

# Solving the Time-Dependent Schrödinger Equation Using the QUANTICS Package

## 1. Introduction to QD and Quantics

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To Be Covered:

- MCTDH
- vMCG
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## Dynamical phenomena are described by the **Time-Dependent Schrödinger Equation**

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}, t) = \hat{H} \Psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}, t) \quad (1)$$

A **wavepacket** evolves in time driven by the Hamiltonian

$$\Psi(\mathbf{q}, t) = \sum_i c_i \psi_i e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} E_i t} \quad (2)$$

where  $\psi_i$  are the eigenfunctions of the Hamiltonian

- D.J. Tannor “Introduction to Quantum Mechanics: A Time-Dependent Perspective” (2007) University Science Books  
<http://www.weizmann.ac.il/chemphys/tannor/Book/>
- G. C. Schatz and M.A. Ratner “Quantum mechanics in chemistry” (2002) Dover
- P.W. Atkins and R.S. Friedman “Molecular Quantum Mechanics” (2004) Oxford
- K.C. Kulander “Time-dependent methods for quantum dynamics” (1991) Elsevier

# The Nuclear Schrödinger Equation

The Adiabatic (Or Born-Oppenheimer) TDSE is

$$\left[ \hat{T}_n + V \right] \chi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} \quad (3)$$

and the nuclear wavefunction moves over an *adiabatic* potential energy surface,  $V$ , which can be obtained from quantum chemistry calculations.

If more than one potential surface involved

$$\left[ \hat{T}_n \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{W} \right] \chi = i\hbar \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{W}$  is a matrix of *diabatic* potential surfaces and couplings and  $\chi$  a vector of wavepackets.

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Variational equations of motion for  $A$ .

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or simply

$$i\dot{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{A} \quad (8)$$

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I. Usually

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \sum_{\kappa} T_{\kappa} \\
 T_{JL} &= \sum_{\kappa} \langle \chi_{j_{\kappa}}^{(\kappa)} | T_{\kappa} | \chi_{l_{\kappa}}^{(\kappa)} \rangle \delta_{J^{\kappa} L^{\kappa}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$N \times N$  matrices, which by a suitable choice of basis functions can be solved analytically

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To enable I and II, use a DVR basis set in which

$$\begin{aligned} X_{ij} &= \langle \phi_i | \hat{x} | \phi_j \rangle \\ \mathbf{UXU}^T &= \mathbf{x} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\phi_i$  are an analytically known FBR. And so

$$\chi_\alpha = \sum_i U_{\alpha i} \phi_i \quad (15)$$

are the DVR,  $\chi_\alpha \sim \delta(x - x_\alpha)$ . Various DVRs possible.

Beck *et al* Phys. Rep. (2000) **324**: 1

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where *single-particle functions* are expanded in primitive basis

$$\varphi_j^{(\kappa)}(q_\kappa) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_\kappa} a_{kj}^{(\kappa)} \chi_k^{(\kappa)}(q_\kappa) \quad (19)$$

Reduced computer resources  $\sim n^f$

$N \sim 50$ .  $n \sim 10$

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Can also “combine modes” to reduce effective dimensionality and thus treat  $\sim 20$  DOFs

MCTDH also starting point for further approximations

Reviews:

- Beck *et al*/Phys. Rep. (00) 324:1
- Meyer and Worth TCA (03) 109:251
- Meyer, Gatti, andWorth “Multi-Dimensional Quantum Dynamics: MCTDH Theory and Applications (2009) Wiley-VCH



## Combined Mode Particles

For a 3D system with 1D SPFs,

$$\Psi(q_1, q_2, q_3, t) = \sum_{j_1} \sum_{j_2} \sum_{j_3} A_{j_1 j_2 j_3}(t) \varphi_{j_1}^{(1)}(q_1, t) \varphi_{j_2}^{(2)}(q_2, t) \varphi_{j_3}^{(3)}(q_3, t) \quad (20)$$

and memory required is:

$$Mem = n_1 n_2 n_3 + n_1 N_1 + n_2 N_2 + n_3 N_3$$

A “particle” may contain many coordinates,  $Q_i = (q_a, q_b, \dots, q_w)$

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with

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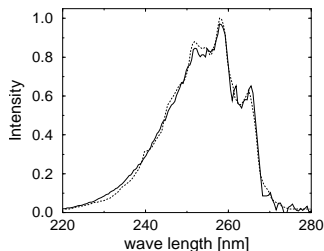
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Expand a multi-mode SPF in an MCTDH expansion to create layers:

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Each layer acts as a set of SPFs for the layer above and a set of coefficients for the layer below.

