



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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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

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• molecular Hamiltonian

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

 $T_{\rm el} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\rm el}} \frac{\mathbf{p}_j^2}{2m_{\rm el}} \qquad \qquad V_{\rm el-el} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$

kinetic energy

Coulomb interaction



 $(N_{
m el}, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{p}_j, m_{
m el})$ $(N_{
m nuc}, Z_A, \mathbf{R}_A, \mathbf{P}_A, M_A)$

• molecular Schrödinger equation

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

• electronic Hamilton operator for fixed nuclei

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

• electronic Schrödinger equation: adiabatic electronic states

$$H_{\rm el}(R)\,\psi_a(r;R) = E_a(R)\,\psi_a(r;R)$$

- 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

$$(T_{\rm nuc} + E_a(R) + V_{\rm nuc-nuc} + \Theta_{aa} - E) \ \chi_a(R) = -\sum_{b \neq a} \Theta_{ab} \chi_b(R) \qquad \blacklozenge$$

nonadiabaticity operator

$$\Theta_{ab} = \int dr \ \psi_a(r;R) T_{\text{nuc}} \ \psi_b(r;R) + \sum_n \frac{1}{M_n} \left[\int dr \ \psi_a(r;R) \mathbf{P}_n \psi_b(r;R) \right] \mathbf{P}_n$$

• potential energy surfaces (PES)

$$U_a(R) = E_a(R) + V_{\text{nuc-nuc}}(R) + \Theta_{aa}$$

- PES: 3*N*_{nuc}-dimensional hypersurfaces
 - ► 3N_{nuc}-6 internal degrees of freedom (DOF) + 3 rotations + 3 translations
 - stationary points $\nabla U_a(R)|_{R=R^{(a)}} = 0$

$$\nabla U_a(R) = \{ \partial U_a(R) / \partial R_1, \dots, \partial U_a(R) / \partial R_{3N_{\text{nuc}}} \}$$

- ▶ Hessian matrix $\kappa_{mn}^{(a)} = \frac{\partial^2 U_a(R)}{\partial R_m \partial R_n}$ $(m, n = 1, ..., 3N_{\text{nuc}})$
- degeneracies of electronic states $U_a(R) \approx U_b(R)$



• nonadiabatic effects & Born-Oppenheimer approximation

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

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

$$\mathbf{P}_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0$$

adiabatic molecular wavefunction: $\Psi_{aM}^{(adia)}(r;R) = \chi_{aM}(R)\psi_a(r;R)$

Electronic Structure in a Nutshell

• electronic Schrödinger equation for fixed nuclei

 $H_{\rm el}(R)\,\psi_a(r;R) = E_a(R)\,\psi_a(r;R)$

 <u>wavefunction</u> (Hartree-Fock, MPn, CI, MCSCF, CC etc.) and <u>density</u> (DFT) based methods



• illustration for H₂

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- LCAO-MO approach (H₂)
 - minimal basis of one atomic 1s function per nucleus

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

• coefficients follow from linear variation principle







 $\varphi_1(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_1(\mathbf{r})\alpha(m_s) \qquad \qquad \varphi_2(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_1(\mathbf{r})\beta(m_s) \qquad \qquad \varphi_3(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_2(\mathbf{r})\alpha(m_s) \qquad \qquad \varphi_4(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_2(\mathbf{r})\beta(m_s)$

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



restriction to a single determinant description: Hartree-Fock theory

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(1)excited determinants (4) (4) (6) (2)configuration interaction correlation effects electronically excited states HF limit but... exact number of configurations for N number of basis functions electrons and 2K spin orbitals (2K)!/(N!(2K-N)!)

full CI

number of SLATER determinants

ab initio wavefunction-based methods (selection)

HF	CI	MCSCF
$ oldsymbol{\kappa} angle=\hat{U}(oldsymbol{\kappa}) 0 angle$	$ {f C} angle = \sum_i C_i i angle$	$ m{\kappa}, \mathbf{C} angle = \hat{U}(m{\kappa}) \sum_{i} C_{i} i angle$

- density functional theory
 - energy functional of electron density (Hohenberg-Kohn)

$$E[\rho] = e \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \, V_{\rm el-nuc}(\mathbf{x}) \, \rho(\mathbf{x}) + T_{\rm el}[\rho] + \frac{e^2}{2} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \, d^3 \mathbf{x}' \, \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x})\rho(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} + E_{\rm XC}[\rho]$$

