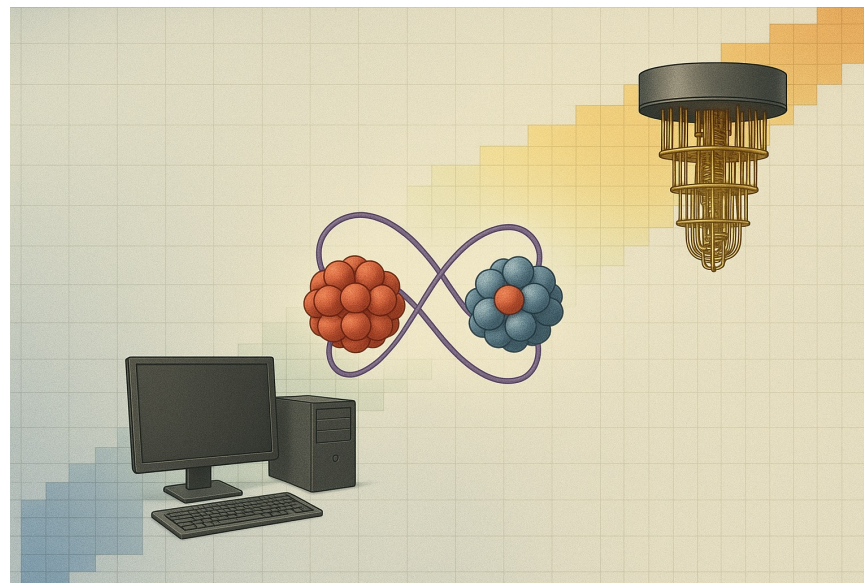
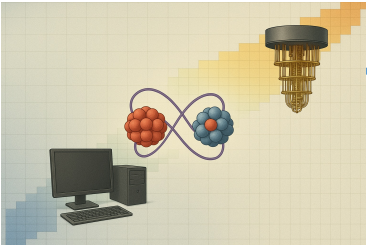


# A Basic Introduction to Quantum computing: Application to nuclear physics

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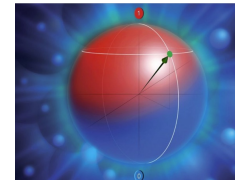
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## Scope of the lecture:

### Part I : General aspects of quantum computing

- Some highlights on *analog* and *digital* quantum computing.
- What is a *qubit*, how to manipulate it
- Quantum gates, circuits, measurements , ...
- Noisy gates, *NISQ* versus *FTQC*



Hands-on session  
First quantum circuits  
with one and two qubits

### Part II : Applications to nuclear physics

- The historical deuteron problem.
- Superfluid systems
- The nuclear shell-model approach on quantum computers
- Pionless Effective Field Theory on lattice
- Neutrino oscillations



Finding the ground state  
of the deuteron

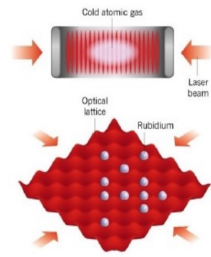


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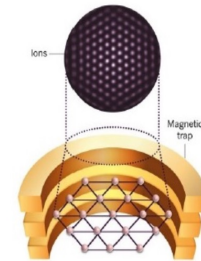
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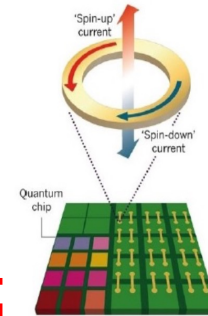
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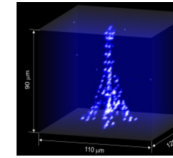
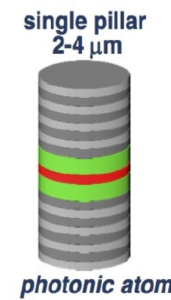
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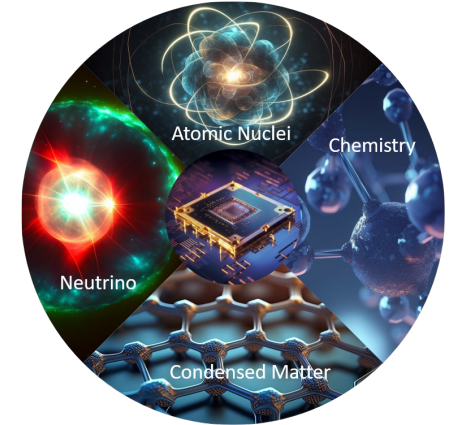
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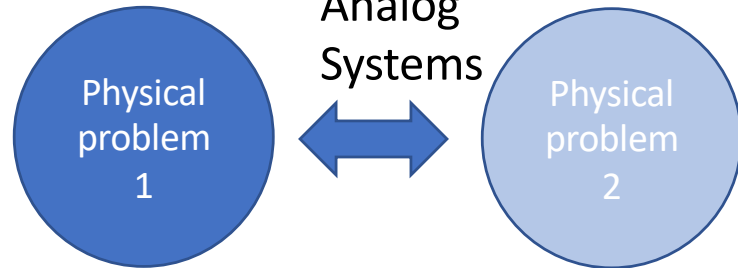
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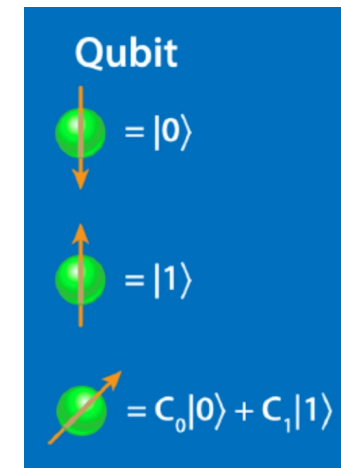


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Analog problem to 1 that could be tested in laboratory

➔ Non-universal

Digital quantum simulator



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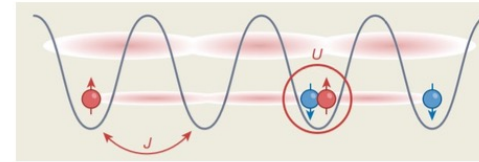


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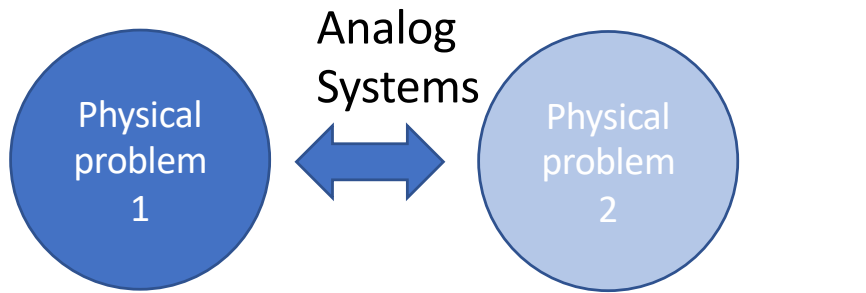
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## A few examples

Analog systems on lattice (Fermi-Hubbard, Schwinger model, ...)



## Analog quantum simulator



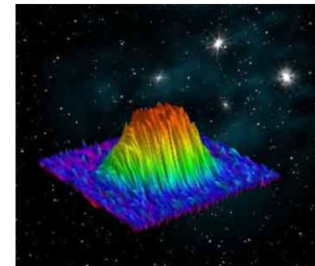
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- ➔ The mapping from one physical problem to another physical problem is a delicate issue
- ➔ It strongly depends on the problem itself (non-universality)

Analog simulation of astrophysics/cosmology

Ultracold Fermi gas

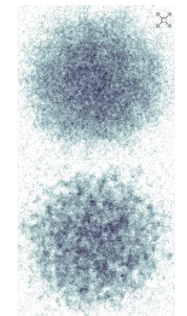
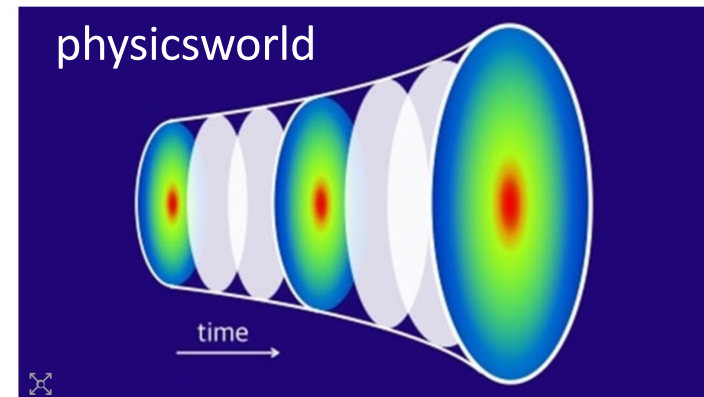


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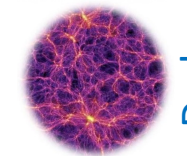


An expanding universe is simulated in a quantum droplet  
22 Mar 2023 Campbell McLauchlan

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Ultracold atoms



Dark matter

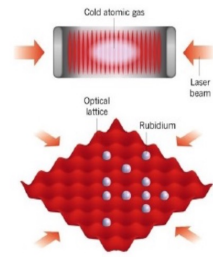


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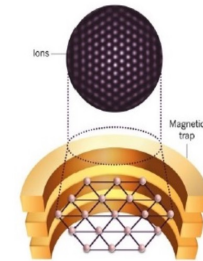
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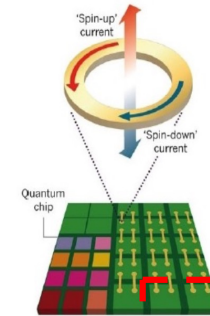
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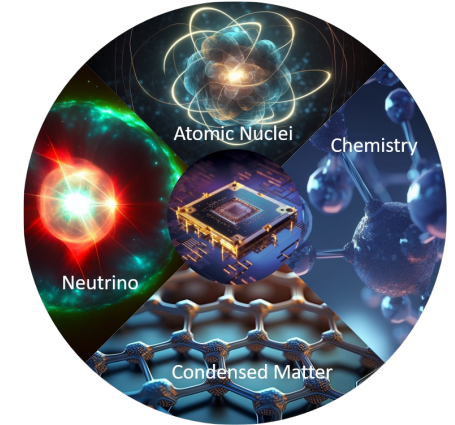
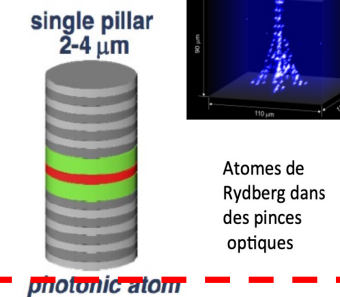
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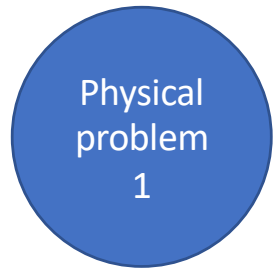


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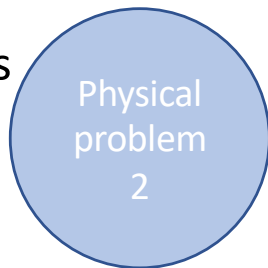


Analog quantum simulator

Digital quantum simulator



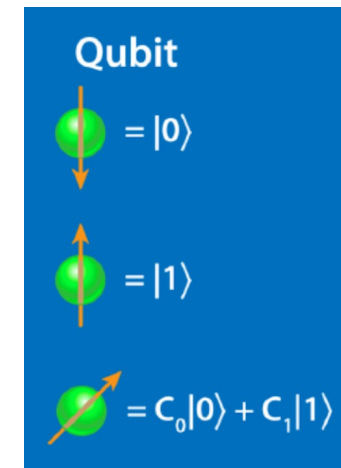
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# Digital Quantum computing (basic aspects)



# What can be done on a *perfect* digital quantum computer?

We can essentially solve the Schroedinger equation

Practical solution on a classical computer

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi\rangle = H|\Psi\rangle$$

In a basis



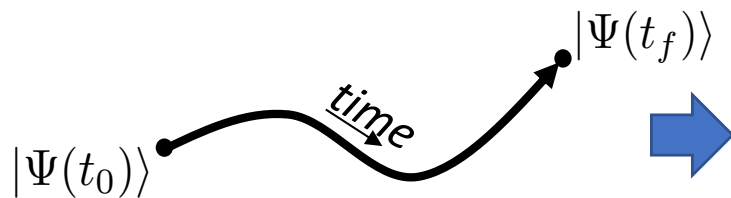
$$\{|j\rangle\}_{j=0,\dots}$$

$$F_j(t) = \langle j|\Psi(t)\rangle$$

$$i\hbar \dot{F}_j(t) = \sum_i \langle j|H|i\rangle F_i(t)$$

$$i\hbar \dot{\mathbf{F}}(t) = \mathbf{H} \times \mathbf{F}(t)$$

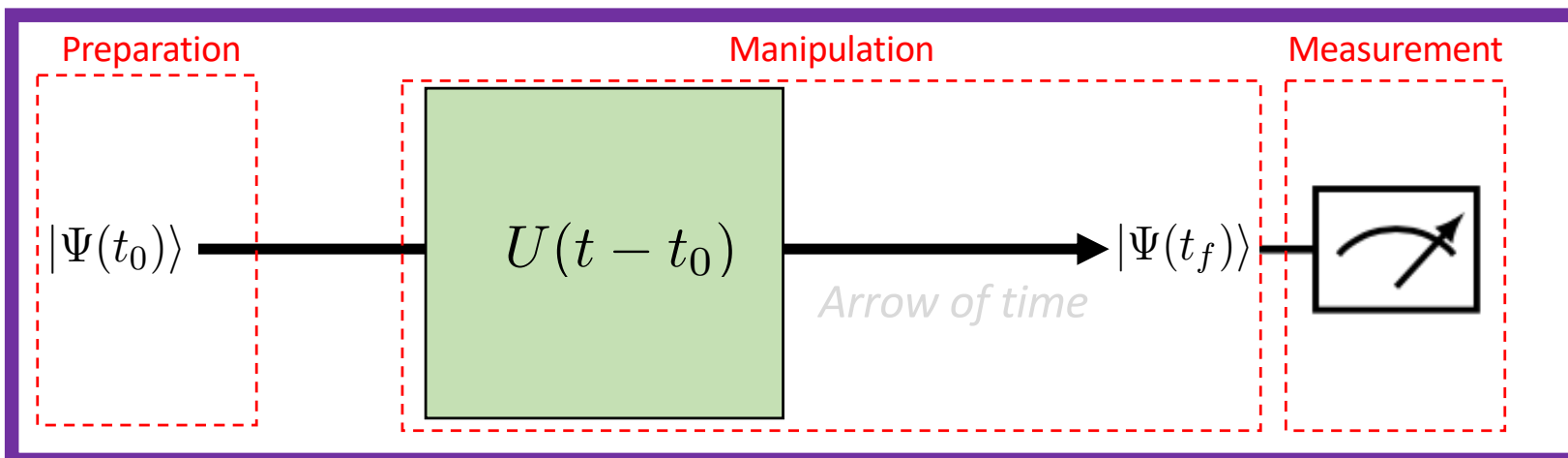
Formal solution



$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(t)\rangle &= e^{\frac{1}{i\hbar}(t-t_0)H} |\Psi(t_0)\rangle \\ &= U(t - t_0) |\Psi(t_0)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Schroedinger Eq. is a Linear algebra problems

Having information on the w.f. means measuring it.



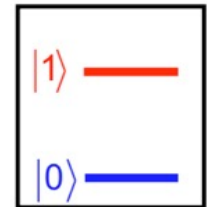
Quantum Circuit



Digital  
Quantum Circuit

$$|j\rangle \longrightarrow |101000\dots\rangle = \underset{\substack{\text{first} \\ \text{qubit}}}{|1\rangle} \otimes \underset{\substack{\text{second} \\ \text{qubit}}}{|0\rangle} \otimes \underset{\substack{\text{third} \\ \text{qubit}}}{|1\rangle} \otimes \dots$$

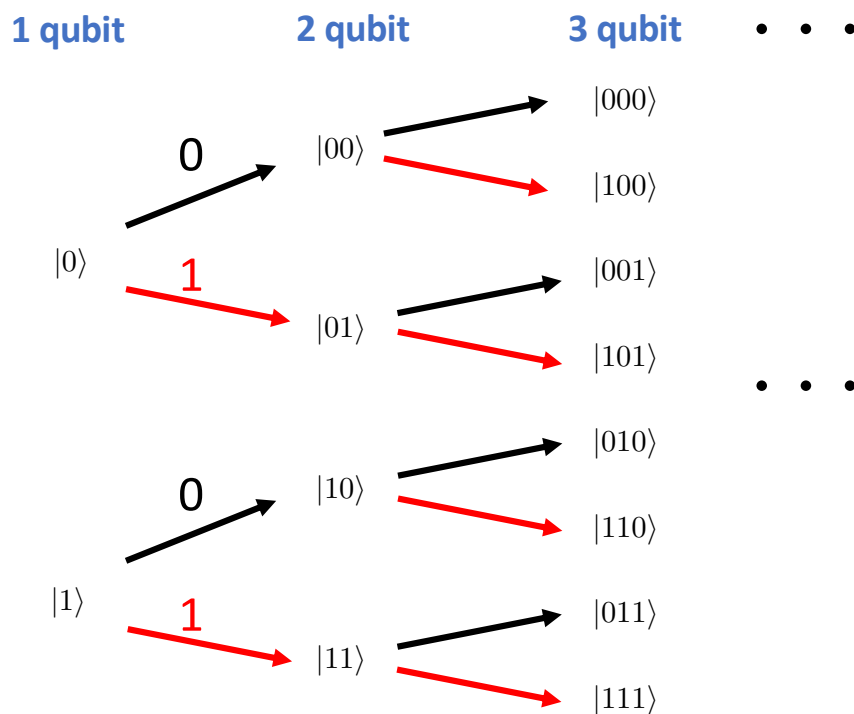
qubit  
2 level system



1-qubit:  $|\psi\rangle = \psi_0 |0\rangle + \psi_1 |1\rangle$

2-qubit:  $|\psi\rangle = \psi_0 |00\rangle + \psi_1 |01\rangle + \psi_2 |10\rangle + \psi_3 |11\rangle$

3-qubit:  $|\psi\rangle = \psi_0 |000\rangle + \psi_1 |001\rangle + \psi_2 |010\rangle + \psi_3 |011\rangle + \psi_4 |100\rangle + \psi_5 |101\rangle + \psi_6 |110\rangle + \psi_7 |111\rangle$



q qubit

Computational Basis

=

qubit register

$$|s_1, \dots, s_q\rangle$$

$$|0, 0, \dots, 0, 0\rangle$$

$$|0, 0, \dots, 0, 1\rangle$$

$$|0, 0, \dots, 1, 1\rangle$$

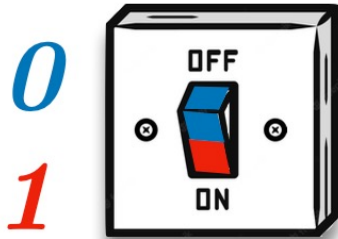
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Hilbert space size scales as  $2^q$

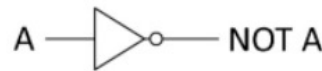
# Manipulating Bits versus Qubits

## Bits and classical logical gates

### The Bit



### Single bit gate



A	NOT A
0	1
1	0

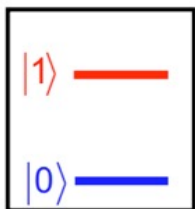
### Two bits gate



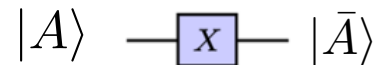
A	B	A AND B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

## Qubits

### 2 level system



### Single Qubit gate



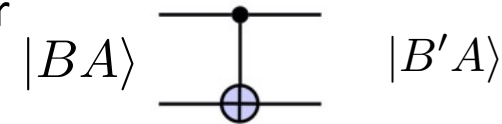
Input	Output
$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$
$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Two Qubits gate

Controller

Target



Input	Output
$ 00\rangle$	$ 00\rangle$
$ 01\rangle$	$ 11\rangle$
$ 10\rangle$	$ 10\rangle$
$ 11\rangle$	$ 01\rangle$

Control

$$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_x = X = |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$\sigma_y = Y = i|1\rangle\langle 0| - i|0\rangle\langle 1|$$

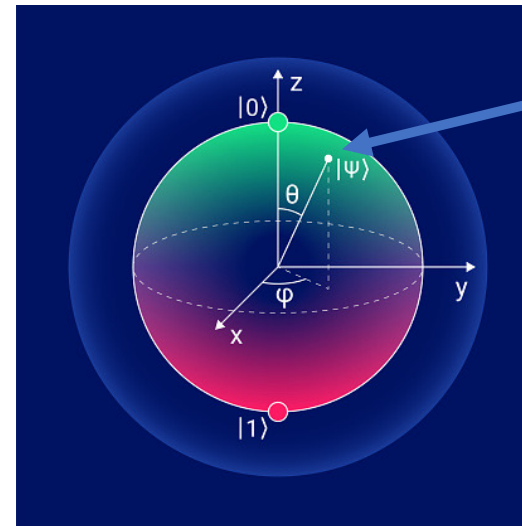
$$\sigma_z = Z = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

# One qubit and Bloch sphere

Because  $(\psi_0, \psi_1) \in \mathbb{C}^2$  and  $|\psi_0|^2 + |\psi_1|^2 = 1$ , one can rewrite the qubit state as follows:

$$|\psi\rangle = e^{i\gamma} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle \right) \longrightarrow |\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

coordinates  
 $(\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle, \langle Z \rangle)$



Unary operations can be represented as a path in the Bloch sphere

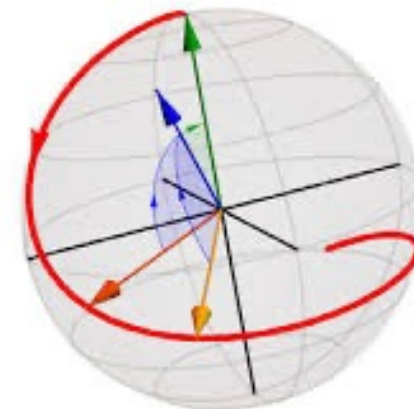
Such state can always be obtained from 3 rotations

$$|\Psi\rangle = R_Y(\theta_1)R_Z(\theta_2)R_Y(\theta_3)|0\rangle$$

Rotations corresponds to gates

$$\text{---} \boxed{R_X(\varphi) = e^{-i\varphi X/2}} \text{---}$$

➔ All 1-qubit operations can be decomposed into a set of X, Y, and/or Z rotations

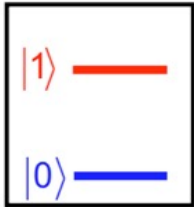


# One qubit- some operations and measurement

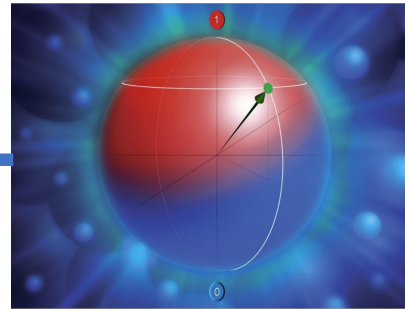
qubit

Manipulate the Qubits (Make rotations)

2 level system

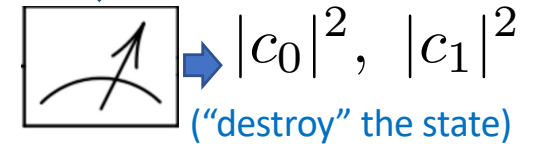


$|0\rangle$  Initial state



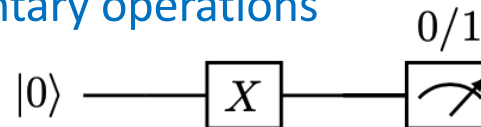
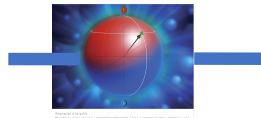
Final state  $c_0|0\rangle + c_1|1\rangle$

↓ Measure the state



Example of simple unary operations (gates)

Elementary operations



Name	Symbol	Matrix	Name	Symbol	Matrix	Name	Symbol	Matrix
X		$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	Y		$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	Z		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Hadamard		$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	Phase		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\varphi} \end{bmatrix}$	Universal		$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -e^{i\lambda} \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ e^{-i\phi} \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & e^{i(\phi+\lambda)} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$
X-rotation		$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -i \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ -i \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$	Y-rotation		$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) & -\sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) \\ \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) & \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$	Z-rotation		$\begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \end{bmatrix}$

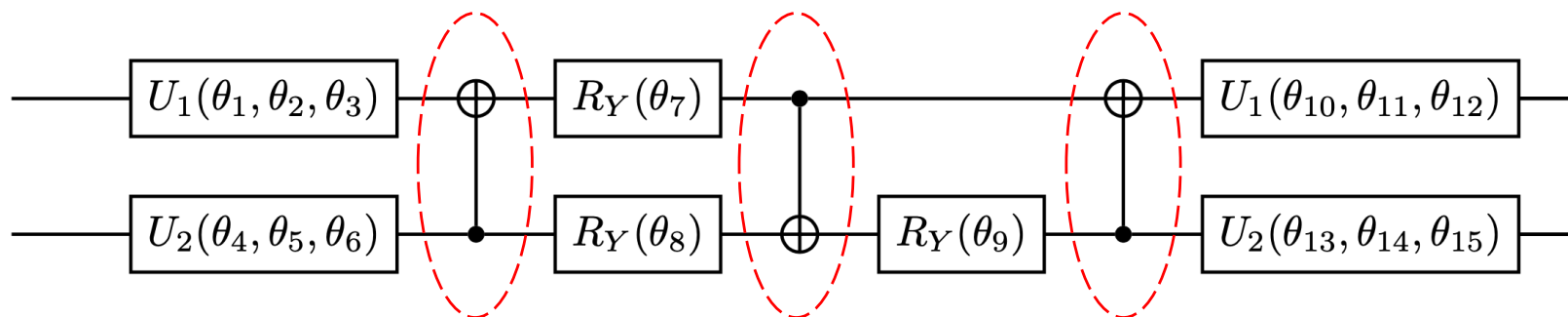
## General discussion on two qubits operations

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \alpha|00\rangle \\
 +\beta|01\rangle \\
 +\gamma|10\rangle \\
 +\delta|11\rangle
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 \begin{array}{l}
 \alpha'|00\rangle \\
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 +\gamma'|10\rangle \\
 +\delta'|11\rangle
 \end{array}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & U_{13} & U_{14} \\ U_{21} & U_{22} & U_{23} & U_{24} \\ U_{31} & U_{32} & U_{33} & U_{34} \\ U_{41} & U_{42} & U_{43} & U_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

Bin	Int
$ 00\rangle$	$=  0\rangle$
$ 01\rangle$	$=  1\rangle$
$ 10\rangle$	$=  2\rangle$
$ 11\rangle$	$=  3\rangle$

➔ In total, this gives a priori  $4 + 6 \times 2 - 1 = 15$  Independent parameters

General and efficient decomposition of any  $U$  matrix

Binary CNOT (control-not) gate

Vatan et al, Phys. Rev. A69 (2004)

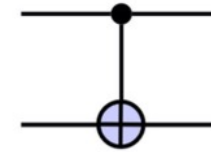
(see also later: decomposition of a general circuit)

# Quantum computing with more than one qubit

## Some terminology – general aspects

### Binary gates

Binary gates are operations acting simultaneously on two qubits and induced entanglement



