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TDDFT in Chemistry and Biochemistry

Lecture 1: Photochemistry and Photobiology
BENASQUE 9th TDDFT: Prospects and Applications

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Photochemistry

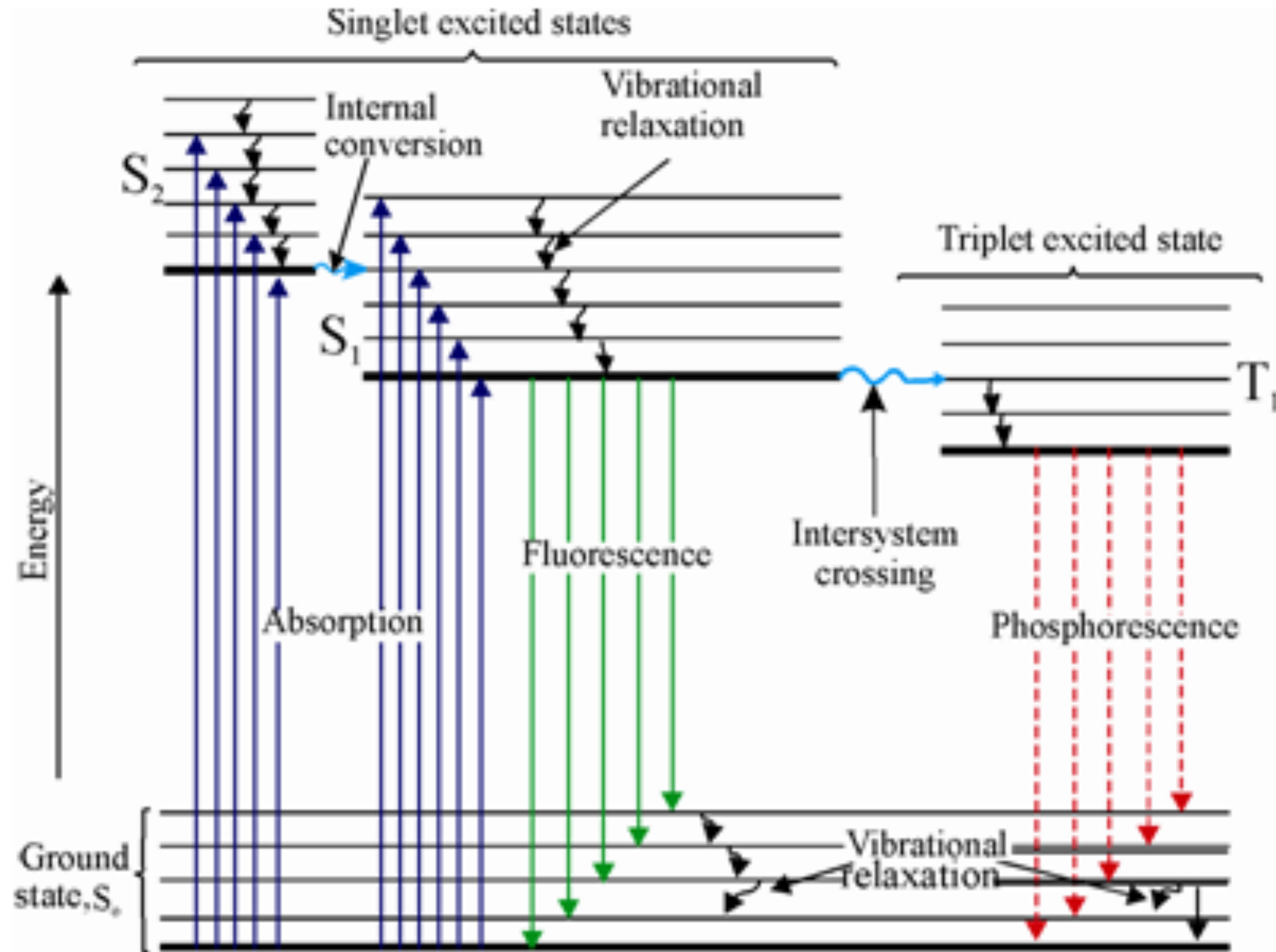
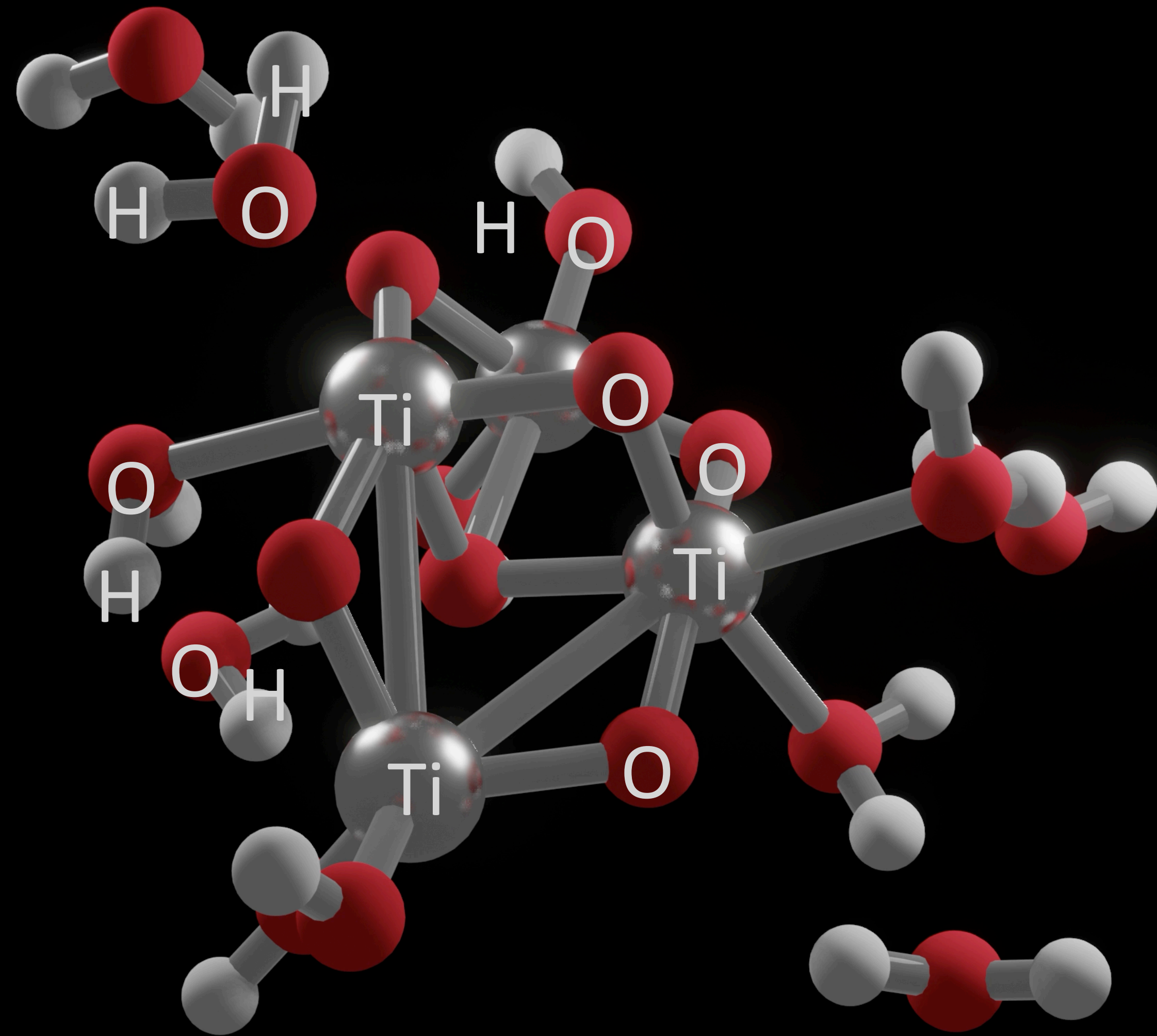
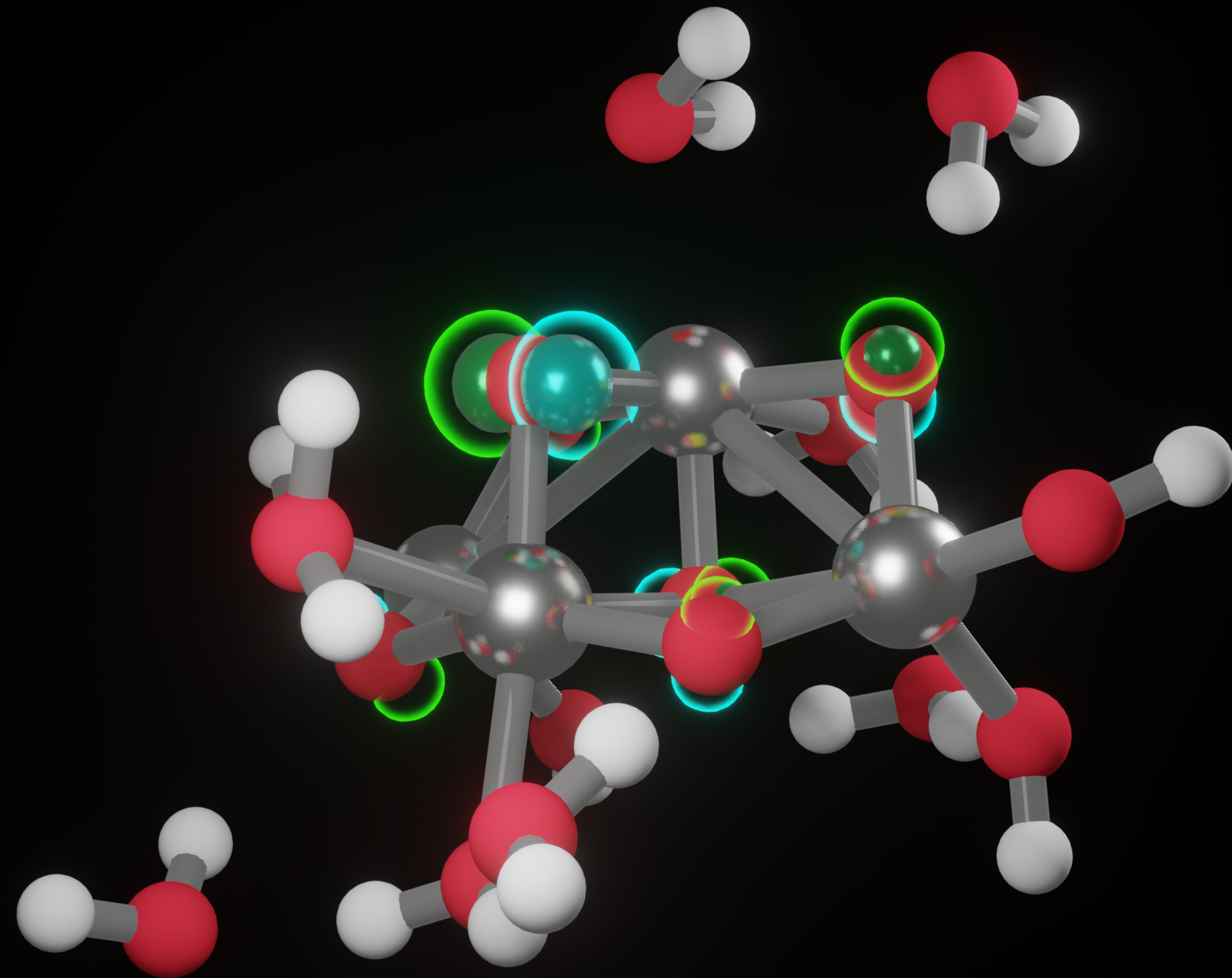
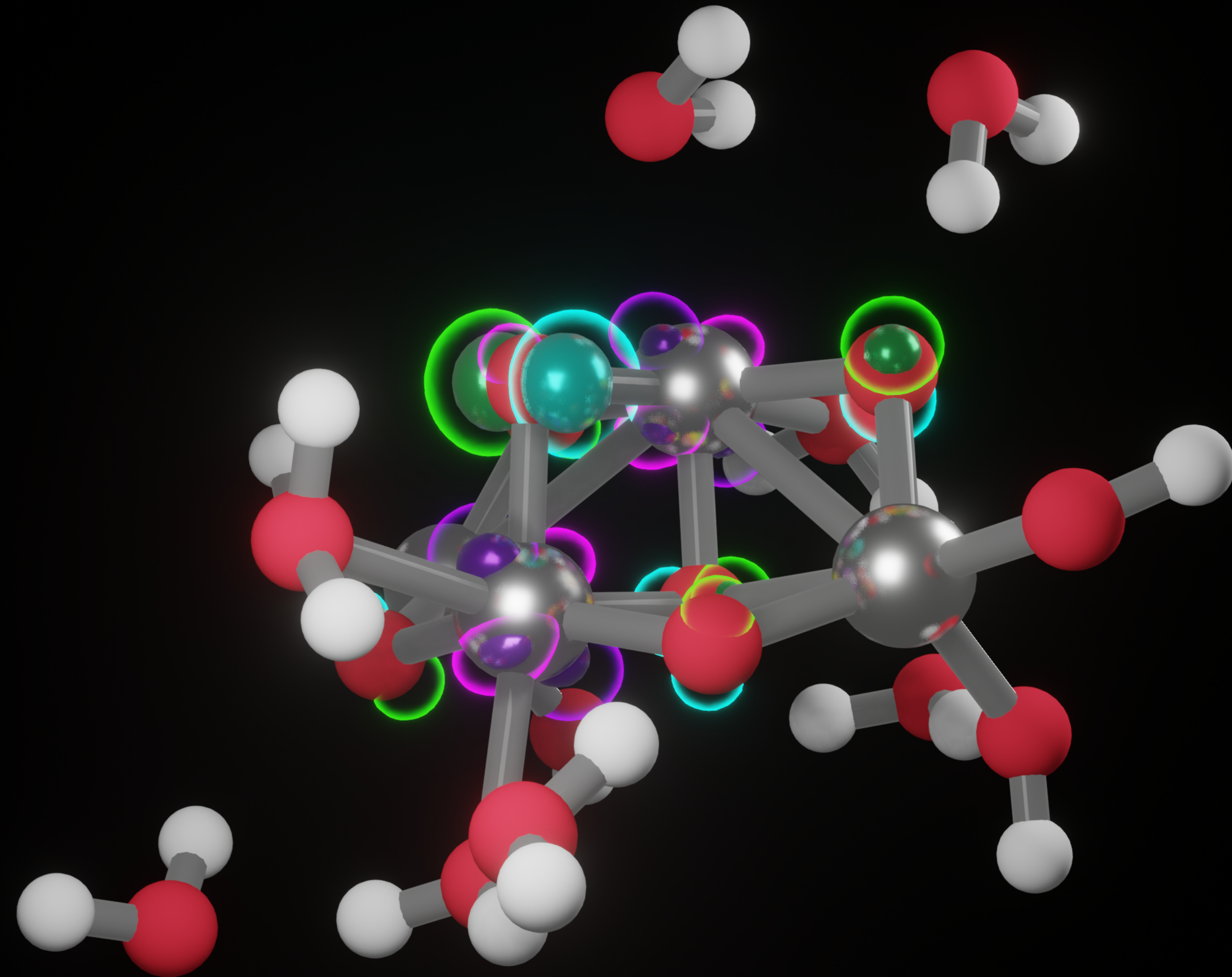


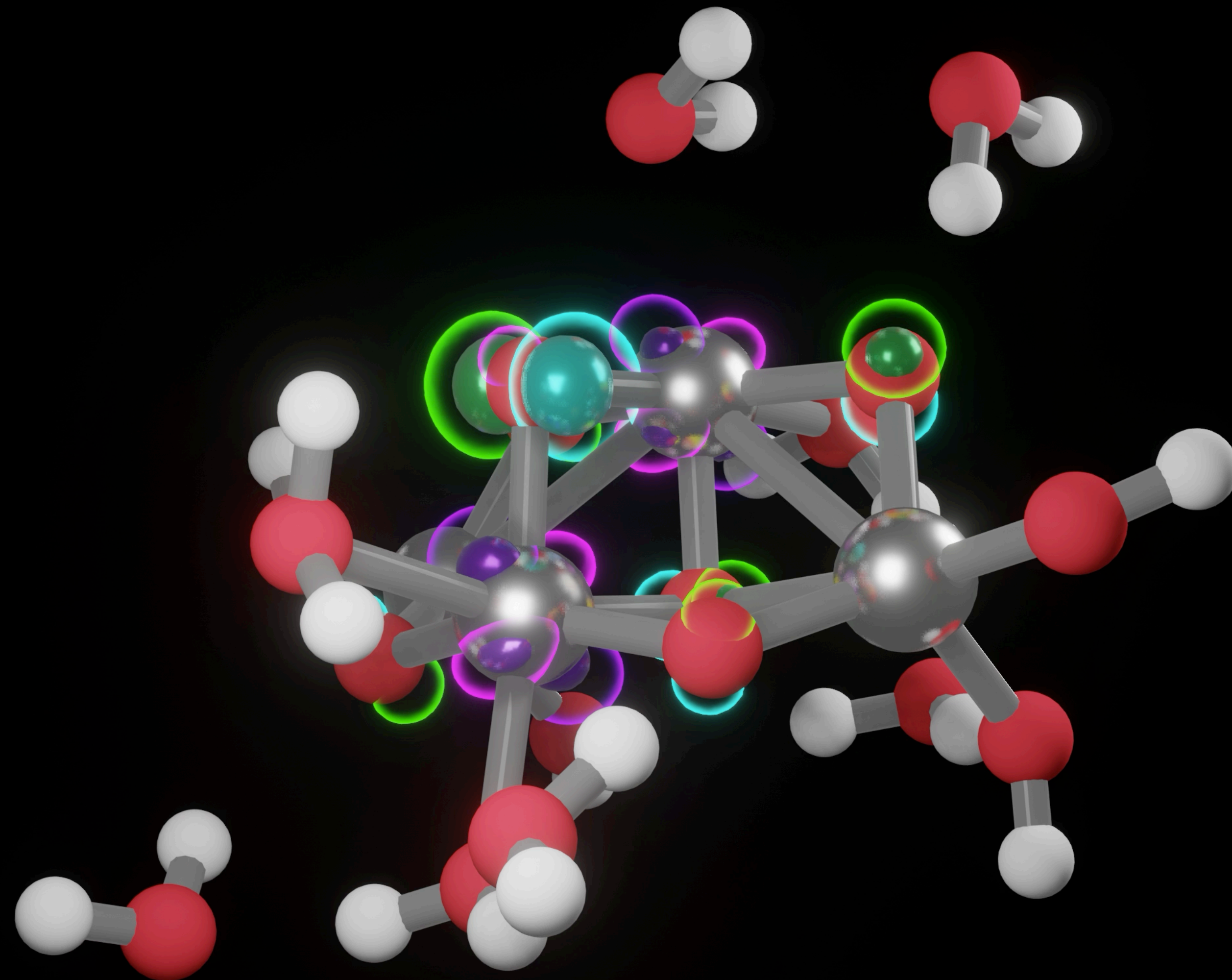
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- Use TDDFT to determine
- identities of the states involved? properties?
 - **photochemical pathway? timescales?**







