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RT-"NEO"-TDDFT for Coupled Quantum Dynamics of Electrons and Protons

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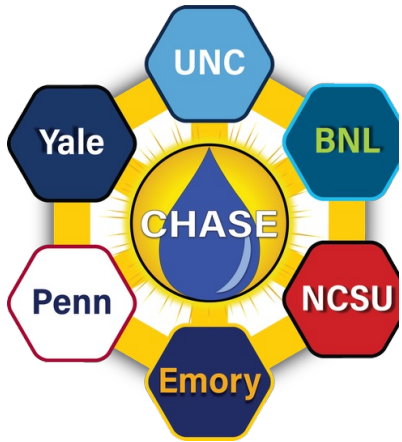
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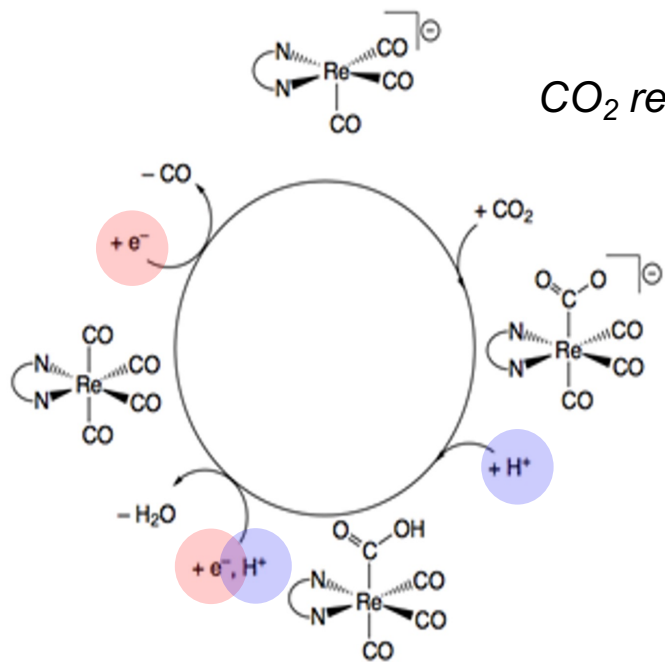
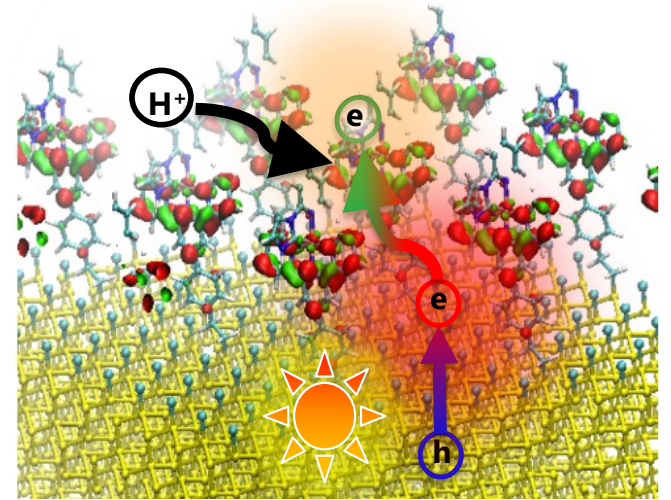


Scientific Motivation : Coupled Dynamics of Electrons and Protons

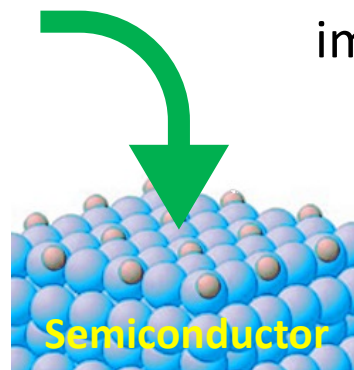


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How are H^+/e^- transfer steps in catalysis impacted when adsorbed on a surface?



Semiconductor

NEO to KS-DFT for Periodic System

Multicomponent DFT

$$E[\rho^e, \rho^p] = E_{\text{ref}}[\rho^e, \rho^p] + E_{XC}^e[\rho^e] + E_{XC}^p[\rho^p] + E_{EPC}[\rho^e, \rho^p]$$

“Non-Born–Oppenheimer Density Functional Theory of Molecular Systems”

J. F. Capitani, R. F. Nalewajski, and R. G. Parr, J. Chem. Phys. 76, 568 (1982)

“Multicomponent Density-Functional Theory for Electrons and Nuclei”

T. Kreibich and E. K. U. Gross, Phys. Rev. Lett. 86, 2984 (2001)

Nuclear Electronic Orbital (NEO) method

F. Pavosevic, T. Culpitt, S. Hammes-Schiffer, Chem. Rev. **120**, 4222 (2020)

NEO to KS-DFT for periodic systems

J. Xu, R. Zhou, Z. Tao, C. Malbon, V. Blum, S. Hammes-Schiffer, Y. Kanai, J. Chem. Phys. 156, 224111 (2022)

$$\psi_{i,\mathbf{k}}^e(\mathbf{r}^e) = \sum_{\mu} c_{i\mu,\mathbf{k}} \sum_N e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{N})} \phi_{\mu}^{e:NAO/GTO}(\mathbf{r}^e - \mathbf{R}_{\mu} + \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{N}))$$

$$\psi_i^p(\mathbf{r}^p) = \sum_m c_{im} \sum_N \phi_m^{p:GTO}(\mathbf{r}^p - \mathbf{R}_m + \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{N})) \quad \text{Atom-centered basis functions}$$

$$\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^e = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_e^2 + v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}^e) + v_{es}^e(\mathbf{r}^e) - v_{es}^p(\mathbf{r}^e) + \frac{\delta E_{XC}^e[\rho^e]}{\delta \rho^e} + \frac{\delta E_{EPC}[\rho^e, \rho^p]}{\delta \rho^e}$$

$$\hat{H}^p = -\frac{1}{2M^p} \nabla_p^2 - v_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}^p) - v_{es}^e(\mathbf{r}^p) + v_{es}^p(\mathbf{r}^p) + \frac{\delta E_{XC}^p[\rho^p]}{\delta \rho^p} + \frac{\delta E_{EPC}[\rho^e, \rho^p]}{\delta \rho^p}$$

Resolution-of-Identity (RI)-LVL scheme

$$\rho^p(\mathbf{r}^p) = \sum_{m,n} \sum_i c_{mi}^* c_{ni} \phi_m(\mathbf{r}^p) \phi_n(\mathbf{r}^p) = \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu} \Phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}^p) = \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu} N_{\mu} r^{\mu} e^{-\alpha_{\mu} r^2} Y_{l_{\mu} m_{\mu}}(\theta, \phi)$$

Auxiliary basis functions

$$c_{\mu} = \sum_{m,n} \sum_i c_{mi}^* c_{ni} C_{mn}^{\mu} \quad C_{mn}^{\mu} = \sum_v (mn|v)(v|\mu)^{-1}$$

$$(mn|v) = \iint \phi_m(\mathbf{r}^p) \phi_n(\mathbf{r}^p) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}^p - \mathbf{r}^{p'}|} \Phi_v(\mathbf{r}^{p'}) d\mathbf{r}^p d\mathbf{r}^{p'}$$

$$(v|\mu) = \iint \Phi_v(\mathbf{r}^p) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}^p - \mathbf{r}^{p'}|} \Phi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}^{p'}) d\mathbf{r}^p d\mathbf{r}^{p'}$$

RI-LVL scheme : $\Phi_{\mu}^K(\mathbf{r}^p)$ centered on atom K

$$C_{mn}^{\mu} = \begin{cases} \sum_v (mn|v)[(v|\mu)^{IJ}]^{-1} & \text{if } \phi_m^I \text{ or } \phi_n^J \text{ is centered on atom K.} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(ij|kl) = \sum_{\substack{\mu\lambda \in IJ \\ v\sigma \in KL}} (ij|\lambda) \mathbf{L}_{\lambda\mu}^{IJ} \mathbf{V}_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{L}_{v\sigma}^{KL} (\sigma|kl)$$

Electrostatic Potential from Quantum Protons

$$v_{es}^p(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu} U_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{I_{\mu}})$$

in spherical coordinate

$$U_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{I_{\mu}}) = \frac{4\pi}{2l_{\mu} + 1} \left[r^{l_{\mu}} p_{\mu}(r) + \frac{q_{\mu}(r)}{r^{l_{\mu}+1}} \right] Y_{l_{\mu}, m_{\mu}}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$p_{\mu}(r) = c_{\mu} N_{\mu} \frac{1}{2\alpha_{\mu}} e^{-\alpha_{\mu} r^2}$$

$$q_{\mu}(r) = c_{\mu} N_{\mu} \int_0^r r'^{2l_{\mu}+2} e^{-\alpha_{\mu} r'^2} dr'$$

All quantities are readily available with Φ_{μ}

For sufficiently large r , it reduces to

$$U_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{4\pi}{2l_{\mu} + 1} \frac{O_{\mu}}{r^{l+1}} Y_{l_{\mu}, m_{\mu}}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$O_{\mu} = c_{\mu} N_{\mu} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{\alpha}} \frac{(2l+1)!}{(2\alpha)^{l+1}}$$

r^{l+1} can be obtained using Ewald summation, etc.

