



CSSI Element: Libra: The Modular Software for Nonadiabatic and Quantum Dynamics

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Motivation:

- Modeling of nonadiabatic (NA) and quantum dynamics (QD) in complex systems relies on approximations.
 - Surface hopping, Ehrenfest, independent trajectories, neglect of back-reaction, classical nuclei, bath models, thermal effects, decoherence, technical: state tracking, phase corrections, etc.

“which method to choose?”

- Various codes exist:
“black-box” style, not suitable for methodology development, difficult to use, redundant, inconsistent

***“library of methodology
prototyping building blocks”***

Objectives:

- To develop Libra library: TSH, FGR, decoherence, coupled trajectories
- To develop new tools: Libra/DFTB+ codes to enable modeling of nonadiabatic dynamics in nanoscale systems.
- To systematically benchmark NA/QD schemes: build the “Jacob’s ladder” of nonadiabatic dynamics methods

Intellectual Merit:

- Answer the “Which method to choose?” Systematic assessment of approximations
- Modular software to study and develop new methods
- Enable efficient modeling of nonadiabatic processes in nanosystems

Broader Impact:

- Nonadiabatic dynamics: stimulate the adoption and re-use of advanced methods and codes
- Materials research: new practical tools for excited states dynamics
- Education: Provide advanced training via workshops and online open-source educational materials

