

# Simulation of quantum molecular dynamics with analog quantum computers

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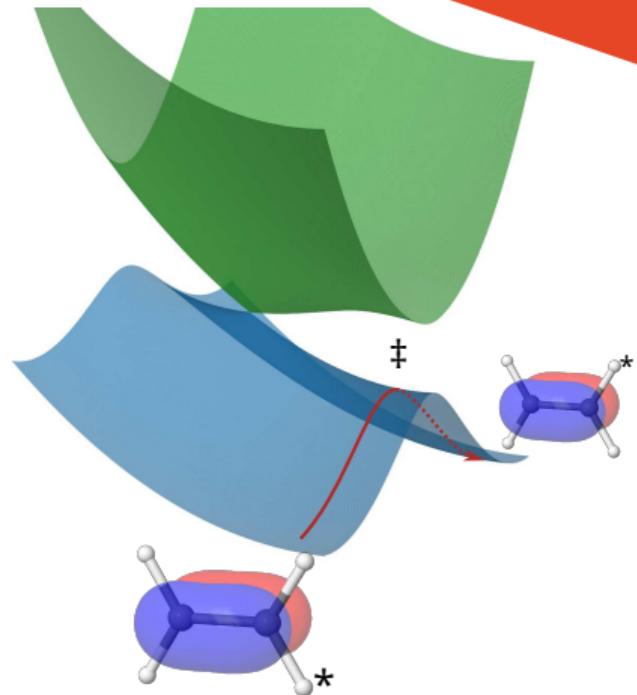


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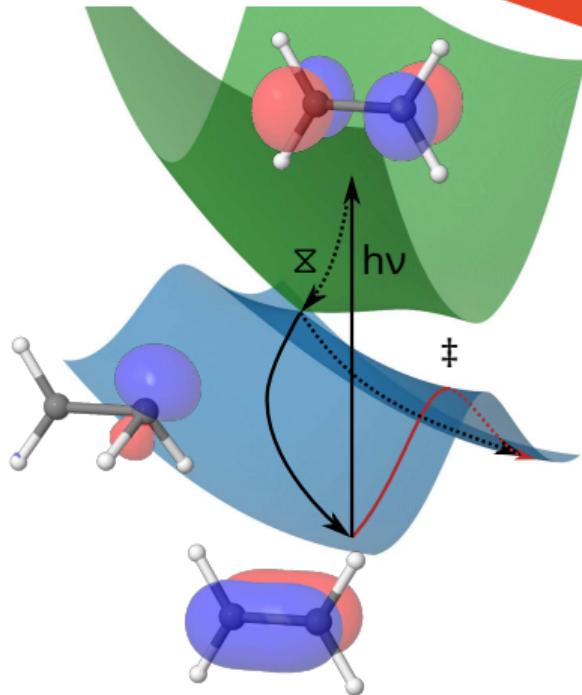
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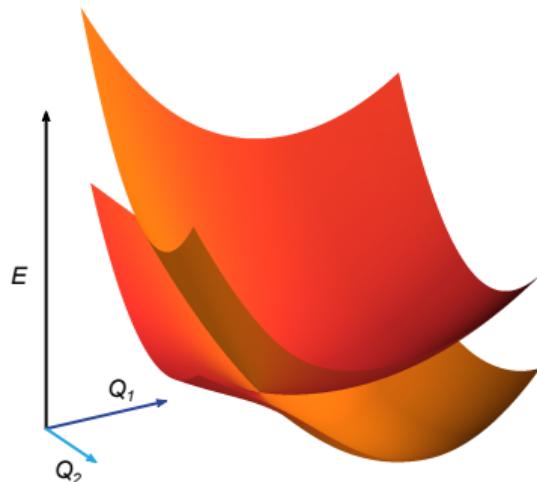
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- Ultrafast photochemistry requires a dynamical, quantum mechanical treatment
- Classical computing cost of exact simulation scales exponentially number of degrees of freedom
- Simulation with a quantum system significantly reduces the cost



