

***Key concepts and challenges in quantum chemistry:
Some more details about standard methods***

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General principles of quantum mechanics
for the electronic structure problem

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Corresponding electronic wave function

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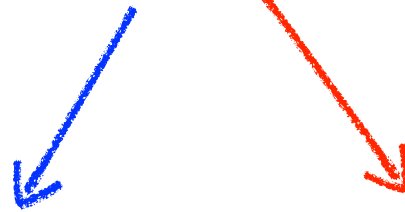
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electronic coordinates

$$\mathbf{x}_i \equiv (\mathbf{r}_i, \sigma_i)$$



*Cartesian **space** coordinates
of the *i*th electron*

***Spin** coordinate
of the *i*th electron*

$$\mathbf{r}_i \equiv (x_i, y_i, z_i)$$

$$\sigma_i = \uparrow \text{ or } \downarrow$$

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Kinetic energy
of the *i*th electron

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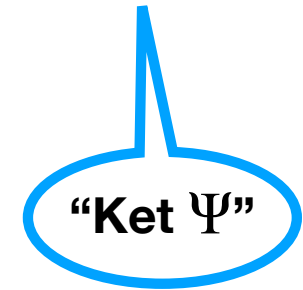
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repulsion energy

Dirac notation and scalar product

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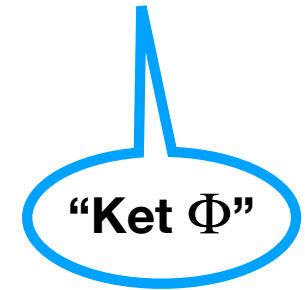
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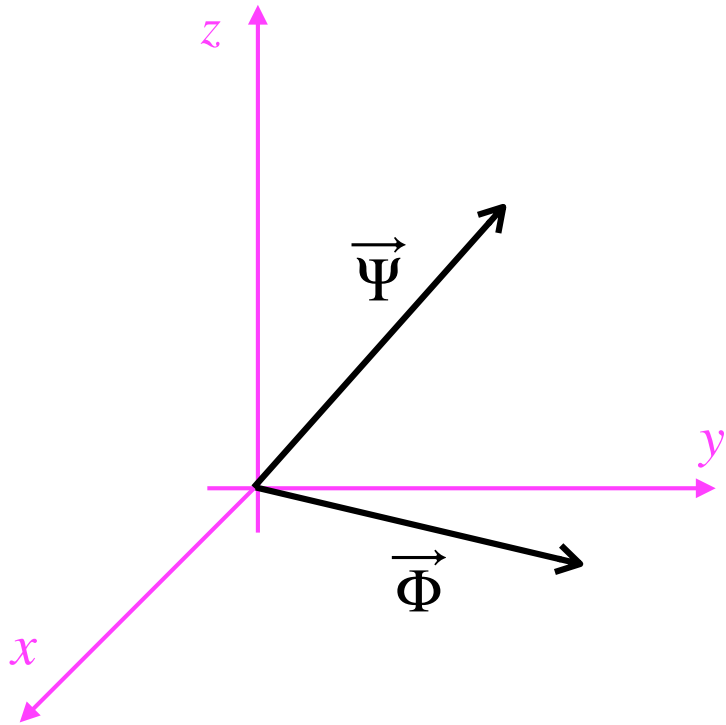
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Scalar product in *real space*



$$\vec{\Phi} \cdot \vec{\Psi} = \Phi_x \Psi_x + \Phi_y \Psi_y + \Phi_z \Psi_z$$

Scalar product of two wave functions

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The **square norm** of $|\Psi\rangle$ is therefore denoted as $\overrightarrow{\Psi} \cdot \overrightarrow{\Psi} \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} \langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle$

Schrödinger equation in Dirac notations

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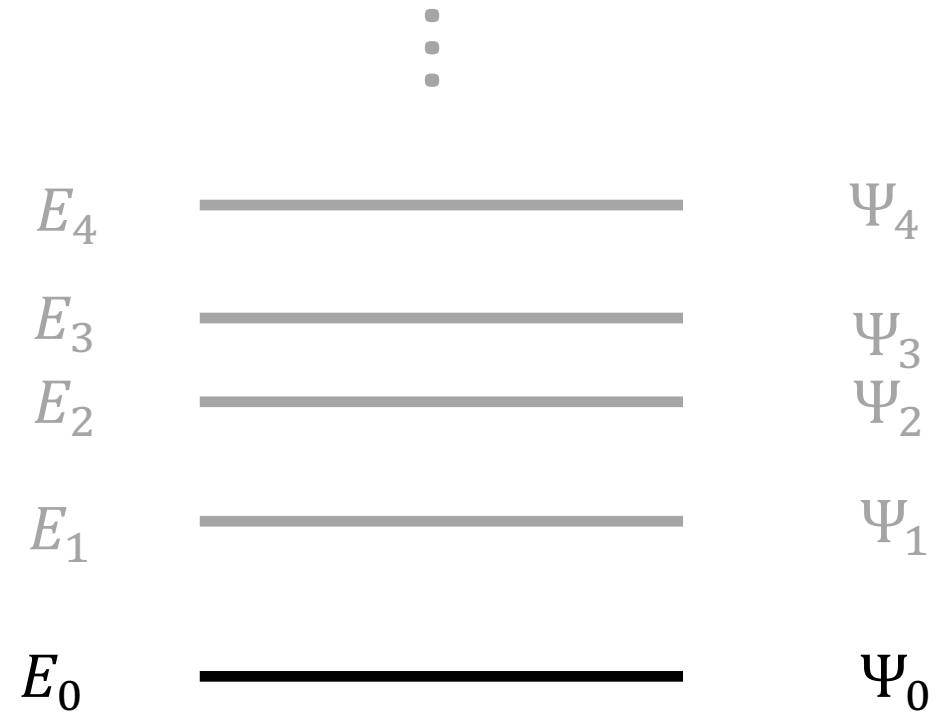
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$$E_I = \frac{\langle\Psi_I|\hat{H}|\Psi_I\rangle}{\langle\Psi_I|\Psi_I\rangle}$$


Schrödinger equation for the *ground* state

$$\hat{H}\Psi_0 = E_0\Psi_0$$



Rayleigh-Ritz variational principle


Theorem: For any *trial* wave function Ψ , we have

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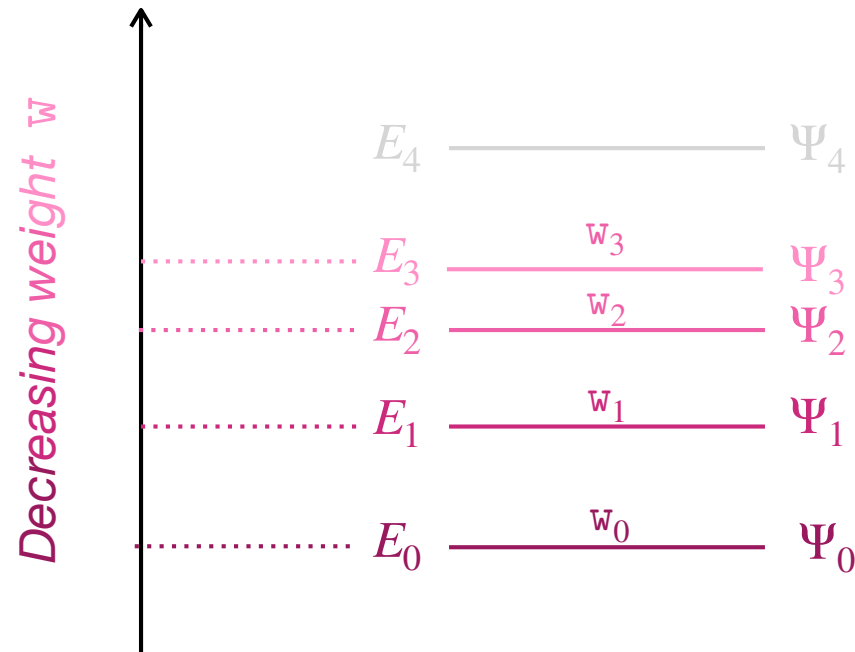
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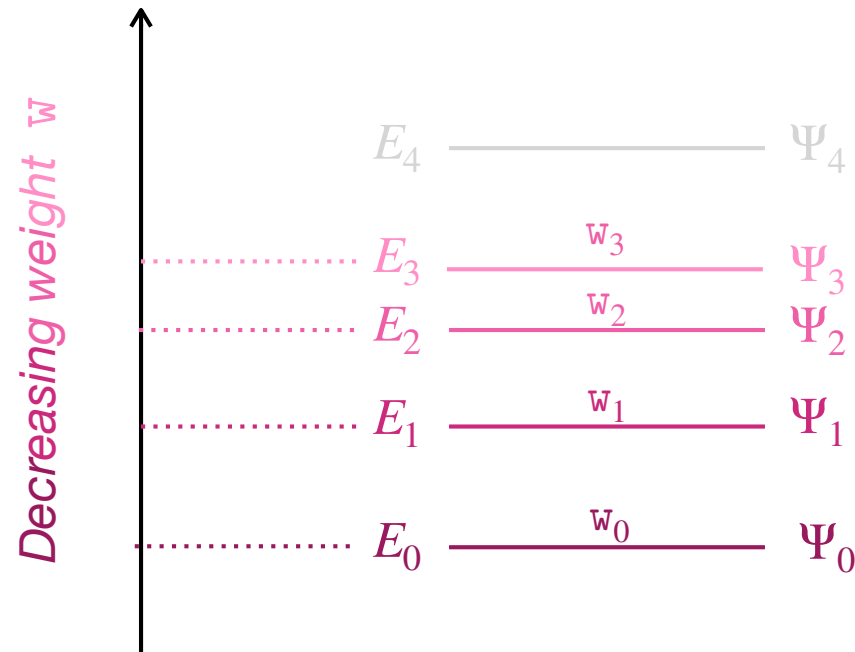
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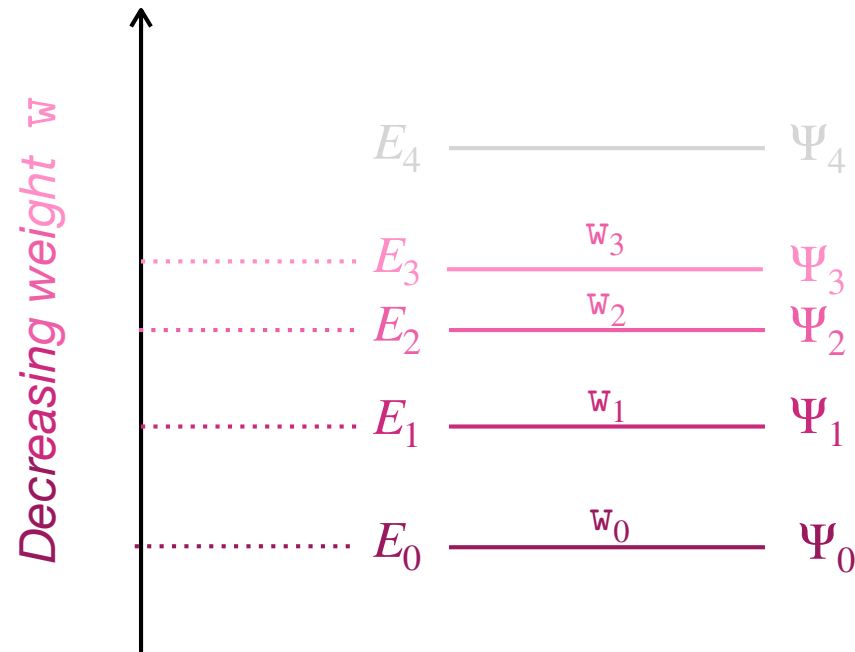
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Arbitrary ordered positive weights

