

Coupled electron-nuclear dynamics beyond Born-Oppenheimer: A fresh look at potential energy surfaces and Berry phases in the time domain



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Hamiltonian for the complete system of N_e electrons and N_n nuclei

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T}_n(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) + \hat{W}_{nn}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) + \hat{T}_e(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) + \hat{W}_{ee}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) + \hat{V}_{en}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})$$

with $(\mathbf{r}_1 \cdots \mathbf{r}_{N_e}) \equiv \underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}$ $(\mathbf{R}_1 \cdots \mathbf{R}_{N_n}) \equiv \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}$

$$\hat{T}_n = \sum_{v=1}^{N_n} -\frac{\nabla_v^2}{2M_v} \quad \hat{T}_e = \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2m} \quad \hat{W}_{nn} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\mu, v \\ \mu \neq v}}^{N_n} \frac{Z_\mu Z_v}{|\mathbf{R}_\mu - \mathbf{R}_v|}$$

$$\hat{W}_{ee} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{j, k \\ j \neq k}}^{N_e} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_k|} \quad \hat{V}_{en} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} \sum_{v=1}^{N_n} -\frac{Z_v}{|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{R}_v|}$$

Full Schrödinger equation: $\hat{H}\Psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = E\Psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$

Born-Oppenheimer approximation

solve

$$\left(\hat{T}_e(\underline{\underline{r}}) + \hat{W}_{ee}(\underline{\underline{r}}) + \hat{V}_e^{\text{ext}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) + \hat{V}_{\text{en}}(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) \right) \Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) = \epsilon^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{R}}) \Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{r}})$$

for each fixed nuclear configuration R.

Make adiabatic ansatz for the complete molecular wave function:

$$\Psi^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) = \Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) \cdot \chi^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{R}})$$

and find best χ^{BO} by minimizing $\langle \Psi^{\text{BO}} | \mathbf{H} | \Psi^{\text{BO}} \rangle$ w.r.t. χ^{BO} :

Nuclear equation

$$\left[\hat{T}_n(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) + \hat{W}_{nn}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) + \hat{V}_n^{\text{ext}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) + \sum_{\nu} \frac{1}{M_{\nu}} \mathbf{A}_{\nu}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) (-i\nabla_{\nu}) + \epsilon^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \right. \\ \left. + \int \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}^{\text{BO}*}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) \hat{T}_n(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \right] \chi^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = E \chi^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$$

Berry connection ←

$$\mathbf{A}_{\nu}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = \int \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}^{\text{BO}*}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) (-i\nabla_{\nu}) \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}$$

$$\gamma^{\text{BO}}(\mathbf{C}) = \oint_{\mathbf{C}} \vec{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \cdot d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}} \quad \text{is a geometric phase}$$

In this context, potential energy surfaces $\epsilon^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$ and the Berry potential $\vec{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$ follow from an APPROXIMATION (the BO approximation).

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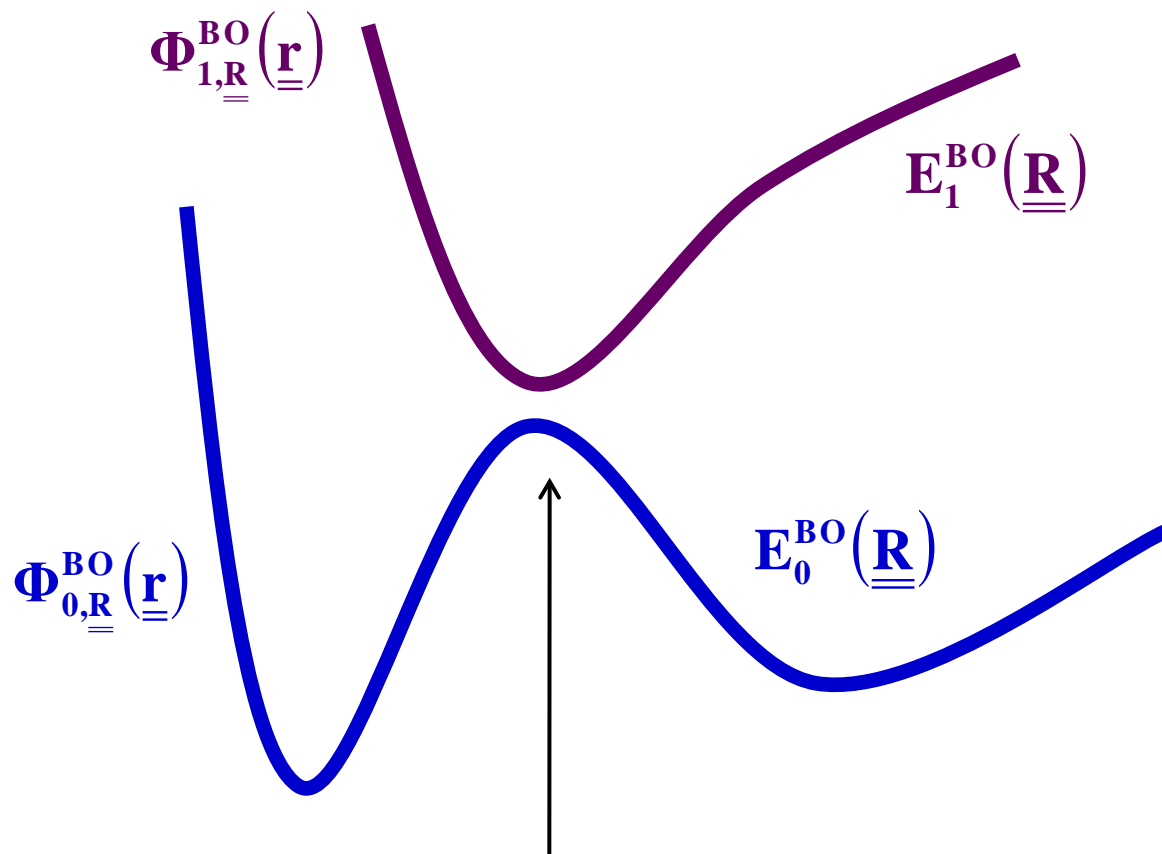
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Drawbacks:

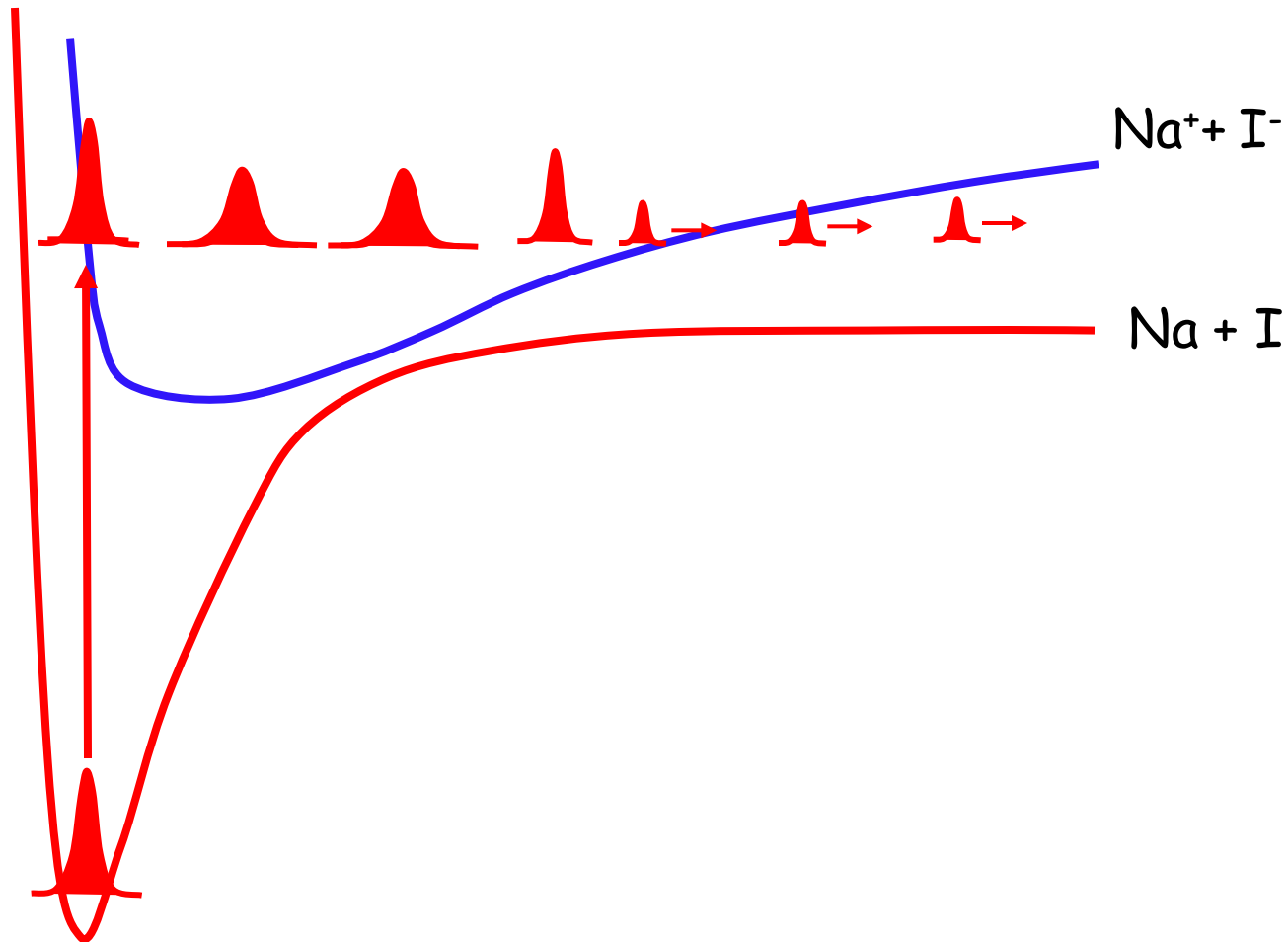
- $\chi_{\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{K}}$ depends on 2 indices: \rightarrow loses nice interpretation as “nuclear wave function”
- In systems driven by a strong laser, many BO-PES can be coupled.



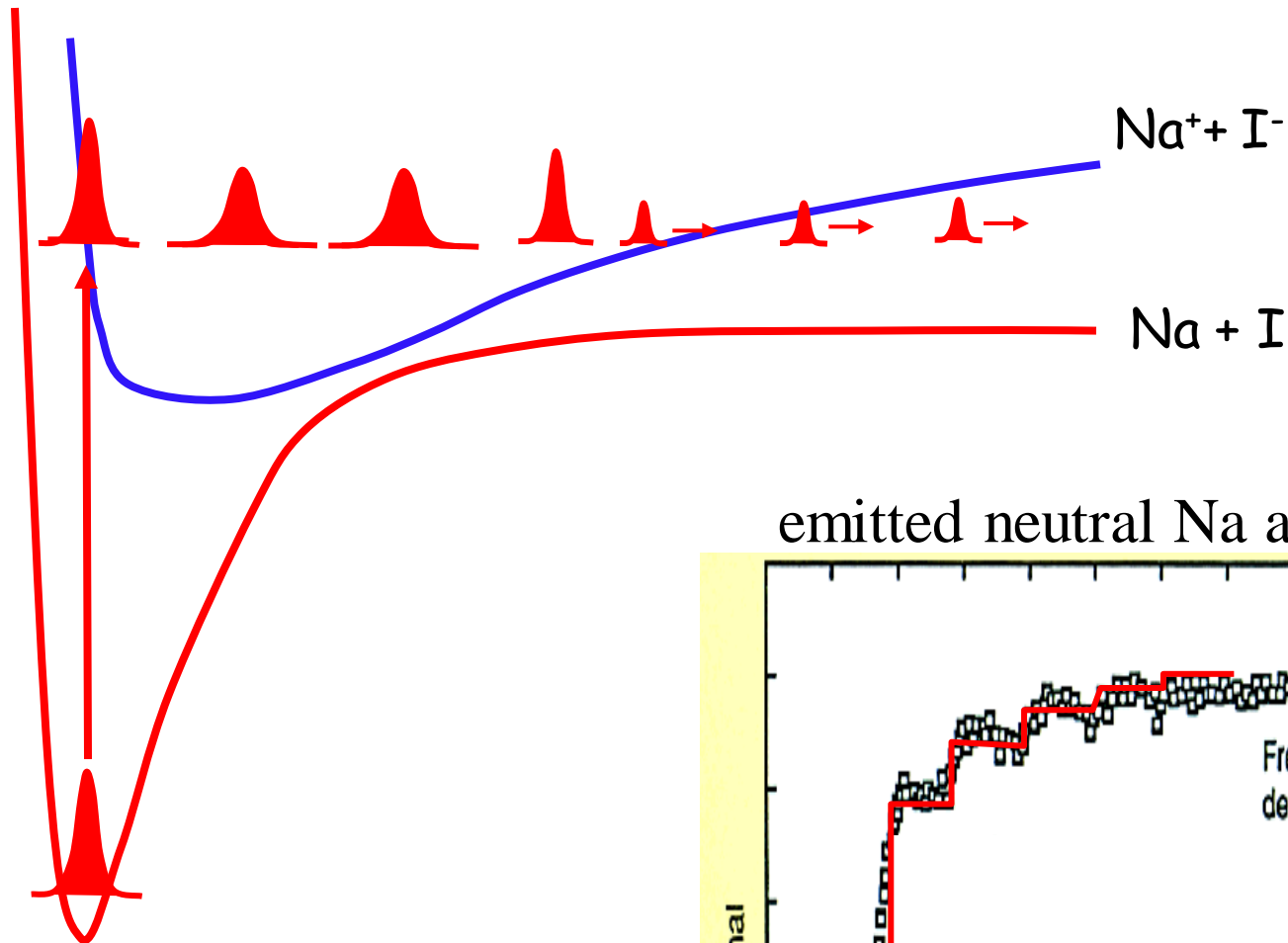
$$\Psi_0(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) \approx \chi_{00}(\underline{\underline{R}}) \Phi_{0,R}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) + \chi_{01}(\underline{\underline{R}}) \Phi_{1,R}^{\text{BO}}(\underline{\underline{r}})$$

For few degrees of freedom, BO PES provide essential insight in the dynamics of molecules, and can even be measured by femto-second pump-probe spectroscopy: *A. Zewail, J. Phys. Chem.* 104, 5660, (2000)

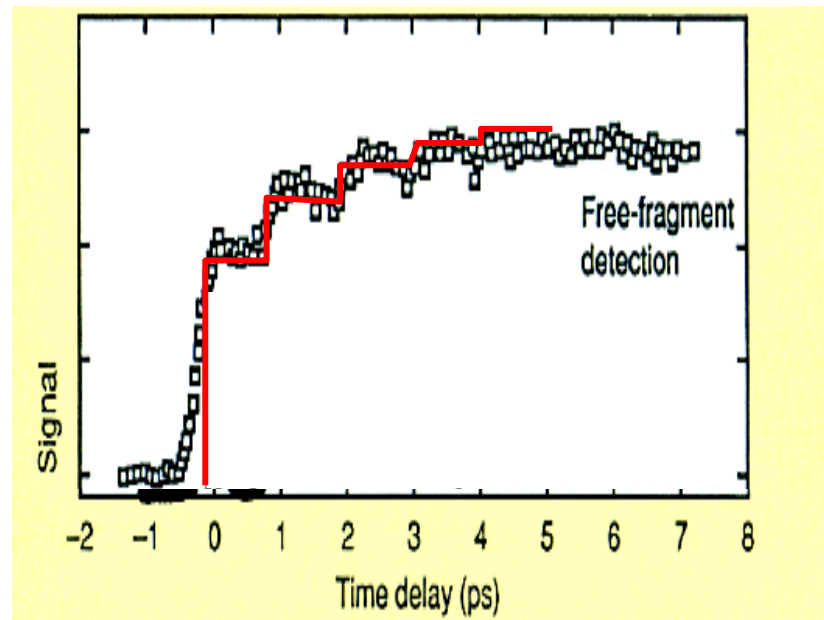
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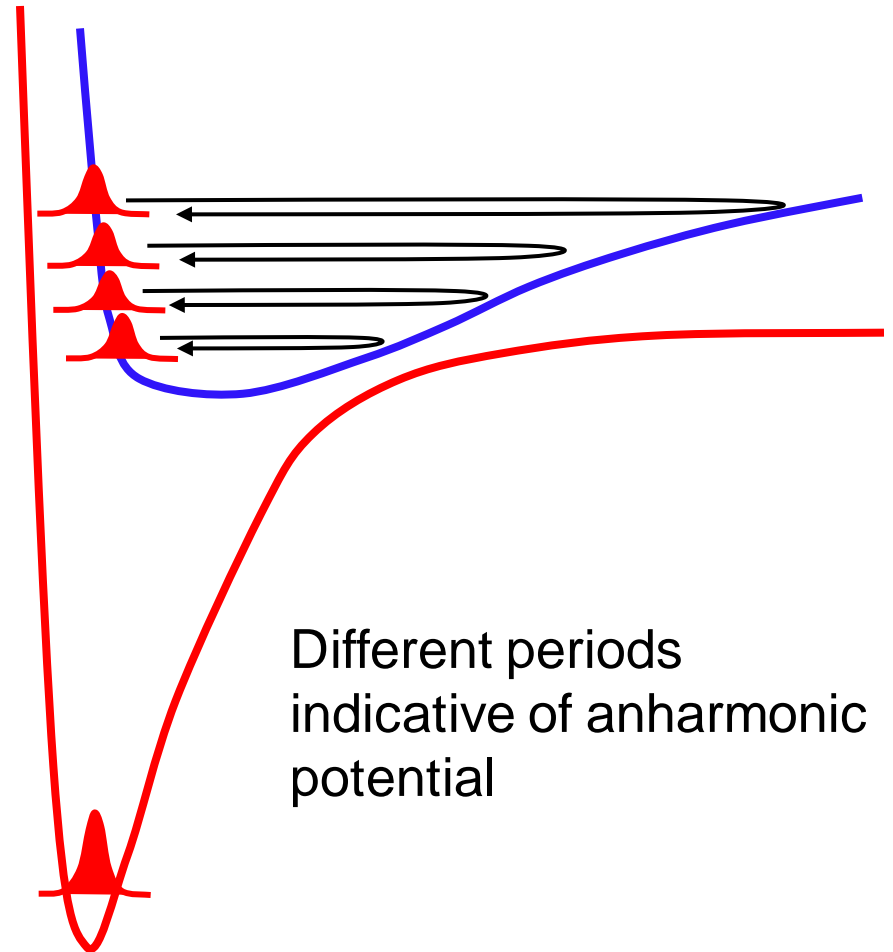
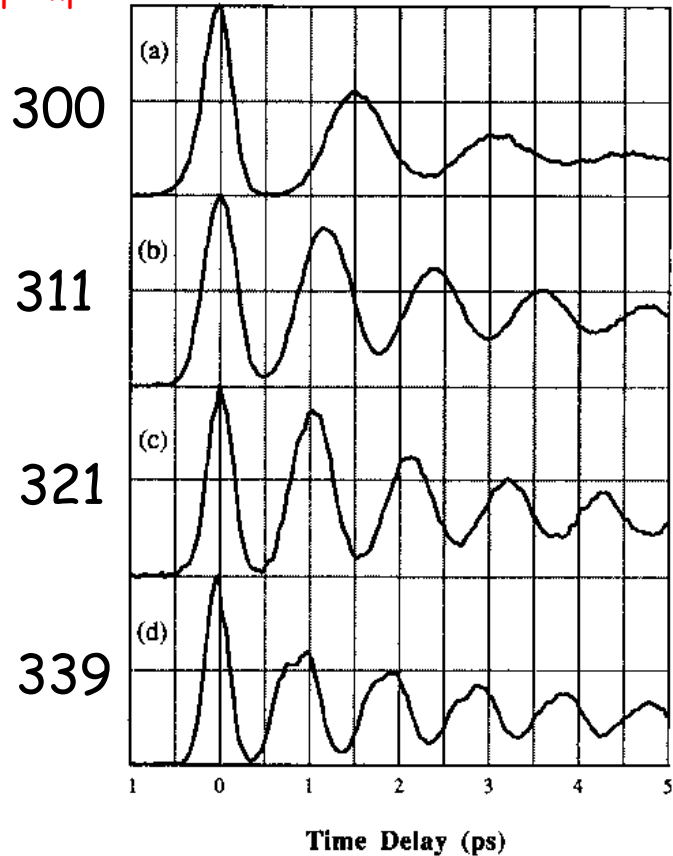


emitted neutral Na atoms



Effect of tuning pump wavelength (exciting to different points on excited surface)

$\lambda_{\text{pump}}/\text{nm}$



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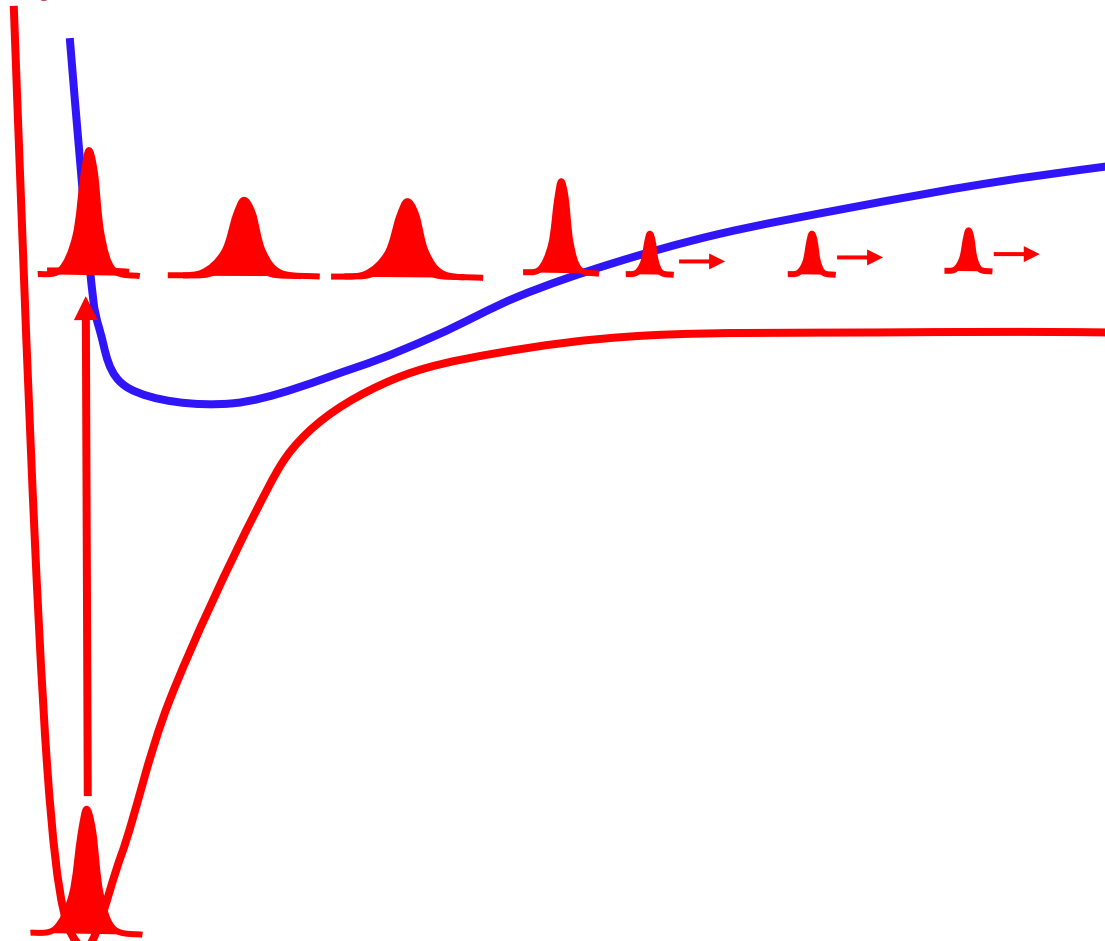
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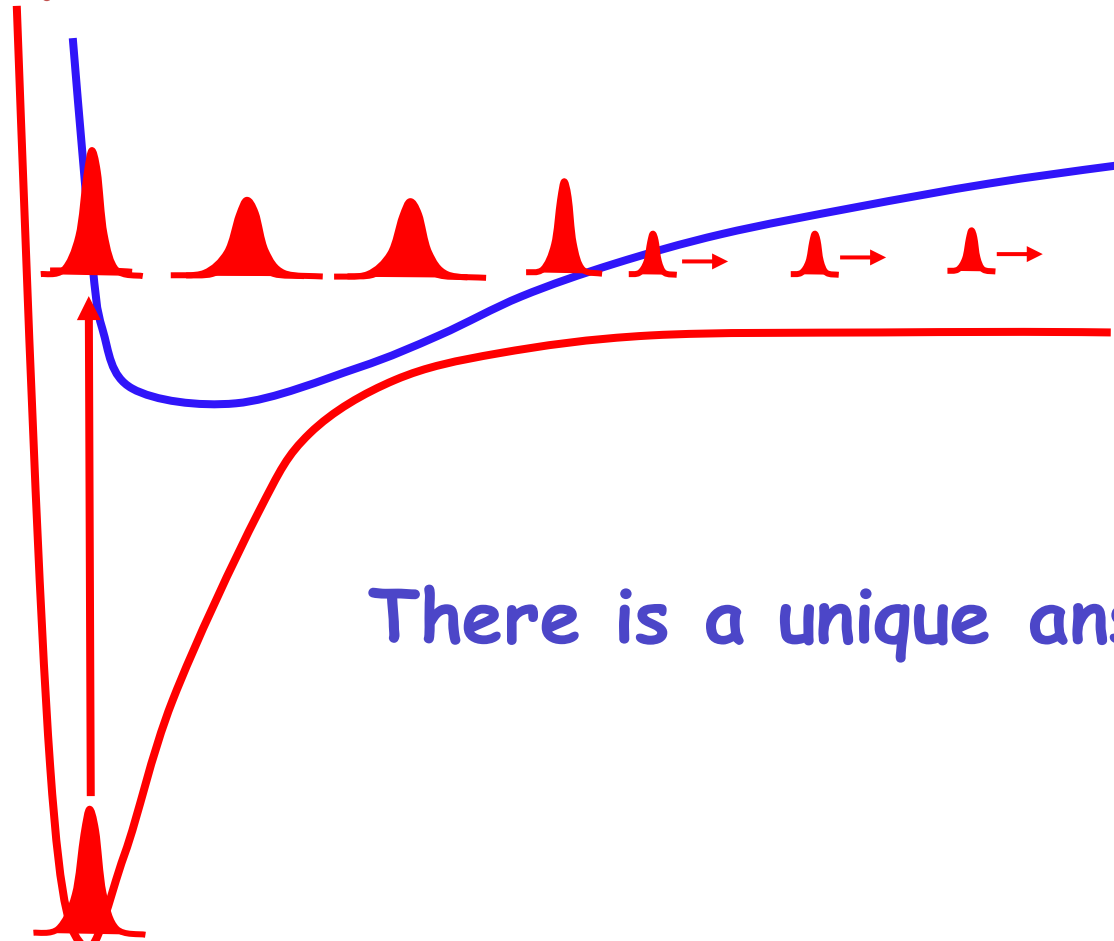
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Outline

- **Show that the factorisation**

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can be made exact

- **Concept of exact PES and exact Berry phase**
- **Concept of exact time-dependent PES**
- **Mixed quantum-classical treatment**
- **Concept of time-dependent PES acting on the electrons**

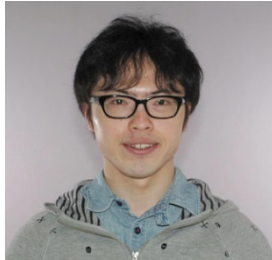
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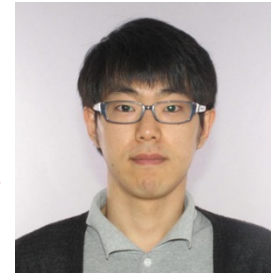
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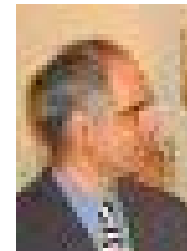


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Theorem I

The exact solutions of

$$\hat{H}\Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) = E\Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}})$$

can be written in the form

$$\Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) = \Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) \cdot \chi(\underline{\underline{R}})$$

where $\int d\underline{\underline{r}} |\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})|^2 = 1$ for each fixed $\underline{\underline{R}}$.

