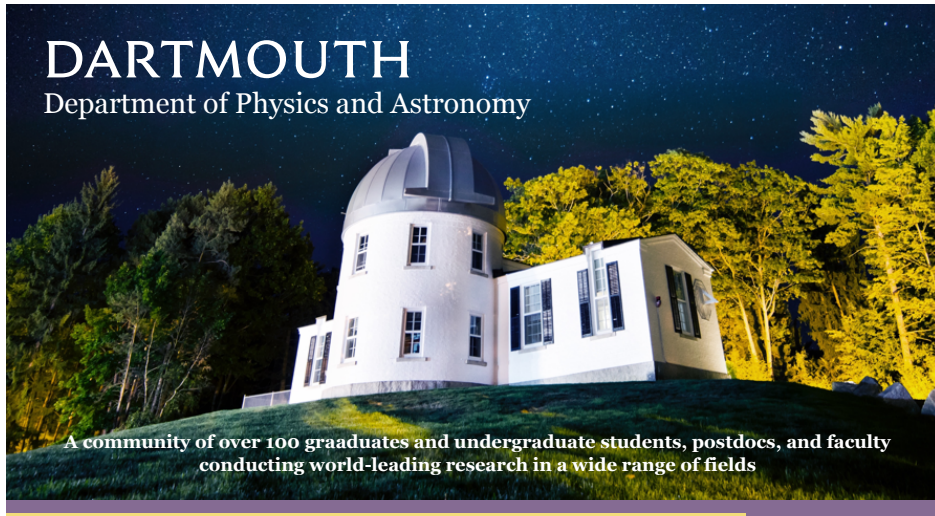


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# Course overview

Lecture 1: QCQC (slides)

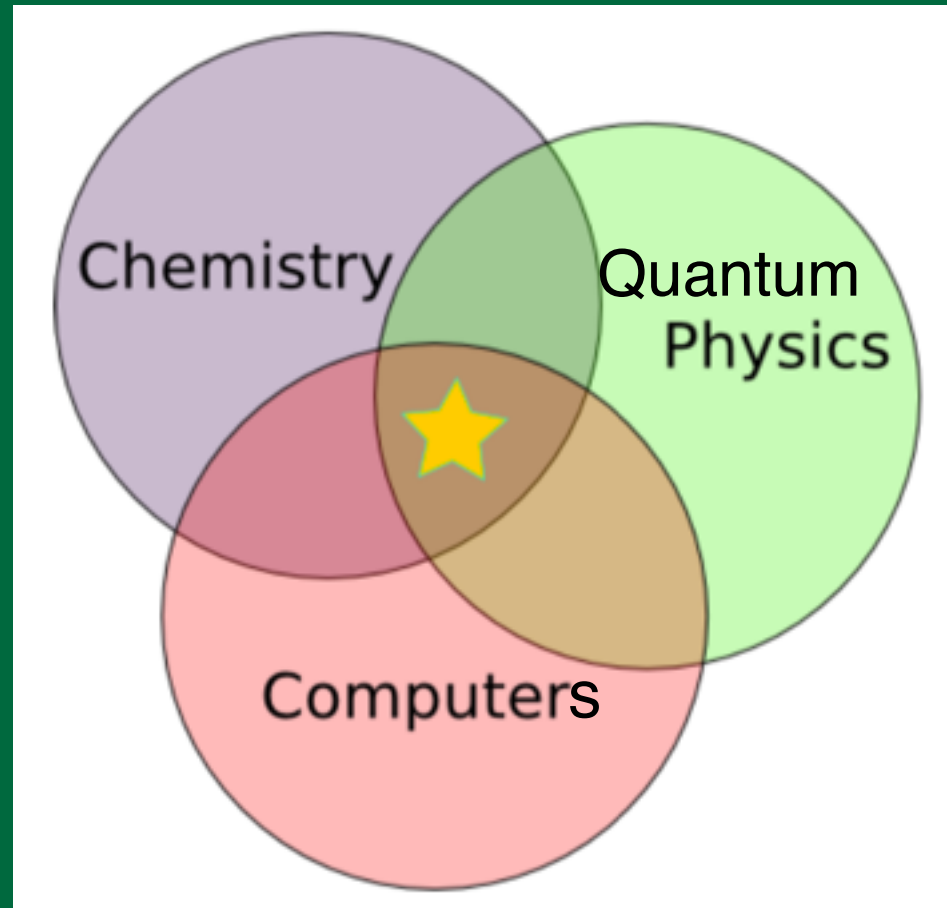
Lecture 2: Technical introduction (board)

Lecture 3: Quantum for simulation (slides/board)

## Objectives

1. Understand how quantum mechanics intersects chemistry
2. Connect quantum computation to quantum chemistry
3. Background knowledge to get start in the literature

# Part 1: Quantum, chemistry, computers



## Goals of chemistry:

Identification of the substances of which matter is composed; their properties and the ways in which they interact, combine, and change; and the use of these processes to form new substances.

## Goals of quantum:

To graduate from mechanics to engineers

### Schrödinger Equation

$$H\psi_n = E_n\psi_n \quad \text{Solving an eigensystem}$$

$$-iH\psi = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} \quad \text{Propagating a partial differential equation}$$

## Goals of computers:

One who computes, reckons.