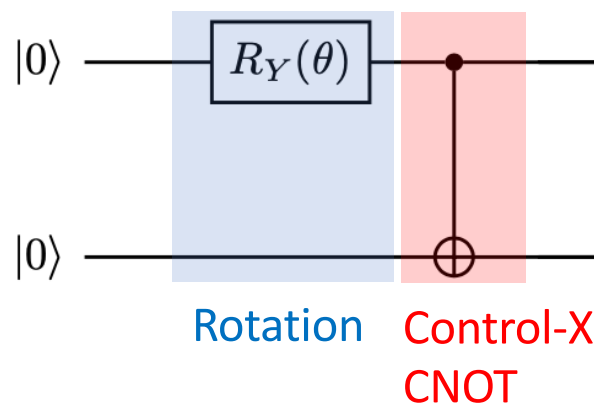
Input	Output
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Control



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Quantum circuit



Step 1

$$|00\rangle \rightarrow \cos(\theta/2)|00\rangle + \sin(\theta/2)|01\rangle$$

Step 2

$$\rightarrow \cos(\theta/2)|00\rangle + \sin(\theta/2)|11\rangle$$

### Indirect measurement and Born rule for measurement

If I measure 0 in first qubit → After the measurement the state collapse to  $|00\rangle$

If I measure 1 in first qubit → After the measurement the state collapse to  $|11\rangle$

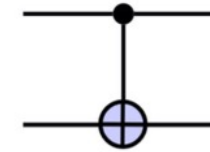
Only one qubit needs to be measured to know the second qubit state

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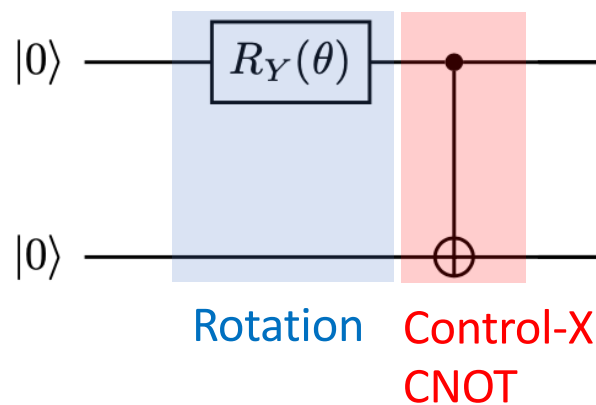
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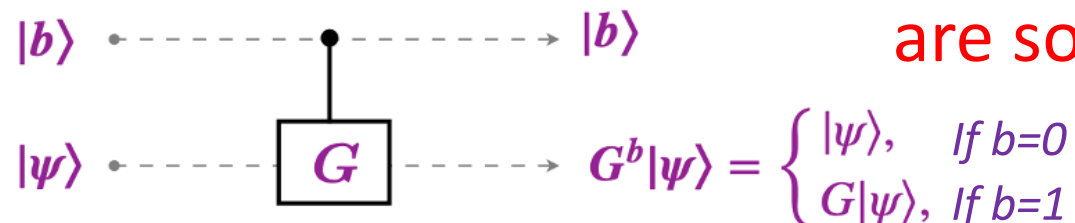
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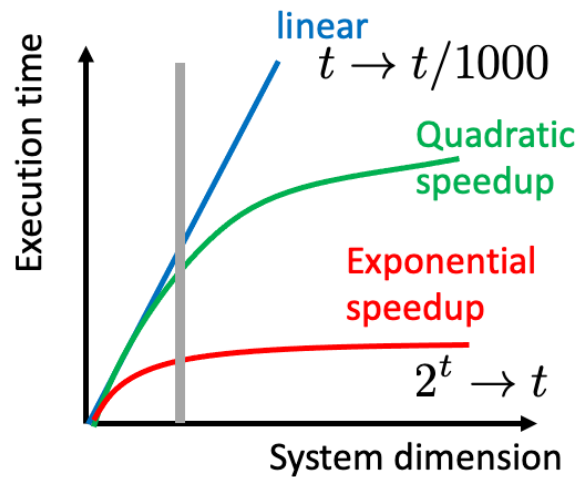
### General Controlled gates (IF-THEN-ELSE)



Why entangling gates are so important ?

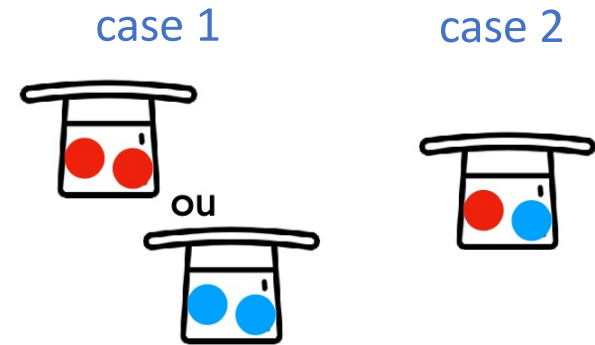
# Quantum advantage and entanglement

Speedup up the solution of a problem:



A calculation that takes 1 year in a “linear” Scenario takes 24 seconds with exponential speedups!

Quantum computers promise to solve certain problem exponentially faster than classical computers



How ? 
$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\bullet\bullet\rangle + |\bullet\bullet\rangle)$$

➔ Deutsch-Josza problem (92)

$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  Q: Is  $f$  constant or an equal mixing of 0 and 1 ?

- Classically requires  $1+2^{n-1}$  questions
- Quantum: requires only 1 question but  $n$  entangled qubits

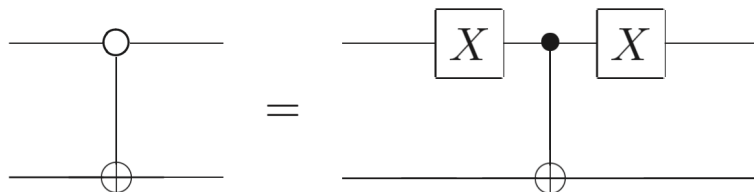
# A few more example of binary gates

Name	Circuit	Matrix	Name	Circuit	Matrix
CNOT		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	SWAP		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
CZ		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	fSim		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -i \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & -i \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{i\phi} \end{bmatrix}$
a)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{00} & 0 & a_{01} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{10} & 0 & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$	b)		$\begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & 0 & a_{01} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{10} & 0 & a_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
c)		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{00} & a_{01} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{10} & a_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	d)		$\begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & 0 & 0 & a_{01} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a_{10} & 0 & 0 & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$

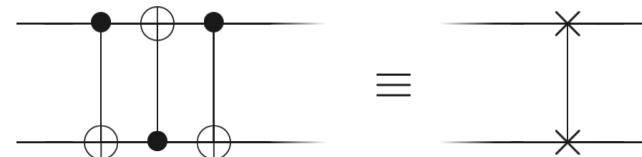
All binary circuits can be written in terms of 1 qubit operations + CNOTs

## Examples

Controlled by 0



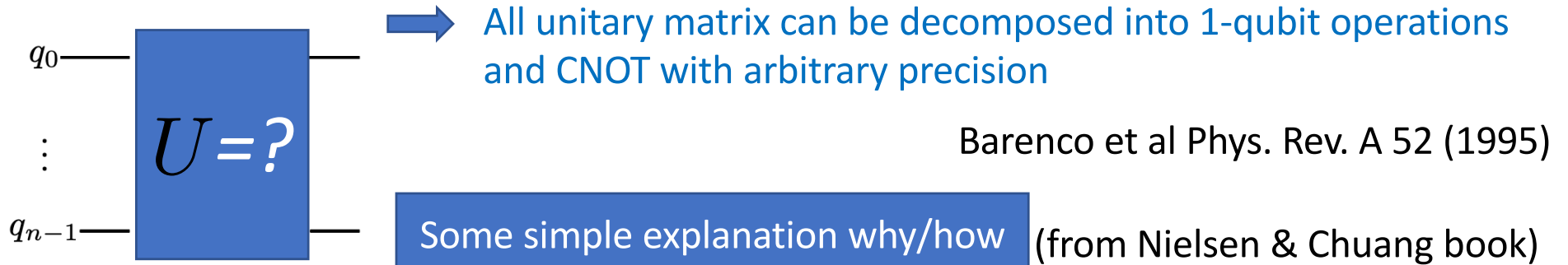
SWAP



This property turns out to remain valid for any number of qubits

# More than 2 qubits: general decomposition of a unitary matrix

## Decomposition of a general matrix into gates



All methods works iteratively and decomposes the matrix as a set of 2-level operations

$$U = U_\Omega \cdots U_1$$

**Step 1** Decompose U as a product of 2 level matrices

Given rotation strategy

$U_2 U_1 U$  is unitary, and thus  $d'' = g'' = 0$ .

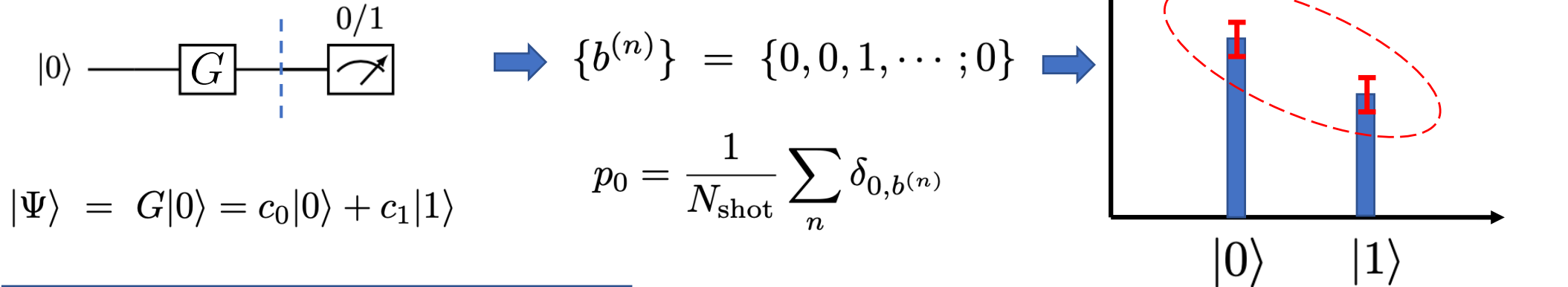
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & j \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow U_1 U = \begin{bmatrix} a' & d' & g' \\ 0 & e' & h' \\ c' & f' & j' \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow U_2 U_1 U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & d'' & g'' \\ 0 & e'' & h'' \\ 0 & f'' & j'' \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow I \Rightarrow U = U_1^\dagger U_2^\dagger U_3^\dagger$$

$$U_1 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a^*}{\sqrt{|a|^2+|b|^2}} & \frac{b^*}{\sqrt{|a|^2+|b|^2}} & 0 \\ \frac{b}{\sqrt{|a|^2+|b|^2}} & \frac{-a}{\sqrt{|a|^2+|b|^2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U_2 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a'^*}{\sqrt{|a'|^2+|c'|^2}} & 0 & \frac{c'^*}{\sqrt{|a'|^2+|c'|^2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{c'}{\sqrt{|a'|^2+|c'|^2}} & 0 & \frac{-a'}{\sqrt{|a'|^2+|c'|^2}} \end{bmatrix} \quad U_3 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e''^* & f''^* \\ 0 & h''^* & j''^* \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  *U of dimension d decompose into d 2-level matrices*



## Measurement firstly gives probabilities



## Two simple but important properties

➔ Measurement leads to collapse of the wave-function

Projector on channels

$$P_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$$

$$P_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

Measuring 0  $|\Psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_0}} P_0 |\Psi\rangle = |0\rangle$

Measuring 1  $|\Psi\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_1}} P_1 |\Psi\rangle = |1\rangle$

It is also one source of error  
(statistical one)

➔ Measurement can also be used to estimate observables

$$\langle Z \rangle_\Psi = \langle P_0 \rangle_\Psi - \langle P_1 \rangle_\Psi = p_0 - p_1$$

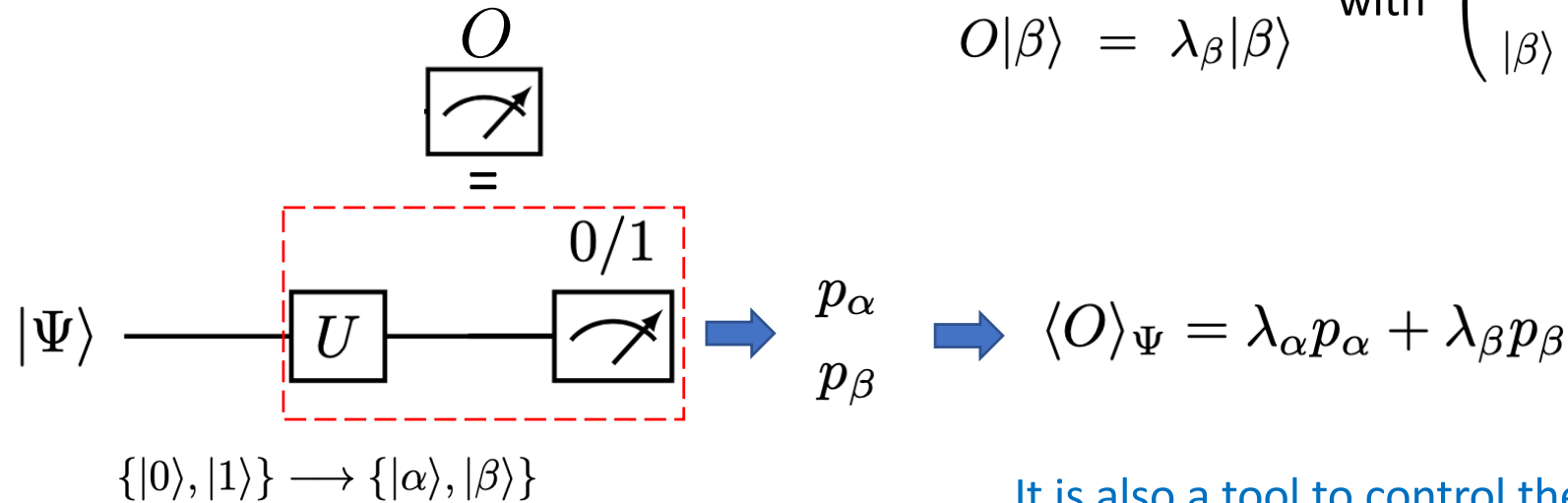
But this only works for  $Z$  or operators  $O$  such that  $[O, Z] = 0$

# Using measurement as a tool

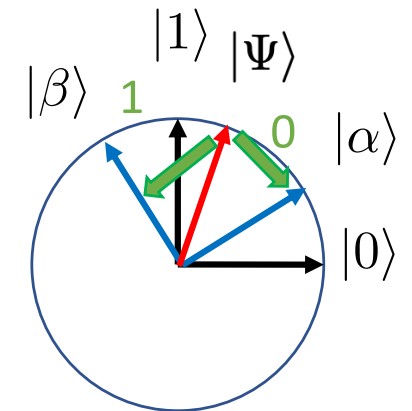
To measure an observable, one should first go in its eigenstate basis prior to the measurement:

For a general one-qubit operator  $O$  such that

$$O|\alpha\rangle = \lambda_\alpha|\alpha\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{pmatrix} |\alpha\rangle \\ |\beta\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$O|\beta\rangle = \lambda_\beta|\beta\rangle$$


It is also a tool to control the wave-function by projection/measurement



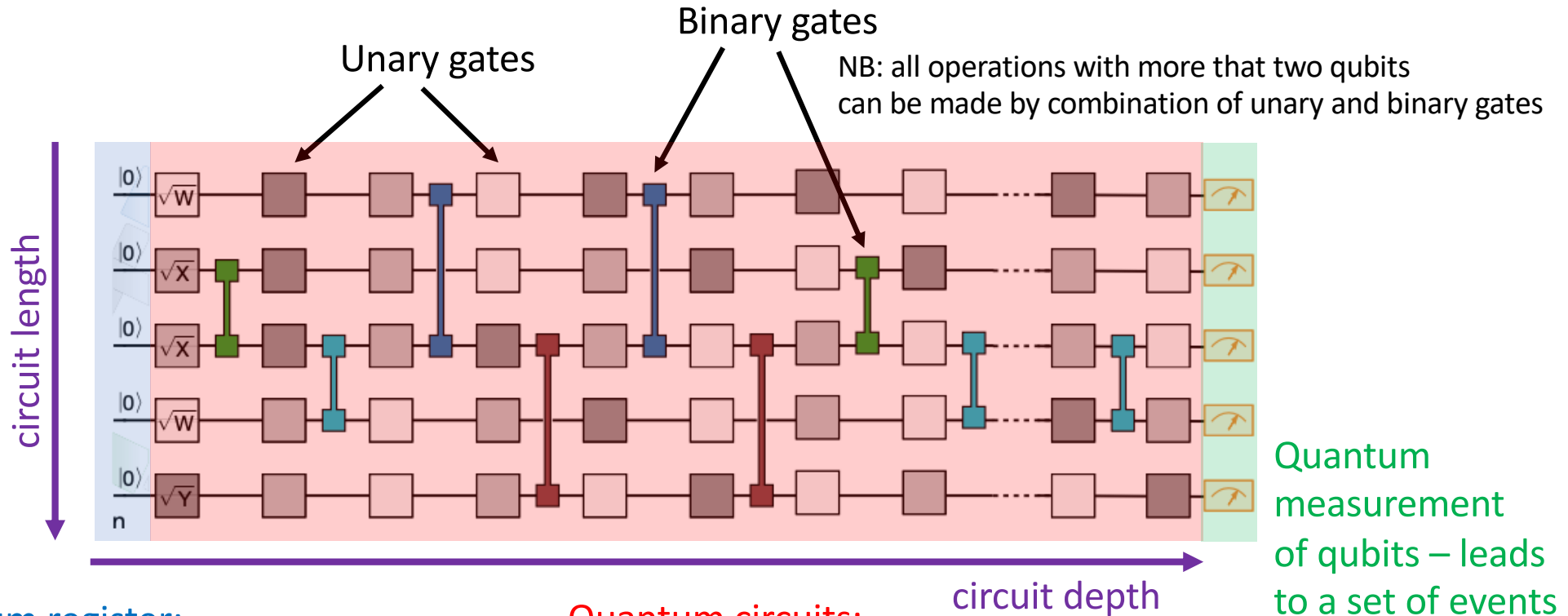
An important example: X, Y, Z estimates

Measurement	Conversion to measurement in the Z-basis
$X$ $ \Psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Measurement}}$	$Z$ $ \Psi\rangle \xrightarrow{H} \text{Measurement}$
$Y$ $ \Psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Measurement}}$	$Z$ $ \Psi\rangle \xrightarrow{P(-\pi/2)} \xrightarrow{H} \text{Measurement}$

# Quantum computing with more than one qubit

## Some terminology – general aspects

### Quantum circuits with more than one qubit



Quantum register:  
 Define the qubit computational basis:  $|0, 0, \dots, 0, 0\rangle$   
 $|0, 0, \dots, 0, 1\rangle$   
 $|0, 0, \dots, 1, 1\rangle$   
 $\dots$

Hilbert space size  $2^n$

Quantum circuits:  
 Constraint: the circuit makes Unitary transformation, i.e. no loss of information  
 Advantage: one can imagine to do  $e^{itH}$

$$\sum_{i_k=0,1} a_{i_1 i_2 i_3 \dots i_{2N}} |i_1, i_2, i_3 \dots i_{2N}\rangle$$

↓ Gives the  $|a|^2$

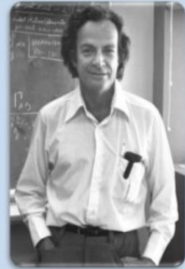
# Why quantum computing is becoming mature now ?

## Quantum technologies/devices

### Simulating physics with computers-1982

Richard P. Feynman (Nobel Prize in Physics 1965)

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



Quantum Theory

1927

Quantum Computer

1982

7 qubits  
Los Alamos

2000

12 qubits  
MIT

2006

128 qubits  
DWave

2011

50 qubits  
IBM

2015

17 qubits  
IBM

2017

128 qubits  
Rigetti

2018

1152 qubits  
DWave

2048 qubits  
DWave

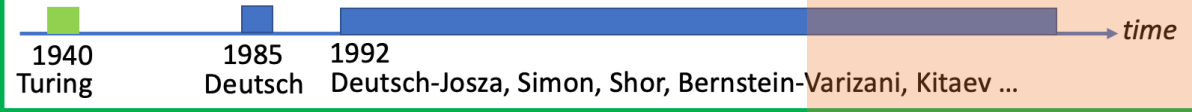
512 qubits  
DWave

128 qubits  
DWave

72 qubits  
Google

Quantum Computing Cloud

General Quantum mechanics

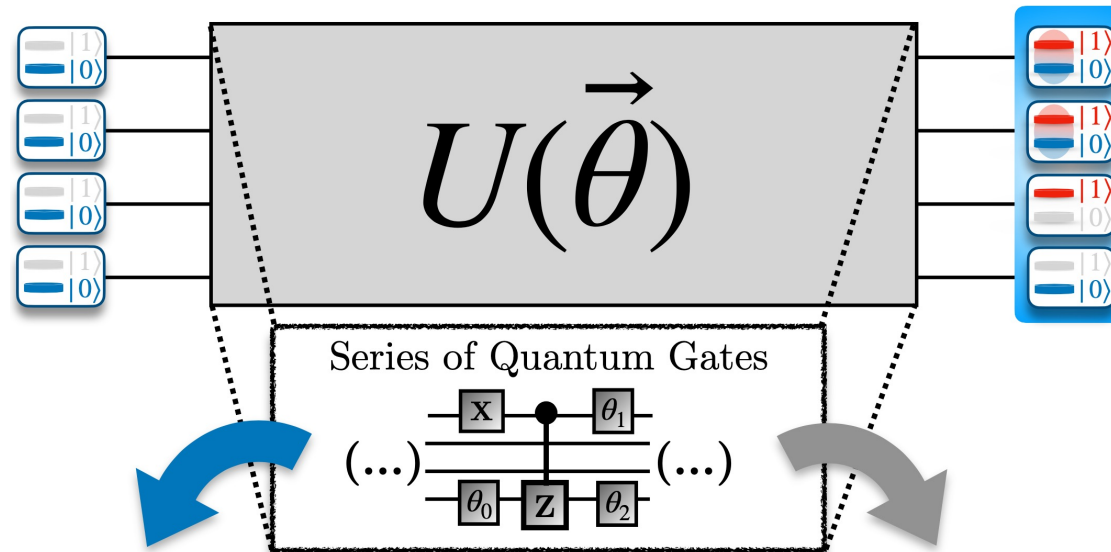


General Quantum algorithmic

Quantum computing is democratizing

# Today's and Tomorrow's strategies

For quantum computing many-body problems



Near Term Era

Hardware Limitations

Variational Quantum Eigensolver

Why?

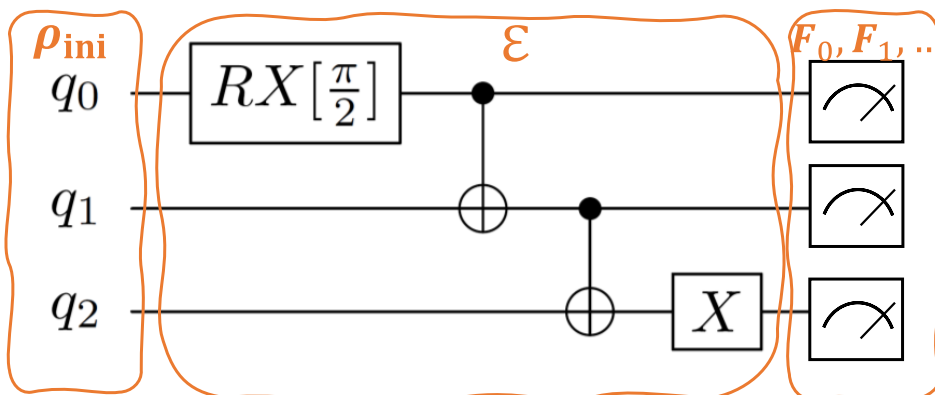
Fault Tolerant Era

No Hardware Limitations

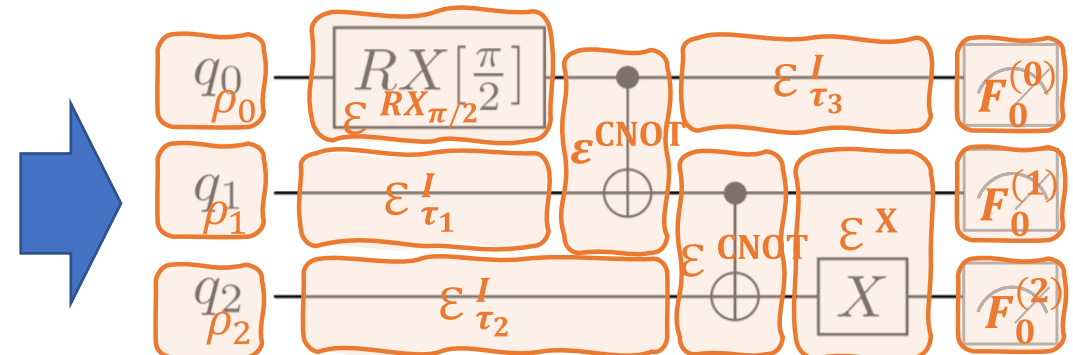
Quantum Phase Estimation

(credit: Y. Saad)

Ideal circuit

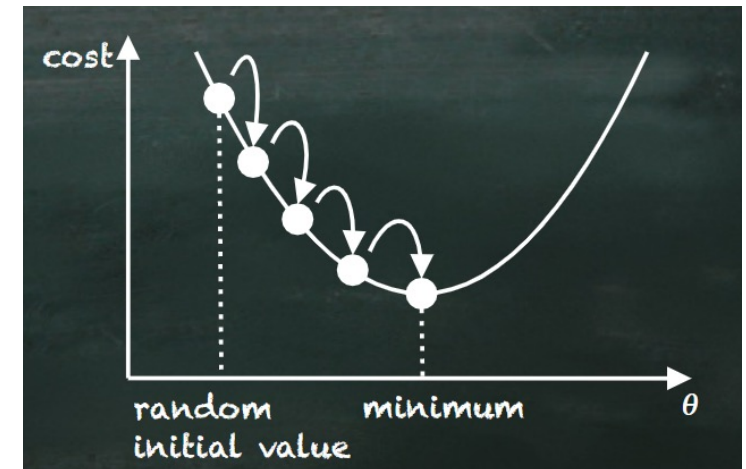
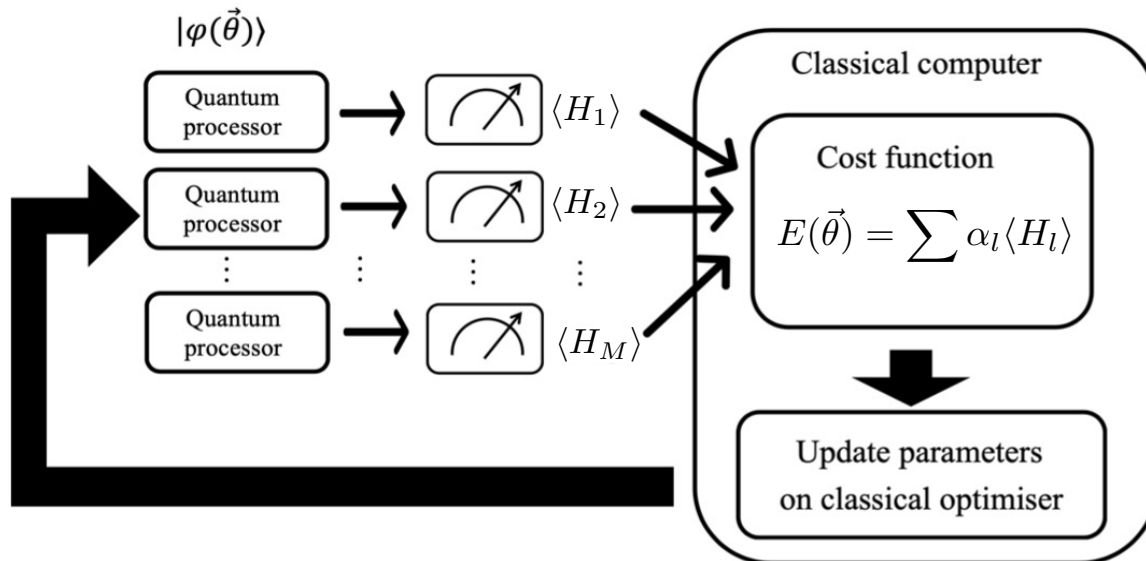


Reality circuit



## Main Idea of VQE

- Wave-functions can be better controlled by parametrizing them
- One can reduce the QC effort by computing expectation values of simpler operators  $H = \sum \alpha_l H_l$
- The optimization task is left to a classical computer



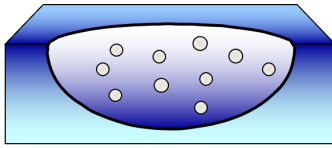
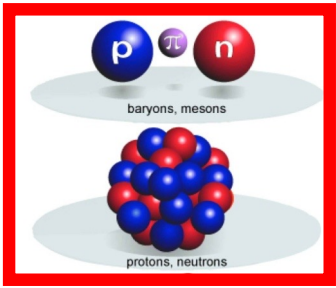
(Frank Zickert | Quantum Machine Learning)

Adapted from S. Endo et al, arxiv:2011.01382  
 (see also K. Bharti et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 015004 (2022)).

