

Atoms, Molecules, Dirac Theory and all that ... : Relativistic Many-Body “Standard Models” to Arbitrary Order

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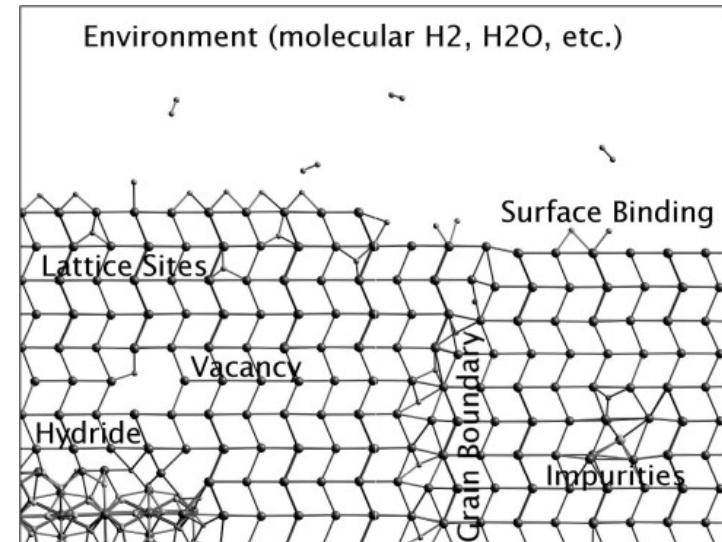
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Scientific Motivation (1)

Actinide Sciences

- Materials sciences involving actinides
E.g. uranium hydriding reaction
- Nuclear waste problem
Small complexes
- **Actinide spectroscopy**
Hydrides, oxides and hydroxides



C.D. Taylor, T. Lookman, R.S. Lillard, *Acta Materialia* **58**
(2010) 1045

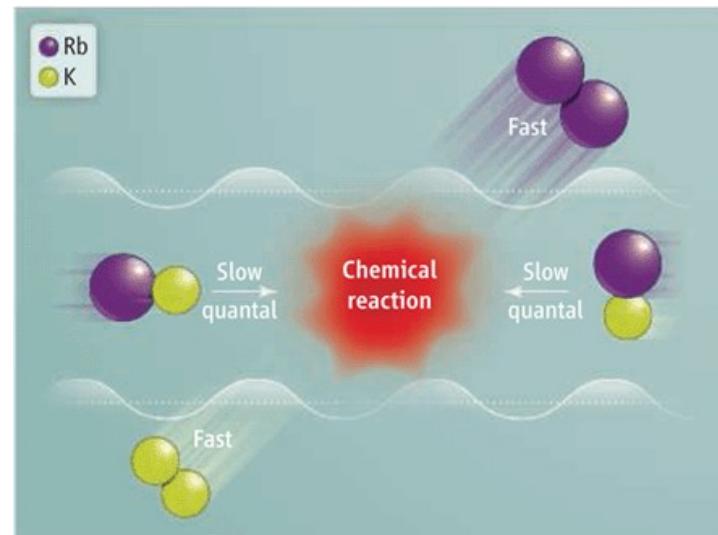
Persistent problems:

- Extremely complicated electronic structure
- Strong relativistic and electron correlation effects
- Protagonist systems: AcH_x , AcO_x , Ac_2 , Ac^{n+} (complex), and many others

Scientific Motivation (2)

Ultracold Molecular Sciences

- Ultracold chemistry
Quantum-controlled reactions
- Fundamental physics
Electron EDM ?
- Quantum information
e.g. Quantum computers



J. Hutson, *Science* **327** (2010) 788

Persistent problems:

- Short- and long-range potentials required at very high accuracy
- Often considerable relativistic and electron correlation effects
- Protagonist systems: (A A'), (A EA), LiCs, KRb, Cs₂, RbYb, RbBa⁺, and others

Motivation from Principles of Theory

Predictive power and falsifiability of theories/models

Avoid experimental data and fixed parameters

Generality and flexibility in application

General-order methods, adaptable multi-reference schemes

Pure “ab-initio” theory. Consequences:

Many (!) parameters

Large-scale algorithms required

Imperative “ingredients”:

Creator-string based methodology

Modern representation of many-body methods

Exploit all the symmetry available !

Time-reversal, double point groups and quaternion algebra

Relativistic Many-Body Theory

What is different, what is new?

- (different) “Scalar relativistic” effects can be treated straightforwardly in a one-component formalism
Many implementations available
- (new) Magnetic couplings (spin-orbit interaction) ⇒
Partial lifting of degeneracies, reduction of symmetry; much fewer methods/codes available

Consistent treatment by Dirac equation:

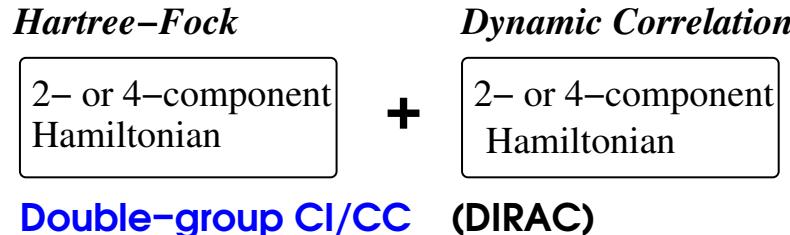
$$\begin{pmatrix} V \mathbf{1}_2 & c\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} \\ c\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p} & (V - 2mc^2) \mathbf{1}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi^L \\ \psi^S \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} \psi^L \\ \psi^S \end{pmatrix}$$

- Is a 4-component approach really necessary?
- Is a spinor-based approach necessary?

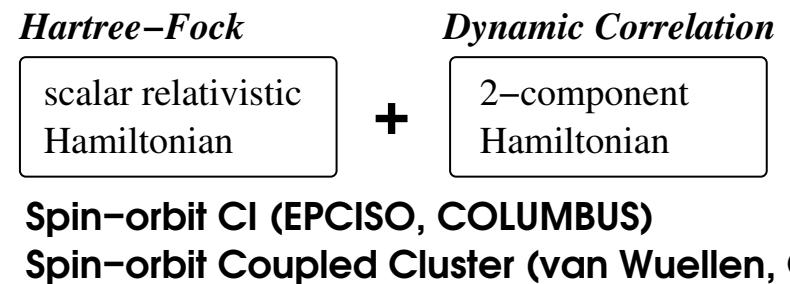
Relativistic Many-Body Theory

Methodology for treating electron correlation and spin-orbit interaction

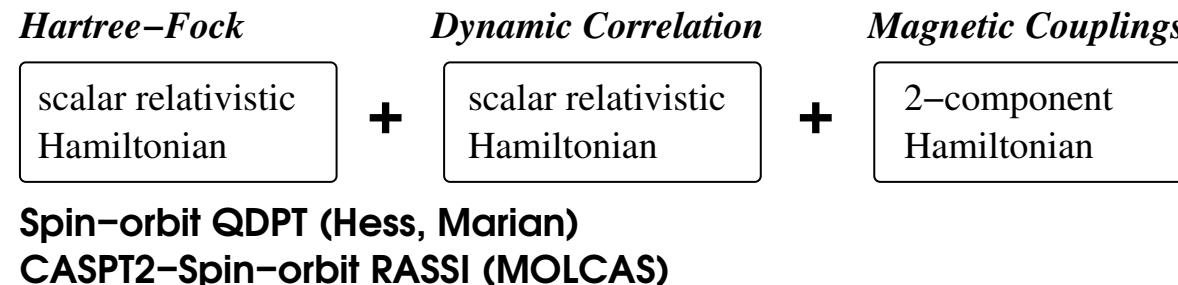
Spinor-based models



Spinorbital-based models



Additive models



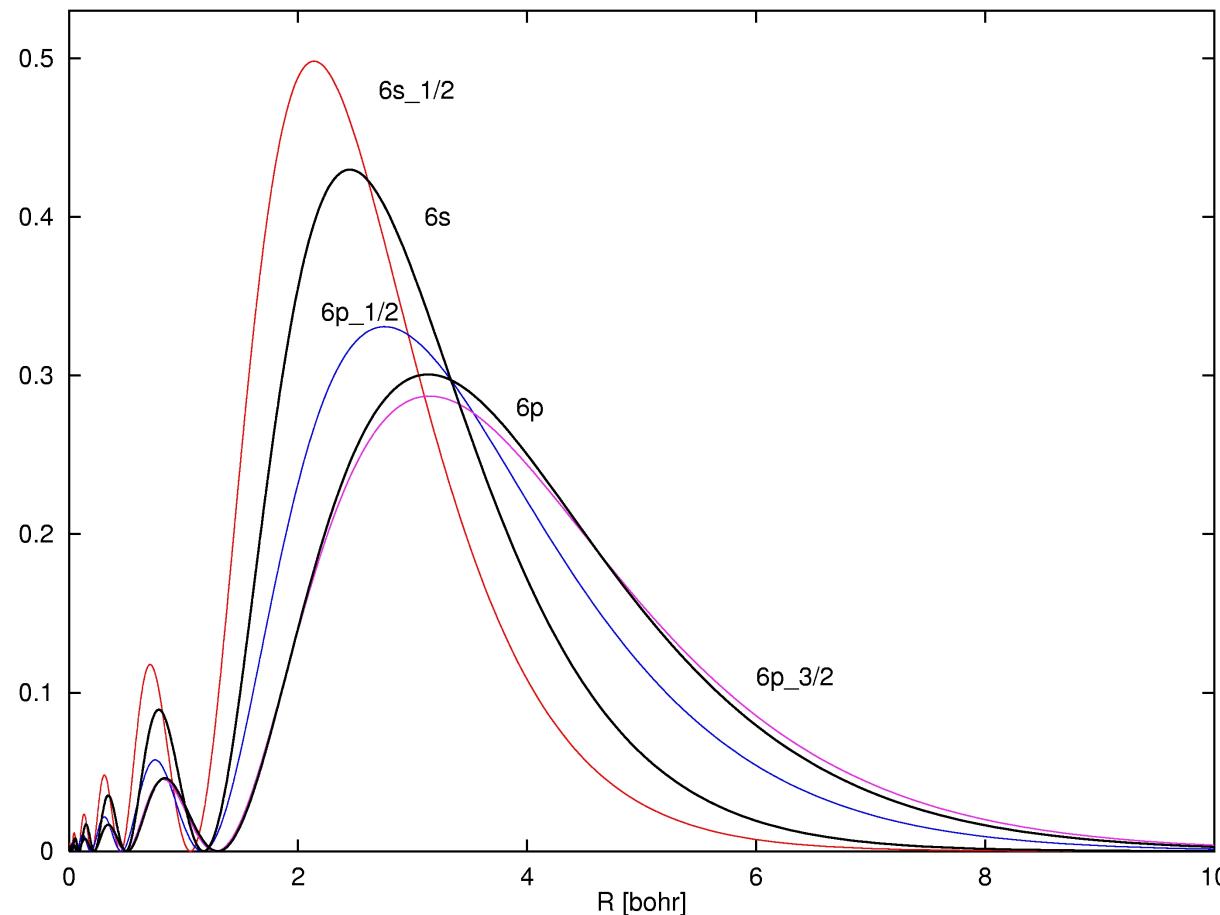
computational cost

rigor of theory

Relativistic Effects

Tl atomic valence spinors

Radial probability density functions



Describe difference *a priori* or *a posteriori* ?