First use of word was in 1600's

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## Goals of computational chemistry:

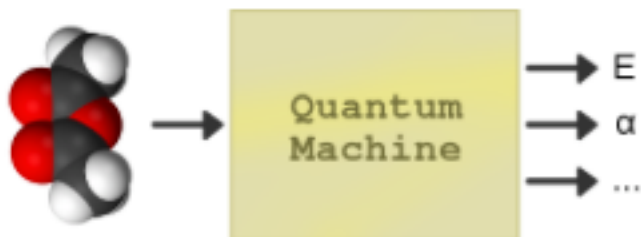
1. *A priori*; screening DFT
2. *Post facto*; explanation CC, DMRG, CI, etc.
3. *In silico*; safety and feasibility

Programming is cheaper than experiments

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This website aims to collect the development of a “quantum quantum-chemical systems induction (or interpolation) illustration of a quantum machine the left.

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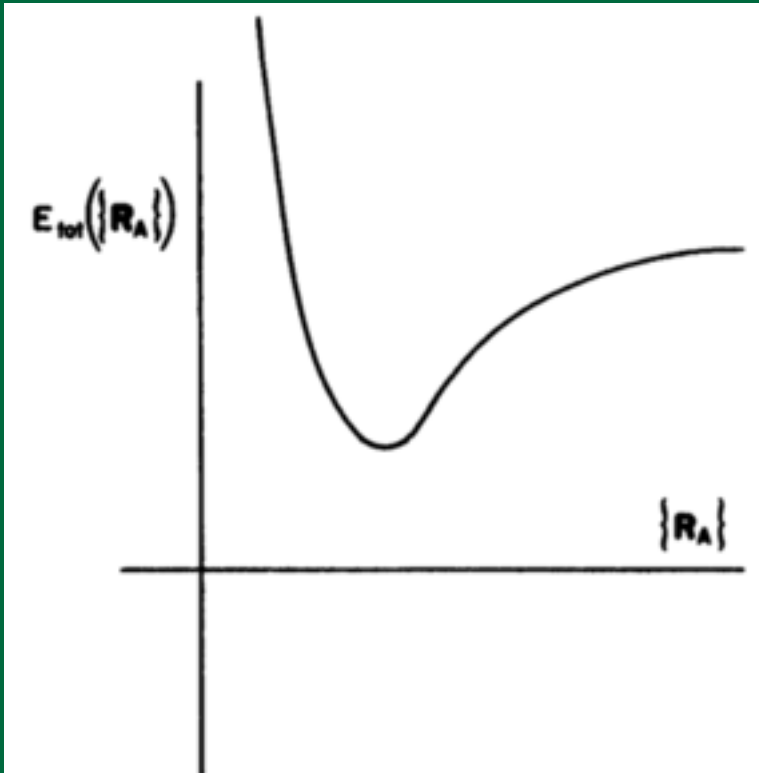
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Born-Oppenheimer approximation

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla E_{tot}(\mathbf{R}_A) = m\ddot{\mathbf{R}}_A$$

Classical equations of motion

## Nuclear dynamics

Vibration

Rotation

Bonding

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## Atomic units

Quantity	Atomic Units	SI units
Reduced Planck's constant	1 $\hbar$	$1.055 \times 10^{-36}$ J s
Mass of electron	1 $m_e$	$9.109 \times 10^{-31}$ kg
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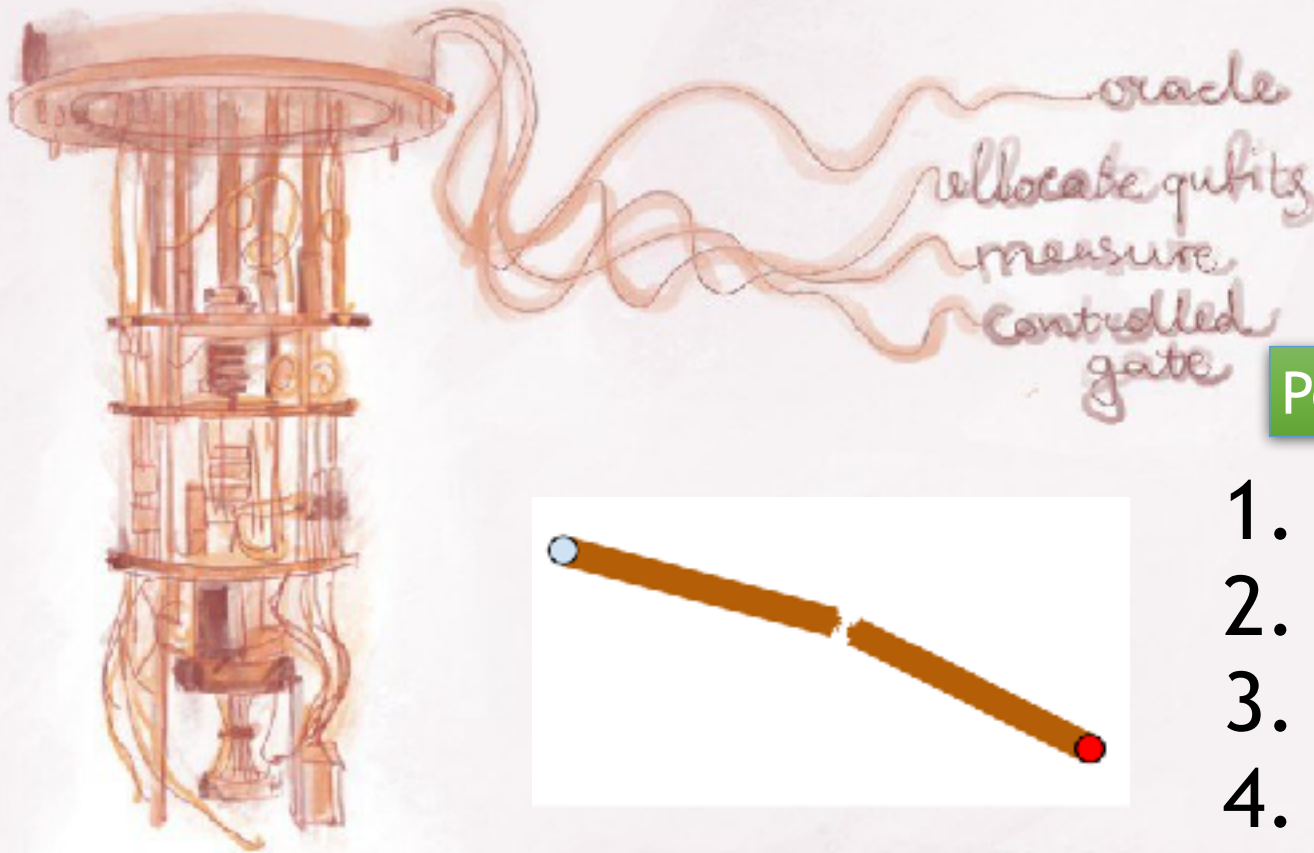
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Power of quantum computers

