# Dynamics and Spectroscopy of Molecular Systems: From the Infrared to the X-ray Regime 

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# Lecture One: Concepts of Molecular Physics 

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## The Molecular World



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## Time Scales



## Overview

- Born-Oppenheimer ansatz and potential energy surfaces
- electronic structure in a nutshell
- harmonic oscillators everywhere
- condensed phase models
- quantum dynamics, from coherent to incoherent


## Born-Oppenheimer Ansatz

- molecular Hamiltonian

$$
H_{\mathrm{mol}}=T_{\mathrm{el}}+V_{\mathrm{el}-\mathrm{nuc}}+V_{\mathrm{el}-\mathrm{el}}+T_{\mathrm{nuc}}+V_{\mathrm{nuc}-\mathrm{nuc}}
$$

kinetic energy
Coulomb interaction

$$
T_{\mathrm{el}}=\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\mathrm{el}}} \frac{\mathbf{p}_{j}^{2}}{2 m_{\mathrm{el}}}
$$

$$
V_{\mathrm{el}-\mathrm{el}}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{e^{2}}{\left|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}\right|}
$$



$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(N_{\mathrm{el}}, \mathbf{r}_{j}, \mathbf{p}_{j}, m_{\mathrm{el}}\right) \\
\left(N_{\mathrm{nuc}}, Z_{A}, \mathbf{R}_{A}, \mathbf{P}_{A}, M_{A}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

- molecular Schrödinger equation

$$
H_{\mathrm{mol}} \Psi_{\lambda}(r, R)=E_{\lambda} \Psi_{\lambda}(r, R) \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_{\mathrm{el}} / M_{\mathrm{A}}<10^{-3}
$$

- electronic Hamilton operator for fixed nuclei

$$
H_{\mathrm{el}}(R)=T_{\mathrm{el}}+V_{\mathrm{el}-\mathrm{nuc}}(R)+V_{\mathrm{el}-\mathrm{el}}
$$

- electronic Schrödinger equation: adiabatic electronic states

$$
H_{\mathrm{el}}(R) \psi_{a}(r ; R)=E_{a}(R) \psi_{a}(r ; R)
$$

- assuming a complete adiabatic basis
- ansatz for molecular wave function

$$
\Psi(r ; R)=\sum_{a} \chi_{a}(R) \psi_{a}(r ; R)
$$

- expansion coefficients are nuclear wavefunctions and obey

$$
\left(T_{\mathrm{nuc}}+E_{a}(R)+V_{\mathrm{nuc}-\mathrm{nuc}}+\Theta_{a a}-E\right) \chi_{a}(R)=-\sum_{b \neq a} \Theta_{a b} \chi_{b}(R)
$$

- nonadiabaticity operator

$$
\Theta_{a b}=\int d r \psi_{a}(r ; R) T_{\mathrm{nuc}} \psi_{b}(r ; R)+\sum_{n} \frac{1}{M_{n}}\left[\int d r \psi_{a}(r ; R) \mathbf{P}_{n} \psi_{b}(r ; R)\right] \mathbf{P}_{n}
$$

- potential energy surfaces (PES)

$$
U_{a}(R)=E_{a}(R)+V_{\text {nuc-nuc }}(R)+\Theta_{a a}
$$

- PES: $3 N_{\text {nuc }}$-dimensional hypersurfaces
- $3 N_{\text {nuc }}-6$ internal degrees of freedom (DOF) +3 rotations +3 translations
- stationary points $\left.\nabla U_{a}(R)\right|_{R=R^{(a)}}=0$

$$
\nabla U_{a}(R)=\left\{\partial U_{a}(R) / \partial R_{1}, \ldots, \partial U_{a}(R) / \partial R_{3 N_{\mathrm{nuc}}}\right\}
$$

- Hessian matrix $\quad \kappa_{m n}^{(a)}=\frac{\partial^{2} U_{a}(R)}{\partial R_{m} \partial R_{n}} \quad\left(m, n=1, \ldots, 3 N_{\text {nuc }}\right)$
- degeneracies of electronic states $U_{a}(R) \approx U_{b}(R)$

- nonadiabatic effects \& Born-Oppenheimer approximation

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\left(T_{\mathrm{nuc}}+E_{a}(R)+V_{\mathrm{nuc}-\mathrm{nuc}}+\Theta_{a a}-E\right) \chi_{a}(R)=-\sum_{b \neq a} \Theta_{a b} \chi_{b}(R) \\
\Theta_{a b}=\int d r \psi_{a}(r ; R) T_{\mathrm{nuc}} \psi_{b}(r ; R)+\sum_{n} \frac{1}{M_{n}}\left[\int d r \psi _ { a } \left(r ; R \mathbf{P}_{n} \psi_{b}(r ; R) \mathbf{P}_{n}\right.\right.
\end{array}
$$


adiabatic molecular wavefunction: $\Psi_{a M}^{\text {(adia) }}(r ; R)=\chi_{a M}(R) \psi_{a}(r ; R)$

