

Reducing the Circuit Footprint for Noise-Resilient Quantum Chemistry via Transcorrelation and Adaptive Ansätze

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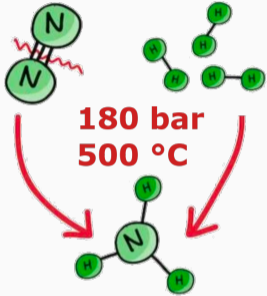


- Background and Motivation
- Transcorrelation to reduce the computational footprint on quantum hardware
- Results: Hubbard model and *ab initio* quantum chemistry problems
 - Hubbard model – Reduce circuit depth
 - *Ab initio* problems – Reduce circuit width (qubits)
- Adaptive Circuit Ansätze
- Conclusions

Background and Motivation

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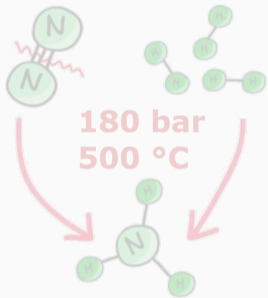
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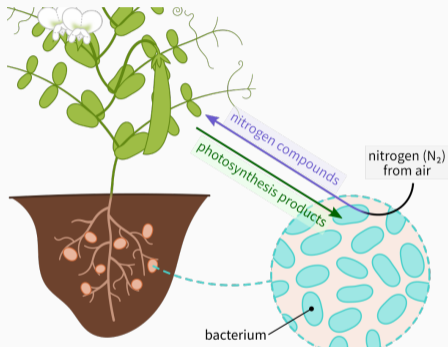
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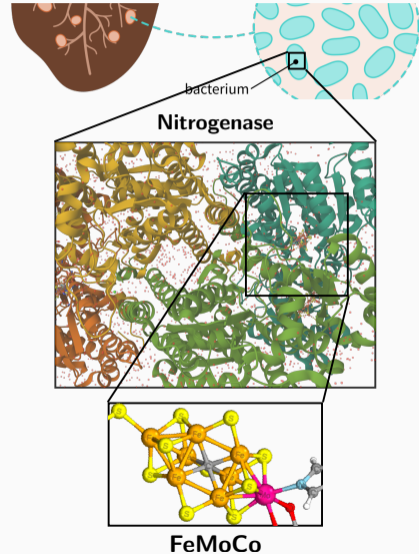
Biological nitrogen fixation



- **Ambient pressure and temperature**
- Not yet understood → Bio-catalysts for more efficient and greener ammonia production

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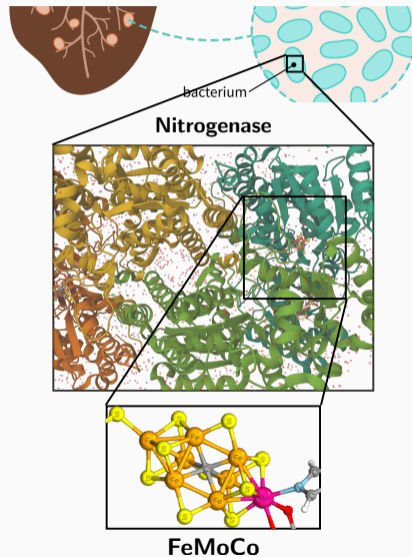
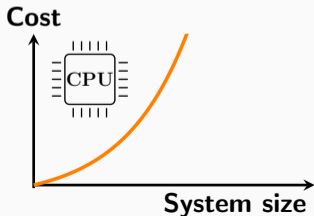
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We have the equations at hand, but **exponentially costly** on classical computers!



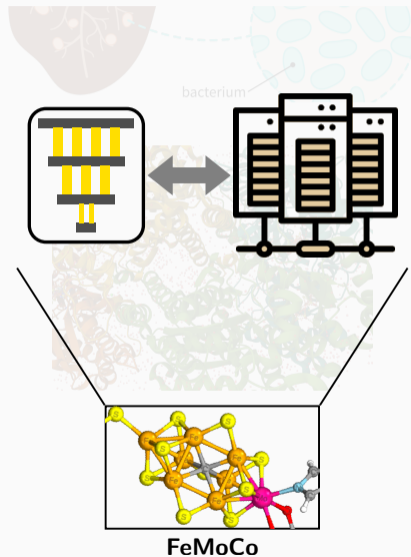
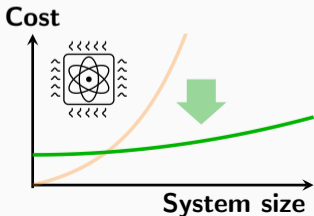
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Use a combined **HPC and QC** approach for a potential computational speedup



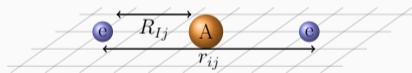
Ab Initio Quantum Chemistry – Electronic Structure Theory

To obtain insight on the **chemical** and **physical properties** of these systems we need to **solve the Schrödinger equation**

$$\hat{H} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle, \quad \hat{H} |\Psi(t)\rangle = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

All necessary information contained in electronic **molecular Hamiltonian**

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2}_{\text{kinetic energy of } e^-} - \underbrace{\sum_{I,j} \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{r}_j|}}_{\text{Attr. potential}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}}_{e^- - e^- \text{ repulsion}}$$

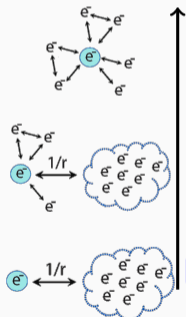


Coulomb repulsion correlates all electrons of a system → analytic solution too complex → **approximations and computational approaches**

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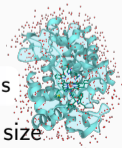
Accuracy/Cost



Hartree Fock, Density Functional Theory

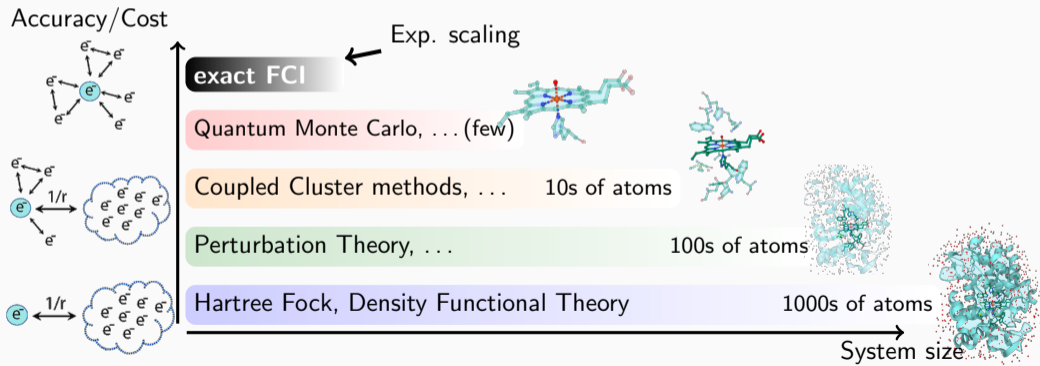
1000s of atoms

System size



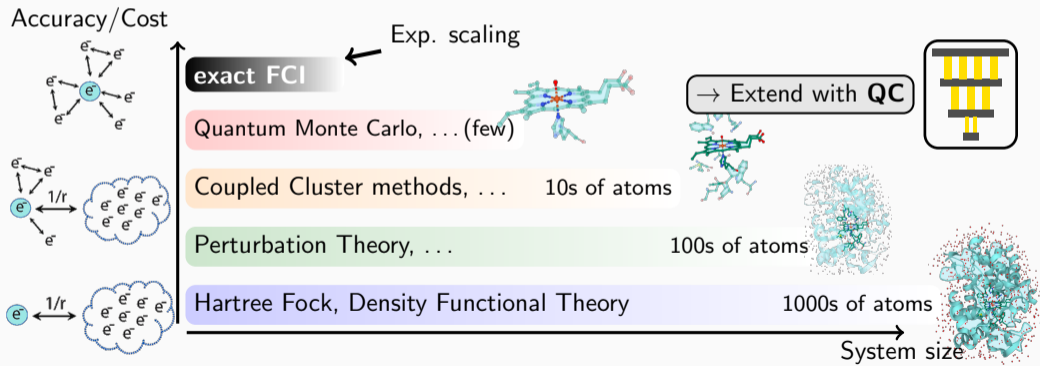
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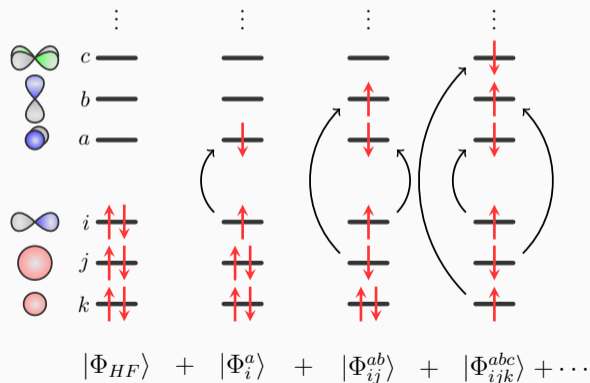
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Exponential scaling of Full Configuration Interaction

FCI \Rightarrow exact solution in a given basis: linear combination of determinants

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Phi_{HF}\rangle + \sum_i c_i |\Phi_i\rangle$$



All possible excitations from HF determinant

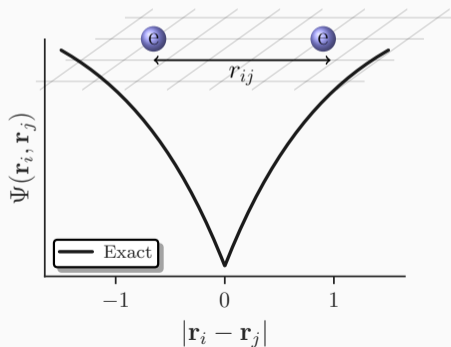
Number of possible states for given number of electrons, N , and orbitals, n , $\sim \binom{N}{n}$

Mol.	#orbitals	#electrons	#states
H ₂	2	2	4
LiH	4	4	36
Be ₂	8	8	4900
H ₂ O	12	12	$\sim 8 \cdot 10^5$
C ₂ H ₄	16	16	$\sim 16 \cdot 10^6$
F₂	18	18	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^9$