Relativistic Many-Body Theory

Why do we prefer spinors over spin-orbitals?

Comparison of orbital-based and spinor-based relativistic CI for representative atoms¹

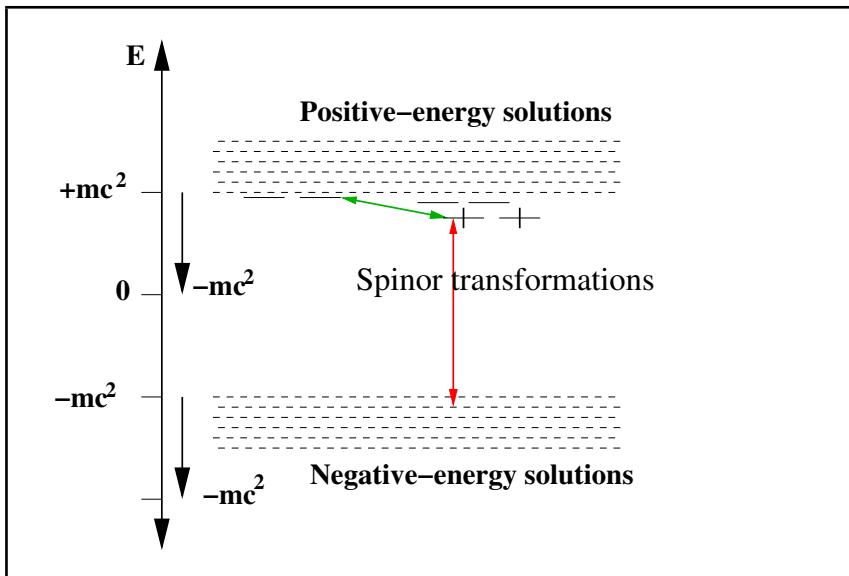
Atom	Tm (f^{13})		Lu (d^1)		TI (p^1)	
Valence spinors	$f_{7/2} - f_{5/2}$		$d_{3/2} - d_{5/2}$		$p_{1/2} - p_{3/2}$	
$\Delta \langle r \rangle$	0.018		0.085		0.496	
Approach	orbitals	spinors	orbitals	spinors	orbitals	spinors
rel. CASCI	9108	8996	2578	1687	6330	7709
rel. CISD	9817	9280	2450	1744		
rel. CISDT					7200	7286
Exp. (Martin, Moore)	8771.243		1993.32		7793	

- Spinor basis outperforms (scalar relativistic) orbital basis
- **Reason:** Spin-orbit splitting need not be described by correlation expansion
- **How** do we use spinors and are there any **drawbacks?**

¹T. Fleig, J. Olsen, L. Visscher, *J Chem Phys* **119**, 6 (2003) 2963

Dirac-Hartree-Fock and MCSCF

The “empty Dirac” picture



- **Occupied** positive-energy bound-state spinors
Fermi vacuum state $|0\rangle$
- **Empty** continuum of negative-energy states
- Expectation value of parameterized state vector

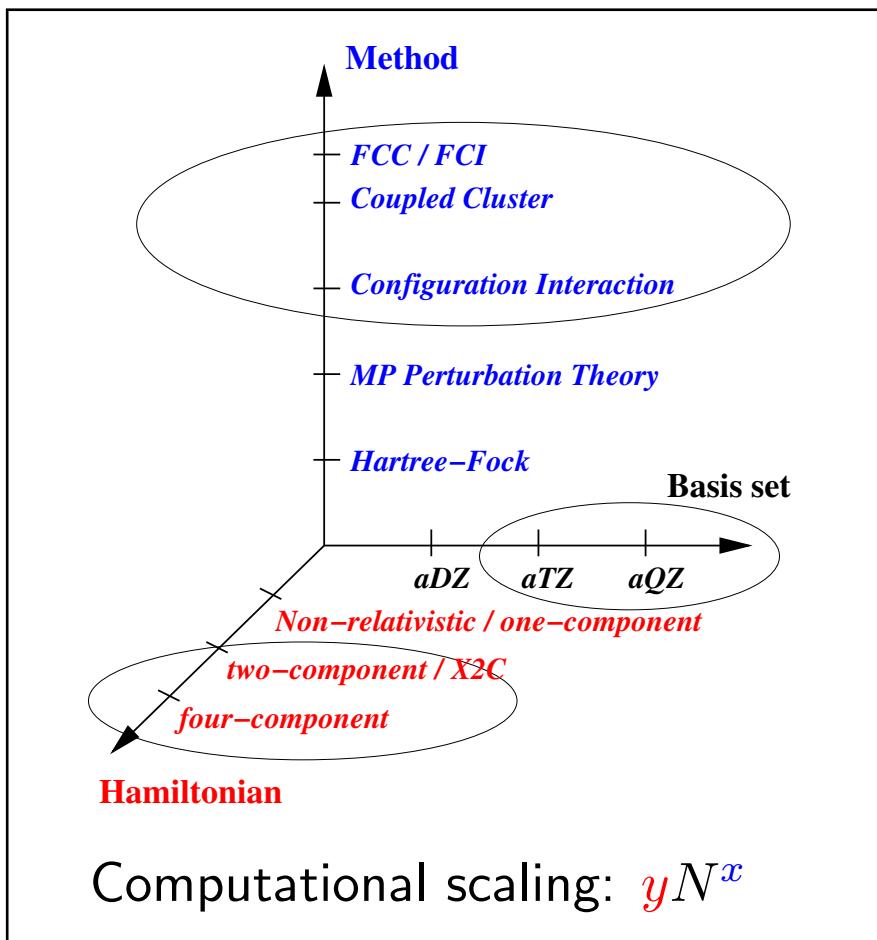
$$\langle \text{Ref} | \hat{H} | \text{Ref} \rangle = \langle 0 | e^{-\hat{\kappa}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{\kappa}} | 0 \rangle$$

- Approximation of general expectation value to first order:

$$\langle 0 | e^{-\hat{\kappa}} \hat{H}^{DC} e^{\hat{\kappa}} | 0 \rangle \approx \langle 0 | [\hat{H}^{DC}, \hat{\kappa}] | 0 \rangle = \sum_{pq} \kappa_{pq} \left[\langle 0 | \hat{H}^{DC} a_p^\dagger a_q | 0 \rangle - \langle 0 | \hat{H}^{DC} a_q^\dagger a_p | 0 \rangle^* \right]$$
- Parameterized Dirac-spinor transformations:

$$\hat{\kappa} = \sum_{pq} \left[\kappa_{p+q+} a_p^\dagger a_{q+} + \kappa_{p+q-} a_p^\dagger a_{q-} + \kappa_{p-q+} a_p^\dagger a_{q+} + \kappa_{p-q-} a_p^\dagger a_{q-} \right]$$
- **Green** terms: minimization of energy w.r.t. rotations
- **Red** terms: maximization of energy w.r.t. rotations
 \Rightarrow **minimax** variation

Rigorous Relativistic Many-Body Approaches²



Relativistic MRCI³

GAS Ansatz, 4- or 2-spinors

$$|\Psi^{\text{GASCI}}\rangle = \hat{T}_{\text{GAS}}^{\text{rel}} |\Psi^{\text{Ref}}\rangle$$

$\hat{T}_{\text{GAS}}^{\text{rel}}$ General-order excitations
Basis of 4- or 2-spinors

Relativistic MR Coupled Cluster⁴

Generalized-Active-Space Ansatz

$$|\Psi^{\text{GASCC}}\rangle = e^{\hat{T}_{\text{GAS}}^{\text{rel}}} |\Psi^{\text{Ref}}\rangle = \exp\left(\sum_{\mu} t_{\mu} \hat{\tau}_{\mu \text{GAS}}\right) |\Psi^{\text{Ref}}\rangle$$

Hamiltonians based on Dirac theory

4- and 2-component operators, e.g.

$$\hat{H}^{\text{rel}} = \hat{H}^{\text{Dirac}} + \hat{H}^{\text{Coulomb}}$$

²T. Fleig, "Relativistic String-Based Electron Correlation Methods" (2010)
in "Challenges and Advances in Computational Chemistry and Physics, Vol. 10", Eds. Barysz, Ishikawa

³S. Knecht, H.J.Aa. Jensen, T. Fleig, *J Chem Phys* **132** (2010) 014108

⁴L.K. Sørensen, T. Fleig, J. Olsen, *Z Phys Chem* **224** (2010) 999

Spinors and Strings

How do we parameterize $\hat{T}_{\text{GAS}}^{\text{rel}}$?