- 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

 $U_a(R) = E_a(R) + V_{\text{nuc-nuc}}(R) + \Theta_{aa}$

- 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

$$\Delta R_n^{(a)} = R_n^{(a)} - R_n \ (n = 1, \dots, 3N_{\text{nuc}})$$

▶ Taylor expansion of PES

$$H_a = U_a(R^{(a)}) + \sum_{n=1}^{3N_{\text{nuc}}} \frac{P_n^2}{2M_n} + \sum_{m,n=1}^{3N_{\text{nuc}}} \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{mn}^{(a)} \Delta R_m^{(a)} \Delta R_n^{(a)}$$



 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

$$H_a = U_a(q_{a,\xi} = 0) + H_a^{(nm)} \qquad H_a^{(nm)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi} \left(p_{\xi}^2 + \omega_{a,\xi}^2 q_{a,\xi}^2 \right) \qquad \bigstar$$
Normal Mode Vibrations of CO₂



• eigenvalue problem for harmonic oscillators



two electronic states:shifted oscillator model

different equilibrium positions

$$U_{a=g/e}(R) \to R^{(g/e)} \qquad U_e(R) = U_e(R^{(e)}) + \sum_{m,n=1}^{3N_{\text{nuc}}} \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{mn}^{(e)} \Delta R_m^{(e)} \Delta R_n^{(e)}$$

assume same normal modes

$$\Delta R_n^{(e)} = R_n - R_n^{(g)} - (R_n^{(e)} - R_n^{(g)}) = \sum_{\xi} M_n^{-1/2} A_{n\xi}^{(g)}(q_{\xi} - q_{\xi}^{(e)})$$
general shifted oscillator Hamiltonian
$$H_a = U_a(q_{\xi} = q_{\xi}^{(a)}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi} \left(p_{\xi}^2 + \omega_{a,\xi}^2(q_{\xi} - q_{\xi}^{(a)})^2 \right)$$

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

• Franck-Condon factor

$$\langle \chi_{aM} | \chi_{bN} \rangle = e^{-(\Delta g_{ab})^2/2} \sum_{m=0}^{M} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{(-1)^n (\Delta g_{ab})^{m+n}}{m!n!}$$
 PES shift

$$\times \sqrt{\frac{M!N!}{(M-m)!(N-n)!}} \delta_{M-m,N-n}$$
 $\Delta g_{ab} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega_{\xi}}{2\hbar}} (q_{\xi}^{(b)} - q_{\xi}^{(b)})$

• special case: Poisson distribution

 $|\langle \chi_{aM} | \chi_{b0} \rangle|^2 = e^{-(\Delta g_{ab})^2} \frac{(\Delta g_{ab})^{2M}}{M!}$





$$V^{(\text{anh})} = \frac{1}{3!} \sum_{klm} K_{klm} q_k q_l q_m + \frac{1}{4!} \sum_{klmn} K_{klmn} q_k q_l q_m q_n + \dots$$



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Reaction Surfaces

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



- ▶ divide nuclear DOF into active, *s*, and spectator, *Z*, coordinates
- expand w.r.t. a meaningful reference configuration

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

normal mode trafo

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

• reaction surface Hamiltonian

$$\begin{split} H &= \mathbf{T_s} + U(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}) + \mathbf{T_q} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q} \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{q} \\ & \text{mode mixing} & \text{forces on modes} \\ \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s}) &= \mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{M}^{-1/2} \kappa(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{M}^{-1/2} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{M}^{-1/2} \mathbf{A} \end{split}$$

(re)active system

spectator modes

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

reorganization energy

$$E_{\text{reorg}}(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}^{(0)}(\mathbf{s})\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s})\mathbf{q}^{(0)}(\mathbf{s})$$

 $q^{(0)}(s) = -[K(s)]^{-1} F(s)$



Coupled Electronic States

- consider two-state one coordinate (curve-crossing) system
 - adiabatic representation (dynamic coupling)

$$\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{ad}} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{\mathrm{nuc}} & \Theta_{+-} \\ \Theta_{+-} & T_{\mathrm{nuc}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} U_{+}(R) & 0 \\ 0 & U_{-}(R) \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{ad}} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{+} \\ \chi_{-} \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{+} \\ \chi_{-} \end{pmatrix}$$

diabatic representation (static coupling)

$$\mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{d}} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{\mathrm{nuc}} & 0\\ 0 & T_{\mathrm{nuc}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} U_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}(R) & V_{12}(R)\\ V_{12}(R) & U_{2}^{\mathrm{d}}(R) \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\begin{pmatrix} \chi_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}\\ \chi_{2}^{\mathrm{d}} \end{pmatrix} = E\begin{pmatrix} \chi_{1}^{\mathrm{d}}\\ \chi_{2}^{\mathrm{d}} \end{pmatrix}$$

related via an orthogonal transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \chi_+ \\ \chi_- \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^{\mathrm{d}} \\ \chi_2^{\mathrm{d}} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma(R) & \sin \gamma(R) \\ -\sin \gamma(R) & \cos \gamma(R) \end{pmatrix}$$

mixing angle $\gamma(R) = \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{2|V_{12}(R)|}{|U_1^d(R) - U_2^d(R)|}\right)$

