

# COMPUTATIONS WITH XMVB @ XACS

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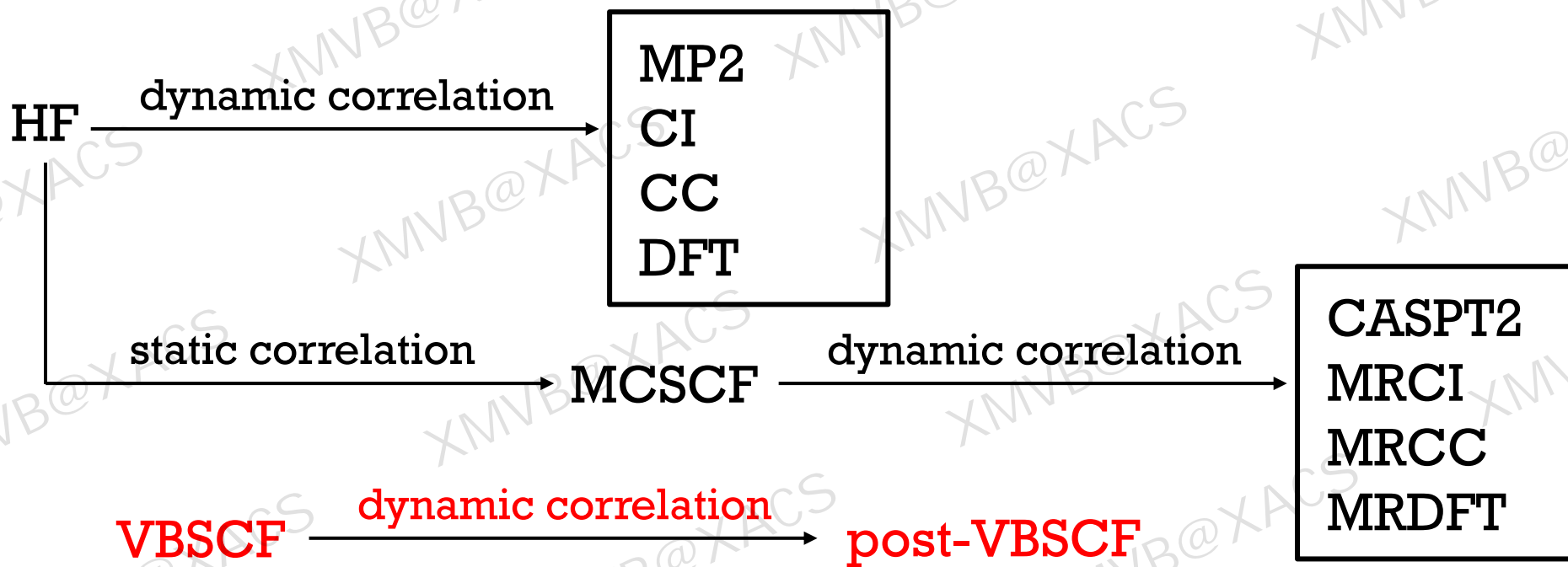
- Computing with post-VBSCF method
- Menshutkin reaction: computing of reaction barrier
- Charge-shift bonding in propellane
- Computing of diabatic states with VB theory

# POST-VBSCF METHOD

$$E^{\text{corr}} = E^{\text{HF}} - E^{\text{FCI}}$$

Dynamic correlation

Static correlation



# POST-VBSCF METHOD

- VBCIS or VBCISD

- BOVB

$$\Psi^{\text{VBSCF}} = C_1 \left( |\phi_a \bar{\phi}_b| - |\bar{\phi}_a \phi_b| \right) + C_2 |\phi_a \bar{\phi}_a| + C_3 |\phi_b \bar{\phi}_b|$$

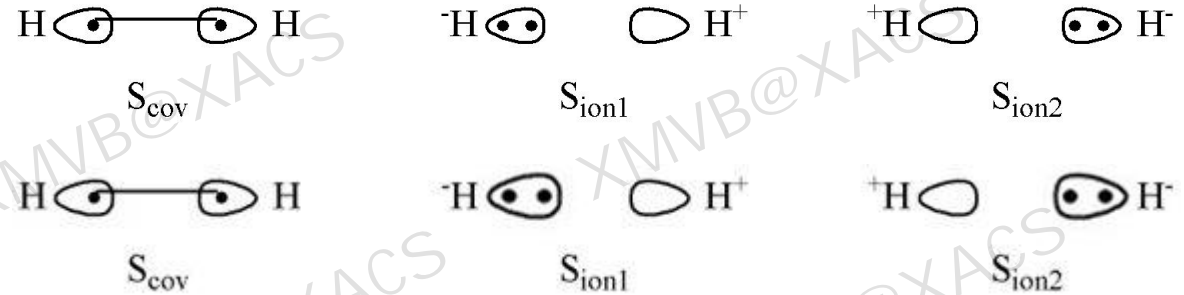
$$\Psi^{\text{BOVB}} = C_1 \left( |\phi_a \bar{\phi}_b| - |\bar{\phi}_a \phi_b| \right) + C_2 |\phi'_a \bar{\phi}'_a| + C_3 |\phi'_b \bar{\phi}'_b|$$

- VBPT2

No weight analysis in VBPT2.

- Hc-DFVB=functional

Currently, LDA, GGA and their hybrid form can be used in XMVB@XACS



# F<sub>2</sub>

- VB Structures



$S_{cov}$



$S_{ion1}$



$S_{ion2}$

- Spaces:

- Inactive space:  $m=16$   $n=8$  ( $1s, 2s, 2p_x, 2p_y$ )
- Active space:  $m=2$   $n=2$  ( $2p_z$ )

**ORBTYP=HAO**  
**FRGTYP=SAO**

\$FRAG

1\*6

SPZDXXDYDZZ 1

SPZDXXDYDZZ 2

PXDXZ 1

PXDXZ 2

PYDYZ 1

PYDYZ 2

\$END

\$ORB

1\*10

1

2

1

2

3

4

5

6

1

2

\$END

**==**

\$ORB

8\*4 3\*4 8\*2

1-3 6 9 10 13 15

16-19 21 24 25 28 30

1-3 6 9 10 13 15

16-19 21 24 25 28 30

4 7 12

19 22 27

5 8 14

20 23 29

1-3 6 9 10 13 15

16-19 21 24 25 28 30

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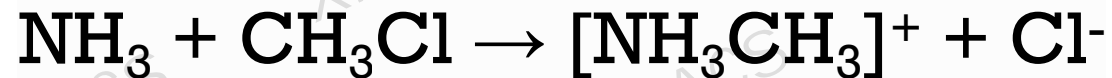
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**FRGTYPE=ATOM**

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2 # 1s of F2  
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2 # 2s of F2  
1 # 2px of F1  
2 # 2px of F2  
1 # 2py of F1  
2 # 2py of F2  
1 # 2pz of F1  
2 # 2pz of F2  
$END
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**==**

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15*10  
1-15  
16-30  
1-15  
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16-30  
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# MENSHUTKIN REACTION: COMPUTING OF REACTION BARRIER