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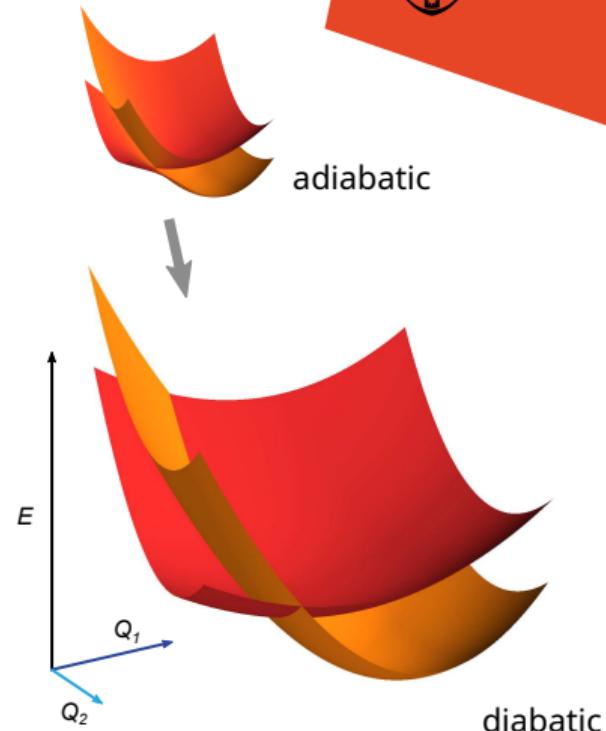
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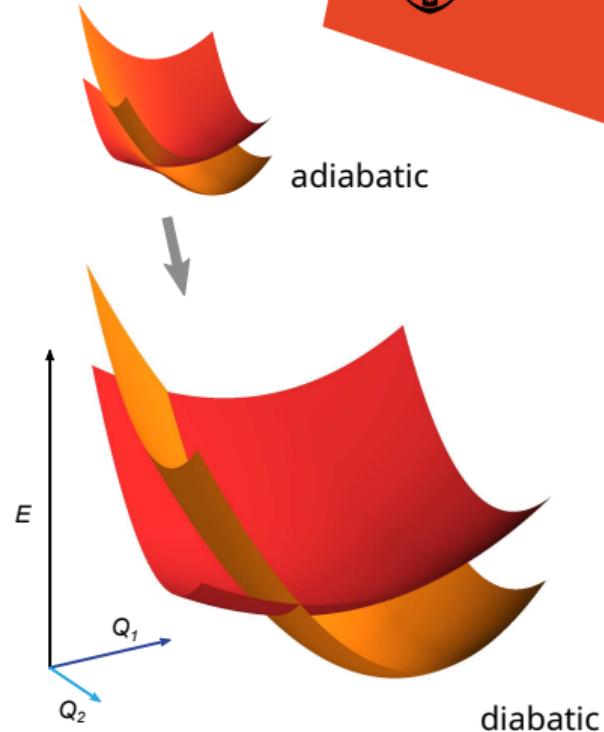
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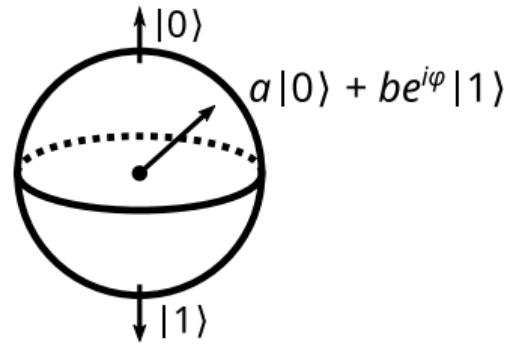
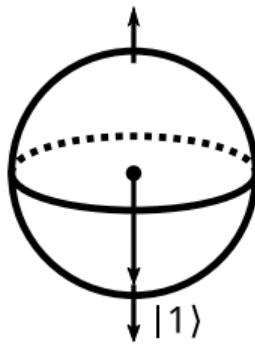
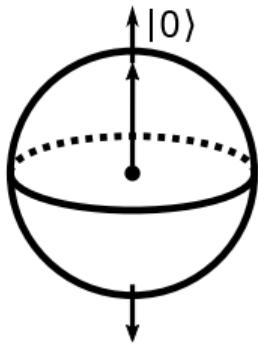
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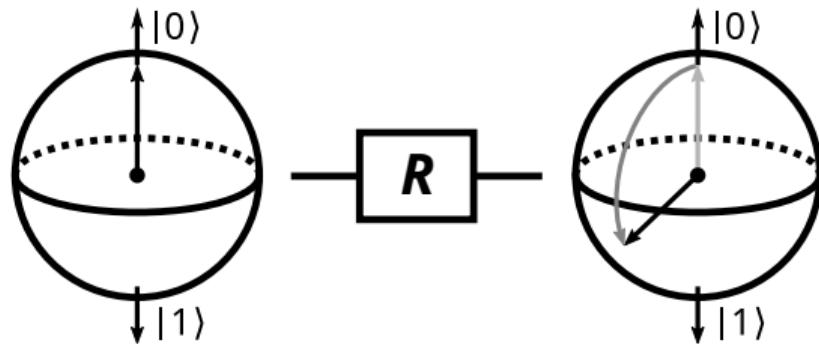
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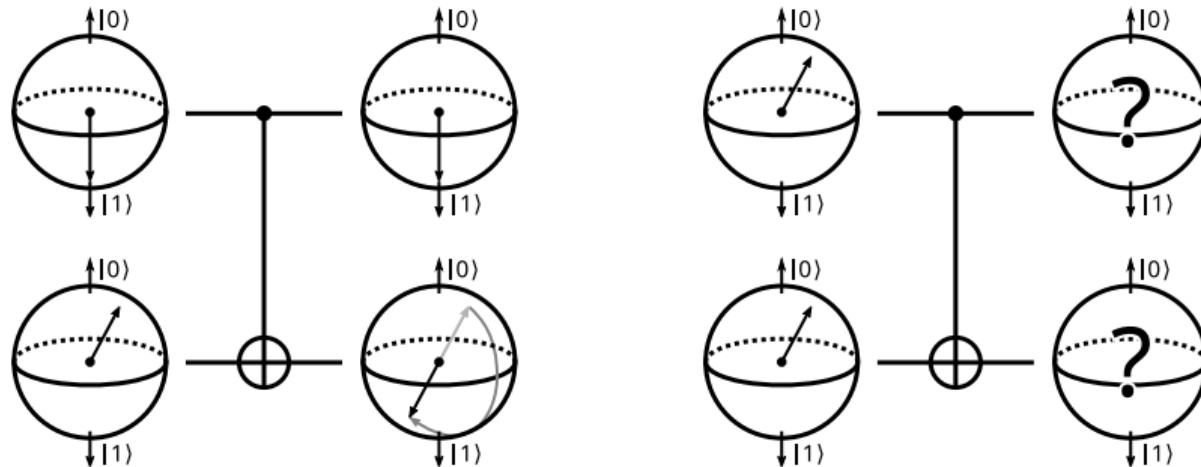
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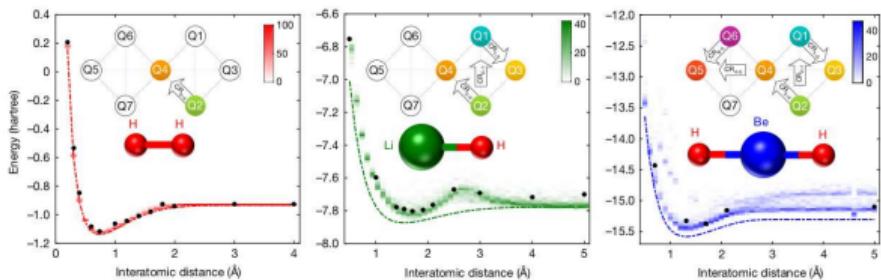
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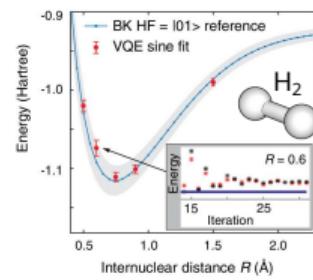


# Universal QC for chemistry

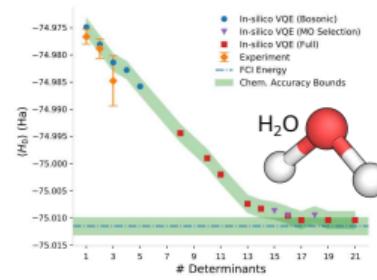
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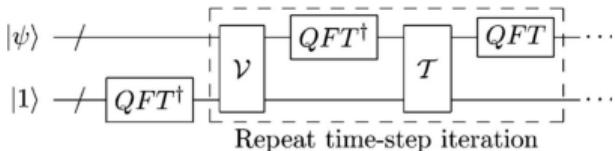


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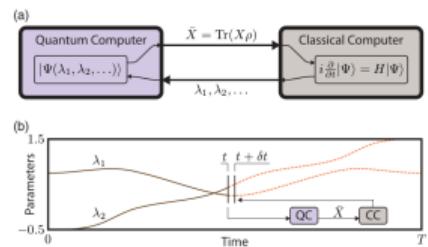


