

An introduction to density matrix embedding theory

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A few words about strong electron correlation

A brief reminder: Multi-configurational description of the stretched hydrogen molecule



Bonding orbital

Anti-bonding orbital



$$\Psi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\varphi_{1\sigma_g}(\mathbf{r}_1) \varphi_{1\sigma_g}(\mathbf{r}_2) - \varphi_{1\sigma_u}(\mathbf{r}_1) \varphi_{1\sigma_u}(\mathbf{r}_2) \right) \qquad \longleftarrow \qquad \text{Delocalised picture}$$
(Chemistry)







"Lattice" representation of a molecular or extended system



Second quantization, reduced density matrices, and quantum entanglement

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See the video* for further explanations

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$$\int d\mathbf{x} \ \varphi_{P}(\mathbf{x}) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^{2} + v_{\text{elec-nuclei}}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \varphi_{Q}(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{\text{One-electron integrals}}_{(\text{Kinetic energy+nuclear attraction})}$$

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$$Two-electron integrals$$
(electronic repulsion)
$$\int d\mathbf{x}_{1} \int d\mathbf{x}_{2} \varphi_{P}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \varphi_{Q}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_{1} - \mathbf{r}_{2}|} \varphi_{R}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \varphi_{S}(\mathbf{x}_{2})$$

$$E_0 = \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{H} | \Psi_0 \rangle \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} \langle \hat{H} \rangle_{\Psi_0}$$

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density matrix (1RDM)

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Often referred to as **"density matrix"**, like in density matrix embedding theory (DMET)

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One-electron reduced density matrix (1RDM)

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Two-electron reduced density matrix (2RDM)

$$\Gamma_{\underline{PQSR}} = \langle \hat{c}_{\underline{P}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\underline{Q}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\underline{S}} \hat{c}_{\underline{R}} \rangle_{\Psi_0}$$

Let's consider a 2D lattice of localised spin-orbitals







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A $|\Psi_0\rangle$ consisting of electrons simply distributed among *disconnected fragments cannot* be described by $\hat{H} |\Psi_0\rangle$!




Quantum entanglement of a fragment with its environment

The evaluation of the RDMs requires, in principle, the wave function Ψ_0 of the entire system



Philosophy of density matrix embedding theory (DMET)

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Density Matrix Embedding: A Simple Alternative to Dynamical Mean-Field Theory

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We introduce density matrix embedding theory (DMET), a quantum embedding theory for computing frequency-independent quantities, such as ground-state properties, of infinite systems. Like dynamical mean-field theory, DMET maps the bulk interacting system to a simpler impurity model and is exact in the noninteracting and atomic limits. Unlike dynamical mean-field theory, DMET is formulated in terms of the frequency-independent local density matrix, rather than the local Green's function. In addition, it features a finite, algebraically constructible bath of only one bath site per impurity site, with no bath discretization error. Frequency independence and the minimal bath make DMET a computationally simple and efficient method. We test the theory in the one-dimensional and two-dimensional Hubbard models at and away from half filling, and we find that compared to benchmark data, total energies, correlation functions, and metal-insulator transitions are well reproduced, at a tiny computational cost.

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Local evaluation of the energy (in a localised spin-orbital basis)

So-called "lattice" representation



Embedding cluster ${\mathscr C}$



Reduction in size of the problem to be solved:

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Mathematical construction and justification of the DMET quantum bath

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} |\chi_p\rangle \right\} \equiv \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Same space,} \\ \text{different basis} \end{array} \right.$$

 $|\phi_p\rangle \stackrel{p\in \text{Fragment}}{=} |\chi_p\rangle$

 $\left\{ \left| \phi_b \right\rangle \right\} \ \left\{ \left| \phi_{\mathscr{C}} \right\rangle \right\}$

Fragment

Bath subspace (not defined yet)

Cluster's environment (not defined yet)

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So-called "lattice representation"





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$$|\chi_p\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_p\rangle \equiv \hat{d}_p^{\dagger} |\operatorname{vac}\rangle = \sum_q \langle \chi_q |\phi_p\rangle \hat{c}_q^{\dagger} |\operatorname{vac}\rangle$$







We impose that constraint (this is what we want!)

