Correlation trends in the ground-state static electric dipole polarizabilities of closed-shell atoms and ions

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We employ the closed-shell perturbed relativistic coupled-cluster (RCC) theory developed by us earlier [Phys. Rev. A 77, 062516 (2008)] to evaluate the ground-state static electric dipole polarizabilities (αs) of several atomic systems. In this work, we have incorporated a class of higher-order many-body effects in our calculations that had not been taken into account in the above paper. We highlight their importance in improving the accuracies of αs. We also calculate the ground state αs of the inert gas atoms and several isoelectronic singly and doubly charged ions in order to make a comparative study of the trends of the correlation effects. Furthermore, we have developed a method to construct intermediate diagrams that are required for the computations of the unperturbed single and double coupled-cluster amplitudes. Our RCC results are compared with those of many-body perturbation theory at different orders to demonstrate the importance of higher-order correlation effects for the accurate determination of (αs) of the systems that we have considered.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The subject of atom-light interaction has received considerable attention with the advent of sophisticated techniques to trap and cool atomic systems and measure their properties to very high precision [1]. An accurate knowledge of the electric dipole polarizabilities of the atomic states is essential in these experiments as they are required in the studies of atomic interactions in optical lattices, atomic clocks, quantum information, and many other important areas of atomic and molecular physics [2–4]. This range of applications of electric dipole polarizabilities (α) puts a premium on their accurate determination in atomic systems. Precise measurements of α are challenging and involve using a number of techniques like deflection of atomic beam by electric field [5], the E–H balance method [6–8], atom interferometry [9,10], cold atom velocity change [11], etc. In fact, the ground state α of many atomic systems are not yet measured very precisely owing to difficulties in eliminating some of the larger systematics. Therefore, accurate theoretical studies of electric dipole polarizabilities in atomic systems are of particular interest.

Dalgarno and his collaborators initiated work on the polarizabilities of many-electron atoms more than five decades ago [12,13]. Currently one of the most advanced approaches to this property is based on the linear-response coupled cluster theory [14–21]. We had formulated a relativistic coupled-cluster (RCC) method to calculate polarizabilities in which the electric dipole operator was effectively treated as a perturbation [22]. The first-order perturbed RCC wave function in this case was obtained by solving an inhomogeneous equation, thereby circumventing the sum-over-states approach [22–24]. This method has been used to compute the polarizabilities of the ground states for a number of atomic systems [25–28]. In this work, we apply our method to some systems that we had studied earlier in addition to many new candidates for acquiring insights into the behavior of electron correlation in the calculations of the static electric dipole polarizabilities of these systems. We have included higher-order nonlinear RCC terms through special computational techniques, thereby improving our previous results. We present our Dirac-Fock (DF), third-order many-body perturbation theory [MBPT(3)] and RCC results to show the quantitative changes in correlation effects in the passage from finite order MBPT to RCC and we offer explanations for this behavior.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In the next section, we present briefly the theory of static electric dipole polarizability and the basic working equations for its evaluation in the framework of the method that we have developed. Then, we describe the procedure for obtaining the atomic wave function and the electric dipole polarizability using the RCC method. This is followed by discussions of our results which are compared with the other calculations and measurements. We use atomic units (a.u.) in this paper.

II. THEORY

A. Theory of static dipole polarizability

The second-order change in the energy of an atomic state |Ψn(0)⟩ when placed in an external weak electric field \( \mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{r} \) is given by

\[
\delta E = -\frac{1}{2} \alpha \mathbf{E}^2,
\]

(1)

where \( \alpha \) is known as the static electric dipole polarizability of the state which can be mathematically expressed using the second-order perturbation theory as

\[
\alpha = -\frac{2}{\langle \Psi_n^{(0)} | \Psi_n^{(0)} \rangle} \sum_I \frac{|D_{\Psi_n^{(0)}}|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_I^{(0)}}.
\]

(2)
where the summation over \( I \) represents the inclusion of all possible intermediate states \( |\Psi_I^{(0)}\rangle \) and \( E^{(0)}\)'s are the energies of the respective states denoted by the index in the subscripts. It is possible to determine \( \alpha \) by calculating the second-order derivative of the energy shift given by Eq. (1) with respect to the electric-field strength \( E \). A straightforward approach would be to sum over the intermediate states explicitly in Eq. (2). However, this is not very practical from a numerical point of view. In the method that we used earlier, polarizabilities can be determined without having to sum over intermediate states. In that approach, we express Eq. (2) as

\[
\alpha = -2 \frac{\langle \Psi_\alpha^{(0)} | D | \Psi_\alpha^{(1)} \rangle}{\langle \Psi_\alpha^{(0)} | \Psi_\alpha^{(0)} \rangle}, \tag{3}
\]

where \( |\Psi_\alpha^{(1)}\rangle \) is a modified wave function similar to the first-order perturbed wave function of \( |\Psi_\alpha^{(0)}\rangle \) which is given by

\[
|\Psi_\alpha^{(1)}\rangle = \sum |\Psi_\alpha^{(0)}\rangle |D| |\Psi_\alpha^{(0)}\rangle \frac{E^{(0)} - E^{(1)}}{E^{(0)}}, \tag{4}
\]

