

# The Reduced Density Matrix Method: Current status and open problems

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# Overview

- Motivation
- Introduction of the RDM method
- Review of results.
- Some open problems (negative results).

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The general theory of quantum mechanics is now almost complete. ... the whole of chemistry are thus *completely known*, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to *equations much too complicated to be soluble*.

He has never think about computational complexity and it's *NP-hard* :-)

[Dirac 1929]

“Quantum Mechanics of Many-Electron Systems.”

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A success story: “The Density Functional Theory”

[Hoheberg-Kohn 1964] [Kohn-Sham 1965][Kohn 1998; Nobel Prize]

Ground state electronic density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$



external potential  $v(\mathbf{r})$



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Very difficult functional  $F[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$ . Practically this is semi-empirical theory.

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The total energy  $E$  becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_{ij} v_j^i \langle \Psi | a_i^\dagger a_j | \Psi \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2} w_{j_1 j_2}^{i_1 i_2} \langle \Psi | a_{i_1}^\dagger a_{i_2}^\dagger a_{j_2} a_{j_1} | \Psi \rangle \\ &= \sum_{ij} v_j^i \gamma_j^i + \sum_{i_1 i_2 j_1 j_2} w_{j_1 j_2}^{i_1 i_2} \Gamma_{j_1 j_2}^{i_1 i_2}. \end{aligned}$$

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# Complete $N$ -representability condition is very difficult

Computational complexity for complete  $N$ -representability

- Basically every  $N$ -rep. condition is linear constraint.
- Optimization over diagonal  $N$ -representable 2-RDM: **NP-hard** [Deza, Laurent 1997]
- Decision problem “is this 2-RDM  $N$ -representable?” QMA-complete, **NP-hard** [Liu 2007]
- Coleman’s algorithm [Beste, et al 2002] [Coleman 2000].

Very difficult and hopeless :-)

[See also “Complexity and Electronic Structure Theory” B.J. Braams 741 PT11 16:40 Monday]

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- Construction of 2-particle density [Pistol 2004, 2006]

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$P, Q, G, T1, T2$ -matrix are all positive semidefinite  $\leftrightarrow$   
eigenvalues  $\lambda_i \geq 0$

$$U^\dagger \Gamma U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \mathbf{0} \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}$$

First application to Be atom

[Garrod et al 1975, 1976]

Calculation methods are not very well studied...



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Small enough "primal dual gap, feasibility" values show that total energies etc are MATHEMATICALLY correct

# The ground state energy of atoms and molecules [Nakata et al 2008]

System	State	$N$	$r$	$\Delta E_{GT1T2}$	$\Delta E_{GT1T2'}$	$\Delta E_{CCSD(T)}$	$\Delta E_{HF}$	$E_{FCI}$
C	$^3P$	6	20	-0.0004	-0.0001	+0.00016	+0.05202	-37.73653
O	$^1D$	8	20	-0.0013	-0.0012	+0.00279	+0.10878	-74.78733
Ne	$^1S$	10	20	-0.0002	-0.0001	-0.00005	+0.11645	-128.63881
$O_2^+$	$^2\Pi_g$	15	20	-0.0022	-0.0020	+0.00325	+0.17074	-148.79339
BH	$^1\Sigma^+$	6	24	-0.0001	-0.0001	+0.00030	+0.07398	-25.18766
CH	$^2\Pi_r$	7	24	-0.0008	-0.0003	+0.00031	+0.07895	-38.33735
NH	$^1\Delta$	8	24	-0.0005	-0.0004	+0.00437	+0.11495	-54.96440
HF	$^1\Sigma^+$	14	24	-0.0003	-0.0003	+0.00032	+0.13834	-100.16031
SiH <sub>4</sub>	$^1A_1$	18	26	-0.0002	-0.0002	+0.00018	+0.07311	-290.28490
F <sup>-</sup>	$^1S$	10	26	-0.0003	-0.0003	+0.00067	+0.15427	-99.59712
P	$^4S$	15	26	-0.0001	-0.0000	+0.00003	+0.01908	-340.70802
H <sub>2</sub> O	$^1A_1$	10	28	-0.0004	-0.0004	+0.00055	+0.14645	-76.15576