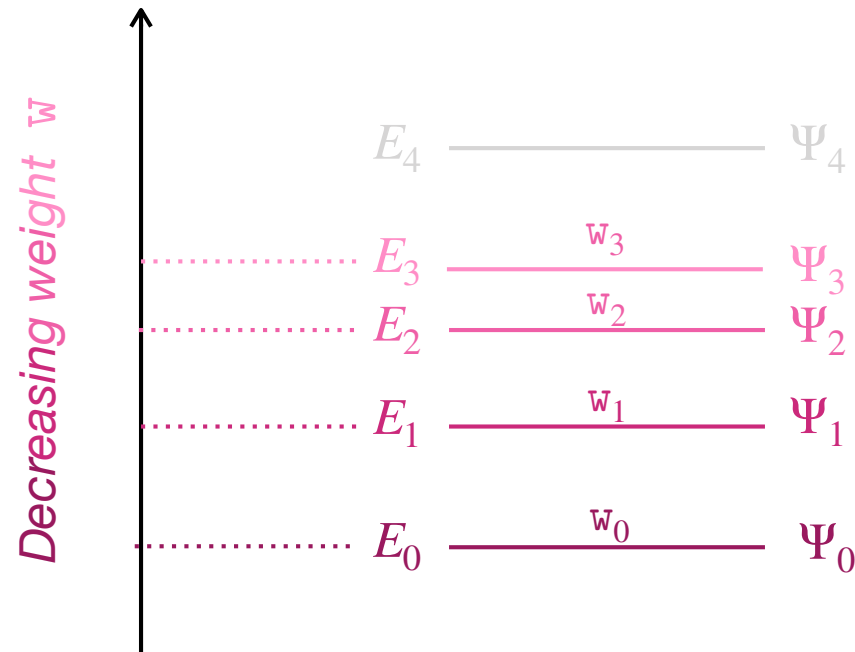
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Orthogonal **trial** wave functions

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Desired M lowest excited-state energies

Density-functional theory (DFT)

n

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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1998

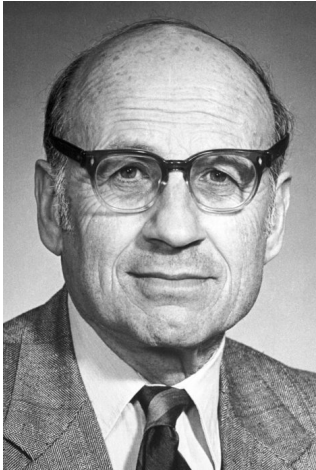


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Prize share: 1/2

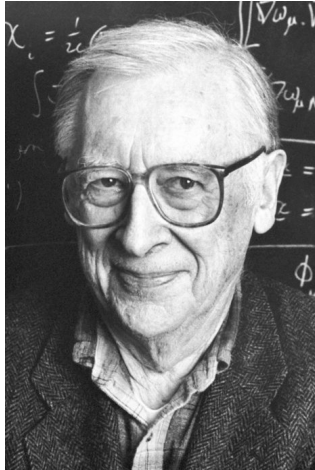


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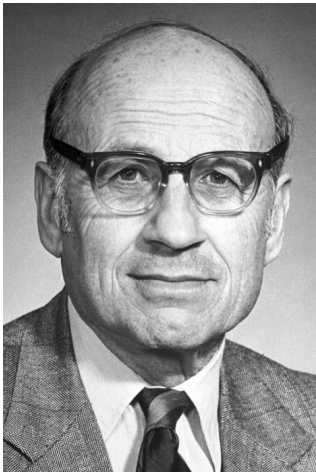


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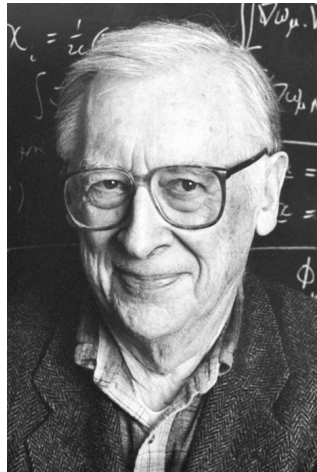


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$$n_{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) = N \int d\mathbf{x}_2 \dots \int d\mathbf{x}_N |\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)|^2 \xrightarrow{\Psi = \Psi_0} n_{\Psi_0}(\mathbf{x})$$

Levy's constrained search formalism

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← We use **normalized** wave functions for convenience, *i.e.*, $\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle = 1$.

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$$= \min_n \left\{ \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle \right\}$$



Pre-minimisation over wave functions Ψ
that have the *same density* $n_{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) = n(\mathbf{r})$

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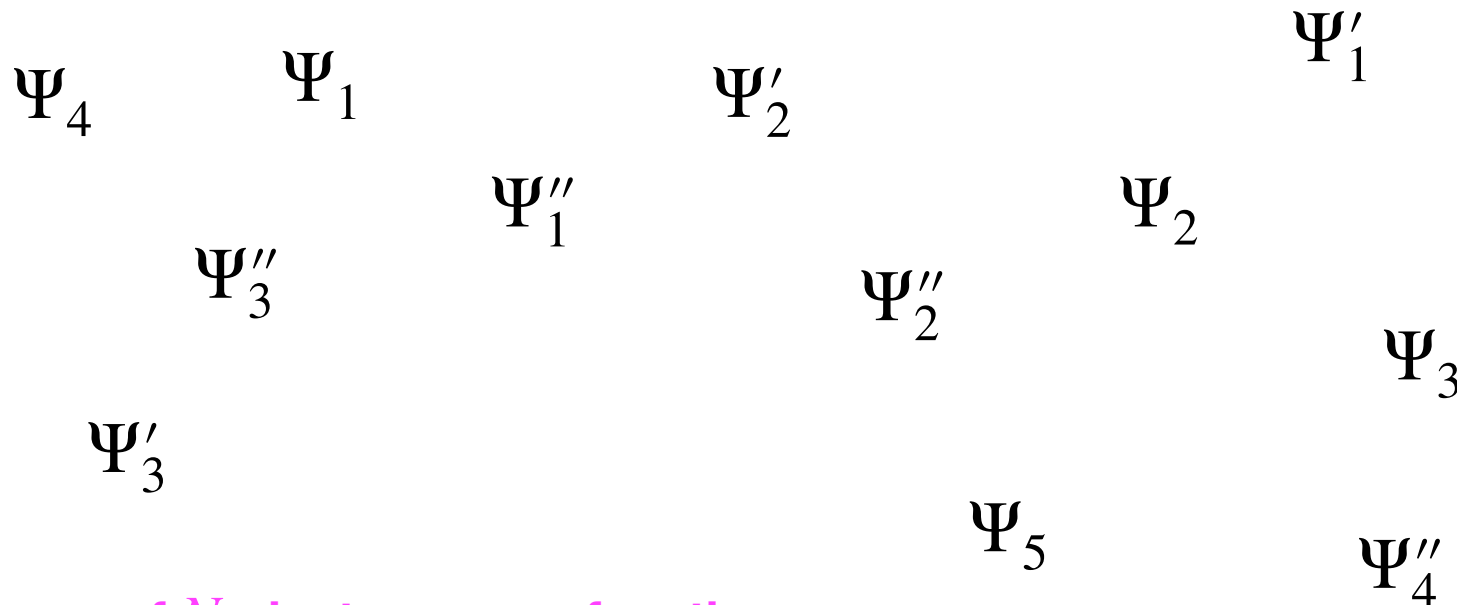
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Minimisation over densities n

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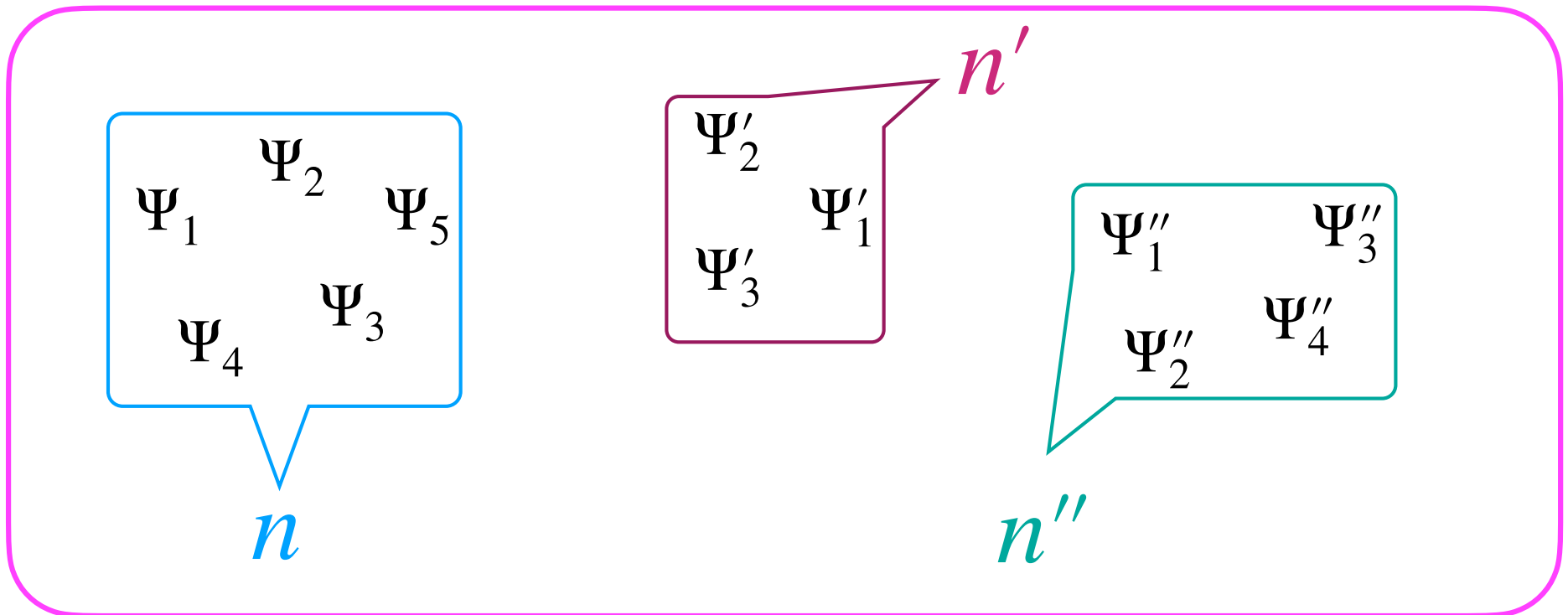
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Space of N -electron wave functions

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$$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{W}_{ee} + \sum_{i=1}^N v_{ne}(\mathbf{r}_i) \times$$

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Electrons-nuclei *attraction energy*

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We recover the **Hohenberg-Kohn variational principle of DFT!**