Wang and Thoss JCP (2003) **119**; 1289

Leads to a recursive sets of variational equations of motion:

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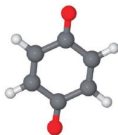
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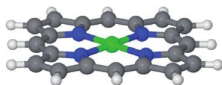
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**PROBLEM: Multi-dimensional PES (+couplings) required!**

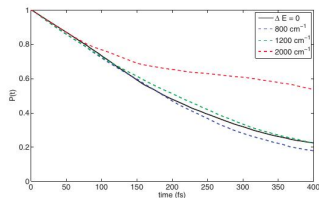


## 135 Mode Quantum Dynamics

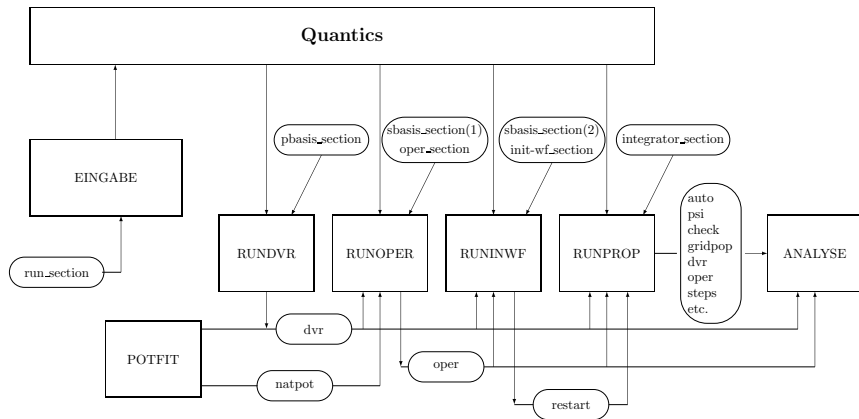
Photo-induced ET. Spin-Boson Model.



Borelli *et al* Mol. Phys. (2012) 110: 751



# The Quantics Program Structure



Two input files.

- .inp (inputs) and .op (operator)

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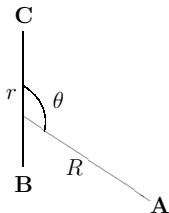
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$$\begin{aligned} T = & -\frac{1}{2\mu_R R^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{1}{2\mu_r r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \\ & + \left( \frac{1}{2\mu_R R^2} + \frac{1}{2\mu_r r^2} \right) j^2 \\ & - \frac{1}{2\mu_R R^2} (J(J+1) - 2K^2) \\ & - \frac{1}{2\mu_R R^2} \sqrt{(J(J+1) - K(K \pm 1))} j_{\pm} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Sukiasyan and Meyer  
JCP (02) : 116

## Normal modes

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$$V = \sum_{i=1}^{3N-6} \frac{\omega_i}{2} Q_i^2 + O(3) \quad (29)$$

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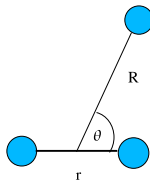
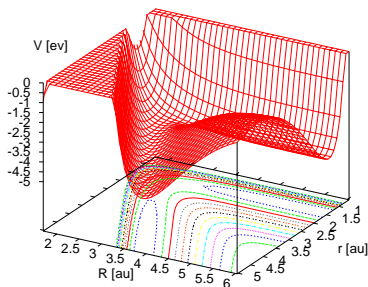
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**Choose the coordinates that are as simple as possible but describe the dynamics correctly**

# Potential Function



This is required as an analytic function in the coordinates of the KEO, e.g.  $V(r, R, \theta)$ . In general, simple KEO coordinates are not optimal for PES representation and vice versa.

