

## Second quantization

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### Electronic Hamiltonian in first quantization

**$N$ -electron** Hamiltonian within the Born–Oppenheimer approximation:

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}_{\text{ne}} + \hat{W}_{\text{ee}}$$

$$\hat{T} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{t}(i) \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{t}(i) \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{kinetic energy}$$

$$\hat{V}_{\text{ne}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{v}_{\text{ne}}(i) \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{v}_{\text{ne}}(i) \equiv - \sum_A^{\text{nuclei}} \frac{Z_A}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_A|} \times \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{electron-nuclei attraction}$$

$$\hat{W}_{\text{ee}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^N \hat{w}_{\text{ee}}(i, j) \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{w}_{\text{ee}}(i, j) \equiv \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \times \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{electron-electron repulsion}$$

### One-electron wavefunction

- Let us start with **Schrödinger theory**: the quantum state of a single electron is written as

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int d\mathbf{r} \Psi(\mathbf{r})|\mathbf{r}\rangle$$

where  $\Psi(\mathbf{r})$  is the one-electron wavefunction (**orbital**) and  $|\mathbf{r}\rangle$  denotes the quantum state "the electron is at position  $\mathbf{r}$ ". This choice of basis is known as "**r representation**".

- Orthonormalization** condition:  $\langle \mathbf{r}' | \mathbf{r} \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r})$  ← Dirac distribution

where " $\forall f$ ",  $\int d\mathbf{r} f(\mathbf{r})\delta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}) = f(\mathbf{r}')$   $\leftrightarrow \sum_i f_i \delta_{ii'} = f_{i'}$  ← Kronecker delta

- Pauli theory**: the **spin** of the electron is now considered as an additional degree of freedom. The quantum state of a single electron is then written as

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int d\mathbf{r} \sum_{\sigma=\alpha,\beta} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \sigma)|\mathbf{r}, \sigma\rangle$$

where  $|\mathbf{r}, \alpha\rangle$  denotes the quantum state "electron at position  $\mathbf{r}$  with **spin up**" and  $|\mathbf{r}, \beta\rangle$  corresponds to the state "electron at position  $\mathbf{r}$  with **spin down**".

## Two-electron wavefunction

- In the **non-relativistic** case, a single electron will have a spin  $\sigma_0$  which is either up or down. The corresponding wavefunction  $\Psi_{\sigma_0}$  can then be written as a **spin-orbital**  $\Psi_{\sigma_0}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) = \Psi(\mathbf{r})\delta_{\sigma\sigma_0}$ .

- With the notations  $X \equiv (\mathbf{r}, \sigma)$  and  $\int dX \equiv \int d\mathbf{r} \sum_{\sigma=\alpha,\beta}$ ,

a one-electron quantum state in Pauli theory is simply written as

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int dX \Psi(X)|X\rangle$$

with  $\langle X'|X\rangle = \delta(X - X') = \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}\delta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r})$  and, consequently,  $\langle X'|\Psi\rangle = \Psi(X')$ .

- **Two-electron** case:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \int \int dX_1 dX_2 \Psi(X_1, X_2)|\mathbf{1}: X_1, \mathbf{2}: X_2\rangle$$

where the two-electron quantum state  $|\mathbf{1}: X_1, \mathbf{2}: X_2\rangle$  corresponds to "**electron 1** in state  $|X_1\rangle$  and **electron 2** in state  $|X_2\rangle$ ".

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- **Anti-symmetrization** principle: a physical two-electron wavefunction should fulfill the condition

$$\Psi(X_1, X_2) = -\Psi(X_2, X_1)$$

thus leading to

$$|\Psi\rangle = - \int \int dX_1 dX_2 \Psi(X_2, X_1) |1: \boxed{X_1}, 2: X_2\rangle = - \underbrace{\int \int dX_1 dX_2 \Psi(X_1, X_2) |1: X_2, 2: \boxed{X_1}\rangle}_{|\Psi_{1\leftrightarrow 2}\rangle}$$

and

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int \int dX_1 dX_2 \underbrace{\left[ \Psi(X_1, X_2) - \Psi(X_2, X_1) \right]}_{0 \text{ if } X_1 = X_2} |1: X_1, 2: X_2\rangle$$

**Conclusion:** the anti-symmetrization of the wavefunction ensures that electrons are **indistinguishable** and that they cannot be in the same quantum state (**Pauli principle**).

