



Classical and Quantum Algorithms for the Characterization of Strongly Correlated Chemical Systems

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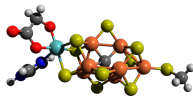
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**Many-body
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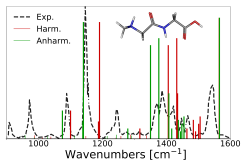
Chemical problem

Simulation target



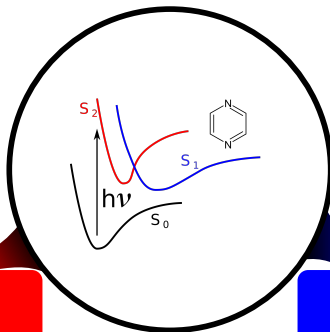
$$\mathcal{T}_{\text{ele}} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \sum_{\alpha, i} \frac{Z_{\alpha}}{|r_i - R_{\alpha}|^2} + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{Z_{\alpha} Z_{\beta}}{R_{\alpha, \beta}}$$

$$\mathcal{H} | \Psi_n \rangle = E_n | \Psi_n \rangle$$



$$\mathcal{H}_v(\mathbf{q}) = T(\mathbf{q}) + \sum_i \nu^{[i]}(q_i) + \sum_{i < j} \nu^{[i,j]}(q_i, q_j)$$

$$\mathcal{H}|\Psi_n\rangle = E_n|\Psi_n\rangle$$



$$\mathcal{H}_{ve} = \sum_i |\alpha_i\rangle \langle \alpha_i| \mathcal{H}_v^{(i)}(\mathbf{q}) + \sum_{ij} |\alpha_i\rangle \langle \alpha_j| \mathcal{V}^{(i,j)}(\mathbf{q})$$

$$\mathcal{H}|\Psi(t)\rangle = i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\Psi(t)\rangle$$

**Many-body
wave function**

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Chemical problem

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Full CI: many-body problem \leftrightarrow one-particle basis functions.

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N) = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_N} C_{i_1 \dots i_N} \mathcal{S}(\phi_{i_1}(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdots \phi_{i_N}(\mathbf{x}_N))$$

The strong correlation problem: classical approaches

- Full CI-type wave function size grows **exponentially** with the system size.
- **Strongly correlated systems**: wave function expansion not dominated by a single configuration.
- Conventional approaches can target ≈ 24 particles/basis functions.

Modern CI methods

- **FCIQMC**: wave function optimized by stochastic imaginary time evolution.
- **Selected CI**: diagonalization algorithms leveraging the sparsity of the **C** tensor.
- **DMRG**: wave function compressed with **tensor factorization algorithms**.

FCIQMC: G. Booth, A. Thom, A. Alavi, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 131, 054106 (2009)

Selected CI: A. Holmes, N. Tubman, C. Umrigar, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 12, 3674 (2016), Y. Garniron *et al.* *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 15, 3591 (2019), N. Tubman *et al.*, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* 16, 2139 (2020)

DMRG: S. White, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 69, 2863 (1992)

The strong correlation problem: quantum approaches

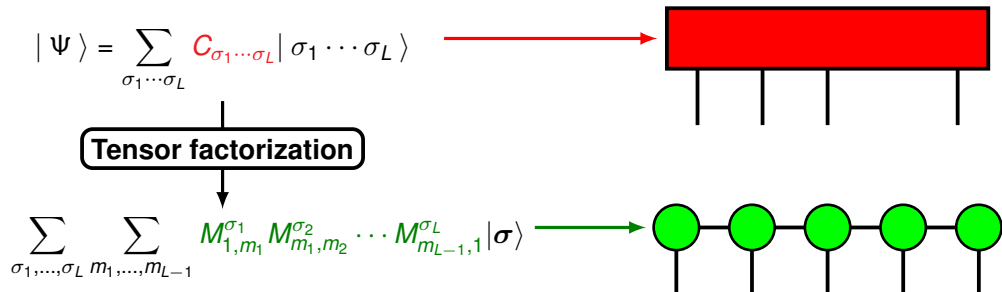
- **Curse of dimensionality** \leftrightarrow exponential requirements both to **store** and **optimize** a full-CI wave function.
 - **Compact** representation of many-body wave functions on quantum computer.
 - **Exponential** cost of the optimization reduced to linear when encoding the full CI wave function on a quantum hardware.
- **Identify** systems/problems for which quantum computing would bring a **key** advantage compared to classical algorithms.
- **Estimate** the requirements for observing **quantum supremacy** in quantum-chemical calculations.

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H. Liu, G. H. Low, D. S. Steiger, T.Häner, M. Reiher, M. Troyer, *Arxiv* 2102.10081 (2021)

The Density Matrix Renormalization Group



- **Mathematical** perspective: **compression** of the full-CI wave function with the tensor train factorization.
- **Physics** perspective: efficiency ensured for **nearest-neighbor** Hamiltonians.
- **Pragmatic** perspective: compression tuned by a single parameter (**bond dimension** m), cost scales **polynomially** with m .

DMRG for molecular vibrations

- **Strong correlation** plays a key role beyond electronic-structure calculations.
- **Challenge**: design generic methods not tailored to a specific application field.

