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# TDDFT in Chemistry and Biochemistry

Lecture 2: Molecular Properties

**BENASQUE 9th TDDFT: Prospects and Applications**

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# Photochemistry

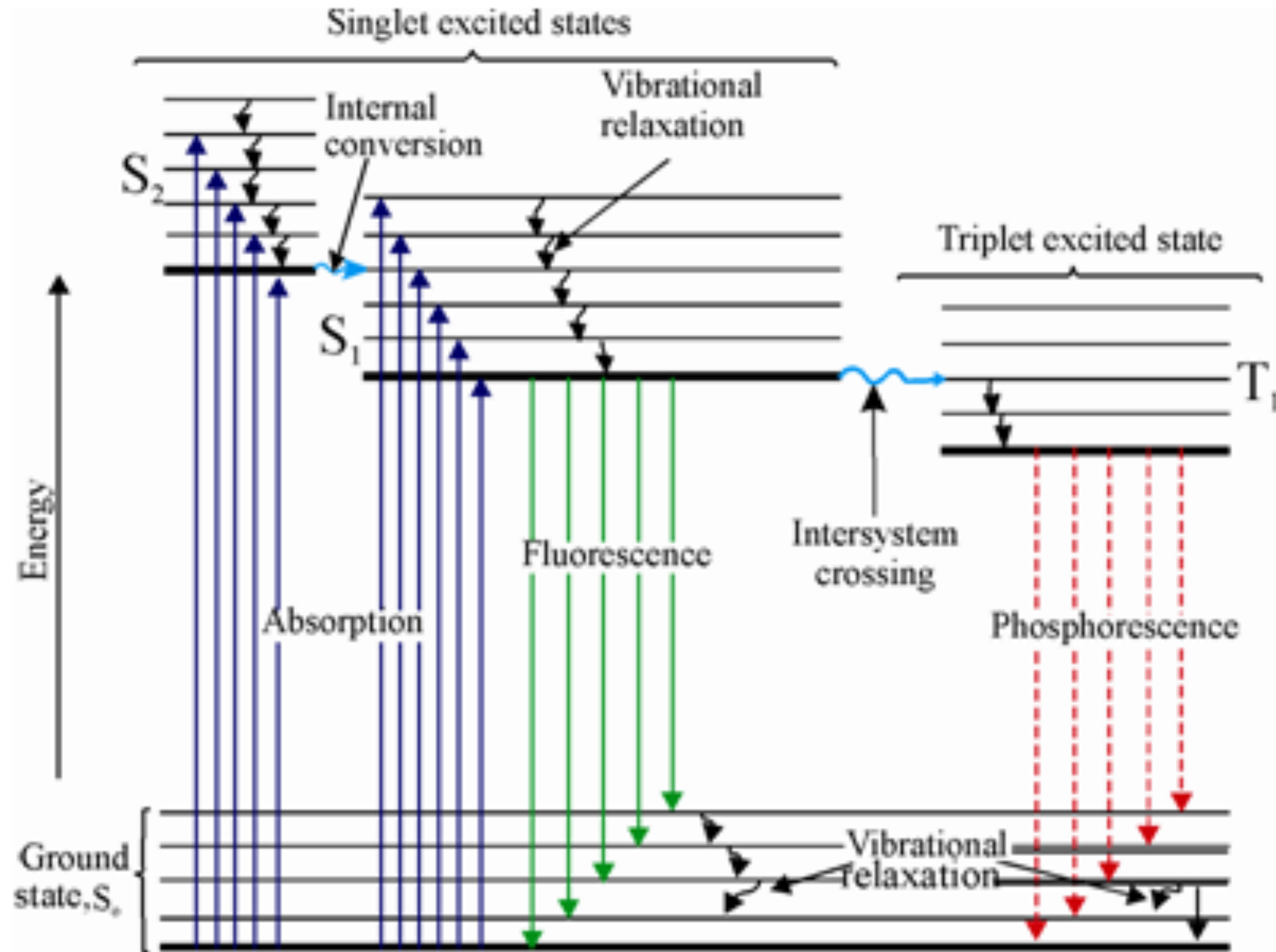
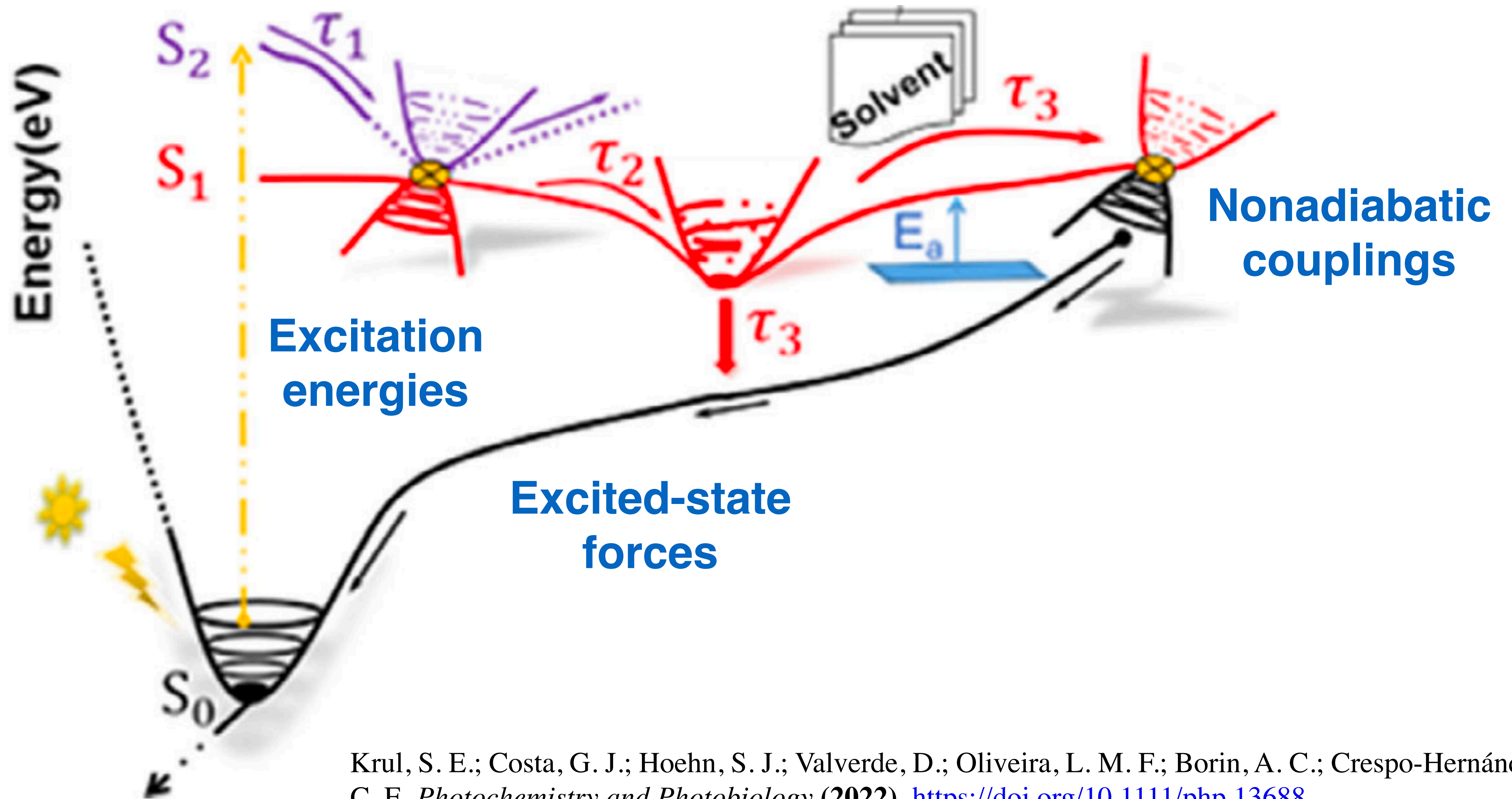


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- Use TDDFT to determine
- **identities of the states involved? properties?**
  - photochemical pathway? timescales?

# Photochemistry requires, TDDFT provides



Krul, S. E.; Costa, G. J.; Hoehn, S. J.; Valverde, D.; Oliveira, L. M. F.; Borin, A. C.; Crespo-Hernández, C. E. *Photochemistry and Photobiology* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1111/php.13688>.

# Disclaimer: I am a Chemist

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density is  $\rho(x, t)$

space-spin  $x \rightarrow (\vec{r}, \sigma)$

1 particle density matrix is  $\rho(x, x', t)$  or  $\gamma(x, x')$

assuming the **adiabatic approximation to the XC functional** is useful

typically think about **isolated or solvated molecules**

**hybrid density functionals** preferred



**Action Lagrangian**

**The requisite properties**

**Photochemistry of Thymine**

**Interpreting Excited States**

# Action functional

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Convenient to define time-dependent quantum mechanical properties through the **action functional**

$$\mathcal{S}[\Phi] = \langle\langle \Phi | \hat{H}(t) - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi \rangle\rangle$$

with

$$\langle\langle u | v \rangle\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \langle u(t) | v(t) \rangle$$

Stationarity of the action yields the Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{A}}{\delta \langle\langle \Phi |} = \left( \hat{H}(t) - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) | \Phi \rangle\rangle = 0$$

Differentiating the action yields properties

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{A}}{\delta v(x, t)} = \mathbf{\Pi}^{(1)}(x, t) = \rho(x, t)$$

# Action Lagrangian for time-periodic perturbations

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Time-periodic potential means

$$\Phi(t + T) = e^{i\alpha} \Phi(t)$$

Purely periodic part treated through **action Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{A}[\Phi, \varepsilon] = \langle\langle \Phi | \hat{H}(t) - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Phi \rangle\rangle - \varepsilon (\langle\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle\rangle - 1)$$

Reduces to *quasi-energy* at stationary point

$$\mathcal{A}[\Phi, \varepsilon]|_{\text{stat}} = \varepsilon$$

and energy eigenvalues in time-independent case

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}[\Phi, \varepsilon]|_{\text{stat}} = E_n$$

# Exact response properties

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Define Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}(t) = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{v}(t)$$

$$\hat{v}(t) = \int dx v(t, x) \hat{\rho}(x)$$

$$v(t, x) = \sum_{\alpha} v_{\alpha}(x) e^{-i\omega_{\alpha} t} + v_{-\alpha}(x) e^{i\omega_{\alpha} t}$$

And assume ground state is initial state

$$|\Psi\rangle\rangle|_{v=0} \equiv |\Psi^{(0)}\rangle\rangle = |0\rangle$$

Differentiate, make stationary, evaluate at  $v=0$

$$f^{(\alpha\beta\dots)} \equiv f^{(\alpha\beta\dots)}(x_1, x_2, \dots) \equiv \left. \frac{\delta^n f}{\delta v_{\alpha}(x_1) \delta v_{\beta}(x_2) \dots} \right|_{\text{stat}, v=0}$$



# Exact static properties

## Differentiate

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}^{(\alpha)} &= \langle\langle \Psi^{(\alpha)} | \hat{H}_0 - E_0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Psi^{(0)} \rangle\rangle \\ &+ \langle\langle \Psi^{(0)} | \hat{H}_0 - E_0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Psi^{(\alpha)} \rangle\rangle \\ &+ \langle\langle \Psi^{(0)} | \hat{\rho}(x) e^{-i\omega_\alpha t} - \varepsilon^{(\alpha)} | \Psi^{(0)} \rangle\rangle + \varepsilon^{(\alpha)}\end{aligned}$$

## Make stationary

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{A}^{(\alpha)}}{\delta \langle\langle \Psi^{(\alpha)} |} = (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 - \frac{\partial}{\partial t}) | \Psi^{(0)} \rangle\rangle = 0$$

$$| \Psi^{(0)} \rangle\rangle = | 0 \rangle$$

## Evaluate

$$\Pi^{(1)}(x) = \varepsilon^{(\alpha)} = \rho^{00}(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \bar{\rho}(x) = \hat{\rho}(x) - \rho^{00}(x)$$

# Exact linear response

## Differentiate

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta)} &= \langle\langle \Psi^{(\alpha)} | \hat{H}_0 - E_0 - i\frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Psi^{(\beta)} \rangle\rangle + \langle\langle \Psi^{(\beta)} | \hat{H}_0 - E_0 - i\frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \Psi^{(\alpha)} \rangle\rangle \\ &+ \langle\langle \Psi^{(\alpha)} | \bar{\rho}(x_2) e^{-i\omega_\beta t} | \Psi^{(0)} \rangle\rangle + \langle\langle \Psi^{(0)} | \bar{\rho}(x_2) e^{-i\omega_\beta t} | \Psi^{(\alpha)} \rangle\rangle \\ &+ \langle\langle \Psi^{(\beta)} | \bar{\rho}(x_1) e^{-i\omega_\alpha t} | \Psi^{(0)} \rangle\rangle + \langle\langle \Psi^{(0)} | \bar{\rho}(x_1) e^{-i\omega_\alpha t} | \Psi^{(\beta)} \rangle\rangle\end{aligned}$$

## Make stationary

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta)}}{\delta \langle\langle \Psi^{(\beta)} |} = (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 - i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}) | \Psi^{(\alpha)} \rangle\rangle + \bar{\rho}(x_1) e^{-i\omega_\alpha t} | \Psi^{(0)} \rangle\rangle = 0$$

$$| \Psi^{(\alpha)} \rangle\rangle = -(\hat{H}_0 - E_0 - \omega_\alpha)^{-1} \bar{\rho}(x_1) | 0 \rangle$$

## Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^{(2)}(\omega, x_1, x_2) &= - \left[ \langle 0 | \bar{\rho}(x_2) (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 - \omega)^{-1} \bar{\rho}(x_1) | 0 \rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \langle 0 | \bar{\rho}(x_1) (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 + \omega)^{-1} \bar{\rho}(x_2) | 0 \rangle \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Exact linear response: sum-over-states

$$\Pi^{(2)}(\omega, x_1, x_2) = - \left[ \langle 0 | \bar{\rho}(x_2) (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 - \omega)^{-1} \bar{\rho}(x_1) | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \bar{\rho}(x_1) (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 + \omega)^{-1} \bar{\rho}(x_2) | 0 \rangle \right]$$

Spectral representation of inverse

$$(\hat{H} - z)^{-1} = \sum_n \frac{|\Phi_n\rangle \langle \Phi_n|}{E_n - z}$$

Gives the sum-over-states expression

$$\Pi^{(2)}(\omega, x_1, x_2) = - \sum_{n \neq 0} \left[ \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_2) \rho^{n0}(x_1)}{\Omega_{0n} - \omega} + \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_1) \rho^{n0}(x_2)}{\Omega_{0n} + \omega} \right]$$

# Exact quadratic response

$$\mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} = \mathcal{P}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} \langle\langle \Psi^{(\alpha)} | \bar{\rho}(x_2) e^{-i\omega_\beta t} | \Psi^{(\gamma)} \rangle\rangle$$

Insert first-order results

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{(3)}(\omega_\alpha, \omega_\beta, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \\ \mathcal{P}^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)} \langle 0 | \bar{\rho}(x_1) (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 + \omega_\alpha)^{-1} \bar{\rho}(x_2) (\hat{H}_0 - E_0 - \omega_\gamma)^{-1} \bar{\rho}(x_3) | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Sum-over-states:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^{(3)}(\omega_\alpha, \omega_\beta, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \\ \sum_{\substack{n \neq 0 \\ m \neq 0}} \left[ \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_1) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_2) \rho^{m0}(x_3)}{(\Omega_{0n} - \omega_\alpha)(\Omega_{0m} + \omega_\gamma)} + \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_1) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_3) \rho^{m0}(x_2)}{(\Omega_{0n} + \omega_\alpha)(\Omega_{0m} - \omega_\beta)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_2) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_1) \rho^{m0}(x_3)}{(\Omega_{0n} + \omega_\beta)(\Omega_{0m} - \omega_\gamma)} + \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_2) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_3) \rho^{m0}(x_1)}{(\Omega_{0n} + \omega_\beta)(\Omega_{0m} - \omega_\alpha)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_3) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_1) \rho^{m0}(x_2)}{(\Omega_{0n} + \omega_\gamma)(\Omega_{0m} - \omega_\beta)} + \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_3) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_2) \rho^{m0}(x_1)}{(\Omega_{0n} + \omega_\gamma)(\Omega_{0m} - \omega_\alpha)} \right] \end{aligned}$$



# Exact response theory: the big idea

RG justifies only the validity of the time-dependent density

**No wavefunction available!**

$$\Pi^{(2)}(\omega, x_1, x_2) = - \sum_{n \neq 0} \left[ \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_2) \rho^{n0}(x_1)}{\Omega_{0n} - \omega} + \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_1) \rho^{n0}(x_2)}{\Omega_{0n} + \omega} \right]$$

Linear response allows a **definition** of

**excitation energies**

**ground-to-excited state transition densities**

$$\Pi^{(3)}(\omega_\alpha, \omega_\beta, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sum_{\substack{n \neq 0 \\ m \neq 0}} \left[ \frac{\rho^{0n}(x_1) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_3) \rho^{m0}(x_2)}{(\Omega_{0n} + \omega_\alpha)(\Omega_{0m} - \omega_\beta)} + \dots \right]$$

Quadratic response allows a **definition** of

**state-to-state transition densities**

# TDDFT Action Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}[\varphi, \varepsilon] = & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \sum_j \left[ \int dx \left( \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \varphi_j(t, x)|^2 - i \varphi_j^*(t, x) \frac{\partial \varphi_j(t, x)}{\partial t} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \int dx \varphi_j^*(t, x) v(t, x) \varphi_j(t, x) - \sum_k \varepsilon_{jk} \left( \int dx \varphi_j^*(t, x) \varphi_k(t, x) - \delta_{jk} \right) \right] \\ & + \mathcal{A}^{\text{HXC}}[\rho] \end{aligned}$$

## Stationarity

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{A}[\varphi, \varepsilon]}{\delta \varphi_j^*(t, x)} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 \varphi_j(t, x) + v^s(t, x) \varphi_j(t, x) - i \frac{\partial \varphi_j(t, x)}{\partial t} - \sum_k \varepsilon_{jk} \varphi_k(t, x) = 0$$

$$v^s(t, x) = v(t, x) + v^{\text{HXC}}(t, x)$$

$$\mathcal{A}[\varphi, \varepsilon]|_{\text{stat}} = \sum_j \left( \varepsilon_{jj} - v_{jj}^{\text{HXC}}[\rho] \right) + \mathcal{A}^{\text{HXC}}[\rho]$$

# TDDFT linear response

**Differentiate**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta)} = & \int_0^T dt \int dx \sum_j \left[ \varphi_j^{*(\alpha)} \left( \hat{h} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \varphi_j^{(\beta)} + \varphi_j^{*(\beta)} \left( \hat{h} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \varphi_j^{(\alpha)} \right. \\ & + \varphi_j^{*(\alpha)} \bar{\rho}(x_2) \varphi_j e^{-i\omega_\beta t} + \varphi_j^* \bar{\rho}(x_2) \varphi_j^{(\alpha)} e^{-i\omega_\beta t} \\ & + \varphi_j^{*(\beta)} \bar{\rho}(x_1) \varphi_j e^{-i\omega_\alpha t} + \left. \varphi_j^* \bar{\rho}(x_1) \varphi_j^{(\beta)} e^{-i\omega_\alpha t} \right] \\ & + \mathcal{A}^{\text{HXC}(\alpha\beta)}[\rho] \end{aligned}$$

**Using chain rule**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{\text{HXC}(\alpha\beta)}[\rho] = & \int d\zeta v^{\text{HXC}}[\rho](\tau, y) \rho^{(\alpha\beta)}(\tau, y) \\ & + \int d\zeta_1 d\zeta_2 f^{\text{HXC}}[\rho](\tau_1 - \tau_2, y_1, y_2) \rho^{(\alpha)}(\tau_1, y_1) \rho^{(\beta)}(\tau_2, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

# TDDFT linear response

**Expand orbitals:**  $U(t) = e^{\kappa(t)}$

$$\varphi_j(t, x) = \phi_j(x) + \sum_a \phi_a(x) \kappa_{ja}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ak} \phi_k(x) \kappa_{ja}(t) \kappa_{ak}(t) + \dots$$

$$\varphi_a(t, x) = \phi_a(x) + \sum_j \phi_j(x) \kappa_{aj}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{jb} \phi_b(x) \kappa_{aj}(t) \kappa_{jb}(t) + \dots$$

**Make stationary**

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta)}}{\partial \kappa_{ia}^{(\beta)*}} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \left[ \langle \phi_a | \hat{h} + \hat{v}^{\text{HXC}} - \varepsilon_{ii} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} | \varphi_i^{(\alpha)} \rangle + \langle \phi_a | \bar{\rho}(x_1) | \phi_i \rangle e^{-i\omega_\alpha t} \right] \\ + \sum_{pq} f_{pq,ia}^{\text{HXC}} \rho_{pq}^{(\alpha)} = 0$$

**Leads to**

$$\kappa_{ia}^{(\alpha)} = X_{ia} e^{-i\omega_\alpha t}$$

$$\kappa_{ia}^{(-\alpha)} = Y_{ia} e^{i\omega_\alpha t}$$



# TDDFT linear response (skipping derivation)

## Response operator

$$\mathbf{\Pi}_{\text{TDDFT}}^{(2)}(\omega) = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} - \omega \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{(\alpha)} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{(\alpha)} \end{pmatrix} = -\mathbf{\Pi}_{\text{TDDFT}}^{(2)}(\omega) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{(\alpha)} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{(\alpha)} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Linear Response Function

$$\mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{(\beta)} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{(\beta)} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{(\alpha)} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{(\alpha)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta)} = - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{(\beta)} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{(\beta)} \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{\Pi}_{\text{TDDFT}}^{(2)}(\omega) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{(\alpha)} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{(\alpha)} \end{pmatrix}$$

# TDDFT quadratic response (abbreviated)

## Response function

$$\Pi^{(3)}(\omega_\alpha, \omega_\beta) = \left[ \text{tr}(\mathbf{K}^{(\alpha\beta)} \mathbf{v}^{(\gamma)}) + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{(\gamma)} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{(\gamma)} \end{pmatrix}^T \Pi_{\text{TDDFT}}^{(2)}(\omega_\alpha + \omega_\beta) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{(\alpha\beta)} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{(\alpha\beta)} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

