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PREDICTIVE SIMULATIONS of
CHEMO-MECHANICAL
PHENOMENA IN REAL MATERIALS

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‘Predictive Theory’ for molecular systems, means that a computer model which implements that theory will provide reliable results in the absence of experiment, qualitatively or quantitatively.
Amorphous silica sample
OBJECTIVE: ‘PREDICTIVE’ SIMULATIONS (FIRST PRINCIPLES)

PROBLEMS:

• Simulations can be no better than the forces of interaction, and those would preferably come from quantum mechanics.

• Required size of simulation places severe demands on the rapid generation of forces, making it difficult to use QM forces, exclusively.

• The description of optical properties requires a multi-state QM description.
IDENTIFICATION: Mixed potential/wavelet description to identify location of strain in material.

• INTERFACE: Achieving consistent forces between classical and quantum regions.

• HYDROLYTIC WEAKENING: Addition of water to silica to assess mechanisms, kinetics, and energetics.

REGION I: The quantum mechanical core. “Transfer Hamiltonian” as a new route toward the QM part of predictive simulations. (Several other routes also under development.)

• ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

PLEASE CONSULT THE 6 POSTERS FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION!
DUAL POTENTIAL/WAVELET IDENTIFICATION OF WHERE FRACTURE WILL OCCUR

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Dynamical multiscale approach to bridging classical and quantum interatomic potentials for the simulation of failure of amorphous SiO₂

Objectives:
1. Identify, on the fly, regions in a homogeneously strained glass that require more accurate treatment of intermolecular forces (e.g. quantum)
2. Develop a molecular dynamics-based seamless concurrent multiscale simulation method with different intermolecular potentials e.g. classical (potential 1) and quantum (potential 2).
3. Use dynamical multiscale mixed-potentials approach to simulate crack initiation and failure in homogeneously strained amorphous SiO₂.
1-D wavelet-based method for identifying region that is most likely to fail (i.e. P)

- Optimum Haar’s wavelet’s order for filtering local stress/particle = 2.
- Location of failure identified prior to actual failure
Dynamical multiscale mixed-potentials method

**Procedure:**
- MD cell divided into 64 slabs
- Position of “potential 2” region updated every 0.2ps
- Local stress/particle calculated at each slab at each time step
- Local stress/particle averaged over last 0.1 (or 0.05)ps of updating interval
- Averaged local stress versus slab position filtered with Haar’s wavelet (order 2)
- “potential 2” region relocated (centered on the slab with highest wavelet-filtered stress).

Dynamical multiscale mixed-potentials method (red and blue lines) reproduces satisfactorily the stress/strain relationship of an all-potential 2 system.
• Wavelet analysis identifies area of failure BEFORE fracture.
• Potential can be dynamically centered in identified region.
• Analysis is applicable to dual potential description, as in QM + CM, and follows correct potential.
REGION II: CLASSICAL TO QUANTUM INTERFACE FOR TRANSFER HAMILTONIAN

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Localized Valence electron charge density of CM ensures appropriateness of such partitioning.
Partitioning of the nanorod

This scheme gives charge density and forces in the QM domain same as those obtained from TH-NDDO on the entire system.

Generality of the proposed scheme extends to strained and longer rods as well.

For comparison we also study choice of link-atoms instead of Pseudo-atoms
Confirmation of Our Method in Various Cases for Values of Forces
Confirmation of Our Method for the Values of Charge Densities

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• Localized charge density in silica nanorod, facilitated separating QM region from CM region using pseudo-atoms.
• Further represented CM part by first (dipole) term in multipole expansion.
• Inserting the dipole potential into the transfer Hamiltonian to obtain self-consistent solution, provided excellent forces and charge densities across CM/QM interface.
CLASSICAL TO QUANTUM INTERFACE
AND ITS APPLICATION TO HYDROLYTIC WEAKENING

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Amorphous silica surface (BKS)


- A 12,000-atom slab is used to simulate the surface.


Pair-correlation functions of bulk amorphous silica
Properties of amorphous silica surfaces

- In the absence of strain, the Si-O bonds are inert to H$_2$O and NH$_3$, etc.
- Strained Si-O bonds greatly increase the reactivity by creating acidic and basic adsorption sites on silicon and oxygen.
- Reactive sites (surface defects) play crucial roles in the surface corrosion.
- Two-membered-ring (TMR) is a surface defect with high abundance.

