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Quantum algorithms for the nuclear shell model

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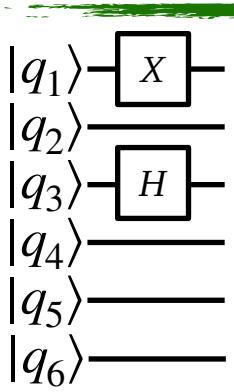
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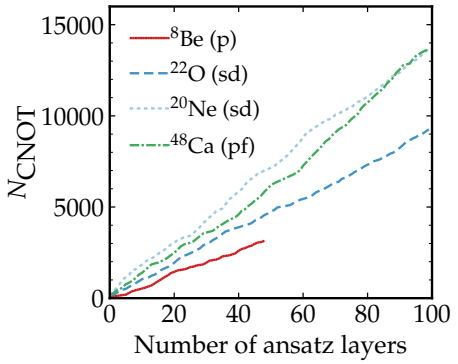
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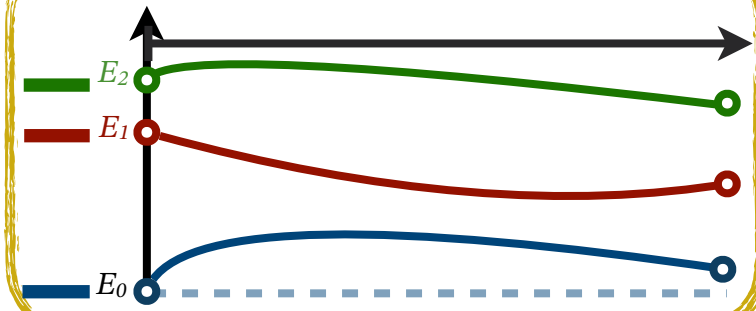
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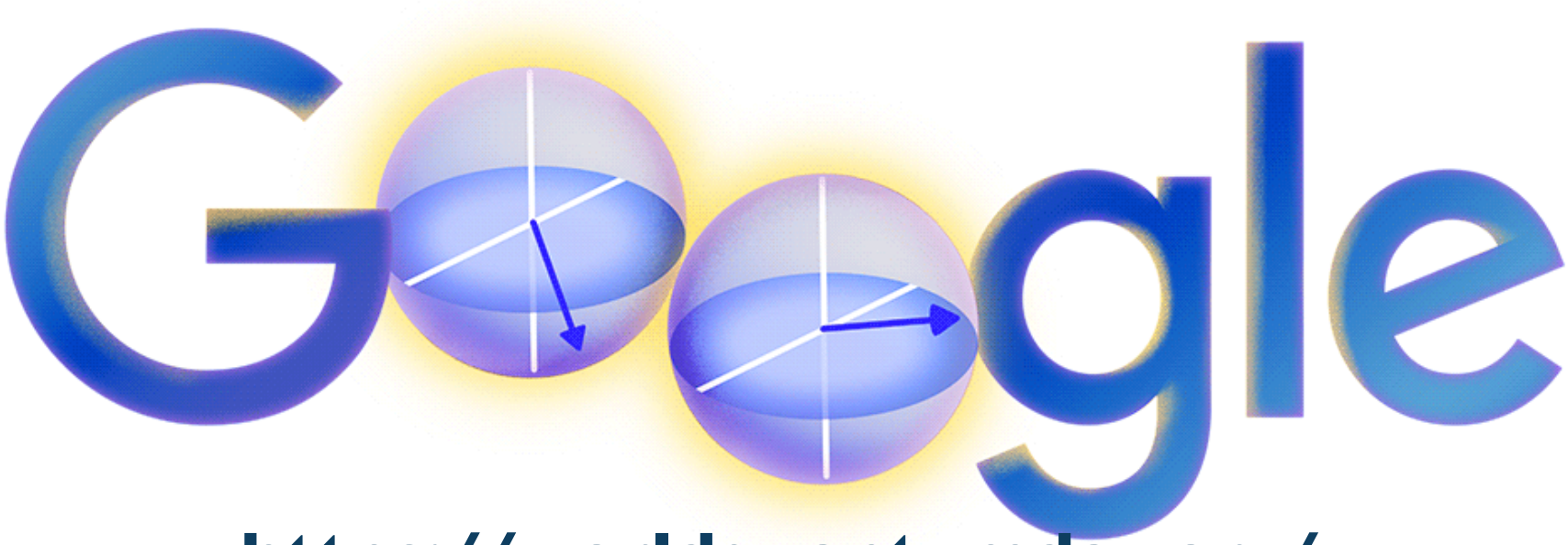
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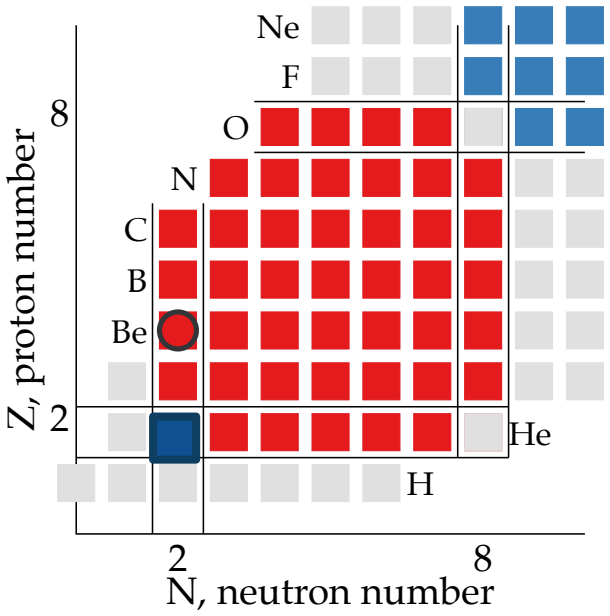
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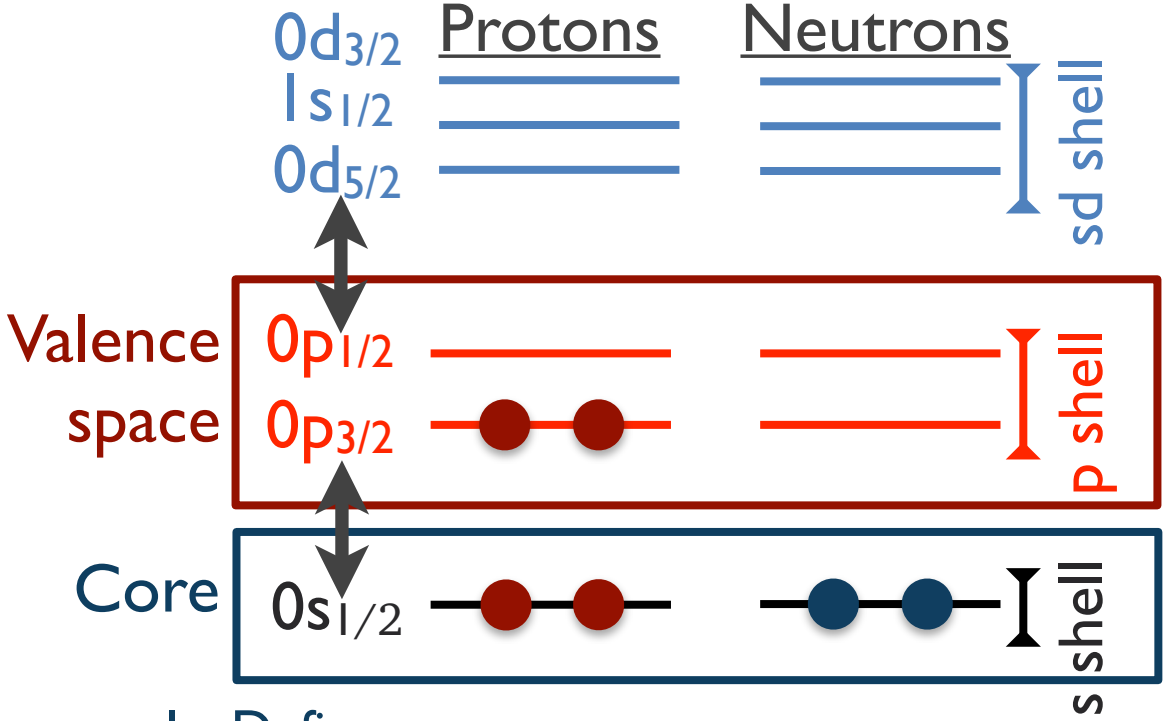
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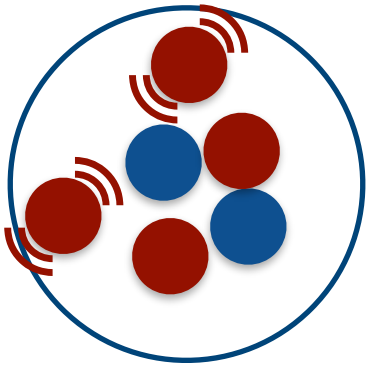
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Nobel Prize (1963)

Shell model





^{6}Be

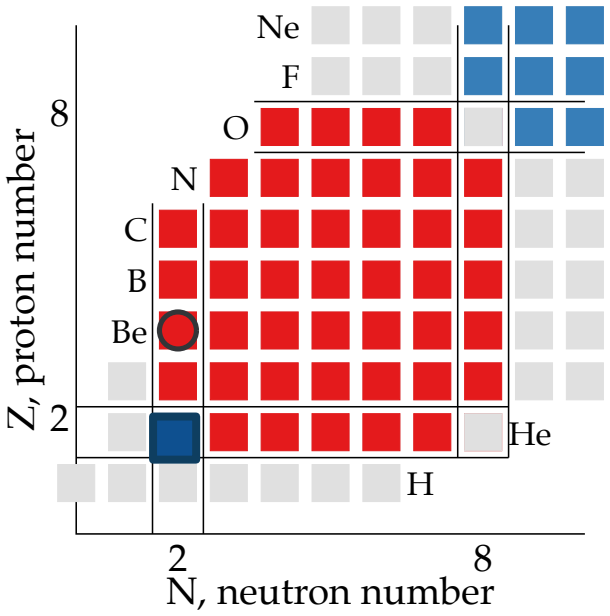


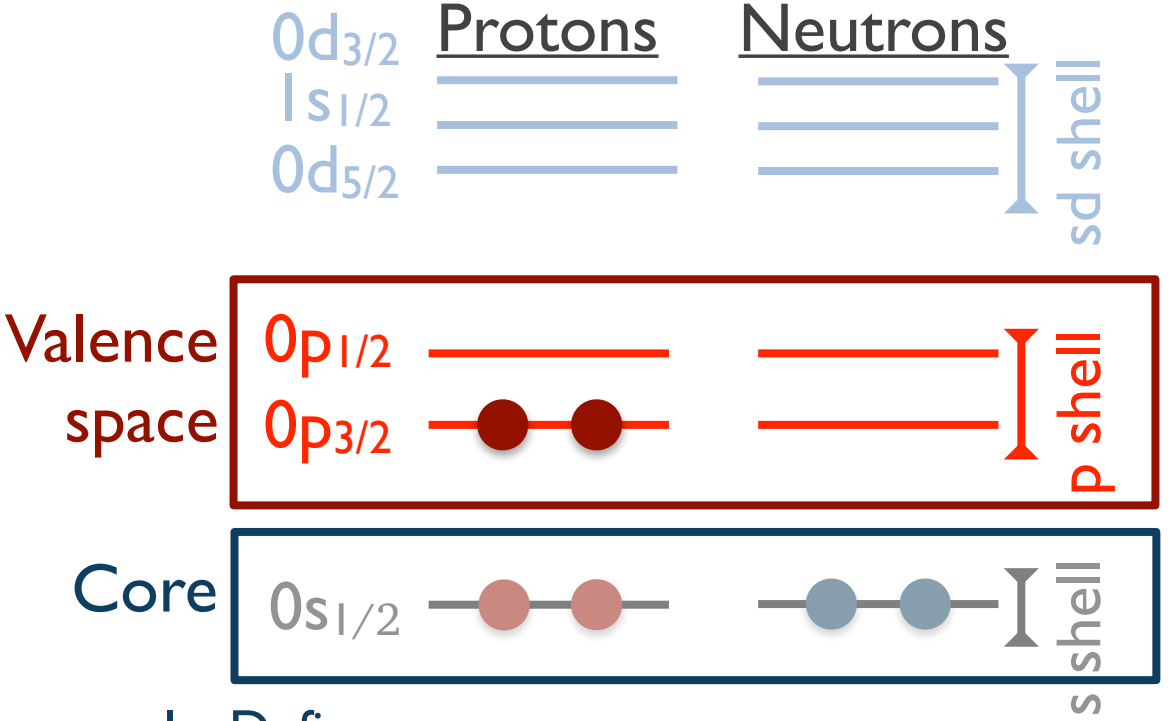
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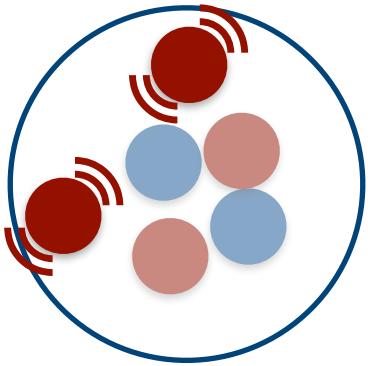
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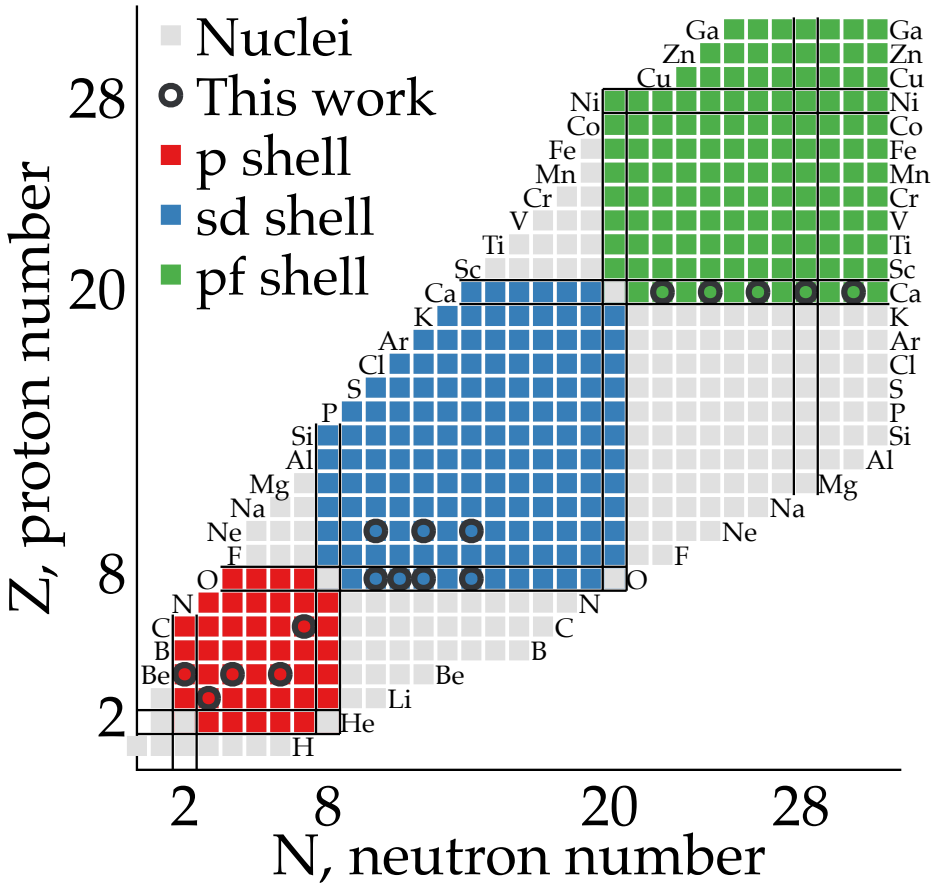
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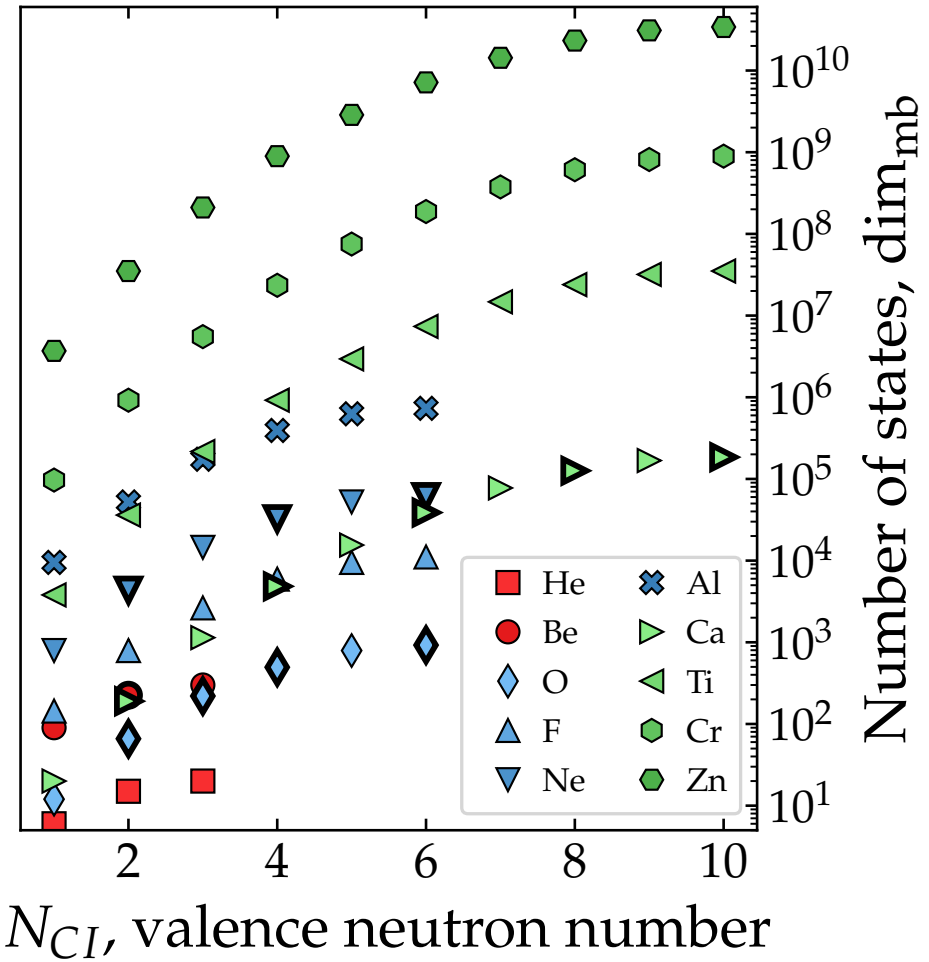
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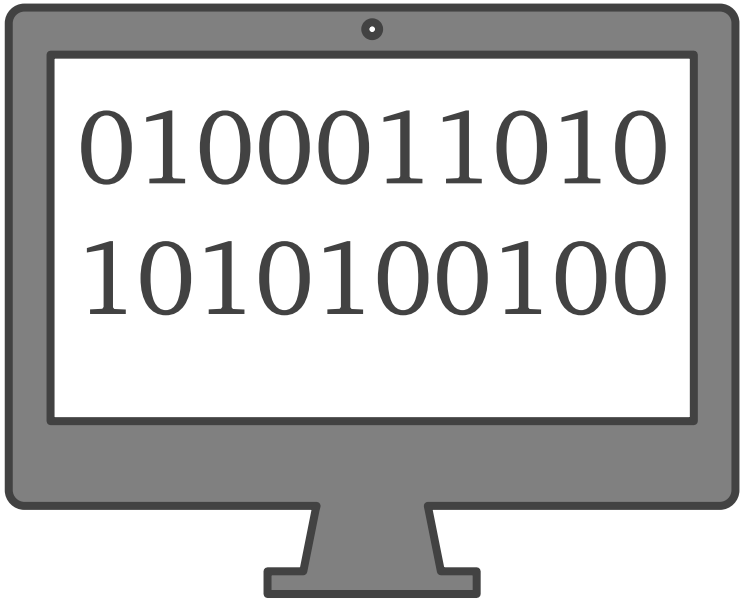




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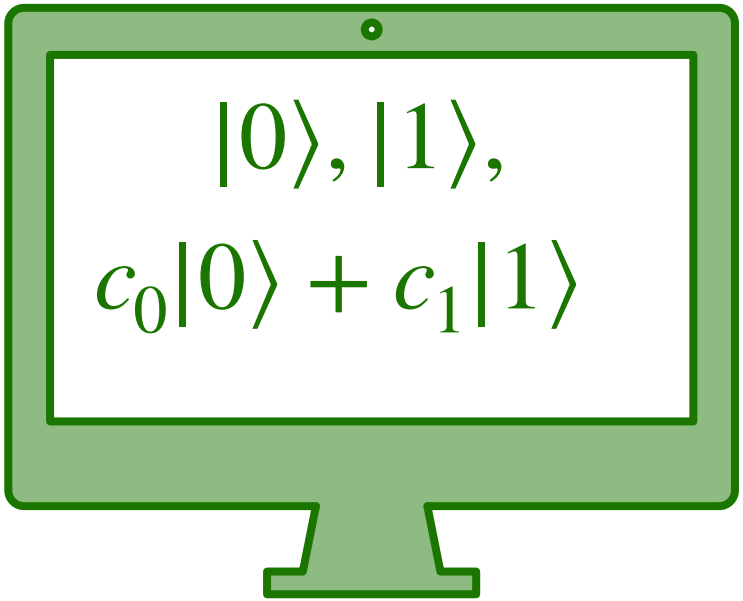
What is quantum computing?

