

# #27 Add Qiskit Nature demonstrations for physics problems

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“Nature isn’t classical, dammit,  
and if you want to make a  
simulation of nature, you’d better  
make it quantum mechanical, and  
by golly it’s a wonderful problem,  
because it doesn’t look so easy.”

*Richard Phillips Feynman*

# Introduction and Project Description



Quantum Computing can solve a variety of problems:

- Simulation of physical systems
- Optimization problems
- Quantum chemistry
- Machine learning, Finance, etc

Feels like we are missing more demonstrations of physical problems

**Qiskit Nature** aims to solve problems in physics, chemistry and biology.

Although, most of its tutorials are for solving chemistry problems, and they are very much tied to the use of molecular Hamiltonians, and quantum chemistry frameworks like PySCF.

There are a bunch of physical problems whose solution reduces to find the ground state of some system. Thus, it can be solved using Qiskit variational methods like **VQE**. Our goal is to broaden the type of problems that can be implemented in Qiskit Nature.

## Probing ground state properties of the kagome antiferromagnetic Heisenberg model using the Variational Quantum Eigensolver

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Finding and probing the ground states of spin lattices, such as the antiferromagnetic Heisenberg model on the kagome lattice (KAFH), is a very challenging problem on classical computers and only possible for relatively small systems. We propose using the Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) to find the ground state of the KAFH on a quantum computer. We find efficient ansatz circuits and show how physically interesting observables can be measured efficiently. To investigate

## Cloud Quantum Computing of an Atomic Nucleus\*

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We report a quantum simulation of the deuteron binding energy on quantum processors accessed via cloud servers. We use a Hamiltonian from pionless effective field theory at leading order. We design a low-depth version of the unitary coupled-cluster ansatz, use the variational quantum eigensolver algorithm, and compute the binding energy to within a few percent. Our work is the first step towards scalable nuclear structure computations on a quantum processor via the cloud, and it sheds light on how to map scientific computing applications onto nascent quantum devices.

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# Goals

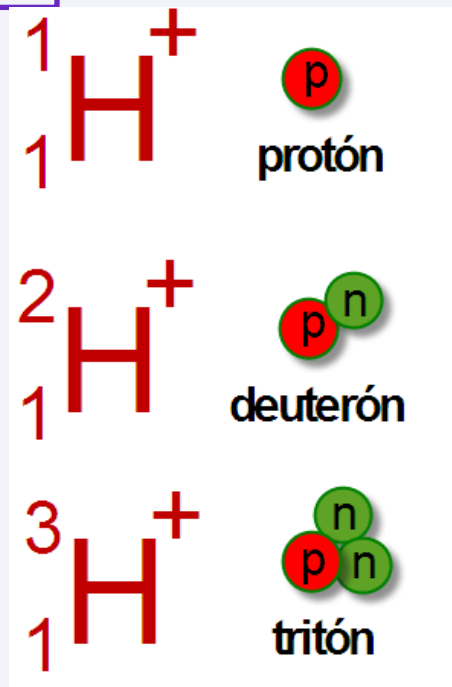
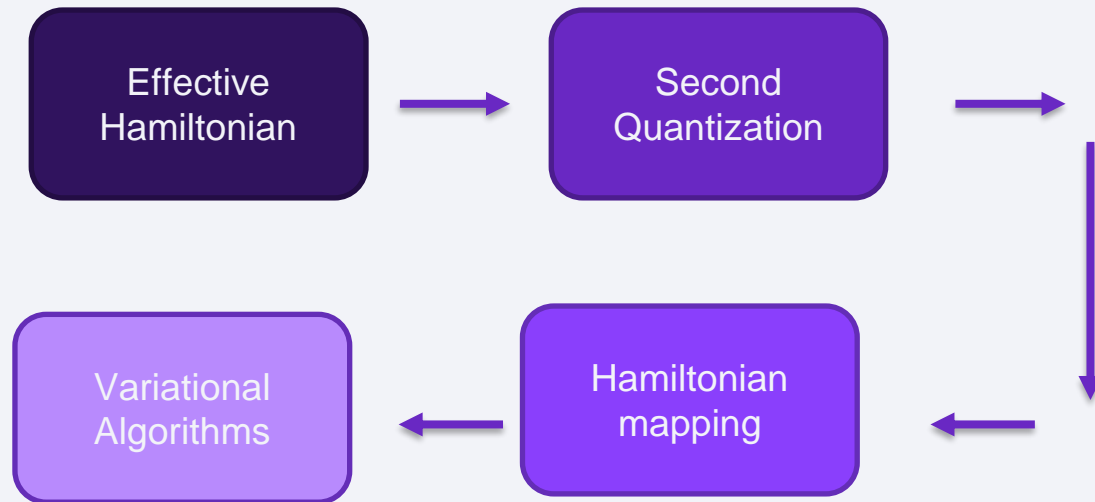