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Universal Hohenberg-Kohn density functional

$$F[n] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \left\{ \langle \Psi | \hat{T} + \hat{W}_{\text{ee}} | \Psi \rangle \right\}$$

Kohn-Sham DFT formalism

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Interacting universal functional

Kohn-Sham



$$T_s[n] = \min_{\Psi \rightarrow n} \langle \Psi | \hat{T} | \Psi \rangle$$

Non-interacting
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Kohn-Sham DFT formalism



Holy grail of DFT

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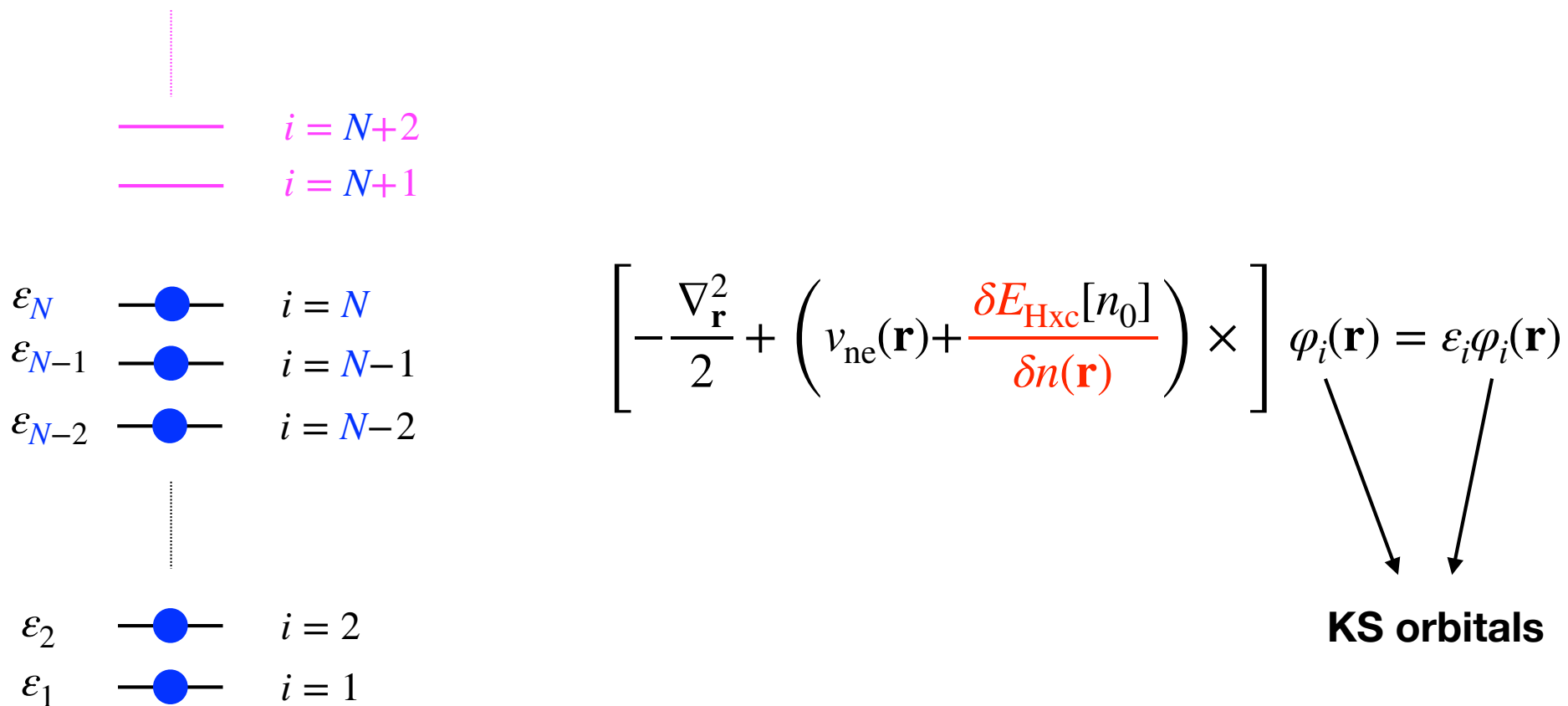
Kohn-Sham DFT formalism

The **exact** xc functional is **uniquely defined** but
many (many) approximations
can be found in the literature (LDA, PBE, B3LYP, SCAN, ...)

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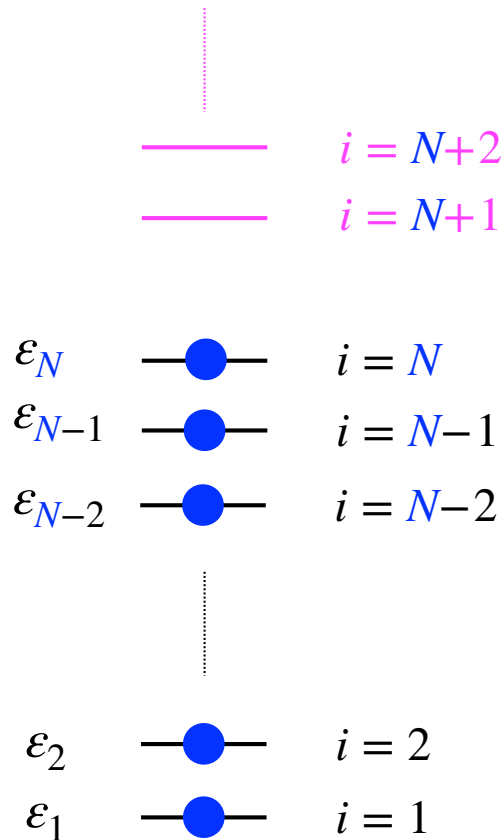
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One-electron Kohn-Sham DFT equations



One-electron energy levels

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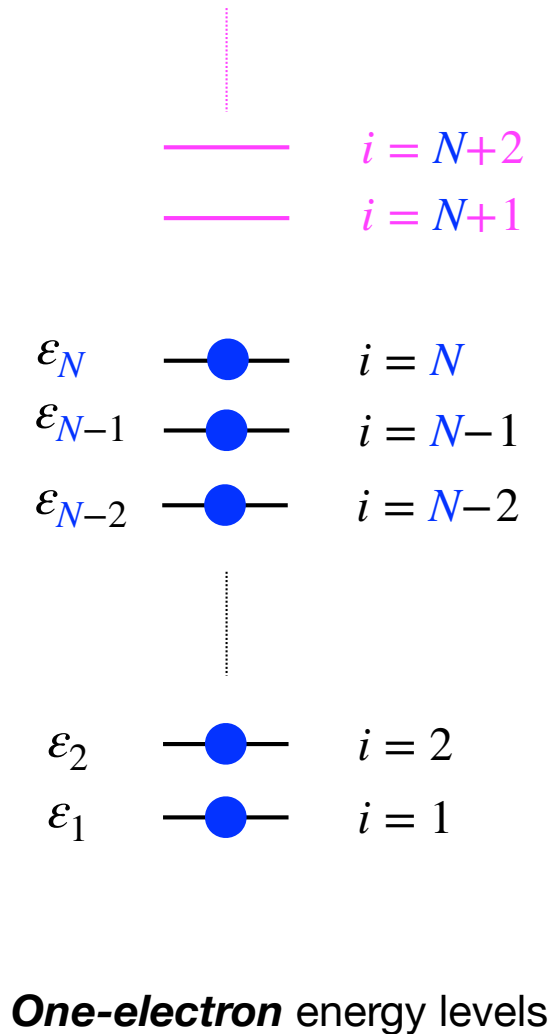
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Exact density

One-electron Kohn-Sham DFT equations



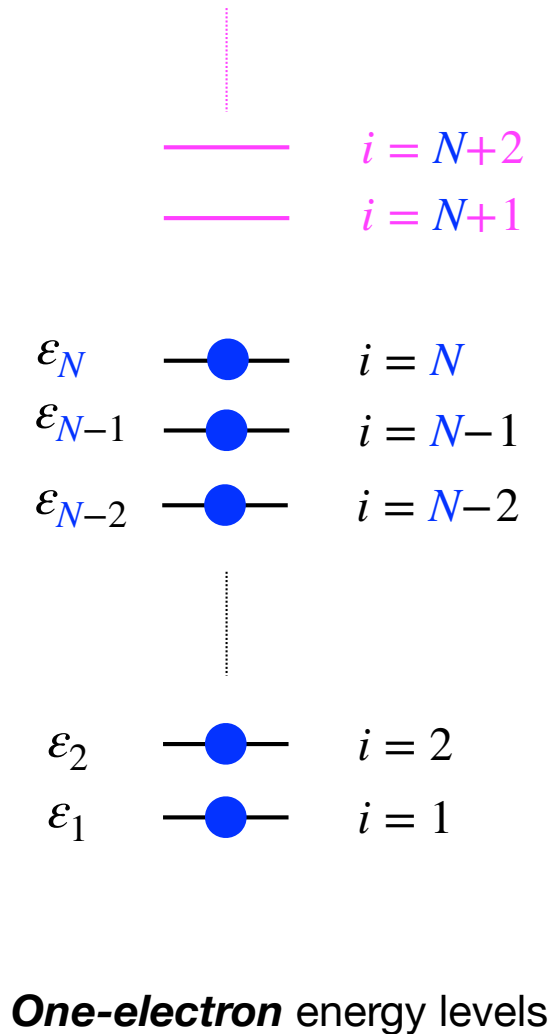
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Exactification of the one-electron picture

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One-electron Kohn-Sham DFT equations



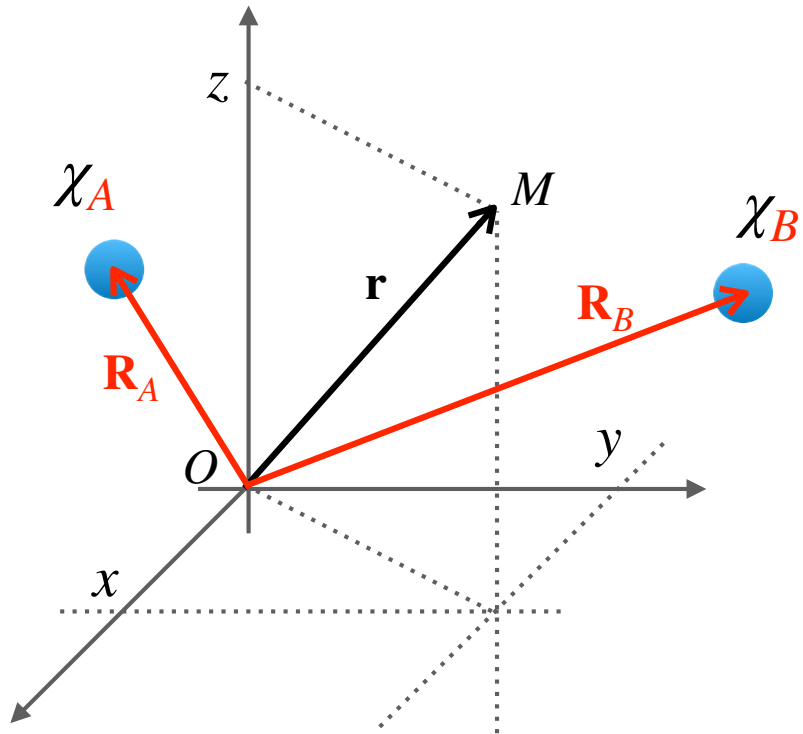
$$\left[-\frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2}{2} + \left(v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\delta E_{\text{Hxc}}[n_0]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} \right) \times \right] \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