Vibrational DMRG

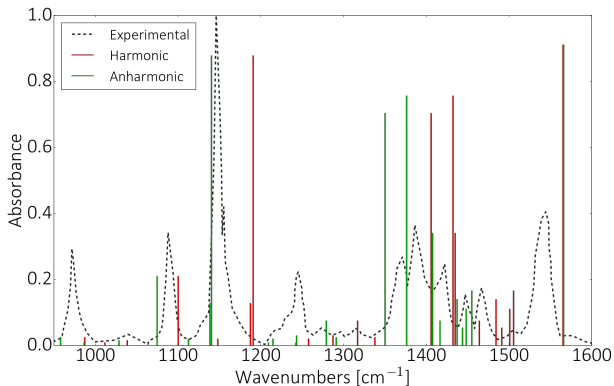
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{vib}} = \sum_{i=1}^L \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{Q}_i) + \sum_{i=1}^L \mathcal{V}^{[i]}(\mathbf{Q}_i) + \sum_{i<j}^L \mathcal{V}^{[i,j]}(\mathbf{Q}_i, \mathbf{Q}_j) + \sum_{i<j<k}^L \mathcal{V}^{[i,j,k]}(\mathbf{Q}_i, \mathbf{Q}_j, \mathbf{Q}_k) + \dots$$

- **Bose-Einstein** statistics, arbitrary occupation number.
- $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{Q})$ must be approximated with power series and/or fitting schemes.
- **High-order** many-body coupling terms are relevant.
- Choice for the coordinate set \mathbf{Q} **influences** the extent of correlation effects.

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DMRG for molecular vibrations: application



- Full anharmonic vibrational spectra \rightarrow (many) strongly-correlated excited states.
- Molecular vibrations key to reaction rates, thermodynamic properties ...

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Pre-Born-Oppenheimer Hamiltonians

- Full molecular Hamiltonian for N_t particle types, with $N_p^{(i)}$ particles for type i .

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \sum_{\mu_i=1}^{N_p^{(i)}} \frac{1}{2m_{\mu_i}} \nabla_{\mu_i}^2 + \sum_i^{N_t} \sum_{\mu_i < \nu_i} \frac{q_{\mu_i} q_{\nu_i}}{|\mathbf{r}_{\mu_i} - \mathbf{r}_{\nu_i}|} + \sum_{i < j}^{N_t} \sum_{\mu_i, \nu_j} \frac{q_{\mu_i} q_{\nu_j}}{|\mathbf{r}_{\mu_i} - \mathbf{r}_{\nu_j}|}$$

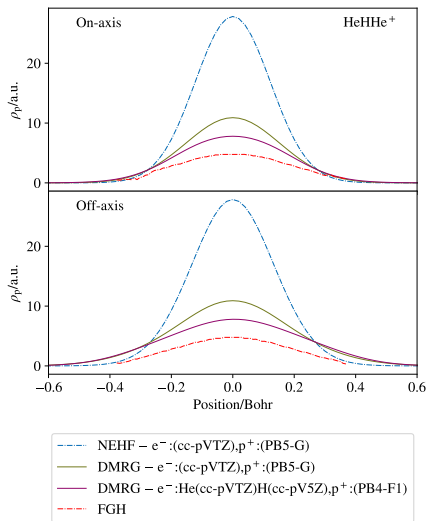
- Calculate molecular properties **without** invoking the Born–Oppenheimer approximation.
- Second-quantization form derived in terms of spinful **fermionic** and **bosonic** second-quantization operators.

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Pre-Born-Oppenheimer Hamiltonians: applications

- **Example:** proton density for the model hydrogen-transfer system $[\text{HeHHe}]^+$.
- **Reference:** full-CI vibrational calculation on CCSD(T) Born-Oppenheimer PES.
- **Challenge:** slower convergence to the complete basis set limit, many-body correlation effects may be more relevant than for electronic problems.



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The excited states challenge

- Full CI-based methods rely on the **variational principle**.
- Extension towards (potentially high-energy) excited-states **non-trivial**.
- **Algorithmic challenge**: design excited-state methods that are as **robust** as the ground-state one.
- **Conceptual challenge**: extent of many-particle correlation may increase for excited-states.

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Correlation effects in quantum dynamics

- Quantum dynamics methods: solution of the **time-dependent Schrödinger equation**.

$$\mathcal{H}|\Psi\rangle = i\hbar\partial_t|\Psi\rangle$$

1. static spectra *via* the correlation function formalism.
 2. non-equilibrium processes happening on short (femto/attosecond) time-scales.
- Many methods for **nuclear dynamics** (MCTDH, ML-MCTDH, Ehrenfest, surface hopping...)
 - **Real-time electronic structure methods** for non-equilibrium electron dynamics (RT-TD-DFT, RT-CC ...).

Time-dependent DMRG approaches

- **Many variants available:** Time-Evolving Block Decimation Time-Step Targeted DMRG, Krylov-based methods ...
- **Not tailored to the inherent complexity of molecular Hamiltonians.**
- Our solution: **Tangent-space TD-DMRG:** support arbitrarily complex Hamiltonians and support stable propagation algorithms.
- **Challenge:** extent of many-particle correlation **increases** with time (**entanglement barrier** effect), MPS representation of the time-evolving wave function may become **increasingly less accurate** as the propagation proceeds.