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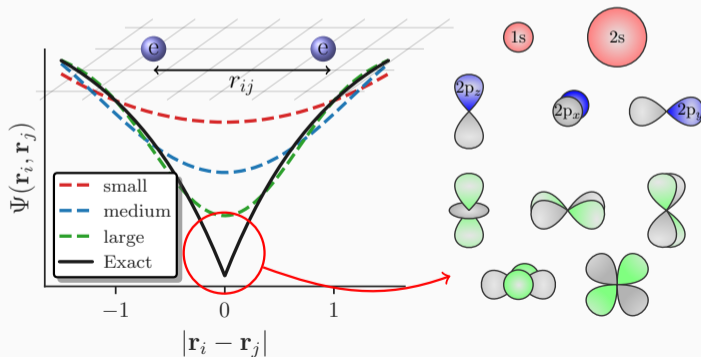


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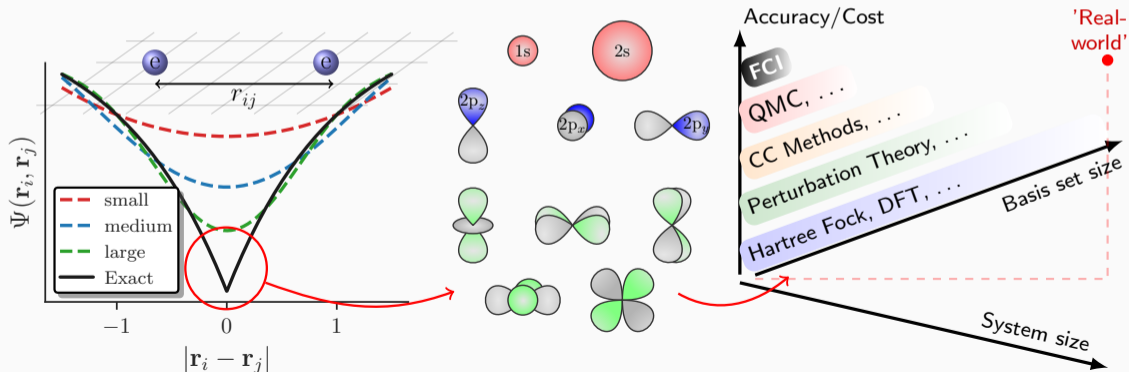


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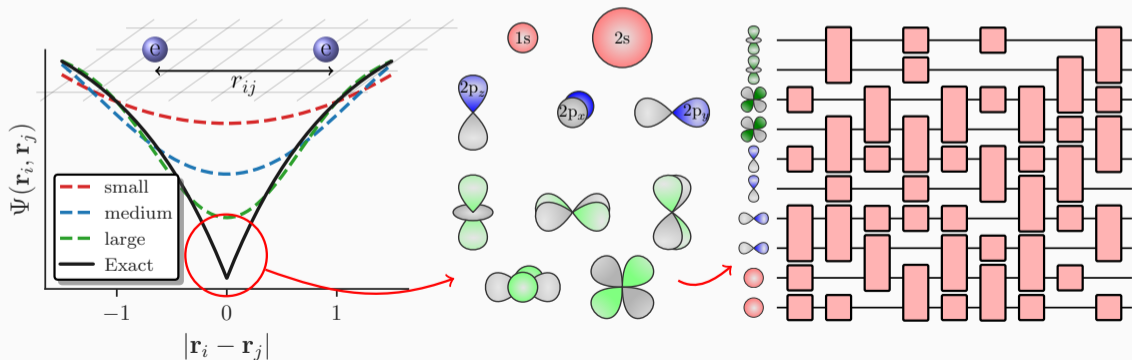


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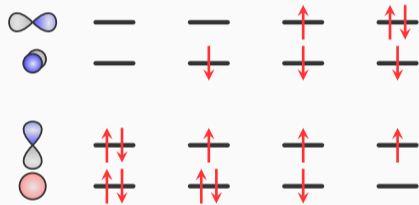
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The Case for Quantum

How can Quantum Computing help Quantum Chemistry?

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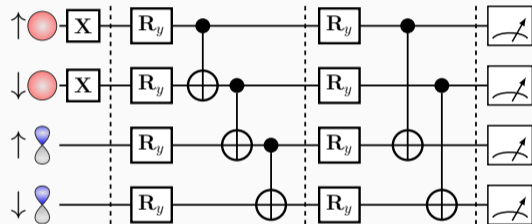
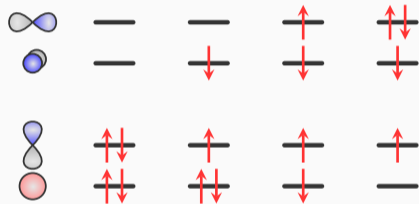


$$|\Phi_{\text{HF}}\rangle = |1100\rangle, |\Phi_i^a\rangle = |1010\rangle, \dots$$

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Fermion to qubit mapping

2^N states \longrightarrow N qubits

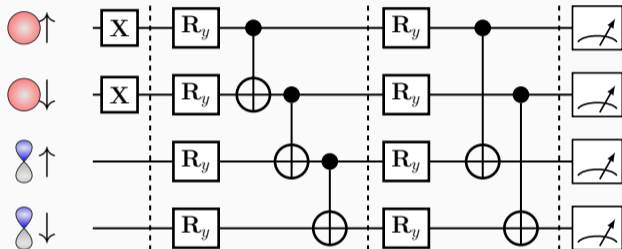
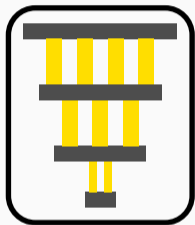


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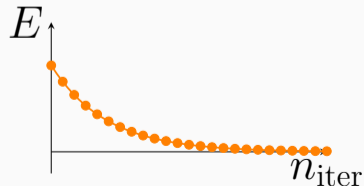
- Map our problem (Hamiltonian/basis functions) onto quantum hardware/qubits
 - Qubits encode occupation of spin-orbitals $\in [0, 1]$
- \rightarrow Use quantum algorithms for ground-, excited states, dynamics, ...

Quantum Chemistry on Quantum Computers

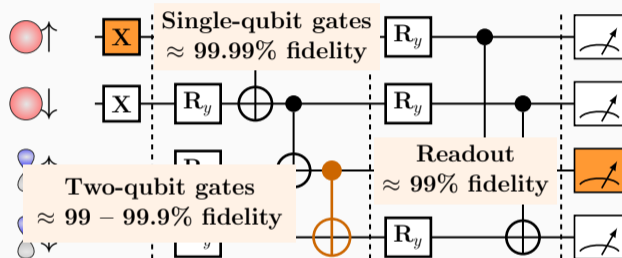
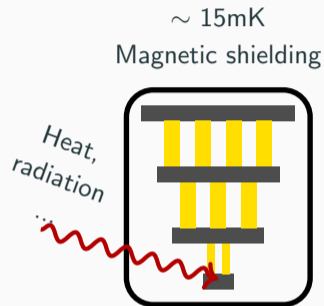
$\sim 15\text{mK}$
Magnetic shielding



Variational Quantum Eigensolver:

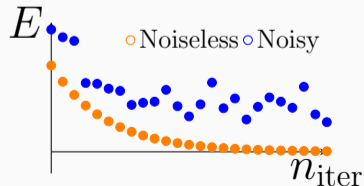


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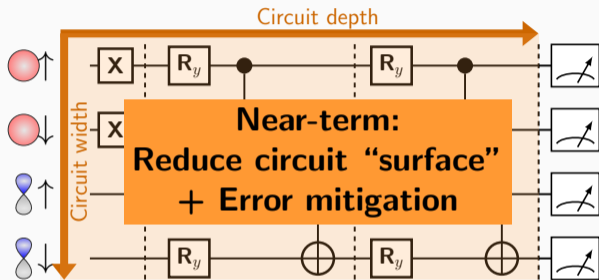
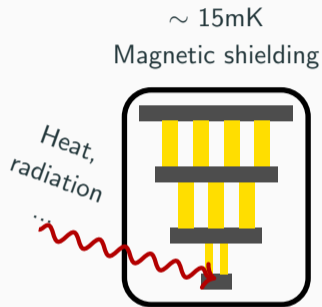


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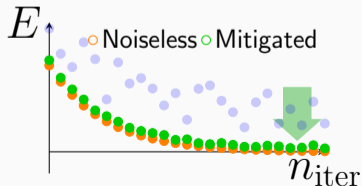


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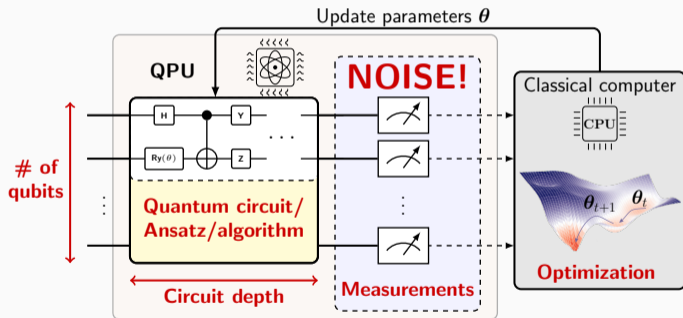
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Near-term approaches and our work

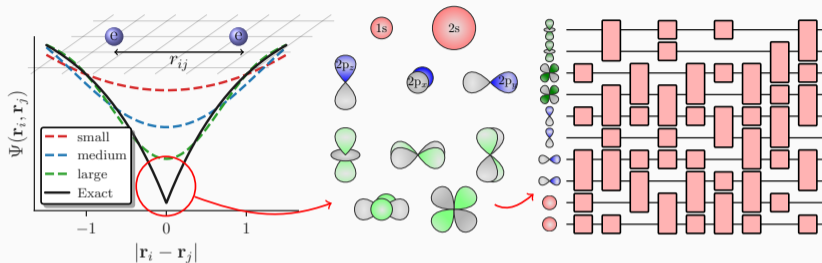
Hybrid Quantum-Classical: Use benefits of both quantum and classical resources



- Algorithms:
 - Quantum imaginary time evolution (QITE)
 - Classical optimization
 - Resource reduction: Qubits and circuit depth
 - Error mitigation