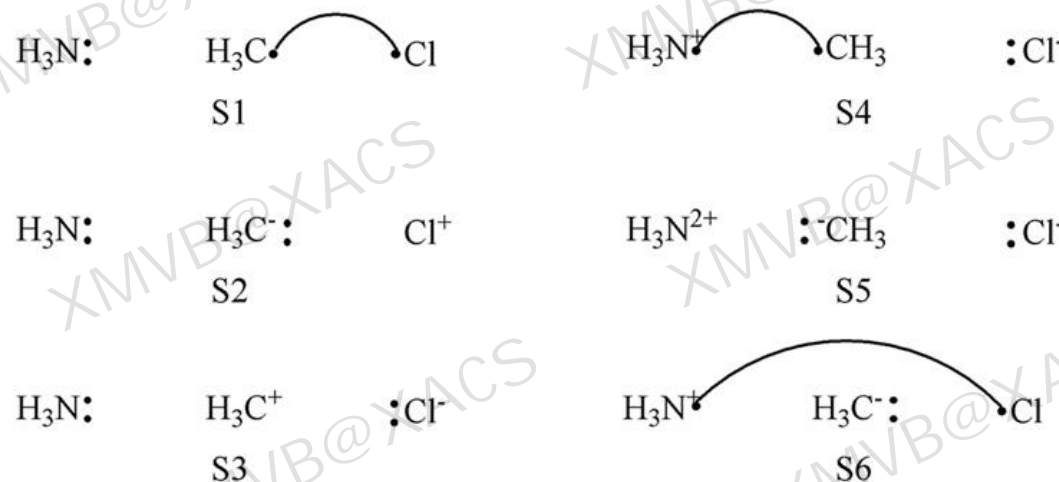


$$(36-4)/2=16$$

36: number of total electrons; 4: number of active electrons

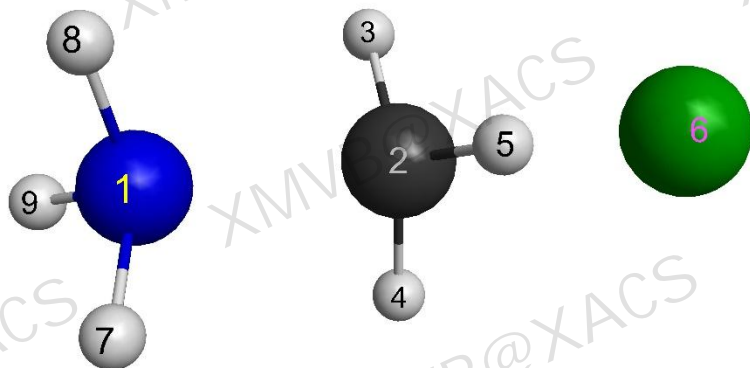
- Spaces:
  - Inactive space:  $m=32$   $n=16$  (the core orbitals of N, C and Cl, 3 N-H bonds, 3 C-H bonds, and  $3s$ ,  $3p_x$  and  $3p_y$  orbitals on Cl)
  - Active space:  $m=4$   $n=3$  (the lone pair on  $\text{NH}_3$  and the C-Cl bond in the reactants)

## ▪ VB structures





# DEFINITION OF FRAGMENTS



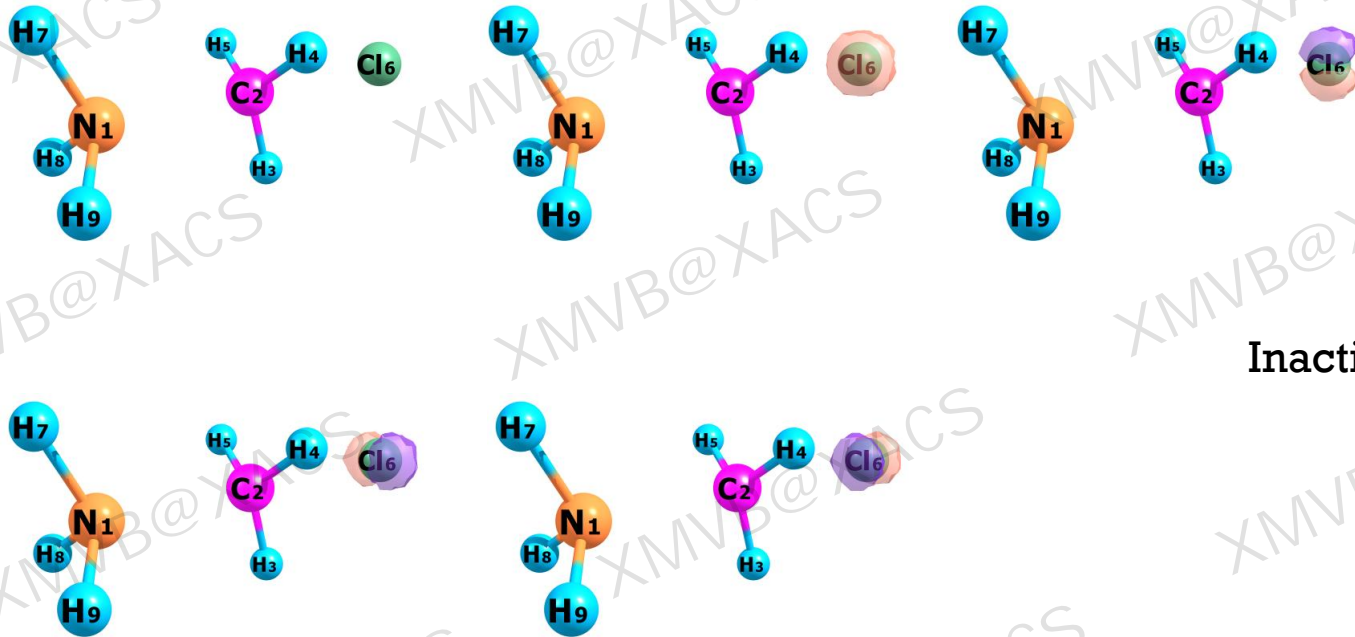
fratyp=atom: each fragment is defined as one atom; no \$frag section is needed.

## Spaces:

- Inactive space:  $m=32$   $n=16$  (the core orbitals of N, C and Cl, 3 N-H bonds, 3 C-H bonds, and 3s, 3p<sub>x</sub> and 3p<sub>y</sub> orbitals on Cl)
- Active space:  $m=4$   $n=3$  (the lone pair on NH<sub>3</sub> and the C-Cl bond in the reactants)

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	1*5 4 4 1*3 4*3 4*3 4 4 1	
Inactive	① 6	1s, 2s, 2p <sub>x</sub> , 2p <sub>y</sub> and 2p <sub>z</sub> orbitals on Cl
	② 6	
	③ 6	
	④ 6	
	⑤ 6	
	⑥ 1 7 8 9	1s orbitals on N and C
	⑦ 2 3 4 5	
	⑧ 6	3s, 3p <sub>x</sub> and 3p <sub>y</sub> orbitals on Cl
	⑨ 6	
	⑩ 6	
Active	⑪ 1 7 8 9	3 N-H bonds
	⑫ 1 7 8 9	
	⑬ 1 7 8 9	
	⑭ 2 3 4 5	3 C-H bonds
	⑮ 2 3 4 5	
	⑯ 2 3 4 5	
	⑰ 1 7 8 9	→ lone pair on NH <sub>3</sub>
	⑱ 2 3 4 5	→ part of C-Cl bond
	⑲ 6	→ part of C-Cl bond
	\$end	