## Product of first-order densities

$$K_{ij}^{(\alpha\beta)} = - \sum_a X_{ja}^{(\alpha)} Y_{ia}^{(\beta)} + X_{ja}^{(\beta)} Y_{ia}^{(\alpha)}$$

$$K_{ab}^{(\alpha\beta)} = \sum_i X_{ia}^{(\alpha)} Y_{ib}^{(\beta)} + X_{ia}^{(\beta)} Y_{ib}^{(\alpha)}$$

## RHS involves hyperkernel

$$g^{\text{XC}\pm}[\rho](x_1, x_2, x_3) \approx \frac{\delta^3 E^{\text{XC}}[\rho]}{\delta\rho^\pm(x_1)\delta\rho(x_2)\delta\rho(x_3)} \Big|_{\text{ref}}$$

# TDDFT quadratic response (abbreviated)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (P + Q)_{ia}^{(\alpha\beta)} &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j \mathcal{P}^{(\alpha\beta)} \left[ (X + Y)_{ja}^{(\beta)} U_{ji}^{+(\alpha)} - (X - Y)_{ja}^{(\beta)} U_{ji}^{- (\alpha)} \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_b \mathcal{P}^{(\alpha\beta)} \left[ (X + Y)_{ib}^{(\beta)} U_{ab}^{+(\alpha)} - (X - Y)_{ib}^{(\beta)} U_{ab}^{- (\alpha)} \right] \\
 &\quad + H_{ai}^+[\mathbf{K}^{(\alpha\beta)}] + 2g_{ai}^{\text{HXC}+}[\rho^{(\alpha)}, \rho^{(\beta)}], \\
 (P - Q)_{ia}^{(\alpha\beta)} &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j \mathcal{P}^{(\alpha\beta)} \left[ (X - Y)_{ja}^{(\beta)} U_{ji}^{+(\alpha)} - (X + Y)_{ja}^{(\beta)} U_{ji}^{- (\alpha)} \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_b \mathcal{P}^{(\alpha\beta)} \left[ (X - Y)_{ib}^{(\beta)} U_{ab}^{+(\alpha)} - (X + Y)_{ib}^{(\beta)} U_{ab}^{- (\alpha)} \right] \\
 &\quad - H_{ia}^-[\mathbf{K}^{(\alpha\beta)}] + 2g_{ai}^{\text{HXC}-}[\rho^{(\alpha)}, \rho^{(\beta)}]
 \end{aligned}$$

## Hyperkernel

$$g^{\text{XC}\pm}[\rho](x_1, x_2, x_3) \approx \frac{\delta^3 E^{\text{XC}}[\rho]}{\delta\rho^\pm(x_1)\delta\rho(x_2)\delta\rho(x_3)} \Big|_{\text{ref}}$$

Action Lagrangian

**The requisite properties**

Photochemistry of Thymine

Interpreting Excited States

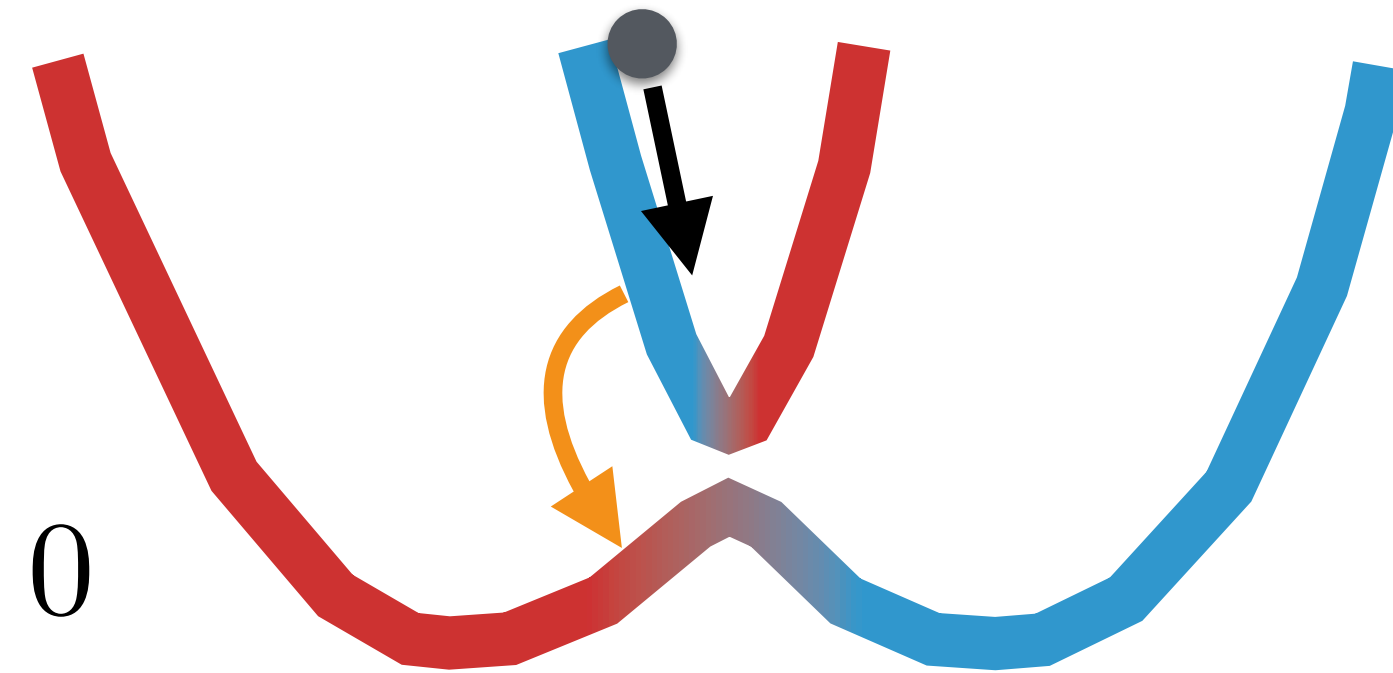


# Energies, forces and couplings

## Energies

$$E_n = E_0 + \Omega_n$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} - \Omega_n \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^n \\ \mathbf{Y}^n \end{pmatrix} = 0$$



## Forces

$$\nabla E_n = \nabla E_0 + \nabla \Omega_n \neq \frac{\partial}{\partial R} E_n$$

## State-to-state properties

$$\langle \Psi_n | \hat{v} | \Psi_m \rangle$$

## Derivative couplings

$$\langle \Phi_n | \nabla \Phi_m \rangle$$

# Energies: iterative diagonalization

Storage unfeasible for even medium molecules

~ 400 GB for calix[4]arene

## Matrix-vector products

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

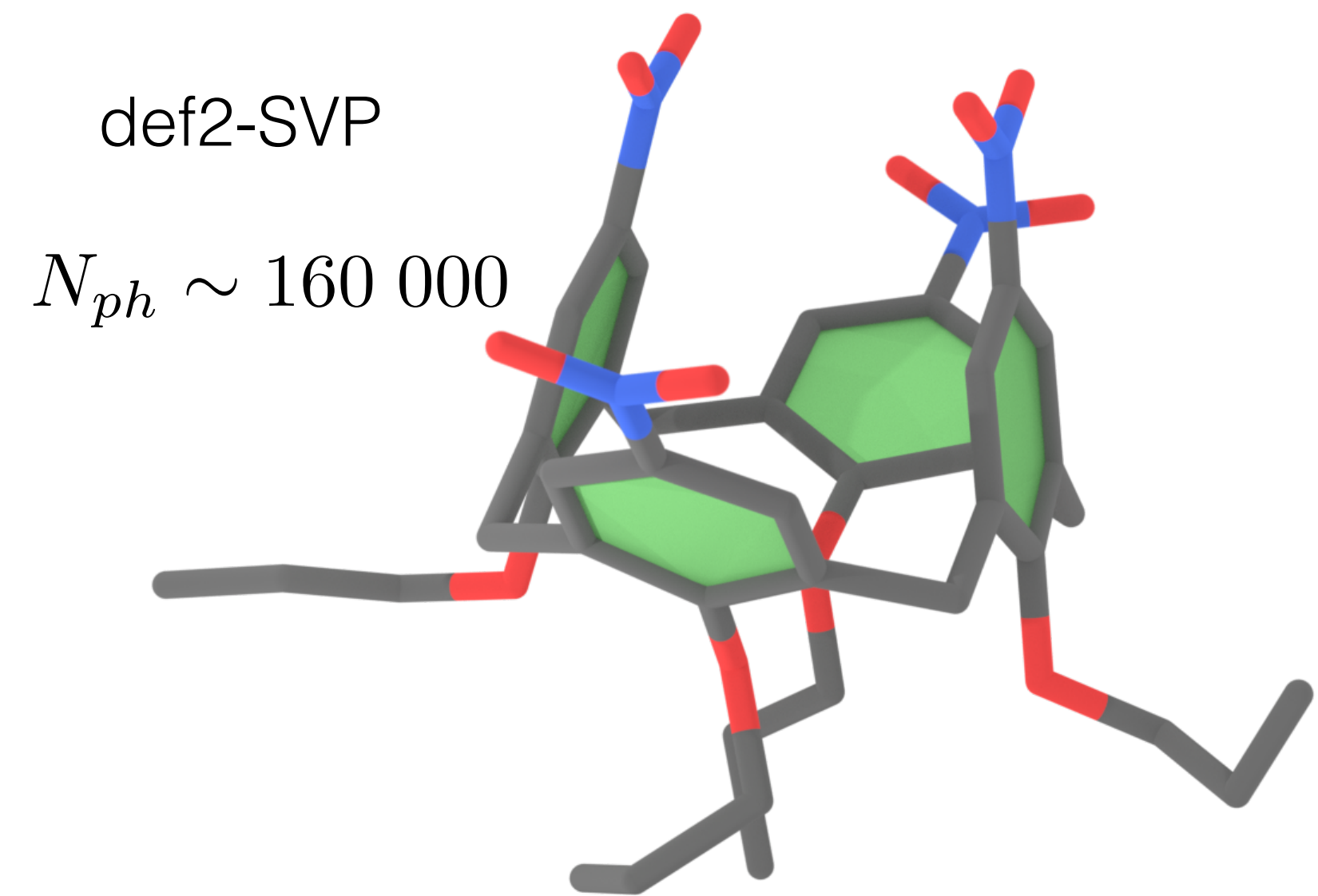
$$D_{\mu\nu} = C_{\mu i} x_{ia} C_{\nu a} + C_{\mu a} y_{ia} C_{\nu i}$$

## Compare to Fock-build

$$\Lambda_{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{D}] = \sum_{\kappa\lambda} \{ 2(\mu\nu|\kappa\lambda) + 2f_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{xc} + c_x [(\mu\kappa|\nu\lambda) - (\mu\lambda|\kappa\nu)] \} D_{\kappa\lambda}$$

**v.**

$$F_{\mu\nu}[\mathbf{D}] = \sum_{\kappa\lambda} [2(\mu\nu|\kappa\lambda) - (\mu\kappa|\nu\lambda)] D_{\kappa\lambda} + v_{\mu\nu}^{XC}[\mathbf{D}]$$

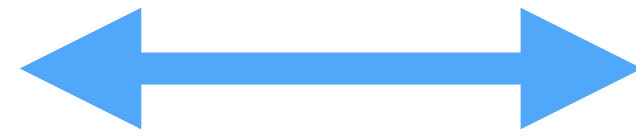


# Forces: orbital response

$$\frac{dE}{d\mathbf{R}} = \frac{dE}{d\mathbf{C}} \frac{d\mathbf{C}}{d\mathbf{R}} + \dots$$

Excitation energies not stationary w.r.t. orbitals

$$\frac{dE_0}{d\mathbf{C}} \propto \mathbf{F}^{\text{ov}} = 0$$



$$\frac{d\Omega_n}{d\mathbf{C}} \neq 0$$

Brute force (old school) way: compute orbital response

$$\frac{d\mathbf{C}}{dR} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{U}^R \quad \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}^R = \mathbf{Q}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{U}^R = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1} \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Q}$$

Better way: **Lagrangian**

Handy, N. C.; Schaefer, H. F. *J. Chem. Phys.* **1984**, *81* (11), 5031.

# Forces: Lagrangian

excitation energy

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^n \\ \mathbf{Y}^n \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^n \\ \mathbf{Y}^n \end{pmatrix}$$

KS orbitals

normalized excitation

Stationarity w.r.t. orbitals

*e.g.*

$$L_{pq} = \sum_{\mu} \frac{\partial L}{\partial C_{\mu p}} C_{\mu q} = 0$$



orthonormal orbitals

$$\mathbf{D}^n = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}^o & \mathbf{Z} \\ \mathbf{Z}^T & \mathbf{T}^v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})\mathbf{Z} = -\mathbf{R}$$

After some work

$$\frac{d\Omega_n}{dR} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial R} = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(R)} \mathbf{D}^n \rangle + \langle \mathbf{S}^{(R)} \mathbf{W} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{V}^{(R)} \mathbf{\Gamma} \rangle$$

Furche, F.; Ahlrichs, R. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2002**, 117 (16), 7433.

# Force Lagrangian: Right-hand-side

$$\Omega_n = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^n \\ \mathbf{Y}^n \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^n \\ \mathbf{Y}^n \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} [(\mathbf{X}^n + \mathbf{Y}^n)^T (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{X}^n + \mathbf{Y}^n) + (\mathbf{X}^n - \mathbf{Y}^n)^T (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{X}^n - \mathbf{Y}^n)]$$

$$Q_{kp}^{\pm} = \sum_{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\mu k}} C_{\mu p} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{iajb} (X \pm Y)_{ia}^n (A \pm B)_{iajb} (X \pm Y)_{jb}^n$$

$$(A \pm B)_{iajb} = (\epsilon_a - \epsilon_i) \delta_{ij} \delta_{ab} + \sum_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} C_{\mu i} C_{\nu a} C_{\kappa j} C_{\lambda b} f_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{\text{HXC}\pm}$$

$$Q_{kp} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_a (X + Y)_{ka}^n H_{pa}^+ [X + Y]^n + \frac{1}{2} \sum_a (X - Y)_{ka}^n H_{pa}^- [X - Y]^n$$

# State-to-state properties

$$\text{Double residue of } \Pi^{(3)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \rho^{0n}(x_1) \bar{\rho}^{nm}(x_3) \rho^{m0}(x_2)$$
$$\omega_\alpha, \omega_\beta \rightarrow -\Omega_n, \Omega_m$$

$$\text{Defines } \rho_{nm} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{\text{occ}}^{nm} & \mathbf{X}^{nm} \\ (\mathbf{Y}^{nm})^T & \mathbf{K}_{\text{virt}}^{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_{ij}^{nm} = - \sum_a X_{ja}^m X_{ia}^n + Y_{ja}^n Y_{ia}^m \quad K_{ab}^{nm} = \sum_i X_{ia}^m X_{ib}^n + Y_{ia}^n Y_{ib}^m$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{nm} \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} - (\Omega_m - \Omega_n) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Total cost ~2 TDDFT calculations

- 1 diagonalization per excited state
- 1 polarizability-like solve per amplitude



# Derivative coupling: Chernyak-Mukamel

**Recall**

$$d_{nm}^R = \langle \Phi_n | \nabla^R \Phi_m \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Omega_{mn}} \int d\mathbf{x} v^{(R)}(\mathbf{x}) \rho^{nm}(\mathbf{x})$$

**Hellman-Feynman invalid; back to response theory!**

$$\mathcal{A}^{(\alpha\beta)} = \sum_{ia} \langle \phi_i | \hat{v} | \phi_a \rangle X_{ia}^{(\alpha)} + \langle \phi_i | \hat{v}^\dagger | \phi_a \rangle Y_{ia}^{(\alpha)} \quad \text{TDDFT}$$

$$= \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{v} | \Psi^{(\alpha)} \rangle + \langle \Psi_0 | \hat{v}^\dagger | \Psi^{(-\alpha)} \rangle \quad \text{exact}$$

$$|\Psi^{(\alpha)}\rangle = - \sum_n \frac{|\Phi_n\rangle v_{n0}}{\Omega_n - \omega} \longrightarrow \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \Omega_n} (\omega - \Omega_n) |\Psi^{(\alpha)}\rangle = |\Phi_n\rangle v_{n0}$$

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \nabla \Phi_n \rangle = - \sum_{ia} (X - Y)_{ia}^n \langle \phi_i | \nabla \phi_a \rangle$$

# Derivative couplings efficiently

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \nabla \Phi_n \rangle = - \sum_{ia} (X - Y)_{ia}^n \langle \phi_i | \nabla \phi_a \rangle$$

**Becomes**  $d_{0n}^R = - \langle (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}) (\mathbf{U}^R + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{S}^{(R)} + \mathbf{T}^{(R)})) \rangle$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{U}^R = -\mathbf{h}^R$$

**Z-vector**  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{X}^n - \mathbf{Y}^n)$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{X}^n + \mathbf{Y}^n) = \Omega_n (\mathbf{X}^n - \mathbf{Y}^n)$$

## Final expression

$$d_{0n}^R = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(R)} \mathbf{P} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{S}^{(R)} \mathbf{W} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{V}^{(R)} \mathbf{\Gamma} \rangle$$

Send, R.; Furche, F. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2010**, *132* (4), 044107.

# Arbitrary derivative couplings

$$\langle \Phi_n | \nabla \Phi_m \rangle = \sum_{pq} \rho_{pq}^{nm} \langle \phi_p | \nabla \phi_q \rangle$$

## Make a Lagrangian

$$L^{nm} = \sum_{pq} \rho_{pq}^{nm} \langle \phi_p(R_0) | \phi_q(R) \rangle + \sum_{ia} Z_{ia} F_{ia} - \sum_{pq} W_{pq} (S_{pq} - \delta_{pq})$$

KS orbitals

orthonormal orbitals

## Make stationary

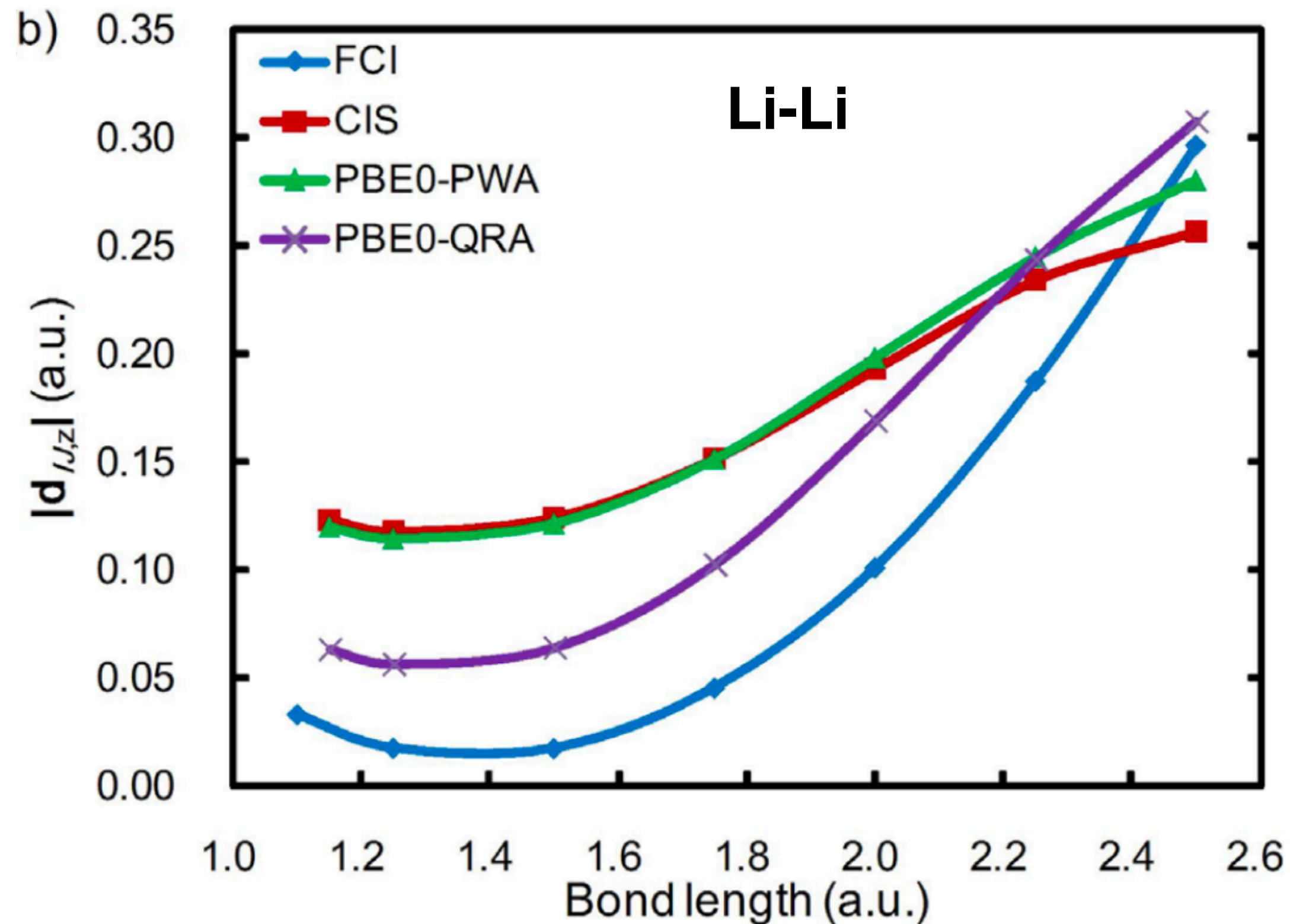
$$d_{nm}^R = \frac{\partial L^{nm}}{\partial R} = \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial R} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{nm} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial R} \mathbf{W}^{nm} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial R} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{nm} \right\rangle$$

