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# Overview

Aim is to study non-adiabatic photochemistry using full quantum dynamics simulations.

- Wavepacket Dynamics
  - The “standard method”
  - Multi-configuration time-dependent Hartree (MCTDH)
  - Extensions: G-MCTDH and vMCG
- The vibronic coupling model Hamiltonian
- Direct Dynamics

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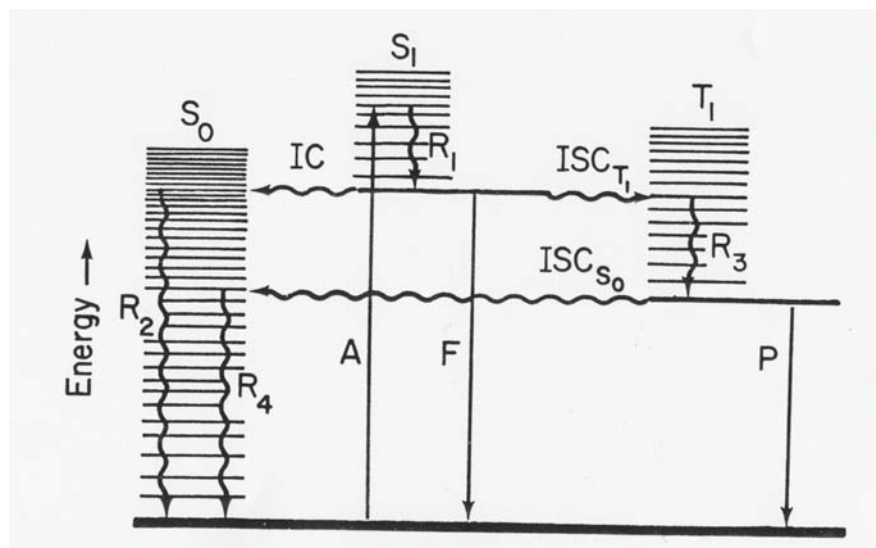
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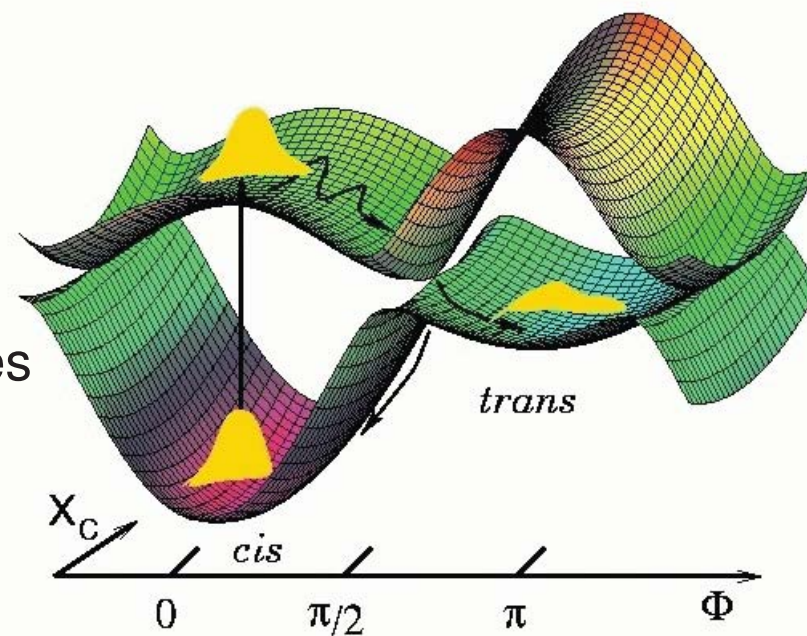
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# Photochemistry: Basic Pictures

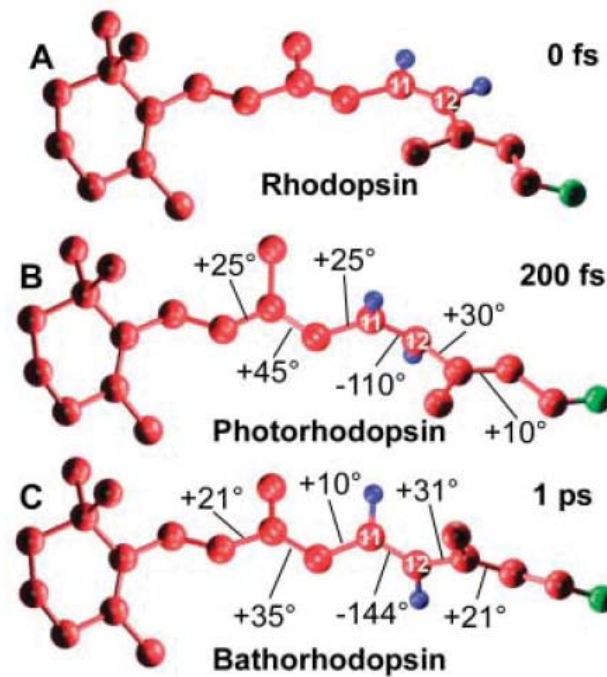
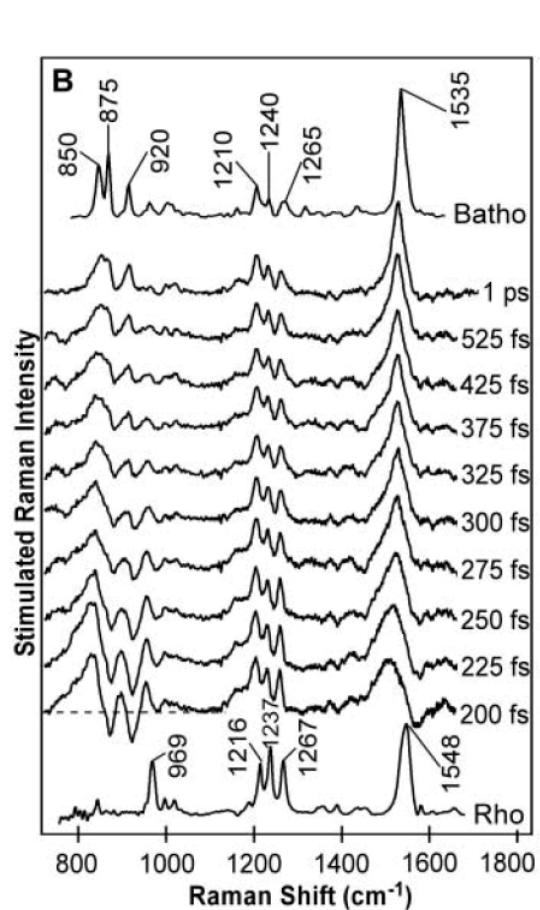


Jablonski Diagram

Evolution over Potential Surfaces

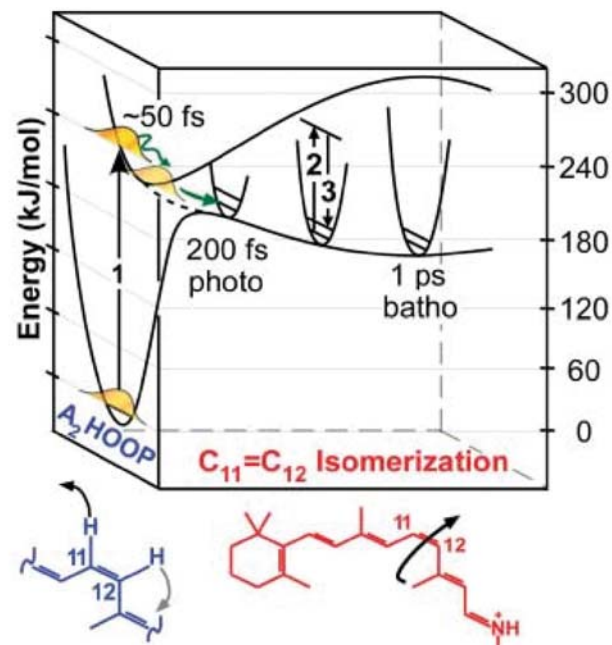
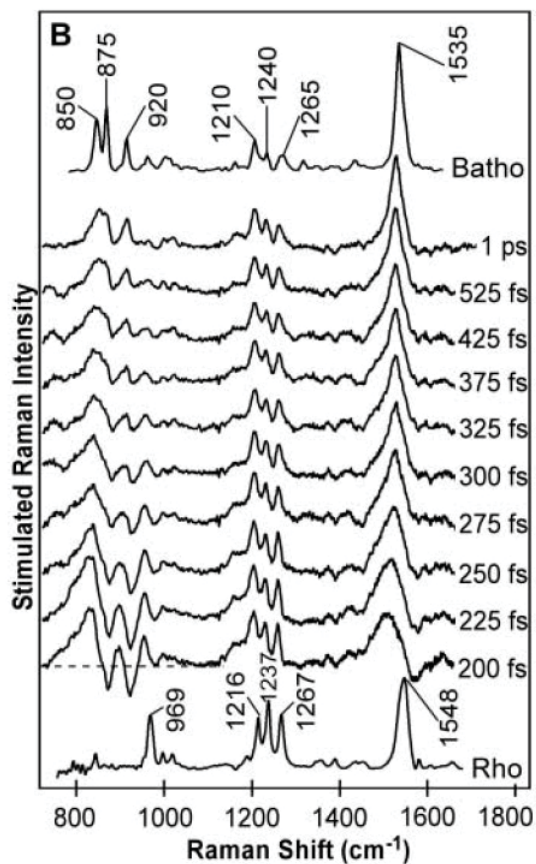


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Kukura *et al* Science 310: 1006 (2005)