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Proof of Theorem I:

Given the exact electron-nuclear wavefunction $\Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}})$

Choose: $\chi(\underline{\underline{R}}) := e^{iS(\underline{\underline{R}})} \sqrt{\int d\underline{\underline{r}} |\Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}})|^2}$

with some real-valued function $S(\underline{\underline{R}})$

$$\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) := \Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) / \chi(\underline{\underline{R}})$$

Then, by construction, $\int d\underline{\underline{r}} |\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})|^2 = 1$

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Immediate consequences of Theorem I:

1. The diagonal $\Gamma(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$ of the nuclear N_n -body density matrix is identical with $|\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2$

proof:
$$\Gamma(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = \int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} |\Psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2 = \int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \underbrace{|\Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})|^2}_1 |\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2 = |\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2$$

\Rightarrow in this sense, $\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$ can be interpreted as a proper nuclear wavefunction.

2. $\Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})$ and $\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$ are unique up to within the “gauge transformation”

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) := e^{i\theta(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})} \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})$$

$$\tilde{\chi}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) := e^{-i\theta(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})} \chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$$

proof: Let $\phi \cdot \chi$ and $\tilde{\phi} \cdot \tilde{\chi}$ be two different representations of an exact eigenfunction Ψ i.e.

$$\Psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = \tilde{\Phi}_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})\tilde{\chi}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{\Phi}_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})}{\Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})} = \frac{\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})}{\tilde{\chi}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})} \equiv G(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tilde{\Phi}_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) = G(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} |\tilde{\Phi}_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})|^2}_{\mathbf{1}} = |G(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2 \underbrace{\int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} |\Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})|^2}_{\mathbf{1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |G(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})| = 1 \quad \Rightarrow G(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = e^{i\theta(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})}$$

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Theorem II: $\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})$ and $\chi(\underline{\underline{R}})$ satisfy the following equations:

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Eq. ②

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Proof of theorem II (basic idea)

Find the variationally best $\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})$ and $\chi(\underline{\underline{R}})$ by making stationary the total energy under the subsidiary condition $\int d\underline{\underline{r}} |\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})|^2 = 1$. This gives two Euler

equations:

$$\text{Eq. ①} \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta \Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}^*(\underline{\underline{r}})} \left(\frac{\langle \Phi_{\chi} | \hat{H} | \Phi_{\chi} \rangle}{\langle \Phi_{\chi} | \Phi_{\chi} \rangle} - \int d\underline{\underline{R}} \Lambda(\underline{\underline{R}}) \int d\underline{\underline{r}} |\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})|^2 \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Eq. ②} \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta \chi(\underline{\underline{R}})} \left(\frac{\langle \Phi_{\chi} | \hat{H} | \Phi_{\chi} \rangle}{\langle \Phi_{\chi} | \Phi_{\chi} \rangle} \right) = 0$$

OBSERVATIONS:

- Eq. ① is a nonlinear equation in $\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})$
- Eq. ① contains $\chi(\underline{\underline{R}}) \Rightarrow$ selfconsistent solution of ① and ② required
- Neglecting the $1/M_v$ terms in ①, BO is recovered
- There is an alternative, equally exact, representation $\Psi = \Phi_{\underline{\underline{r}}}(\underline{\underline{R}})\chi(\underline{\underline{r}})$
(electrons move on the nuclear energy surface)
- Eq. ① and ② are form-invariant under the “gauge” transformation

$$\Phi \rightarrow \tilde{\Phi} = e^{i\theta(\underline{\underline{R}})}\Phi$$

$$\chi \rightarrow \tilde{\chi} = e^{-i\theta(\underline{\underline{R}})}\chi$$

$$A_v \rightarrow \tilde{A}_v = A_v + \nabla_v \theta(\underline{\underline{R}})$$

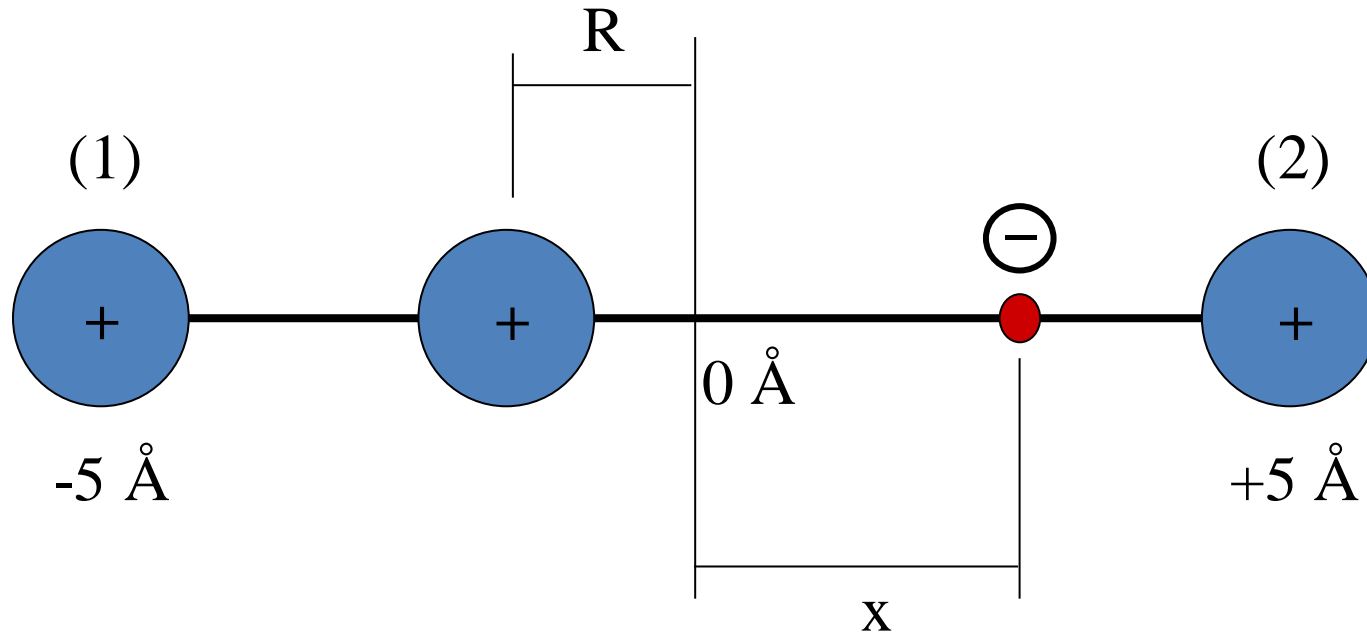
$$\epsilon(\underline{\underline{R}}) \rightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}(\underline{\underline{R}}) = \epsilon(\underline{\underline{R}}) \quad \text{Exact potential energy surface is gauge invariant.}$$

- $\gamma(C) := \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{R}$ is a (gauge-invariant) geometric phase
the exact geometric phase

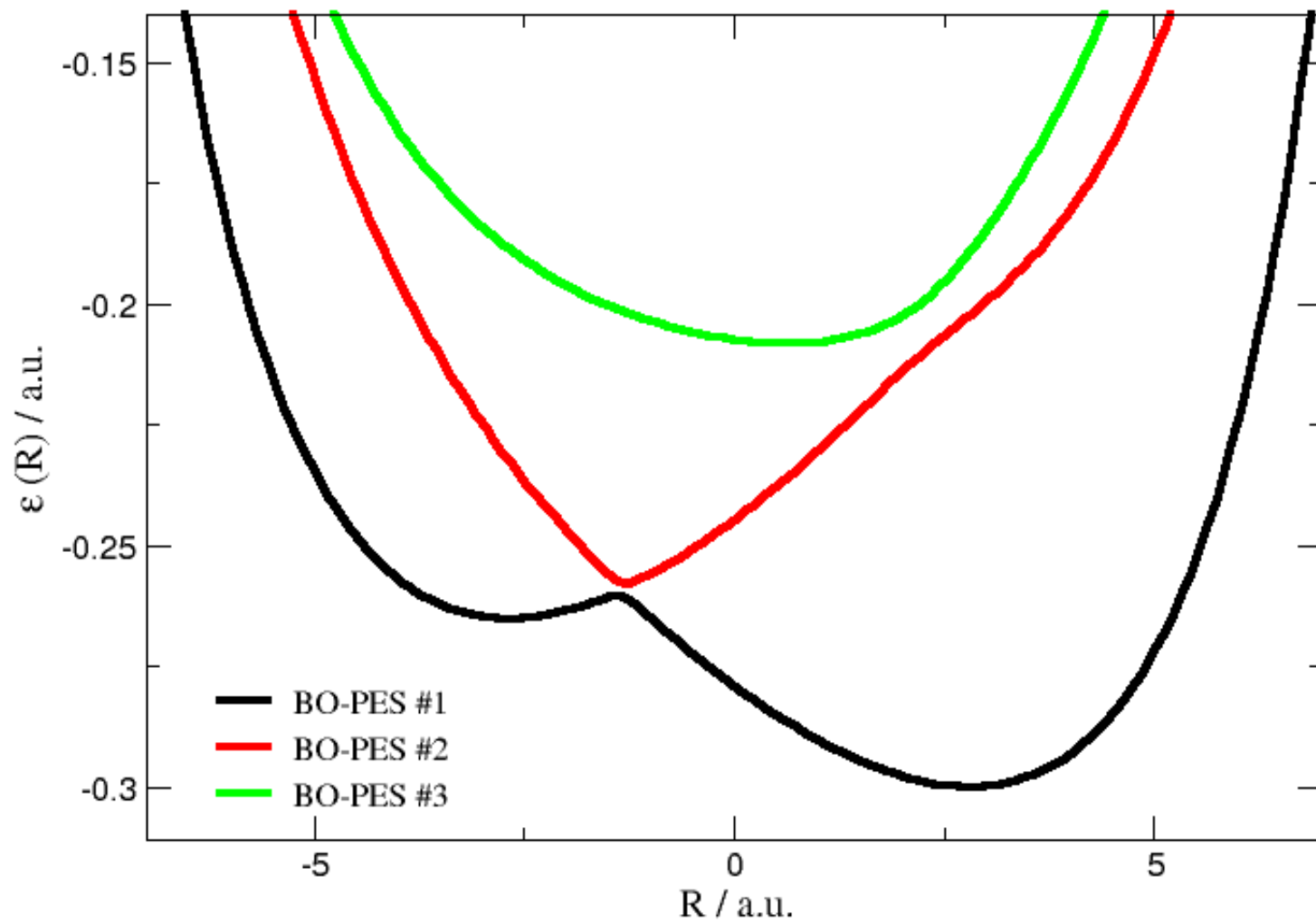
How do the exact PES look like?

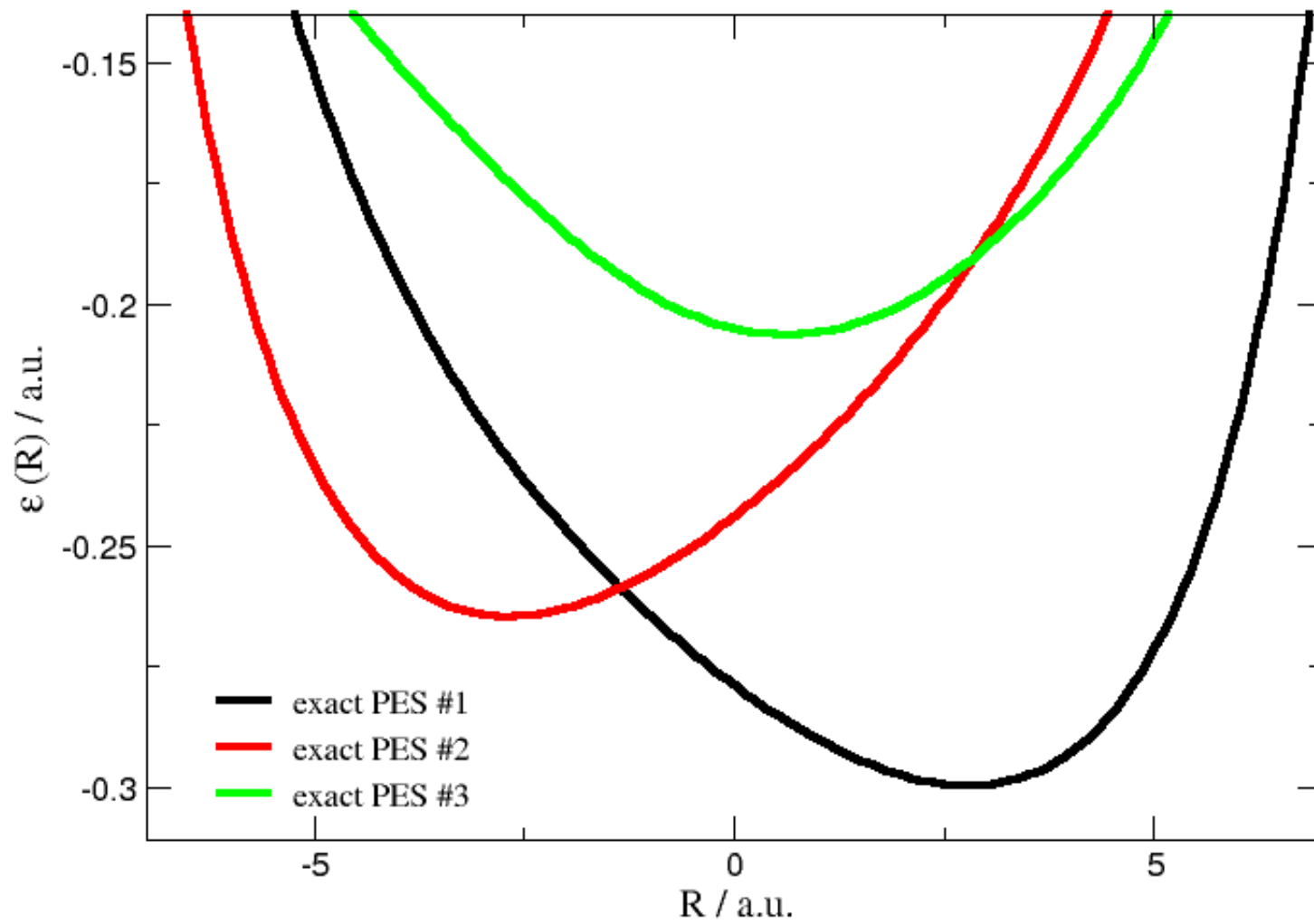
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S. Shin, H. Metiu, *JCP* 102, 9285 (1995), *JPC* 100, 7867 (1996)



Nuclei (1) and (2) are heavy: Their positions are fixed





Exact Berry connection

$$\mathbf{A}_v(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = \int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}^*(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) (-i\nabla_v) \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}})$$

Insert: $\Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) = \Psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) / \chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$

$$\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) := e^{i\theta(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})} |\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|$$

$$\mathbf{A}_v(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = \text{Im} \left\{ \int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \Psi^*(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \nabla_v \Psi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, \underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \right\} / |\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2 - \nabla_v \theta$$

$$\mathbf{A}_v(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = \mathbf{J}_v(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) / |\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2 - \nabla_v \theta(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$$

with the exact nuclear current density \mathbf{J}_v

Another way of reading this equation:

$$\mathbf{J}_v(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = |\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})|^2 \mathbf{A}_v(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) + \nabla_v \theta(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$$

Conclusion: The nuclear Schrödinger equation

$$\left(\sum_v^{N_n} \frac{1}{2M_v} (-i\nabla_v + \mathbf{A}_v)^2 + \hat{W}_{nn} + \hat{V}_n^{\text{ext}} + \epsilon(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) \right) \chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}) = E\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}})$$

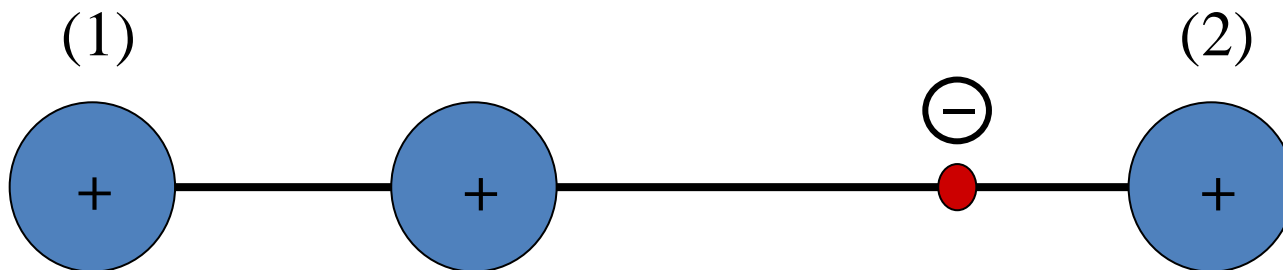
yields both the exact nuclear N-body density and the exact nuclear N-body current density

A. Abedi, N.T. Maitra, E.K.U. Gross, JCP 137, 22A530 (2012)

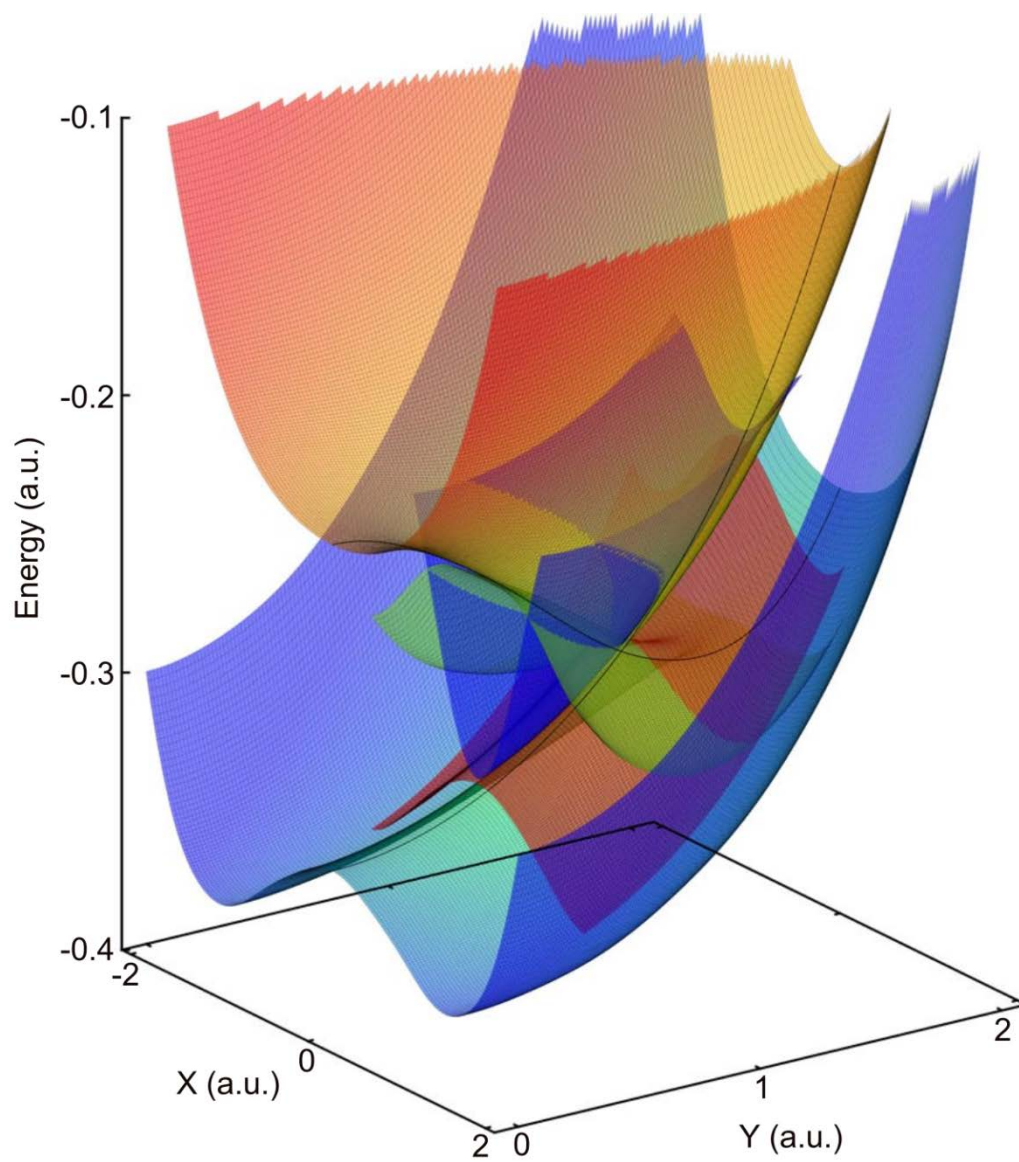
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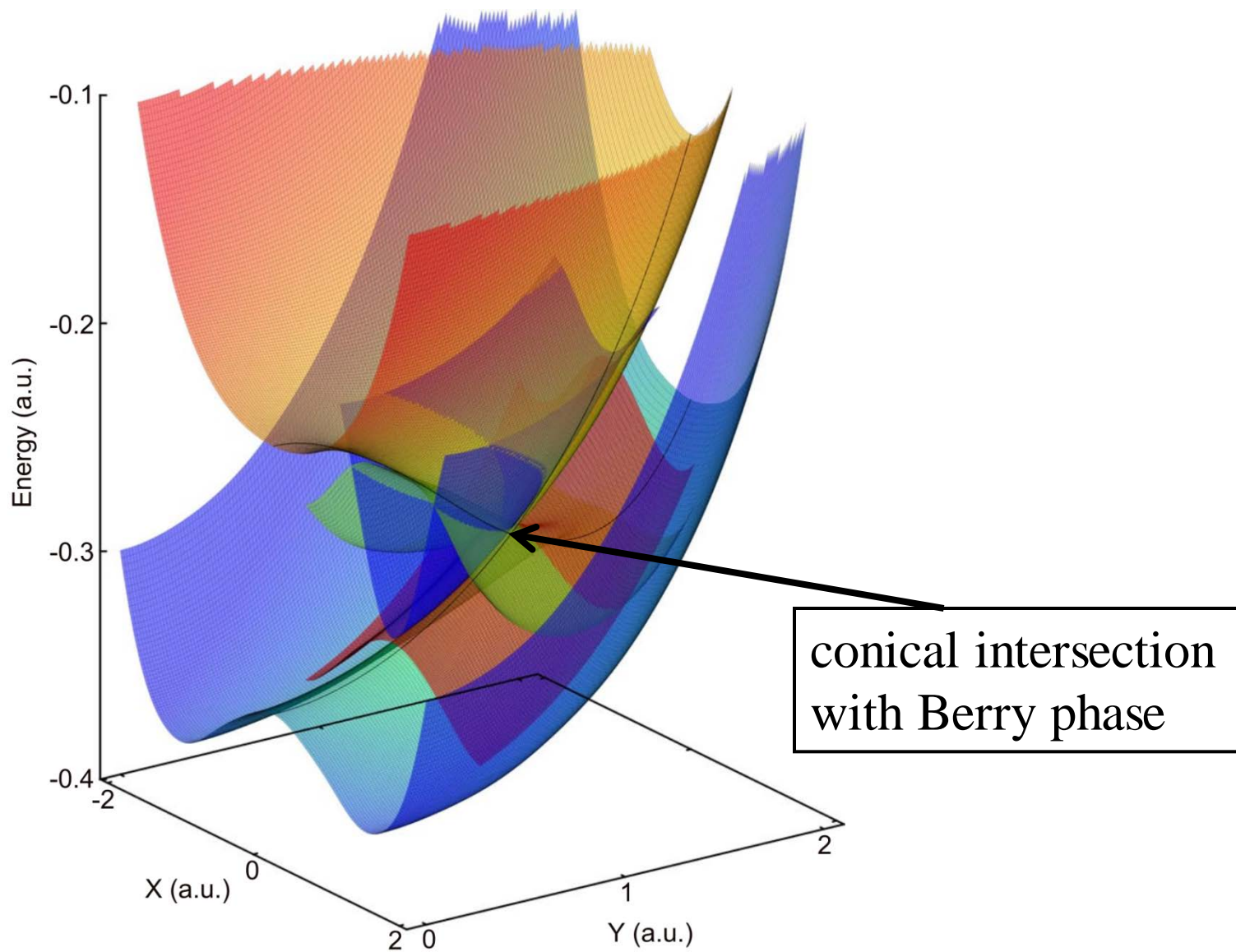
Look at Shin-Metiu model in 2D:



BO-PES of 2D Shin-Metiu model



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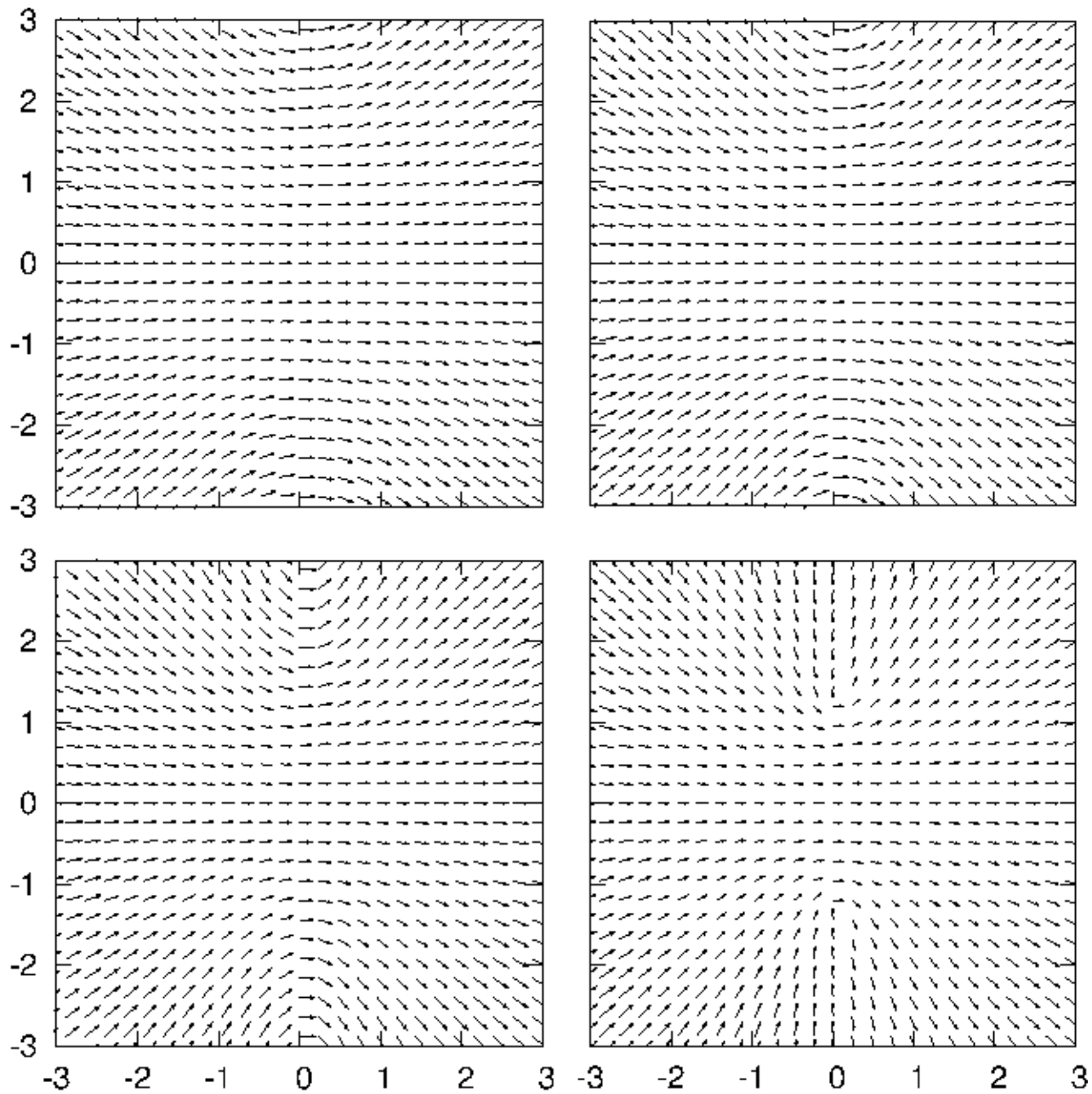
Does the exact electronic wave function show such non-analyticity as well (in 2D Shin-Metiu model)?

Look at
$$D(\mathbf{R}) = \int \mathbf{r} \Phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

as function of nuclear mass M .

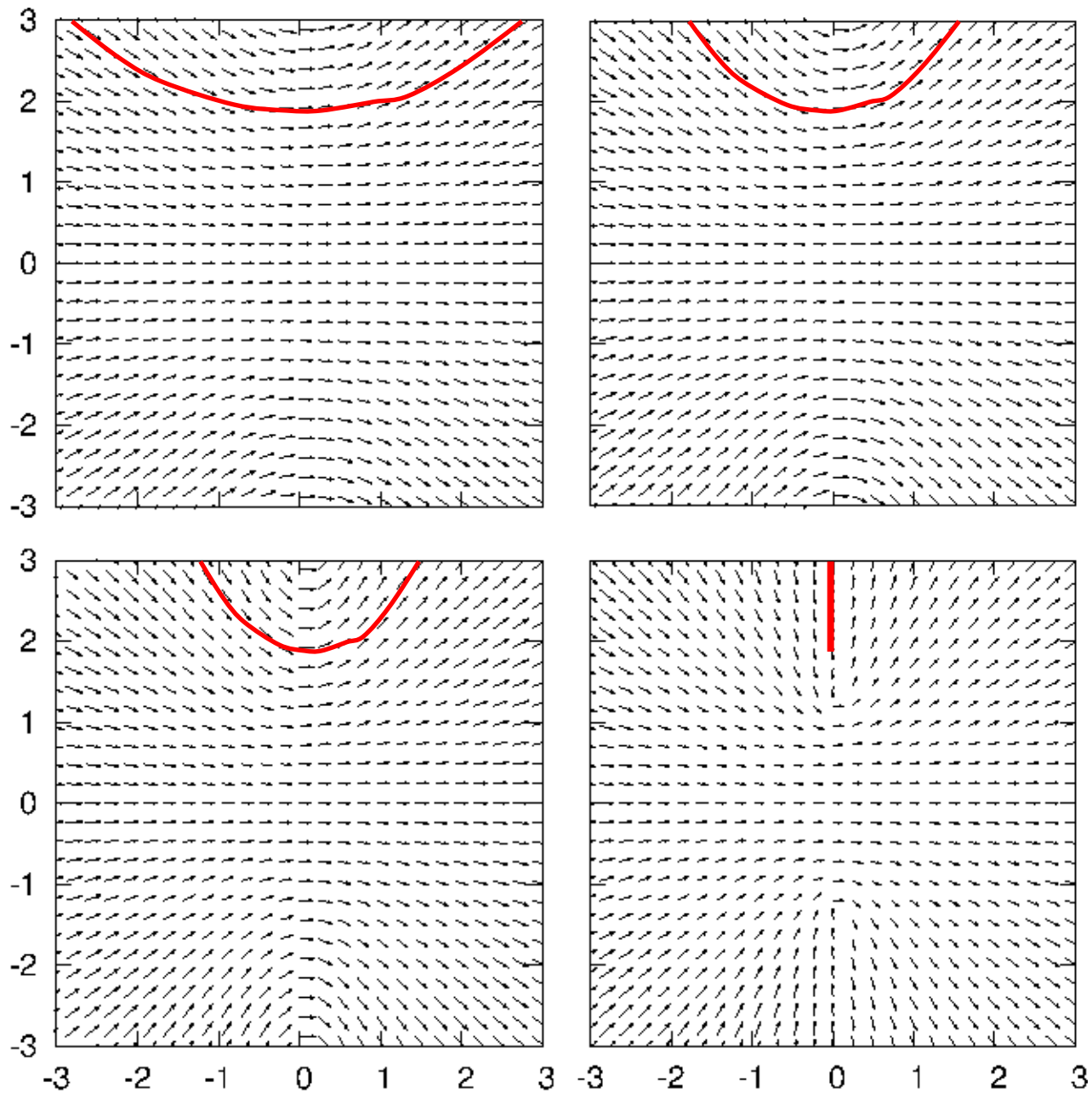
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D(R)



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Open Question: Can one prove in general that the exact molecular Berry phase vanishes? Are there systems where the non-analyticity associated with the molecular Berry phase survives as true feature of nature.

Time-dependent case

Hamiltonian for the complete system of N_e electrons with coordinates $(\underline{r}_1 \cdots \underline{r}_{N_e}) \equiv \underline{\underline{r}}$ and N_n nuclei with coordinates $(\underline{R}_1 \cdots \underline{R}_{N_n}) \equiv \underline{\underline{R}}$, masses $M_1 \cdots M_{N_n}$ and charges $Z_1 \cdots Z_{N_n}$.

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$$\text{with } \hat{T}_n = \sum_{v=1}^{N_n} -\frac{\nabla_v^2}{2M_v} \quad \hat{T}_e = \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2m} \quad \hat{W}_{nn} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\mu, v \\ \mu \neq v}}^{N_n} \frac{Z_\mu Z_v}{|\underline{R}_\mu - \underline{R}_v|}$$

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Time-dependent Schrödinger equation

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t) = \left(H(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) + V_{\text{laser}}(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t) \right) \Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t)$$

$$V_{\text{laser}}(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_e} \underline{r}_j - \sum_{v=1}^{N_n} Z_v \underline{R}_v \right) \cdot \underline{E} \cdot f(t) \cdot \cos \omega t$$

Theorem T-I

The exact solution of

$$i\partial_t \Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t) = H(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t) \Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t)$$

can be written in the form

$$\Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t) = \Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}}, t) \chi(\underline{\underline{R}}, t)$$

$$\text{where } \int d\underline{\underline{r}} |\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}}, t)|^2 = 1 \quad \text{for any fixed } \underline{\underline{R}}, t \quad .$$

**A. Abedi, N.T. Maitra, E.K.U.G., PRL 105, 123002 (2010)
JCP 137, 22A530 (2012)**

Theorem T-II

$\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}}, t)$ and $\chi(\underline{\underline{R}}, t)$ satisfy the following equations

Eq. ①

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Exact Berry potential

Exact TD PES

$$\left(\sum_v^{N_n} \frac{1}{2M_v} (-i\nabla_v + A_v(\underline{\underline{R}}, t))^2 + \hat{W}_{\text{nn}}(\underline{\underline{R}}) + \hat{V}_n^{\text{ext}}(\underline{\underline{R}}, t) + \epsilon(\underline{\underline{R}}, t) \right) \chi(\underline{\underline{R}}, t) = i\partial_t \chi(\underline{\underline{R}}, t)$$

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$$\epsilon(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}, t) = \int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}^*(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, t) \left(H_{\text{BO}}(t) + \sum_{\mathbf{v}} \frac{1}{2M_{\mathbf{v}}} (-i\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} - \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{v}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}, t))^2 - i\partial_t \right) \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, t)$$

EXACT time-dependent potential energy surface

$$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{v}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}, t) = -i \int \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}^*(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, t) \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \Phi_{\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}, t) d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \quad \text{EXACT time-dependent Berry connection}$$

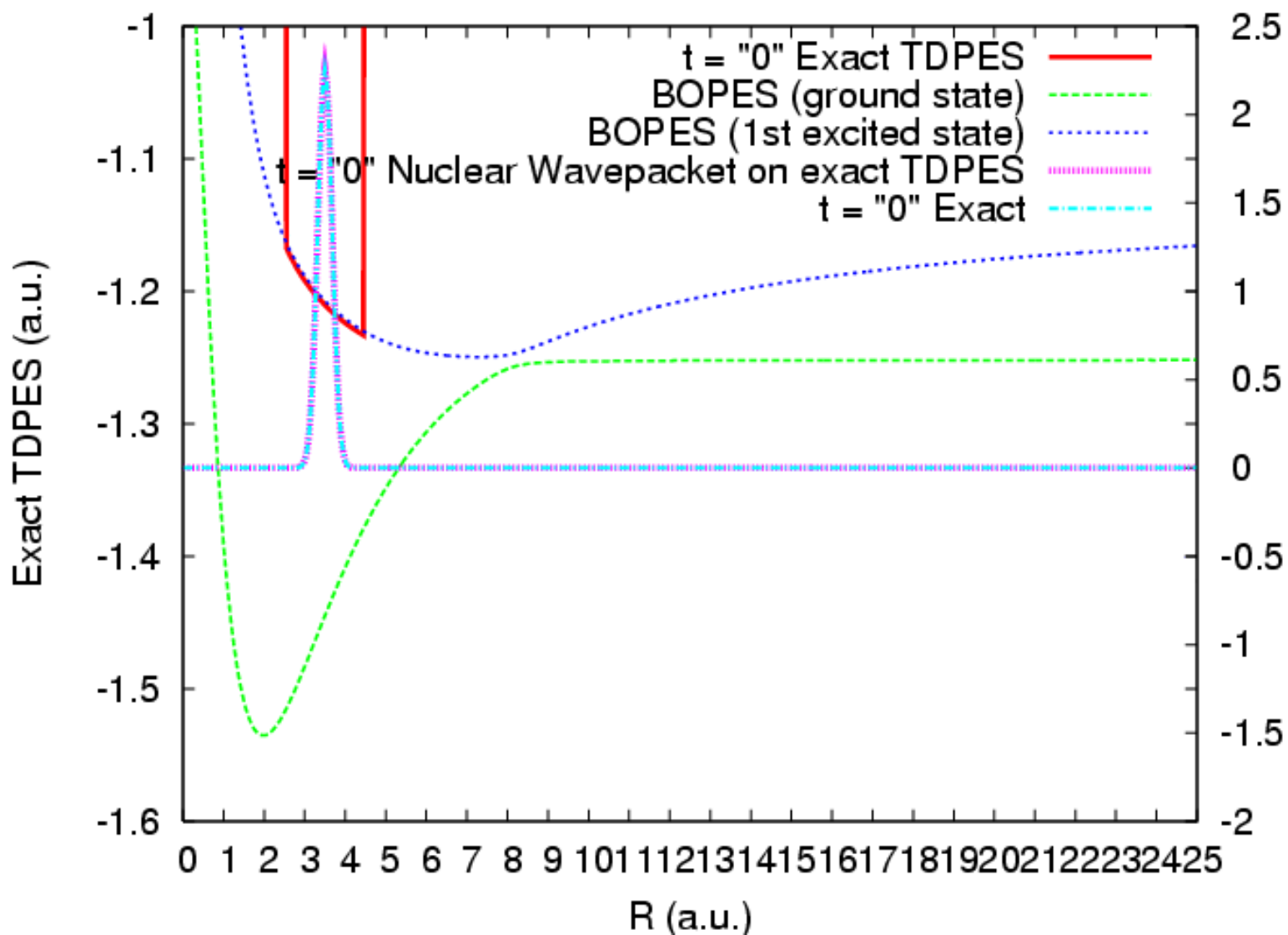
N-body version of Runge-Gross theorem guarantees that $\epsilon(\mathbf{R}, t)$ and $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{R}, t)$ are UNIQUE (up to within a gauge transformation)

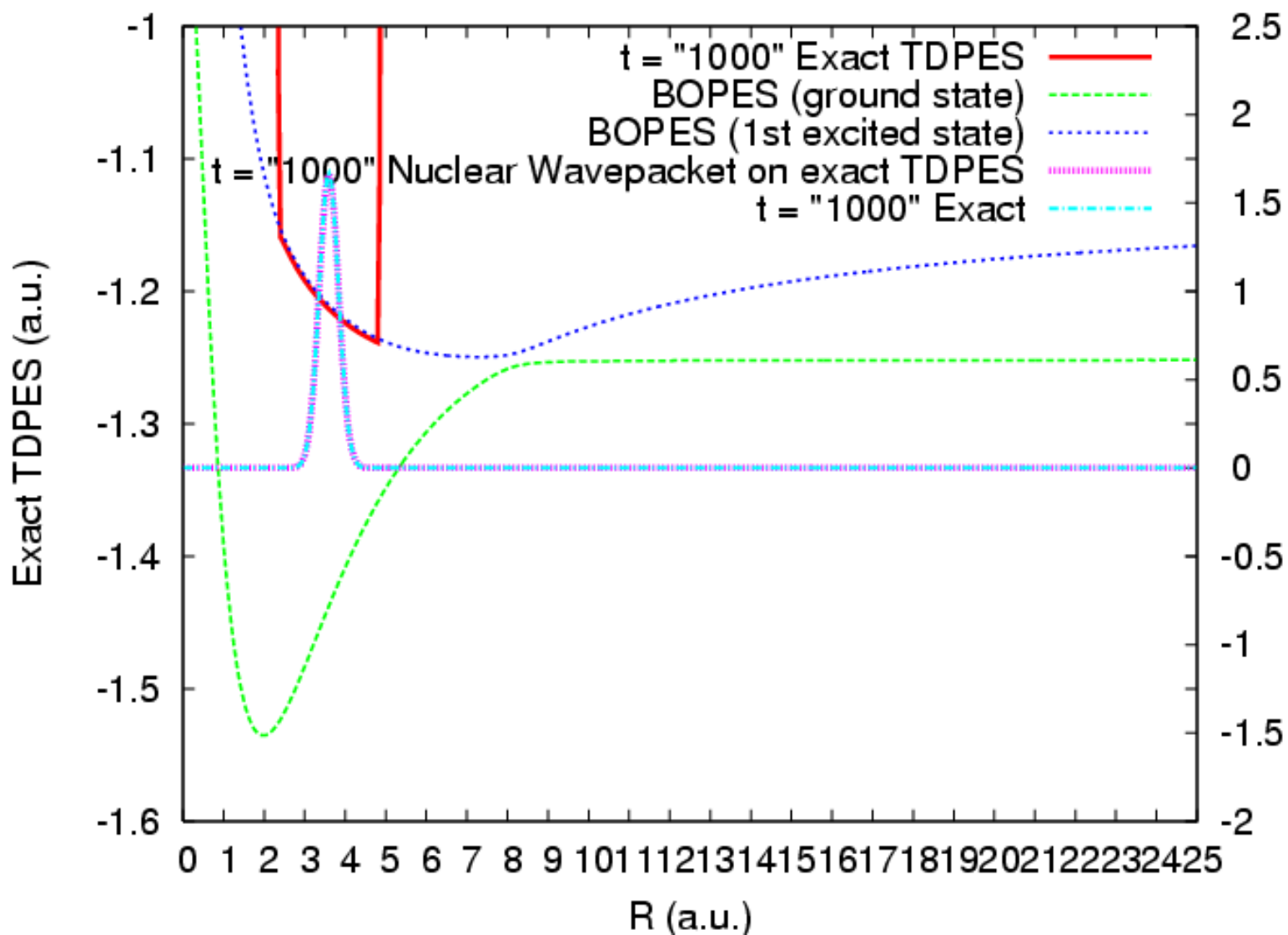
**How does the exact
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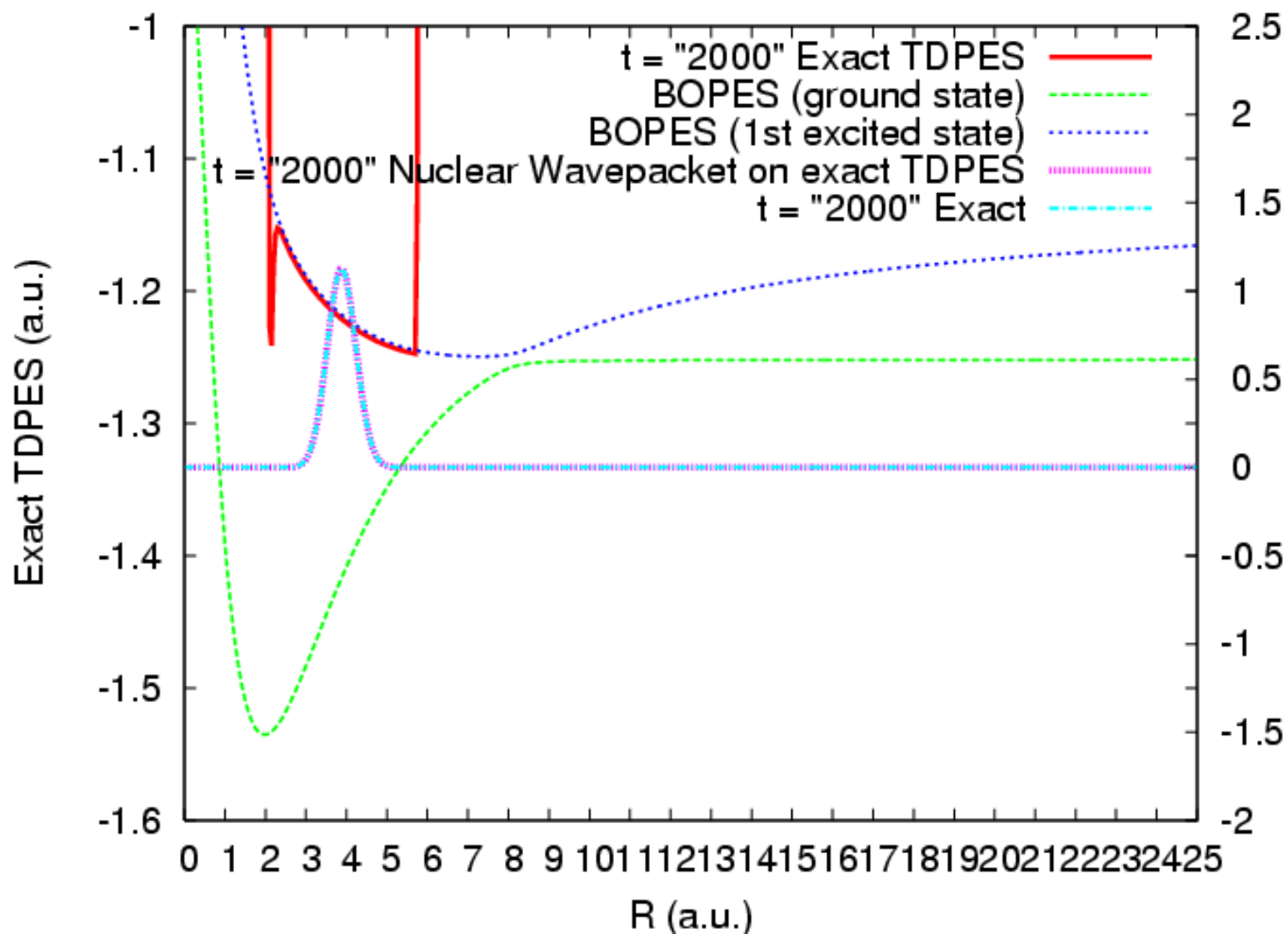
Example: Nuclear wave packet going through an avoided crossing (Zewail experiment)