## Electronic Structure in a Nutshell

- electronic Schrödinger equation for fixed nuclei

$$
H_{\mathrm{el}}(R) \psi_{a}(r ; R)=E_{a}(R) \psi_{a}(r ; R)
$$

- wavefunction (Hartree-Fock, MPn, CI, MCSCF, CC etc.) and density (DFT) based methods
many particle state
single particle molecular orbital (MO)
linear combination of atomic orbitals (LCAO MO)

$$
\psi_{a}(r ; R) \quad \rightarrow \quad \varphi_{i}(r ; R)=\psi_{i}(r ; R) g\left(m_{s}\right) \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_{\mu} C_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} ; \mathbf{R})
$$

- illustration for $\mathrm{H}_{2}$
- LCAO-MO approach ( $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ )
- minimal basis of one atomic 1 s function per nucleus

$$
\psi_{i}(r ; R)=\sum_{\mu=1}^{2} C_{\mu i} \phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} ; \mathbf{R}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \phi_{\mu}\left(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_{\mu}\right)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\left|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{R}_{\mu}\right|}
$$

- coefficients follow from linear variation principle

- many-electron states
- four possible spin-orbitals

$$
\varphi_{1}(\mathbf{x})=\psi_{1}(\mathbf{r}) \alpha\left(m_{s}\right) \quad \varphi_{2}(\mathbf{x})=\psi_{1}(\mathbf{r}) \beta\left(m_{s}\right) \quad \varphi_{3}(\mathbf{x})=\psi_{2}(\mathbf{r}) \alpha\left(m_{s}\right) \quad \varphi_{4}(\mathbf{x})=\psi_{2}(\mathbf{r}) \beta\left(m_{s}\right)
$$

- Pauli principle requires antisymmetric wavefunction
- fulfilled if many-electron wavefunction is chosen as in Slater determinant form

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
-\uparrow-\psi_{2} & \quad \text { electronic ground state } \\
\hline \downarrow \psi_{1} & \Psi_{0}\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{2}\right)
\end{array}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\varphi_{1}\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}\right) \varphi_{2}\left(\mathbf{x}_{2}\right)-\varphi_{1}\left(\mathbf{x}_{2}\right) \varphi_{2}\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}\right)\right)
$$

- restriction to a single determinant description: Hartree-Fock theory
- excited determinants
- configuration interaction
- correlation effects
(1)

(2)

(3)
(4)

(6)

(5)

- electronically excited states

number of SLATER determinants
number of configurations for $N$ electrons and 2 K spin orbitals

$$
(2 K)!/(N!(2 K-N)!)
$$

- ab initio wavefunction-based methods (selection)

| HF | CI | MCSCF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\|\boldsymbol{\kappa}\rangle=\hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\kappa})\|0\rangle$ | $\|\mathbf{C}\rangle=\sum_{i} C_{i}\|i\rangle$ | $\|\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \mathbf{C}\rangle=\hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\kappa}) \sum_{i} C_{i}\|i\rangle$ |

- density functional theory
- energy functional of electron density (Hohenberg-Kohn)
$E[\rho]=e \int d^{3} \mathbf{x} V_{\mathrm{el}-\mathrm{nuc}}(\mathbf{x}) \rho(\mathbf{x})+T_{\mathrm{el}}[\rho]+\frac{e^{2}}{2} \int d^{3} \mathbf{x} d^{3} \mathbf{x}^{\prime} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) \rho\left(\mathbf{x}^{\prime}\right)}{\left|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}^{\prime}\right|}+E_{\mathrm{XC}}[\rho]$
- holy grail: exchange correlation functional
- electronically excited states: linear response theory
- electronic states vs. potential energy curves



## Harmonic Oscillators

- assumption: Born-Oppenheimer approximation is valid
- PES

$$
U_{a}(R)=E_{a}(R)+V_{\text {nuc-nuc }}(R)+\Theta_{a a}
$$

- choice of internal coordinates depends on problem
- reactive dynamics \& floppy molecules: bond distances, angles, dihedrals - complicated kinetic energy
- close to equilibrium: harmonic approximation
- small deviations w.r.t. geometry of stationary point

$$
\Delta R_{n}^{(a)}=R_{n}^{(a)}-R_{n}\left(n=1, \ldots, 3 N_{\mathrm{nuc}}\right)
$$

- Taylor expansion of PES

$$
H_{a}=U_{a}\left(R^{(a)}\right)+\sum_{n=1}^{3 N_{\mathrm{nac}}} \frac{P_{n}^{2}}{2 M_{n}}+\sum_{m, n=1}^{3 N_{\mathrm{nuc}}} \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{m n}^{(a)} \Delta R_{m}^{(a)} \Delta R_{n}^{(a)}
$$