1. Superposition
2. Size of Hilbert space
3. Entanglement
4. All of the above

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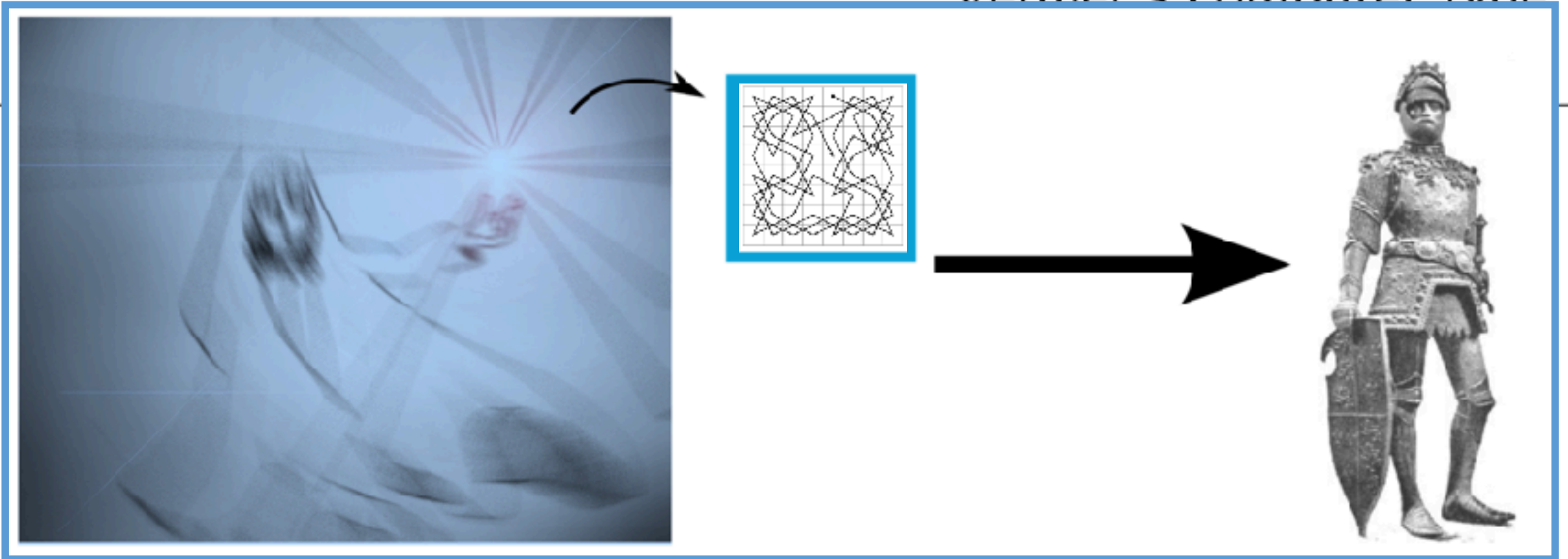
1. Superposition
2. Size of Hilbert space
3. **Entanglement**
4. All of the above

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Complexity Class	Abbreviations		Verifier's computer type taking only poly. time
Non-deterministic Polynomial Time	NP	P	Deterministic
Merlin-Arthur	MA	BPP	Probabilistic
Quantum Merlin-Arthur	QMA	BQP	Quantum

