# Electronic supplementary material

# Comparison of DAFH and FALDI-like approaches

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#### Section S1. Geometry for B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

Table S1 Cartesian coordinates (in Å) used for symmetry-unique atoms in  $B_2H_6$  ( $D_{2h}$ ), with the inversion center taken as the origin.  $H_b$  is a bridging H atom and  $H_t$  is a terminal one.

Atom	х	у	z
В	0.888375	0	0
$H_b$	0	0	0.973751
$H_t$	1.463157	1.035737	0

## Section S2. Additional results for H<sub>2</sub>

Figure S1. Dominant DAFH functions associated with the domain of one of the H atoms in  $H_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, generated using the one-electron approximation. Also shown for each function is the corresponding occupation number as well as the proportion of  $k_{\rm HH'} = \frac{1}{2}$  SEDI(H, H') which can be assigned to a term  $P_i$  (see equation 6) that involves this function.

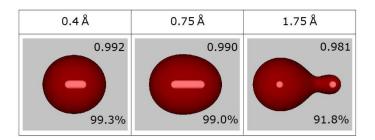
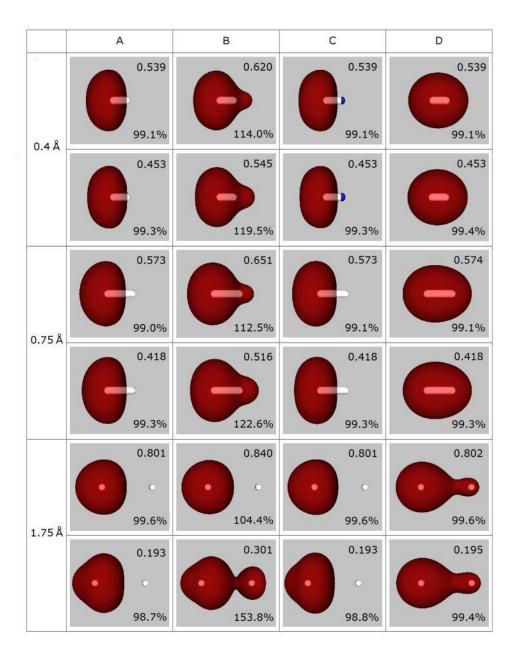


Figure S2. Dominant FALDI-like functions associated with the domain of one of the H atoms in  $H_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to the relevant k values, calculated using the one-electron approximation. For each of these values of R, the first row corresponds to partitioning of  $k_{\rm HH}$  and the second one to partitioning of  $k_{\rm HH'}$ . Columns are labelled A-D according to the variant of the approach, as described in the text.



## Section S3. Additional results for $N_2$

Figure S3. Dominant DAFH functions associated with the domain of one of the N atoms in  $N_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, generated using the one-electron approximation. Also shown for each function is the corresponding occupation number as well as the proportion of  $k_{NN'} = \frac{1}{2} SEDI(N, N')$  which can be assigned to a term  $P_i$  (see equation 6) that involves this function.

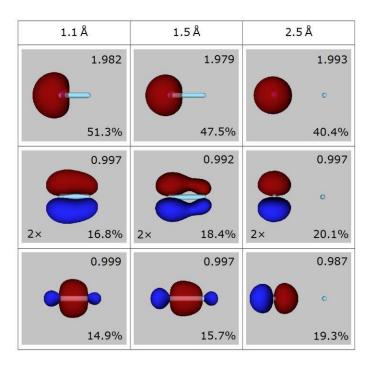


Figure S4. Dominant Scheme B FALDI-like functions that can be associated (by visual inspection) with the domain of one of the N atoms in  $N_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to the relevant k values, generated using the full calculation.

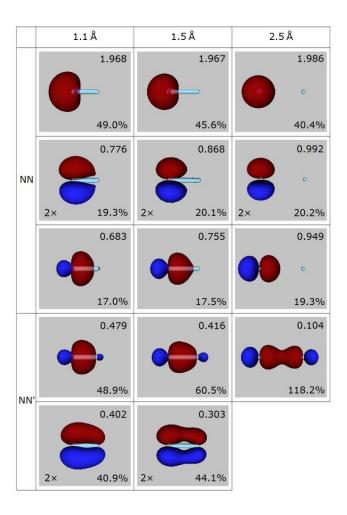


Figure S5. Dominant Scheme C FALDI-like functions that can be associated (by visual inspection) with the domain of one of the N atoms in  $N_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to the relevant k values, generated using the full calculation.