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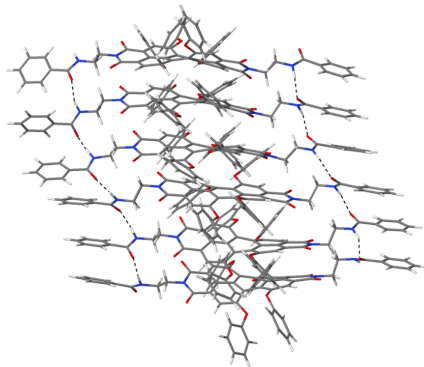
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Vibronic dynamics with TD-DMRG

- Monomer: ≈ 400 modes, not treatable with full quantum dynamics.
- Vibronic Hamiltonian within the excitonic approximation.

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{coupl}}^{S_{\alpha_j}} = \mathcal{V}_{\text{coupl}}^{S_{\alpha_i}}(\mathbf{q}_{\text{eq}}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{vib}}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}_i^{\alpha}}{\partial \mathbf{q}_j} (b_j^+ + b_j)$$

- 10 modes for each monomer, S_0 and S_1 electronic states.

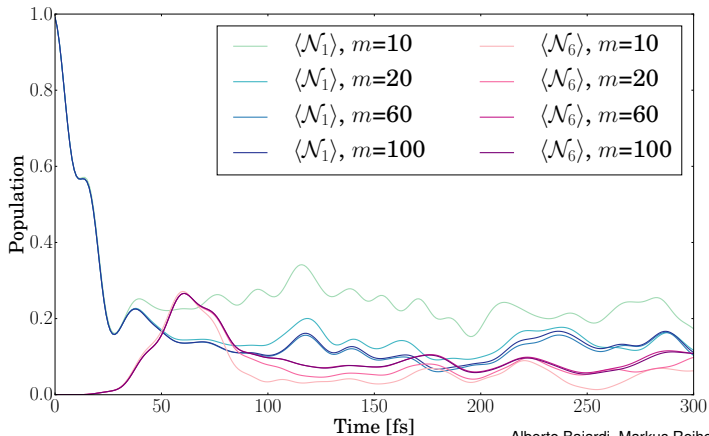


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Population dynamics

$$\langle \mathcal{N}_i \rangle = \langle \Psi | a_{S_1^{(i)}}^\dagger a_{S_1^{(i)}} | \Psi \rangle$$

- Simulation of the **excitation energy transfer** process.
- Molecule 1 initially excited, excitation transferred via vibronic coupling.



The dynamical correlation challenge

- DMRG can target up to ≈ 100 orbitals.
- DMRG can capture **strong correlation effects**, but more effective strategies exist for the **weakly correlated** part (dynamical correlation).
- **Challenge**: design **efficient** methods to include **dynamical correlation** effect in DMRG calculations.

Solutions

1. Methods based on **second-order perturbation theory**.
2. Integration with **Coupled Cluster** or **Density Functional Theory**.
3. Include dynamical correlation effects in the wave function *via* **explicitly-correlated schemes**.

The transcorrelated DMRG method

- Wave function ansatz: product of a **correlation factor** and a **CI-type expansion**.¹

$$|\Psi\rangle = \exp\left(\sum_{i<j} f(r_{ij})\right) |\Psi_{\text{MPS}}\rangle$$

- Correlator **revolved** into the Hamiltonian by **similarity transformation**.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{ele}} e^T \Phi = E_{\text{TC}} e^T \Phi \longrightarrow (e^{-T} \mathcal{H}_{\text{ele}} e^T) \Phi = E_{\text{TC}} \Phi$$

- **Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian**, optimization challenging with variational methods, straightforward with **imaginary time evolution**.^{2,3}
- **Faster convergence** to the complete basis set limit, **reduces the extent of correlation effects**.

¹ S. Boys, N. Handy *Proc. R. Soc. A Math. Phys. Eng. Sci.* 310, 43 (1969)

² K. Guther, A. J. Cohen, H. Luo, A. Alavi *J. Chem. Phys.* 155, 011102 (2021)

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Transcorrelated DMRG: the Fermi-Hubbard model

U/t	N_α	N_β	m	TI-DMRG	tcDMRG	Ref. ¹
4	12	12	500	-1.1500	-1.1804	-1.1853
2	18	18	500	-1.1345	-1.1530	-1.1516
4	18	18	500	-0.8206	-0.8596	-0.8574
4	18	18	1000	-0.8307	-0.8580	-0.8574

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{tcFH}}^{(m)} = \mathcal{H}^{1b} + \mathcal{H}^{2b} + 2t \frac{\cosh(J) - 1}{W^2 H^2} \sum_{p,q,s,k,k',\sigma} \epsilon_{p-k+k'} C_{p-k,\sigma}^\dagger C_{q+k',\bar{\sigma}}^\dagger C_{s+k-k',\bar{\sigma}}^\dagger C_{s,\bar{\sigma}} C_{q,\bar{\sigma}} C_{p,\sigma}$$

- **Faster** m convergence, DMRG **more efficient**.
- **More compact** MPS wave function representation.
- **Complex** three-body operator.

