Magnetic Exchange & Magnetostructural Dynamics in Ferredoxins

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Motivation



- Iron–sulfur proteins: electron transport in biology
- Ferredoxin: paramagnetic Fe centers bridged by S
- [2Fe–2S] type: Fe sites interact by "superexchange"; antiferromagnetic alignment of electrons

 $Fe_A (S_A=5/2) - - - Fe_B (S_B=5/2)$

Beinert et al. (1997) Science 277:653

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• Magnetic exchange interactions

- result to a low-spin ground state ⇒ antiferromagnetic coupling
- result to a high-spin ground state ⇒ ferromagnetic coupling
- Magnetic coupling modeled using Heisenberg-Dirac-Van Vleck spin Hamiltonian

 $\hat{H} = -2J\,\hat{S}_{\text{A}}\cdot\hat{S}_{\text{B}}$

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• Spin ladder:

 $E^{\rm S} - E^{\rm S-1} = -2JS$

• Low spin ground state: multireference character



- Poor man's description: single singlet determinant (broken symmetry) $Fe_A(\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow) \cdots Fe_B(\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow)$
- Broken symmetry wavefunction is not the true ground state wavefunction
- How to access structure and dynamics at low-spin state?

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The Essence



- Estimate E^{HS} (S = S_{max}) and E^{BS} (S = S_{min})
- Compute *J* and thus spin ladder; For e.g.,

$$J = rac{E^{
m BS} - E^{
m HS}}{S^2_{
m max}}$$

- Estimate *E*^{LS} from spin ladder (projection)
- Calculate \mathbf{F}_{I}^{LS} by similar projection \rightarrow dynamics

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$$J = \frac{E^{\rm BS} - E^{\rm HS}}{S^2_{\rm max} - S^2_{\rm min} - \Theta^{\rm BS} + \Theta^{\rm HS}}$$

with

$$\Theta = N_{\rm nmag}^{\beta} - \sum_{i}^{N} \sum_{j}^{N} f_{i}^{\alpha} f_{j}^{\beta} \langle \phi_{i}^{\alpha} | \phi_{j}^{\beta} \rangle^{2}$$

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$$J = \frac{E^{\rm BS} - E^{\rm HS}}{S^2_{\rm max} - S^2_{\rm min} - \Theta^{\rm BS} + \Theta^{\rm HS}}$$

• Weak overlap limit: $\Theta^{\text{BS/HS}} = 0$ and $N^{\alpha} = N^{\beta} \rightarrow$ <u>Noodleman formula</u>

$$J = rac{E^{
m BS} - E^{
m HS}}{S^2_{
m max}}$$

Noodleman L (1981) J. Chem. Phys. 74:5737

• Strong overlap limit: $\Theta^{\text{HS}} = 0, \ \Theta^{\text{BS}} = N_{\text{mag}} \text{ and } N^{\alpha} = N^{\beta} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Ruiz formula}}$

$$J = \frac{E^{\rm BS} - E^{\rm HS}}{S_{\rm max}(S_{\rm max} + 1)}$$

Ruiz et al. (1999) J. Comp. Chem. 20:1391

General Expression for Ground State Energy

$$E^{\text{LS}} = E^{\text{BS}} + J(S_{\text{max}} - S_{\text{min}} + \Theta^{\text{BS}})$$

or $E^{\text{LS}} = (1+c)E^{\text{BS}} - cE^{\text{HS}}$
where $c = \frac{S_{\text{max}} - S_{\text{min}} + \Theta^{\text{BS}}}{S_{\text{max}}^2 - S_{\text{min}}^2 - \Theta^{\text{BS}} + \Theta^{\text{HS}}}$

- Accessing energy of the low–spin state *without* having the low–spin density
- Requirement: Heisenberg Hamiltonian must hold

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The Extended Broken Symmetry Approach

• Low spin energy

$$E^{\text{LS}} = (1+c)E^{\text{BS}} - cE^{\text{HS}} = \mathcal{P}E^{\text{BS,HS}}$$

Low spin forces

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{I}^{ ext{LS}} &= (1+c)\mathbf{F}_{I}^{ ext{BS}} - c\mathbf{F}_{I}^{ ext{HS}} \ &= -
abla_{\mathbf{R}_{I}}\left[(1+c)E^{ ext{BS}}
ight] +
abla_{\mathbf{R}_{I}}\left[cE^{ ext{HS}}
ight] \end{aligned}$$

• Equations of motion

$$M_I \ddot{\mathbf{R}}_I = -\nabla_I \mathcal{P} E^{\mathrm{BS,HS}}$$

 \Rightarrow MD, geometry opt. and vibrational anal.

