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## Information

Registration, welcome reception, talk sessions, poster session, lunches, and dinners will be in the Nanjing University International Conference Center (NUICC).

**Registration**: 1<sup>st</sup> floor of NUICC

Welcome reception: Room 301 in the 3rd floor of NUICC

Talk sessions: Zhongda Hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of NUICC

Poster session: outside of Zhongda Hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of NUICC

Lunches & dinners: 1st floor of NUICC

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# **General Program**

|             | Jan 9 (Wed) | Jan 10 (Thu)            | Jan 11 (Fri)       | Jan 12 (Sat)         |
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| 08:50-09:00 |             | Opening Remark          |                    |                      |
|             |             | Chair: Jinlong Yang     | Chair: Weihai Fang | Chair: Jian Liu      |
| 09:00-09:50 |             | Yuki Kurashige          | Jong-Won Song      | Masahiro Higashi     |
| 09:50-10:40 |             | Jae Woo Park            | Igor Ying Zhang    | Chang Woo Kim        |
| 10:40-11:00 |             | Group photo & Tea Break | Tea Break          | Tea Break            |
|             |             | Chair: Hiromi Nakai     | Chair: Linjun Wang | Chair: Ganglong Cui  |
| 11:00-11:50 |             | Bingbing Suo            | Ryohei Kishi       | Qian Peng            |
| 11:50-14:00 |             | Lunch                   | Lunch              | Lunch                |
|             |             | Chair: Jin Yong Lee     |                    | Chair: Zhenggang Lan |
| 14:00-14:50 | Arrival&    | Zhenyu Li               | Free time          | Geunsik Lee          |
| 14:50-15:40 | Check-in    | Sunkyung Kim            |                    | Peifeng Su           |
| 15:40-16:00 |             | Tea Break               |                    | Tea Break            |
|             |             | Chair: Haibo Ma         |                    | Chair: Wenjian Liu   |
| 16:00-16:50 |             | Naoki Nakatani          |                    | Chien-Pin Chou       |
| 16:50-17:40 |             | Lin Shen                |                    | Panel Discussion     |
| 17:50-19:00 | Welcome     | Dinner                  | Banquet (18:30-)   | Dinner               |
| 19:00-20:00 | reception   | Poster Session          | (invited guests)   |                      |
| 20:00-21:00 |             |                         |                    |                      |

# Scientific Program

| Jan 10 (Thu) | Zhongda Hall, NUICC (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)                                     |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| 08:50-09:00  | Opening Remark  |  |
| Session I    | Chair: Jinlong Yang (University of Science and Technology of China)             |  |
| 09:00-09:50  | Yuki Kurashige (Kyoto University)   |  |
|              | Excited-state quantum dynamics with time-dependent matrix-product states        |  |
| 09:50-10:40  | Jae Woo Park (Chungbuk National University)                                     |  |
|              | CASPT2 photochemistry: gradient, derivative coupling, and conical intersections |  |
| 10:40-11:00  | Group photo & Tea Break   |  |
| Session II   | Chair: Hiromi Nakai (Waseda University)   |  |
| 11:00-11:50  | Bingbing Suo (Northwest University)   |  |
|              | New development of Beijing Density Functional package and its applications      |  |
|              |   |  |
| 11:50-14:00  | Lunch (1 <sup>st</sup> floor of NUICC)  |  |
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| Session III  | Chair: Jin Yong Lee (Sungkyunkwan University)                                   |  |
| 14:00-14:50  | Zhenyu Li (University of Science and Technology of China)                       |  |
|              | Atomistic simulation of reaction and growth on surface                          |  |
| 14:50-15:40  | Sunkyung Kim (Air Force Academy of Korea)                                       |  |
|              | Catalytic activity of TiO2 nanoparticles with oxygen vacancy                    |  |
| 15:40-16:00  | Tea Break   |  |
| Session IV   | Chair: Haibo Ma (Nanjing University)  |  |
| 16:00-16:50  | Naoki Nakatani (Tokyo Metropolitan University)                                  |  |
|              | Theoretical studies on the XANES spectra of transition metal complexes          |  |
| 16:50-17:40  | Lin Shen (Beijing Normal University)  |  |
|              | Development of quantum mechanics/molecular mechanics method combined with       |  |
|              | resolution-adapted and neural network models                                    |  |
| 17:50-19:00  | Dinner  |  |
| 19:00-21:00  | Poster Session (Outside of Zhongda Hall, NUICC, 2nd floor)                      |  |