**GT1T2** : The RDM method ( $P, Q, G, T1$  and  $T2$  conditions)

**GT1T2'** : The RDM method ( $P, Q, G, T1$  and  $T2'$  conditions)

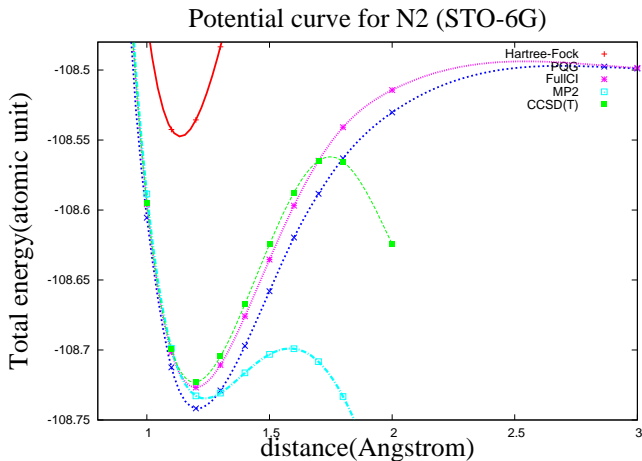
CCSD(T) : Coupled cluster singles and doubles with perturbation treatment of triples

HF : Hartree-Fock

FCI : FullCI

# Application to potential energy curve

- Dissociation curve of  $N_2$  (triple bond) **the world first result.**  
[Nakata-Nakatsuji-Ehara 2002]



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<i>N</i> -rep.	Correlation energy(%)	dissociation limit
<i>PQG</i>	<b>100 ~ 130%</b>	yes
<i>PQGT1T2'</i>	<b>100 ~ 101%</b>	yes
CCSD(T)	<b>100 ~ 101%</b>	no

Hopeful

([Nakata-Nakatsuji-Ehara-Fukuda-Nakata-Fujisawa 2001] [Nakata et al.2002][Zhao et al. 2004][Mazziotti et al. 2002,3,4,5,6,7,8,9][Eric et al 2006][Fukuda et al 2007][Nakata et al 2008] )

[See also "Variational Detremination of the Two Particle Reduced Density Matrix", B. Verstichel 1319 PTP Tuesday]



## Essentials of [Nakata et al. 2001, 2002] with $P$ , $Q$ , $G$ -condition

JCP 114,8282(2001), JCP 116, 5432(2002).

- *Exact minimization was performed for the first time.*  
Since mid of 1990, solvers are developed mathematical programming community. Among them the SDPA the fastest, and exact. Everyone is doing SDP without aware of it :)
- *$G$ -condition is mandatory for chemistry: related to AGP wf (corr. ene. 100%~130%)*
- *$P$ ,  $Q$  conditions are not sufficient (corr. ene. 200 ~ 800%)*
- *The 3rd, 4th order approx. are not essential*
  - In 2000 Erdahl and Jin: "The poor quality of the second-order estimates is consistent with the work of Mihailovic and Rosina..."
  - In 2001, Mazziotti and Erdahl: Lipkin model. Table IV: correlation energies are 478-5238% with  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $G$  conditions (in 2005 silently corrected by Hammond, Mazziotti and Erdahl(?)).

# Importance of [Zhao-Braams-Fukuda-Percus-Overton 2004] with

## *T1, T2-conditions*

JCP 120, 2095(2004).

