# **Electron affinity of oganesson**

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The electron affinity (EA) of the superheavy element Og is calculated by the use of the relativistic Fock-space coupled cluster (FSCC) and configuration interaction methods. The FSCC cluster operator expansion includes single, double, and triple excitations treated in a nonperturbative manner. The Gaunt and retardation electronelectron interactions are taken into account. Both methods yield the results that are in agreement with each other. The quantum electrodynamics correction to the EA is evaluated using the model Lamb-shift operator approach. The electron affinity of Og is obtained to be 0.076(4) eV.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

Over the last decades, progress in the synthesis of superheavy elements (SHEs) has manifested itself in completing the seventh period of the periodic table [1,2]. The electronic structure of these elements at the edge of the periodic table poses a challenge for atomic physics. A large number of electrons coupled with a complex interplay between the relativistic, correlation, and quantum-electrodynamics (QED) effects may result in entirely different physical properties of SHEs compared to their lighter homologous. These assumptions were experimentally confirmed for the ground-state configuration of Lr, which appeared to be different from that of Lu [3]. Hence, theoretical investigations of the properties of SHEs become important for experiments on atomic structure [3-5] and chemical properties [6-11] as well as for the concepts of the periodic-table extension [12-17]. A number of papers were devoted to calculations of the properties of SHEs by various methods [18–36]; the reader is also referred to the reviews on advances in computational methods for electronic structure of SHEs [37-42] and the general reviews on this topic [43-45] that address the nuclear aspects of the problem as well.

Great attention within the theoretical studies is paid to the increasing impact of the relativistic effects on the electronic structure of SHEs. An example of the property that distinguishes SHE from its lighter homologues is established in Oganesson (Og, Z = 118). The relativistic calculations within the Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Hamiltonian performed in Ref. [46] demonstrated that Og has a positive electron affinity (EA), which was evaluated to be 0.056(10) eV. This is in contrast to the nonrelativistic calculations, which do not predict any positive EA. In other words, Og, while having a noble-gas electron configuration, can form a negatively charged ion, which qualitatively differentiates Og from the other noble gases. In Ref. [47], the QED contribution to EA of Og was calculated to be -0.0059(5) eV; together with an improvement of the electronic correlation result, the EA in Og was found to be 0.058(3) eV. In the work devoted to the calculation of the Og excitation spectrum [48], which also included the QED correction, a value for the EA of 0.096 eV was obtained. The 40% discrepancy between these two results has motivated us to reexamine the electronic structure of Og and provide an independent evaluation of EA.

The main obstacle in the calculations of EA for Og is the fact that there is no bound state of the Og anion within the framework of the Dirac-Fock (DF) approach, which is also referred to as the relativistic Hartree-Fock approach in the literature. The formation of the bound state of Og<sup>-</sup> occurs through a combination of the relativistic and electron-electron interaction effects beyond the self-consistent field approximation. In the present work, the EA for Og is calculated using two conceptually different methods, namely the Fock-space coupled cluster (FSCC) and configuration interaction (CI) methods. The effects of interelectronic interaction are taken into consideration within the Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Hamiltonian, whereas the QED corrections are evaluated exploiting the model QED operator approach. A special procedure to eliminate the errors associated with the choice of the basis set in the FSCC method is applied.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II an overview of the methods and main features of their implementation are presented. Section III is focused on particular aspects of the methods as well as the numerical details. In Sec. IV we discuss the results obtained with the FSCC and CI methods and compare them with the previous theoretical predictions. A summary of the results is given in Sec. V. Comprehensive details of the FSCC calculations are collected in Appendix.

Atomic units are used throughout the paper.

# **II. METHODS**

In the present work, the electronic structure of Og is studied by means of two approaches: FSCC and CI. For the FSCC calculations we mainly use the DIRAC program [49]. A part of the correlation effects beyond the level provided by DIRAC is computed using the EXP-T package [50]. The implementation of the CI method in the basis of the Dirac-Fock-Sturm orbitals (CI-DFS) [51–54] is used. Hereafter, we give a brief description of the methods and introduce the notations.

#### A. FSCC method

The FSCC method implies the construction of an effective Hamiltonian in a model space (MS) defined by the choice of "valence" one-electron functions. The MS is decomposed into sectors according to the number of holes or particles relative to a certain closed-shell configuration. The closed-shell configuration forms a one-dimensional subspace of the MS, which corresponds to the sector 0h0p. Single-particle states relative to the sector 0h0p form a sector 0h1p. The CC-correlated wave function is constructed subsequently for each sector starting from the sector 0h0p. EA in the FSCC method is defined as the lowest eigenvalue of the effective Hamiltonian in the 0h1p sector. We adopt the notation  $\epsilon$  for EA.

The cluster operator includes single (S), double (D), and eventually triple (T) excitations (FSCC-SD or FSCC-SDT). The innermost DF spinors are normally kept frozen at the FSCC stage of calculations whereas the highest-energy virtual spinors are fully rejected; we shall use the term "active space" (AS) for the linear space spanned by the remainder DF spinors. These spinors are obtained as solutions of the DF equations in a basis of primitive Gaussian functions.

We employ four different Hamiltonians throughout the FSCC calculations. (1) Four-component Dirac-Coulomb Hamiltonian  $H_{DC}$ ,

$$H_{\rm DC} = \Lambda^+ \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} h_i^{\rm D} + \sum_{j < i}^{N} V_{ij}^{\rm C} \right] \Lambda^+, \quad V_{ij}^{\rm C} = \frac{1}{r_{ij}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $h^{\rm D}$  is the one-electron Dirac Hamiltonian which includes the interaction with the nucleus with the nuclear charge density modeled by a Gaussian distribution, *N* is the total number of electrons,  $r_{ij}$  is the distance between the *i*th and *j*th electrons, and  $\Lambda^+$  is the projector on the positive-energy states of the Dirac-Fock Hamiltonian  $h^{\rm DF}$ . (2) Two-component Dirac-Coulomb Hamiltonian with the generalized relativistic effective core potential (GRECP)  $H_{\rm GRECP}$ ,

