

Quantum Monte Carlo for the electronic structure of atomic systems

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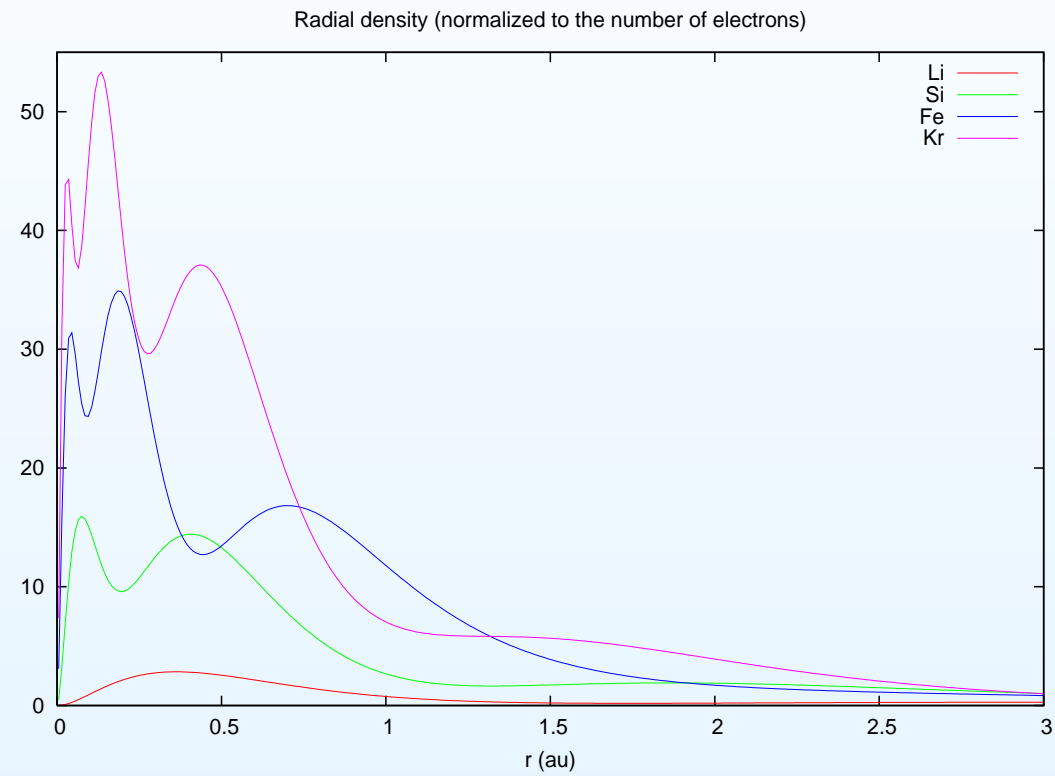
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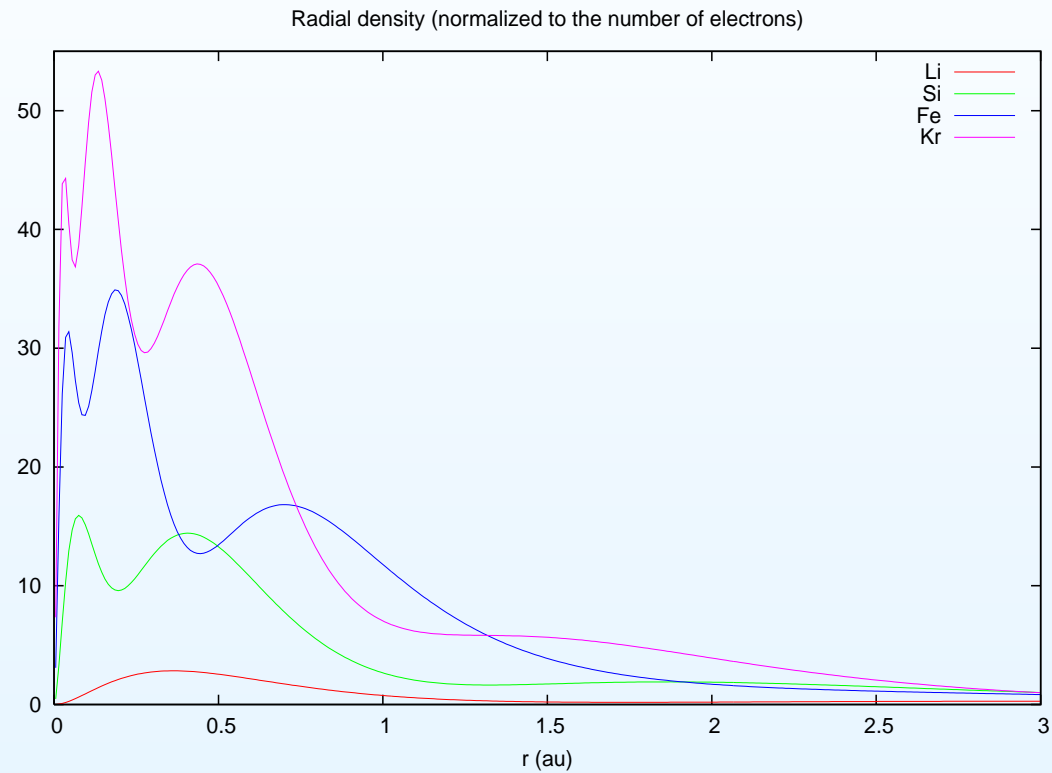


