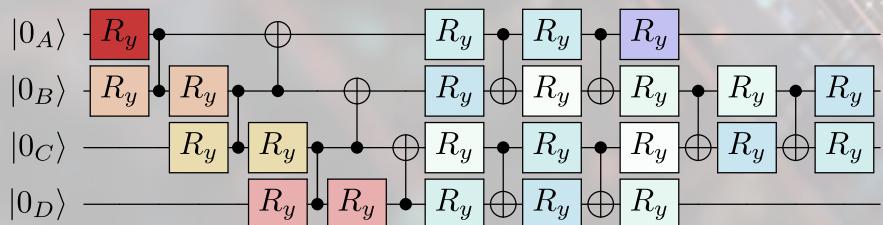
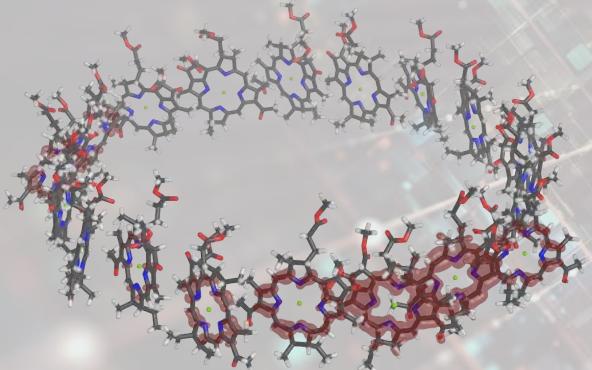
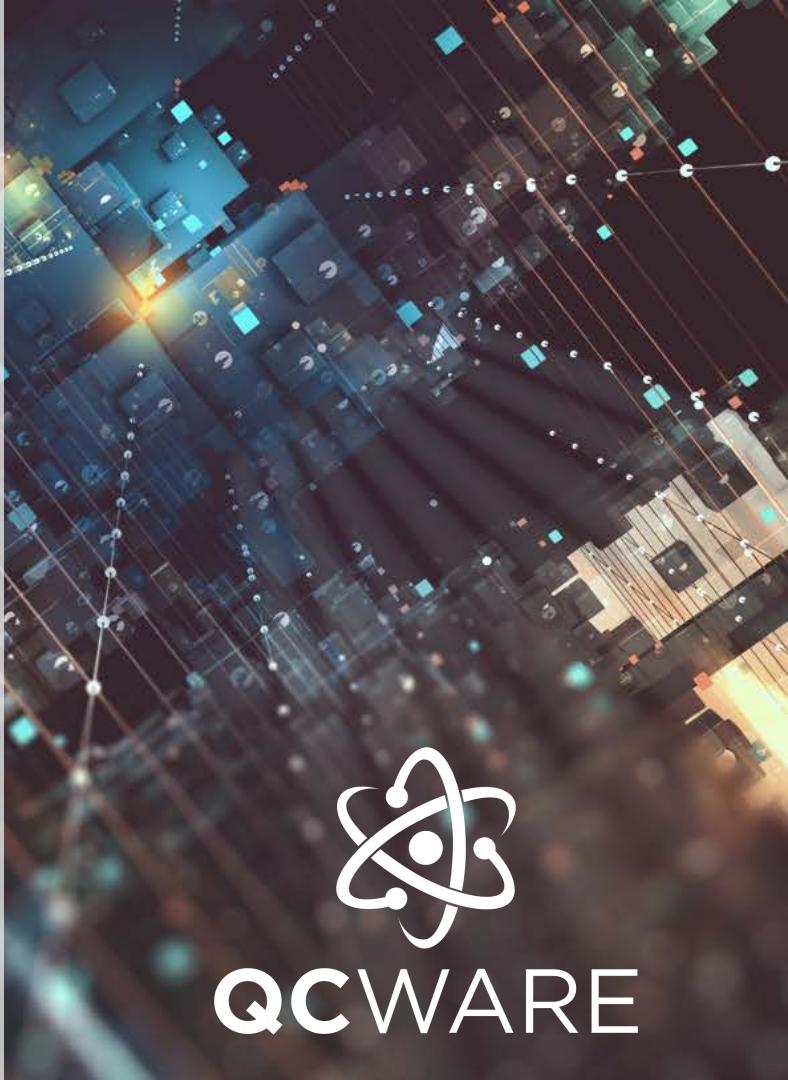


# Quantum Algorithms for Large-Scale Photochemistry



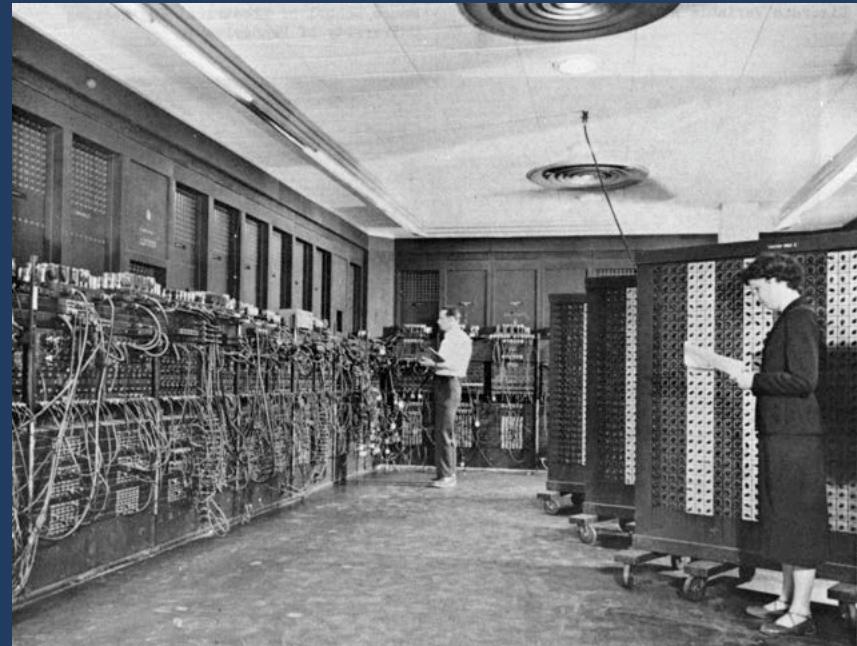
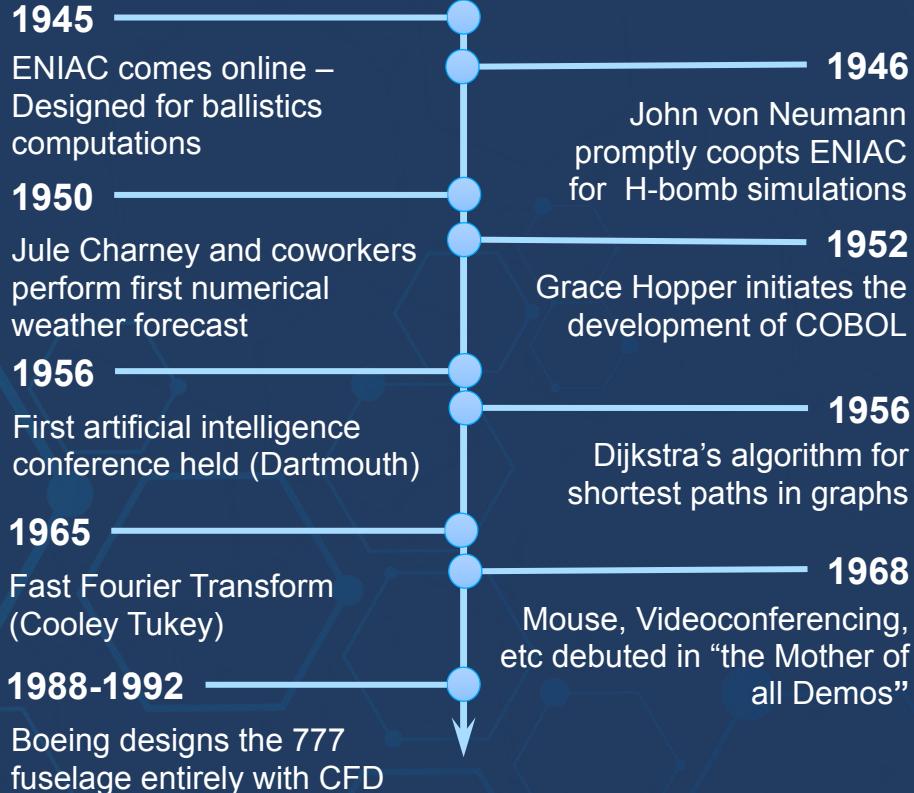
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A wide-angle photograph of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, orange and red hues. In the foreground, a large suspension bridge spans across the frame. The city skyline in the background features several prominent skyscrapers, including one with a distinctive triangular top. The water in the foreground reflects the colors of the sky.