- diagonalization of Hessian by linear trafo to massweighted normal mode coordinates

$$
\Delta R_{n}^{(a)}=\sum_{\xi} M_{n}^{-1 / 2} A_{n \xi}^{(a)} q_{a, \xi}
$$

- normal mode Hamiltonian

$$
H_{a}=U_{a}\left(q_{a, \xi}=0\right)+H_{a}^{(\mathrm{nm})} \quad H_{a}^{(\mathrm{nm})}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi}\left(p_{\xi}^{2}+\omega_{a, \xi}^{2} q_{a, \xi}^{2}\right)
$$

Normal Mode Vibrations of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$




- eigenvalue problem for harmonic oscillators

$$
\begin{gathered}
H_{a}^{(\mathrm{nm})} \chi_{a N}(q)=E_{a N} \chi_{a N}(q) \quad N=\left\{N_{1}, N_{2}, \ldots\right\} \\
E_{a N}=\sum_{\xi} \hbar \omega_{a, \xi}\left(N_{\xi}+\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad N_{\xi}=0,1,2, \ldots \\
\chi_{a N_{\xi}}\left(q_{a, \xi}\right)=\frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{a, \xi}}}{\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{N_{\xi} N_{\xi}!}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{a, \xi}^{2} q_{a, \xi}^{2}\right) H_{N_{\xi}}\left(\lambda_{a, \xi} q_{a, \xi}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

- two electronic states:shifted oscillator model
- different equilibrium positions

$$
U_{a=g / e}(R) \rightarrow R^{(g / e)} \quad U_{e}(R)=U_{e}\left(R^{(e)}\right)+\sum_{m, n=1}^{3 N_{\mathrm{nuc}}} \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{m n}^{(e)} \Delta R_{m}^{(e)} \Delta R_{n}^{(e)}
$$

- assume same normal modes

$$
\Delta R_{n}^{(e)}=R_{n}-R_{n}^{(g)}-\left(R_{n}^{(e)}-R_{n}^{(g)}\right)=\sum_{\xi} M_{n}^{-1 / 2} A_{n \xi}^{(g)}\left(q_{\xi}-q_{\xi}^{(e)}\right)
$$

- general shifted oscillator Hamiltonian

$$
H_{a}=U_{a}\left(q_{\xi}=q_{\xi}^{(a)}\right)+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi}\left(p_{\xi}^{2}+\omega_{a, \xi}^{2}\left(q_{\xi}-q_{\xi}^{(a)}\right)^{2}\right)
$$


$\chi_{a N_{\xi}}\left(q_{\xi}\right)=\frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{a, \xi}}}{\sqrt{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{N_{\xi}} N_{\xi}!}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{a, \xi}^{2}\left(q_{\xi}-q_{\xi}^{(a)}\right)^{2}\right) H_{N_{\xi}}\left(\lambda_{a, \xi}\left(q_{\xi}-q_{\xi}^{(a)}\right)\right)$

## - Franck-Condon factor

$$
\begin{array}{rlc}
\left\langle\chi_{a M} \mid \chi_{b N}\right\rangle=e^{-\left(\Delta g_{a b}\right)^{2} / 2} \sum_{m=0}^{M} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{(-1)^{n}\left(\Delta g_{a b}\right)^{m+n}}{m!n!} & \text { PES shift } \\
\times \sqrt{\frac{M!N!}{(M-m)!(N-n)!}} \delta_{M-m, N-n} & \Delta g_{a b}=\sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\xi}}{2 \hbar}}\left(q_{\xi}^{(b)}-q_{\xi}^{(b)}\right)
\end{array}
$$

special case: Poisson distribution $\quad\left|\left\langle\chi_{a M} \mid \chi_{b 0}\right\rangle\right|^{2}=e^{-\left(\Delta g_{a b}\right)^{2}} \frac{\left(\Delta g_{a b}\right)^{2 M}}{M!}$


## - anharmonic corrections

- use normal mode coordinates to express higher order terms in the Taylor expansion


$$
V^{(\mathrm{anh})}=\frac{1}{3!} \sum_{k l m} K_{k l m} q_{k} q_{l} q_{m}+\frac{1}{4!} \sum_{k l m n} K_{k l m n} q_{k} q_{l} q_{m} q_{n}+\ldots
$$

## Reaction Surfaces

- combination of large amplitude and harmonic motion
- example: proton transfer




3,7-dichlorotropolone

A-H ...B $\mapsto$ A.. $\mathrm{H} . . \mathrm{B} \mapsto \mathrm{A} . . . \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{B}$

reaction coordinate


- divide nuclear DOF into active, $\boldsymbol{s}$, and spectator, $\boldsymbol{Z}$, coordinates
- expand w.r.t. a meaningful reference configuration
- normal mode trafo

$$
\Delta \mathbf{Z}(\mathrm{s})=\mathbf{M}^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{q}
$$