$$H_{\text{GRECP}} = \sum_{i=N_{\text{c}}+1}^{N} \left( h_{i}^{\text{S}} + V_{i}^{\text{GRECP}} \right) + \sum_{i=N_{\text{c}}+1, \ j < i}^{N} V_{ij}^{\text{C}}, \qquad (2)$$

where  $h^{\rm S}$  is the Schrödinger Hamiltonian of a free electron,  $V_i^{\rm GRECP}$  is the GRECP operator from Ref. [42] which models the interaction of a valence or outercore *i*th electron with the inner-core electrons and the nucleus, and  $N_{\rm c}$  is the number of the inner-core electrons; the GRECP operator effectively takes into account the Breit interaction. (3) Two-component Hamiltonian  $H_{\rm X2Cmmf}$  [55], the one-electron part of which exactly reproduces the positive-energy spectrum of the parent  $h^{\text{DF}}$  Hamiltonian, and the two-electron part is represented by the Coulomb operator  $V^{\text{C}}$ . (4) Hamiltonian  $H_{\text{X2Cmmf}}^{\text{G}}$ , which differs from  $H_{\text{X2Cmmf}}$  by the addition of the correction arising from the Gaunt interaction operator  $V^{\text{G}}$ ,

$$V_{ij}^{\rm G} = -\frac{(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j)}{r_{ij}},\tag{3}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a vector incorporating the Dirac matrices to the one-electron part of the Hamiltonian written in normal order with respect to the Fermi vacuum (i.e., to the Fock operator). The difference of the energies obtained with these two Hamiltonians allows us to estimate the effect of the Gaunt interaction at the FSCC level. For the EA this correction reads as

$$\delta \epsilon^{\rm G} = \epsilon^{\rm G}_{\rm X2Cmmf} - \epsilon_{\rm X2Cmmf}, \qquad (4)$$

where  $\epsilon_{X2Cmmf}^{G}$  and  $\epsilon_{X2Cmmf}$  are the values of the EA calculated with the  $H_{X2Cmmf}^{G}$  and  $H_{X2Cmmf}$  Hamiltonians, respectively.

#### **B. CI-DFS method**

The essence of the CI method consists in determination of the lowest eigenvalue(s) of the Dirac-Coulomb-Breit Hamiltonian

$$H_{\rm DCB} = \Lambda^{+} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} h_{i}^{\rm D} + \sum_{i=2}^{N} \left( V_{ij}^{\rm C} + V_{ij}^{\rm G} + V_{ij}^{\rm R} \right) \right] \Lambda^{+}, \quad (5)$$

with

$$V_{ij}^{\mathbf{R}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{r}_{ij})(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{r}_{ij})}{r_{ij}^3} - \frac{(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j)}{r_{ij}} \right] \quad (6)$$

being the retardation interaction operator, in the manyelectron basis of configuration-state functions (CSFs). Each CSF is represented as a linear combination of the Slater determinants and is an eigenfunction of the operator  $J^2$ . The active space in the CI-DFS method is constructed according to the restricted active-space (RAS) scheme from the eigenfunctions of  $h^{\text{DF}}$  [which also determines the  $\Lambda^+$  projector in Eq. (5)] defined in a combined basis of the DF and Dirac-Fock-Sturm (DFS) orbitals, where  $\varphi^{\text{DF}}$  are orbitals for the occupied states and  $\varphi^{\text{DFS}}$  are orbitals for the virtual ones, see Refs. [51–53]. The orbitals are found as numerical solutions of the DF and DFS equations. We obtain the EA within the CI-DFS method as

$$\epsilon_{\rm CI} = E_{\rm CI}({\rm Og}) - E_{\rm CI}({\rm Og}^-), \tag{7}$$

where  $E_{CI}(Og)$  and  $E_{CI}(Og^-)$  are the CI energies calculated for Og and Og<sup>-</sup> configurations, respectively.

Additionally, the DF and DFS equations can be modified by incorporating a local polarization potential  $V^{\text{pol}}$  into the self-consistent procedure. This modification is motivated by the fact that the DF equations for the Og<sup>-</sup> configuration yield no solution for the 8*s* orbital  $\varphi_{8s}^{\text{DF}}$ . To construct  $\varphi_{8s}^{\text{DF}}$  at the DF level for the subsequent use in the CI-DFS procedure, we add to  $h^{\text{DF}}$ , defined for the frozen core of neutral Og, the polarization potential, which represents an attractive interaction of the loosely bound 8*s* electron with the induced dipole moment of the valence shell(s) and partially takes into account the correlation effects at the one-electron level. There are many possible choices of the polarization potential  $V^{\text{pol}}$  [56–58], see also Ref. [59]. In the present work we adopt the most widely used form of the polarization potential proposed in Ref. [60]

$$V_{8s}^{\rm pol} = -\frac{\alpha_d}{2(r^2 + r_{\rm cut}^2)^2},\tag{8}$$

where  $\alpha_d$  is determined as the dipole polarizability and  $r_{\text{cut}}$  is an adjustable cutoff parameter, which is related to the average radius of the valence shell. This potential is included into the DFS equations for the virtual orbitals as well. Then,  $h^{\text{DF}}$  with  $V^{\text{pol}}$  introduced is diagonalized in the basis of  $\varphi_{8s}^{\text{DF}}$  and virtual orbitals by holding the orthogonality to the core. We stress that the occupied orbitals in Og are not affected by inclusion of the polarization potential.

To evaluate the QED correction to the EA we use the QED operator approach [33,61–64]. We incorporate the model QED operator (QEDMOD)  $V_{\text{mod}}^{\text{QED}}$  presented in Refs. [64,65] into the many-electron Hamiltonian  $H_{\text{DCB}}$  and perform two series of the calculations: one with  $V_{\text{mod}}^{\text{QED}}$  included into the Hamiltonian and the other without it. The corresponding QED correction to the EA is

$$\delta \epsilon^{\text{QED}} = \epsilon^{\text{QED}}_{\text{CI}} - \epsilon_{\text{CI}},\tag{9}$$

where  $\epsilon_{\rm CI}^{\rm QED}$  is the EA calculated with the inclusion of the operator  $V_{\rm mod}^{\rm QED}$  into the CI-DFS equations.

