

Towards Solvent Interactions in Modelling Infrared Spectra of Rhenium(I) Complex

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Introduction

Different rates of the intersystem crossing (ISC) observed in various polar solvents^{1,2}

The ISC is triggered by a light irradiation

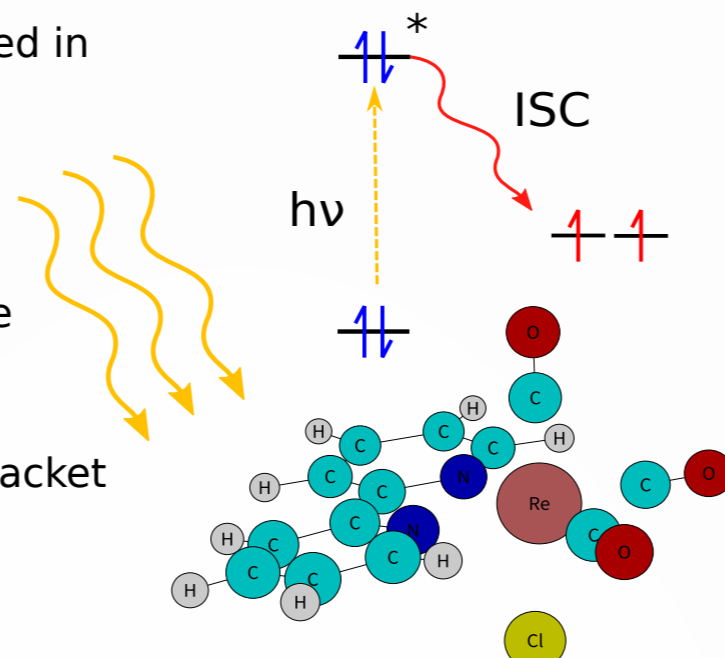
Aim: mimic the experiment at sub-ps and ps timescale

- State-of-the-art non-adiabatic dynamics
- An analysis based on virial theorem for computing the infrared spectra at sub-ps time scale

Uncovered relaxation processes:

- Ultrafast relaxation of the molecular spin-orbit wavepacket
- Non-adiabatic relaxation
- Vibrational relaxation of carbonyl modes
- Redistribution of solvent molecules

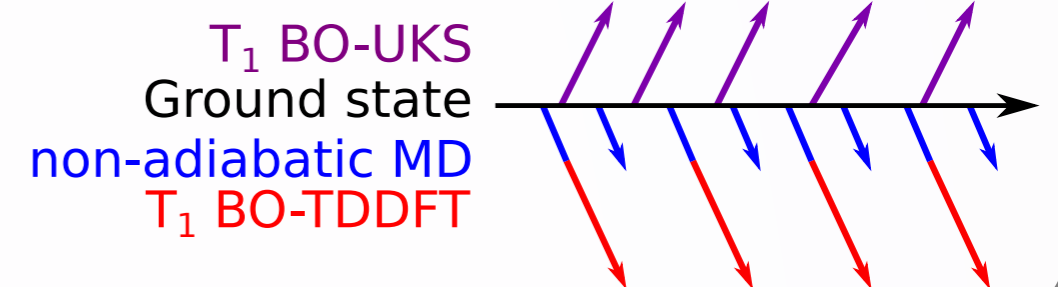
Correlation between solvent and vibrational relaxation revealed



Methodology

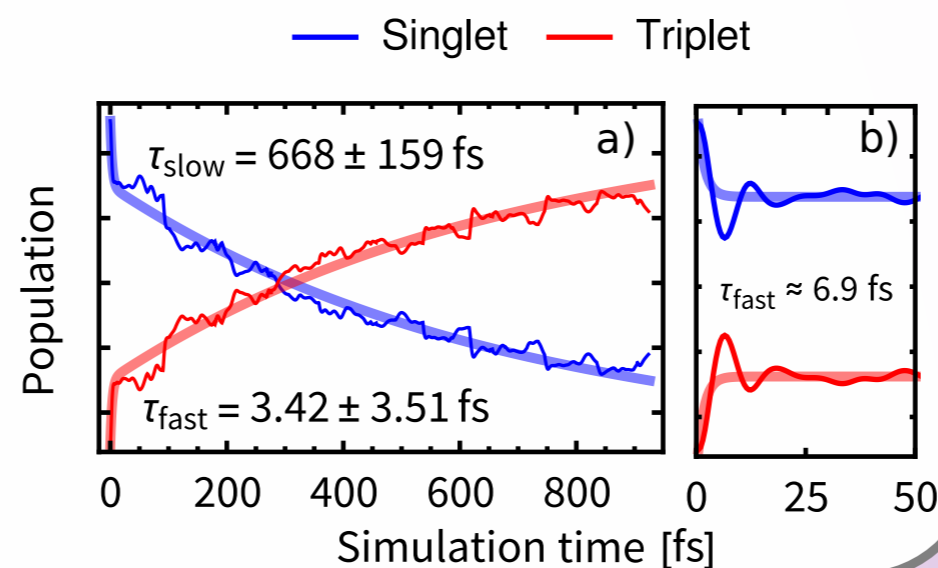
Combination of two computational approaches employed:

- 0) Initial conditions from ground state dynamics
- 1) Born-Oppenheimer dynamics in the lowest triplet state (5 ps)
- 2a) Non-adiabatic dynamics at sub-ps time scale
- 2b) Extended Born-Oppenheimer dynamics in the lowest triplet state (10 ps)



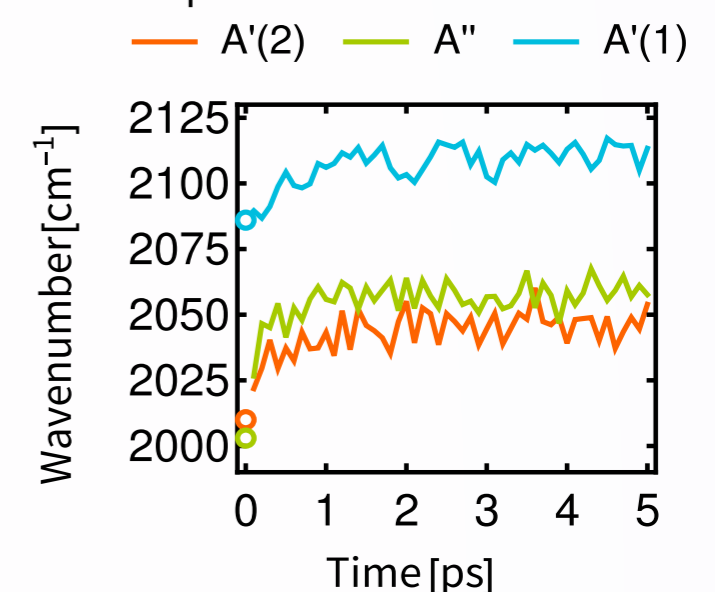
Intersystem crossing

- Relaxation of the **molecular spin-orbit wavepacket**³ (time constant τ_{fast})
 - Converting about 20 % of the electronic population
 - Confirmed by frozen-nuclei dynamics - b)
- Vibrational relaxation in a strong **non-adiabatic** regime (time constant τ_{slow}) - a)
 - Conversion about 80 % of the singlet population to triplet states



Vibrational relaxation

- New equilibrium approached in **2 ps**
- Total shift upwards ($\sim 40 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) in accord with the experiment

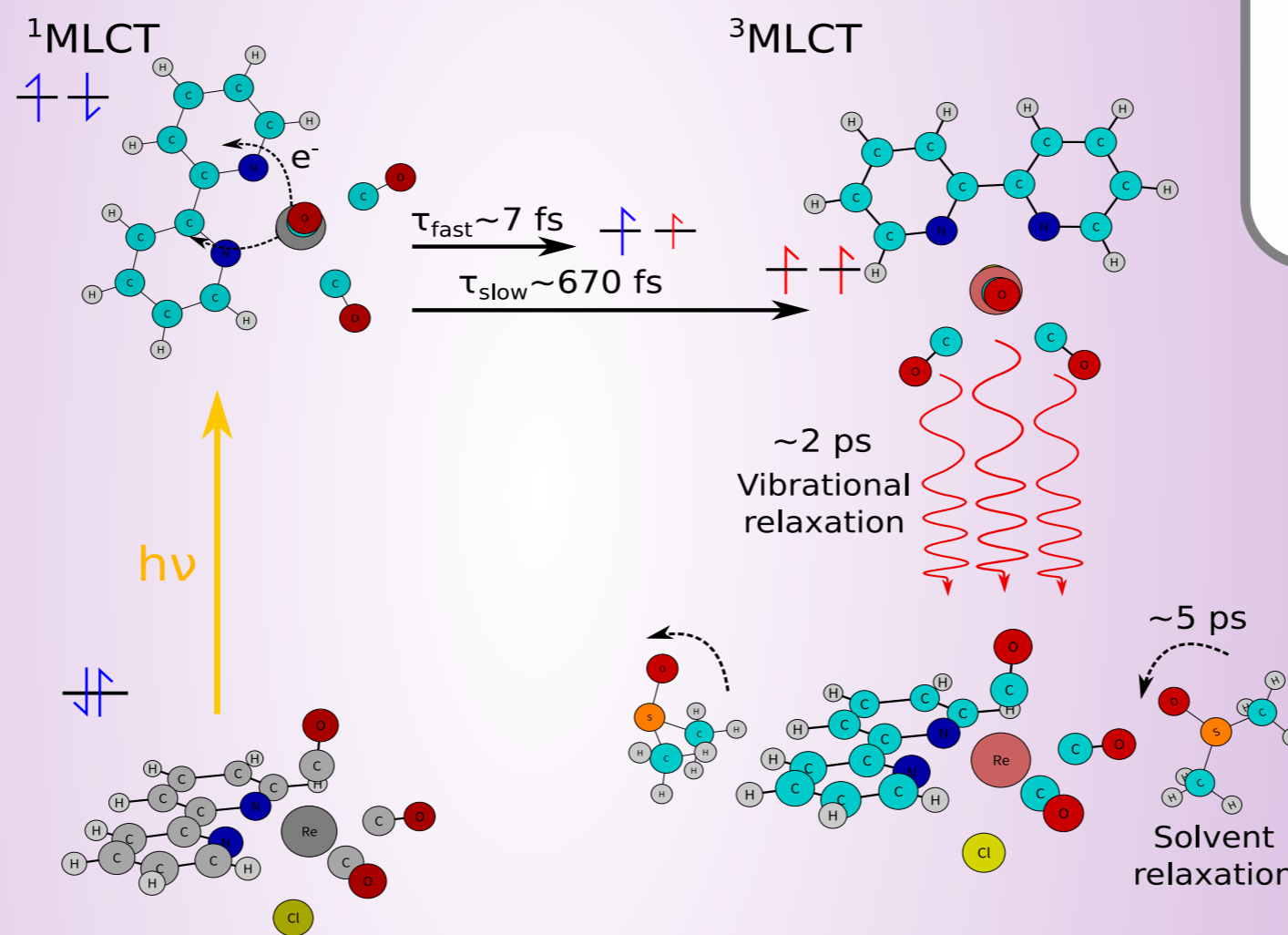
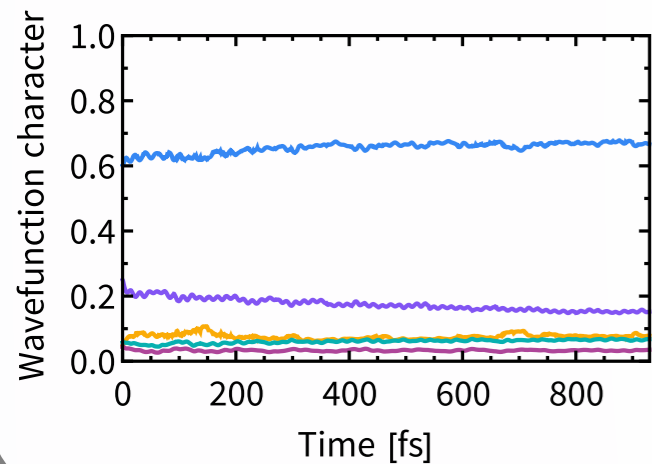


