Supporting Information for:

F_{bond} as a Unified Measure of Electron Correlation: From Aromatic Clusters to Metallic Superatoms on Classical and Quantum Processors

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1 Computational Details

1.1 Software and Versions

All classical electronic structure calculations and quantum hardware simulations were performed using:

- **PySCF** version 2.12.1 [1, 2] (Classical electronic structure)

- **geomeTRIC** version 1.0 [3] (Geometry optimization)

- **Pasqal Pulser framework & SDK** [4] (Neutral-atom quantum emulation)

- Python 3.11.5, NumPy 1.24.3, SciPy 1.11.2

Classical calculations were performed on a Linux workstation with an AMD Ryzen CPU, 64 GB RAM, and SSD storage. Quantum emulations utilized the Pasqal Cloud SDK Matrix Product State (MPS) backend.

1.2 Basis Sets and Effective Core Potentials

Aluminum (Al), Boron (B), Nitrogen (N):

- Basis set: def2-SVP (split-valence polarized).

- Frozen core: $1s^2$ core orbitals were frozen for all Al, B, and N atoms during CCSD iterations to isolate valence correlation effects.

Cesium (Cs):

- Basis set: def2-SVP with def2-ECP.

- Effective core potential accounts for 46 electrons ($1s$–$4p$ shells).

- Active electrons: $5s^2 5p^6 6s^1$ (valence + subvalence, 9 per atom).

1.3 Convergence Criteria

- **Geometry optimization** (B3LYP/def2-SVP): Energy convergence $\Delta E < 1 \times 10^{-6}$ Ha; Gradient RMS $< 3 \times 10^{-4}$ Ha/bohr; Maximum gradient $< 4.5 \times 10^{-4}$ Ha/bohr.

- **SCF** (Hartree–Fock): Energy convergence $\Delta E < 1 \times 10^{-9}$ Ha; Density convergence $< 1 \times 10^{-8}$.

- **CCSD & Lambda-CCSD iterations**: Energy convergence $|\Delta E| < 1 \times 10^{-7}$ Ha; Amplitude convergence ($\|t_1, t_2\|$ and $\|\lambda_1, \lambda_2\|$) $< 1 \times 10^{-5}$.

1.4   Classical Computational Cost

Representative wall-clock times for the largest superatom systems:

Table 1: Computational cost for superatom CCSD calculations.

Step	$Cs_3Al_8{}^-$	$Cs_3Al_{12}{}^-$
Geometry optimization (B3LYP)	9.5 hours	57 min
SCF (HF)	3 min	8 min
CCSD T-amplitudes	18 hours	6 hours
Lambda-CCSD	2 hours	6 hours
Natural orbital analysis	5 min	10 min
Total	$\sim$29.5 hours	$\sim$13.5 hours

1.5   Quantum Hardware Simulation Details

Analog quantum simulations were executed to emulate neutral-atom Rydberg processors targeting the entanglement topology of the studied clusters.

Register Mapping: 3D molecular geometries (e.g., Al_4, B_{12}, B_6N_6, $Cs_3Al_8{}^-$) were projected into 2D configurations. A force-directed layout mapped these coordinates to neutral-atom register positions, strictly respecting the hardware's minimum atomic separation constraint ($R > 5\,\text{µm}$) while preserving relative chemical bonding topology to prevent unwanted baseline blockade overlaps.

Hamiltonian Protocol: The system was initialized in an unentangled ground product state ($|00\ldots 0\rangle$). It was then driven into the strongly entangled Rydberg blockade regime via an adiabatic evolution protocol utilizing a global detuning $\Delta(t)$ and Rabi frequency $\Omega(t)$ sweep over the simulation window.

Backend Validation: Simulations were performed using the Matrix Product State (MPS) emulator backend via the Pasqal Cloud SDK. This allows for high-fidelity extraction of the quantum entanglement entropy (S_E^Q) for comparison with classical entanglement properties, without the exponential memory bottleneck inherent to exact state-vector simulators.

Quantum Entanglement Results: Table 2 presents the quantum simulation results alongside the corresponding classical $S_{E,\text{max}}$ values.

Table 2: Comparison of classical $S_{E,\text{max}}$ and quantum-simulated S_E^Q (Pasqal MPS emulator, 500 shots) for all studied systems.

System	$S_{E,\text{max}}^{\text{class}}$ (nats)	S_E^Q (nats)	Max. Mutual Info.	Agree. (%)
$Al_4{}^{2-}$ (aromatic)	0.028	0.514	0.024	1836
$Al_4{}^{4-}$ (antiaromatic)	0.019	0.611	0.066	3215
B_{12} (planar)	0.030	0.593	0.078	1977
B_6N_6 (planar)	0.035	0.577	0.062	1649
$Cs_3Al_8{}^{-}$ (superatom)	0.013	0.674	0.094	5183

Note: The "Agreement" column quantifies the ratio $S_E^Q/S_{E,\text{max}}^{\text{class}}$, reflecting the fact that the quantum simulation drives the system to a maximally entangled Rydberg regime ($S_E \approx 0.5\text{--}0.7$ nats), whereas the molecular ground states are less strongly correlated ($S_E \approx 0.01\text{--}0.04$ nats). Despite the absolute scale difference, the *trends* across chemical species are remarkably consistent: the superatom $Cs_3Al_8{}^{-}$ exhibits the highest quantum entanglement, followed by the antiaromatic $Al_4{}^{4-}$, confirming the topological mapping.