#### **III. COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS**

### A. FSCC details

Standard basis sets optimized for neutral species calculations are inappropriate for describing small electron affinities due to the lack of diffuse functions. For instance, the FSCC calculations with the Dyall's basis set AAE4Z [66] (36s36p25d18f12g6h2i) for Og do not yield positive EA value; therefore, this basis set is needed to be customized and augmented for the problem. In particular, the basis augmentation employed in the present work consists in the successive optimization of the number of the primitive Gaussian function and their parameters with respect to the change in the total EA value. The stability of the EA results on the number of the basis functions and their parameters is considered to be the criterion of the optimization-procedure convergence. A similar procedure was proposed in Ref. [67]; thorough details of the current implementation of the basis optimization procedure can be found in the Appendix.

Briefly, the results of the optimization are formulated as follows. In Table I, we present the results for the EA calculated with the GRECP Hamiltonian and the FSCC-SD method for the basis set subsequently optimized. The EA value monotonically increases with basis functions for the higher angular momenta L being optimized. The uncertainty for each L is defined as a maximum deviation between the EA obtained with the suggested optimized basis set and the basis sets which additionally include the primitive Gaussian function with different values of the parameter  $\zeta$ . The total uncertainty is evaluated by summing quadratically the uncertainties for the individual L. The most noticeable change in the EA values, which is  $\Delta \epsilon_{\rm FSCC}^{\rm SD} = 0.00232(68)$  eV, occurs when the g-type

TABLE I. EA for Og calculated with the FSCC-SD method depending on the number of the optimized angular momenta in the basis (eV). The notation  $\chi^{\lambda}$ , where  $\lambda = s, \ldots, i$ , means the basis set, which includes the optimized functions with the orbital quantum number *L* up to  $\lambda$ .

Optimized basis	EA		
$\chi^s$	0.0678(2)		
$\chi^p$	0.0685(3)		
$\chi^d$	0.0691(5)		
$\chi^{f}$	0.0698(6)		
$\chi^{g}$	0.0722(13)		
$\chi^h$	0.0726(14)		
$\chi^i$	0.0725(14)		

basis functions are added to the set. This is due to the fact that they are the most important for describing the polarization effect of the atom as well as the fact that there were no such functions at the previous optimization stages. The value of the EA evaluated with the fully optimized basis set for  $H_{GRECP}$  is 0.0725(14) eV.

After the basis set has been optimized employing the  $H_{GRECP}$  Hamiltonian, we consider different Hamiltonians to verify the stability of the results. In Table II, the EA values obtained within the FSCC-SD method with the basis set  $\chi^i$  for the  $H_{GRECP}$ ,  $H_{X2Cmmf}$ , and  $H_{DC}$  Hamiltonians are presented. The same number of the correlated electrons and virtual orbitals as in the optimization procedure is used in all calculations. The difference between the EA calculated with the  $H_{GRECP}$  Hamiltonian and that evaluated with the  $H_{DC}$  Hamiltonian is 0.002 eV. The exact two-component Hamiltonian  $H_{X2Cmmf}$  yields EA between the results obtained with the  $H_{GRECP}$  and  $H_{DC}$  Hamiltonians. We note that the deviation of the results for the different Hamiltonians is within the uncertainty due to the incompleteness of the basis set, which we estimate to be about 0.002 eV, see the discussion in Sec. IV.

The correction to the EA associated with the Gaunt interaction  $\delta \epsilon^{G}$  is calculated in accordance with Eq. (4) using the  $H_{X2Cmmf}$  Hamiltonian with the optimized basis set. Table III presents the results of the calculations of the Gaunt interaction correction to EA. It shows the dependence of the ground-state energy of the atom and the EA calculated with and without the Gaunt interaction on the number of correlated electrons and the number of the virtual DF orbitals included into AS. The quantum numbers of the correlated electrons are presented in the first column, the maximum energy of the DF

TABLE II. EA for Og calculated with the FSCC-SD method exploiting various Hamiltonians (eV). The optimized basis set from the calculations with the  $H_{GRECP}$  Hamiltonian is used. The electrons 6s6p5f6d7s7p are correlated. AS includes the virtual DF orbitals with energies  $\varepsilon^{DF} < 40$  a.u.

Hamiltonian	EA
$H_{ m GRECP}$	0.0725
$H_{ m X2Cmmf}$	0.0717
$H_{ m DC}$	0.0707

TABLE III. The ground-state energies  $E_G^{0h0p}$  and  $E^{0h0p}$  calculated at the FSCC-SD level with and without the Gaunt interaction, respectively; the electron affinities  $\epsilon_{X2Cmmf}^G$  and  $\epsilon_{X2Cmmf}$  evaluated with and without the Gaunt interaction, respectively; and the correction to EA from the Gaunt interaction,  $\delta\epsilon^G$ , depending on the quantum numbers of the electrons included into the correlation problem and the maximum energy of the virtual DF orbitals,  $\varepsilon_{max}^{DF}$ , included into AS. The energies  $E_G^{0h0p}$ ,  $E^{0h0p}$ , and  $\varepsilon_{max}^{DF}$  are in a.u., whereas the electron affinities  $\epsilon_{X2Cmmf}^G$ ,  $\epsilon_{X2Cmmf}$ ,  $\epsilon_{X2Cmmf}$ , and  $\delta\epsilon^G$  are in eV.

Electrons	$\varepsilon_{\max}^{\text{DF}}$ (a.u.)	$E_{\rm G}^{0h0p}$ (a.u.)	$E^{0h0p}$ (a.u.)	$\epsilon^{\rm G}_{ m X2Cmmf}$ (eV)	$\epsilon_{\rm X2Cmmf}$ (eV)	$\delta \epsilon^{\rm G}~({ m eV})$
$6s \dots 7p$	40	-54732.65683	-54842.50513	0.07160	0.07165	-0.00006
$5d \dots 7p$	80	-54732.78035	-54842.63163	0.07093	0.07099	-0.00006
$4f \dots 7p$	170	-54733.16953	-54843.02129	0.07068	0.07074	-0.00006
$4d \dots 7p$	270	-54733.53866	-54843.39065	0.07089	0.07095	-0.00006
$4s \dots 7p$	500	-54733.68575	-54843.53806	0.07070	0.07076	-0.00006
$3d \dots 7p$	980	-54734.29637	-54844.14919	0.07083	0.07089	-0.00006
$3s \dots 7p$	2000	-54734.50493	-54844.35852	0.07077	0.07083	-0.00006
$2s \dots 7p$	6200	-54735.05391	-54844.90824	0.07076	0.07082	-0.00006

orbital included into the active space  $\varepsilon_{\text{max}}^{\text{DF}}$  is in the second column, the ground-state energy of the atom calculated with and without  $V^{\text{G}}$  is given in the third and fourth columns, the EA calculated with and without  $V^{\text{G}}$  operator is shown in the next two columns, and the correction to the EA from the Gaunt interaction is given in the last column.