# Vibronic Coupling Model

Assume diabatic basis:  $\Psi(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{Q}) \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{Q})$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{Q}) = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{Q}) + \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{Q}) \quad (31)$$

$$W_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \psi_{\alpha} | H_{el} | \psi_{\beta} \rangle$$

$$W_{\alpha\beta} \approx V_{\alpha}^0 \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \varepsilon_{\alpha} + \sum_i \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial Q_i} \langle \psi_{\alpha} | H_{el} | \psi_{\beta} \rangle}_{\kappa_i, \lambda_i} Q_i + \dots$$

$$\kappa_i, \lambda_i \neq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \Gamma_{\alpha} \times \Gamma_i \times \Gamma_{\beta} \supseteq A_1$$

$$\hat{T}_{\alpha} + V_{\alpha}^0 = \frac{\omega_i}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q^2} + Q^2 \right) \quad (32)$$

Köppel *et al* Adv. Chem. Phys. (1984) **57**: 59

## Step II: Choose a Primitive Basis

Depends on coordinate type and potential.

DVR	FBR	Coordinate type
HO	$H_j \exp(-\frac{1}{2}m\omega(x - x_{eq})^2)$	vibrational
Legendre	$P_j^m(\cos \theta)$	angle
Sine	$\sin(j\pi(x - x_0)/L)$	simple grid
Exp	$\exp(2i\pi j(x - x_0)/L)$	periodic grid
FFT(x)	FFT(p)	periodic grid
KLeg	$f(j, K)P_j^K(\cos \theta)$	~Spherical harmonic
etc....		

Each basis set has different input needed. See documentation.

## Step III: Initial Wavepacket

The time-dependent Schrödinger Equation is an initial value problem.  
Start in a single eigenstate then initiate process.

- Multiply by (transition) dipole operator to model absorption of a photon

$$\Psi(t=0) = \hat{\mu}\psi_i$$

- For a reaction  $AB + C$

$$\Psi(t=0) = \psi_{i,AB}\chi_C(R)$$

where

$$\chi_C(R) = N e^{-\alpha_0(R-R_0)^2} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}p(R-R_0)}$$

localises incoming atom with an incoming momentum  $p$

- Read in the wavefunction from a previous calculation. E.g. after energy relaxation, and operate on it, or use a light pulse.

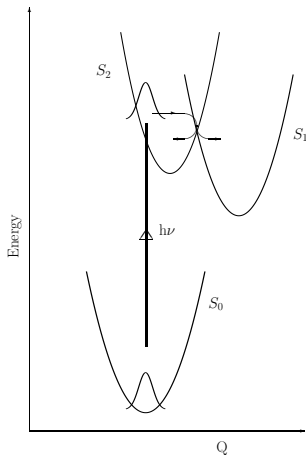


# Photo-excitation

For Photo-excited problems use the transition dipole from  $S_0$ :

$$\Psi(t=0) = |s\rangle \mu_{s0} \langle 0 | \Psi_0$$

which if  $\mu_{s0} = \text{const}$  results in the Condon Approximation. i.e.  
Vertical Excitation.  
Best in diabatic basis.



## Step IV: Integrating the TDSE

For exact dynamics, full solution is

$$\Psi(t) = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t} \Psi(0) \quad (33)$$

**Split-operator method.**

$$e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t} \neq e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} T t} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} V t} \quad (34)$$

so divide propagation into short steps and approximate

$$\Psi(t + \delta t) = e^{-\frac{i}{2\hbar} V \delta t} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} T \delta t} e^{-\frac{i}{2\hbar} V \delta t} \Psi(t) \quad (35)$$

**Chebyshev Propagation** Represent propagator by polynomial expansion:

$$e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \hat{H} t} \Psi = \sum_n a_n P_n(H) \Psi \quad (36)$$

where  $P_n(H)$  are generated by a recurrence relationship

# MCTDH Integration Scheme

MCTDH cannot use Chebyshev etc. due to time-dependence of SPFs, i.e. the equations of motion for  $A_J$  and  $\varphi_j^{(\kappa)}$  are coupled.

Standard integration schemes, e.g. ABM predictor-corrector or Runge-Kutta, work, but require short time steps. Referred to as *variable mean-field* integrators (VMF).

