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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 — now *Associate Professor*, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China

2015 — 2020 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
Advisor: Professor Francesco A. Evangelista

EDUCATION

2012 — 2015 *Doctor of Philosophy*, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA
Advisor: Professor Henry F. Schaefer III

2008 — 2012 *Bachelor of Science*, Nanjing University, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China
Advisor: Professor Shuhua Li

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Developments of accurate electronic structure methods for excited states
 - Developments of analytic energy gradients for low-order perturbation theories
 - Theoretical studies of elementary hydrocarbon species in combustion chemistry
 - Software developments
- [1] **FORTE**: an open-source plugin to **Psi4** (<https://github.com/psi4/psi4>) that implements a variety of quantum chemistry methods for strongly correlated electrons. For the current version, see <https://github.com/evangelistalab/forte>.
- [2] **DSRG GENERATOR**: an automatic equation and code generator for second-quantized operators based on generalized normal ordering of Mukherjee and Kutzelnigg.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013 summer | Lecturer for the quantum chemistry summer school
 | Center for Computational Quantum Chemistry, The University of Georgia

2012 — 2013 | Teaching assistant for General Chemistry Lab I and II
 | Department of Chemistry, The University of Georgia

PUBLICATIONS

20. He, N.; Li, C. and Evangelista, F. A. * "Second-Order Active Space Embedding Theory" *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* *submitted*.
19. Wang, S.*; Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A. * "Analytic Energy Gradients for the Driven Similarity Renormalization Group Multireference Second-Order Perturbation Theory" *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* *submitted*.
18. Huang, M.; Li, C. and Evangelista, F. A. * "Theoretical Calculation of Core-Excited States Along Dissociative Pathways Beyond Second-order Perturbation Theory" *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* *submitted*.

17. Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A. “Spin-free implementation of the multireference driven similarity renormalization group: A benchmark study of open-shell diatomic molecules and spin-crossover energetics” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2021**, *155*, 114111.
16. Xu, Z.; Huang, Z.; Li, C.*; Huang, T.; Evangelista, F. A.; Tang, M. L.* and Lian, T.* “Tuning the Quantum Dot (QD) / Mediator Interface for Optimal Efficiency of QD-Sensitized Near-Infrared-to-Visible Photon Upconversion Systems” *ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces* **2020**, *12*, 36558–36567.
15. Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A. “Connected Three-Body Terms in the Single-Reference Unitary Many-Body Theories: Iterative and Perturbative Approximations” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2020**, *152*, 234116.
14. Wang, S.; Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A. “Analytic Gradients for Single-Reference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group Second-Order Perturbation Theory” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2019**, *151*, 044118. [Editor’s Pick]
13. Zhang, T.*; Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A.* “Towards Efficient Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group Theory: Sequential Transformation Approach, Density Fitting and Non-Interacting Virtual Orbital Approximation” *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **2019**, *15*, 4399–4414.
12. Li, C.*; Lindh R.* and Evangelista, F. A.* “Dynamically-Weighted Multireference Perturbation Theory: Combining the Advantages of State-Specific and Multi-State Theories” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2019**, *150*, 144107.
11. Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A.* “Multireference Theories of Electron Correlation Based on the Driven Similarity Renormalization Group” *Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem.* **2019**, *70*, 245–273.
10. Schriber, J. B.; Hannon, K. P.; Li, C. and Evangelista, F. A.* “A Combined Selected Configuration Interaction and Many-Body Treatment of Static and Dynamical Correlation in Oligoacenes” *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **2018**, *14*, 6295–6305.
9. Huang, Y.; Xu, Z.; Jin, S.; Li, C.; Warncke, K.; Evangelista, F. A.*; Lian, T.* and Egap, E.* “Conjugated Oligomers with Stable Radical Substituents: Synthesis, Single Crystal Structures, Electronic Structure and Excited State Dynamics” *Chem. Mater.* **2018**, *30*, 7840–7851.
8. Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A.* “Driven Similarity Renormalization Group for Excited States: A State-Averaged Perturbation Theory” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2018**, *148*, 124106. [Editor’s Pick]
7. Li, C.; Verma, P.; Hannon, K. P. and Evangelista, F. A.* “A Low-Cost Approach to Electronic Excitation Energies Based on the Driven Similarity Renormalization Group” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2017**, *147*, 074107.
6. Li, C.* and Evangelista, F. A.* “Driven Similarity Renormalization Group: Third-Order Multireference Perturbation Theory” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2017**, *146*, 124132; Erratum: **2018**, *148*, 079902.
5. Hannon, K. P.; Li, C. and Evangelista, F. A.* “An Integral-Factorized Implementation of the Driven Similarity Renormalization Group Second-Order Multireference Perturbation Theory” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2016**, *144*, 204111.
4. Li, C. and Evangelista, F. A.* “Towards Numerically Robust Multireference Theories: The Driven Similarity Renormalization Group Truncated to One- and Two-Body Operators” *J. Chem. Phys.* **2016**, *144*, 164114; Erratum: **2018**, *148*, 079903.
3. Li, C. and Evangelista, F. A.* “Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group: A Second-Order Perturbative Analysis” *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **2015**, *11*, 2097–2108.
2. Li, C.; Agarwal, J.; Wu, C.-H.; Allen, W. D. and Schaefer, H. F.* “The Intricate Internal Rotation Surface and Fundamental Infrared Transitions of *n*-Propyl Radical” *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2015**, *119*, 728–735.
1. Li, C.; Agarwal, J. and Schaefer, H. F.* “The Remarkable [ReH₉]²⁻ Dianion: Molecular Structure and Vibrational Frequencies” *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2014**, *118*, 6482–6490.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Apr. 2021 32nd CCS Congress, Zhuhai, Guangdong, China
Spin-Free Implementation of the Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group