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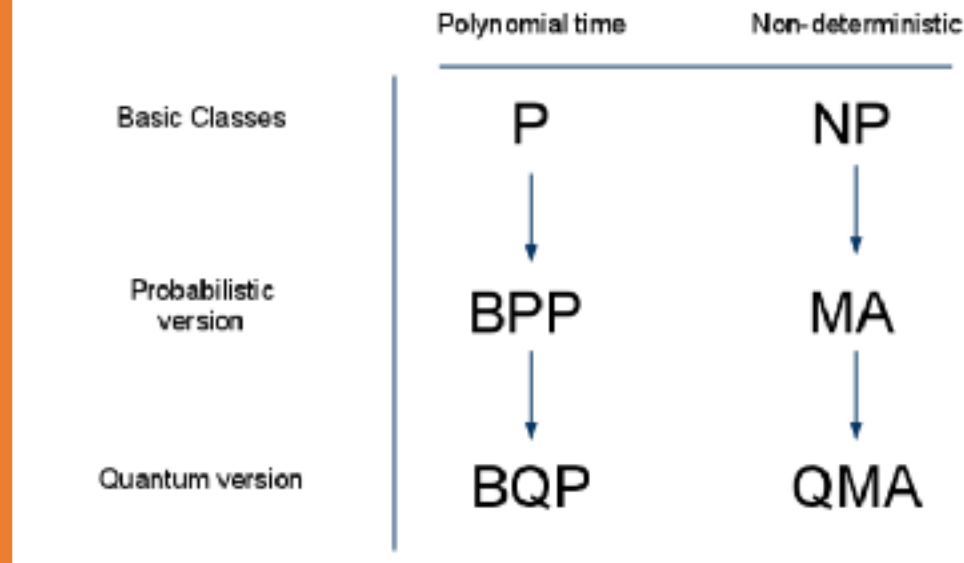
Verifier's computer type



Merlin-Arthur

Quantum

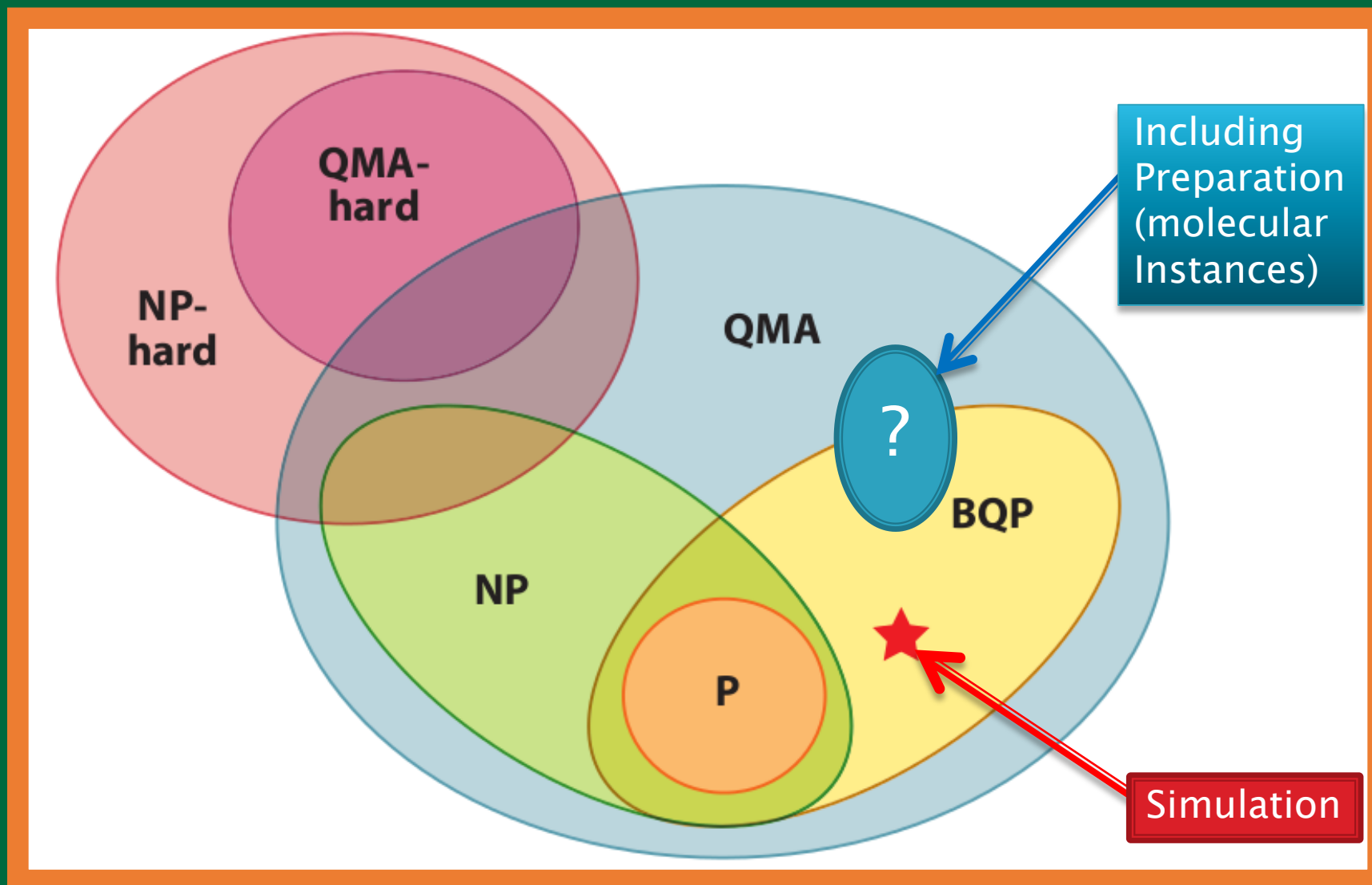
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## Computational complexity classes

