

# Quantum Computation for Chemistry

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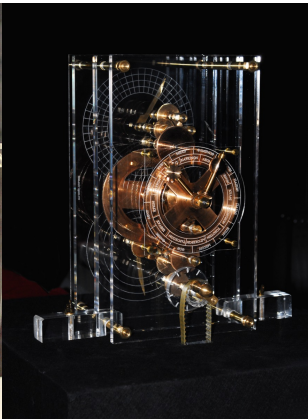
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# Antikythera device

Built around 150-100 B.C. (Ancient mechanical quantum simulator)





# Computer simulation

From “Image and Logic: A material culture of microphysics”, 1997

*Without the computer-based simulation, the material culture of late-twentieth-century microphysics is not merely inconvenienced – it does not exist. Nor this is only true for particle detectors – machines including the huge plasma-heating Tokamaks, the complex fission-fusion nuclear weapons, the guidance systems of rockets are inseparable from their virtual counterparts – all are bound to simulations.*

–Peter Galison

# S. F. Boys, EDSAC and Gaussian orbitals

Boys, Cook, Reeves and Shavitt, **Nature**, 178, 1207 (1956)



## AUTOMATIC FUNDAMENTAL CALCULATIONS OF MOLECULAR STRUCTURE

By DR. S. F. BOYS, DR. G. B. COOK, C. M. REEVES and I. SHAVITT  
Theoretical Chemistry Department, University of Cambridge

# Cell phone quantum chemistry: mobimol

mobihf v0.4,  
HV = eΨ (c)V.Ganesh

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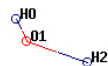
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7878639664965343  
H 0.5391686448829004 1.  
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View Run

Run

R) Max SCF Iteration  
E) SCF Energy Tolerance

Parallel Mode ▶  
Save Output  
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HV = eΨ (c)V.Ganesh

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Number of basis funtions: 7  
Time till 1e: 0.1min  
Number of 2e integrals: 406  
Time till 2e: 1.7min  
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3 -73.35264914  
Total time: 1.88min
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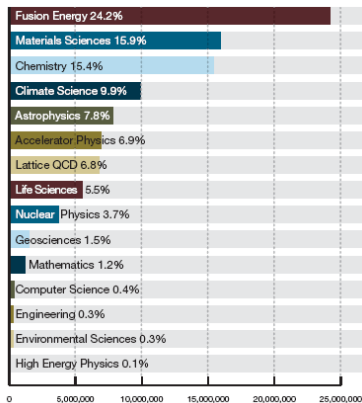
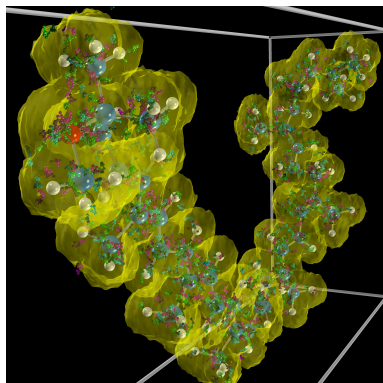
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View Run

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O -0.379 2.085 -1.788  
H 0.539 1.75 -1.77  
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Options Exit

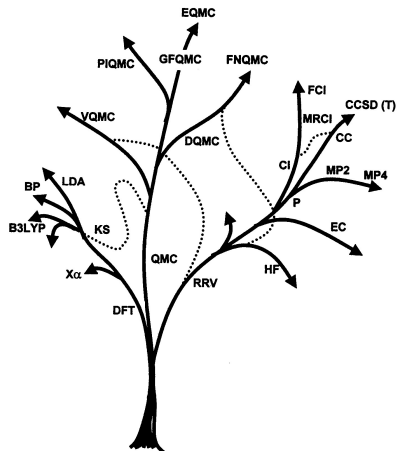
# High-performance quantum chemistry calculations



Spheroidene molecule QMC calculation (250,000 hours of CPU time),  
Usage allocation per area, NERSC Supercomputers (DOE), (2007)

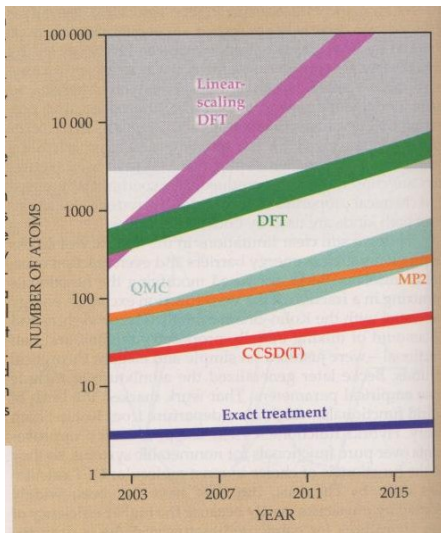
# Traditional Mexican ceramics and quantum chemistry methods

The tree of life



# Traditional Computational Chemistry Roadmap

Martin Head-Gordon, *Physics Today* April, 2008





R. P. Feynman, *Simulating physics with computers*  
Int. J. Theo. Phys., 21, (1982)

# Computational Chemistry vs. Quantum Simulation

## Feynman's Proposal

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |\Psi^{mol}\rangle & \rightarrow & |\Psi^{QC}\rangle \\ \hat{U}^{mol}(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}^{mol}t} & \rightarrow & \hat{U}^{QC}(t) = e^{-i\hat{H}^{QC}t} \end{array}$$



$$\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$$



quantum simulation  
(HF, DFT, QMC, CC, FCI,...)



quantum emulation

Quantum algorithms for simulation:

Zalka, Lloyd, Lidar, Cleve,  
Aharonov, Chuang, Brown,  
Love, Ortiz, Somma,  
Gubernatis, Kais, Nori,  
Aspuru-Guzik, ...