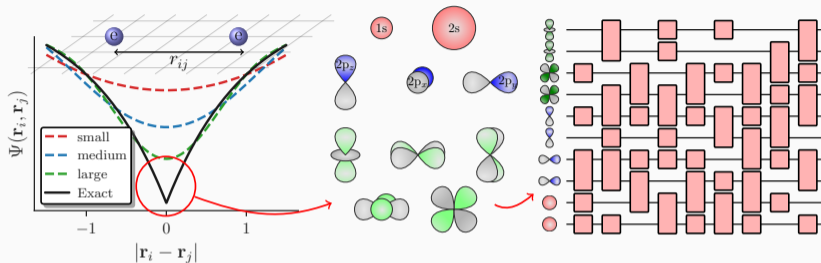
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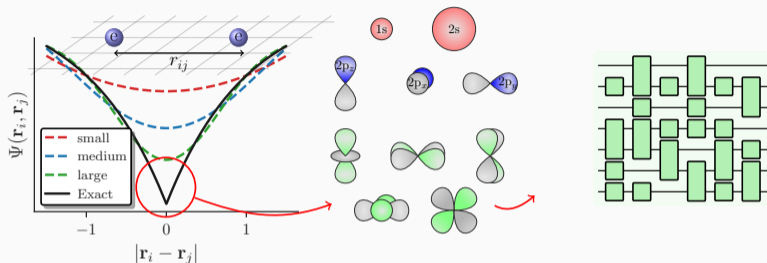
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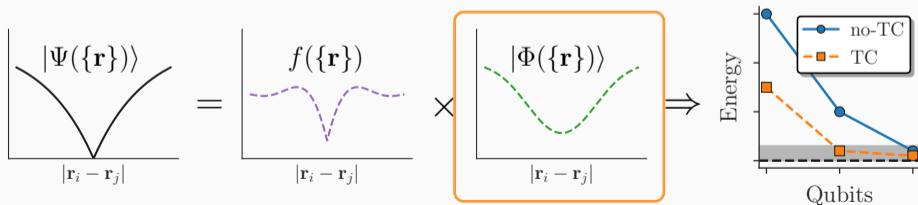
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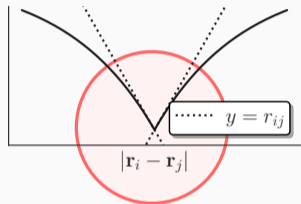
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Explicitly Correlated methods



Linear behavior in electron-electron distance

$$r_{ij} = |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j| \text{ for small } r_{ij}!$$

$$\mathbf{R12} \text{ methods}^*: |\Psi\rangle = r_{ij} |\Phi\rangle$$

$$\mathbf{F12} \text{ methods}^\dagger: |\Psi\rangle = f(r_{ij}) |\Phi\rangle, \quad f(r_{ij}) = \frac{1 - \exp(-\gamma r_{ij})}{\gamma}$$

$$\mathbf{Jastrow Ansatz}^\ddagger: |\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle, \quad \hat{J} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} g(\tilde{r}_{ij})$$

J_{ij} are optimizable parameters and $g(\tilde{r}_{ij})$ polynomials dependent on the electron positions.

We use VMC[#] to classically optimize the Jastrow factor \hat{J} , which scales as $\mathcal{O}(n_{\text{el}}^3)$

* Kutzelnigg, Theoretica chimica acta 68, 445 (1985); [†] Ten-no, J. Chem. Phys. 121, 117 (2004); [‡] Jastrow, Phys. Rev. 98, 1479 (1955); [#] Haupt, Hosseini, López Ríos, WD, Cohen and Alavi, JCP 158, 224105 (2023);

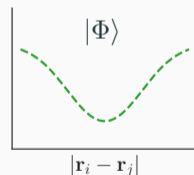
Cusp Condition – The Transcorrelated (TC) Method

The transcorrelated (TC) method: use a Jastrow Ansatz, $e^{\hat{J}}$, with optimizable parameters J_{ij} (via VMC[†]) to describe the cusp condition and/or capture part of correlation.

$$|\Psi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle = \exp \left[\sum_{ij} J_{ij} g(\tilde{r}_{ij}) \right] |\Phi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle$$

Incorporate $e^{\hat{J}}$ into Hamiltonian and solve a similarity transformed problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} |\Psi\rangle &= E |\Psi\rangle, \quad \text{with} \quad |\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle \\ e^{-\hat{J}} \rightarrow | \quad \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle &= E e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle, \quad \left(\hat{J}^\dagger = \hat{J} \right) \\ \left(e^{-\hat{J}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}} \right) |\Phi\rangle &= E e^{-\hat{J}} e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle = E |\Phi\rangle \end{aligned}$$



$|\Phi\rangle$ easier to represent with less basis functions \rightarrow immense resource reduction

Similarity Transformation – Transcorrelated (TC) Method

Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff (BCH) exp. to obtain TC Hamiltonian:

$$\bar{H} = e^{-\hat{J}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}} = \hat{H} + [\hat{H}, \hat{J}] + \frac{1}{2} [[\hat{H}, \hat{J}], \hat{J}] + \dots$$

For the molecular Hamiltonian the BCH exp. terminates at 2nd order, as only kinetic energy operators in \hat{H} do not commute with \hat{J} !

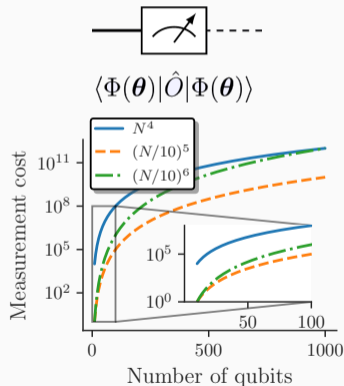
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{H} &= \hat{H} - \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 \hat{J} + (\nabla_i \hat{J}) \nabla_i + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_i \hat{J})^2 \right) \\ &= \hat{H} - \sum_{i < j} \hat{K}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) - \sum_{i < j < k} \hat{L}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_k)\end{aligned}$$

- Exact transformation
- 3-body terms and non-Hermitian!
- **Rapid basis set convergence!**

Scaling of TC – Measurement Cost

$$\bar{H} = \sum_{pq,\sigma} h_q^p a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs,\sigma\tau} \bar{V}_{rs}^{pq} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{s,\tau} a_{r,\sigma} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{pqrst,\sigma\tau\lambda} L_{st\lambda}^{pqr} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{r,\lambda}^\dagger a_{u,\lambda} a_{t,\tau} a_{s,\sigma}$$

- Measurement formally scaling as N^6 , with N being the number of orbitals
- Shown that N^6 -scaling terms can be neglected to good accuracy*
- **xTC work on N^4 -scaling approximation[‡]**
- **Order of magnitude less orbitals:** since also no core functions needed in basis set[†]
- **Shorter circuit depth,** due to more compact ground state![#]



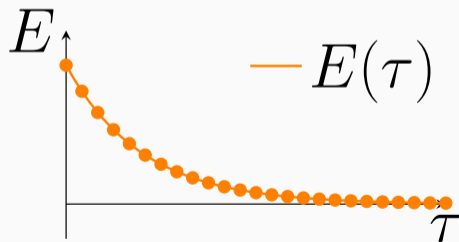
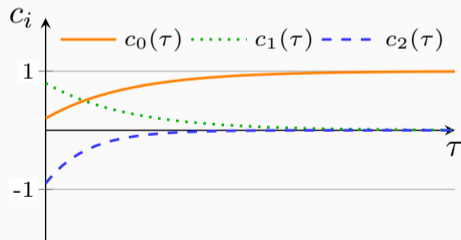
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Since the TC Hamiltonian is non Hermitian, variational algorithms like VQE are not applicable!
→ Quantum Imaginary Time Evolution!

(Quantum) Imaginary Time Evolution – QITE

→ Solve for the **right** eigenvector of non-Hermitian \bar{H} by projecting on the ground state with **(quantum) imaginary-time evolution (QITE)**

$$i \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle}{\partial t} = \hat{H} |\Psi\rangle \quad \xrightarrow{\tau=it} \quad \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle}{\partial \tau} = -\hat{H} |\Psi\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad |\Psi_0\rangle = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\hat{H}\tau} |\Phi(0)\rangle$$



Variational Ansatz-based QITE – VarQITE

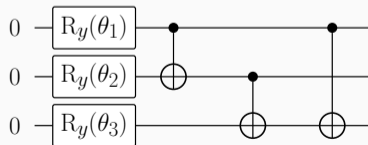
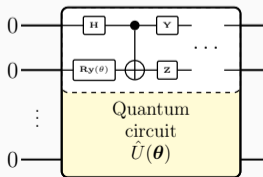
(Normalized) imaginary-time (Wick-rotated) Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\partial |\Psi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \tau} = -(\hat{H} - E_\tau) |\Psi(\tau)\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad |\Psi(\tau)\rangle = e^{-\delta\tau(\hat{H} - E_\tau)} |\Psi(0)\rangle$$

$$\text{with } E_\tau = \langle \Psi(\tau) | \hat{H} | \Psi(\tau) \rangle$$

would yield the ground state, but **non-unitary** $e^{-\tau(\hat{H} - E_\tau)}$ not possible on a QC!
Approximate $|\Psi(\tau)\rangle$ with an “Ansatz” with parametrized unitary gates:

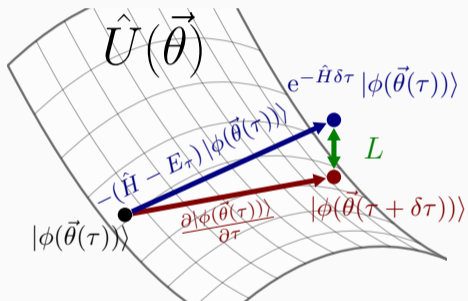
$$|\Psi(\tau)\rangle \approx |\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle = \hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau)) |0\rangle$$



State preparation $|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle = \hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) |0\rangle$

VarQITE – Details

Map imaginary-time evolution to parameters $\theta(\tau)$ of Ansatz $|\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle \approx |\Psi(\tau)\rangle$



