

# Quantum Grid Dynamics: a method for solving the molecular Schrödinger Equation in Cartesian coordinates via angular momentum projection operators

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from Table III) are shown in Table XII for  $J=0$ , while the  $J=1$  calculations, required for  $v_4$  and  $v_5$ , used basis XVI which is derived from XV by scaling NCH<sub>3</sub> (2J+1;  $\mu_1=\mu_2=\mu_3=\mu_4$ ) and then applying the same basis set in all three stretches. Convergence is somewhat more rapid and stretch-angular coupling less strong for HOOH, although the lower symmetry of HCNO and the requirement for large mass differences in the basis function scheme added significantly to the computational cost; the latter meant that the cost was, unusually, dominated by the calculation of angular matrix elements rather than by final matrix diagonalization. As with HOOH, it is necessary to ensure that all states of interest are being treated correctly in order to obtain accurate bond lengths. This can be done in many cases, thus has almost certainly been achieved with the XVII basis. Again, it turns out that high-quality calculations involve a formidable computational cost even for the lowest levels of theory, so the XVII basis is not recommended. However, the way ahead for further understanding of the nuclear potential function of HCNO almost certainly lies in more calculations of the kind presented here.

*Notes added in proof.* In the preparation of the manuscript, the authors overlooked an example of an incorrect (Jacobi) coordinate  $J=0$  four-atom variational calculation (on HOOH). Thus, Ref. 62, is brought to the reader's attention.

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## APPENDIX: REARRANGED $\hat{T}_{\text{rot}}$ FOR A-B-C-D

The four-atom rovibrational kinetic-energy operator  $\hat{T}_{\text{rot}}$  in spherical bonding coordinates with a symmetrically-imbued nuclear-fixed frame was first given in Ref. 19, where the conventions are defined. Here the symnum has been rearranged into a computationally more useful form by factorizing terms involving  $\partial/\partial r_{ij}$  depending on two of  $r_{ij} \equiv r_{(i,j)}$ ;  $A, B, J_1, J_2, J_3, J_4$  is a permutation of orthonormal basis functions, so that factors depending on  $(r_{i,j}, r_{k,l})$  and  $(\theta_{i,j}, \theta_{k,l})$  are of either  $S^z$  or  $S^x$  symmetry in  $D_{4h}(M)$ . Terms are labeled by superscripted numbers in square brackets.

As in Ref. 14, the volume element for integration is  $\sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_3 d\theta_1 d\theta_2 d\theta_3 d\theta_4 d\theta_5 d\theta_6 d\theta_7 d\theta_8 d\theta_9 d\theta_{10} d\theta_{11} d\theta_{12}$ . Reduced masses are  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4$ . The reduced masses  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$ , etc.