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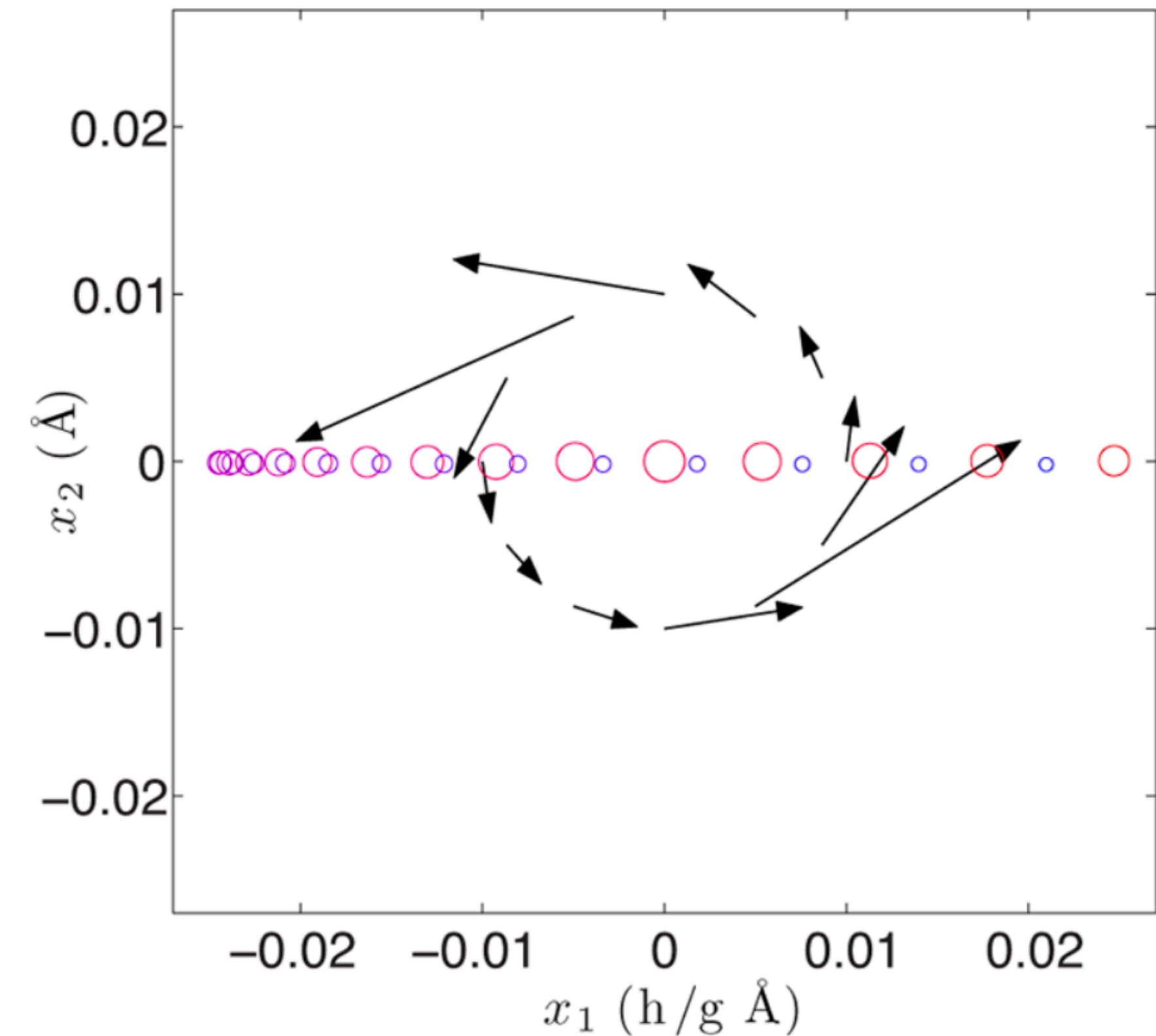
Li, Z.; Liu, W. *J. Chem. Phys.* **2014**, *141* (1), 014110.

# Successes: properties reliable when KS TDDFT is sensible

## Derivative couplings



## State-to-state conical intersections



- correct topology for state-to-state
- “useful” accuracy

Acc. Chem. Res. 2015, 48, 1340–1350  
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# Challenges: non-real instabilities

## Magnetic orbital rotation Hessian

$$(A - B)_{ia,jb} = \varepsilon_{ab}\delta_{ij} - \varepsilon_{ij}\delta_{ab} + c_x[(ib|ja) - (ij|ab)],$$

If  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}$  has any negative eigenvalues, the system is said to be “non-real unstable”

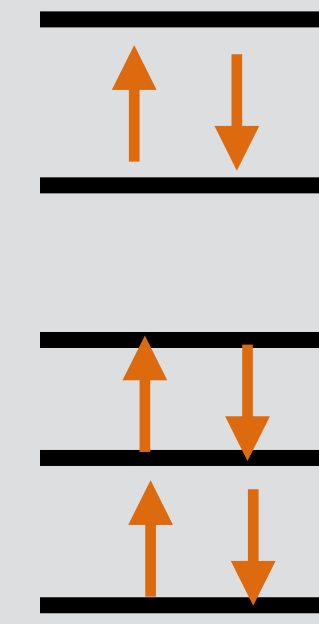
$$(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Z} = \Omega_n^2 \mathbf{Z}$$

- hard to guarantee real eigenvalues
- what do imaginary energies mean?

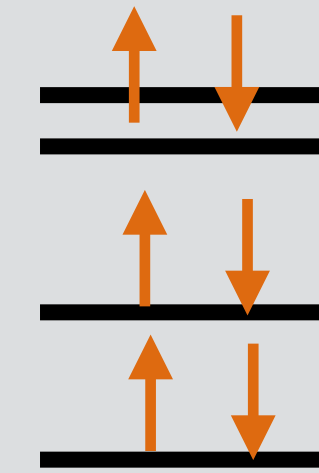
## Solution: Tamm-Dancoff Approximation

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Omega}$$

- eigenvalues of Hermitian matrix  $\rightarrow$  real
- negative even allowed (and okay!)



Normally okay because for semilocal XC, can only happen with non-Aufbau occupation

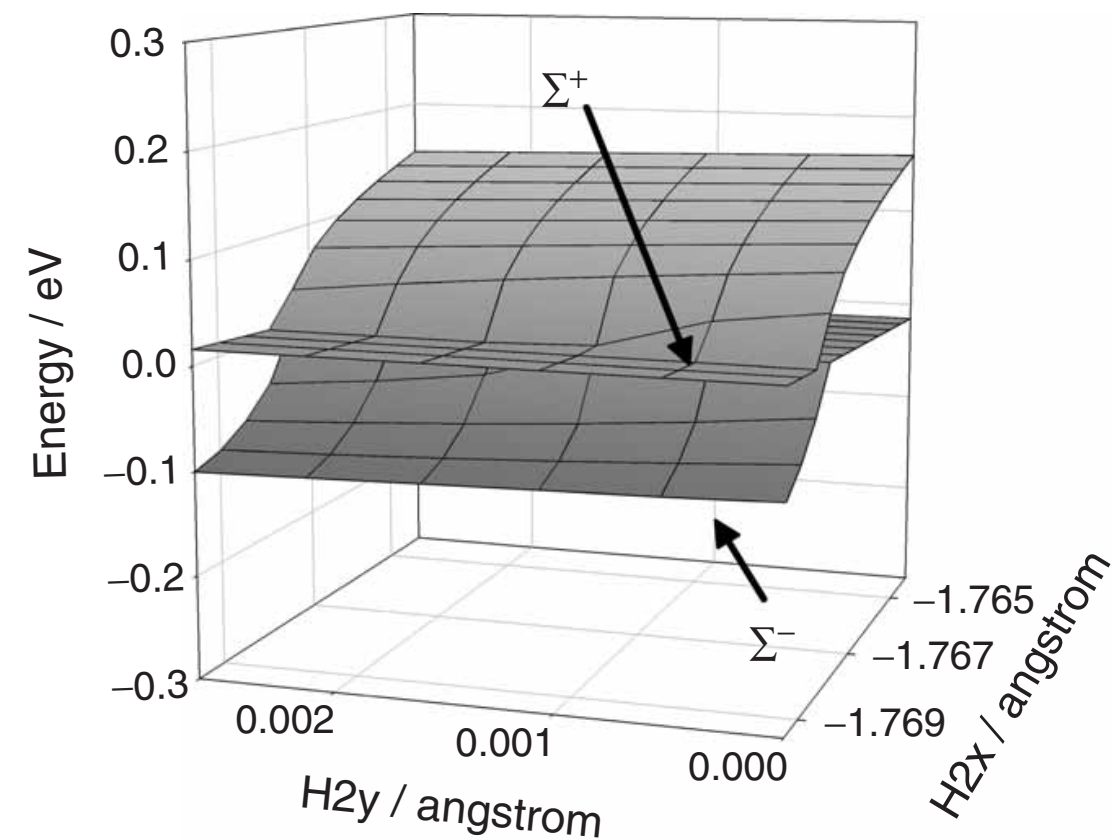
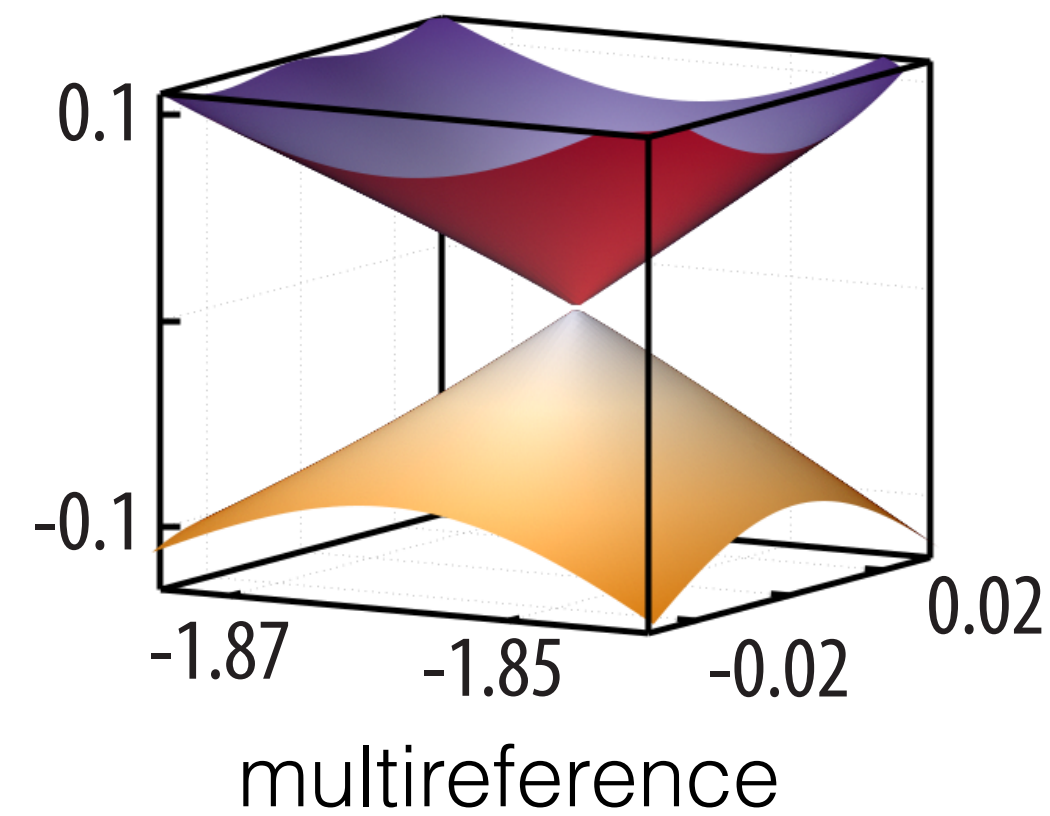
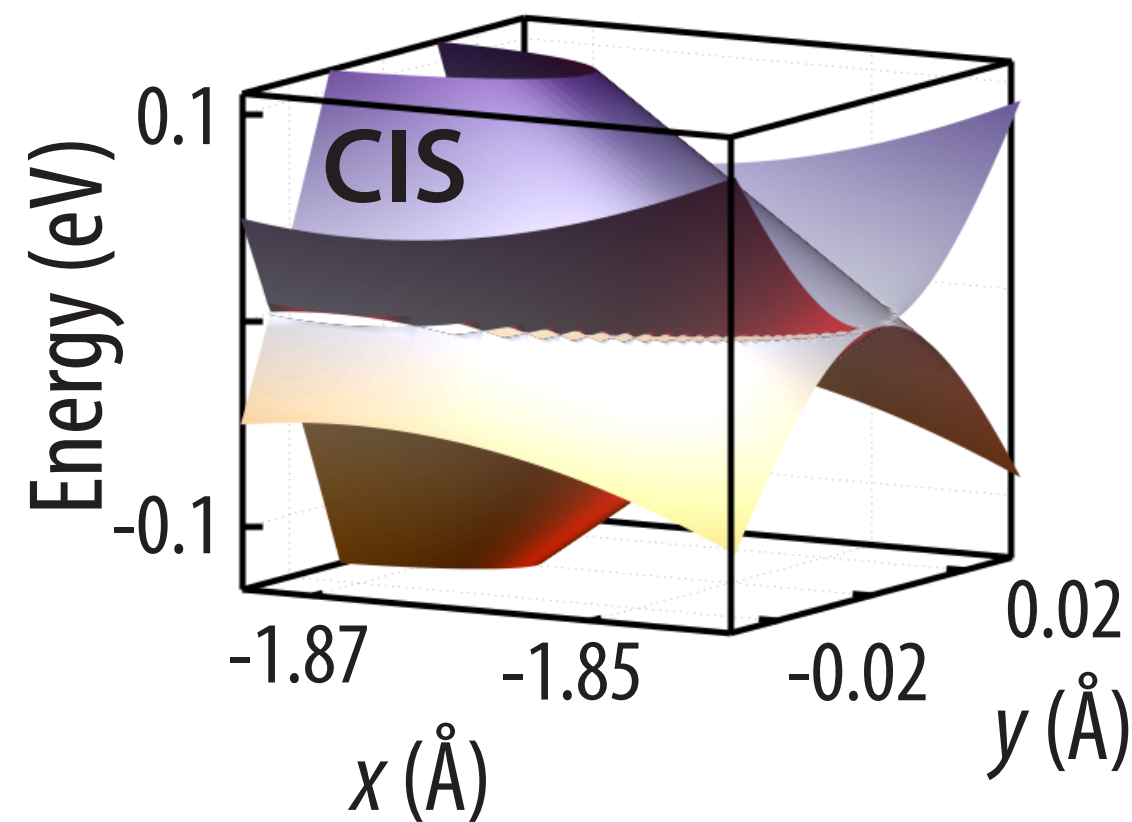


Becomes problematic during dynamics because orbital gaps collapse

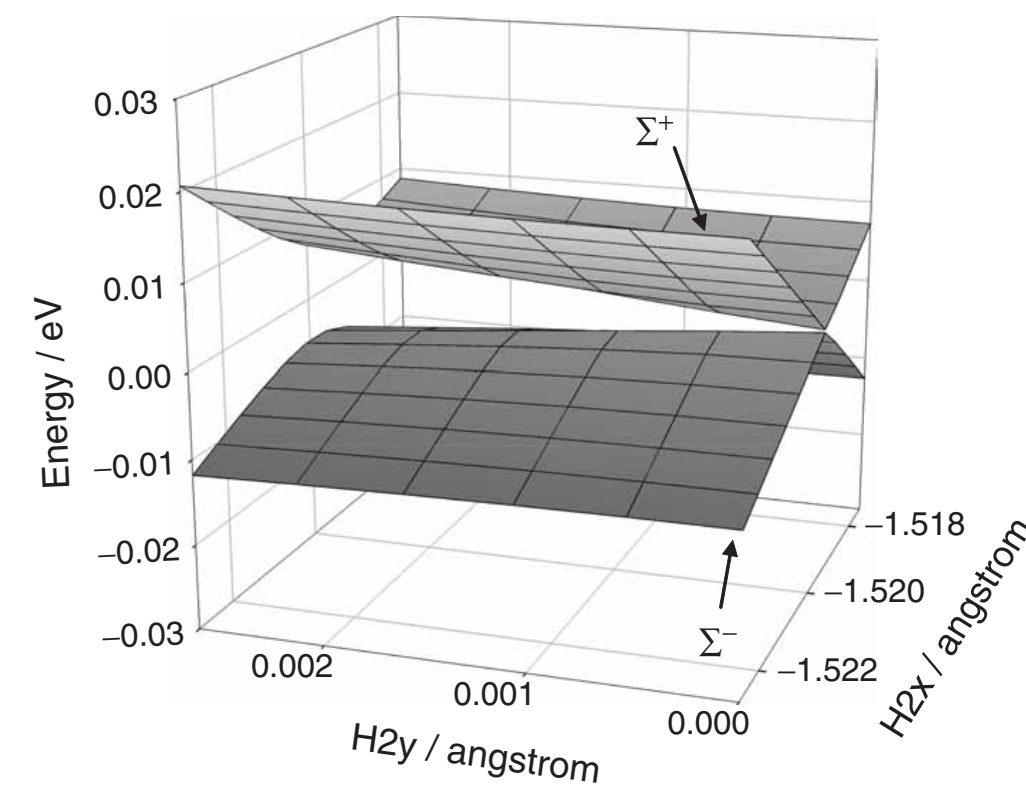


# Challenges: ground-to-excited conical intersections

## Wrong dimensionality



B3LYP



SA-CASSCF

## Unstable properties

$$\mathbf{D}^n = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}^o & \mathbf{Z} \\ \mathbf{Z}^T & \mathbf{T}^v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = -(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{R}$$

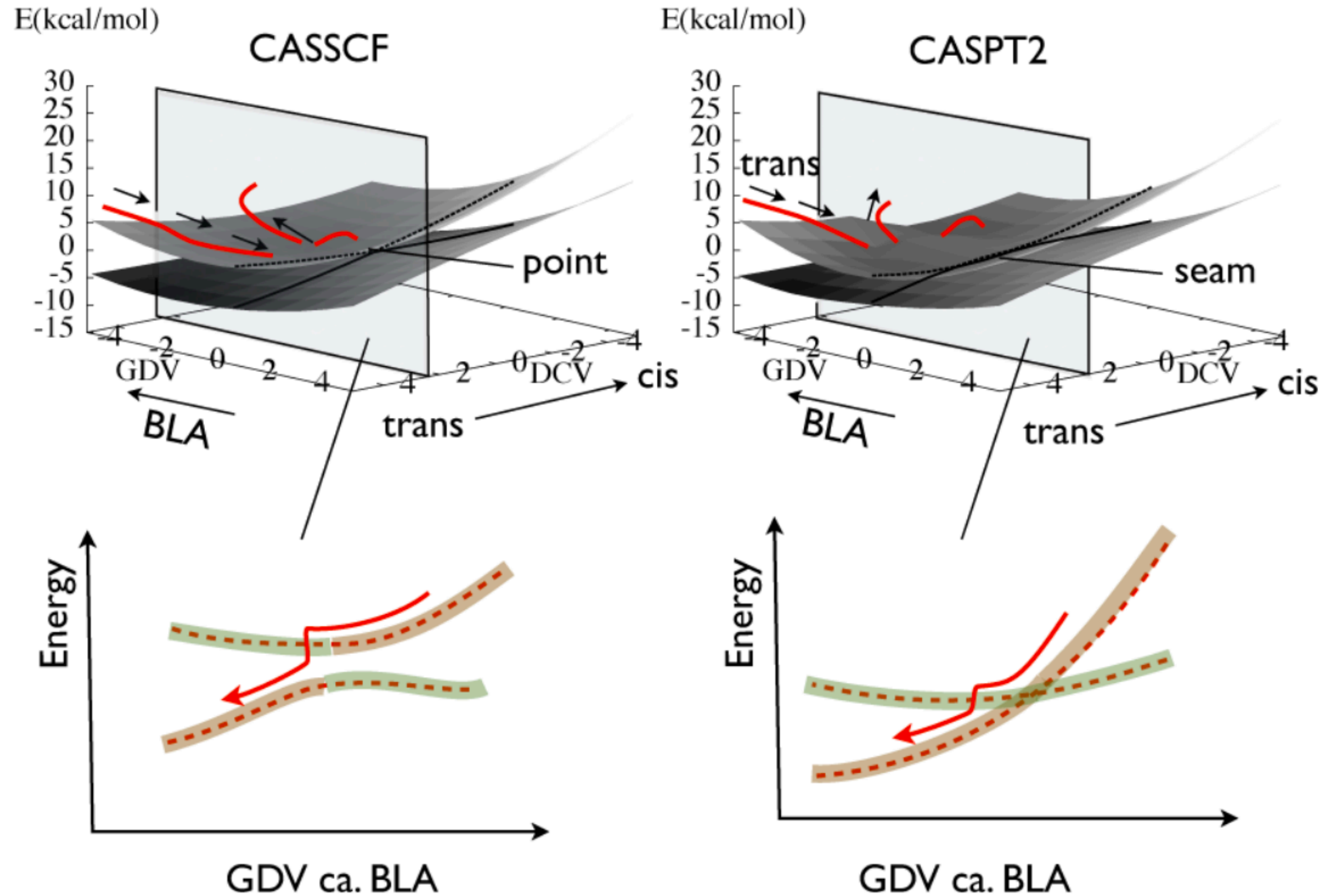
$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^{-1} = \sum_n \frac{(\mathbf{X}^n + \mathbf{Y}^n)(\mathbf{X}^n + \mathbf{Y}^n)^\dagger}{\Omega_n}$$

- noninteracting seams instead of cones
- orbital response diverges

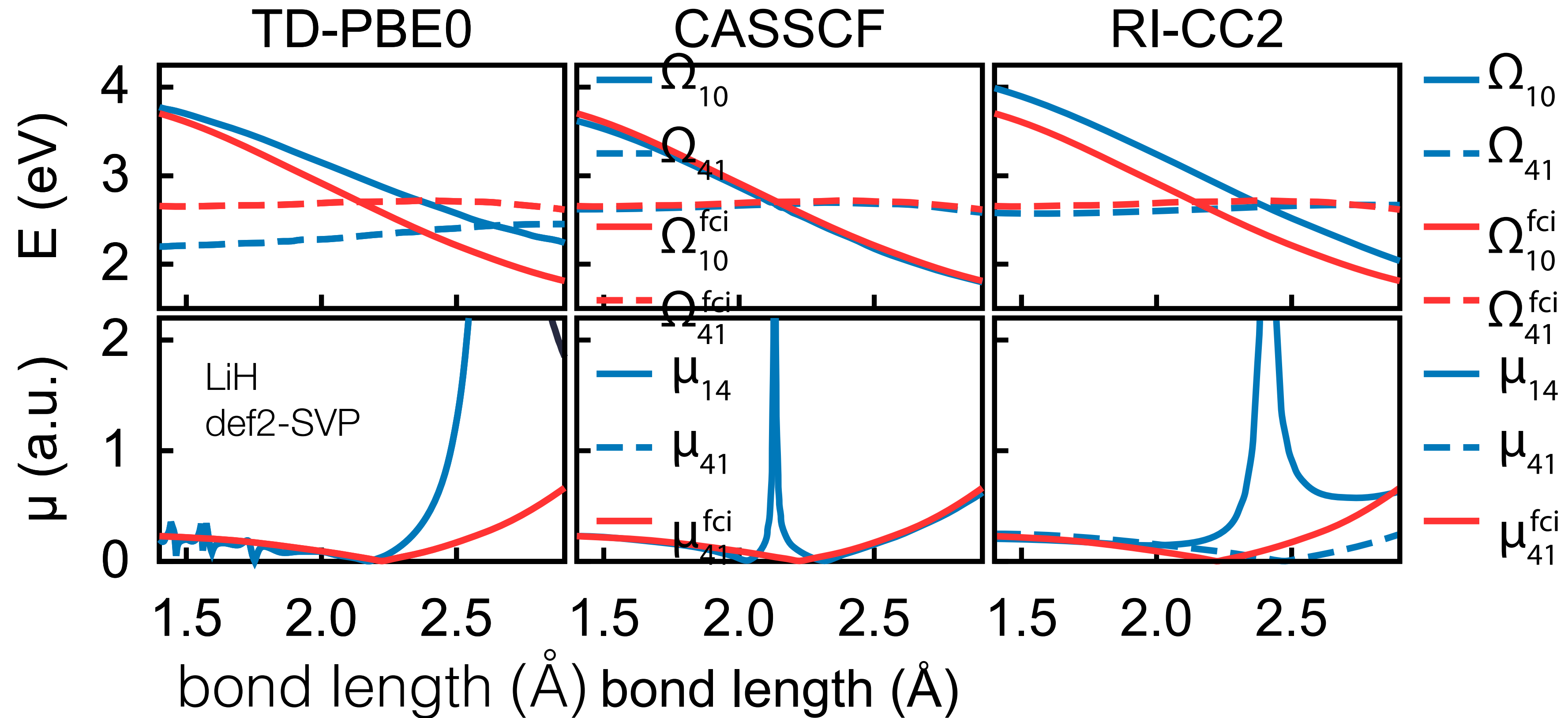
Levine, B. G.; Ko, C.; Quenneville, J.; Martínez, T. J. *Mol. Phys.* **2006**, *104* (5-7), 1039–1051.



