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A Probing Into The Application Of Density Functional Theory And Reactivity Indices In Organic Chemical Reactivity

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Abstract

The advent of DFT has significantly aided the conceptual characterization of charge dispersion and associated characteristics, like chemical reactivity characteristics of chemical compounds. Although most ideas came from density functional theory, they were mainly utilised in semi-empirical Molecular Orbital techniques, Hartree-Fock, or post Hartree-Fock approaches until recently. Nevertheless, in the past decade, density functional theory has allowed conceptual chemistry to correctly forecast groups and molecules' structures and energies. As a result, new reactivity characteristics derived straight from density functional theory computations should now get greater consideration. Chemical responsiveness is investigated in density functional theory using a functional Taylor expansion of power that provides different chemically significant energy counterparts. This study highlights their major characteristics and analyses the limits of several of the current reactivity characterisation indices. It also emphasises the application DFT and reactivity indices in organic chemical reactivity.

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1. Introduction

Whereas at the start of the 20th century Lewis introduced the concept of a chemical reaction, since then dual quantum-chemical notions have been created, since that time both the Valence Bond theory and the MO theory, founded in fact on Schrodinger's formula. A form called the DFT (the Ground State Formulas), says that for a non-degenerate N-electron framework, the ground state potential is a unique function of the density p(r) and, therefore, centered on the Hohenberg and Kohn findings, was developed in the 1960s to investigate the nature of matter.

$$\mathrm{E}[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = \int \rho(\mathbf{r})\, v(\mathbf{r})\, d\mathbf{r} + \mathrm{F}[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$$

F[(r)] is the Hohenberg-Kohn mandatory functional, which is equal to the sum of the kinetic energy functional T[(r)] and the electron–electron contact power functional V[(r)], and v(r) is the electron nucleus Coulomb connection. The rigorous theoretical basis of the density functional theory is this theorem[1]. The electron density may be represented in the density functional theory framework as the functional component of the power with regard to the outside perspective, with the number of electrons maintained constant:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{\delta E}{\delta v(\mathbf{r})}\right)_N$$

As a result, density functional theory calculations necessitate the development of an electron density affirmation. Like the quantum-chemical notion based on Schrodinger's formula, which may or may not have an actual physical location, the calculation of the electron density in a complex framework is an analytically unfeasible task. Each term in the functional F[p] describes a specific mathematical problem. The Kohn-Sham formulation, analogous to the Hartree-Fock equation, was presented as an approximation. A number of inductive density functional theory functionals, like B3LYP, MPWB1K, and, more significantly, M06 and similar functionals, were created in recent years, allowing the investigation of organic processes with computing needs comparable to MO calculations.

The analysis of molecular electron density made possible by the introduction of the topological study of the Electron Localisation Function in the latter part of the twentieth century is well-known in scientific circles. This molecular picture may be used in the creation of a Lewis bonding structure. Organic reactions may generally be described by elucidating molecular-level changes in bonding by utilising Topological ELF research. The development of a model of organic responsiveness is supported by a number of different research projects on organic responses, including the C–C bond formation[2]. The pseudoradicals generated in the reaction undergo a C–C coupling with each other to form these bonds. In neutral processes in which there are C–C double bonds, this tendency may be observed. Non-reaction begins with C–C double bonds, which must be ruptured in order to produce the pseudoradical complexes.

It's worth noting that when the polarity of the response increases, these high engagements of energies diminish. The DFT asserts that a non-degenerated N-electron framework's ground state potential is an independent density function p(r) These discoveries have recently led to the development of the "Molecular Electron Density Theory", which claims that “whereas the electron density allocation at the initial state is answerable for physical as well as chemical molecular characteristics, as suggested by DFT, the molecular reaction is caused by the capacity to alter the electronic structure, not MO interrelations.” Parr's findings indicate that electron density dispersion is the primary chemical property of molecules, and MEDT believes that organic chemistry need to be investigated to see whether it's sensitive to changes in electron density organisation. The current technology, based on the EMI/DFT software, is used to identify sequences of molecular characteristics that were found through the application of electron density analysis during the initial stages of the molecules. These sequences are found to be useful in researching polar procedures, Defined by the GEDT flow from donor molecules to accepter molecules of the electron.