are then defined as

$$\frac{1}{\mu_1} = \frac{1}{M_1} + \frac{1}{M_2}, \quad \frac{1}{\mu_2} = \frac{1}{M_3} + \frac{1}{M_4}, \quad \frac{1}{\mu_3} = \frac{1}{M_1} + \frac{1}{M_3},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{T}_{\text{rot}} = & -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu_1 \mu_2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^2 \right] \left[ \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^{(1)} + \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right)^{(1)} \right] \\ & + \left\{ (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_2) \right\} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right)^{(1)} \\ & + \left( -(\cos^2 \theta_1 - \cos^2 \theta_2) \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right)^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_1 \mu_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_3} \right)^2 \left[ \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right)^2 \right]^{(1)} \\ & + \left\{ (\cos^2 \theta_1 - \cos^2 \theta_2) \right\} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right)^{(1)} + \left\{ (-\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_2) \right\} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \left( J_2^2 \right)^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{M_1 \mu_3} + \frac{1}{M_2 \mu_4} \right) \\ & \times \left[ \left| 2(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2) + 4 \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \right|^2 - \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^2 \right. \\ & \left. - 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} + \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right)^{(1)} \right]^{(1)} + \left[ -(\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_1) + \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \cot \theta_2 + \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \cot \theta_1 \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^2 + 2(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_2} - 2 \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^2 \right] \cos \phi^{(1)} \\ & + \left[ 2(\sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1) - 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \cot \theta_2 + \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \cot \theta_1 \right) \right] - 2 \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^2 \\ & - 2(\cos \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 + \cos \theta_2 \cot \theta_1) \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta_1 \right)^{(1)} + \left( -2(\sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1) \right.\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left[ \left( \cos \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} - \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \right) \hat{J}_x^{(11)} + \frac{1}{4} \cos \phi \hat{J}_x^{(14)} \right] + \left( 2(\cot \theta_1 \csc \theta_1 + \cot \theta_2 \csc \theta_2) \right) \\
& \times \left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} + \frac{1}{4} \hat{J}_x^{(11)} \right) + \left[ 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) + (\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2) \right. \\
& \left. - 2(\sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_2) \right] \sin(\phi/2) \hat{J}_x^{(14)} \\
& + \left( 2(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2) \right) \left[ \left( \cos(\phi/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(\phi/2) \right) \hat{J}_x^{(11)} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(\phi/2) \hat{J}_x^{(14)} \right] \\
& + \left[ 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right) + (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2) - 2(\sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_2) \right] \cos(\phi/2) \hat{J}_x^{(14)} + \left( -2(\csc \theta_1 - \csc \theta_2) \right) \\
& \times \left[ \left( \sin(\lambda/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{1}{4} \cos(\phi/2) \right) \hat{J}_x^{(11)} - \frac{1}{4} \cos(\phi/2) \langle J_x \rangle_{J_x}^{(11)} \right] + \left( \sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 - \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1 \right) \\
& - \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \cot \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \cot \theta_2 \right) + \left( \csc \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \csc \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \sin \phi \langle \hat{J}_x \rangle^{(14)} \\
& + \left( \lambda (\cos \theta_1 \cot \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2 \cot \theta_2) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \langle \hat{J}_x \rangle^{(11)} + \left[ \frac{1}{2} \pi \left( \frac{1}{M_f \rho_1^2} - \frac{1}{M_i \rho_2^2} \right) \right] \left[ 2(\csc \theta_1 - \csc \theta_2) \right. \\
& \left. + 4 \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) - 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) - 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right) \right]^{(14)} \\
& + \left( -(\sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 - \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1) + \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \cot \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \cot \theta_2 \right) + \left( \csc \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \csc \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + 2(\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} \right] - 2 \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \cos \phi \langle \hat{J}_x \rangle^{(15)} + \left[ 2(\sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 - \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1) \right. \\
& \left. - 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \cot \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \cot \theta_2 \right) - 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) - 2(\csc \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 - \csc \theta_2 \cot \theta_1) \right] \\