Implicit description of
electron correlation

$$n_0(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

Exact density

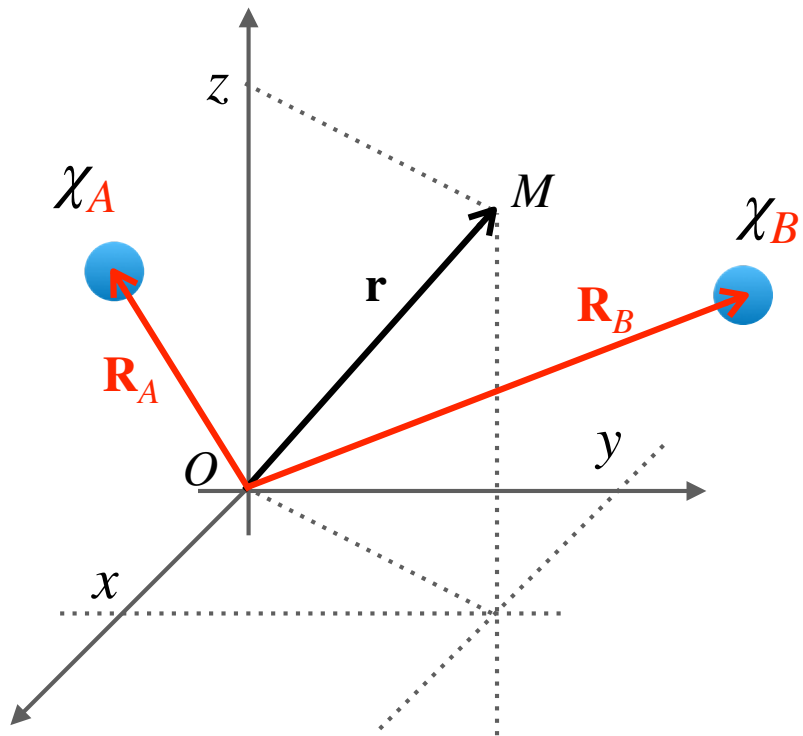
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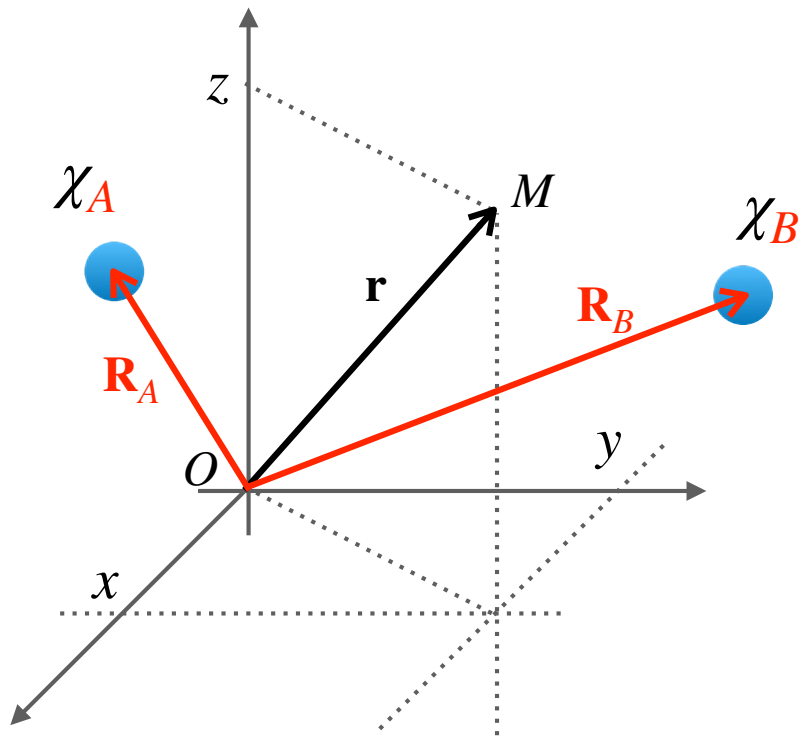


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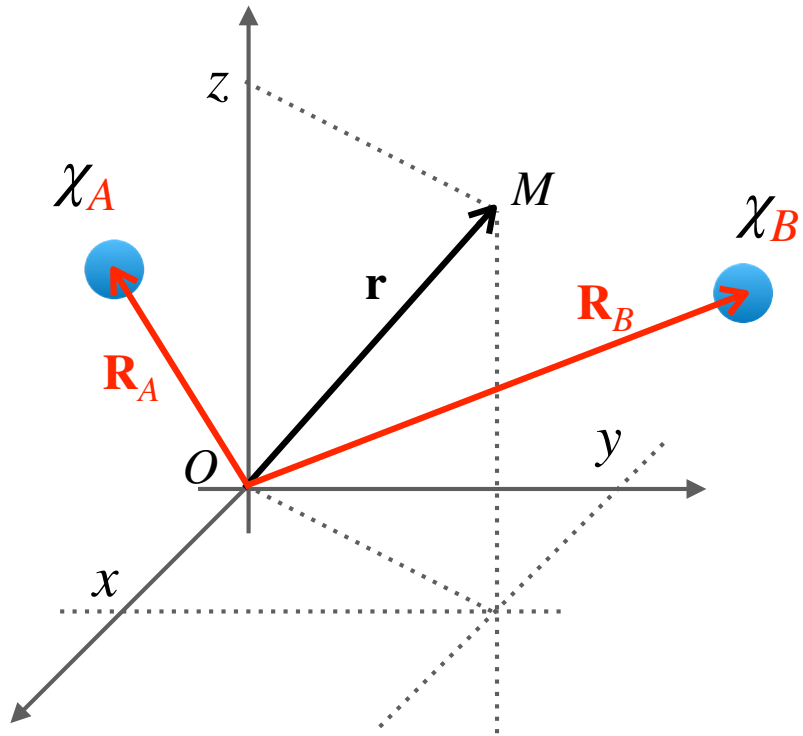


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Quantum Physics

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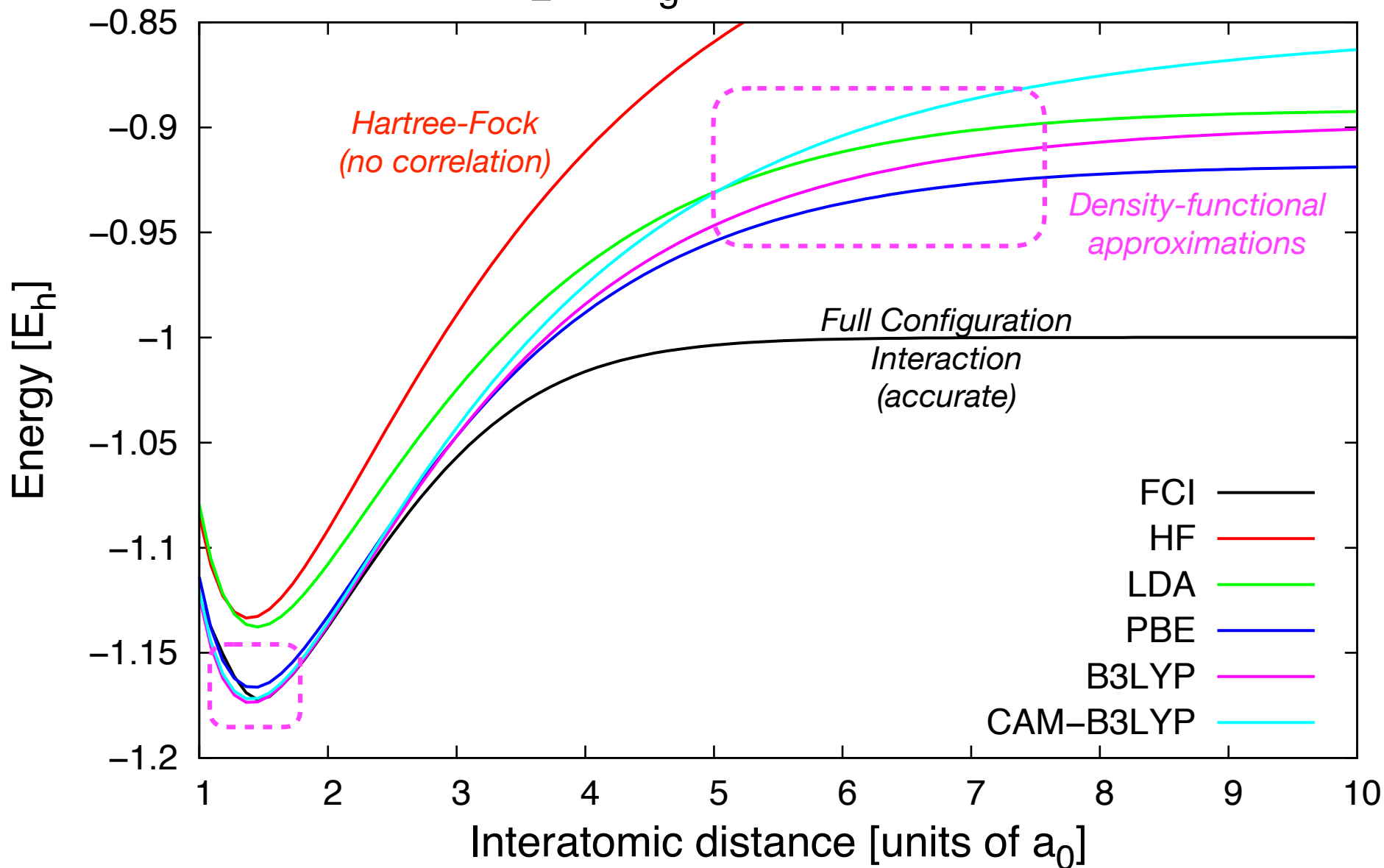
Toward Density Functional Theory on Quantum Computers?

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Quantum Chemistry and Physics have been pinpointed as killer applications for quantum computers, and quantum algorithms have been designed to solve the Schrödinger equation with the wavefunction formalism. It is yet limited to small systems, as their size is limited by the number of qubits available. Computations on large systems rely mainly on mean-field-type approaches such as density functional theory, for which no quantum advantage has been envisioned so far. In this work, we question this a priori by proposing a counter-intuitive mapping from the non-interacting to an auxiliary interacting Hamiltonian that may provide the desired advantage.

