

Reducing necessary quantum hardware resources with explicitly correlated methods

QC-4C: Quantum Computers for Chemistry

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Take-home messages

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- Why do we need to use large basis sets?
- What is an explicitly correlated Ansatz?
- What is the transcorrelated method?
- Why do we need quantum imaginary time evolution?
- What are the advantages of the TC method on quantum hardware?

Outline

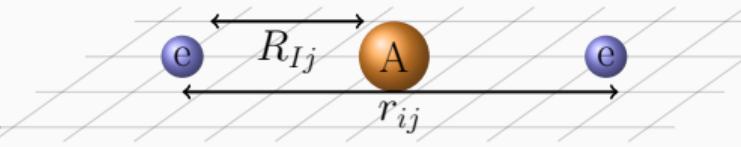
- Recap – Quantum Chemistry
- Correlated Ansatz to reduce the computational footprint on quantum hardware
- Applications: Circuit depth – Hubbard model
- Applications: Circuit width – *Ab initio* problems
- Conclusions and Outlook

Recap – Quantum Chemistry

Ab Initio Quantum Chemistry – Electronic Structure Theory

All necessary information of a quantum system contained in electronic
molecular Hamiltonian (Born-Oppenheimer approx., atomic units and first quantization)

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{-\sum_i \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2}_{\text{kinetic energy of } e^-} - \underbrace{\sum_{I,j} \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{r}_j|}}_{\text{Attr. potential}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}}_{e^- - e^- \text{ repulsion}}$$



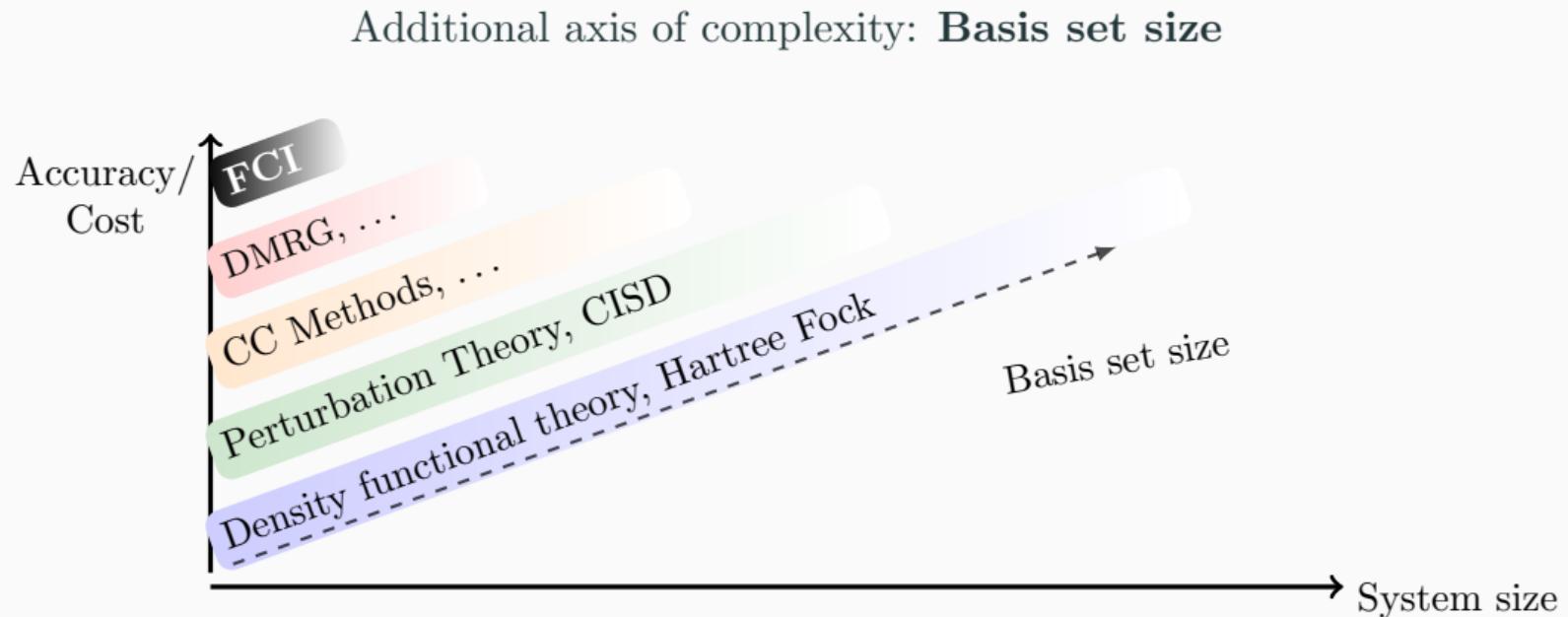
Electronic properties: Ground- and low-lying excited state properties, energy differences, polarization, response functions, ...

Task: Solve the Schrödinger equation derived from first principles

$$\hat{H} |\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n)\rangle = E |\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n)\rangle$$

Target: High / chemical accuracy to ensure predictability, interpretability and comparison with experimental results.

Hierarchy of methods

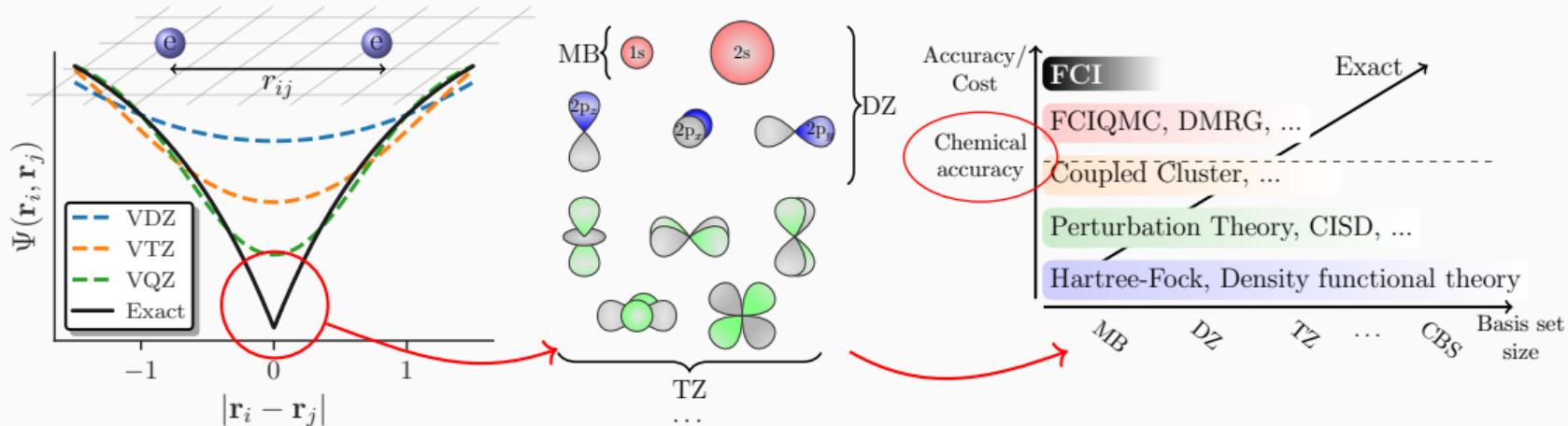


Current quantum computing calculations/experiments use small/**minimal basis sets** far from experimental results, due to **limited number of qubits**

Problems for accurate description: Cusp condition

Cusp condition: Singularity of Coulomb potential, $\frac{1}{r_{ij}}$, for $r_{ij} = 0 \rightarrow$ sharp cusp of exact wavefunction $\Psi(\{\mathbf{r}\})$ at electron coalescence ($r_{ij} = 0$)

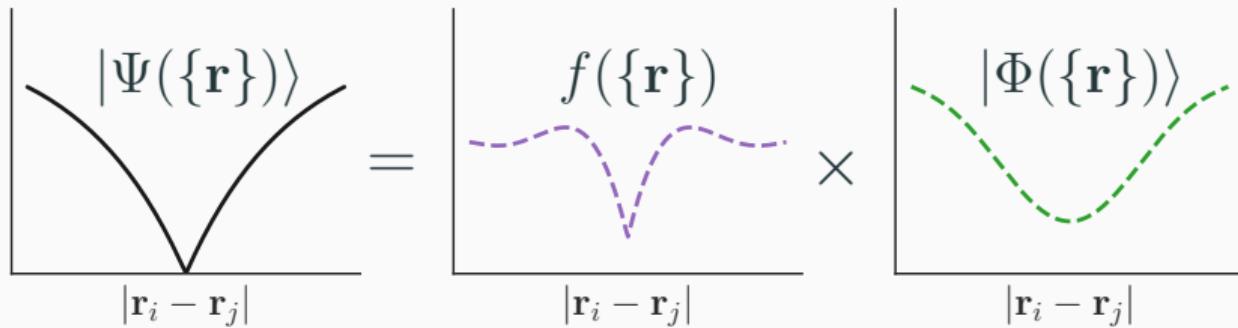
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**Correlated Ansatz to reduce the
computational footprint on
quantum hardware**

Cusp Condition – Explicitly Correlated Ansatz

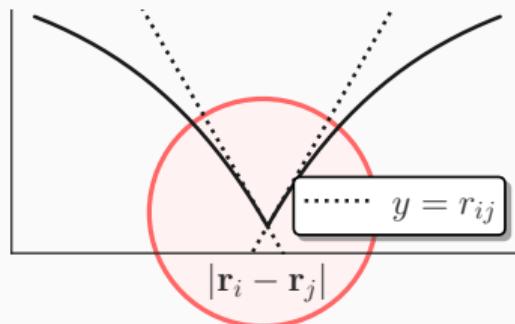
Short range behavior → **dynamic correlation**. Important for accurate results
→ Necessitates **large basis set expansion**.