| Jan 11 (Fri) | Zhongda Hall, NUICC (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)  |  |  |
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| Session V    | Chair: Weihai Fang (Beijing Normal University)                                     |  |  |
| 09:00-09:50  | Jong-Won Song (Daegu University)   |  |  |
|              | Development of DFT functional applicable to large molecular and periodic systems   |  |  |
| 09:50-10:40  | Igor Ying Zhang (Fudan University)   |  |  |
|              | Towards efficient orbital-dependent density functional approximation for molecular |  |  |
|              | and periodic systems   |  |  |
| 10:40-11:00  | Tea Break  |  |  |
| Session VI   | Chair: Linjun Wang (Zhejiang University)   |  |  |
| 11:00-11:50  | Ryohei Kishi (Osaka University)  |  |  |
|              | Molecular and periodic systems with open-shell electronic structures: From         |  |  |
|              | geometric and energetic features to response properties                            |  |  |
| 11:50-14:00  | Lunch (1 <sup>st</sup> floor of NUICC)   |  |  |

| Jan 12 (Sat) | Zhongda Hall, NUICC (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)  |  |
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|              |  |  |
| Session VII  | Chair: Jian Liu (Peking University)  |  |
| 09:00-09:50  | Masahiro Higashi (University of the Ryukyus)   |  |
|              | Toward a molecular understanding of excitation energy transfer in light-harvesting     |  |
|              | complexes  |  |
| 09:50-10:40  | Chang Woo Kim (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, KAIST)              |  |
|              | Toward quantum chemical description of photodynamics in light-harvesting               |  |
|              | complexes with interpolated molecular potential  |  |
| 10:40-11:00  | Tea Break  |  |
| Session VIII | Chair: Ganglong Cui (Beijing Normal University)  |  |
| 11:00-11:50  | Qian Peng (Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences)                        |  |
|              | Excited state process in organic light-emitting materials                              |  |
|              |  |  |
| 11:50-14:00  | Lunch (1 <sup>st</sup> floor of NUICC)   |  |
|              |  |  |
| Session IX   | Chair: Zhenggang Lan (South China Normal University)                                   |  |
| 14:00-14:50  | Geunsik Lee (Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology, UNIST)                |  |
|              | Effects of organic cation and electrode junction on electronic structures of $MAPbI_3$ |  |
| 14:50-15:40  | Peifeng Su (Xiamen University)   |  |
|              | Generalized Kohn-Sham energy decomposition analysis scheme (GKS-EDA) and               |  |
|              | its applications   |  |
| 15:40-16:00  | Tea Break  |  |
| Session X    | Chair: Wenjian Liu (Peking University)   |  |
| 16:00-16:50  | Chien-Pin Chou (Waseda University)   |  |
|              | Development of automatized density-functional tight-binding parameterization           |  |
| 16:50-17:30  | Panel Discussion   |  |
|              |  |  |
| 17:50-19:00  | Dinner   |  |