- ▶ **P** (**easy**) polynomial time
  - ▶ "What is Alan Turing's number?"
- ▶ **NP** (**easy to check**) non-deterministic polynomial time
  - ▶ "Who has phone number 202-520-7847?"

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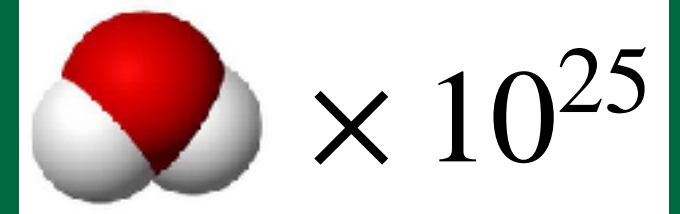
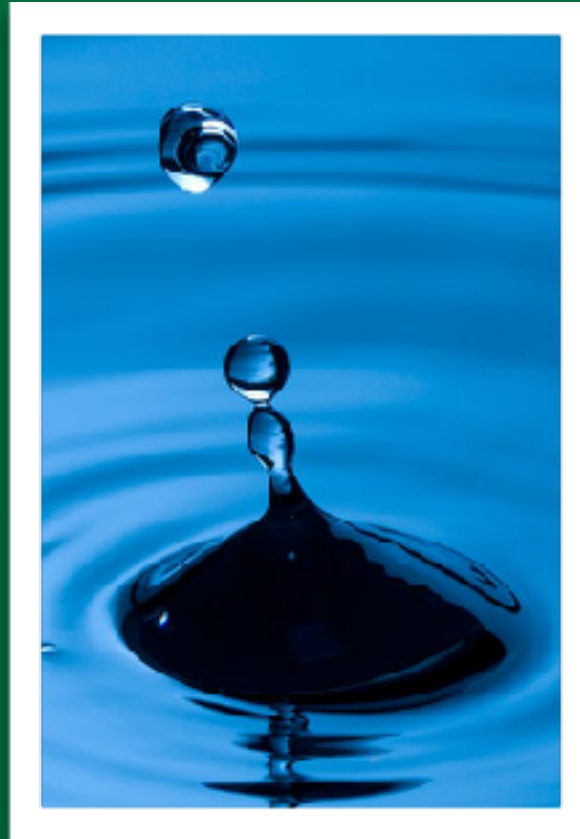
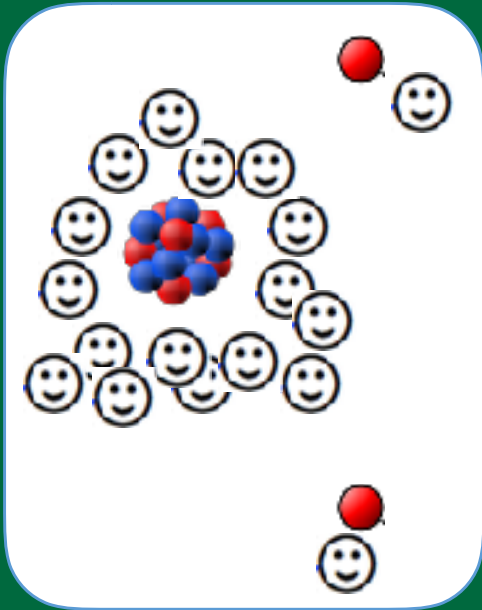
*Computational Problem: k-LOCAL-SPIN HAMILTONIAN.*  
Given  $k$ -spin-local Hamiltonian acting on  $N$  spins,

$$H_{kQMA} = - \sum_{\substack{D=(d_1, \dots, d_k) \\ C=(c_1, \dots, c_k)}}^m J_{C,D} \sigma_{c_1}^{d_1} \otimes \sigma_{c_2}^{d_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma_{c_k}^{d_k} \quad (9)$$

where  $d_i \in \{x, y, z, 0\}$ ,  $c_i$  labels a spin, there are  $m = \text{poly}(N)$  terms, and  $|J_{C,D}| \leq 1$ , decide if the ground state energy is less than  $E_0 - \delta$  or if the ground state energy is greater than  $E_0 + \delta$  with  $\delta < 1/\text{poly}(N)$  promised that it is not between  $E_0 \pm \delta$ .

**QMA-hard for  $k > 1$**

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## *Quantum Mechanics of Many-Electron Systems.*

By P. A. M. DIRAC, St. John's College, Cambridge.

