The Orbital Optimization in Classical Valence Bond Theory

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The Elements of Classical Valence Bond Theory



VB diagram

Roots of Valence Bond Theory

J. Am. Chem. Soc. **38**, 762 (1916). The Atom and the Molecule

Lewis' electron-pair bonding and octet rule.



G. N. Lewis



L. Pauling



hybridization

resonance

 $\mathbf{A} \bullet \bullet \mathbf{B} \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{A} \bullet^{\ominus} \quad {}^{\ominus}\mathbf{B} \longleftrightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\ominus} \quad {}^{\ominus} \bullet \mathbf{B}$

A-

-B



The Nature of the Chemical Bond, Cornell University Press, Ithaca New York, 1939 (3rd Edition, 1960).





S. Shaik, D. Danovich, W. Wu, P. C. Hiberty, Nat. Chem., 2009, 1, 443. Charge-shift bonding and its manifestations in chemistry

FF bond



B. Braida, P. C. Hiberty, Nat. Chem. 2013, 5, 417. The essential role of charge-shift bonding in hypervalent prototype XeF₂

Valence Bond Self-consistent Field (VBSCF)



- VBSCF uses arbitrary VB structures based on localized orbitals.
- Both structural coefficients and VB orbitals are simultaneously optimized to minimize the total energy.
- VBSCF provides qualitative correct description for bond breaking/forming, but its accuracy is still wanting.
- VBSCF takes care of the static correlation, but lacks dynamic correlation.
- VBSCF wave function is adequate to serve as reference. van Lenthe and G. G. Balint-Kurti, J. Chem. Phys., 1983, 78, 5699.

Properties of determinant



Molecular orbitals based
✓ Orthogonal
✓ Delocalized

Valence Bond Theory

Atomic orbitals based

Nonorthogonal

✓ Localized

Multi-determinant wave function

To find transformations:

- keep every VB determinants invariant.
- keep the full many-electron Hilbert space invariant.

Adding a scalar multiple of one column to another column, or more generally, non-singular linear combination of any columns, does not change the value of the determinant.

$$\Phi_{K} = \left| 1 \,\overline{1} \cdots i \,\overline{i} \cdots t u \,\overline{v} \cdots \right\rangle$$

$$\Phi_L = \left| 1 \overline{1} \cdots i \overline{i} \cdots x y \overline{z} \cdots \right\rangle$$

Inactive-Inactive electron separation

Any non-singular transformation within the inactive (or virtual) orbital sub-space keeps the VB determinant invariant.

The overlap of nonorthogonal orbitals is not unit.

$$s_{ij} = \left\langle i \right| j \right\rangle$$

After, Lowdin orthogonalization

$$\left|i'\right\rangle = \sum_{j} (\mathbf{s}^{-\frac{1}{2}})_{ij} \left|j\right\rangle$$

we have a set of orthogonal inactive orbitals

$$\langle i' | j' \rangle = (\mathbf{s}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{s} \mathbf{s}^{-\frac{1}{2}})_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$$

Energy expression

Sum over the spin of the inactive orbitals, we have

$$E = \sum_{i} \left\{ 2h_{ii} + \sum_{j=i}^{j>i} \left[2(ii \mid jj) - (ij \mid ij) \right] + 2\sum_{t,u} \left[(ii \mid tu) - (it \mid iu) \right] D_{tu} \right\}$$
$$+ \left\{ \sum_{tu} h_{tu} D_{tu} + \sum_{\substack{tactive$$

P. B. Karadakov, J. Gerratt, D. L. Cooper and M. Raimondi, J. Chem. Phys., 1992, 97, 7637.

Why not core-valence separation first, then orbital optimization?

Delocalized orthogonal orbitals can't be **strictly** localized by linear transformation.



Inactive-Active electron separation

Adding a scalar multiple of one column to another column, does not change the value of the determinant.

