Quantum Computing Electronic Structure

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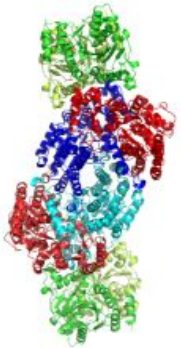
Why Electronic Structure?

$$N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$$

- $400\ °C$
- $200\ atm$

~2% of World's total energy supply



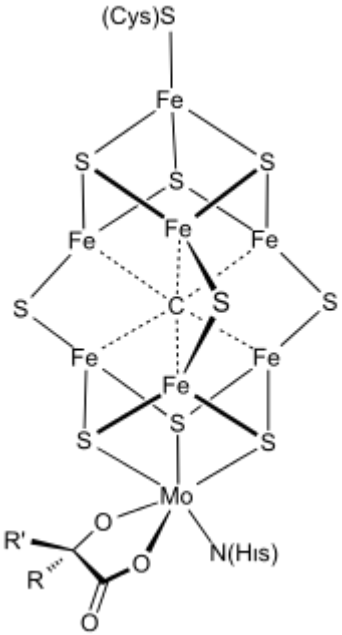
Nitrogenase

- $25\ °C$
- $1\ atm$

Why Electronic Structure?

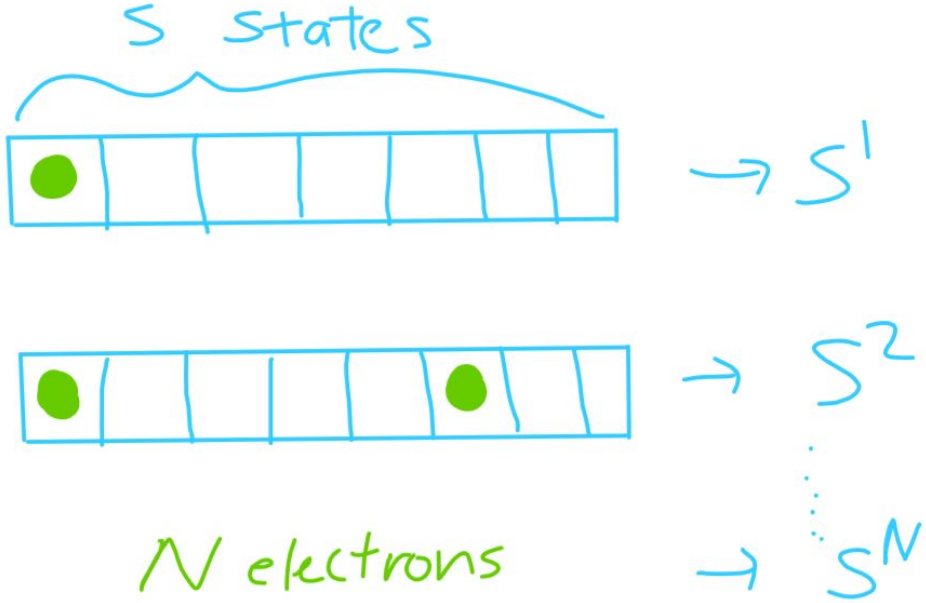
- **Catalytic mechanism** i.e. “how it accelerates the reaction” is not well understood.
- Crux: Composed of transition metal compounds that are **strongly correlated.**
- Classically: Intractable
- Quantum Computing: 150-200 *logical* qubits

FeMo-co:
Iron, Molybdenum, Carbon, Hydrogen , Oxygen



Why is it so hard?

- Exponential Problem
- Correlated motion
- Quantum properties like interference



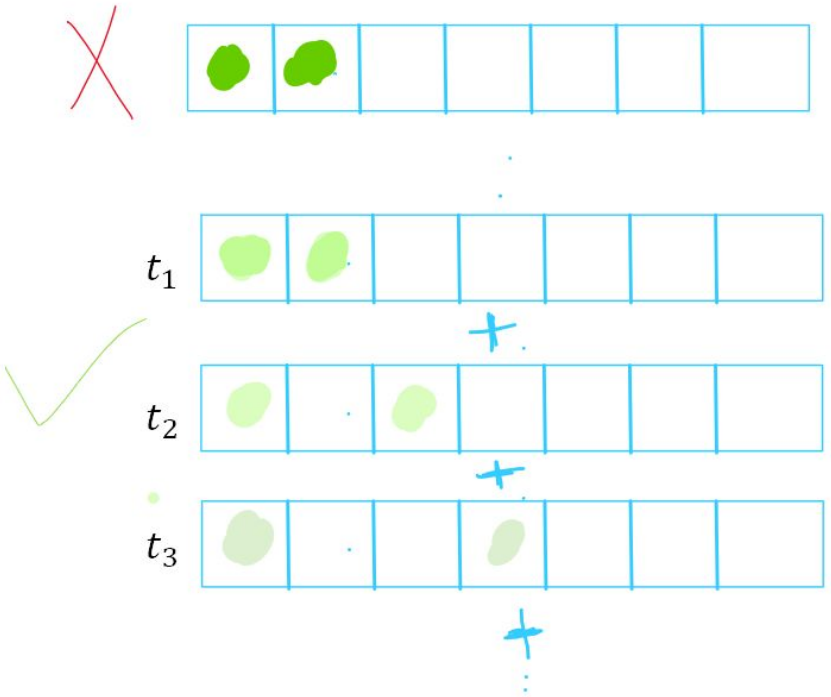
**Each box or hole represents a spin orbital - half of a molecular orbital.*

What are Chemists doing? Hartree Fock

- Treat effects of other electrons “**on average**”
- Uses Variational procedure to assign **n** electrons to **n** spin orbitals.
- Recovers **99%** of total energy

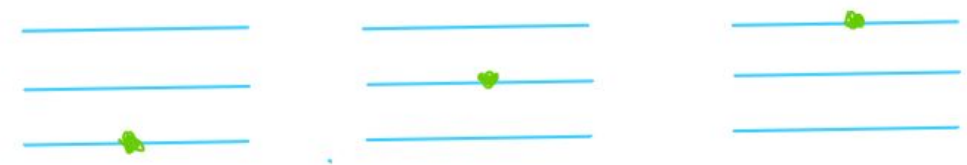
What are Chemists Doing? Failures of Hartree Fock

Limited Correlation due to **pigeonholing** of electrons into spin orbitals.