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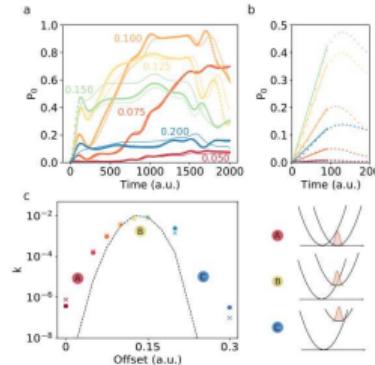
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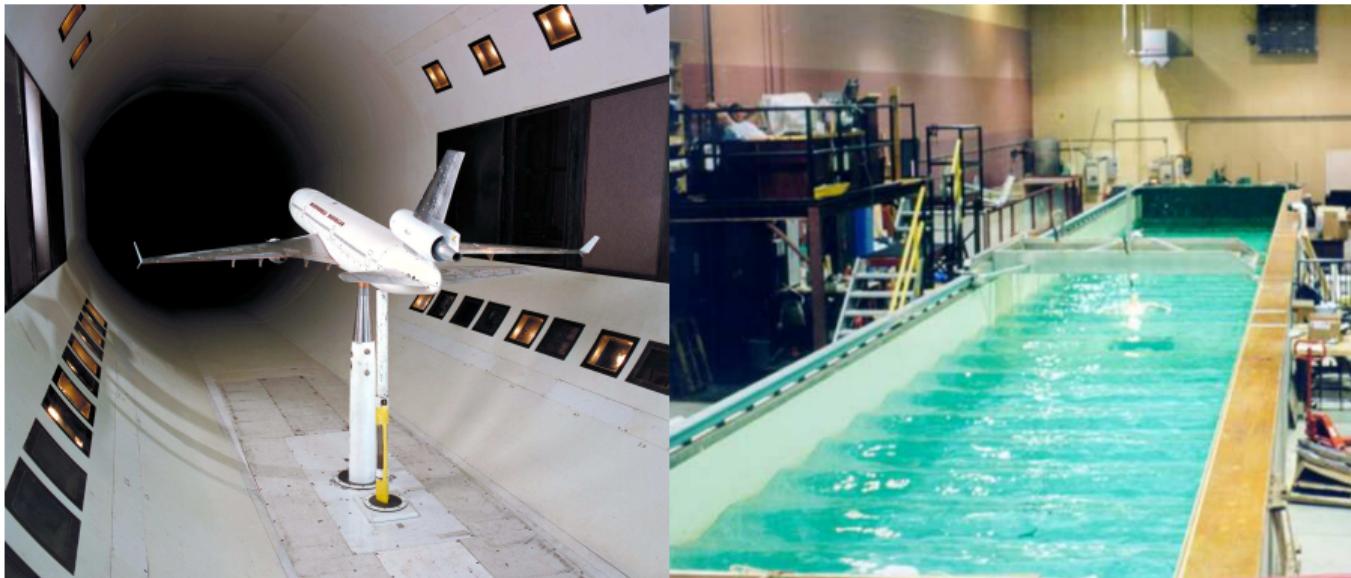
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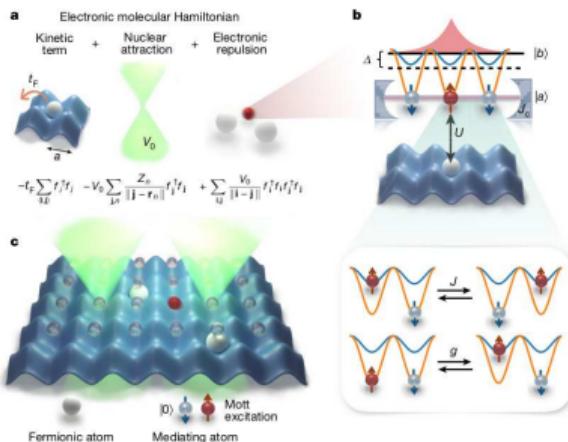
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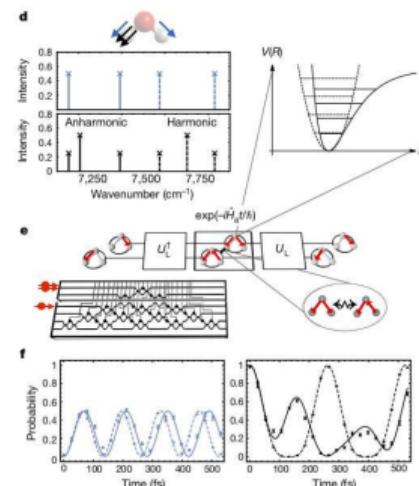
- Classical: model a complex system with a controllable system
- Quantum: map a desired Hamiltonian onto a controllable quantum system

## electronic structure



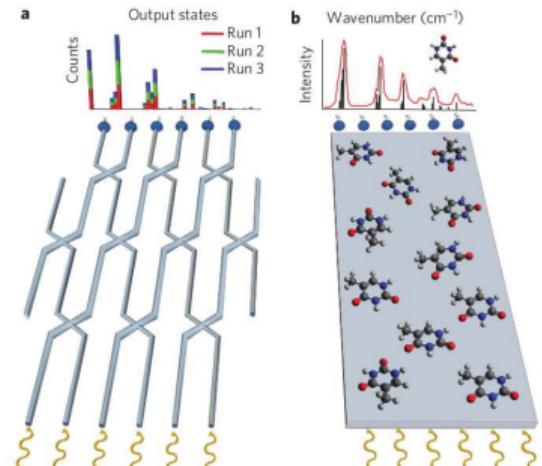
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## vibrational structure



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## Franck-Condon spectra



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# Mixed qudit-boson quantum simulators

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$$|\Psi\rangle = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a sphere with basis states } |0\rangle \text{ and } |1\rangle \\ \text{with a vector inside.} \end{array} \right]^{\otimes N} \otimes \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a parabolic potential energy curve with basis states } |0\rangle, |1\rangle, |2\rangle \\ \text{and a horizontal line above it.} \end{array} \right]^{\otimes M}$$

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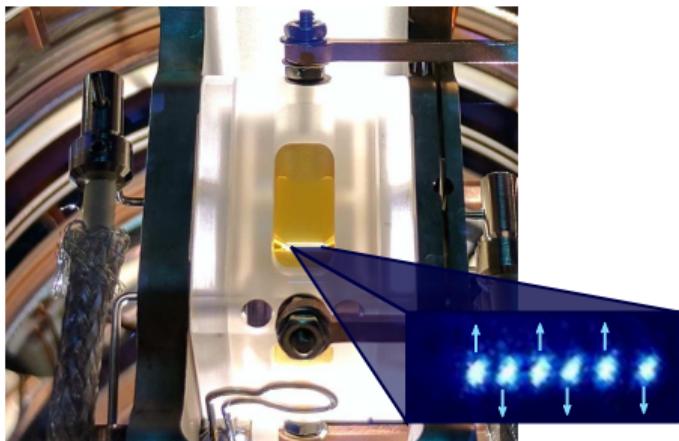
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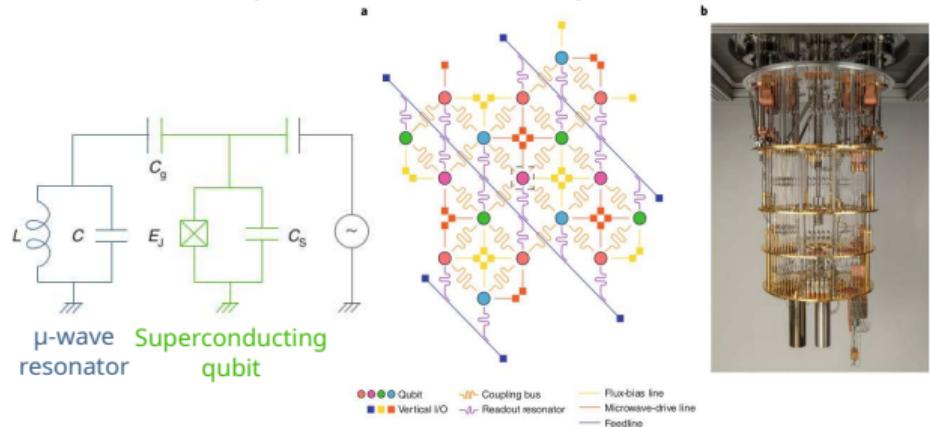
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- Ion traps