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The strong correlation challenge in classical simulations

1. Design methods that are **general** with respect to the problems they can target.
2. Efficient and reliable methods for **excited states**.
3. Many-body correlations more relevant for **non-equilibrium processes**.
4. Effectively combine methods tailored for **strongly-correlated** problems and cost-effective strategies to include **dynamical correlation** effects.

⇒ **Quantum computing** as a solution?

Quantum computing for molecular vibrations

- **Born-Oppenheimer** vibrational Hamiltonian $\rightarrow L$ **distinguishable, bosonic** particles coupled by a **arbitrary high-order** potential.

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^L \mathcal{T}(Q_i) + \sum_{i=1}^L \mathcal{V}^{[1]}(Q_i) + \sum_{i<j}^L \mathcal{V}^{[i,j]}(Q_i, Q_j) + \dots \right) \Psi(Q_1, \dots, Q_L) = E_{\text{vib}} \Psi(Q_1, \dots, Q_L)$$

- Finite basis $\chi_j^{[i]}(Q_i)$ introduced **per mode** \rightarrow vibrational CI wave function.

$$|\Psi_{\text{vci}}\rangle = \sum_{i_1=1}^{N_1} \dots \sum_{i_L=1}^{N_L} C_{i_1, \dots, i_L} |i_1 \dots i_L\rangle$$

- **Second quantization** for of the Hamiltonian obtained with the n -mode formalism.¹

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{SQ}} = \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{k_i, h_i}^{N_i} \langle k_i | \mathcal{H}_i(Q_i) | h_i \rangle a_{k_i}^+ a_{h_i} + \sum_{i<j}^L \sum_{k_j, h_j}^{N_j} \sum_{k_j, h_j}^{N_j} \langle k_i k_j | \mathcal{V}_{ij}(Q_i, Q_j) | h_i h_j \rangle a_{k_i}^+ a_{k_j}^+ a_{h_j} a_{h_i} + \dots$$

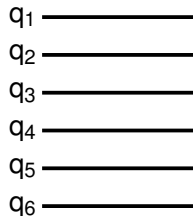
- Efficient mapping to the qubit space \rightarrow no need for the **Jordan-Wigner transformation**.²

¹ O. Christiansen, *J. Chem. Phys.* 120, 2140 (2004)

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Quantum computing beyond electronic problems

Example: 2-mode Hamiltonian, 3 basis functions per mode.

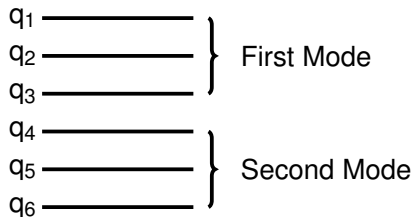


- **Equivalent** to conventional mapping of **electronic** problems.
- **Many** states of the qubit space do not represent physically acceptable basis functions.
- More **compact** mapping, based on binary representation, possible¹ → wave function ansatz design less trivial.

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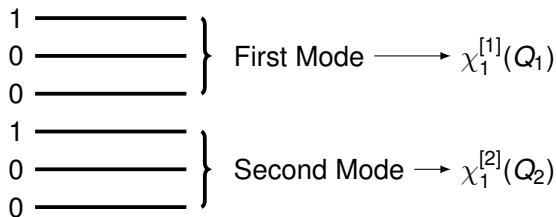


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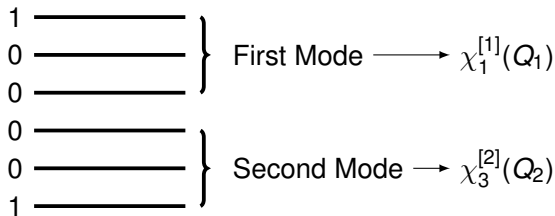


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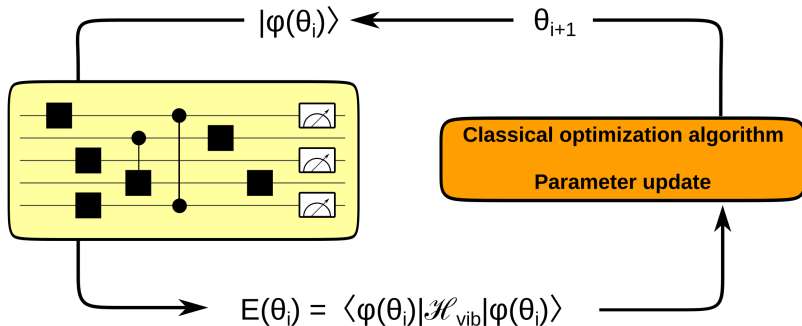


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The vibrational VQE

- **Quantum Phase Estimation:** Returns the full-CI energy but requires very deep circuits.
- **Variational Quantum Eigensolver:** optimize **classically** the energy for a given a wave function ansatz by evaluating the expectation value on a quantum computer.



