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# Quantum dissipative dynamics approach to many-body open quantum systems

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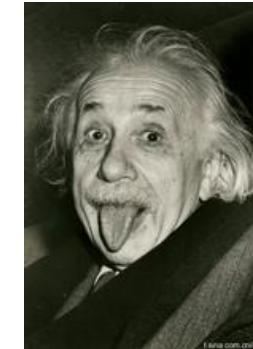
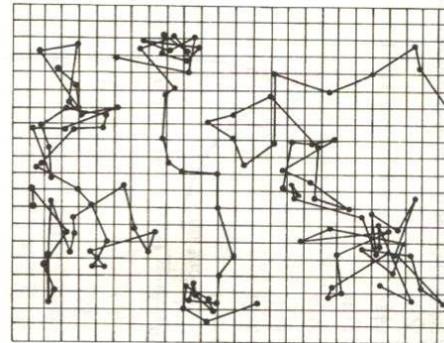
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# Classical dissipative system

## ➤ Brownian motion



**Experiment  
(1827)**



**Theory  
(Einstein 1905)**

- Langevin Equation (1908)

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\lambda \frac{dx}{dt} + \eta(t)$$

Friction  
(dissipation)

Random driving  
(fluctuation)

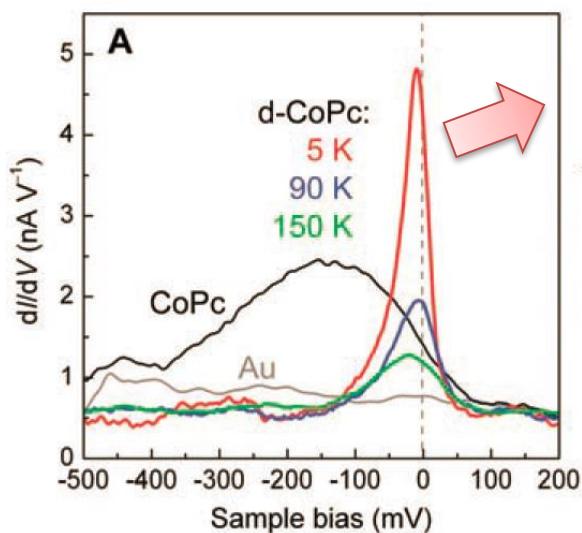
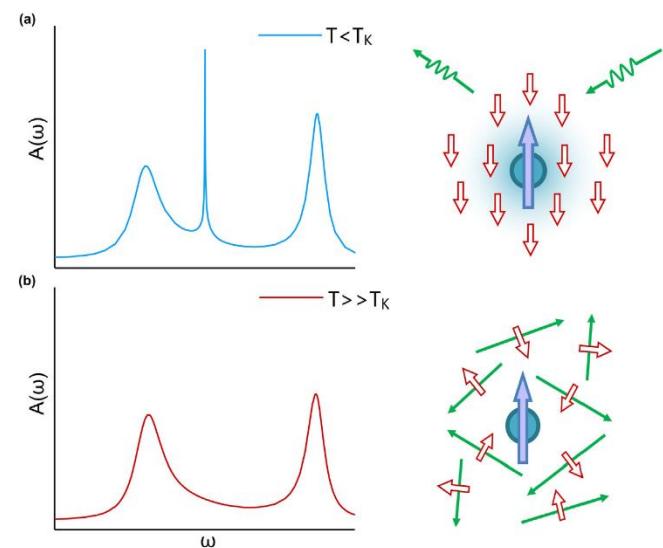
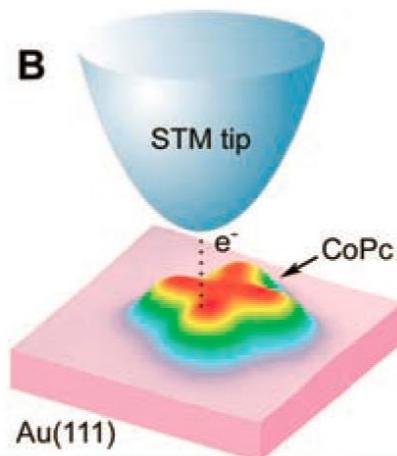
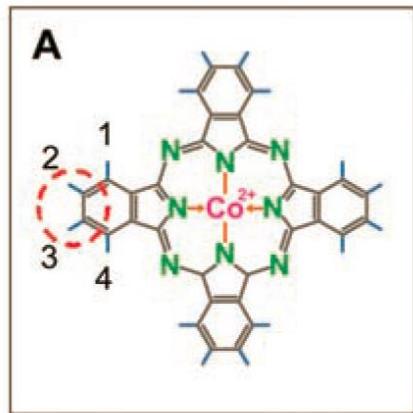
- Fokker-Planck Equation (1914)

$$\frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial [\mu(x, t)p]}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 [D(x, t)p]}{\partial x^2}$$

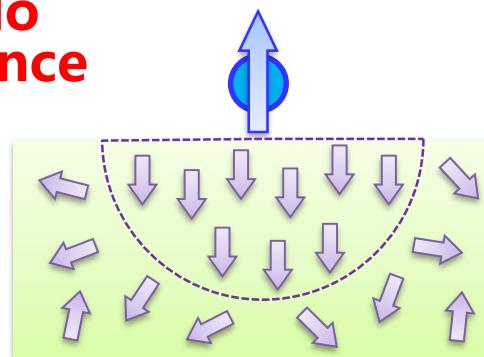
Particles' drift

Diffusion

# Kondo state in molecule/metal composite



**Kondo resonance**



**Kondo state**

**Jun Kondo**

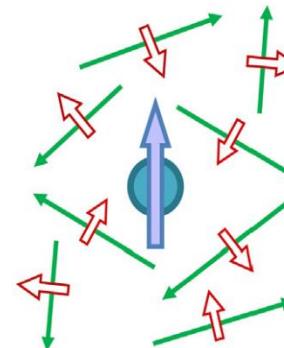
# Classical vs quantum environment<sup>5</sup>

## ➤ Brownian motion

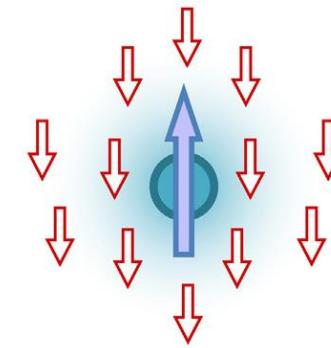


fluctuation & dissipation

## ➤ Kondo screening



High  $T$



Low  $T$

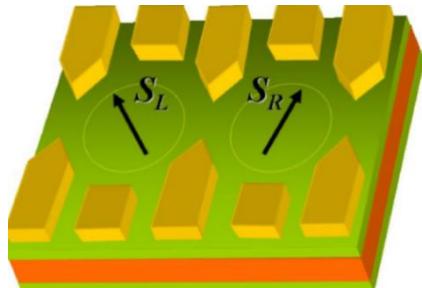
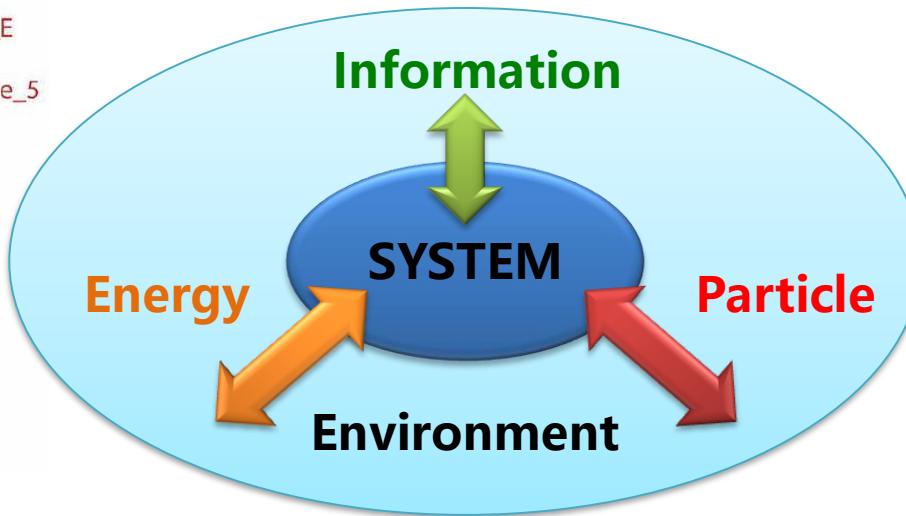
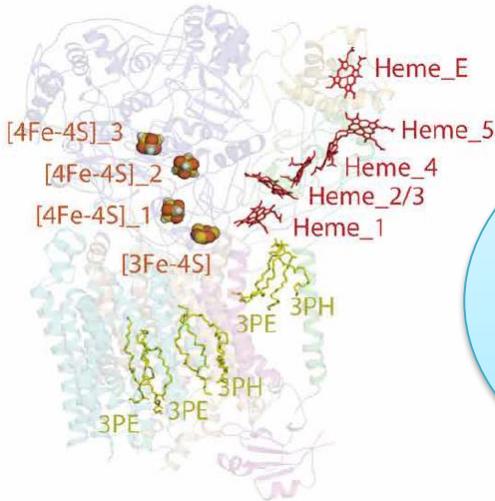
quantum coherence & correlation

## ➤ Active roles of environment

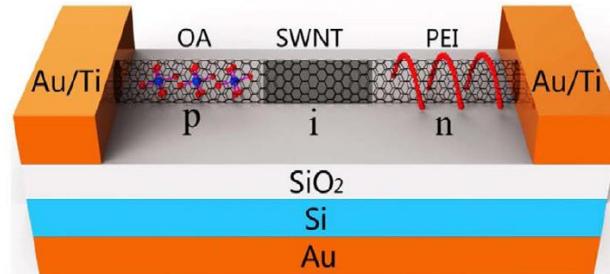
- Enable formation of unconventional quantum states
- Mediate or screen long-range many-body interaction
- Provide new channels for tuning system properties

# Open quantum systems

## Electron transfer in enzymes

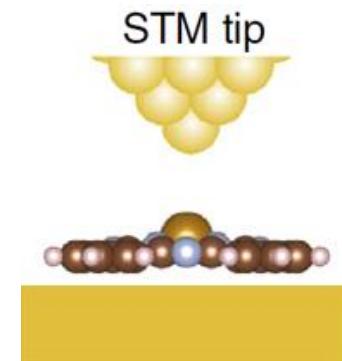
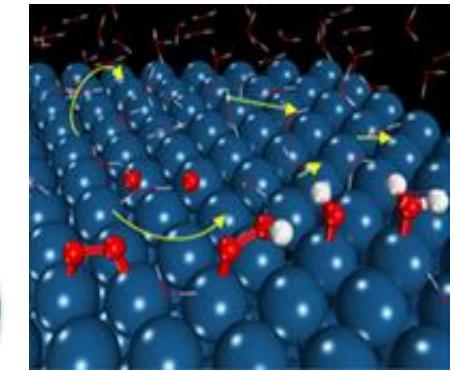


**Solid-state qubits**



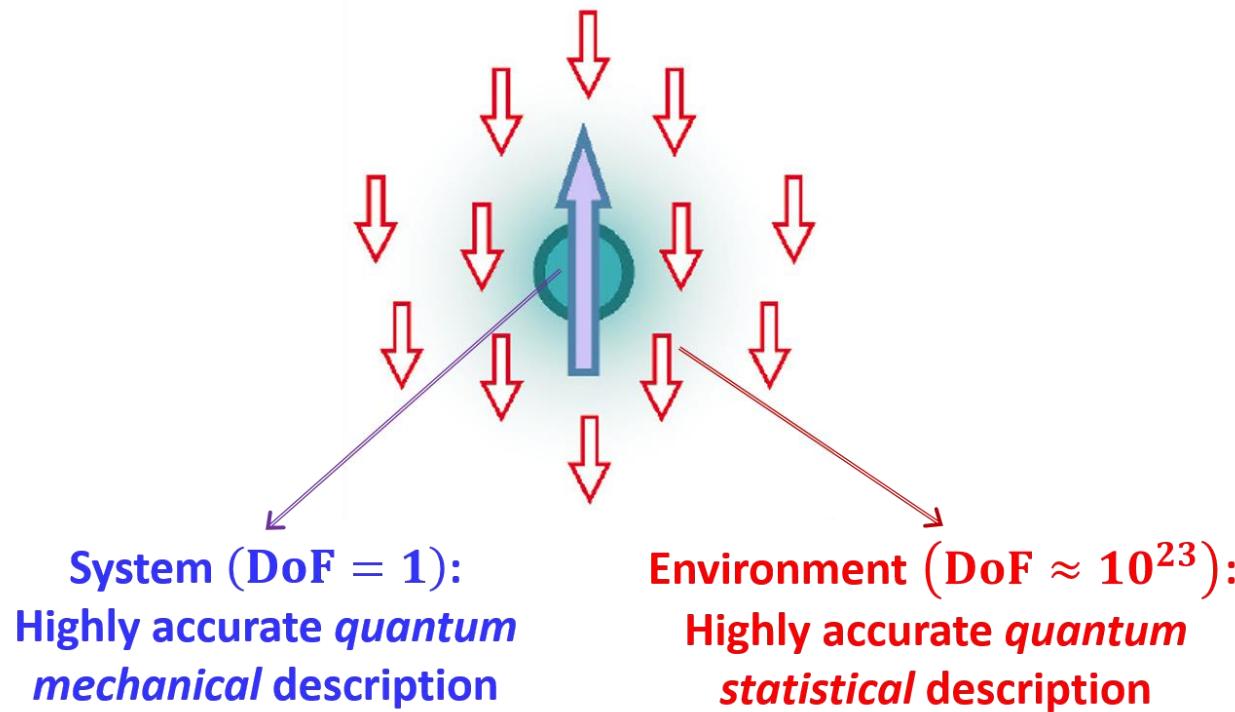
**Nanoelectronic devices**

## Electrochemical interfaces



**Molecular junctions**

# An open-system perspective



- Simulate real complex systems
- Reproduce and predict experimental observations
- Reveal mechanisms behind exotic quantum phenomena

# Methods for many-body open quantum systems<sup>8</sup>

## ➤ Numerical renormalization group (NRG)

Wilson (1975), Costi (1997), Weichselbaum and von Delft (2007)

## ➤ Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)

Hirsch and Fye (1986), Gull et al. (2011), Cohen et al. (2015)

## ➤ Density matrix renormalization group (DMRG)

White (1992), Xiang (1996), Shuai (1997), White and Feiguin (2004), Vidal (2004)

## ➤ Single- and many-body Green function (GF)

Kadanoff and Baym (1962), Myohanen et al. (2008), Thygesen and Rubio (2008)

## ➤ Exact diagonalization (ED)

Dagotto (1994), Caffarel and Krauth (1994), Si et al. (1994)

## ➤ Real-time path-integral

Muhlbacher and Rabani (2008), Weiss and Egger (2008), Segal, Millis, and Reichman (2010)

## ➤ Many others

# Quantum dissipation theories

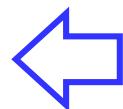
- Isolated system: Schrödinger/Liouville equation

$$\dot{\rho}_T(t) = -i [H_T, \rho_T]$$

- Open system

$$H_T = H_{\text{sys}} + H_{\text{bath}} + H_{\text{sb}}$$

Reduced  
density matrix



$$\rho(t) \equiv \text{tr}_B[\rho_T(t)]$$

$$\dot{\rho}(t) = -i [H_{\text{sys}}, \rho(t)] - \underline{\mathcal{R} \rho} \quad \text{dissipation}$$

- Problem: What is the exact form of  $\mathcal{R}$  ?