# Poster Program

| Jan 10 | 19:00-21:00: Outside of Zhongda Hall, NUICC (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)                        |
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| P-01   | Linjun Wang (Zhejiang University)  |
|        | Methods for Crossing and Decoherence Corrections   |
| P-02   | Ye Mei (East China Normal University)  |
|        | Acceleration of QM/MM free energy calculations   |
| P-03   | Yanan Guo (Nanjing Tech University)  |
|        | Different hydrogen bonding environments of the retinal protonated Schiff base control the  |
|        | photoisomerization in Channelrhodopsin-2   |
| P-04   | Zhaoxu Chen (Nanjing University)   |
|        | ReaxFF Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Pd/ZnO Systems                                    |
| P-05   | Haibo Ma (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Nonadiabatic Exciton Dynamics by Time-Dependent Density Matrix Renormalization Group       |
| P-06   | Hao Dong (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Principles Governing Catalytic Activity of Self-Assembled Short Peptides                   |
| P-07   | Wei Li (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Generalized Energy-Based Fragmentation Approach for Energies and Spectroscopy of           |
|        | Large Systems  |
| P-08   | Yuanjun Gao (Beijing Normal University)  |
|        | Theoretical Studies on the Mechanism of Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescence in        |
|        | Organometallic Complexes   |
| P-09   | Pin Xiao (Beijing Normal University)   |
|        | Mechanism of Light-Driven Aerobic Oxidative Coupling of Phenols and Alkynes by Copper      |
|        | Photocatalyst  |
| P-10   | Feng An (Nanjing University)   |
|        | Quantum Dynamics of the Quenching Reaction CNN   |
| P-11   | Fangjia Fu (Nanjing University)  |
|        | How intermolecular interactions influence electronic absorption spectra: insights from the |
|        | molecular packing of uracil in condensed phases  |
| P-12   | Théophile Gaudin (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Predicting dielectric constant of organic liquids based on molecular surfaces              |
| P-13   | Jing Huang (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Theoretical calculations of potential energy surfaces for several vdW complexes containing |
|        | HF molecule  |
| P-14   | Zhen Luo (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Externally-Contracted Multi-Reference Configuration Interaction Method Using a DMRG        |
|        | Reference Wave Function  |
| P-15   | Zhigang Ni (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Further Development in the Cluster-in-Molecule Local Correlation Approach for Large        |
| D 40   | Systems  |
| P-16   | Harikrishna Sahu (Nanjing University)  |
|        | Designing Promising Molecules for Organic Solar Cells via Machine Learning Assisted        |
|        | Virtual Screening  |

| P-17 | Qingchun Wang (Nanjing University)   |  |  |
|------|--|--|--|
|      | Automatic Construction of the Initial Orbitals for Efficient Generalized Valence Bond      |  |  |
|      | Calculations of Large Systems  |  |  |
| P-18 | Xiaoyu Xie (Nanjing University)  |  |  |
|      | An exciton-phonon interaction model for singlet fission in prototypical molecular crystals |  |  |
| P-19 | Daibei Yang (Nanjing University)   |  |  |
|      | Rational Design of One-Dimensional Hybrid Organic-Inorganic Perovskites with Excellent     |  |  |
|      | Ferroelectricity and Piezoelectricity  |  |  |
| P-20 | Manyi Yang (Nanjing University)  |  |  |
|      | Combined Molecular Dynamics and Coordinate Driving Method for Automatic Reaction           |  |  |
|      | Pathway Search of Reactions in the Solution  |  |  |
| P-21 | Dandan Yuan (Nanjing University)   |  |  |
|      | Structures and properties of large supramolecular coordination complexes predicted with    |  |  |
|      | the generalized energy-based fragmentation method  |  |  |
| P-22 | Dongbo Zhao (Nanjing University)   |  |  |
|      | Accurate Prediction of NMR Chemical Shifts in Macromolecular and Condensed-Phase           |  |  |
|      | Systems with the Generalized Energy-Based Fragmentation Method                             |  |  |
| P-23 | Qiang Zhu (Nanjing University)   |  |  |
|      | Partition of Drug-like Molecules in Biological Membrane                                    |  |  |
| P-24 | Qiang Zhu (Nanjing University)   |  |  |
|      | A Data-Driven Accelerated Sampling Method for searching Functional States of Proteins      |  |  |

**Notes for Posters** 

#### **Excited-State Quantum Dynamics with Time-Dependent Matrix-**

#### **Product States**

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A matrix product state formulation of the multiconfiguration time-dependent Hartree (MPS-MCTDH) theory will be presented. The Hilbert space that is spanned by the direct products of the phonon degree of freedoms, which is linearly parameterized in the MCTDH ansatz and thus results in an exponential increase of the computational cost, is parametrized by the MPS form. Equations of motion based on the Dirac-Frenkel time-dependent variational principle is derived by using the tangent space projection and the projector-splitting technique for the MPS, which have been recently developed. The mean-field operators, which appear in the equation of motion of the MCTDH single particle functions (SPF), are written in terms of the MPS form and efficiently evaluated by a sweep algorithm that is similar to the DMRG sweep. The efficiency and convergence of the MPS approximation to the MCTDH are demonstrated by quantum dynamics simulations of extended excitonic molecular systems.

