Exploiting sparsity in large scale quantum chemical computations - implementation of LT-AO-MP2 formalism

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DFT to the rescue?

- Density Functional Theory
 - inherits Hartree-Fock efficiency
 - ships with correlation included
- Still, this is not enough DFT fails at
 - charge transfer processes
 - description of dispersion interaction

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Does it really matter?

Dispersion effects may seem negligible, but Nature begs to differ



Exploiting sparsity in MP2 calculations

- second order perturbation theory providing correction to HF energy and wavefunction
- the first step in the ladder of post-HF methods
- reproduces most of electron correlation
- includes dispersion effects

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Canonical MP2

energy correction

$$E_2 = -\sum_{ij}^{\text{occ}} \sum_{ab}^{\text{virt}} \frac{(ia|jb)[2(ia|jb) - (ib|ja)]}{\epsilon_a + \epsilon_b - \epsilon_i - \epsilon_j}$$

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Laplace transformation

definition

$$\mathcal{L}[f](x) = \int_0^\infty f(t) e^{-tx} dt$$

• transformation of constant function

$$\mathcal{L}[1](x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} dt = \frac{1}{x}$$

• the transformation is applied to

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LT-MP2

Energy correction

$$E_{2} = -\int_{0}^{\infty} \sum_{iajb} (ia|jb) [2(ia|jb) - (ib|ja)] e^{-(\epsilon_{a} + \epsilon_{b} - \epsilon_{i} - \epsilon_{j})t} dt$$

denoting

$$e_2(t) = \sum_{iajb} (ia|jb)[2(ia|jb) - (ib|ja)]e^{-(\epsilon_a + \epsilon_b - \epsilon_i - \epsilon_j)t}$$

we get

$$E_2 = -\int_0^\infty e_2(t)dt$$

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LT-AO-MP2

Defining transformed AO orbitals as

$$\underline{\mu} = \sum_{\nu} X_{\mu\nu}\nu \qquad \overline{\mu} = \sum_{\nu} Y_{\mu\nu}\nu$$

where X and Y are orbital-energy-weighted density matrices

$$X_{\mu\nu} = \sum_{i}^{\text{occ}} C_{\mu i} C_{\nu i} e^{\epsilon_{i} t} \qquad Y_{\mu\nu} = \sum_{a}^{\text{virt}} C_{\mu a} C_{\nu a} e^{-\epsilon_{a} t}$$

yields the workhorse of the method

$$\mathbf{e}_{2}=-\sum_{\mu
u\lambda\sigma}(\underline{\mu}\overline{
u}|\underline{\lambda}\overline{\sigma})[2(\mu
u|\lambda\sigma)-(\mu\sigma|\lambda
u)]$$

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Computation flow

For each quadrature point

- calculate prescreening data
- execute four-stage transformation

• calculate and accumulate contribution to the energy correction

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Data structures

The tensors we deal with are extremely s p a r s e

- We need data structures which exploit the sparsity
- To make things more complicated we require
 - efficient parallelization
 - fast browsing and manipulation
 - ability to perform single contraction in dense memory

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- separate trees used at every quarter of four-stage transformation
- sequence of indices is chosen for each transformation differently to maximize performance
- dynamic rewriting to small dense matrices is used to speed-up algebra operations

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Multi-pass/parallel algorithm

$$e_{2} = -\sum_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} (\underline{\mu}\overline{\nu}|\underline{\lambda}\overline{\sigma})[2(\mu\nu|\lambda\sigma) - (\mu\sigma|\lambda\nu)]$$
$$= -\sum_{\mathcal{M}} \sum_{\mu\in\mathcal{M}} \left(\sum_{\nu\lambda\sigma} (\underline{\mu}\overline{\nu}|\underline{\lambda}\overline{\sigma})[2(\mu\nu|\lambda\sigma) - (\mu\sigma|\lambda\nu)] \right)$$

- for each quadrature point
 - generate optimal μ ranges ${\cal M}$
 - $\bullet~\mbox{for each subset}~\mathcal{M}$
 - calculate prescreening data
 - execute partial four-stage transformation
 - calculate and accumulate partial contribution to the energy correction

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Partial trees



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Parallelization efficiency



Modest superlinear scaling observed ($\alpha = 0.94$, $\beta = 1.06$, $\gamma = 0.05$)

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Conclusions

- our LT-AO-MP2 implementation fulfills the expected performance criteria
- the implementation exploits advanced memory management and dynamic data structures
- the design fits well into computational chemistry framework being developed in our group

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Future outlook

- reduction of the complexity to linear
- energy derivatives
- application for
 - nanotubes
 - biochemical systems

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Summary

- the vintage post-HF methods are getting boosters
- this way they may become competitive to DFT
- while the ideas are old, the practical implementations started appearing only recently
- it seems that the trend is getting stronger
- and we try to be a part of it

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