The *Constant mean-field* (CMF) scheme provides a short time separation of the two sets of parameters and improves efficiency.

Idea is that as mean-fields / density matrices change slower than SPFs, these can be kept “fixed” over a time-step

## The CMF Scheme

$$\boxed{1} \quad \mathbf{A}(0) \quad \xrightarrow{\mathcal{K}(0)} \quad \mathbf{A}(\tau/2)$$

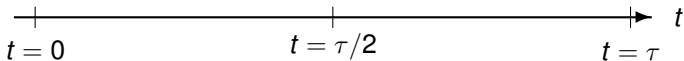
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# Quantics Input File

Text based input with (mostly) free format keywords. Input divided into sections that reflect the choices to be made:

RUN-SECTION:	type of calculation to be made
PRIMITIVE-BASIS-SECTION:	the coordinates, no. grid points etc.
SPF-BASIS-SECTION:	the no. of MCTDH basis functions
OPERATOR-SECTION:	file containing the operator
INIT_WF-BASIS-SECTION:	the initial wavefunction
INTEGRATOR-SECTION:	details of the integration scheme
:	:

```

RUN-SECTION
name = hh2
propagation   tfinal = 120.d0   tout = 1.d0   tpsi = 1.d0
psi gridpop steps
title = Tutorial, H+H2 reactive scattering.
end-run-section

OPERATOR-SECTION
opname = h3j0
alter-labels
CAP_rd = CAP [ 6.04  0.002  3 ]   # starting point, strength, order
end-alter-labels
end-operator-section

```

```

SPF-BASIS-SECTION
    rd      = 14
    rv      = 10
    theta   = 10
end-spf-basis-section

```

```

PRIMITIVE-BASIS-SECTION
#Label    DVR      N      Parameter
    rd     sin      68     1.00d0   9.040d0   # xi, xf
    rv     sin      48     0.60d0   6.240d0   # xi, xf
    theta  leg      31      0       even      # l_z, sym (all/even/odd)
end-primitive-basis-section

```

```

INTEGRATOR-SECTION
CMF/var = 0.1 , 1.d-5
BS/spf  = 7 , 1.d-6
SIL/A   = 30 , 1.d-5
end-integrator-section

```

```

INIT_WF-SECTION
build
    rd  gauss    4.50d0   -8.00d0   0.25d0   # r0,p0, sigma_r
    rv  eigenf    H2      pop=1      # pop=1 -> ground state
    theta leg      0       0         sym     # l_z, l, sym/no-sym
end-build
end-init_wf-section
end-input

```

## H + H<sub>2</sub> in Jacobi Coordinates: MCTDH

```

RUN-SECTION
name = hh2      exact
propagation     tfinal = 120.d0   tout = 1.d0   tpsi = 1.d0
psi gridpop steps
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end-integrator-section

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```

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theta leg      0      0          sym    # l_z, l, sym/no-sym
end-build
end-init_wf-section
end-input