It is clear that \( |\Psi_\alpha^{(1)}\rangle \) is obtained by perturbing \( |\Psi_\alpha^{(0)}\rangle \) by the vector operator \( D \). Therefore, \( |\Psi_\alpha^{(1)}\rangle \) can be obtained by solving the inhomogeneous equation

\[
(H - E_n)|\Psi_\alpha^{(1)}\rangle = -D|\Psi_\alpha^{(0)}\rangle. \tag{5}
\]

This procedure is similar in spirit to the approach given in [12] in the sense that our first-order perturbed wave function is obtained from an inhomogeneous equation rather than by summing over intermediate states. To be specific, in the present work \( |\Psi_\alpha^{(1)}\rangle \) is the first-order correction to the atomic wave function with the electric dipole operator as the perturbation. Now expressing the total wave function as \( |\Psi_\alpha\rangle = |\Psi_\alpha^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |\Psi_\alpha^{(1)}\rangle \) and owing to the fact that \( D \) is an odd Hermitian operator, we have

\[
\alpha = \frac{\langle \Psi_\alpha^{(0)} | D | \Psi_\alpha \rangle}{\langle \Psi_\alpha^{(0)} | \Psi_\alpha \rangle}, \tag{6}
\]

from keeping terms up to linear in the arbitrary parameter \( \lambda \).

### B. Generalized Bloch equation for two external perturbations

The generalized Bloch equation for the model Hamiltonian \( H_0 \) and the interaction term \( V \) is given by [29]

\[
[\Omega, H_0]P = QV \Omega P - \chi PV \Omega P, \tag{7}
\]

where \( P \) and \( Q \) are the projection operators corresponding to the model and orthogonal spaces respectively and \( \Omega = 1 + \chi \) is the wave operator that generates the atomic state function from the reference state \( |\Phi_\alpha\rangle \) of a Hamiltonian, say \( H_0 \); i.e., \( |\Psi_\alpha\rangle = \Omega |\Phi_\alpha\rangle \). By expanding the wave operator order by order, we obtain the following working equation:

\[
[\Omega^{(k)}, H_0]P = Q V \Omega^{(k-1)} P - \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \Omega^{(k-m)} PV \Omega^{(m-1)} P, \tag{8}
\]

where \( \Omega^{(0)} = 1 \) and the superscript \( k \) represents orders of \( V \) present in the evaluation of \( \Omega^{(k)} \). When there are two sources of perturbation, we can still express \( |\Psi_\alpha\rangle = \Omega |\Phi_\alpha\rangle \) with the new perturbation potential \( V = V_1 + V_2 \). In this case, the \( k \)th order \( \Omega^{(k)} \) is redefined by \( \Omega^{(k,\beta,\delta)} \) such that \( k = \beta + \delta \) for the \( \beta \) orders of \( V_1 \) and \( \delta \) orders of \( V_2 \). In this case, the corresponding Bloch equation is expressed by [30]

\[
[\Omega^{(\beta,\delta), H_0}]P = Q V_1 \Omega^{(\beta-1,\delta)} P + Q V_2 \Omega^{(\beta,\delta-1)} P - \sum_{m=1}^{\beta-1} \sum_{l=1}^{\delta-1} \Omega^{(\beta-m,\delta-l)} PV_1 \Omega^{(m-1,l)} P - \Omega^{(\beta-m,\delta-l)} PV_2 \Omega^{(m,l-1)} P, \tag{8}
\]

with \( \Omega^{(0,0)} = 1, \Omega^{(1,0)} = V_1, \) and \( \Omega^{(0,1)} = V_2 \). In this procedure, the atomic state function up to \( k \)th order is given by

\[
|\Psi^{(k)}_\alpha\rangle = \left[ \Omega^{(k,0)} + \sum_{\beta=1}^{k-1} \sum_{\delta=1}^{\beta-1} \lambda^{\beta} \Omega^{(k-\beta,\delta)} \right]|\Phi_\alpha\rangle, \tag{9}
\]

where we have introduced a parameter \( \lambda \) without any loss of generality to keep track of the order of \( V_2 \) and it can be later set to 1 in the final consideration.