- [1] Yuki Kurashige, "Matrix product state formulation of the multiconfiguration time-dependent Hartree theory" *J Chem Phys* in press (2018).
- [2] Yuki Kurashige, "Multireference electron correlation methods with density matrix renormalisation group reference functions" *Mol Phys* **112**, 1485–1494 (2014).
- [3] Yuki Kurashige and Takeshi Yanai, "Second-order perturbation theory with a density matrix renormalization group self-consistent field reference function: Theory and application to the study of chromium dimer" *J Chem Phys* **135**, 094104 (2011).
- [4] Yuki Kurashige and Takeshi Yanai, "High-performance *ab initio* density matrix renormalization group method: applicability to large-scale multireference problems for metal compounds" *J Chem Phys* 130, 234114 (2009).

## CASPT2 photochemistry: gradient, derivative coupling, and conical

#### intersections

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Second-order complete active space perturbation theory (CASPT2) is one of the most efficient ab initio methods toward accurate descriptions of both static and dynamical electronic correlations. Here, I will talk about recent progress in CASPT2 to calculate excited states potential energy surfaces and the surface crossings between excited states and the ground state. In particular, the automatic code generation technique has been used to simplify and implement tensor operations in the CASPT2 formalism. With these developments, locating conical intersections of molecules with >50 atoms and performing molecular dynamics simulations with >20 atoms are now routine. I will also discuss some practical issues of the CASPT2 calculations for calculating excited states, such as selections of zerothorder Hamiltonian and level shifts.

### New Development of Beijing Density Functional Package and Its

### Applications

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Beijing Density Functional package (BDF) is a general-purpose quantum chemistry package developed in Chinese Quantum Chemistry Society.[1] In this lecture, I will introduce some recent progresses in developing of BDF package. Firstly, Some special theories and algorithms first implemented in BDF package will be presented. Then, linear scaling DFT/TDDFT in BDF will be presented. By combining the multi-pole expansion to treat the Coulomb interaction and semi-numerical integral algorithm to calculate the Hartree-Fock exchange, computational times of DFT/TDDFT are reduced significantly while the accuracy could be guaranteed. BDF has used to study the emission mechanism of the open-shell radical molecule in organic light emission device (OLED).[2] The puzzle of 100% internal quantum efficiency (IQE) in the radical emitter is revealed. Finally, internally contracted multi-reference configuration interaction with single and double excitation (icMRCISD) and multi-state n-electron valance second order perturbation theory (MS-NVEPT2) based on graphical unitary group approach (GUGA) will be presented. [3] Both icMRCISD and MR-NEVPT2 are implemented in Xi'an-CI package and have been interfaced with BDF.[1,3]

[1] BDFwiki, http://182.92.69.169:7227

- [2] C. He, Z. Li, W. Zou, Y. Lei, B. Suo, Manuscript submitted.
- [3] B. Suo, Y. Lei, H. Han, Y, Wang, Mole. Phys., 116, 1051-1065,2018.

#### **Atomistic Simulation of Reaction and Growth on Surface**

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Atomistic details are usually difficult to obtain *in situ* during complicated surface processes. Therefore, direct atomistic simulations, although very challenging, are highly desirable.<sup>[1]</sup> Typically, efficient algorithms should be developed to speed up the simulation and clever models should be designed to dig out the physical picture behind simulation data.



Graphene is an important material with unique properties and accordingly many potential applications. A promising way to produce high-quality wafer-size graphene is chemical vapor deposition (CVD) on metal surfaces. To improve the sample quality, it is important to understand the atomic mechanisms of graphene growth. Why byproduct  $H_2$  should be provided in CVD growth of graphene has been answered by kMC simulations at experimental conditions.

Kinetic parameters of the elementary reactions should be provided in kMC simulations, which are typically obtained from minimum energy path search. However, at very high temperature, it is not known if such a protocol can give reliable kinetic parameters. For this purpose, methane decomposition on Cu(111) has been studied by ab initio molecular dynamics (AIMD). Useful insights about high temperature surface reaction have been obtained.

[1] Zongyang Qiu, Pai Li, Zhenyu Li,\* and Jinlong Yang, *Atomistic Simulations of Graphene Growth: From Kinetics to Mechanism*, Acc. Chem. Res., **51**, 728 (2017).