# DEFINITION OF FRAGMENTS



Inactive

Active

\$orb  
1\*5 4 4 1\*3 4\*3 4\*3 4 4 1

- ① 6
  - ② 6
  - ③ 6
  - ④ 6
  - ⑤ 6
- 1s, 2s, 2p<sub>x</sub>, 2p<sub>y</sub> and 2p<sub>z</sub> orbitals on Cl

- ⑥ 1 7 8 9
  - ⑦ 2 3 4 5
- 1s orbitals on N and C

- ⑧ 6
  - ⑨ 6
  - ⑩ 6
- 3s, 3p<sub>x</sub> and 3p<sub>y</sub> orbitals on Cl

- ⑪ 1 7 8 9
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  - ⑬ 1 7 8 9
- 3 N-H bonds

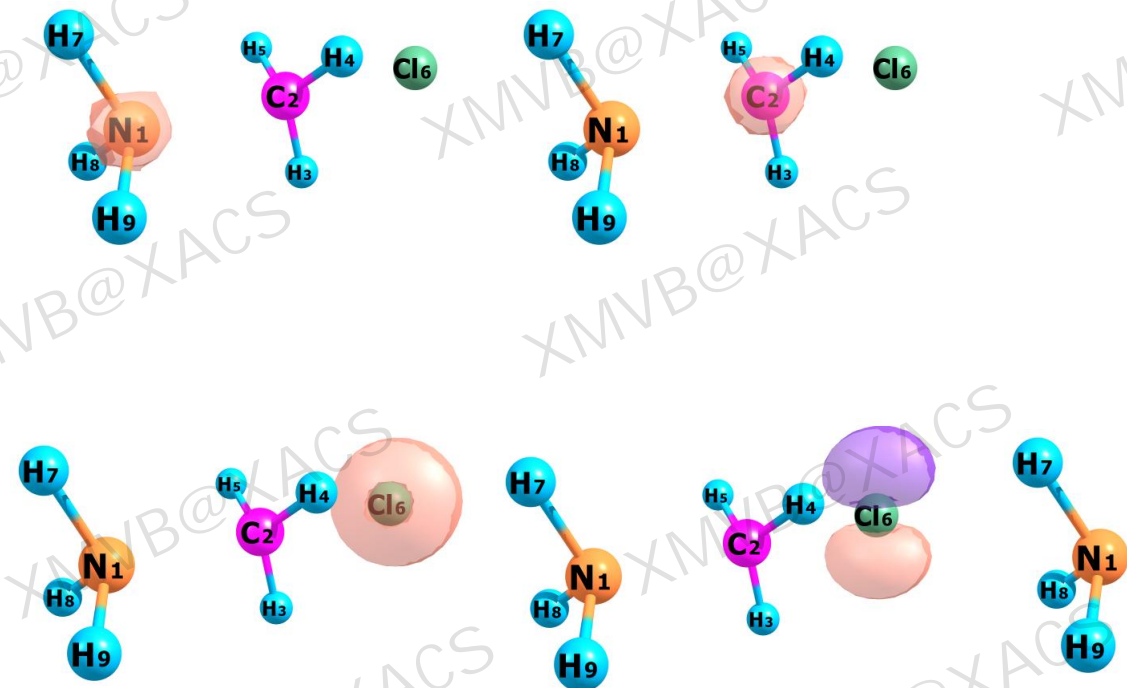
- ⑭ 2 3 4 5
  - ⑮ 2 3 4 5
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- 3 C-H bonds

- ⑰ 1 7 8 9 → lone pair on NH<sub>3</sub>
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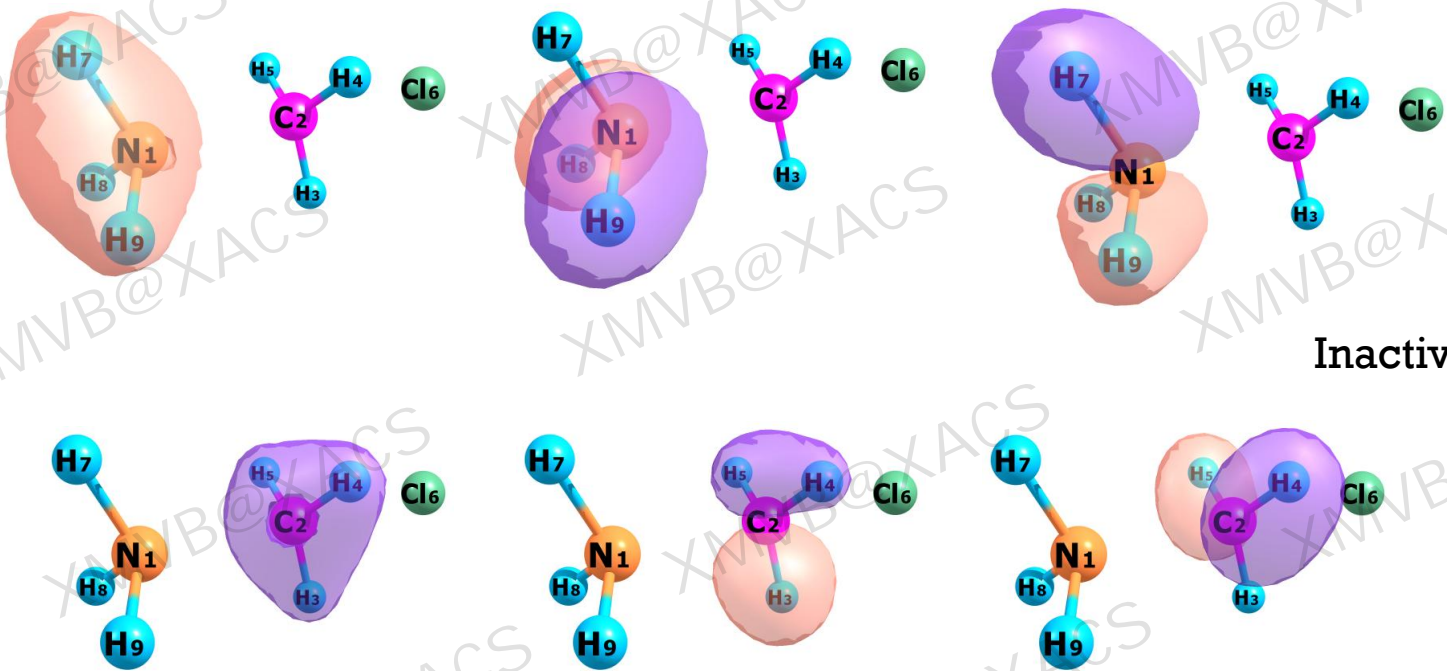


Inactive

Active

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⑦	2 3 4 5
⑧	6
⑨	6
⑩	6
⑪	1 7 8 9
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Inactive

