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Quantum Dynamics in Few-Body System

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What we are working on

Study the dynamical processes in few-body system by solving

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(t) = H(t)\Psi(t)$$

non-perturbative

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

perturbative

numerically.

Particles: nuclei, electrons, photons etc.

Processes: electrons, atoms, molecules in the external fields
collisions between electrons, ions, atoms, molecules
ionic, atomic, molecular structures (excited states)

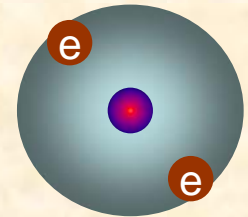
Objects: *Understand* the processes;
Provide the data;
Control the quantum dynamical processes.

Why we belong to the Center

Characteristics of the Study:

- The number of particles involved is accountable with the finger
- Interactions between the particles are well known
- Most of the dynamical processes cannot be solved analytically

Example: Helium atoms ($\text{He} + 2 e$),
The transition from quantum to classic physics ($\hbar \rightarrow 0$).



To do the simulation, we need a big computer.

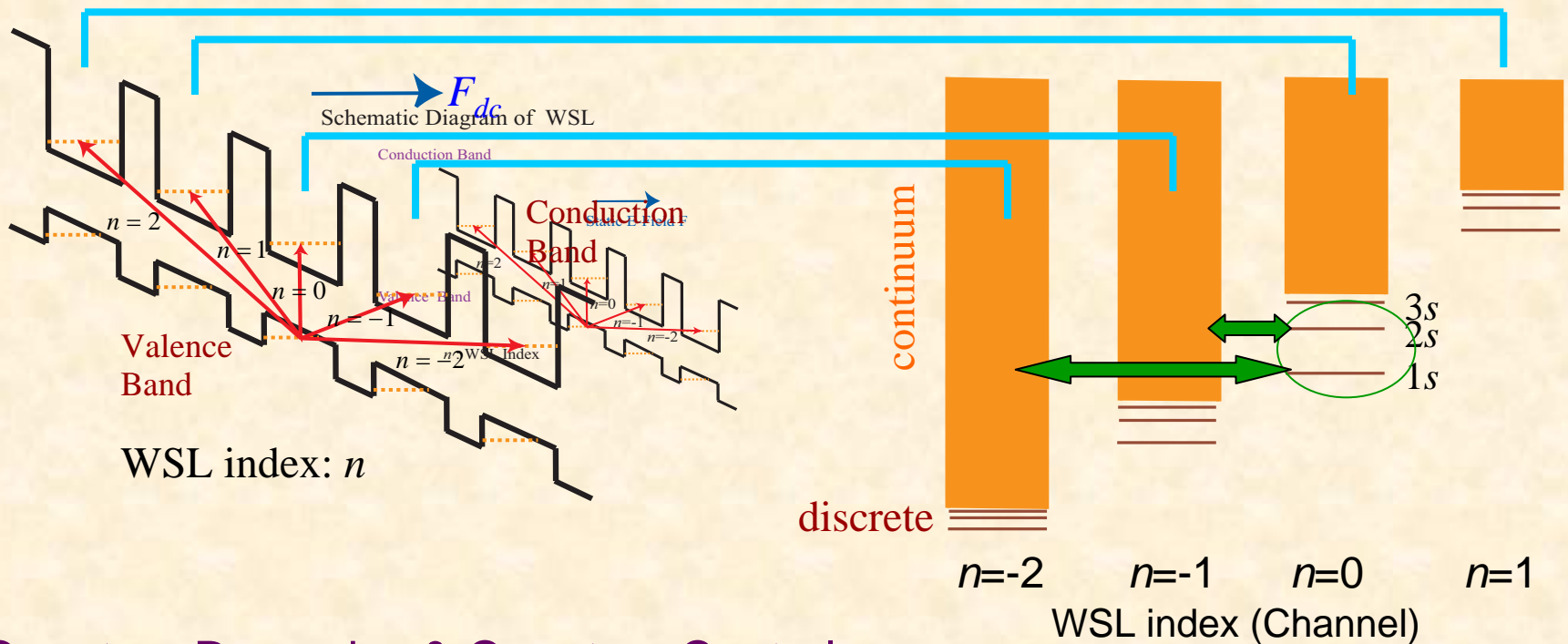
To learn things, we have to discuss with our colleagues

Common interests (computation) and common tools (computer)
put us together.

