

3 IMPROVEMENT OF UNCOUPLED HARTREE FOCK EXPECTATION VALUES
FOR PHYSICAL PROPERTIES, II.* 6

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ABSTRACT

A comparison is made between approximate polarizabilities calculated in the coupled Hartree-Fock approximation with those obtained from the uncoupled Hartree-Fock approximation with first order corrections.

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In a previous paper¹ under this title formulae have been given for the first order corrections to the uncoupled Hartree-Fock^{2,3} approximation for atomic properties^{4,5}. Recently Langhoff et. al.⁶ compared the various Hartree-Fock perturbation schemes for second order properties. Using their first order wave functions, kindly supplied to us by Prof. R. P. Hurst, we have evaluated the corrections to the dipole and quadrupole polarizabilities of various atoms and ions. The results⁷ are given in Tables I and II. Also included are values calculated in the coupled Hartree-Fock approximation⁶, and accurate values where available. We would now like to make some comment on various aspects of these results.

(i) The uncoupled polarizability plus first order correction is seen in every case to be less than the coupled polarizability⁹. Actually it is straight forward to show that this is true quite generally. Let \mathcal{H} be the total Hamiltonian, including the external field, let Φ be the uncoupled Hartree-Fock wave function and Ψ' the coupled Hartree-Fock wave function, all defined in reference 1. Since both Φ and Ψ' are single determinants, it follows that

$$\langle \Phi | \mathcal{H} | \Phi \rangle \geq \langle \Psi' | \mathcal{H} | \Psi' \rangle \quad (1)$$

as Ψ' is, by definition, the energy optimized single determinant. We now imagine expanding both sides in powers of the external field. As Φ and Ψ' are equal at zero field, one readily verifies that the zero and first order terms in the expansion of Eq. (1) are equal.

Thus, if we now let the field go to zero, we get a corresponding inequality for the second order energies. This then is the announced inequality¹⁰. Namely, by definition the quantity on the right is minus one half times the coupled polarizability, and one readily sees, using the results of reference 1, that the quantity on the left is minus one half the uncoupled polarizability plus first order correction.

(ii) For some of the cases listed, the corrected uncoupled values for the polarizabilities differ significantly¹¹ from those calculated in the coupled approximation. Since the latter are well known² to be correct "through first-order", this serves to emphasize the point already made in Ref. 1 - that being accurate through first-order in the uncoupled Hartree-Fock approximation is not the same as being correct through first order in the coupled approximation.

(iii) To investigate further the relative accuracy of the two approximations, we have calculated the second order correction to the uncoupled Hartree-Fock electron dipole polarizability for one electron systems. In this case the coupled theory is exact. The results given in Table III indicate that the convergence is slow, except, of course, for larger Z ¹¹.

(iv) The hope expressed in reference 1, that the uncoupled second order properties with first order corrections might have an accuracy comparable to the coupled result, does not seem to be borne out for near neutral systems.

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Footnotes

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3. Our discussion in this paper is limited to Dalgarno's uncoupled Hartree-Fock approximation (approximation "C" of Langhoff et al⁶).
4. The corrections apply to closed shell systems or to the open shell case if the initial wave function is an unrestricted Hartree-Fock wave function.
5. It perhaps should be pointed out that the first order corrections to properties bilinear in perturbation parameters, e.g. shielding factors and chemical shifts, can be obtained by replacing μW in reference 1, with $\mu_1 W_1 + \mu_2 W_2$ and examining the cross terms in Eqs. (30) and (31) of that paper. It can be seen that first order wavefunctions in both perturbations are needed to obtain the correction.
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to the unrestricted⁸, that the quoted results will be good approximations to the unrestricted polarizabilities.⁴

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9. It appears from comparison with the available accurate data listed in Table I, that the coupled polarizability is less than the exact result. See also, A. Dalgarno and J. M. McNamee, Proc. Phys. Soc. (London) 77, 673 (1961).
10. This inequality holds even if approximate first order wave functions are used if they are obtained from a variational calculation using the same basis set in the two cases, as is done by Langhoff et. al.⁶.
11. As the nuclear charge becomes large compared to the number of electrons the two approximations become, of course, quite comparable as the electron-electron interaction becomes a small correction.

Table I. Dipole Polarizabilities, $\alpha_d(\text{\AA}^3)$.