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\$orb

1\*5 4 4 1\*3 4\*3 4\*3 4 4 1

①

6

②

6

③

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④

6

⑤

6

⑥

1 7 8 9

⑦

2 3 4 5

⑧

6

⑨

6

⑩

6

⑪

1 7 8 9

⑫

1 7 8 9

⑬

1 7 8 9

⑭

2 3 4 5

⑮

2 3 4 5

⑯

6

\$end

1s, 2s, 2p<sub>x</sub>, 2p<sub>y</sub> and 2p<sub>z</sub> orbitals on Cl

1s orbitals on N and C

3s, 3p<sub>x</sub> and 3p<sub>y</sub> orbitals on Cl

3 N-H bonds

3 C-H bonds

lone pair on NH<sub>3</sub>

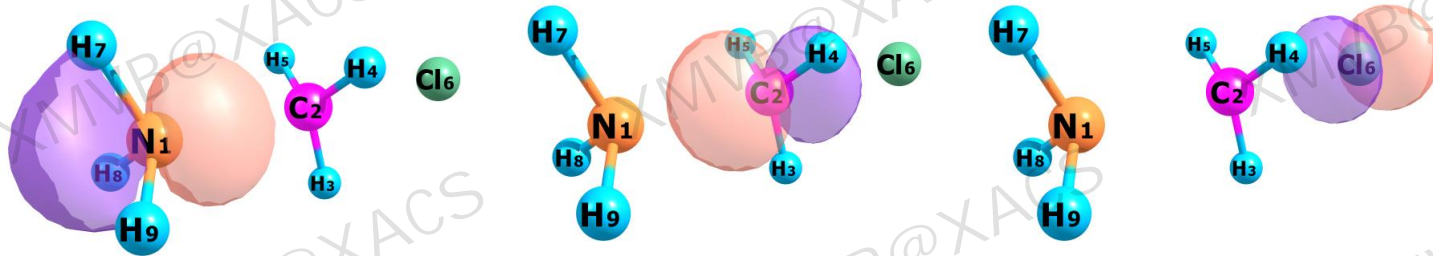
part of C-Cl bond

part of C-Cl bond

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# DEFINITION OF FRAGMENTS



Inactive

Active

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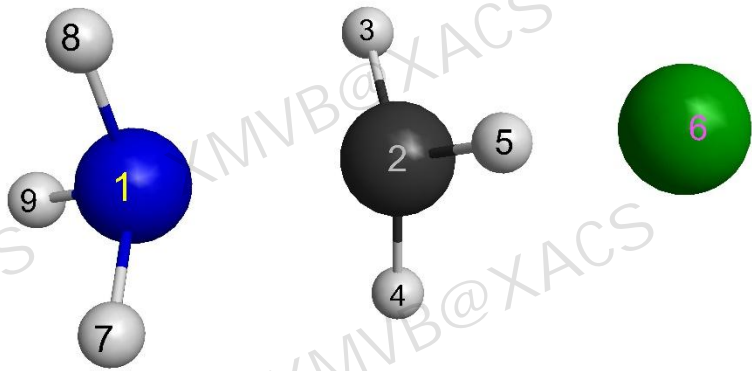
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①	6	} 1s, 2s, 2p <sub>x</sub> , 2p <sub>y</sub> and 2p <sub>z</sub> orbitals on Cl
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③	6	
④	6	
⑤	6	
⑥	1 7 8 9	} 1s orbitals on N and C
⑦	2 3 4 5	
⑧	6	} 3s, 3p <sub>x</sub> and 3p <sub>y</sub> orbitals on Cl
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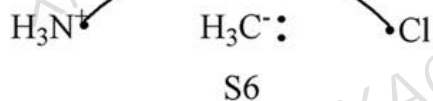
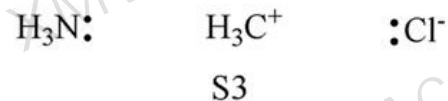
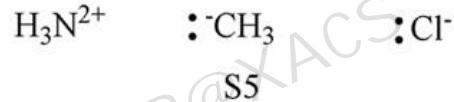
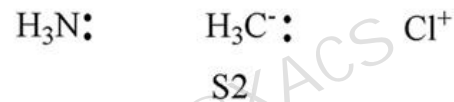
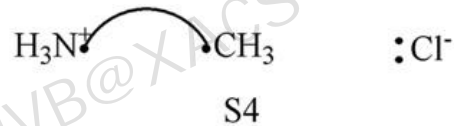
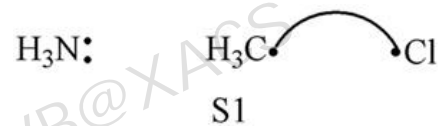
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# WRITING VB STRUCTURES



Active {

- ⑰ 1 7 8 9 → lone pair on NH<sub>3</sub>
- ⑱ 2 3 4 5 → part of C-Cl bond
- ⑲ 6 → part of C-Cl bond



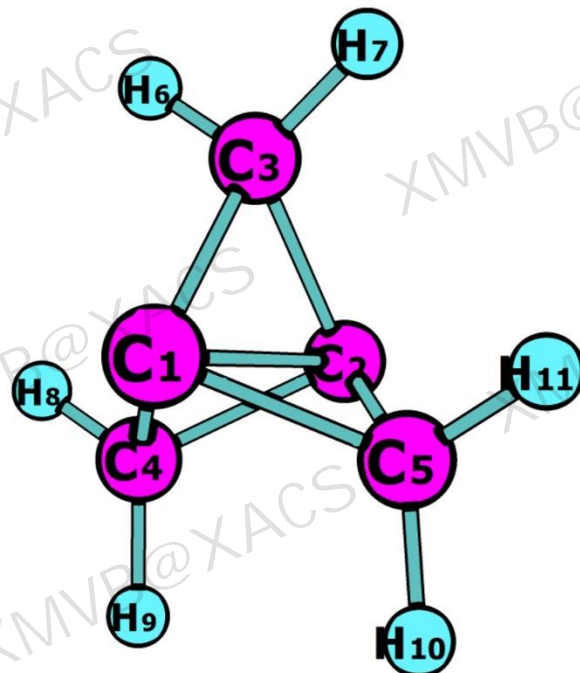
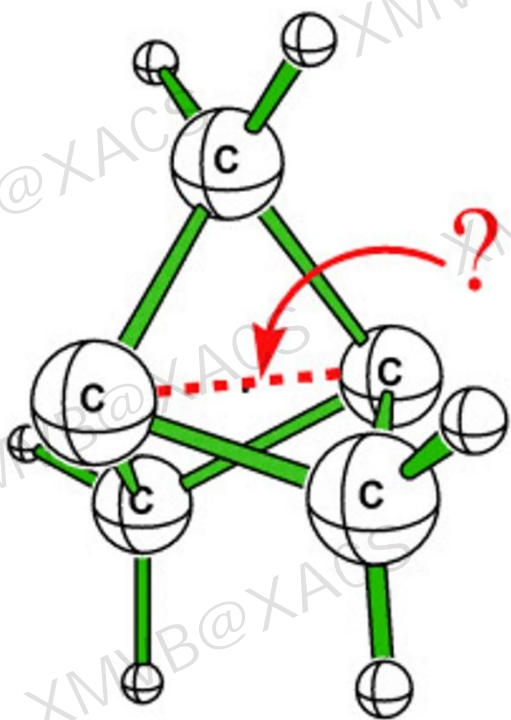
- S1    1:16 17 17 18 19
- S2    1:16 17 17 18 18
- S3    1:16 17 17 19 19
- S4    1:16 19 19 17 18
- S5    1:16 18 18 19 19
- S6    1:16 18 18 17 19

# READING ORBITAL GUESS

- Initial orbital guess is always needed in SCF calculation. A good initial orbital guess will greatly increase the computational efficiency and convergence.
- Use keyword “GUESS=READ” in \$CTRL section to read orbital guess from \$VEC section.
- A good initial orbital guess is the optimal orbitals of previous VBSCF calculation.
- The optimal orbitals are stored in the **.orb** file after a VB calculation finished. The data in the **.orb** file can be directly pasted to the \$VEC section.

