

Quantum algorithms for the nuclear shell model



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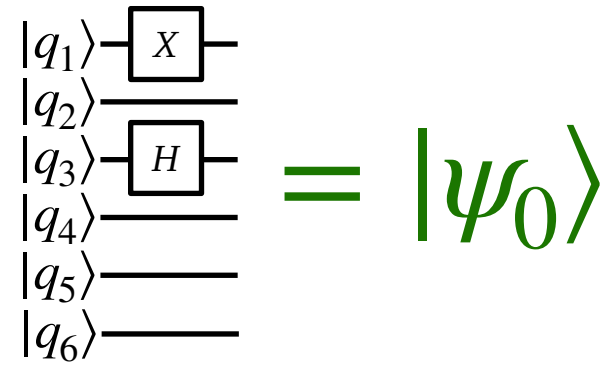
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Quantum algorithms

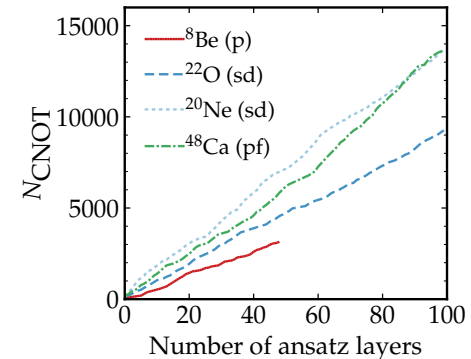


Variational approach

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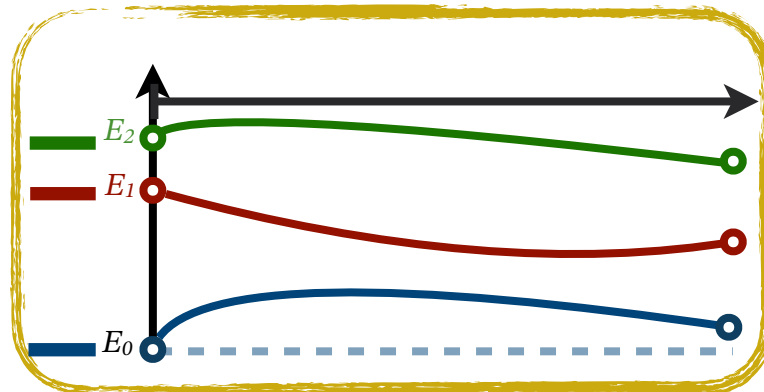
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Adiabatic approach

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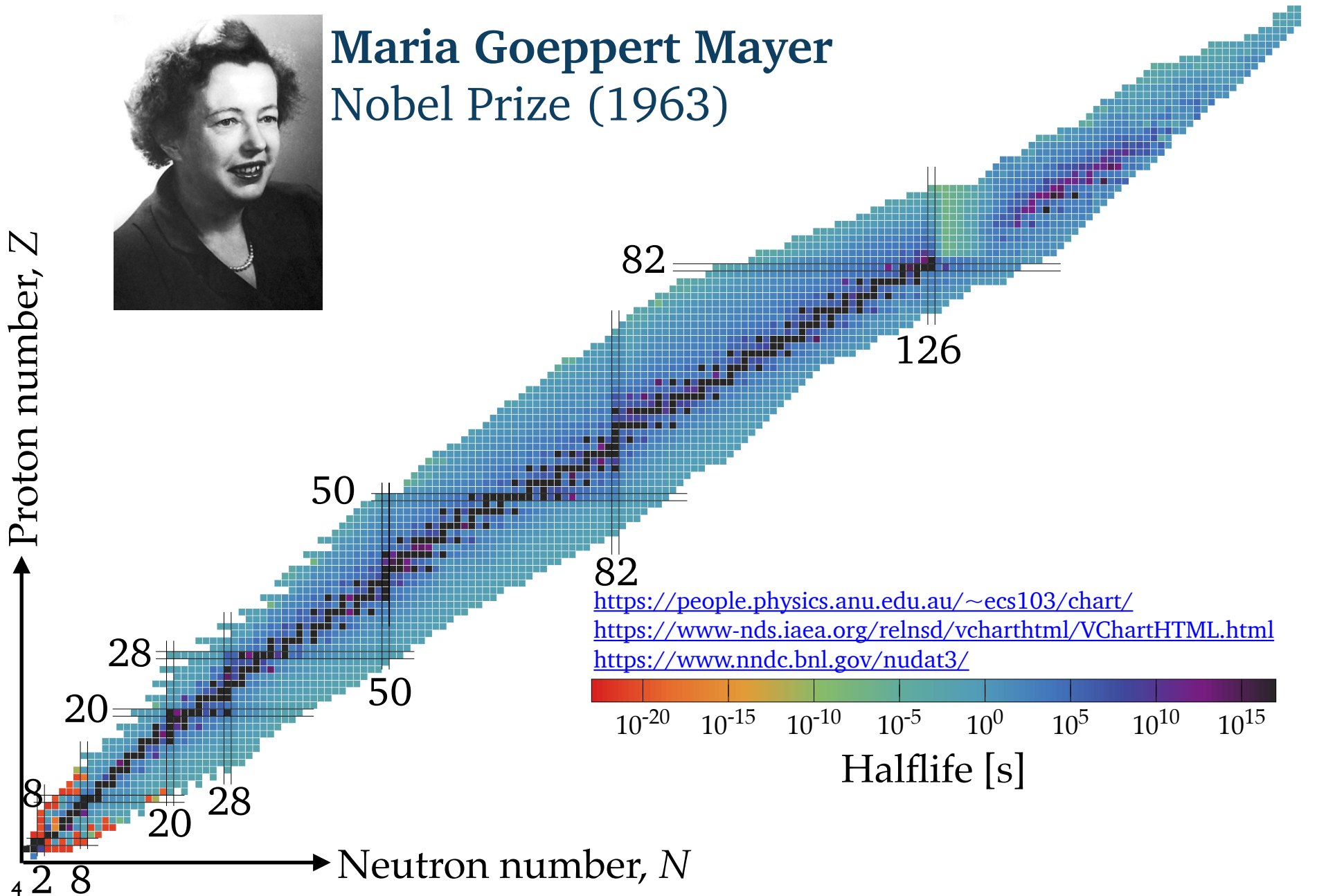


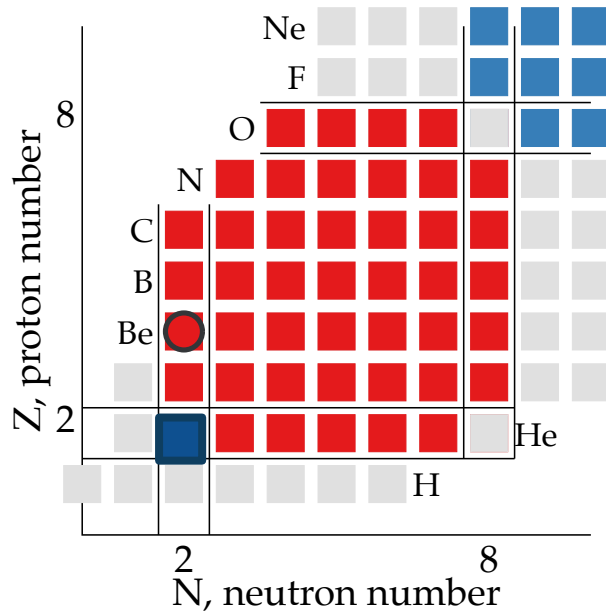
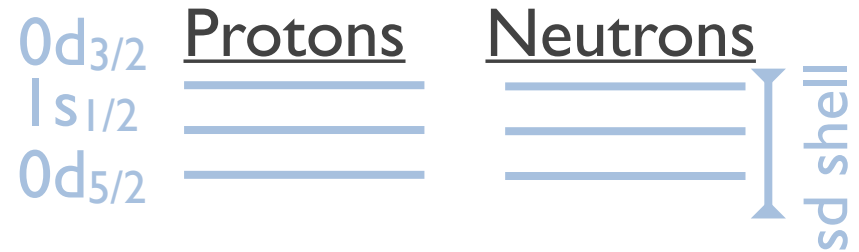
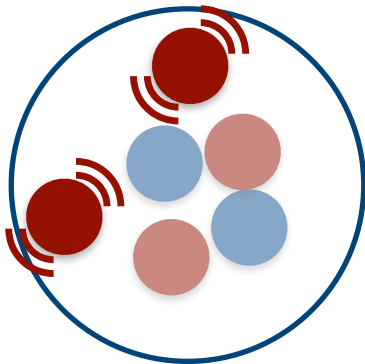
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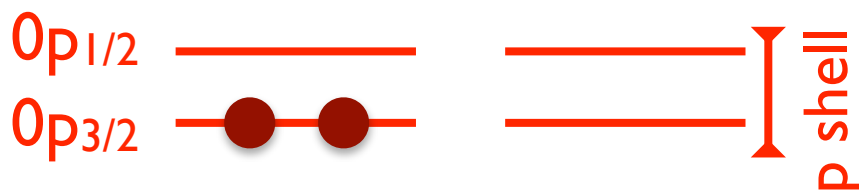


Maria Goeppert Mayer
Nobel Prize (1963)

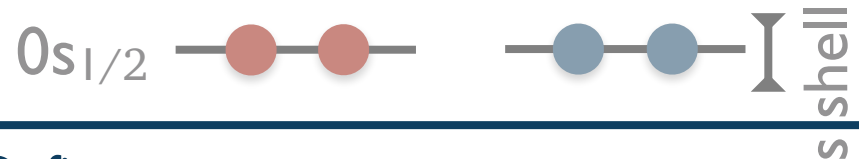


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Valence space



Core

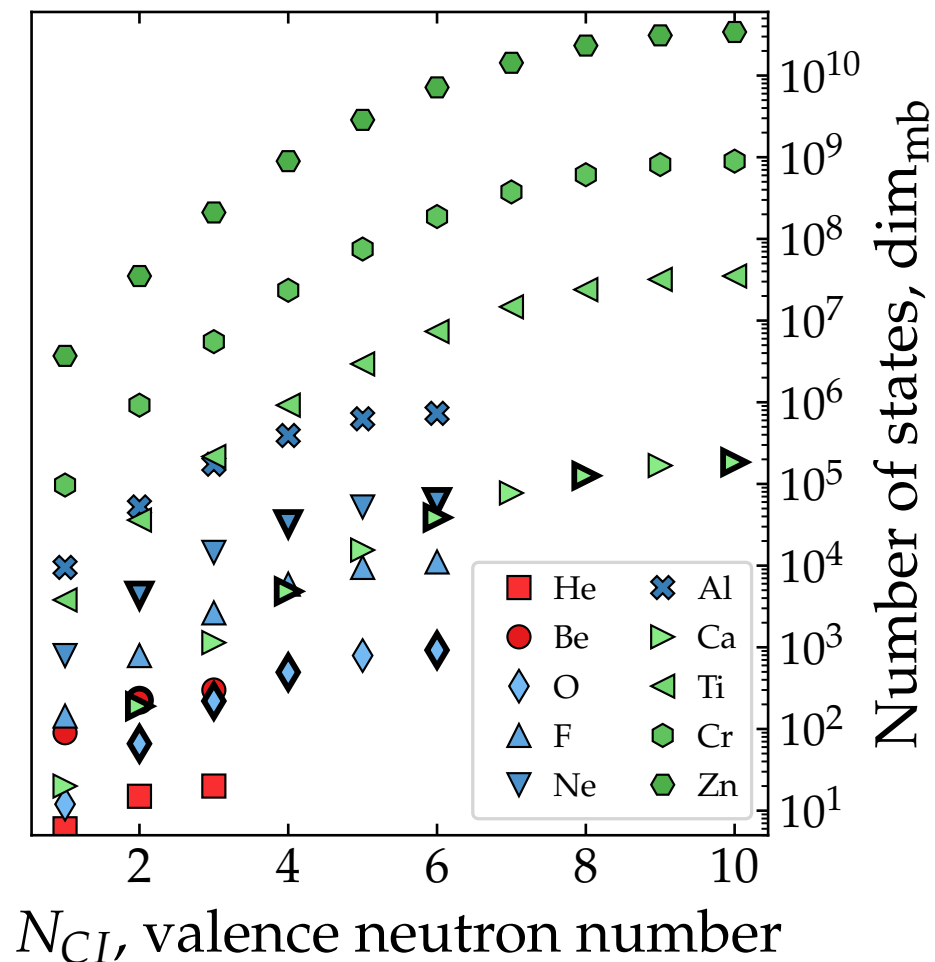
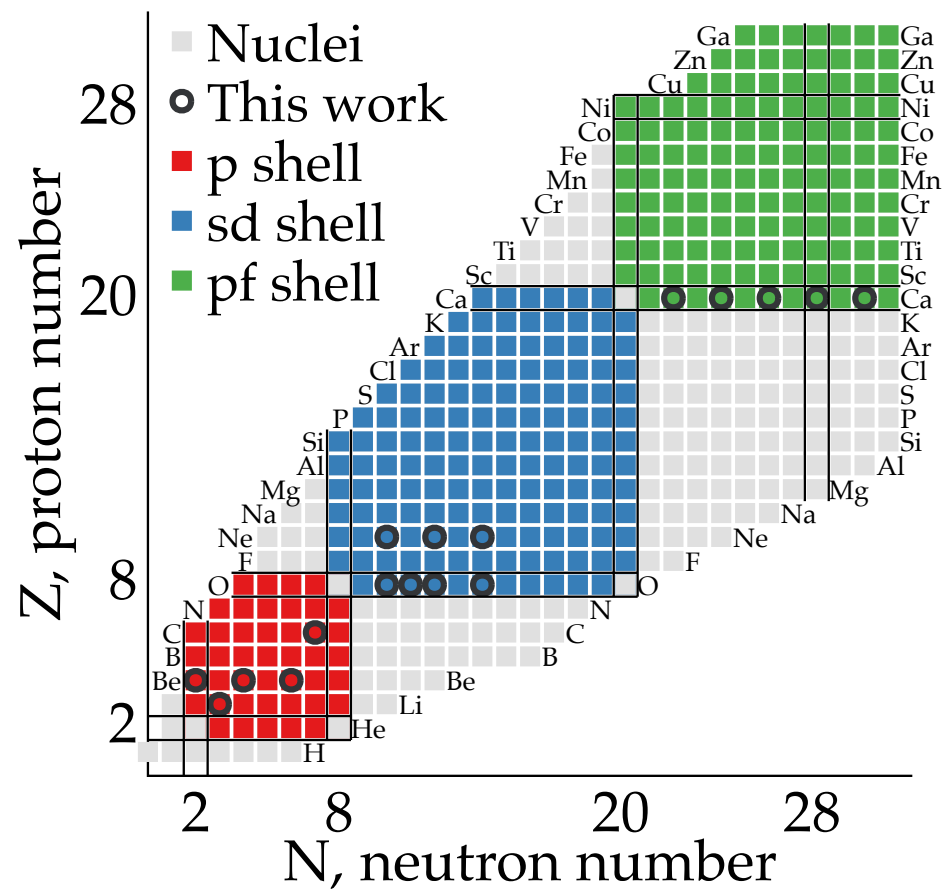


1. Define core
2. Define valence space
3. Use effective Hamiltonian in valence space
4. Generate many-body basis for system
5. Diagonalise effective Hamiltonian matrix

$$\hat{H} = \sum_p \epsilon_p a_p^\dagger a_p + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} v_{pqrs} a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_s a_p$$

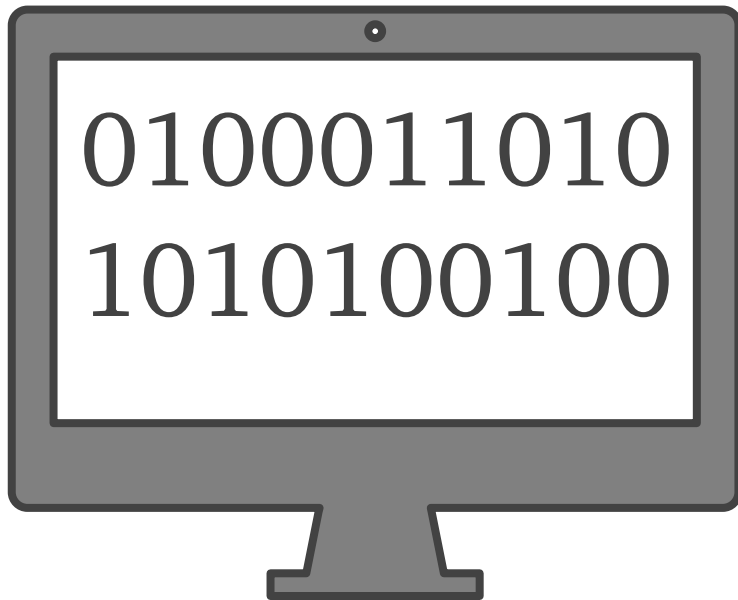
Shell model complexity

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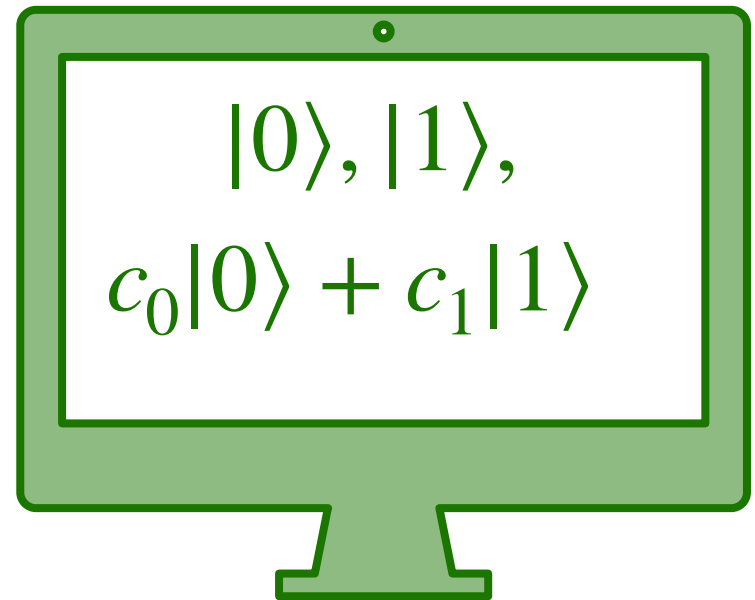
What is quantum computing?

Classical Computer



- Works with **bits**
- Bits are either 1 or 0

Quantum Computer



- Works with **qubits**
- A **qubit** can be **superposition** of 1 or 0
- Many-qubits: **entanglement, interference,** etc



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Simulating Physics with Computers

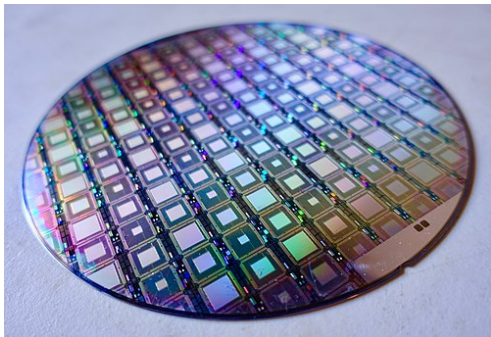
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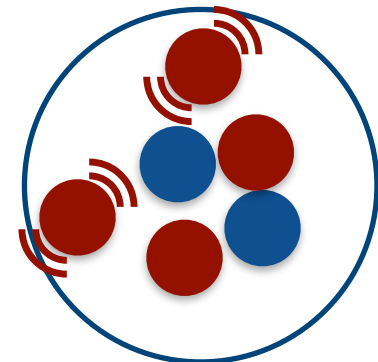
Idea

Use a quantum computer (controllable quantum device) to simulate the behaviour of another quantum system

Controllable quantum device

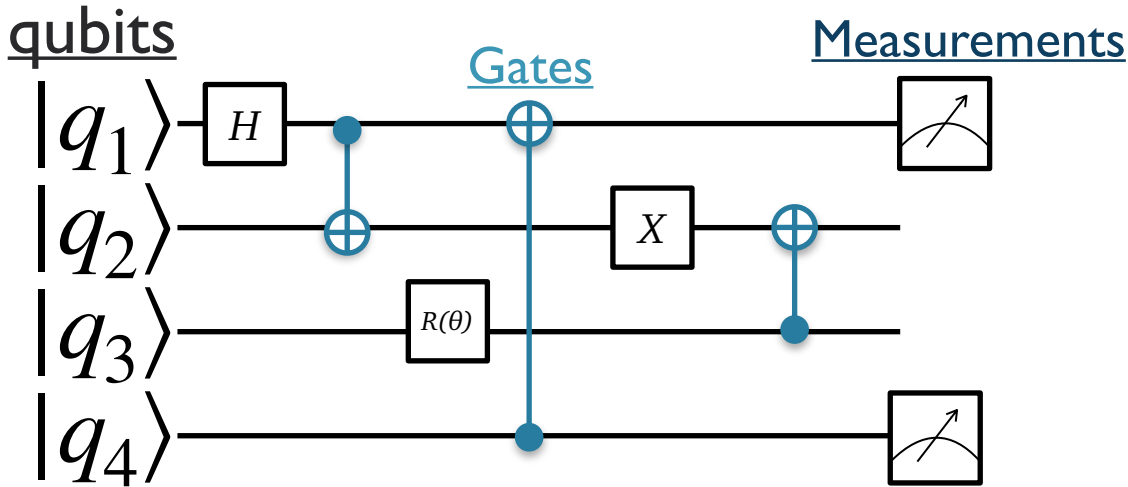


Quantum system



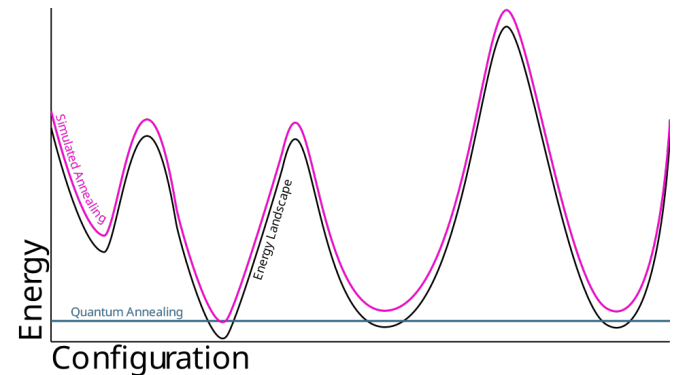
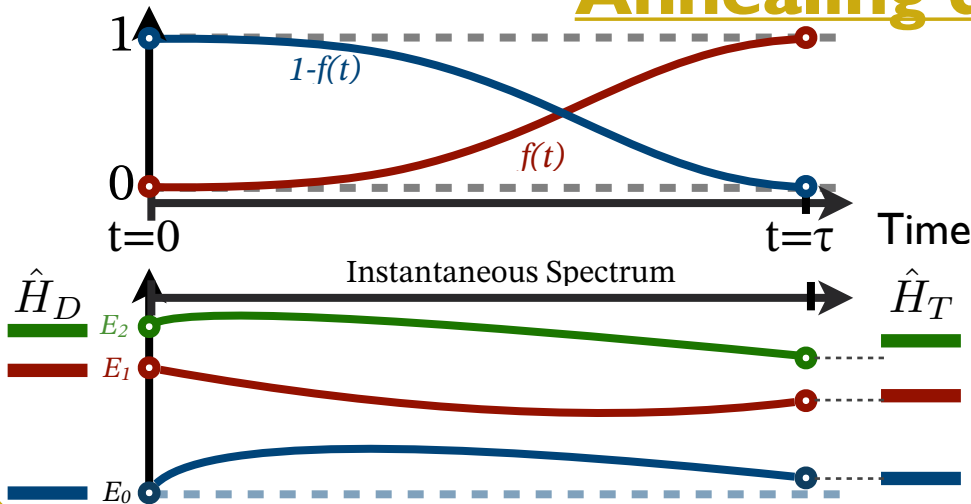
Quantum paradigms

