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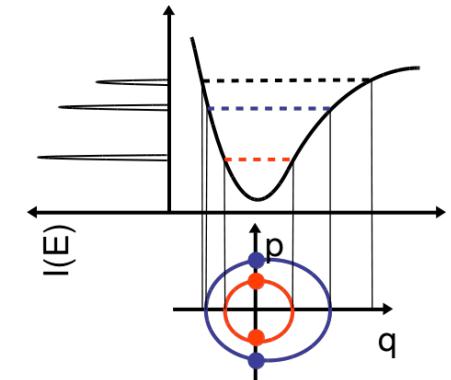
**Investigating Molecular Quantum Vibrational Frequencies with Semiclassical Dynamics:  
Theory and Application to Systems of Astrochemical Interest**

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# Outline of the Talk

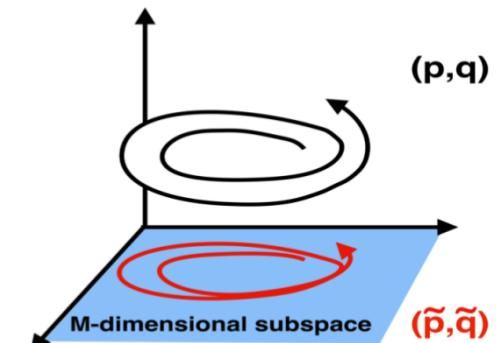
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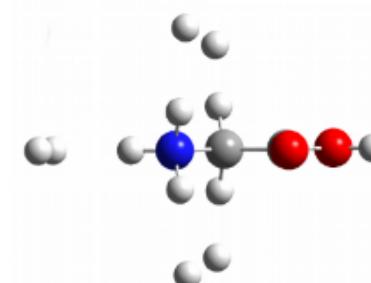
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**Semiclassical Dynamics in Higher Dimensionality**



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The Importance of Anharmonicity in Vibrational  
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## Required Advances

- 1) Accurate Results based on Few Classical Trajectories
- 2) Sensible Spectroscopic Signal for High Dimensional Systems

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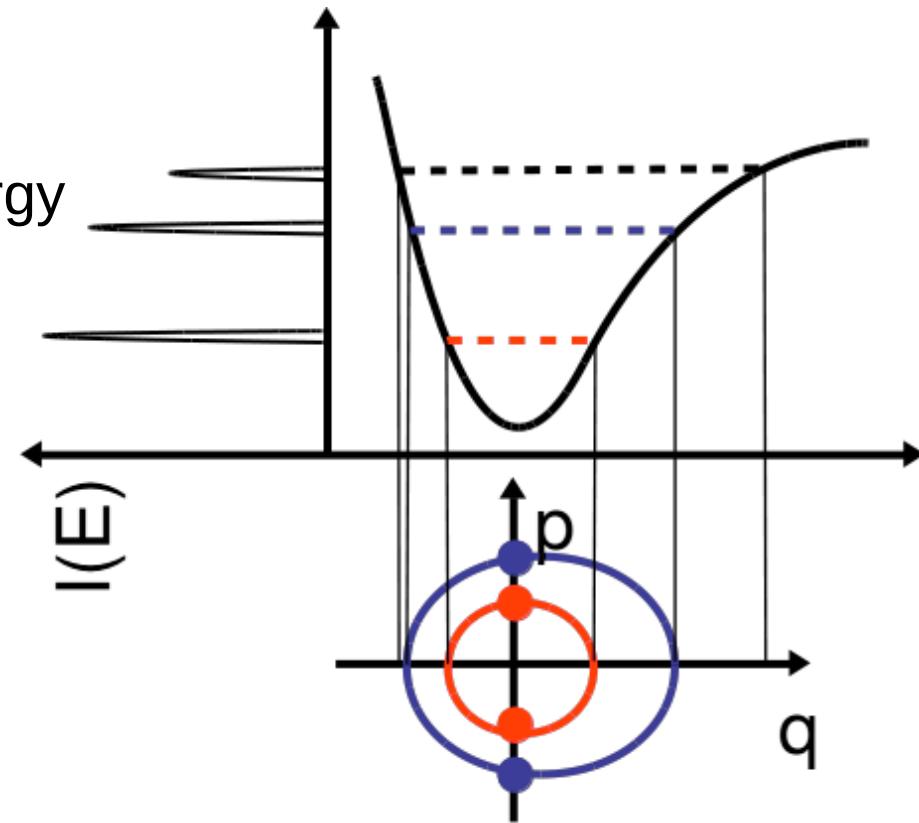
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# Further Reducing the Computational Effort

De Leon and Heller:  
Accurate Semiclassical Eigenvalues and Eigefunctions with A Single Trajectory  
with Correct Energy

## 1) Classical Trajectories with Tailored Energy

$q_{eq}$  at Equilibrium Geometry  
Harmonic Sampling for  $p_{eq}$



## 2) Tailored Choice of Reference State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{st}} \prod_{j=i}^F \varepsilon_i(j) |p_{eq,j}^{(i)}, q_{eq,j}^{(i)}\rangle$$