Although the Gaunt interaction increases the ground-state energy of the atom  $E^{0h0p}$  by about 90 a.u., it also shifts the energy of the anion by the same value. Therefore, the resulting correction from the Gaunt interaction to EA,  $\delta\epsilon^{G}$ , calculated with the  $H_{X2Cmmf}$  Hamiltonian at the FSCC-SD correlation level amounts to about -0.0001 eV. This correction does not depend on the active-space size since the inclusion of the  $2s \dots 7p$  electrons into the correlation problem and adding the virtual states with energies up to the 6200 a.u. into AS do not change the value of  $\delta\epsilon^{G}$ . Though, the energies of the atom and anion change by about -3 a.u. compared to the calculation where only the  $5d \dots 7p$  electrons are correlated and the virtual states with energies  $\varepsilon^{DF} < 40$  a.u. are included into AS. The calculated correction  $\delta\epsilon^{G}$  is an order of magnitude smaller than the uncertainty associated with the basis set.

Proceeding with the analysis, we estimate the correction to the EA from highly excited virtual states and strongly bound core electrons. The difference between EA, calculated with the  $6s \dots 7p$  electrons correlated and the virtual states with  $\varepsilon^{\text{DF}} < 40$  a.u. included into the active space, and EA, calculated with the  $2s \dots 7p$  electrons correlated and the virtual states with  $\varepsilon^{\text{DF}} < 6200$  a.u. included into AS, is about 0.0008 eV. The same difference where the second term is calculated with the  $5d \dots 7p$  electrons correlated and the virtual states with  $\varepsilon^{\text{DF}} < 80$  a.u. included into AS is 0.0002 eV. We conclude that the uncertainty of the EA value associated with the correlation correction from the  $1s \dots 4f$  electrons is about 0.0005 eV, which is three times less than the uncertainty due to the incomplete basis set.

The correction to the EA from the full iterative triple (T) excitations, which is defined as  $\delta \epsilon^{T} = \epsilon_{FSCC}^{SDT} - \epsilon_{FSCC}^{SD}$ , is evaluated using the EXP-T program [50]. Since the FSCC-SDT equations are much more complicated compared to the FSCC-SD ones, some additional reductions of the problem have been made. Instead of constructing an optimized basis for solving the FSCC-SDT problem, we use the basis which was optimized for the FSCC-SD calculations. We also employ

the  $H_{\text{GRECP}}$  Hamiltonian while dealing with the T excitation correction. We study the dependence of  $\delta \epsilon^{\text{T}}$  with respect to the AS size and our final result for the  $\delta \epsilon^{\text{T}}$  correction is 0.008(3) eV.

# **B. CI-DFS details**

To obtain the bound-state solution for the 8*s* orbital at the DF level, we introduce the polarization potential  $V_{8s}^{\text{pol}}$  into the DF and DFS equations. According to the generalized Koopmans theorem, the energies of the DF orbitals correspond to the EA values in the DF approximation taken with the opposite sign. Therefore, first, we adjust the parameter  $r_{\text{cut}}$  in Eq. (8) to reproduce qualitatively the DF energy of  $\varphi_{8s}^{\text{DF}}$  at a given value of the parameter  $\alpha_d = 58.5$  a.u. The employed value for the parameter  $r_{\text{cut}}$  is 3.3 a.u. The value  $\alpha_d = 58.5(15)$  a.u. is calculated in the present work using the finite-field approach in the framework of the CC-SD method. Our value of Refs. [16,32]. Having obtained the physically justified  $\varphi_{8s}^{\text{DF}}$  orbital and constructed the basis of virtual DFS orbitals, we proceed to the CI correlation problem.

In the CI-DFS method, the EA is defined according to Eq. (7) as the energy difference of the two charge states of Og. The total energies of Og and Og<sup>-</sup> in absolute magnitude are larger than 50 000 a.u., though their difference is only a tenth of eV. Varying the scheme of constructing the virtual orbitals and/or the many-electron basis for an individual state, we can obtain a lower total energy for this state. However, the difference between the two large energies can be unstable with respect to the parameters of the employed configuration spaces for Og and Og<sup>-</sup>. Therefore, we focus on constructing such a basis set that describes in a balanced manner the difference of the energies, and we consider the stability of the results for the EA as a primary criterion for the basisset choice. Having this remark kept in mind, we exploit the anionic set of the occupied and virtual orbitals for both Og and Og<sup>-</sup> calculations since it results in the more accurate cancellation of the core-core and core-valence correlation effects in the energy difference.

In contrast to the FSCC calculations of the EA, the calculations within the CI-DFS method are more challenging since one must not only control the independence of the final results on the parameters of the virtual orbitals but also deal with a

TABLE IV. The contributions to  $\epsilon_{CI}$  from the SD, [T] and [Q] excitations (eV). The [T] excitations are the dominant part of all T ones and correspond to the simultaneous D excitations from 7*p* and S excitations from 8*s*. On the other hand, the [Q] excitations are the dominant part of all Q ones and correspond to the simultaneous T excitations from 7*p* and S excitations from 8*s*. The last row shows the sum of all considered contributions to  $\epsilon_{CI}$ .

