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**Photoinduced Coupled Electronic-Structural Dynamics of Molecular Systems**

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Charge transfer and electronic excitation dynamics are ubiquitous in photochemistry. They constitute the underlying mechanisms for electron transfer reactions, light-harvesting in natural and artificial molecular structures, energy transduction phenomena, and many other processes in atomic, molecular physics, chemistry and biology. They are often influenced by the non-adiabatic coupling between electronic and nuclear degrees of freedom, so that dynamics simulations on a single Born-Oppenheimer potential energy surface (PES), usually in the ground-state, cannot fully describe them. In this talk I describe a hybrid QM-MM self-consistent method that incorporates non-adiabatic electronic quantum dynamics into molecular mechanics, for simulations of large scale atomistic structures subject to complex structural deformations [1-3]. Simulations are carried out within the framework of the self-consistent Ehrenfest (SE) method and the Coherent Switching with Decay-of-Mixing (CSDM) method proposed by Truhlar and collaborators [4]. The CSDM method improves on both the SE and trajectory surface hopping methods, as it introduces decoherence into the electronic non-adiabatic dynamics as a result of the nuclear motion. The hybrid QM-MM implementation of these methods are suited for materials science and biochemistry simulations. We present results for photo-induced isomerization and charge transfer driven vibrational relaxation of photo-chromic molecular systems.

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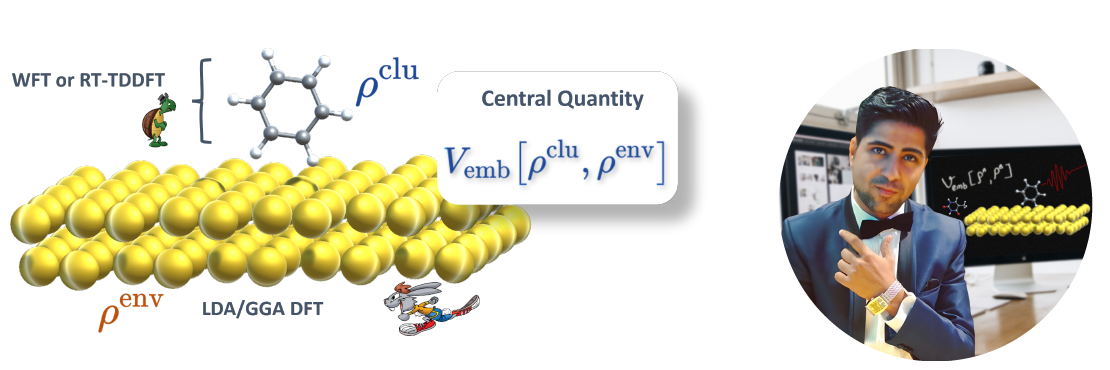
**Density Functional Theory Based Embedding for Molecular**

**and Periodic Systems Using Gaussian Basis Functions**

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The high computational demand for modeling hybrid systems, such as solvated molecules or molecules adsorbed on a surface, has led to the development of many embedding methods, especially since the region of interest is usually smaller. An implementation of density functional theory-based embedding coupled with wavefunction theory (WFT) methods and real time-time dependent density functional theory (RT-TDDFT) is presented. Its key feature is that it allows treating both periodic and aperiodic systems on an equal footing using an all-electron direct-space representation, by employing Gaussian basis functions. The three flavors of embedding: molecule-in-molecule, molecule-in-periodic, and periodicin-periodic are implemented using embedding potentials based on non-additive kinetic energy density functionals (approximate) and level-shift projection operator (exact). The applicability of (i) WFT-in-DFT embedding, in predicting the ground and excited state properties of the embedded clusters, and (ii) RT-TDDFT-in-DFT, in predicting the absorption spectra, is explored for various test systems.

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