2. Application Density Functional Theory

Artificial Iron Complexes

Patterns of Reactivity

Metal complexes in enzymes and synthetic frameworks allow chemical reactions that would otherwise be hard, like C–H initiation. Among the most significant objectives in transition-metal catalysis is the engagement or operationalization of C–H bonds in inexpensive and plentiful substrates like alkanes. The creation of synthetic, biomimetic analogs that mimic P450s has been extensively sought because “iron-containing cytochrome P450 enzymes” are able to activate C–H bonds. Theoretical investigations of these biomimetic representations may reveal the essential components that govern their chemical reactivities and mediates and reactivities of parent enzymes. DFT computations have been used extensively on a variety of non-heme iron species to date[4]. Such complexes' fascinating reactivity characteristics are the consequence of active electron engagement in “d-type Mos”, which leads to multi-state situations.

One of the primary goals of utilising DFT to investigate the chemical processes of these non-heme iron complexes is to gain energetic and structural data for different transition nations and intermediates on reaction paths. Furthermore, studying KS orbitals or any other kind of altered localised orbitals may provide important chemical insight into the electronic rearrangement that occurs during reactions. Iron-oxo combinations are especially

significant because of their similarity to “iron-oxo porphyrin -cation radical class” of P450s. In the first stage of the lower-spin trip condition, the orbital is double inhabited, with each of the two orbitals is singly inhabited. One electron moves from the substrate to the orbital during the C–H bond activation phase. As a consequence, iron's official oxidation state changes to +3, with one of the orbitals being inhabited singularly. With regard to the high-spin quintet state, a similar effect is attained by moving the electron from the substrate C–H bond (CH) to the empty z2 orbital. The oxidation of Fe occurs in a +3 state, with an increase in the oxidation moment. Though, the quantity of unattached electrons on the iron core has increased in this instance[5]. As a consequence, the platform's interchange stability improves, resulting in a much-reduced energy barrier in the quintet form. “Because the 2 orbital runs down the Fe–O axis, charge transmission in the quintet condition necessitates approaching the iron-oxo moiety from slightly above the oxo unit to obtain the greatest overlap between CH and 2”. As a result, the transition state has a very upright geometry, with the O, C, Fe and H atoms aligned in a collinear pattern.

Reactions having O–O bond cleavage

Heme-copper oxidase enzymes (HCOs) are enzymes that catalyse the selective reduction of oxygen to water using 4 e—/4 H+. This research aims to figure out how the heme-Cu active site catalyses O_2 reduction at such a low kinetic barrier. In the research presented in this thesis, various spectroscopic techniques (including magnetic, vibrational, electronic, and X-ray methods) were combined with computation (DFT) to characterise model complexes and enzyme intermediates and understand spectral features and investigate potential reaction coordinates.

We were able to differentiate between two possible reaction routes for phenol-induced O-O cleavage in a heme-peroxo-Cu complex using DFT, which differed depending on whether proton transfer (PT) occurs before or after reaching the transition state[6]. Experiment and theory combine to reveal the active mechanism and establish key aspects of the chemistry involved, such as the roles of H^+ and e- in O—O bond breaking and the essential significance of H-bonding in the process.

DFT simulations were used to examine O-O cleavage in HCOs, which is an exceedingly uncommon reaction with only a few intermediates observed experimentally, to expand the research utilising synthetic models to the enzyme active site. By comparing the active site structure of the phenol-reactive model complex to the active site structure of the phenol-reactive model complex, it can be seen how the active site structure can be designed to not only favour a different mechanism, but also to execute O—O cleavage with a lower energy barrier than the phenol-reactive model complex[7]. To accomplish so, a method was developed to generate PM in a specific HCO (ubiquinol oxidase) that does not include an additional Cu redox center, allowing a range of site-selective spectroscopic methods to reach this critical intermediate see in given below.