Water destroys TMR, heating above 500 °C restores the TMR, surface dehydroxylation


Two-membered-ring on silica surfaces

Reaction path for 1-water dissociation

Walsh et al, JCP 113,9191 (2000) cluster model --\( E_{\text{barrie}} = 0.7-1.1 \text{ eV} \)
Reaction path for 2-water dissociation

$q = +0.7$
PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS

- Built transparent CM/QM interface using link atoms.
- Large scale DFT based simulations emphasize the formation of strained $\text{Si}_2\text{O}_2$ rings in silica surface.
- Support water dimer mechanism suggested by (JDB, KR, RJB, Comp. Mat. Sci., 2003) as critical, as it has no barrier in reaction.
REGION I: QUANTUM MECHANICS

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How can we hope to make simulations of materials ‘predictive’?
THEMES OF OUR WORK

• **Predictive Simulations**  (If the forces are as accurate as those of coupled-cluster theory, any phenomena accessible to classical MD should be reliable.)

• **Chemistry**  (Describe the interactions of a variety of different molecules routinely.)

• **Quantum State Specific**  (Simulations should properly account for ions, radicals, and specific electronic states.)
To get forces in quantum region...

I. Ab Initio Correlated Methods like Coupled-Cluster Theory.

II. Ab Initio dft, which unlike conventional DFT, has to converge to the right answer in the correlation and basis set limit.

III. Conventional, local, GGA, hybrid DFT, plane wave or gaussian basis.

IV. Orbital independent DFT.

V. Semi-Empirical Quantum Methods or some version of Tight-Binding.

VI: Adaptive Potentials
Coupled Cluster Calculation of $D_e$’s

Forces, Energies and Properties of Extended Systems

- Solve QM1 embedded in QM2 using CC methods with localized orbitals.
- Region outside of QM2 is treated classically (point electron + nuclear charges).
- Forces on QM1 atoms depend on QM2 and classical part: \( F_{\text{QM1}} = F_{\text{QM2}} + F_{\text{classical}} \).
- Accuracy of QM1 values increase with increasing QM2 size.
- Natural linear scaling is achieved by moving QM1 over entire molecular system.
- Typically > 98% of exact property values are obtained already for fairly small QM2.
- Basis set size limitation to size of QM2 only => conventional CC programs suff

N. Flocke, RJB, JCP, in press
Ab Initio dft

Correlation potential of neon (Roos-ATZPU basis set) (2)

RJB, V. Lotrich, I Schweigert, JCP, Special Theme Issue on DFT, in press
## COMPARISON OF DENSITY FUNCTIONAL METHODS

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QUANTUM MECHANICAL CORE

Ab Initio DFT ⇄ Coupled-Cluster Theory (Natural Linear Scaling)

LSDA, GGA, Hybrid DFT

Transfer Hamiltonian
COMPARATIVE APPLICABILITY OF METHODS
In CC theory we have the equations...

\[ \exp(-T) \ H \exp(T) = _ \]
\[ _|0\rangle = E|0\rangle \] Where E is the exact correlated energy

\[ \langle m | _|0\rangle = 0 \] Where \( \langle m | \) is a single, double, triple, etc excitation which provides the equations for the coefficients in \( T \), ie \( t_i^a, t_{ij}^{ab}, \) etc.

\[ \nabla(R)E(R) = F(R) \] Provides the exact forces

\[ \rho(x) = \langle 0 | \exp(-T) \delta(x-x') \exp(T) |0\rangle \] gives the exact density

and \( \langle m | _ |n\rangle \Rightarrow _ \) and \( _R_k = \omega_k R_k \) Gives the excitation (ionization, electron attached) energies \( \omega_k \) and eigenvectors \( R_k \)
TRANSITION FROM MANY-PARTICLE HAMILTONIAN TO EFFECTIVE ONE-PARTICLE HAMILTONIAN...

