

Excited States and Nonadiabatic Dynamics
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*Basic Concepts and Terminology of
Nonadiabatic Dynamics*

Born-Oppenheimer Approximation

$$\hat{H}(\hat{r}, \hat{R}, t) = \hat{T}(\hat{R}) + \hat{H}_{el}(\hat{r}, \hat{R}, t) + \hat{V}_{nn}(\hat{R}, t)$$

$$\hat{H}(\hat{r}, \hat{R})\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = E_n\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

Includes el-el and el-nucl interactions

This is an **electron-nuclear (vibronic)** Hamiltonian

This is an **electron-nuclear (vibronic)** wavefunction

Born-Oppenheimer approximation: a general **time-scale separation** approximation = there are fast and slow degrees of freedom, in general. **Enables factorization** $X(\text{fast}, \text{slow}) \approx x(\text{slow})y(\text{fast}; \text{slow})$ the adiabatic approximation applied to **electrons and nuclei**

- Nuclei are heavier than electrons, so nuclei are seen by electrons as static entities
- Electrons move in the field created by immobile nuclei and themselves
- $m_{nucl} \gg m_{elec}$, so treat nuclei classically, and electrons – quantum-mechanically

$$\hat{H}(\hat{r}, \hat{R})\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = E_n\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$



$$\hat{H}(\hat{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}) = E_n(\mathbf{R})\Psi_n(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$

BO approximation

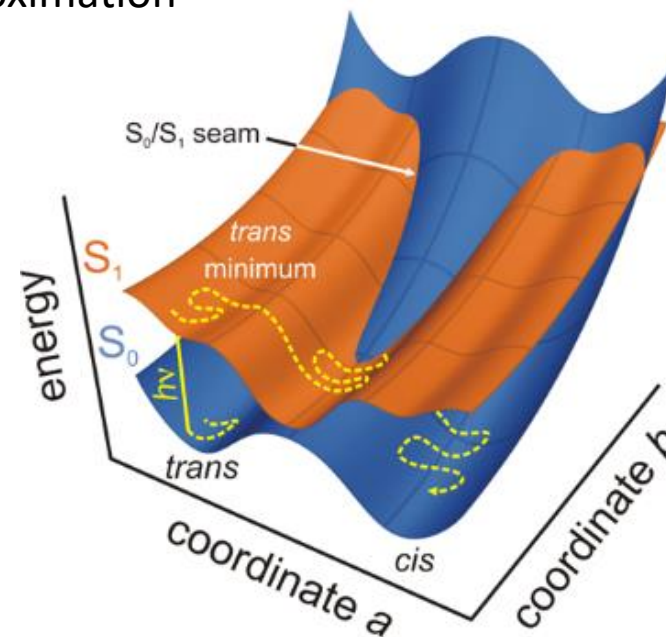
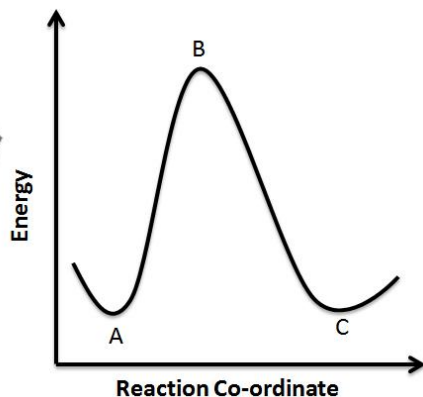
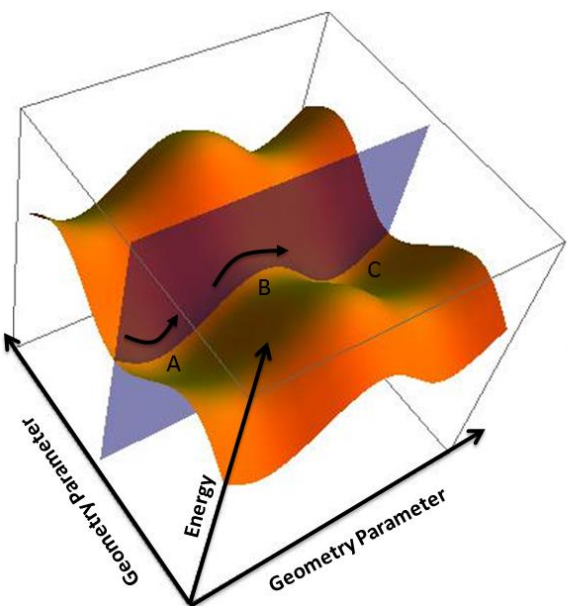
Coordinates of nuclei are the **dynamical variables**
Energy - is a number

Coordinates of nuclei are **parameters**
Energy – is a function of these parameters: **potential energy surface**

Potential energy surfaces (PES)

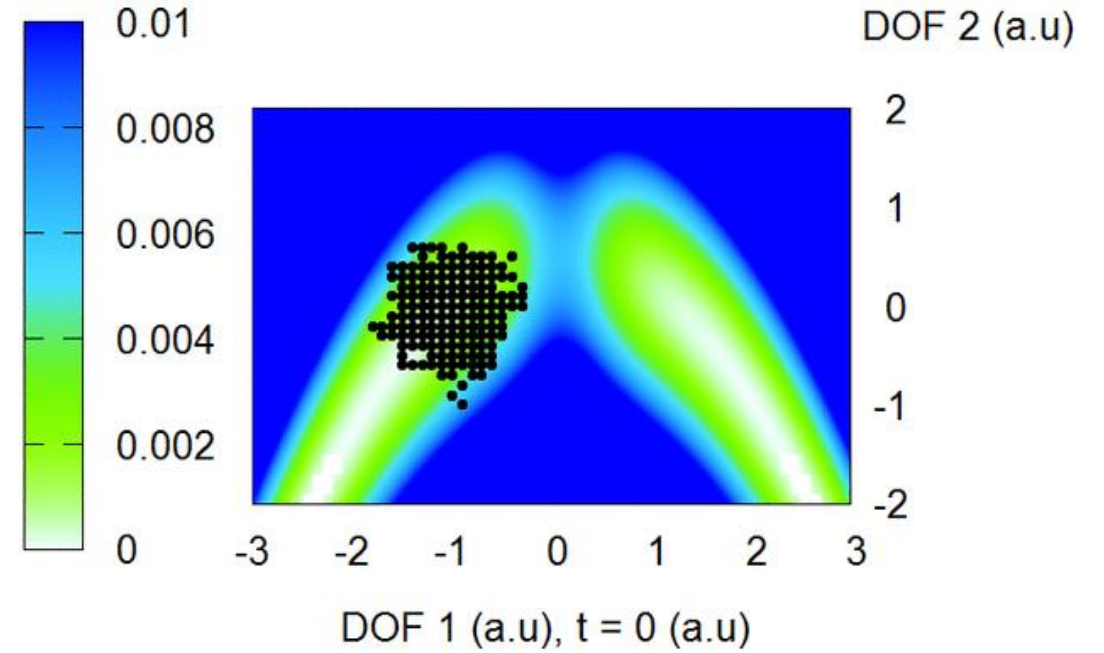
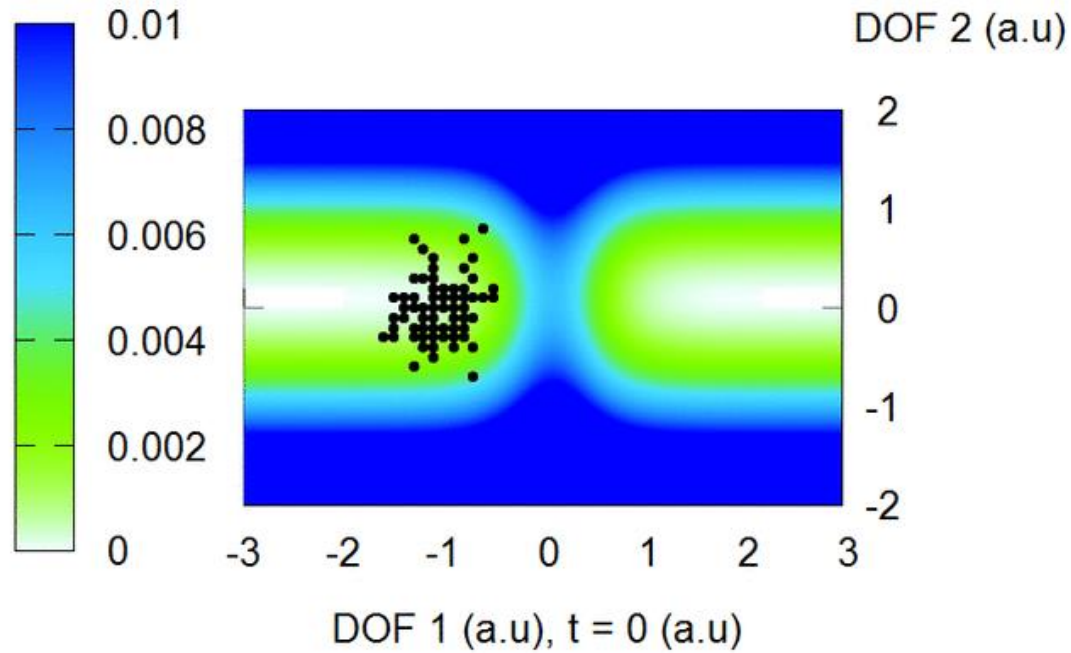
$$E_n(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \Psi_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) | \hat{H}_{el}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) | \Psi_n(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) \rangle_r + V_{nn}(\mathbf{R})$$

- Energy of a given state as a function of nuclear coordinates
- Multidimensional, but one is often interested in lower-dimensional cuts (profiles)
- Topology: minima, maxima, barriers, saddle points
- Reaction coordinate – a collective transformation of all atoms
- Present only as a consequence of the BO approximation



Potential energy surfaces define the reactive dynamics

Credit: Brendan Smith



Tiers of approximation to the molecular Hamiltonian

Disregard the form of the wavefunction for now

Exact TD-SE

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = [\hat{T}(\hat{\mathbf{R}}) + \hat{H}_{el}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}) + \hat{V}_{nn}(\hat{\mathbf{R}})] \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

Everything is operators!

TD-SE with the BO

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = [\hat{T}(\hat{\mathbf{R}}) + \hat{H}_{el}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}; \mathbf{R}) + \hat{V}_{nn}(\mathbf{R})] \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

Electronic DOFs are still operators (quantum)

Nuclear DOFs are variables – could be independent (quantum) or could be time-dependent (classical path)

In general, we still have nuclear kinetic energy operator (for quantum nuclei)

TD-SE with the classical path approximation (CPA)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = [T(\mathbf{P}) + \hat{H}_{el}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}; \mathbf{R}(t)) + \hat{V}_{nn}(\mathbf{R}(t))] \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

Nuclear DOFs are time-dependent variables

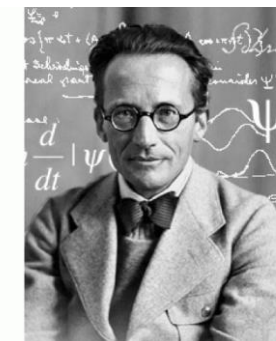
Kinetic energy is a function of momentum

Adiabatic Approximation. Adiabatic and Nonadiabatic Dynamics

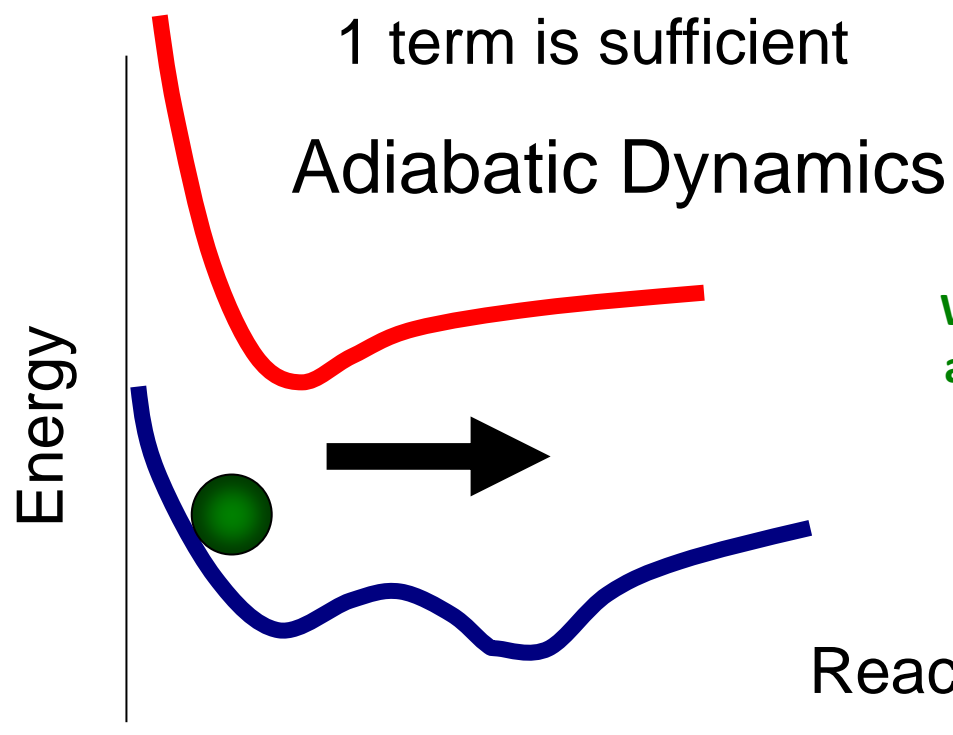
$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = H(t, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}) \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$

Except for in the exact factorization ansatz!