- Demonstrate how to use Qiskit Nature tools and features in physics problems
  - Develop tutorials for <https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.03897> and <https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.08086>.
- Show that the scope of applications of Qiskit Nature can be expanded
- Point features that could be implemented or modified in **Qiskit Nature**



# Deuteron

$$H_N = \sum_{n, n'=0}^{N-1} \langle n' | (T + V) | n \rangle a_{n'}^\dagger a_n.$$



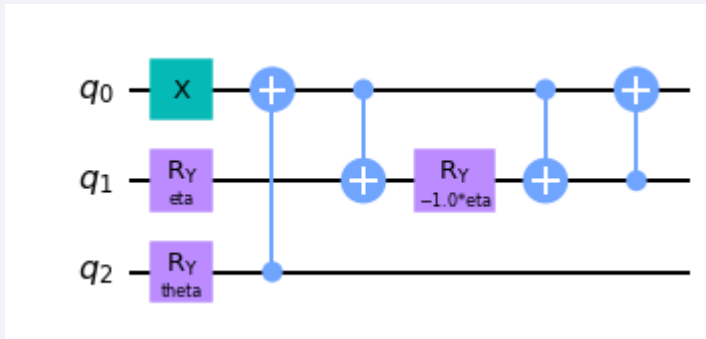
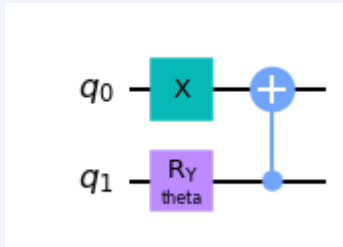
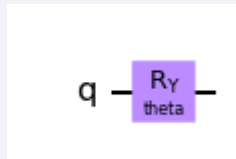
$$\begin{aligned}
 H_2 &= 5.906709I + 0.218291Z_0 - 6.125Z_1 \\
 &\quad - 2.143304(X_0X_1 + Y_0Y_1), \\
 H_3 &= H_2 + 9.625(I - Z_2) \\
 &\quad - 3.913119(X_1X_2 + Y_1Y_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

# Deuteron

We want to calculate the energy of the ground state of deuteron using Qiskit Nature tools.

We can use Operator Flow to write the Hamiltonian of the problem.

*Ansatz circuits and a piece of code that shows the results of VQE*



```
#defining the Hamiltonians
h1 = (0.218291*Z)-(0.218291*I)
h2 = (5.906709*I^I) + (0.218291*I^Z) - (6.125*Z^I) - (2.143304*X^X) - (2.143304*Y^Y)
```

```
op1 = ~StateFn(h1) @ StateFn(wavefunction)
op2 = ~StateFn(h2) @ StateFn(wavefunction2)
```

```
vqe = VQE(wavefunction, optimizer=cobyla, quantum_instance=quantum_instance)
result = vqe.compute_minimum_eigenvalue(h1)
print('Result:', np.round(result.optimal_value,3))
```

Result: -0.437

```
vqe2 = VQE(wavefunction2, optimizer=cobyla, quantum_instance=quantum_instance)
result2 = vqe2.compute_minimum_eigenvalue(h2)
print('Result:', np.round(result2.optimal_value,3))
```

