

Dominant interaction hamiltonians DIH

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Motivation

full semiclassical continuous (propagator based) methods are quite expensive and suffer from instabilities due to nonlinear classical dynamics

• often, *locally*, (classical) dynamics is regular

from other methods (e.g. TDDFT) one knows that correlations can develop in time

• can one formulate an approximation where the system evolves along trajectories which visit a sequence of phase space regions (may be repeatedly) ruled by different approximate Hamiltonians ?

→ (ab-)using adiabaticity: *Fix* the hamiltonian within an interval of parameters (phase space) and then *jump* to a new fixed H.

The idea



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- Different regions of phase space are dominated by different hamiltonians (DIH)
- DIHs are simpler (may be even integrable) than the full H

goals:

- Better handling of large systems
- Better understanding of dynamics (trajectories classified through DIH sequence, example 132121)
- Can shift chaotic dynamics for H to regular dynamics for the DIH but chaotic discrete meta dynamics in the DIH sequences
- classical-quantum interface:
 - DIH are local and therefore classical
 - immediate connection to semiclassics through concatenation of propagators under the different DIH

Overview

1.5 degrees of freedom example: e- - ion scattering under laser pulse (HHG)

5 *degrees of freedom* example: planar e- He⁺ scattering

→ electronic problems

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with dipole acceleration

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separable DIH approach: switch between Coulomb potential only and laser field only (large distances)

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high harmonics in laser assisted electron-ion scattering



• Gaussian wave packet

(initiated at 70 a.u. distance from the nucleus):

laser assisted electron-ion scattering

laser field: F = 0.1 au, $\omega = 0.038 au$, $\gamma = 0.05 au$

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Switching condition for HHG (when does an electron, floating with the laser field, get trapped by the ion ?)

$$H_{atom} = \frac{p^2}{2} + V(x) + xf(t)\cos\omega t$$



 $V_{ion}(x) < V_{laser}(x)$

 \rightarrow maximal x = x_c

trapping should occur when the electron is slow: $\rightarrow p_c=0$

$$p(t) = p_0 - \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega} \sin(\omega t),$$
$$q(t) = q_0 + p_0 t + \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\omega^2} \left[\cos(\omega t) - 1\right].$$

Setting $p(t_c) = 0$ leads to switching times

$$\omega t_{\rm c} = n\pi + \arcsin\left(\frac{\omega p_0}{\mathcal{E}}\right),$$

Initial conditions for trapped trajectories



analytical wave function for HH





harmonic spectrum



Zagoya, Goletz, Grossmann & Rost, New J. Phys. 14, 093050 (2012); Phys Rev. A 85, 041401 (2012)

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let $\mathbf{r}_{12} = \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_1$ be in the x-y plane with $\tan \alpha = y_{12}/x_{12}$

then K = $In_X D(-2\alpha)$ with a rotation by -2α and an



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DIH qualitative – collision sequences of 2e⁻

'1': kick (near field)'2': switch (far field)



DIH



Planar electron – He⁺ collisions





Quantum – Classical – DIH: spectra for energy & angular momentum



Compared to quantum: DIH better than full classical !?

M Gerlach, S Wüster, and JM Rost, J Phys B 45, 235204 (2012) - highlight 2012 -



Summary: Dominant interaction Hamiltonians (DIH)

Classical phase space partitioning through dominant interaction

 Continuous (chaotic) dynamics split into regular-continuous and chaotic-discrete dynamics

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- classical planar scattering (5 dof)
- semi-classical laser assisted electron-ion scattering (1.5 dof)

Perspectives

- Classification through DIH sequences
- better qualitative understanding of dynamics
- better numerical handling of large systems
- study chaotic map induced by DIH switching





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DIH: separating regular and chaotic dynamics

Assume chaotic hamiltonian and a set of integrable DIH

Is the chaos lost ?