Digital quantum computers



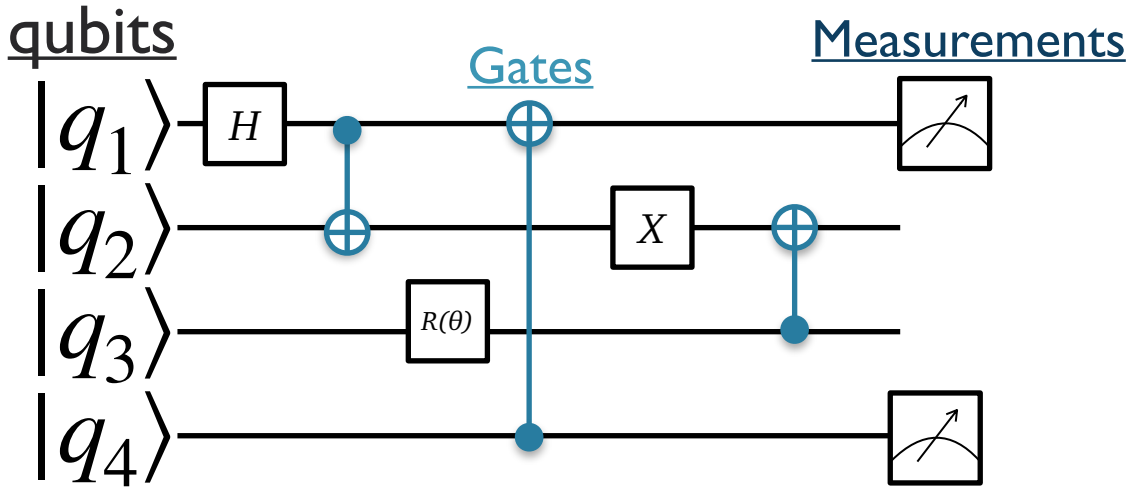
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Annealing devices



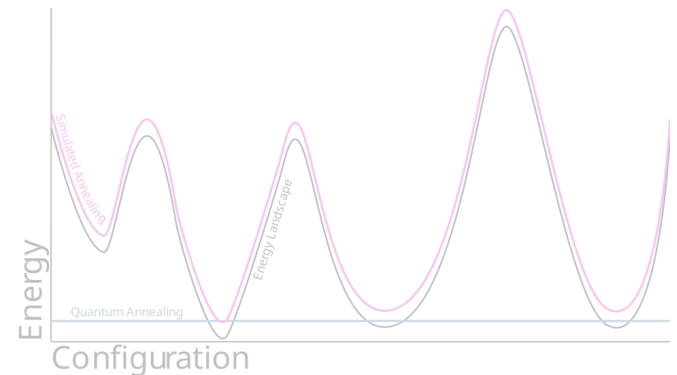
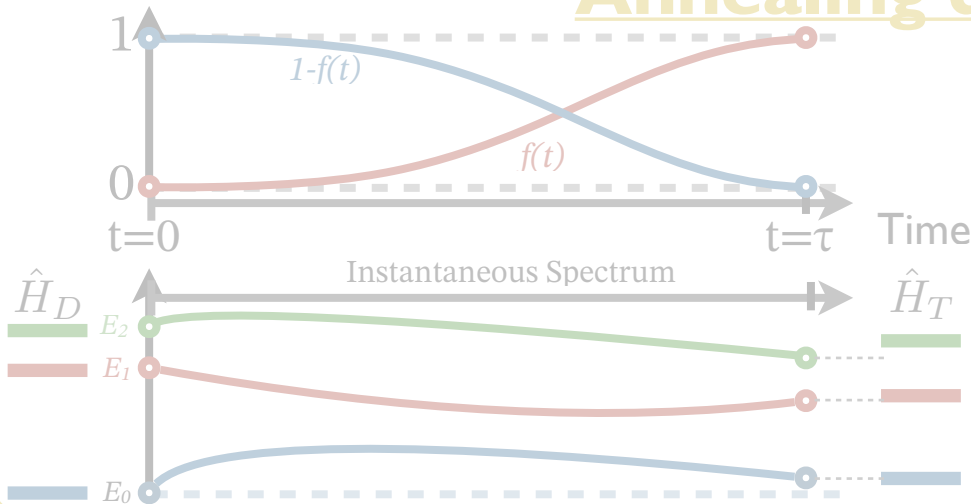
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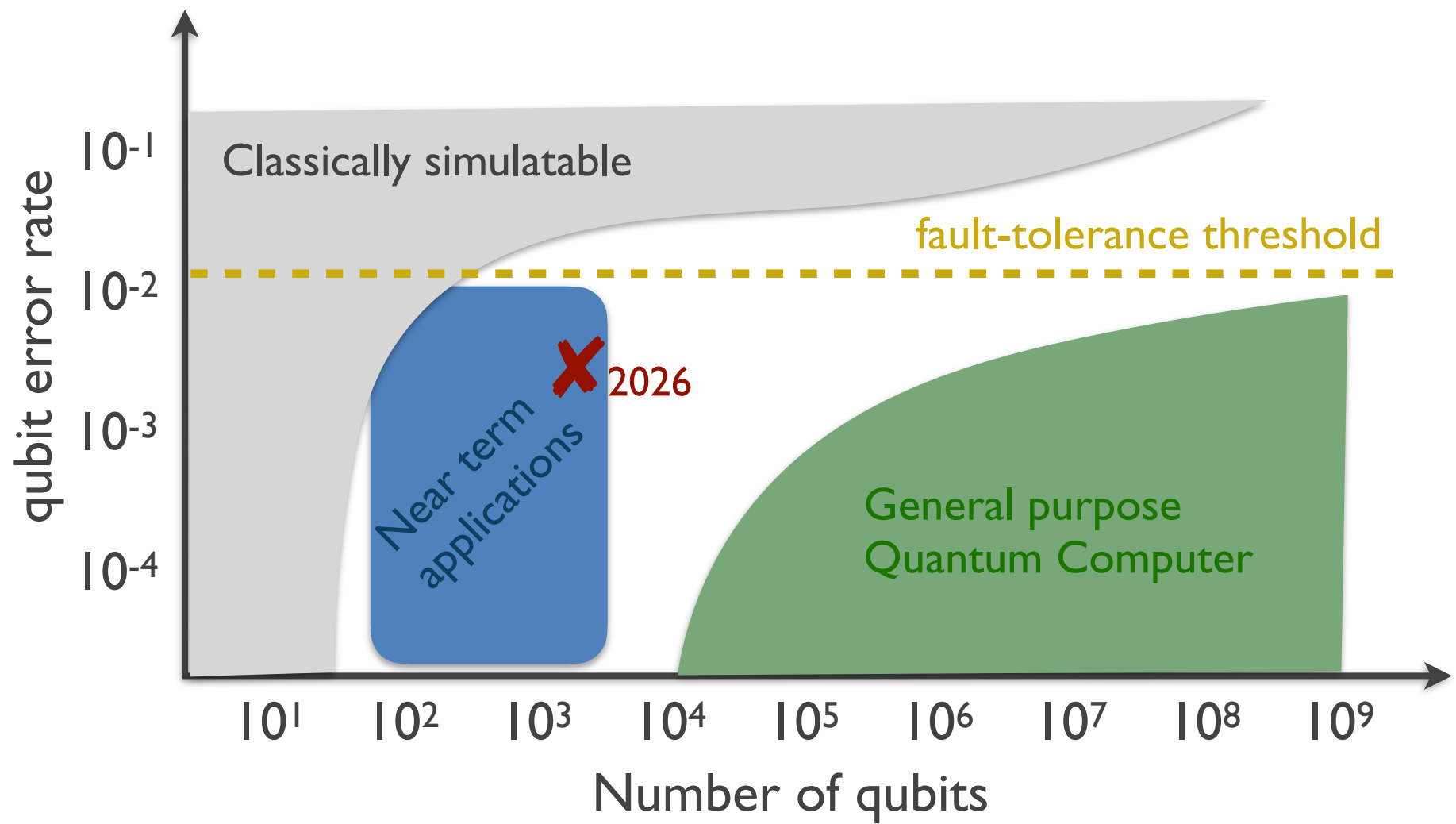
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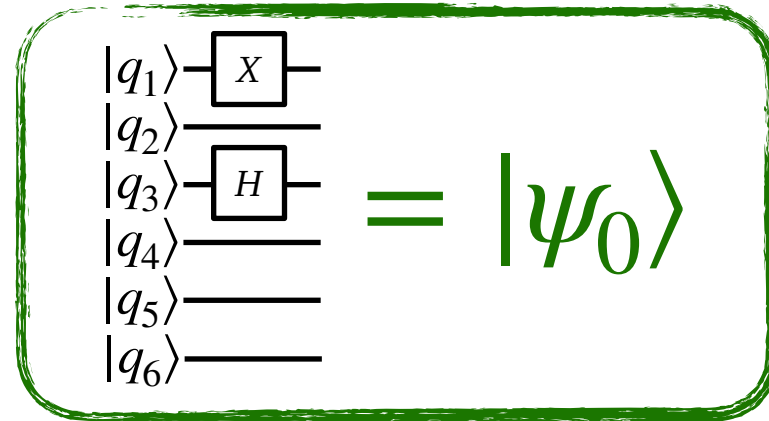
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Near-Intermediate Scale Quantum Tech



IBM Condor: 1100 qubits (2023)

• Quantum algorithms

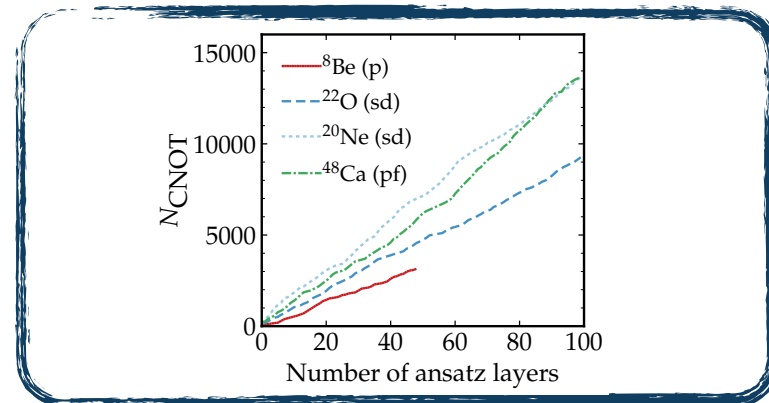


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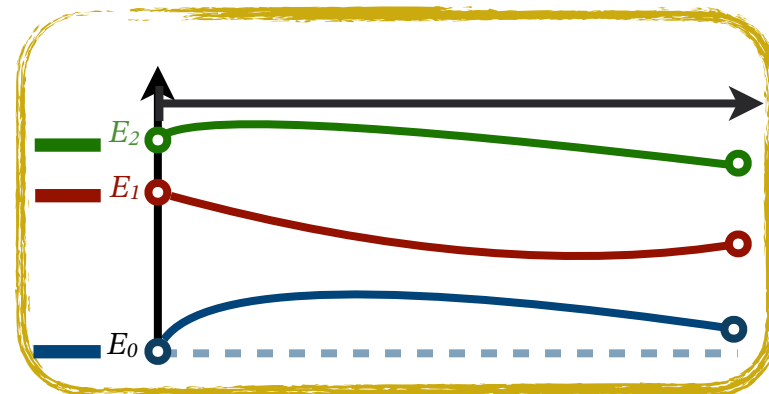
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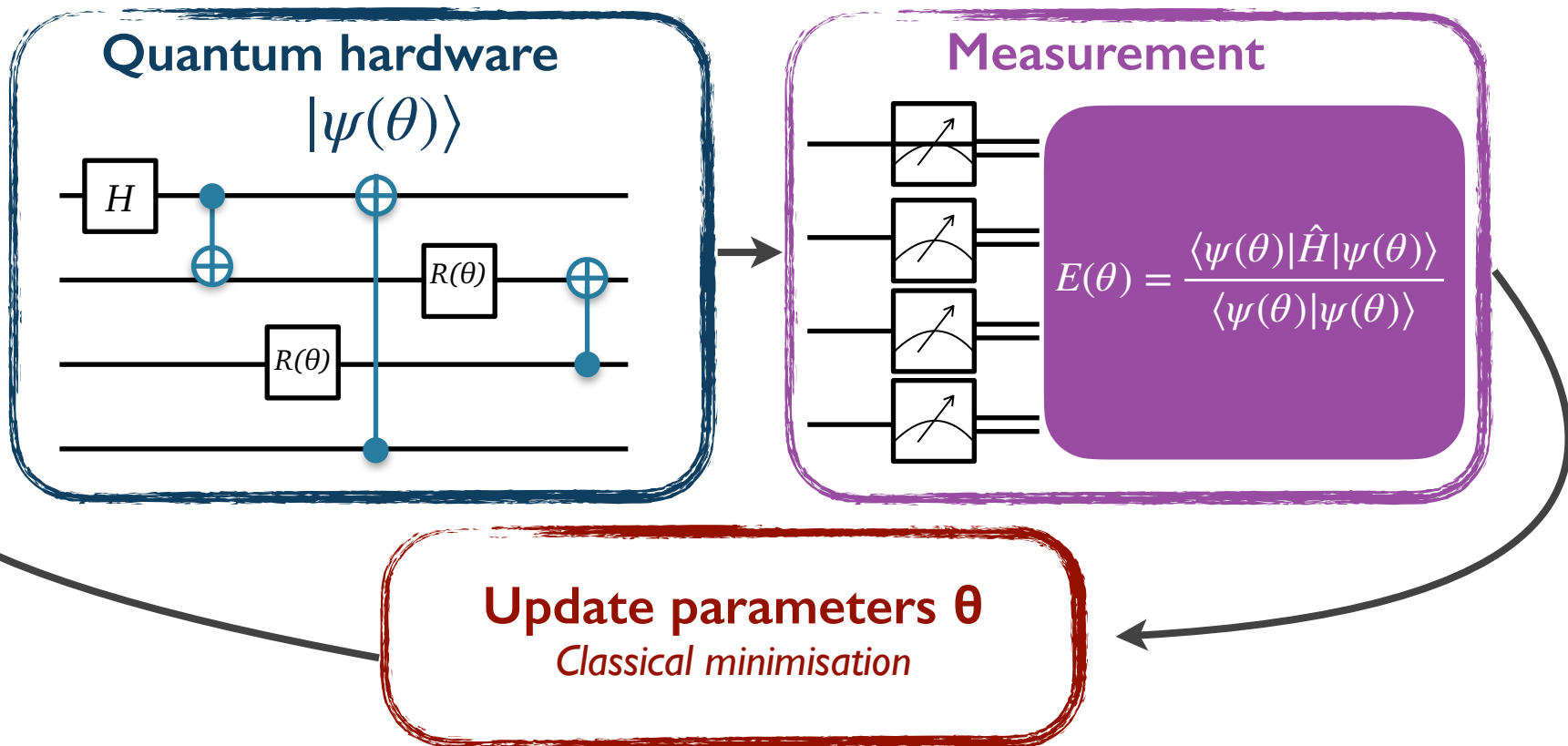
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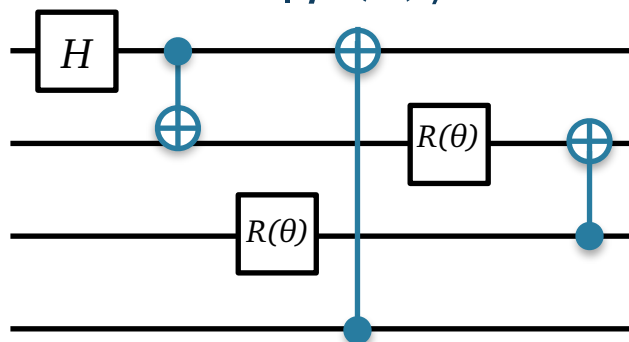
Variational Quantum Eigensolver



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Quantum hardware

$|\psi(\theta)\rangle$



Measurement



$$E(\theta) = \frac{\langle \psi(\theta) | \hat{H} | \psi(\theta) \rangle}{\langle \psi(\theta) | \psi(\theta) \rangle}$$

Update parameters θ
Classical minimisation



VQE: Variational Quantum Eigensolver,
Arnau Rios@Quantum Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgqiDfpGg90>

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **120**, 210501 (2018)

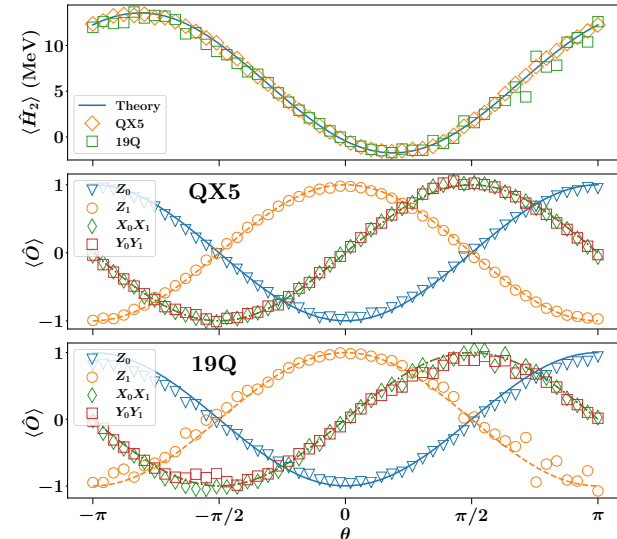
Suggestion

Featured in Physics

Cloud Quantum Computing of an Atomic Nucleus

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R. C. Pooser,^{1,4} D. J. Dean,³ and P. Lougovski^{1,†}

Phys. Rev. Lett. **120** 210501 (2018)



• Initial work on nuclear structure (<2023)

- Limited to **one minimisation strategy** (UCC)
- Only a handful of isotopes (^2H , ^6Li , ^8Be , $^{20-20}\text{O}$, ^{20}Ne)

Stetcu, Baroni, Carlson, Phys. Rev. C **105** 064308 (2022)

Kiss, Papenbrock et al Phys. Rev. C **106** 034325 (2022)

Lacroix et al, Quantum computing with and for many-body physics, EPJA **59** 227 (2023)

• Consolidation phase (>2023)

- Methods: physics or hardware-inspired, UCC, ADAPT, GCM-like
- Isotope reach extended: Ca, ^{58}Ni / ^{142}Ce @Surrey

Pérez-Obiol et al., Scientific Reports **13** 12291 (2023)

Sarma, di Matteo et al, Phys Rev C **108** 064305 (2023)

Bhoy & Stevenson, New J Phys **26** 075001 (2024)

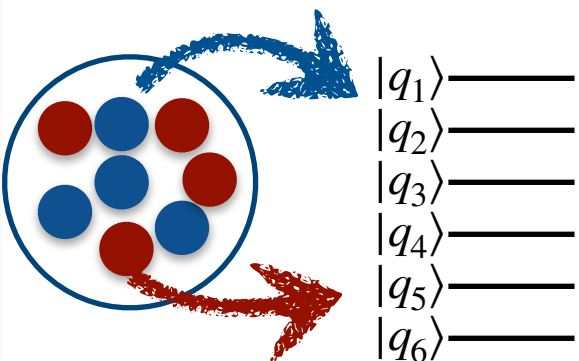
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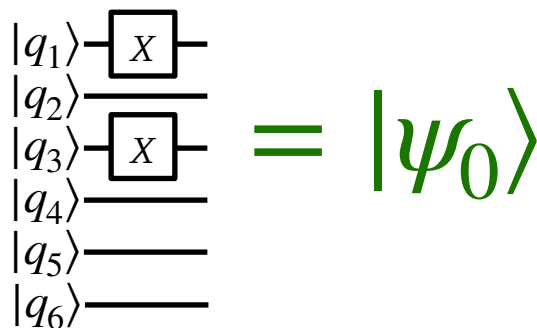
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Variational Quantum Eigensolver

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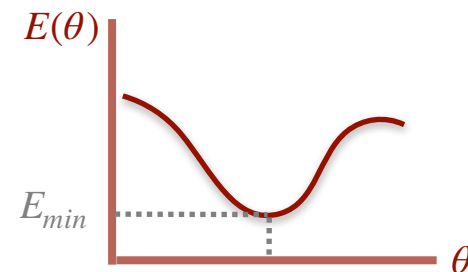


2. Reference state

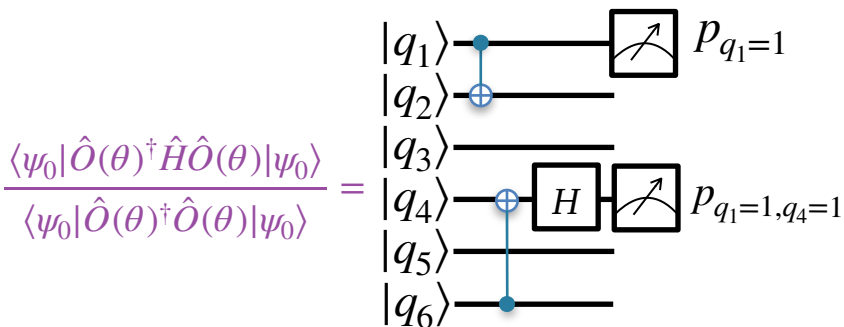


3. Minimisation

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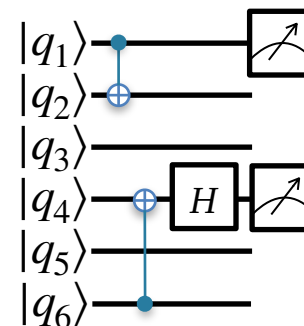


