SYLLABUS CHM 6480: ‘INDEPENDENT’ PARTICLE THEORY.

Hartree-Fock self-consistent field (SCF) theory and Density Functional Theory
Recommended Texts: Szabo and Ostlund and Parr and Yang.

Lectures will be 90 mins, Tuesday and Thursday, 10:40 to noon, in QTP Reading
Room. Office hours are noon to 2pm Tuesday and Thursday. My door is open to students
anytime I am in my office, but appointments can also be made via email.

Grades will be determined by an exam or two, plus computer programming assignments
and homework. The breakdown is 50% for exams, 30% for computer problems, and 20%
for homework. All students will be given access to the QTP computers for their work.

Prerequisite: CHM 6470 or permission of instructor.

Essential Preliminaries: Hydrogen Atom, Coordinate Systems, Born-Oppenheimer
Approximation.
1. Generic Molecular Orbital Theory
   - Concept of one and two particle operators
   - Effective one-particle operator
   - Antisymmetry
2. Hartree-Fock Self-Consistent Field Theory
   - Properties of the Antisymmetrizer
   - Energy expressions for one and two-particle terms
   - Use of variational principle to find best MO’s.
   - Fock operator and HF equations
   - Invariance of Fock operator to unitary transformations
   - Canonical and non-canonical HF forms
3. Basis Set Expansions and Matrix HF equations
   - Density Matrices
4. Theorems of HF Theory
   - Koopmans’ Theorem
   - Brillouin Theorem
5. Electron Correlation Error
   - Configuration Interaction
   - Perturbation Theory
   - Moeller-Plesset Theorem
6. Symmetry Properties of HF Theory
7. Restricted Hartree-Fock
8. Treatment of Second and Higher-order Properties in HF
10. Density Functional Theory (Detailed syllabus to come later).
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13. Density Matrix Functional Theory