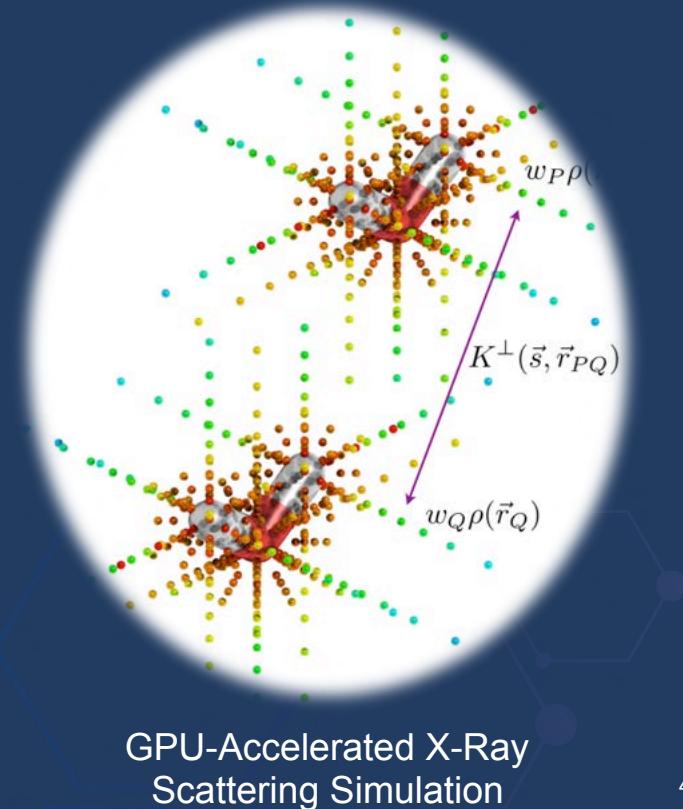
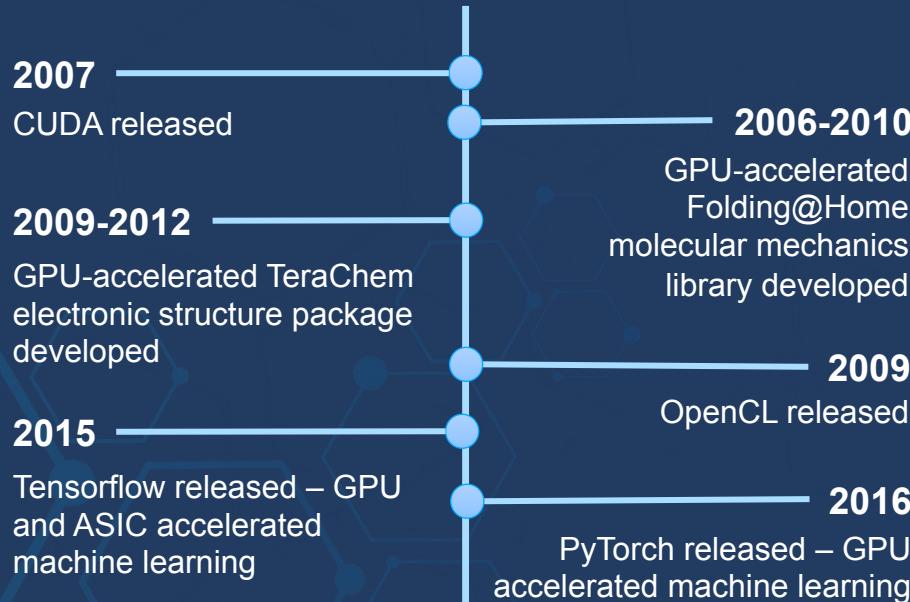
# Primer: Quantum Circuits – What are they good for?

# Classical Computing Timeline: Hardware *then* Software



ENIAC (U.S. Army Photo)

# Classical Accelerator Timeline: Hardware *then* Software (but faster pace)

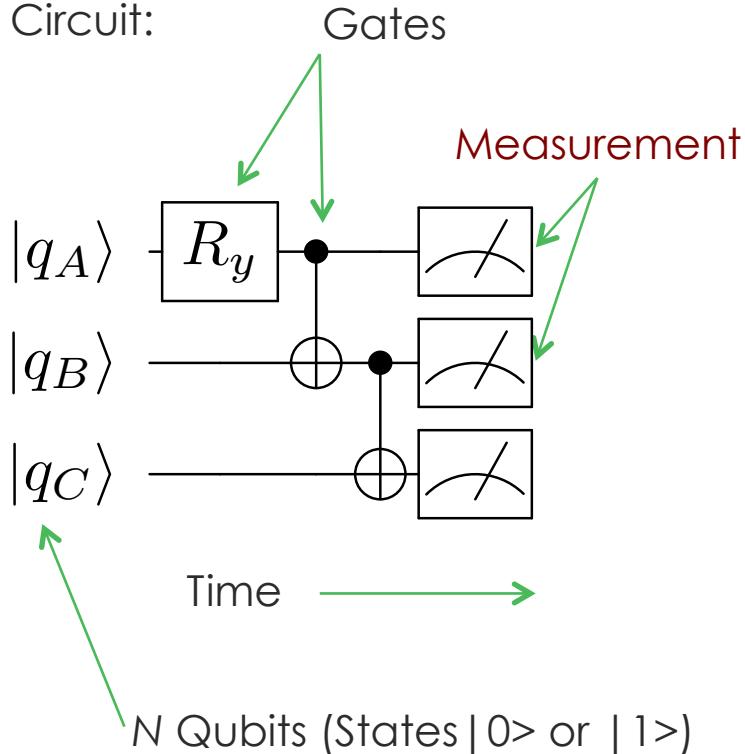


# Quantum Computing Timeline: Hardware and Software Together?

**Goal:** On the very day that the first medium-sized quantum computer is brought online, have quantum algorithms and industrial applications problems ready to run to obtain immediate advantage on that machine.

# Quantum Circuits: Not Quite a Free Lunch

Circuit:



Gates

Measurement

Classical:

- $|000\rangle$
- $|001\rangle$
- $|010\rangle$
- $|011\rangle$
- $|100\rangle$
- $|101\rangle$
- $|110\rangle$
- $|111\rangle$

$2^N$

**Random**  
Based on  
Square of  
Amplitude

Quantum:

- $|000\rangle$
  - $|001\rangle$
  - $|010\rangle$
  - $|011\rangle$
  - $|100\rangle$
  - $|101\rangle$
  - $|110\rangle$
  - $|111\rangle$
- $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{|\Psi\rangle}$

# Quantum Circuits: Key Primitives

Diagonal Observables:

$$O(\theta) \equiv \langle \Psi(\theta) | \hat{O} | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$$

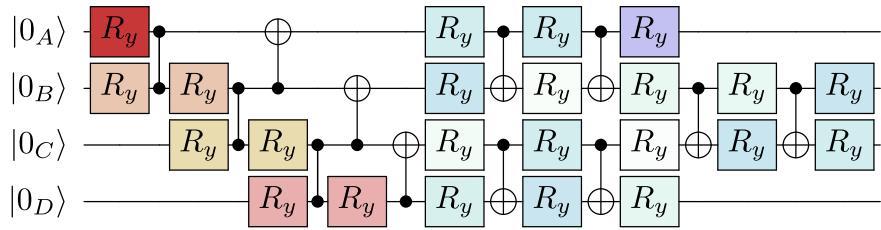
Transition Observables:

$$T(\theta) \equiv \langle \Psi(\theta) | \hat{O} | \Phi(\theta) \rangle$$

Gradients:

$$\vec{G}(\theta) \equiv \frac{\partial \langle \Psi(\theta) | \hat{O} | \Phi(\theta) \rangle}{\partial \theta}$$

$|\Psi(\theta)\rangle$ : A Parametrized Circuit:



$\hat{O}$ : A Pauli-Sparse Operator:

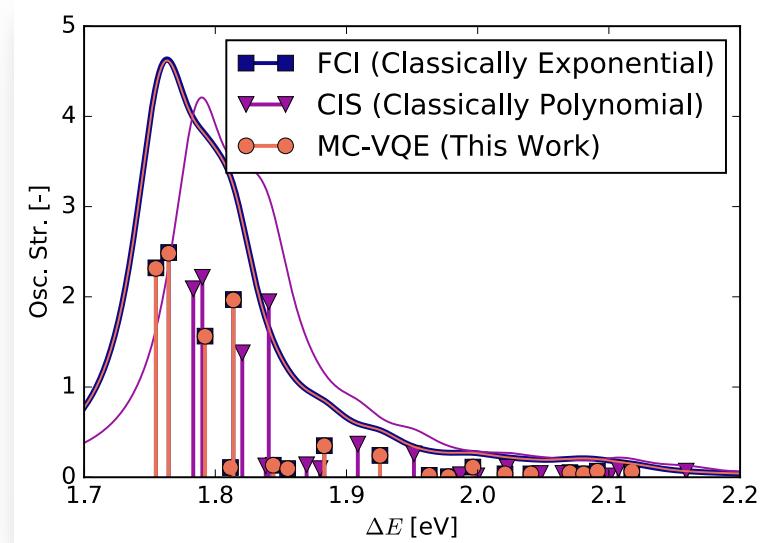
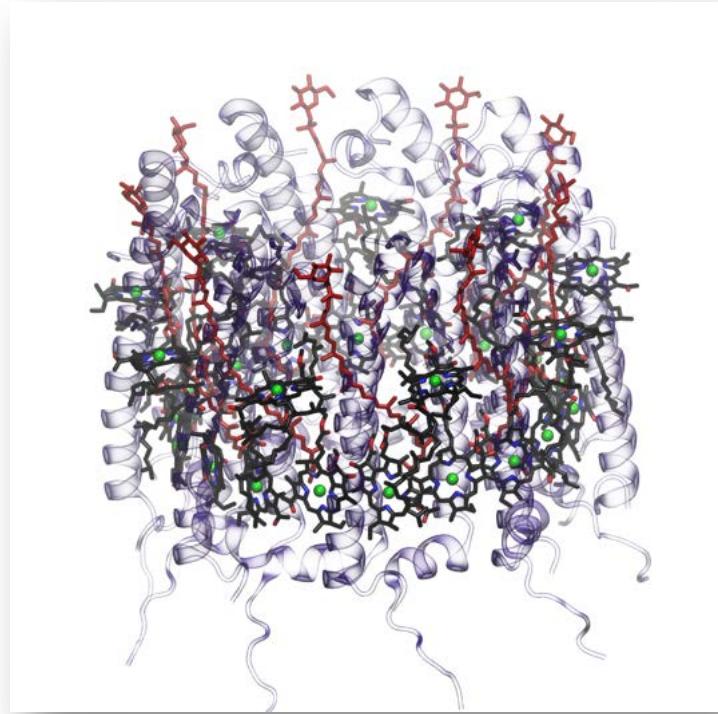
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{O} &= \sum_A \mathcal{X}_A \hat{X}_A + \mathcal{Z}_A \hat{X}_Z \\ &+ \sum_{A,B} \mathcal{X} \mathcal{X}_{AB} \hat{X}_A \otimes \hat{X}_B + \mathcal{X} \mathcal{Z}_{AB} \hat{X}_A \otimes \hat{Z}_B \\ &\quad \mathcal{Z} \mathcal{X}_{AB} \hat{Z}_A \otimes \hat{X}_B + \mathcal{Z} \mathcal{Z}_{AB} \hat{Z}_A \otimes \hat{Z}_B + \dots\end{aligned}$$