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- Initial excitation - HOOP mode
- after 50 fs  $S_1 \rightarrow S_2$
- energy  $\rightarrow$  HT

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# The “Standard” Method

Solve TDSE

$$i\dot{\Psi} = \mathbf{H}\Psi$$

Nuclear wavefunction expanded in a basis set:

$$\Psi(q_1, \dots, q_f, t) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{N_1} \dots \sum_{j_f=1}^{N_f} A_{j_1 \dots j_f}(t) \prod_{\kappa=1}^f \varphi_{j_\kappa}^{(\kappa)}(q_\kappa)$$

Variational equations of motion for  $A$ .

$$i\dot{A}_J = \sum_L \langle \Phi_J | H | \Phi_L \rangle A_L$$

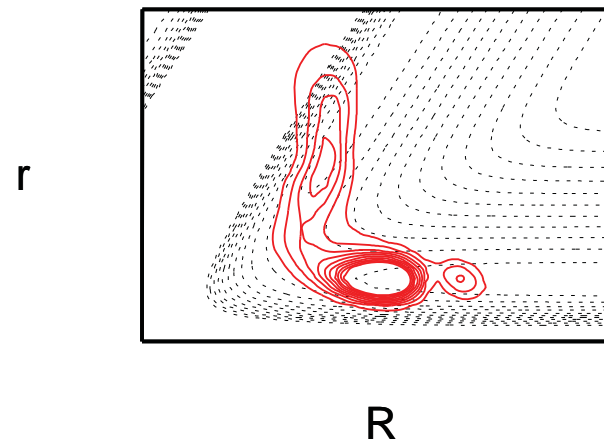
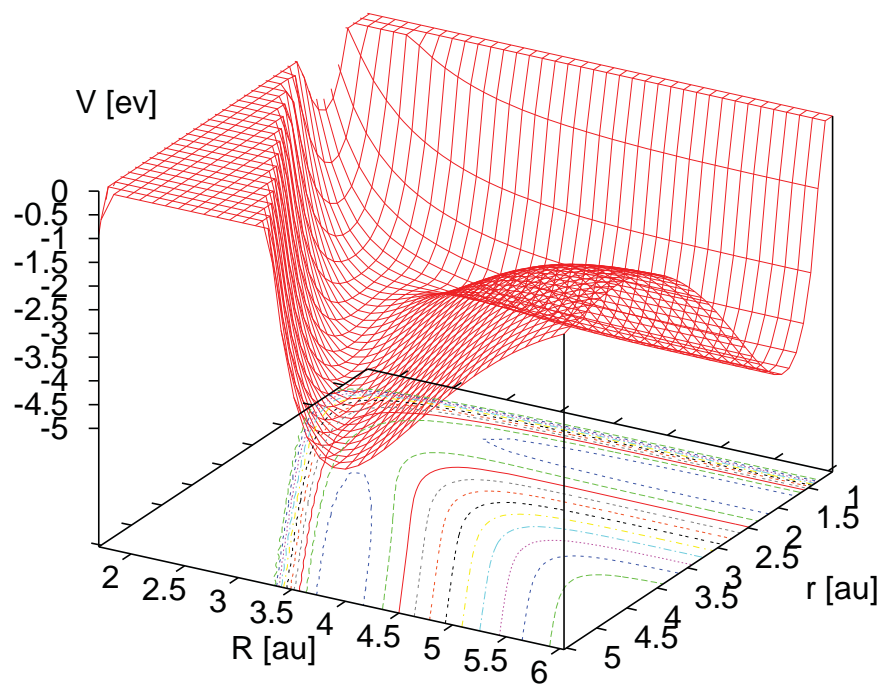
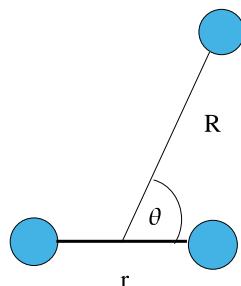
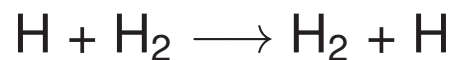
Use FFT or DVR basis set to circumvent  $f$ -dimensional integrals!

Computer memory  $\sim N^f$

Kulander “Time-dependent methods for quantum dynamics”, Elsevier, 1991

Kosloff, Ann. Rev. Phys. Chem. (94) **45**: 145

# Wavepacket Dynamics



To solve the TDSE require:

- Potential surfaces
- Algorithm to propagate wavepacket
- **Need to break the exponential barrier**



# The Multiconfiguration Time-Dependent Hartree (MCTDH) Method

$$\Psi(q_1, \dots, q_f, t) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{j_f=1}^{n_f} A_{j_1 \dots j_f}(t) \prod_{\kappa=1}^f \varphi_{j_\kappa}^{(\kappa)}(q_\kappa, t)$$

Variational equations for  $A$  and *single-particle functions* (SPFs)  $\varphi$ .

$$i\dot{A}_J = \sum_L \langle \Phi_J | H | \Phi_L \rangle A_L$$

$$i\dot{\varphi}^{(\kappa)} = \left(1 - P^{(\kappa)}\right) \left(\rho^{(\kappa)}\right)^{-1} \langle \mathbf{H} \rangle^{(\kappa)} \varphi^{(\kappa)}$$

- non-linear equations of motion
- Computer memory  $n^f + fnN$

Meyer, Gatti and Worth “Multidimensional quantum dynamics”, Wiley-VCH, 2009

Beck *et al* Phys. Rep. (00) 324:1

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- non-linear equations of motion
- Computer memory  $n^p + pnN$
- A “particle” may be  $d$ -dimensional,  $Q_i = (q_a, q_b, \dots)$

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# A Simple Hamiltonian: The Vibronic Coupling Model

Assume diabatic basis:  $\Psi(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\alpha} \phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{Q}) \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{Q})$

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{Q}) = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{Q}) + \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{Q})$$

$$\hat{T}_{\alpha} + V_{\alpha}^0 = \frac{\omega_j}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q_j^2} + Q_j^2 \right)$$

$$W_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \psi_{\alpha} | H_{el} | \psi_{\beta} \rangle$$

$$W_{\alpha\beta} \approx V_{\alpha}^0 \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \varepsilon_{\alpha} + \sum_i \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial Q_i} \langle \psi_{\alpha} | H_{el} | \psi_{\beta} \rangle}_{\kappa_i, \lambda_i} Q_i + \dots$$

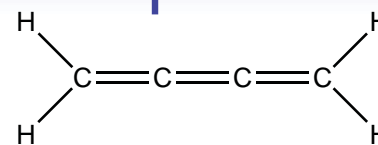
$$\kappa_i, \lambda_i \neq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \Gamma_{\alpha} \times \Gamma_i \times \Gamma_{\beta} \supseteq A_1$$

Köppel *et al* Adv. Chem. Phys. (1984) **57**: 59

Worth *et al*, Int. Rev. Phys. Chem. (08) **27**: 569

# Butatriene photoelectron spectrum

18 modes  $D_{2h}$   
 $X^2B_{2g}$  ;  $A^2B_{2u}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H} = & \sum_i \frac{\omega_i}{2} \left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Q_i^2} + Q_i^2 \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & + \sum_{i \in A_g}^4 \begin{pmatrix} \kappa_i^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & \kappa_i^{(2)} \end{pmatrix} Q_i + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda \\ \lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix} Q_{A_u} \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

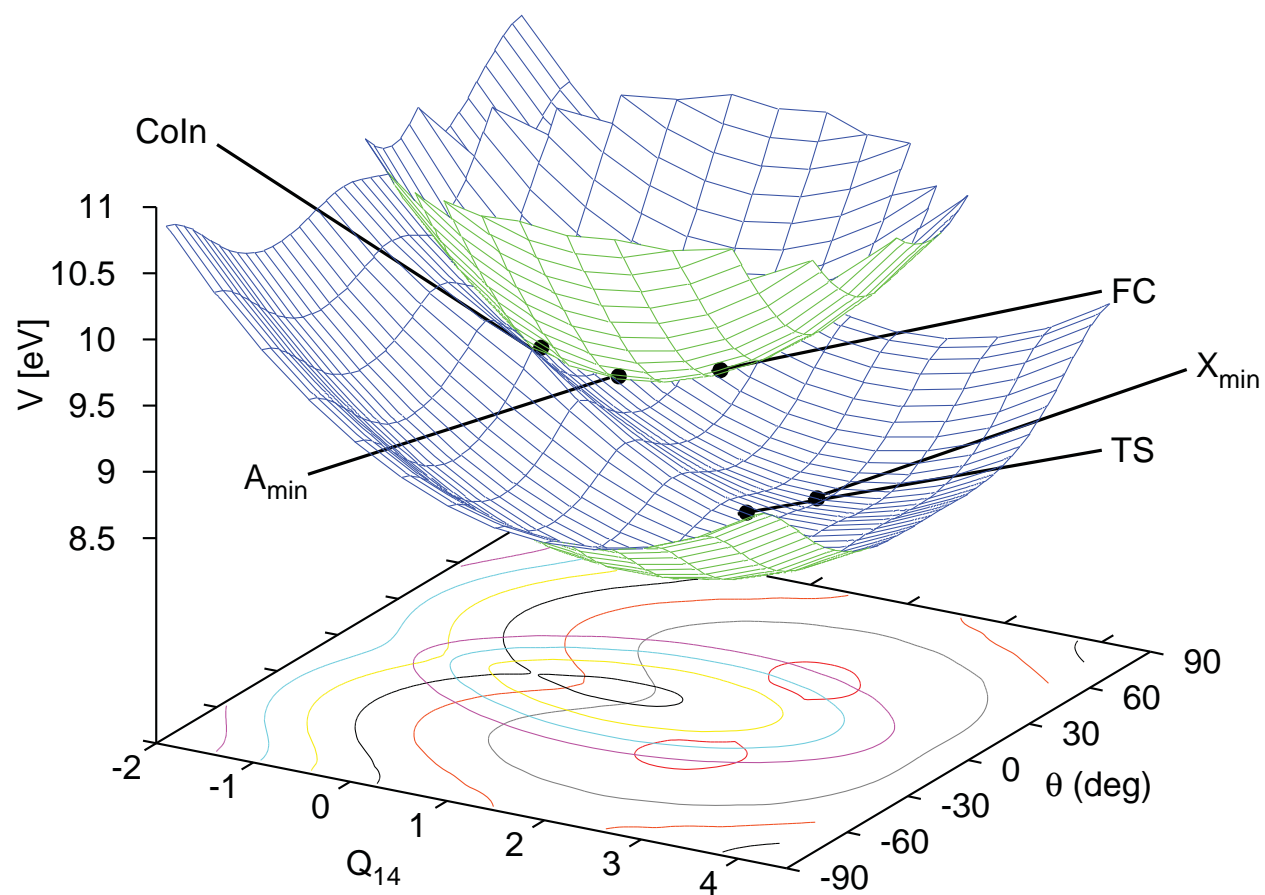
$\langle \psi_\alpha | \frac{\partial H}{\partial Q_i} | \psi_\beta \rangle$ 
 $B_{2g} \times B_{2u} = A_u$