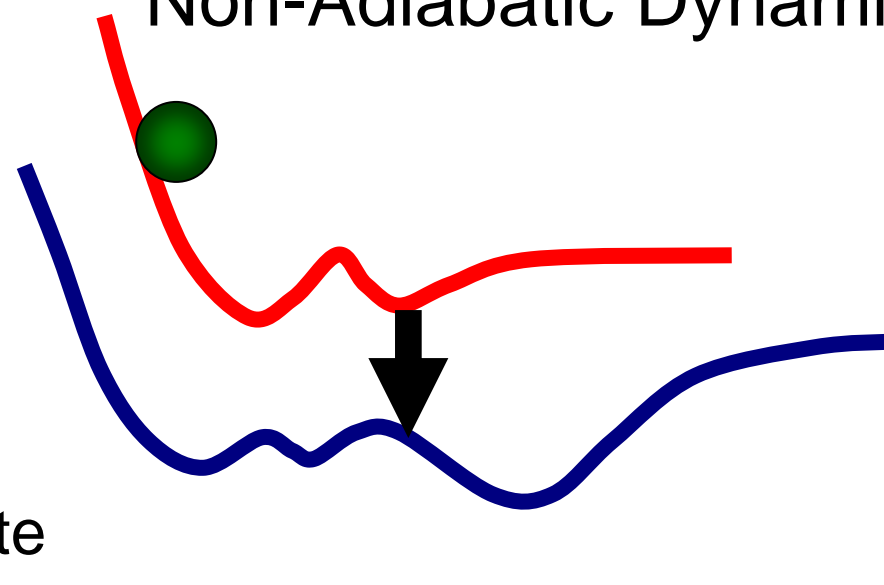


Adiabatic approximation: keep only one term



Where is the BO approximation?

Need more than 1 state
Non-Adiabatic Dynamics

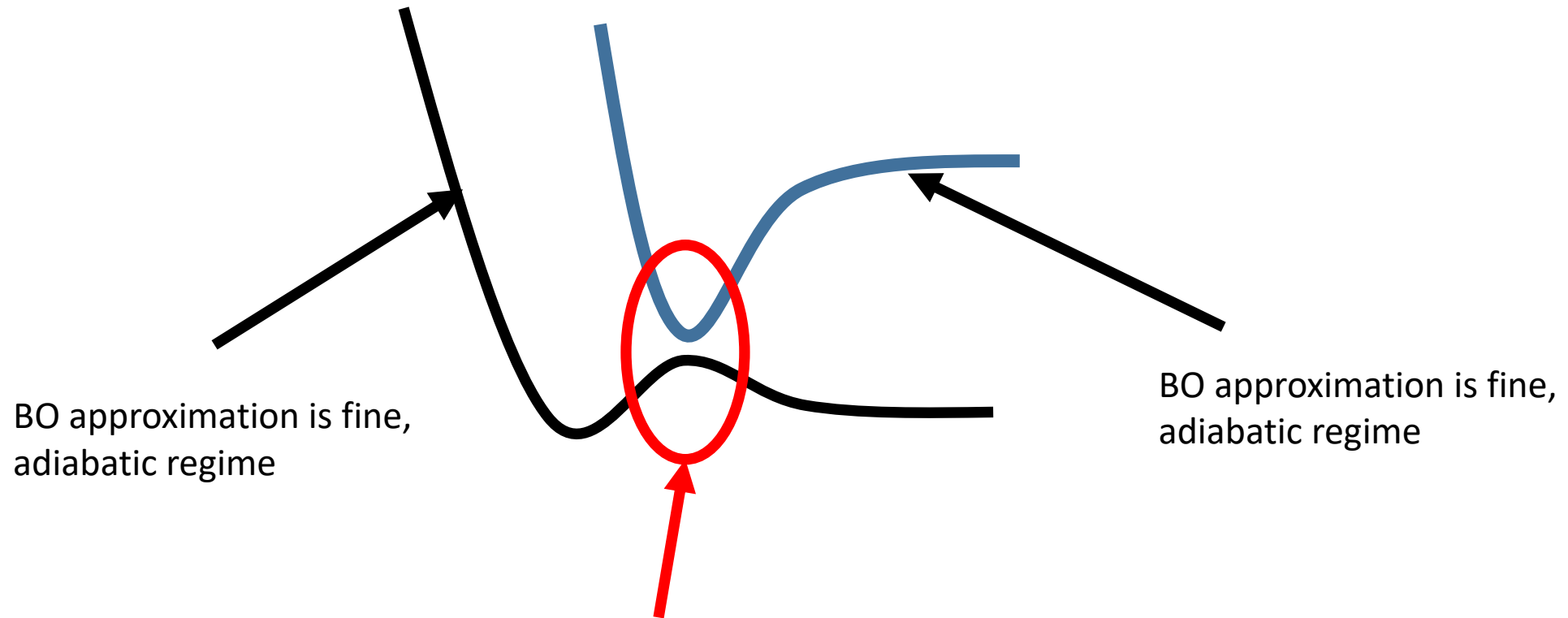


When NA dynamics is needed: Failure of the Born-Oppenheimer Approximation

$$E_{kin} \gg |E_i - E_j|$$

$$v = \frac{p}{m}$$

- light atoms (e.g. H – quantum nuclear effects)
- high-energy (momentum) – e.g. colliding particles
- degeneracies of quantum states (bond-breaking, plasmas, metals)



BO approximation is fine,
adiabatic regime

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BO approximation breaks down here, non-adiabatic regime

Tiers of approximations to the wavefunction

The solution largely depends on the approximation we make to represent the total wavefunction $\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$

Nonadiabatic

Adiabatic

Exact factorization

Agostini, F.; Curchod, B. F. E. *WIREs Computational Molecular Science* **2019**, 9, e1417. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wcms.1417>.

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \chi(t, \mathbf{R})\Phi_{\mathbf{R}}(t, \mathbf{r})$$

$$\int d\mathbf{r} |\Phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}, t)| = 1, \forall \mathbf{R}$$

Quantum nuclei, with BO approximation (AIMS, QTAG, etc.)

Makhov, D. V.; Glover, W. J.; Martinez, T. J.; Shalashilin, D. V. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2014**, 141, 054110. <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.4891530>.

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R})\Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R})$$



$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \chi(t, \mathbf{R})\Phi(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R})$$

Wavepacket-dressed trajectories

Dutra, M.; Garashchuk, S.; Akimov, A. V. *Int. J. Quantum Chem.* **2023** e27078. <https://doi.org/10.1002/qua.27078>.

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R})\Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$



$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \chi(t, \mathbf{R})\Phi(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$

Bare trajectories

Tully, J. C. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1990**, 93, 1061–1071. <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.459170>.

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t)) = \sum_i c_i(t)\Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$



$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t)) = c(t)\Phi(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$

Terminology: Adiabatic and Diabatic States

Adiabatic

- unique
- eigenstates of molecular Hamiltonian:
- not always chemically-intuitive

Adiabatic (Hamiltonian is diagonal):

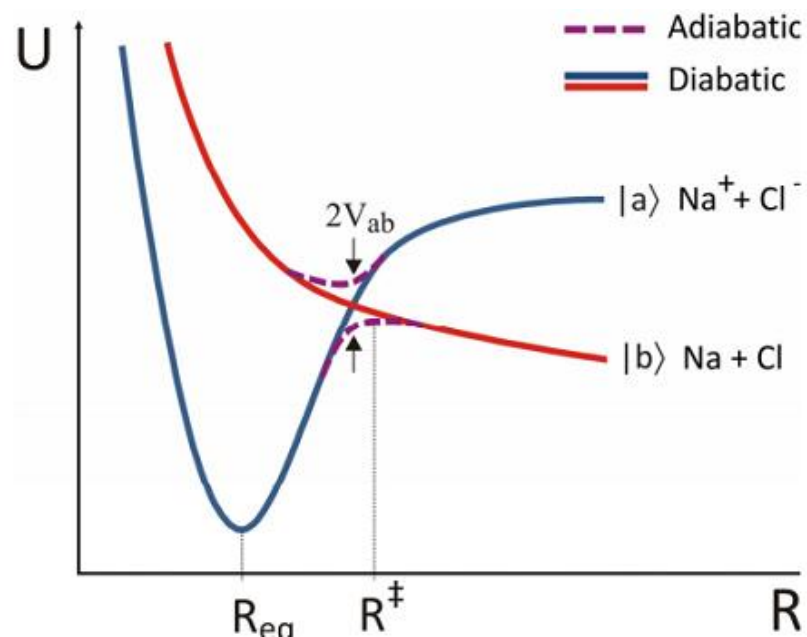
$$\langle \psi_{adi,i} | \hat{H}_{el} | \psi_{adi,j} \rangle = 0, \forall i \neq j$$

(Quasi-)Diabatic

- non-unique, infinite # of possibilities
- Is not an eigenstate of molecular Hamiltonian
- usually chosen to be chemically-intuitive

Diabatic (NACs are exactly zero):

$$\langle \psi_{dia,i} | \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} | \psi_{dia,j} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{R}$$



Examples of Deriving Equations of Motion with Different Approximations

Example 1: BO with quantum nuclei

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = H(t, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}) \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R})$$

Example 2: BO with wavepacket-dressed trajectories

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = H(t, \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}) \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$

Case 1: Compute the action of \hat{T} on Ψ

$$\nabla^2(AB) = \nabla(\nabla(AB)) = \nabla((\nabla A)B + A\nabla B) = (\nabla^2 A)B + 2(\nabla A)(\nabla B) + A\nabla^2 B$$

$$\left(\sum_{\alpha} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha}^2\right) \chi_j \Phi_j = \left(\sum_{\alpha} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha}^2 \chi_j\right) \Phi_j - \left(2 \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha} \Phi_j \nabla_{\alpha} \chi_j\right) + \left(\sum_{\alpha} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha}^2 \Phi_j\right) \chi_j$$

$$\hat{T} \chi_j \Phi_j = (\hat{T} \chi_j) \Phi_j - \left(\sum_{\alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha} \Phi_j \nabla_{\alpha} \chi_j\right) + (\hat{T} \Phi_j) \chi_j$$