Success and failures of density-functional approximations

$\text{H}_2 [1^1\Sigma_g^+, \text{aug-cc-pVQZ}]$





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DFT exchange: sharing perspectives on the workhorse of quantum chemistry and materials science

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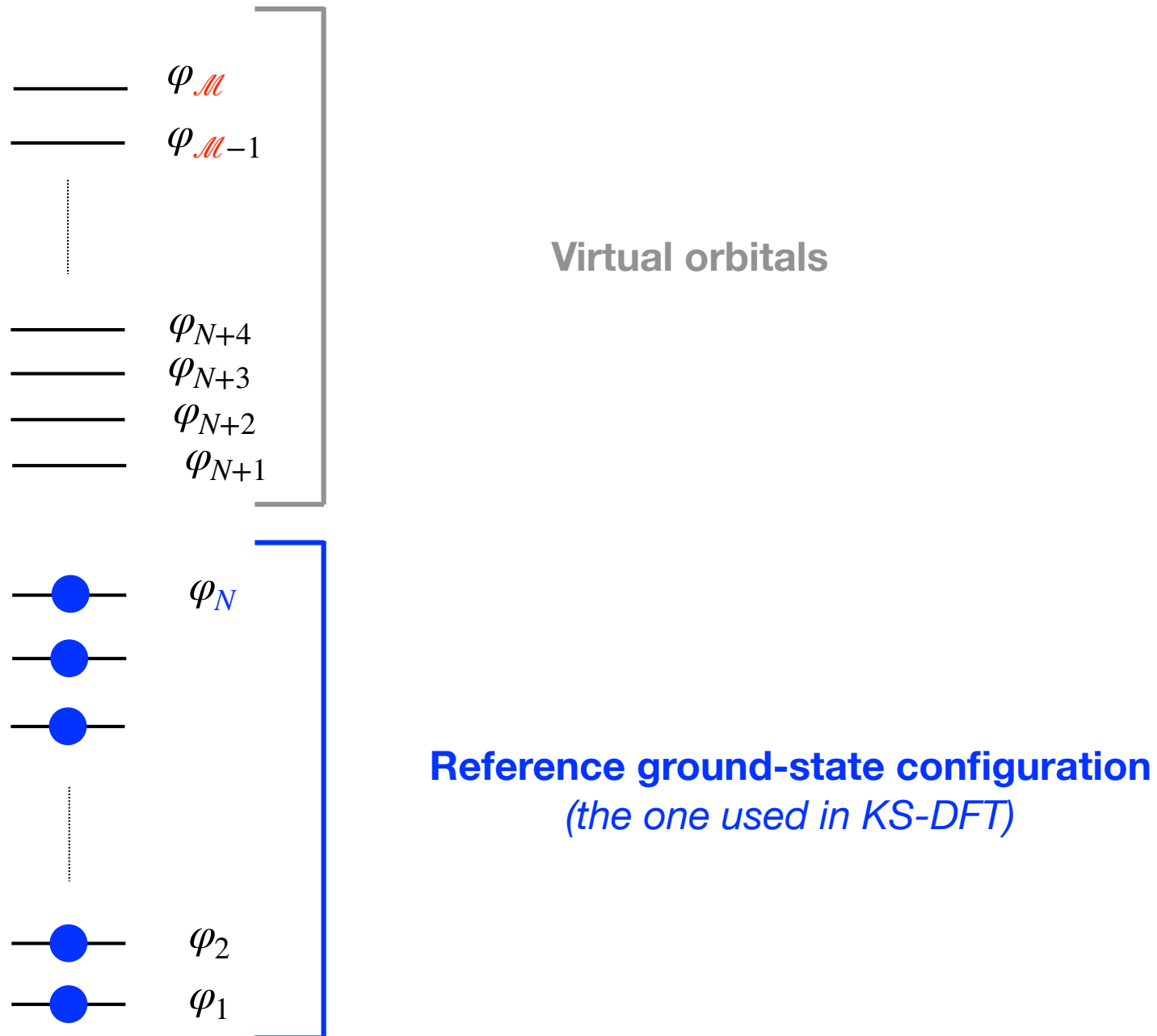
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In this paper, the history, present status, and future of density-functional theory (DFT) is informally reviewed and discussed by 70 workers in the field, including molecular scientists, materials scientists, method developers and practitioners. The format of the paper is that of a roundtable discussion, in which the participants express and exchange views on DFT in the form of 302 individual contributions, formulated as responses to a preset list of 26 questions. Supported by a bibliography of 777 entries, the paper represents a broad snapshot of DFT, anno 2022.

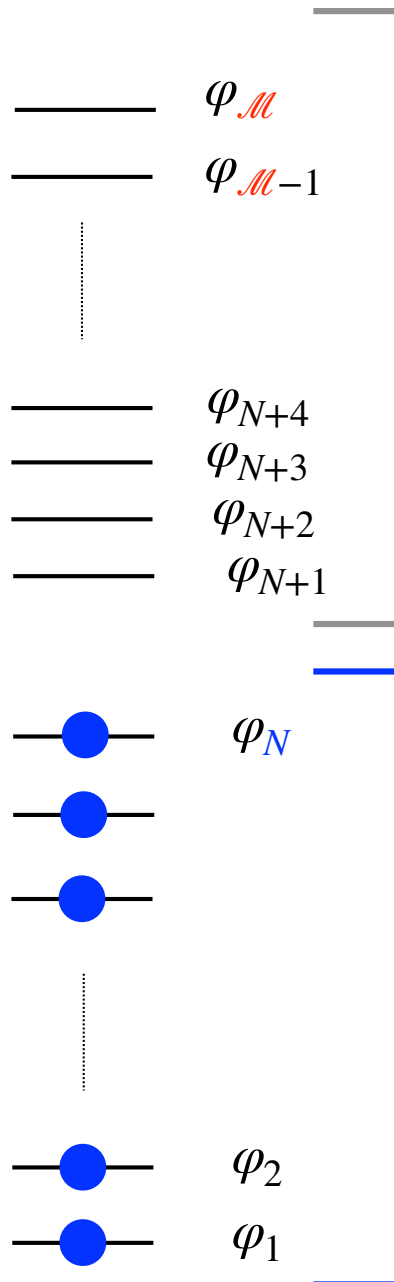
Wave function theory



Explicit description of electron correlation



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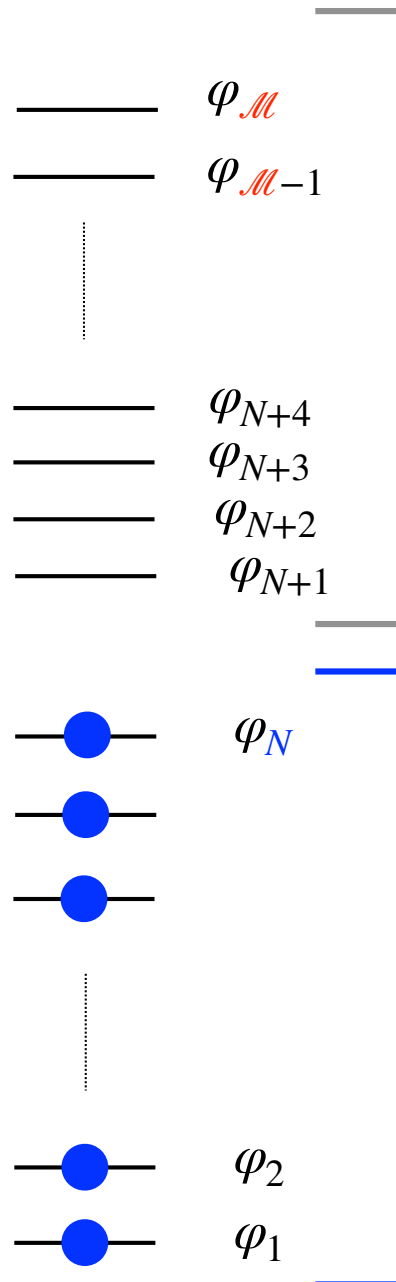
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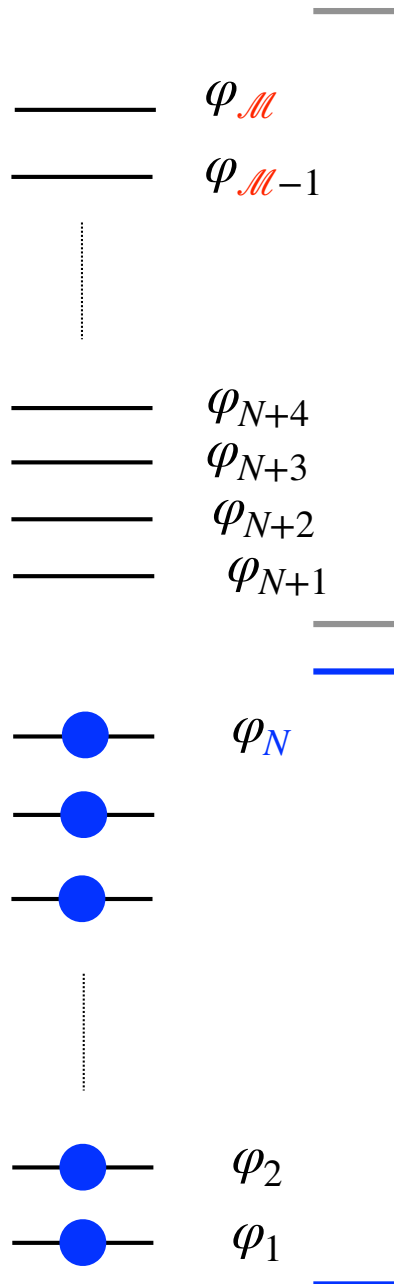


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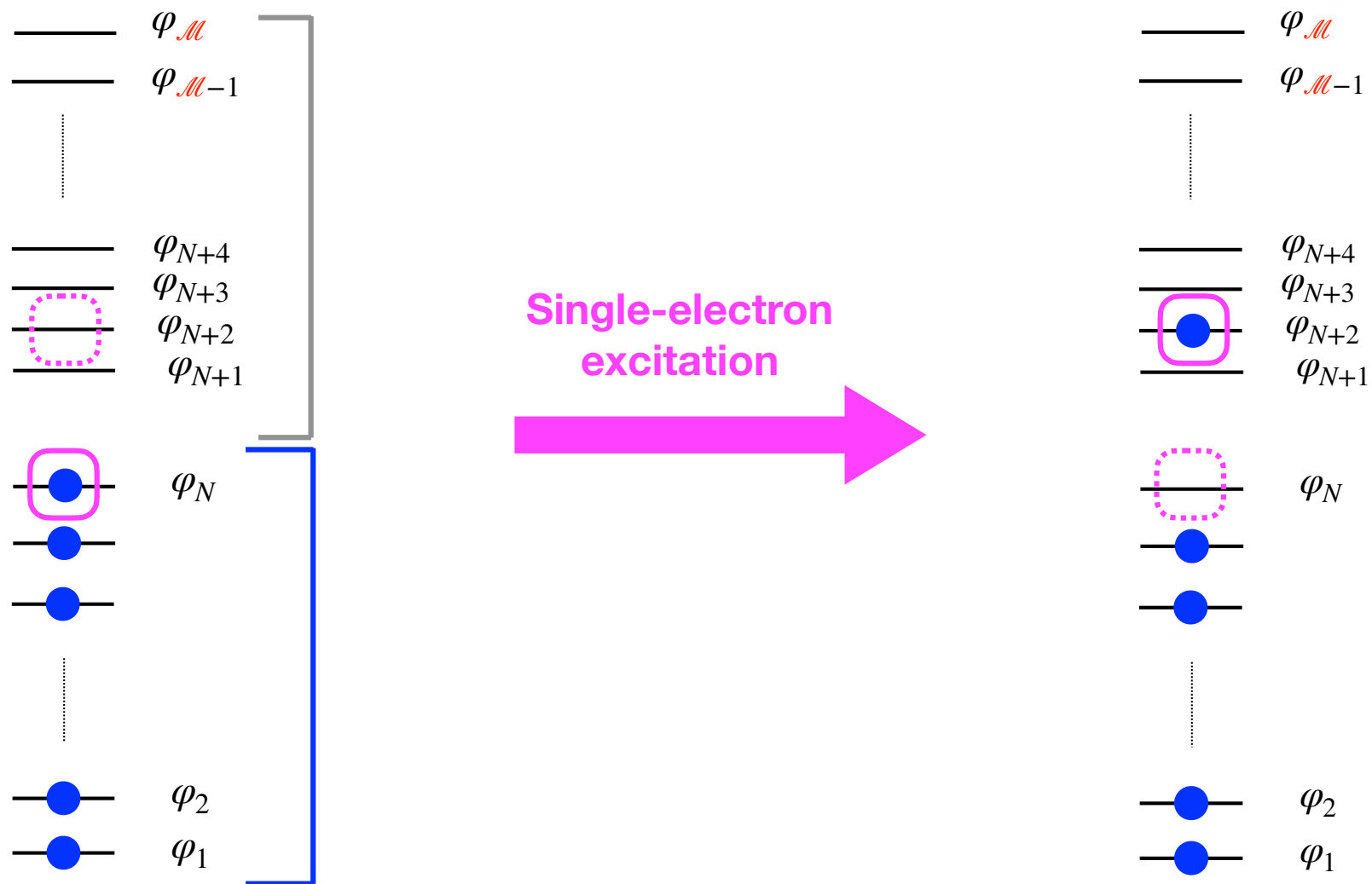