- *Formulation of T1 and T2 conditions*
  - Total energies became comparable to CCSD(T)
  - We can do *Chemistry* with these conditions!!!
  - Not a trivial formulation.
- *Dual SDP formulation*  
Lager calculation is possible
- *They gave us a hope to realization of the RDM method*

# How large we can calculate until now?

“size” is how many active orbitals are used

Who	Year	Size	<i>N</i> -rep.	system
Garrod et al.	1976	?	<i>PQG</i>	Be
Erdahl	1979	?	<i>PQG</i>	He <sub>2</sub>
Nakata et al.	2001	8	<i>PQG</i>	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>
Nakata et al.	2002	8	<i>PQG</i>	C <sub>2</sub> , CO, N <sub>2</sub>
Zhao et. al	2004	10	<i>PQGT1T2</i>	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>
Mazziotti	2004	14-18	<i>PQG</i>	N <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>6</sub>
Gidofalvi et.al.	2005	14-20(?)	<i>PQG</i>	N <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>2</sub>
Eric et. al	2006	15	<i>PQG</i>	NH <sub>3</sub>
Hammond et. al	2006	14	<i>PQGT2</i>	Hubbard mode
Fukuda et al.	2007	13	<i>PQGT1T2</i>	CH <sub>3</sub> N
Nakata et al.	2008	14	<i>PQGT1T2'</i>	H <sub>2</sub> O
Greenman et al.	2009	8	<i>PQGT2</i>	CAS(Benzene et
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# Open problems

- How many iterations are needed?
- Size consistency or extensivity.
- Degeneracy.
- Diagonal representability and excited states.

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- primal-dual interior-point method (PDIPM) or
- Monteiro-Bruner method (RRSDP) [Mazziotti 2004]

	$P, Q, \text{ and } G$			$P, Q, G, T1, T2$		
algorithm	flops	# iterations	memory	flops	# iterations	memory
PDIPM	$r^{12}$	$r \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$	$r^8$	$r^{12}$	$r^{3/2} \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$	$r^8$
RRSDP	$r^6$	none	$r^4$	$r^9$	none	$r^6$

Note: *when we stop the iteration is a big problem*

# Lacking size consistency and/or extensively

- $G$ -condition serves as a necessary condition to size consistent and/or extensively [Nakata et al. 2002]

$$\lim_{|1-1'|\rightarrow\infty} F(1|1') = \langle n(1)n(1') \rangle - \langle n(1) \rangle \langle n(1') \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{this should be zero}$$

- $PQG$  are not consistent:  $C_2$ ,  $CO$  33.3mH, and 5.8mH.
- $PQG$  seems to be size-extensive [Mazziotti et al. 2005].
- $H_2O$ ,  $NH_3$  and  $N_2$  are size consistent. (if molecules dissociates to  $H$ , it seems to be size consistent) [JCP 2002]
- Reduce spin number by adding ghost hydrogen atoms [Hammond Mazziotti 2005].
- See also “Dissociation Curves from ...Density Matrices:...”  
**P.Bultink et al. 1552 PT3** [Bultink et al. PCCP 2009]

# Ensemble $N$ -representability problem: zero dipole

$\text{H}_3$  is a meta stable molecule and have two dipole moments at the ground state.

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$\mu_{\text{fullCI}}$	$\mu_{\text{HF}}$	$\mu_{\text{PQG}}$	$\mu_{\text{PQGT1}}$	$\mu_{\text{PQGT1T2}}$
0.85948	0.92110	0	0	0

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- SDP solver calculates ensemble average of these two dipole moments.
- Adding small perturbation can remove this.

[Fukuda et al 2007][Nakata et al. 2008]

## non- $N$ -representability: Spin degeneracy

- Spin degeneracy will be observed when  $S \neq 0$ .
- E.g.,  $S = 1$ , then the total energies of three states  $S_z = 1, 0, -1$  will degenerate.
- Including  $T1$ ,  $T2'$  recovers, but not complete.
- This is a source of non-size consistency or size-extensivity.