General concept: Kramers-paired spinors

Time-reversal operator for a fermion:

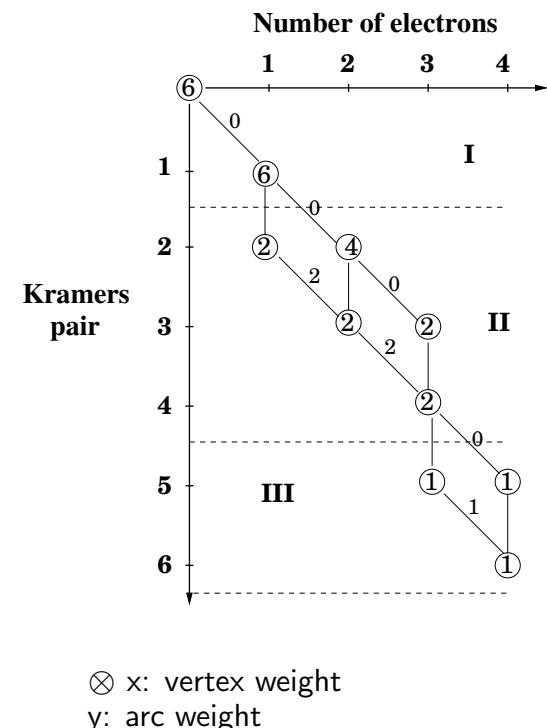
$$\hat{K} = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}\pi(\hat{s} \cdot \vec{e}_y)} \quad \hat{K}_0 = -i\Sigma_y \hat{K}_0$$

Spinorbitals	General spinors
$\hat{K}\varphi_i \alpha = \varphi_i^* \beta$	$\hat{K}\phi_i = \phi_{\bar{i}}$
$\hat{K}\varphi_i^* \beta = -\varphi_i \alpha$	$\hat{K}\phi_{\bar{i}} = -\phi_i$

General spinor basis:

$$\phi_i = a_i^\dagger | \rangle \quad \phi_{\bar{i}} = a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger | \rangle$$

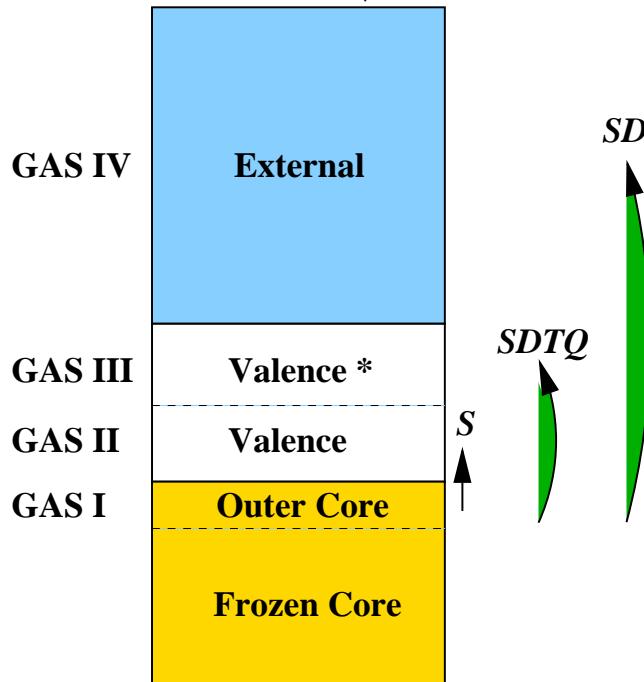
- Many-particle wavefunction defined as
 - 1 unbarred (Kramers up) string $S = a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k^\dagger \dots$
 - 1 barred (Kramers down) string $\bar{S} = a_{\bar{l}}^\dagger a_{\bar{m}}^\dagger a_{\bar{n}}^\dagger \dots$
- Configuration Interaction: **Slater determinants**
- Coupled Cluster: **Individual strings**



Relativistic CI and CC

How do we parameterize $\hat{T}_{\text{GAS}}^{\text{rel}}$?

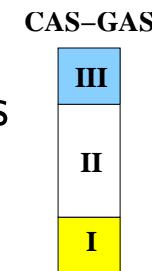
Space of orbitals / Kramers pairs



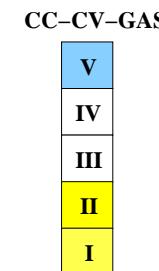
GAS concept

Full and restricted subspace expansions

Complete MR expansions
often impracticable



Flexible expansions
Adaptation to problem



GAS

IV	a_i^+	a_j^+
III		
II	a_l	
I	a_k	

Operator type
+
Occupation type

\implies Excitation class

$\hat{T}_{\text{GAS}}^{\text{rel}}$
defined

Relativistic Symmetry

MCSCF and Configuration Interaction

T. Fleig, J. Olsen, H. J. Aa. Jensen, L. Visscher, J Chem Phys **124** (2006) 104106

- Double point-group symmetry fully exploited
Currently D_{2h}^* and subgroups
- Quaternion algebra at the integral level⁵
⇒ For matrix groups $D_{2h}^*, D_2^*, C_{2v}^*$ entirely *real* algebra

	N _p	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
	N _{̄p}	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
N _p	N _{̄p}	M _K	3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3
6	0	3							
5	1	2							
4	2	1							
3	3	0							
2	4	-1							
1	5	-2							
0	6	-3							

- Only shaded blocks are non-vanishing
- Various shadings display block structure in quaternion/complex/real matrix groups⁶
- Square indicates many-particle Kramers symmetry

⁵T. Saue, H. J. Aa. Jensen, J Chem Phys **111** (1999) 6211

⁶H. J. Aa. Jensen, K. G. Dyall, T. Saue, K. Fægri Jr., J Chem Phys **104** (1996) 4083

Application of Parallel MRCl

BiH: Spin-Orbit Splitting of $0^+({}^3\Sigma^-) - 1({}^3\Sigma^-)$

S. Knecht, H. J. Aa. Jensen, T. Fleig, J Chem Phys **132** (2009) 014108

Uncontracted Dyall basis sets (Bi)
/ (ANO-RCC: H)

aTZ [30s26p17d11f1g]

aQZ [34s31p21d17f3g1h]

Cutoff virtual spinors: 5 a.u.

4c-/2c-Hamiltonians

Basis set correction (TZ - QZ)
Higher excitations (SD - SDTQ)
 $5d$ correlation
Gaunt correction (spin-other-orbit)

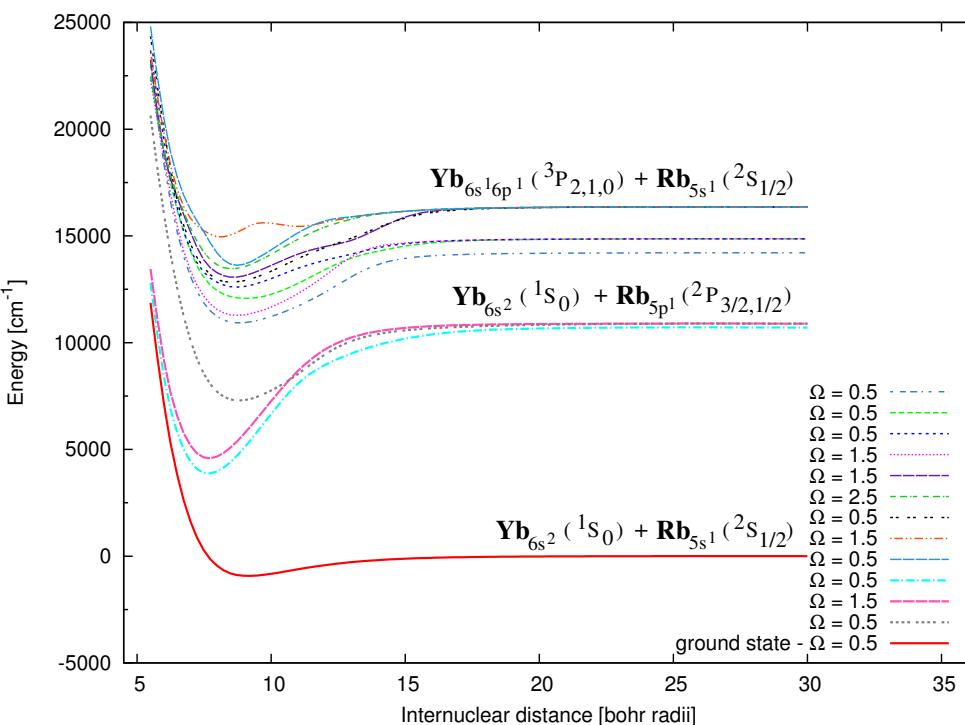
SD(2in2)MRSD6 (aQZ)	4655
SD(2in2)MRSD16 (aTZ)	4467
SD(2in2)MRSD16 (aQZ)	4689
IOTC-G SD(2in2)MRSD16 (aTZ)	4407
SD(2in2)MRSDTQ16 (aTZ)	4633
SD(6in5)MRSD16 (aTZ)	4509
SD(6in5)MRSD16 (aQZ)	4761
SD(2in2)MRSDTQ16 (aQZ)	≈ 4950
Exp. ⁷	4917

$+300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ “Standard model”
 $+250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ **SD(6in5)MRSD16 (aQZ)**
 $+35\text{ cm}^{-1}$ “Benchmark model”
 -60 cm^{-1} **SD(2in2)MRSDTQ16 (aQZ)**
 $\approx 2.8 \times 10^9$ determinants

⁷NIST Standard Reference Database (2008)

Applications aux éléments lourds

Etudes 4c-CC / 4c-IC sur la molécule RbYb



- Prédictions théoriques sur une molécule inconnue, guidant l'expérience
 - Démarche initiale: Formation de la molécule dans l'environnement ultrafroid
- N. Nemitz et al., *Phys Rev A* **79** (2009) 061403(R)
- But à long terme: Recherche d'un moment dipolaire électrique de l'électron (**violation** de *P* et *T*)

- PECs et moment dipolaire de haute précision ($\mu_e^{4c\text{-CCSD(T)23}} = 0.977 \text{ D}$)
- Mécanisme supposé pour l'émission stimulée à l'état fondamental rovibronique via les facteurs de Franck-Condon

L.K. Sørensen, S. Knecht, T. Fleig, C.M. Marian, *J Phys Chem* **113** (2009) 12607

Applications to Heavy Elements

4c-CI study of UH

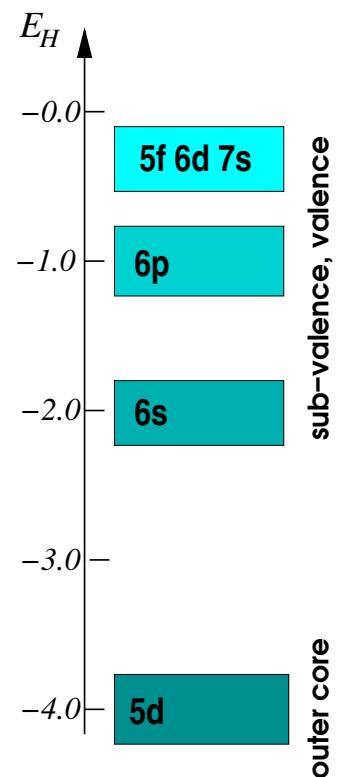
- Motivation 1: UH plays a role in the uranium hydriding reaction

T.C. Totemeier, *J Nuc Mater* **278** (2000) 301

- Motivation 2: Can we accurately describe even the smallest conceivable uranium molecule?