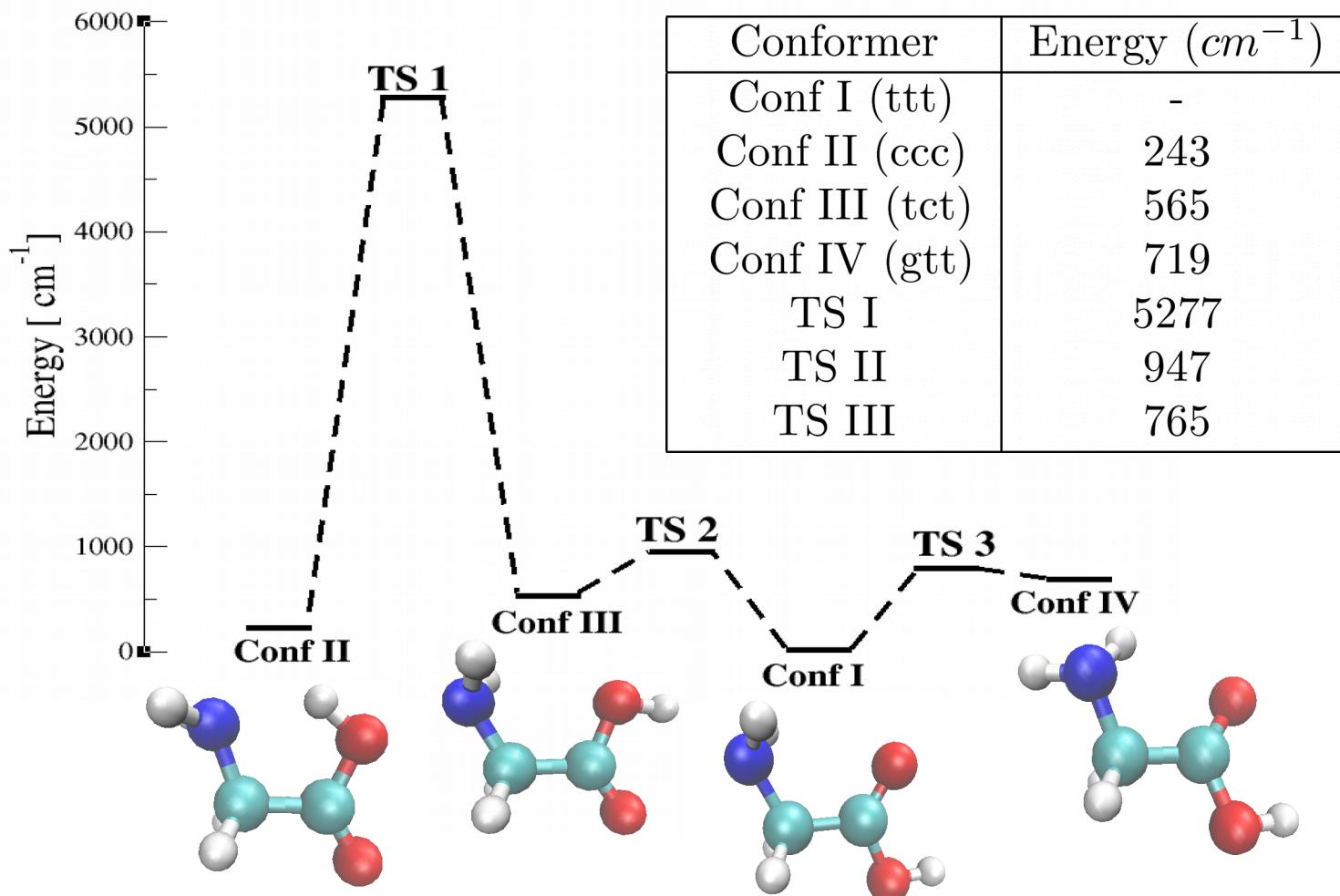
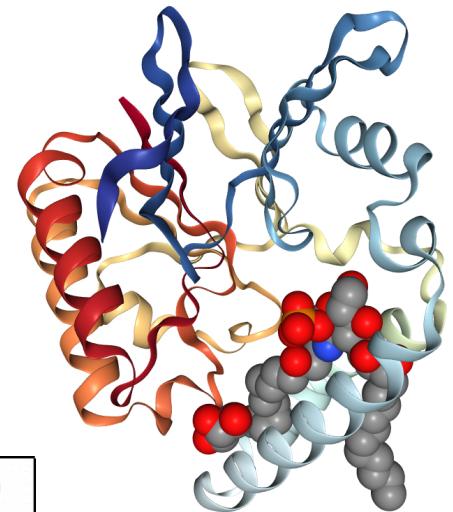
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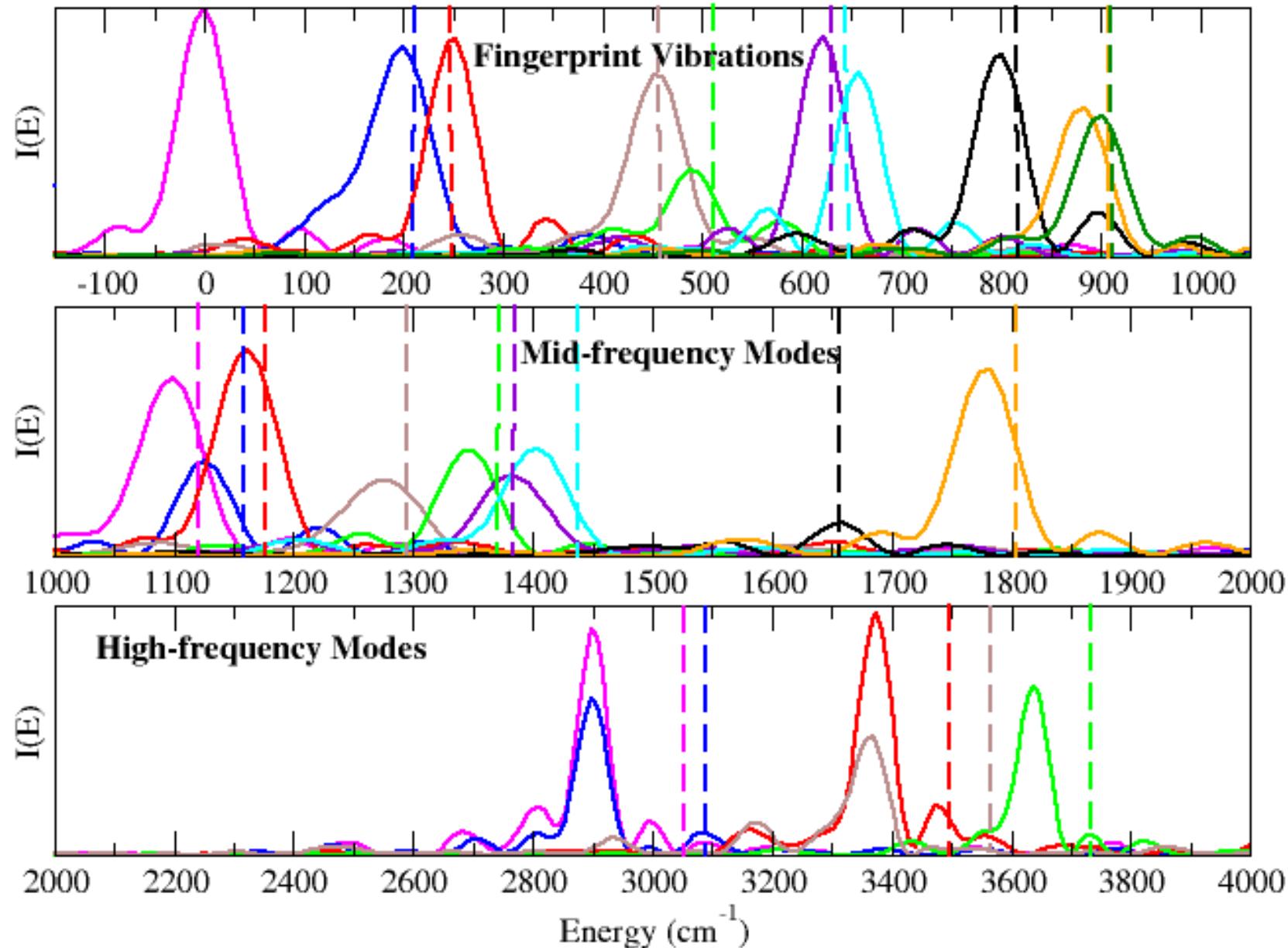
Presence in interstellar medium

Used in bio-nanodevices and basic constituent of proteins



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$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^{24} (|p_{eq,j}, q_{eq,j}\rangle + \varepsilon(j)| - p_{eq,j}, q_{eq,j}\rangle)$$



# “On-the-fly” Application to Glycine

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Harmonic	208	249	458	510	629	647	816	908	911
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DFT/B3LYP/aVDZ level of theory

Semiclassical Approximation

Multiwell / Multireference Effect

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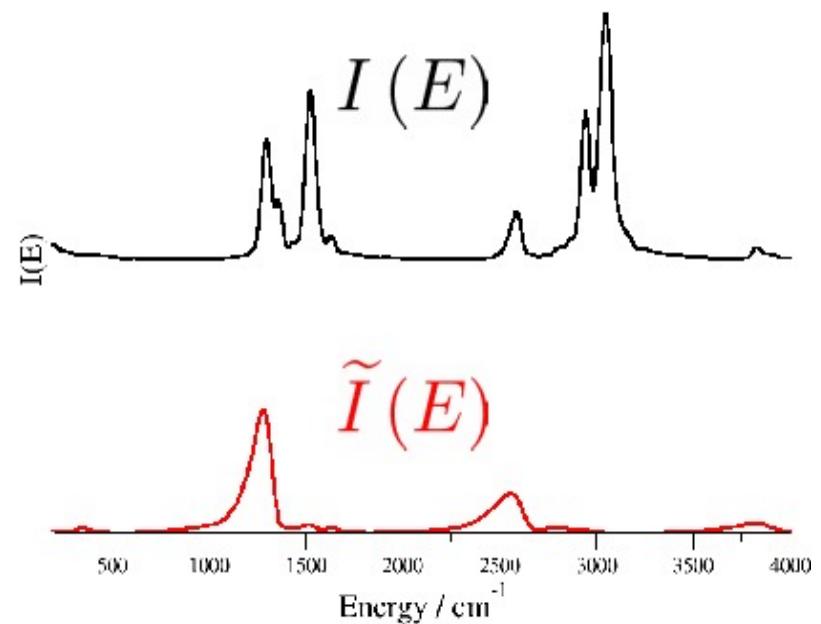
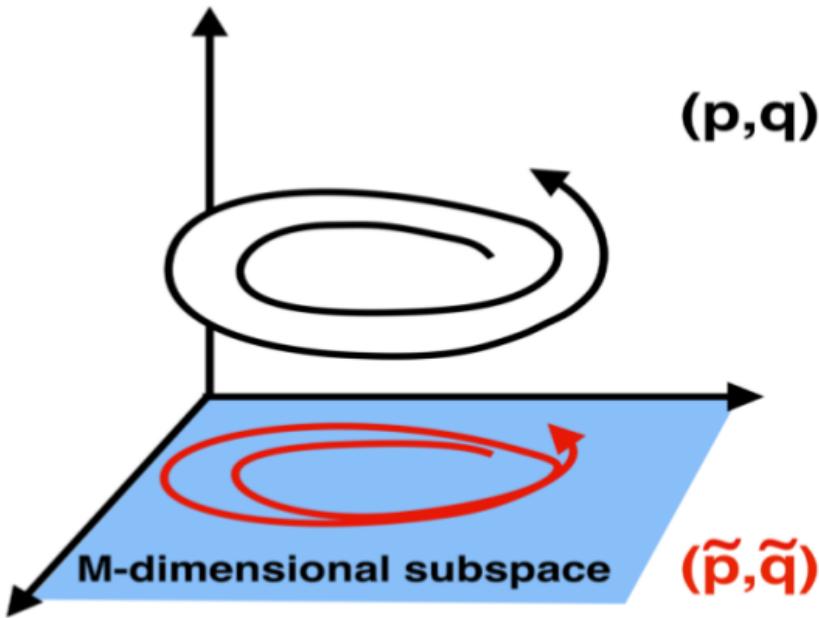
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# Subspace Partition