# CHARGE-SHIFT BONDING IN PROPELLANE

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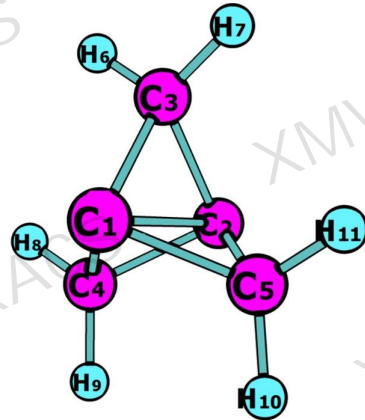
What's the nature of the C-C bridge bond? Is it charge-shift bond?

$$RRE = \frac{E^{RE}}{E^{BDE}} \times 100\%$$

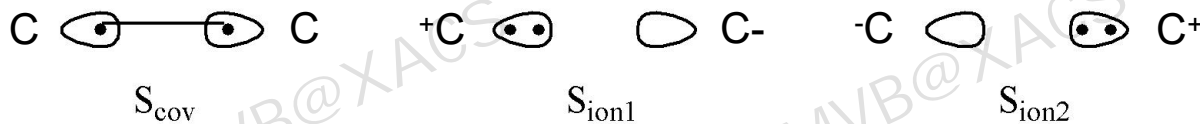
**RRE > 50% : Charge-Shift Bond**



# COMPUTING OF RESONANCE ENERGY

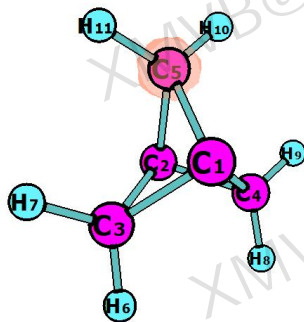
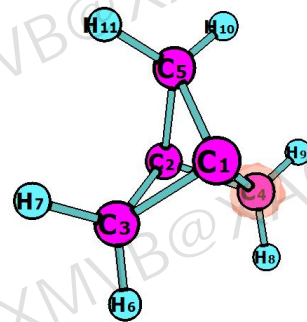
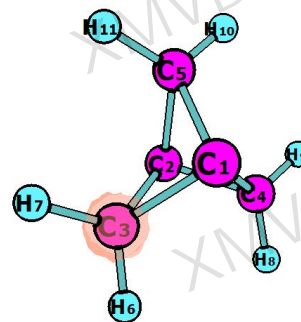
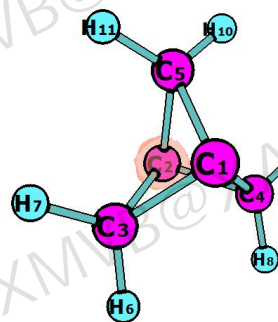
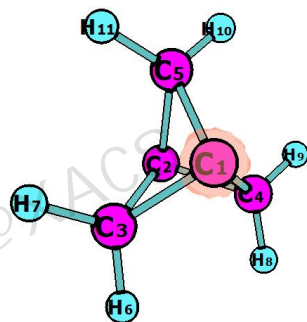


- VB method: BOVB
- Fratyp=atom
- Spaces:
  - Inactive space:  $m=34$   $n=17$  (the core orbitals of, 6 C-C bonds (except the bridge bond), 6 C-H bonds)
  - Active space:  $m=2$   $n=2$  (the C-C bridge bond)
- VB Structures



\$ORB			
1*5	2*12	1*2	
1	# 1	C1	1s
2	# 2	C2	1s
3	# 3	C3	1s
4	# 4	C4	1s
5	# 5	C5	1s
1 3	# 6	C1-C3	sigma
2 3	# 7	C2-C3	sigma
1 4	# 8	C1-C4	sigma
2 4	# 9	C2-C4	sigma
1 5	# 10	C1-C5	sigma
2 5	# 11	C2-C5	sigma
3 6	# 12	C3-H6	sigma
3 7	# 13	C3-H7	sigma
4 8	# 14	C4-H8	sigma
4 9	# 15	C4-H9	sigma
5 10	# 16	C5-H10	sigma
5 11	# 17	C5-H11	sigma
1	# 18	C1-C2	sigma C1
2	# 19	C1-C2	sigma C2
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# COMPUTING OF RESONANCE ENERGY



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1\*5 2\*12 1\*2

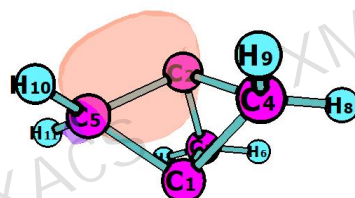
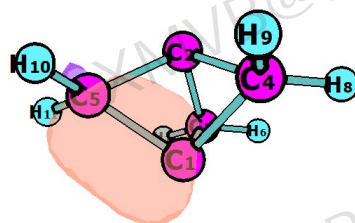
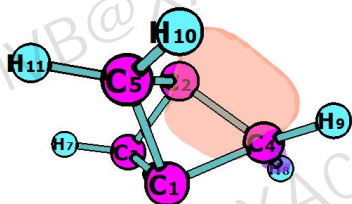
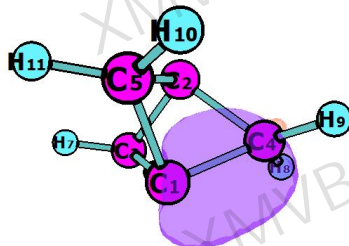
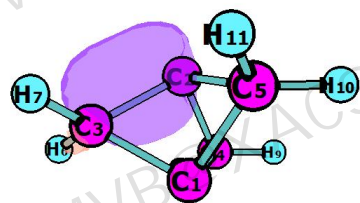
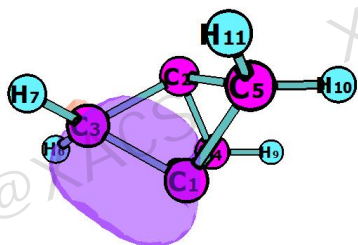
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5	# 5	C5	1s