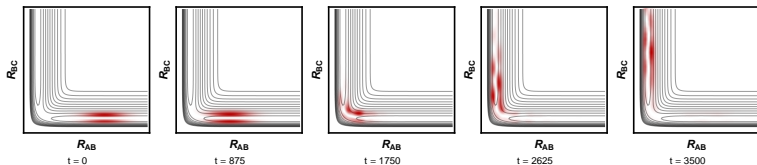
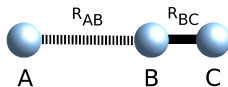
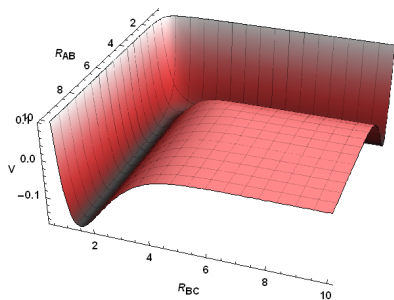
# The quantum advantage

Computational task	Classical cost	Quantum cost
Factoring	$e^{O(n^{1/3} \log^{2/3} n)}$	$O(n^2 \log n \log \log n)$
Search	$O(n)$	$O(\sqrt{n})$
Full CI	$e^{O(n)}$	$O(n^5)$
Chemical dynamics	$e^{O(n)}$	$O(n^2)$
Protein folding	$e^{O(n)}$	?

- ▶ **Full CI**: Aspuru-Guzik et. al, **Science** (2005). Huang, Kais, Aspuru-Guzik, Hoffman, **Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.** 10, 5388 (2008); **Gradients**: Kassal, Aspuru-Guzik, *to be submitted*.
- ▶ **Chemical dynamics**: Kassal, Jordan, Mohseni, Love, Aspuru-Guzik, **Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.** 105, 1868 (2008), Ward, Kassal, Aspuru-Guzik, **J. Chem. Phys.** (2009) In Press. arxiv:0812.2681
- ▶ **Protein folding (random heteropolymer minima)**: Perdomo, Truncik, Tubert-Brohman, Rose, Aspuru-Guzik. **Phys. Rev. A.** 78, 1, 021320 (2008)

# Chemical reaction dynamics

Kassal, . . . , Aspuru-Guzik **PNAS** (2008)



# Reaction dynamics algorithm

Kassal, . . . , Aspuru-Guzik **PNAS (2008)**, Ward, Kassal, Aspuru-Guzik **J. Chem. Phys.**  
In press (2009)

## Input

- ▶ The Hamiltonian of the system,  $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \hat{V}(\mathbf{x})$
- ▶ An initial condition for the wave packet

## Steps

- ▶ Initialize wavefunction using a proper mapping to qubits
- ▶ Propagate in time
- ▶ Measure observables

## Output

- ▶ Reaction probability
- ▶ Thermal rate constant
- ▶ State-to-state distributions

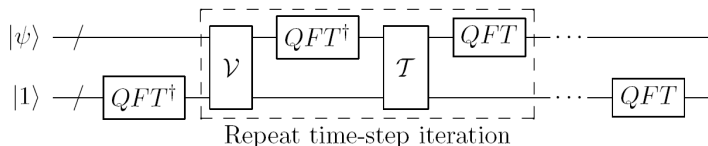
# Split-operator (Trotter) method

For a short timestep,  $\delta t$ ,

$$U(\delta t) \approx e^{-iT\delta t} e^{-iV\delta t}.$$

Note that the potential operator  $V$  is diagonal in position  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $T$  is diagonal in momentum  $\mathbf{P}$ . Use diagonal representation of operators.

$$|\psi(\delta t)\rangle = \text{FT} e^{-iT\delta t} \text{FT}^{-1} e^{-iV\delta t} |\psi(0)\rangle.$$



$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow e^{-iV\delta t} |\psi\rangle = \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} a_x e^{-iV(x)\delta x} |x\rangle$$

# A quantum architecture for an error correcting quantum computer

A. Steane. How to build a 300-bit, 1-gigaop quantum computer, Quantum Information and Computation, 7, 171 (2007)

- ▶ 300 logical qubits
- ▶ Encoded in  $\approx 10,000$  physical qubits
- ▶ Ion-trap implementation
- ▶ Within error-correcting threshold and able to carry out  $10^9$  quantum gates.

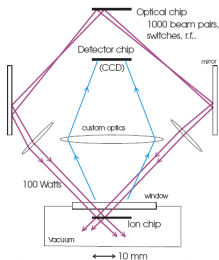
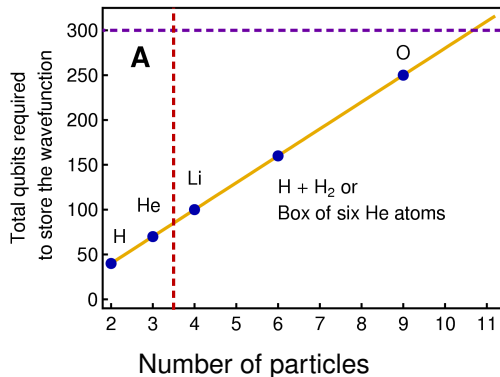