Proton XC and EPC

$$E_{XC}^p[\rho^p] \rightarrow K^p \left[\{ \psi_j^p \} \right]$$

$$K_{mn}^p = \sum_{k,l} \sum_i c_{ki}^* c_{li} (mk|nl)$$

$$(mn|nl) = \int \phi_m(\mathbf{r}^p) \phi_k(\mathbf{r}^p) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}^p - \mathbf{r}^{p'}|} \phi_n(\mathbf{r}^p) \phi_l(\mathbf{r}^p) d\mathbf{r}^p d\mathbf{r}^{p'}$$

$$= \sum_{\mu,v} (mk|\mu) (\mu|v)^{-1} (v|nl) = \sum_{\mu,v} C_{mk}^\mu (\mu|v) C_{nl}^v$$

$$E_{EPC}[\rho^e, \rho^p] \approx E_{epc17-2}[\rho^e, \rho^p]$$

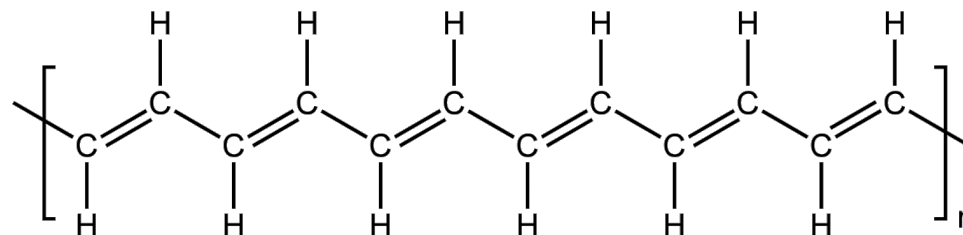
Colle-Salvetti formalism

Yang, et al., J. Chem. Phys. **147**, 114113 (2017)

$$= - \int d\mathbf{R} \frac{\rho^p(\mathbf{R}) \rho^e(\mathbf{R})}{a - b \rho^p(\mathbf{R})^{\frac{1}{2}} \rho^e(\mathbf{R})^{\frac{1}{2}} + c \rho^p(\mathbf{R}) \rho^e(\mathbf{R})}$$

$$a = 2.35, b = 2.4, c = 6.6$$

Proof-of-Principle Demonstration : C₂H₂ polymer



B3LYP for electrons
cc-pVTZ GTO electronic basis set
PB4-D protonic basis set*

Development of nuclear basis sets for multicomponent quantum chemistry methods Q. Yu, F. Pavosevic, S. Hammes-Schiffer, J. Chem. Phys. 152, 244123 (2020)

Zero-Point Energy (ZPE) per proton

No. of k-points	1	2	3	4	8	16
$\Delta E^{\text{NEO}}/n_p$	0.361	0.458	0.463	0.461	0.461	0.461
No. of unit cells	1	2	3	4	8	16
$\Delta E^{\text{NEO}}/n_p$	0.361	0.458	0.463	0.461	0.461	0.461