We keep all terms, because Φ is a function of R

Project on an arbitrary state Φ_i :

$$\langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} = \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \hat{T} \chi_j - \left(\sum_{\alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{M_{\alpha}} \langle \Phi_i | \nabla_{\alpha} \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \nabla_{\alpha} \chi_j\right) + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \chi_j$$

$$\langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} = \delta_{ij} \hat{T} \chi_j - \left(\sum_{\alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{M_{\alpha}} \langle \Phi_i | \nabla_{\alpha} \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \nabla_{\alpha} \chi_j\right) + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \chi_j$$

$$\langle \Phi_i | \hat{H}_{nucl} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} = \langle \Phi_i | \hat{H}_{nucl} | \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \chi_j = \langle \Phi_i | E_j(\mathbf{R}) | \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \chi_j = E_j(\mathbf{R}) \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \chi_j = E_j(\mathbf{R}) \delta_{ij} \chi_j$$

$$\langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} + \hat{H}_{nucl} | \Psi \rangle = \sum_j \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} + \hat{H}_{nucl} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} = \sum_j \left[\delta_{ij} \hat{T} \chi_j - \left(\sum_{\alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{M_{\alpha}} \langle \Phi_i | \nabla_{\alpha} \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \nabla_{\alpha} \chi_j\right) + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_j \rangle_{\mathbf{r}} \chi_j + E_j(\mathbf{R}) \delta_{ij} \chi_j \right]$$

Compute the LHS: Case 1

$$\left\langle \Phi_i \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right| \chi_j \Phi_j \right\rangle_r = \left\langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \right\rangle_r \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_j + \left\langle \Phi_i \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right| \Phi_j \right\rangle_r \chi_j = \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_j$$

$$i\hbar \left\langle \Phi_i \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right| \Psi \right\rangle_r = i\hbar \sum_j \left\langle \Phi_i \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right| \chi_j \Phi_j \right\rangle_r = i\hbar \sum_j \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_j = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i$$

Now, combine the two parts of the equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = H(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) \Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i = [\hat{T} + E_i(\mathbf{R}) + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_i \rangle] \chi_i - \sum_{j, \alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{M_\alpha} \langle \Phi_i | \nabla_\alpha \Phi_j \rangle \nabla_\alpha \chi_j - \sum_{j \neq i, \alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_\alpha} \langle \Phi_i | \nabla_\alpha^2 \Phi_j \rangle \chi_j$$

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Nonadiabatic dynamics

This is what defines the evolution of nuclear component of the wavefunction and populations of all electronic states.

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$$

Diagonal BO correction to the PES!
(ZPE of electrons)

In the **adiabatic basis**

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i = [\hat{T} + E_i(\mathbf{R}(t)) + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_i \rangle] \chi_i - i\hbar \sum_{j, \alpha} D_{ij, \alpha}^{(1)} \frac{\hat{p}_\alpha \chi_j}{M_\alpha} - \sum_{j \neq i, \alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_\alpha} D_{ij, \alpha}^{(2)} \chi_j$$

$$D_{ij, \alpha}^{(1)} = \langle \Phi_i | \nabla_\alpha \Phi_j \rangle$$

first-order nonadiabatic couplings (NAC) - vector

Describes how a nuclear DOF α couples electronic state i and j
This is what determines the rates of nonadiabatic transitions.

$$D_{ij, \alpha}^{(2)} = \langle \Phi_i | \nabla_\alpha^2 \Phi_j \rangle$$

second-order NAC - scalar

In the **diabatic basis**

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i = [\hat{T} + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{H}_{el} | \Phi_i \rangle + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_i \rangle] \chi_i$$

Nuclear dynamics on state i is defined by the probability density: $P_i(t, \mathbf{R}) = |\langle \Phi_i | \Psi \rangle_r|^2 = |\chi_i(t, \mathbf{R})|^2$

Population of a state i : $P_i(t) = |\langle \Phi_i | \Psi \rangle_{r, \mathbf{R}}|^2 = |\chi_i(t)|^2$

Case 2: Compute the action of \hat{T} on Ψ

$$\left(\sum_{\alpha} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha}^2\right) \chi_j \Phi_j = \left(\sum_{\alpha} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha}^2 \chi_j\right) \Phi_j - \left(2 \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha} \Phi_j \nabla_{\alpha} \chi_j\right) + \left(\sum_{\alpha} -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_{\alpha}} \nabla_{\alpha}^2 \Phi_j\right) \chi_j$$

$$\hat{T}(\chi_j \Phi_j) = (\hat{T} \chi_j) \Phi_j$$

because Φ is only a function of time, not \mathbf{R}

$$\langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle_r = \delta_{ij} \hat{T} \chi_j$$

$$\langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} + \hat{H}_{nucl} | \Psi \rangle = \sum_j \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} + \hat{H}_{nucl} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle_r = \sum_j [\delta_{ij} \hat{T} \chi_j + E_j(\mathbf{R}) \delta_{ij}]$$

Compute the LHS



$$\langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle = \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle_r \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_j + \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi_j \rangle \chi_j = \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_j + \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi_j \rangle \chi_j$$

$$i\hbar \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Psi \rangle_r = i\hbar \sum_j \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \chi_j \Phi_j \rangle_r = i\hbar \sum_j \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_j + i\hbar \sum_j \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi_j \rangle \chi_j = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i + i\hbar \sum_j \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi_j \rangle \chi_j$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i = [\hat{T} + E_i(\mathbf{R}(t))] \chi_i - i\hbar \sum_j \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi_j \rangle \chi_j$$

$$\langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi_j \rangle = \sum_{j,\alpha} \langle \Phi_i | \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\alpha}} | \Phi_j \rangle \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_{\alpha}}{\partial t} = \sum_{j,\alpha} D_{ij,\alpha}^{(1)} \frac{\mathbf{P}_{\alpha}}{M_{\alpha}}$$

This terms appears because Φ is an implicit function of time, via $\mathbf{R}(t)$

Example 1: BO with quantum nuclei

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R})$$

Nonadiabatic, adiabatic basis

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i = [\hat{T} + E_i(\mathbf{R}(t)) + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_i \rangle] \chi_i - i\hbar \sum_{j,\alpha} D_{ij,\alpha}^{(1)} \frac{\hat{p}_\alpha \chi_j}{M_\alpha} - \sum_{j \neq i, \alpha} \frac{\hbar^2}{2M_\alpha} D_{ij,\alpha}^{(2)} \chi_j$$

Nonadiabatic, diabatic basis

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi_i = [\hat{T} + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{H}_{el} | \Phi_i \rangle + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_i \rangle] \chi_i$$

Adiabatic, adiabatic basis

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi = [\hat{T} + E_i(\mathbf{R}(t)) + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_i \rangle] \chi$$

Adiabatic, diabatic basis

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \chi = [\hat{T} + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{H}_{el} | \Phi_i \rangle + \langle \Phi_i | \hat{T} | \Phi_i \rangle] \chi$$

Example 2: BO with wavepacket-dressed trajectories

$$\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \sum_i \chi_i(t, \mathbf{R}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}(t))$$

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Wavefunction and selection of representation

$|\Psi\rangle$ Abstract wavefunction

$\{|\mathbf{r}\rangle: \hat{\mathbf{r}}|\mathbf{r}\rangle = \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}\rangle\}$ Position states (Hilbert space)

$\{|\mathbf{k}\rangle: \hat{\mathbf{k}}|\mathbf{k}\rangle = \mathbf{k}|\mathbf{k}\rangle\}$ Momentum states (Hilbert space)

$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r} | \Psi \rangle$ Wavefunction in a **position representation** – representation in the basis of position states

$$1 = \int d\mathbf{r}' |\mathbf{r}'\rangle \langle \mathbf{r}'| \quad \text{Complete basis}$$

Indeed

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int d\mathbf{r}' |\mathbf{r}'\rangle \langle \mathbf{r}' | \Psi \rangle = \int d\mathbf{r}' |\mathbf{r}'\rangle \Psi(\mathbf{r}')$$

$\Psi(\mathbf{r}')$ is essentially an expansion coefficient in the basis of coordinate states $\{|\mathbf{r}\rangle\}$
Can be regarded as DVR (grid representation of the wavefunction)

$\Psi(\mathbf{k}) = \langle \mathbf{k} | \Psi \rangle$ Likewise, the **momentum representation** of a wavefunction

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r} | \Psi \rangle; |\mathbf{r}\rangle, |\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_r \quad \text{only electrons}$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{R}) = \langle \mathbf{R} | \Psi \rangle; |\mathbf{R}\rangle, |\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_R \quad \text{only nuclei}$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R} | \Psi \rangle; |\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_r \otimes \mathcal{H}_R \quad \text{both electrons and nuclei}$$

Different Hilbert spaces:

$\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{R} | \Psi \rangle; |\Psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_r \otimes \mathcal{H}_R$ projection on $|\mathbf{R}\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_R$; $\Psi(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}) \in \mathcal{H}_r$ operator of electronic DOF (electronic coordinate operator), but a function of nuclear DOF - \mathbf{R}

Shorthand notation. Adiabatic and Diabatic Representations

$$\psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \mathbf{r} | i \rangle = \langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_i \rangle \quad \text{electronic coordinates, } i\text{-th basis state}$$

Shorthand notation for the entire basis: $|\boldsymbol{\psi}\rangle = (|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle, \dots, |\psi_N\rangle)$

Matrix elements (scalars) \longrightarrow $A_{ij} = \langle \psi_i | \hat{A} | \psi_j \rangle \leftrightarrow A = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi} | \hat{A} | \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle$ \longleftarrow Matrix

Basis:

Adiabatic (Hamiltonian is diagonal):

$$\langle \psi_{adi,i} | \hat{H}_{el} | \psi_{adi,j} \rangle = 0, \forall i \neq j$$

$$|\boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}\rangle = |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia}\rangle U$$

Diabatic (NACs are exactly zero):

$$\langle \psi_{dia,i} | \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} | \psi_{dia,j} \rangle = 0, \forall \mathbf{R}$$

$$H_{adi} = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi} | \hat{H}_{el} | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi} \rangle$$

Hamiltonians

$$H_{dia} = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia} | \hat{H}_{el} | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia} \rangle$$

Transformation between bases

$$H_{dia} U = S U H_{adi}$$

$$H_{adi} = U^+ H_{dia} U = \tilde{H}_{dia}$$

Wavefunction should be invariant w.r.t. the basis representation

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t)\rangle C_{adi}(t) = |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia}(t)\rangle C_{dia}(t)$$

TD-SE in the Shorthand notation

Wavefunction should be invariant
w.r.t. the basis representation

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t)\rangle C_{adi}(t) = |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia}(t)\rangle C_{dia}(t)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

$$|\boldsymbol{\psi}\rangle = (|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle, \dots, |\psi_N\rangle)$$

$$C = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N)^T$$

$$|\boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t)\rangle C_{adi}(t) = |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia}(t)\rangle C_{dia}(t)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle C_{rep} + i\hbar |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} C_{rep} = \hat{H} |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle C_{rep}$$

$$i\hbar \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t) | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle C_{rep} + i\hbar \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t) | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} C_{rep} = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t) | \hat{H} | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle C_{rep}$$

Projecting:

$$i\hbar S_{rep} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} C_{rep} = \left[\langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t) | \hat{H} | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle - i\hbar \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t) | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep}(t)\rangle \right] C_{rep}$$

Transformations. Ehrenfest Dynamics.
Some Implementation Detail In Libra

Libra as a workhorse of our developments



Akimov *JCC*, **2016**, 37, 1626

Implemented in **Libra**: <https://quantum-dynamics-hub.github.io/libra/index.html>
<https://github.com/Quantum-Dynamics-Hub/libra-code>

Examples& Tutorials: <https://github.com/compchem-cybertraining>

Some of the implemented methods:

Methods	Paper
Surface hopping schemes	Tully, J. C. <i>J. Chem. Phys.</i> 1990 , 93, 1061 (FSSH); Wang, L., et al. <i>JCTC</i> 2014 , 10, 3598 (GFSH); Akimov, A. V. et al. <i>J. Phys. Soc. Jpn.</i> 2015 , 84, 094002 (MSSH)
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Dephasing times calculations	Smith, B.; Akimov, A. V. <i>J. Chem. Phys.</i> 2019 , 151, 124107 Akimov, A. V.; Prezhdo, O. V. <i>J. Phys. Chem. Lett.</i> 2013 , 4, 3857 Sifain, A. E.; Wang, L.; Tretiak, S.; Prezhdo, O. V. Granucci, G.; Persico, M. <i>J. Chem. Phys.</i> 2007 , 126, 134114.
Neglect of back-reaction (NBRA)	Prezhdo, O. V.; Duncan, W. R.; Prezhdo, V. V. <i>Prog. Surf. Sci.</i> 2009 , 84, 30
Boltzmann-corrected Ehrenfest	Bastida, A. et al. <i>Chem. Phys. Lett.</i> 2006 , 417, 53 Smith, B.; Akimov, A. V. <i>J. Chem. Phys.</i> 2019 , 151, 124107
Phase corrections	Akimov, A. V. <i>J. Phys. Chem. Lett.</i> 2018 , 9, 6096
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HEOM	Temen et al. <i>Int. J. Quant. Chem.</i> , 2020 , 120, e26373

Implementation in Libra classes

Wavefunction language

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = |\psi_{adi}(t)\rangle C_{adi}(t) = |\psi_{dia}(t)\rangle C_{dia}(t)$$

Density matrix language

$$\hat{\rho} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

$$P_{adi} = \langle\psi_{adi}|\hat{\rho}|\psi_{adi}\rangle = \langle\psi_{adi}|\psi_{adi}\rangle C_{adi} C_{adi}^+ \langle\psi_{adi}|\psi_{adi}\rangle = I C_{adi} C_{adi}^+ I = C_{adi} C_{adi}^+$$

$$P_{dia} = \langle\psi_{dia}|\hat{\rho}|\psi_{dia}\rangle = \langle\psi_{dia}|\psi_{dia}\rangle C_{dia} C_{dia}^+ \langle\psi_{dia}|\psi_{dia}\rangle = S C_{dia} C_{dia}^+ S$$

dyn_variables

- ndia, nadi, ndof, ntraj
- **ampl_dia, ampl_adi**
- **dm_adi, dm_dia**

So the conversions of the density matrices is:

$$U P_{dia} U^+ = U^+ S C_{dia} C_{dia}^+ S U = C_{adi} C_{adi}^+ = P_{adi} \rightarrow P_{dia} = U^{-1} P_{adi} (U^{-1})^+ = U^+ S P_{adi} (U^+ S)^+ = U^+ S P_{adi} S U$$

Coefficient transformation:

$$C_{dia} = U C_{adi} \leftrightarrow C_{adi} = U^{-1} C_{dia} \leftrightarrow C_{adi} = U^+ S C_{dia}$$

nHamiltonian

- **ampl_dia2adi**
- **ampl_adi2dia**

$$H_{dia} U = S U H_{adi}$$

and also computes derivative couplings and adiabatic gradients

- **compute_adiabatic()**

computes H_{dia} , D_{dia} , and ∇H_{dia} according to given methods (e.g. Python modules with Hamiltonian models)

- **compute_diabatic()**

Implementation in the nHamiltonian class

$$|\psi\rangle = (|\psi_1\rangle, |\psi_2\rangle, \dots, |\psi_N\rangle)$$

$H_{dia} = \langle \psi_{dia} | \hat{H} | \psi_{dia} \rangle$

Hamiltonian matrix elements

$H_{adi} = \langle \psi_{adi} | \hat{H} | \psi_{adi} \rangle$

Unitary (similarity) transformation

$$H_{adi} = U^+ H_{dia} U = \tilde{H}_{dia}$$

$|\psi_{adi}\rangle = |\psi_{dia}\rangle U$

First-order derivative coupling vectors

$D_{adi} \equiv \langle \psi_{adi} | \nabla \psi_{adi} \rangle$

$D_{dia} \equiv \langle \psi_{dia} | \nabla \psi_{dia} \rangle$

How to compute NACs?

$$U^+ \nabla H_{dia} U - (\tilde{D}_{dia}^+ H_{adi} + H_{adi} \tilde{D}_{dia}) = \nabla H_{adi} - (D_{adi}^+ H_{adi} + H_{adi} D_{adi})$$

$$\nabla \tilde{H}_{dia} - (\tilde{D}_{dia}^+ \tilde{H}_{dia} + \tilde{H}_{dia} \tilde{D}_{dia}) = \nabla H_{adi} - (D_{adi}^+ H_{adi} + H_{adi} D_{adi})$$

Then use special structure of the matrix

nHamiltonian

- CMATRIX* ham_dia, nac_dia, hvib_dia
- CMATRIX* ham_adi, nac_adi, hvib_adi
- CMATRIX* ovlp_dia, time_overlap_dia
- CMATRIX* ovlp_adi, time_overlap_adi
- CMATRIX* basis_transform
- vector<CMATRIX*> dc1_adi, dc1_dia
- vector<CMATRIX*> dinam_adi, dinam_dia
- compute_adiabatic()

$D_{dia} = \langle \psi_{dia} | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \psi_{dia} \rangle$

Scalar NACs

$D_{adi} = \langle \psi_{adi} | \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \psi_{adi} \rangle$

“Vibronic” Hamiltonian

$H_{vib,dia} = H_{dia} - i\hbar D_{dia}$

$H_{vib,adi} = H_{adi} - i\hbar D_{adi}$

Time-overlaps (transition density matrices)

$\langle \psi_{dia}(t - \Delta t) | \psi_{dia}(t) \rangle = St_{dia}(t - \Delta t, t) \approx I$

$\langle \psi_{adi}(t - \Delta t) | \psi_{adi}(t) \rangle = St_{adi}(t - \Delta t, t)$

$\langle \psi_{dia} | \psi_{dia} \rangle = S$

The diabatic basis is not necessarily orthonormal

$\langle \psi_{adi} | \psi_{adi} \rangle = I$

Nonadiabatic Couplings

Properties of the NACs

$$\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{dia}^+ + \bar{\mathbf{D}}_{dia} = \nabla S$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{adi} + \bar{\mathbf{D}}_{adi}^+ = \nabla S_{adi} = 0 \rightarrow (D_{adi}^\alpha)^+ = -D_{adi}$$

This is a well-known property!

$$D_{adi}^\alpha = \tilde{D}_{dia}^\alpha + U^+ S \nabla_\alpha U$$

$D_{rep,ij}^\alpha \equiv \langle \psi_{rep,i} | \nabla_\alpha \psi_{rep,j} \rangle$ is a scalar

$\mathbf{D}_{rep,ij} \equiv \langle \psi_{rep,i} | \nabla \psi_{rep,j} \rangle$ understood as a column-vector

$\bar{\mathbf{D}}_{rep} \equiv \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep} | \nabla \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep} \rangle$ understood as a vector of matrices $D_{rep}^\alpha = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep} | \nabla_\alpha \boldsymbol{\psi}_{rep} \rangle$

Important observations

the equation becomes an identity when $U = I$

$$\underbrace{\nabla_\alpha \bar{H}_{dia} - \left((D_{adi}^\alpha)^+ \tilde{H}_{dia} + \tilde{H}_{dia} \tilde{D}_{dia}^\alpha \right)}_{U^+ \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia} | \nabla_\alpha H | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{dia} \rangle U} = \underbrace{\nabla_\alpha H_{adi} - \left((D_{adi}^\alpha)^+ H_{adi} + H_{adi} D_{adi}^\alpha \right)}_{\langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi} | \nabla_\alpha H | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi} \rangle}$$

Quantum-Classical Hamiltonian and Ehrenfest forces

$$H^{MF}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P}; \Psi) = \frac{\langle \Psi | H^{qc}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P}) | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}^T M^{-1} \mathbf{P} + \frac{C_{adi}^+ H_{adi} C_{adi}}{C_{adi}^+ C_{adi}} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}^T M^{-1} \mathbf{P} + \frac{C_{dia}^+ H_{dia} C_{dia}}{C_{dia}^+ S C_{dia}}$$

nHamiltonian

- Ehrenfest_energy_adi
- Ehrenfest_energy_dia

TD-SE for the amplitudes

$$i\hbar S \frac{dC_{rep}}{dt} = (H_{rep} - i\hbar d_{rep}) C_{rep}$$

$$\frac{dH^{MF}}{dt} = 0$$

Energy conservation

Enforcing the “classical” form of equations of motion for nuclear DOFs

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{R}} &= M^{-1} \mathbf{P} \\ \dot{\mathbf{P}} &= f^{MF}(\mathbf{R}, \Psi_{rep}) \end{aligned}$$

$$f_n^{MF} \equiv f_{n,adi}^{MF} = \frac{1}{C_{adi}^+ C_{adi}} C_{adi}^+ F_{adi,n}^{HF} C_{adi} = f_{n,dia}^{MF} = \frac{1}{C_{dia}^+ S C_{dia}} C_{dia}^+ F_{dia,n}^{HF} C_{dia}$$

nHamiltonian

- Ehrenfest_forces_adi
- Ehrenfest_forces_dia
- Ehrenfest_forces_tens_adi
- Ehrenfest_forces_tens_dia

$$F_{adi,n}^{HF} = -\langle \psi_{adi} | \nabla_n H | \psi_{adi} \rangle = [-\nabla_n H_{adi} + D_{adi,n}^+ H_{adi} + H_{adi} D_{adi,n}]$$

$$F_{dia,n}^{MF} = -\langle \psi_{dia} | \nabla_n H | \psi_{dia} \rangle = [-\nabla_n H_{dia} + D_{dia,n}^+ S^{-1} H_{dia} + H_{dia} S^{-1} D_{dia,n}]$$

Integrators and Local Diabatization

Trivial Crossing Problem

We want to solve

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

in the adiabatic basis:

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = |\psi_{adi}(t)\rangle C_{adi}(t)$$

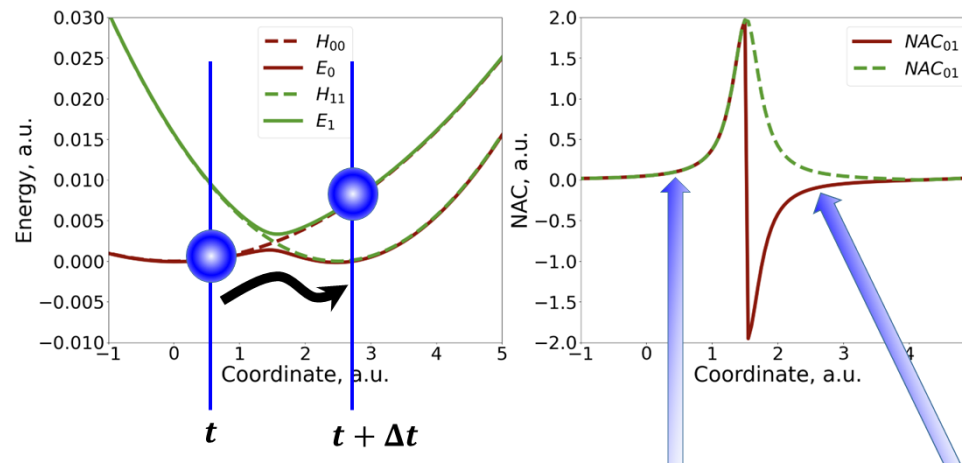
Formal solution:

$$|\Psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle = \left[\int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \exp\left(-\frac{i\tau}{\hbar} \hat{H}(t + \tau)\right) \right] |\Psi(t)\rangle = |\psi_{adi}(t + \Delta t)\rangle C_{adi}(t + \Delta t)$$

After projection:

$$C_{adi}(t + \Delta t) = \langle \psi_{adi}(t + \Delta t) | \left[\int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \exp\left(-\frac{i\tau}{\hbar} \hat{H}(t + \tau)\right) \right] | \psi_{adi}(t) \rangle C_{adi}(t)$$

However, the bases $|\psi_{adi}(t)\rangle$ and $|\psi_{adi}(t + \Delta t)\rangle$ may change their relative order (e.g. in trivial crossing situations) or acquire a spurious phase difference. **Consider this as the adiabatic dynamics (e.g. adiabatic charge transfer)**



$$|\psi(t)\rangle = (|0\rangle, |1\rangle)$$

$$|\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle = (|1\rangle, |0\rangle)$$