# ... but dynamics may not be terribly sensitive to topology



# Challenges: quadratic response failures hurt state-to-state



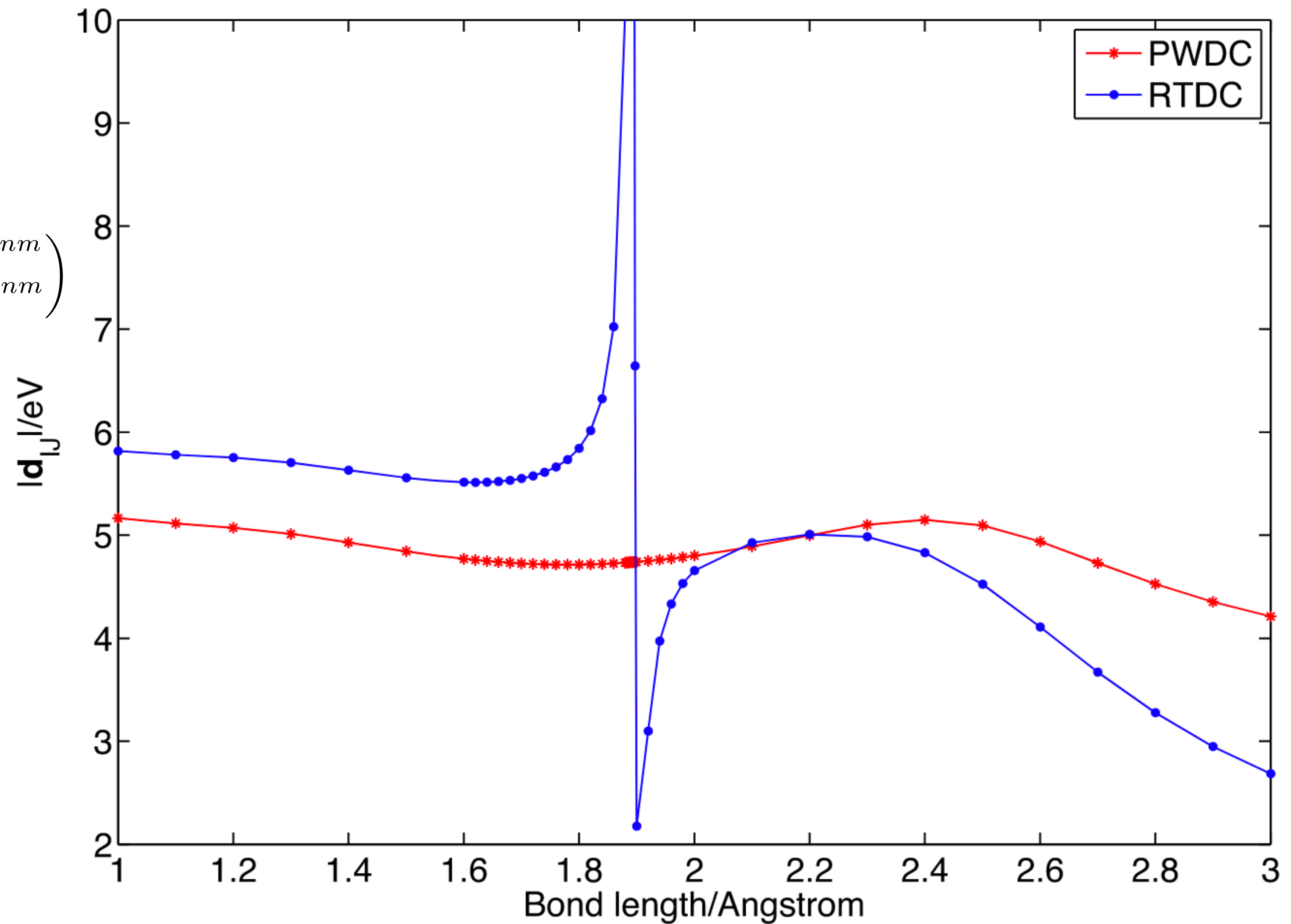
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{nm} \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} - (\Omega_m - \Omega_n) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

# ... but there is a workaround: pseudowavefunction

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{nm} \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} - (\Omega_m - \Omega_n) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{nm} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{nm} \\ \mathbf{Q}^{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Properties and couplings: Summary

Success/Failure	Consequence	Can we avoid?	Can we fix?
Tend to work when (TD)DFT works	Already know a lot about where (TD)DFT works	All useful tricks from (TD)DFT	All useful tricks from (TD)DFT
Nonreal instabilities	Imaginary energies?	TDA	Maybe, but not clear
Improper dimensionality of conical intersections	Ground and excited states artificially decoupled	May not have a big effect on dynamics	Need an ensemble ground state
Degenerate ground state	Properties can diverge near degeneracy	In dynamics, hop while we still have a gap	Need an ensemble ground state
Spurious poles in quadratic response	Unphysical divergences in state-to-state coupling	Pseudowavefunction approximation	Memory kernel?

Action Lagrangian

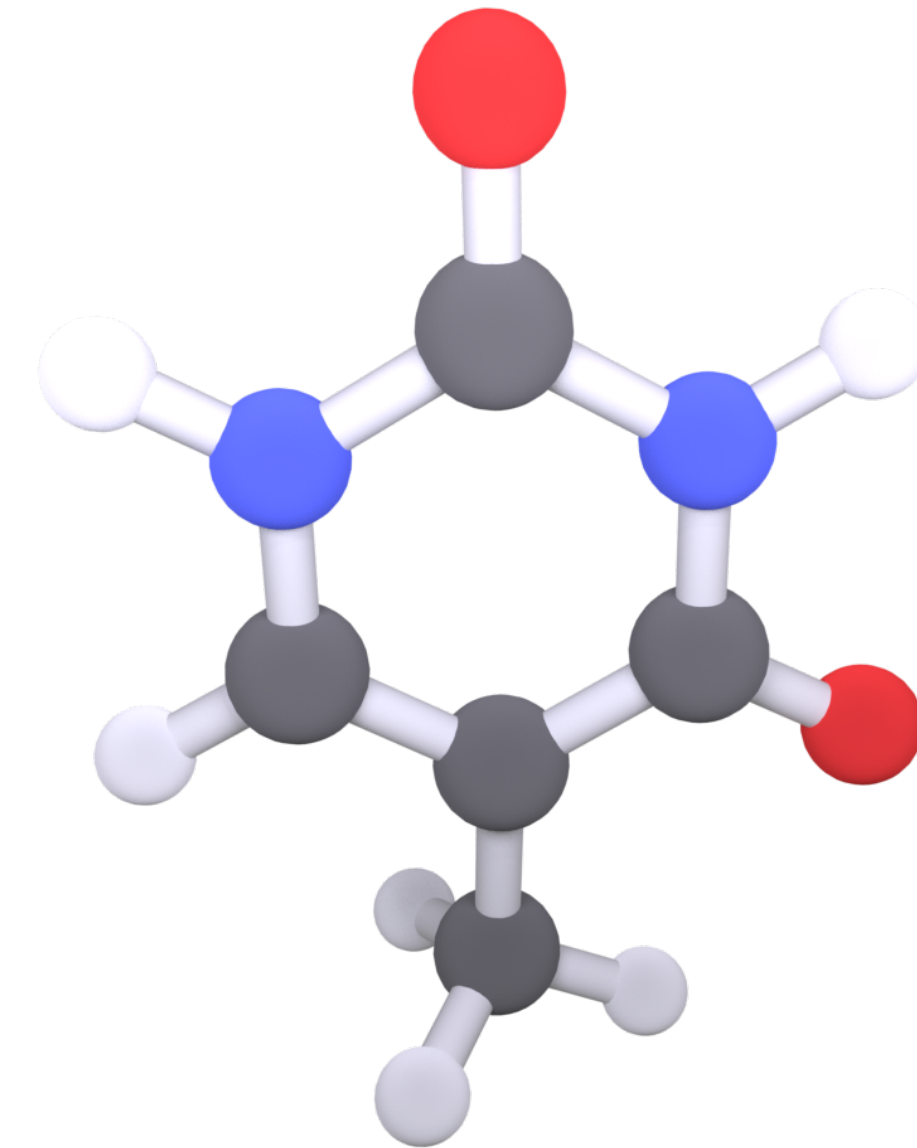
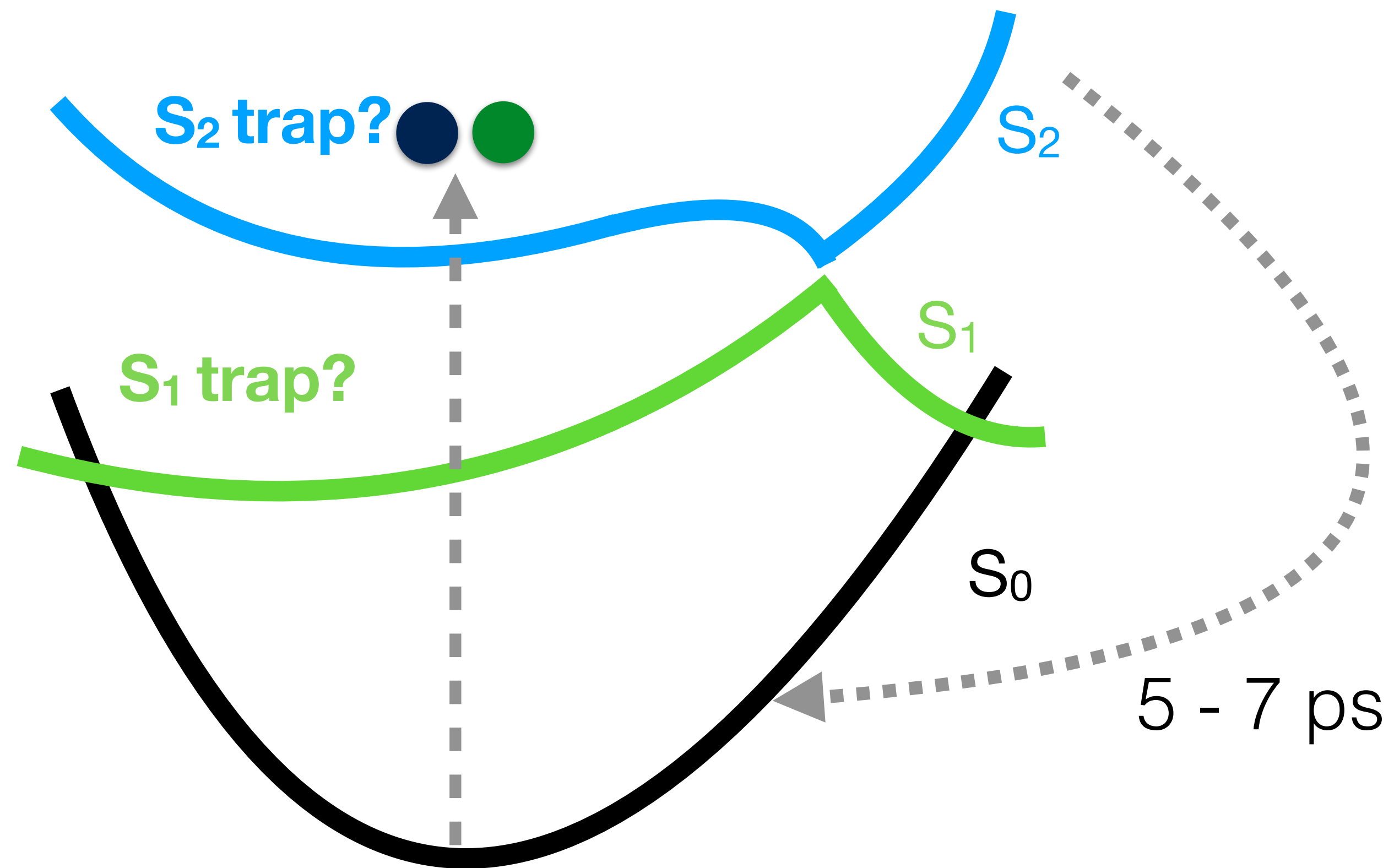
The requisite properties