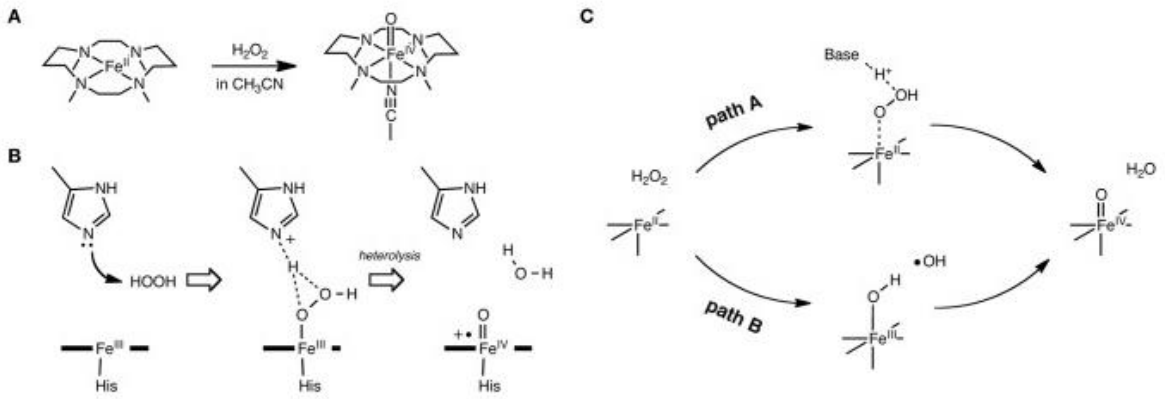

Figure 1: The two routes that were investigated.

Ligand impacts

Supporting ligands significantly impact the iron core's responsiveness and several other characteristics in enzymes and synthetic complexes. As a result, a critical job of computational chemistry is the theoretical assessment of

ligand effects. Myradalyyev et al. used B3LYP DFT to compare the interactions of the TMC, corrin, and porphine ligands with a variety of metal ions[8]. The experimental data and the computationally calculated ground rotation positions were in excellent agreement. In all compounds, the structural similarity increased in the order "Mn^{2+} Cr^{2+} Fe^{2+} Co^{2+} Ni^{2+} Cu^{2+}". Several variables influence relative binding strength, including the ligand's overall charge, spin enhancement during the formation of complexes, electrostatic, including ligand-to-metal energy transmission.

CYP450 Enzymes

Reactive species of CYP450s

Density Functional Theory/MM investigations have also contributed significantly to our knowledge of P450s' electrical composition and responsiveness. Cpd I is widely assumed to be the reactive species in P450-dependent oxidation processes, and many prior studies back this up. For many distinct spin states, the electronic composition of Cpd I and Cpd I's substrate oxidation processes have been studied for their electron rearrangement properties. Computational investigations of Cpd 0 responsiveness have also been carried out. Cpd 0 is less responsive than Cpd I, according to DFT calculations[9]. The search for a better knowledge of the origin of P450 reactive molecules is currently used DFT to investigate sulfoxidation driven by a P450's Iron(III) oxide-hydroxide complex, finding that the power hurdle is 4.5 kcal per mol, relative to 3.8 kcal per mol in the Cpd I process as well as 22.5 kcal per mol in the Cpd 0 process. They hypothesised that the Iron(III) oxide-hydroxide multifaceted might be an alternate responsive class for sulfidation rounded on these DFT findings.

Mechanism-based inactivation

P450 responsiveness variations are mechanistically fascinating puzzles. In a real sense, P450s are also significant enzymes, particularly in the setting of drug metabolism. The importance of P450s in Phase I chemical digestion is now widely recognised. The wide substrate specialization of P450s is an essential characteristic in drug metabolism. Though over 18,000 P450 variants were already discovered, humans only have 57, and only a handful of them are involved in drug metabolism[10]. As a result, drug–drug combinations (DDIs) that inhibit P450s may have a negative impact on a variety of metabolic processes in the system.

DFT has started to discover implications in P450s-related practical problems. DFT, in the example, may contribute significantly to our knowledge of a specific kind of DDI known as mechanism-based inactivation (MBI). MBI may be classified as either quasi-irreversible or irreversible. In mechanism-based inactivation, an inhibitor molecule interacts with Cpd I to form a metabolic intermediate (MI), which subsequently attaches to the binding center of a P450 enzyme in a quasi-irreversible or irreversible manner, inhibiting it. In an irreversible MBI, the MI directly connects with the hemic, whereas the MI forms a strong covalent link with such a repetition of amino acids or porphyrin ligands in reversible mechanical inactivation. In either instance, mechanism-based inactivation entails a chemical process that standard docking models don't capture. Rather, quantum mechanical techniques such as DFT must be used. Numerous research teams have published DFT investigations of P450 MBI in recent years.