# An overview of theories

## ➤ Quantum master equation (Mori-Zwanzig projection)

$$\dot{\rho}(t) = -i[H_{\text{sys}}, \rho(t)] - \int_{-\infty}^t d\tau \underline{C(t, \tau)} \rho(\tau)$$

**Memory effect**

- Perturbative approximation: weak system-bath coupling

## □ Lindblad master equation

$$\dot{\hat{\rho}} = \mathcal{L}\hat{\rho} = -i[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \sum_j \frac{\gamma_j}{2} [2\hat{L}_j \hat{\rho} \hat{L}_j^\dagger - \{\hat{L}_j^\dagger \hat{L}_j, \hat{\rho}\}]$$

- Markovian approximation:  $C(t, \tau) \sim \delta(t - \tau)$
- ✓ Preserves positivity of reduced density matrix

# An overview of theories

## ➤ Exact theories

### □ Hierarchical equations of motion (HEOM)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\rho}_{j_1, \dots, j_K}^{(n)}(t) = & - \left[ i\hat{L}_A + n\gamma + \sum_{k=1}^K j_k \nu_k + \hat{\Xi} \right] \hat{\rho}_{j_1, \dots, j_K}^{(n)}(t) \\ & + \hat{\Phi} \left[ \hat{\rho}_{j_1, \dots, j_K}^{(n+1)}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{\rho}_{j_1, \dots, j_k+1, \dots, j_K}^{(n)}(t) \right] \\ & + n\hat{\Theta}_0 \hat{\rho}_{j_1, \dots, j_K}^{(n-1)}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^K j_k \hat{\Theta}_k \hat{\rho}_{j_1, \dots, j_k-1, \dots, j_K}^{(n)}(t)\end{aligned}$$



**Ryogo Kubo**

Tanimura and Kubo (1989), Yan and Shao et al. (2004), Xu and Yan (2005), Jin, Zheng and Yan (2008), Shi et al. (2009), Wu (2015)

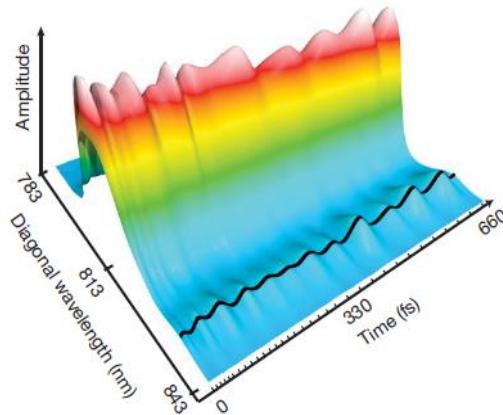
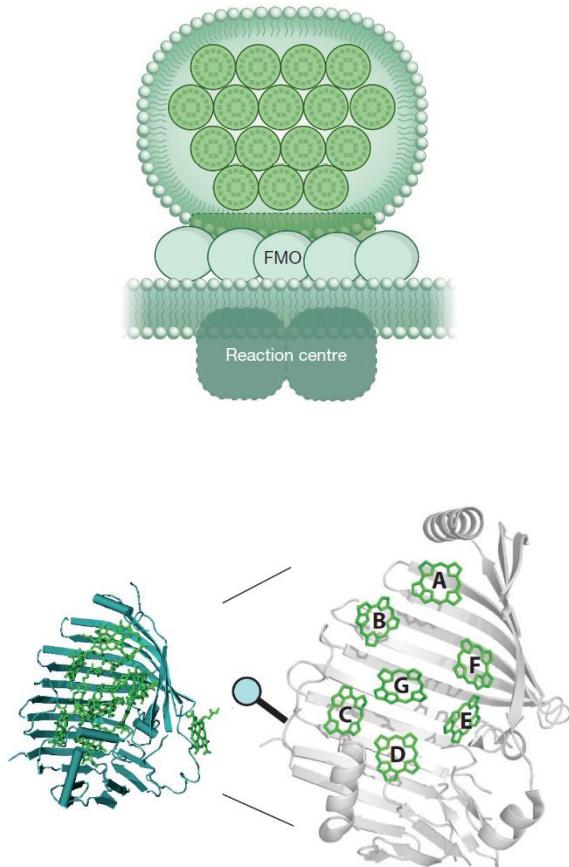
### □ Stochastic equation of motion (SEOM)

$$i\hbar\dot{\rho} = [H_0, \rho] + \frac{\mu}{2} [q^2, \rho] - \xi[q, \rho] - \frac{\hbar}{2} \nu\{q, \rho\}$$

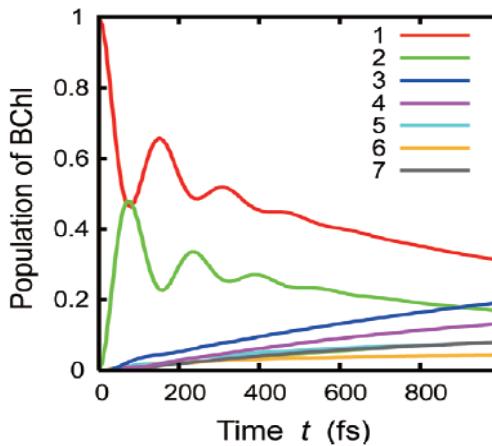
Stockburger and Mak (1998), Stockburger and Grabert (2002), Shao (2004), Moix and Cao (2013), Zhu, Liu and Shi (2013), Han and Zheng et al. (2019)

# Quantum coherence in living systems<sup>12</sup>

## ➤ Fenna-Matthews-Olson (FMO) complex in photosystem



Experiment  
(2D spectrum)

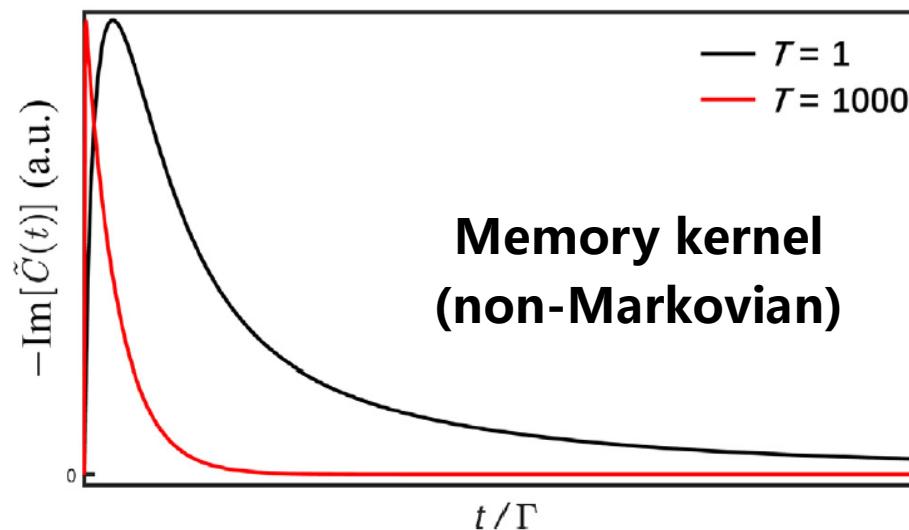


Simulation  
(HEOM method)

# Challenges

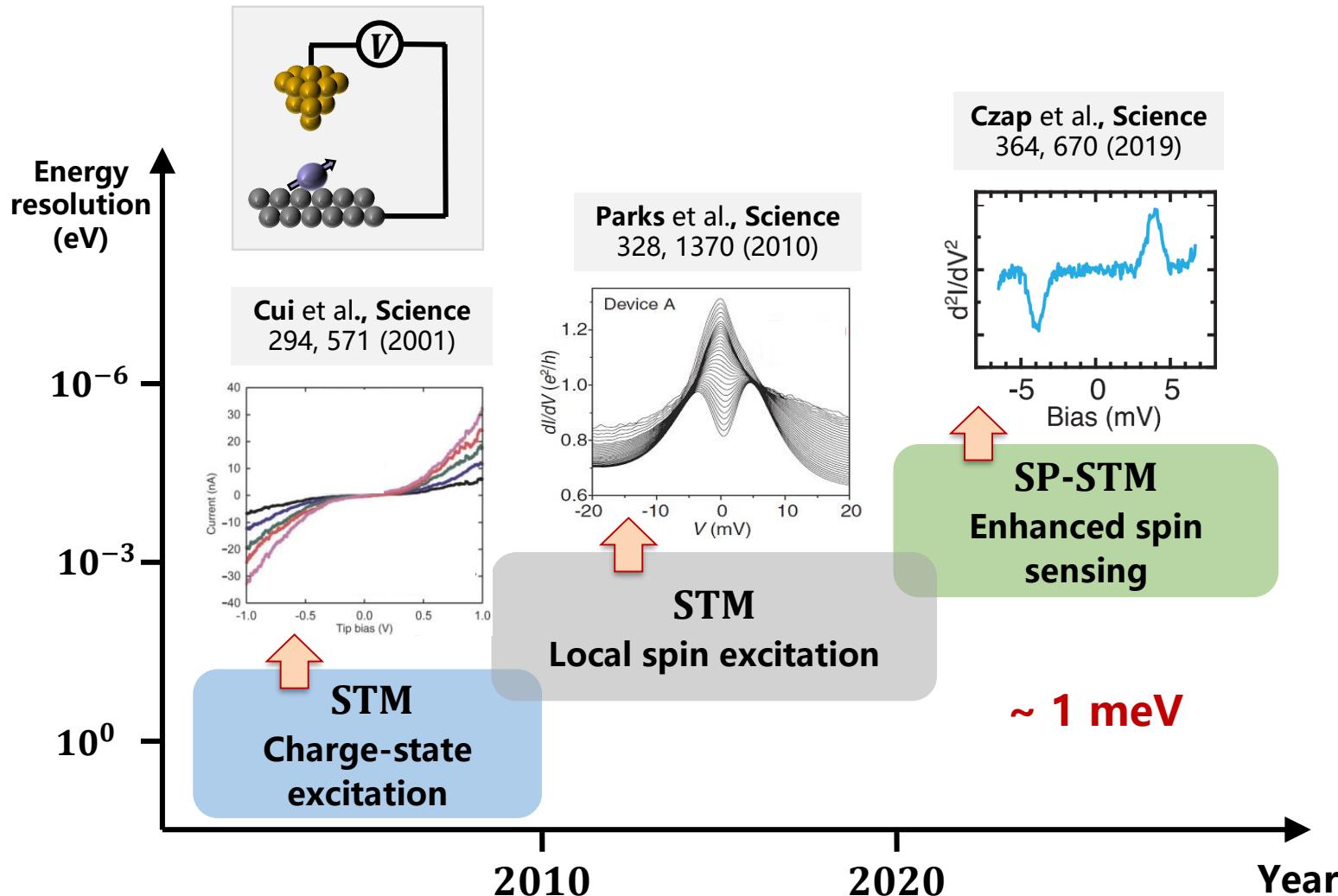
## ➤ Limitations of existing theoretical methods

- Bosonic environment
  - High temperature
  - Weak coupling regime
  - Simple model systems
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- Fermionic environment
  - Low temperature
  - Strong coupling regime
  - Real complex systems



# Significant advancements in experiments

- Theoretical challenge: unprecedentedly high energy resolution



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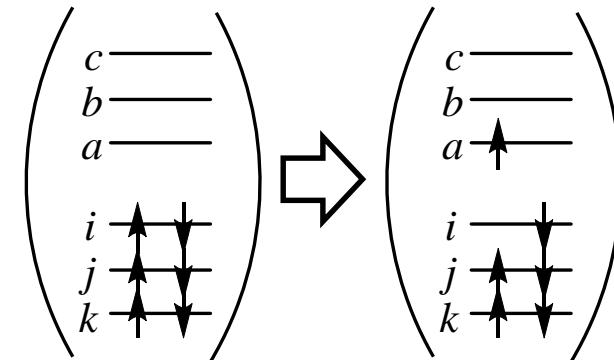
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# Coupled cluster (CC) theory