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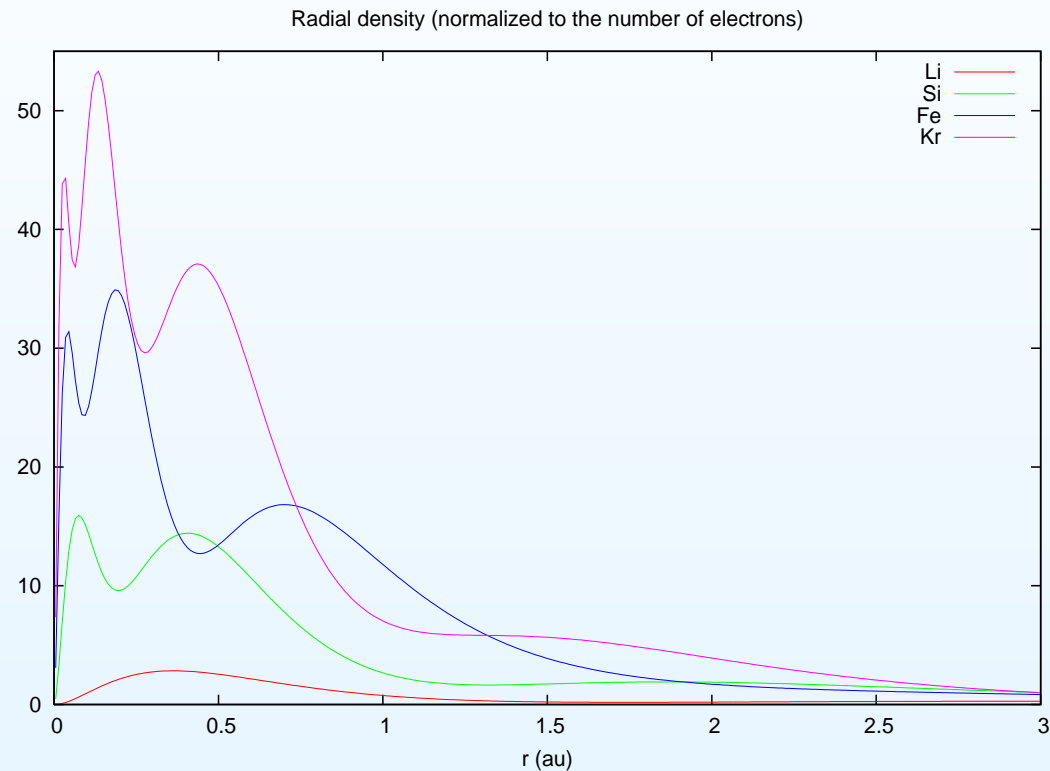
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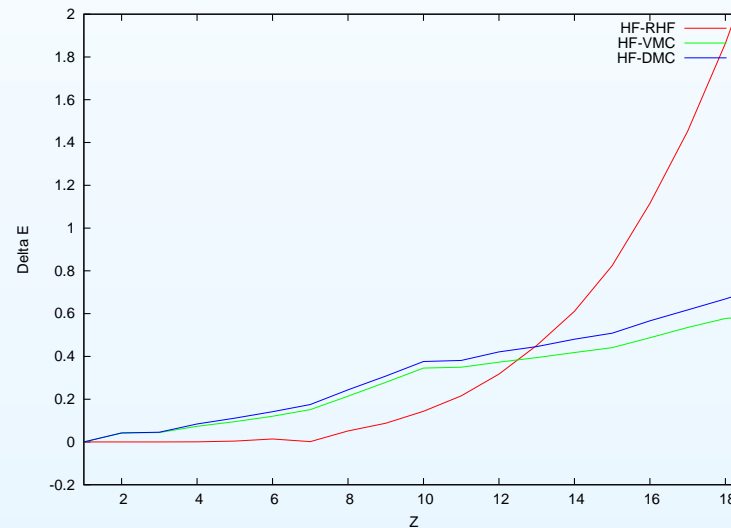
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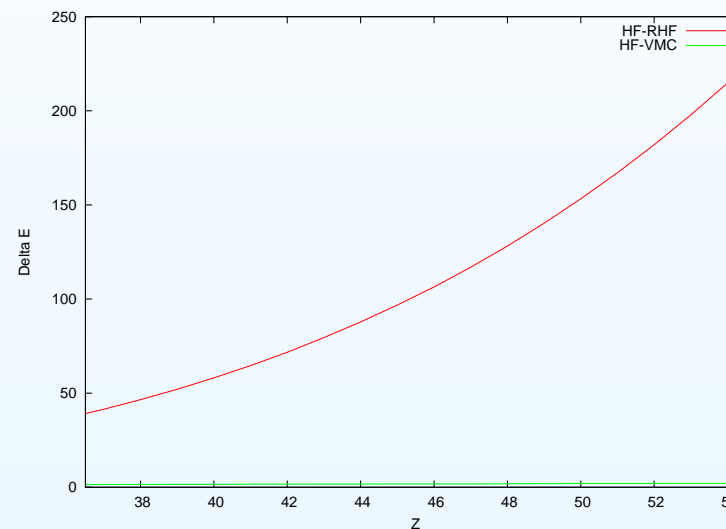
