

Electronic Supplementary Information: Distinguishing Artificial and Essential Symmetry Breaking in a Single Determinant: Approach and Application to the C₆₀, C₃₆, and C₂₀ Fullerenes

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One-Particle Density Matrix of MP2

For OOMP2 methods, we compute the correlated 1PDM using

$$P_{ij}^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{abk} (t_{ik}^{ab})^* t_{jk}^{ab} \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$P_{ab}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijc} (t_{ij}^{ac})^* t_{ij}^{bc}. \quad (\text{S2})$$

where the first is the MP2 correction to the occupied-occupied (OO) block of the 1PDM and the second is the correction to the virtual-virtual (VV) block. For κ -OOMP2, the amplitudes used in Eq. (S1) and Eq. (S2) are regularized. Moreover, κ -OOMP2 has an extra term to

the OO and VV blocks,

$$X_{ij} = -\kappa \int_0^1 d\tau e^{\tau\kappa\epsilon_i} (\omega_{ij}^* + \omega_{ji}) e^{(1-\tau)\kappa\epsilon_j} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$Y_{ab} = \kappa \int_0^1 d\tau e^{-\tau\kappa\epsilon_a} (\omega_{ab} + \omega_{ba}^*) e^{-(1-\tau)\kappa\epsilon_b} \quad (\text{S4})$$

where the definition of ω_{ij} and ω_{ab} are defined as follows:

$$\omega_{ij} = \sum_{aP} e^{-\tau\kappa\epsilon_a} V_{ia}^P \tilde{\Gamma}_{aj}^P \quad (\text{S5})$$

and

$$\omega_{ab} = \sum_{iP} e^{\tau\kappa\epsilon_i} \tilde{\Gamma}_{ai}^P V_{ib}^P \quad (\text{S6})$$

where V_{ia}^P is the 3-center 2-electron integrals and $\tilde{\Gamma}_{ai}^P$ reads

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{ai}^P = \sum_{jb} t_{ij}^{ab} V_{jb}^P \quad (\text{S7})$$

The resulting κ -OOMP2 1PDM is then obtained by summing the usual MP2 contribution and the regularization correction terms (Eq. (S3) and Eq. (S4)). In other words, we have

$$\tilde{P}_{ij}^{(2)} = P_{ij}^{(2)} + X_{ij} \quad (\text{S8})$$

$$\tilde{P}_{ab}^{(2)} = P_{ab}^{(2)} + Y_{ab} \quad (\text{S9})$$

These $\tilde{P}_{ij}^{(2)}$ and $\tilde{P}_{ab}^{(2)}$ are the *relaxed* 1PDMs of κ -OOMP2. More details are available in ref. 35.

Non-Collinearity Test of MP1 Wavefunctions

In order to perform the non-collinearity test on an MP1 wavefunction, one needs first-order corrections to $\langle \hat{S}_i \rangle$ and $\langle \hat{S}_i \hat{S}_j \rangle$ where $i, j \in \{x, y, z\}$. The first-order correction to $\langle \hat{O} \rangle$ for an

operator \hat{O} is defined as follows:

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle_1 = \langle \Psi_1 | \hat{O} | \Psi_0 \rangle + \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{O} | \Psi_1 \rangle. \quad (\text{S10})$$

This can be derived from the derivative with respect to λ of the first-order MP energy expression $E^{(1)}$ with a modified Hamiltonian, $\hat{H} + \lambda \hat{O}$. We enumerate the expectation value of each spin operator using this formula. For $\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle$, one may use the following identity:

$$\hat{S}^2 = \hat{S}_z + \hat{S}_z^2 + \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_+, \quad (\text{S11})$$

where

$$\hat{S}_z = \frac{1}{2} \sum_p \left(\hat{a}_{p\alpha}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\alpha} - \hat{a}_{p\beta}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\beta} \right) \quad (\text{S12})$$

$$\hat{S}_+ = \hat{S}_x + i\hat{S}_y = \sum_p \hat{a}_{p\alpha}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\beta} \quad (\text{S13})$$

$$\hat{S}_- = \hat{S}_x - i\hat{S}_y = \sum_p \hat{a}_{p\beta}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\alpha} \quad (\text{S14})$$

One can evaluate $\langle \hat{S}_i \hat{S}_j \rangle$ for $i, j \in \{x, y\}$ using $\langle \hat{S}_i \hat{S}_j \rangle$ for $i, j \in \{+, -\}$. We choose to work with these ladder operators for simplicity.