## ➤ CC expansion of electron excitations

$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{T}} |\Phi_0\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Reference state}}$$

$$T = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots$$



$$T_n = \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} \sum_{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n} t_{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n}^{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} \hat{a}^{a_1} \hat{a}^{a_2} \dots \hat{a}^{a_n} \hat{a}_{i_n} \dots \hat{a}_{i_2} \hat{a}_{i_1}$$

**Amplitudes of excitations**

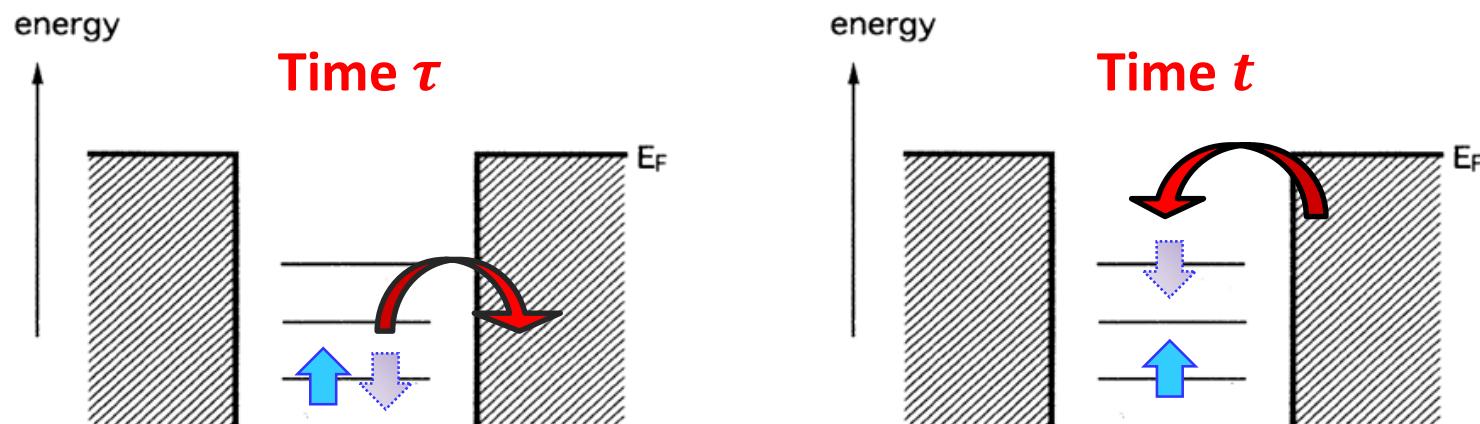
$\hat{a}^a = \hat{a}_a^\dagger$  and  $\hat{a}_i$  denote the creation and annihilation operators

# Path integral formulation

- CC-like expansion for impurity-reservoir coupling

$$\rho = \mathcal{U}(t, t_0) \rho_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \rho = \int e^{-\int_{t_0}^t \mathcal{R}(\tau) d\tau} \rho_0$$

$$\mathcal{R}(t) = \sum_{\sigma=\pm} (\psi_t^{\bar{\sigma}} + \psi_t'^{\bar{\sigma}}) \int_{t_0}^t d\tau \left\{ C^{\sigma}(t - \tau) \psi_{\tau}^{\sigma} - [C^{\bar{\sigma}}(t - \tau)]^* \psi_{\tau}^{\prime\sigma} \right\}$$



Environment-mediated excitations

# Construction of fermionic HEOM

- Decomposition of memory kernel: elementary process

$$C^\sigma(t) = \sum_{m=1}^M B_m^\sigma e^{-\gamma_m^\sigma t}$$

- Excitations with characteristic memory times  $\{1/\gamma_m^\sigma\}$

$$\mathcal{R}(t) = \sum_{\sigma=\pm} \mathcal{R}^\sigma(t) = \sum_{\sigma=\pm} \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{R}_m^\sigma(t)$$

$$\partial_t \mathcal{R}_m^\sigma(t) \propto -\gamma_m^\sigma \mathcal{R}_m^\sigma + B_m^\sigma \psi_t$$

- Auxiliary density operators (ADOs) as amplitudes of excitations

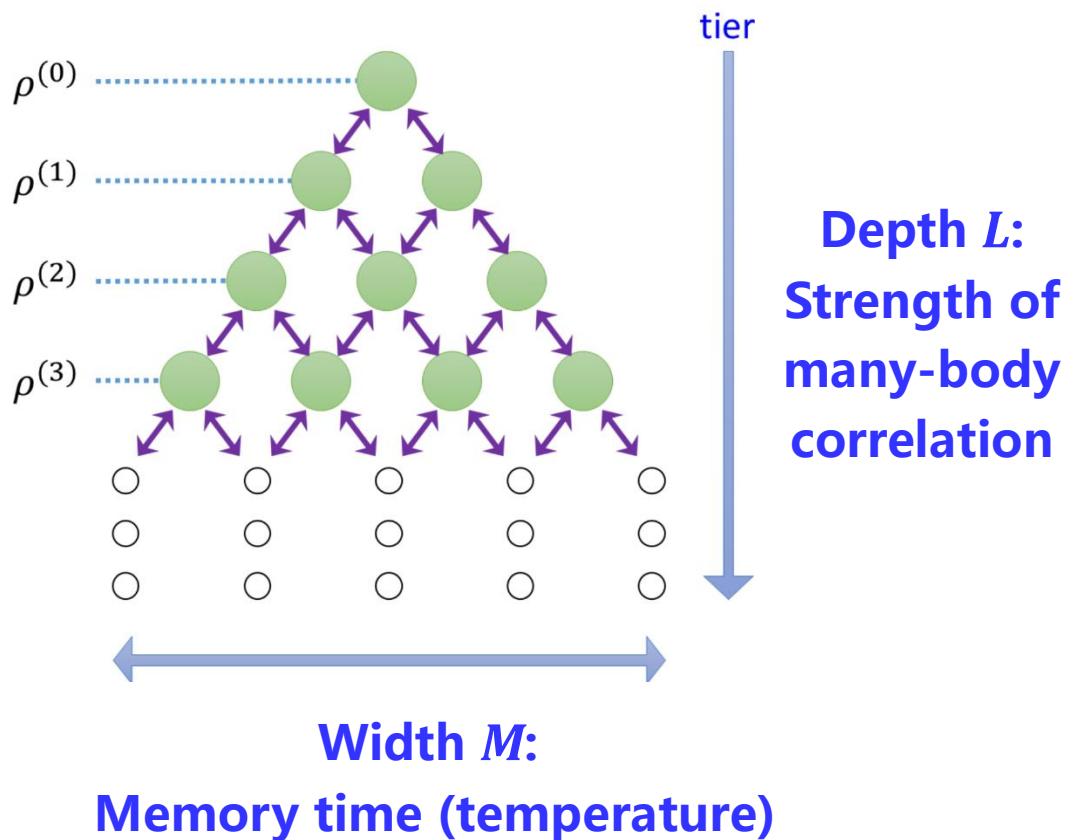
$$\rho_{m_1 \dots m_I n_1 \dots n_J}^{(-\dots-+\dots+)} \propto (-i)^{I+J} \mathcal{F} \mathcal{R}_{m_I}^- \dots \mathcal{R}_{m_1}^- \mathcal{R}_{n_J}^+ \dots \mathcal{R}_{n_1}^+ \rho_0$$

# Construction of fermionic HEOM

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$$\dot{\rho}_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{(n)} = \left( -i\mathcal{L}_s + \sum_{r=1}^n \gamma_{jr} \right) \rho_{j_1 \dots j_n}^{(n)} + \sum_{j=1}^{N_j} \mathcal{A}_j \rho_{j_1 \dots j_n j}^{(n+1)} + \sum_{r=1}^n \mathcal{C}_{jr} \rho_{j_1 \dots j_{r-1} j_{r+1} \dots j_n}^{(n-1)}$$

- ✓ **Formally exact**
- **Computational cost scales exponentially with  $M$  and  $L$**
- **Careful handling of truncation error**



# Roadmap for fermionic HEOM method<sup>40</sup>

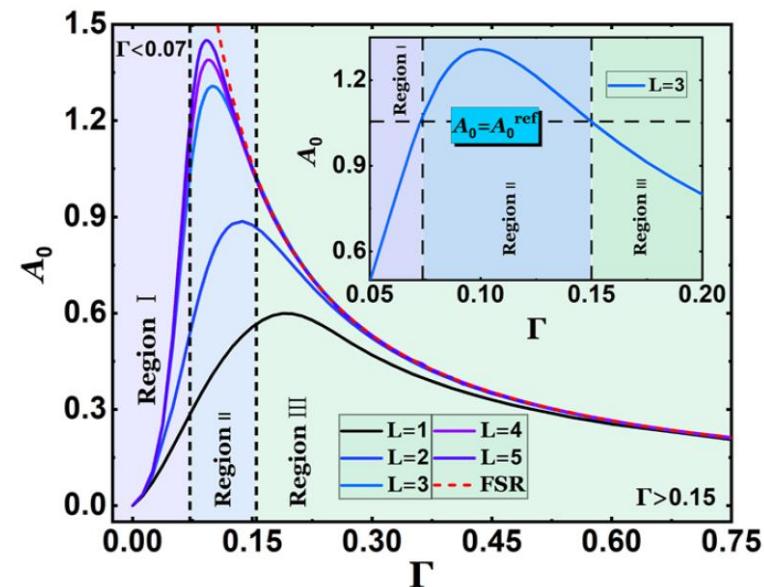
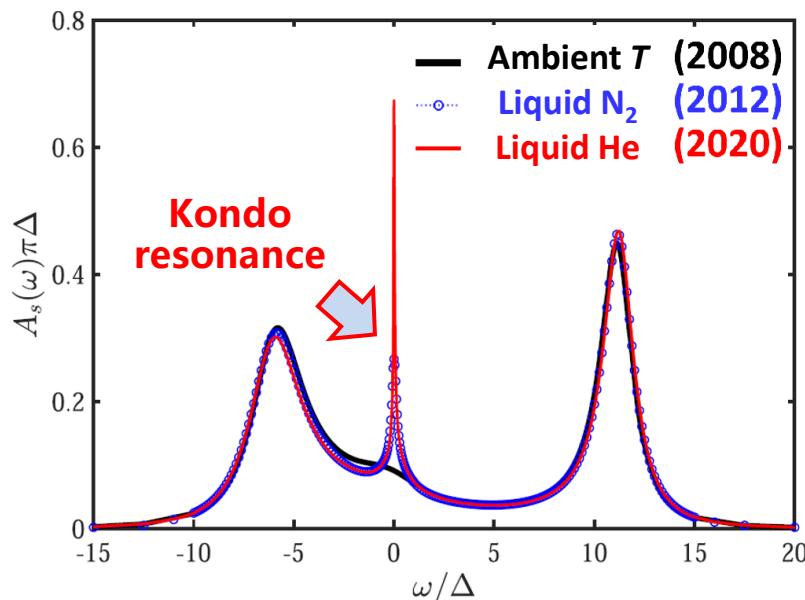
## Enhanced efficiency & extensive applications

- Matsubara spectrum decomposition
  - Time-dependent electron transport
  - Steady-state properties
  - Quantum resonances
  - DMFT-HEOM for 1D Hubbard model
  - Mott metal-insulator transition
  - Thermoelectric properties
  - Fano spectrum decomposition
  - Competition between Kondo and spin excitation
  - Local temperatures out of equilibrium
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- The timeline diagram illustrates the progression of the HEOM method over time. It features a horizontal arrow pointing to the right, divided into five segments by blue rectangular boxes labeled with years: 2007, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019, and 2021. Above the timeline, three upward-pointing blue arrows are positioned above the 2007, 2014, and 2019 boxes. Below the timeline, three downward-pointing blue arrows are positioned below the 2012, 2016, and 2021 boxes.
- Padé spectrum decomposition
  - Kondo phenomena
  - Dynamic response properties
  - HEOM-space Linear response theory
  - Sparse matrix technique
  - Derivative-based terminator
  - DFT+HEOM for realistic systems
  - Adiabatic terminator
  - Projector for subsystem HEOM
  - Prony fitting decomposition
  - Spin excitation
  - Long-time dynamics

# Numerical performance of HEOM

## ➤ Single-impurity Anderson model

$$A_s(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \langle \{ \hat{d}_s(t), \hat{d}_s^\dagger \} \rangle$$



**Highly accurate results achieved in low- $T$  and strong- $\Gamma$  regimes**

- Li, Zheng, and Yan et al., **Phys. Rev. Lett.** 109, 266403 (2012)
- Zhang and Zheng et al., **J. Chem. Phys.** 152, 064107 (2020)
- Ding and Zheng et al., **J. Chem. Phys.** 157, 224107 (2022)

# Stochastic theories for boson bath<sup>22</sup>

- Non-Markovian quantum state diffusion (NMQSD)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \psi_t = -iH\psi_t + L\psi_t z_t - L^\dagger \int_0^t \alpha(t,s) \frac{\delta\psi_t}{\delta z_s} ds$$

$\{z_t\}$ : complex Gaussian white noises

Gisin and Percival (1992), Diósi and Strunz (1997), Jing and Yu (2010), Zhao et al. (2015)

- Stochastic equation of motion (SEOM) method

$$i\hbar\dot{\rho} = [H_0, \rho] + \frac{\mu}{2} [q^2, \rho] - \xi[q, \rho] - \frac{\hbar}{2} \nu\{q, \rho\}$$