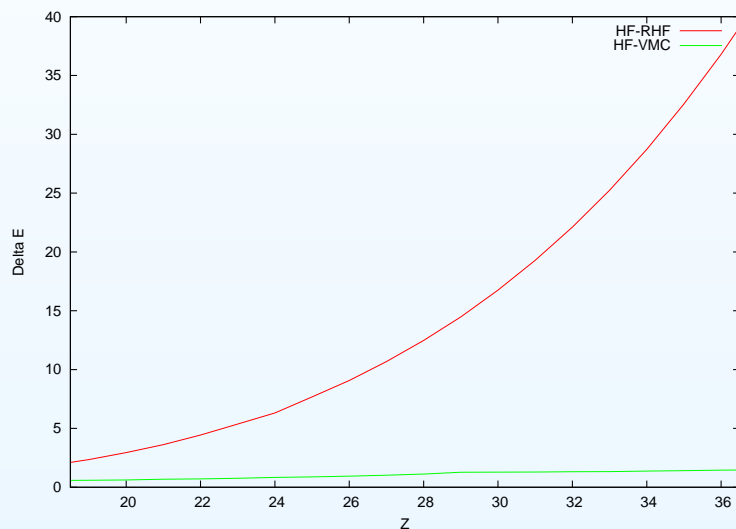
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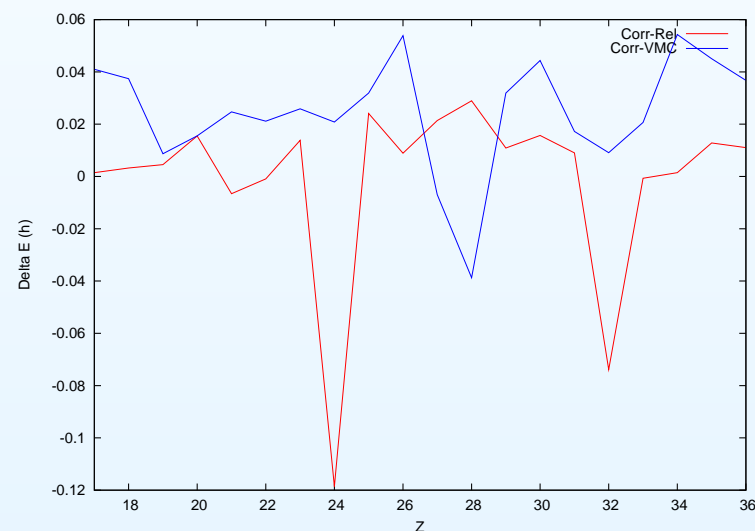
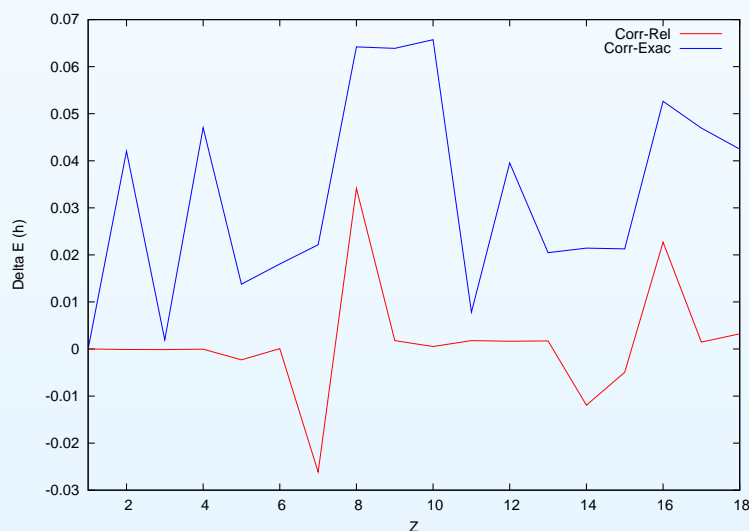
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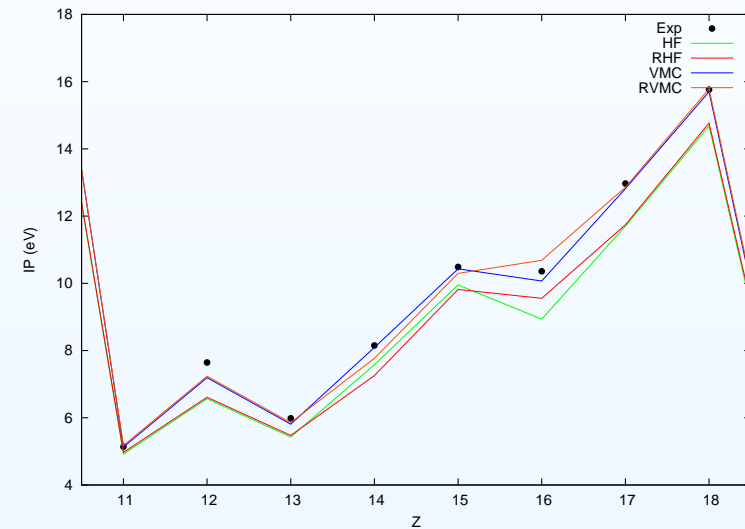
