

Simulating Photodissociation of High-Dimensional Systems Using Multiconfiguration Time-Dependent Hartree Method

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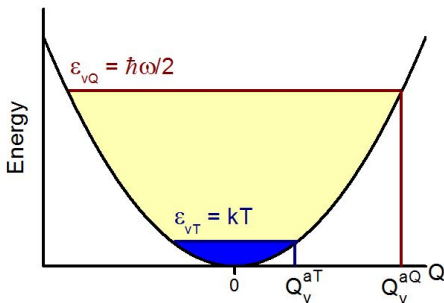
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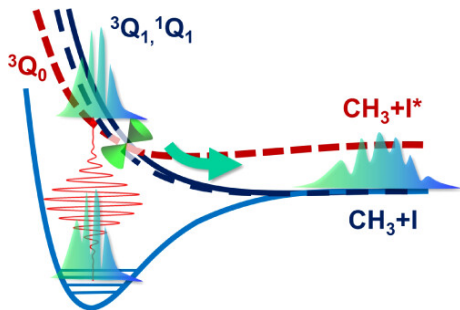
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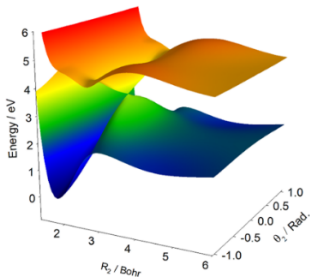
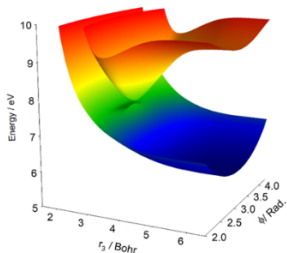
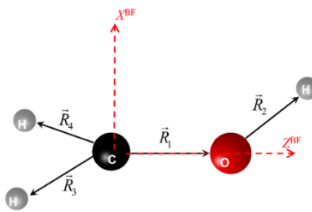
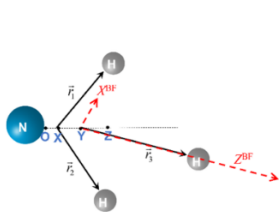
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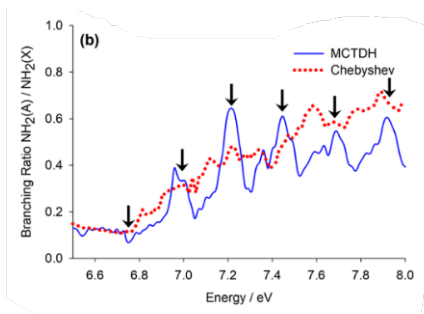
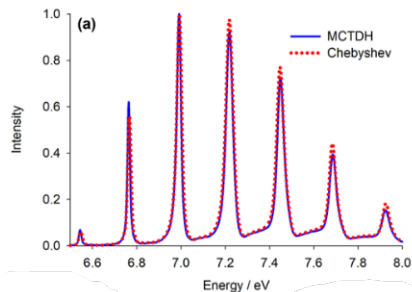
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- Monte Carlo integrals to avoid exact numerical integration during the transformation to SOP form

Simulated Systems



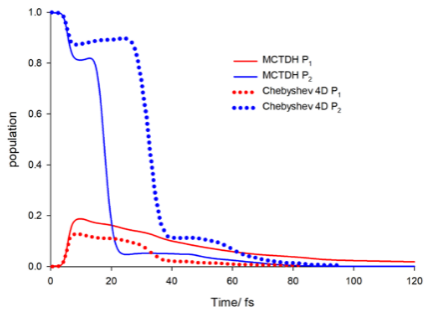
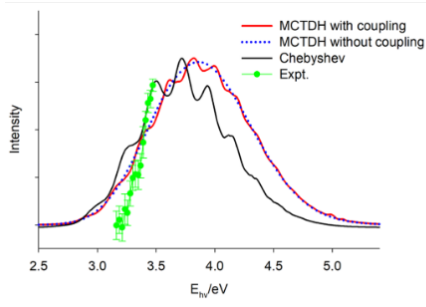
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Ammonia



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Hydroxymethyl Radical



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Conclusion

- time dependent basis functions enable quantum dynamics simulations of high dimensional systems
- long lived resonances and chaotic dynamics NH_3 remain a challenge for MCTDH
- full dimensional simulation of hydroxymethyl radical validate previous 4D model

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