

# On the Multi-Reference Nature of Plutonium Oxides: $\text{PuO}_2^{2+}$ , $\text{PuO}_2$ , $\text{PuO}_3$ and $\text{PuO}_2(\text{OH})_2$

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## Supporting Information

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# 1 XYZ Coordinates in Angstroms

## 1.1 linear PuO<sub>2</sub>

Pu	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
O	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	1.814000000000
O	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	-1.814000000000

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## 1.2 linear PuO<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>

Pu	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
O	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	1.711000000000
O	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	-1.711000000000

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## 1.3 bent PuO<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>

Pu	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
O	-0.118952247373	0.000000000000	1.762991594661
O	-0.118952247373	0.000000000000	-1.762991594661

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## 1.4 PuO<sub>3</sub>

Pu	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
O	1.934000000000	0.000000000000	0.000000000000
O	-0.118952247373	0.000000000000	1.762991594661
O	-0.118952247373	0.000000000000	-1.762991594661

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## 1.5 PuO<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>

Pu	0.000000000000	0.000000000000	1.000000000000
O	1.743451431370	0.000000000000	0.926500976503
O	-1.743451431370	0.000000000000	0.926500976503
O	0.000000000000	1.692384295153	2.243316290217
O	0.000000000000	-1.692384295153	2.243316290217
H	0.779782242822	2.098494984571	2.631304385035
H	-0.779782242822	-2.098494984571	2.631304385035

## 2 DMRG convergence and occupation numbers

Table S1: Ground state energies of all investigated plutonium oxides. The convergence of DMRG calculations with respect to the number of renormalized system states (indicated in brackets) is summarized. The number of block states was kept fixed for  $m = 256$  and  $m = 512$ , while the DBSS procedure was used for larger  $m$ . [1024]:  $m_{\min} = 512$ ,  $m_{\text{init}} = m_{\max} = 1024$ , the threshold for the quantum information loss was set to  $10^{-5}$ . [2048]:  $m_{\min} = 512$ ,  $m_{\text{init}} = 1024$ ,  $m_{\max} = 2048$ , the threshold for the quantum information loss was set to  $10^{-5}$ .

Molecule	E/Hartree				
	PuO <sub>2</sub>	PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (linear)	PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (bent)	PuO <sub>3</sub>	PuO <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>
DMRG					
FV-CAS					
[256]	–	–	–	–	–852.858 6
[512]	–701.966 0	–701.224 8	–701.256 0	–776.642 0	–852.862 5
[1024]	–701.967 1	–701.226 4	–701.258 8	–776.642 4	–852.864 4
[2048]	–701.967 3	–701.227 1	–701.260 3	–776.642 6	–852.865 5
optCAS					
[256]	–	–	–	–776.611 5	–852.815 7
[512]	–701.925 8	–701.202 3	–701.179 9	–776.611 5	–852.816 9
[1024]	–701.925 9	–701.202 6	–701.180 2	–	–852.817 4

Table S2: Occupation numbers of each active space orbital with index  $i$  for the converged DMRG wavefunctions and investigated plutonium oxides. The orbitals  $i$  are ordered as mentioned in the main manuscript.