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

Quantum simulators



International Journal of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 21, Nos. 6/7, 1982

Simulating Physics with Computers

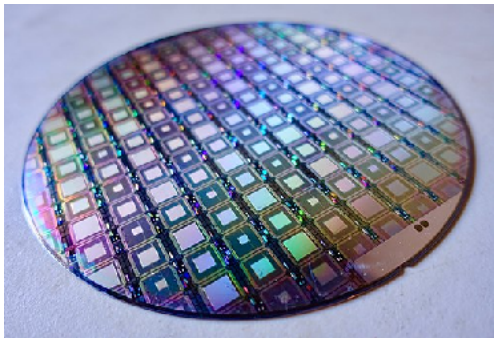
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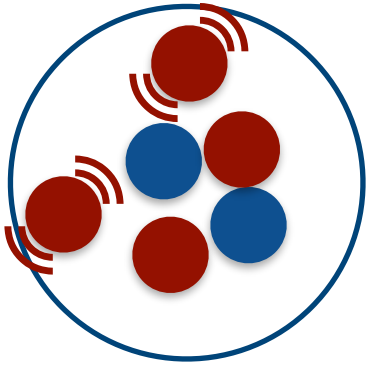
Idea

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

Controllable quantum device

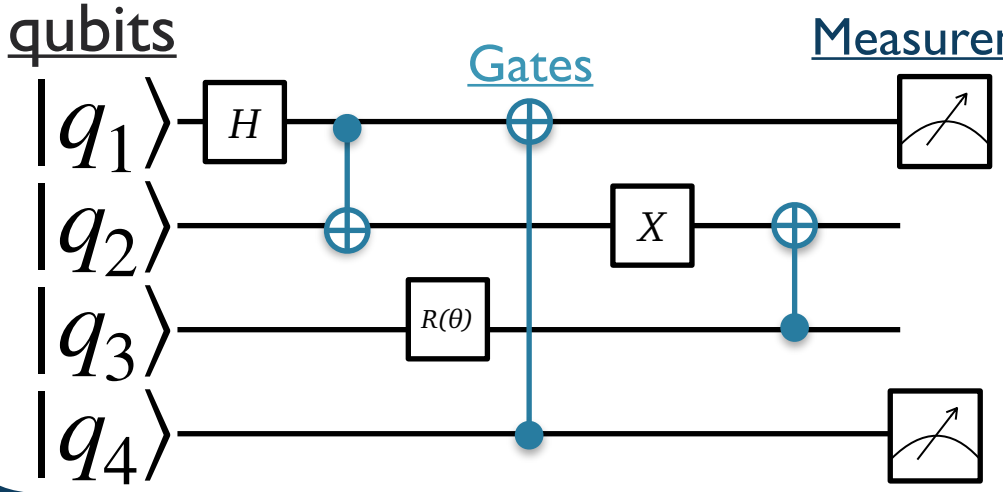


Quantum system



Quantum paradigms

Digital quantum computers



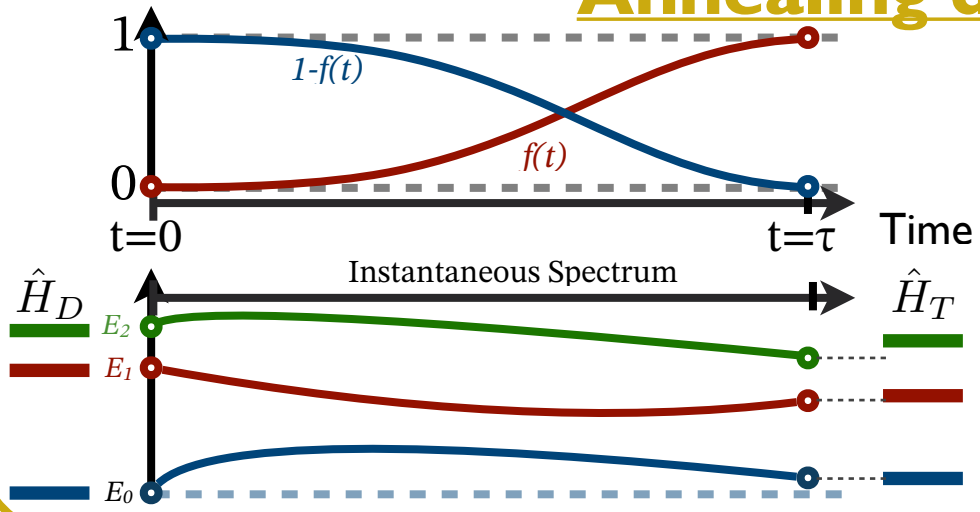


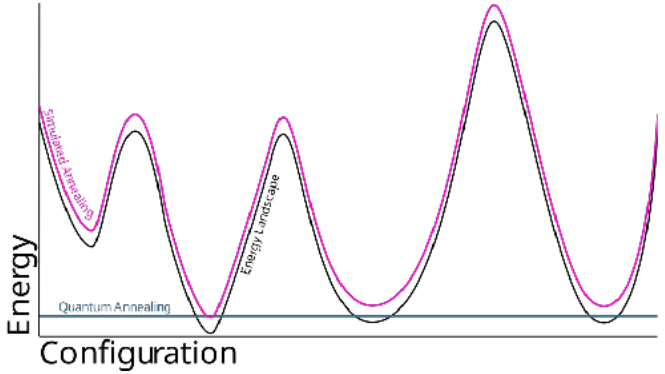
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Annealing devices

D-Wave



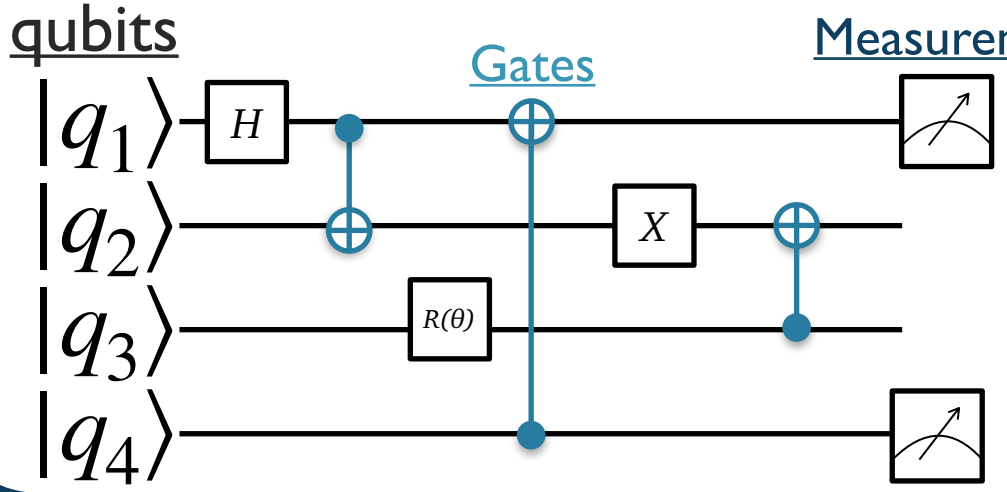


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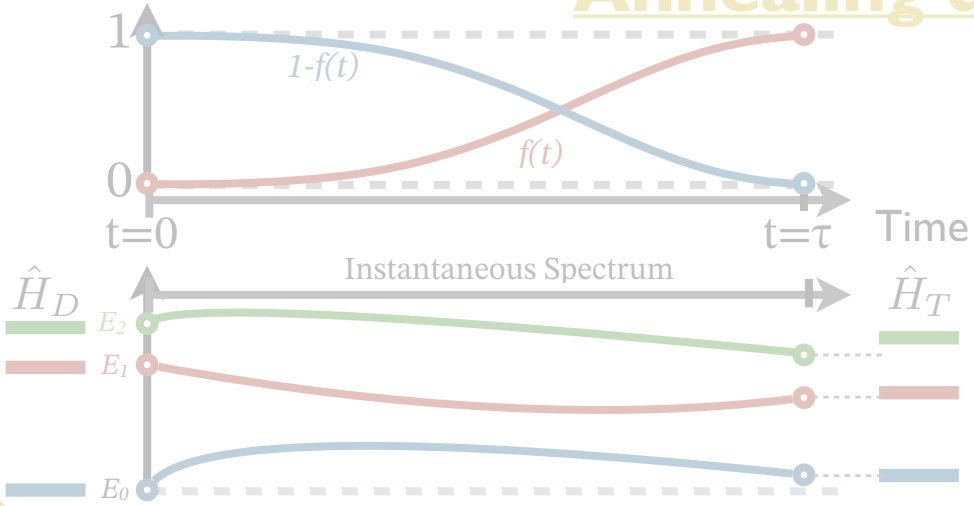




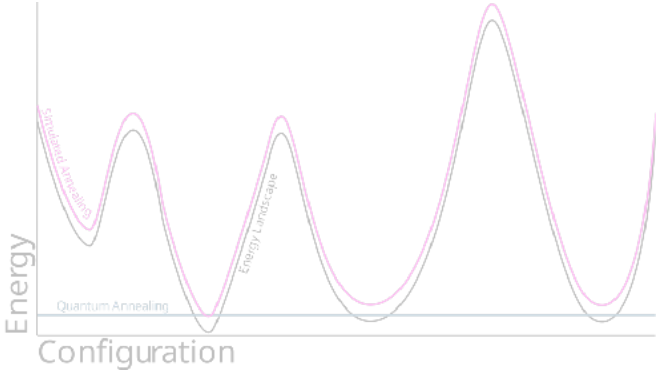
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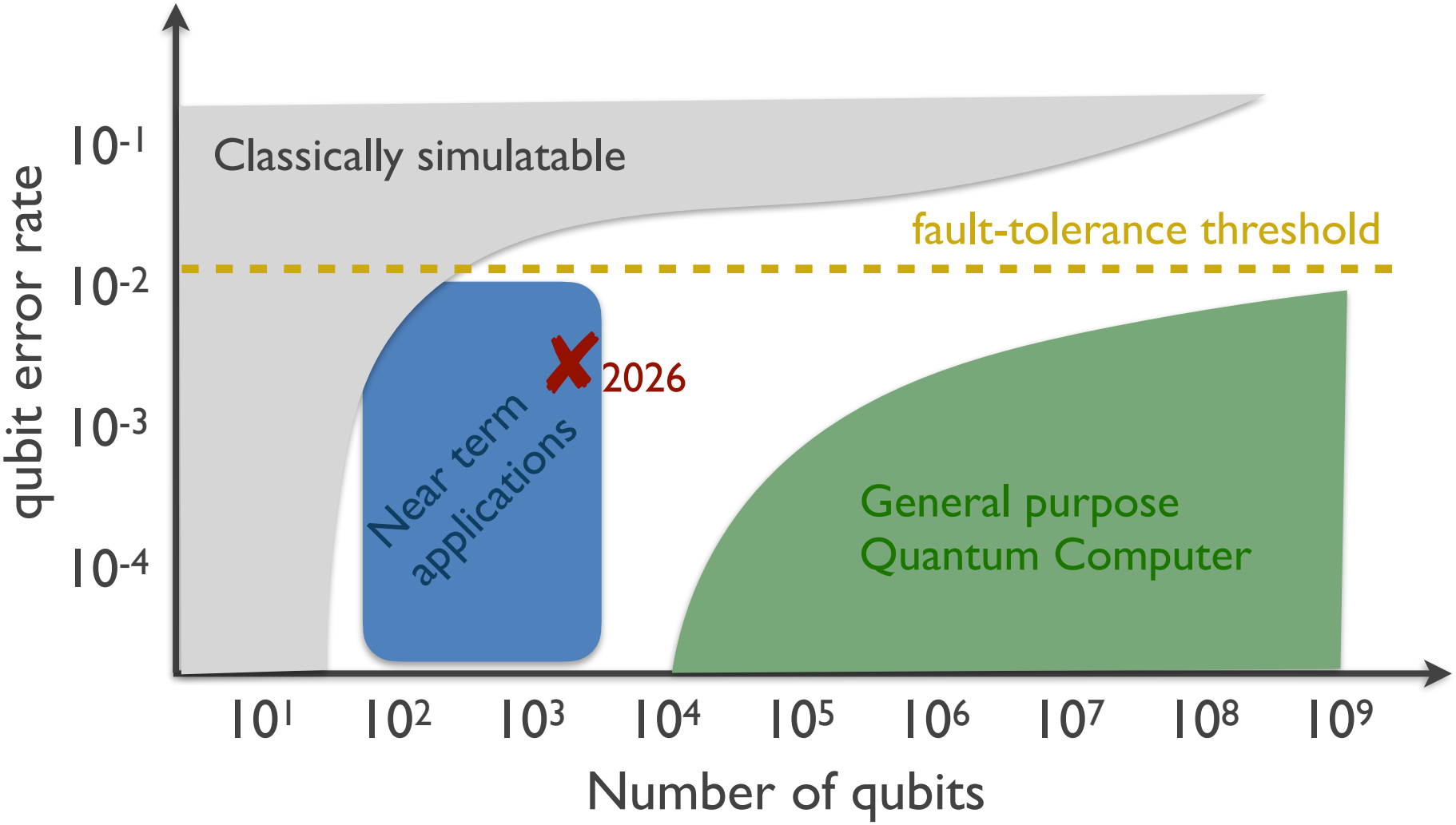
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Near-Intermediate Scale Quantum Tech



IBM Condor: 1100 qubits (2023)

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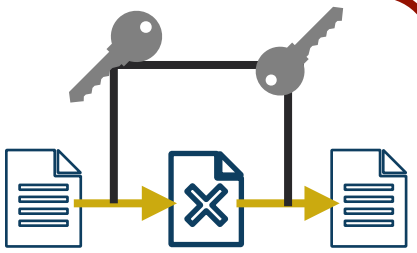
Why quantum circuits?

Shor's algorithm

"Find prime factors of an integer *N* with *O*(log *N*) operations"

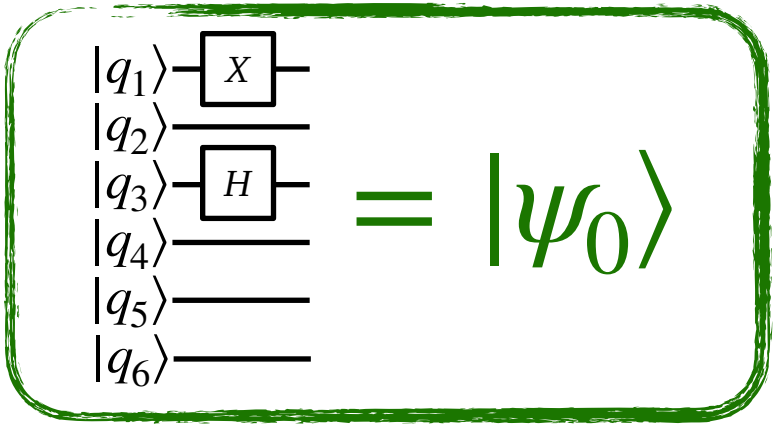
Classical ✗

Quantum ✔



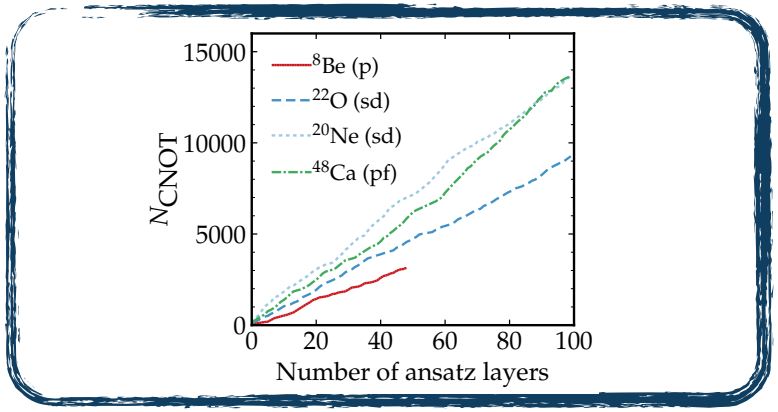
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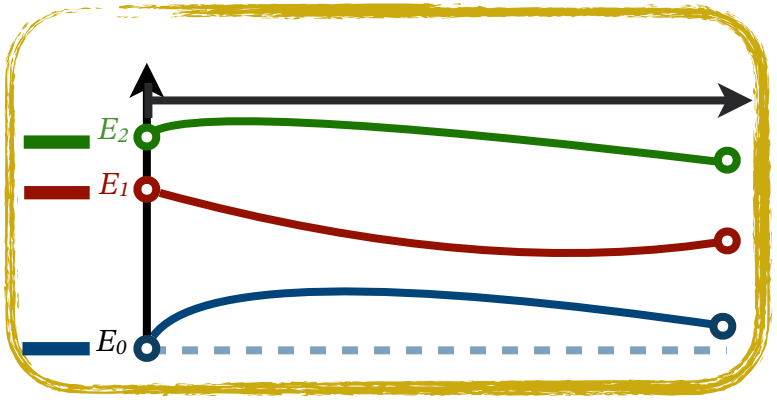
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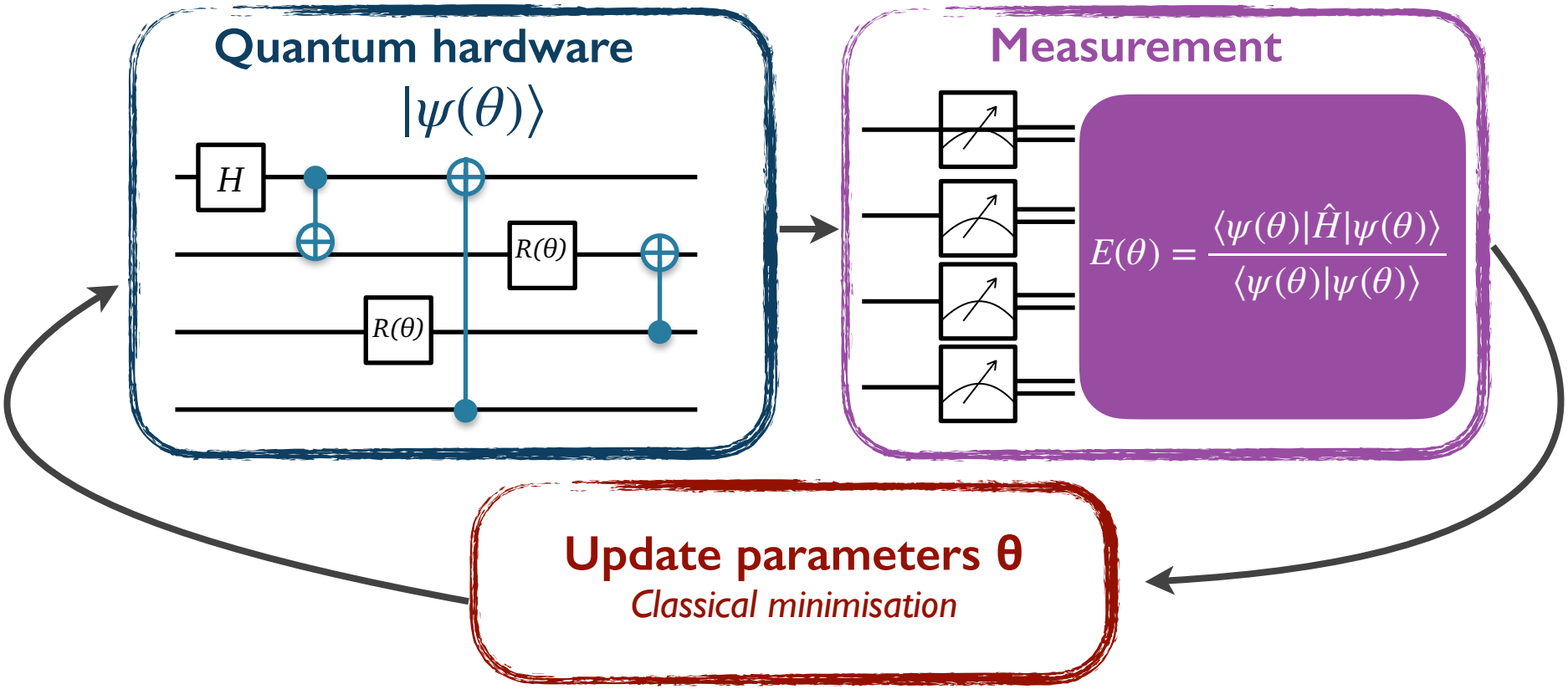


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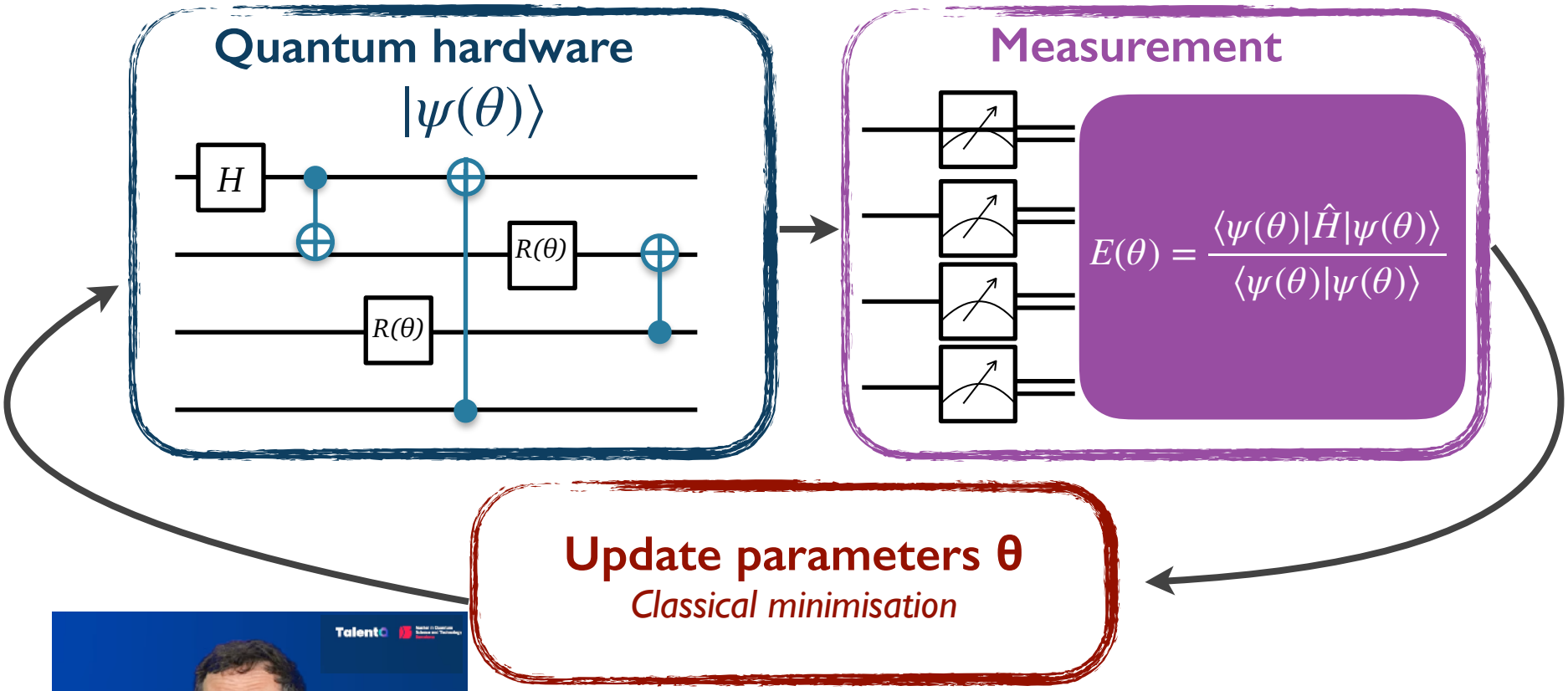
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Variational Quantum Eigensolver



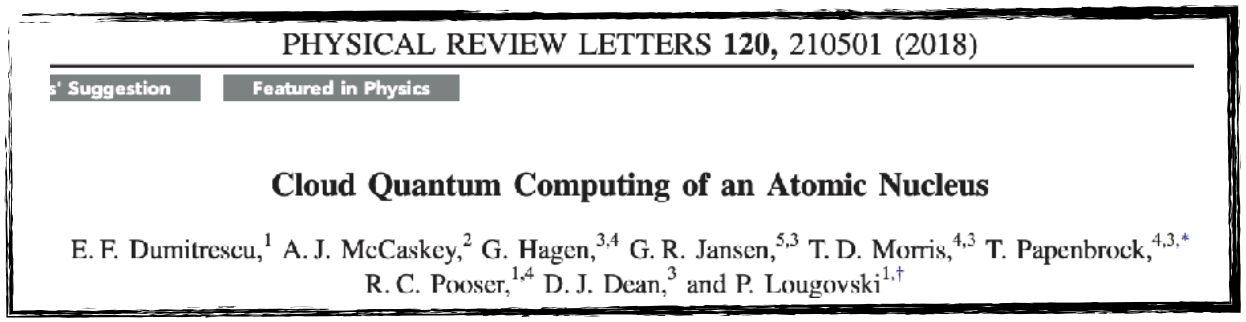
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VQE: Variational Quantum Eigensolver, Arnau Rios@Quantum Spain
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VQEs in nuclear structure

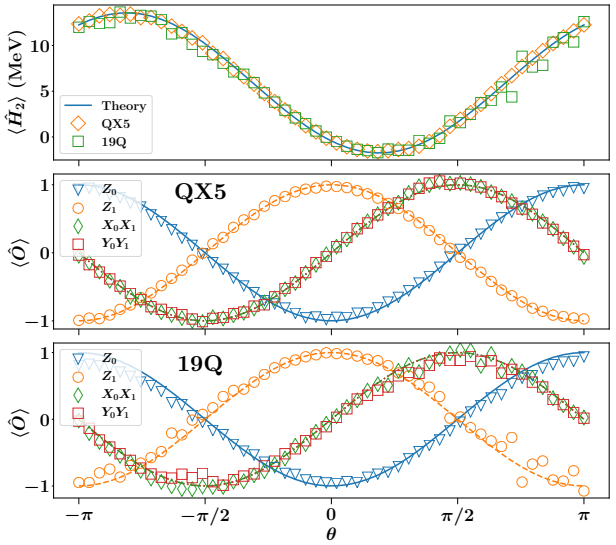

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Suggestion | Featured in Physics

Cloud Quantum Computing of an Atomic Nucleus

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- **Initial work on nuclear structure (<2023)**
  - Limited to **one minimisation strategy** (UCC)
  - Only a handful of isotopes (^{2}H, ^{6}Li, ^{8}Be, $^{20\text{-}20}$O, ^{20}Ne)