What are Chemists doing? Configuration Interaction

- Recognizes contribution of excited states to **correlation energy**
- If given a complete basis set, provides **exact solution**



$$\Psi_{\mathrm{CI}} = \Phi + \sum_{S} t_s \Phi_s + \sum_{D} t_d \Phi_d + \ldots = \sum_{\infty} t_i \Phi_i$$

$T_1\Phi$ $T_2\Phi$

Φ = Hartree Fock State

How many configurations do you see?

*** Remember, spin flips here are not allowed. So a spin up electron cannot excite to a spin down orbital!

What are Chemists Doing? Truncated CI and CC

Configuration **I**nteraction **S**ingles and **D**oubles

$$\Psi_{\mathrm{CISD}} = (1 + T_1 + T_2)\Phi = \Phi + T_1\Phi + T_2\Phi$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + ...$$

$$\Psi_{\mathrm{CCSD}} = e^{T_1+T_2}\Phi = \Phi + T_1\Phi + (T_1^2 + T_2)\Phi + (T_1^3 + T_1T_2)\Phi + ...$$

Coupled **C**luster **S**ingles and **D**oubles

Single Excitations

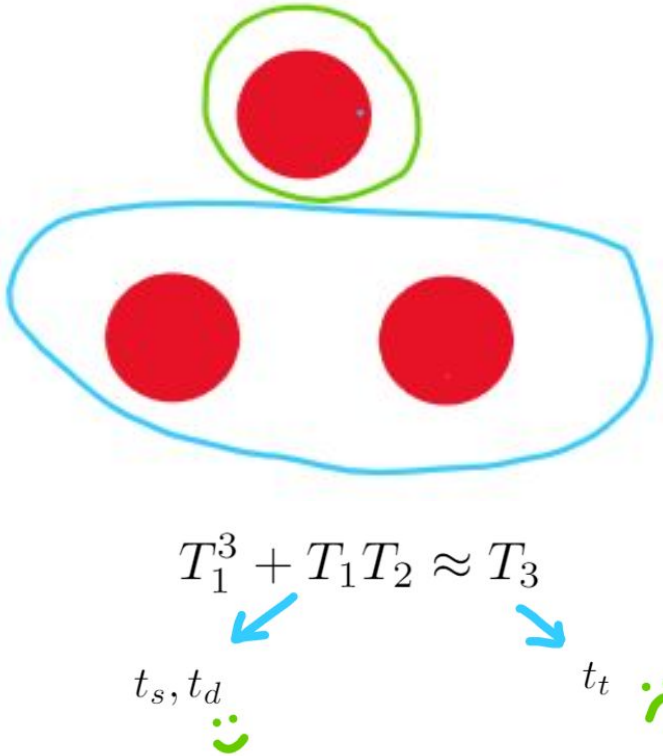
Double Excitations

Triple Excitations

* Ignoring coefficients here

What are Chemists doing? Coupled Cluster

- Approximating higher excitations using smaller excitations
- This is done **without increasing** number of parameters.
- But this method breaks down for larger molecules.

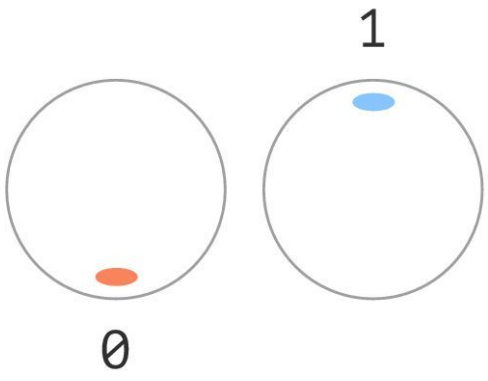


What we desire?

- Most classical methods either require **too many resources** or account for **too little correlation**.
- Goal: a **feasible** way of getting the to **exact** energy.
- Quantum Computers can help!

What is Quantum Computing?