linear: 5 modes, 16 parameters

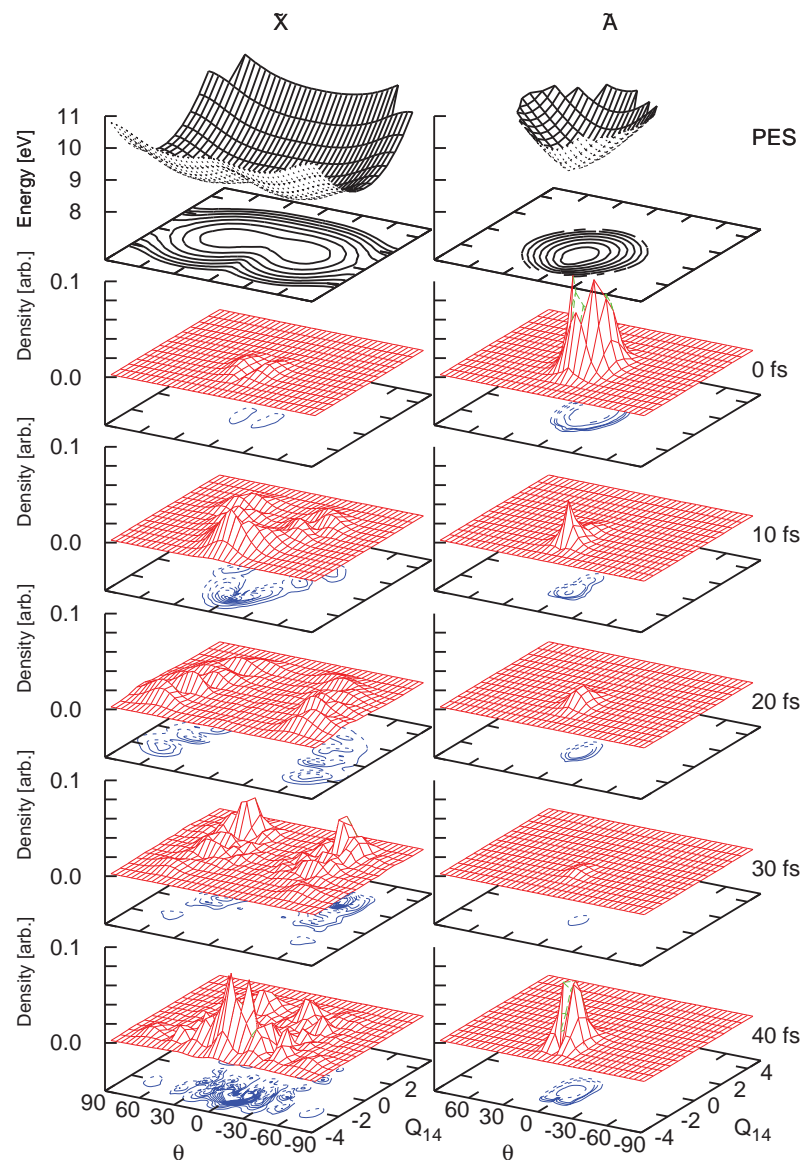
bilinear: 18 modes, 79 parameters

$$I(\omega) \sim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \Psi(0) | \Psi(t) \rangle e^{i\omega t}$$

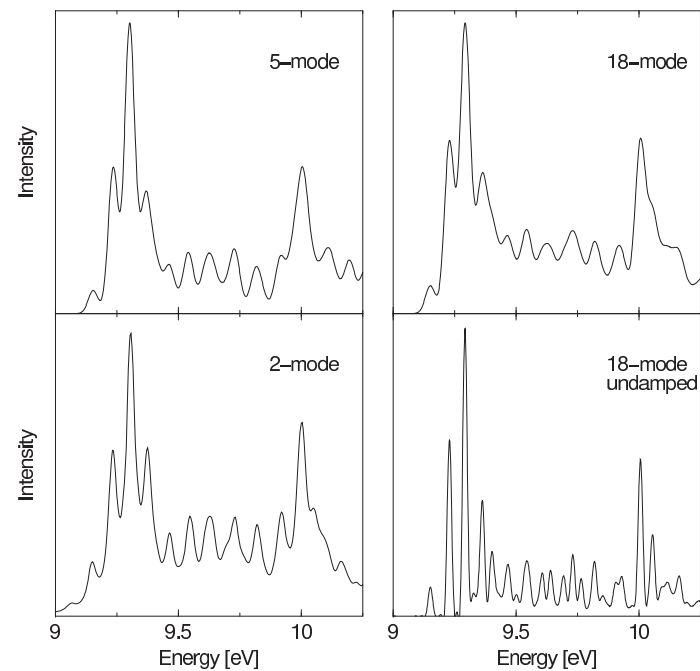
# Butatriene Cation PES $\tilde{X}/\tilde{A}$



# Butatriene Dynamics



N	MCTDH MB	standard MB
2	0.9	16.4
5	10.3	$2.5 \times 10^4$
18	431.5	$1.5 \times 10^{17}$



# Pyrrole Photodissociation

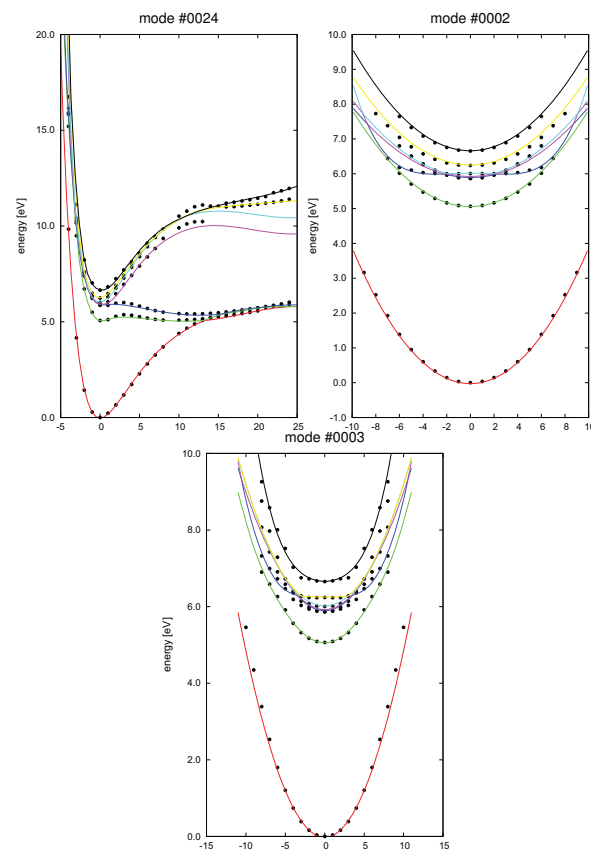
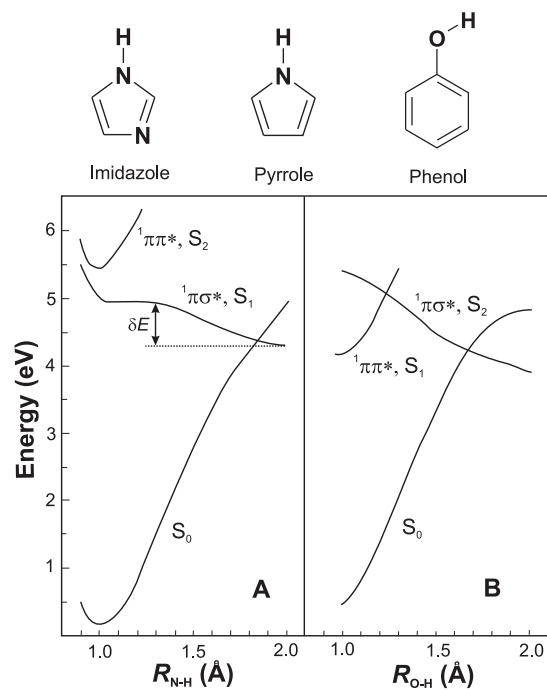