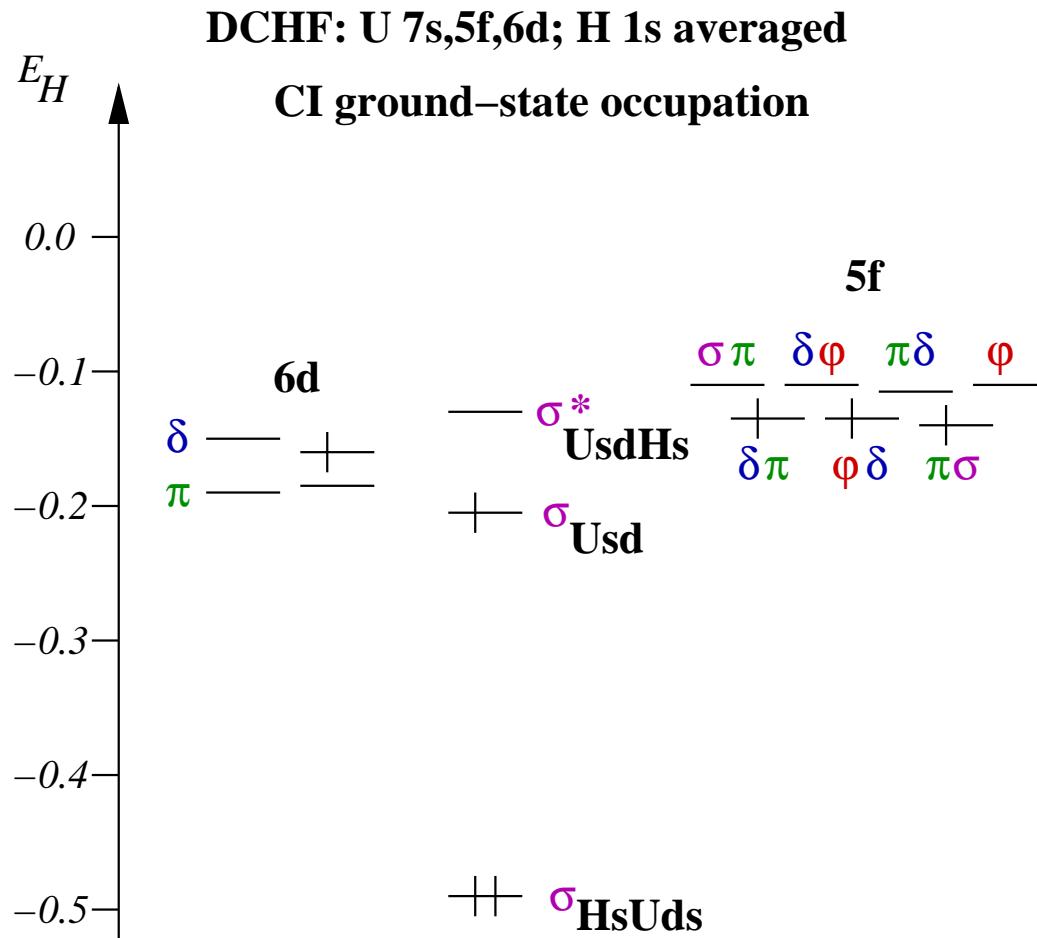
Problems:

1. The uranium atom has several **unpaired** electrons
ground-state configuration: $[Rn]5f^36d^17s^2$
2. Sub-valence and outer-core shells are **energetically close**
3. The reference space for a correlated calculation is expected to be **huge**
4. Electron correlation and relativistic effects are strong and likely to be **coupled**



Application of Parallel MRCl

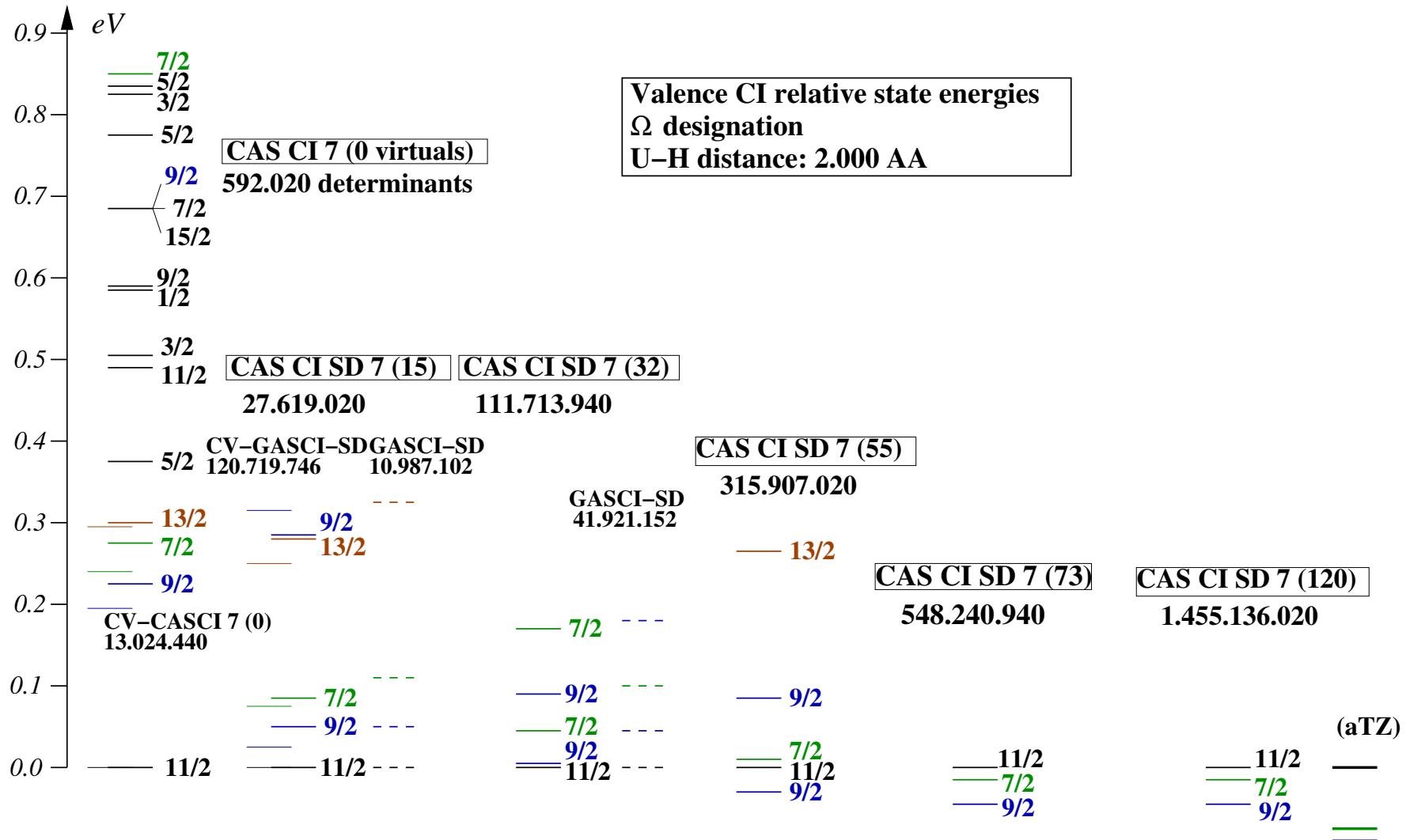
UH bonding and valence spinors; 2.0 Å



- Bonding mainly of $7s - 1s$ type, fairly ionic
- Strong spin-orbit mixing in (essentially atomic) $5f$ shell
- Lower excited states arise from different occupations *within* the $5f$ shell

Application of Parallel MRCl

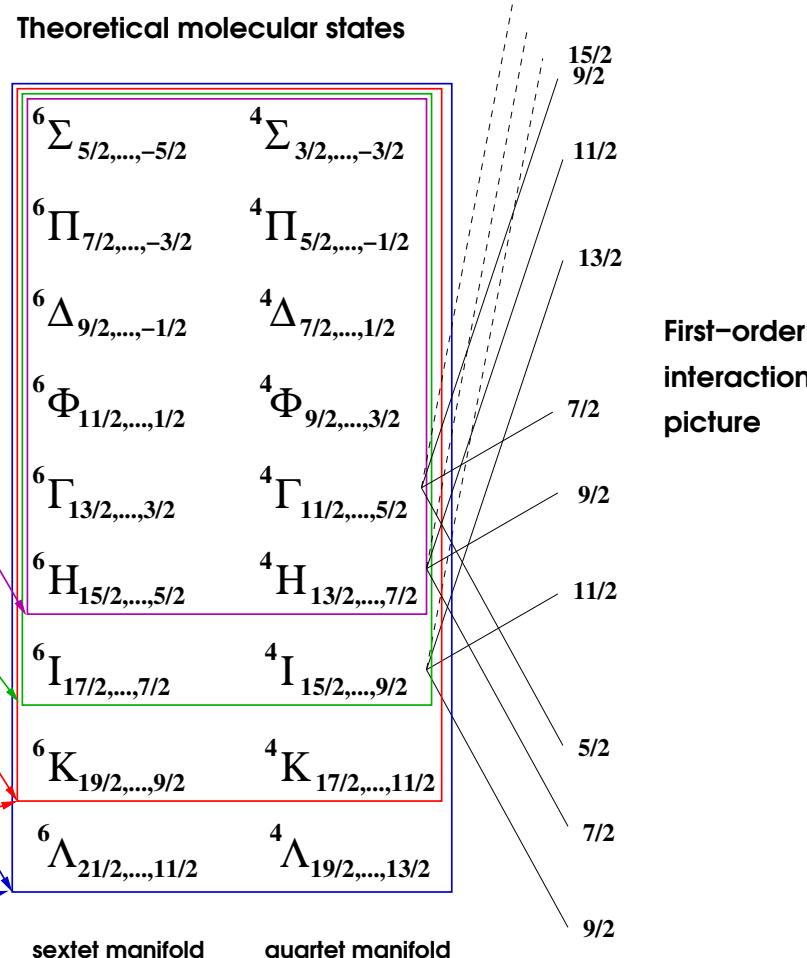
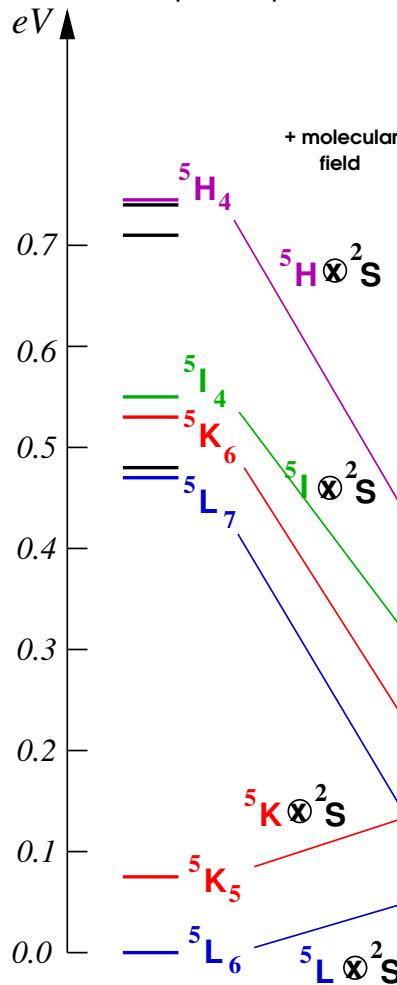
Vertical electronic spectrum of UH