# Quantum computing for the description

## of static and dynamical properties of atomic nuclei

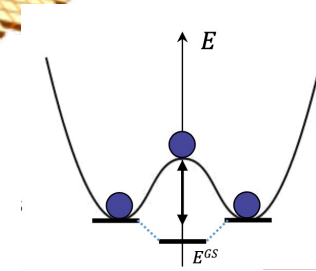
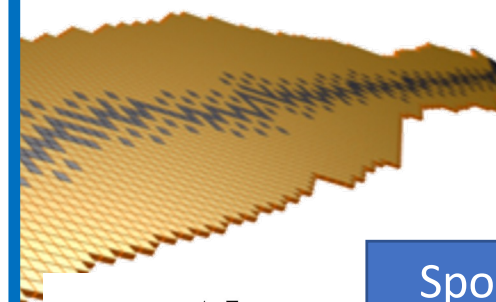
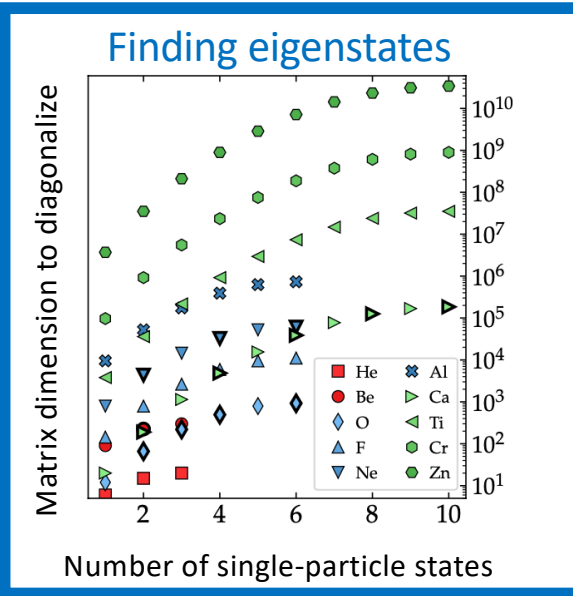
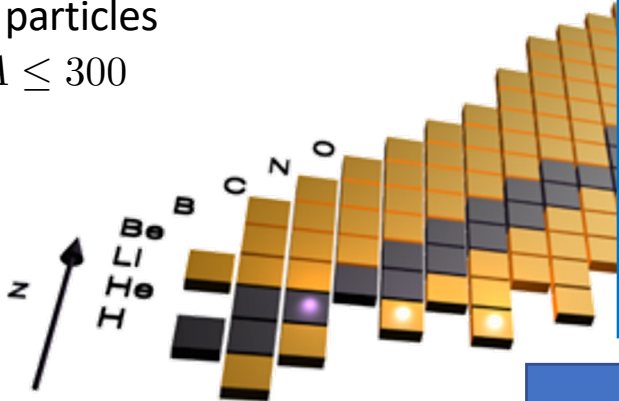
Problematic and challenges



Nuclei are self-bound quantum mesoscopic systems

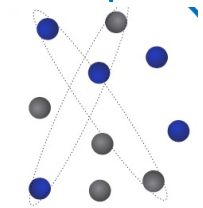
Nb of particles

$$2 \leq A \leq 300$$



Spontaneous Broken symmetries (SB)

Small superfluid

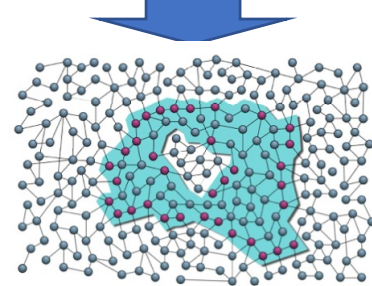


(particle number SB)

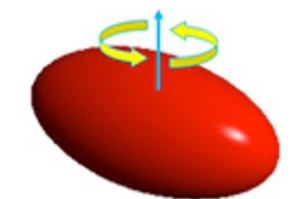
Symmetries / Entanglement

Global symmetries induce All-to-all entanglement

$$S, T, J, \pi$$

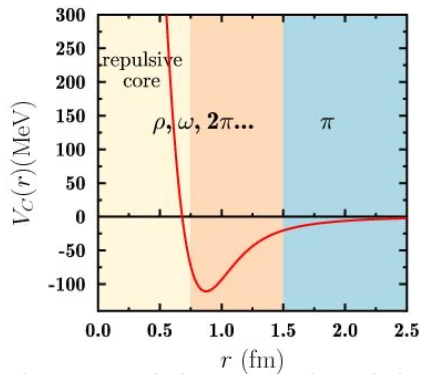


Deformation can happen



(rotational invariance SB)

Interaction



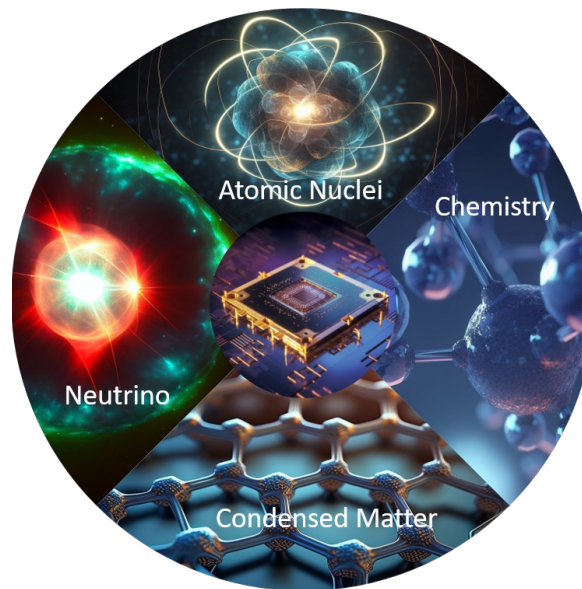
The problem is highly non-perturbative

Nuclei are subject to entanglement volume law (bad candidate for Tensor Network)

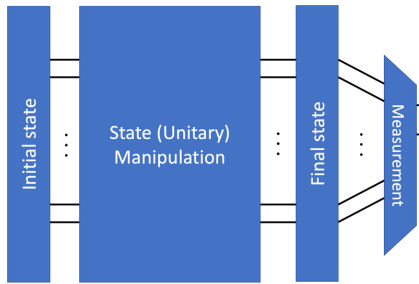
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# Some Introductory Illustrations of QC applications

(Useful Quantum primitives will be  
introduced during the illustrations)



# General strategy for quantum computing



Take a problem (classical or quantum)



Encode the problem onto a set of qubits



Make Quantum Computing program to solve the problem



Test on a QC emulator



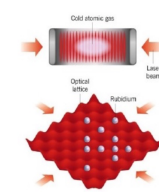
Test on a true QC

There are many ways to encode a classical problem (phase, amplitude, time, ... )

**Schuld and Petruccione, Supervised learning with quantum computers (2018)**

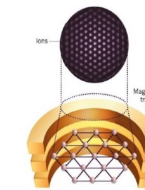
For instance Qiskit, pennylane, ...

Cold atoms

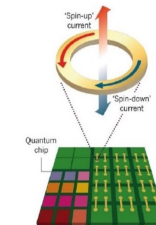


+ photons, excitons...

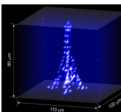
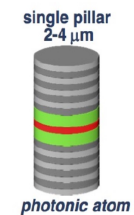
Trapped ions



Superc. loops

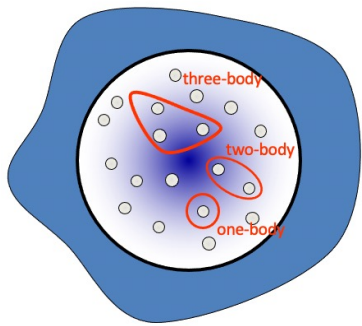


Polaritons



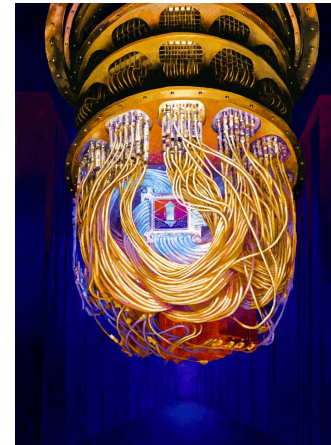
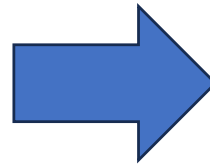
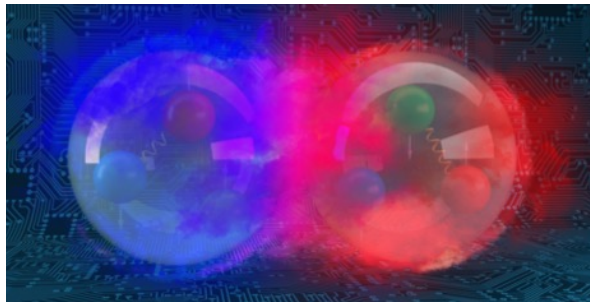
Atomes de Rydberg dans des pinces optiques

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# First Example:

## The deuteron problem in a schematic model solved on a quantum computer



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Editors' Suggestion

Featured in Physics

### Cloud Quantum Computing of an Atomic Nucleus

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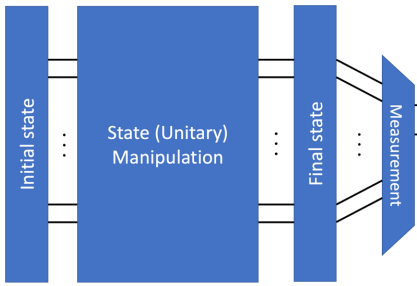
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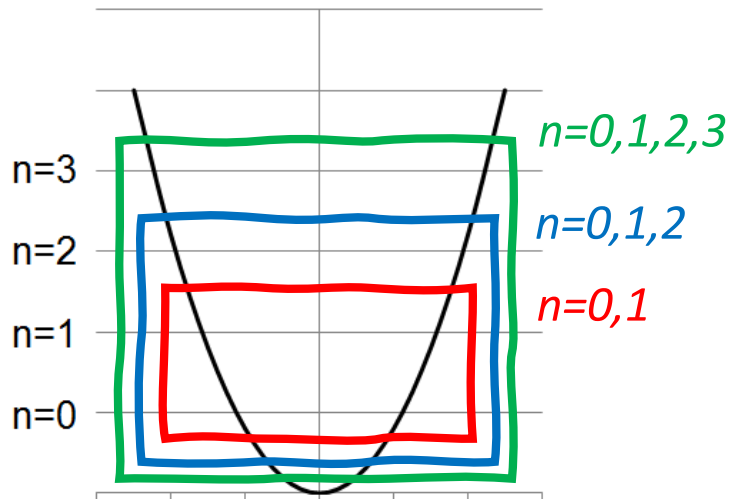
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# Solving the deuteron problem on a quantum computer



First step : map the deuteron problem into a simple Hamiltonian Usable in current quantum devices

## Schematic Hamiltonian in a truncated HO basis

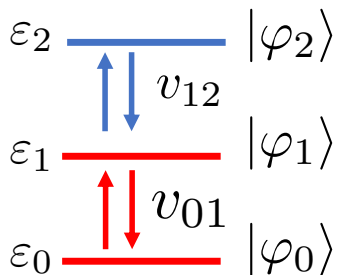


$$H_N = \sum_{n,n'=0}^{N-1} \langle n' | (T + V) | n \rangle a_n^\dagger a_n$$

$$\langle n' | T | n \rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \left[ (2n + 3/2)\delta_n^{n'} - \sqrt{n(n + 1/2)}\delta_n^{n'+1} - \sqrt{(n + 1)(n + 3/2)}\delta_n^{n'-1} \right],$$

$$\langle n' | V | n \rangle = V_0 \delta_n^0 \delta_n^{n'}$$

The parameters are adjusted to reproduce the ground state and excited deuteron energy



On 2 levels:

$$H_2 = \varepsilon_0 a_0^\dagger a_0 + \varepsilon_1 a_1^\dagger a_0 + v_{01} (a_1^\dagger a_0 + a_0^\dagger a_1)$$

Adding one level:

$$H_3 = H_2 + \varepsilon_2 a_2^\dagger a_2 + v_{12} (a_2^\dagger a_1 + a_1^\dagger a_2)$$

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# Simple approach to many-problem on a quantum computer

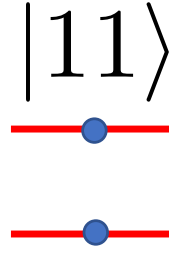
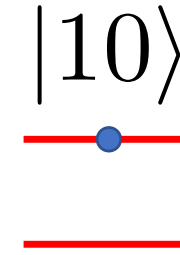
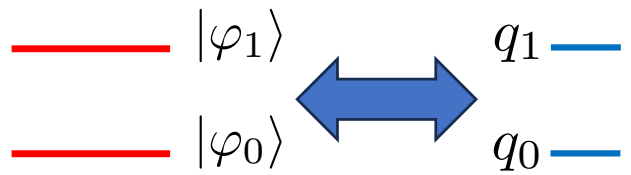
We can assign one to each single-particle state, one qubit



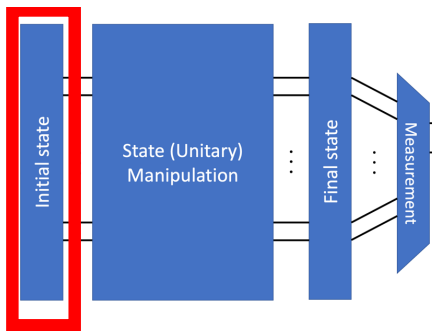
—  $|\varphi_0\rangle$       If the state is **unoccupied**, the qubit is in the zero state  $|0\rangle$

—●  $|\varphi_0\rangle$       If the state is **occupied**, the qubit is in the zero state  $|1\rangle$

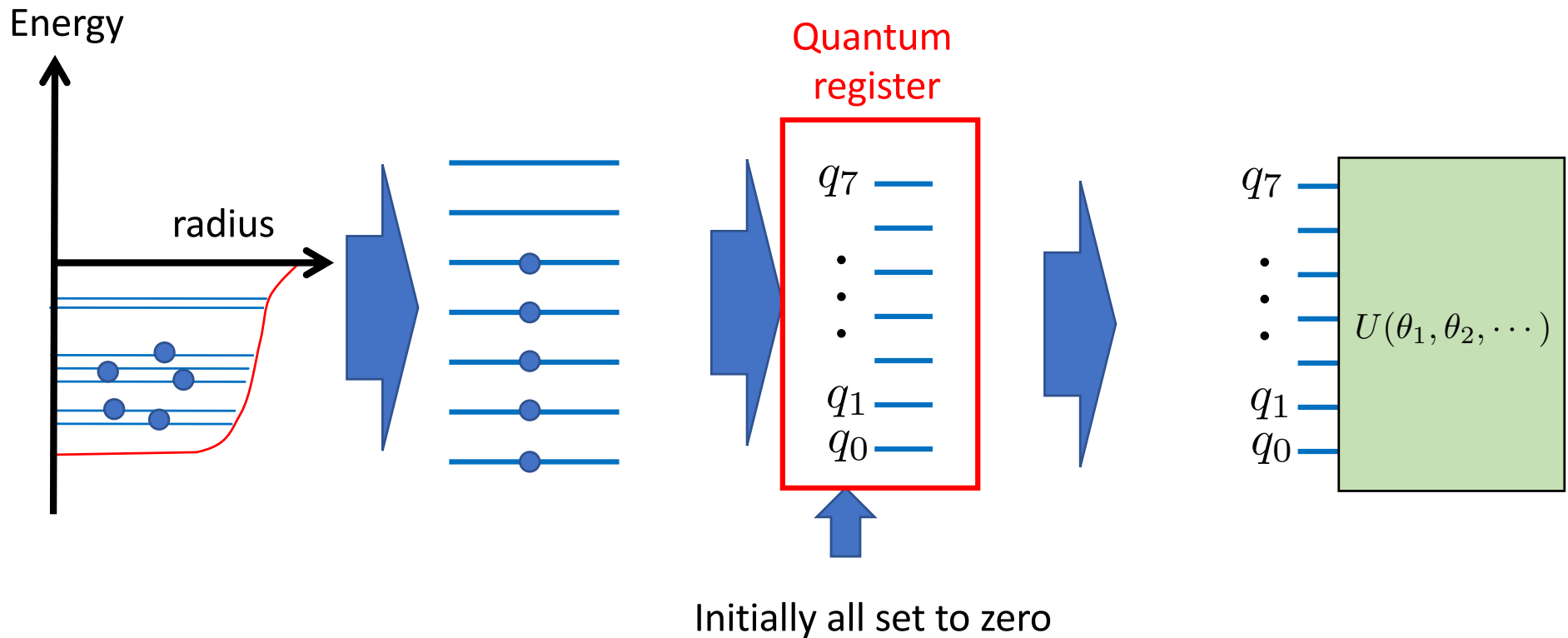
Two states = two qubits



# “Nuclear” Many-Body problem: initial state state preparation



Shell model on a quantum computer  
in configuration interaction



One-difficulty – the antisymmetric nature of fermions

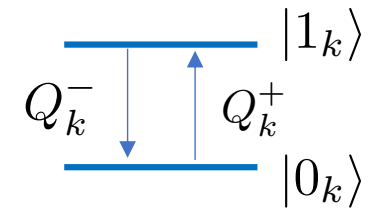
# The Jordan-Wigner Transformation (JWT) solution

## Mapping observable from Fock to qubit space

Mapping the Fock space into Qubits

$$|-\rangle = |0 \cdots 0\rangle$$

For qubits



For fermions

$$a_k^\dagger |-\rangle = |0 \cdots 0 \ 1_k \ 0 \cdots 0\rangle \iff Q_k^+ = \frac{1}{2} (X_k - iY_k) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{a_k, a_k^\dagger\} = 1 \quad \{Q_k^-, Q_k^+\} = 1$$

Problem  $\{a_k, a_l^\dagger\} = 0$  while  $[Q_k^-, Q_l^+] = 0$

One possible solution (Jordan-Wigner transformation -1928)

- 1 Order the index like in a lattice
- 2 Define new mapping



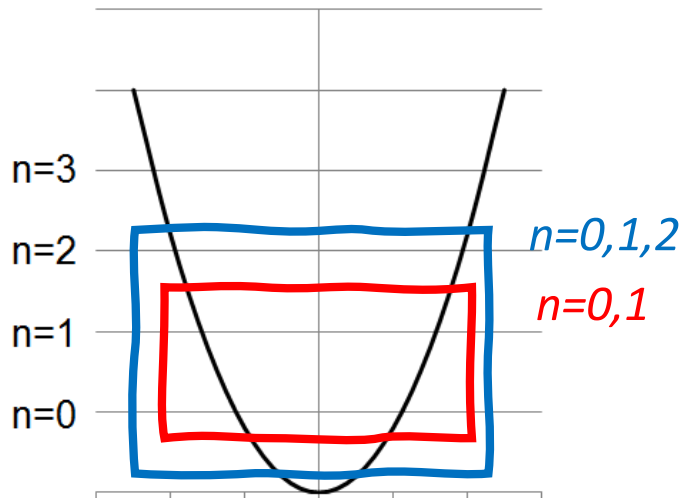
The encoding is not unique:

- Bravyi-Kitaev encoding - Ann. Phys. 298 (2002).
  - Parity encoding – Seeley et al, J. Chem. Phys. 137, 224109 (2012)
- Encoding might lead to highly non-local multi-qubit operators!

$$a_k^\dagger \rightarrow \left( \prod_{j < k} -Z_j \right) Q_k^+$$



The Jordan-Wigner method is simple and systematic, how this works:



$$\Rightarrow H_2 = \varepsilon_0 a_0^\dagger a_0 + \varepsilon_1 a_1^\dagger a_0 + v_{01} (a_1^\dagger a_0 + a_0^\dagger a_1)$$

Jordan-Wigner mapping

$$\begin{aligned} a_0^\dagger &\rightarrow Q_0^+ \\ a_1^\dagger &\rightarrow -Z_0 Q_1^+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\Downarrow (Q_k^+ Z_k = -Q_k^+)$$

$$H_2 = \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} (I - Z_0) + \frac{\varepsilon_1}{2} (I - Z_1) + v_{01} (X_0 X_1 + Y_0 Y_1)$$



$$H_2 = 5.906709I + 0.218291Z_0 - 6.125Z_1 - 2.143304(X_0 X_1 + Y_0 Y_1)$$

Adding a qubit:  $a_2^\dagger \rightarrow Z_0 Z_1 Q_2^+$

$$H_3 = H_2 + 9.625(I - Z_2) - 3.913119(X_1 X_2 + Y_1 Y_2)$$

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## A few simple but important remarks

$$H_2 = 5.906709I + 0.218291Z_0 - 6.125Z_1 - 2.143304(X_0X_1 + Y_0Y_1)$$

$$H = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}} c_i P_{i_0} \cdots P_{i_{n_q}}$$

hermitian  
But not unitary

Pauli String  
Unitary operator

$$P \in \{I, X, Y, Z\}$$

The group  $G$  has  $\sim 4^n$  elements

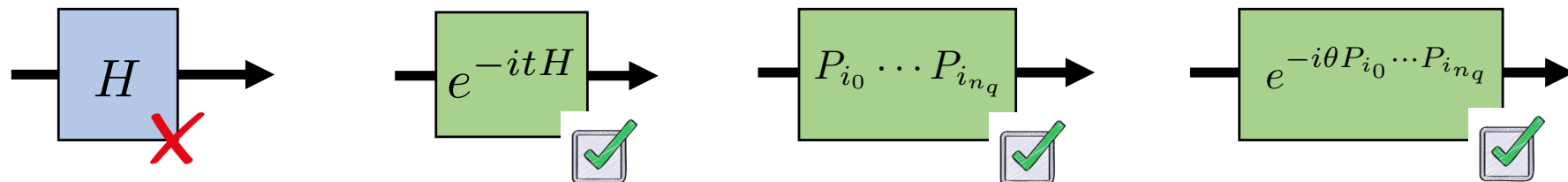
➔ Pauli-string decomposition is universal

This is the essence of quantum tomography

For one qubit 
$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} [\text{Tr}(\rho)I + \text{Tr}(\rho X)X + \text{Tr}(\rho Y)Y + \text{Tr}(\rho Z)Z]$$

But tomography has an exponential cost with the number of qubits.

➔ Given  $H$ , which operation can be a priori implemented on a quantum computer?