## The Hessian Method

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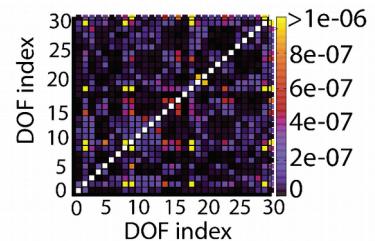
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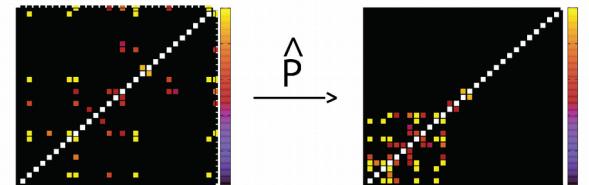
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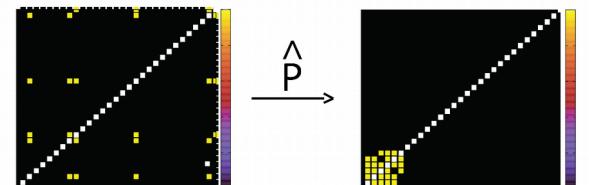
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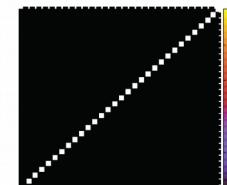
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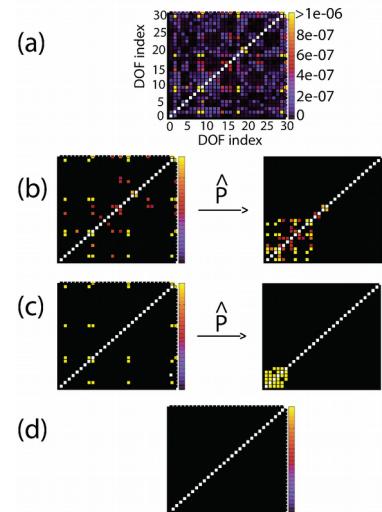
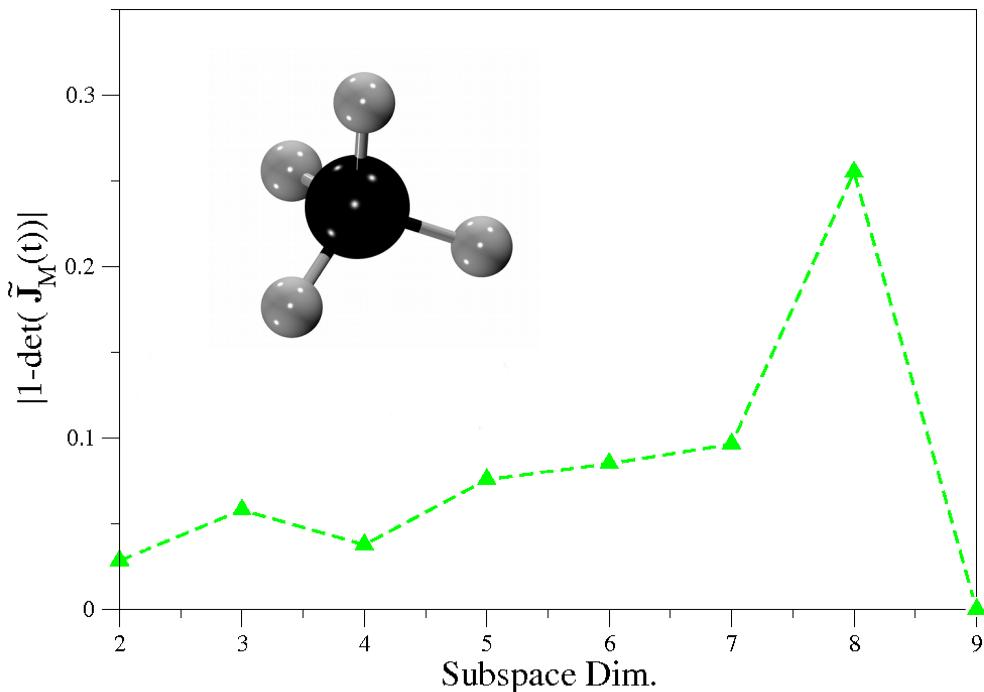
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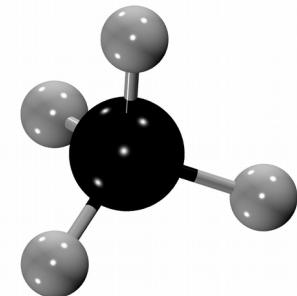
$$\prod_{i=1}^{N_{sub}} \det(\tilde{J}_i(t)) = 1$$