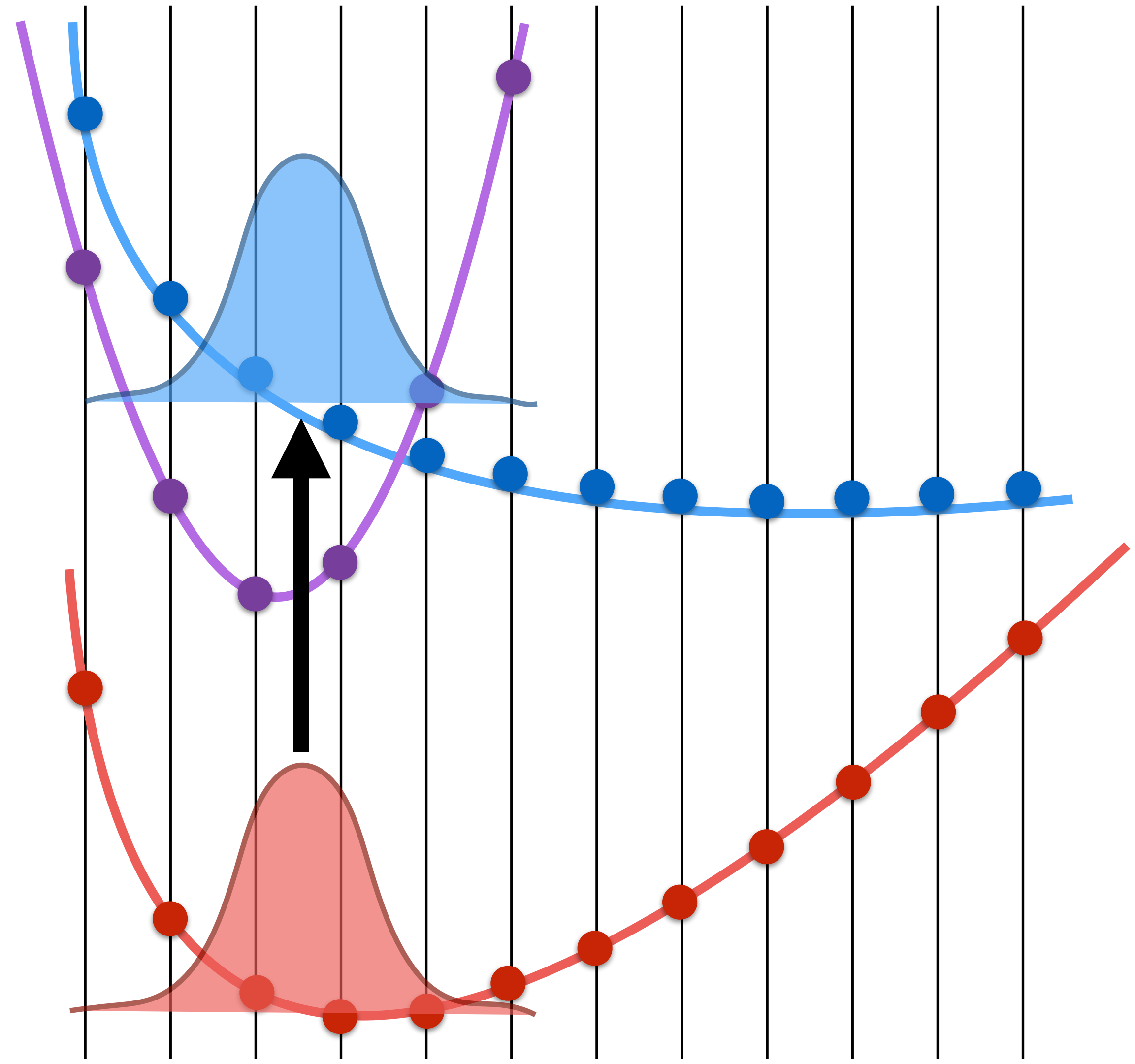


Separated approach

**Step through
configuration space**

**Compute potential
energy surfaces**

**Propagate dynamics
along potential
energy surfaces**



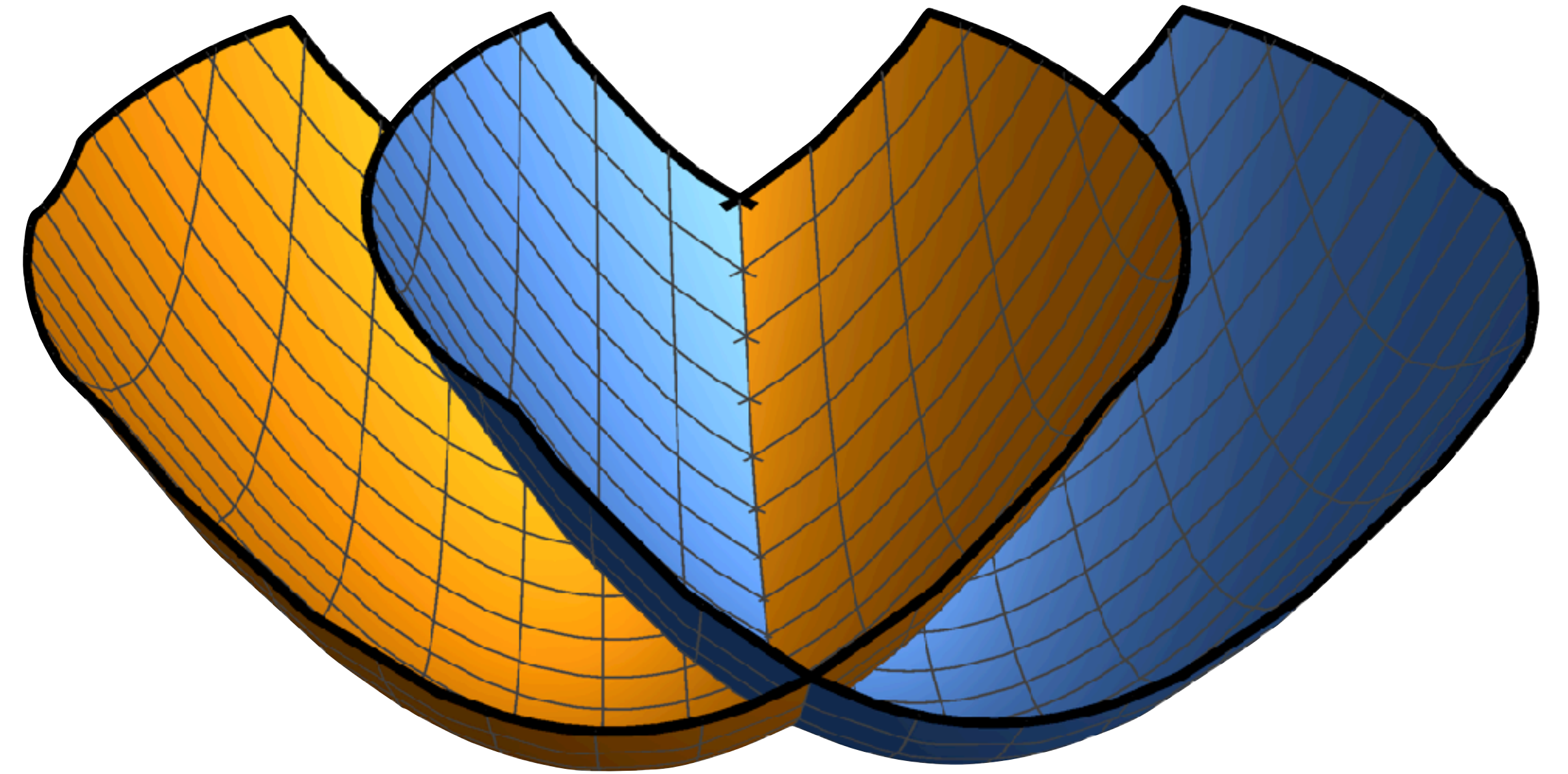
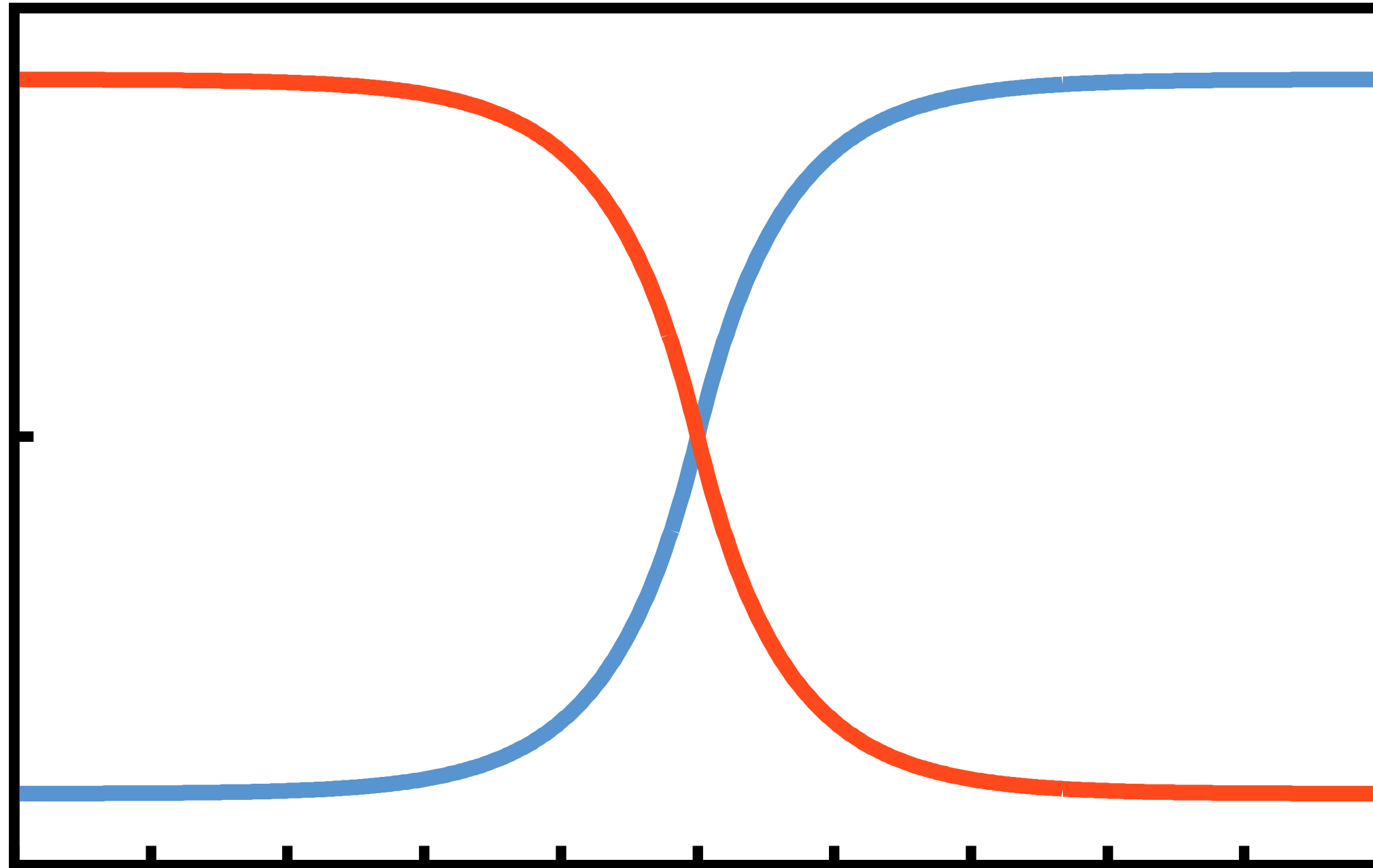
Model quantum dynamics

Born-Oppenheimer expansion

Mixed quantum classical

Simplest possible models

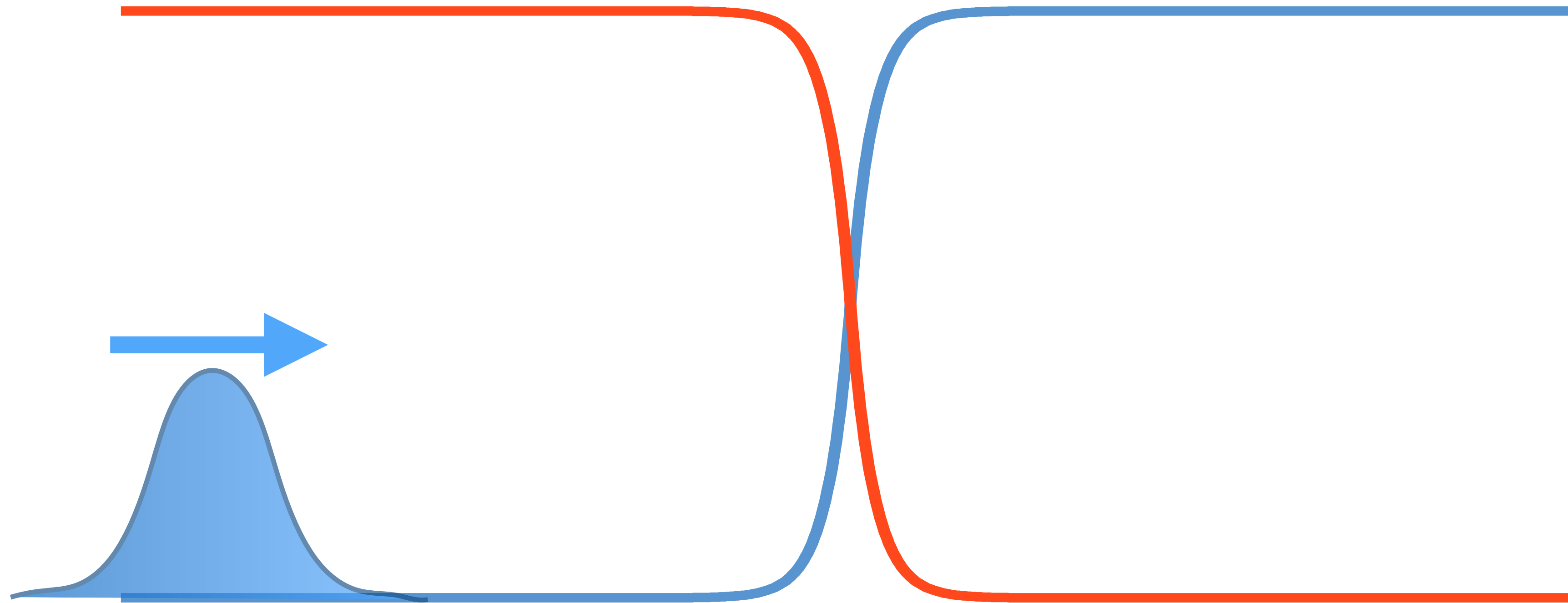
Numerical playground: 1D/2D quantum dynamics



<https://www.github.com/smparker/telluride>

Wavepacket dynamics

Prepare a wavepacket and propagate



The quantum propagator

$$|\Psi(t')\rangle = \hat{U}(t, t')|\Psi(t)\rangle$$

Grid based propagator

For a time-independent Hamiltonian the propagator is

$$\hat{U}(t, t + \tau) = e^{-i\hat{H}\tau}$$

Trotter decompose using: $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}$

$$\hat{U}(\tau) = e^{-i\hat{V}\frac{\tau}{2}} e^{-i\hat{T}\tau} e^{-i\hat{V}\frac{\tau}{2}} + \mathcal{O}(\tau^3)$$

Fourier split-operator propagation

$$\hat{U}(\tau) \approx \underbrace{[\text{FFT}]}_{\text{[FFT]}} e^{-i\hat{V}\frac{\tau}{2}} \underbrace{[\text{FFT}]}_{\text{[FFT]}} e^{-i\hat{T}\tau} \underbrace{[\text{FFT}]}_{\text{[FFT]}} e^{i\hat{V}\frac{\tau}{2}}$$

[FFT]