Wave function ansätze for vibrational problems

1. **Unitary vibrational Coupled Cluster**, exponential wave function ansatz.

$$|\Psi_{\text{UVCC}}\rangle = e^{\mathcal{T} - \mathcal{T}^\dagger} |\Psi_{\text{HF}}\rangle \quad \mathcal{T} = \sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{k_i, h_i}^{N_i} \theta_{k_i, h_i}^{[i]} a_{k_i}^\dagger a_{h_i} + \sum_{i < j}^L \sum_{k_i, h_i}^{N_i} \sum_{k_j, h_j}^{N_j} \theta_{k_i k_j, h_i h_j}^{[i, j]} a_{k_i}^\dagger a_{h_i} a_{k_j}^\dagger a_{h_j}$$

2. Hardware efficient **SwapRZ** heuristic circuit, entangling blocks + Rz rotations.

$$|\Psi_{\text{SwapRZ}}\rangle = e^{i\mathcal{T}} |\Psi_{\text{HF}}\rangle \quad \mathcal{T} = \sum_{i < j}^{N_{\text{qubits}}} \theta_{i, j} (X_i X_j + Y_i Y_j)$$

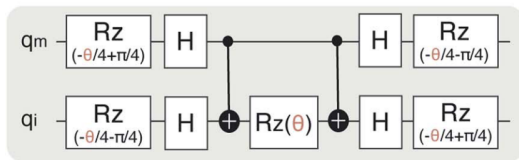
3. Low-depth approximation of the UVCC circuit \rightarrow **Compact Heuristic Circuit** (CHC) for chemistry.

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CHC wave function ansatz

- Single-excitation can be reproduced with the exponential of a product of X gates.

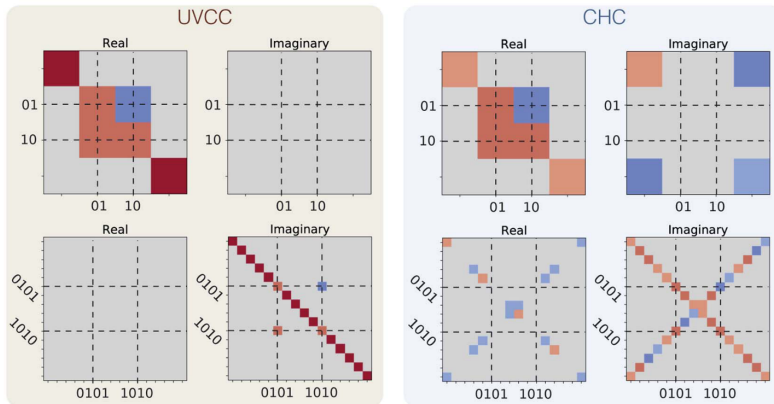
$$\left| \langle a_j^\dagger a_m \Psi_{\text{HF}} | e^{i\theta_{im} X_i X_m} | \Psi_{\text{HF}} \rangle \right|^2 = \left| \langle a_j^\dagger a_m \Psi_{\text{HF}} | e^{\theta_{im} (\sigma_i^+ \sigma_m^- - h.c.)} | \Psi_{\text{HF}} \rangle \right|^2$$



- Relative **phase** not correctly reproduced \rightarrow rotation angle θ optimized to reproduce the UVCC circuit when applied onto the reference determinant.
- Can be extended to **double excitations**.

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CHC wave function ansatz



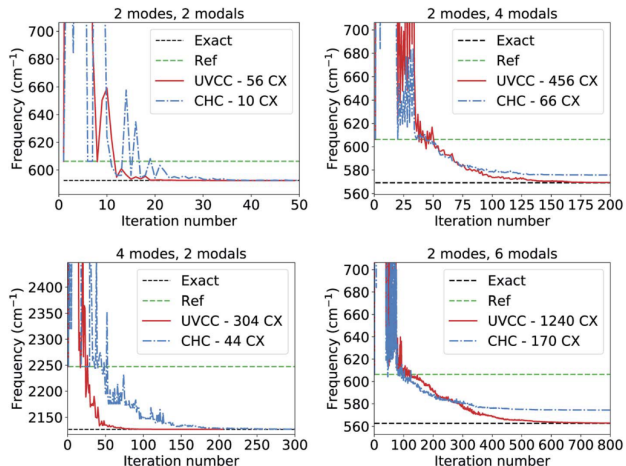
- CHC and UVCC equivalent only when applied onto the **HF state**.

→ Accuracy may deteriorate for **strong correlation**.

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Vibrational spectra on quantum computers: simulations

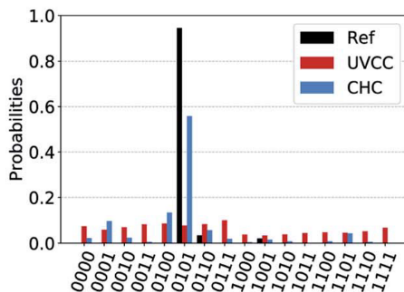
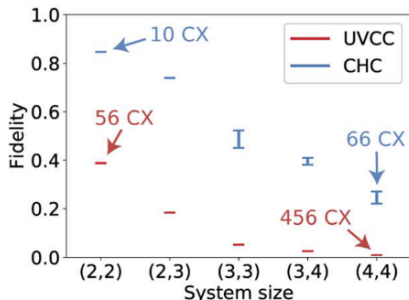
- **System:** CO₂, anharmonic quartic force field, vibrational ground state.
- **Optimizer:** COBYLA, no noise.
- Optimization of the **ground state** energy.
- CHC error **increases** with the size of the modal basis.