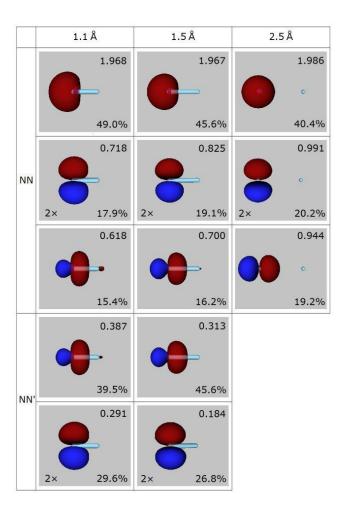


Figure S6. Dominant Scheme D FALDI-like functions that can be associated (by visual inspection) with the domain of one of the N atoms in  $N_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to the relevant k values, generated using the full calculation.

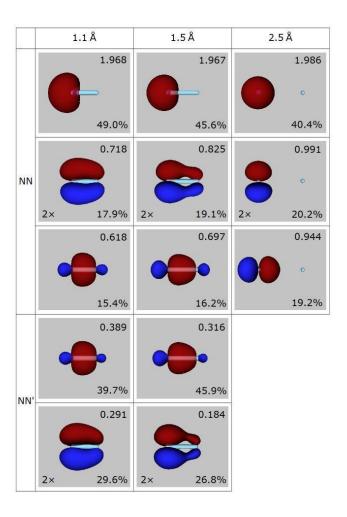


Figure S7. Dominant Scheme A FALDI-like functions that can be associated (by visual inspection) with the domain of one of the N atoms in  $N_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to the relevant k values, calculated using the one-electron approximation.

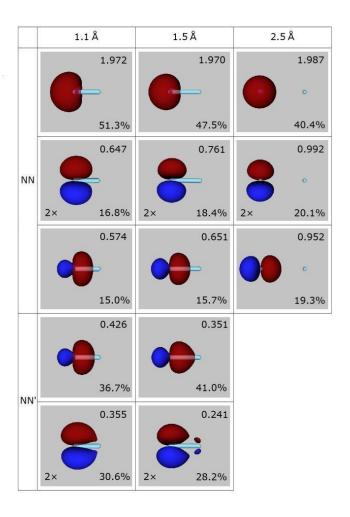


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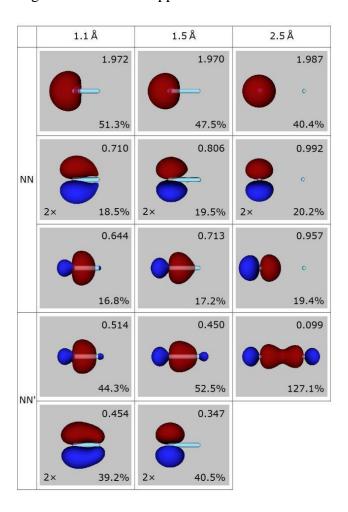


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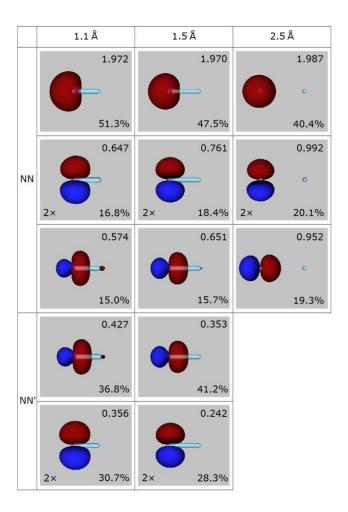
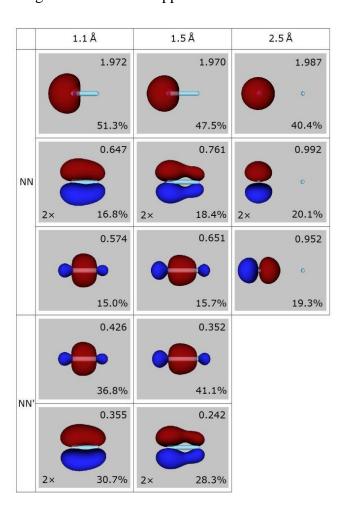


Figure S10. Dominant Scheme D FALDI-like functions that can be associated (by visual inspection) with the domain of one of the N atoms in  $N_2$  at three representative nuclear separations, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to the relevant k values, calculated using the one-electron approximation.



#### Section S4. Additional results for B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

Figure S11. Dominant DAFH functions (first column) and Scheme B FALDI-like functions (second and third columns) for B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to relevant *k* values, generated using the full calculation. The specific domains used for each of these functions are the same as those in Figure 5 and are identified in the main text, expect that the additional function depicted in the third column is associated with one of the B domains.