Proceeding of the Royal Society of London A, vol. 33, page 714 (1929)

various electrons and atomic nuclei. The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to equations much too complicated to be soluble. It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum

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## Formal statement of quantum chemistry problem

Consider  $H = \hat{T}(x) + \hat{W}(x, x') + \hat{V}_{ext}(x)$ , decide if the lowest energy in the anti-symmetric subspace of  $N$  particles is  $E_0 < E_T - \delta$  or  $E_0 > E_T + \delta$ . Here  $V_{ext}$ ,  $N$ ,  $E_T$ , and  $\delta$  are inputs and outputs are either  $\{ABOVE, BELOW\}$ .

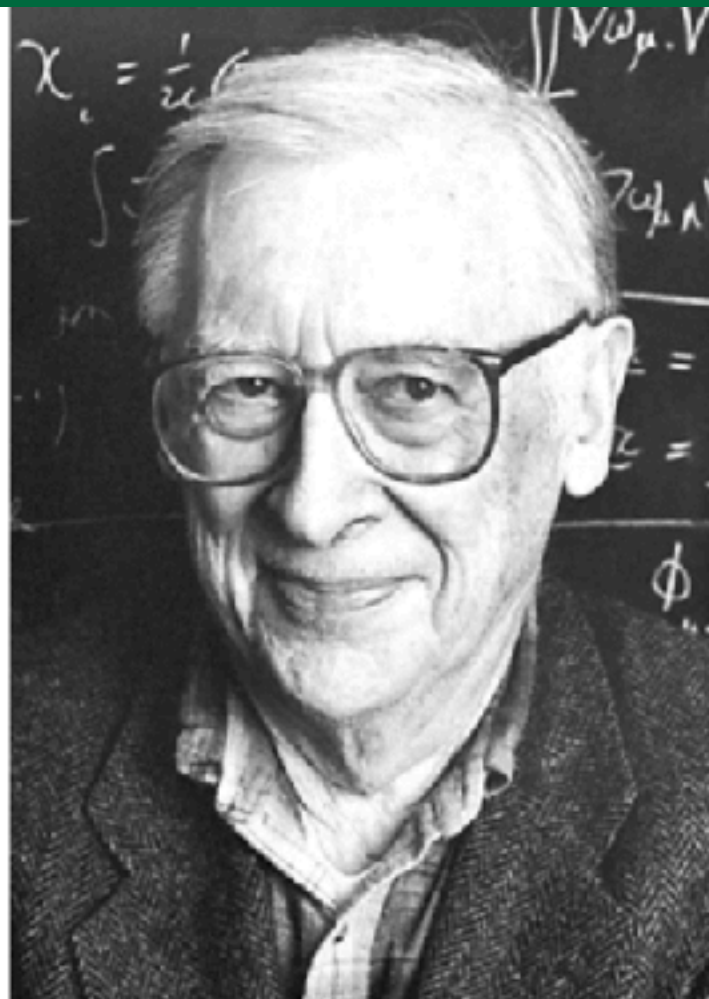
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## 1998 Nobel Prize Lecture

A model chemistry is an approximate but well-defined mathematical procedure of simulation applied to chemistry