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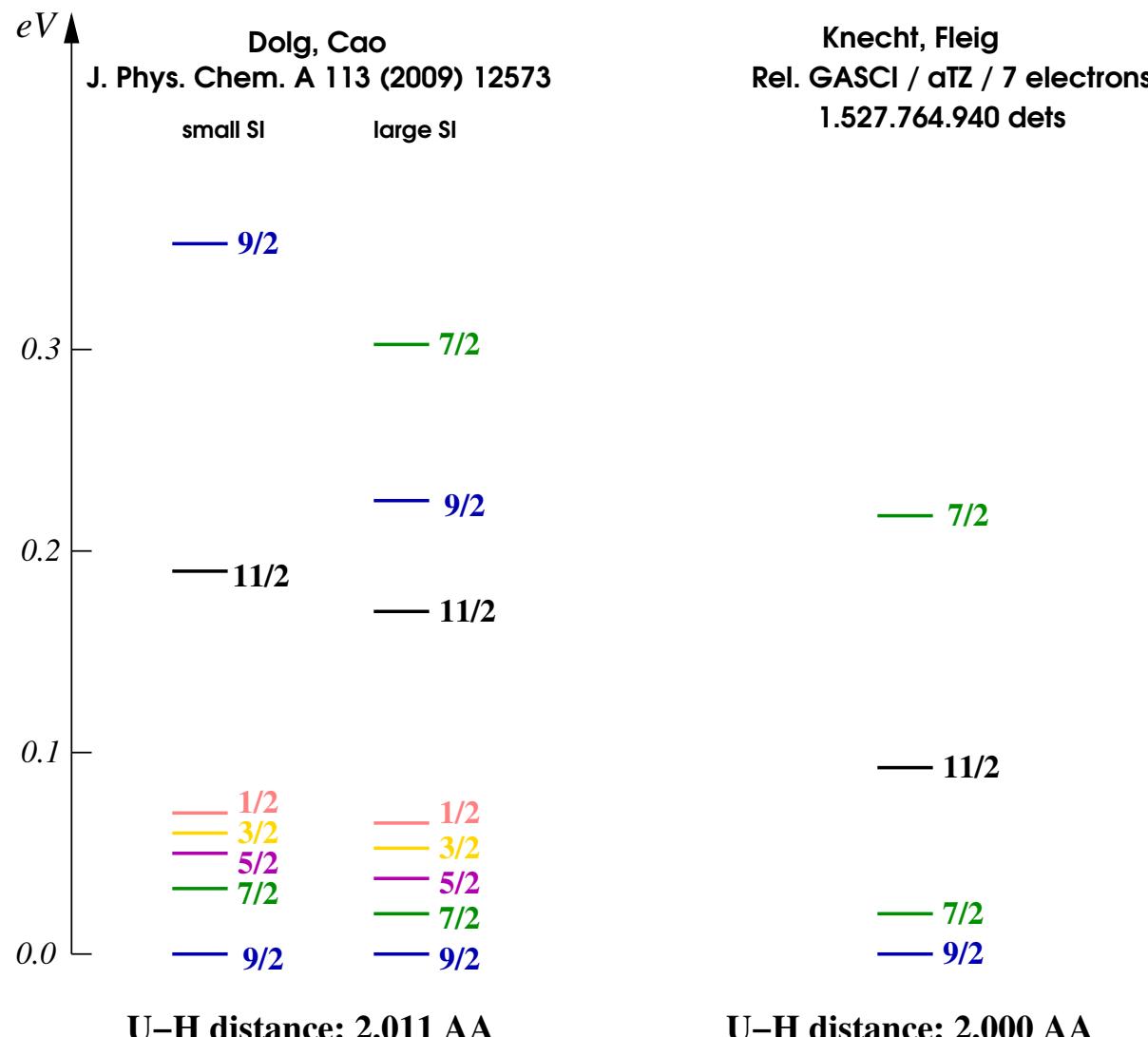
U atom, experiment
NIST: Basic Atomic Spectroscopic Data



- Inferred from calculations of Dolg et al.
X. Cao, A. Moritz, M. Dolg, *Chem Phys* **343** (2007) 250
- Scalar relativistic calculations suggest strong state interactions
- Pattern corresponds to splitting of “particle” states
- Strong state interactions + strong SO splittings suggest a rigorous treatment of both

Application of Parallel MRCl

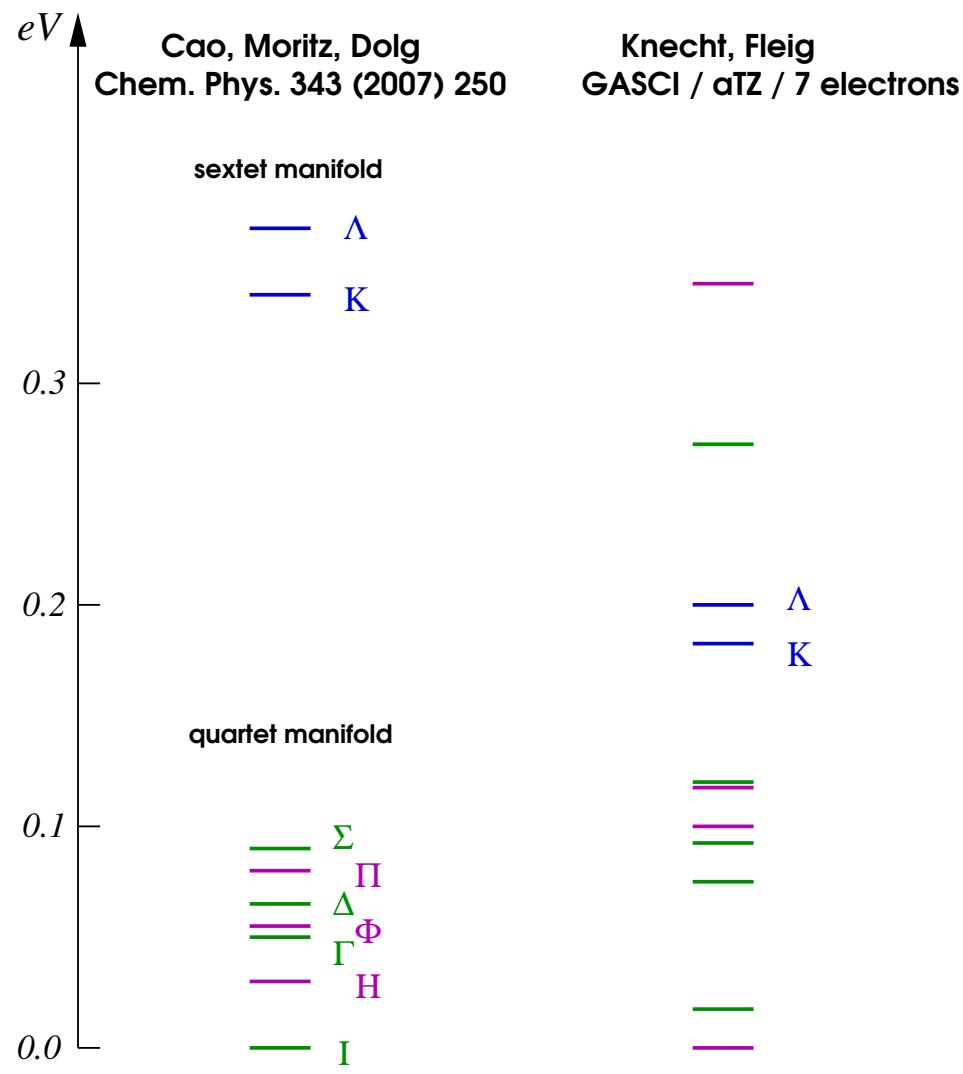
Vertical electronic spectrum of UH; 2.0 Å, Ω states



- Agreement on electronic ground state: $\Omega = 9/2$
- Strong dependency on state-interaction model which states to include in model space ?
- Disagreement on excited states $5/2, 3/2, 1/2$!
- Are there correlation errors ?

Application of Parallel MRCl

Vertical electronic spectrum of UH; spin-orbit free states

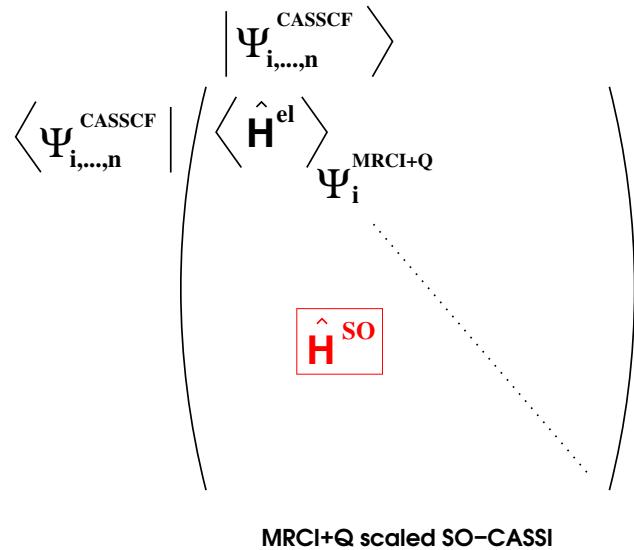


- Quartet manifold in energy window of 0.1 eV
- Sextet states significantly lower
- Somewhat different ordering, overall agreement
- Remaining discrepancies cannot be responsible for different excited-state structure including SO !

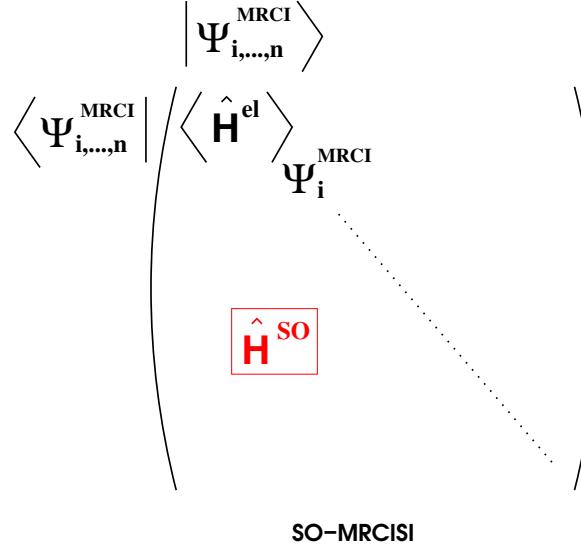
Discrepancies of Theories on UH

Analysis

First-order (quasidegenerate) interaction schemes



MRCI+Q scaled SO-CASSI



- Differences for T of $\Omega = 5/2, 3/2, 1/2$ states ≈ 0.01 eV
- Choice of basis set of wave functions is not problematic

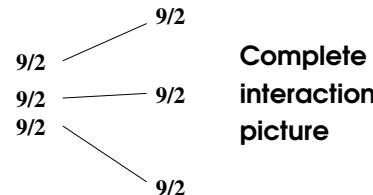
- Essential approximations:
 - No reoptimization of expansion coefficients of $\Psi^{\text{CASSCF/MRCI}}$ w.r.t. \hat{H}^{SO}
 - No higher-order couplings included
- Both models neglect correlation (and polarization) contributions of the type $\langle \Psi_{M_J}^{\text{rel}} | \hat{H}^{\text{el}} | \Psi_{M_J}^{\text{'rel}} \rangle, \Delta M_J = 0$
- Is there a difference of this kind in UH for manifolds $9/2, 7/2$ and $5/2, 3/2, 1/2$?