#### Catalytic activity of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles with oxygen vacancy

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Titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>), as a semiconductor metal oxide, has been one of the most popular materials studied in the field of photocatalysis. The properties of oxygen vacancy in (TiO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>35</sub> nanoparticle were investigated by DFT calculations. (TiO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>35</sub> is the minimum sized model for a bipyramidal nanoparticle with anatase phase and eight {101} facets. The structure of pristine (TiO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>35</sub> is somewhat different from the bulk lattice, with a relatively high surface to volume ratio. The geometric, energetic and electronic properties of the reduced TiO<sub>2</sub> clusters were analyzed by hybrid DFT functionals with different Hartree–Fock exchange ratios (0, 12.5 and 25%). The properties of oxygen vacancy in the (TiO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>35</sub> nanoparticle depend on % Fock of the functional used. The number of vacancy (one or two) and the position of vacant sites were also considered. The vacancy formation energies and the band edge energy levels of the defect state are quite dependent on vacant sites. When the O atom is removed from some specific sites, the oxygen vacancy formation energy is surprisingly small compared with that of the bulk or slab surface. This is because of the relaxation of the reduced TiO<sub>2</sub> system upon vacancy formation. The defect states of reduced nanoparticle are appeared at 0.47  $\sim 2.06$  eV range below unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energy level and it increases with the number of removed O atoms. And the energies of the defect states induced by an O vacancy are close to the oxygen evolution potential. These results could provide evidence of the importance of the oxygen vacancy of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles for efficient photocatalysis.

[1] S. Kim, K. C. Ko, J. Y. Lee, and F. Illas, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 18(34), 23755 (2016).

#### Theoretical studies on the XANES spectra of transition metal complexes

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X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) is known as a useful tool to experimentally observe local structure and electronic state of a wide variety of molecules with atomic resolution. In particular, it is applicable to non-crystalline materials for which X-ray diffraction (XRD) is not available, and/or paramagnetic molecules for which nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy is problematic.

However, because the spectrum analysis of XAS is often very complicated, it requires professional knowledge and experience of XAS and/or depends on many parameters to fit the experimental spectra. Thus, a parameter-free analysis based on quantum chemistry calculation is to be very powerful tool to obtain a highly accurate structural and electronic state information from the XAS spectra.

In this work, we theoretically investigated the vanadium *K*-edge and iron  $L_{2,3}$ -edge spectra of molecular catalyses, to reveal the structures and electronic states of intermediates in solution phase. We employed the TD-DFT and RASSCF/RASPT2 methods to compute the pre-edge region of XAS spectra, known as XANES (X-ray absorption near-edge structure), which involves a lot of information about valence electrons.



Figure 1. Calculated core-excitation spectra of FeBr<sub>2</sub>SciOPP (blue) and XANES spectra from the experiment (black)

Figure 1 shows the experimental and calculated  $L_3$  and  $L_2$  spectra of [FeBr<sub>2</sub>SciOPP] which is a stable precursor of cross-coupling catalyst reported by Takaya and co-workers. It is clear that the calculated spectra (blue) qualitatively reproduced the experimental spectra (black) without any empirical parameters.

Experimental data only shows two large peaks with small shoulder peaks. However, the calculated spectra indicate that they consist of a lot of peaks reflecting a complicated electronic structure arises from the iron centre. The first-peak ( $L_3$ ) is about 3 eV overestimated in the calculated spectra. This is originated from insufficient basis functions for a core-hole state and

missing electron correlation. The second-peak  $(L_2)$  appears mainly due to the spin-orbit coupling of the 2p orbitals. The calculated spectra qualitatively agree with the experimental one although the splitting width was slightly underestimated.

Consequently, our approach to simulate the XAS spectra would be quite useful to analyse the experimental spectra and to obtain detailed information about the geometry and electronic structure coupled with experimental observation.