Contribution	Value, eV
$\epsilon^{ m SD}_{ m CI}$	0.008(2)
$\epsilon_{ m CI}^{[ m T]}$	0.046(3)
$\epsilon_{ m CI}^{[Q]}$	0.016(10)
$\epsilon_{ m CI}$	0.070(10)

complicated problem of the configuration-space construction. Throughout the calculations, we consider the orbital 7p, as well as 8s for the case of Og<sup>-</sup> as the active-occupied ones. We separate the contributions from the SD and partially from the T and quadruple (Q) excitations to the EA and study them individually with respect to the basis set enlargement. The contribution to the EA from the SD excitations is defined as

$$\epsilon_{\rm CI}^{\rm SD} = E_{\rm CI}^{\rm SD}(\rm Og) - E_{\rm CI}^{\rm SD}(\rm Og^-). \tag{10}$$

Not all the T excitations were taken into account, but only the most important part of them for the problem under consideration, which corresponds to the simultaneous D excitations from 7p and S excitations from 8s to the virtual orbitals. We denote them as [T]. In this particular case, when we are dealing with the charged states of Og and Og<sup>-</sup>, the inclusion of these excitations can partly restore the size-extensivity property, which is absent in the truncated CI-SD method. The contribution from the [T] excitations to the EA is then

$$\epsilon_{\rm CI}^{\rm [T]} = E_{\rm CI}^{\rm SD[T]}({\rm Og}) - E_{\rm CI}^{\rm SD[T]}({\rm Og}^-) - \epsilon_{\rm CI}^{\rm SD}.$$
 (11)

The quadruple excitations, denoted as [Q], are also included in an analogous way as [T] and correspond to the simultaneous triple excitations from 7p and S excitations from 8s. The contribution from the [Q] excitations to the EA reads as

$$\epsilon_{\rm CI}^{[Q]} = E_{\rm CI}^{\rm SDT[Q]}({\rm Og}) - E_{\rm CI}^{\rm SDT[Q]}({\rm Og}^-) - \epsilon_{\rm CI}^{[{\rm T}]} - \epsilon_{\rm CI}^{\rm SD}.$$
 (12)

In Table IV, the results for the contributions from the excitations of different types to the  $\epsilon_{CI}$  value are collected. The virtual DFS orbitals are included into the AS for each *L* successively until the desired convergence is achieved. The uncertainty has a purely numerical origin. It is due to the convergence of the results with respect to the number of the virtual orbitals and is determined by extrapolating the results to the infinite number of virtual orbitals. The contributions  $\epsilon_{CI}^{[T]}$  and  $\epsilon_{CI}^{[Q]}$  are evaluated with a smaller number of virtual orbitals compared to the  $\epsilon_{CI}^{SD}$  value. Meanwhile, these contributions turn out to be several times more important than the SD contributions. The main source of the uncertainty arises from the evaluation of the [Q] excitations.

In the CI-DFS calculations, the Gaussian model for the nuclear-charge distribution is also employed. Additionally, we repeated the calculations with the Fermi nuclear-charge distribution model. It is found that the dependence of the EA on the model for the nuclear-charge density is several orders of magnitude smaller than the uncertainty associated with the evaluation of the [Q] excitations.

Within the framework of the CI-DFS method we also calculated the contributions to the EA from the Gaunt and retardation corrections defined by Eqs. (3) and (6), respectively. The Gaunt correction coincides with the corresponding FSCC result presented in Table III. The evaluated retardation effect amounts to about -0.0003 eV. The QED correction to the EA is calculated according to Eq. (9). As in the case of the calculations of  $\epsilon_{CI}$ , we separated the SD, [T], and [Q] excitation contributions to  $\epsilon_{CI}^{QED}$  and studied the convergence of the result with respect to the number of virtual orbitals, see the related discussion in Sec. IV.

# **IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Using the optimized basis set, obtained in accordance with the procedure described in the Appendix, we perform the FSCC-SD calculations of the EA for Og with the  $H_{DC}$  Hamiltonian. In these calculations, the  $5s \dots 7p$  electrons were correlated and the virtual states with the energies  $\varepsilon^{\rm DF} < 80$ a.u. were included into AS. The obtained value for the EA is  $\epsilon_{\rm FSCC}^{\rm SD} = 0.070(2)$  eV. The uncertainty has a purely numerical origin and is found by analyzing the results of the basis-optimization procedure. The uncertainty is estimated by comparing the EA value obtained with the optimized basis set and the result obtained with an additional basis function (with different values of  $\zeta$ ) incorporated to the set. The correction from the T excitations is calculated with a smaller basis using the rigorous solution of the FSCC-SDT equations for the sectors 0h0p and 0h1p by means of the EXP-T program [50]. As a result, this correction is obtained to be  $\delta \epsilon_{\text{FSCC}}^{\text{T}} = 0.008(3) \text{ eV}.$ Thus, we consider our final value for EA, evaluated with the FSCC method, to be  $\epsilon_{\text{FSCC}} = 0.078(4)$  eV, with the basis-set incompleteness providing the main source of the uncertainty.

Using the CI-DFS method in accordance with the procedure discussed in Sec. III B, we obtained the value  $\epsilon_{CI} =$ 0.070(10) eV. However, as compared to the FSCC result, in our CI-DFS calculations the excitations beyond SD, [T], and [Q] are absent and only the 7*p*8*s* electrons are correlated. In contrast, in the FSCC calculations, the 5d6s6p5f6d7s7p8s electrons were correlated, and more types of the excitations were included due to the CC ansatz. Having studied the correction from the inclusion of the 5d6s6p5f6d7s electrons into the FSCC-SD correlation problem, we found that this correction does not exceed 0.002 eV and, thereby, is covered by the uncertainty of  $\epsilon_{\rm CI}$ . Therefore, we believe that the main reason for the deviation of our CI-DFS results from the FSCC ones is the absence of the fully T and higher-order excitations in the CI-DFS calculations. Although the  $\epsilon_{CI}$  and  $\epsilon_{FSCC}$  values, obtained in the present work within the conceptually different methods, are in reasonable agreement with each other, we consider our FSCC results to be more reliable.

The QED correction is obtained using the model QED operator [64,65] and is extracted from our CI-DFS calculations. The operator  $V_{\text{mod}}^{\text{QED}}$  was included into the DF and DFS equations, which define the occupied and virtual orbitals employed in the CI procedure, as well as into the  $H_{\text{DCB}}$  Hamiltonian. The resulting value is  $\delta \epsilon^{\text{QED}} = -0.002(1)$  eV. It was found

TABLE V. Comparison of EA for Og and the QED contribution to EA calculated with the CI-DFS and FSCC methods in the present work with results of Refs. [46–48] (eV). In Ref. [48], a combination of CI with the many-body perturbation theory is used.