• diabatic vs. adiabatic representation



$$U_{\pm}(R) = \frac{1}{2} \left(U_1^{\rm d}(R) + U_2^{\rm d}(R) \pm \sqrt{[U_1^{\rm d}(R) - U_2^{\rm d}(R)]^2 + 4|V_{12}(R)|^2} \right)$$

- 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

$$H_{\text{mol}} = \sum_{ab} (\delta_{ab} H_a(R) + (1 - \delta_{ab}) V_{ab}(R)) |\psi_a\rangle \langle\psi_b| \qquad \text{conical intersection}$$

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi} \left(p_{\xi}^2 + \omega_{\xi}^2 q_{\xi}^2 \right)$$

$$H_{a>0}(q_{\xi}) = H_0 + E_a + \sum_{\xi} \kappa_{\xi}^{(a)} q_{\xi} + \dots \qquad \text{tuning modes}$$

$$V_{ab}(q_{\xi}) = V_{ab}(q_{\xi} = 0) + \sum_{\xi} \lambda_{\xi}^{(ab)} q_{\xi} + \dots \qquad \text{scoupling modes}$$

• example: photostability of life



Molecules in the Condensed Phase



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

$$M_A \frac{d^2 \mathbf{R}}{dt^2} = -\nabla_A U(\{\mathbf{R}(t)\})$$

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



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



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

$$H = \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}} + U(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Z}^{(0)}) + \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{s})\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s})\mathbf{q}$$

relevant system

bath

system-bath coupling

- spectrum of bath modes arbitrary
- Caldeira-Leggett model

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

fluctuating force picture

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

stochastic models (Kubo, Haken-Strobl-Reineker)

$$\langle \delta H_{\rm S}(t) \delta H_{\rm S}(0) \rangle_{\rm bath} = f(t)$$



Quantum Dynamics: Schrödinger Equation

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

- standard approach
 - formal solution via time evolution operator

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

• if eigenstates are known

$$H|a\rangle = E_a|a\rangle$$
 $|\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum_a c_a(t)|a\rangle \rightarrow c_a(t) = c_a(0)e^{-iE_at/\hbar}$

if eigenstates are unknown, but some meaningful basis exists

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = \sum_{n} c_n(t)|n\rangle$$
 $i\hbar \frac{dc_n(t)}{dt} = \sum_{m} H_{nm}c_m(t)$

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



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3000 1.5 2500 1 2000 E/hc (cm-1) 0.5 1500 x/A 0 1000 -0.5 500 0 ∟ -1 -1 -0.5 0.5 0 1.5 0 50 100 150 200 1 x/A t/fs 3.5 4000 3 3500 2.5 3000 2 E/hc (cm-1) 2500 1.5 x/A 2000 1 0.5 1500 0 1000 -0.5 500 -1 0 200 600 1000 0 400 800 -0.5 0 0.5 1 x/A 1.5 2 2.5 3 -1 t/fs wave packet dephasing

harmonic vs. Morse oscillator

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• multi-dimensional extension (*f* DOF)

$$\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_f, t) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{N_1} \cdots \sum_{j_f=1}^{N_f} C_{j_1\dots j_f}(t) \,\phi_{j_1}^{(1)}(x_1) \cdots \phi_{j_f}^{(f)}(x_f)$$

$$i\hbar \dot{C}_{j_1,\dots,j_f} = \sum_{k_1,\dots,k_f} \langle \phi_{j_1}^{(1)} \dots \phi_{j_f}^{(f)} | H | \phi_{k_1}^{(1)} \dots \phi_{k_f}^{(f)} \rangle C_{k_1,\dots,k_f}$$

- example: f=6, N=20 there are $20^6=64\times10^6$ basis functions
- requires 3GB of memory for propagation
- dimensionality bottleneck

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• (partial) solution: time-dependent basis functions



Hartree product

• application to reaction surface Hamiltonian

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

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

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\phi(s,t) = [T_s + V_{\rm SCF}(s,t)]\phi(s,t)$$

spectator modes = driven oscillators

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

mean fields

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



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

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x};t) = \sum_{j_1\dots j_f} A_{j_1,\dots,j_f}(t) \,\phi_{j_1}^{(1)}(x_1;t) \times \dots \times \phi_{j_f}^{(f)}(x_f;t) = \sum_J A_J(t) \Phi_J(\mathbf{x};t)$$