System	State	basis	$corrE_{PQG}$	$corrE_{T1}$	$corrE_{T1T2'}$
C	$^3P_1$	double- $\zeta$	<b>107.5%</b>	<b>105.9%</b>	<b>100.1%</b>
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O	$^3P_1$	double- $\zeta$	<b>117.4%</b>	<b>109.4%</b>	<b>101.1%</b>
O	$^3P_0$	double- $\zeta$	<b>134.4%</b>	<b>127.4%</b>	<b>102.3%</b>

corrE means correlation energy error in percentage

[Nakata et al. 2008]



## Properties becomes better like total energy?

- The total energy becomes higher when we add a new  $N$ -representability conditions:

$$E_{PQ} \leq E_{PQG} \leq E_{PQGT1} \leq E_{PQGT1T2} \leq \dots \leq E_{\text{FCI}}$$

No such kind of conditions for properties, but we **USUALLY** have a following sequence: [Nakata et al 2008]

$$|\mu_{PQG} - \mu_{\text{FCI}}| \leq |\mu_{PQGT1} - \mu_{\text{FCI}}| \leq |\mu_{PQGT2} - \mu_{\text{FCI}}| \leq 0$$

$\mu$  is the dipole moment of atoms and molecules. Can be arbitrary operators up to 2-body.

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# SDPA-GMP and Hubbard model

The 1D Hubbard model with high correlation limit  $|U/t| \rightarrow \infty$ : All states are almost degenerated.

The ground state energies of 1D Hubbard model

PBC, # of sites:4, # of electrons: 4, spin 0

U/t	SDPA (16 digits)	SDPA-GMP (60 digits)	fullCI
10000.0	0	$-1.1999998800000251 \times 10^{-3}$	$-1.199999880 \times 10^{-3}$
1000.0	$-1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.1999880002507934 \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.1999880002 \times 10^{-2}$
100.0	$-1.1991 \times 10^{-1}$	$-1.1988025013717993 \times 10^{-1}$	$-1.19880248946 \times 10^{-1}$
10.0	-1.1000	-1.0999400441222934	-1.0998777772750
1.0	-3.3417	-3.3416748070259956	-3.340847617248

PBC, # of sites:6, # of electrons: 6, spin 0

U/t	SDPA (16 digits)	SDPA-GMP (60 digits)	fullCI
10000.0	0	$-1.7249951195749525 \times 10^{-3}$	$-1.721110121 \times 10^{-3}$
1000.0	$-1 \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.7255360310431304 \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.7211034713 \times 10^{-2}$
100.0	$-1.730 \times 10^{-1}$	$-1.7302157140594339 \times 10^{-1}$	$-1.72043338097 \times 10^{-1}$
10.0	-1.6954	-1.6953843276854447	-1.664362733287
1.0	-6.6012	-6.6012042217806286	-6.601158293375



# Excited states systems

- RPA: [Garrod et al 1980] [Mazziotti 2003] → can go beyond?
- McDonald's variational principle [Nakata et al 2006][Erdahl Grudziński 1978][Yasuda 2002] → Excited states of one-particle Hamiltonian: essentially difficult problem. Related to 2-particle density, too.

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# Missing topics

I missed many very very interesting areas

- Density equation / contracted Schrödinger equation and its variants.
- 1-RDM functional theories.
- 2-RDM parametrization theories.
- 2-particle density functional theories.

# How large these SDP are?

$r$	constraints	# of constraints	
		block	
24	15018	2520x2, 792x4, 288x1, 220x2	
26	20709	3211x2, 1014x4, 338x1, 286x2	

Elapsed time using Itanium 2 (1.3GHz) 1 node 4 processors.

System, State, Basis	$N$ -rep.	$r$	Time	# of nodes
$\text{SiH}_4$ , $^1A_1$ , STO-6G	<i>PQGT1T2</i>	26	5.1 days	16
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $^1A_1$ , double- $\zeta$	<i>PQG</i>	28	2.2 hours	8
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $^1A_1$ , double- $\zeta$	<i>PQGT1T2</i>	28	20 days	8
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $^1A_1$ , double- $\zeta$	<i>PQGT1T2'</i>	28	24 days	8