**Photochemistry of Thymine**

Interpreting Excited States



# Excited-state deactivation of thymine

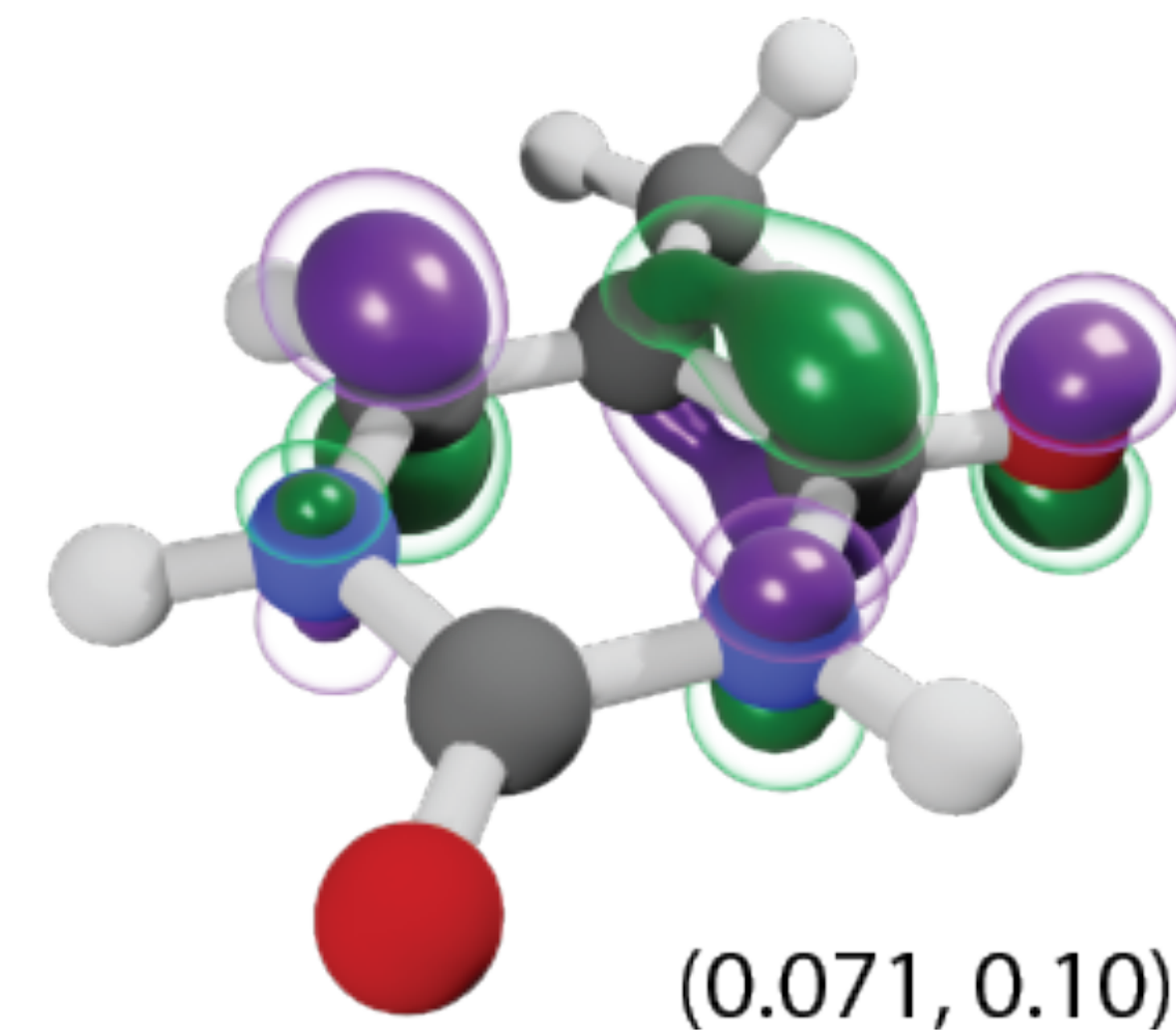
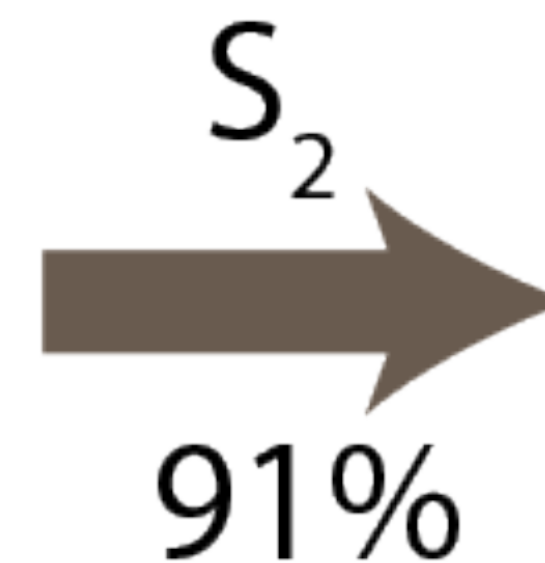
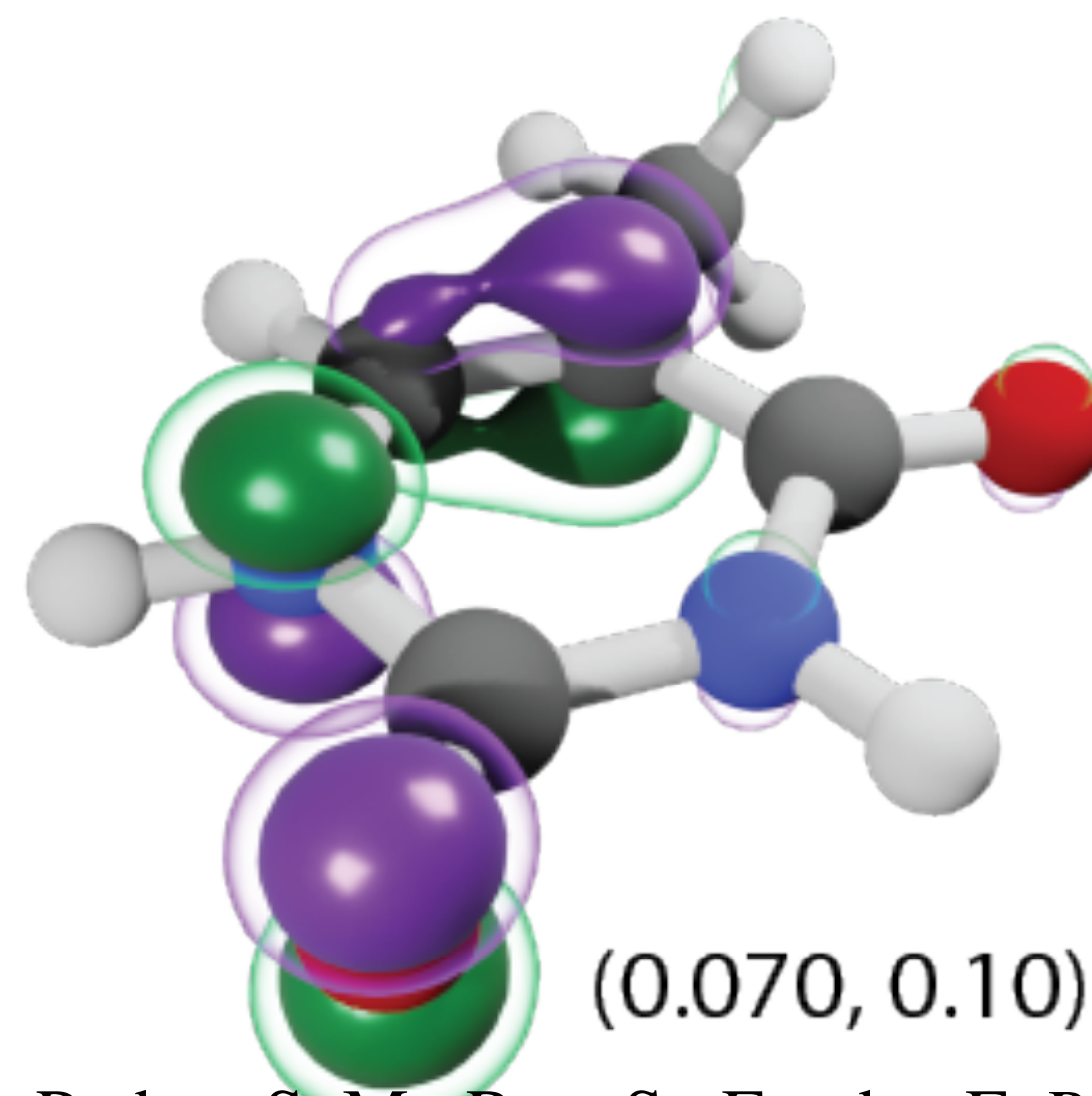
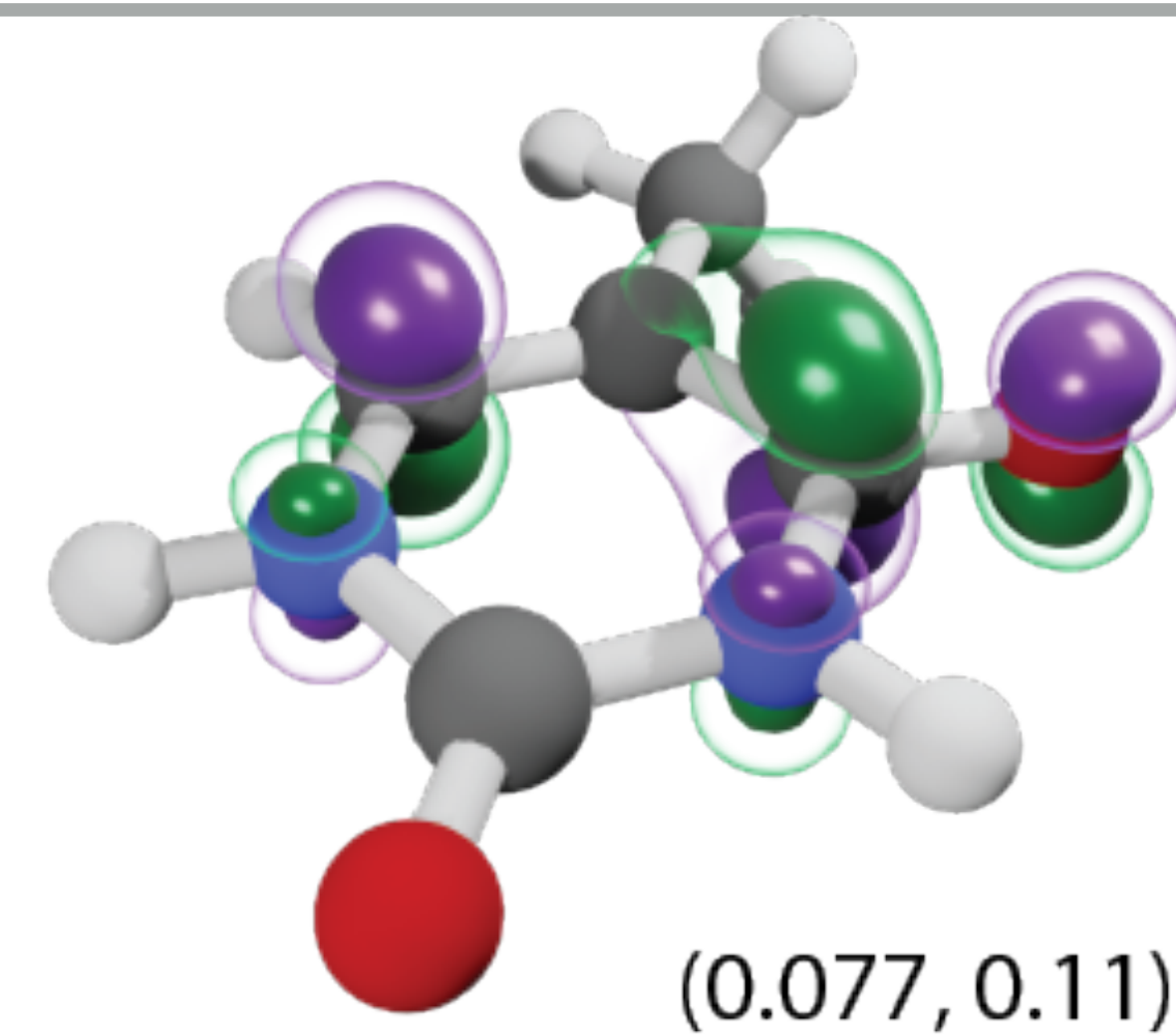
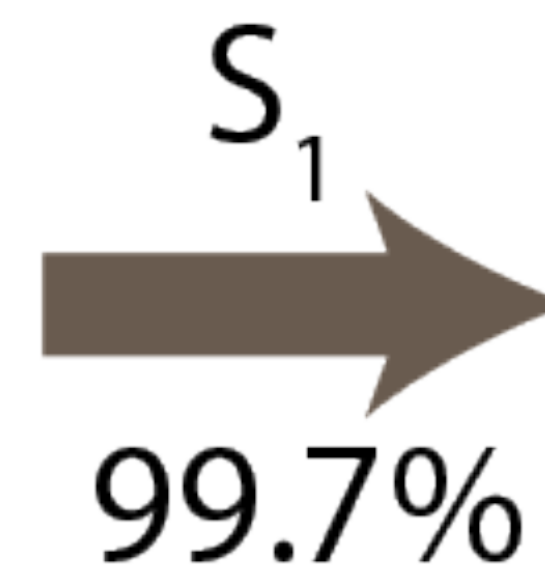
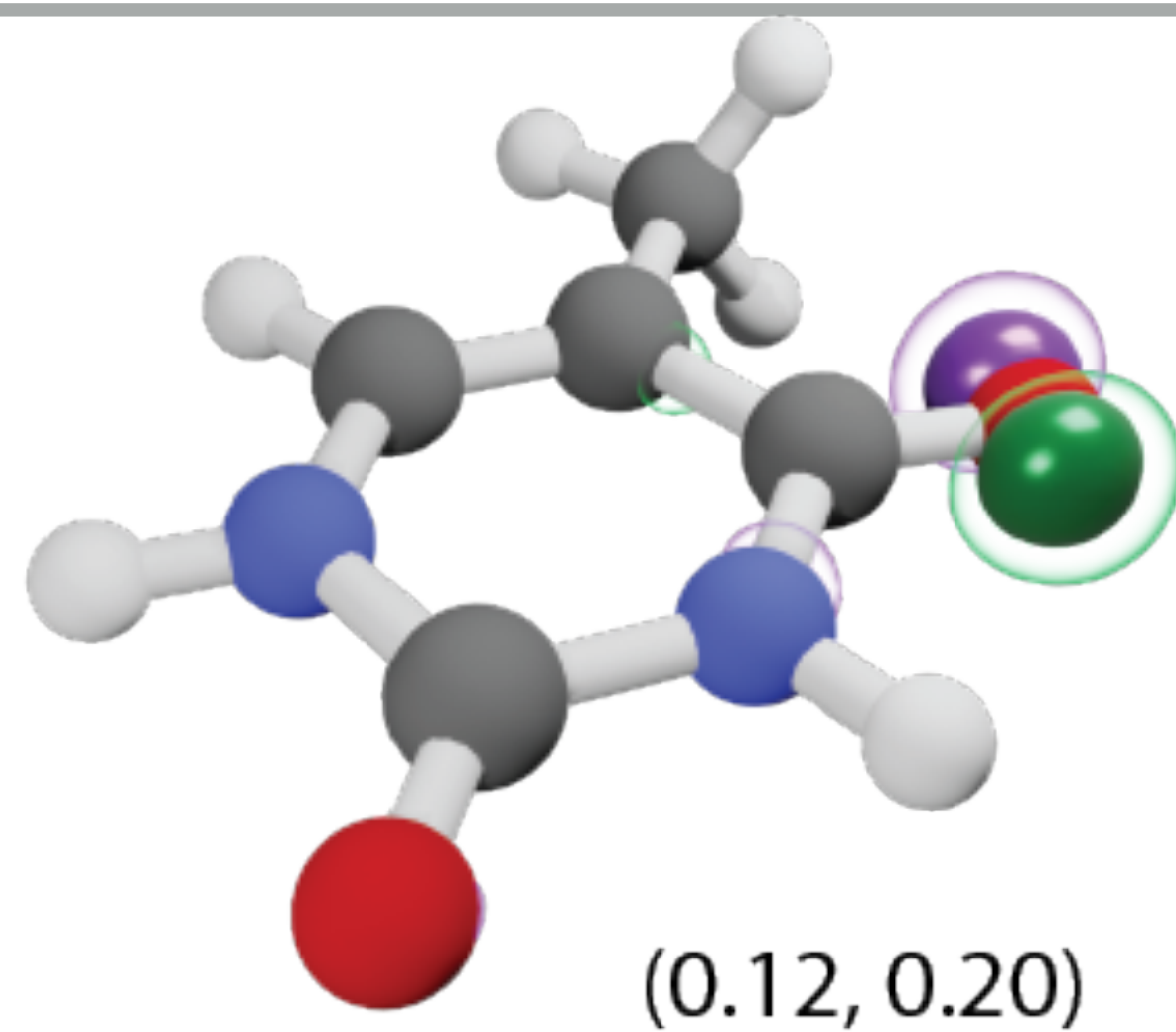


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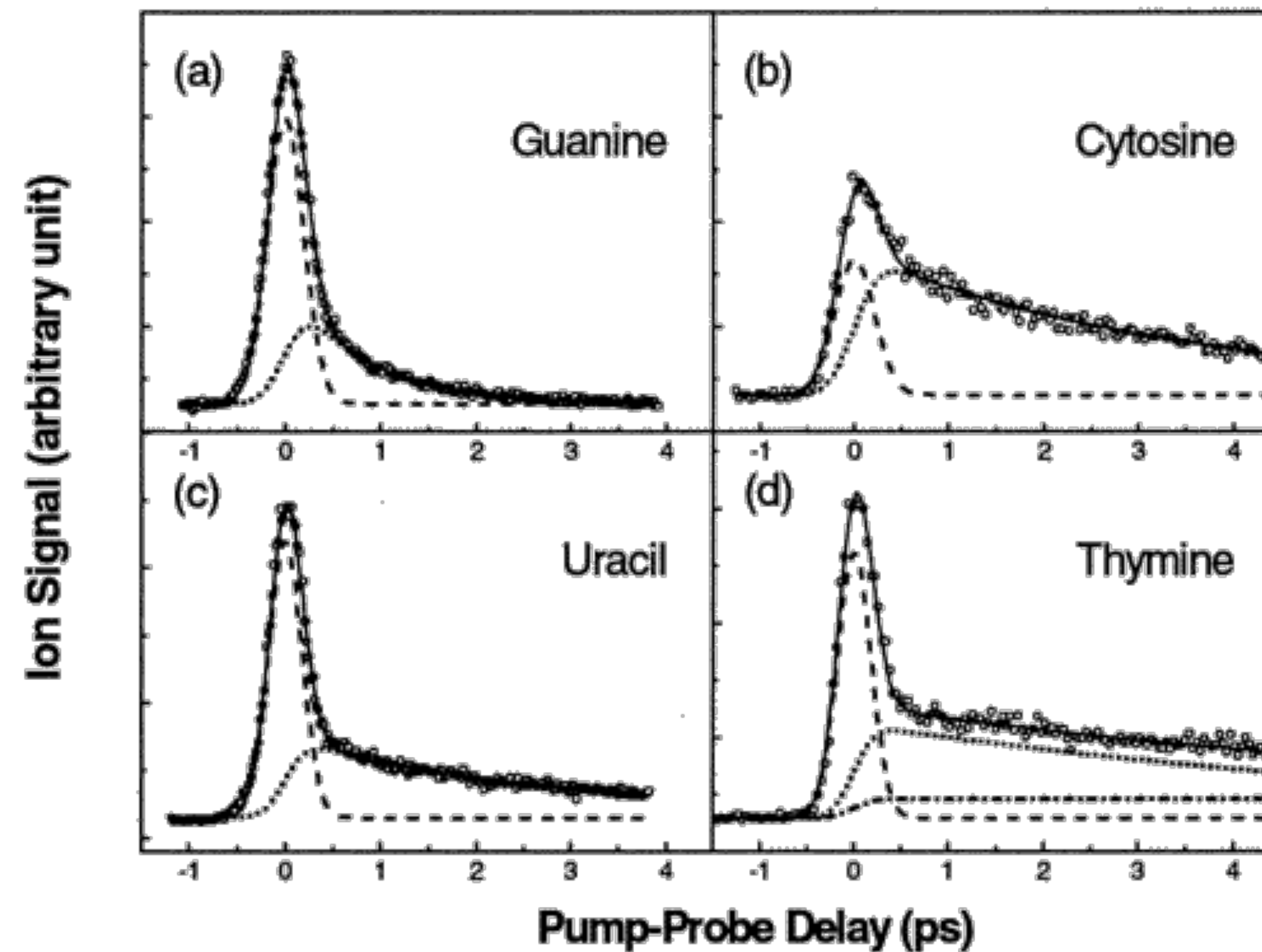
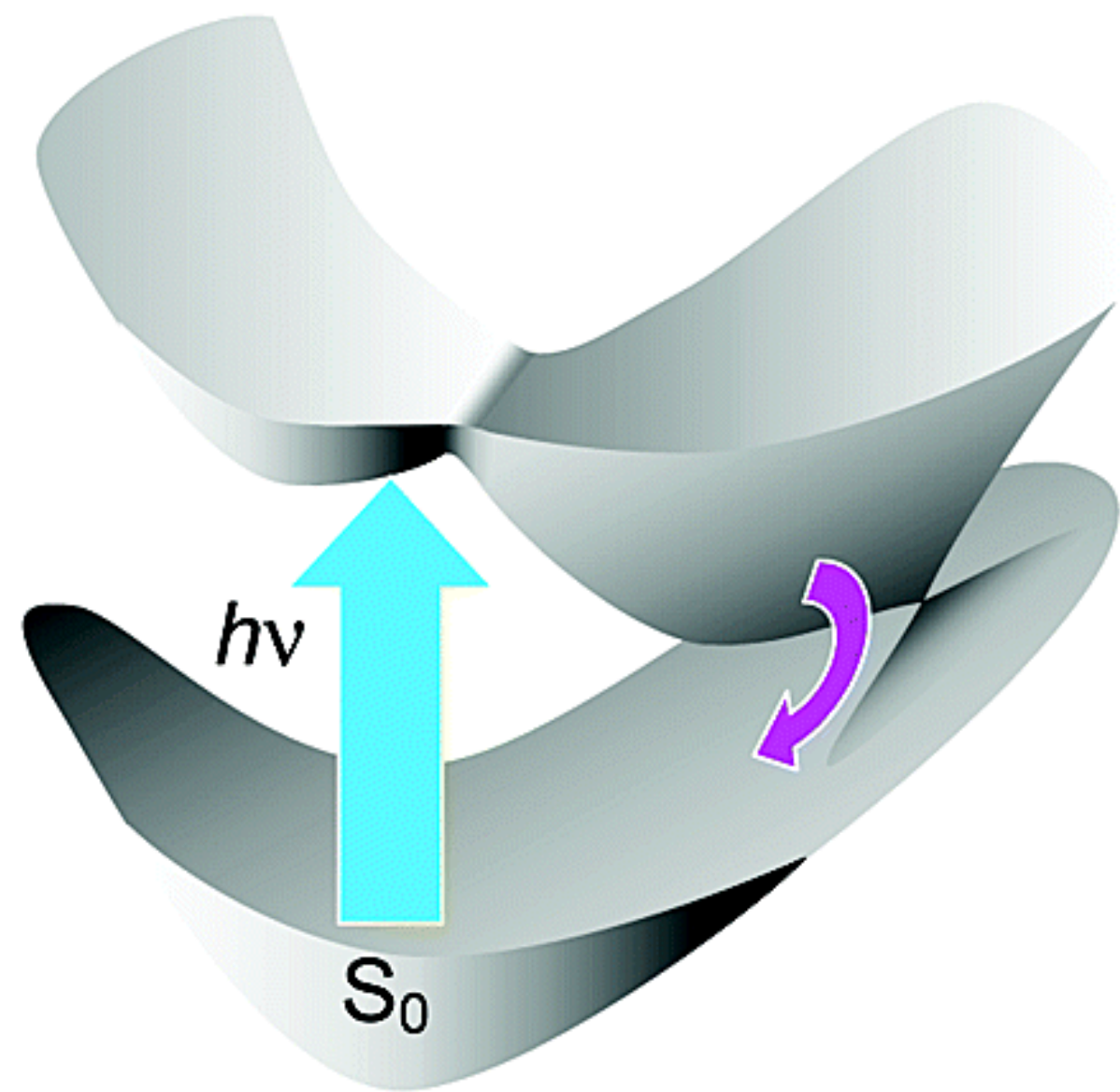
# Thymine: $S_1$ is dark $n-\pi^*$ , $S_2$ is bright $\pi-\pi^*$

*Dominant NTOs*  
*isovals chosen such that*  
*~25%, 50% of total*  
*orbital probability density*



# Prior results: fs pump-probe transient ionization

Signal	Timescale
Prompt	100-200 fs
Fast	5-7 ps
Slow	>1 ns



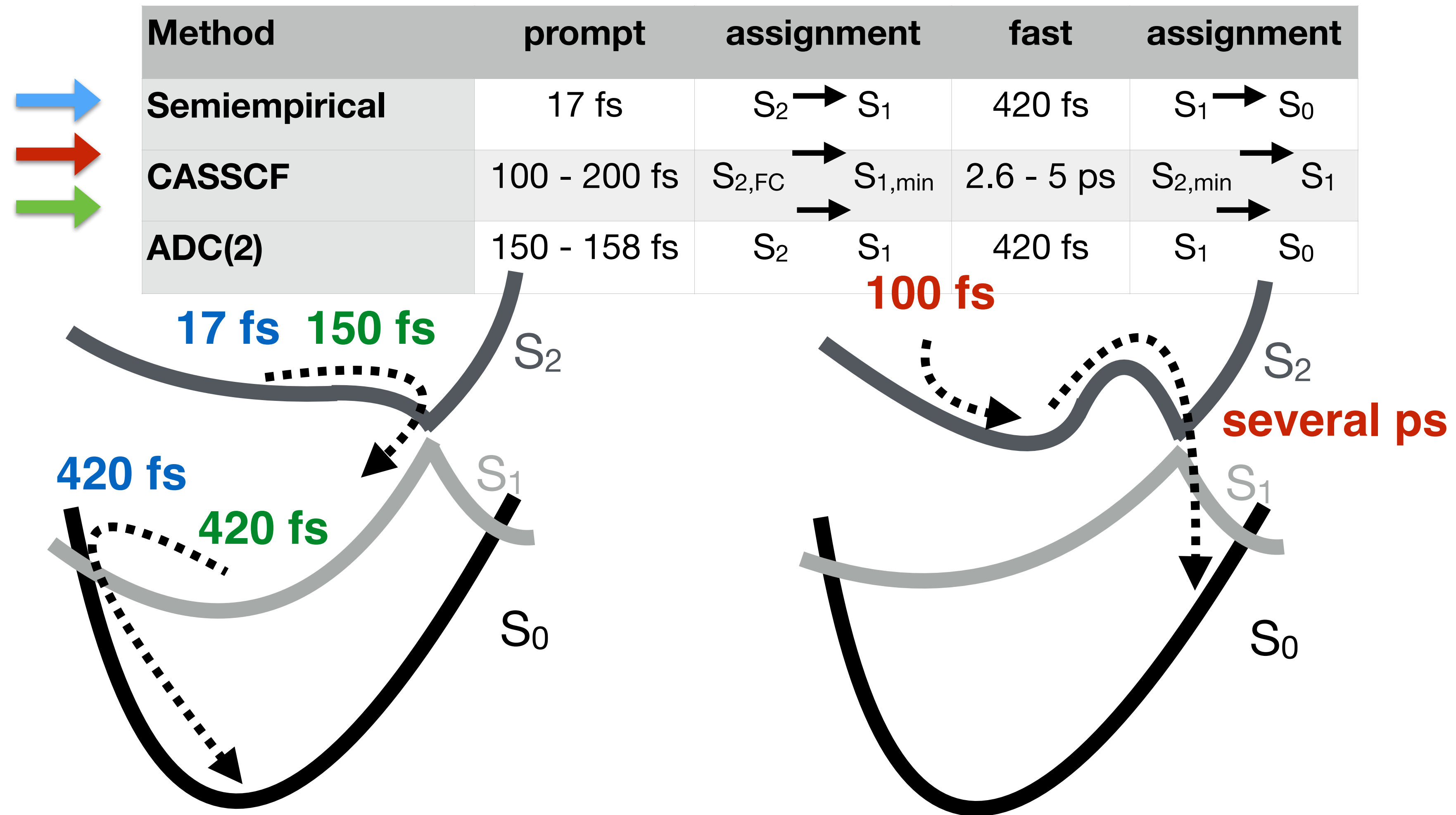
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# Prior results: photochemistry simulations

