# High Accuracy Electronic Structure

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# Higher Accuracy!

We have fixed computational resources. Our goal is to get electronic structure to higher accuracy.

### I. <u>Faster 'exact' methods</u> Improved QMC plagued by sign problems

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#### II. <u>Better approximations</u> Better molecules with better wave-functions

Collaborators: Morales, McMinis, Kim, Scuseria

### I. Faster 'exact' methods

For a given number of particles (and basis) we'd like the true answer. The fermion sign problem means this will generically be slow. We still can ask: How do we most efficiently accomplish this?

- \* Exact diagonalization? \* Quantum Chemistry?
- \* QMC? \* (Improved QMC)?



The promise of QMC is if you run it many times, the sumover your wave-functions will converge to the ground stateTrue ground stateRun 1 (after 1000 steps)Run 2 (after 1000 steps)

 $(1 - \tau H)^{1000} |0\rangle$ 



Note: This always works. A sign problem means you need exponentially many runs.

### 'Exact' QMC



### QMC w/ Annihilation



Sometimes a snapshot of the QMC wave-function during your run looks like the left. This is silly. You should remove walkers so you get the equivalent histogram at the right. FCIQMC

Fermion Monte Carlo

Can we do any better?

### Exact QMC w/ Annihilation



Run 3



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FCIQMC Fermion Monte Carlo Fermi-Polaron: The "hydrogen atom" of strongly correlated systems.

### Particle-hole pairs: $|D_0\rangle \equiv |FS_{\uparrow}, 0_{\downarrow}\rangle$





#### FCI-QMC:





Works: N=33, M=1,  $\Lambda = 10, a^{-1} = 0$ Fails: N=33, M=2,  $\Lambda = 10, a^{-1} = 0$ Fails: N=33, M=1,  $\Lambda = 10, a^{-1} > 0$ 

Sign problem too hard!

Why hard: All determinants important

Random Signs

# Partial Node FCIQMC







#### Extrapolate to the right answer.









Equivalent to removing QMC walkers which step on the wrong signed determinant 

# Extrapolating to the true answer works!



### Partial Node: Is it useful? Sign problem exponential in beta



Beta required for  $\exp[-\beta H]|\Psi_T\rangle = |\Psi_0\rangle$ 



### A better extrapolation?

If  $|\Psi_T
angle$  is correct, then you should restart the simulation here.

If  $|\Psi_T\rangle$  is slightly wrong, then restarting the simulation is still small error.

Almost no bias. Almost no help for the sign problem.

Remove when  $\sum_{i} |w_i\rangle$  goes to 0 (approximate by sign change)

 $\rightarrow |\Psi_T\rangle$ 

 $\left|\Psi_{\text{simulation}}\right\rangle = \sum w_i$ 

 $|w_i\rangle$ 

Small discretization bias;  $|\Psi_T
angle$  small sign problem

 $|w_i\rangle$ 



W simulation

 $|\Psi_T
angle$ 

Remove when  $\langle \Psi_T | w_i \rangle$  goes to 0 (approximate by sign change) Large discretization bias. No sign problem. Reduces to removing the bad signs.  $\rightarrow |\Psi_T\rangle$ 

#### Restore the variational upper bound.

 $1 - \tau H_{is} =$ 

Partial node: set to 0 Fixed node: set to 0 and dump to diagonal.

Hard in momentum basis:  $10^6$  "bad" terms per row  $U_{\text{diag}}[D] = 1 - \tau \langle D | H_{is} | D \rangle - \tau \Delta K$   $\Delta K = \sum_{D' \in \text{bad}} \langle D' | H_{is} | D \rangle$ Stochastic Diagonal Dumping  $\circ$  Pick D' according to P(D'|D)  $\circ$  Let  $\Delta K = \langle D' | H_{is} | D \rangle / P(D'|D)$  if  $\langle D' | H_{is} | D \rangle$  is bad Formally correct, but 'bad' if  $U_{\text{diag}} \ll -1$  Restore the variational upper bound. by adding a time step error. The answer. Sign problem too severe! Restore the variational upper bound.





#### Variational Upper Bound!



The story so far ...

Approach the exact answer either variationally (or not)

Next: Get to the right answer by starting close.



he answer. Sign problem too severe!

Start Here!

Not the answer. Better sign problem.

Restore the variational upper bound.

Release Node Better trial functions = smaller beta needed Use implicit trial function!

Start: partial node walkers
Propagate each for
Measure β





#### For condensed systems: $\infty$ basis, $\infty$ ptcl number



 $\Lambda \to \infty$ 

This is because N=33 and not infinite N.

How do we get to the thermodynamic limit?

# Why is this extrapolation so bad?



An infinite number of bits is hard :( Represent:  $k_i \in$  $|FS\rangle$  $|FS\rangle - |q_i\rangle + |k_i\rangle$  $|FS\rangle - |q_i\rangle - |q_j\rangle + |k_i\rangle + |k_j\rangle$ List holes, list excitations. M = 2QMC in the thermodynamic limit! 2 concerns -0.606Sign problem -0.608 Annihilation only on DO -0.610 $E/E_F$ 0.612 omega (1- au H) need spectra bounded -0.614Continuous Time" possible -0.616Extrapolated Finite M gives this. -0.6180.05 0.00





# II. Better Approximations

#### Many wave-functions

Slater-Jastrow Correlated-Product States AGP Backflow Valence Bond A good wave-function is ... fast to evaluate
captures physics
improvable

Multislater-Jastrow:  $\Psi(R) = e^{-J} \sum \alpha_k \det M_k$ 

Jastrow makes each determinant more powerful then quantum chemistry. k

We've developed a fast algorithm to evaluate!  $O(n^2 + n_s n + n_e)$  n: number of particles  $n_s$ : number of single excitations  $n_e$ : number of excitations



1. Build a table:

Ratios  $[1 + e_k^T M^{-1} (\phi_5 - \phi_4)]$  $[1 + e_k^T M^{-1}(\phi_6 - \phi_4)]$  $[1 + e_k^T M^{-1}(\phi_7 - \phi_5)]$  $[1 + e_k^T M^{-1}(\phi_3 - \phi_8)]$  $[1 + e_k^T M^{-1} (\phi_4 - \phi_8)]$ Lots of redundancy!

2. Read off ratios

### How well does Multi-Slater Jastrow do?





Difference: 0.001 Hartree

CCSD(T)-R12 CCSD(T) MP2

FC]

DFT

Jacob's Ladder: Heaven of Chemical Accuracy Quantum Chemistry Version

#### Best QMC by far

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G2 set





Systematic, albeit with slow convergence.



## Conclusions

Q: How do we get to accurate electronic structure?

#### Better Wave-functions

### Accurate Electronic Structure



A:

Systematically approach the exact answer.