A terminal condition induces MBI. Even without the presence of a molecule of water, It is difficult to engage with the catalytic threonine residues in a ketite-type metabolic intermediate, according to their estimates, since the associated electrostatic force is too large (>38 kcal per mol). The barrier was lowered by approximately 20 kcal per mol when a water molecule was permitted to engage in the process. This finding indicated that a water molecule is critical in terminating P450's enzymatic activity.

Hirao went on to investigate the 1,1-dialkylhydrazine or asymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine, UDMH, a mechanism that results in P450's quasi-irreversible MBI. Hydrazine is converted into a metabolic aminonitrene intermediate, and for this MBI, this hem iron is connected. In an irreversible process based inactivation, the MI establishes a direct connection with the hem iron[11]. In contrast, in a reversible mechanism-based inactivation, when a mechanism is developed that strongly covalently binds an amino acid repeat or a porphyrin ligand, MI is used. Hirao studied a portion of the MBI mechanism induced by amine-containing medicines more recently. In P450-mediated metabolism, amines are prone to forming nitroso alkane metabolic intermediates, which create a quasi-irreversible MIC that inhibits P450s. In addition, numerous current medicines include an amine moiety, making

this metabolic route a major issue. He engrossed on the phase from 4 to 7 in Arrangement 6, and their comparison Density Functional Theory analysis revealed that the processes relating"H-abstraction from the O–H bond or the N–H bond" of 4 had especially short vigor barriers, indicating that the reaction occurs through one of these devices. Obstacles such as N-oxidation and the abstraction of a C–H bond were considerably higher[12]. The MIC's organisational connection was also thoroughly examined. "The N-bound form of a MIC was more stable than the O-bound form. Furthermore, the ferrous MIC (1MIC(II)) had a slightly greater binding energy than the ferric MIC (2MIC(III)). This discovery related to the development of a ferrous MIC in amine-containing compounds' MBI".

Examines of protein ecological properties

The impact of the protein environment on the active-site characteristics of P450s is another essential factor to consider. P450s catalyse chemically challenging processes by incorporating a heme cofactor and organic substrates into their lively spots. P450s have been the subject of many QM/MM investigations, all of which have shown that the protein's environment has a significant impact. Hirao and colleagues conducted energy decomposition analysis (EDA) investigations to obtain a basic understanding of the interplay between the active region and the encircling atoms of P450s.

The connection between two important P450 intermediates and a particle of water was studied using DFT-based EDA by the llamurege and Hirao. They utilised two kinds of EDA:-developed localised MO energy breakdown study, which is applied in GAMESS software, and the EDA technique, which is performed in the "Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) program". The entire interactions energy is divided into the exchange, electrostatic, repulsion, polarisation, and spreading mechanisms in the LMOEDA, but electrostatic, Pauli repulsion, and orbital response variables in the ADF-EDA. Chemically, such breakdown analyses are useful. The hydroxyl cluster of ferric hydroxide was discovered in proton transfers from the phosphorous movement[13]. The creation of an electron lacquer leads to the phosphorus being approached by acetic oxygen and establishing a P–O link. The latter interaction was proposed for P450 Cpd I to lower the activation barrier for H-abstraction. According to our EDA research, the electrostatic charge is the primary driving factor of the contact in its relaxed position. The polarisation and interchange energy has a smaller effect. Since the contact between Cpd I and H_2O are regarded as a hydrogen bond, it is weaker than the metal–ligand connection in the relaxed position. The electrostatic connection seems to play a major role here, according to our findings. Surprisingly, polarisation has a role in contrast to hydrogen bonding in the water dimer, where the electrostatic term plays a greater role in the attractive contact.