Result: -1.749

Qiskit Runtime

VQEProgram

With Qiskit Runtime we can use the function `VQEProgram` present in Qiskit Nature to execute a VQE in real quantum devices. Below there is a print screen with the result for the Hamiltonian `h2` defined in the piece of code presented in the previous slide. In this example, we used SPSA as the optimizer and we got a result with relative percentual error of approximate 13% in comparison with the reference value `-1.79 MeV` obtained through statevector

```
Name:          optimal_value
Type:          float
Description:   The smallest value found during the
               optimization. Equal to the
               ``eigenvalue`` attribute.
```

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-1.5314608287296534
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## Further work

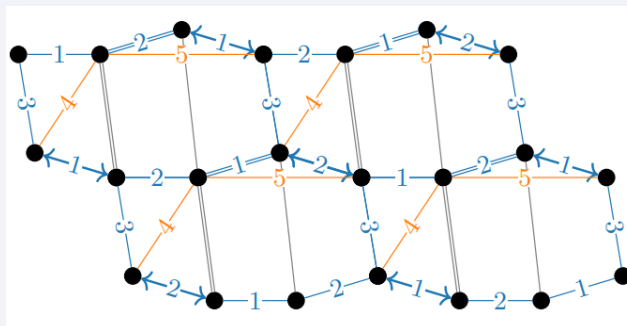
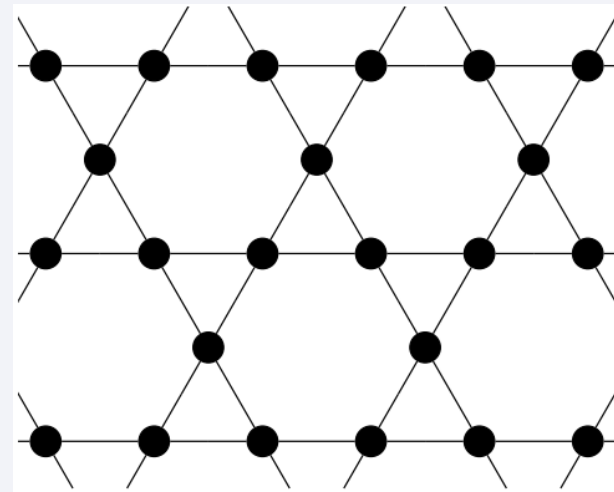
- Compute the energy and ground state for higher order Hamiltonians  $H_N$
- Compute relevant observables ( $Z_0$ ,  $Z_1$ ,  $X_0X_1$  and  $Y_0Y_1$ ) and physical correlators
- Test and compare different optimizers and ansatzes.

# Kagome antiferromagnetic Heisenberg model

$$H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} X_i X_j + Y_i Y_j + Z_i Z_j$$

We want to find the ground state, since it's a really intricate problem due to the lattice configuration.

$$U(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^p \left[ e^{-i\theta_{i,0} H_0} \prod_{\langle k,l \rangle} e^{-i\theta_{i,k,l} \vec{S}_k \cdot \vec{S}_l} \right]$$



1. Let all  $\text{---}1\text{---}$ ,  $\text{---}1\text{---}$  and  $\text{---}1\text{---}$  connected qubits interact
2. Let all  $\text{---}2\text{---}$ ,  $\text{---}2\text{---}$  and  $\text{---}2\text{---}$  connected qubits interact
3. Let all  $\text{---}3\text{---}$  connected qubits interact
4. Swap all  $\text{---}1\text{---}$  and  $\text{---}2\text{---}$  connected pairs of qubits
5. Let  $\text{---}4\text{---}$  connected qubits interact via by  $\text{---}4\text{---}$
6. Let  $\text{---}5\text{---}$  connected qubits interact via by  $\text{---}1/2\text{---}$
7. Swap  $\text{---}1\text{---}$  and  $\text{---}2\text{---}$  back for initial configuration

# Project Timeline

Tasks planning for the next 3 months

## October - 2021

- Focus on the deuteron problem
- Computer higher order terms
- Explore Qiskit Nature implementations
- Move into the next problem

## November - 2021

- Tackle the Heisenberg model
- Explore different lattice configurations
- Find the ground state and other observables
- Generalize the work and try to put it into Qiskit Nature.

## December - 2021

- Collect the relevant result and present them as open notebooks for everyone

# Thank you!

Questions?