$\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$

$$e^{i\alpha\mathbf{T}(k)} |\Psi(k)\rangle$$

Local in k-space

$$e^{i\alpha\mathbf{V}(x)} |\Psi(x)\rangle$$

Local in real space

Python split-operator: one-state 1D

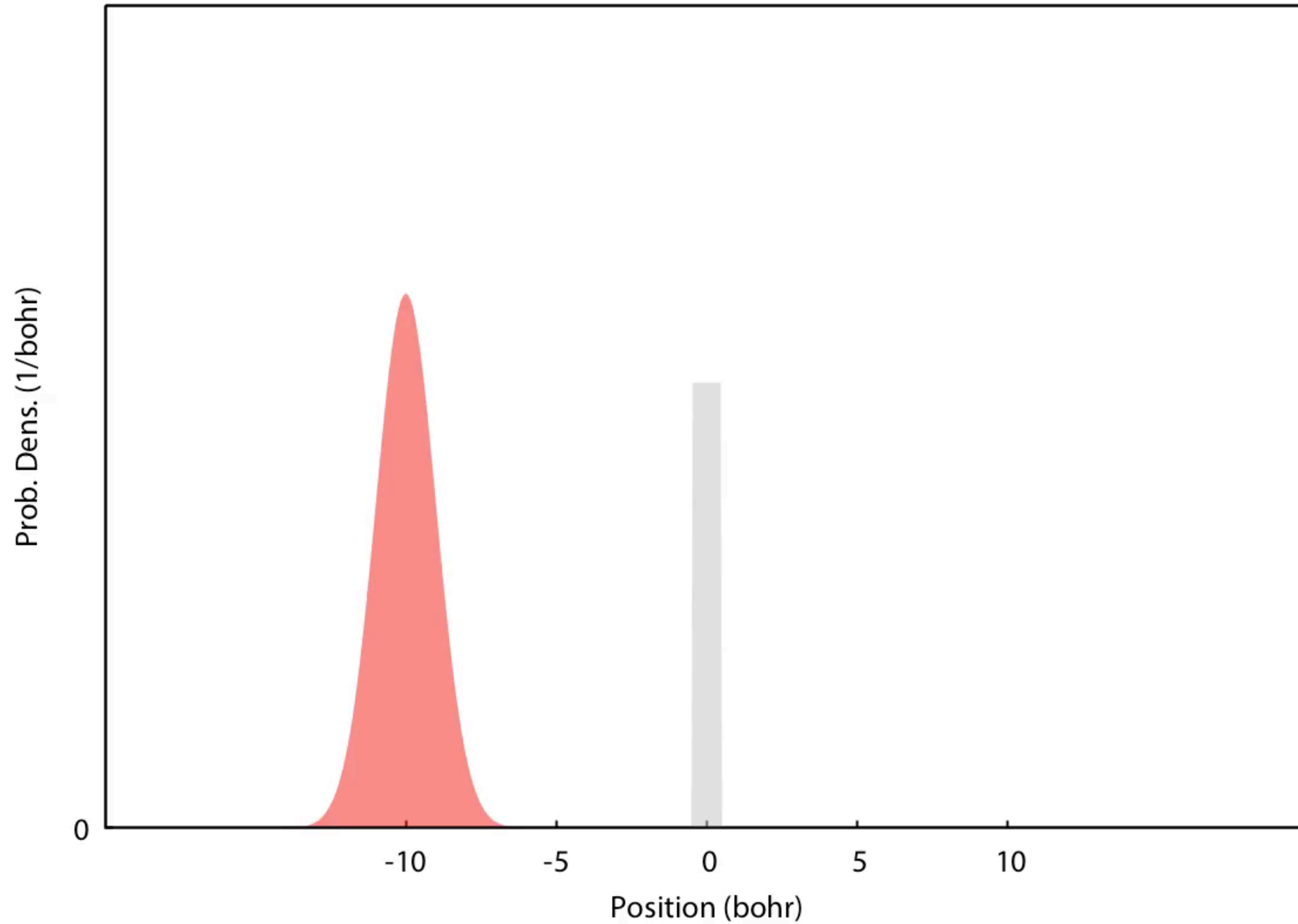
For a time-independent Hamiltonian the propagator is

$$e^{\alpha \mathbf{V}(x)} |\Psi(x)\rangle \longrightarrow e^{\alpha V(x)} |\Psi(x)\rangle$$

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| $V_i = V(x_i)$ | \longrightarrow | <code>potential = v(xx)</code> |
| $T_i = T(p_i)$ | \longrightarrow | <code>cpotential = -1j * absorber(xx, absorberleft, absorberright, absorberwidth)</code> <code>kinetic = 0.5*p*p/mass</code> |
| $\exp(-iV_i\tau/2)$ | \longrightarrow | <code>prop_v = np.exp(-1j * (potential + cpotential) * dt * 0.5)</code> |
| $\exp(-iT_i\tau)$ | \longrightarrow | <code>prop_t = np.exp(-1j * kinetic * dt)</code> |
| $ \Psi(t=0)\rangle$ | \longrightarrow | <code>psi = psi0(xx)</code> |
| $\hat{U}(\tau)$ | $\left\{$ | <code>for i in range(nsteps):</code> <code>psi *= prop_v</code> <code>psi = np.fft.fft(psi)</code> <code>psi *= prop_t</code> <code>psi = np.fft.ifft(psi)</code> <code>psi *= prop_v</code> |

Ex: </<teluride>/squarewell/squarewell.py>

Python split-operator: square-well



Python split-operator: multi-state 1D

$$e^{\alpha \mathbf{V}(x)} |\Psi(x)\rangle \longrightarrow \mathbf{U}(x) |\Psi(x)\rangle$$

Eigendecompose

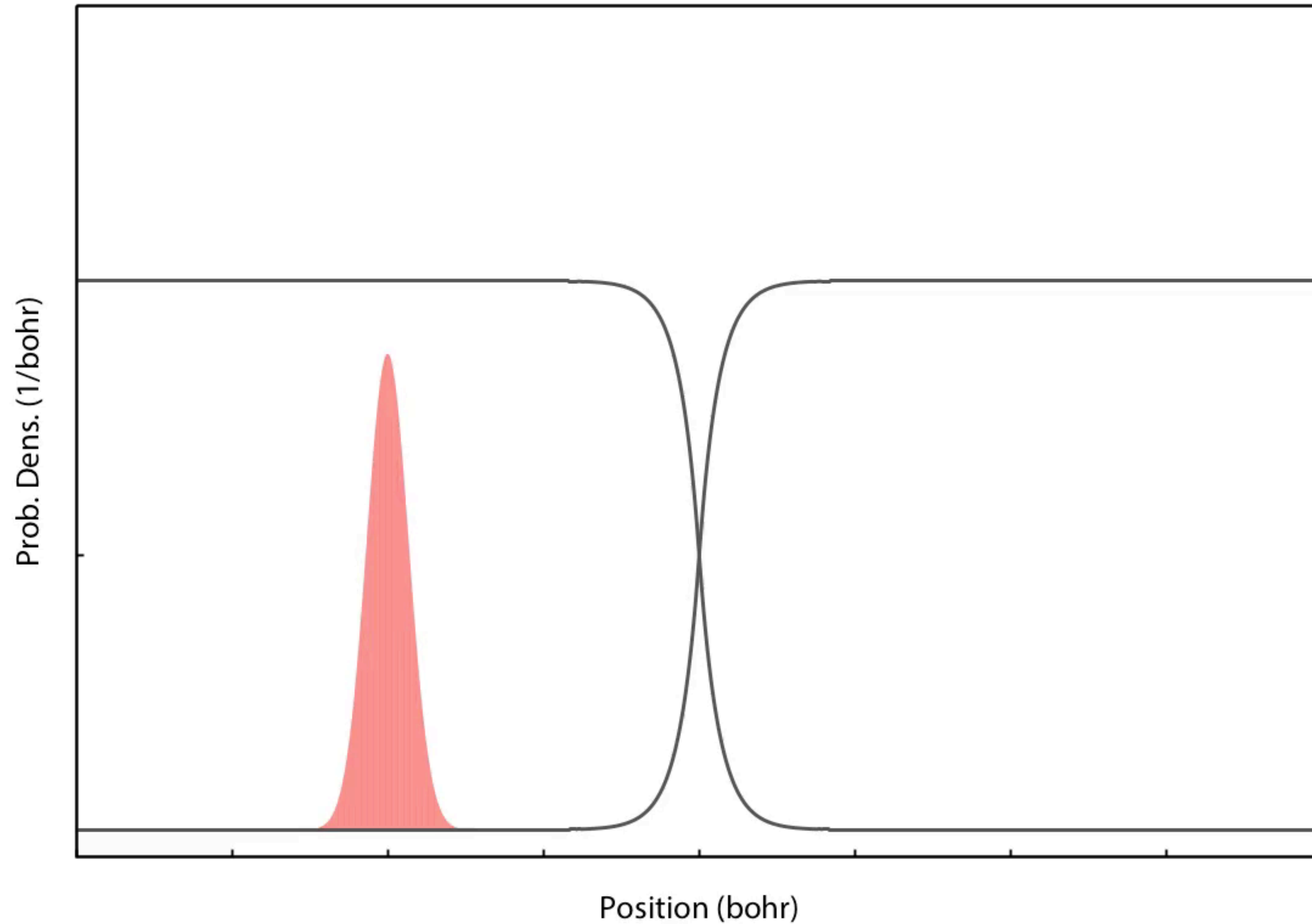
$$\mathbf{C}^\dagger \mathbf{V}(x) \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} v_0(x) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \mathbf{V}(x) = \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} v_0(x) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}^\dagger$$

$$\mathbf{V}^2(x) = \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} v_0(x) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}^\dagger \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} v_0(x) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}^\dagger = \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} v_0^2(x) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}^\dagger$$

$$e^{\alpha \mathbf{V}(x)} = \mathbf{C} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\alpha v_0(x)} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C}^\dagger$$

Ex: `/<telluride>/avoidedcrossing/avoidedcrossing.py`

Python split-operator: avoided crossing



Model quantum dynamics

Born-Oppenheimer expansion

Mixed quantum classical

Born-Huang expansion: two is better than one

The full quantum molecular Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T}_N + \hat{V}_{NN} + \hat{V}_{eN} + \hat{T}_e + \hat{V}_{ee}$$

pure nuclear

electron-nuclear
attraction

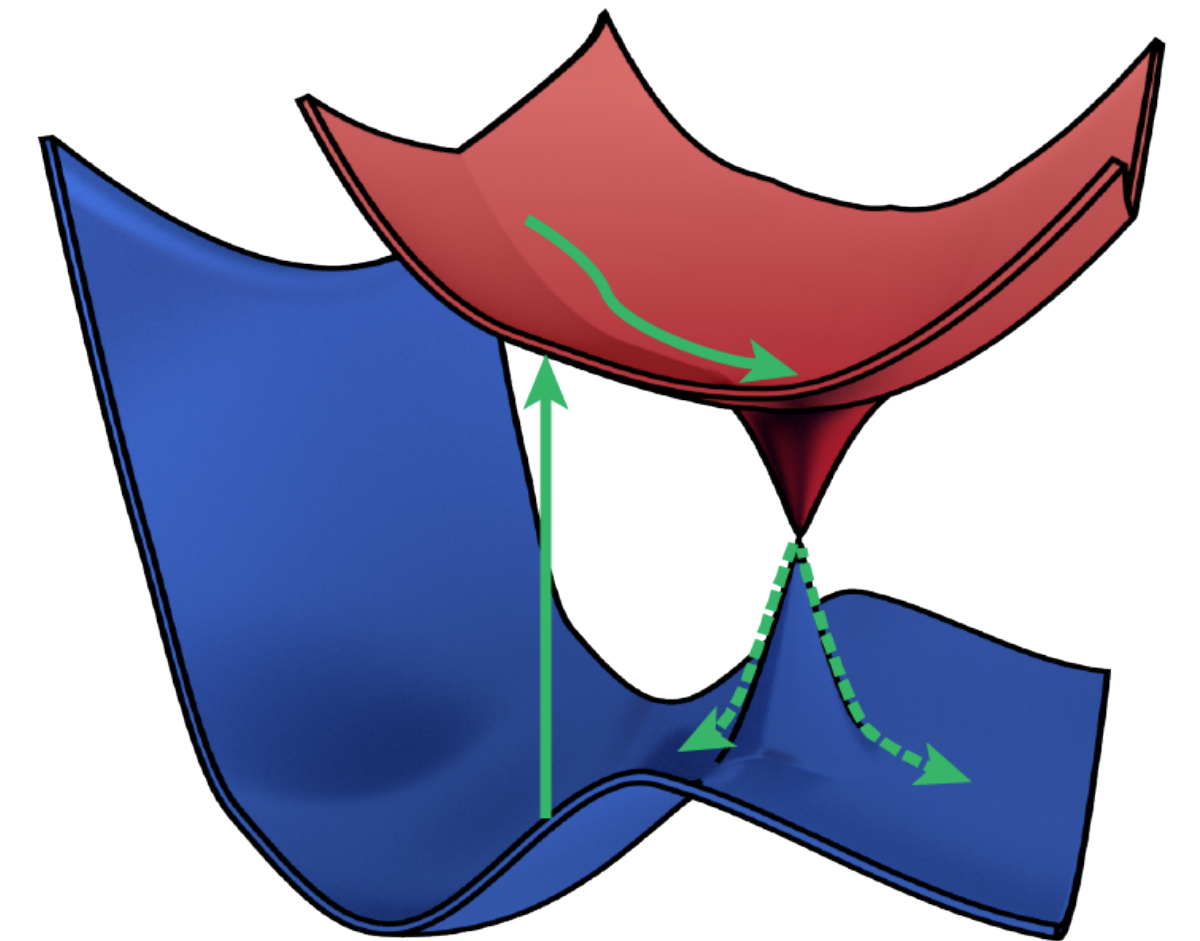
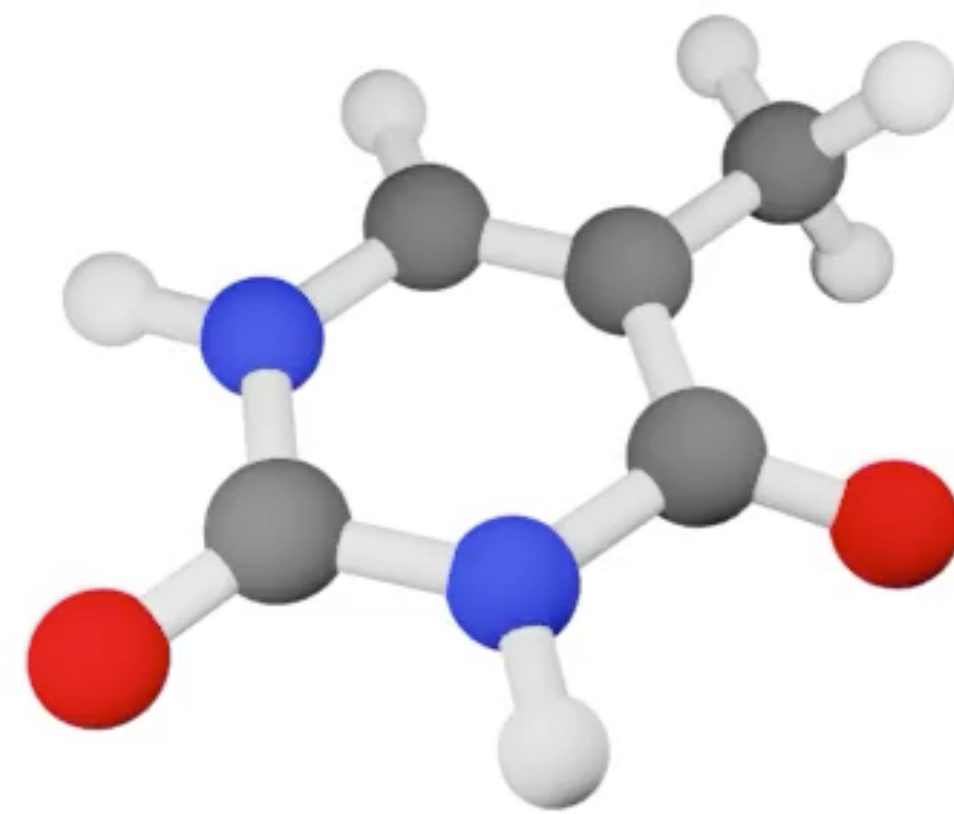
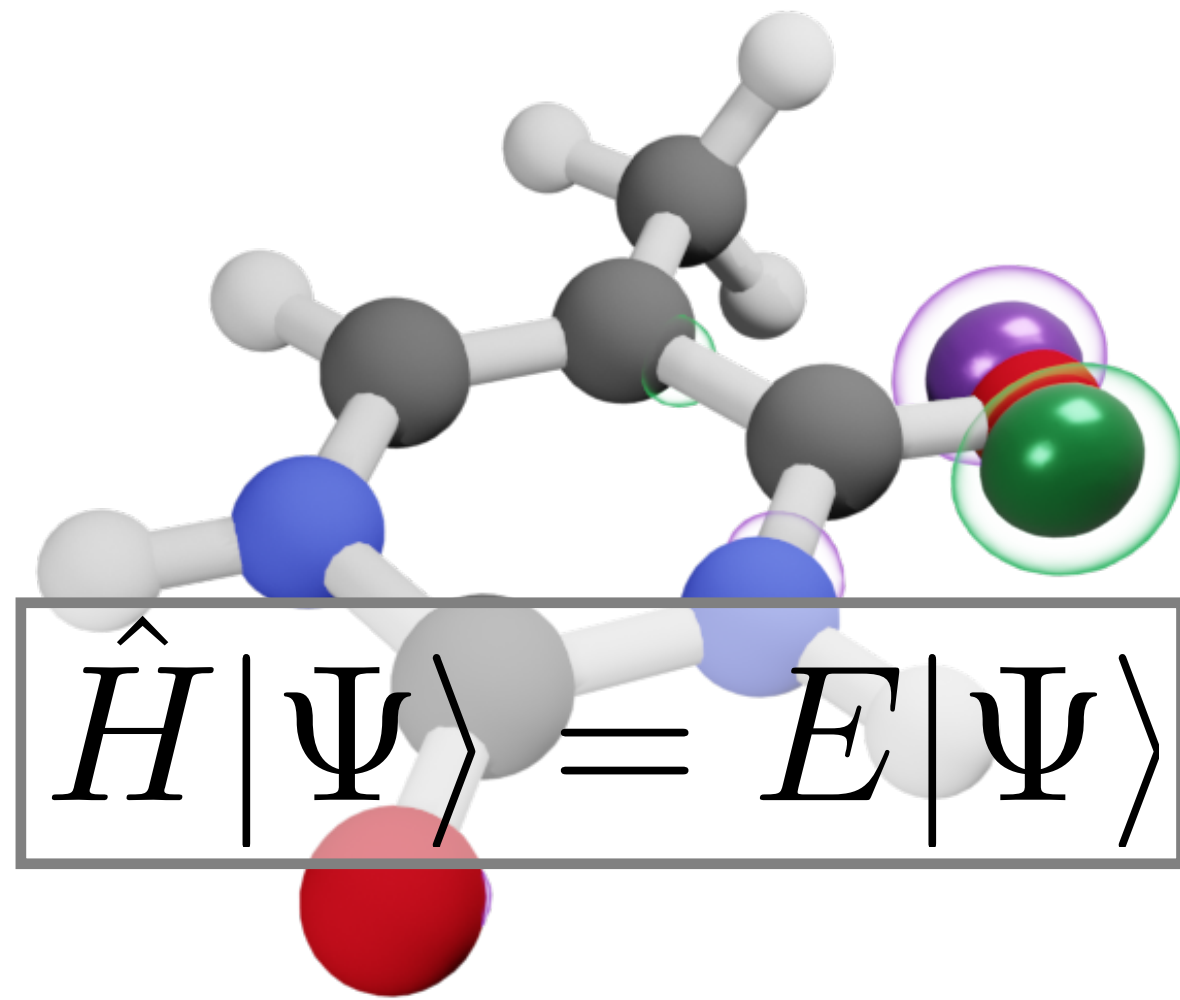
pure electronic

is usually avoided by separating energy scales

$$\hat{H}^R = V_{NN}^R + \hat{h}^R + \hat{V}_{ee} \quad + \quad \hat{H} = \hat{T}_N + \hat{V}$$

