

# VQE

## Variational Quantum Eigensolver

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# 1. Electronic Structure Problem

Time-dependent Schrödinger Equation.

$$\textcircled{\text{H}}-\textcircled{\text{H}} \quad \hat{H}\Psi(\vec{r}, \vec{R}, t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi$$

↓      ↘ nuclei  
electron

Isolated, non-relativistic.

If  $\hat{H}$  is time-independent:

$$\Psi = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} C_{\mathbf{k}} \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\vec{r}, \vec{R}) e^{-iE_{\mathbf{k}}t/\hbar}$$

where  $\hat{H}\Psi_{\mathbf{k}} = E_{\mathbf{k}}\Psi_{\mathbf{k}}$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} ; \quad \begin{array}{l} E_{\mathbf{k}}: \text{e-values} \\ \Psi_{\mathbf{k}}: \text{e-vectors} \end{array}$$

Curse of Dimensionality:

$$\textcircled{\text{H}}-\textcircled{\text{H}}; \Psi = f(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2); 12\text{-D}; 10^{12}$$

Protein:  $\Psi \sim 10^5 D; 10^{100000}$

Born-Oppenheimer Approx. ( $M_n \gg M_e$ )

$$H\Psi(\vec{r}, \vec{R}) = E\Psi$$

$$H = \underbrace{T_n + V_{nn}}_{\text{offset}} + \underbrace{T_e + V_{ne} + V_{ee}}_{H_e(\vec{r}|\vec{R})}$$

$$T_e = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i^{N_e} \nabla_i^2, \quad V_{ne} = -\sum_i^{N_e} \sum_k^{N_n} \frac{Z_k}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{R}_k|}$$

$$V_{ee} = \sum_{i>j}^{N_e} \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}, \quad m_e = \hbar = e = 1$$

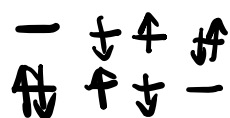
$$H_e\Psi_e(\vec{r}|\vec{R}) = E_e\Psi_e$$

Electronic Structure Problem.

2. First / Second Quantization.

Molecular Orbitals: One-electron Picture  
mean-field.

$$\Phi(\vec{r}|\vec{R}) \approx \prod_i^{N_e} \phi_i(\vec{r}_i|\vec{R})$$



STO-3G

## Basis Wavefunction (Slater Determinants)

$$\Psi(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \begin{vmatrix} \Phi_i(\vec{x}_j) \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Phi_i \rightarrow \text{orbital} \\ \vec{x}_j \rightarrow (\vec{r}_j, \sigma_j) \\ \quad \downarrow \\ \text{spin.} \end{array}$$

### 2-electron Example

$$\Psi_{ij}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_i(x_1) & \phi_i(x_2) \\ \phi_j(x_1) & \phi_j(x_2) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi_i(x_1)\phi_j(x_2) - \phi_i(x_2)\phi_j(x_1))$$

$$\Psi_{ij}(x_1, x_2) = -\Psi_{ij}(x_2, x_1) \quad (\text{Basis})$$

$$\Phi(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) = \sum_{i < j=1}^{N_0} C_{ij} \Psi_{ij}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2)$$

Fock or occupation space:

$$\Phi = \sum_{\vec{n}} C_{\vec{n}} |n_1, \dots, n_{N_0}\rangle, \quad n_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

2-electron case

$$\Phi = \sum_{i < j} C_{ij} |0 \dots 1_i \dots 1_j \dots 0\rangle$$

## First Quantization

$$\hat{H} \Phi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = \sum_{i>j=1}^{N_0} C_{ij} \hat{H} \Psi_{ij} = \sum_{i>j=1}^{N_0} \tilde{C}_{ij} \Psi_{ij}$$

Anti-symmetry enforced in the wave-function

## Second Quantization

$$\hat{a}_i^\dagger |n_1 \dots n_i \dots n_{N_0}\rangle = \delta_{n_i,0} (-1)^{\sum_{j=i}^{N_0} n_j} |n_1 \dots n_i+1 \dots n_{N_0}\rangle$$

Anti-symmetry enforced in the properties of operators

## First Quantization (Hamiltonian)

Slater-Condon Rules.  $\downarrow \text{span} \{\phi_i(x_i)\}$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{pq} &= \langle \phi_p | T_e + V_{ee} | \phi_q \rangle \\ &= \int d\vec{x} \phi_p^*(\vec{x}) \left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \sum_k \frac{Z_k}{|\vec{r} - \vec{R}_k|} \right) \phi_q(\vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

$$h_{pqrs} = \langle \phi_p \phi_q | V_{ee} | \phi_r \phi_s \rangle$$

$$= \iint d\vec{x}_1 d\vec{x}_2 \frac{\phi_p^* \phi_q^* \phi_r \phi_s}{|\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|}$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_i \sum_{pq}^{N_e N_o} h_{pq} |\phi_p^i\rangle \langle \phi_q^i| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{pqrs}^{N_e N_o} h_{pqrs} |\phi_p^i \phi_q^j\rangle \langle \phi_r^i \phi_s^j|$$

Second Quantization (Hamiltonian)

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{pq} h_{pq} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} h_{pqrs} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_r \hat{a}_s$$

Fermion-qubit mapping

Fock or occupation space:

$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum_{\vec{n}} C_{\vec{n}} |n_1, \dots, n_{N_o}\rangle, \quad n_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$|0\rangle_j$   $j$ th orbit not occupied

$|1\rangle_j$   $j$ th orbit is occupied.

$$\hat{a}_j^\dagger \sim |1\rangle \langle 0|_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{X_j - iY_j}{2}$$

to enforce anti-symmetry

$$\otimes Z_0 \otimes Z_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Z_{j-1}$$

## Parity Encoding

$|00\rangle, |11\rangle_{j-1, j}$   $j$ th orbit not occupied.