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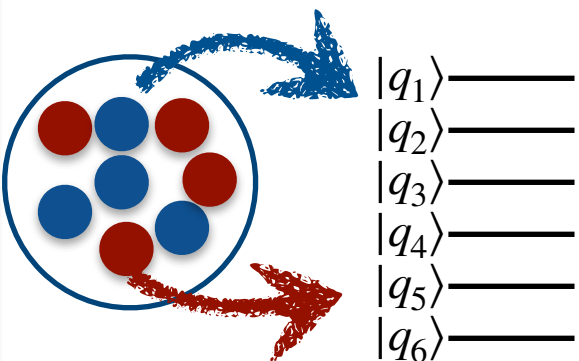
Repeat N_s shots

5. Error mitigation

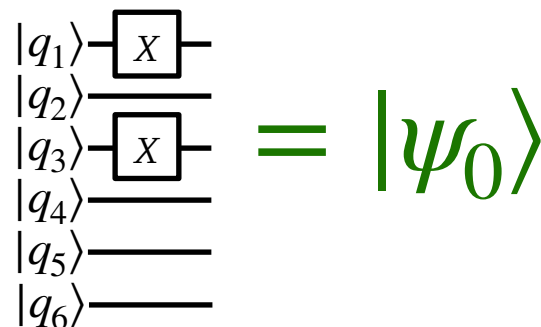


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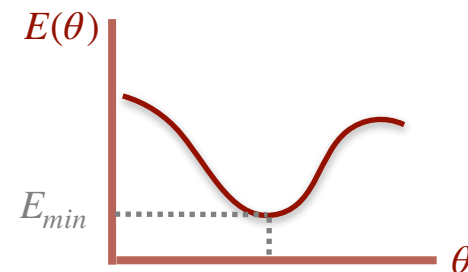


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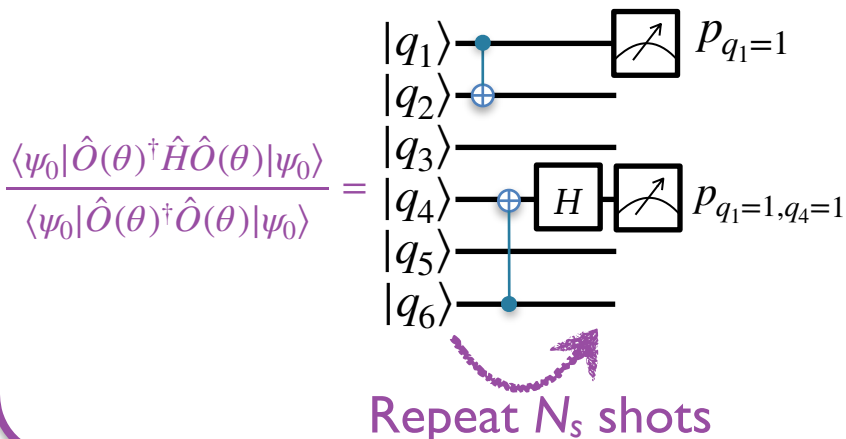


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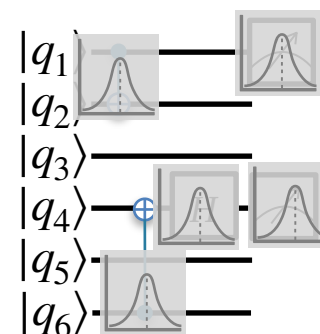
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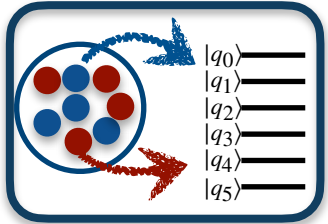
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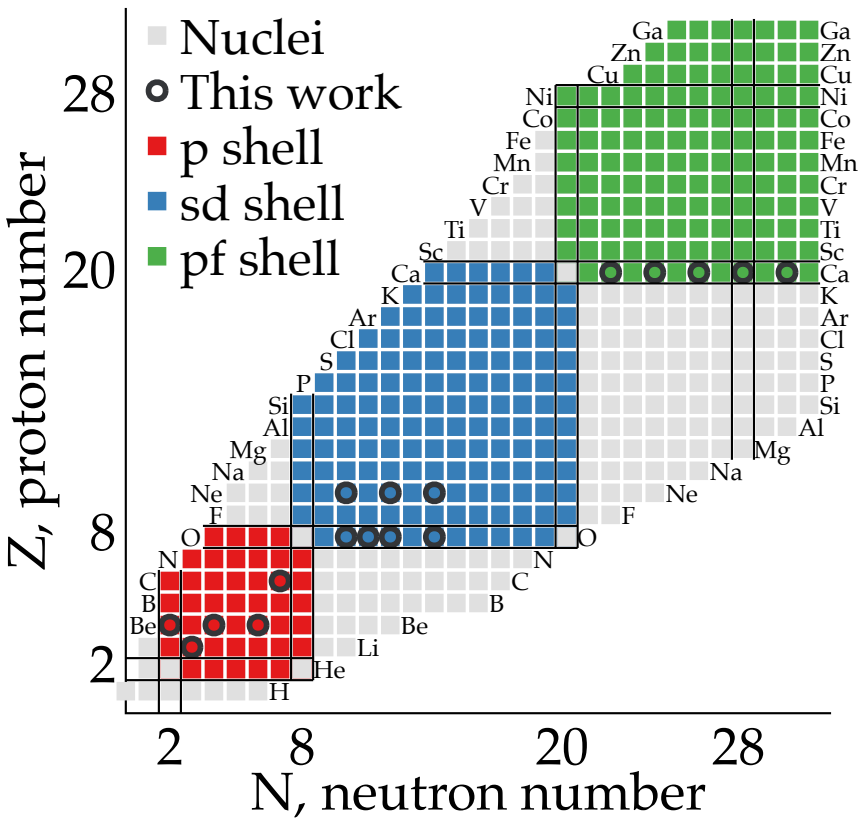
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Jordan-Wigner mapping



$$|0_\alpha\rangle \mapsto n_\alpha = 0 \quad |1_\alpha\rangle \mapsto n_\alpha = 1$$

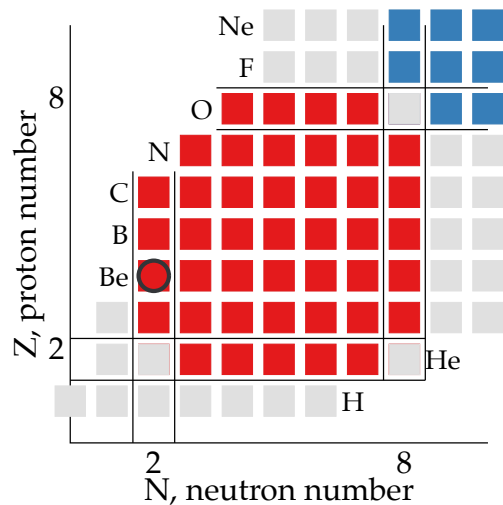


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$1p_{3/2}$		<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>			
$0f_{7/2}$	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

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 = |\psi_0\rangle$$



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$$|0_0\rangle \xrightarrow{\boxed{X}} |1_0\rangle$$

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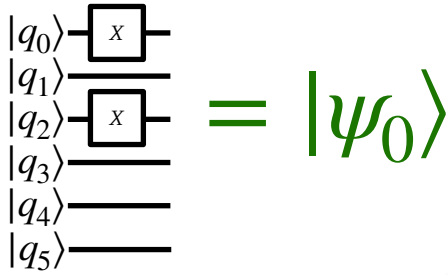
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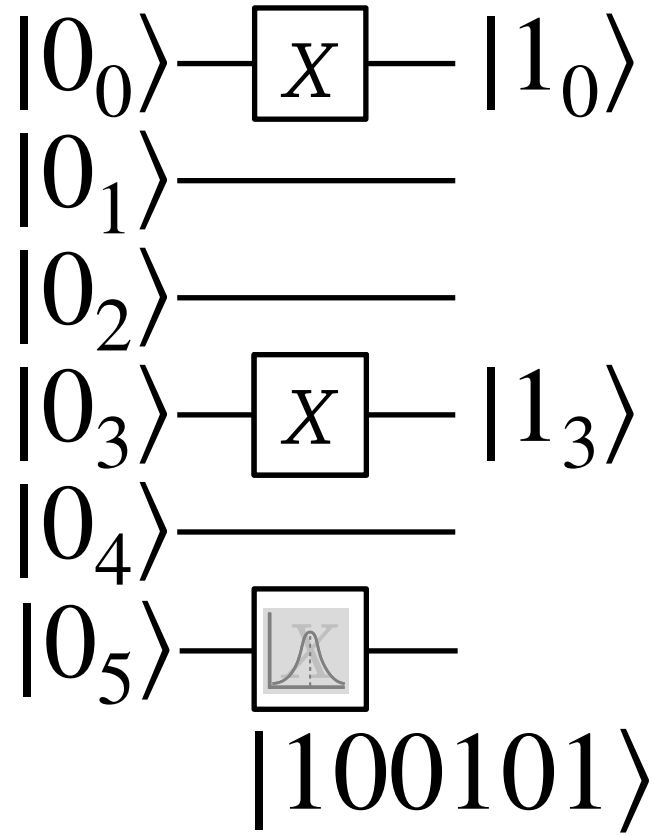
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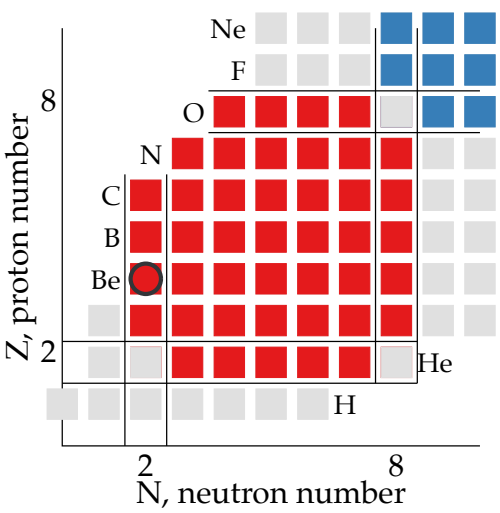
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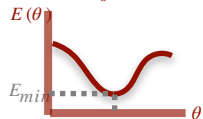


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Layer I

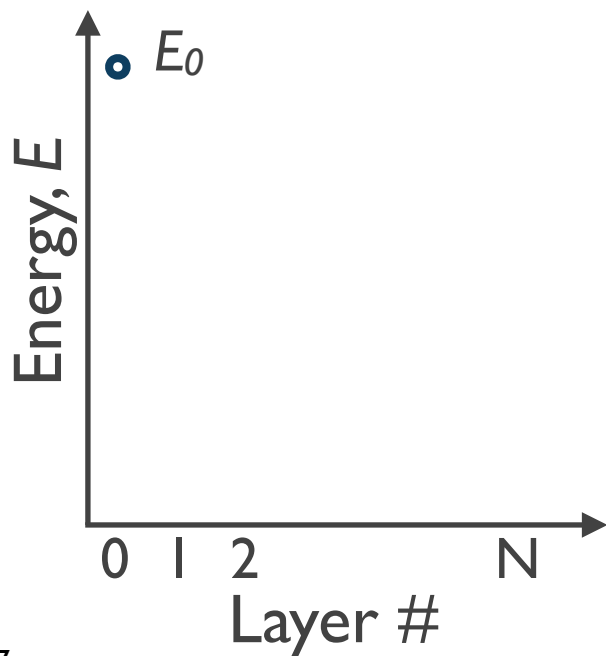
I. Ansatz

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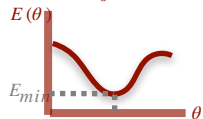
Operator pool

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Δ operators (respecting symmetry)



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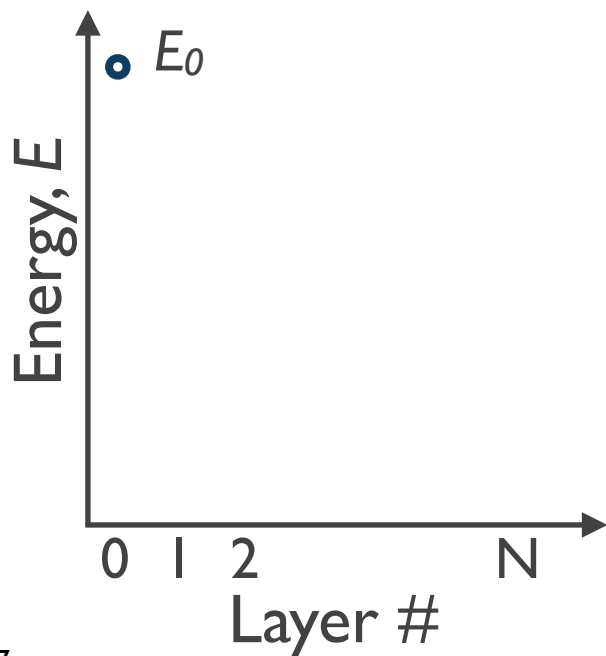


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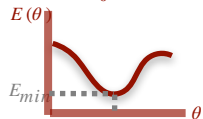
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for $k=1, \Delta$:

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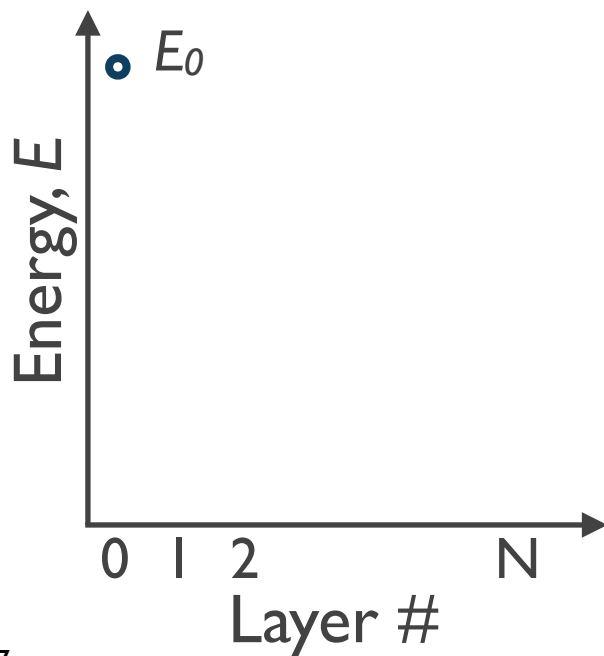


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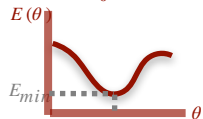
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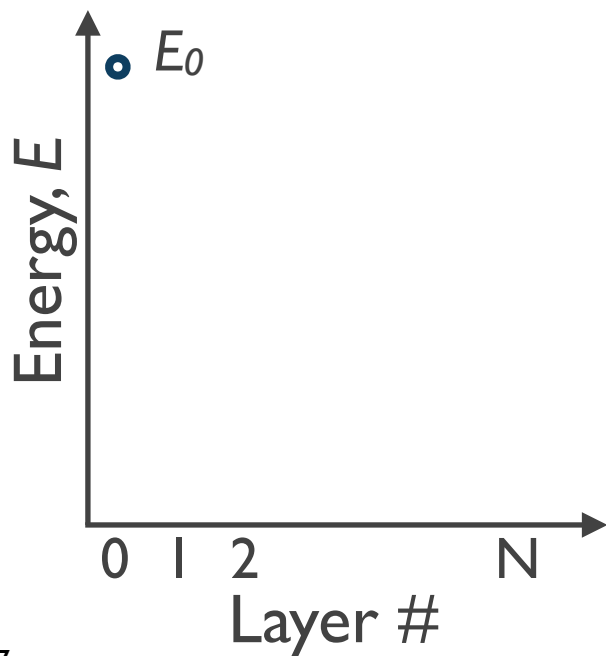


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Δ operators (respecting symmetry)



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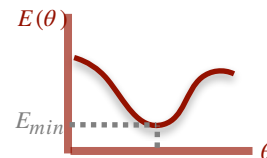
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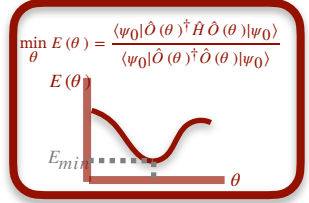
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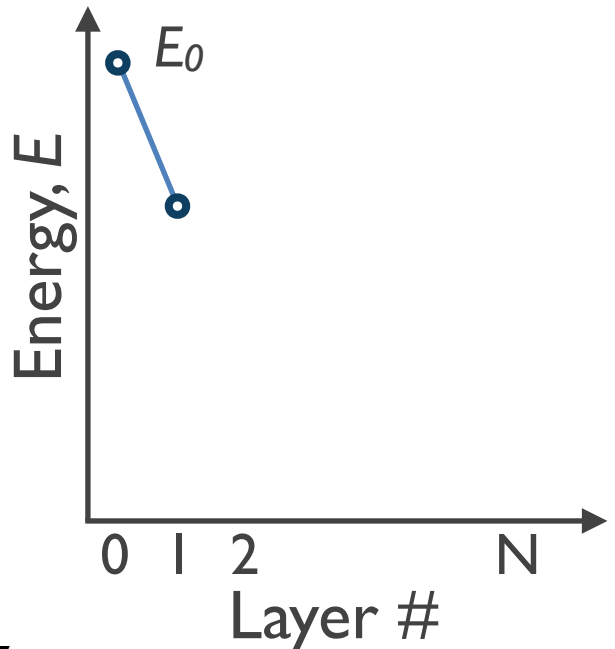




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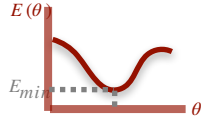
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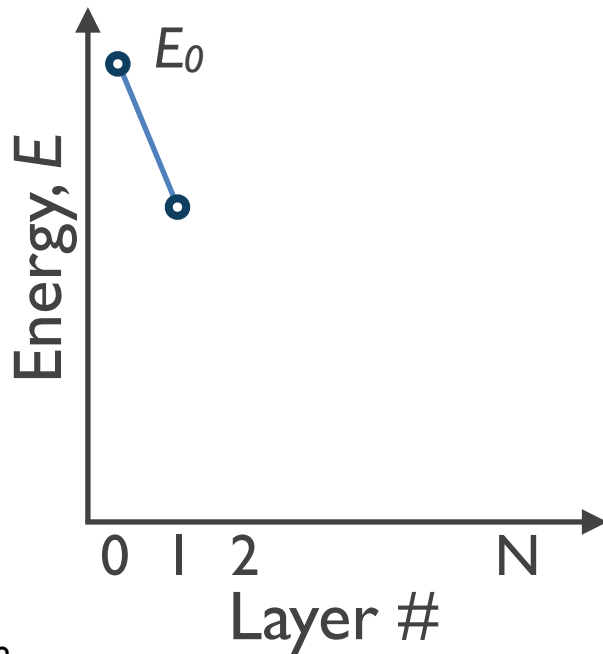
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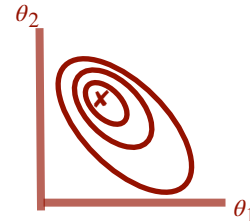
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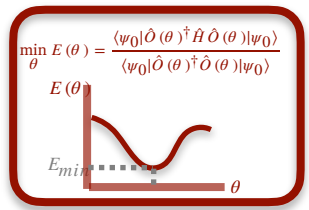
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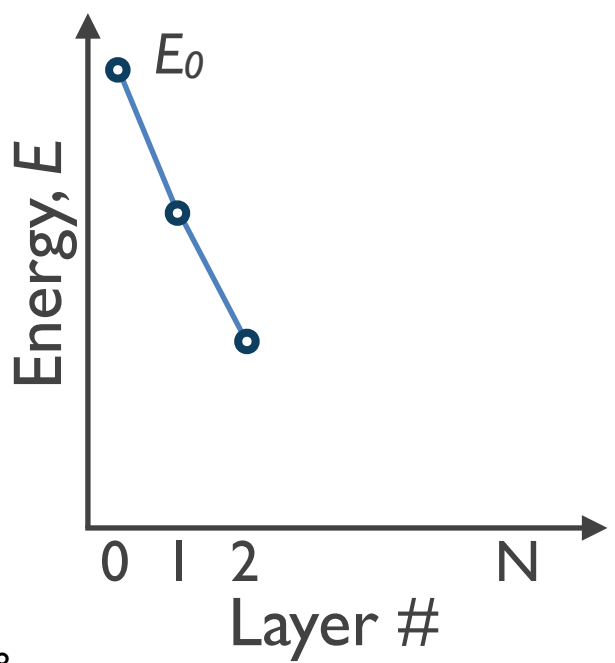




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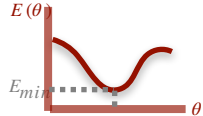
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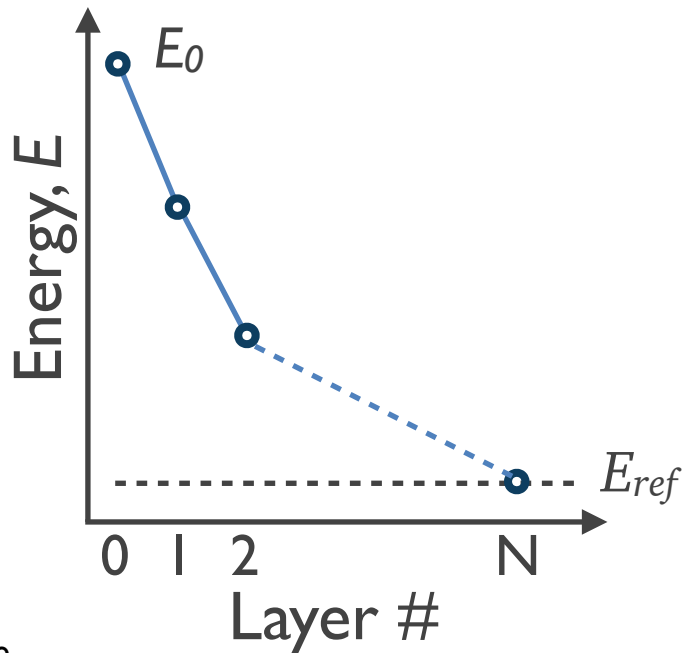
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Layer N