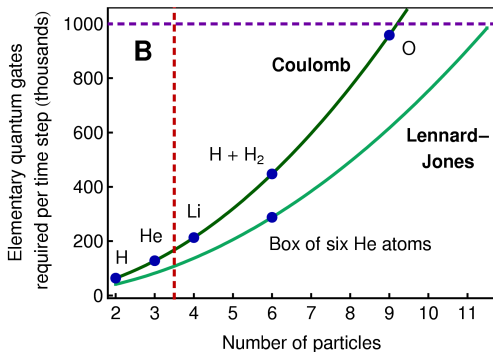
Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the complete computer. An optical chip contains laser sources, optical switches and r.f. control circuitry for the laser pulses; the multiple laser beams (2 of 1000 pairs are shown) are imaged onto an 'ion chip' (IC) in vacuum, containing the array of ion traps and the control circuitry for moving ions around. The detector registers optical fluorescence; its elements could alternatively be incorporated onto the IC. The optical chip could alternatively be placed inside the vacuum chamber, close to the IC, or else replaced by conventional methods

# Qubit requirements



$n = 10$ , i.e., a grid of 1024 points per dimension  
 $(3N - 2)n$  qubits are required

# Quantum gate requirements



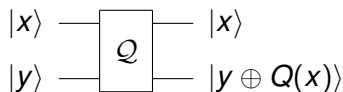
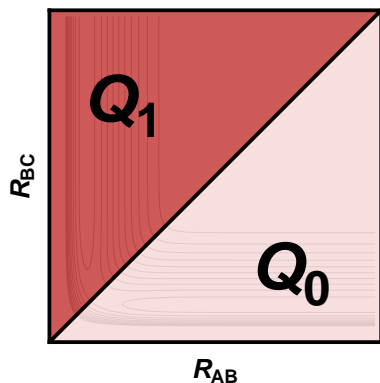
$n = 10$ , i.e. a grid of  $2^{30}$  points

Coulomb:  $\frac{75}{4}n^3 + \frac{51}{2}n^2$  elementary gates per step per pair of particles.

Lennard-Jones:  $\frac{25}{2}n^3 + 12n^2$  gates per step per pair of particles.

# Determination of observables

Has the wave packet crossed the barrier?

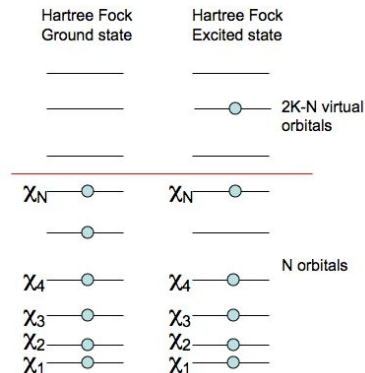


$$Q|x, y, 0\rangle = \begin{cases} |x, y, 0\rangle & \text{if } y < x \\ |x, y, 1\rangle & \text{if } y \geq x \end{cases}$$

Measuring the ancilla gives the transition probability.



# HF Determinants



1. HF GS: fill first  $N$  orbitals and form Slater Determinant
2. There are  $\binom{2K}{N}$  occupancy states (configurations)
3. These are organized into singles, doubles, triples, etc
4. The determinants formed from these configurations form an  $N$ -electron basis

# Full Configuration Interaction (FCI)

Aspuru-Guzik *et al*, **Science** (2005), Wang *et al.*, **PCCP** (2008)

## Wavefunction representation

Expand wavefunction in all HF determinants:

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |\psi^{HF}\rangle + \sum \alpha_a^b |\psi_a^b\rangle + \sum \alpha_{ab}^{cd} |\psi_{ab}^{cd}\rangle + \dots$$

## Hamiltonian: CI Matrix

Hamiltonian is given by all matrix elements between determinants Solving the matrix eigenvalue problem for this  $\binom{2K}{N} \times \binom{2K}{N}$  matrix gives exact results within the given basis.

# Time Evolution

## Molecular Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \sum_X \hat{h}_X = \sum_{p,q} \langle p | \hat{T} + \hat{V}_N | q \rangle \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q,r,s} \langle p | \langle q | \hat{V}_e | r \rangle | s \rangle \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_r \hat{a}_s$$

## Trotter Expansion and Jordan-Wigner Transformation

$$e^{-i\hat{H}t} \approx \left[ \prod_X e^{-i\hat{h}_X t/M} \right]^M \quad \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q \rightarrow \hat{X}^p \hat{X}^q \left[ \prod_{i=p+1}^{q-1} \hat{\sigma}_z^i \right] \hat{P}_0^p \hat{P}_1^q$$

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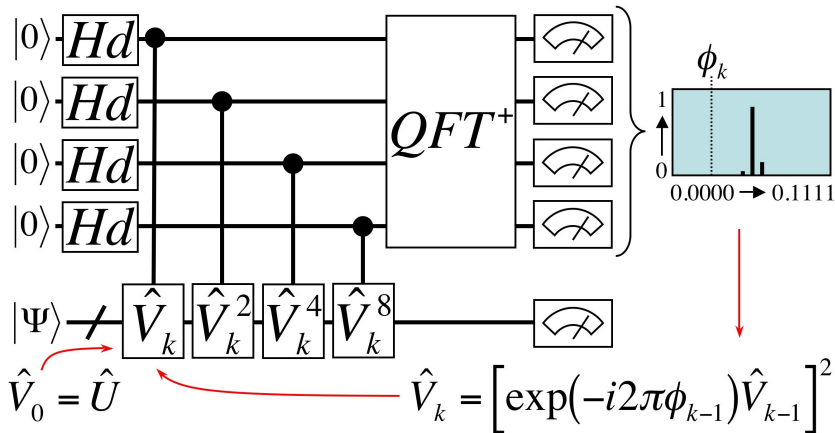
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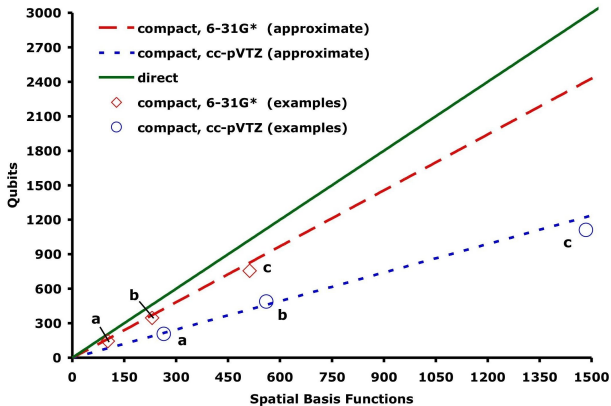
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# Phase Estimation: A Recursive Algorithm