Bit



Qubit

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

$$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

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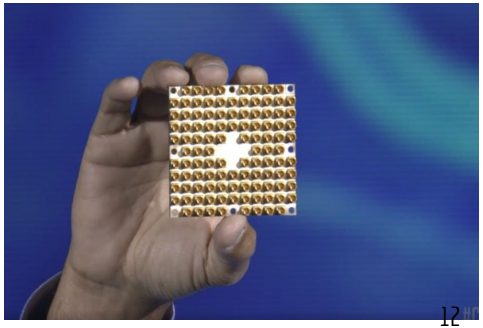
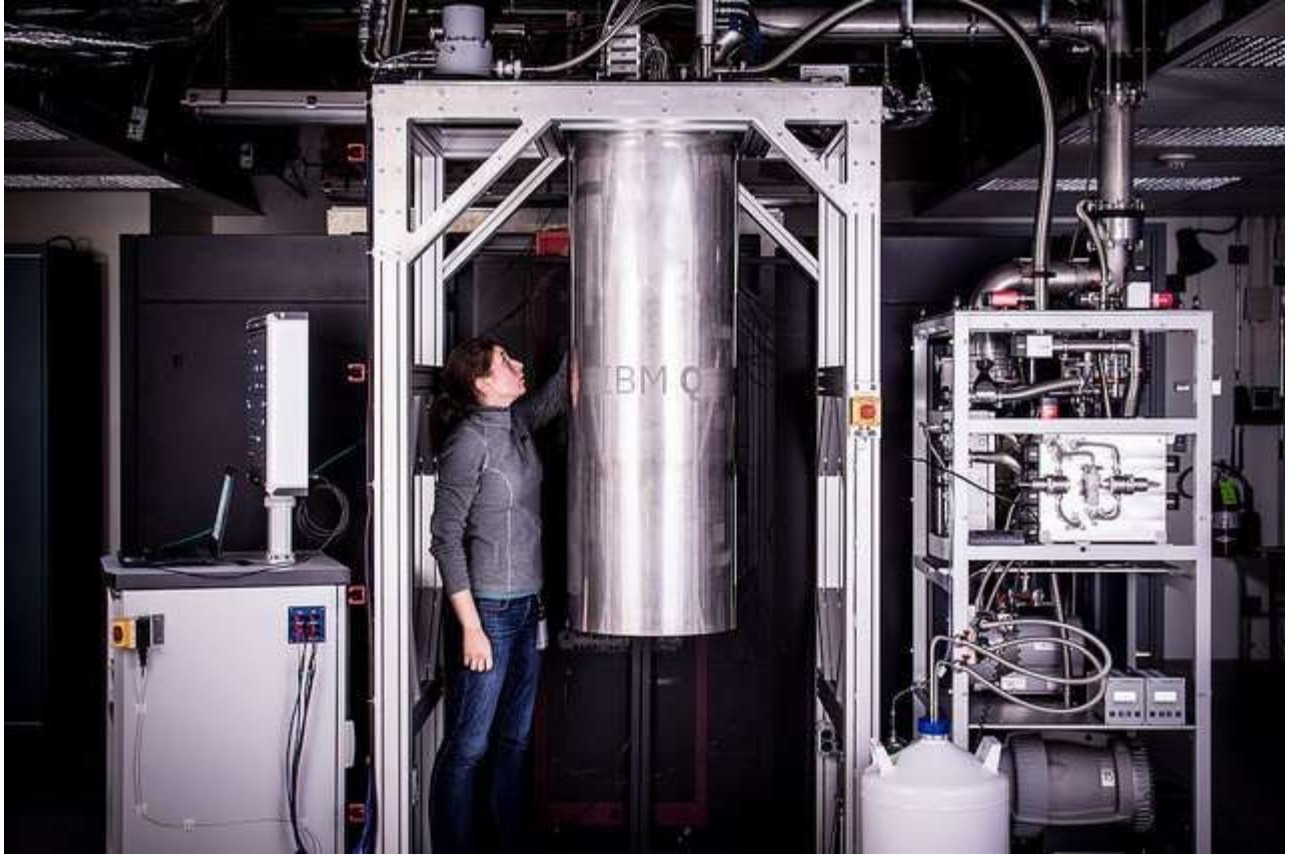
Intel’s 49 qubit superconducting “quantum chip”





Dilution refrigerator that houses IBM’s quantum computer

https://phys.org/news/2017-05-ibm-powerful-universal-quantum-processors.html

Why Quantum Computing?

Myth : Quantum computer is a **faster** version of classical computer

Fact: Only efficient for **certain types** of problems and gate speed is almost 100 times slower than that of classical logic gates

Myth: Quantum Computing is **powerful** because it tries all the possible solutions in parallel.

Fact: Amplitudes leading to wrong answer “interfere destructively” with each other and the amplitudes leading to the right answer “interfere constructively”

Quantum Encoding Jordan Wigner

- How do we **upload** electrons and spin orbitals onto quantum computers ?
- One possibility is to represent **every spin orbital** by a **qubit**.
- This is the Jordan Wigner encoding, one of the many quantum encodings in the literature.

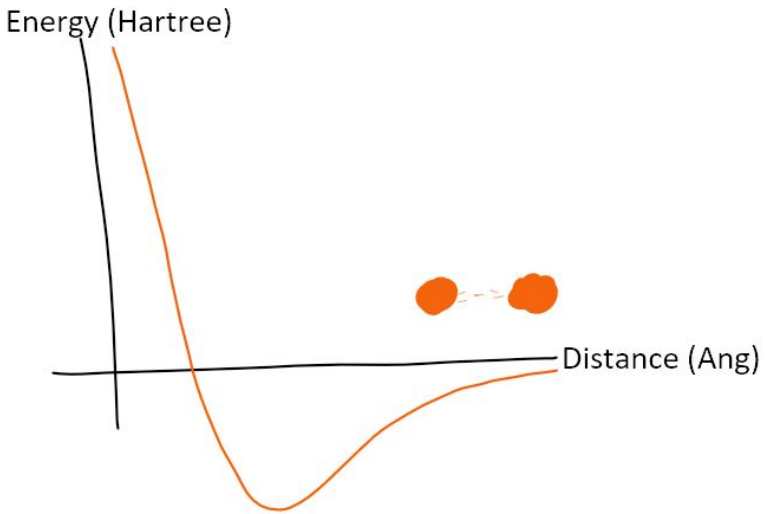
Quantum Encoding Jordan Wigner

Suppose I add in an electron into a spin orbital. How would you represent that situation on a quantum computer?