Non-Separable Systems

$$\prod_{i=1}^{N_{sub}} \det(\tilde{J}_i(t)) \neq 1$$

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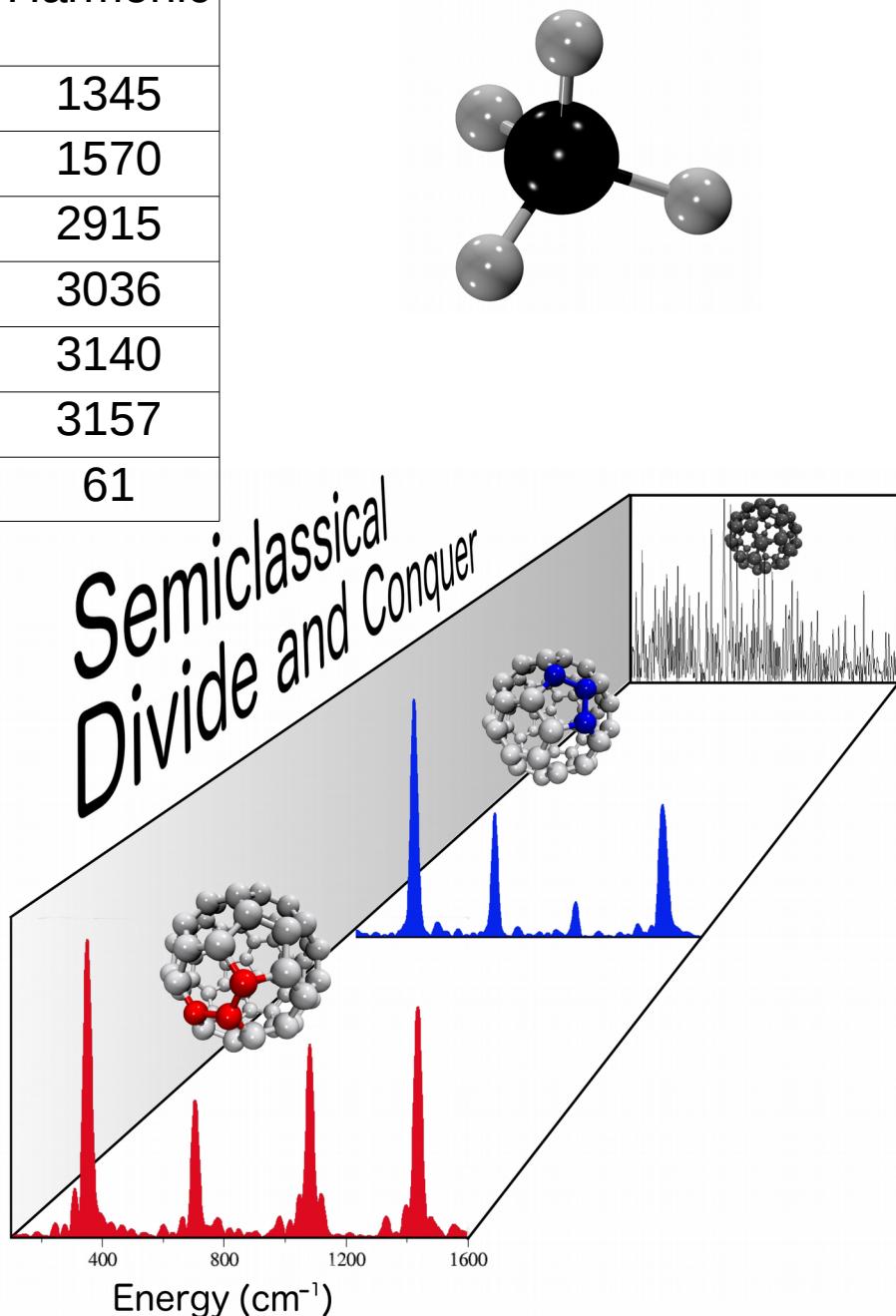
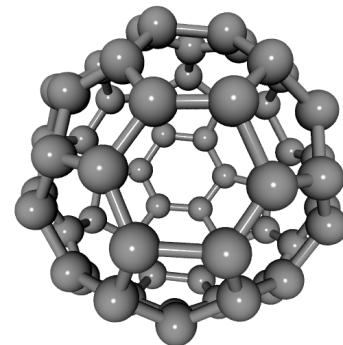
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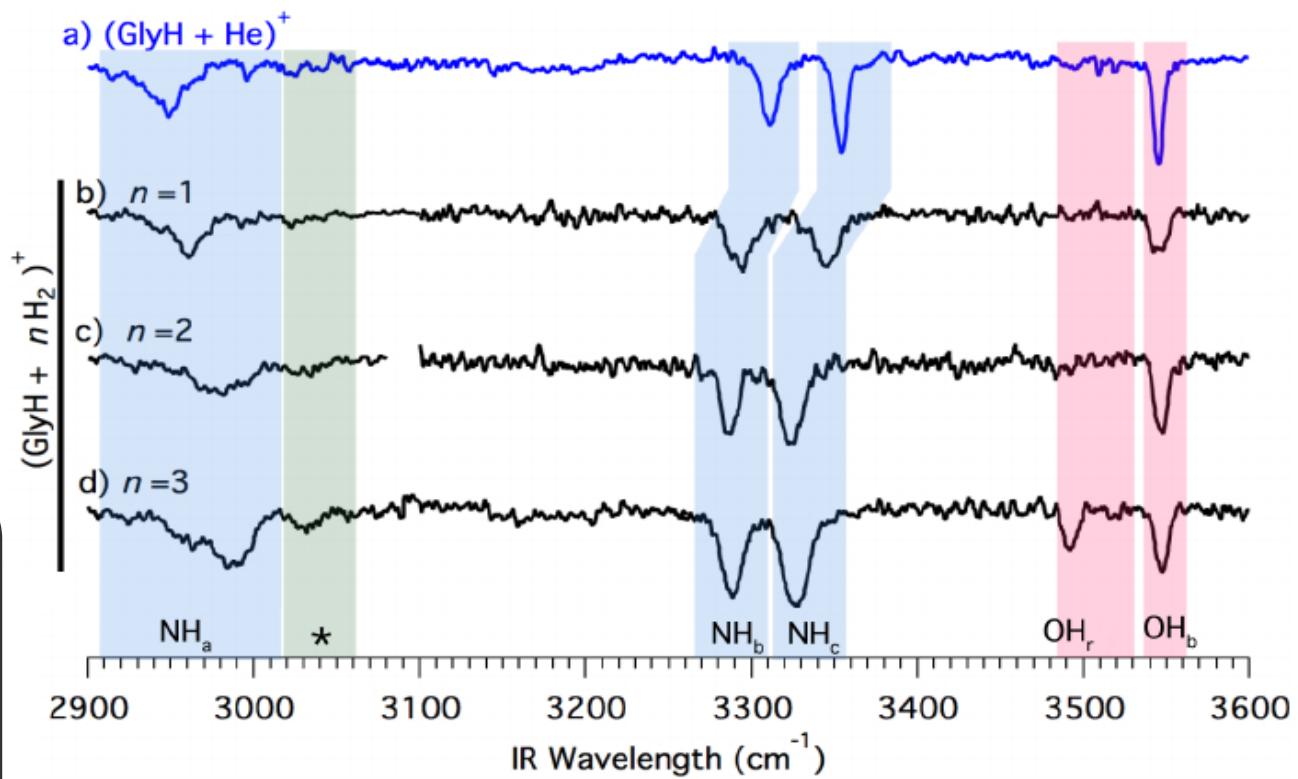
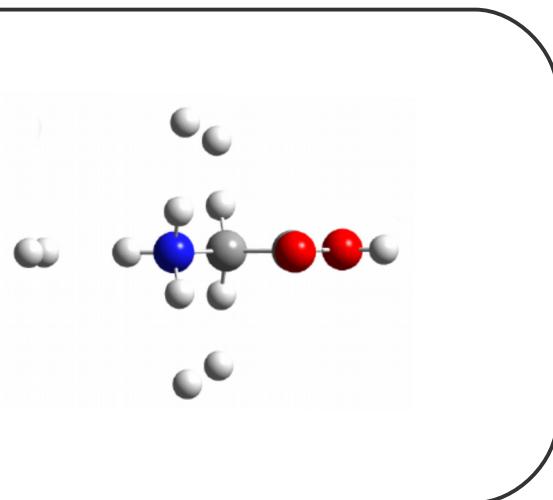
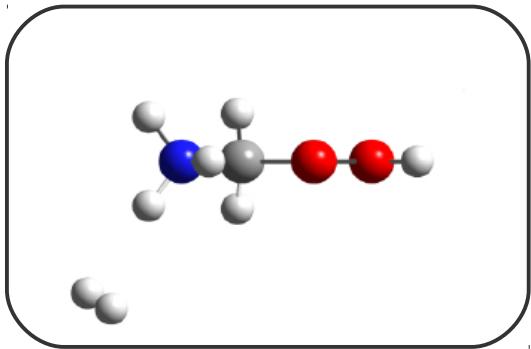
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$C_{60}$  Fullerene – 174 Degrees of Freedom

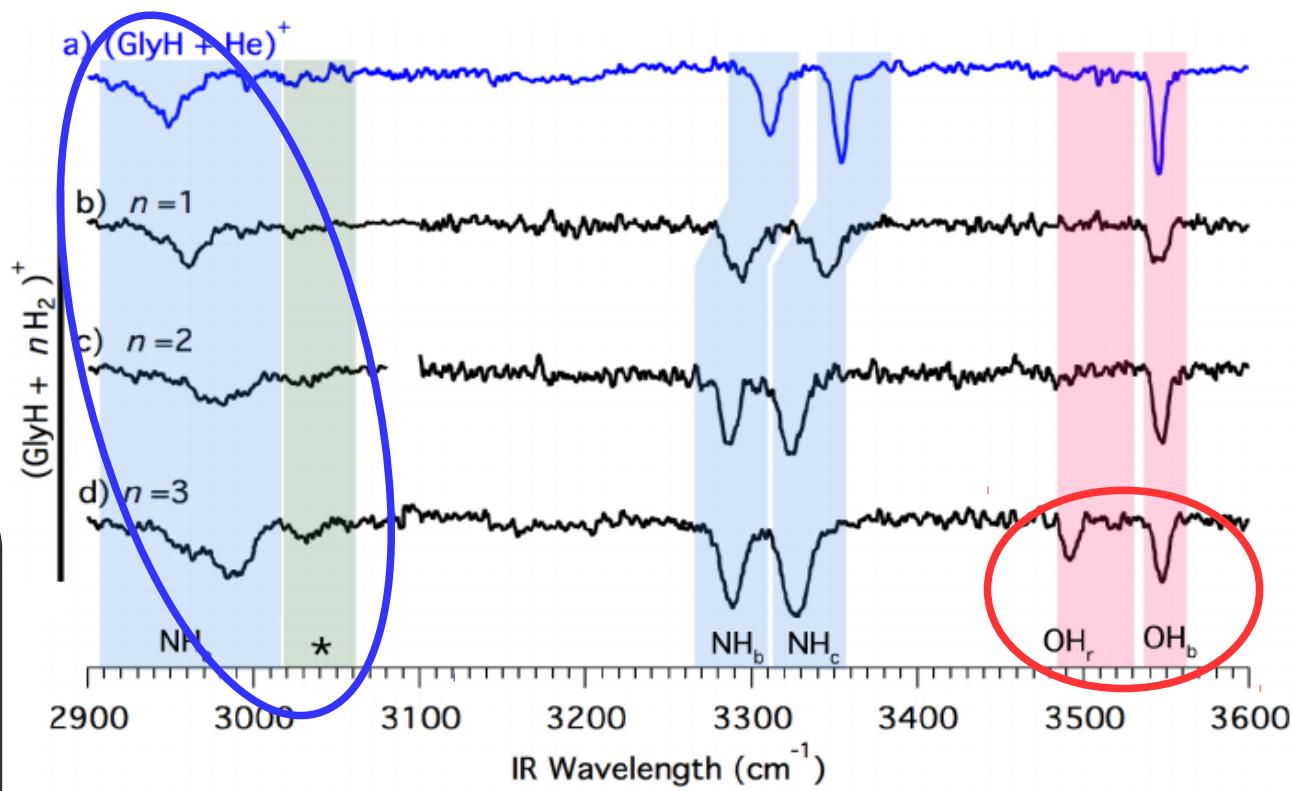
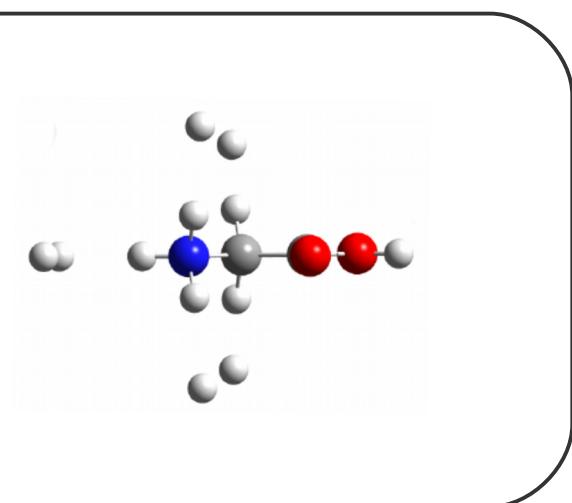
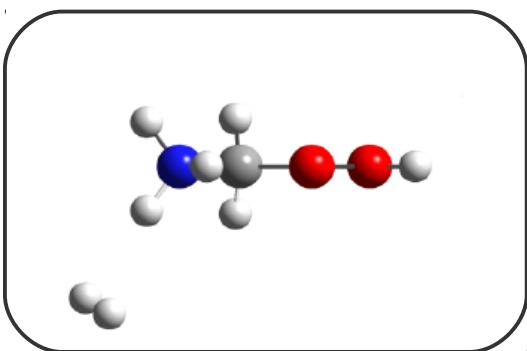