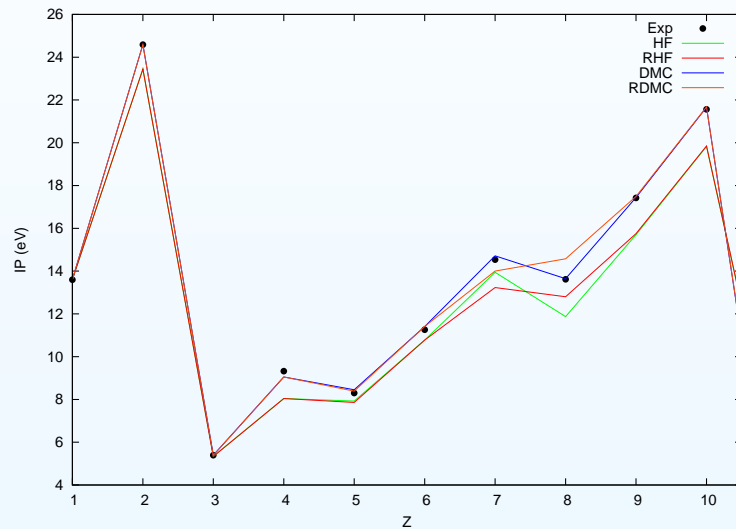
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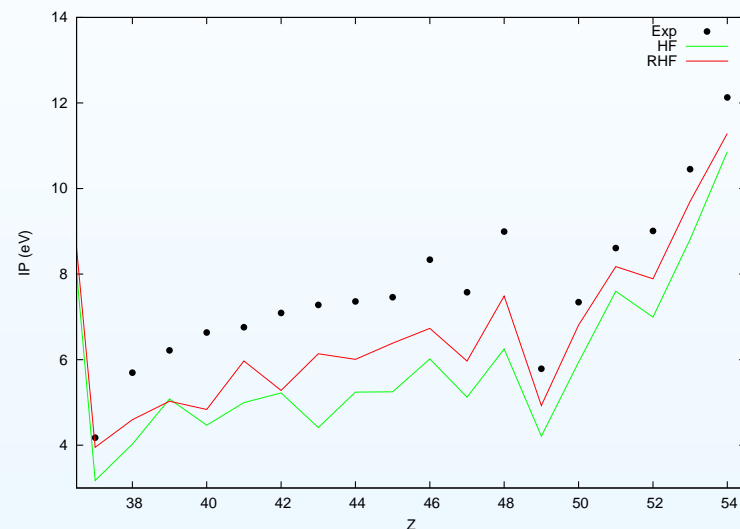
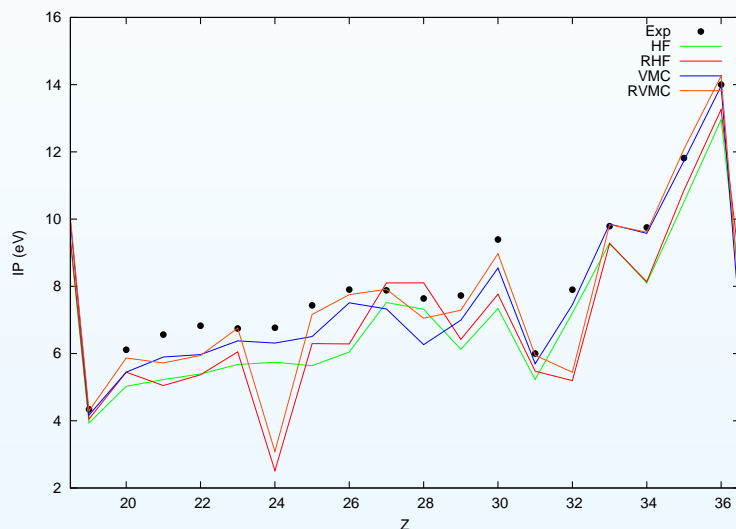
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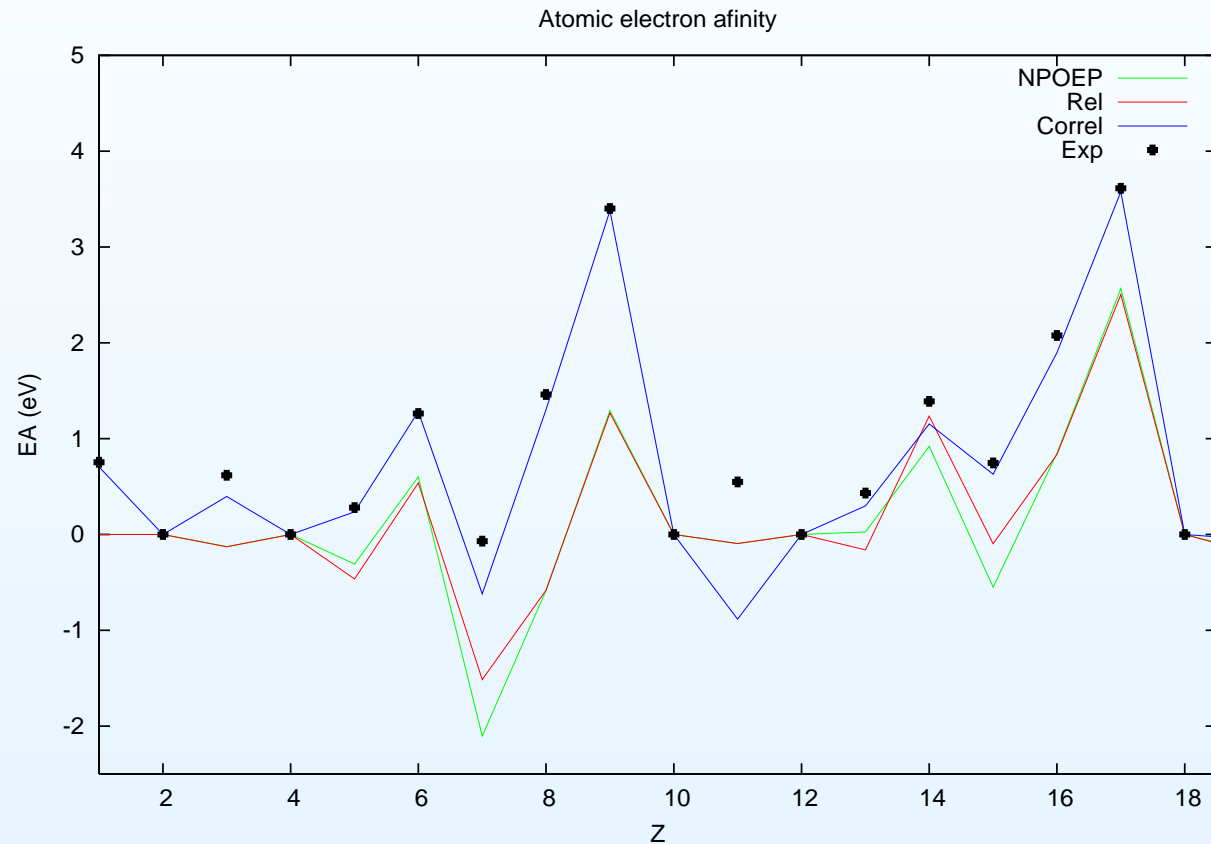