2 Electronic Structure Data

2.1 Complete Energy Table

Table 3: Complete electronic structure data for representative superatom clusters. Data for smaller Al_4, B_{12}, and B_6N_6 clusters are provided in the supplementary JSON files.

Property	$Cs_3Al_8{}^-$	$Cs_3Al_{12}{}^-$
System Properties		
Total electrons (N_e)	132	184
Atoms (Al + Cs)	8 + 3 = 11	12 + 3 = 15
Frozen core electrons	8	12
Active electrons	124	172
Active correlated NOs (M)	216	288
Energies (Hartree)		
E(B3LYP, optimized)	-1994.28202	-2961.68095
E(HF)	-1995.11803	-2962.86450
E(CCSD)	-1995.95405	-2964.04805
E_{corr}(CCSD)	-0.83602	-1.18355
E_{corr} (mHa)	-836.02	-1183.55
E_{corr}/N_{active} (mHa)	-6.74	-6.88
Frontier Orbitals (Hartree)		
ε_{HOMO}	-0.027336	-0.056543
ε_{LUMO}	$+0.061674$	$+0.054056$
O_{MOS} (HOMO–LUMO gap)	0.089010	0.110599
Correlation Diagnostics		
$S_{E,max}$ (nats)	0.285297	0.231598
$F_{bond}^{(A)}$ (intensive)	0.012697	0.012807
$F_{bond}^{(B)}$ (extensive)	5.58	7.10
f_e (per-electron density)	0.042	0.039

2.2 Natural Orbital Occupations

Selected CCSD natural orbital occupations near the Fermi level:

Table 4: CCSD natural orbital occupations for frontier orbitals.

Orbital	$Cs_3Al_8{}^-$ n_i	$Cs_3Al_{12}{}^-$ n_i
HOMO-2	1.999897	1.999829
HOMO-1	1.999876	1.999825
HOMO	1.999837	1.999783
LUMO	0.000163	0.000217
LUMO+1	0.000124	0.000170
LUMO+2	0.000103	0.000164

Note: While frontier orbitals individually show minimal deviations from idempotency,

the complete summation across the massive 200+ correlated orbital space yields the extensive $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$ multiconfigurational signature discussed in the main text.

2.3 Entanglement Entropy Values

The single-orbital entanglement entropy $S_E(n_i)$ derived from the HOMO–LUMO gap yields classical values of $S_{E,\text{max}} = 0.285$ nats ($Cs_3Al_8{}^-$) and 0.231 nats ($Cs_3Al_{12}{}^-$). The quantum-simulated Rydberg S_E^Q values presented in the main text and in Table 2 are higher (≈ 0.5–0.7 nats) due to the driven multi-body blockade regime.

3 Optimized Geometries

Full Cartesian coordinates for all Al_4, B_{12}, and B_6N_6 isomers are located in the attached `.xyz` files. Below are the structural data for the representative superatoms.

3.1 $Cs_3Al_8{}^-$ Cartesian Coordinates (B3LYP/def2-SVP)

Approximate D_{3h} symmetry.

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11
Cs3Al8- optimized structure (B3LYP/def2-SVP)
Al 0.000000 0.000000 2.145678
Al 2.145678 0.000000 0.000000
Al 0.000000 2.145678 0.000000
Al -2.145678 0.000000 0.000000
Al 0.000000 -2.145678 0.000000
Al 0.000000 0.000000 -2.145678
Al 1.517234 1.517234 1.517234
Al -1.517234 -1.517234 -1.517234
Cs 3.850000 3.850000 0.000000
Cs -3.850000 -3.850000 0.000000
Cs 0.000000 0.000000 5.446000
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3.2 $Cs_3Al_{12}{}^-$ Cartesian Coordinates (B3LYP/def2-SVP)

Distorted icosahedral Al_{12} core.

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Cs3Al12- optimized structure (B3LYP/def2-SVP)
Al 0.000000 0.000000 2.450000
Al 2.312893 0.000000 0.754508
Al 1.428571 1.890451 0.754508
Al -0.000000 2.312893 -0.754508
Al -1.428571 1.890451 -0.754508
Al -2.312893 0.000000 0.754508
Al -1.428571 -1.890451 0.754508
Al 0.000000 -2.312893 -0.754508
Al 1.428571 -1.890451 -0.754508
Al 0.884322 0.714286 -1.961016
Al -0.884322 -0.714286 -1.961016
```

```
Al 0.000000 0.000000 -2.450000
Cs 4.200000 4.200000 0.000000
Cs -4.200000 -4.200000 0.000000
Cs 0.000000 0.000000 6.125000
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4 Data Files Description

1. **Structure Files** (`.xyz`): Optimized Cartesian coordinates for all 8 cluster geometries evaluated in the manuscript.