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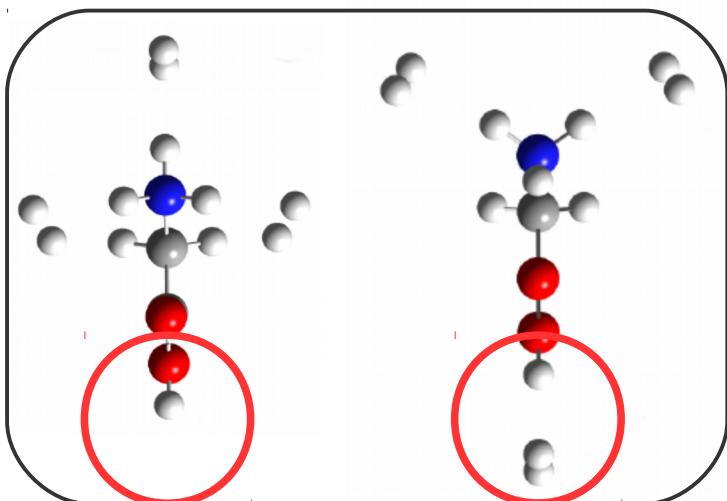
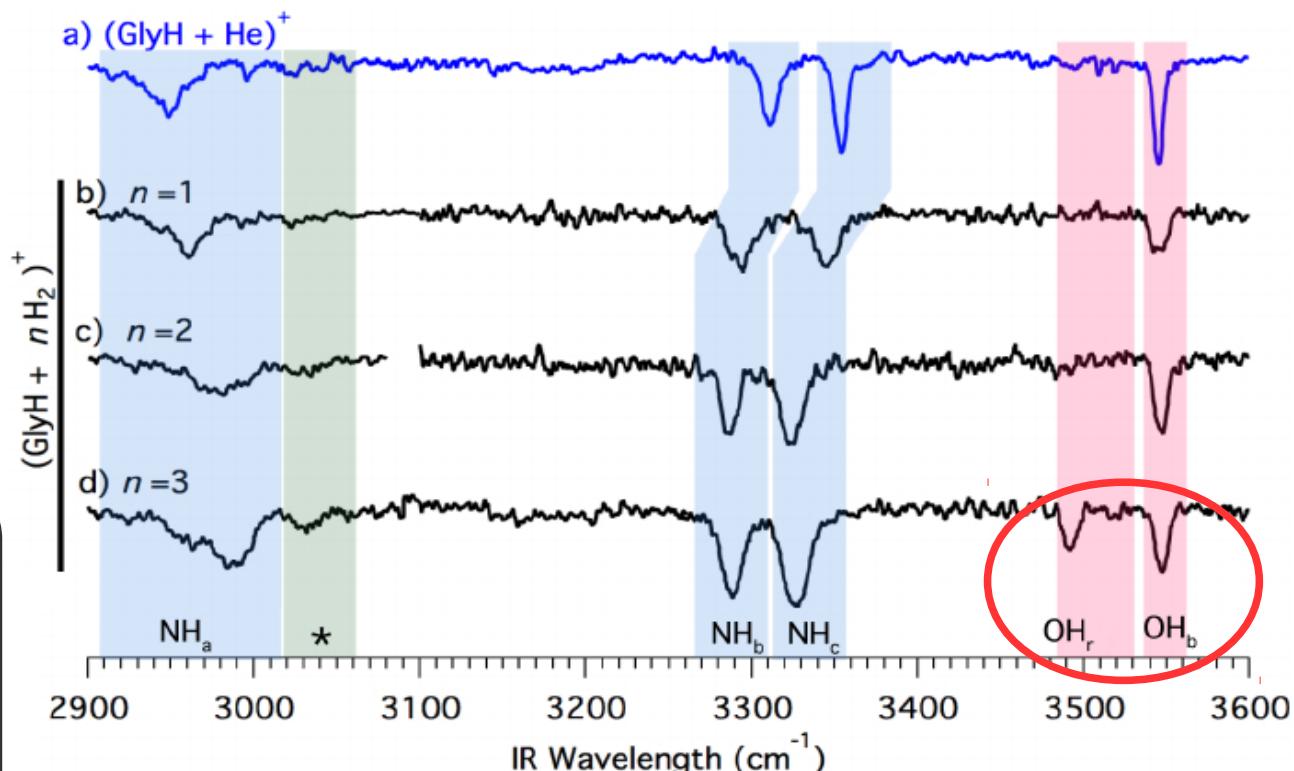
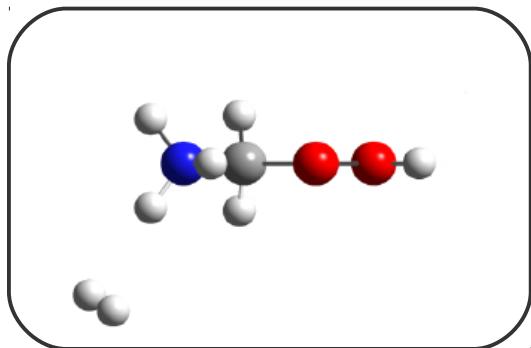
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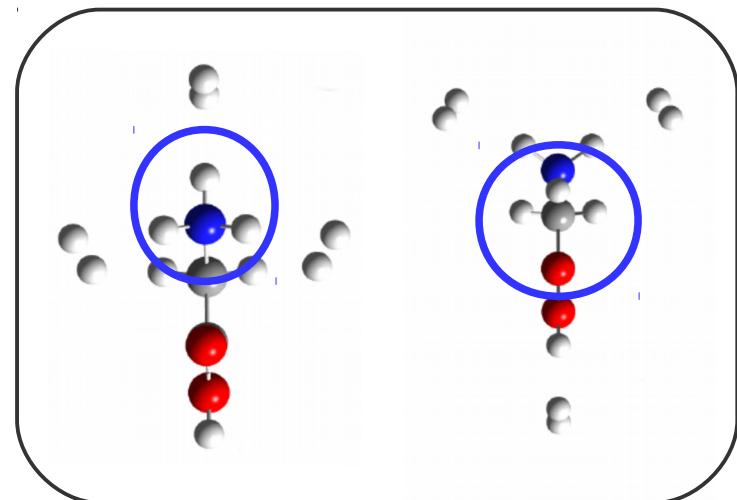
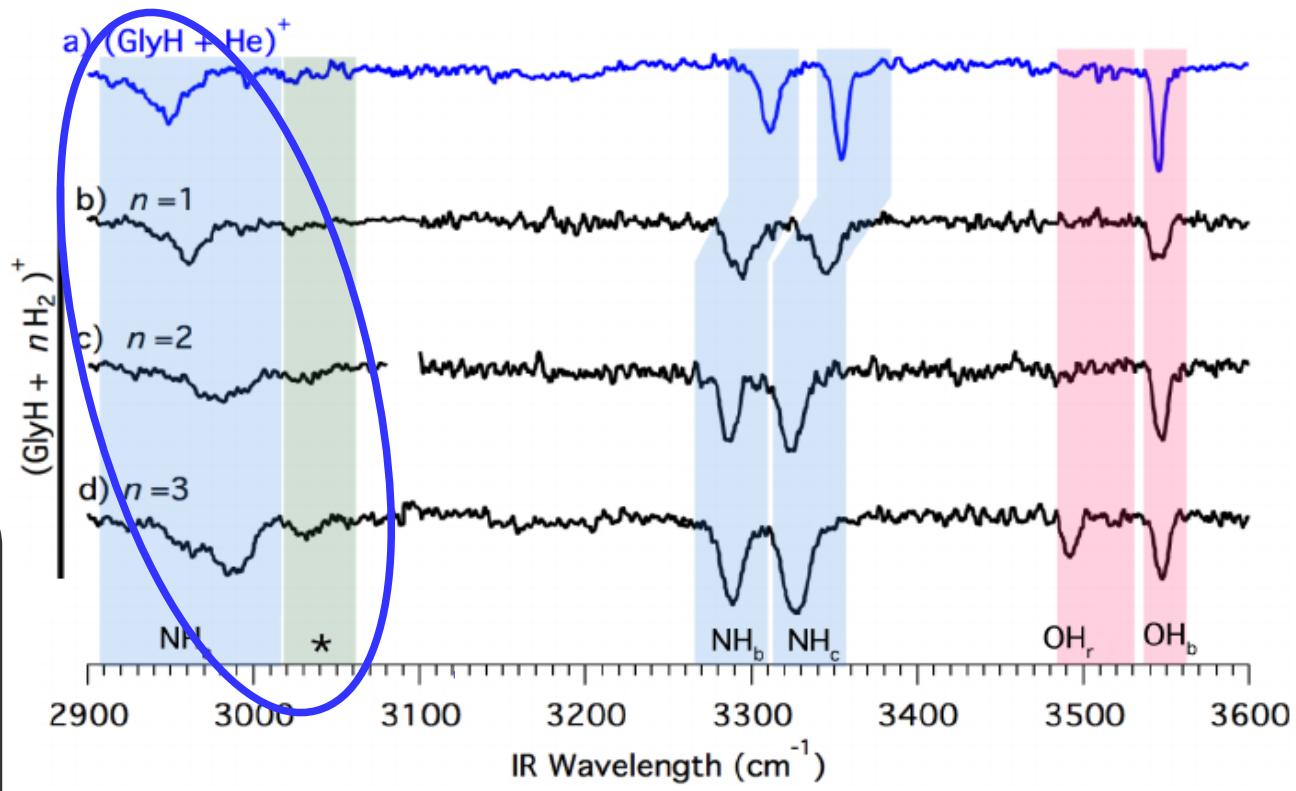
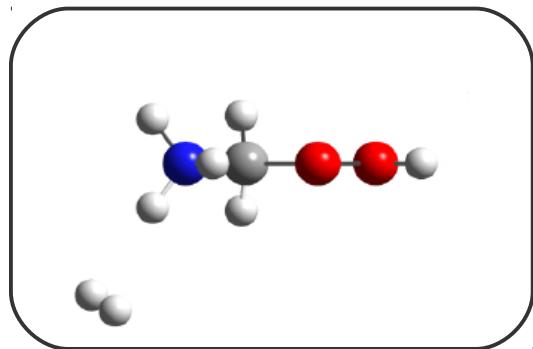
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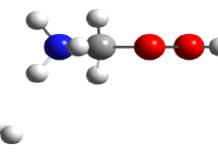
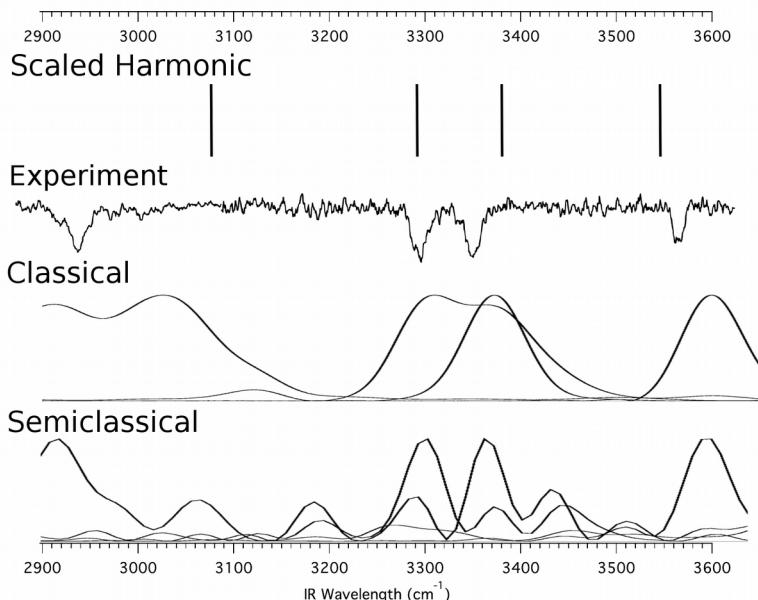