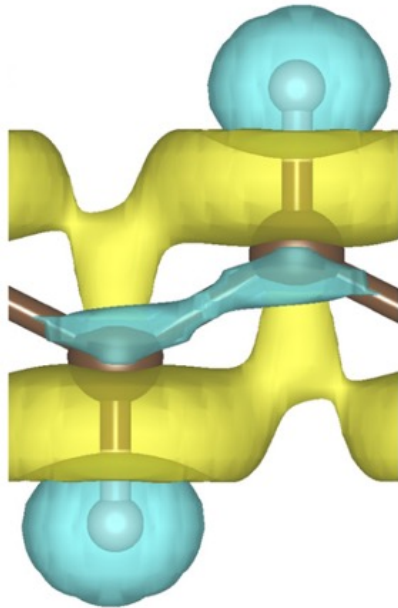
ZPE in C₂H₂ molecule : 0.332 eV

ZPE in C₂H₂ polymer : 0.461 eV

Proof-of-Principle Demonstration : C₂H₂ polymer

NEO-induced Electron Density difference

$$\Delta\rho^e(\mathbf{r})$$

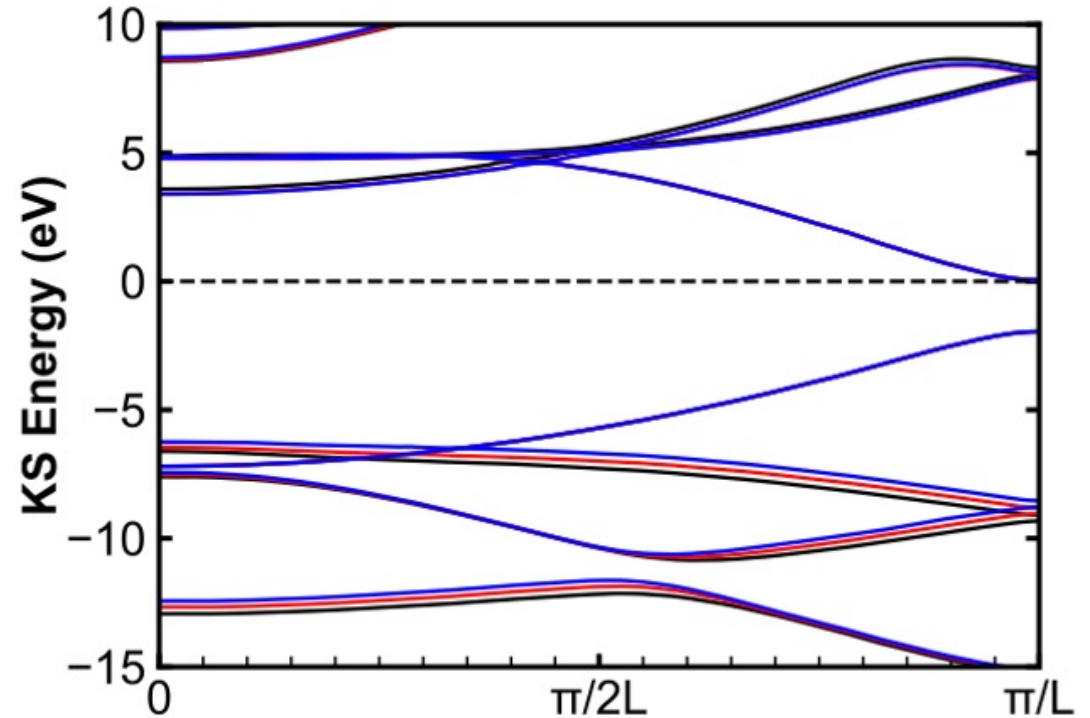


(+) change

(-) change

Isosurface @ $1.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$

Band Structure

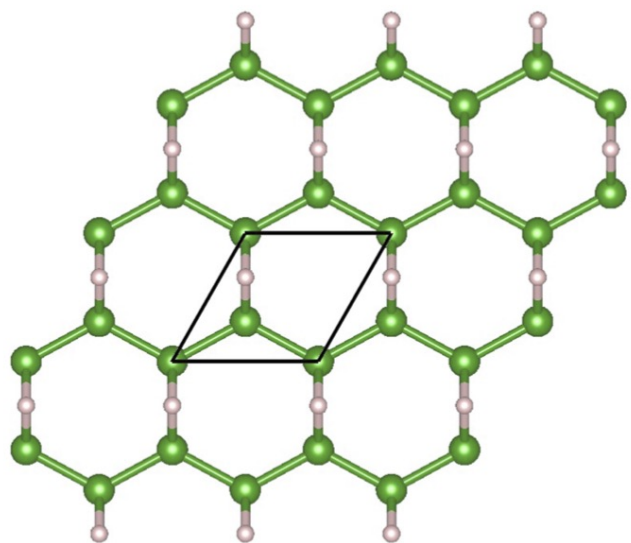


Brillouin Zone

- DFT
- NEO-DFT, no epc
- NEO-DFT, epc17-2

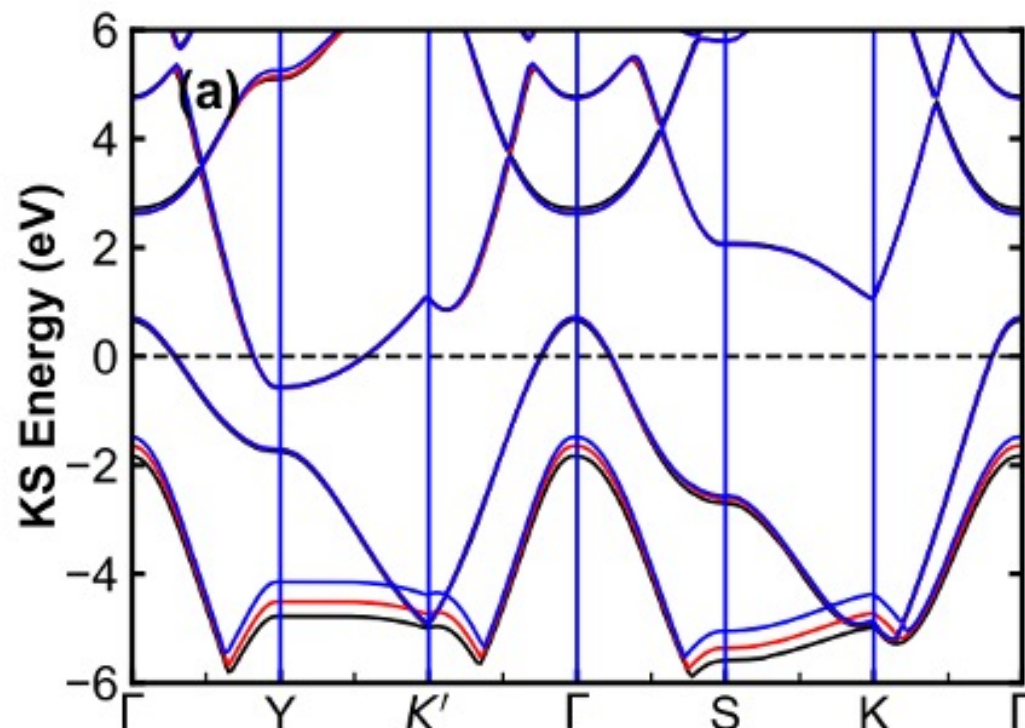
Proof-of-Principle Demonstration : 2D Boron Hydride

Y. Jiao, et al. Angewandte Chemie, 55, 35 (2016)



PBE for electrons : 16 x 16 k-points
cc-pVTZ GTO electronic basis set
PB4-D protonic basis set

Band Structure



Brillouin Zone

- DFT
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Proof-of-Principle Demonstration : 2D Boron Hydride

RI-LVL convergence of Auxiliary basis functions

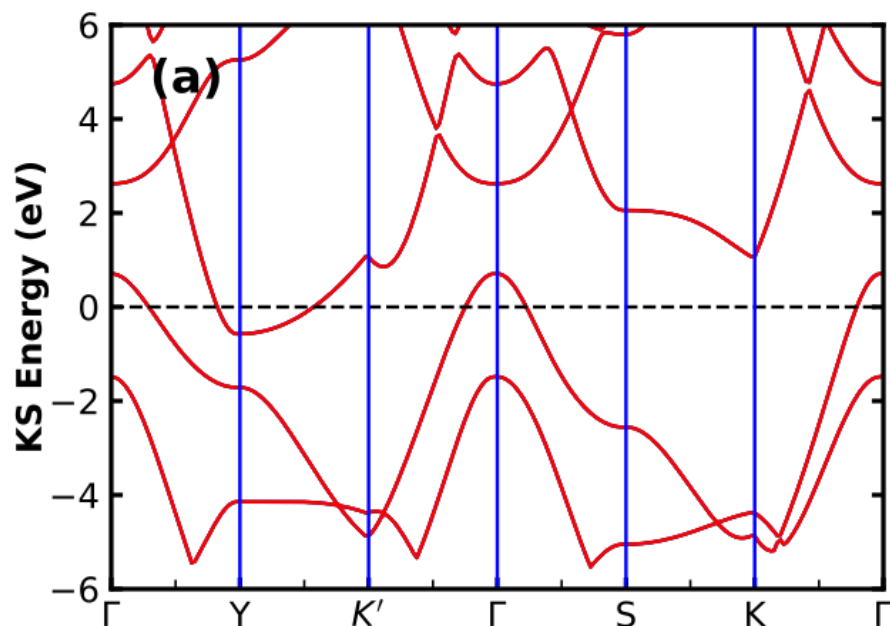
	Total Energy (eV)
8ET	-1382.30466
10ET	-1382.17019
10ET+g	-1382.17016
14ET	-1382.16982

e.g.

8ET: 8s8p8d8f even-tempered Gaussians with the exponents from $2\sqrt{2}$ to 32.

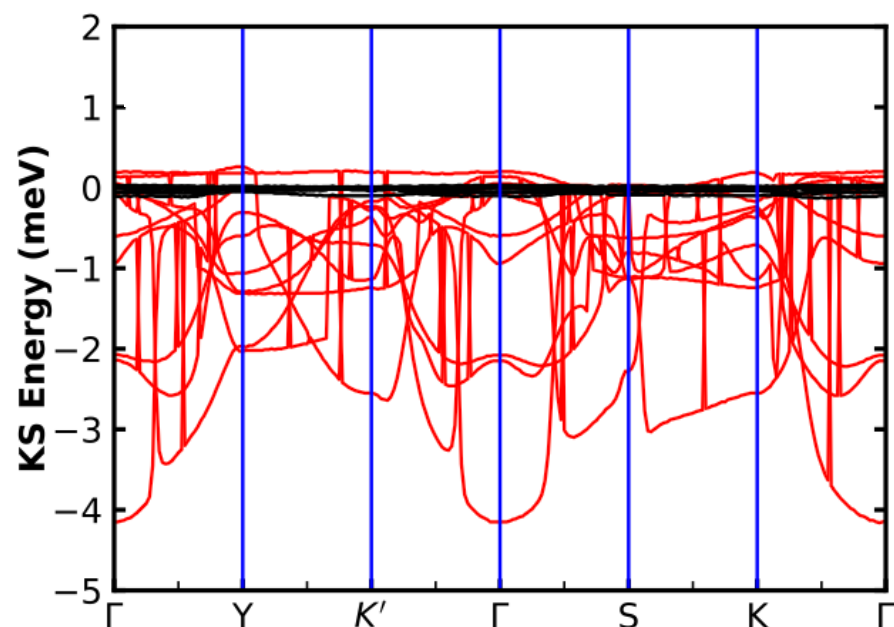
R. Bardo and K. Ruedenberg, JCP, 60, 918 (1974)