$\{\xi, \nu\}$ : complex Gaussian colored noises

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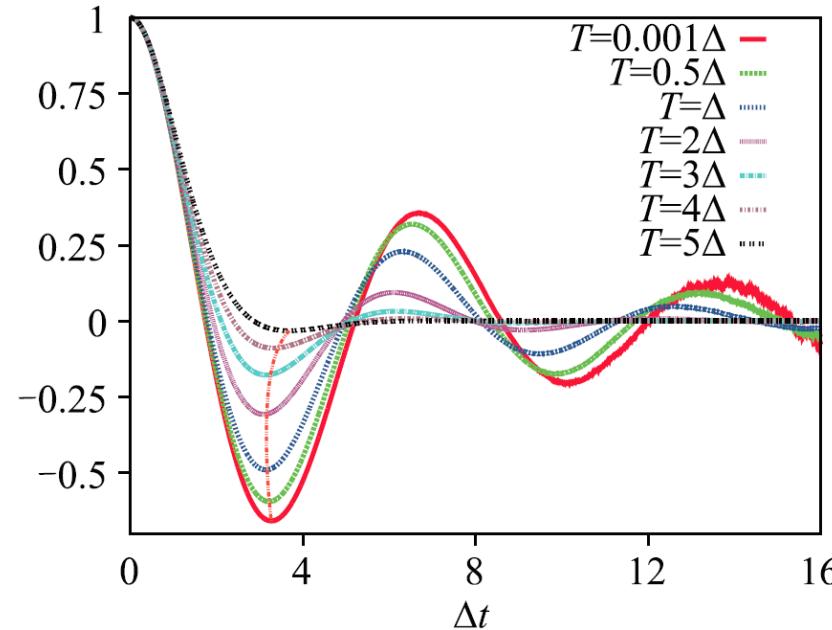
A single equation yields exact dissipative dynamics

# Bosonic stochastic EOM

- Dissipative two-level system (spin-boson model)

decoupled initial state

40 million trajectories



Yan and Shao, Front. Phys. China (2016)

**Evolution of population**

$$\sigma_z(t) = \langle \hat{\sigma}_z \rho(t) \rangle = \mathcal{M}\{\text{tr}(\hat{\sigma}_z \rho)\}$$

**SEOM can easily access low-temperature regime**

# Fermionic stochastic EOM?

- **Analytic formulation** of fermion Brownian motion was proposed as early as in 1980s

Barnett, Streater and Wilder (1982), Applebaum and Hudson (1984), Rogers (1987)

- Both NMQSD and SEOM were **formally** extended to fermionic open systems

Zhao and Yu et al. (2012), Chen and You (2013), Suess, Strunz and Eisfeld (2015)

- No direct stochastic numerical calculation

Grassmann  
fields  
(g-fields)



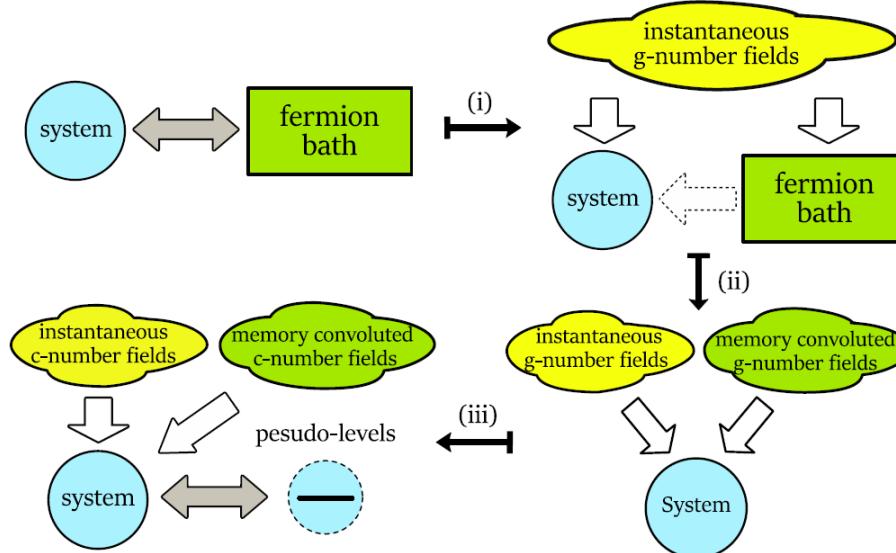
$$\eta_t \eta_\tau = -\eta_\tau \eta_t$$



Need  $N$  matrices  
of size  $2^N \times 2^N$

# A numerically feasible SEOM

## ➤ The minimal-auxiliary-space mapping



## ➤ A numerically feasible fermionic SEOM

$$\eta_t \mapsto v_t \mathbf{X}^- \quad \boxed{\eta_t \mapsto v_t \mathbf{X}^+} \quad \dot{\tilde{\rho}}_S = -i[H_S, \tilde{\rho}_S] + e^{-i\pi/4}(\hat{c}^\dagger Y_1 + Y_2 \hat{c})\tilde{\rho}_S + e^{i\pi/4}\tilde{\rho}_S(\hat{c}^\dagger Y_3 + Y_4 \hat{c})$$

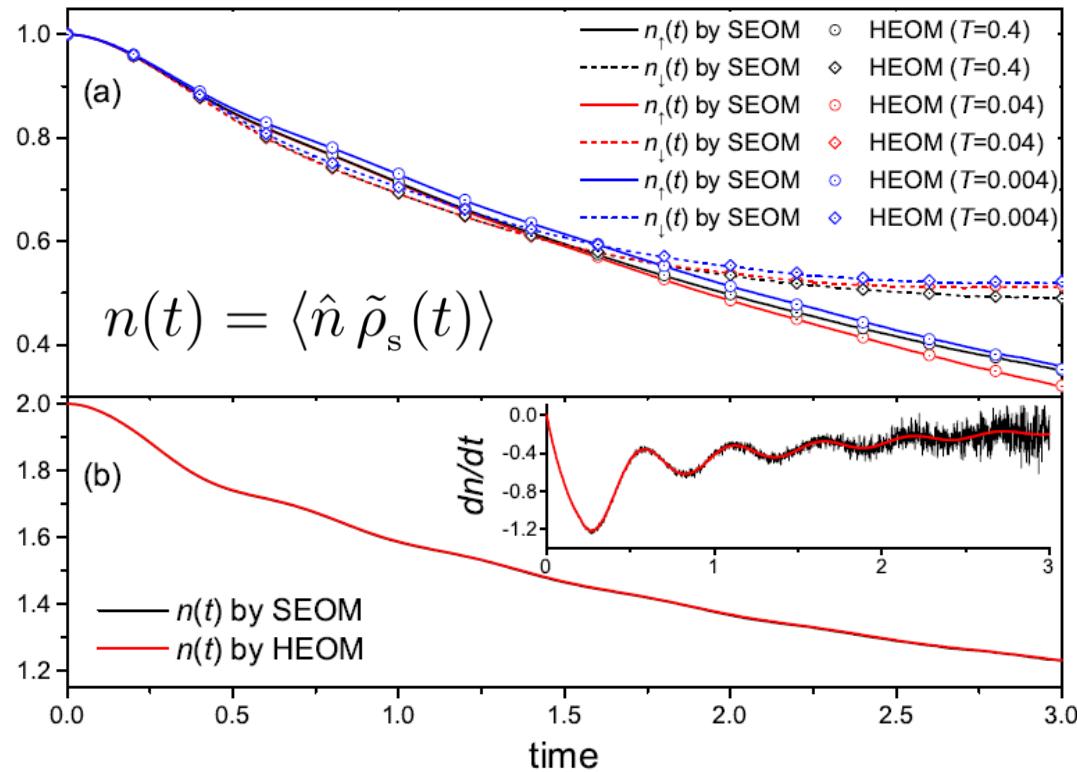
(CIS-like treatment)

# Performance of fermionic SEOM

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## ➤ Interacting single-impurity Anderson model

- decoupled initial state
- 5 million trajectories



**SEOM is highly accurate in the short-time regime**

# Fermionic HEOM versus SEOM

## ➤ Summary of current status

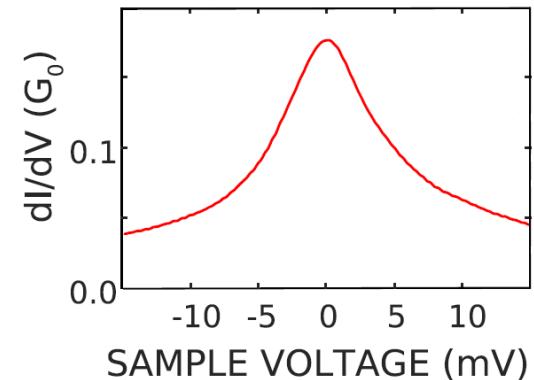
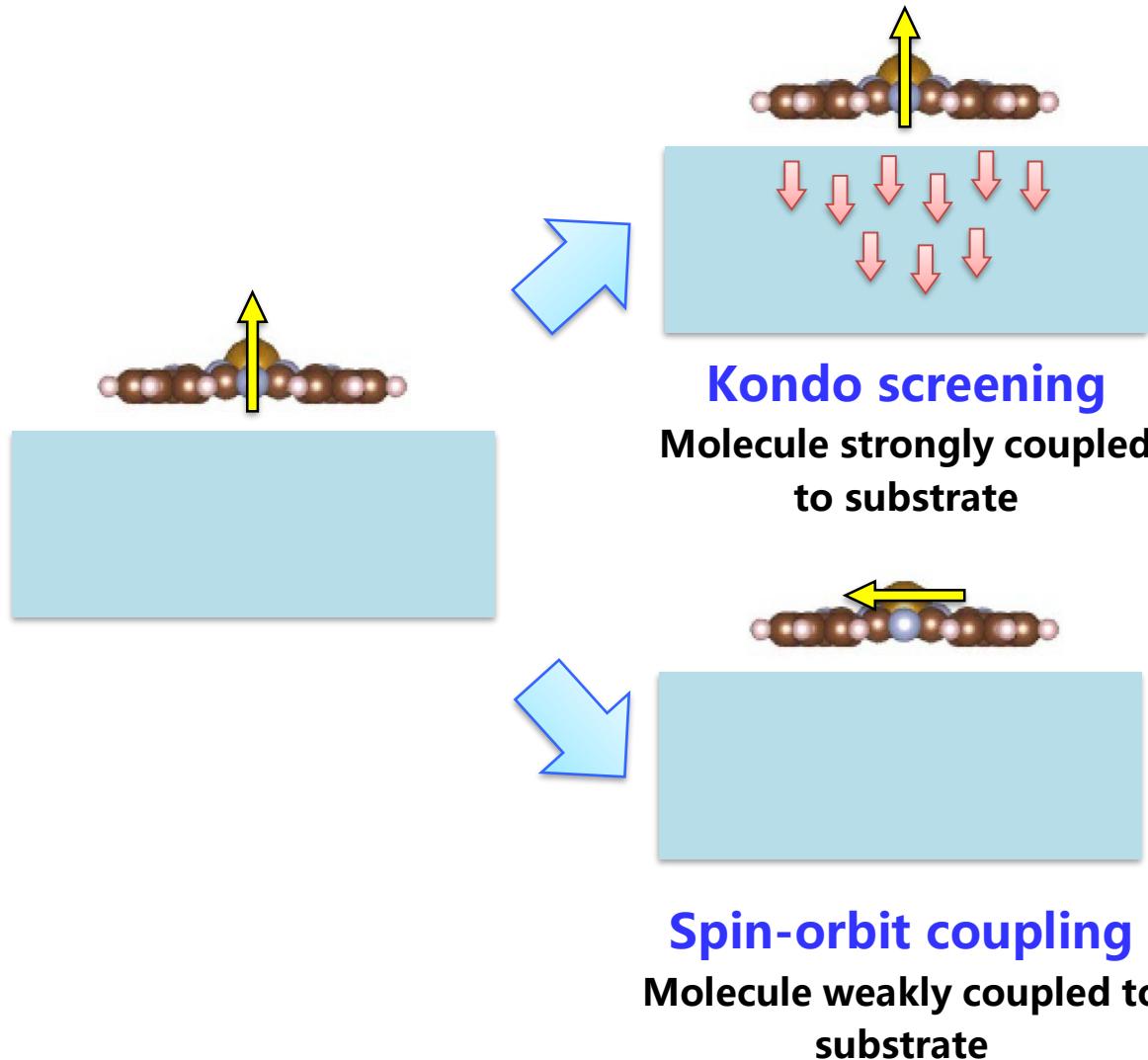
	HEOM	SEOM
Short-time dynamics	✓	✓
Long-time dynamics	✓	working
Stationary state	✓	✗
Correlated initial state	✓	✗
Numerically “exact” ( $U = 0$ )	✓	✓
Numerically “exact” ( $U \neq 0$ )	✓	✗
Low temperature	✓	✓
Strong sys-env coupling	✓	working
Massive parallelization	working	✓

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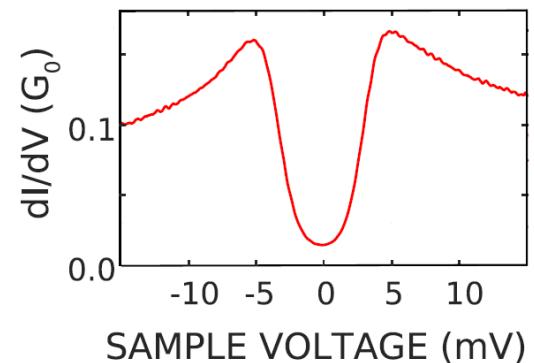
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# Control of molecular spin state