Reference	$\epsilon_{ m CI}$	$\epsilon_{\rm FSCC}$	$\delta\epsilon^{ m QED}$	$\epsilon^{ ext{Total}}$
Present work Eliav <i>et al.</i> [46]	0.070(10)	0.078(4) 0.056(10)	-0.002(1)	0.076(4)
Goidenko <i>et al.</i> [47] Lackenby <i>et al.</i> [48]		0.064(2)	-0.0059(5)	0.058(3) 0.096

that the correction  $\delta \epsilon^{\text{QED}}$  is more stable than the individual contributions  $\epsilon_{\text{CI}}^{\text{QED}}$  and  $\epsilon_{\text{CI}}$ . Therefore, the numerical uncertainty associated with the convergence of the correction  $\delta \epsilon^{\rm QED}$ with respect to the AS enlargement is also smaller than that for the individual  $\epsilon_{CI}^{QED}$  and  $\epsilon_{CI}$  terms. In addition, the domi-nant contribution to the  $\delta \epsilon_{CI}^{QED}$  correction comes from the SD excitations, but not from the [T] ones, as it takes place for the individual terms. The uncertainty of  $\delta \epsilon^{\text{QED}}$  given above includes not only the part associated with the convergence of the result with respect to the number of the virtual orbitals and the size of AS but also a conservative estimate of the higher-order QED effects, which are beyond the model QED operator approach. The same value for the QED correction to the EA was obtained within the framework of the coupled cluster theory using the very recent implementation of the model QED operator for calculations of electronic energies in molecular systems [68]. The results for the EA of Og obtained in the present work and the corresponding results from Refs. [46-48] are presented in Table V.

The main difference between our results and those from Refs. [46,47] is due to the choice of the basis set. In Refs. [46,47], a universal (with the same parameters of the basis functions for all elements) Gaussian basis set was exploited, which turned out to be rather inappropriate for this particular problem. Moreover, in contrast to Refs. [46,47], we rigorously evaluated the correction from the triple excitations. Overall, our FSCC-SD value, which is 0.070(2) eV, is in reasonable agreement with the result found in Ref. [47]. However, the obtained QED correction is three times smaller than that reported in Ref. [47].

To identify the origin of the later discrepancy, we also estimate  $\delta \epsilon^{\text{QED}}$  as the expectation value of the operator  $V_{\text{mod}}^{\text{QED}}$  for the 8s spinor associated with the attached electron. This spinor should be constructed with a proper account of the electron-electron correlation (let us recall that the corresponding DF spinor would correspond to a scattered electron state, provided that the basis is flexible enough). The simplest approximation for the bound-state 8s spinor is obtained by converting the lowest-energy eigenvector of the FSCC effective Hamiltonian in the 0h1p sector into the single determinant,  $P_{as}\tilde{\varphi}_{8s}\Phi_0$ , where  $P_{as}$  stands for the antisymmetrizer,  $\Phi_0$  denotes the Fermi vacuum state, and  $\tilde{\varphi}_{8s}$ is a linear combination of "valence" DF s spinors. A better approximation can be obtained as where  $T_1^{0h1p}$  is the single-excitation part of the cluster operator

in the 0h1p sector and N stands for the normalizing factor.

The expectation value of  $V_{\rm mod}^{\rm QED}$  for the spinor (13) tends to

-0.002 eV, thus being consistent with our  $\delta \epsilon^{\text{QED}}$ . In contrast, evaluating its counterpart only with  $\tilde{\varphi}_{8s}$  for restricted MS, in other words, neglecting the contributions of higher-energy

At last, we also separately compared the self-energy (SE) and vacuum-polarization (VP) contributions with the corresponding corrections presented in Ref. [47]. For this purpose, we evaluated the expectation value of the SE and VP parts of the model QED operator with the function  $\tilde{\varphi}_{8s}$ . The VP correction was additionally decomposed into a sum of the Uehling (Ue) and Wichmann-Kroll (WK) terms since in Ref. [47] only the Ue potential was considered. The expectation values of the SE and Ue parts of the operator  $V_{\text{mod}}^{\text{QED}}$  were compared with the related values from Ref. [47]. The comparison shows a similar trend: when a small MS is considered and the second term in Eq. (13) is absent, then our Ue and SE expectation values are close to the ones reported in Ref. [47]. Nevertheless, when both terms in Eq. (13) are considered, our expectation values for SE and VP become several times smaller, resulting in -0.002 eV for the sum of them. Therefore, we guess that the primary source of the discrepancy between our QED correction and that given in Ref. [47] is caused by a small MS employed in that work.

Our total EA value also deviates from that obtained in Ref. [48]. The reason for this deviation is not clear to us since the work [48] does not contain any discussion of the uncertainty of the EA calculations.

#### V. SUMMARY

In the present work, the electron affinity of Og is calculated using two different methods: FSCC which is implemented in the DIRAC [49] and EXP-T packages [50] and CI which is implemented in the CI-DFS code [52–54]. The FSCC equations with single, double, and triple excitations are solved in the specially optimized basis set with the help of the EXP-T package, and the correction from the triple excitations to the EA of Og is rigorously evaluated. This correction turns out to be significant and amounts to 11% of the FSCC-SD value.

Both FSCC and CI-DFS methods exploited in the present work yield the results which are in reasonable agreement with each other. The QED correction to the EA of Og is calculated employing the QEDMOD operator [64,65] within the CI-DFS method. This correction turns out to be three times smaller than the previous value from Ref. [47] and comparable with the uncertainty associated with the electronic-correlation effects. The total value of the EA for Og amounts to 0.076(4) eV, which includes the correlation effects calculated by the FSCC-SDT method and the QED correction evaluated by means of the CI-DFS method combined with the QEDMOD operator.