No qualitative or quantitative agreement on simulated timescales or mechanisms



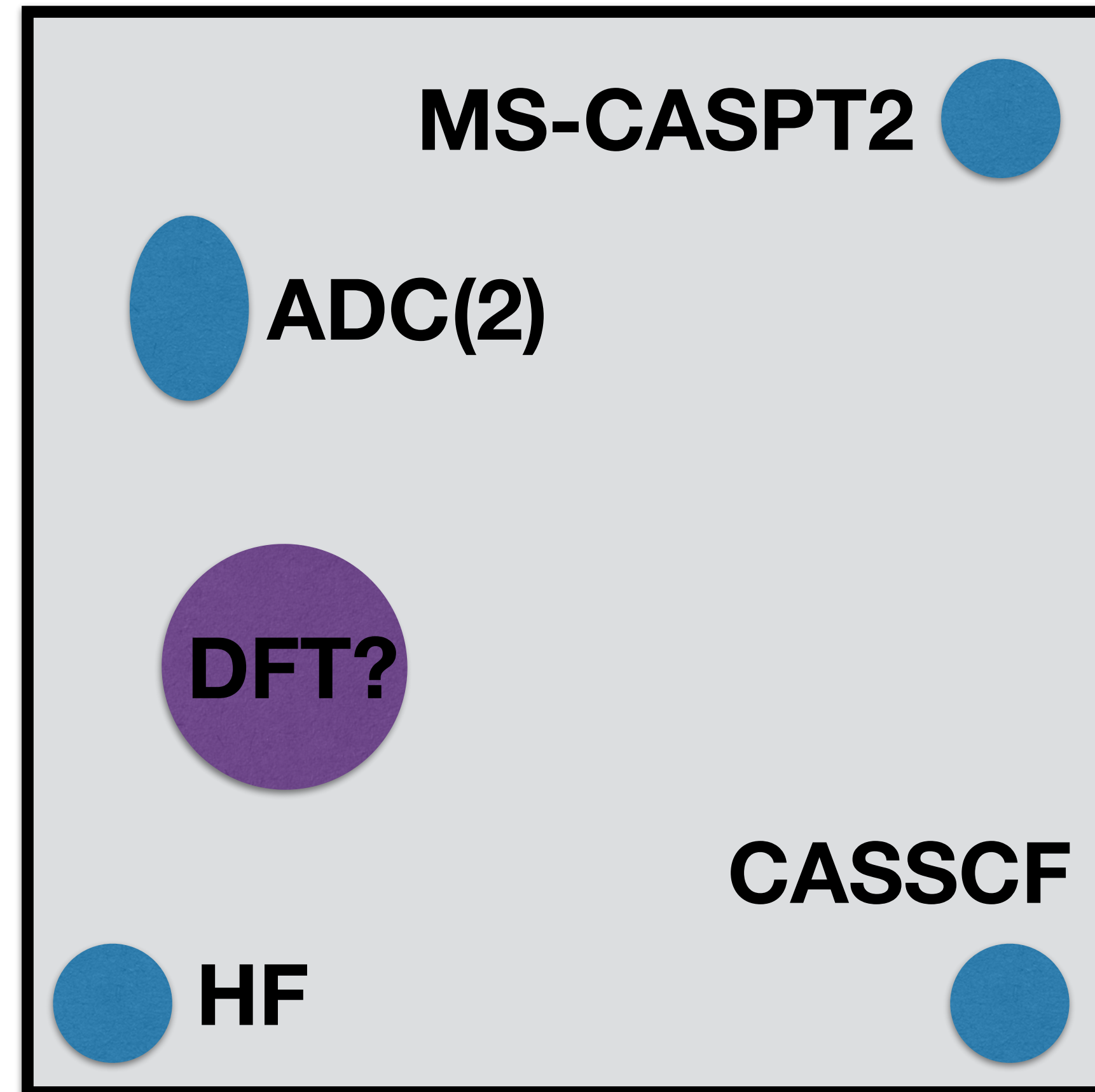
# A tale of two types of correlation

Electron correlation often discussed in terms of dynamic/static

**Static:** important for degenerate ground states (strong correlation)

**Dynamic:** important for correct state orderings (weak correlation)

*dynamic*

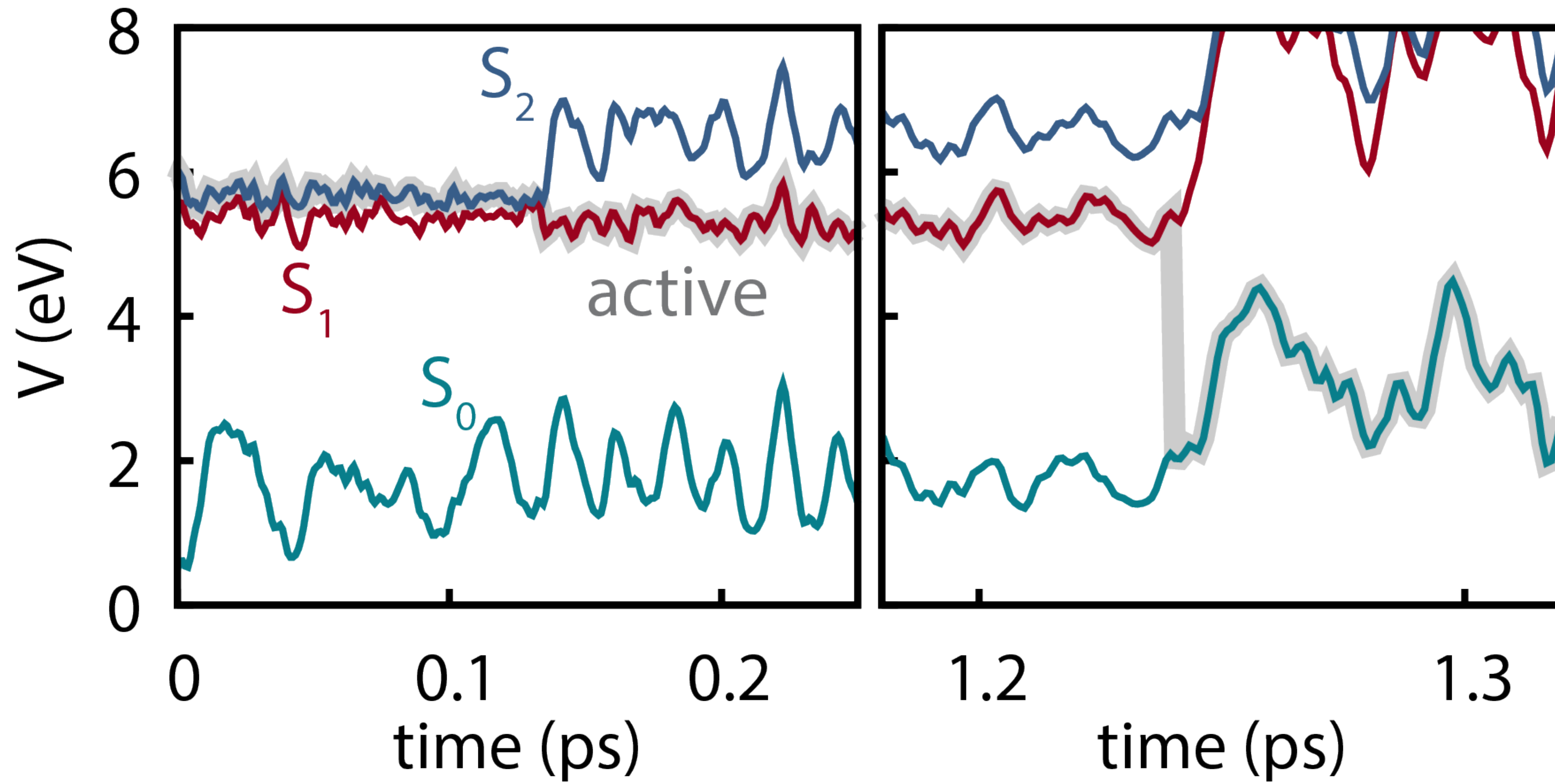


*static*

# Computed excited-state energies

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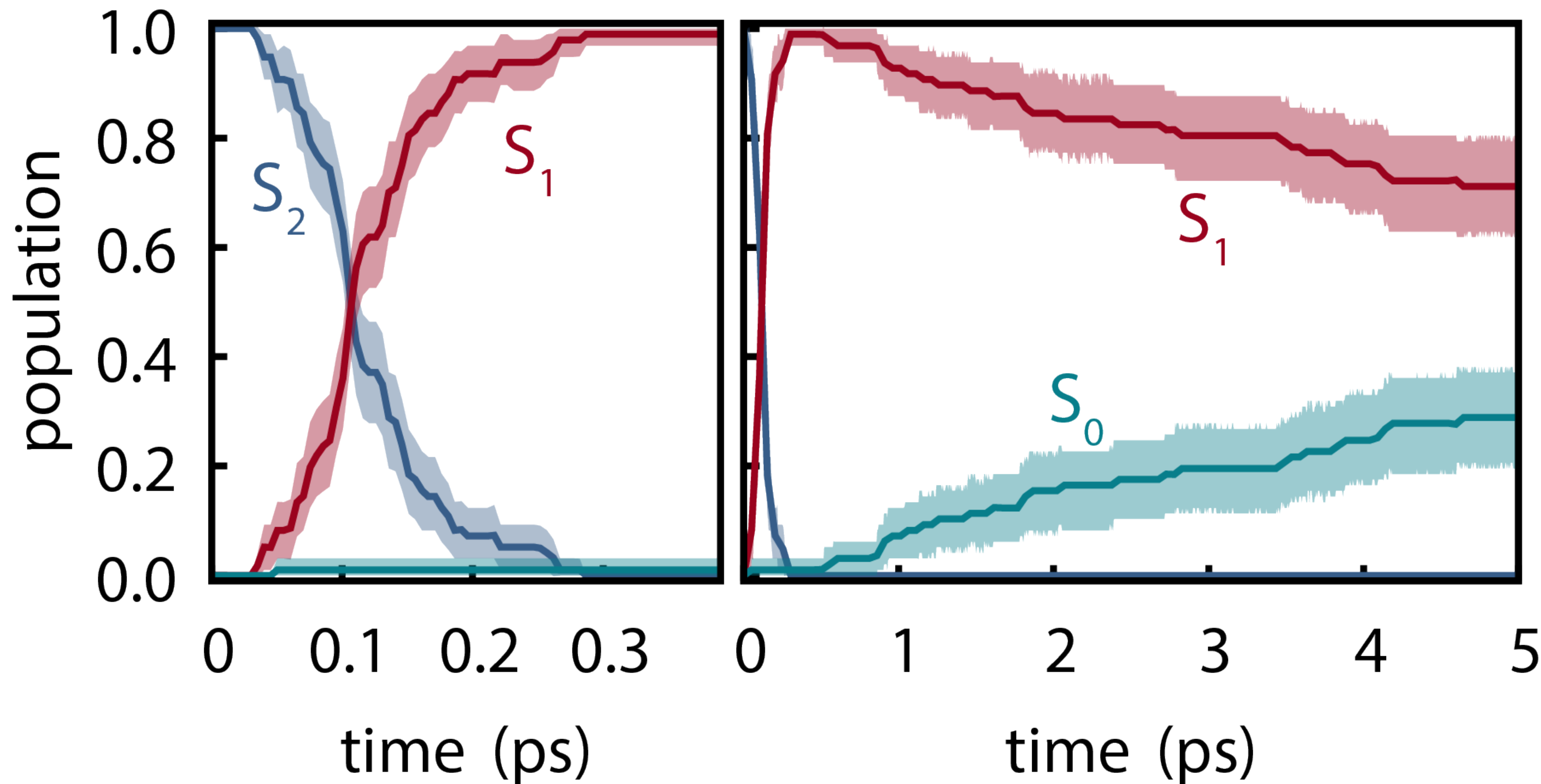
Method	S <sub>1</sub> (eV)	S <sub>2</sub> (eV)
PBE0/def2-SVP	4.85	5.44
PBE0/def2-SVPD	4.83	5.24
ADC(2) <sup>52</sup>	4.56	5.06
MS-CASPT2 <sup>50</sup>	5.09	5.09
MS-CASPT2 <sup>42</sup>	5.23	5.44
CASSCF <sup>50</sup>	5.31	7.12
EEL spectroscopy		4.95 <sup>64</sup> , 4.9 <sup>65</sup> , 4.96 <sup>66</sup>



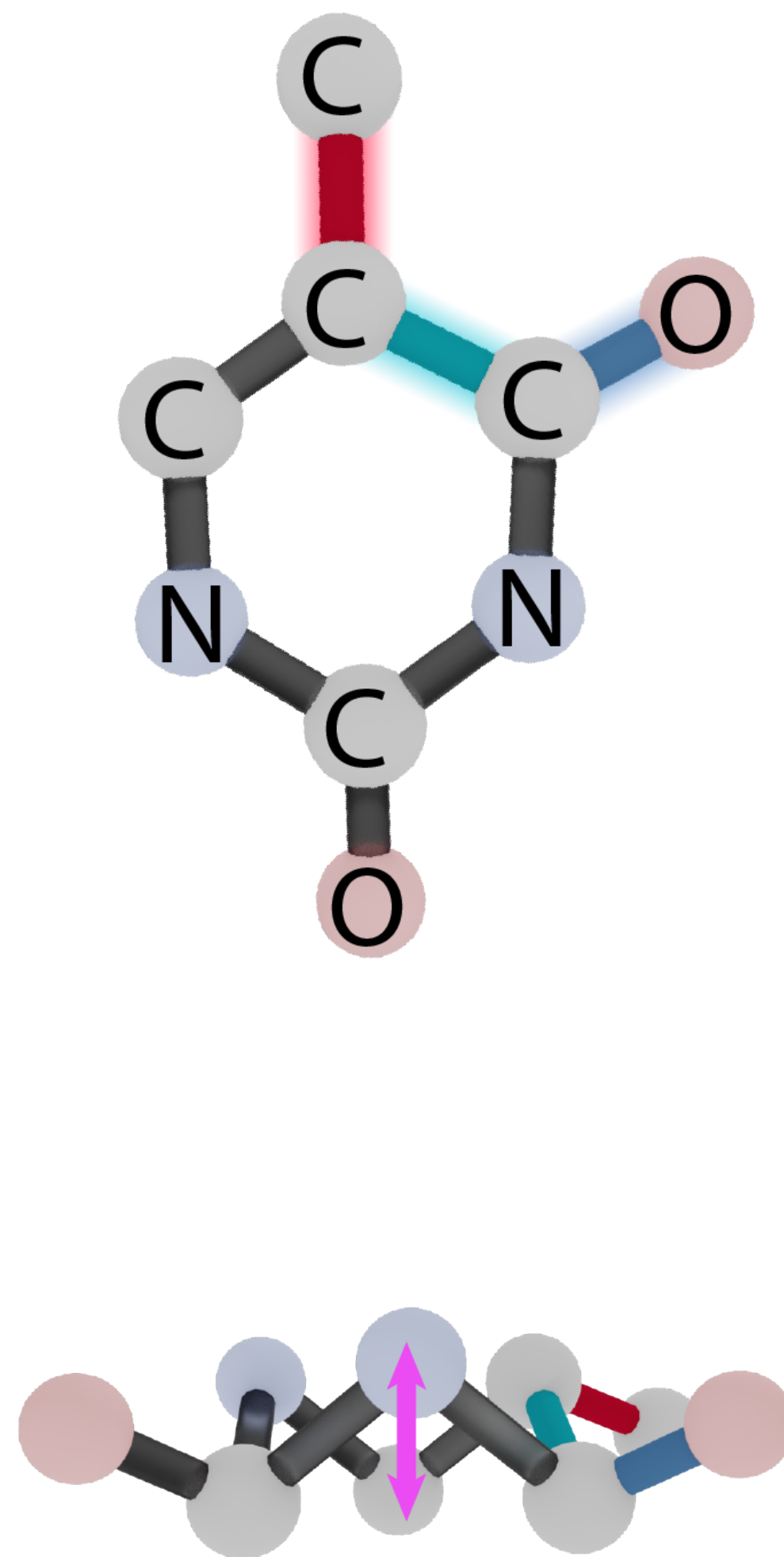
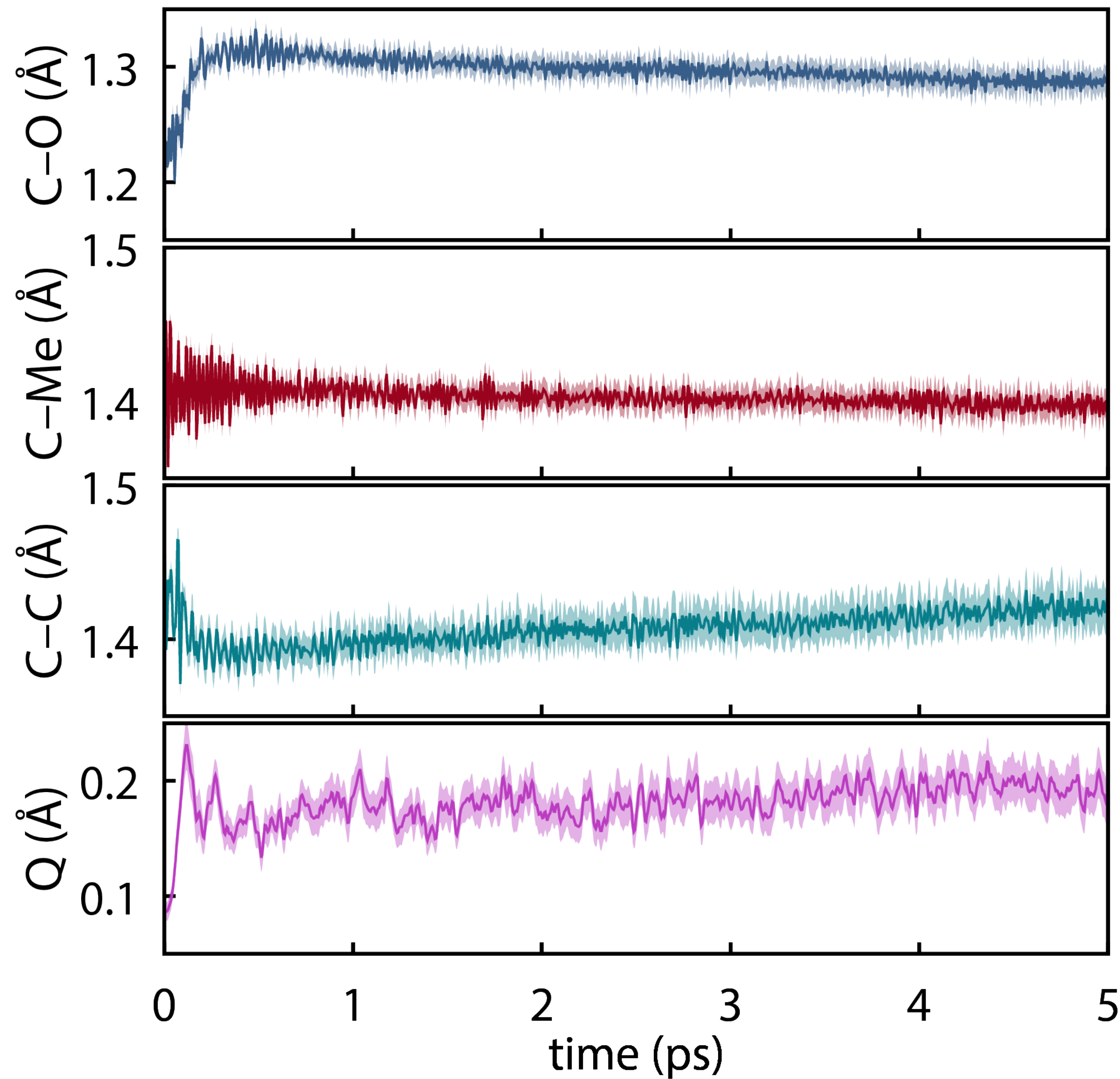


# Averaged population dynamics





PBE0-D3/def2-SVP

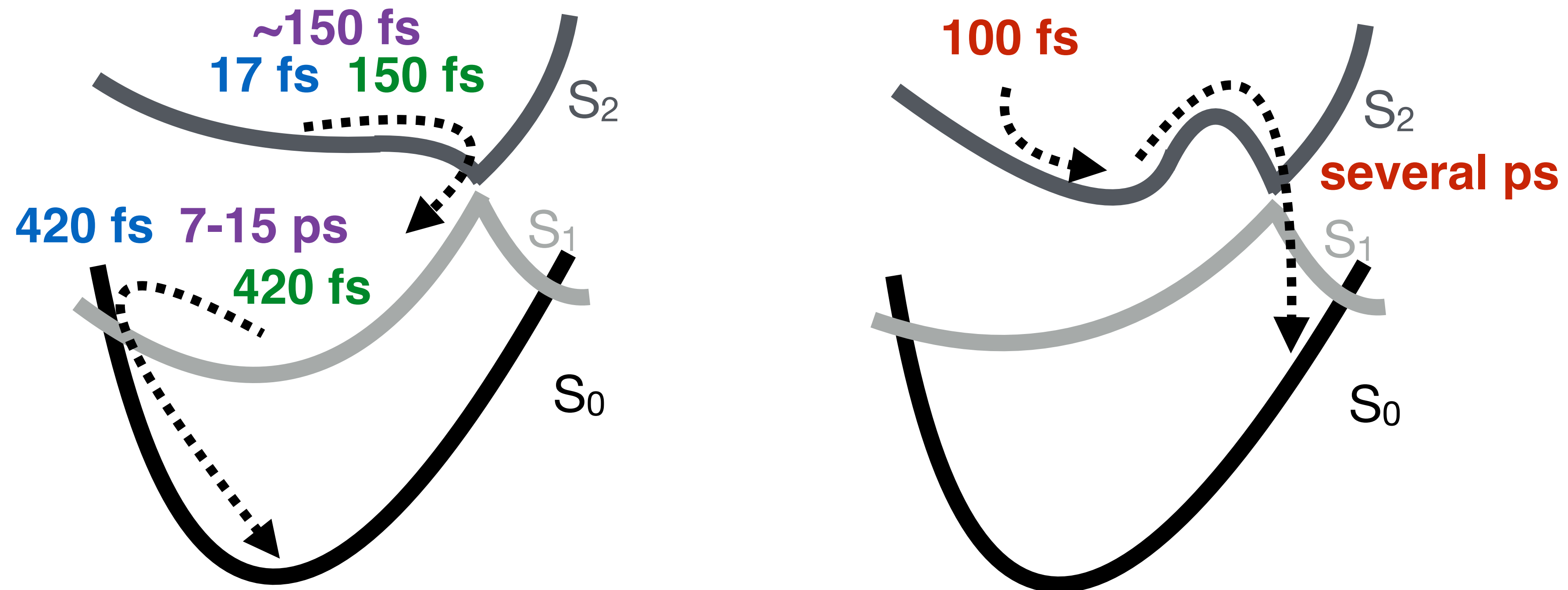


# Thymine: structural dynamics



# Only SH-TDDFT simulations consistent with experiment

Method	prompt	assignment	fast	assignment
 Semiempirical[1]	17 fs	$S_2 \rightarrow S_1$	420 fs	$S_1 \rightarrow S_0$
 CASSCF[2]	100 - 200 fs	$S_{2,FC} \rightarrow S_{1,min}$	2.6 - 5 ps	$S_{2,min} \rightarrow S_1$
 ADC(2)[3]	150 - 158 fs	$S_2 \rightarrow S_1$	420 fs	$S_1 \rightarrow S_0$
 FSSH+PBE0 (this)	140 - 200 fs	$S_2 \rightarrow S_1$	7 - 15 ps	$S_1 \rightarrow S_0$