Variational Quantum Eigensolver

Variational Quantum Eigensolver Simulation

- Using simulators (ideal quantum computers) to calculate energy of H2 molecule as we pull the 2 hydrogen atom apart.
- In this simulation, we are working with
  - 4 qubits
  - 4 spin orbitals (1s, 1s*)
  - 2 electrons



Variation Quantum Eigensolver

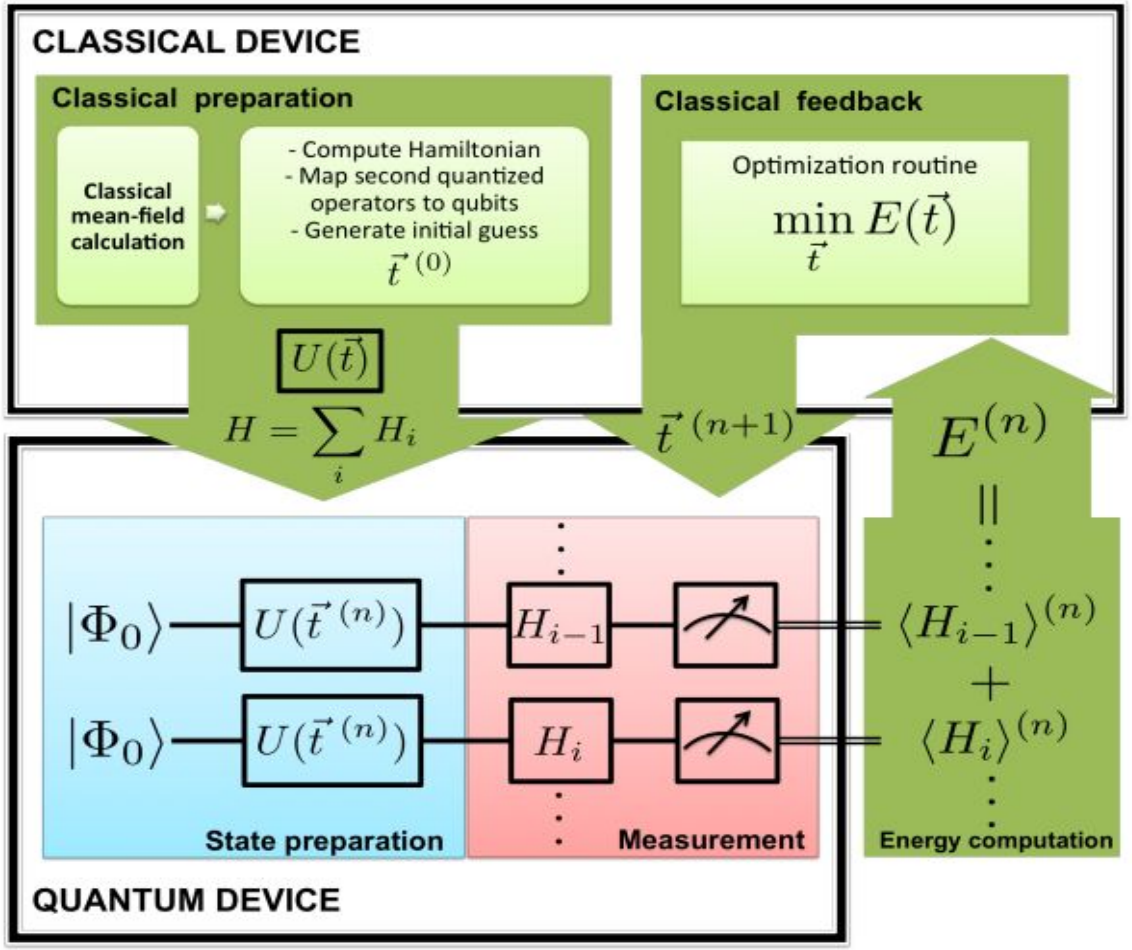
Find the eigenvalue E

$$H\psi = E\psi$$

Find Parameters $\vec{t} = \{t_i\}$ such that we minimize

$$\langle \psi(\vec{t}) | H | \psi(\vec{t}) \rangle$$

1. **Prepare** a state with a given a set of parameters
2. **Act** on the state with the Hamiltonian.
3. **Measure** the expectation value.
4. **Find** *better* parameters for the next iteration.



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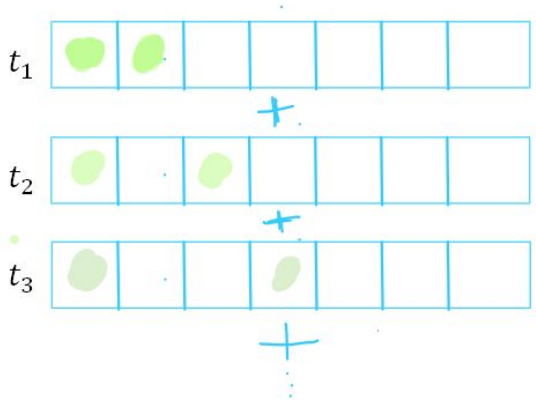
State Preparation Reference State

- Reference state is generally chosen as the **hartree fock state** because of its high overlap with the ground state.

