RB-SFA: High Harmonic Generation in the Strong Field Approximation via *Mathematica*

Usage and Examples

Loading the package

You can use this software

- within the RB-SFA notebook itself by simply running the initialization cells of that notebook, or
- from an external notebook by loading it as a package.

In the latter case, place a copy of the package file RB-SFA.m on the same directory as your notebook and run the loading command

```
Needs["RBSFA`", FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "RB-SFA.m"}]]
```

You can also call the package from another directory by suitably modifying the directory call. If you plan on using this package in the long term you can use the File > Install prompt, in which case the package is simply loaded as Needs[“RBSFA`”], though this is not particularly recommended. (A better choice is to include a soft link called RBSFA.m in your $UserBaseDirectory/Applications/ directory to the file RB-SFA.m. This works just fine and is easy to undo if required.)

To print the version of the package in use, use the command

```
$RBSFAversion
```

```
RB-SFA v2.0.7, Thu 28 Apr 2016 18:26:31
```

There are also commands to get the $RBSFAtimestamp directly, as well as the git $RBSFAcommit hash and message.

Simple usage

For basic usage, simply call the main numerical integrator, makeDipoleList, with the vector potential you want to use, and provide any parameters you wish to specify using the FieldParameters option.

```
AbsoluteTiming[
 simpleDipole = makeDipoleList[
    VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}], FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.057}];
]
```

```
{3.01082, Null}
```

Calling the function with insufficient parameters will produce error messages:

```
makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}]]
```

makeDipoleList::pot :

The vector potential A provided as VectorPotential→Function[t, {F Sin[ω t]/ω, 0, 0}] is incorrect or is missing FieldParameters.

Its usage as A[4.710127010714186`] returns {F Sin[4.71013 ω]/ω, 0, 0} and should return a list of numbers.

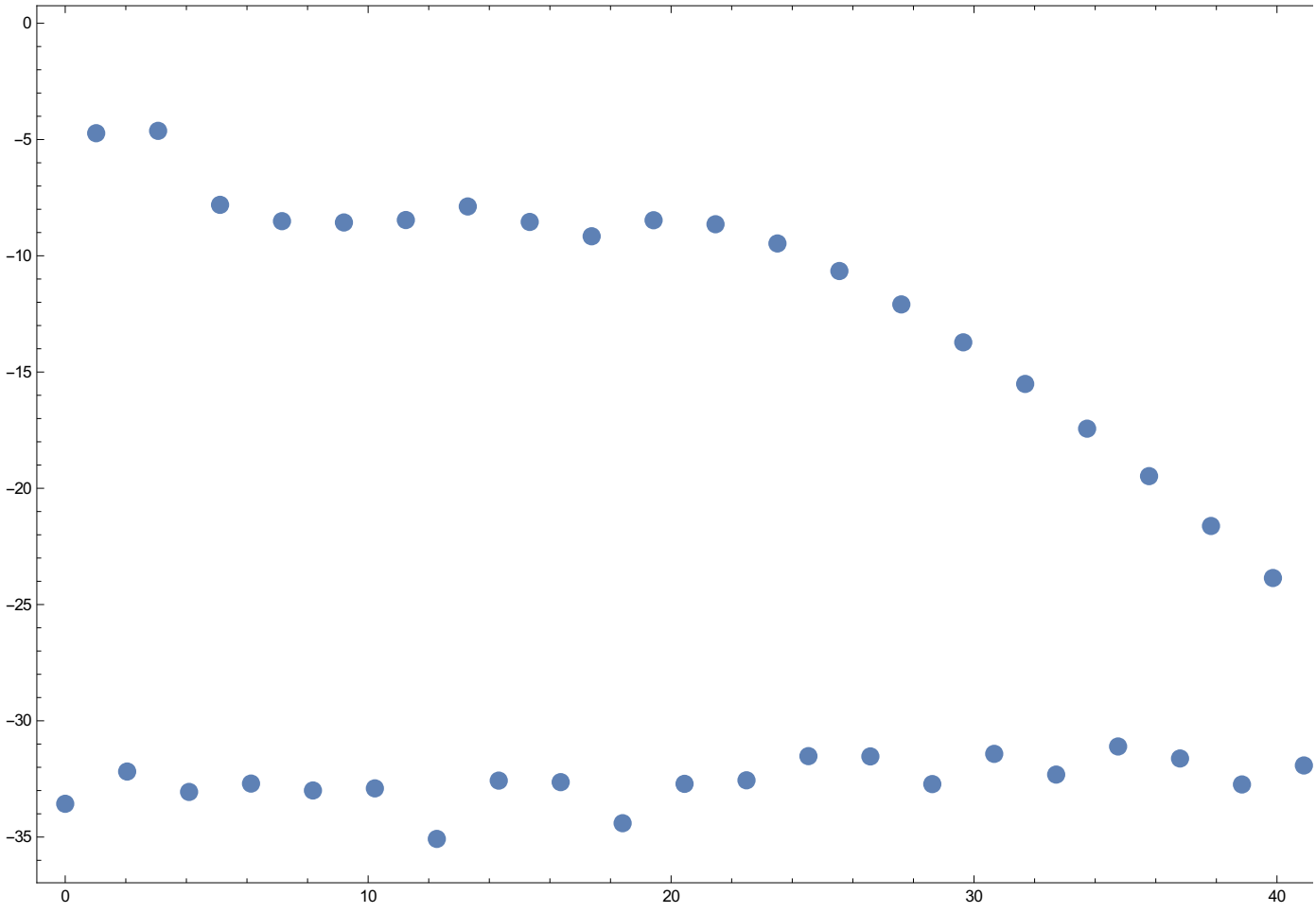
```
$Aborted
```

The symbol ω is taken to be the carrier frequency, and is set by default to $\omega = 0.057$ atomic units, corresponding to a wavelength of 800 nm. If the carrier frequency is changed, this must be specified on **both** the field parameters and the explicit option for the integrator, as

```
makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
 FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.0456}, CarrierFrequency → 0.0456]
```

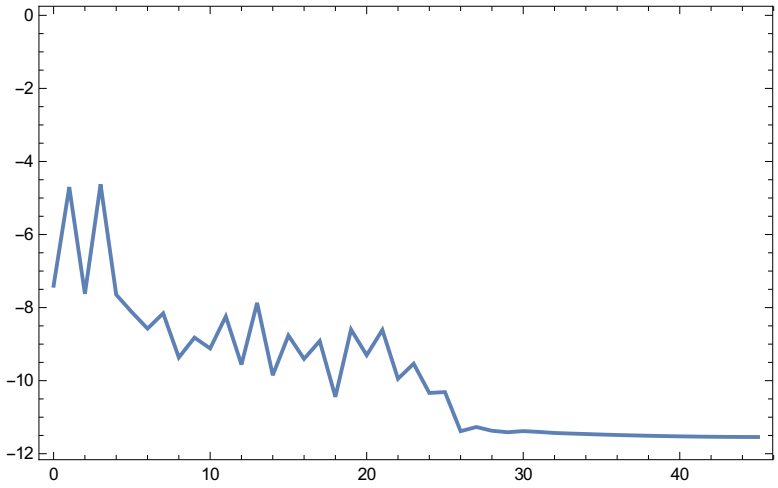
To see the spectrum, use the getSpectrum and the spectrumPlotter commands, such as

```
spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[Most[simpleDipole]], Joined → False]
```



Note here the use of Most on the dipole when a monochromatic field is indicated. This ensures that the signal is actually periodic (i.e. it eliminates repetition between the initial and final points, which are separated by exactly one period). If this is not done, the spectrum is much noisier:

```
spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[simpleDipole], ImageSize → 400]
```



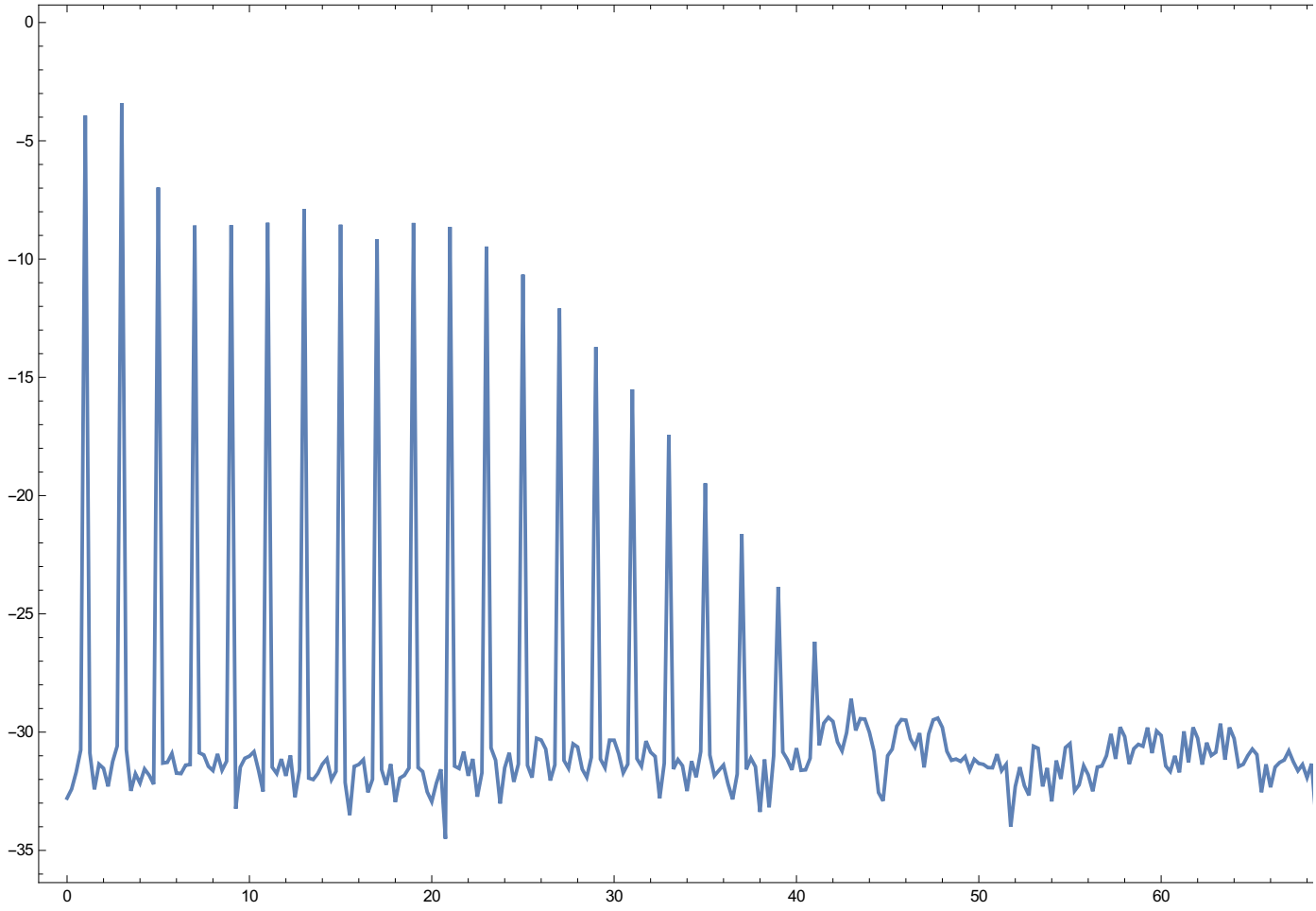
The default options are built for a periodic pulse for which simple functions of the vector potential can be integrated analytically, and for which only a single period of integration is necessary. More periods can be specified using the TotalCycles option. Similarly, the PointsPerCycle option controls the number of points per period.

```
AbsoluteTiming[
 biggerDipole = makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
    FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.057}, TotalCycles → 4, PointsPerCycle → 150];
]
```

```
{27.772, Null}
```

To get a correct spectrum plot, give these settings to the spectrum plotter.

```
spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[Most[biggerDipole]], TotalCycles → 4, PointsPerCycle → 150]
```



You can specify a Target chemical species using the option

```
? Target
```

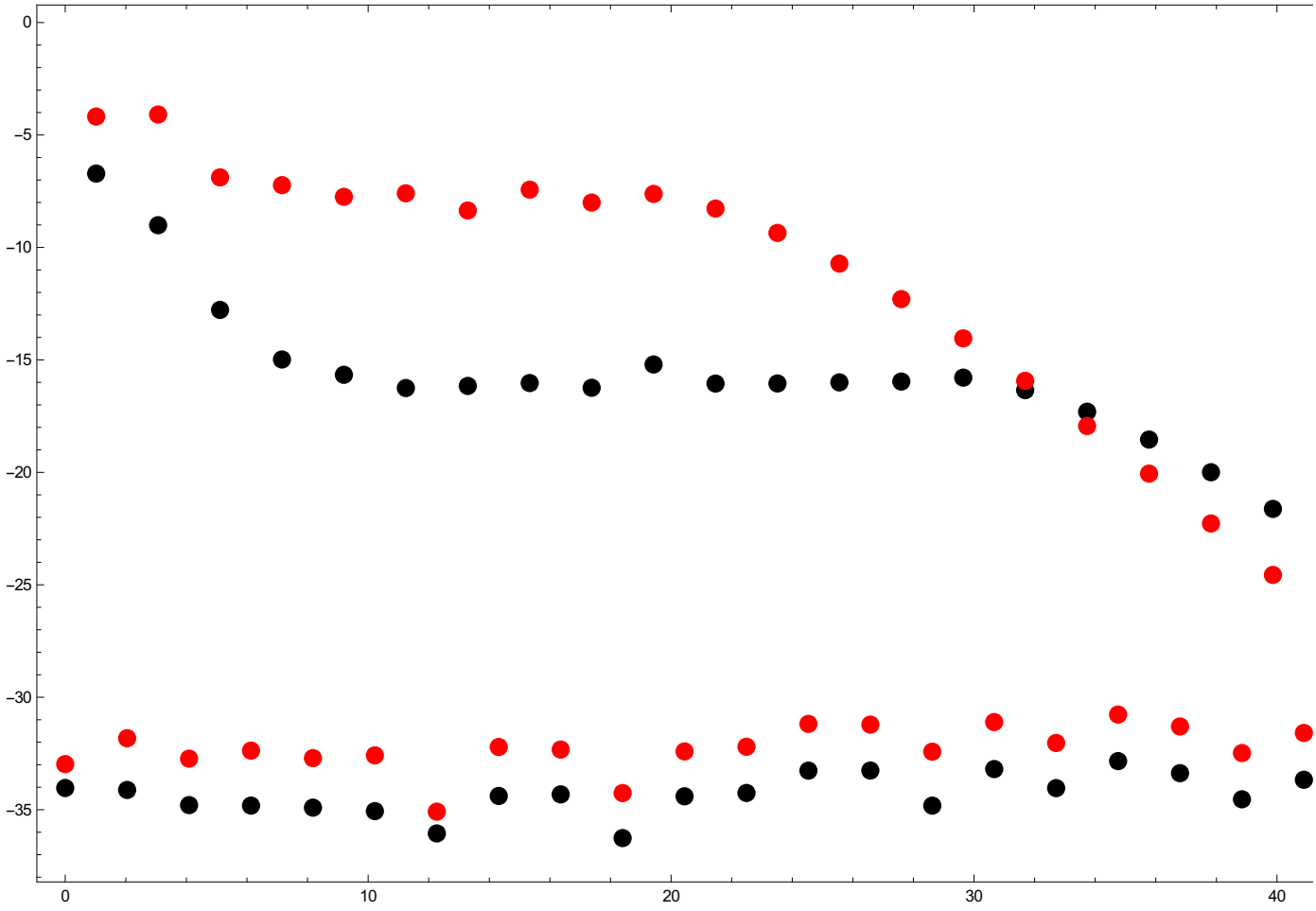
Target is an option for makeDipoleList which specifies chemical species producing the HHG emission, pulling the ionization potential from the Wolfram ElementData curated data set.

i.e. using the syntax

```
AbsoluteTiming[
 heliumDipole = makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
   FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.057}, Target → "Helium"];
 xenonDipole = makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
   FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.057}, Target → "Xenon"];
]
```

```
{8.04619, Null}
```

```
Show[{
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[Most[heliumDipole]], Joined → False, PlotStyle → Black],
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[Most[xenonDipole]], Joined → False, PlotStyle → Red]
 }]
```



For convenience, the function getIonizationPotential gives a public-facing access to this functionality, via

```
? getIonizationPotential
```

getIonizationPotential[Target] returns the ionization potential of an atomic target, e.g. "Hydrogen", in atomic units.

getIonizationPotential[Target,q] returns the ionization potential of the q–th ion of the specified Target, in atomic units.

so that e.g.

```
{"H", #, UnitConvert[Quantity[#, "Hartrees"], "Electronvolts"]} &[
 getIonizationPotential["Hydrogen"]]
{"He⁺", #, UnitConvert[Quantity[#, "Hartrees"], "Electronvolts"]} &[
 getIonizationPotential["Helium", 1]]
```

```
{H, 0.49971, 13.598 eV}
```

```
{He⁺, 1.9998, 54.418 eV}
```

An ionization potential can also be specified directly:

```
? IonizationPotential
```

IonizationPotential is an option for makeDipoleList which specifies the ionization potential I_p of the target.

To see the available options for this function (and others), use

```
Options[makeDipoleList]
```

```
{PointsPerCycle → 90, TotalCycles → 1, CarrierFrequency → 0.057,
 VectorPotential → Automatic, FieldParameters → {}, VectorPotentialGradient → None,
 Preintegrals → Analytic, ReportingFunction → Identity, Gate → SineSquaredGate[1/2],
 nGate → 3/2, ϵCorrection → 0.1, IonizationPotential → 0.5,
 Target → Automatic, DipoleTransitionMatrixElement → hydrogenicDTME,
 PointNumberCorrection → 0, Verbose → 0, IntegrationPointsPerCycle → Automatic}
```

All options have suitable information messages.

```
? VectorPotential
```

VectorPotential is an option for makeDipole list which specifies the
field's vector potential. Usage should be VectorPotential→A, where A[t]//.pars must yield
a list of numbers for numeric t and parameters indicated by FieldParameters→pars.

