

THEORETICAL METHODS TO TREAT CORRELATED ELECTRON AND NUCLEAR DYNAMICS FOR CLOSED AND OPEN QUANTUM SYSTEMS

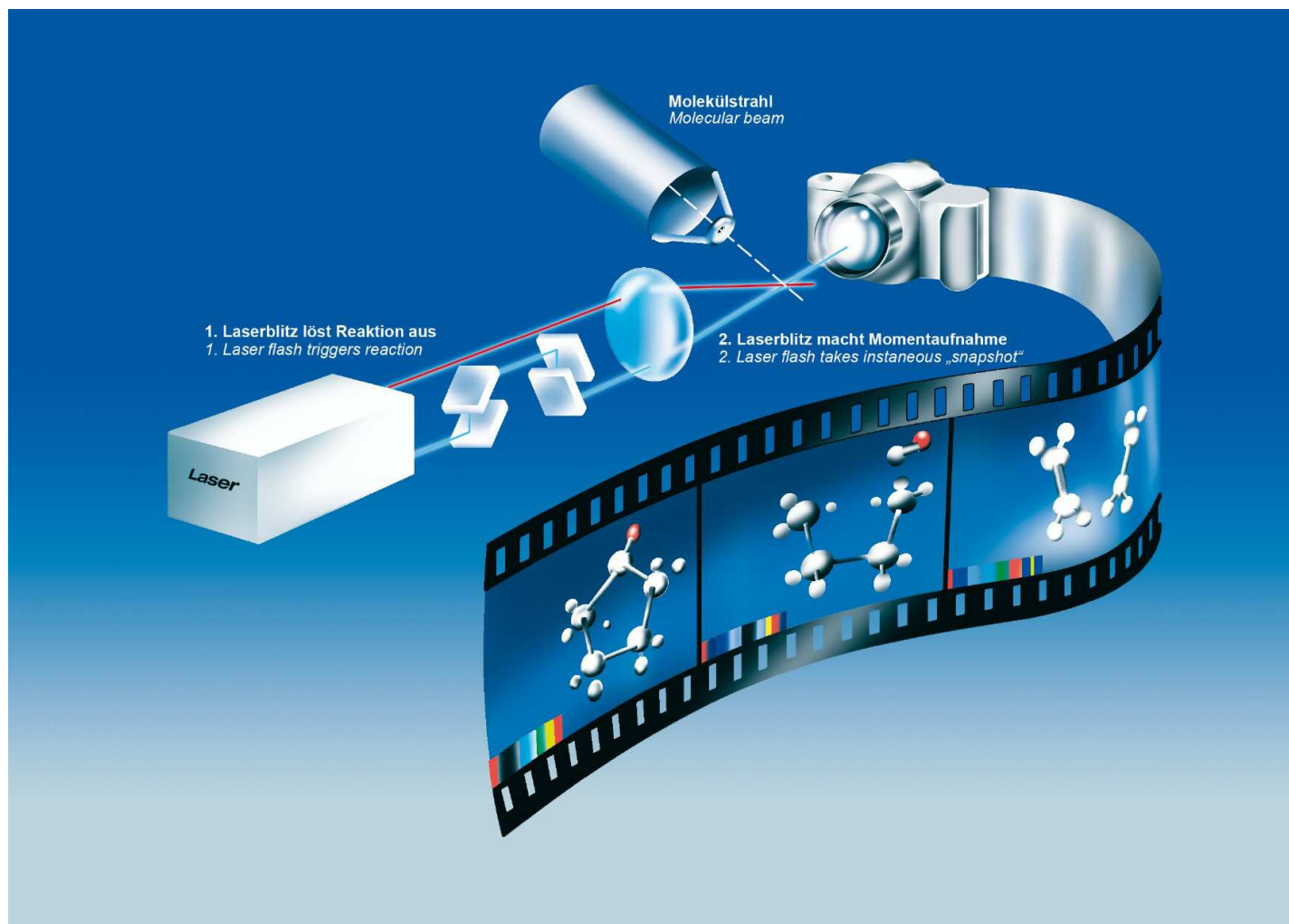


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REAL-TIME DYNAMICS: FEMTOCHEMISTRY

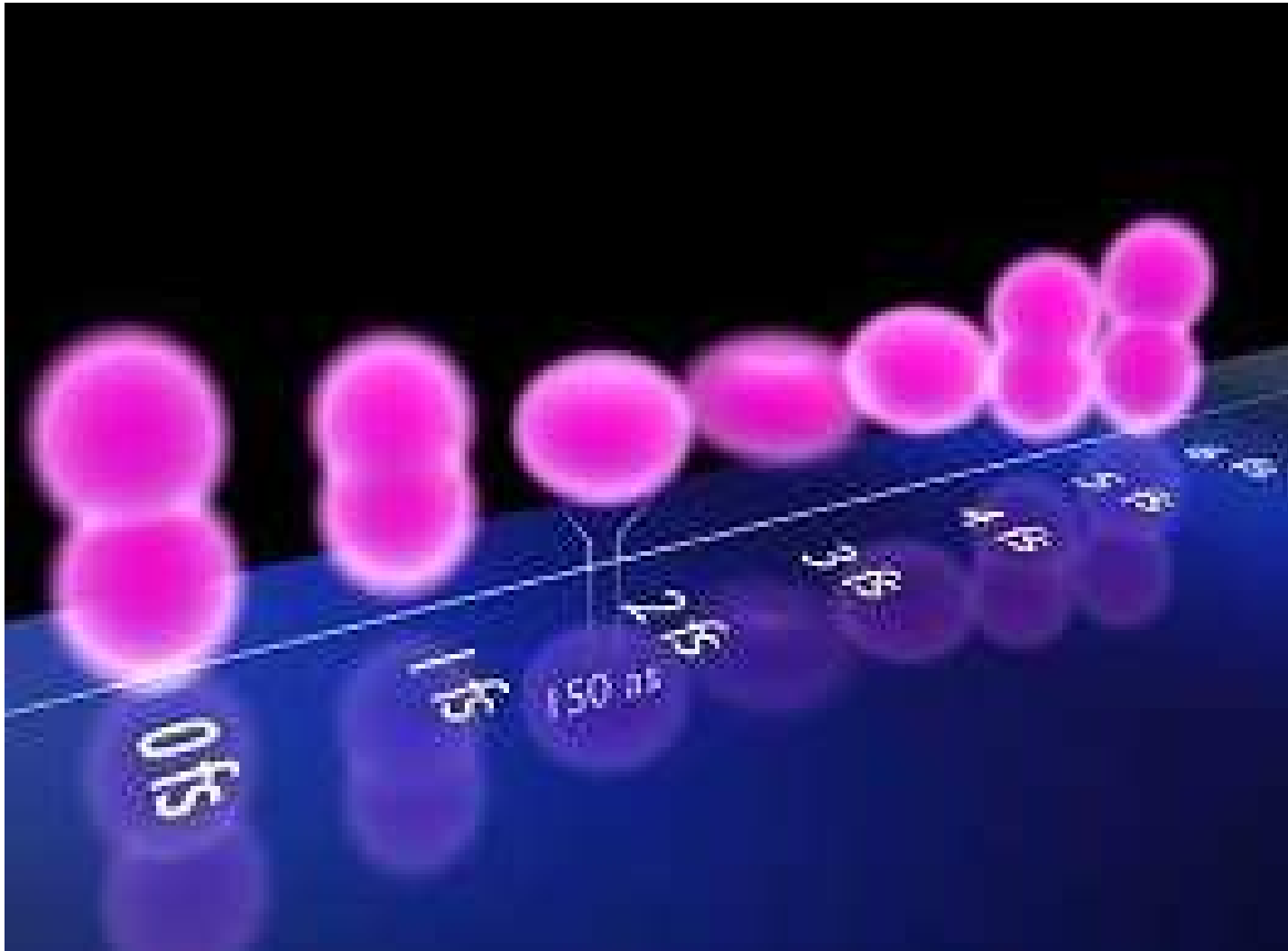


Zewail *et al.*, 1990's

femtosecond chemistry: $1 \text{ fs} = 10^{-15} \text{ s}$

nuclear (atomic) motions

REAL-TIME DYNAMICS: ATTOPHYSICS



Corkum, Krausz, . . . , > 2000

attosecond physics: $1 \text{ as} = 10^{-18} \text{ s}$

electronic motions

THIS TALK IS ABOUT ...

① Electron dynamics (mostly light-driven)

- Methods

- Wavefunction-based: TD-CI, TD-CASSCF (=MCTDHF)
- Open-system density matrix based: ρ -TDCI

- Some applications

- Response to laser pulses
- Correlation and its control

② Nuclear dynamics (mostly for system-bath problems)

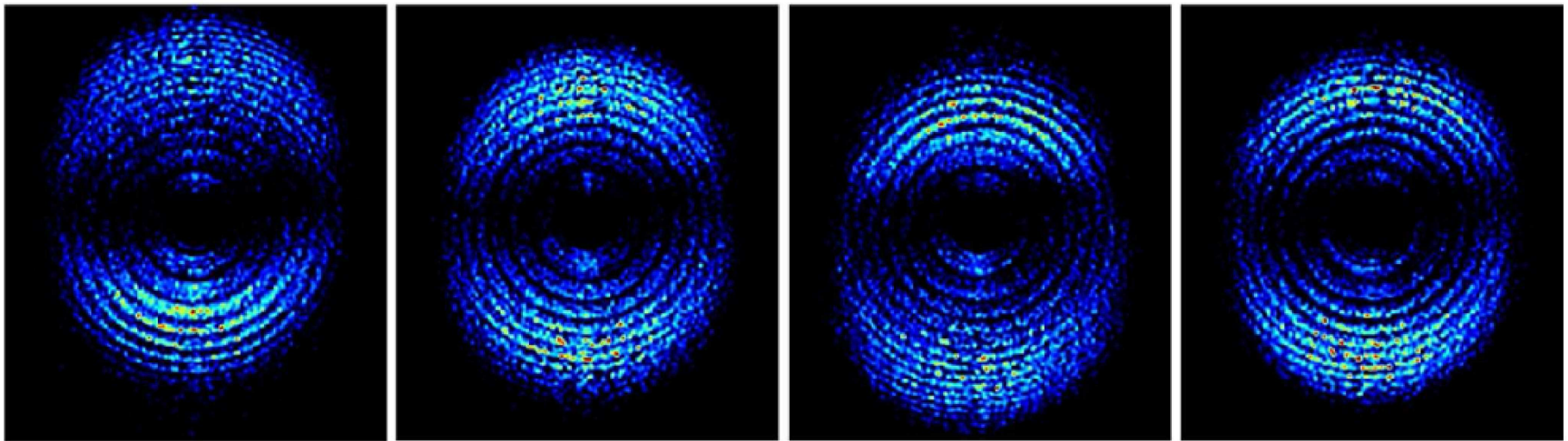
- Methods

- Wave-function based: MCTDH
- Open-system density matrix based: Lindblad approach

- Application

- Vibrational dynamics and relaxation

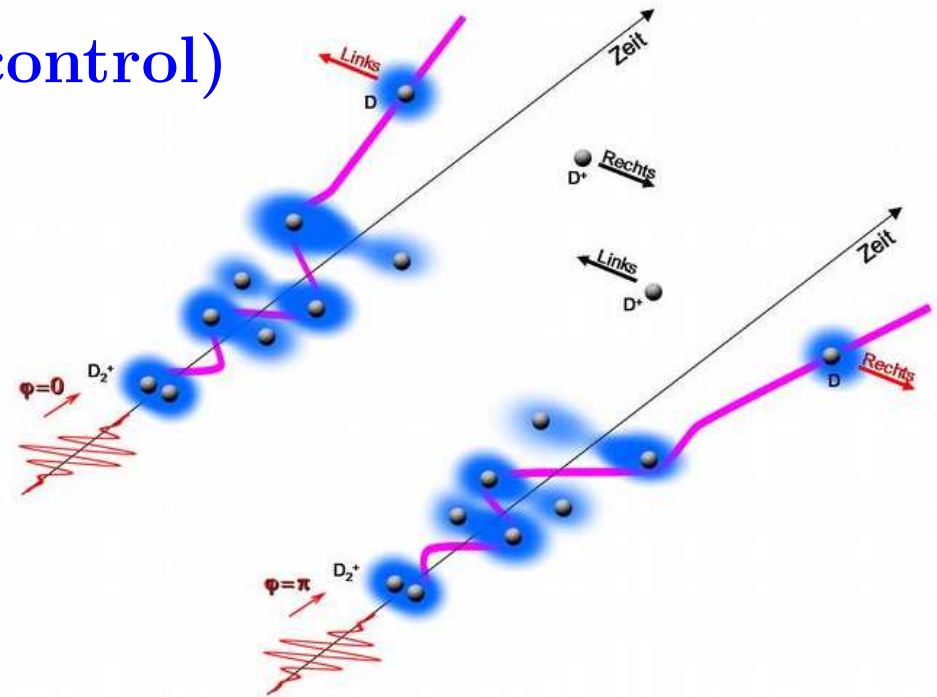
LASER-DRIVEN ELECTRON DYNAMICS



ELECTRON MOTION IN MOLECULES: LASERS

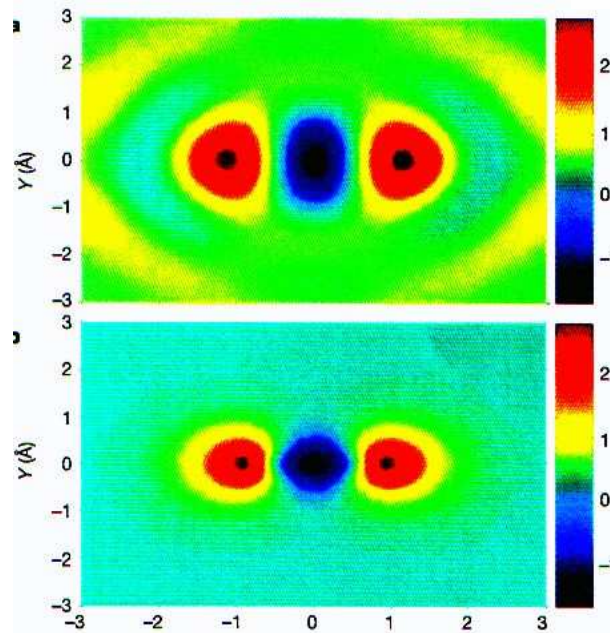
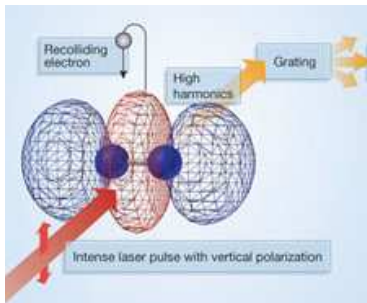
- Electronic wavepackets (and control)

dissociation of D_2^+



- HHG, orbital tomography

HOMO of N_2



Kling *et al.*, Science **312**, 264 (2006)

Corkum *et al.*, Nature **432**, 867 (2004)

LASERS AND ELECTRON DYNAMICS: METHODS

- The N-electron time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_N, t)}{\partial t} = \left[\hat{H}_{el}(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_N) - \hat{\underline{\mu}} \underline{E}(t) \right] \Psi(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_N, t)$$

- Solution techniques

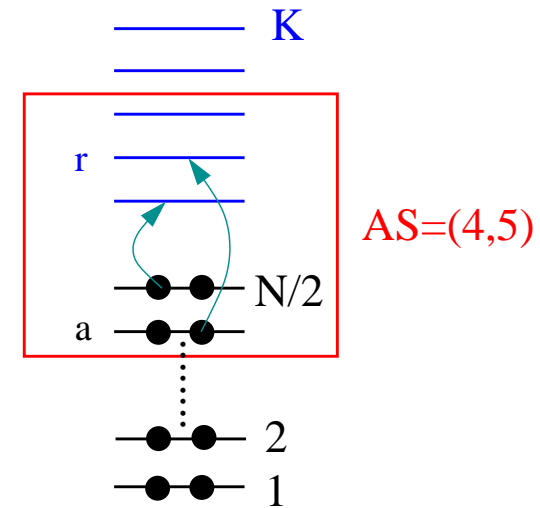
- One-electron approaches
- Single-determinant methods

- TD-HF: $\Psi(t) = \psi_0(t)$
- TD-DFT: $\Psi(t) = \psi_0^{KS}(t)$

- Multi-determinant methods

- TD-CI: $\Psi(t) = C_0(t)\psi_0 + \sum_{ar} C_a^r(t)\psi_a^r + \sum_{ab,rs} C_{ab}^{rs}(t)\psi_{ab}^{rs} + \dots$
- TD-CASSCF: $\Psi(t) = C_0(t)\psi_0(t) + \sum_{ar} C_a^r(t)\psi_a^r(t) + \sum_{ab,rs} C_{ab}^{rs}(t)\psi_{ab}^{rs}(t) + \dots$

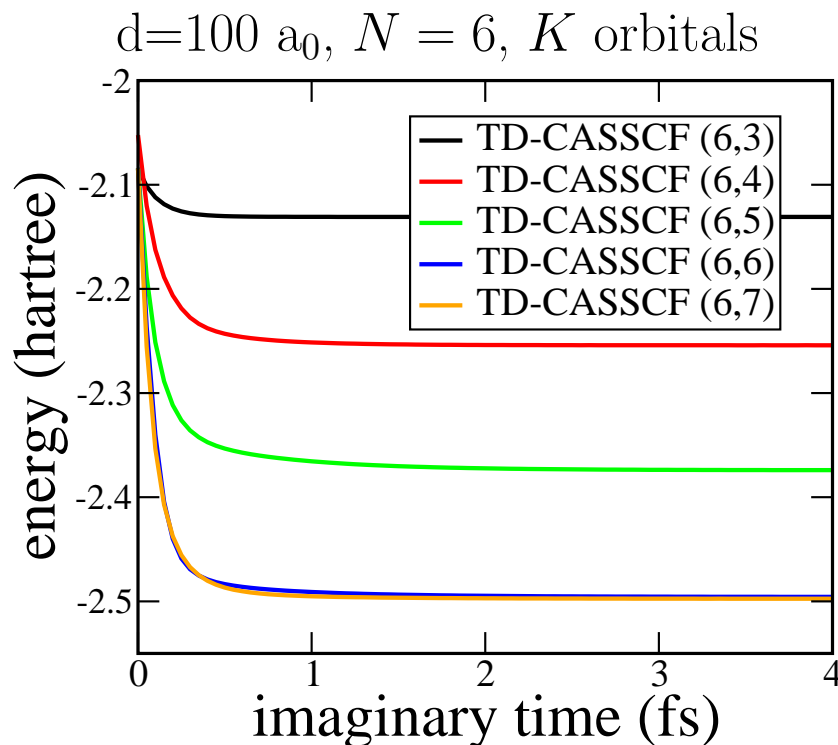
TD-CI: TD-CIS, TD-CIS(D), TD-CISD, ... TD-CISD.. **N=Full-CI (FCI)**
 TD-CASSCF(N,M): TD-CASSCF (N,N/2) = TD-HF, ..., TD-CASSCF(N,K) = **FCI**