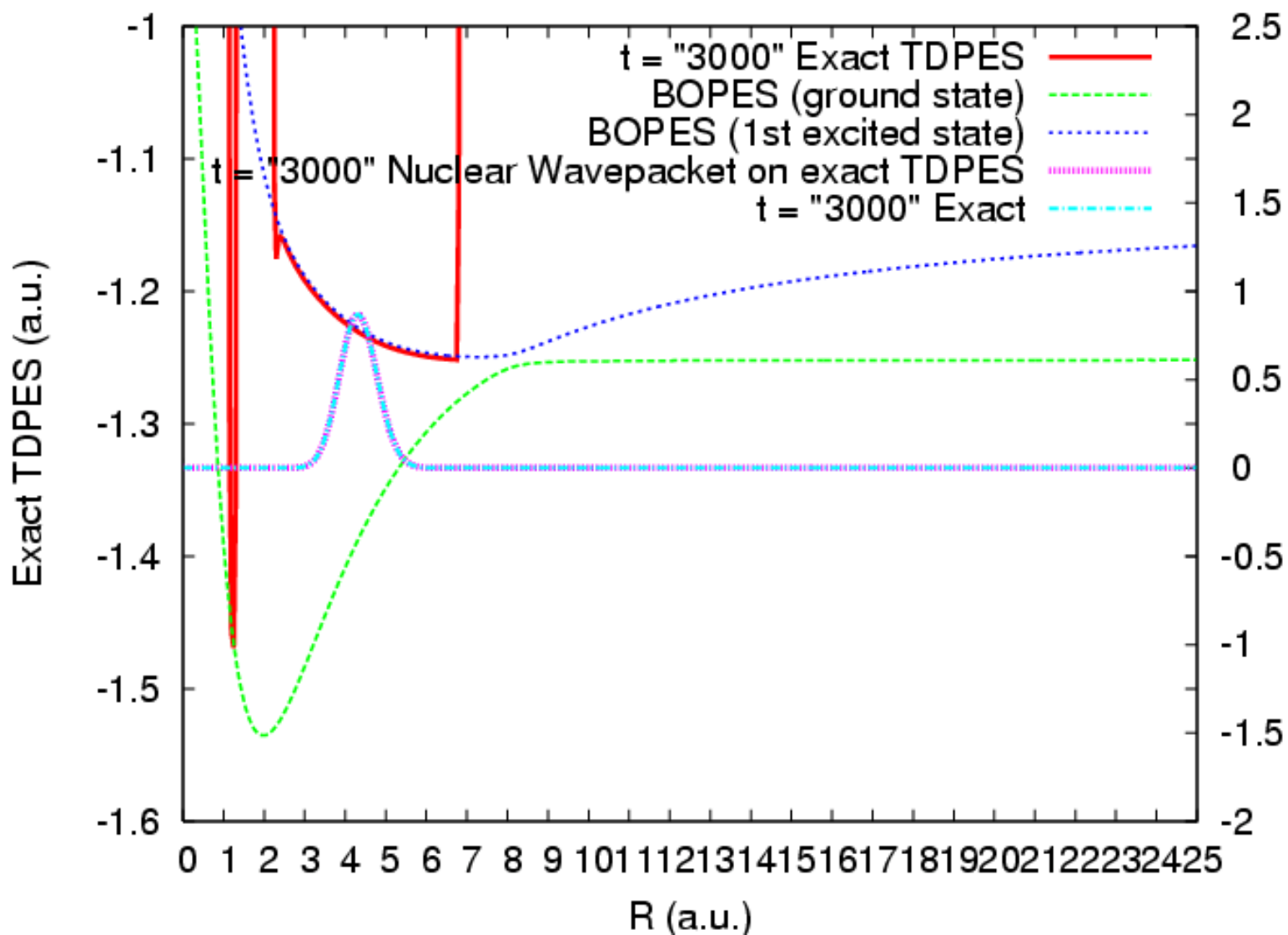
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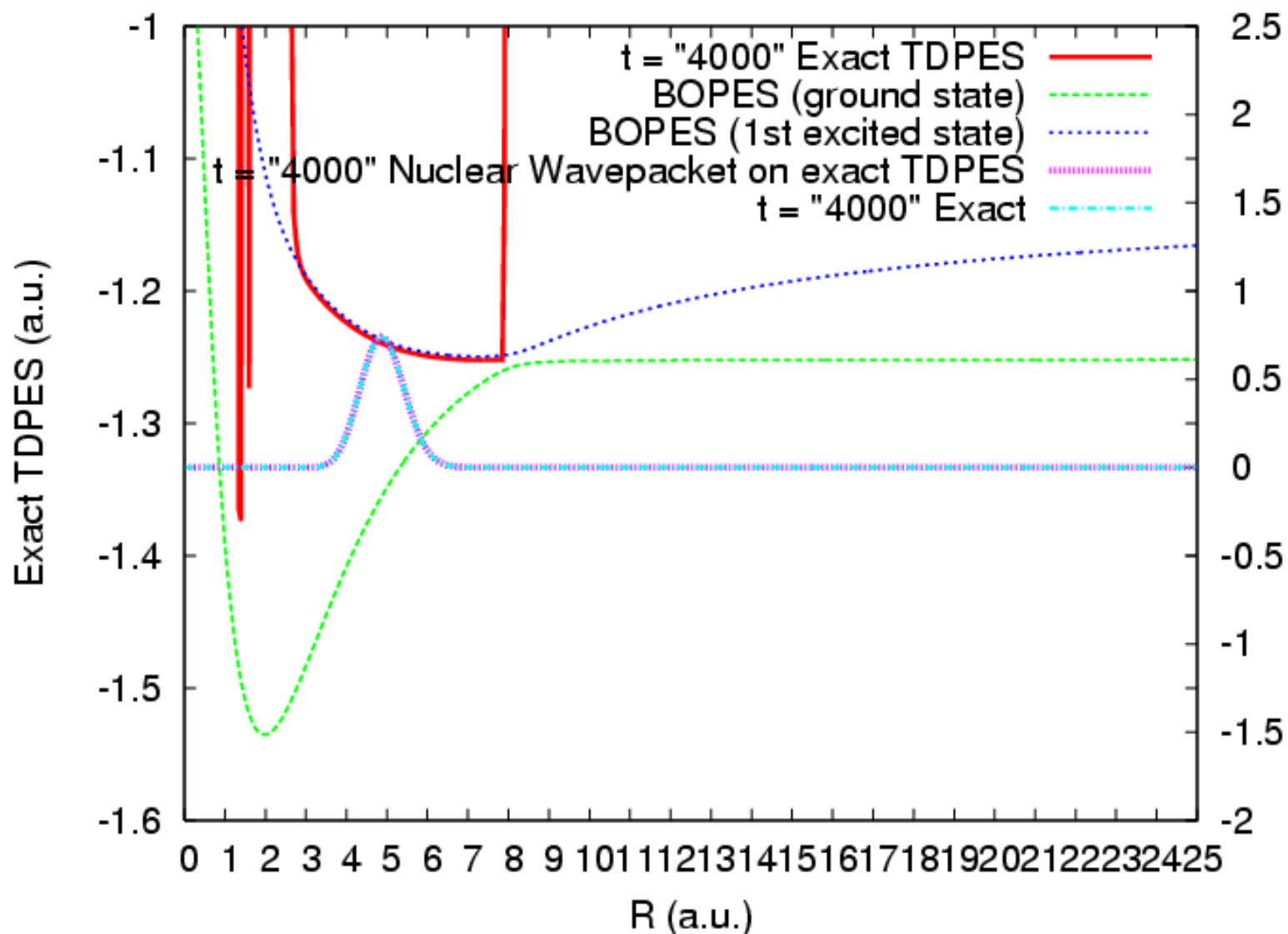
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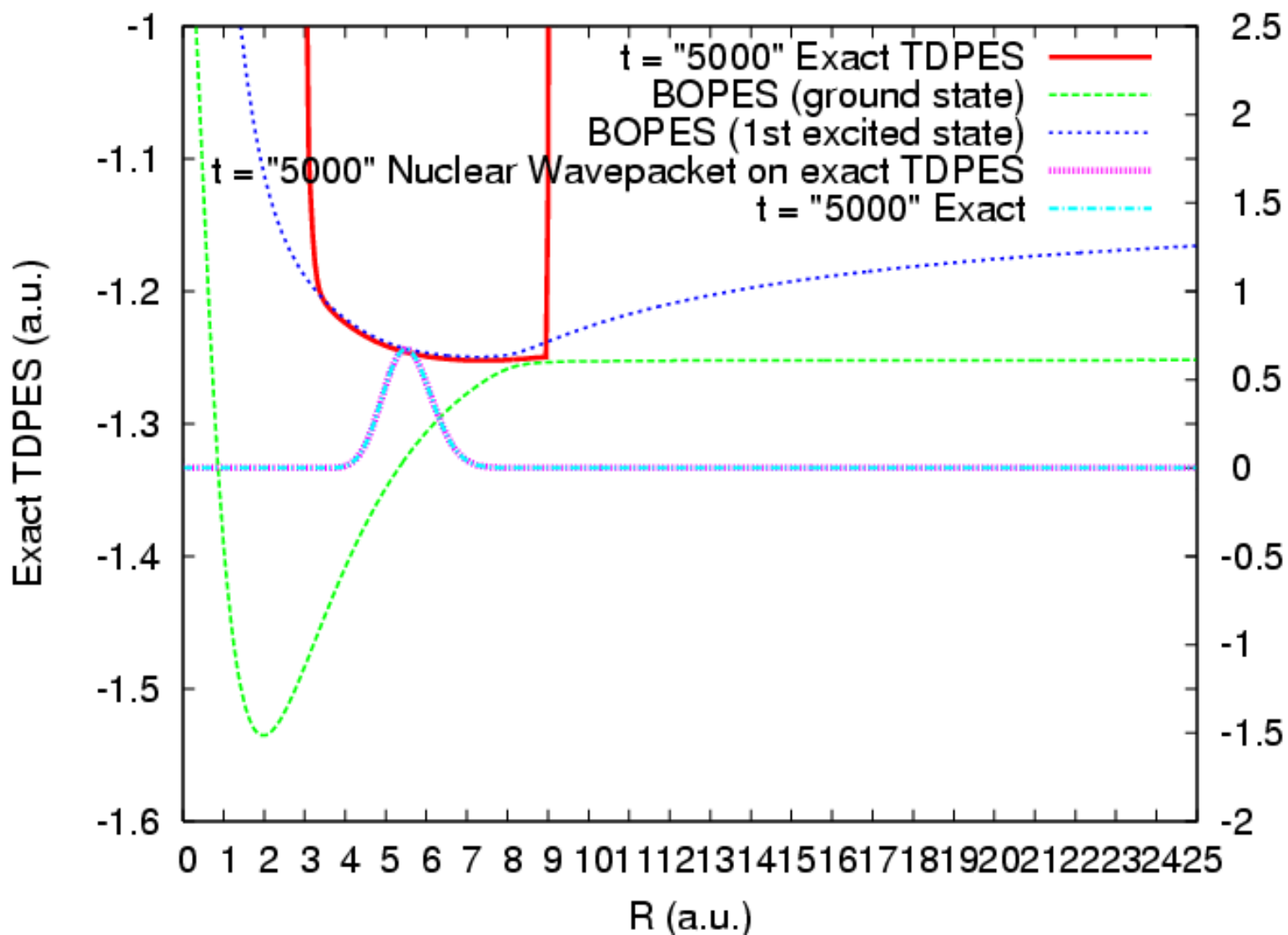