Describe the cusp exactly and capture part of correlation with a **correlated wavefunction Ansatz**

$$|\Psi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle = f(\{\mathbf{r}\}) |\Phi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle$$

Explicitly Correlated methods



Linear behavior in electron-electron distance $r_{ij} = |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|$ for small r_{ij} !

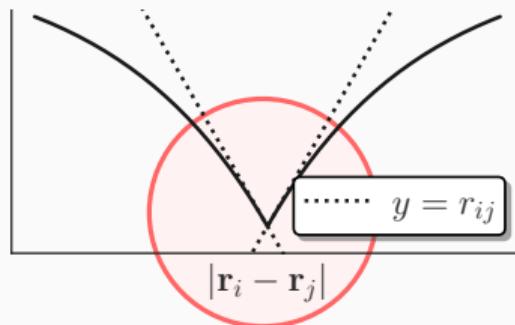
R12 methods^{*}: $|\Psi\rangle = r_{ij} |\Phi\rangle$

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$$\exp(-x) \approx 1 - x + \mathcal{O}(x^2), \quad \tilde{r}_{ij} = \frac{r_{ij}}{1 + r_{ij}}, \quad \lim_{r_{ij} \rightarrow 0} \tilde{r}_{ij} \rightarrow 0, \quad \lim_{r_{ij} \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{r}_{ij} \rightarrow 1$$

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Variational Quantum Monte Carlo to optimize Jastrow factors

Minimize variational energy, by optimizing trial wavefunction parameters J_{ij} :

$$E_{VMC} = \min_{\hat{\tau}(J_{ij})} \frac{\langle \Phi_0 | e^{\hat{\tau}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{\tau}} | \Phi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Phi_0 | e^{2\hat{\tau}} | \Phi_0 \rangle}, \quad |\Phi_T\rangle = e^{\hat{\tau}} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

- The choice of trial wavefunction is critical in VMC calculations → accuracy limited by $|\Phi_T\rangle = e^{\hat{\tau}} |\Phi_0\rangle$!
- Hartree-Fock state usually first starting point for $|\Phi_0\rangle$, but more elaborate/accurate states possible...
- Polynomial scaling $\sim N^3$
- Such a VMC calculations to optimize J_{ij} with a HF state $|\Phi_0\rangle = |\Phi_{HF}\rangle$ our **starting point** for the **transcorrelated method**

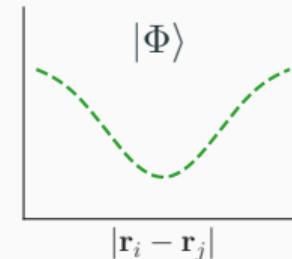
Similarity Transformation – Transcorrelated (TC) Method

Describe the cusp condition and/or capture part of correlation with a correlated wavefunction Ansatz → incorporate into Hamiltonian!

Instead of $\hat{H} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$ solve the similarity transformed (ST) problem

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} |\Psi\rangle &= E |\Psi\rangle, \quad \text{with} \quad |\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{\tau}} |\Phi\rangle \\ e^{-\hat{\tau}} \rightarrow | \quad \hat{H} e^{\hat{\tau}} |\Phi\rangle &= E e^{\hat{\tau}} |\Phi\rangle, \quad (\hat{\tau}^\dagger = \hat{\tau})\end{aligned}$$

$$(e^{-\hat{\tau}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{\tau}}) |\Phi\rangle = E e^{-\hat{\tau}} e^{\hat{\tau}} |\Phi\rangle = E |\Phi\rangle$$



Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff (BCH) exp. to obtain TC Hamiltonian:

$$\bar{H} = e^{-\hat{\tau}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{\tau}} = \hat{H} + [\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}] + \frac{1}{2} [[\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}], \hat{\tau}] + \dots$$

For the molecular Hamiltonian the BCH exp. terminates at 2nd order, as only kinetic energy operators in \hat{H} do not commute with $\hat{\tau}$!

The Similarity Transformed TC Hamiltonian

Consequences:

- Sim. transf. \bar{H} is non-Hermitian ($[\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}], \dots$)
→ loss of variational principle
- 3-body interactions (and possibly higher order)

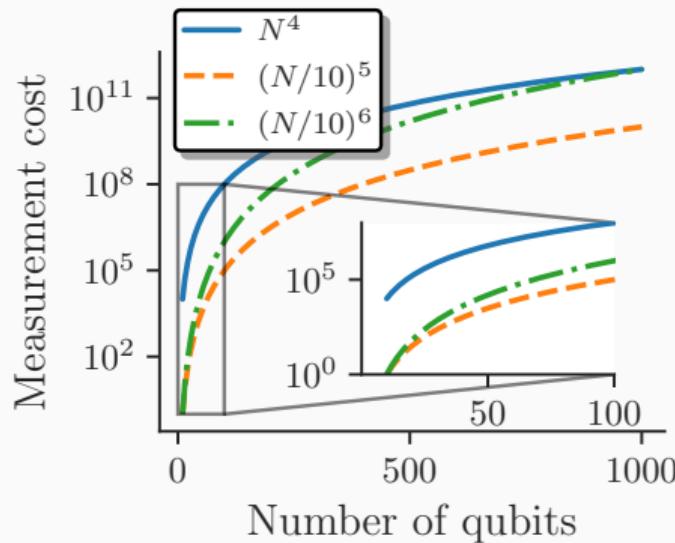
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{H} &= \hat{H} - \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 \hat{\tau} + (\nabla_i \hat{\tau}) \nabla_i + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_i \hat{\tau})^2 \right) \\ &= \hat{H} - \sum_{i < j} \hat{K}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) - \sum_{i < j < k} \hat{L}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_k)\end{aligned}$$

Rapid basis set convergence and more compact (right) eigenvector!

Scaling of TC – Measurement Cost

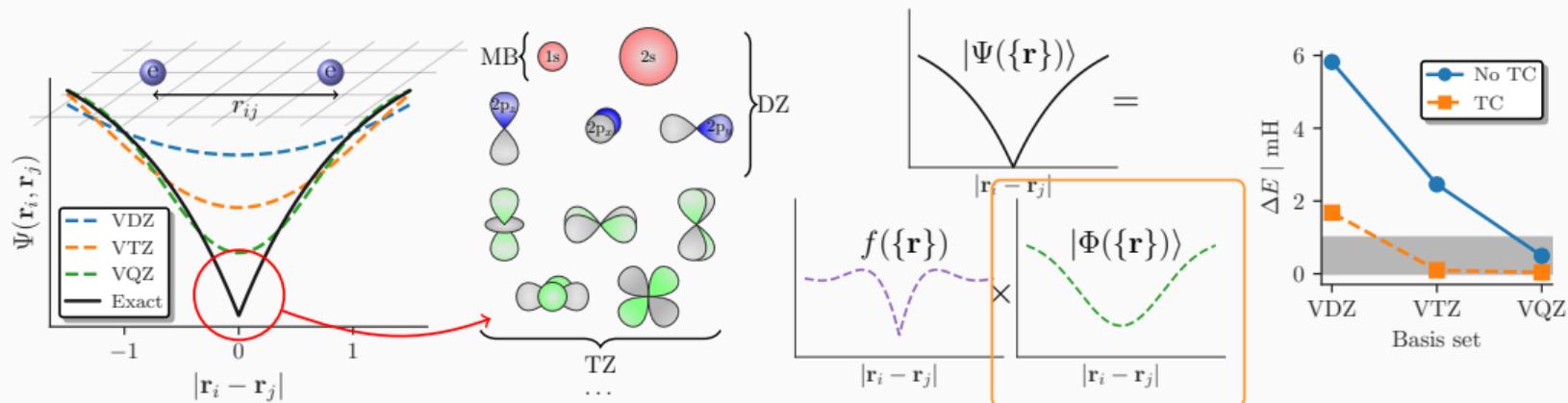
$$\bar{H} = \sum_{pq,\sigma} h_q^p a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs,\sigma\tau} \bar{V}_{rs}^{pq} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{s,\tau} a_{r,\sigma} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{pqrstu,\sigma\tau\lambda} L_{stu}^{pqr} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{r,\lambda}^\dagger a_{u,\lambda} a_{t,\tau} a_{s,\sigma}$$

- Measurement formally scaling as N^6 , with N being the number of orbitals
- Recently shown that N^6 -scaling terms can be neglected to good accuracy*
- Current work on N^4 -scaling approximation
- Order of magnitude less orbitals: since also no core functions needed in basis set†
- Shorter circuit depth, due to more compact ground state!