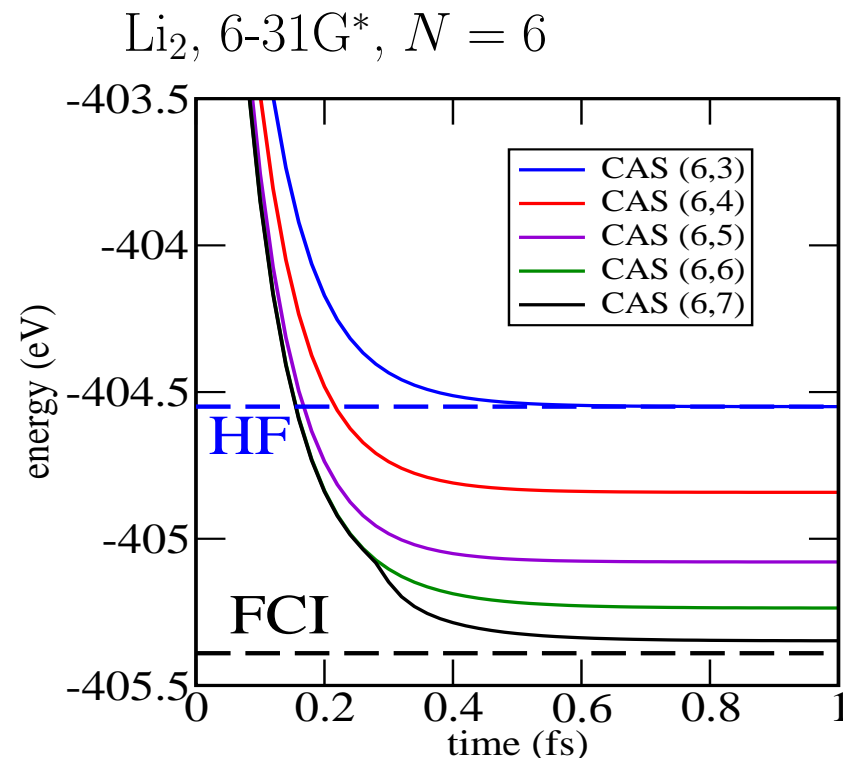
EXAMPLE: GROUND STATES FROM TD-CASSCF

- Dirac-Frenkel variational principle: $C(t)$, $\phi_n(t)$
- Imaginary-time propagation: TD-CASSCF(6,K)

1D jellium model



Molecules: LCAO-MO



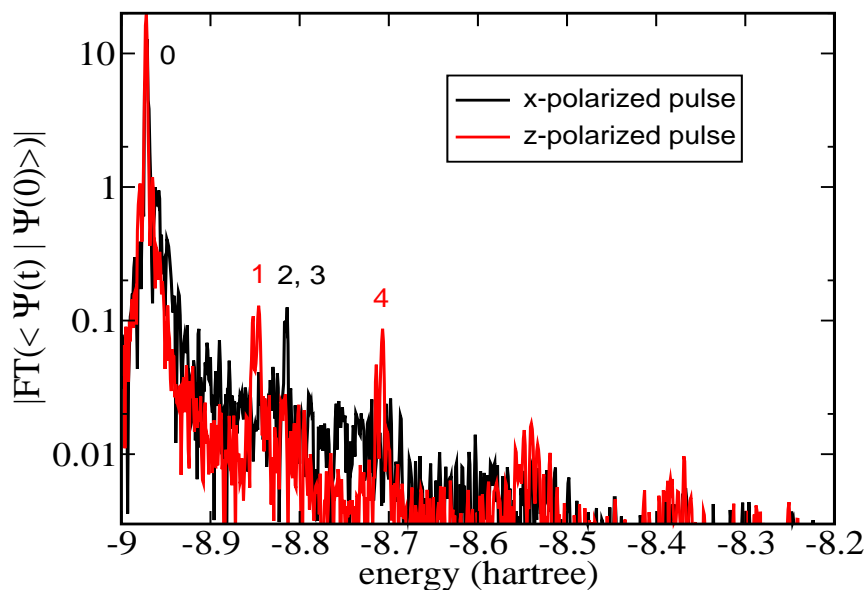
Convergence to Full-CI

EXCITED STATES FROM TD-CASSCF

- Excited states by real-time propagation

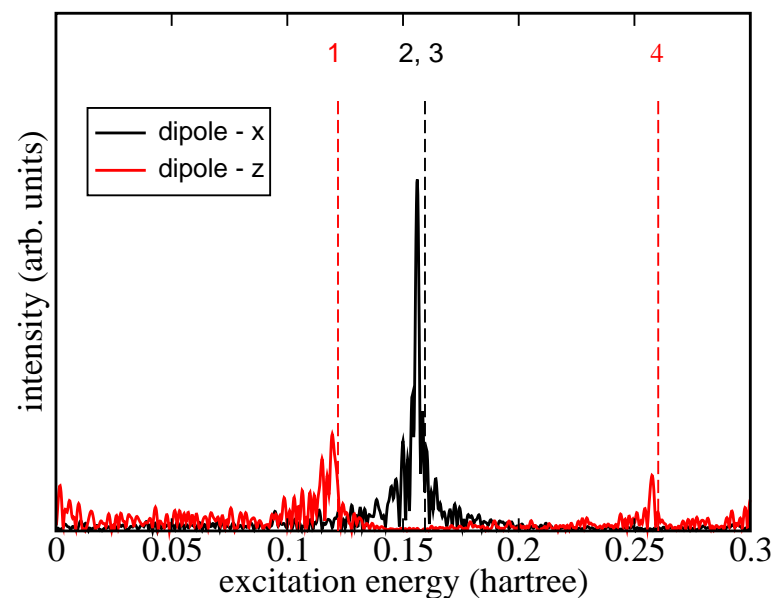
via FT of autocorrelation function

$$\langle \Psi(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle = \sum_n C_n^* C_n e^{-iE_n t / \hbar}$$



via FT of dipole moment

$$\langle \hat{\underline{\mu}} \rangle(t) = \sum_{n,m} C_n^* C_m e^{i(E_n - E_m)t / \hbar} \langle n | \hat{\underline{\mu}} | m \rangle$$

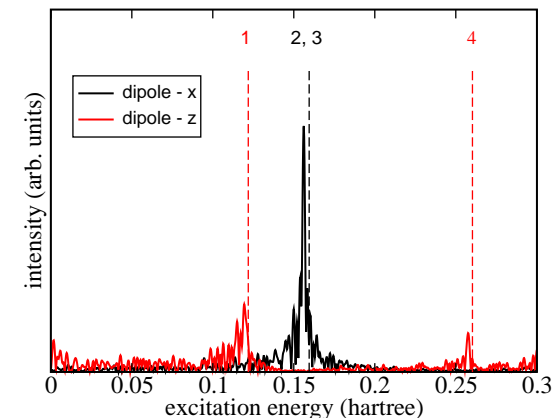
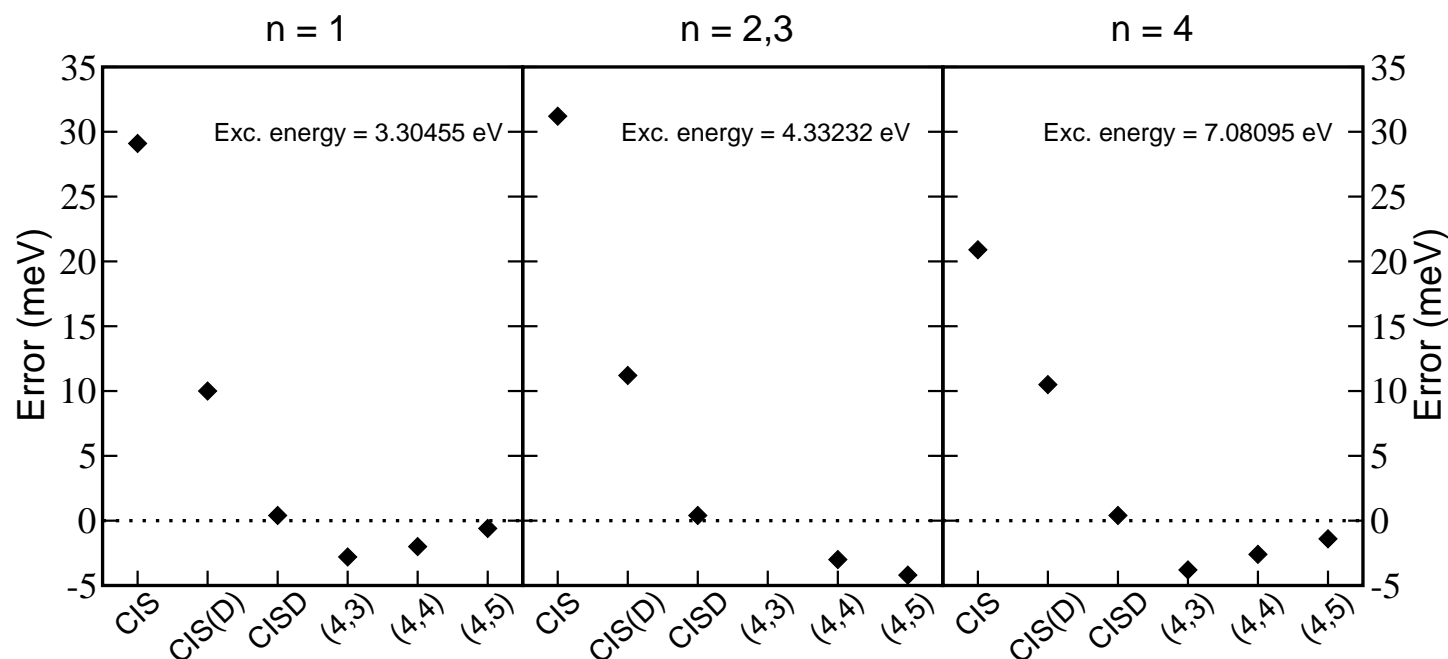


LiH molecule, TD-CASSCF(4,4)/6-31G*

EXCITED STATES FROM TD-CASSCF

- Excited states by real-time propagation

Performance of dipole method (LiH)



M. Nest, R. Padmanaban, PS, JCP **126**, 214106 (2007)

- Also: Pulsed laser-driven real-time dynamics

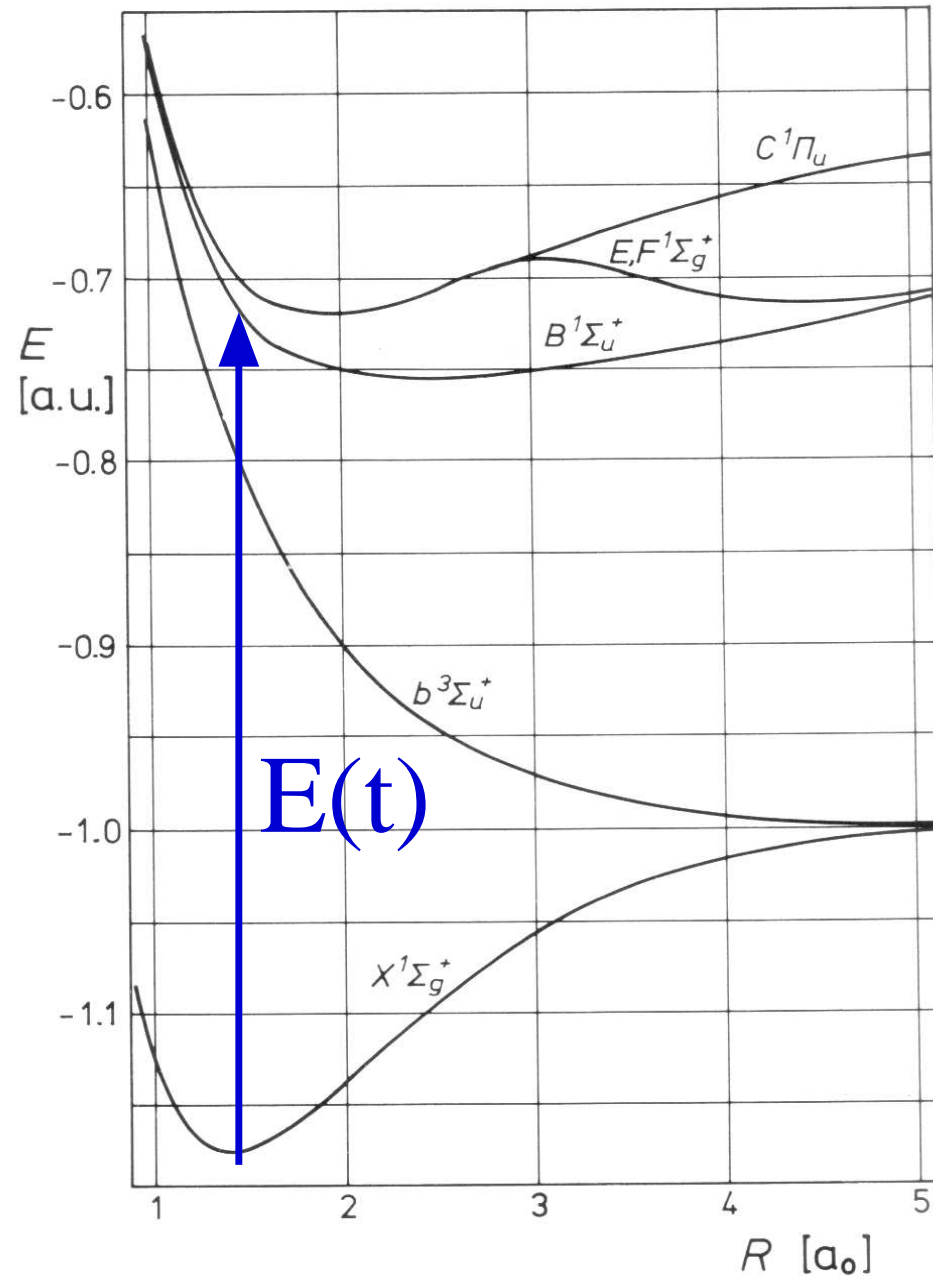
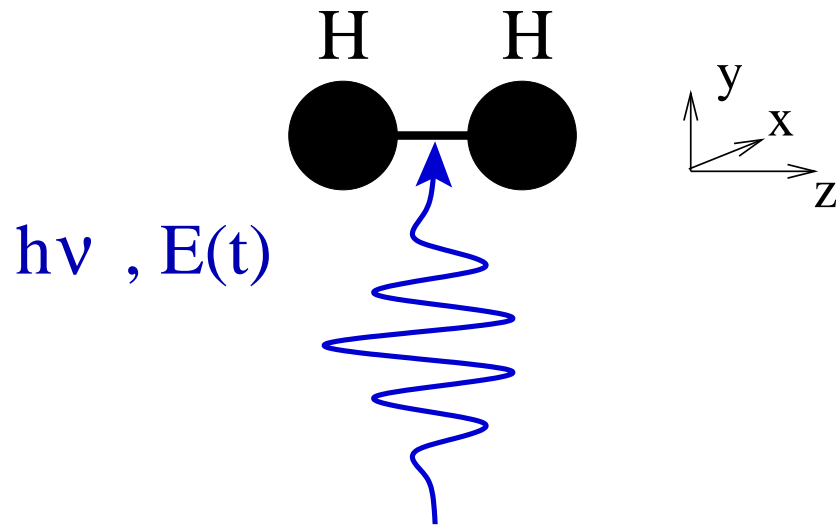
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RESPONSE TO LASER PULSES



A SIMPLE EXAMPLE: THE H₂ MOLECULE

- The potential curves

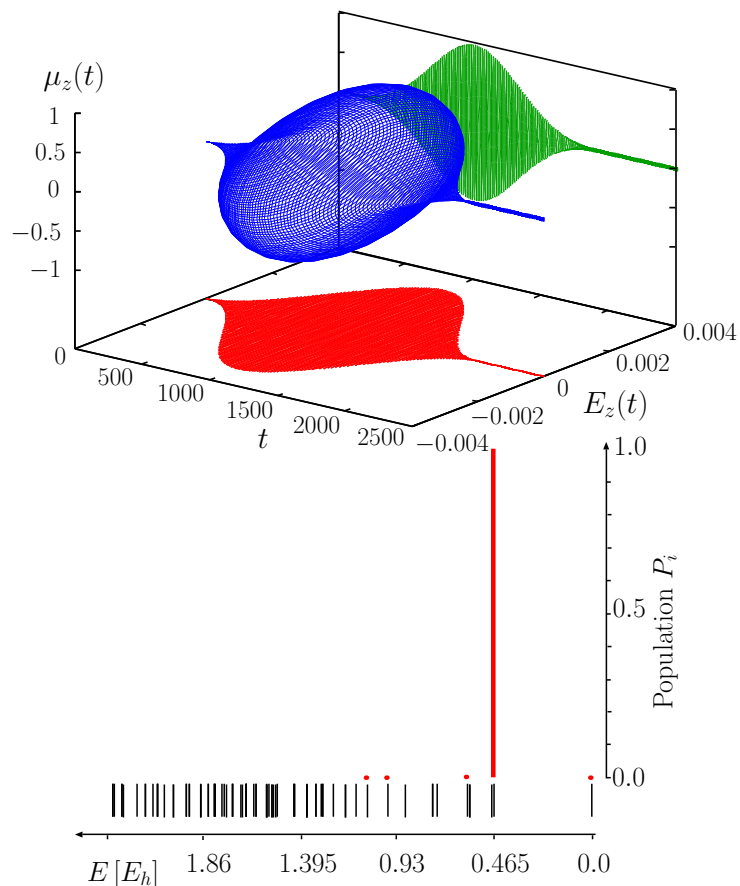


A SIMPLE EXAMPLE: THE H₂ MOLECULE

- **TD-CISD (=FCI) treatment:** aug-cc-pV5Z; $|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle$ laser excitation