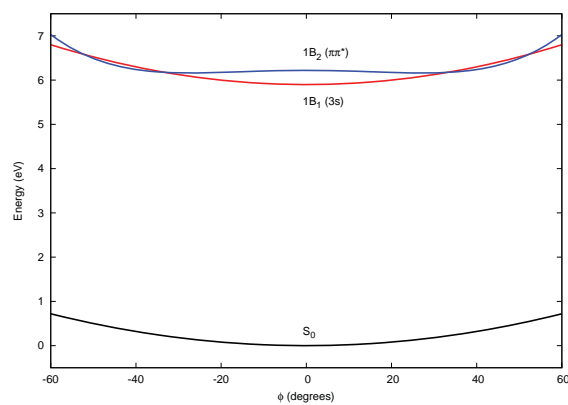
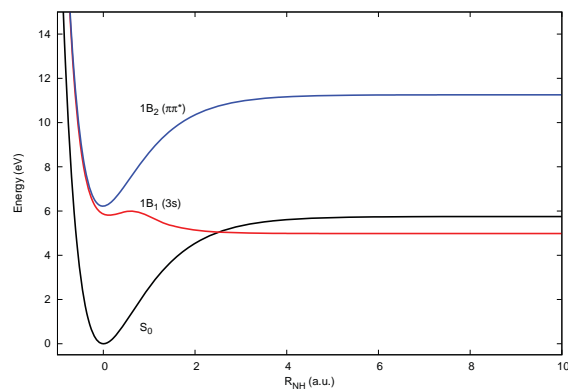
Figure 9: From top-to-bottom, left-to-right: fitted PESs for modes (i)  $\nu_{24}$  (N-H stretch), (ii)  $\nu_2$  (ring torsion), (iii)  $\nu_3$  (ring torsion, out-of-plane C-H bend)

Ashfold *et al* Science (06) **312**: 1637

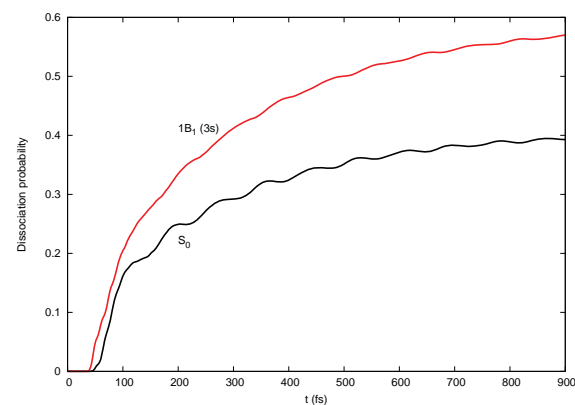
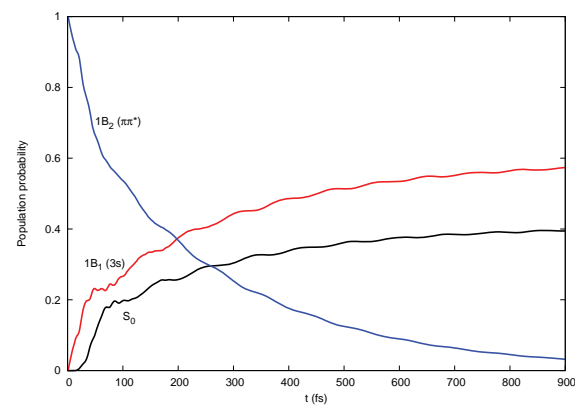
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8-state MS-MR-CASPT2(8,8)/AVDZ+

# Pyrrole: 3-State 3-Mode Model



## State populations



$\pi\pi^*$  coupled to upper  $\pi\sigma^*$   
 upper  $\pi\sigma^*$  coupled to  $S_0$

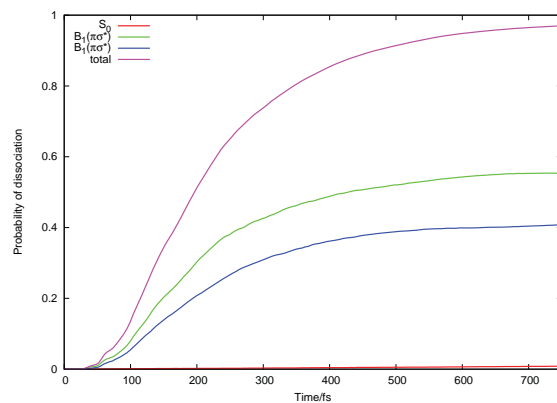
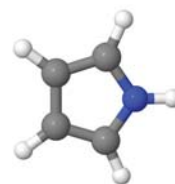
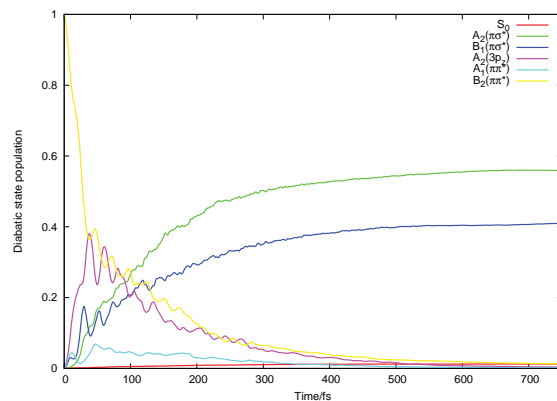
Flux



# Pyrrole: 9-State 8(9)-Mode Model

Ignoring  $\nu_2$

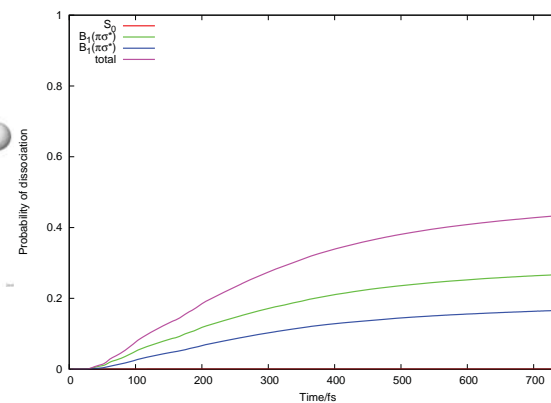
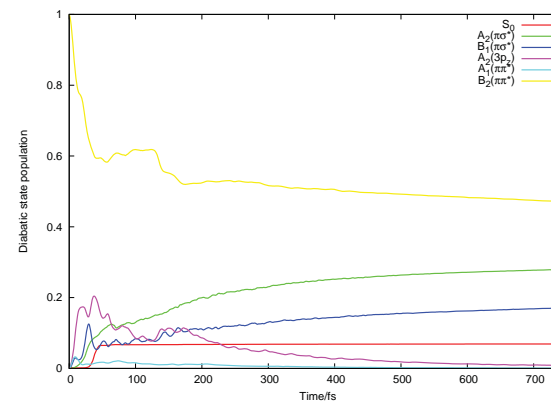
State populations



Flux

Including  $\nu_2$

State populations



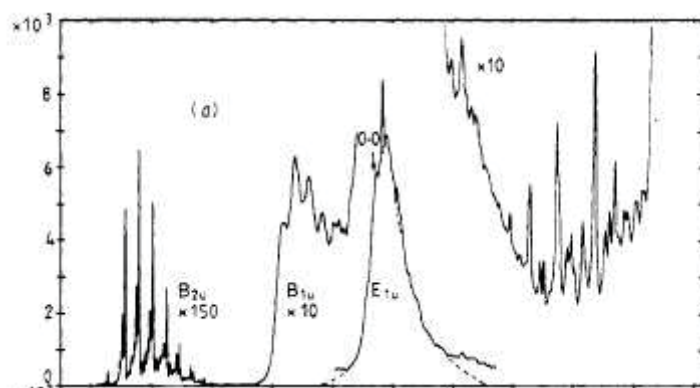
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“Trapped”  
“Geometry”

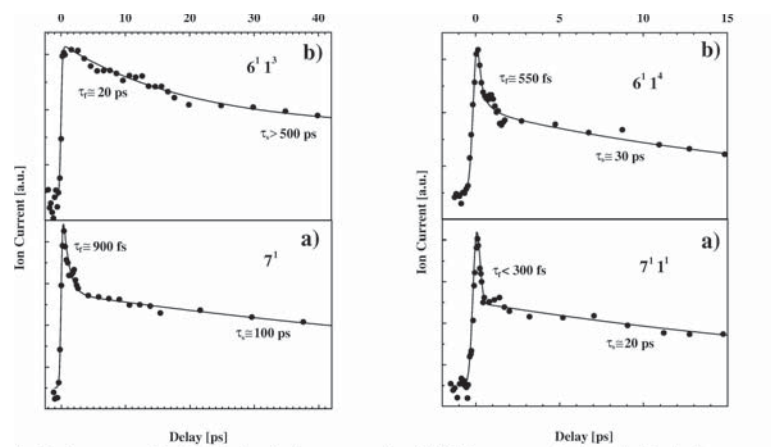
# Benzene: Photophysics

Process	Quantum yield			
	253 nm	248 nm	242 nm	237 nm
Formation of photoproducts	0.016	0.022	0.024	0.037
Fluorescence	0.18	0.10	0	0
Formation of triplet (ISC)	0.6	0.6	0	0

Absorption Spectrum



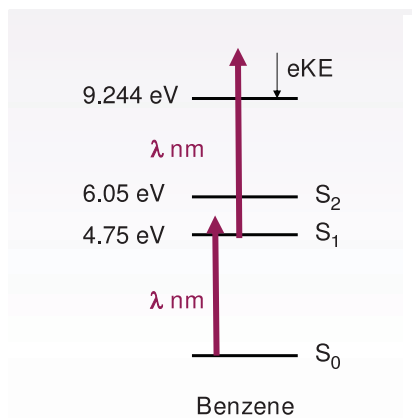
"Channel 3"