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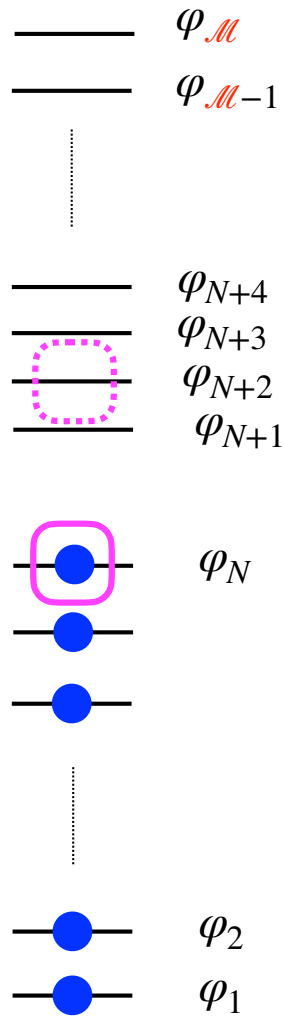
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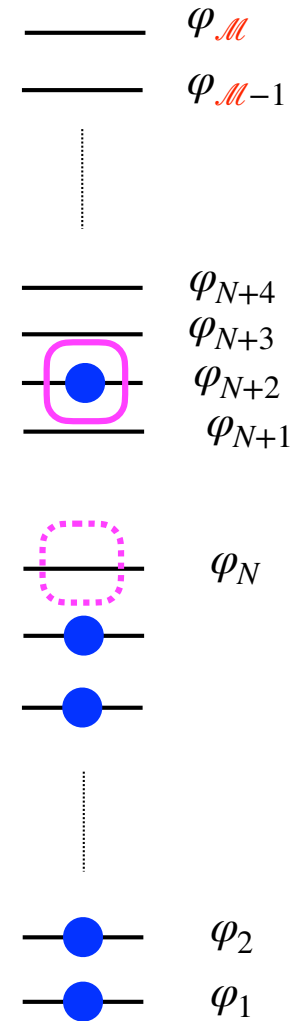


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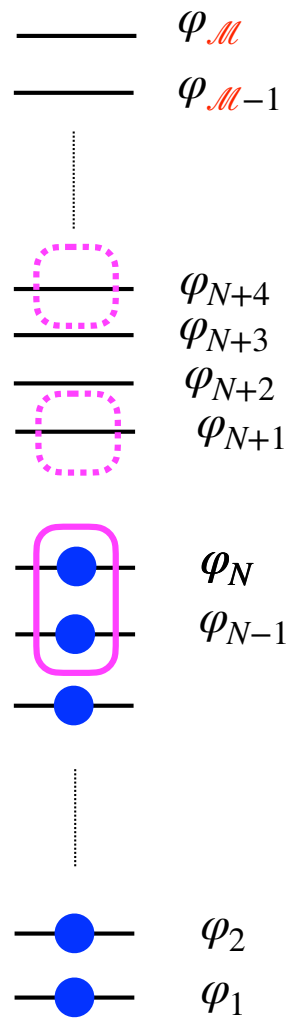


Annihilation operator

$$\hat{a}_{N+2}^\dagger \hat{a}_N |\Phi_0\rangle$$

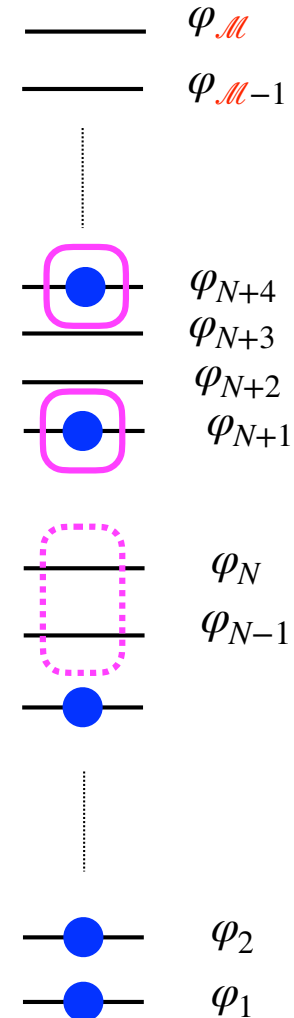
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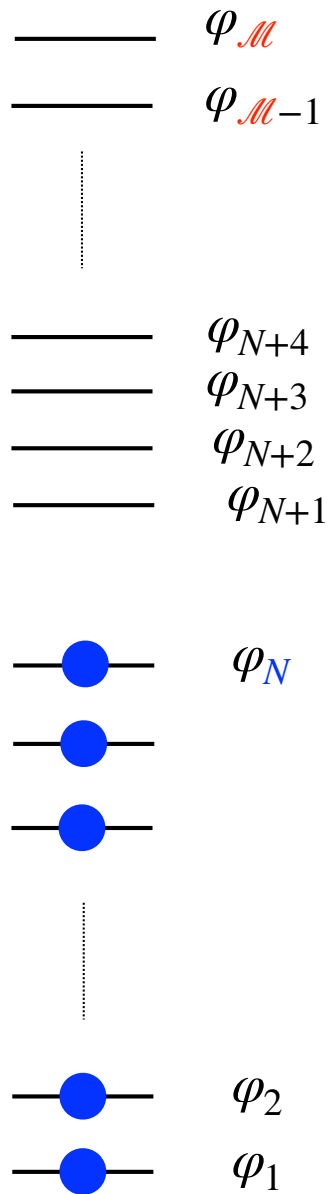
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Double-electron
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$$\hat{a}_{N+4}^\dagger \hat{a}_{N+1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{N-1} \hat{a}_N |\Phi_0\rangle$$

Explicit description of electron correlation



Triples, quadruples, ..., N -tuples



Configuration Interaction (CI) method

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Singles
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Matrix diagonalization problem

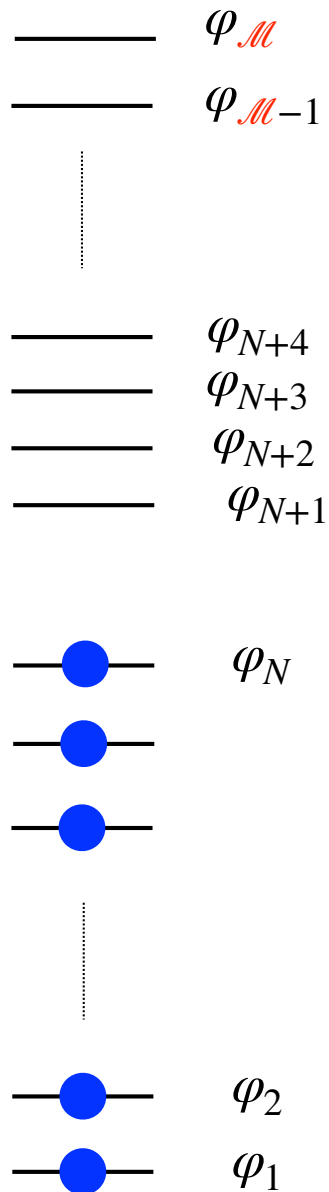
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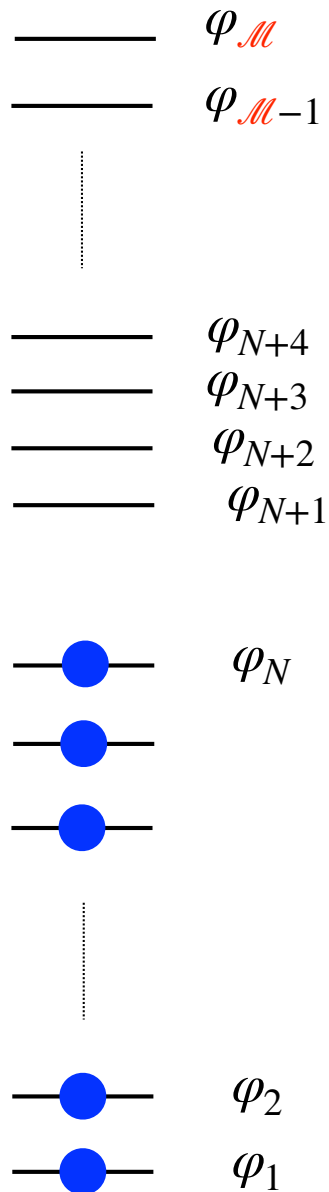
CI Hamiltonian matrix

How many determinants in total for a full CI (FCI) calculation?