Adding any components of inactive orbitals on to any active orbitals keeps the VB determinant invariant

$$\left|t'\right\rangle = \left(1 - \sum_{i} \left|i\right\rangle \left\langle i\right|\right) \left|t\right\rangle$$

$$s'_{it} = \langle i | t' \rangle = 0$$

Energy expression

After, the active-inactive electron separation, the energy expression can be reduced

$$E = \sum_{i} \left\{ 2h_{ii} + \sum_{j}^{j>i} \left[2(ii \mid jj) - (ij \mid ij) \right] \right\} \text{ inactive}$$
$$+ \left\{ \sum_{tu} f_{tu} D_{tu} + \sum_{t$$

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Energy gradients

$$\xi_p^{\bullet q} = 2 \left\langle \Psi \left| (H - E) \right| \Psi_p^{\bullet q} \right\rangle$$

Inactive orbital to virtual orbital

$$\xi_a^{\bullet i} = 4(f^1)_{ia} + 2(G^2)_{ia}$$

Active orbital to active orbital

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{x}^{\bullet t} &= 2 \sum_{u} (f^{1})_{ux} D^{ut} + 2 \sum_{uv} (f^{1})_{uv} D_{\bullet x}^{v \bullet, ut} + 2 \sum_{uvw} g_{wv, ux} D^{wv, ut} \\ &+ g_{v_{1}v_{2}, u_{1}u_{2}} D_{\bullet \bullet x}^{v_{1}v_{2} \bullet, u_{1}u_{2}t} - 2 (E - E^{1}) D_{x}^{\bullet t} \end{aligned}$$

Z. Chen, X. Chen and W. Wu, J. Chem. Phys., 2013, 138, 164120.

The VBSCF procedure in XMVB program package

- 1. Read initial guess for the occupied orbitals.
- 2. Evaluate matrix elements between VB structures.
- 3. Solve the secular equation to obtain the VB structural coefficients and the total energy.
- 4. Calculate *n*-RDMs of the auxiliary active orbitals.
- 5. Evaluate energy gradients.
- Use LBFGS (Limited-memory Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno) algorithm to update orbitals.
- 7. If converged, print final results; otherwise go back to step (1).

Diels-Alder reaction of 1, 3-butadiene and ethylene



Fundamental VB structures used in VB calculations

Table 3.1 The CPU time (second) of different VBSCF algorithms

	Number of	Algorithm				
Molecule	basis	Numberical		This		
	functions	gradients	SSMW ^a	work		
C ₄ H ₆ +C ₂ H ₄ (TS,5str) ^b	104	1348.0	183.9	1.33		
C ₄ H ₆ +C ₂ H ₄ (TS,175str)	104	239528.7	_	1.70		
Fe(CO) ₄ C ₂ H ₄ (20str)	170	22326.8	1765.3	15.99		

a. Song, L., Song, J., Mo, Y., Wu, W., J. Comput. Chem., 2009, 30, 399.

b. Diels-Alder reaction, trasition state, five Rumer structures.

VBSCF Orbital Optimization



How about the active nonorthogonal orbitals?

Basis function sets $\{e_i\}$ and $\{\widetilde{e}_i\}$ Transformation $\widetilde{e}_i = R_{\bullet i}^j e_i$ Einstein convention

The indices of a tensor are either placehold covariant or contravariant.

$$\widetilde{T}_{i_{1}i_{2}}^{\bullet \bullet i_{3}i_{4}} = R_{\bullet i_{1}}^{j_{1}} R_{\bullet i_{2}}^{j_{2}} (R^{-1})_{j_{3}}^{\bullet i_{3}} (R^{-1})_{j_{4}}^{\bullet i_{4}} T_{j_{1}j_{2}}^{\bullet \bullet j_{3}j_{4}}$$
Covariant

Index i_1 (i_3) transform on the change of basis function sets in the same (inverse) way as the basis functions do.