- reaction surface Hamiltonian

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H=\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}}+U\left(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}\right)+\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{q}}+\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q K}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{q}-\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{q} \\
& \text { mode mixing }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s})=\mathbf{A}^{+} \mathbf{M}^{-1 / 2} \kappa(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{M}^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{A}
$$

$$
\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s})=\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{M}^{-1 / 2} \mathbf{A}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& U(R) \approx U\left(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}\right)+(\underbrace{\left.\frac{\partial U(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z})}{\partial \mathbf{Z}}\right)_{\mathbf{z}=\mathbf{Z}^{(0)}}} \Delta \mathbf{Z}+\frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{Z}(\underbrace{\frac{\partial^{2} U(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z})}{\partial \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}}})_{\mathbf{Z}=\mathbf{Z}^{(0)}} \Delta \mathbf{Z} \\
& -\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}) \\
& \kappa(\mathbf{s})
\end{aligned}
$$

$H=\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}}+U\left(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}\right)-E_{\text {reorg }}(\mathbf{s})+\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{q}}+\frac{1}{2}\left(\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{q}^{(0)}(\mathbf{s})\right) \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s})\left(\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{q}^{(0)}(\mathbf{s})\right)$
reorganization energy
displacements

$$
E_{\text {reorg }}(\mathbf{s})=\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}^{(0)}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{q}^{(0)}(\mathbf{s}) \quad \quad \mathbf{q}^{(0)}(\mathbf{s})=-[\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s})]^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s})
$$



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## Coupled Electronic States

- consider two-state one coordinate (curve-crossing) system
- adiabatic representation (dynamic coupling)
$\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{ad}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}T_{\text {nuc }} & \Theta_{+-} \\ \Theta_{+-} & T_{\text {nuc }}\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{cc}U_{+}(R) & 0 \\ 0 & U_{-}(R)\end{array}\right)$
$\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{ad}}\binom{\chi_{+}}{\chi_{-}}=E\binom{\chi_{+}}{\chi_{-}}$
- diabatic representation (static coupling)

$$
\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{d}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
T_{\text {nuc }} & 0 \\
0 & T_{\text {nuc }}
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{cc}
U_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}(R) & V_{12}(R) \\
V_{12}(R) & U_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}(R)
\end{array}\right) \quad \mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\binom{\chi_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}}{\chi_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}}=E\binom{\chi_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}}{\chi_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}}
$$

- related via an orthogonal transformation

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\binom{\chi_{+}}{\chi_{-}}=\mathbf{C}\binom{\chi_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}}{\chi_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}} \quad \mathbf{C}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\cos \gamma(R) & \sin \gamma(R) \\
-\sin \gamma(R) & \cos \gamma(R)
\end{array}\right) \\
\text { mixing angle } \gamma(R)=\frac{1}{2} \arctan \left(\frac{2\left|V_{12}(R)\right|}{\left|U_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}(R)-U_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}(R)\right|}\right)
\end{array}
$$

- diabatic vs. adiabatic representation

$U_{ \pm}(R)=\frac{1}{2}\left(U_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}(R)+U_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}(R) \pm \sqrt{\left[U_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}(R)-U_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}(R)\right]^{2}+4\left|V_{12}(R)\right|^{2}}\right)$
- diabatic states can cross
- adiabatic crossing requires diabatic crossing and vanishing coupling
- non-crossing rule: adiabatic states of the same symmetry do not cross
- vibronic coupling model


$$
\begin{gathered}
H_{\mathrm{mol}}=\sum_{a b}\left(\delta_{a b} H_{a}(R)+\left(1-\delta_{a b}\right) V_{a b}(R)\right)\left|\psi_{a}\right\rangle\left\langle\psi_{b}\right| \\
H_{0}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi}\left(p_{\xi}^{2}+\omega_{\xi}^{2} q_{\xi}^{2}\right) \\
H_{a>0}\left(q_{\xi}\right)=H_{0}+E_{a}+\sum_{\xi} \kappa_{\xi}^{(a)} q_{\xi}+\ldots \quad \text { conical int } \\
V_{a b}\left(q_{\xi}\right)=V_{a b}\left(q_{\xi}=0\right)+\sum_{\xi} \lambda_{\xi}^{(a b)} q_{\xi}+\ldots \quad \text { tuning modes }
\end{gathered}
$$

conical intersection

- example: photostability of life



Sobolewski, Domcke, Europhys. News 37, 20 (2006)


## Molecules in the Condensed Phase

- examples:
- solute-solvent system
- host-guest solid state
- chromophores in biomolecules




## trajectories classical, quasi-classical, <br> trajectories classical, quasi-classical, semiclassical

priori PES, models

## quantum propagation

wavefunction, reduced density

- from PES to classical force fields
- Newton's equation for classical nuclei

$$
M_{A} \frac{d^{2} \mathbf{R}}{d t^{2}}=-\nabla_{A} U(\{\mathbf{R}(t)\})
$$

- ab initio Born-Oppenheimer Molecular Dynamics (AIMD)
- Molecular Mechanics (MM) force fields