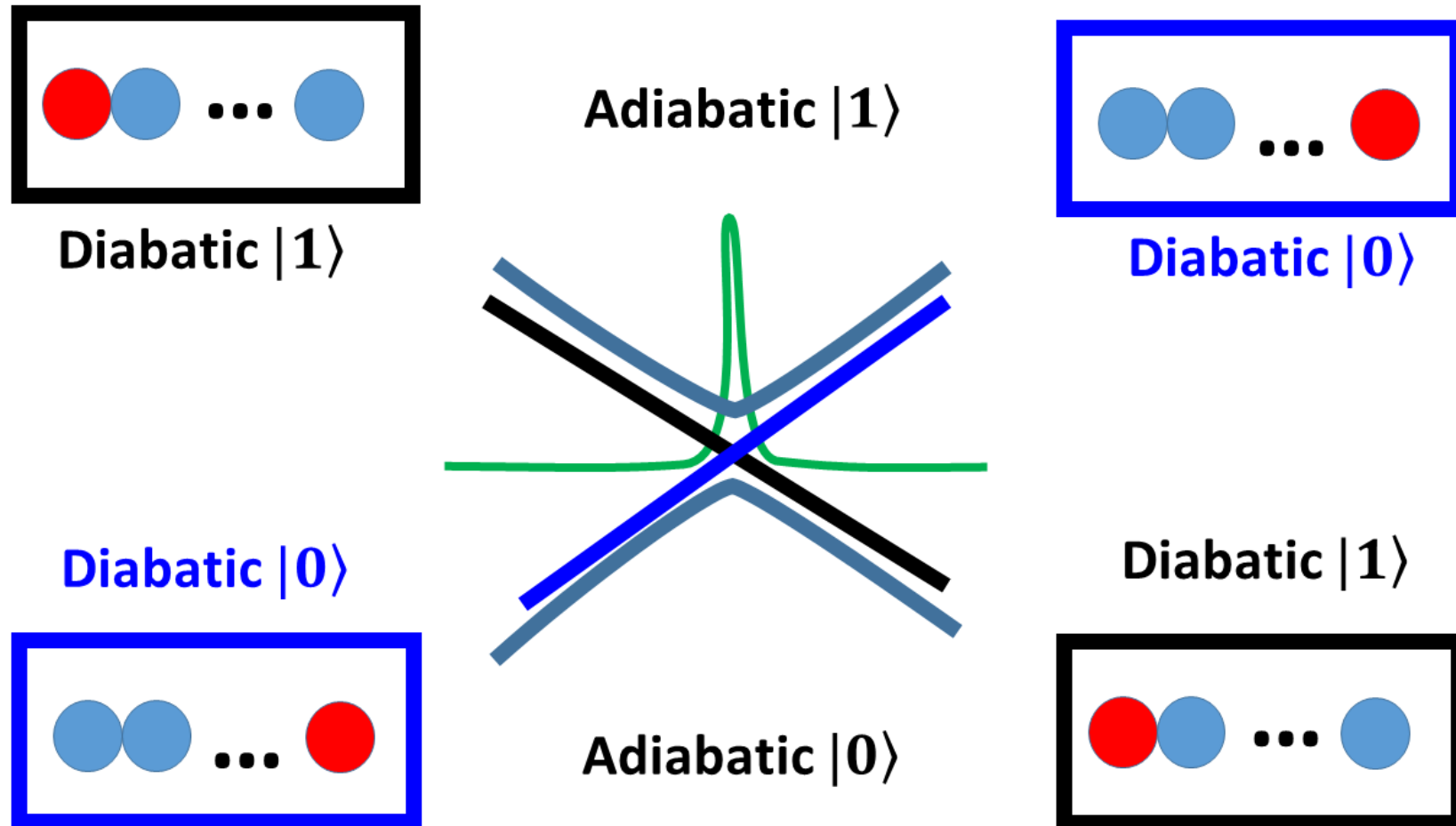
$$d_{01}(t) = \langle \psi_0(t) | \frac{d}{dR} | \psi_1(t) \rangle = \langle 0 | \frac{d}{dR} | 1 \rangle$$

$$d_{01}(t + \Delta t) = \langle \psi_0(t + \Delta t) | \frac{d}{dR} | \psi_1(t + \Delta t) \rangle = \langle 1 | \frac{d}{dR} | 0 \rangle$$

Consider the change of C_{adi} non-adiabatic dynamics

Trivial Crossing Problem

Arises because of finite Δt or due to inconsistency of energy and NAC (due to approximations)



Local Diabatization (LD) Approach

Introduce the dynamically-consistent (local diabatic) basis, $|\tilde{\psi}_{adi}(t)\rangle$: $\langle\tilde{\psi}_{adi}(t)|\tilde{\psi}_{adi}(t + \Delta t)\rangle \approx I$

The idea: **these basis functions preserve their identity as much as possible**

Introduce the **basis re-projection** matrix, $T(t)$: it describes the adiabatic dynamics of the basis

$$|\tilde{\psi}_{adi}(t)\rangle = |\psi_{adi}(t)\rangle T(t)$$

Closely related to the one in the LD of Granucci et al.

$$T = T_{LD}^{-1}$$

Granucci G, Persico M, Toniolo A.J. *Chem. Phys.* **2001**, 114, 10608

The wavefunction should stay invariant w.r.t. the choice of the basis:

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = |\tilde{\psi}_{adi}(t)\rangle \tilde{C}_{adi}(t) = |\psi_{adi}(t)\rangle C_{adi}(t)$$

$$C_{adi}(t) = T(t) \tilde{C}_{adi}(t)$$

Use the definitions above:

$$T^+(t) \langle\psi(t)|\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle T(t + \Delta t) = T^+(t) P(t, t + \Delta t) T(t + \Delta t) \approx I$$

Time-overlap (transition density matrix):

$$P(t, t + \Delta t) = \langle\psi(t)|\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle$$

Solving for the re-projection matrix:

$T(t + \Delta t) = [T^+(t) P(t, t + \Delta t)]^{-1}$ but this leads to fast accumulation of errors so, should not evolve the re-projection matrix globally, only locally:

Local diabatization assumption

$$T(t) = I$$
$$T(t + \Delta t) = P^{-1}(t, t + \Delta t)$$

Lowdin normalization in the LD approach

However, this transformation will not preserve the wavefunction norm:

$$T(t + \Delta t) = [P(t, t + \Delta t)]^{-1}$$

$$|\psi_{adi}(t + \Delta t)\rangle = |\tilde{\psi}_{adi}(t + \Delta t)\rangle T^{-1}(t + \Delta t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Tr[\langle \psi(t + \Delta t) | \psi(t + \Delta t) \rangle] &= Tr[(T^{-1})^+ \langle \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) | \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) \rangle T^{-1}] = \\ Tr[\langle \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) | \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) \rangle T^{-1} (T^{-1})^+] &= Tr[\langle \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) | \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) \rangle T^{-1} (T^+)^{-1}] = \\ Tr[\langle \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) | \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) \rangle (T^+ T)^{-1}] &\neq Tr[\langle \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) | \tilde{\psi}(t + \Delta t) \rangle]. \end{aligned}$$

Normalize the T matrix: $T \rightarrow \tilde{T} = TA$ such that $\tilde{T}^+(t + \Delta t)\tilde{T}(t + \Delta t) = A^+T^+(t + \Delta t)T(t + \Delta t)A = I$

The matrix A can be chosen as: $A = (T^+(t + \Delta t)T(t + \Delta t))^{-1/2}$

So the normalized matrix is: $\tilde{T}(t + \Delta t) = T(t + \Delta t)(T^+(t + \Delta t)T(t + \Delta t))^{-1/2}$

Local diabatisation with Lowdin normalization

$$T(t) = I$$

$$T(t + \Delta t) = P^{-1}(t, t + \Delta t) ([P^{-1}(t, t + \Delta t)]^+ P^{-1}(t, t + \Delta t))^{-1/2}$$

Back to Integrating the TD-SE

$$U(t, t + \Delta t) = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t + \Delta t) | \left[\int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \exp\left(-\frac{i\tau}{\hbar} \hat{H}(t + \tau)\right) \right] | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t) \rangle$$

$$\left[\int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \exp\left(-\frac{i\tau}{\hbar} \hat{H}(\tau)\right) \right] \approx \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} [\hat{H}(t) + \hat{H}(t + \Delta t)]\right) \right] \approx \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t + \Delta t)\right) \right] \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t)\right) \right]$$

$$U(t, t + \Delta t) \approx \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t + \Delta t) | \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t + \Delta t)\right) \right] \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t)\right) \right] | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t) \rangle$$

Using properties of the local-diabatic basis: $|\tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{adi}(t + \Delta t)\rangle \langle \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{adi}(t)| \approx |\tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{adi}(t)\rangle \langle \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{adi}(t + \Delta t)| \approx \hat{I}$

$$\begin{aligned} U(t, t + \Delta t) &\approx \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t + \Delta t) | \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t + \Delta t)\right) \right] \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{adi}(t + \Delta t) \rangle \langle \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_{adi}(t) | \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t)\right) \right] | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t) \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t + \Delta t) | \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t + \Delta t)\right) \right] \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t + \Delta t) \rangle T(t + \Delta t) T^\dagger(t) \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t) | \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t)\right) \right] | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t) \rangle = A(t + \Delta t) T(t + \Delta t) A(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$A(t) = \langle \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t) | \left[\exp\left(-\frac{i\Delta t}{2\hbar} \hat{H}(t)\right) \right] | \boldsymbol{\psi}_{adi}(t) \rangle$$

Working the Liouville's space: propagation of density matrix

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}]$$



$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\rho}_{ij}}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_{a,b} \tilde{L}_{ij,ab} \tilde{\rho}_{ab}$$

$N \times N$ matrix

$$\tilde{L}_{ij,ab} = \tilde{H}_{ia} \delta_{bj} - \tilde{H}_{bj} \delta_{ai}$$

$$\tilde{H} = \langle \tilde{\psi} | \hat{H} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle = T^+ \langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle T$$



Vectorized form of the QCLE

$$\frac{\partial \text{vec}(\tilde{\rho})}{\partial t} = -i\tilde{L} * \text{vec}(\tilde{\rho})$$

$N^2 \times N^2$ matrix

$N^2 \times 1$ vector

For the “closed” quantum systems, there is a direct correspondence between wavefunction and density matrix, so:

$$\rho_{adi} = C_{adi} C_{adi}^+ = T \tilde{C}_{adi} \tilde{C}_{adi}^+ T^+ = T \tilde{\rho}_{adi} T^+$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_{adi} = T^{-1} \rho_{adi} (T^+)^{-1} = T^+ \rho_{adi} T$$

So, the final expression:

$$\rho(t + \Delta t) = T(t + \Delta t) \text{vec}^{-1} \left\{ \left[\int_0^{\Delta t} d\tau \exp \left(-\frac{i\tau}{\hbar} \tilde{L}(t + \tau) \right) \right] \text{vec}(\rho(t)) T \right\} T^+(t + \Delta t)$$

