# Study Session on Quantum Computation of Quantum Chemistry

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NTU Chemistry Building, Room 215 September 13, 2018

# Information

- Study session on quantum computation of quantum chemistry – originally meant to be for my group only...
- Location: Chemistry Building Room 215
- Time: 12:30 PM 2:00 PM (Welcome to bring your lunch!)
- CEIBA:

https://ceiba.ntu.edu.tw/course/d0bc36/index.htm

 Lectures will be recorded and posted on Youtube

## Information

- We will study the following four papers:
  - 1. I. Kassal *et al.*, Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 62, 185 (2011).
  - 2. P. J. J. O'Malley *et al.*, Phys. Rev. X 6, 361 (2016).
  - 3. R. Babbush et al., Phys. Rev. X 8, 011044 (2018).
  - 4. I. D. Kivlichan *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 110501 (2018).
- The goal is to thoroughly examine the state-of-art theories for quantum computing in Chemistry – *true quantum advantage or not?* – and to promote research in this direction
- Why these four papers?

## Paper #1



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## Simulating Chemistry Using Quantum Computers

Ivan Kassal,\* James D. Whitfield,\* Alejandro Perdomo-Ortiz, Man-Hong Yung, and Alán Aspuru-Guzik

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- A review for physical chemists! (Aspuru-Guzik)
- Basics of quantum computing, and overview of the problem and basic algorithms (up to 2010)
- Qubits/quantum circuit/QFT/PEA/electronic Hamiltonian in second-quantized form

## Paper #2

PHYSICAL REVIEW X 6, 031007 (2016)

#### Scalable Quantum Simulation of Molecular Energies

P. J. J. O'Malley,<sup>1,\*</sup> R. Babbush,<sup>2,†</sup> I. D. Kivlichan,<sup>3</sup> J. Romero,<sup>3</sup> J. R. McClean,<sup>4</sup> R. Barends,<sup>5</sup> J. Kelly,<sup>5</sup> P. Roushan,<sup>5</sup> A. Tranter,<sup>6,7</sup> N. Ding,<sup>2</sup> B. Campbell,<sup>1</sup> Y. Chen,<sup>5</sup> Z. Chen,<sup>1</sup> B. Chiaro,<sup>1</sup> A. Dunsworth,<sup>1</sup> A. G. Fowler,<sup>5</sup> E. Jeffrey,<sup>5</sup> E. Lucero,<sup>5</sup> A. Megrant,<sup>5</sup> J. Y. Mutus,<sup>5</sup> M. Neeley,<sup>5</sup> C. Neill,<sup>1</sup> C. Quintana,<sup>1</sup> D. Sank,<sup>5</sup> A. Vainsencher,<sup>1</sup> J. Wenner,<sup>1</sup> T. C. White,<sup>5</sup> P. V. Coveney,<sup>7</sup> P. J. Love,<sup>6</sup> H. Neven,<sup>2</sup> A. Aspuru-Guzik,<sup>3</sup> and J. M. Martinis<sup>5,1,‡</sup>

- Algorithms and experiments on the simulation of H<sub>2</sub> dissociation curve (John Martinis, Josephson Junction Quantum Computing, UCSB & Google)
- Read-outs based on variational quantum eigensolver & phase estimation algorithm are both tested
- Jordan-Wigner transformation/Bravyi-Kitaev transformation/Trotterization/VQE/iterative PEA/CI space reduction/unitary coupled cluster



PHYSICAL REVIEW X 8, 011044 (2018)

#### Low-Depth Quantum Simulation of Materials

Ryan Babbush,<sup>1,\*</sup> Nathan Wiebe,<sup>2</sup> Jarrod McClean,<sup>1</sup> James McClain,<sup>3</sup> Hartmut Neven,<sup>1</sup> and Garnet Kin-Lic Chan<sup>3,†</sup> <sup>1</sup>Google Inc., Venice, California 90291, USA <sup>2</sup>Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington 98052, USA <sup>3</sup>Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California 91125, USA

- "Linear-scaling" algorithms for solving electronic structures in planewave dual basis – simulation of materials, i.e. quantum VASP!!
- Basic solid-state physics/FFFT/linear depth quantum simulation/computation on planar architecture/Taylorseries algorithm

## Paper #4

#### PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 120, 110501 (2018)

#### Quantum Simulation of Electronic Structure with Linear Depth and Connectivity

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- "Linear-scaling" algorithms for Trotter propagation --FFFT replaced by fermonic swap gates
- Fermonic swap network/linear depth Trotter/linear depth preparation of Slater determinants.
- We hope that in the end the 4 papers would provide a unified view of QC in Q. Chem.

