Comparing the performance of time-dependent-Schrödinger-equation solvers for the 800-nm, one-electron-atom, strong-field problem

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