

Championing stochastic electronic structure methods with CHAMP

1 Quantum Monte Carlo

Stochastic solution to the interacting Schrödinger equation

Why (real-space) quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)?

- Favorable scaling! Energy is $O(N^4)$
- Flexibility in the choice of the functional form of the wave function
- Easy parallelization
- Among most accurate calculations for medium-large systems

Simplest flavor of QMC: Variational Monte Carlo (VMC)

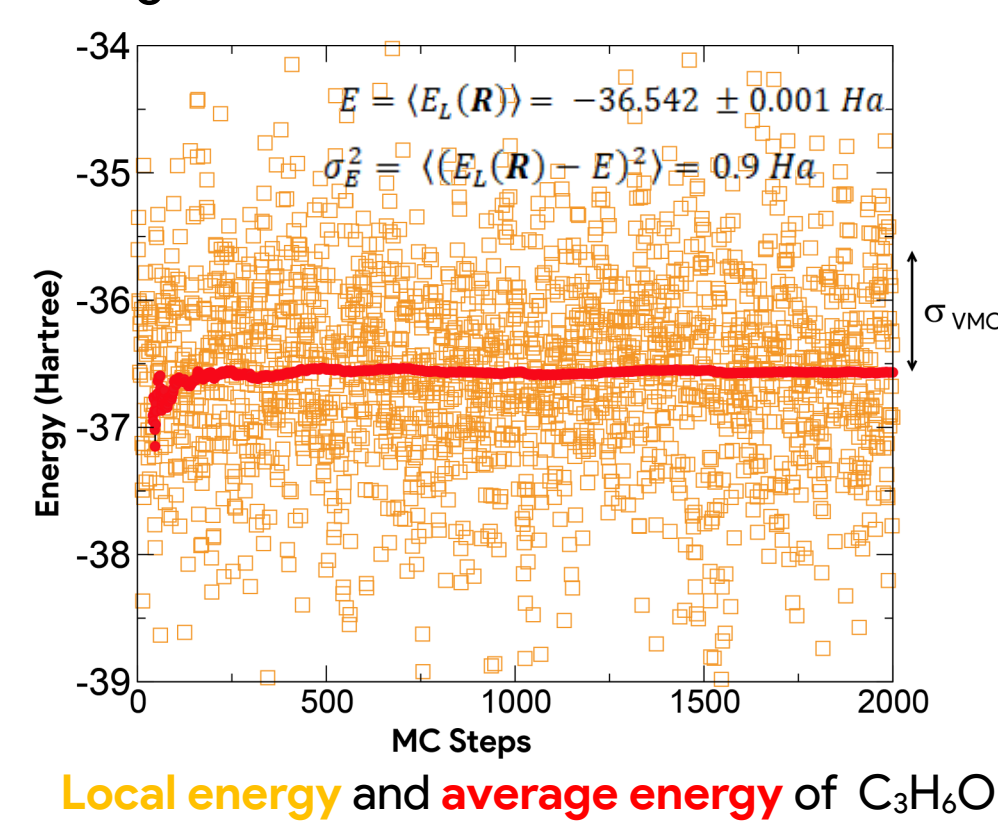
Quantum Observables → Expectation Values → Integrals

$$E = \frac{\langle \Psi | \mathcal{H} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} = \int d\mathbf{R}^{3N} \frac{\mathcal{H}\Psi(\mathbf{R})}{\Psi(\mathbf{R})} \frac{|\Psi(\mathbf{R})|^2}{\int d\mathbf{R}^{3N} |\Psi(\mathbf{R})|^2}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M E_L(\mathbf{R}_i)$$