NH  
Blue shift

OH  
Red shift

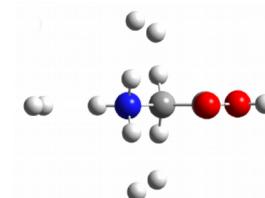
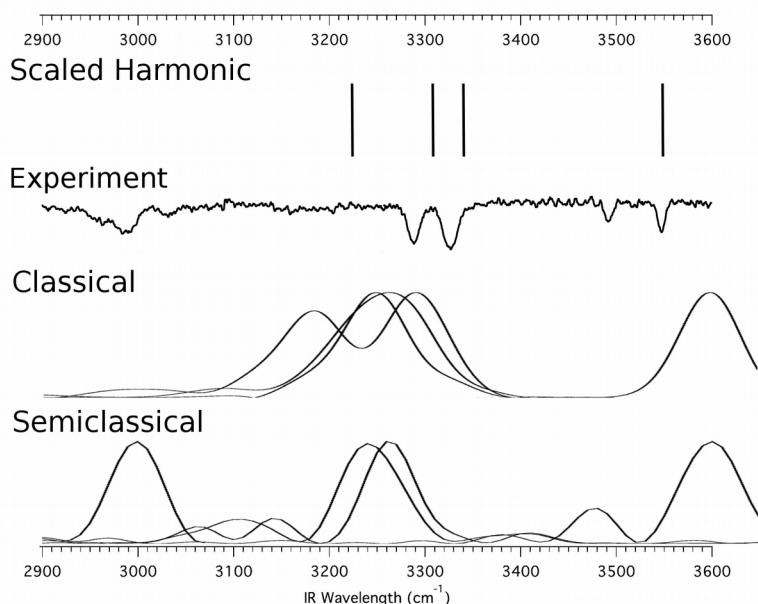
# $\text{H}_2$ - tagging of Protonated Glycine

a)  $\text{GlyH}^+ + \text{H}_2$

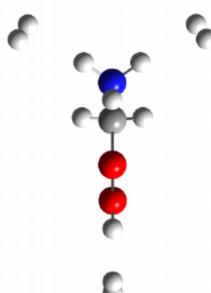


	$\text{NH}_a$	$\text{NH}_b$	$\text{NH}_c$	$\text{OH}$
Exp	2960	3294	3344	3546
DC SCIVR	2920	3280	3370	3610
Harm (0.96)	3077	3298	3380	3546

b)  $\text{GlyH}^+ + 3\text{H}_2$

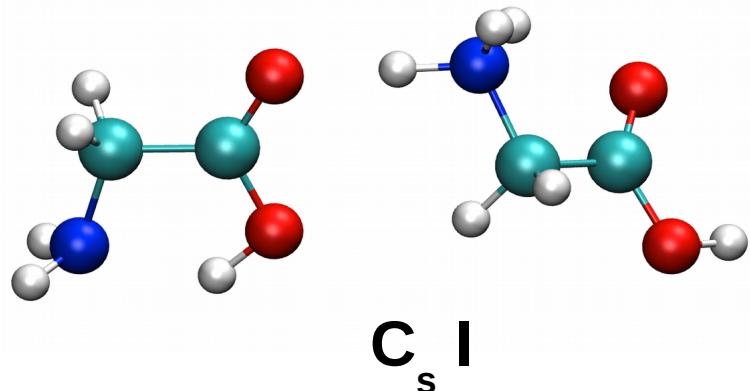


	$\text{NH}_a$	$\text{NH}_b$	$\text{NH}_c$	$\text{OH}$
Exp	3030	3288	3325	3546
DC SCIVR	3000	3240	3270	3600
Harm (0.96)	3223	3304	3340	3546