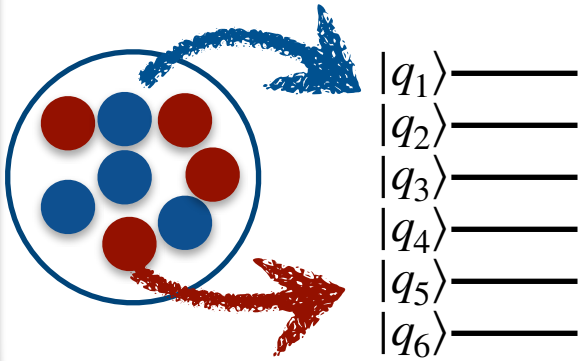
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- **Consolidation phase (>2023)**
  - Methods: physics or hardware-inspired, UCC, ADAPT, GCM-like
  - Isotope reach extended: Ca, ^{58}Ni / ^{142}Ce@Surrey

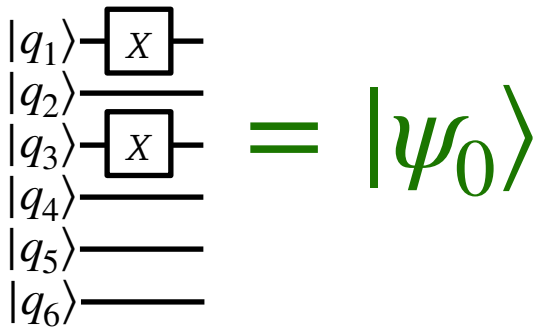
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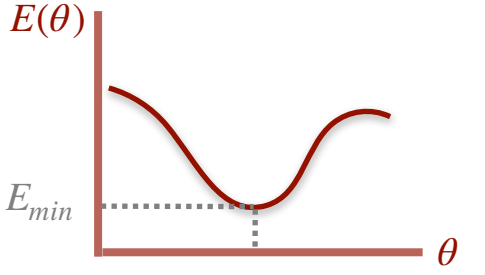


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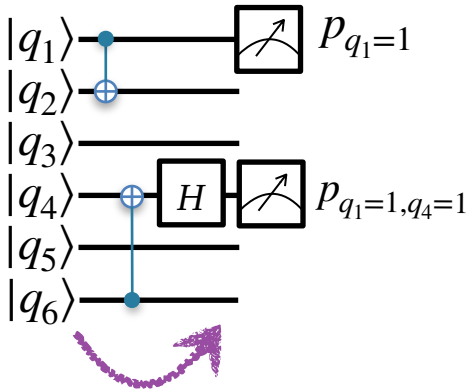
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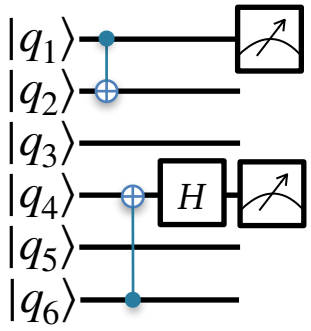
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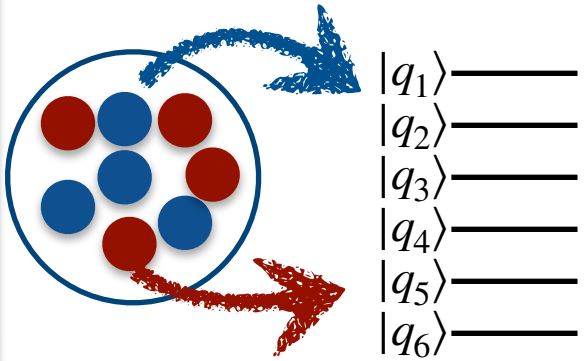
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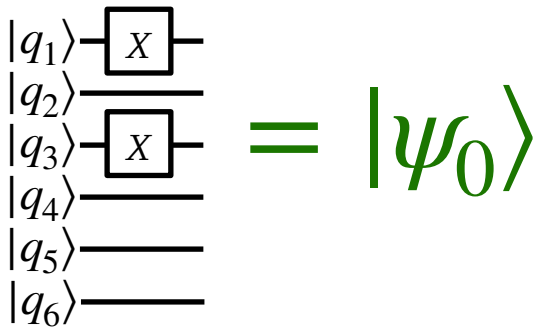
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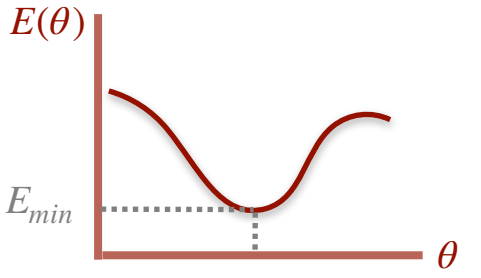


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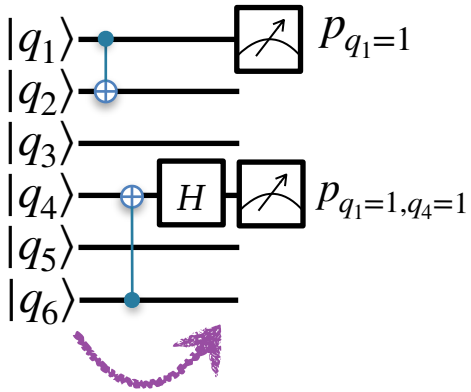
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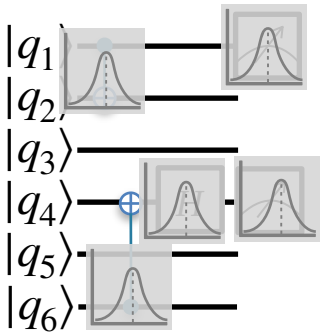
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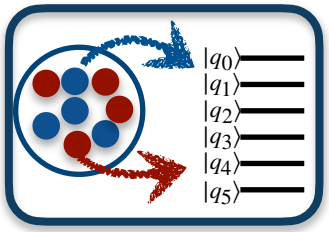
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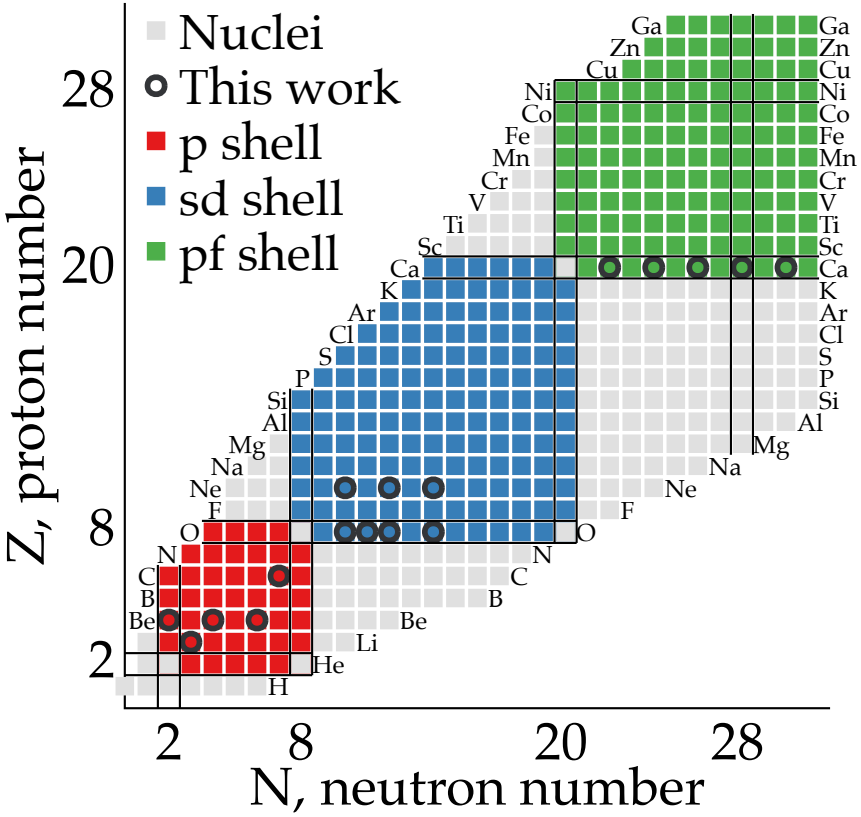


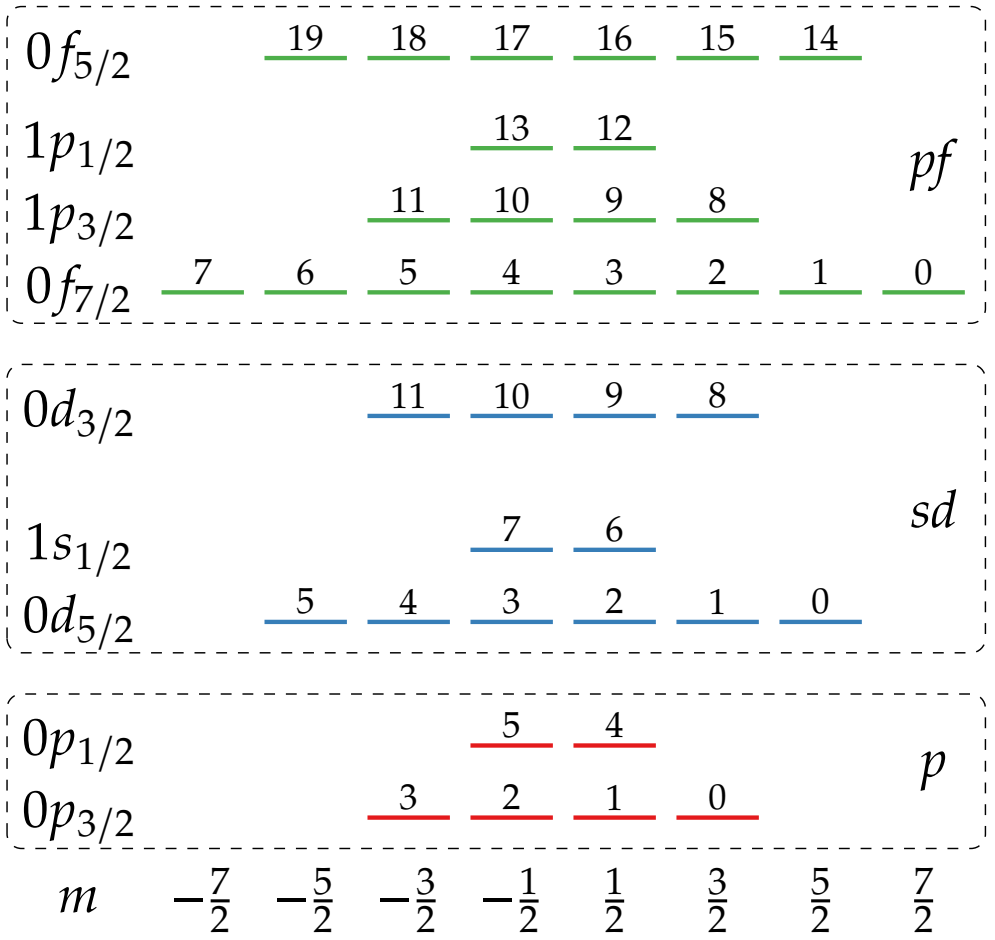
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Jordan-Wigner mapping

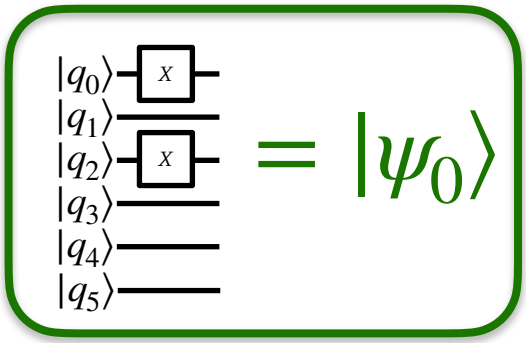


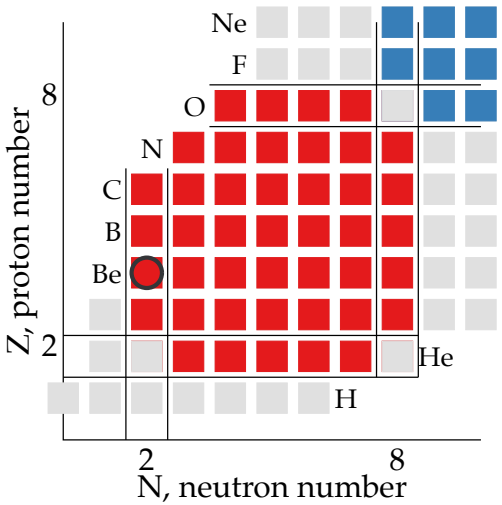
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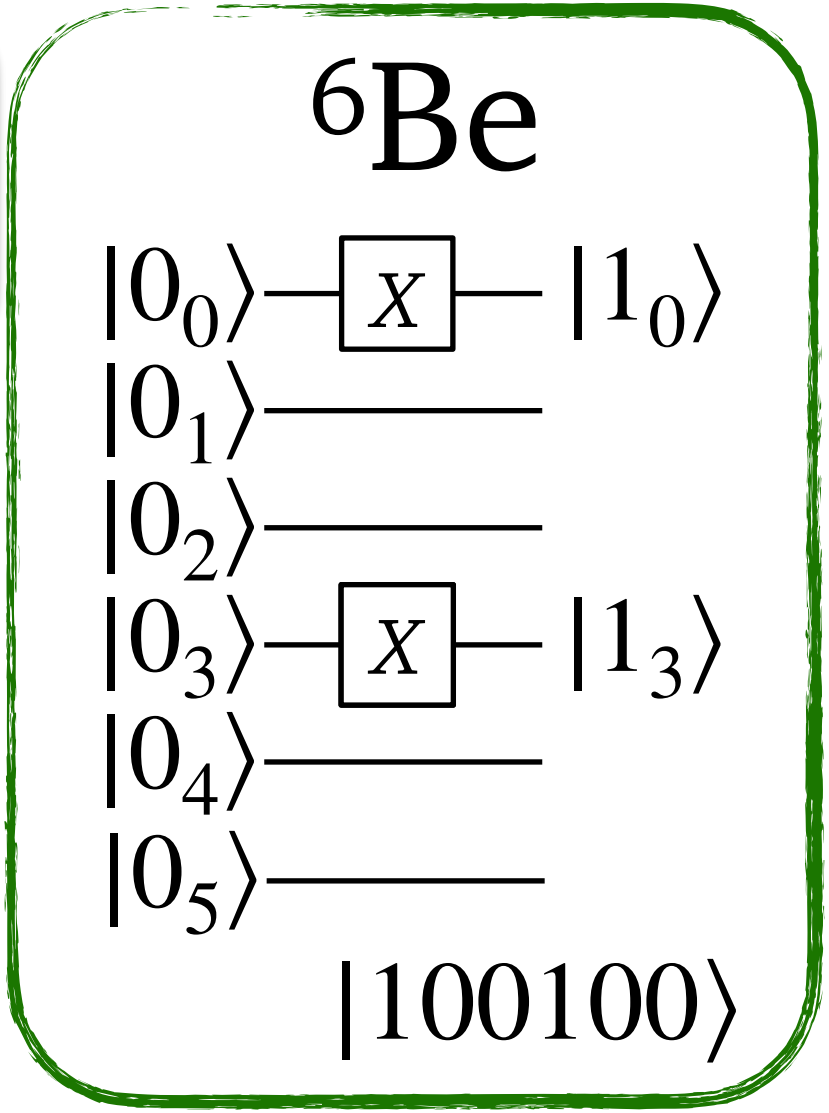


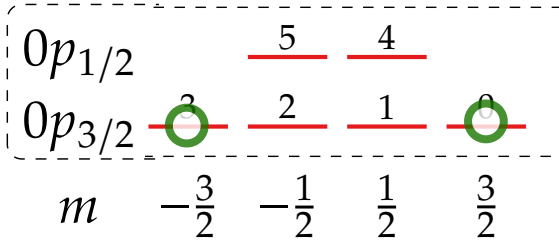


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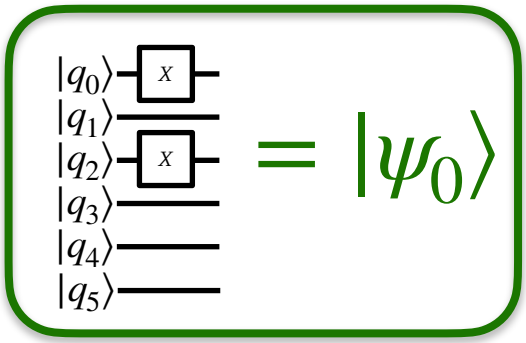


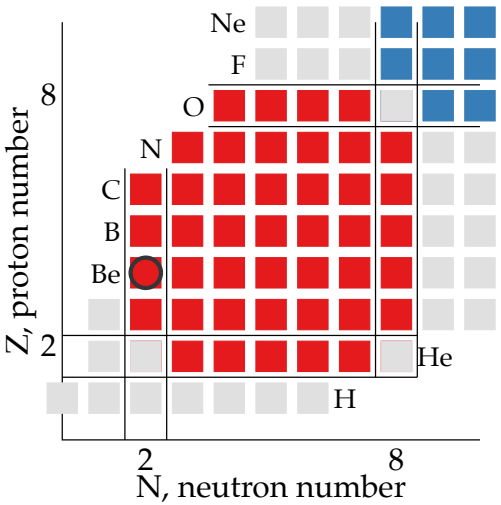


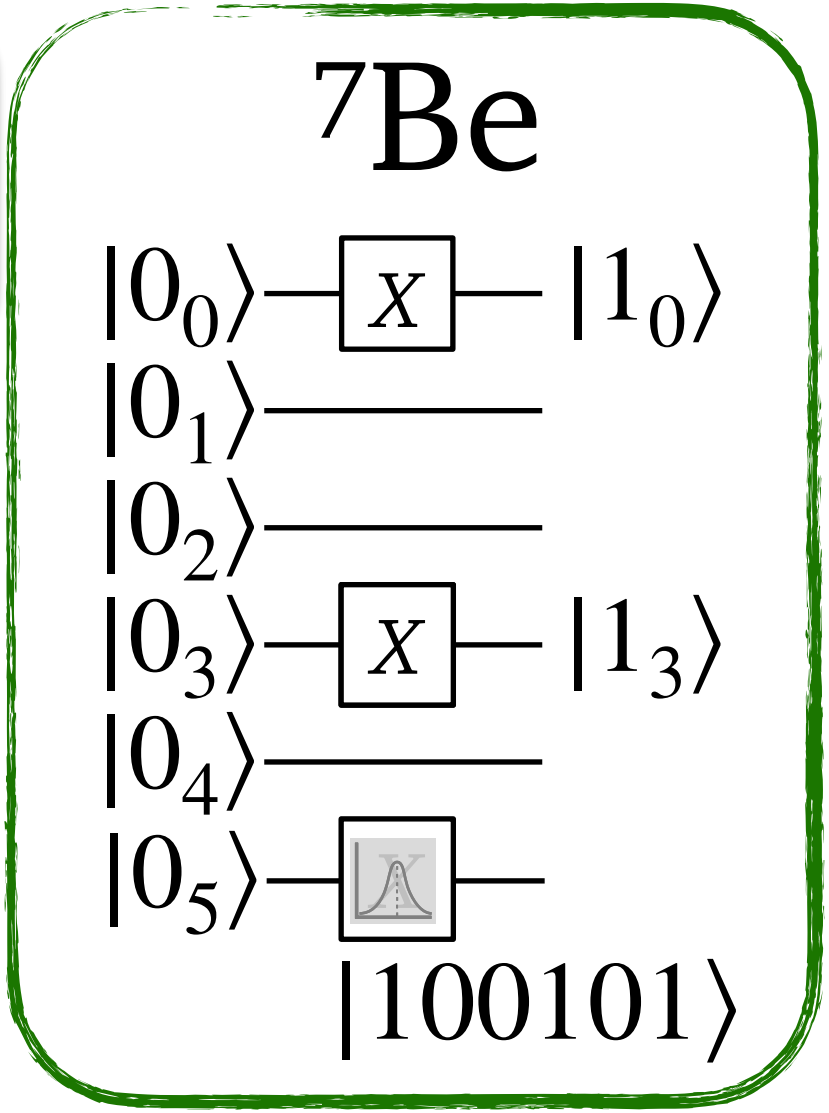


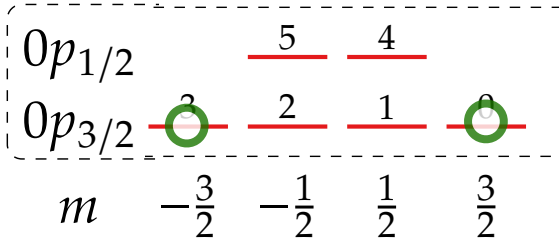
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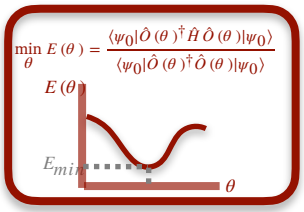






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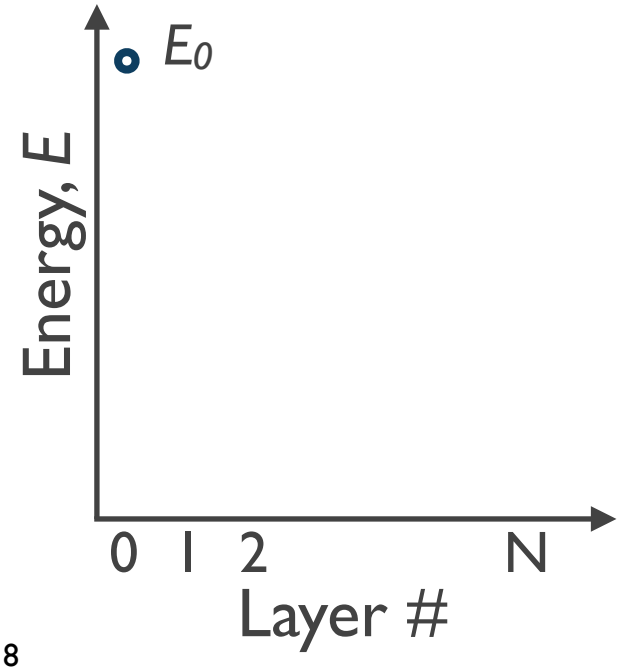
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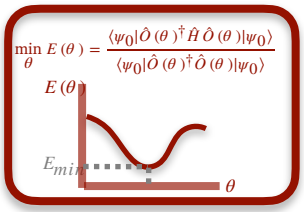
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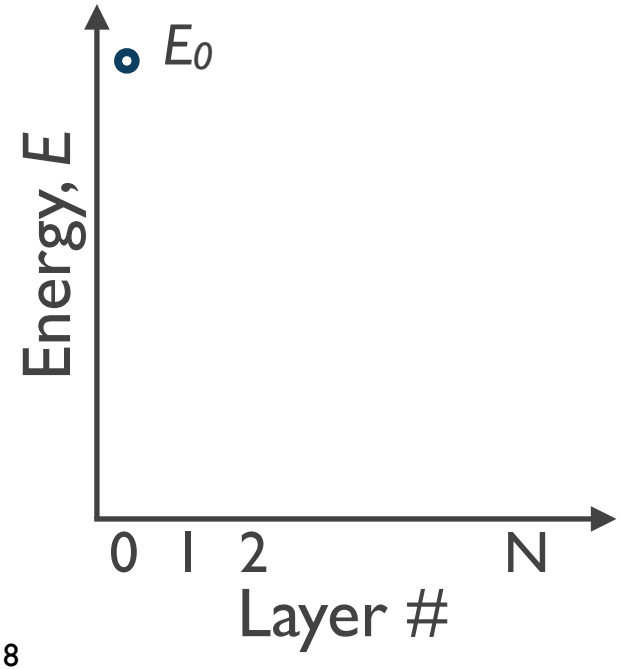
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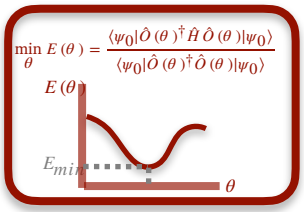
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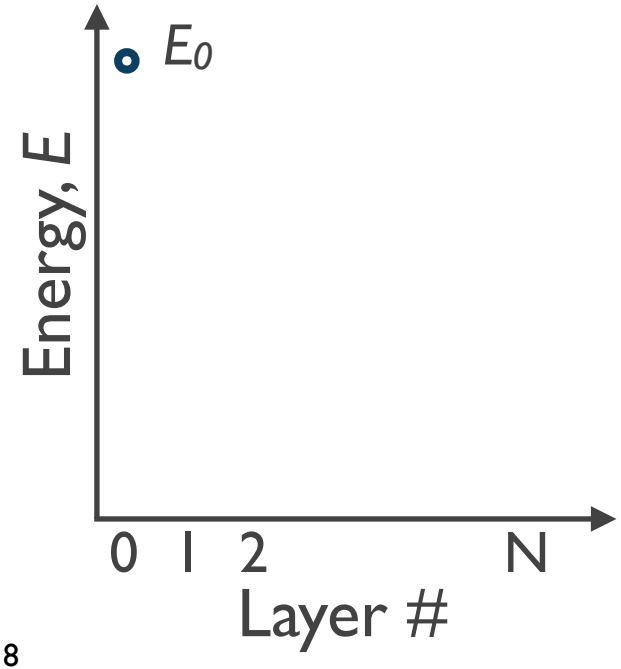