← Sampled by Metropolis

Random walk in $3N$ dimensions, $\mathbf{R} = (r_1, \dots, r_N)$



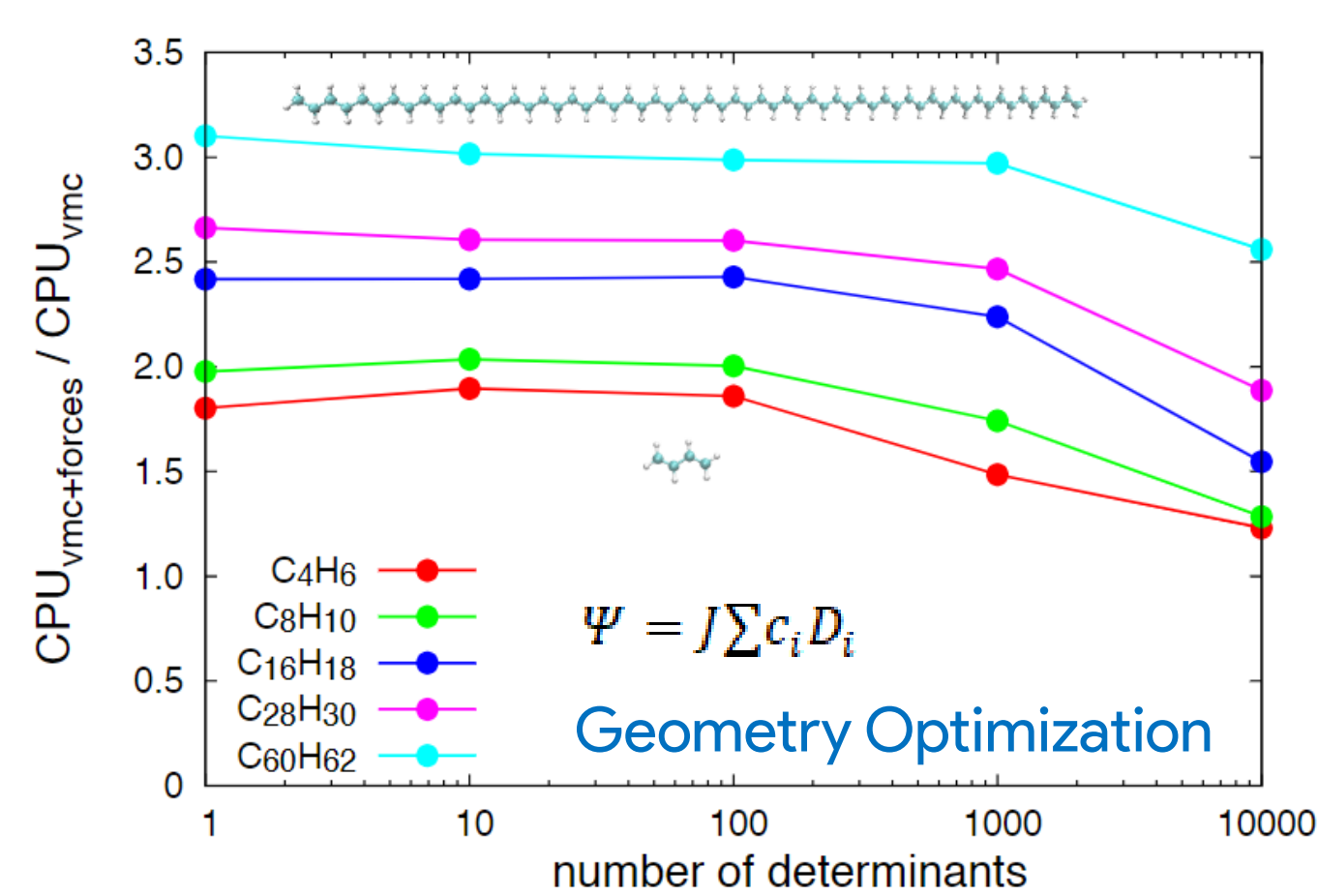
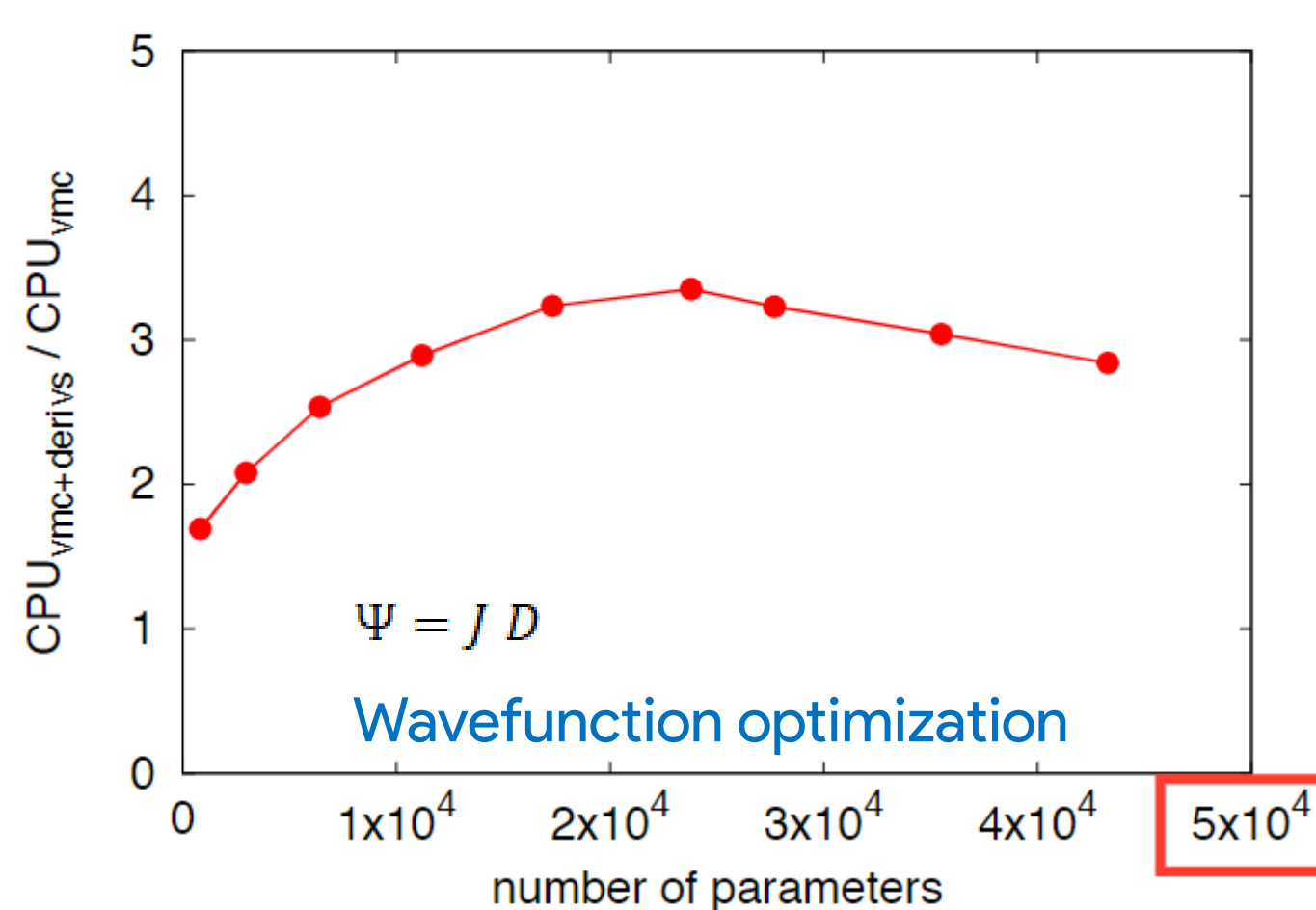
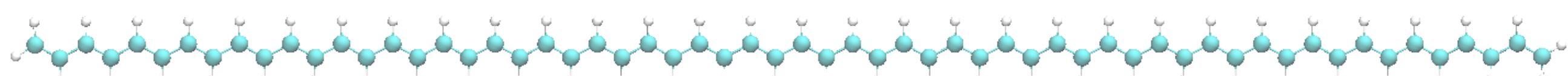
CHAMP