Example I: Wannier-Stark Ladder

WSL space structure:

WSL energy structure

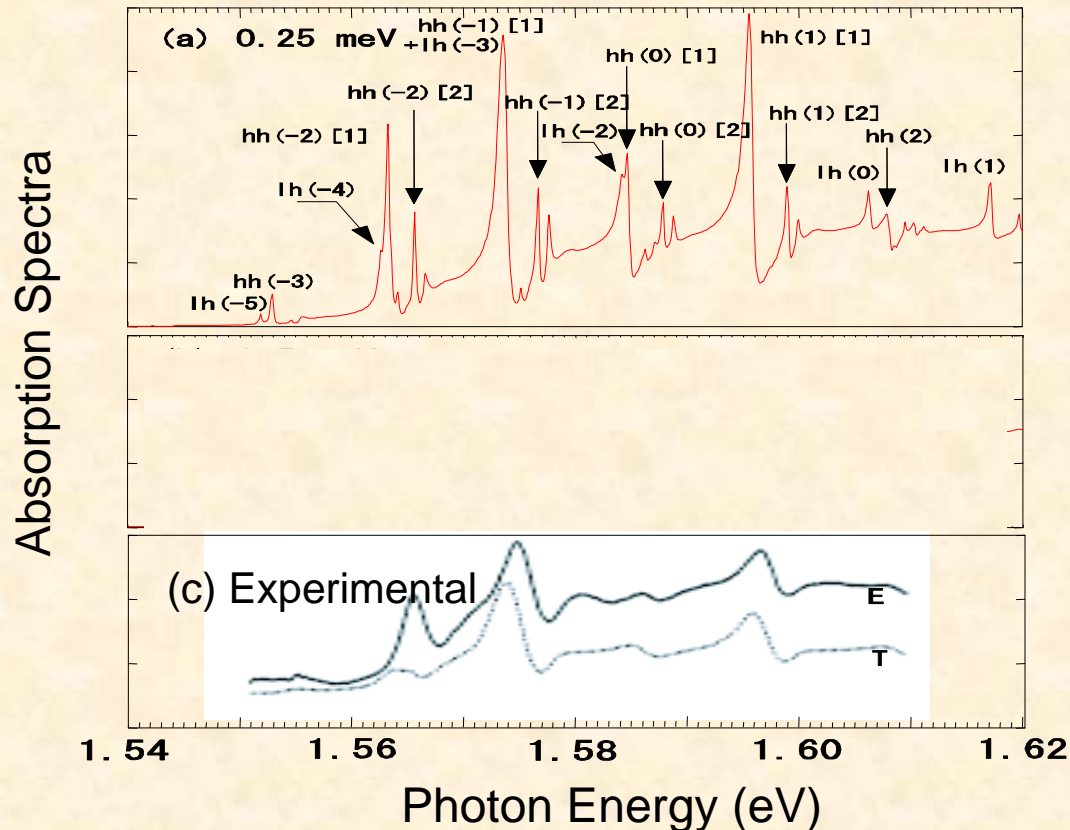


Quantum Dynamics & Quantum Control

Fano Resonance

Linear Optical Response

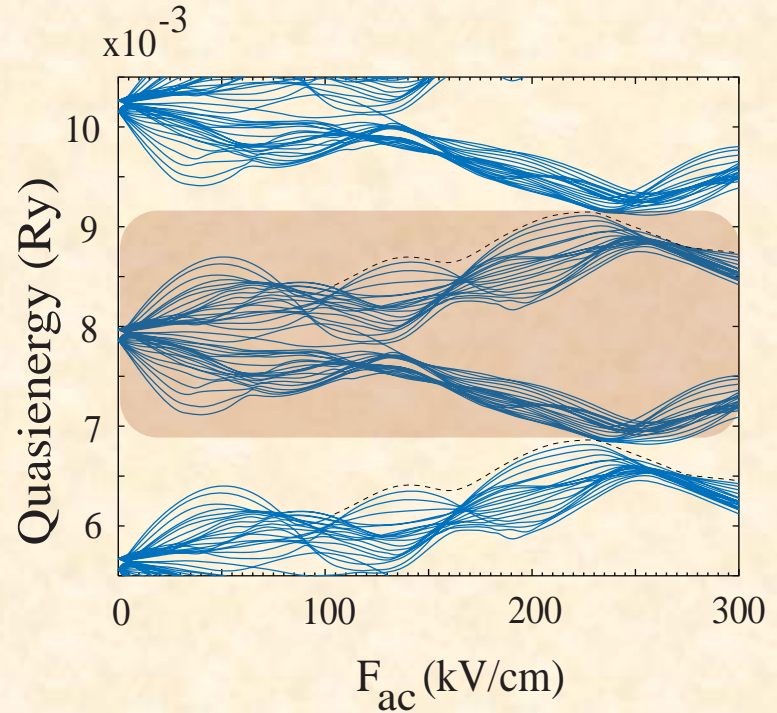
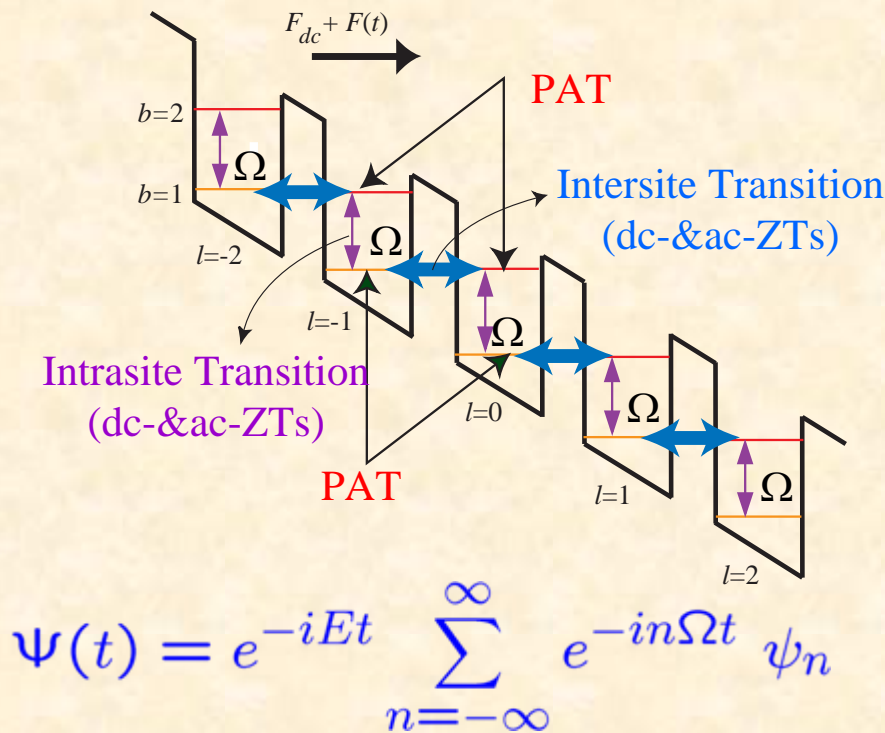
67Å-GaAs / 17Å-Ga_{0.7}Al_{0.3}As (F=13.3kV/cm)



Theory: K. Hino and N. Toshima, *PRB* **71**, 205326 (2005).
Experiment: C. P. Holfeld *et al.*, *PRL* **81**, 874 (1998).

Quantum Control: DWSL

Schematic Diagram of the DWSL



The energy structure can be controlled by F_{ac} and measured by a weak probe field.