Using the above prescription in Eqs. (5) and (3), it yields

\[
|\Psi^{(k,0)}_\alpha\rangle = \Omega^{(k,0)}|\Phi_\alpha\rangle \tag{10}
\]

and its first-order correction due to \( V_2 \) is given by

\[
|\Psi^{(k,1)}_\alpha\rangle = \Omega^{(k,1)}|\Phi_\alpha\rangle. \tag{11}
\]

In our present work, the residual interaction \( V_{\text{res}} \) is treated as the first perturbation \( (V_1 = V_{\text{res}}) \) to include the electron correlation effects in a many-body perturbation treatment and we set \( V_2 = D \) and \( \delta = 1 \) for calculating \( \alpha \). In this approach, the lowest and \( k \)th order results for \( \alpha \) are given by

\[
\alpha = 2 \langle \Psi^{(0)}_\alpha | D V^{(0,1)} | \Psi^{(0)}_\alpha \rangle \tag{12}\]

and

\[
\alpha = 2 \sum_{\beta=0}^{k-1} \sum_{\delta=0}^{\beta-1} \langle \Psi^{(\beta,\delta)}_\alpha | D V^{(\beta,\delta)} | \Phi_\alpha \rangle \cdot \Omega^{(\beta,\delta)} |\Phi_\alpha\rangle. \tag{13}
\]

respectively.

### III. METHOD OF CALCULATIONS

The Dirac-Coulomb (DC) atomic Hamiltonian which is used in our calculation is given by

\[
H^{DC} = \sum_i \left[ c \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_i + (\beta_i - 1)c^2 + V_{\text{nuc}}(r_i) + \sum_{j>i} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \right]. \tag{14}
\]

The single-particle energies are scaled with respect to the rest mass energy of the electron, the nuclear potential is evaluated considering a Fermi nuclear charge distribution, and the electron-electron interaction due to one-photon exchange is restricted to Coulomb interactions only.

The DF approximation \((H_0 = H_{DF})\) yields the mean-field wave function \( |\Phi_0\rangle \) for the ground state which we consider as the reference state \( |\Phi_\alpha\rangle \) for the construction of exact ground-state wave function \( |\Psi_\alpha\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle \).

### A. MBPT(3) method

The importance of various correlation terms in the determination of \( \alpha \) can be better understood from an explicit
MBPT(3) method to calculate the correlation trends in the ground-state static level are shown in Fig. 1.

By definition, the \( T \) operators are in normal order form with respect to the reference state \( |\Phi_0\rangle \). Therefore, the above expression yields \[ \alpha = \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | e^{T} D N e^{T} | \Phi_0 \rangle_{\text{con}}}{\langle \Phi_0 | e^{\tilde{T}} e^{T} | \Phi_0 \rangle} \] this is a favorable denouement for the calculation of properties of the ground state of closed-shell atomic systems using the RCC theory. The subscript \( N \) represents the normal order form of \( D \) and \( \text{con} \) refers to survival of only the connected diagrams.

In the above RCC expression, the operator \( T \) includes contributions from both \( V_{el} \) and \( D \). Taking this into consideration, we split \( T \) into

\[ T = T^{(0)} + \lambda T^{(1)}, \]

where \( T^{(0)} \) corresponds to correlation effects due to \( V_{el} \) and \( T^{(1)} \) takes into account the opposite parity excitations in the wave function due to \( D \). Substituting Eq. (19) in Eq. (16), we get

\[ |\Psi_0^{(0)}\rangle = e^{T^{(0)}} |\Phi_0\rangle \]

and

\[ |\Psi_0^{(1)}\rangle = e^{T^{(0)}} T^{(1)} |\Phi_0\rangle. \]

In the present work, we have considered all possible singly and doubly excited configurations (known as the CCSD method) by defining

\[ T^{(0)} = T_{1}^{(0)} + T_{2}^{(0)} \]

and

\[ T^{(1)} = T_{1}^{(1)} + T_{2}^{(1)}. \]

The \( T^{(0)} \) amplitudes are obtained by solving the following equation:

\[ \langle \Phi_0 | H_{NC}^{(0)} | \Phi_0 \rangle = 0, \]