## **Electronic Structure Problem**

- Solving the electronic structure problem is a major challenge in quantum chemistry.
- For more details, see https://ceiba.ntu.edu.tw/course/0d5091/index.htm



# **Schrödinger Equation**

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{T}_{n} + \mathbf{T}_{e} + \mathbf{V}_{nn} + \mathbf{V}_{ee} + \mathbf{V}_{ne}$$

 $T_n = -\sum_{a} \frac{1}{2M} V_a^2$  Kinetic energy of nuclei







 $V_{nn} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_n} \sum_{i=1}^{N_n} \frac{Z_a Z_b}{r_i}$  Coulombic energy between nuclei



 $\mathbf{V}_{ne} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_n} \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_e} \frac{Z_a}{\nu}$  Coulombic energy between nuclei and electrons

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# **Approximations**

To solve the Schrödinger equation approximately, assumptions are made to simplify the equation:

- •Born-Oppenheimer approximation allows separate treatment of nuclei and electrons.  $(m_a \gg m_e)$
- •Hartree-Fock independent electron approximation allows each electron to be considered as being affected by the sum (field) of all other electrons.
- •LCAO Approximation represents molecular orbitals as linear combinations of atomic orbitals (basis functions).

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# **Born-Oppenheimer Approximation**

- •Nuclei are much heavier than electrons ( $m_a / m_e > 1836$ ) and move much slower.
- •Effectively, electrons adjust themselves instantaneously to nuclear configurations.
- •Electron and nuclear motions are uncoupled, thus the energies of the two are separable.



Elec. Schrodinger equation:  $H(R)\Psi(R) = E(R)\Psi(R)$ 

## **Basic Quantum Mechanics**

Schrodinger equation:  $H\Psi = E\Psi$ 

Variational principle:  $E = \langle \Psi | \hat{\mathbf{H}} | \Psi \rangle \ge E_{\text{exact}}$ 

$$\Psi = \Psi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

The N-electron wave function is a function with 3N dimensions, this is too complicated to even "think about" practically for systems with > 3 electrons  $\rightarrow$  must simplify the functional form of the wave function.

## Many-electron Wave function

Hartree product: All electrons are independent, each in its own orbital.

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}^{HP}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = f_1(\mathbf{x}_1) f_2(\mathbf{x}_2) \cdots f_N(\mathbf{x}_N)$$

Pauli principle: Two electrons can not have all quantum number equal.

This requires that the total (many-electron) wave function is anti-symmetric whenever one exchanges two electrons' coordinates.

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = -\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)$$

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e<sub>N</sub>

**Slater determinant** satisfies the Pauli exclusion principle.

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}_1) & f_2(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & f_N(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ f_1(\mathbf{x}_2) & f_2(\mathbf{x}_2) & \cdots & f_N(\mathbf{x}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1(\mathbf{x}_N) & f_2(\mathbf{x}_N) & \cdots & f_N(\mathbf{x}_N) \end{vmatrix}$$

Courtesy of Hai Lin

# Many-electron Wave function (2)

Example: A two-electron system.

Hartree product: Both electrons are independent.

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}^{HP}(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2) = f_1(\mathbf{x}_1)f_2(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

Slater determinant satisfies the Pauli principle.

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}_1) & f_2(\mathbf{x}_1) \\ f_1(\mathbf{x}_2) & f_2(\mathbf{x}_2) \end{vmatrix}$$



 $\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = (1/2)^{1/2} \left[ f_1(\mathbf{x}_1) f_2(\mathbf{x}_2) - f_2(\mathbf{x}_1) f_1(\mathbf{x}_2) \right]$ 

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The total (many-electron) wavefunction is anti-symmetric when one exchanges two electrons' coordinates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

#### Courtesy of Hai Lin

## **Molecular Orbital & Slater Determinant**

Single-electron wavefunction (orbital!!):

 $\chi_i(\mathbf{x}_1)$ : spin orbital

 $x_1$ : electron variable

virtual orbitals



$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}_{1},...,\mathbf{x}_{N}) = (N!)^{1/2} \begin{vmatrix} \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) & \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) & \cdots & \chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{1}) \\ \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) & \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{2}) & \cdots & \chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \chi_{i}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) & \chi_{j}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) & \cdots & \chi_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{N}) \end{vmatrix}$$