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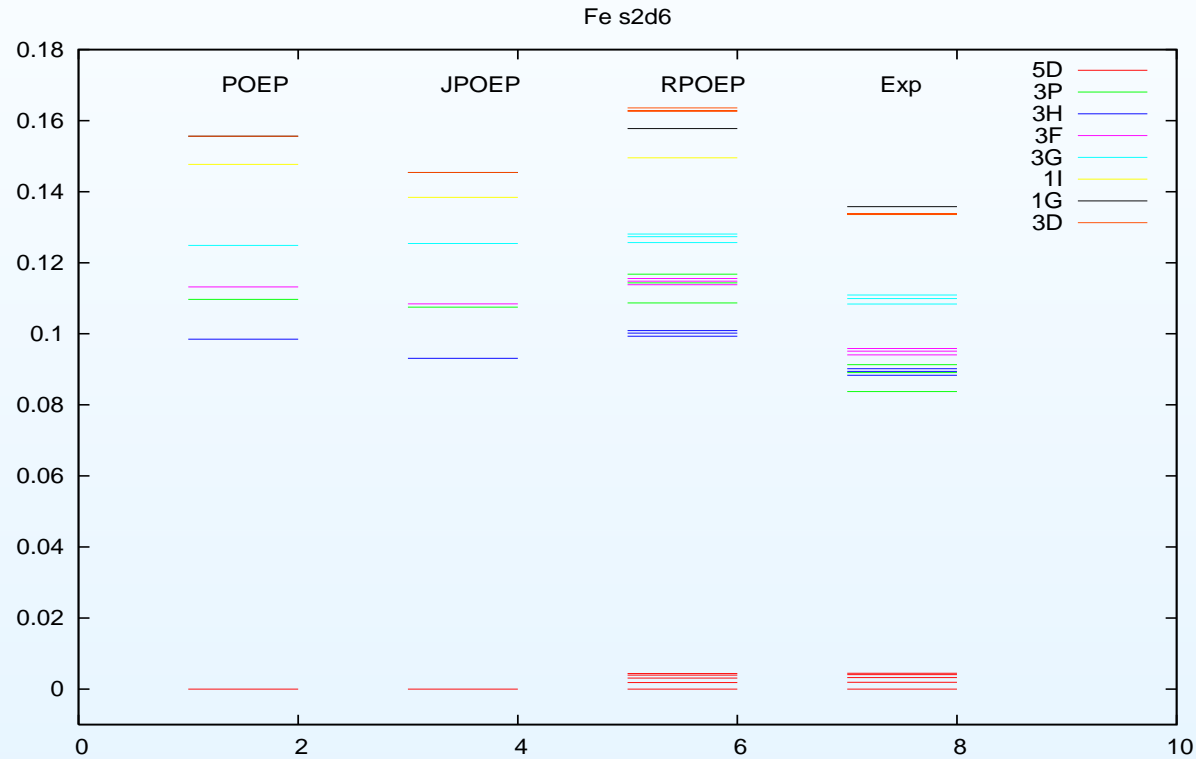
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VMC Ground state energy of some atoms in hartree. Second rows percentage of correlation energy. F_{ee} only e-e correlations and F_{ee-en} e-e and e-n correlations.