*Trajectory Surface Hopping (TSH) methods
in Libra*

TSH in the nutshell

Initialization

Nuclear dynamics

Stationary adiabatic states

Non-adiabatic Couplings

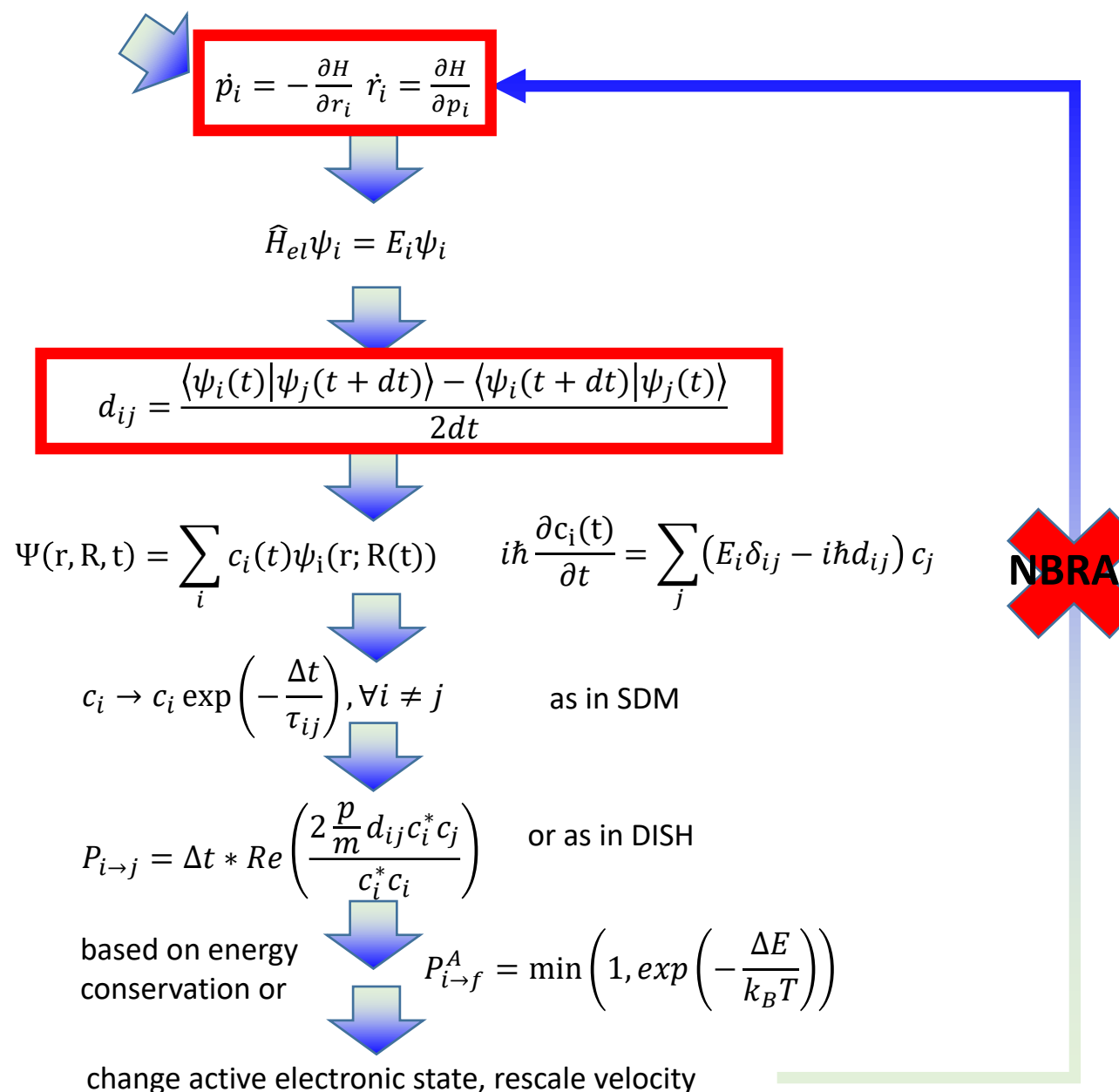
Electronic Dynamics

Decoherence 1

Proposed Hops
Decoherence 2

Accept Hops

Change of state/Velocity rescaling



Options for the Dynamics

dyn_control_params

- rep_tdse how to evolve electronic DOFs: 0 - C_{dia} ; 1 - C_{adi} ; 2 - P_{dia} ; 3 - P_{adi}
- ham_update_method how to update Ham: 0 – don't; 1 – update H_{dia} ; 2 – update H_{adi}
- ham_transform_method how to update Ham via transformation: $H_{dia}U = SUH_{adi}$
 - 0 – don't;
 - 1 – compute H_{adi} from H_{dia} by solving $H_{dia}U = SUH_{adi}$
 - 2 – compute H_{adi} from H_{dia} by using a provided U : $H_{adi} = (SU)^{-1}H_{dia}U = U^+H_{dia}U$
 - 3 – compute H_{dia} from H_{adi} by using a provided U : $H_{dia} = SUH_{adi}U^{-1} = SUH_{adi}U^+S$
- force_method how to compute nuclear forces:
 - 0 – don't
 - 1 – state-specific, adiabatic forces: $-\frac{\partial E_{adi}}{\partial R}$
 - 2 – Ehrenfest forces
- rep_force ←

$$f_{n,dia}^{MF} = \frac{1}{C_{dia}^+ S C_{dia}} C_{dia}^+ F_{dia,n}^{HF} C_{dia} = f_{n,adi}^{MF} = \frac{1}{C_{adi}^+ C_{adi}} C_{adi}^+ F_{adi,n}^{HF} C_{adi}$$
 - 0 – using only diabatic properties;
 - 1 – using adiabatic properties

Options for the Dynamics

dyn_control_params

- force_method

how to compute nuclear forces:

0 – don't

1 – state-specific, adiabatic forces: $-\frac{\partial E_{adi}}{\partial R}$

2 – Ehrenfest forces

- enforce_state_following

Whether we want to enforce nuclear dynamics to be on a given state, regardless of the TSH transitions: 0 - no [default]; 1 - yes

- enforced_state_index

If we enforce the nuclear dynamics to be on a given state, what is the index of that state [any integer >= 0, default = 0]
The default value of 0 enforces the nuclear dynamics to be on the ground state.

- time_overlap_method

How to get the time-overlaps $P_{adi}(t - \Delta t, t) = \langle \psi_{adi}(t - \Delta t) | \psi_{adi}(t) \rangle$ in the dynamics.
0 - based on the wavefunctions (the Hamiltonian shall have the basis_transform variables updated) [default] $P_{adi}(t - \Delta t, t) = U^+(t - \Delta t) P_{dia}(t - \Delta t, t) U(t)$
1 - based on external calculations (the Hamiltonian shall have the time_overlap_adi member updated) - use for NBRA

Options for the Dynamics

dyn_control_params

- nac_update_method

How to update NACs and vibronic Hamiltonian before electronic TD-SE propagation.

- 0: don't update them (e.g. for simplest NAC)
- 1: update according to changed momentum and existing derivative couplings [default]

$$d_{ij} = \sum_n D_{ij,n}^{adi} \frac{P_n}{M_n}$$

- 2: update according to time-overlaps (only time-derivative NACs)

- nac_algo



How to compute time-derivative NACs (if nac_update_method==2)

- (-1): don't update, e.g. we use NACs from somewhere else [default]

- 0: use HST formula: $d_{ij} \left(t + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) = \frac{St_{ij}(t,t+\Delta t) - St_{ij}^+(t,t+\Delta t)}{2\Delta t}$

- 1: use NPI of Meek and Levine

Meek, G. A.; Levine, B. G. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **2014**, *5*, 2351.
<https://doi.org/10.1021/jz5009449>.

$$d \left(t + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_0^{\Delta t} \left\langle \psi(t') \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \right| \psi(t') \right\rangle dt' = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_0^{\Delta t} T^+(t') \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} T(t') dt' = \frac{\log[T(t + \Delta t)]}{\Delta t}$$

$$T(t + \Delta t) = S'(t, t + \Delta t) = \langle \psi(t) | \psi(t + \Delta t) \rangle$$

- hvib_update_method

How to update $H_{vib,dia}$ and $H_{vib,adi}$

- 0: don't update them (e.g. if it is read externally)
- 1: update according to regular formula: $H_{vib,rep} = H_{rep} - i\hbar d_{ij,rep}$

Hop Proposal Probability

tsh_method;

- [-1]: adiabatic dynamics, no hops [default]
- 0: Fewest Switches Surface Hopping (FSSH)
- 1: Global Flux Surface Hopping (GFSH)
- 2: Markov-State Surface Hopping (MSSH)
- 3: Landau-Zener (LZ) options
- 4: Zhu-Nakamura (ZN) options
- 5: DISH

$$P_{i \rightarrow f}^P = \max \left(0, \frac{\Delta t}{\hbar P_{ii}} \text{Im} [P_{i,f} H_{f,i}^{vib} - H_{i,f}^{vib} P_{f,i}] \right)$$

Tully, J. C. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1990**, 93, 1061

$$P_{i \rightarrow f}^P = \max \left(0, \frac{\Delta P_{ff}}{P_{ff}} \frac{\Delta P_{jj}}{\sum_{k \in A} \Delta P_{kk}} \right) . i \in A, j \in B$$

Wang, L.; Trivedi, D.; Prezhdo, O. V. *JCTC* **2014**, 10, 3598

$$P_{i \rightarrow f}^P(t, t + \Delta t) = P_{ff}(t + \Delta t)$$

Akimov, A. V.; Trivedi, D.; Wang, L.; Prezhdo, O. V. *J. Phys. Soc. Jpn.* **2015**, 84, 094002

$$P_{i \rightarrow j}^P = \exp \left(- \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{a^2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{b^2 + \sqrt{|b^4 + \text{sign}(\mathbf{F}_i^T \mathbf{F}_j)|}}} \right)$$

$$a^2 = \frac{\hbar^2 \sqrt{|\mathbf{F}_i^T \mathbf{F}_j|} |\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j|}{2\mu (2H_{ij}^{dia})^3}$$

$$b^2 = (E - E_i(\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_c)) \frac{|\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j|}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{F}_i \mathbf{F}_j|} (2H_{ij}^{dia})}$$

$$P_{i \rightarrow j}^P = \exp \left(- \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \gamma^{LZ} \right)$$

Multidimensional version

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} |\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j| \rightarrow \sqrt{(\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j)^T M^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j)} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} |\mathbf{F}_i \mathbf{F}_j| \rightarrow \sqrt{|\mathbf{F}_i^T M^{-1} \mathbf{F}_j|} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\gamma^{LZ} = \frac{|H_{ij}^{dia}|^2}{\mathbf{v}^T (\nabla |H_{ii}^{dia} - H_{jj}^{dia}|)}$$

DISH

Initialize "coherence time"
for each state $t_i = 0, \forall i$

Advance "coherence time": $t_i = t_i + \Delta t, \forall i$

Initialize set of "decohering" states: $D = \emptyset$
For all states i :

- compute coherence interval for this state $\tau_i^{-1} = \sum_{j \neq i} \rho_{jj}(t) \tau_{ij}^{-1}$
- If $t_i \geq T[\tau_i]$, add i to set D : $D = D \cup \{i\}$

int dish_decoherence_event_option;

- 0 – direct compare
- 1 -Poisson

$D \neq \emptyset$

No (B)

Continue coherent evolution:
 $c(t + \Delta t) = \exp\left(-\frac{iH}{\hbar} \Delta t\right) c(t)$

Yes (A)

- Select a single decohered state, i , out of the set randomly
- reset $t_i = 0$
- don't change the variables for other states

Is i active state?