where \( H_{NC}^{(0)} \) is the non-configuration interaction Hamiltonian.
where $\tau = 1, 2$ stands for either singly or doubly excited configurations from $|\Phi_0\rangle$, subscript $N$ represents the normal ordered form of the DC Hamiltonian and the dressed Hamiltonian $H_N^{DC} = e^{-T^{(0)}_0} H_N^{(DC)} e^{T^{(0)}_0}$ which is equal to $(H_N^{(DC)} e^{T^{(0)}_0})_{con}$ [32]. To solve the above equation, we adopt the Jacobi iterative procedure and the nonlinear terms from $(H_N^{(DC)} e^{T^{(0)}_0})_{con}$ are accounted through the intermediate diagrams. A standard procedure for defining intermediate diagrams is described in [33,34]. However, we follow a different strategy here. The idea behind this is to avoid the repetition of defining different variables to store the intermediate diagrams. In our approach, we define some distinct types of intermediate diagrams by classifying them into effective one-body and two-body diagrams as given in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively. They are further combined with suitable $T^{(0)}$ operators for constructing the final diagrams that contribute to the computations of the $T^{(0)}_1$ and $T^{(0)}_2$ amplitudes as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The diagrams which involve fewer internal lines but are problematic for generating repetitive diagrams when included in the above effective one-body and two-body intermediate diagrams are computed directly. Examples of such diagrams for the evaluation of the $T^{(0)}_1$ and $T^{(0)}_2$ amplitudes are shown in Figs. 6 and 7, respectively. To avoid the double counting of topologically equivalent diagrams arising from the above effective intermediate diagrams and from symmetry considerations, we multiply by a factor of 1/2 wherever necessary as mentioned in Figs. 3 and 5.

After obtaining $T^{(0)}$ amplitudes, we solve the following equation to determine the $T^{(1)}$ amplitudes:

$$
\langle \Phi_0^* | H_N^{DC} T^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle = -\langle \Phi_0^* | H_{int} | \Phi_0 \rangle.
$$

FIG. 2. Effective one-body intermediate diagrams for the evaluation of CCSD amplitudes.

We now make use of the locations of the previously defined intermediate variables to store all possible effective one-body and two-body diagrams of $H_N^{DC}$. In this case, no additional multiplicative factors are needed owing to the fact that finally these diagrams are contracted with $T^{(1)}$ amplitudes. Also, all the contributing terms from $T^{(0)}$ are included at this stage. Contributions from $H_{int} = (H_{int} e^{T^{(0)}_0})_{con}$ are computed directly.
In the CCSD approximation that we have considered here, we need only the fully contracted terms contracting effective one-body intermediate diagrams with the operators.

We compute this by dividing it into connected effective one-body and two-body terms using the generalization Wick’s theorem [29] before contracting them with $T^{(1)}$ terms in the final amplitudes, we evaluate $\alpha$ using the relation

$$\alpha = \langle \Phi_0 | e^T D_N e^{T^\dagger} | \Phi_0 \rangle_{\text{con}} = \langle \Phi_0 | T^{(1)} D_N^{(0)} + D_N^{(0)} T^{(1)} | \Phi_0 \rangle_{\text{con}} = 2 \langle \Phi_0 | D_N^{(0)} (T_1^{(1)} + T_2^{(1)}) | \Phi_0 \rangle_{\text{con}},$$

(26)

where $D_N^{(0)} = e^{T^{(0)} D_N e^{T^{(0)}}}$ is a nontruncating series. We compute this by dividing it into connected effective one-body and two-body terms using the generalized Wick’s theorem [29] before contracting them with $T^{(1)}$. In the CCSD approximation that we have considered here, we need only the fully contracted terms from $D_N^{(0)} (T_1^{(1)} + T_2^{(1)})$. Therefore only the effective one-, two-, and three-body terms will survive from $D_N^{(0)}$. Effective one-body diagrams arising from the nontruncating series $D_N^{(0)}$ which contribute significantly are further binned into the hole-hole ($H-H$), particle-particle ($P-P$), hole-particle ($H-P$), and particle-hole ($P-H$)-type diagrams as shown in Fig. 8 ($H-P$ diagrams are not shown as they are complex conjugate (c.c.) terms of the $P-H$ type of diagrams) considering up to minimum fifth order in the residual Coulomb interaction. It can be noticed from Fig. 8(c) of the $P-H$ and $H-P$-type diagrams that contain diagrams (e.g., i, ii, iii, etc.) resembling the random phase approximation (RPA) along with some of the non-RPA diagrams (e.g., iv, v, vi, etc.) which account for the core-polarization effects to all orders. We found, as will be demonstrated in the next section, they are the leading contributors. Therefore, we replace the corresponding $D$ operator from the $P-H$ and $H-P$ effective diagrams by the $P-P$ and $H-H$ diagrams as shown in Fig. 9 to dress up the effective $H-P$ and $P-H$ operators for evaluating these contributions more rigorously. These effective diagrams are then further combined with the $T^{(1)}$ and $T^{(0)} T^{(1)}$ operators to obtain the final contributions. The important diagrams that make significant contributions from the effective two-body and three-body terms of $D_N^{(0)}$ are computed directly after contracting them with the $T^{(0)}$ operators.