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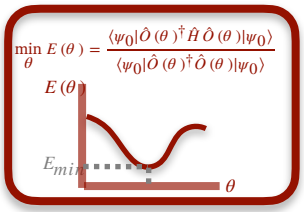
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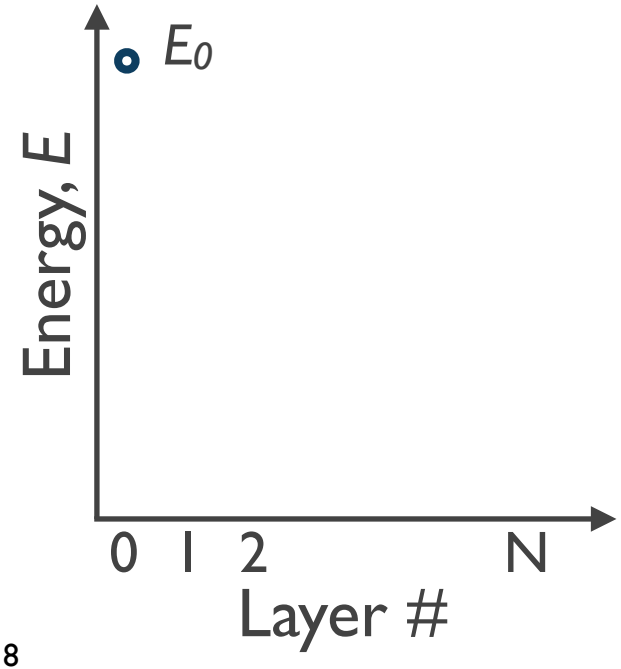


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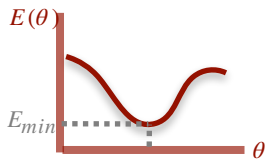
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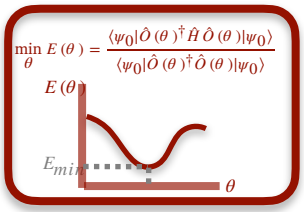
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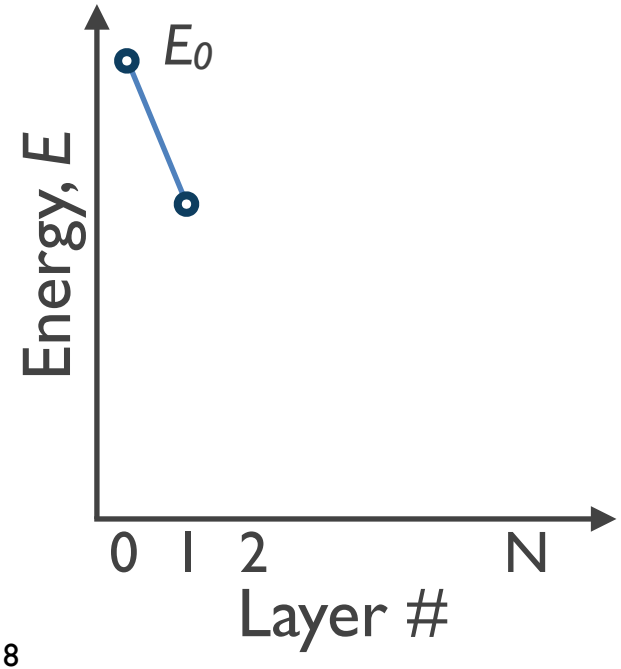


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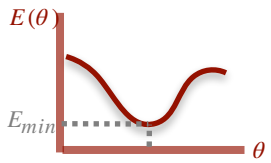
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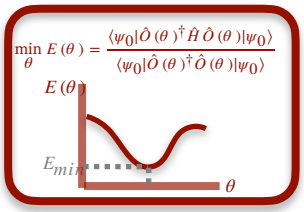
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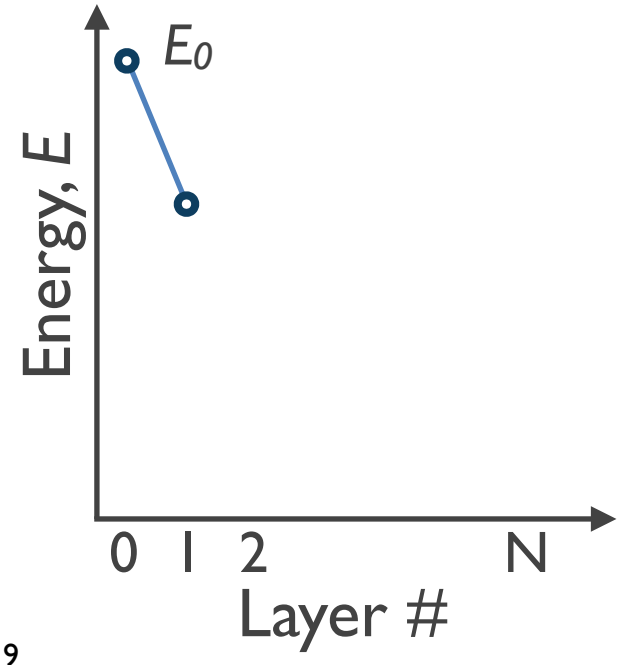


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1. Ansatz

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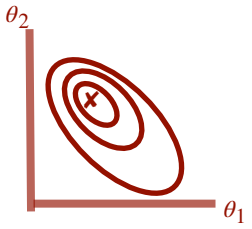
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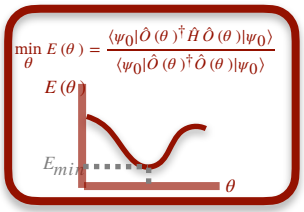
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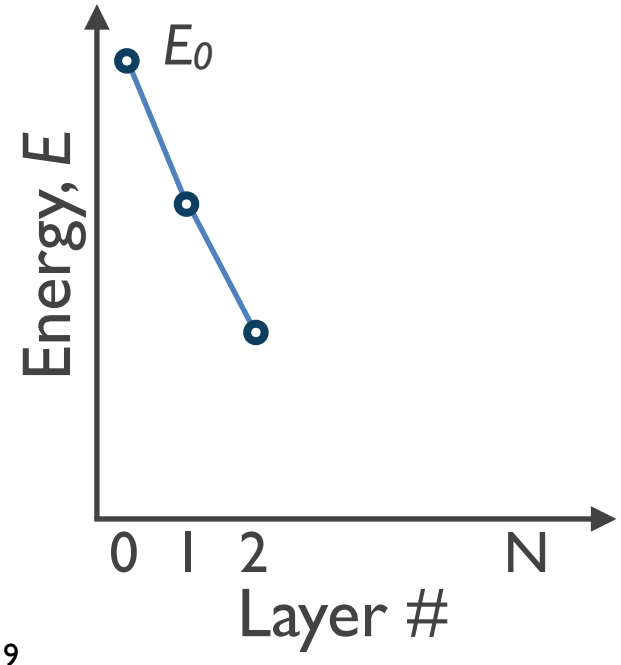


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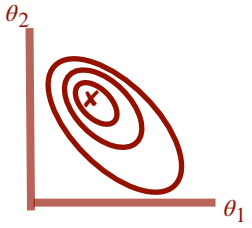
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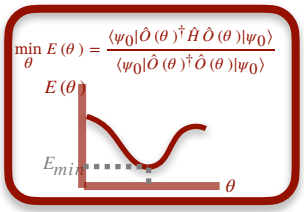
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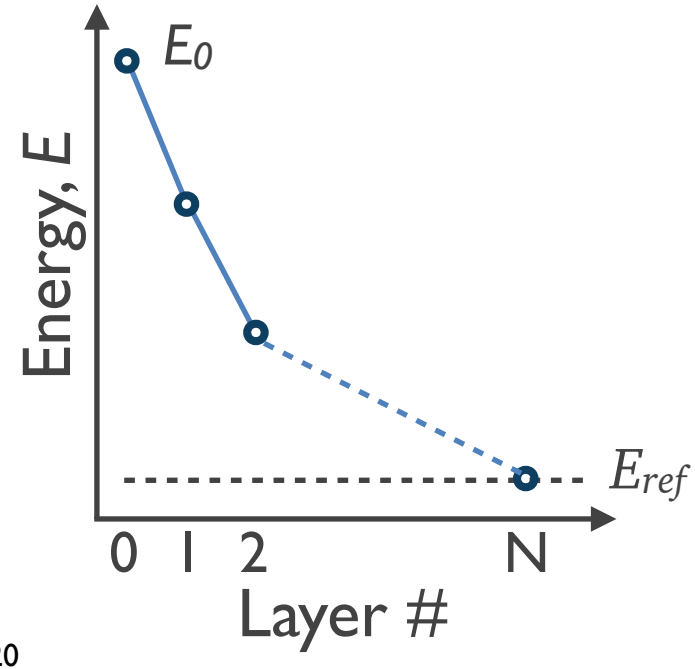


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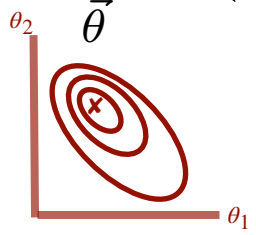
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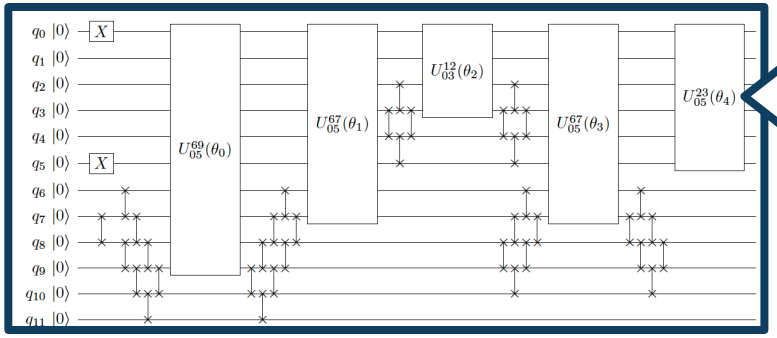
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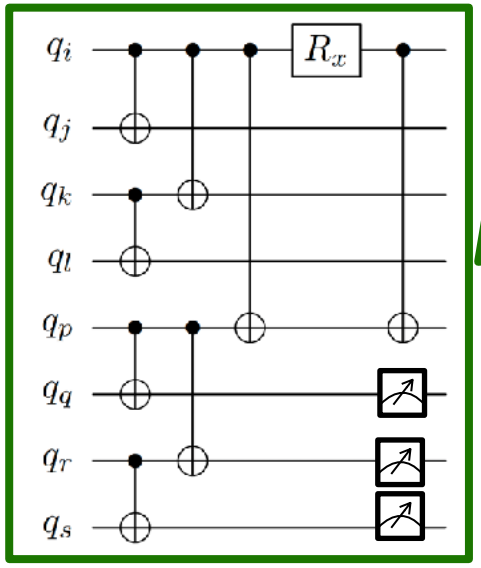
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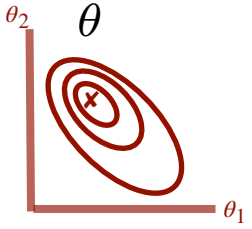


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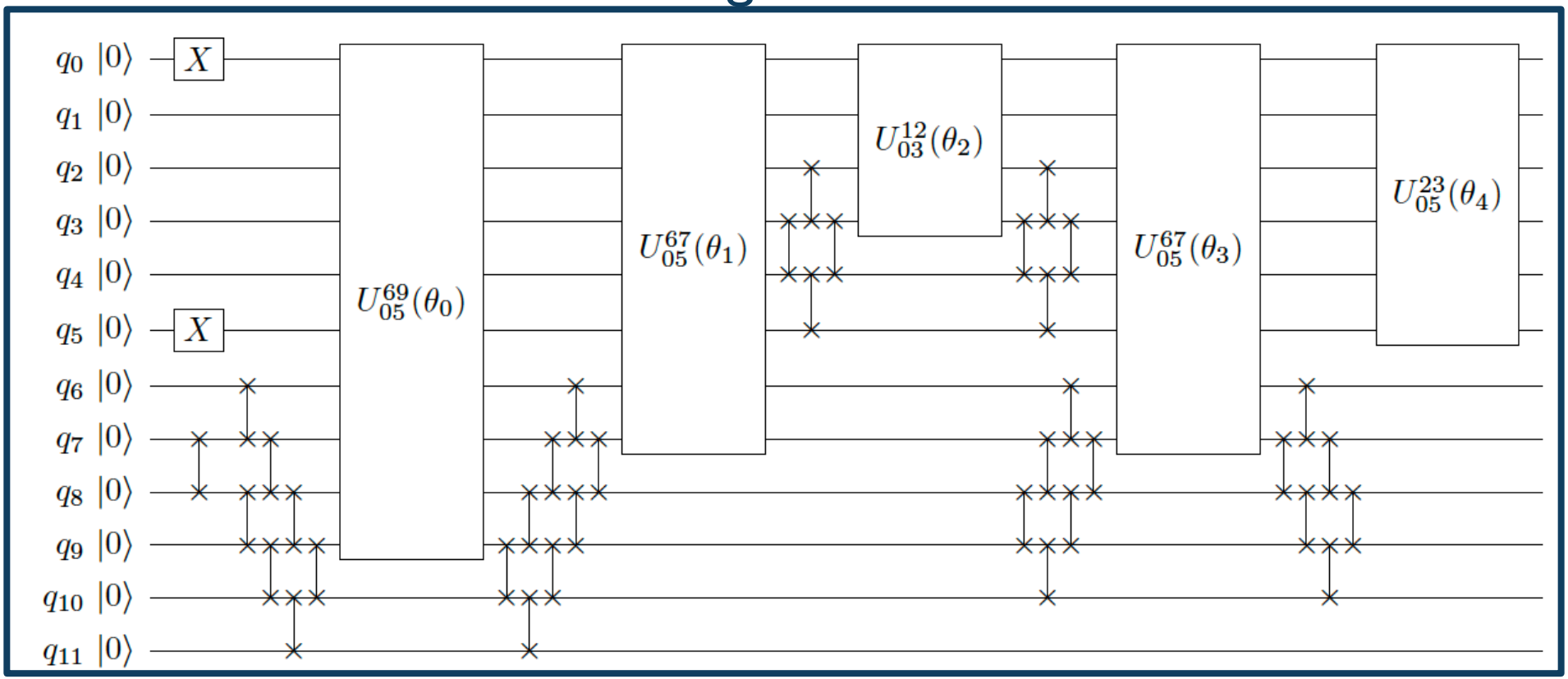



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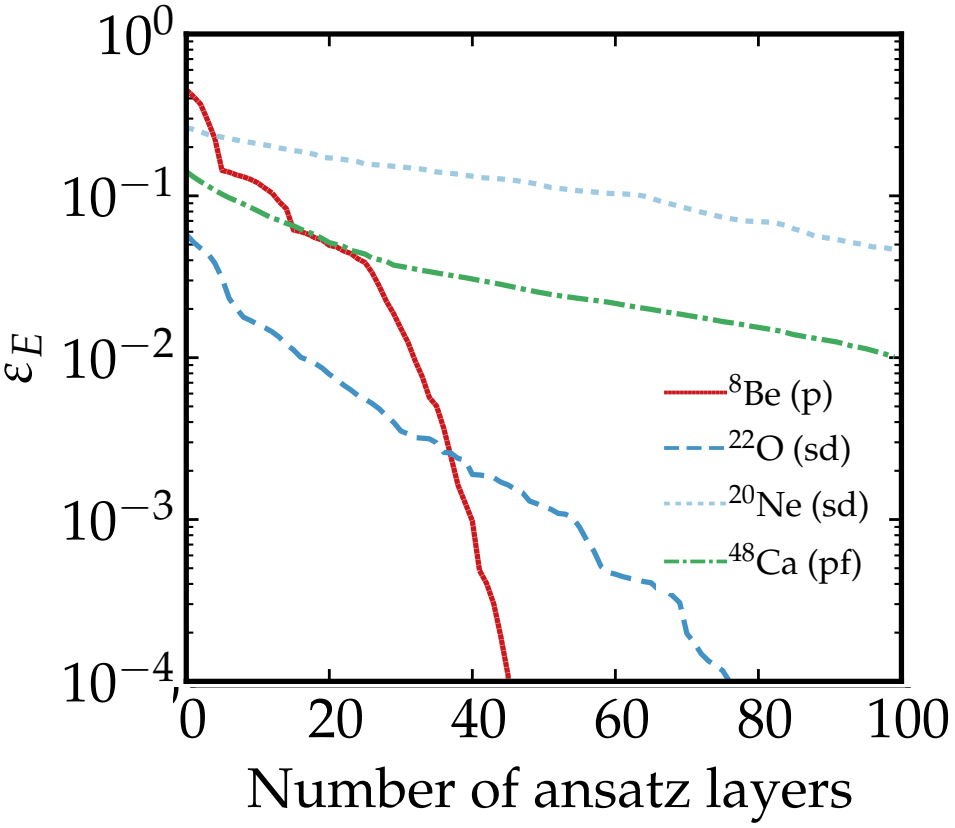
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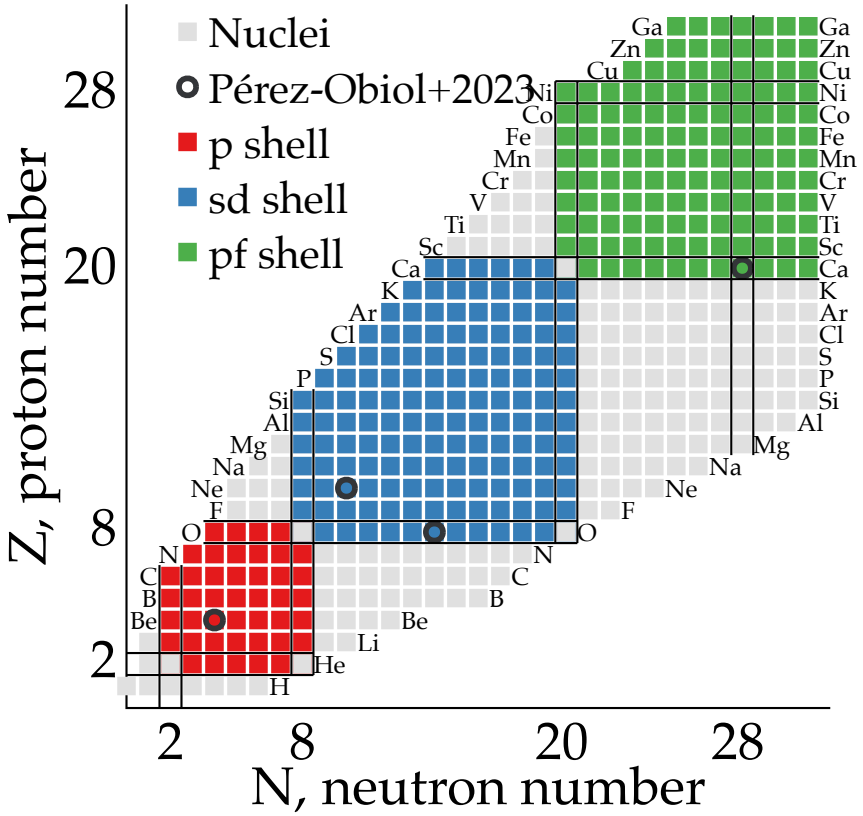


- 10^{-6} in energy with around 100 CNOTS/layer
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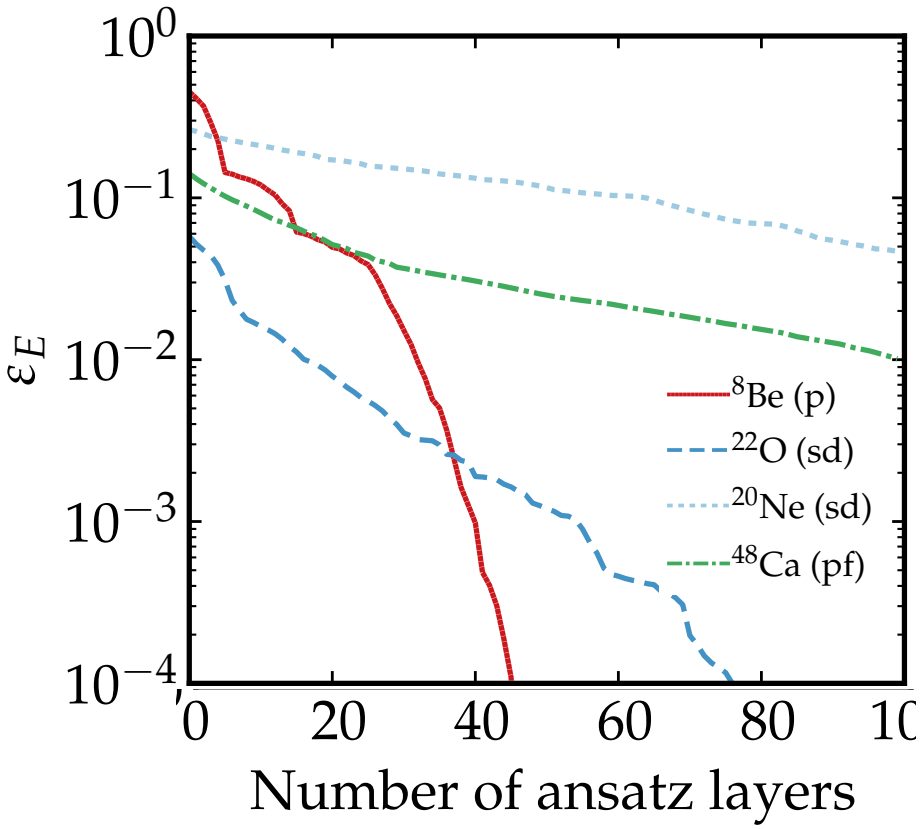