Using numerical integration for the preintegrals

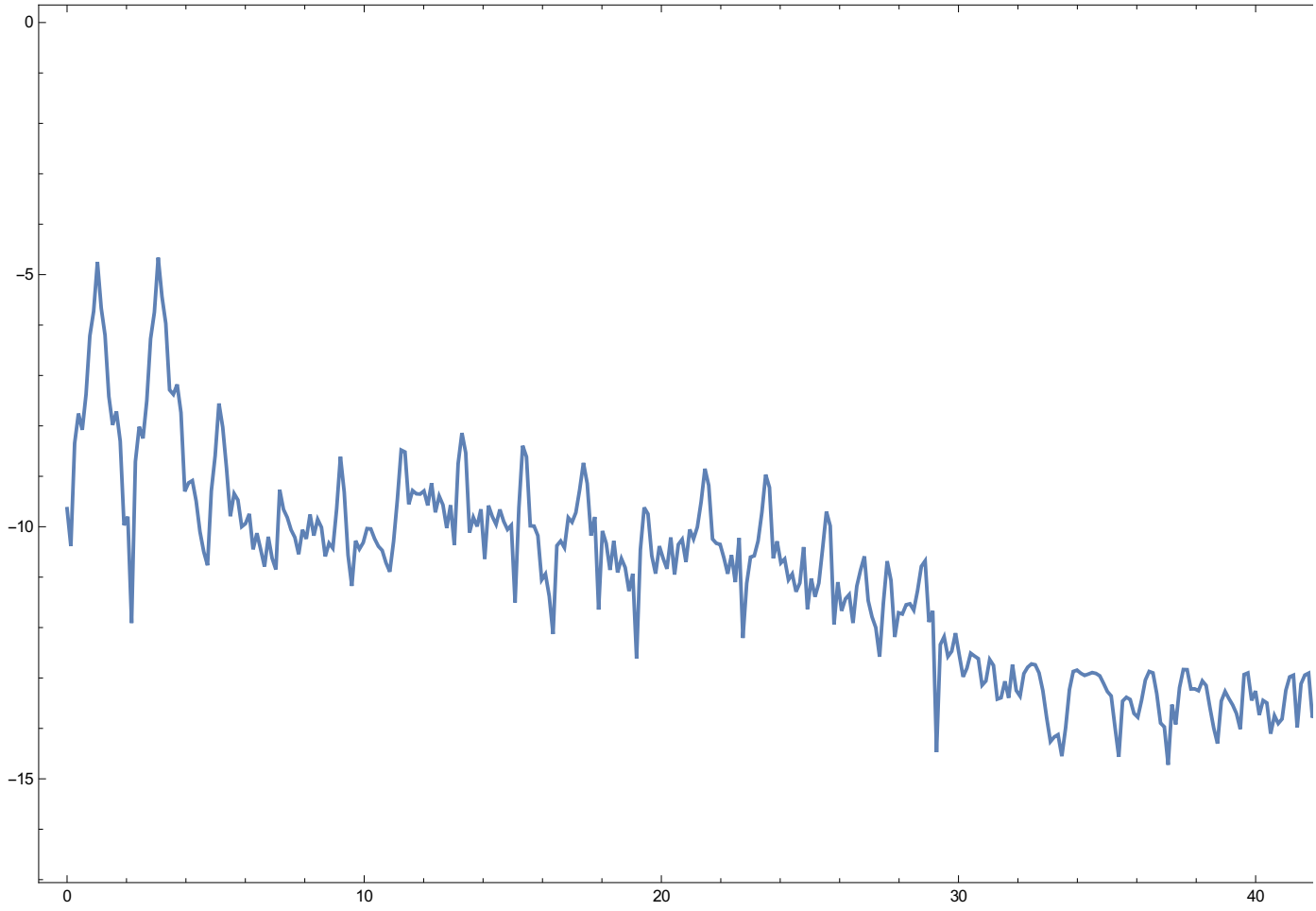
Dipole case

To simulate a pulse with an envelope, it can be convenient to perform the preintegrals numerically, using the option Preintegrals→"Numeric". These cases are generally slower but mainly because they require many more periods of integration.

```
AbsoluteTiming[
 numericallyIntegratedDipole =
   makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω envelope[t] Sin[ω t], 0, 0}]
    , FieldParameters → {ω → 0.057, F → 0.055, envelope → cosPowerFlatTop[0.057, 8, 16]}
    , TotalCycles → 8
    , Preintegrals → "Numeric"
   ];
]
```

```
{20.4918, Null}
```

```
spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[numericallyIntegratedDipole]]
```



When using flat top pulses, and other waveforms that depend on Piecewise functions, it is possible that the function will return errors caused by an Indeterminate derivative being evaluated at the corners of the envelope.

```
AbsoluteTiming[
 flatTopPulseDipole =
   makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω envelope[t] Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
    FieldParameters → {ω → 0.057, F → 0.055, envelope → flatTopEnvelope[0.057, 8, 2]},
    TotalCycles → 8, Preintegrals → "Numeric"];
]
```

```
{21.6107, Null}
```

In these cases, use a numeric test to diagnose what's happened

```
Tally[flatTopPulseDipole /. _?NumberQ → ✓]
```

```
{{{✓, ✓, ✓}, 721}}
```

and if the function is returning non-numeric values, it can help to fiddle with the PointNumberCorrection option.

```
? PointNumberCorrection
```

PointNumberCorrection is an option for makeDipoleList and timeAxis
which specifies an extra number of points to be integrated over, which is useful to prevent
Indeterminate errors when a Piecewise envelope is being differentiated at the boundaries.

Nondipole case

The numerical Preintegrals can be used in the nondipole case but they're obviously much slower. The number of preintegrals to find numerically increases from two in the dipole case ($\int \boldsymbol{A}(\tau)\, d\tau$ and $\int \boldsymbol{A}(\tau)^2\, d\tau$) to eight with the nondipole contributions, three of them parametrized by t'. The main load, however, is not in numerically calculating these integrals via NDSolve constructs, but rather in the added strain of accessing the preintegrals as Interpolating Function objects once they've been calculated, from the main integration loop.

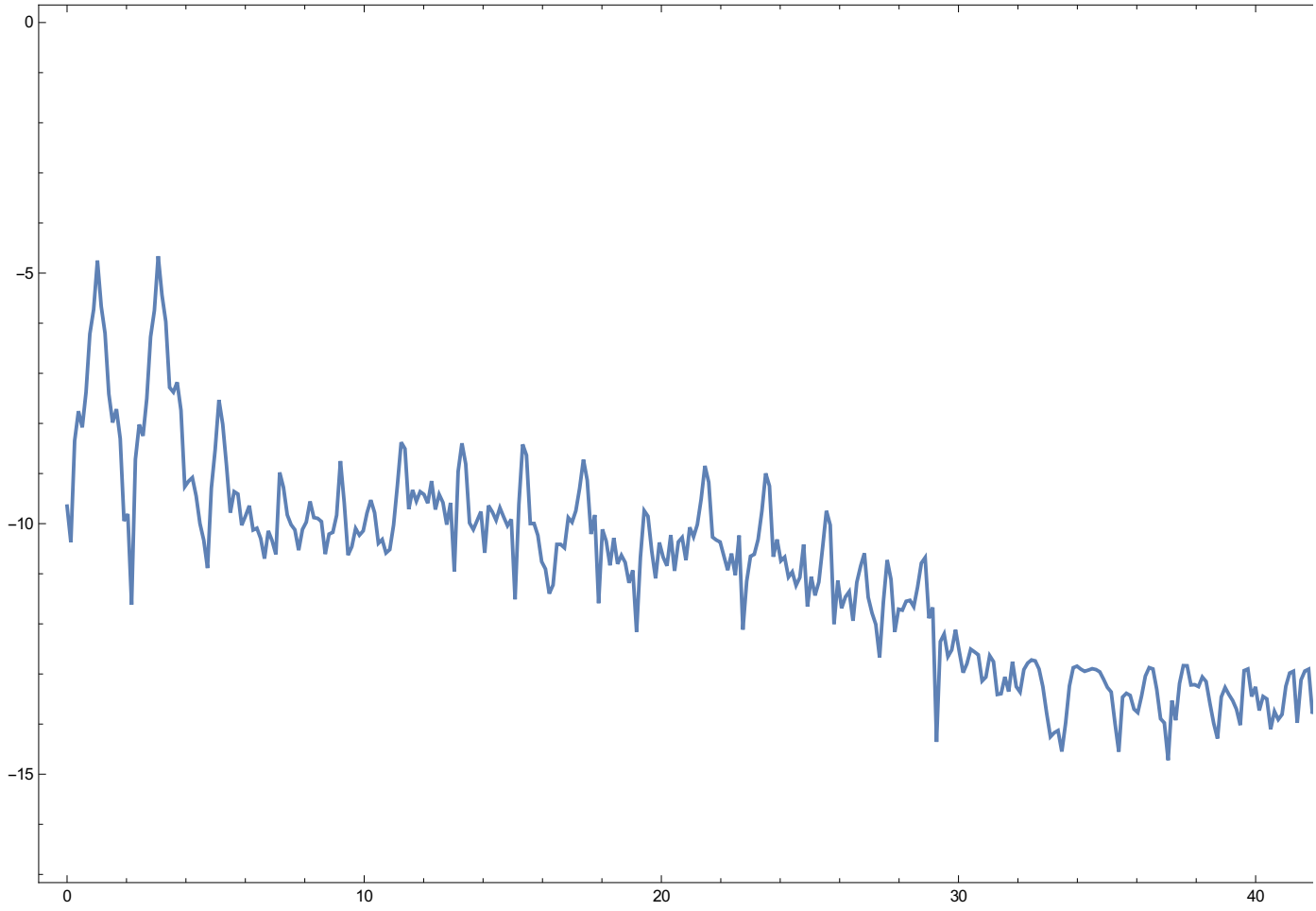
```
DateString[]
AbsoluteTiming[
 numericallyIntegratedNonDipoleCaseDipole = makeDipoleList[
    VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω envelope[t] Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
    VectorPotentialGradient →
     Function[t, {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {-k F/ω envelope[t] Sin[ω t], 0, 0}}],
    FieldParameters → {ω → 0.057, F → 0.055, envelope → cosPowerFlatTop[0.057, 8, 16],
      k → ω ω, α → 1 / 20}
    , TotalCycles → 8, Preintegrals → "Numeric"
   ];
]
DateString[]
Beep[]
```

```
Wed 17 Feb 2016 12:38:15
```

```
{73.411, Null}
```

```
Wed 17 Feb 2016 12:39:29
```

```
spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[numericallyIntegratedNonDipoleCaseDipole]]
```



Parallelization

Parallelizing single instances

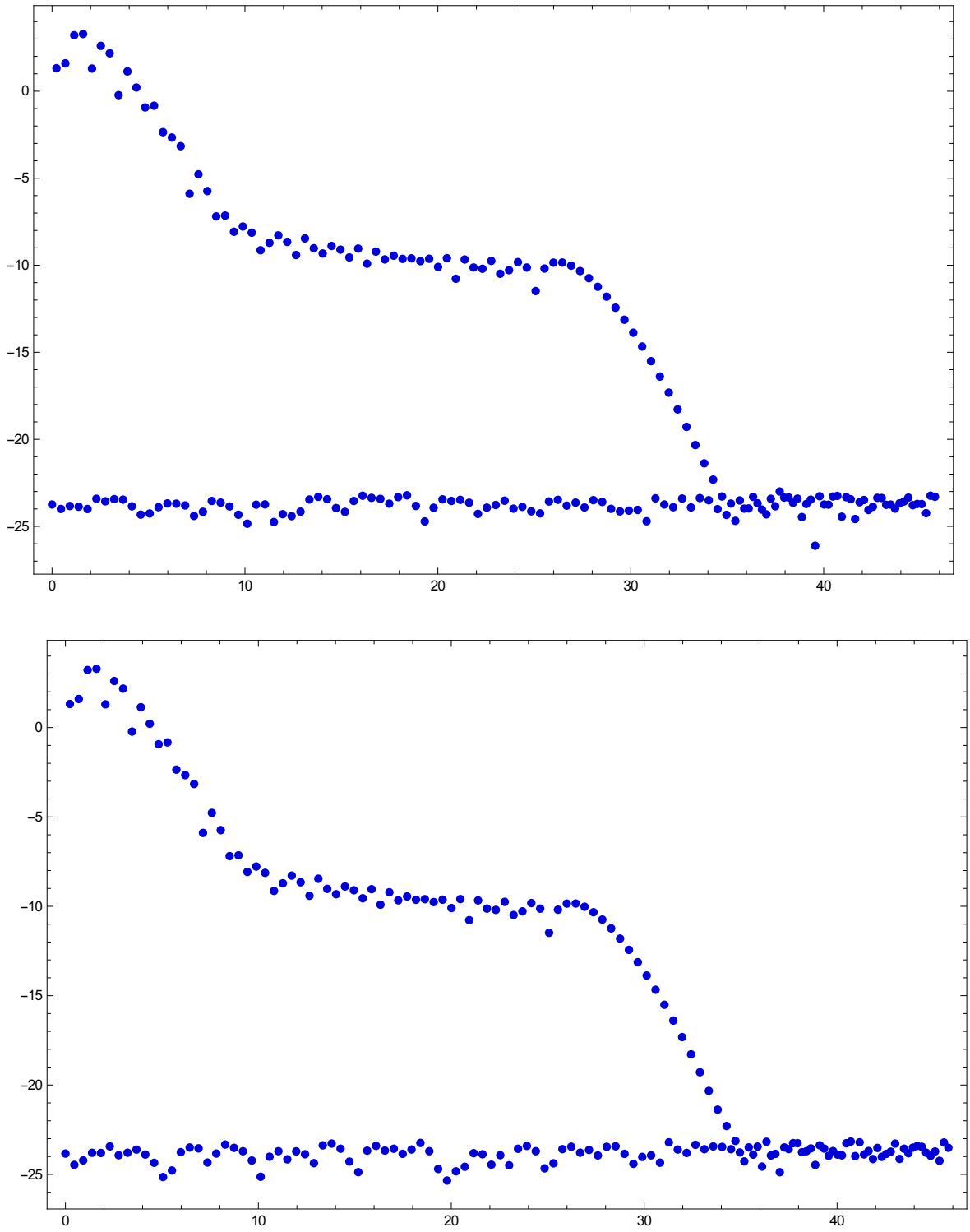
For faster evaluation of a single instance, it is possible to parallelize the evaluation, by adding the option RunInParallel → True.

```
AbsoluteTiming[directDipole = makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
    FieldParameters → {F → √10 0.05, ω → 0.057}, PointsPerCycle → 400, RunInParallel → False];]
AbsoluteTiming[parallelizedDipole = makeDipoleList[
    VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
    FieldParameters → {F → √10 0.05, ω → 0.057}, PointsPerCycle → 400, RunInParallel → True];]
```

```
{49.3113, Null}
```

```
{16.3488, Null}
```

```
Row[{
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[directDipole[[1 ;; -2]]],
   Joined → False, PlotStyle → Darker[Blue, 0.15], ImageSize → 600],
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[parallelizedDipole[[1 ;; -2]]],
   Joined → False, PlotStyle → Darker[Blue, 0.15], ImageSize → 600]
 }]
```



Unfortunately, the in-package single-instance parallelization can be unstable on occasion; this is probably due to a bug in ParallelTable (which can, under enough load, return different results to Table, in which case results typically differ run-to-run) that has proven so far very difficult to diagnose.

In such cases, the RunInParallel option takes a third possibility - an explicit set of commands, {TableCommand, SumCommand}, to use in the iteration.

```
? RunInParallel
```

RunInParallel is an option for makeDipoleList which controls whether each RB–SFA instance is parallelized. It accepts False as the (Automatic) option, True, to parallelize each instance, or a pair of functions {TableCommand, SumCommand} to use for the iteration and summing, which could be e.g. {Inactive[ParallelTable], Inactive[Sum]}.

This is meant to be used by changing those commands to dud versions which can be sprung up later. The ideal use case (in v10 and up) is via Inactive commands, which return as

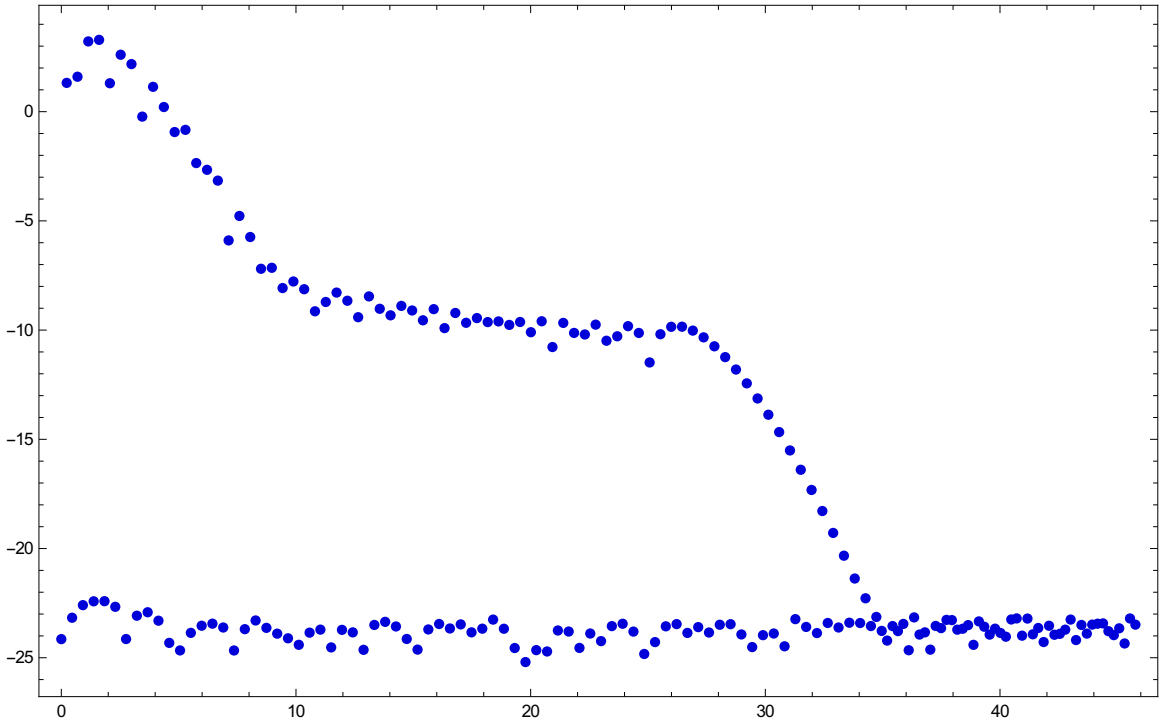
```
makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
  FieldParameters → {F → √10 0.05, ω → 0.057}, Gate → (1 &), PointsPerCycle → 400
  , RunInParallel → {Inactive[ParallelTable], Inactive[Sum]}
 ] /. {RBSFA`Private`t → t, RBSFA`Private`τ → τ}
```

```
ParallelTable[0.275578 Sum[{{(56.7185 + 0. i)
      e^(-i (-(-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t]+48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t-τ)])^2/(0.-0.1 i)+τ + 1/2 τ (1. + (-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t]+48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t-τ)])^2/((0.-0.1 i)+τ)^2) + 1/2 (7.69468 (0.5 t-4.38596 Sin[0.114 t
     (1/(0.1 + i τ))^(3/2) (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) /
          ((0. - 0.1 i) + τ)) + 2.77393 Sin[0.057 t])
     (0. - ((0. + 0.56941 i) Cos[0.057 (t - τ)] (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654
                Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) / ((0. - 0.1 i) + τ)) + 2.77393 Sin[0.057 (t - τ)])) /
        (1. + (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) / ((0. - 0.1 i) +
              τ)) + 2.77393 Sin[0.057 (t - τ)])^2)^3)) /
    (1. + (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) / ((0. - 0.1 i) + τ)) +
        2.77393 Sin[0.057 t])^2)^3,
   (0. + 0. i) (1/(0.1 + i τ))^(3/2) (0. - ((0. + 0.56941 i) Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]
       (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) / ((0. - 0.1 i) + τ)) +
         2.77393 Sin[0.057 (t - τ)])) /
      (1. + (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) / ((0. - 0.1 i) + τ)) +
          2.77393 Sin[0.057 (t - τ)])^2)^3),
   (0. + 0. i) (1/(0.1 + i τ))^(3/2) (0. - ((0. + 0.56941 i) Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]
       (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) / ((0. - 0.1 i) + τ)) +
         2.77393 Sin[0.057 (t - τ)])) /
      (1. + (-((-48.6654 Cos[0.057 t] + 48.6654 Cos[0.057 (t - τ)]) / ((0. - 0.1 i) + τ)) +
          2.77393 Sin[0.057 (t - τ)])^2)^3)},
  {τ, 0, 165.347, 0.275578}], {t, 0, 110.231, 0.275578}]
```

and which can then be sprung into action using Activate:

```
AbsoluteTiming[postActivatedDipole = Activate[
    makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
     FieldParameters → {F → √10 0.05, ω → 0.057}, PointsPerCycle → 400,
     RunInParallel → {Inactive[ParallelTable], Inactive[Sum]}]
   ];]
spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[postActivatedDipole[[1 ;; -2]]],
 Joined → False, PlotStyle → Darker[Blue, 0.15], ImageSize → 600]
```

```
{5.95945, Null}
```



This looks like it shouldn't change anything, but it can help fix a noisy ParallelTable output. It can also, inexplicably, be rather faster than the in-package parallelization. (For a cleaner example of the latter, see this mathematica.stackexchange question.)