WF character

- Mixed MLCT and LLCT character (Re \rightarrow bpy) & (Cl, (CO)₃ \rightarrow bpy)
- Character of the wavefunction preserved during the whole non-adiabatic dynamics

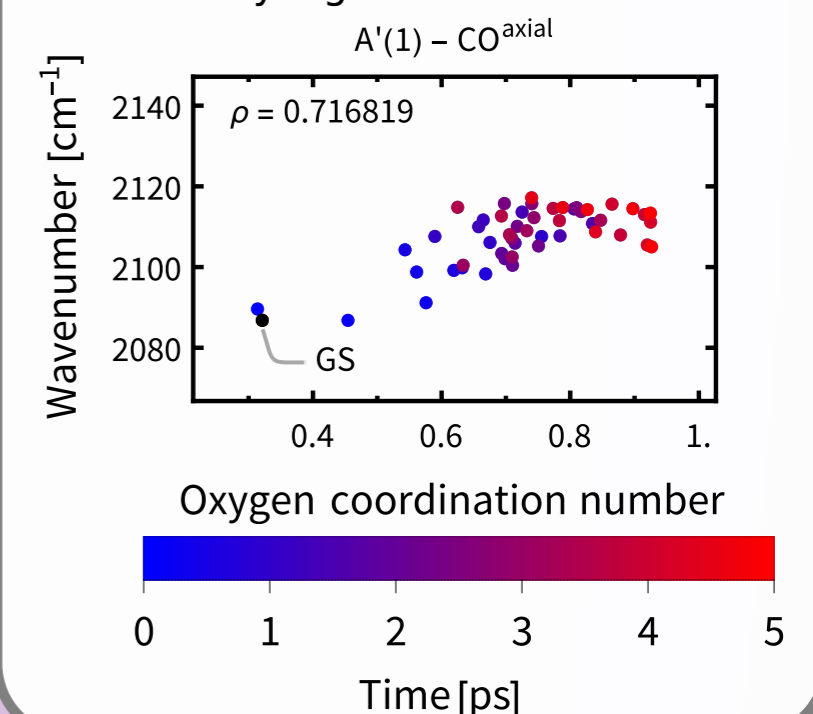
— Re(CO)₃ \rightarrow bpy — Cl \rightarrow bpy — others

— bpy \rightarrow bpy — Re(CO)₃ \rightarrow Re(CO)₃



Vibration-solvation correlation

- Carbonyl modes frequencies
- DMSO oxygen coordination number to carbonyl ligands



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