Tensor Analysis and Second Quantization

Basis $\{e_i\}$ Dual Basis $\{e^i\}$

Covariant $g_{ij} = \langle e_i | e_j \rangle$ Contravariant $g^{ij} = \langle e^i | e^j \rangle$

$$g_{ik}g^{kj}=\delta_i^{\bullet j}$$

Metric Tensor

Lower, Rise Indices

$$\begin{cases} e^{i} = g^{ij}e_{j} & e_{i} = g_{ij}e^{j} \\ \widetilde{T}_{i_{1}} \bullet i_{3}}^{\bullet i_{2} \bullet i_{4}} = g^{i_{2}j_{2}}g_{i_{3}j_{3}}T_{j_{1}j_{2}}^{\bullet \bullet j_{3}j_{4}} \end{cases}$$

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Inner Product

D. A. Danielson, *Vectors and Tensors in Engineering and Physics*. (Westview, Perseus, 1997).

Basis
$$\{\chi_{\mu}\}$$

Metric tensor $s_{\mu\nu} = \langle \chi_{\mu} | \chi_{\nu} \rangle$
 $|\chi^{\mu} \rangle = s^{\mu\nu} | \chi_{\nu} \rangle$ $|\chi_{\mu} \rangle = s_{\mu\nu} | \chi^{\nu} \rangle$

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Creation and annihilation operators

$$a_{p\sigma}^{+} |vac\rangle = |\phi_{p\sigma}\rangle \qquad a^{p\sigma} |\phi_{q\omega}\rangle = \delta_{\bullet q}^{p} \delta_{\bullet \omega}^{\sigma} |vac\rangle$$
$$a^{p\sigma+} = a_{q\omega}^{+} s^{pq} \delta^{\sigma\omega} \qquad a_{p\sigma} = a^{q\omega} s_{pq} \delta_{\sigma\omega}$$

Tensor Analysis and Second Quantization

Anticommutation Relations

$$\begin{cases} a^{p\sigma+}, a^{q\omega+} \} = \{a^{p\sigma}, a^{q\omega} \} = 0 \\ \{a^{p\sigma}, a^{+}_{q\omega} \} = \{a^{p\sigma+}, a_{q\omega} \} = \delta^{p}_{\bullet q} \delta^{\sigma}_{\bullet \omega} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} a^{p\sigma}, a^{q\omega+}_{q\omega} \} = \{a^{p\sigma+}, a^{q\omega} \} = s^{pq} \delta^{\sigma\omega} \\ \{a_{p\sigma}, a^{+}_{q\omega} \} = \{a^{p\sigma+}, a_{q\omega} \} = s^{pq} \delta^{\sigma\omega} \end{cases}$$

F. A. Matsen, in *Adv. Quantum Chem.*, edited by P.-O. Löwdin (Academic Press, 1964), Vol. 1, pp. 59-114.

Spin-Free N-Body Reduced Density Operators (RDOs)

$$E^{pq} \equiv \sum_{\sigma} a^{p\sigma+} a^{q\sigma} \qquad E^{pq,rs} \equiv \sum_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2} a^{p\sigma_1+} a^{q\sigma_2+} a^{s\sigma_2} a^{r\sigma_3}$$

Spin-Free N-Body Reduced Density Matrices (RDMs)

$$D^{pq} \equiv \langle \Psi | E^{pq} | \Psi \rangle \qquad D^{pq,rs} \equiv \langle \Psi | E^{pq,rs} | \Psi \rangle$$

Spin-Free Hamiltonian Tensor Contravariant Contraction $H = h_{pq} E^{pq} + \frac{1}{2} g_{pq,rs} E^{pq,rs}$ Covariant

VBSCF Orbital Optimization



Gradient Algorithm

The energy gradient with respect to orbital excitation can be written as

$$\xi_p^{\bullet q} = 2 \langle \Psi | (H - E) | \Psi_p^{\bullet q} \rangle$$
$$H = h_{pq} E^{pq} + \frac{1}{2} g_{pq,rs} E^{pq,rs}$$