- ★ Efficient algorithms for VMC and DMC
- ★ Fast computation of derivatives of energy and multideterminant expansions
- ★ Wave function and structural optimization for ground and excited states
- ★ Multiscale approaches: QMC/(PCM, MM, MMpol)

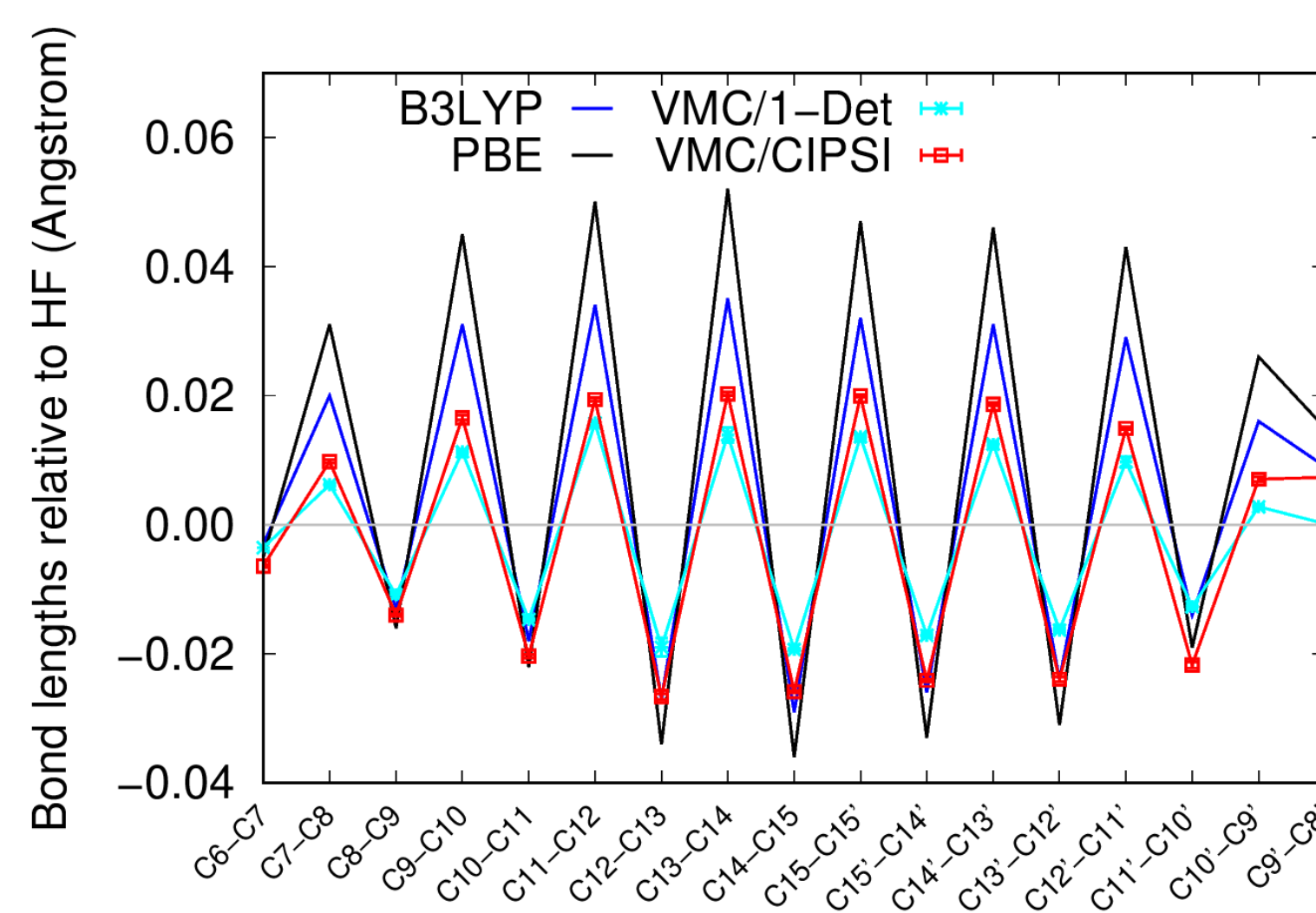
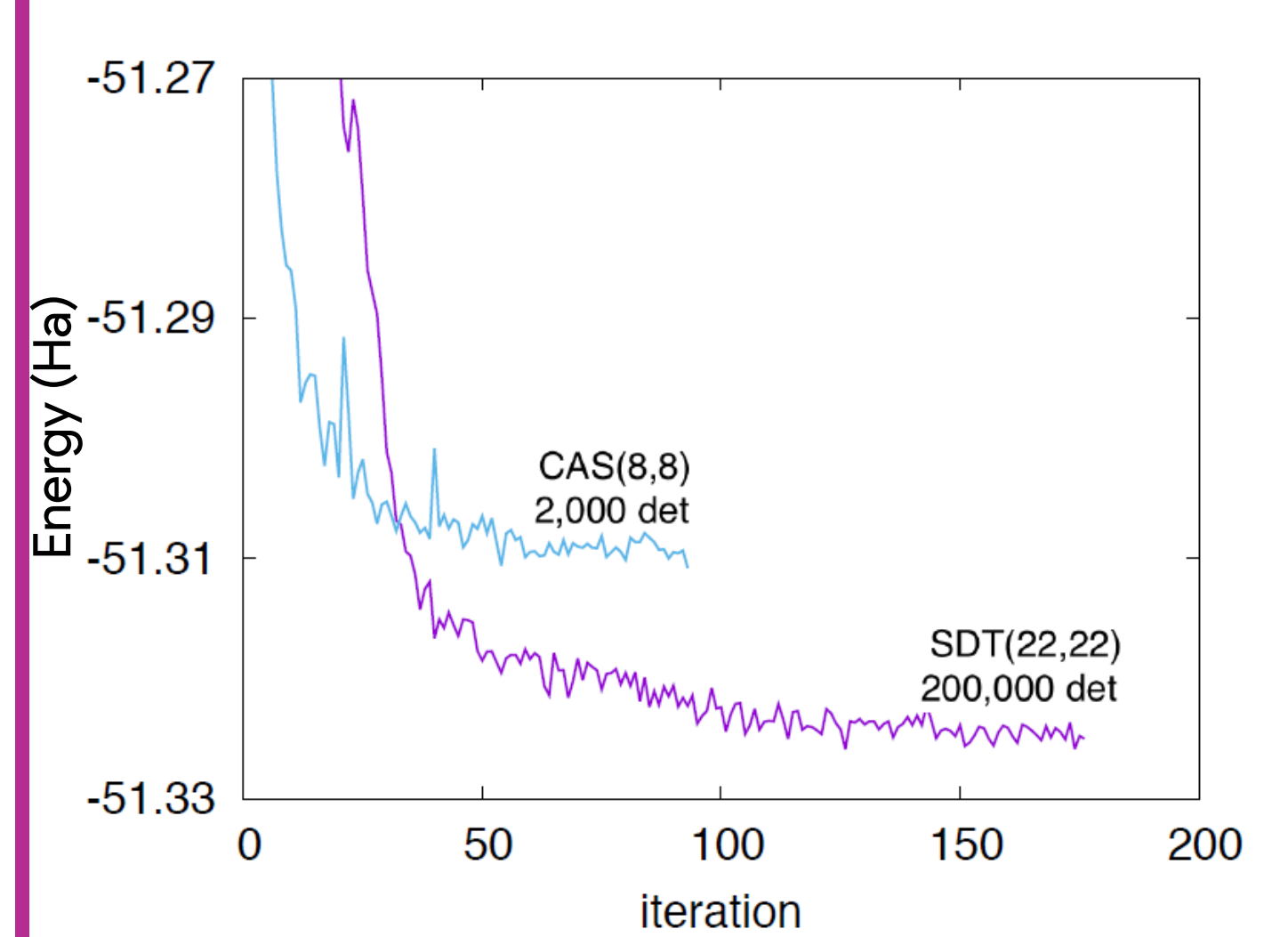
3 Efficient Derivatives of Energy