$|10\rangle, |01\rangle_{j-1, j}$   $j$ th orbit is occupied.

string	parity
0010	1
0110	0
1111	0
1110	1

$$\hat{Q}_j^\dagger = |01\rangle_{j-1, j} \langle 00|_{j-1, j} - |110\rangle_{j-1, j} \langle 11|_{j-1, j}$$

$$= \frac{Z_{j-1} \otimes X_j + i Y_j}{2}$$

$$\otimes X_{j+1} \otimes \dots \otimes X_{n-1}$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_a \omega_a \hat{P}_a, \quad P = \{I, X, Y, Z\}^{\otimes n}$$

$$E_0 \leq \frac{\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$$

$$E_{\text{VQE}} = \min_{\theta} \sum_a \omega_a \langle 0 | U^\dagger(\theta) \hat{P}_a U(\theta) | 0 \rangle$$

## Unitary Coupled Cluster

$$\hat{U} = \exp \left( \sum_n \hat{T}_n - \hat{T}_n^\dagger \right)$$

$$\equiv a \quad \hat{T}_1 = \sum_{ia} \theta_a a_a^\dagger a_i$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \uparrow \downarrow \end{array} i \quad \hat{T}_2 = \sum_{ijab} \theta_{ijab} a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_i a_j$$

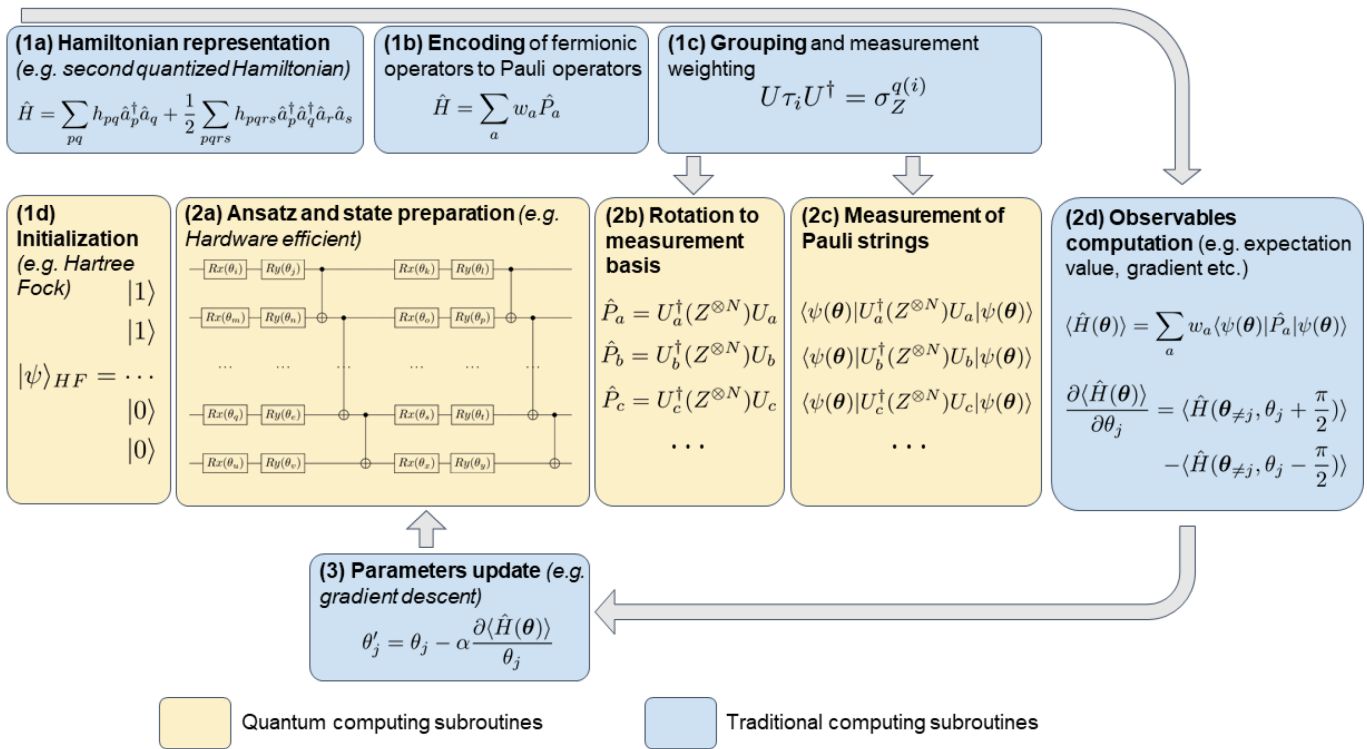
$$\hat{U}_{SD} = \exp \left( \sum_i \hat{T}_i - \hat{T}_i^\dagger \right) \quad K_i^a = a_a^\dagger a_i - a_i^\dagger a_a$$

$$\hat{U}_{SD} \approx \left( \prod_{ia} e^{\theta_{ia} K_i^a / \kappa} \prod_{ijab} e^{\theta_{ijab} K_{ij}^{ab} / \kappa} \right)^\kappa \quad K_{ij}^{ab} = a_a^\dagger a_b^\dagger a_i a_j - a_j^\dagger a_i^\dagger a_b a_a$$

Captures the essence of the electron correlations in the molecular.



# Variational quantum eigensolver: review and best practices



#  $\theta_s$  100 Design of Ansatz

# Iterations 100 Optimizer

# Pauli Strings 100 Grouping / Shadows

# Shots 1000 Gate error

$2 \times 10^9$  Measurements !!!