- Quantum Mechanics/Molecular Mechanics (QM/MM) method

- Quantum Mechanics: System-Bath models
- recall reaction surface Hamiltonian

$$
\left.H=\mathbf{T}_{\text {relevant system }}^{\mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{s}}+U\left(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}\right.}\right)+\underbrace{\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{q}}+\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q K}(\mathbf{s})}_{\text {bath }} \mathbf{q} \underbrace{\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{q}}_{\text {system-bath coupling }}
$$

- spectrum of bath modes arbitrary
- Caldeira-Leggett model

$$
H=H_{\mathrm{S}}+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi}\left[p_{\xi}^{2}+\omega_{\xi}^{2} q_{\xi}^{2}\right]+s \sum_{\xi} c_{\xi} q_{\xi}
$$

- fluctuating force picture

$$
H=H_{\mathrm{S}}+\delta H_{\mathrm{S}}(t)
$$

- stochastic models (Kubo, Haken-Strobl-Reineker)

$$
\left\langle\delta H_{\mathrm{S}}(t) \delta H_{\mathrm{S}}(0)\right\rangle_{\text {bath }}=f(t)
$$



## Quantum Dynamics: Schrödinger Equation

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

- standard approach
- formal solution via time evolution operator

$$
|\Psi(t)\rangle=U(t)|\Psi(0)\rangle \quad U(t)=e^{-i H t / \hbar}
$$

- if eigenstates are known

$$
H|a\rangle=E_{a}|a\rangle \quad|\Psi(t)\rangle=\sum_{a} c_{a}(t)|a\rangle \quad \rightarrow c_{a}(t)=c_{a}(0) e^{-i E_{a} t / \hbar}
$$

- if eigenstates are unknown, but some meaningful basis exists

$$
|\Psi(t)\rangle=\sum_{n} c_{n}(t)|n\rangle \quad i \hbar \frac{d c_{n}(t)}{d t}=\sum_{m} H_{n m} c_{m}(t)
$$

- follows from Dirac-Frenkel variational principle

$$
\langle\delta \Psi| H-i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\Psi\rangle=0
$$

- Simple example: Dynamics in a double well

$$
\begin{aligned}
& V(x)=\frac{E_{\text {barrier }}}{x_{0}^{4}}\left(x-x_{0}\right)^{2}\left(x+x_{0}\right)^{2} \\
& \Psi_{L / R}(x ; 0)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\phi_{0}(x) \pm \phi_{1}(x)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$


$\left|\Psi_{L / R}(x ; t)\right|^{2}=\frac{1}{2}\left(e^{-i E_{0} t / \hbar} \phi_{0}(x) \pm e^{-i E_{1} t / \hbar} \phi_{1}(x)\right)\left(e^{i E_{0} t / \hbar} \phi_{0}^{*}(x) \pm e^{i E_{1} t / \hbar} \phi_{1}^{*}(x)\right)$
$=\frac{1}{2}\left(\left|\phi_{0}(x)\right|^{2}+\left|\phi_{1}(x)\right|^{2}\right) \pm \phi_{0}(x) \phi_{1}(x) \cos \left(\left(E_{1}-E_{0}\right) t / \hbar\right)$

- tunneling frequency

$$
\omega_{10}=2 \pi \nu_{10}=2 \pi / \tau_{10}=\left(E_{1}-E_{0}\right) / \hbar
$$



- harmonic vs. Morse oscillator

- multi-dimensional extension (f DOF)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\Psi\left(x_{1}, \ldots x_{f}, t\right)=\sum_{j_{1}=1}^{N_{1}} \cdots \sum_{j_{f}=1}^{N_{f}} C_{j_{1} \ldots j_{f}}(t) \phi_{j_{1}}^{(1)}\left(x_{1}\right) \cdots \phi_{j_{f}}^{(f)}\left(x_{f}\right) \\
i \hbar \dot{C}_{j_{1}, \ldots, j_{f}}=\sum_{k_{1}, \ldots, k_{f}}\left\langle\phi_{j_{1}}^{(1)} \ldots \phi_{j_{f}}^{(f)}\right| H\left|\phi_{k_{1}}^{(1)} \ldots \phi_{k_{f}}^{(f)}\right\rangle C_{k_{1}, \ldots, k_{f}}
\end{gathered}
$$

- example: $f=6, N=20$ there are $20^{6}=64 \times 10^{6}$ basis functions
- requires 3GB of memory for propagation
- dimensionality bottleneck
- (partial) solution: time-dependent basis functions

- application to reaction surface Hamiltonian

$$
H=H_{\mathrm{S}}+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi}\left[p_{\xi}^{2}+\omega_{\xi}^{2} q_{\xi}^{2}\right]+\sum_{\xi} F_{\xi}(s) q_{\xi}
$$

- coupled equations of motion (via Frenkel-Dirac principle)
- active coordinate

$$
i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(s, t)=\left[T_{s}+V_{\mathrm{SCF}}(s, t)\right] \phi(s, t)
$$