# Practical solution on a quantum computer

What problem exactly are we trying to solve?

$$H_2 = a_0 I + a_1 Z_0 + a_2 Z_1 + a_3 (X_0 X_1 + Y_0 Y_1)$$

$$\rightarrow H = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 + a_1 + a_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_0 + a_1 - a_2 & 2a_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2a_3 & a_0 - a_1 + a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_0 - a_1 - a_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle \\ |11\rangle \end{matrix}$$

On a classical computer

We diagonalize  $\rightarrow |GS\rangle = \alpha|10\rangle + \beta|10\rangle$

In Fock space

In qubit space

$$|\Psi(\theta)\rangle = e^{i\theta(a_1^\dagger a_0 - a_0^\dagger a_1)} a_0^\dagger |00\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi(\theta)\rangle = e^{i(\theta/2)(X_0 Y_1 - Y_0 X_1)} X_0 |00\rangle$$

The ground state can be found by minimizing the energy:  $E(\theta) = \langle \Psi(\theta) | H_2 | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$



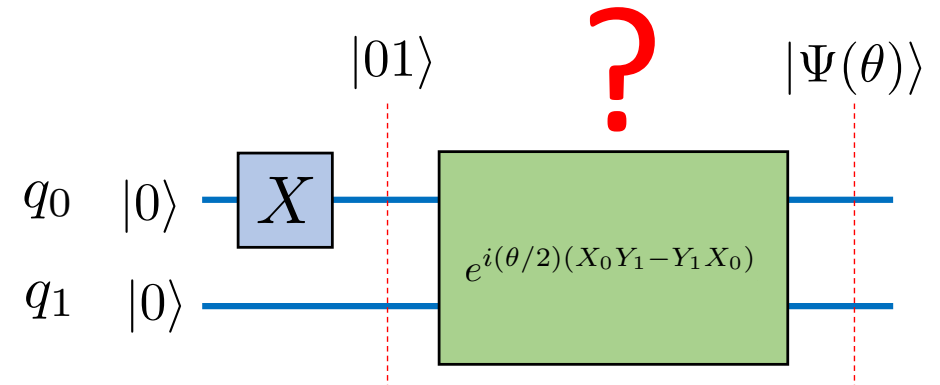
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State preparation

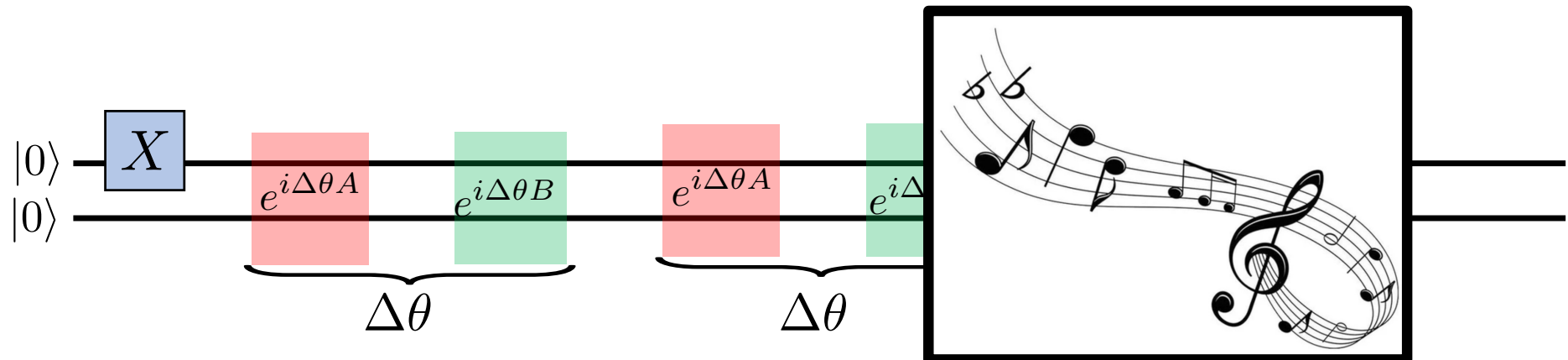
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Standard strategy

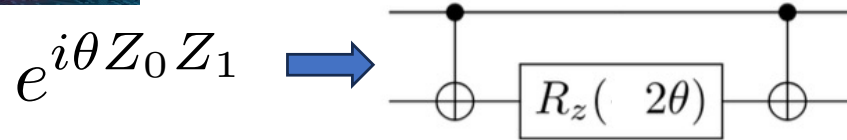
The (first order) Trotter-Suzuki formula

$$\left\| e^{it(A+B)} - \left[ e^{i\delta t A/n} e^{i\delta t B/n} \right]^n \right\| \leq \frac{\delta t^2}{2n} \| [A, B] \| \leq \epsilon$$





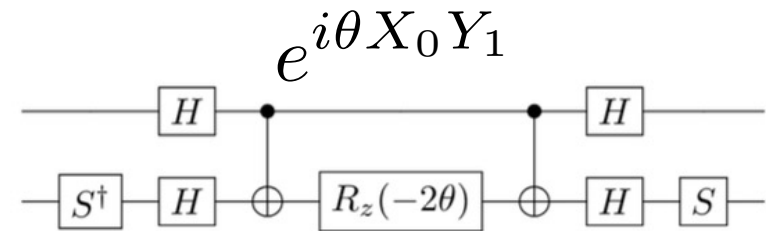
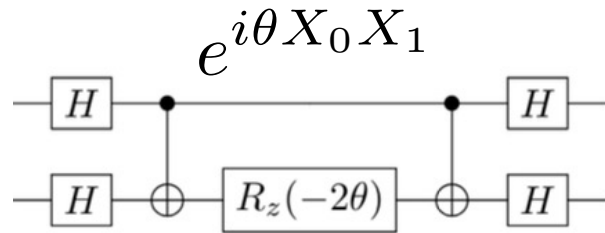
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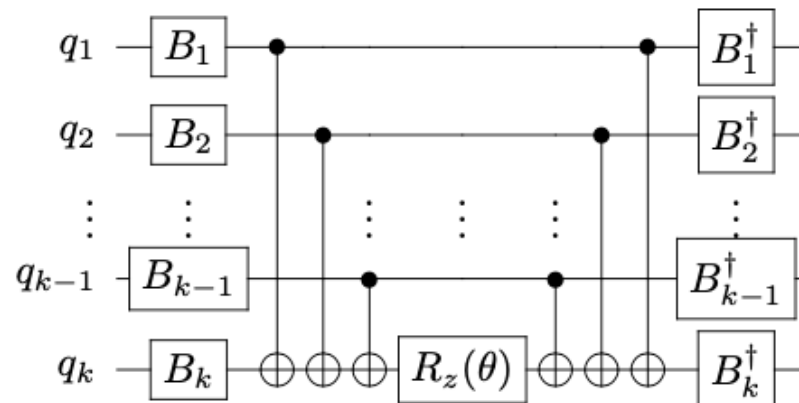
Other circuits can be obtained using

$$H X H = Z$$

$$(H S^\dagger) Y (S H) = Z$$



General staircase circuit



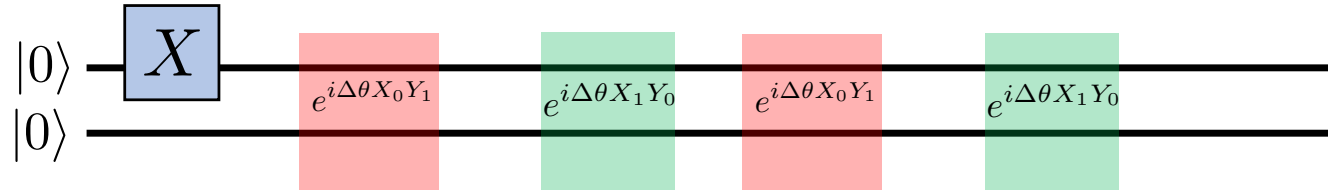
$P_i$	$B_i$	Check: $B_i P_i B_i^\dagger$
$Z$	$I$	$Z$
$X$	$H$	$Z$
$Y$	$H S^\dagger$	$Z$

(courtesy to R. Bocquet)



# General method to obtain a circuit

Circuit length

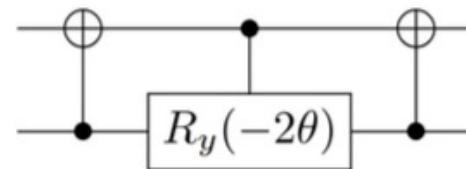


1 qubit gate	+1	+7	+7	+7	+7	...
CNOT gates		+2	+2	+2	+2	

Circuits are not unique !

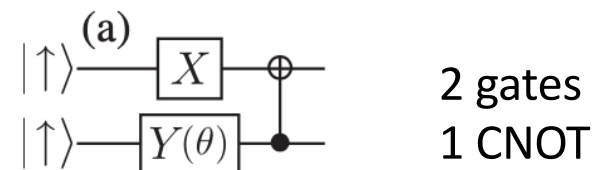
Can be made with three control gates and one rotation only

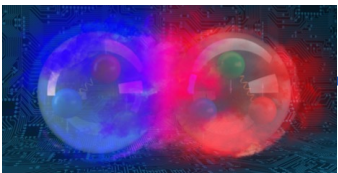
$$e^{-i\theta(Y_1 X_2 - X_1 Y_2)}$$



The circuit has been further reduced to

*Dumitrescu et al, PRL 120 (2018)*



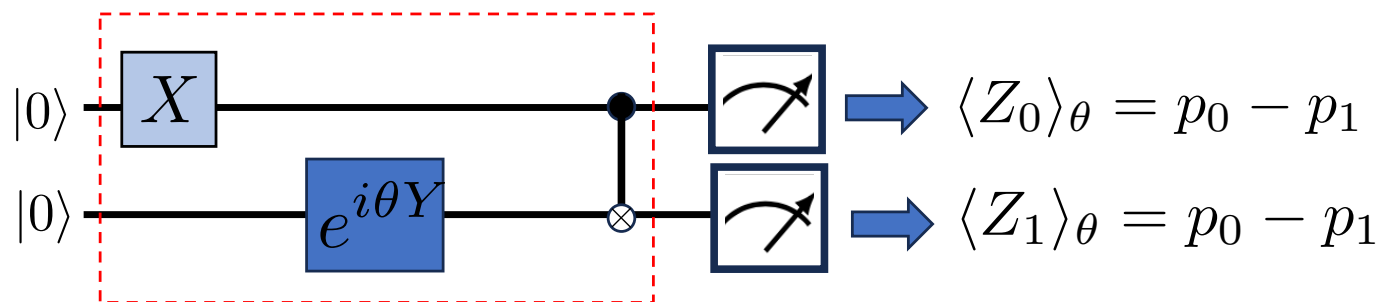


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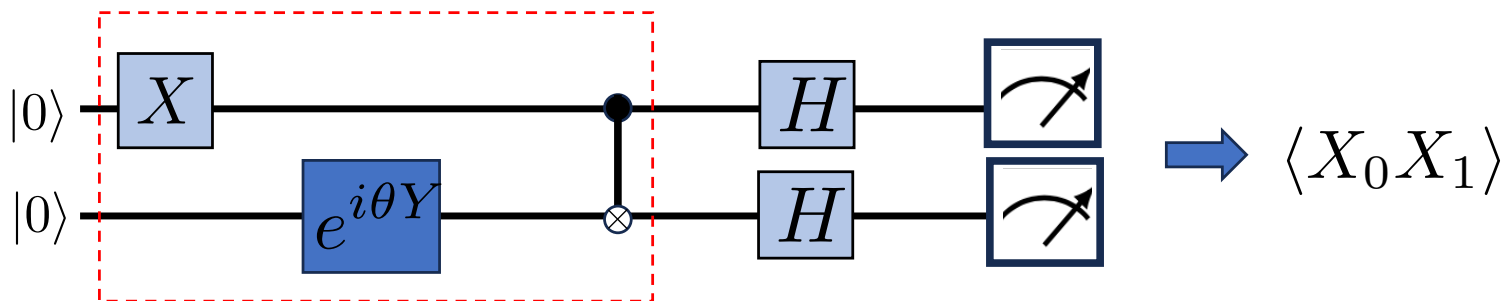
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Energy evaluation

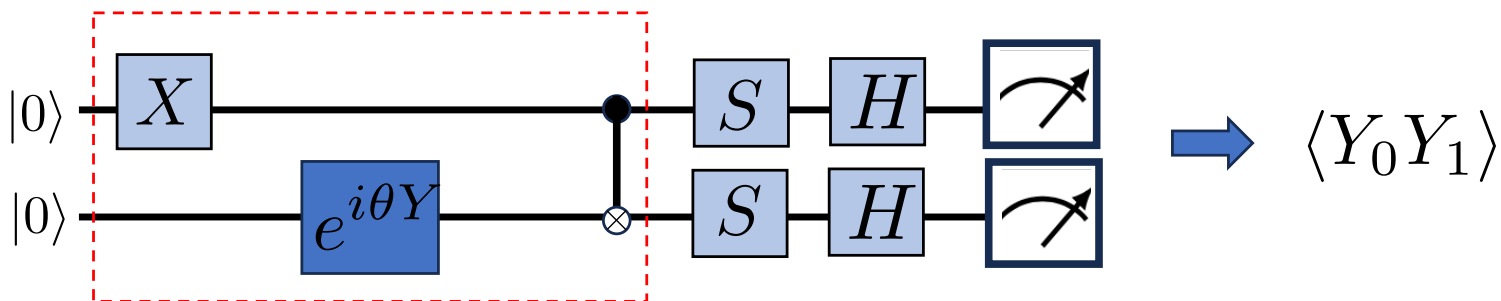
Circuit 1



Circuit 2



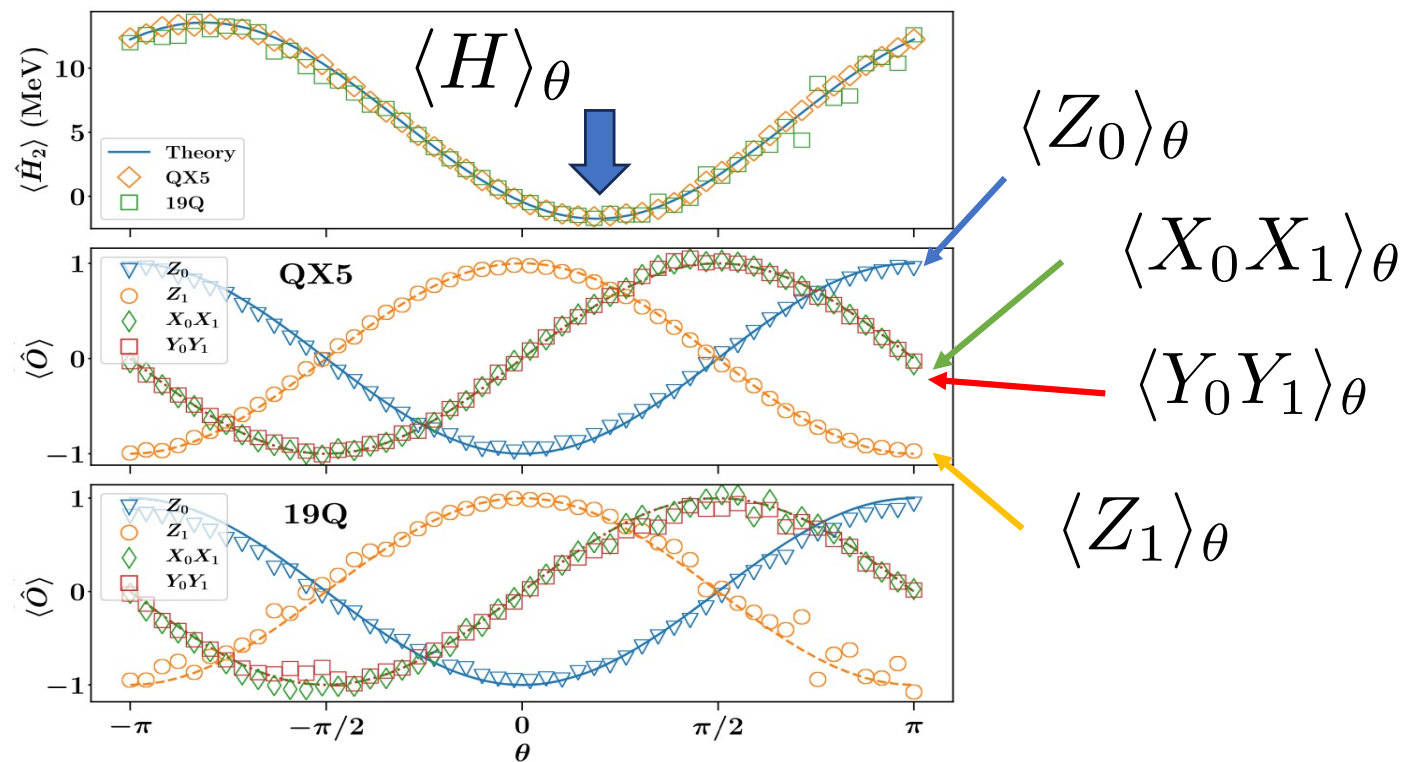
Circuit 3





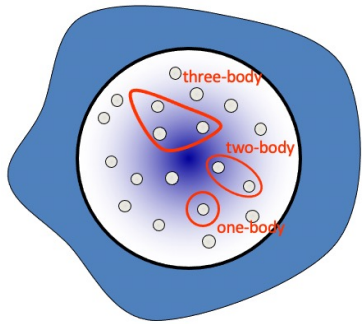
Energy can be reconstructed

$$E_\theta = a_0 + a_1 \langle Z_0 \rangle_\theta + a_2 \langle Z_1 \rangle_\theta + a_3 (\langle X_0 X_1 \rangle_\theta + \langle Y_0 Y_1 \rangle_\theta)$$

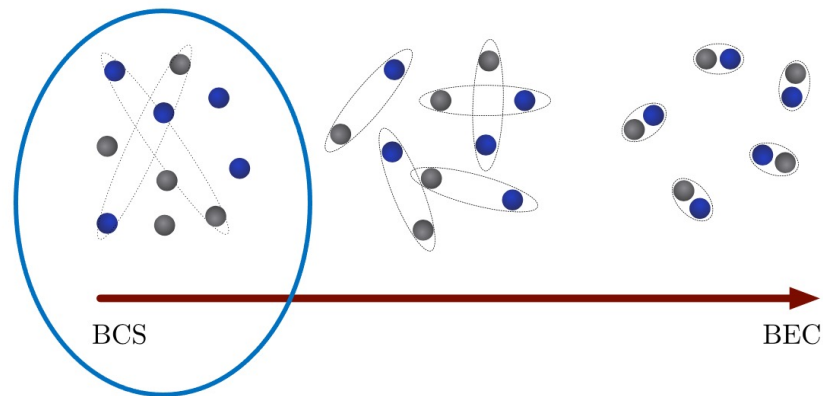


Dumitrescu et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 (2018)

See tutorial!



# Second Example: Treating superfluid systems



This problem is an archetype of spontaneous symmetry breaking/symmetry restoration in nuclear physics.

# Illustration with the pairing Hamiltonian

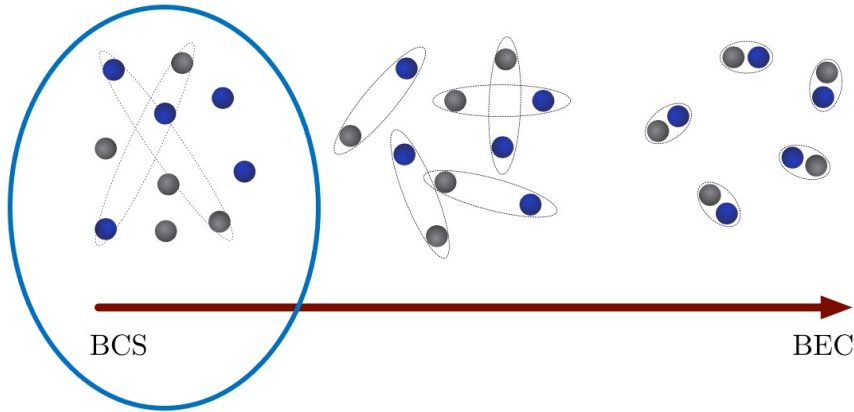
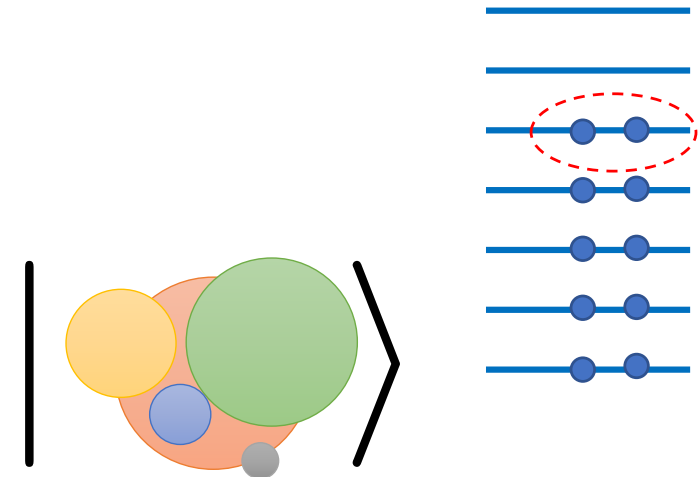


Illustration with the Richardson Hamiltonian

$$H_P = \sum_{i>0} \varepsilon_i (a_i^\dagger a_i + a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}) - g \sum_{i,j>0} a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger a_{\bar{j}} a_j$$



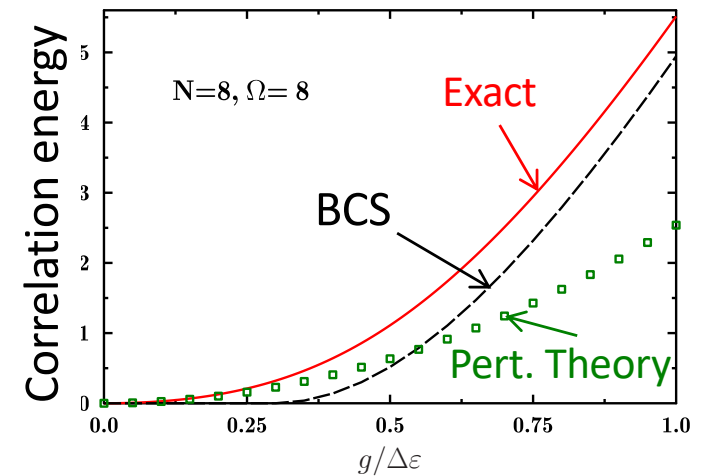
Example

$$|\Phi_0\rangle = \prod_i (u_i + v_i a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger) |-\rangle$$

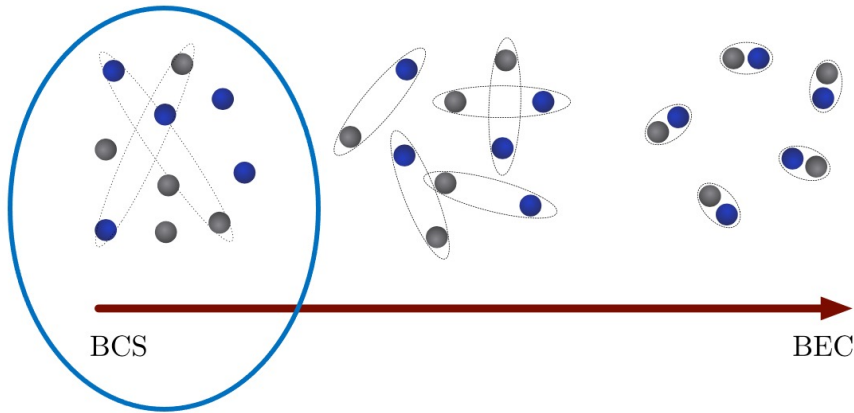
➔ Mixes states with 0, 2, 4, ... particles

The particle number - U(1) symmetry) is broken

How to encode the Hamiltonian and prepare this state on a quantum computer ?



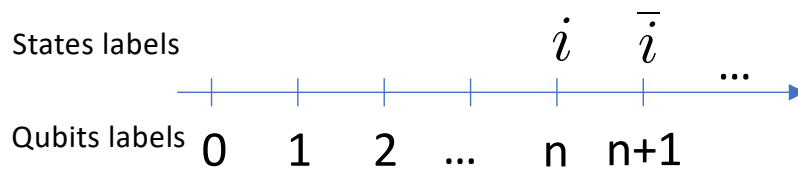
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Again qubit ordering, is crucial!

First step Fermion to qubit mapping



Jordan-Wigner trans:

$$a_i^\dagger a_i \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} (I_n - Z_n)$$

$$a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger \longrightarrow Q_n^+ Q_{n+1}^+$$

with  $Q_n^+ = \frac{1}{2} (X_n - iY_n)$

Second step: prepare the wave-function with a circuit

$$|\Phi_0\rangle = \prod_i (u_i + v_i a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger) |-\rangle$$

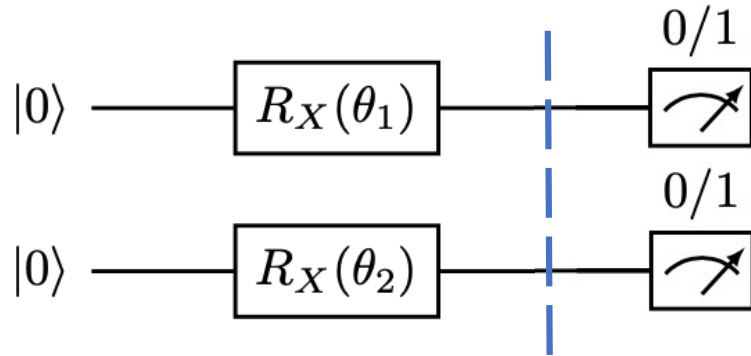
Consider one pair

$$\longrightarrow (u_n + v_n Q_n^+ Q_{n+1}^+) |00\rangle = u_n |00\rangle + v_n |11\rangle$$

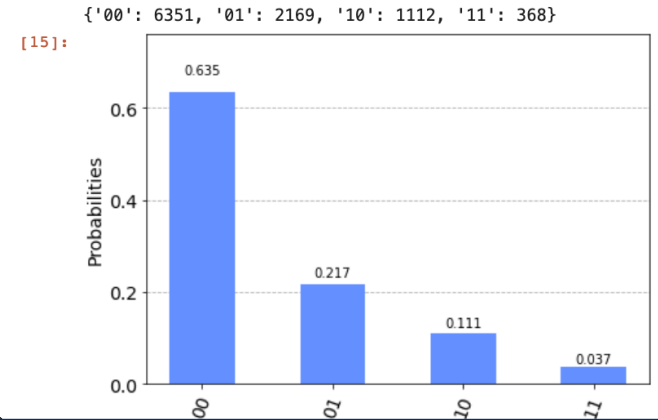
Equivalent to a generalized Bell state)

# Preparing a Bell (Pairing state)

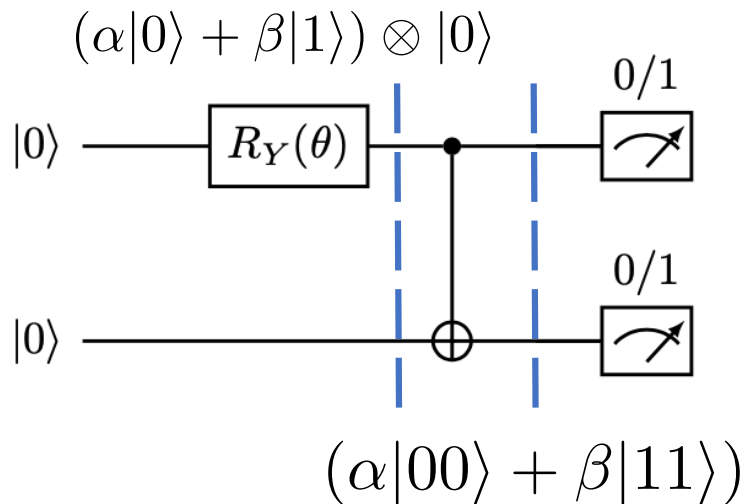
## Independent particle



$$(\alpha_1|0\rangle + \beta_1|1\rangle) \otimes (\alpha_2|0\rangle + \beta_2|1\rangle)$$



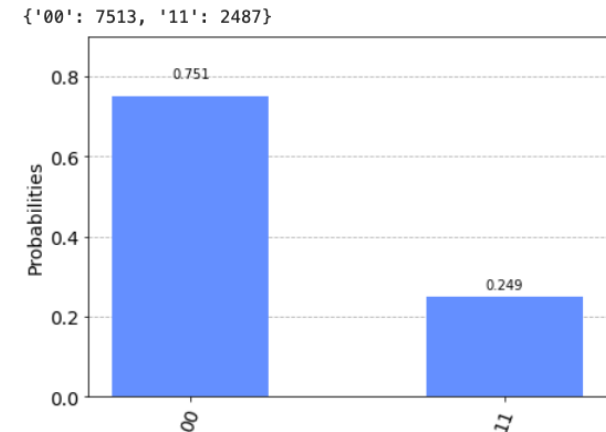
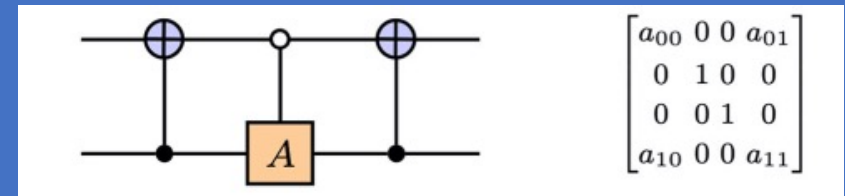
## Entangled/correlated state