Wave function and structure optimization

(Cost of VMC + forces) / (cost of VMC) for polyenes C_4H_6 to $C_{60}H_{62}$

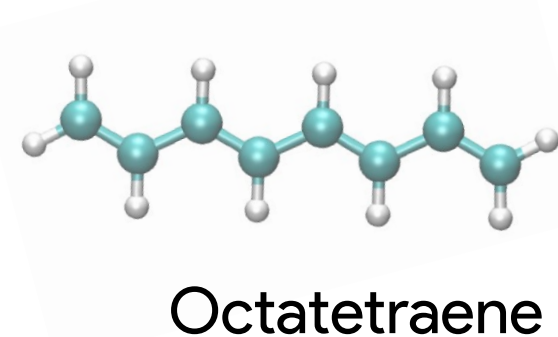


Combining both optimizations (wave function + geometry)

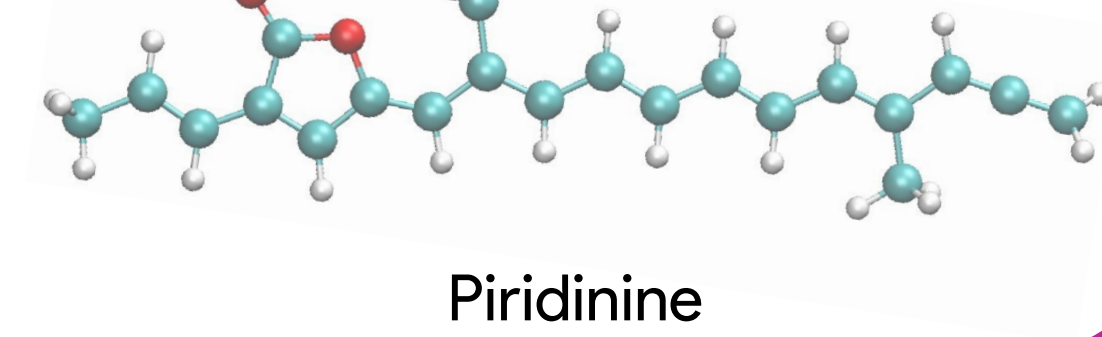


65000 wave function parameter optimization of C_8H_{10}

Bond length variation with respect to HF

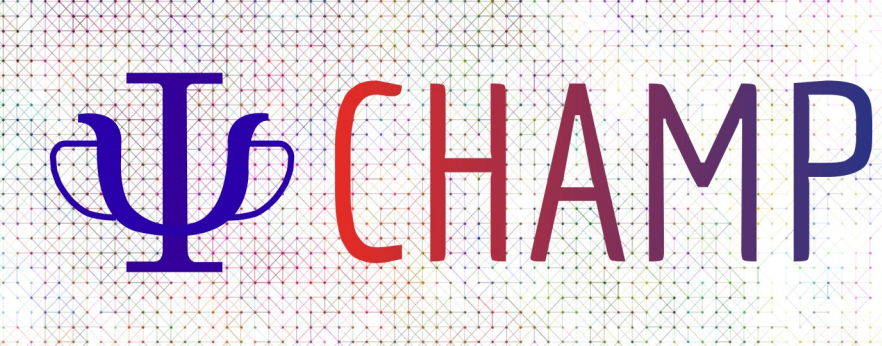


Octatetraene



Piridine

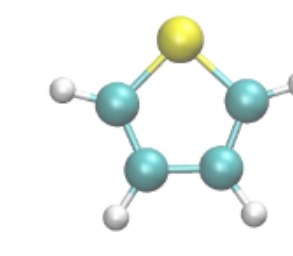
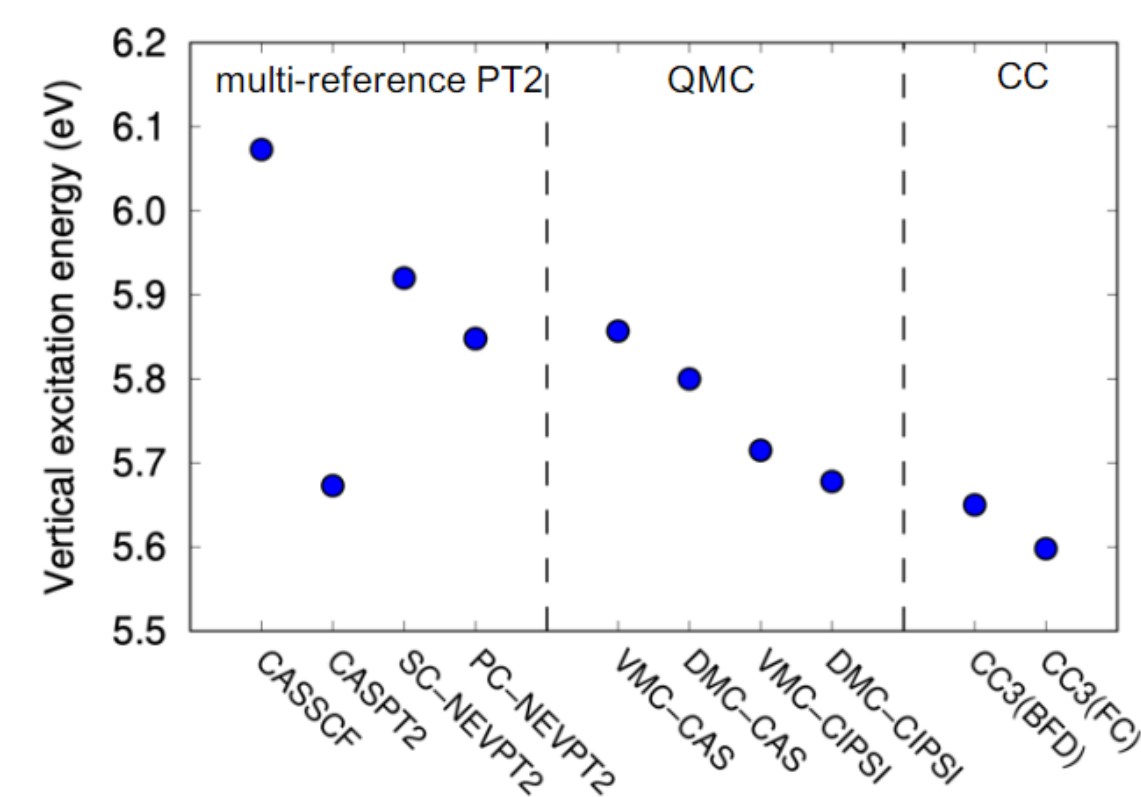
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4 Excited States

Accurate prediction of excited states can be very challenging.