Band Structure



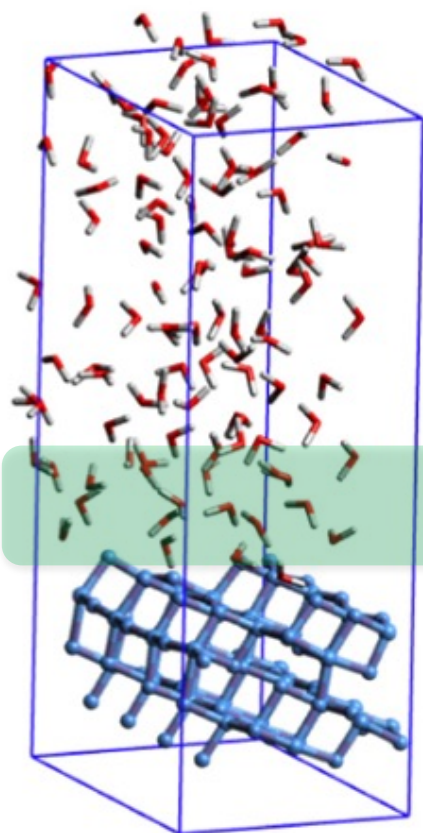
Red : Difference between 8ET and 10ET

Black : Difference between 10ET and 14ET



Proof-of-Principle Demonstration : Water at TiO₂(101) surface

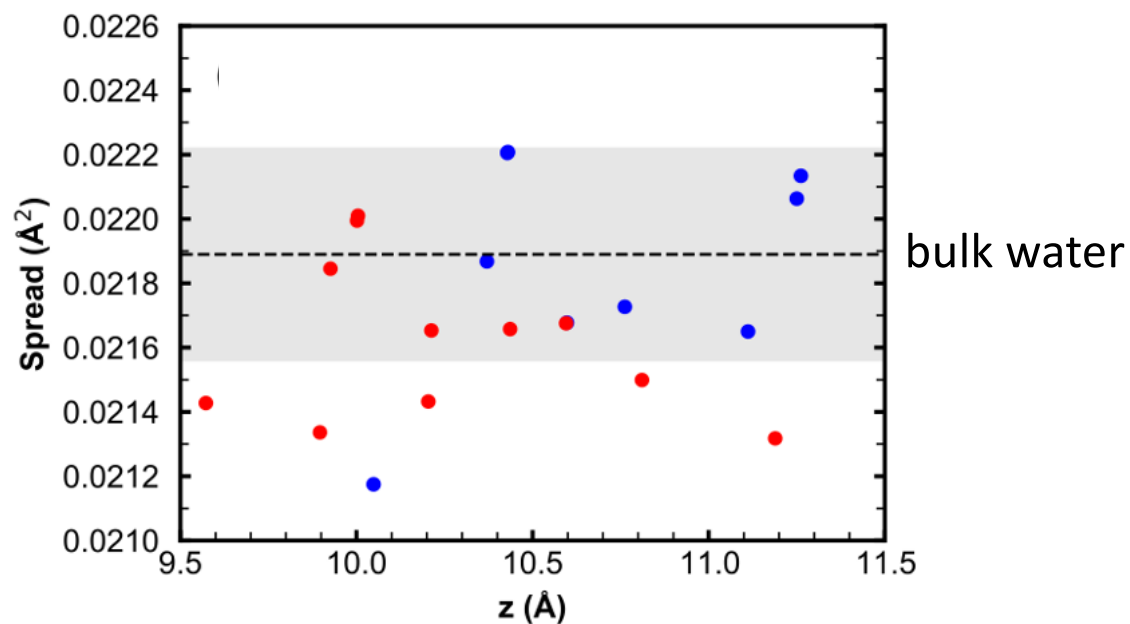
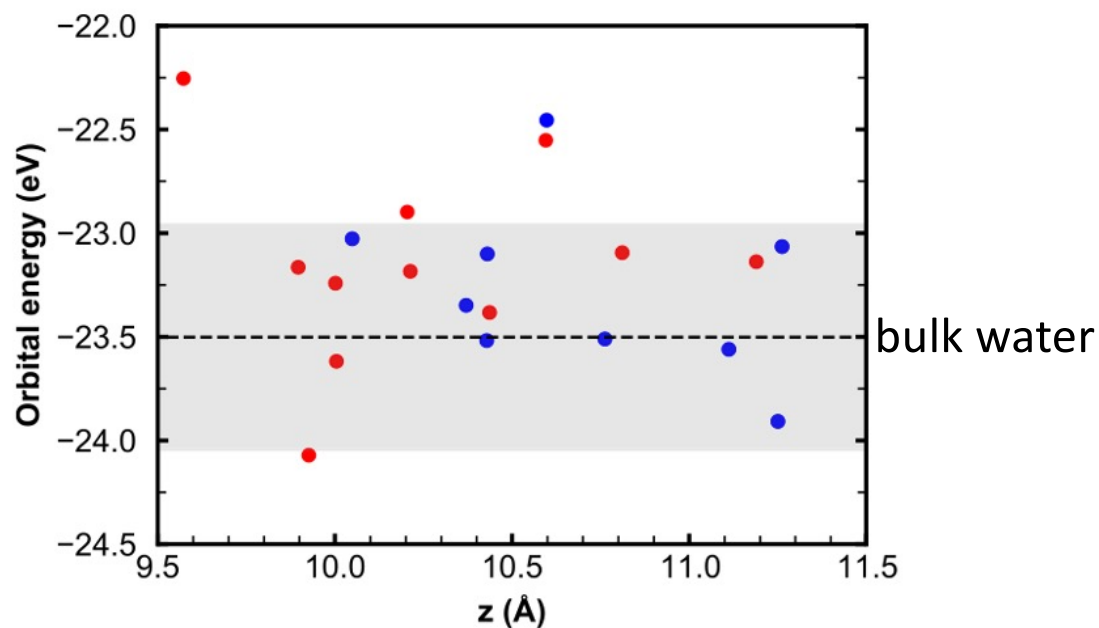
FPMD trajectory snapshot



ZPE : 0.33 eV

ZPE in bulk water : 0.31 eV

PBE for electrons : Gamma k-point
cc-pVTZ GTO electronic basis set
PB4-D protonic basis set



Going "Time-Dependent"

NEO-DFT method with periodic systems

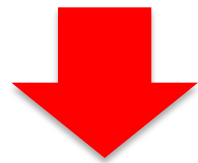
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[J. Chem. Phys. 156, 224111 \(2022\)](#)

RT-TDDFT Implementation

All-electron real-time and imaginary-time time-dependent density functional theory within a numeric atom-centered basis function framework

J. Hekele, Y. Yao, Y. Kanai, V. Blum, P. Kratzer
[J. Chem. Phys. 155, 154801 \(2021\)](#)



Periodic RT-NEO-TDDFT method for studying coupled electron-proton dynamics in heterogeneous systems.

First-Principles Approach to Coupled Quantum Dynamics of Electrons and Protons in Heterogeneous Systems

J. Xu, R. Zhou, V. Blum, T. E. Li, S. Hammes-Schiffer, Y. Kanai
[Under Review](#)

Dynamics : Lagrangian for our KS System

Coupled dynamics of electrons and protons with classical nuclei

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(t) = & \int d\mathbf{r}^e \int d\mathbf{k} \sum_j [\psi_{j\mathbf{k}}^e(\mathbf{r}^e, t)]^* \left[i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2m^e} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}^e}^2 \right] \psi_{j\mathbf{k}}^e(\mathbf{r}^e, t) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r}^e d\mathbf{r}^{e'} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}^e - \mathbf{r}^{e'}|} \rho^e(\mathbf{r}^e, t) \rho^e(\mathbf{r}^{e'}, t) - E_{XC}^e[\rho^e] \\
 & + \int d\mathbf{r}^p \sum_j [\psi_j^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t)]^* \left[i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2M^p} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}^p}^2 \right] \psi_j^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r}^p d\mathbf{r}^{p'} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}^p - \mathbf{r}^{p'}|} \rho^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t) \rho^p(\mathbf{r}^{p'}, t) - E_{XC}^p[\rho^p] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r}^e d\mathbf{r}^p \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}^e - \mathbf{r}^p|} \rho^e(\mathbf{r}^e, t) \rho^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t) - E_{EPC}[\rho^e, \rho^p] \\
 & + \sum_I \frac{1}{2} M_I \left[\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{R}_I(t) \right]^2 - \sum_{I < J} \frac{Z_I Z_J e^2}{|\mathbf{R}_I(t) - \mathbf{R}_J(t)|} \\
 & - \int d\mathbf{r}^p \rho^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t) \sum_I \frac{Z_I e^2}{|\mathbf{r}^p - \mathbf{R}_I(t)|} + \int d\mathbf{r}^e \rho^e(\mathbf{r}^e, t) \sum_I \frac{Z_I e^2}{|\mathbf{r}^e - \mathbf{R}_I(t)|}
 \end{aligned}$$

See. e.g. Kramer and Saraceno, "Geometry of the Time-Dependent Variational Principle" (Springer, Berlin, 1981).

TD-KS equations for RT-NEO-TDDFT

Electrons:

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_{i,\mathbf{k}}^e(\mathbf{r}^e, t) = \left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 + v_{\text{DFT-KS}}^e(\mathbf{r}^e) - v_{\text{es}}^p(\mathbf{r}^e) + \frac{\delta E_{\text{EPC}}[\rho^e, \rho^p]}{\delta \rho^e} \right] \psi_{i,\mathbf{k}}^e(\mathbf{r}^e, t)$$

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RT-TDDFT

Protons:

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_I^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t) = \left[-\frac{1}{2M^p} \nabla_I^2 + v_{\text{DFT-KS}}^p(\mathbf{r}^p) - v_{\text{es}}^e(\mathbf{r}^p) + \frac{\delta E_{\text{EPC}}[\rho^e, \rho^p]}{\delta \rho^p} \right] \psi_I^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t)$$

$$\psi_i^p(\mathbf{r}^p, t) = \sum_m c_{im}(t) \sum_N \phi_m^{p:\text{GTO}}(\mathbf{r}^p - \mathbf{R}_m + \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{N}))$$

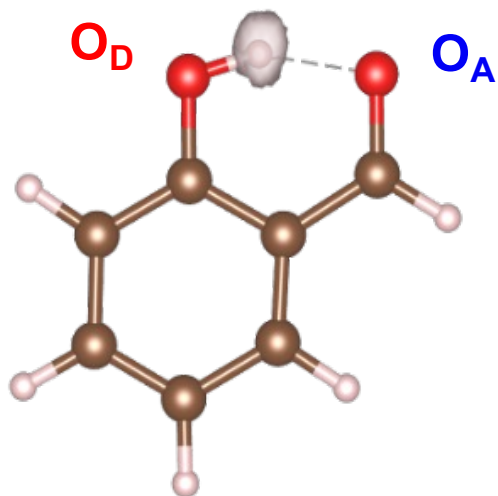
$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{C}(t) = -i \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{H}_{\text{KS}}(t) \mathbf{C}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{C}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{S}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-i \Delta t \mathbf{S}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{H}_{\text{KS}}\left(t + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) \mathbf{S}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \mathbf{S}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{C}(t)$$