- Jan. 2020 *Department of Chemistry, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, China*
Connected Triples in the Single-Reference Unitary Many-Body Theories
- Oct. 2019 (Withdraw) *Workshop on New Methods for Strongly Correlated Electrons, Qingdao, China*
Connected Triples in Single-Reference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group
- Apr. 2019 *257th ACS National Meeting, Orlando, FL, USA*
Towards Perturbative Triples Corrections in the Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group
- Sept. 2018 *Atlanta Mini Symposium on Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, Atlanta, GA, USA*
Recent Developments of Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group
- May 2018 *Department of Physics, Northwest University, Xi'an, Shaanxi, China*
Recent Developments of Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group
- May 2018 *Chinese Academy of Sciences Computer Network Information Center, Beijing, China*
Recent Developments of Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Oct. 2021 *14th National Conference of Quantum Chemistry (CCS), Shanghai, China*
Analytic Energy Gradients for DSRG-MRPT2
- July 2017 *American Conference on Theoretical Chemistry, Boston, MA, USA*
Driven Similarity Renormalization Group Multireference Perturbation Theory
- May 2017 *Southeast Theoretical Chemistry Association, Oxford, MS, USA*
Driven Similarity Renormalization Group: Third-Order Multireference Perturbation Theory
- July 2016 *International Society for Theoretical Chemical Physics, Grand Forks, ND, USA*
Driven Similarity Renormalization Group: Third-Order Multireference Perturbation Theory
- Feb. 2016 *Sanibel Symposium, St. Simons, GA, USA*
Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group Truncated to One- and Two-Body Operators
- Oct. 2015 *Emerson Center Lectureship Award Symposium, Atlanta, GA, USA*
Multireference Driven Similarity Renormalization Group: A Second-Order Perturbative Analysis
- May 2014 *Southeast Theoretical Chemistry Association, Atlanta, GA, USA*
The Intricate Internal Rotation Surface and Fundamental Infrared Transitions of *n*-Propyl Radical

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- [1] [Algorithms](#), a four-course specialization by Stanford University on Coursera, earned on December 5, 2017
- [2] Deep Learning, a five-course specialization by deeplearning.ai on Coursera (finished first four)
- [3] Self-Driving Car Nano-Degree on Udacity (Term 1)
- Implemented a convolutional neural network (LeNet-5) to classify traffic signs using TensorFlow. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Built a convolutional neural network using Keras that can autonomously drive a vehicle on the simulator. [\[Link\]](#)
 - Implemented a pipeline to identify the lane boundaries in a video using OpenCV. [\[Link\]](#)