PuO <sub>2</sub>				PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (linear)				PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (bent)				PuO <sub>3</sub>				PuO <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>			
FV-CAS		optCAS		FV-CAS		optCAS		FV-CAS		optCAS		FV-CAS		optCAS		FV-CAS		optCAS	
$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$	$i$	$n_{occ}$
1	2.00	1	0.02	1	2.00	1	1.97	1	2.00	1	1.89	1	2.00	1	2.00	1	2.00	1	1.97
2	2.00	2	1.99	2	2.00	2	0.00	2	1.99	2	1.96	2	2.00	2	1.98	2	2.00	2	1.98
3	1.99	3	1.98	3	1.98	3	1.91	3	1.99	3	0.50	3	2.00	3	0.24	3	2.00	3	2.00
4	0.02	4	0.99	4	0.00	4	0.50	4	1.89	4	0.12	4	2.00	4	0.00	4	2.00	4	1.99
5	0.00	5	0.07	5	0.00	5	0.10	5	1.95	5	1.89	5	1.99	5	1.98	5	2.00	5	0.47
6	0.00	6	1.99	6	0.00	6	1.91	6	0.50	6	0.12	6	2.00	6	1.99	6	1.99	6	0.54
7	1.99	7	1.98	7	1.99	7	0.50	7	0.13	7	0.50	7	1.98	7	0.78	7	1.97	7	0.00
8	1.98	8	0.99	8	1.91	8	0.10	8	0.01	8	1.90	8	0.22	8	0.00	8	1.98	8	0.00
9	0.99	9	0.07	9	0.49	9	1.92	9	0.01	9	1.96	9	0.00	9	0.02	9	1.99	9	0.02
10	0.07	10	1.93	10	0.10	10	0.51	10	0.00	10	0.51	10	0.01	10	1.98	10	1.99	10	0.02
11	1.99	11	0.95	11	1.99	11	0.09	11	1.99	11	0.13	11	0.01	11	1.97	11	0.47	11	1.97
12	1.98	12	0.07	12	1.91	12	1.96	12	1.89	12	0.03	12	1.99	12	0.26	12	0.55	12	1.98
13	0.99	13	1.99	13	0.52	13	0.03	13	0.50	13	1.95	13	1.98	13	0.01	13	0.01	13	1.97
14	0.07	14	0.02	14	0.10	14	1.96	14	0.13	14	0.51	14	1.99	14	0.78	14	0.00	14	2.00
15	0.01	15	1.99	15	0.01	15	0.03	15	0.01	15	0.03	15	0.81	15		15	0.03	15	2.00
16	2.00	16	0.02	16	1.99	16	0.51	16	0.00	16		16	0.01	16		16	0.03	16	0.56
17	1.99	17	0.96	17	1.99			17	1.99	17		17	0.03	17		17	0.00	17	0.45
18	1.93			18	1.91			18	1.99	18		18	2.00	18		18	0.00	18	0.00
19	0.96			19	0.50			19	1.89	19		19	2.00	19		19	2.00	19	0.01
20	0.07			20	0.08			20	1.95	20		20	1.99	20		20	2.00	20	0.01
21	1.99			21	1.96			21	0.51	21		21	1.97	21		21	2.00	21	0.02
22	0.02			22	0.03			22	0.13	22		22	1.96	22		22	1.99	22	0.04
23	1.99			23	1.96			23	0.04	23		23	0.25	23		23	1.99		
24	0.02			24	0.03			24	1.95	24		24	0.01	24		24	1.96		
25	0.96			25	0.52			25	0.51	25		25	2.00	25		25	1.97		
								26	0.04			26	0.81			26	1.96		
																27	1.99		
																28	1.99		
																29	0.58		
																30	0.44		
																31	0.00		
																32	0.02		
																33	0.01		
																34	0.03		
																35	0.05		

Table S3: DMRG orbital ordering used in all calculations.