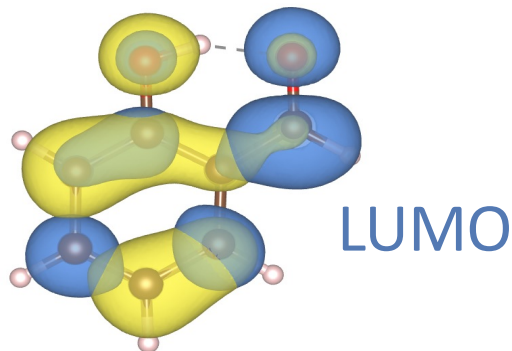
$$\exp(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{V} \text{diag}(e^{\lambda_1}, e^{\lambda_2} \dots e^{\lambda_n}) \mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

Electronic Excitation Induced Intra-Molecular Proton Transfer

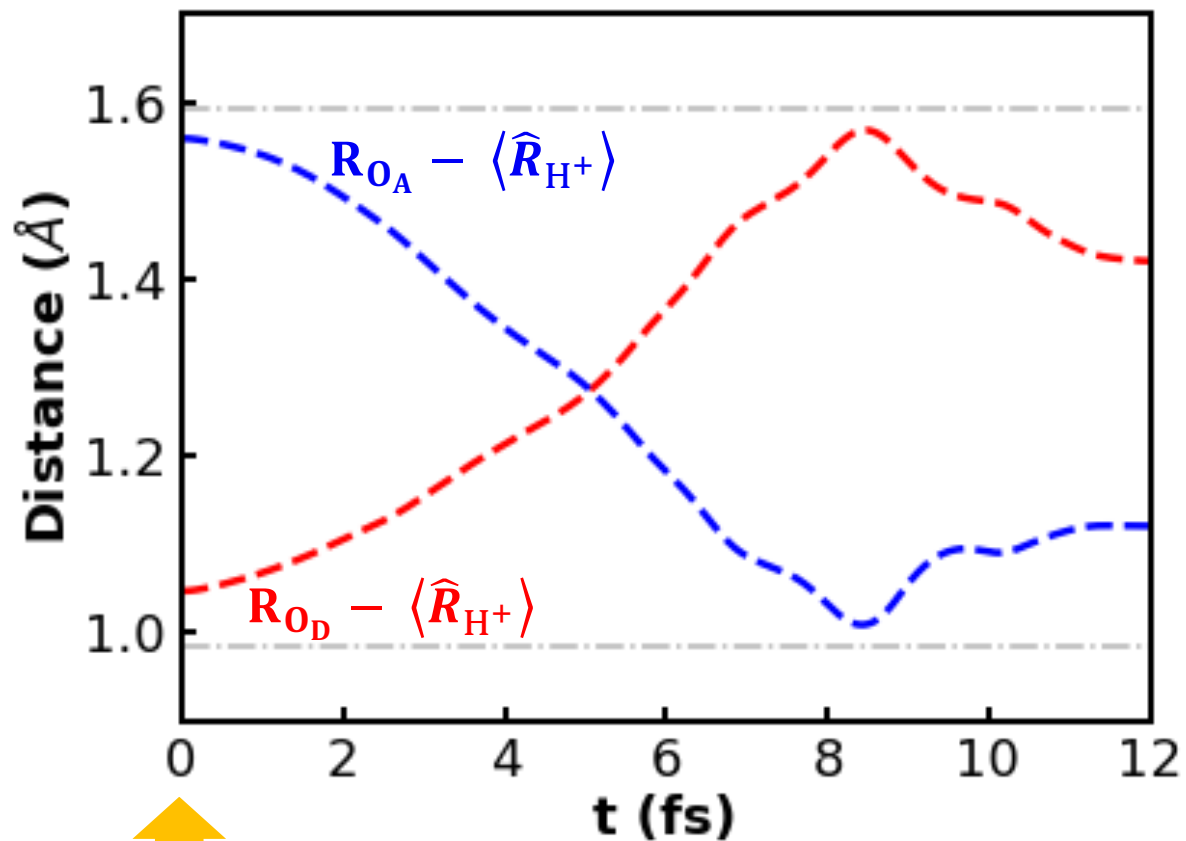
oHBA molecule



HOMO



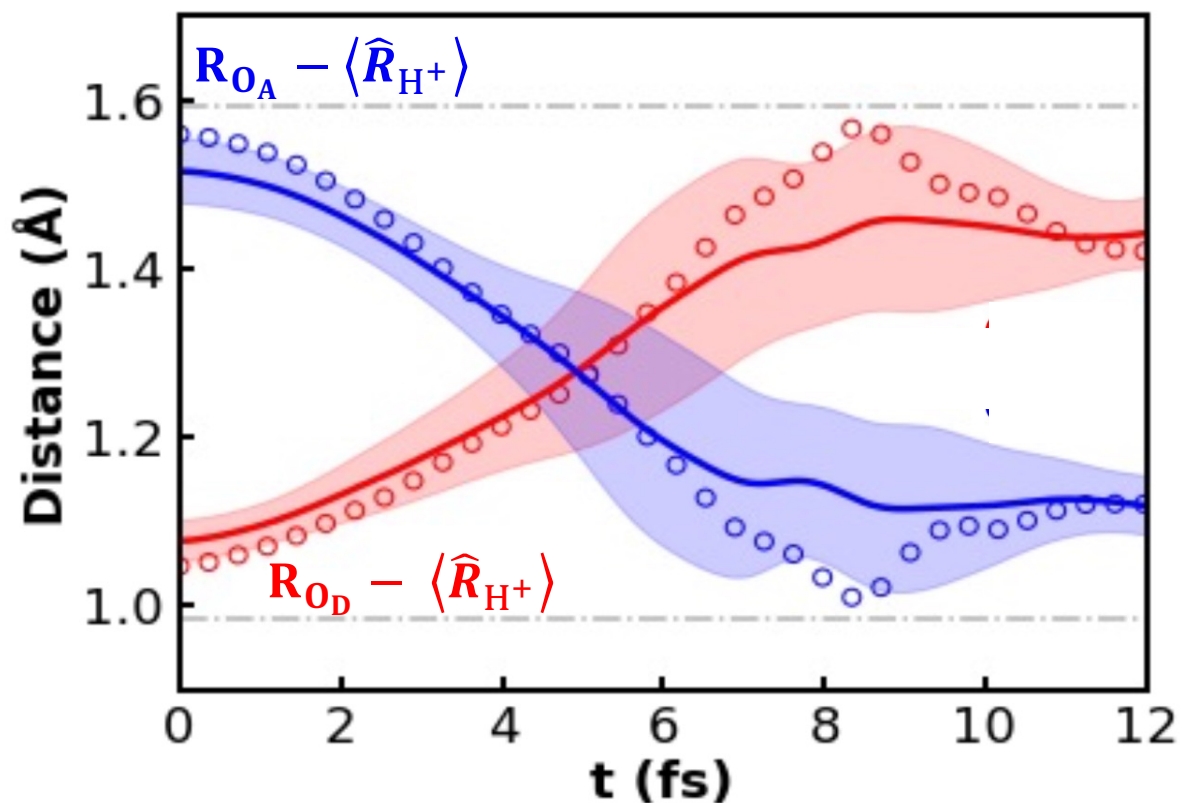
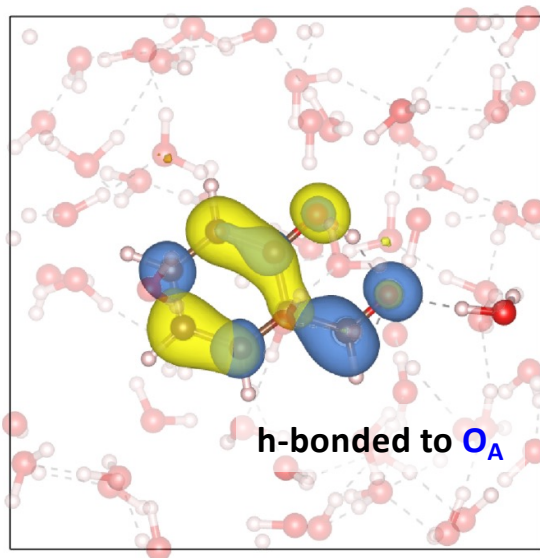
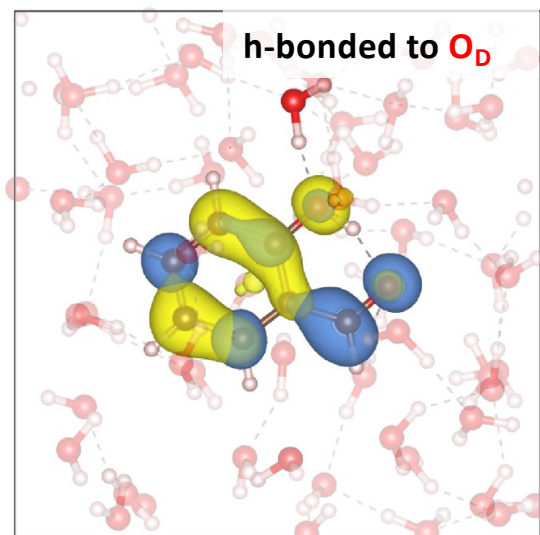
Electrons: PBE + Tier2 NAO basis
Protons: Hartree-Fock + 4s 4p basis [w/ 3 "ghost" atoms](#)
EPC: epc-17-2