With a cGHF reference, the zeroth order expectation values are as follows:^{45,46}

$$\langle \hat{S}_z \rangle_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (\langle i_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle - \langle i_\beta | i_\beta \rangle) \quad (\text{S15})$$

$$\langle \hat{S}_+ \rangle_0 = \langle \hat{S}_- \rangle_0^* = \sum_i \langle i_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \quad (\text{S16})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}_z^2 \rangle_0 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_i (\langle i_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle + \langle i_\beta | i_\beta \rangle) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} \sum_{\sigma \in \{\alpha, \beta\}} (\langle i_\sigma | i_\sigma \rangle \langle j_\sigma | j_\sigma \rangle - \langle i_\sigma | j_\sigma \rangle \langle j_\sigma | i_\sigma \rangle) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \langle j_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle - \langle i_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\beta | j_\beta \rangle + \text{h.c.}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S17})$$

$$\langle \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_+ \rangle_0 = \sum_i \langle i_\beta | i_\beta \rangle + \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle j_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle i_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle) \quad (\text{S18})$$

$$\langle \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_- \rangle_0 = \sum_i \langle i_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle + \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle j_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle i_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle) \quad (\text{S19})$$

$$\langle \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_- \rangle_0 = \langle \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_+ \rangle_0^* = \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle j_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle i_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle) \quad (\text{S20})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_z \rangle_0 = \langle \hat{S}_z \hat{S}_- \rangle_0^* &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \langle i_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle j_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle j_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle i_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle j_\beta | j_\beta \rangle - \langle i_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \langle j_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S21})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_z \rangle_0 = \langle \hat{S}_z \hat{S}_+ \rangle_0^* &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \langle i_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle i_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\langle i_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\beta | j_\beta \rangle - \langle i_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \langle j_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S22})$$

where we used the fact that each orbital is of the spinor form in Eq. (6) and we define

$$\langle p_{\sigma_1} | q_{\sigma_2} \rangle = \int_{\mathbf{r}} (\phi_p^{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{r}))^* \phi_q^{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{r}). \quad (\text{S23})$$

We note that there is no spin integration in Eq. (S23). These are used to compute the covariance matrix $A_{ij} = \langle \hat{S}_i \hat{S}_j \rangle - \langle \hat{S}_i \rangle \langle \hat{S}_j \rangle$. As noted before, the eigenspectrum of \mathbf{A} determines whether the GHF wavefunction is genuinely non-collinear. The wavefunction is collinear if

and only if there is a zero eigenmode.

Similarly, the first-order corrections to these expectation values can be obtained from

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle_1 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} (t_{ij}^{ab})^* \langle \Psi_{ij}^{ab} | \hat{O} | \Psi_0 \rangle + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{O} | \Psi_{ij}^{ab} \rangle t_{ij}^{ab} \quad (\text{S24})$$