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$$\mathscr{B} \equiv \left\{ |\phi_{b}\rangle = \sum_{f} [\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}]_{bf} |u_{f}\rangle \right\} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\langle \phi_{b} | \phi_{b'}\rangle = \sum_{f'} [\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}]_{bf} [\mathbf{S}^{-1/2}]_{bf'} [\mathbf{S}]_{ff'} = \delta_{bb'}$$



What if the full-system density matrix is idempotent?



Mean-field (HF) or Kohn-Sham DFT

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Clusterization through a unitary one-electron transformation

$L_{\mathrm{Frag.}}$ -electron embedding cluster \mathscr{C}





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Illustrative example

Rings of hydrogen atoms (Hubbard model)



N-electron system

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} -t \left(\hat{c}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{(i+1)\sigma} + \hat{c}_{(i+1)\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\sigma} \right) + \frac{U}{\sum_{i=0}^{L-1}} \hat{c}_{i\uparrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\downarrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\downarrow} \hat{c}_{i\uparrow}$$

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(Hubbard) model of a stretched 400-atom hydrogen ring



(Hubbard) model of a stretched 400-atom hydrogen ring



Self-consistent embedding and connection with DFT

(still for a single impurity and a uniform full-size system)

Fixing the number of electrons versus fixing the chemical potential

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} -t \left(\hat{c}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{(i+1)\sigma} + \hat{c}_{(i+1)\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\sigma} \right) + \frac{U}{\sum_{i=0}^{L-1}} \hat{c}_{i\uparrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\downarrow}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\downarrow} \hat{c}_{i\uparrow}$$

... and we fix the number of electrons in the system

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$$\begin{array}{l} \blacksquare N(\mu): \text{ Total number} \\ \downarrow \text{ of electrons} \\ \hline \\ \text{density profile} \\ \text{(twice the filling):} \end{array} \qquad n = \left\langle \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \hat{c}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{i\sigma} \right\rangle = \frac{N}{L} \underbrace{-}_{\text{of sites}} \\ \end{array}$$



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Recent developments and open questions

Density-functional exactification of Density (matrix) Embedding Theory (DET)

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"Density operator"

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Analogs of the **kinetic energy** and **external potential** operators



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Let's have a simpler (approximate but practical) individual-cluster-based approach to the problem:

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Local density functional evaluation of the Hxc energy

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$$\text{Ensures that the KS cluster reproduces } n_{i}$$

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An open access python package for quantum chemistry/physics to manipulate many-body operators and wave functions

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Effective Reconstruction of Expectation Values from Ab Initio Quantum Embedding

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expectation values via an implicit global wave function across the clusters, as

well as the importance of including contributions to expectation values



spanning multiple fragments simultaneously, thereby alleviating the fundamental locality approximation of the embedding. We clearly demonstrate the value of these introduced functionals for reliable extraction of observables and robust and systematic convergence as the cluster size increases, allowing for significantly smaller clusters to be used for a desired accuracy compared to traditional approaches in *ab initio* wave function quantum embedding.

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Number of cluster orbitals

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Local evaluation of the energy (in a localised spin-orbital basis)



N-representability problem




"Democratic" evaluation of RDMs from embedding clusters

$$\langle \hat{c}_i^{\dagger} \hat{c}_j \rangle \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle \hat{c}_i^{\dagger} \hat{c}_j \rangle_{\mathscr{C}^{F}} + \langle \hat{c}_j^{\dagger} \hat{c}_i \rangle_{\mathscr{C}^{G}} \right)$$



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DMET beyond "low-cost" idempotent ground-state density matrices

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Fragment quantum embedding using the Householder transformation: A multi-state extension based on ensembles

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It is possible to design successive (Householder) unitary transformations

that **disentangle exactly** the embedding cluster from its environment!