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Be	-14.57302313	-14.6073(2)	-14.64672(2)	-14.66736
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N	-54.40093415	-54.447(1)	-54.5526(2)	-54.5892
		25	80	
Ne	-128.5470980	-128.621(1)	-128.8930(7)	-128.9376
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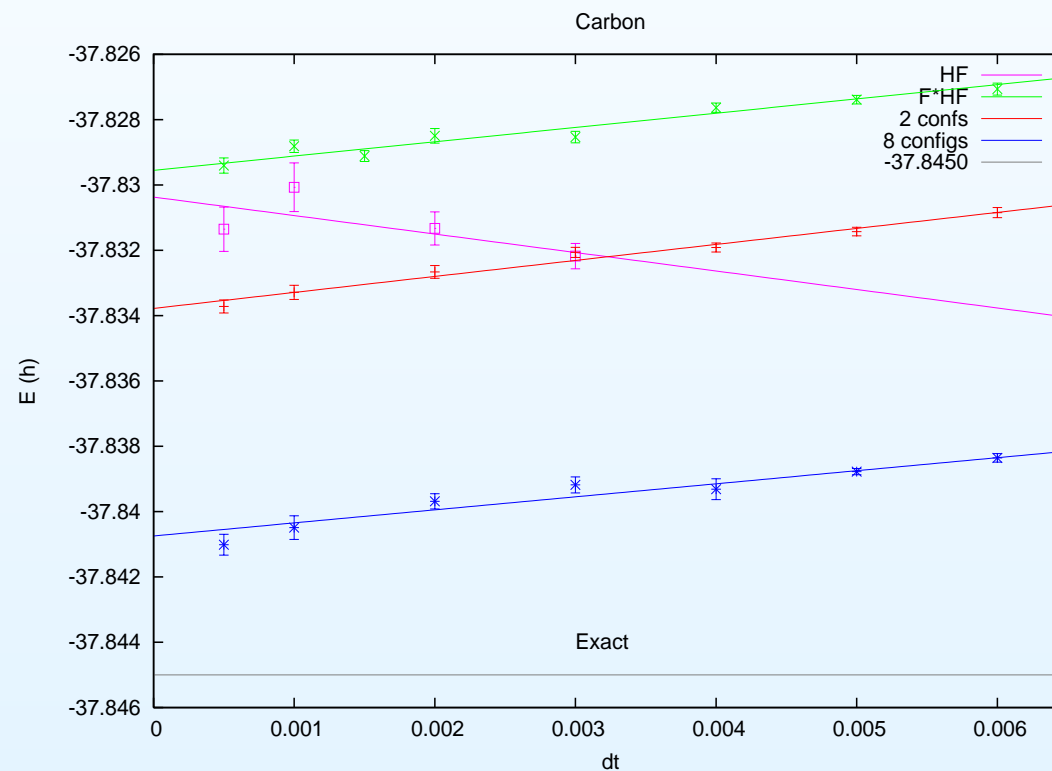
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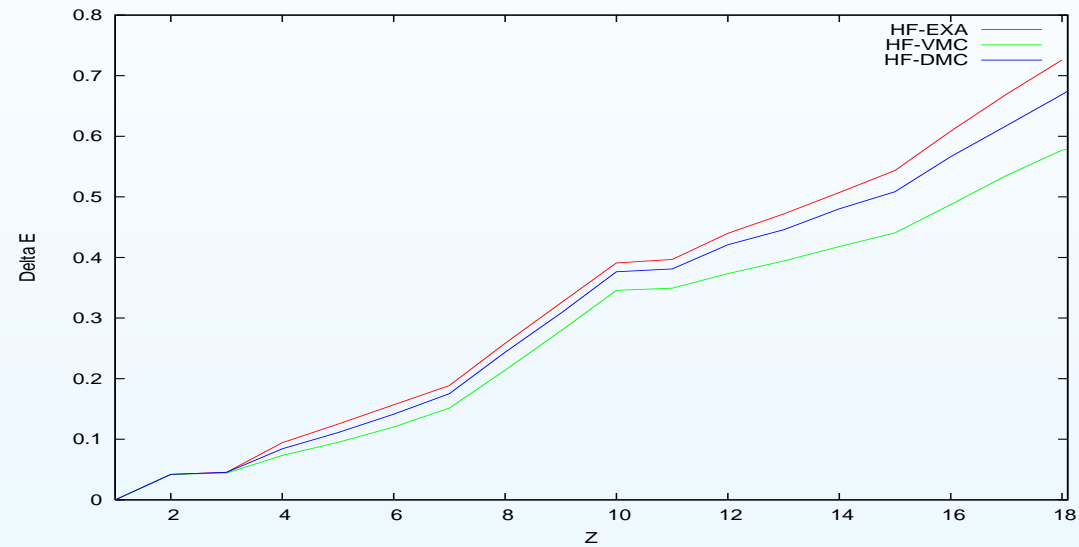
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Method	Single Configuration	Two Configurations
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DMC	-14.65740(8)	-14.66710(4)
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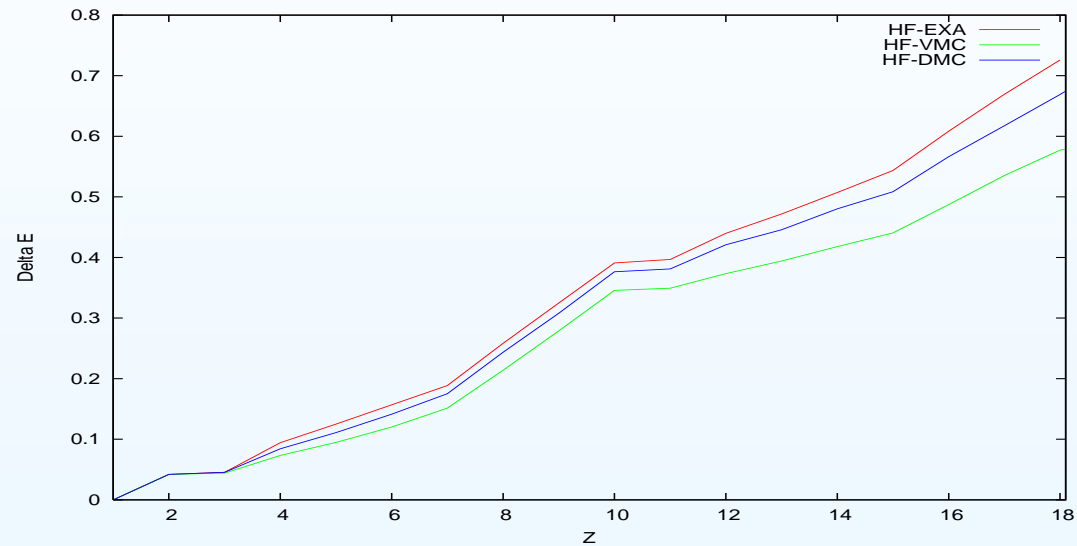
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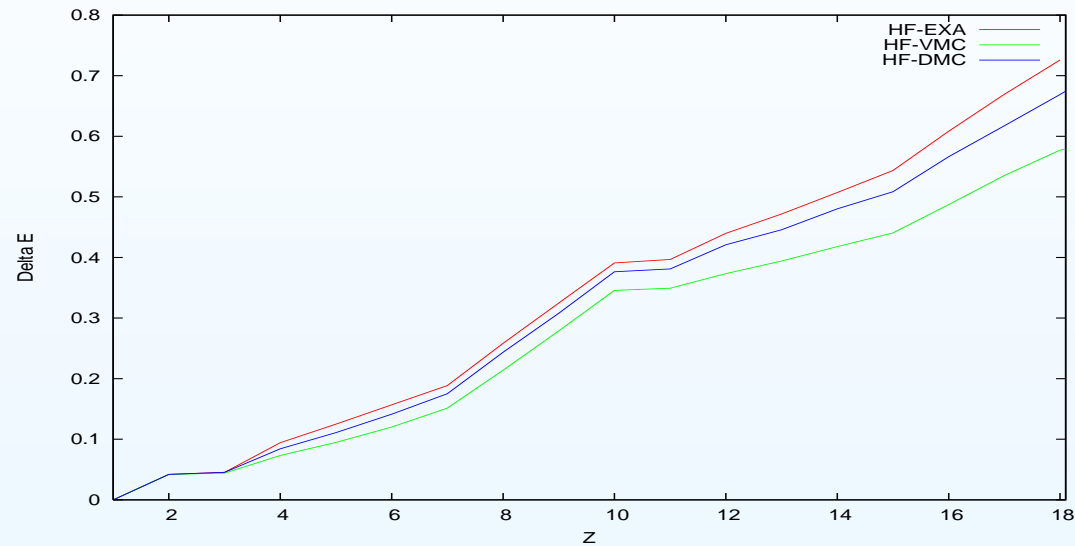