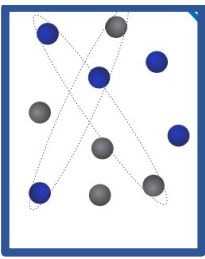


$$(\alpha|00\rangle + \beta|11\rangle)$$

Here I created a Bell state

Again the circuit is not unique

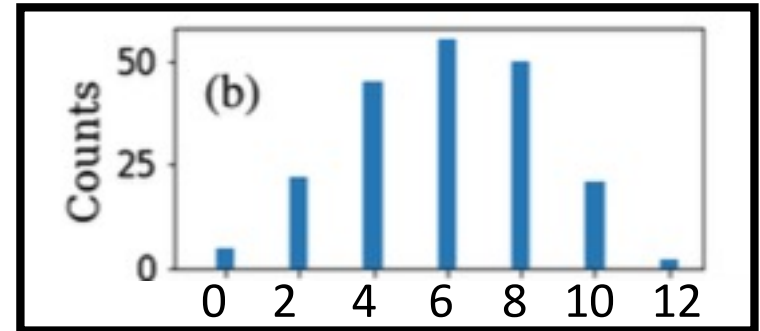
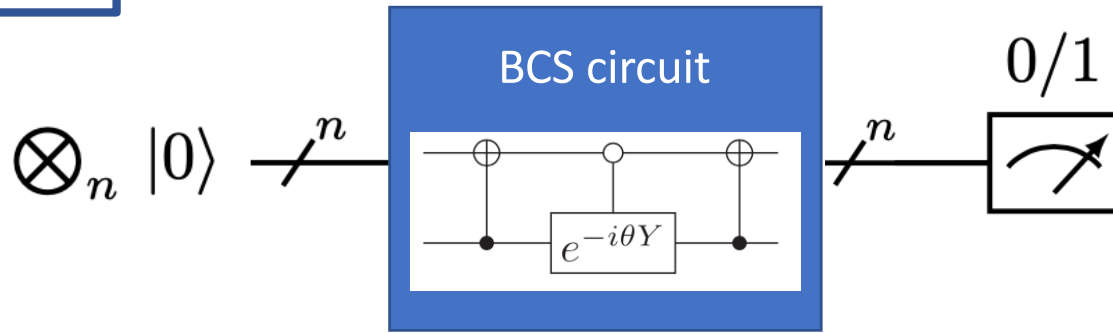




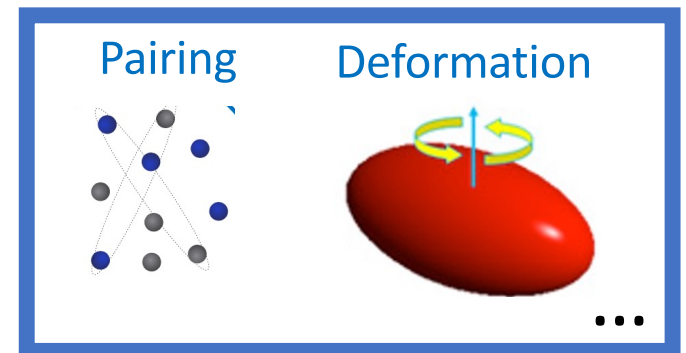
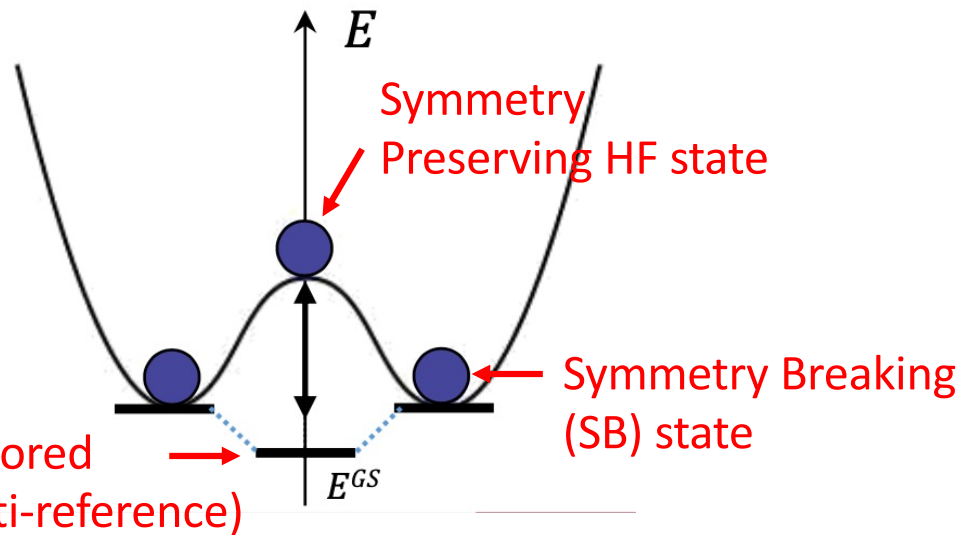
# Quantum computing for atomic nuclei

Illustration for small superfluids

Example of mixing for 12 qubits



Restoring symmetries on a quantum computer?



D. Lacroix, A. Ruiz Guzman and P. Siwach, Symmetry breaking/symmetry preserving circuits and symmetry restoration on quantum computers EPJA 59 (2023)

# A brief overview of the symmetry restoration problem and its solution

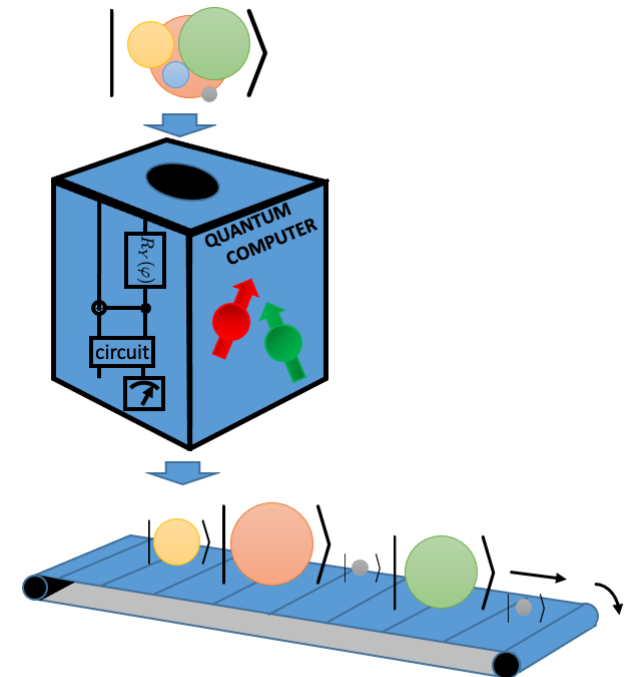
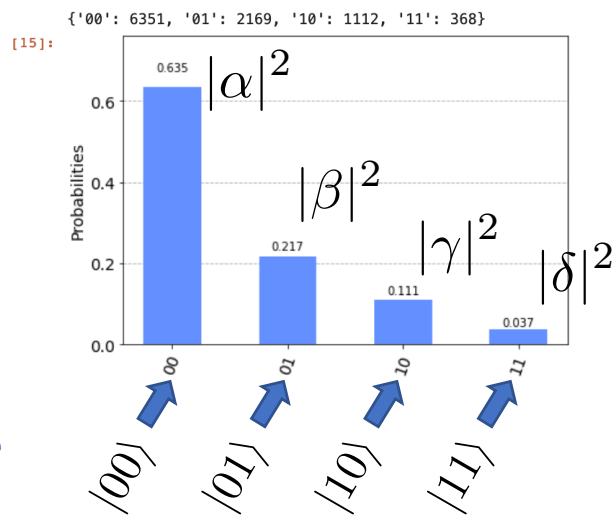
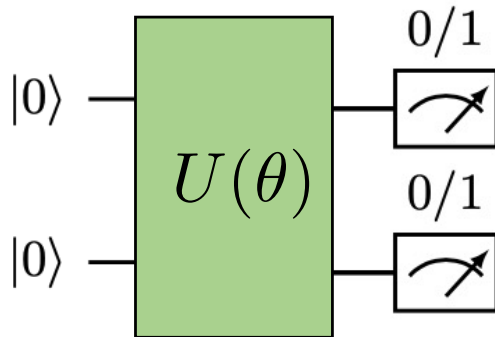
## The particle number case

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_N c_N |N\rangle \rightarrow |N\rangle \rightarrow \text{Use it for evolution, Energy minimization, ...}$$

For 2 qubits

$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|00\rangle + \beta|01\rangle + \gamma|10\rangle + \delta|11\rangle$$

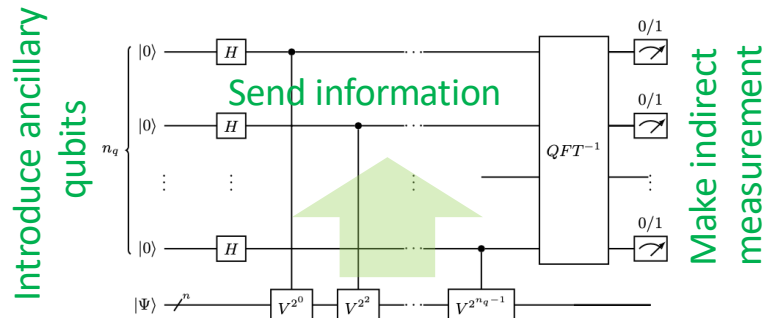
$|N=0\rangle$        $\propto |N=1\rangle$        $|N=2\rangle$



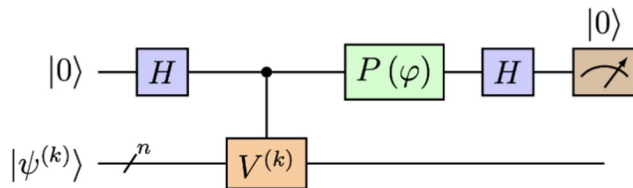
Difficulty – wave-function collapse

# Systematic of Symmetry filtering methods

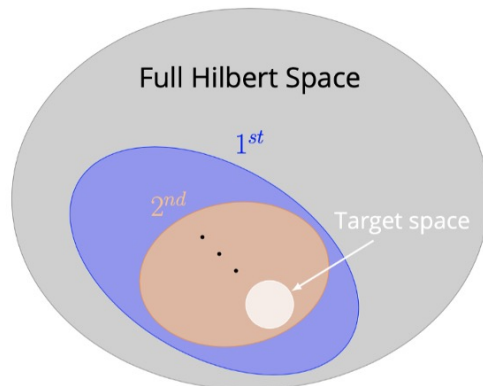
## Standard Quantum Phase estimation



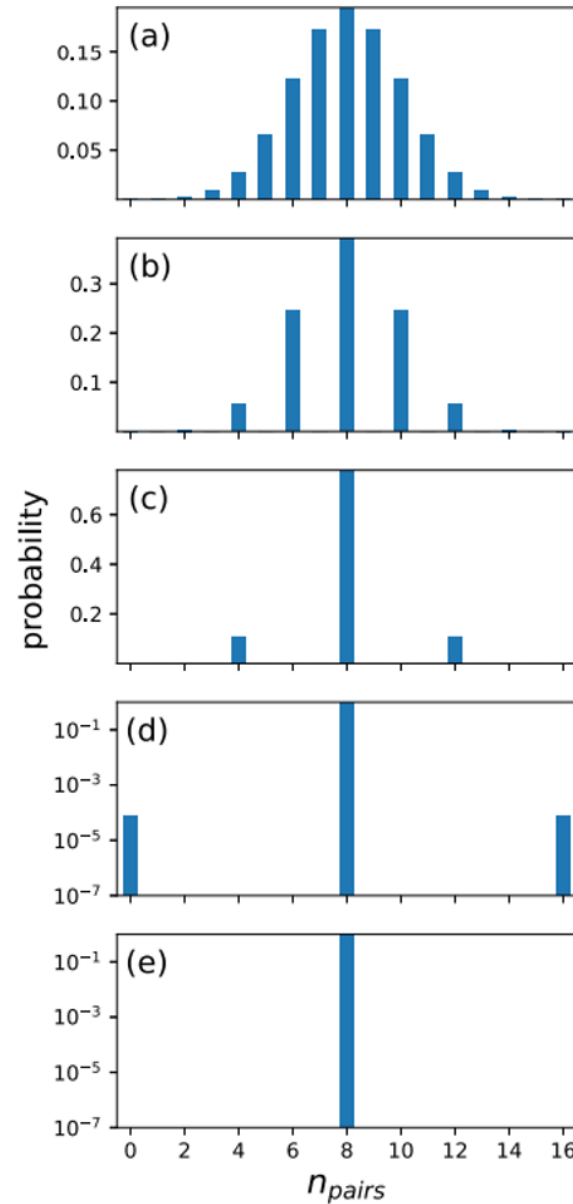
## Iterative Quantum Phase estimation



$$\hat{V}^{(k)} = e^{i\phi_k \hat{N}} ; \quad \phi_k = \frac{\pi}{2^k}$$



16 qubits, N = 8



# Standard nuclear physics strategy based on symmetries

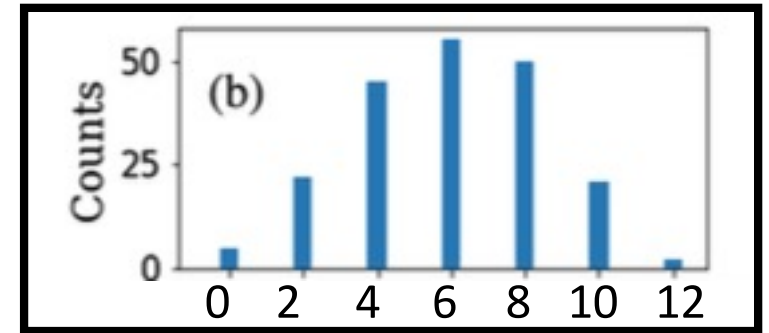
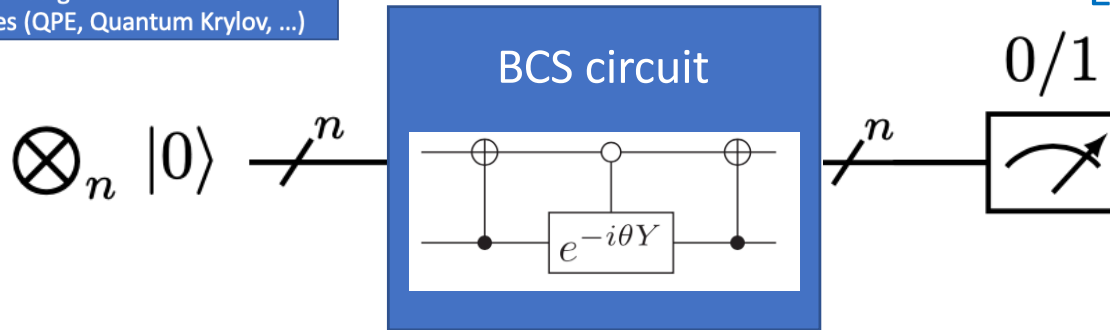
Where we are, where we go


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- 2 Symmetry restoration on QC
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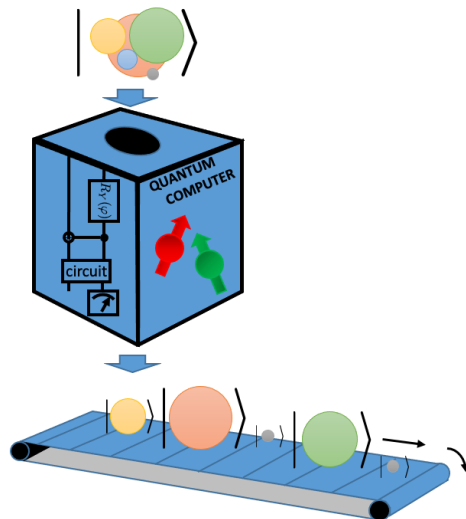
1 Preparing symmetry-breaking state (BCS, ...) 

➡ Relatively easy, uses standard toolkit

Example of mixing for 12 qubits (with qiskit)



2 Restoring symmetries 



## Various methods

-With phase-estimation

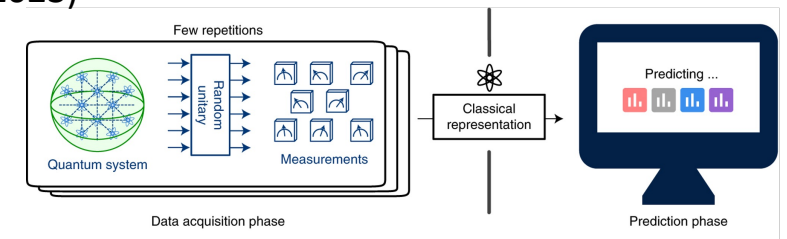
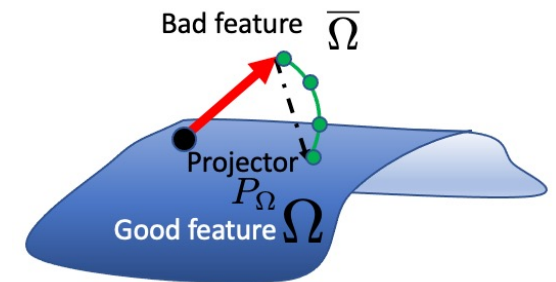
D. Lacroix, PRL 125, 230502 (2020).

-Using quantum Oracles

Ruiz Guzman, Lacroix, PRC 107 (2023)

-Using classical post-processing (shadows)

Ruiz Guzman, Lacroix, Eur. J. Phys. A 60 (2024)



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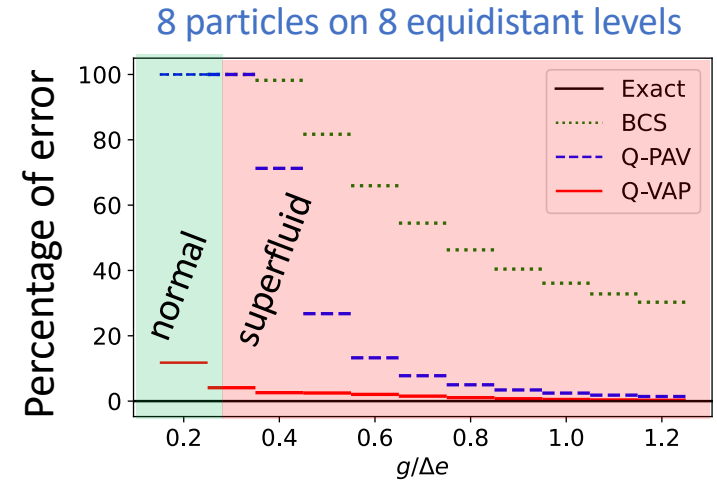
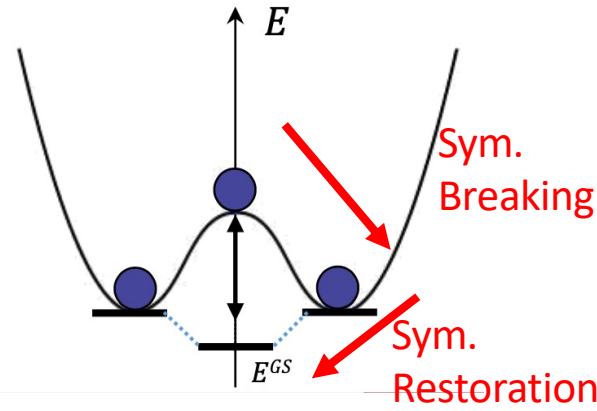
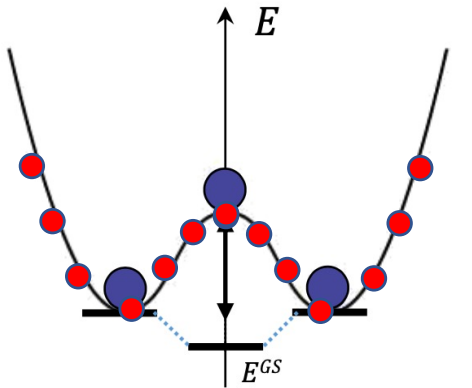
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3 Using Symmetry-breaking / restoration 

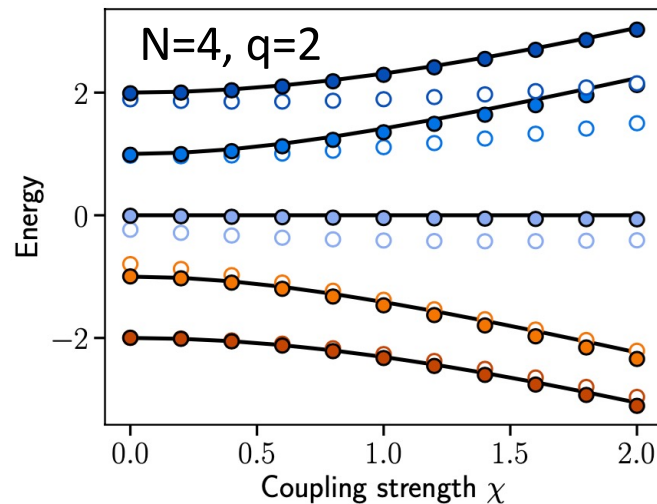
Quantum Generator  
Coordinate Method


$$|\Psi\rangle = \int_{\mathbf{q}} f(\mathbf{q}) |\Phi(\mathbf{q})\rangle d\mathbf{q}$$

$$\int_{\mathbf{q}'} d\mathbf{q}' [\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}') - EN(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}')] f(\mathbf{q}') = 0$$



## Lipkin model

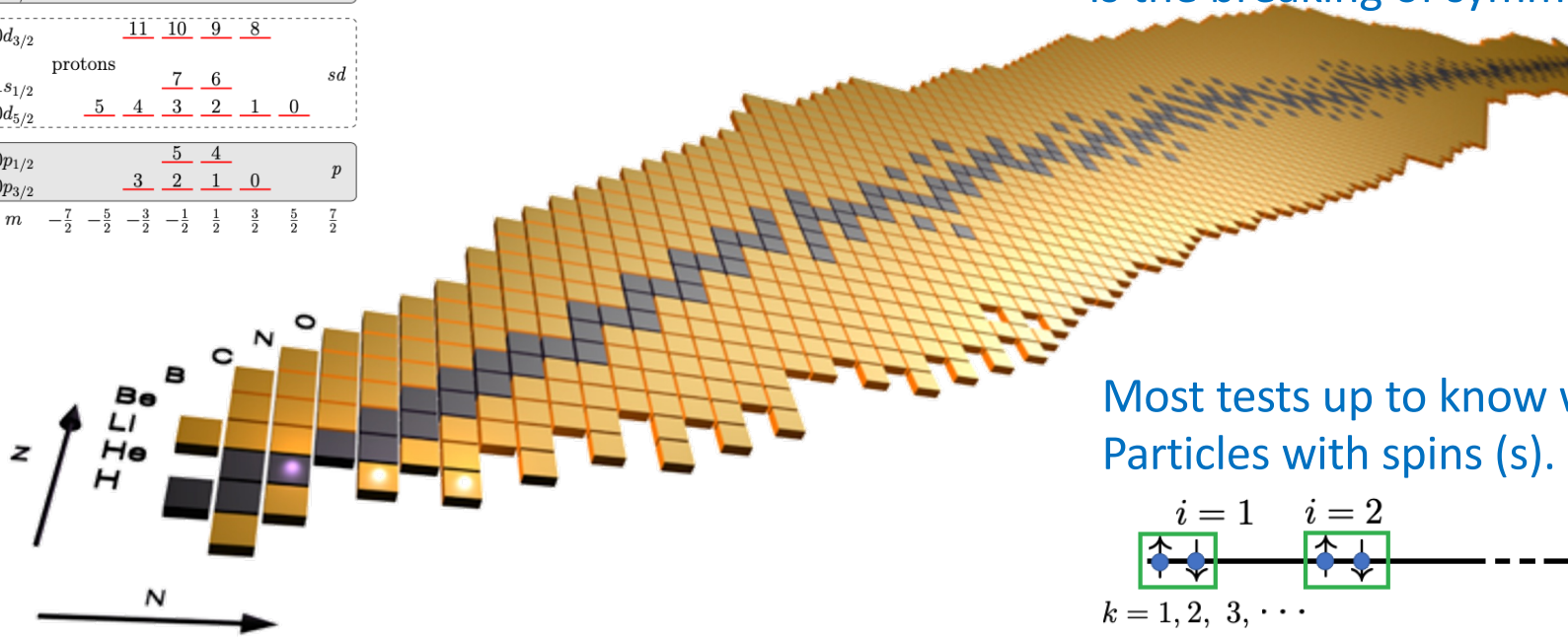


- Q-HFB
  - Q-PAV
  - Q-VAP
  - Q-GCM
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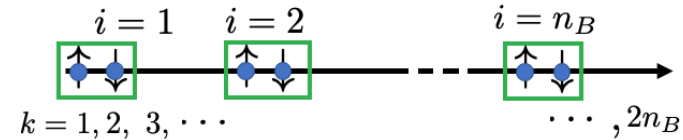
# Getting closer to realistic problems

Is the breaking of symmetries always a good idea?

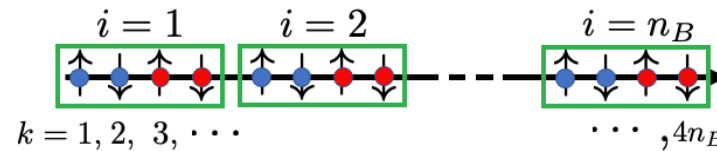
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$1p_{1/2}$		13	12				$pf$
$1p_{3/2}$		11	10	9	8		
$0f_{7/2}$	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
							0
$0d_{3/2}$	11	10	9	8			
protons		7	6				$sd$
$1s_{1/2}$		5	4	3	2	1	0
$0d_{5/2}$							
$0p_{1/2}$		5	4				
$0p_{3/2}$		3	2	1	0		$p$
$m$	$-\frac{7}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{5}{2}$
							$\frac{7}{2}$



Most tests up to know were made on Particles with spins ( $s$ ).