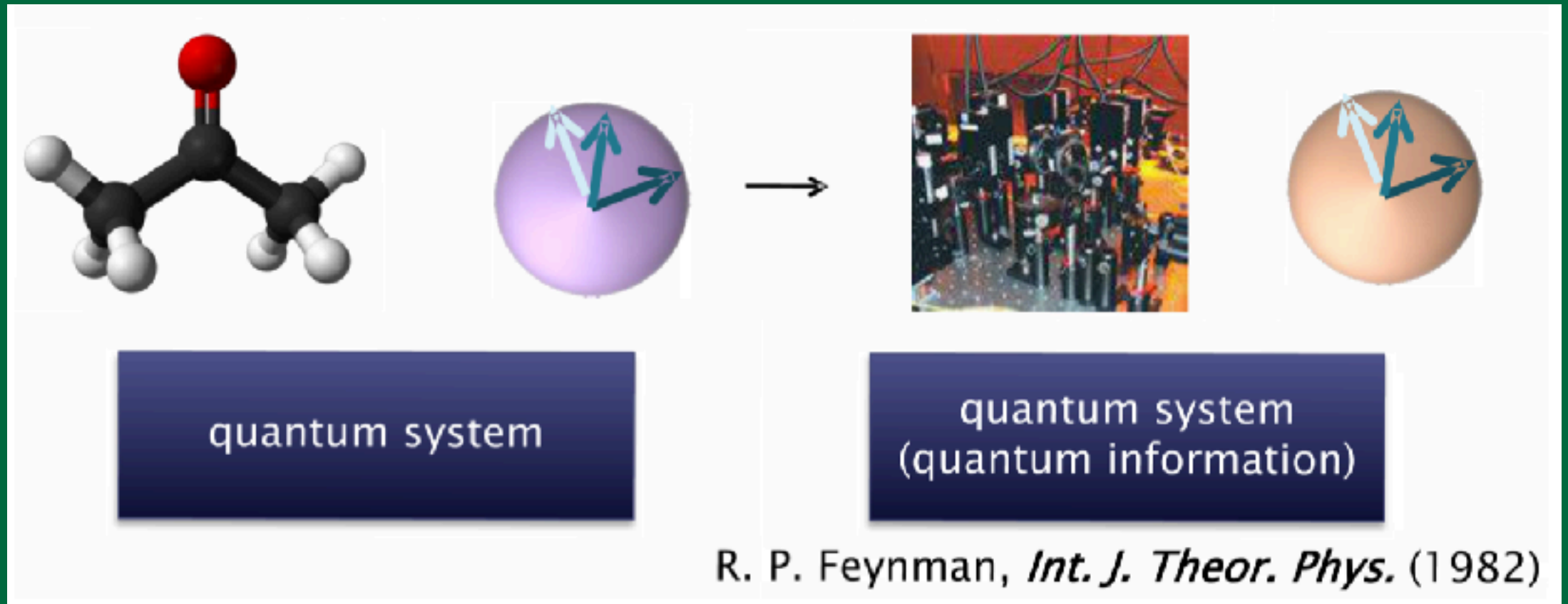
Stages of a model chemistry

- ▶ Target accuracy
- ▶ Formulation
- ▶ Implementation
- ▶ Verification
- ▶ Prediction



John Pople

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## Stages of simulation



Initialization



Propagation

Measurement



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## Stages of simulation



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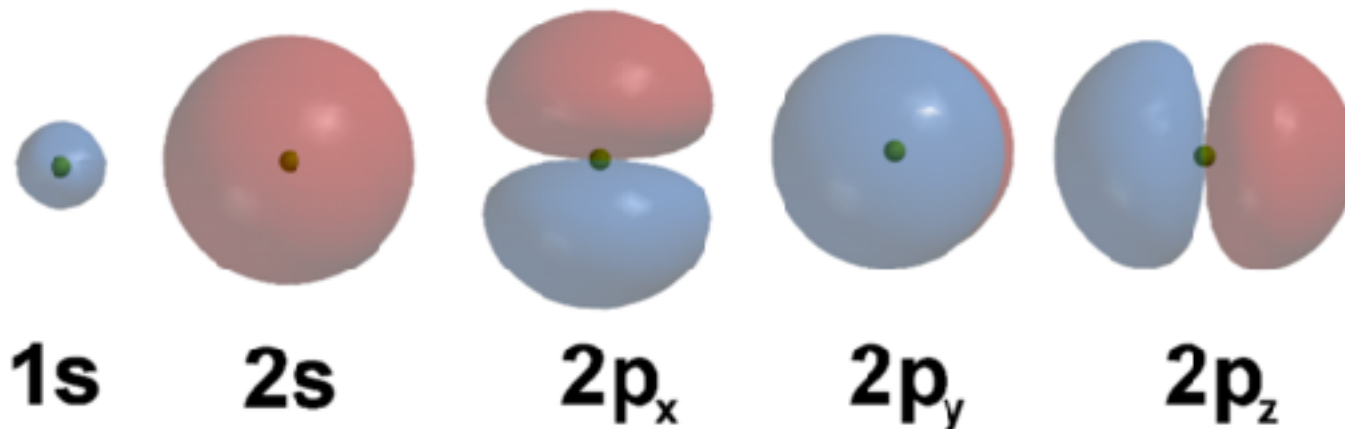
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## Outline

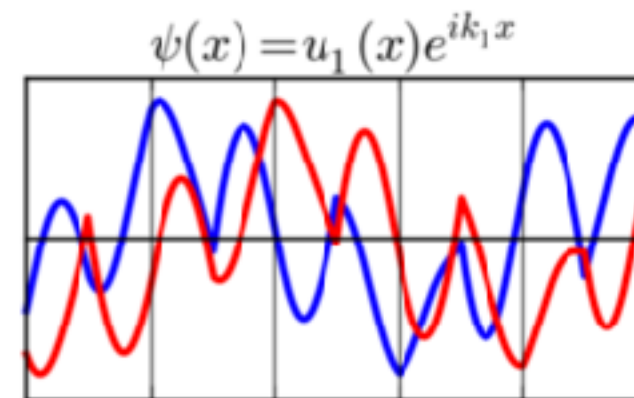
1. Formal Electronic Structure problem
  1. Subspace of interest: one-body
  2. Subspace of interest: N-body
2. Variants on Electronic Structure problem
  1. Variants
  2. Connected problems
3. Qubit Hamiltonians
  1. Qubit/fermion algebras
  2. Jordan-Wigner example