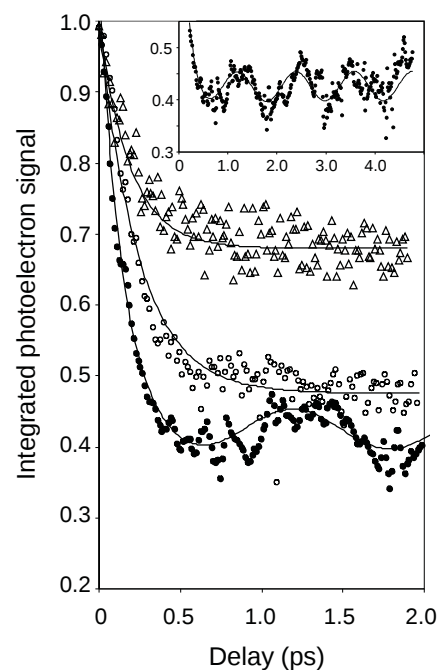
Clara *et al* Appl. Phys. B (00)71: 431

# Benzene: Time-Resolved Spectra

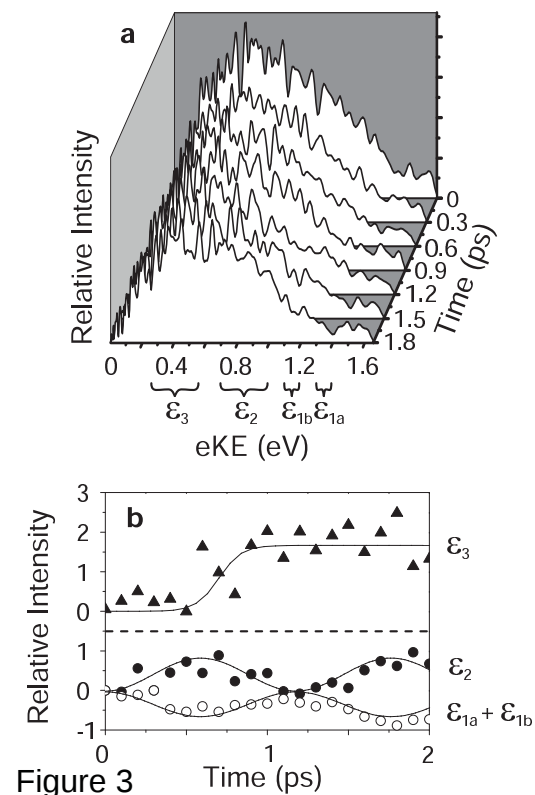
Pump 243 nm  
Probe:  
260, 254, 235



## Total Ion Count



## Photo-electron spectra

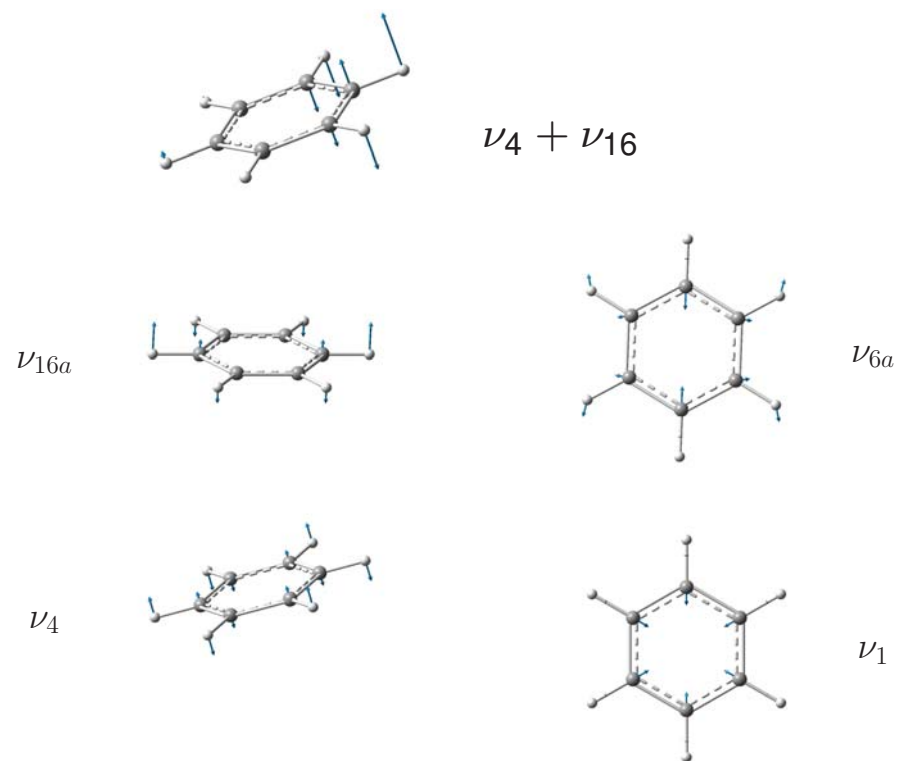
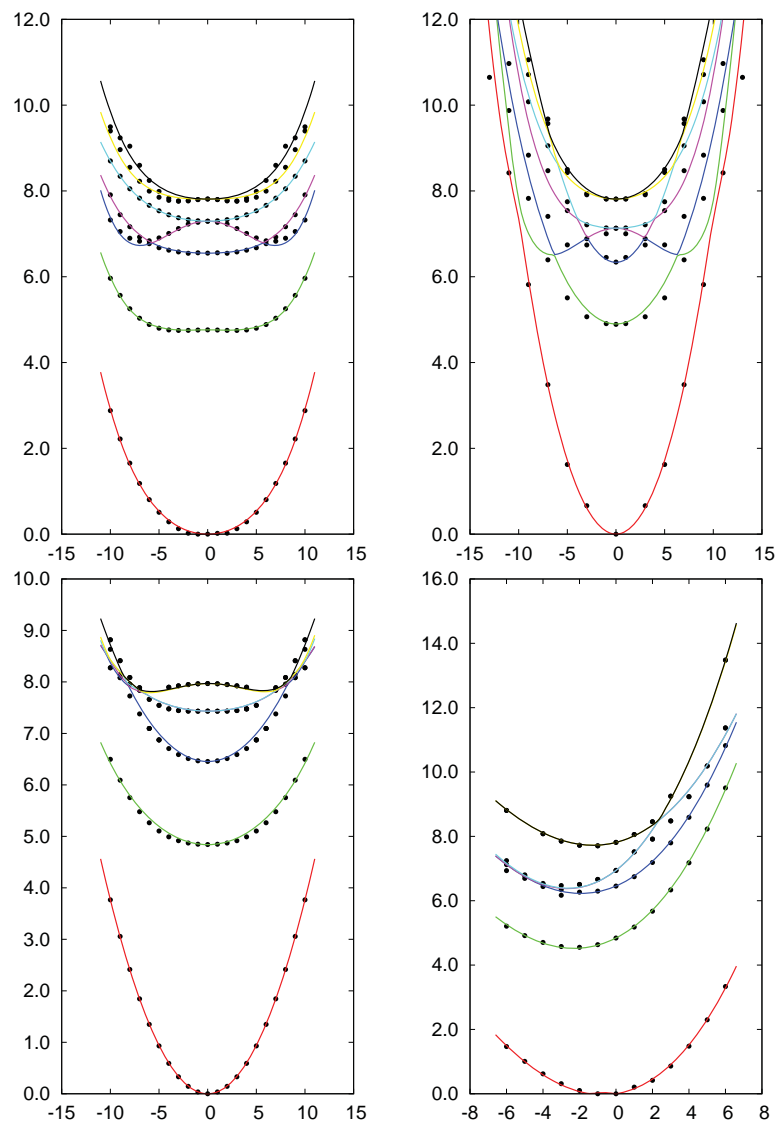


Decay 220 fs + 12 ps

Period 1.2 ps

Minns *et al* PCCP (10) 12: 15607

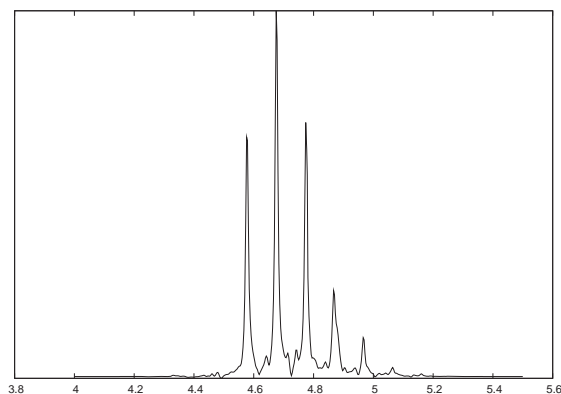
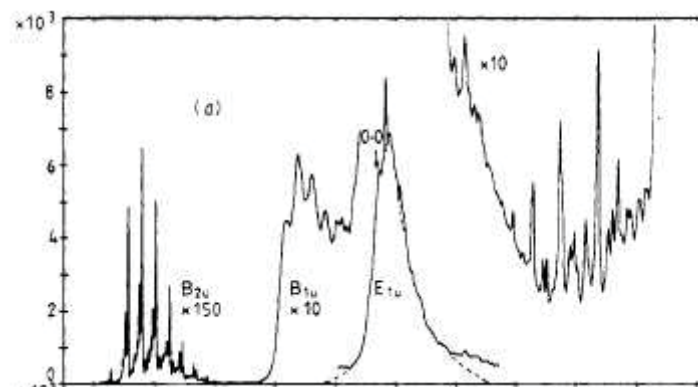
# Benzene Potential Energy Surface Cuts



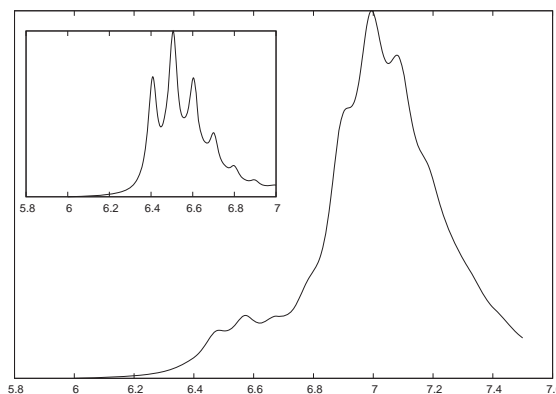
CASPT2 (6,6)/Roos

# Simulated Absorption Spectra

5-state 8-mode model.