& \times \left( \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \phi \right)^{(14)} + \left( -2(\cos \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_1) \right) \left[ \left( \cos \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} - \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \phi \right) \right]^{(15)} \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \cos \phi \hat{J}_x^{(12)} + \left( 2(\cot \theta_1 \csc \theta_1 - \cot \theta_2 \csc \theta_2) \right) \left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} + \frac{1}{4} \hat{J}_x^{(10)} \right) + \left[ 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + (\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2) - 2(\sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_2) \right] \sin(\phi/2) \hat{J}_x^{(11)} + \left( 2(\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2) \right. \\
& \left. \times \left[ \left( \cos(\phi/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(\phi/2) \right) \hat{J}_x^{(11)} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(\phi/2) \langle J_x \rangle_{J_x}^{(11)} \right] + \left[ 2 \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \right. \right. \\
& \left. + (\csc \theta_1 + \csc \theta_2) - 2(\sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_2) \right] \cos(\phi/2) \hat{J}_x^{(14)} + \left( -2(\csc \theta_1 + \csc \theta_2) \right) \\
& \times \left[ \left( \sin(\lambda/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{1}{4} \cos(\phi/2) \right) \hat{J}_x^{(11)} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(\phi/2) \langle J_x \rangle_{J_x}^{(14)} \right] + \left( \sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1 \right) \\
& - \left( \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \cot \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \cot \theta_2 \right) + \left( \csc \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \csc \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \sin \phi \langle \hat{J}_x \rangle^{(15)} \\
& + \left( 2(\cot \theta_1 \cot \theta_1 + \cot \theta_2 \cot \theta_2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\mu_1 \rho_1^2} \right] \left[ \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} \right) \right]^{(14)} \\
& + \left[ -2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_2} \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} + \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \right) \right] \cos \phi \langle \hat{J}_x \rangle^{(15)} + \left[ 2 \left( \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \cot \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) + 2 \cot \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \right)^{(1)} + (1) \left( -2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} J_x^{(42)} - J_x^{(24)} - J_x^{(4+1)} + \frac{1}{2} J_x^{(4-1)} \right) \\
& + (2 \cot \theta_1 \cot \theta_2) \left[ \left( \cos \phi \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} - \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \phi \right)^{(1)} + \frac{1}{4} \cos \phi J_x^{(4+1)} \right] \\
& + \left( (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_2) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} J_x^{(42)} - \frac{1}{4} J_x^{(4+1)} \right) + \left[ -\tau \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) - (\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2) \right] \sin(\phi/2) J_x^{(10)} \right. \\
& + \left. (-2(\cot \theta_1 + \cot \theta_2)) \left[ (\cos(\phi/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(\phi/2)) J_x^{(11)} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(\phi/2) J_x^{(12)} \right] + [11] \right] \\
& + \left[ -2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) - (\cot \theta_1 - \cot \theta_2) \right] \cos(\phi/2) J_x^{(13)} \\
& + (2(\cot \theta_1 - \cot \theta_2)) \left[ \left( \sin(\phi/2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + \frac{1}{4} \cos(\phi/2) \right) J_x^{(14)} - \frac{1}{4} \cos(\phi/2) J_x^{(15)} \right] + [15] \\
& + \left[ -(\cot \theta_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} - \cot \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \right] \left[ \sin \theta \cdot J_x^{(16)} + (-\cos^2 \theta_1 - \cos^2 \theta_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} J_x^{(17)} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r_s} \left( \frac{1}{M_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} + \frac{1}{M_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_2} \right) \left[ \left| -2(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2) - 2 \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \right|^{(18)} \right. \\
& + \left. \left| \delta \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} + \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \right) + (\sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1) \right| \cos \theta^{(19)} \right. \\
& + \left. (+(-2(\sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1)) \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \phi \right)^{(20)} + (2(\sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_2)) \sin(\phi/2) J_x^{(21)} \right. \\
& + \left. (+2(\sin \theta_1 - \sin \theta_2)) \cos(\phi/2) J_x^{(21)} + (-(\sin \theta_1 \cot \theta_2 - \sin \theta_2 \cot \theta_1)) \sin \theta \cdot J_x^{(21)} \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r_s} \left( \frac{1}{M_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_1} - \frac{1}{M_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_2} \right) \left[ \left| -2(\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2) - 2 \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} - \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \right|^{(20)} \right. \\
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& + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{M_1 r_1} - \frac{1}{M_2 r_2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ -2(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2) - 2 \left( \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \right]^{(20)} \\
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& + \left( \frac{1}{\mu_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1^2} + \frac{1}{\mu_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_2^2} \right) (1)^{(12)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{M_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1^2} + \frac{1}{M_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_2^2} \right) (2(\cos \theta_1 + \cos \theta_2)) (1)^{(12)} \\
& + 2 \left( \frac{1}{M_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1^2} - \frac{1}{M_2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_2^2} \right) (2(\cos \theta_1 - \cos \theta_2)) (1)^{(21)} + \frac{1}{\mu_1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1^2} (1)^{(21)}.
\end{aligned}$$