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Vibrational spectra on quantum computers: results

System: CO₂, anharmonic quartic force field, vibrational ground state, 2 modes/2 modals.

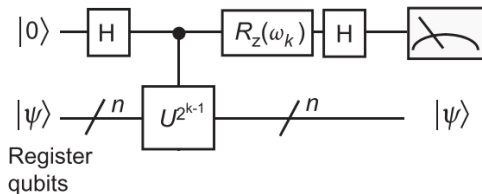


- UVCC **large depth**, noisy simulations on real quantum hardware.
- CHC **more shallow**, enables reliable optimization for the smallest Hamiltonian.

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Accurate quantum-chemical calculations with the QPE

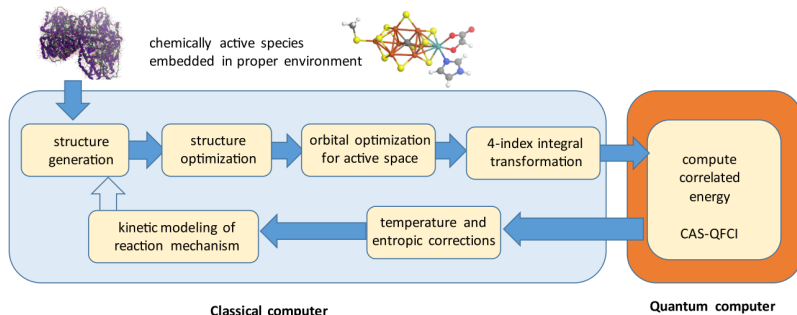
- **VQE** key for applications on near-term quantum devices.
- However, limited by the stability of the **classical optimization algorithm** and by the need of restricting the **wave function ansatz**.
- **Quantum phase estimation** do not suffer from these limitations → long-term solution.



B. P. Lanyon *et al.*, *Nat. Chem.* 2, 106 (2010)

Large-scale quantum simulation of molecules [work by M. Reiher & Microsoft Research]

- **Long-term goal: accurate and error-controllable** calculation of electronic energy for active spaces with more than ≈ 100 orbitals.
- **Quantum algorithms** for electronic energies, **classical** algorithms for geometry optimization (DFT), thermodynamic corrections, missing dynamical correlation.



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FeMoCo nitrogenase: cost estimate [work by M. Reiher & Microsoft Research]

- Iron-molybdenum FeMoCo cofactor of nitrogenase: a challenging test-case for classical wave function algorithms.
- Singlet, triply positive charge state [CAS(54,54)], neutral triplet [CAS(65,57)].

		Qubits	Δt [10 ns/T]	Δt [100 ns/T]
Singlet	Serial	111	12 days	39 months
	Nested	135	1.4 days	14 days
Triplet	Serial	117	22 days	7.2 months
	Nested	142	2.5 days	25 days

- **Bottleneck:** non-Clifford T gate arising from the **single-qubit rotation**.
- **Nested:** operations acting on different qubits run **in parallel**.
- Δt execution time for T gate: 100 ns **optimistic**, 10 ns **very optimistic**.

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FeMoCo nitrogenase: noise [work by M. Reiher & Microsoft Research]

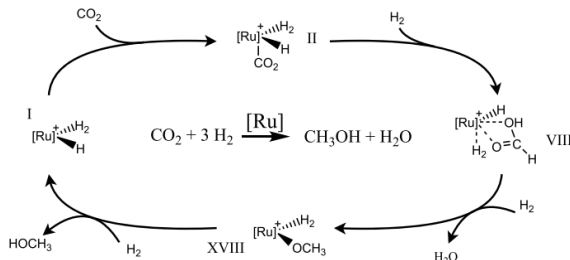
	Error rate	Serial	Nested
	10^{-3}	$1.8 * 10^8$	$1.8 * 10^{11}$
Num. qubits	10^{-6}	$1.2 * 10^6$	$3.1 * 10^9$
	10^{-9}	$2.3 * 10^5$	$1.5 * 10^8$

- Multiple **physical qubits** required to represent a **logical qubit** in fault-tolerant computation.
- Number of required physical qubits increases with the error rate.
- Hardware requirement increases **drastically**.
- Computational time **reasonable** for an error rate of 10^{-3} , but number of qubits is **prohibitive**, reduced with an error rate of 10^{-6} .

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Quantum computing enhanced computational catalysis [work by V. von Burg, M. Reiher & Microsoft Research]

- Ru-based catalyst for transforming CO₂ into methanol.
- Kinetic analysis → energetic of all the steps of a **reaction network**.
- Multi-configurational calculations on DFT-optimized geometries.