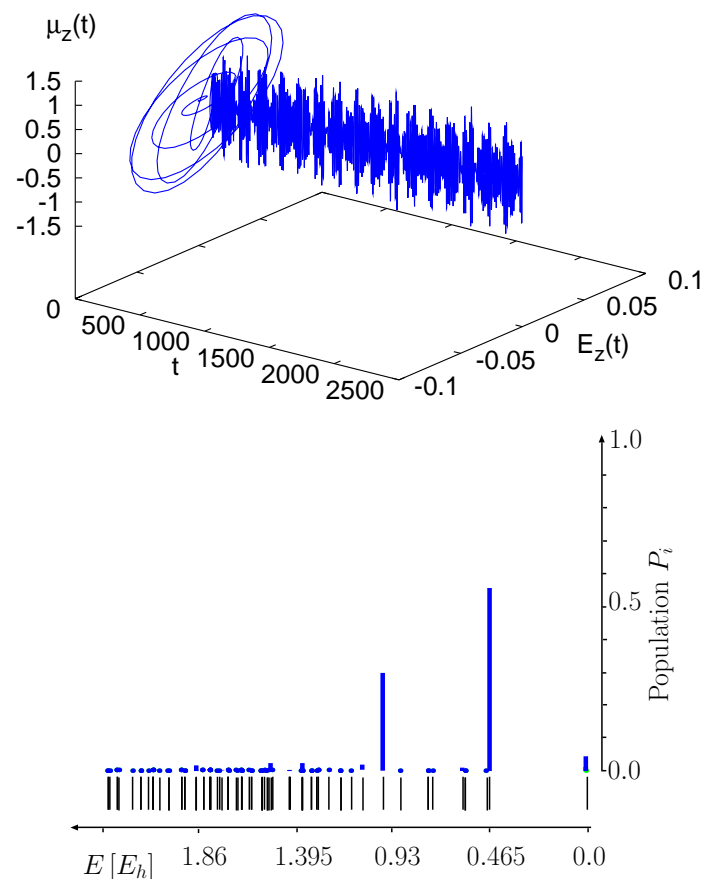
$\sin^2 \pi$ pulses $E_z(t) = E_0 \sin^2(\pi t/2\sigma) \cos(\omega_{10}t)$ with **FWHM σ**

“long pulse”: $\sigma = 1000 \hbar/E_h$



single-photon, state-to-state

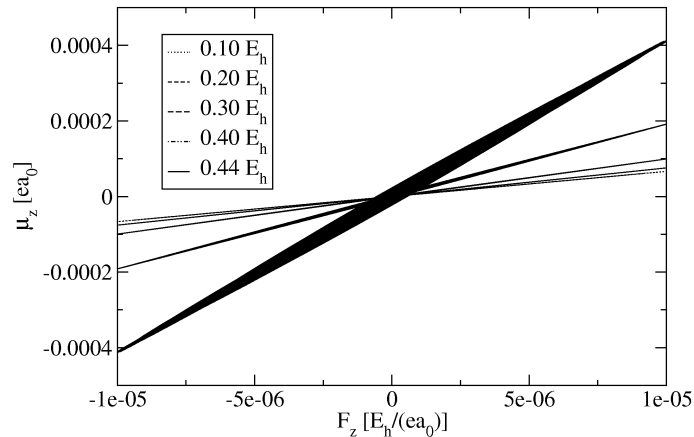
“short pulse”: $\sigma = 50 \hbar/E_h$



multi-photon, wavepacket

LINEAR RESPONSE: POLARIZABILITY OF H₂

• Strategy:

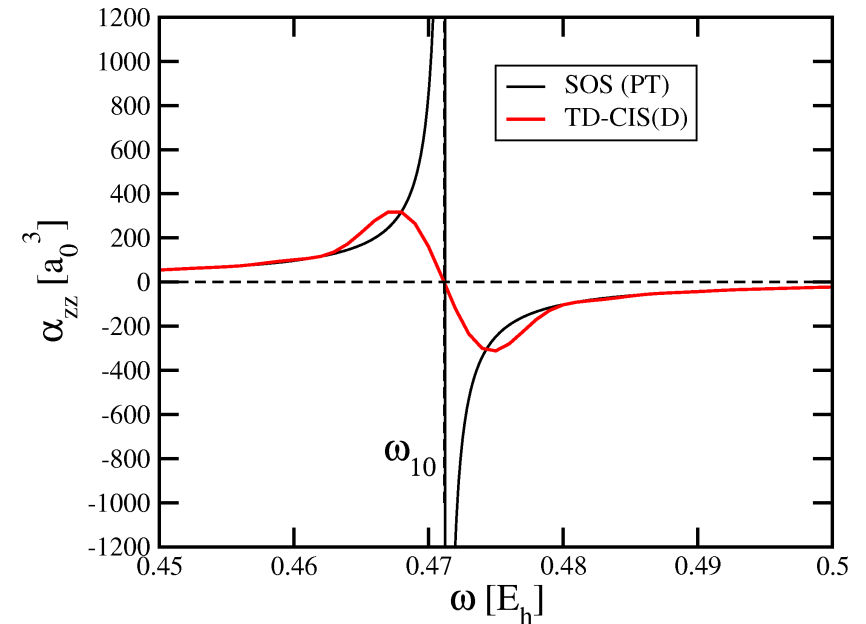


Kennlinien for H₂

Apply $E_q = E_{0q} \sin^2(\pi t/2\sigma) \cos(\omega t)$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_q^{ind} = \alpha_{qq'} E_{q'}$$

• Dynamic: $\omega \neq 0$



• Static: $\omega = 0$

	TD-CISD ^a	Exp.	Stat. QC ^b
$\alpha_{ }$	6.3989	6.303	6.3970
α_{\perp}	4.5845	4.913	4.5749

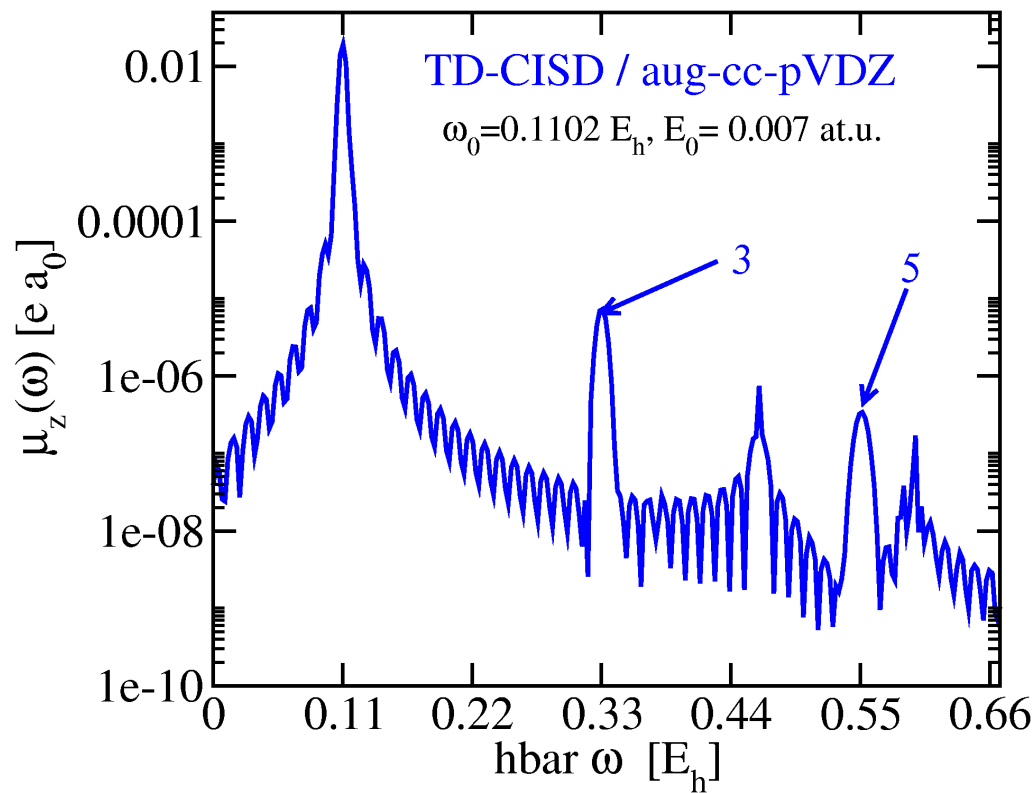
^a aug-cc-pVQZ; ^b FCI/aug-cc-pVQZ

$$\text{SOS: } \alpha_{zz} = 2 \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{\mu_{z,0n}^2 \omega_{n0}}{\omega_{n0}^2 - \omega^2}$$

NONLINEAR RESPONSE: HIGHER HARMONICS

$$E(t), \mu^{ind}(t) \longrightarrow \text{FT} \longrightarrow \mu^{ind}(\omega), E(\omega)$$

- **H₂: Higher harmonics**



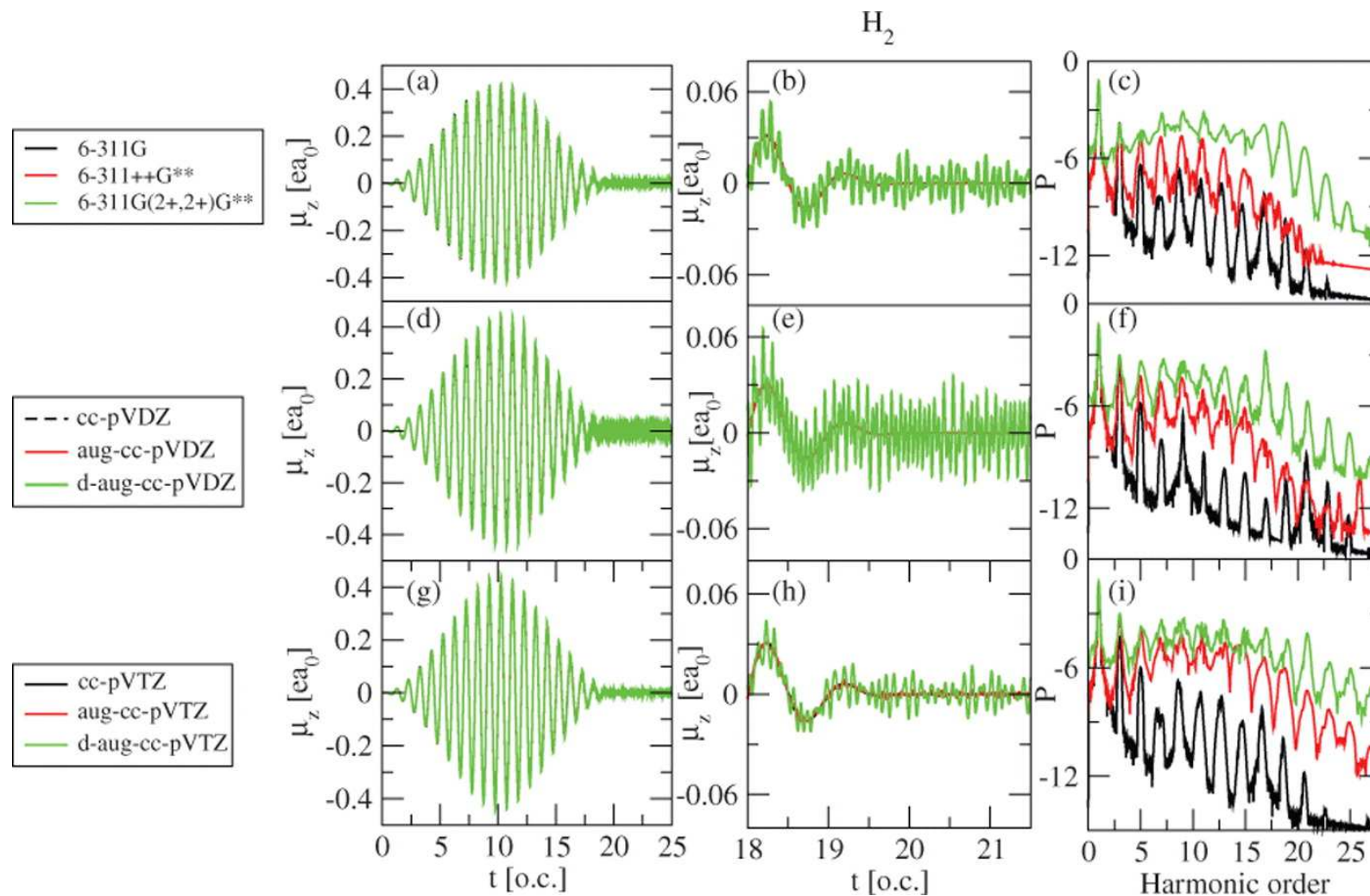
only odd

1HG: polarizability $\alpha_{zz}(-\omega, \omega)$
3HG: 2nd hyperpolariz. $\gamma_{zzzz}(-3\omega, \omega, \omega, \omega)$
5HG: 4th hyperpolarizability ...

crossed fields: elements, *e.g.* β_{xyz}

NONLINEAR RESPONSE: HIGHER HARMONICS

- H_2 HHG: The role of diffuse functions



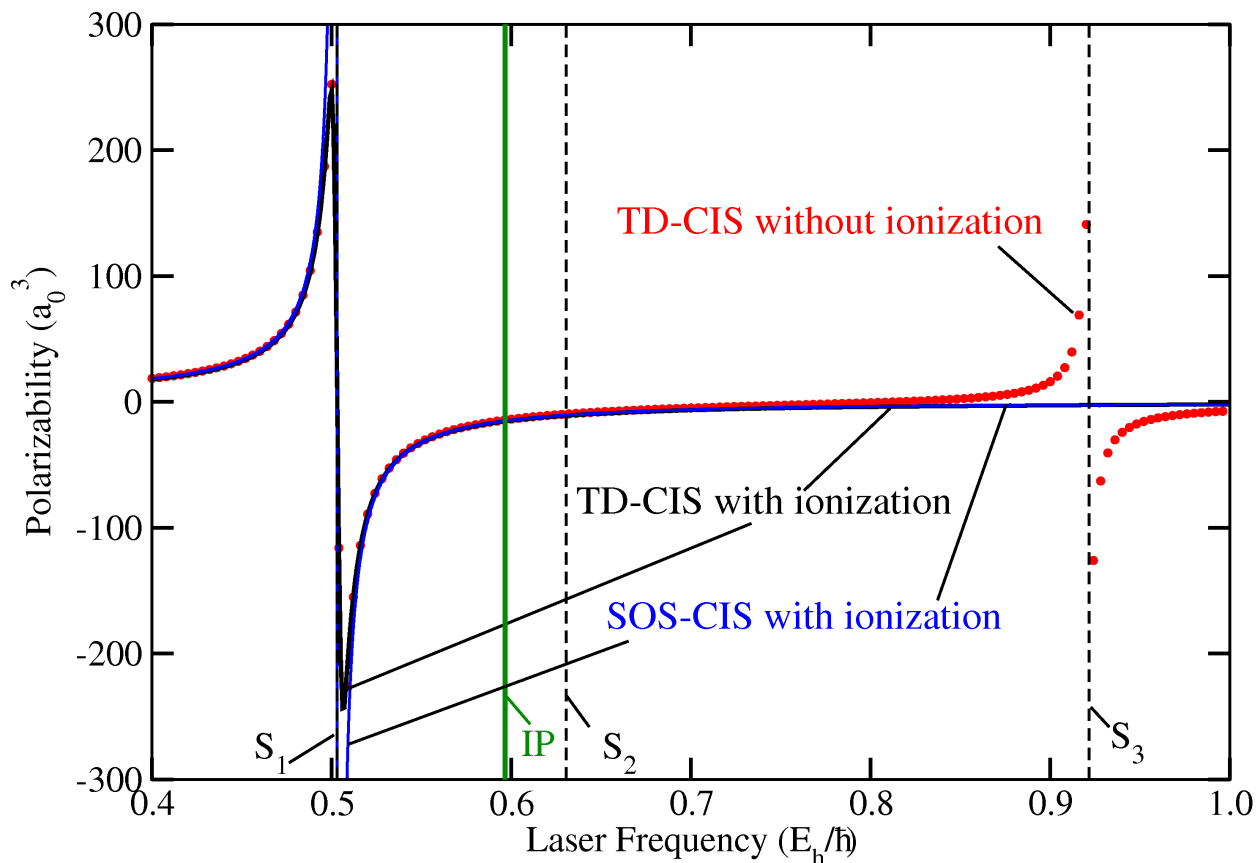
HHG cutoff region requires diffuse functions

INCLUSION OF IONIZATION

- Ionization in TD-CI

$$E_n \rightarrow E_n - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_n$$

- Polarizability H_2 , bound \rightarrow bound/unbound transitions

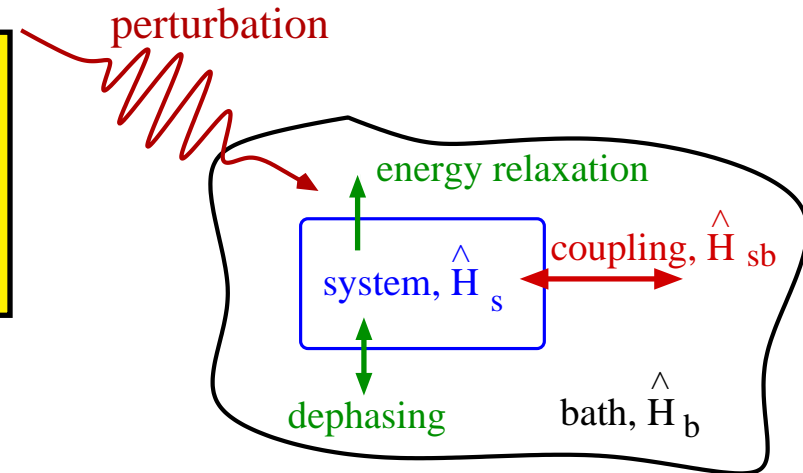


TD-CIS/cc-pVTZ
 $\sigma = 2000 \hbar/E_h$

INCLUSION OF DISSIPATION: ρ -TDCI

- Liouville-von Neumann equation for laser-driven electrons

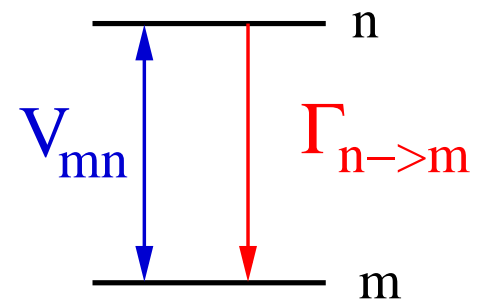
$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = \underbrace{-\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_{el} - \hat{\underline{\mu}} \underline{E}(t), \hat{\rho}]}_{\text{system}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} \right)_D}_{\text{dissipation}}$$