Electronic Excitation (HOMO \rightarrow LUMO)

Role of Water Solvation

6 snapshots from 300 K FPMD (SCAN) simulation of oHBA molecule w/ 64 H₂O molecules
h-bonded H₂O could potentially transfer a proton (quantized) to oHBA molecule.



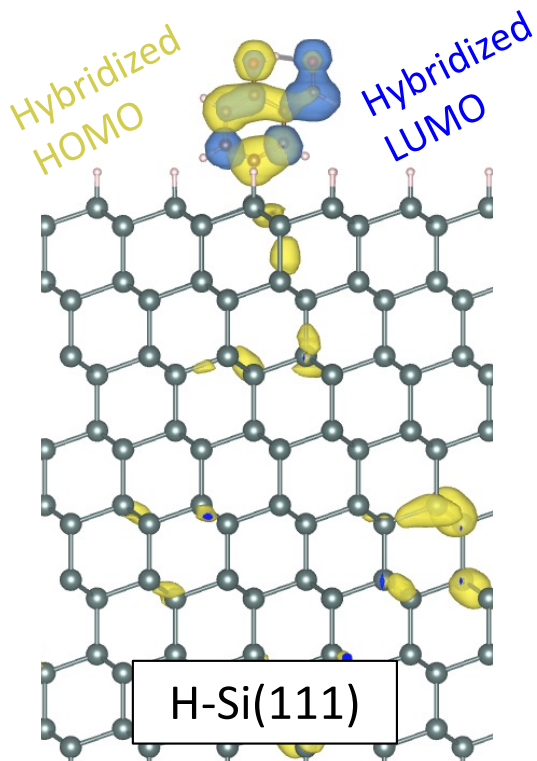
○ ○ ○ Gas Phase

— In water

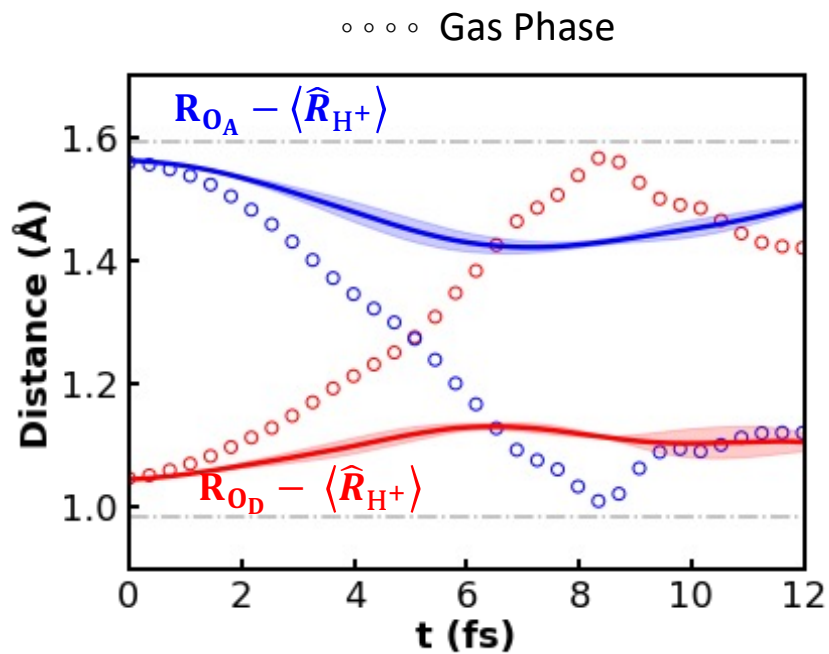
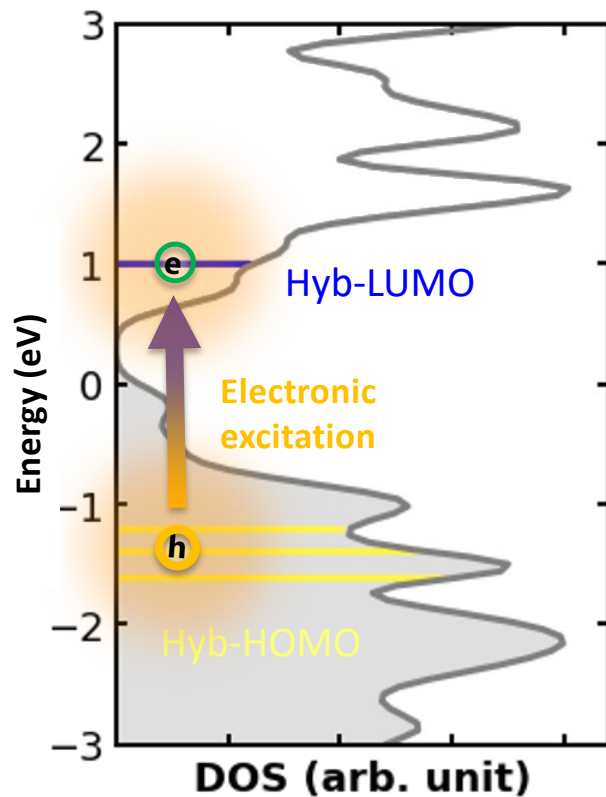
Excitation-induced H⁺ transfer still takes place.

Chemisorption on Semiconductor Surface

oHBA



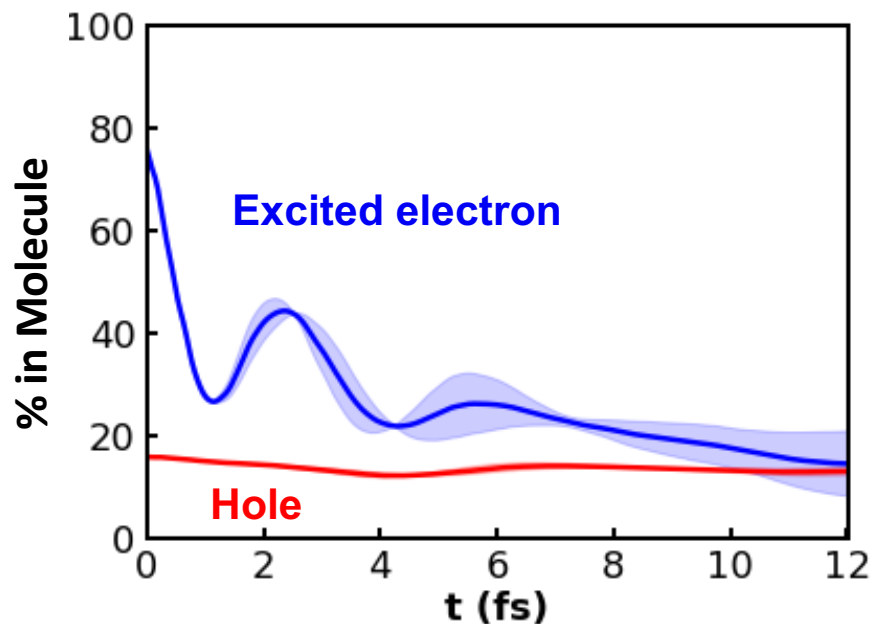
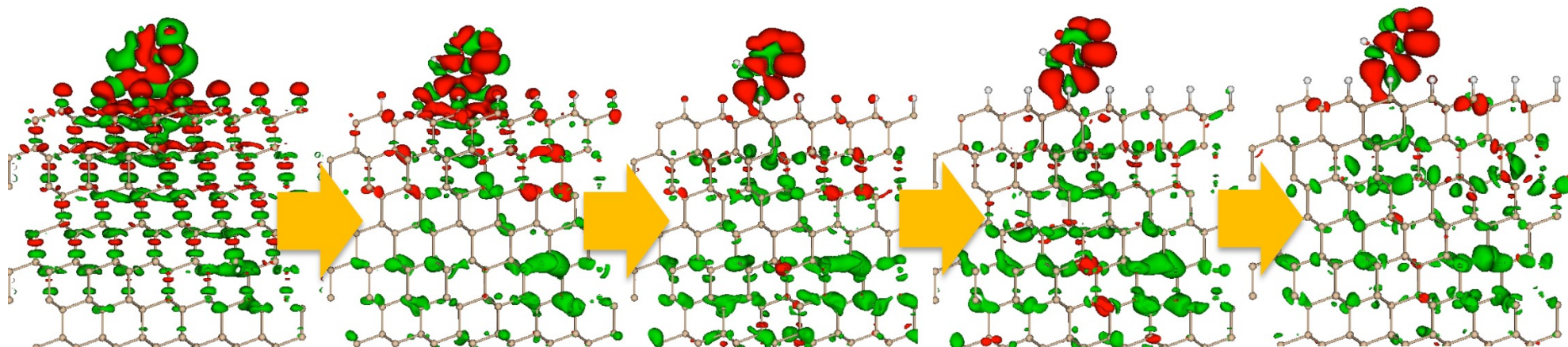
~3700 electrons.