This can be easily computed as follows:

$$\langle \hat{S}_z \rangle_1 = \langle \hat{S}_+ \rangle_1 = \langle \hat{S}_- \rangle_1 = 0 \quad (\text{S25})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}_z^2 \rangle_1 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} (t_{ij}^{ab})^* \sum_{\sigma \in \{\alpha, \beta\}} (2 \langle a_\sigma | i_\sigma \rangle \langle b_\sigma | j_\sigma \rangle - 2 \langle a_\sigma | j_\sigma \rangle \langle b_\sigma | i_\sigma \rangle) \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} (t_{ij}^{ab})^* (-2 \langle a_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | j_\beta \rangle + 2 \langle a_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \langle b_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle \\ &- 2 \langle a_\beta | i_\beta \rangle \langle b_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle + 2 \langle a_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | i_\beta \rangle) + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S26})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_+ \rangle_1 = \langle \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_- \rangle_1 &= \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} (t_{ij}^{ab})^* (\langle a_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\alpha | j_\beta \rangle - \langle a_\alpha | j_\beta \rangle \langle b_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \\ &+ \langle a_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle b_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle a_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle) + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S27})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_- \rangle_1 = \langle \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_+ \rangle_1^* &= \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} (t_{ij}^{ab})^* (2 \langle a_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle - 2 \langle a_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle) \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} (t_{ij}^{ab}) (2 \langle i_\beta | a_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\beta | b_\alpha \rangle - 2 \langle j_\beta | a_\alpha \rangle \langle i_\beta | b_\alpha \rangle) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S28})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_z \rangle_1 = \langle \hat{S}_z \hat{S}_- \rangle_1^* &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} (t_{ij}^{ab})^* (\langle a_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle b_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle a_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle) \\
&+ \langle a_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\alpha | j_\beta \rangle - \langle a_\alpha | j_\beta \rangle \langle b_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle - \langle a_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle \langle b_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \\
&+ \langle a_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \langle b_\alpha | i_\beta \rangle - \langle a_\beta | i_\beta \rangle \langle b_\alpha | j_\beta \rangle + \langle a_\alpha | j_\beta \rangle \langle b_\beta | i_\beta \rangle) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} t_{ij}^{ab} (\langle i_\alpha | a_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\alpha | b_\beta \rangle - \langle j_\alpha | a_\beta \rangle \langle i_\alpha | b_\alpha \rangle) \\
&+ \langle i_\alpha | a_\beta \rangle \langle j_\alpha | b_\alpha \rangle - \langle j_\alpha | a_\alpha \rangle \langle i_\alpha | b_\beta \rangle - \langle i_\beta | a_\beta \rangle \langle j_\alpha | b_\beta \rangle \\
&+ \langle j_\alpha | a_\beta \rangle \langle i_\beta | b_\beta \rangle - \langle i_\alpha | a_\beta \rangle \langle j_\beta | b_\beta \rangle + \langle j_\beta | a_\alpha \rangle \langle i_\alpha | b_\beta \rangle) \quad (S29)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_z \rangle_1 = \langle \hat{S}_z \hat{S}_+ \rangle_1^* &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} (t_{ij}^{ab})^* (\langle a_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle a_\alpha | j_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle) \\
&+ \langle a_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle - \langle a_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\alpha | i_\alpha \rangle - \langle a_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \\
&+ \langle a_\beta | j_\beta \rangle \langle b_\beta | i_\alpha \rangle - \langle a_\beta | i_\beta \rangle \langle b_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle + \langle a_\beta | j_\alpha \rangle \langle b_\beta | i_\beta \rangle) \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ a < b}} t_{ij}^{ab} (\langle i_\alpha | a_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\beta | b_\beta \rangle - \langle j_\beta | a_\alpha \rangle \langle i_\alpha | b_\alpha \rangle) \\
&+ \langle i_\beta | a_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\alpha | b_\alpha \rangle - \langle j_\alpha | a_\alpha \rangle \langle i_\beta | b_\alpha \rangle - \langle i_\beta | a_\beta \rangle \langle j_\beta | b_\alpha \rangle \\
&+ \langle j_\beta | a_\alpha \rangle \langle i_\beta | b_\beta \rangle - \langle i_\beta | a_\alpha \rangle \langle j_\beta | b_\beta \rangle + \langle j_\beta | a_\beta \rangle \langle i_\beta | b_\alpha \rangle) \quad (S30)
\end{aligned}$$