Multiple instances in parallel

Alternatively, one can also parallelize over each run by using ParallelTable and similar commands. In general, this requires some careful handling of contexts; in this package this has been resolved by including the package context into the $DistributedContexts variable via the assignment

```
$DistributedContexts := {$Context, "RBSFA`"}
```

as opposed to the standard $DistributedContexts:=$Context setting. (This means, though, that loading this package can break other stuff if you've set $DistributedContexts to something other than the default; if this is the case you will get a warning on $DistributedContexts::overwrite when loading the package.)

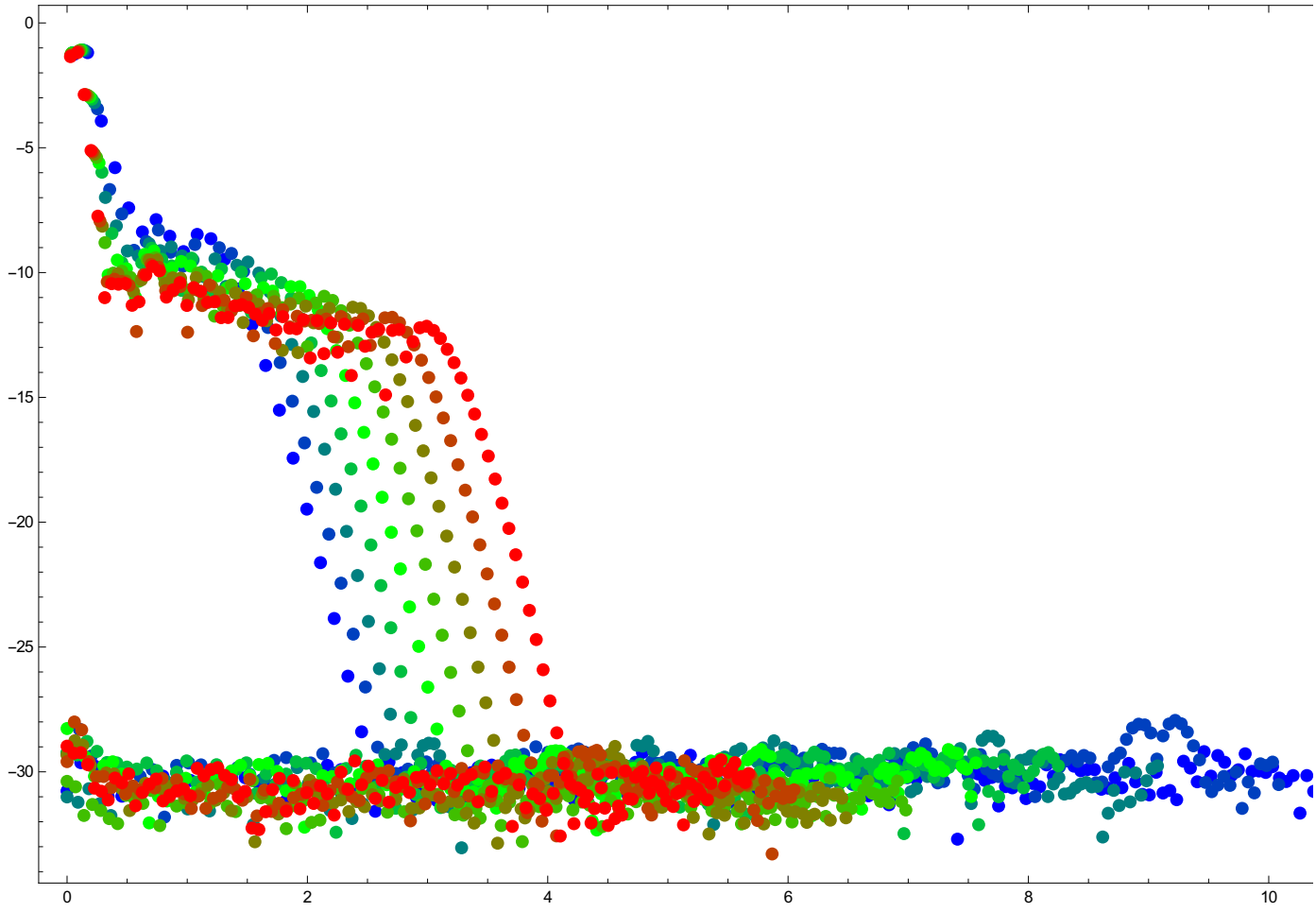
In addition to this, if a variable or function is used to store the results, this must be synchronized using SetSharedFunction or SetSharedVariable, as usual.

```
SetSharedFunction[wavelengthScanDipole];

ParallelTable[
 Print[AbsoluteTiming[
   wavelengthScanDipole[λ] =
     makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}], FieldParameters →
       {F → 0.05, ω → 45.6 / λ}, CarrierFrequency → 45.6 / λ, PointsPerCycle → 400];
  ]]
 , {λ, 800, 1600, 100}]
```

```
{55.5889, Null}
{55.6341, Null}
{55.7321, Null}
{55.7603, Null}
{54.8449, Null}
{56.393, Null}
{57.5908, Null}
{57.4291, Null}
{51.2366, Null}
{Null, Null, Null, Null, Null, Null, Null, Null, Null}
```

```
Show[Table[
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[Most[wavelengthScanDipole[λ]]],
   PlotStyle → Blend[{Blue, Green, Red}, λ / 800 - 1], CarrierFrequency → 45.6 / λ,
   Joined → False, FrequencyAxis → "Frequency", PointsPerCycle → 400]
  , {λ, 800, 1600, 100}]]
```



Writing output to file

For very large calculations (many integration points per cycle, in particular), the limiting factor is available memory. In these situations, it can help to write the data directly to a file on disk. This is slower (by a factor of about 2) but it has a roughly constant RAM footprint, so it enables calculations of a bigger size than would be possible otherwise. (Of course, this can also be done from non-parallelized calls!) This is done via the ReportingFunction option:

```
? ReportingFunction
```

ReportingFunction is an option for makeDipole list which specifies a function
used to report the results, either internally (by the default, Identity) or to an external file.

In essence, the integration loop consists of a Table construct, which goes over the time *t* at which the integral is performed, and an inner integration construct. Setting an option ReportingFunction→f interposes the function f between these two steps, as

```
Table[  f[  integrator[t]  ]  , {t, tInitial, tFinal}]
```

The default is f=Identity, which returns its input untouched, but it can also be replaced by a Write construct that can

shunt its input to the hard disk without telling the kernel what it is, so it is not kept in memory.

```
Quit
```

```
DistributeDefinitions["RBSFA`"];
directory = NotebookDirectory[];
filename[F_] := FileNameJoin[{directory, "Field scan data at F=" <> ToString[F] <> ".txt"}];

ParallelTable[
 Print[AbsoluteTiming[
   makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
     FieldParameters → {ω → 0.057}, CarrierFrequency → 0.057, PointsPerCycle → 400,
     ReportingFunction → Function[Write[filename[F], #]]
    ];
  ]]
 , {F, 0.05, 0.2, 0.025}]
```

```
{66.2765, Null}
{68.2327, Null}
{68.4573, Null}
{69.0505, Null}
{69.6457, Null}
{69.8211, Null}
{70.4778, Null}
{Null, Null, Null, Null, Null, Null, Null}
```

The data in the files can then be pulled in quite simply using e.g.

```
Do[ intensityScanDipole[F] = ReadList[filename[F]], {F, 0.05, 0.2, 0.025}]
```

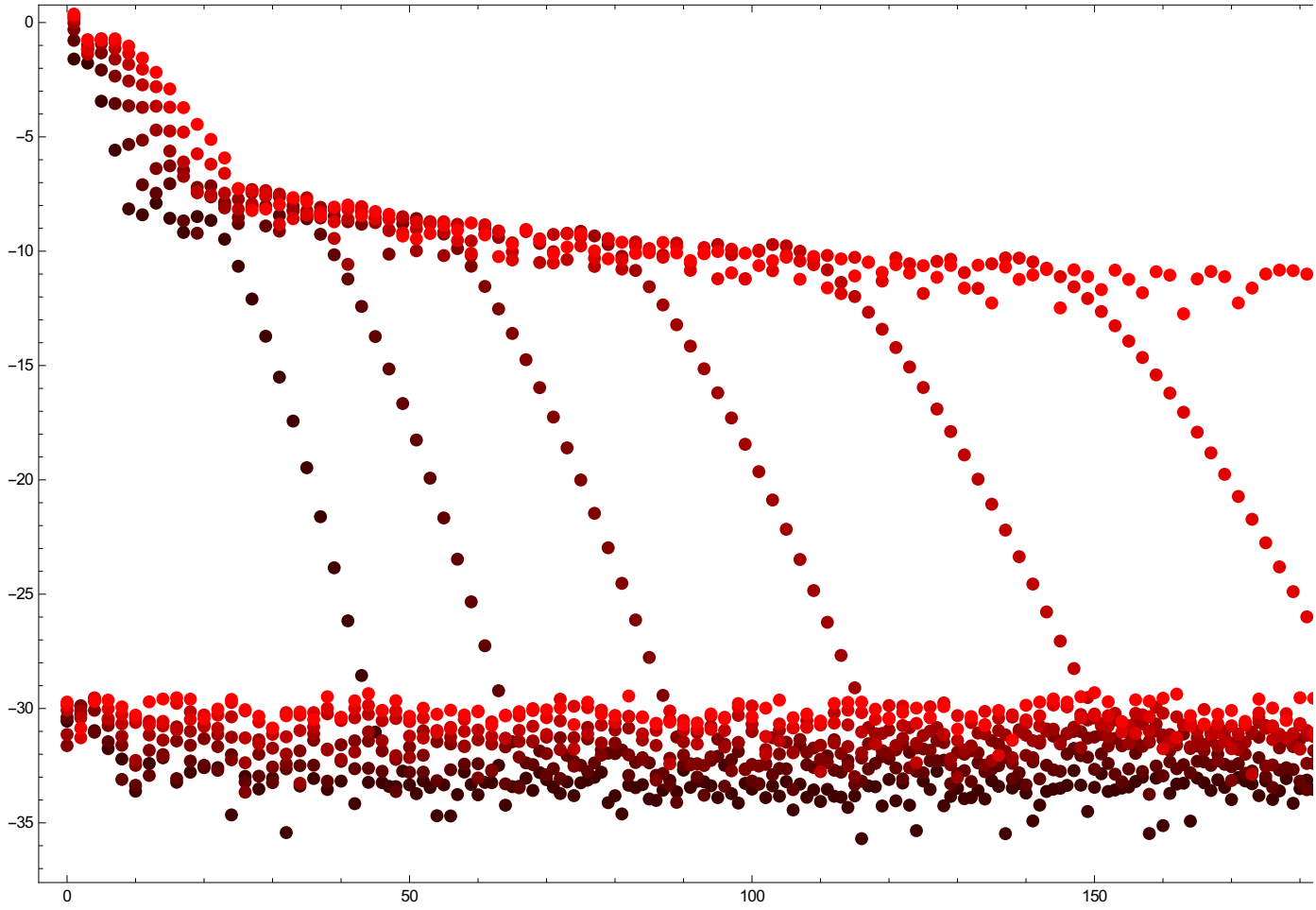
This tends to litter the directories by creating lots of files for different parameters, so it is usually cleaner to Save them into a single file, e.g. using

```
Save[FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "Field scan collected data.txt"}],
 intensityScanDipole]
```

which in turn can then be pulled in using

```
<< (FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "Field scan collected data.txt"}]);
```

```
Show[Table[
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[Most[intensityScanDipole[F]]], CarrierFrequency → 0.057,
   Joined → False, PointsPerCycle → 400, PlotStyle → Blend[{Black, Red}, F / 0.2]]
  , {F, 0.05, 0.2, 0.025}]]
```



As written, though, this has the disadvantage that each subkernel must access the hard drive for *every* timestep of the computation, which obviously responsible for (at least most of) the slowdown. A middle ground is also possible by choosing an appropriate ReportingFunction: a function which will cache a specific number *k* of results on RAM, and then write them to file all in one go. This is on the development to do (wish) list, and will hopefully be implemented soon - if time allows.

Time and memory use

Benchmark evaluation

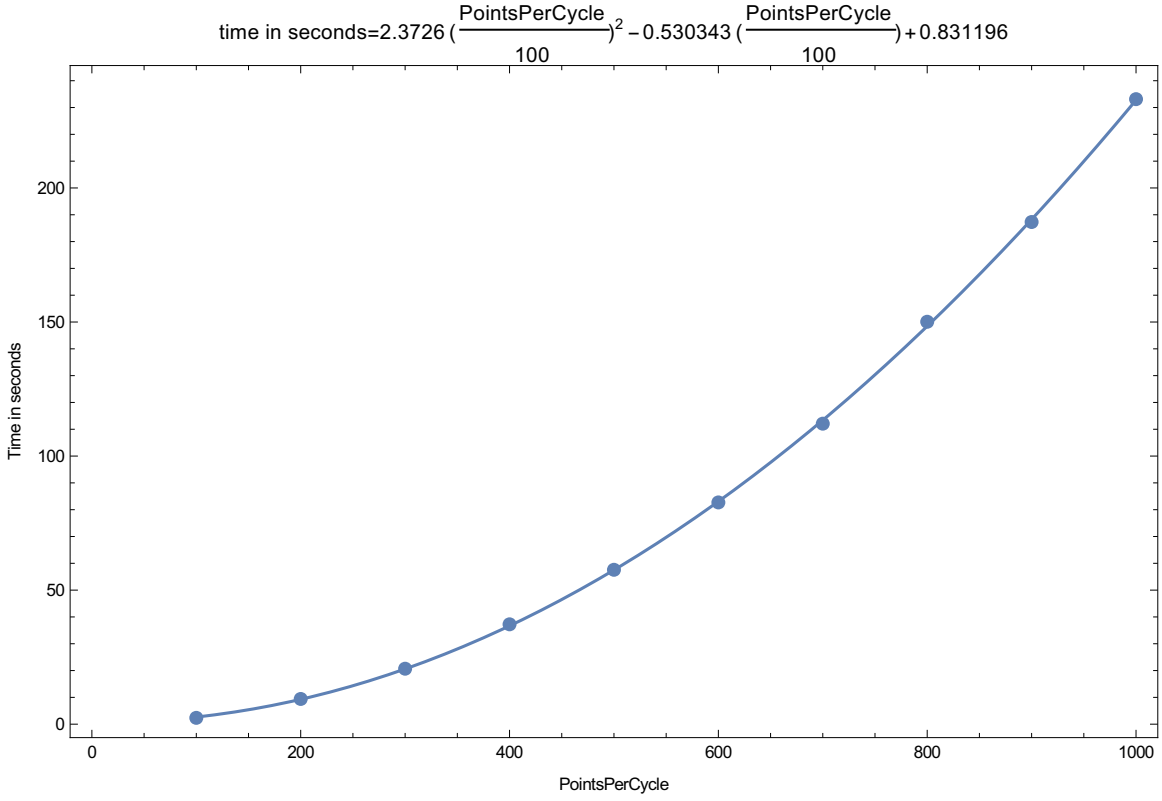
The benchmarks below were taken on a desktop machine with 8-thread, 4-core Intel i7-3770 CPU at 3.40GHz, 16GB RAM, running *Mathematica* 10.0.1 over Ubuntu 14.04. The time taken per computation depends most strongly on the PointsPerCycle used to sample and integrate, and the dependence is therefore quadratic.

```
timingsList = Table[
  {n, AbsoluteTiming[
    MaxMemoryUsed[makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
      FieldParameters → {F → Sqrt[n/100] 0.053, ω → 0.057}, PointsPerCycle → n]]]}
  ,
  {n,
   100,
   1000,
   100}]
```

```
{{100, {2.36167, 4 905 296}}, {200, {9.40602, 19 018 888}},
 {300, {20.6878, 43 497 000}}, {400, {37.2461, 78 976 528}}, {500, {57.5847, 118 770 848}},
 {600, {82.7101, 173 233 496}}, {700, {112.082, 232 621 352}}, {800, {150.096, 301 125 912}},
 {900, {187.298, 387 140 808}}, {1000, {233.122, 473 885 368}}}
```

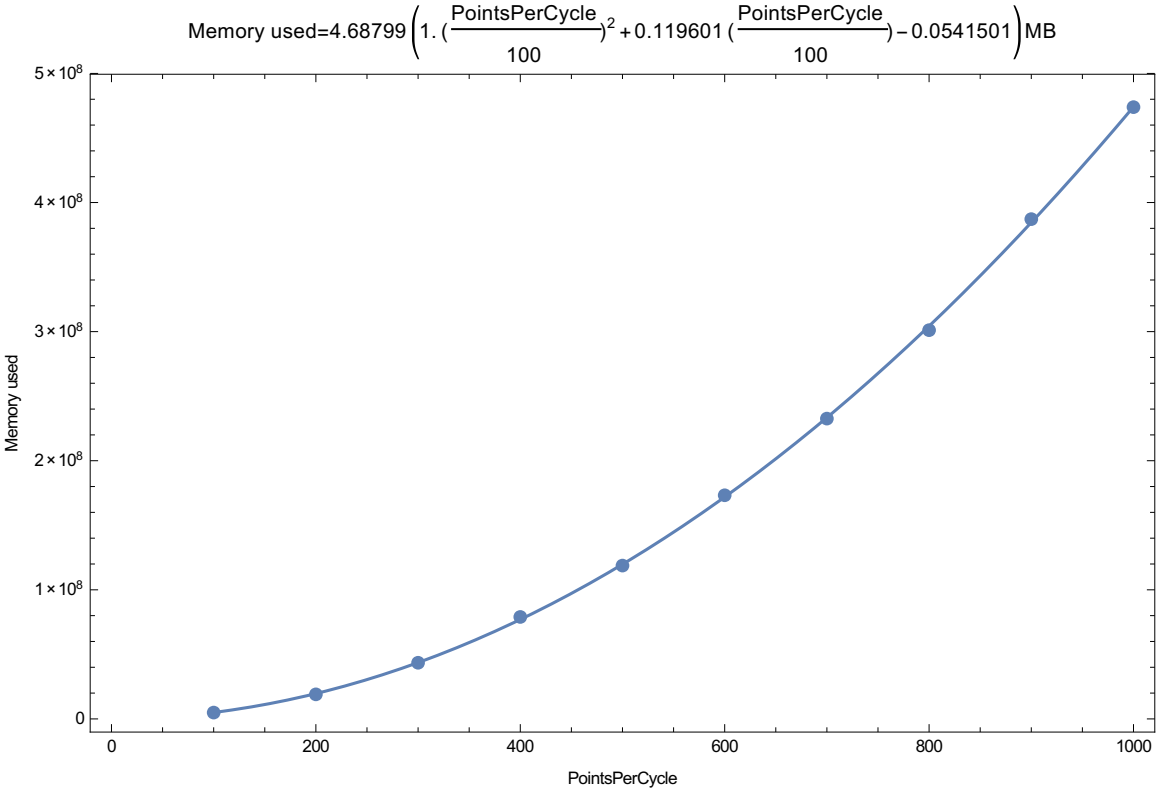
Timings

```
timingsModel = LinearModelFit[(Flatten /@ timingsList)[[All, {1, 2}]], {1, n, n^2}, {n}];
Show[{
  ListPlot[
   (Flatten /@ timingsList)[[All, {1, 2}]]
  ],
  Plot[timingsModel[n], {n, timingsList[[1, 1]], timingsList[[-1, 1]]}]
 }
 , Frame → True, PlotLabel → Row[{"time in seconds=", timingsModel[100 "(PointsPerCycle/100)"]}],
 FrameLabel → {"PointsPerCycle", "Time in seconds"}, ImageSize → 600
]
```



Maximum memory used

```
memoryModel = LinearModelFit[(Flatten /@ timingsList)[[All, {1, 3}]], {1, n, n^2}, {n}];
Show[{
  ListPlot[
   (Flatten /@ timingsList)[[All, {1, 3}]]
  ],
  Plot[memoryModel[n], {n, timingsList[[1, 1]], timingsList[[-1, 1]]}]
 }
 , Frame → True,
 PlotLabel → Row[{"Memory used=", Simplify[memoryModel[100. "(" PointsPerCycle/100 ")"]] 10^-6 "MB"}],
 FrameLabel → {"PointsPerCycle", "Memory used"}, ImageSize → 600
]
```