$B_{2u}$



$B_{1u} + E_{1u}$

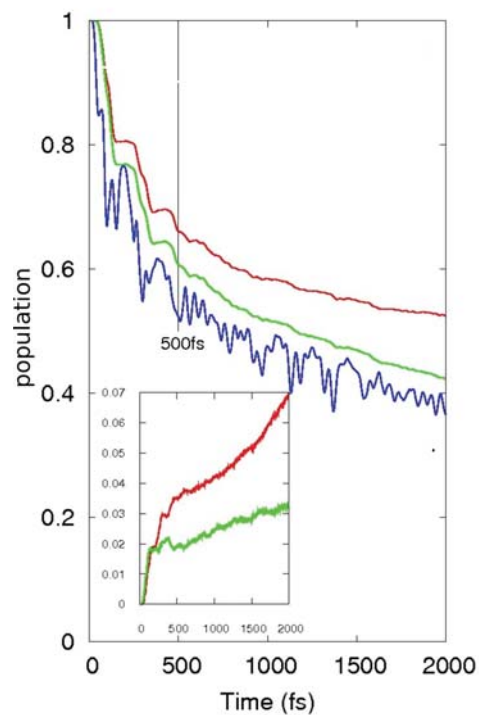
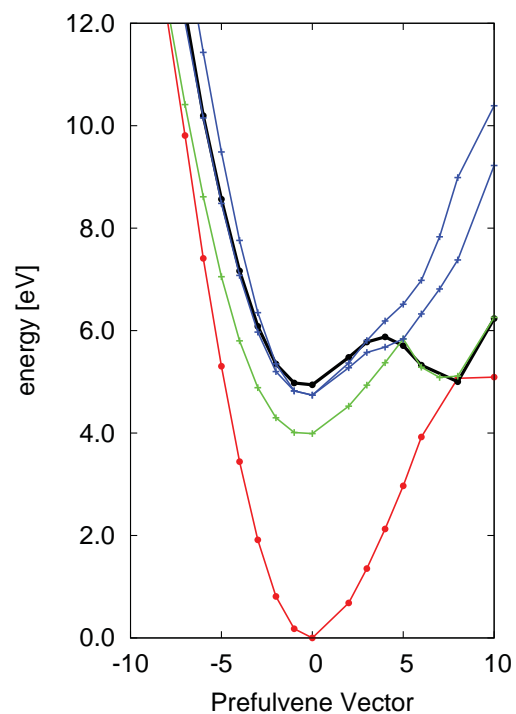
JCP (09) 131: 064303

# Importance of Triplet States and ISC

Need SOC between states:  $\langle {}^3\Psi | H_{SO} | {}^1\Psi \rangle$

At FC point,  $S_1/T_2$  coupling zero. In general SOC small ( $< 5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

5-state model ( $S_0, S_1, T_1, T_2$ )



$S + T$  (red)

$S_1$  (green)

$S_1 FC$  (blue)

T populations (inset)

# Higher Dimensions: The G-MCTDH Method

$$\Psi(Q_1, \dots, Q_f, t) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{j_f=1}^{n_f} A_{j_1 \dots j_f}(t) \prod_{\kappa=1}^{f-n} \varphi_{j_\kappa}^{(\kappa)} \prod_{\kappa=n+1}^f g_{j_\kappa}^{(\kappa)}$$

Replace single-particle functions with Gaussian functions and propagate parameters

$$g_j(\mathbf{x}, t) = \exp(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}_j \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\xi}_j + \eta_j)$$

- Need more GFs than SPFs,
- **BUT** set of parameters smaller than no. of grid points
- spatially unrestricted

## DISADVANTAGES

- Non-orthogonal basis set - numerically difficult
- Efficiency requires approximate integral evaluation  
LHA  $V = V(x_0) + V'(x - x_0) + V''(x - x_0)^2$ 
  - no longer converges on exact result

# The Variational Multi-configurational GWP Method

In limit of only GWP basis functions: **vMCG**

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_J A_J g_J(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Related to Heller, Metiu etc.

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_j g_j(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$g_j(x) = \exp \frac{1}{\hbar} (-a_j(x - x_j)^2 + ip_j(x - x_j) + i\gamma_j)$$

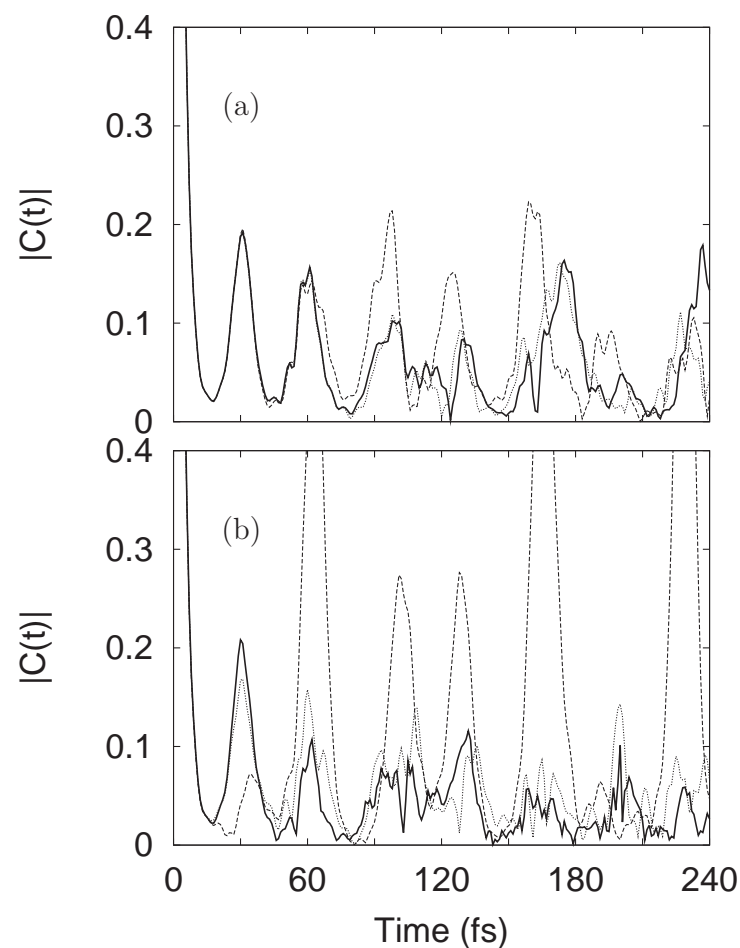
where  $a_j$  is the width,  $\gamma_j$  the phase, and  $x_j, p_j$  are the position and momentum of the centre of the function. Centres  $x_j, p_j$  follow classical trajectories.

**vMCG GWPs coupled and follow non-classical trajectories**



## vMCG propagation

The autocorrelation function for a 4-mode 2-state model after vertical excitation to the upper state

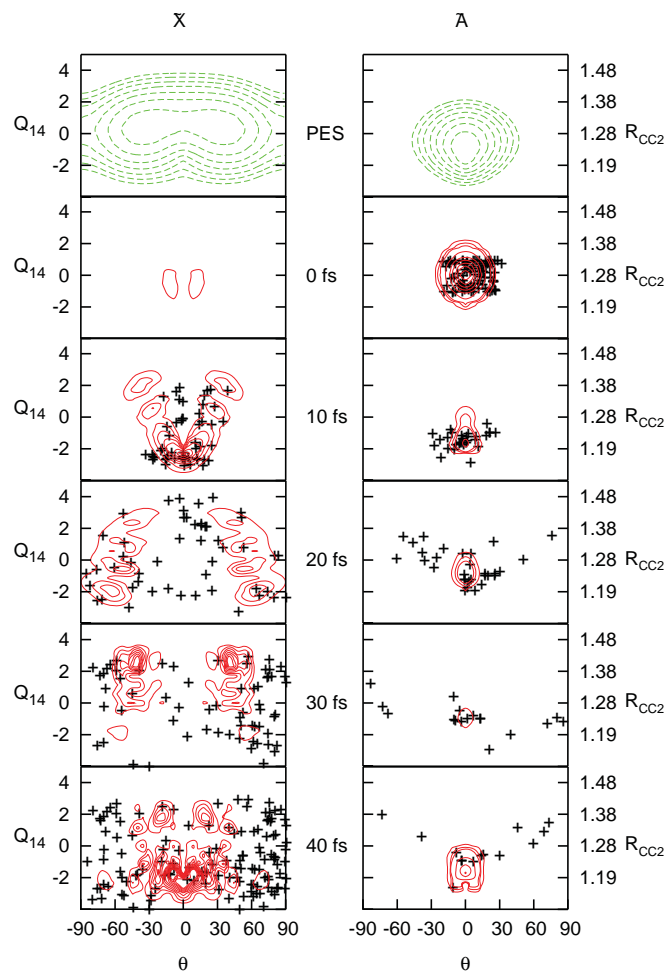


(a) vMCG  
40 (dashed), 120 (dotted) and  
160 GWPs (bold line)