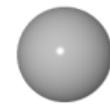
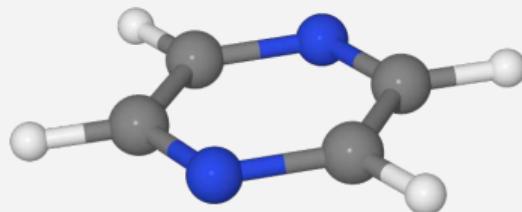


- Circuit quantum electrodynamics (cQED)



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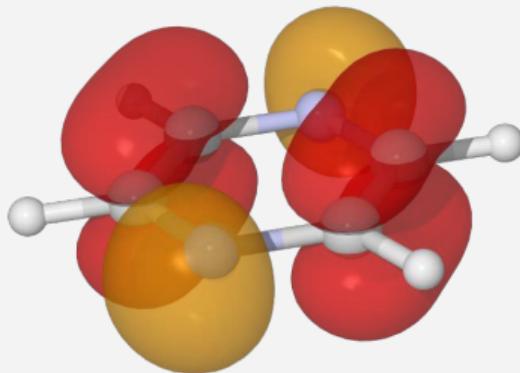


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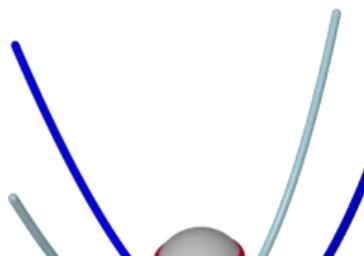
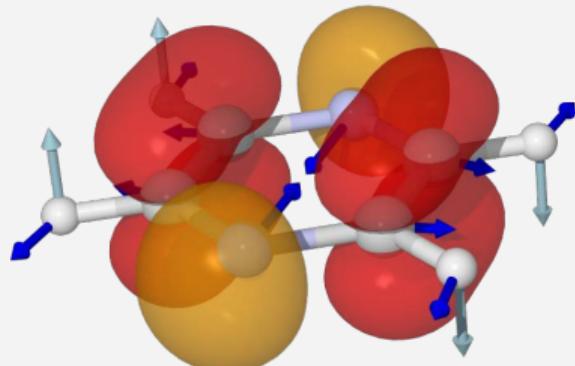
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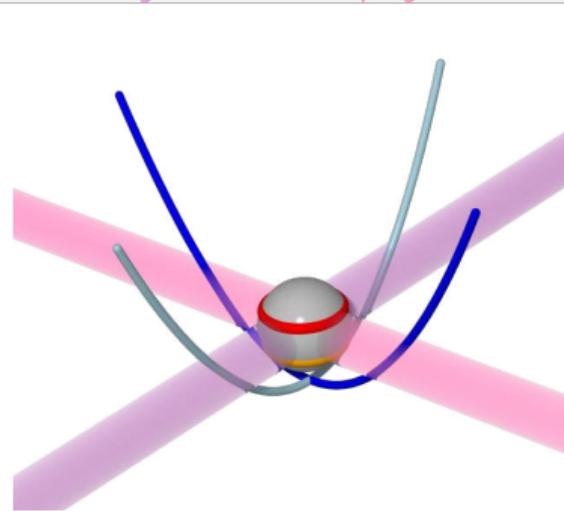
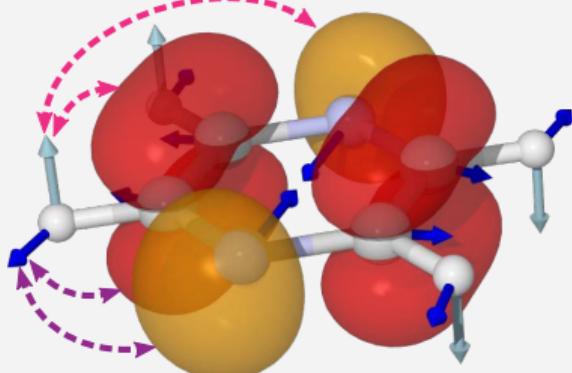
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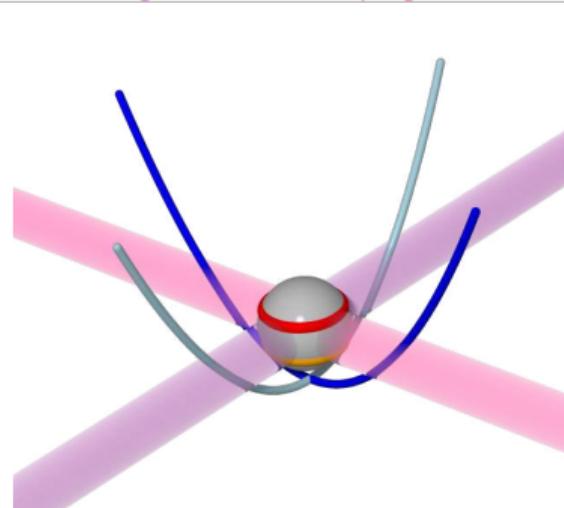
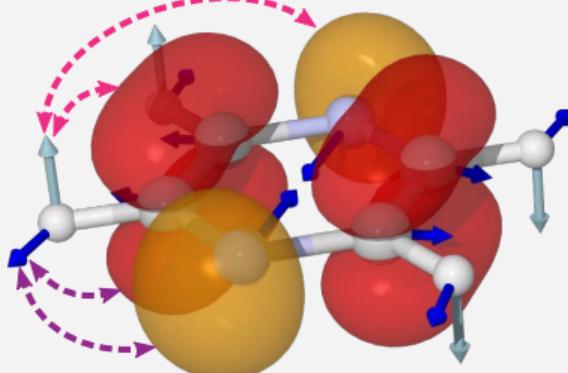
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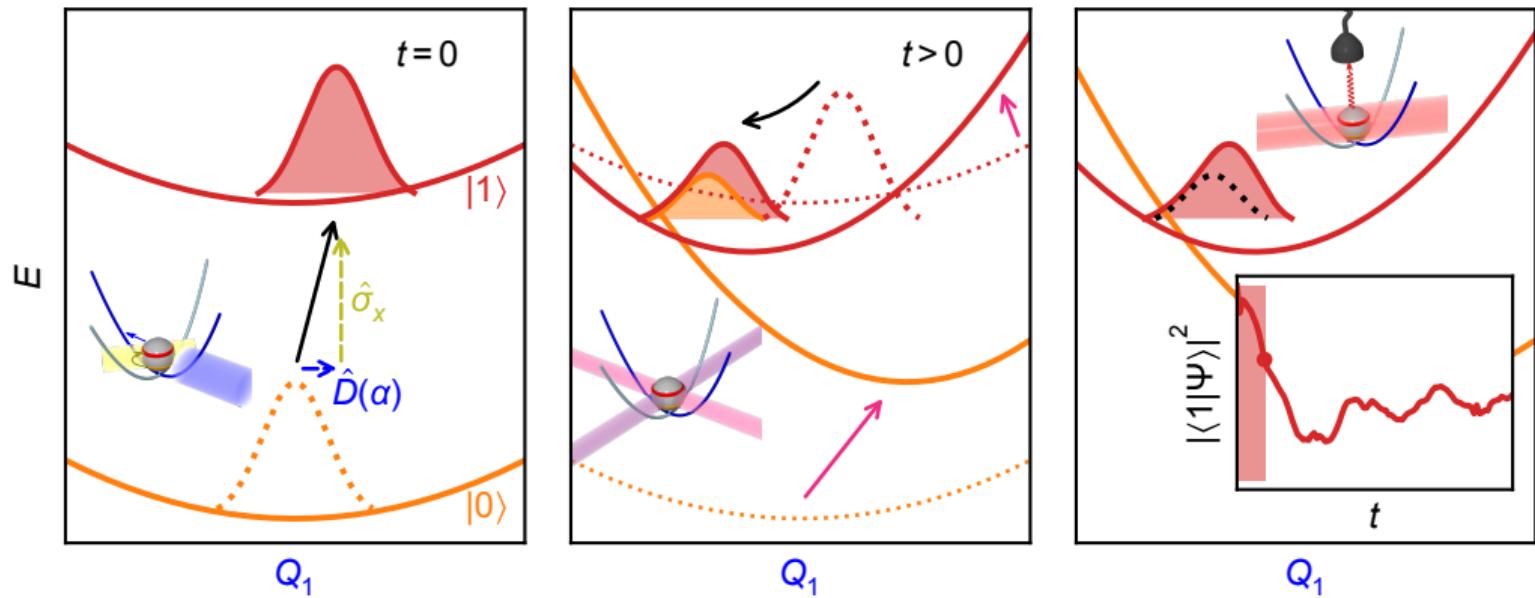