Internally contracted excited wave function

$$\left|\Psi_{p_{1}p_{2}\cdots p_{n}}^{\bullet\bullet\cdots\bullet,q_{1}q_{2}\cdots q_{n}}\right\rangle = E_{p_{1}p_{2}\cdots p_{n}}^{\bullet\bullet\cdots\bullet,q_{1}q_{2}\cdots q_{n}}\left|\Psi\right\rangle$$

The orbital Hessian is written as

$$\begin{split} \Xi_{qs}^{\bullet\bullet pr} &= 2 \left(\left\langle \Psi_{q}^{\bullet p} \left| \hat{H} - E^{(0)} \right| \Psi_{s}^{\bullet r} \right\rangle + \left\langle \Psi^{(0)} \left| \hat{H} - E^{(0)} \right| \Psi_{qs}^{\bullet pr} \right\rangle \right) \\ &- 4 \left\langle \Psi^{(0)} \left| \hat{H} - E^{(0)} \right| \Psi_{s}^{\bullet r} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi^{(0)} \left| \Psi_{q}^{\bullet p} \right\rangle \\ &- 4 \left\langle \Psi^{(0)} \left| \hat{H} - E^{(0)} \right| \Psi_{q}^{\bullet p} \right\rangle \left\langle \Psi^{(0)} \left| \Psi_{s}^{\bullet r} \right\rangle \right. \end{split}$$

Four kinds of matrix elements need to evaluate:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{q}^{\bullet p} | \Psi_{s}^{\bullet r} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \Psi^{(0)} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{qs}^{\bullet pr} \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \Psi^{(0)} | \Psi_{qs}^{\bullet \bullet pr} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_{q}^{\bullet p} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{s}^{\bullet r} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\left\langle E_{p_1p_2\cdots,q_1q_2\cdots}E_{r_1r_2\cdots,s_1s_2\cdots}\cdots E_{x_1x_2\cdots,y_1y_2\cdots}\right\rangle = ?$

Enhanced Wick's Theorem

$$\begin{split} E_{p_1p_2\cdots,q_1q_2\cdots}E_{r_1r_2\cdots,s_1s_2\cdots}\cdots E_{x_1x_2\cdots,y_1y_2\cdots} \\ &= E_{p_1p_2\cdots r_1r_2\cdots x_1x_2\cdots,q_1q_2\cdots s_1s_2\cdots y_1y_2\cdots} \\ &+ \sum_{single}s_{r_jq_i}E_{\cdots p_i\cdots r_1\cdots x_1x_2\cdots,\cdots q_j\cdots s_1\cdots y_1y_2\cdots} \\ &+ \sum_{Double}s_{r_jq_i}s_{x_ls_k}E_{\cdots p_i\cdots r_k\cdots x_1\cdots,\cdots q_j\cdots y_l\cdots y_1\cdots} \\ &+ etc. \end{split}$$

Product of any number of RDOs based on nonorthogonal orbitals

Z. Chen, X. Chen and W. Wu, J. Chem. Phys., 2013, 138, 164119.

Enhanced Wick's Theorem

$$E_{pr}E_{qs} = E_{pq,rs} + s_{qr}E_{ps}$$

$$\begin{split} E_{p_1q_1} \ E_{p_2q_2} E_{p_3q_3} &= E_{p_1p_2p_3,q_1q_2q_3} + s_{p_2q_1} E_{p_1p_3,q_2q_3} + s_{p_3q_1} E_{p_1p_2,q_3q_2} \\ &+ s_{p_3q_2} E_{p_1p_2,q_1q_3} + s_{p_2q_1} s_{p_3q_2} E_{p_1q_3} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} E_{p_1p_2,q_1q_2}E_{p_3p_4,q_3q_4} = & E_{p_1p_2p_3p_4,q_1q_2q_3q_4} + s_{p_3q_1}E_{p_1p_2p_4,q_3q_2q_4} + s_{p_4q_1}E_{p_1p_2p_3,q_4q_2q_3} \\ & + s_{p_3q_2}E_{p_1p_2p_4,q_1q_3q_4} + s_{p_4q_2}E_{p_1p_2p_3,q_1q_4q_3} + s_{p_3q_1}s_{p_4q_2}E_{p_1p_2,q_3q_4} \\ & + s_{p_4q_1}s_{p_3q_2}E_{p_1p_2,q_4q_3} \end{split}$$