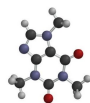
Get a lower bound and measure the difference ... repeatedly ... as much as you want.



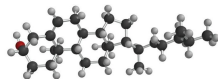
# Qubit Requirements



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b caffeine

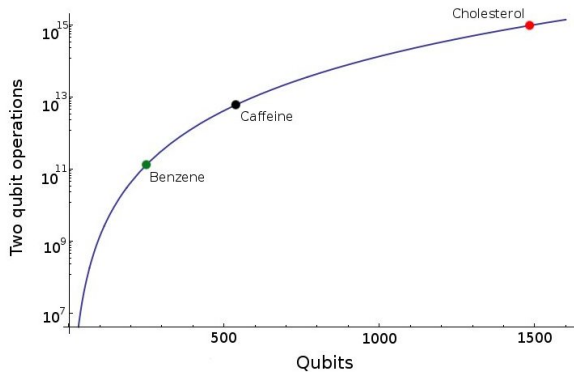


c cholesterol

# Two-qubit gates required for simulating molecules

Whitfield, Biamonte, AAG, In Preparation

Number of CNOTs required for molecular simulation (Trotter step=1 au)



Benzene



Caffeine



Cholesterol



# Ken Brown (GA Tech): Error Correction analysis

Quantum simulation of Ising Model in a Transverse magnetic field

## Challenges

### ■ Hardware is unreliable

- Passive Error Prevention
- Active Error Correction

### ■ Simulating systems with protected subspaces.

*Energy protection arguments fail in the interaction picture*

KRB, Phys. Rev. A, 022327 (2007) [arXiv:0705.2370](https://arxiv.org/abs/0705.2370)

### ■ Quantum simulation on a fault-tolerant quantum computer.

*Resource requirements for fault-tolerant quantum simulation:*

*the transverse Ising model ground state* [arXiv:0810.5626](https://arxiv.org/abs/0810.5626)

C.R. Clark and KRB, Georgia Tech

T.S. Metodi and S.D. Gasster, Aerospace Corporation



# Quantum Logic Array Model

T. S. Metodi, D. D. Thaker, A. W. Cross, F. T. Chong, and I. L. Chuang (2005), MICRO 38.

- Tile Based Architecture
- Communication by qubit movement
- Specifically designed based on ion traps.
- Extendable to other models
  - Quantum Dots  
J. M. Taylor, et al.,  
*Nature Physics* **1**, 177 (2005).

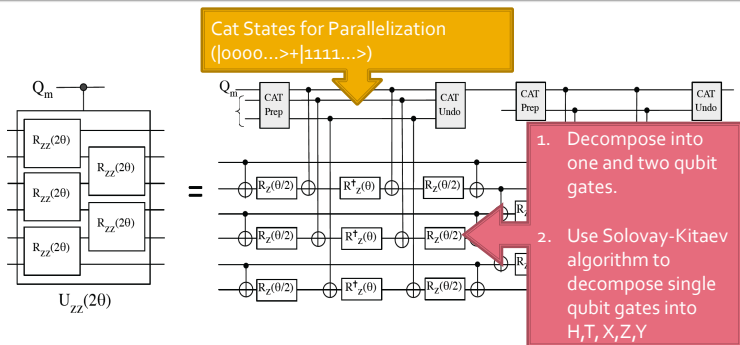
Logical Qubit 1  
+ ancilla for error correction  
+ ancilla for operations

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# Ken Brown (GA Tech): Error correction

Quantum simulation of Ising Model in a Transverse magnetic field

## Parallelize and Decompose

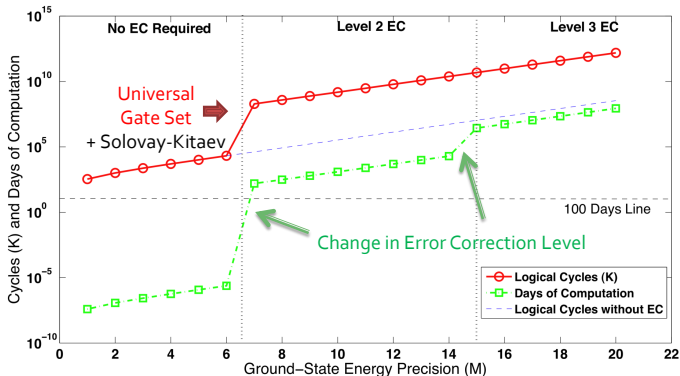


Phase Bit Precision > Trotter Error > Solovay-Kitaev Error

# Ken Brown (GA Tech): Quantum Resources

Quantum simulation of Ising Model in a Transverse magnetic field

## Precision and Time



N=100 TIM

# Quantum optics for quantum chemistry

First quantum chemistry quantum computing experiment, 2008

Lanyon *et al.*. In review.