Hirao used the ME and EE methods of ONIOM to conduct "an EDA of the protein surrounding impact in bacterial cytochrome P450cam Cpd I. The QM and MM techniques were B3LYP and AMBER94, correspondingly. Electrostatic, van der Waals (vdW), and QM polarisation" components were used to deconstruct the QM-MM non-bonding contact energy. The electrostatic impact was shown to be very important in the EDA research. The other impacts were also substantial, although not as much as the electrostatic effect. Personal efforts to the electrostatic and vdW contact strengths have been progressively dissected[14]. Nearby positive charge residues, notably those associating with the heme's two propionate groups, have been demonstrated to play a key role in electrostatically maintaining the active site. Each one of these three residues produced an electrostatic stabilisation of >100 kcal per mol. The protein's surroundings also influence the spin distribution at the active region. The ONIOM-ME calculation does not take into account the electrostatic effect of proteins on the QM electronic state. This method has inappropriately concentrated on propionate oxygen atoms in vast numbers of spinal communities. The unconnected electron moved to the porphyrin ring in the ONIOM-EE system nevertheless.

MIOX

A non-heme diiron enzyme has also been hypothesised to have a role in the development of diabetic issues. Myo-inositol is initially transformed into D-glucuronate in the first step of Myo-inositol catabolism. A ferrous superoxide moiety draws him from the C1 molecule of Myo-inositol, which starts the process[15]. Hirao and Morokuma used DFT as well as ONIOM calculations to figure out how the process works. The O–O bond cleavage barrier will be greater than the H-abstraction phase, according to calculations. That is why the kinetic isotope impact on stable state turnover was experimentally seen almost united.

2-hydroxyethyl phosphonate dioxygenase

Hirao and Morokuma studied the enzymatic processes of 2-hydroxyethyl phosphonate dioxygenase, a non-heme iron enzyme, utilizing DFT and ONIOM simulations. Their DFT analysis of the 2-hydroxyethyl phosphonate (2-HEP) substrate reactivity catalysed by HEPD indicated that essential midday should develop in the late stages of the reactions. In their ONIOM research, they discovered another radical intermediate. The radical intermediate must have a long enough lifespan in this situation to enable it to spin around the P–C bond. A deuterium atom has been placed in the C1 position of 2-HEP as a result of the reaction in order to carry out stereochemical investigations[16-17]. Due to a radical process, which we theoretically predicted, the stereochemistry at C1 was lost to the hydroxymethyl phosphonate product. The presence of proton-couple electron transfer was discovered at a later stage of the P–CH_2 moiety reaction in the early stages of the reaction. Following a homolytic cleavage of the P–C bond. The formation of an electron-lacking location enabled acetate's oxygen to approach the phosphorus, resulting in the formation of a P–O bond.

3. Reactivity Indices in Organic Chemical Reactivity

The recent effect of DFT on quantum chemistry progress is significant and can be traced back to the attainment of so-called "chemical precision" towards the end of the 1980s, when gradient-corrected and hybrid functional techniques were developed. 1 & 2 DFT concentrates on the electron, density, p(r), as the bearer of all data in the molecular (or atomic) initial state, relying on the well-known Hohenberg-Kohn theorems. As a result, the problem's difficulty seems to be much decreased compared to the traditional wave equation method, which relies on all N electrons' spatial and spin directions in the system[18-19]. Indeed, but since precise density functionals for the biggest energy component, kinetic energy, are unavailable, the most often used technique is the Kohn-Sham KS approach, which, by introducing orbitals, simplifies the situation to one where cost grows explicitly as the third power of the electron density: This is a big number, but it's nothing near the four-fold power needed by Hartree-Fock computations, or the five, six, or seven-fold power necessary by post-Hartree-Fock measurements[20-22]. Due to methods and cut-offs in the computation, lower powers may be achieved for Hartree-Fock and DFT calculations, but not for post-Hartree-Fock computation. Meanwhile, DFT algorithms with linearly increasing computation time with the number of atoms are being developed. The KS technique involves solving Schrodinger Hartree-like equations with an undetermined portion of the prospective.

4. Conclusion

We've gone through a few current DFT approaches to iron-containing artificial compounds in addition to enzymes, but not all of them. Density Functional Theory frequently offers high-reliability information into structural and spectroscopic characteristics, chemical process processes, and other topics[23-24]. DFT may also be used in conjunction with other conceptual methods, like EDA systems, to better understand molecular connections. Even for complexes with tens of thousands of atoms, DFT may be used using a hybrid method. DFT has clearly shown to be a helpful technique for studying the basic features of molecules[25]. DFT, we think, will grow more precise and play a larger role in the future, particularly in pragmatic fields such as catalyst and drug development.

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