- Imag-time Schrödinger equation, for small $\delta\tau$:

$$e^{-\delta\tau(\hat{H}-E_\tau)} \approx (1 - \delta\tau(\hat{H} - E_\tau))$$

- Variation of $|\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle$ w.r.t. to parameters $\partial\theta$:

$$|\Phi(\theta(\tau + \delta\tau))\rangle \approx |\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle + \sum_j \frac{\partial |\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \tau} \delta\tau$$

- McLachlan's variational principle

$$\delta \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + (\hat{H} - E_\tau) \right) |\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle \right| = 0$$

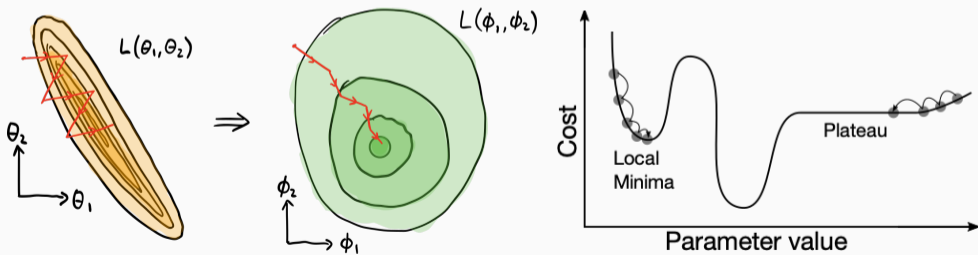
Evolution of parameters: $\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$, $A_{ij} = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j}$ $C_i = -\frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle$

VarQITE – Connection to Quantum Natural Gradient

- Incorporate the geometry of the Ansatz, $|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle = \hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta})|0\rangle$, with metric:

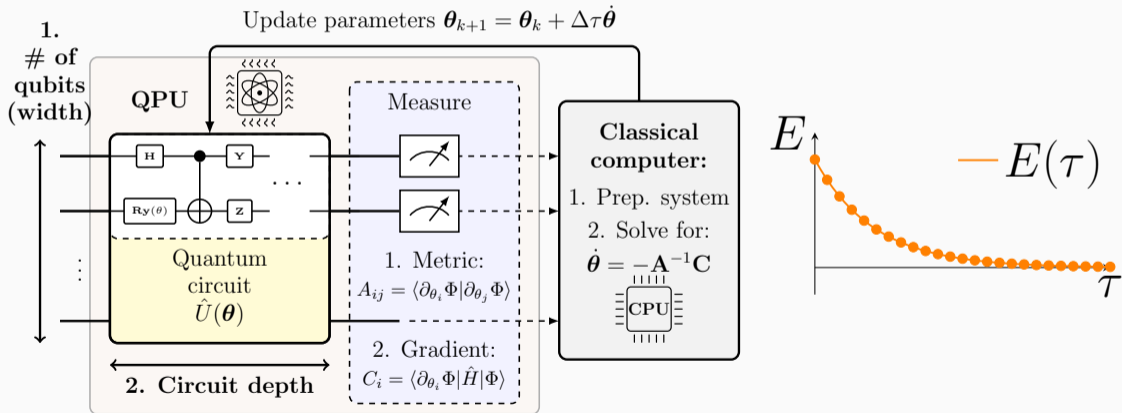
$$A_{ij} = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j}$$

- *Natural gradient* update rule: $\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = -\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$



QITE Workflow

Can be performed in a NISQ-friendly hybrid approach



Pros:

- No classical optimization
- Convergence (more) robust against noise
- Applicable to open/transport problems (**non Hermitian Hamiltonians**)

Cons:

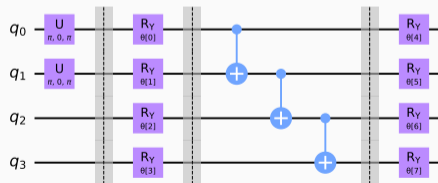
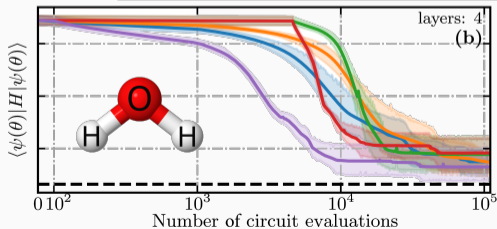
- 2nd order method \rightarrow metric \mathbf{A} needs to be measured – n_θ^2 scaling with n_θ parameters
- \mathbf{A} can be singular \rightarrow inversion \mathbf{A}^{-1} can be problematic

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Quasi-Newton approximation and an adaptive momentum (ADAM) approach to update the metric (with Sherman-Morrison formula direct update of \mathbf{A}^{-1} !)

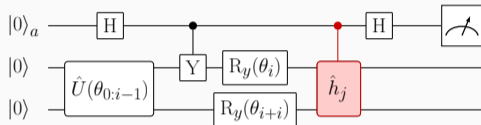
$$\mathbf{A}_{k+1} \approx (1 - \epsilon_k)\mathbf{A}_k + \epsilon_k \mathbf{C}_k \mathbf{C}_k^T$$

Immense reduction in circuit evaluations and improved convergence



VarQITE with non-Hermitian \bar{H}

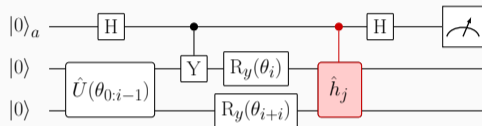
Hermitian gradient (i.e. lin. comb. of unitaries): $C_i = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle$, $\hat{H} = \sum_j c_j \hat{h}_j$



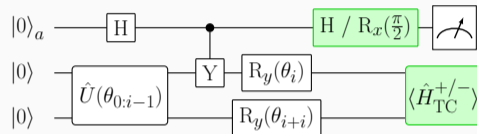
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Sokolov, **WD**, et al, PR Res. 5 (2), 023174

In the TC case: split non-Hermitian Hamiltonian in Hermitian and anti-Hermitian part:

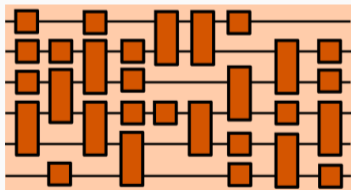
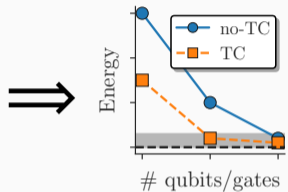
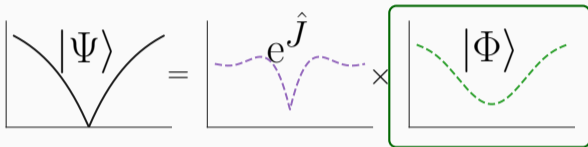
$$\hat{H}_{TC}^+ = \hat{H}_{TC} + \hat{H}_{TC}^\dagger, \quad \hat{H}_{TC}^- = \hat{H}_{TC} - \hat{H}_{TC}^\dagger$$

$$C_i = \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC} | \Phi \rangle + \langle \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC}^\dagger | \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi \rangle \right) = \frac{C_i^+ + C_i^-}{4}$$

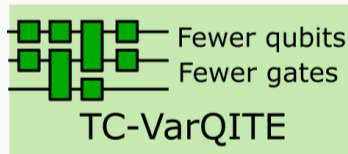
$$C_i^+ = 2 \langle \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC}^+ | \Phi \rangle, \quad C_i^- = 2 \langle \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC}^- | \Phi \rangle$$

Results: Hubbard model and ab initio quantum chemistry problems

TC for QC – Motivation



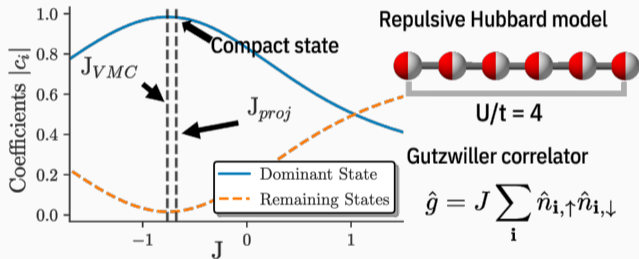
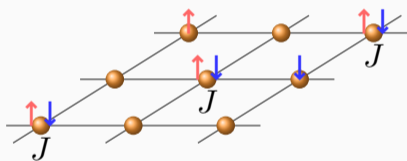
$$e^{-\hat{J}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}}$$



Reduce circuit depth with Transcorrelation

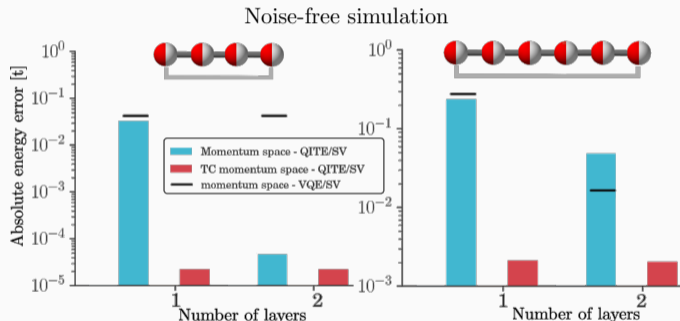
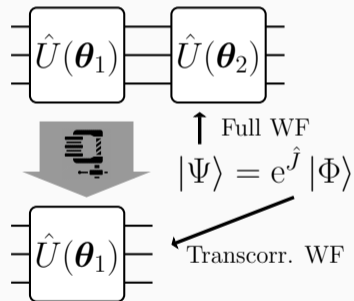
Suppress energetically unfavourable double occupancies via the *Gutzwiller Ansatz*:

$$\hat{g} = J \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow} : \quad \hat{H} \rightarrow e^{-\hat{g}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{g}}$$



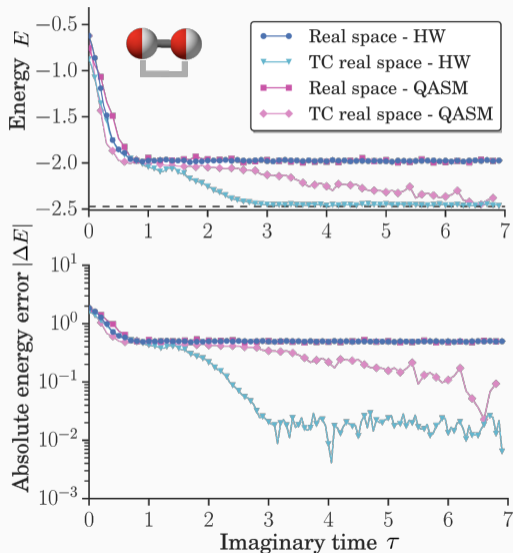
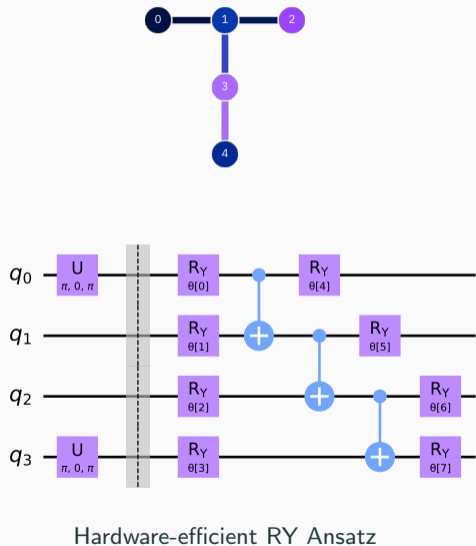
- **Increased compactness** of the right EV, due to downfolding of correlations into Hamiltonian
- Does the increased compactness/more single reference character have an impact on the necessary quantum Ansatz depth?