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NO, chaotic dynamics is shifted to the sequence "space"

regular dynamics for continuous motion in phase space, chaotic dynamics in discrete sequence space



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Semiclassical Initial Value Representation (IVR)



Heller's Thawed Gaussian Wavepacket Dynamics (TGWD)

$$\Psi(x,t) = \left(\frac{\gamma_0}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} \exp\left\{-\frac{\gamma_t}{2}(x-q_t)^2 + \frac{i}{\hbar}p_t(x-q_t) + \frac{i}{\hbar}\delta_t\right\}$$

 $\gamma_0, \mathbf{p_t}, \mathbf{q_t} \in \mathbf{R}, \qquad \gamma_t, \delta_t \in \mathbf{C}$

Ansatz for the solution of the time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar\dot{\Psi}(x,t) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + V(x,t)\right]\Psi(x,t)$$

E. J. Heller, J. Chem. Phys. 62, 1544 (1975)

Thawed GWD: Phase- and position space



single trajectory initial value method

Multiple trajectory method for N DOF: FGWD

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x},t) = \int d\mathbf{x}' K(\mathbf{x},t;\mathbf{x}',0) \Psi(\mathbf{x}',0)$$

Initial value Herman-Kluk propagator

$$K(\mathbf{x},t;\mathbf{x}',0) \approx \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}'d\mathbf{q}'}{(2\pi\hbar)^N} \langle \mathbf{x} | g_{\gamma}(\mathbf{p}_t,\mathbf{q}_t) \rangle Re^{iS(\mathbf{p}',\mathbf{q}',t)/\hbar} \langle g_{\gamma}(\mathbf{p}',\mathbf{q}') | \mathbf{x}' \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \sqrt{\det \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{m}_{pp} + \mathbf{m}_{qq} - \gamma i\hbar \mathbf{m}_{qp} - \frac{1}{\gamma i\hbar} \mathbf{m}_{pq} \right)}$$

- $|g_{\gamma}\rangle$ are Gaussians with fixed width ("frozen")
- Hamilton's principal function $S(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{q}', t) = \int_0^t L dt'$
- initial value solutions $\mathbf{p}_t(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{q}'), \mathbf{q}_t(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{q}')$

Heller ('81), Herman and Kluk ('84), Kay ('94), F.G. and Xavier ('98)

Frozen GWD: Phase- and position space

• $\mathbf{m}_{pp}, \mathbf{m}_{qq}, \ldots$ are elements of the stability (monodromy) matrix **M**

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{m}_{pp} & \mathbf{m}_{pq} \\ \mathbf{m}_{qp} & \mathbf{m}_{qq} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial \mathbf{p}_t / \partial \mathbf{p}' & \partial \mathbf{p}_t / \partial \mathbf{q}' \\ \partial \mathbf{q}_t / \partial \mathbf{p}' & \partial \mathbf{q}_t / \partial \mathbf{q}' \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -H_{qq} \\ H_{pp} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}$$

• H_{qq}, H_{pp} : Hessian

 \Rightarrow purely classical input!



- Time-dependent initial value method for arbitrary dynamics
- no storage problems due to laocality $\Rightarrow \mathsf{DIH}$
- Initial Gaussian \Rightarrow Monte Carlo integration over phase space
- SPA \Rightarrow Van Vleck-Gutzwiller propagator

$$K(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{x}', 0) \sim \sum_{j} \left| \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{m}_{qp}} \right|^{1/2} \exp\{iS_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t)/\hbar - i\pi\nu_j/2\}$$

- "Maslov-Phase" is already incorporated
- no problems at caustics, FGA is uniform \Rightarrow Kay (2006)
- FGA is unitary (in SPA) \Rightarrow Herman (1986)
- Approximation to CCS \Rightarrow Shalashilin and Child
- iterative improvement is possible \Rightarrow Pollak group, Kay group



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Deflection functions: energy & angular momentum

full

DIH



 $(E_1 = -2; E = 0.5; \epsilon^* = E_2^{(f)}/E)$

DiH quantitativspectra: energy & angular momentum



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'1': kick (near field)

'2': switch (far field)

'22': elastic

'12': excitation (classical exchange)







DiH two electrons, summary

Stability of periodic orbits & orbiting resonances

trajectories with 1.5< E_{fin} < 2.5 eV and α < 5° ($p_{z,ini} = 0$ a.u.)



Stability of periodic orbits & orbiting resonances



phase $= 9.9^{\circ}$



final energy (angle) as a function of initial perpendicular momentum (p_{z,ini}=0) for different ionization times (phases)



