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Part 2

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## **Electronic Structure Problem**



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Born-Oppenheimer approximation  $(M_I > 1000m_e)$ , nuclei are treated as stationary and decoupled with the dynamics of the electrons. In atomic units:

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We want to solve the time-dependent non-relativistic Schrödinger equation,

$$\hat{H}\left|\Psi_{n}\right\rangle = E_{n}\left|\Psi_{n}\right\rangle$$



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and the creation and annihilation operators fulfill the fermionic anticommutation rules,

$$\{\hat{a}_p, \hat{a}_q^{\dagger}\} = \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_q^{\dagger} + \hat{a}_q^{\dagger} \hat{a}_p = \delta_{pq}, \qquad \{\hat{a}_p, \hat{a}_q\} = \{\hat{a}_p^{\dagger}, \hat{a}_q^{\dagger}\} = 0.$$



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The second quantized formalism consists in manipulating those *occupation vectors* (determinants) which form a complete many-body basis of the problem Hilbert space, i.e.

$$\left|\Psi_{n}\right\rangle = \sum_{f} c_{fn} \left|f\right\rangle$$

There are  $\binom{N}{N_e}$  many Slater determinants !



# Electronic Structure Problem on QC 2nd Quantized Fermion Encodings



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Obviously, one can map  $|\Psi_n\rangle$  as a superposition of all the bitstrings that contains exactly  $N_e$  ones and  $N - N_e$  zeros,

$$|f_N, f_{N-1}, \cdots, f_2, f_1\rangle \rightarrow |q_N, q_{N-1}, \cdots, q_2, q_1\rangle, \qquad q_p = f_p \in \{0, 1\}$$



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Qubit mappings of the creation and annihilation operators:

$$\hat{a}_{p}^{\dagger} = \left(\bigotimes_{i=p+1}^{N} I_{i}\right) \otimes Q_{p}^{\dagger} \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^{p-1} Z_{i}\right), \quad \hat{a}_{p} = \left(\bigotimes_{i=p+1}^{N} I_{i}\right) \otimes Q_{p} \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^{p-1} Z_{i}\right)$$
where  $Q^{\dagger} = |1\rangle \langle 0| = \frac{X - iY}{2}, \ Q = |0\rangle \langle 1| = \frac{X + iY}{2}$ , and the string of Z operators enforces the exchange anti-symmetry of fermions.

The string of Z operators means that it takes  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  qubit operations to apply a fermionic operator.



# Electronic Structure Problem on QC Quantum Algorithms







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- Phase estimation:  $E_j t$  of  $U = e^{i\hat{H}t}$  with  $e^{i\hat{H}t} |\Psi_j\rangle = e^{iE_jt} |\Psi_j\rangle$
- > Two qubit registers: one encoding the state and the other composed of ancilla qubits
- Initial state: non-zero overlap with the eigenstates,  $|\Phi\rangle = \sum_j a_j |\Psi_j\rangle$





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#### Quantum Phase Estimation

 $|0\rangle$  $QFT^{-1}$  $|0\rangle$ -H $|0\rangle$ -H $|0\rangle - H$ =  $U^{2^{n-1}}$  $\exists U^{2^2}$  $U^{2^0}$  $U^{2^1}$  $\sum a_j |\Psi_j\rangle$ 

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j} a_{j}(|0\rangle + e^{iE_{j}2^{n-1}t} |1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{iE_{j}2^{n-2}t} |1\rangle) \otimes \cdots \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{iE_{j}2t} |1\rangle) \otimes |\Psi_{j}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j} a_{j} \sum_{k=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{iE_{j}kt} |\Psi_{j}\rangle$ 



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One measures the value of the phase  $\tilde{E}_j t$  (as a binary fraction on the ancilla register), i.e. an approximation of  $E_j t$  with n bits of accuracy, with probability  $|a_j|^2 = |\langle \Phi | \Psi_j \rangle|^2$ . The system register collapses to the eigenstate  $|\Psi_j\rangle$ .





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$$\sum_{j} a_{j} |\Psi_{j}\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |0\rangle + e^{ikE_{j}t} |1\rangle \right) \xrightarrow{\text{Tomography gate } M_{T}} g(k) = \sum_{j} |a_{j}|^{2} e^{ikE_{j}t}$$

- Imprint multiple  $E_j$  as frequencies of an ancilla qubit ('phase kickback').
- Extract in postprocessing like identifying notes in a chord.



Peruzzo et al., Nature Communication (2014)



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#### Measurement:

$$P\left(\sum_{i} m_{i} = 1 \mod 2 \left| R(\hat{P}) \right. \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \langle \hat{P} \rangle \right)$$
$$E(\overrightarrow{\theta}) = \sum_{i} h_{i} \langle \hat{P}_{i} \rangle_{\overrightarrow{\theta}}$$





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#### VQE Ansatz

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Applying Jordan–Wigner (assuming q > p > s > r):

$$\theta_q^p \left( \hat{a}_p^{\dagger} \hat{a}_q - \mathsf{h.c.} \right) = \frac{i \theta_q^p}{2} \bigotimes_{k=q+1}^{p-1} Z_k \left( Y_q X_p - X_q Y_p \right)$$

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However, we know how to implement the exponential of a single Pauli string, so we can use (first-order) Trotter–Suzuki approximation:







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#### VQE Ansatz

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Ry (4 qubits, 4 layers, 19 parameters)  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ 





## Slisation

VQE Ansatz







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The idea is to find the unitary which diagonalizes the Hermitian operator  $\hat{P} = \hat{U}^{\dagger} \hat{\Lambda} \hat{U}$  with  $\hat{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ . Since  $\hat{\Lambda}$  is diagonal, we have transformed the problem from one where we must perform a measurement in an arbitrary basis, to one where we simply measure in the computational basis:

$$\langle \Psi | \hat{P} | \Psi \rangle = \langle \Psi | \hat{U}^{\dagger} \hat{\Lambda} \hat{U} | \Psi \rangle = \left\langle \bar{\Psi} | \hat{\Lambda} | \bar{\Psi} \right\rangle = \sum_{j} \lambda_{j} | \langle \bar{\Psi} | j \rangle |^{2}, \quad \text{where } \left| \bar{\Psi} \right\rangle = \hat{U} | \Psi \rangle .$$



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The ground-state energy is determined by solving the Schrödinger equation  $\hat{H} |\Psi_0\rangle = E_0 |\Psi_0\rangle$ , or equivalently:

$$\begin{split} E_{0} &= \langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{H} | \Psi_{0} \rangle \quad = \quad \sum_{pq} h_{pq} \underbrace{\langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{a}_{p}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{q} | \Psi_{0} \rangle}_{\text{1-RDM elements}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} \underbrace{\langle pq | sr \rangle}_{\text{2-RDM elements}} \underbrace{\langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{a}_{p}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{q}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{r} \hat{a}_{s} | \Psi_{0} \rangle}_{\text{2-RDM elements}} \\ &= \quad \sum_{j} h_{j} \langle \Psi_{0} | \hat{P}_{j} | \Psi_{0} \rangle \end{split}$$

Hence, within VQE we measure the 1- and 2-RDM elements that are then multiplied by the electronic integrals to estimate the ground-state energy of the system.



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