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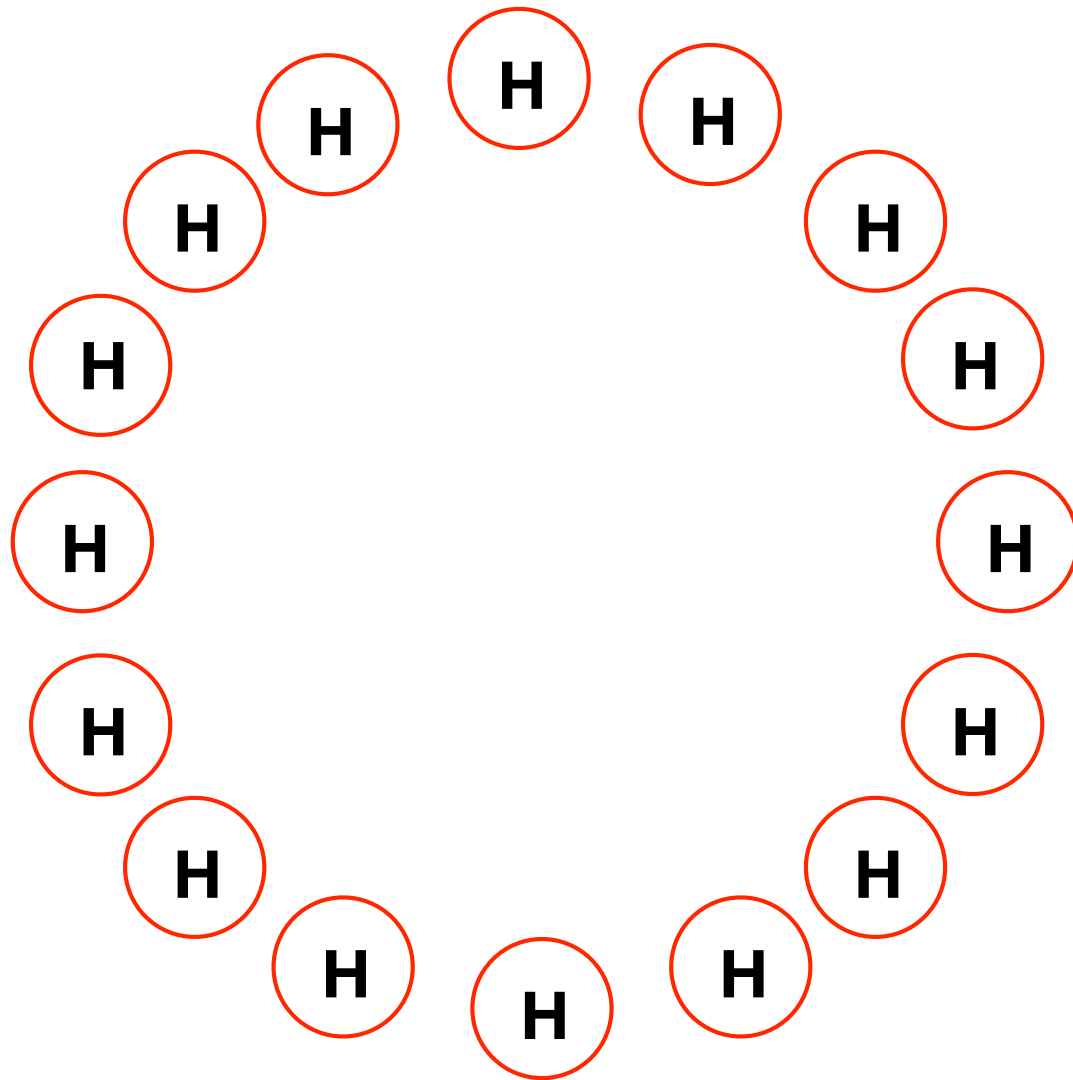
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$$N! \approx \sqrt{2\pi N} \left(\frac{N}{e}\right)^N$$

Stirling formula for large N values

$$\approx \frac{2^{2N}}{\sqrt{\pi N}} = \frac{e^{2N \ln 2}}{\sqrt{\pi N}}$$

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“Exponential wall”

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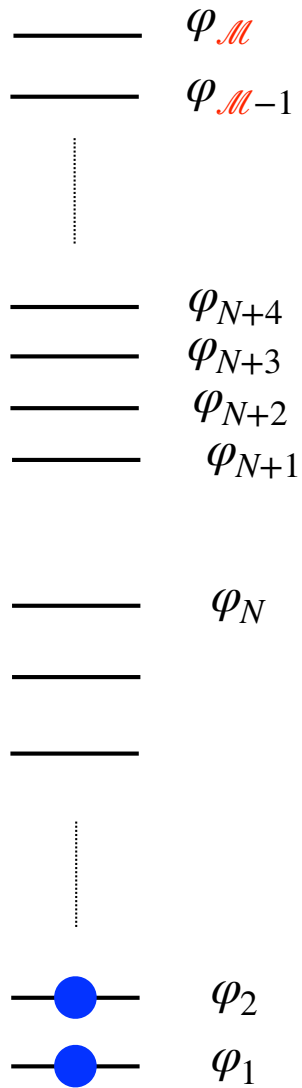
$$N_{\text{det.}} \approx \frac{e^{2N \ln 2}}{\sqrt{\pi N}} \quad \stackrel{N=400}{\approx} 1.88 \times 10^{239}$$

Truncated CI methods and the size-consistency issue

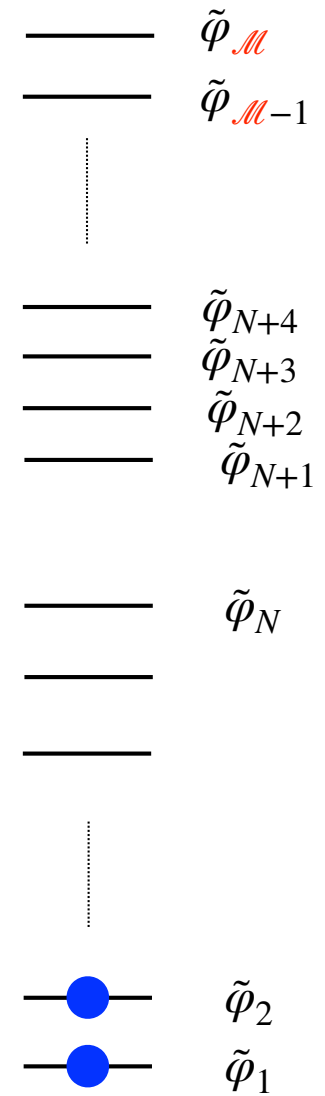
CI singles and doubles ansatz (CISD):

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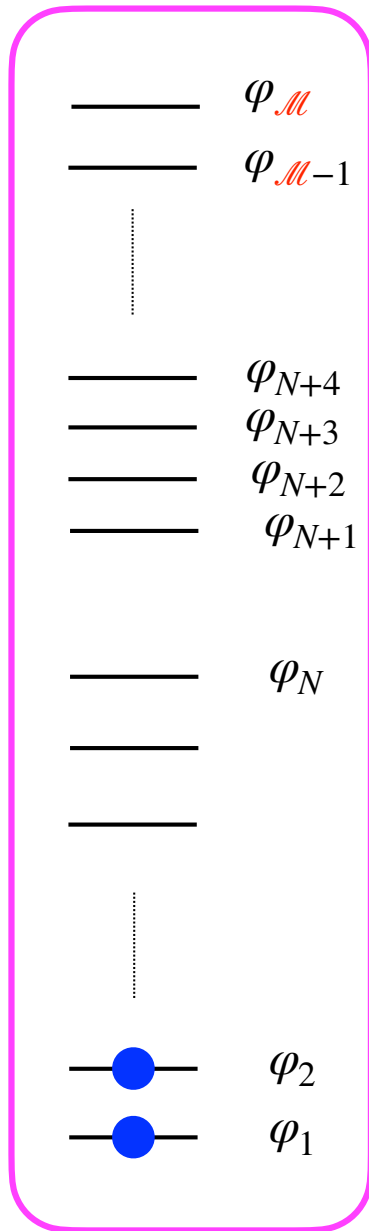
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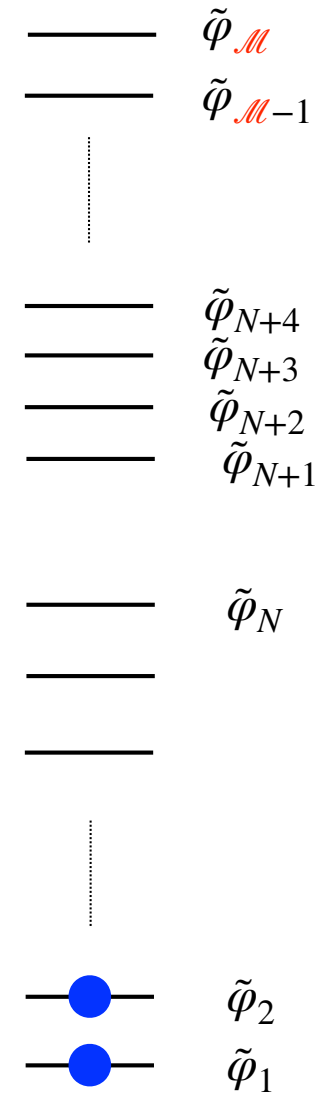
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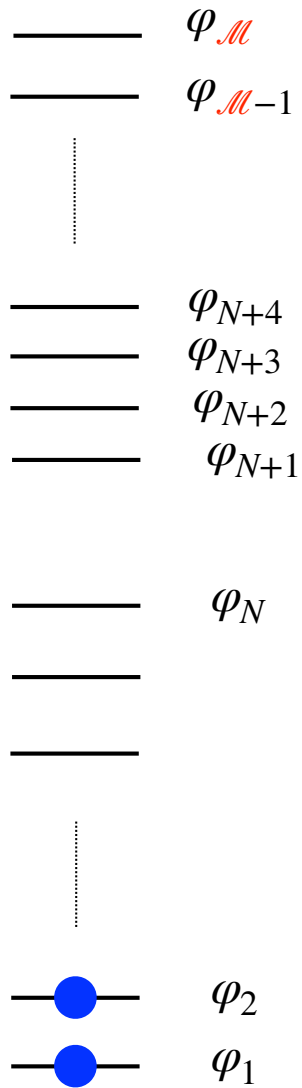


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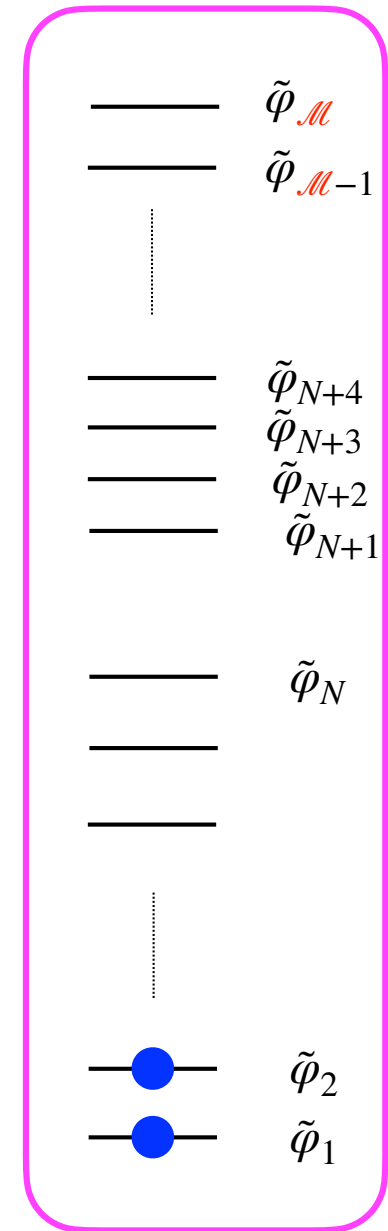


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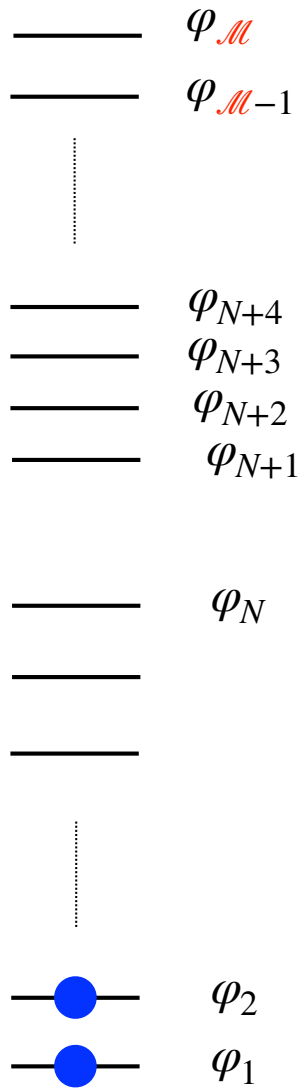