### Slater determinants

- Let  $\{\varphi_K(X)\}_K$  denote an **orthonormal** basis of (molecular) spin-orbitals. Two electrons that occupy the spin-orbitals  $\varphi_I(X)$  and  $\varphi_J(X)$  will be described by the (normalized) **Slater determinant**

$$\Phi_{IJ}(X_1, X_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_I(X_1) & \varphi_I(X_2) \\ \varphi_J(X_1) & \varphi_J(X_2) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \varphi_I(X_1)\varphi_J(X_2) - \varphi_I(X_2)\varphi_J(X_1) \right)$$

- Note that Slater determinants and, consequently, linear combinations of Slater determinants are **anti-symmetric**.
- Therefore, Slater determinants are convenient "**building blocks**" for computing the electronic wavefunction.
- Still, we may wonder if we really need this **complicated** expression obtained from the determinant (obviously things get worse for a larger number of electrons).
- Another drawback of the current formulation: both Slater determinant and Hamiltonian expressions **depend on the number of electrons**.

### "What is occupied ?" rather than "Who occupies what ?"

- Since electrons are **indistinguishable**, there is no need to know that electron 1 occupies  $\varphi_I$  and electron 2 occupies  $\varphi_J$  or the other way around ...
- The important information is that spin-orbitals  $\varphi_I$  and  $\varphi_J$  are **occupied** and the remaining ones are **empty**.
- **Second quantization** is a formalism that relies on this idea. Let us tell the story ...
- At the beginning, there was "nothing" ...  $|\text{vac}\rangle$  ← normalized "**vacuum** state"
- ... then was introduced the concept of **annihilation** of an electron occupying  $\varphi_I$ , that would obviously give zero when applied to the vacuum state:  $\forall I, \hat{a}_I |\text{vac}\rangle = 0$  **(rule 1)**
- ... and then came the concept of **creation** of an electron occupying  $\varphi_I$ :  $\hat{a}_I^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle \equiv |\varphi_I\rangle$

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- ... and then came the idea to create another electron occupying  $\varphi_J$ :  $\hat{a}_J^\dagger \hat{a}_I^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle \equiv |\Phi_{IJ}\rangle$
- Note that the creation operator  $\hat{a}_I^\dagger$  is the **adjoint** of the annihilation operator  $\hat{a}_I$ . This ensures, in particular, that one-electron and vacuum states are orthogonal:

$$\langle \varphi_I | \text{vac} \rangle = \langle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \text{vac} | \text{vac} \rangle = \langle \text{vac} | \hat{a}_I | \text{vac} \rangle = 0$$

- In order to have a representation that is equivalent to the one used in first quantization, we only need two more rules:

$$\boxed{\forall I, J, \quad [\hat{a}_I, \hat{a}_J]_+ = \hat{a}_I \hat{a}_J + \hat{a}_J \hat{a}_I = 0} \quad \text{(rule 2)} \quad \longrightarrow \quad [\hat{a}_I^\dagger, \hat{a}_J^\dagger]_+ = [\hat{a}_J, \hat{a}_I]_+^\dagger = 0$$

$$\boxed{\forall I, J, \quad [\hat{a}_I, \hat{a}_J^\dagger]_+ = \hat{a}_I \hat{a}_J^\dagger + \hat{a}_J^\dagger \hat{a}_I = \delta_{IJ}} \quad \text{(rule 3)}$$

- **Notation:** the **anticommutator** of  $\hat{A}$  with  $\hat{B}$  reads  $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]_+ = \{\hat{A}, \hat{B}\} = \hat{A}\hat{B} + \hat{B}\hat{A}$  while the commutator equals  $[\hat{A}, \hat{B}] = \hat{A}\hat{B} - \hat{B}\hat{A}$ .



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- **Rule 2** contains the indistinguishability of the electrons,  $\hat{a}_J^\dagger \hat{a}_I^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = -\hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle$ ,

and the Pauli principle,  $\hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_I^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = 0$ .

- **Rule 3** ensures that you can only annihilate what has already been created (!),

$$\hat{a}_I \hat{a}_J^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = \delta_{IJ} |\text{vac}\rangle - \hat{a}_J^\dagger \hat{a}_I |\text{vac}\rangle = \delta_{IJ} |\text{vac}\rangle$$

- It is now very easy to generate representations of Slater determinants for an **arbitrary number  $N$  of electrons**: multiply more creation operators !

$$|I_1 I_2 \dots I_{N-1} I_N\rangle = \hat{a}_{I_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{I_2}^\dagger \dots \hat{a}_{I_{N-1}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{I_N}^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \det [\varphi_{I_i}(X_j)]$$

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**EXERCISE:** (1) Show that  $|I_1 I_2 \dots I_{N-1} I_N\rangle$  is **normalized**.