OH	
Exp	3491
DC SCIVR	3470
Harm (0.945)	3491

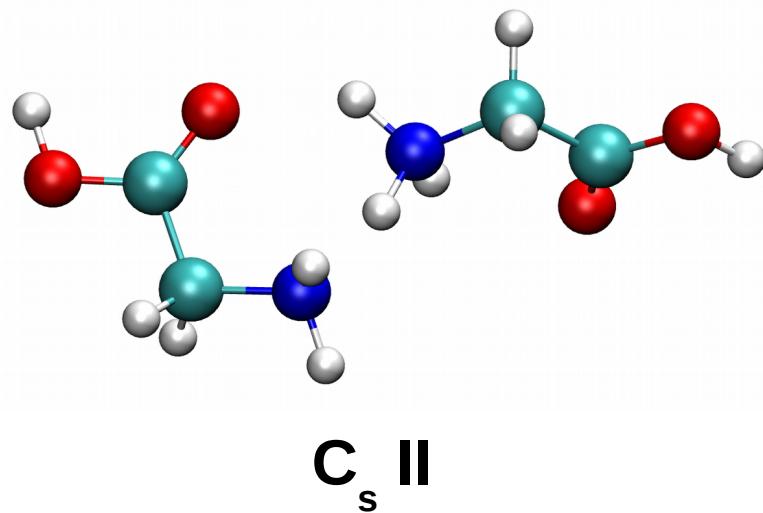
# Protonated Glycine Dimer



Wu and Mc Mahon:

1000-2000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region. Scaled Harmonic (0.985) points to  $C_s$  I as the dominant conformer.

R. Wu and T. Mc Mahon *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **129**, 4864 (2007).

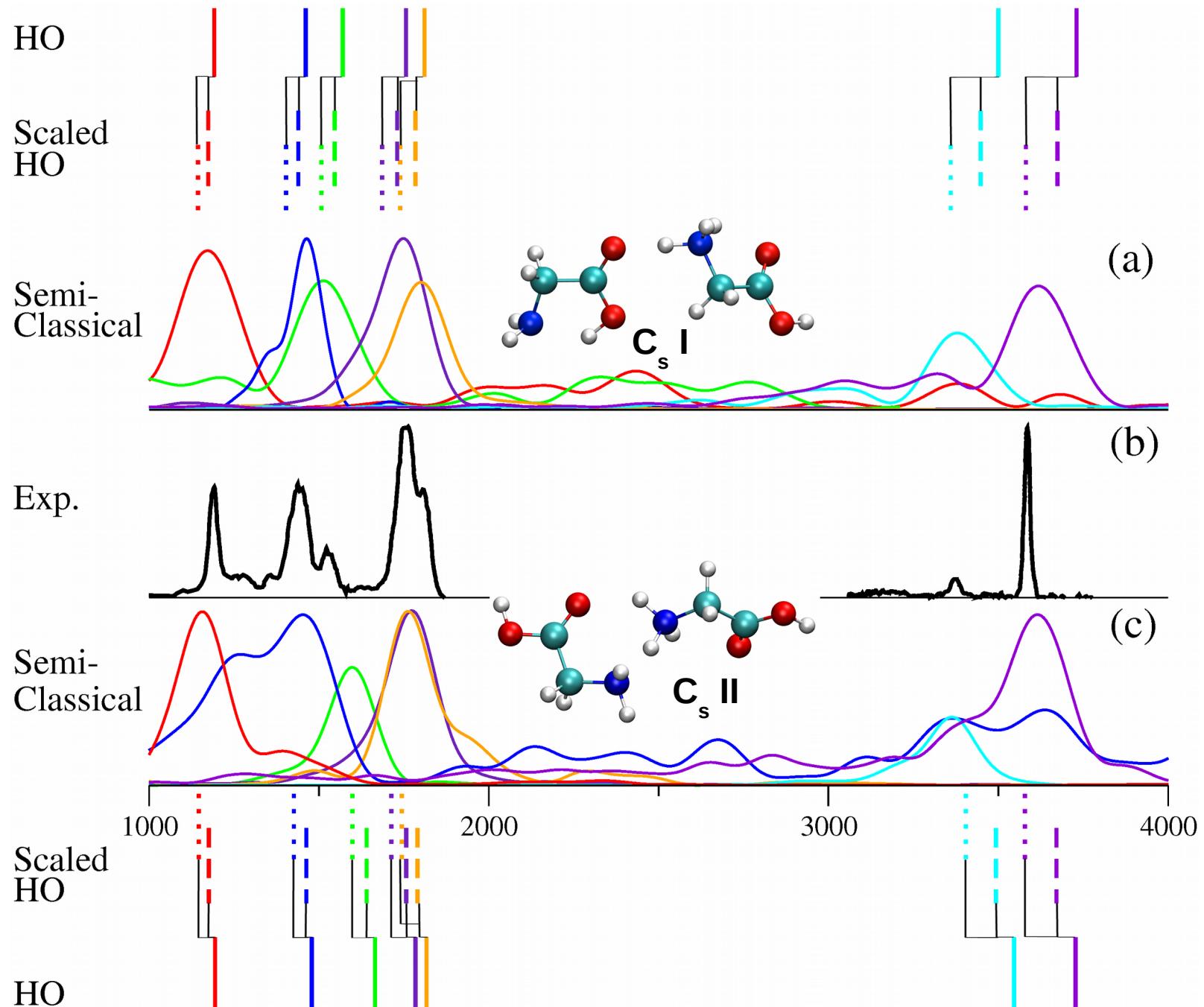


Mc Lafferty:

High Frequency region ( $> 3000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Scaled Harmonic (0.97) points to  $C_s$  II.

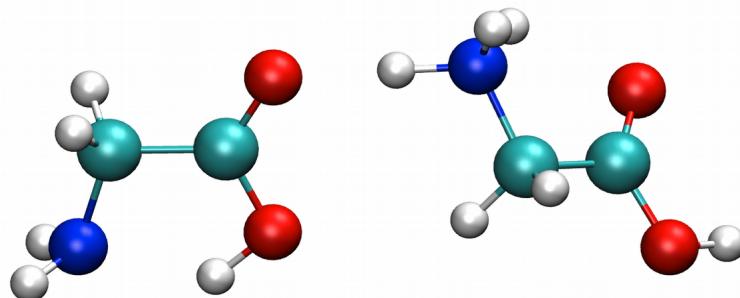
F. Mc Lafferty et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **127**, 4076 (2005).

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Exp	1191	1439	1523	1757	1808	3372	3585	
DC SCIVR (Cs I)	1172	1450	1511	1756	1804	3375	3618	12
DC SCIVR (Cs II)	1155	1466	1598	1771	1761	3362	3615	35
Scaled HO (0.985)	1174	1439	1546	1730	1784	3448	3674	37
Scaled HO (0.96)	1144	1403	1507	1686	1739	3360	3581	37



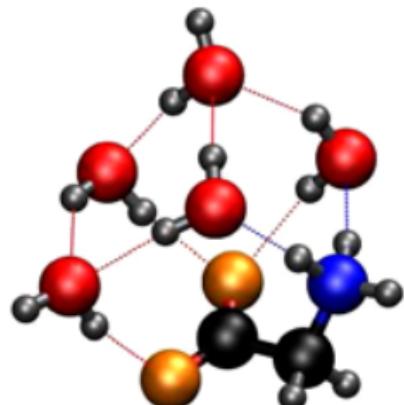
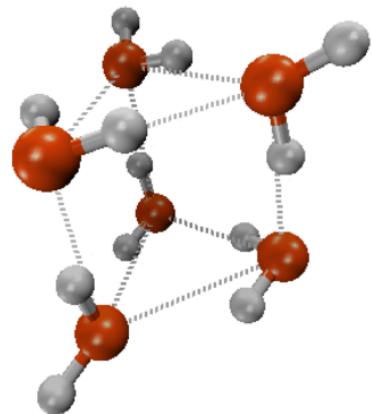
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# Summary and Perspectives

Semiclassical Dynamics is a Powerful Tool for Molecular Spectroscopy.  
It may be adopted also for Large Molecular and Supra-Molecular Systems.

Semiclassical Dynamics correctly describes Quantum Anharmonicities.  
Ability to interpret and explain Experimental Findings.