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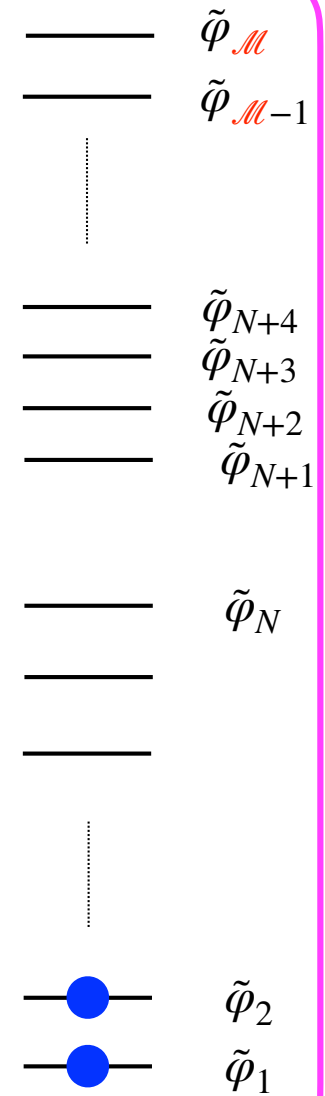


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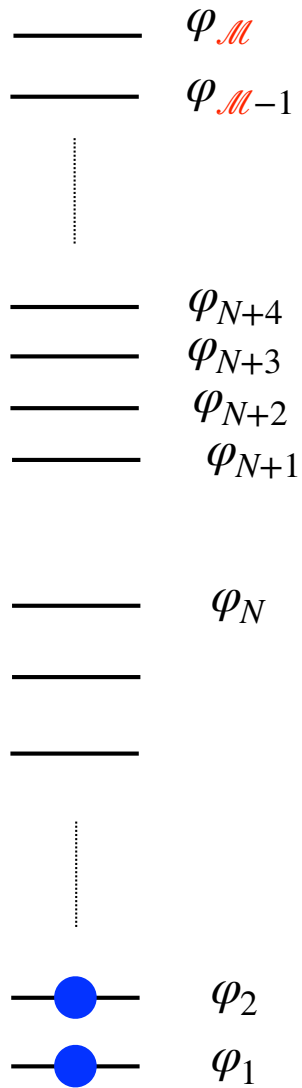


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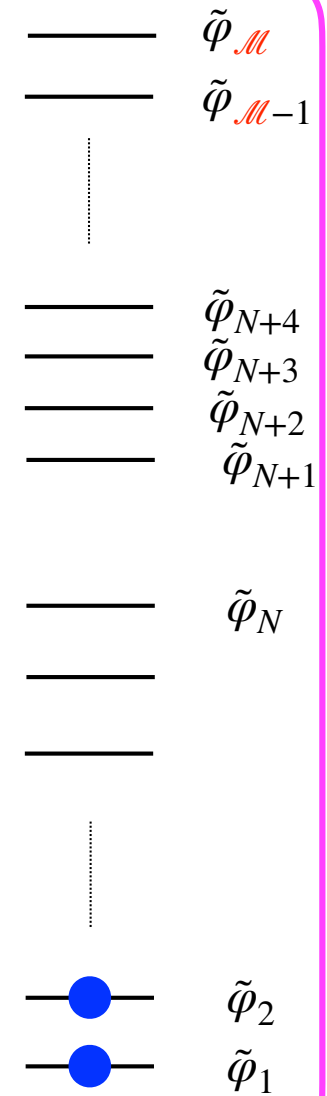


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CISDTQ would be

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$$e^{\hat{T}} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\hat{T}^n}{n!} = \underbrace{1 + \hat{T}}_{\text{CI}} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{T}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \hat{T}^3 + \frac{1}{24} \hat{T}^4 + \dots$$

CC

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Conventional (non-variational) optimisation of the CC amplitudes

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Schrödinger equation for the CC wave function

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$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t}) |\Phi_0\rangle = E_{\text{CC}} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t}) = e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}}$$

Conventional (non-variational) optimisation of the CC amplitudes

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t}) |\Phi_0\rangle = E_{\text{CC}} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

Known!

Effective N -electron
Schrödinger equation

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To-be-determined

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t}) = e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} = \left(1 - \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{T}^2 - \dots \right) \hat{H} \left(1 + \hat{T} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{T}^2 + \dots \right)$$

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Expansion **stops exactly** at fourth order in \hat{T}

Unitary CC (uCC) theory

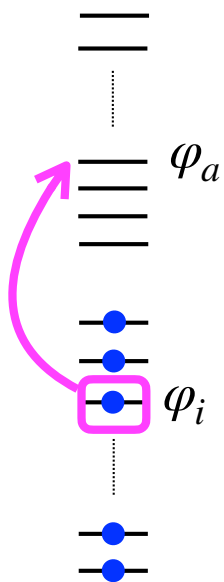
(standard in quantum algorithms for quantum chemistry)

$$|\Psi_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t})\rangle = e^{\hat{T}} |\Phi_0\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad |\Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t})\rangle = e^{\hat{T} - \hat{T}^\dagger} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

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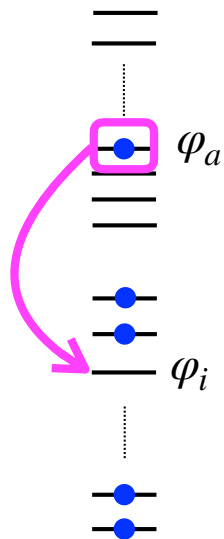


Excitation operator

Unitary CC (uCC) theory

$$|\Psi_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t})\rangle = e^{\hat{T}} |\Phi_0\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t})\rangle = e^{\hat{T} - \hat{T}^\dagger} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

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De-excitation operator

with the *same* CC amplitudes

Unitary CC (uCC) theory

$$|\Psi_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t})\rangle = e^{\hat{T}} |\Phi_0\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad |\Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t})\rangle = \underbrace{e^{\hat{T} - \hat{T}^\dagger}}_{\text{Unitary transformation}} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

Unitary transformation

$$\langle \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) | \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) \rangle = \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

*The square norm is **preserved!***

Unitary CC (uCC) theory

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Unitary transformation

$$\langle \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) | \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) \rangle = 1$$

The square norm is preserved!

Unitary CC (uCC) theory

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Variational evaluation of the energy:

$$E_{\text{uCC}} = \min_{\mathbf{t}} \left\{ \frac{\langle \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) | \hat{H} | \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) \rangle}{\langle \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) | \Psi_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) \rangle} \right\}$$

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$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) = e^{-(\hat{T}-\hat{T}^\dagger)} \hat{H} e^{(\hat{T}-\hat{T}^\dagger)} \neq e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{CC}}(\mathbf{t})$$

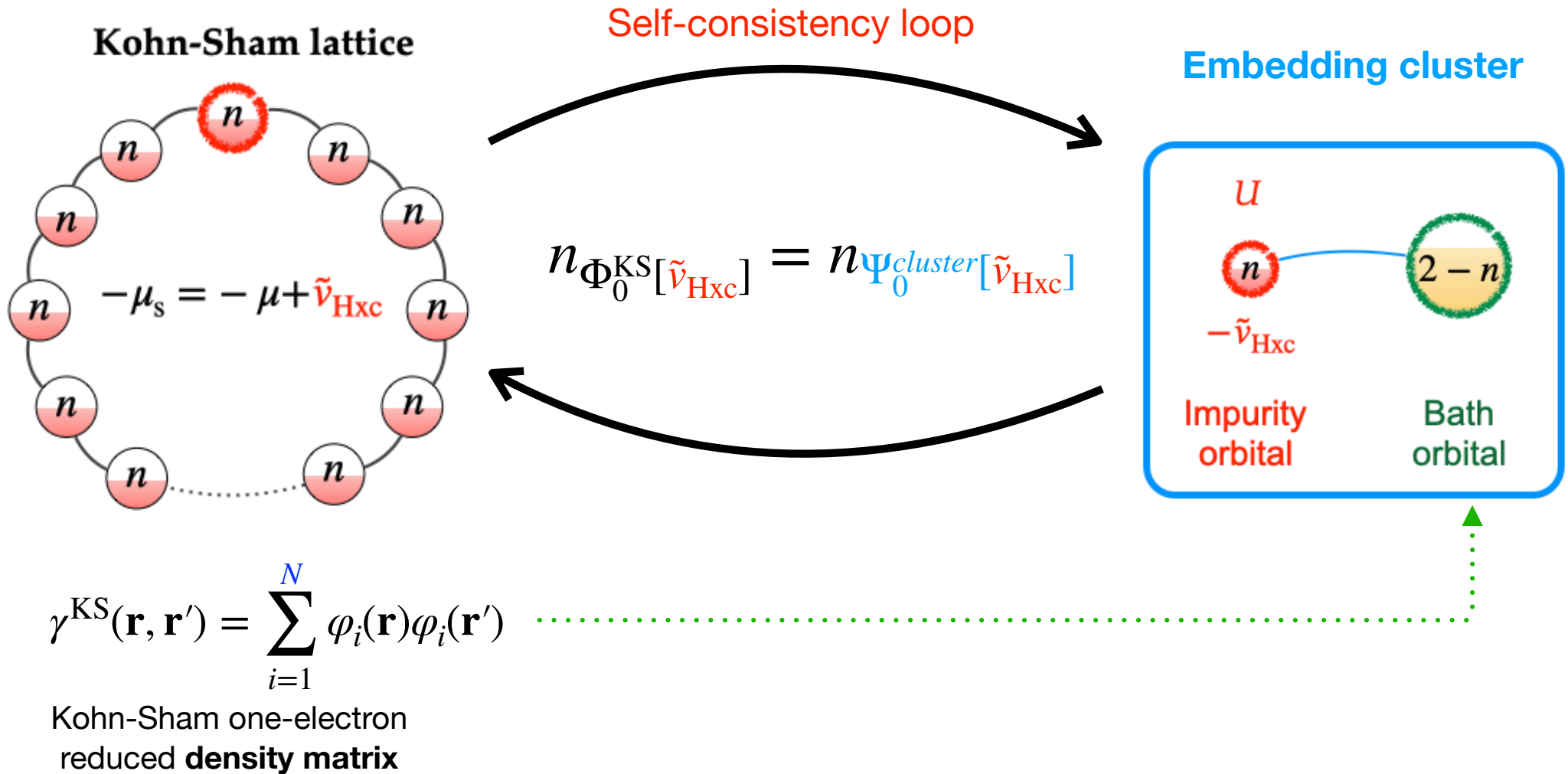
$$E_{\text{uCC}} = \min_{\mathbf{t}} \left\{ \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{uCC}}(\mathbf{t}) | \Phi_0 \rangle \right\}$$

Quantum embedding theory

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Local potential-functional embedding theory (LPFET)

inspired by Density Matrix Embedding Theory (DMET)



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