- spectator modes $=$ driven oscillators

$$
i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi\left(q_{\xi}, t\right)=\left[\frac{p_{\xi}^{2}}{2}+\frac{1}{2} \omega_{\xi}^{2} q_{\xi}^{2}-\bar{F}_{\xi}(t) q_{\xi}\right] \phi\left(q_{\xi}, t\right)
$$

- mean fields

$$
\bar{F}_{\xi}(t)=\int d s \phi^{*}(s ; t) F_{\xi}(s) \phi(s ; t)
$$




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- multi-configuration time-dependent Hartree (MCTDH) approach (Heidelberg group, H.D. Meyer, L. Cederbaum and coworkers)

$$
\Psi(\mathbf{x} ; t)=\sum_{j_{1} \ldots j_{f}} A_{j_{1}, \ldots, j_{f}}(t) \phi_{j_{1}}^{(1)}\left(x_{1} ; t\right) \times \ldots \times \phi_{j_{f}}^{(f)}\left(x_{f} ; t\right)=\sum_{J} A_{J}(t) \Phi_{J}(\mathbf{x} ; t)
$$

- time-dependent compact basis
- optimal representation of moving with wave packet
- correlations included via superposition of Hartree products
- high-dimensional dynamics via multi-layer extension (ML-MCTDH)
- coupled equations of motion from Dirac-Frenkel principle
coefficient vector: $\quad i \hbar \dot{A}_{J}=\sum_{K} H_{J K} A_{K}$
vector of single particle functions: $\quad \bar{\phi}^{(\kappa)}=\left(\phi_{1}^{(\kappa)}, \ldots, \phi_{n_{\kappa}}^{(\kappa)}\right)^{T}$

$$
i \hbar \dot{\bar{\phi}}^{(\kappa)}=\left(1-P^{(\kappa)}\right)\left(\rho^{(\kappa)}\right)^{-1} \mathcal{H}^{(\kappa)} \bar{\phi}^{(\kappa)}
$$

## Dissipative Quantum Dynamics

elementary processes in complex systems


- system-bath (reservoir) situation
- system-bath Hamiltonian

$$
H=H_{\mathrm{S}}+H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}+H_{\mathrm{R}}
$$

- system defined by observable

$$
\langle O\rangle(t)=\int d s d Z \Psi^{*}(s, Z, t) O(s) \Psi(s, Z, t) \equiv \operatorname{tr}_{\mathrm{S}+\mathrm{R}}\{W(t) O\}
$$

- introduction of reduced density operator

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \rho(s, \bar{s}, t)=\int d Z \Psi^{*}(s, Z, t) \Psi(\bar{s}, Z, t) \quad \rightarrow \quad \rho(t)=\operatorname{tr}_{\mathrm{R}}\{W(t)\} \\
&\langle O\rangle(t)=\int d s[O(\bar{s}) \rho(s, \bar{s}, t)]_{s=\bar{s}}=\operatorname{tr}\{\rho(t) O\}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Liouville-von Neumann equation for total statistical operator

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} W(t)=-\frac{i}{\hbar}[H, W(t)]
$$

- derivation of the Quantum Master Equation (QME)
- interaction representation

$$
\begin{gathered}
U_{0}\left(t-t_{0}\right)=\exp \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} H_{\mathrm{S}}\left(t-t_{0}\right)\right) \exp \left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} H_{\mathrm{R}}\left(t-t_{0}\right)\right) \\
W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)=U_{0}^{+}\left(t-t_{0}\right) W(t) U_{0}\left(t-t_{0}\right) \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)=-\frac{i}{\hbar}\left[H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}^{(\mathrm{R})}(t), W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

- equation of motion for reduced density density operator

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)=-\frac{i}{\hbar} \operatorname{tr}_{\mathrm{R}}\left\{\left[H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}^{(\mathrm{I})}(t), W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)\right]\right\}
$$

- equation not closed, use perturbation theory based on formal solution

$$
W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)=W^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t_{0}\right)-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_{0}}^{t} d t^{\prime}\left[H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right), W^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right)\right]
$$

- assumptions: factorized S-R coupling \& bath stays in equilibrium

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)=\rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t) \otimes R_{\mathrm{eq}} & R_{\mathrm{eq}}=e^{-H_{\mathrm{R}} / k_{\mathrm{B}} T} / \operatorname{tr}_{\mathrm{R}}\left\{e^{-H_{\mathrm{R}} / k_{\mathrm{B}} T}\right\} \\
H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}=\sum_{u} K_{u} \Phi_{u} & \left\langle\Phi_{u}\right\rangle_{\mathrm{R}}=0
\end{array}
$$

- second-order EOM for reduced density operator

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)=-\frac{1}{\hbar^{2}} \int_{t_{0}}^{t} d t^{\prime} \operatorname{tr}_{\mathrm{R}}\left\{\left[H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}^{(\mathrm{I})}(t),\left[H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right), R_{\mathrm{eq}} \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right)\right]\right]\right\}
$$

