Correction

The figure shows the energy of different level in units of U (shifted by the quantity $2E_0$). Energy + $2E_0$



In the following we assume the 2-electron energies to be shifted by this quantity.

1. Exact eigenenergies

- •The ground state is the lowest singlet state s0: $E_{\text{exact},s0} = \frac{U}{2} \left(1 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{4t}{U}\right)^2} \right)$ $\begin{cases} \lim_{t \to 0} E_{\text{exact},s0} = -\frac{4t^2}{U} \\ \lim_{t \to +\infty} E_{\text{exact},s0} = \frac{U}{2} - 2t - \frac{U^2}{16t} \end{cases}$ • The highest eigenstate is the singlet s2: $E_{\text{exact},s2} = \frac{U}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{4t}{U}\right)^2} \right)$ $\begin{cases} \lim_{t \to 0} E_{\text{exact},s2} = U + \frac{4t^2}{U} \\ \lim_{t \to +\infty} E_{\text{exact},s2} = \frac{U}{2} + 2t + \frac{U^2}{16t} \end{cases}$
- The first excited singlet, s1, has an energy that is t-independent: $E_{\text{exact,s3}} = U$
- The triplet energy to is also *t*-independent: $E_{\text{exact},t0} = 0$

2. <u>RHF solution</u>

• The approximated gound-state energy is: $E_{\text{RHF}} = \frac{U}{2} - 2t$

The t = 0 corresponds to dissociation of the molecule. The RHF fails miserably in this case. The small U limit (large t limit) is instead correctly described.

3. <u>UHF solution</u>

• We obtain the following solution depending on the t/U ratio:

$$\begin{cases} E_{\text{UHF}} &= \frac{U}{2} - 2t = E_{\text{RHF}} & \text{for } 2t > U \\ E_{\text{UHF}} &= -\frac{2t^2}{U} & \text{for } 2t \le U \end{cases}$$

The unrestricted solution corrects the problem encountered by the restricted solution in the t = 0 case.

However in the $t \to 0$ the energy of UHF is still a factor of 2 wrong if we take as reference the spacing between the singlet and triplet energy.

Indeed in the $t \to 0$ limit, the UHF can be written as linear combination of s0 and t0:

$$\Psi_{\rm UHF} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Psi_{\rm exact,s0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Psi_{\rm exact,t0}.$$