Discrepancies of Theories on UH

Analysis

States contributing to M_J subspace
in energy window of ≈ 0.5 eV

M_J	states
9/2	$^4I, ^4H, ^4\Gamma, ^6K$
7/2	$^4H, ^4\Gamma, ^4\Phi$
5/2	$^4\Gamma, ^4\Phi$
3/2	$^4\Phi$
1/2	$^4\Delta$



- Decreasing number of interacting states
- Decreasing contributions to couplings

$$\left\langle \Psi_{M_J}^{\text{rel}} | \hat{H}^{\text{el}} | \Psi'^{\text{rel}}_{M_J} \right\rangle, \Delta M_J = 0$$
- Consequence: Complete interaction model (spinor-based rel. CI) should give lower-lying $9/2$ and $7/2$ states
- Is there a possibility of confirming this hypothesis ?
 → exactly corresponding first-order state-interaction calculation
 (Thierry Leininger)

The UH Molecule

Some Conclusions and General Consequences for Other Actinide Species

- Relativistic effects and electron correlation effects are important in actinide systems
- Their coupling is sizeable and crucial for describing the **excited-state** and **dissociation** energetics
- Simplified models are applied to many different actinide species; a word of warning
- TD-DFT in general too inaccurate in such situations
- Ground-state properties, e.g. R_e , ω_e , are often obtained satisfactorily with more approximate models

Relativistic Correlation Methods

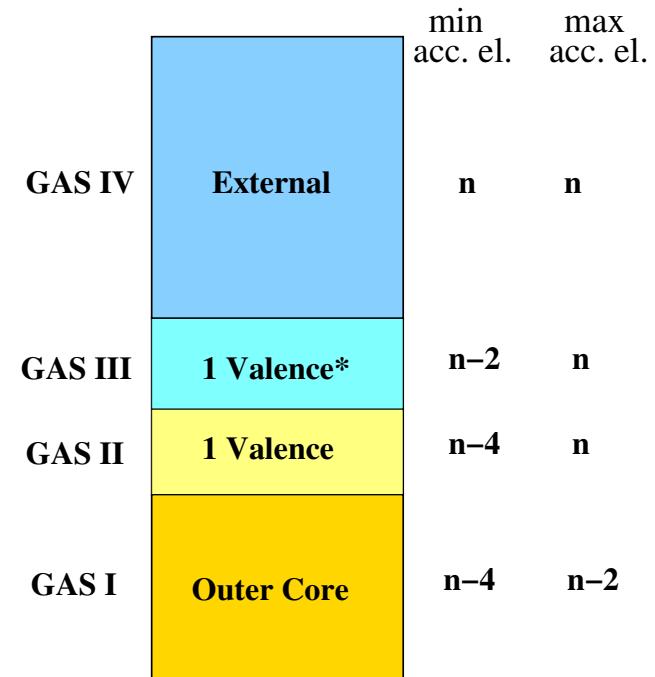
Generalized Active Space Coupled Cluster

J. Olsen, *J Chem Phys* **113** (2000) 7140

T. Fleig, L. K. Sørensen, J. Olsen, *Theo Chem Acc* **118,2** (2007) 347

L. K. Sørensen, T. Fleig, J. Olsen, *Z Phys Chem* **224** (2010) 999

- “State-Selective” (SS) GAS-CC
Simulation (SR-MRCC) of true multi-reference CC
- GAS-extended excitation manifold
 $\langle \mu_{\text{GASCC}} | = \langle \Psi^{\text{Ref}} | \hat{\tau}_{\mu_{\text{GAS}}}^\dagger$
- $\hat{\tau}_{\mu_{\text{GAS}}}$ contains “internal” higher excitations
 $|\Psi^{\text{GASCC}}\rangle = \exp(\sum_\mu t_\mu \hat{\tau}_{\mu_{\text{GAS}}}) |\Psi^{\text{Ref}}\rangle$
- Relativistic generalization of cluster operators
 $\hat{T}_1 = \sum_{ia} \left\{ t_i^a \hat{\tau}_i^a + t_{\bar{i}}^a \hat{\tau}_{\bar{i}}^a + t_i^{\bar{a}} \hat{\tau}_i^{\bar{a}} + t_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \hat{\tau}_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{a}} \right\}; \hat{T}_2 = \dots$



Example for constructed higher excitations:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mu_{\text{GASCC}} | &= \left\langle \mu^S(\text{III}^1) \right| + \left\langle \mu^S(\text{IV}^1) \right| + \left\langle \mu^D(\text{III}^2) \right| + \left\langle \mu^D(\text{IV}^2) \right| + \left\langle \mu^{D(\text{III}^1+\text{IV}^1)} \right| \\ &+ \left\langle \mu^{T(\text{III}^1+\text{IV}^2)} \right| + \left\langle \mu^{T(\text{III}^2+\text{IV}^1)} \right| + \left\langle \mu^{Q(\text{III}^2+\text{IV}^2)} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Relativistic Correlation Methods

Rel. Kramers-Unrestricted GAS-CC

CI-based CC vector function

$$\Omega_\mu = \left\langle \mu \left| e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{T}} \right| \text{Ref} \right\rangle$$

1. $|a\rangle = e^{\hat{T}} |\text{Ref}\rangle = \left(\sum_{n=0} \frac{1}{n!} \hat{T}^n \right) |\text{Ref}\rangle$
2. $|b\rangle = \hat{H} |a\rangle$ (CI sigma vectors)
3. $|c\rangle = e^{-\hat{T}} |b\rangle = \left(\sum_{n=0} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \hat{T}^n \right) |b\rangle$
4. $\Omega_\mu = \langle \mu | c \rangle = \left\langle \text{Ref} \left| \hat{\tau}_\mu^\dagger \right| c \right\rangle$ (CI density matrices)

T. Fleig, L. K. Sørensen, J. Olsen, *Theo Chem Acc* **118**, 2 (2007) 347

CI-based linear response (LR) function

$$A_{\mu\nu} = \left\langle \mu \left| e^{-\hat{T}} [\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}_\nu] e^{\hat{T}} \right| \text{Ref} \right\rangle$$

Properties of the implementation:

- Very general approach
- Increased “N-scaling”: $O^{n+2}V^{n+2}$

Commutator-based CC vector function

$$\Omega_\mu = \left\langle \mu \left| \left(\hat{H} + [\hat{H}, \hat{T}] + \frac{1}{2} [[\hat{H}, \hat{T}], \hat{T}] \dots \right) \right| \text{Ref} \right\rangle$$

- ⌚ Loop over rel. excitation class of \hat{H}
- ⌚ Loop over commutator type, e.g. $[[[\hat{H}, \hat{T}], \hat{T}], \hat{T}]$
- ⌚ Loop over rel. excitation types \hat{T}_i of \hat{T} operators
 - ! Check for coupling with $\langle \mu |$
 - Yes? Contract with integrals
- ↙ End loop
- ↙ End loop
- ↙ End loop

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Commutator-based LR function

$$\langle \mu \left| \left([\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}_\nu] + [[\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}_\nu], \hat{T}] + \frac{1}{2} [[[[\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}_\nu], \hat{T}], \hat{T}] \dots \right) \right| \text{Ref} \right\rangle$$

$$A_{\mu\nu} =$$

- General approach, currently some limitations
- Conventional “N-scaling”: $O^n V^{n+2}$

Application of GAS-CC

BiH: Spectral constants of $0^+({}^3\Sigma^-)$ ground state

L. K. Sørensen, J. Olsen, T. Fleig, *J Chem Phys* (2010) *in preparation.*

- Setup:

Unc. cc-pCVTZ (Bi) / cc-pVTZ (H)

[$30s26p17d13f1g$] / [5s2p1d]

Cutoff virtual spinors: 5.6 a.u.

Dirac-Coulomb Hamiltonian (no SOO)

$\sigma_{1/2}$, $\pi_{1/2}$, $\pi_{3/2}$ occupied

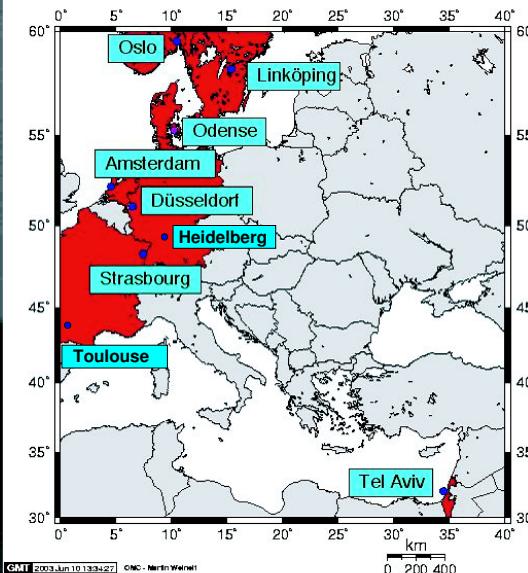
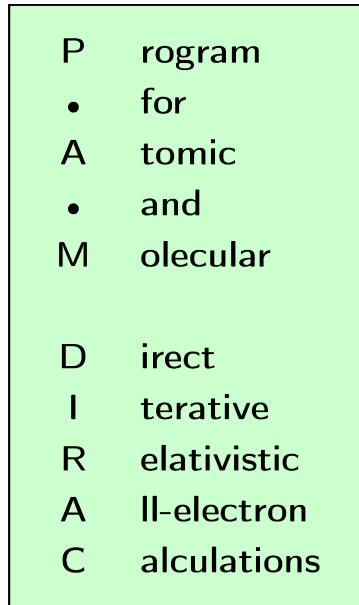
CC model	$R_e[\text{\AA}]$	$\omega_e[\text{cm}^{-1}]$
CCSD 6	1.822	1694
MRCCSD (6in5)	1.826	1676
CCSD(T) 6	1.824	1685
CCSDT 6	1.824	1681
CCSDTQ 6	1.825	1681
CCSD 16	1.792	1726
CCSD(T) 16	1.793	1709
CCSDT 16	1.793	1709
Exp. ⁸	1.809	1700