Vertical excitation energy of thiophene

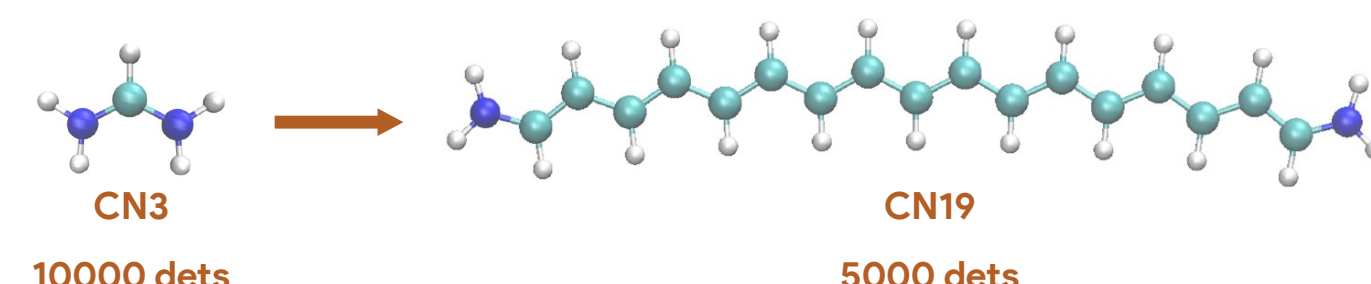
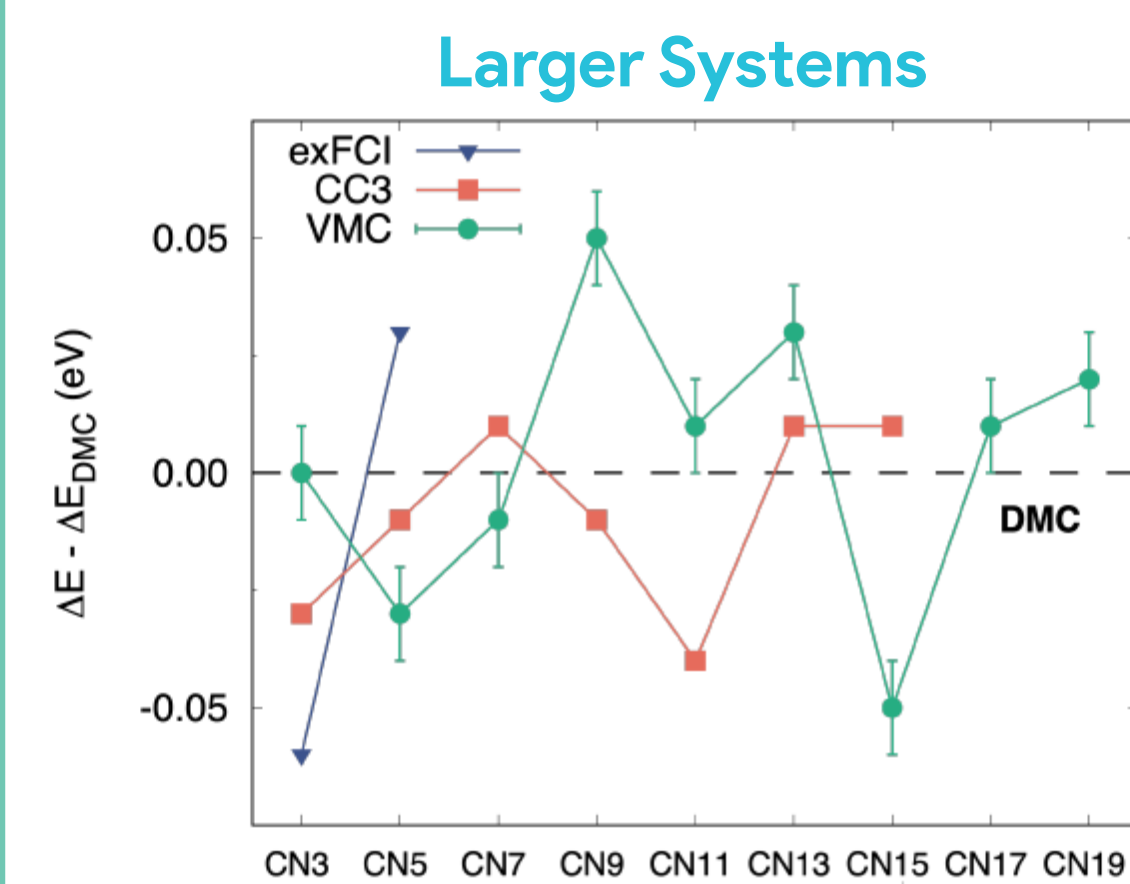


“Simple” single excitation calculation and ... these