Flexible Rydberg aggregates

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(I) Motivation

(Unfrozen Rydberg gases, Excitation transport)



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Rydberg atoms

- atoms in states with large principal quantum number n ~ 40-100.
- Large size ~ n² (85nm for n=40)
- Large polarizability ~ n⁷
- Long life times ~ n^3 (40µs for n=40)
- long range interactions C₃ ~ n⁴ dipole-dipole C₆ ~ n¹¹ Van-der-Waals







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VdW acceleration ~ 0.3 μ m/ μ s/ μ s

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moves ~0.01 µm



"Unfrozen" Rydberg gases



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- Frozen Rydberg gases/ quantum information: motion causes undesirable decoherence
- Bulk gas: uncontrolled motion often leads to ionization
- Few-body system: coherent motion => chemistry





Rydberg dressed gases



Dressed ultra cold gases





N. Henkel, R. Nath and T. Pohl, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104** 195302 (2010).

G. Pupillo, A. Micheli, M. Boninsegni, I. Lesanovsky and P. Zoller, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104** 223002 (2010).

- Matches time-scale of motion and decay to that of cold atom traps.
- Here: few body viewpoint, can use dressed and un-dressed (bare).



Aggregates and excitation transport





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(2) Introduction

(Dipole-dipole and VdW interactions, excitons, BO surfaces, dressed interactions)



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Resonant dipole-dipole interactions

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electronic dipole-dipole Hamiltonian:

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 $R_{12} = |R_1 - R_2|$

"attractive" eigenstate (exciton) $|\varphi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|sp\rangle + |ps\rangle) \qquad U_1 = -\frac{\mu^2}{R_{12}^3}$

"repulsive" eigenstate (exciton) $|\varphi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|sp\rangle - |ps\rangle) \qquad U_2 = +\frac{\mu^2}{R_{12}^3}$



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• Schrödinger's equation in Born-Oppenheimer Separation

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Born-Oppenheimer Approximation
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$$\hat{H} + = V_{\rm eff}(|hg\rangle\langle gh| + |gh\rangle\langle hg|) \qquad \qquad V_{\rm eff} = \alpha_{\rm dress}^4 V_{\rm dip-dip}$$
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(3) Linked motion and quantum state dynamics

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• ...for the coefficient of exciton k

$$i\hbar\dot{c}_k(t) = U_k(R(t))\tilde{c}_k(t) + i\hbar\sum_m \langle \varphi_k(t) \,|\, \nabla_R\varphi_m(t) \,\rangle \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{\mathbf{m}}(t) \frac{\partial R}{\partial t}$$





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• Quantum solution for electronic state dynamics

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• Tully's fewest switching algorithm: Ensures $\overline{|\tilde{c}_n(t)|^2} = \overline{[\#\text{trajectories on surface n}](t)}$





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Three coupled electronic states

surface











Three coupled electronic states

$$\hat{H}_{el} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \chi(x) & 0 \\ \chi(x) & E_0 - \epsilon(x) & \chi(x) \\ 0 & \chi(x) & 2(E_0 - \epsilon(x)) \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Wavepacket initially on lowest surface
- Quantum solution (shown), Tully compares very well (not shown)
- Adjust velocity when jumping, to conserve energy
 - S. Hammes-Schiffer and J.C. Tully, J. Chem. Phys., **101** 4657 (1994).









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- Different final velocities on surfaces 3 and 2
- Ehrenfest method cannot capture these essential features





(4) Entanglement(4a) transport

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Entanglement: more than correlation



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I.S.Bell Physics | 195 (1964).

Entanglement **more** than correlations (Bell's theorem)

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 $\mathsf{QM}: |\sum C| = 2\sqrt{2}$





Entanglement in Rydberg physics

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M. Müller, I. Lesanovsky, H. Weimer, H. P. Büchler, and P. Zoller, Phys. Rev. Lett. **102**, 170502 (2009).