N-electron wavefunction: Slater determinants

Given a basis, **Hartree-Fock theory** provides a variational groundstate & molecular orbitals within the single determinant approximation → mean-field, no electron correlations

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N-electron wavefunction: Slater determinants

Electron configuration: a many-electron wave function constructed from a single slater determinant

# LCAO → Basis Functions

- Use a form that describes hydrogenic orbitals well
  - Slater functions (STO): physical, but difficult to calculate two-electron integrals
  - Gaussians (GTO): analytical two-electron integrals, but wrong behavior at nucleus and decays too fast with r

$$\phi_{1s}(\vec{r};\zeta_1) = \sqrt{\frac{\zeta_1^3}{\pi}} \exp(-\zeta_1 \vec{r}) \qquad g_s(\vec{r};\alpha) = \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/4} \exp(-\alpha \vec{r}^2)$$

Slater function

Gaussian



## **Gaussian Basis Functions**

 GTOs have many advantages, most importantly, product of two Gaussians remains a Gaussian – analytical integrals

$$e^{-a_m r_m^2} e^{-a_n r_n^2} = e^{-\frac{a_m a_n}{a_m + a_n} r_{mn}^2} e^{-a_n r_c^2}$$



## **Basis Functions**

#### Hydroden-like atomic orbitals



## Ab initio Jargons: Basis Set

- STO-nG: use n Gaussians to approach a Slater-type orbital (minimal basis set)
- Many basis sets with different sizes and characteristics: STO-nG, 3-21G, 4-31G, 6-31G\*, 6-311G\*\*, cc-pVDZ, cc-pVTZ, aug-cc-pVDZ...
- Choose wisely according to the problem at hand



# **Limitations of HF-SCF**

- The Hartree-Fock SCF method is limited by the single Slater determinant approximation
- HF-SCF calculation does not include the effects of electron correlation

$$E_{corr} = E_{exact} - E_{HF}$$

E<sub>corr</sub>: correlation energy

## **Excited Configurations**

Hartree-Fock groundstate is a good reference state that generates excited determinants (excited configurations)



## **Configuration Interaction**

Since the HF method yields the best <u>single</u> determinant wavefunction and provides about <u>99% of the total electronic</u> <u>energy</u>, it is commonly used as the reference on which subsequent improvements are based. As a starting point, consider as a trial function a linear combination of Slater determinants:

$$\Psi = a_0 \Phi_{HF} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i \Phi_i$$

Multi-determinant wavefunction

 $a_0$  is usually close to 1 (~0.9).

- M basis functions yield M molecular orbitals.
- For N electrons, N/2 orbitals are occupied in the RHF wavefunction.
- M-N/2 are unoccupied or virtual (anti-bonding) orbitals.

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# Generate excited Slater determinants by promoting up to N electrons from the N/2 occupied to M-N/2 virtuals:



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Represent the space containing all N-fold excitations by  $\Psi(N)$ . Then the <u>COMPLETE</u> CI wavefunction has the form

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{CI} &= C_0 \Phi_{HF} + \Phi^{(1)} + \Phi^{(2)} + \Phi^{(3)} + \ldots + \Phi^{(N)} + \ldots \\ \Psi_{HF} &= Hartree - Fock \\ \Phi^{(1)} &= \sum_{i}^{occ} \sum_{a}^{virt} C_i^a \Psi_i^a & \text{Linear combination of Slater determinants with single excitations} \\ \Phi^{(2)} &= \sum_{i,j}^{occ} \sum_{a,b}^{virt} C_{ij}^{ab} \Psi_{ij}^{ab} & \text{Doubly excitations} \\ \Phi^{(3)} &= \sum_{i,j,k}^{occ} \sum_{a,b,c}^{virt} C_{ijk}^{abc} \Psi_{ijk}^{abc} & \text{Triples} \\ \Phi^{(N)} &= \sum_{i,j,k\ldots,a}^{occ} \sum_{b,c\ldots,a}^{virt} C_{ijk\ldots}^{abc\ldots} \Psi_{ijk\ldots}^{abc\ldots} & \text{N-fold excitation} \end{split}$$

The <u>complete  $\Psi_{CI}$ </u> expanded in an infinite basis yields the <u>exact</u> <u>solution</u> to the Schrödinger eqn. (Non-relativistic, Born-Oppenheimer approx.), often used as benchmark.