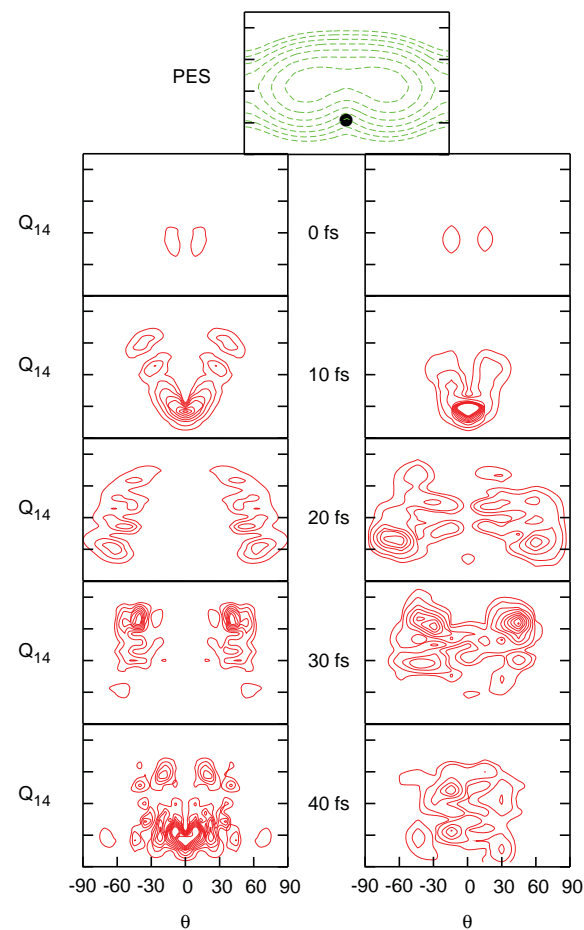
(b) classical GWPs  
160 (dotted), 3794 (dashed)  
and 94320 (bold line) GWPs.

# Butatriene: MCTDH v TSH v vMCG

## 80 Trajectories



## 32 GWPs



Worth *et al* JPC A **107**: 621 (2003)

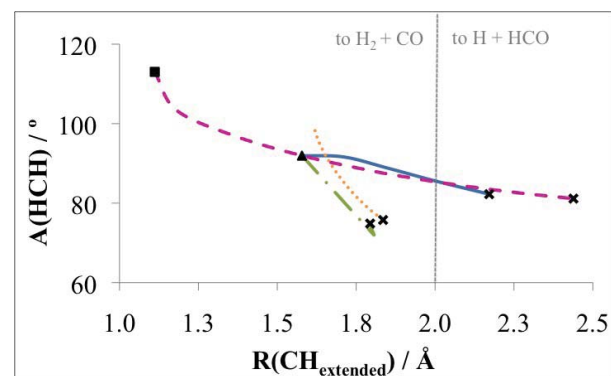
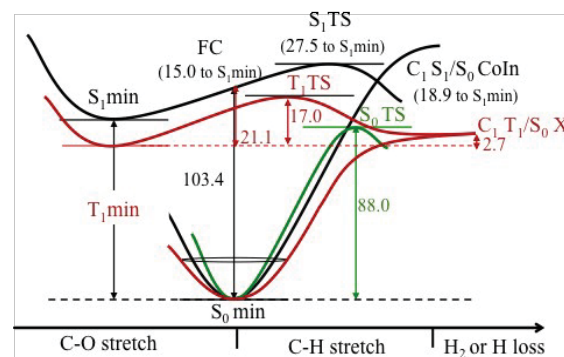
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# Direct Dynamics

## Formaldehyde Photochemistry

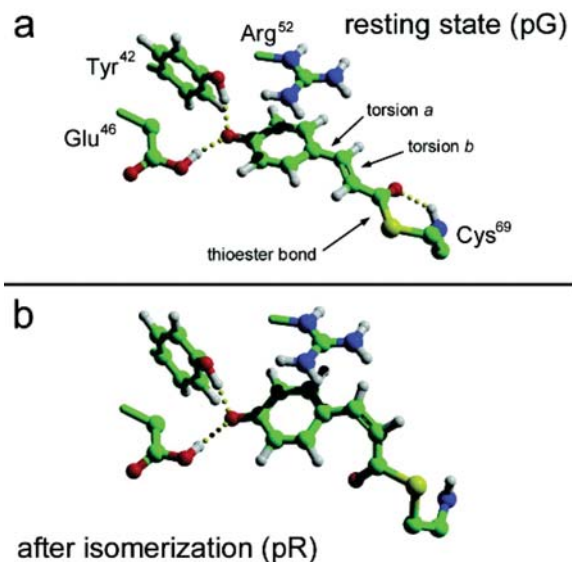
Calculate PES (LHA) directly using quantum chemistry program.

- Store results in a database (energy, gradient, Hessian)



Araujo *et al* JPC (09) **131**: 144301

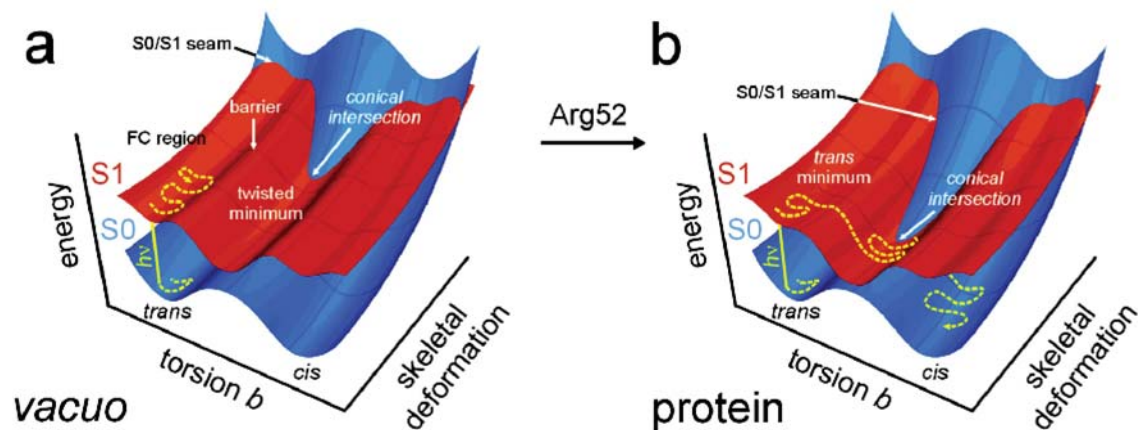
# Non-Adiabatic Photochemistry: Environmental Effects



## Photoactive yellow protein

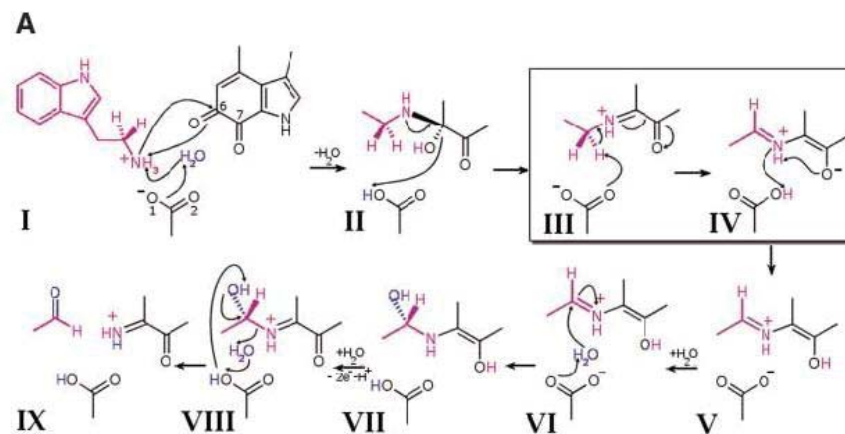
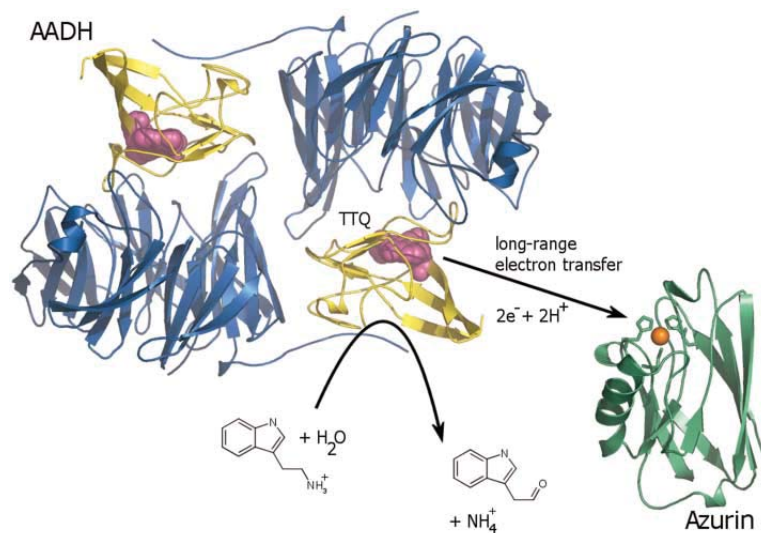
- CAS(6,6)/3-21G + GROMOS
- 14 trajectories
- trajectory surface hopping