- 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: $i\hbar\dot{A}_J = \sum_K H_{JK}A_K$

vector of single particle functions: $\bar{\phi}^{(\kappa)} = (\phi_1^{(\kappa)}, \dots, \phi_{n_\kappa}^{(\kappa)})^T$

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

Dissipative Quantum Dynamics

elementary processes in complex systems



system-bath (reservoir) situation

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system-bath Hamiltonian

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

• system defined by observable

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

introduction of reduced density operator

$$\rho(s,\bar{s},t) = \int dZ \,\Psi^*(s,Z,t)\Psi(\bar{s},Z,t) \quad \to \quad \rho(t) = \operatorname{tr}_{\mathbf{R}}\{W(t)\}$$
$$\langle O\rangle(t) = \int ds \left[O(\bar{s})\rho(s,\bar{s},t)\right]_{s=\bar{s}} = \operatorname{tr}_{\mathbf{S}}\{\rho(t)O\}$$

Liouville-von Neumann equation for total statistical operator

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



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

$$U_0(t-t_0) = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}H_{\rm S}(t-t_0)\right) \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}H_{\rm R}(t-t_0)\right)$$
$$W^{({\rm I})}(t) = U_0^+(t-t_0)W(t)U_0(t-t_0)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}W^{({\rm I})}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H_{\rm S-R}^{({\rm I})}(t), W^{({\rm I})}(t)]$$

equation of motion for reduced density density operator

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

equation not closed, use perturbation theory based on formal solution

$$W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t) = W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t_0) - \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_0}^t dt' \left[H^{(\mathrm{I})}_{\mathrm{S-R}}(t'), W^{(\mathrm{I})}(t') \right]$$
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assumptions: factorized S-R coupling & bath stays in equilibrium

$$W^{(I)}(t) = \rho^{(I)}(t) \otimes R_{eq}$$
 $R_{eq} = e^{-H_{R}/k_{B}T}/\mathrm{tr}_{R}\{e^{-H_{R}/k_{B}T}\}$

$$H_{\rm S-R} = \sum_{u} K_u \Phi_u \qquad \langle \Phi_u \rangle_{\rm R} = 0$$

second-order EOM for reduced density operator

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t) = -\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \int_{t_0}^t dt' \operatorname{tr}_{\mathrm{R}} \left\{ [H_{\mathrm{S-R}}^{(\mathrm{I})}(t), [H_{\mathrm{S-R}}^{(\mathrm{I})}(t'), R_{\mathrm{eq}}\rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t')]] \right\}$$

• four terms due to commutators

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t) = -\sum_{uv} \int_{t_0}^t dt' \left(C_{uv}(t-t') [K_u^{(\mathrm{I})}(t), K_v^{(\mathrm{I})}(t')\rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t')] - C_{vu}(-t+t') [K_u^{(\mathrm{I})}(t), \rho^{(\mathrm{I})}(t')K_v^{(\mathrm{I})}(t')] \right)$$

correlation function of bath fluctuations

$$C_{uv}(t) = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \langle \Delta \Phi_u(t) \Delta \Phi_v(0) \rangle_{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \langle \Phi_u^{(\mathbf{I})}(t) \Phi_v^{(\mathbf{I})}(0) \rangle_{\mathbf{R}} - \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \langle \Phi_u \rangle_{\mathbf{R}} \langle \Phi_v \rangle_{\mathbf{R}}$$

• EOM in Schrödinger representation

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

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

 $C_{uv}(\tau) \propto \exp(-\tau/\tau_{\rm mem})$

• Markov approximation ($C_{uv}(au) \propto \delta(au)$)

$$\rho(t-\tau) = U_{\rm S}(t-\tau-t_0)\rho^{({\rm I})}(t-\tau)U_{\rm S}^+(t-\tau-t_0)$$

$$\approx U_{\rm S}(-\tau)U_{\rm S}(t-t_0)\rho^{({\rm I})}(t)U_{\rm S}^+(t-t_0)U_{\rm S}^+(-\tau) = U_{\rm S}^+(\tau)\rho(t)U_{\rm S}(\tau)$$
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• Quantum Master Equation (QME)

$$\left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t}\right)_{\rm diss} = -\sum_{u,v} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left\{ C_{uv}(\tau) \left[K_u, K_v^{\rm (I)}(-\tau)\rho(t) \right]_- - C_{vu}(-\tau) \left[K_u, \rho(t) K_v^{\rm (I)}(-\tau) \right]_- \right\}$$

$$C_{uv}(t) = \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \langle \Delta \Phi_u(t) \Delta \Phi_v(0) \rangle_{\mathrm{R}} \qquad K_v^{(\mathrm{I})}(-\tau) = U_{\mathrm{S}}(\tau) K_v U_{\mathrm{S}}^+(\tau)$$