Molecule	FV-CAS
PuO <sub>2</sub>	2a <sub>g</sub> 5a <sub>g</sub> 6a <sub>g</sub> 3a <sub>g</sub> 1a <sub>g</sub> 5b <sub>1u</sub> 3b <sub>1u</sub> 2b <sub>3u</sub> 2b <sub>2u</sub> 4b <sub>3u</sub> 4b <sub>2u</sub> 1a <sub>u</sub> 4b <sub>1u</sub> 2b <sub>1u</sub> 1b <sub>3g</sub> 1b <sub>2g</sub> 2b <sub>3g</sub> 2b <sub>2g</sub> 1b <sub>1u</sub> 3b <sub>2u</sub> 3b <sub>3u</sub> 4a <sub>g</sub> 1b <sub>2u</sub> 1b <sub>3u</sub> 1b <sub>1g</sub>
PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (linear)	1b <sub>1g</sub> 1b <sub>1u</sub> 3b <sub>2u</sub> 3b <sub>3u</sub> 1a <sub>u</sub> 4b <sub>1u</sub> 2b <sub>2g</sub> 2b <sub>3g</sub> 1b <sub>2g</sub> 1b <sub>3g</sub> 2b <sub>1u</sub> 2b <sub>2u</sub> 4b <sub>2u</sub> 2b <sub>3u</sub> 4b <sub>3u</sub> 1b <sub>2u</sub> 1b <sub>3u</sub> 3b <sub>1u</sub> 5b <sub>1u</sub> 5a <sub>g</sub> 2a <sub>g</sub> 3a <sub>g</sub> 4a <sub>g</sub> 1a <sub>g</sub> 6a <sub>g</sub>
PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (bent)	1a <sub>1</sub> 9a <sub>1</sub> 5b <sub>1</sub> 8a <sub>1</sub> 2a <sub>1</sub> 3a <sub>1</sub> 1b <sub>1</sub> 2b <sub>2</sub> 10a <sub>1</sub> 6a <sub>1</sub> 3b <sub>1</sub> 5b <sub>2</sub> 2a <sub>2</sub> 5a <sub>1</sub> 3b <sub>2</sub> 6b <sub>2</sub> 3a <sub>2</sub> 7a <sub>1</sub> 4a <sub>1</sub> 7b <sub>2</sub> 4b <sub>1</sub> 2b <sub>1</sub> 4b <sub>2</sub> 1a <sub>2</sub> 1b <sub>2</sub> 6b <sub>1</sub>
PuO <sub>3</sub>	1b <sub>2</sub> 1a <sub>2</sub> 5b <sub>1</sub> 11a <sub>1</sub> 3b <sub>2</sub> 2b <sub>2</sub> 2b <sub>1</sub> 5a <sub>1</sub> 3b <sub>1</sub> 6a <sub>1</sub> 6b <sub>1</sub> 7b <sub>2</sub> 4b <sub>2</sub> 9a <sub>1</sub> 5b <sub>2</sub> 10a <sub>1</sub> 7a <sub>1</sub> 1b <sub>1</sub> 6b <sub>2</sub> 4b <sub>1</sub> 2a <sub>2</sub> 8a <sub>1</sub> 4a <sub>1</sub> 2a <sub>1</sub> 1a <sub>1</sub> 3a <sub>1</sub>
PuO <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	1a 2a 3a 4a 5a 6a 9a 10a 15a 7a 11a 12a 16a 8a 13a 14a 17a 18a 4b 10b 9b 5b 7b 8b 6b 11b 12b 17b 16b 14b 15b 13b 1b 2b 3b
Molecule	optCAS
PuO <sub>2</sub>	3b <sub>3u</sub> 3b <sub>2u</sub> 1a <sub>u</sub> 4b <sub>1u</sub> 4b <sub>3u</sub> 4b <sub>2u</sub> 2b <sub>2u</sub> 2b <sub>3u</sub> 5b <sub>1u</sub> 3b <sub>1u</sub> 1b <sub>3g</sub> 2b <sub>3g</sub> 2b <sub>2g</sub> 1b <sub>2g</sub> 1b <sub>3u</sub> 1b <sub>2u</sub> 4a <sub>g</sub>
PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (linear)	3b <sub>3u</sub> 3b <sub>2u</sub> 4b <sub>1u</sub> 1a <sub>u</sub> 2b <sub>2u</sub> 2b <sub>3u</sub> 4b <sub>2u</sub> 4b <sub>3u</sub> 3b <sub>1u</sub> 2b <sub>3g</sub> 2b <sub>2g</sub> 1b <sub>3g</sub> 1b <sub>2g</sub> 5b <sub>1u</sub> 3a <sub>g</sub> 4a <sub>g</sub>
PuO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> (bent)	4b <sub>1</sub> 6a <sub>1</sub> 2a <sub>2</sub> 5b <sub>2</sub> 3b <sub>2</sub> 6b <sub>2</sub> 2b <sub>1</sub> 4a <sub>1</sub> 3b <sub>1</sub> 7a <sub>1</sub> 5a <sub>1</sub> 1a <sub>2</sub> 4b <sub>2</sub> 3a <sub>2</sub> 7b <sub>2</sub>
PuO <sub>3</sub>	5b <sub>1</sub> 7b <sub>2</sub> 3b <sub>1</sub> 4b <sub>2</sub> 2b <sub>1</sub> 5b <sub>2</sub> 6b <sub>1</sub> 7a <sub>1</sub> 6b <sub>2</sub> 4b <sub>1</sub> 2a <sub>2</sub> 8a <sub>1</sub> 6a <sub>1</sub> 9a <sub>1</sub>
PuO <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	9a 10a 16a 17b 14b 16b 6b 8a 7a 12a 11a 12b 11b 8b 15a 7b 15b 9b 13a 10b 13b 14a