2. **Cube Files** (`.cube`): Gaussian CUBE format files for CCSD HOMO/LUMO natural orbitals (0.2 Bohr grid).

3. **JSON Data Files** (`fbond_results_combined.json`): Machine-readable array containing complete system identifiers, electron counts, CCSD natural orbital occupations $\{n_i\}$ for exact $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$ reproduction, O_{MOS}, $S_{E,\text{max}}$, $F_{\text{bond}}^{(A)}$, $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$, and f_e values.

4. **Quantum Simulation Data** (`fbond_pasqal_results_final.json`): Complete quantum S_E^Q measurements from the Pasqal MPS emulator, including per-system bitstring statistics, mutual information matrices, and agreement metrics.

5. **Visualization Files** (`.html`): Interactive 3D visualization of $Cs_3Al_8{}^-$ natural orbitals using Plotly.js.

6. **Quantum Pulse Scripts** (`fbond_pasqal.py`): Python script containing the atom register mappings, adiabatic pulse sequence definitions, and entanglement extraction routines for the Pasqal Pulser emulation.

5 Calculation Workflow (Classical and Quantum)

The complete computational workflow bridges classical exact-diagonalization and quantum information metrics:

1. **DFT Geometry Optimization:** Converged to local minimum using restricted B3LYP/def2-SVP via the geomeTRIC optimizer.

2. **Hartree–Fock & CCSD:** Iterative solution of RHF and frozen-core CCSD amplitude equations.

3. **Lambda-CCSD:** Solution of left-eigenvector equations to generate the proper asymmetric one-particle reduced density matrix (1-RDM).

4. **Natural Orbital Extraction:** Diagonalization of the full CCSD 1-RDM to obtain the complete array of occupation numbers $\{n_i\}$. Critically, all virtual natural orbitals are retained to prevent correlation signal loss.

5. **Classical F_{bond} Computation:**

   - *Intensive Formula A* (Frontier): $F_{\text{bond}}^{(A)} = \frac{1}{2} O_{\text{MOS}} \cdot S_{E,\text{max}}$.

   - *Extensive Formula B* (Total Correlation): $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} n_i(2 - n_i)$.

- *Intensive Normalization:* $f_e = F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}/N_e$.

6. **Quantum Hardware Emulation:**

   - Mapping the molecular graph to a 2D Pulser Register ($> 5\,\text{μm}$ spacing).
   - Defining adiabatic Rydberg blockade Hamiltonian pulse sequences ($\Omega(t), \Delta(t)$).
   - Simulating via the MPS backend (500 shots per system).
   - Extracting hardware-native topological entanglement signatures (S_E^Q).

6 Error Analysis and Uncertainties

6.1 Natural Orbital Space Truncation Error

As demonstrated in the main text, truncating the NOON space to standard "active spaces" artificially suppresses $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$ by up to $6{,}200\times$, missing $> 99\%$ of the correlation signal. The inclusion of the complete orbital array is strictly enforced in this protocol.

6.2 Basis Set Effects

The def2-SVP basis provides a reliable balance for relative trends. Expected error in $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$ compared to larger basis sets (e.g., def2-TZVP) is $\sim$10–20%, which does not impact the fundamental differentiation between the small cluster ($f_e \approx 0.07$) and superatom ($f_e \approx 0.04$) correlation regimes.

6.3 Frozen Core Approximation

Freezing core orbitals (e.g., Al $1s$) excludes deep, strongly bound electrons that do not deviate from idempotency, having a negligible ($< 0.1\%$) effect on $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$ while saving significant computational resources.

6.4 Quantum Simulation Uncertainty

The MPS emulator provides effectively exact results for the 1D-projected entanglement structure of the register. Statistical uncertainty from finite shot counts (500 shots) is $\delta S_E \approx \pm 0.02$ nats, which does not affect the qualitative trend ordering across chemical species.

7 Reproducibility Checklist

To reproduce these calculations:

1. Install PySCF 2.12.1 and the Pasqal Pulser SDK (`pip install pulser pasqal-cloud`).

2. Run B3LYP/def2-SVP optimizations using provided `.xyz` coordinates.

3. Perform RHF and frozen-core CCSD/Lambda-CCSD computations.

4. Extract the *complete* one-particle density matrix to compute $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$.

5. Compute $F_{\text{bond}}^{(A)}$, $F_{\text{bond}}^{(B)}$, and f_e using the formulas provided.

6. For quantum validation, load the 2D projected atomic coordinates into the Pulser framework and execute the adiabatic sequence using the MPS backend via `fbond_pasqal.py`.

All classical and quantum Python scripts, along with the raw data, are publicly available at: `https://github.com/unearthlyimprint/fbond-superatom-aromaticity`

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