- beyond the Markovian and perturbative QME
 - > path integral method
 - hierarchy equations of motion

- multi-level Redfield equations
 - eigenstates of the relevant system $H_{
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$$\left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t}\right)_{\rm diss} = -\sum_{u,v} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left\{ C_{uv}(\tau) \left[K_u, K_v^{\rm (I)}(-\tau)\rho(t) \right]_- - C_{vu}(-\tau) \left[K_u, \rho(t)K_v^{\rm (I)}(-\tau) \right]_- \right\}$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial\rho_{ab}}{\partial t}\right)_{\rm diss.} = -\sum_{cd} R_{ab,cd}\rho_{cd}(t)$$

Redfield relaxation tensor

$$R_{ab,cd} = \delta_{ac} \sum_{e} \Gamma_{be,ed}(\omega_{de}) + \delta_{bd} \sum_{e} \Gamma_{ae,ec}(\omega_{ce}) - \Gamma_{ca,bd}(\omega_{db}) - \Gamma_{db,ac}(\omega_{ca})$$

damping matrix

$$\Gamma_{ab,cd}(\omega) = \operatorname{Re}\sum_{u,v} K_{ab}^{(u)} K_{cd}^{(v)} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\tau \ e^{i\omega\tau} C_{uv}(\tau)$$
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harmonic oscillator bath (Caldeira-Leggett model)

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

correlation function

$$C(t) = \sum_{\xi} \omega_{\xi}^2 S_{\xi}([(1+n(\omega_{\xi})]e^{-i\omega_{\xi}t} + n(\omega_{\xi})e^{i\omega_{\xi}t}) \qquad S_{\xi} = g_{\xi}^2/2$$
$$C(\omega) = 2\pi\omega^2 [1+n(\omega_{\xi})][J(\omega) - J(-\omega)]$$

spectral density

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

- model spectral densities
 - Ohmic spectral density with cut-off: $\omega^2 J(\omega) = \Theta(\omega) j_0 \omega e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$
 - Debye spectral density (solutes in polar solvents)



 $\omega^2 J(\omega) = \Theta(\omega) \frac{j_0 \omega}{\omega^2 + \omega_{\rm P}^2}$

correlation time: $\omega_{\rm D}^{-1}$

 $\text{Ohmic limit} \quad \omega_{\mathrm{D}}^{-1} \to 0$ $C(\omega) \propto \omega$

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

Redfield tensor: Rab,cd

population transfer (a=b, c=d)

$$R_{aa,cc} = 2\delta_{ac} \sum_{e} \Gamma_{ae,ea}(\omega_{ae}) - 2\Gamma_{ca,ac}(\omega_{ca}) = \delta_{ac} \sum_{e} k_{ae} - k_{ca}$$

energy relaxation rate $k_{ab} = 2\Gamma_{ab,ba}(\omega_{ab}) = \sum_{v,v} K^{(u)}_{ab} K^{(v)}_{ba} C_{uv}(\omega_{ab})$

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

$$R_{ab,ab} \equiv \gamma_{ab} = \sum_{e} \left(\Gamma_{ae,ea}(\omega_{ae}) + \Gamma_{be,eb}(\omega_{be}) \right) - \Gamma_{aa,bb}(0) - \Gamma_{bb,aa}(0)$$

dephasing rate due to energy relaxation $\gamma_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \sum k_{ae} + \frac{1}{2} \sum k_{be} + \gamma_{ab}^{(pd)}$

pure dephasing rate $\gamma^{(\mathrm{pd})}_{ab} = -\sum_{u.v} K^{(u)}_{aa} K^{(v)}_{bb} C_{uv}(\omega=0)$

• a simple example: the damped harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho_{MN} = -\delta_{MN} \sum_{K} \left(k_{MK}\rho_{MM} - k_{KM}\rho_{KK} \right) \qquad k_{MN} = |\langle M|K(s)|N\rangle|^2 C(\omega_{MN}) -(1 - \delta_{MN}) \left(i\Omega_s(M - N) + \gamma_M + \gamma_N \right) \rho_{MN} \qquad \gamma_M = \sum_N k_{MN}/2$$

$$\langle M|K(s)|N\rangle = \left(\sqrt{N}\,\delta_{M,N-1} + \sqrt{N+1}\,\delta_{M,N+1}\right)$$

relaxation rates





