量子技術を適用した生命科学基盤の創出 2018年度採択研究者 2020 年度 実績報告書

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Quantum environments in photosynthesis 光合成における量子環境

§1. 研究成果の概要

Understanding the role of quantum coherence in biological processes is difficult because these processes contain many degrees of freedom, and are hard to model theoretically. My research is about developing new approaches to this modeling problem, with a focus on problems relevant optimal efficiency of energy transport in photosynthetic light-harvesting, and electron transport through molecules.

In 2020 I released an open-source software package, and I continued my development of pseudo-mode methods, with an emphasis on developing its ability to model fermionic systems, as required for studying electron transport through molecules. I am also working on its applications to abstract heat-engines, as such models are a good way to consider general principles for improving efficiency.

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