- Lindblad dissipation, CI eigenstate basis: “ ρ -TDCI”

Populations: Diagonal elements of system density operator $\hat{\rho}$

$$\frac{d\rho_{nn}}{dt} = \sum_p \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} [V_{np}(t)\rho_{pn} - \rho_{np}V_{pn}(t)] + (\Gamma_{p \rightarrow n}\rho_{pp} - \Gamma_{n \rightarrow p}\rho_{nn}) \right]$$



dipole coupling $V_{mn}(t) = -\underline{\mu}_{mn} \underline{E}(t)$

energy relaxation rates $\Gamma_{n \rightarrow m}$

dephasing enters $\dot{\rho}_{mn}$ via dephasing rates γ_{mn}

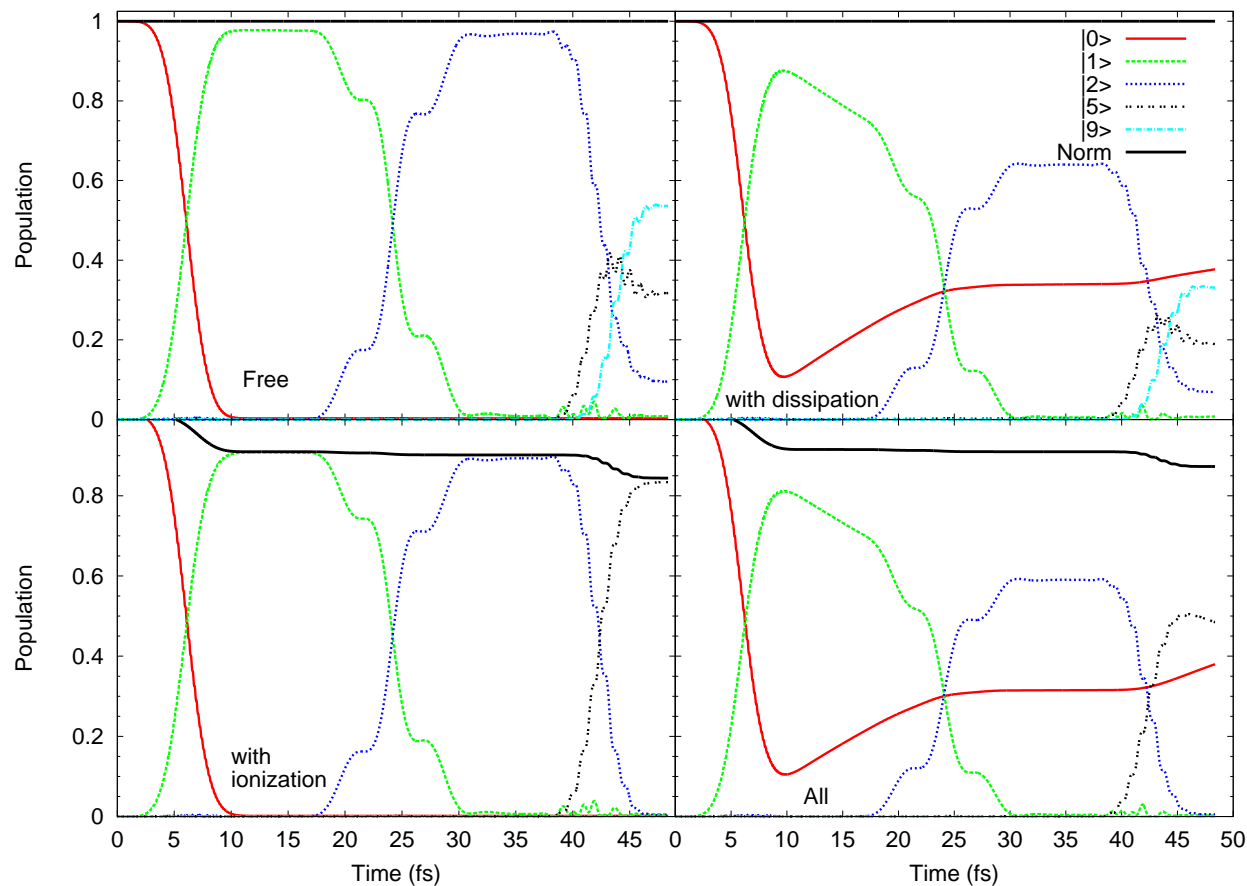
INCLUSION OF IONIZATION AND DISSIPATION

- The ρ -TD-CI method, and inclusion of ionization

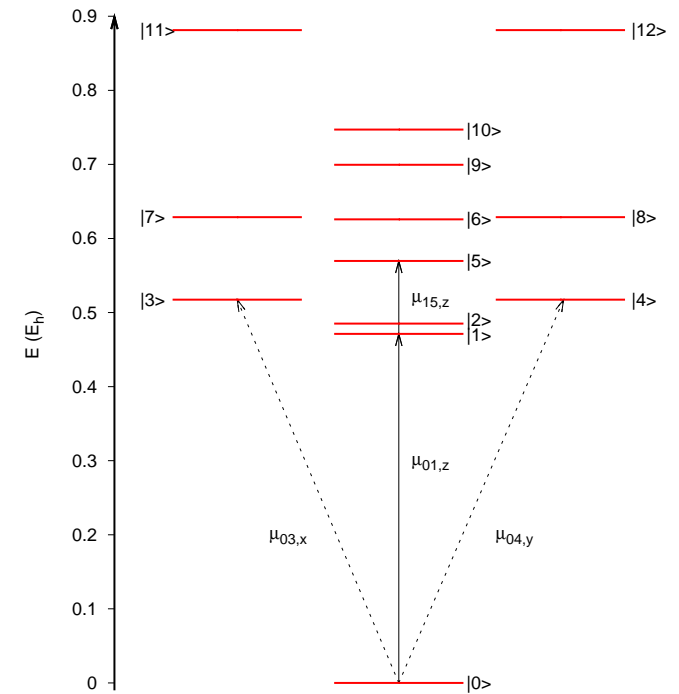
LvN equation

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[\left(\hat{H}_{el} - i\hat{W} \right) - \underline{\hat{\mu}} \underline{E}(t), \hat{\rho} \right] + \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{D}} \hat{\rho}$$

- Excitation of H_2 , bound \rightarrow bound transition



$|0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle \rightarrow |2\rangle \rightarrow |5\rangle$
 $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 = 500 \hbar / E_h$
 TD-CIS(D)/aug-ccpVQZ



TIME-DEPENDENT ELECTRON CORRELATION

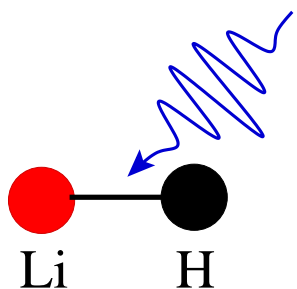


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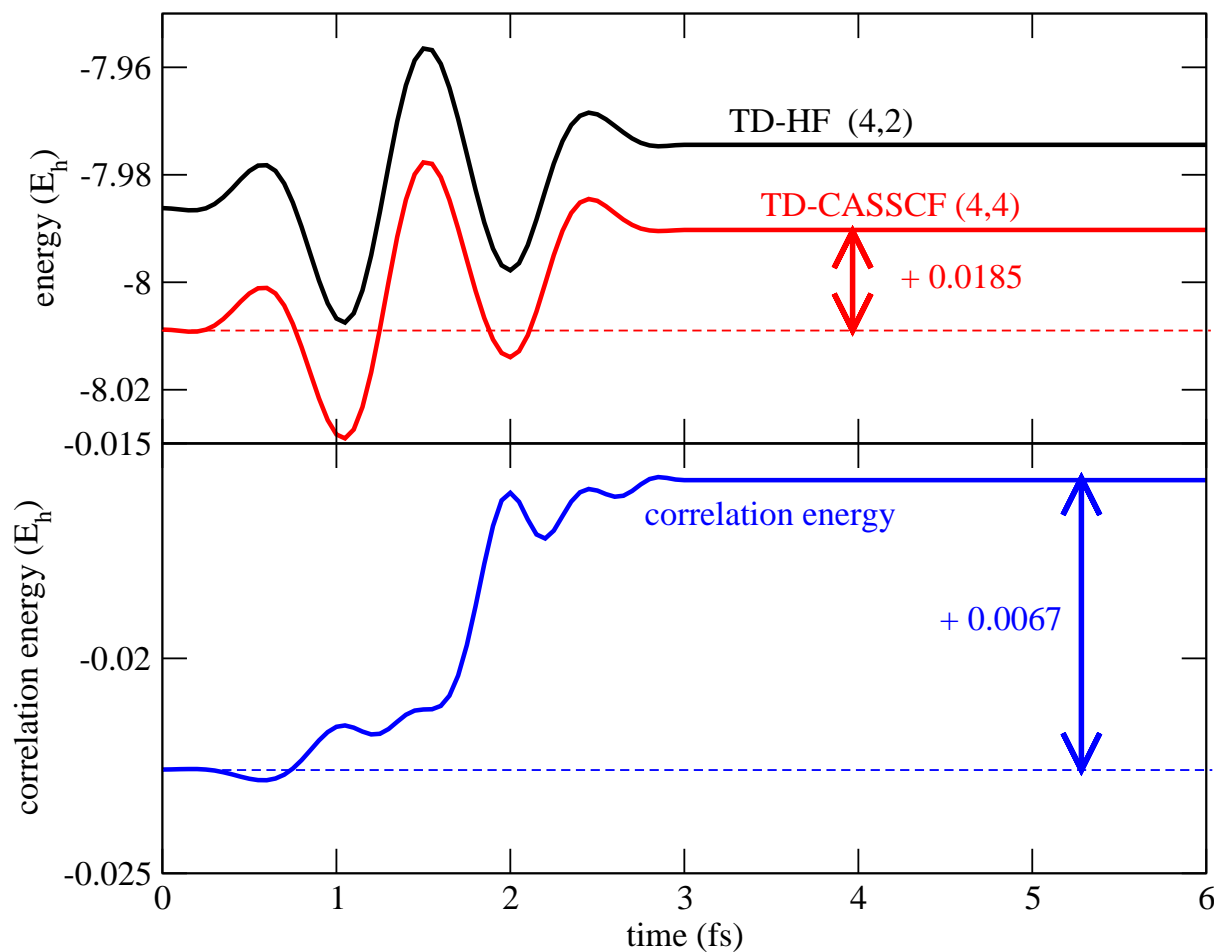
- Time-dependent correlation energy

LiH, TD-CASSCF(4,n)/6-311++G(2df,2p)

\sin^2 pulse, 3fs, $E_0 = 0.01$, $\omega = 0.15$



$$E_{\text{corr}}(t) = E(t) - E_{\text{HF}}(t)$$



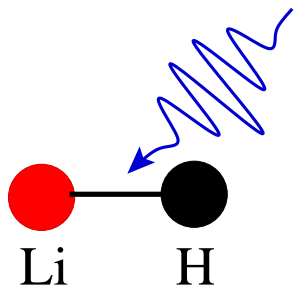
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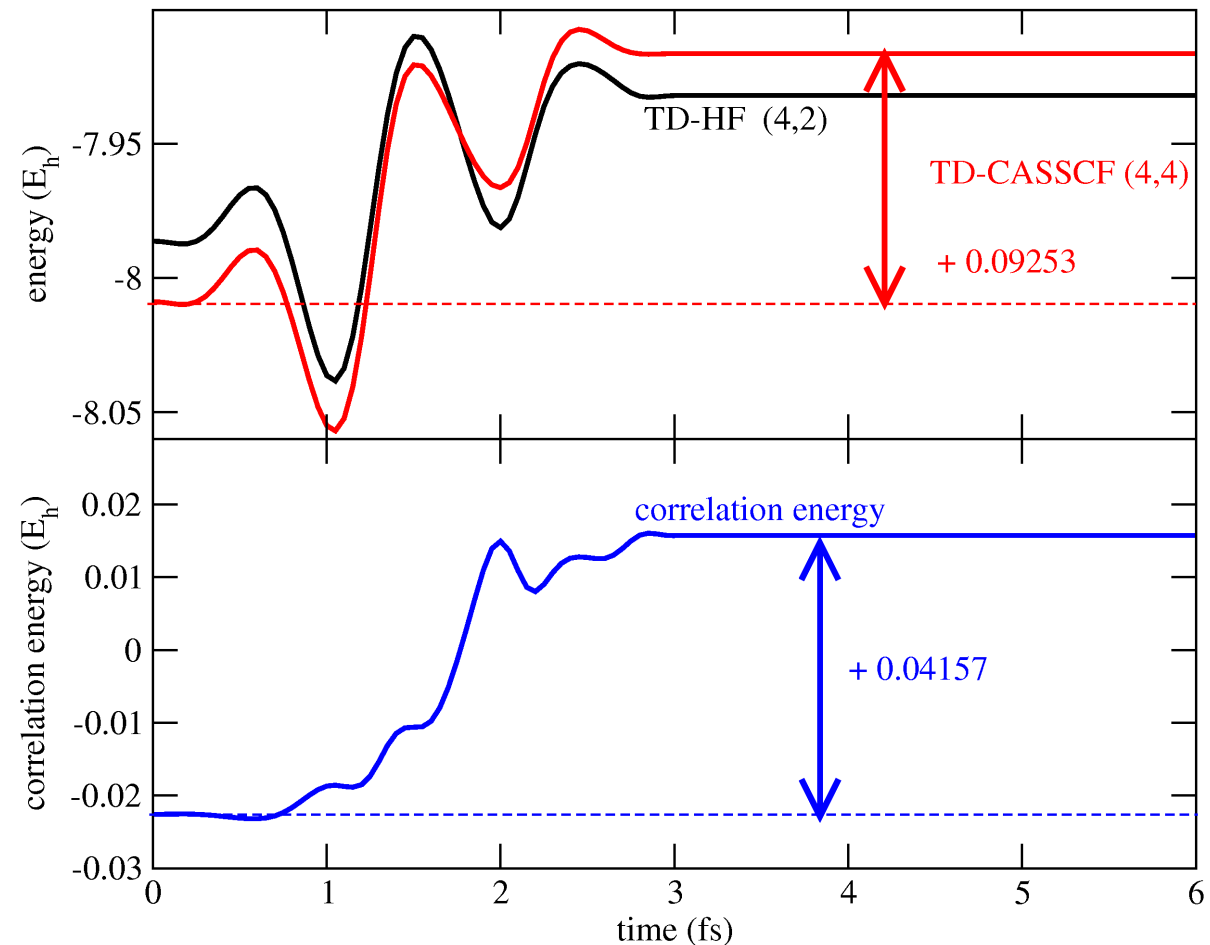
- Time-dependent correlation energy

LiH, TD-CASSCF(4,n)/6-311++G(2df,2p)

\sin^2 pulse, 3fs, $E_0 = 0.025$, $\omega = 0.15$



$$E_{\text{corr}}(t) > 0 !!$$



Nest, PS, unpublished

ELECTRON CORRELATION: OTHER MEASURES

- One-electron entropy S and “quantum impurity” C

$$S = -k_B \operatorname{Tr} \left(\underline{\underline{\gamma}} \ln \underline{\underline{\gamma}} \right)$$

$$C = 1 - \frac{1}{N} \operatorname{Tr} \left(\underline{\underline{\gamma}}^2 \right)$$

$$\gamma_{ij} = \int d1 \, d1' \, \chi_i^*(1) \, \gamma(1, 1') \, \chi_j(1') \quad \text{1-density matrix (HF orbital basis)}$$

- H_2 minimal basis, dynamics of a Hartree-Fock state

- Full-CI $^1\Sigma_g^+$ states $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$ from determinants $\psi_{HF} = |1\bar{1}\rangle, |\psi_{1\bar{1}}^{2\bar{2}}\rangle = |2\bar{2}\rangle$

$$|0\rangle = \cos(\beta/2) |1\bar{1}\rangle + \sin(\beta/2) |2\bar{2}\rangle \quad \text{energy} \quad E_0$$

$$|1\rangle = -\sin(\beta/2) |1\bar{1}\rangle + \cos(\beta/2) |2\bar{2}\rangle \quad \text{energy} \quad E_1$$