Electronic problem Nuclear problem

Born-Oppenheimer approximation for rivers



Different problems with different solutions

Electronic problem defines a many-electron basis

$$\hat{H}^R |\Phi_n(R)\rangle = E_n(R) |\Phi_n(R)\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}^R = V_{NN}^R + \hat{h}^R + \hat{V}_{ee}$$

Electronic problem

+

Nuclear problem is then solved within this basis

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n \int dR C_n(R) |\Phi_n(R)\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T}_N + \hat{V}$$

Quantum dynamics

Separation anxiety

BO expansion amounts to a unitary transformation

$$\hat{U}^\dagger \hat{H} \hat{U} = \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{T}_N \hat{U} + \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{V} \hat{U} = \hat{T}_{\text{ad}} + \hat{V}_{\text{ad}}$$

Potential energy becomes diagonal

$$\hat{V}_{\text{ad}} = \sum_n |\Phi_n(R)\rangle E_n(R) \langle \Phi_n(R)| \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E_0(R) & & \\ & E_1(R) & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

but nuclear kinetic becomes dense

$$\hat{T}_{\text{ad}} = - \sum_A \frac{1}{2m_A} \left[\hat{U}^\dagger (\nabla_{R_A}^2 \hat{U}) + 2\hat{U}^\dagger \nabla_{R_A} \hat{U} \nabla_{R_A} + \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U} \nabla_{R_A}^2 \right]$$

$$\hat{T}_{(0)} + \sum_A \hat{D}_{R_A} \nabla_{R_A} + \hat{T}_{N,ad}$$

Contrasting representations

Diabatic picture

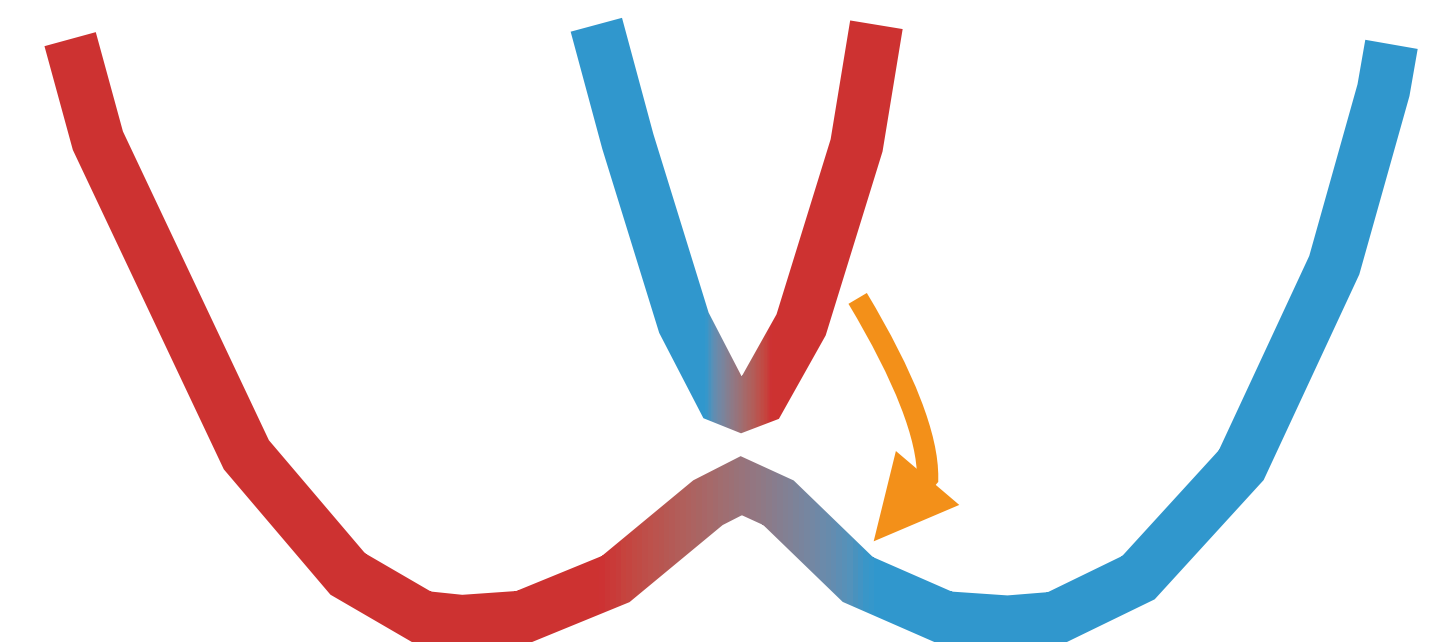
- consistent state characteristics
- coupling due to electronic Hamiltonian
- may not exist for finite number of states
- nonunique



$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} T_1^d & 0 \\ 0 & T_2^d \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_1^d(R) & V(R) \\ V(R) & E_2^d(R) \end{pmatrix}$$

- rapid changes in state character
- coupling due to nuclear momentum
- Berry phase
- can be unique

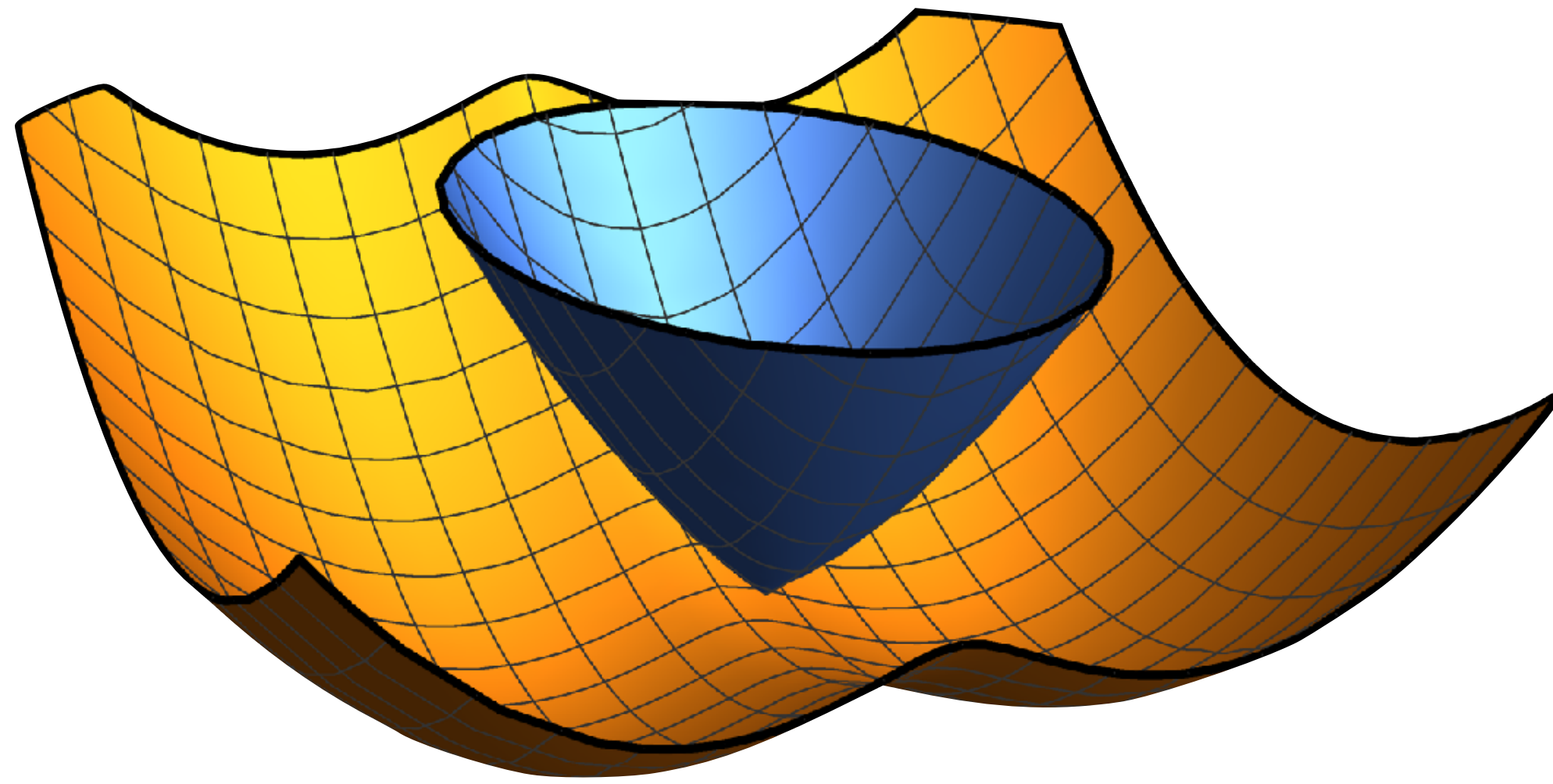
Adiabatic picture



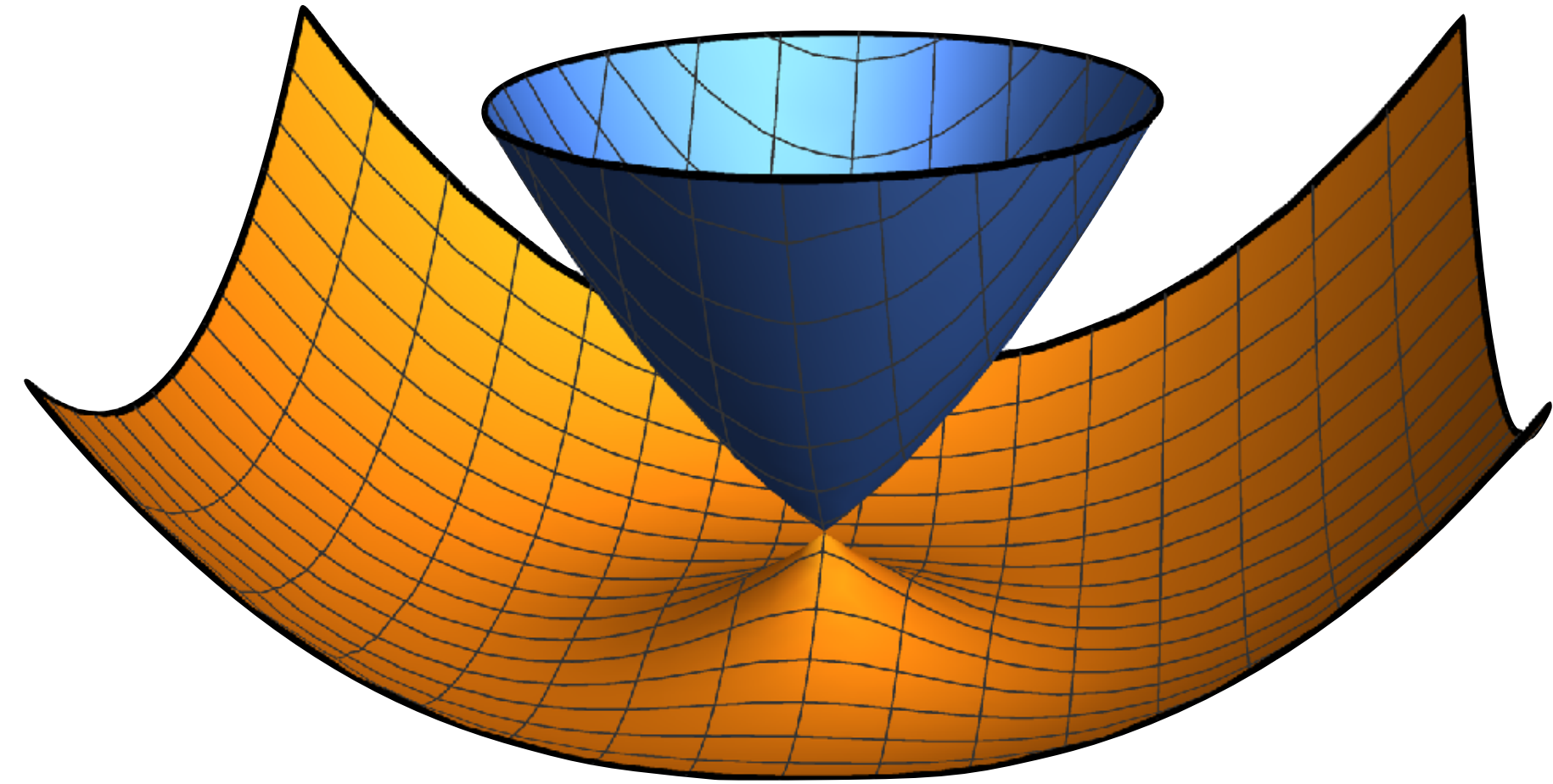
$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} T_1^{\text{ad}}(R) & T_{12}^{\text{ad}}(R) \\ T_{21}^{\text{ad}}(R) & T_2^{\text{ad}}(R) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_1^{\text{ad}}(R) & 0 \\ 0 & E_2^{\text{ad}}(R) \end{pmatrix}$$

Dynamics largely determined by state crossings

Primary features on potential energy surfaces



glancing intersection
or
avoided crossing



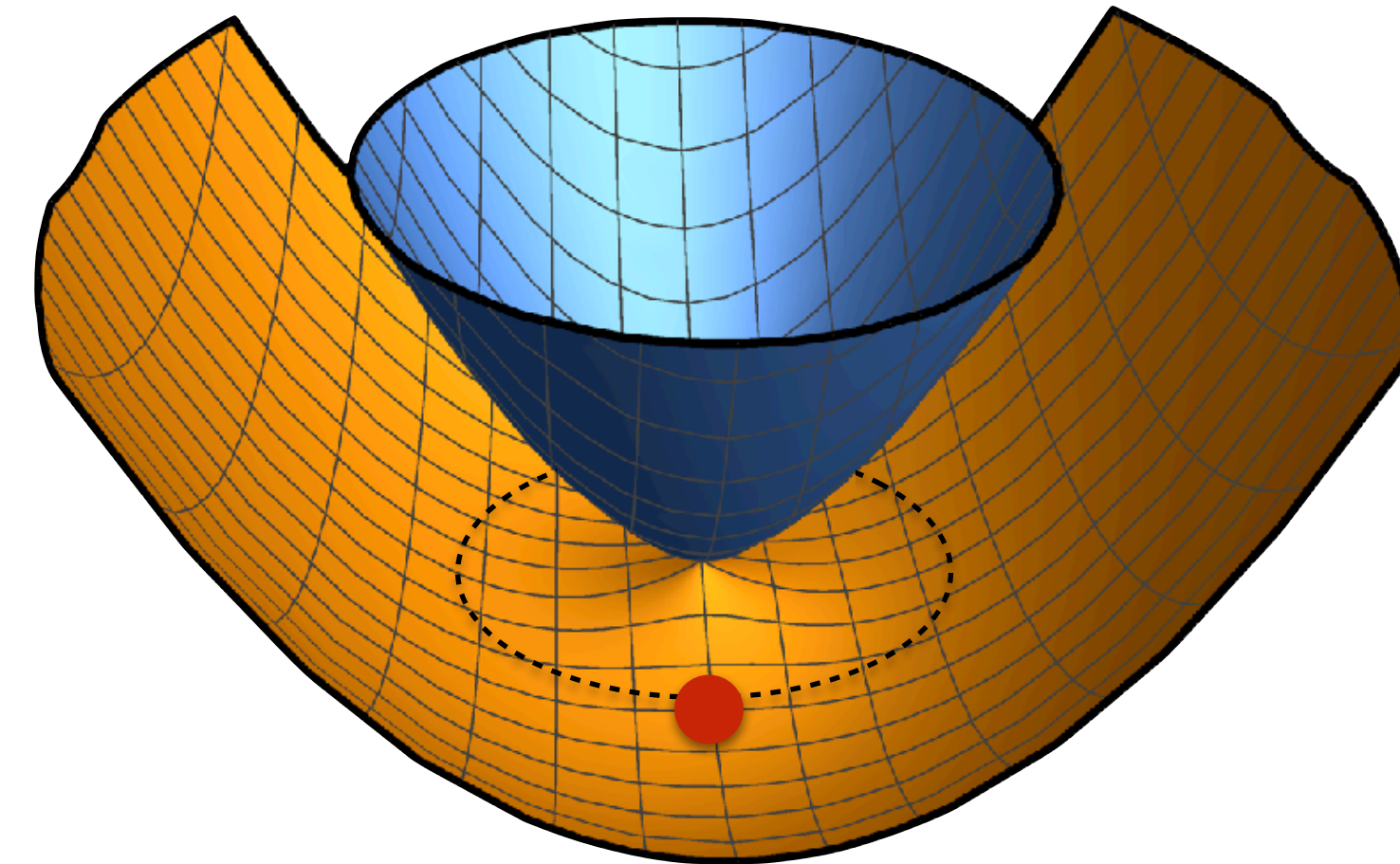
conical
intersection

N-2 dimensional seam

Berry phase and geometric phase

Peculiar feature of conical intersections

$$\oint_C \langle \Phi_0 | \vec{\nabla} \Phi_1 \rangle \cdot d\vec{S} = \pi$$



Electronic and nuclear wavefunctions must have a cut
or

A gauge-transformation can restore single-valued-ness

$$|\Psi(R)\rangle \longrightarrow e^{if(R)} |\Psi(R)\rangle$$

Herzberg, G.; Longuet-Higgins, H. C. *Discuss. Faraday Soc.* **1963**, 35, 77–82.