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Entanglement transport

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(4b) Entanglement between position and quantum state



Finite Systems Entanglement generation







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Entanglement generation

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State after some acceleration phase

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\left| \Phi_{rep}(\mathbf{R}) \right\rangle \right| \varphi_2 \right) + \left| \Phi_{att}(\mathbf{R}) \right\rangle \left| \varphi_1 \right\rangle \right)$$

Entanglement between state and position, multi BO-surface dynamics



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Entanglement generation



Pulsed source of EPR entangled atoms



Workshop poster "Entangled Rydberg atom pairs on demand", by Michael Genkin

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Optically resolvable Schrödinger's cat state





Workshop talk, next TUE, 11:30





(4c) Entanglement detection





Rydberg pair source



e.g. H. Park, E. S. Shuman, and T. F. Gallagher, Phys. Rev. A **84** 052708 (2011).

Periodic generation of repulsive excitons







EPR-Scenario













(5) Rydberg physics meets Biology



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Photosynthetic light harvesting



• Light harvesting system of green sulphur bacteria

Light harvesting antenna



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Evidence for wavelike energy transfer through quantum coherence in photosynthetic systems

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Tunable Rydberg aggregates



- Rydberg energy sink ("reaction centre")
- Analog light harvesting system

O. Mülken, A. Blumen, T. Amthor, C. Giese, M. Reetz-Lamour and M. Weidemüller, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **99** 090601 (2007)



Interaction with background gas can create site energy disorder



• Analog Holstein model



J. P. Hague and C. MacCormick, New J. Phys. , **14** 033019 (2012).



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(6) Rydberg physics meets chemistry

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three atoms confined on ring





















electronic dipole-dipole Hamiltonian:

$$H_{el} = -\mu^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{R_{12}^3} & \frac{1}{R_{13}^3} \\ \frac{1}{R_{21}^3} & 0 & \frac{1}{R_{23}^3} \\ \frac{1}{R_{31}^3} & \frac{1}{R_{32}^3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



















Ring trimer

exciton states









Conical intersections, Biochemistry/ Photochemistry

vision / photobiology



S. Hahn and G. Stock J. Phys. Chem. B **104** 1146 (2000).

Thymine photo-chemistry



http://chem.chem.rochester.edu/~dmgrp/Research.html

also see e.g.: S. Perun, A.L. Sobolewski and W. Domcke J. Am. Chem. Soc. **127** 6257 (2005).



Conical intersections





D.R. Yarkony Rev. Mod. Phys **68** 985 (1996).









I: Conical intersections and the Born-Oppenheimer approximation



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- At degenerate points (CI), non-adiabatic effect large for arbitrarily small velocity



Electronic decoherence



reduced electronic density matrix $\sigma_{nm} = \int d^N \mathbf{R} \ \phi_n^*(\mathbf{R}) \phi_m(\mathbf{R})$ purity $P = \text{Tr}[\hat{\sigma}^2]$

Electronic decoherence

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II: Conical intersections and the geometrical phase



• Derivative (non-adiabatic) coupling:

$$f_{km} = \langle \varphi_k(\mathbf{R}) | - \sum_n^N \frac{\nabla_{R_n}}{M} | \varphi_m(\mathbf{R}) \rangle$$

• Can show around CI:

$$\int_C \mathbf{f}_{km}(\tau) \cdot d\tau \to \pi$$

D.R. Yarkony J. Phys. Chem. A **105** 6277 (2001).

• Adiabatic transport



Dynamic versus geometric phase

$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = |\varphi(\mathbf{R}(t))\rangle \exp\left[-i\int_{0}^{t} E(t')dt'/\hbar\right] \exp\left[i\gamma(\mathbf{R})\right]$$





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

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Cls in dipole-dipole bound molecules Finite Systems



Dimer with more complicated state space and external fields:

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- Conical intersection crossing 1.0 (b)0.8 population 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 200 300 100 400 $t|\delta|$ M. Kiffner, W. Li and D. Jaksch, J. Phys. B 46 134008 (2013).
- Selected molecular potential exhibit conical intersection



(7) Summary



 Dipole-dipole: links motion and state

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excitation transport unfrozen Rydberg gases

multi Born-Oppenheimer surfaces



• Methods:

Schrödinger's equation Tully's surface hopping Ehrenfest method



• Applications:

Entanglement transport

Visualize dynamics at conical intersections (chemistry)









Thanks for your attention