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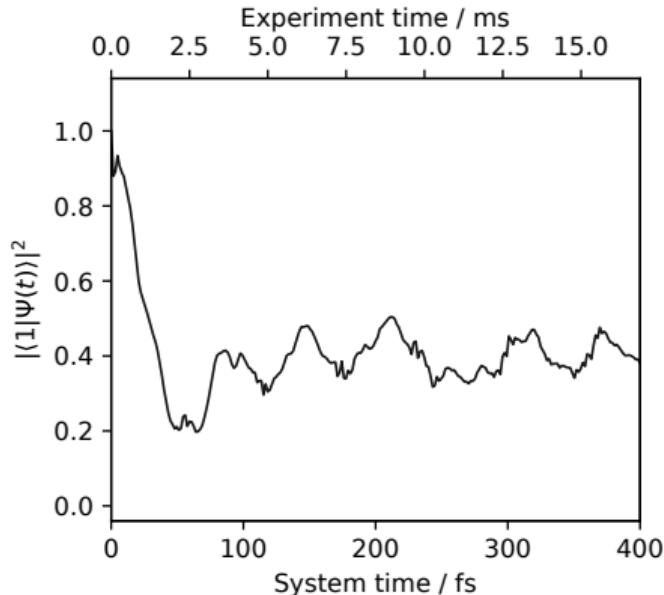
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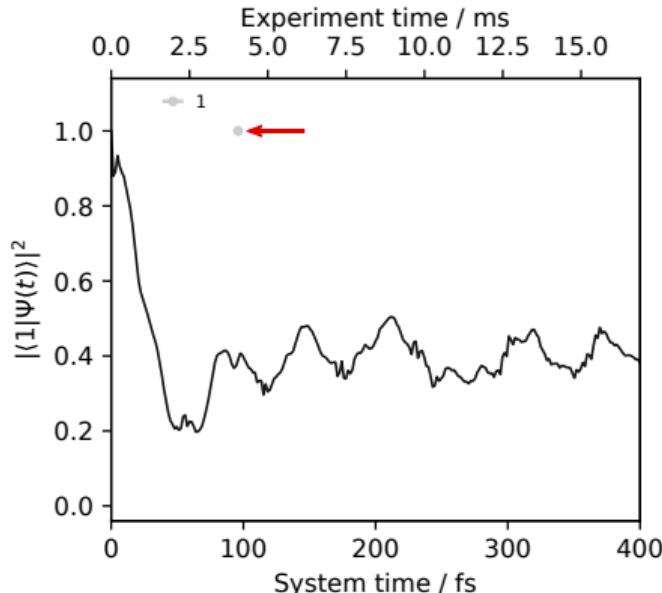
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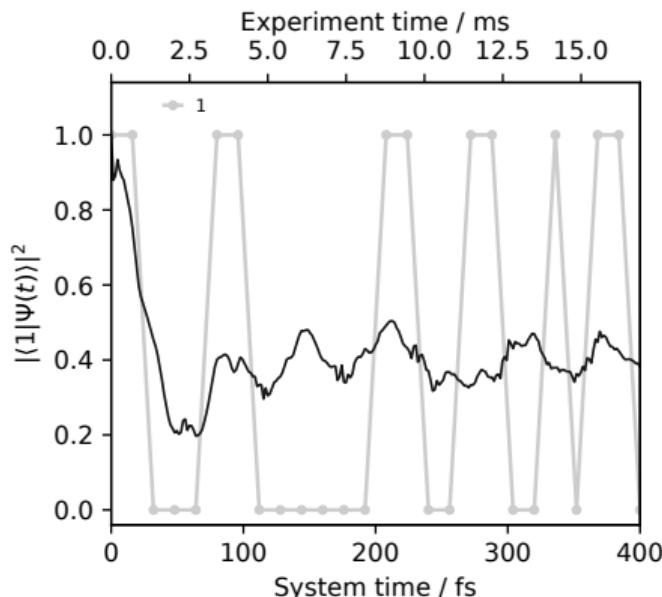
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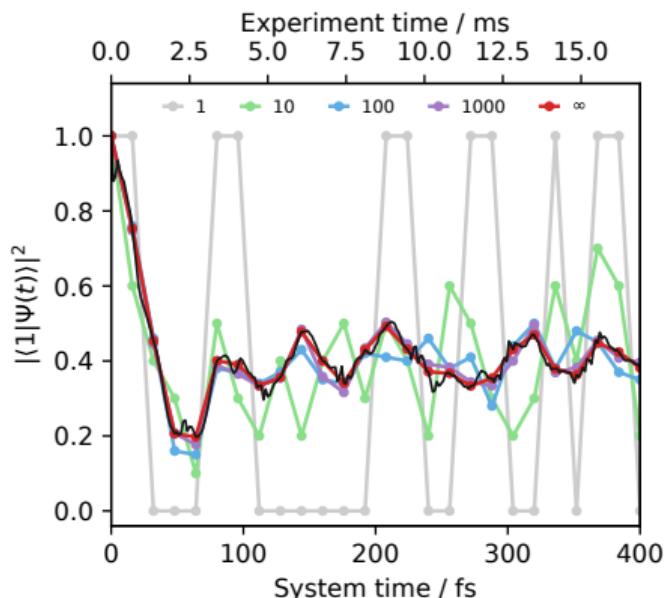
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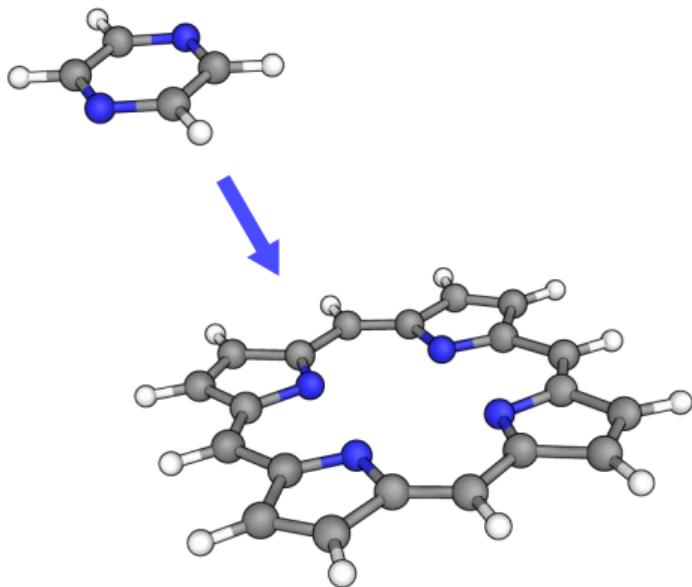
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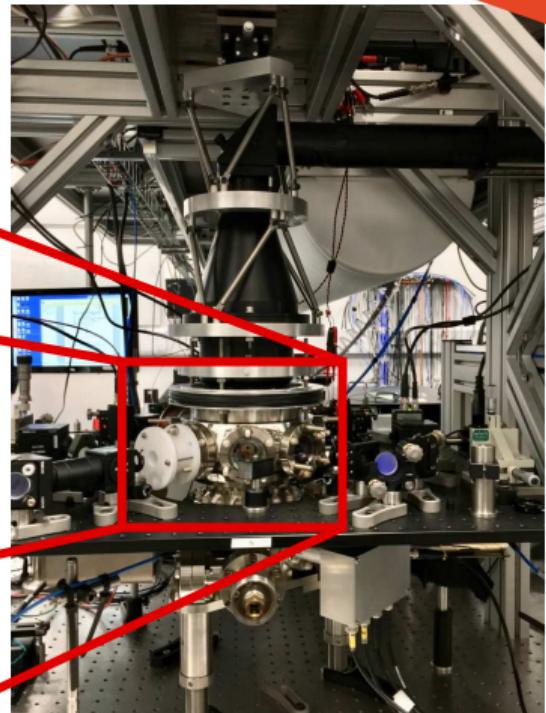
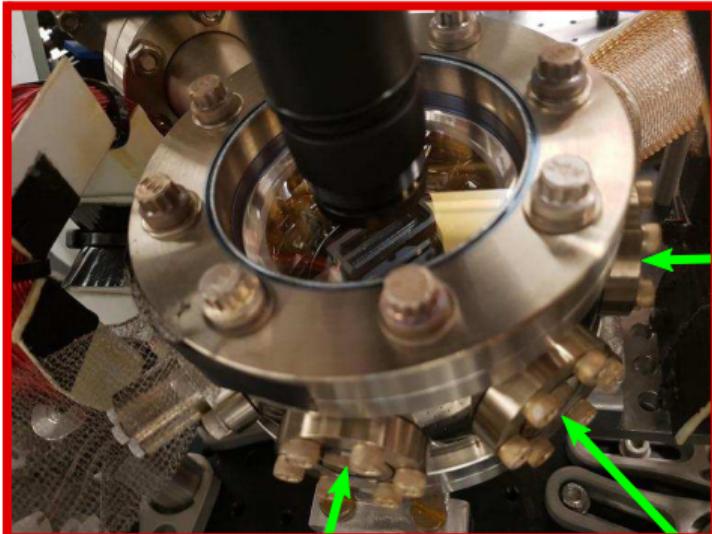
# Going beyond the 2D LVC model