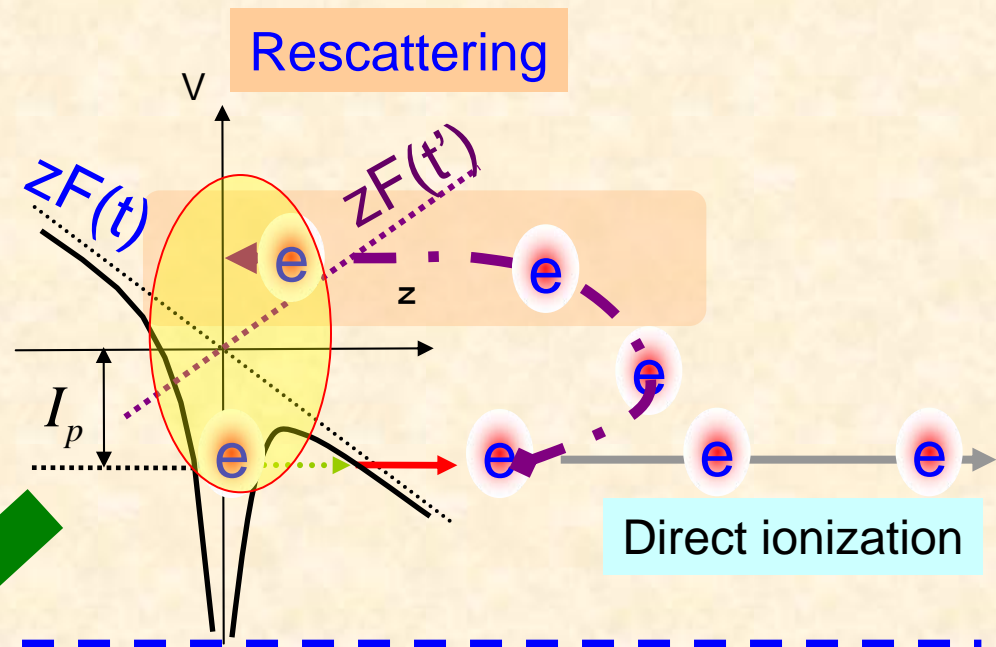
E : quasienergy calculated by Floquet theory

K. Hino, X. M. Tong and N. Toshima, *PRB*, accepted (2007).

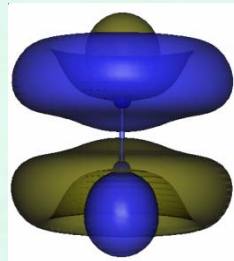
Example II: Laser Material Interactions

1. Tunneling Ionization
2. *Rescattering*
3. Electron-Core Collision

Strong, coherent electron beam



Electron beam



conventional
non-coherent

- Radiative Rec.
- Ion. or Dis.
- Scattering

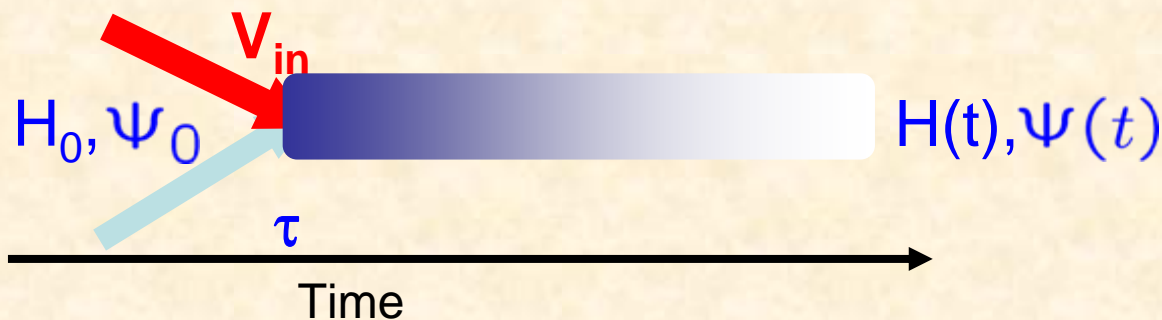
rescattering
coherent
(HHG)
(Mol. Clock)
(Imaging)