- Dynamics of an initial Hartree-Fock state

$$\psi(0) = \psi_{HF} = \cos(\beta/2)|0\rangle - \sin(\beta/2)|1\rangle$$

$$\psi(t) = e^{-iE_1 t/\hbar} \left(\cos(\beta/2) e^{i\omega_{10} t} |0\rangle - \sin(\beta/2) |1\rangle \right)$$

$$\omega_{10} = (E_1 - E_0)/\hbar$$

CORRELATION-DRIVEN ELECTRON DYNAMICS

- H_2 , minimal basis: Dynamics of a HF state

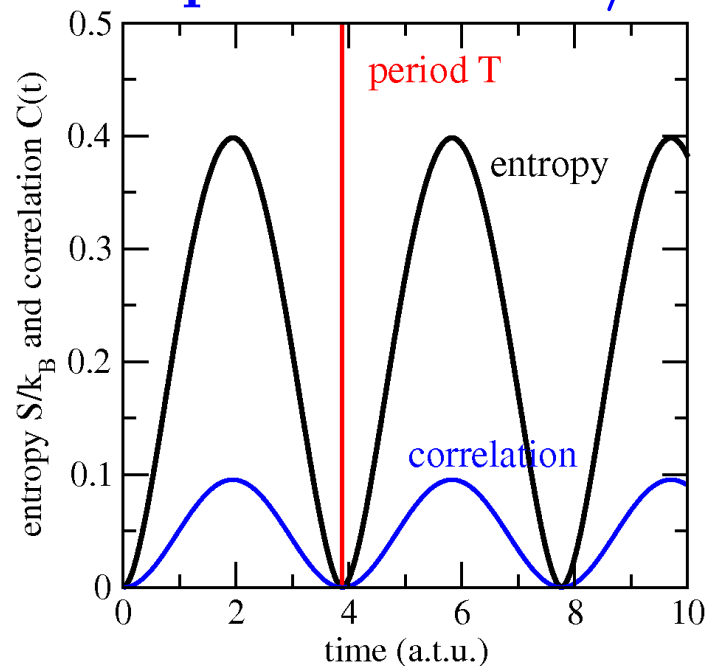
$$S/k_B = -2 \left[(k_1 - b(t)) \ln(k_1 - b(t)) + (k_2 + b(t)) \ln(k_2 + b(t)) \right]$$

$$C(t) = 1 - \left((k_1 - b(t))^2 + (k_2 + b(t))^2 \right)$$

$$k_1 = \cos^4(\beta/2) + \sin^4(\beta/2) \quad k_2 = 2 \sin^2(\beta/2) \cos^2(\beta/2)$$

$$b(t) = k_2 \cos(2\pi t/T)$$

- Example: TD-CID/STO-3G, $R=1.4 \text{ a}_0$



oscillation with period

$$T = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{E_1 - E_2}$$

ultrafast buildup of electron correlation

CORRELATION-DRIVEN ELECTRON DYNAMICS

- **H₂ molecule: More than two states**

TD-CISD/6-31G*: no field, $\psi(0) = \text{Hartree-Fock ground state}$

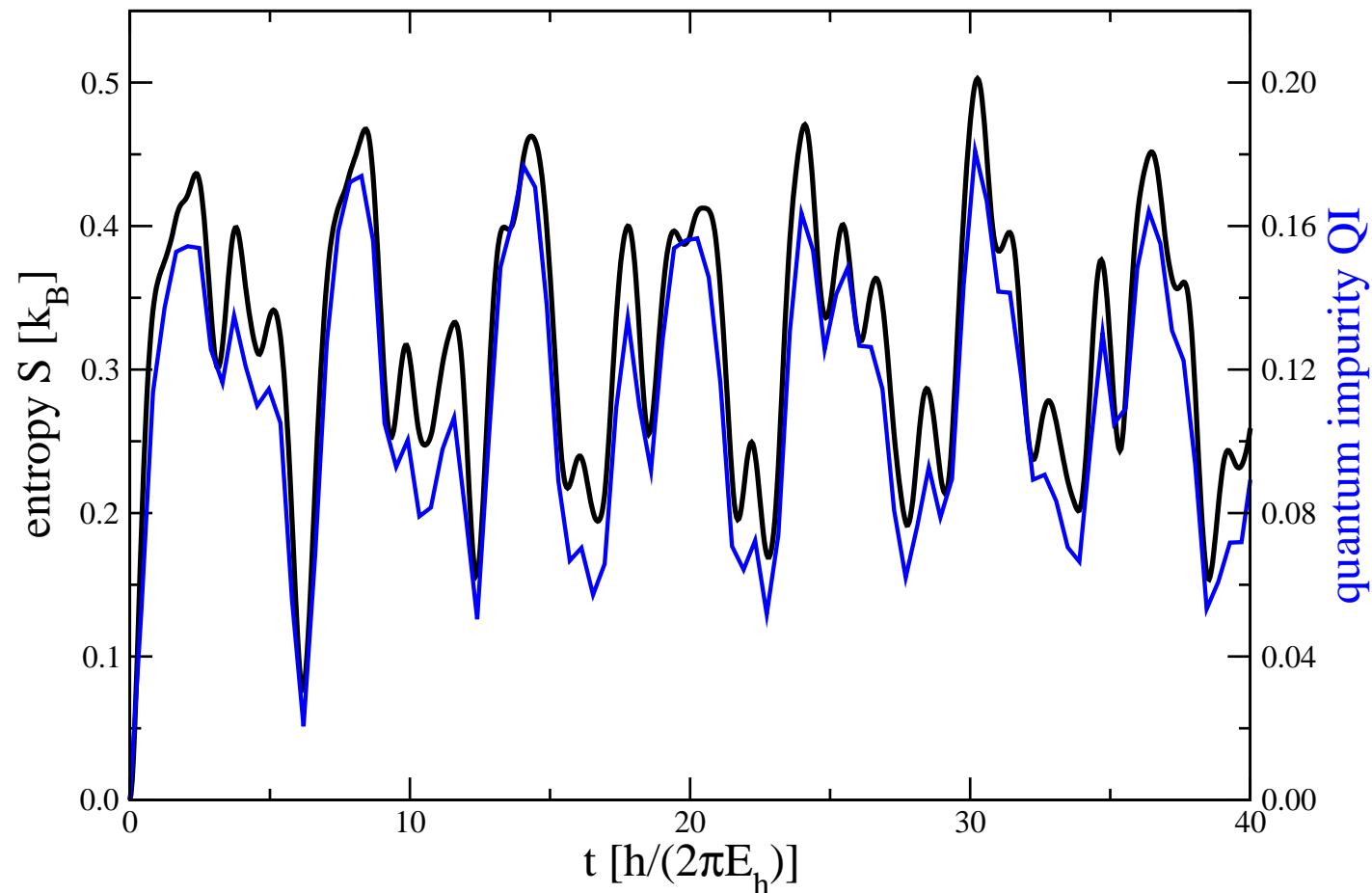
one-electron entropy S

$$S = -k_B \text{Tr} \left(\underline{\underline{\gamma}} \ln \underline{\underline{\gamma}} \right)$$

quantum impurity

$$C = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\underline{\underline{\gamma}}^2 \right)$$

(=“correlation”)



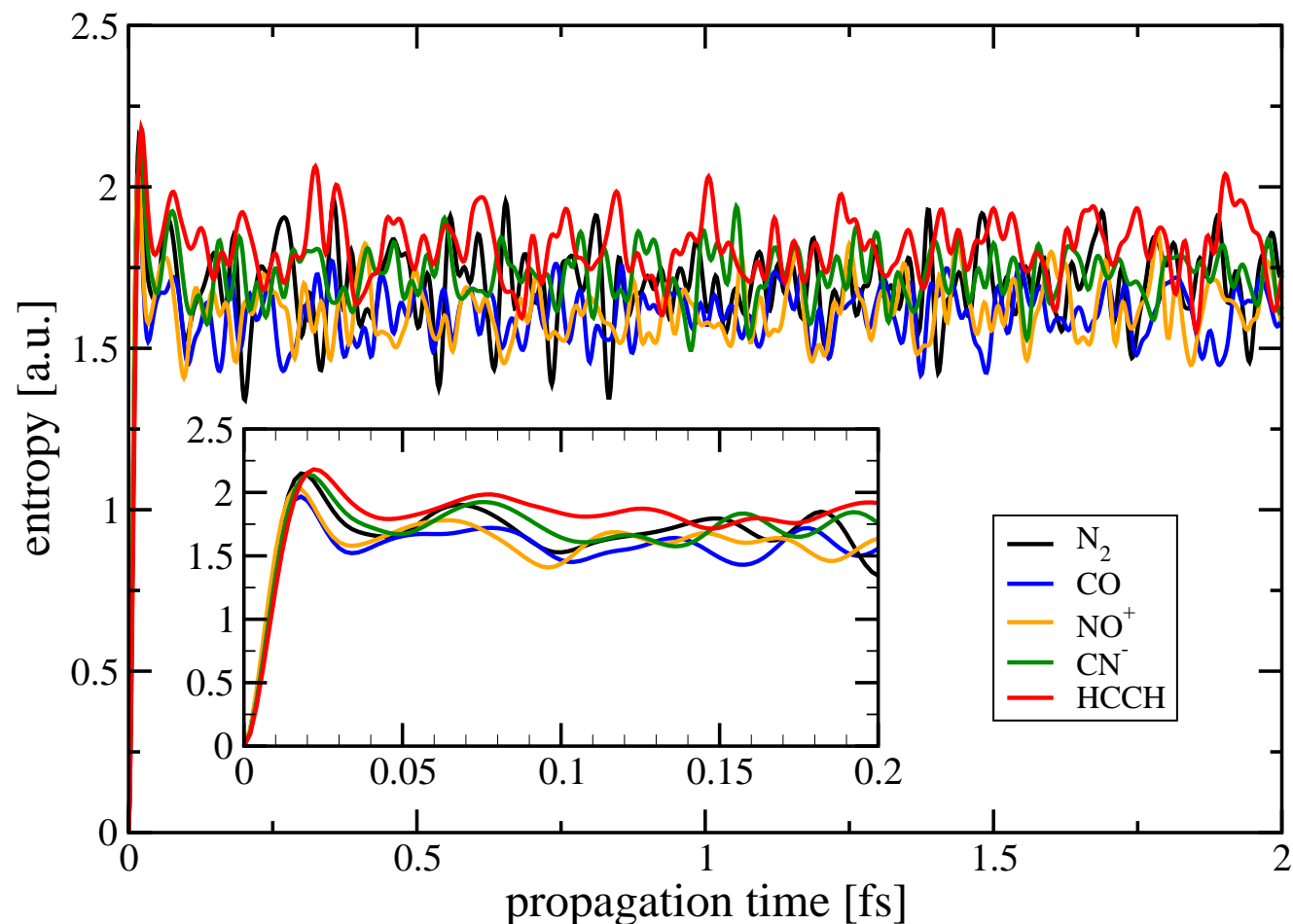
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ultrafast buildup of electron correlation

CORRELATION-DRIVEN ELECTRON DYNAMICS

- Correlation-driven electron dynamics: Other molecules

small molecules, TD-CIS/6-31G*: no field, $\psi(0) = \text{Hartree-Fock ground state}$



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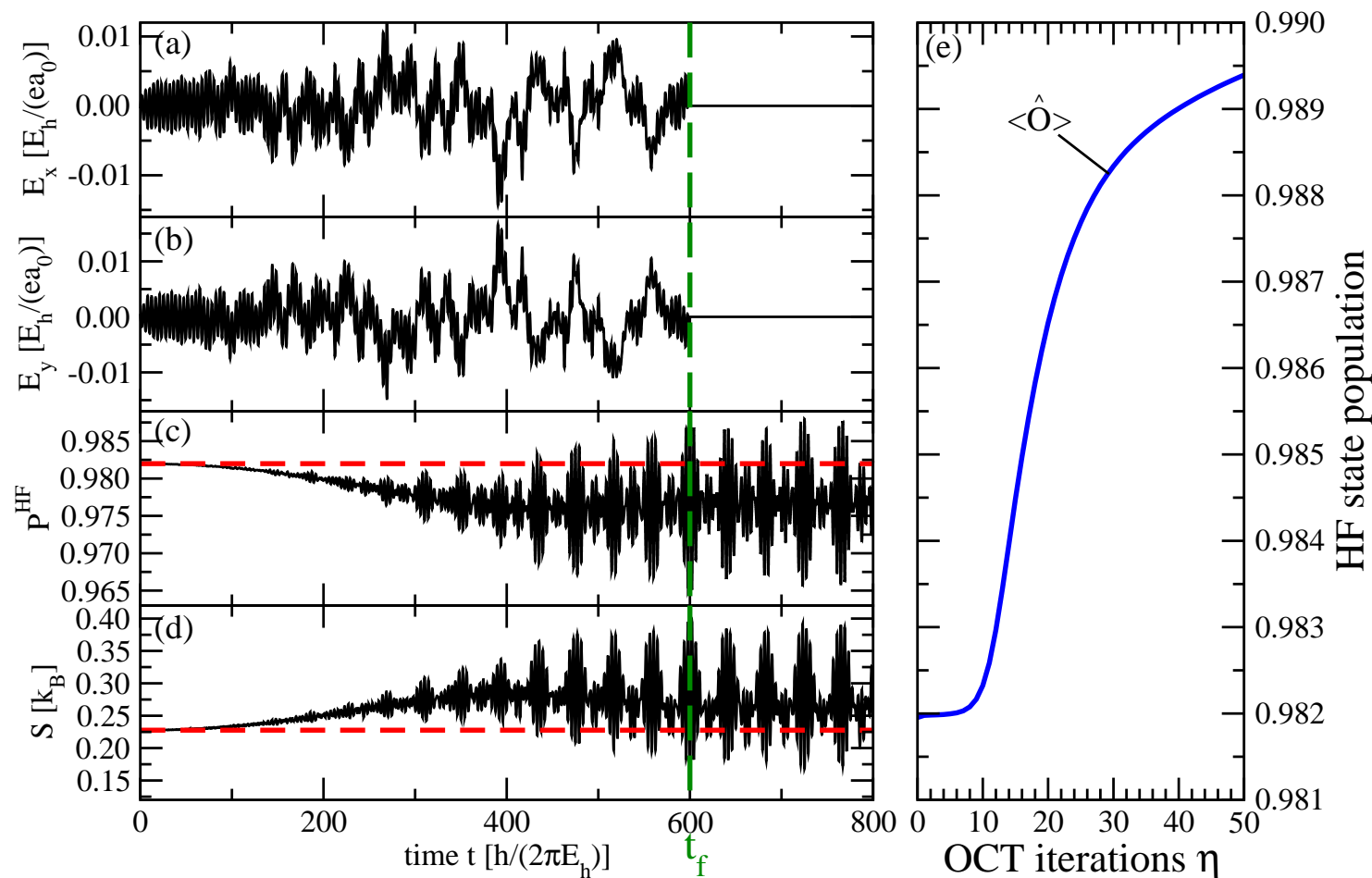
attosecond dynamics

creation of HF state?

ATTEMPTS TO BUILD A HF STATE

- Application of Optimal Control Theory

H₂, TD-CISD/cc-pVQZ with field, $\psi(0) = \text{CISD ground state}$ ($P_{HF} = 0.982$, $S = 0.23 k_B$)



Klamroth, Klinkusch, PS, unpublished

partial success

how to stabilize the low-entropy state?

OPTIMAL CONTROL THEORY

- Time-dependent Schrödinger equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi\rangle = \hat{H}_{el}(t) |\Psi\rangle \quad \text{forward from } t = 0, |\Psi(0)\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}_{el}(t) = \hat{H}_{el} - \hat{\mu}E(t)$$

- Maximize constrained target functional:

$$J = \langle \Psi(t_f) | \hat{O} | \Psi(t_f) \rangle - \alpha \int_0^{t_f} |E(t)|^2 dt - \int_0^{t_f} dt \langle \Phi(t) | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H}_{el}(t) \Psi(t) \rangle + c.c.$$

\hat{O} = target operator; α = penalty

- Lagrange function $\Phi(t)$: Backward propagation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Phi(t)\rangle = \left[\hat{H}_{el} - \hat{\mu}E(t) \right] |\Phi(t)\rangle \quad \text{backward from } t = t_f, |\Phi(t_f)\rangle = \hat{O} |\Psi(t_f)\rangle$$

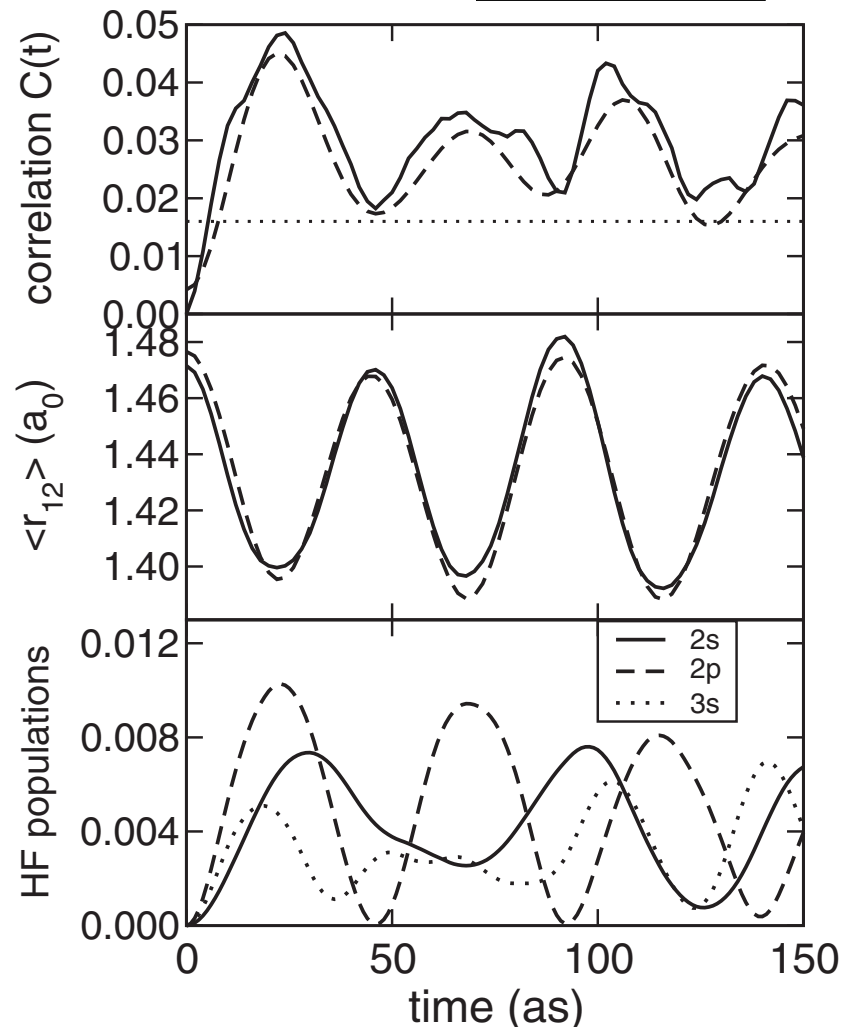
- Calculate field to self-consistency

$$E(t) = -\frac{1}{\hbar\alpha} \text{Im} \langle \Phi(t) | \hat{\mu} | \Psi(t) \rangle$$