### Wavefunction Approach

\[
\langle 0| \{i^\dagger a\}_- |0\rangle = 0 = \langle a| _- |i\rangle = 0
\]
\[
_-|i\rangle = \varepsilon_i|i\rangle \quad \forall i
\]

Parameterize \( _- \) with a GA to satisfy \( E = \langle 0|_-|0\rangle \), \( \nabla E = F(R) \), \( \rho(r) \), \( \varepsilon(\text{Fermi}) = \text{I} \)

### Density Functional Approach

\[
_-|i\rangle = \varepsilon_i|i\rangle \quad \forall i
\]

where \( _- = t + \delta E/\delta \rho(x) \)

and \( E[\rho] = E \), \( \nabla E = F(R) \), \( \rho(r) = \sum |i\rangle \langle i| \), \( \varepsilon(\text{Fermi}) = \text{I} \)

Future? Remove orbital dependence and/or self-consistency?
Second Quantized

\[ _- = \sum g_{pq} \{ p^\dagger q \} + \alpha Z_A Z_B / R_{AB} \]

Transition from orbital based to atom based--

\[ \approx \sum (h_{AA} + \gamma_{AA}) + \sum h_{AB}(R) + \sum \gamma_{AB}(R) \]

\[ + \sum Z'_A Z'_B / R_{AB} \left\{ \sum a_k a^\dagger_k \exp[-b_k (R_{AB} - c_k)^2] + \sum a_k b^\dagger_k \exp[-b_k (R_{AB} - c_k)^2] \right\} \]

\[ h_{AB}(R) = \sum (\beta_\mu + \beta_\nu) K S_{\mu\nu}(R) \]

\[ \gamma_{AB}(R) = \left[ (R_{AB})^2 + 0.25 \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_{AA}} + \frac{1}{\gamma_{BB}} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \]
SEMIEMPIRICAL METHODS HAVE MANY KNOWN FAILINGS

They...

• Approximate the Hartree-Fock equations
• Use a minimum basis set
• Parameterize to experimental values
• Cannot obtain structure and spectra with same set of parameters
• Attempt to describe all elements in one set of universal parameters
WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM THE TRANSFER HAMILTONIAN?

It should ...

• Reproduce *ab initio* forces as prototype molecules dissociate to fragments.
• Describe all relevant electronic states in the dissociation correctly, with one set of purely atomic parameters.
• Distinguish between cations, anions, and radicals.
• Provide the correct electronic density.
• Give the correct ionization potential and electron affinity, to ensure that $EN=(I+A)/2$.
• Should be short-range (basically two-atom form) to saturate parameters for small clusters.
• No minimum basis and no universal parameterization, as applications limited to small number of different elements in a simulation.
INVERSE PROBLEM--

From a set of targets given by high-level ab initio quantum chemistry for representative clusters undergoing the phenomena of interest, create a one-particle (short-range) Hamiltonian, that can represent them. It should be composed of none or a few atomic parameters. Once the (second-quantized) Hamiltonian is known, in principle, everything about the potential energy surfaces, associated forces, density matrices, etc, would be rapidly obtainable from a simple, compact form. In this way, NO FITTING of PES are necessary, permitting direct dynamics applications to complex systems.

The remaining issue is how well can this be accomplished subject to the assumed form of the Hamiltonian, parameter sensitivity, and ability to describe both electronic properties and total energy properties (forces).
SE PARAMETERIZATION OF THE TRANSFER HAMILTONIAN, TH

A Cost function

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{NPTS} \left[ \| F_i^{SE} \| - \| F_i^{CCSD} \| \right]$$

is minimized using a numerical optimization algorithm

Only optimize parameters of the core repulsion (CR) term in the AM1 Hamiltonian for SiO$_2$ but also electronic terms for other systems

$$\text{CR}=Z'_A Z'_B \gamma_{AB} \{1+\exp(-\alpha_A)+\exp(-\alpha_B)+\alpha a_{kA}\exp[-b_{kA}(R_{AB}-c_{kA})^2] + \alpha a_{kB}\exp[-b_{kB}(R_{AB} - c_{kB})^2]\}$$
Comparison of forces for pyrosilicic acid dissociating into neutral fragments.
***Comparison of PES for pyrosilicic acid dissociating into charged and neutral fragments.
Comparison of Si-O Bond Lengths Relative to CCSD(T)

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TH-CCSD calibration cluster.
CPU time required for one energy+gradient evaluation for pyrosilicic acid.

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*All computations run on an IBM RS/6000*
CPU time required for one energy+gradient evaluation for nanorod.