But nuclei have both spin ( $s$ ) and isospin ( $t$ ) (neutron/proton)



➡ This increases the number of qubits  
 $S_z, S^2, \pi$

➡ This increases the number of symmetries that could be broken

$S_z, S^2, T_z, T^2, \pi$

Symmetry-breaking states become extremely hard to control  
 Symmetry restoration becomes very demanding

# Going beyond traditional nuclear physics methods: Use of adaptative methods

## Iterative construction of the ansatz

Grimsley, et al, Nat. Commun. 10 (2019)

➔ Start from a state  $|\Psi_0\rangle = |n = 0\rangle$

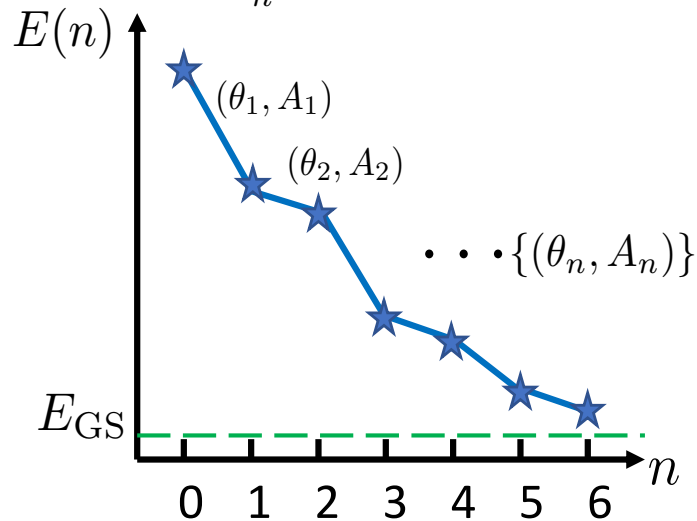
➔ Built iteratively the ansatz such as:

$$|n\rangle = e^{i\theta_n A_n} |n-1\rangle = \prod_{k=1}^n e^{i\theta_k A_k} |0\rangle$$

$A_n \in \{O_1, \dots, O_\Omega\}$

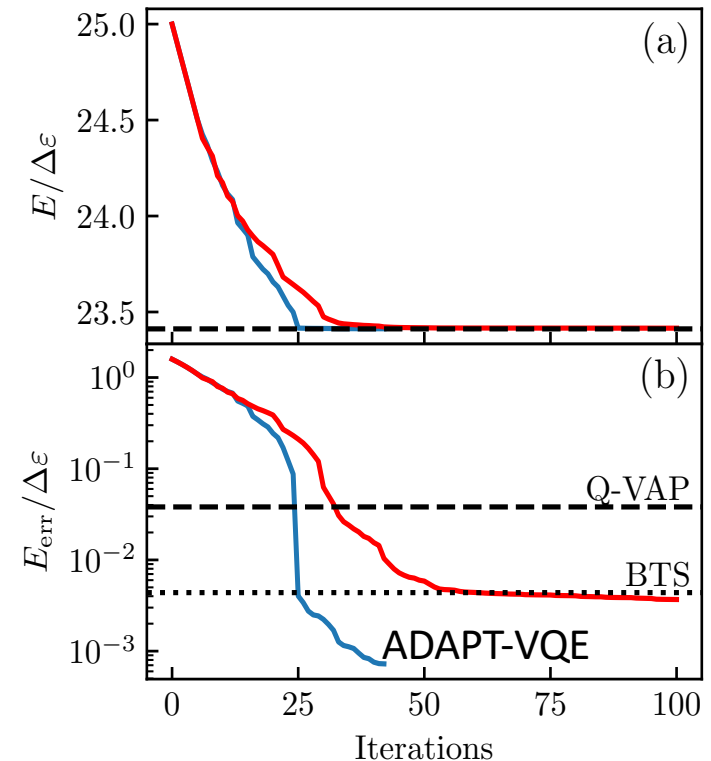
Such that

$$\frac{\partial E(n)}{\partial \theta_n} = i \langle n | [H, A_n] | n \rangle \text{ is maximum}$$

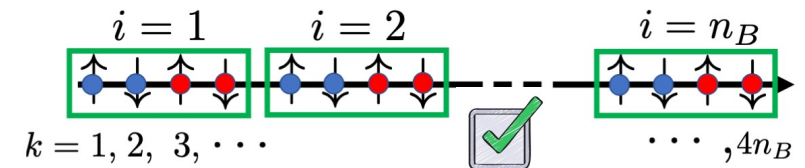


Extension to  
spin and isospin

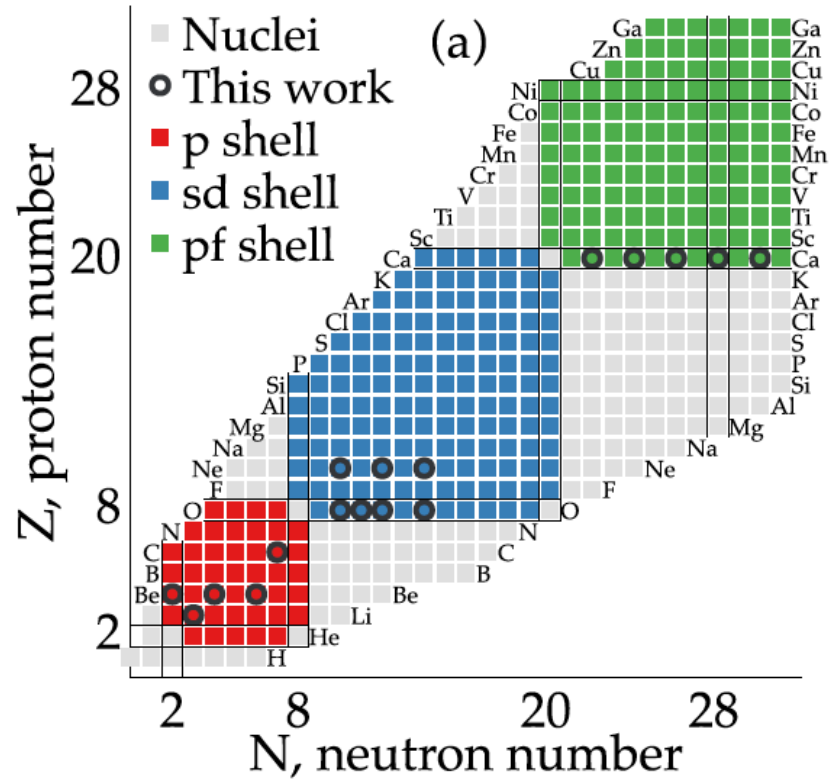
## ADAPT-VQE applied to the Superfluid problems: only spins



J. Zhang, D. Lacroix, and Y. Beaujeault-Taudière, PRC 110 (2024)

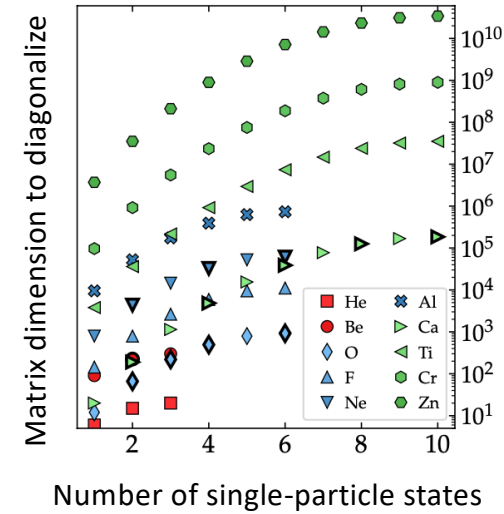


# The nuclear shell model on quantum computers



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

## Finding eigenstates

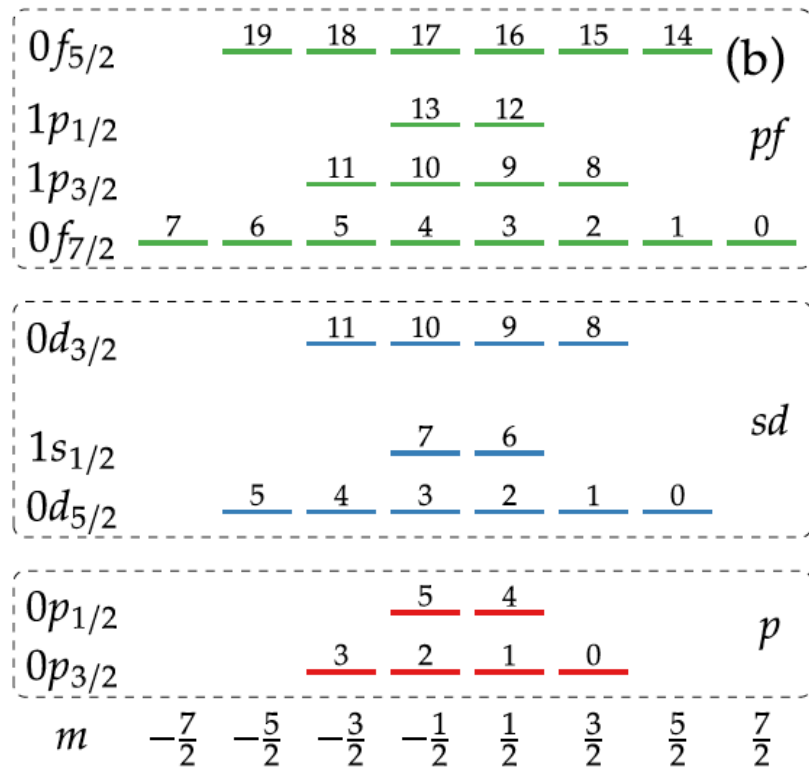
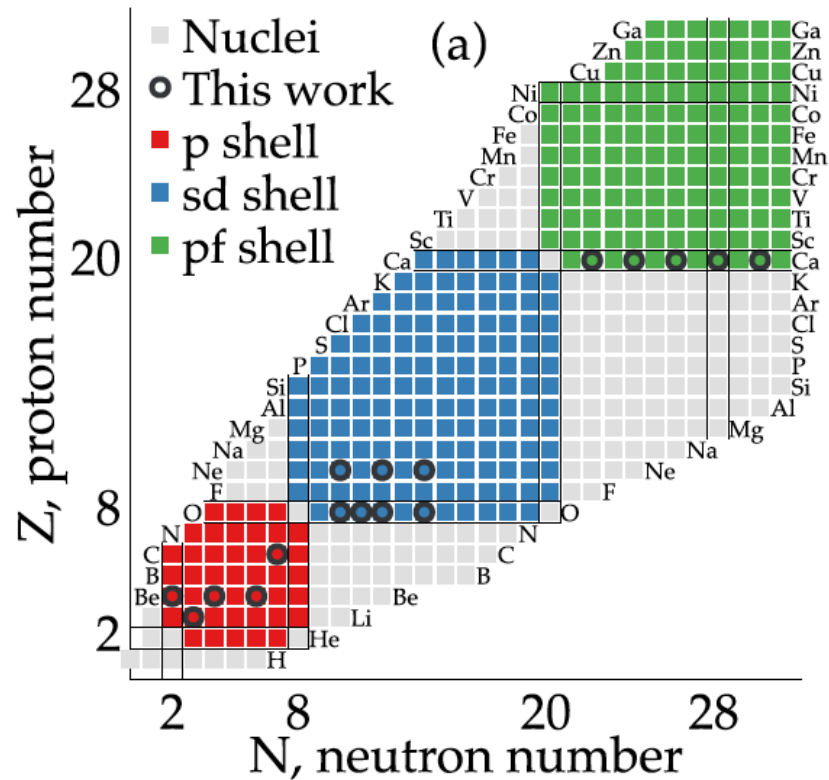


- Exponential growth of basis dimensions:  $D \sim \binom{d_\pi}{p} \cdot \binom{d_v}{n}$
- In *pf* shell :  
<sup>56</sup>Ni **1,087,455,228**  $\approx 30$  qubits
- In *pf-sdg* space :  
<sup>78</sup>Ni **210,046,691,518**  $\approx 38$  qubits
- Actual limits in giant diagonalizations: **0.2 10<sup>12</sup>** (<sup>114</sup>Sn)
- Largest matrices up to now:  $\sim 10^{14}$  non-zero matrix elements
- Strasbourg LSSM codes: **ANTOINE** and **NATHAN**

(courtesy F. Nowacki [2021])

# The nuclear shell model on quantum computers

## Valence space quantum computing



20 or less qubits

- Obiol et al, [2302.03641](#)
- Bhoy et al, [2402.15577](#)
- Costa et al, [2411.06954](#)
- Yoshida et al, [2404.01694](#)
- Yoshida et al, [2509.20642](#)

12 or less qubits

- Sarma et al, [2306.06432](#)
- Yang et al, [2306.08885](#)
- Sarma et al, [2510.02124](#)

6 or less qubits

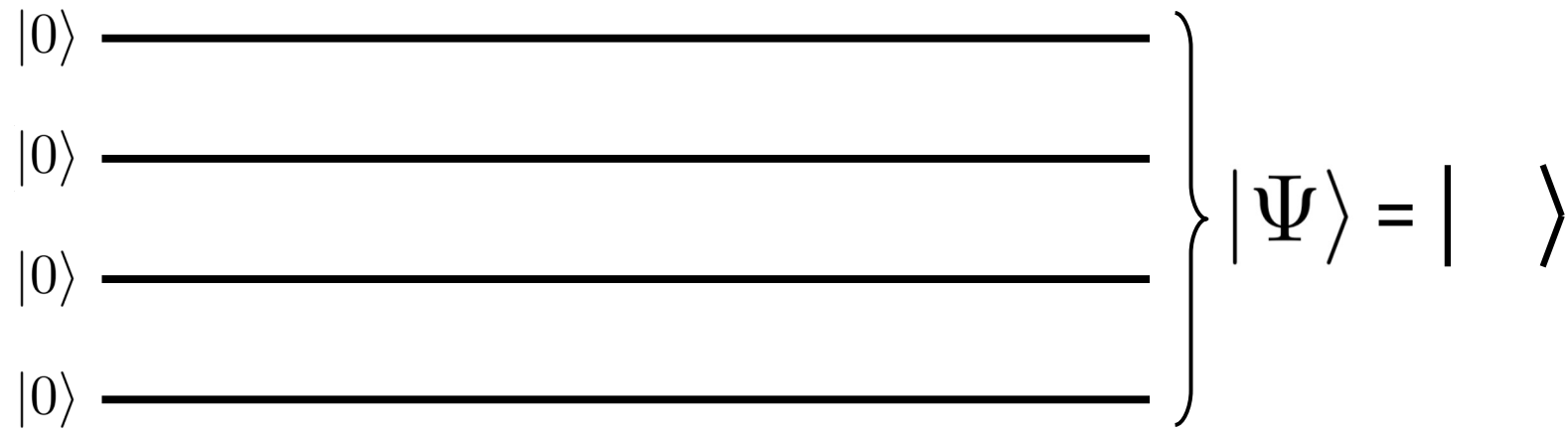
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➡ Select the model space

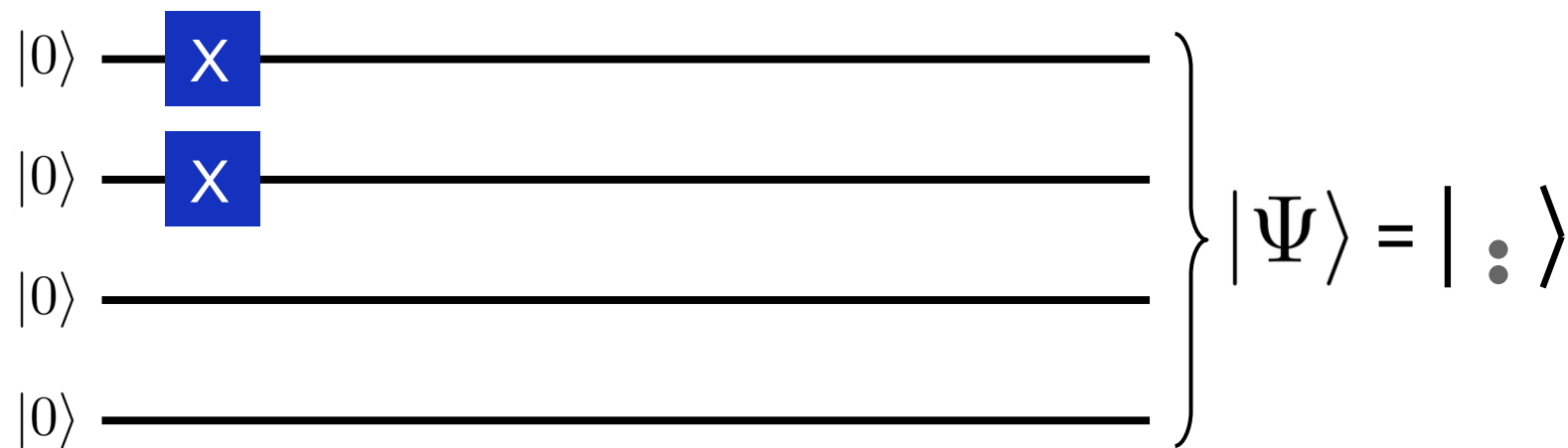
➡ Fermion-to-qubit mapping

➡ Use your favorite variational technique

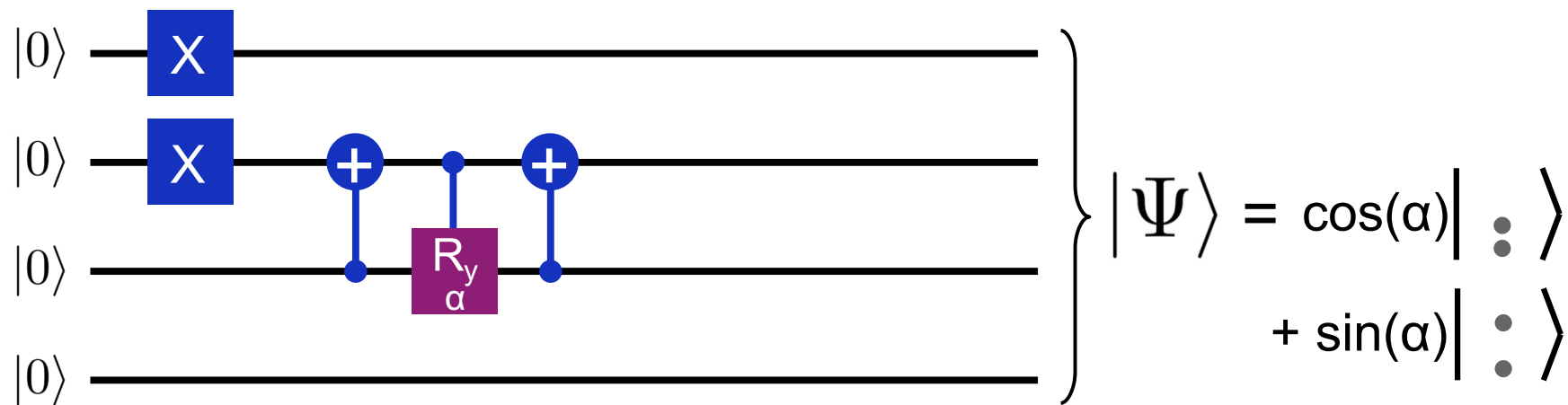
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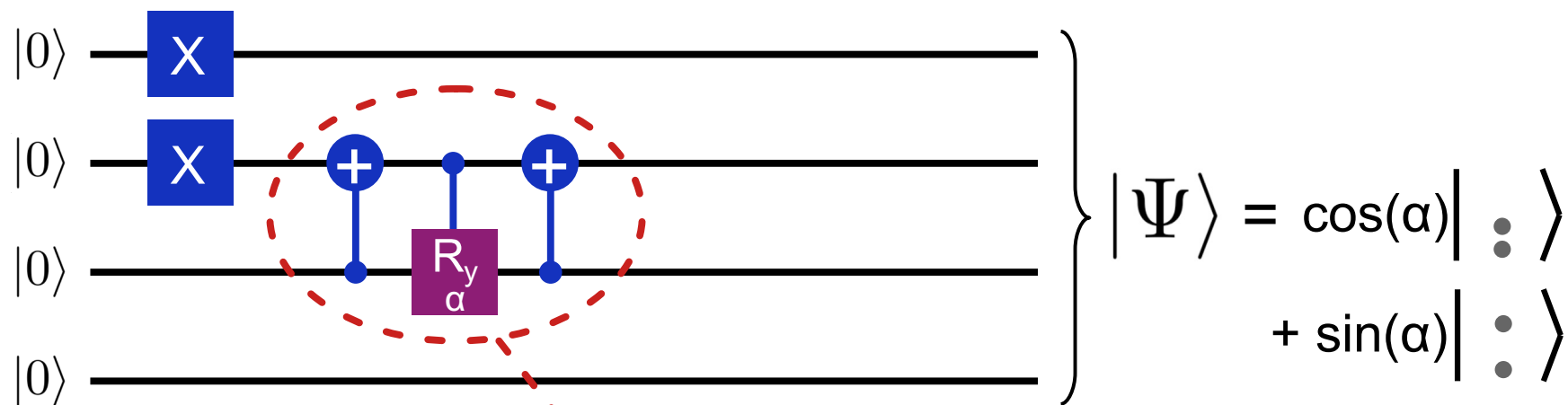
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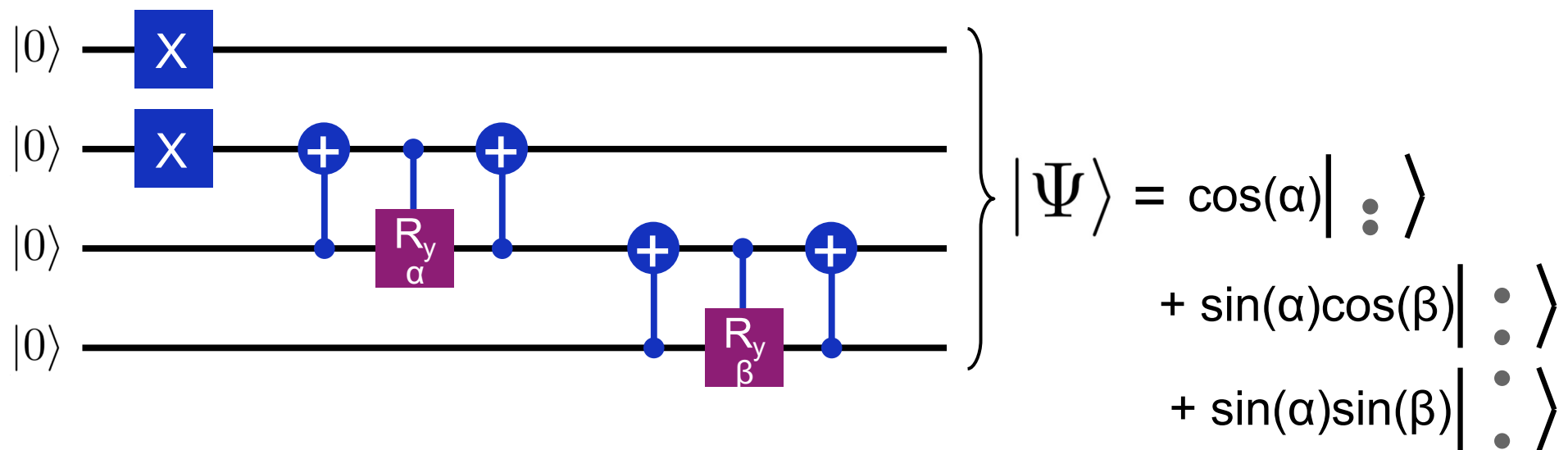
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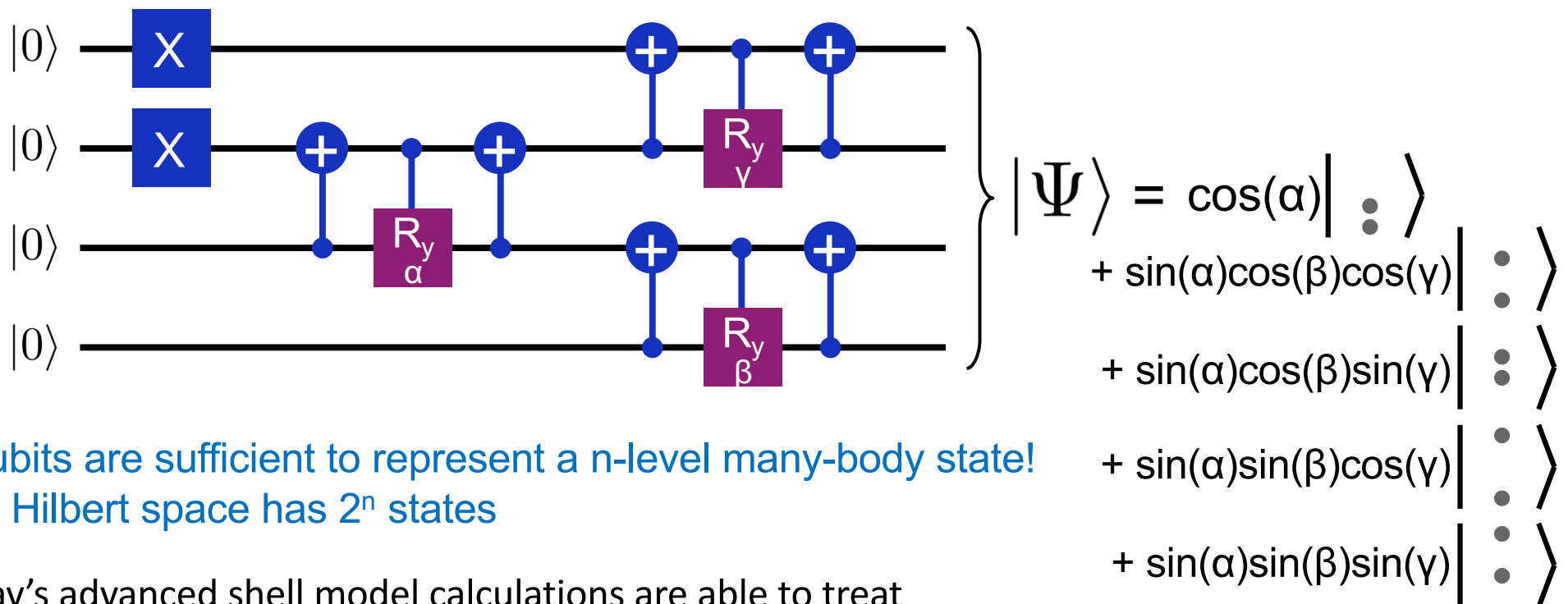
Creates entanglement between qubits

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 |00\rangle & |01\rangle & |10\rangle & |11\rangle \\
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\
 0 & \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

Qubits provide an efficient representation of a many-body wavefunction



Qubits provide an efficient representation of a many-body wavefunction



**n qubits are sufficient to represent a n-level many-body state!**  
**The Hilbert space has  $2^n$  states**

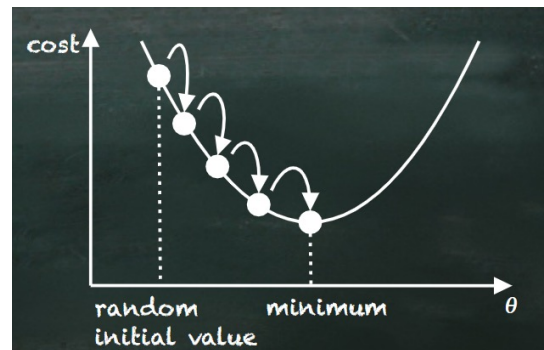
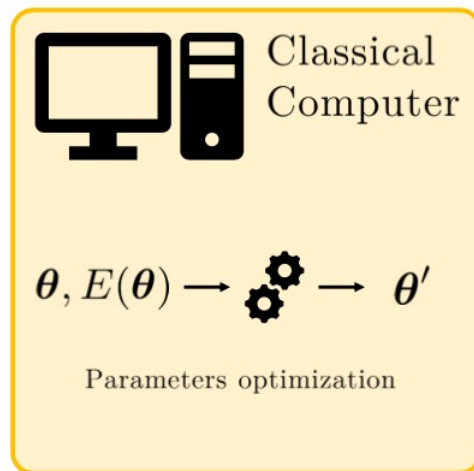
Today's advanced shell model calculations are able to treat matrices of the order of 100 million states.

30 qubits allow for treating matrices of 1 billion states!