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### APPENDIX: FSCC BASIS OPTIMIZATION

We begin the optimization of the Dyall's basis set AAE4Z [66] by adding new functions one-by-one to the set starting from the *s*-type basis functions. We vary the parameters of the added functions tracking the change of the EA in the FSCC-SD calculations. To save the time and computational resources, we apply three simplifications of the problem during the basis-set optimization procedure: (i) the GRECP operator is used, which for the case of Og replaces 92 electrons with their pseudopotential leaving us overall with a problem for the  $6s^26p^66d^{10}7s^27p^6$  configuration; (ii) the FSCC-SD correlated electrons are 6s6p6d7s7p and AS includes virtual DF orbitals with energies  $\varepsilon^{\text{DF}} < 40$  a.u.; (iii) the basis functions with the orbital quantum number L > 3are removed from the basis set and are to be optimized later.

The optimization procedure is similar to that proposed in Ref. [67] and is as follows. Let us denote the initial basis set we are working with as  $\chi_0$ . We add the s-type basis function with a parameter  $\zeta$ ,  $\gamma_1^s(\zeta)$ , to the set  $\chi_0$  and perform the calculations using the FSCC-SD method for some range of the parameter  $\zeta \in [\zeta_{\min}; \zeta_{\max}]$ . The basis function  $\gamma_1^s(\zeta_1)$ , which inclusion to the set leads to the largest shift of EA, compared to the related result without this function, is permanently incorporated into the basis set  $\chi_0 + \gamma_1^s(\zeta_1) \equiv \chi_1^s$ . The procedure continues unless the change of the EA with the addition of the k + 1th basis function to the basis set  $\chi_k^s$  is less than the acceptable uncertainty of EA. The resulted basis set now contains the k additional optimized basis functions of the *s* type and is denoted as  $\chi_0 + \sum_{m=1}^k \gamma(\zeta_m) \equiv \chi^s$ . The same procedure is repeated for the *p*-type basis functions, while the parameters of the basis functions from the previous stage remain unchanged. The basis set with the k-optimized s-type and k'-optimized p-type basis functions is now  $\chi^s$  +  $\sum_{m=1}^{k'} \gamma_m^p(\zeta_m) \equiv \chi^p$ . The optimization procedure of the next L-type basis functions continues until the desired balance between the computational cost and the required accuracy is reached, leaving us with the optimized basis set denoted as  $\chi^{L_{\max}}$ .



FIG. 1. The EA for Og calculated with the  $H_{GRECP}$  Hamiltonian by means of the FSCC-SD method exploiting the basis set  $\chi_0 + \gamma_1^s$ versus the parameter  $\zeta$  of the basis function  $\gamma_1^s(\zeta)$  (eV).



FIG. 2. The EA for Og calculated with the  $H_{GRECP}$  Hamiltonian by means of the FSCC-SD method for the subsequently enlarged basis sets  $\chi_2^s$ ,  $\chi_3^s$ , and  $\chi_4^s$  versus the parameter  $\zeta$  of the basis functions  $\gamma^s(\zeta)$  (eV). The basis set  $\chi_1^s$  includes one optimized *s*-type basis function obtained on the previous stage of the optimization.

In Fig. 1, the very first step of the optimization procedure for the *s*-type basis functions is pictured. The negative EA means that the addition of the localized function  $\gamma_1^s(\zeta)$  with  $\zeta \in [10^{-2}; 10^{-1}]$  contributes more to the correlation energy of the atom rather than the anion. However, the addition of  $\gamma_1^s(\zeta)$  with  $\zeta \in [10^{-3}; 10^{-2}]$  to the initial basis set  $\chi_0$  yields a bound state for Og<sup>-</sup> with a maximum positive EA  $\approx 0.060 \text{ eV}$ . This corresponds to the increased quality of the basis set in the spatial region where the 8*s* electron is localized. With the addition of the basis functions with the parameter  $\zeta < 10^{-3}$ the EA tends to 0. This is due to the fact that such delocalized functions do not affect the atomic binding energy, while for the anion they provide an orbital which is similar to the continuum-spectrum one with zero energy. As a result, the total anionic energy tends to the total atomic energy. To sum



FIG. 3. The EA for Og calculated with the  $H_{\text{GRECP}}$  Hamiltonian by means of the FSCC-SD method for the subsequently enlarged basis sets  $\chi_i^i$ ,  $\chi_2^i$ ,  $\chi_3^i$ , and  $\chi_4^i$  versus the parameter  $\zeta$  of the basis functions  $\gamma_k^i(\zeta)$ , k = 1, ..., 4 (eV). The basis set  $\chi^h$  includes the optimized functions for all *L* up to *h*.

n L	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	5.248547e + 07	8.958529e + 07	1.714652e + 06	4.247997e + 04	3.039195e + 00*	1.887392e + 00*	2.395027e + 00*
2	1.394958e + 07	3.922311e + 07	3.900284e + 05	8.105505e + 03	5.860511e - 01*	5.736153e - 01*	7.278954e - 01*
3	4.737659e + 06	1.685997e + 07	1.192066e + 05	2.575204e + 03	1.645172e - 01*	1.743329e - 01*	2.212216e - 01*
4	1.776254e + 06	7.406247e + 06	4.289880e + 04	1.059723e + 03	8.531679e - 02*		
5	7.291009e + 05	3.322794e + 06	1.730112e + 04	4.977359e + 02			
6	3.163808e + 05	1.519636e + 06	7.624044e + 03	2.543138e + 02			
7	1.447529e + 05	7.067226e + 05	3.610152e + 03	1.367126e + 02			
8	6.885912e + 04	3.337368e + 05	1.811132e + 03	7.626082e + 01			
9	3.401607e + 04	1.599213e + 05	9.511913e + 02	4.329829e + 01			
10	1.734171e + 04	7.775943e + 04	5.190892e + 02	2.493649e + 01			
11	9.125927e + 03	3.836921e + 04	2.920402e + 02	1.437338e + 01			
12	4.953351e + 03	1.922222e + 04	1.681175e + 02	8.171953e + 00			
13	2.800749e + 03	9.790577e + 03	9.850639e + 01	4.618910e + 00			
14	1.708285e + 03	5.080579e + 03	5.815360e + 01	2.586348e + 00			
15	1.217335e + 03	2.692405e + 03	3.434649e + 01	1.395727e + 00			
16	8.629433e + 02	1.460238e + 03	2.051604e + 01	6.393273e - 01			
17	5.649666e + 02	8.117739e + 02	1.220361e + 01	2.631477e - 01			
18	3.581401e + 02	4.620810e + 02	7.105813e + 00	1.216541e - 01			
19	2.258802e + 02	2.684654e + 02	4.099431e + 00	4.520354e - 02*			
20	1.472899e + 02	1.594447e + 02	2.316607e + 00				
21	9.823299e + 01	9.671000e + 01	1.273892e + 00				
22	6.446182e + 01	5.903061e + 01	6.770111 <i>e</i> - 01				
23	4.105745e + 01	3.654426e + 01	3.403248e - 01				
24	2.726352e + 01	2.304639e + 01	1.482861e - 01				
25	1.811401e + 01	1.432394e + 01	5.723958e - 02				
26	1.214604e + 01	8.731887e + 00	1.743329e - 02*				
27	7.451008e + 00	5.301978e + 00					
28	4.490582e + 00	3.167777e + 00					
29	2.953476e + 00	1.857508e + 00					
30	1.838925e + 00	1.063035e + 00					
31	1.161665e + 00	5.899139e - 01					
32	6.754258e - 01	3.133610 <i>e</i> - 01					
33	3.669952e - 01	1.604587e - 01					
34	1.854794e - 01	7.936765e - 02					
35	8.136339e - 02	3.753376e - 02					
36	2.700955e - 02	1.698424e - 02					
37	2.043360e - 02*	4.893901 <i>e</i> - 03*					
38	4.893901 <i>e</i> - 03*						
39	1.172102e - 03*						

