# Mentor Introductions

SIMCODES 2025

### Qi Li

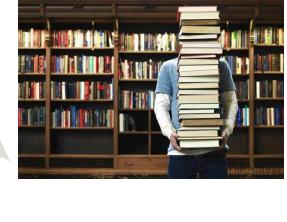
- My name
  - Name can tell a lot
  - Gender, Ethnicity, Age, Religion, ...
  - Important feature for many NLP tasks
- My background
  - BS. Math
  - MS. Stats
  - PhD. CS



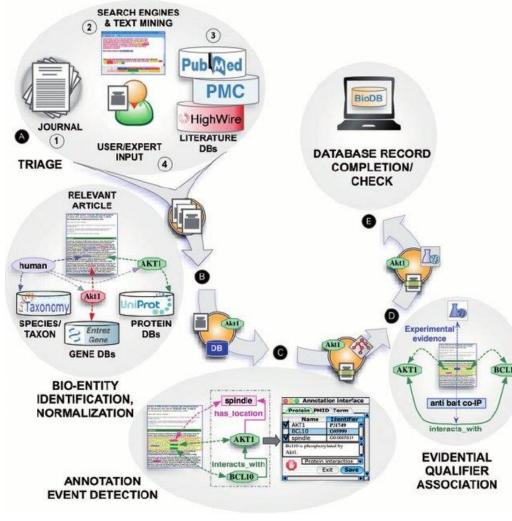


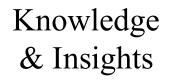
### My research

- NLP -- Information extraction
- Generation models
- Applied ML





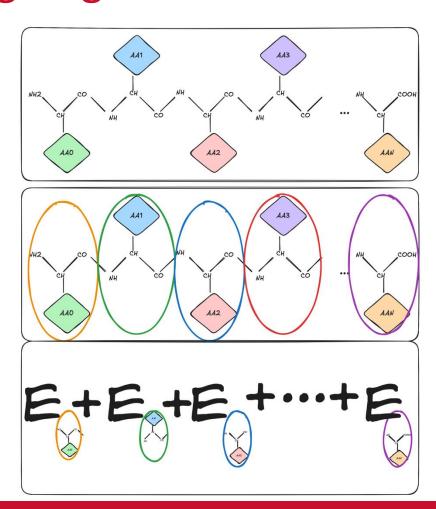






## SIMCODES Project: Developing components for automating fragmentation

- Mentee: Gabriela and Devarsh
- Goals:
  - Function for identifying amino acids in a protein.
  - Function for splitting a protein by amino acid.
  - Idea: protein as an unnatural language









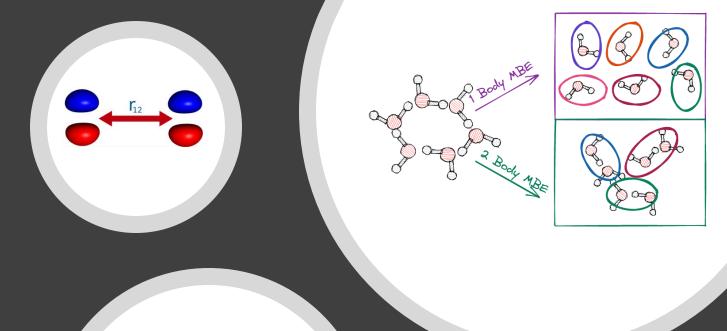
### Ryan Richard

- Scientist at Ames National Laboratory and Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Iowa State University.
- Background: Grew up in Ohio, PhD in chemistry from "The" Ohio State University.
- Interests: travel, technology, video games, exercise, being told what to do by my dogs.



# Research in the Richard Group

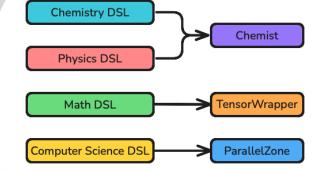
- Research interests: Sustainable scientific software development, highperformance computing, reduced scaling electronic structure theory.
- Develop for NWChemEx ecosystem.
- Strong emphasis on software engineering applied to theoretical chemistry.