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 Δ operators (respecting symmetry)



1. Ansatz

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2. Compute gradients

for $k=1, M$:

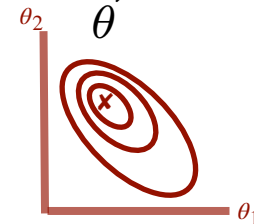
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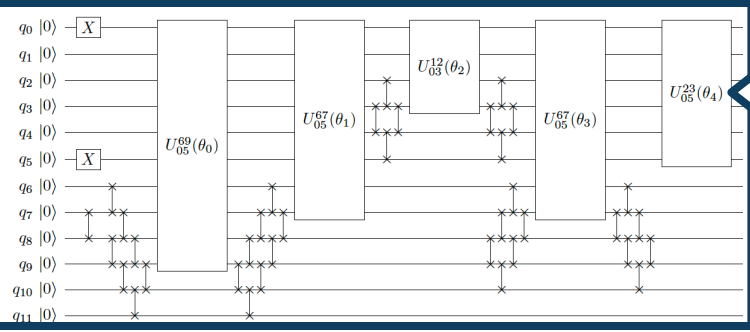
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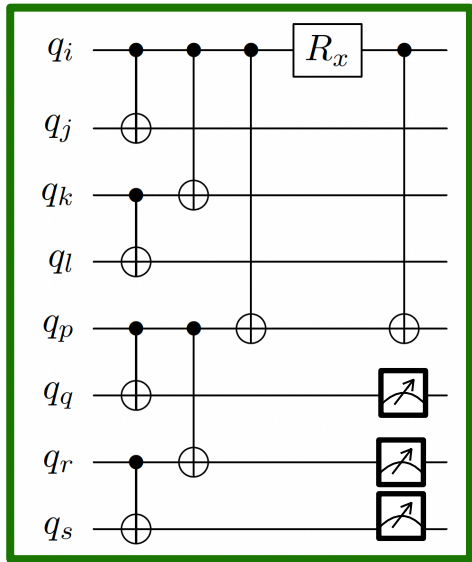
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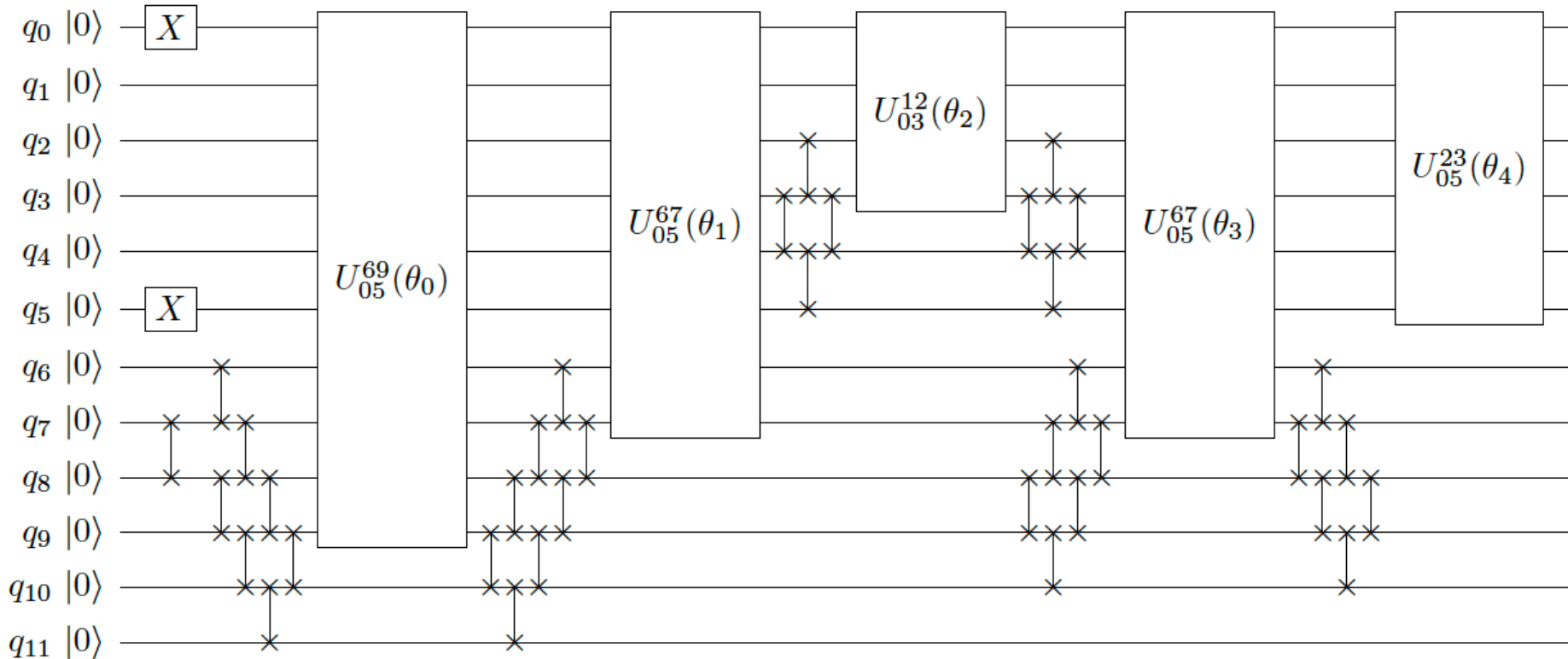
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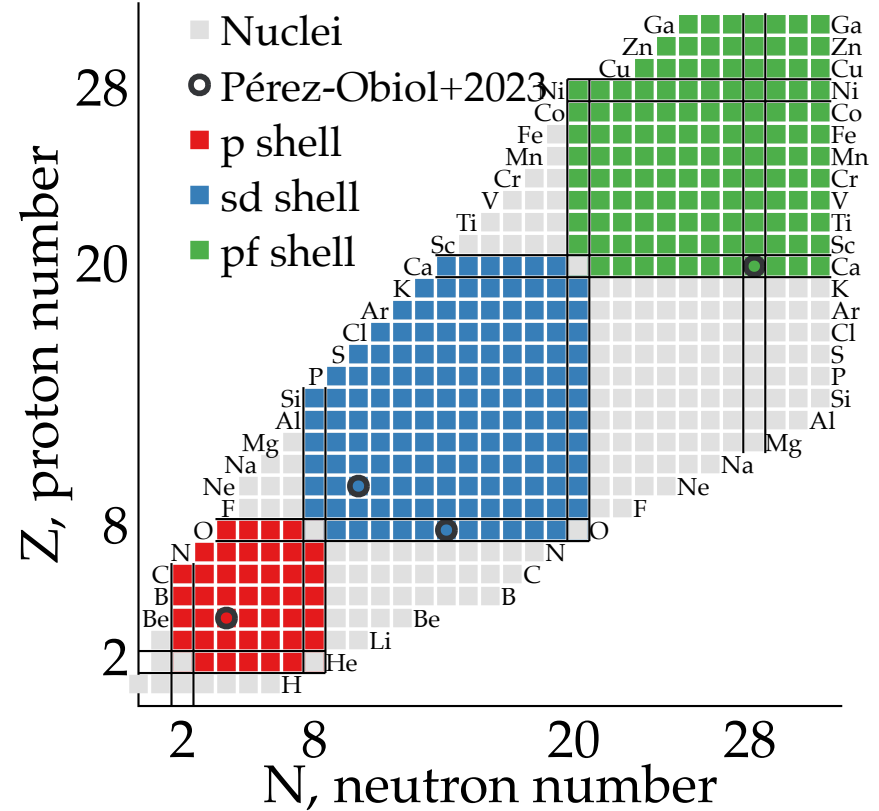
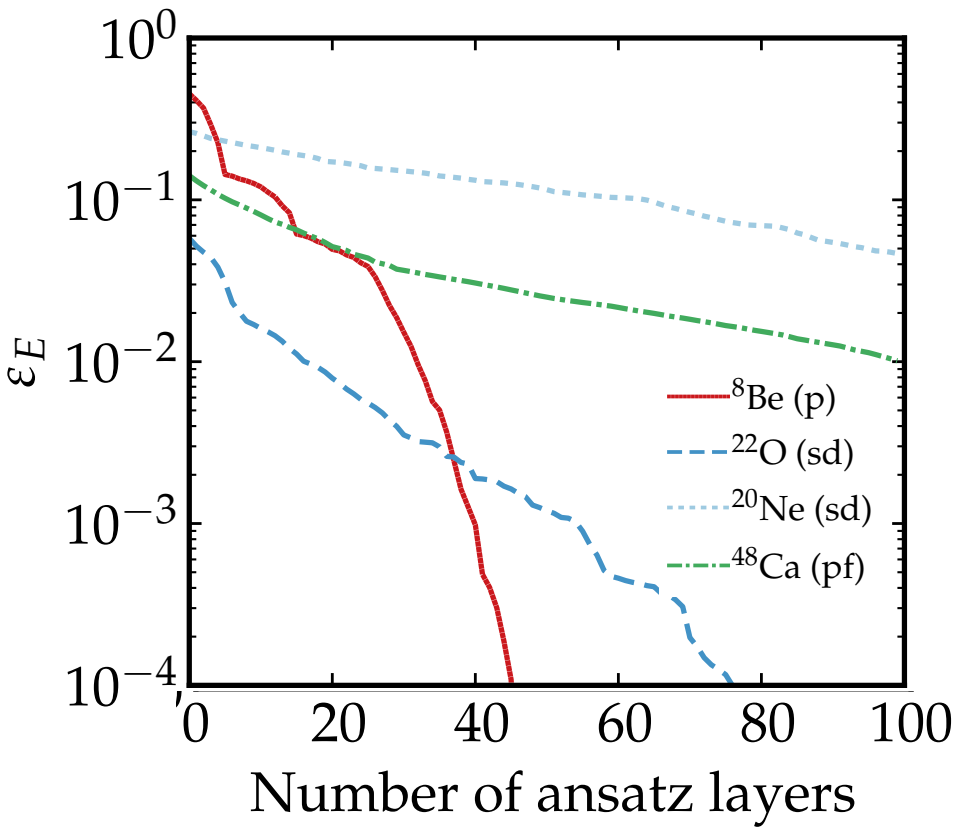
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`scipy.optimize.minimize`

Circuit for the ground state of ^{18}O

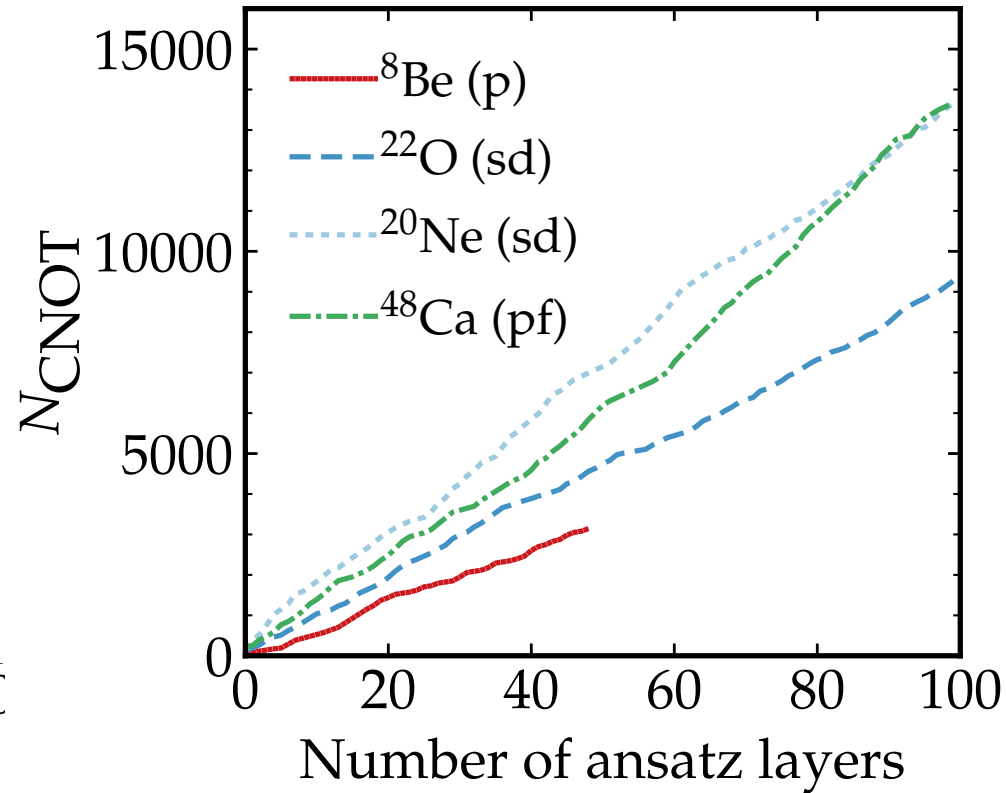
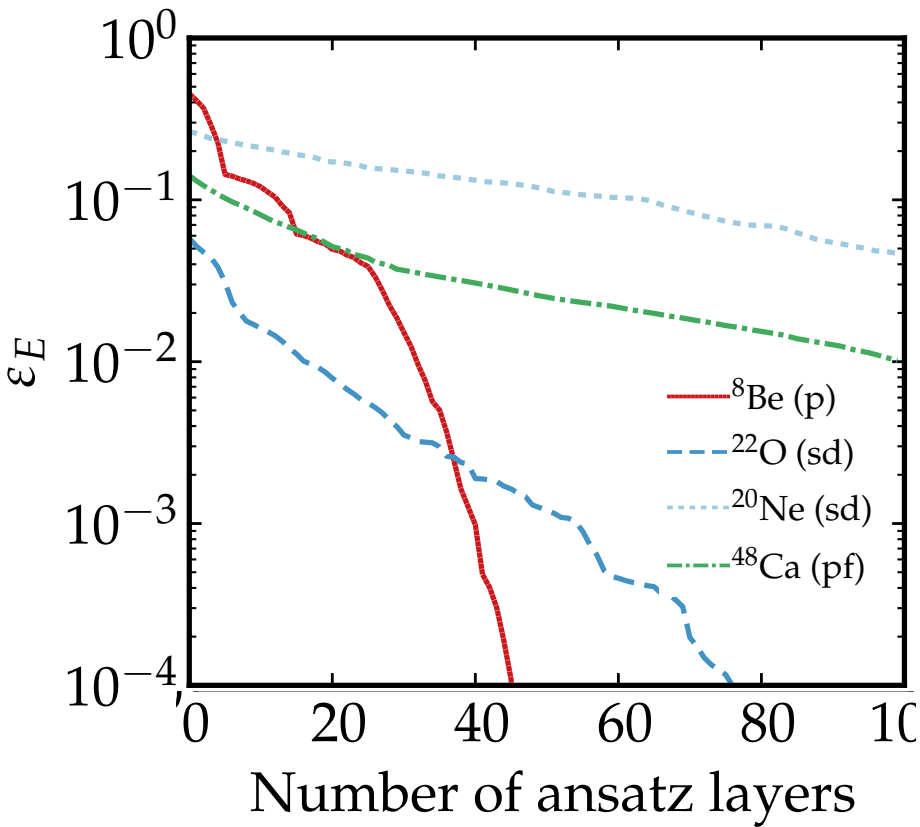


- 10^{-6} in energy with around 100 CNOTS/layer
- FSWAPS so operators act on adjacent qubits



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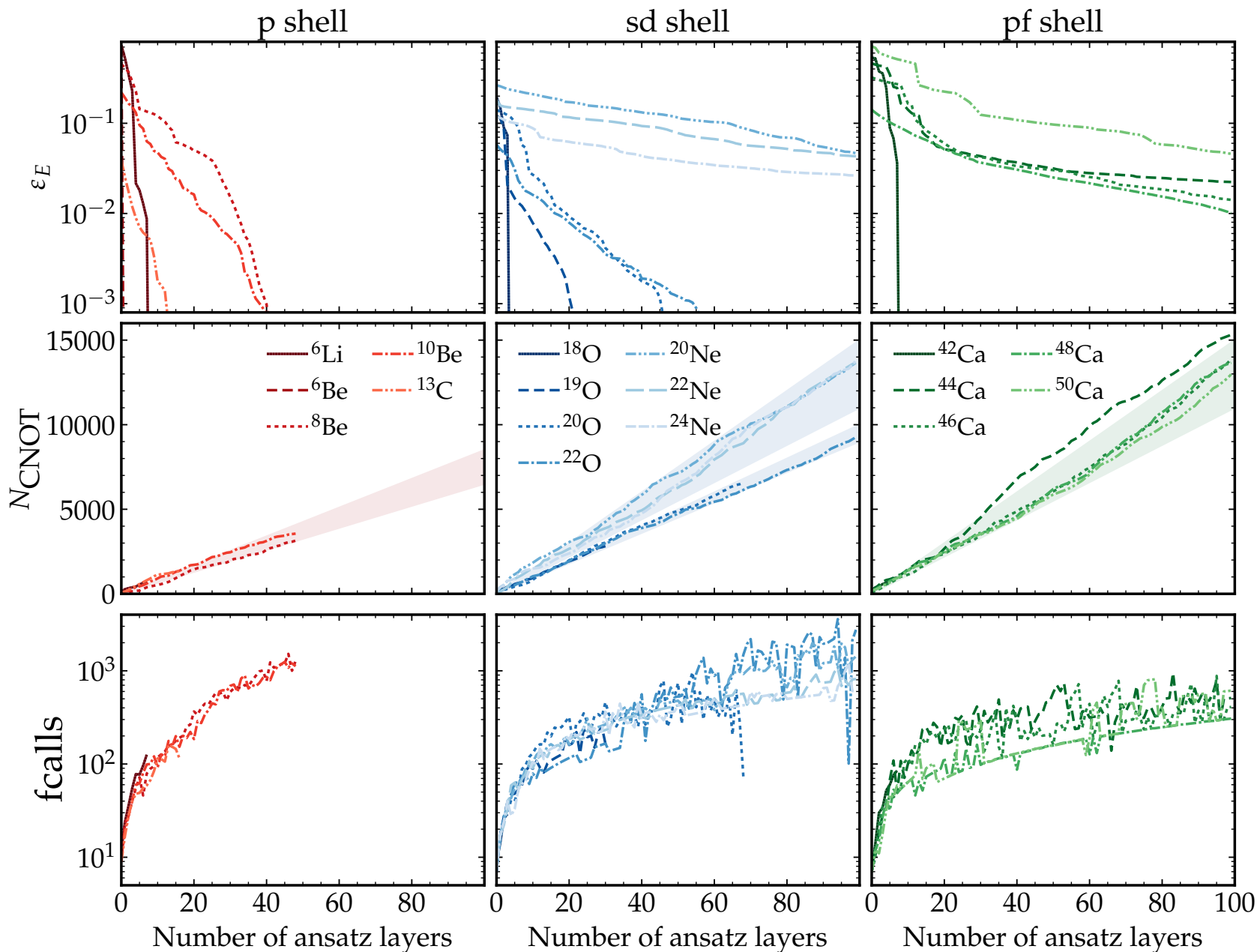


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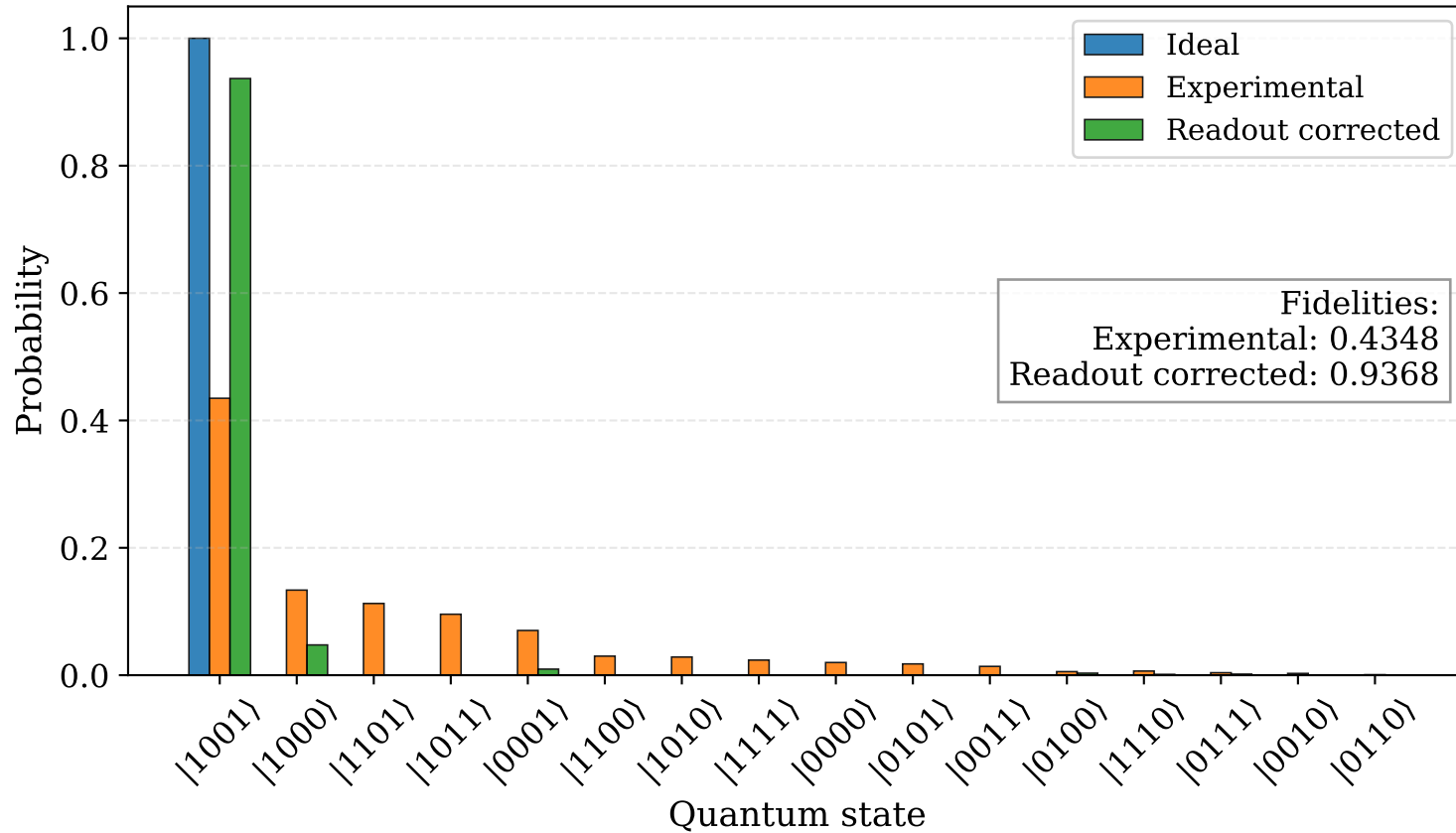
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N_{CNOT} is proxy for circuit depth
But also quantum complexity