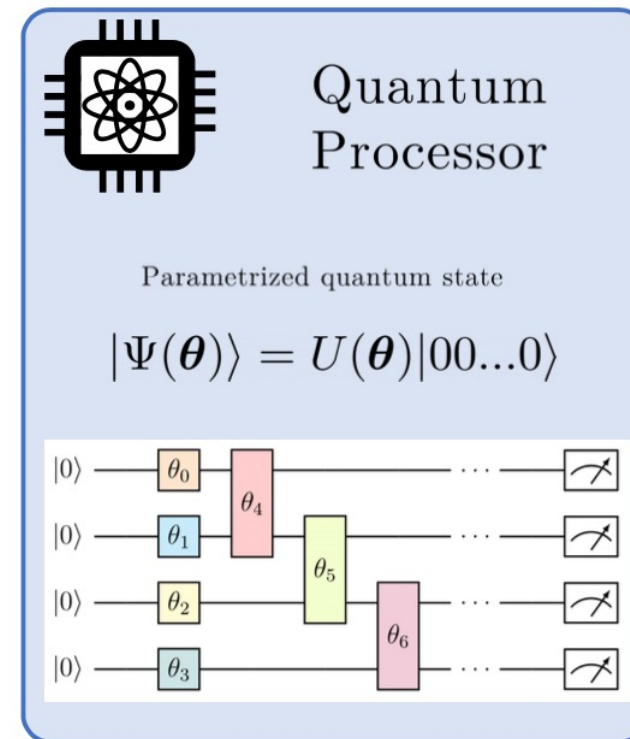
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# Preparing quantum ansatz and Variational Quantum Eigensolver methods

- 3 The parameters are optimized in classical computers to minimize the energy



- 1 The state is prepared on the quantum computer



$$E(\theta) = \langle \Psi(\theta) | H | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$$

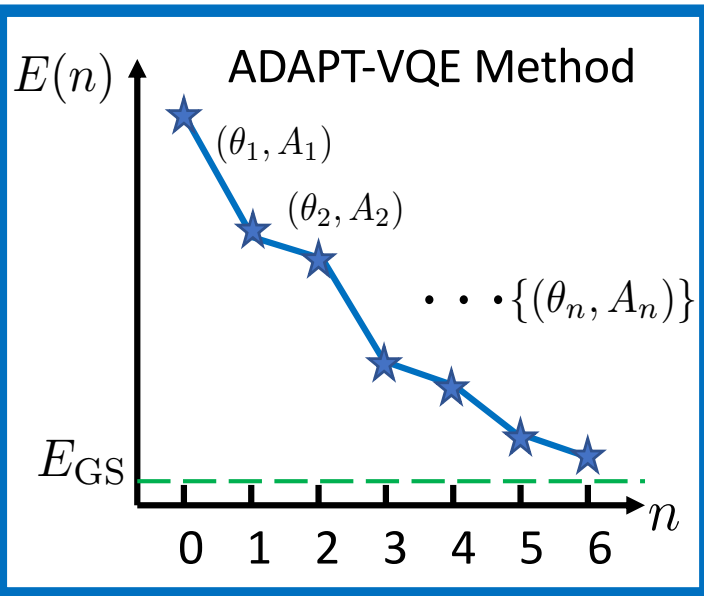
$$= \sum_i \alpha_i \langle \Psi(\theta) | \sigma_i | \Psi(\theta) \rangle$$

- 2 The energy of the state is built from the measurements made on the system

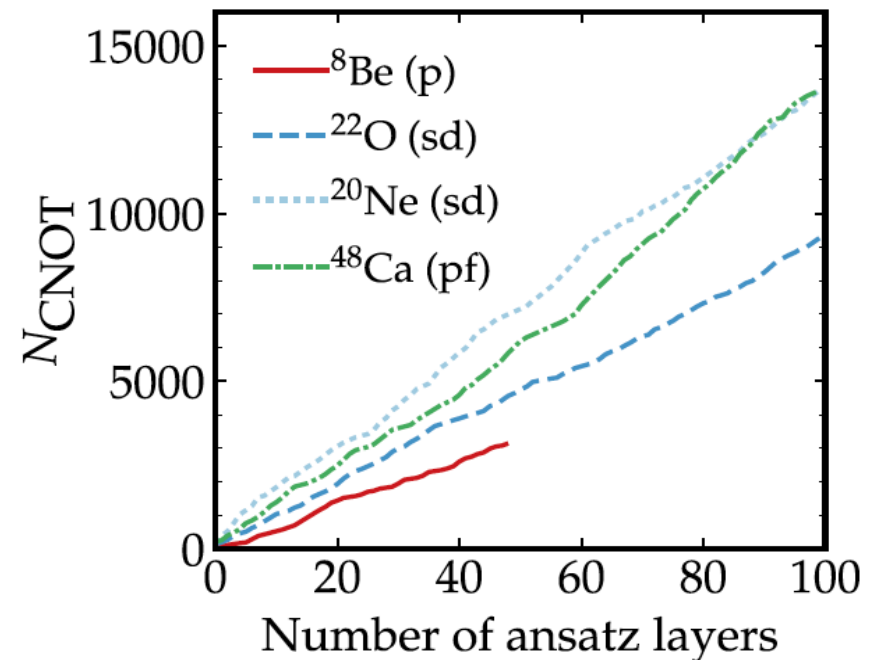
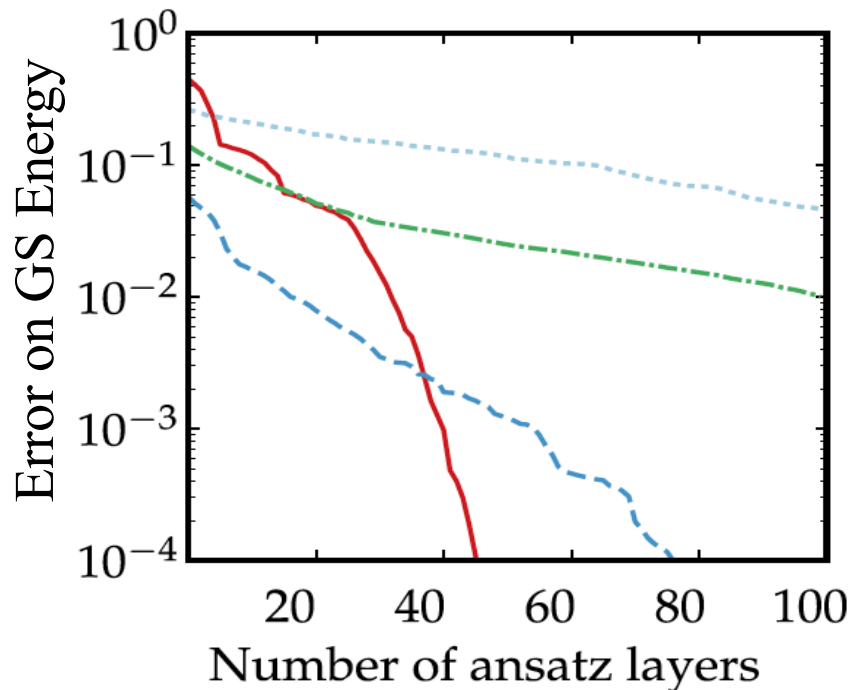
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Illustration of Shell Model applications

Pool operator inspired from Coupled-Cluster

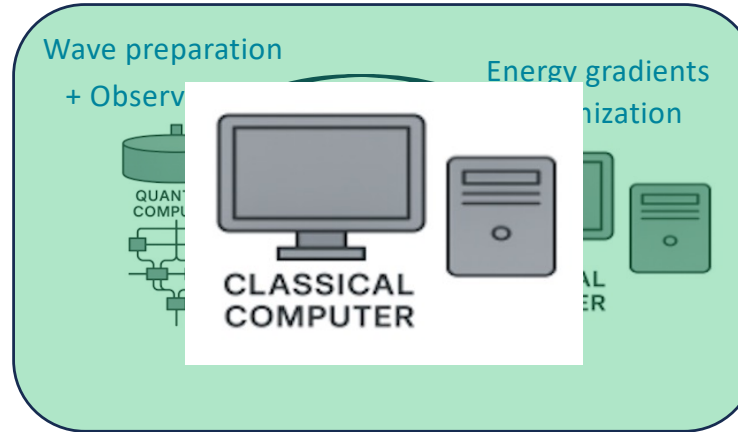
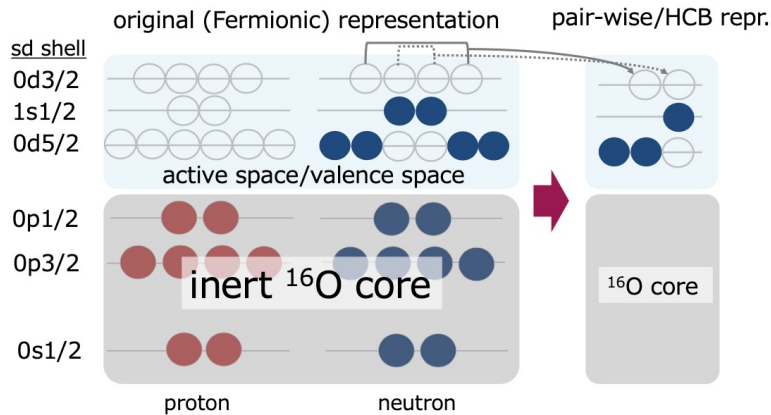


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_{ij}^{(1)} \equiv (Q_i^+ Q_j - Q_j^+ Q_i) = \frac{i}{2} (X_i Y_j - Y_i X_j), \quad \leftarrow \text{single} \\ A_{ijkl}^{(2)} \equiv Q_i^+ Q_j^+ Q_k Q_l - Q_l^+ Q_k^+ Q_j Q_i \quad \leftarrow \text{double} \\ = \frac{i}{8} (X_i Y_j X_k X_l + Y_i X_j X_k X_l \\ + Y_i Y_j Y_k X_l + Y_i Y_j X_k Y_l - X_i X_j Y_k X_l \\ - X_i X_j X_k Y_l - Y_i X_j Y_k Y_l - X_i Y_j Y_k Y_l). \end{array} \right.$$



# Simplified Shell Model applications on real quantum computers

## Hard-core Boson mapping



After optimal solution is found

Build the Approximate GS Compute observable

RIKEN-Quantinuum's Reimei device (trapped Ion)

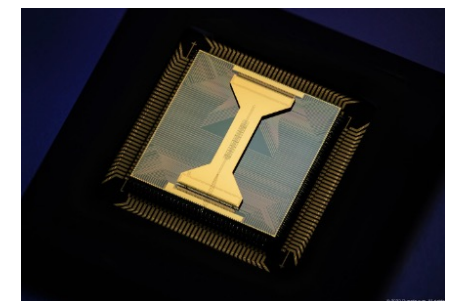
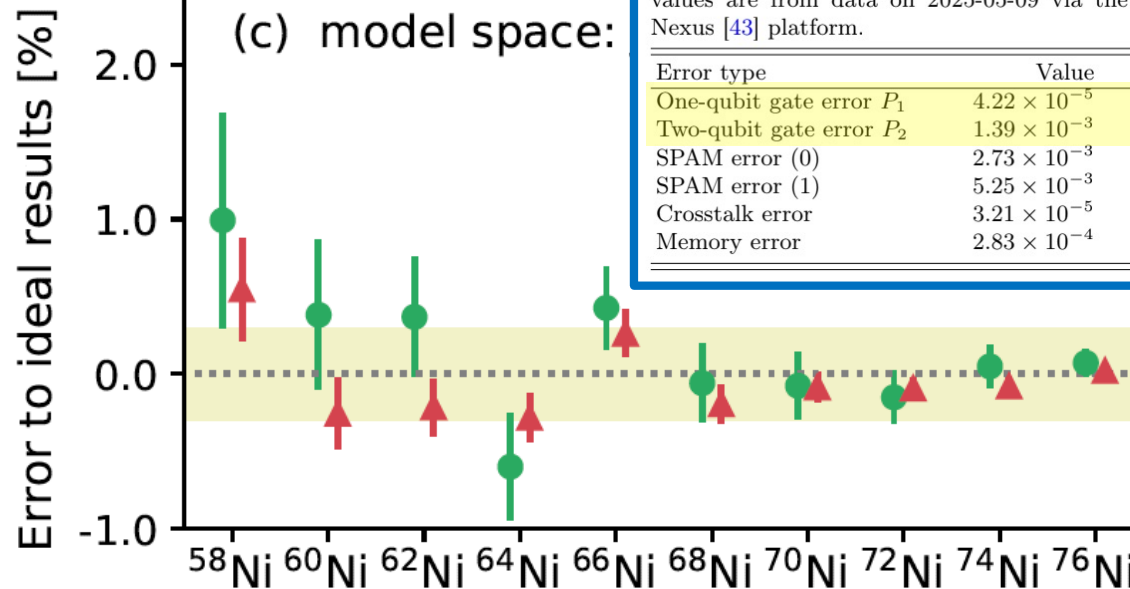
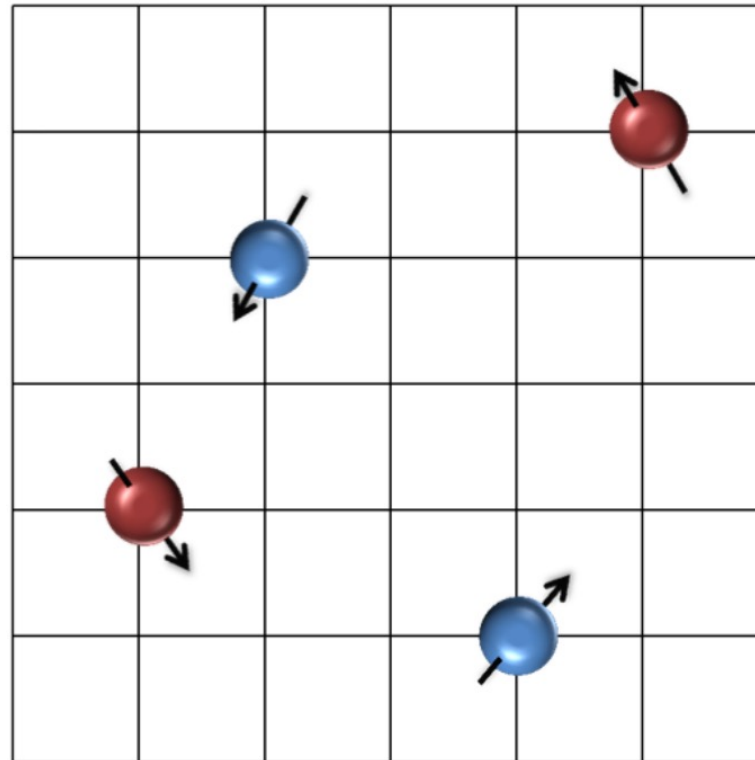


TABLE III. Calibration data of the Reimei device. The values are from data on 2025-05-09 via the Quantinuum's Nexus [43] platform.

Error type	Value	Uncertainty
One-qubit gate error $P_1$	$4.22 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.23 \times 10^{-6}$
Two-qubit gate error $P_2$	$1.39 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.92 \times 10^{-5}$
SPAM error (0)	$2.73 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-4}$
SPAM error (1)	$5.25 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-4}$
Crosstalk error	$3.21 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.89 \times 10^{-6}$
Memory error	$2.83 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.32 \times 10^{-5}$



Quantum simulation of nuclei on lattices

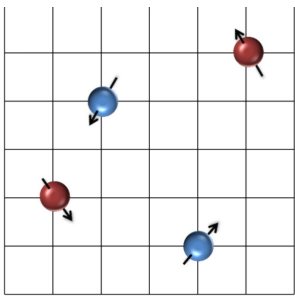


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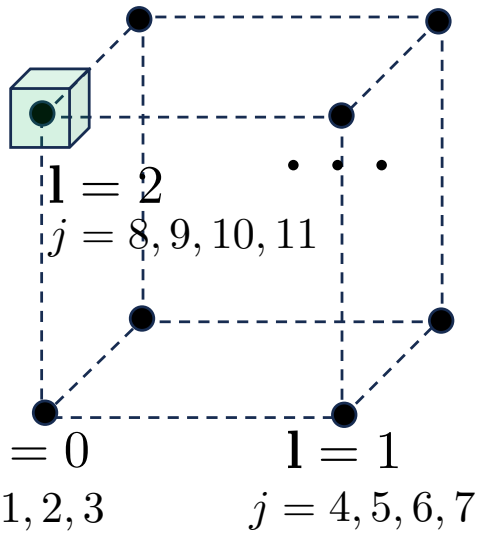
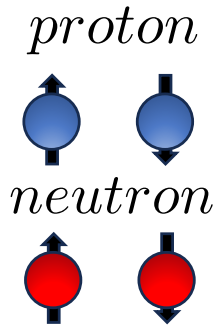
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(courtesy T. Papenbrock)

Quantum simulation of nuclei on lattices



$L \times L \times L$  lattice  
(here  $L = 2$ )



➔ Number of single-particle states:  $4L^3$

Pionless EFT Hamiltonian

[Bedaque, van Kolck 2002]

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\langle 1,1' \rangle} \sum_{\tau s} T_{1'}^1 \hat{a}_{1\tau s}^\dagger \hat{a}_{1'\tau s}$$

Kinetic-non local

$$+ \frac{V}{2} \sum_1 \sum_{ss'\tau\tau'} \hat{a}_{1\tau s}^\dagger \hat{a}_{1\tau's'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{1\tau's'} \hat{a}_{1\tau s}$$

Two-body local

$$+ W \sum_1 \sum_{\tau s} \hat{a}_{1\tau\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{1\tau\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{1-\tau s}^\dagger \hat{a}_{1-\tau s} \hat{a}_{1\tau\downarrow} \hat{a}_{1\tau\uparrow}$$

Three-body local

Fermion to qubit mapping

$$\hat{H}_2(1) = \frac{V}{4} \sum_{\alpha < \beta} (1 - Z_{1,\alpha}) (1 - Z_{1,\beta})$$

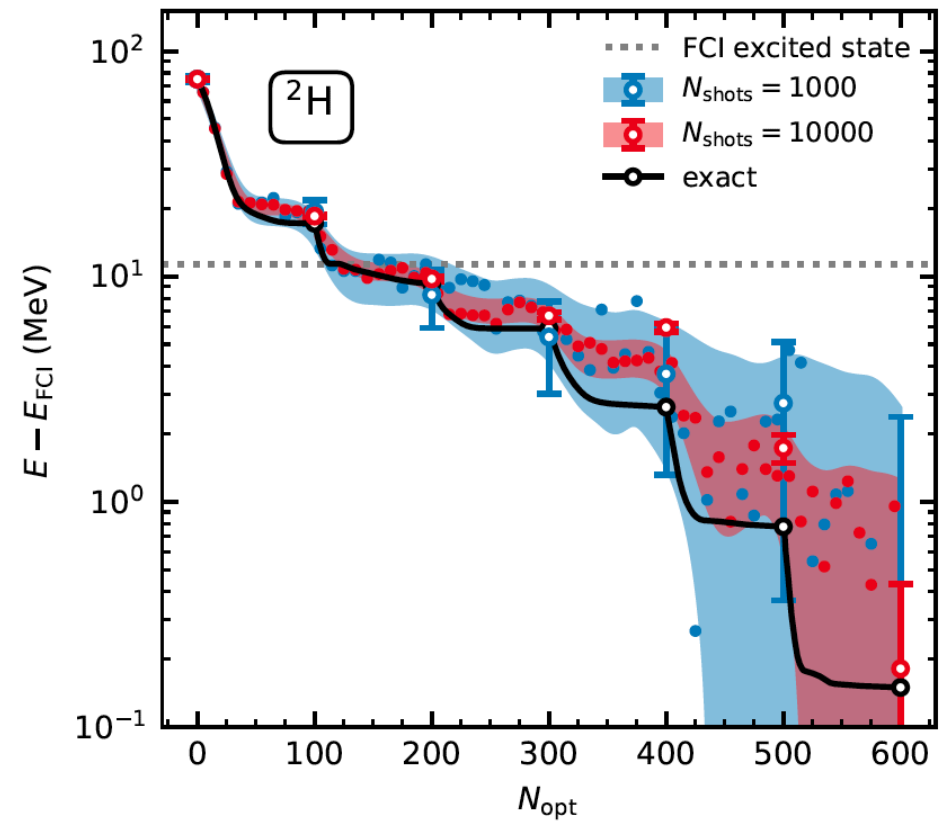
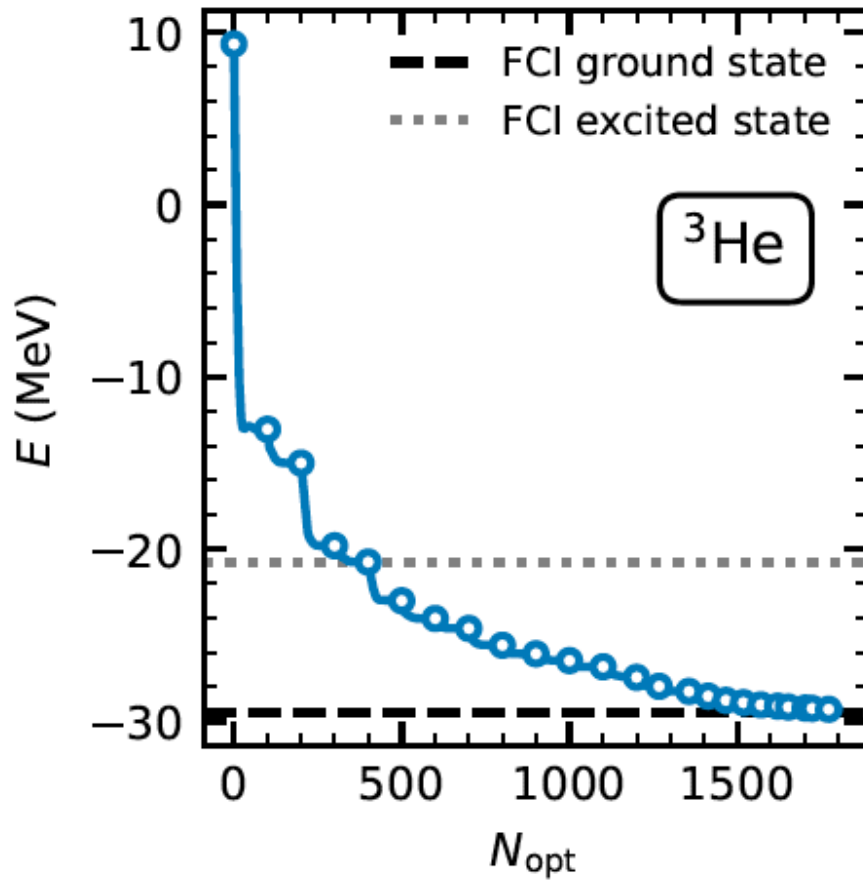
$$\hat{H}_3(1) = \frac{W}{8} \sum_{\alpha < \beta < \gamma} (1 - Z_{1,\alpha}) (1 - Z_{1,\beta}) (1 - Z_{1,\gamma})$$

But...

$$\hat{H}_{\text{kin}} = \sum_j T_{jj} \frac{1 - Z_j}{2} + \sum_{j < k} \frac{T_{jk}}{2} (X_j Z_{j+1} \cdots Z_{k-1} X_k + Y_j Z_{j+1} \cdots Z_{k-1} Y_k)$$

# Application of $^2\text{H}$ and $^3\text{He}$ on a $2\times 2\times 2$ lattice

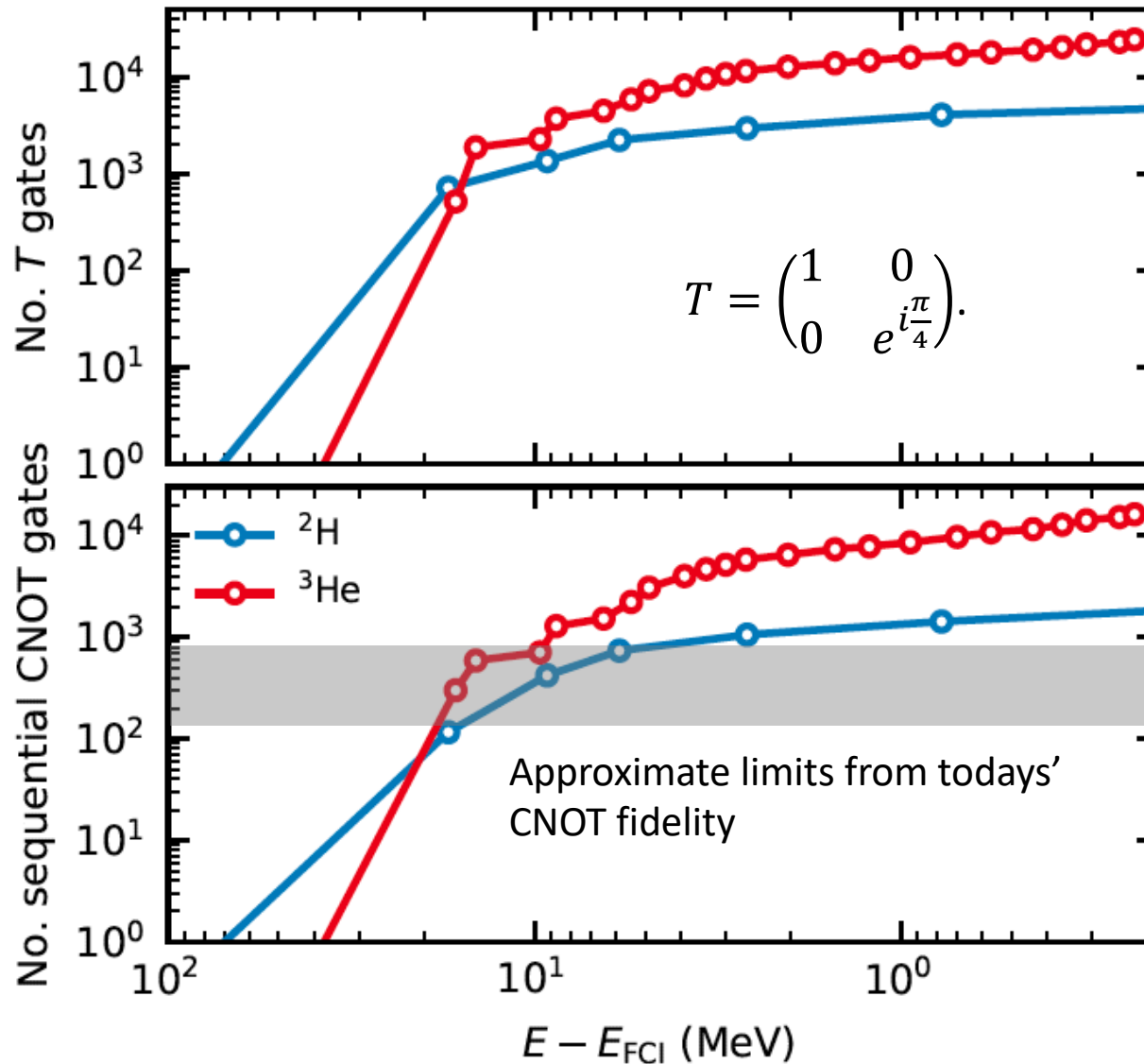
$$|\vec{\theta}\rangle = \prod_{\alpha=1}^{N_e} \exp\left(\sum_{\beta=1}^{N_p} \theta_{\alpha\beta} \hat{A}_{\alpha\beta}\right) |\phi_0\rangle$$



# Application of $^2\text{H}$ and $^3\text{He}$ on a $2 \times 2 \times 2$ lattice

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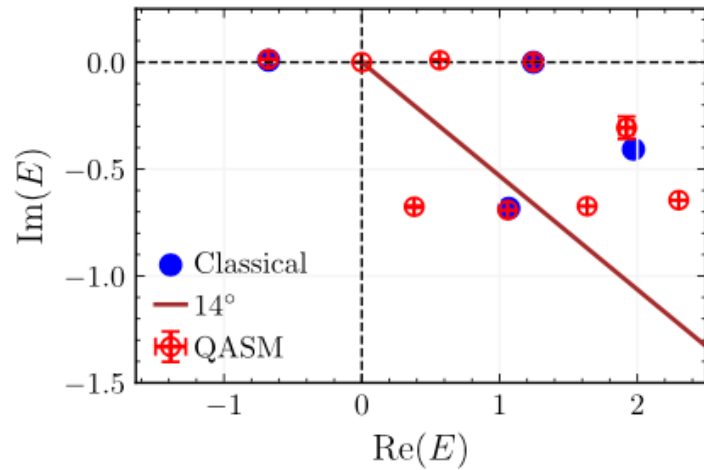
Circuit complexity



