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AR4- Polaritonic Chemistry



Title of PhD Project	Polaritonic Chemistry
Type	Theory
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Abstract:	<p>Based on seminal experimental results, which highlight that coupling molecules strongly to the photon field of an optical cavity can lead to dramatic changes of, e.g., chemical reactions, the new interdisciplinary field of polaritonic chemistry has emerged. This field inherits its name from the appearance of light-matter hybrid states, which are termed polaritons.</p> <p>Our group together with international collaborators has developed the first ab-initio methods, which are based on non-relativistic quantum electrodynamics, for polaritonic chemistry, These methods (e.g. quantum-electrodynamical density-functional theory) have by now provided novel and critical insight into the basic principles of how the quantized electromagnetic field can change chemistry.</p> <p>In this project these numerical methods are to be further developed and used to gain deeper understanding of cavity-modified chemistry and to predict novel effects due to strong light-matter coupling. A focus is on the connection between collective and single-molecule strong coupling as well as on the impact of realistic (lossy multi-mode) cavities and the construction of phenomenological models based on ab-initio results to rationalize these findings.</p>
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