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# Background: Large-Scale Photochemistry



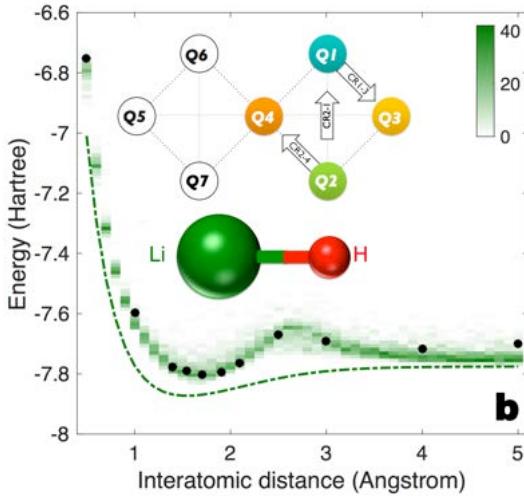
# Target: Ground States + Excited States + Properties + Derivatives of Large Photoactive Molecules



# Challenges w/ Existing State of the Art

## Untenably Deep Circuits and Low-Accuracy Excited States

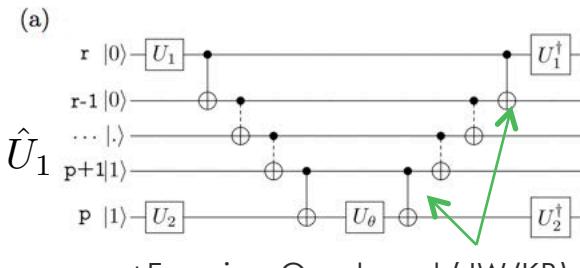
1-3 Atom (~2-6 Spin-Orbital) Experimental Realizations:<sup>1</sup>



Deep Fermionic Quantum Circuits:<sup>2</sup>

$$\hat{U}_{\text{VQE}} \approx \exp \left( \sum_{ia} t_i^a \hat{a}^\dagger i + \sum_{iajb} t_{ij}^{ab} \hat{a}^\dagger b^\dagger j \hat{i} \hat{j} + \text{H.C.} \right)$$

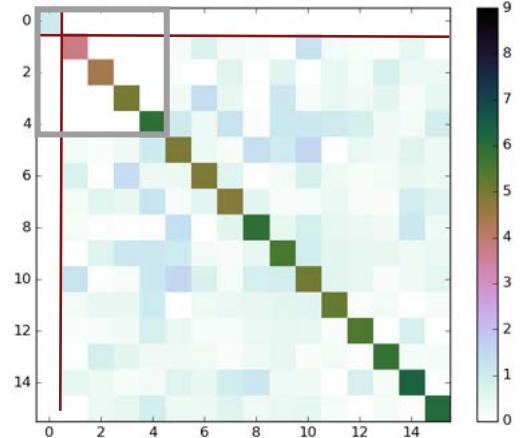
Quartic-Scaling Hamiltonian/VQE Entanglers



$$(U_1, U_2) = \{(Y, H), (H, Y)\} \quad \left(\text{where } Y = R_x(-\frac{\pi}{2})\right)$$

Existing QSE-VQE Algorithm for Excited States:<sup>3</sup>

$$|\Psi_\Theta\rangle \equiv \sum_{pq} C_{pq}^\Theta \{ \hat{p}^\dagger \hat{q} \} \hat{U}_{\text{VQE}} |0\rangle$$



<sup>1</sup>A. Kandala et al., *Nature* **549**, 242 (2017).

<sup>2</sup>P. Barkoutsos et al., *Phys. Rev. A*, **98**, 022322 (2018).

<sup>3</sup>J.R. McClean, M.E. Kimchi-Schwartz, J. Carter, and W.A. de Jong., *Phys. Rev. A*, **95**, 042308 (2017).

# Topic 1: MC-VQE+AIEM

R.M. Parrish, E.G. Hohenstein, P. McMahon, and T.J. Martínez  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.*, **122**, 230401 (2019)  
ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.01234>



# Quantum Computation of Electronic Transitions using a Variational Quantum Eigensolver

- **Authors:** R.M. Parrish, E.G. Hohenstein, P. McMahon, and T.J. Martínez
- **Key Results:**
  - Ground and excited state properties of molecular systems can be treated on the same footing and with the same efficiency for the first time using our novel “multistate, contracted” variational quantum eigensolver (MC-VQE).
  - Transition properties can be studied for the first time, which means that light-molecule interactions can now be studied with quantum computers.
  - The ab initio exciton model (AIEM) allows us to compress the representation of the electronic Hamiltonian significantly which means that molecular systems with thousands of atoms are now tractable.

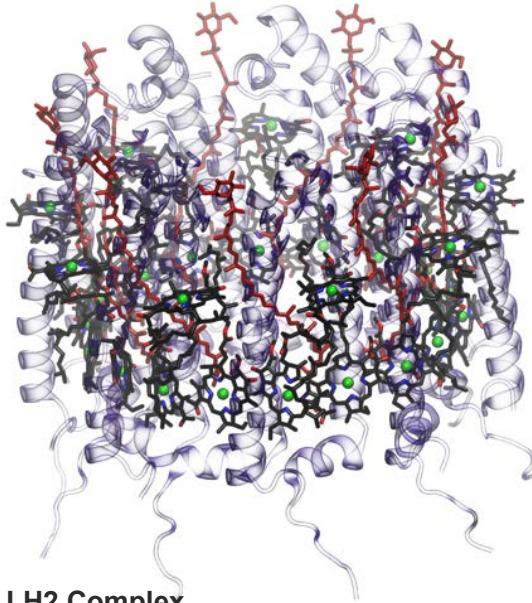
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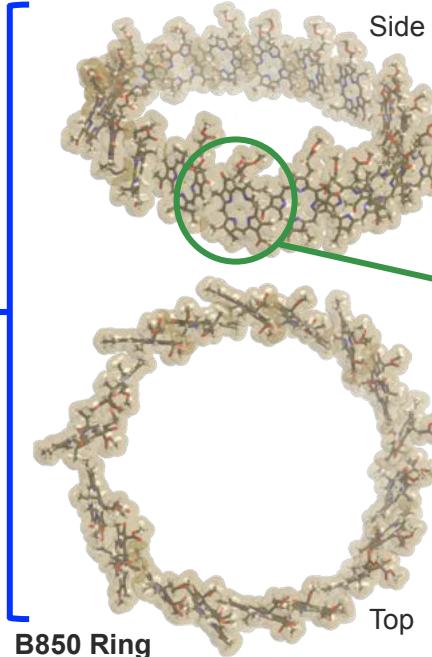
# Tool 1: Quantum Deployment of the *Ab Initio* Exciton Model (AIEM)<sup>1</sup>

Minimizing Quantum Circuit Depth/Connectivity by Classical Compression

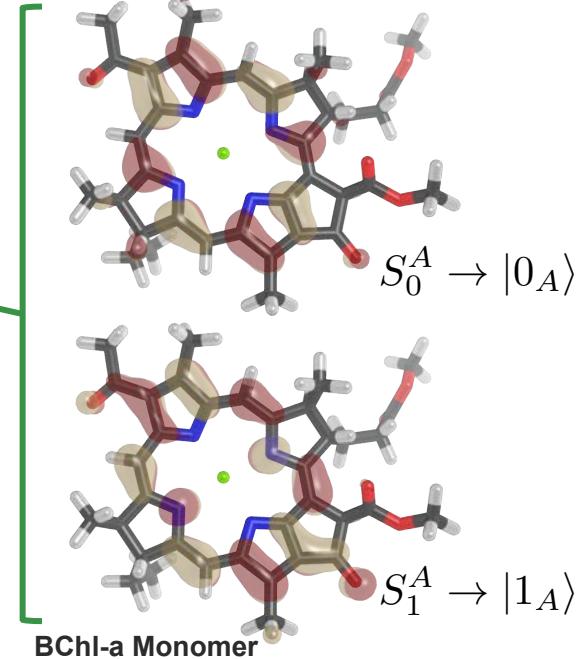
Photosystem:



Photoactive Component:



Monomer States (TD-DFT):



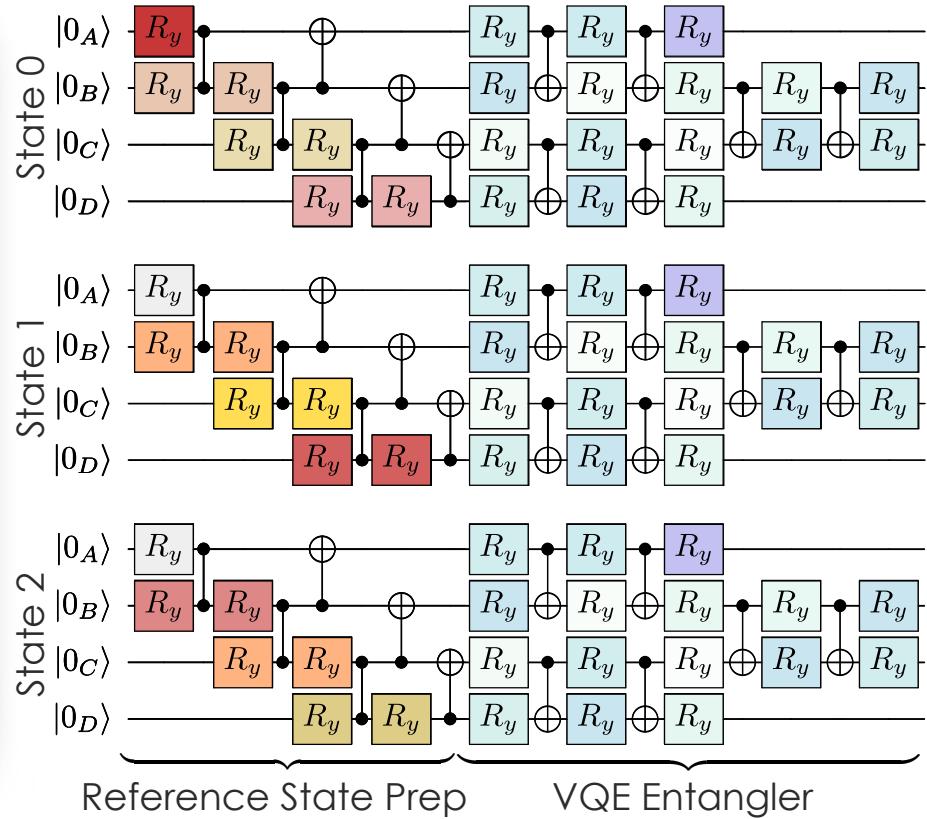
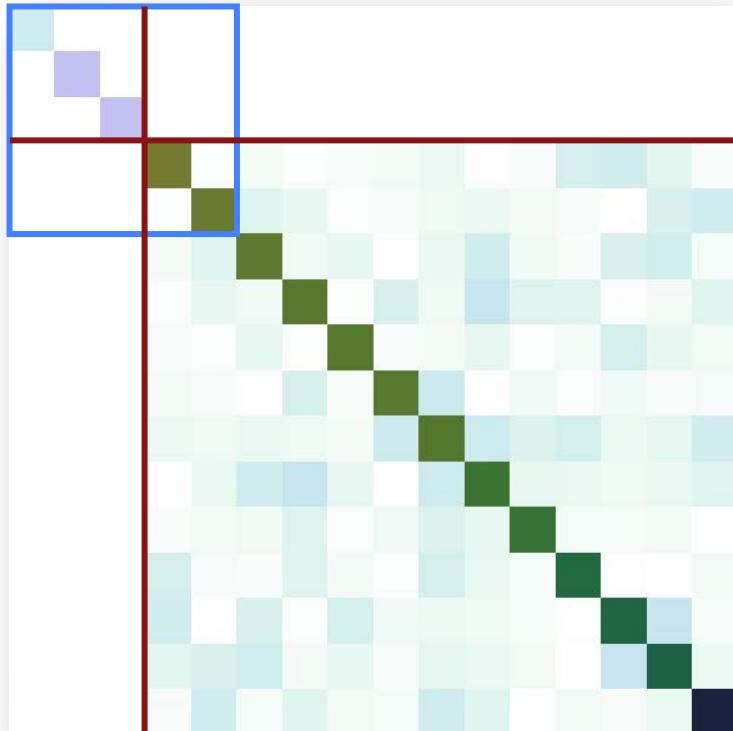
**1x Qubit per Monomer!!**

<sup>1</sup>A. Sisto, D.R. Glowacki, and T.J. Martínez, *Acc. Chem. Res.*, **47**, 2857 (2014).

X. Li, R.M. Parrish, S.I.L. Kokkila-Schumacher, and T.J. Martínez, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, **13**, 3493 (2017).

# Tool 2: A Multistate, Contracted Variational Quantum Eigensolver (MC-VQE)

A New Quantum Algorithm for the Balanced Treatment of Ground/Excited States



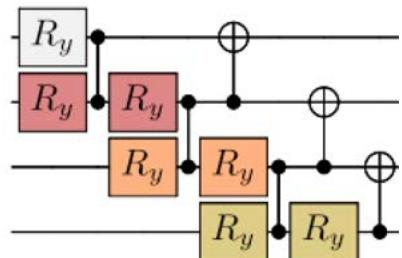
# Required Technical Tools

## Mapping Electronic Structure Concepts to Quantum Circuits

### CIS Reference States:

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_\Theta\rangle &\equiv \mu|000\dots\rangle + \alpha|100\dots\rangle \\ &+ \beta|010\dots\rangle + \gamma|001\dots\rangle + \dots \\ &: \sqrt{\mu^2 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 \dots} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

### CIS State Preparation Circuit:<sup>1</sup>



- $N$  Parameters ( $R_y$  gates)  
- $O(N)$  Gates  
- $O(N)$  Depth

### Transition Matrix Elements:

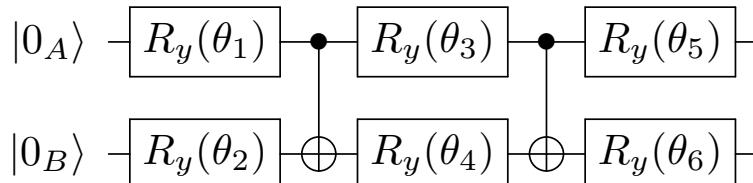
$$2H_{\Theta \neq \Theta'} = (\langle \Phi_\Theta | + \langle \Phi_{\Theta'} |) \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{H} \hat{U} (|\Phi_\Theta\rangle + |\Phi_{\Theta'}\rangle) / 2 - (\langle \Phi_\Theta | - \langle \Phi_{\Theta'} |) \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{H} \hat{U} (|\Phi_\Theta\rangle - |\Phi_{\Theta'}\rangle) / 2$$

### "Interfering" Reference States:

$$|\chi_{\Theta \neq \Theta'}^\pm\rangle \equiv (|\Phi_\Theta\rangle \pm |\Phi_{\Theta'}\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

Recipe: change CIS coefficients!

### SO(4) VQE Entanglers:<sup>2</sup>



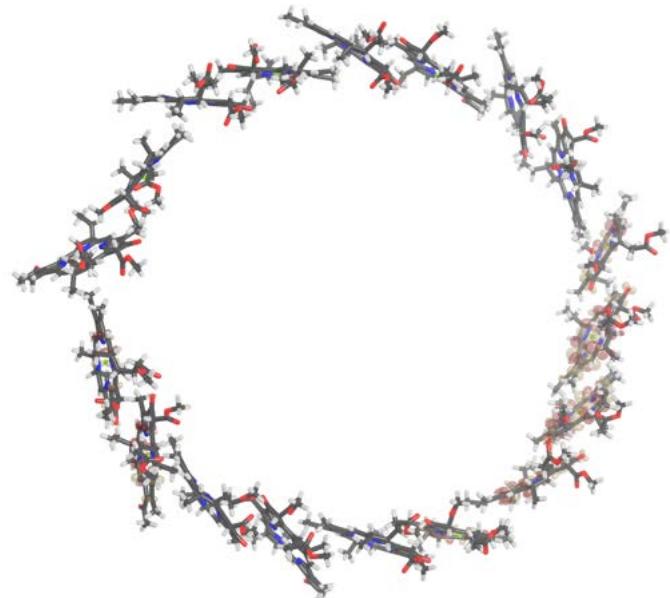
<sup>1</sup>Inspiration from  $|W_N\rangle$  states: F. Diker, arXiv preprint, arXiv:1606.09290 (2016).