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The various coefficients,  $C_{ijk...}^{abc...}$ , may be obtained in a variety of ways. A straightforward method is to use the <u>Variation Principle</u>.

$$E_{CI} = \frac{\left\langle \Psi_{CI} \mid H \mid \Psi_{CI} \right\rangle}{\left\langle \Psi_{CI} \mid \Psi_{CI} \right\rangle}$$



$$H\vec{C}_{K} = E_{K}\vec{C}_{K}$$

Expectation value of  $H_{\rm e}$ .

Energy is minimized wrt coeff

In a fashion analogous to the HF eqns, the CI Schrodinger equation can be formulated as a matrix eigenvalue problem.

The elements of the vector,  $\vec{C}_{K}$ , are the coefficients,  $C_{ijk...}^{abc...}$ And the eigenvalue,  $E_{K}$ , approximates the energy of the K<sup>th</sup> state.

 $E_1 = E_{CI}$  for the lowest state of a given symmetry and spin.  $E_2 = 1^{st}$  excited state of the same symmetry and spin, and so on.

## Electron Correlation & Configuration Interaction



- Eigenfunctions are now superpositions of determinants
- Constructing & diagonalizing the matrix to obtain CI ground & excited-states with electron correlation effects
- Full CI (FCI) is generally impossible, one must truncate at some level → CIS, CISD, CISD(T), ..., FCI
- **CIS** describes a large array of low-lying excitations

Szabo & Ostlund

#### METHODS TO TREAT ELECTRON CORRELATION

#### • Form of exact wavefunction and configuration interaction (CI) methods



• Non-variational: Møller-Plesset perurbation theory (MP2, MP3, ...)

#### Slide of Peter Saalfrank

## **Cost of Methods in Computational Chemistry**

Quality

Size dependence

#### • Ab initio MO Methods

-	CCSD(T)	quantitative (1~2 kcal/mol) but expensive	~N <sup>6</sup>	
-	MP2	semi-quantitative and doable	~N <sup>4</sup>	
_	HF	qualitative	~N <sup>2-3</sup>	
Density Functional Theory				
_	DFT	semi-quantitative and cheap	~N <sup>2-3</sup>	
Semi-empirical MO Methods				
_	AM1, PM3, MNDO	semi-qualitative	~N <sup>2-3</sup>	
Molecular Mechanics Force Field				
_	MM3, Amber, Charmm	semi-qualitative (no bond-breaking)	~N <sup>1-2</sup>	

## Using a quantum computer??

## Hamiltonian in Second Quantization

The

**CI** Hamiltonian in the second-quantized form is

$$H = \sum_{pq} b_{pq} a_p^{\dagger} a_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} b_{pqrs} a_p^{\dagger} a_q^{\dagger} a_r a_s,$$

p, q, r, s are orbital indecies

CI basis states (Slater determinants) can be compactly encoded in a quantum computer  $\rightarrow$  occupation number states

$$\frac{1}{X_1} \quad \frac{1}{X_2} \quad \frac{1}{X_3} \quad \frac{1}{X_4} \quad |\psi\rangle = |0100\rangle$$

M spin orbitals  $\rightarrow$  M qubits  $\rightarrow$  2<sup>M</sup> Fock states (0 - M electrons)

FCI classically requires M choose N determinants for N-electron states

## **Quantum Advantage?**

$$H = \sum_{pq} b_{pq} a_p^{\dagger} a_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} b_{pqrs} a_p^{\dagger} a_q^{\dagger} a_r a_s,$$

- Classical computer: explicitly construct the FCI matrix with exponentially-large number of matrix elements → not possible
- Quantum computer: implement H (N<sup>4</sup> terms) with parameters (*h<sub>pq</sub>* & *h<sub>pqrs</sub>* provided by a classical HF calculation), then quantum mechanics takes care of the matrix elements → needs only M qubits
- Construction based on "state and matrix elements" versus that based on "operators"

## **Quantum Computation of Quantum Chemistry**



(paper #2)

FIG. 5. A flow chart describing steps required to quantum compute molecular energies using both PEA and VQE.

