Modeling Nonadiabatic Dynamics on Many Electronic States

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- Can be applied to systems where computing the full eigenspectrum would cause dynamics simulations to become intractable!

Correcting Dynamics for Electronic Coherence Loss

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Collapse 'to a block' (TAB) corrected Ehrenfest Dynamics



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TAB wave function collapse procedure inputs

- 1) The trajectory density matrix generated from the Ehrenfest wave function $\mathbf{\rho}^c = \mathbf{c}(t)\mathbf{c}^*(t)$
- 2) The state-pairwise decoherence times

$$\tau_{ij}^{-2} = \sum_{\eta} \frac{\left(F_{\eta,i}^{avg} - F_{\eta,j}^{avg}\right)^2}{\hbar^2 \alpha_{\eta}}$$

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3) The adiabatic electronic states

$$HV = EV$$

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- Split the wave function into its real and 1) imaginary parts at electronic time steps
- Store the most recent *N* time steps in 2) an array **X**



 $\mathbf{X}_{M,2N} = \left[\mathbf{c}_{R}\left(t - \left(N - 1\right)\Delta t_{e}\right), \mathbf{c}_{I}\left(t - \left(N - 1\right)\Delta t_{e}\right), \cdots, \mathbf{c}_{R}\left(t - \Delta t_{e}\right), \mathbf{c}_{I}\left(t - \Delta t_{e}\right), \mathbf{c}_{R}\left(t\right), \mathbf{c}_{I}\left(t\right)\right]\right]$

$$\mathbf{X}_{M,2N} = \mathbf{Q}_{M,2N} \mathbf{R}_{2N,2N}$$

transformation matrix into the orthogonalized basis

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TAB-DMS Inputs (TAB using an approximate electronic basis)

- 1) The trajectory density matrix generated from the Ehrenfest wave function $\mathbf{\rho}^{k} = \mathbf{V}^{kT}(t)\mathbf{Q}^{T}(t)\mathbf{c}(t)\mathbf{c}^{*}(t)\mathbf{Q}(t)\mathbf{V}^{k}(t)$
- 2) The state-pairwise decoherence times

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3) The approximate adiabatic electronic states $\mathbf{H}^{k}\mathbf{V}^{k} = \mathbf{E}^{k}\mathbf{V}^{k}$

Model PESs for Probabilities of Transmission











Conclusions

- We have demonstrated the history of the time-dependent Ehrenfest wave function can be used to generate a small approximate electronic basis that can be used by compatible decoherence corrections to Ehrenfest dynamics
- Using a modest fraction of the total number of real electronic states TAB-DMS produces results in statistical agreement to TAB
- Well parameterized TAB and TAB-DMS ensembles reasonably reproduce fully quantum mechanical probabilities of transmission
- Work is being done to improve the accuracy of intuitive parameter TAB ensembles, since the intuitive parameters can be reasonably approximated for real systems using the ground state harmonic vibrational wave function.

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