Results: resources across shells



Reference state ${}^6\text{Be}$ reduced system ($1p_{3/2}$) (BSC Quantum Blue data)



MareNostrum Ona@BSC



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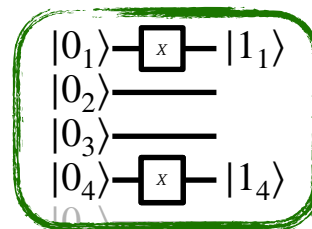
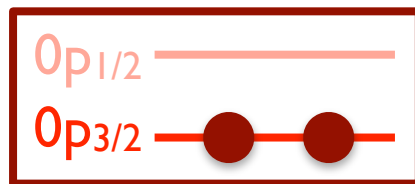


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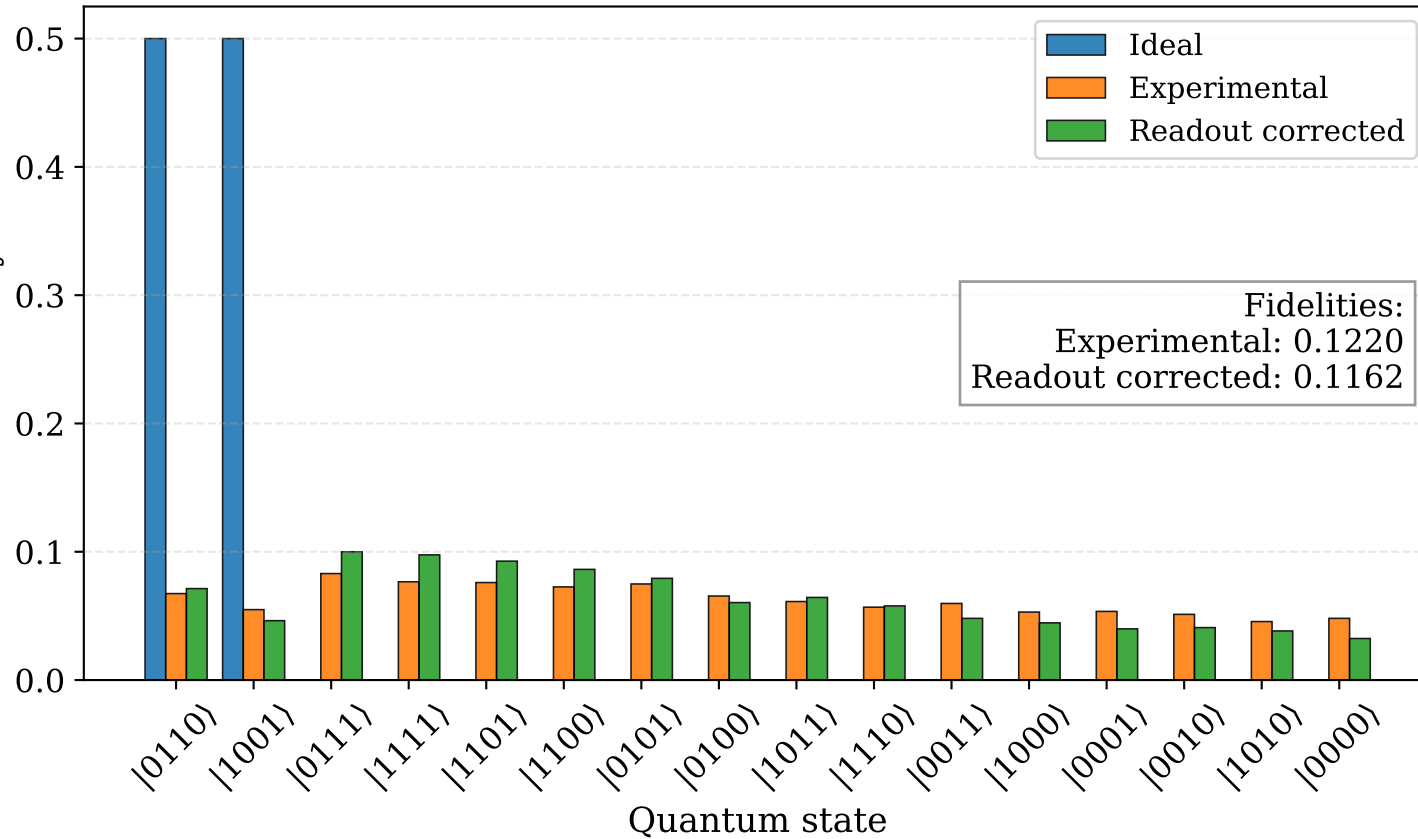
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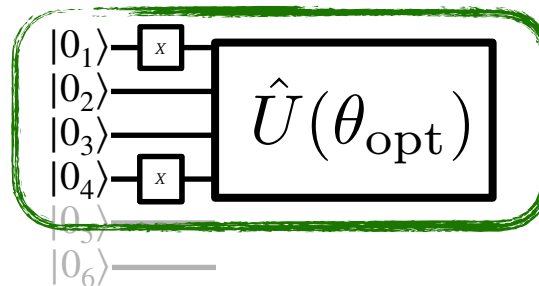
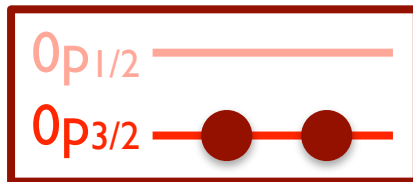


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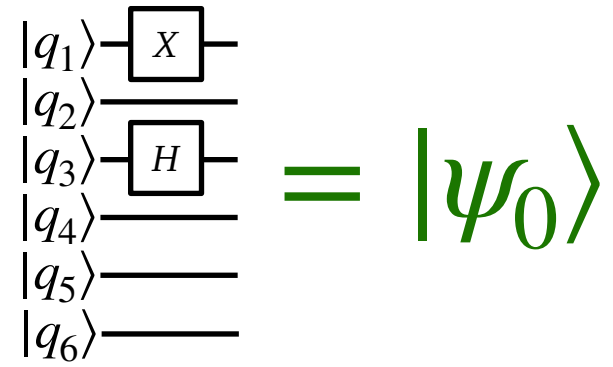
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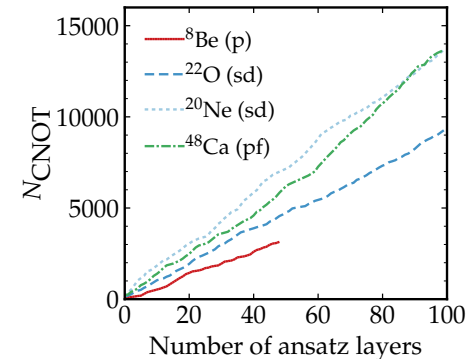