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Automatic Formula/Code Generator





Example

$$\left\langle \Psi_{n_{1}}^{\bullet m_{1}}\left|H\right|\Psi_{n_{2}}^{\bullet m_{2}}
ight
angle$$

input.txt

Psi_N1^M1|H|Psi_N2^M2

Sample input

The formulas should be represented in plain text, so we have the following "rules" for the input file:

 Underscore "_" indicates that the following letters are subscript

 $\left\langle \Psi_{n_{1}}^{\bullet m_{1}} \left| H \right| \Psi_{n_{2}}^{\bullet m_{2}} \right\rangle$

- "^" indicates that the following letters are superscript
- Ψ is written as "Psi"

output.txt

```
Psi I^U|H|Psi K^W =
D^UW * g IK^i i
-D^UW * q IKi^i
-2 * D^UW * g IiK^i
2 * D^UW * g I^i Ki
P^UtWu * g ItKu
-P^UtWu * g IuKt
Psi I^U|H|Psi K^D = 0
Psi I^U|H|Psi V^L = 0
Psi I^U|H|Psi V^W =
-D^UW * g IVi^i
D^UW * g IV^i i
2 * D^UW * g I^i Vi
-2 * D^UW * g IiV^i
P^UtWu * g ItVu
-P^UtWu * g IuVt
-0.5 * s Vt * L^UtuvWw * g Iuvw
0.5 * s Vt * L^UutvwW * g Iuvw
.....
```

Automatic Formula Generator

Sample output formulas (in plain text)

Example: Generate formulas and codes for matrix element $\langle \Psi_{n_1}^{\bullet m_1} | H | \Psi_{n_2}^{\bullet m_2} \rangle$

$$\begin{split} \hline \mathbf{output.pdf} \\ &< \Psi_A^{\cdot I} |\hat{H}| \Psi_Y^{\cdot J} >= -\delta^{IJ} P_Y^{\cdot tuv} g_{Atuv} + 2G_{\cdot \cdot AY}^{IJ} - D_Y^{\cdot t} G_{\cdot \cdot At}^{IJ} + \delta^{IJ} D^{tu} G_{YtAu} + \\ &\quad 2\delta^{IJ} F_{YA} - \delta^{IJ} D_Y^{\cdot t} F_{At} \\ &< \Psi_A^{\cdot T} |\hat{H}| \Psi_Y^{\cdot J} >= -P_{\cdot Y}^{T \cdot tu} g_{\cdot Aut}^{J} + D^{Tt} G_{YA \cdot t}^{\cdot \cdot J} \\ &< \Psi_A^{\cdot I} |\hat{H}| \Psi_B^{\cdot T} >= -\delta_{AB} P^{Ttuv} g_{\cdot vut}^{I} + D^{Tt} G_{AB \cdot t}^{\cdot \cdot I} - \delta_{AB} D^{Tt} F_{\cdot t}^{I} \\ &< \Psi_X^{\cdot T} |\hat{H}| \Psi_Y^{\cdot J} >= -P_{\cdot Y}^{T \cdot tu} g_{\cdot Xut}^{I} - \Gamma_{\cdot Y \cdot X}^{T \cdot tuv} g_{\cdot tuv}^{I} - s_{XY} P^{Ttuv} g_{\cdot tuv}^{I} + D^{Tt} G_{\cdot YX \cdot t}^{\cdot \cdot I} \\ &< \Psi_X^{\cdot T} |\hat{H}| \Psi_Y^{\cdot J} >= -P_{\cdot Y}^{T \cdot tu} g_{\cdot Xut}^{\cdot I} - \Gamma_{\cdot Y \cdot X}^{T \cdot tuv} g_{\cdot tuv}^{I} - s_{XY} D^{Tt} F_{\cdot t}^{I} \\ &< \Psi_X^{\cdot T} |\hat{H}| \Psi_A^{\cdot J} >= D^{Tt} G_{AX \cdot t}^{\cdot \cdot I} + P_{\cdot \cdot X}^{T t \cdot u} G_{At \cdot u}^{\cdot \cdot I} + 2D_{\cdot X}^{\cdot T} F_{\cdot A}^{\cdot I} \\ &< \Psi_X^{\cdot T} |\hat{H}| \Psi_A^{\cdot J} >= D^{Tt} G_{AX \cdot t}^{\cdot \cdot I} + P_{\cdot \cdot X}^{T t \cdot u} G_{At \cdot u}^{\cdot \cdot I} + 2D_{\cdot X}^{\cdot T} F_{\cdot A}^{\cdot I} \\ &< \Psi_X^{\cdot T} |\hat{H}| \Psi_A^{\cdot J} >= D^{Tt} U^{u} g_{XtAu} + P^{TtuU} g_{XAut} + \Gamma_{\cdot \cdot X}^{\cdot tu \cdot v U} g_{Atuv} + D^{TU} F_{XA} + \\ &P_{\cdot X}^{T t \cdot U} F_{At} \\ & \dots \dots \end{split}$$