We also store the effective $H-P$ and $P-H$ type one-body diagrams from $D_N^{(0)}$ having more than two orders of residual Coulomb interaction, as shown in Fig. 10 separately and contract them with another set of $T^{(0)} T^{(1)}$ terms in the final calculations to include the contributions of core-polarization effects, higher in order than those described above. We found that these contributions are crucial for improving the final results for the alkaline-earth–metal atoms that were neglected in our previous calculations [22–24]. As they are just another set of effective one-body terms, they marginally affect the computational cost.
We present our polarizability results for the ground states for several atomic systems and compare them with other calculations and experimental results in Table I. We have also estimated the errors in our calculations arising from the numerical uncertainties due to the finite size of the basis, neglected contributions from the Breit interaction, and QED effects due to the lowest-order vacuum polarization and self-energy corrections. Moreover contributions from the Breit and QED effects are found to be small for the property under consideration here, but the size of the basis is crucial for the numerical accuracy of the calculations. We estimated contributions from the Breit and QED interactions using the MBPT(3) method by carrying out calculations with these interactions separately along with the DC Hamiltonian. Inaccuracies from the choice of basis functions are estimated in two steps using the DF method: (i) results are obtained for a different set of optimized Gaussian parameters and (ii) estimating contributions from the inactive orbitals that are not considered in the RCC calculations from the DF method. We present these estimated contributions from the individual source in Table II. Experimental results for light atomic systems are more accurate than our calculations. However, for heavy systems, the accuracies of our results are better than those of experiments and many of the previous calculations.

A variety of many-body methods have been used to determine \( \alpha \) for the systems that we have considered except for Sc\(^{+}\) and Y\(^{+}\). The method we have employed in the present work had been used previously to calculate these quantities [22–24]. In those calculations, we had truncated \( D_N^{(0)} \) at \( D_N^{(0)} = T^{(0)}D_N T^{(0)} \) neglecting higher-order RPA contributions coming through the \( T^{(0)}D_N (T^{(0)})^2 \) and \( (T^{(0)})^2 D_N T^{(0)} \) whose contributions are found to be significant in the neutral alkaline-earth atoms, Sc\(^{+}\) and Y\(^{+}\). Also the results have improved, particularly in these systems, since the dipole operators in the \( P-H_H-P \) effective diagrams described by Fig. 10 and in the construction of the effective two-body operators have been used. Recently a similar approach, which had included the normalization of the wave function, had been used for evaluating the \( \alpha \)'s of some of the inert gas atoms [25,26]. In fact, both these works account for nonlinear terms at different levels of approximations resulting in some differences in the results. Another calculation for the inert gas atoms was carried out by Nakajima and Hirao [43], where they have investigated the relativistic effects in \( \alpha \) using a scalar relativistic Douglas-Kroll (DK) Hamiltonian. The other difference between this work and ours is that Nakajima and Hirao had estimated polarizability from the second-order energy shift due to an arbitrary external electric field by a numerical finite field approach whereas we have evaluated this quantity by calculating the expectation value of the dipole operator using the first-order dipole perturbed wave function. It is interesting that both the results agree fairly well with each other within the quoted uncertainties. For the alkaline-earth elements we compare our results of \( \alpha \) with those of Porsev et al. [56,72], who had used a hybrid approach combining the configuration interaction (CI) method in the valence space and the MBPT method by scaling the energies and dressing the external electromagnetic field in the RPA framework to evaluate the core-polarization effects. Lim et al. [61] had performed the RCC calculations in the fine field method using the DK Hamiltonian. Our results for most of the atoms are in good agreement with them except for Sr which differs significantly. As mentioned in the previous section, we have found that higher-order nonlinear terms, especially those corresponding to RPA, are essential for obtaining accurate results. One probable reason for the discrepancies in the results between our RCC results and those of Porsev et al. is the treatment of core-core correlation effects in the two cases. We have computed these effects by the all order CCSD method, while they have used a finite order MBPT approach. An important difference between our approach and that of Lim et al. [61] is that we have used the proper DC Hamiltonian unlike its scalar components in [61] and the polarizabilities are

\[
\begin{align*}
\alpha &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}} \left[ \mathbf{P} \left( \mathbf{E} \mathbf{P} \right) - \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P} \right] \mathbf{E} \\
\end{align*}
\]

FIG. 10. Additional effective diagrams which are stored separately and contracted finally with the \( T^{(0)}T^{(1)} \) for accounting higher-order core-polarization correlation effects.
TABLE I. Ground-state static dipole polarizability α of various closed-shell atoms and ions. In the parentheses of our results, we have given the estimated uncertainties from the calculations. The square brackets refer to the references of other works.