• Variational approach

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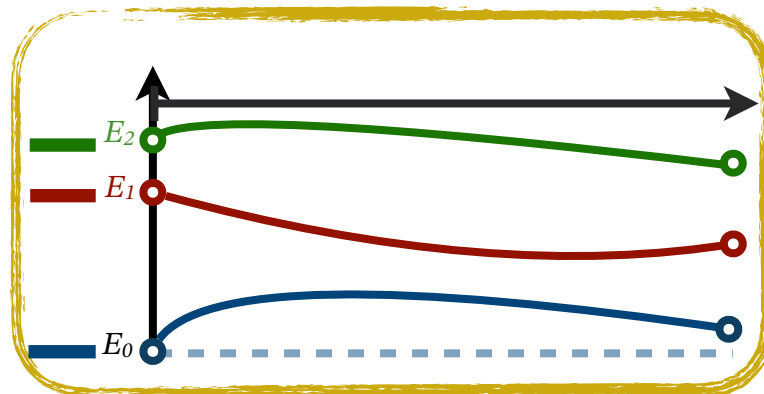
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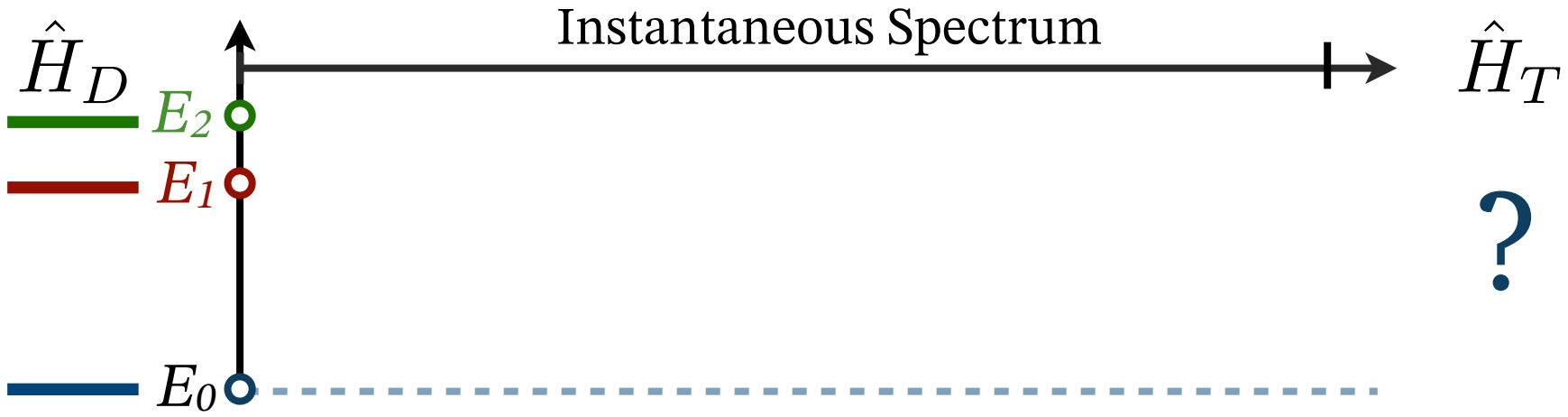
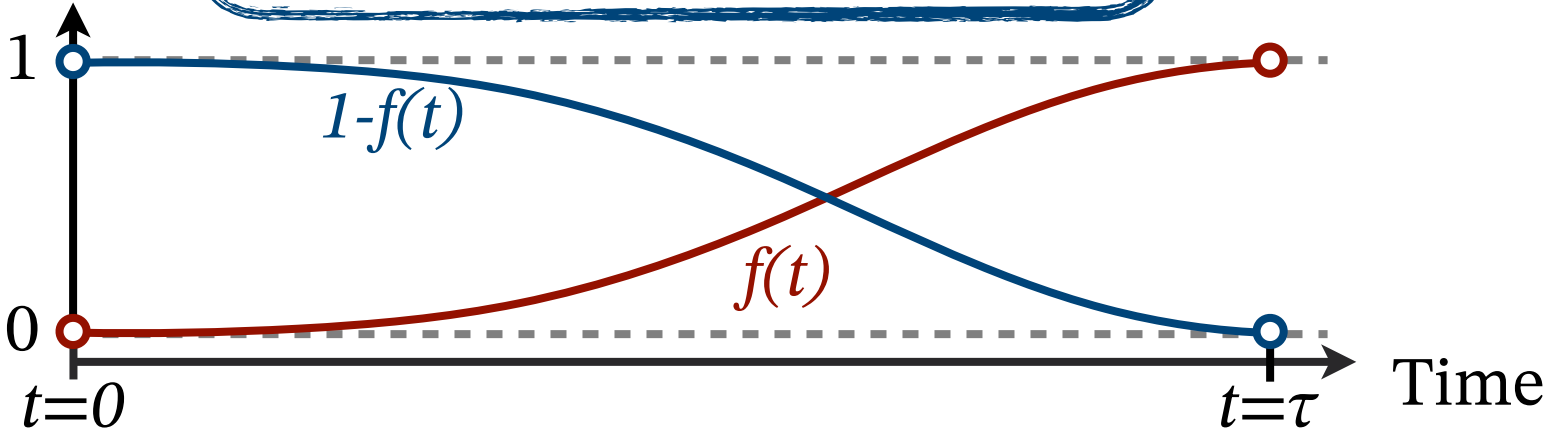
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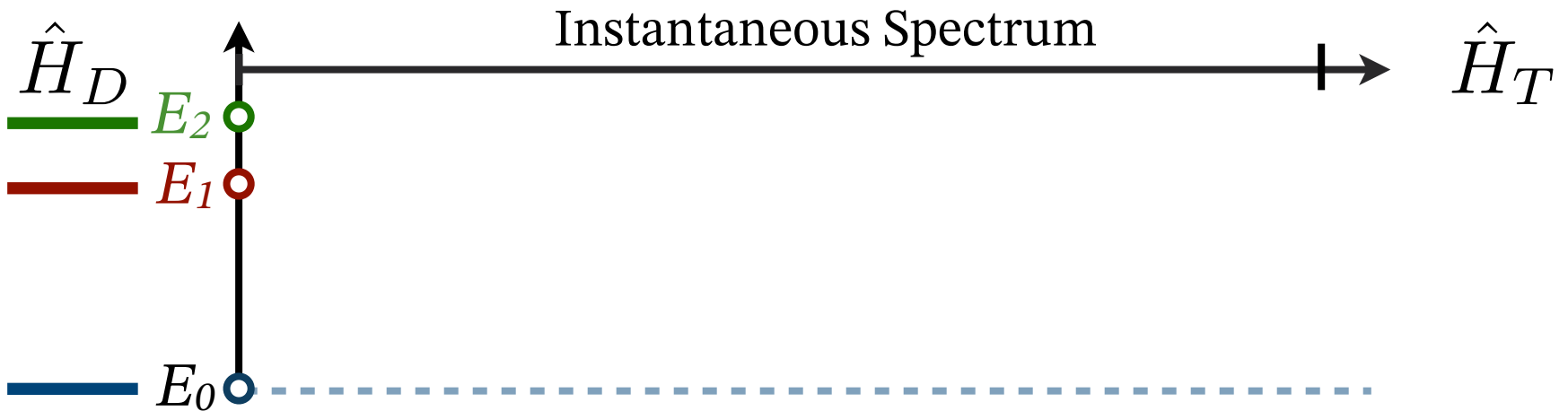
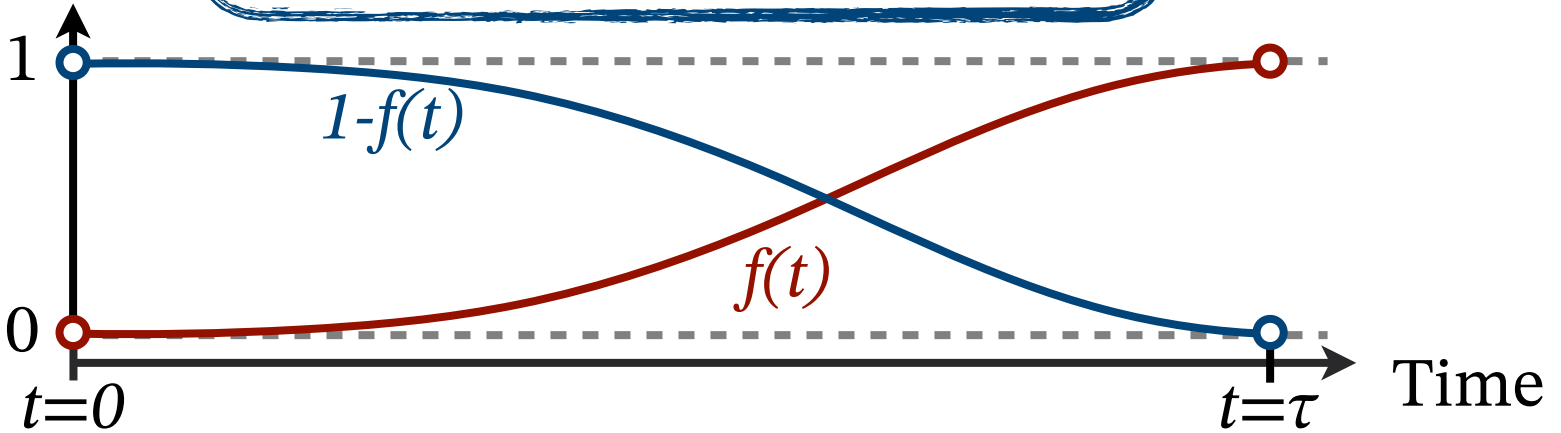
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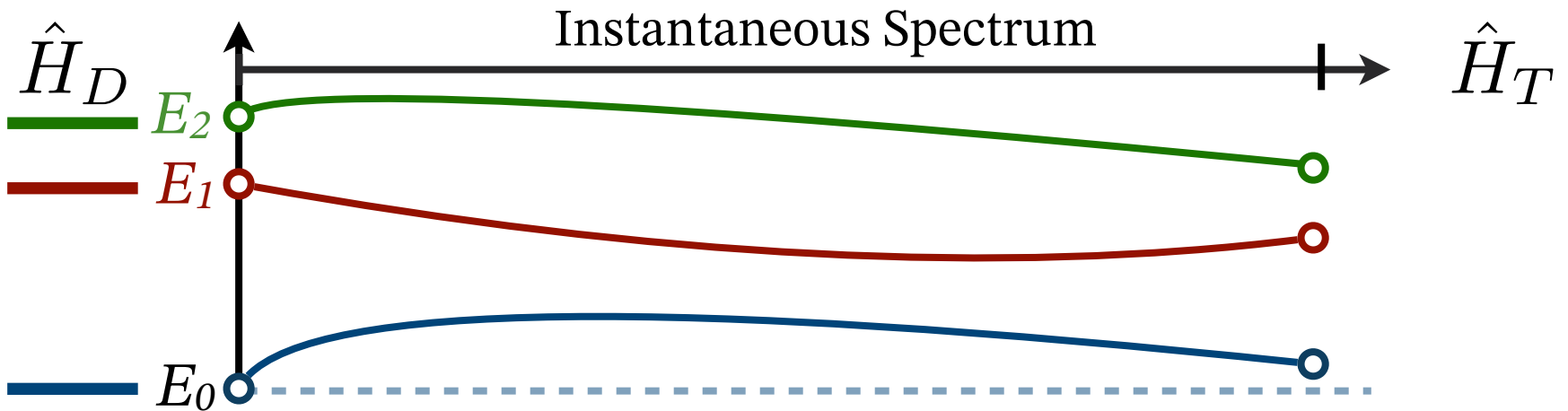
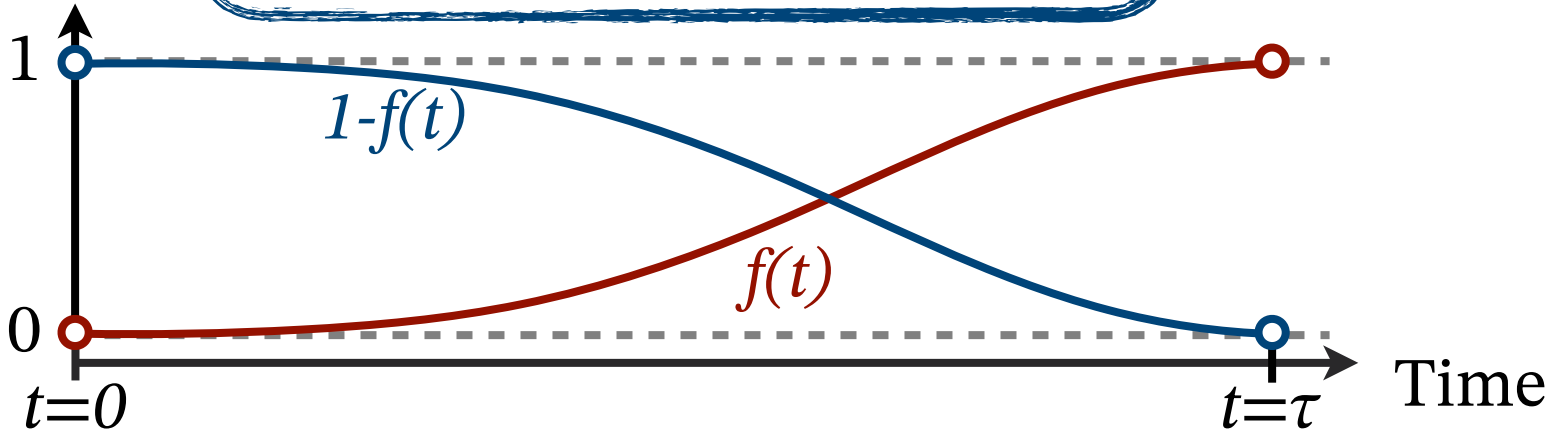
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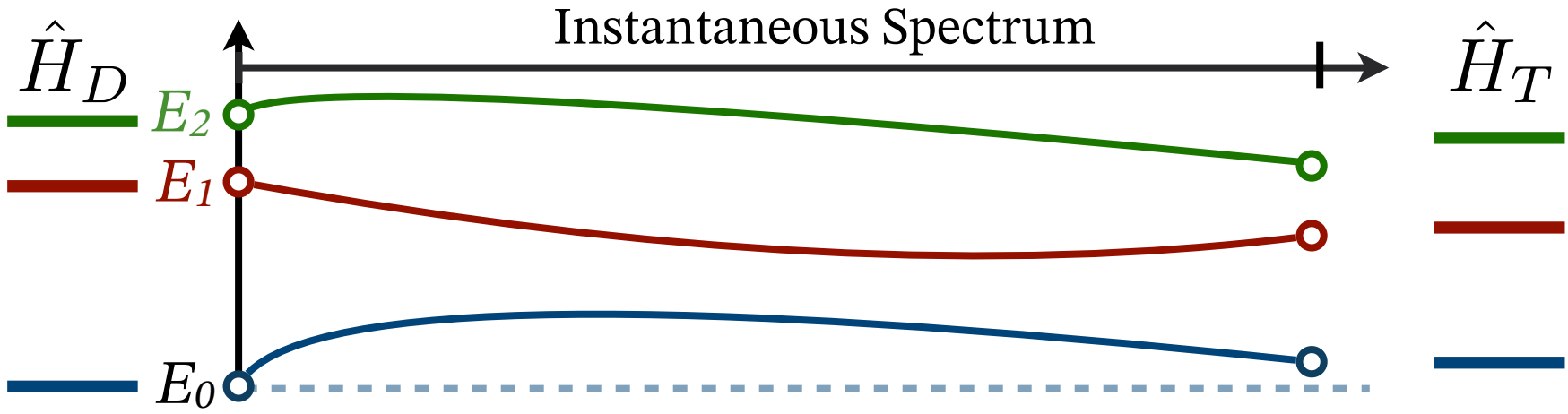
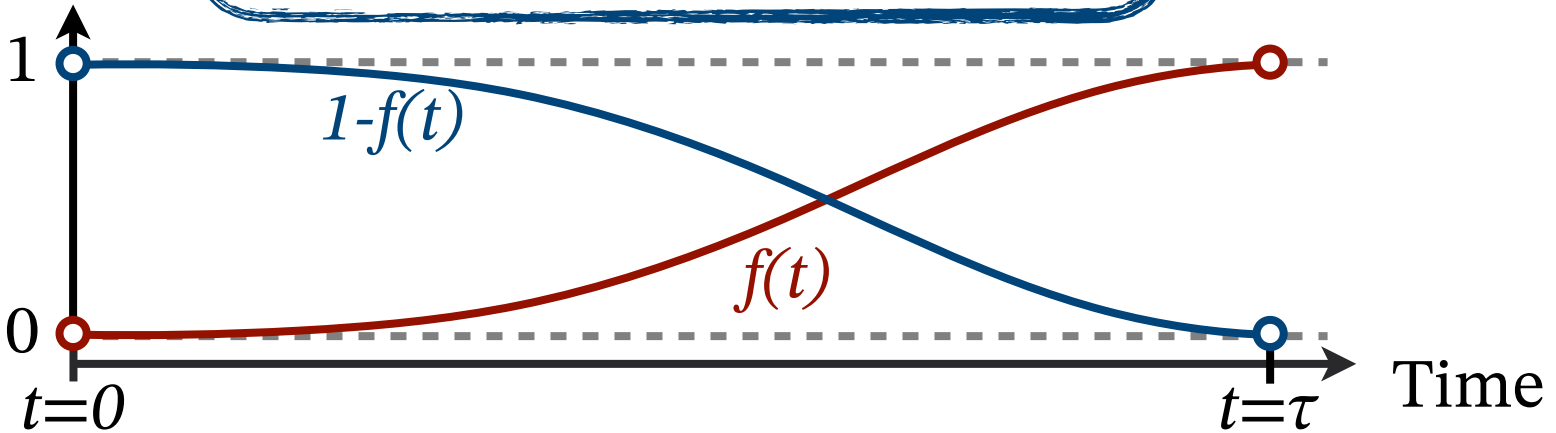
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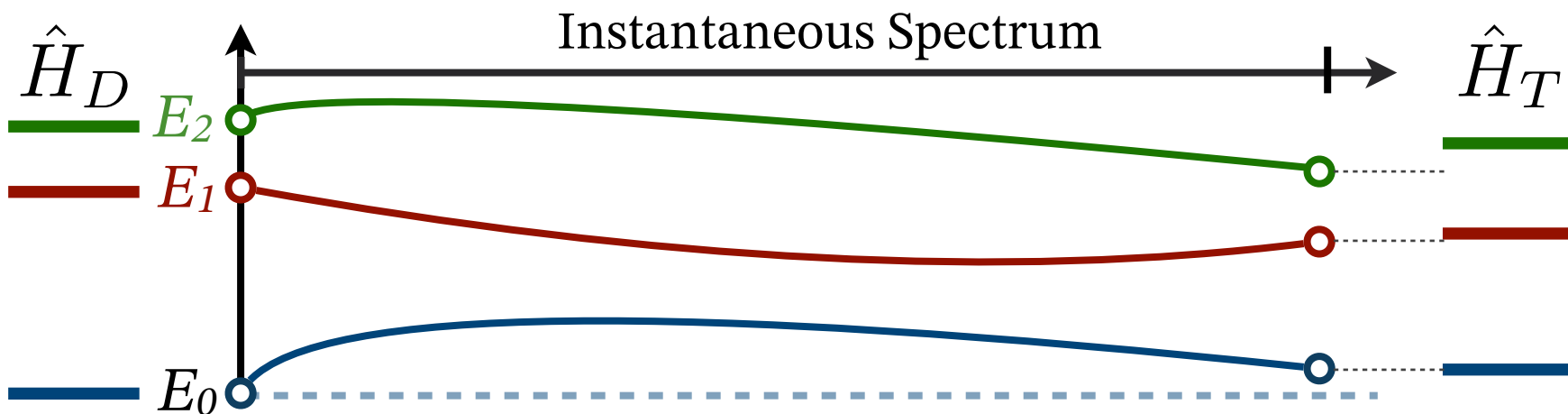
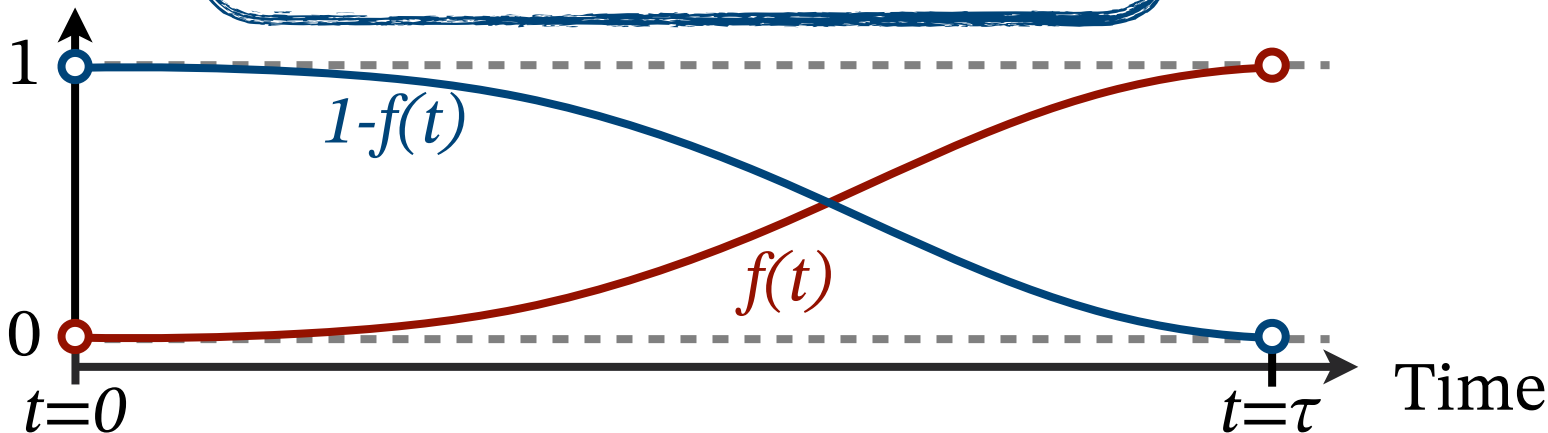
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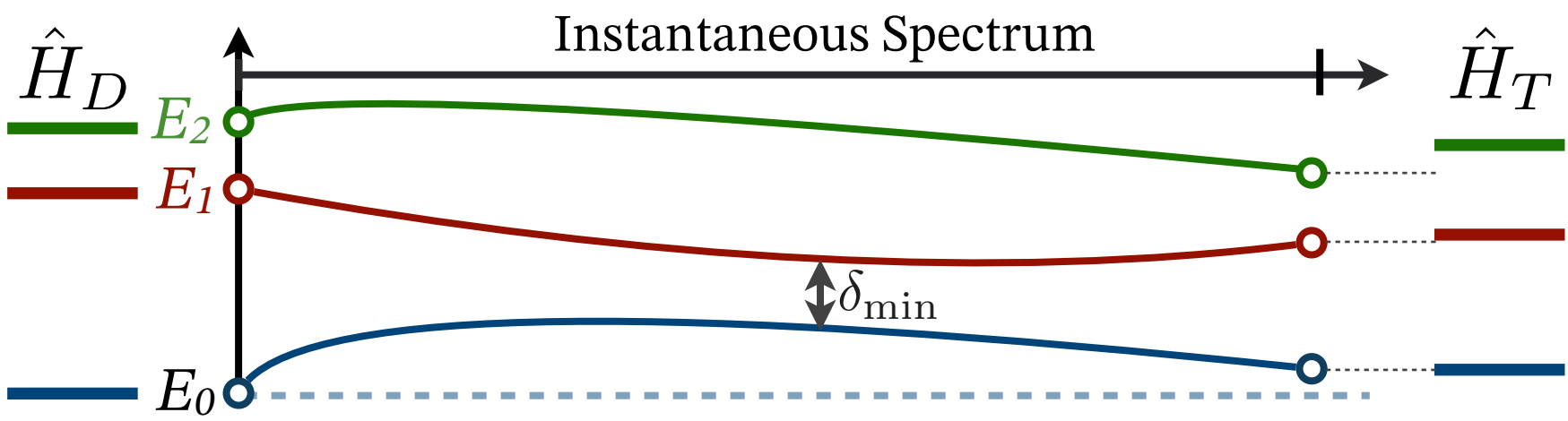
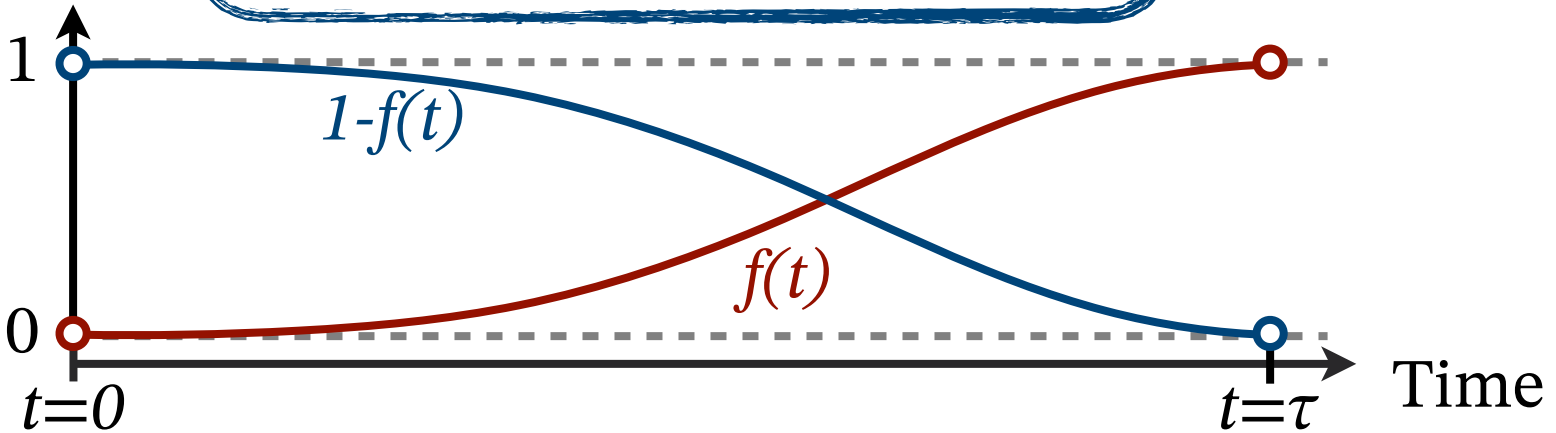
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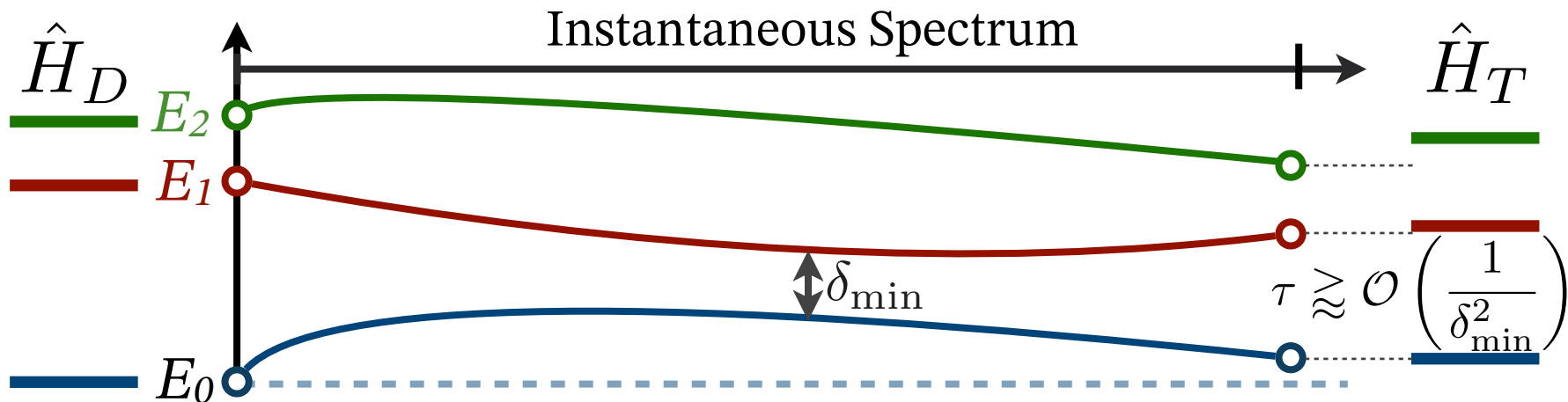
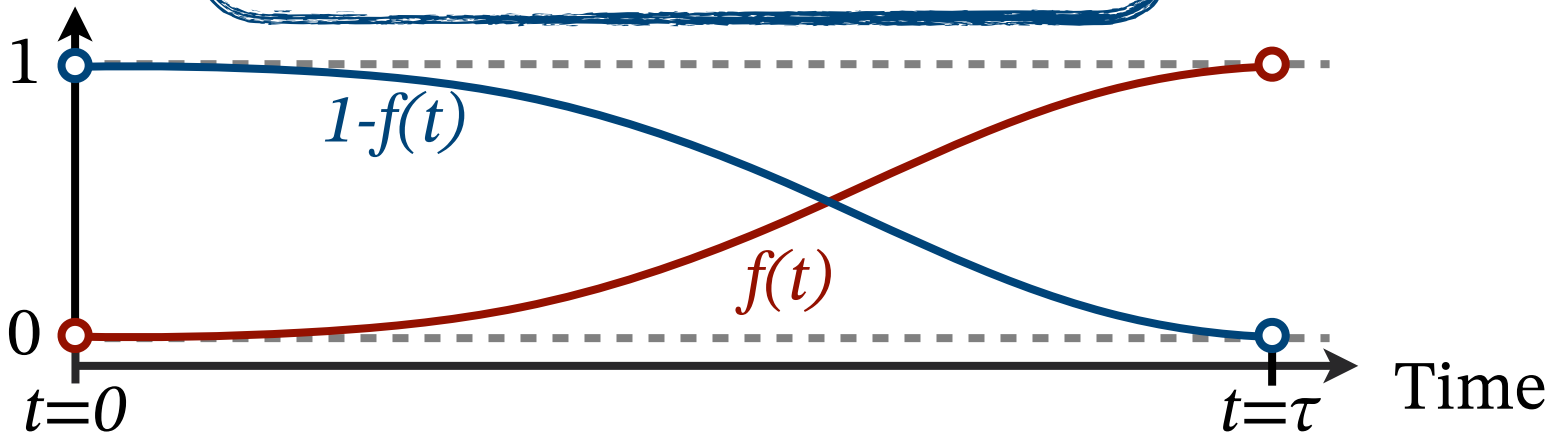
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A Quantum Annealing Protocol to Solve the Nuclear Shell Model

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Questions

- What **driver hamiltonian** H_D ?
- What **initial** state?
- What is the gap?
- Can it be implemented?

Naive SM filling + $|m|$ protocol

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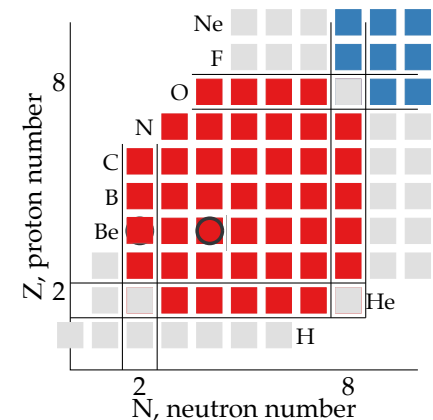
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m	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$

$0p_{1/2}$		<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	
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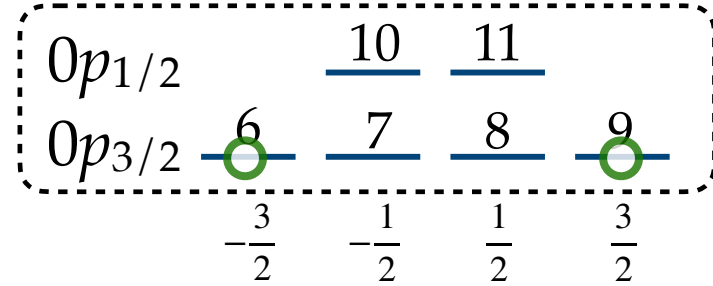
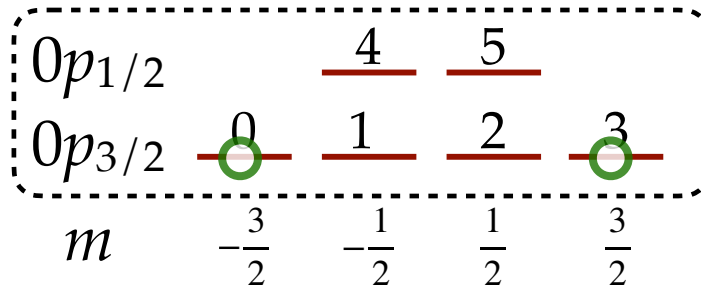


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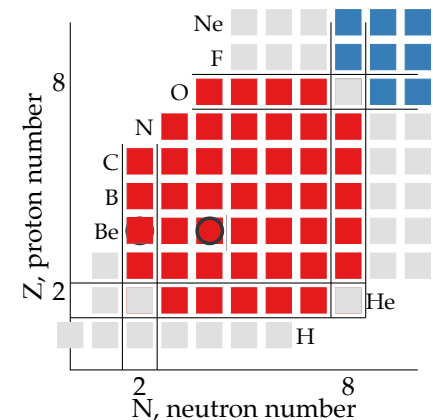
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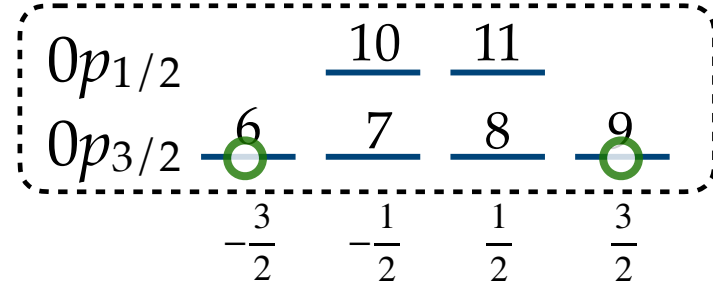
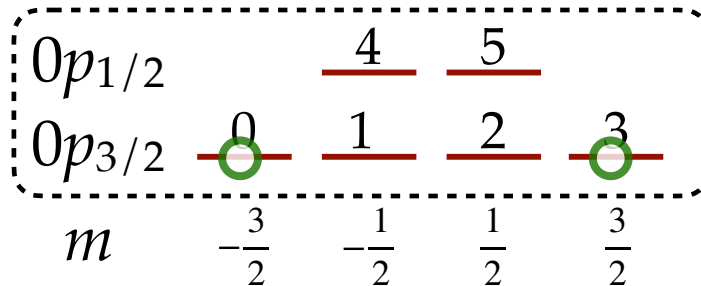


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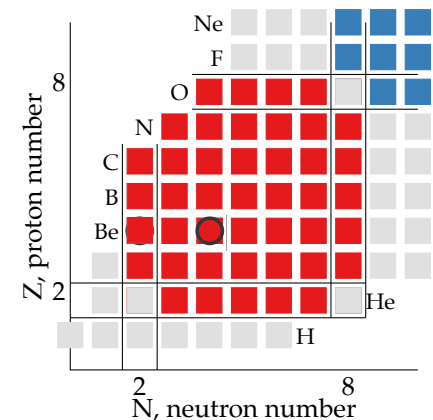
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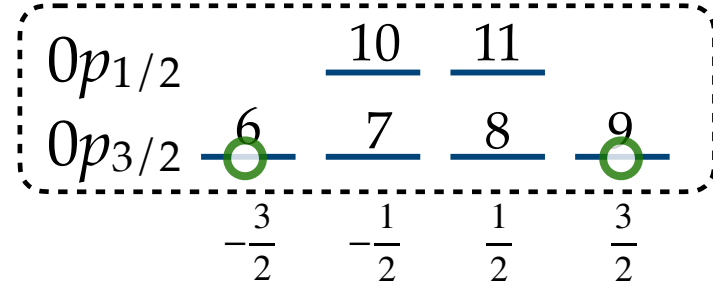
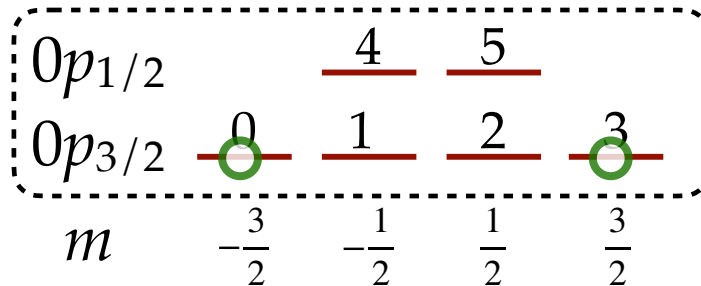


