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Ab-initio density functional simulation for nano-optics

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Scalable Ab-initio Light-Matter simulator for Optics and Nanoscience

It is capable of describing light-matter interactions starting with ab-initio electron dynamics calculations.

Two aspects of light-matter simulation

Light propagation usually described using Maxwell's equations Macroscopic electromagnetism



Electron dynamics is induced by light electric field, described by Schrödinger equation Quantum mechanics

Atoms, molecules, solids



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Popular tool in computational materials science: Density functional theory (DFT)

$$\varepsilon_i \phi_i(r) = \left[\frac{1}{2m}p^2 + V_{ion}(r) + V_H(r) + V_{xc}(r)\right] \phi_i(r)$$

Theory for ground state. Not applicable to photoexcitation





W. Kohn, 1998 Nobel prize in chemistry

Extension to electron dynamics: Time-dependent DFT (TDDFT)

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi_i(r,t) = \left[\frac{1}{2m}p^2 + V_{ion}(r) + V_H(r,t) + V_{xc}(r,t) + V_{ext}(r,t)\right]\psi_i(r,t)$$

Electronic excited states, electron dynamics under external field, ...

Real-time response: Optical response of Ethylene (C₂H₄) molecule



Real-time and real-space method



Real-space grid representationin 3D Cartesian coordinate- High-order finite difference

$$-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m}\left[\sum_{n_{1}=-N}^{N}C_{n_{1}}\psi(x_{i}+n_{1}h,y_{j},z_{k})+\sum_{n_{2}=-N}^{N}C_{n_{2}}\psi(x_{i},y_{j}+n_{2}h,z_{k})+\sum_{n_{3}=-N}^{N}C_{n_{3}}\psi(x_{i},y_{j},z_{k}+n_{3}h)\right]$$
$$+\left[V_{ion}(x_{i},y_{j},z_{k})+V_{H}(x_{i},y_{j},z_{k})+V_{xc}(x_{i},y_{j},z_{k})\right]\psi(x_{i},y_{j},z_{k})=E\psi(x_{i},y_{j},z_{k}).$$

Time evolution calculation by explicit method (Taylor expansion of 4th order)

$$\psi_i(t + \Delta t) = \exp\left[\frac{h_{KS}(t)\Delta t}{i\hbar}\right]\psi_i(t) \approx \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{h_{KS}(t)\Delta t}{i\hbar}\right)\psi_i(t), \qquad N = 4$$

Calculation of large systems using massively parallel supercomputers Surface plasmon resonance of Au clusters



Crystalline silicon under intense laser pulse



$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u_{n\vec{k}}\left(\vec{r},t\right) = \left[\frac{1}{2m}\left(\vec{p}+\vec{k}+\frac{e}{c}\vec{A}(t)\right)^{2} + \int d\vec{r} \, \left|\frac{e^{2}}{\left|\vec{r}-\vec{r}\right|^{2}}n\left(\vec{r},t\right) + \mu_{xc}\left[n\left(\vec{r},t\right)\right]\right]u_{n\vec{k}}\left(\vec{r},t\right)$$



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Usually, two simulations are separately used in optical sciences

Macroscopic Electromagnetism (EM)

Light propagation description by Maxwell equations. Materials' properties comes into through constitutive relations (dielectric constant).

Quantum Mechanics (QM)

First-principles calculations for dielectricfunction.Perturbation theory in quantum mechanics.

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{B} = 0$$
$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{E} + \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{B}}{\partial t} = \boldsymbol{0}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{D} = \rho$$
$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{H} - \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{D}}{\partial t} = \boldsymbol{j}$$

$$D = \varepsilon E$$

Constitutive relation connects two theories

$$\varepsilon_{r} = 1 + \frac{2Ne^{2}}{\varepsilon_{0}\hbar} \sum_{j} \frac{\omega_{j0} \left| \left\langle 0 \left| x \right| j \right\rangle \right|^{2}}{\omega_{j0}^{2} - (\omega + i\gamma)^{2}}$$

However, at the frontiers of optical science, unified simulation is required.

Ordinary electromagnetism

$$D(\vec{r},t) = \int^t dt' \epsilon(t-t') E(\vec{r},t')$$

Linearity and locality

In forefront optical science, a theoretical and computational approach unifying Electromagnetism and Quantum Mechanics is required.





Photon energy [eV

Nonthermal laser processing using femtosecond laser pulses

Nano-optics Image: strong nonlinear interactions

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ARTED

Ab-intio Real-Time Electron Dynamics symulator



Light propagation description: Coupling with Maxwell equations

'Multi-scale' coupling



K. Yabana et.al, Phys. Rev. B85, 045134 (2012).

Ab-initio simulation for light-wave propagation in Si





Towards Laser processing of transparent materials

At which intensity of light, glass changes from transparent to opaque material?



Laser pulse propagation through SiO₂ 10 μ m thin film



Exp: Attosecond streaking measurements by Max-Planck Inst. Quantum Optics

Maxwell + TDDFT multiscale simulation : 10 mm SiO₂



Laser electric field, red (strong), blue (weak)



Energy deposition from laser pulse to SiO_2 at mid point (5µm)



A. Sommer et.al, Nature 534, 86 (2016). (EXP: Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics)

3D Maxwell + 3D RT-TDDFT simulation: a computational challenge

Our university started to operate supercomputer 'Oakforest-PACS' from 2016.11. 1st in Japan 9th in the world (Nov, 2017) 8208 nodes x 68 cores (Intel Xeon Phi 7250) 25 PFLOPS

2017.3 We had 3-day machine time to use full nodes.





Strong laser pulses on Silicon nano-structures: Two test cases



We anticipated: dielectric response for weak, and metallic response for strong laser pulses.

Laser pulse (10¹²W/cm², 1.55eV, 5fs) on silicon-nanosphere



Multiscale Maxwell-TDDFT calculation



FDTD calculation is inexpensive and carried out redundantly in nodes.

1 node calculates 4 electron dynamics. (32,752 electron dynamics by 8,188 nodes)

Each electron dynamics calculation uses

- 16x16x16 spatial grids
- 8x8x8 k-points
- 16 orbitals

Total number of variables : 1.1 x 10¹² Number of time step : 20,000

Performance in various processors

In-House collaboration with Computer Science group (Prof. Boku, Ph.D student Hirokawa)



Weak scaling



Strong scaling



Summary

We are developing SALMON

- ab-initio calculation for light-matter interaction
- large-scale computing for Maxwell + TDDFT multiscale simulation
- in-house collaboration between application and computer researchers
- good scaling and performance using many-core processors
- provide numerical experiment platform for forefront optical science
- to be usable by experimental and company researchers

SALMON-TDDFT Code-Project



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