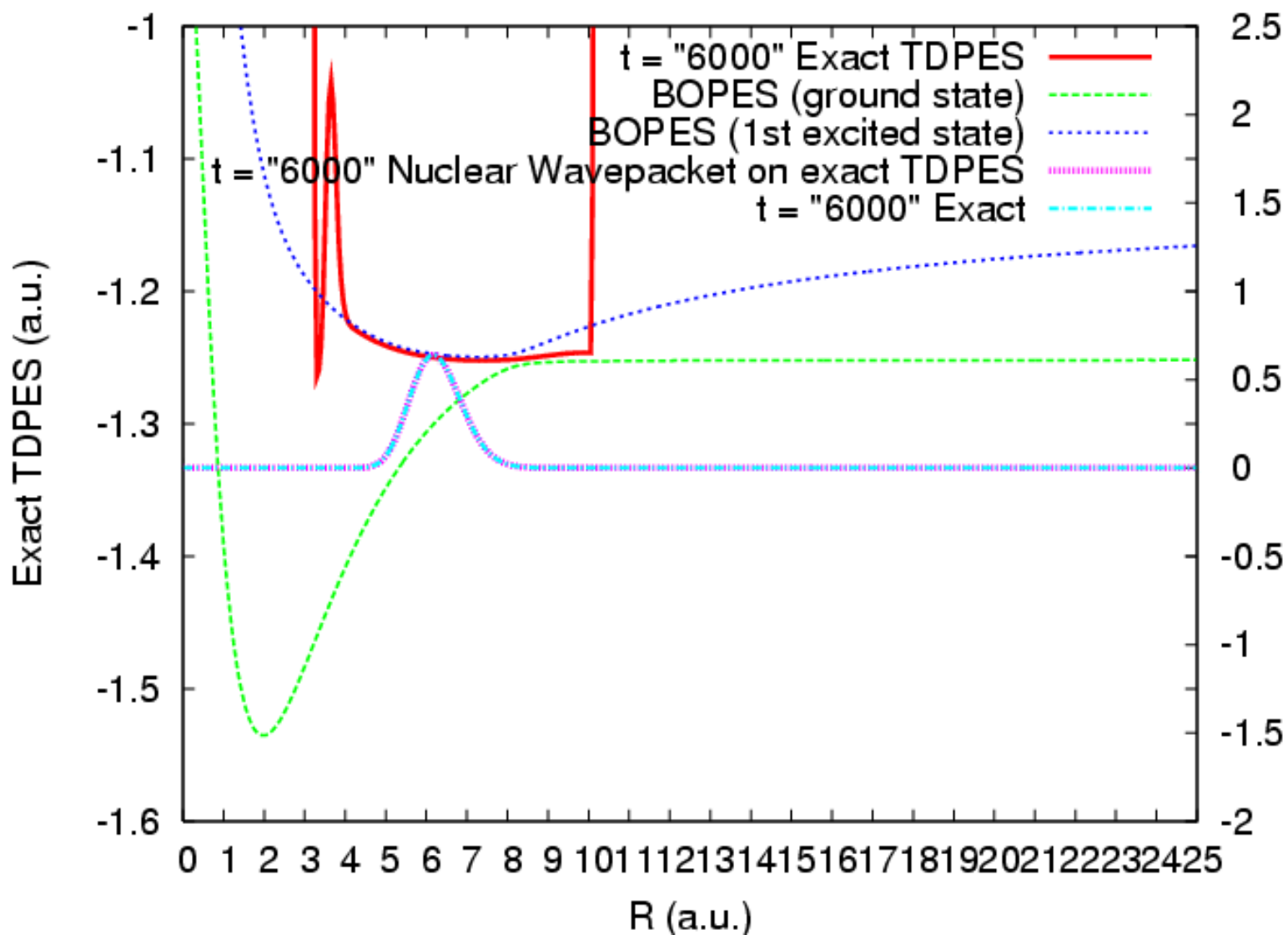


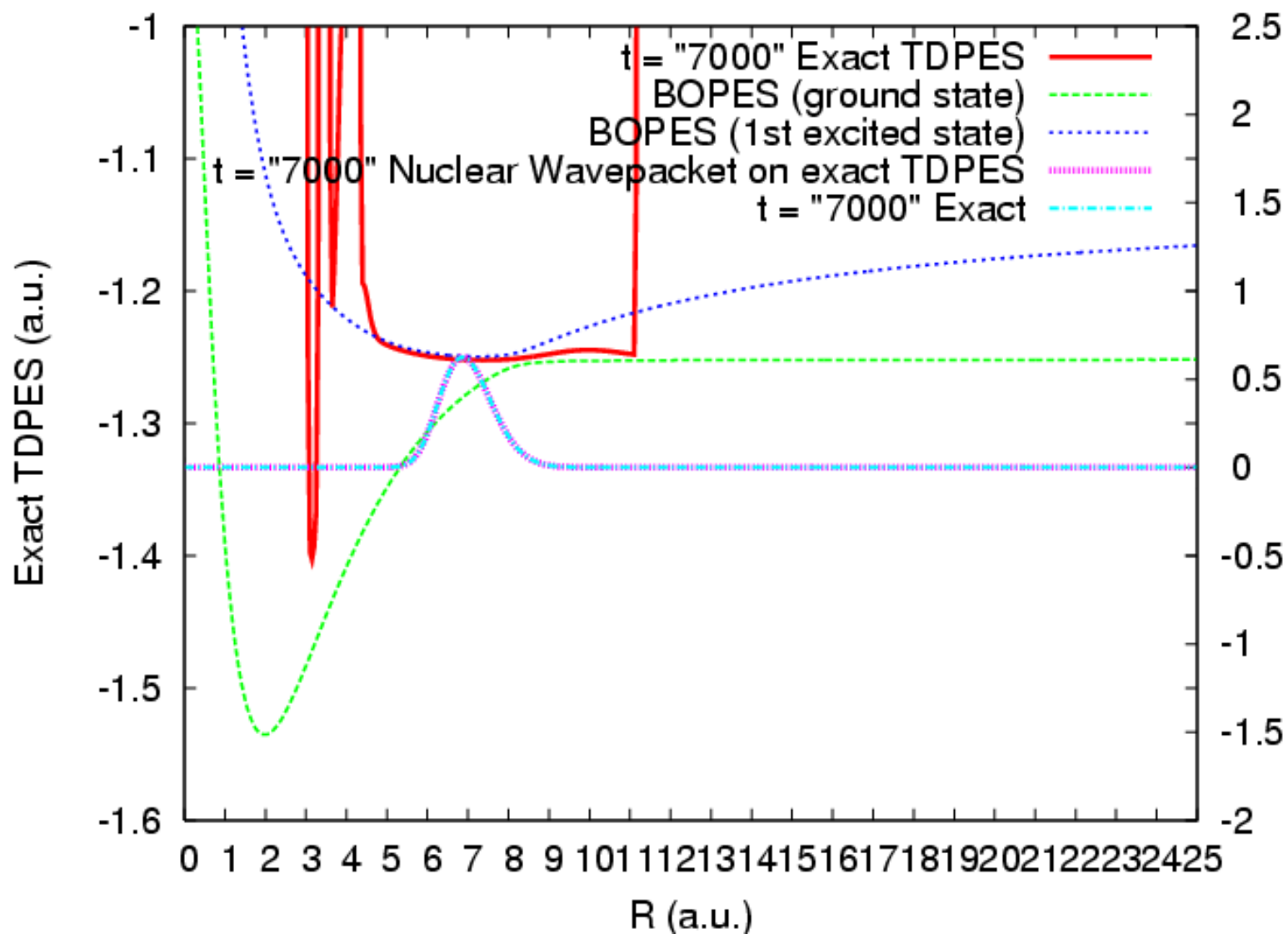


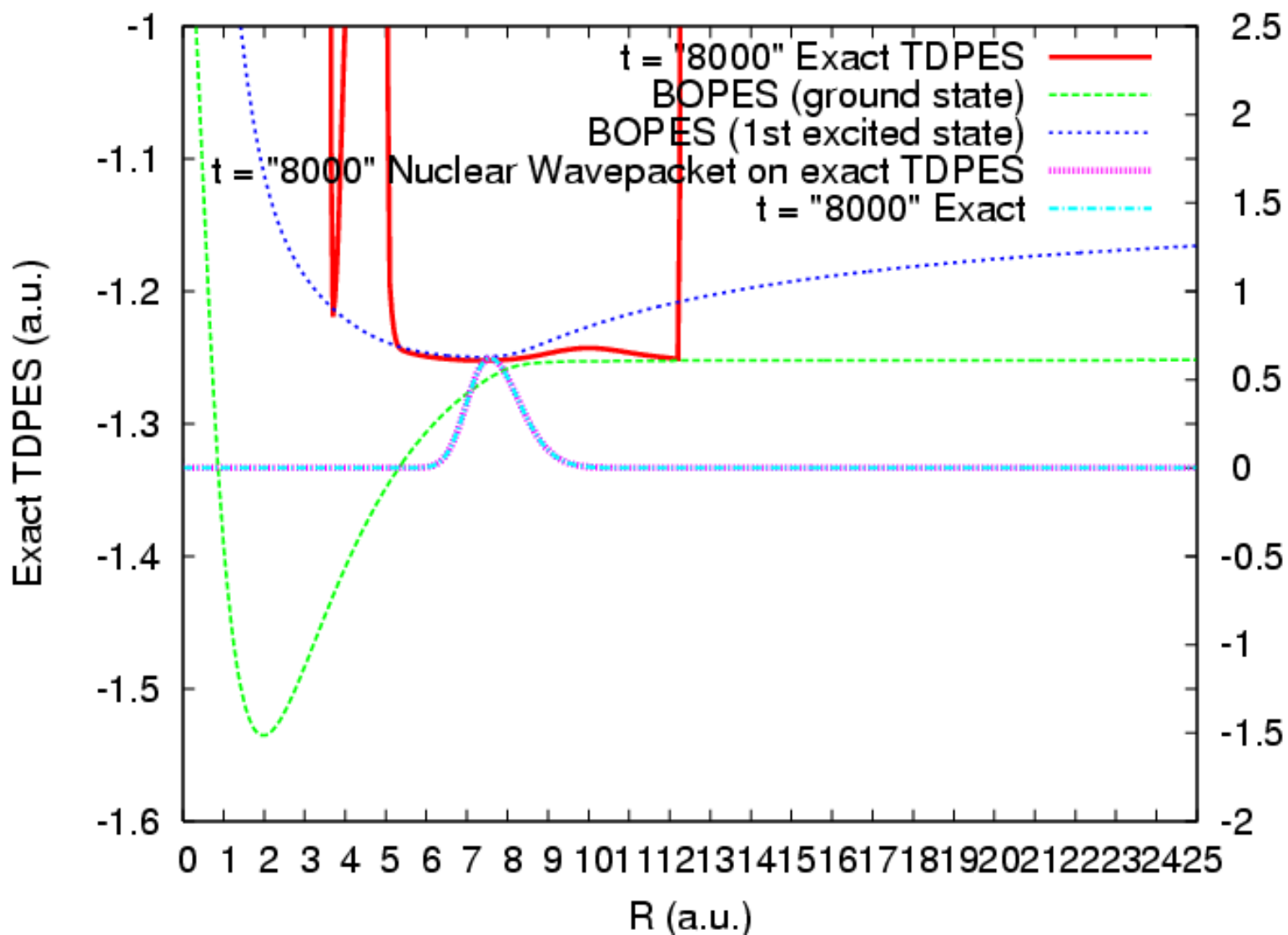


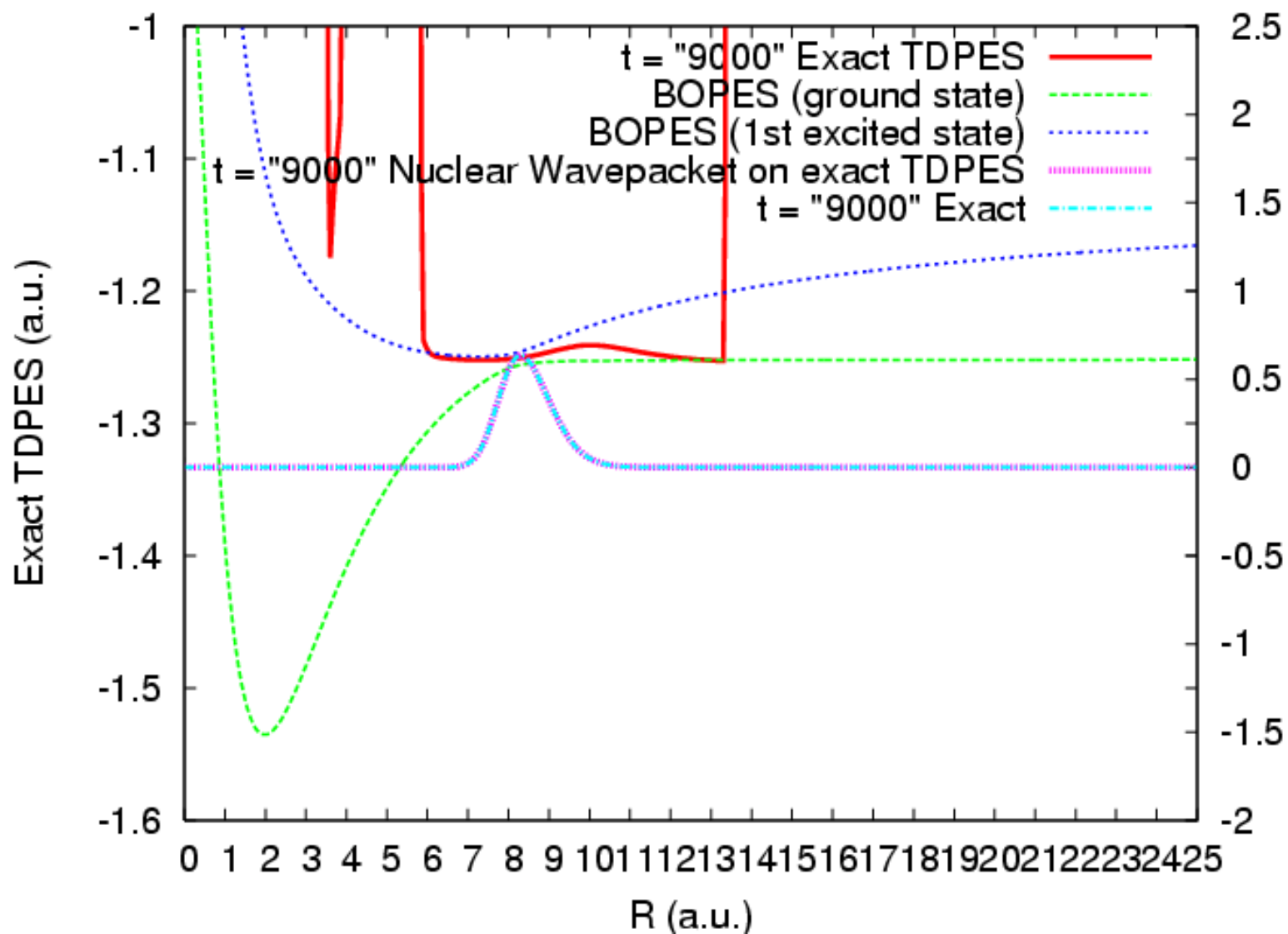


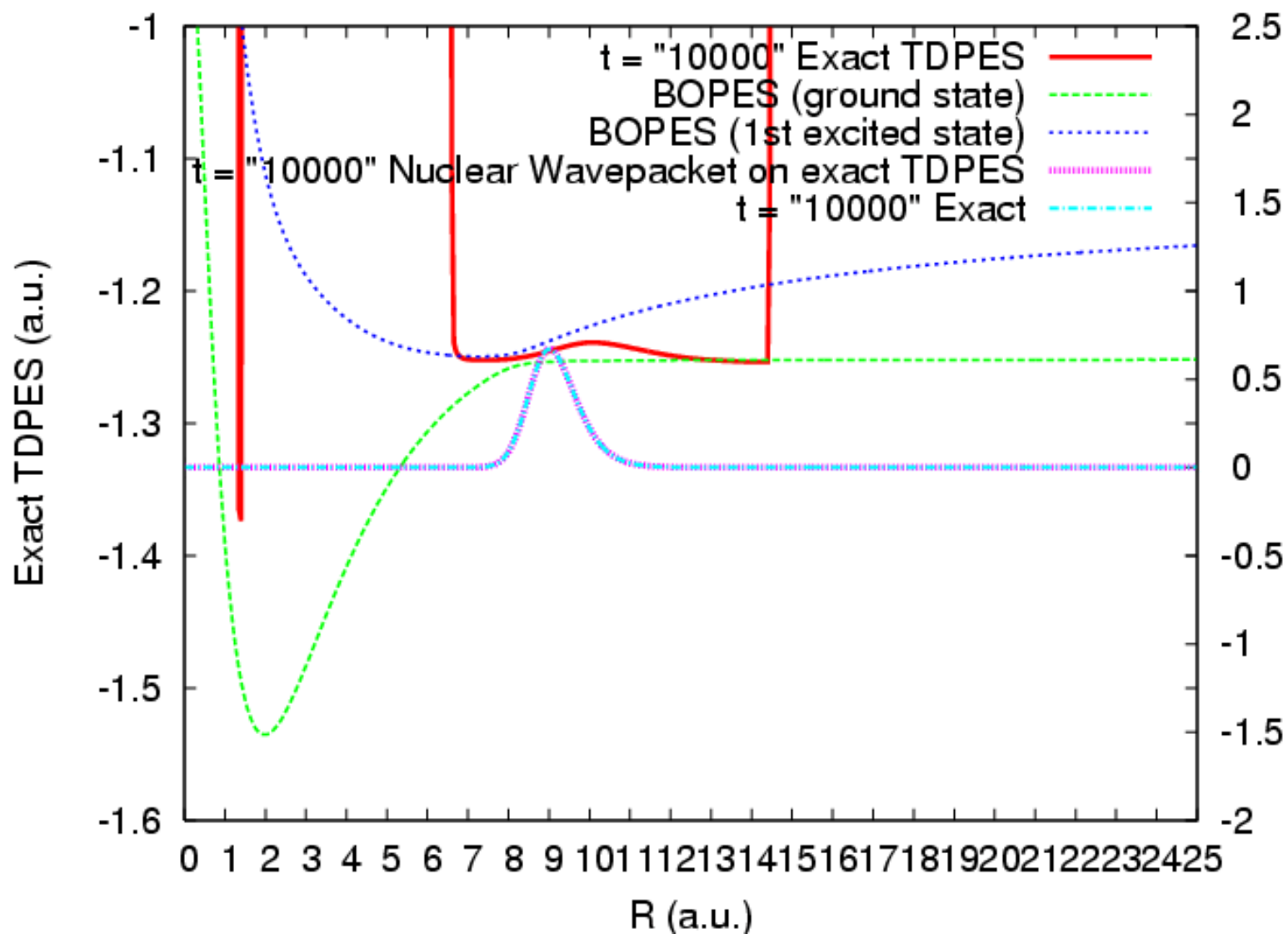


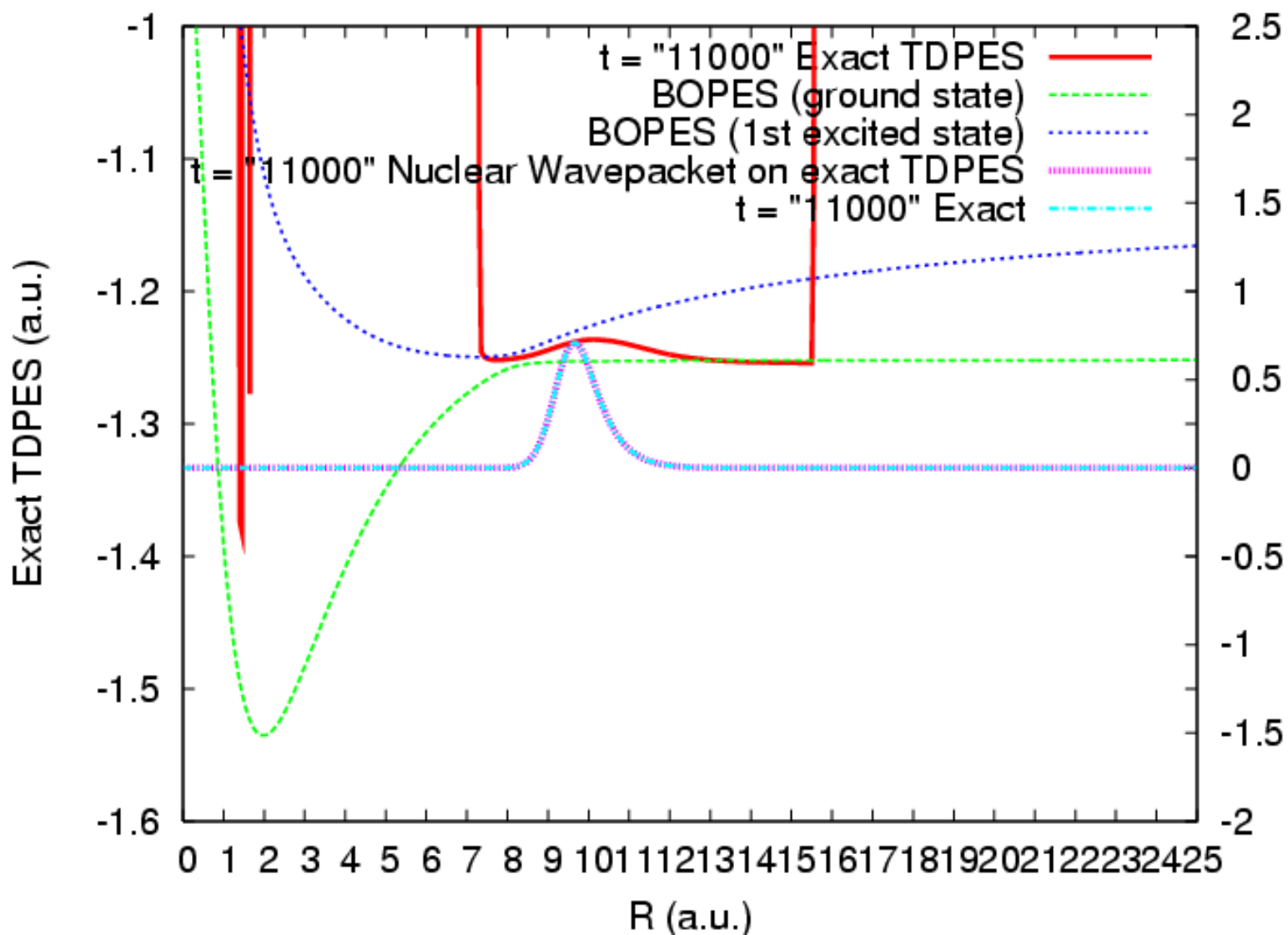


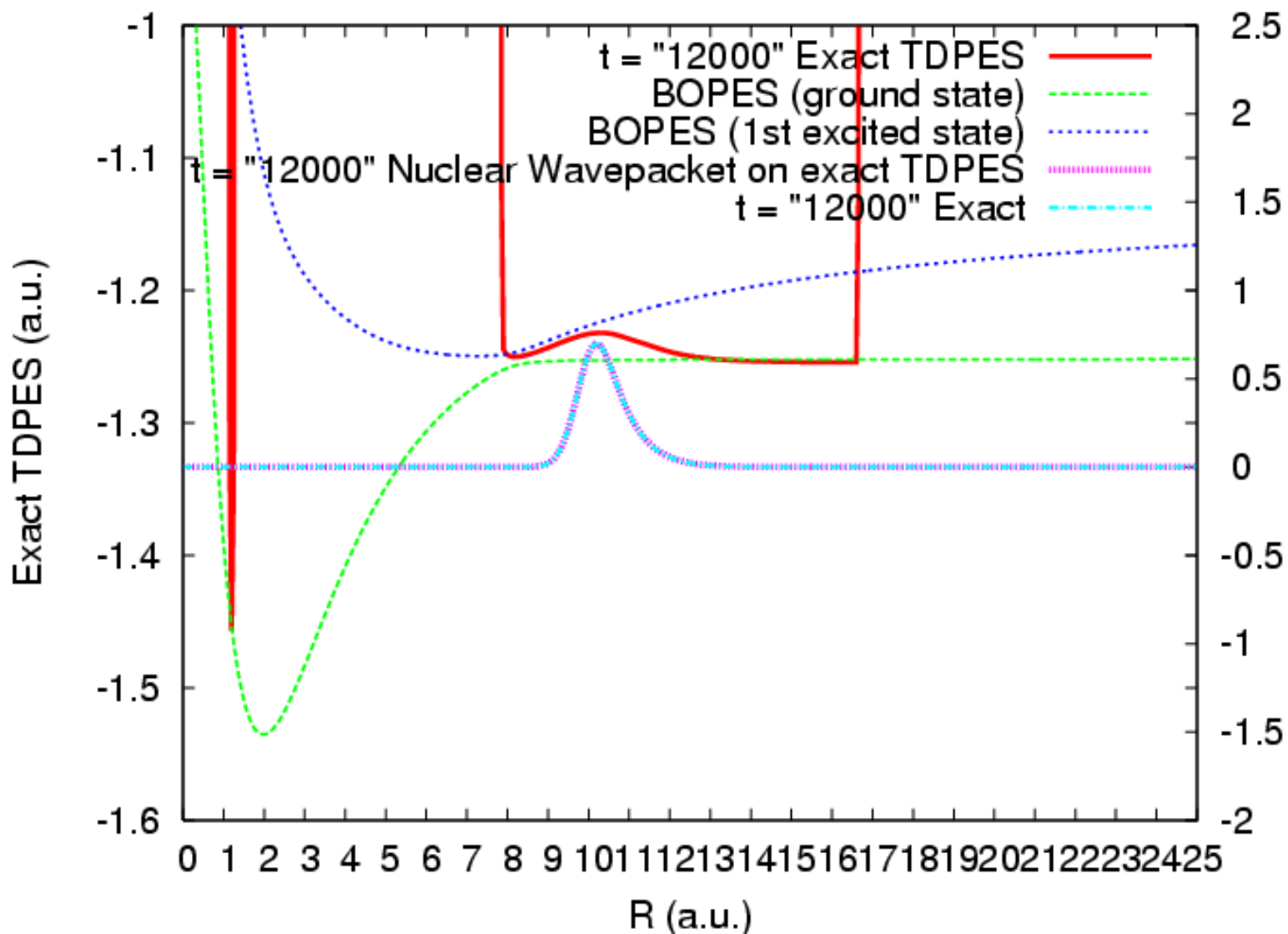


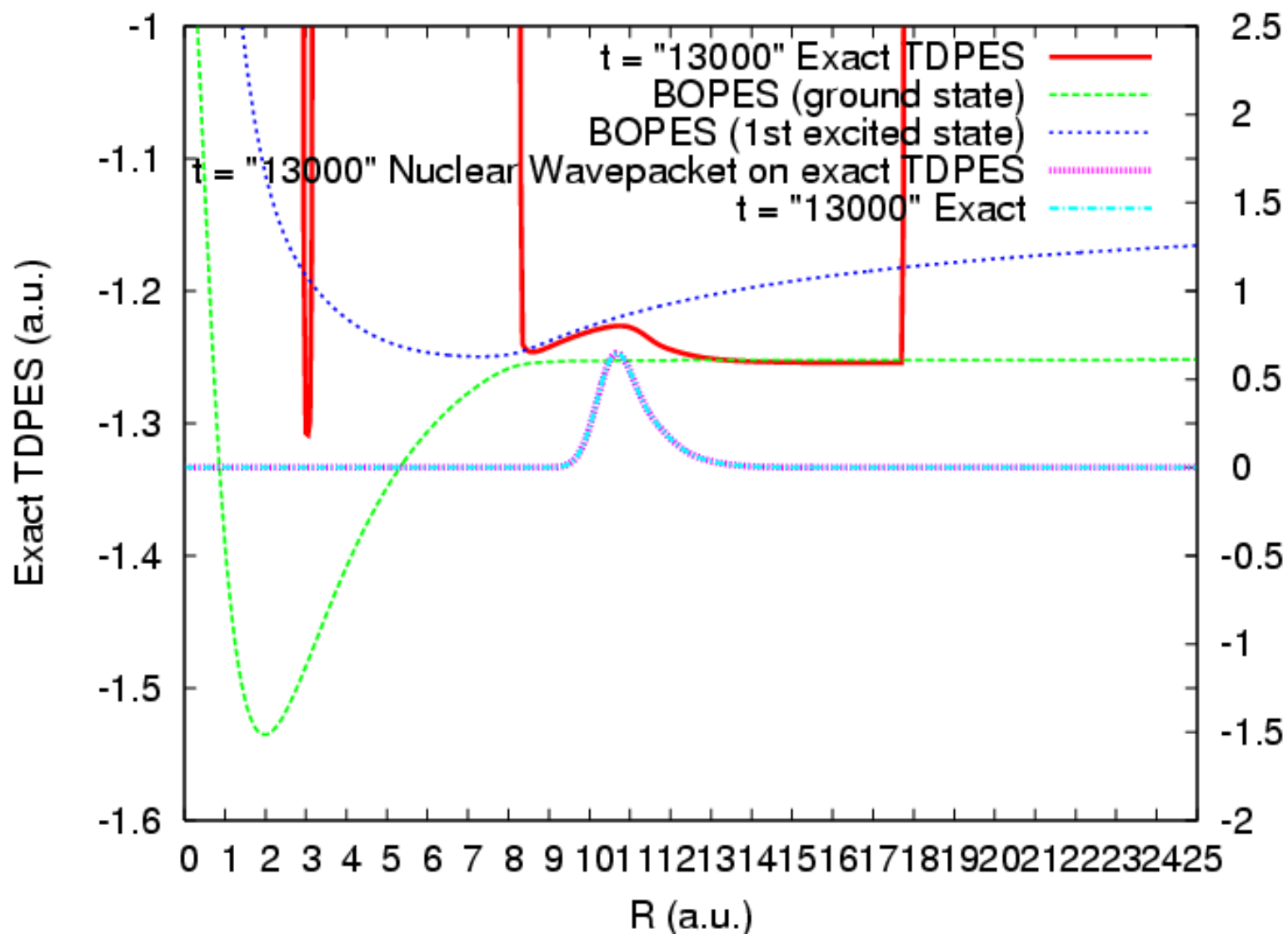


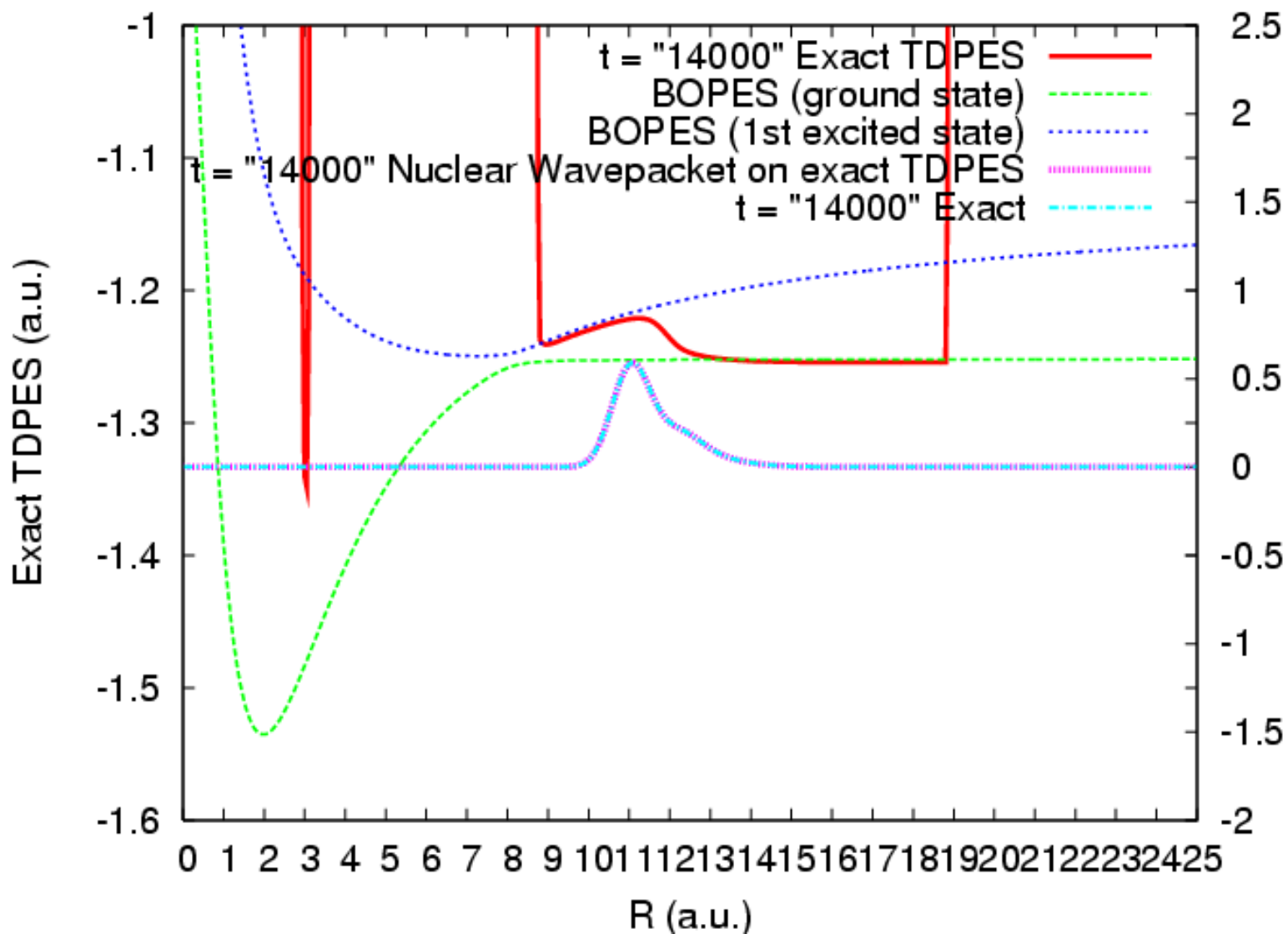


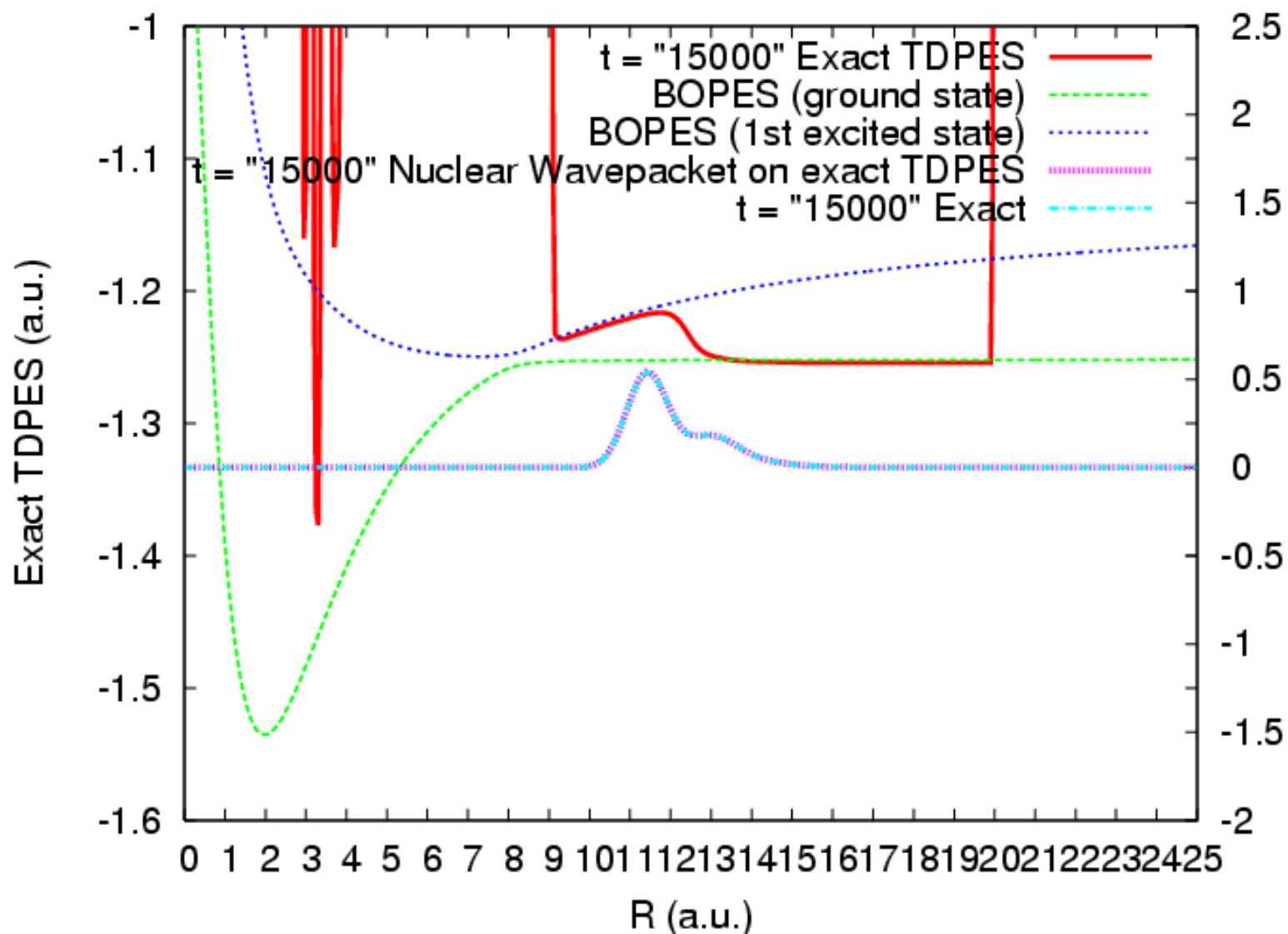


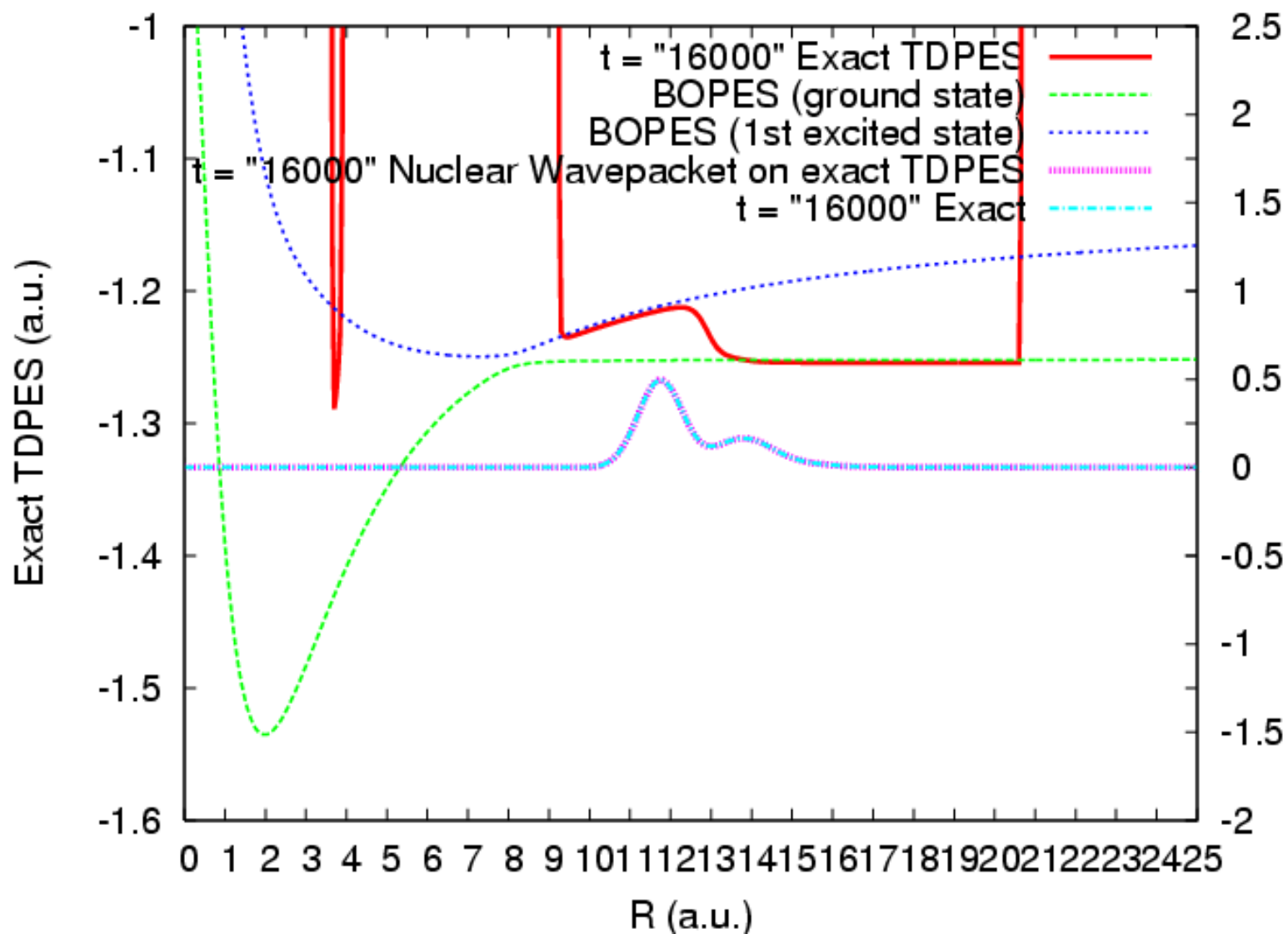


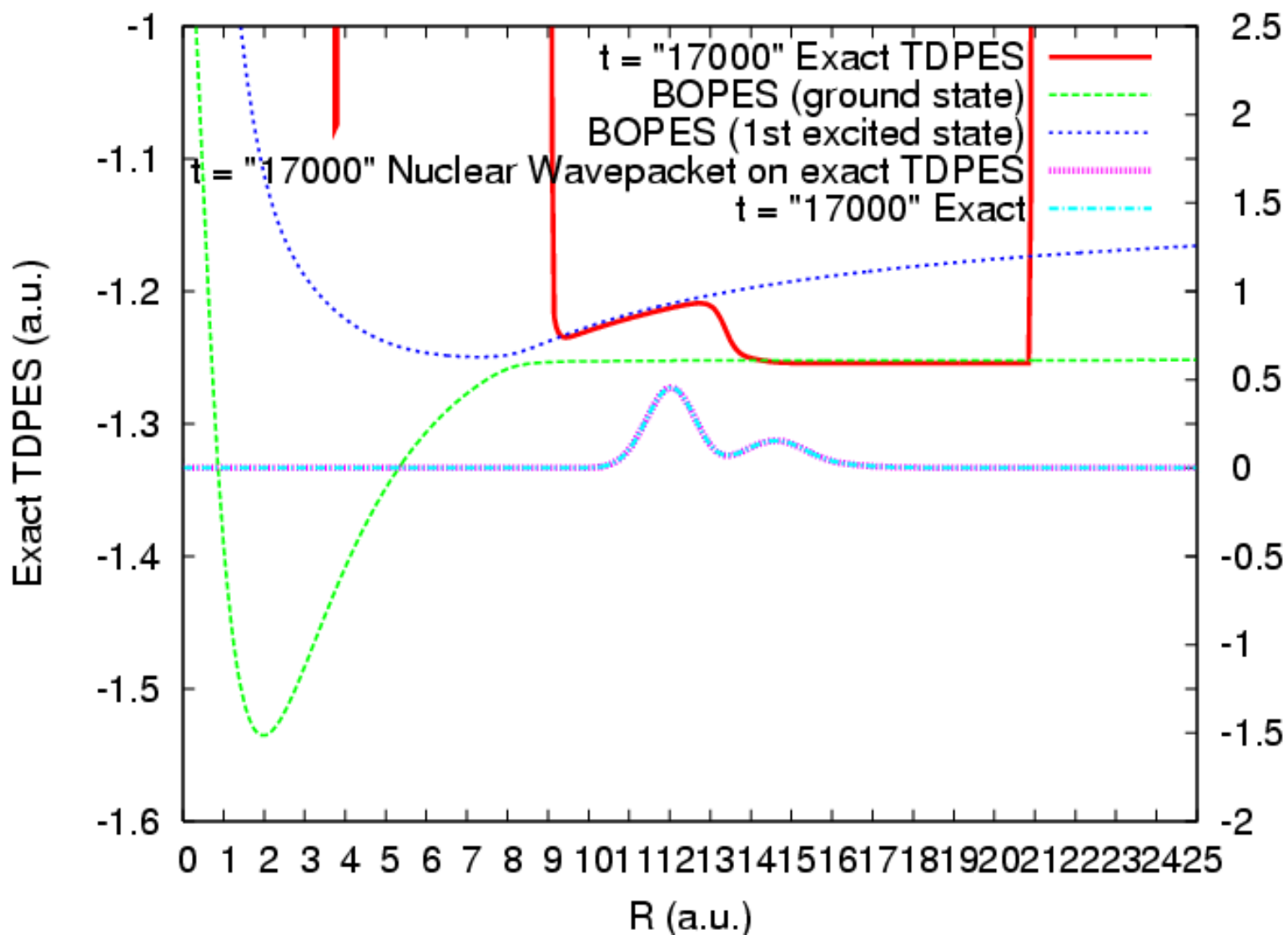


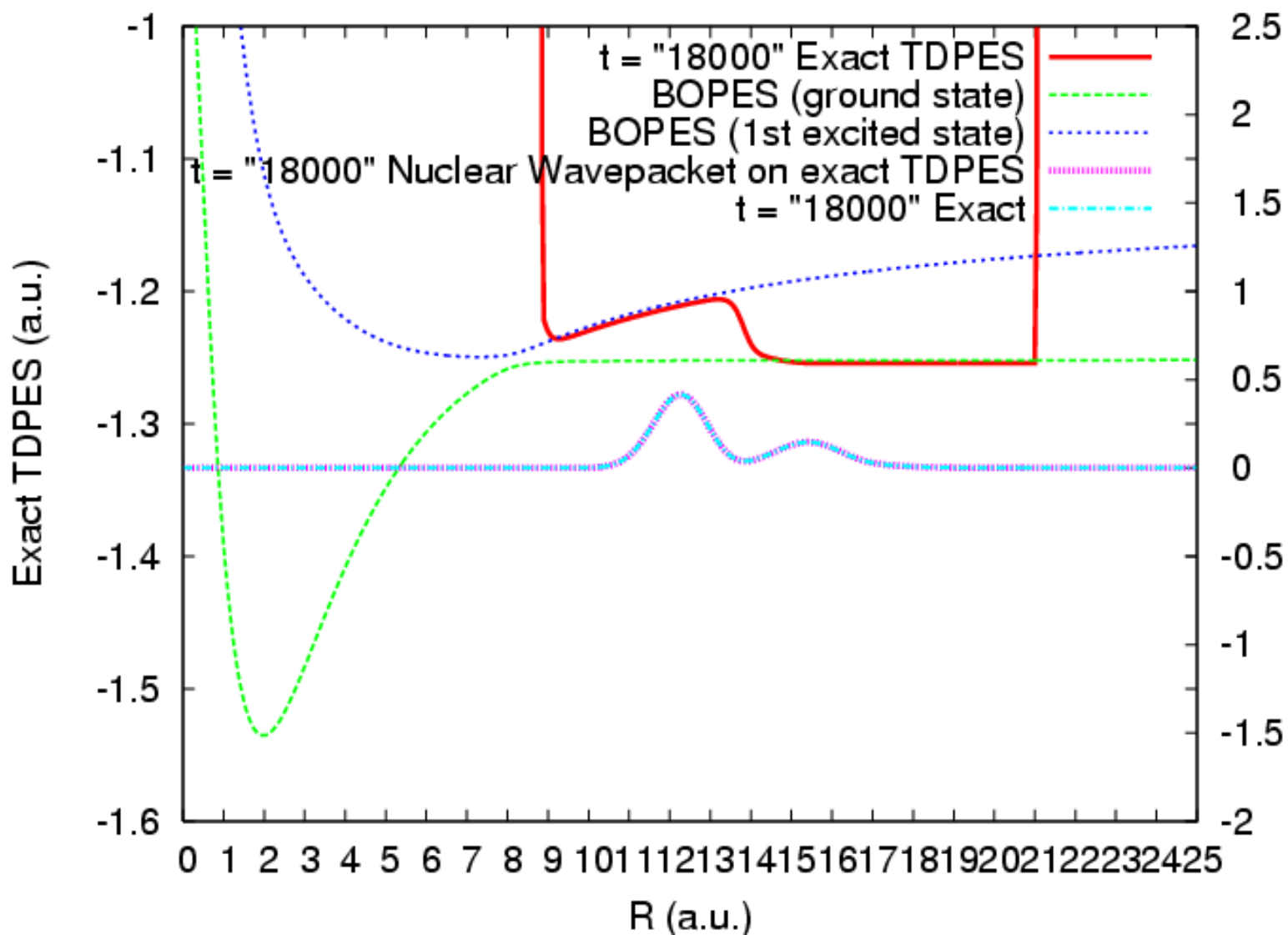


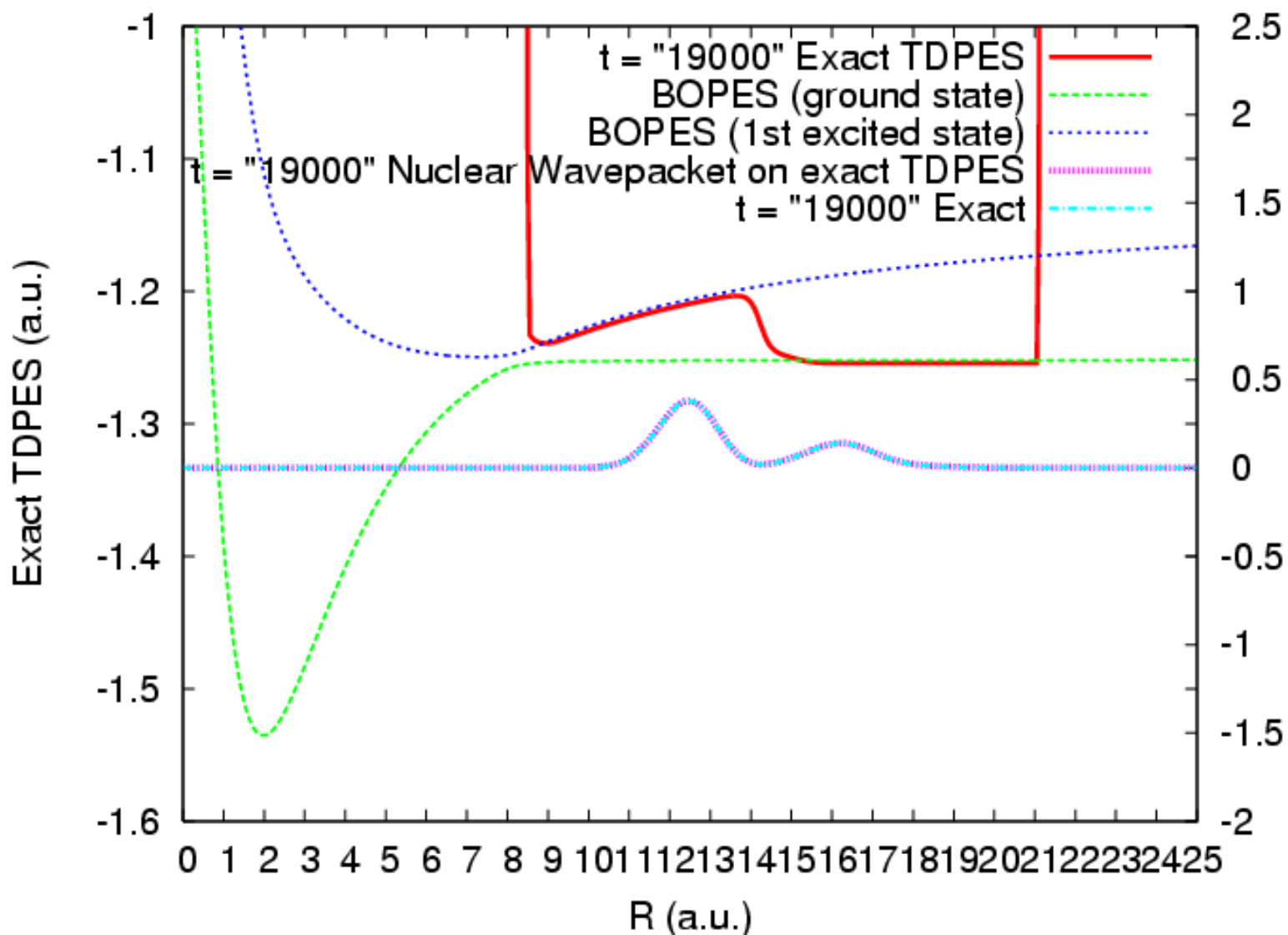


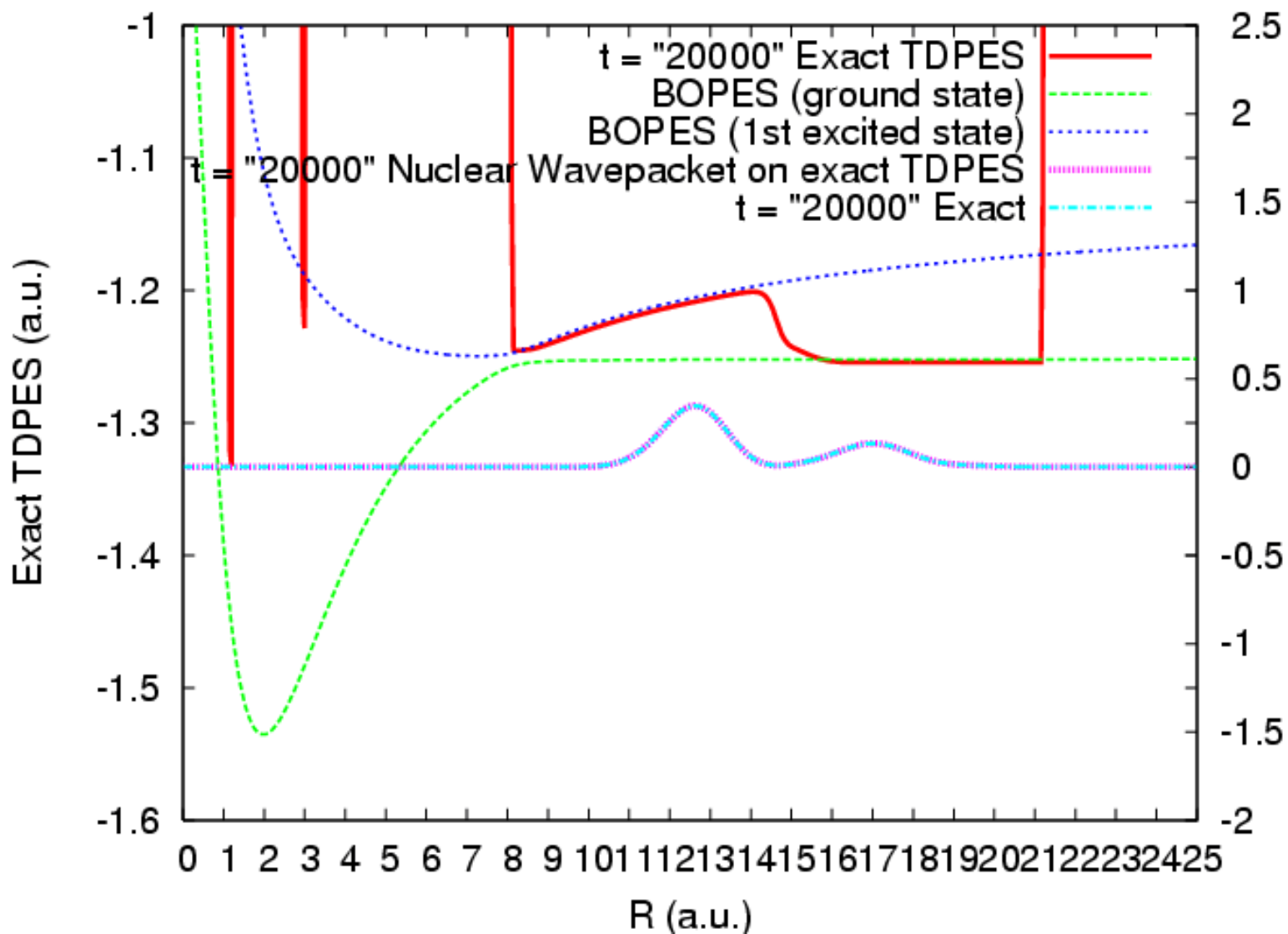












Potential Energy Surfaces for electronic motion (ePES)

Traditionally: Electrons provide a soup that modifies the interactions between bare nuclei leading to the BO (or exact) potential energy surface.

Whenever the nuclei move as fast as electrons or faster, nuclei provide a soup that modifies the potential the electrons are exposed to.

Question:

Can one write down a purely electronic Hamiltonian with a suitable PES such that the resulting many-electron wave function yields the true N-electron density and current density (that one would get from the full electron-nuclear wave function $\Psi(\mathbf{R},\mathbf{r})$)?

Theorem

The exact solution of

$$i\partial_t \Psi \left(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t \right) = H \left(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t \right) \Psi \left(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}, t \right)$$