Transcorrelation \Rightarrow **shallower quantum circuits** for accurate results!



Noiseless statevector results, UCCSD Ansatz

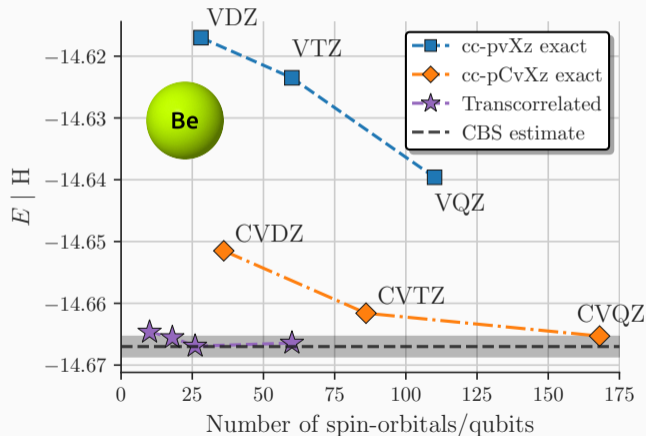
Experimental results for the Hubbard model on `ibmq_lima`



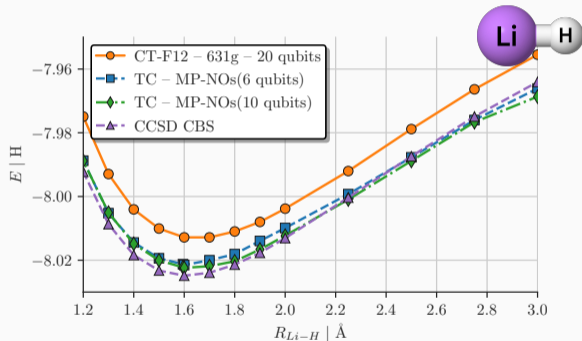
Beryllium atom – JCTC 20 (10), 4146

Beryllium atom – exact simulation of a quantum device (no noise)

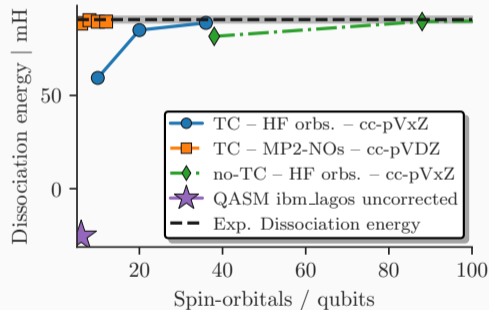
Goal: complete basis set (CBS) limit \rightarrow full description to compare with experiment



Lithium hydride – Potential energy surface and dissociation energy



Energy vs. bond distance – noiseless simulation

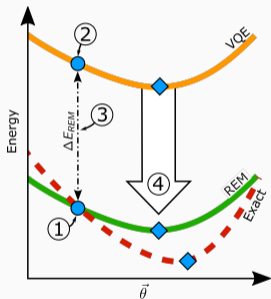


Noiseless and simulation of noisy quantum device (QASM) with hardware-efficient Ansatz

Reference-state Error Mitigation

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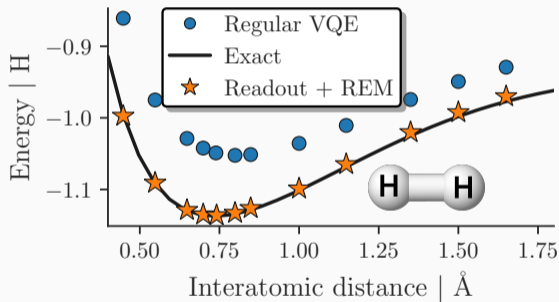
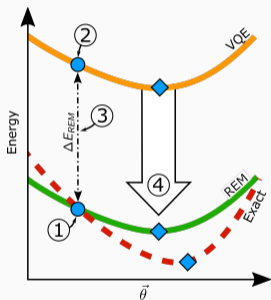


- Classically compute exact reference energy (i.e. Hartree-Fock), $E(\theta_{\text{ref}})$
- Measure reference energy on noisy device $\mathcal{E}(\theta_{\text{ref}})$, with reference parameters θ_{ref}
- Calculate REM correction:
$$\Delta E_{\text{REM}} = \mathcal{E}(\theta_{\text{ref}}) - E(\theta_{\text{ref}})$$
- Correct final VQE energy with REM correction

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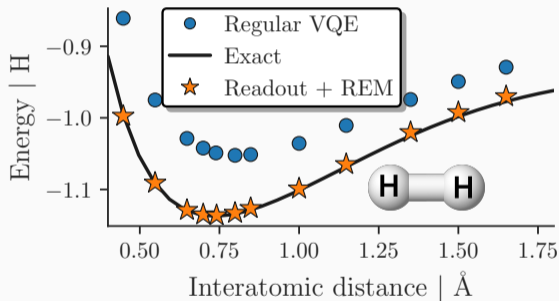
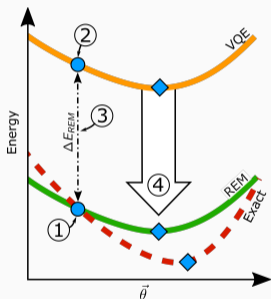
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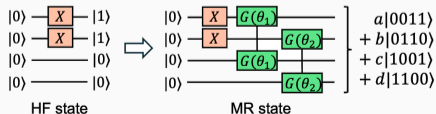
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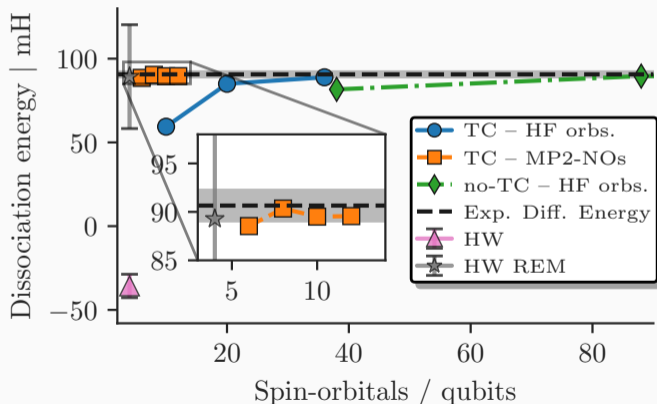
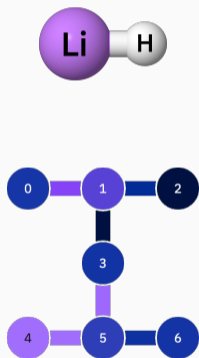


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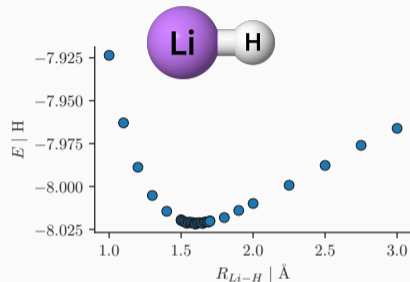
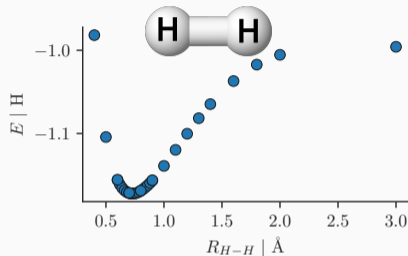


LiH – Experiment on IBM Quantum devices – JCTC 20 (10), 4146

Hardware (HW) experiment: **lithium hydride** dissociation energy on `ibm_lagos`.
Hardware efficient RY Ansatz with linear entangling layer and parity encoding



Spectroscopic Constants



	H ₂				LiH			
	qubits	$R_e(\text{Å})$	$D_0(\text{eV})$	$\omega_e(\text{cm}^{-1})$	qubits	$R_e(\text{Å})$	$D_0(\text{eV})$	$\omega_e(\text{cm}^{-1})$
no-TC	4	0.7330	3.67	4954	12	1.5422	2.66	1690
	8	0.7462	3.87	4297	22	1.6717	1.80	1283
	20	0.7609	4.19	4353	38	1.6154	2.17	1360
TC	4	0.7428	4.69	4435	6	1.5998	2.47	1390
Exp.		0.7414	4.52	4401		1.5949	2.47	1406

Adaptive Circuit Ansätze

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2) Operator pool

$$\hat{A}_m = \left\{ \left(\hat{\tau}_p^q + \hat{\tau}_p^{\bar{q}} \right), \left(\hat{\tau}_{pq}^{rs} + \hat{\tau}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}}^{r\bar{s}} \right), \left(\hat{\tau}_{p\bar{q}}^{r\bar{s}} + \hat{\tau}_{\bar{p}q}^{rs} \right) \right\}$$

3) Initialize

$$|\psi^{(0)}\rangle = |\psi^{\text{HF}}\rangle$$

Select operators from pool

$n = n + 1$

4) Prepare states

5) Measure gradients

$$\frac{\partial E^{(n)}}{\partial \theta_1} = \langle \psi^{(n)} | [\hat{H}, \hat{A}_1] | \psi^{(n)} \rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial E^{(n)}}{\partial \theta_2} = \langle \psi^{(n)} | [\hat{H}, \hat{A}_2] | \psi^{(n)} \rangle$$

⋮

$$\frac{\partial E^{(n)}}{\partial \theta_N} = \langle \psi^{(n)} | [\hat{H}, \hat{A}_N] | \psi^{(n)} \rangle$$

Done

Yes

6) Converged?