are all correlated methods!

Not an unusual situation!

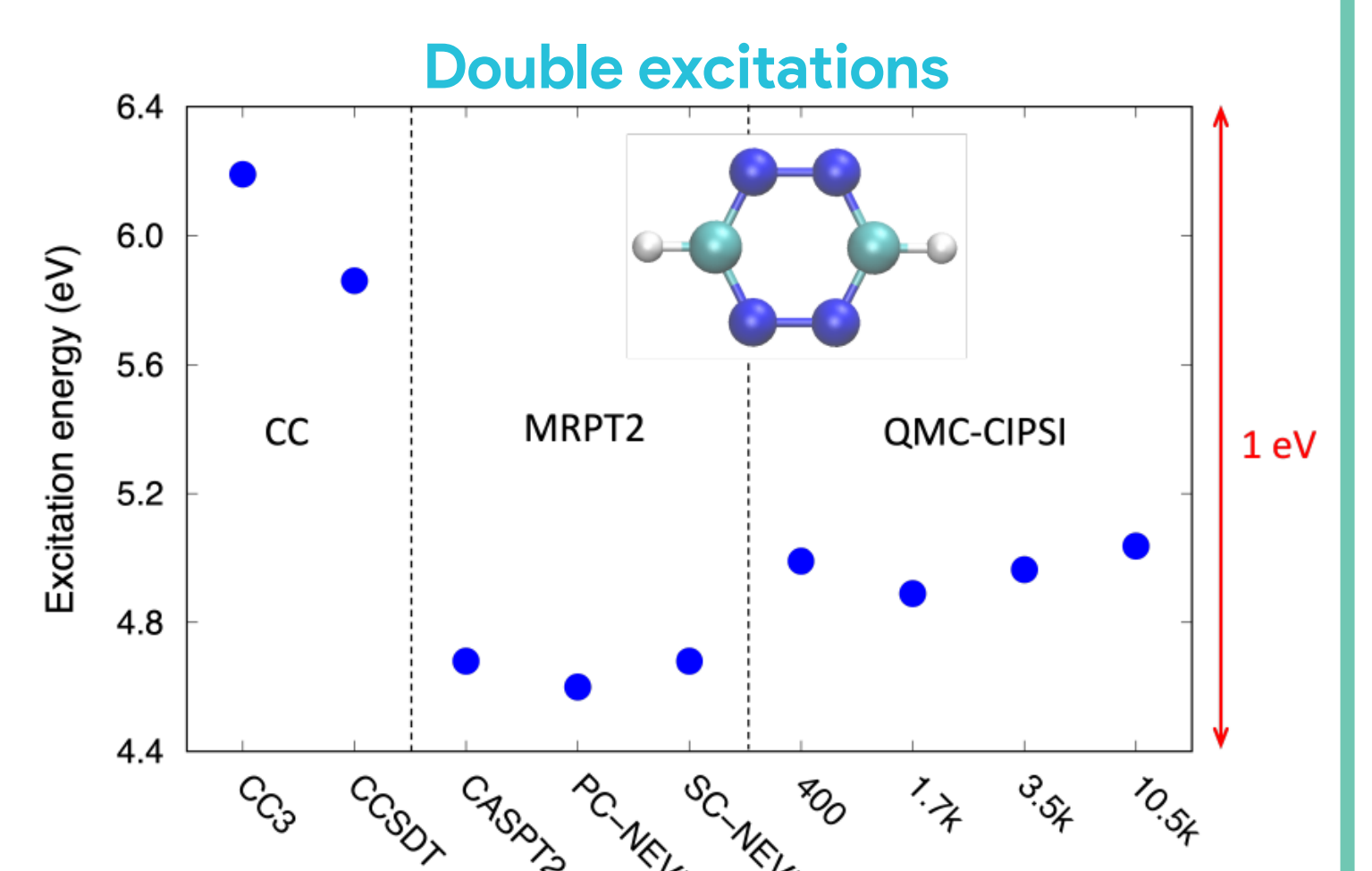
In CHAMP: State-specific optimization in excited states with sophisticated wave