State Preparation UCCSD

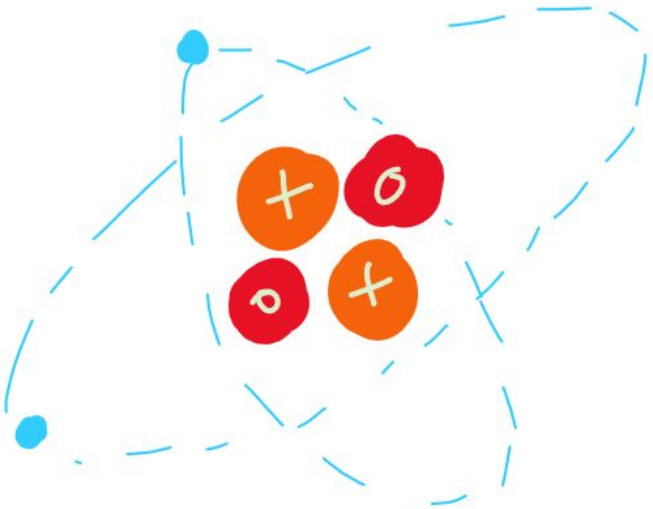
- Since quantum gates are reversible and hence unitary operators, we need the **coupled cluster** operator be unitary.

$$\Psi = e^{T - T^\dagger} \Phi$$



Measurement Hamiltonian

What are some **interactions** between the particles that may contribute to the **total energy** of the system?



Measurement Break It Up

- We will **break** up Hamiltonian into smaller, local hamiltonians , **measure** expectation value of each and **combine** these values to get the energy.

$$\text{Hamiltonian} = K_n + P_{n,n} + K_e + P_{n,e} + P_{e,e}$$

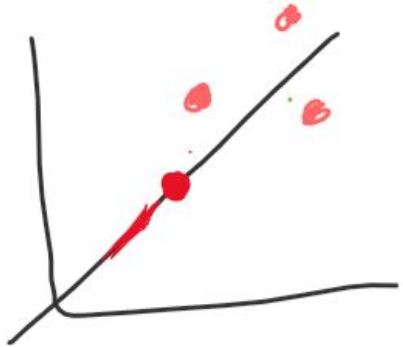
n= nucleon
e= electron
K = Kinetic Energy
P = Potential Energy