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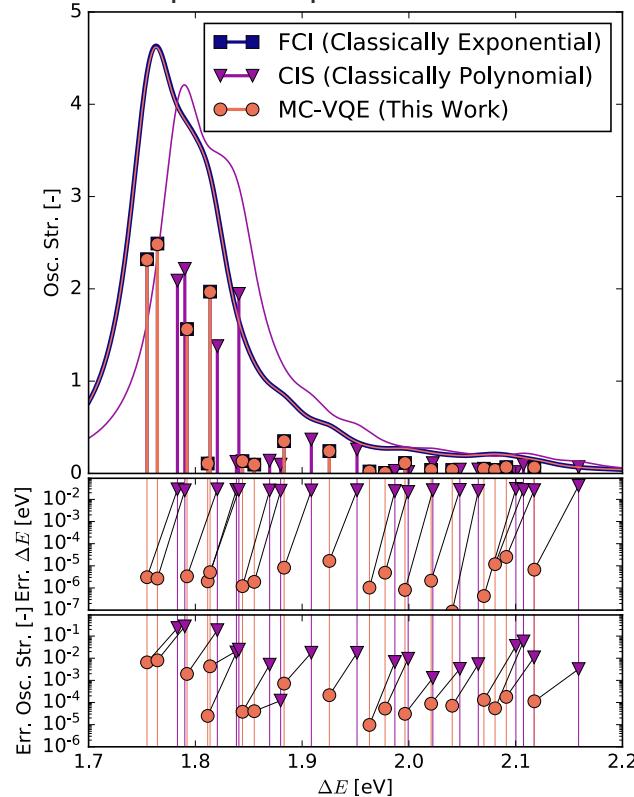
# Preliminary Results

## Simulated Quantum Circuit Deployment of MC-VQE+AIEM

$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$  Difference Density (red +/tan -):



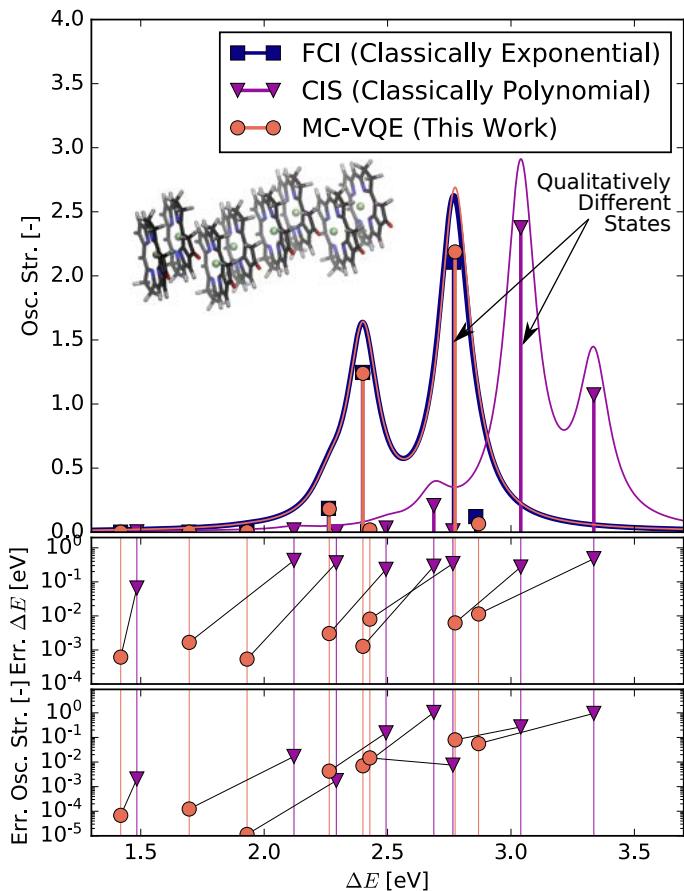
Absorption Spectrum:



$N=18$  B850 Ring of LH2. Monomer states from  $\omega$ PBE( $\omega=0.3$ )/6-31G\*. Nearest-Neighbor Dipole Interactions.  
R.M. Parrish, E.G. Hohenstein, P.L. McMahon, and T.J. Martínez, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.01234.pdf> (2019).

# A Case Where CIS/TD-DFT Qualitatively Fail

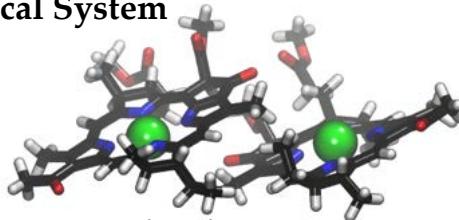
H-Aggregate N=8 Stack of BChl-a: Highly multi-reference/multi-excitonic



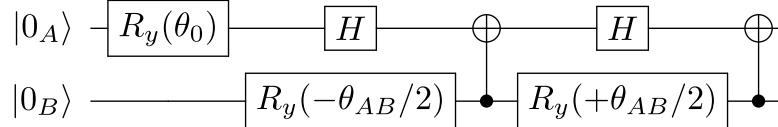
# Initial Hardware Deployment

CIS State Preparation on IBM Q 20 Tokyo

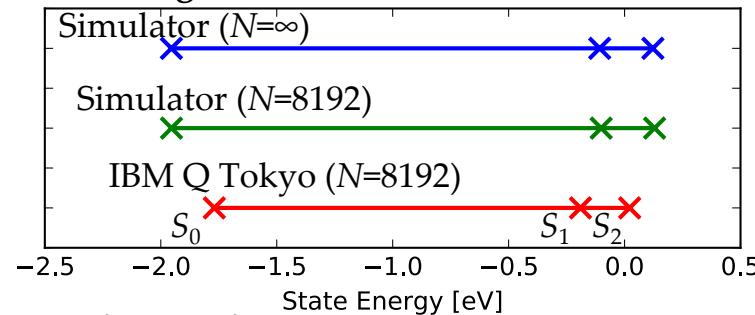
A. Chemical System



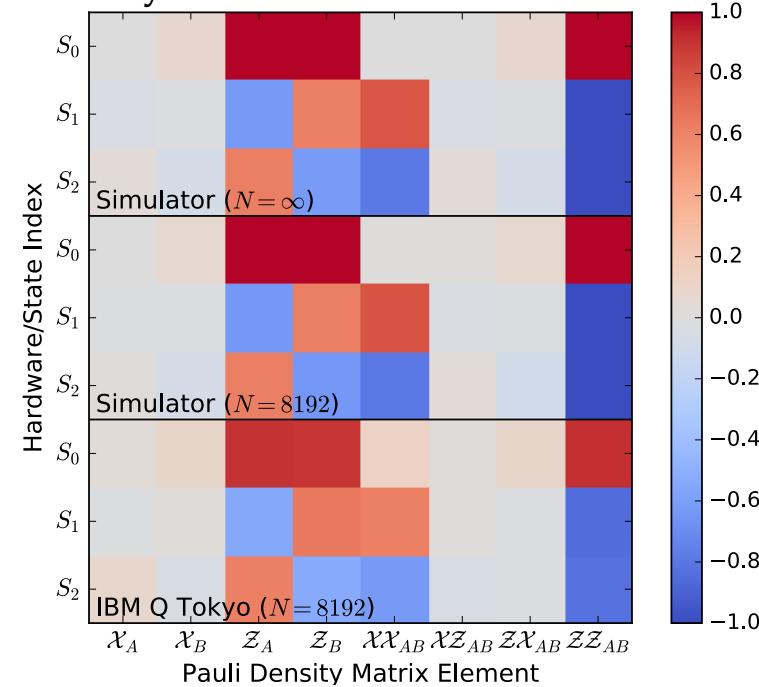
B. CIS Quantum Circuit



C. State Energies



D. Density Matrices



More tests underway!

# Topic 2: MC-VQE+AIEM Gradients

R.M. Parrish, E.G. Hohenstein, P. McMahon, and T.J. Martínez  
ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.08728>



# Hybrid Quantum/Classical Derivative Theory: Analytical Gradients and Excited-State Dynamics for the Multistate Contracted Variational Quantum Eigensolver