→ We provide a benchmark when other methods “fail”



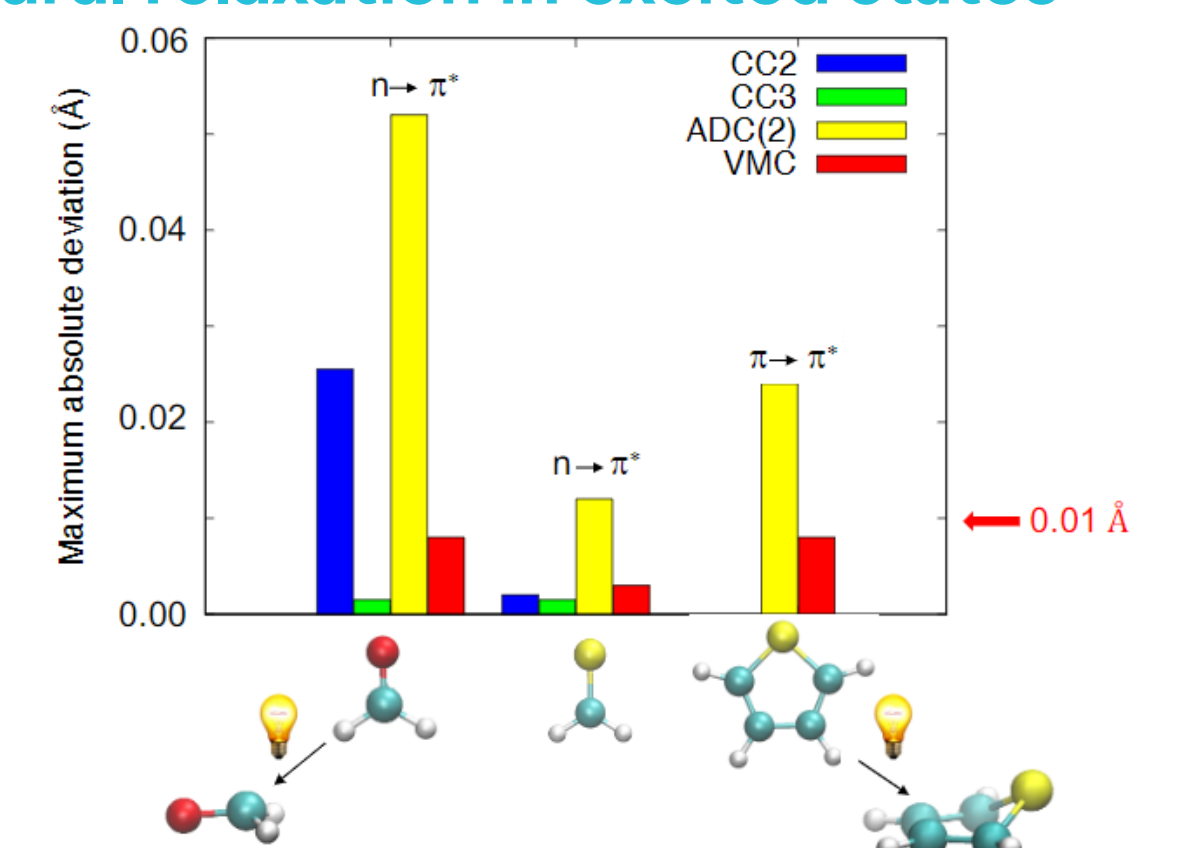
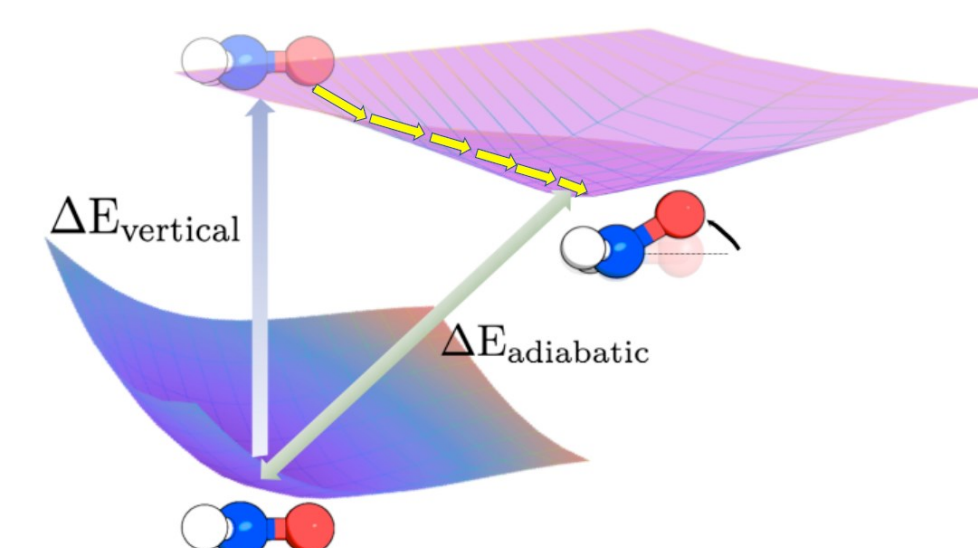
100000 dets