Mead, C. A.; Truhlar, D. G. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1979**, 70 (5), 2284–2296.

Berry, M. V. *Proc. Roy. Soc. A* **1984**, 392 (1802), 45–57.

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Many dimensional quantum dynamics are unaffordable

Consider methane: 5 atoms, 9D, 32 points per dimension

| | Wfn | Hamiltonian | Storage | CPU |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Naïve | Real space grid | Pre-computed | N^f (9D: ~ 1PB) | $N^f \log(N^f)$ (9D: 4 mo/step) |
| MCTDH | LC of Hartree products | Pre-computed sum of products | n^f (9D: 7 GB) | $n^f \log(n^f)$ (9D: 1 wk/step) |
| Semiclassical | Quantum-classical | Any | N (9D: negligible) | N (9D: gradient) |

Mixed Quantum-Classical: Quantum electrons, classical nuclei

Classical nuclei + electronic wavefunction

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle \longrightarrow (R, P) \otimes |\Phi(t; R(t))\rangle$$

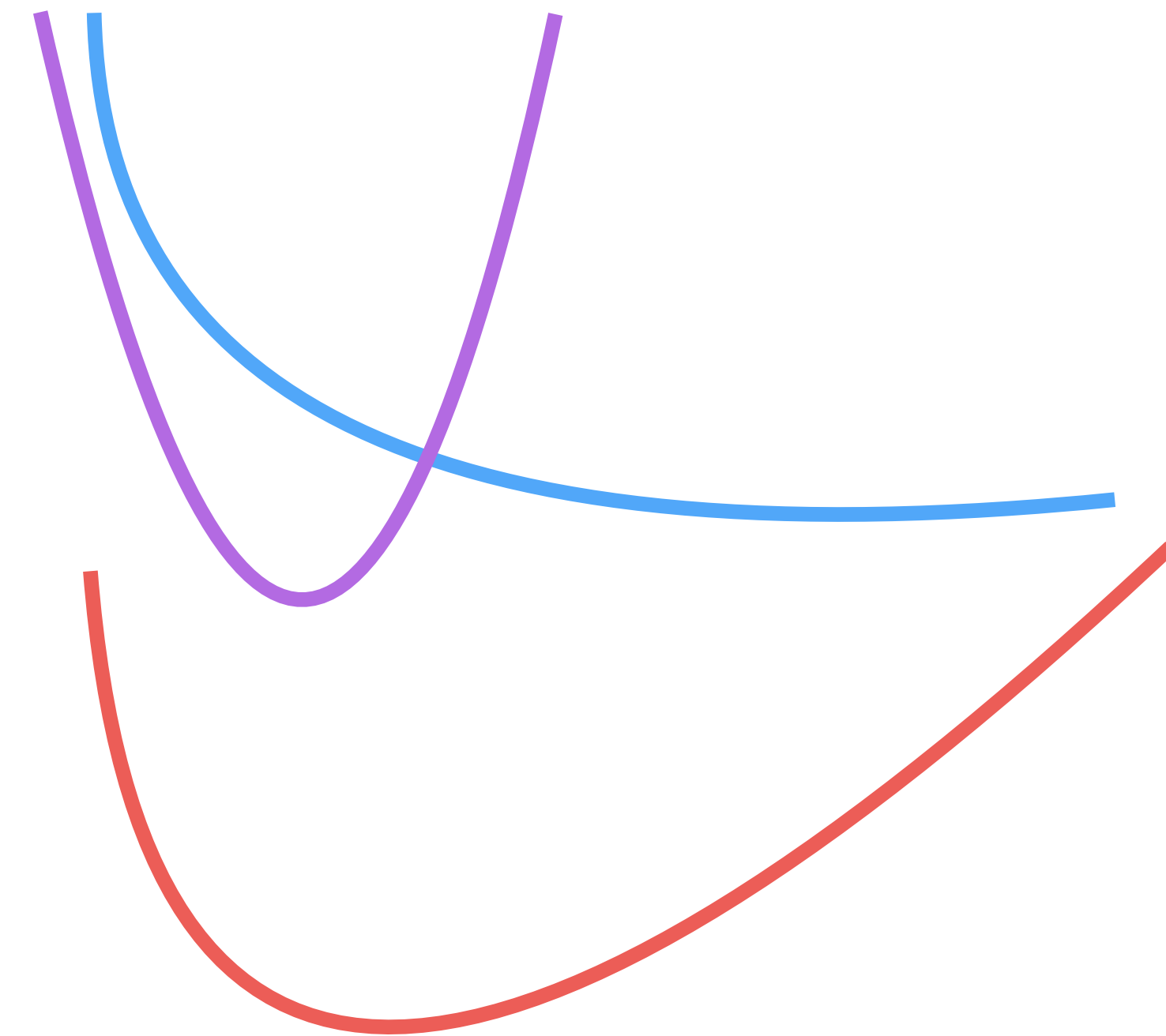
Electronic basis depends parametrically on the nuclei

$$|\Phi(t; R(t))\rangle = \sum_n C_n(t) |\Phi_n^{R(t)}\rangle$$

Goal: Propagate such that information flows

$$(R, P) \longleftrightarrow |\Phi(t)\rangle$$

<https://www.github.com/smparker/mudslide>



Propagate TDSE

$$i|\dot{\Phi}(t; R(t))\rangle = \mathbf{H}(R)|\Phi(t; R(t))\rangle$$

Expand

$$i \sum_k \dot{C}_k(t) |\Phi_k^{R(t)}\rangle + i \sum_k C_k(t) |\dot{\Phi}_k^{R(t)}\rangle = \mathbf{H}(R) |\Phi(t; R(t))\rangle$$

Inner product with $\langle \Phi_n^{R(t)} |$

$$i\dot{C}_n(t) + i \sum_k C_k(t) \langle \Phi_n^{R(t)} | \dot{\Phi}_k^{R(t)} \rangle = \langle \Phi_n^{R(t)} | \mathbf{H}(R) | \Phi(t; R(t)) \rangle$$

Chain rule

$$W_{nm} = \langle \Phi_n^{R(t)} | \dot{\Phi}_m^{R(t)} \rangle = \langle \Phi_n^{R(t)} | \frac{d}{dR} \Phi_m^{R(t)} \rangle \cdot \dot{R}$$

Finally

$$\dot{\mathbf{C}}(t) = -i(\mathbf{H} - i\mathbf{W}) \mathbf{C}(t)$$

Nonadiabatic coupling

$$\dot{\mathbf{C}}(t) = -i(\mathbf{H} - i\mathbf{W})\mathbf{C}(t)$$

Need $d_R^{nm} = \langle \Phi_n | \nabla_R \Phi_m \rangle$

Eigenvalue equation

$$\mathbf{H}|\Phi_m\rangle = E_m|\Phi_m\rangle$$

Differentiate

$$(\nabla\mathbf{H})|\Phi_m\rangle + \mathbf{H}|\nabla\Phi_m\rangle = E_m|\nabla\Phi_m\rangle$$

Inner product $\langle \Phi_n |$

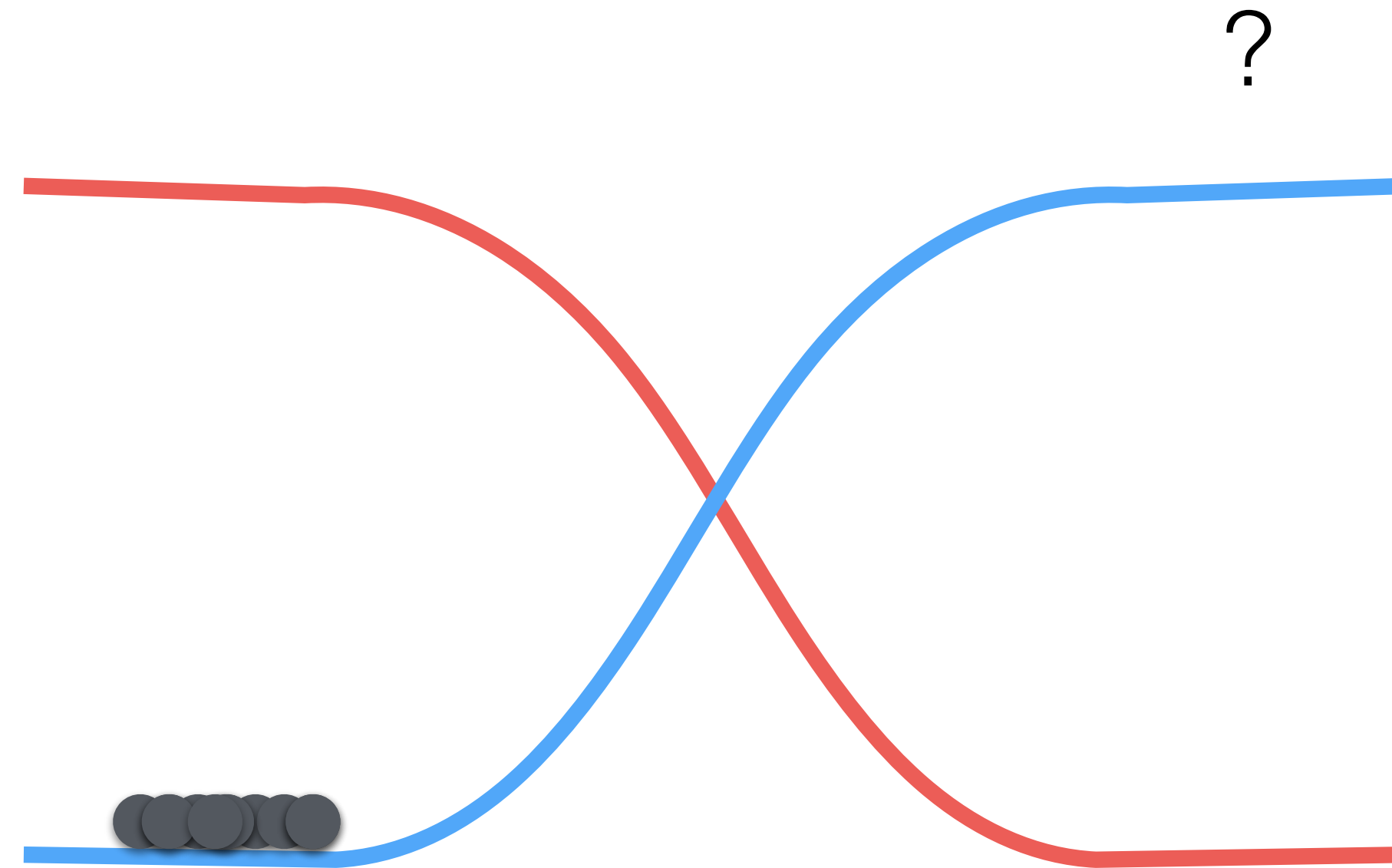
$$\langle \Phi_n | (\nabla\mathbf{H}) |\Phi_m\rangle + E_n \langle \Phi_n | \nabla\Phi_m\rangle = E_m \langle \Phi_n | \nabla\Phi_m\rangle$$

Gives

$$d^{nm} = \langle \Phi_n | \nabla\Phi_m\rangle = \frac{\langle \Phi_n | (\nabla\mathbf{H}) |\Phi_m\rangle}{E_m - E_n}$$

Swarms

Classical descriptions of quantum processes are inescapably probabilistic



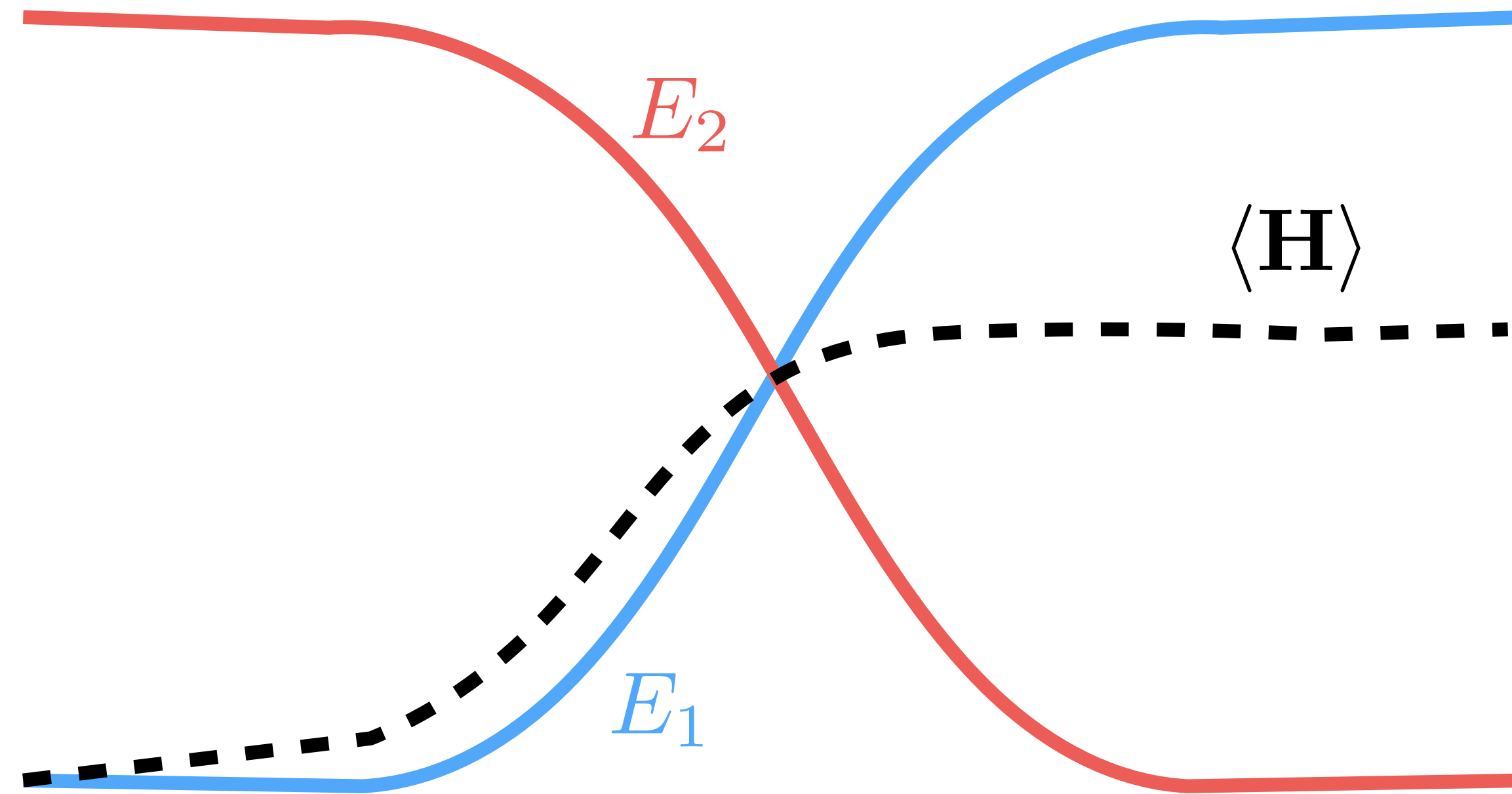
Envision a swarm sampled from Wigner distribution

$$P(x, p) = \frac{1}{\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \psi^*(x + y) \psi(x - y) e^{i2py/\hbar}$$

Ehrenfest dynamics

Nuclear forces given by weighted average

$$\vec{F}(t) = -\nabla(\mathbf{C}^\dagger \mathbf{H} \mathbf{C}) = -\nabla \langle \mathbf{H} \rangle$$



Ehrenfest analysis

The good:

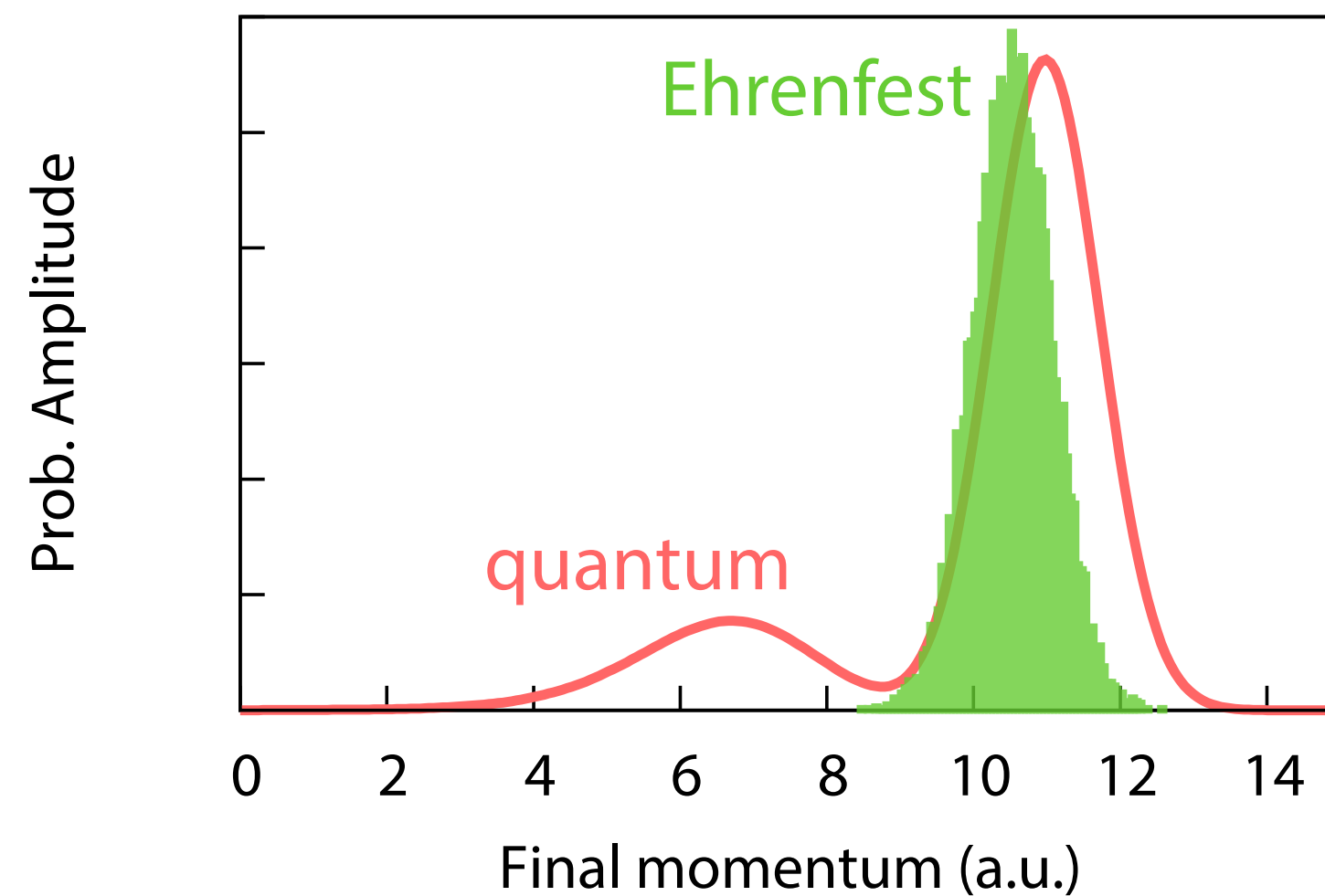
Representation independent

Accurate at short times

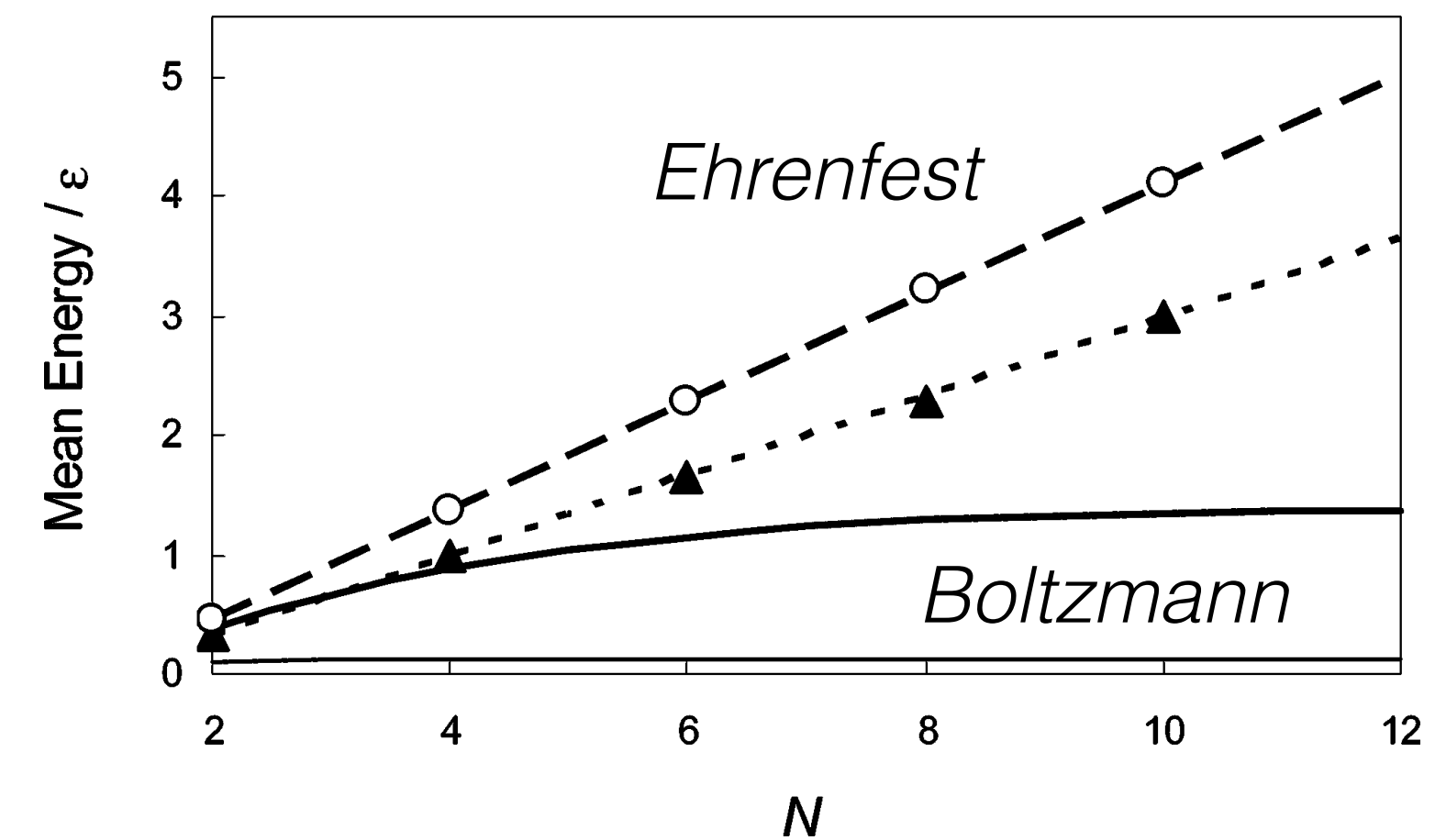
Inexpensive

The bad:

No bifurcation



Violates detailed balance

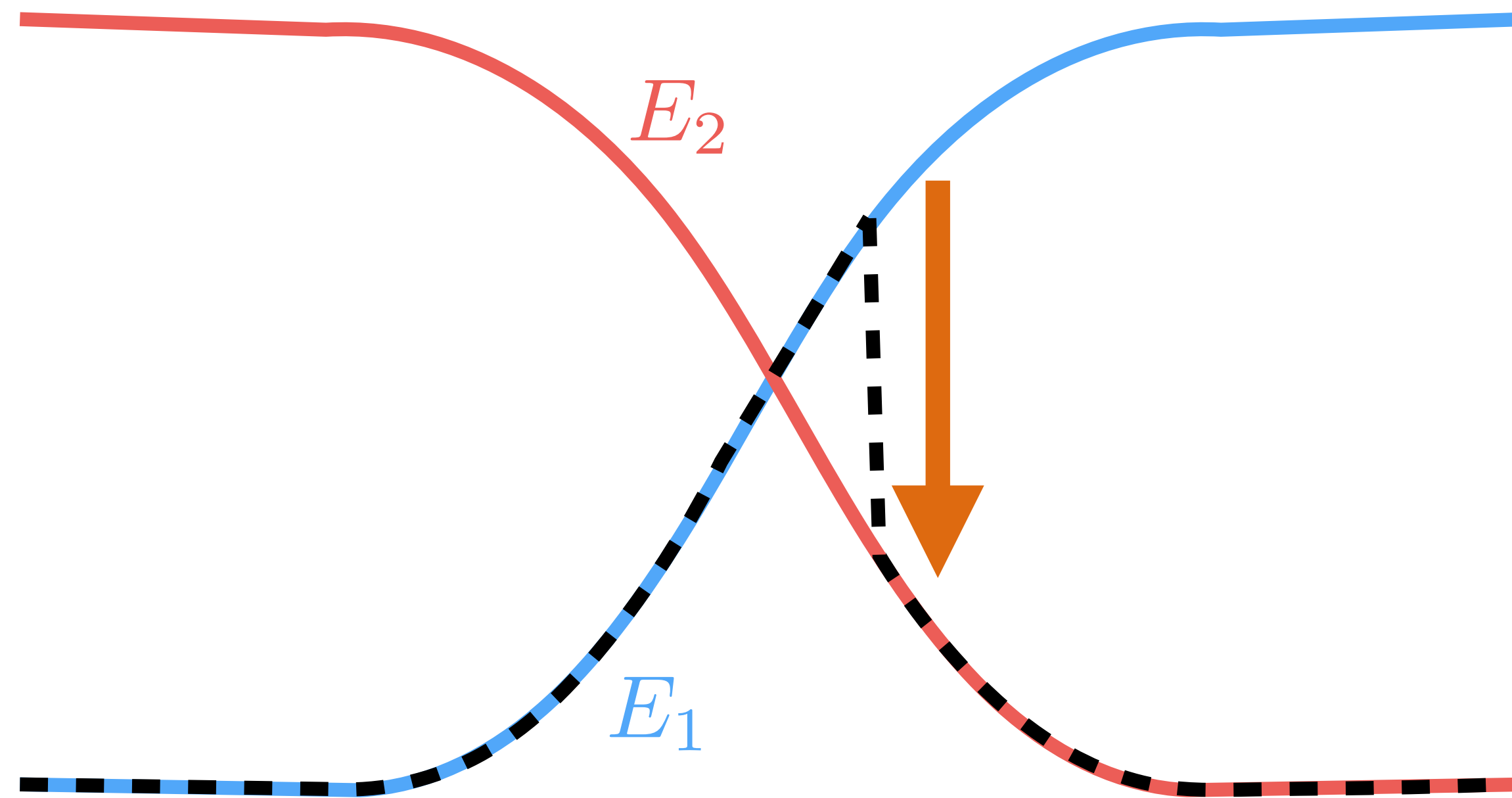


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Fewest Switches Surface Hopping (FSSH)

Nuclear forces always come from a *single* PES

$$\vec{F}(t) = -\nabla H_{i(t)i(t)}$$



Hopping

“Active” wavefunction

$$C_n^{\text{active}}(t) = \delta_{nk(t)}$$

Auxiliary wavefunction

$$\mathbf{C}(t) \longrightarrow k(t)$$

Tully: *Stochastically hop the minimum number so that*

$$|C_n(t)|^2 \longleftrightarrow \langle |C_n^{\text{active}}(t)|^2 \rangle_{\text{swarm}}$$

Instantaneous hopping probability (this should actually be scaled to make it a Poisson prob.)

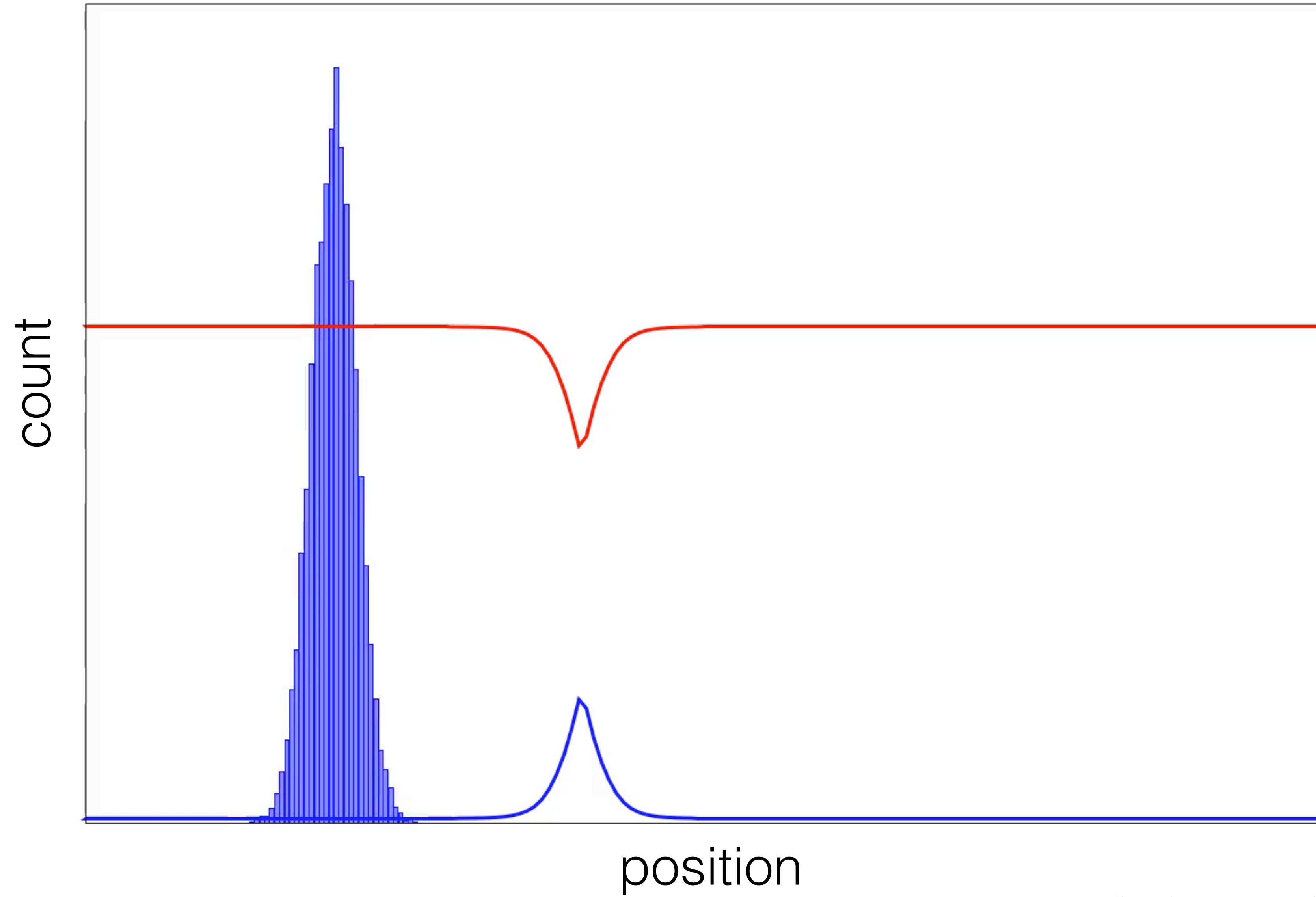
$$g_{kl}(t) = 2\text{Im} \left[\frac{C_k^*(t)(H - iW)_{lk}C_l(t)}{|C_k(t)|^2} \right]$$

Rescale momenta upon hops to conserve energy

Tully, J. C. *JCP*. **1990**, 93 (2), 1061.

Parker, S. M.; Schiltz, C. J. *JCP*. **2020**, 153 (17), 174109. <https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0024372>.

