#### **Some Correlation Problems – and One Partial Solution**

A partially solved problem He scattering from MgO(100)

An interesting problem Polyacetylene (again)

The ultimate problem (unsolved, obviously) Magnetocaloric cooling of systems like (Ca,La)MnO<sub>3</sub>

# 1. He Scattering From MgO(100)



### **A Well Defined Problem (for an oxide surface)**



### **The Experiment**



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- **1.** Elastic Diffraction
- 2. Inelastic energy loss
- 3. **Resonance in traps**
- 4. Trapping

### **The Problem – Compute the Potential**



Weak interaction – London dispersion at long range

# Methodology

CRYSTAL14 – local Gaussian orbitals

Truncated summation of analytic integrals on the periodic lattice => exact exchange calculated efficiently

Hybrid exchange: B3LYP functional (20% Fock exchange) (Reliablity established now in some 100+ periodic systems)

Triple / Quadruple + polarisation valence basis sets

http://www.crystal.unito.it



# Who did the hard work – CRYSTAL / CRYSCOR



#### A reliable and efficient code for periodic MP2 theory



#### Imperial College London



#### Local MP2



Local functions describing the occupied manifold

Local functions describing the virtual manifold

Truncation of the occupied space: Wannier-Wannier pairs

Reduction of the virtual space: PAOs & W-W pair domains

### **Scaling with system size**

Single processor AMD Opteron 2.2 GHz



# MgO(100)-He

2x2 supercell (negligable lateral interactions)5 layer slab + extrapolation to infinite slab



# HF + LMP2 Binding



#### **Diffraction Data for a range of He KE (27 – 60 meV)**

![](_page_11_Figure_1.jpeg)

FIG. 4: Comparison of the CC intensities for case 1 (red stars) and case 2 (blue circles) with the experimental spectra (black lines) and the peak areas (black squares). Diffraction peaks are given in counts/s; peak areas and CC intensities have been normalized in a way that the specular (central) peak appears at the maximum of the experimental peak. The considered incident energy are the following: (a)  $E_i = 26.62 \text{ meV}$ , (b)  $E_i = 33.30 \text{ meV}$ , (c)  $E_i = 40.02 \text{ meV}$ , (d)  $E_i = 48.96 \text{ meV}$ , (e)  $E_i = 50.20 \text{ meV}$  and (f)  $E_i = 60.47 \text{ meV}$ .

Expt.
 MP2

## **Pragmatic Approaches..... (Fiddling)**

Scaling the MP2 contribution by comparison to CCSD(T) in model systems:

E = HF + 1.65\*MP2

Close the single particle gap and the MP2 contribution increases suggesting: E = B3LYP + MP2(B3LYP)

Both give similar energy surfaces with a deeper minimum...

## **Computed Binding Energy : He-MgO(100)**

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

Well depth measured 7.0 - 12.5 meV MP2 [4meV] MP2(B3LYP) [6.7 meV]

## **Comparison with Measured He Scattering**

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

- 🗆 expt
- ★ MP2
  - MP2(B3LYP)

Incident Energies (meV) a. 26.62 b.33.30 c.40.02 d.48.96 e.50.20 f.60.47

#### **Bound States**

	Exp.1 (meV)	Exp.2 (meV)
E <sub>0</sub>		-10.2
E <sub>1</sub>	-5.5	-5.3
E <sub>2</sub>	-2.6	-2.4
E <sub>3</sub>	-1.2	-0.9
E <sub>4</sub>	-0.5	-0.6
E <sub>5</sub>	-0.3	-0.2

Exp.1- M. Mahgefteh and D.R. Jung and D.R. Frankl, Phys. Rev. B 39, 3900 (1989)

Exp.2 - G. Benedek and G. Brusdeylins and V. Senz and J. G. Skofronick and J. P. Toennies and F. Traeger and R. Vollmer, Phys. Rev. B 64, 125421 (2001)

# **Approaching the Exact Energy Surface**

Calculate the difference between the MP2 energy and the exact energy using a finite cluster

Systematically improve:

 $\sum \left(\Delta E^{\text{CCSD}(\text{T})} - \Delta E^{\text{LMP2}}_{\text{intra-He}}\right)$ 

 $-f_{\text{intra-Mg}_3\text{Na}_2\text{O}_4}\Delta E_{\text{intra-Mg}_3\text{Na}_2\text{O}_4}^{\text{LMP2}} - f_{\text{inter}}\Delta E_{\text{inter}}^{\text{LMP2}}\Big)^2$ 

- 1. Theory: MP2 CCSD CCSD(T) CCSDT(Q)
- 2. Basis Set: aug-cc-VDZ VTZ VQZ
- 3. Cluster size:

![](_page_16_Picture_8.jpeg)

![](_page_16_Picture_9.jpeg)

### For Na<sub>2</sub>Mg<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Cluster Scaled MP2 Energy

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

# **Approaching the Exact Answer (Lateral Average)**

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

A deeper bound state in the potential... but error analysis suggests that 10.2eV is not present

**Reasonable agreement with the diffraction intensities** 

# **Diffraction Intensities**

![](_page_19_Figure_1.jpeg)

A deeper bound state in the potential... but error analysis suggests that 10.2eV is not present Reasonable agreement with the diffraction intensities

# He-Scattering MgO(100)

A powerful method for surface analysis if the potential is known.

It seems that it is possible to get close to the exact potential in a systematic way but only with some effort.

### He Scattering the Structural Probe....

High quality data for LiF (etc),  $TiO_2$ ....

Solving for a structure requires a simple potential model.

- Develop a pairwise O<sup>2-</sup>-He interaction potential (none of the obvious functional forms fit well) and test transferability
- 2. A much faster method with ~1meV accuracy

# 2. Polyacetylene

![](_page_22_Picture_1.jpeg)

### **Peierls Distortion**

B3LYP nospin - equal CC distances

-15

-20 (0,0,0)/2

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

(1,0,0)/2

## **Energy Gap and Bond Length Alternation**

Method	<i>a</i> (Å)	C-C (Å)	BLA (Å)	х <sub>С</sub>	$E_g$ (eV)	$\Delta E$ (eV)
EXP	2.46	1.36, 1.44	0.08	-	1.4-1.9	-
<b>B3LYP</b>	2.467	1.363,1.424	0.061	0.514	1.246	0.015
LDA	2.450	1.379,1.391	0.012	0.503	0.102	0.000
HF	2.460	1.328,1.455	0.126	0.529	7.270	0.146

## **Spin Polarisation – Symmetric Geometry**

![](_page_25_Picture_1.jpeg)

spin moment <sup>(<math>\mu_B</math>)</sup>	<b>B3LYP</b>	LDA	HF
	0.22	0.01	0.86
S   <sub>H</sub>	0.01	0.00	0.05

#### **Spin Polarisation vs Dimerisation**

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_2.jpeg)

B3LYP nospin dimerised

![](_page_26_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Figure_5.jpeg)

#### Same energy (~0.3 meV) in B3LYP

![](_page_27_Figure_0.jpeg)

Band gap after spin or spatial (or both) symmetry breaking always ~1eV

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