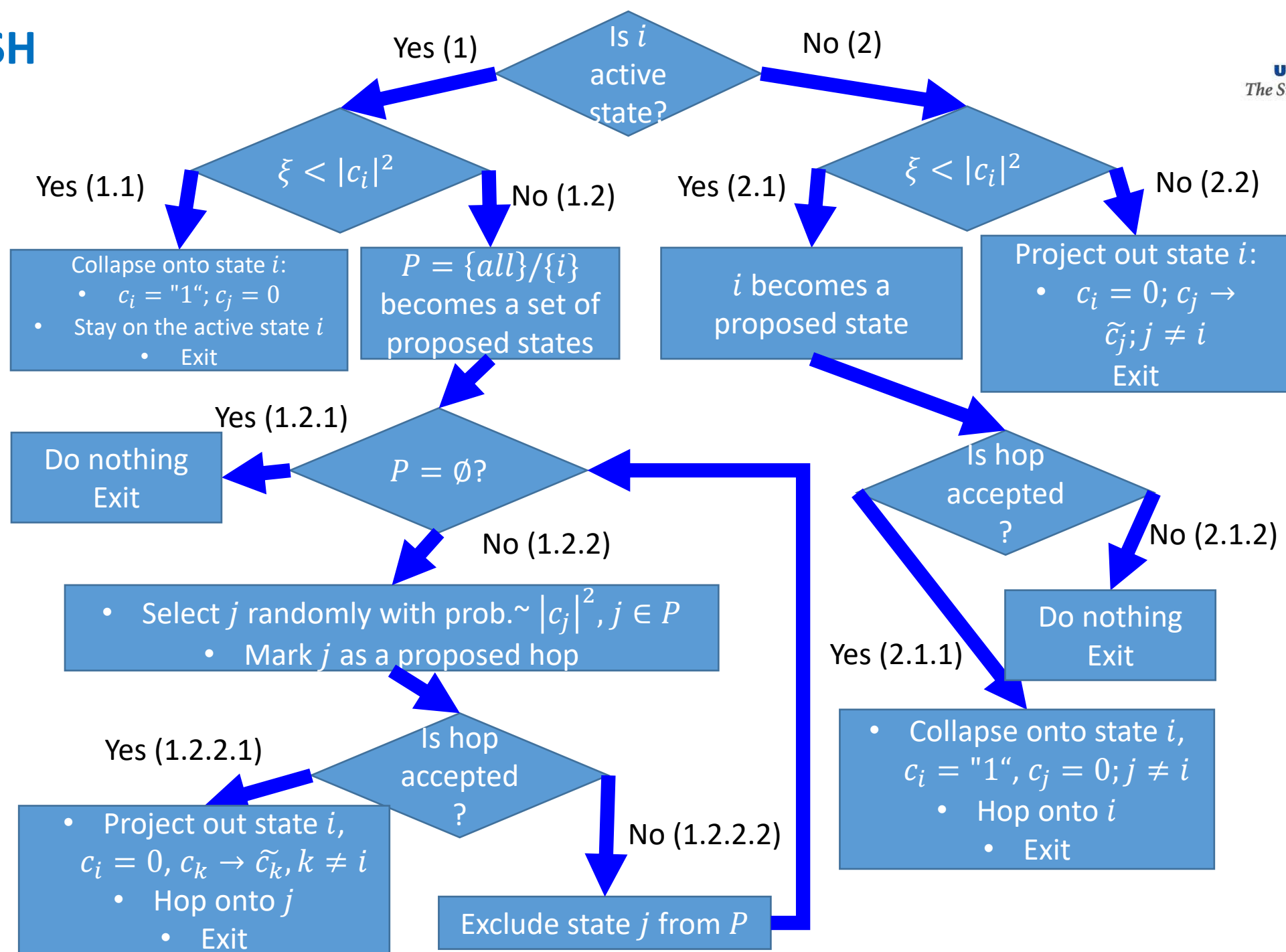
Yes (1)

No (2)

Finish scheme in panel (b)

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...



Hop Acceptance Probabilities

int hop_acceptance_algo;

Options:

- 0: accept all proposed hops [default]
- 10: based on adiabatic energy - accept only those hops that can obey the energy conservation with adiabatic potential energies
- 11: based on diabatic energy - same as 10, but we use diabatic potential energies
- 20: based on derivative coupling vectors - accept only those hops that can obey the energy conservation by rescaling nuclear velocities along the directions of derivative couplings for the quantum nuclear DOF
- 21: based on difference of state-specific forces - same as 20, but the rescaling is done along the vector parallel to the difference of adiabatic forces on initial and target states
- 31: accept hops with the probability taken from the quantum Boltzmann distribution
- 32: accept hops with the probability taken from the classical Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution
- 33: accept hops with the probability taken from the updated quantum Boltzmann distribution

(experimental)

$$P_{i \rightarrow f}^A = 1$$

$$P_{i \rightarrow f}^A = \Theta(E_{kin} + E_f - E_i)$$

Tully, J. C. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1990**, 93, 1061

$$P_{i \rightarrow f}^A = \min\left(1, \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}\right)\right)$$

Prezhdo, O. V.; Duncan, W. R.; Prezhdo, V. V. *Prog. Surf. Sci.* **2009**, 84, 30

$$P_{i \rightarrow f}^A = 1 - \left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\left(\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) - \sqrt{\frac{4}{\pi}} \left(\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}\right) \right]$$

Smith, B.; Akimov, A. V. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2019**, 151, 124107

Momentum Rescaling

int momenta_rescaling_algo;

Options:

- 0: don't rescale [default]
- 100: based on adiabatic energy, don't reverse on frustrated hops
- 101: based on adiabatic energy, reverse on frustrated hops
- 110: based on diabatic energy, don't reverse on frustrated hops
- 111: based on diabatic energy, reverse on frustrated hops

- 200: along derivative coupling vectors, don't reverse on frustrated hops
- 201: along derivative coupling vectors, reverse on frustrated hops
- 210: along difference of state-specific forces, don't reverse on frustrated hops
- 211: along difference of state-specific forces, reverse on frustrated hops

Decoherence: SMD, ID-A

double decoherence_algo;

Options:

- [-1]: no decoherence [default]
- 0: SDM and alike
- 1: instantaneous decoherence options (ID-S, ID-A, ID-C)
- 2: AFSSH
- 3: BCSH of Linjun Wang
- 4: MF-SD of Bedard-Hearn, Larsen, Schwartz

int collapse_option;

How to collapse wavefunction amplitudes in the decoherence schemes:

- 0: by rescaling the magnitude of the amplitude vector elements, but preserving "phase" [default]
- 1: by resetting the amplitudes to 1.0+0.0j. This option changes phase

int instantaneous_decoherence_variant;

- 0: ID-S
- 1: ID-A [default]
- 2: ID-C - consistent ID - an experimental algorithm

SDM

ID-A

Nelson, T.; Fernandez-Alberti, S.; Roitberg, A. E.; Tretiak, S. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2013**, *138*, 224111.

- on a successful hop (ID-S)
- on an attempted hop (ID-A)
- at every timestep (ID-C)

Wavefunction reduction

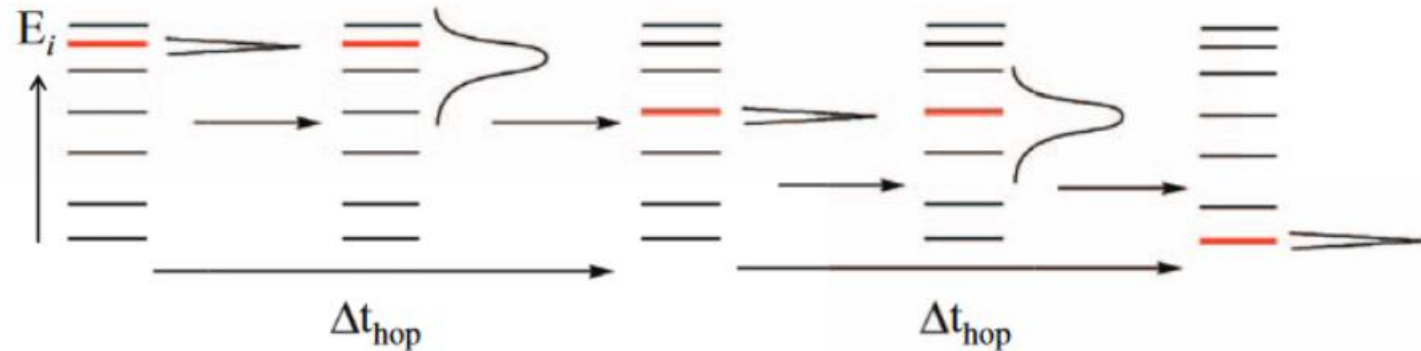
$$C_f = 1, C_i = 0, \forall i \neq f$$

Granucci, G.; Persico, M. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2007**, *126*, 134114.

gradually change the amplitudes

$$C'_i = C_i \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta t}{\tau_{if}}\right), \forall i \neq f$$

$$C'_f = C_f \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sum_{i \neq f} |C'_i|^2}{|C_f|^2}}$$



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An Efficient, Augmented Surface Hopping Algorithm That Includes Decoherence for Use in Large-Scale Simulations

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Propagate extra set of variables $\delta\vec{R} = \text{Tr}_N[(\vec{R} - \vec{R}_{\text{SH}})\rho]$

$$\delta\vec{P} = \text{Tr}_N[(\vec{P} - \vec{P}_{\text{SH}})\rho]$$

These variables define the rates for wavefunction collapse

$$\frac{1}{\tau_d^{n\lambda}} = -\frac{\frac{d}{dt}|\sigma_{n\lambda}|}{|\sigma_{n\lambda}|}$$

$$\simeq \frac{\delta\vec{F}_{nm} \cdot (\delta\vec{R}_{nm} - \delta\vec{R}_{\lambda\lambda})}{2\hbar} - \frac{2|\vec{F}_{\lambda n} \cdot (\delta\vec{R}_{nm} - \delta\vec{R}_{\lambda\lambda})|}{\hbar}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\delta\vec{R}_{jk} = \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar}\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{T}, \delta\vec{R} \right]_{jk} + \frac{\delta\vec{P}_{jk}}{m}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\delta\vec{P}_{jk} = \left[-\frac{i}{\hbar}\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{T}, \delta\vec{P} \right]_{jk} + \frac{1}{2}(\delta\vec{F}\sigma + \sigma\delta\vec{F})_{jk}$$

5. Compute the probability to collapse the amplitudes for the state $n \neq i$ (where i is the active surface) as

$$\gamma_n^{\text{collapse}} = dt \left(\frac{(F_{nn} - F_{ii})\delta x_{nn}}{2\hbar} - \frac{2|F_{in}\delta x_{nn}|}{\hbar} \right). \quad (\text{A10})$$

Also compute the probability to reset the moments as

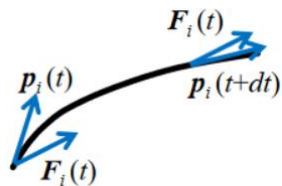
$$\gamma_n^{\text{reset}} = -dt \left(\frac{(F_{nn} - F_{ii})\delta x_{nn}}{2\hbar} \right). \quad (\text{A11})$$

BCSH

Xu, J.; Wang, L. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2019**, 150, 164101. <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5090927>.

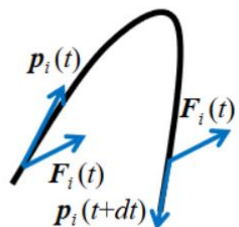
In this approach, decoherence correction is interpreted as a way to enforce the self-consistency of the TD-SE with the quantum-classical trajectories rather than as a common view of a decay of overlap of wavepackets moving on different PE surfaces. Namely:

- at every nonadiabatic interaction region, there is a possibility of the wavepacket branching into reflecting and transmitting wavepackets on different surfaces.
- the idea is to eliminate the wavepackets that go in the opposite direction with the main wavepacket on the active state.
- the correction is applied only at the reflection points (not the reflection of active trajectory, but the reflection of the wavepacket on other surfaces in comparison to that of the active surface)
- the reflection is judged as:



no reflection

$$\text{sign}\{\mathbf{F}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{p}_i(t)\} = \text{sign}\{\mathbf{F}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{p}_i(t+dt)\}$$



reflection

$$\text{sign}\{\mathbf{F}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{p}_i(t)\} = -\text{sign}\{\mathbf{F}_i(t) \cdot \mathbf{p}_i(t+dt)\}$$

MF-SD

This method is essentially like Ehrenfest,

but there is always a probability to collapse the coherent superposition to a pure state.