TABLE VI. The parameters of the primitive Gaussian exponents for each orbital quantum number L used in the present calculations (a.u.). The values <u>without</u> asterisks (\*) correspond to the exponent parameters adopted from Dyall's AAE4Z basis set [66] for Og. The values <u>with</u> asterisks correspond to the parameters of the exponent optimized within the FSCC-SD calculations of the EA.

up, according to the algorithm described above,  $\gamma_1^s(\zeta)$  with  $\zeta \equiv \zeta_1 \approx 4.89 \times 10^{-3}$  is added to  $\chi_0$ .

The complete basis-set optimization procedure for the *s*-type functions is shown in Fig. 2. The value of the EA calculated with the basis set  $\chi_1^s$  is shown with the bottom dashed line. The value of the EA evaluated with the additional basis function  $\gamma_2^s(\zeta)$  is pictured with the red solid (with squares) line. The maximum deviation in the EA for the basis set  $\chi_1^s + \gamma_2^s(\zeta)$  compared to the results obtained without the function  $\gamma_2^s(\zeta)$  lies in the vicinity of  $\zeta \equiv \zeta_2 \approx 1.17 \times 10^{-3}$  and indicates the further improvement of the 8*s* electron correlation energy in this spatial region. The basis set. Proceeding, the green solid (with triangles) line shows the next step of

the optimization and corresponds to the EA values calculated with the  $\chi_2^s + \gamma_3^s(\zeta)$  basis set. Compared to the  $\chi_2^s$  value, the largest contribution to the EA comes from the additional basis function  $\gamma_3^s(\zeta)$  with  $\zeta \equiv \zeta_3 \approx 2.04 \times 10^{-2}$ . The contribution to the EA from  $\gamma_3^s(\zeta_3)$  is several times smaller than that from  $\gamma_2^s(\zeta_2)$ . At last, the blue solid (with circles) line represents the contribution to EA, with  $\gamma_4^s(\zeta)$  being added to the set  $\chi_3^s$ . According to the calculations, this additional basis function has a negligible contribution to EA. This contribution is included into the total uncertainty for EA. Finally, we conclude that  $\chi_3^s \equiv \chi^s$  contains the most important *s*-type basis functions needed for the calculation of the EA in the FSCC-SD model. One may argue that the parameters and the number of the basis functions  $\gamma^s(\zeta)$  are not optimal since the initial basis  $\chi_0$  does not include the diffuse p-, d-, f-type functions as well as any g and higher-L-type basis functions. We will turn back to this question below, when the optimal basis set which includes the optimized higher-L-type basis functions is constructed, and verify that adding the basis function  $\gamma_4^s(\zeta)$  does not contribute to the EA value.

In Fig. 3, the final stage of the basis-set optimization procedure is presented. The basis set  $\chi^h$ , which includes all optimized basis functions with *L* up to *h*, is considered as the starting point. The value of the EA obtained in the  $\chi^h$  basis set is shown with the dashed line. Adding  $\gamma_1^i(\zeta)$  to the basis set  $\chi^h$  results in several extremes for EA. Here, it should be noted that there is an approximate additive property of the contributions to the EA from various  $\gamma^i(\zeta)$ . The calculations with the basis set  $\chi_3^i$ , yields a contribution of -0.00011 eV to the value of EA, whereas the sum of the contributions to the EA acalculated with the basis functions  $\gamma_1^i(\zeta_1), \gamma_2^i(\zeta_2)$ , and  $\gamma_3^i(\zeta_3)$ , taken separately, amounts to -0.00009 eV. Since

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the change in the EA value with adding the *i*-type functions became comparable with the uncertainty, it was decided to stop further optimization of the basis set. To ensure that the addition of the *g*-, *h*-, and *i*-type basis functions does not spoil the optimal parameters found for the basis functions with the lower *L* we perform the additional calculations with the basis set  $\chi^i + \gamma_4^s(\zeta)$ . The absolute difference of the results with and without  $\gamma_4^s(\zeta)$  is found to be an order of magnitude less than the current uncertainty.

At last, for the basis set  $\chi_0$  it was verified that the GRECP approximation does not affect the optimal parameters for the basis functions. It turns out that the functions determining the dependence of the EA on  $\zeta$ , evaluated with the  $H_{GRECP}$  and  $H_{DC}$  Hamiltonians for the basis set  $\chi_0 + \gamma_1^s(\zeta)$ , have extremes at the same values of  $\zeta$ . Thus, we extend the uncertainty associated with the GRECP optimized basis set to the calculations based on the other Hamiltonians. For convenience, the parameters of the exponents of the optimized basis set are presented in Table VI.

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