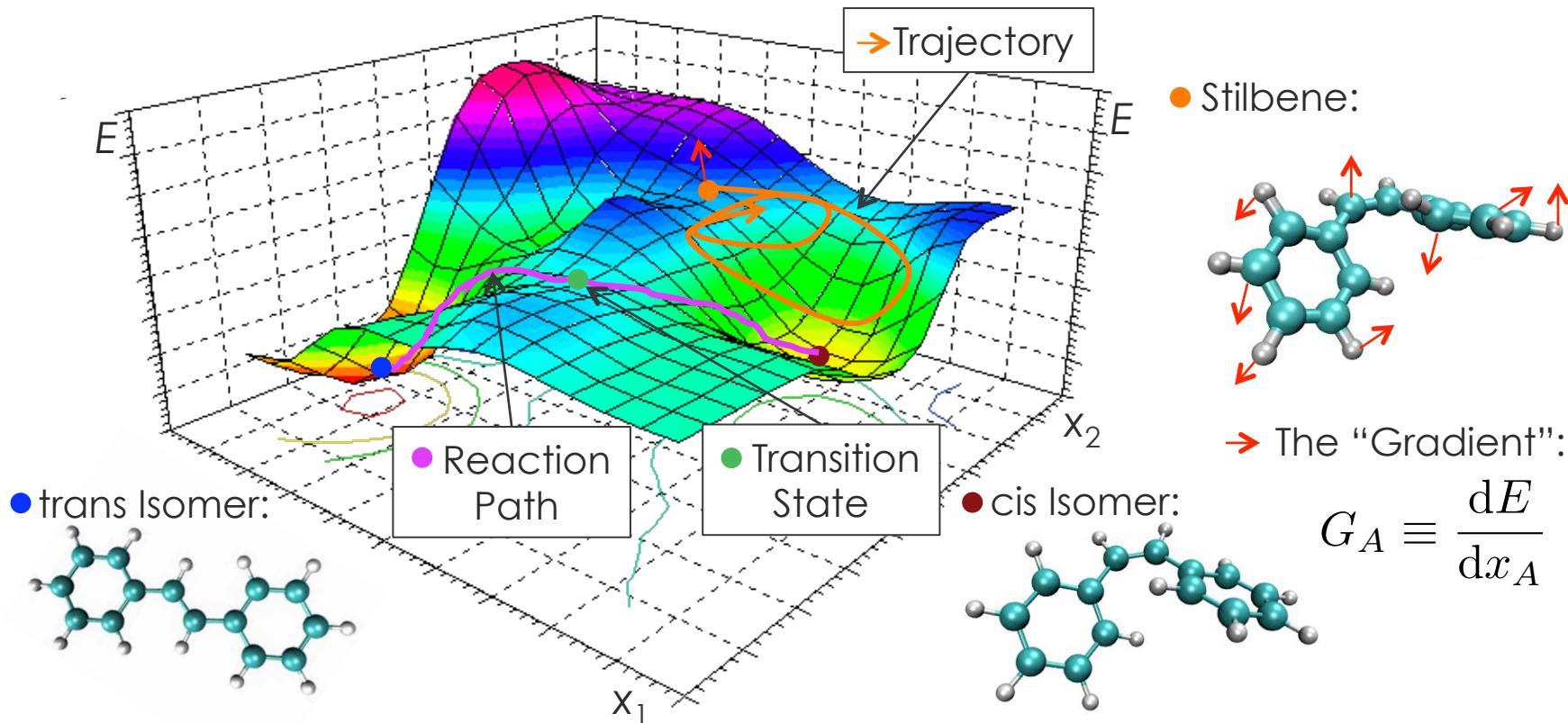
- **Authors:** R.M. Parrish, E.G. Hohenstein, P. McMahon, and T.J. Martínez
- **Key Results:**
  - Ground and excited state gradients of MC-VQE+AIEM energies can be computed with a limited number of additional quantum measurements.
  - The Lagrangian formalism efficiently decouples the quantum and classical portions of the computation, allowing for the number of quantum measurements to be made to be independent of the number of atoms.
  - The quantum response equations involve the solution of the SA-VQE response equations, and require evaluation (or contraction with) the SA-VQE Hessian.
  - The parameter shift method provides the needed quantum gradient pieces.

ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.08721>



# Analytical Nuclear Gradients

The key to efficient exploration of the potential energy landscape



**Remember:** This plot is an illusion: Stilbene has 72 dimensions! Traveling through hyperspace ain't like dusting crops!

# Lagrangian Formulation of Analytical Gradients

## Beating the Wavefunction Response Problem

Energy Function:

$$E \equiv \langle \Psi(\theta) | \hat{H} | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$$

Wavefunction Parameters:

$$f(\theta) = 0$$

Orbital Choices  
Reference State Choices  
State Averaging

Direct Gradient:

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{dE}{d\hat{H}} \frac{d\hat{H}}{dx} + \frac{dE}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dx}$$

“Hellmann-Feynman”      “Wavefunction Response”

Lagrangian Function:

$$\mathcal{L} \equiv \langle \Psi(\theta) | \hat{H} | \Psi(\theta) \rangle + \tilde{\theta} f(\theta)$$

Wavefunction Parameters:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\tilde{\theta}} = 0 \Rightarrow f(\theta) = 0$$

Response Equations:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\theta} \langle \Psi(\theta) | \hat{H} | \Psi(\theta) \rangle + \tilde{\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} f(\theta) = 0$$

Nuclear Gradient:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dx} = \underbrace{\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\hat{H}} \frac{d\hat{H}}{dx}}_0 + \underbrace{\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dx}}_0 + \underbrace{\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\tilde{\theta}} \frac{d\tilde{\theta}}{dx}}_0$$

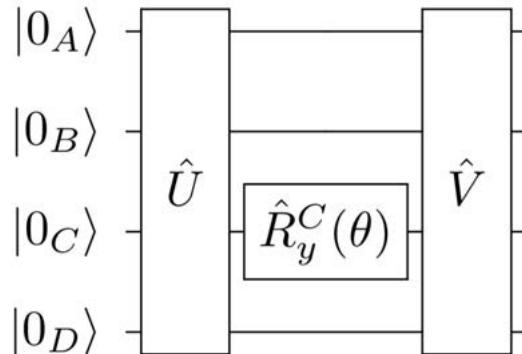
# Parameter Shift Method

Efficient, Statistically Robust Quantum Derivatives

Observable Expectation Value:

$$O(\theta) = \langle \hat{O} \rangle = \langle \vec{0} | \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{R}_y^{C\dagger}(\theta) \hat{V}^\dagger \hat{O} \hat{V} \hat{R}_y^C(\theta) \hat{U} | \vec{0} \rangle \quad \frac{\partial O(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = O(\theta + \pi/4) - O(\theta - \pi/4)$$

Quantum Circuit:



First Derivatives:

$$\approx \frac{1}{2h} [O(\theta + h) - O(\theta - h)]$$

Second Derivatives:

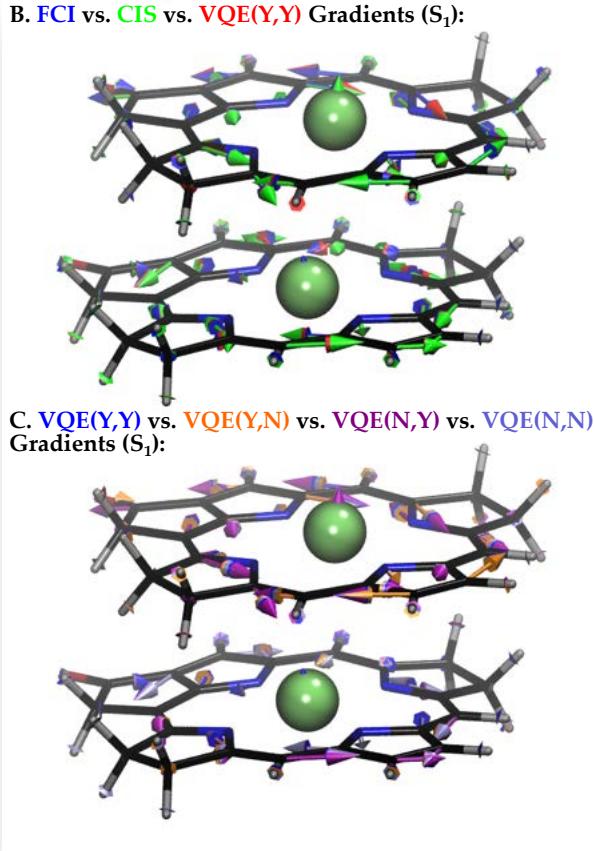
$$\frac{\partial^2 O(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = O(\theta + \pi/2) - 2O(\theta) + O(\theta - \pi/2)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{4h^2} [O(\theta + 2h) - 2O(\theta) + O(\theta - 2h)]$$

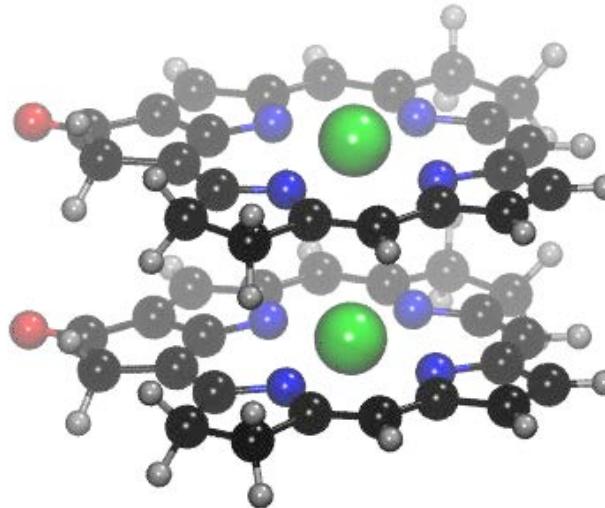
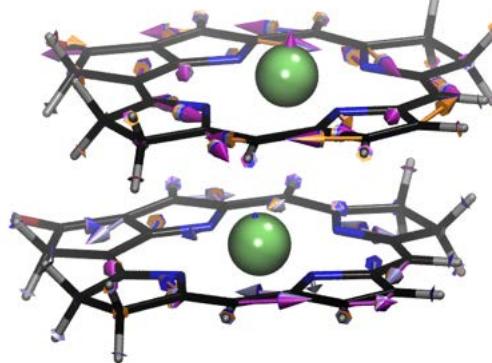
# MC-VQE+AIEM Analytical Gradients