Computational Scheme

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(t) = H(t)\Psi(t) \quad \text{with } \Psi(-\infty) = \Psi_0$$



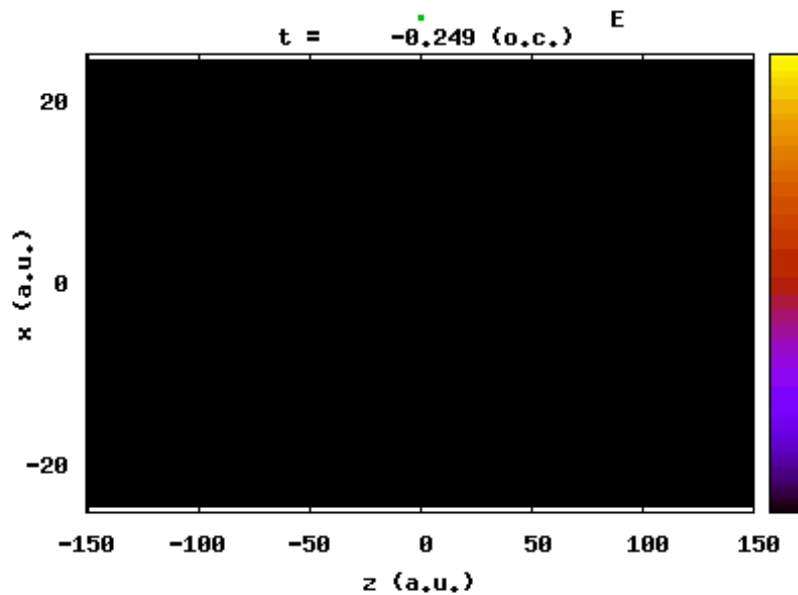
$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(t) &= -i \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-i \int_{\tau}^t H(\tau') d\tau'} V_{in} e^{-i E_0 \tau} \Psi_0 d\tau + e^{-i E_0 t} \Psi_0 \\ &= -i \int_{-\infty}^t U(t, \tau) V_{in} U_0(\tau, -\infty) \Psi_0 d\tau + U_0(t, -\infty) \Psi_0\end{aligned}$$



TD-momentum distribution

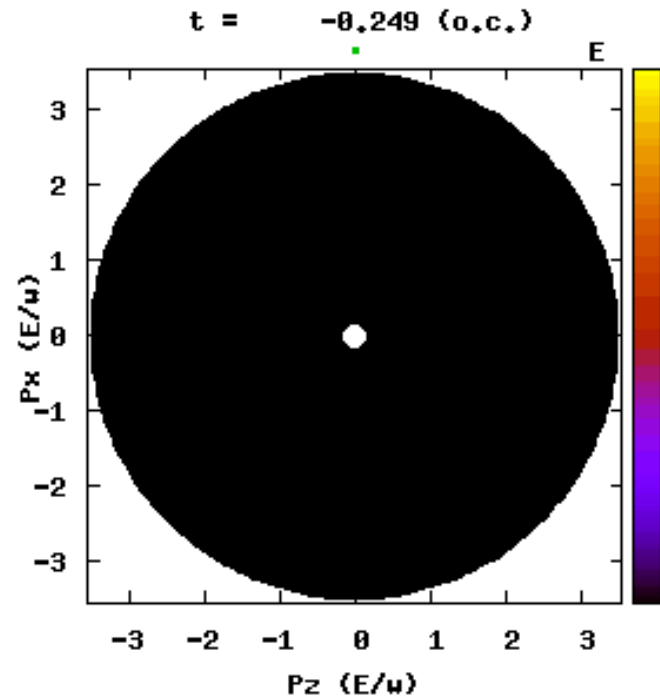
$$I_0 = 2 \times 10^{14} \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$\lambda = 800 \text{ nm}$$



TD- Space Distribution

$$|\Psi_j(t)|^2$$



TD- Momentum Distribution

$$\frac{dP(E, \Omega, t)}{dE d\Omega}$$

X. M. Tong, S. Watahiki, K. Hino and N. Toshima, *PRL* **99**, 093001 (2007).

Future Plan

Develop a time-dependent Floquet method:
to study atoms, molecules, clusters or semiconductors in
a periodic time-dependent external field.