5000 dets



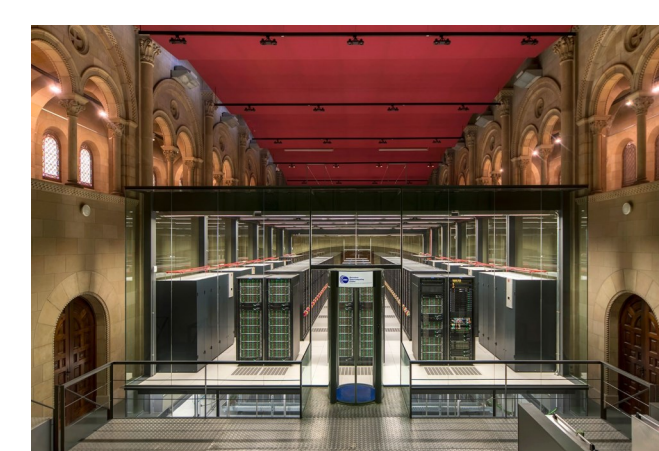
We provide benchmark where other correlated methods struggle (either because of size or correlation level)

In CHAMP: We can also follow structural relaxation in excited states



5 Towards Exascale

1 Exa = 10^{18} floating point operations per second



Upcoming Exascale Supercomputers in EU

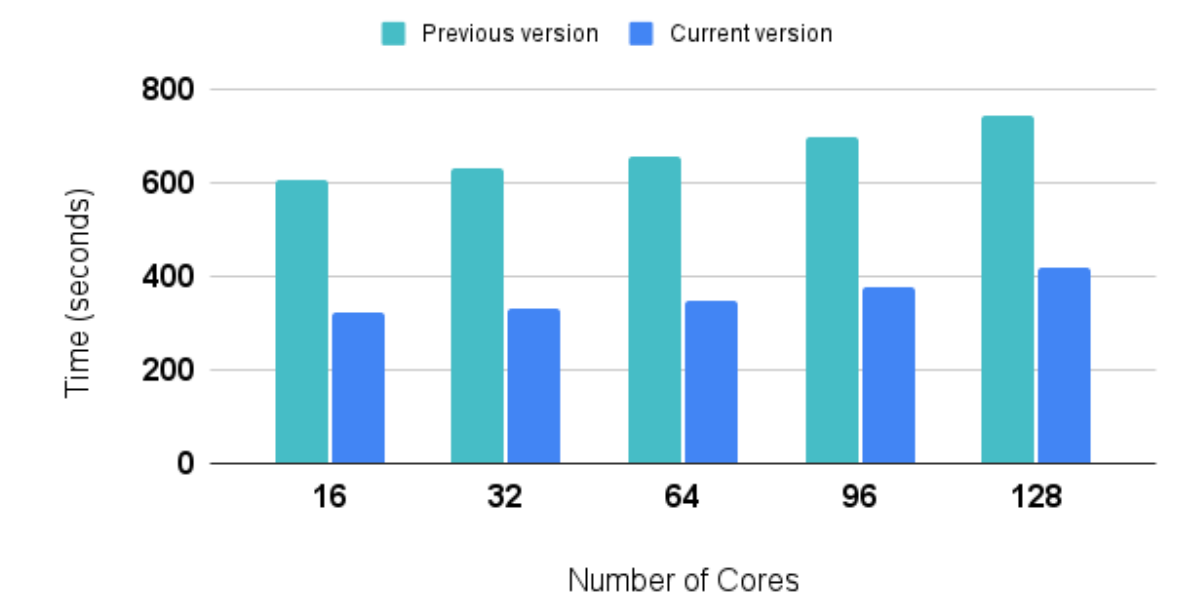


QMC is advantageous for being massively parallel, requiring small I/O and little communication

CHAMP code is currently improving its performance

- Memory access
- Compiler flags (inlining, align, fused-multiply-add)
- AVX512 vectorization instructions
- Loop restructuring (removal of low-count loops, non-conditional loop limits)

Scalability of the code



Within the TREX-CoE, we are developing high-performance libraries.

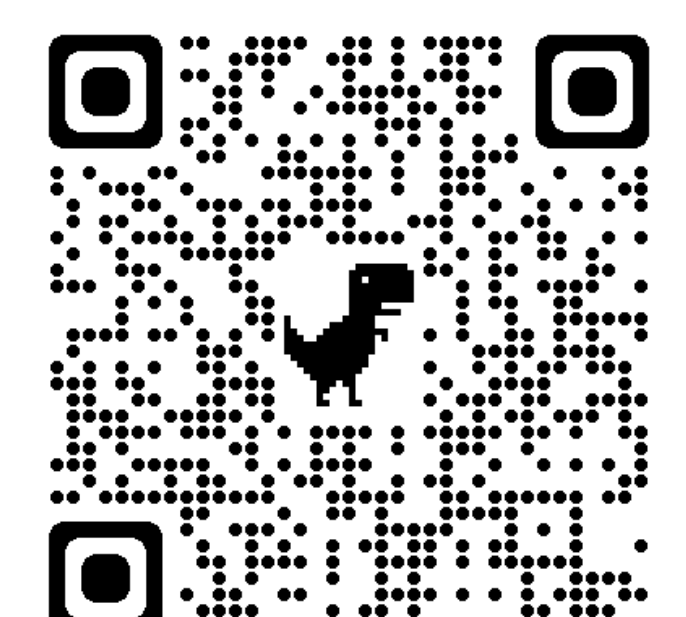
Also visit poster B4.10

TREXIO

Input/Output library for universal data exchange among QC/QMC codes

QMCKI

Core QMC kernel library for highly-efficient, optimized, scalable, common QMC tasks



Get libraries from GitHub