150 Equations – yields exact forces with minimal additional quantum measurements

B. FCI vs. CIS vs. VQE(Y,Y) Gradients ( $S_1$ ):



C. VQE(Y,Y) vs. VQE(Y,N) vs. VQE(N,Y) vs. VQE(N,N)  
Gradients ( $S_1$ ):

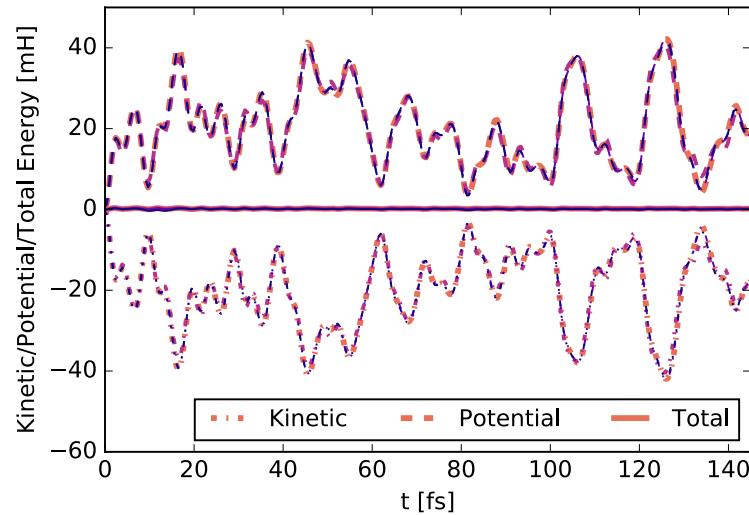


Example Excited State Dynamics  
with MC-VQE+AIEM

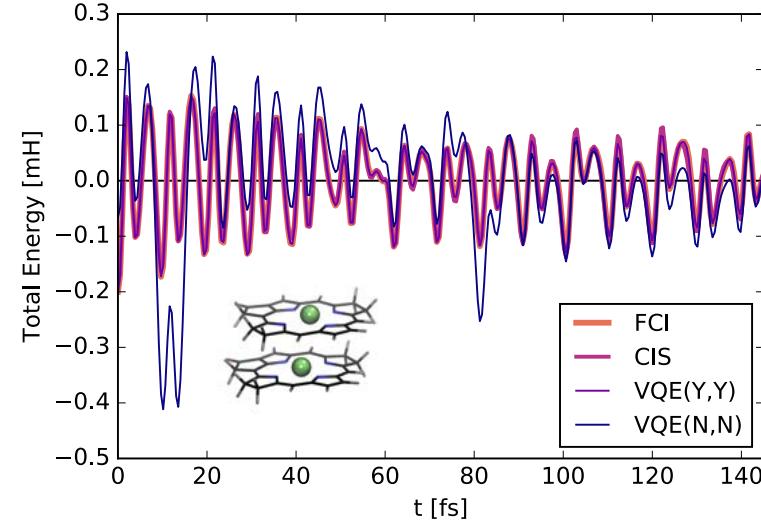
# Detailed Dynamics Study

Self-Consistent Gradients/Lagrangian Formalism Needed for Conservation of Energy

Energy Profile vs. Time:



Total Energy:



NVE-VV w/ 20 au timestep

**Crux:** Represent solution as variational linear combination of *different* quantum circuit wavefunctions – combine in classical postprocessing

# Topic 3: QFD

R.M. Parrish and P. McMahon  
ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.08925>

W. Huggins, J. Lee, U. Baek, B. O'Gormin, and K.B. Whaley  
ArXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.09114>

Same Day!

# Quantum Filter Diagonalization: Quantum Eigendecomposition without Full Quantum Phase Estimation

- **Authors:** R.M. Parrish and P. McMahon
- **Key Results:**
  - A new variational ansatz is developed that represents the target wavefunction as a classical weighted linear combination of basis states that are prepared from multiple different quantum circuits.
  - The classical weights are determined by solving a generalized eigenproblem after all quantum matrix elements are obtained.
  - The (parallelizable) quantum matrix elements require evaluation of off-diagonal overlaps between different basis states via simple swap test circuits.
  - Using a basis of Trotterized time-propagated guess states, excellent accuracy is obtained for a case study problem even in the presence of considerable Trotterization error.

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# Problem Statement

Pauli-Sparse Hamiltonian:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} \equiv & \sum_A \mathcal{Z}_A \hat{Z}_A + \mathcal{X}_A \hat{X}_A \\ & + \sum_{A>B} \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{Z}_{AB} \hat{Z}_A \otimes \hat{Z}_B + \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{X}_{AB} \hat{Z}_A \otimes \hat{X}_B \\ & + \mathcal{X}\mathcal{Z}_{AB} \hat{X}_A \otimes \hat{Z}_B + \mathcal{X}\mathcal{X}_{AB} \hat{X}_A \otimes \hat{X}_B + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Schrödinger Equation:

$$\hat{H}|\Psi^\Theta\rangle = \textcolor{blue}{E^\Theta}|\Psi^\Theta\rangle : \langle\Psi^\Theta|\Psi^{\Theta'}\rangle = \delta_{\Theta\Theta'}$$

Transition Properties:

$$\textcolor{blue}{O^{\Theta\Theta'}} \equiv \langle\Psi^\Theta|\hat{O}|\Psi^{\Theta'}\rangle$$

# QFD Ansatz and Generalized Eigenproblem (Classical)

Ansatz:

$$|\Psi^\Theta\rangle \equiv \sum_{\Xi k} C_{\Xi k}^\Theta e^{-i2\pi k \hat{H}/\kappa} |\Phi_\Xi\rangle \equiv \sum_{\Xi k} C_{\Xi k}^\Theta |\Gamma_{\Xi k}\rangle$$

Variational Generalized Eigenproblem:

$$\sum_{\Xi' k'} \mathcal{H}_{\Xi k, \Xi' k'} C_{\Xi' k'}^\Theta = \sum_{\Xi' k'} \mathcal{S}_{\Xi k, \Xi' k'} C_{\Xi' k'}^\Theta E^\Theta :$$

$$\sum_{\Xi k} \sum_{\Xi' k'} C_{\Xi k}^{*\Theta} \mathcal{S}_{\Xi k, \Xi' k'} C_{\Xi' k'}^{\Theta'} = \delta_{\Theta \Theta'}$$

Hamiltonian Matrix Elements:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\Xi k, \Xi' k'} &\equiv \langle \Gamma_{\Xi k} | \hat{H} | \Gamma_{\Xi' k'} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_\Xi | e^{+i2\pi k \hat{H}/\kappa} \hat{H} e^{-i2\pi k' \hat{H}/\kappa} | \Phi_{\Xi'} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Overlap Matrix Elements:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\Xi k, \Xi' k'} &\equiv \langle \Gamma_{\Xi k} | \Gamma_{\Xi' k'} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_\Xi | e^{+i2\pi k \hat{H}/\kappa} e^{-i2\pi k' \hat{H}/\kappa} | \Phi_{\Xi'} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# QFD Transition Properties

Transition Properties:

$$\langle \Psi^\Theta | \hat{O} | \Psi^{\Theta'} \rangle = \sum_{\Xi k} \sum_{\Xi' k'} C_{\Xi k}^{*\Theta} \mathcal{O}_{\Xi k, \Xi' k'} C_{\Xi' k'}^{\Theta'}$$

Transition Operator Matrix Elements:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{\Xi k, \Xi' k'} &\equiv \langle \Gamma_{\Xi k} | \hat{O} | \Gamma_{\Xi' k'} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Phi_\Xi | e^{+i2\pi k \hat{H}/\kappa} \hat{O} e^{-i2\pi k' \hat{H}/\kappa} | \Phi_{\Xi'} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# QFD Quantum Matrix Elements

Desired Transition Observable:

$$|A\rangle \equiv \hat{V}|\Omega\rangle \quad |B\rangle \equiv \hat{W}|\Omega\rangle \quad \langle A|\hat{O}|B\rangle \equiv \langle\Omega|\hat{V}^\dagger\hat{O}\hat{W}|\Omega\rangle$$

1-Ancilla Swap Test Circuit:

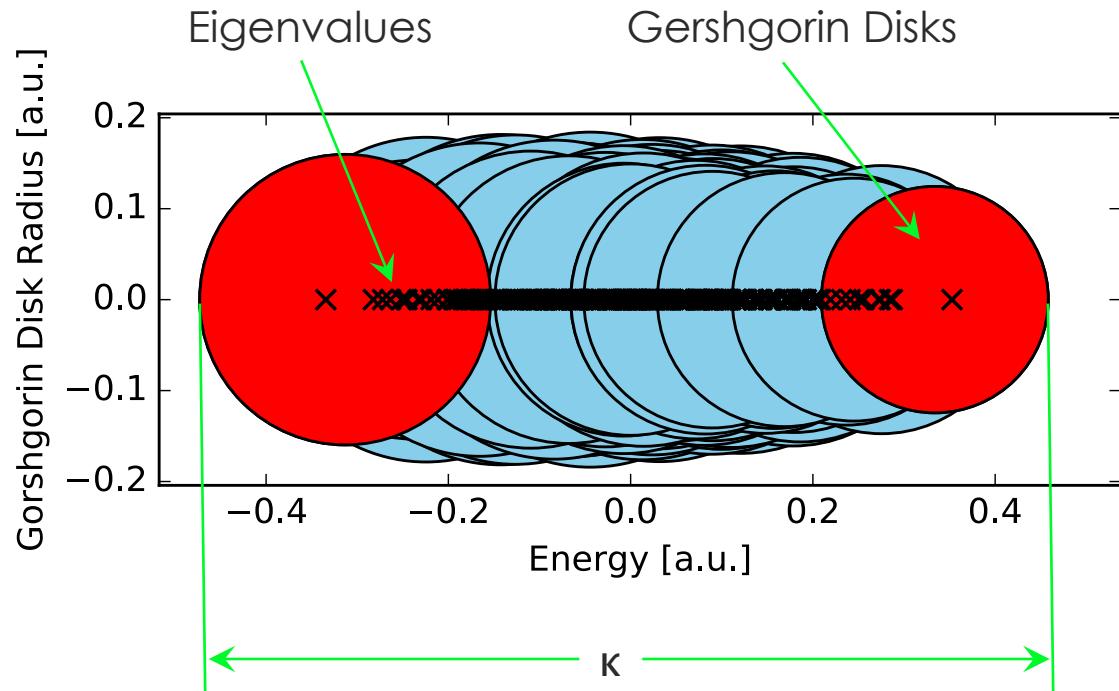
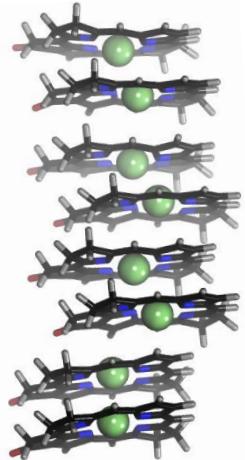
$$|\mathbb{N}\rangle \equiv \begin{matrix} |0\rangle \\ |\Omega\rangle \end{matrix} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad H \quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad V \quad} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\quad W \quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\quad \bullet \quad} \end{array} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ |0\rangle \otimes \hat{V}|\Omega\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes \hat{W}|\Omega\rangle \right]$$

Resolved Observable:

$$\langle A|\hat{O}|B\rangle = \langle\mathbb{N}|\hat{X} \otimes \hat{O}|\mathbb{N}\rangle + i\langle\mathbb{N}|\hat{Y} \otimes \hat{O}|\mathbb{N}\rangle$$

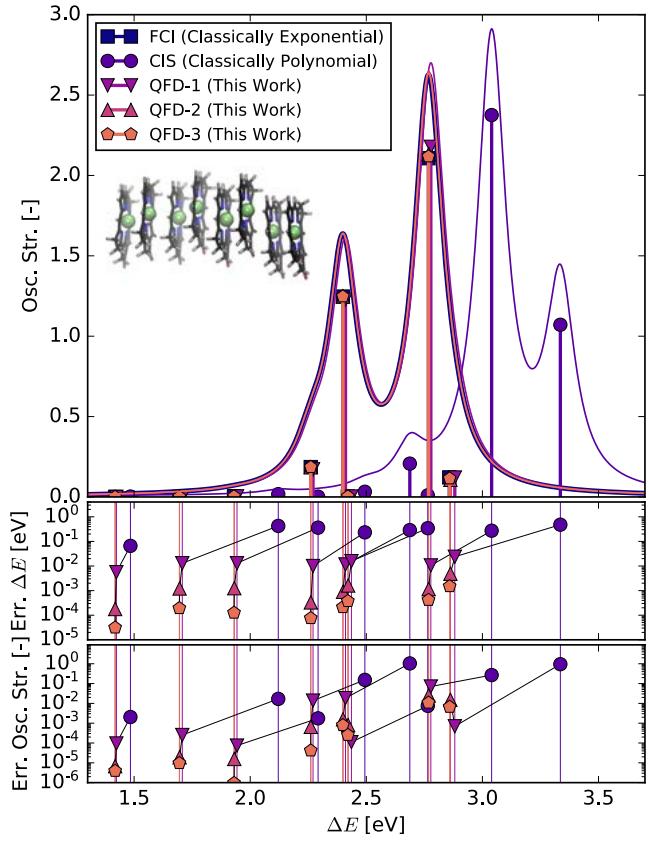
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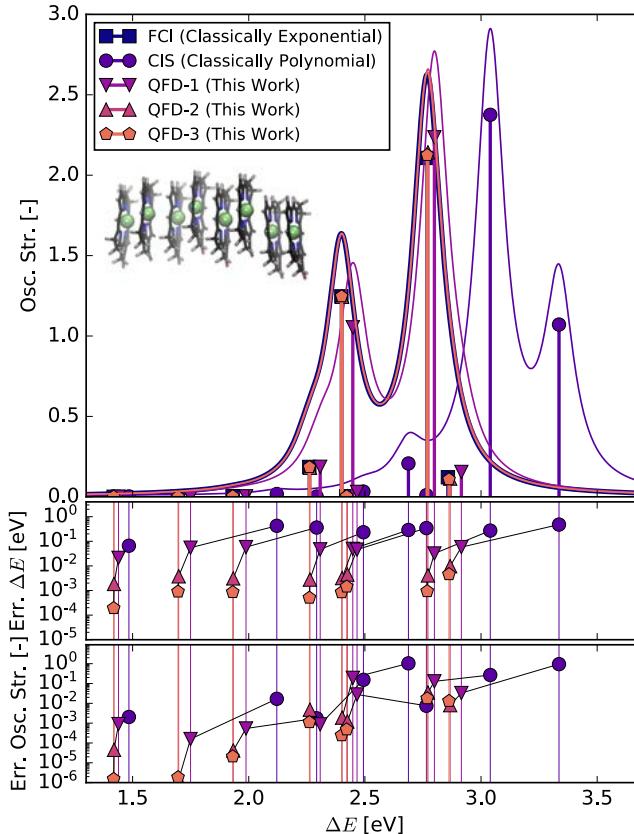


# QFD Ansatz Demonstration

Exact U:



Trotterized U:



(Ideal Quantum Circuits, infinite statistical sampling limit)

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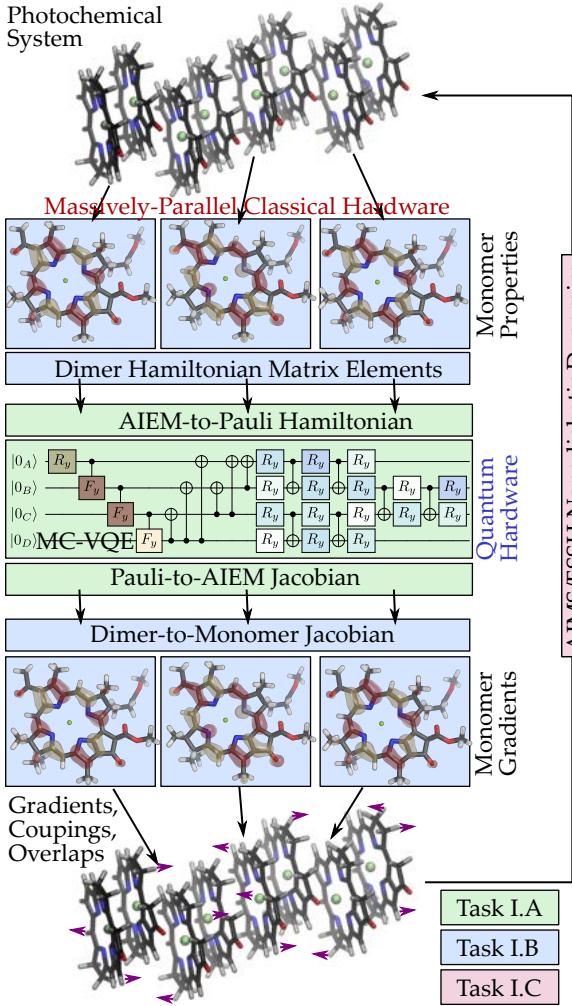
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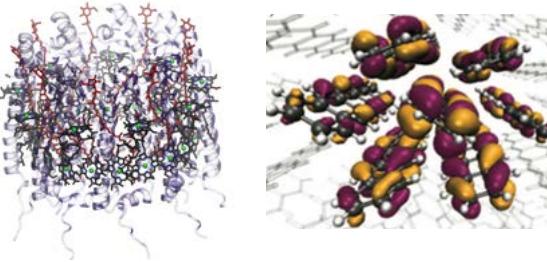
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Photochemical System  
Monomer Properties

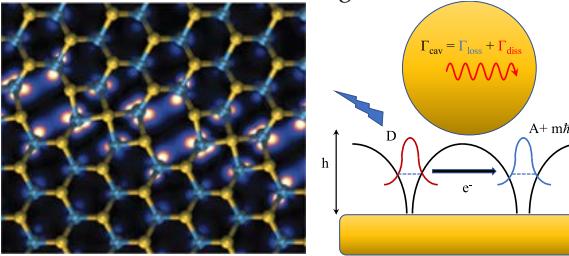


## Task II: Photochemistry Simulations Applications

Electronic Energy Transfer: Singlet Fission:

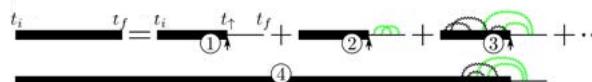


Low-Dimensional Materials: Light-Matter Interactions:



## Task III: Benchmark/Validation Methods

"Inchworm" Quantum Monte Carlo:



Tensor Product/Network Quantum Circuit Simulation:

