

A Combined QM/ML Approach to

Accelerate Photodynamics Simulation

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Photodynamics with Quantum Mechanics

Photodynamics trajectory over time



Coordinate: r_1 Velocity: V_1 State: ST_1 Energy: E_1 Forces: F_1 Calculate next coordinate r₂ with velocity verlet



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 Predict surface hopping with overlap matrix or non-adiabatic coupling vector (NAC) Coordinate: r_2 Velocity: V_2 State: ST_2 Energy: E_2 Forces: F_2

Machine Learning Photodynamics

- QM calculation is expensive → accelerate with ML model
- ML model trained on QM dataset
- Simulate PD trajectories with trained ML model
- Input: molecular coordinates (descriptor)

Local descriptor: Describe the whole molecule Global descriptor: Describe atoms and the interaction between atoms

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Output: energies, forces, overlap, NAC

Reference QM Method

- Molecule: Hydroxysulfinyl radical (HOSO)
- Method: MS-CASPT2 (13,10) / ANO-S-VDZP (OpenMolcas / SHARC)
- Time: 100 ~ 520 fs (0.5 fs / step)
- Hopping: FSSH + overlap matrix

(a) 5 doublets starting from first excited state
(b) 8 doublets starting from different states

Data provided by Javier Carmona-García





Molecular Descriptor

SchNet: convolutional network taking interatomic distance



Kristof T. Schüttm et. al. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems. **30** 992-1002, 2017. J. Westermayr, et. al. *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters*, **11**(10):3828–3834, 2020.

Molecular Descriptor

Localized Orbital Locator (LOL):

3D voxelized descriptor describing electron density

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• The space is represented as a 14*14*14 grid

- Each voxel contains features describing electron density
- DenseNet with 3D convolution layers
- DFT (UB3LYP/6-31G) is required → ground state energy utilized for Δ-learning

Applicable Domain



Last 100 fs exceeds the training set domain

Active Learning



- 2 distinct models trained on the same dataset
- x_i is predicted by 2 models respectively
- $RMSE(y_i^1 y_i^2) < threshold: x_i is in applicable domain$
- Reliability of this method was never discussed

Active Learning



Active Learning



SchNet1 + SchNet2

LOL + SchNet

The error between LOL and SchNet better represents the real error

Data Processing



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Non-uniform dataset:

73 trajectories (20071 points) Validation set: 22 trajectories (9064 points)

Training Results: Energy and Force



Validation (Test) RMSE		Energy (eV)	Force (eV / Å)	
LOL	Uniform	0.103 (0.117)	1.35 (1.32)	
	Non-uniform	0.158 (0.189)	1.36 (1.43)	
SchNet	Uniform	0.105 (0.105)	1.34 (1.19)	
	Non-uniform	0.163 (0.183)	1.26 (1.29)	
LOL+SchNet	Uniform	0.073 (0.082)	1.23 (1.07)	
	Non-uniform	0.125 (0.147)	1.13 (1.18)	

Training Results: Overlap Matrix



PD Simulation Workflow



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PD Results – Photoproducts

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(a) 5 doublets starting from first excited state for 200 fs

Photoproduct	ML (N = 73)		ML (N = 1000)		QM/ML (N = 73)		QM (N = 73)	
	N°	%	N°	%	N°	%	N°	%
HO+SO	41	56.2	561	56.1	29	39.7	32	43.8
HOS+O	0	0	2	0.2	0	0	2	2.7
H+SO ₂	0	0	10	1.0	0	0	0	0
No photolysis	32	43.8	427	42.7	44	60.3	39	53.4

(b) 8 doublets starting from different states

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	N°	%	N°	%	
HO+SO	59	84.1	55	79.7	
HOS+O	2	2.9	6	8.7	
H+SO ₂	1	2.9	2	2.9	
No photolysis	7	10.1	6	8.7	

PD Results – State Population ¹⁶

(a) 5 doublets starting from first excited state for 200 fs



PD Results – State Population ¹⁷

(b) 8 doublets starting from different states for 200 fs