# Examples of orbitals

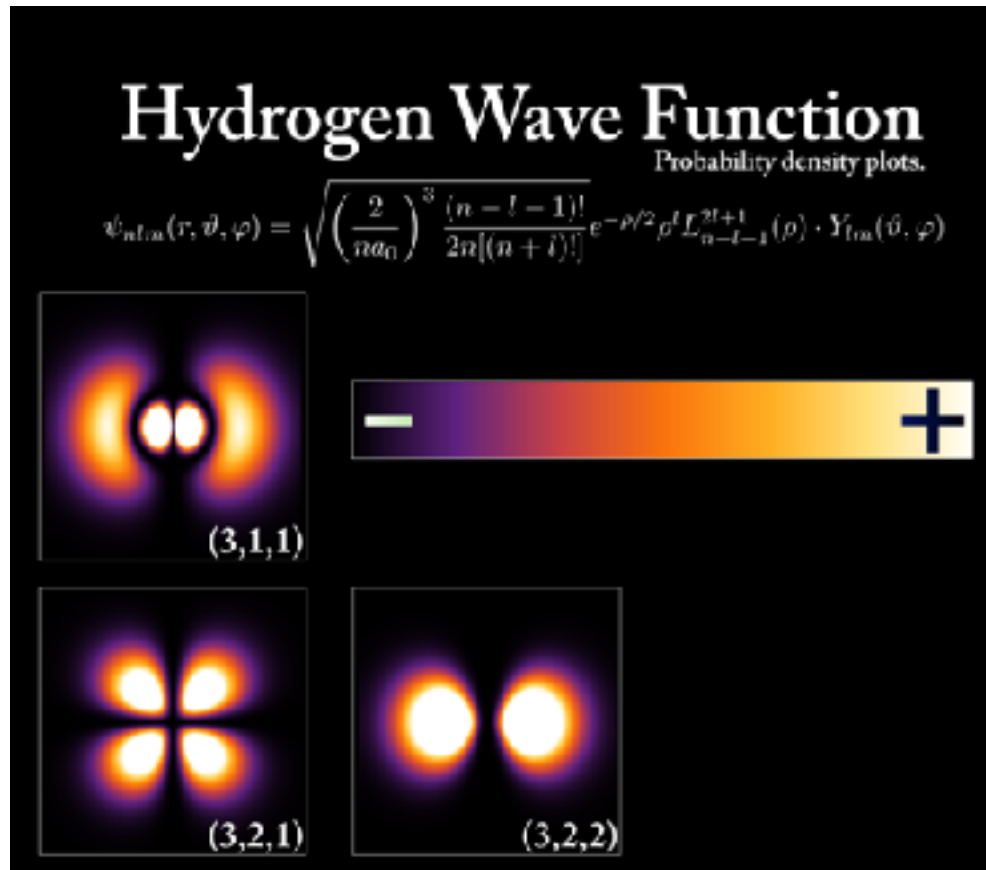


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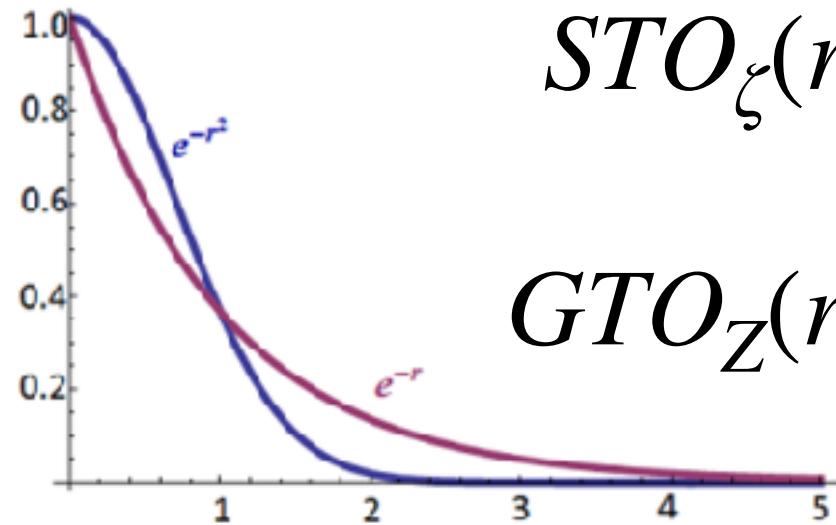
See 1D tutorial QM



# Orbitals



$$\psi_{L=0,m_l=0}(r) = \text{poly}(r)e^{-Zr}$$



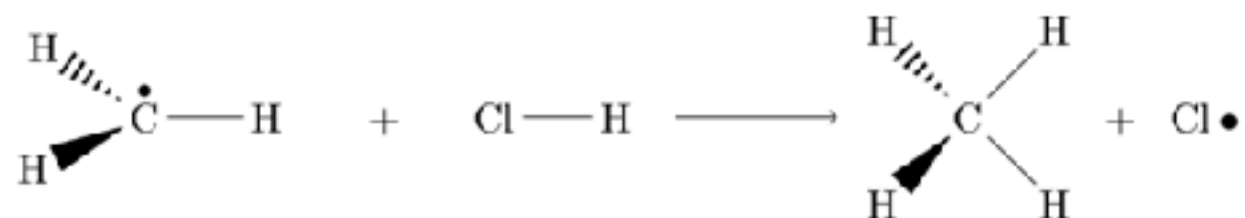
$$STO_{\zeta}(r) = \mathcal{N}e^{-\zeta r}$$

$$GTO_Z(r) = \mathcal{N}e^{-Zr^2}$$

$$\psi_{STO-3G}(r) = \sum_{j=1}^3 d_j GTO_{\alpha_j}(r)$$

## Computational chemistry problem instances

- ▶ Radical stabilization energy



- ▶ Barrier heights



- ▶ Proton affinity  
 $\text{H} + \text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{HCl}$

Atomic units (derived from Gaussian units)

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