No

Select operator with largest gradient

7) Grow ansatz

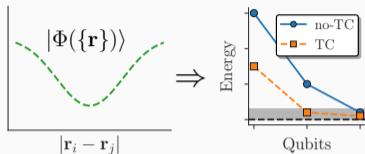
$$|\psi_{\text{guess}}^{(n+1)}\rangle = e^{0\hat{A}_{n+1}} |\psi^{(n)}\rangle$$

8) VQE: Re-optimize all parameters

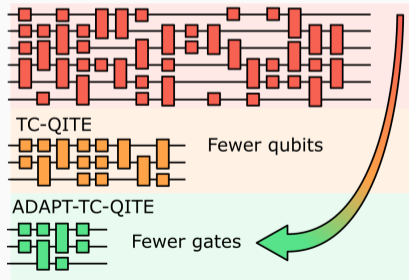
$$E^{(n+1)} = \min_{\vec{\theta}^{(n+1)}} \langle \psi^{\text{HF}} | e^{-\theta_1 \hat{A}_1} \dots e^{-\theta_{n+1} \hat{A}_{n+1}} \hat{H} e^{\theta_{n+1} \hat{A}_{n+1}} \dots e^{\theta_1 \hat{A}_1} | \psi^{\text{HF}} \rangle$$

$$\vec{\theta}_{\text{guess}}^{(n+1)} = \{\vec{\theta}^{(n)}, 0\}$$

Transcorrelation with Adaptive Circuit Ansätze

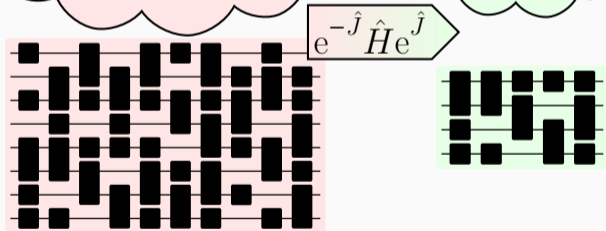


Smaller basis \rightarrow fewer qubits

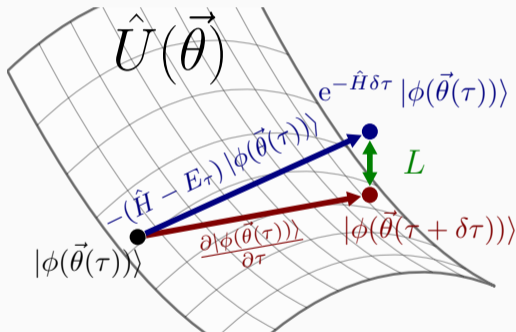
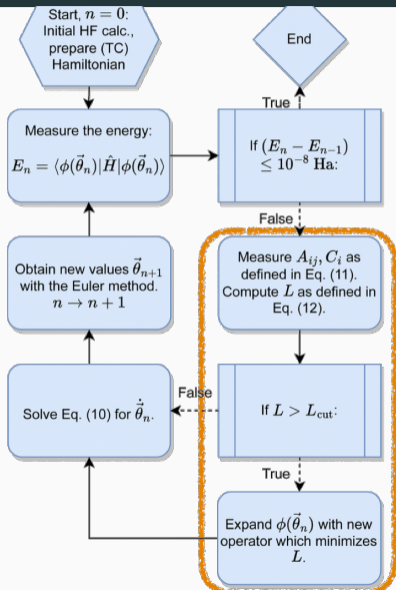


Full operator pool:
 $\hat{U}_1, \hat{U}_2, \hat{U}_3, \hat{U}_4, \hat{U}_5, \hat{U}_6, \hat{U}_7,$
 $\hat{U}_8, \hat{U}_9, \hat{U}_{10}, \dots$

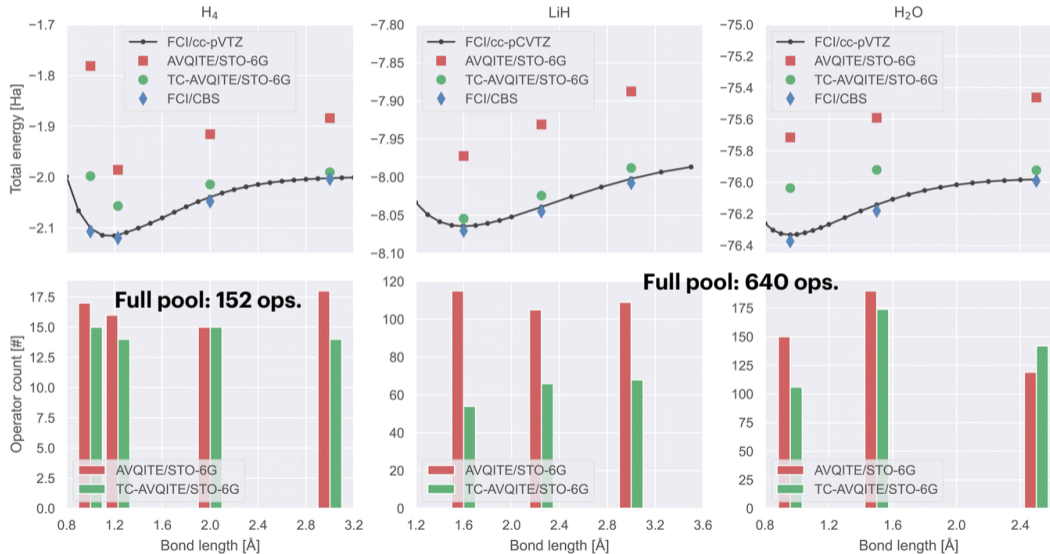
ADAPT:
 $\hat{U}'_1, \hat{U}'_2, \hat{U}'_3, \hat{U}'_4$



TC-Adaptive-VarQITE – Faraday Discuss., 254, 402

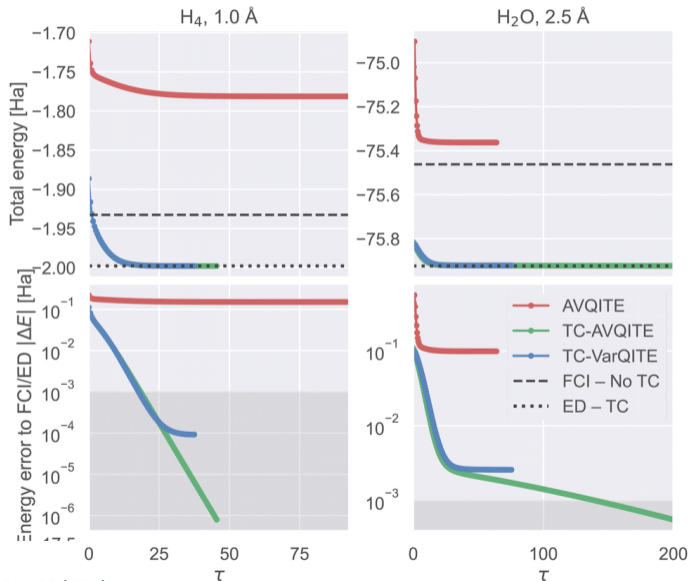


TC-AVQITE – Results – Qubit-ADAPT UCCSD Pool



TC-AVQITE – Improved Convergence

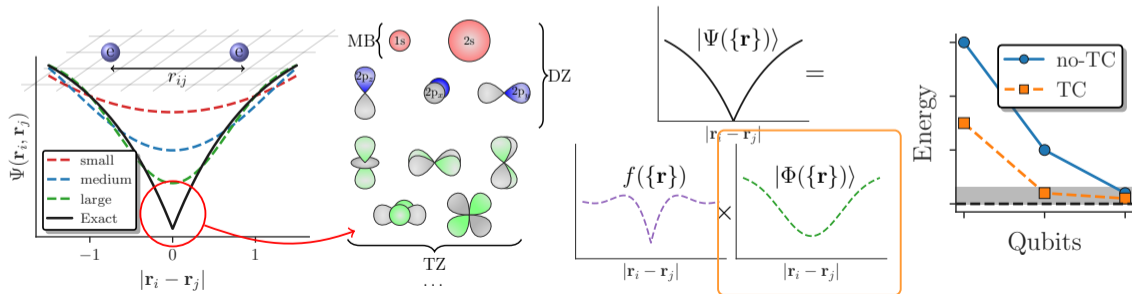
- More compact right eigenvector \rightarrow shallower circuits
- Better convergence of TC calculations compared to non-TC results
- Additionally improved convergence compared to “full” UCCSD Ansatz.



Conclusions

Conclusion – Transcorrelated Approach on Quantum Hardware

- The **TC method** partially transfers electronic correlations from the wavefunction into the Hamiltonian, **capturing the cusp condition**.
- **Reduce qubit requirements and circuit depth**, due to accurate results with a small basis sets and more compact (right) eigenvectors
- With efficient error mitigation techniques → **extends applicability of current and near-term quantum devices** to more relevant quantum chemistry problems.