- R_e , ω_e :
outer-core ($5d$) correlation > Higher excitations
- CCSDT 16 feasible for complete potential curves
- Alternative: MRCCSD (6in5) active-space model (GAS problem)

⁸Diode laser / IR Spectroscopy, Bernath et al. (1991), Urban et al. (1989)

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Projets concernant . . .

la relativité et la théorie à N corps

Haute précision:

Théorie de la réponse linéaire pour des fonctions d'onde CC relativiste
(Mickael Hubert et Timo Fleig)

Interaction de Gaunt pour des méthodes corrélées à 4 composantes
(Timo Fleig, collaboration avec Trond Saue)

Systèmes de plus grande taille:

Implémentation d'une approximation du type GAS-CC(n) dans le cadre relativiste
(?? et Timo Fleig)

Physique fondamentale:

Nonconservation de la parité dans les systèmes moléculaires
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Comparison of Methods

Vertical electronic spectrum of I_3^- ; 2.93 Å, Ω states

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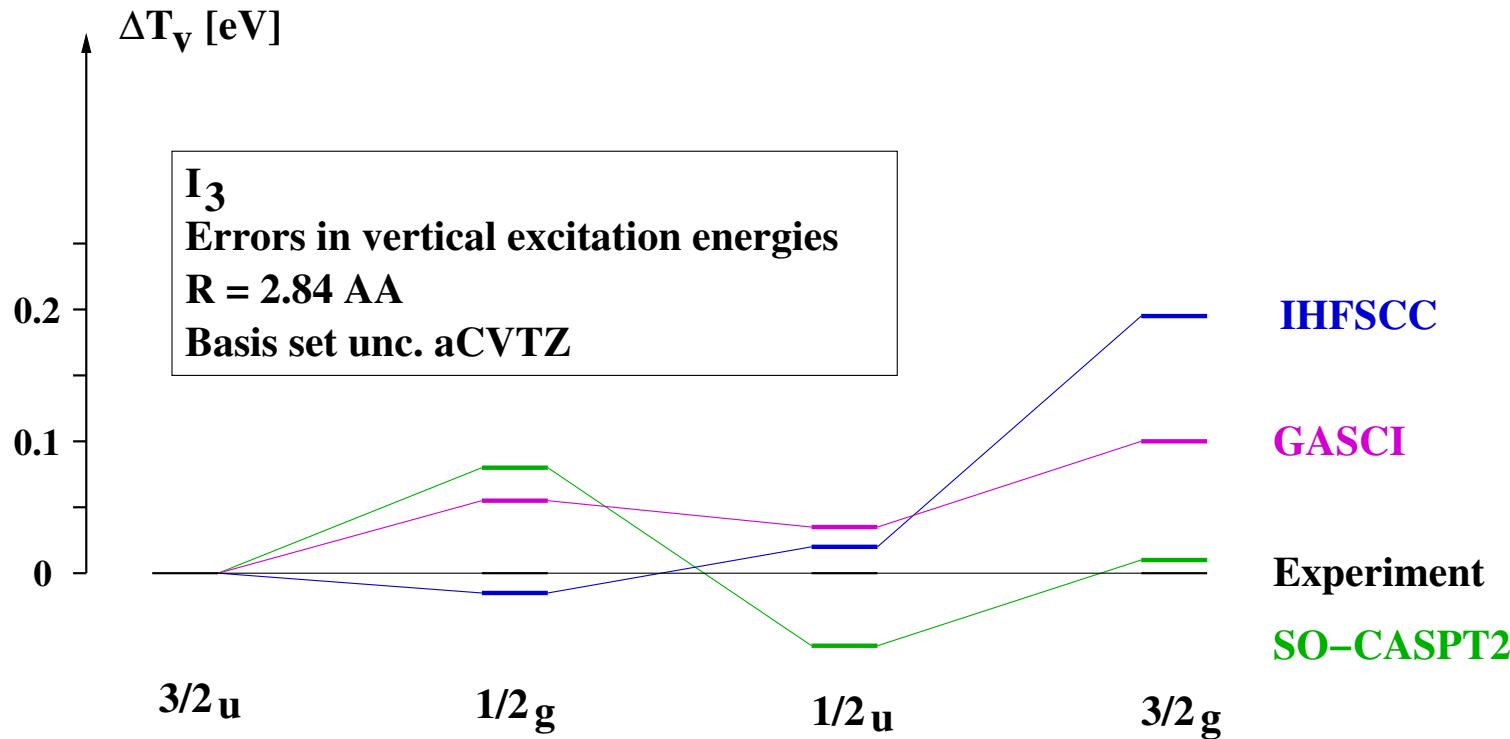
- Prototype for S_N2 reactions
- Example of hyperconjugation
- Excited states involved in photodissociation dynamics⁹
- High-accuracy PEC/Ss for subsequent wave-packet dynamics
- **Comparison of methodologies:**
 - Efficient description of dynamic electron correlation
 - Proper description of spin-orbit interaction
 - Method yields correct dissociation limits
 - Contestants: rel. IHFSCC, SO-CASPT2, rel. MRCI, rel. TDDFT

⁹J. Vala, R. Kosloff, J.N. Harvey, *J Chem Phys* **114** (2001) 7413

R. Nakanishi, N. Saitou, T. Ohno, S. Kowashi, S. Yabushita, T. Nagata, *J Chem Phys* **126** (2007) 204311

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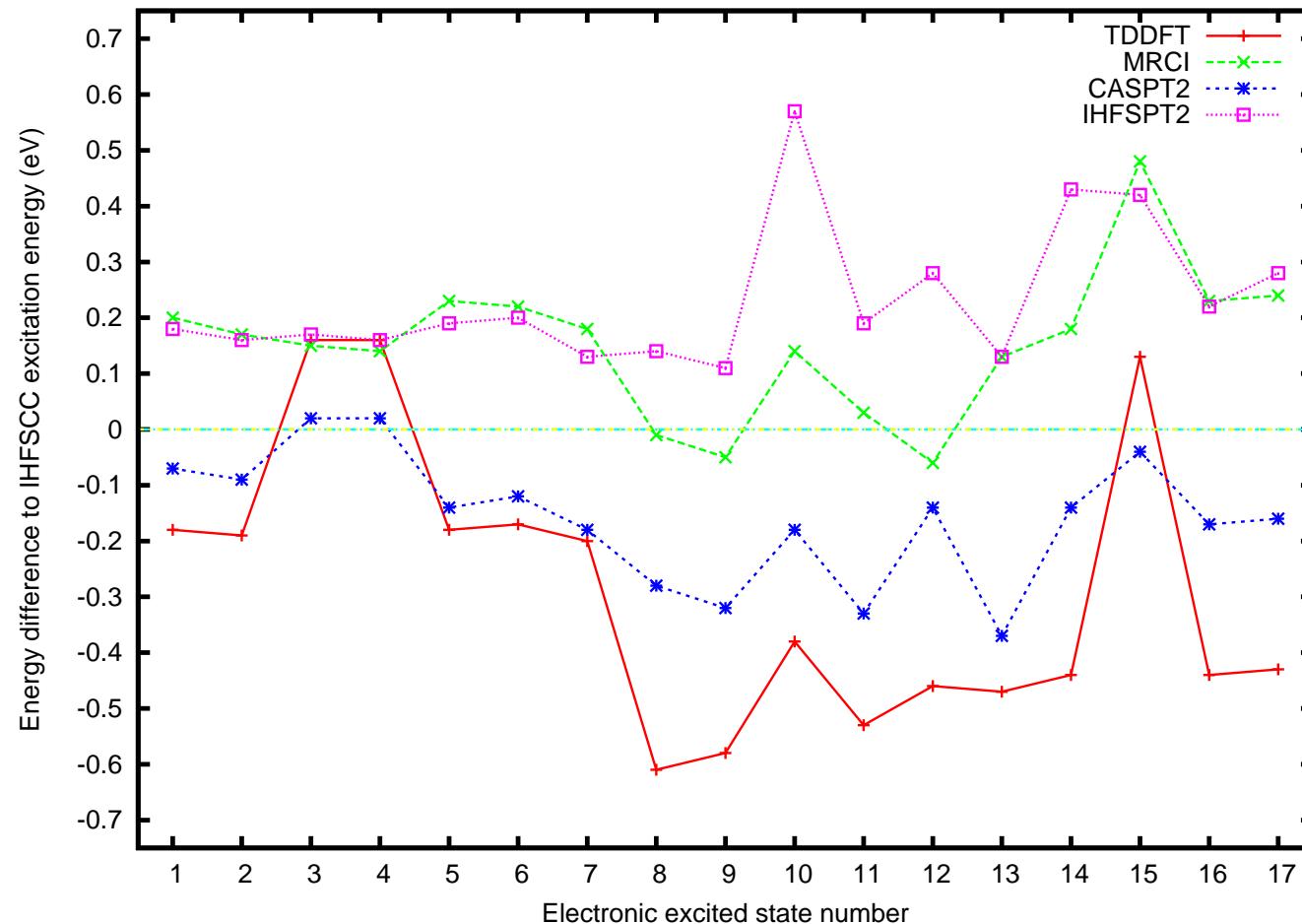
Vertical electronic spectrum of I₃; 2.84 Å, Ω states



- Errors of rel. MRCI systematic and < 0.1 eV
- SO-CASPT2 less systematic but also with small errors
- Error of IHFSCC likely due to linear parameterization for excited states (in this case)