(2) Let us consider another state  $|J_1 J_2 \dots J_{N-1} J_N\rangle$  and assume that at least one of the occupied spin-orbitals (let us denote it  $\varphi_{J_k}$ ) is not occupied in  $|I_1 I_2 \dots I_{N-1} I_N\rangle$ . Show that the two states are **orthogonal**.

(3) The "counting" operator  $\hat{N}$  is defined as  $\hat{N} = \sum_I \hat{n}_I$  where  $\hat{n}_I = \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_I$ . Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{n}_I |I_1 I_2 \dots I_{N-1} I_N\rangle &= |I_1 I_2 \dots I_{N-1} I_N\rangle & \text{if } I = I_k \quad 1 \leq k \leq N \\ &= 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

and conclude that  $\hat{N} |I_1 I_2 \dots I_{N-1} I_N\rangle = N |I_1 I_2 \dots I_{N-1} I_N\rangle$ .

(4) Explain why states corresponding to different numbers of electrons are automatically orthogonal.

(5) Explain why any normalized state  $|\Psi\rangle$  fulfills the condition  $0 \leq \langle \Psi | \hat{n}_I | \Psi \rangle \leq 1$ .

## One-electron operators in second quantization

- Let  $\hat{h}$  denote a **one-electron** operator ( $\hat{t} + \hat{v}_{ne}$  for example): it acts on the one-electron states  $|\varphi_I\rangle$ .
- Resolution of the identity: 
$$\sum_I |\varphi_I\rangle\langle\varphi_I| = \hat{\mathbb{1}},$$

which leads to the **conventional representation** 
$$\hat{h} = \hat{\mathbb{1}} \hat{h} \hat{\mathbb{1}} = \sum_{I,J} \langle\varphi_I|\hat{h}|\varphi_J\rangle |\varphi_I\rangle\langle\varphi_J|.$$

- **Second-quantized representation:**

$$\hat{h} \equiv \sum_{I,J} \langle\varphi_I|\hat{h}|\varphi_J\rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{I,J} \langle\varphi_I|\hat{h}|\varphi_J\rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J \right) |\varphi_K\rangle &= \left( \sum_{I,J} \langle\varphi_I|\hat{h}|\varphi_J\rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J \right) \hat{a}_K^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = \left( \sum_{I,J} \langle\varphi_I|\hat{h}|\varphi_J\rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \delta_{JK} \right) |\text{vac}\rangle \\ &= \sum_I \langle\varphi_I|\hat{h}|\varphi_K\rangle |\varphi_I\rangle = \hat{h}|\varphi_K\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- What is convenient is that this second-quantized representation is **valid for any number  $N$  of electrons**:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{h}(i) \equiv \sum_{I,J} \langle \varphi_I | \hat{h} | \varphi_J \rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J \equiv \hat{h}$$

The information about  $N$  has been completely transferred to the states. It **does not appear in the operator** anymore.

**EXERCISE:** Let us consider another orthonormal basis  $\{\tilde{\varphi}_K(X)\}_K$  of spin-orbitals that we decompose in the current basis as follows,  $|\tilde{\varphi}_P\rangle = \sum_Q U_{QP} |\varphi_Q\rangle$ .

- (1) Show that the matrix  $U$  is unitary ( $U^\dagger = U^{-1}$ ).
- (2) Explain why  $\hat{a}_{\tilde{P}}^\dagger = \sum_Q U_{QP} \hat{a}_Q^\dagger$  and show that  $\sum_{I,J} \langle \tilde{\varphi}_I | \hat{h} | \tilde{\varphi}_J \rangle \hat{a}_{\tilde{I}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{J}} \equiv \hat{h}$ .
- (3) Show how the diagonalization of  $\hat{h}$  in the one-electron space leads automatically to the diagonalization in the  $N$ -electron space (use exercise page 10).