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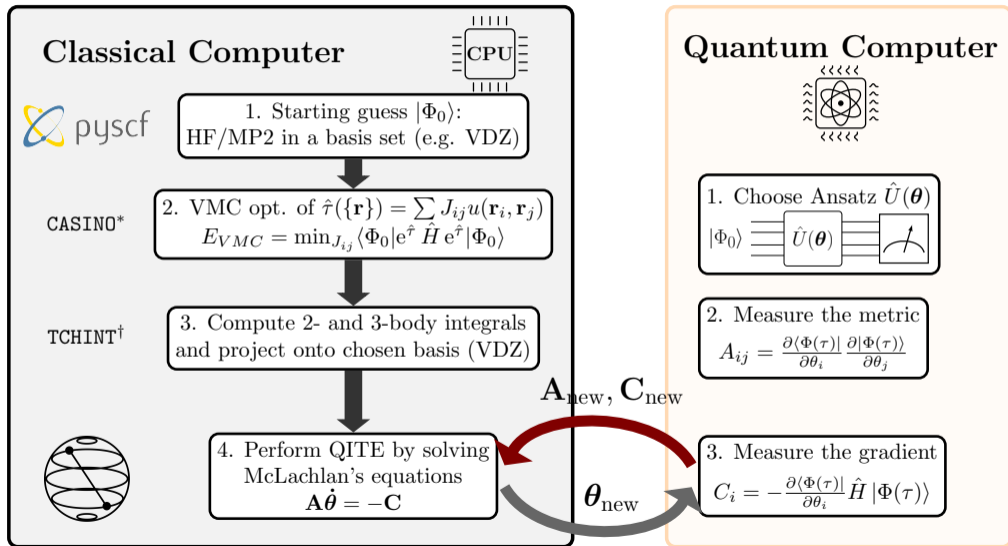


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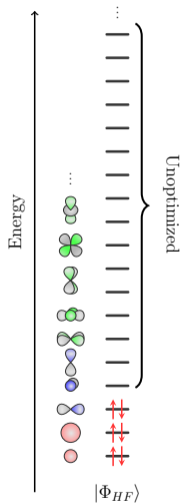


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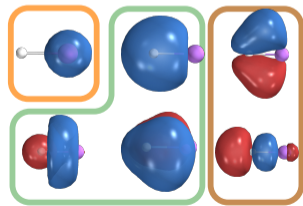
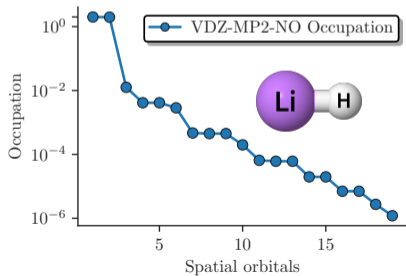
Workflow



(Virtual) orbital optimization



- “Standard basis sets” not optimized for the TC method
- include effect of virtuals through orbital optimization / downfolding
- e.g. natural orbitals (NO) from a “cheap” perturbation theory (MP2) calculation



Three ingredients:

- Evolution of $|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle$ according to imaginary time Schrödinger equation, $|\Psi(\tau)\rangle = e^{-\tau(\hat{H}-S_\tau)} |\Psi(0)\rangle$ for small $\delta\tau$: $e^{-\delta\tau(\hat{H}-S_\tau)} \approx (1 - \delta\tau(\hat{H} - S_\tau))$

$$|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau + \delta\tau))\rangle \approx \left[1 - \delta\tau(\hat{H} - S_\tau)\right] |\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle \quad (1)$$

- Variation of $|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle$ w.r.t. to parameters $\partial\theta$:

$$|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau + \delta\tau))\rangle \approx |\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle + \sum_j \frac{\partial |\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \tau} \delta\tau \quad (2)$$

Equate r.h.s. of Eqs. (1) and (2) \Rightarrow

McLachlan's variational principle

$$\implies \sum_j \frac{\partial |\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \dot{\theta}_j \approx -(\hat{H} - S_\tau) |\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle, \quad \text{with} \quad \dot{\theta}_j = \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \tau} \quad (3)$$

3. McLachlan's variational principle to minimize the distance between l.h.s and r.h.s. of (3)

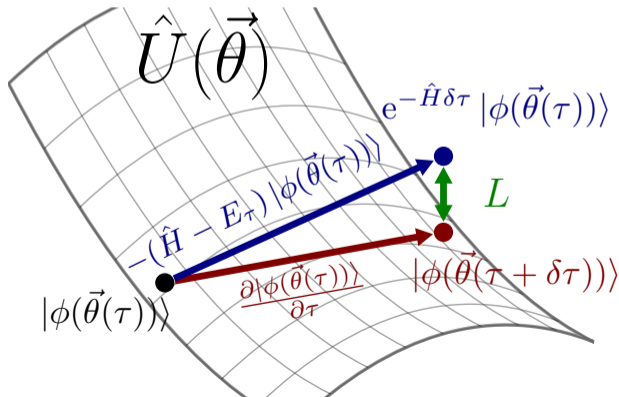
$$\delta \left\| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \hat{H} - S_\tau \right) |\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle \right\| = 0, \quad \text{with} \quad \|\Phi\rangle = \sqrt{\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle}.$$

After some calculations we find a formula to update the parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ to emulate imaginary time evolution on quantum computers

Simulate the imaginary-time (Wick-rotated) Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\partial |\Psi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \tau} = -(\hat{H} - E_\tau) |\Psi(\tau)\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad |\Psi(\tau)\rangle = e^{-\delta\tau(\hat{H} - E_\tau)} |\Psi(0)\rangle$$

by mapping on time evolution of parameters $\theta(\tau)$



- Ansatz $|\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle = \hat{U}(\theta(\tau)) |0\rangle$

- McLachlan's variational principle

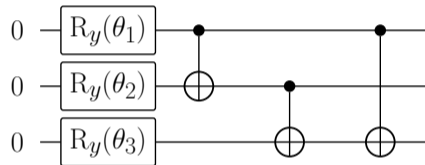
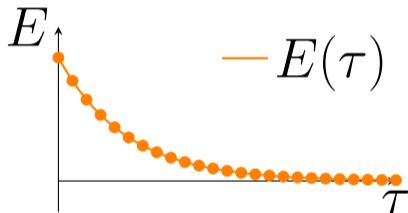
$$\delta \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + (\hat{H} - E_\tau) \right) |\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle \right| = 0$$

- Evolution of parameters $\mathbf{A} \cdot \dot{\theta} = C$

$$A_{ij} = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial |\Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \quad C_i = -\frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \hat{H} |\Phi \rangle$$

Quantum Imaginary Time Evolution

Imaginary-time evolution (ITE) applicable to efficiently solve for groundstate energy on quantum hardware



State preparation $|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle = \hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) |0\rangle$

Quantum ITE: Map imaginary-time evolution of $|\Phi(\tau)\rangle$ to change of gate parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau)$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{C}, \quad A_{ij} = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \quad C_i = -\frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle$$

with the metric (quantum Fisher information), \mathbf{A} , and the gradient of the cost function, \mathbf{C} .

Connection to natural gradient

Equation for change in parameters θ due to McLachlan's variational principle to enable Ansatz-based quantum imaginary time evolution:

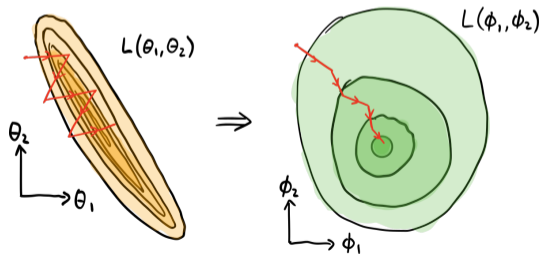
$$\sum_j A_{ij} \dot{\theta}_j = C_i, \quad \implies \dot{\theta} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{C}$$

with the metric:

$$A_{ij} = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi | \partial \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j}$$

and energy gradient:

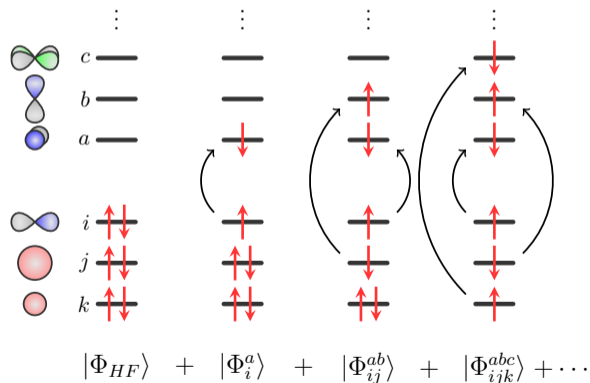
$$C_i = -\frac{\partial \langle \Phi | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i}$$



Exponential scaling of Full Configuration Interaction

FCI \Rightarrow exact solution in a given basis: linear combination of determinants

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Phi_{HF}\rangle + \sum_i c_i |\Phi_i\rangle$$



All possible excitations from HF determinant

Number of possible states for given number of electrons, N , and orbitals, n , $\sim \binom{N}{n}$

Mol.	#orbitals	#electrons	#states
H ₂	2	2	4
LiH	4	4	36
Be ₂	8	8	4900
H ₂ O	12	12	$\sim 8 \cdot 10^5$
C ₂ H ₄	16	16	$\sim 16 \cdot 10^6$
F₂	18	18	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^9$

Variational Quantum Monte Carlo to optimize Jastrow factors

Minimize variational energy, by optimizing trial wavefunction parameters J_{ij} :

$$E_{VMC} = \min_{\hat{J}(J_{ij})} \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | e^{\hat{J}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}} | \Phi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | e^{2\hat{J}} | \Phi_0 \rangle}, \quad |\Phi_T\rangle = e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

- The choice of trial wavefunction is critical in VMC calculations \rightarrow accuracy limited by $|\Phi_T\rangle = e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi_0\rangle!$
- Hartree-Fock state usually first starting point for $|\Phi_0\rangle$, but more elaborate/accurate states possible...
- Polynomial scaling $\sim N^3$
- Such a VMC calculations to optimize J_{ij} with a HF state $|\Phi_0\rangle = |\Phi_{HF}\rangle$ our **starting point** for the **transcorrelated method**

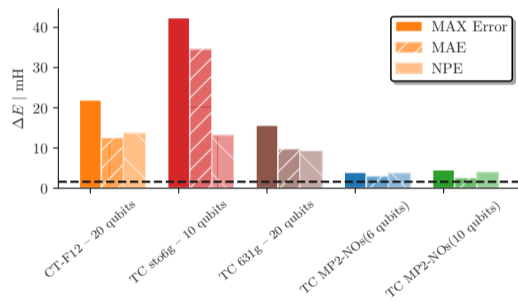
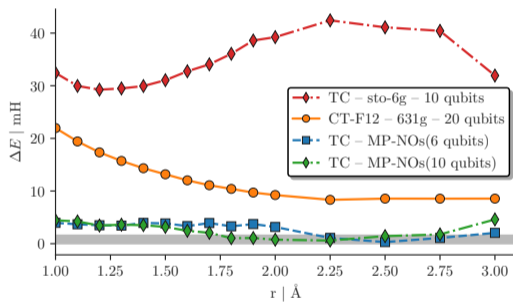
Jastrow s.t. Hamiltonian in 2nd quantised form