Automatic Formula Generator

Sample output formulas (to LaTeX input file first, and compiled to pdf)

Example: Generate formulas and codes for matrix element $\langle \Psi_{n_1}^{\bullet m_1} | H | \Psi_{n_2}^{\bullet m_2} \rangle$

codes.F90

```
! -delta^IJ * s tY * P^tuvw * g Auvw
subroutine Cal term1(Ni,Na,Nv)
    ! Variables declaration
    integer :: delta rank
    ! Variables initialization
    delta rank = 2
    ! contract tensors
    Call
SortContractTensor(delta,delta rank,delta bounds, &
delta size, Perm delta, &
s,s rank,s bounds,s size,Perm s, &
deltas isum, &
deltas, deltas rank, deltas bounds, deltas size)
End subroutine Cal term1
```

Automatic Code Generator

Sample output codes (Fortran subroutines)

Example: Generate formulas and codes for matrix element $\langle \Psi_{n_1}^{\bullet m_1} | H | \Psi_{n_2}^{\bullet m_2} \rangle$

The Newton optimization method

$$E(\Delta \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}^{(0)}) = \mathbf{E}^{(0)} + \Delta \mathbf{X} \mathbf{E}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \widetilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{E}^{(2)} \Delta \mathbf{X} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial E(\Delta \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{X}^{(0)})}{\partial X} = \mathbf{E}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{E}^{(2)} \Delta \mathbf{X} + \Delta \widetilde{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{E}^{(2)} \right) = \mathbf{E}^{(1)} + \mathbf{E}^{(2)} \Delta \mathbf{X} \equiv 0$$

$$\mathbf{E}^{(2)}\Delta\mathbf{X} = -\mathbf{E}^{(1)}$$

$$\partial E(\mathbf{X}^*) = 0$$

VBSCF Orbital Optimization

	Ana LBFG	lytical grad S method (i	ient, opt=5)	Analytical gradient and Hessian, Newton method (iopt=6)			
	number of iteration	total time(s)	time per iteration(s)	number of iteration	total time(s)	time per iteration(s)	
$Li_2(sto-6g)$	8	0.001	0.000	5	0.03	0.006	
$F_2(sto-3g)$	5	0.001	0.000	3	0.15	0.050	
$F_2(6-31g^*)$	25	0.07	0.003	5	2.08	0.416	
N ₂ (6-31g*)	44	0.26	0.006	5	14.96	2.992	
$H_2O_2(6-31g^*)$	102	0.5	0.005	6	9.99	1.665	
$C_2H_6(6-31g^*)$	67	0.76	0.011	5	13.67	2.734	
$C_2H_6(6-31+g^{**})$	125	20.5	0.164	5	146.23	29.246	
$C_2H_4(6-31g^*)$	112	0.7	0.006	6	9.96	1.660	
$H_2O(cc-pvdz)$	68	0.19	0.003	6	1.93	0.322	

Reduced Density Matrix Approach for VB Theory

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Valence Bond Coupled Cluster Theory?