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Ben Lanyon



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James Whitfield



Ivan Kassal

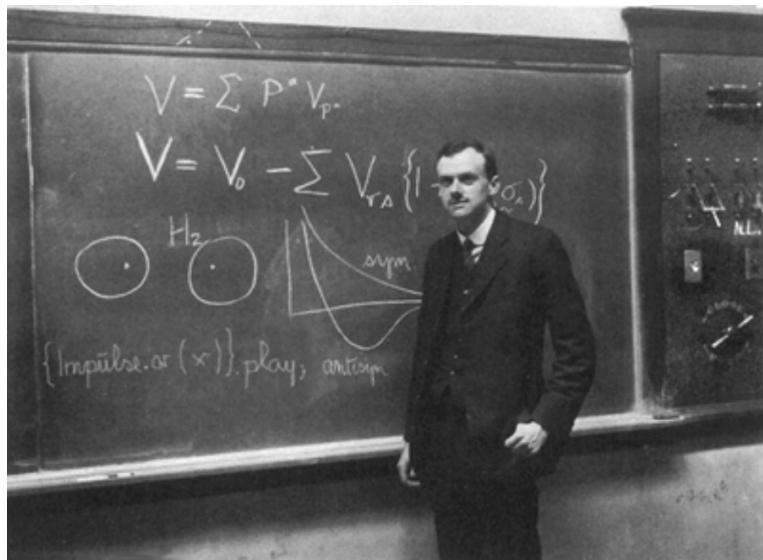


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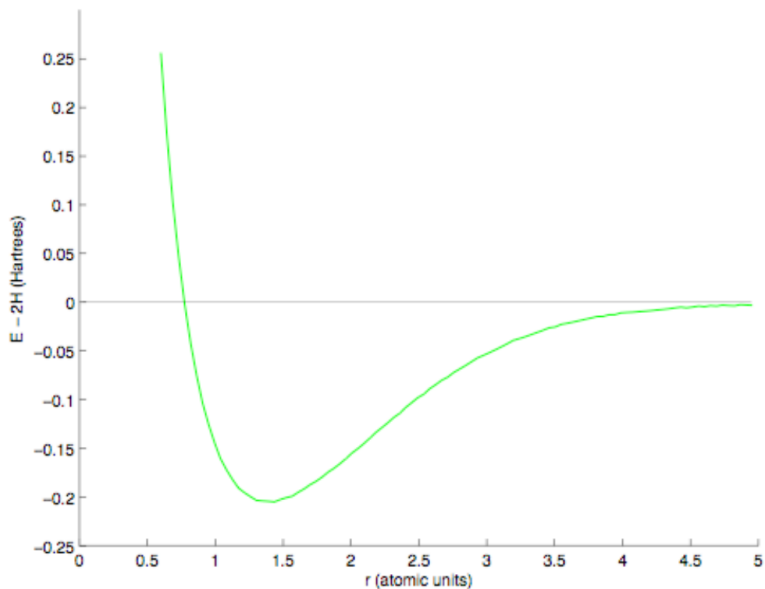


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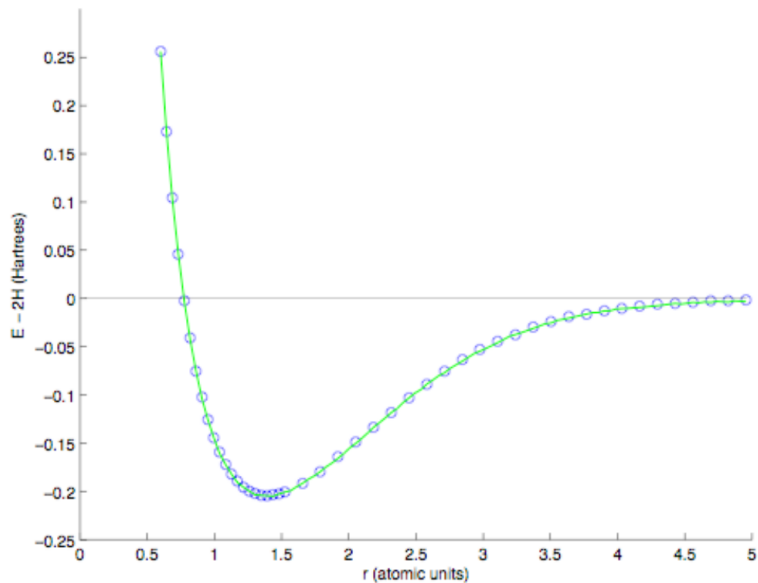
# The hydrogen molecule