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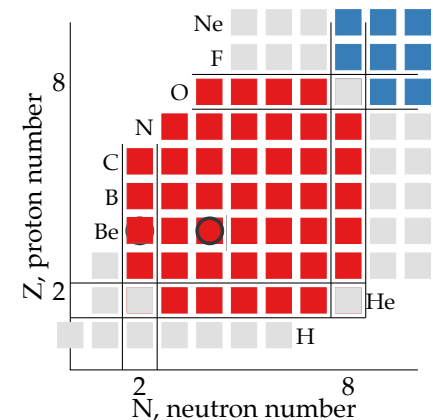


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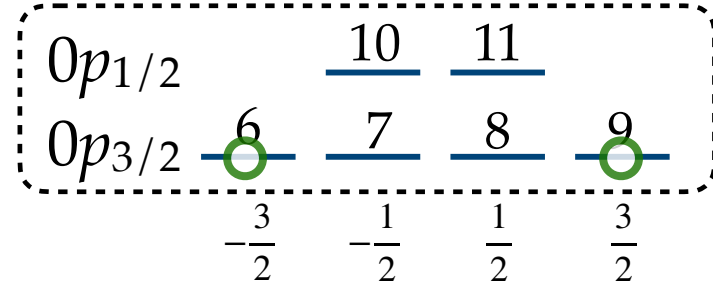
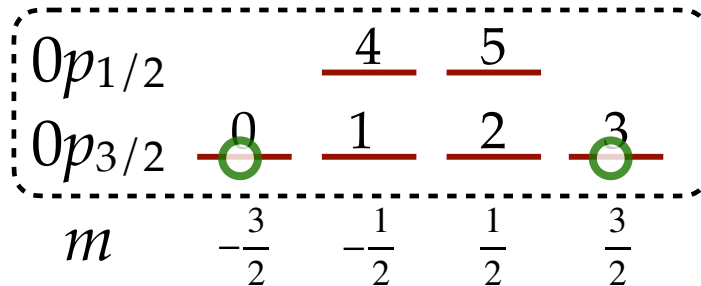


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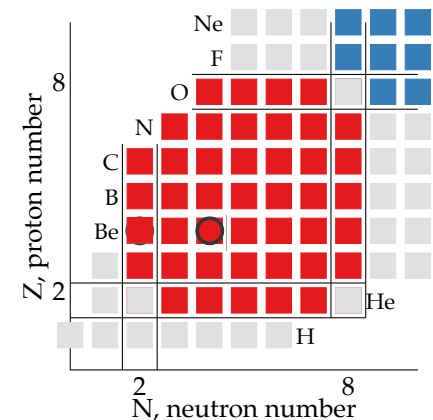
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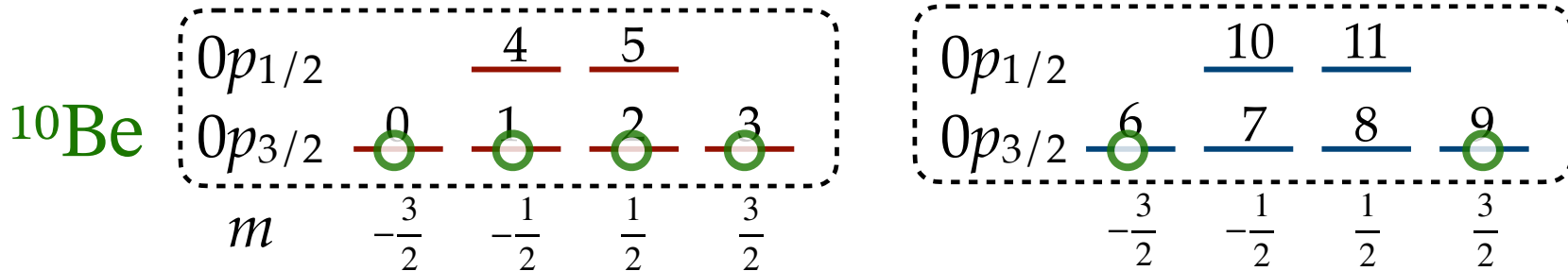
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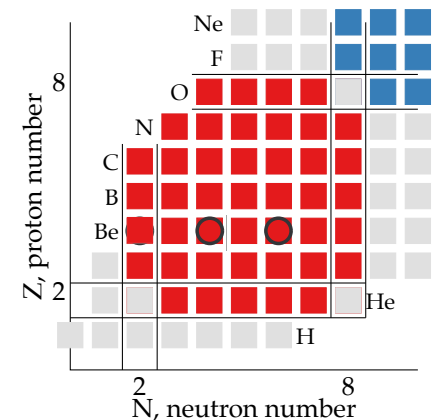
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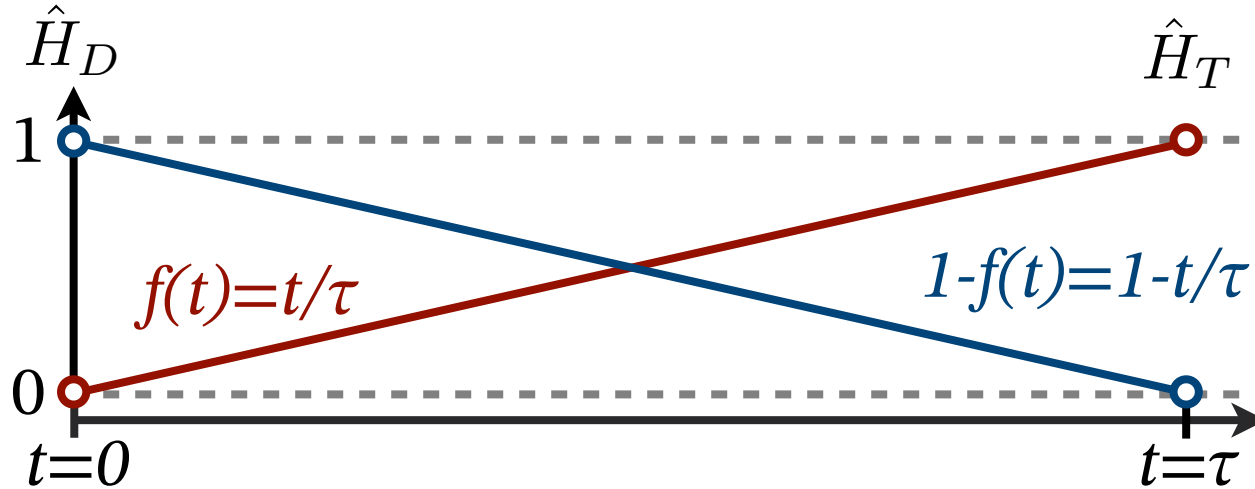
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- Linear annealing protocol $\hat{H}(t) = [1 - f(t)]\hat{H}_D + f(t)\hat{H}_T$



- Driver & target hamiltonians

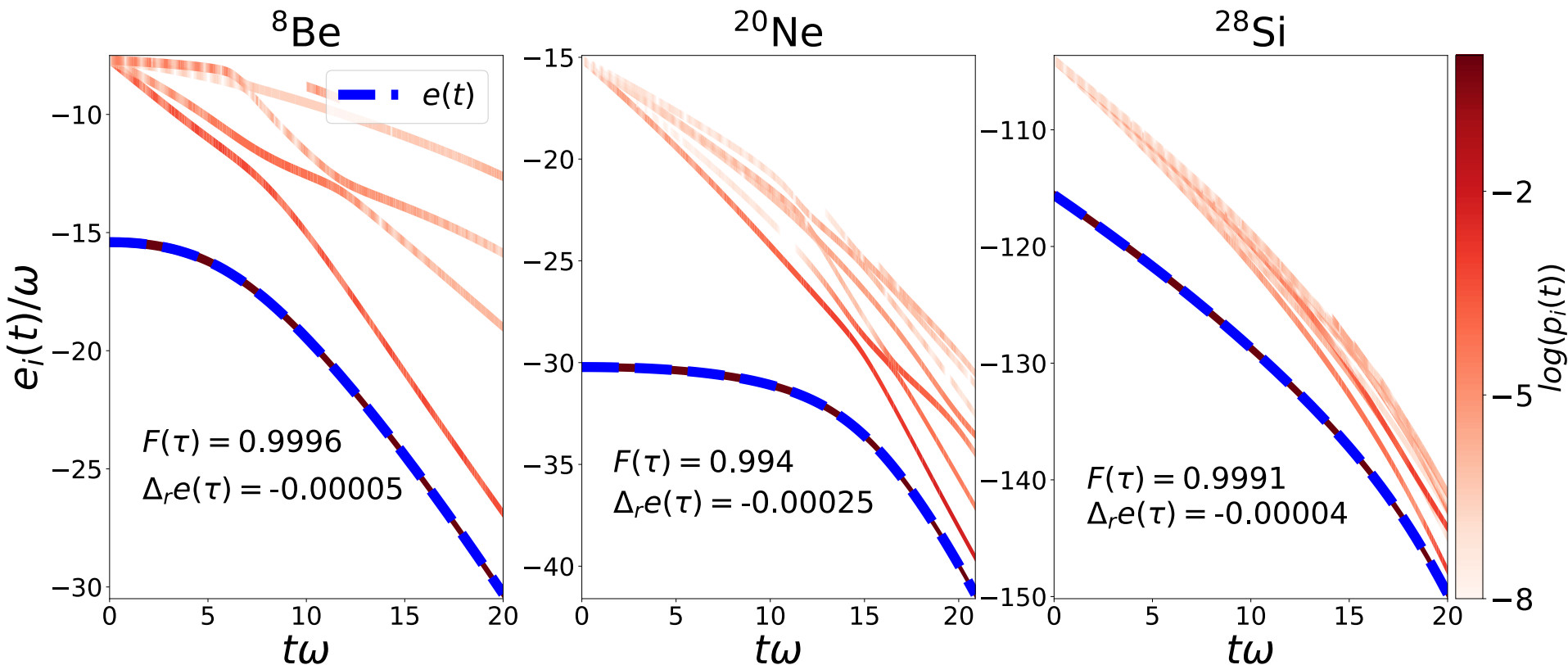
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 $\hat{U}(\tau, 0)$

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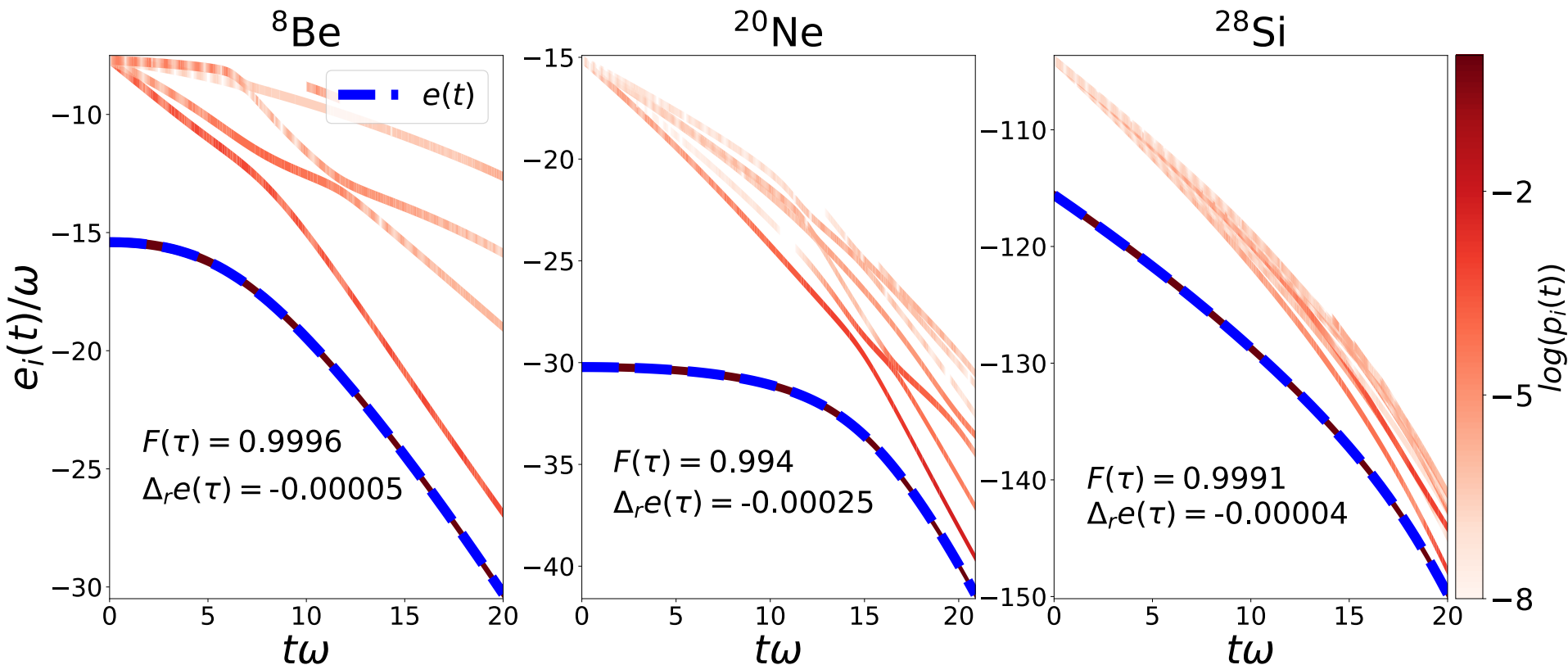
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- Parameters $\omega = 1 \text{ MeV}, \Delta t = 0.1, \tau\omega = \{10, 20, 30\}$



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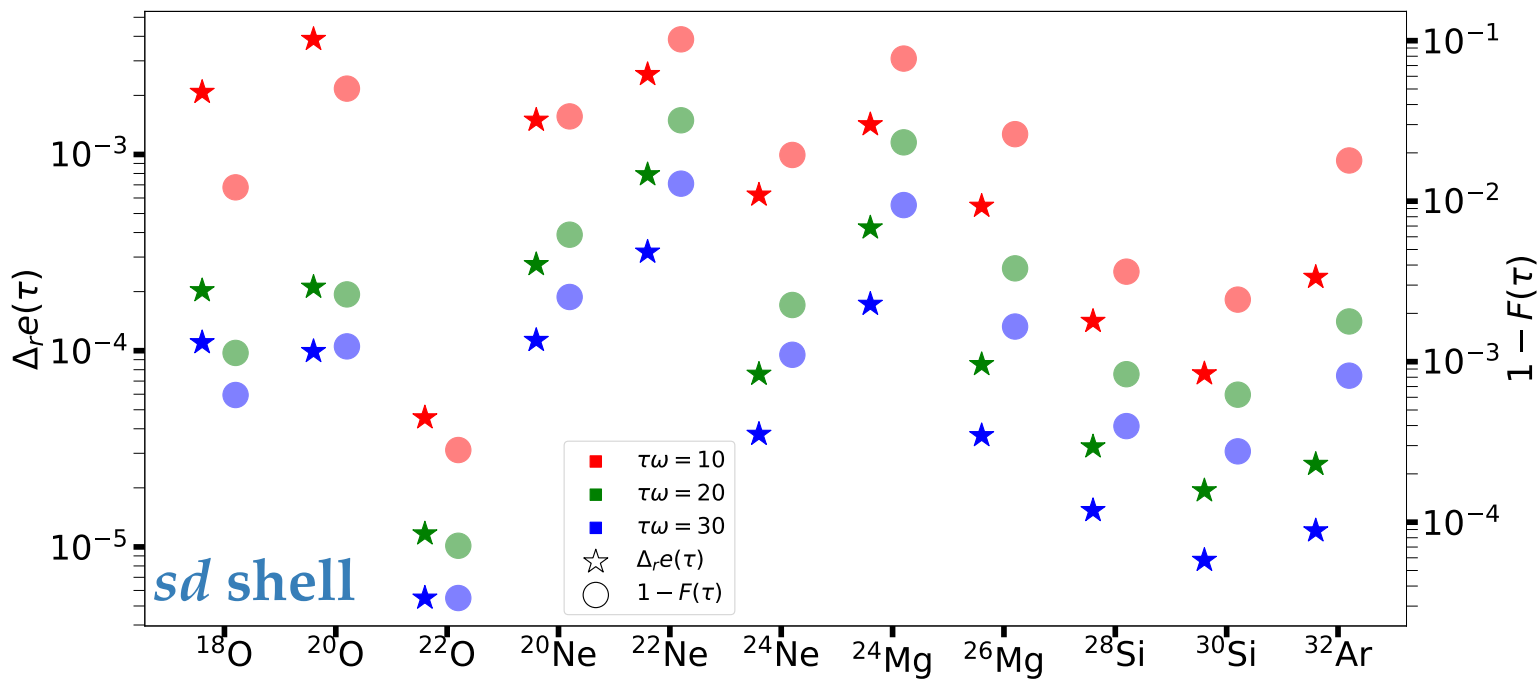
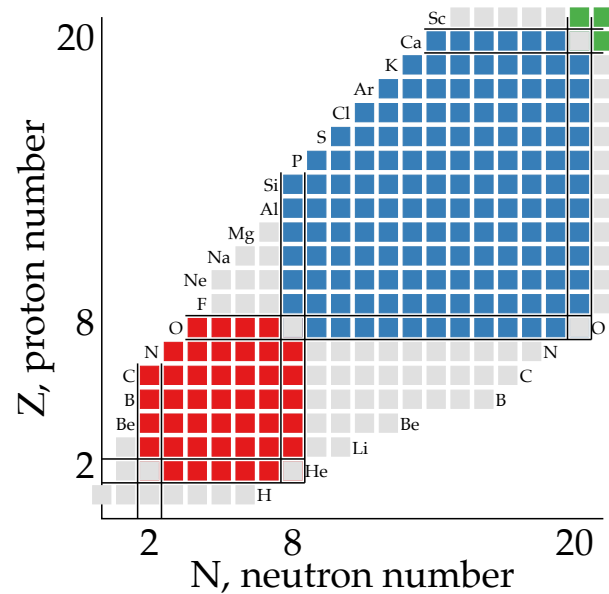
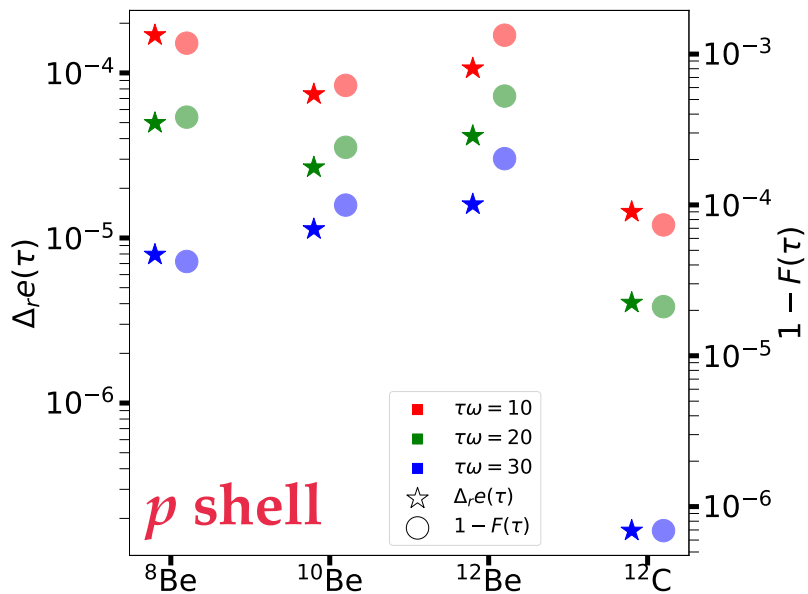


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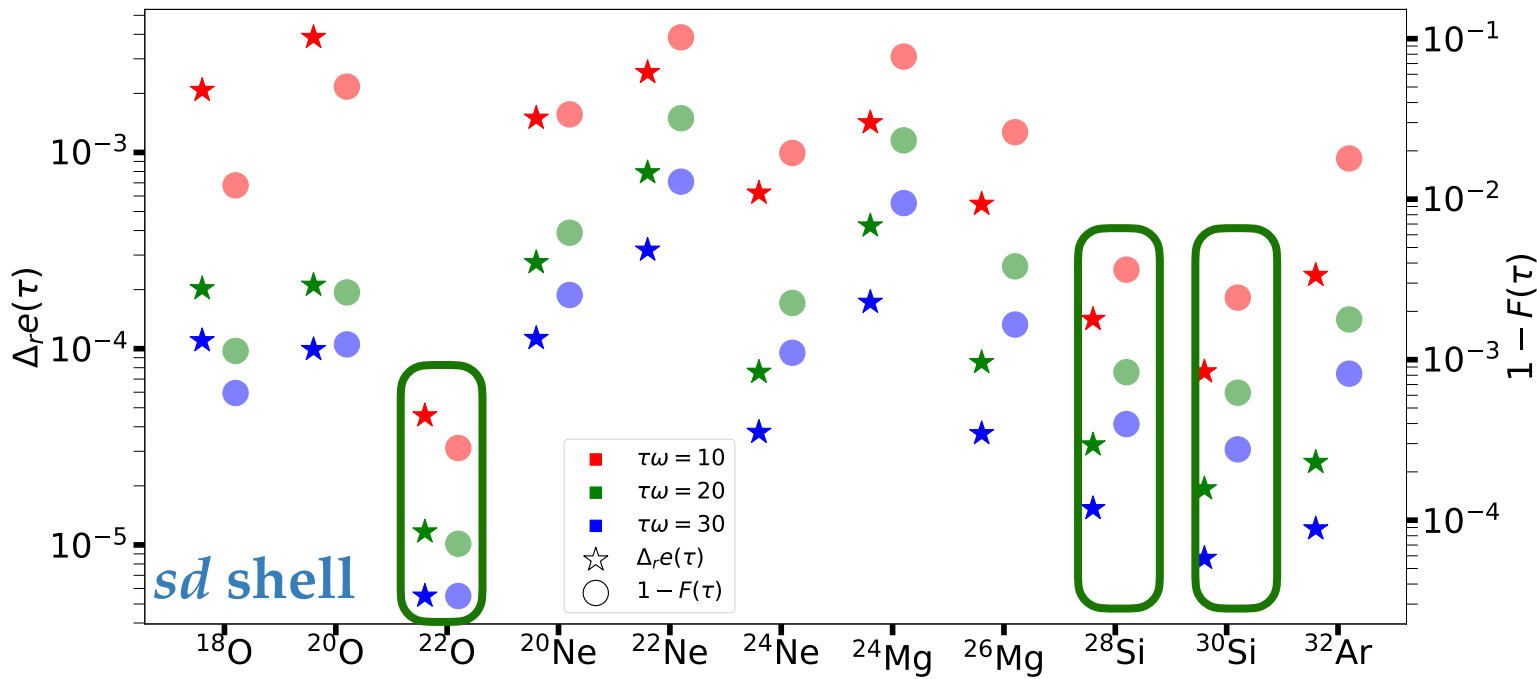
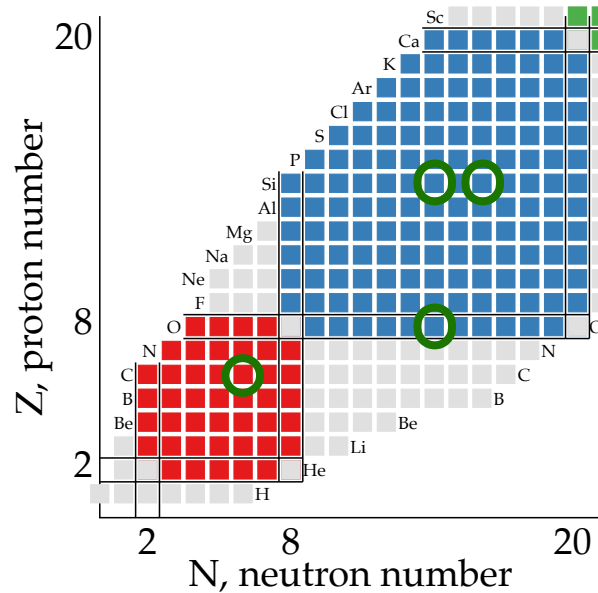
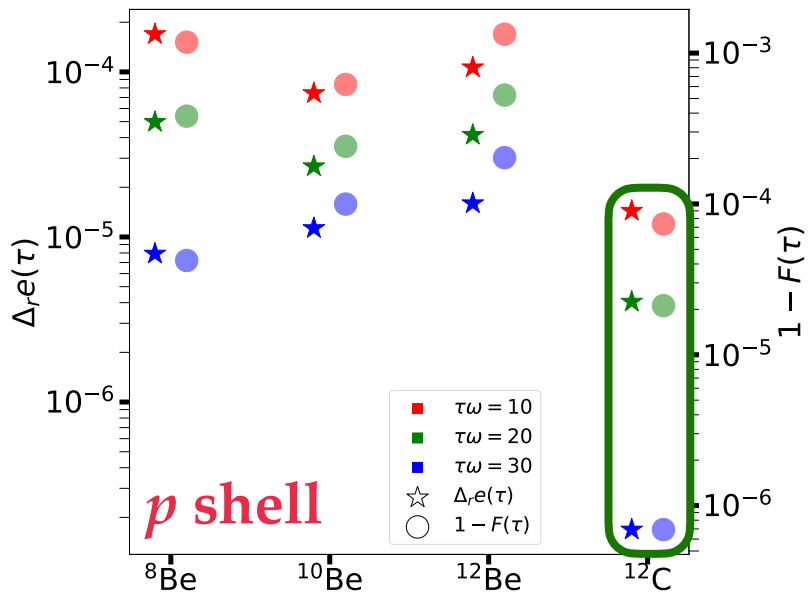
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Different isotopes & schedules