H⁺ transfer does NOT take place!

Electron Density Changes at Interface

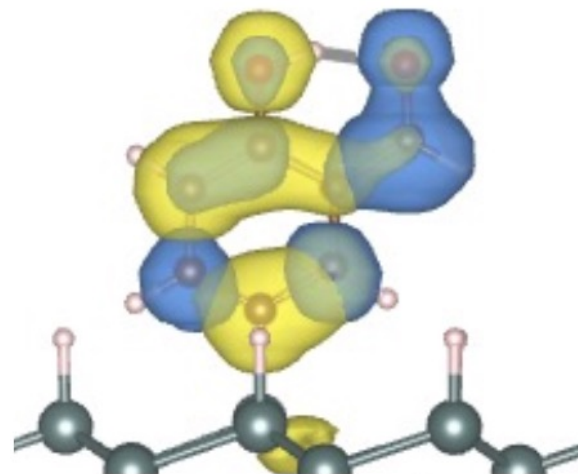
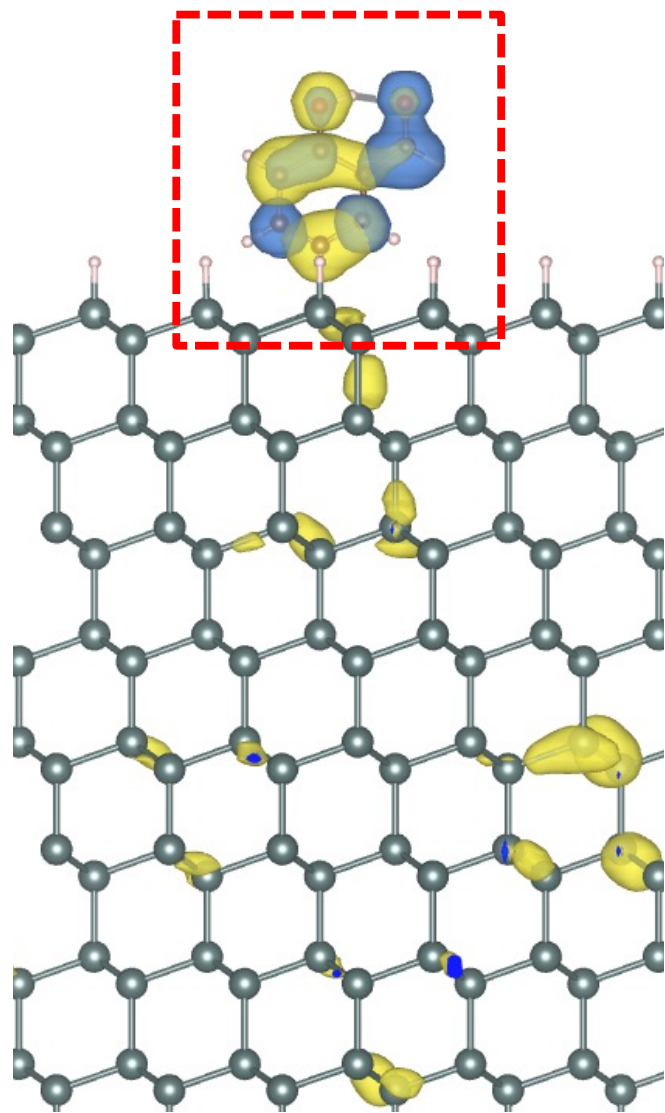
Electron density change : $\Delta\rho^e(\mathbf{r}, t)$ **Increases** / **Decreases**



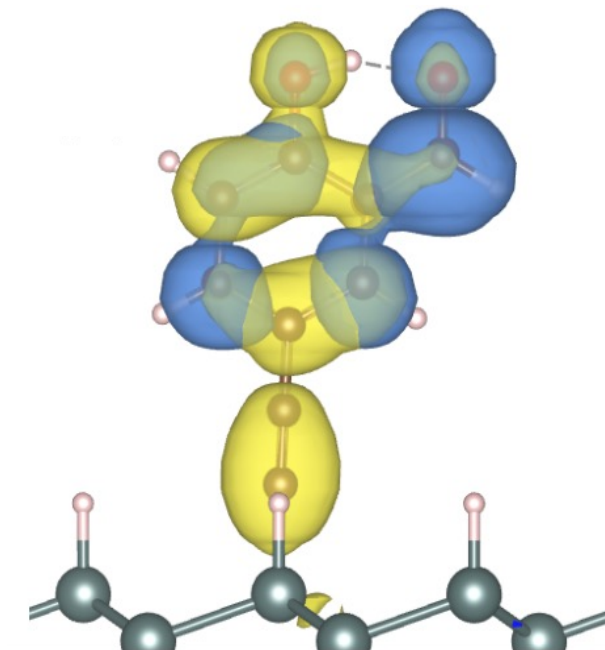
Ultrafast transfer of excited electron to semiconductor surface.

No driving force for the intra-molecular H^+ transfer.