In parallel

Inside parallel environments the timings are somewhat slower, by a factor of about 1.8. The timings below were taken with 7 *Mathematica* kernels running in parallel.

```
DistributeDefinitions["RBSFA`"];
```

```
parallelTimingsList = ParallelTable[
  {n, AbsoluteTiming[MaxMemoryUsed[
     makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}], FieldParameters →
       {F → Sqrt[n/100] 0.053, ω → 45.6 / λ}, CarrierFrequency → 45.6 / λ, PointsPerCycle → n]]]}
  , {λ, 770, 830, 10}, {n, 100, 1000, 100}]
```

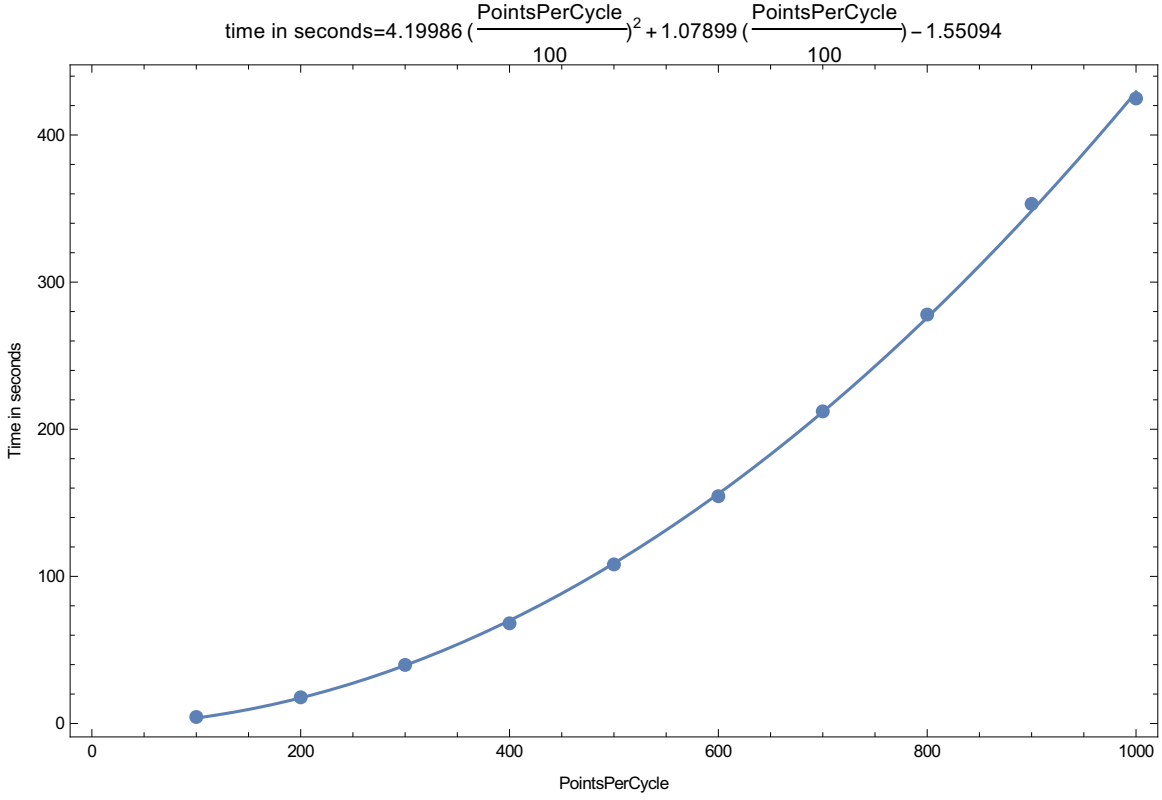
```
{{{100, {4.71833, 7 949 312}}, {200, {18.2567, 19 028 920}},
  {300, {39.6818, 43 507 248}}, {400, {68.0825, 75 529 984}}, {500, {108.27, 118 772 272}},
  {600, {154.871, 173 234 856}}, {700, {211.182, 232 622 488}}, {800, {275.072, 301 126 208}},
  {900, {350.061, 387 140 984}}, {1000, {424.31, 473 885 664}}},
 {{100, {3.7169, 7 949 264}}, {200, {17.4824, 19 028 912}}, {300, {40.1556, 43 507 248}},
  {400, {68.1348, 75 529 984}}, {500, {109.399, 118 772 272}},
  {600, {153.631, 173 234 976}}, {700, {211.956, 232 622 248}},
  {800, {279.29, 301 126 208}}, {900, {353.1, 387 141 104}}, {1000, {429.039, 473 885 664}}},
 {{100, {4.70831, 7 949 264}}, {200, {17.3451, 19 028 912}}, {300, {40.1826, 43 507 248}},
  {400, {68.9951, 75 529 984}}, {500, {109.87, 118 772 272}}, {600, {156.143, 173 234 976}},
  {700, {209.361, 232 622 488}}, {800, {279.29, 301 126 208}},
  {900, {350.784, 387 141 104}}, {1000, {418.914, 473 885 664}}},
 {{100, {4.27991, 7 949 264}}, {200, {18.6273, 19 028 912}}, {300, {40.4553, 43 507 248}},
  {400, {67.5833, 75 529 984}}, {500, {107.493, 118 772 272}}, {600, {151.738, 173 234 976}},
  {700, {211.565, 232 622 368}}, {800, {276.237, 301 126 208}},
  {900, {352.376, 387 141 104}}, {1000, {429.842, 473 885 664}}},
 {{100, {4.80072, 7 949 264}}, {200, {17.9797, 19 028 912}}, {300, {38.2944, 43 507 248}},
  {400, {68.7844, 75 529 984}}, {500, {105.406, 118 772 272}}, {600, {151.986, 173 234 976}},
  {700, {216.018, 232 622 488}}, {800, {279.116, 301 126 208}},
  {900, {361.033, 387 141 104}}, {1000, {424.589, 473 885 664}}},
 {{100, {4.24956, 7 949 264}}, {200, {17.1782, 19 028 912}}, {300, {40.1991, 43 507 248}},
  {400, {67.2693, 75 529 864}}, {500, {108.852, 118 772 032}},
  {600, {156.147, 173 234 736}}, {700, {210.96, 232 622 008}}, {800, {279.971, 301 126 208}},
  {900, {352.399, 387 141 104}}, {1000, {423.345, 473 885 664}}},
 {{100, {4.4809, 7 949 264}}, {200, {17.6272, 19 028 912}}, {300, {39.652, 43 507 248}},
  {400, {67.7538, 75 529 984}}, {500, {107.413, 118 772 272}}, {600, {156.833, 173 234 976}},
  {700, {213.902, 232 622 488}}, {800, {276.711, 301 126 208}},
  {900, {352.447, 387 140 984}}, {1000, {423.858, 473 885 544}}}}
```

```
parallelTimingsListAveraged =
 Table[{parallelTimingsList^T[[k, 1, 1]], Mean[ parallelTimingsList^T[[k, All, 2]]]},
  {k, Length[parallelTimingsList^T]}]
```

$$\left\{\left\{100, \left\{4.42209, \frac{55\,644\,896}{7}\right\}\right\}, \left\{200, \left\{17.7852, \frac{133\,202\,392}{7}\right\}\right\},\right.$$
$$\{300, \{39.803, 43\,507\,248\}\}, \left\{400, \left\{68.0862, \frac{528\,709\,768}{7}\right\}\right\}, \left\{500, \left\{108.101, \frac{831\,405\,664}{7}\right\}\right\},$$
$$\left\{600, \left\{154.479, \frac{1\,212\,644\,472}{7}\right\}\right\}, \{700, \{212.135, 232\,622\,368\}\}, \{800, \{277.955, 301\,126\,208\}\},$$
$$\left.\left\{900, \left\{353.171, \frac{2\,709\,987\,488}{7}\right\}\right\}, \left\{1000, \left\{424.842, \frac{3\,317\,199\,528}{7}\right\}\right\}\right\}$$

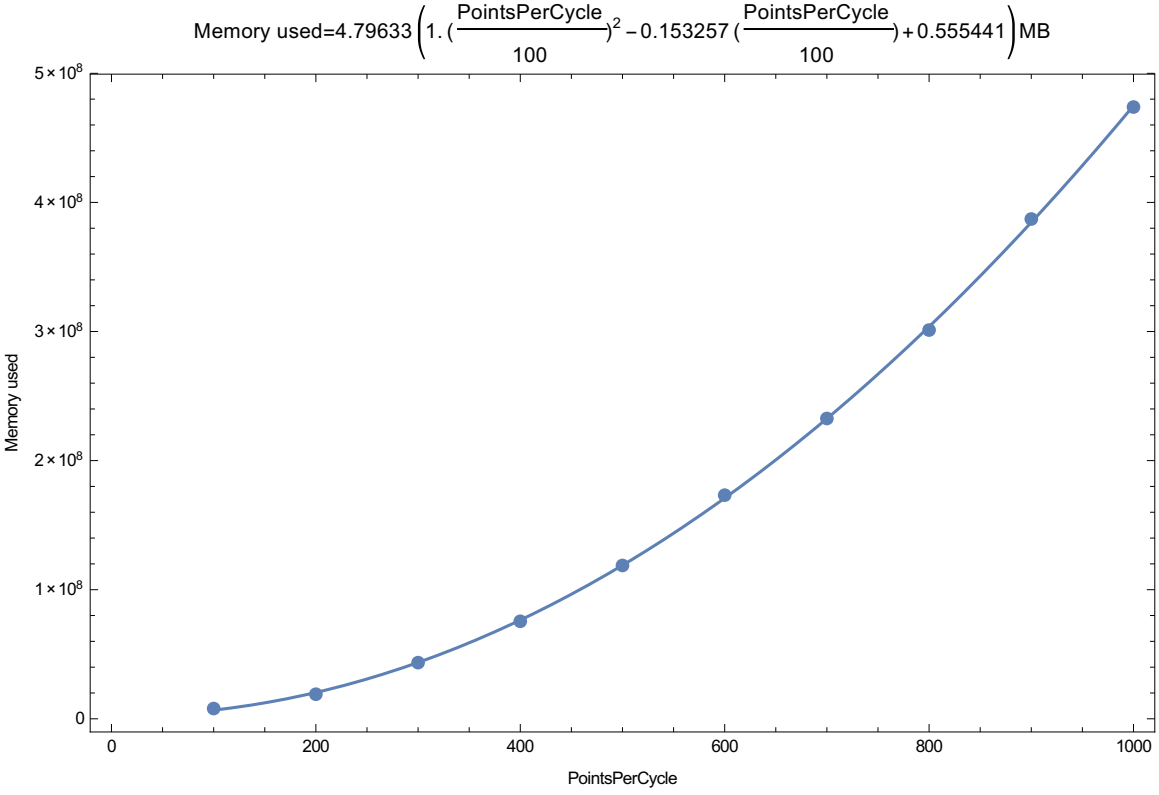
Timings

```
parallelTimingsModel =
  LinearModelFit[(Flatten /@ parallelTimingsListAveraged)[[All, {1, 2}]], {1, n, n^2}, {n}];
Show[{
  ListPlot[
   (Flatten /@ parallelTimingsListAveraged)[[All, {1, 2}]]
  ],
  Plot[parallelTimingsModel[n],
   {n, parallelTimingsListAveraged[[1, 1]], parallelTimingsListAveraged[[-1, 1]]}]
 }
 , Frame → True,
 PlotLabel → Row[{"time in seconds=", parallelTimingsModel[100 "(PointsPerCycle/100)"]}],
 FrameLabel → {"PointsPerCycle", "Time in seconds"}, ImageSize → 600
]
```



Memory

```
parallelMemoryModel =
  LinearModelFit[(Flatten /@ parallelTimingsListAveraged)[[All, {1, 3}]], {1, n, n^2}, {n}];
Show[{
  ListPlot[
   (Flatten /@ parallelTimingsListAveraged)[[All, {1, 3}]]
  ],
  Plot[parallelMemoryModel[n],
   {n, parallelTimingsListAveraged[[1, 1]], parallelTimingsListAveraged[[-1, 1]]}]
 }
 , Frame → True, PlotLabel →
  Row[{"Memory used=", Simplify[parallelMemoryModel[100. "(" PointsPerCycle/100 ")"] 10^-6 "MB"]}],
 FrameLabel → {"PointsPerCycle", "Memory used"}, ImageSize → 600
]
```



Decoupling integration and sampling

If the quadratic scaling with respect to PointsPerCycle becomes too onerous, the sampling rate for the evaluation and for the numerical integration can be decoupled by providing an explicit option for IntegrationPointsPerCycle, which will set how many points are used per cycle in the numerical integration.

```
? IntegrationPointsPerCycle
```

IntegrationPointsPerCycle is an option for makeDipoleList which controls the number of points per cycle to use for the integration. Set to Automatic, to follow PointsPerCycle, or to an integer.

Obviously, if this option is taken, then the outcome should be checked for numerical convergence with respect to IntegrationPointsPerCycle.

```
DateString[]
decoupledTimingsList = Table[
  {nSampling, nIntegration, AbsoluteTiming[
    MaxMemoryUsed[makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}]
      , FieldParameters → {F → Sqrt[nSampling/100] 0.053, ω → 0.057}
      , PointsPerCycle → nSampling, IntegrationPointsPerCycle → nIntegration
     ]]]}
  , {nSampling, 100, 500, 100}, {nIntegration, 100, 500, 100}]
DateString[]
```

```
Fri 5 Feb 2016 17:08:36
```

```
{{{100, 100, {2.39139, 4 789 112}},
  {100, 200, {4.76862, 9 473 168}}, {100, 300, {7.07336, 14 241 584}},
  {100, 400, {9.39992, 19 138 656}}, {100, 500, {11.7964, 24 035 936}}},
 {{200, 100, {4.72937, 9 447 040}}, {200, 200, {9.3758, 19 017 072}},
  {200, 300, {14.1647, 28 478 336}}, {200, 400, {18.8825, 38 195 832}},
  {200, 500, {23.4484, 47 916 856}}}, {{300, 100, {7.02226, 14 177 120}},
  {300, 200, {14.067, 28 434 560}}, {300, 300, {21.5271, 43 233 320}},
  {300, 400, {28.4153, 56 993 480}}, {300, 500, {35.2399, 70 747 672}}},
 {{400, 100, {9.41508, 19 027 632}}, {400, 200, {18.6957, 38 108 104}},
  {400, 300, {28.159, 56 949 288}}, {400, 400, {37.5268, 75 259 432}},
  {400, 500, {46.83, 95 676 600}}}, {{500, 100, {11.6672, 23 882 240}},
  {500, 200, {23.5225, 47 786 456}}, {500, 300, {35.0966, 70 660 928}},
  {500, 400, {46.7308, 95 634 048}}, {500, 500, {58.5078, 118 501 720}}}}
```

```
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```
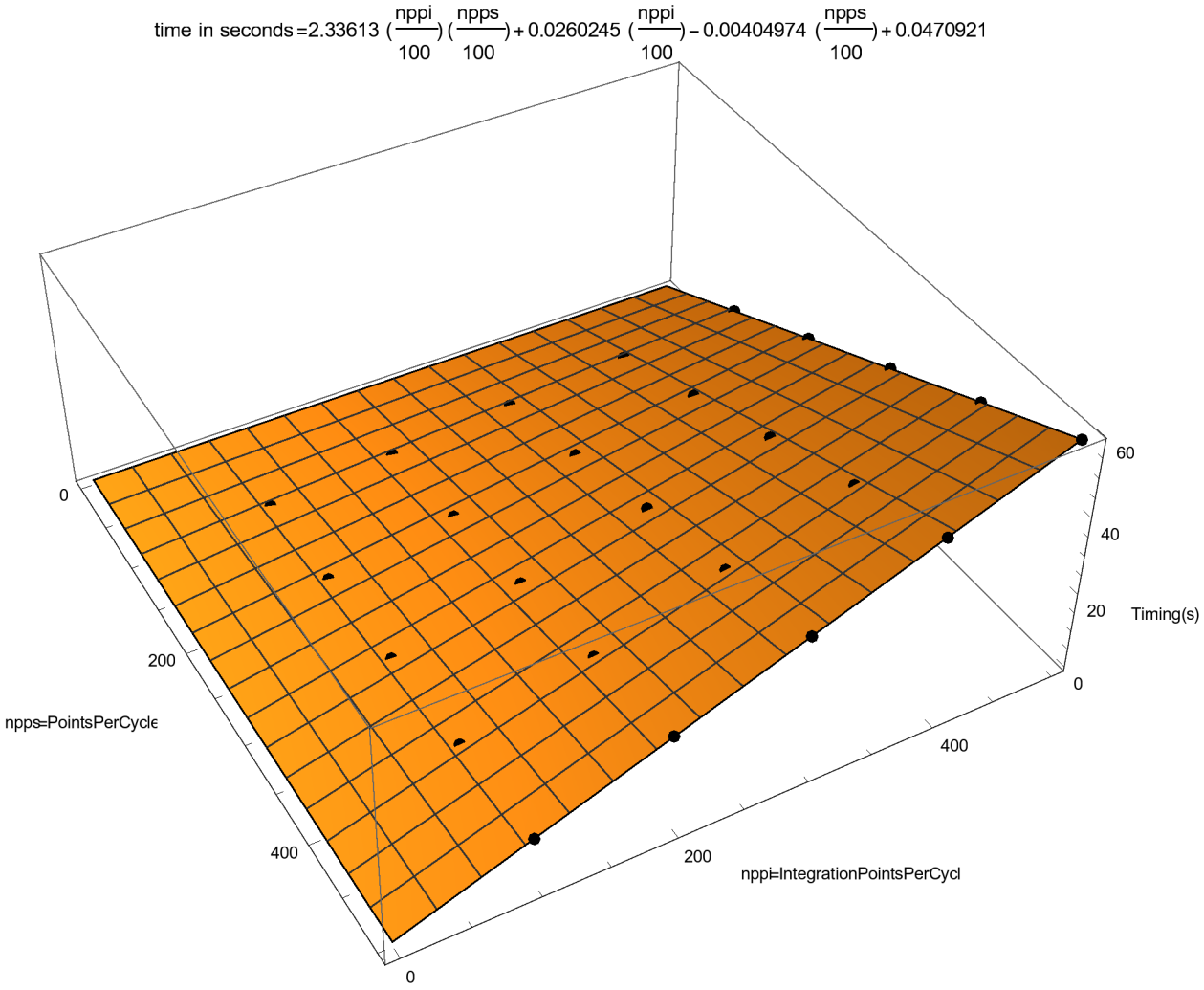
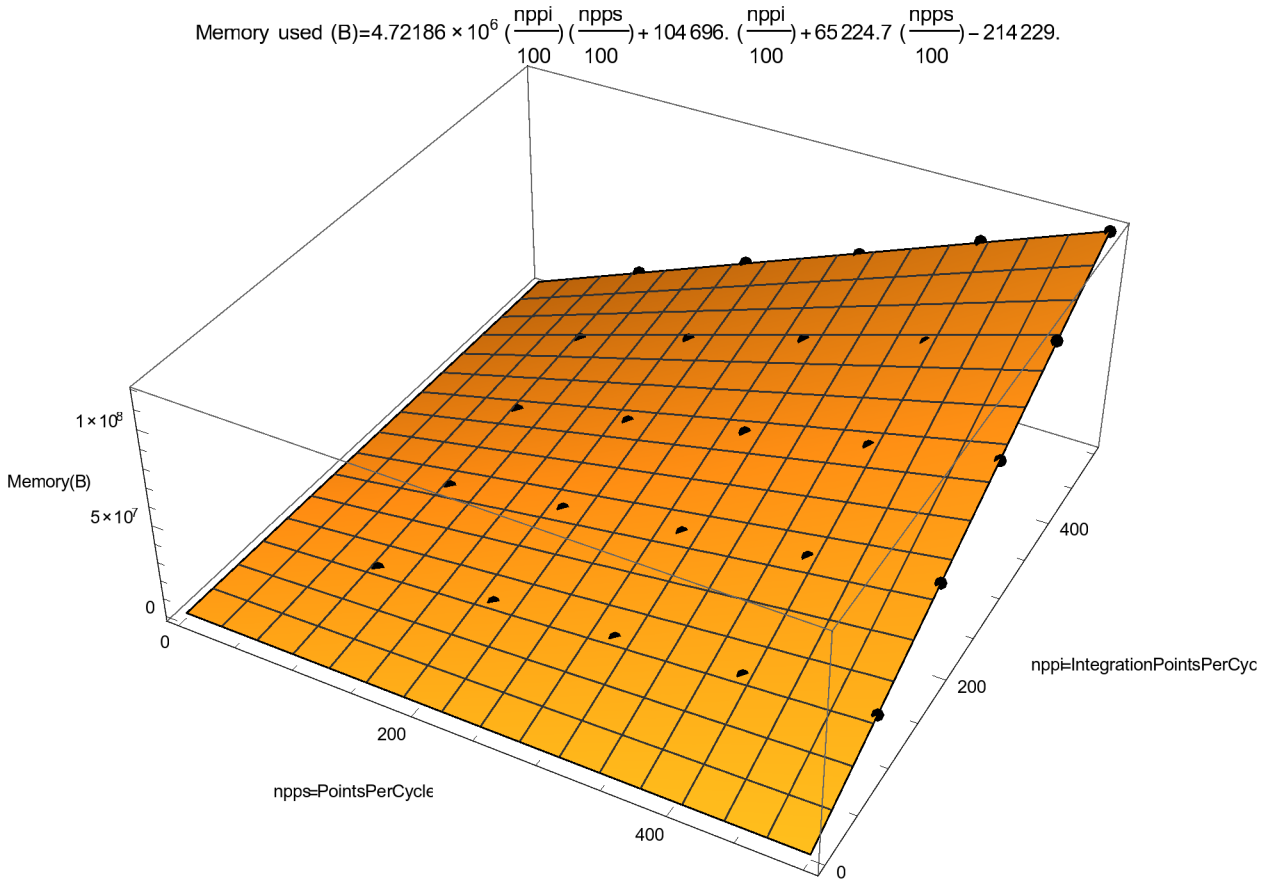