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2. System-bath interactions
3. Higher-order terms



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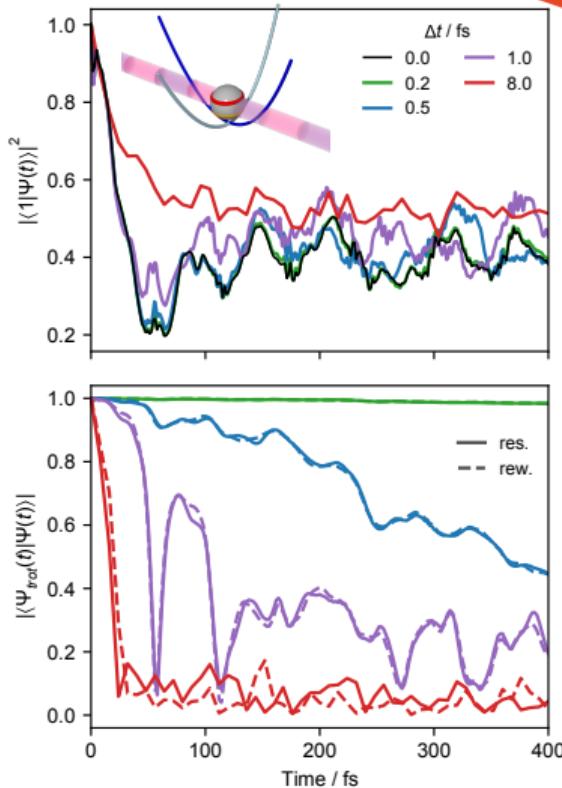


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$$\exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_j \hat{H}_j t\right) \approx \left( \prod_{j=1}^M \exp(-i\hat{H}_j t/n\hbar) \right)^n$$

- Split terms of the Hamiltonian into multiple short timesteps
- Terms corresponding to different modes from a single laser source