But ...

... the bath is larger and the cluster contains more electrons.

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$$|\Phi_{0}\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \hat{a}_{i}^{\dagger} |\operatorname{vac}\rangle \equiv |\varphi_{1}...\varphi_{N}|$$
$$|v_{f}\rangle = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} |\varphi_{i}\rangle\langle\varphi_{i}|\right) |\chi_{f}\rangle$$

Projection of each fragment spin-orbital onto the occupied spin-orbital space

Mean-field (HF) or Kohn-Sham DFT



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Mean-field (HF) or Kohn-Sham DFT



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$$\begin{split} |\Phi_{0}\rangle &\equiv |\tilde{\varphi}_{1}...\tilde{\varphi}_{\boldsymbol{L}_{\text{Frag}}} \ \tilde{\varphi}_{\boldsymbol{L}_{\text{Frag}}+1}...\tilde{\varphi}_{\boldsymbol{N}}| \\ &\equiv |\tilde{\varphi}_{1}...\tilde{\varphi}_{\boldsymbol{L}_{\text{Frag}}}\Phi_{\text{core}}| \end{split}$$

The core spin-orbitals have no overlap with the fragment!

$$\left\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{i} \left| \chi_{f} \right\rangle \stackrel{\boldsymbol{L_{\mathrm{frag}}} < i \leq N}{=} \left\langle \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left| \varphi_{i} \right\rangle \langle \varphi_{i} \right| \right) \tilde{\varphi}_{i} \left| \chi_{f} \right\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle \tilde{\varphi}_{i} \left| v_{f} \right\rangle \stackrel{\boldsymbol{L_{\mathrm{frag}}} < i \leq N}{=} 0$$

Orthogonal complement within the occupied spin-orbital space:



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We can calculate the 1RDM with only $L_{\rm Frag}$ electrons!

The fragment-occupied spin-orbitals overlap both with the fragment and its environment:

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In order to recover them variationally, we can distribute the $L_{\rm Frag}$ electrons among the $L_{\rm Frag}$ spin-orbitals of the fragment

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the $L_{\rm Frag}$ fragment-occupied spin-orbitals projected onto the fragment's environment:

$$\left\{ |\chi_{f}\rangle\right\}_{\substack{1 \leq f \leq L_{\text{frag}}\\ \textbf{Fragment}}} \bigoplus \left\{ \sum_{\substack{e \notin \text{Fragment}\\ i=1}} \sum_{\substack{i=1\\ \gamma_{ef}}}^{N} \langle \chi_{e} | \varphi_{i} \rangle \langle \varphi_{i} | \chi_{f} \rangle | \chi_{e} \rangle \right\}$$







"Schmidt decomposition of Φ_0 "

$$|\Phi_{0}\rangle = \sum_{\lambda} C_{\lambda} \left(\hat{d}_{1}^{\dagger} \right)^{n_{1}^{\lambda}} \dots \left(\hat{d}_{L_{\text{frag}}}^{\dagger} \right)^{n_{L_{\text{frag}}}^{\lambda}} \left(\hat{d}_{L_{\text{frag}}+1}^{\dagger} \right)^{n_{L_{\text{frag}}+1}^{\lambda}} \dots \left(\hat{d}_{2L_{\text{frag}}}^{\dagger} \right)^{n_{2L_{\text{frag}}}^{\lambda}} |\Phi_{\text{core}}\rangle$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2L_{\text{Frag}}} n_{i}^{\lambda} = L_{\text{Frag}}, \ \forall \lambda$$

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Reference full-system molecular orbital representation



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Ensemble DMET



FIG. 5. Top: a schematic picture of the system of hydrogen atoms by Tran *et al.*²⁴ **Bottom**: dissociation curves of the FCI ground and first excited singlet states (blue and red lines, respectively), and the embedding results for the ground and first excited state (blue and red markers, respectively) for the system of hydrogen atoms. The embedding results are plotted with and without chemical potential optimization [dot (•) and cross (×) markers, respectively].