```
decoupledTimingsModel = LinearModelFit[
    (Flatten /@ Flatten[decoupledTimingsList, {{1, 2}}])[[All, {1, 2, 3}]]
    , {1, nSampling, nIntegration, nSampling × nIntegration}, {nSampling, nIntegration}];
Show[{
  Plot3D[
   decoupledTimingsModel[nSampling, nIntegration]
   , {nSampling, 0, 500}, {nIntegration, 0, 500}
   , AxesLabel → {"npps=PointsPerCycle", "nppi=IntegrationPointsPerCycle", "Timing (s)"}
   ,
   PlotLabel → Row[{"time in seconds=", decoupledTimingsModel[100 "(npps/100)", 100 "(nppi/100)"]}]
   , ImageSize → 650
  ],
  ListPointPlot3D[
   (Flatten /@ Flatten[decoupledTimingsList, {{1, 2}}])[[All, {1, 2, 3}]]
   , PlotStyle → {{Black, PointSize[Large]}}
  ]
 }]
```



```
decoupledMemoryModel = LinearModelFit[
    (Flatten /@ Flatten[decoupledTimingsList, {{1, 2}}])[[All, {1, 2, 4}]]
    , {1, nSampling, nIntegration, nSampling × nIntegration}, {nSampling, nIntegration}];
Show[{
  Plot3D[
   decoupledMemoryModel[nSampling, nIntegration]
   , {nSampling, 0, 500}, {nIntegration, 0, 500}
   , AxesLabel → {"npps=PointsPerCycle", "nppi=IntegrationPointsPerCycle", "Memory (B)"}
   , PlotLabel → Row[{"Memory used (B)=", decoupledMemoryModel[100 "(" npps/100 ")", 100 "(" nppi/100 ")"]}]
   , ImageSize → 650
  ],
  ListPointPlot3D[
   (Flatten /@ Flatten[decoupledTimingsList, {{1, 2}}])[[All, {1, 2, 4}]]
   , PlotStyle → {{Black, PointSize[Large]}}
  ]
 }]
```



Cutting off the long trajectories

This section shows, as an example of the use of the package, the use of the integration gate to eliminate the contribution from long trajectories. This can be tested by the reduced presence of quantum path interference patterns in the spectrum, and more practically by examining the dependence of the quantum phase on the field intensity.

The gating cutoff time

Given the classical trajectory,

```
trajectory[ωt_, ωt0_] := (x[ωt] /. First@DSolve[
      {x''[ωt] == Cos[ωt], x'[ωt0] == 0, x[ωt0] == 0}
      , x, ωt
     ])
```

the recollision kinetic energy and excursion time can be found as

```
recollisionKE[ωt0_?NumericQ] := (D[trajectory[ωtt, ωt0], ωtt]^2 /. ωtt → ωt) /.
  First[Quiet[NSolve[{trajectory[ωt, ωt0] == 0, π/2 ≤ ωt < 2 π}, ωt]]]
recollisionExcursionTime[ωt0_?NumericQ] :=
 (ωt - ωt0) /. First[Quiet[NSolve[{trajectory[ωt, ωt0] == 0, π/2 ≤ ωt < 2 π}, ωt]]]
```

and the excursion time at the cutoff can be found by maximizing the kinetic energy.

```
FindMaximum[recollisionKE[ωt0], {ωt0, 0.3}]
recollisionExcursionTime[ωt0]/(2 π) /. Last[%]
```

```
{1.58657, {ωt0 → 0.313408}}

0.650239
```

In other words, the cutoff trajectories occur at excursion times of $\omega\tau = 0.65 \times 2\pi$, i.e. at a gate number of 0.65 cycles.

Calculation

This calculation runs a standard linearly-polarized field with intensity between 0.8 and $2\times10^{14}\,\mathrm{W/cm^2}$, with a fine intensity resolution. We compare the standard, non-gated calculation against a calculation with nGate set to 0.65, as per the above, and a sharp $\sin^2$ cutoff of 0.05 cycles.

```
intRange = Range[0.8, 2., 0.002];
nppsl = 150;
SetSharedFunction[quantumPhaseScan, fourierDipole];
LaunchKernels[];
DistributeDefinitions["RBSFA`"];
nFlat = 0.65;
nGateRamp = 0.05;
```

The actual calculation,

```
DateString[]
AbsoluteTiming[
 ParallelTable[
   quantumPhaseScan[trajectories, int] = makeDipoleList[
      VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
      FieldParameters → {F → Sqrt[int] 0.053, ω → 0.057},
      PointsPerCycle → npps1,
      If[trajectories === "Short", Sequence @@
        {Gate → SineSquaredGate[nGateRamp], nGate → (nFlat + nGateRamp)}, ## &[], ## &[]]
     ];
   , {int, intRange}, {trajectories, {"Short", "Long"}}];
]
DateString[]
```

```
Wed 2 Dec 2015 19:28:50
```

```
{1216.8, Null}
```

```
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```
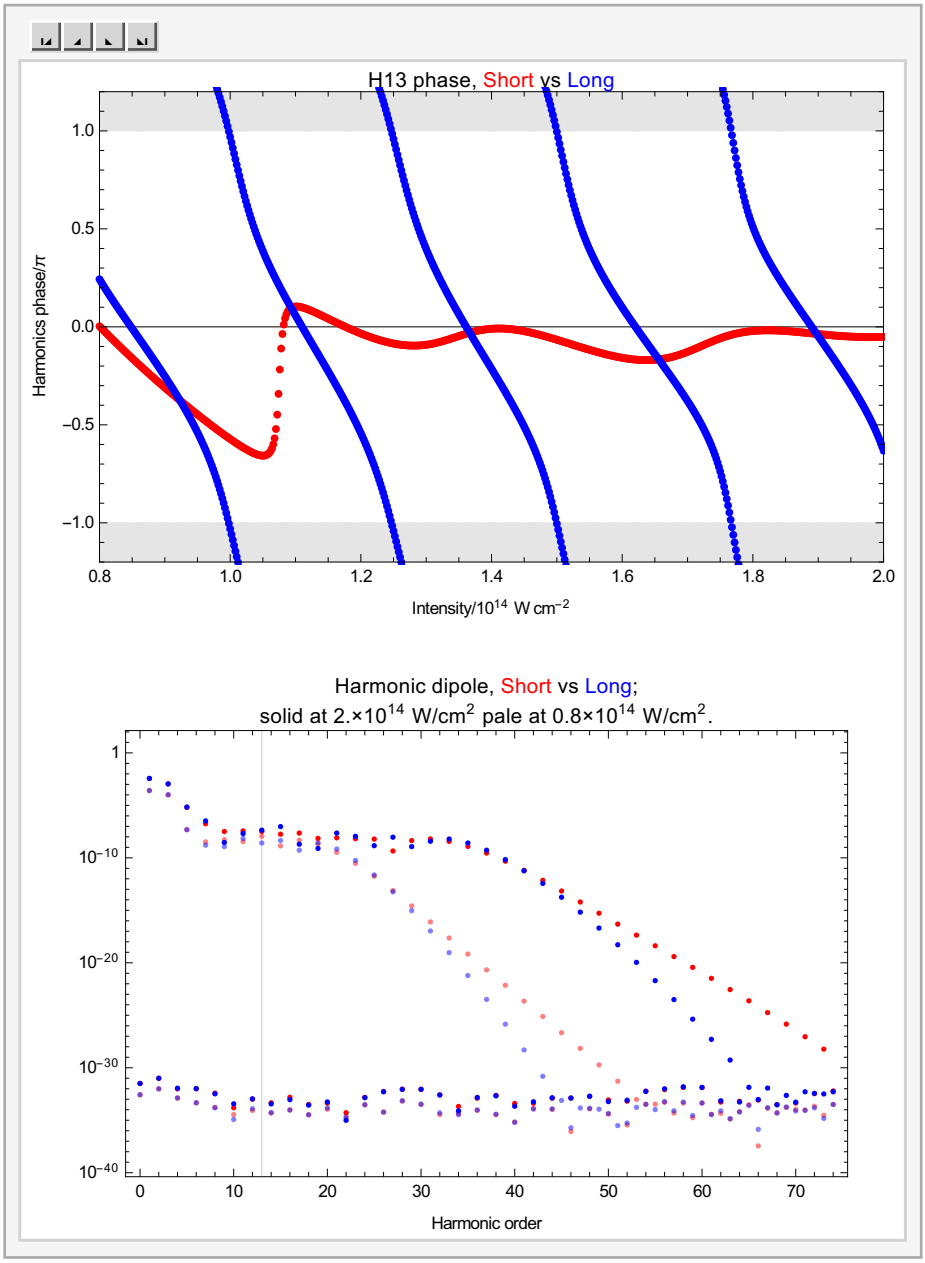

and the energy-domain dipole.

```
AbsoluteTiming[
 Table[
   fourierDipole[trajectories, int] = Fourier[
      Re[quantumPhaseScan[trajectories, int]⟦1 ;; -2, 1⟧]
      , FourierParameters → {-1, 1}];
   , {int, intRange}, {trajectories, {"Short", "Long"}}];
]
```

```
{0.093762, Null}
```

Analysis

```
Block[{background},
 background = ListLogPlot[
   Flatten[Table[
     {Range[0, nppsl/2 - 1], Abs[fourierDipole[trajectories, m[intRange]][[1 ;; nppsl/2]]]^2}^T
     , {m, {Min, Max}}, {trajectories, {"Short", "Long"}}], 1]
   , ImageSize → 420
   , PlotStyle → {{Red, Opacity[0.5]}, {Blue, Opacity[0.5]}, {Red}, {Blue}}
   , PlotLabel → "Harmonic dipole, Short vs Long;\nsolid at " <> ToString[Max[intRange]] <>
     "x10^14 W/cm^2 pale at " <> ToString[Min[intRange]] <> "x10^14 W/cm^2."
   , FrameLabel → {"Harmonic order", ""}
   , Frame → True
  ];
 SlideView[Table[
   Row[{
     Show[{
       RegionPlot[Abs[ϕ] > 1, {int, Min[intRange], Max[intRange]}, {ϕ, -1.2, 1.2},
        PlotStyle → GrayLevel[0.9], Method → {"AxesInFront" → False}, BoundaryStyle → None],
       ListPlot[
        Table[
         Flatten[Table[
           {#, {#[[1]], #[[2]] + 2}, {#[[1]], #[[2]] - 2}} &@
            {int, 1/π Arg[fourierDipole[trajectories, int][[HO + 1]]]}
           , {int, intRange[[1 ;; -1]]}], 1]
          , {trajectories, {"Short", "Long"}}]
         , PlotStyle → {{PointSize[0.01], Red}, {PointSize[0.01], Blue}}
         , Joined → False
        ]
       }
       , PlotRange → 1.2 {-1, 1}, AspectRatio → 0.6
       , PlotRangePadding → {None, Automatic}
       , Axes → True
       , ImageSize → 450
       , PlotLabel → "H" <> ToString[HO] <> " phase, Short vs Long"
       , FrameLabel → {"Intensity/10^14 W cm^-2", "Harmonics phase/π"}
     ],
     Show[{background}, GridLines → {{HO}, None}]
    }]
   , {HO, 1, nppsl/2, 2}], 7]
]
```



The short- and long-trajectory calculations are in red and blue respectively. It is clear that, in the plateau regions, the gated calculation has a much smoother dependence of the harmonic phase on the field intensity. On the other hand, the cutoff is perfectly preserved. These are the hallmarks that the contributions from long trajectories have been mostly eliminated.

Nondipole contributions

Nondipole contributions can be specified by setting a nonzero vector potential gradient:

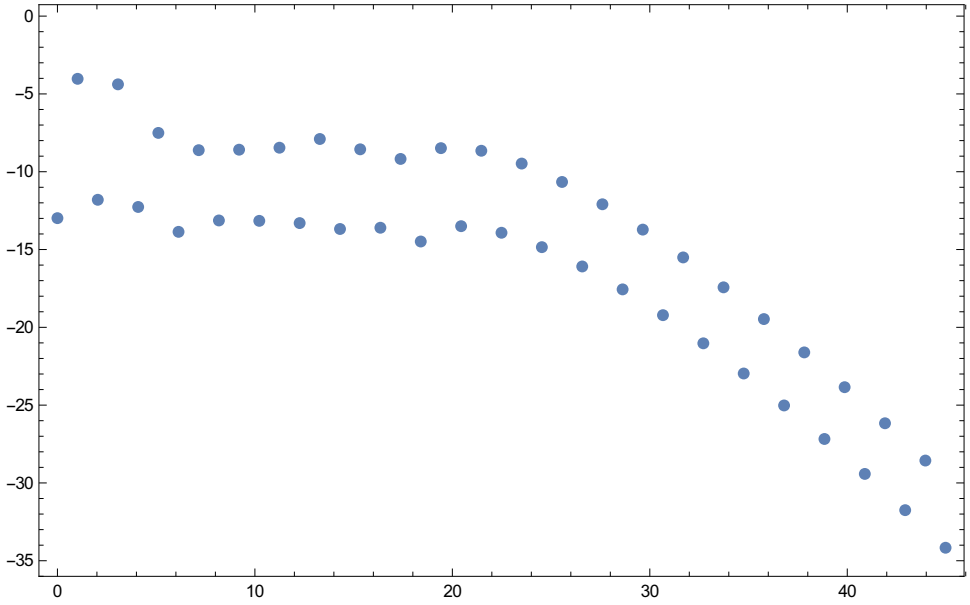
```
? VectorPotentialGradient
```

"VectorPotentialGradient is an option for makeDipole list which specifies the gradient of
the field's vector potential. Usage should be VectorPotentialGradient→GA, where GA[t]//.pars must
yield a square matrix of the same dimension as the vector potential for numeric t and parameters
indicated by FieldParameters→pars. The indices must be such that GA[t][[i,j]] returns $\partial_i A_j[t]$."

If, for example, the travelling-wave form of the vector potential is of the form $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = \frac{F}{\omega}\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\cos(k z - \omega t)$, then at the

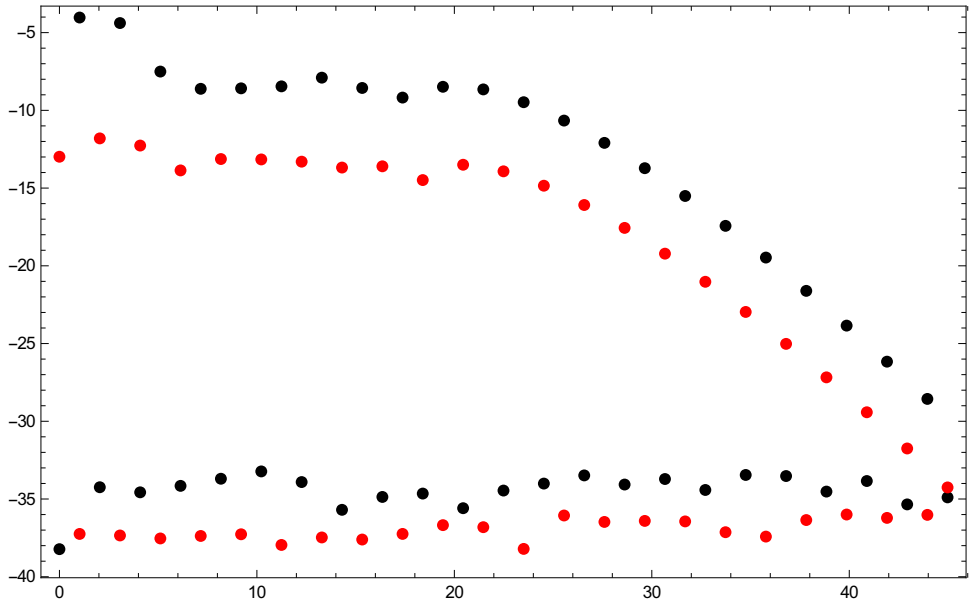
origin the vector potential is $\boldsymbol{A}(\mathbf{0}, t) = \frac{F}{\omega}\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\cos(\omega t)$ and it has a single nonzero entry in its gradient matrix $\nabla \boldsymbol{A}$, i.e. $\partial_z A_x = -\frac{kF}{\omega}\sin(\omega t)$. This is entered into the VectorPotentialGradient option as

```
nonDipoleContributions = makeDipoleList[
    VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Cos[ω t], 0, 0}],
    VectorPotentialGradient → Function[t, {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {-k F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}}],
    FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.057, k → ω / c, c → 137}
  ];
spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[Most[nonDipoleContributions]], Joined → False, ImageSize → 500]
```



At low wavelengths, the first obvious effect is the appearance of even harmonics. This is the expected behaviour, with the harmonics along the laser propagation direction. (Informally, the magnetic pushing on the wavepacket acts on the propagation direction on both halves of each laser period. This off-axis recollision causes the dipole to oscillate in the propagation direction with an even symmetry. More formally, the dynamical symmetries of the problem permit even (but not odd) harmonics along this direction.) This is indeed what is observed:

```
Show[{
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[nonDipoleContributions[[1 ;; -2, {1, 2}]]],
   Joined → False, PlotStyle → Black],
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[nonDipoleContributions[[1 ;; -2, {3}]]],
   Joined → False, PlotStyle → Red]
 }, PlotRange → All, ImageSize → 500]
```



Benchmarking the nondipole contributions

Nondipole contributions in a crossed-beam setup

This section explores the harmonic emission by a crossed-beam setup, with nondipole contributions, as a benchmarking step for the latter. The crossed-beam setup was proposed by X.-M. Tong and S.-I. Chu in *Phys. Rev. A* **58** no .4, R2656 (1998), and it was explored in a nondipole setting by V. Averbukh et al. in *Phys Rev. A* **65,** 063402 (2002). The results below reproduce those of Averbukh et al.

