Molecular Quantum Dynamics with Tensor Trains

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Retinal cis-trans isomerization as the first step of vision



Crystal structure of Bovine Rhodopsin. Retinal chromophore in red. *Acta Cryst,* D64, 902–904 (PDB:3C9L).



The primary photochemical step in vision. Adapted from *Nat. Chem.* 7, 975.

Overview: Wavepacket propagation of chemical processes

Extract physics from $|\psi(t)\rangle$



 $\psi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{3N-6}; t_0)$: high-dimensional initial nuclear wavepacket

Molecular system, normal mode=3N-6, N=# of atoms



$$- \psi(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{3N-6}; t)$$

Molecular drawing adapted from "Photochemistry of Vision", https://theperspectiveinscience.wordpress.com/2015/03/01/photochemistry-of-vision/.



Challenge for theoretical chemists: 3N-6 DoF for molecules



Data compression via tensor train decomposition

- Stores information about each physical dimension in one individual array;
- Storage scales linearly with dimensionality ($^{\sim}dnr^{2}$) as opposed to n^{d} of full array:



• Physically, we focus on one particular subset of all possible configurations:



Often, chemists need no more than a corner of the Hilbert space!

TT-SOKSL methodology: efficient TT propagator

- Initialize $|\psi_x(t=0)\rangle$ in position representation as a tensor train array;
- Carry out split-operator Fourier Transform propagation with time-independent $\widehat{H} = \widehat{T} + \widehat{V}$:

$$|\psi_{x}(t=\tau)\rangle = e^{-i(\hat{T}+\hat{V})\tau/\hbar}|\psi_{x}(0)\rangle \approx e^{-\frac{i\hat{V}\tau}{2\hbar}}e^{-\frac{i\hat{V}\tau}{\hbar}}e^{-\frac{i\hat{V}\tau}{2\hbar}}|\psi_{x}(0)\rangle = e^{-\frac{i\hat{V}\tau}{2\hbar}}FT[e^{-\frac{i\hat{T}\tau}{\hbar}}IFT[e^{-\frac{i\hat{V}\tau}{2\hbar}}|\psi_{x}(0)\rangle]].$$

• Instead of explicitly calculating the exponentials (as in TT-SOFT), their actions are evaluated by integrating equations as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\psi_{1}(t)\rangle = -\frac{i\hat{V}}{2\hbar} |\psi_{1}(t)\rangle, \text{ with } |\psi_{1}(0)\rangle = |\psi_{x}(0)\rangle \xrightarrow[MY(t)]{integrating from 0 to \tau} |\psi_{1}(\tau)\rangle = e^{-\frac{i\hat{V}\tau}{2\hbar}} |\psi_{x}(0)\rangle$$
which are performed with the TT-KSL integrator.
Illustration of the time-
dependent variational principle (TDVP).
Greene, S.; Batista, V.S. J. Chem. Theory Comput. **2017**, 13, 4034-4042.
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25 dimensional model of retinal isomerization

Two PESs coupled through conical intersection, each PES with one strongly anharmonic reaction coordinate (θ , $C_{11} = C_{12}$ dihedral angle), one polyene chain stretching coupling coordinate (q_c), and 23 harmonic bath coordinates with Raman active frequencies.





TT-SOKSL for the retinal model

TT-Thermofield Dynamics: Finite temperature propagation

- Fixed temperature quantum system described as density matrix: e.g. thermal equilibrium initial density matrix $\rho(\beta, t = 0) = e^{-\beta \hat{H}} / Z(\beta)$
- Dynamics of $\rho(\beta, t)$ described by quantum Liouville equation: $\dot{\rho}(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}]$
- TT-TFD propagates $\rho(\beta, t)$ of high-dimensional systems by writing the *d*dimensional density matrix as a 2*d*-dimensional state vector in tensor train format.



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TT-SOKSL and TT-TFD as benchmarks

• As numerically exact methods, TT-SOKSL and TT-TFD provide benchmarking results for reduced dynamics methods or methods with classical approximations.



Figures from Prof. Xiang Sun's group website, https://wp.nyu.edu/xiangsun/research/

TT-TFD with approximate quantum dynamical methods

• Approximate methods: propagate the system classically when possible



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TT-TFD with Generalized Quantum Master Equations

• GQME: compact equation of motion for a particularly interesting subset of system (i.e. electronic states in a vibronic system), while the rest of the system (i.e. vibrational DoF) only gets their influence on the subset evaluated:



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Summary

- We developed new, accurate large-scale molecular wavepacket propagation schemes based on tensor train decomposition, which helped to solve the very challenging retinal cis-trans isomerization problem;
- We carried out zero temperature and finite temperature tensor train propagations that 1) established reduced GQME as a numerically exact method and 2) explored the accuracy and suitability of semiclassical and mixed quantumclassical method with various models.

Thank you for your attention!