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Simulation of quantum dynamics and transport using multiconfiguration wave-function methods

The accurate theoretical treatment and simulation of quantum dynamical processes in manybody systems is a central goal in chemical and condensed matter physics. In this talk, the multilayer multiconfiguration time-dependent Hartree (ML-MCTDH) method [1] is discussed as an example of an approach that allows an accurate description of quantum dynamics and transport in systems with many degrees of freedom. The ML-MCTDH method is a variational basis-set approach, which uses a multiconfiguration expansion of the wave function employing a multilayer representation and time-dependent basis functions. It extends the original MCTDH method [2] to significantly larger and more complex systems. Employing the second quantization representation of Fock space, the ML-MCTDH method can also be used to treat the dynamics of indistinguishable particles [3,4]. Illustrative applications of the methodology to charge and energy transport processes are discussed, including photoinduced electron transfer, intramolecular singlet fission, and electron transport in molecular junctions.

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