| Systems | This work   | Others                      | Experiments                        |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| He      | 1.360(20)   | 1.322 [35], 1.383763 [36]   | 1.383223(67) [37,38], 1.3838 [39] |
|         |             | 1.38376079(23) [40], 1.382(1) [22] | 1.384 [41], 1.383759(13) [42] |
| Ne      | 2.652(15)   | 2.38 [35], 2.6648 [36], 2.697 [43] | 2.670(3) [44], 2.66110(3) [45] |
|         |             | 2.665 [46], 2.668(6) [47], 2.6695 [25] | 2.6680 [39], 2.663 [41] |
| Ar      | 11.089(4)   | 10.77 [35], 11.084 [36], 11.22 [43] | 11.081(5) [44], 11.091 [39] |
|         |             | 11.085(6) [48], 11.213 [26] | 11.080 [41], 11.083(2) [49] |
| Kr      | 16.93(5)    | 16.47 [35], 16.80 [50], 16.736 [26] | 16.766(8) [44], 16.740 [39], 16.740 [41] |
| Be      | 37.86(17)   | 37.755 [51], 37.73(5) [52], 37.807 [53], 37.29 [54], 37.69 [55], 37.76 [56], 37.80(47) [22] |
| Mg      | 72.54(50)   | 71.7 [57], 70.90 [58], 70.74 [54], 71.35 [55], 71.33 [56], 74.9(2.7) [59], 73.4(2.3) [22] |
| Ca      | 157.03(80)  | 157 [57], 171.7 [60], 156.0 [54], 159.4 [55], 158.00 [61], 152 [62] |
|         |             | 159.0 [56], 157.1(1.3) [56], 154.58(5.42) [22] | 169(17) [7] |
| Sr      | 186.98(85)  | 201.2 [55], 198.85 [61], 190 [62], 202.0 [56], 197.2(2) [56], 199.71(7.28) [22] |
| Li⁺     | 0.1913(5)   | 0.192486 [63,64], 0.1894 [35] | 0.1883(20) [65] |
| Na⁺     | 0.9984(7)   | 0.9947 [54], 0.9457 [35], 1.00(4) [68], 1.025 [27] |
|         |             | 0.978(10) [66], 1.0015(15) [67] | 0.998033 [69] |
| K⁺      | 5.522(7)    | 5.354 [54], 5.457 [35], 5.524(6) [68], 5.735 [27] |
| Rb⁺     | 9.213(15)   | 9.076 [35], 9.11(4) [68], 9.305 [27] | 5.47(5) [66] |
| Sc⁺     | 53.24(20)   |                                | 9.0 [70] |
| Y⁺      | 72.26(50)   |                                |                                |
| Be²⁺    | 0.0521(2)   | 0.05182 [35], 0.052264 [63,64] |                                |
| Mg²⁺    | 0.4852(5)   | 0.4698 [70], 0.495 [28], 0.4814 [54] |
| Ca²⁺    | 3.295(6)    | 3.254 [35], 3.161 [54], 3.262 [61], 3.387 [28] |
| Sr²⁺    | 5.877(8)    | 5.813 [35], 5.792 [61], 5.913 [28] |

estimated from the second-order corrections to their calculated energies.

We now compare our results for the singly charged alkali and doubly charged alkaline-earth–metal ions, which have electronic configurations similar to that of the inert gas atoms with the results obtained using the RPA method by Johnson et al. [35] and another RCC calculation [27,28]. The method employed in the latter calculations have already been referred to in the previous paragraph. The close agreement between the RPA and our RCC results is due to the fact that the dominant correlation effects in the evaluation of the polarizabilities for the closed-shell systems come from the core-polarization effects which are taken together in all orders in the calculations. We find from the MBPT(3) calculations that the non-RPA diagrams also contribute significantly in the closed-shell atoms. However, they cancel out to a large extent in these ions and their net contributions are consequently not significant. In another work, Lim et al. [68] have reported results for the alkali–metal ions considering the scalar relativistic DK Hamiltonian and accounting for the spin-orbit coupling corrections through the MBPT(2) method using a fully relativistic four-component DF wave functions. In addition to the above-mentioned systems we have also calculated α for Sc⁺ and Y⁺ ions, but there are no data available for comparison with our results.

The main aim of the present work is to analyze the trends in the correlation effects in the static electric dipole polarizabilities of the ground states in a variety of closed-shell atomic systems evaluated by different many-body methods in order to assess their potential for yielding accurate results for the coupling constants associated with the permanent electric dipole moments due to parity and time-reversal violations in atoms of experimental interest [73–79]. To fulfill our objective, we have carried out a range of calculations using lower-order MBPT to MBPT(3) methods and have presented the results at each stage in Table III. These results are further compared with our final all order calculation using the relativistic CCSD method in the same table. This clearly demonstrates the importance of the correlation effects starting from lower- to higher-order perturbation theory systematically and provides a good understanding of their roles in obtaining accurate results. We have given results by grouping the isoelectronic systems together in this table in order to make a comparative analysis of the correlation effects as the atomic number varies. As can be seen in the table, the DF results are smaller than the MBPT results for the light inert gas atoms while this trend changes for the heavier ones. Finally, the CCSD results are larger than the DF results for all these atoms. Therefore this implies that there are strong cancellations between the correlation effects.
TABLE II. Contributions to the estimated uncertainties from the Breit interaction ($\delta_B$), QED corrections ($\delta_Q$), and finite basis size ($\delta_F$) in the considered atomic systems.