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2 3	# 7	C2-C3	sigma
1 4	# 8	C1-C4	sigma
2 4	# 9	C2-C4	sigma
1 5	# 10	C1-C5	sigma
2 5	# 11	C2-C5	sigma
3 6	# 12	C3-H6	sigma
3 7	# 13	C3-H7	sigma
4 8	# 14	C4-H8	sigma
4 9	# 15	C4-H9	sigma
5 10	# 16	C5-H10	sigma
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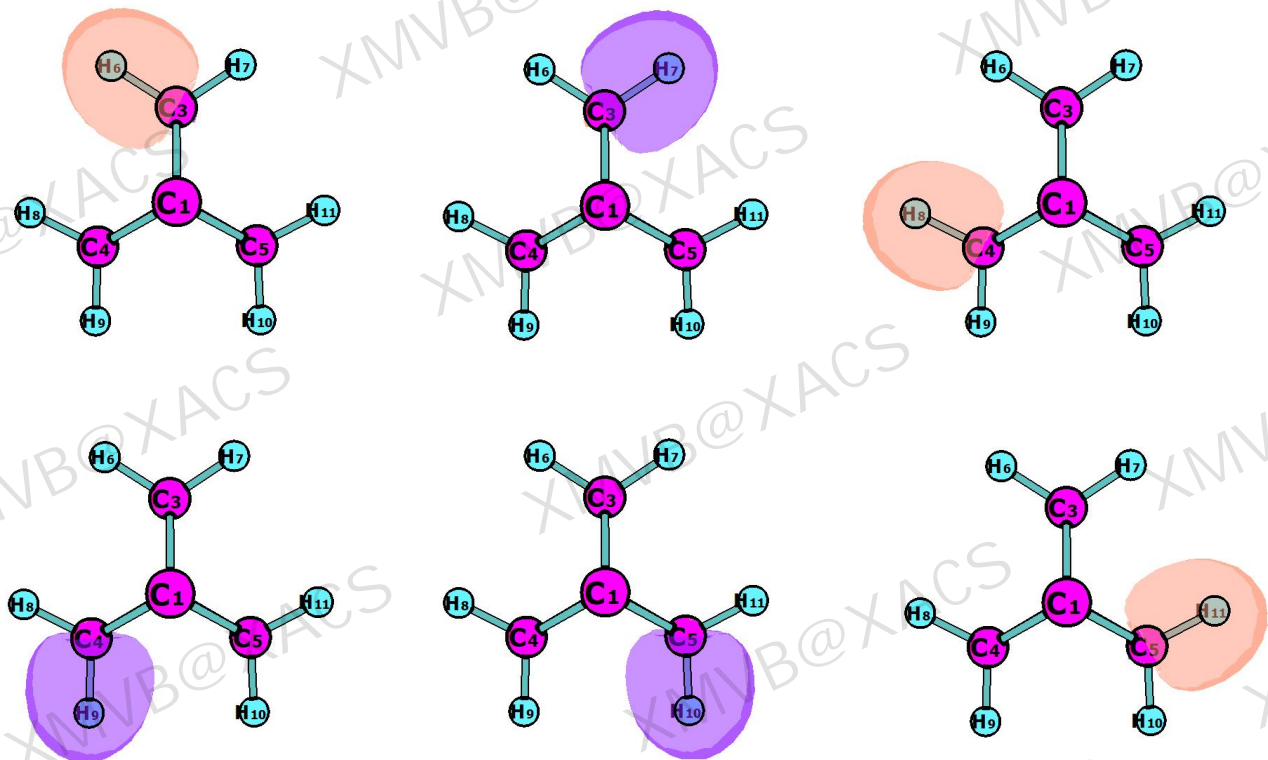
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3	6	# 12	C3-H6	sigma
3	7	# 13	C3-H7	sigma
4	8	# 14	C4-H8	sigma
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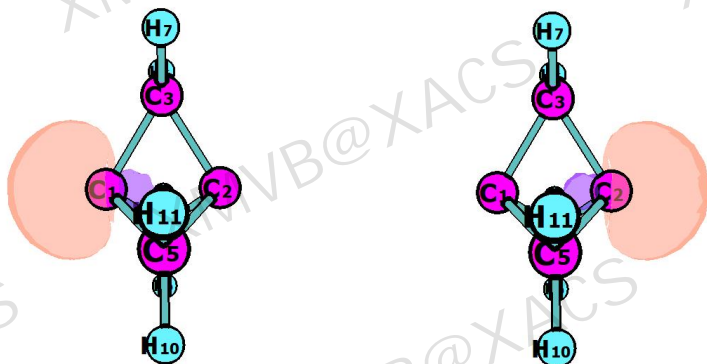
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1 5	# 10	C1-C5	sigma
2 5	# 11	C2-C5	sigma
3 6	# 12	C3-H6	sigma
3 7	# 13	C3-H7	sigma
4 8	# 14	C4-H8	sigma
4 9	# 15	C4-H9	sigma
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# COMPUTING OF RESONANCE ENERGY



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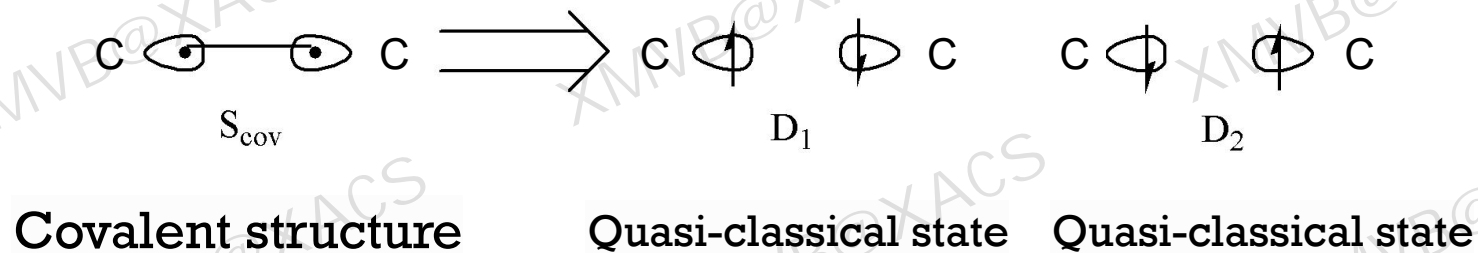
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4 8	# 14	C4-H8	sigma
4 9	# 15	C4-H9	sigma
5 10	# 16	C5-H10	sigma
5 11	# 17	C5-H11	sigma

1	# 18	C1-C2	sigma	C1
2	# 19	C1-C2	sigma	C2

\$END

# ESTIMATION OF BONDING ENERGY



The covalent bonding energy comes from the interaction of the two quasi-classical states.  
 The “in-situ” bonding energy can be an approximation of the bonding energy.