TC Motivation for quantum computing

Sharp cusp → necessitates **large basis set expansion**



Every spin-orbital needs a qubit → Minimal basis far from CBS results!

Transcorrelation (TC) enables **more accurate results with less spin-orbitals/qubits**

Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian – Problem for VQE

Since TC Hamiltonian is **non Hermitian**, variational algorithms like VQE not applicable

$$E_{\text{VQE}} = \min_{\theta} \langle \Psi(\theta) | \hat{H} | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$$

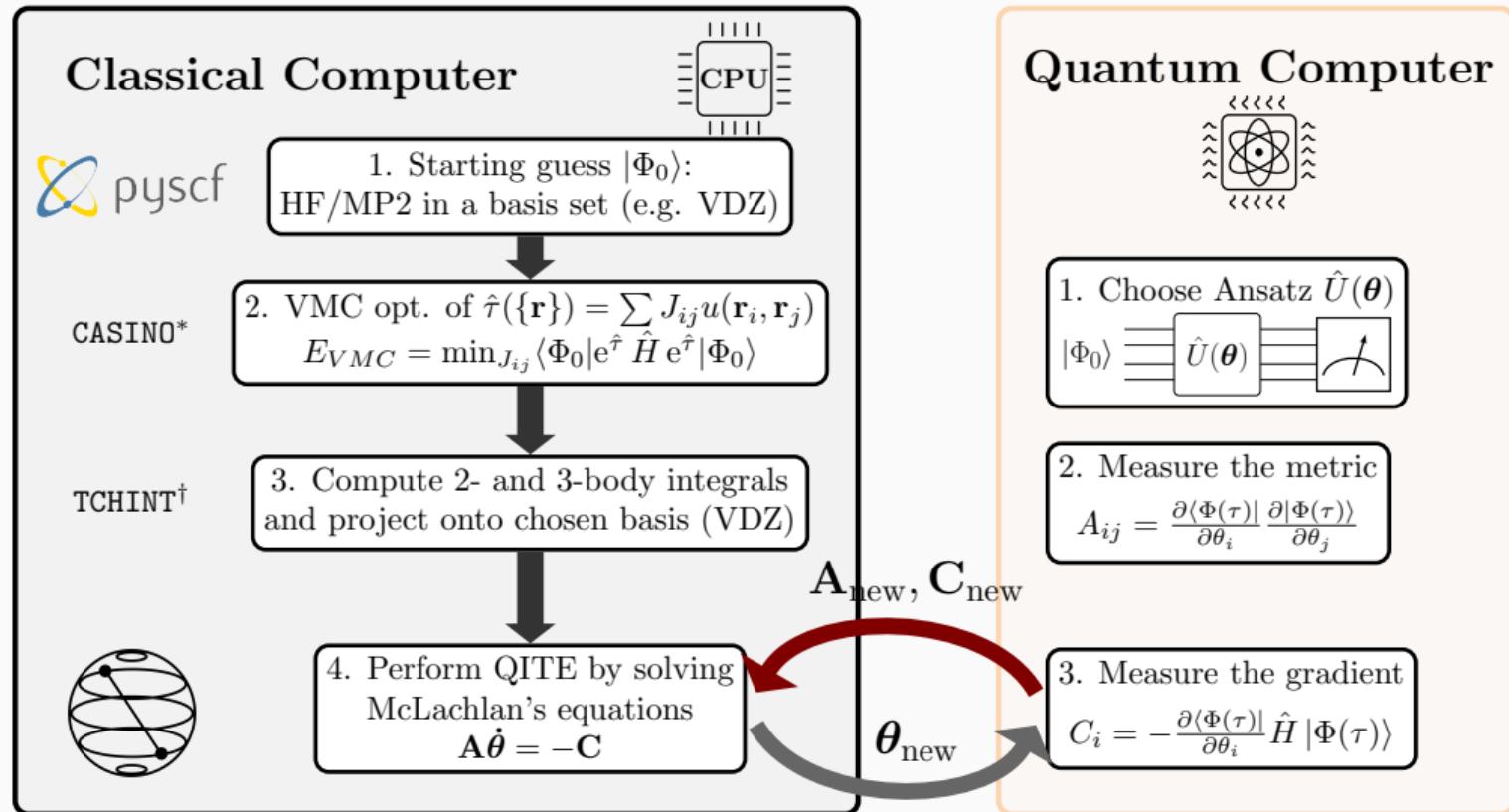
Our Approach:

Solve for the **right** eigenvector of non-Hermitian \bar{H} by **projection** with QITE:

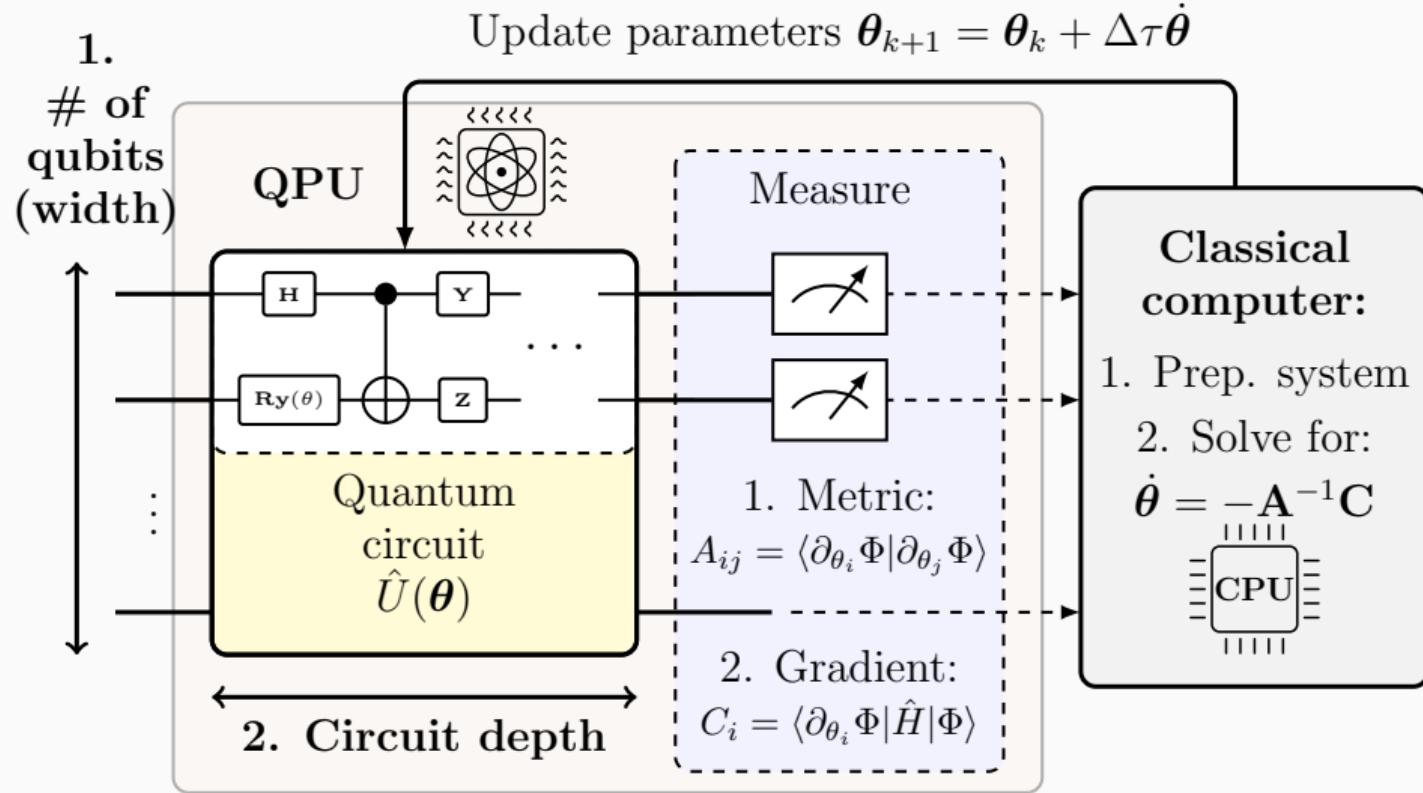
$$|\Phi_0^R\rangle \propto \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t\bar{H}} |\phi^R\rangle, \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{H} |\Phi_0^R\rangle = E |\Phi_0^R\rangle,$$

where $|\Phi^R\rangle$ is a full expansion in SDs $|\Phi^R\rangle = \sum_i c_i |D_i\rangle$