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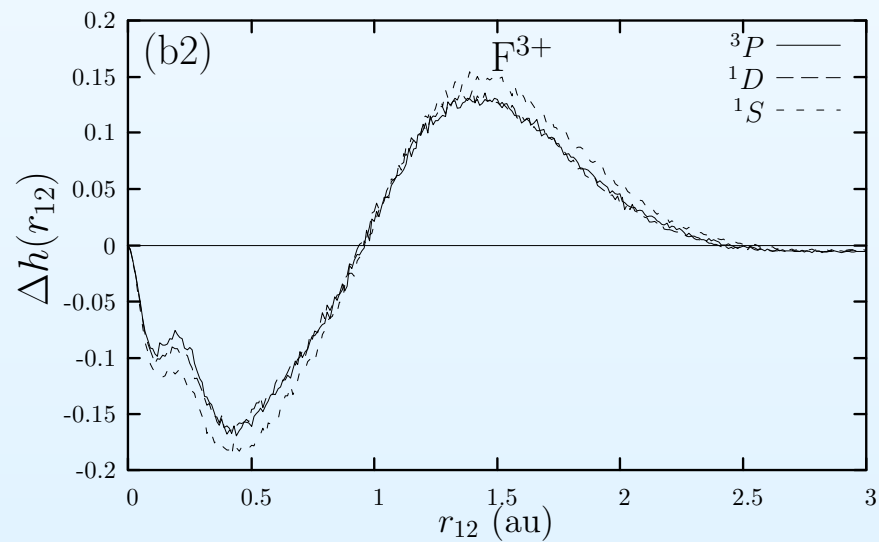
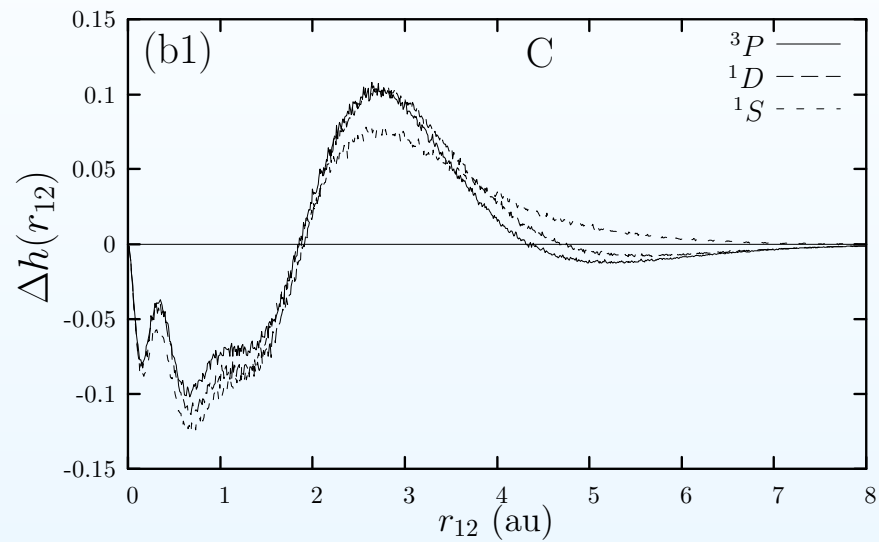
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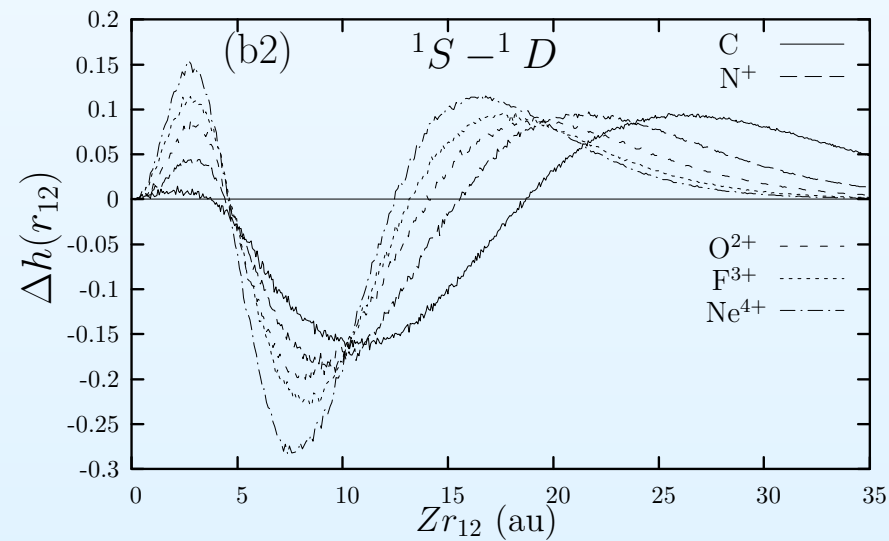
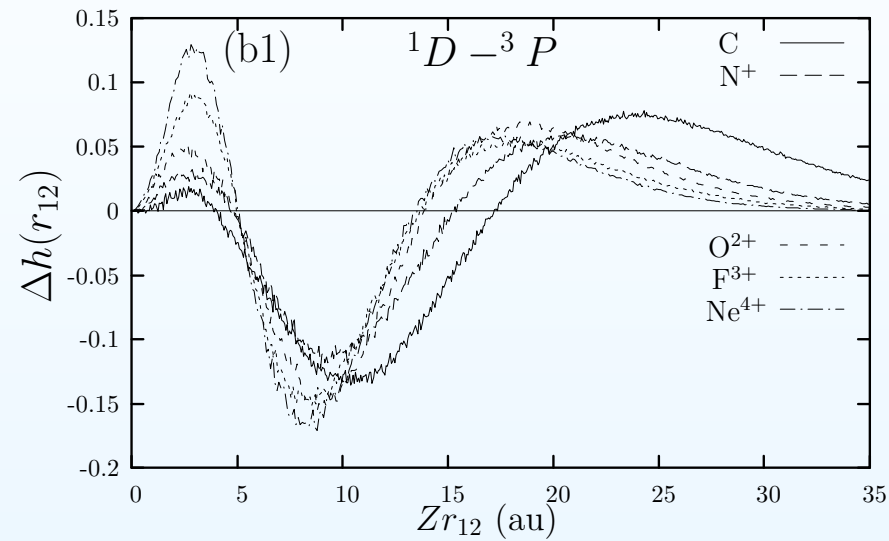