Enhanced Wick's Theorem







An ab initio Non-orthogonal Valence Bond Program

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VB diagram



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VB diagram



Seniority Number in Valence Bond Theory

The number of singly occupied orbitals



Determinants with various Ω values

The performance of seniority number based CI methods

H ₈		Deviation from the benchmark (millihartree)						
R(Å) Benchmark ^a		$\Omega = 0^{b}$	$\Omega = 0,2^{b}$	$,2^{\mathbf{b}} \qquad \Omega = 0,2,4^{\mathbf{b}} \qquad n_{ph} = 2^{\mathbf{c}}$		$n_{ph} = 3^{c}$	$n_{ph} = 4^{c}$	
			H ₈ –linear ch	ain, CI active spa	ce = [8 electron	ns in 8 orbitals]		
0.7	-4.166 794	33.247	8.357	0.136	2.224	0.837	0.013	
1.0	-4.414 546	33.977	9.619	0.068	7.240	3.598	0.125	
1.2	-4.355 115	34.027	9.497	0.441	15.071	8.566	0.524	
1.5	-4.218 948	32.405	9.875	0.743	39.283	26.269	3.311	
2.0	$-4.064\ 602$	20.854	5.803	0.193	122.692	95.757	25.790	
2.2	-4.034 862	14.783	3.880	0.019	166.221	150.002	41.975	
3.0	-3.997 913	2.054	0.468	0.092	323.970	182.952	6.802	
NPE ^d	0	31.923	9.151	0.675	321.746	182.115	41.962	

Strong correlation problem:

Seniority number based CI has **better convergence behavior** toward FCI limit than particle-hole number based CI. And thus smaller nonparallelity error (NPE) for PECs.

Heitler-London-Slater-Pauling (HLSP) Function

$$\int_{a}^{a} \Phi_{1} = |a\overline{b}c\overline{d}e\overline{f}| - |\overline{a}bc\overline{d}e\overline{f}| - |a\overline{b}\overline{c}d\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}b\overline{c}d\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}b\overline{c}d\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}b\overline{c}d\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}b\overline{c}d\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}b\overline{c}d\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}b\overline{c}d\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}d\overline{b}c\overline{e}\overline{f}| + |\overline{a}d\overline{$$



Seniority number (Ω) shares chemical interpretation: lonicity (ω) $\Omega + 2\omega = N$

$$\begin{split} \Psi &= \sum_{K} C_{K} \Phi_{K} = \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{A} \sum_{\kappa} C_{\Omega A \kappa} \Phi_{\Omega A \kappa} \\ \Omega \text{ is over 2S, 2S+2, ..., } \Omega_{\max} \ \Omega_{\max} = \begin{cases} N, & N \leq n \\ 2n - N, & N > n \end{cases} \end{split}$$

 Ω : Seniority number

A: Orbital configuration which belongs to the given Ω *κ*:Component of spin eigenfunction

Seniority based VB wave function

$$\Psi_{(\Lambda)} = \sum_{\Omega} \sum_{A} \sum_{\kappa} C_{\Omega A \kappa} \Phi_{\Omega A \kappa}, \ (\Lambda = \Omega_{\max}, \Omega_{\max} - 2, \dots, 2S)$$

$$\Omega \text{ is over } \Lambda, \Lambda + 2, \dots, \Omega_{\max}$$

The lowest level is $\Lambda = \Omega_{max}$, SCVB method.