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(t) = H(t)\Psi(t) \quad \text{with} \quad H(t) = H(t + T)$$

$$\Psi(t) = e^{-iEt} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i2n\pi\frac{t}{T}} \psi_n$$

Time-independent method:

a coupled channel eigen-value problem;

/ n^3

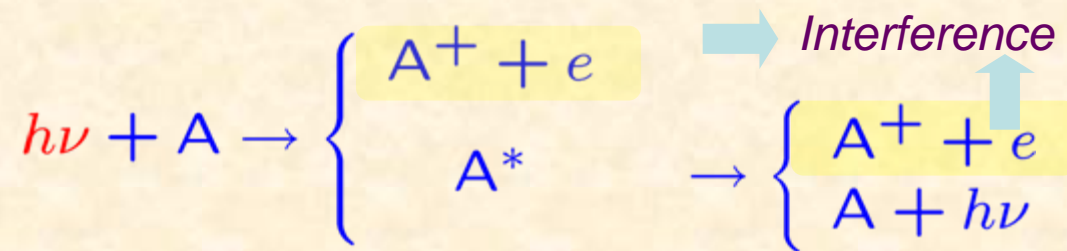
Time-dependent method:

propagate the w.f. for one period and dig out the dynamic
information based on the Floquet theory.

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Future Plan

Develop a time-dependent method: to study the photoionization of many-electron system [DFT + Configuration Interaction (CI)]



Difficulties: too many ionization channels and continuum w.f.

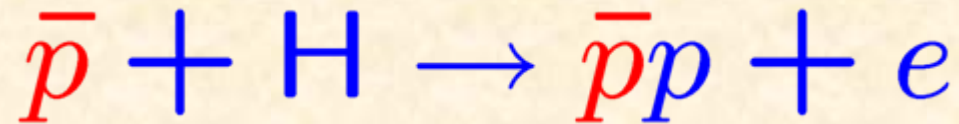
Suggested: *Structures* calculated by DFT and CI (well developed);
Dynamics investigated by time-dependent method.

$$\psi(t) = -i \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-i \int_{\tau}^0 H d\tau'} V_{in} e^{-iE_0\tau} \psi_0 d\tau + e^{-iE_0t} \psi_0$$

Key step: the continuum w.f. in the outer region will be absorbed.

Future Plan

Study capture processes by our newly developed TD-method [1].



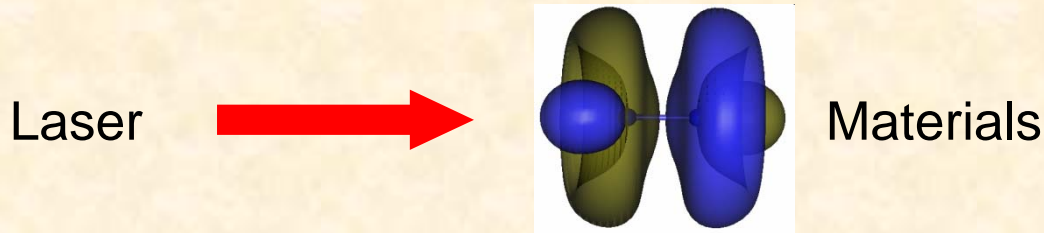
Basic research: formation and properties of anti-material
Application: charge capture processes in astrophysics [2]

[1] “State-specified protonium formation in low-energy antiproton-hydrogen-atom collisions”,
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[2] “X-ray emission from comets”, T. E. Cravens, *Science* **296**, 1042 (2002)

Future Plan

Study intense laser material interactions by our TD-method [3].



Steer the rescattering wavepacket by tuning laser parameters;
Study the dynamics in the femto-second (10^{-15} s) time scale [4];
Study the tomographic imaging of molecular orbitals [5].

- [3] “Numerical Observation of the Rescattering Wavepacket in Laser-Atom Interactions”,
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