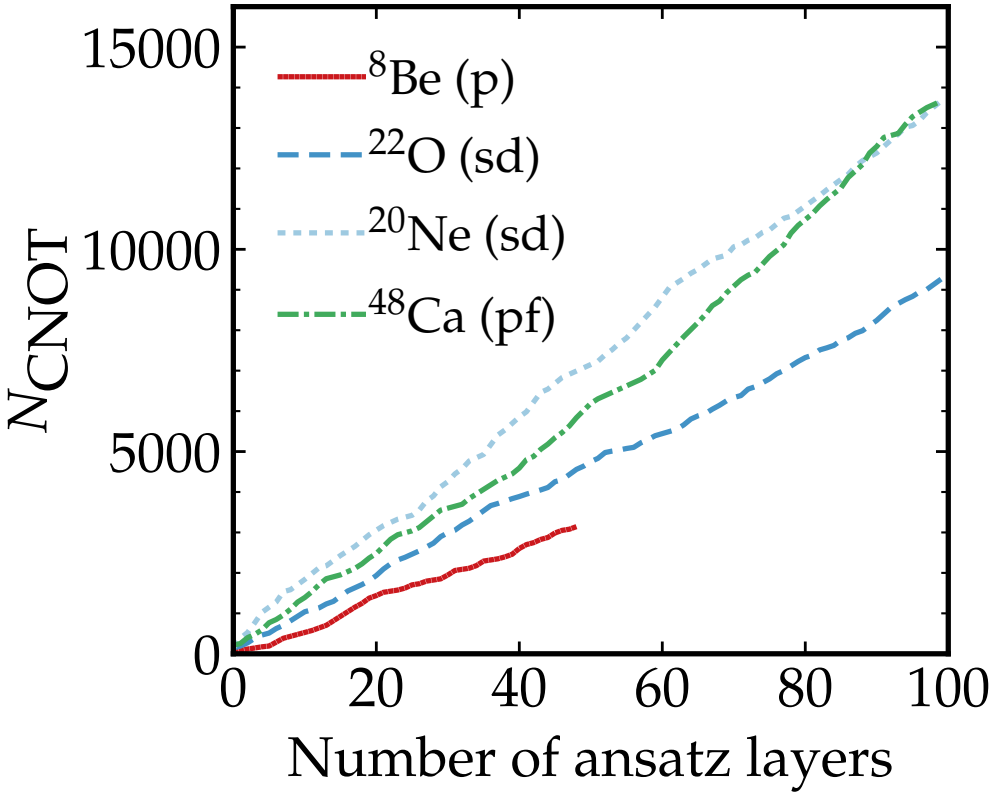
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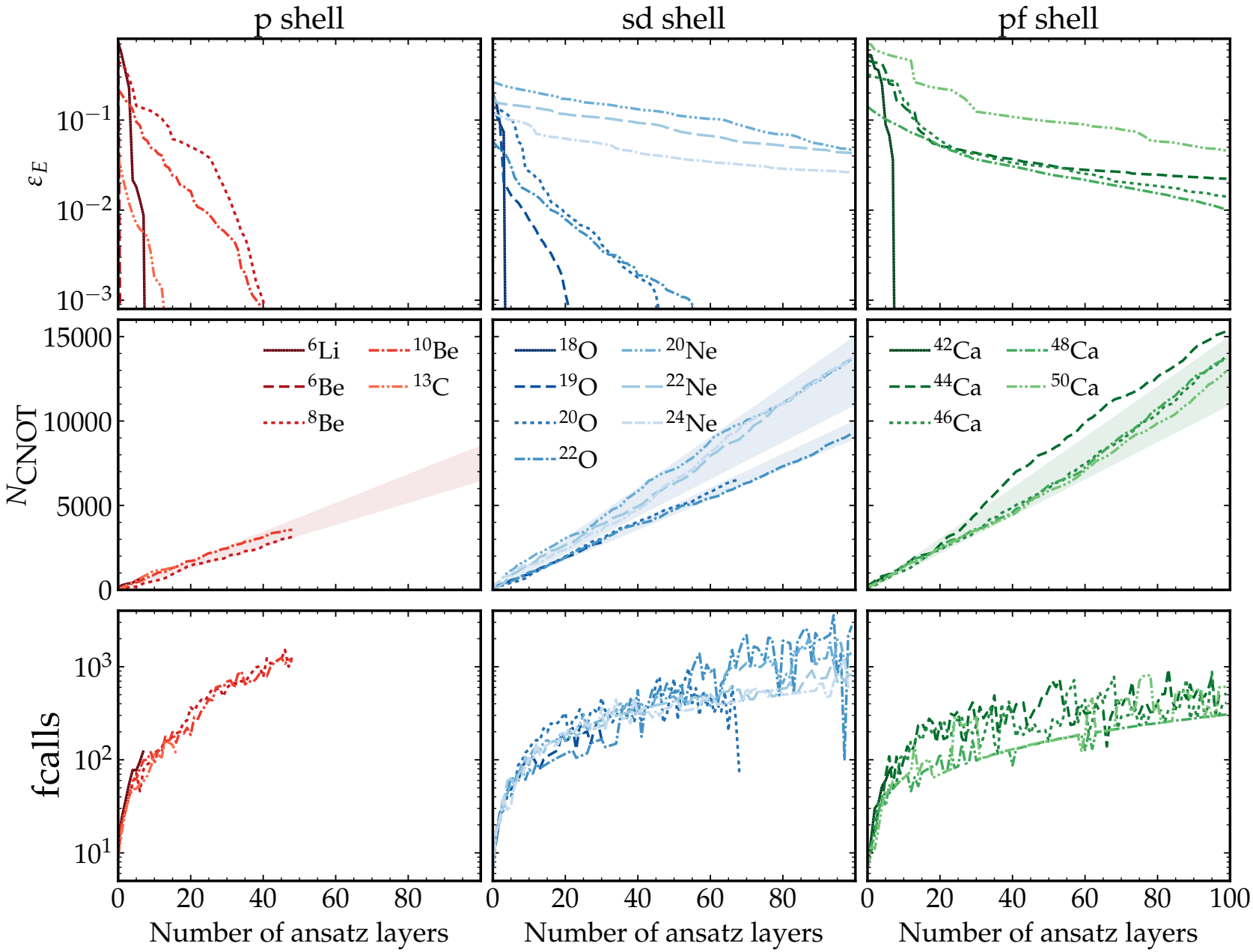
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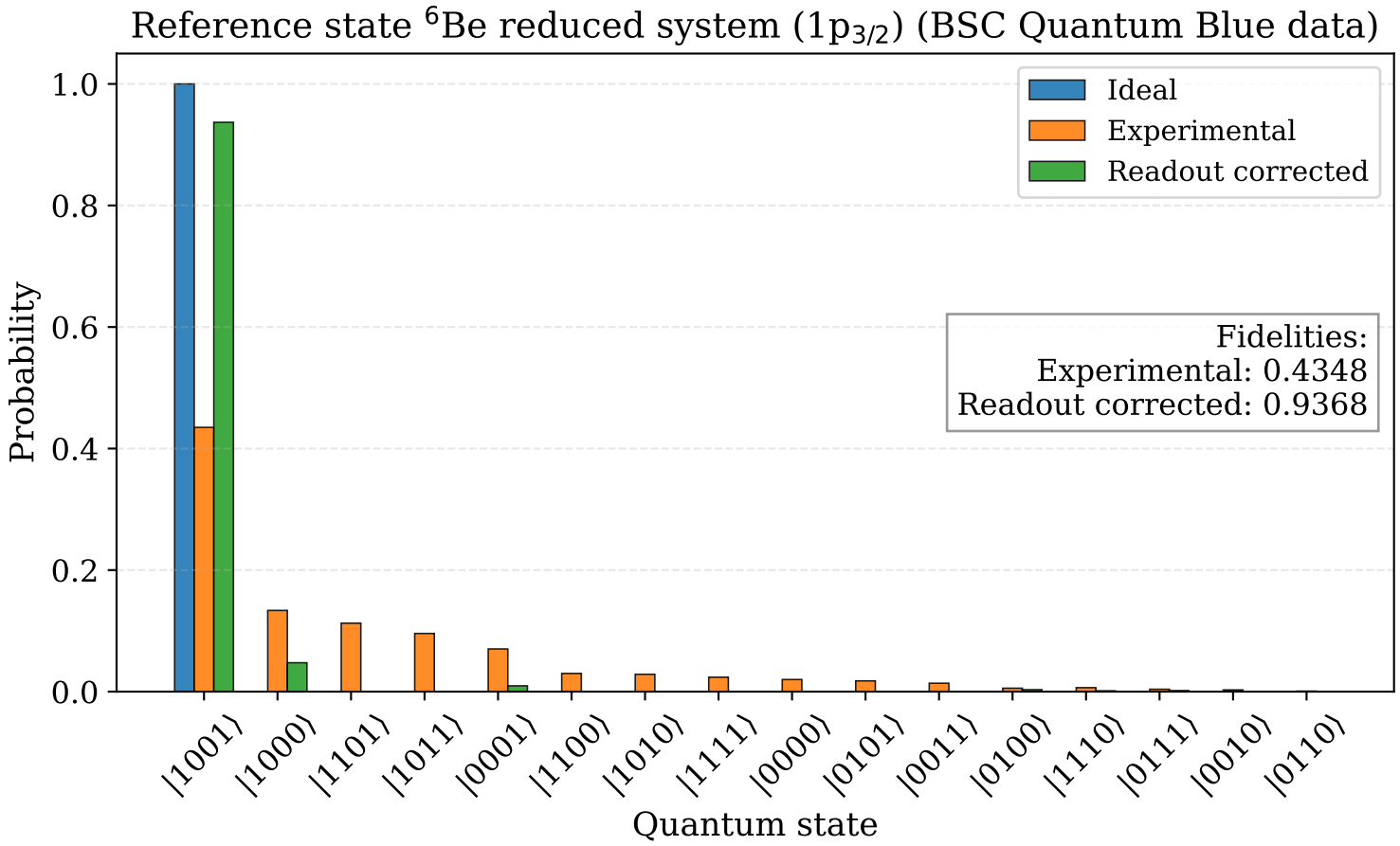
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Hardware runs



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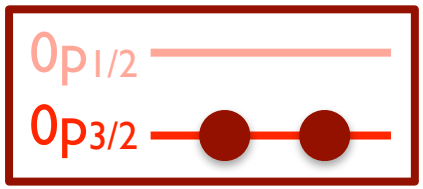
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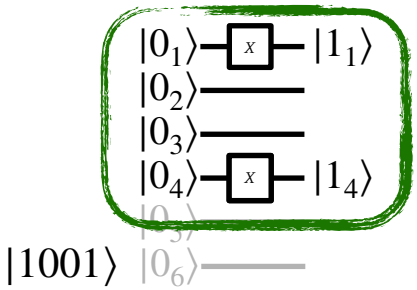


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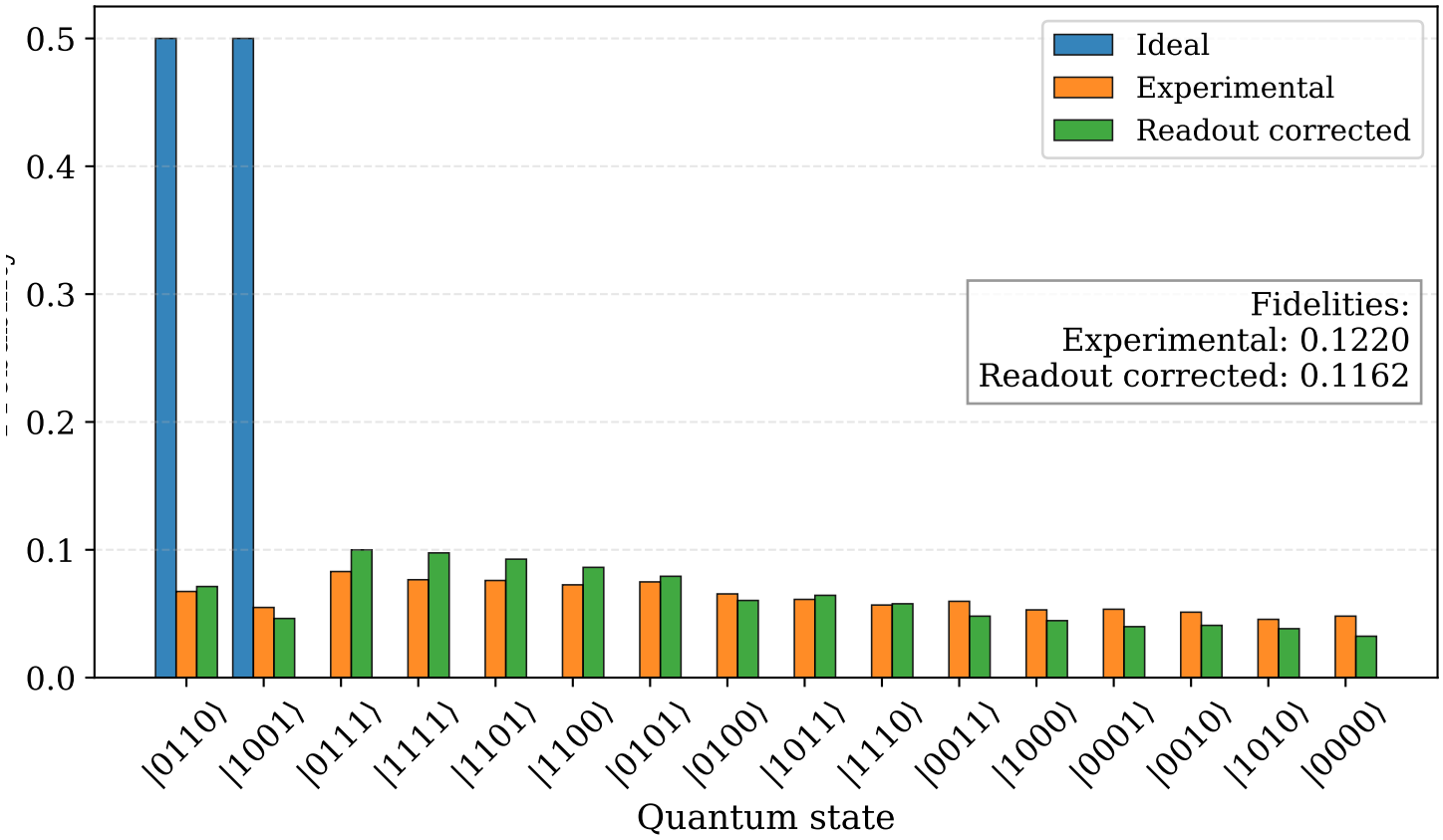
Valence space





Hardware runs

1 Layer ADAPT ^{6}Be reduced system ($1p_{3/2}$) opt. circuit (BSC Quantum Blue data



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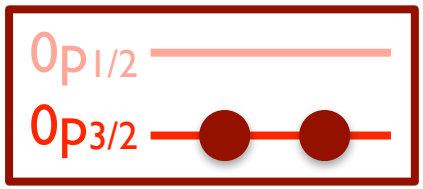
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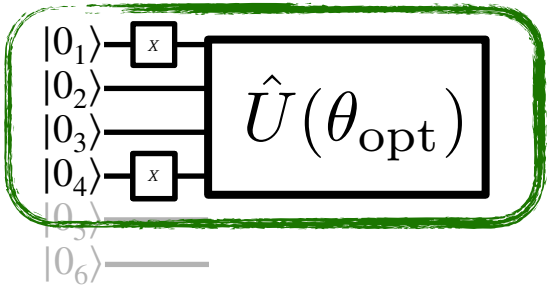


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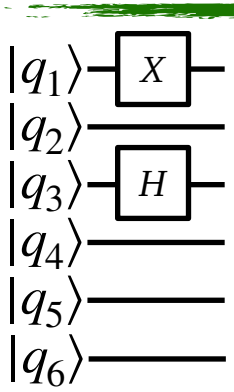
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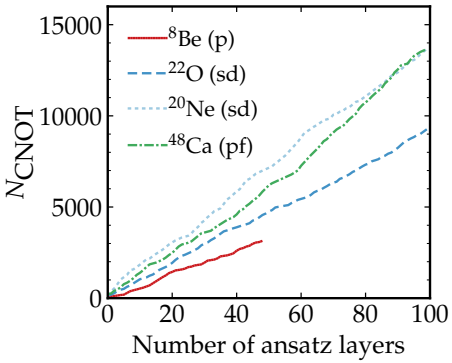
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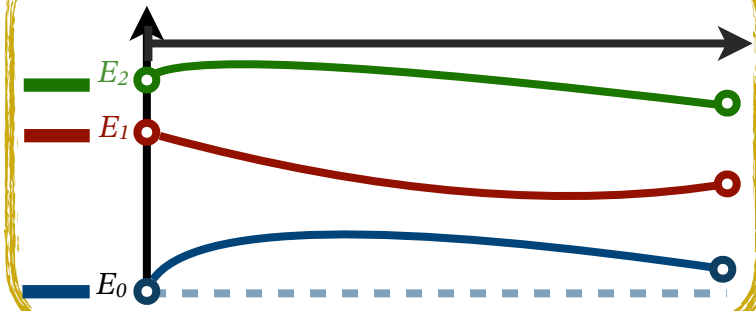
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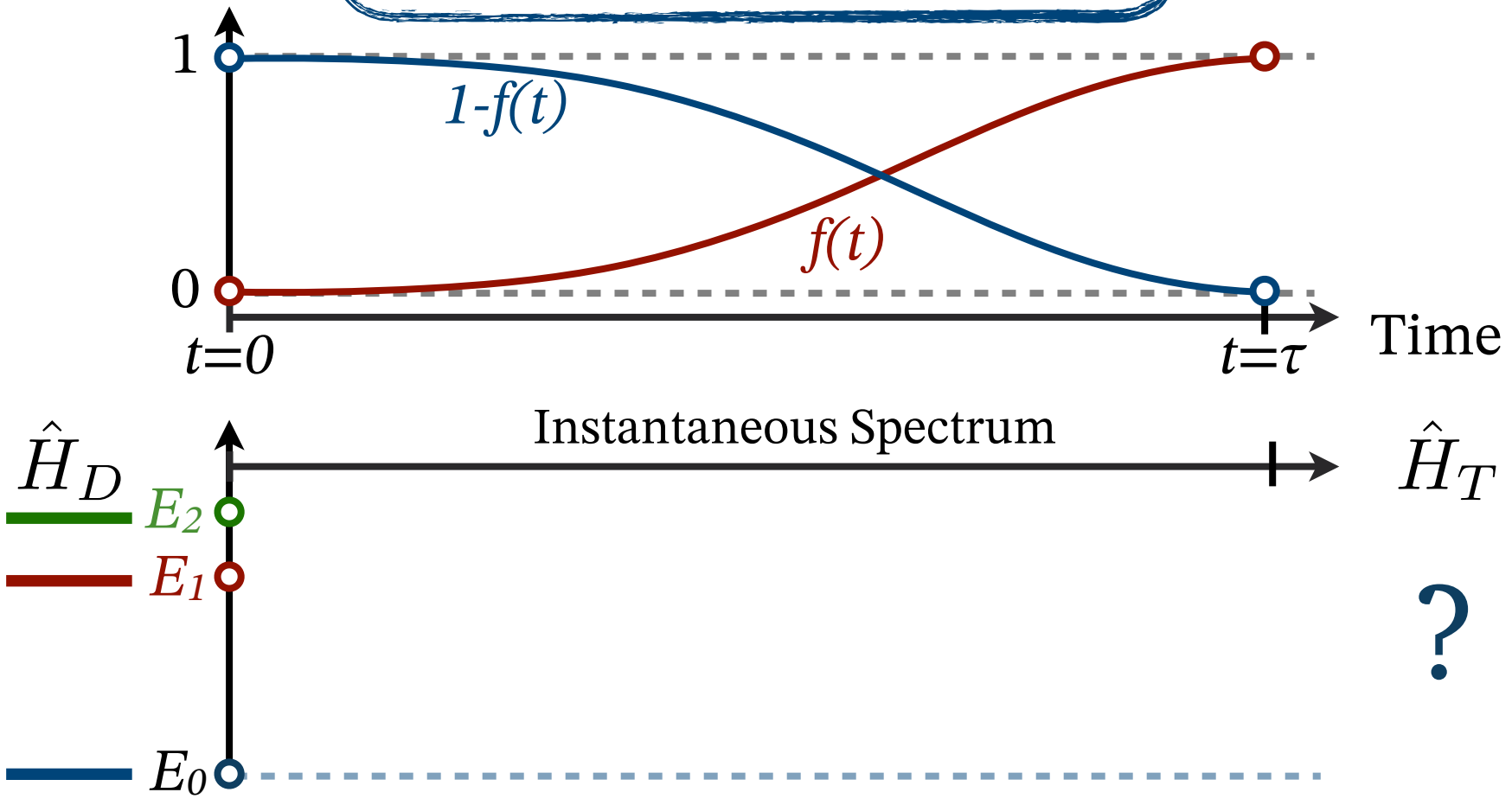