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**Y. Suzuki, A. Abedi, N.T. Maitra, K. Yamashita, E.K.U.Gross,
Phys. Rev. A 89, R040501 (2014)**

exact TDPES for electrons

$$\left(\sum_j^{N_e} \frac{1}{2} \left(-i\nabla_j - \tilde{A}_j(\underline{\underline{r}}, t) \right)^2 + \hat{W}_{ee}(\underline{\underline{r}}) + \tilde{\epsilon}(\underline{\underline{r}}, t) \right) \Phi(\underline{\underline{r}}, t) = i\partial_t \Phi(\underline{\underline{r}}, t)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}(\underline{\underline{r}}, t) = \int d\underline{\underline{R}} \chi_{\underline{\underline{r}}}^*(\underline{\underline{R}}, t) \left(H_{\text{nuc}}[\Phi](\underline{\underline{R}}, \underline{\underline{r}}, t) - i\partial_t \right) \chi_{\underline{\underline{r}}}(\underline{\underline{R}}, t)$$

EXACT electronic potential energy surface

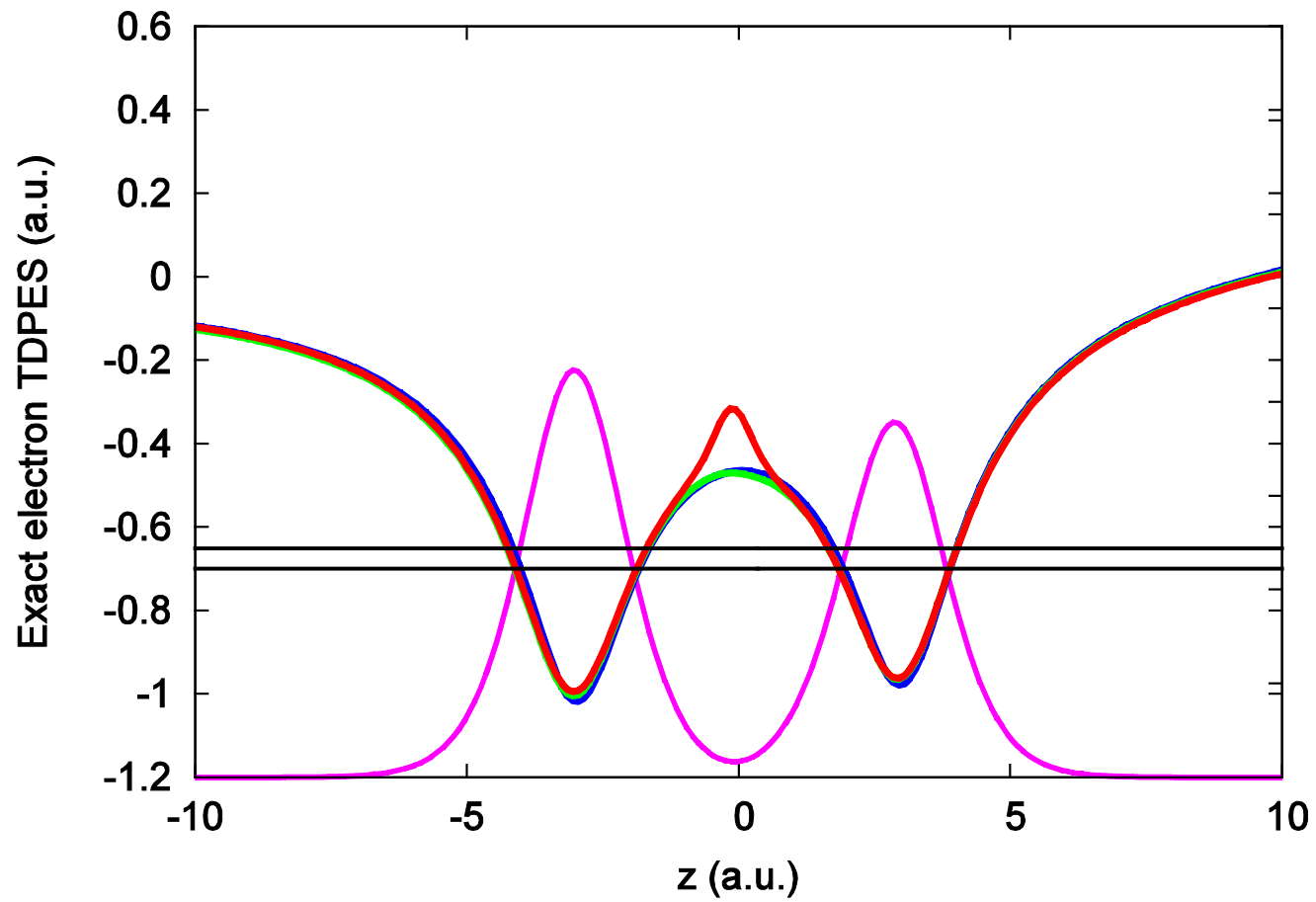
$$\tilde{A}_j(\underline{\underline{r}}, t) = -i \int \chi_{\underline{\underline{r}}}^*(\underline{\underline{R}}, t) \nabla_j \chi_{\underline{\underline{r}}}(\underline{\underline{R}}, t) d\underline{\underline{R}}$$

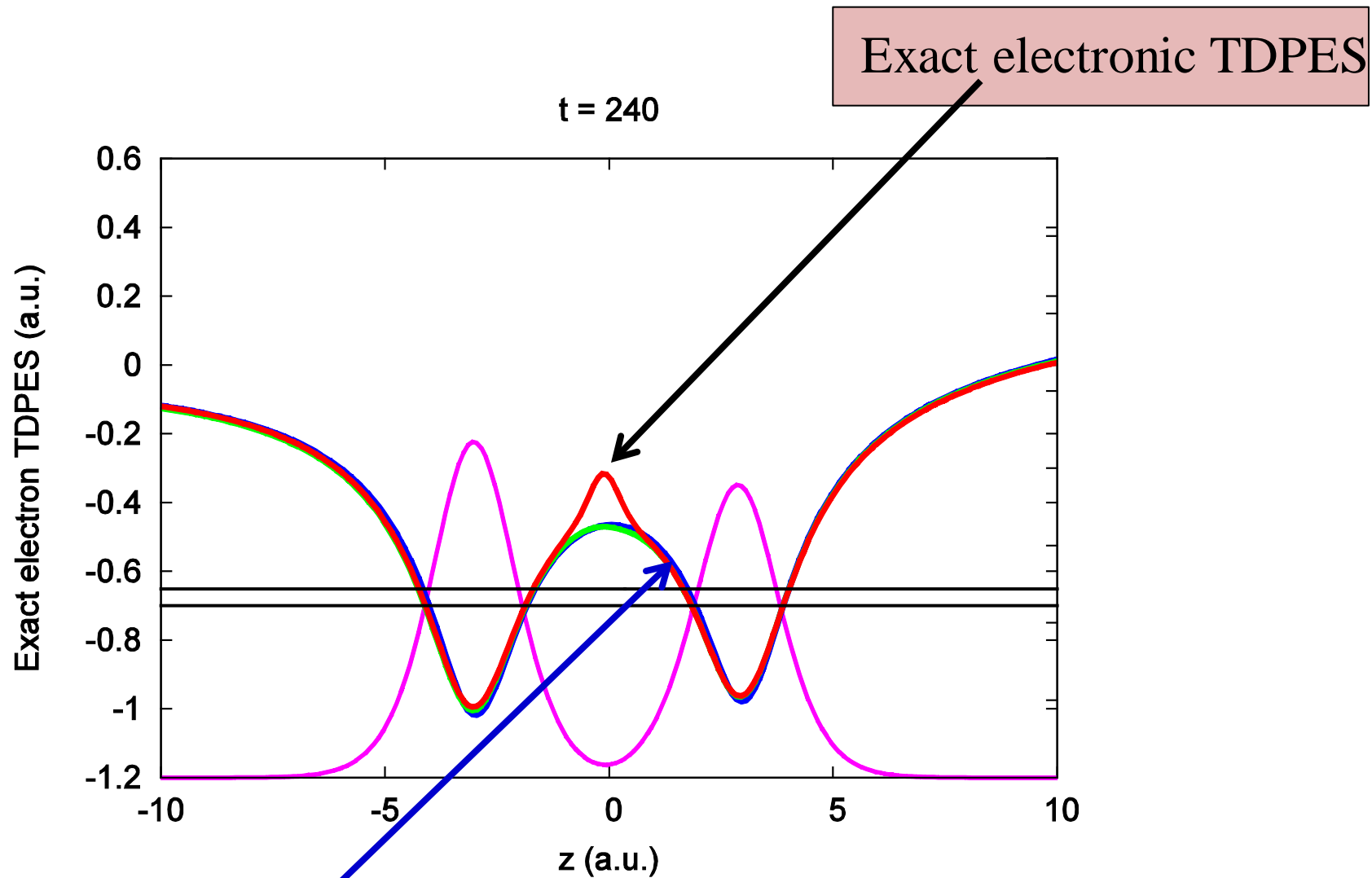
EXACT electronic Berry connection

Study electron localization in the dissociation of H_2^+ in suitably shaped laser pulse using exact electronic surface.