## Two-electron operators in second quantization

- Let  $\hat{w}$  denote a **two-electron** operator: it acts on two-electron states  $|\varphi_I\varphi_J\rangle = |1: \varphi_I, 2: \varphi_J\rangle$ .
- A **complete anti-symmetrized basis** should be used for describing the two electrons:

$$|IJ\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |\varphi_I\varphi_J\rangle - |\varphi_J\varphi_I\rangle \right) \equiv \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle \quad \text{with } I < J.$$

Consequently, any two-electron anti-symmetrized state  $|\Psi\rangle$  should fulfill the condition

$$\hat{P}_A |\Psi\rangle = |\Psi\rangle \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{P}_A = \sum_{I < J} |IJ\rangle \langle IJ| \quad \longleftarrow \text{projection operator !}$$

- Projection of the two-electron operator onto the space of anti-symmetrized states:

$$\hat{w}_A = \hat{P}_A \hat{w} \hat{P}_A = \sum_{I < J, K < L} \langle IJ | \hat{w} | KL \rangle |IJ\rangle \langle KL|$$

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**EXERCISE:** Prove that  $\hat{w}_A \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{IJKL} \langle \varphi_I \varphi_J | \hat{w} | \varphi_K \varphi_L \rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J^\dagger \hat{a}_L \hat{a}_K$

**hint:** apply  $\hat{w}_A$  and the proposed second-quantized representation to  $|PQ\rangle \equiv \hat{a}_P^\dagger \hat{a}_Q^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle$  ( $P < Q$ ). Conclude.

- What is convenient is that this second-quantized representation is **valid for any number  $N$  of electrons** and includes the projection onto **anti-symmetrized** states:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^N \hat{w}(i, j) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{IJKL} \langle \varphi_I \varphi_J | \hat{w} | \varphi_K \varphi_L \rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J^\dagger \hat{a}_L \hat{a}_K \equiv \hat{w}$$

### Summary

- In summary, the electronic Hamiltonian can be written in second quantization as follows,

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{IJ} \langle \varphi_I | \hat{h} | \varphi_J \rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{IJKL} \langle \varphi_I \varphi_J | \hat{w}_{ee} | \varphi_K \varphi_L \rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J^\dagger \hat{a}_L \hat{a}_K$$

where  $\langle \varphi_I | \hat{h} | \varphi_J \rangle = \int dX \varphi_I^*(X) (\hat{h} \varphi_J)(X) \quad \leftarrow \text{one-electron integrals}$

$\langle \varphi_I \varphi_J | \hat{w}_{ee} | \varphi_K \varphi_L \rangle = \int \int dX_1 dX_2 \varphi_I^*(X_1) \varphi_J^*(X_2) (\hat{w}_{ee} \varphi_K \varphi_L)(X_1, X_2) \quad \leftarrow \text{two-electron integrals}$

- Note that this expression is also valid for a **relativistic** Hamiltonian. Two or four-component **spinors** should be used rather than spin-orbitals in conjunction with the **Dirac** (Breit) Coulomb Hamiltonian.
- The standard (**non-relativistic**) Hamiltonian will be used in the following.

## Why "second" quantization ?

- Let us focus on the (one-electron) electron-nuclei **local potential operator** which, in second

quantization, reads  $\hat{V}_{\text{ne}} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{v}_{\text{ne}}(i) \equiv \sum_{IJ} \langle \varphi_I | \hat{v}_{\text{ne}} | \varphi_J \rangle \hat{a}_I^\dagger \hat{a}_J$  where

$$\langle \varphi_I | \hat{v}_{\text{ne}} | \varphi_J \rangle = \int dX v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_I^*(X) \varphi_J(X),$$

thus leading to

$$\hat{V}_{\text{ne}} \equiv \int dX v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) \underbrace{\left( \sum_I \varphi_I^*(X) \hat{a}_I^\dagger \right)}_{\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(X)} \underbrace{\left( \sum_J \varphi_J(X) \hat{a}_J \right)}_{\hat{\Psi}(X)} = \boxed{\int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) \sum_{\sigma} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \equiv \hat{V}_{\text{ne}}}$$

$\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(X) \quad \hat{\Psi}(X) \quad \leftarrow \text{field operators}$

- For a **single electron** occupying the spin-orbital  $\Psi(X) = \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \sigma)$ , the corresponding expectation value for the electron-nuclei potential energy equals

$$\langle \Psi | \hat{v}_{\text{ne}} | \Psi \rangle = \int dX v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) \Psi^*(X) \Psi(X) = \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) \sum_{\sigma} \Psi^*(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \sigma).$$



- **Physical interpretation** of the field operators:

$$\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{X})|\text{vac}\rangle = \sum_I \varphi_I^*(\mathbf{X}) \hat{a}_I^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle = \sum_I \varphi_I^*(\mathbf{X}) |\varphi_I\rangle = \sum_I |\varphi_I\rangle \langle \varphi_I | \mathbf{X} \rangle = \boxed{|\mathbf{X}\rangle = \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{X})|\text{vac}\rangle},$$

which means that  $\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{X}) = \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \sigma)$  creates an electron at position  $\mathbf{r}$  with spin  $\sigma$ .