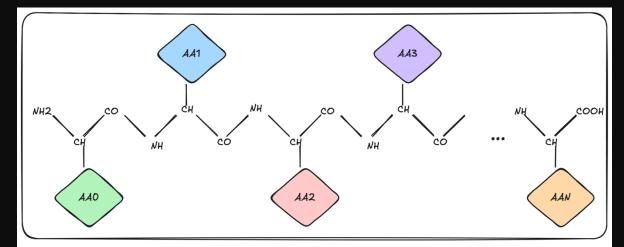
## **NWChemEx**

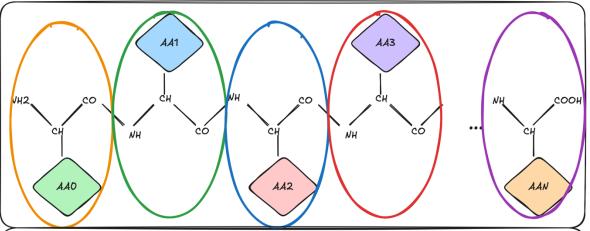


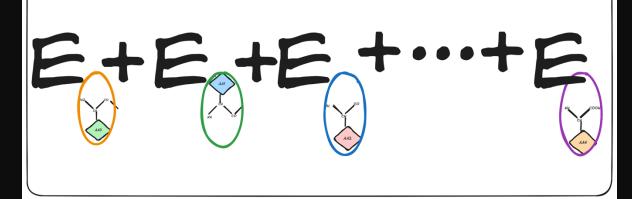


# SIMCODES Project: Developing components for automating fragmentation

- Mentee: Daniel Woodard
- Summary: Winner-take-all battle between Daniel's chemical intuition and the best AI/ML model Gabriela and Devarsh can make.
- Goals:
  - Develop tools for reading PDF files.
  - Function for identifying amino acids in a protein.
  - Function for splitting a protein by amino acid.









The Richard and Windus Groups

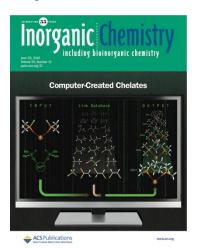
### Research in Song's Group

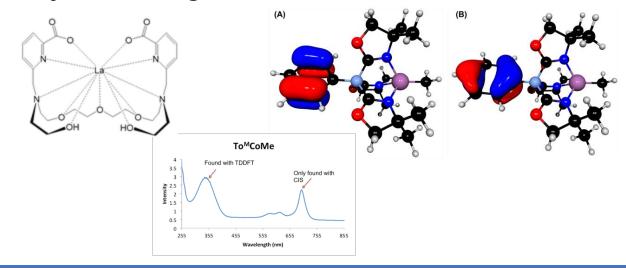
Statistical Mechanics and Biophysics at Iowa State University

- Electron Transfer and Energy Transfer in Photosynthesis and Electric Cells, electron transport in DNA
- Solvation Dynamics and Dielectric Fluctuations in Inhomogeneous Dielectric Materials, such as Protein and Nucleic Acids
- Theory of Protein Crystallization and protein-protein interaction
- Molecular Debye-Huckel theory of ionic fluids
- Phase behaviors and nucleation
- Sub-diffraction imaging using heterodyne and entangled photons
- Studies of nano-domains of supercooled liquids using machine learning

### **The Windus Group**

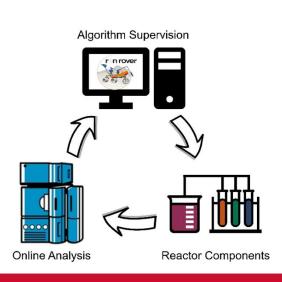
#### Separations and catalysis challenges



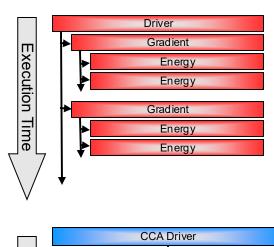


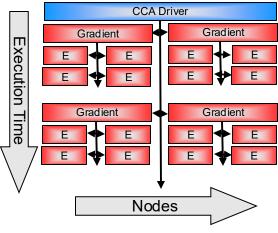
#### Reaction optimization and lab automation





## High performance, exascale computing





### The Windus Group and Funding









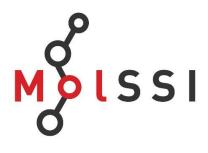
















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- What is your area of research?
  - Theoretical and Computational Chemistry
  - developer of General Atomic and Molecular Electronic Structure System (GAMESS) package
  - Reduced scaling electronic structure theory
  - Heterogeneous high-performance computing and energy efficient computing
- Research Interests
  - Protein-ligand interactions; drug design
  - Heterogeneous catalysis modeling
  - Radical chemistry
  - Quantum computing and machine learning
- How do you relax at the end of the day?
  - Play with my kid; play games