## ➤ Kondo screening versus spin excitation

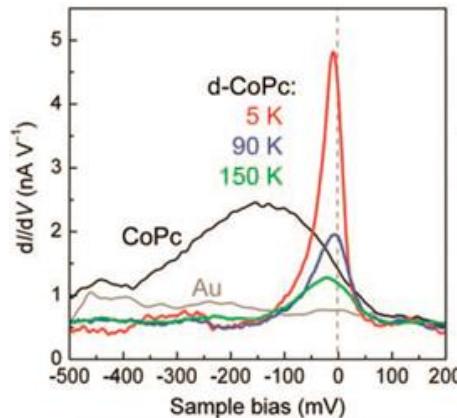
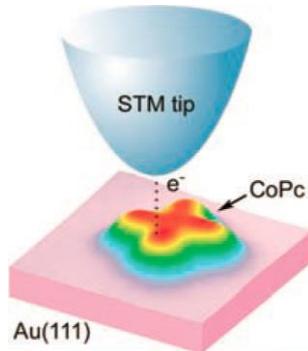


Energy scale: ~meV

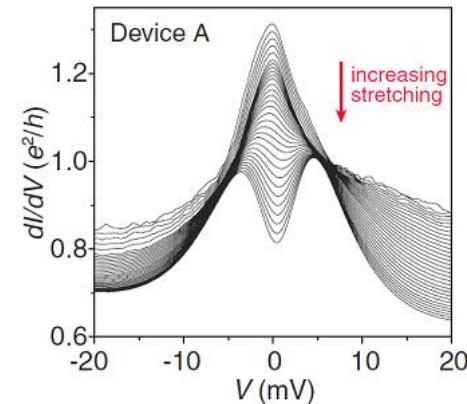


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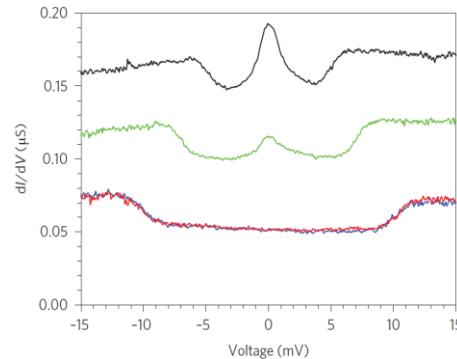
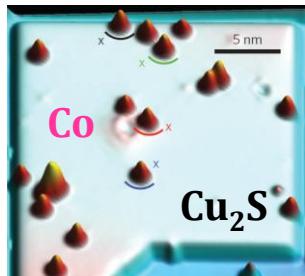
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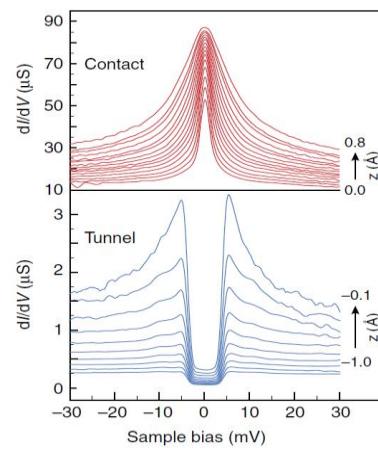
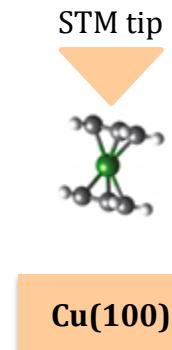
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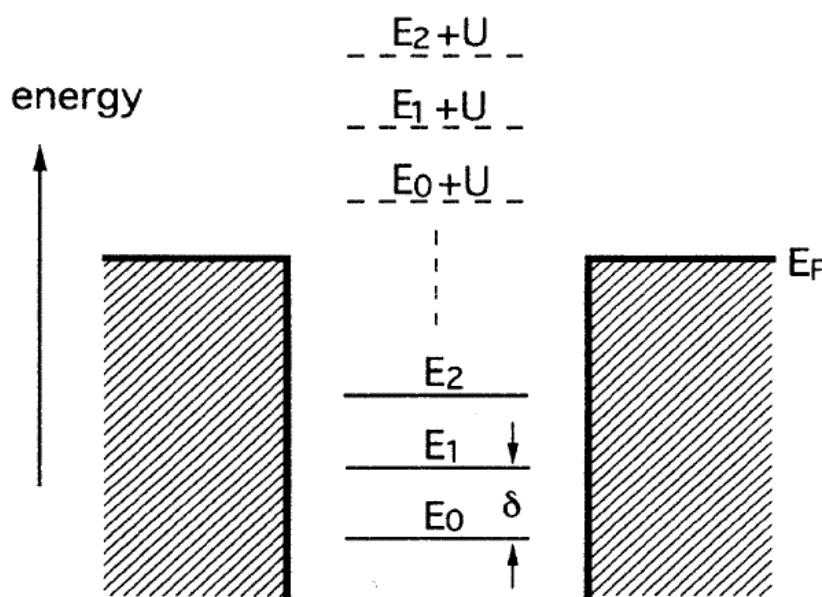
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# Many-body open quantum systems<sup>31</sup>

## ➤ Anderson impurity model (with extensions)

$$H_{\text{total}} = H_{\text{impurity}} + H_{\text{reservoir}} + H_{\text{coupling}}$$

$$H_{\text{impurity}} = \sum_{is} \epsilon_{is} \hat{n}_{is} + U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow} + H_{\text{spin-field}} + H_{\text{spin-spin}}$$



$$H_{\text{reservoir}} = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{ks} \epsilon_{k\alpha} \hat{d}_{\alpha ks}^{\dagger} \hat{d}_{\alpha ks}$$

$$H_{\text{coupling}} = \sum_{\alpha iks} t_{\alpha i k} \hat{d}_{\alpha ks}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{is} + \text{h.c.}$$

↓ Gaussian statistics

Reservoir hybridization function

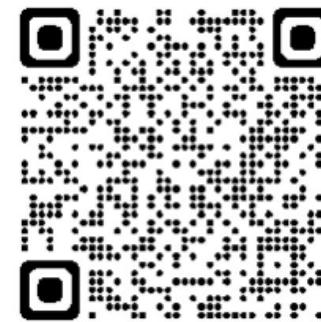
$$J_{\alpha,ij}(\omega) = \pi \sum_{\alpha k} t_{\alpha i k} t_{\alpha j k}^* \delta(\omega - \epsilon_{k\alpha})$$

# HEOM for QUantum Impurity with a Correlated Kernel

Advanced Review

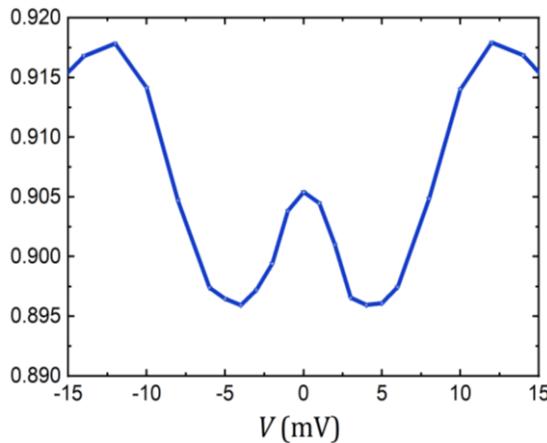
HEOM-QUICK: a program for accurate, efficient, and universal characterization of strongly correlated quantum impurity systems

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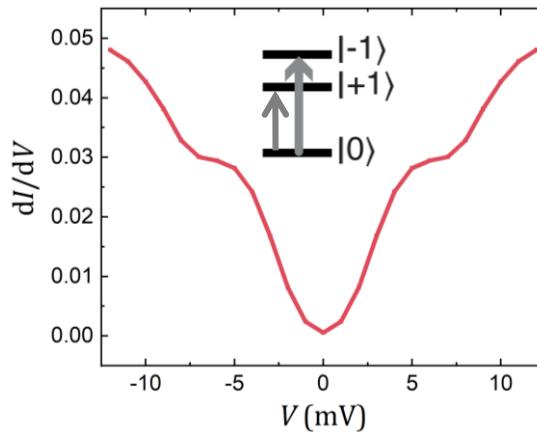


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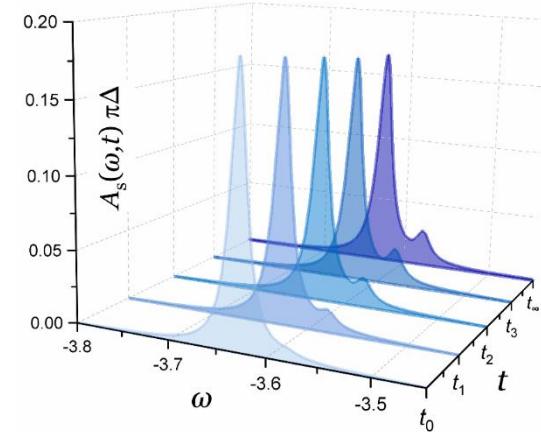
- V1.0 (2016): Accurate characterization of Kondo state
- V2.0 (2023): Accurate characterization of spin excitation



Kondo + spin excitation



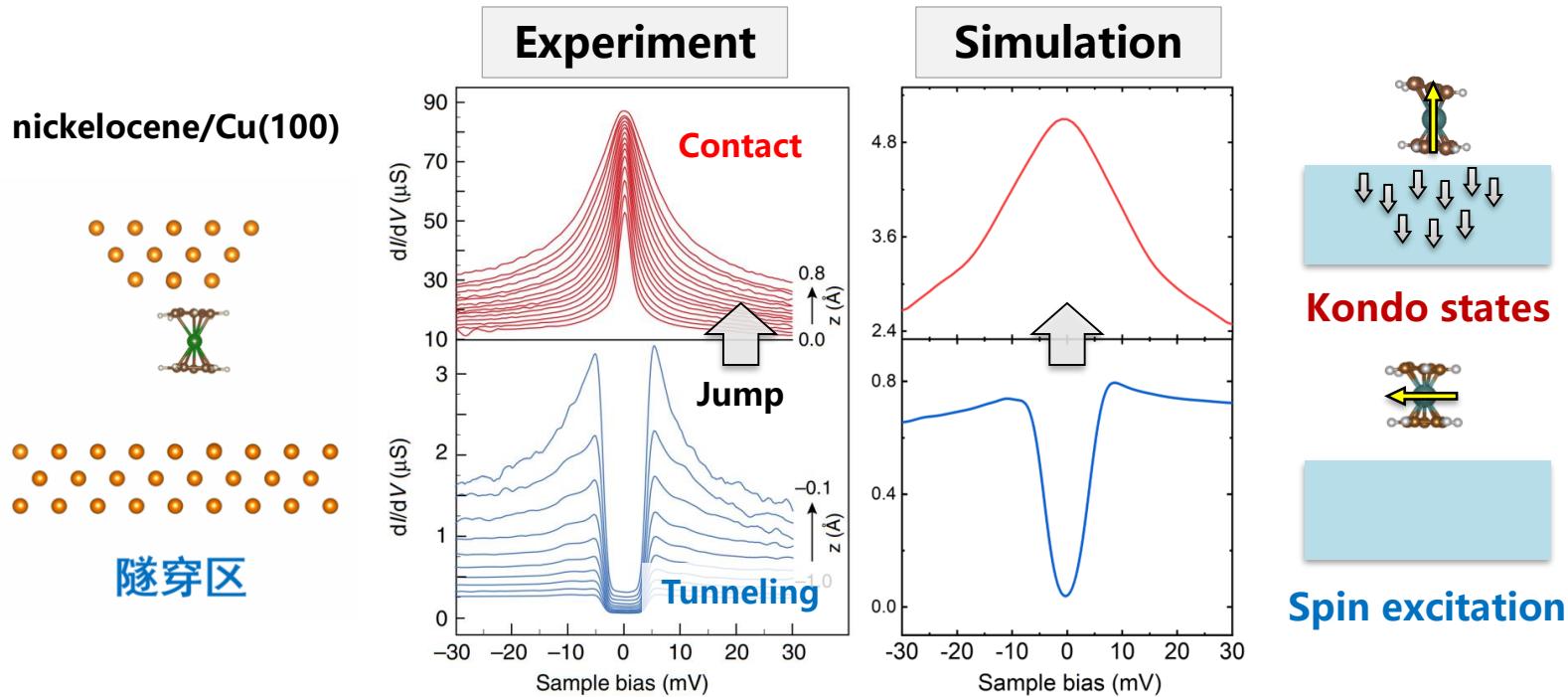
Multiple spin excitations



Dynamic spin excitation

# Competition between Kondo and spin excitation<sup>33</sup>

- Abrupt jump in the  $dI/dV$  spectral lineshape: why?