| System | $\delta_B$ | $\delta_Q$ | $\delta_F$ |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| He     | $\sim 0.0$ | $\sim 0.0$ | 0.0200     |
| Ne     | 0.0006     | $\sim 0.0$ | 0.1499     |
| Ar     | 0.0023     | 0.0002     | 0.0032     |
| Kr     | 0.0148     | 0.0008     | 0.0478     |
| Be     | 0.0027     | $-0.0001$  | 0.1699     |
| Mg     | 0.1460     | $-0.0008$  | 0.4782     |
| Ca     | $-0.1609$  | $-0.0041$  | 0.7836     |
| Sr     | $-0.1767$  | $-0.0201$  | 0.8312     |
| Li$^+$ | $\sim 0.0$ | $\sim 0.0$ | 0.0005     |
| Na$^+$ | 0.0003     | $\sim 0.0$ | 0.0004     |
| K$^+$  | 0.0004     | 0.0001     | 0.0070     |
| Rb$^+$ | 0.00960    | 0.0002     | 0.0115     |
| Sc$^+$ | $-0.0453$  | $-0.0533$  | 0.1874     |
| Y$^+$  | $-0.0631$  | $-0.0089$  | 0.4959     |
| Be$^{2+}$ | $\sim 0.0$ | $\sim 0.0$ | 0.0002     |
| Mg$^{2+}$ | 0.0001     | $\sim 0.0$ | 0.0004     |
| Ca$^{2+}$ | 0.0005     | 0.0001     | 0.0059     |
| Sr$^{2+}$ | 0.0061     | 0.0002     | 0.0052     |

in these atoms and the higher-order correlation effects play a pivotal role in determining the final results. A similar trend is also followed by other inert gas like singly charged alkali and doubly charged alkaline-earth–metal ions. However, the trend for the correlation effects in the neutral alkaline-earth–metal atoms is rather different. In this case the DF results are always smaller than those of MBPT and CCSD. In fact, it is also quite interesting to note that the correlation trends for Sc$^+$ and Y$^+$ do not follow those of other isoelectronic alkaline-earth–metal atoms, but rather of the inert gas atoms.

For a quantitative description, we plot ($\alpha - \alpha_{DF}$)/$\alpha_{DF}$ obtained using the MBPT(3) and CCSD methods versus atomic numbers in Fig. 11 for the different categories of systems that we have considered. We also plot the same for all the systems together including Sc$^+$ and Y$^+$ ions in Fig. 12 to make a comparative analysis of the correlation trends among different systems.

TABLE III. Contributions to $\alpha$ at different level of approximations in the many-body method.

| Atoms | DF=MBPT(1) | MBPT(2) | MBPT(3) | CCSD |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|------|
| He    | 0.998      | 1.240   | 1.215   | 1.360|
| Li$^+$| 0.1579     | 0.1839  | 0.1851  | 0.1913|
| Be$^{2+}$ | 0.0453     | 0.0510  | 0.0512  | 0.0521|
| Ne    | 1.977      | 2.254   | 1.654   | 2.652|
| Na$^+$| 0.8337     | 0.9154  | 0.8504  | 0.9984|
| Mg$^{2+}$ | 0.4277     | 0.4555  | 0.4371  | 0.4852|
| Ar    | 10.152     | 9.964   | 8.005   | 11.089|
| K$^+$ | 5.466      | 5.130   | 4.468   | 5.522|
| Ca$^{2+}$ | 3.369      | 3.082   | 2.568   | 3.295|
| Kr    | 15.82      | 15.00   | 10.70   | 16.93|
| Rb$^+$| 9.273      | 8.374   | 7.103   | 9.213|
| Sr$^{2+}$ | 6.146      | 5.388   | 4.492   | 5.877|
| Be    | 30.53      | 40.24   | 38.16   | 37.86|
| Mg    | 54.70      | 70.72   | 65.64   | 72.54|
| Ca    | 122.90     | 151.70  | 132.80  | 157.03|
| Sc$^+$| 50.10      | 57.17   | 47.02   | 53.24|
| Sr$^+$| 156.83     | 188.98  | 163.13  | 186.98|
| Y$^+$ | 68.60      | 75.42   | 65.10   | 72.26|