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{H} = & \sum_{pq,\sigma} h_q^p a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} (V_{rs}^{pq} - K_{rs}^{pq}) \sum_{\sigma,\tau} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{s,\tau} a_{r,\sigma} \\ & - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{pqrst} L_{st}^{pqr} \sum_{\sigma\tau\lambda} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{r,\lambda}^\dagger a_{u,\lambda} a_{t,\tau} a_{s,\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}K_{rs}^{pq} &= \langle \phi_p \phi_q | \hat{K} | \phi_r \phi_s \rangle \\ L_{st}^{pqr} &= \langle \phi_p \phi_q \phi_r | \hat{L} | \phi_s \phi_t \phi_u \rangle \quad (48\text{-fold symmetry in } L \text{ for real orbitals})\end{aligned}$$

Both integrals K and L are computed numerically using standard DFT grids over gaussian orbitals. The main problem is the storage of L . Current limit ≈ 80 orbitals

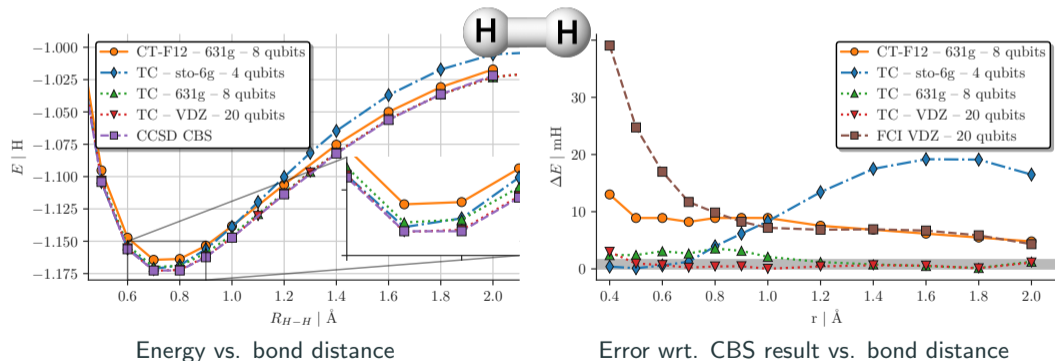


Hydrogen molecule

Favorite quantum chemistry test case: Hydrogen molecule – H_2

CT-F12 approximated explicitly correlated method, by Motta *et al.**

Exact statevector simulation – UCCSD Ansatz



*CT-F12: Motta *et al.*, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **22**, 24270, 2020

Imaginary Time Evolution (ITE) – Normalization

$E_0 - S_\tau = 0$ would require knowledge of ground state. Alternative, and also to ensure proper normalization:

For small time-steps $\Delta\tau$ approximate exponential by first-order Taylor approximation* and obtain iterative solution:

$$e^{-\Delta\tau(\hat{H}-S_\tau)} \approx 1 - \Delta\tau(\hat{H} - S_\tau) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2) \quad \rightarrow \quad |\Psi(\tau + \Delta\tau)\rangle = \left[1 - \Delta\tau(\hat{H} - S_\tau)\right] |\Psi(\tau)\rangle \quad (4)$$

Assuming $\langle\Psi(\tau)|\Psi(\tau)\rangle = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\Psi(\tau + \Delta\tau)|\Psi(\tau + \Delta\tau)\rangle &= \langle\Psi(\tau)|\left[1 - \Delta\tau(\hat{H} - S_\tau)\right]^2|\Psi(\tau)\rangle \stackrel{!}{=} 1 \\ &= \underbrace{\langle\Psi(\tau)|\Psi(\tau)\rangle}_{=1} - 2\Delta\tau \underbrace{\left(\langle\Psi(\tau)|\hat{H}|\Psi(\tau)\rangle - S_\tau\right)}_{\stackrel{!}{=}0} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta\tau^2) \end{aligned}$$

$\implies S_\tau = \langle\Psi(\tau)|\hat{H}|\Psi(\tau)\rangle$ ensures normalization of $|\Psi(\tau)\rangle$ and allows ITE to converge to the groundstate

* for $\Delta\tau < 1/E_W$, with $E_W = E_{max} - E_0$ being the many-body spectral width, Trivedi and Ceperley, Phys. Rev. B, 41, 4552 (1990)

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | \left(\partial / \partial \tau + \hat{H} - S_\tau \right)^\dagger \left(\partial / \partial \tau + \hat{H} - S_\tau \right) | \Phi \rangle &= \sum_{ij} \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \dot{\theta}_i \dot{\theta}_j + \sum_i \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} (\hat{H} - S_\tau) | \Phi \rangle \dot{\theta}_i \\
&+ \sum_i \langle \Phi | (\hat{H} - S_\tau) \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i} \dot{\theta}_i + \langle \Phi | (\hat{H} - S_\tau)^2 | \Phi \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Variations in $\dot{\theta}_i \implies$ and focusing on one term in $\dot{\theta}_i$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \| (\partial / \partial \tau + \hat{H} - S_\tau) | \Phi \rangle \|}{\partial \dot{\theta}_i} &= \sum_j \left(\frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j} + \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_j} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i} \right) \dot{\theta}_j \\
&+ \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle + \langle \Phi | \hat{H} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i} - S_\tau \left(\frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} | \Phi \rangle + \langle \Phi | \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle = 1, \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i} &= \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} | \Phi \rangle + \langle \Phi | \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_i} = 0 \\
\implies \frac{\partial \| (\partial / \partial \tau + \hat{H} - S_\tau) | \Phi \rangle \|}{\partial \dot{\theta}_i} &= \sum_j A_{ij} \dot{\theta}_j - C_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0
\end{aligned}$$

Monotonic energy convergence

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dE(\tau)}{d\tau} &= \langle \Phi(\tau) | \hat{H} \frac{d|\Phi(\tau)\rangle}{d\tau} \rangle = \sum_i \langle \Phi(\tau) | \hat{H} \frac{\partial |\Phi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \theta_i} \rangle \dot{\theta}_i \\ &= - \sum_i C_i \dot{\theta}_i = - \sum_i C_i A_{ij}^{-1} C_j \leq 0,\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

if \mathbf{A}^{-1} is positive. For arbitrary $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)^T$:

$$\mathbf{x}^\dagger \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \sum_{ij} x_i^* A_{ij} x_j = \sum_{ij} x_i^* \left(\frac{\partial \langle \Phi(\tau) |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial |\Phi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \right) x_j$$

with a general $|\zeta\rangle = \sum_i x_i \frac{\partial |\Phi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \theta_i}$:

$$\sum_{ij} x_i^* \left(\frac{\partial \langle \Phi(\tau) |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial |\Phi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \right) x_j = \langle \zeta | \zeta \rangle \geq 0.$$

And we only consider non-zero eigenvalues in case \mathbf{A}^{-1} is singular

Linear combination of unitaries

Assuming: each unitary gate depends only on one parameter θ_i and each U_i is a rotation or controlled rotation gate.

$$\frac{\partial U_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \theta_i} = \sum_k f_{k,i} U_i(\theta_i) u_{k,i}, \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial |\Phi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \theta_i} = \sum_k f_{k,i} V'_{k,i} |\mathbf{0}\rangle \quad (7)$$

with a unitary operator $u_{k,i}$, scalar parameter $f_{k,i}$ and:

$$V'_{k,i} = U_n(\theta_n) \dots U_i(\theta_i) u_{k,i} \dots U_1(\theta_1)$$

Evaluation A and C with Quantum Circuits

How do we measure the metric, A , and the gradient, C on quantum hardware.

$$A_{ij} = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial | \Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j}, \quad C_i = -\frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle$$

$|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle$ encoded by unitary gates acting on initial state: Ansatz $\hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))$

$$|\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau))\rangle = \hat{U}_n(\theta_n(\tau)) \cdots \hat{U}_i(\theta_i(\tau)) \cdots \hat{U}_1(\theta_1(\tau)) |0\rangle = \hat{U}(\boldsymbol{\theta}(\tau)) |0\rangle$$

- Numerical differentiation/approximation: $\frac{\partial \hat{U}_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \theta_i} \approx \frac{\hat{U}_i(\theta_i + \Delta\theta_i) - \hat{U}_i(\theta_i)}{\Delta\theta_i}$
- Parameter-shift rule* (for single qubit gates): $R_z(\theta_i) = e^{-i\theta_i\sigma_z} \rightarrow \frac{\partial U_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \theta_i} = -i\sigma_z R_Z(\theta_i)$
- Linear combination of unitaries* (for general gates), see (7)ff for details

Derivative Example

- $U_i(\theta_i)$ is a single qubit rotation: $R_Z(\theta_i) = e^{-i\theta_i\sigma_z}$:

$$\frac{\partial U_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \theta_i} = -\frac{i}{2}\sigma_z R_Z(\theta_i)$$

→ add an extra σ_z gate with factor $-i/2$

- $U_i(\theta_i)$ a controlled rotation: $|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes R_Z(\theta_i)$:

$$\frac{\partial U_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \theta_i} = |1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes \partial R_Z(\theta_i)/\partial \theta_i = -\frac{i}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1| \otimes \sigma_z R_Z(\theta_i)$$

→ realized with

$$u_{1,i} = I \otimes \sigma_z, f_{1,i} = -i/4,$$

$$u_{2,i} = \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z, f_{2,i} = i/4$$

in $\sum_k f_{k,i} U_i(\theta_i) u_{k,i}$ from previous slide

Evaluation A and C with Quantum Circuits – cont.

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{k,l} f_{k,i}^* f_{l,j} \langle \mathbf{0} | V_{k,i}'^\dagger V_{l,j}' | \mathbf{0} \rangle, \quad C_i = \sum_{k,l} f_{k,l}^* \lambda_l \langle \mathbf{0} | V'^\dagger h_l \hat{V} | \mathbf{0} \rangle \quad (8)$$

with $\hat{H} = \sum_l \lambda_l h_l$. Both **A** and **C** are of the form $a \cdot e^{i\phi} \langle \mathbf{0} | \hat{U} | \mathbf{0} \rangle$ and can be evaluated on a quantum circuit.