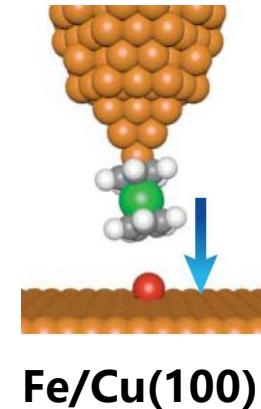
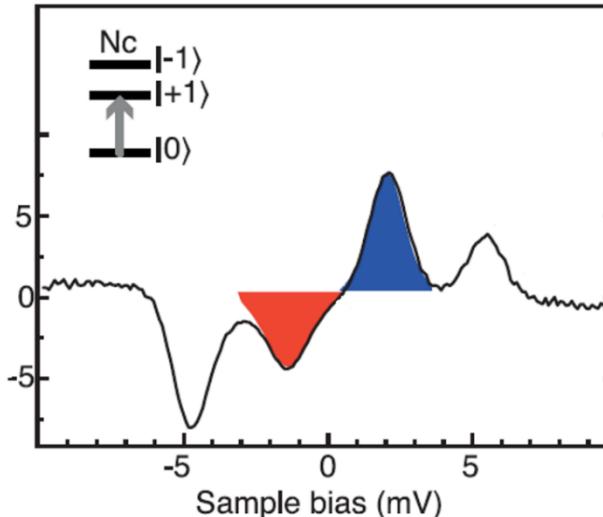
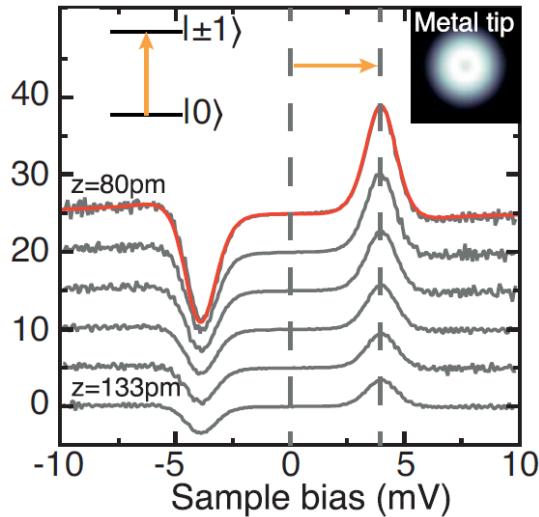
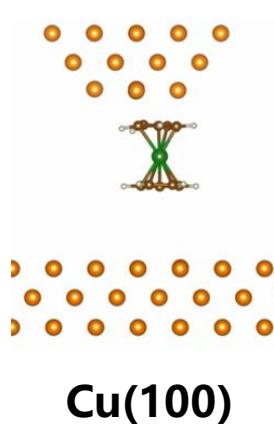


- Uncover the decisive factor for the jump:

Strength of hybridization between Ni d orbitals and surface bands

# Enhanced spin sensing with SP-STM

- Experiment:  $d^2I/dV^2$  spectra (resolution < 1 meV)



Verlhac and Limot et al., Science 366, 623 (2019)

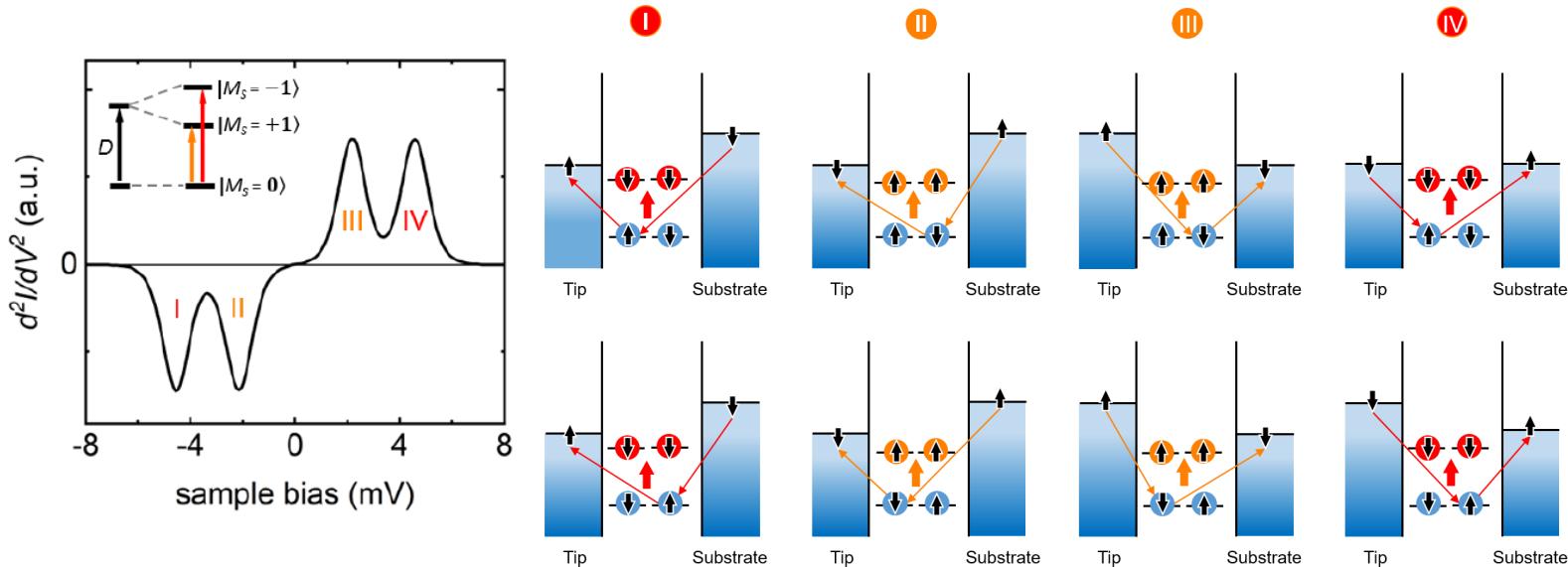
What do the peaks tell about the probed spin?

- Theoretical study: an open-system approach

- System:  $d_{xz}$  &  $d_{yz}$  orbitals on Ni-ion
- Environment: Cu-tip & Fe/Cu(100)

# Enhanced spin sensing with SP-STM

## ➤ Analytic formulas by electron cotunneling theory



$$\eta = \frac{\Gamma_{\uparrow} - \Gamma_{\downarrow}}{\Gamma_{\uparrow} + \Gamma_{\downarrow}} \rightarrow \text{Spin polarization}$$

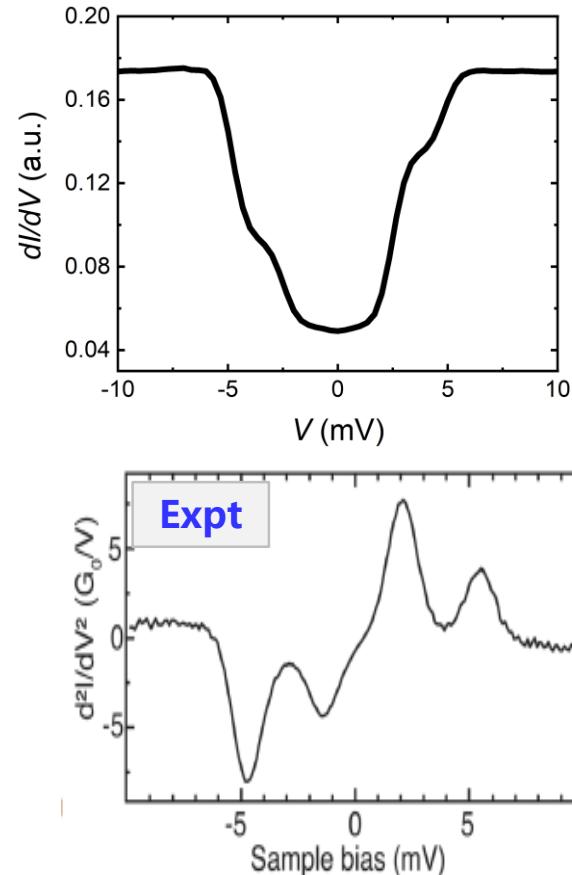
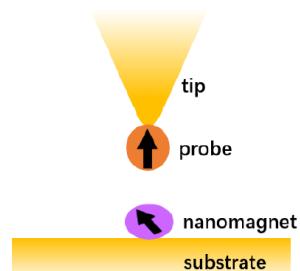
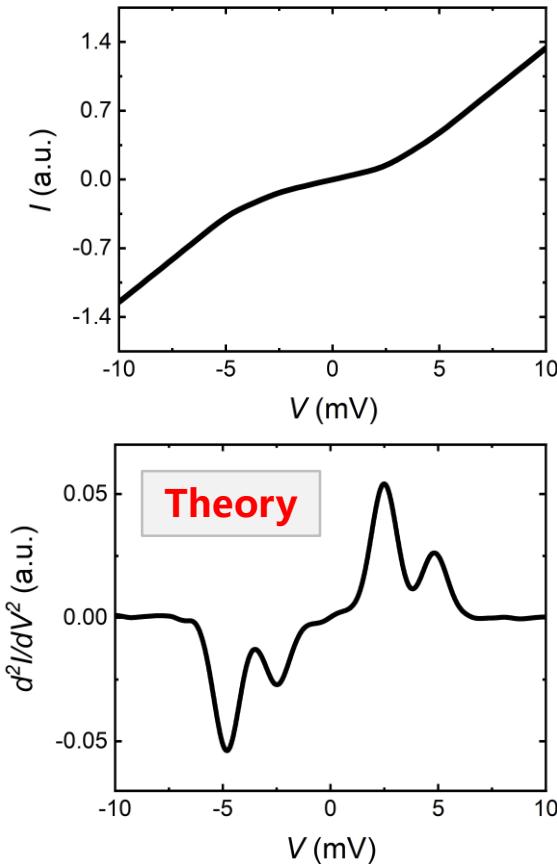
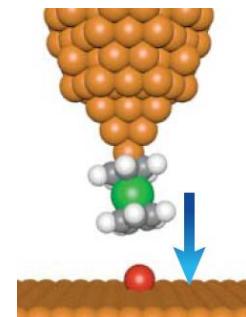
$$\lambda = \frac{\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2}{\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2} \rightarrow \text{Orbital polarization}$$

Peak area  
→

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_I = (1 + \lambda)(1 - \eta) \Gamma_s \Gamma_t \\ T_{II} = (1 - \lambda)(1 + \eta) \Gamma_s \Gamma_t \\ T_{III} = (1 - \lambda)(1 - \eta) \Gamma_s \Gamma_t \\ T_{IV} = (1 + \lambda)(1 + \eta) \Gamma_s \Gamma_t \end{array} \right.$$

# Enhanced spin sensing with SP-STM

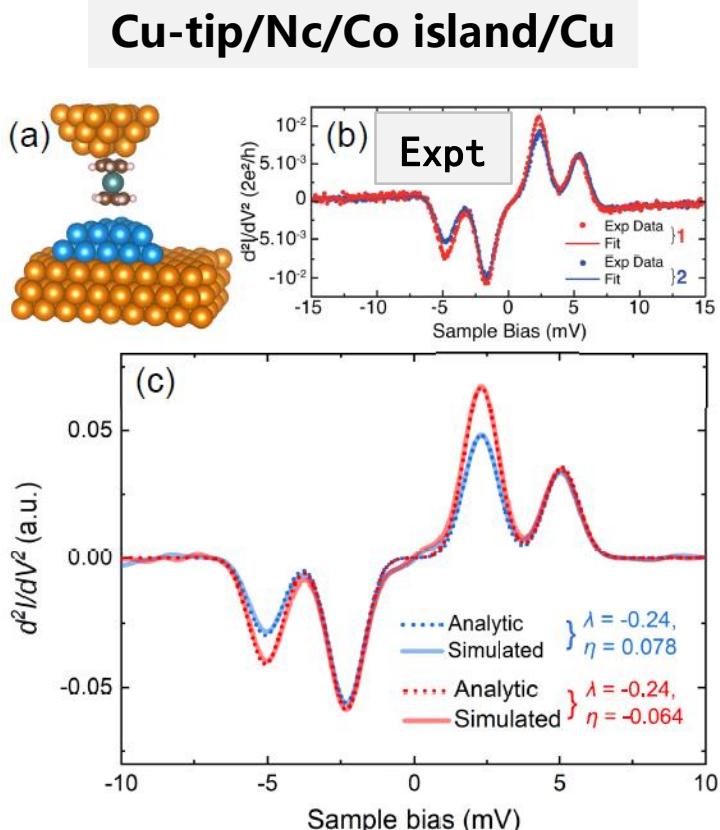
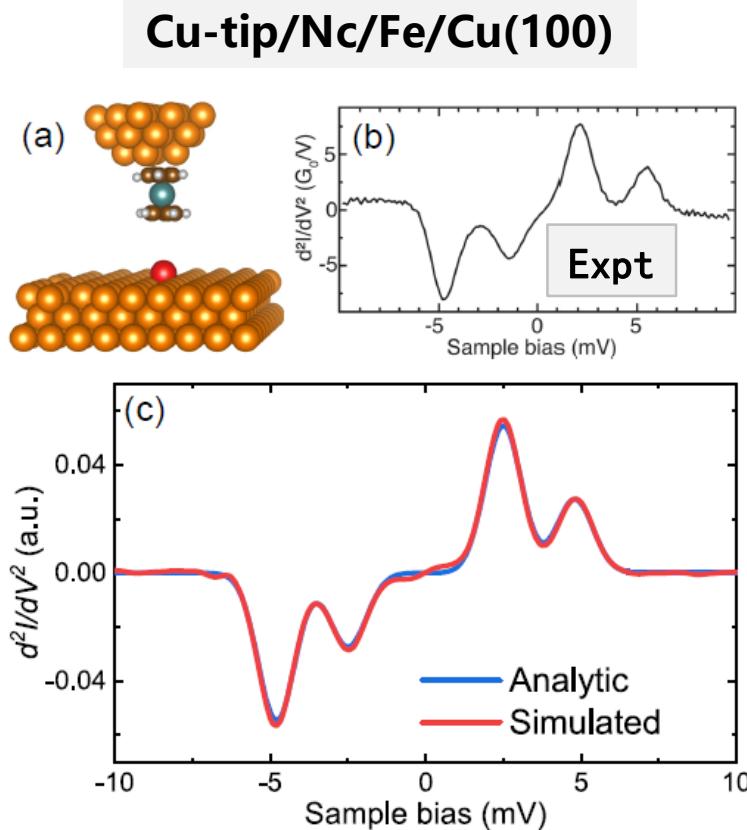
## ➤ Simulation (by HEOM-QUICK) versus experiment



- Peak position: probe-nanomagnet spin-exchange energy
- Peak area: rate of inelastic electron cotunneling process