Optimization

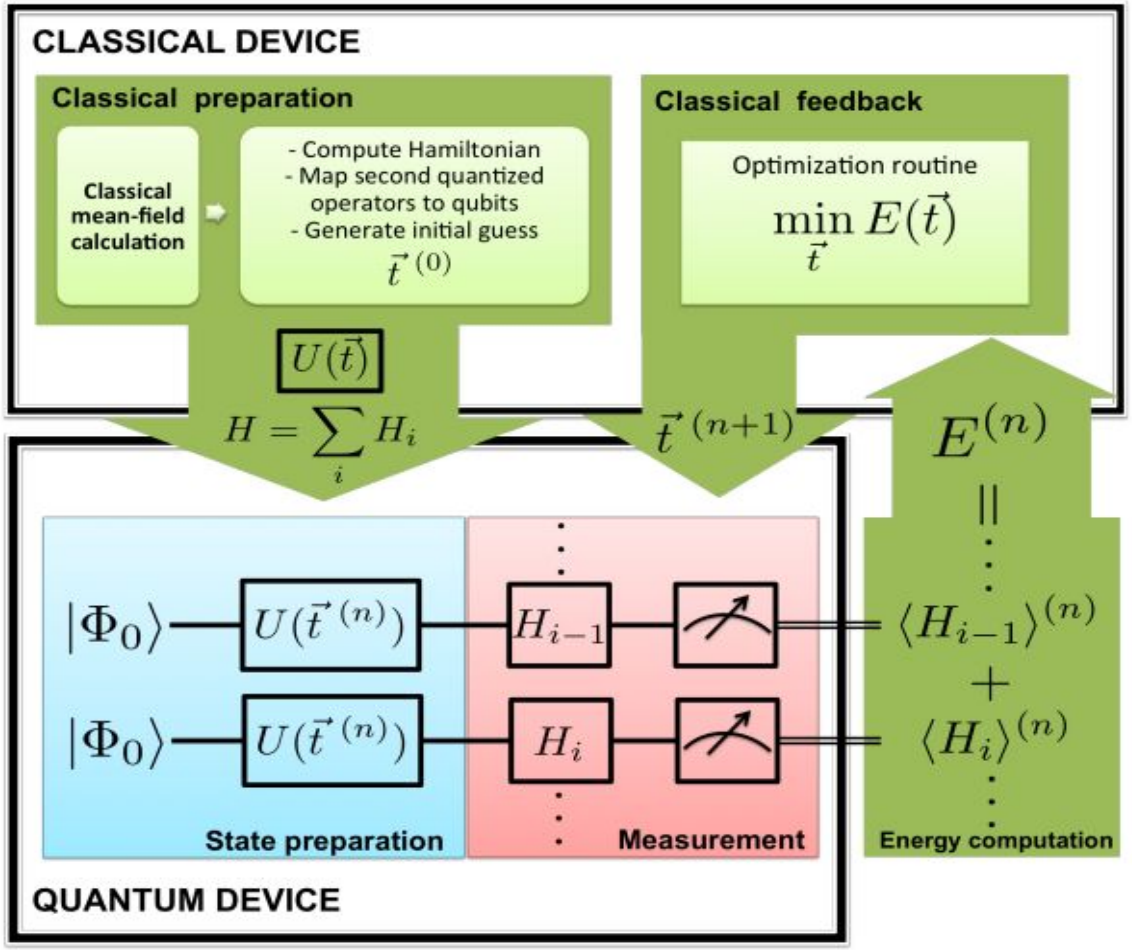
a) “Robustness” against noise

b) Number of Function Evaluations

Direct Search Algorithms



Gradient Descent Algorithms



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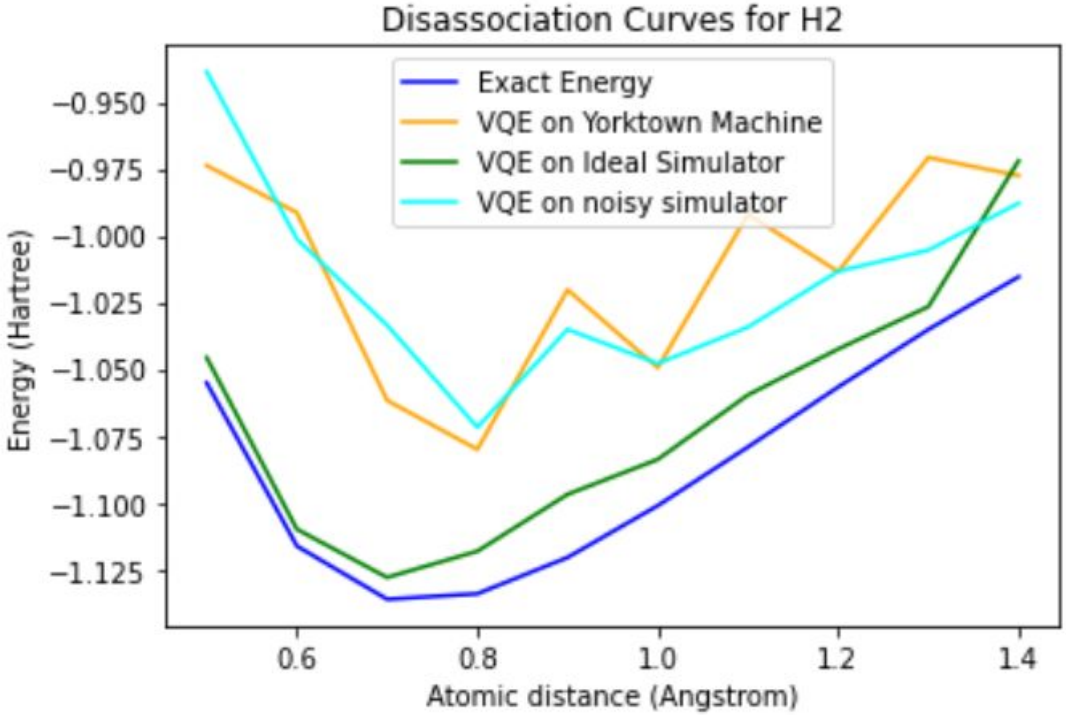
Quantum Error Problem



Quantum Error

- **Environment** can change the state of qubits, resulting in errors to our computations.
- These errors are usually a combination of phase flip and bit flip.
- Example: Thermal Relaxation error

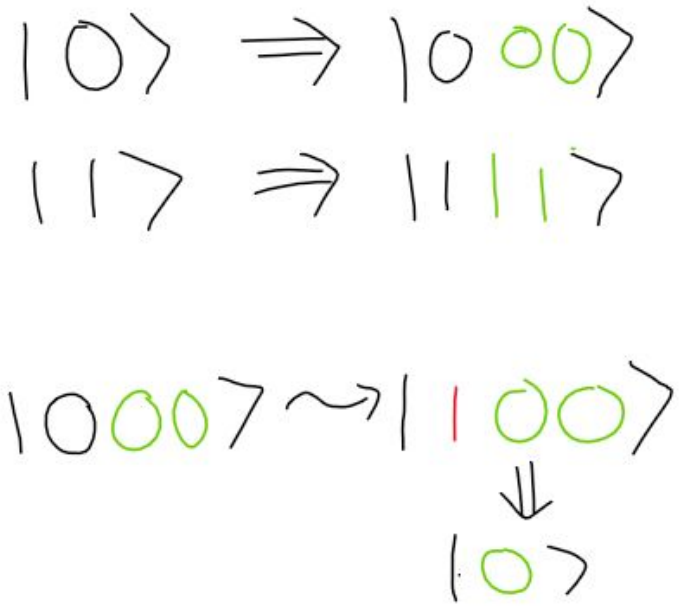
Bit Flip

Phase Flip

Quantum Error Correction

- Fixing quantum errors using additional *ancilla* qubits
- May need up to 1000 helper qubits to correct for 1 qubit
- Near term quantum computers (NISQ devices) will only contain ~ 50-100 qubits.

Example:

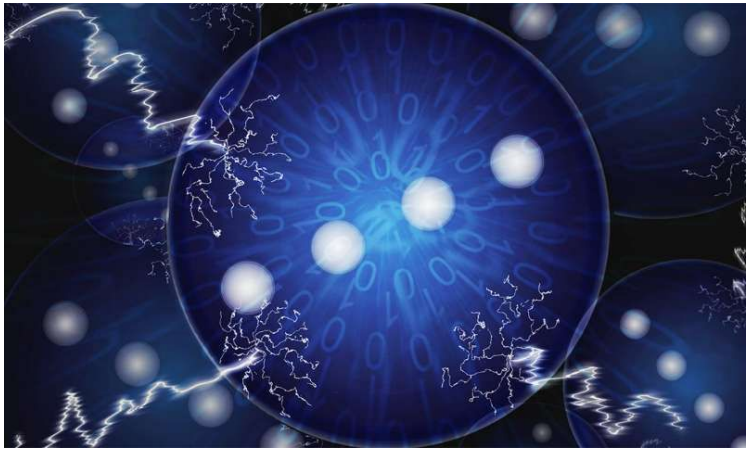


Quantum Error Mitigation

- For low depth (small) circuits, techniques like
  - Extrapolation
  - Probabilistic Error Cancellation
  - Quantum Subspace Expansion

  require a multiplicative overhead in number of measurements to mitigate errors.