In short, we consider the harmonic emission by a circularly polarized pulse propagating along the z direction, at frequency ω, and a linearly polarized pulse of frequency $r\,\omega$ propagating along the x direction and polarized along the z direction.

```
(crossedBeamsA[x_, z_] = Function[t,
    {F1/ω Cos[k z - ω t], F1/ω Sin[k z - ω t], F2/(r ω) Sin[r k x - r ω t + θ0]}
  ])[t] // MatrixForm
```

```
(crossedBeamsGA[x_] = Function[t, Evaluate[{
      D[crossedBeamsA[x, z][t], x] /. {z → 0},
      D[crossedBeamsA[x, z][t], y] /. {z → 0},
      D[crossedBeamsA[x, z][t], z] /. {z → 0}
    }]]
 )[t] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{F1\,\mathrm{Cos}[k\,z-t\,\omega]}{\omega} \\ \frac{F1\,\mathrm{Sin}[k\,z-t\,\omega]}{\omega} \\ \frac{F2\,\mathrm{Sin}[k\,r\,x+\theta 0-r\,t\,\omega]}{r\,\omega} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{F2\,k\,\mathrm{Cos}[k\,r\,x+\theta 0-r\,t\,\omega]}{\omega} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{F1\,k\,\mathrm{Sin}[t\,\omega]}{\omega} & \frac{F1\,k\,\mathrm{Cos}[t\,\omega]}{\omega} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The dipole selection rules allow harmonic orders of the form $2r/ \pm 1$, with $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$, with polarization in the x, y plane, and harmonics of order $r(2l + 1)$, with $l = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$, polarized along the z direction.

```
allowedHarmonics[r_, {1, 2}] := Select[Union[2 r Range[0, 100] + 1, 2 r Range[0, 100] - 1], # > 0 &]
allowedHarmonics[r_, {3}] := r (2 Range[0, 100] + 1)
```

For the calculation, then, some preliminaries,

```
αRange = {0, 1 / 137};
nppcb = 240;
crossedBeamsParameters[rr_] := {F1 → 0.1, F2 → 0.2, ω → 0.057, θ0 → 0, r → rr, k → α ω};
DistributeDefinitions["RBSFA`"];
SetSharedFunction[crossedBeamsResults];
```

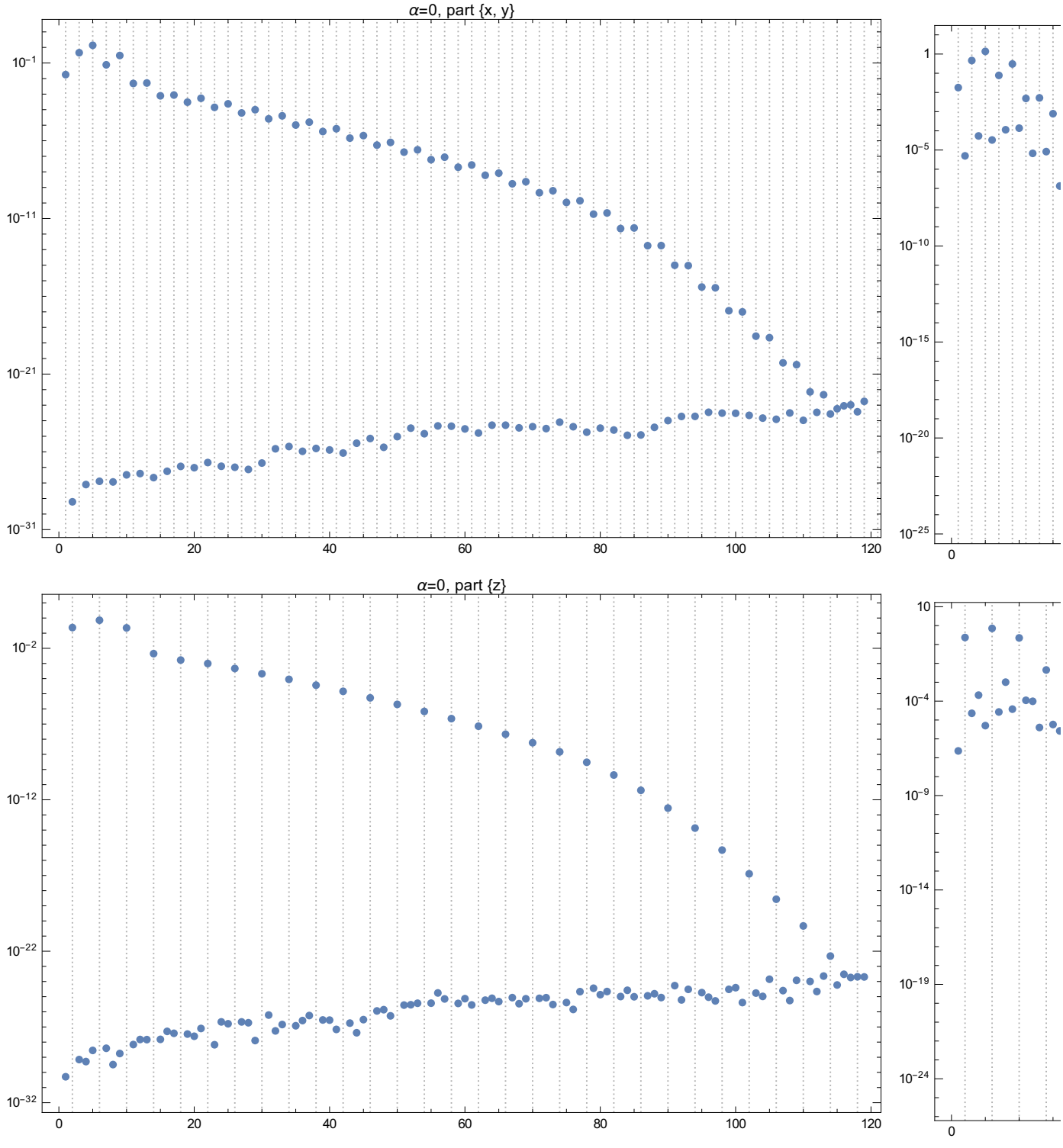
and the calculation itself for $r = 2$ and $r = 5$.

```
Print[DateString[]]
ParallelTable[AbsoluteTiming[
  crossedBeamsResults[r, α] = makeDipoleList[
    VectorPotential → crossedBeamsA[0, 0], VectorPotentialGradient → crossedBeamsGA[0],
    FieldParameters → crossedBeamsParameters[r]
    , DipoleTransitionMatrixElement → Function[{p, κ}, gaussianDTME[p, 1 / 1.3]]
    , CarrierFrequency → 0.057, PointsPerCycle → nppcb
   ];
 ], {r, {2, 5}}, {α, αRange}]
Print[DateString[]]
```

```
Thu 1 Oct 2015 15:42:15
{{{29.6518, Null}, {34.7323, Null}}, {{28.9947, Null}, {34.9678, Null}}}
Thu 1 Oct 2015 15:43:20
```

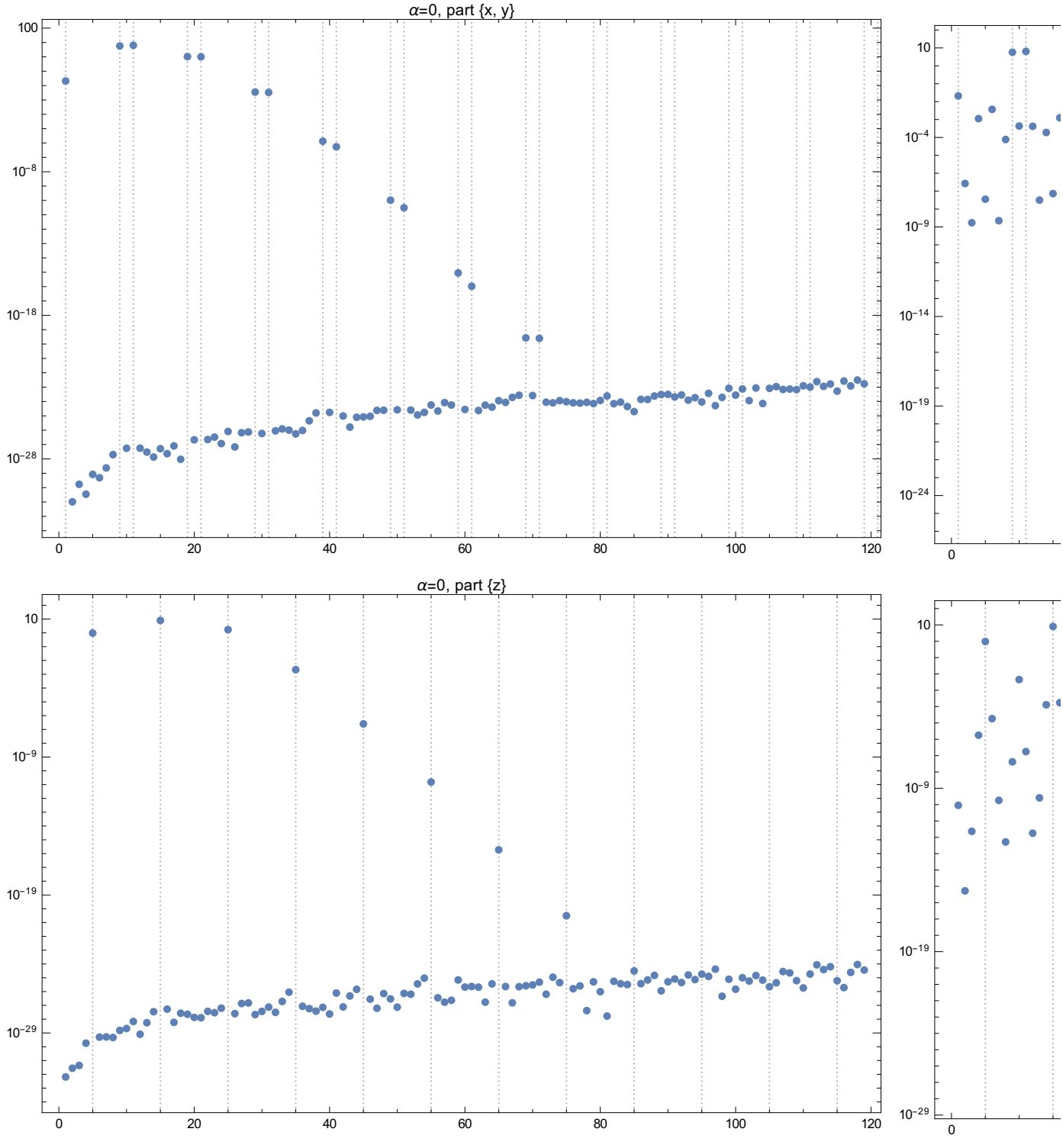
Results for $r = 2$, comparable to Fig. 1 in Averbukh et al. Dashed lines mark the dipole-allowed harmonics. The left-hand column has nondipole contributions turned off ($\alpha = 0$), and the right-hand column includes the nondipole contributions and observes a massive increase in the amplitude of the dipole-forbidden harmonics.

```
Grid[Table[
  ListLogPlot[
   getSpectrum[crossedBeamsResults[2, α][[1 ;; -2, part]], ωPower → 2][[2 ;;]]
   , Joined → False, ImageSize → 600, PlotTheme → "Detailed", PlotRange → Full
   , GridLines → {allowedHarmonics[2, part], None}
   , PlotLabel → Row[{"α=", α, ", part ", {"x", "y", "z"}[[part]]}]
  ], {part, {{1, 2}, {3}}}, {α, αRange}]]
```



Results for $r = 5$, comparable to Fig. 2 in Averbukh et al.

```
Grid[Table[
  ListLogPlot[
   getSpectrum[crossedBeamsResults[5, α][[1 ;; -2, part]], ωPower → 2][[2 ;;]]
   , Joined → False, ImageSize → 600, PlotTheme → "Detailed", PlotRange → Full
   , GridLines → {allowedHarmonics[5, part], None}
   , PlotLabel → Row[{"α=", α, ", part ", {"x", "y", "z"}[[part]]}]
  ], {part, {{1, 2}, {3}}}, {α, αRange}]]
```



Multiple plateaus in HHG in ions

This section benchmarks this code against the results of N.J. Kylstra et al. reported in *J. Phys B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys.* **34** no. 3, L55 (2001);. In particular, we study HHG in the He^+ ion at high intensity ($I = 5.6 \times 10^{15}\,\mathrm{W\,cm^{-2}}$) and reasonable (800nm) wavelength.

```
(kylstraA[z_] = Function[t, {F/ω Sin[(ω t - k z)/4]^2 Sin[ω t - k z], 0, 0}])[t] // MatrixForm
(kylstraGA = Function[t, Evaluate[{
        D[kylstraA[z][t], x] /. {z → 0},
        D[kylstraA[z][t], y] /. {z → 0},
        D[kylstraA[z][t], z] /. {z → 0}
       }]]
  )[t] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{F \sin[k z - t\omega] \sin\left[\frac{1}{4}(-k z + t\omega)\right]^2}{\omega} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

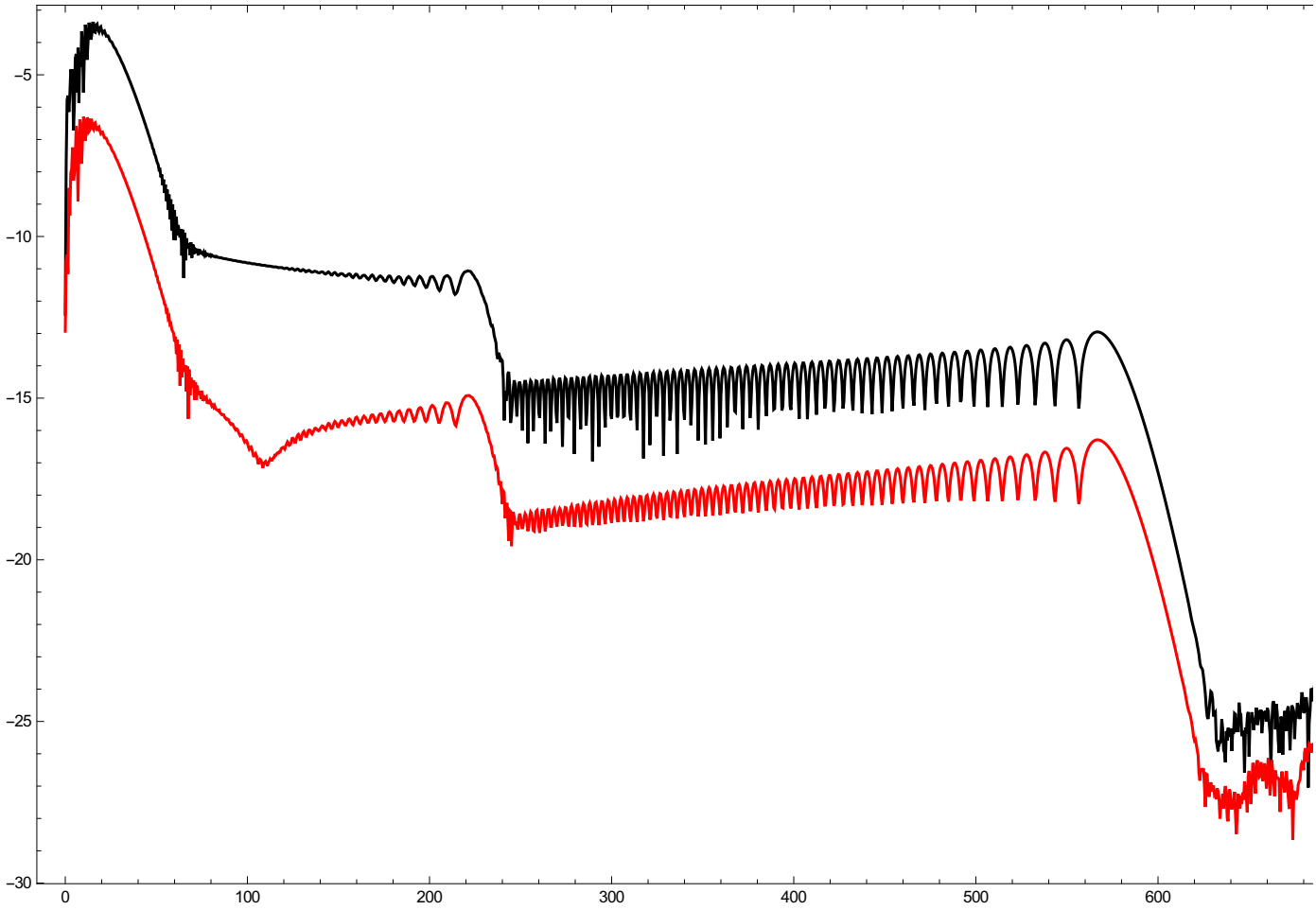
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{F k \cos[t\omega] \sin\left[\frac{t\omega}{4}\right]^2}{\omega} & -\frac{F k \cos\left[\frac{t\omega}{4}\right] \sin\left[\frac{t\omega}{4}\right] \sin[t\omega]}{2\omega} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
nppk = 1500;

DateString[]
AbsoluteTiming[
 kylstraTest = makeDipoleList[
    VectorPotential → kylstraA[0], VectorPotentialGradient → kylstraGA,
    FieldParameters → {F → Sqrt[5.6 × 10^15 / 10^14] 0.053, ω → 0.057, k → α ω, α → 1 / 137},
    IonizationPotential → 2,
    PointsPerCycle → nppk, TotalCycles → 2
   ];
]
DateString[]
```

```
Thu 1 Oct 2015 18:25:47

{1619.16, Null}

Thu 1 Oct 2015 18:52:46
```

Plotting the results. The *x* component (along the laser polarization) is in black, the *z* component (along the laser propagation) is in red.

