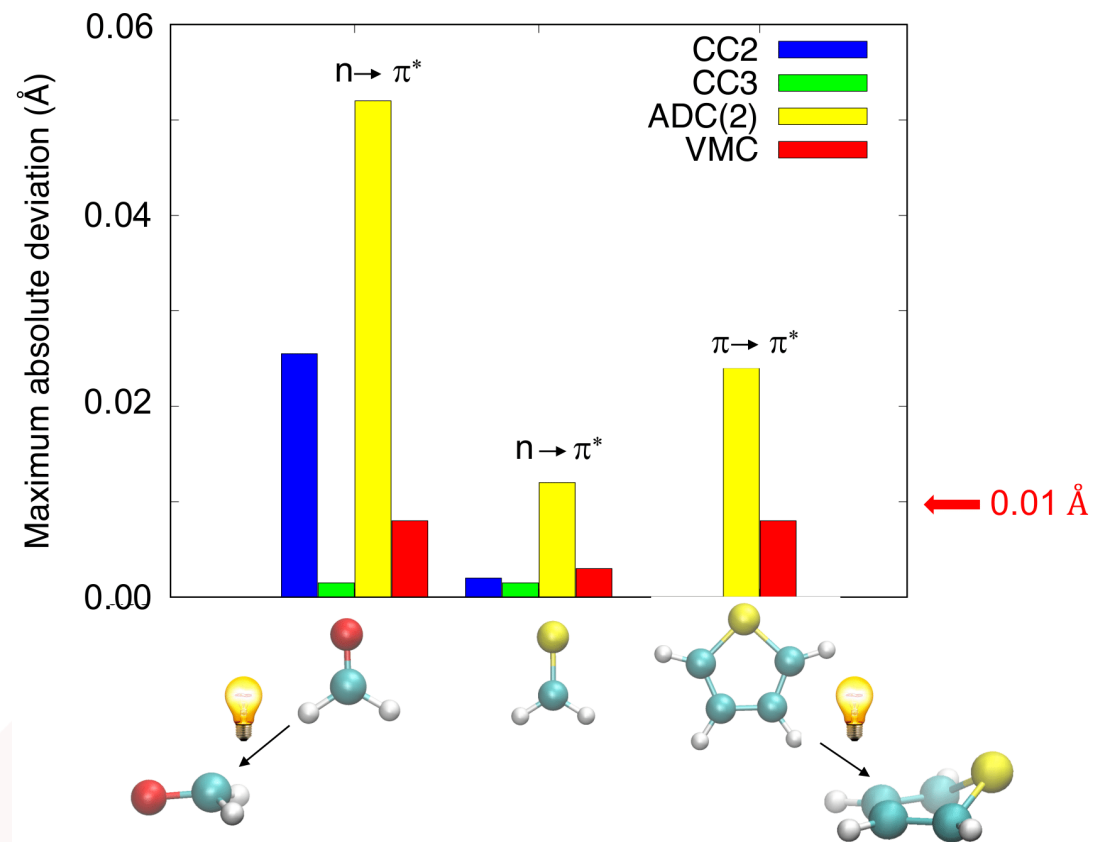
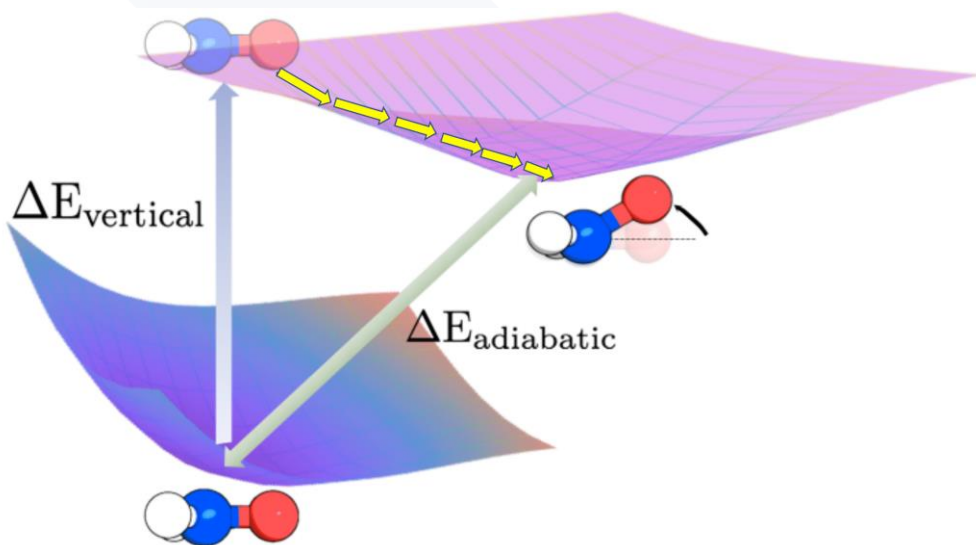
Accurate Double Excitations → QP + CHAMP in action