### Development of QM/MM Method combined with Resolution-Adapted

#### and Neural Network Models

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Because of the significant change in electronic structures of complex systems with a large number of degrees of freedom, the combined quantum mechanical and molecular mechanical (QM/MM) method is an accurate and computationally efficient tool toward QM descriptions on realistic chemical and biological reactions. Based on the potential energy calculations, direct molecular dynamics (MD) simulation using QM/MM model is very powerful for studying the mechanism of reactions in a complex environment but also very time-consuming. The research in the field of QM/MM MD by now still faces many challenges, such as the slow sampling for the MM subsystem and the demanding cost on the QM subsystem. To address the first issue, we developed a resolution-adapted method that spans three levels of resolution as quantum mechanical, all-atomic (AA) and coarse-grained (CG) models [1,2]. The resolution-adapted AA+CG force field for water, in which the interactions between two water molecules are adjusted automatically according to their distance while an all-atom structural description of the entire system is maintained during MD sampling, is applied to QM/MM approach to calculate redox potentials of aqueous metal complexes. The improvements on accuracy and efficiency highlight the importance of a sophisticated MM model. To address the second issue, we developed a neural network (NN) method for ab initio QM/MM MD simulations [3,4]. Using machine learning techniques, the QM/MM potential energy of any configuration for a given reaction system in a complex environment is predicted at the ab initio level based on semiempirical QM/MM MD sampling, and the saving in computational cost is about two orders of magnitude. Combined with an adaptive procedure for NN models, direct MD simulation on the NN-predicted potential energy surface is implemented to approximate ab initio QM/MM MD. The free energy profiles can be reproduced at the ab initio QM/MM accuracy yet at the computational cost as small as the semiempirical QM/MM models. We also discuss the possibility to extend our new methods to excited state QM/MM calculation and nonadiabatic MD simulation in order to study a broad range of problems in photochemistry.

- [1] L. Shen and H. Hu, J. Chem. Theory Comput., 10, 2528 (2014).
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# Development of DFT functional applicable to large molecular and periodic systems

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Nowadays, density functional theory (DFT) is a strong work-horse applicable to biomolecule and material sciences. In particular, hybrid DFT functionals which include Hartree-Fock (HF) exchange in exchange functional initiated active chemical applications of DFT, in that it can reproduce energy and property of finite systems within chemical accuracy as well as with low computational. However, in spite of its high applicability, DFT has shown severe inappropriateness of producing some following basic properties: inter- and intra-molecular van der Waals interaction, inter- and intra-molecular charge transfer excitation energy and its oscillator strength, (hyper-)polarizability, isomerization energy of organic molecules, core-excitation energy, HOMO-LUMO gaps of molecules, and so on. As a result of our commission to solve these problems, we proposed a new hybrid functional named long-range corrected (LC) DFT and showed successful improvement on the problems mentioned above [1].

However, still high demanding of time cost to evaluate long-range HF exchange is a obstacle for LC-DFT to be applied to large molecular systems and solid-state materials. Unlike acceleration methods for Coulomb integration, developing acceleration methods for the HF exchange is still a pioneering area. Upon this problem, we sudied on developing a new linear-scaling method of HF exchange integration, in particular, for LC-DFT hybrid functional [2]. Then, we successfully applied our accelerated LC-DFT to the adsorption energy calculations of CO molecule on Cu periodic surface [3] and found LC-DFT functionals can reproduce the experimental adsorption energies with high selectivity on binding site, not to mention surface energies and lattice energies.

In addition to these topics, recent studies on isomerization energy calculations using LC-DFT with week interaction correlation and carbon nano tube binding site calculations will also be presented.



Figure 1: (left) Reference fundamental gap vs HOMO-LUMO gap calculated (right) timings for 1 cycle periodic diamond using various DFT methods and LC-DFT(2Gau)

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### Towards efficient orbital-dependent density functional approximation

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Despite a great success of semi-local density functional approximations (DFA) in physics, chemistry, and materials science, these functionals have reached a limit of accuracy where any improvement over several well-documented failures cannot be achieved without a worsening elsewhere. These failures include unsatisfactory predictions of atomization energies, significant underestimations of weak interactions and reaction barriers, and thein capability in describing molecular dissociations and other systems with remarkable multi-reference nature. In this presentation, I will show some of my works in the construction of advanced DFAs which employ the unoccupied as well as the occupied Kohn-Sham orbitals. These functionals were constructed and rationalized in the adiabatic-connection framework,[1–4] exhibiting a significant improvement over conventional DFAs for the aforementioned failures. Relevant developments were made focusing on the computational efficiency of these advanced DFAs and the applicability of these methods in periodic boundary conditions.[5]