# Enhanced spin sensing with SP-STM

## ➤ Theory, simulation and experiment

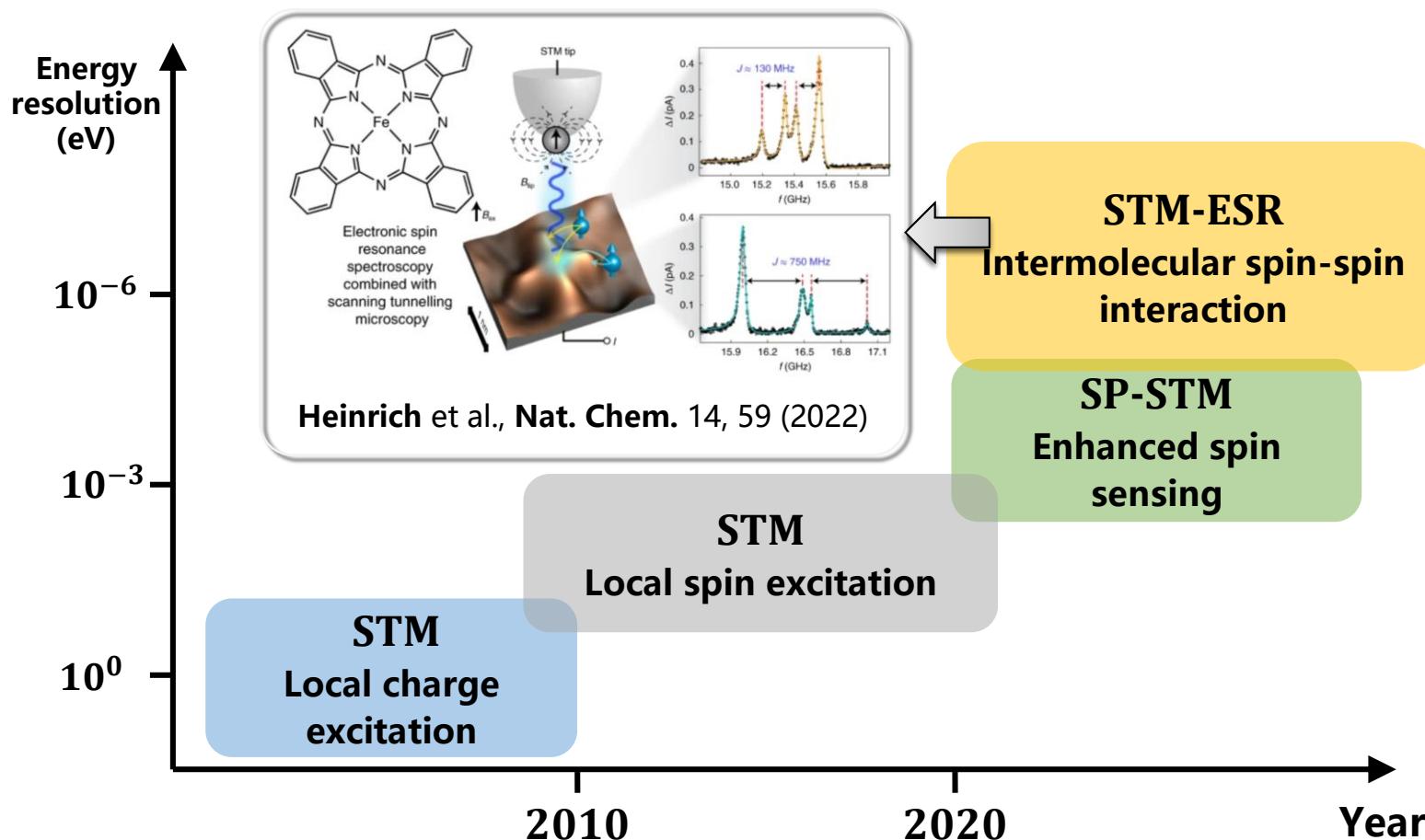


## ➤ Uncover the decisive factor for the spectral lineshape:

Spin- & orbital-polarization of probe-nanomagnet hybridization

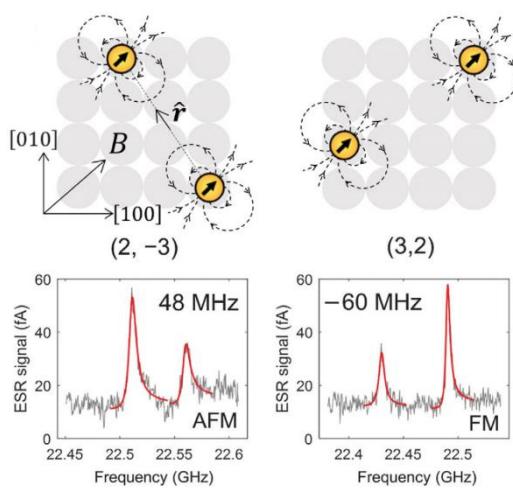
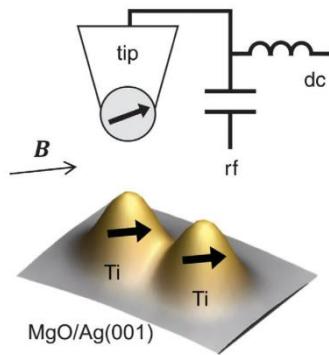
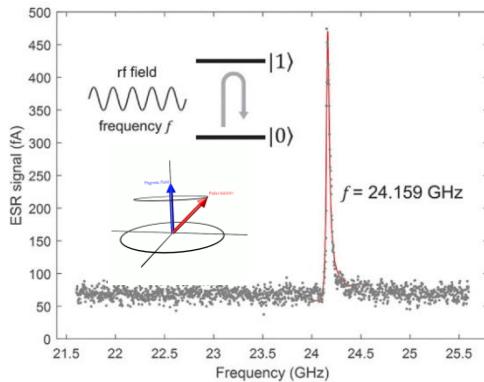
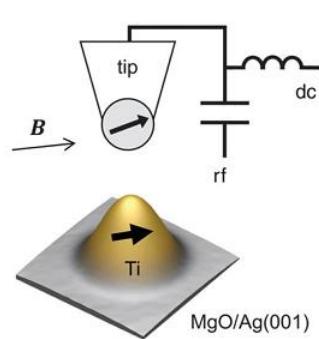
# Significant advancements in experiments

- Theoretical challenge: unprecedentedly high energy resolution

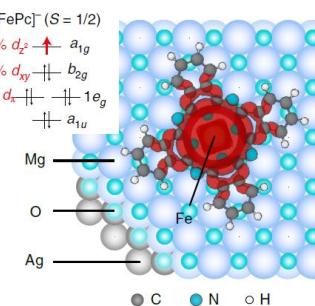
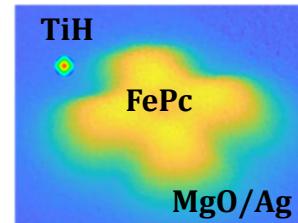


# Probing weak spin-spin interactions

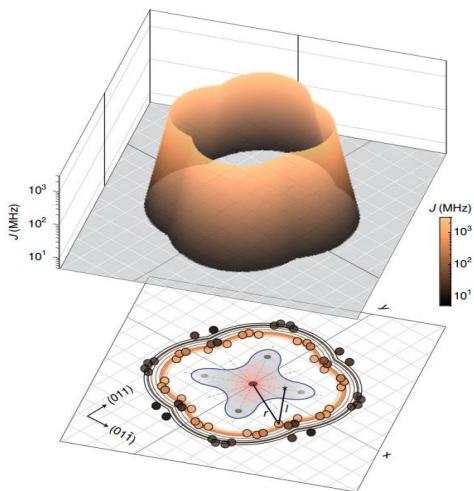
## ➤ Electron spin resonance (ESR) based on STM setup



Baumann et al., Science 350, 6259 (2015)  
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## Spin exchange field

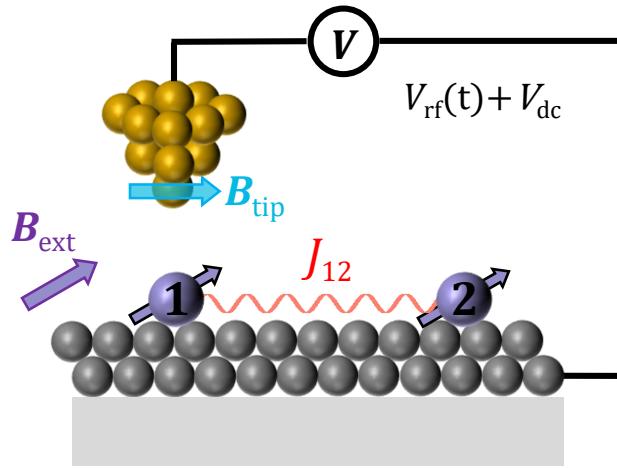


## ➤ Puzzle: origin of signal?

- Piezoelectric effect
- Spin-phonon coupling
- Electron co-tunneling
- Spin transfer torque

# Probing weak spin-spin interactions

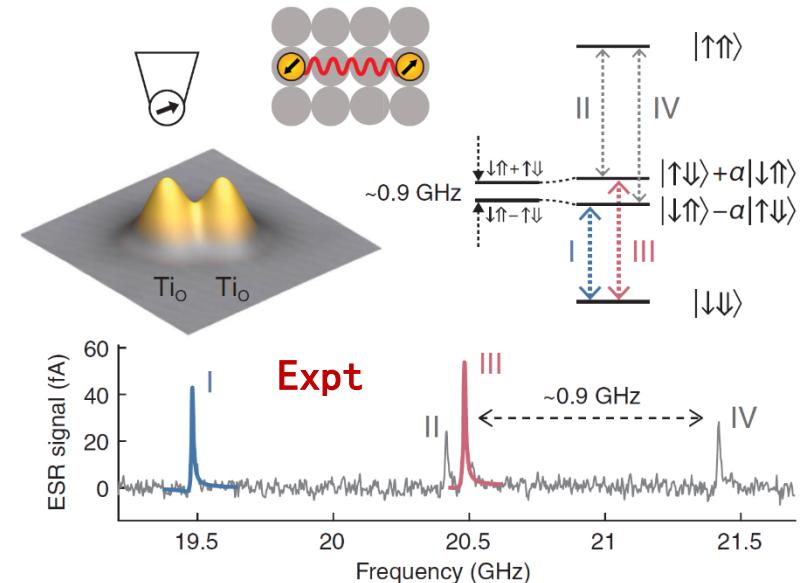
## ➤ Simulation with HEOM: TiH dimer/MgO/Ag



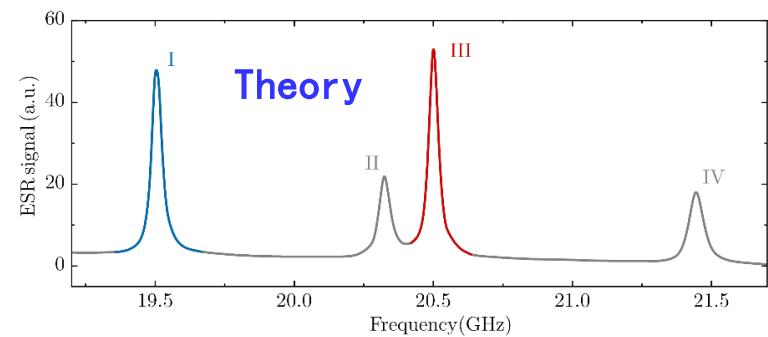
$$\hat{H}_{\text{TIAM}} = \hat{H}_{\text{imp}} + \hat{H}_{\text{env}} + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{imp}} = & \sum_{i=1,2} (\epsilon_i \hat{n}_i + U \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow} + g_i \mu_B \mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i) \\ & + J_{12} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}}_2 + D(3\hat{S}_{1z}\hat{S}_{2z} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{env}} = \sum_{\alpha ks} [\epsilon_{\alpha ks} - V_\alpha(t)] \hat{n}_{\alpha ks}$$



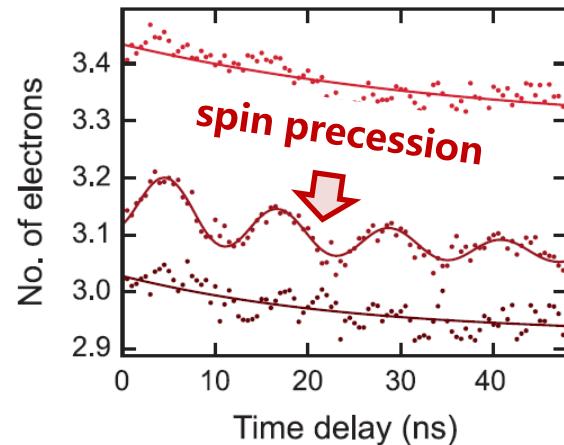
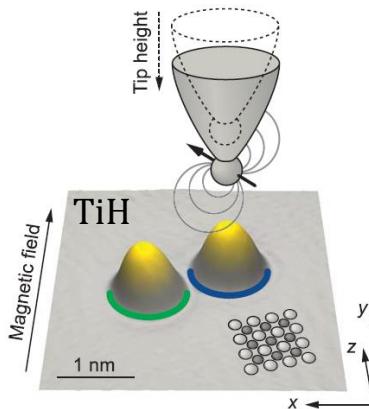
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# Probing weak spin-spin interactions

- Prediction and novel design based on simulation

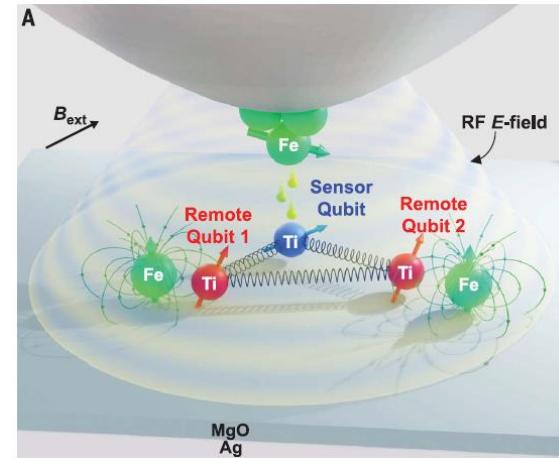


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## QUANTUM INFORMATION

### An atomic-scale multi-qubit platform

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Wang et al., **Science** 382, 87 (2023)