FIG. 11. (Color online) Plots of ($\alpha - \alpha_{DF}$)/$\alpha_{DF}$ results vs atomic numbers from different groups of atomic systems. $\alpha$ results are obtained using the MBPT(3) and CCSD methods in order to make a comparative study between these two approaches.
isolectronic sequences. To shed light on the role of different types of correlation effects that are crucial in the determination of polarizabilities and to explain the reasons for their trends in different isolectronic sequences, we identify diagrams from the MBPT(3) approximation that belong to lower-order RPA. We, then, present MBPT(3) results in Table IV classifying its diagrams as RPA and non-RPA types. It can be seen from Fig. 1 that all the diagrams up to MBPT(2) belong to RPA and hence, they are the dominant contributors. However, diagrams shown in Figs. 1(vi)–1(viii) are a few examples of non-RPA-type diagrams that also contribute significantly at the third-order level, but they largely cancel out each other in the heavy atomic systems. The final results are the outcome of the interplay between these cancellations which can only be accounted correctly using an all order method like our CCSD method. This is evident from the contributions of the separate RCC terms presented below.

We now present the contributions from different correlation effects represented by the RCC terms in the evaluation of $\alpha$ for different atomic systems. In Table V, we give the individual contribution from the important CCSD terms to $\alpha$, where the leading term $DT^{(1)}_1$ contains the lowest-order DF result. The next important term is $T^{(0)}_2 DT^{(1)}_1$ and the sign of its contribution is opposite to that of the former resulting in a substantial cancellation between these two largest contributors. In addition to the above two terms, contributions from $T^{(0)}_1 DT^{(1)}_1$ further reduce the final results. Pair excitations contributing through $T^{(0)}_2 DT^{(1)}_1$ and other higher-order nonlinear terms together take our final results towards the experimental values.

V. CONCLUSION

We have employed the relativistic coupled-cluster method to calculate the static electric dipole polarizabilities of the ground states of many closed-shell atomic systems. We have improved the results of our previous calculations for some of them by adding important nonlinear RCC terms which correspond to higher-order correlation effects in the present calculations. The crucial role of correlation effects is highlighted by presenting and comparing the results at different levels of approximations from lower-order many-body perturbation theory to the relativistic CCSD method. Correlation trends among the neutral atoms, singly charged ions, and doubly charged ions are presented. Investigation of various correlation effects in evaluating polarizabilities will provide valuable insights into the ongoing theoretical work on atomic electric dipole moments which arise due to parity and time-reversal symmetry violation. Our results will also serve as a guide to the future measurements of systems where the experimental values of polarizabilities are not precisely known.

TABLE V. Contributions from various CCSD terms for the evaluation of $\alpha$ in the ground states of the considered atomic systems.

| System | $DT^{(1)}_1$ | $T^{(0)}_1 DT^{(1)}_1$ | $T^{(0)}_2 DT^{(1)}_1$ | $T^{(0)}_2 DT^{(1)}_2$ | Others |
|--------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| He     | 1.362       | 0.005                   | -0.035                  | 0.035                   | -0.007 |
| Ne     | 2.613       | 0.073                   | -0.099                  | 0.089                   | -0.024 |
| Kr     | 18.11       | -1.12                   | -1.82                   | 0.74                    | 1.02   |
| Be     | 39.45       | -1.53                   | -7.21                   | 3.84                    | 3.31   |
| Mg     | 75.66       | -2.96                   | -10.16                  | 5.54                    | 4.46   |
| Ca     | 163.87      | -9.24                   | -24.89                  | 16.05                   | 11.24  |
| Sr     | 201.90      | -12.77                  | -28.77                  | 15.75                   | 11.05  |
| Li$^+$ | 0.1894      | ~0                      | 0.0019                  | 0.0019                  | -0.0019|
| Na$^+$ | 0.9756      | ~0                      | -0.0005                 | ~0                      | 0.0233 |
| K$^+$  | 5.972       | ~0                      | -0.620                  | 0.211                   | -0.003 |
| Rb$^+$ | 9.971       | ~0                      | -1.049                  | 0.333                   | 0.025  |
| Sc$^+$ | 61.71       | -2.16                   | -8.24                   | 3.84                    | -1.91  |
| Y$^+$  | 83.19       | -3.18                   | -10.68                  | 5.05                    | -2.12  |
| Be$^{2+}$ | 0.0526    | ~0                      | -0.0007                 | 0.0003                  | -0.0001|
| Mg$^{2+}$ | 0.4774    | ~0                      | ~0                      | ~0                      | 0.0078 |
| Ca$^{2+}$ | 3.578     | -0.019                  | -0.585                  | 0.117                   | 0.204  |
| Sr$^{2+}$ | 6.396      | -0.037                  | -0.689                  | 0.191                   | 0.016  |

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