The probability of such a collapse is given by the quantum amplitude of the state and by the decoherence time to collapse onto a particular state k .

$$P_i = \frac{\rho_{ii}}{\tau_i} \Delta t$$

The decoherence time is given by

$$\tau_i^{-2} = \frac{1}{4\hbar^2} (\mathbf{F}_{MF} - \mathbf{F}_i)^T \alpha^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_{MF} - \mathbf{F}_i)$$

Decoherence times

DISH

Decoherence interval

$$\tau_i^{-1} = \sum_{j \neq i} P_{jj} \tau_{ij}^{-1}$$

Jaeger, H. M.; Fischer, S.;
Prezhdo, O. V. *J. Chem. Phys.*
2012, *137*, 22A545

SDM/EDC

$$\tau_{ij}^{EDC} = \frac{\hbar}{|E_i - E_j|} \left(C + \frac{\epsilon}{E_{kin}} \right)$$

Granucci, G.; Persico, M. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2007**, *126*, 134114.

decoherence_times_type;

- [-1]: set all dephasing rates to zero [default]
- 0: use the rates read out from the input
- 1: use the energy-based decoherence method (EDC)
- 2: Schwartz - mean-field Force-based decoherence
- 3: Schwartz - pair-wise-based decoherences

mSDM

$$\tau_{ij}^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{5 \langle \delta E_{ij}^2 \rangle}{12 \hbar^2}}$$

Akimov, A. V.; Prezhdo, O. V. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **2013**, *4*, 3857
Smith, B.; Akimov, A. V. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2019**, *151*, 124107

Phase-informed Decoherence times

Sifain, A. E.; Wang, L.; Tretiak, S.; Prezhdo, O. V.

$$\tau_{ij}^{-1,PI} = \tau_{ij}^{-1} \frac{|E_i - E_j|}{\langle |E_i - E_j| \rangle}$$

dephasing_informed;

- 0: don't apply [default]
- 1: use it

MF-SD

Bedard-Hearn, M. J.; Larsen, R. E.; Schwartz, B. J.
J. Chem. Phys. **2005**, *123* (23), 234106.
<https://doi.org/10.1063/1.2131056>.

$$\tau_i^{-2} = \frac{1}{4 \hbar^2} (\mathbf{F}_{MF} - \mathbf{F}_i)^T \alpha^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_{MF} - \mathbf{F}_i)$$

schwartz_decoherence_inv_alpha

$$\tau_{ij}^{-2} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} (\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j)^T \alpha^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j)$$

Independent stochastic pairwise decoherence (ISPD)

Esch, M. P.; Levine, B. G. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2020**, *152* (23), 234105.
<https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0010081>.

decoherence_C_param;

decoherence_eps_param;

Other ways of computing Decoherence times

2001, Hack, Truhlar

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ij}^{NDM}} = \frac{\hbar}{|H_{ii}^{dia} - H_{jj}^{dia}|} \frac{E_{tot}}{E_{vib}}$$

Natural decay of mixing

Hack, M.D., Truhlar, D.G., 2001. J. Chem. Phys. 114, 9305.

2004, Zhu, Jasper, Truhlar

$$\tau_{ij}^{SCDM} = \frac{\hbar}{|H_{ii}^{dia} - H_{jj}^{dia}|} + \frac{\hbar}{4E_{vib}}$$

Self-consistent decay of mixing

Zhu, C., Jasper, A.W., Truhlar, D.G., 2004. J. Chem. Phys. 120, 5543.

2005, Jasper, Truhlar

$$\chi_a = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma_a^2)^{1/4}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x_a)^2}{4\sigma_a^2} - \frac{iP_a x}{\hbar}\right) \Rightarrow O_{ab}(t) = \langle \chi_a | \chi_b \rangle \Rightarrow \dot{O}_{ab} = -k_{ab} O_{ab} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ab}} = k_{ab} = \frac{(x_a - x_b)(P_a - P_b)}{2m(\sigma_a^2 + \sigma_b^2)} + \frac{2\sigma_a^2\sigma_b^2(P_a - P_b)(F_a - F_b)}{\hbar^2(\sigma_a^2 + \sigma_b^2)}$$

Classical GWP center motion, etc.

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ab}} = k_{ab} = \frac{\pi |F_a - F_b|}{2 |\bar{P}|} + \sqrt{\frac{(\mathbf{P}_a - \mathbf{P}_b)^2 |E_a - E_b|}{4m\hbar^2\pi^2} + \left(\frac{\pi |F_a - F_b|}{2 |\bar{P}|}\right)^2} \quad \bar{P} = \frac{P_a + P_b}{2}$$

Jasper, A.W., Truhlar, D.G., 2005. J. Chem. Phys. 123. 064103

Parallel surfaces

$$\tau_{ab}^{Truhlar} = \frac{\hbar}{|E_a - E_b|} \sqrt{\frac{|\bar{P}|}{|\mathbf{P}_a - \mathbf{P}_b|}}$$

2006, Larsen, Bedard-Hearn, Schwartz

$$\frac{1}{\tau_i^{BLS}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\hbar^2} (\mathbf{F}^{MF} - \mathbf{F}_i)^T A^{-1} (\mathbf{F}^{MF} - \mathbf{F}_i)}$$

Larsen, R.E., Bedard-Hearn, M.J., Schwartz, B.J., 2006. J. Phys. Chem. B 110. 20055.

2007, Granucci, Persico

$$\tau_{ij}^{SDM} = \frac{\hbar}{|E_i - E_j|} \left(1 + \frac{C}{E_{kin}}\right)$$

Simplified decay of mixing

Granucci, G., Persico, M., 2007. J. Chem. Phys. 126. 134114

Other ways of computing Decoherence times

2008, Cheng, Truhlar, et al

$$\tau_{ij}^{SCDM'} = \frac{C_1 \pi \hbar}{|H_{ii}^{dia} - H_{jj}^{dia}|} + \frac{C_2 \hbar}{4E_{vib}}$$

2-parameters self-consistent decay of mixing

Cheng, S.C., Zhu, C., Liang, K.K., Lin, S.H., Truhlar, D.G., 2008. J. Chem. Phys. 129. 024112

2011, Shenvi, Subotnik, Yang

Exclude the momentum difference terms

$$\chi_a = \left(\frac{2\text{Re}[\alpha_a]}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left(-\alpha(x-x_a)^2 + \frac{iP_a x}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$|\sigma_{ij}| = \left| \frac{\text{Re}[2\alpha_i]^{1/4} \text{Re}[2\alpha_j]^{1/4}}{(\alpha_i + \alpha_j^*)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\text{Re}\left[\frac{\alpha_i \alpha_j^* (x_i - x_j)^2}{\alpha_i + \alpha_j^*}\right]\right) \right|$$

Shenvi, N., Subotnik, J.E., Yang, W., 2011. J. Chem. Phys. 134. 144102.

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ij}^{SSY}} = -\frac{1}{|\sigma_{ij}|} \frac{d|\sigma_{ij}|}{dt} = \text{Re}\left[\frac{\alpha_i \alpha_j^* (x_i - x_j)^2}{\alpha_i + \alpha_j^*} (\dot{x}_i - \dot{x}_j)\right]$$

2012, Jaeger, Fisher, Prezhdo
DISH

$$\frac{1}{\tau_i^{DISH}} = \sum_{j \neq i} k_{ij}^{deph} |c_j|^2$$

Jaeger, H.M., Fischer, S., Prezhdo, O.V., 2012. J. Chem. Phys. 137. 22A545.

2013, Akimov, Prezhdo

$$k_{ij}^{deph} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{5}{12} \langle \delta^2 E_{ij} \rangle}$$

Akimov, A.V., Prezhdo, O.V., 2013. J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 4, 3857.

So: $\frac{1}{\tau_0^{DISH}} = \frac{|c_1|^2}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{5}{12} \langle \delta^2 E_{01} \rangle}$

2017, Gu and Franco

As a purity decay rate

$$\sigma(t) = \text{Tr}_S\{\rho\} = \sum_i p_i |i\rangle\langle i| \quad \longrightarrow \quad P(t) = \text{Tr}_S\{\sigma^2(t)\} = \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{\tau_d^2}\right)$$

Gu, B., Franco, I., 2017. J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 8, 4289.

Gu, B., Franco, I., 2018. J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 9, 773

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_S + \hat{H}_B + \hat{H}_{SB}$$

$$\hat{H}_{SB} = \sum_a \hat{S}_a \otimes \hat{B}_a$$

$$\tau_d = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2 \sum_{ab} \Delta_{ab}^S \times \Delta_{ab}^B}}$$

$$\Delta_{ab}^X = \langle \hat{X}_a \hat{X}_b \rangle - \langle \hat{X}_a \rangle \langle \hat{X}_b \rangle, X = S, B$$

For a 2-level system with constant
diabatic coupling = pure dephasing limit:

$$\frac{1}{k^{deph}} = \frac{\hbar}{|c_0||c_1| \sqrt{2 \langle \delta^2 E_{01} \rangle}}$$

So: $\frac{1}{\tau_d^{Gu-Franco}} = \frac{|c_0||c_1|}{\hbar} \sqrt{2 \langle \delta^2 E_{01} \rangle}$

Other ways of computing Decoherence times

$$k_{ij}^{deph} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \sqrt{\frac{5}{12} \langle \delta^2 E_{ij} \rangle}$$

is a problematic at the points of zero gap (where coherence times should be infinite)

2019, Sifain, Wang, Tretiak, Prezhdo

Dephasing-informed correction

Sifain, A.E., Wang, L., Tretiak, S., Prezhdo, O.V., 2019. J. Chem. Phys. 150. 194104.

$$k_{ij}^{deph,corr}(t) = k_{ij}^{deph} \frac{|E_i(t) - E_j(t)|}{\langle |E_i - E_j| \rangle}$$

2020, Esch, Levine

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ij}^{Esch-Levine}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\hbar^2} (\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j)^T A^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j)}$$

Pairwise decoherence scheme

2021, Vindel-Zandbergen et al.

In the context of exact factorization approach

Vindel-Zandbergen, P., Ibele, L.M., Ha, J.-K., et al., 2021. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 17, 3852.

$$\tau_i^{SHXF,-1} = \sum_j \mathbf{Q}^T M^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{F}_j) |c_j|^2$$
$$\mathbf{Q} = -\hbar \frac{\nabla |\chi|}{|\chi|}$$

Phase corrections

2011, Shenvi-Subotnik-Yang **int do_ssy**

A Gaussian $g_n(x)$ moving on the surface n would acquire an additional phase with respect to Gaussian $g_m(x)$ moving on the surface m such that: $\frac{g_m(x=x_n(t))}{g_n(x=x_n(t))} = \exp(\Delta\phi) = \exp(i\hbar t \mathbf{P}_n^T M^{-1} (\mathbf{P}_m - \mathbf{P}_n))$. [Shenvi, N., Subotnik, J.E., Yang, W., 2011. J. Chem. Phys. 135. 024101.](#)

Such a phase difference can also be acquired if the effective Hamiltonian used in the TD-SE (coherent dynamics) is constructed as: $H(\text{state } n \text{ is active}) = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{P}_n^T M^{-1} \mathbf{P}_n & -i\hbar \mathbf{P}_n^T \mathbf{d}_{nm} \\ i\hbar \mathbf{P}_n^T \mathbf{d}_{nm} & -\mathbf{P}_n^T M^{-1} \mathbf{P}_m \end{pmatrix}$ $E_n + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}_n^T M^{-1} \mathbf{P}_n = E_m + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{P}_m^T M^{-1} \mathbf{P}_m$.

2019, Miao, Subotnik: Generalization to multiple states:

[Miao, G., Subotnik, J., 2019. J. Phys. Chem. A 123, 5428.](#)

$$H_{ij}(\text{state } n \text{ is active}) = -\mathbf{P}_n^T M^{-1} \mathbf{P}_i \delta_{ij} - i\hbar \mathbf{P}_n^T M^{-1} \mathbf{D}_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_n = \begin{cases} \text{sign}(\mathbf{P}) \sqrt{\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P} + 2m(E_i(\mathbf{R}) - E_n(\mathbf{R}))}, & \text{if } \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P} + 2m(E_i(\mathbf{R}) - E_n(\mathbf{R})) \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2016, Zhu: in terms of QCLE

rep_tdse = 3;
electronic_integrator=0

rep_tdse = 3;
electronic_integrator=1

$$i\hbar \frac{d\rho_{nm}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P})}{dt} = \sum_i [E_n \delta_{ni} - i\hbar d_{ni}] \rho_{im} - \rho_{ni} [E_m \delta_{im} - i\hbar d_{im}]$$

$$= (E_n - E_m) \rho_{nm} - i\hbar \sum_i [\rho_{im} d_{ni} - \rho_{ni} d_{im}]$$



$$i\hbar \frac{d\rho_{nm}}{dt} = 2(\sqrt{E - E_m} - \sqrt{E - E_n}) \sqrt{E - E_{eff}} \rho_{nm} - i\hbar \sum_i [\rho_{im} d_{ni} - \rho_{ni} d_{im}]$$

$$E_{eff} = \sum_i \rho_{ii} E_i$$

[Zhu, C., 2016. Sci. Rep. 6. 24198.](#)