Vibrational Spectroscopy of Water Clusters

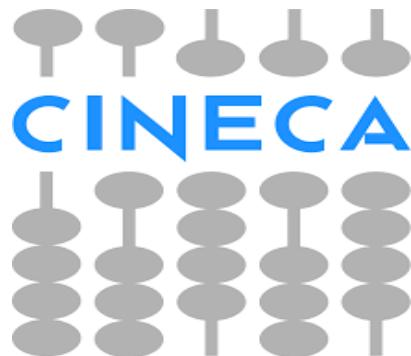


Protonated / Zwitterionic Glycine Solvated by Water

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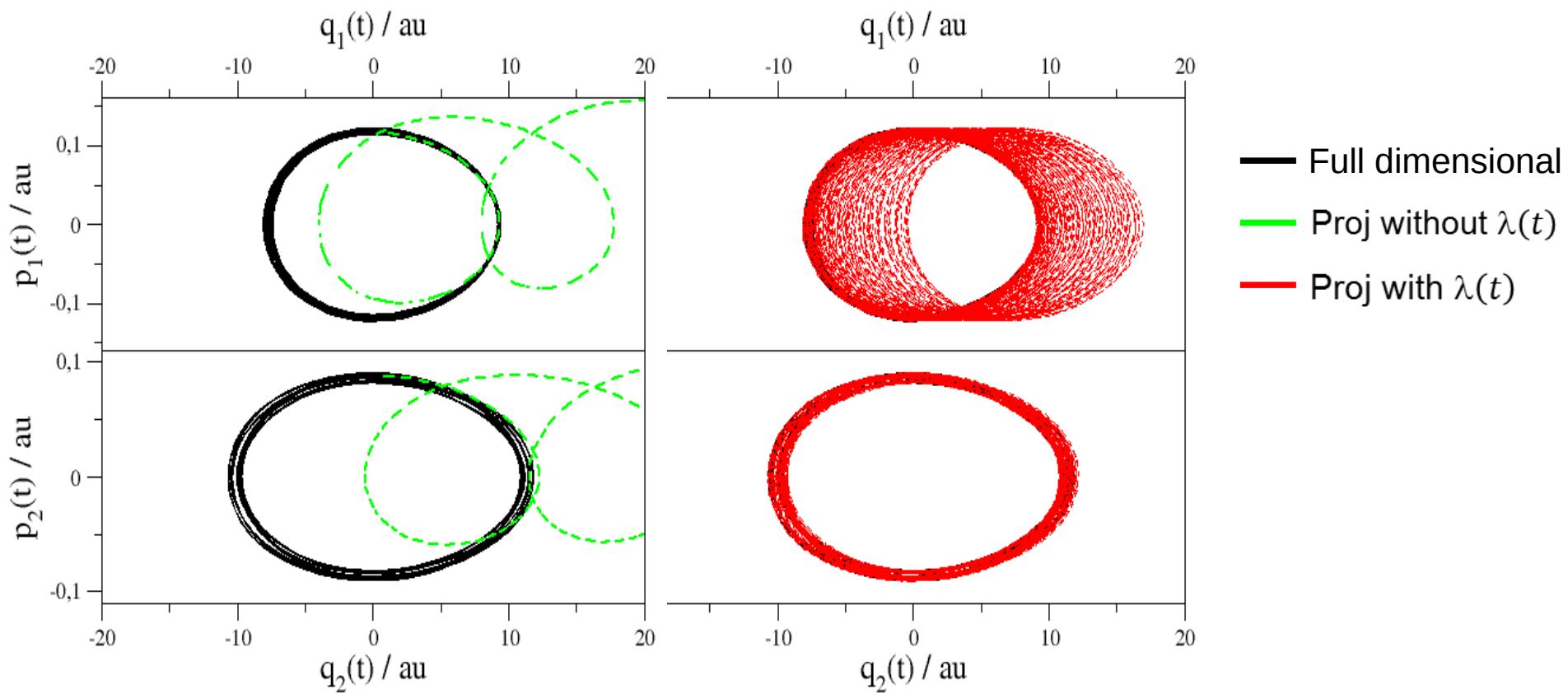


# Semiclassical Dynamics in High Dimensionality

$$\tilde{V}(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_s) \equiv V(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_s; \mathbf{q}_{N_{vib}-M})$$

$$\tilde{V}(\mathbf{q}_s) = V(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_s; \mathbf{q}_{N_{vib}-M}^{eq})$$

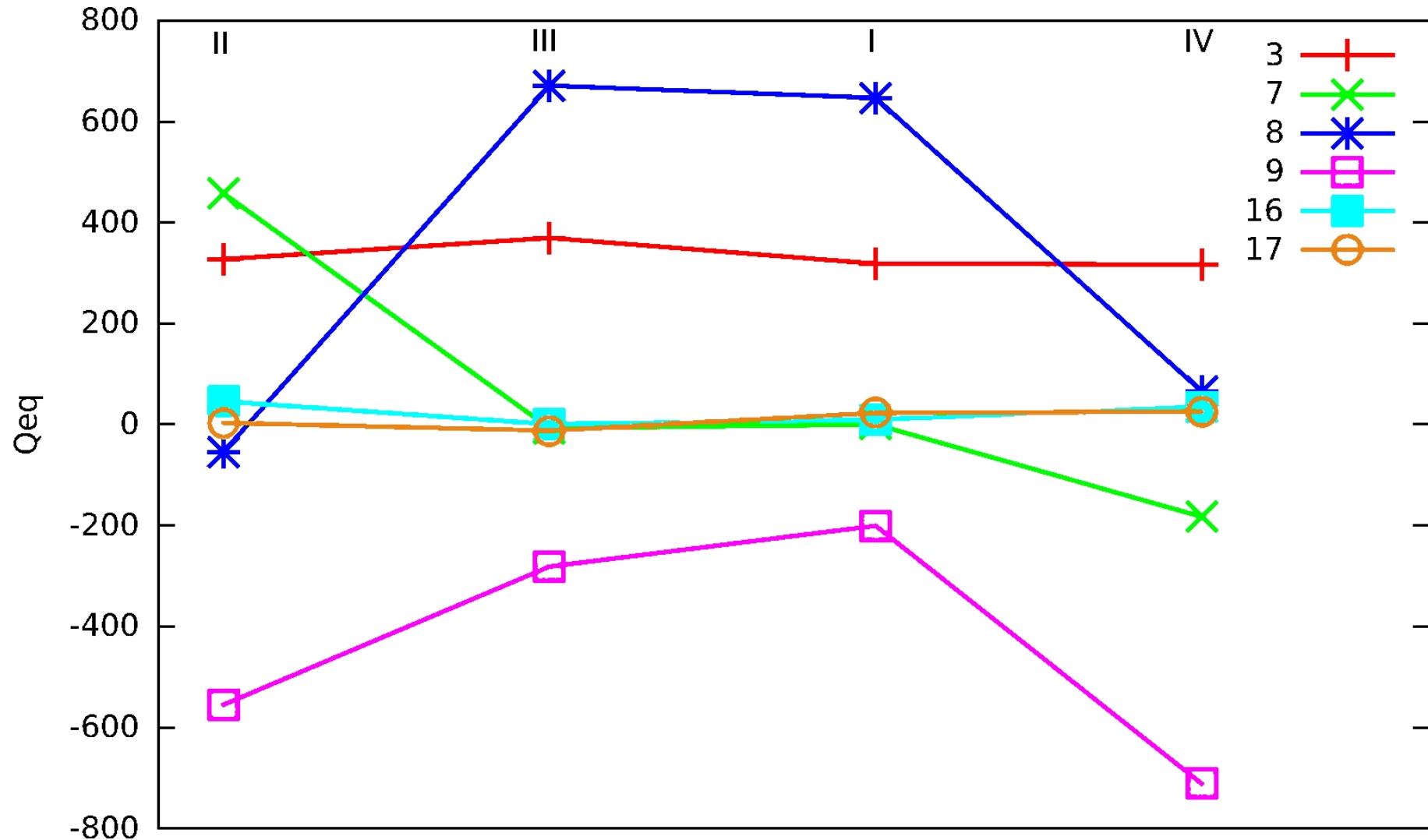
$$\tilde{V}(\mathbf{q}_s) = V(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_s; \mathbf{q}_{N_{vib}-M}^{eq}) + \lambda(t)$$



$$\lambda(t) = V(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_s(t); \mathbf{q}_{N_{vib}-M}(t)) - [V(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_s(t); \mathbf{q}_{N_{vib}-M}^{eq}) + V(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_s^{eq}; \mathbf{q}_{N_{vib}-M}(t))]$$

# Conformer Inter-conversion

$$\mathcal{H}_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \quad \mathcal{D}_H = \mathcal{U}^{-1} \mathcal{H} \mathcal{U} \quad Q_{eq,i} = \sum_j \mathcal{U}_{ij}^T X_{eq,j}$$



# Importance of Multiple Coherent Sampling

