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# Advances and Perspectives in Quantum Computing for Quantum Chemistry and Material Science

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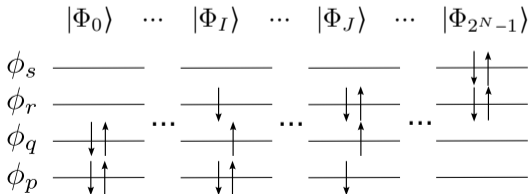
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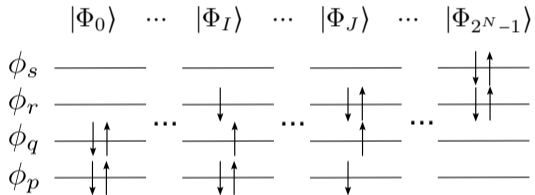
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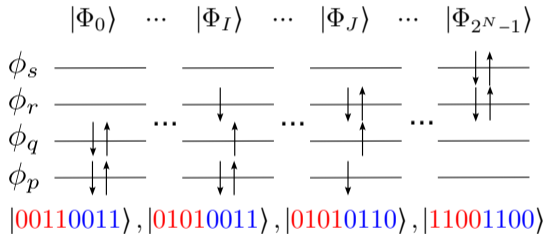


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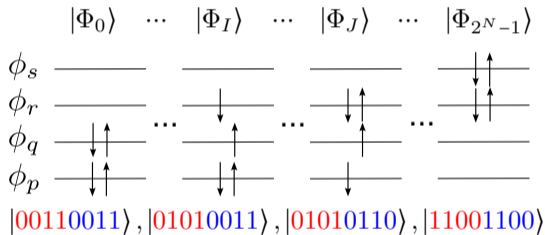


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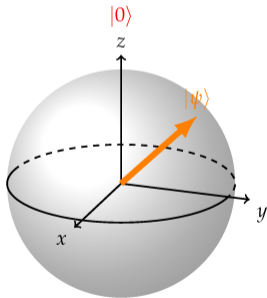
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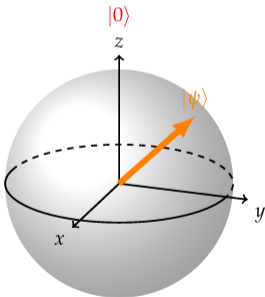
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where  $q = \{0, \dots, 2^N - 1\}$  are all possible bit-strings from  $N$  qubits

## Encoding?

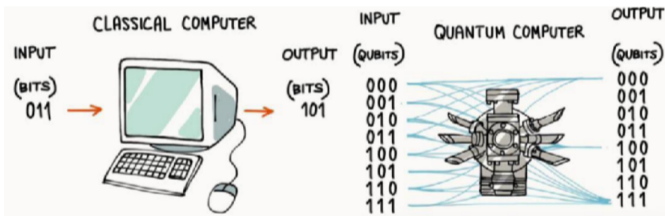
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## Quantum circuit: model of quantum computation

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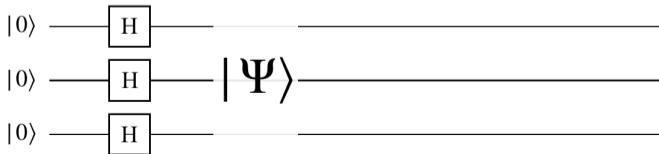
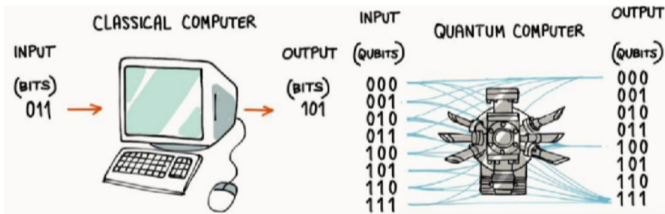
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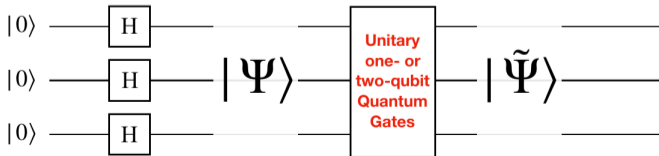
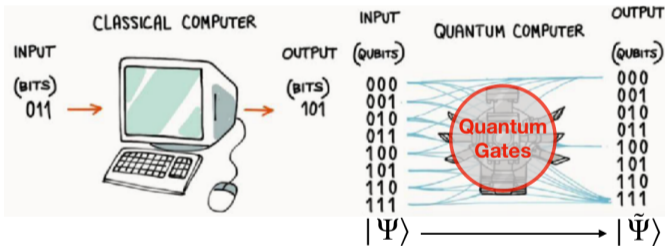