The Extended Broken Symmetry Approach

Car-Parrinello Lagrangian for EBS

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{CP}}^{\text{LS}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I} M_{I} \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{I}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \mu \mathcal{P} \left\langle \dot{\psi}_{i} | \dot{\psi}_{i} \right\rangle^{\text{BS,HS}} \\ &- \mathcal{P} E^{\text{BS,HS}} + \sum_{i,j} \mathcal{P} \Lambda_{ij}^{\text{BS,HS}} \left(\left\langle \psi_{i}^{\text{BS,HS}} | \psi_{j}^{\text{BS,HS}} \right\rangle - \delta_{ij} \right) \end{aligned}$$



The Extended Broken Symmetry Approach

Low spin QM/MM electrostatics

$$\textit{E}_{\text{QM}-\text{MM}}^{\text{LS}} = \mathcal{P}\textit{E}_{\text{SR}}^{\text{BS},\text{HS}} + \mathcal{P}\textit{E}_{\text{LR}}^{\text{BS},\text{HS}}$$

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Broken Symmetry vs. Extended Broken Symmetry

• Minimum energy structure [Fe₂S₂(SH)₄]²⁻ (XC=PBE/PP=USPP/PW=30 Ry)





• Distribution function of structural parameters and *J* (EBS vs. BS)





Broken Symmetry vs. Extended Broken Symmetry (2)

• Vibrational frequencies (EBS vs. BS)



• EBS and BS differ in their structure and dynamics

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Anabaena Ferredoxin

• Redox-induced conformational changes in protein





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• EBS-QM/MM: CPMD-GROMOS/USPP/Amber FF/16 ps production

Anabaena Ferredoxin: Modeling Aspects (1)



- Anabaena Fd (pdb: 1qt9) in CO-in and CO-out form
- 13265 H_2O molecules 23 Na^+ and 5 Cl^- ions
- NVT
- 74 Å cubic box, 300 K
- AMBER94 Force Field

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• CPMD/GROMOS interface

Anabaena Ferredoxin: Modeling Aspects (2)



- Spin-polarized DFT
- PBE functional
- Vanderbilt USPP, 30 Ry cutoff

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- 21 Å cubic QM box
- EBS-CPMD

• QM subsystem: $[(\cdot - CH_2 - S)_2 - [2Fe - 2S] - (S - CH_2)_2 - \cdot]^{2-}$

Same dynamics of *J* within EBS-DFT and CAS-CI

Heisenberg model holds well in asymmetric protein environments.



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 $G_{\xi,\xi'}(t) \to G_{\xi,\xi'}(\omega)$; minimize $\int |G_{\xi,\xi'}(\omega)| d\omega$

Cross Correlation $G_{\xi,J}(\omega)$ with the new basis set $G_{\xi,J}(t) \to G_{\xi,J}(\omega)$



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The Role of Hydrogen Bonds





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Why J is overestimated?



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Hubbard U correction; Linear Response approach



 Self interaction stabilizes fractional occupation

- Delocalization of electrons to ligands
 ⇒ stronger bond
- Increases the value of J

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• Solution: Minimize delocalization

Hubbard U correction; Linear Response approach



 Self interaction stabilizes fractional occupation

Cococcioni & de Gironcoli PRB 2005 Marzari et al. PRL 2006 Hubbard correction to retain linearity

$$E_U = rac{1}{2} \sum_{I,\sigma} U \; \mathrm{Tr} \left[\mathbf{n}^{I,\sigma} \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{n}^{I,\sigma}
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- U is curvature of energy-occupation curve → from linear response
- $V^{\text{GGA}}(\mathbf{r}) + V^{\text{U}}(\mathbf{r}) \longrightarrow$ new density \Rightarrow a self-consistent procedure

EBS+U Car–Parrinello Simulations (1)

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EBS+U Car–Parrinello Simulations (2)

	Fd (EBS)	Fd (EBS+U)	Xray–Fd
r(Fe1–Fe2)	2.62	2.74	2.75
r(Fe–S)	2.22	2.27	2.29
θ(Fe–S–Fe)	72.2	74.0	75.1

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Parameterization of J (2)



$$J(r,\theta) = A \exp \left[-\alpha \left(r - r_{0}\right)\right] + B \exp \left[-\beta \left(r - r_{0}\right)\right] \cos \theta + C \exp \left[-\gamma \left(r - r_{0}\right)\right] \cos 2\theta$$

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• Parameterization of *J* reproduces P(J) and $J(\omega)$

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- Dynamics at the low–spin ground state or "any" spin–state by the extended broken symmetry scheme
- Accurate prediction of *J* values (using DFT)
- Thermal fluctuations change J
- Dynamical magnetostructural analysis
- Complex influence of the protein environment on $J(\omega)$ can be understood
- Parameterization of [2Fe–2S] core and *J* for classical MD

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Other Magnetic Systems

- Rieske proteins
- Ø Multicenter magnetic clusters/embedded proteins

Generalize the Computational Tool

() General projectors for GGA+U method

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Two particle density matrix

$$egin{aligned} &\Gamma(\mathbf{x}_1',\mathbf{x}_2'|\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2) = rac{N(N-1)}{2} imes \ &\int \Psi^{\star}(\mathbf{x}_1',\mathbf{x}_2',\ldots,\mathbf{x}_N)\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\ldots,\mathbf{x}_N)d\mathbf{x}_3\ldots d\mathbf{x}_N, \end{aligned}$$

having $\mathbf{x}_i = (\mathbf{r}_i, \sigma_i)$

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How to measure P(J)?