Experiments by M. Vrakking (Max Born Institute, Berlin)

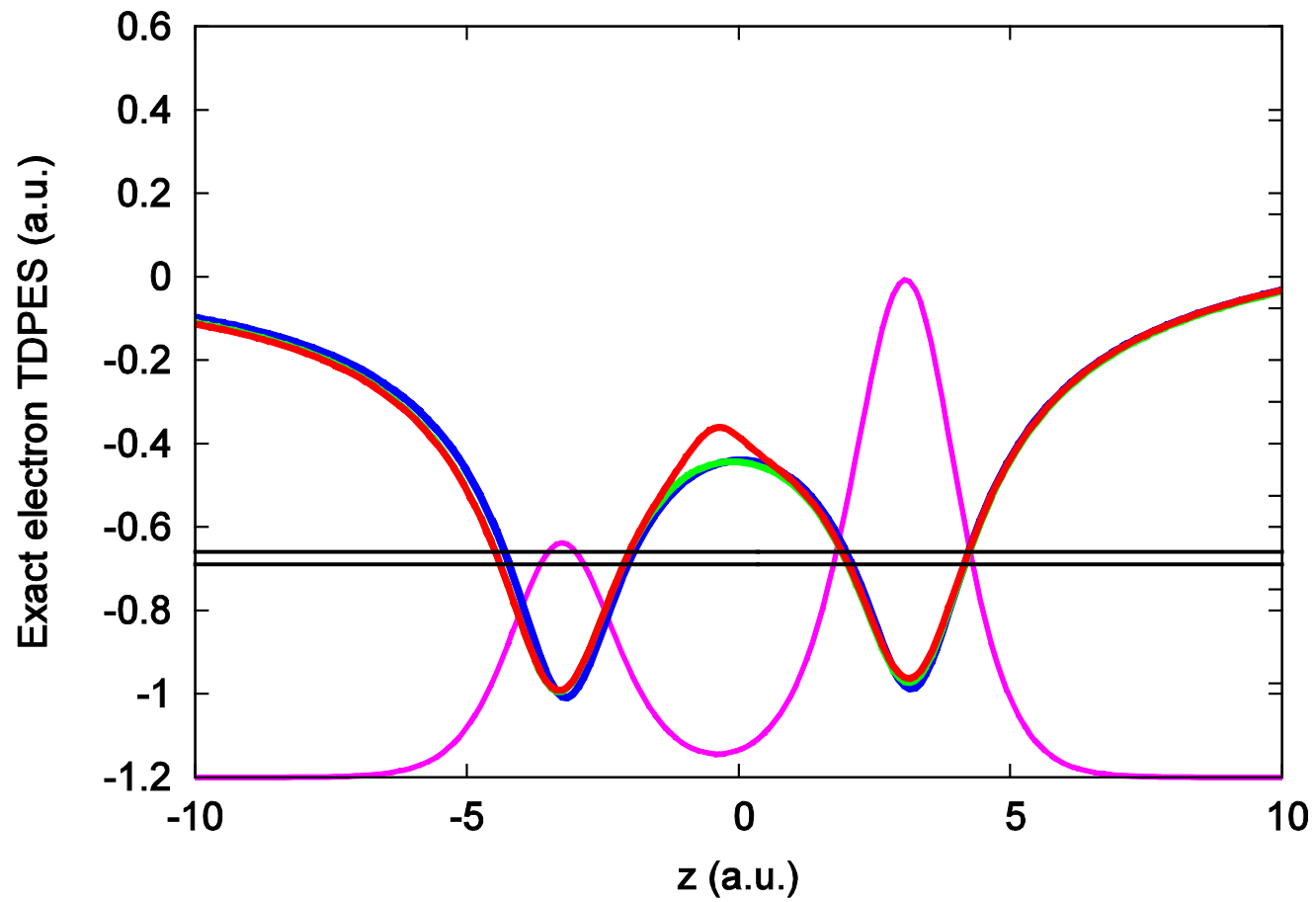
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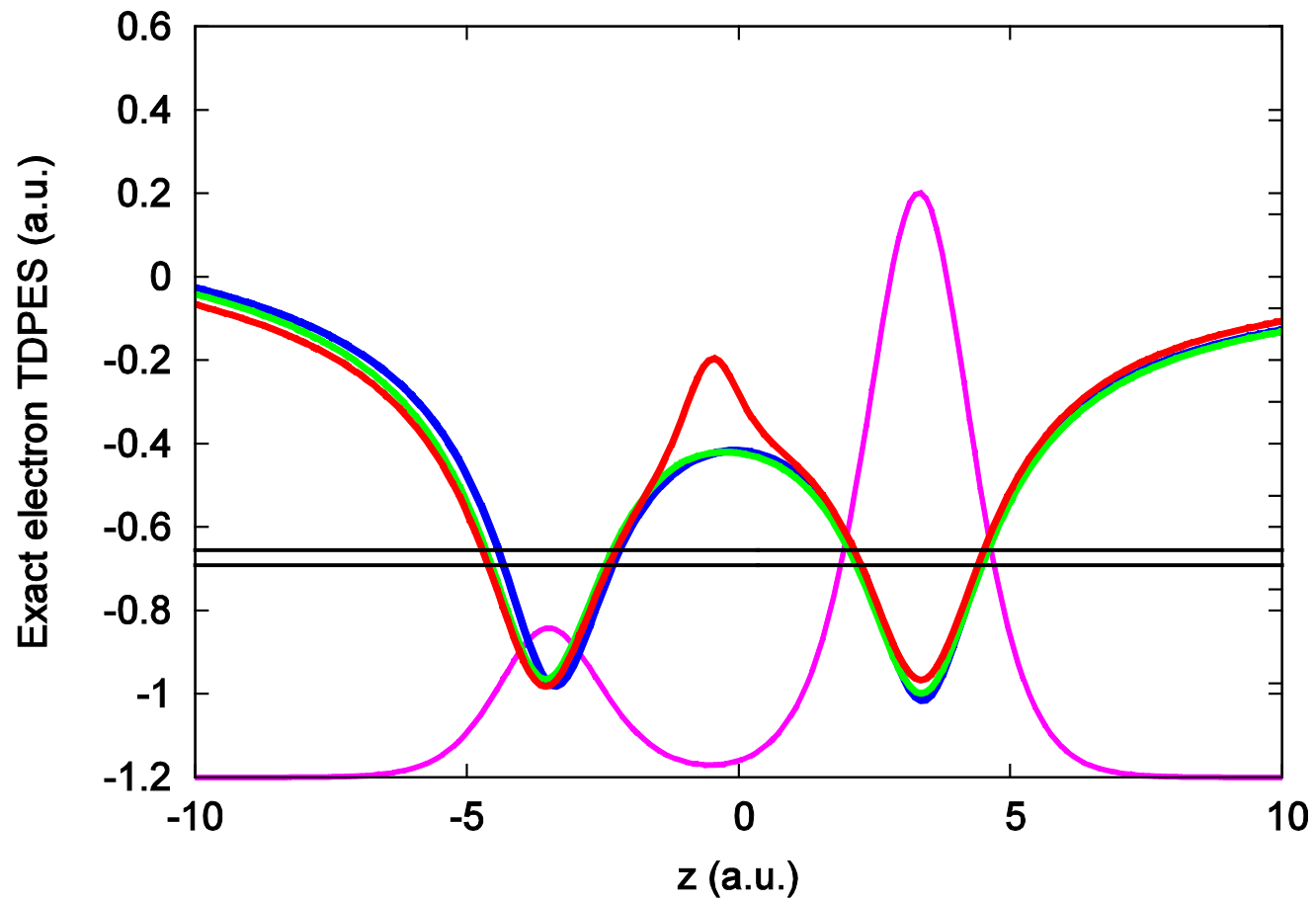


electrostatic potential produced by nuclear density

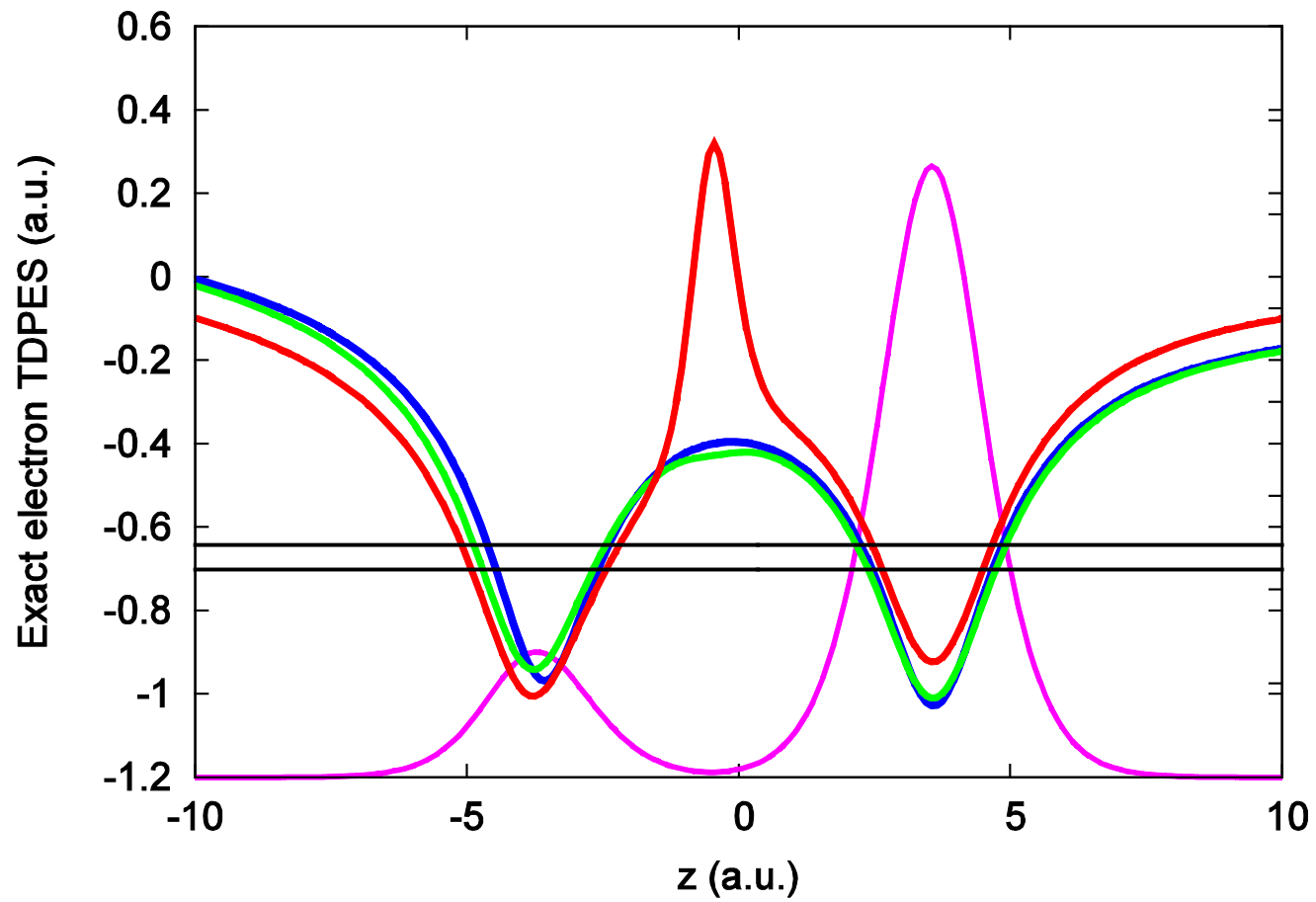
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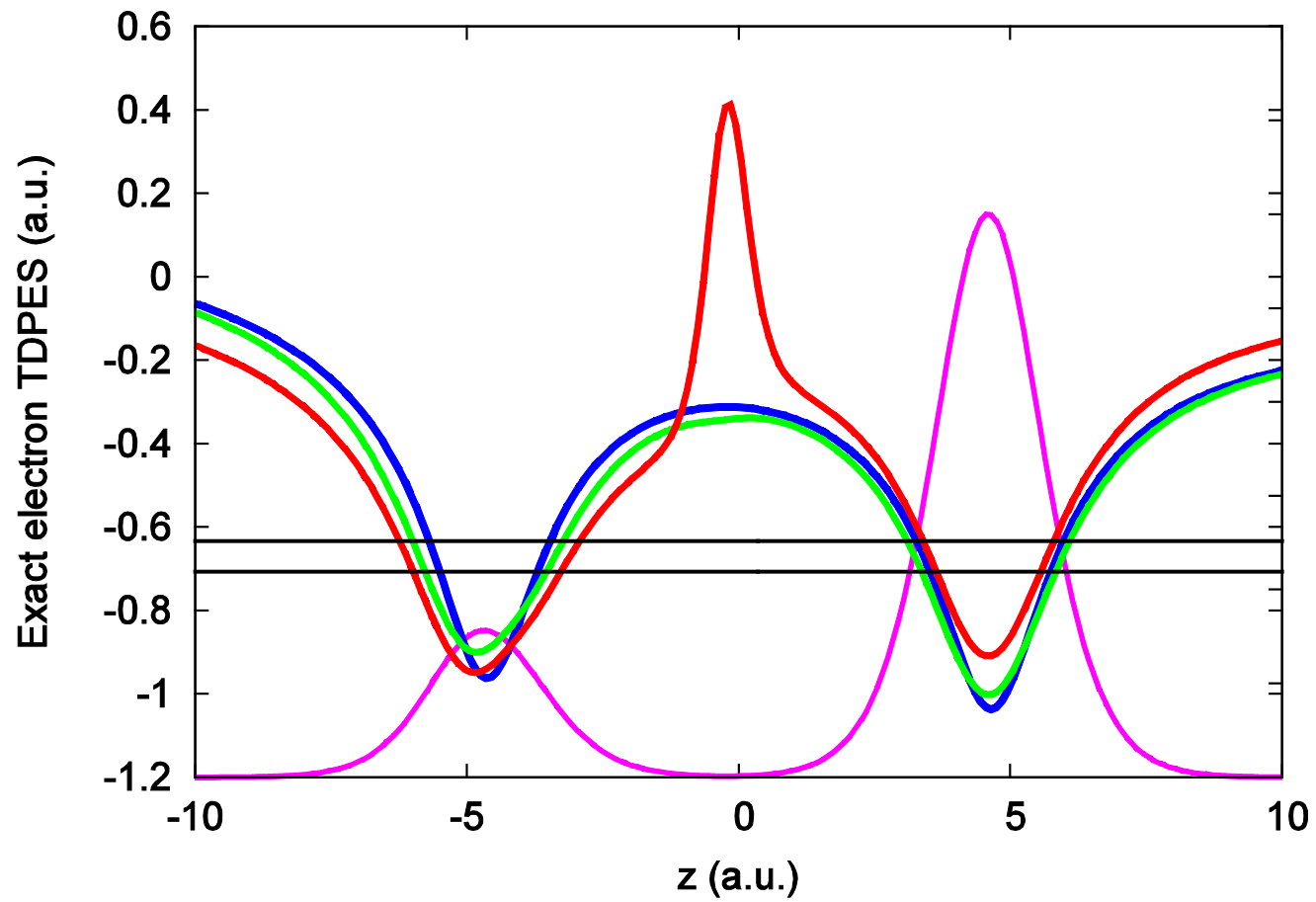
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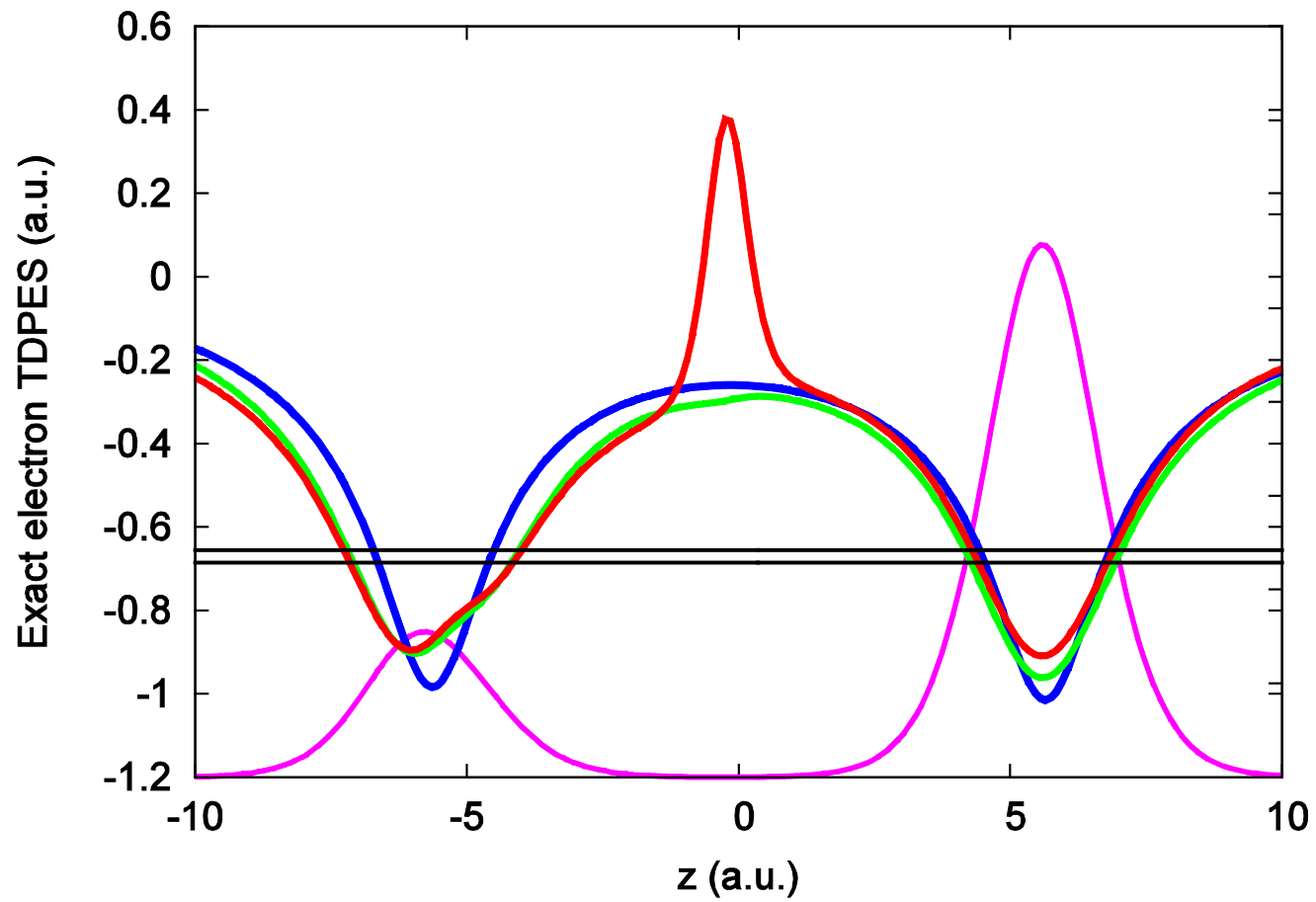
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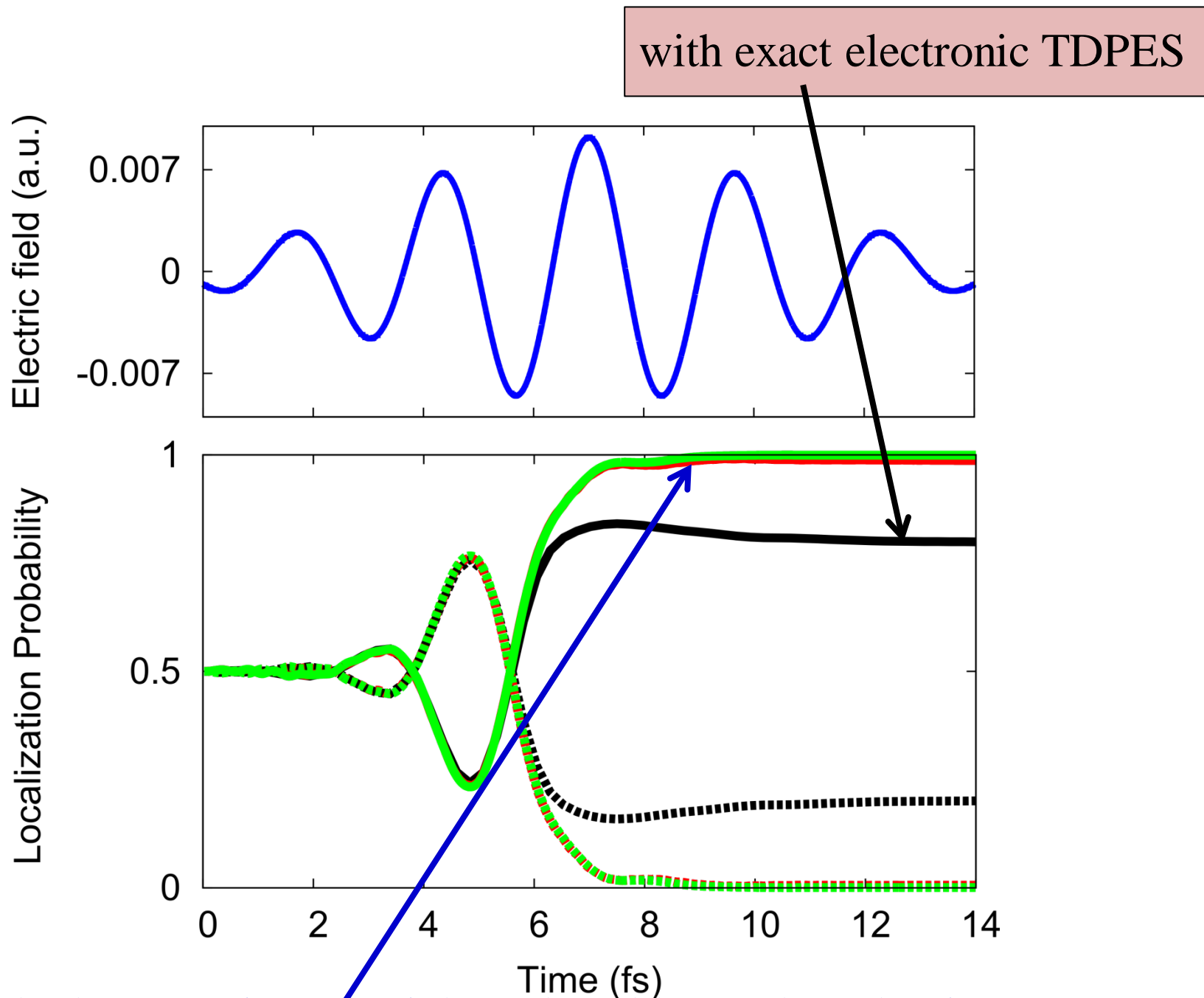


t = 400



$t = 500$





with exact electronic TDPES

with electrostatic potential produced by nuclear density

New MD scheme:

Perform classical limit of the nuclear equation, but retain the quantum treatment of the electronic degrees of freedom.

A. Abedi, F. Agostini, E.K.U.Gross, EPL 106, 33001 (2014)

Theorem T-II

Eq. ①

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Nuclear wavefunction

$$\chi(\mathbf{R}, t) = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}S(\mathbf{R}, t)} |\chi(\mathbf{R}, t)|$$

Classical limit

$$\begin{cases} |\chi(\mathbf{R}, t)|^2 \rightarrow \delta(\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}_c(t)) \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} S(\mathbf{R}, t) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_c(t) \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\frac{-i\hbar \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \chi}{\chi} \xrightarrow{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{P}_c(t)$$

Expand the exact electronic wave function in the adiabatic basis:

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_j c_j(\mathbf{R}, t) \varphi_{\mathbf{R},j}^{\text{BO}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Insert this in the (exact) electronic equation of motion:

$$\dot{c}_j(\mathbf{R}, t) = f_j \left(\{c_k(\mathbf{R}, t)\}, \{\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} c_k(\mathbf{R}, t)\}, \{\nabla_{\mathbf{R}}^2 c_k(\mathbf{R}, t)\} \right)$$

in the classical limit:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} c_k(\mathbf{R}, t), \nabla_{\mathbf{R}}^2 c_k(\mathbf{R}, t) \rightarrow 0$$

i.e. in this limit the $c_k(\mathbf{R}, t)$ become independent of \mathbf{R} .

In practice we solve the following equations:

$$\dot{c}_j(t) = -\frac{i}{\hbar} \left[\varepsilon_{\text{BO}}^{(j)} - \left(\mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}}^{(I)} + i\mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}}^{(R)} \right) \right] c_j(t) - \sum_k c_k(t) D_{jk}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}}^{(I)} = \sum_j |c_j|^2 \varepsilon_{\text{R},j}^{\text{BO}} + \frac{\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{A}}{M} + \frac{\hbar^2}{M} \sum_{j < k} \Re [c_j^* c_k] \mathbf{d}_{jk}^{(2)}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}}^{(R)} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{M} \sum_{j < k} \Im [c_j^* c_k] \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{jk}^{(1)}$$

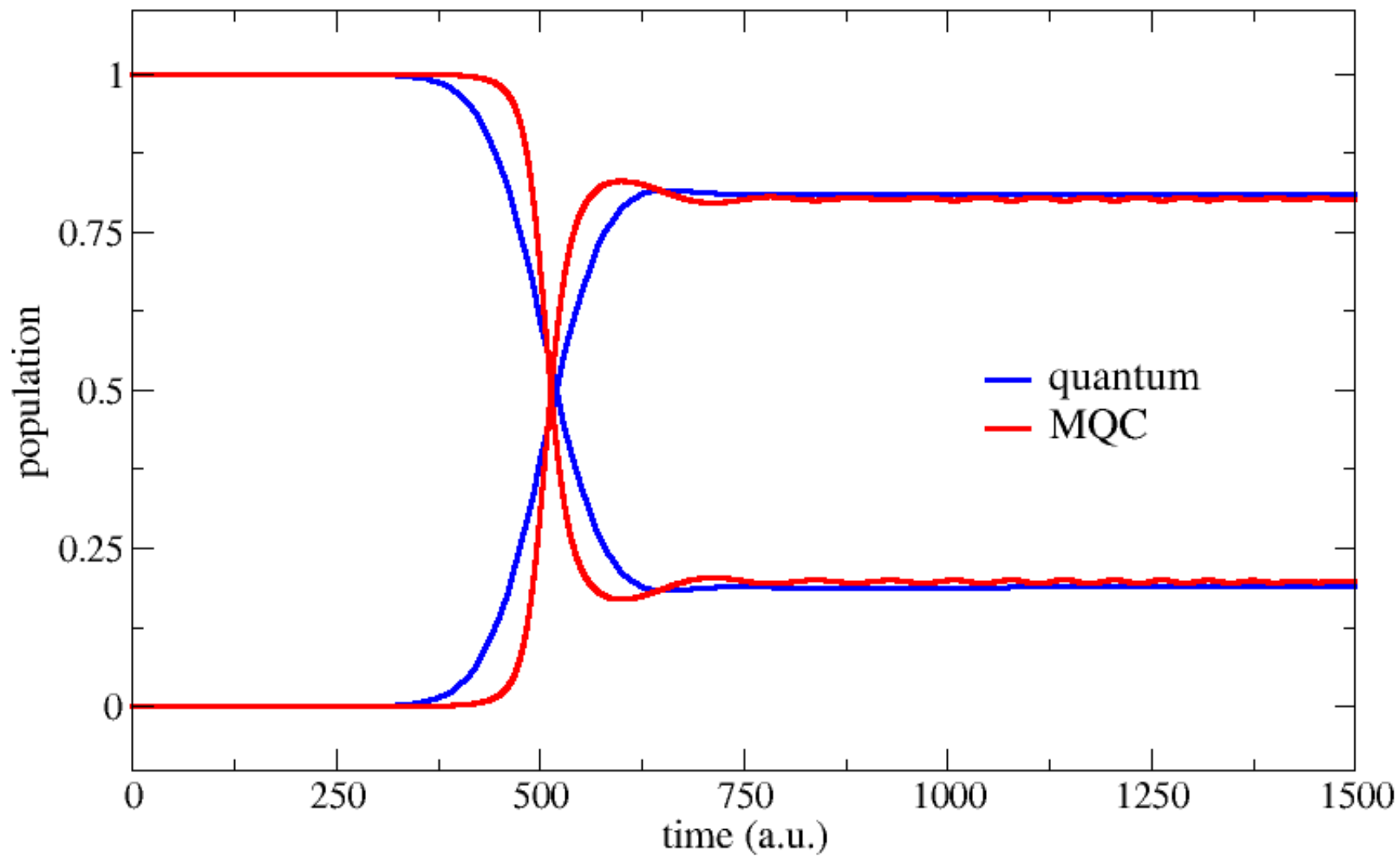
$$D_{jk} = \frac{\mathbf{P}}{M} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{jk}^{(1)} - \frac{i\hbar}{2M} \left(\nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \mathbf{d}_{jk}^{(1)} - d_{jk}^{(2)} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_{jk}^{(1)}(\mathbf{R}) = \left\langle \varphi_{\text{R},j}^{\text{BO}} \left| \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \varphi_{\text{R},k}^{\text{BO}} \right. \right\rangle \quad \mathbf{d}_{jk}^{(2)}(\mathbf{R}) = \left\langle \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \varphi_{\text{R},j}^{\text{BO}} \left| \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \varphi_{\text{R},k}^{\text{BO}} \right. \right\rangle$$