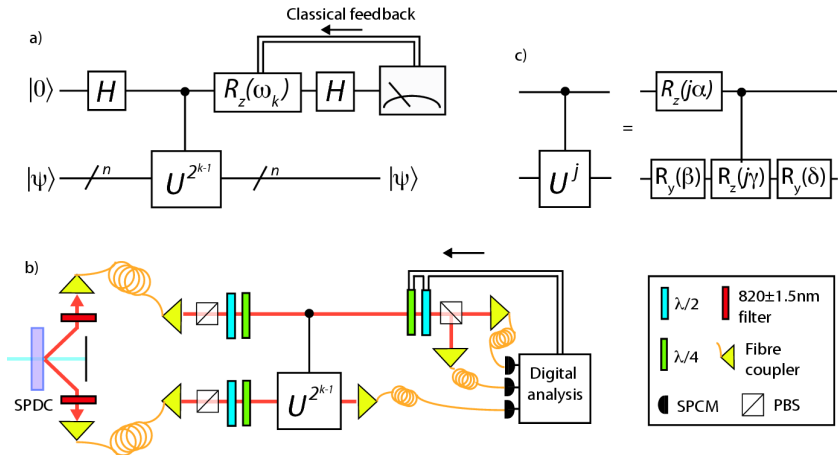
# $H_2$ STO-3G Basis set Full CI



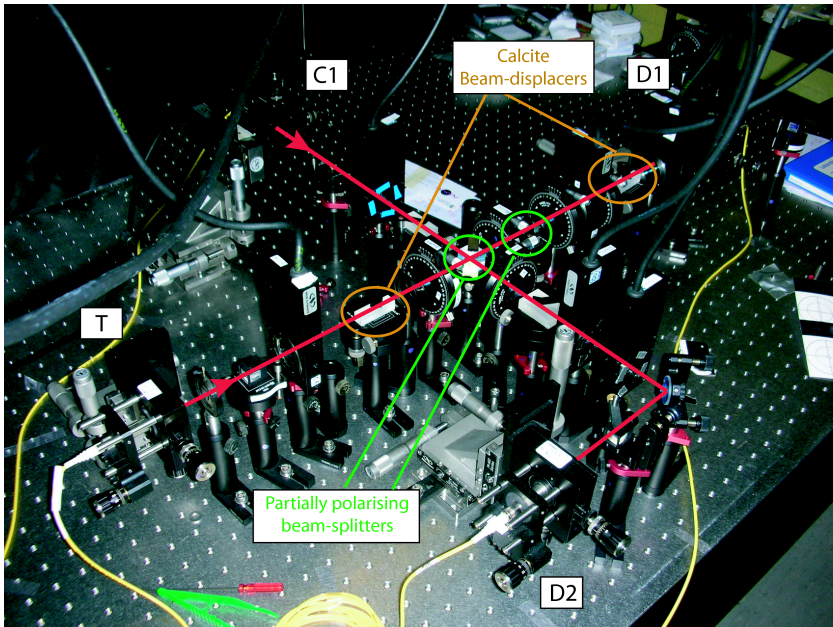
# $H_2$ FCI Quantum computer experiment



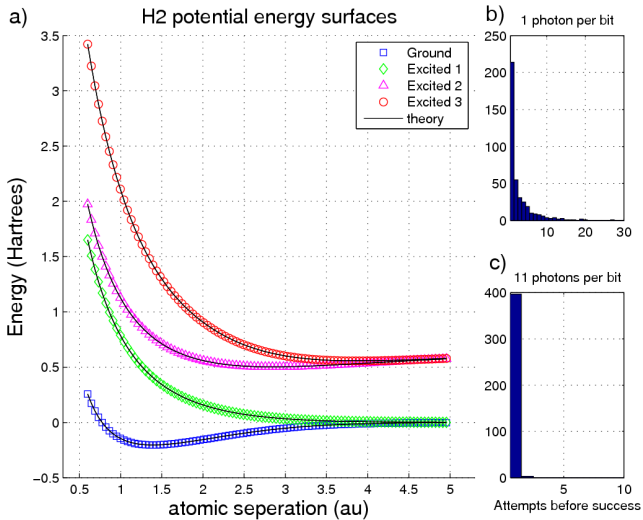
# Experimental setup





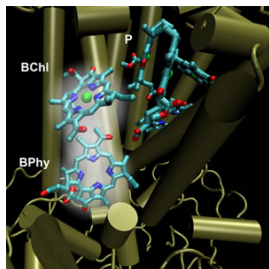


# Experimental curves and number of photons per point



# Quantum coherence in photosynthesis

Revealed by ultrafast four-wave mixing experiments



## Coherence Dynamics in Photosynthesis: Protein Protection of Excitonic Coherence

Hohjai Lee, Yuan-Chung Cheng, Graham R. Fleming\*

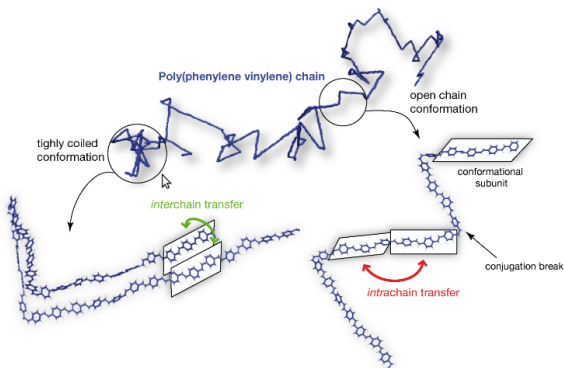
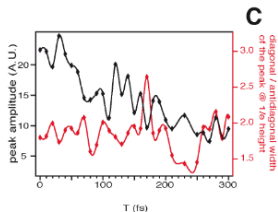
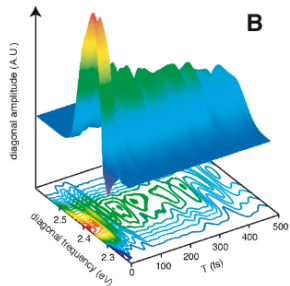
The role of quantum coherence in promoting the efficiency of the initial stages of photosynthesis is an open and intriguing question. We performed a two-color photon echo experiment on a bacterial reaction center that enabled direct visualization of the coherence dynamics in the reaction center. The data revealed long-lasting coherence between two electronic states that are formed by mixing of the bacteriopheophytin and accessory bacteriochlorophyll excited states. This coherence can only be explained by strong correlation between the protein-induced fluctuations in the transition energy of neighboring chromophores. Our results suggest that correlated protein environments preserve electronic coherence in photosynthetic complexes and allow the excitation to move coherently in space, enabling highly efficient energy harvesting and trapping in photosynthesis.