$$BDE \approx D_{in-situ} = E(D_1) - E(\Psi)$$

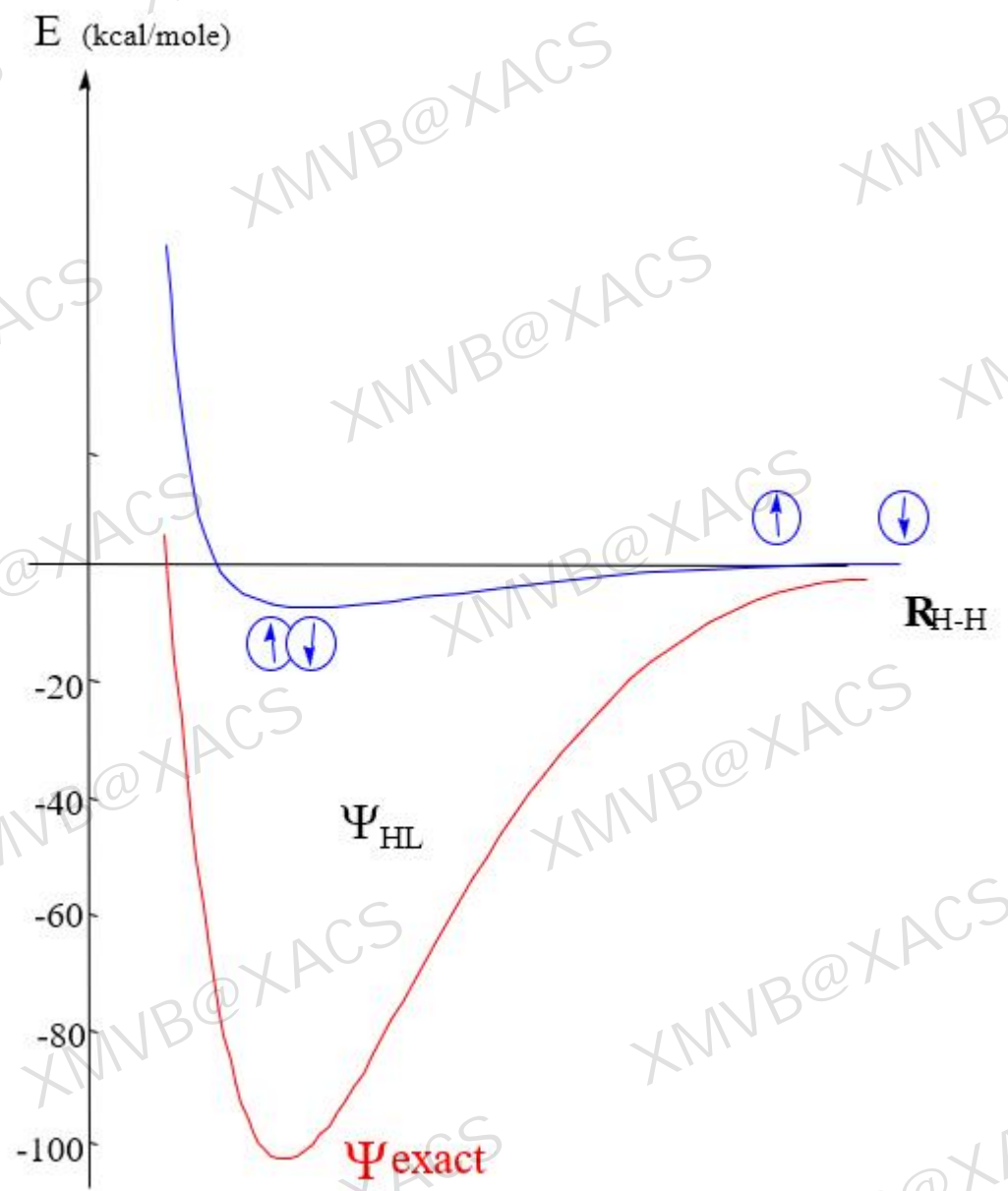
▪  $S_{cov}$ : 1:17 18 19

▪  $D_1$ : 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

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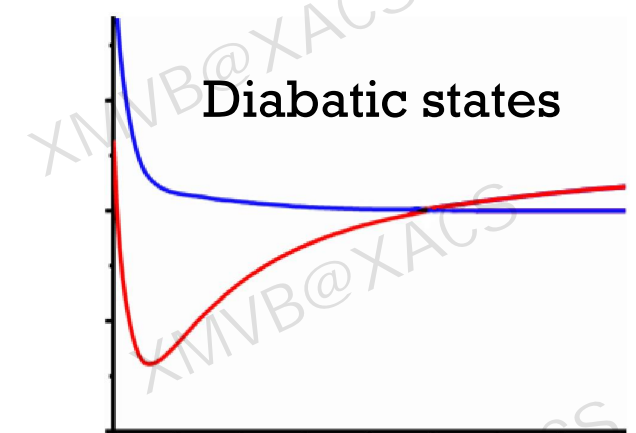
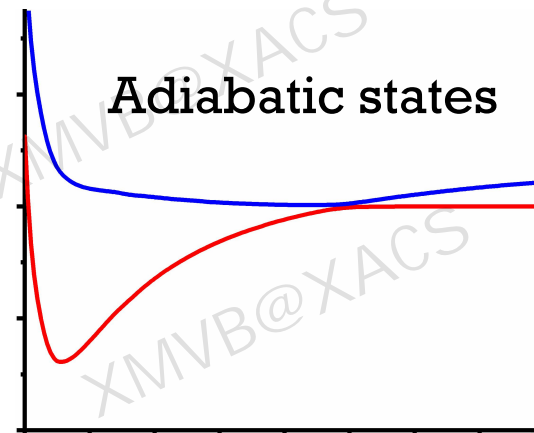
—————> Occupied  $\alpha$  orbitals

—————> Occupied  $\beta$  orbitals



# COMPUTING OF DIABATIC STATES WITH VB THEORY

- Adiabatic state: eigenstates of electronic Hamiltonian
- Diabatic state: states whose non-adiabatic couplings are 0 or sufficiently small; not uniquely defined.



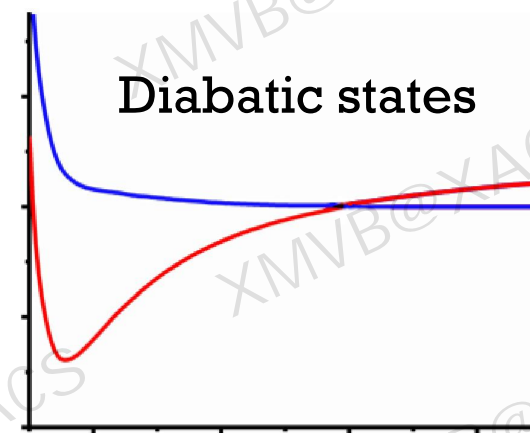
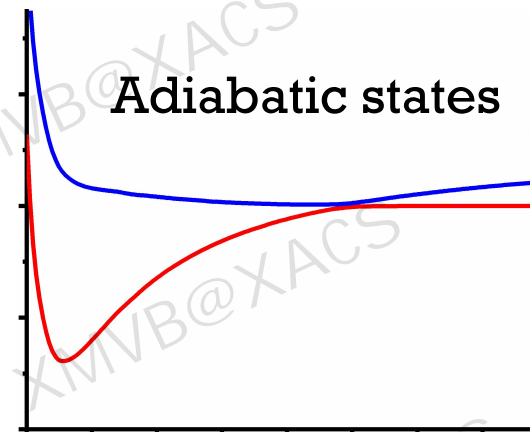
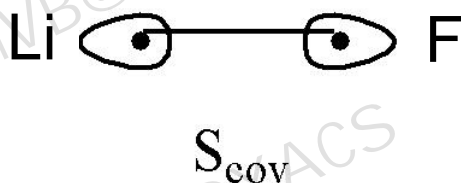
Diabatization schemes with VB theory:

- The VB block-diagonalization approach (VBBDA)
- According to the chemical insights of VB structures
- The valence-bond-based compression approach for diabatization (VBCAD)



# LIF MOLECULE

- Spaces:
  - Inactive space:  $m=10$   $n=5$  (1s of Li; 1s, 2s, 2p<sub>x</sub>, 2p<sub>y</sub> of F)
  - Active space:  $m=2$   $n=2$  (2s of Li; 2p<sub>z</sub> of F)
- Interested electronic states:
  - Adiabatic: the ground and first excited states
  - Diabatic: the covalent and ionic states
- VB structures



