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Construction of an analytic exchange-correlation hole for the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof GGA MATTHIAS ERNZERHOF, Department of Chemistry, University of Montreal, HILKE BAHMANN, Department of Chemistry, University of Wuerzburg — The Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) [1] approximation to the exchange-correlation energy is employed as a starting point for the construction of an approximate, spherically averaged exchange-correlation hole. In a first step, we develop a new model for the PBE exchange hole. This model satisfies the homogeneous electron gas limit; it is normalized and yields the correct small-gradient limit in the system average. A correlation factor [2], i.e., a function multiplying the exchange hole, is proposed that turns the exchange into an exchange-correlation hole. The correlation factor has a simple form and its parameters are determined through a number of known conditions that ought to be satisfied by a PBE exchange-correlation hole. The homogeneous-electron-gas limit of the new hole model is compared to the LSD hole [3].

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