Lee, Cheng and Fleming, *Science* **316** 5830 (2007)

**Evidence for wavelike energy transfer through quantum coherence in**

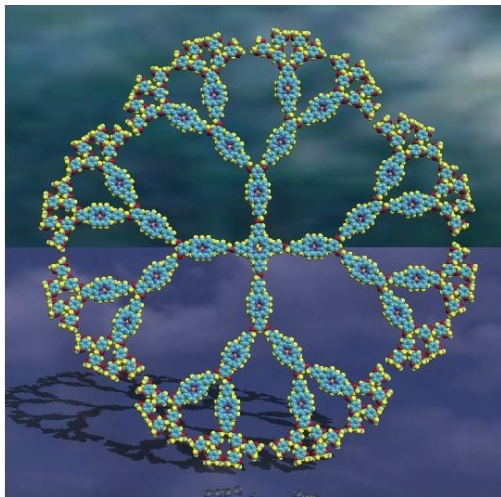
**photosynthetic complexes** Engel, ... Fleming, *Nature* **446** 782 (2007)

# Room temperature coherence observed in a conjugated polymer at **room temperature** for hundreds of femtoseconds.

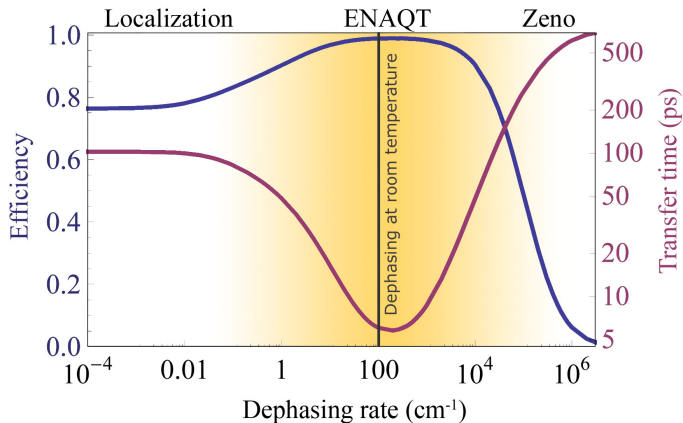


# Dendrimers

Quantum walks on “perfect” trees have exponential speedup. What about “imperfect” light-harvesting molecules?

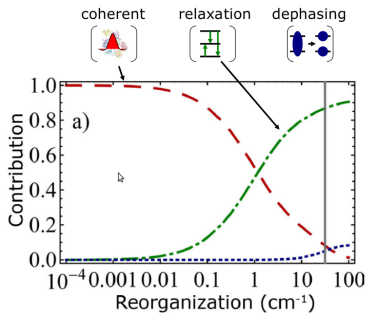
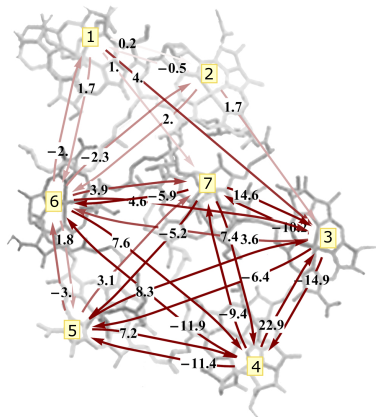


# Environment Assisted Quantum Transport (ENAQT)



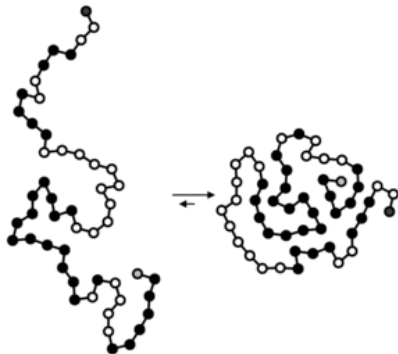
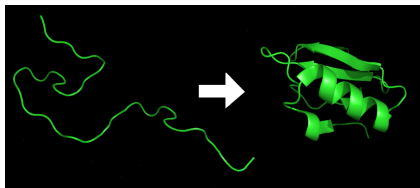
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**arxiv:0807.0929**, *New Journal of Physics* **11** (2009) 033003  
M. Plenio and Huelga, **arxiv:0807.4902**

# Emergence of “quantum biology” ?



- ▶ *J. Chem. Phys.* 129, 174106 (2008), *New J. Phys.*, 11, 033003 (2009), arxiv:0806.4725
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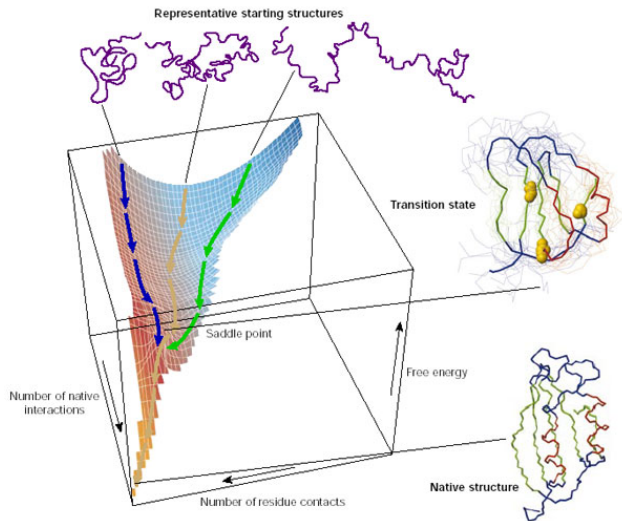
# Protein Folding