	Second quantized	First quantized	
Wave-function encoding	Fock state in a given basis: $ \frac{1}{X_1} = \frac{1}{X_2} = \frac{1}{X_3} = \frac{1}{X_4} $ $  \psi\rangle =  0100\rangle $	On a grid of $2^n$ sites per dimension: $ \psi\rangle = \sum_{x} a_x  x\rangle$	
Molecular Hamiltonian	Coefficients precomputed classically: $\sum_{pq} h_{pq} a_p^{\dagger} a_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} h_{pqrs} a_p^{\dagger} a_q^{\dagger} a_r a_s$	Interaction calculated on the fly: $\sum_{i} \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$	
Quantum gates required for simulation	<i>O</i> ( <i>M</i> <sup>5</sup> ) with number of basis states	<i>O</i> ( <i>B</i> <sup>2</sup> ) with number of particles	
Advantages	<ul> <li>Compact wave-function representation (requires fewer qubits)</li> <li>Takes advantage of classical electronic- structure theory to improve performance</li> <li>Already experimentally implemented</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Better asymptotic scaling (requires fewer gates)</li> <li>Treats dynamics better</li> <li>Can be used for computing reaction rates or state-to-state transition amplitudes</li> </ul>	

#### Table 1 Comparison of second- and first-quantization approaches to quantum simulation

#### (paper #1)



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## **Critical Review of QCoQC**

Quantum supremacy?



- Doing FCI on 6-31G\* water would be (almost) impossible on classical computers... But this does not mean QC has an absolute advantage here
- Very accurate *classical* first-principle simulation of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> is possible *with the right approximations*

## **Critical Review of QCoQC**

Experimental simulation of H<sub>2</sub> energy curve on a linear optical quantum computer:



#### exact FCI results??

the optical elements used to implement the quantum gates on photonic polarization qubits. (*d*) The computed potential energy surfaces of the Ha molecule in a

minimal-basis set. The results are the exact (in the basis) fullconfigurationinteraction energies, to 20 bits of precision.

## Exact assuming minimal basis set - this is not acceptable!!!

(paper #1)

## Accuracy of ab initio Quantum Chemistry Methods



The minimal basis results are not accurate enough to be compared to experiments!!

## **Critical Review of QCoQC**

• Experimental  $H_2$  bond length = 1.4 a.u., bond dissociation energy = 0.1744 a.u.



## **Critical Review of QCoQC**



## **Critical Review of the State-of-the-Art**



**Figure 3** | **Application to quantum chemistry. a**–**c**, Experimental results (black filled circles), exact energy surfaces (dotted lines) and density plots (shading; see colour scales) of outcomes from numerical simulations, for several interatomic distances for H<sub>2</sub> (**a**), LiH (**b**) and BeH<sub>2</sub> (**c**). The experimental and numerical results presented are for circuits of depth d = 1. The error bars on the experimental data are smaller than the size of the markers. The density plots are obtained from 100 numerical

outcomes at each interatomic distance. The top insets in each panel highlight the qubits used for the experiment and the cross-resonance gates (arrows, labelled  $CR_{c-t}$ ; where 'c' denotes the control qubit and 't' the target qubit) that constitute  $U_{ENT}$ . The bottom insets are representations of the molecular geometry (not to scale). For all the three molecules, the deviation of the experimental results from the exact curves is well explained by the stochastic simulations.

- Also minimal basis -→ "exact" not actually "exact"
- Generally speaking, the results are *qualitatively* poor…

Kandala et al., Nature 549, 242, 2017.

## **Critical Review of the State-of-the-Art**



FIG. 1. (Color online) This figure shows the energy of the water molecule as a function of bond angle and bond length for an STO-3G basis obtained from a restricted HF calculation.

In Fig. 1, we show the energy of a water molecule as a function of bond length and bond angle as obtained from our simulated QFCI calculation. Figure 2 shows the dependence

- STO-3G basis
- Again, comparison to "exact" results is also claimed
- What will be the equilibrium geometry of this water molecule?

Wecker et al., PRA 90, 022305, 2014.

## Remarks

- Doing quantum chemistry on a quantum computer might be useful, but the current software and hardware must be upgraded → research challenges for innovative ones
- Classical computers still outperform quantum ones, significantly!!
- We need to: increase size, reduce circuit depth, go beyond the minimal basis set model, and utilize classical computers
- Paper #1 & paper #2: check the current status
- Paper #3 & paper #4: ideas for going beyond
- There is still much to learn... but haste is essential!!