? inelastic neutron scattering (INS)

How to access magnetostructural correlations? Idea: excite specific vibrations and measure J simultaneously \Rightarrow combination of

- ? inelastic neutron scattering + resonance Raman
- ? inelastic neutron scattering + nuclear inelastic scattering (INS+NIS)
 - \Rightarrow only Mößbauer active nuclei

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General Expression for Ground State Energy

• Heisenberg-Dirac-Van Vleck spin Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = -2J\,\hat{S}_{\text{A}}\cdot\hat{S}_{\text{B}} = -J(\hat{S}^2-\hat{S}_{\text{A}}^2-\hat{S}_{\text{B}}^2)$$

• Energy of a spin state

$$E^{S} = -J[S(S+1) - S_{A}(S_{A}+1) - S_{B}(S_{B}+1)]$$

 \bullet For practical purpose employing $\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle$

$$\begin{array}{lll} E^{\mathrm{S}} &=& -J[\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle - S_{\mathrm{A}}(S_{\mathrm{A}} + 1) - S_{\mathrm{B}}(S_{\mathrm{B}} + 1)] \\ J &=& \frac{E^{\mathrm{BS}} - E^{\mathrm{HS}}}{\langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\mathrm{HS}} - \langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle^{\mathrm{BS}}} \end{array}$$

Yamaguchi et al. (1988) Chem. Phys. Lett. 149:537

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Stability of EBS CP Dynamics



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	$Fe_2S_2(SH)_4^{2-a}$	Fd _{in} ^b	Fd _{out} ^b	Fd _{in} ^c
distance [Å]				
Fe-Fe	2.64	2.62	2.62	2.75
Fe1-S1	2.18	2.22	2.21	2.28
Fe2-S2	2.18	2.17	2.18	2.18
$J [{\rm cm}^{-1}]$	-403	-386	-360	_

^a in vacuo ;

^b solvated protein;

^c X-ray diffraction data

Experimental J for Spinach ferredoxin: -183 cm^{-1}

Modeling Aspects: MM



- Anabaena Fd (pdb: 1qt9) in CO-in and CO-out form
- 13265 H_2O molecules 23 Na^+ and 5 Cl^- ions
- NVT
- 74 Å cubic box, 300 K
- AMBER94 Force Field

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• CPMD/GROMOS interface

Modeling Aspects: **QM**



- Spin-polarized DFT
- PBE functional
- Vanderbilt USPP, 30 Ry cutoff

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- 21 Å cubic QM box
- EBS-CPMD

• QM subsystem: $[(\cdot - CH_2 - S)_2 - [2Fe - 2S] - (S - CH_2)_2 - \cdot]^{2-}$

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 Γ is the two particle density matrix Löwdin P. O. (1955) *Phys. Rev.* 97:1474 Wang et al. (1995) *J. Chem. Phys.* 102:3477

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$$J = \frac{E^{\rm BS} - E^{\rm HS}}{S^2_{\rm max} - S^2_{\rm min} - \Theta^{\rm BS} + \Theta^{\rm HS}}$$

For a pure spin state: $\Theta = 0 \Longrightarrow \langle \hat{S}^2 \rangle = S(S+1)$

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Comparison with Experiment

• Modes from principal component analysis on the QM/MM trajectory



Effect of Overlap of Magnetic Orbitals

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{F}_{I}^{\mathrm{LS}} &=& (1+c)\mathbf{F}_{I}^{\mathrm{BS}}-c\mathbf{F}_{I}^{\mathrm{HS}}\\ c &=& \frac{S_{\mathrm{max}}-S_{\mathrm{min}}+\Theta^{\mathrm{BS}}}{S_{\mathrm{max}}^{2}-S_{\mathrm{min}}^{2}-\Theta^{\mathrm{BS}}+\Theta^{\mathrm{HS}}} \end{array}$$

 $\Theta^{HS}=0.0$

Θ^{BS}	0.000	-0.313	-1.250	-2.813	-5.000
С	0.200	0.185	0.143	0.079	0.000
$\mathbf{S}^{lphaeta}$	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
Δr (Fe–Fe) [Å]	0.000	0.004	0.015	0.033	0.054
∆ <i>r</i> (Fe–S) [Å]	0.000	0.002	0.007	0.016	0.025
$\Delta J ~[\mathrm{cm}^{-1}]$	0	9	33	69	110

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