S. Wesselbaum *et al.*, *Chem. Sci.* 6, 693 (2015)

V. von Burg, G. H. Low, T. Häner, D. S. Steiger, M. Reiher, M. Roetteler, M. Troyer, *Phys. Rev. Res.* 3, 033055 (2021)

Enhancing the simulation efficiency [work by V. von Burg, M. Reiher & Microsoft Research]

- QPE efficiency enhanced via **qubitization** Propagator $e^{-i\mathcal{H}/\alpha}$ replaced by $e^{-i \arcsin(\mathcal{H}/\alpha)}$, can be encoded **exactly**.
- Size of the Hamiltonian reduced based on the **double factorized form** of the two-electron integral.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (pr|qs) &= \sum_Q^{N_{\text{rank}}} L_{pr}^Q L_{qs}^Q & \rightarrow & \quad \mathcal{H}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_Q^{N_{\text{rank}}} L_{pr}^Q \left(\sum_{pr}^L L_{pr}^Q a_p^\dagger a_r \right) \left(\sum_{qs}^L L_{qs}^Q a_q^\dagger a_s \right) \\
 & & & = \frac{1}{2} \sum_Q^{N_{\text{rank}}} \left(\sum_x^{N_Q} \sum_\sigma s_x^Q n_x^Q \right) \left(\sum_y^{N_Q} \sum_{\sigma'} s_y^Q n_y^Q \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Simpler** Hamiltonian, **more** elementary operators.

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New cost estimate [work by V. Von Burg M. Reiher & Microsoft Research]

	Toffoli gates	Qubits	
FeMoCo	$2.3 * 10^{10}$	3600	Qubitization + Truncation=1 mHa
	$1.22 * 10^{10}$	3600	Qubitization + Truncation=73 mHa
	$1.5 * 10^{14}$	142	Trotterization
Ru	$4.6 * 10^{10}$	4600	Qubitization + Truncation=1 mHa
	$9.3 * 10^{11}$	11000	Qubitization

- **Strong** reduction of the number of gates compared to the previous estimate.
- **Larger** number of qubits required.

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Initial state preparation [work by V. Von Burg M. Reiher & Microsoft Research]

Complex	MO basis	Orbitals	Electrons	$ \langle \tilde{\psi}_0 \psi_{\text{trial}} \rangle ^2$
I	CAS(4,5)SCF	52	48	0.847
II	CAS(8,6)SCF	62	70	0.848
II–III	CAS(8,6)SCF	65	74	0.848
V	CAS(12,11)SCF	60	68	0.841
VIII	CAS(2,2)SCF	65	76	0.869
VIII–IX	CAS(4,4)SCF	59	72	0.863
IX	CAS(16,16)SCF	62	68	0.807
XVIII	CAS(4,4)SCF	56	64	0.889

- Initial state prepared: **Hartree Fock** determinant.
- Weakly correlated system, single determinant is a **good approximation**.
- Becomes **less trivial** for strongly correlated molecules and/or excited states.

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Conclusions and perspective

- **DMRG** can largely extend the application range of full CI-based methods.
- **Many** challenge remain, especially for **excited-states** and **non-equilibrium properties**.
- Quantum computing methods based on the QPE algorithm may further push the boundaries of modern CI schemes.
- Need for constantly assessing the cost of new quantum algorithms on challenging quantum-chemical problems.
- Although approximated, algorithms based on the VQE needed for algorithms to be run on near-term quantum computers.

The QCMAquis project

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository for QCMAquis. The repository is owned by Alberto Baiardi and is in the 'master' branch. The README.md file is open, showing the following content:

QCMAquis

QCMAquis is an efficient C++11 implementation of the density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) algorithm for quantum chemical Hamiltonians in its matrix product state-matrix product operator (MPS-MPO) formulation. Quantum-chemical operators represented as matrix product operators (MPOs) provide the necessary flexibility to accommodate Abelian and non-Abelian symmetries as well as the implementation of non-relativistic and relativistic quantum chemical Hamiltonians, respectively, in a unified framework. We have implemented the special unitary group of degree 2 (SU(2)) in the MPO representation of the non-relativistic Hamiltonian to ensure spin conservation.

Current Features:

- Optimization of spin-adapted SU(2) MPS wave functions with the DMRG algorithm
- Non-relativistic and scalar-relativistic quantum-chemical Hamiltonians
- Calculation of excited states

- Interfaced with OpenMOLCAS for electronic-structure problems (with Dr. Leon Freitag).
- **New features available:** NEAP-DMRG (3.0.6, by Robin Feldmann), electron dynamics (3.1.0).
- **To come:** explicitly-correlated DMRG (with Dr. Michał Lesiuk), vibrational/vibronic (TD-)DMRG (with Nina Glaser), massively parallel DMRG (with PD Dr. Stefan Knecht).

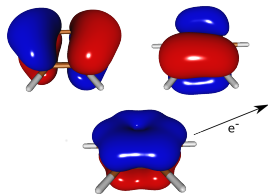
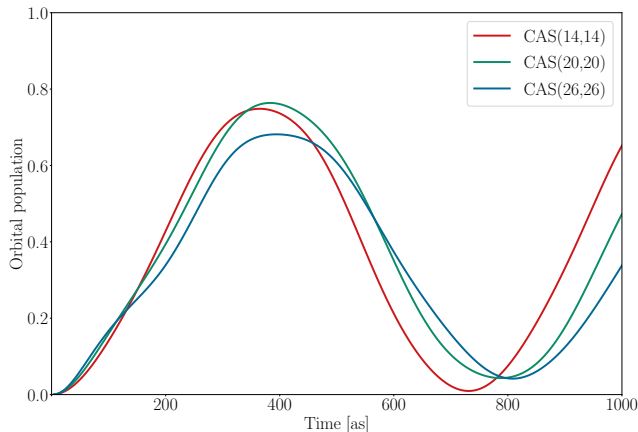
<https://github.com/qcscine/qcmaquis>

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- Reiher group.