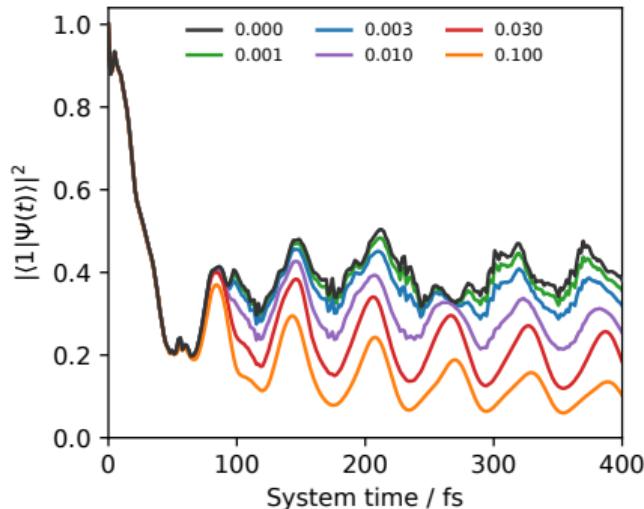


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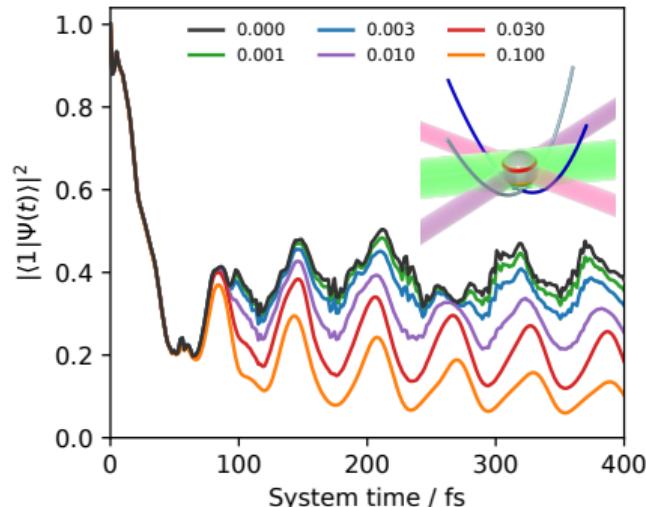
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- Laser cooling + heating:  $\sum_j A_j^- \mathcal{L}_j^-[\hat{\rho}] + A_j^+ \mathcal{L}_j^+[\hat{\rho}]$

$$A_j^\pm = \eta_j^2 \Gamma_j (P_j(\Delta \pm \omega_j^{ion}) + \alpha P_j(\Delta)), \quad P_j(\Delta) = \frac{\Omega_0^2}{\Gamma_j^2 + 4\Delta^2}$$



### 3. Higher-order terms

- Can also achieve second order terms with light-matter interactions

- Dispersive coupling ( $Q_j^2$ )

Pedernales, J. S. *Sci. Rep.* **2015**, 5, 15472.

$$(a\sigma_z + b\sigma_x)\hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j$$

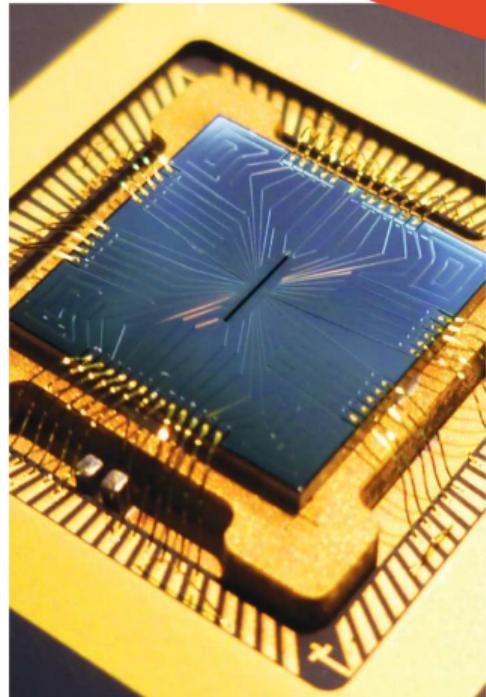
- Mode mixing ( $Q_j Q_k$ )

Marshall, K.; James, D.F.V. *Appl. Phys. B* **2017**, 123, 26.

$$(a\mathbb{1} + b\sigma_z + c\sigma_x) (\hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_k + h.c.)$$