```
Show[
 Table[
  spectrumPlotter[getSpectrum[kylstraTest[[1 ;; -2, part]], ωPower → 2], Joined → True,
   PointsPerCycle → nppk, TotalCycles → 2, PlotStyle → (part /. {{1, 2} → Black, {3} → Red})]
  , {part, {{1}, {3}}}]
 , PlotRange → All
]
```



The results are a good qualitative match to the dipoles reported by Kylstra et al., with the notable exception of the low-order harmonics below n≲50.

On the other hand, taken naively this code cannot be applied to the harder targets described in that paper (Li^{2+} and Be^{3+}, at intensities between 0.9 and $3.6\times10^{17}\,W\,cm^{-2}$), which have cutoffs of order as high as 35 000, which requires several days to several months of calculation using the naive scaling. (That said, using a smarter choice of ReportingFunction, judicious use of parallelization and lots of waiting, those targets are probably within reach of this code.)

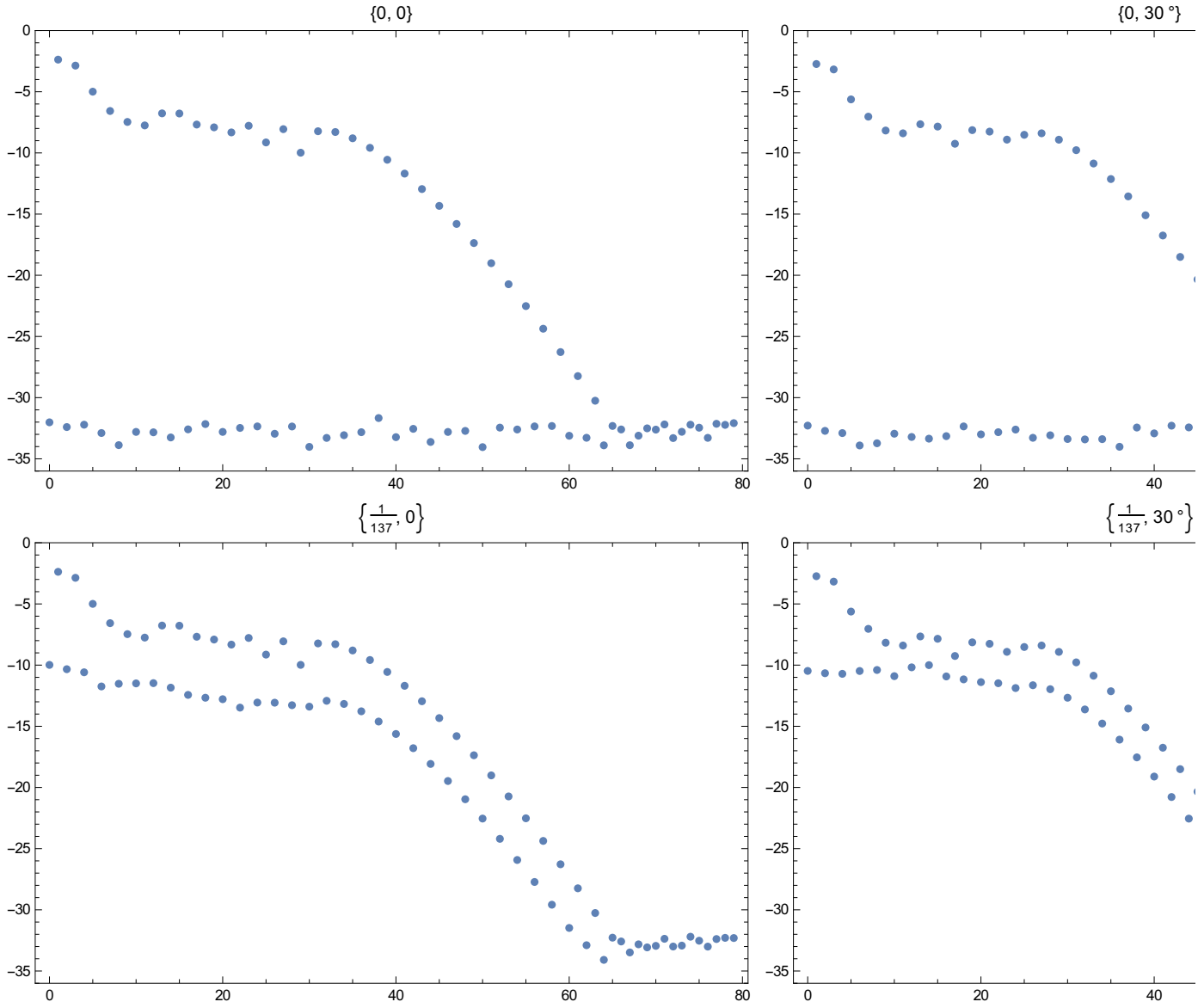
Perodicity of nondipole contributions

```
Quit
```

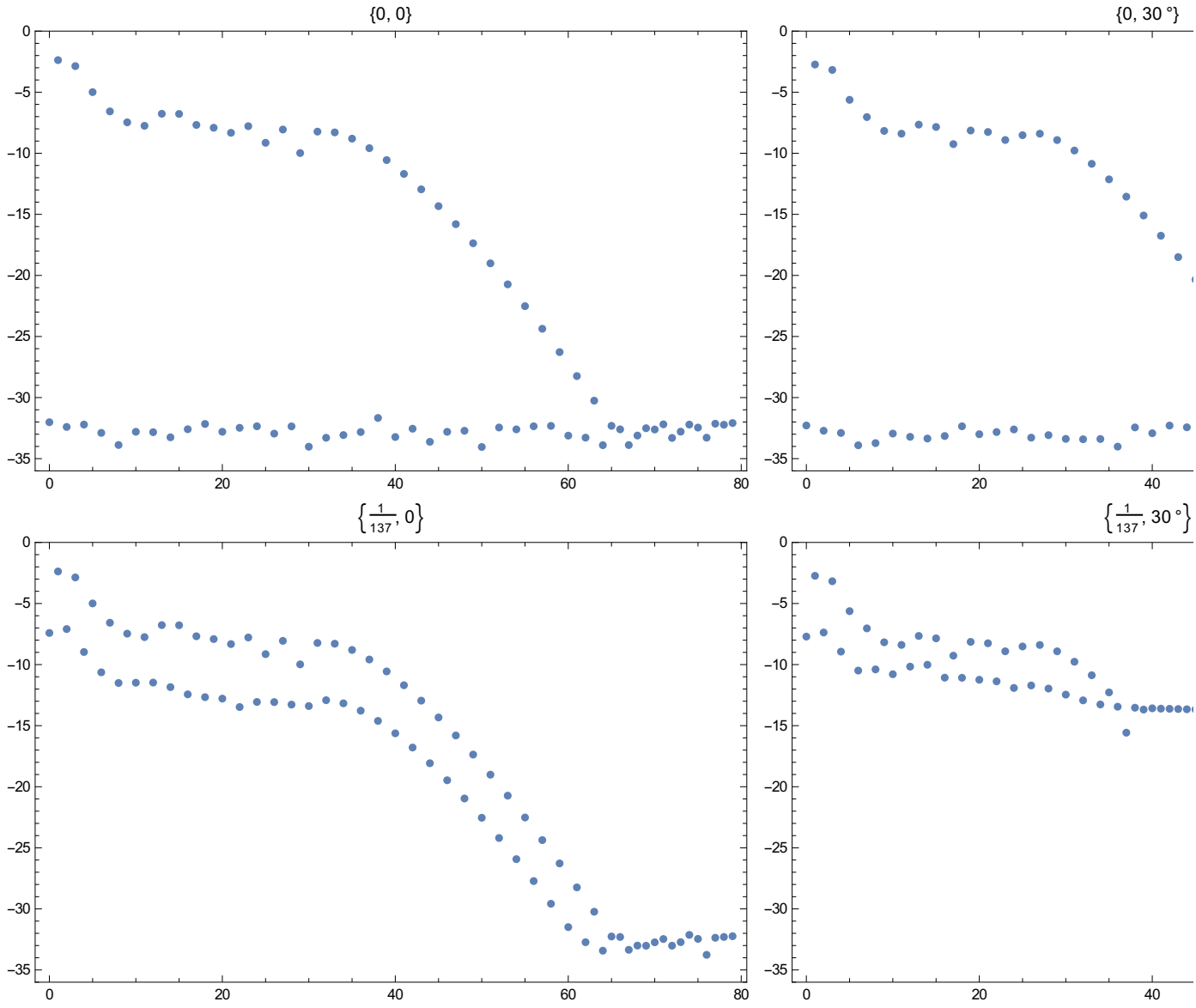
```
(crossedBeamsA[t_] = First /@ Sum[

      F/ω ( Cos[θ]
            0
          - s Sin[θ] ) Cos[k {s Sin[θ], 0, Cos[θ]}.{x, y, z} - ω t - s ϕ]

      , {s, {-1, 1}}]) // MatrixForm;
(crossedBeamsGA[t_] = Evaluate[{
      D[crossedBeamsA[t], x],
      D[crossedBeamsA[t], y],
      D[crossedBeamsA[t], z]
     }]) // MatrixForm;
crossedBeamsParameters = {x → 0, y → 0, z → 0, F → √0.5 0.053, ω → 0.057, θ → 10. °, k → α ω};

DateString[]
Table[
 First[AbsoluteTiming[
   symmetryTestDipole[α, ϕ] = makeDipoleList[
      VectorPotential → crossedBeamsA,
      VectorPotentialGradient → crossedBeamsGA, FieldParameters → crossedBeamsParameters,
      PointsPerCycle → 160
     ];
  ]]
 , {α, {0, 1 / 137}}, {ϕ, {0, 30 °}}]
DateString[]
```

```
Fri 16 Oct 2015 12:09:53

{{5.97834, 6.65576}, {8.31512, 11.9895}}

Fri 16 Oct 2015 12:10:26
```

```
Grid[Table[
  spectrumPlotter[
   getSpectrum[symmetryTestDipole[α, ϕ][[1 ;; -2, {1, 2, 3}]]]
   , Joined → False, PointsPerCycle → 160,
   ImageSize → 450, PlotLabel → {α, ϕ}, PlotRange → {-36, 0}
  ]
  , {α, {0, 1 / 137}}, {ϕ, {0, 30 °}}]]
```



Compare this with the unacceptably high noise floor from the previous version for the case $\alpha = 1/137,\ \phi = 30\,°$.



Debugging and benchmarking tools

If something goes funny with your calls, then before you start taking makeDipoleList apart you can try using its Verbose option to diagnose the internal functions it is using. In particular:

- Setting Verbose→1 makes makeDipoleList print the Information of the key internal functions it is using, before it goes on to the integration loop.

```
makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
  FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.057}, Verbose → 1][[1 ;; 10]]
```

```
RBSFA`Private`A
```

```
RBSFA`Private`A[RBSFA`Private`t$_] = {0.877193 Sin[0.057 RBSFA`Private`t$], 0, 0}
```

```
RBSFA`Private`GA
```

```
RBSFA`Private`GA[RBSFA`Private`t$_] = {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}
```

```
RBSFA`Private`ps
```

```
RBSFA`Private`ps[RBSFA`Private`t_?RBSFA`Private`gridPointQ,
  RBSFA`Private`tt_?RBSFA`Private`gridPointQ] :=
 RBSFA`Private`ps[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt] =
  -(Inverse[IdentityMatrix[Length[RBSFA`Private`A[RBSFA`Private`tInit]]] -
        (RBSFA`Private`GAIntInt[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt] +
           Transpose[RBSFA`Private`GAIntInt[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt]]) /
         (RBSFA`Private`t - RBSFA`Private`tt - i RBSFA`Private`ϵ)].
      (RBSFA`Private`AInt[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt] -
        RBSFA`Private`bigPScorrectionInt[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt]) /
     (RBSFA`Private`t - RBSFA`Private`tt - i RBSFA`Private`ϵ))
```

```
RBSFA`Private`pi
```

```
RBSFA`Private`pi[RBSFA`Private`p_, RBSFA`Private`t_] :=
 RBSFA`Private`p + RBSFA`Private`A[RBSFA`Private`t] -
  RBSFA`Private`GAInt[RBSFA`Private`t].RBSFA`Private`p - RBSFA`Private`GAdotAInt[RBSFA`Private`t]
```

```
RBSFA`Private`S
```

```
RBSFA`Private`S[RBSFA`Private`t_?RBSFA`Private`gridPointQ,
  RBSFA`Private`tt_?RBSFA`Private`gridPointQ] :=
 1/2 (Norm[RBSFA`Private`ps[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt]]^2 + RBSFA`Private`κ^2)
   (RBSFA`Private`t - RBSFA`Private`tt) + RBSFA`Private`ps[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt].
   RBSFA`Private`AInt[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt] +
  1/2 RBSFA`Private`A2Int[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt] -
  (RBSFA`Private`ps[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt].RBSFA`Private`GAIntInt[
      RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt].RBSFA`Private`ps[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt] +
    RBSFA`Private`ps[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt].
     RBSFA`Private`bigPScorrectionInt[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt] +
    RBSFA`Private`AdotGAdotAInt[RBSFA`Private`t, RBSFA`Private`tt])
```

```
RBSFA`Private`AInt
```

```
RBSFA`Private`AInt[RBSFA`Private`t$_] = {-15.3894 Cos[0.057 RBSFA`Private`t$], 0, 0}

RBSFA`Private`AInt[RBSFA`Private`t$_, RBSFA`Private`tt$_] =
 {15.3894 Cos[0.057 RBSFA`Private`tt$] - 15.3894 Cos[0.057 RBSFA`Private`t$], 0, 0}
```

```
RBSFA`Private`A2Int
```

```
RBSFA`Private`A2Int[RBSFA`Private`t$_] =
 0.769468 (0.5 RBSFA`Private`t$ - 4.38596 Sin[0.114 RBSFA`Private`t$])

RBSFA`Private`A2Int[RBSFA`Private`t$_, RBSFA`Private`tt$_] =
 -0.769468 (0.5 RBSFA`Private`tt$ - 4.38596 Sin[0.114 RBSFA`Private`tt$]) +
  0.769468 (0.5 RBSFA`Private`t$ - 4.38596 Sin[0.114 RBSFA`Private`t$])
```

```
RBSFA`Private`GAInt
```

```
RBSFA`Private`GAInt[RBSFA`Private`t$_] = {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}

RBSFA`Private`GAInt[RBSFA`Private`t$_, RBSFA`Private`tt$_] = {{0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}, {0, 0, 0}}
```

(abridged.)

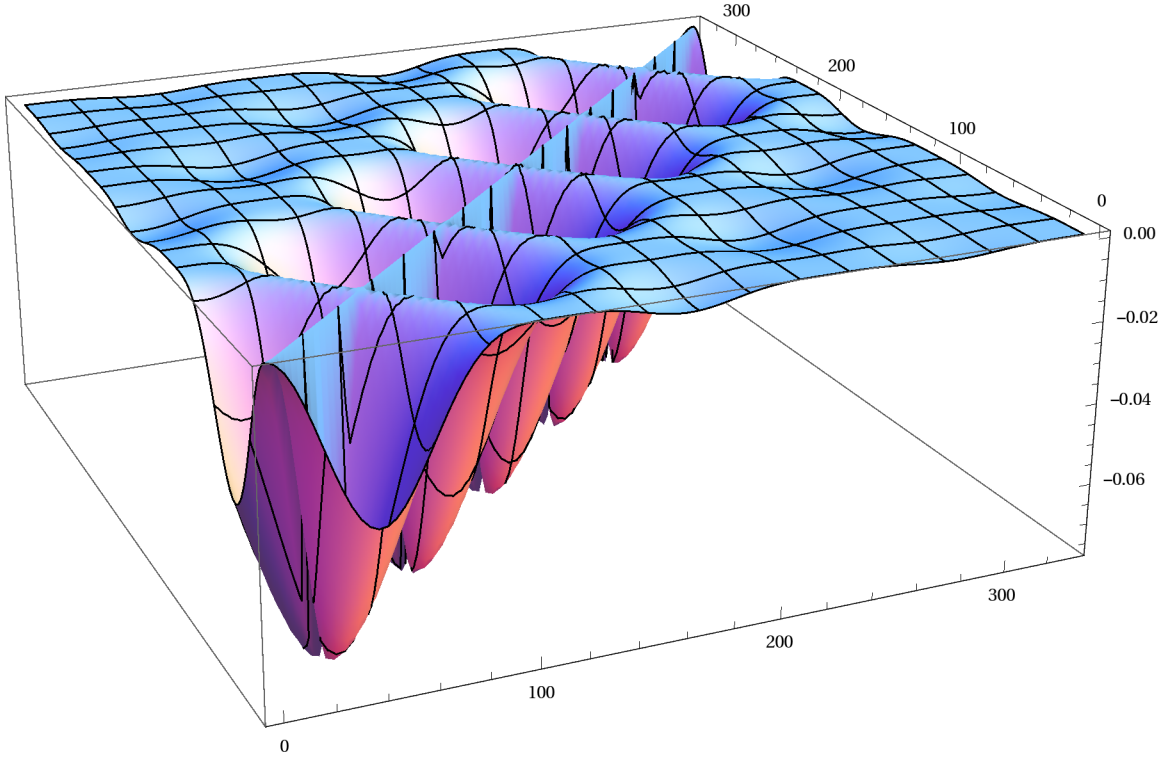
```
{{-0.0198736 + 0.00113629 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i}, {-0.0166186 - 1.44349 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i},
 {-0.0132498 - 5.34015 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i}, {-0.00957477 - 10.5721 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i},
 {-0.00563402 - 15.8027 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i}, {-0.00185819 - 19.9418 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i},
 {0.00123386 - 22.4066 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i}, {0.00353492 - 23.1295 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i},
 {0.0053967 - 22.4 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i}, {0.00707192 - 20.6646 i, 0. + 0. i, 0. + 0. i}}
```

- Setting Verbose→2 makes makeDipoleList output its key internal functions and shut down before the integration takes place. Its results can be caught as follows:

```
{A[t_], GA[t_], ps[t_, tt_], pi[p_, t_], S[t_, tt_], AInt[t_], AInt[t_, tt_], A2Int[t_],
   A2Int[t_, tt_], GAInt[t_], GAInt[t_, tt_], GAdotAInt[t_], GAdotAInt[t_, tt_], AdotGAInt[t_],
   AdotGAInt[t_, tt_], GAIntInt[t_], GAIntInt[t_, tt_], bigPScorrectionInt[t_],
   bigPScorrectionInt[t_, tt_], AdotGAdotAInt[t_], AdotGAdotAInt[t_, tt_], integrand[t_, τ_]
  } = makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → Function[t, {F/ω Sin[ω t], 0, 0}],
   FieldParameters → {F → 0.05, ω → 0.057}, Verbose → 2];
```

This then enables examination of e.g. the action:

```
Block[{ω = 0.057},
 Plot3D[
  Im[S[t, tt]]
  , {t, 0, 3 2 π/ω}, {tt, 0, 3 2 π/ω}
  , PlotRange → Full, ImageSize → 600, PlotTheme → "Classic", PlotPoints → 100
 ]
]
```



See the implementation notes in the code for makeDipoleList for further definitions of what each term entails.

Bicircular fields

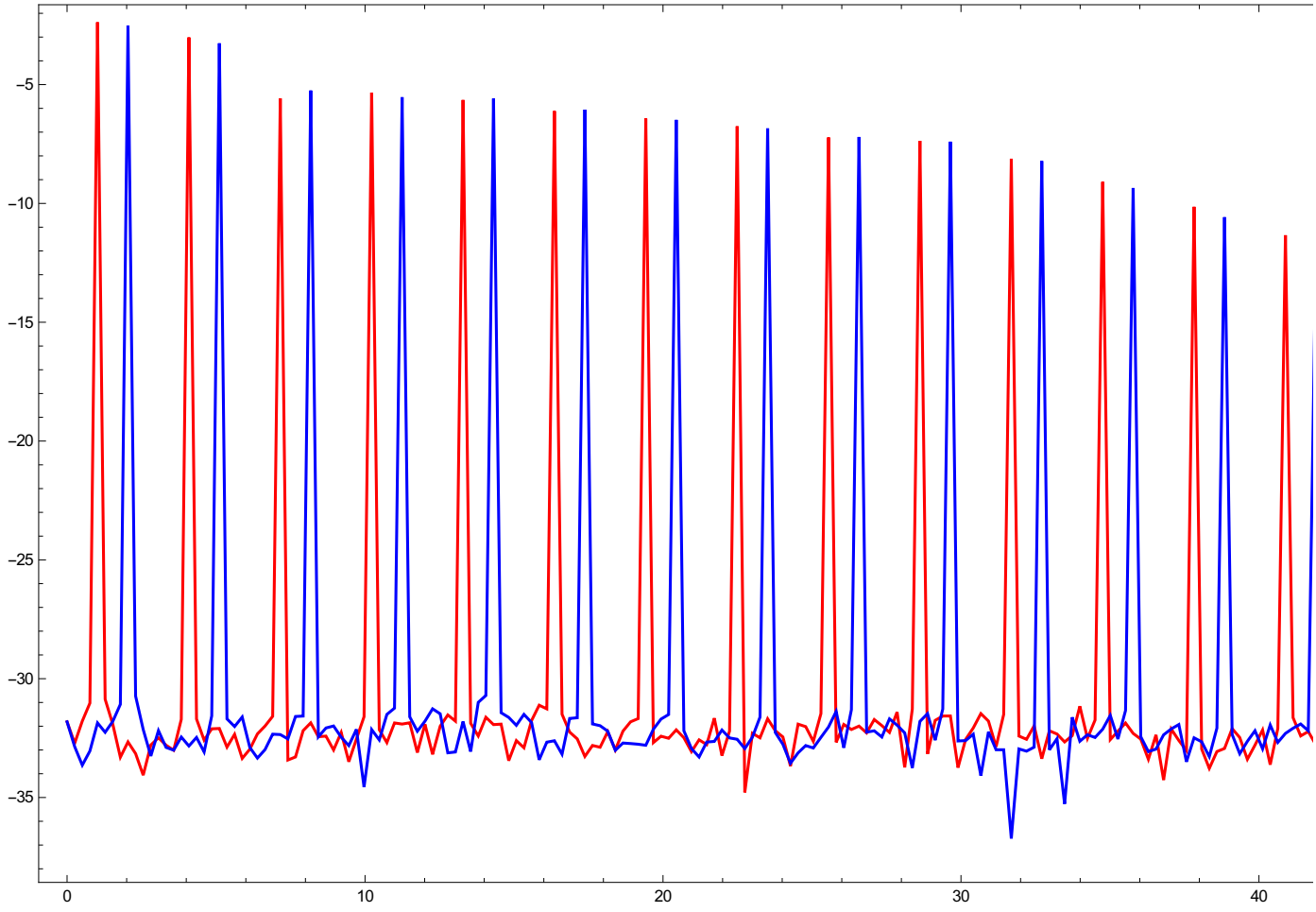
As a slightly less trivial example, consider a bicircular field: two counter-rotating, circularly polarized fields of different frequencies. The 'standard' case - as first demonstrated experimentally - has one field as the second harmonic of the fundamental, with both at equal intensities. The resultant harmonics appear at all integer orders except those divisible by three, with the $3n+1$ harmonics polarized as the fundamental, and the $3n-1$ harmonics polarized as the second-harmonic driver.

