Optimized minimal atomic primitive (MAP) Slater-type basis sets

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Minimal Slater basis sets have been generated for the whole periodic table, in the philosophy of having one single orbital exponent per atomic shell.¹ Minimizing the total energy for different spectroscopic states allows to extract information for generating obital lobes to project and decompose wavefunctions of solid-state applications into atom-centered contributions for describing for instance F-centers in solids, or electrides like cubic Na₂He. As well simple descriptions of bonding may be obtained for systems where one in general relies on promolecular densities or crude parametrization.

We show that fundamental properties (radial expectation values, nodal positions) of the generated orbital sets are astonishingly close to those obtained with much larger basis sets in the literature, without numerical inconsistencies due to the cancellation of exponential functions.

Possible applications, trends, and limits are discussed in this contribution.

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