N = 8, *n* = 8

For the lowest level, (*n*=*N*, *S*=0)

$$\frac{N_{\Omega}^{\rm MO}}{N_{\Omega}^{\rm VB}} = N/2 + 1$$

H_8

Table 1. Total CASSCF energies, deviation from CASSCF, and non-parallelity errors (NPE) for H_8 linear chain molecule with seniority-based MCSCF. The CASSCF energies are in E_h , and the deviations are in mE_h . (Basis set: cc-pVDZ)

R (Å)	CASSCF ^a	Molec	Molecular Orbital Theory ^a			Valence Bond Theory			
		Ω=0	Ω=(0,2)	$\Omega = (0,2,4)$	Ω=8	Ω=(8,6)	Ω=(8,6,4)		
0.7	-4.166 794	33.247	8.357	0.136	12.232	0.814	0.158		
1.0	-4.414 546	33.977	9.619	0.068	8.743	1.280	0.027		
1.2	-4.355 115	34.027	9.497	0.441	5.933	1.112	0.021		
1.5	-4.218 948	32.405	9.875	0.743	2.678	0.628	0.010		
2.0	-4.064 602	20.854	5.803	0.193	0.420	0.190	0.000		
2.2	-4.034 862	14.783	3.880	0.019	0.173	0.060	0.000		
3.0	<u>-3.997 913</u>	2.054	0.468	0.092	0.003	0.000	0.000		
NPE	0	31.923	9.151	0.675	12.229	1.280	0.158		

^aScuseria, et al, J. Chem. Phys. 2011, 135, 044119.

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 N_2

Table 3. Total CASSCF energies, deviation from CASSCF, and non-parallelity errors (NPE) for N₂ molecule with seniority-based MCSCF. The CASSCF energies are in E_h , the deviations and NPE are in mE_h . (Basis set: cc-pVDZ)

R (Å)	CASSCF ^a	Molecu	Molecular Orbital Theory ^a				Valence Bond Theory		
		Ω=0	Ω=(0,2)	Ω=(0,2,4)		Ω=6	Ω=(6,4)	$\Omega = (6, 4, 2)$	
0.9	-108.889381	50.120	9.103	0.048	-	14.953	0.988	0.074	
1.1	-109.103396	64.257	14.062	0.042		17.941	0.506	0.055	
1.5	-108.943238	74.762	27.879	0.125	4	21.687	3.616	0.080	
1.8	-108.827857	67.428	19.581	0.064		19.685	4.175	0.035	
2.1	-108.786568	76.957	17.730	0.039		3.134	0.346	0.012	
3.0	-108.777536	104.025	23.244	/		0.109	0.004	0.001	
NPE	0	53.905	18.776	0.086	-	21.578	4.171	0.080	

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The ground state dissociation PECs for N₂ molecule by seniority-based MCSCF and VBSCF approaches. The error is defined as the energy difference of seniority-based method from the benchmark CASSCF result.

How to make seniority number based VB more efficient?

Active-Active Electron Separation

Any non-singular transformation within the active orbital sub-space keeps the full Hilbert space invariant. But, individual VB determinant changes.

The metric of nonorthogonal orbitals is not unit.

$$S_{tu} = \left\langle \phi_t \left| \phi_u \right\rangle \right\rangle$$

Using the contravariant metric

$$\phi^t = s^{tu}\phi_u$$

we have

$$\delta_t^u = \left\langle \phi_t \middle| \phi^u \right\rangle$$

The transformation of rank-n determinant in seniority number restricted subspace

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$$\Phi_P = \left| \cdots \phi_t \cdots \overline{\phi}_u \cdots \right\rangle$$

$$\Phi^{\mathcal{Q}} = \left| \cdots \phi^{v} \cdots \overline{\phi}^{w} \cdots \right\rangle$$

Contravariant

$$\sum_{Q} C_{Q} \Phi^{Q} = \Psi = \sum_{P} C^{P} \Phi_{P}$$

Covarian



Covariant Contravariant

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The memory cost of determinant transformation in seniority number based VB methods, as compared to CASCI calculation.



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Points

• How to remove the redundant variables in classical VB wave function.



 $E = E(\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{T})$ **C** is VB structural coefficient vector; **T** is the orbitals expansion matrix. They are coupled.

• Other gradient based optimization methods besides Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno (BFGS) algorithm.