Non-equilibrium electron dynamics with DMRG



- Selected CI/CAS(8,8) \approx 700 as, TD-ADC(3) \approx 900 as.
- **Approximations:** sudden ionization, **instantaneous** ionization pulse, **orbitals relaxation** neglected.

ADC(3): V. Despré *et al.*, *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.*, 6, 426 (2015)

Selected CI: J. Schriber, F. Evangelista, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 151, 171102 (2019)

A. Baiardi, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, 17, 3320 (2021)

Vibrational excitation energies

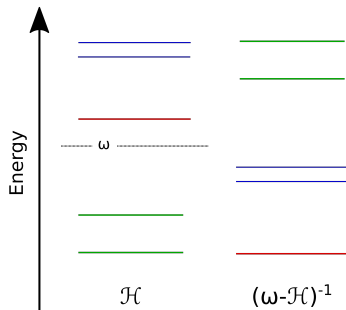
- VQE returns the vibrational **ground state** energy.
 - Excited states can be calculated with the quantum EOM algorithm.
- Diagonalize **classically** the RPA matrix, by calculating the matrix elements on a **quantum computer**.

	Modes	Modals	Reference	UVCC	CHC
A	2	2	574.441	574.450	574.441
			1438.778	1438.789	1438.789
			2063.261	2063.255	2063.269
B	2	4	496.697	496.6680	479.2900
			1073.420	1073.418	1063.520
			1460.074	1460.084	1452.494
			1642.996	1642.978	1634.296
			2024.187	2024.123	2016.191
C	4	2	2498.060	2498.037	2492.031
			534.908	534.682	534.774
			559.330	559.193	559.274
			1098.527	1121.205	1121.298
			1267.081	1267.910	1268.086
			1855.895	1874.657	1874.732
			1880.816	1901.110	1901.130

P. J. Ollitrault, A. Baiardi, M. Reiher, I. Tavernelli, *Chem. Sci.* 11, 6842 (2020)

The excited states challenge

- Full CI-based methods rely on the **variational principle**.
- Extension towards (potentially high-energy) excited-states **non-trivial**.
- Extent of many-particle correlation may increase for excited-states.
- **Challenge**: design excited-state methods that are as **robust** as the ground-state one.



- **Spectral transformation** to map a target excited state to the ground state.

$$\Omega_{\omega}^{\text{S\&I}} = (\omega - \mathcal{H})^{-1} \quad \Omega_{\omega}^{\text{Folded}} = (\omega - \mathcal{H})^2$$

A. Baiardi, C.J. Stein, V. Barone, M. Reiher, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 150, 094113 (2019)

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- **Projective** approach: based on the **power method**, do not rely on the **variational principle**.

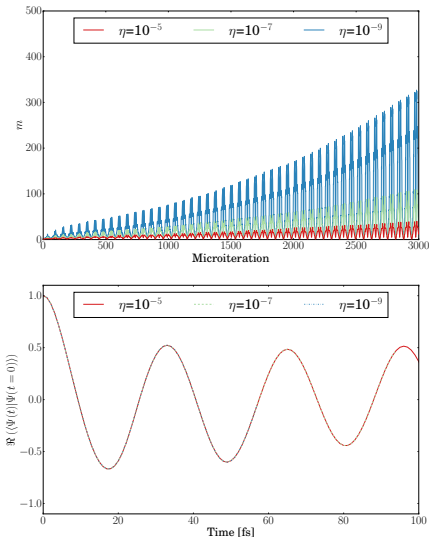
$$(\mathcal{H} - \sigma \mathcal{I}) | \tilde{\Psi}^{(i+1)} \rangle = | \Psi^{(i)} \rangle$$

- Either **higher computational cost** or **smaller numerical stability**.
- **FEAST**: projective method, yields stable and efficient optimizations for multiple energy ranges.

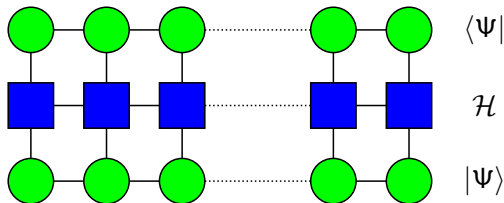
² A. Baiardi, A. K. Kelemen, *Arxiv*, 2110.00092 (2021)

The entanglement barrier challenge

- Target accuracy η fixed, MPS dimension adapted consequently.
- **Constant** increase of the MPS dimension with time \rightarrow increase of correlation effects (**entanglement barrier effect**).
- **Challenge**: many-particle correlation more relevant for non-equilibrium processes.



The Density Matrix Renormalization Group - 2



- Factorization of the Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow$ **matrix product operator**.
- **Variational, iterative** optimization of the tensor \rightarrow **sweep-based optimization** (equivalent to the alternating least squares method).
- **Efficient** optimization scheme + **compact** wave function representation.
- Can target ≈ 100 particles/basis functions.