Groenhof *et al* JACS (04) **126**: 4228



# Proton Tunneling in Enzymes

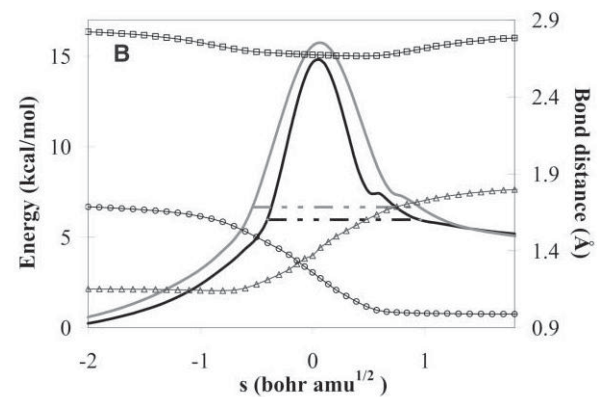
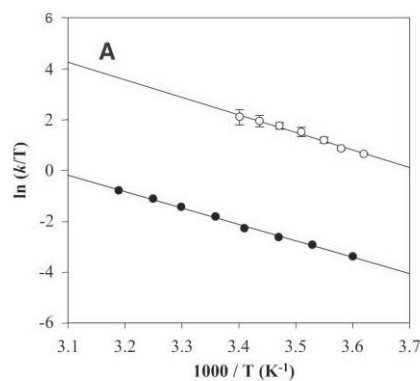
## Aromatic Amine Dehydrogenase (AADH)



$$\Delta G_{exp}^{\ddagger} = 12.7 \text{ kcalmol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta G_{cal}^{\ddagger} = 13.2 \text{ kcalmol}^{-1}$$

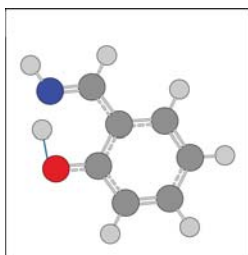
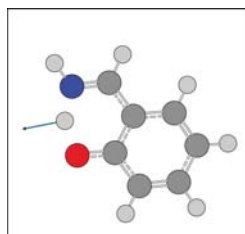
$$\Delta G_{tun}^{\ddagger} = -4.9 \text{ kcalmol}^{-1}$$



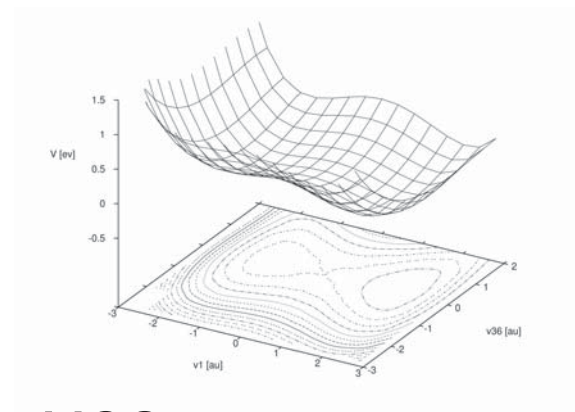
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# Proton Transfer: Salicylaldehyde

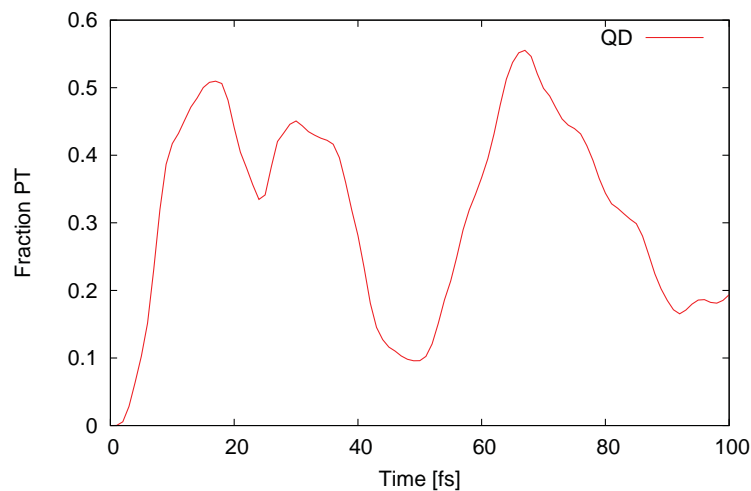
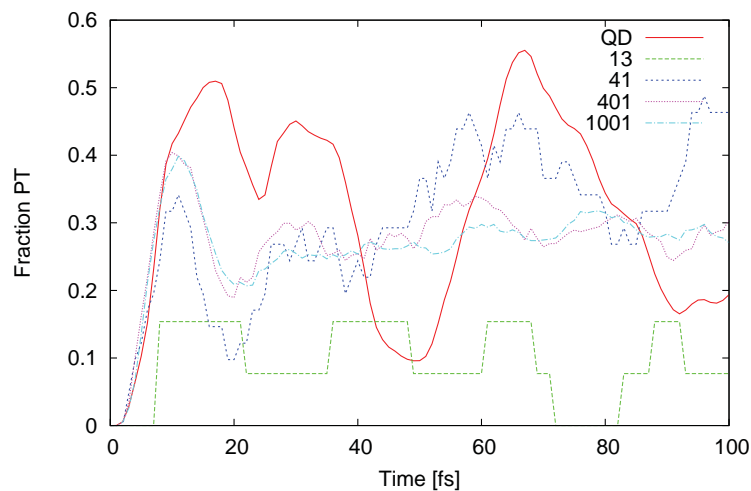
Barrier height  $18 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$  (0.19 eV). Create wavepacket by displacing PT mode  $\nu_1$  to give  $9.0 \text{ kJmol}^{-1}$  (0.09 eV)

 $\nu_1$  $\nu_{36}$ 

Swarm of Trajectories

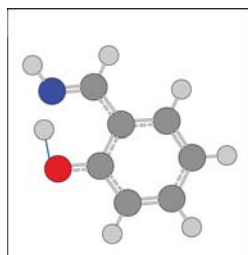
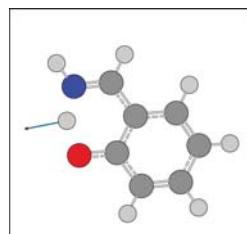


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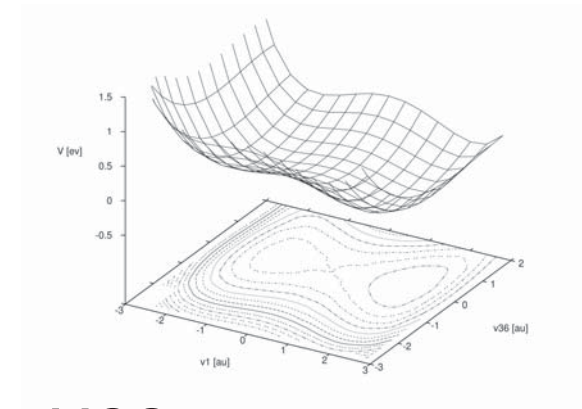
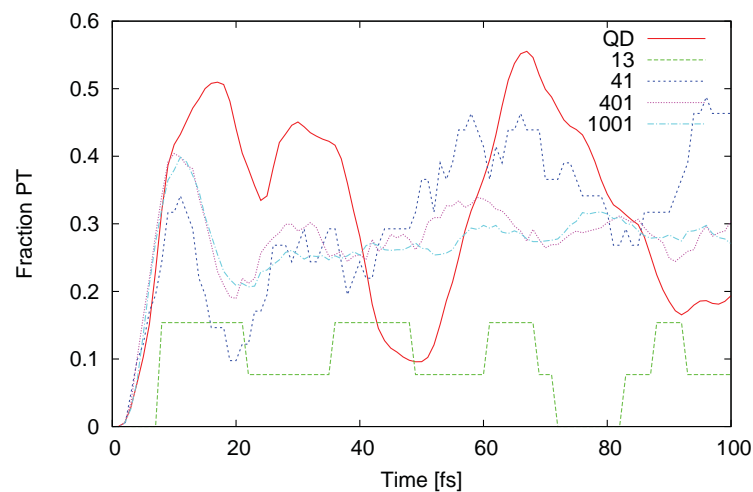


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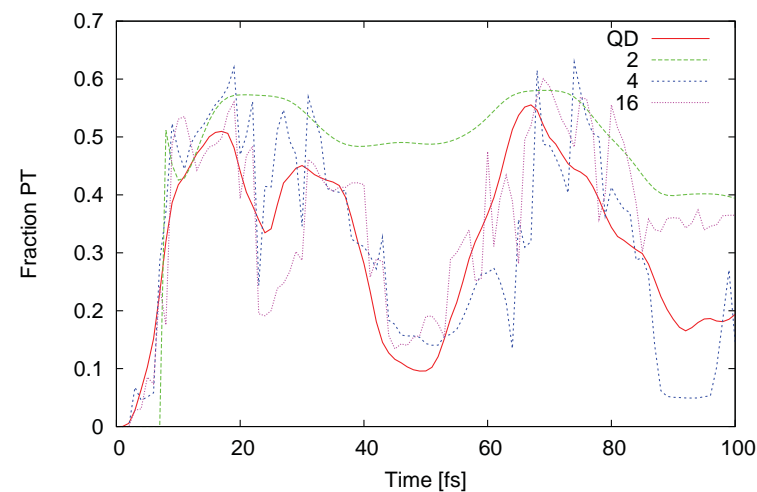
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# Summary

Standard Wavepacket dynamics:

- Exponential increase in computer resources  $\sim N^f$ 
  - 4-6 modes usual limit

MCTDH:

- Wavefunction more compact – scales with  $n^p + pnN^d$ 
  - ca 20 modes possible
- Converges on exact result
- Starting point for further approximations
- together with the vibronic model Hamiltonian able to study multi-mode effects in non-adiabatic systems

Need:

- increase algorithm power to add “environment” explicitly
  - G-MCTDH
- better / more flexible potentials to study photochemistry
  - direct dynamics