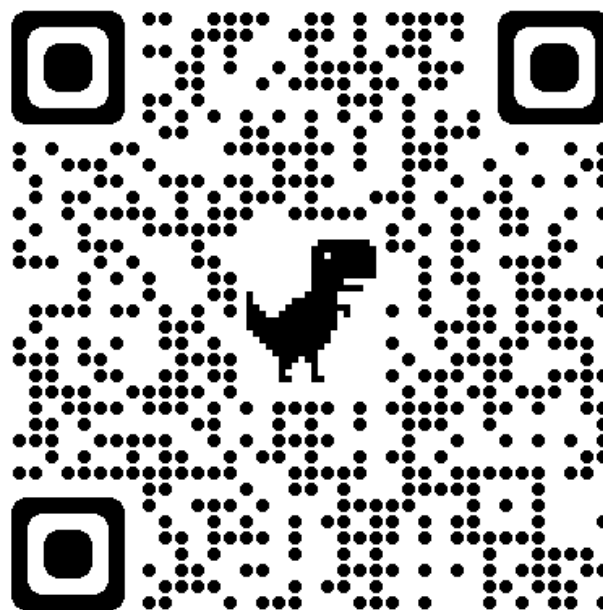
- × States of same symmetry
- × State-specific optimization with overlap penalty



$|\Psi_1\rangle$
 \uparrow
 Example: Geometry
 Optimization in Excited State
 $|\Psi_0\rangle$



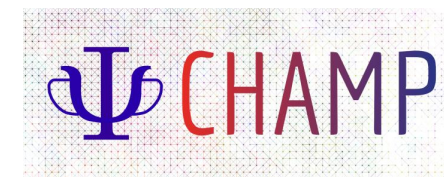
Codes available on GitHub



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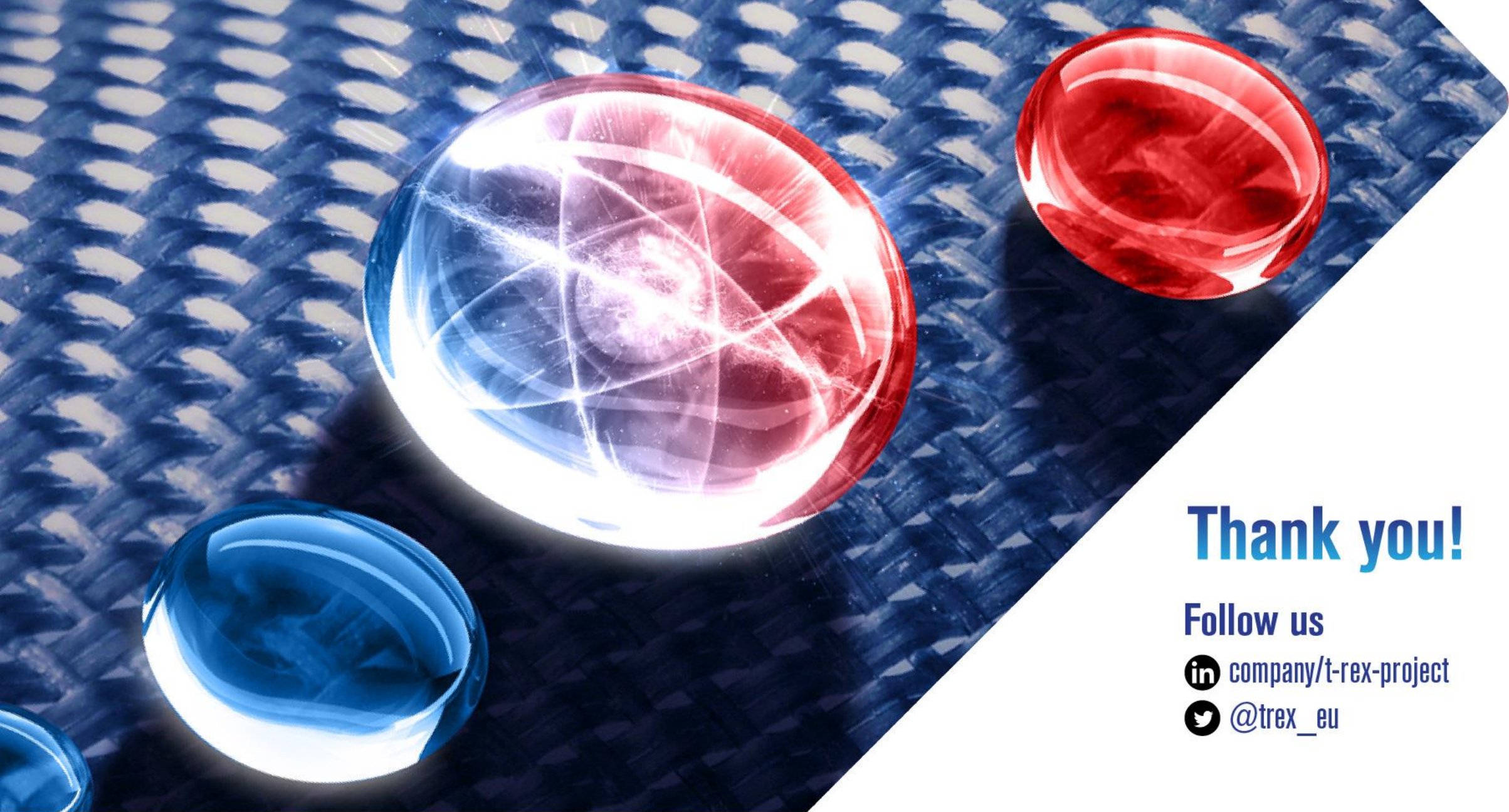
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