# COMPUTING OF STATE-AVERAGED VBSCF

The state-averaged scheme is needed for the calculation of excited states in multiconfigurational methods. In state-averaged scheme, the wave function for each electronic state is optimized variationally to minimize the averaged energy ( $E$ ) of interested  $N$  states as

$$E = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i E_i$$

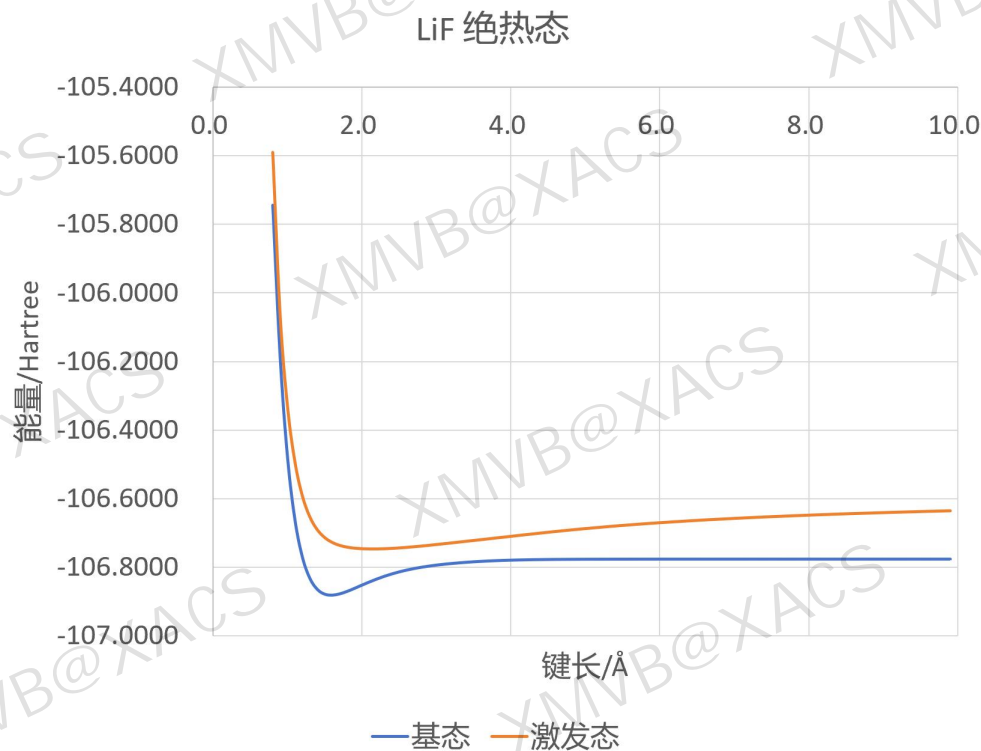
WSTATE( $K$ )= $w_1, w_2, \dots$

the  $K^{\text{th}}$  state is averaged with weight  $w_1$ , the  $(K + 1)^{\text{th}}$  state is averaged with weight  $w_2$ , and so on.

WSTATE(1)=0.5,0.5

The first 2 low-lying states are averaged as  $E=0.5E_1+0.5E_2$

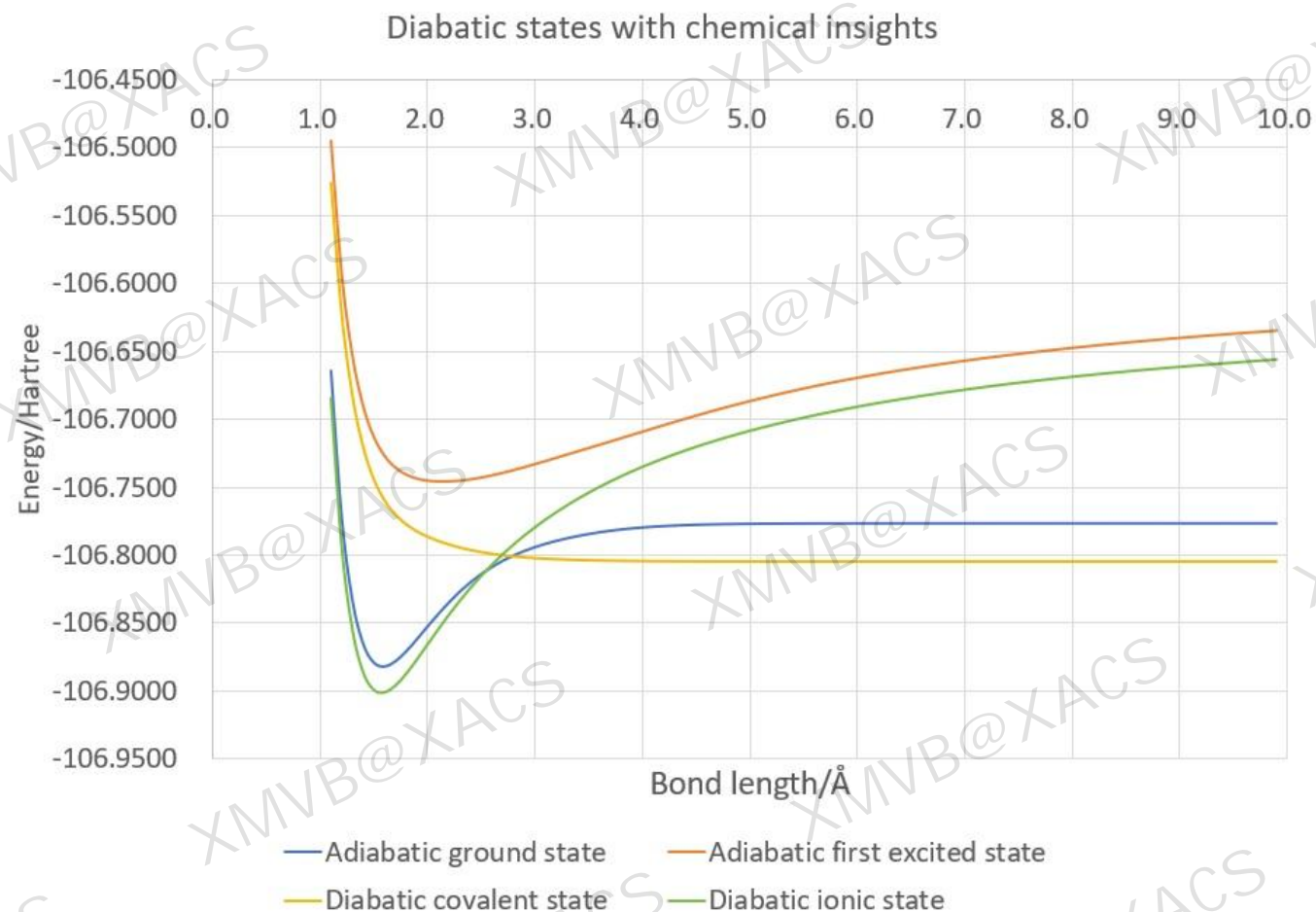
# COMPUTING OF ADIABATIC STATES



Suggested bond length to plot the potential energy curve (Å):

1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8
2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8
3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0
8.0	9.0	10.0		

# COMPUTING OF DIABATIC STATES WITH CHEMICAL INSIGHTS



# COMPUTING OF DIABATIC STATES WITH VBCAD