Workflow



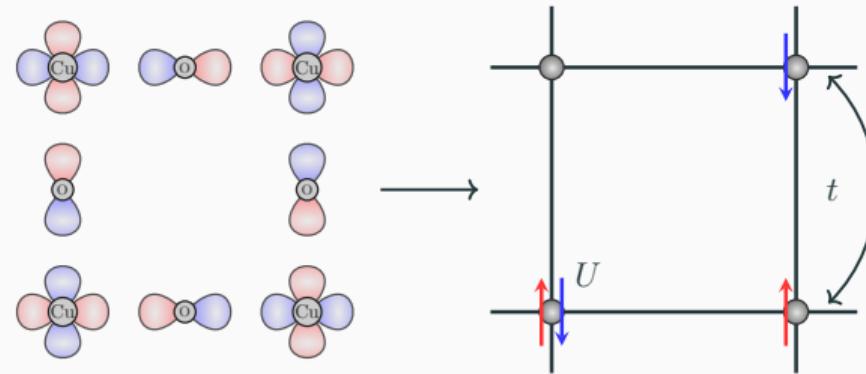
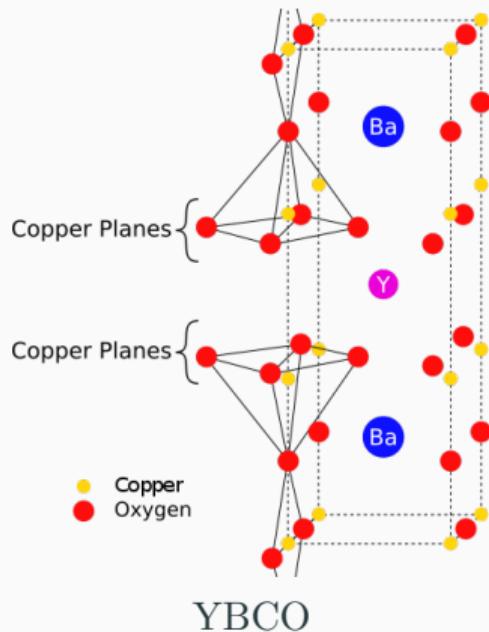
QITE Workflow



Applications: Circuit depth – Hubbard model

High- T_C Superconductors and the Hubbard Model

Mapping to an effective lattice model:



The Hubbard Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} (c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + h.c.) + U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

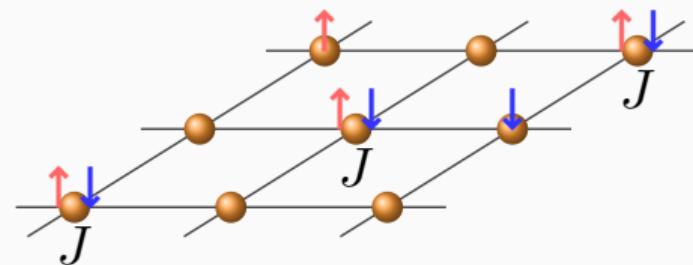
Strong interaction \Rightarrow highly multiconfigurational

Similarity Transformation based on the Gutzwiller Ansatz

Reduce circuit depth with transcorrelated Ansatz

- Suppress energetically unfavourable double occupancies via the *Gutzwiller* Ansatz:

$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{\tau}} |\Phi\rangle, \quad \hat{\tau} = J \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

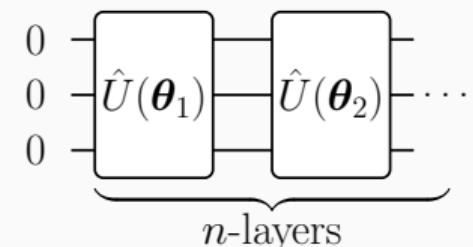
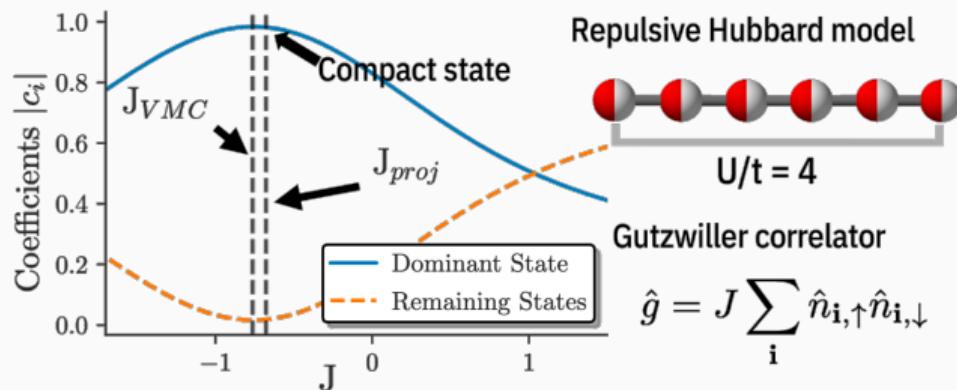


- Perform an exact *similarity transformation* (ST) of the Hubbard Hamiltonian \hat{H} :

$$e^{-\hat{\tau}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{\tau}} = \bar{H} |\Phi\rangle = \left(-t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} e^{-\hat{\tau}} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\sigma} e^{\hat{\tau}} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} \right) |\Phi\rangle = E |\Phi\rangle$$

Increased compactness of right eigenvector

- Leads to a **non-Hermitian** operator with **3-body interactions** in a momentum space representation
- **Increased compactness** of the right EV, due to downfolding of correlations into Hamiltonian

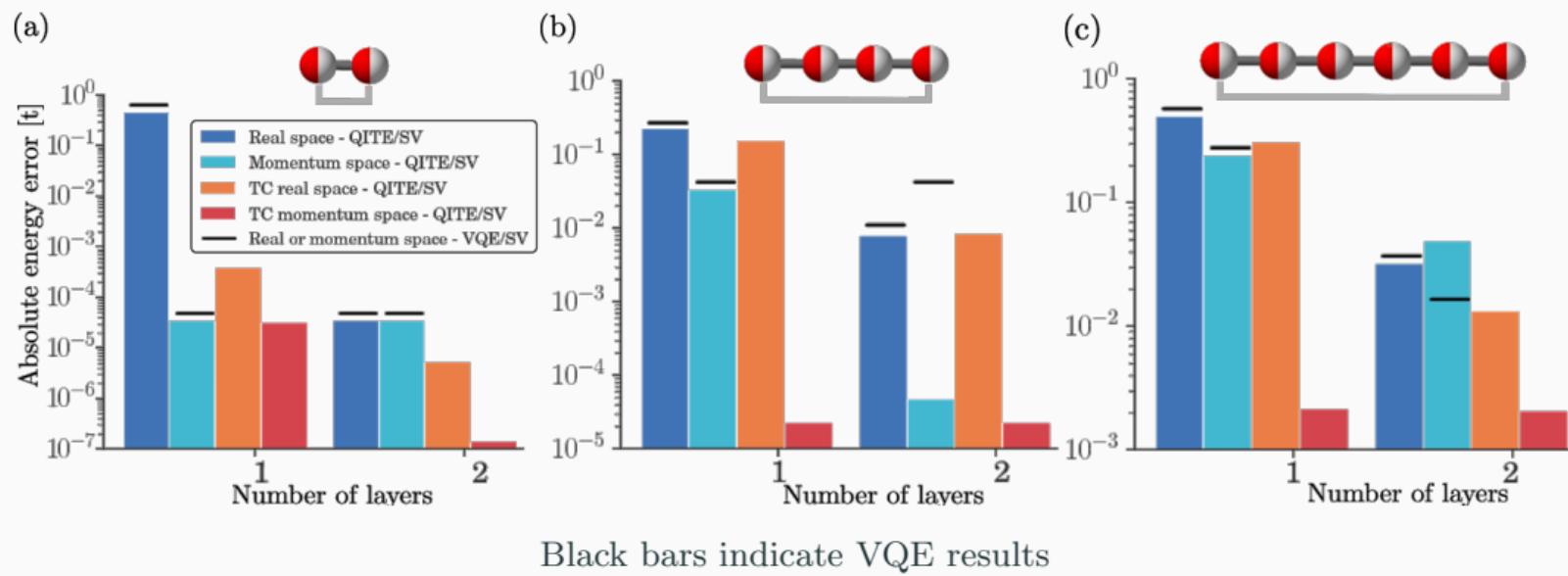


⇒ Does the increased compactness/more single reference character have an impact on the necessary Ansatz (depth)?