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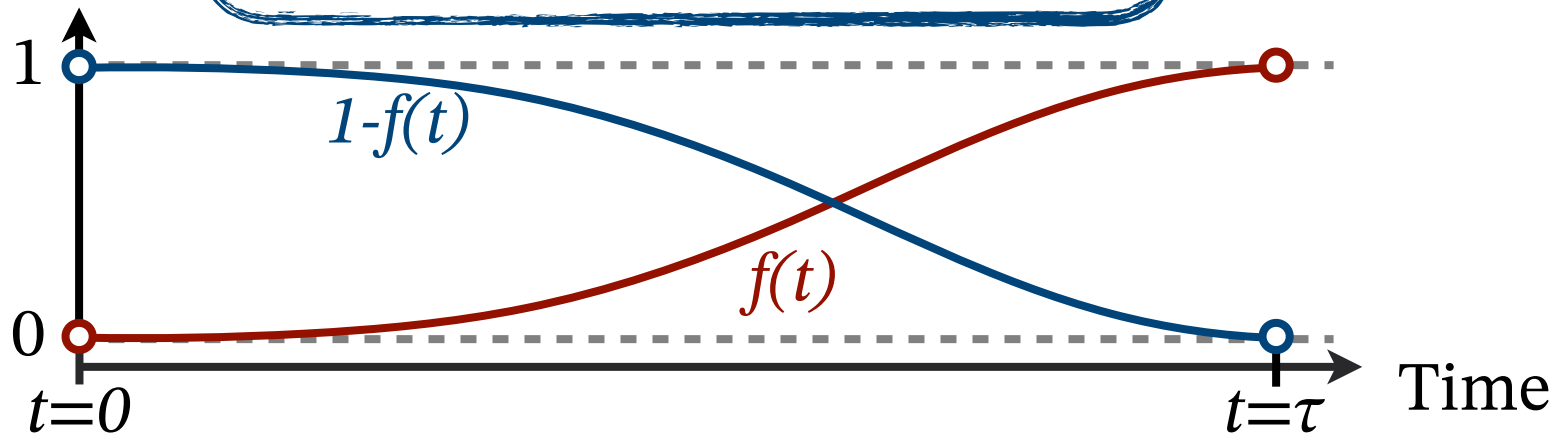
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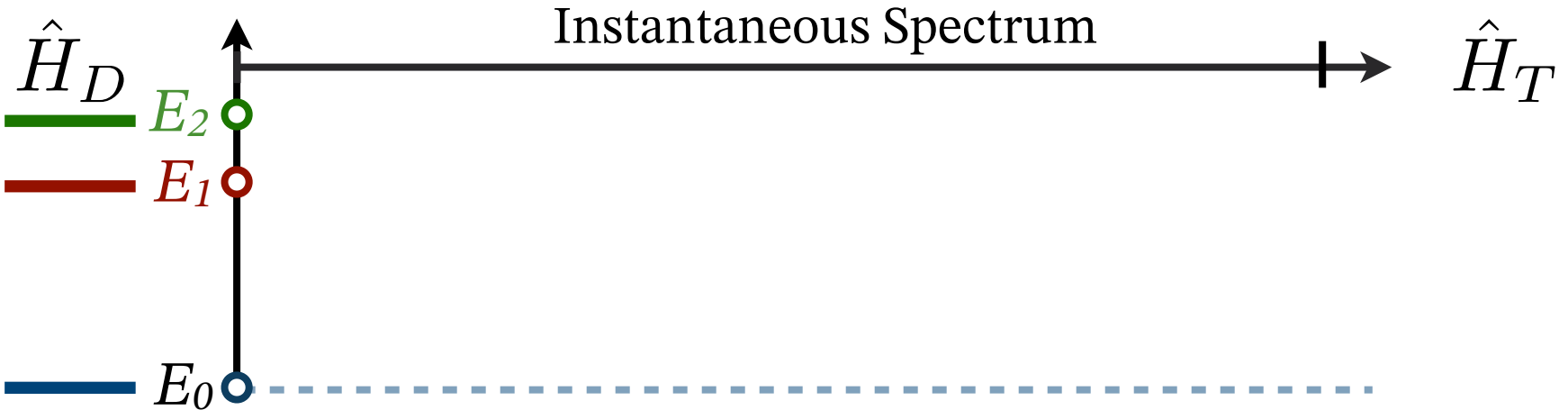
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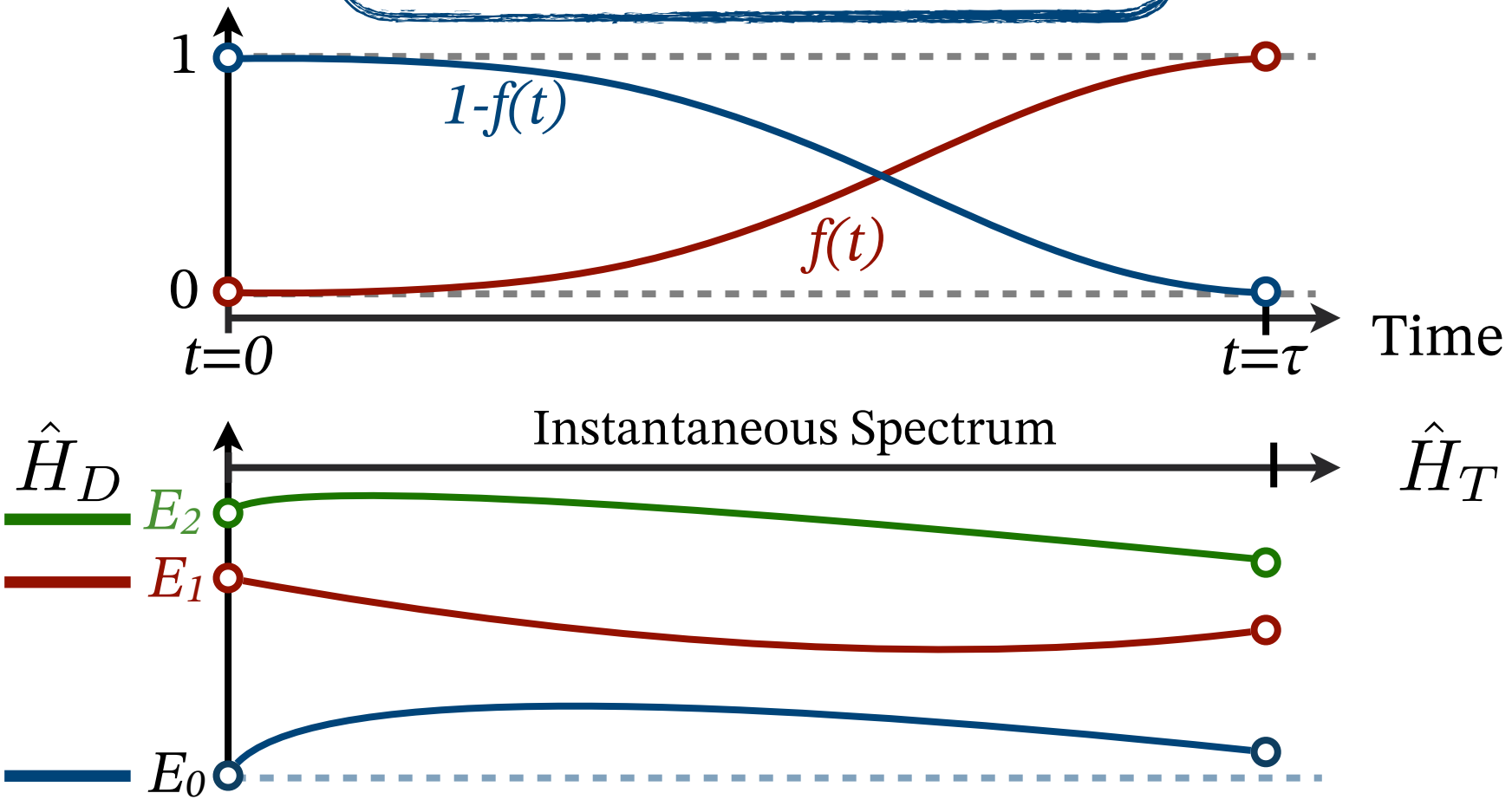
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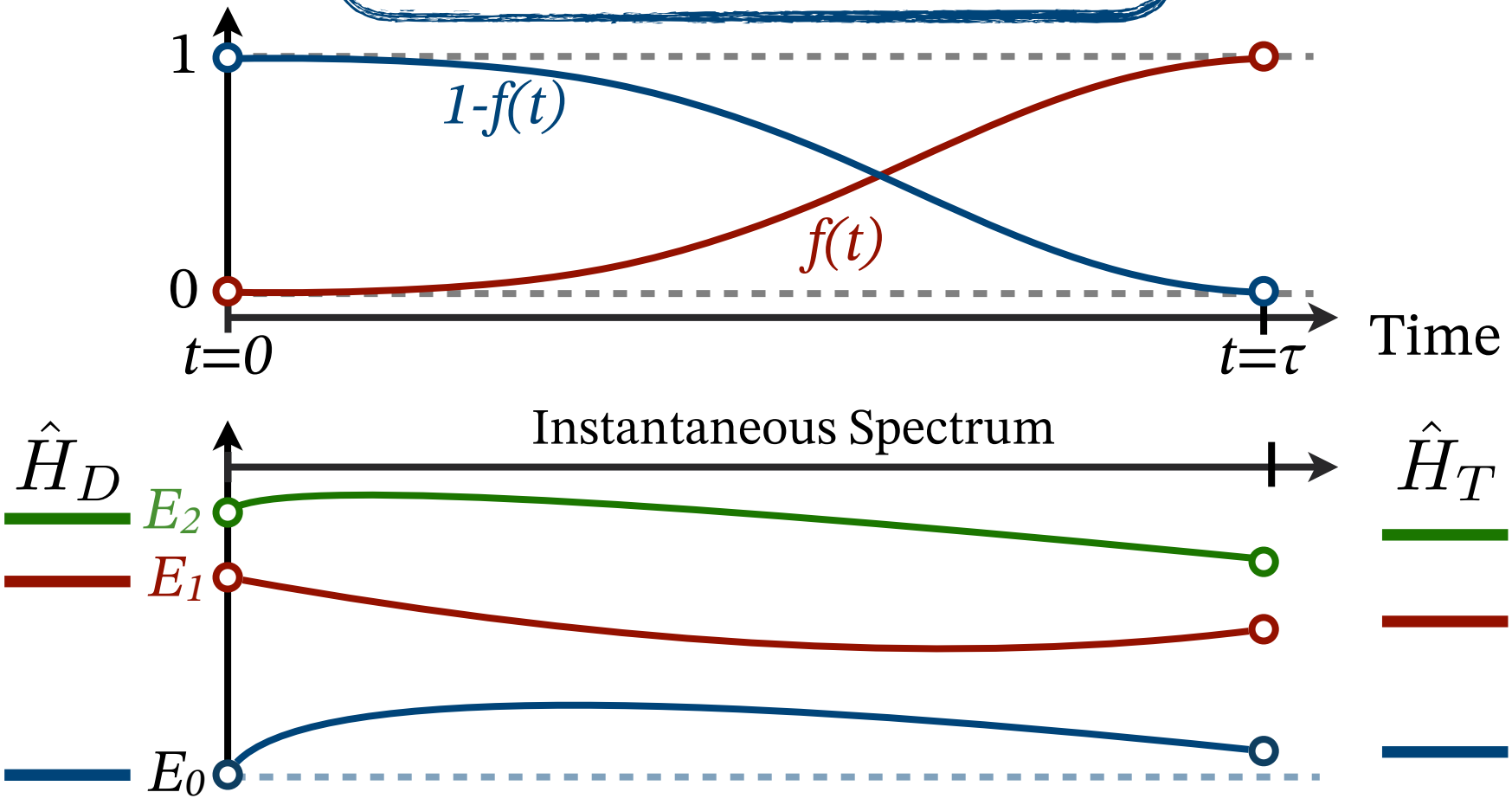
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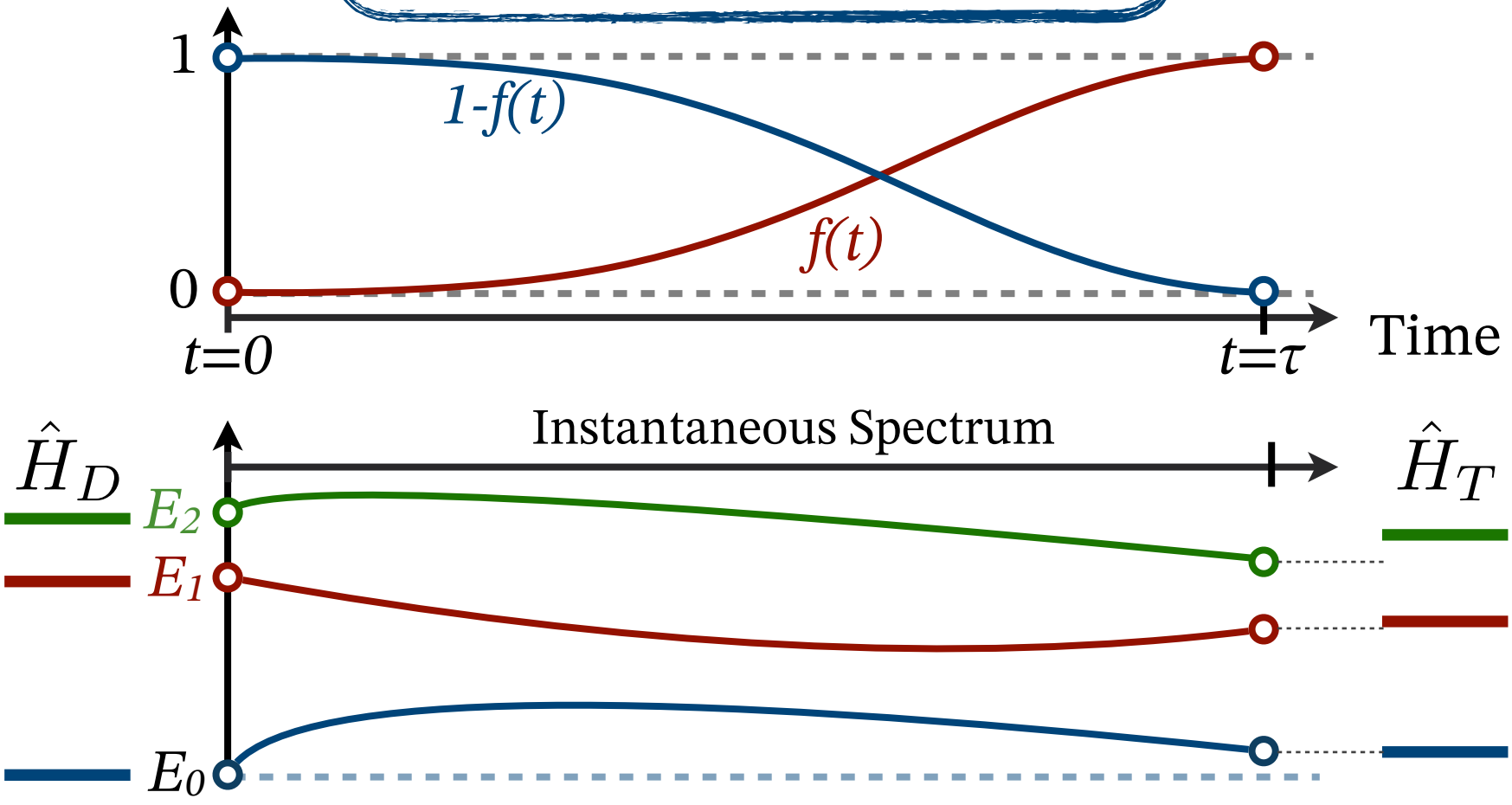
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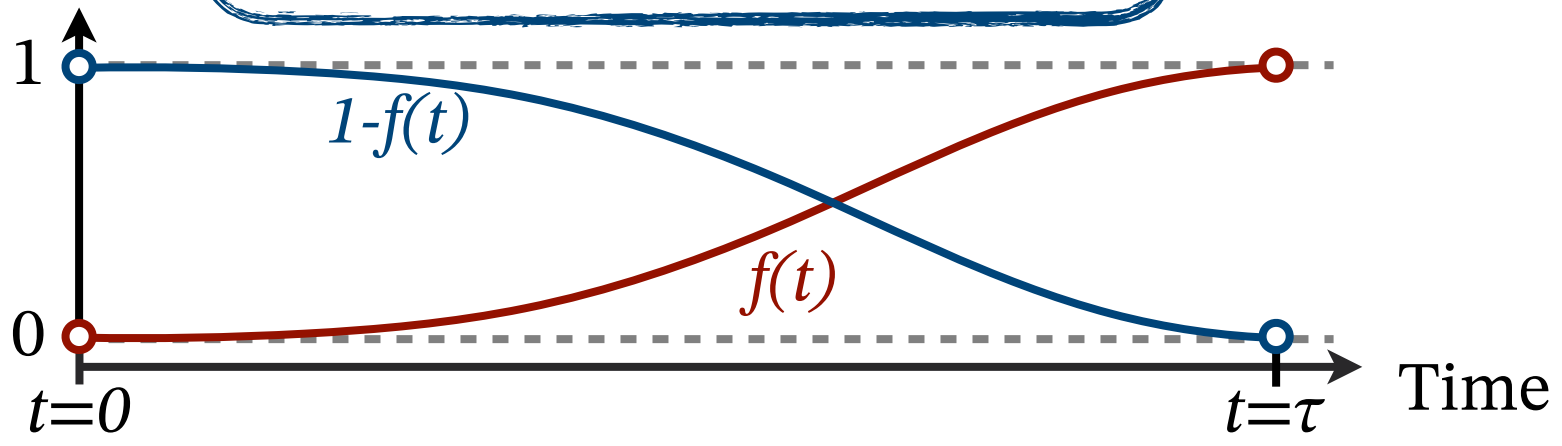
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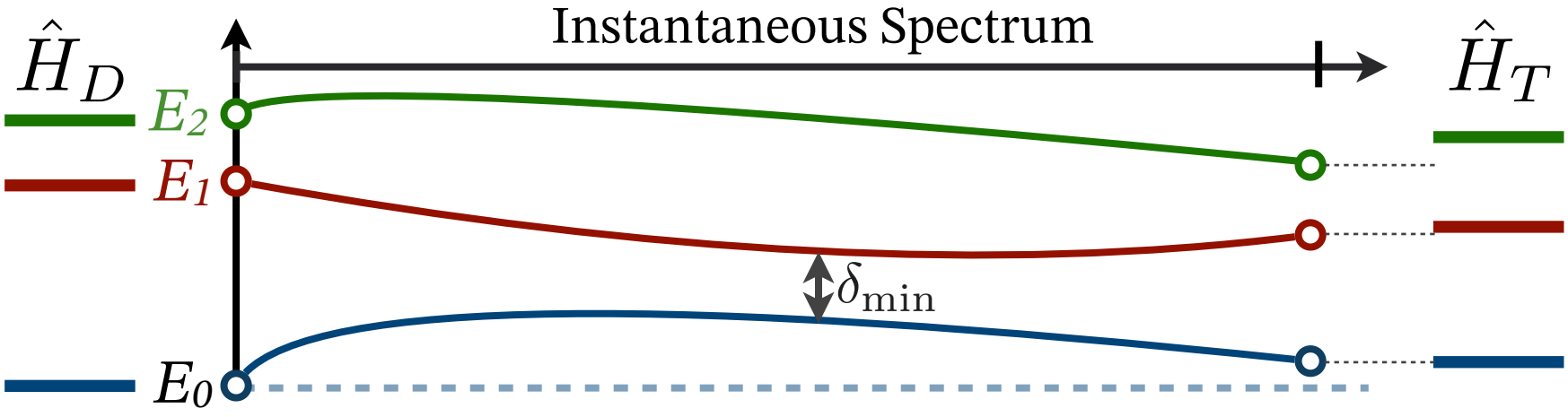
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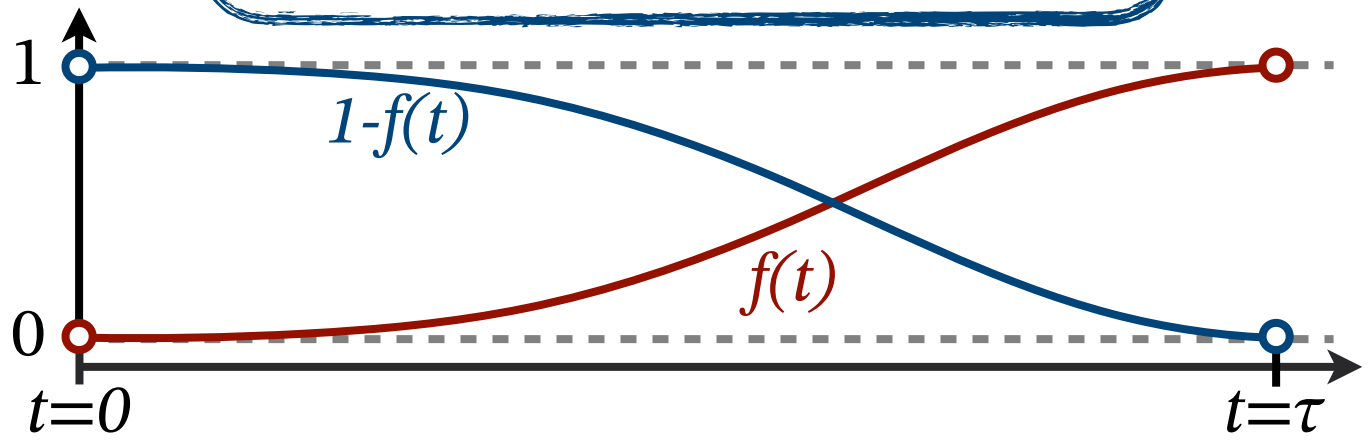
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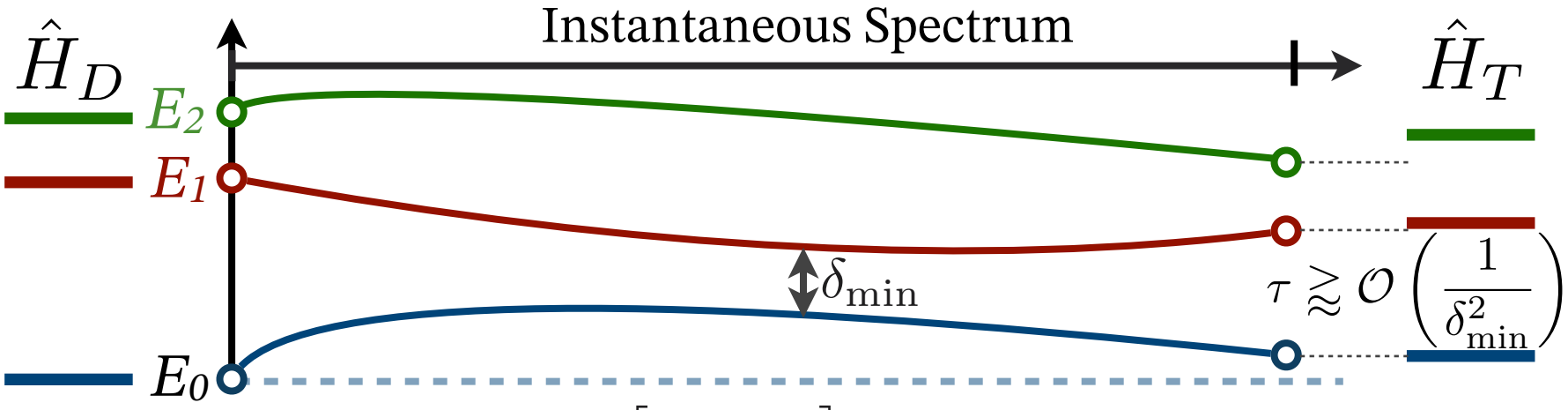
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Shell Model annealing algorithm

SciPost Physics Submission

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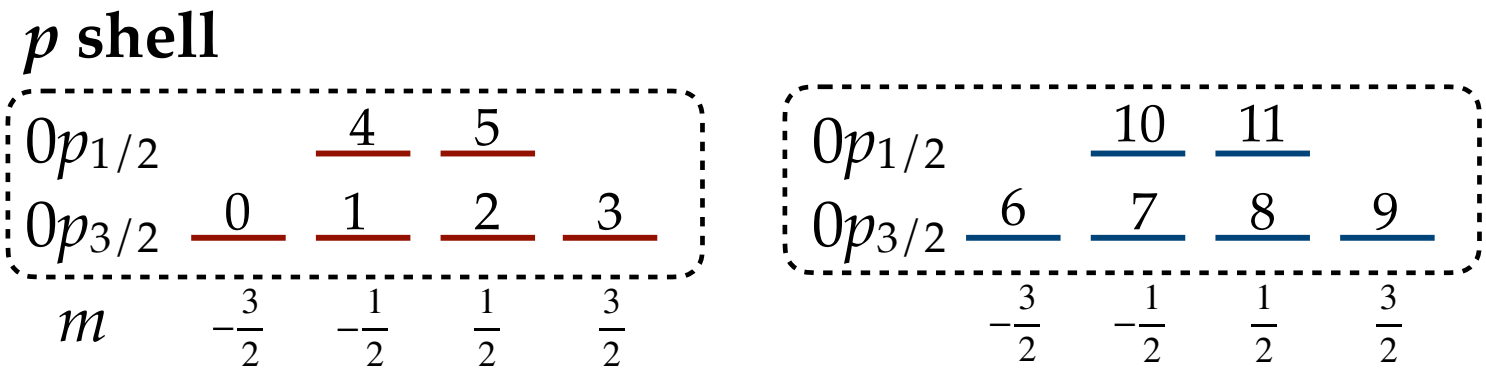
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- What is the gap?
- Can it be implemented?