- Anharmonicity from engineered potentials

- Surface traps
- cQED

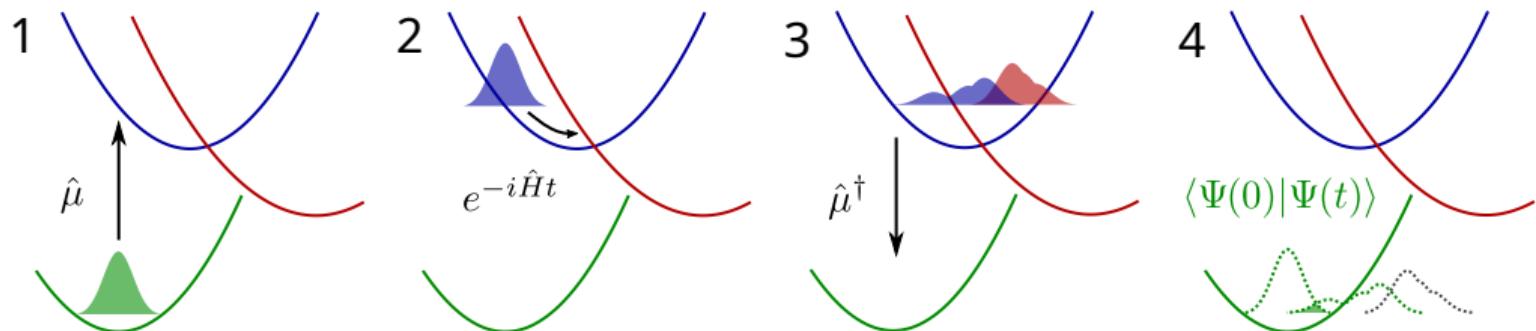


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# Measuring observables

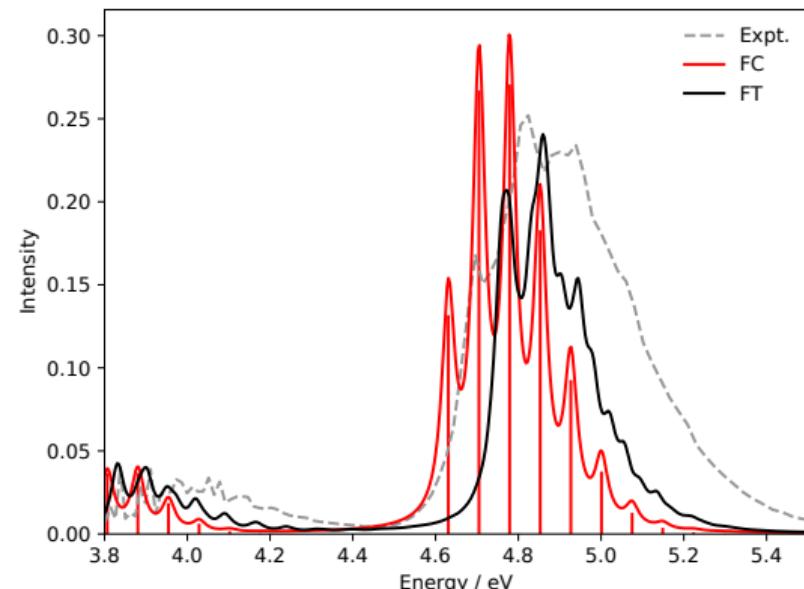
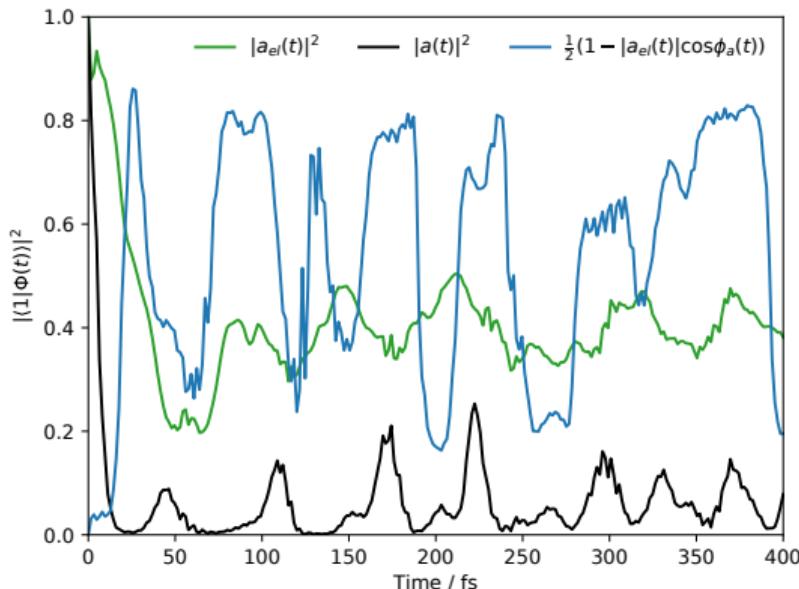
- Time-dependent observables mapped to the internal-bosonic basis
- Absorption spectra from the autocorrelation function

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(E) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \exp(iEt) \langle \hat{\mu} \Psi(0) | \hat{\mu} \Psi(t) \rangle \\ &\approx \frac{|\mu|^2}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \exp(iEt) \langle \Psi(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle\end{aligned}$$



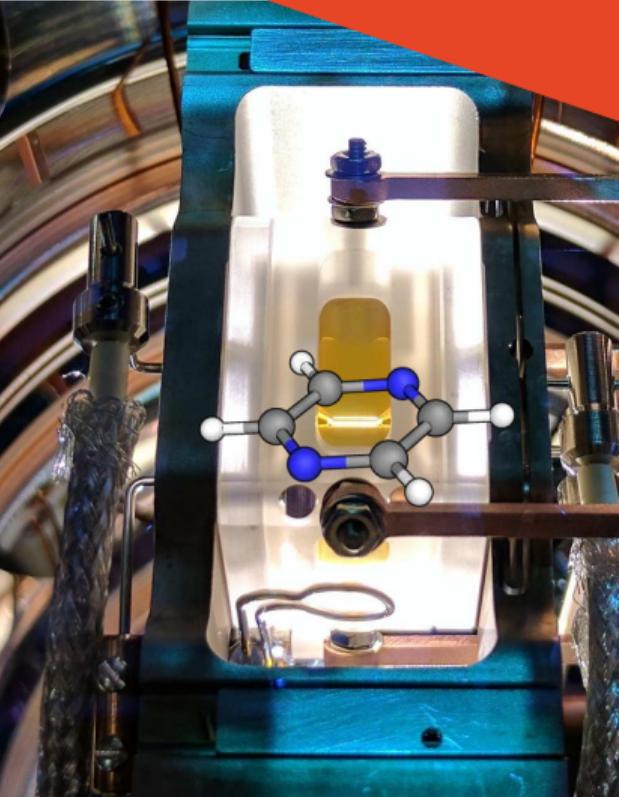
# Measuring observables

- Time-dependent observables mapped to the internal-bosonic basis
- Absorption spectra from the autocorrelation function



# Conclusions

- Vibronic coupling models can be mapped directly onto MQB simulators
  - One-to-one correspondance of internal/bosonic with electronic/vibrational degrees of freedom
  - First order terms → common multi-qubit coupling schemes
- The model may be extended to more modes/ states, system-bath couplings, other observables
- Can be achieved with **existing** quantum technology



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# Light-matter interactions

- Vibronic coupling terms in the interaction picture

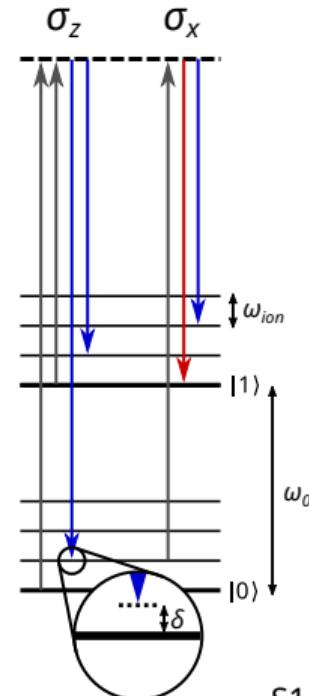
$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_n (h_0 + E_n) |n\rangle\langle n|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_I &= \exp(i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar)(\hat{H} - \hat{H}_0)\exp(-i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar) \\ &= \sum_{nm} \sum_k c_k^{(nm)} \left( |n\rangle\langle m| e^{i\Delta E_{nm}t/\hbar} + h.c. \right) \bigotimes_j \left( \hat{a}_j^\dagger e^{i\omega_j t} + h.c. \right)^{p_{jk}} \end{aligned}$$

- First-order terms in the same form as light-matter interactions

- $\sigma_z$  gate:  $\hat{H}_I = \frac{i}{2}\hbar D'_1 \eta_1 \left( \bar{\Theta} \mathbb{1} - \frac{1}{2}\Delta\Theta \sigma_z \right) (\hat{a}^\dagger e^{i\delta_1 t} + h.c.)$

- MS ( $\sigma_x$ ) gate:  $\hat{H}_I = \frac{i}{2}\hbar D'_1 \eta_1 \Omega (\sigma_+ e^{i\omega_0 t} + h.c.) (\hat{a}^\dagger e^{i\delta_1 t} + h.c.)$



# Trotterization in the interaction picture

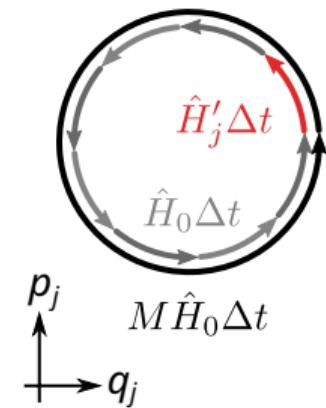
- Terms of the Hamiltonian are applied with respect to the "base" Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_n (h_0 + E_n) |n\rangle\langle n|$$

$$\hat{H}'_j = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_j$$

- Applying interactions in series requires rescaling

$$\sum_{j=1}^M (\hat{H}_0 + M\hat{H}_j) = M\hat{H}$$



- Additional phase-matching required for multiple terms from a single laser