Results – Hubbard model

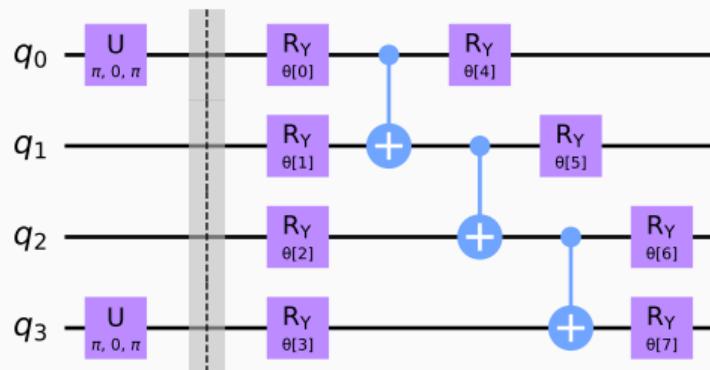
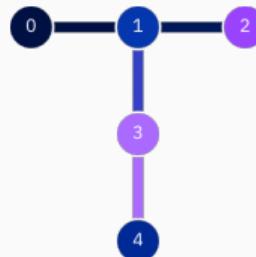
Increased compactness \Rightarrow less expressive Ansatz on quantum hardware necessary \Rightarrow **shorter quantum circuit**/less layers \Rightarrow cheaper and more resilient to noise

Statevector simulation – n -layer UCCSD Ansatz – $U/t = 4$

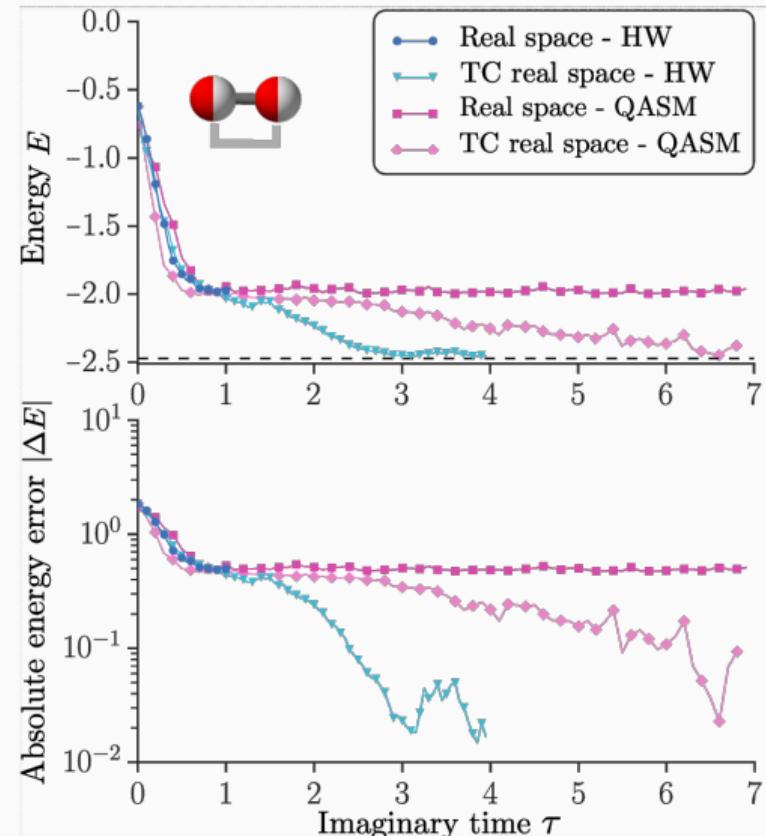


Actual experimental results for the Hubbard model on ibmq_lima

- 2-site Hubbard model



Hardware-efficient RY Ansatz



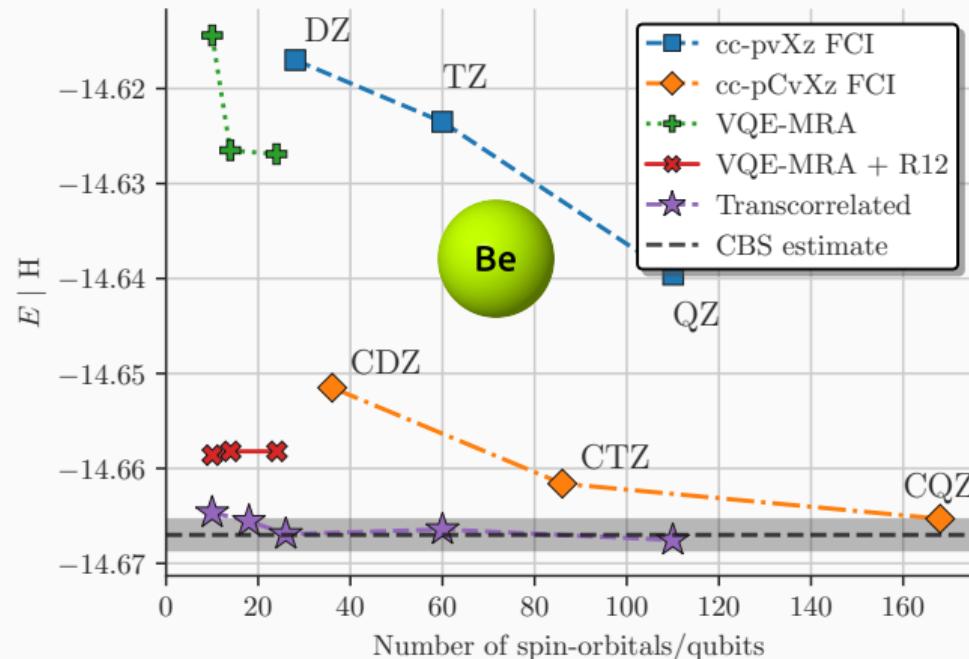
Applications: Circuit width – *Ab initio* problems

Can we reduce the number of necessary qubits (width)?

Beryllium atom

Beryllium atom – exact statevector simulations

VQE+MRA (+R12): (approx.) explicitly correlated method by Schleich *et al.**

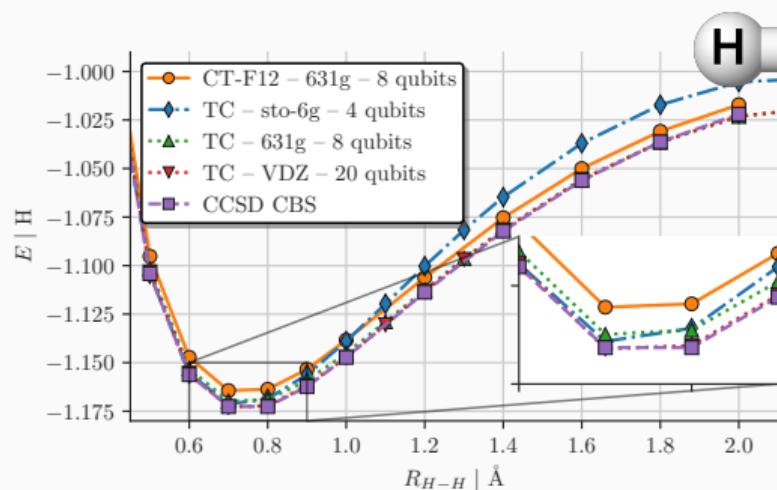


Hydrogen molecule

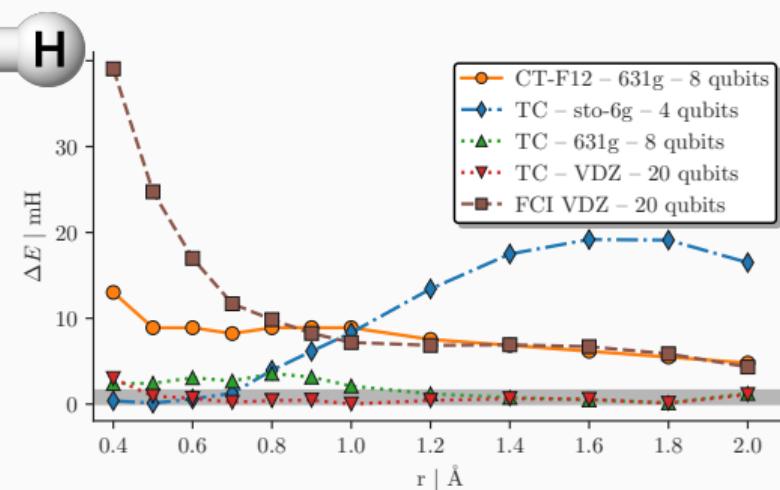
Favorite quantum chemistry test case: Hydrogen molecule – H₂