```
bicircularA[t_] :=
  (F1/ω1 {Cos[t ω1] Sin[α], - Cos[α] Sin[t ω1]} + F2/ω2 {Cos[β] Cos[ω2 t], Sin[β] Sin[ω2 t]})
bicircularParameters = {F1 → 0.075, F2 → 0.075, α → 45 °, β → 45 °, ω1 → 45.6 / 800, ω2 → 45.6 / 400};
AbsoluteTiming[bicircularTest = makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → bicircularA,
    FieldParameters → bicircularParameters, TotalCycles → 4];]
```

```
{8.45739, Null}
```

The function biColorSpectrum takes the spectrum and plots it, separating the two circular polarizations into different colours.

```
biColorSpectrum[Most[bicircularTest]]
```



Bicircular fields with a sine-squared envelope

To benchmark the original calculations, we compared them with the output of full MCTDH calculations. Here we used a $\sin^2$ envelope as the TDSE numerics require a finite pulse; the calculations take correspondingly longer but they are still very manageable (two/three minutes per calculation for a fifteen-cycle pulse, resolving up to ~70 harmonics). One distinctive feature is that the harmonics near the cutoff are broader, because less cycles contribute to those energies.

```
bicircularEnvelopeA[t_] := cosPowerFlatTop[ω1, TotalCycles, 2][t]
    (F1/ω1 {Cos[t ω1] Sin[α], - Cos[α] Sin[t ω1]} + F2/ω2 {Cos[β] Cos[ω2 t], Sin[β] Sin[ω2 t]});
bicircularParameters = {F1 → 0.075, F2 → 0.075, α → 45 °, β → 45 °, ω1 → 45.6 / 800, ω2 → 45.6 / 400};
```

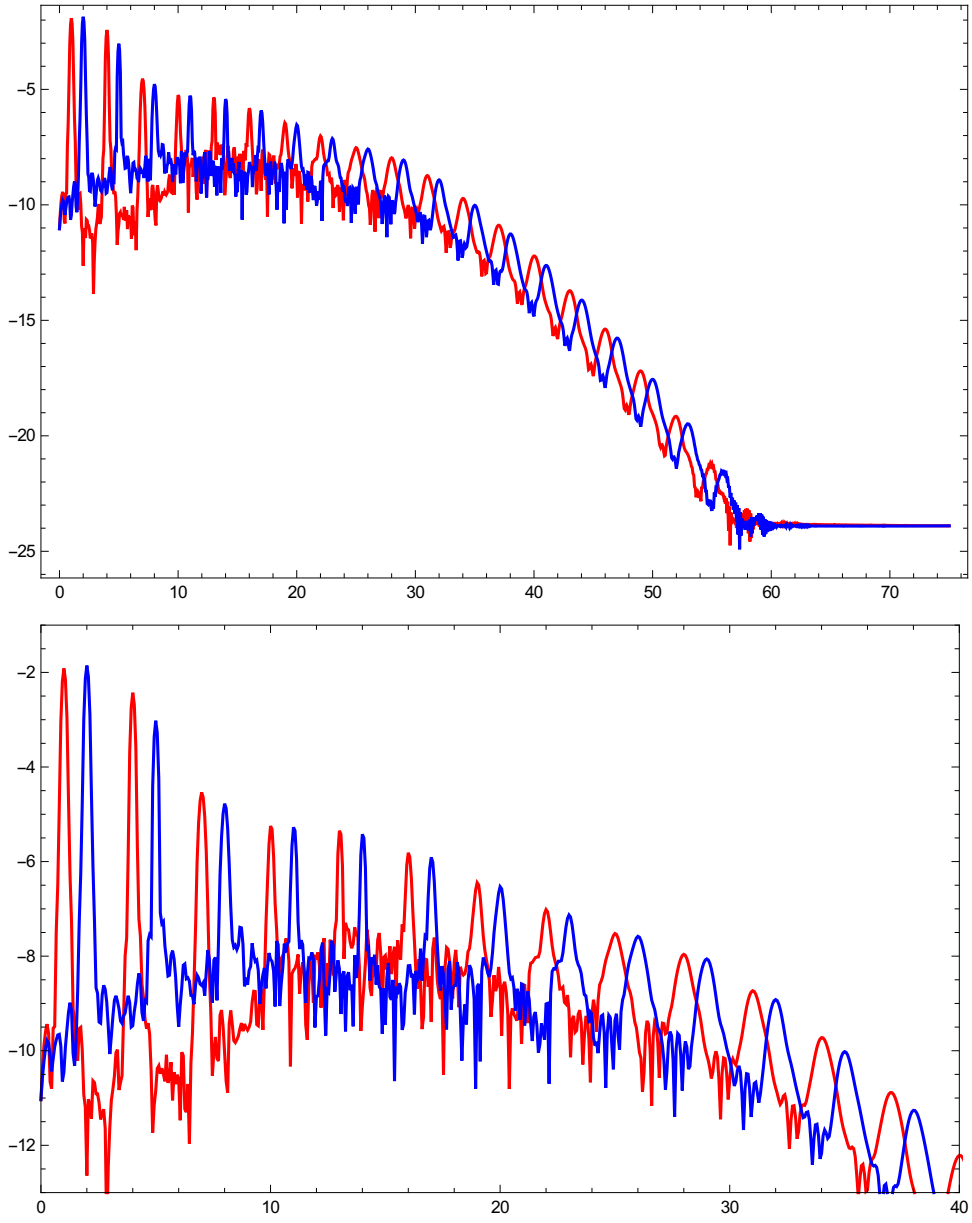
If (as in this case) the field depends on a number-of-cycles parameter, care must be taken that it matches the num option of the main call.

```
AbsoluteTiming[
 bicircularEnvelopeDipole =
   makeDipoleList[VectorPotential → bicircularEnvelopeA, FieldParameters →
     Join[bicircularParameters, {TotalCycles → 15}], PointsPerCycle → 150, TotalCycles → 15];
]
```

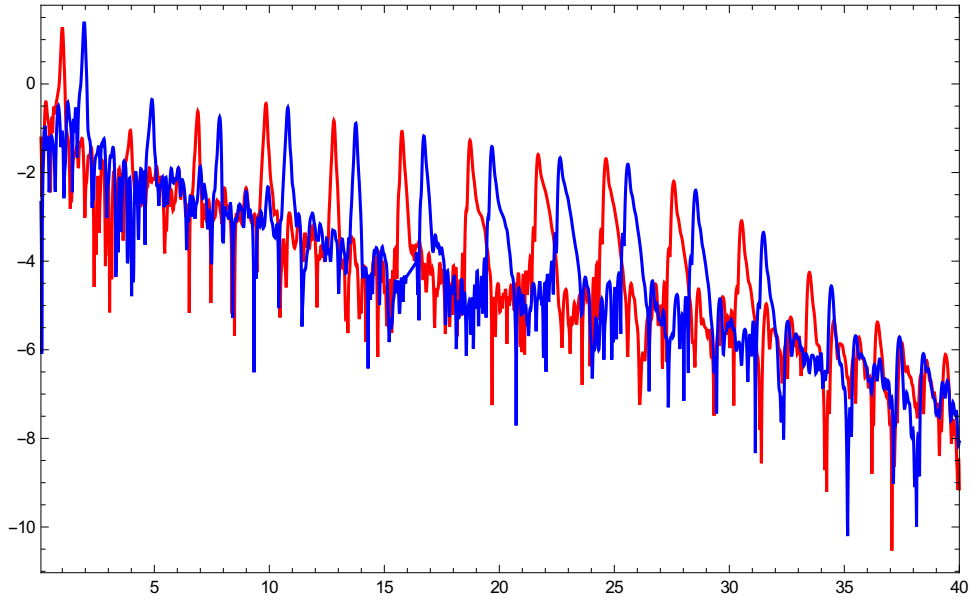
```
{141.302, Null}
```

Plotting the spectrum, and a zoom at the plateau:

```
biColorSpectrum[bicircularEnvelopeDipole,
 PointsPerCycle → 150, TotalCycles → 15, ImageSize → 500]
biColorSpectrum[bicircularEnvelopeDipole, PointsPerCycle → 150,
 TotalCycles → 15, ImageSize → 500, PlotRange → {{0, 40}, {-13, -1}}]
```



The comparable MCTDH spectrum, for identical conditions, looks like this:



Original RB-SFA: 'rotating' bicircular fields

Calculation

Here the fundamental laser driver has been set at an elliptical polarization (as in the original experiment, A. Fleischer et al., *Nature Photon.* **8**, 543 (2014)), which helps investigate the spin-angular-momentum conservation properties of HHG. In the model proposed in the original paper (*Phys. Rev. A* **90**, 043829 (2014)), the photon model is validated by splitting the elliptical field itself into two circular components, which can then be tuned independently:

```
rotatingBicircularA[t_] := envelope[t] (F2/ω2 {Cos[β] Cos[ω2 t - ϕ1], Sin[β] Sin[ω2 t - ϕ1]} +
    F1/√2 (1/ω1 Cos[α - π/4] {Cos[ω1 t + ϕ1], -Sin[ω1 t + ϕ1]} +
      1/((1 + δ) ω1) Sin[α - π/4] {Cos[(1 + δ) ω1 t - ϕ1 + ϕ2], +Sin[(1 + δ) ω1 t - ϕ1 + ϕ2]}));
DistributeDefinitions["RBSFA`"];
directory = FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "Temp Data"}];
filename[δ_] :=
  FileNameJoin[{directory, "data 25.09 detuning scan at δ=" <> ToString[δ] <> ".txt"}];
Length[δRange = Range[0, 0.25, 0.001]]
```

```
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```

To test the validity of the photon model, we ran a scan over the detuning δ, using the calculation below.

```
DateString[]
Print["Total = ", Length[δRange], " points at ~230s/point will be done at approximately ",
 DateString[AbsoluteTime[] + Length[δRange] * 230. / 7], "."]
ParallelTable[
  Print[AbsoluteTiming[
    makeDipoleList[
      VectorPotential → rotatingBicircularA,
      FieldParameters → {α → 35 °, β → 45 °, F1 → 0.075, F2 → 0.075, ω1 → 0.057,
        ω2 → 1.95 × 0.057, ϕ1 → 0, ϕ2 → 0, envelope → flatTopEnvelope[ω1, 26, 3]},
      CarrierFrequency → 0.057, TotalCycles → 26, PointsPerCycle → 115,
      nGate → 1.8, PointNumberCorrection → 1, Preintegrals → "Numeric",
      ReportingFunction → Function[Write[filename[δ], #]]
     ];]];
  Print[DateString[]];
  , {δ, δRange}];
DateString[]
NotebookSave[]
```

Total time 2h 32min. (Desktop machine with 8-thread, 4-core Intel i7-3770 CPU at 3.40GHz, 16GB RAB, running 7 *Mathematica* kernels in parallel.)
Expand this cell to see the calculation log.

The results can be pulled in from the files using this:

```
Do[detunedDipole[δ] = ReadList[filename[δ]], {δ, δRange}]
```

Or saved into a single location using this:

```
Save[FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "Detuning scan collected data.txt"}], detunedDipole]
```

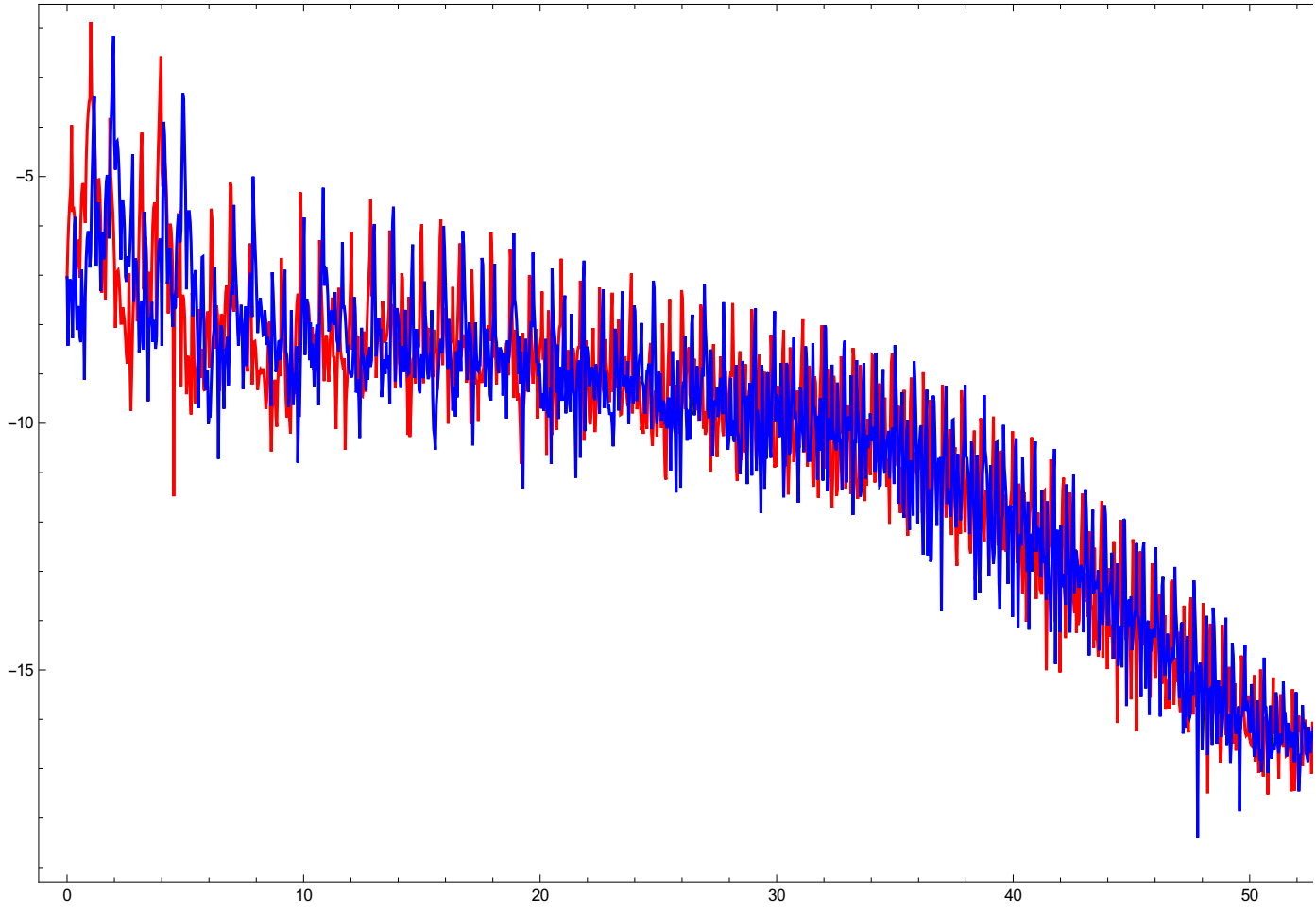
```
DumpSave[
  FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "Detuning scan collected data.mx"}], detunedDipole];
```

and pulled in from the single location using this:

```
<< (FileNameJoin[{NotebookDirectory[], "Detuning scan collected data.txt"}]);
```

A sample spectrum looks like this:

```
biColorSpectrum[detunedDipole[0.001 RandomInteger[{0, 1000}]],
 CarrierFrequency → 45.6 / 800, TotalCycles → 3, PointsPerCycle → 115]
```



Plots from the original paper

The plots from the original paper were produced using the code below. For simplicity we pre-define an interpolation function.

```
conditions := Sequence[CarrierFrequency → 45.6 / 800, TotalCycles → 26, PointsPerCycle → 115]
```

```
Remove[detuningInterpolation]
With[{length = Length[getSpectrum[detunedDipole[0.], Polarization → {1, ı}]]},
 AbsoluteTiming[
  Table[
    detuningInterpolation[ϵ] = Interpolation[
      Flatten[Table[
        {{
            harmonicOrderAxis[TargetLength → length, conditions],
            Table[δ, {length}]
          }ᵀ,
         Log[10, getSpectrum[detunedDipole[δ], Polarization → {1, ϵ ı}]]
        }ᵀ
       , {δ, δRange}], 1]]
    , {ϵ, {1, -1}}];
 ]
]
```

```
{2.99829, Null}
```

Some plotting admin:

```
CMRmap = Function[x, Blend[{■, ■, ■, ■, ■, ■, ■, ■, □}, x]];
CMRwithMin[minIn_, minOut_: 1. / 9] :=
 Function[x, CMRmap[If[x < minIn, minOut/minIn x, minOut + (1 - minOut) (x - minIn)/(1 - minIn)]]]
min = 6. × 10^-9;
max = 5. × 10^-7;
colorfunction = CMRwithMin[min / max];
HOTicks[ϵ_] :=
  ({#, If[ϵ == 1, Style[#, Black], ""], {0.02, 0}, {Thickness[0.005], Gray}} & /@ Range[12, 18, 1]) ~
   Join ~ ({#, "", {0.01, 0}, {Thickness[0.004], Gray}} & /@ Range[11 + 1/2, 18 + 1/4, 1 / 4])
downTicks = {{0, Style[0, Black], 0}, {0.25, Style[0.25, Black], 0}} ~Join~
    ({#, Style[#, Black], {0.015, 0}, {Thickness[0.005], Gray}} & /@ Range[0.05, 0.20, 0.05]) ~
    Join ~ ({#, "", {0.01, 0}, {Thickness[0.004], Gray}} & /@ Range[0.01, 0.24, 0.01]);
upTicks = ({#, "", {0.015, 0}, {Thickness[0.005], Gray}} & /@ Range[0.05, 0.20, 0.05]) ~
    Join ~ ({#, "", {0.01, 0}, {Thickness[0.004], Gray}} & /@ Range[0.01, 0.24, 0.01]);
```

The plot itself:

```
Row[Table[
  splittingsScan[ϵ] = RegionPlot[
    True
    , {δ, 0, 0.25}, {HO, 11.25, 18.5}
    , AspectRatio → 1.2
    , PlotRangePadding → None
    , ImagePadding → 1 {{35 + 15 ϵ, 20}, {70, 6}}
    , ImageSize → {Automatic, 550}
    , PlotPoints → 600
    , FrameStyle → Automatic
    ,
    FrameLabel → {Style["ω'/ω-1", Black, 12], If[ϵ == 1, Style["Harmonic Order", Black, 16], ""]}
    , ColorFunctionScaling → False
    , FrameTicks → {{HOTicks[1], HOTicks[-1]}, {downTicks, upTicks}}
    , ColorFunction → Function[{δ, HO}, colorfunction[10^detuningInterpolation[ϵ][HO, δ] / max]]
    , PlotLabel →
     Style[StringJoin[ϵ /. {1 → "Right", -1 → "Left"}, "-circular harmonics"], Black, 16]
   ]
  , {ϵ, {1, -1}}]
]
```

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