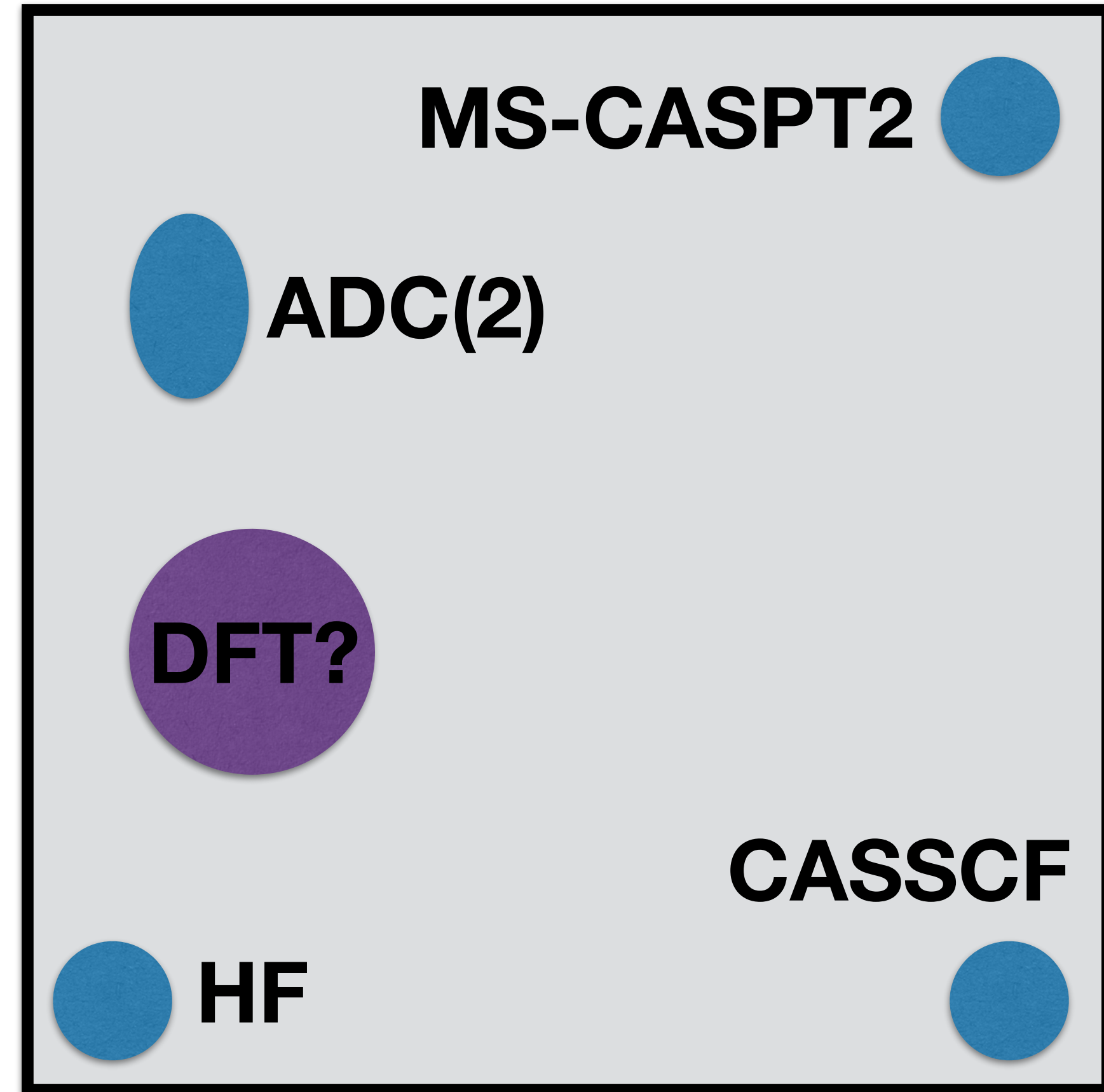


# Balanced correlation?

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*dynamic*



*static*

Action Lagrangian

The requisite properties

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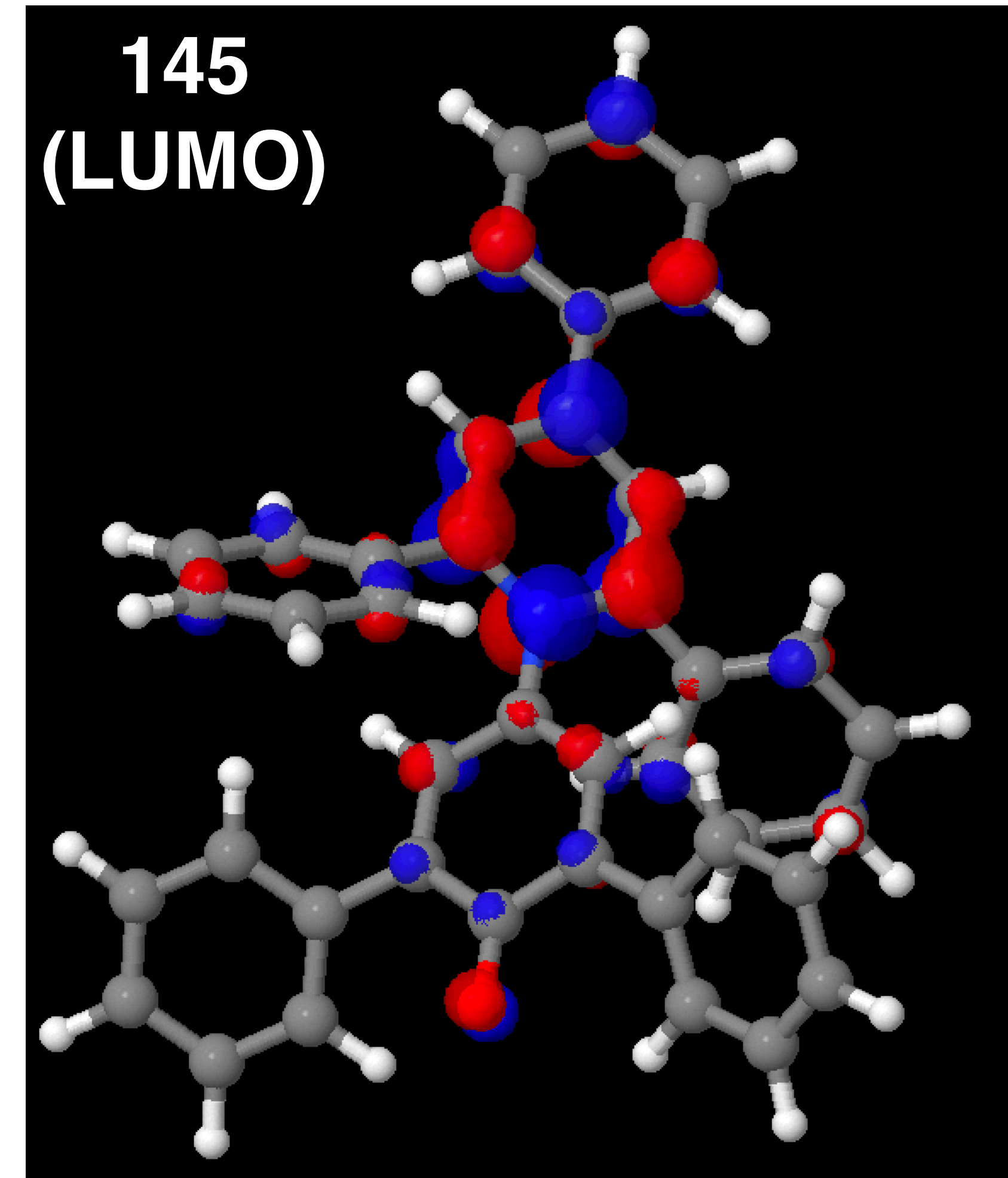
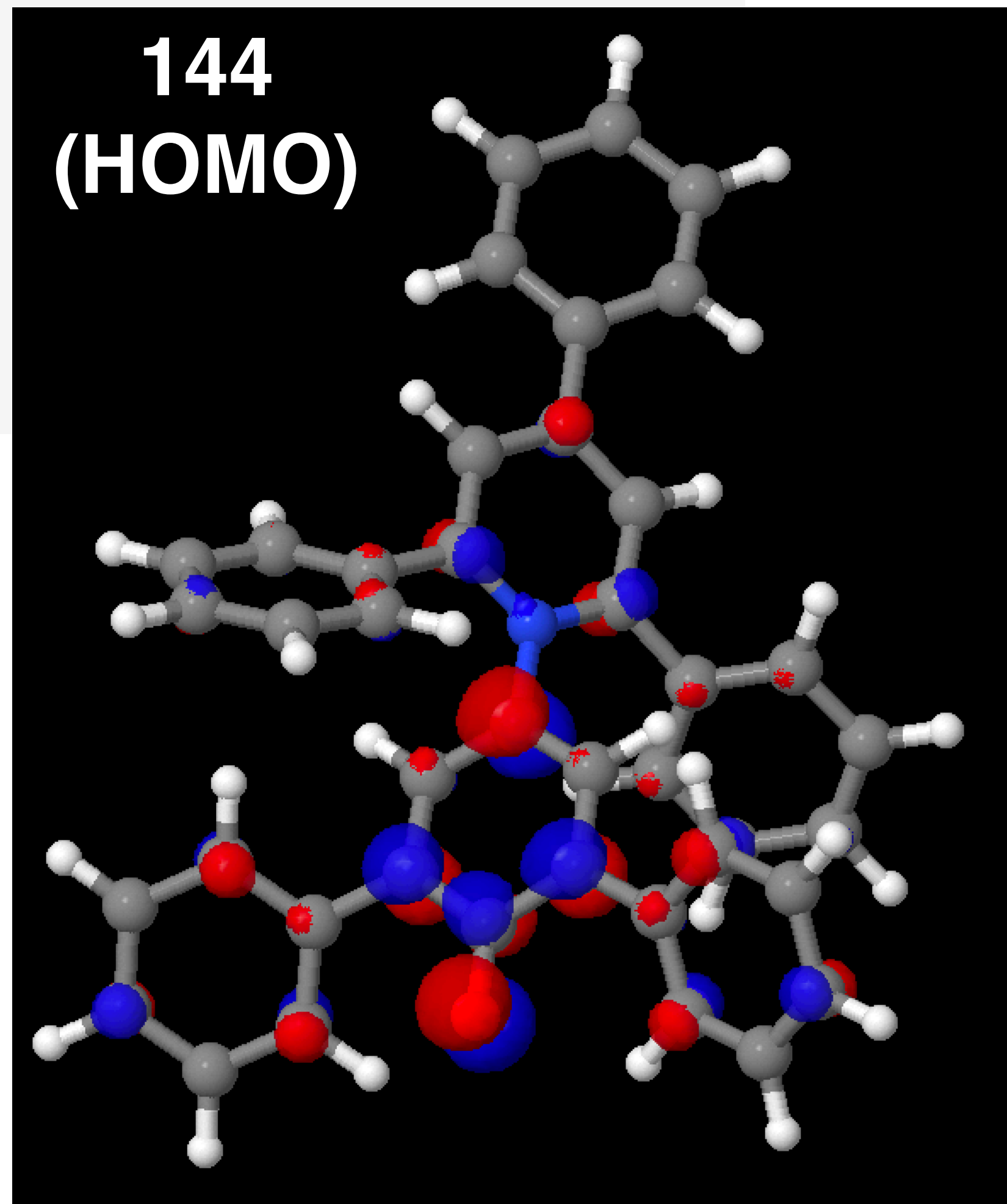


# So you ran some TDDFT calculations. Now what?

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TD-DFT EXCITED STATES (SINGLETs)  
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the weight of the individual excitations are printed if larger than 0.01

```
STATE 1: E= 0.049870 au      1.357 eV  
144a -> 145a : 0.987173  
  
STATE 2: E= 0.080777 au      2.198 eV  
144a -> 146a : 0.982008  
  
STATE 3: E= 0.082054 au      2.233 eV  
142a -> 145a : 0.032110  
143a -> 145a : 0.950022
```