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## Molecular and Periodic Systems with Open-Shell Electronic Structures: From Geometric and Energetic Features to Response Properties

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Electronic structures of open-shell systems, such as high spin species, excited species, reaction intermediates, polycyclic hydrocarbons, transition metal complexes, etc., are expected to be sensitive to the external physical and chemical perturbations, the feature of which can be reflected in their high reactivity and unique magnetic and optical response properties. In this regard, molecular designs based on the open-shell electronic structures have attracted intense attentions from the viewpoint of creating novel multi-functional molecular materials. For example, we have theoretically established design guidelines for molecules exhibiting highly efficient third-order nonlinear optical (NLO) properties from the viewpoint of diradical character (y).[1] The value of y, which is defined from the weight of the double excitation in the ground state wavefunction, [2] is related to the instability of an effective chemical bonding. Several practical design strategies for tuning y have also been proposed from the viewpoints of modifying atomic/molecular species (organic, heavy main group and transition metal elements), geometric features (size, shape, planarity, etc.), and chemical structures ( $\sigma/\pi/\delta$ -bondings, aromaticity, delocalization, etc.). From the theoretical approaches, both qualitative and (semi)quantitative descriptions of such electronic structures of a variety of open-shell molecular systems are important. Even though recent progress in the basic theories and computational techniques that can treat open-shell electronic structures is remarkable, their practical applications to geometries, energetics and response properties have not been sufficiently discussed. In this presentation, we will introduce several molecular and periodic systems with open-shell electronic structures, e.g., oligomers with quinoidal structures (Fig. 1a),[3] polycyclic hydrocarbons involving five membered rings,[4] and one-dimensional molecular crystals composed of open-shell singlet molecules (Fig. 1b). On the basis of the theoretical and experimental results, we will discuss applicability of several quantum chemical calculations to the detailed analysis of open-shell electronic structures of such complex molecular systems.



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#### Toward a molecular understanding of excitation energy transfer in light-

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Light-harvesting complexes efficiently transfer absorbed light energy to the reaction center of photosystems. To maximize the efficiency of the energy transfer, the protein environment tunes the excitation energies of pigments, defined as the site energies, and their fluctuations, although the detailed mechanism is unknown. The Fenna– Matthews–Olson (FMO) complex is the first light-harvesting complex to be solved by X-ray crystallography and has extensively been studied experimentally and theoretically. However, none of previous theoretical studies using molecular dynamics (MD) simulations combined with electronic structure calculations cannot reproduce the experimental site energies and their fluctuations quantitatively.

To solve the difficulty, we first have improved the description of excited-state electronic structures of pigment by optimizing the parameter of the CAM-B3LYP density functionals [1]. Next, we have developed the molecular mechanics with Shepard interpolation correction (MMSIC) method to generate an accurate semi-global potential energy surface with low computational cost [2]. By solving these two problems, we can successfully reproduce the site energies and their fluctuations quantitatively (Figure 1). It is found that the excitation energy fluctuations at different sites are significantly different. Population dynamics simulation with hierarchical equations of motion (HEOM) revealed that the site-dependent fluctuations can accelerate the excitation energy transfer rate (Figure 2) [3].



Figure 1. Comparison of the calculated site energies with the experimental ones.



Figure 2. Energy relaxation analysis of population dynamics with the site-

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### Toward quantum chemical description of photodynamics in light-

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Nonadiabatic dynamics in complex molecular systems has been thoroughly studied in recent years due to its potential importance in biological and material sciences. Dynamics in such systems typically involves a number of chromophore molecules, for which direct *ab initio* molecular simulations are not computationally feasible. Therefore, developing an efficient way to calculate energies and forces with a minimal sacrifice in accuracy is highly desirable.

This talk summarizes our effort toward studying the energy transfer mechanism in the Fenna-Matthews-Olson (FMO) complex, which has been frequently used as a prototype system for studying photosynthetic energy transfer processes. To elucidate the energy transfer mechanism at a molecular level, we constructed potential energy surfaces of bacteriochlorophyll *a* pigments embedded in the complex by using the potential energy interpolation technique. Our interpolated potential energy surface was then combined with an efficient parallelization algorithm, which enabled us to conduct simulations reaching 100 ns timescales.