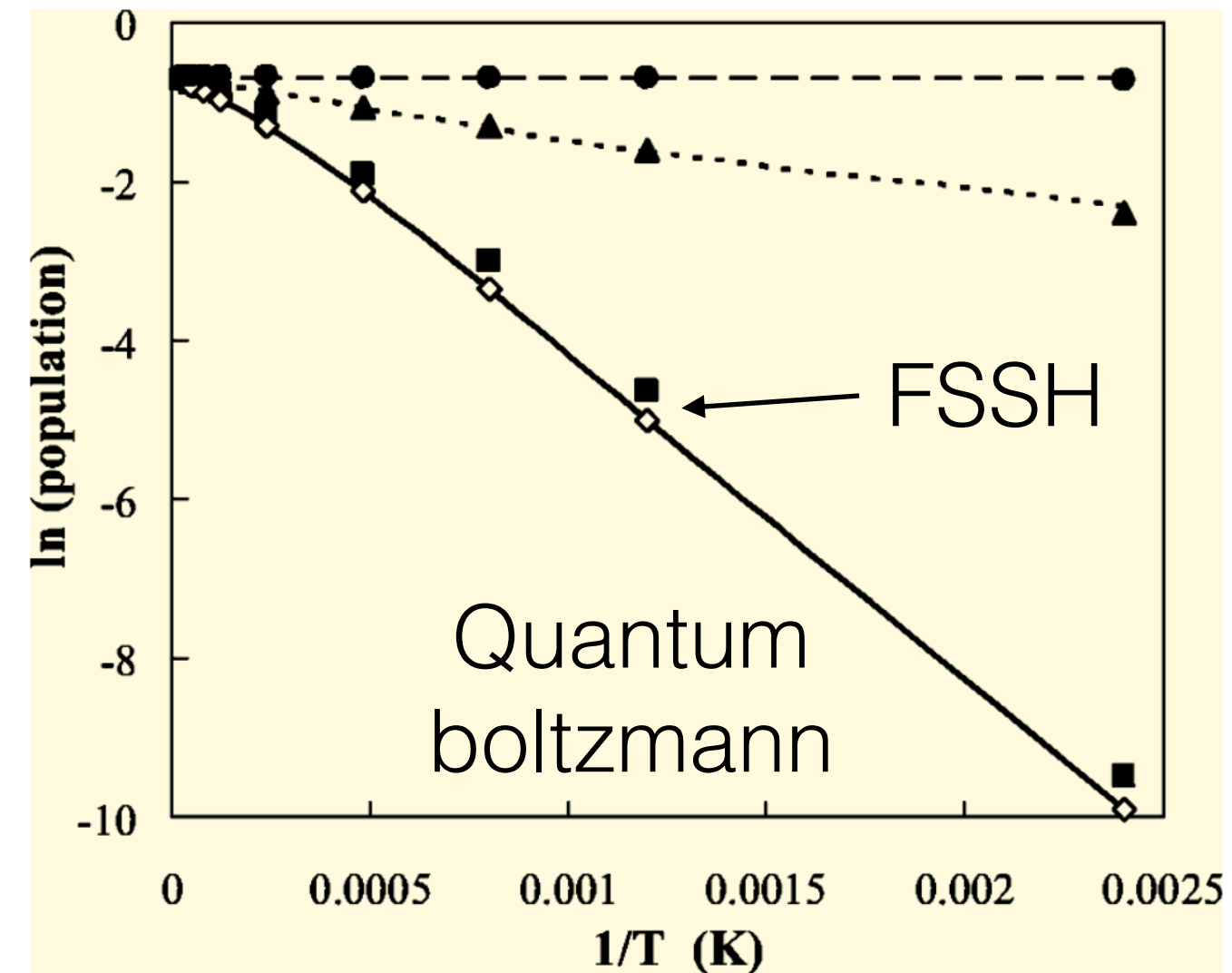
Swarm in action



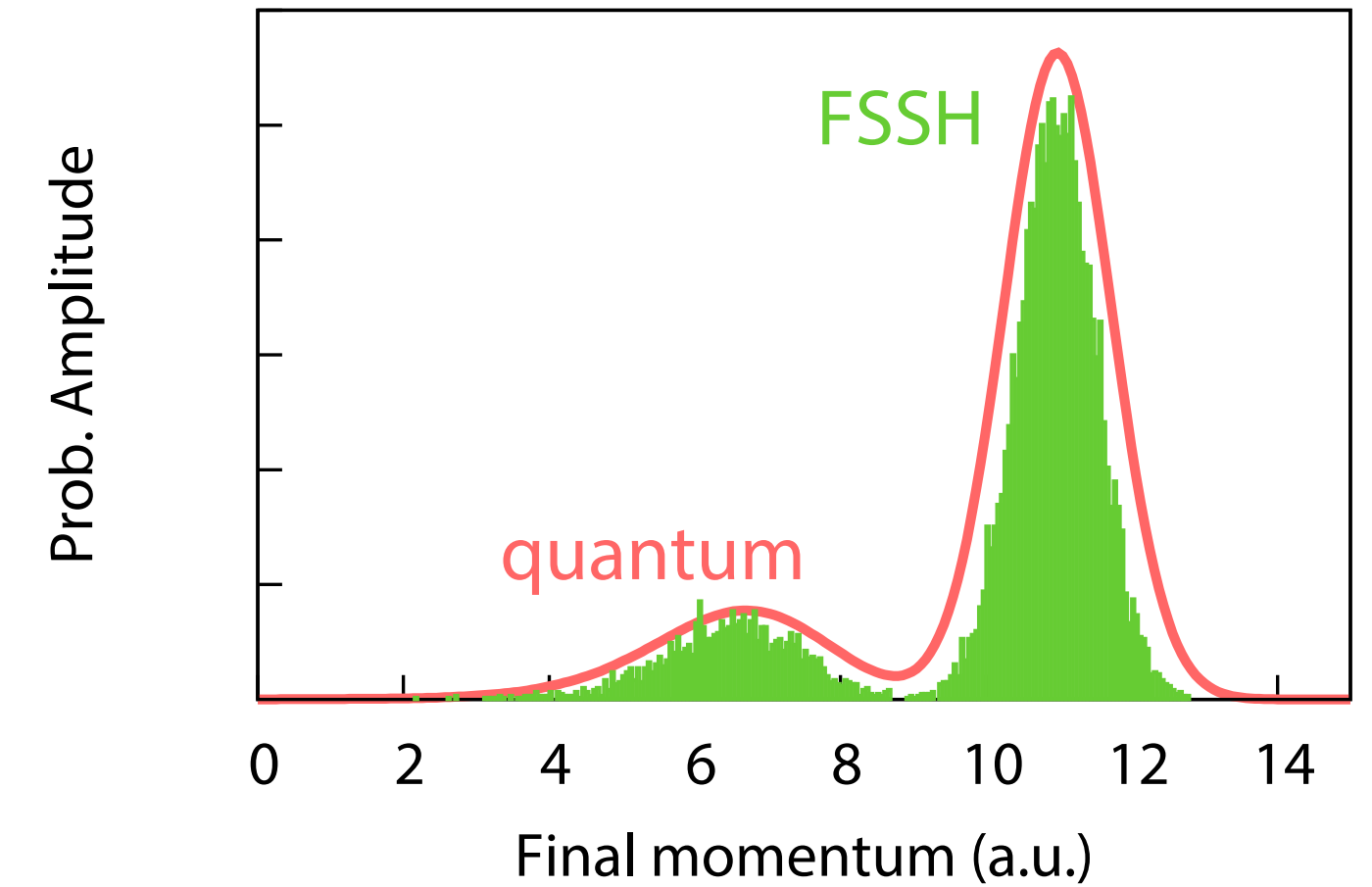
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FSSH analysis

Improvements: \sim satisfies detailed balance

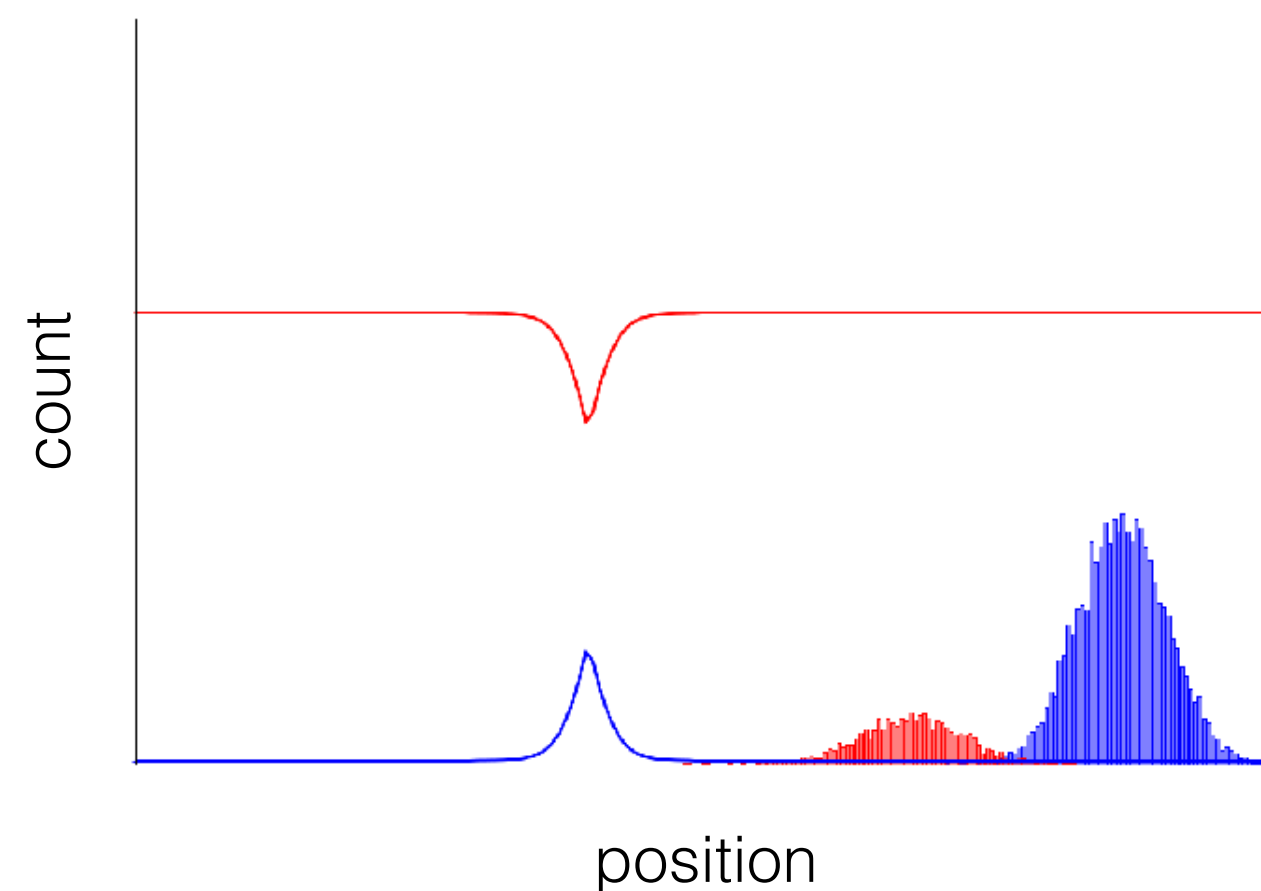


Allows bifurcation



The bad:

Inconsistent 'coherence'



No first-principles derivation

Representation dependent
(and a lot of analysis only uses
adiabatic or vice-versa)

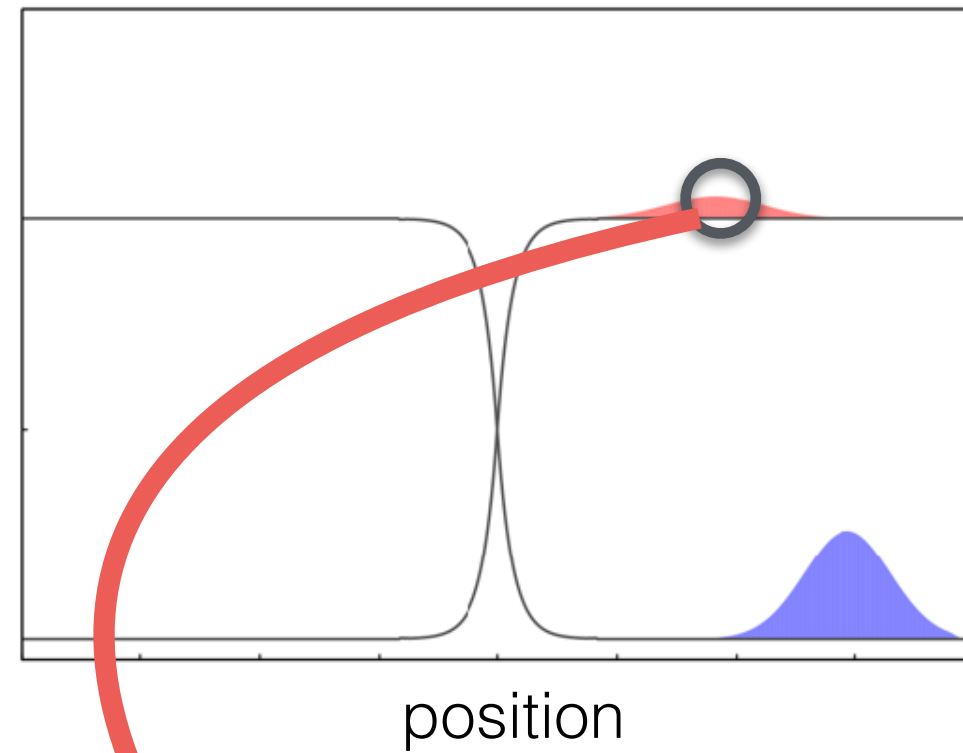
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Coherence in surface hopping

Electronic reduced density matrix

$$\hat{\rho}^e = \text{tr}_{\text{nuc}} (|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|) \longleftrightarrow \rho_{nm}^e = \int dR \Psi_n^*(R) \Psi_m(R)$$

quantum

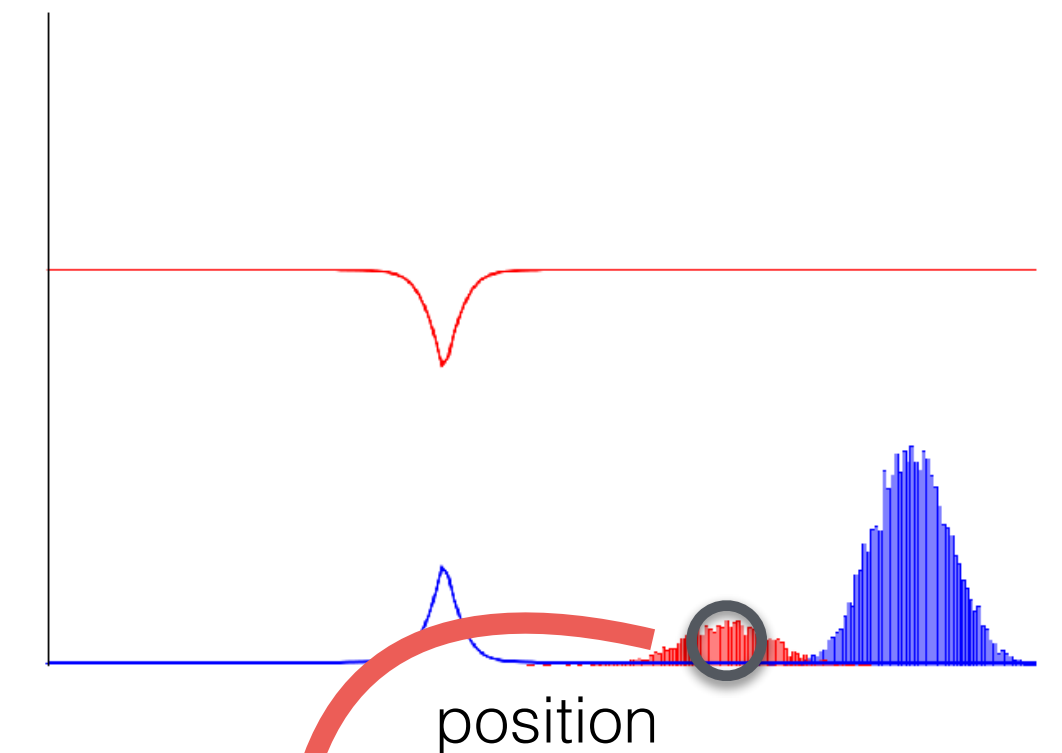


$$|\Psi(R)\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho^e = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11}^e & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_{22}^e \end{pmatrix}$$

Different interpretations for different "wavefunctions"

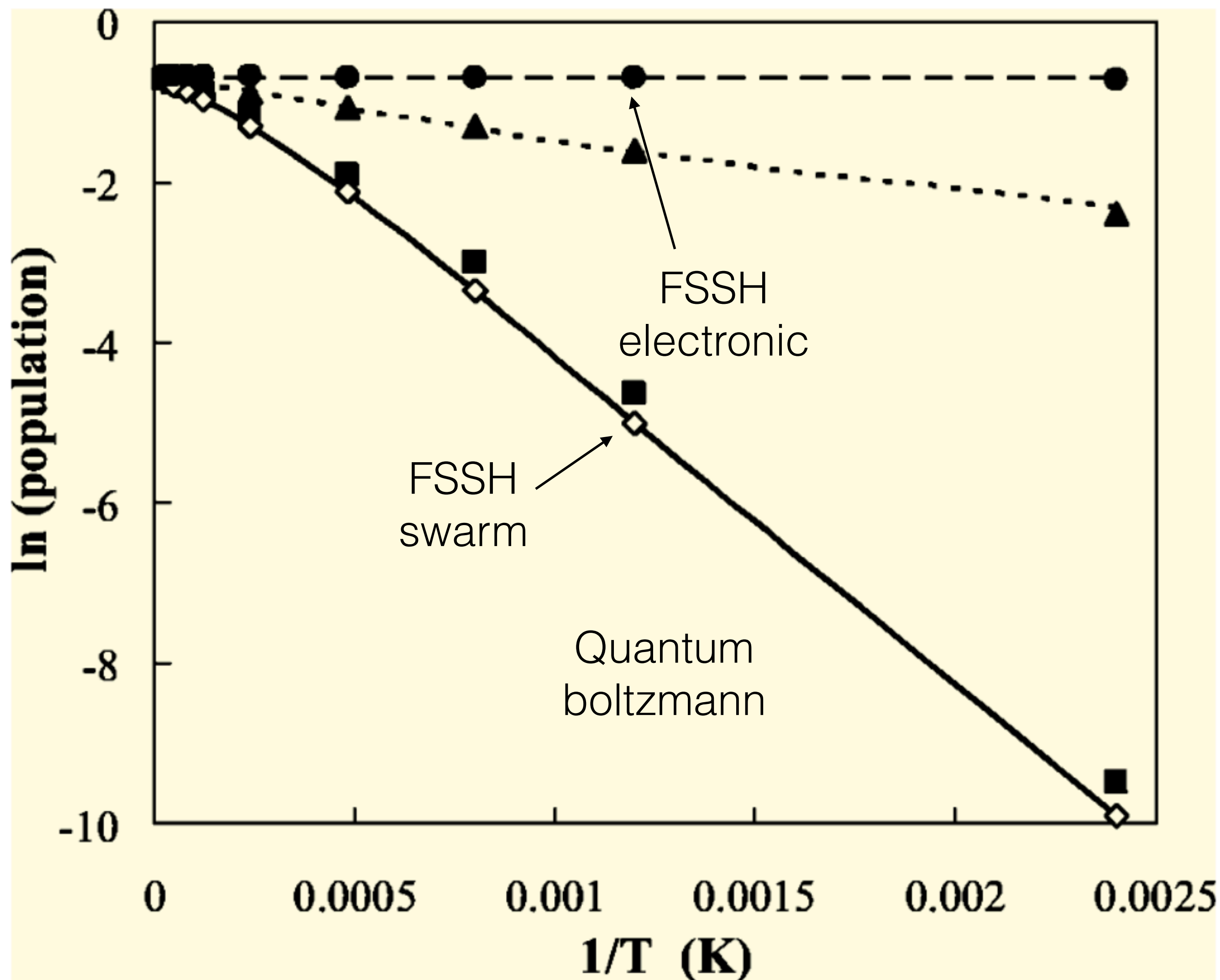
FSSH



$$\mathbf{C}^{\text{active}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Populations are contradictory