CONTROLLING CORRELATION IN ATOMS

• He: HF state dynamics

TD-CISD/QZ basis, $\psi(0) = \psi_{HF}$



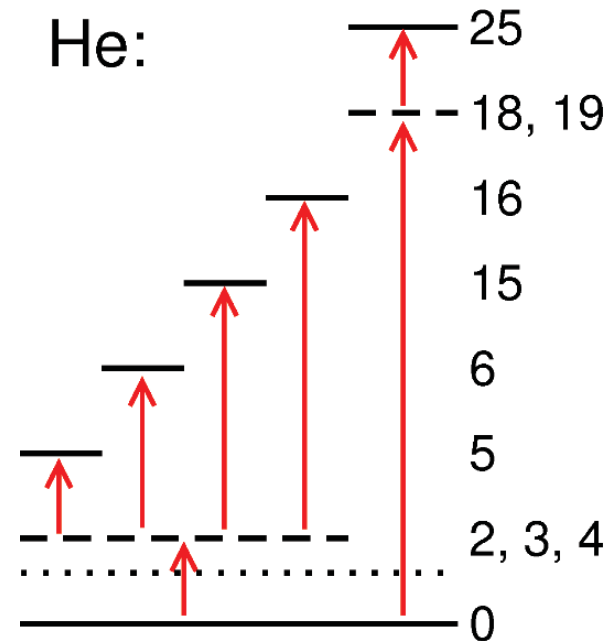
$T = 40$ as, “breathing” electrons

• Control Strategy

make approximate HF state

$$\psi_{HF} \sim \sum_{n=0,5,\dots,25} C_n \psi_n$$

from correlated ground state $\psi(0) = \psi_0$



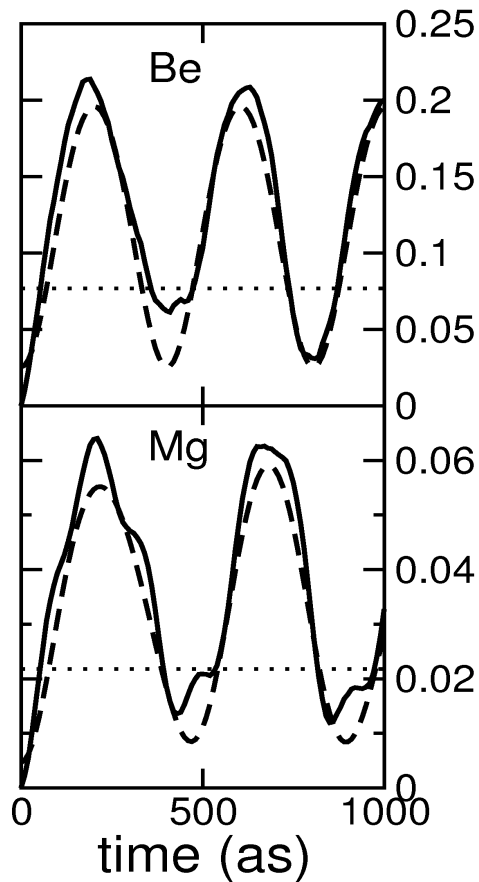
complicated, indirect, ionizing

M. Nest, M. Ludwig, I. Ulusoy, T. Klamroth, PS,
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CONTROLLING CORRELATION IN ATOMS

- Other atoms: Be, Mg
- Optimal control for Mg atom

TD-CISD, $\psi(0) = \psi_{HF}$

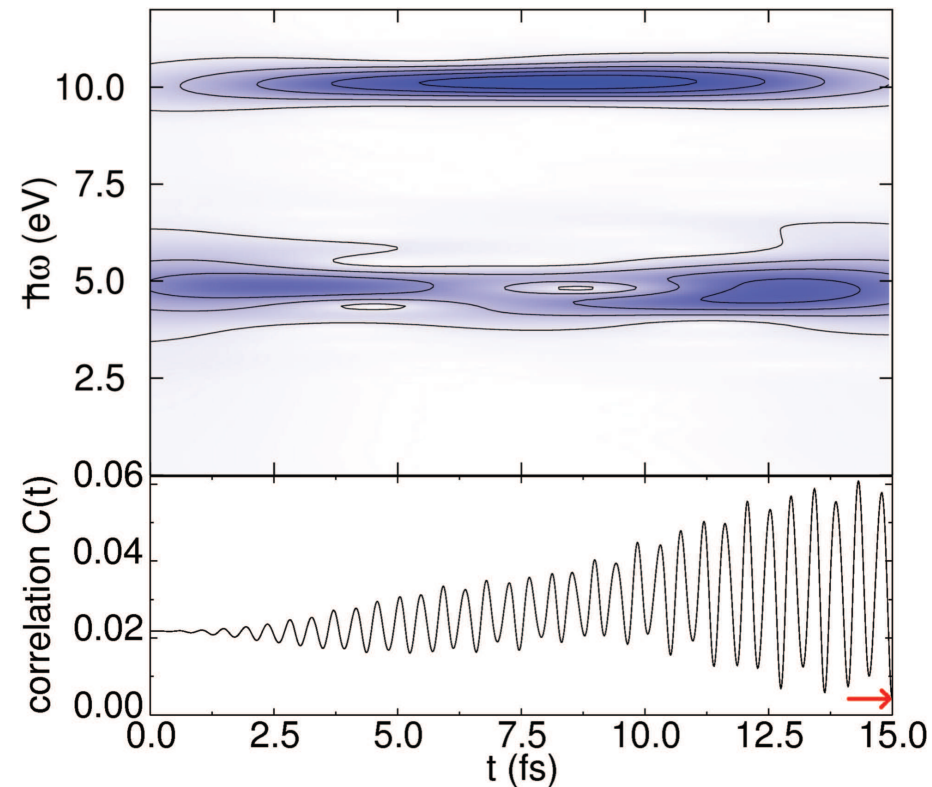
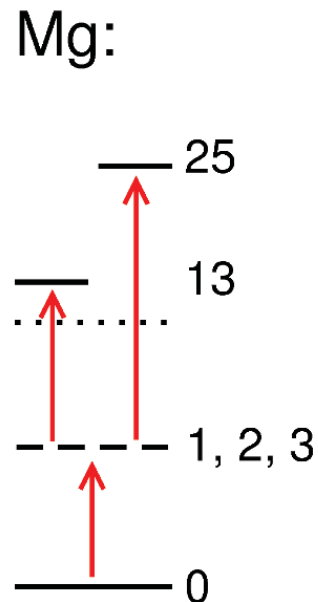


$(\text{ns}^2) \rightarrow \text{long } T$

make approximate HF state

$$\psi_{HF} \sim \sum_{n=0,13,25} C_n \psi_n$$

from correlated ground state $\psi(0) = \psi_0$



3-pulse strategy (15 fs) works

SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK: ELECTRONS

• Summary

- Electron dynamics in real time
- TD-CI, ρ -TD-CI, TD-CASSCF

• Response

• Time-dependent correlation

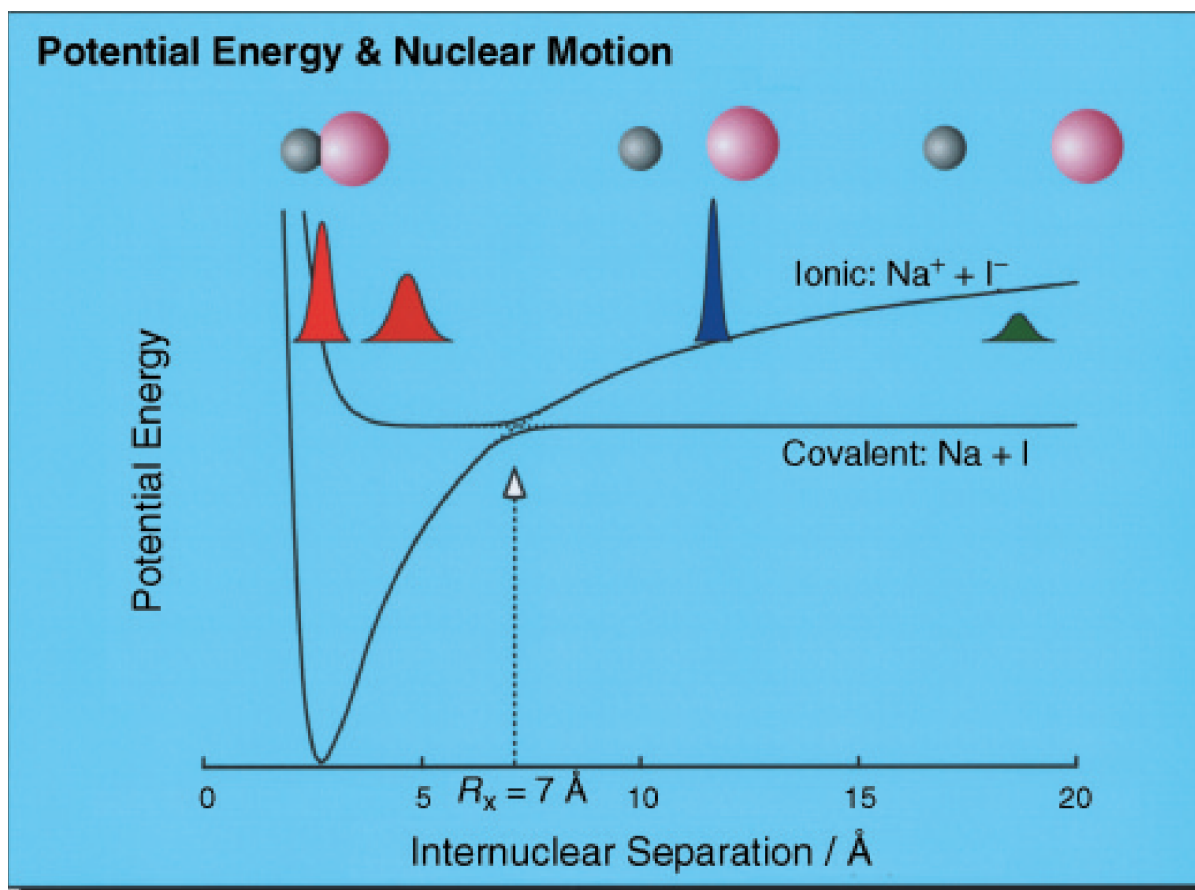
• Findings

- Ultrafast dynamics (and control)
- WF-based alternatives to TDDFT
 - systematically improvable
 - correct asymptotics
 - multi-determinant effects

• Outlook

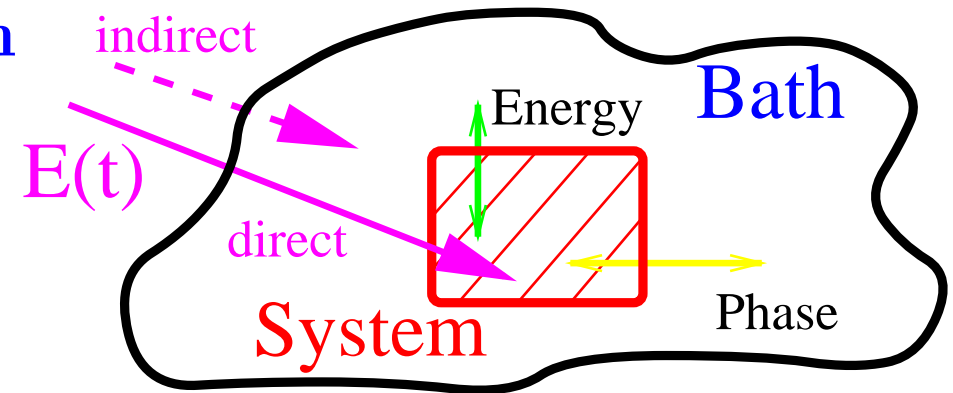
- Test of approximate methods, *e.g.* TD-DFT
- Treatment of ionization, nuclear motion
- Time-dependent Coupled Cluster

NUCLEAR (ATOM) DYNAMICS



FULL SYSTEM-BATH DYNAMICS

- The system-bath Hamiltonian



$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{\left[\hat{H}_s(s) - \hat{\mu} \underline{E}(t) \right]}_{\text{system}} + \underbrace{\hat{H}_{sb}(s, q_1, \dots, q_M)}_{\text{system-bath}} + \underbrace{\hat{H}_b(q_1, \dots, q_M)}_{\text{bath}}$$

- The time-dependent Schrödinger equation

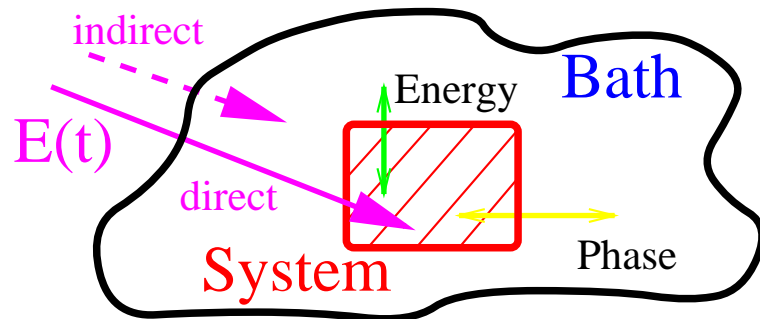
$$\frac{\partial \Psi(s, q_1, \dots, q_M, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} \Psi(s, q_1, \dots, q_M, t)$$

- Methods

standard, **MCTDH** (“exact”), **TDSCF** (approximation), ...

REDUCED DYNAMICS

- Open-system density matrix theory



$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}_s}{\partial t} = \underbrace{-\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}_s - \hat{\mu} \underline{E}(t), \hat{\rho}_s]}_{\text{system}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}_s}{\partial t} \right)_D}_{\text{system-bath}}$$

- Lindblad in system eigenstate representation: $\hat{C}_{kl} = \sqrt{\Gamma_{k \rightarrow l}} |l\rangle \langle k|$

Populations:

$$\frac{d\rho_{nn}}{dt} = \sum_p^N \underbrace{-\frac{i}{\hbar} [V_{np}(t)\rho_{pn} - \rho_{np}V_{pn}(t)]}_{\text{system-field}} + \sum_p^N \underbrace{[\Gamma_{p \rightarrow n}\rho_{pp} - \Gamma_{n \rightarrow p}\rho_{nn}]}_{\text{dissipation}}$$

Coherences:

$$\frac{d\rho_{mn}}{dt} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[(E_m - E_n) + \sum_p^N [V_{mp}(t)\rho_{pn} - \rho_{mp}V_{pn}(t)] \right] \underbrace{-\gamma_{mn} \rho_{mn}}_{\text{dephasing}}$$

- Rates Γ , γ : Perturbation theory, non-perturbative

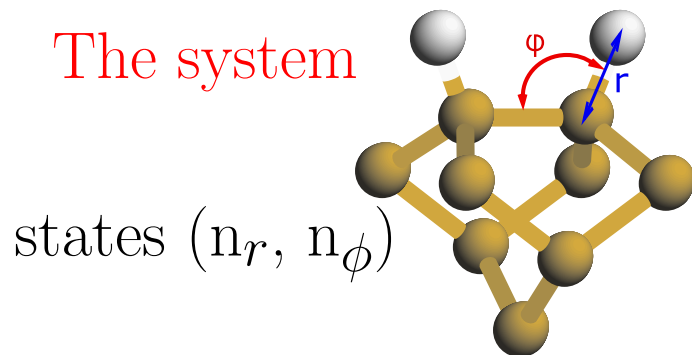
H:Si(100): VIBRATIONAL RELAXATION

- A “system-bath” model for H on Si(100)

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{\hat{T} + V(r, \phi)}_{\hat{H}_s} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^M \underbrace{\lambda_i(r, \phi)}_{\text{1-phonon}} q_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^M \underbrace{\Lambda_{ij}(r, \phi)}_{\text{2-phonon}} q_i q_j}_{\hat{H}_{sb}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^M \left(\frac{\hat{p}_i^2}{2m_i} + \frac{m_i \omega_i^2}{2} q_i^2 \right)}_{\hat{H}_b}$$

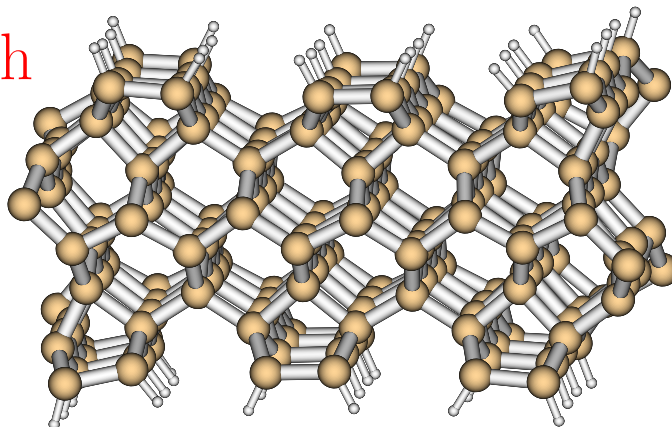
- The model

The system



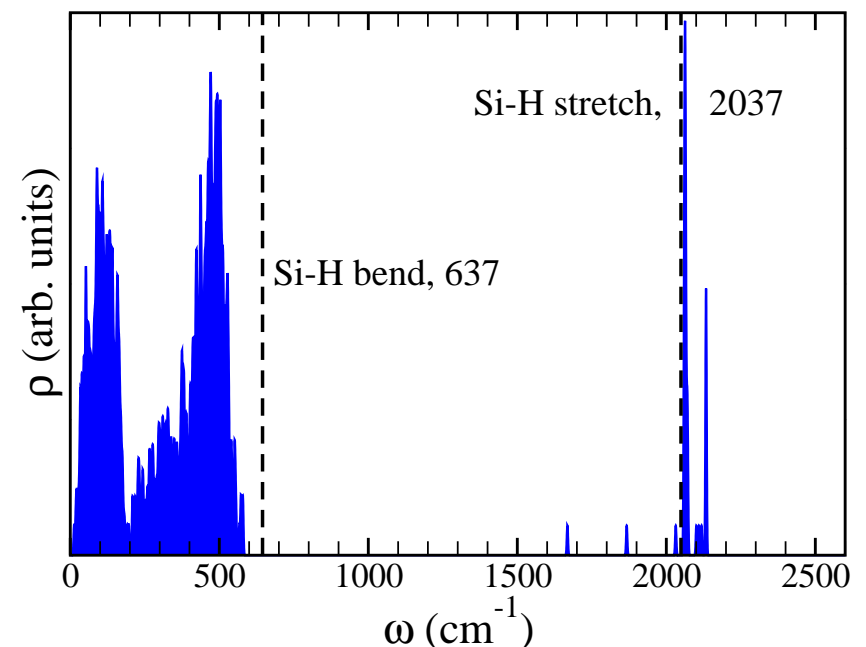
states (n_r, n_ϕ)

