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Motivation





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 $2\pi^*$

 5σ

gas phase adsorbed





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Local xc-correction scheme

Systematic cluster calculations (Gaussian03, TZVP)









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	LDA	GGA	B3LYP	HF-MP2	
Site preference energy	-0.33 eV	-0.11 eV	+0.27±0.02 eV	+0.29±0.03 eV	
			/	D2LVD/MD2 wield	

Q.-M. Hu, K. Reuter and M. Scheffler, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 176103 (2007) Same concept: C. Tuma and J. Sauer, Chem. Phys. Lett. 387, 388 (2004) **B3LYP/MP2** yield correct top site more stable



- Why benzene on Cu?
- Model system for range of organic molecules adsorbed at coinage metals
- Experiments show definite binding⁽¹⁾
- Bonding assumed van der Waals / dispersion interaction dominated





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- Relaxed binding curves:
 - Supercell approach / PBC
 - Code: CASTEP⁽¹⁾
 - PWs / USPPs
 - 3x3 surface cell, 4 slab layers
- LDA binding strong (> 1 eV)
- Structural relaxation significant (molecule buckles)



- PBE binding weak (~ 60 meV)
- Structural relaxation insignificant (molecule remains flat)







Switch functionals













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- Qualitatively same binding in different structures / lattice constants
- Choose 'best' PBC structure for correction scheme - PBE
- PBE relaxation negligible create clusters from truncated bulk / unrelaxed molecular geometry











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Now, add converged xccorrections to PBC/PBE binding energy curve:





Application II: Outlook

- Finish converging RI-MP2 calculations
- Is a description of electronic correlation above MP2 level feasible?
- Pointers welcome!

Thank you!



gratefully acknowledged



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Intro:



- Motivation



- CO ads 1



CO ads 2:



Local xc-corr:



Local xc-corr 2:



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