- Hence, error mitigation does not require as many resources as error correction



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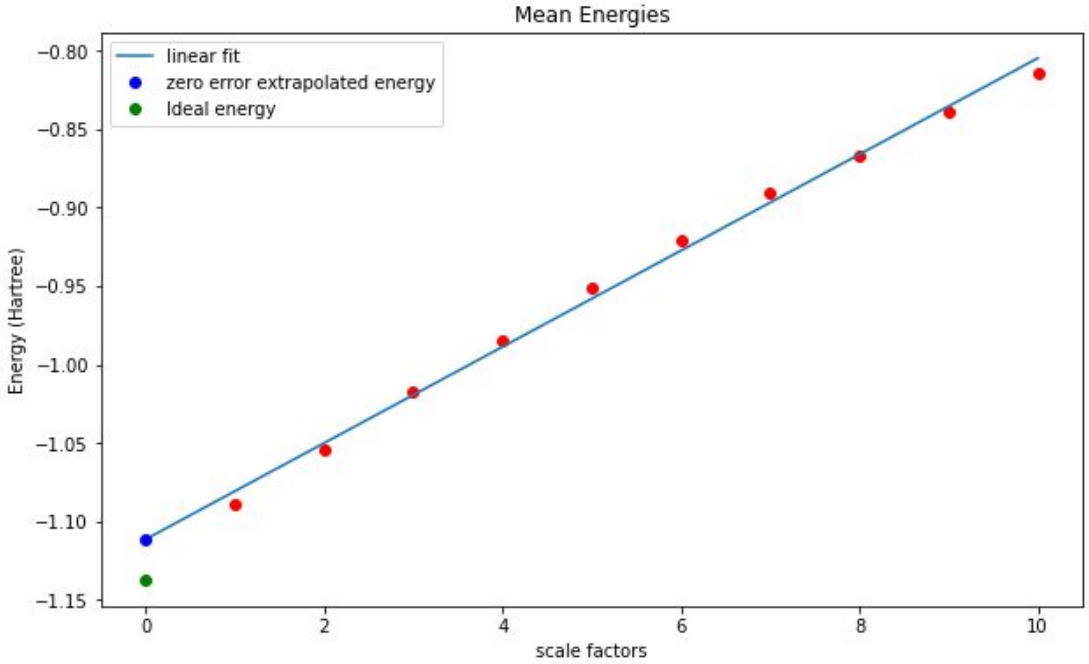
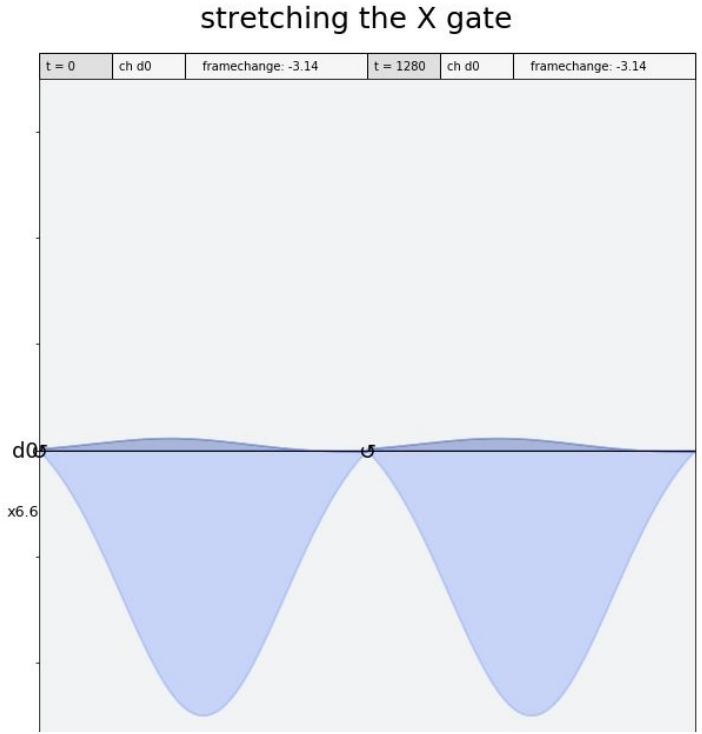
Extrapolation What?



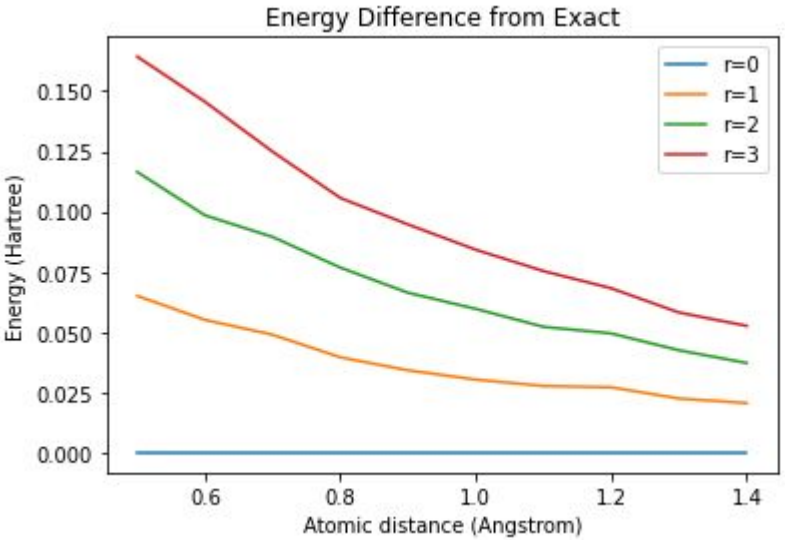
Deliberately make noise worse in order to improve results.