By utilizing the speedy nature of our model, we investigated the energetic fluctuations of the pigment molecules in various ways, including the reproduction of the experimental spectral density and the calculation of the solvent response function. We will also briefly show our recent attempts on simulating the nonadiabatic dynamics in the FMO complex, with which we hope to unravel atomistic details of the major energy relaxation channels.

#### **Excited State Process in Organic Light-emitting Materials**

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It is highly desirable to quantitatively predict the luminescence efficiency of large and complicated organic light-emitting materials. Based on Fermi golden rule, we have developed general and analytic formalisms of radiative, internal conversion and intersystem crossing rates using thermal vibration correlation function formula. The displacement, distortion, Duschinsky rotation of potential energy surfaces are taken into account within the multiple harmonic oscillator model, which are necessary to reliably describe the photophysical property of the organic materials. And the luminescent quantum efficiency is evaluated quantitatively from first-principles for the first time. [1]

Applying the formalisms, we have rationalized the exotic aggregation induced emission (AIE) phenomena in organic materials. The AIE mechanism was put forward that the strong emission is recovered by the restriction of the nonradiative decay induced by the electron-vibration coupling in aggregate. Some strategies are proposed to verify the mechanism by using the resonant Raman spectrum, isotopic effect, pressure effect, and the nanoparticle size effect and so on. Some of them have been confirmed by the experiments. Furthermore, the molecular design principles are raised and many unusual AIE fluophors are designed theoretically and synthesized experimentally. [2]

Recently, the long-lived room temperature phosphorescence (RTP) in pure organic system is at the forefront of attention because of its promising application but extremely challenging to achieve highly efficient long-lived RTP materials. Here we present a pair of molecular descriptors to character the phosphorescence efficiency and lifetime. The single-molecular design principle and aggregation-state tuning strategy are proposed by combing extend pi-group and n-group with lone pair electrons, which would balance long lifetime and high efficiency. According to the design principle, many kinds of highly efficient RTP pure organic materials have been synthetized experimentally. [3]

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#### **Effects of Organic Cation and Electrode Junction on Electronic**

#### **Structures of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>**

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During last five years or so solar cells based on the hybrid perovskite light absorber have shown an enormous improvement up to 22% in the power conversion efficiency. Despites sizable amount of defects inherent in low-cost solution based process, the high efficiency is attributed to a proper size of band gap, high carrier mobility and lifetime, however it is still lacking in detailed microscopic understanding. For further improvement of the hybrid perovskite solar cell efficiency, gaining proper insight would be helpful. Thus electronic structure of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> is studied for bulk or interface to an electrode in order to understand the carrier transport or extraction property.

In case of bulk, the vibration of inorganic polar PbI<sub>3</sub> lattice is known to increase the effective mass of electrons via electron-phonon coupling, i.e. formation of Frolich type polaron. However, it is shown here that organic cations embedded in PbI<sub>3</sub> lattice suppress the polaron effective mass via the hydrogen-bond type coupling, so that one can choose a proper type of organic cation towards better mobility [1]. Regarding the carrier lifetime, the Rashba splitting of electronic bands caused by a large spin-orbit coupling of Pb or I and asymmetric shape of MA molecule is known to limit the recombination rate in bulk. We also show that such splitting is enhanced at the interface to TiO<sub>2</sub> or graphene [2]. In case of electrodes, various materials have been investigated to protect a hybrid perovskite against ambient water and to replace commonly used UV-unstable TiO<sub>2</sub>, while the band alignment needs to be considered importantly. The band alignment between MAPbI<sub>3</sub> and an electrode is also studied for various materials including TiO<sub>2</sub>, La-doped BaSnO<sub>3</sub> and fluorinated-graphene [3-5].

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# Generalized Kohn-Sham energy decomposition analysis scheme (GKS-

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The energy decomposition analysis (EDA) schemes bridge the gap between electronic structure theory and conceptually interpretations of intermolecular interactions. The recently developed generalized Kohn-Sham energy decomposition analysis scheme (GKS-EDA),<sup>[1]</sup> which can perform interaction analysis for open and closed systems in gas phase and solvated environments by various DFT functionals, has been used for various interacting systems, including intramolecular interaction, <sup>[2,3]</sup> multiple hydrogen bonds,<sup>[4]</sup> halogen bonds, <sup>[5]</sup> and so on.

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