# Kinetic operator in Cartesian coordinates

$$T_{VR} = - \sum_{i=1}^{3N-3} \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \quad (1)$$

# The Time Dependent Schrödinger Equation (TDSE)

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

For time-independent potentials

$$\Psi(x, t) = U(t, H)\Psi_0(x) = \exp(-iHt/\hbar)\Psi_0(x), \quad (3)$$

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# STEP 1: Lagrange interpolation polynomials and their derivatives

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$$\begin{aligned}n_s &= 2s + 1 \text{ (stencil)} \\n_s &\rightarrow n_g, \text{ (DVR limit)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{d^m u(x)}{dx^m} \right|_{x=x_k} \approx \sum_{j=1}^{n_s} b_{n_s j}^m u(x_j), \quad (4)$$

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J.Broeckhove, L. Lathouwers, in: C. Cerjan (Ed.), Numerical Grid Methods and their Applications to Schrödinger Equation, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1993, pp. 49–56

$$(\mathbf{P}^J)^2 = \mathbf{P}^J, \quad (5)$$

$$(\mathbf{P}^J)^\dagger = \mathbf{P}^J, \quad (6)$$

$$[\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{P}^J] = \mathbf{0}. \quad (7)$$

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$$P_{MK}^J = \frac{2J+1}{8\pi^2} \int d\Omega D_{MK}^{*J}(\Omega) R(\Omega), \quad (8)$$

$$D_{MK}^J(\Omega) = e^{-iM\phi} d_{MK}^J(\theta) e^{-iK\gamma} \quad (9)$$

$$P^J = \sum_K P_{KK}^J, \quad \sum_J P^J = 1 \quad (10)$$

## AMPO ( $P^J$ ) and Autocorrelation Functions ( $C_J$ )

$$C_J(t) = \langle \Psi(0) | P^J \exp(-iHt/\hbar) P^J | \Psi(0) \rangle \quad (11)$$

$$= \langle \Psi(0) | \exp(-iHt/\hbar) | P^J \Psi(0) \rangle. \quad (12)$$

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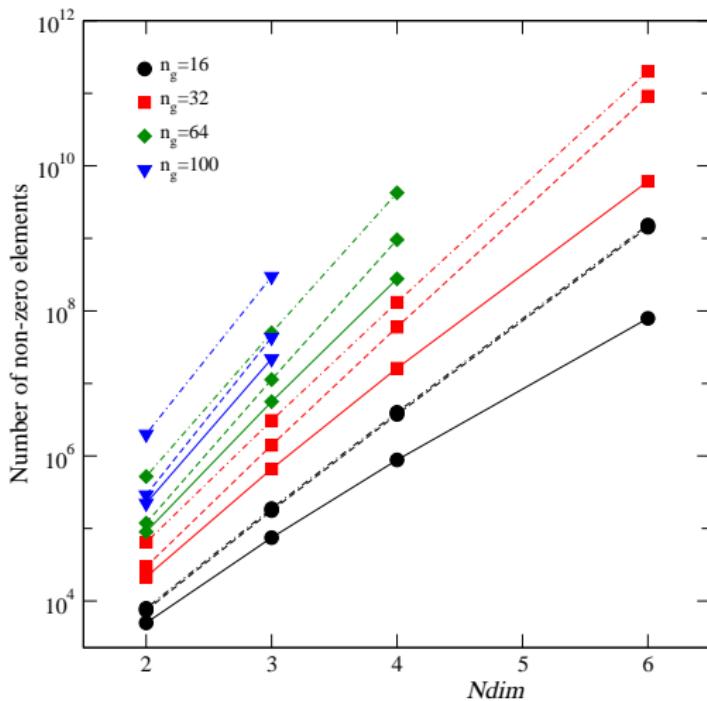
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# Nonzero Matrix Elements in Multidimensional Harmonic Oscillators



## STEP 4: Time Propagation

Finite Difference of Second Order

$$\Psi(t + \Delta) = \Psi(t - \Delta) - \frac{2i\Delta}{\hbar} H \Psi(t), \quad (14)$$

Chebyshev Expansion of the Time Propagator

$$\Psi(t + \Delta) \approx \sum_{k=0}^M a_k T_k \left( \frac{-i\tilde{H}\Delta}{\hbar} \right) \Psi(t). \quad (15)$$

## STEP 4: Autocorrelation Functions

$$C(t) = \langle \Psi(x, 0) | \Psi(x, t) \rangle = \int \Psi^*(x, 0) \Psi(x, t) dx, \quad (16)$$

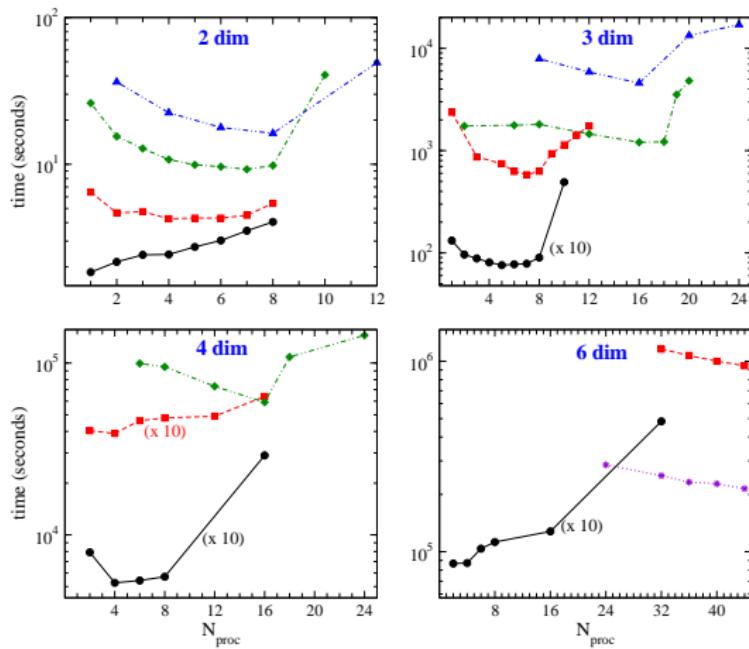
and its Fourier transform

$$I(E) = \left| \int \exp(iEt/\hbar) C(t) dt \right|^2. \quad (17)$$

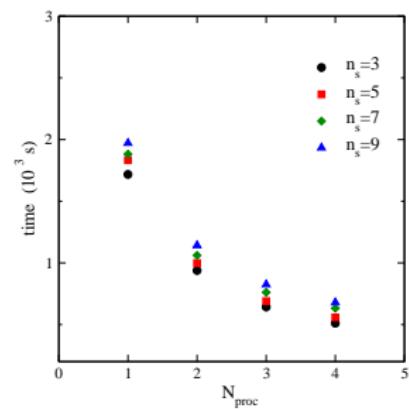
# Multidimensional Harmonic Oscillators (H.O.)

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^{N_{dim}} k(i) (x(i) - x_0(i))^2 , \quad (18)$$

# Execution times for different H.O. grid points. Stencil 15 and integration time 1000 a.u.



Execution times for a 3D H.O. and several stencils.  
Number of grid points 32 and total integration time  
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# Bipolar expansion of a Gaussian function for diatomic molecules

K. Kaufmann and W. Baumeister J. Phys. B 22 (1989) 1

$$e^{-\alpha(x-x_0)^2} = 4\pi e^{-\alpha(r_x^2+r_0^2)} \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} \sum_{M=-L}^{L} i_L(2\alpha r_x r_0) Y_{LM}(\phi_x, \theta_x) Y_{LM}^*(\phi_0, \theta_0),$$

$$P^J e^{-\alpha(x-x_0)^2} = 4\pi e^{-\alpha(r_x^2+r_0^2)} \frac{2J+1}{8\pi^2}$$

$$\int d\Omega \sum_K D_{KK}^{*J}(\Omega) \sum_{L,M} i_L(2\alpha r_x r_0) [R(\Omega) Y_{LM}(\phi_x, \theta_x)] Y_{LM}^*(\phi_0, \theta_0). \quad (19)$$

$$R(\Omega) Y_{LM}(\phi_x, \theta_x) = \sum_N D_{NM}^L Y_{LN}(\phi_x, \theta_x). \quad (20)$$

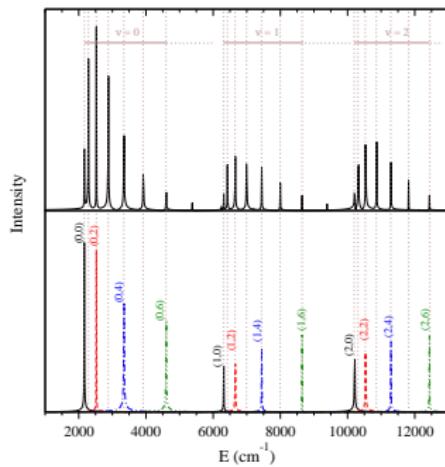
$$\int d\Omega D_{KK}^{*J}(\Omega) D_{NM}^L(\Omega) = \frac{8\pi^2}{2J+1} \delta_{JL} \delta_{KN} \delta_{KM}. \quad (21)$$

$$P^J e^{-\alpha(x-x_0)^2} = e^{-\alpha(r_x^2+r_0^2)} i_J(2\alpha r_x r_0) \sum_K Y_{JK}(\phi_x, \theta_x) Y_{JK}^*(\phi_0, \theta_0). \quad (22)$$

To test numerical integration over Euler angles

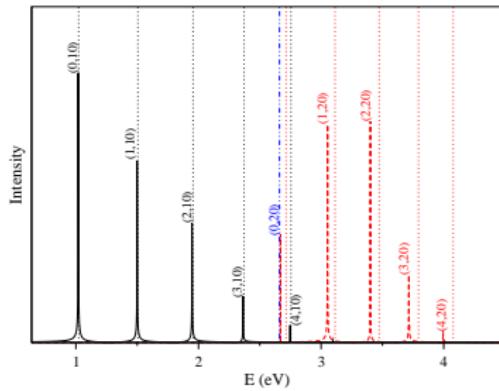
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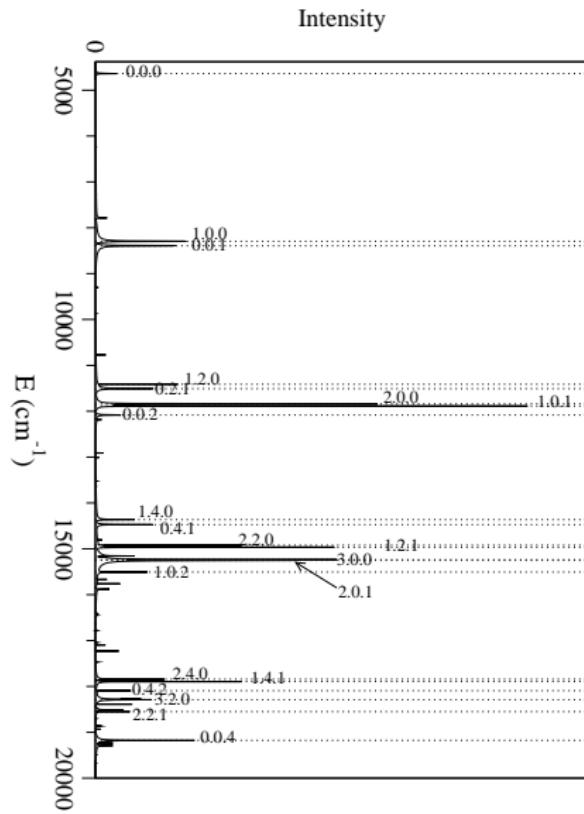
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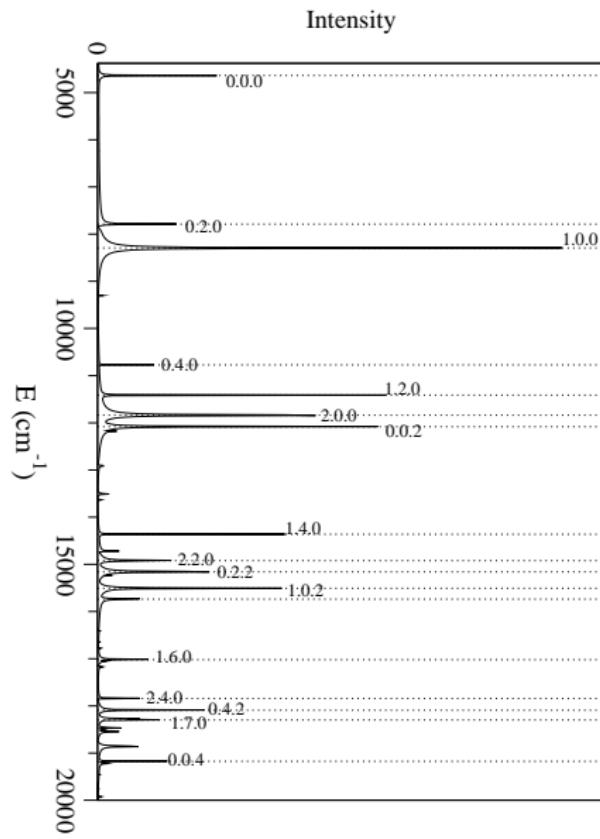
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# Triatomic molecule with 3D - Jacobi coordinates