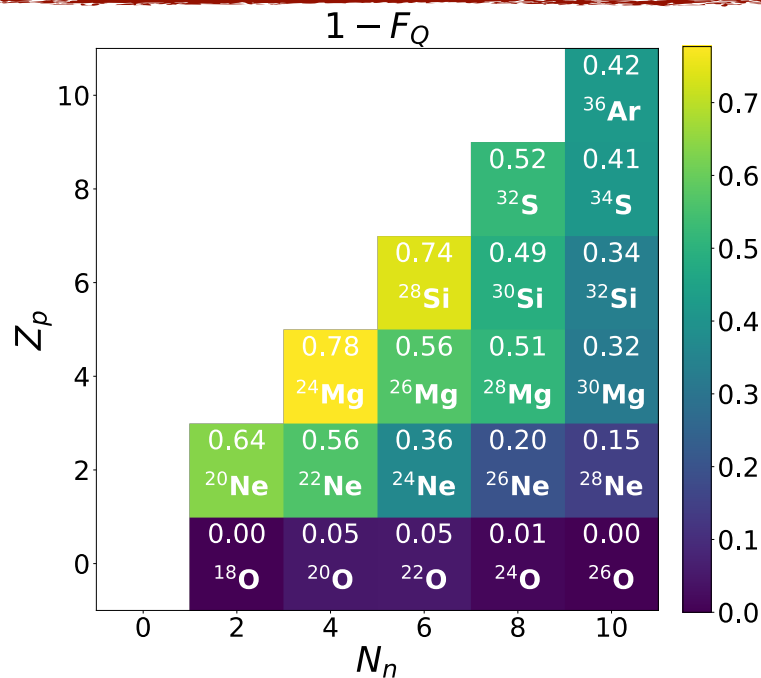
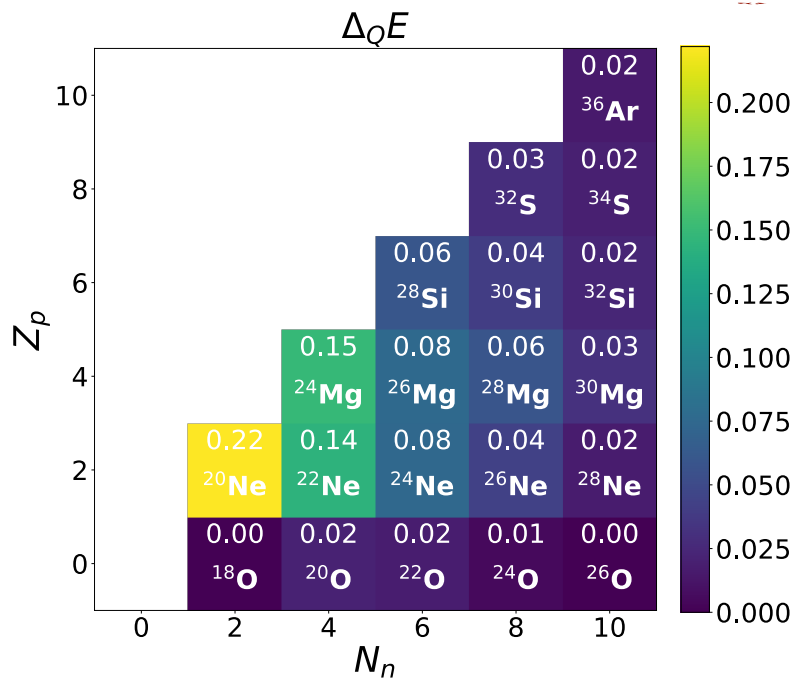
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Quasi-boson (\sim Cooper pairs): $Q_A^\dagger = \hat{a}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{\alpha}}^\dagger$ $[Q_A, Q_B^\dagger] = \delta_{A,B}(1 - n_\alpha - n_{\tilde{\alpha}})$

Boson-to-qubit map: $Q_A^\dagger = S_A^+$; $Q_B = S_B^-$; $\hat{N}_A = Q_A^\dagger Q_A = (1 + Z_A)/2$,

Projected hamiltonian: $H_Q = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{AB} g_{AB} S_A^+ S_B^- + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ABCD} g_{AB}^{CD} S_A^+ S_B^+ S_C^- S_D^-$



- Tailored to quantum circuit execution
- Pairing correlations only

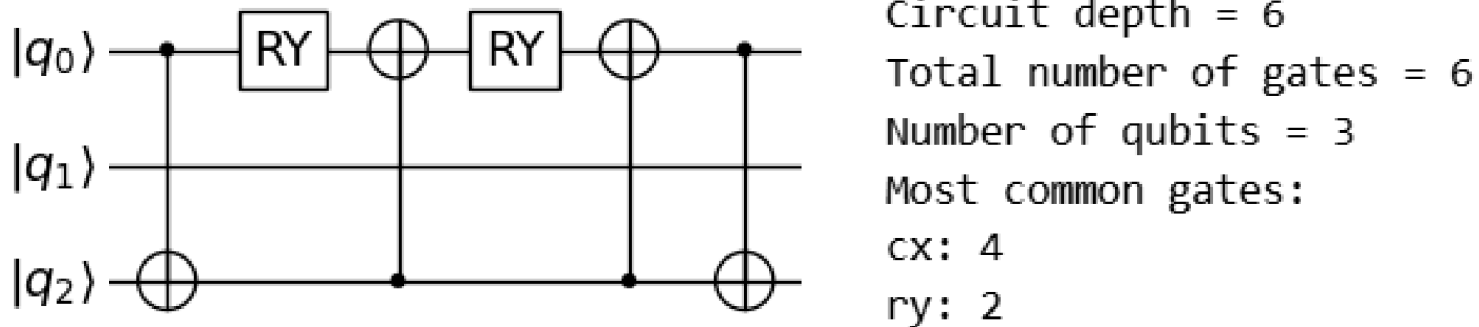
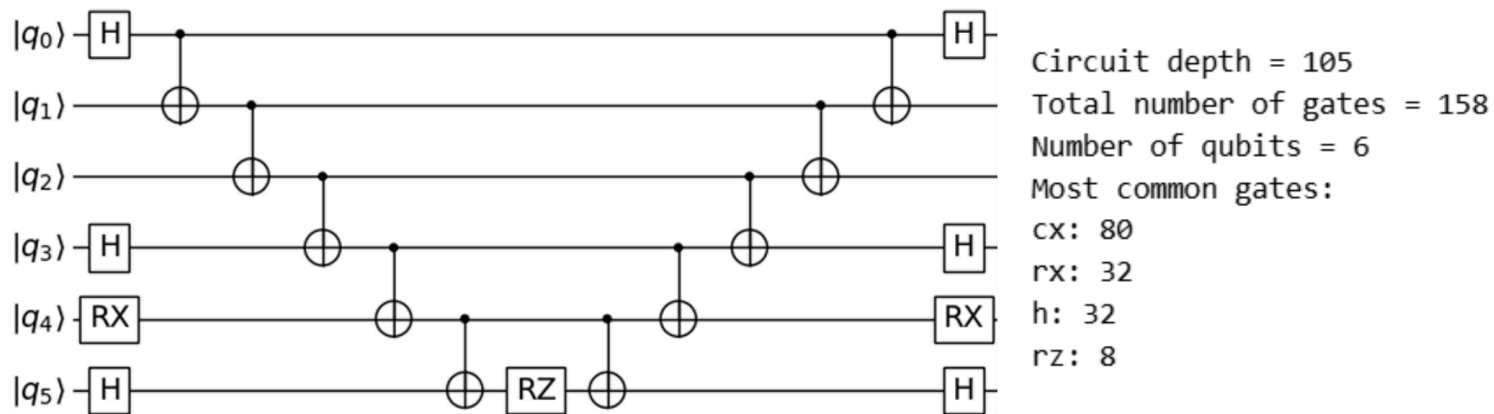


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Quasi-boson encoding



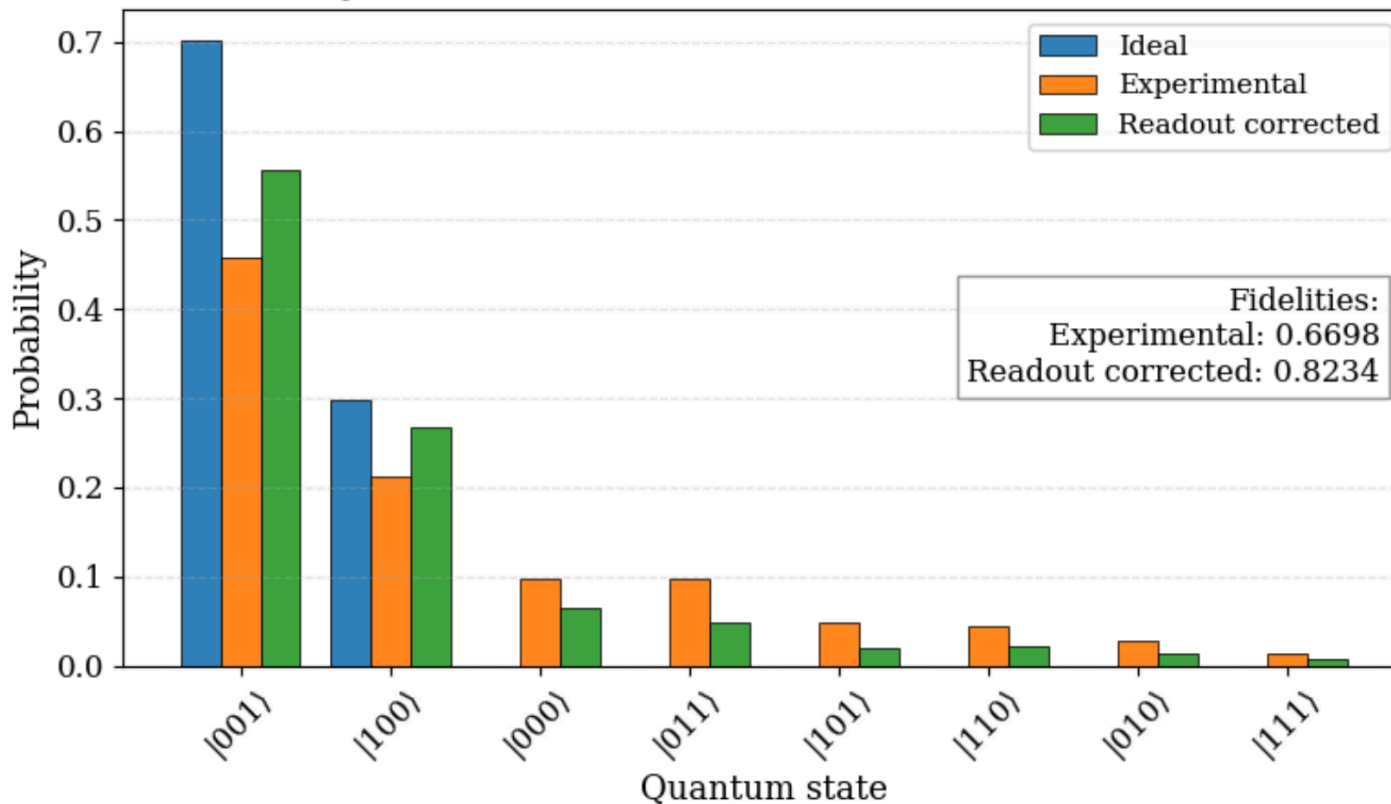
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Hardware runs: quasiparticles

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1 Layer ADAPT ⁶Be QP framework (QMIO CESGA data)



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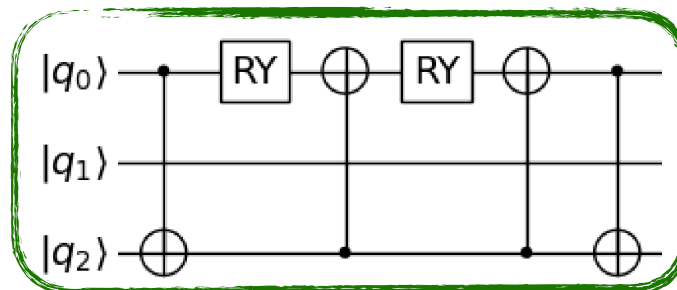
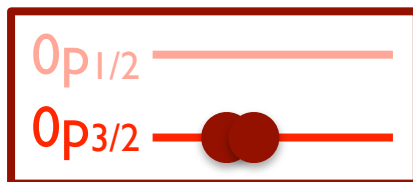
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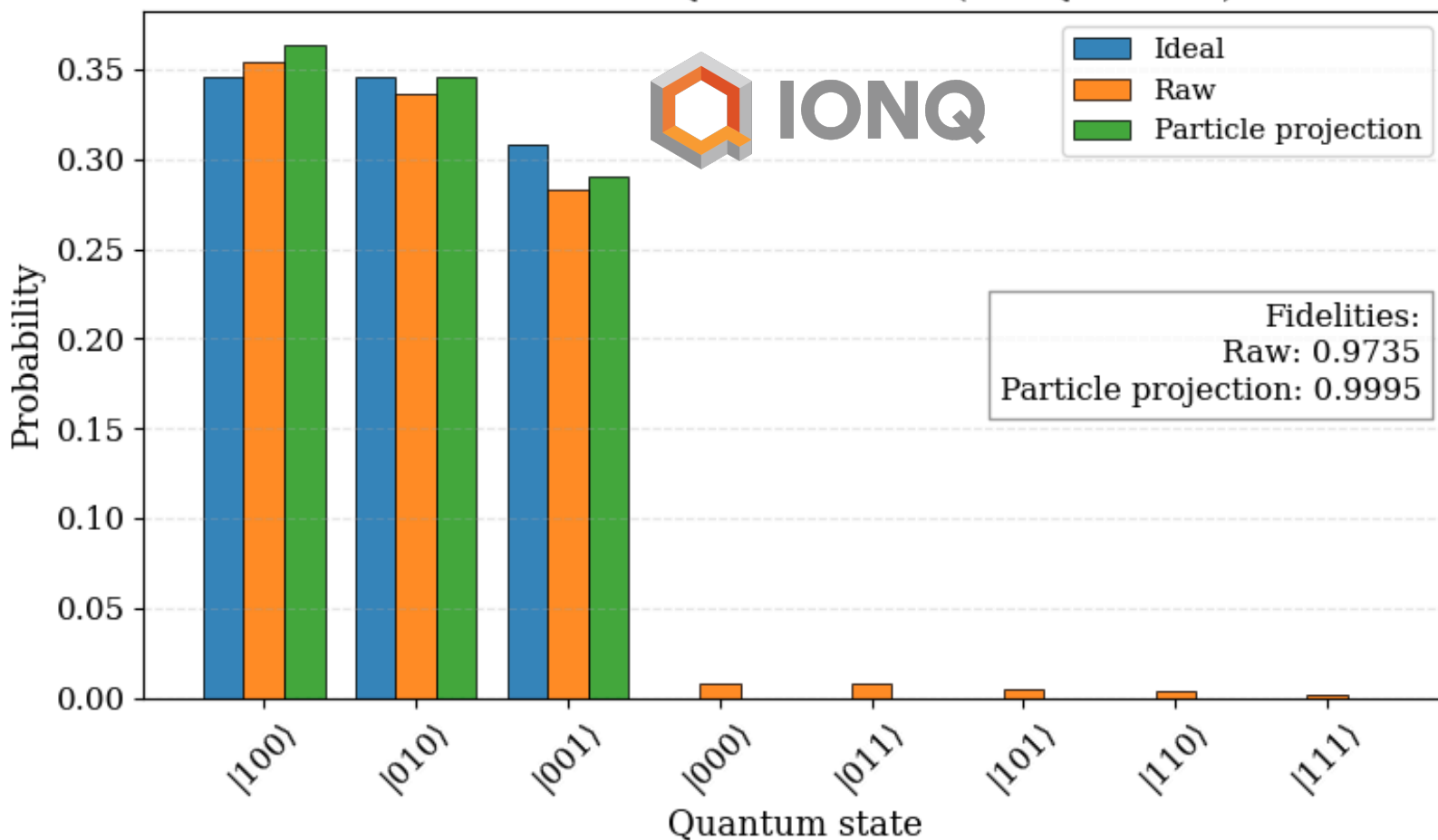
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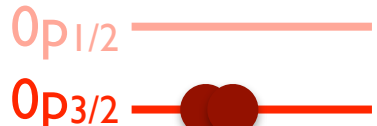
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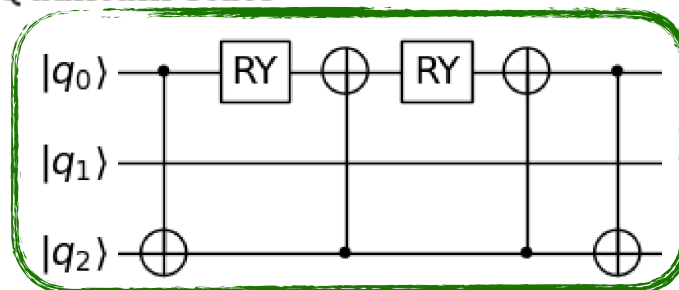
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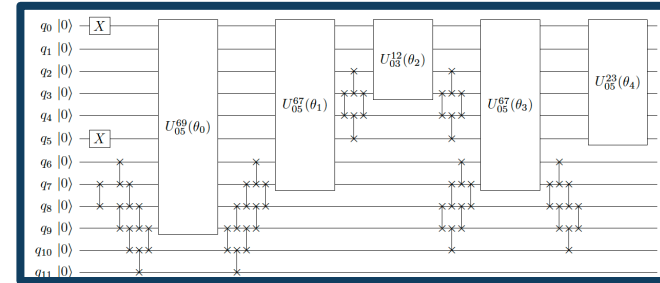


Quantum state



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- VQEs can reproduce **shell model** wavefunctions
 - **Number of qubits** not an issue
 - Depth of circuit **is** an issue
 - Algorithm development
 - Entanglement forging



To-Do List:

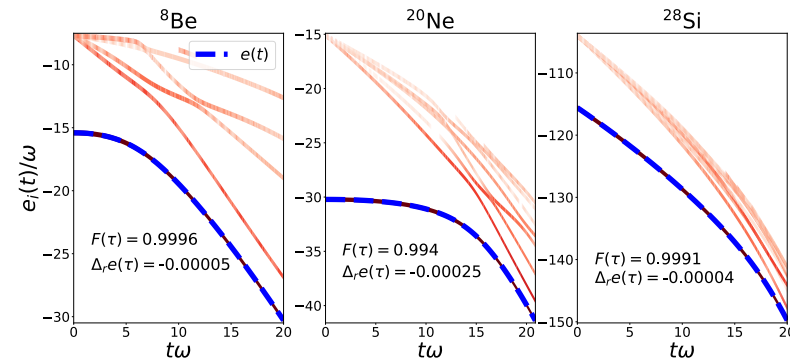
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- Quantum complexity



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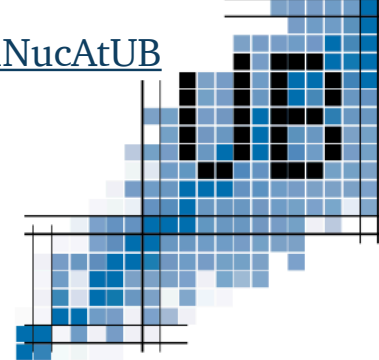
- Excited states



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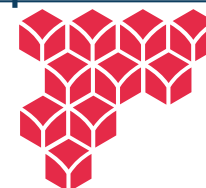
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