The bath



- Vibrational state density

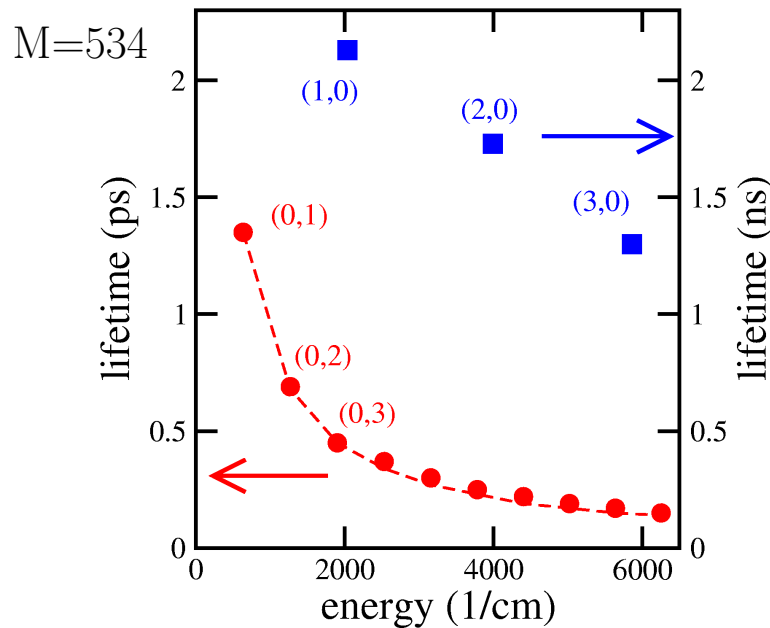
normal mode analysis ($N_{at}=180$, FF¹)



¹ force field: D. Brenner, PRB **42**, 9458 (1990); NMA: I. Andrianov, PS, JCP **124**, 034710 (2006)

H:Si(100): GOLDEN RULE AND RDM THEORY

• Lifetimes (T=0)

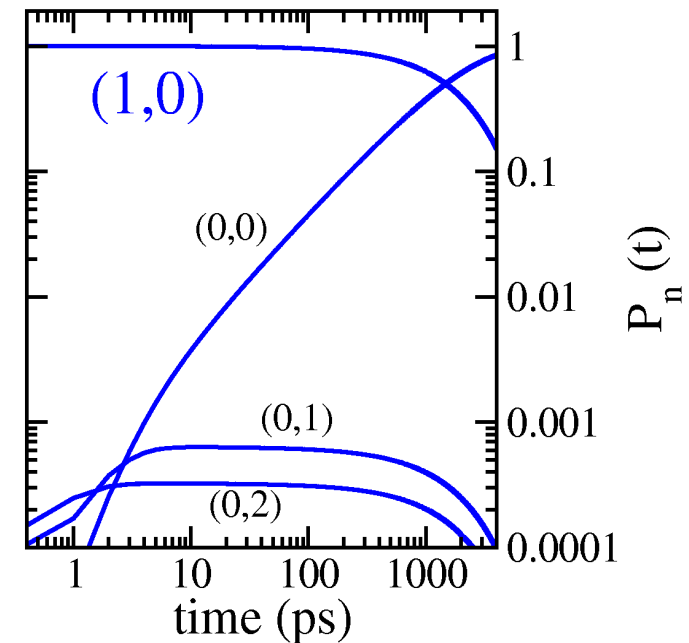
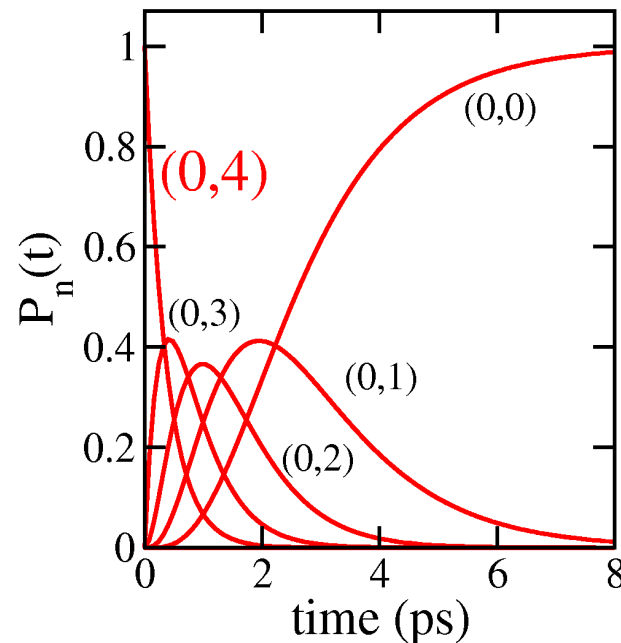


- stretch mode: $\tau_{vib} = \Gamma_{1 \rightarrow 0}^{-1} = \text{ns}$
- bending mode: ps
- $\Gamma_{n \rightarrow m} \approx \tau_{vib}^{-1} n \delta_{m,n-1}$: $\Delta n = -1$

ideal: HO, bilinear coupling

• Decay mechanism

Lindblad density
matrix theory

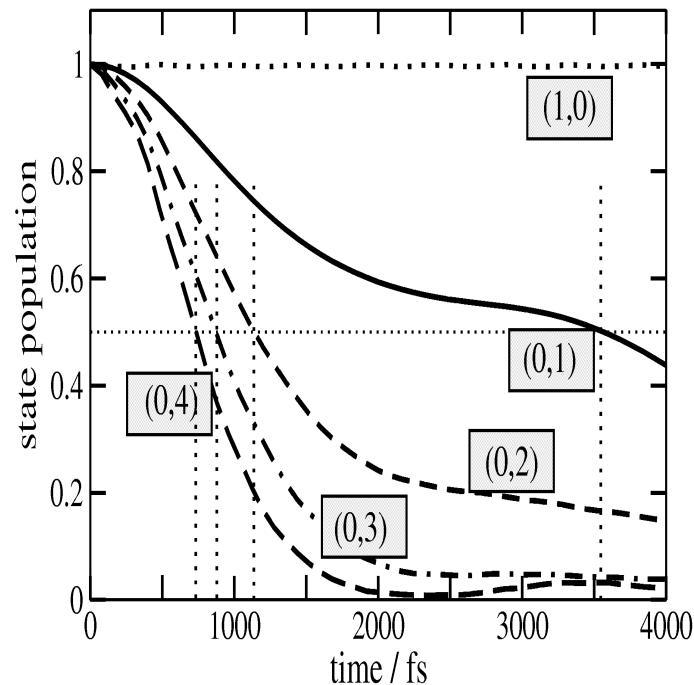


H:Si(100): NON-PERTURBATIVE, FULL DYNAMICS

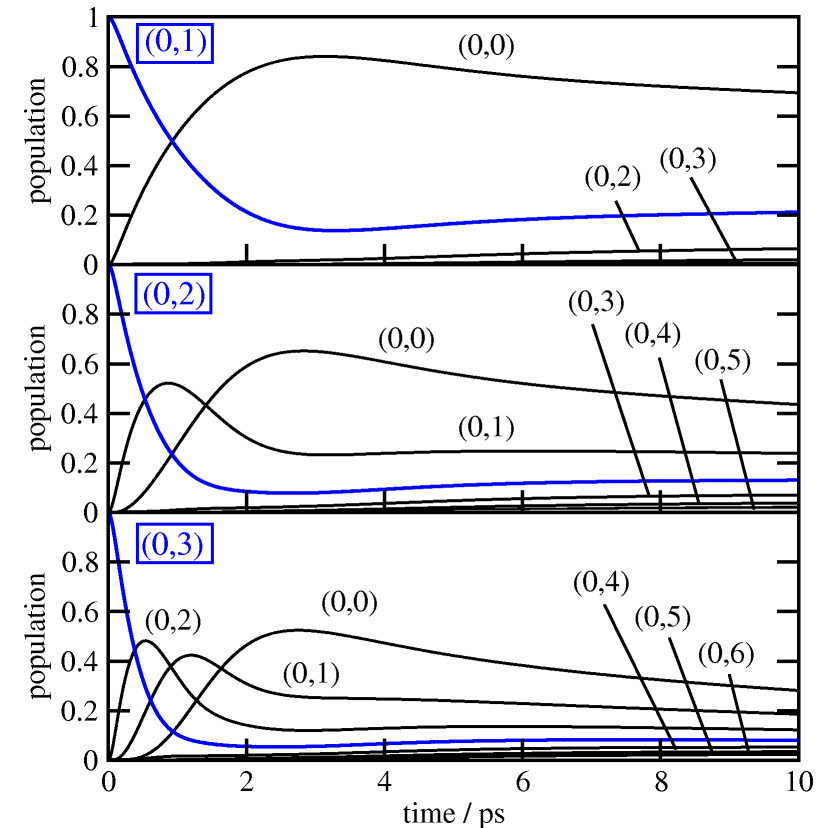
- Solve $i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \Psi$ by MCTDH or TDSCF for F=M+2 DOF

• Relaxation of the bending mode: MCTDH and TDSCF

MCTDH (M=50 oscillators)



TDSCF (M=534)



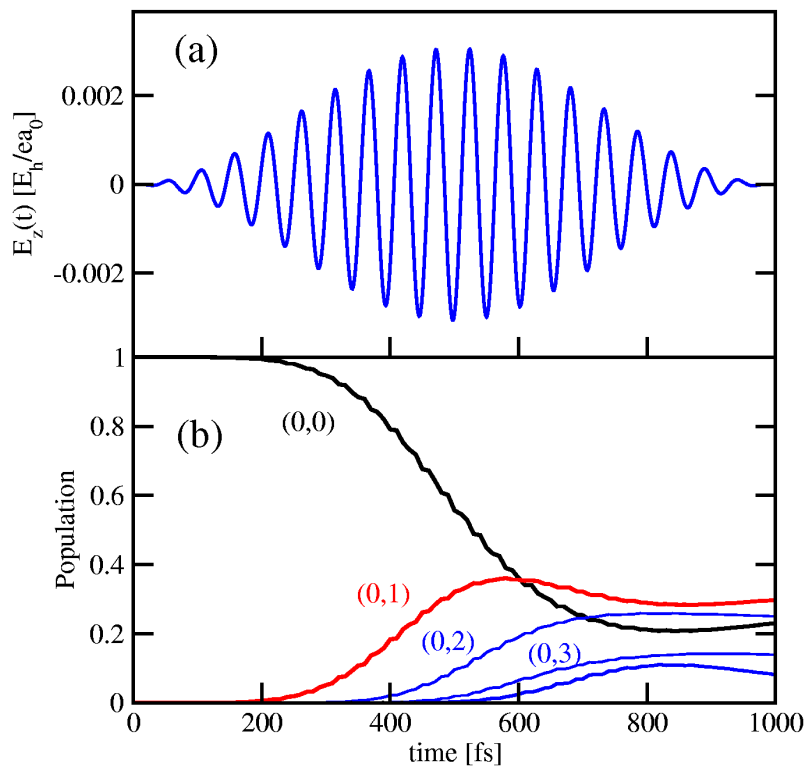
- Half-life times $T_{1/2}$ of (0,1): Golden Rule: 0.94 ps, TDSCF: 0.92 ps

TEMPERATURE: REDUCED & FULL DYNAMICS

• IR excitation by π -pulses: RDM

Si-H bending mode, $\omega_0 = \omega_\phi$, $t_f = 1$ ps

$$V_{mn}(t) = -\mu_{mn} E_0 \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi t}{t_f}\right) \cos(\omega_0 t)$$



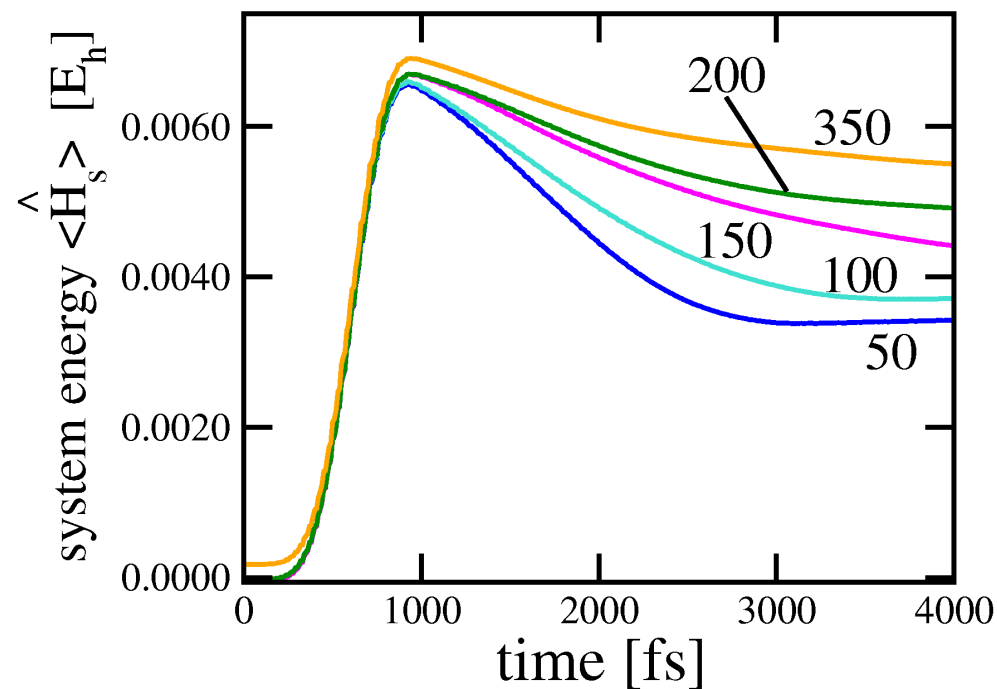
mode-selective, not state selective

G.K. Paramonov, PS *et al.*, PRB **75**, 045405 (2007)

• Full: MCTDH treatment

MCTDH (M=20)

Random Phase Thermal Wavefunction Method



τ_{vib} goes up with T

F. Lüder, M. Nest, PS, TCA **127**, 183 (2010)

THERMAL WAVEFUNCTIONS AND MCTDH

- “rAvec” method¹:

$$\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_F) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} \cdots \sum_{j_F=1}^{n_F} A_{j_1 \dots j_F} \prod_{k=1}^F \phi_{j_k}^{(k)}(x_k)$$

randomize coefficients $A_{j_1 \dots j_F}$ (replace by random phases $e^{i\theta}$ ($\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$))

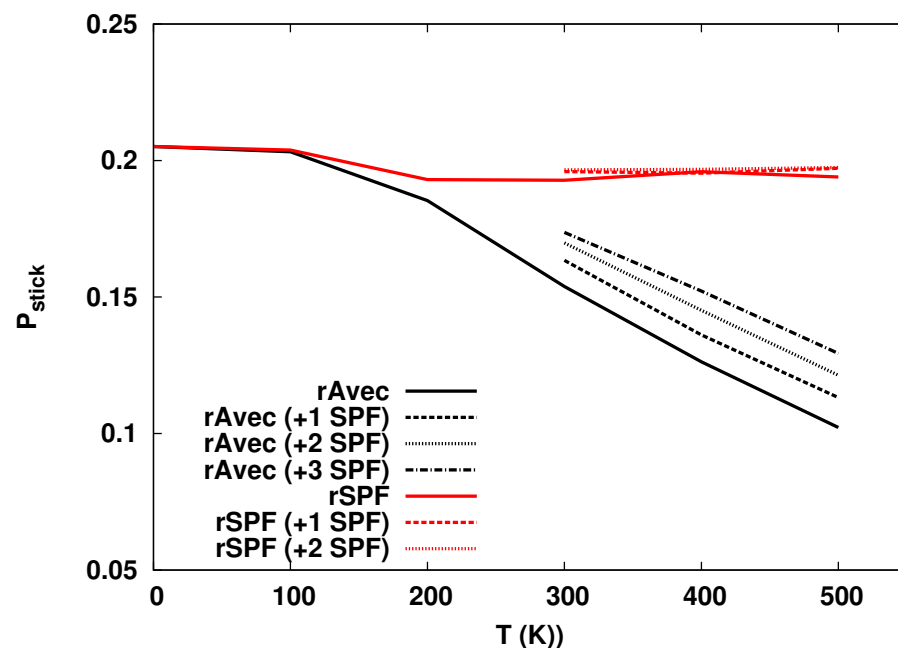
- “rSPF” method²:

$$\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_F) = \psi^{(1)}(x_1) \cdots \psi^{(F)}(x_F)$$

randomize single-particle functions $\psi^{(i)}(x_i) = \sum_{n_i} (-1)^{\alpha_{n_i}} \varphi_{n_i}^{(i)}$ (α = random integer)

- Example: Atom sticking at surface³

Morse oscillator
and 20 bath oscillators



¹ Nest, Kosloff, JCP **127**, 134711 (2007)

² Manthe, Huarte-Larranaga, CPL **127**, 349 (2001)

³ Lorenz, PS, JCP **140**, 044106 (2014)

A SIMPLE 1D SYSTEM-BATH MODEL

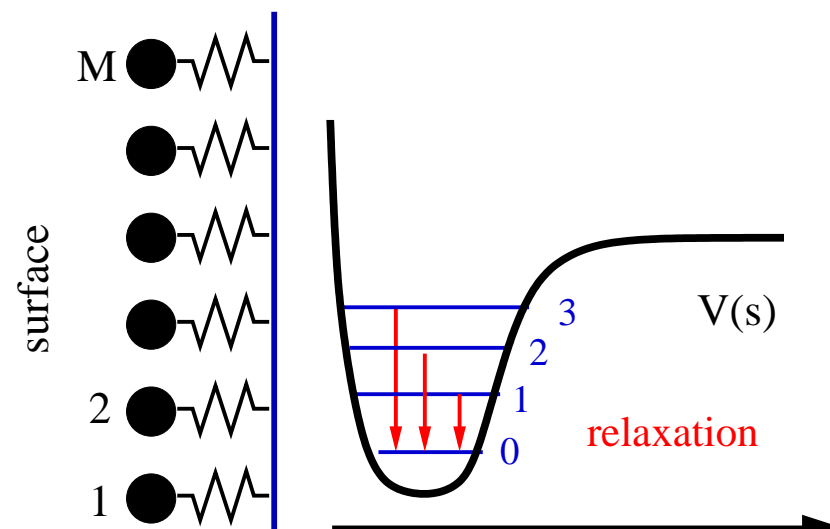
• A 1D “system-bath” model vibrational relaxation