Comparison of Methods

Vertical electronic spectrum of I_3^- ; 2.93 Å, Ω states



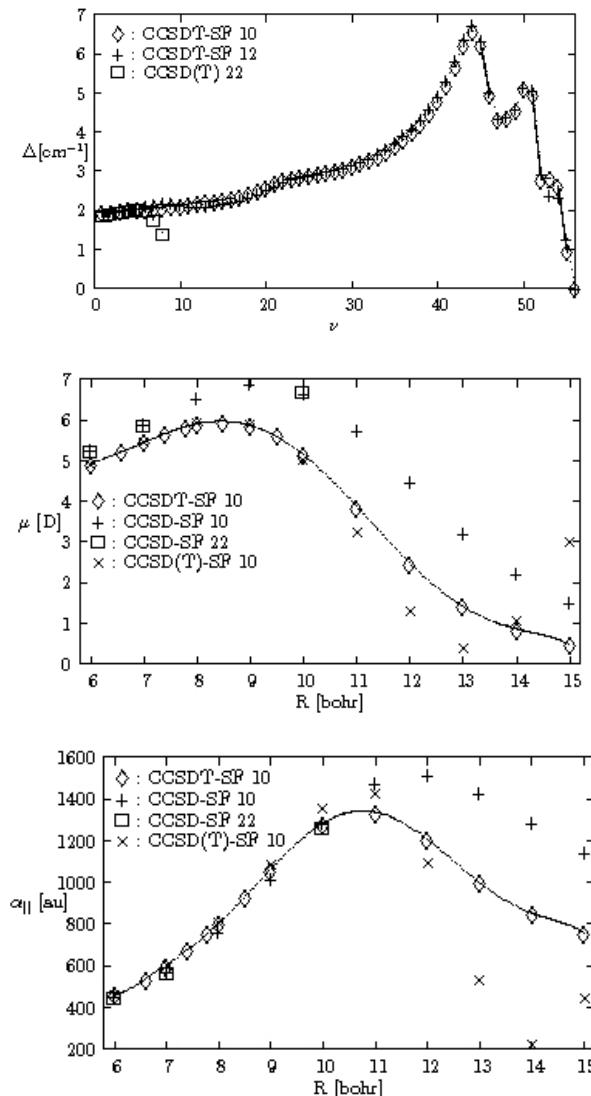
- TDDFT: large spread; CASPT2, MRCI: Similar quality, MRCI more systematic, IHFSPT2 inferior

Application of GAS-CC

$\text{LiCs } ^1\Sigma$: Vibrational levels and electric properties

L. K. Sørensen, T. Fleig, J. Olsen, *J Phys B: At Mol Opt Phys* **42** (2009) 165102

- Vibrational levels up to dissociation limit
Change of level distance
 - criterion for quality of full curve
 - **perturbative triples models deteriorate early**
 - **full triples yield balanced description**
 - CCSDTQ for highest accuracy required
- Dipole moment and static polarizability
 - required in studies on ultracold molecules
 - **CCSD insufficient**
 - **perturbative models insufficient beyond bonding region**
 - **CCSDT balanced and yields accurate results**

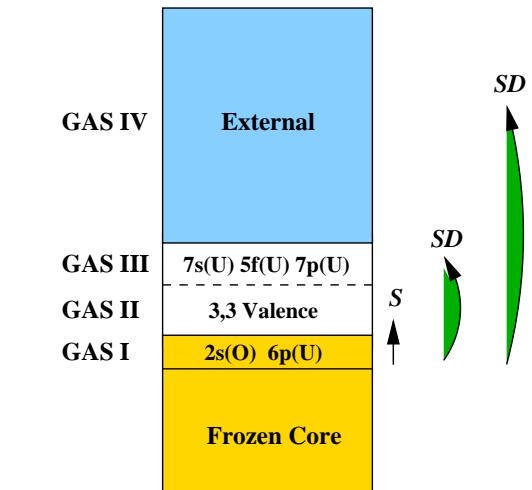


Application of Relativistic CI/MCSCF

UO₂ vertical excitation energies

T. Fleig, H. J. Aa. Jensen, J. Olsen, L. Visscher, J Chem Phys **124**, 10 (2006) 104106

- *u* state manifold $U(5f^1\ 7s\sigma_g^1)O_2$
- *g* state manifold $U(5f^2)O_2$
- Weak dependence of excitation energies on internuclear distance (ca. 200 cm⁻¹)
- Differential matrix effect unclear
(est. << 500 cm⁻¹)



State (Ω_{par})	SOCl(Col.) ⁸	SO/CASPT2 ⁹	GASCI 14 ^(DCHF)	$3g1h$	CV-GASCI 24	Exp. [cm ⁻¹]
U-O separation	3.402 a ₀	3.452 a ₀	3.372 a ₀		3.372 a ₀	
2 _u	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 _u	431	378	427			360 ¹⁰
1 _u	1088	2567	1089			1094 ¹¹
2 _u	1566	2908	1542	2042		1401 ¹¹

⁸Thesis by Q. Chang, Ohio State University (2002); COLUMBUS program

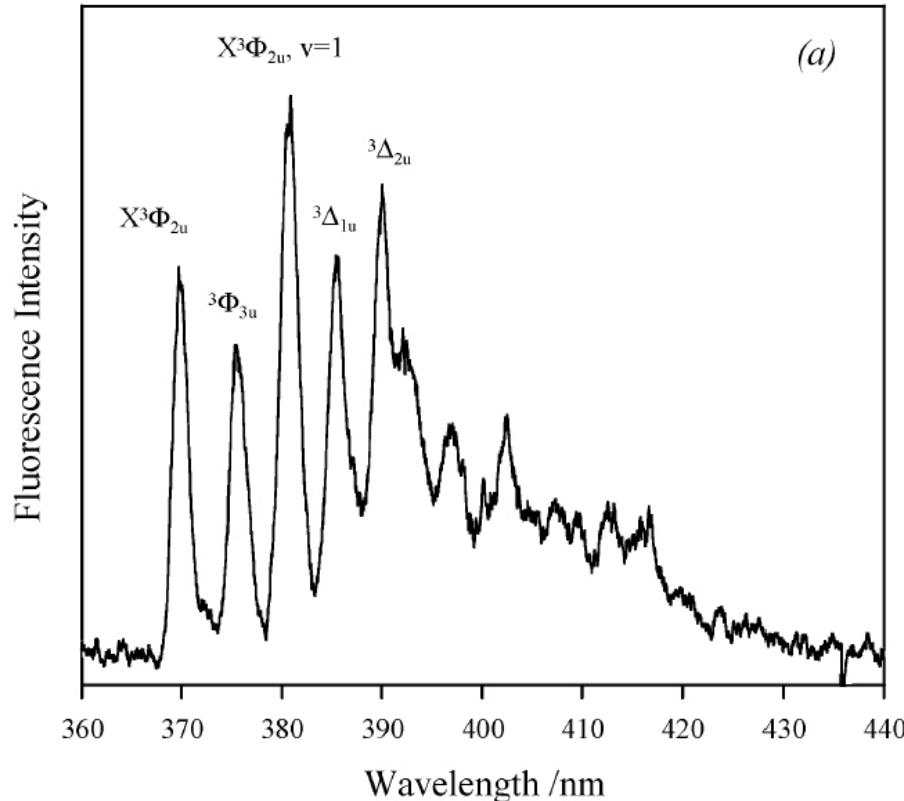
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¹¹C.J. Lue, J. Jin, M.J. Ortiz, J.C. Rienstra-Kiracofe, M.C. Heaven, J Am Chem Soc, **126** (2004) 1812

Application of Relativistic CI/MCSCF

UO_2 vertical excitation energies, theory/experiment



- Matrix emission spectrum¹² (argon)
- $^3\Delta_{1_u,2_u}$: Assignment based on inexact calculations !
- $2_u, 3_u$: Nearly parallel PECs
- **New assignment:**¹³ Vibrational progression of $^3\Phi_{2_u,3_u}$ states

Matrix shift remains unresolved

More advanced experiments (and calculations) in progress

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Application MRCI

Double photoionisation of Br₂

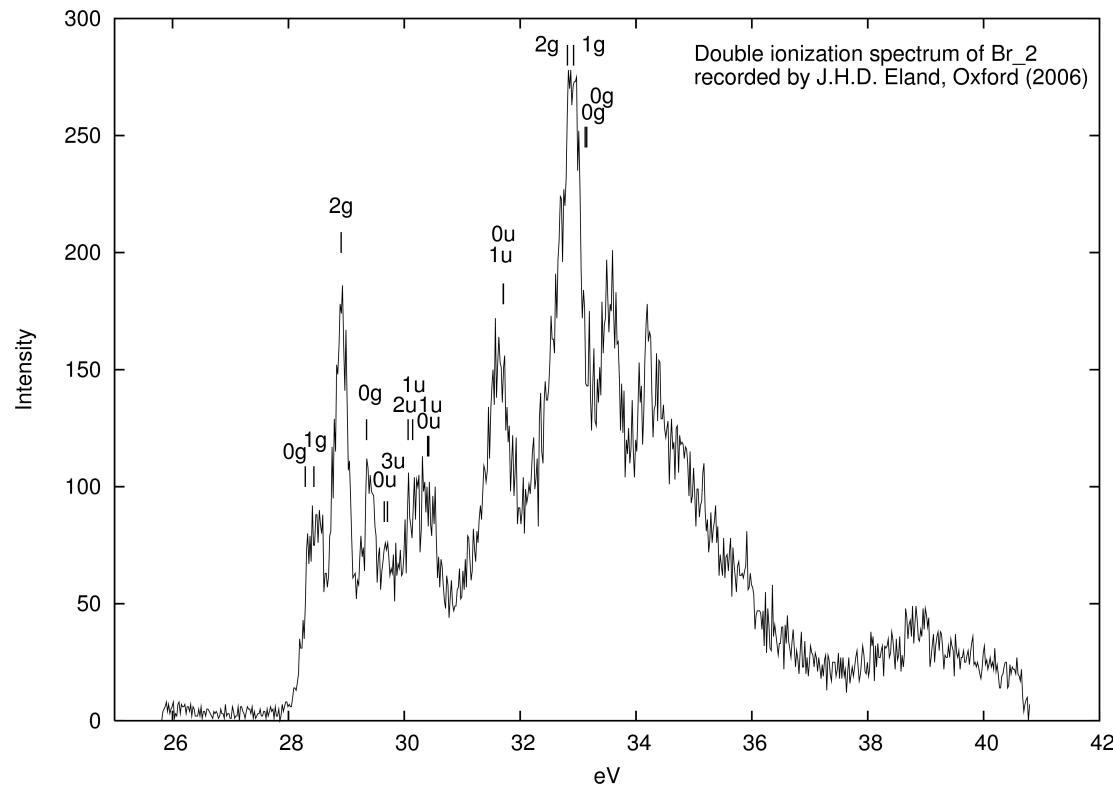
T. Fleig, D. Edvardsson, S. T. Banks, J. H. D. Eland, *Chem Phys* **343** (2008) 270

Process: Br₂ $\xrightarrow{h\nu}$ Br₂²⁺, various types of ionizations

Double ionisation spectra via TOF-PEPECO¹⁵

Characteristics:

- High accuracy:
est. vertical errors: < 0.03 eV
- Main part of spectrum assigned
- PECs de Br₂²⁺ and Br₂
aid for experimental studies
 R_e , ω_e , D_e , $T_{e,v}$, FCFs



¹⁵J.H.D. Eland, O. Vieuxmaire, T. Kinugawa, P. Lablanquie, R.I. Hall, F. Penent, *Phys Rev Lett* **90** (2003) 053003