Complex Generalized HF

The variation in the energy expression reads

$$\delta E = \sum_{ia} (-h_{ai} \delta \Theta_{ia} - h_{ia} \delta \Theta_{ia}^*) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ija} (\langle ij || aj \rangle \delta \Theta_{ia}^* + \langle ij || ia \rangle \delta \Theta_{ja}^* + \langle aj || ij \rangle \delta \Theta_{ia} + \langle ia || ij \rangle \delta \Theta_{ja})$$

where $\delta \Theta_{ia}$ is an infinitesimal orbital rotation. This energy variation can be used to compute orbital gradient and similarly orbital hessian.

Orbital Gradient

We compute the gradient of E with respect to the real and imaginary part of Θ ,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \text{Re}(\Theta_{ia})} = -[h_{ai} + J_{ai} - K_{ai}] + \text{h.c.} = -h_{ai} - \sum_k \langle ak || ik \rangle - h_{ia} - \sum_k \langle ik || ak \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial i\text{Im}(\Theta_{ia})} = -[h_{ai} + J_{ai} - K_{ai}] - \text{h.c.} = -h_{ai} - \sum_k \langle ak || ik \rangle + h_{ia} + \sum_k \langle ik || ak \rangle$$

Orbital Hessian

Similarly, the variation of orbital gradient reads

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \frac{\partial E}{\partial \text{Re}(\Theta_{ia})} &= \sum_j (-h_{ji} \delta \Theta_{ja}^* + h_{ab} \delta \Theta_{bi}^*) + \sum_k \left(-\sum_j \delta \Theta_{aj}^* \langle jk || ik \rangle + \sum_b \delta \Theta_{bi}^* \langle ak || bk \rangle \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{kb} \delta \Theta_{bk}^* \langle ak || ib \rangle + \sum_{kb} \delta \Theta_{bk} \langle ab || ik \rangle + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S31})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \frac{\partial E}{\partial i\text{Im}(\Theta_{ia})} &= \sum_j (-h_{ji} \delta \Theta_{ja}^* + h_{ab} \delta \Theta_{bi}^*) + \sum_k \left(-\sum_j \delta \Theta_{aj}^* \langle jk || ik \rangle + \sum_b \delta \Theta_{bi}^* \langle ak || bk \rangle \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{kb} \delta \Theta_{bk}^* \langle ak || ib \rangle + \sum_{kb} \delta \Theta_{bk} \langle ab || ik \rangle - \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S32})$$

These are then used to obtain orbital hessian:

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \text{Re}(\Theta_{ia}) \partial \text{Re}(\Theta_{jb})} = \left[-\delta_{ab} \left(h_{ji} + \sum_k \langle jk || ik \rangle \right) + \delta_{ij} \left(h_{ab} + \sum_k \langle ak || bk \rangle \right) + \langle aj || ib \rangle + \langle ab || ij \rangle \right] + \text{h.c.} \quad (\text{S33})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial i\text{Im}(\Theta_{ia})\partial i\text{Im}(\Theta_{jb})} &= \left[\delta_{ab} \left(h_{ji} + \sum_k \langle jk||ik \rangle \right) - \delta_{ij} \left(h_{ab} + \sum_k \langle ak||bk \rangle \right) - \langle aj||ib \rangle + \langle ab||ij \rangle \right] + h.c. \\
&= -\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \text{Im}(\Theta_{ia})\partial \text{Im}(\Theta_{jb})}
\end{aligned} \tag{S34}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \text{Im}(\Theta_{ia})\partial \text{Re}(\Theta_{jb})} = i [-\langle aj||ib \rangle + \langle ab||ij \rangle - h.c.] \tag{S35}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \text{Re}(\Theta_{ia})\partial \text{Im}(\Theta_{jb})} = -i [-\langle aj||ib \rangle + \langle ab||ij \rangle - h.c.] \tag{S36}$$