CT-F12 approximated explicitly correlated method, by Motta *et al.**

Exact statevector simulation – UCCSD Ansatz



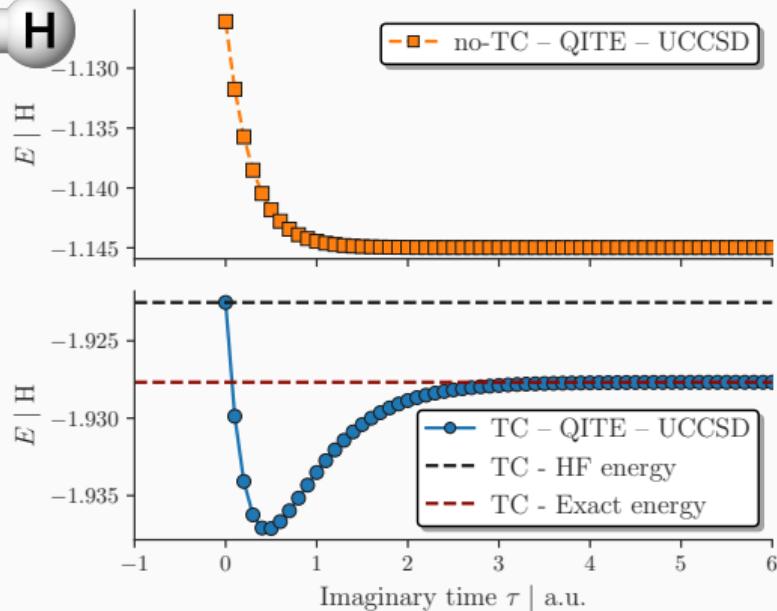
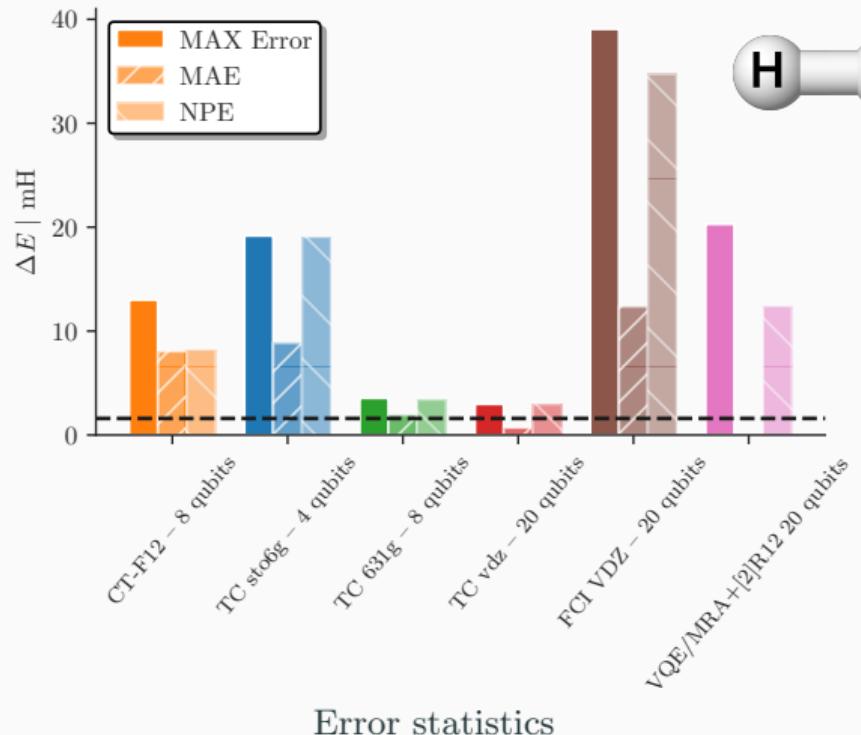
Energy vs. bond distance



Error wrt. CBS result vs. bond distance

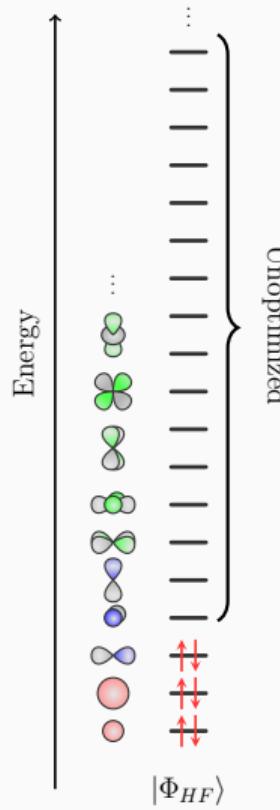
*CT-F12: Motta *et al.*, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **22**, 24270, 2020

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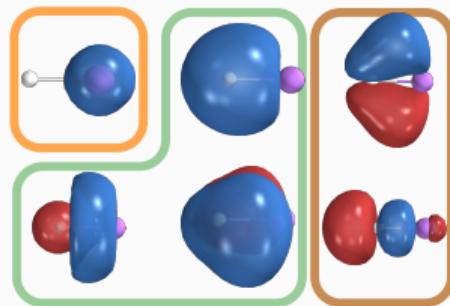
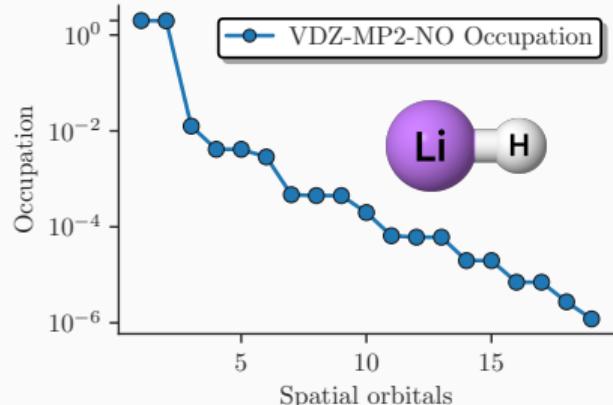


Imaginary time evolution – STO-6G – 0.7 Å

(Virtual) orbital optimization

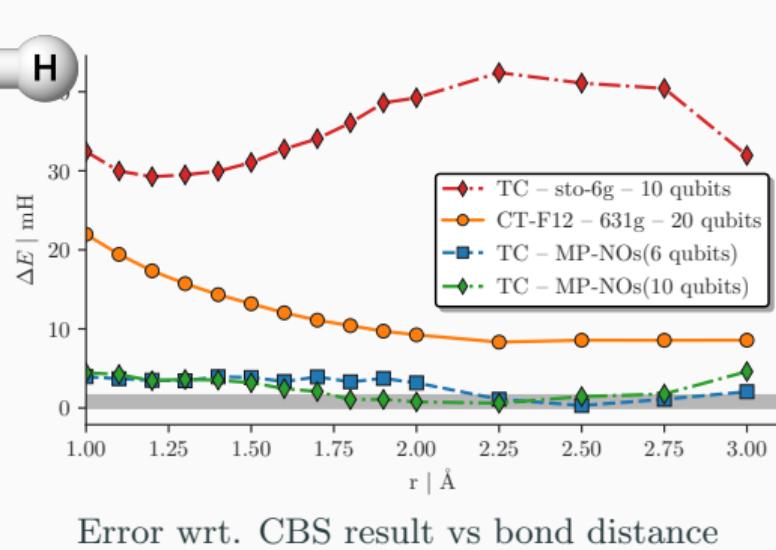
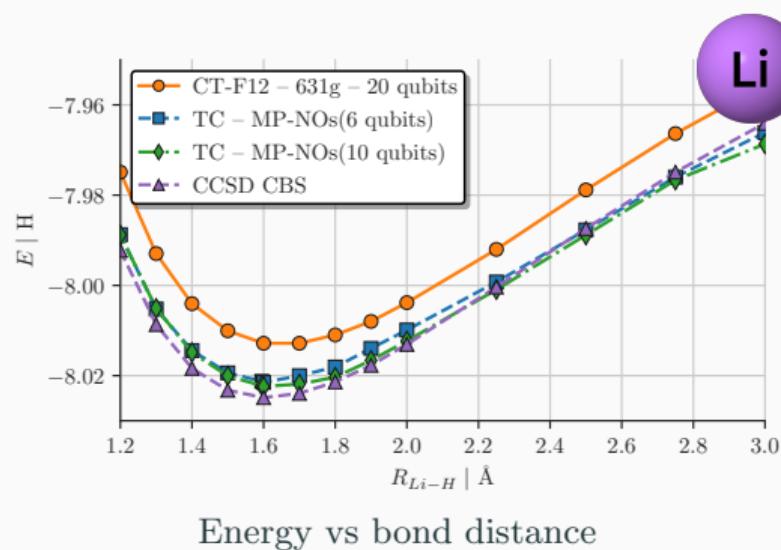


- “Standard basis sets” not optimized for the TC method
 - include effect of virtuals through orbital optimization / downfolding
 - e.g. natural orbitals (NO) from a “cheap” perturbation theory (MP2) calculation