- Challenge for coherent control

- Longer coherence time (presently several hundred *ns*)
- Accurate prediction of non-Markovian dissipative dynamics

# Summary

- The HEOM method offers accurate, efficient, and versatile tools for the simulation of spin-related phenomena in realistic open systems
  - ✓ Kondo spin-screening effect
  - ✓ Magnetic anisotropy
  - ✓ Long-range superexchange interaction
  - ✓ Precise manipulation of molecular magnets
  - ✓ Precise measurement of spin interactions
  - ✓ Spin-boosted heterogeneous catalysis
  - More to discover ...
- Quantum environment has crucial influence on local spin states and strongly correlated states

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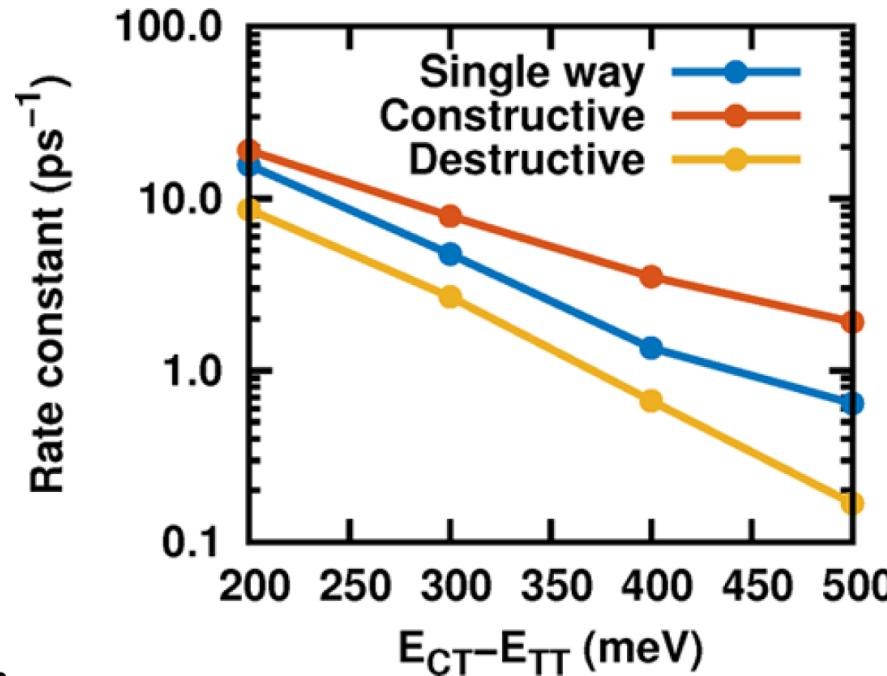
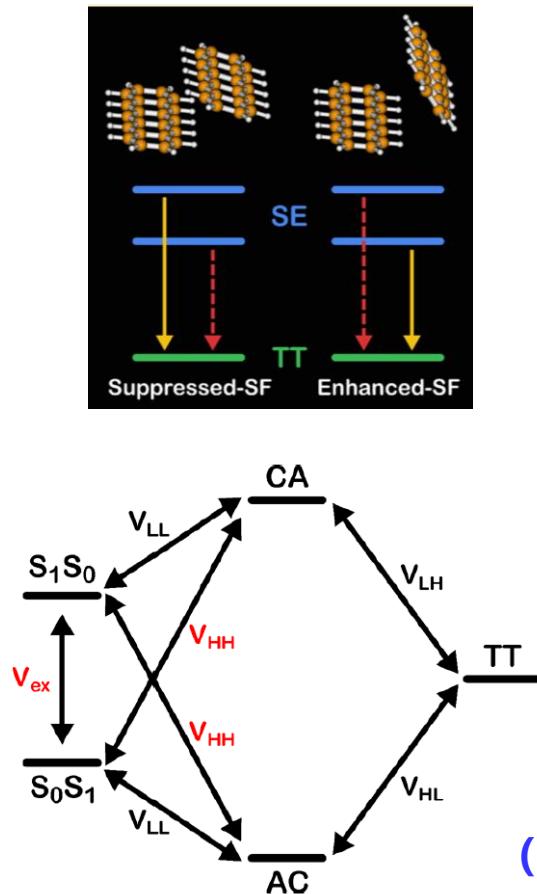
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# Quantum interference in organic materials<sup>44</sup>

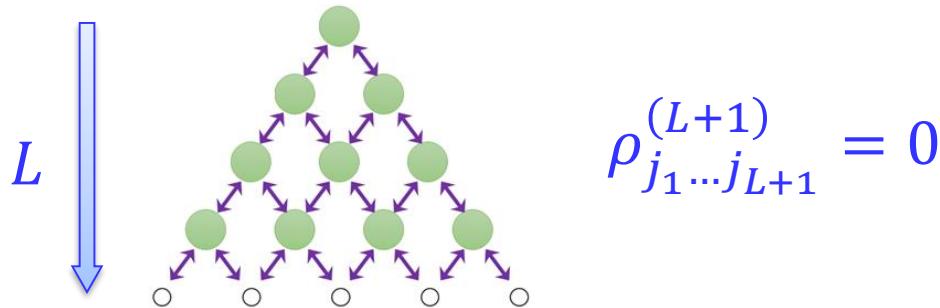
- Charge and excitation energy transfer in molecular aggregates



Simulation by a stochastic QDT method  
(Non-Markovian Stochastic Schrödinger Equation)

# Exact termination of fermionic hierarchy<sup>45</sup>

- Zero-value terminator ( $L^{\text{th}}$ -tier truncation)



- Theorem: existence of a rigorous finite-tier termination

$L$	$n_{\uparrow} = n_{\downarrow}$	$\rho_{\uparrow\uparrow} = \rho_{\downarrow\downarrow}$
1	0.530 091 197 209	0.283 567 930 856
2	0.460 675 469 887	0.306 745 231 635
3	0.490 952 014 924	0.270 358 283 528
4	0.490 675 288 339	0.269 359 794 471
5	0.490 526 324 607	0.269 327 938 933
6	0.490 540 350 968	0.269 327 915 854
7	0.490 540 484 313	0.269 328 203 985
8	0.490 540 476 338	0.269 328 185 419
9	0.490 540 476 338	0.269 328 185 419
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Convergence test on  
a single-level system

$L = 4$  (CCSDTQ-like)  
yields accurate  $\rho$

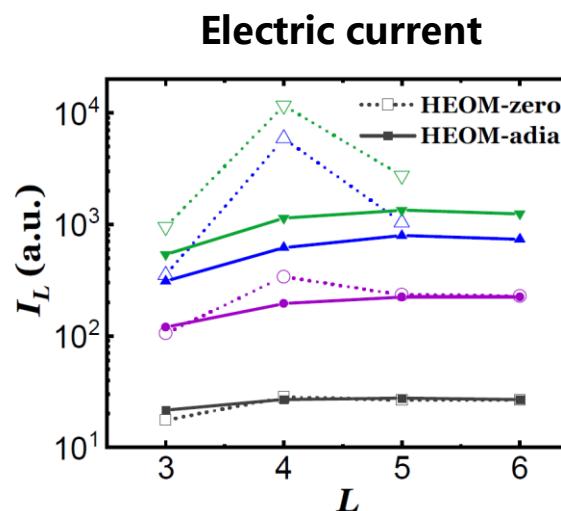
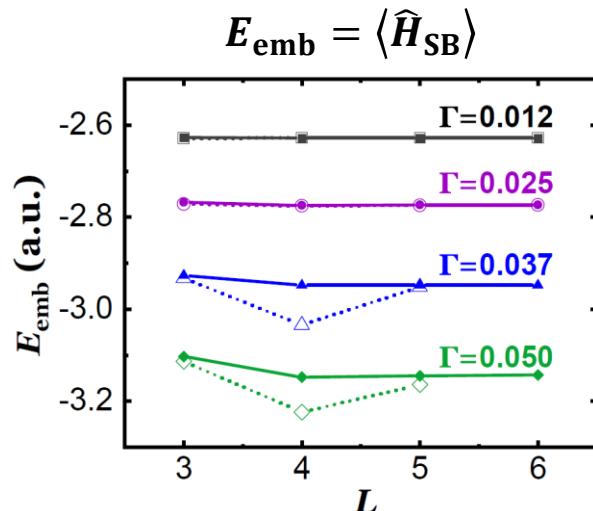
$L = 8$  yields exact  $\rho$

# Efficient termination of the hierarchy

- A new terminator: **adiabatic terminator**

$$\rho_{j_1 \dots j_{L+1}}^{(L+1)} \simeq -i \sum_{\nu'} \left[ \underline{\mathcal{W}_{j_r \nu'}} \hat{c}_{\nu'}^\sigma \rho_{j_1 \dots j_{r-1} j_{r+1} \dots j_{L+1}}^{(L)} \right. \\ \left. - \underline{\mathcal{W}_{j_r \nu'}^\dagger} \rho_{j_1 \dots j_{r-1} j_{r+1} \dots j_{L+1}}^{(L)} \hat{c}_{\nu'}^\sigma \right]$$

**Decoupling the fastest dissipative mode from other modes (BO-like)**

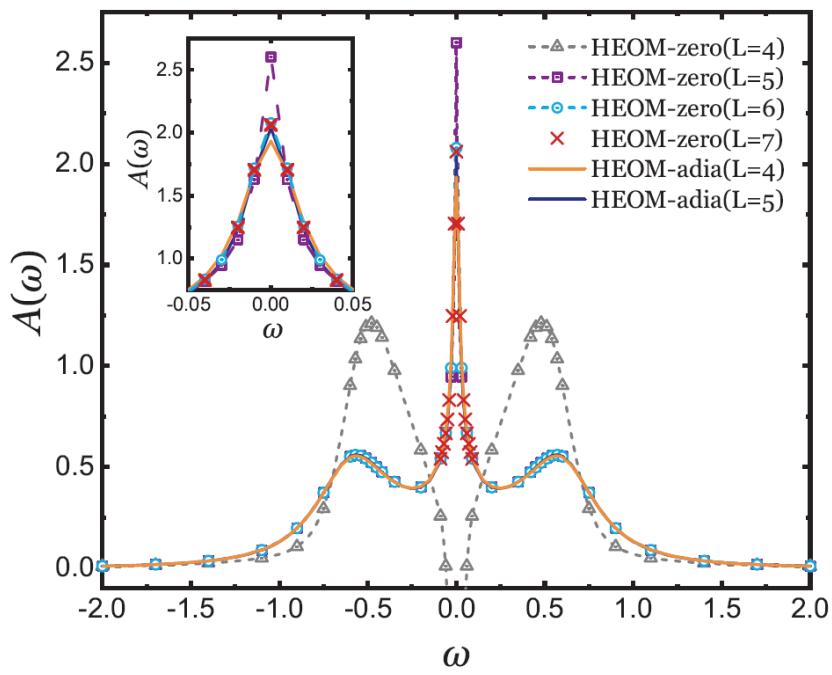


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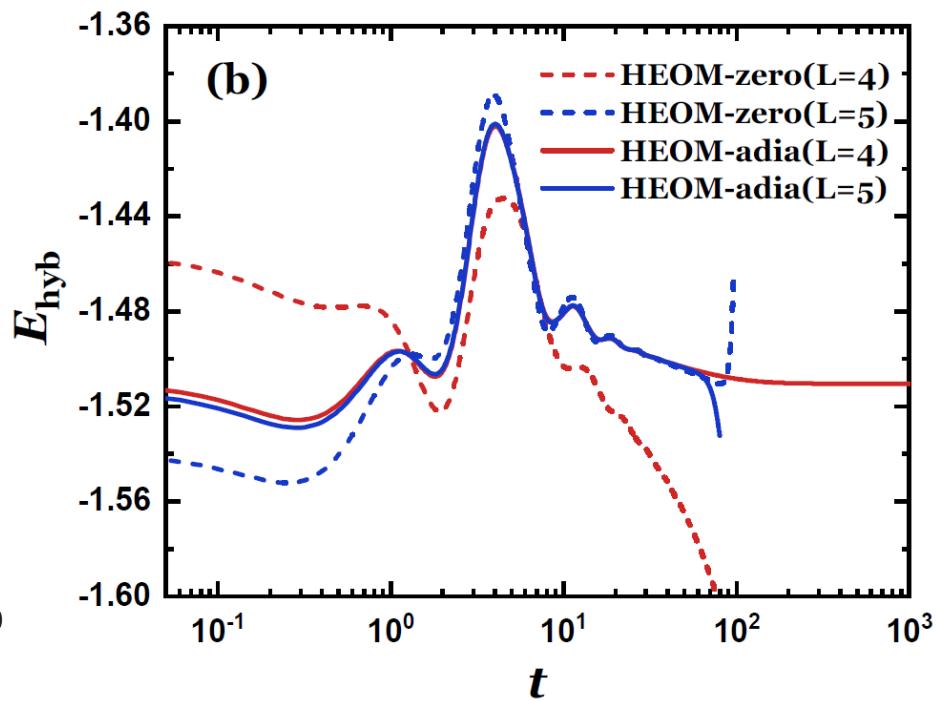
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- Performance test for adiabatic terminator: dynamics

Spectral function



Real-time dynamics



Adiabatic terminator greatly improves the efficiency and stability