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Al	-241.8767	-242.2685(5)[84]	-242.2751(5)[85]	-242.2124(9)[78]
	DMC-SC	DMC-CI(2)	DMC ¹	MR-SDCI ²
	-242.3200(7)[95]	-242.3250(7)[96]	-242.3265(10)[96]	-242.31673[94]

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5D	0.0		0.0		0.0	
5F		0.065		-0.001(3)		0.032
5P		0.137		0.055(4)		0.080
3H	0.098		0.093(5)		0.089	
3G	0.125		0.124(4)		0.108	
1G		0.157		0.078(5)		0.112
3D		0.175		0.097(4)		0.119
1I	0.148		0.138(4)		0.134	
1G	0.156		0.145(4)		0.136	

RESULTS: Ionization potential electron affinity of Fe

	NPOEP	RNPOEP	VMC ¹	VMC
$E(\text{au})$	-1262.42539	-1271.52694	-1263.20(2)	-1263.376(2)
IP(eV)	6.4372	6.7172		7.51(8)
EA(eV)	-2.4191	-2.5796		-0.11(8)

	GFMC	R-VMC	R-GFMC	Exp
$E(\text{au})$	-1263.550(4)			
IP(eV)	7.6(2)	7.88(8)	7.9(2)	7.9024
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Exp from <http://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData/ASD/index.html>

RESULTS: Excitation energy (au) of Fe, $[\text{Ar}]3d^6 4s^2 \ ^1S$

	E	ΔE
POEP	-1262.254729	0.181594
VMC-JPOEP	-1263.203(4)	0.173(6)
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Ion Pot		0.290408

Non correlated (POEP) and VMC gives an state within the discrete spectrum. GFMC gives a correction in the proper (experimental) direction

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Be	8.0444562	8.807(4)	9.258(8)	9.051(2)	9.3199(4)	9.32
B	7.9317234	8.376(3)	7.933(4)	8.452(3)	8.153(3)	8.30
C	10.786462	11.343(5)	10.950(4)	11.410(7)	11.129(5)	11.26
N	13.957512	14.686(5)	14.351(5)	14.713(5)	14.487(5)	14.53
O	11.885734	13.46(1)		13.62(2)		13.62
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Ne	19.844827	21.630(3)		21.660(4)		21.56

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C	0.550339	1.291(5)	1.101(4)	1.336(8)	1.219(5)	1.262118
O	-0.535772	1.31(1)		1.36(2)		1.461112
F	1.363416	3.39(2)		3.44(1)		3.4011887

(1) and (2) stand for one or two configurations in the trial wave function.

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