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_s} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} + D[1 - e^{-\alpha s}]^2}_{\hat{H}_s} - \underbrace{f(s) \sum_{i=1}^M c_i q_i}_{\hat{H}_{sb}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^M \left(\frac{\hat{p}_i^2}{2m_i} + \frac{m_i \omega_i^2}{2} q_i^2 \right)}_{\hat{H}_b}$$

- Ohmic bath $\omega_i = i \Delta\omega = i\omega_f/M$
- coupling constant $c_i = i \left(2m_i m_s \Gamma \Delta\omega^3 / \pi \right)^{1/2}$, damping parameter Γ
- **non-linear** coupling function $f(s) = (1 - e^{-\alpha s})/\alpha \longrightarrow s$ for $s \rightarrow 0$

• Questions

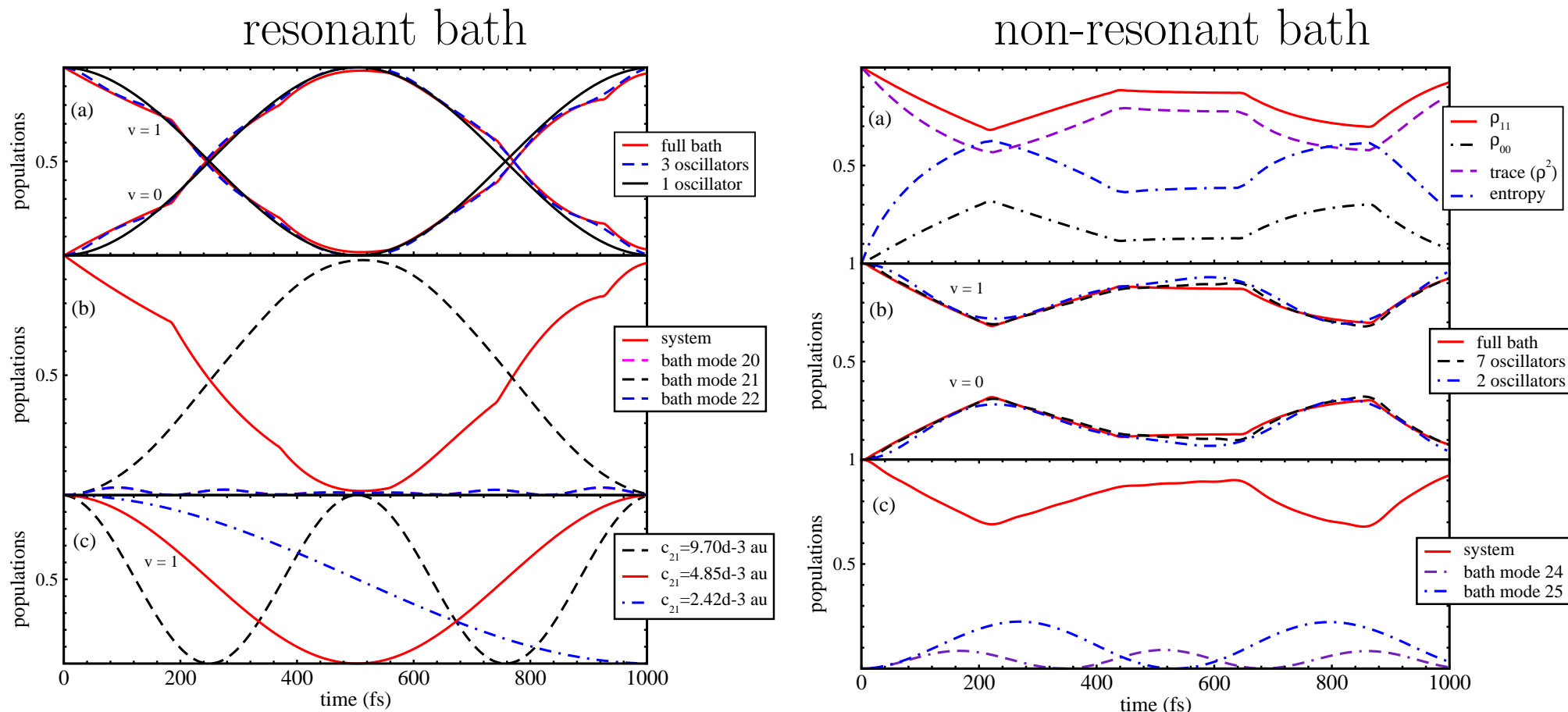
- resonant *vs.* non-resonant baths: ω_b, ω_s
- reduced *vs.* full dynamics
- scaling of “vibrational lifetimes” with v



RESULTS

• Resonant *vs.* non-resonant bath

MCTDH (full) calculation, $M=40$, $\Gamma = (500 \text{ fs})^{-1}$



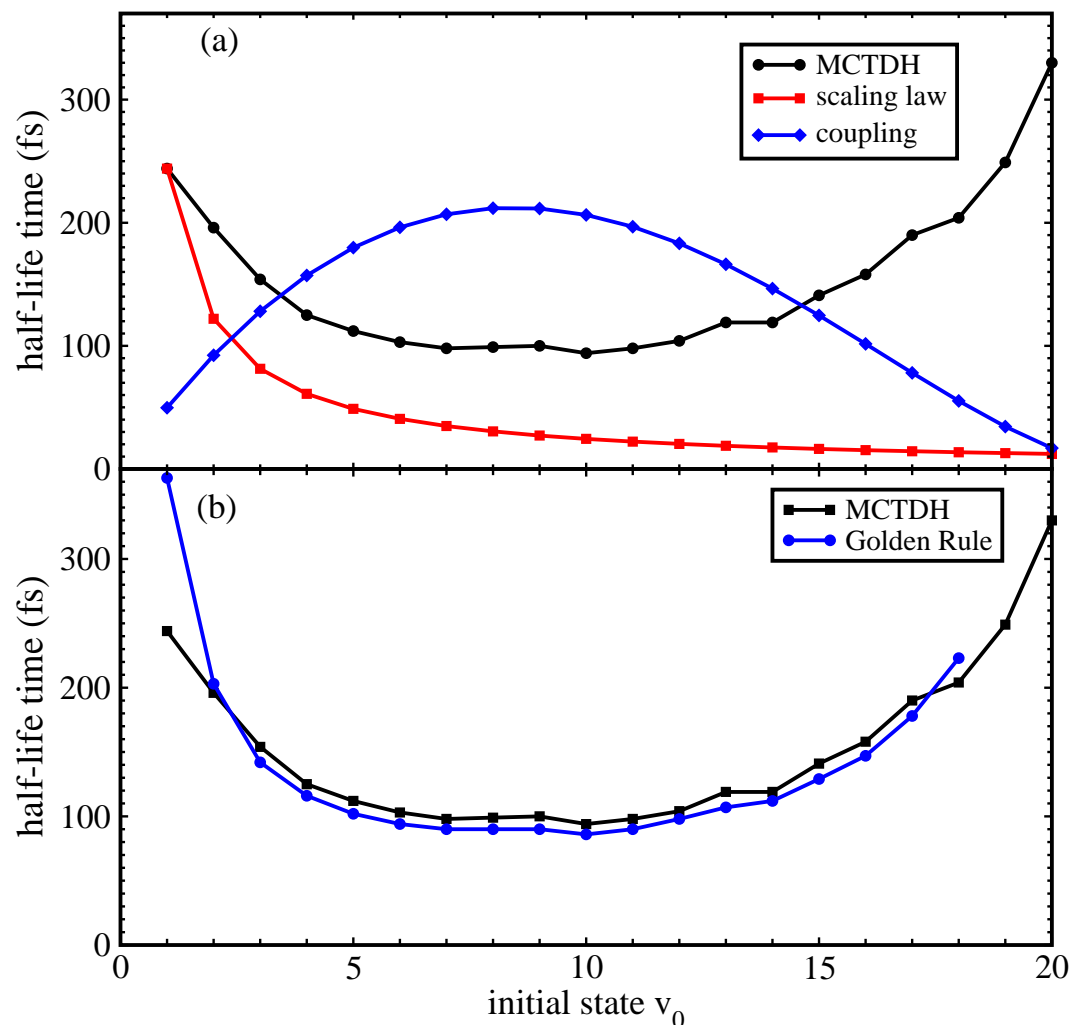
complete *vs.* incomplete Rabi oscillations

resonant: single bath oscillators dominate dynamics

RESULTS

• “Half-lifetime” scaling, “full” *vs.* “reduced” dynamics

MCTDH *vs.* Golden Rule; $M=40$, $\Gamma = (500 \text{ fs})^{-1}$; HO system *vs.* Morse oscillator



HO scaling, bilinear:

$$\tau(v \rightarrow v-1) = \tau(1 \rightarrow 0)/v$$

non-monotonic scaling in real system

Golden Rule:

$$\Gamma_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\Delta\omega}{\hbar} |\langle i|f(s)|f \rangle|^2 m_s \Gamma \sum_{b=1}^M \omega_b \delta(\omega_b - \omega_{i,f})$$

agreement full and reduced

LARGE BATHS WITH WAVEFUNCTIONS

- MCTDH¹ and variants thereof

$$\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_F) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} \cdots \sum_{j_F=1}^{n_F} A_{j_1 \dots j_F} \prod_{k=1}^F \phi_{j_k}^{(k)}(x_k)$$

Variants: Mode combination, ML-MCTDH (Thoss, Wang), ...

- TDSCF

$$\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_F, t) = \prod_{k=1}^F \varphi_{\kappa}(x_k, t)$$

single-configuration approximation

- LCSA²

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} C_{\alpha} \underbrace{|\xi_{\alpha}\rangle}_{\text{DVR states subsystem}} \underbrace{|\Phi_{\alpha}\rangle}_{\text{bath}}$$

Local Coherent State Approximation
“diagonal approximation to MCTDH”

- G-MCTDH³, CC-TDSCF⁴, ...

¹ Meyer, Manthe, Cederbaum: CPL **165**, 73 (1990)

² Martinazzo *et al.*, JCP **125**, 194102 (2006)

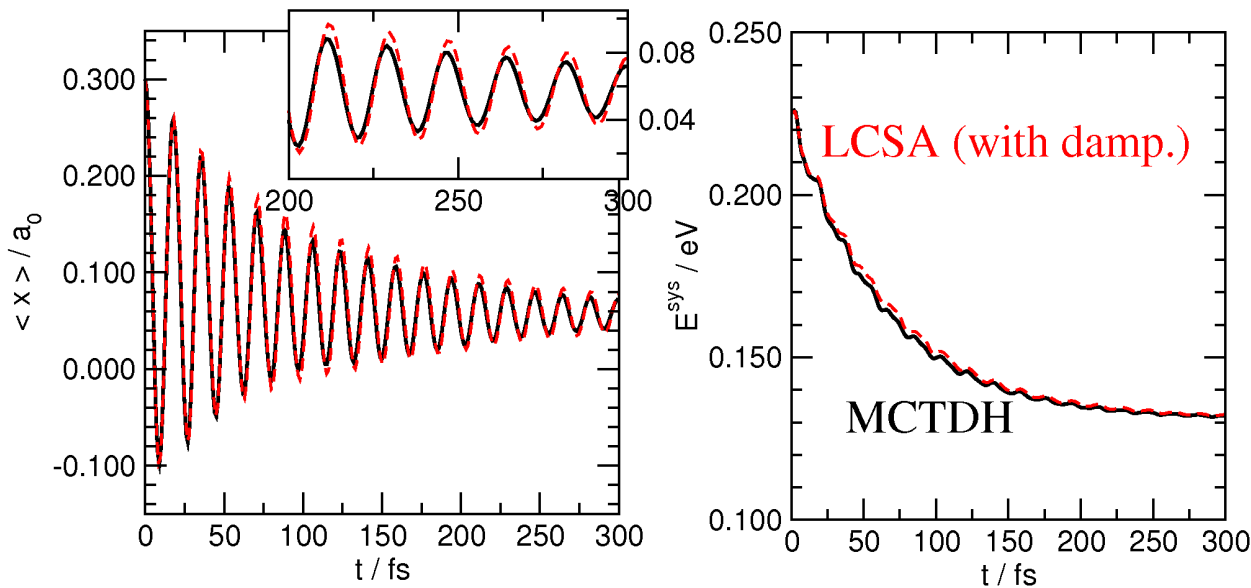
³ Burghardt *et al.*, JCP **111**, 1927 (1999)

⁴ Zhang *et al.*, JCP **122**, 091101 (2005)

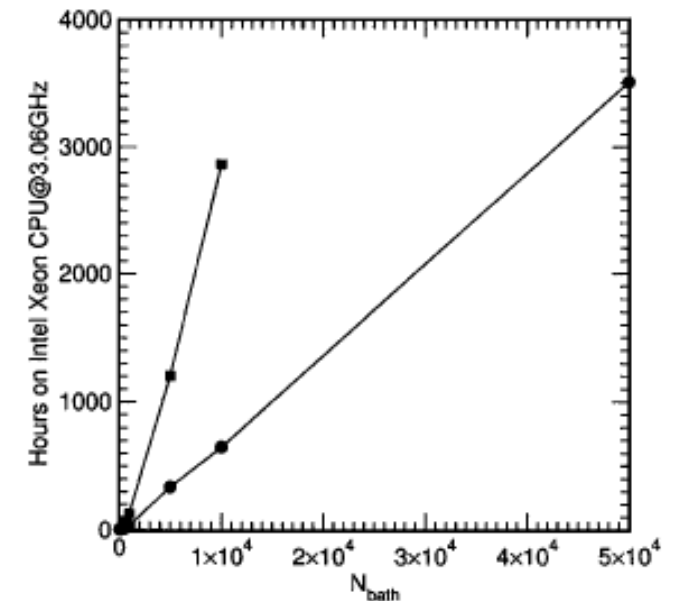
LARGE BATHS, LONG-TIME DYNAMICS

• LCSA

MCTDH and LCSA, 1D+M=50, $\Gamma = (50 \text{ fs})^{-1}$



Scaling behaviour

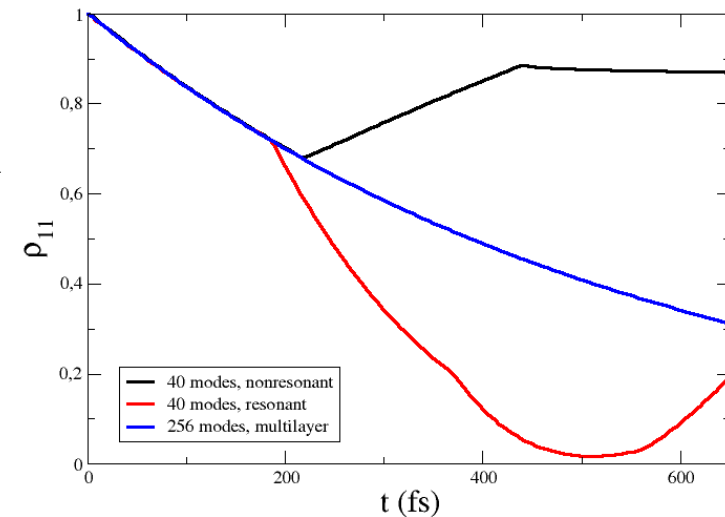


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• ML-MCTDH

Decay of $v = 1$, $\Gamma = (500 \text{ fs})^{-1}$, $\Delta\omega = \omega_c/M$

recurrence time $\tau = 2\pi/\Delta\omega$



SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK: NUCLEI

- **Summary**

- System-bath models
- MCTDH and variants
- Lindblad open-system density matrix

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- Redfield and non-Markovian theories
- Non-Markovian measures
- Light-induced processes

- **Findings**

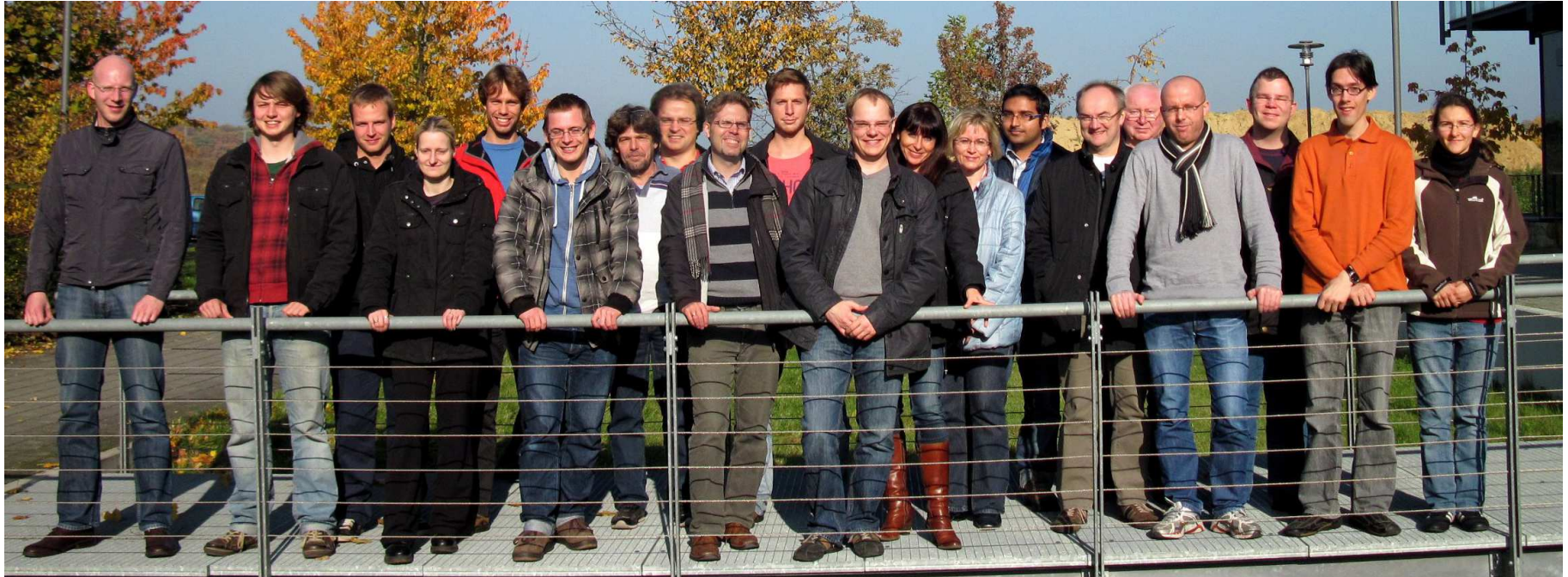
- “Easy” and “real” Hamiltonians
- Anharmonicity matters

SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

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