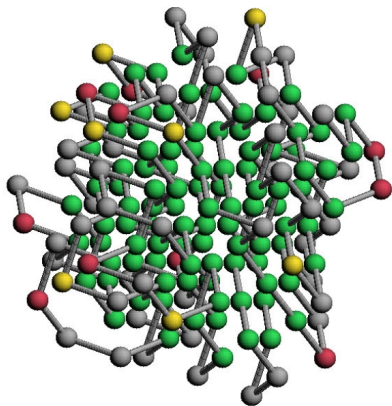
# Protein Energy Landscapes

Funnel idea (P. Wolynes)



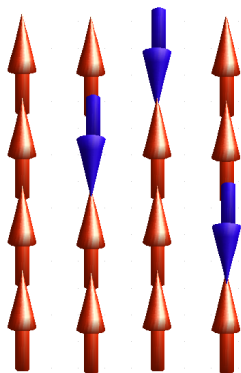
# Lattice Protein Models

Mapping to 2D Ising Model in a Magnetic Field



Protein Lattice Model

Image: Prof. Backofen, Uni. Freiburg



Classical Ising Model

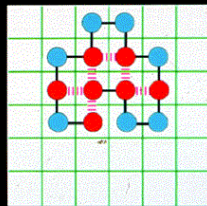
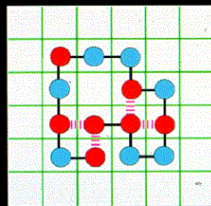
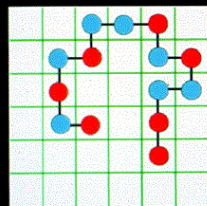
# The hydrophobic-polar (HP) model

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## HP is Simplest Folding Code

$h = \#HH$  contacts

● H  
● P



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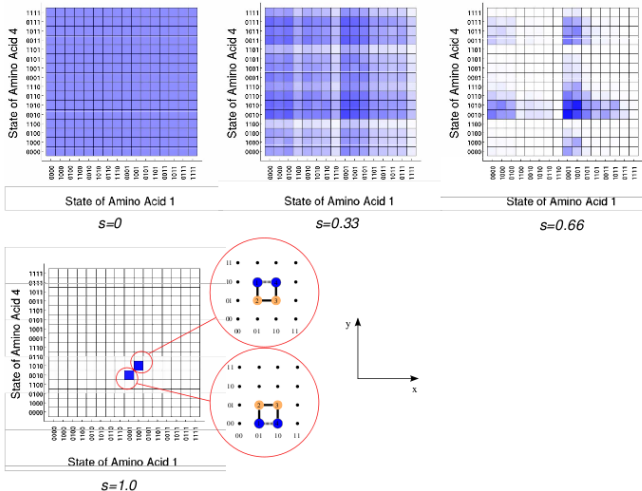
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# Adiabatic evolution to simplest HP model ground state

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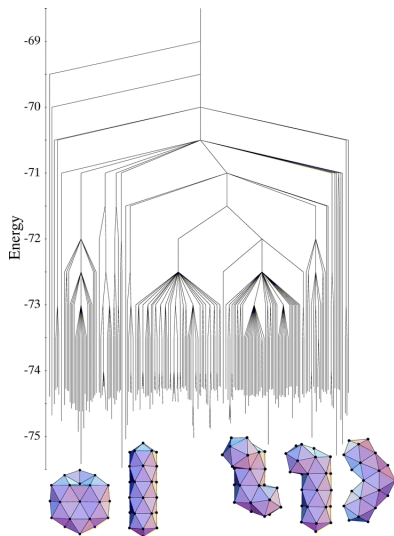
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# Energy Landscape: Lennard-Jones Cluster example

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# Sabre Kais (Submitted)

## Finding low-energy conformations of Lennard-Jones clusters using Grover Search

### Grover's Algorithm for optimized Lennard-Jones Cluster

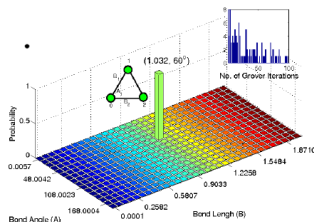


Figure 6.8. Final probability distribution of the wave function for LJ ( $N=3$ ) cluster. The global minimum located at  $B_1 = 1.032$ ,  $B_2 = 1.032$  and  $A_1 = 60^\circ$ . The left inner panel is the distribution of total iteration number before reach the global minimum for 100 search experiments. The right inner panel is the total measure step before reach the global minimum.

- 9 qubits total. 5 for the bond length, 4 for the bond angle
- The final optimized structure are shown in the picture, it is the same as the classical simulation result
- Our next project is try to extend the simulations to  $N=4, 5, 6, \dots$

# Conclusions and Outlook

- ▶ Quantum computing provides exponential speedups for electronic structure and quantum dynamics
- ▶ Interesting quantum algorithms for structure optimization that might exhibit polynomial (quadratic) speedup.
- ▶ Quantum information providing insight into photosynthesis and solar energy harvesting
- ▶ Other physical chemistry / quantum information connections awaiting to be explored.