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_R} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\mu_R R^2} + \frac{1}{\mu_r r^2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + V(R, r, \theta)$$



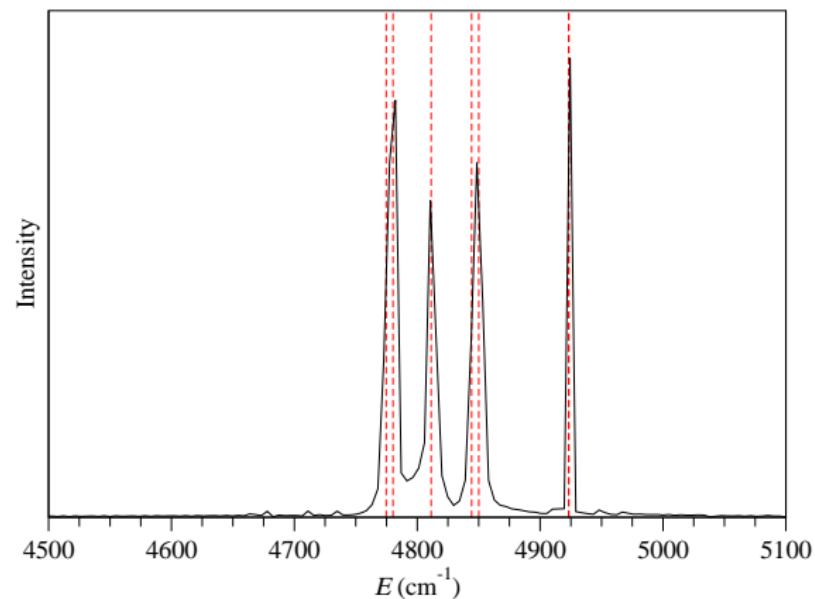


Filter Diagonalisation		Lanczos		Partridge and Schwenke			
$E$	$E - E_{ref}$	$E$	$E - E_{ref}$	$E_{ref}$	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$
4637.97	0.00	4637.97	0.00	4637.97	0	0	0
7789.61	0.01	7789.60	0.00	7789.60	0	2	0
8295.01	0.00	8295.03	0.02	8295.01	1	0	0
8393.95	0.02	8393.94	0.01	8393.93	0	0	1
10772.11	0.10	10772.11	0.10	10772.01	0	4	0
11413.11	0.04	11413.11	0.04	11413.07	1	2	0
11509.48	0.01	11509.48	0.01	11509.47	0	2	1
11839.51	0.01	11839.63	0.11	11839.52	2	0	0
11887.81	0.02	11887.92	0.09	11887.83	1	0	1
12083.12	0.03	12083.14	0.05	12083.09	0	0	2
14364.07	1.70	14364.07	1.70	14362.37	1	4	0
14471.62	0.02	14471.67	0.07	14471.60	0	4	1
14922.35	0.03	14922.48	0.16	14922.32	2	2	0
14966.63	0.01	14966.74	0.10	14966.64	1	2	1
15159.82	0.08	15159.82	0.08	15159.74	0	2	2
15237.65	0.00	15238.06	0.41	15237.65	3	0	0