- four terms due to commutators

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t)= & -\sum_{u v} \int_{t_{0}}^{t} d t^{\prime}\left(C_{u v}\left(t-t^{\prime}\right)\left[K_{u}^{(\mathrm{I})}(t), K_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right) \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right)\right]\right. \\
& \left.-C_{v u}\left(-t+t^{\prime}\right)\left[K_{u}^{(\mathrm{I})}(t), \rho^{\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right) K_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}\left(t^{\prime}\right)\right]\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- correlation function of bath fluctuations

$$
C_{u v}(t)=\frac{1}{\hbar^{2}}\left\langle\Delta \Phi_{u}(t) \Delta \Phi_{v}(0)\right\rangle_{\mathrm{R}}=\frac{1}{\hbar^{2}}\left\langle\Phi_{u}^{(\mathrm{I}}(t) \Phi_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}(0)\right\rangle_{\mathrm{R}}-\frac{1}{\hbar^{2}}\left\langle\Phi_{u}\right\rangle_{\mathrm{R}}\left\langle\Phi_{v}\right\rangle_{\mathrm{R}}
$$

- EOM in Schrödinger representation

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho=-\frac{i}{\hbar}\left[H_{\mathrm{S}}, \rho\right]+\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}\right)_{\text {diss }} \\
\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}\right)_{\text {diss }}=-\sum_{u, v} \int_{0}^{t-t_{0}} d \tau\left(C_{u v}(\tau)\left[K_{u}, U_{\mathrm{S}}(\tau) K_{v} \rho(t-\tau) U_{\mathrm{S}}^{+}(\tau)\right]\right. \\
\\
\left.-C_{v u}(-\tau)\left[K_{u}, U_{\mathrm{S}}(\tau) \rho(t-\tau) K_{v} U_{\mathrm{S}}^{+}(\tau)\right]\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

- r.h.s. contains free and dissipative evolution
- retarded time argument leads to memory effects: nonMarkovian dynamics
- memory time determined by bath correlation function, usually

$$
C_{u v}(\tau) \propto \exp \left(-\tau / \tau_{\mathrm{mem}}\right)
$$

- Markov approximation ( $C_{u v}(\tau) \propto \delta(\tau)$ )

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho(t-\tau) & =U_{\mathrm{S}}\left(t-\tau-t_{0}\right) \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t-\tau) U_{\mathrm{S}}^{+}\left(t-\tau-t_{0}\right) \\
& \approx U_{\mathrm{S}}(-\tau) U_{\mathrm{S}}\left(t-t_{0}\right) \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t) U_{\mathrm{S}}^{+}\left(t-t_{0}\right) U_{\mathrm{S}}^{+}(-\tau)=U_{\mathrm{S}}^{+}(\tau) \rho(t) U_{\mathrm{S}}(\tau)
\end{aligned}
$$

## - Quantum Master Equation (QME)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}\right)_{\text {diss }}=-\sum_{u, v} \int_{0}^{\infty} d \tau\left\{C_{u v}(\tau)\left[K_{u}, K_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}(-\tau) \rho(t)\right]_{-}-C_{v u}(-\tau)\left[K_{u}, \rho(t) K_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}(-\tau)\right]_{-}\right\} \\
C_{u v}(t)=\frac{1}{\hbar^{2}}\left\langle\Delta \Phi_{u}(t) \Delta \Phi_{v}(0)\right\rangle_{\mathrm{R}} \quad K_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}(-\tau)=U_{\mathrm{S}}(\tau) K_{v} U_{\mathrm{S}}^{+}(\tau)
\end{gathered}
$$

- beyond the Markovian and perturbative QME
- path integral method
- hierarchy equations of motion
- multi-level Redfield equations
- eigenstates of the relevant system $\quad H_{\mathrm{S}}|a\rangle=E_{a}|a\rangle$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}\right)_{\text {diss }}=-\sum_{u, v} \int_{0}^{\infty} d \tau\left\{C_{u v}(\tau)\left[K_{u}, K_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}(-\tau) \rho(t)\right]_{-}-C_{v u}(-\tau)\left[K_{u}, \rho(t) K_{v}^{(\mathrm{I})}(-\tau)\right]_{-}\right\} \\
\left(\frac{\partial \rho_{a b}}{\partial t}\right)_{\text {diss. }}=-\sum_{c d} R_{a b, c d} \rho_{c d}(t)
\end{gathered}
$$

- Redfield relaxation tensor

$$
R_{a b, c d}=\delta_{a c} \sum_{e} \Gamma_{b e, e d}\left(\omega_{d e}\right)+\delta_{b d} \sum_{e} \Gamma_{a e, e c}\left(\omega_{c e}\right)-\Gamma_{c a, b d}\left(\omega_{d b}\right)-\Gamma_{d b, a c}\left(\omega_{c a}\right)
$$