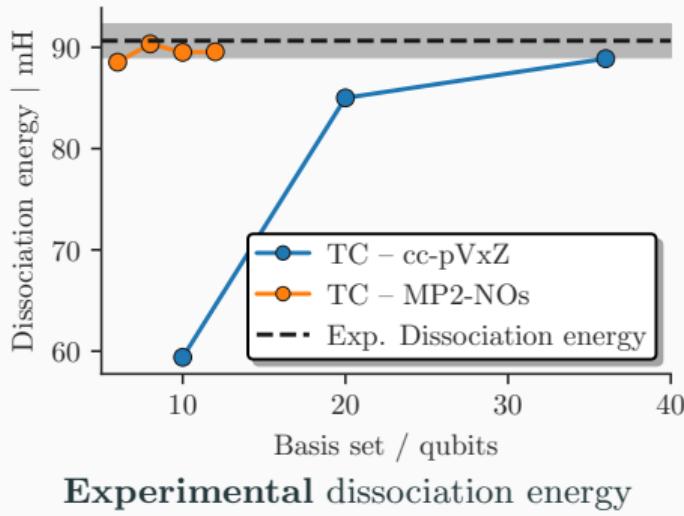
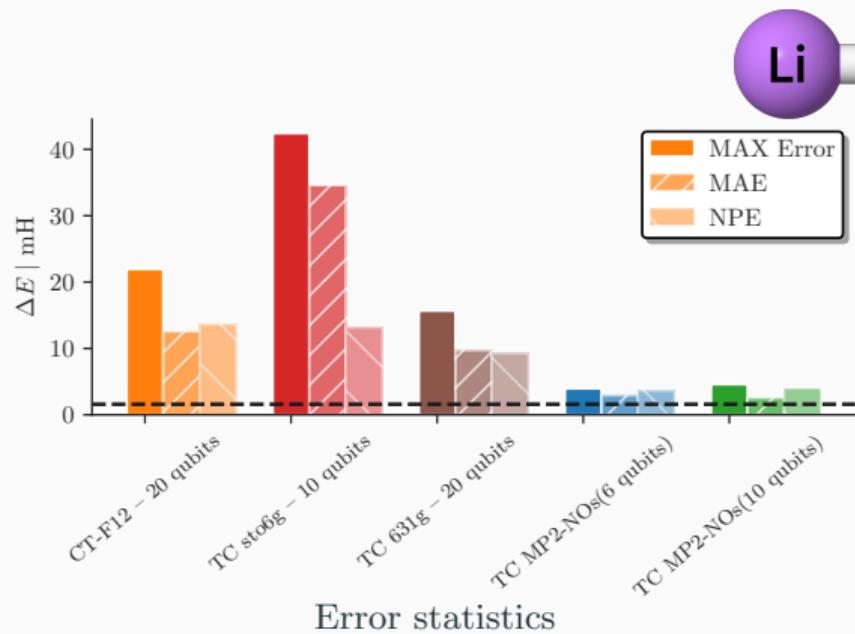
LiH – Energy

Lithium hydride – exact statevector simulation – UCCSD Ansatz – Li 1s frozen



LiH – Dissociation energy

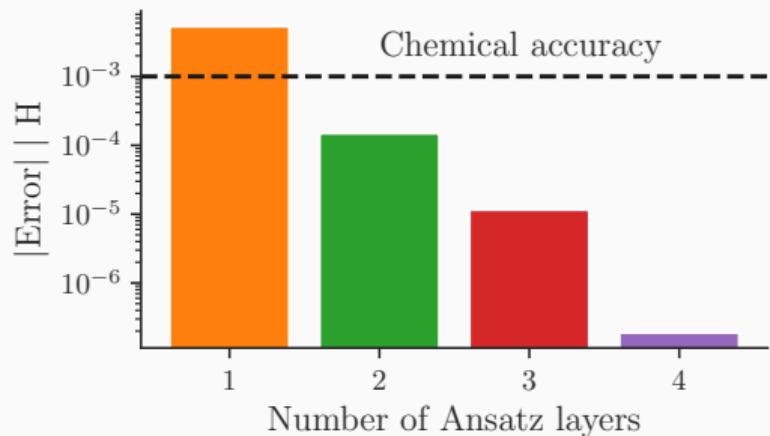
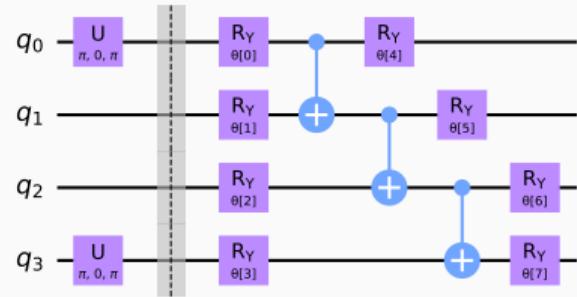
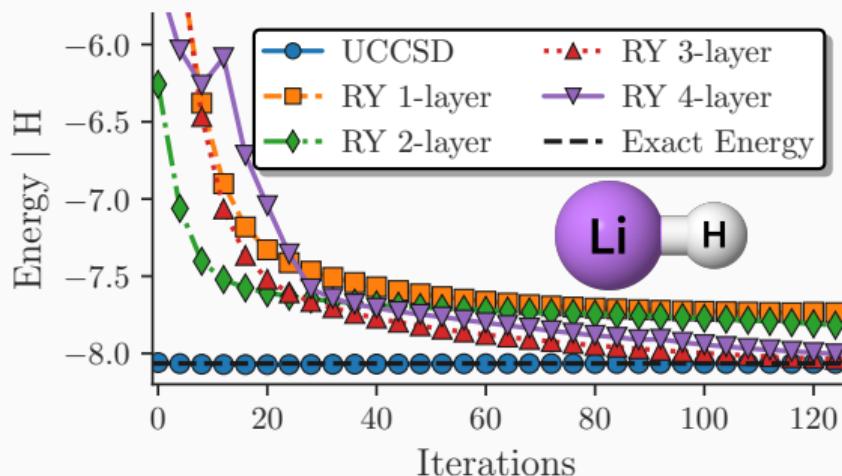
Error statistics and comparison to **experimental*** dissociation energy



*Haefliger *et al.*, Phys. Rev. A, 1996, 53, 6, 4127 (1996)

LiH – Hardware-efficient Ansatz

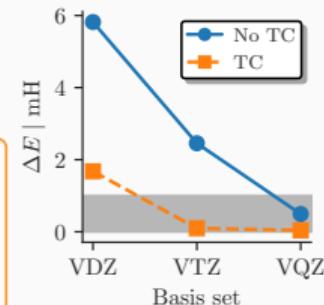
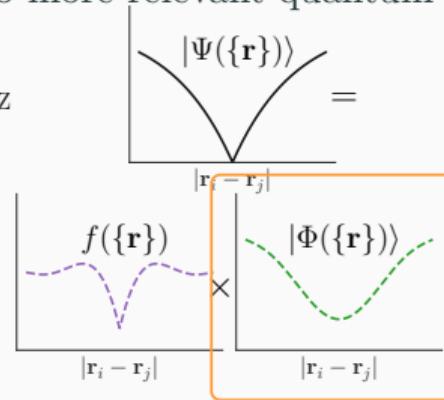
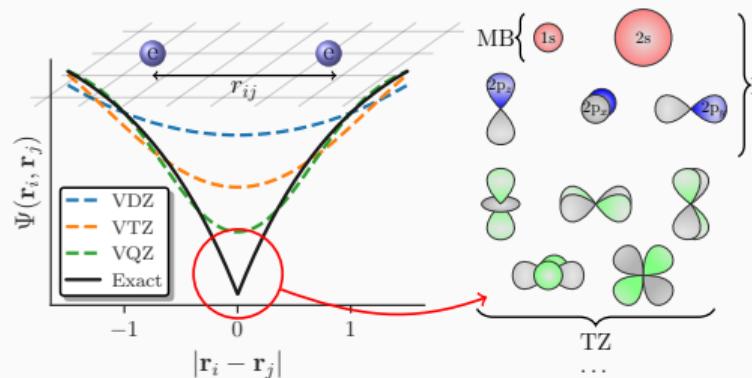
- LiH at equilibrium bond distance with 3 MP2 NOs.
- Hardware efficient RY Ansatz with linear entangling layer and parity encoding.
- Statevector simulation



Conclusions and Outlook

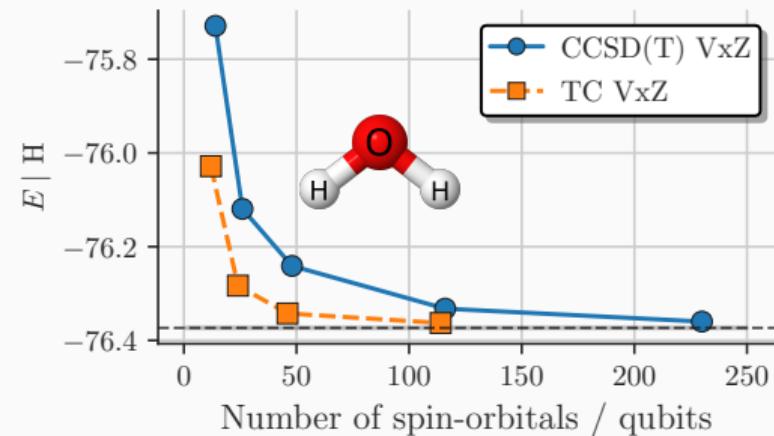
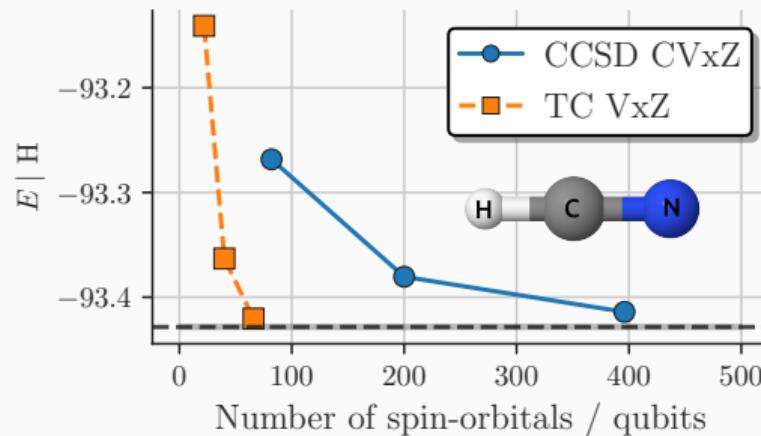
Conclusion – Transcorrelated Approach on Quantum Hardware

- Partially transferring electronic correlations from the wavefunction into the Hamiltonian, exactly capturing the cusp condition.
- Non-Hermitian Hamiltonian requires quantum imaginary time evolution, instead of standard VQE.
- Reduce qubit requirements and circuit depth, due to accurate results with a small basis sets.
- Extends applicability of NISQ devices to more relevant quantum chemistry problems.