15251.69	0.32	15251.69	0.32	15251.37	2	0	1
15507.09	0.23	15507.09	0.23	15506.86	1	0	2
17045.61	0.01	17045.61	0.01	17045.62	1	1	2
17844.65	1.54	17844.65	1.54	17843.11	2	4	0
17894.80	0.58	17894.81	0.59	17894.22	1	4	1
18092.49	0.81	18092.49	0.81	18091.68	0	4	2
18279.86	1.31	18279.87	1.31	18278.55	3	2	0
18290.84	0.41	18290.84	0.41	18290.43	2	2	1
18548.95	0.19	18548.95	0.19	18548.76	1	2	2
19176.11	0.72	19176.12	0.73	19175.39	0	0	4

## 6D Cartesian coordinates defined by Jacobi vectors

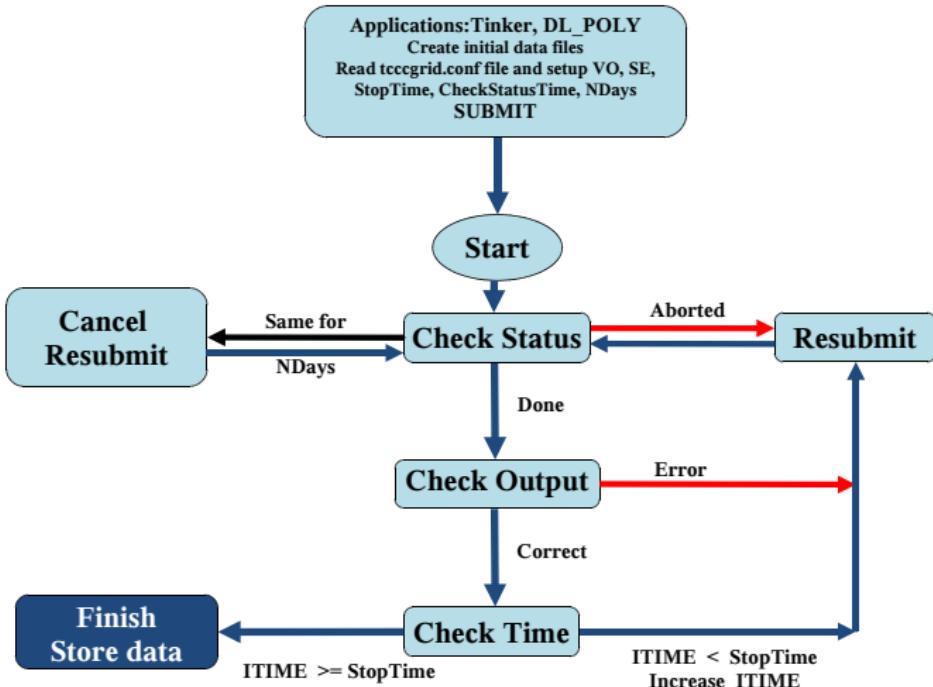
$$H\Psi(x, t) = -\sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \Psi(x, t) + V\Psi(x, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t}. \quad (23)$$

# Water $6D$ , $v = 0$ and $J = 3$



$E_{Lanczos}$	$E_{ref}$	$E_{dif}$	$J$	$K_a$	$K_c$
136.38	136.76	0.37	3	0	0
142.02	142.28	0.26	3	1	3
172.94	173.36	0.42	3	1	2
206.04	206.30	0.26	3	2	2
211.95	212.15	0.20	3	2	1
284.89	285.21	0.32	3	3	1
285.08	285.41	0.33	3	3	0

# A Scheme for long time propagation in the GRID



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