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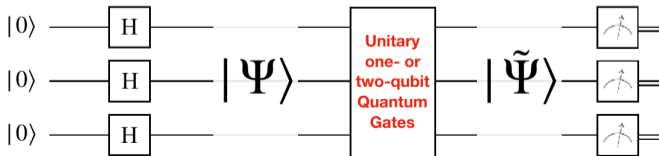
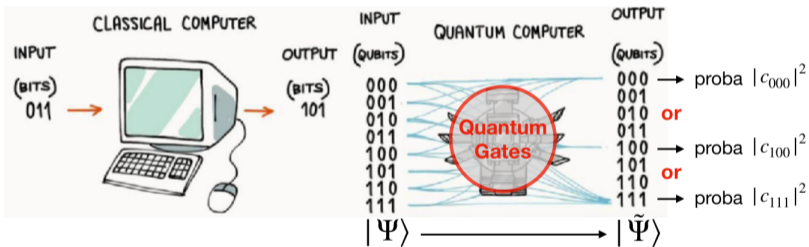
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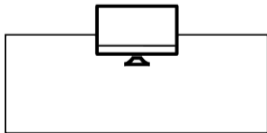
- ▶ Generate **exponentially many** electronic configurations with only  $N$  **qubits** through **superposition and entanglement**

# Variational Quantum Eigensolver

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$|\Phi_0\rangle$  \_\_\_\_\_  
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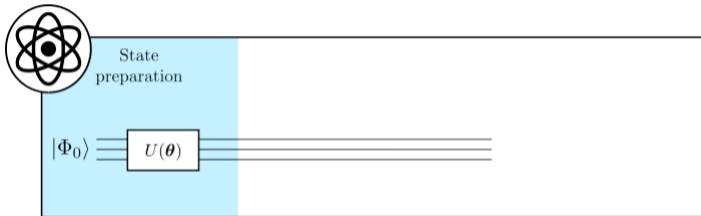


Start with  
a very  
simple state



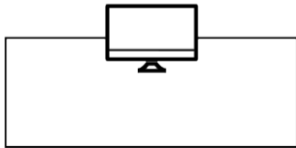
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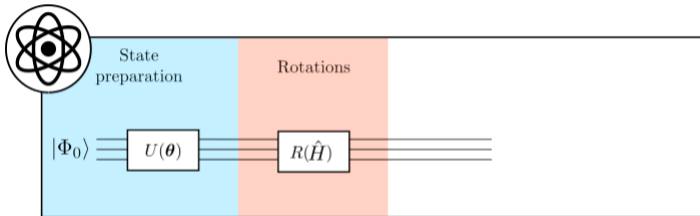
State preparation:

$$|\Psi(\theta)\rangle = U(\theta) |\Phi_0\rangle$$

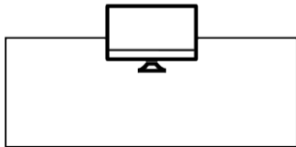


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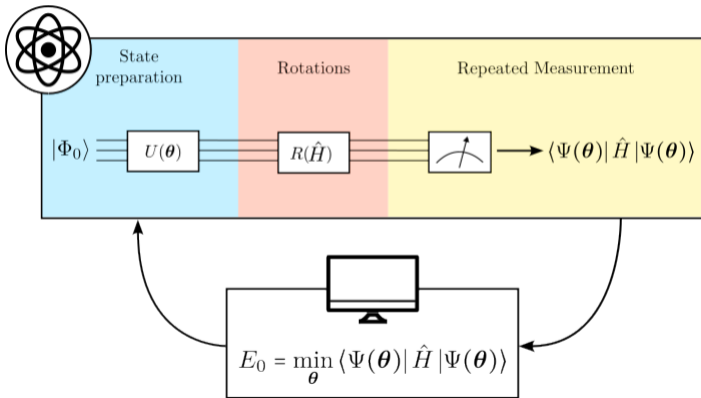


Rotations to the  
computational basis



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Measurements:  
Reconstruction of the energy

Classical optimization following the  
**variational principle**:  
find new  $\theta$  parameters

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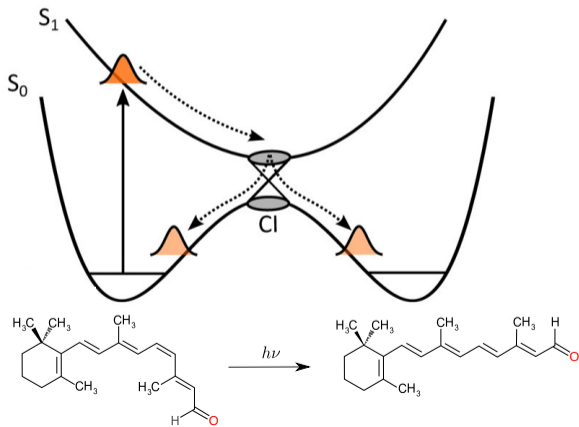
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# Problematic: avoided-crossings, conical intersections

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Photoisomerisation of the retinal molecule

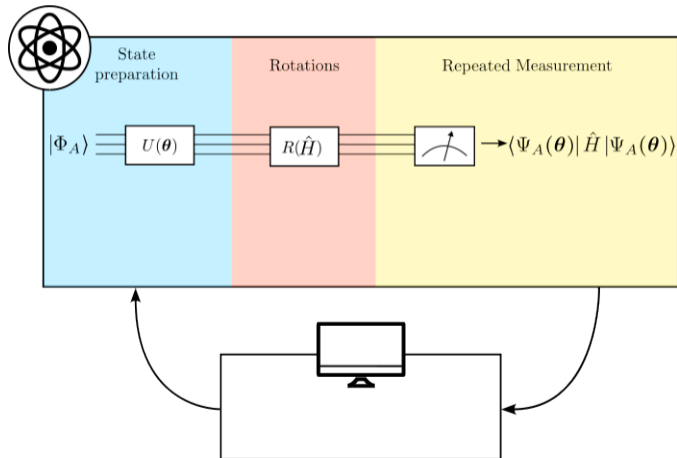


Conical intersection  $\rightarrow$  Point of degeneracy between the states

Requires a  
**DEMOCRATIC** description  
of the states

## Ensemble VQE<sup>1</sup>

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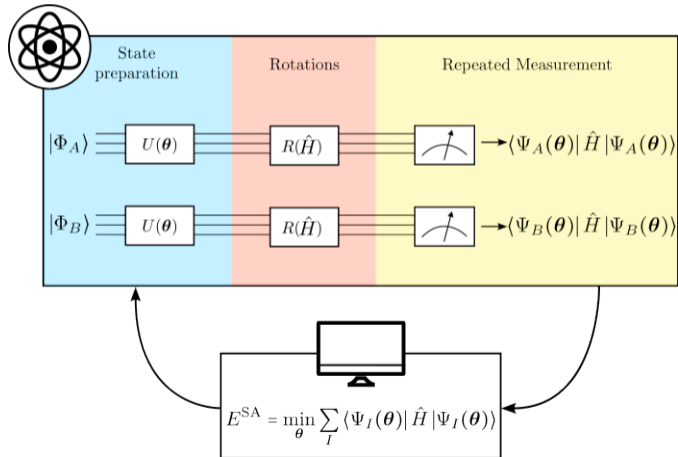