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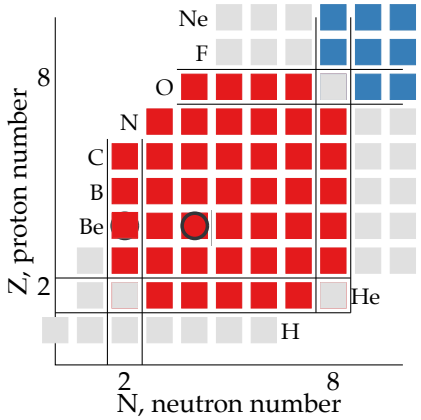
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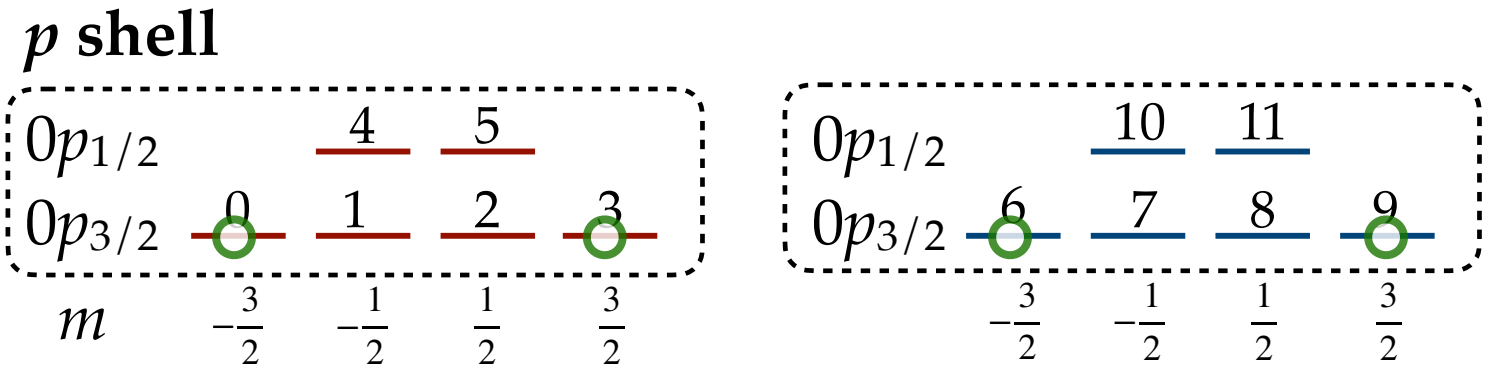


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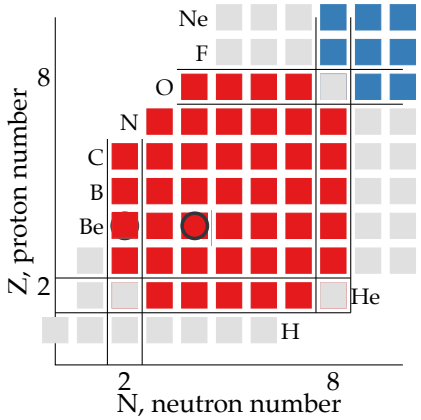
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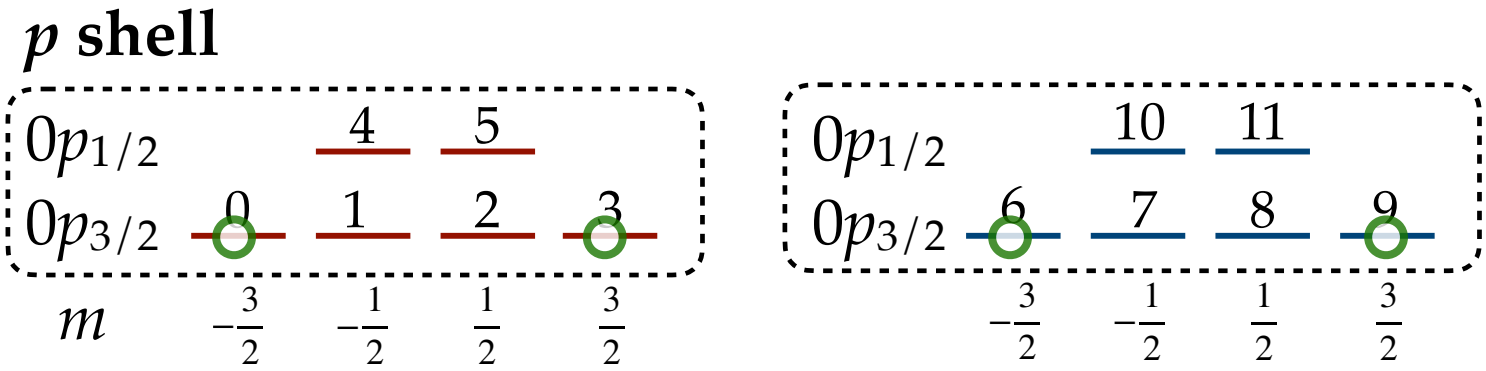
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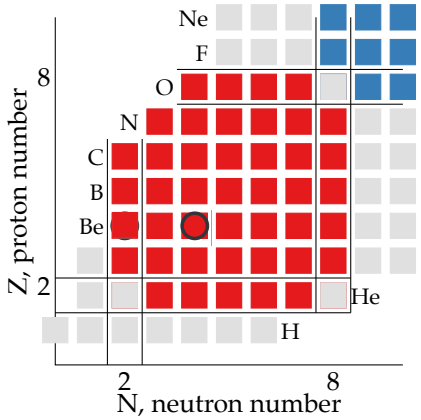
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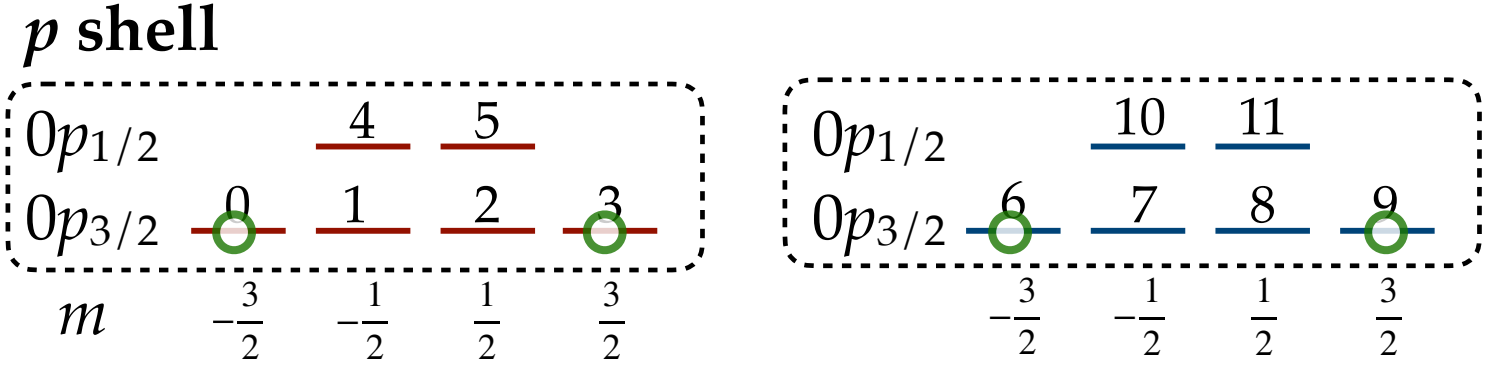
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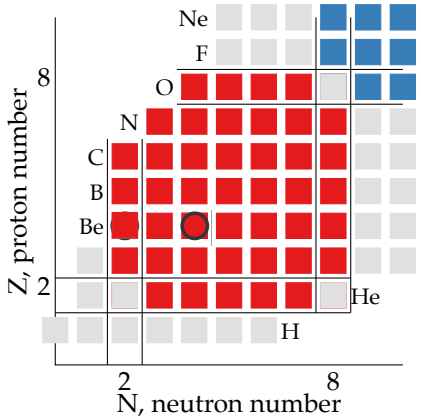


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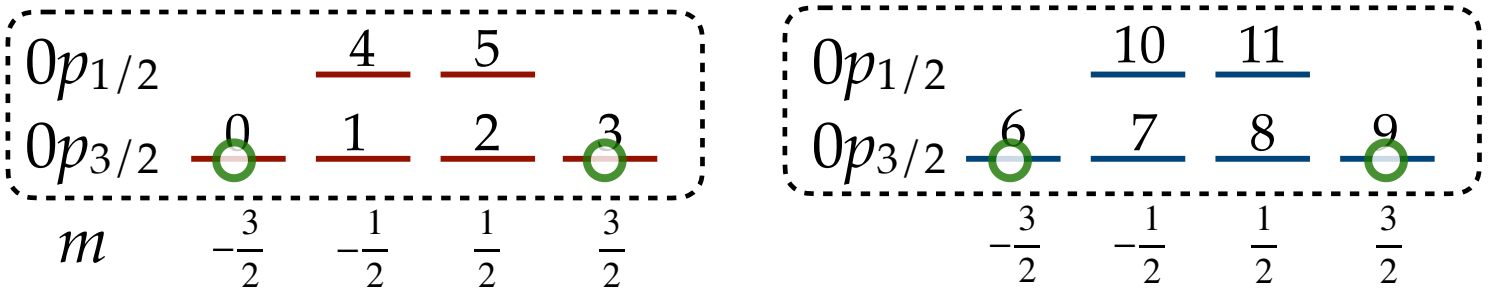
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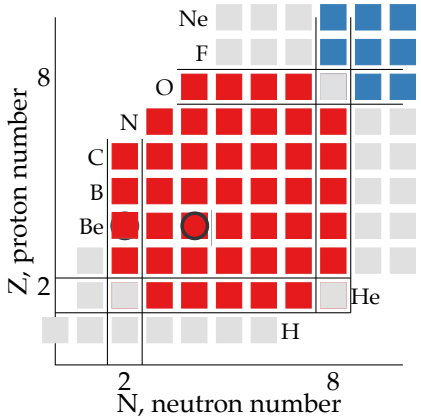


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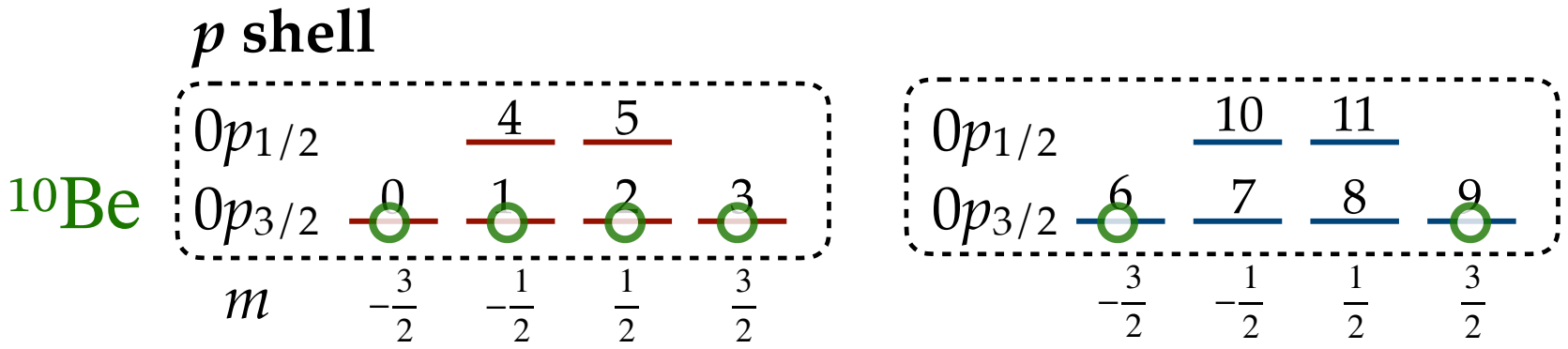
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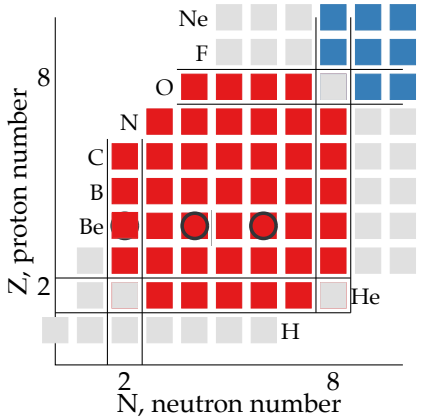


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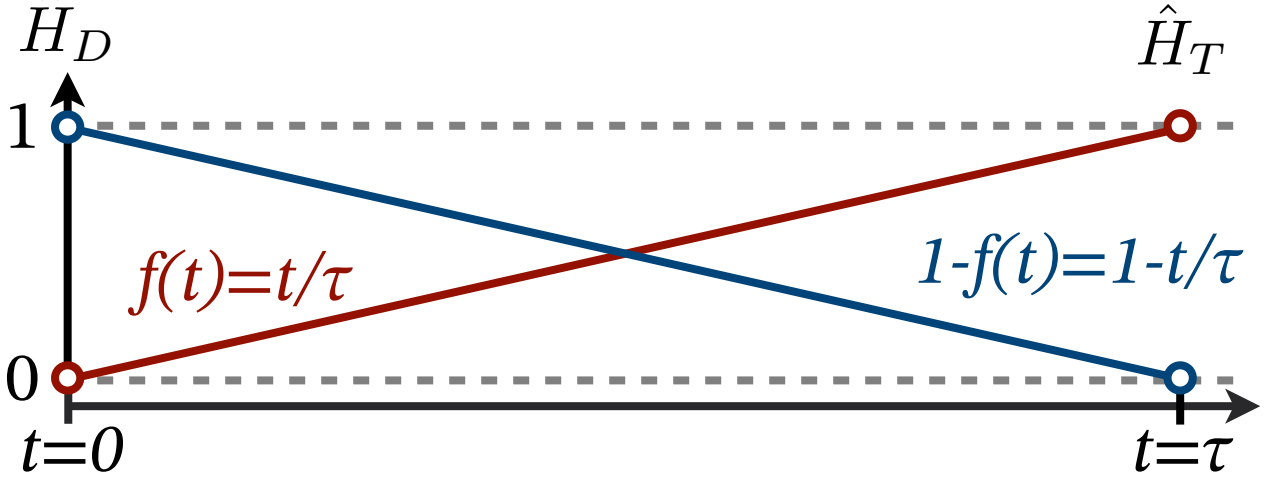


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Implementation

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



- Driver & target hamiltonians

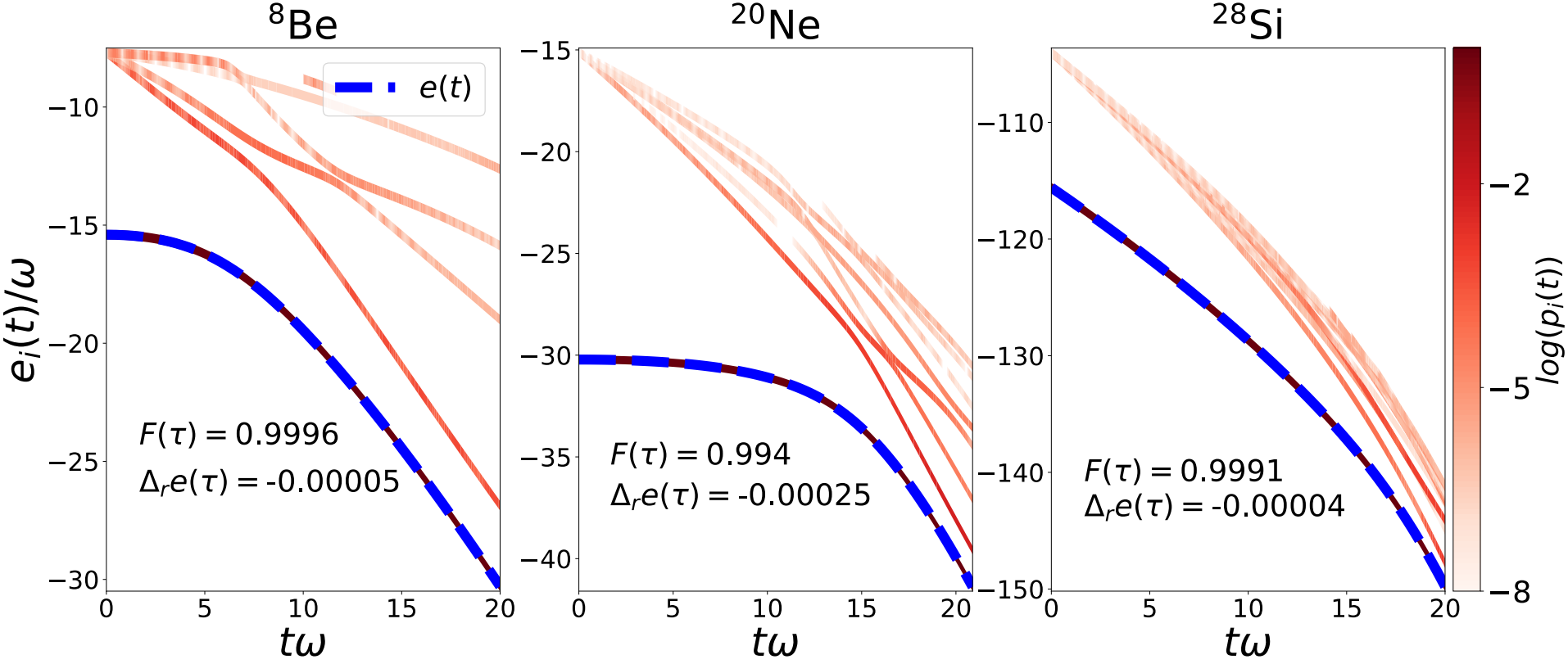
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- Time evolution $\hat{U}(\tau, 0) = \prod_{k=0}^{N_t} \hat{U}_k = \prod_{k=0}^{N_t} \exp\left[-ik\Delta t \hat{H}(t_k)\right]$

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

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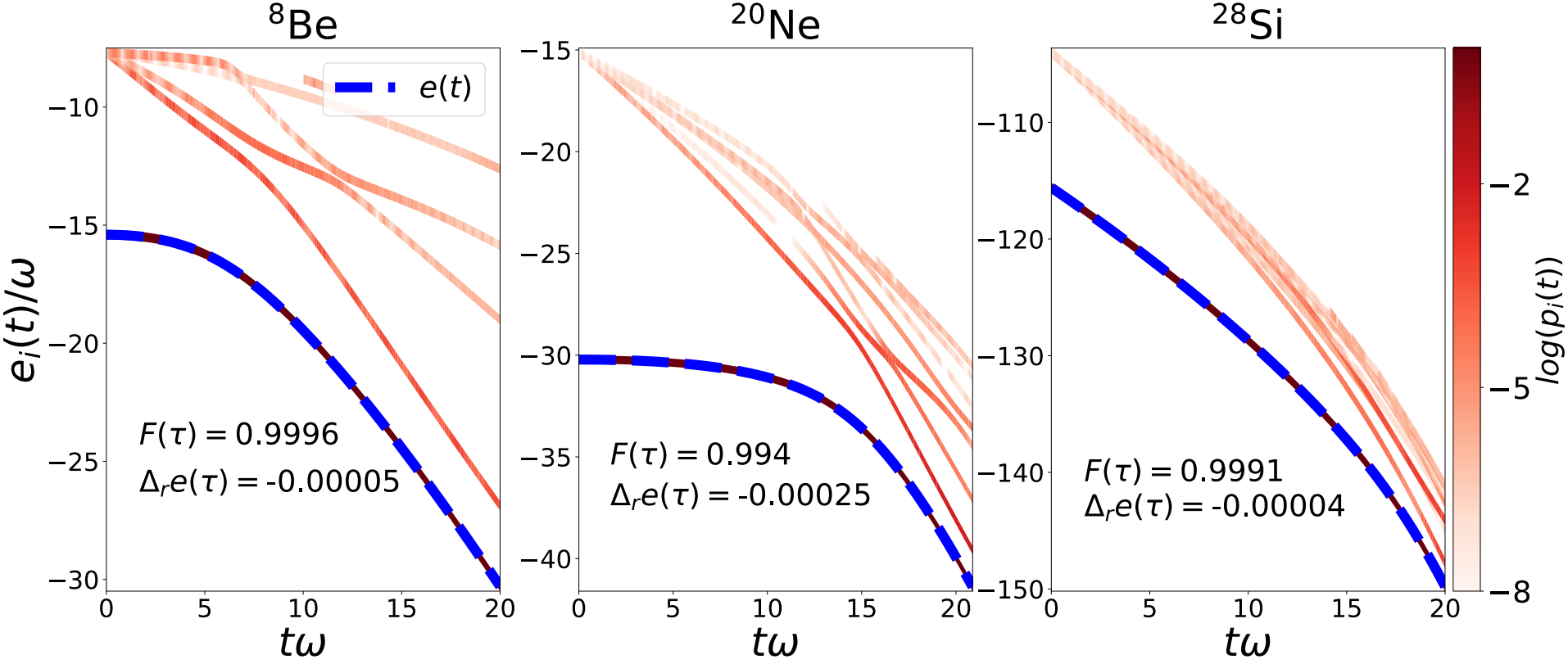


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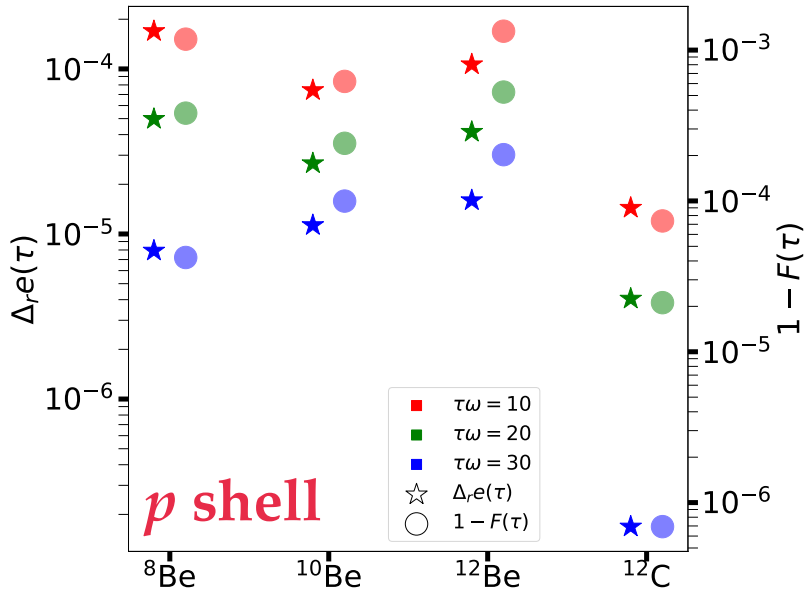


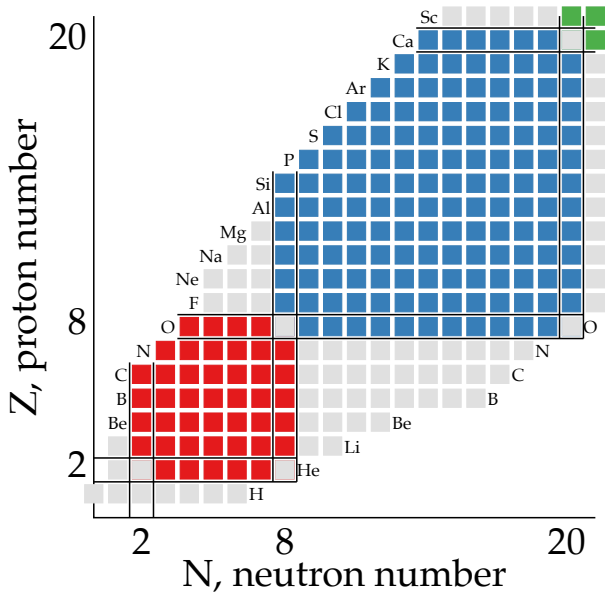
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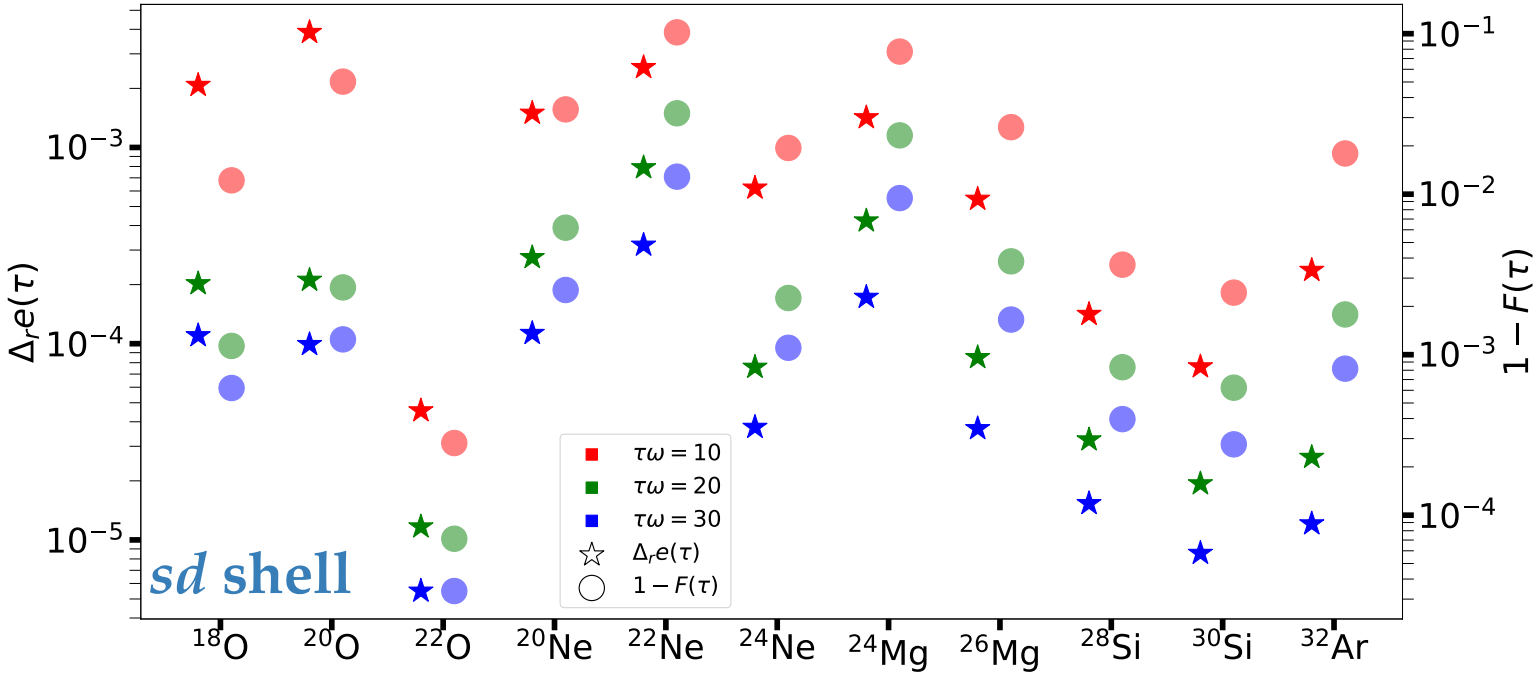
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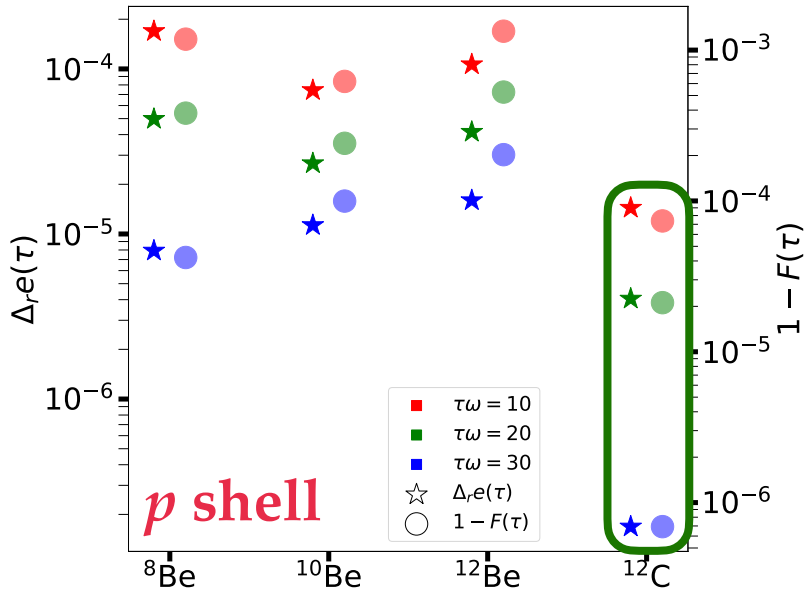
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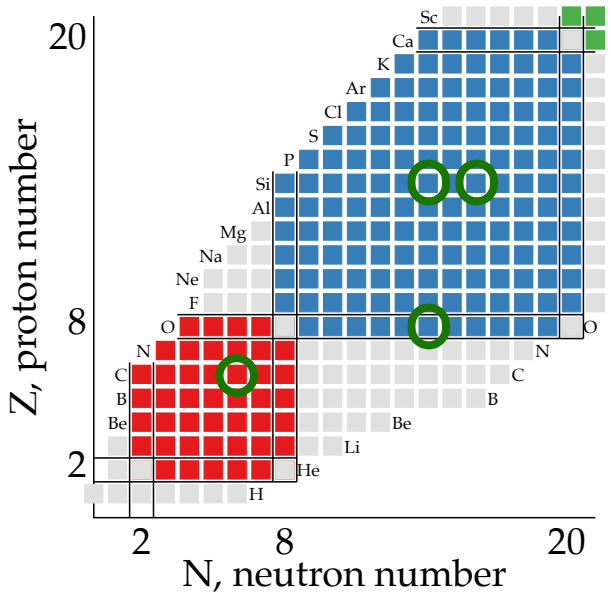


