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Introduction

1.1 Context & Motivation

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1.2 Contribution & Thesis Structure

Chapter 2

Background

2.1 Electronic Structure Theory

The Hartree-Fock Approximation

Coupled-Cluster Theory

Unitary Coupled-Cluster Theory

Hamiltonian Simulation and Trotterisation

Fermionic-Qubit Encodings

Jordan-Wigner Transformation

Bravyi-Kitaev Transformation

Parity Mapping

2.2 The ZX Calculus

Generators

Rewrite Rules

Chapter 3

Phase Polynomials

3.1 Phase Gadgets

1. zx representation
2. algebraic structure
3. relation to chemistry
4. phase gadget decomposition / ladder / bricklayering

3.2 Pauli Gadgets

3.3 Commutation Relations

Chapter 4

Compilation Strategy

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Chapter 5

ZxFermion Package

ZxFermion is a Python package built on top of PyZX designed for the manipulation and visualisation of circuits of Pauli gadgets. With built-in Clifford tableau logic using Stim, ZxFermion allows users to quickly implement proofs and test ideas.

VQE algorithms used in quantum chemistry often utilise the UCC framework in which excitation operators have a natural representation as Pauli gadgets. ZxFermion provides a comprehensive toolset designed to be used in a Jupyter notebook environment. Export functionality can be used to generate research paper quality diagrams.

5.1 Creating Gadgets

5.2 Creating Circuits of Gadgets

5.3 Pauli & Clifford Algebra

```
from zxfermion.gates import X, XPlus, XMinus, Z, ZPlus
```

```
XPlus + XMinus  
>> Identity
```

5.4 Architecture-Aware Circuit Extraction

Appendices

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