Same approach than VQE

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But to a **ensemble** of states

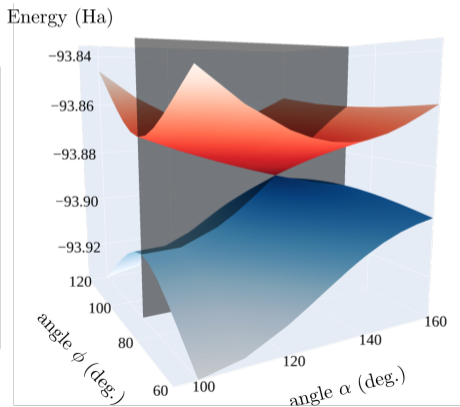
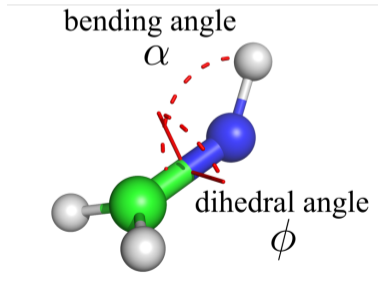
**Generalized variational principle**

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## Example on a minimal Schiff base: formaldimine

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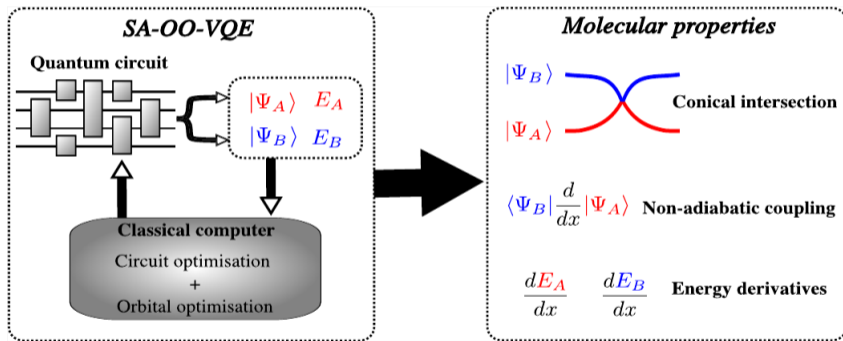
2D PES obtained by ensemble VQE





## Towards excited-state quantum dynamics<sup>3,4</sup>

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- ▶ We are currently showing the ensemble VQE can lead to **quasi-diabatic states**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>S. Illesova, M. Beseda, S. Yalouz, B. Lasorne, **BS**, *to be submitted*

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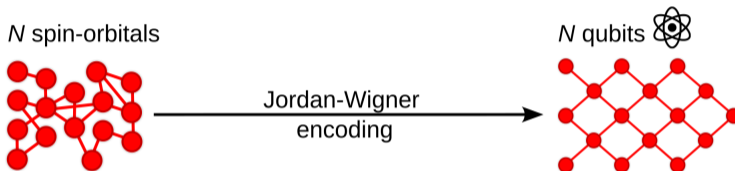
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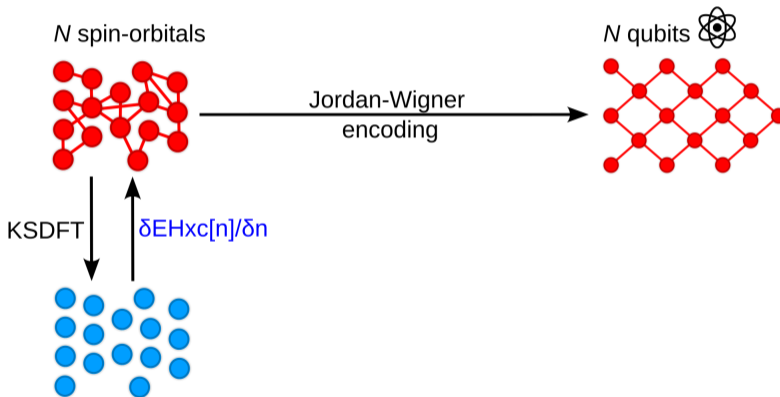
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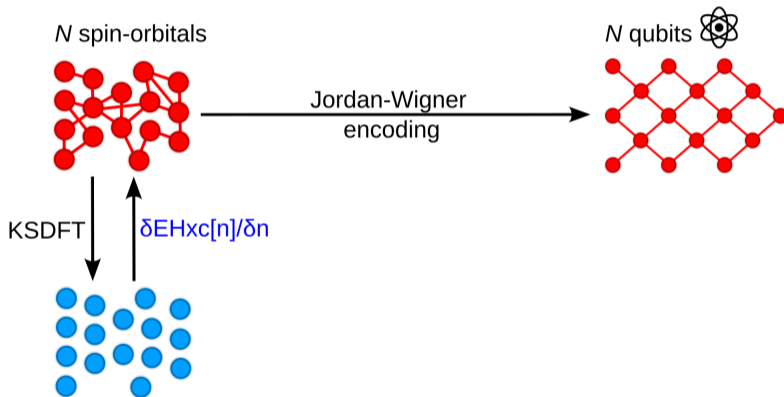
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- ▶ **(in-principle-exact)** Ground-state energy in  $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ :

$$E_0 = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{occ}}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + E_{\text{Hxc}}[\mathbf{n}^{\Phi^{\text{KS}}}] - \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{Hxc}}[n^{\Phi^{\text{KS}}}](\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{n}^{\Phi^{\text{KS}}}(\mathbf{r})$$

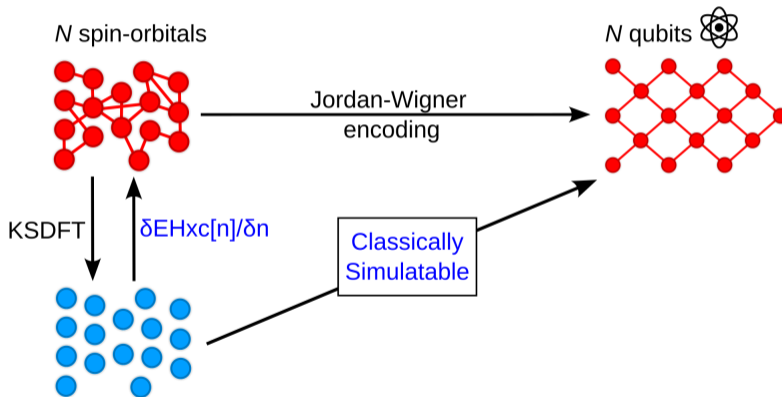
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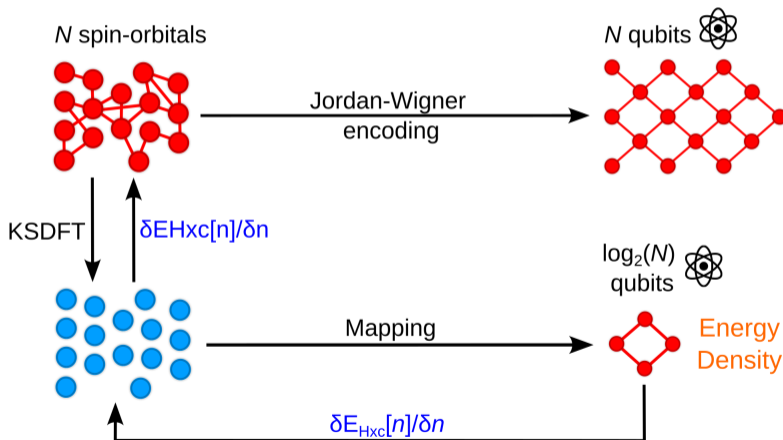
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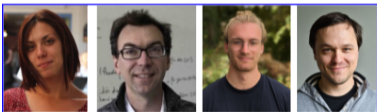
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<https://gitlab.com/MartinBeseda/sa-oo-vqe-qiskit>

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