- damping matrix

$$
\Gamma_{a b, c d}(\omega)=\operatorname{Re} \sum_{u, v} K_{a b}^{(u)} K_{c d}^{(v)} \int_{0}^{\infty} d \tau e^{i \omega \tau} C_{u v}(\tau)
$$

- harmonic oscillator bath (Caldeira-Leggett model)

$$
\begin{gathered}
H_{\mathrm{R}}=\sum_{\xi} \frac{\hbar \omega_{\xi}}{2}\left(-\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial Q_{\xi}^{2}}+Q_{\xi}^{2}\right) \quad\left(Q_{\xi}=x_{\xi} / \sqrt{\hbar / m_{\xi} \omega_{\xi}}\right) \\
H_{\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R}}=K(s) \sum_{\xi} \hbar \omega_{\xi} g_{\xi} Q_{\xi}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
C(t)=\sum_{\xi} \omega_{\xi}^{2} S_{\xi}\left(\left[\left(1+n\left(\omega_{\xi}\right)\right] e^{-i \omega_{\xi} t}+n\left(\omega_{\xi}\right) e^{i \omega_{\xi} t}\right) \quad S_{\xi}=g_{\xi}^{2} / 2\right. \\
C(\omega)=2 \pi \omega^{2}\left[1+n\left(\omega_{\xi}\right)\right][J(\omega)-J(-\omega)]
\end{gathered}
$$

- spectral density

$$
\begin{gathered}
J(\omega)=\sum_{\xi} S_{\xi} \delta\left(\omega-\omega_{\xi}\right) \\
C(t)=\int_{0}^{\infty} d \omega\left(\cos (\omega t) \operatorname{coth}\left(\frac{\hbar \omega}{2 k_{\mathrm{B}} T}\right)-i \sin (\omega t)\right) \omega^{2} J(\omega)
\end{gathered}
$$

- model spectral densities
- Ohmic spectral density with cut-off: $\quad \omega^{2} J(\omega)=\Theta(\omega) j_{0} \omega e^{-\omega / \omega_{c}}$
- Debye spectral density (solutes in polar solvents)

$$
\omega^{2} J(\omega)=\Theta(\omega) \frac{j_{0} \omega}{\omega^{2}+\omega_{\mathrm{D}}^{2}}
$$

in high temperature limit $C(t)=\frac{\pi j_{0}}{2 \hbar \omega_{\mathrm{D}}}\left(2 k_{\mathrm{B}} T-i \operatorname{sgn}(t) \hbar \omega_{\mathrm{D}}\right) e^{-\omega_{\mathrm{D}}|t|}$

correlation time: $\omega_{\mathrm{D}}^{-1}$ Ohmic limit $\quad \omega_{\mathrm{D}}^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ $C(\omega) \propto \omega$

Markov dynamics: $C(t) \approx \delta(t)$

- Redfield tensor: Rab,cd
- population transfer ( $a=b, c=d$ )

$$
R_{a a, c c}=2 \delta_{a c} \sum_{e} \Gamma_{a e, e a}\left(\omega_{a e}\right)-2 \Gamma_{c a, a c}\left(\omega_{c a}\right)=\delta_{a c} \sum_{e} k_{a e}-k_{c a}
$$

energy relaxation rate $k_{a b}=2 \Gamma_{a b, b a}\left(\omega_{a b}\right)=\sum_{u, v} K_{a b}^{(u)} K_{b a}^{(v)} C_{u v}\left(\omega_{a b}\right)$

- coherence dephasing ( $a \neq b, a=c, b=d$ )

$$
R_{a b, a b} \equiv \gamma_{a b}=\sum_{e}\left(\Gamma_{a e, e a}\left(\omega_{a e}\right)+\Gamma_{b e, e b}\left(\omega_{b e}\right)\right)-\Gamma_{a a, b b}(0)-\Gamma_{b b, a a}(0)
$$

dephasing rate due to energy relaxation $\quad \gamma_{a b}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{e} k_{a e}+\frac{1}{2} \sum_{e} k_{b e}+\gamma_{a b}^{(\mathrm{pd})}$
pure dephasing rate $\gamma_{a b}^{(\mathrm{pd})}=-\sum_{u, v} K_{a a}^{(u)} K_{b b}^{(v)} C_{u v}(\omega=0)$

- a simple example: the damped harmonic oscillator

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho_{M N}=-\delta_{M N} \sum_{K}\left(k_{M K} \rho_{M M}-k_{K M} \rho_{K K}\right) k_{M N} \\
&-\left(1-\delta_{M N}\right)\left(i \Omega_{\mathrm{s}}(M-N)+\gamma_{M}+\gamma_{N}\right) \rho_{M N} \gamma_{M}=\sum_{N} k_{M N} / 2 \\
&\langle M| K(s)|N\rangle=\left(\sqrt{N} \delta_{M, N-1}+\sqrt{N+1} \delta_{M, N+1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- relaxation rates