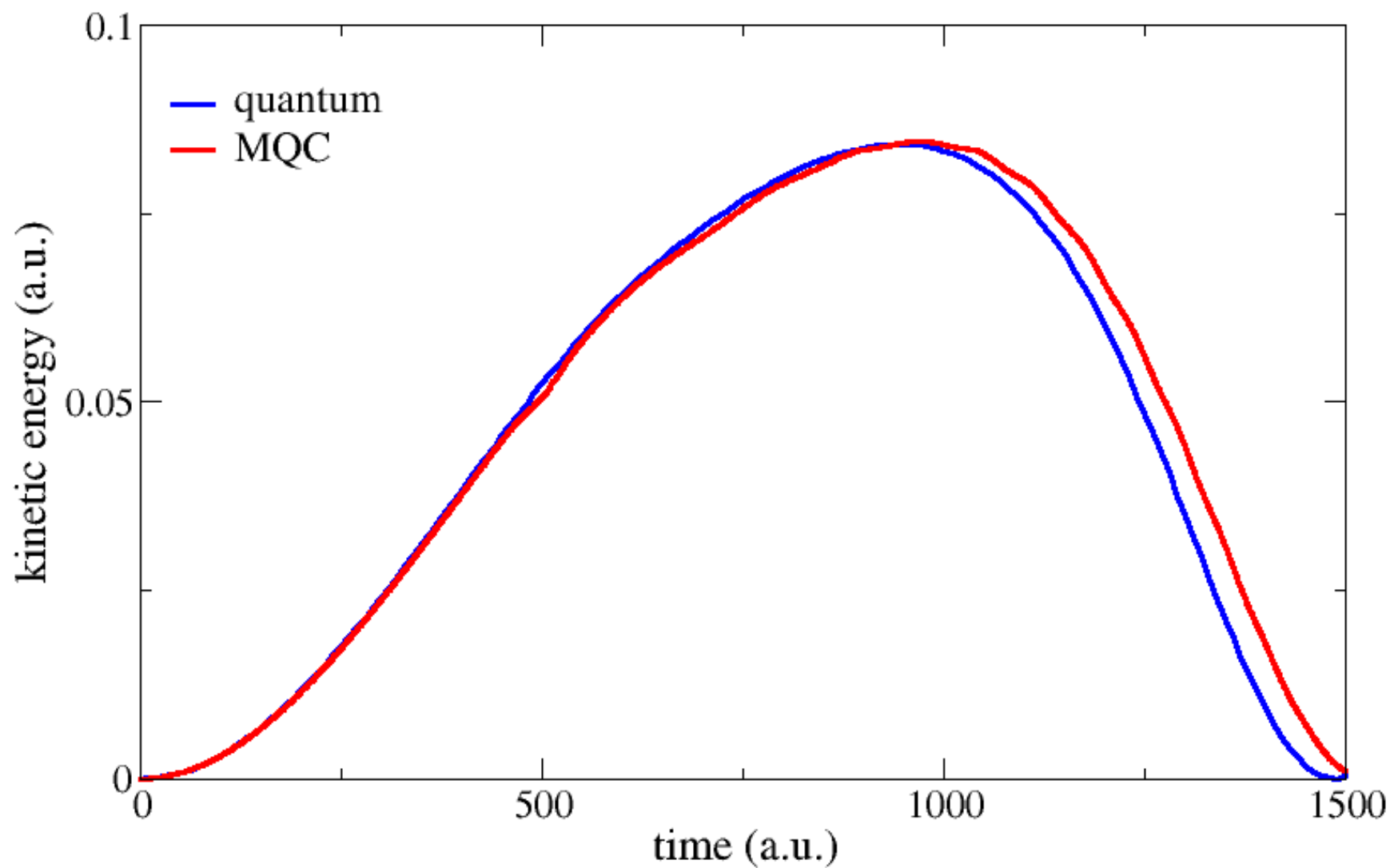
and classical EoM for the nuclear Hamiltonian:
$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{N}} = \frac{\mathbf{P}^2}{2M} + \mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}}^{(R)}$$

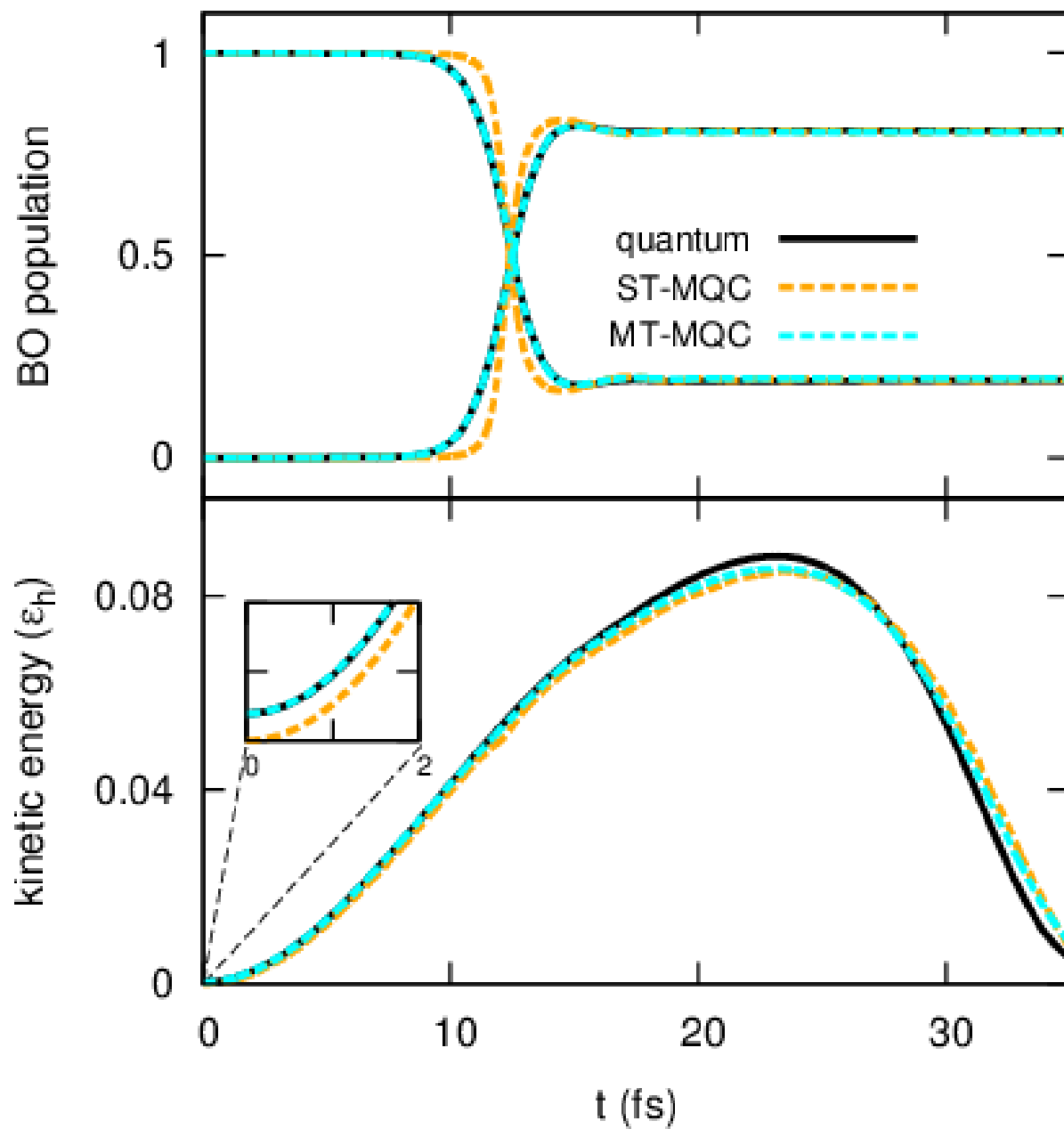
Shin-Metiu model

populations of the BO states as functions of time

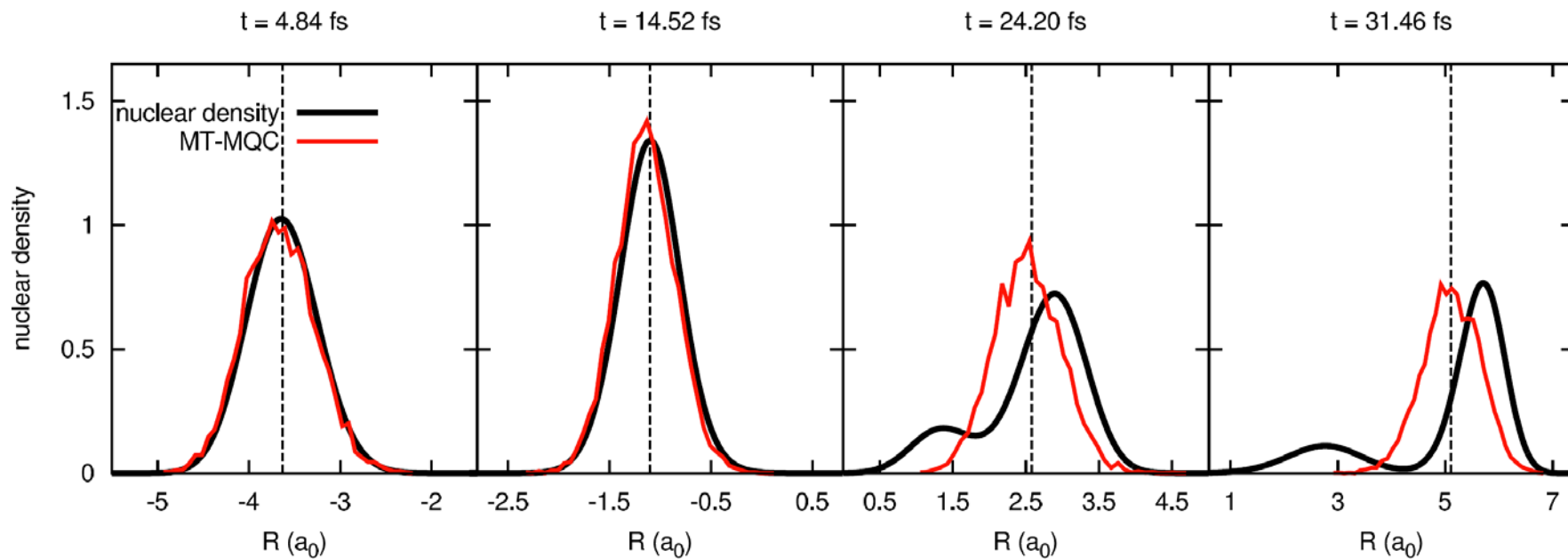


nuclear kinetic energy as a function of time

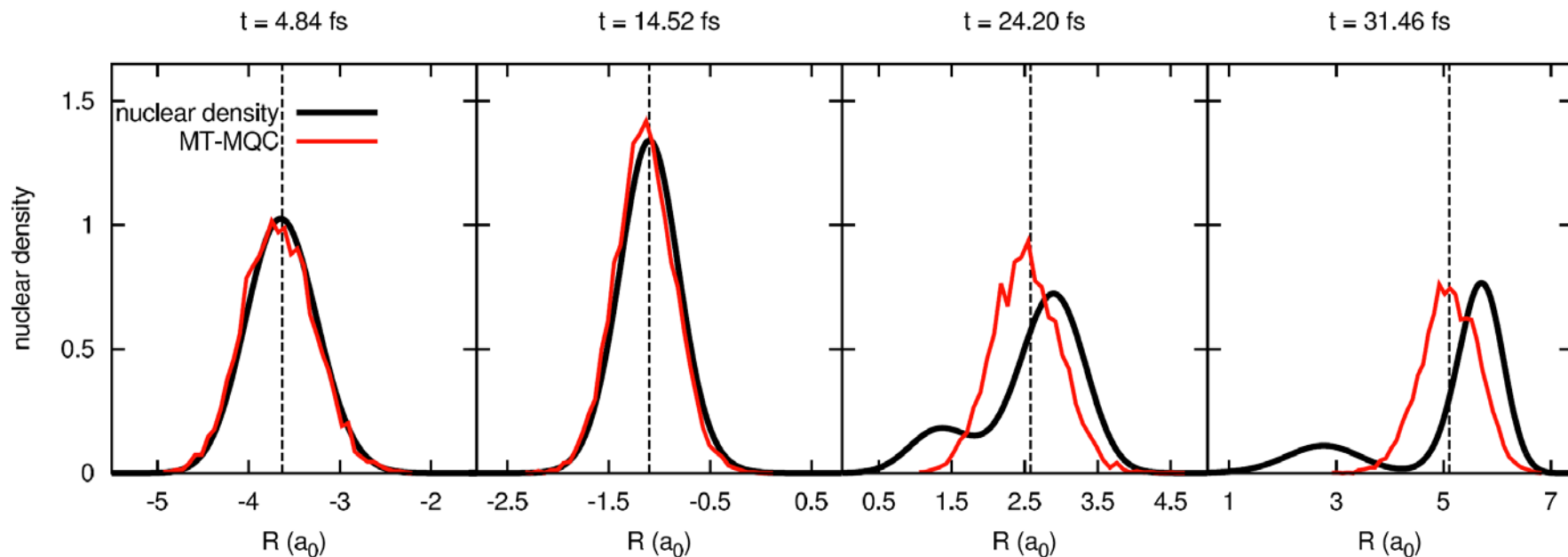




Exact nuclear density vs. histogram constructed from distribution of classical nuclear positions

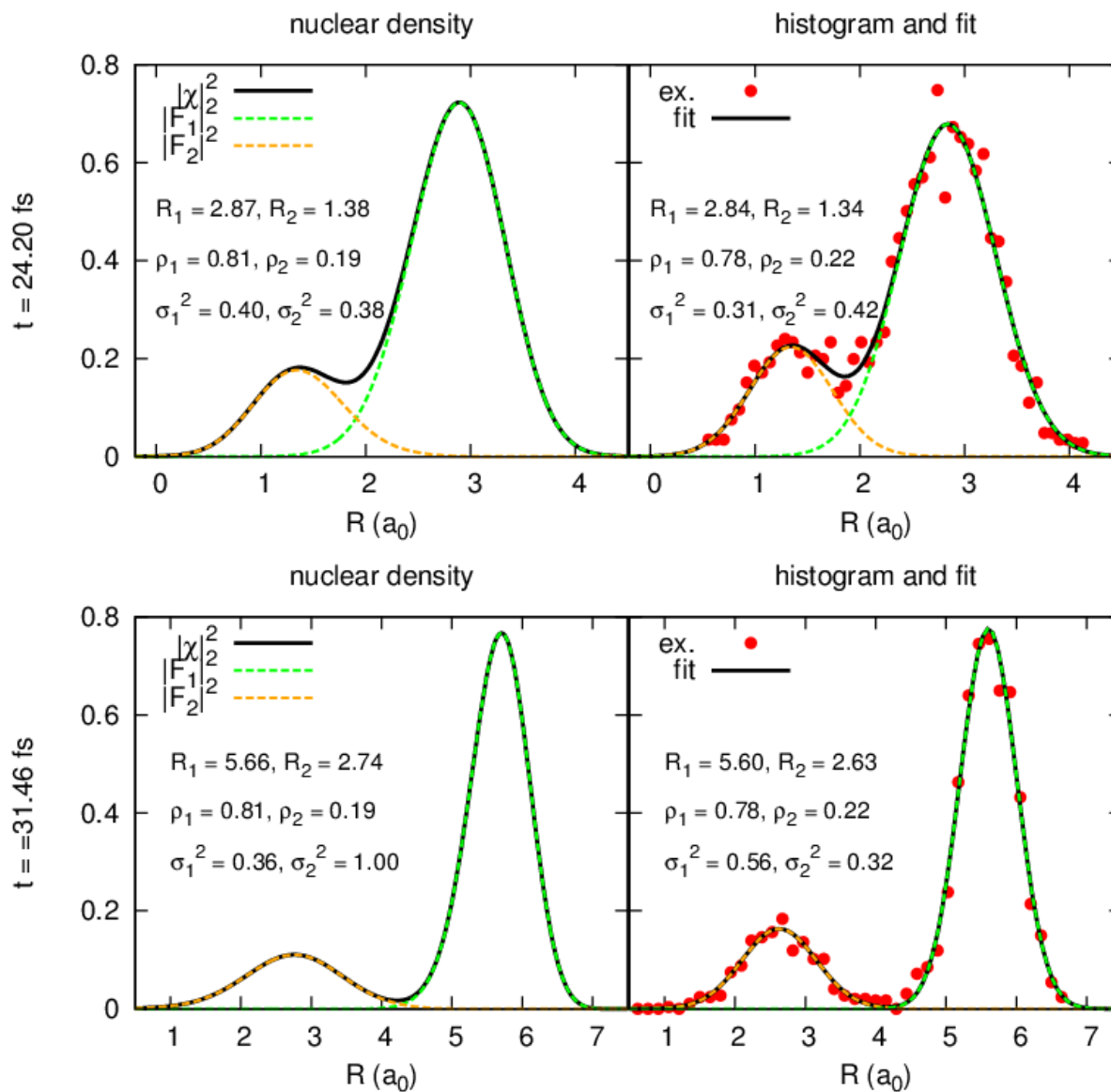


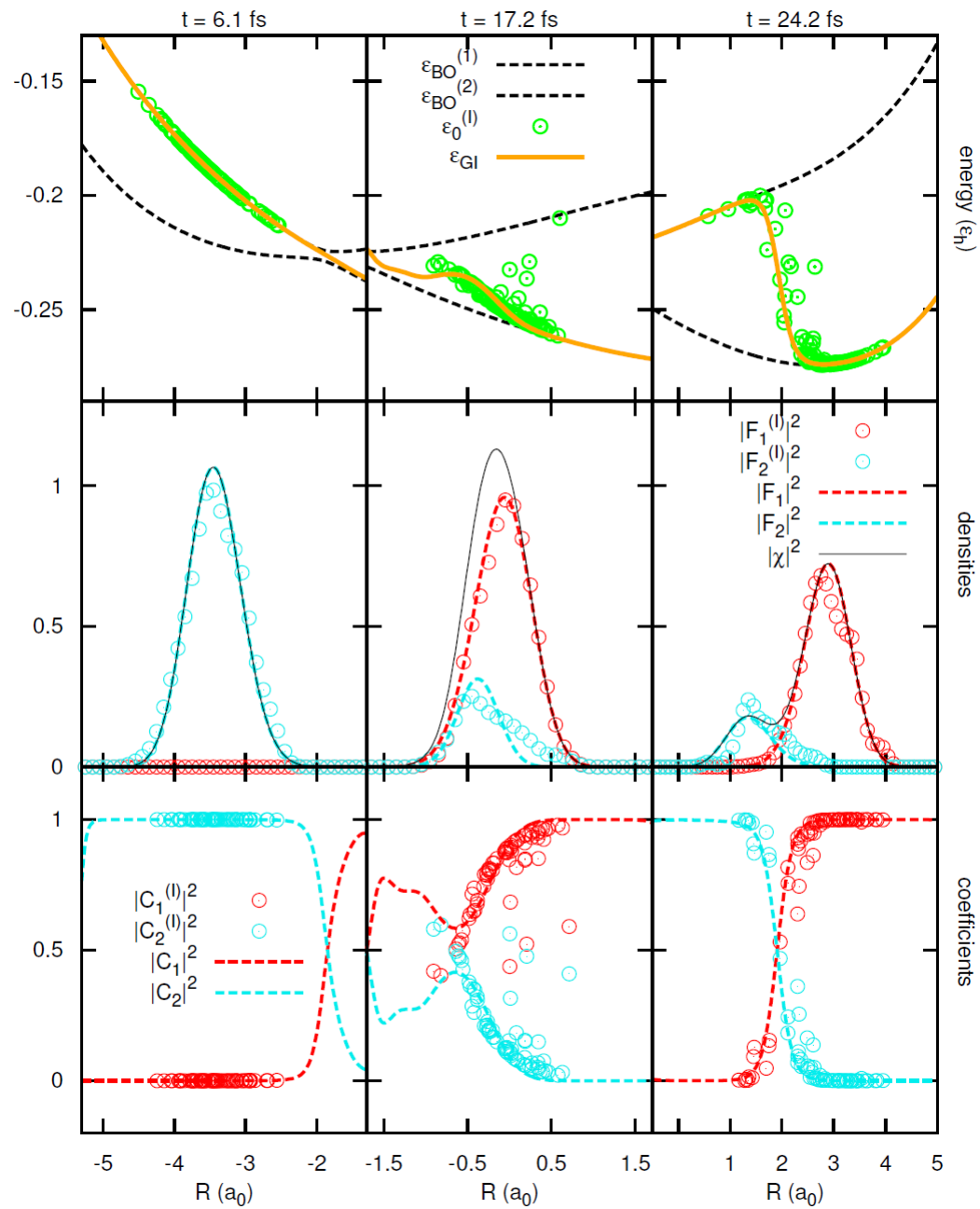
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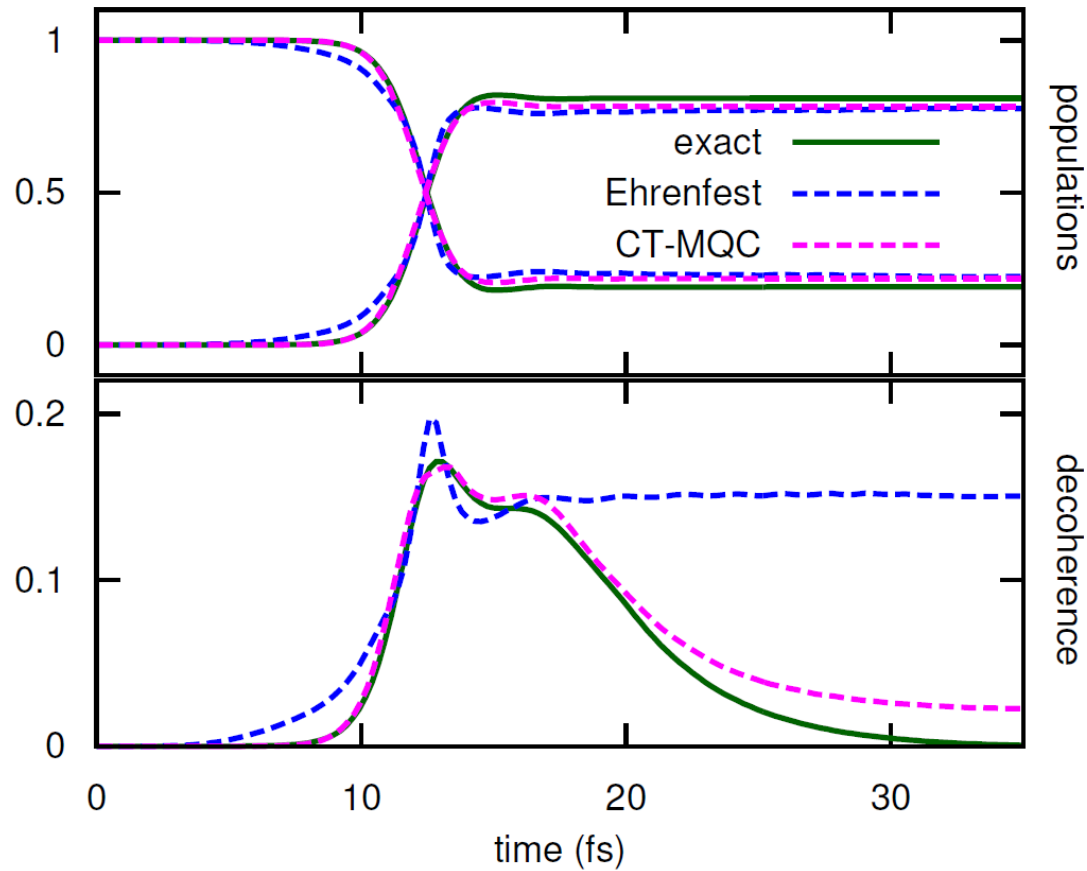


Algorithm not good enough to reproduce splitting of nuclear density!

Propagation of classical nuclei on exact TDPEs







Measure of decoherence:

Quantum:

$$\int d\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}} |c_1(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}, t)|^2 |c_2(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}, t)|^2 |\chi(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{R}}}, t)|^2$$

Trajectories

$$N_{traj}^{-1} \sum_I |c_1^{(I)}(t)|^2 |c_2^{(I)}(t)|^2$$

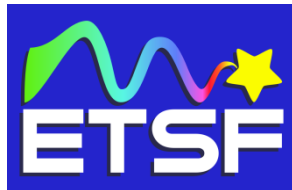
Summary:

- $\Psi(\underline{\underline{r}}, \underline{\underline{R}}) = \Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) \cdot \chi(\underline{\underline{R}})$ is exact
- Eqs. of motion for $\Phi_{\underline{\underline{R}}}(\underline{\underline{r}})$ and $\chi(\underline{\underline{R}})$ lead to
 - exact potential energy surface
 - exact Berry connection

both in the static and the time-dependent case

- Exact Berry phase may vanish when BO Berry phase $\neq 0$
- TD-PES shows jumps resembling surface hopping
- reverse the role of electrons and nuclei: Electronic TD PES
- mixed quantum classical algorithms

Thanks!



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