```

## H + H<sub>2</sub> in Jacobi Coordinates: Exact

```

RUN-SECTION
name = hh2      diagonalise = 500
#propagation    tfinal = 120.d0    tout = 1.d0    tpsi = 1.d0
#psi gridpop steps
title = Tutorial, H+H2 reactive scattering.
end-run-section

OPERATOR-SECTION
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## H + H<sub>2</sub> in Jacobi Coordinates: Diagonalisation

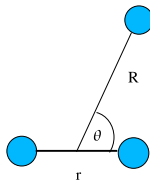
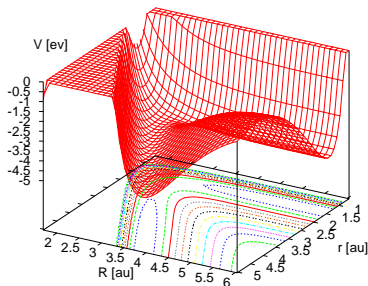


# Operator

For  $J = 0$ , KEO in Jacobis:

$$T = -\frac{1}{2\mu_R R^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{1}{2\mu_r r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \left( \frac{1}{2\mu_R R^2} + \frac{1}{2\mu_r r^2} \right) j^2 \quad (37)$$

And potential  $V(R, r, \theta)$ :



# Potential in Product Form

Need to re-evaluate integrals every time-step as SPFs are time-dependent. For efficiency, potential must be in a *product* form

$$V(q_1, q_2, \dots) = \sum_n c_n h_n^{(1)}(q_1) h_n^{(2)}(q_2) \dots \quad (38)$$

as then

$$\langle \Phi_I | H | \Phi_J \rangle = \sum_n c_n \langle \varphi_{i_1}^{(1)} | h_n^{(1)} | \varphi_{j_1}^{(1)} \rangle \langle \varphi_{i_2}^{(2)} | h_n^{(2)} | \varphi_{j_2}^{(2)} \rangle \dots \quad (39)$$

The program POTFIT can provide this form optimally using a tensor deconstruction approach

Jäckle and Meyer JCP (96) **104**: 7974

## OP\_DEFINE-SECTION

title

H+H2 Reactive Scattering in Jacobian Coordinates. J=0.

Minimum of H\_2 curve: 4.74746 eV. Zero point energy of vib.: 0.270 eV

end-title

end-op\_define-section

## PARAMETER-SECTION

mass\_rd = 0.66666666666667, H-mass # Reduced mass of H--H2 system

mass\_rv = 0.50, H-mass # Reduced mass of H2 molecule

jtot = 0 # Total angular momentum

jbf = 0 # Projection on BF axis (K, or Omega).

end-parameter-section

## HAMILTONIAN-SECTION

modes	rd	rv	theta
0.5/mass_rd	q <sup>-2</sup>	1	j <sup>2</sup>
0.5/mass_rv	1	q <sup>-2</sup>	j <sup>2</sup>
1.0	KE	1	1
1.0	1	KE	1
1.0	V		

end-hamiltonian-section

## LABELS-SECTION

V = 1sth {jacobian}

end-labels-section

# The following one-dimensional hamiltonian is used to determine the  
# eigenstates of H\_2. These are then used as initial rv-spf's.

## HAMILTONIAN-SECTION\_H2

modes	rd	rv	theta
1.0	1	KE	1
1.0	1	v:H2	1

end-hamiltonian-section

end-operator

# Operator File

HAMILTONIAN-SECTION

```
mode | rd | rv | theta
```

Defines the operators for the coordinates `rd`, `rv` etc. The coordinate labels are free to be chosen. The Hamiltonian has the form

$$H = \sum_s H_s = \sum_s c_s h_s^{(1)}(x1) h_s^{(2)}(x2) \dots \quad (40)$$

operators  $h_s^{(\kappa)}$  are defined in table. E.g.

```
0.5/mass_rv | 1 | q^-2 | j^2
```

is

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{m_{rv}} \frac{1}{(r_v)^2} \hat{j}^2 \quad (41)$$

$\hat{j}^2$  is the angular momentum squared operator for `theta`. Note that the potential in this example is a special case, `v`. This is defined separately in the LABELS-SECTION.

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# Convergence Checks

The primitive basis set forms a grid. Need to check

1. Enough grid points (close enough together)?

A simple grid is given by an *exponential DVR*. Basis set:

$$\phi_j(x) = L^{-1/2} \exp(2i\pi j(x - x_0)/L), \quad -n \leq j \leq n. \quad (42)$$

Defined on interval  $x = [0, L]$ .  $N$  basis functions provide  $N$  equidistant DVR functions from eigenvalues of matrix  $\langle \phi_i | x | \phi_j \rangle$ .

Maximum momentum supported by basis set  $\pm \frac{nh}{L}$

Gap between points  $\frac{L}{2n}$

## Look in log file for DVR information:

\*\*\*\*\* Primitive Basis \*\*\*\*\*

mode	kappa	DVR	N	xi	xf	dx	p-max
rd	1	FFT	21	3.800	5.600	0.090000	33.244
rv	2	HO	24	1.620	2.652	0.044849	70.171
theta	3	Leg	60	3.102	0.040	0.051900	m= 0, sym= 0

## And then in output: At start

Mode expectation values and variances :

rd	:	<q>=	4.3143	<dq>=	0.0794	<p>=	0.0000	<dp>=	6.3079
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## And at 50 fs:

Mode expectation values and variances :

rd	:	<q>=	4.4579	<dq>=	0.1352	<p>=	-7.4775	<dp>=	13.4814
rv	:	<q>=	2.1212	<dq>=	0.0737	<n>=	0.3199	<dn>=	0.7575
theta	:	<q>=	1.5054	<dq>=	0.1856	<j>=	29.9413	<dj>=	8.7205

Where

$$dp = \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2} \quad (43)$$

is the 1-dimensional density standard deviation. Remember that a normal distribution covers  $3\sigma$ .

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```
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```