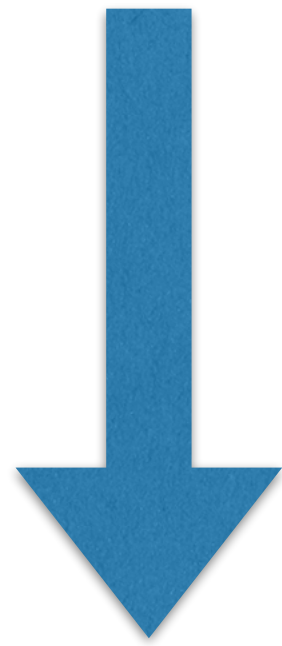




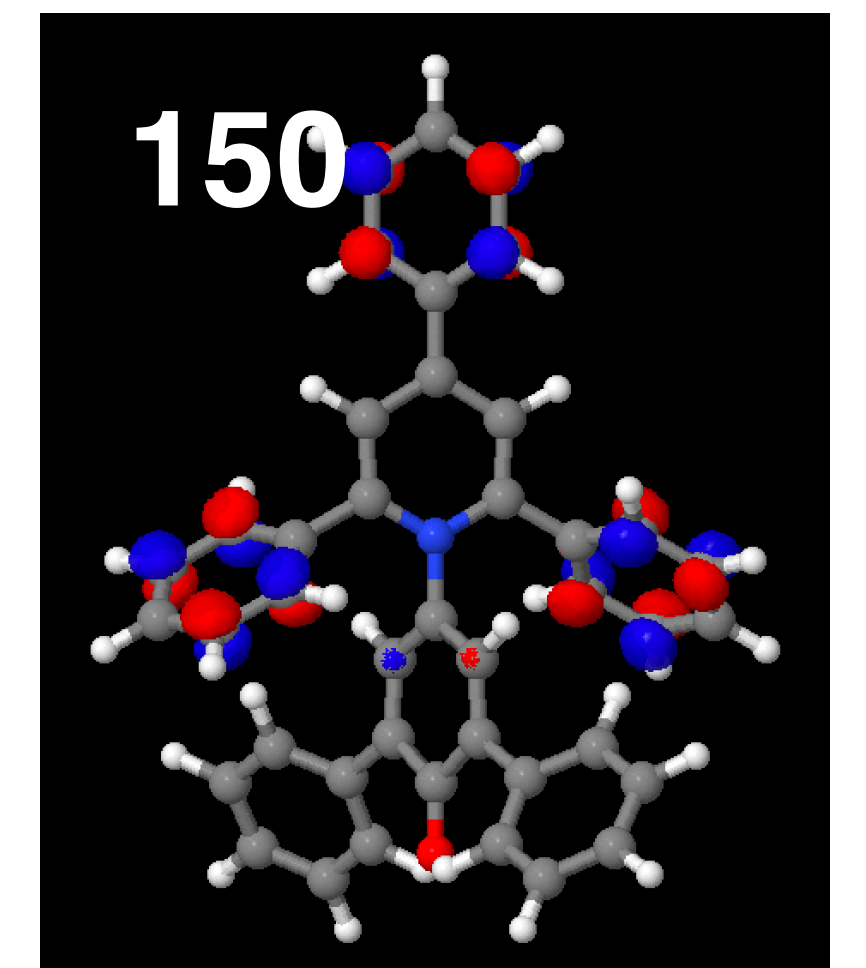
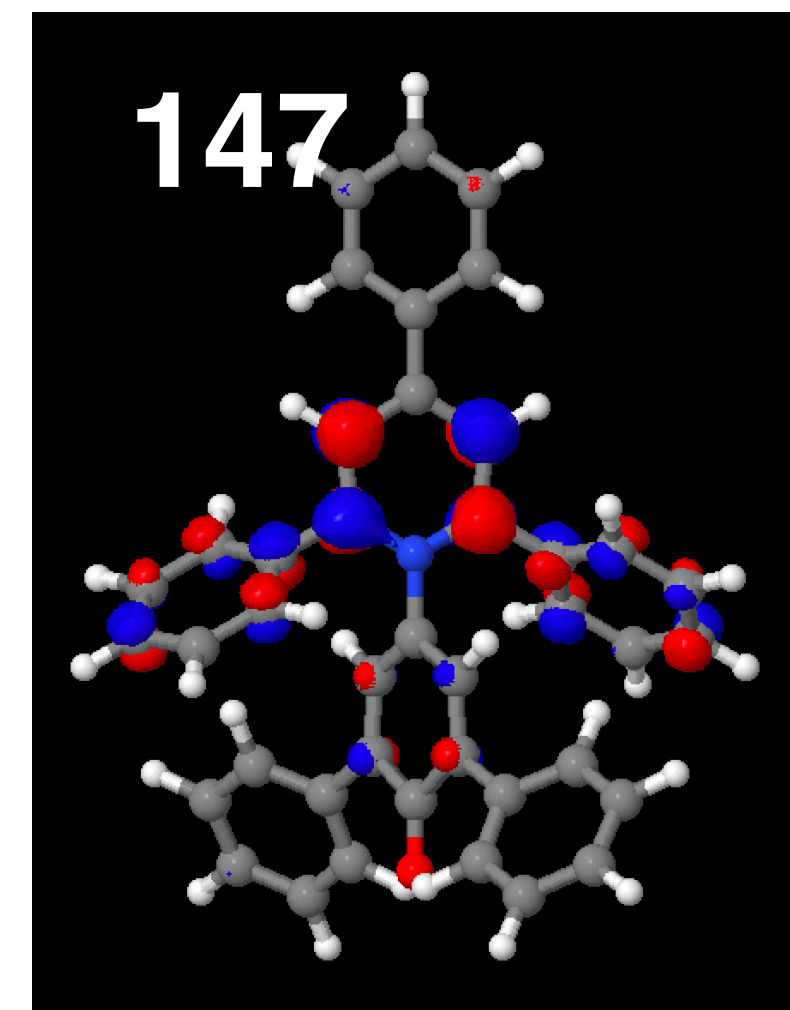
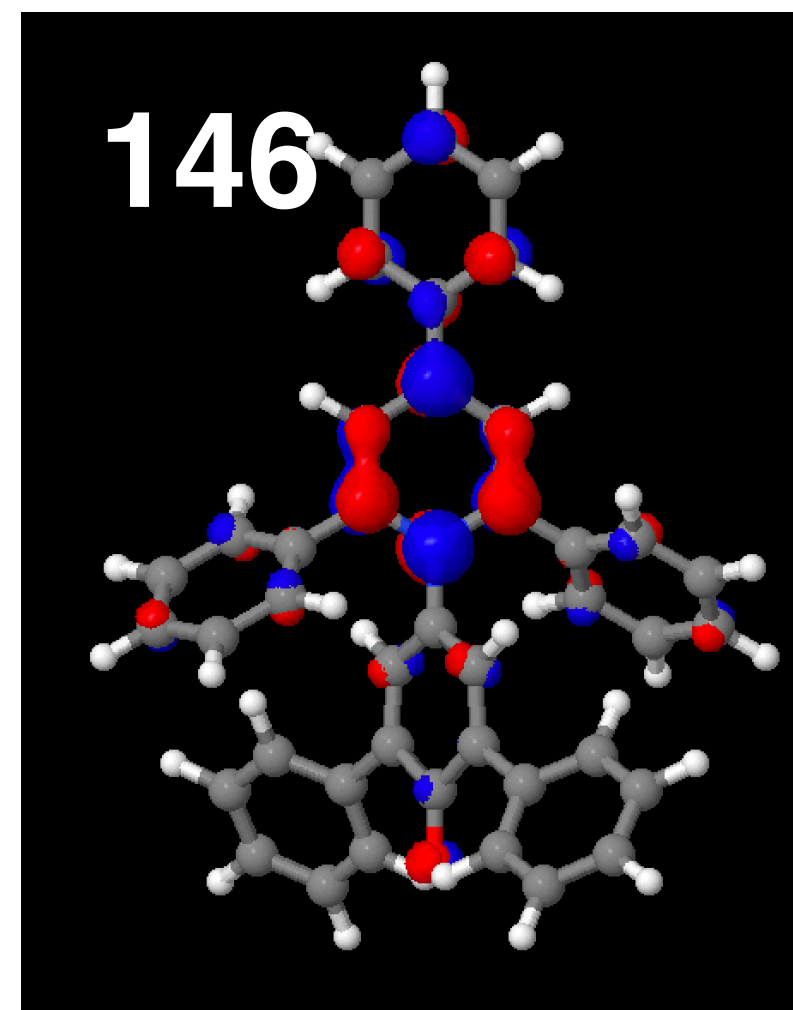
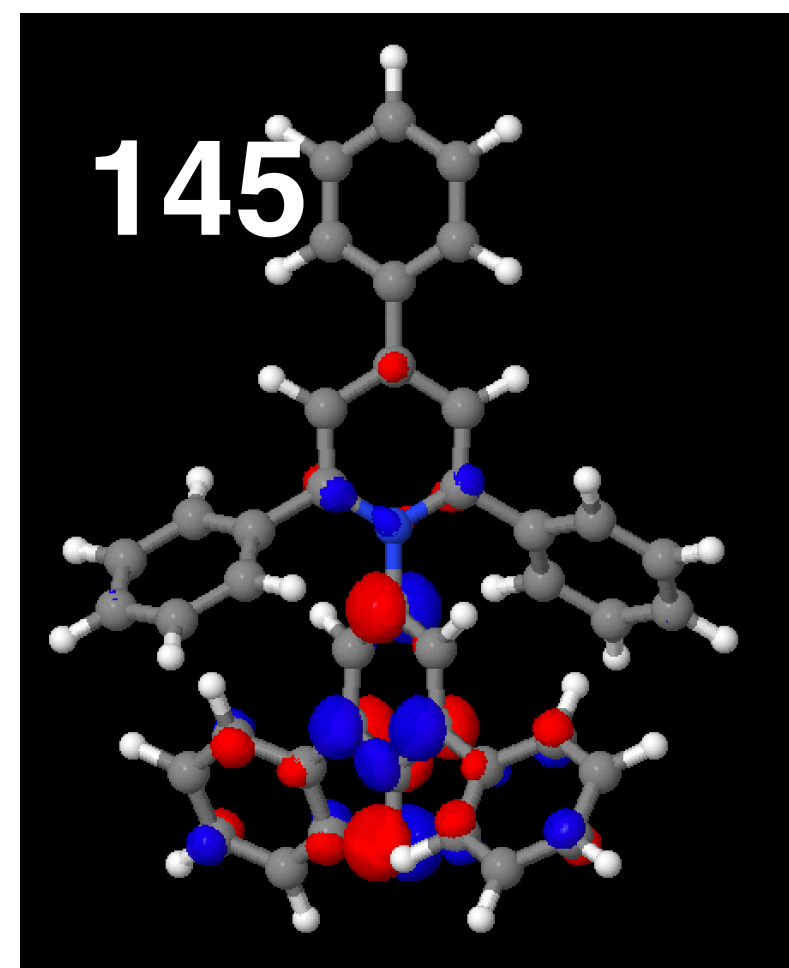
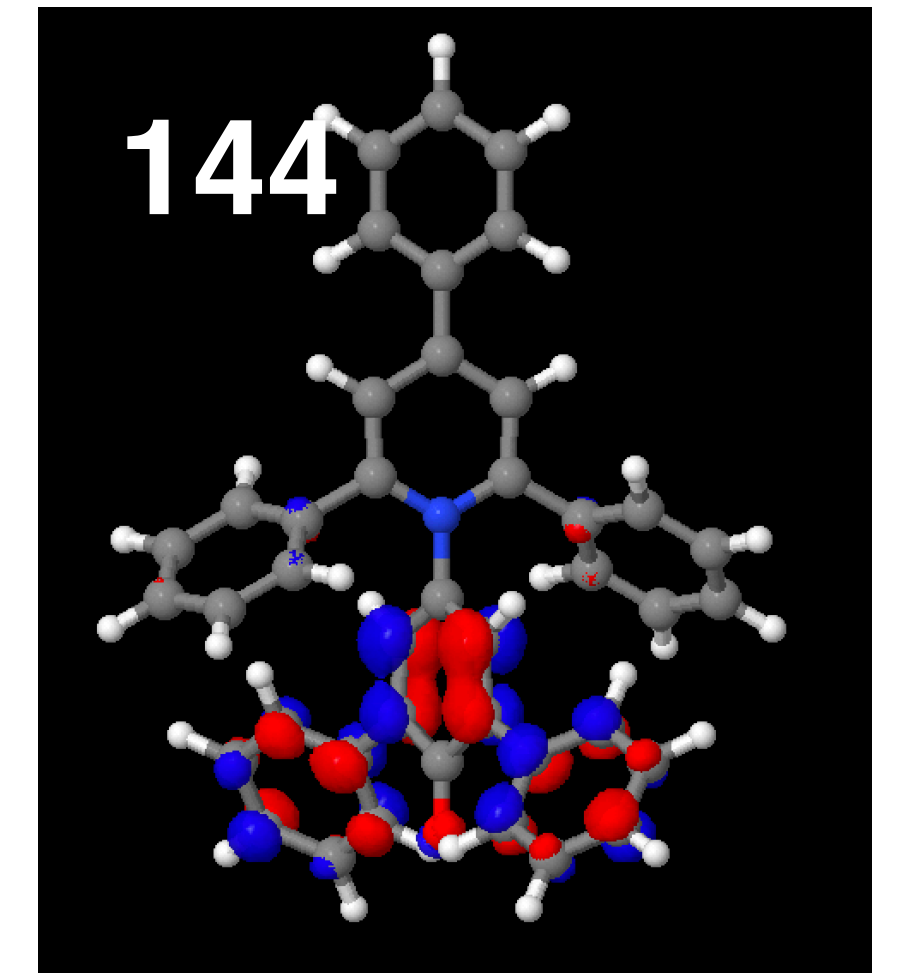
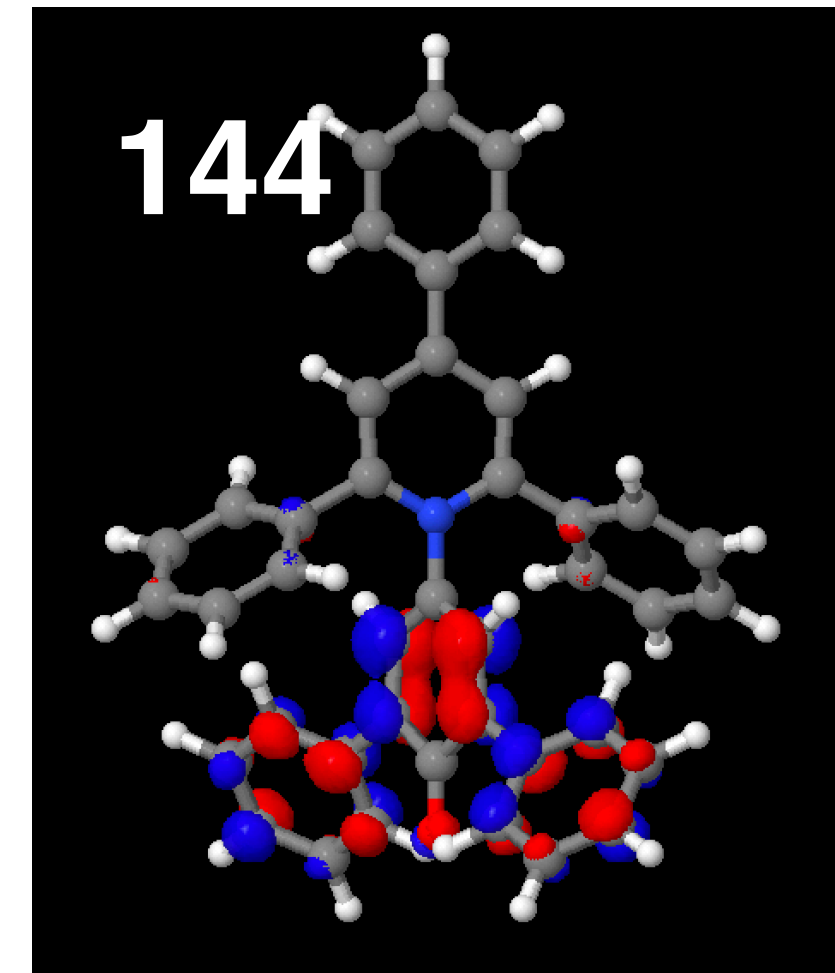
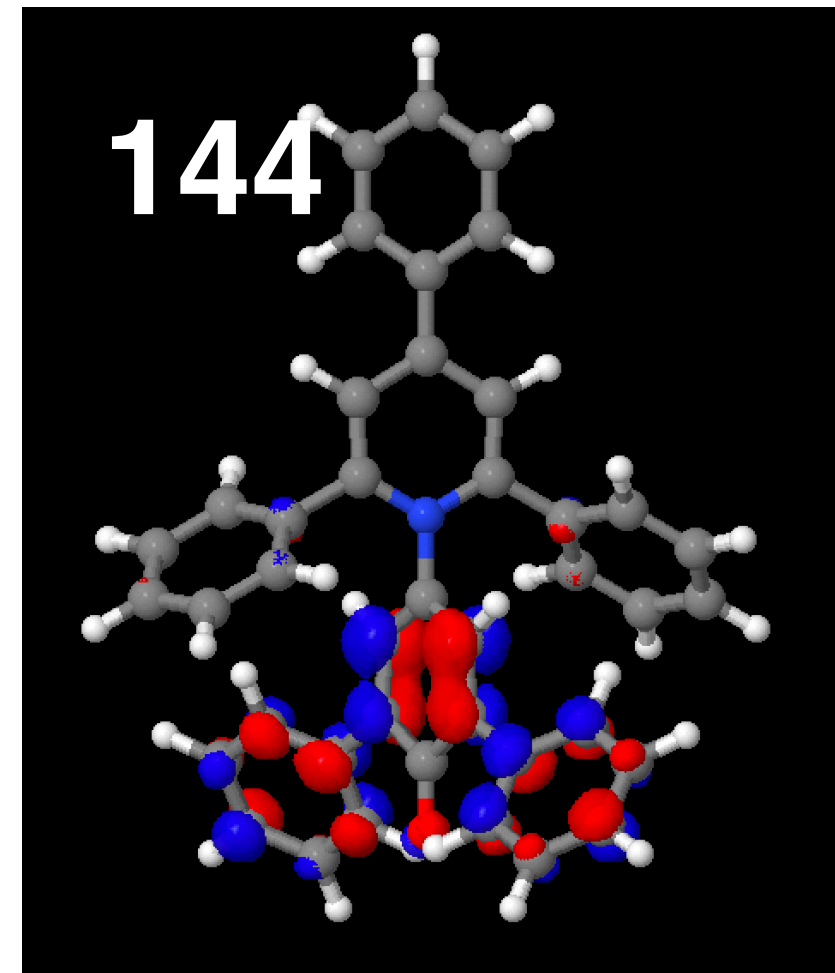
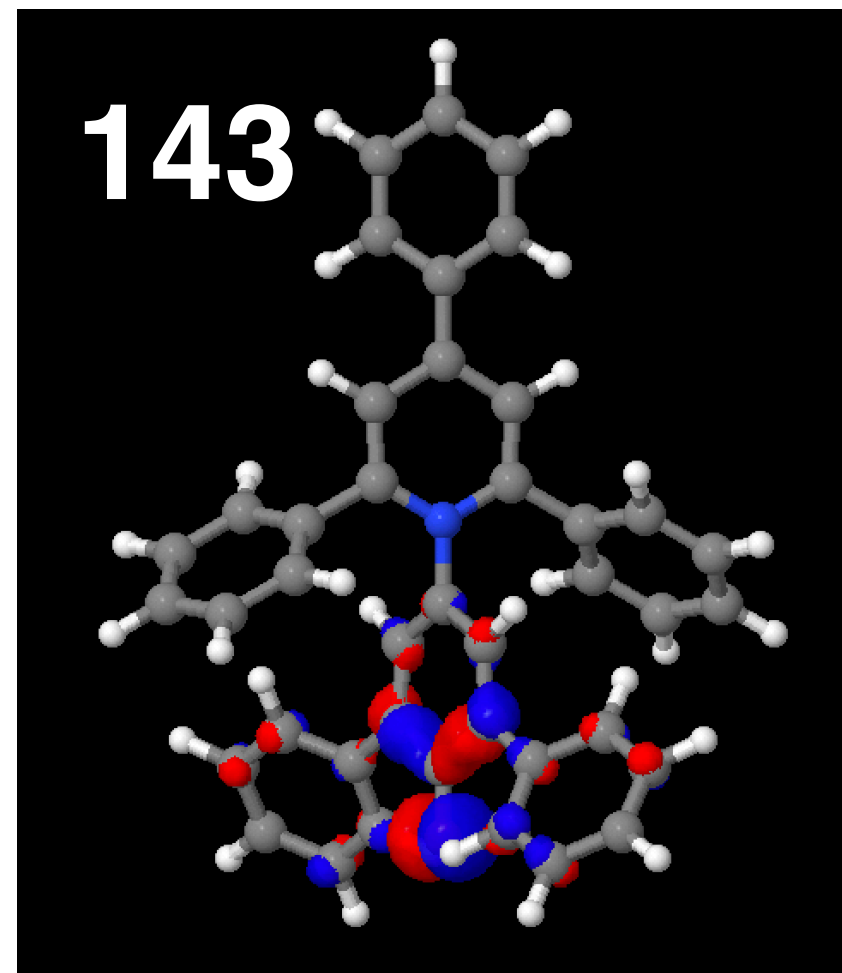
# But what if it is more complicated?

```
STATE 3: E= 0.136955 au      3.727 eV      30058.2 cm**-1 <S**2> = 0.000000
143a -> 145a : 0.012034
144a -> 146a : 0.248933
144a -> 147a : 0.678902
144a -> 150a : 0.017086
```

occupied



virtual



# Natural Transition Orbitals

Transition vector includes transitions from every possible occupied to every possible virtual

$$X_{ia} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & X_{13} & \dots \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} & \dots \\ X_{31} & X_{32} & X_{33} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

But how relevant are Kohn-Sham orbitals to excited states?

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_k \vec{U}_k \sigma_k \vec{V}_k^T$$

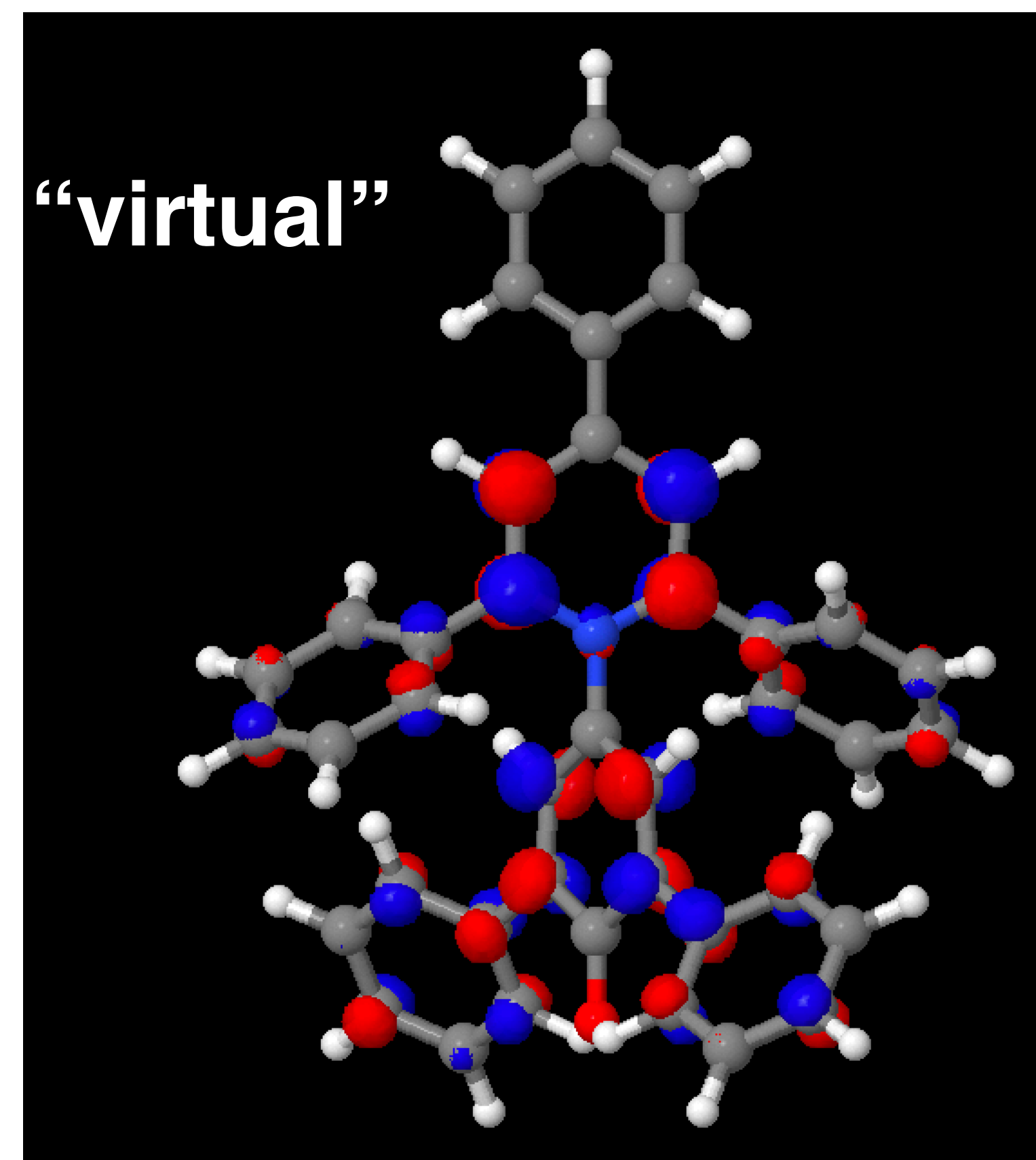
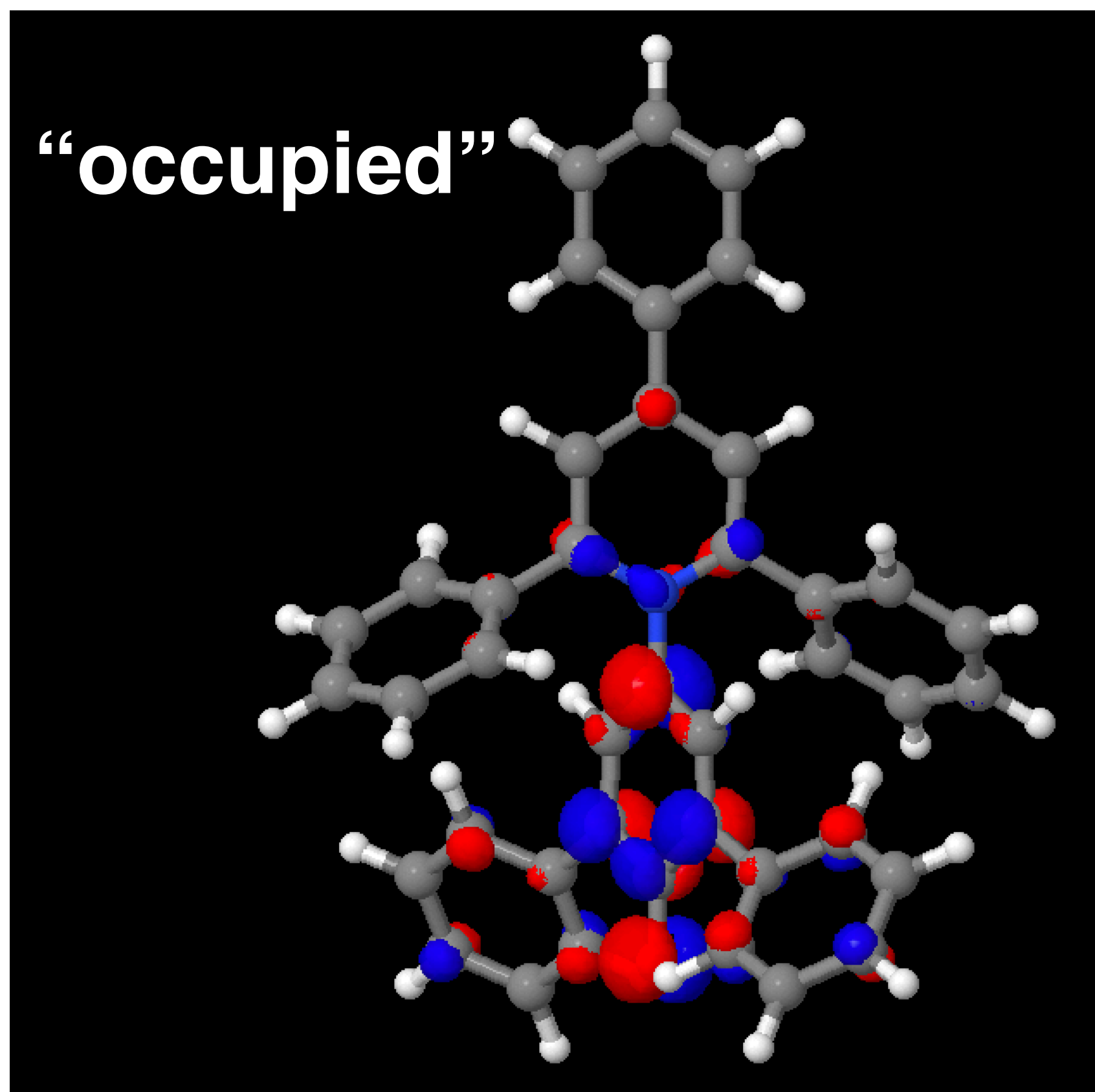
“occupied”      “virtual”



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144a -> 145a : n= 0.96425590
143a -> 146a : n= 0.02428133
142a -> 147a : n= 0.00948078
141a -> 148a : n= 0.00197224
140a -> 149a : n= 0.00130794
139a -> 150a : n= 0.00100346
```



# Key takeaways

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- **Action Lagrangian** conveniently defines properties
- Response functions are **formal tools** that can be used to **define** properties
- Cost of excited-state calculations similar to ground state
- Generally, **nonlinear properties are accurate when (TD)DFT is accurate**
- Use TDA to avoid non-real instabilities
- Beware ground-to-excited conical intersections
- Use pseudowavefunction approach for state-to-state properties
  - True for nonlinear spectra as well, like excited-state absorption
- Despite misgivings, SH-TDDFT performs excellently for photochemistry (so far)