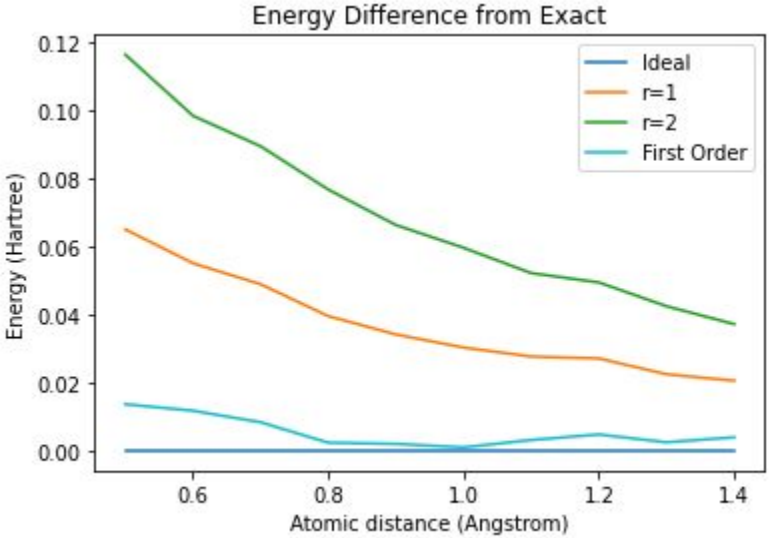
Extrapolation Noise Amplification

- Every gate operation on the IBMQ devices is executed using **microwave pulses**.
- Stretching these pulses will **“slow down”** the gate operations, giving qubits more time to talk to the environment.
- Hence, stretching pulses amplifies noise.



Extrapolation In Action on H2





Future for Chemistry Simulations

- Collaboration between chemists, physicists and computer scientists to improve upon
  - **State Preparation** like UCCSD ansatz
  - **Error Mitigation** techniques to reduce noise burden
  - **Systems and observables** more resistant to noise than others. (Eg: Dipole moment and charge density)

Thank You !

“It’s like the first day we see a plane flying, and we want to go to the moon.” - Marco De Vivo, theoretical chemist at Genoa, on quantum computing and drug discoveries

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More Detailed Discussion on Quantum Encoding

I omitted this section because it concerns notational circus which can be distracting for students.

Why Second Quantization? First Quantization Mess

Name- Tagging Electrons:

Electron 1 occupies Spin Orbital i.

Electron 2 occupies Spin Orbital j.

Exchange Symmetry Trap

What if I swap the 2 electrons?

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \det \begin{pmatrix} \chi_i(\mathbf{x_1}) & \chi_j(\mathbf{x_1}) \\ \chi_i(\mathbf{x_2}) & \chi_j(\mathbf{x_2}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\chi_i(\mathbf{x_1})\chi_j(\mathbf{x_2}) - \chi_j(\mathbf{x_1})\chi_i(\mathbf{x_2}) \right)$$

Second Quantization Better Bookkeeping

Avoid Name Tagging

“ Spin Orbital i and Spin Orbital j both have 1 electron.”

$$|11\rangle$$

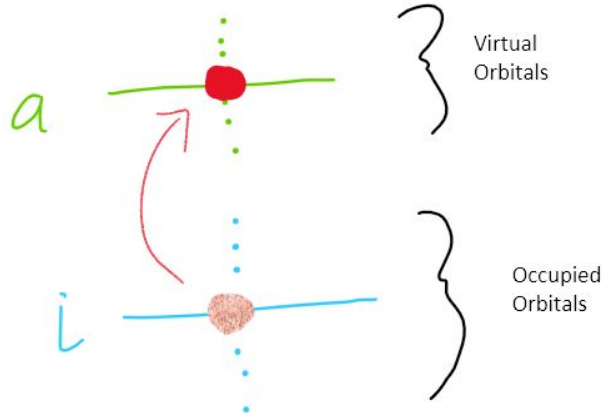
Exchange Symmetry Trap

What if I swap the 2 electrons?

Second Quantization

Fermionic Operators

- With elegant notation, come elegant operators.



Creation Operator

$$a^\dagger |0\rangle = |1\rangle$$

$$a |1\rangle = |0\rangle$$

Annihilation Operator

$$T_1 = \sum_{\substack{i \in \text{occ} \\ a \in \text{virt}}} t_a^i a_a^\dagger a_i$$

Second Quantization Anticommutation Relations

Exchange symmetry is satisfied by the following anticommutation relations:

$$a_i a_j + a_j a_i = 0$$

$$a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger + a_j^\dagger a_i^\dagger = 0$$

$$a_i a_j^\dagger + a_j^\dagger a_i = \delta_{ij}$$

Second Quantization Quantum Encoding Methods

- Makes mapping from the fermionic **Fock Space** to **Hilbert space** of qubits **efficient**.
- Second Quantized methods include **Jordan Wigner**, **Parity basis** and **Bravyi Kitaev** encodings.
- Methods differ on number of qubit operations to realise fermionic operator

Jordan Wigner

$$\begin{bmatrix} o_0 \\ o_1 \\ o_2 \\ o_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Parity Basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} o_0 \mod 2 \\ o_0 + o_1 \mod 2 \\ o_0 + o_1 + o_2 \mod 2 \\ o_0 + o_1 + 0_2 + o_3 \mod 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Quantum Encoding Mapping Operators

- Under Jordan Wigner encoding, qubits represent spin orbitals.
- To add and remove electrons from them, we act on qubits with combinations of pauli gates.

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pauli Matrices

$$a^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sigma^x - i\sigma^y}{2}$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sigma^x + i\sigma^y}{2}$$