- Consequently, the **density operator** reads in second quantization  $\hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\sigma} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma)$ ,

and the **electron density** associated with the normalized  $N$ -electron wavefunction  $\Psi$  is simply calculated as follows,

$$n_{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \Psi | \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) | \Psi \rangle.$$

- **Anticommutation rules:**  $[\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}), \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}')]_+ = \sum_{IJ} \varphi_J(\mathbf{X}) \varphi_I(\mathbf{X}') [\hat{a}_J, \hat{a}_I]_+ = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}), \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{X}')]_+ &= \sum_{IJ} \varphi_J(\mathbf{X}) \varphi_I^*(\mathbf{X}') [\hat{a}_J, \hat{a}_I^\dagger]_+ = \sum_{IJ} \varphi_J(\mathbf{X}) \varphi_I^*(\mathbf{X}') \delta_{IJ} \\ &= \sum_I \langle \mathbf{X} | \varphi_I \rangle \langle \varphi_I | \mathbf{X}' \rangle = \langle \mathbf{X} | \mathbf{X}' \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X}'). \end{aligned}$$

### EXERCISE:

(1) Show that each contribution to the electronic Hamiltonian reads in second quantization as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{T} &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \sum_{\sigma} \hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma), & \hat{V}_{\text{ne}} &\equiv \int d\mathbf{r} v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}), \\ \hat{W}_{\text{ee}} &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \int \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \frac{\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}', \sigma') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}', \sigma') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}, \sigma)}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\hat{n}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{n}(\mathbf{r}') - \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \hat{n}(\mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}.\end{aligned}$$

(2) At the non-relativistic level, **real algebra** can be used,  $\varphi_I(X) = \varphi_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r}, \tau) = \phi_i(\mathbf{r}) \delta_{\sigma\tau}$ ,

$$\hat{h} \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 + v_{\text{ne}}(\mathbf{r}) \times \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{w}_{\text{ee}} \equiv \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \times .$$

Show that the Hamiltonian, that is here a spin-free operator, can be rewritten in the basis of the molecular orbitals  $\left\{ \phi_p(\mathbf{r}) \right\}_p$  as follows

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{p,q} h_{pq} \hat{E}_{pq} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q,r,s} \langle pr|qs \rangle \left( \hat{E}_{pq} \hat{E}_{rs} - \delta_{qr} \hat{E}_{ps} \right)$$

where  $\hat{E}_{pq} = \sum_{\sigma} \hat{a}_{p,\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{q,\sigma}$ ,  $h_{pq} = \langle \phi_p | \hat{h} | \phi_q \rangle$  and

$$\langle pr | qs \rangle = \int \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \phi_p(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_r(\mathbf{r}_2) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \phi_q(\mathbf{r}_1) \phi_s(\mathbf{r}_2) = (pq | rs).$$

## Model Hamiltonians: example of the Hubbard Hamiltonian

$$h_{ij} \longrightarrow -t(\delta_{i,j-1} + \delta_{i,j+1}) + \varepsilon_i \delta_{ij}$$

$$\langle ij|kl \rangle \longrightarrow U \delta_{ij} \delta_{ik} \delta_{lj}$$

$$\hat{E}_{ik} \hat{E}_{jl} - \delta_{kj} \hat{E}_{il} \longrightarrow \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_i - \hat{n}_i$$

where  $\hat{n}_i = \hat{E}_{ii} = \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} + \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}$  so that  $\hat{n}_i \hat{n}_i = 2\hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow} + \hat{n}_i$

$$\hat{H} \longrightarrow \underbrace{-t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \hat{a}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{j,\sigma}}_{\hat{\mathcal{T}} \text{ (hopping)}} + \underbrace{U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}}_{\text{on-site repulsion}} + \underbrace{\sum_i \varepsilon_i \hat{n}_i}_{\text{local potential}}$$

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