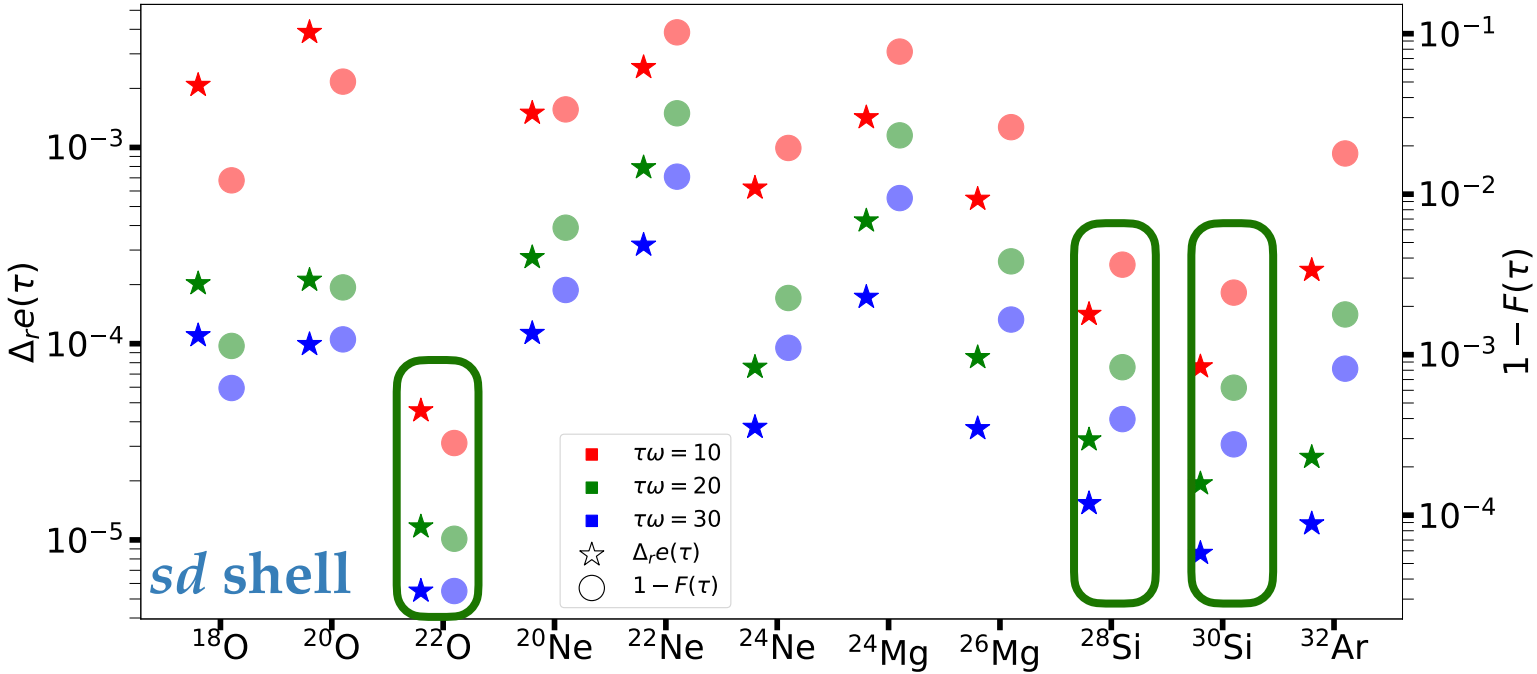




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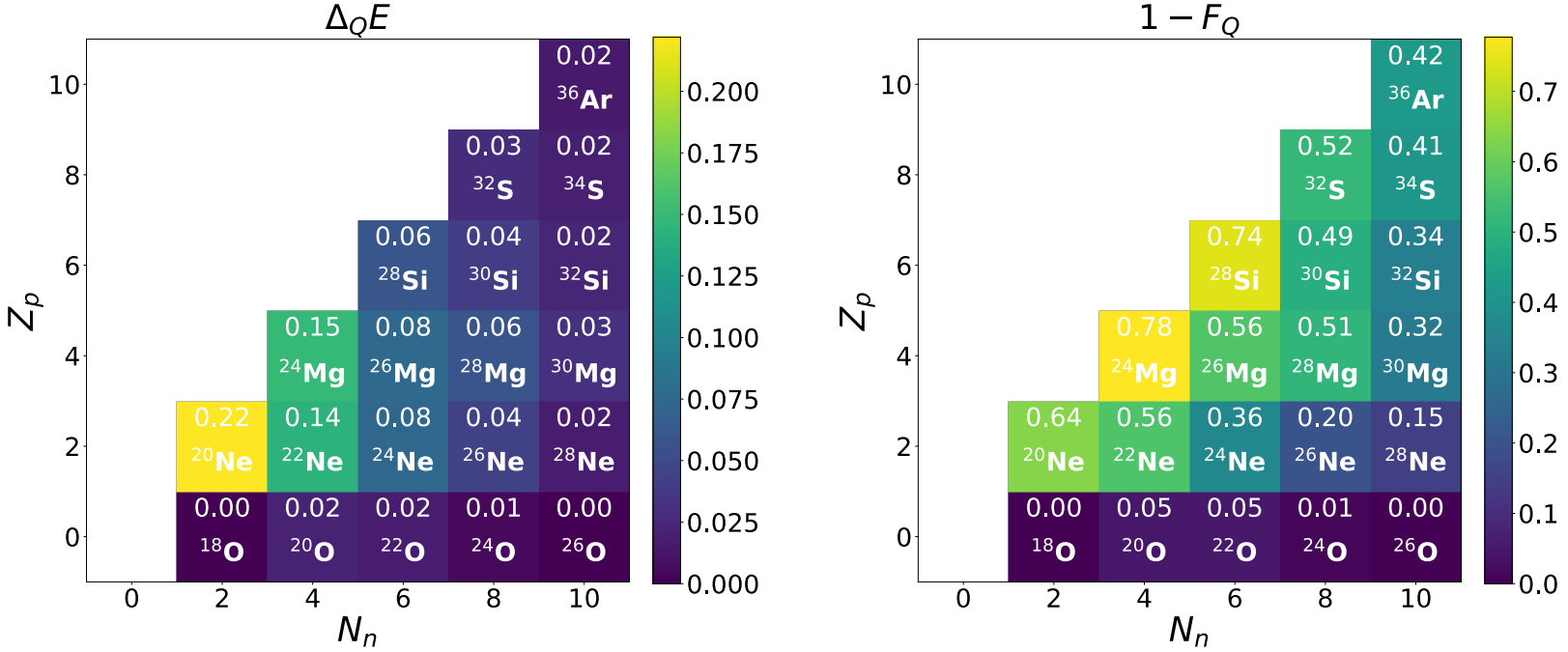


Quasi-boson mapping

Quasi-boson (~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

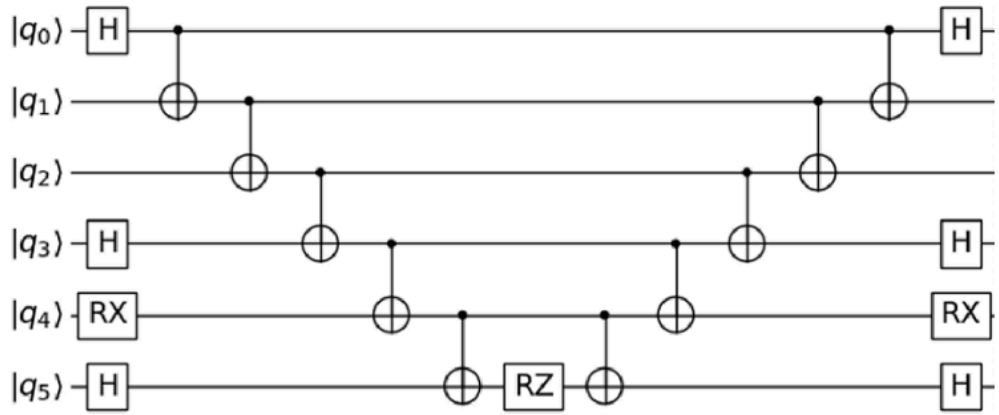


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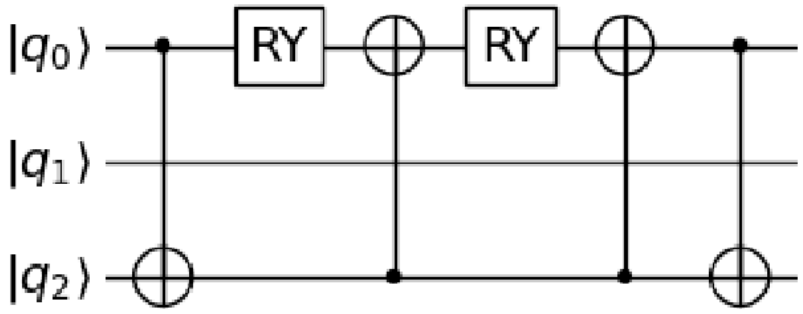
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See also: Yoshida et al PRC 109 064305 (2024)

Quasi-boson encoding




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Total number of gates = 158
Number of qubits = 6
Most common gates:
cx: 80
rx: 32
h: 32
rz: 8
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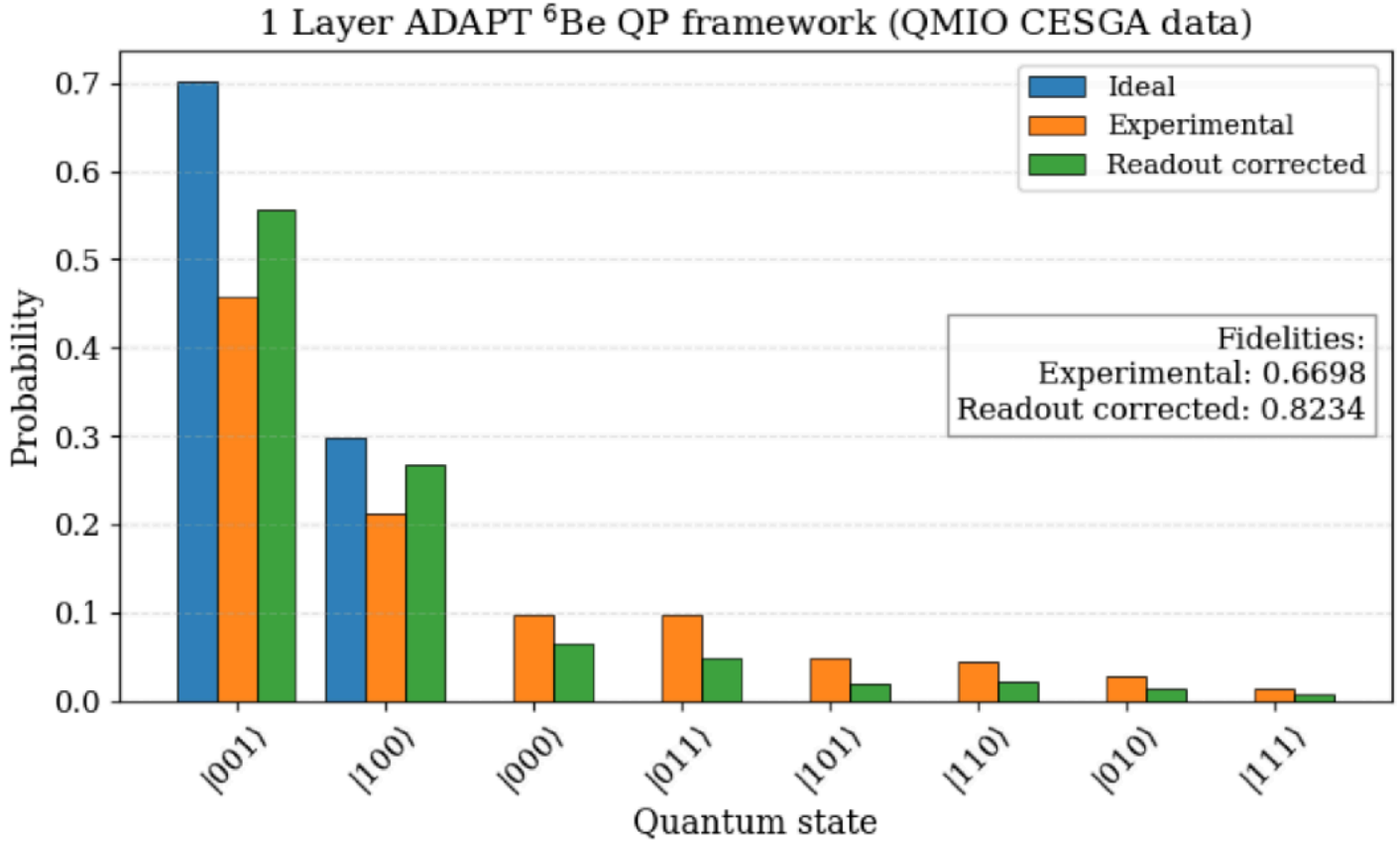

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Total number of gates = 6
Number of qubits = 3
Most common gates:
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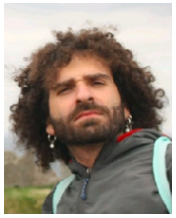


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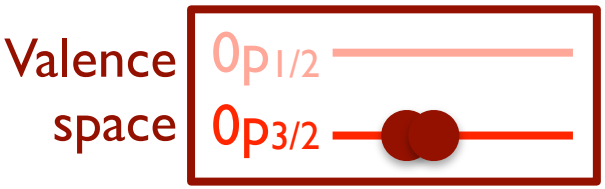
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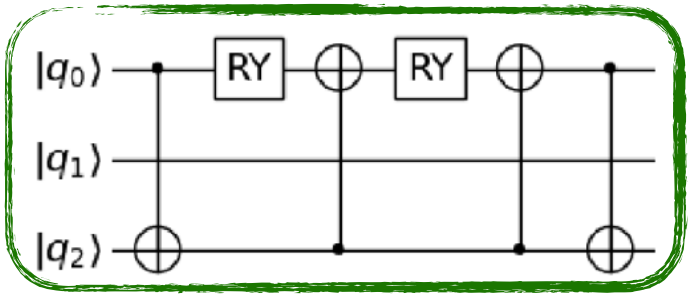

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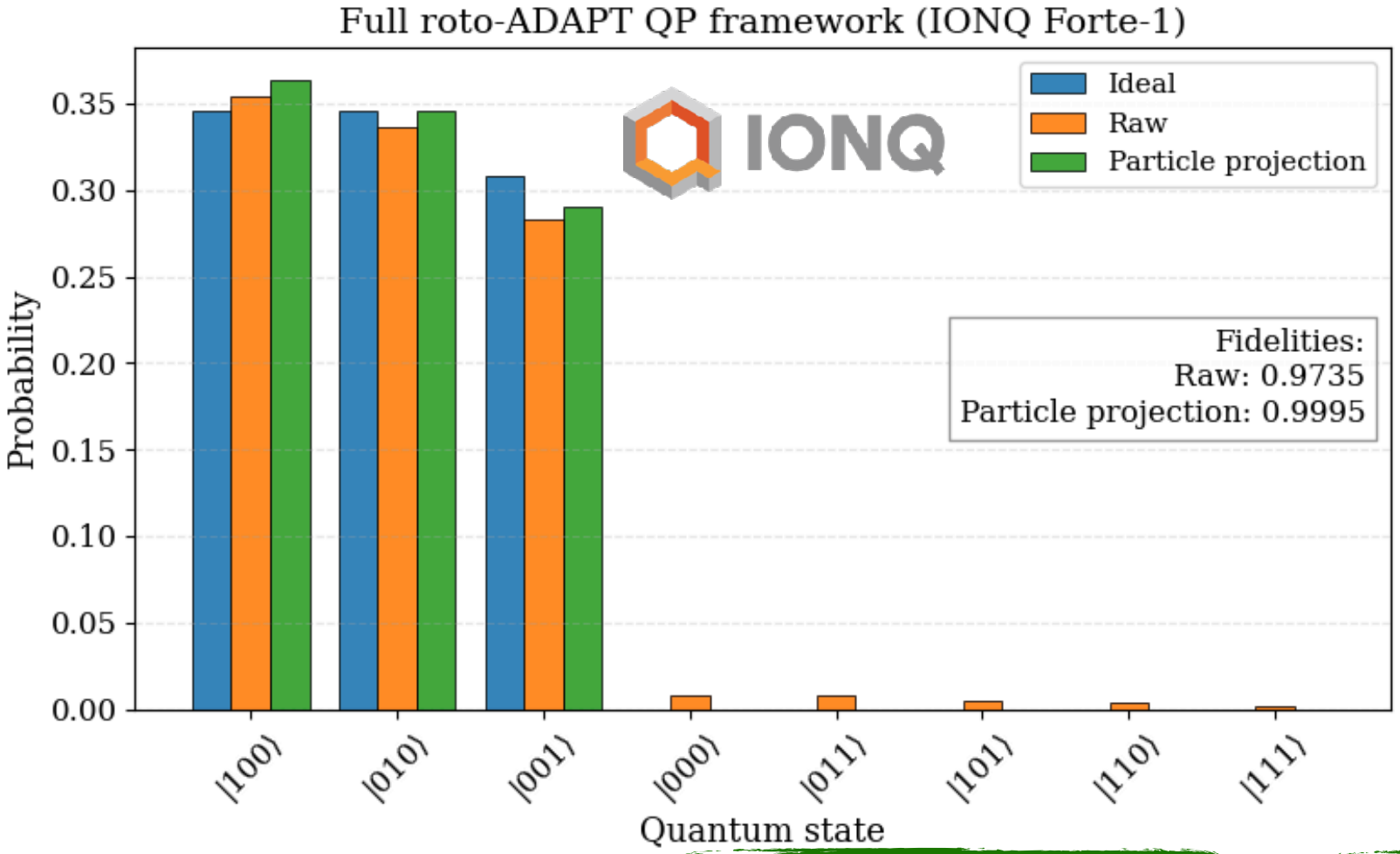
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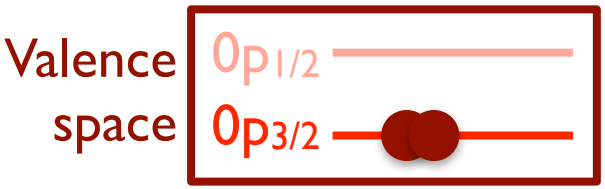


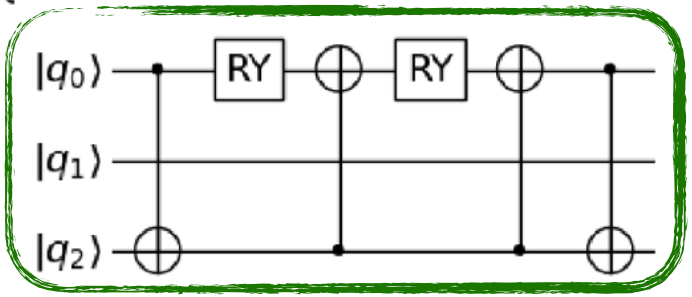
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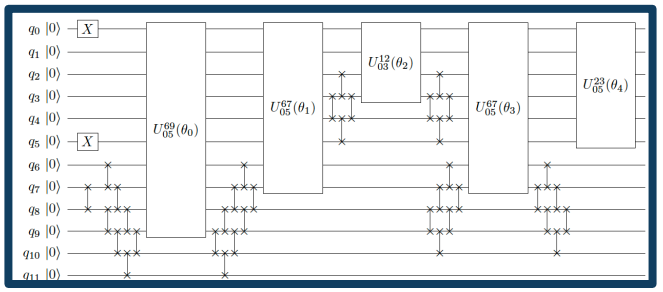


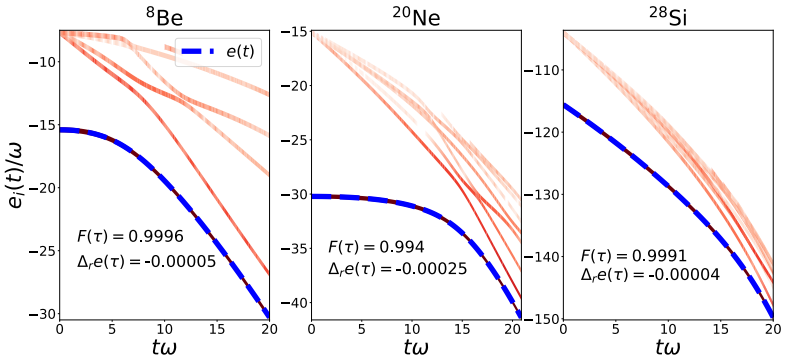


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Outlook & Perspectives

- 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:

- Error mitigation


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- Quantum complexity


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- Excited states


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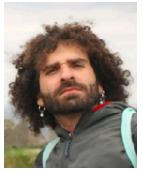
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