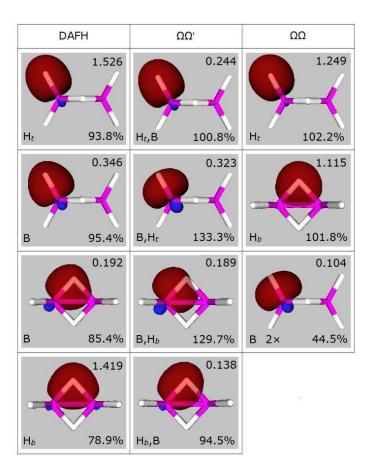


Figure S12. Dominant DAFH functions (first column) and Scheme C FALDI-like functions (second and third columns) for B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to relevant *k* values, generated using the full calculation. The specific domains used for each of these functions are the same as those in Figure 5 and are identified in the main text.

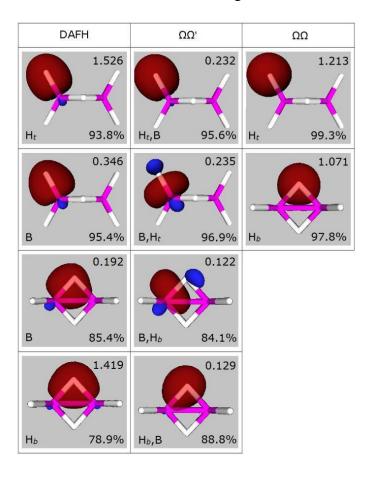


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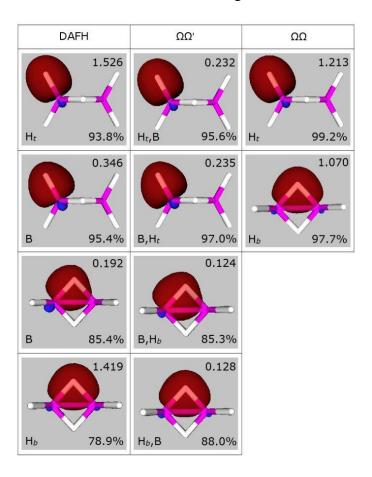


Figure S14. Dominant DAFH functions (first column) and Scheme A FALDI-like functions (second and third columns) for  $B_2H_6$ , together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to relevant k values, calculated using the one-electron approximation. The specific domains used for each of these functions are the same as those in Figure 5 and are identified in the main text.

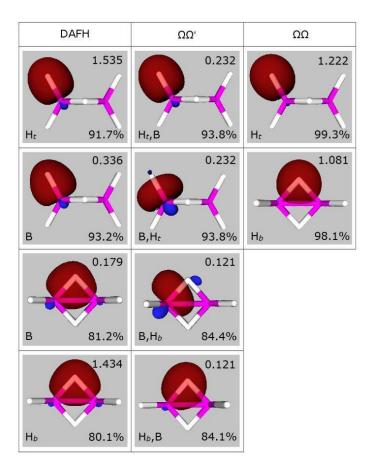


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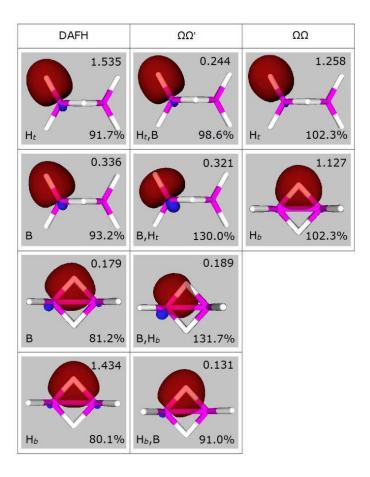


Figure S16. Dominant DAFH functions (first column) and Scheme C FALDI-like functions (second and third columns) for  $B_2H_6$ , together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to relevant k values, calculated using the one-electron approximation. The specific domains used for each of these functions are the same as those in Figure 5 and are identified in the main text.

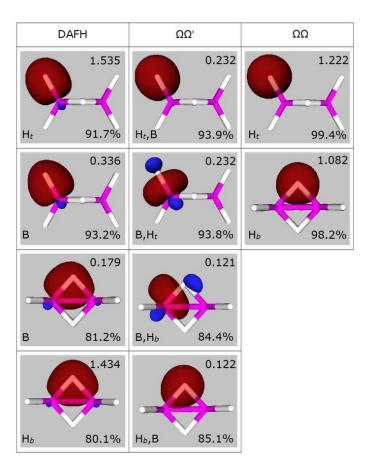


Figure S17. Dominant DAFH functions (first column) and Scheme D FALDI-like functions (second and third columns) for  $B_2H_6$ , together with their eigenvalues and relative contributions to relevant k values, calculated using the one-electron approximation. The specific domains used for each of these functions are the same as those in Figure 5 and are identified in the main text.