Outlook: Transcorrelated Approach on Quantum Hardware

Scaling to larger systems



Open questions: **Noise**, approximations to metric **A**, which Ansatz to use? ...

Open PostDoc position



Postdoc in Chemical Bonding Analysis on Quantum Computers

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Thank you for your attention!

Jastrow s.t. Hamiltonian in 2nd quantised form

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{H} = & \sum_{pq,\sigma} h_q^p a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} (V_{rs}^{pq} - K_{rs}^{pq}) \sum_{\sigma,\tau} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{s,\tau} a_{r,\sigma} \\ & - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{pqrstu} L_{stu}^{pqr} \sum_{\sigma\tau\lambda} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{r,\lambda}^\dagger a_{u,\lambda} a_{t,\tau} a_{s,\sigma}\end{aligned}$$

with

$$K_{rs}^{pq} = \langle \phi_p \phi_q | \hat{K} | \phi_r \phi_s \rangle$$

$$L_{stu}^{pqr} = \langle \phi_p \phi_q \phi_r | \hat{L} | \phi_s \phi_t \phi_u \rangle \quad (\text{48-fold symmetry in } L \text{ for real orbitals})$$

Both integrals K and L are computed numerically using standard DFT grids over gaussian orbitals. The main problem is the storage of L . Current limit ≈ 80 orbitals

Other work

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Quantum simulation of electronic structure with a transcorrelated Hamiltonian: improved accuracy with a smaller footprint on the quantum computer

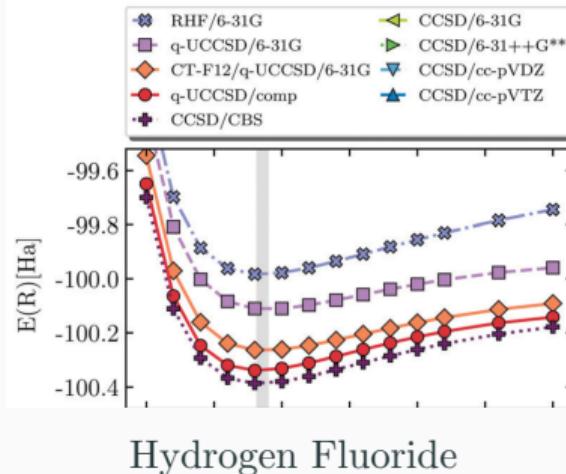
Mario Motta,^{†,*^a} Tanvi P. Gujarati,^{†,*^b} Julia E. Rice,[†] Ashutosh Kumar,^b Conner Masteran,^b Joseph A. Latone,^a Eunseok Lee,^c Edward F. Valeev^b and Tyler Y. Takehita^{†,*^c}

2 Methods

2.1 Canonical transcorrelated F12 Hamiltonian

In the CT-F12 method, two main approximations are employed in addition to the approximate BCH expansion of eqn (2): (a) the expansion is truncated to only include up to double commutators and (b) in the double commutator term, the full Hamiltonian \hat{H} is replaced by its effective 1-body constituent, the Fock operator \hat{F} ,

$$\hat{H}' \approx \hat{H} + [\hat{H}, \hat{A}]_{1,2} + \frac{1}{2} \left[[\hat{F}, \hat{A}]_{1,2}, \hat{A} \right]_{1,2}. \quad (3)$$



Ab initio systems – other work

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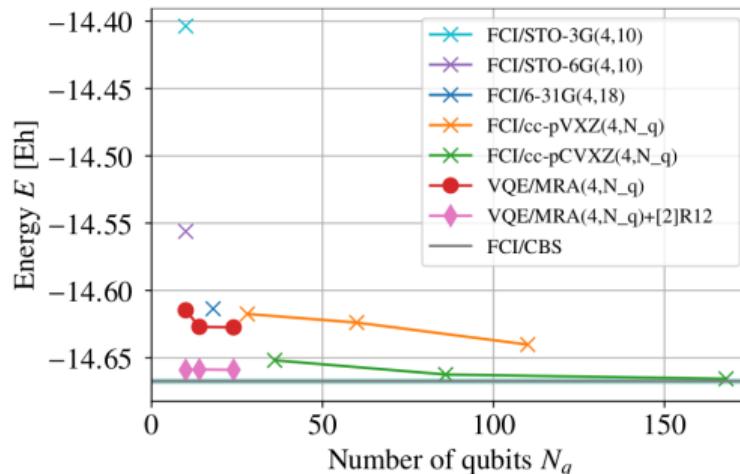
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On the contrary, we opt to use an *a posteriori* correction based on a perturbative *explicitly correlated* method, namely the spin-free variant of [2]_{R12} [18–20]. This approach is to be contrasted with other post-corrections in form of the family of quantum subspace expansion techniques [8, 9, 21]; and an application of VQE together with the transcorrelated approach, [2]_{R12} or a so called “CABS singles” correction [22] has yet been suggested in [23]. Brief comments on the distinction of our approach with this one will follow.



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$$\hat{H} \approx \hat{H} + [\hat{H}, \hat{A}]_{1,2} + \frac{1}{2}[[\hat{F}, \hat{A}]_{1,2}, \hat{A}]_{1,2}$$

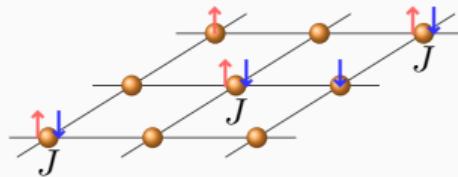
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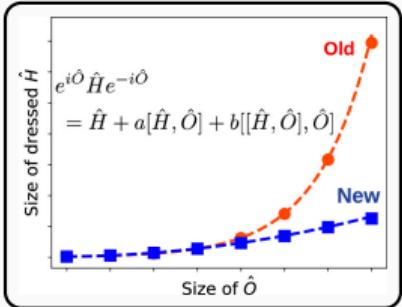
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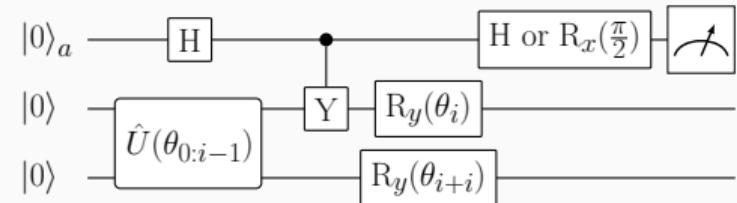
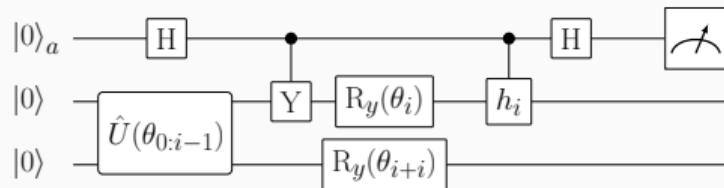
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QITE with non-Hermitian \hat{H}

Gradient in the Hermitian case:

$$C_i = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\theta_i} \hat{H} |\Phi\rangle$$



In the TC case: split non-Hermitian Hamiltonian in Hermitian and anti-Hermitian part:

$$\hat{H}_{TC}^+ = \hat{H}_{TC} + \hat{H}_{TC}^\dagger, \quad \hat{H}_{TC}^- = \hat{H}_{TC} - \hat{H}_{TC}^\dagger$$

$$C_i = \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC} | \Phi \rangle + \langle \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC}^\dagger | \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi \rangle \right) = \frac{C_i^+ + C_i^-}{4}$$

$$C_i^+ = 2 \langle \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC}^+ | \Phi \rangle, \quad C_i^- = 2 \langle \partial_{\theta_i} \Phi | \hat{H}_{TC}^- | \Phi \rangle$$