```
alter-labels
```

```
CAP_rd = CAP [ 5.0 0.3 3 ] # starting point, strength, order
```

```
end-alter-labels
```

```
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## Converging SPFs

$$\Psi(q_1, \dots, q_f, t) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{j_f=1}^{n_f} A_{j_1 \dots j_f}(t) \varphi_{j_1}^{(1)}(q_1, t) \varphi_{j_2}^{(2)}(q_2, t) \dots \varphi_{j_f}^{(f)}(q_f, t) \quad (47)$$

Can form *reduced density matrices*

$$\rho_{jl}^{(\kappa)} = \sum_{j_1} \dots \sum_{j_{\kappa-1}} \sum_{j_{\kappa+1}} \dots \sum_{j_f} A_{j_1 \dots j_{\kappa-1} j j_{\kappa+1} \dots j_f}^* A_{j_1 \dots j_{\kappa-1} l j_{\kappa+1} \dots j_f} \quad (48)$$

And diagonalise this to get *natural orbitals*

$$\tilde{\varphi} = \mathbf{D} \varphi \quad (49)$$

These span same space as original SPFs and can be associated with a population  $\rho_j$ , the eigenvalues of the reduced density matrix.

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```

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```
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E-tot = 0.687483 eV, E-corr = -0.720516eV, Delta-E = -0.0020 meV