Atom or Ion	Uncoupled ^a			Coupled ^a	Accurate
	α_0	α_1	$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$	α_0	α
He	0.148	0.036	0.184	0.196	0.2051 ^b
Li	0.234×10^{-1}	0.039×10^{-1}	0.273×10^{-1}	0.281×10^{-1}	0.2852×10^{-1} ^b
Be ²⁺	0.671×10^{-2}	0.086×10^{-2}	0.757×10^{-2}	0.769×10^{-2}	0.7×10^{-2} ^c
B ³⁺	0.260×10^{-2}	0.026×10^{-2}	0.286×10^{-2}	0.290×10^{-2}	0.33×10^{-2} ^c
C ⁴⁺	0.121×10^{-2}	0.010×10^{-2}	0.131×10^{-2}	0.132×10^{-2}	0.15×10^{-2} ^c
N ⁵⁺	0.638×10^{-3}	0.047×10^{-3}	0.685×10^{-3}	0.688×10^{-3}	
^g Li	7.51	4.67	12.18	21.7	22 ± 2 ^d , 24.4 ± 2.4 ^f
Be ⁺	1.20	0.59	1.79	2.53	
B ²⁺	0.371	0.154	0.525	0.660	
C ³⁺	0.153	0.055	0.208	0.246	
N ⁴⁺	0.750×10^{-1}	0.238×10^{-1}	0.988×10^{-1}	0.113	
O ⁵⁺	0.411×10^{-1}	0.117×10^{-1}	0.528×10^{-1}	0.583×10^{-1}	
Be	4.28	1.26	5.54	6.26	
B ⁺	1.07	0.24	1.31	1.40	
C ²⁺	0.398	0.073	0.471	0.496	
N ³⁺	0.184	0.029	0.213	0.221	
O ⁴⁺	0.976×10^{-1}	0.135×10^{-1}	0.111	0.114	
F ⁵⁺	0.566×10^{-1}	0.070×10^{-1}	0.636×10^{-1}	0.650×10^{-1}	

a The quantities α_0 and α_1 are the zero-order approximation and first order correction to the polarizabilities comparable to quantities $\langle Q \rangle_0$ and $\langle Q \rangle_1$ of reference 1.

Table I. Dipole Polarizabilities, (cont'd)

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455 (1959). (Calculated from theoretical oscillator strengths).
- g For 3-electron systems see footnote 7.

Table II. Quadrupole Polarizabilities, $\alpha_Q (\text{\AA}^5)$.

Atom on Ion	Uncoupled ^a			Coupled ^a
	α_0	α_1	$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1$	α
He	0.748×10^{-1}	0.169×10^{-1}	0.917×10^{-1}	0.967×10^{-1}
Li ⁺	0.397×10^{-2}	0.059×10^{-2}	0.456×10^{-2}	0.466×10^{-2}
Be ²⁺	0.567×10^{-3}	0.063×10^{-3}	0.630×10^{-3}	0.638×10^{-3}
B ³⁺	0.130×10^{-3}	0.011×10^{-3}	0.141×10^{-3}	0.143×10^{-3}
C ⁴⁺	0.399×10^{-4}	0.029×10^{-4}	0.428×10^{-4}	0.431×10^{-4}
N ⁵⁺	0.149×10^{-4}	0.009×10^{-4}	0.158×10^{-4}	0.159×10^{-4}
^b L	32.3	15.4	47.7	62.0
Be ⁺	1.51	0.52	2.03	2.31
B ²⁺	0.218	0.059	0.277	0.300
C ³⁺	0.519×10^{-1}	0.117×10^{-1}	0.636×10^{-1}	0.671×10^{-1}
N ⁴⁺	0.165×10^{-1}	0.032×10^{-1}	0.197×10^{-1}	0.204×10^{-1}
O ⁵⁺	0.632×10^{-2}	0.107×10^{-2}	0.739×10^{-2}	0.761×10^{-2}
Be	9.23	3.29	12.5	14.4
B ⁺	0.880	0.233	1.11	1.20
C ²⁺	0.171	0.036	0.207	0.217
N ³⁺	0.488×10^{-1}	0.087×10^{-1}	0.575×10^{-1}	0.593×10^{-1}
O ⁴⁺	0.175×10^{-1}	0.027×10^{-1}	0.202×10^{-1}	0.207×10^{-1}
F ⁵⁺	0.733×10^{-2}	0.099×10^{-2}	0.832×10^{-2}	0.847×10^{-2}

a. The quantities α_0 and α_1 are the zero-order approximation and first order correction to the polarizabilities, comparable to quantities $\langle Q \rangle_0$ and $\langle Q \rangle_1$ of reference 1.

b. For the 3-electron system see footnote 7.

Table III. Dipole Polarizabilities for the One Electron Atom and Ions in the Uncoupled Hartree-Fock Approximation, * (Atomic Units).

Z	$Z^4 \times \alpha_0$	$Z^4 \times \alpha_1$	$Z^4 \times \alpha_2$	$Z^4 (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$
1	2.559	1.103	.476	4.138
2	3.263	.897	.247	4.407
3	3.592	.725	.146	4.463
4	3.783	.603	.096	4.482
5	3.907	.515	.067	4.489
6	3.995	.448	.050	4.493

* The coupled theory is exact with $\alpha(\text{a.u.}) = 4.5/Z^4$ for all values of the nuclear-charge Z . The quantities α_0 , α_1 and α_2 are the zero-order approximation and the first two corrections to the polarizability, comparable to $\langle Q \rangle_0$, $\langle Q \rangle_1$, and $\langle Q \rangle_2$ of reference 1.