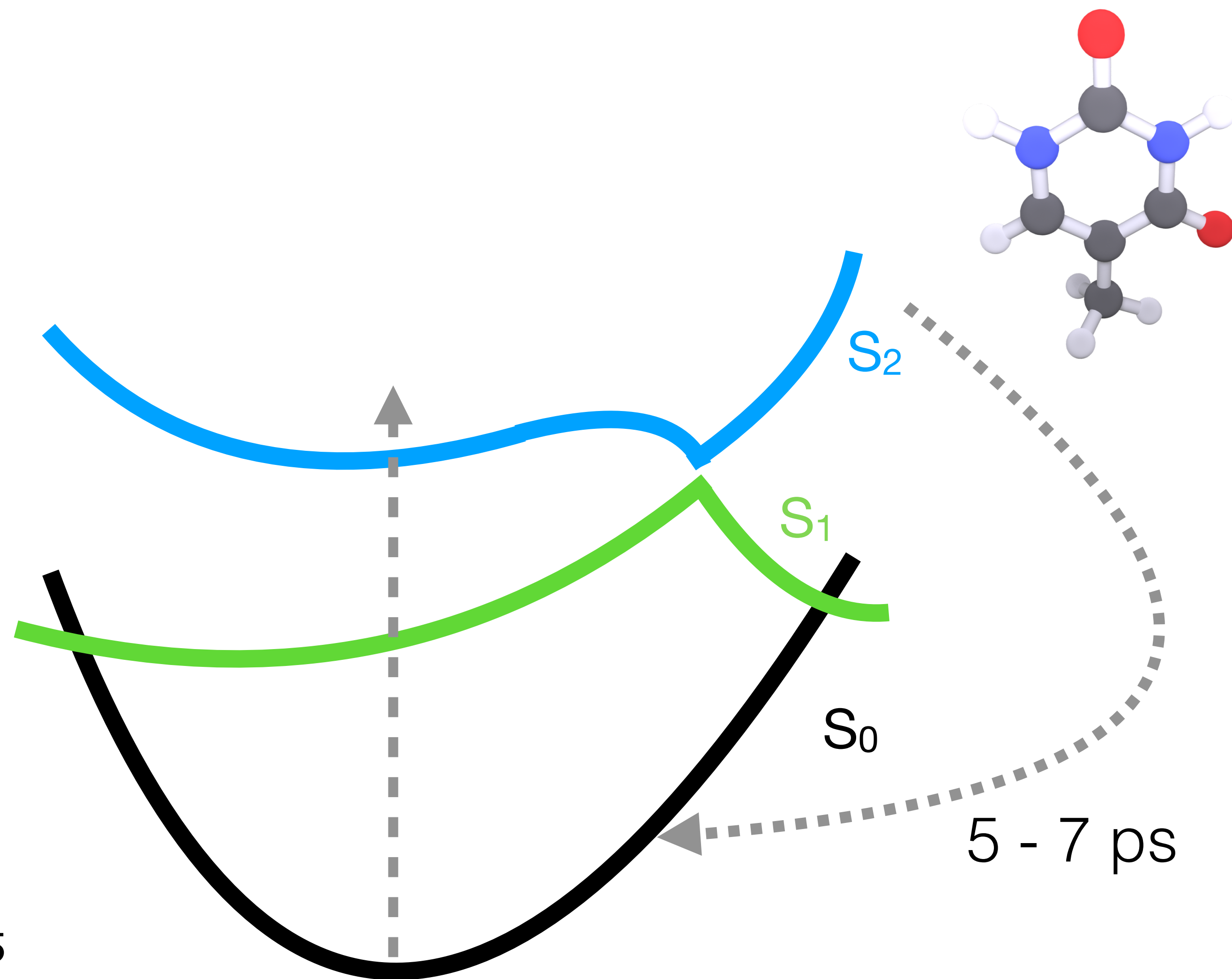
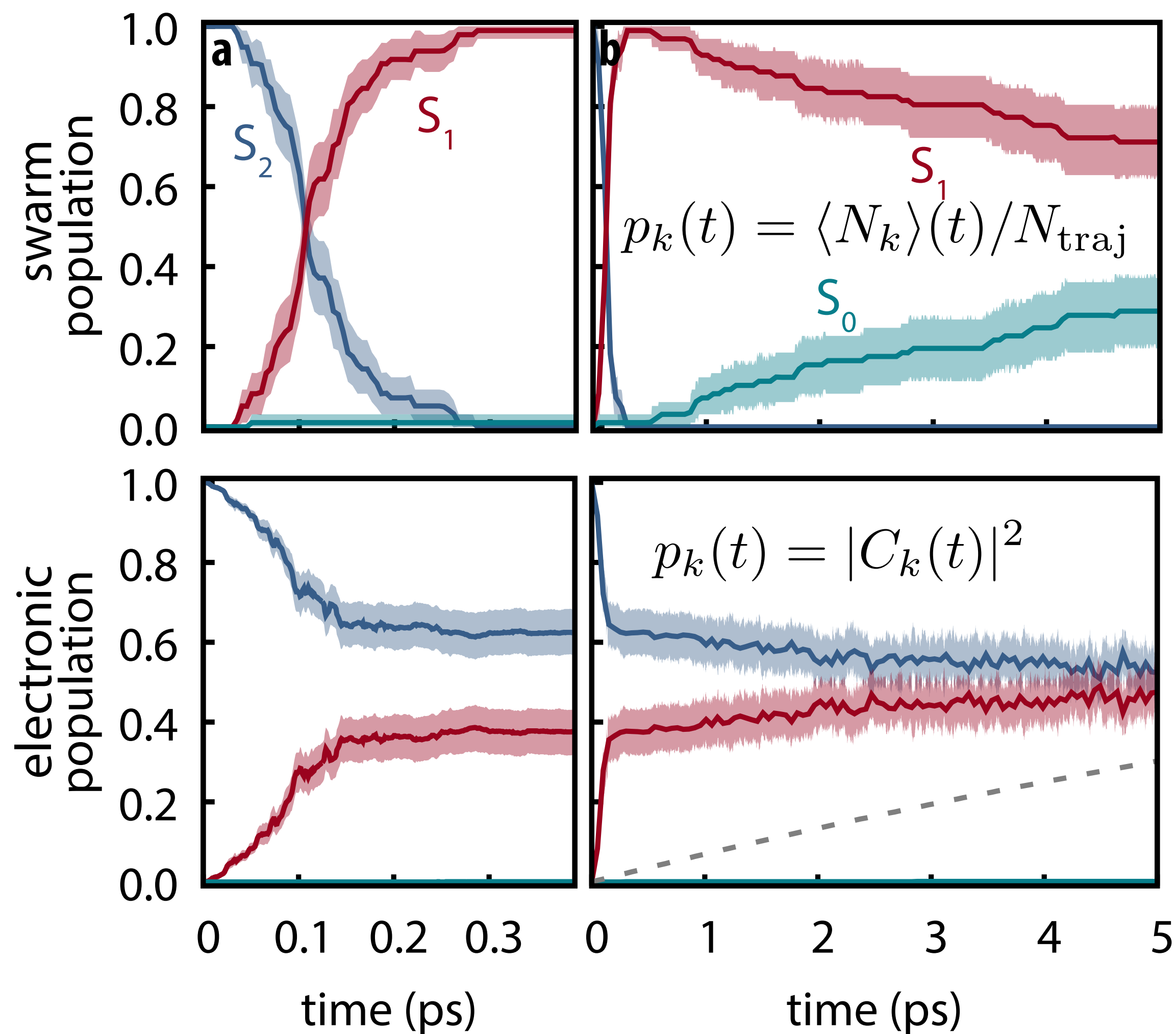
Remember, FSSH hops chosen so that

$$\left\langle \frac{N_k}{N_{\text{total}}} \right\rangle_{\text{swarm}} \approx |C_k|^2$$

But this is not satisfied in equilibrium

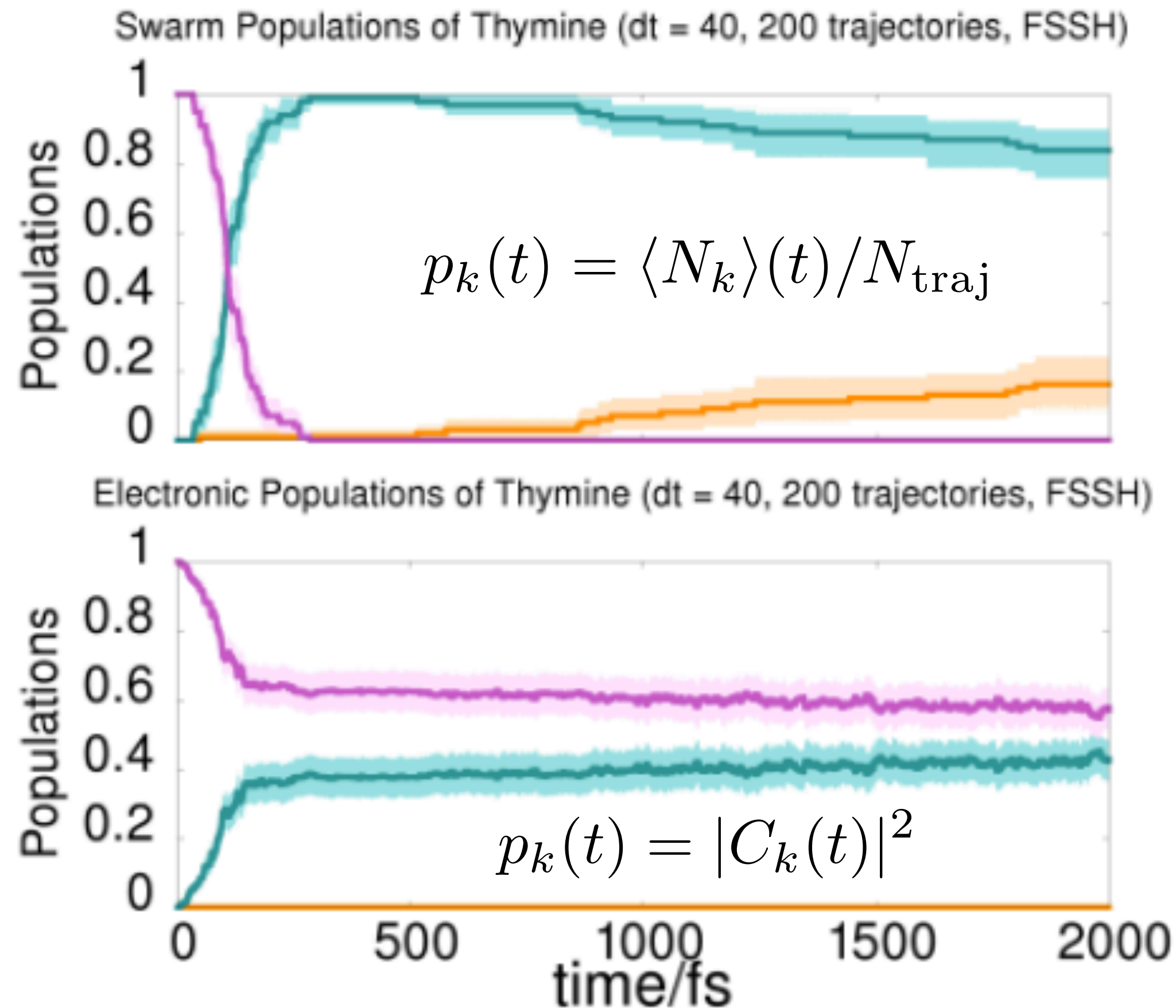
Populations are contradictory: thymine

Thymine photodeactivation

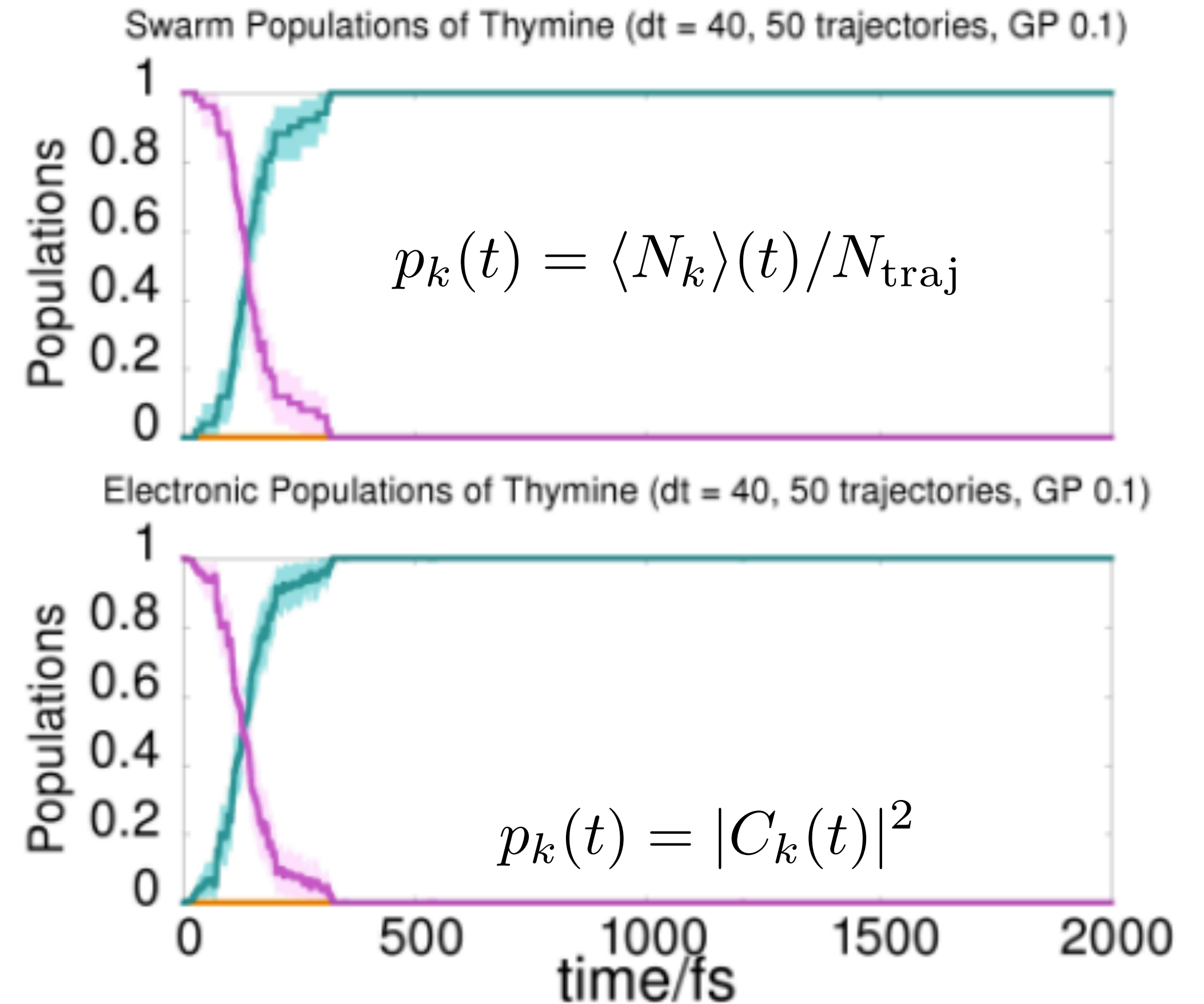


Populations are contradictory and maybe have to be?

FSSH



FSSH + decoherence corrections



(Some) related methods

Decoherence corrections

Augmented-FSSH

Subotnik, J. E.; Shenvi, N. *JCP* **2011**, *134* (2), 024105.

Continuous Surface Switching

Volobuev; Hack; Topaler; Truhlar *JCP* **2000**, *112* (22), 9716–9726.

“Frustrated” hops

Momentum reversal

Sifain, A. E.; Wang, L.; Prezhdo, O. V. *JCP* **2016**, *144* (21), 211102.

Time uncertainty

Jasper, A. W.; Stechmann, S. N.; Truhlar, D. G. *JCP* **2002**, *116* (13), 5424–5431.

Coupled trajectories

CT-MQC

Min, S. K.; Agostini, F.; Tavernelli, I.; Gross, E. K. U. *JPC Lett.* **2017**, 3048–3055.

Consensus surface hopping

Martens, C. C. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **2016**, 2610–2615.

Alternate pictures

Global flux

Wang, L.; Trivedi, D.; Prezhdo, O. V. *JCTC* **2014**, *10* (9), 3598–3605.

Liouville space

Wang, L.; Sifain, A. E.; Prezhdo, O. V. *JPC Lett* **2015**, 3827–3833.

Intermediate Quantum/semiclassical

Multiple spawning

Martínez, T. J.; Ben-Nun, M.; Levine, R. D. *JPC* **1996**, *100* (19), 7884–7895.

Trajectory guided basis functions

Saller, M. A. C.; Habershon, S. *JCTC* **2015**, *11* (1), 8–16.

Key takeaways

- **Electrons and nuclei are strongly correlated** even within the Born-Oppenheimer approximation, but **move on different time scales**
- Photochemistry is all the things that happen when **both move rapidly**
- To get accurate rates and pathways, need to run dynamics
- **Quantum wavepackets split** when they encounter avoided crossings
- Mixed quantum-classical simulations are state-of-the-art for photochemistry
- FSSH is perhaps the most widely applied mixed quantum-classical method
- Seems to be an interplay between electron-nuclear coherence and quality of results
 - reminiscent of self-interaction errors in DFT?