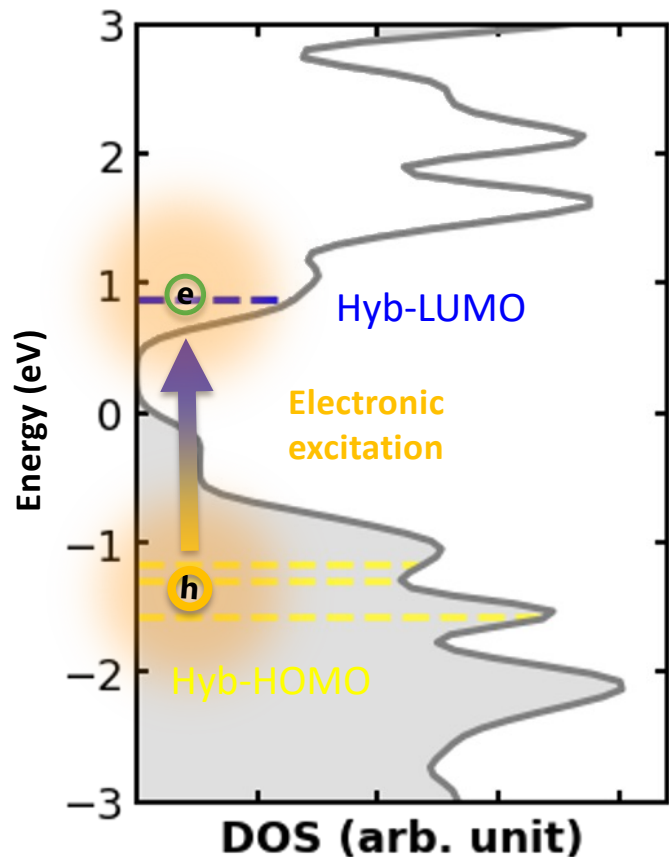
Role of Excited Electron Transfer



$-\text{C} \equiv \text{C}-$ Linker

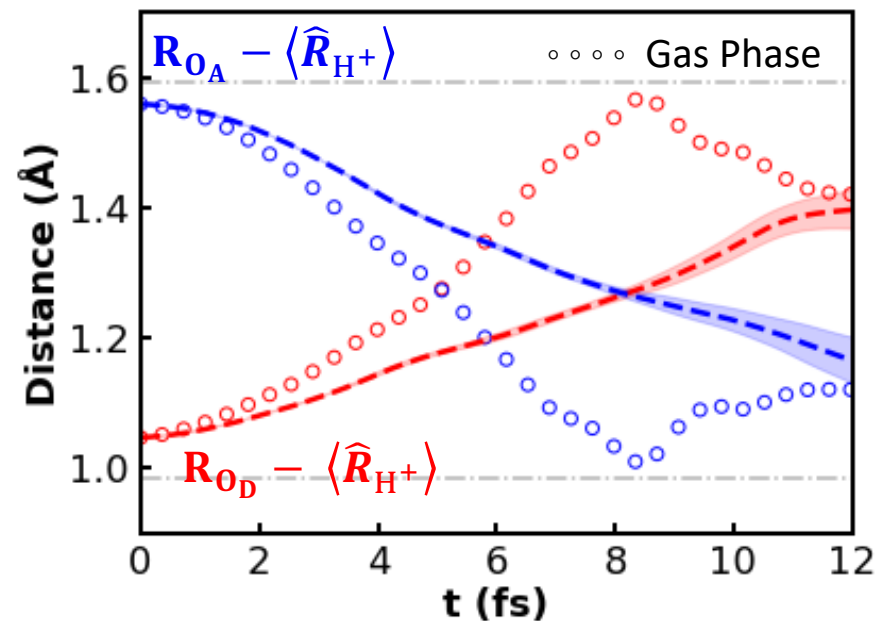
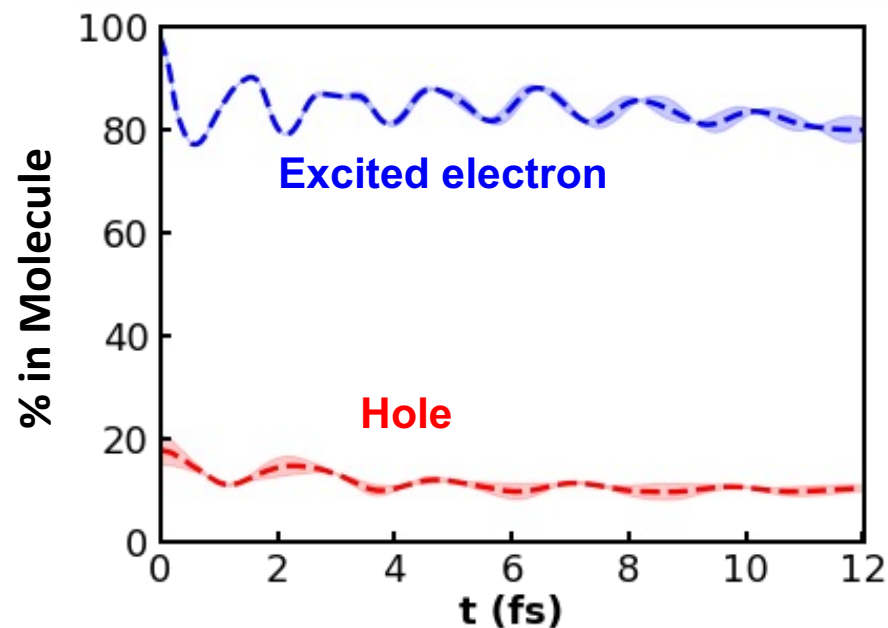


Controlling Electron Transfer w/ Linker Group

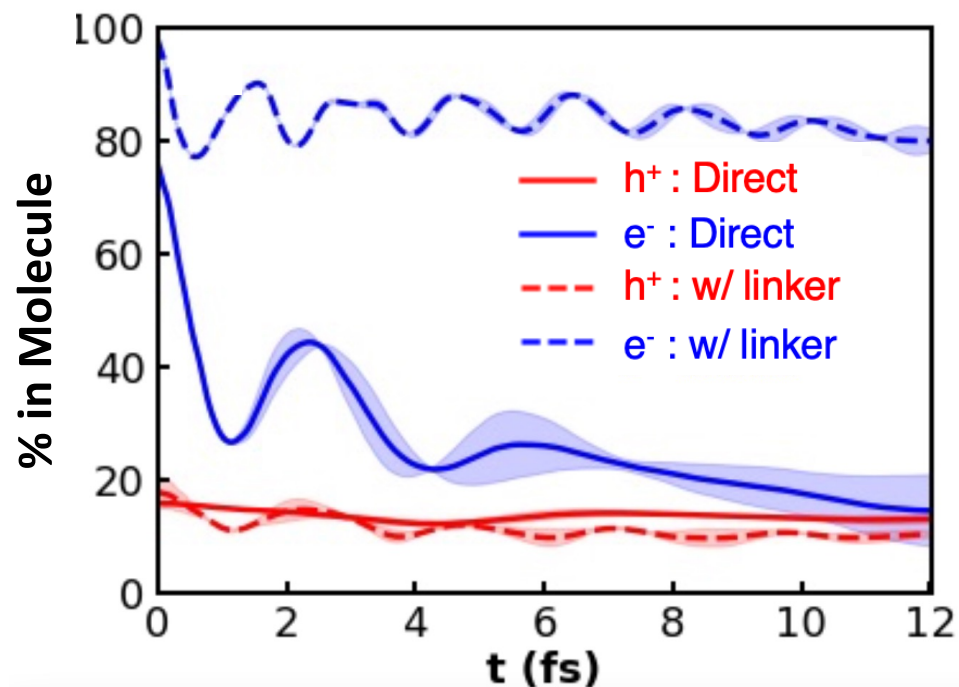
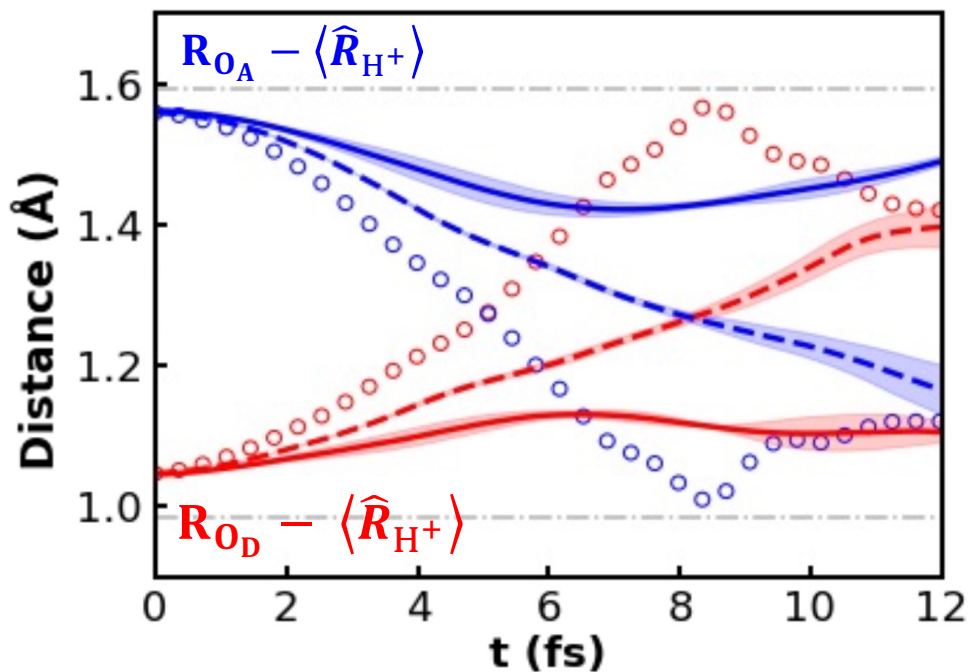


Excited electron transfer to the semiconductor is significantly slower with the linker group.

Excitation-induced H⁺ transfer takes place!

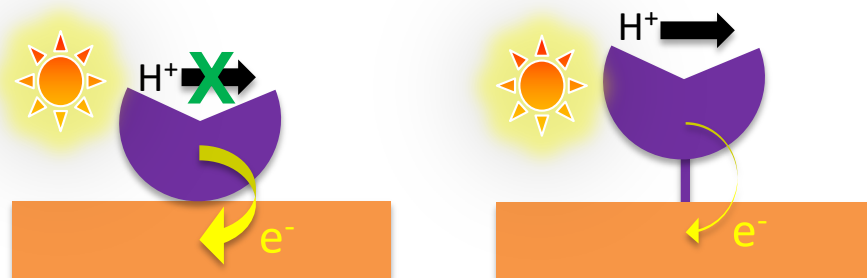


Dependence on the surface attachment



- o o o o o Gas Phase
- on Surface (Direct)
- - - on Surface w/ linker

Surface attachment controls intra-molecular H^+ transfer via interfacial excited electron transfer.



Summary and Future/Current Directions

- NEO-DFT method was extended to periodic systems.

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Periodic RT-TDDFT with hybrid XC needs to be implemented.

Ehrenfest RT-NEO-TDDFT

- Classical degrees of freedom *and* proton basis set centers are propagated in time

Applications

- Coupled proton-electron dynamics for CO₂ reduction at semiconductor-catalyst interface



Thank you for listening!