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*All computations run on an IBM RS/6000*
Water + Silica

- Very low concentrations of water are known to dramatically affect the strength of silica (hydrolytic weakening)
- To study this, we need:
  - Mechanism
  - Ab initio reference data to construct TH
    - water – water interaction
    - water – silica interaction
  - Simulations demonstrating the above mechanism and effect on stress-strain curve
Water Monomer Force Curve

H₂O → OH + H

||F|| (au)

R-Re (Ang)

CCSD
TH-CCSD
AM1
Comparison of computed forces along the donor-acceptor O-H bond in the water dimer using different Hamiltonians
Comparison of forces for removal of a terminal proton in the water dimer
MECHANISM

Binding energy of \((H_2O)_n\) with \(H_3SiOSiH_3\)

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Water Assisted Rupture of Si-O bond (MBPT)
• None of the existing SE models reproduce the ab initio mechanism
Transfer Hamiltonian
Force Curve for $\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{Silica}$ Model
Nanorod + Water Dimer Simulation

- **Uniaxial Strain**
  - Constant Strain Rate of 25 m/s
  - 2 ps simulation time
  - Predictor-Corrector algorithm with velocity scaling

- **113 QM atoms**
  - spd heavy atoms / sp H (1000 functions total)

- **Simulation required 6 days to complete**
  - IBM RS600 SP
1002 Basis Functions
6 days to complete simulation
2 ring on surface of silica sample
Strain

Stress (GPa)

FULL ROD (DRY)
DEFECT + WATER
Defect
• TH-CCSD takes three orders of magnitude less time per energy and gradient calculation than DFT.

• TH-CCSD can describe different electronic states with comparable accuracy from one set of parameters.

• TH-CCSD readily allows for highly efficient hessian and gradient calculations.

• A hybrid dynamics procedure that uses a QM iteration for every ~ten classical iterations results in the final QM results.

• TH-CCSD’s can be generated for other molecules readily, helping to explore effects of chemistry together with strain.

• TH-CCSD provides a formal structure for state-specific and optical properties of materials.

• Direct dynamics calculations with QM forces for ~500-1000 atoms possible.
SOFTWARE ISSUES

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COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Multi-Scale Multi-Pass Simulation from Molecules to Materials

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Choose forces, MD method, and Continuum Model
Common User Interface

Strategy

• Hide the data structures and codes
• Advantages – relatively quick to implement, does not require rework of codes
• Disadvantages – inflexible choices for users, delays the inevitable need to modernize “spaghetti code”; has high risk of internal data incompatibilities.
Partial Restructuring Approach

Strategy

• Harmonize the inter-code data structures, document the implicit validity and quality limitations of inter-code data, simplify the interfaces to large working codes to make them “object-like” at least at the Python script level. Support with a Graphical Interface also
Partial Restructuring Approach

Strategy (cont)

• Advantages – Requires “cleansing” and vetting of codes to make them as much as possible into autonomous objects, supports user flexibility for innovation, does not require rework of codes

• Disadvantages – lots of tedious analysis, fixing, and testing
REGION III: CONTINUUM TO CLASSICAL TO QUANTUM INTERFACE

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MECH I: Water dissociation

MECH II. Metastable chemisorption

MECH III. Siloxane bond breaking
STRESS DEPENDENT ACTIVATION BARRIERS
ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

• Established that an exact one-particle theory can be obtained from WFT, to complement DFT. Ab Initio dft provides the link.

• Demonstrated that such a theory can be approximated adequately to describe CC quality forces for representative clusters, ie the ‘transfer hamiltonian,’ which represents a potential energy surface in an easily manipulated form that is suitable for direct dynamics.

• Showed that the results of quantum based simulations are qualitatively different from those using classical potentials.

• Proposed a water dimer based mechanism for the critical step in hydrolytic weakening of silica.

• Obtained same results from TH based simulations and DFT simulations, though done independently, with very different methodology.
• Invented a wavelet method to identify area of fracture prior to failure, to locate quantum region unambiguously.

• Created alternative link atom-psuedo atom approaches to accurately describe the forces and charge distributions between the classical and quantum regions.

• Started to build easily applied software that incorporates our new methods to enable simulations to be made with quantum potentials from dft, CC, and the transfer Hamiltonian.

• Identified the weakest link in current multi-scale simulations to be the classical potentials, which are still a necessity for most of the atoms in a realistic simulation.

• Studied stress dependent activation barriers for water silica reactions.
SIMULATION OF WATER + SILICA WITH TH FOR QUANTUM REGION, REPARAMETERIZED TTAM FOR CLASSICAL, REPRESENTED BY POINT DIPOLES AND CONNECTED BY PSUEDO-ATOMS. WATER CONTINUUM ADDED VIA COSMO.

WHOLE TEAM!