```

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v10a : 423.0730 220.7056 158.8816 101.9055 72.8217 22.6125
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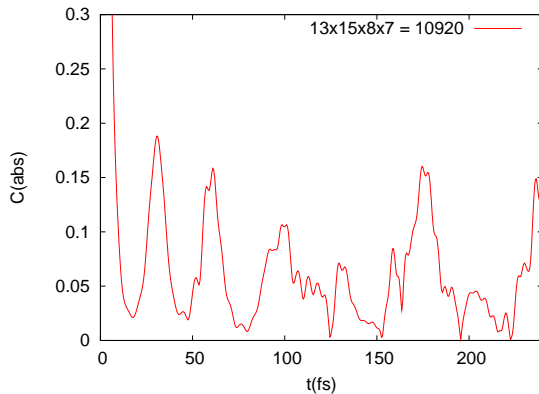
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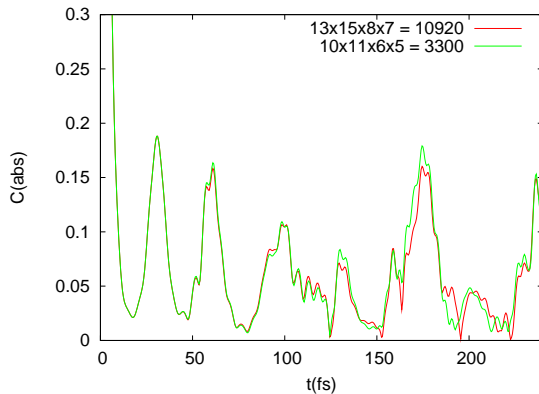


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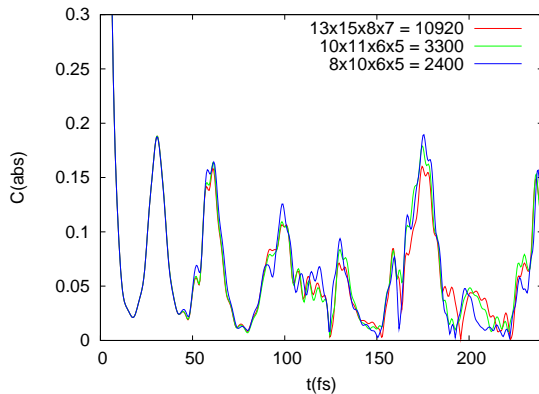
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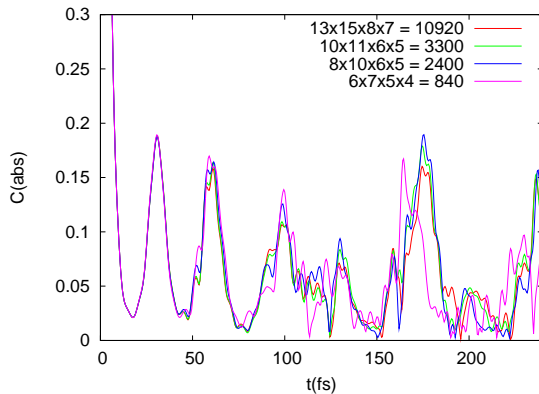
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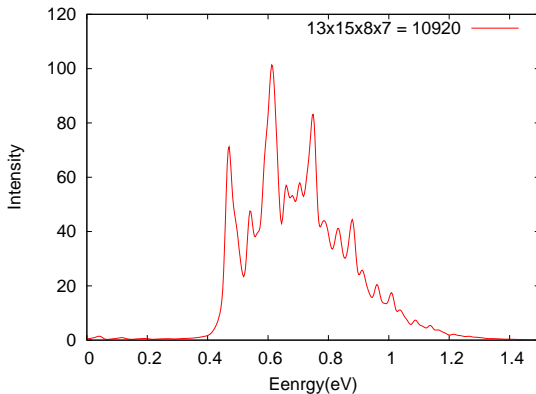
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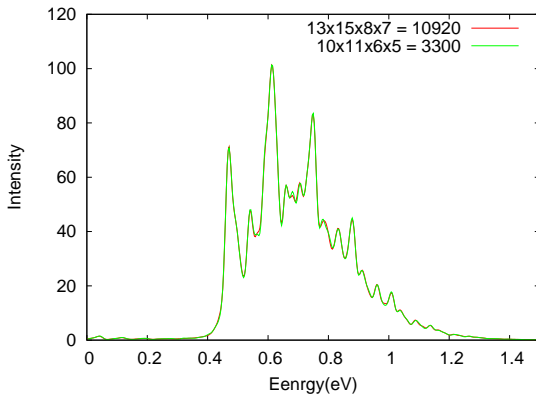
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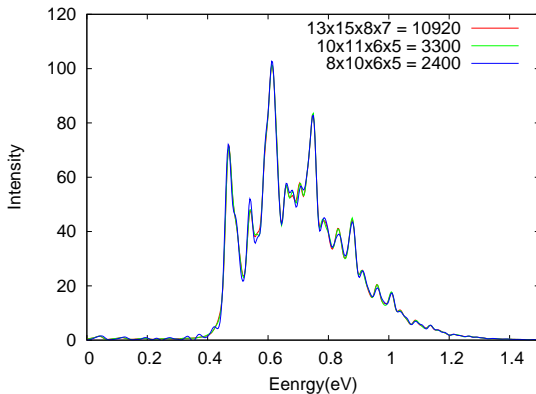
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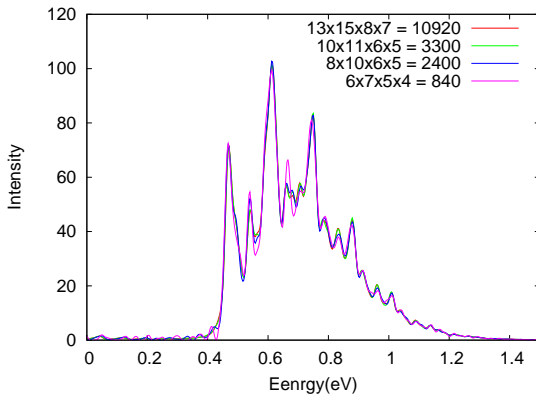
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with

$$g_w(\tau) = \int_0^{T-\tau} dt \langle \Psi(t) | W_{\gamma} | \Psi(t + \tau) \rangle \quad (59)$$