(courtesy T. Papenbrock)

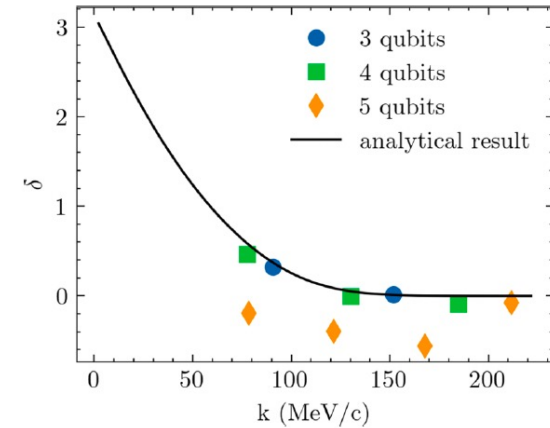
# Other ongoing developments

## Extraction of resonances (complex energy)



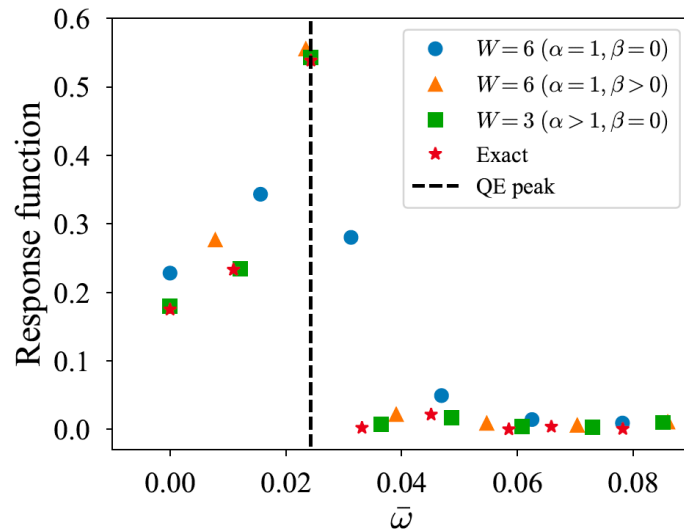
Singh et al (2025)

## Phase-shift on quantum computers



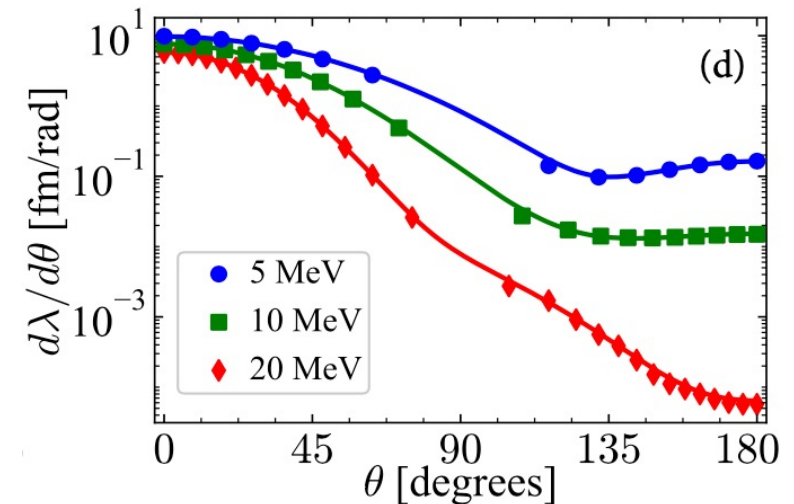
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## Response function



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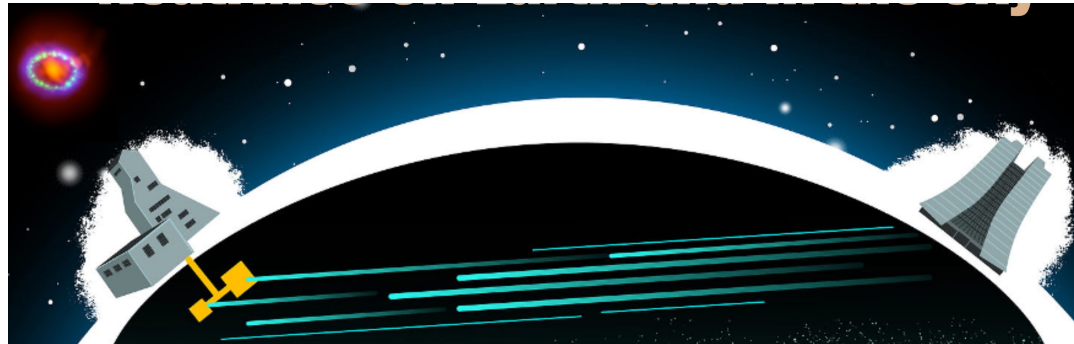
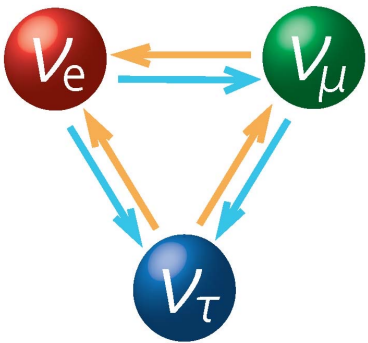
## Nuclear reactions

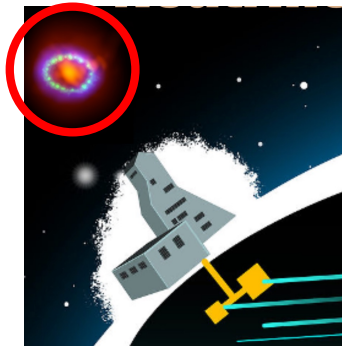
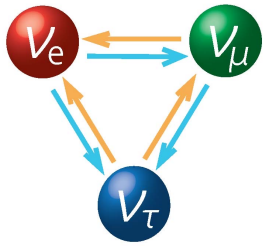


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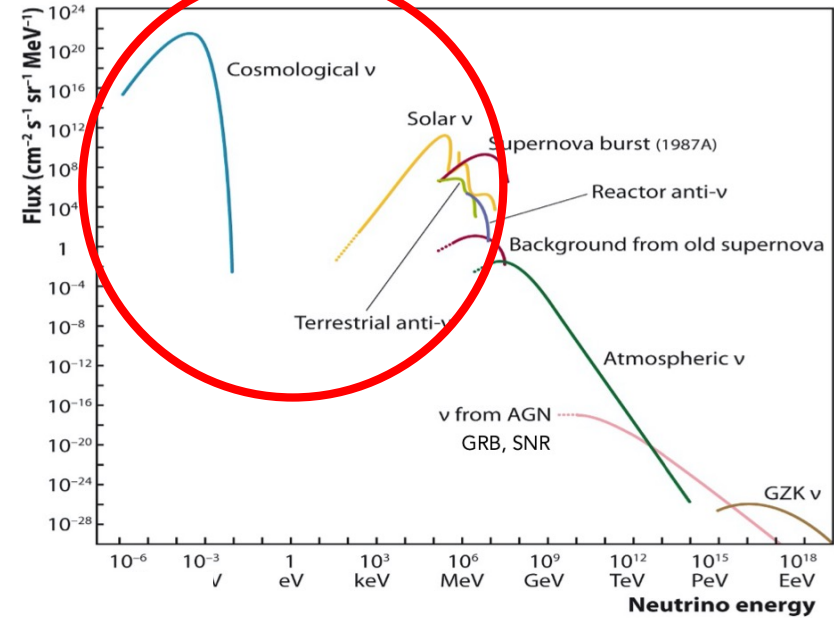
# Other today's applications

Oscillations of neutrinos emitted  
from Stellar objects

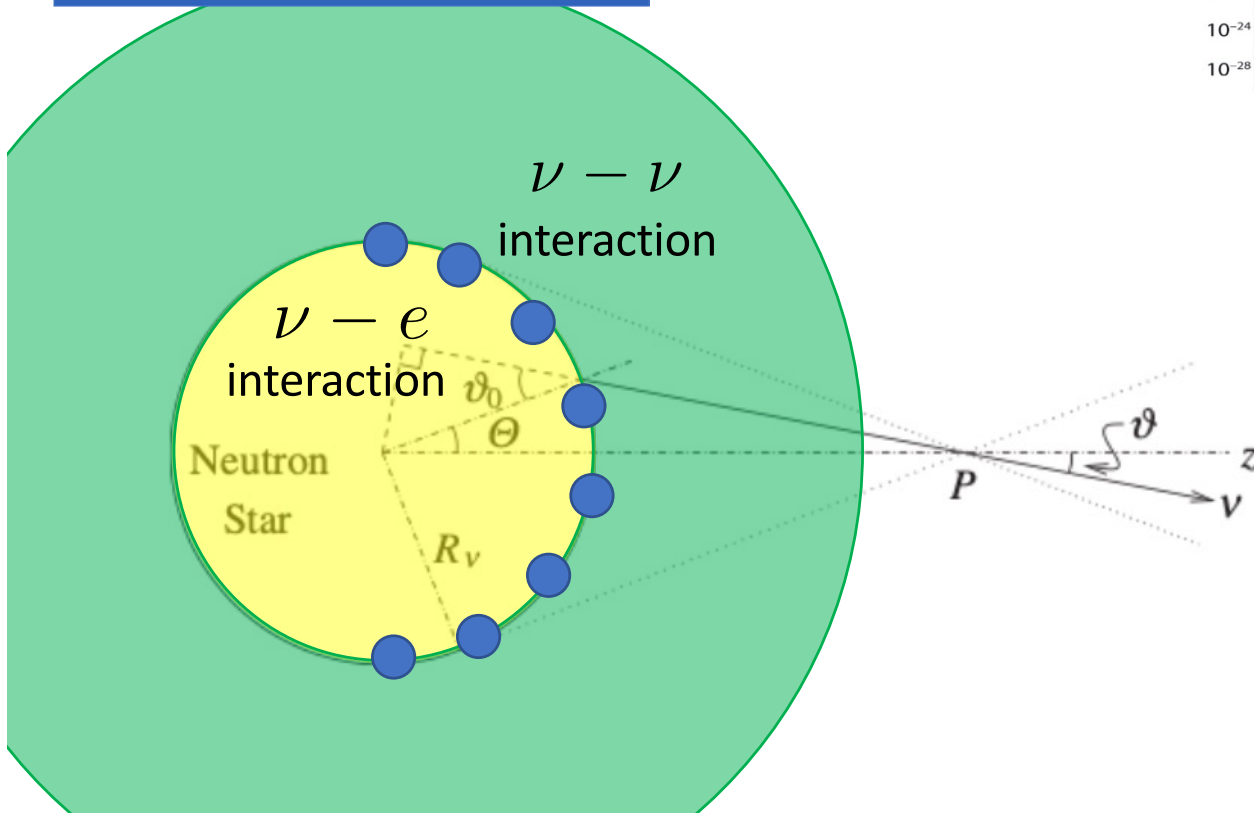




## Neutrino fluxes at Earth



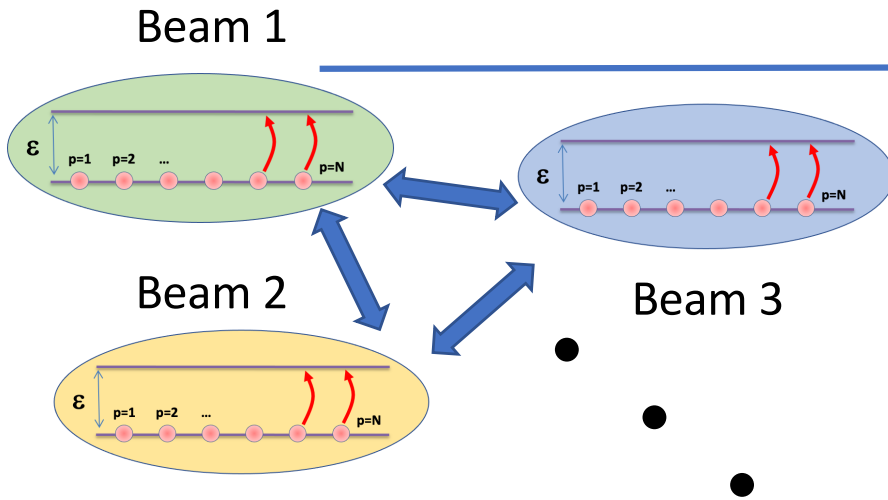
Where is the complexity?



The problem is mapped to a many-body open quantum system problem equivalent to interacting qubits or qutrits.

A focus on neutrino oscillation physics simulated on quantum computers

Illustration of the Hamiltonian (2 flavor approx)



Oscillation  $H_\nu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \sin(2\theta_\nu) X_i - \cos(2\theta_\nu) Z_i$

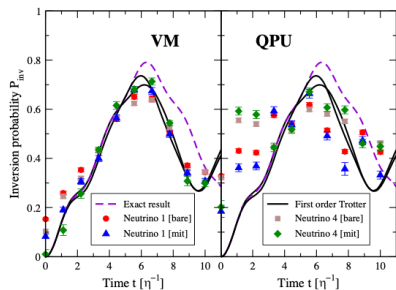
Coupling  $H_{\nu\nu} = \sum_{i<j}^{N-1} G_{i,j} [X_i X_j + Y_i Y_j + Z_i Z_j]$

4 neutrinos  
IBM-Vigo QPU

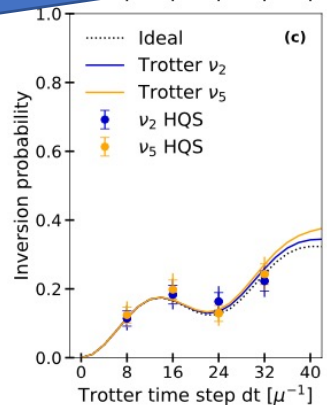
4 & 8 neutrinos  
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Quantinuum's H1-1  
20 qubit trapped-ion

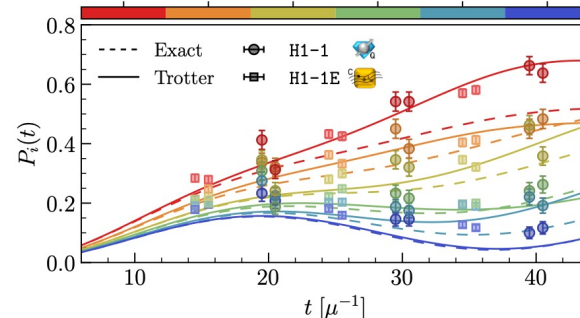
12 neutrinos / qutrits  
H1-1 & ibm\_torino



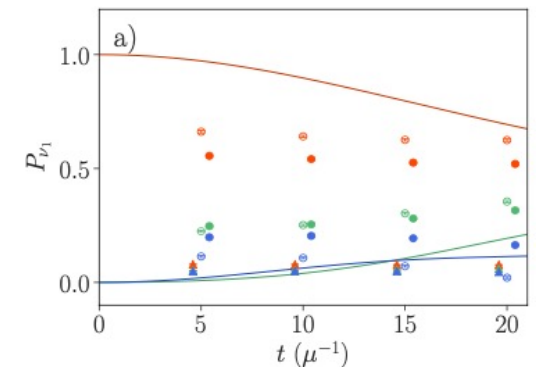
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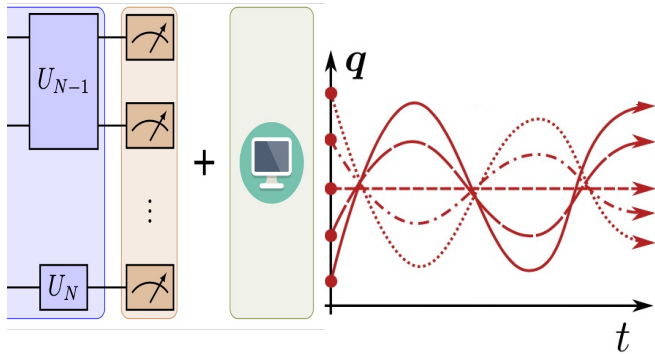
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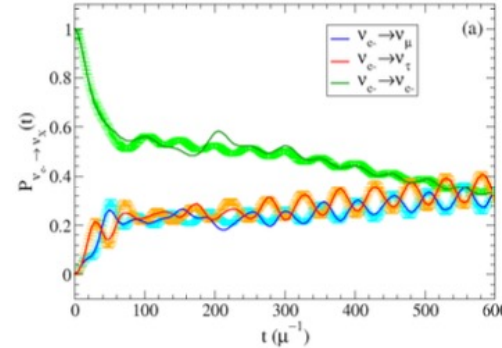
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# Example 2: Neutrino oscillation physics

Two directions: - Simulation of neutrinos on qubits and qutrits  
 - Classical simulation on large qubits sets



Lacroix et al, Phys Rev. D106 (2022), Phys Rev D110 (2024)



Mangin Brinet, Lacroix, PRD 13 (2026)

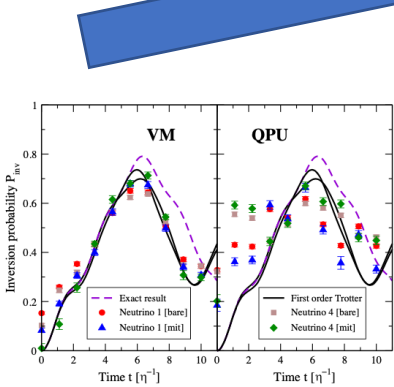
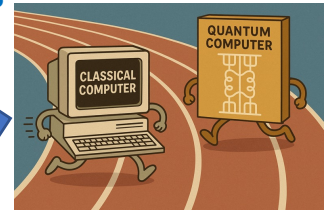
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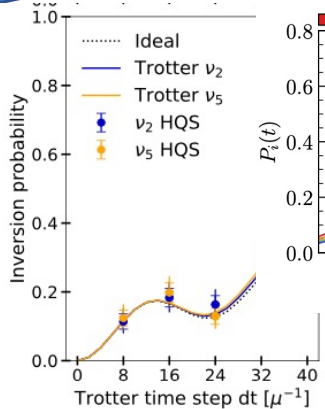
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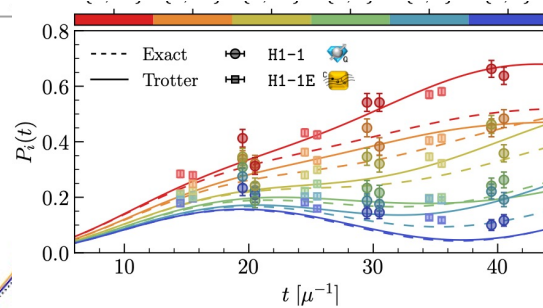
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IBM machines



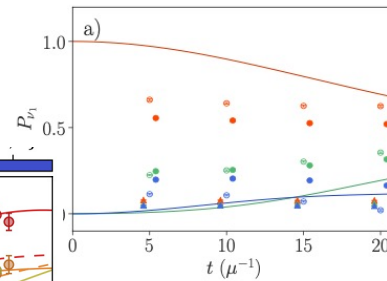
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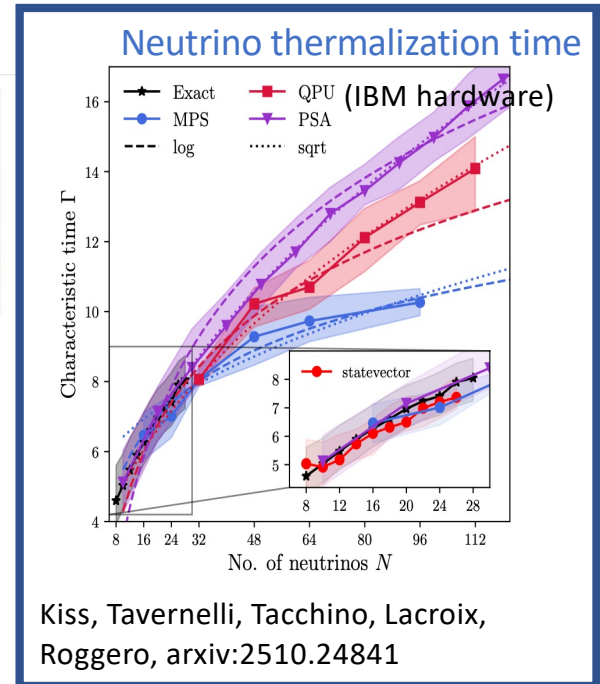
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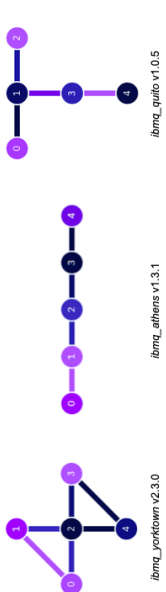
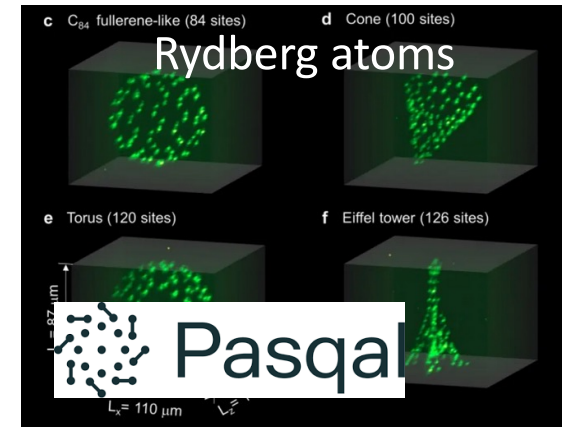
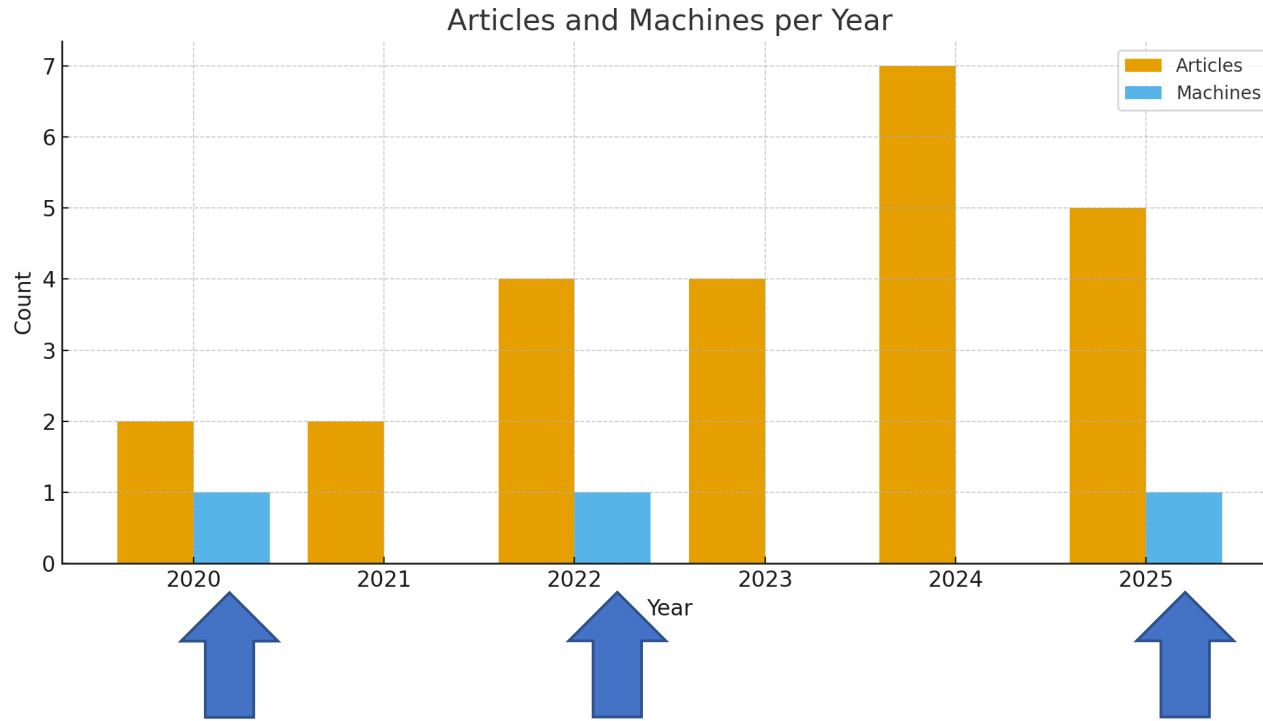


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Kiss, Tavernelli, Tacchino, Lacroix, Roggero, arxiv:2510.24841

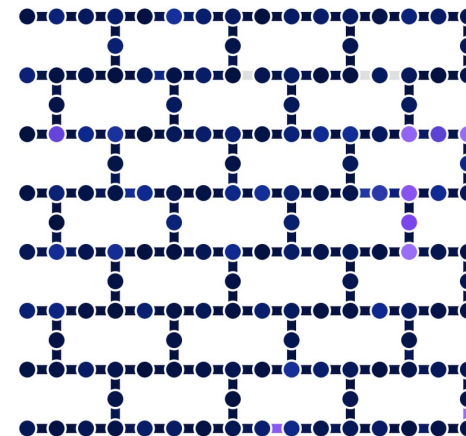
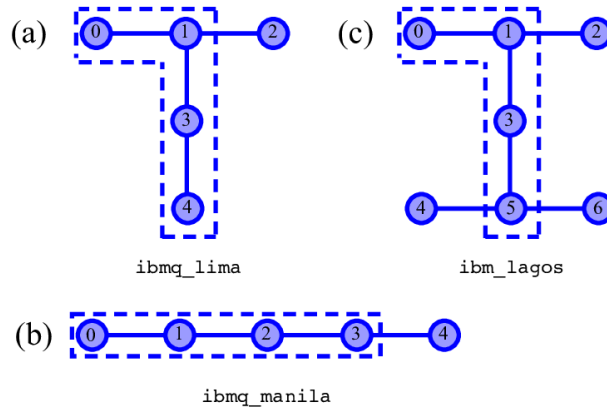
# Real Quantum Machine access



IBM Q5  
(5 qubits)

IBM santiago,  
manila, and bogota

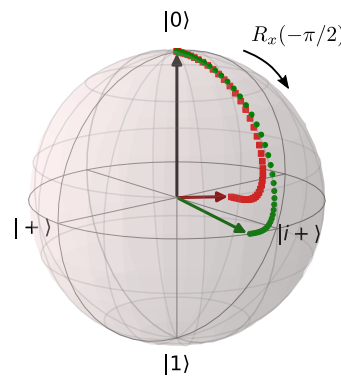
ibmq fez,  
ibmq aachen  
(156 qubits)



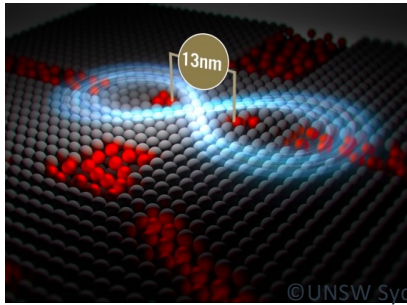
Thank you !

# More on noisy devices (if times allows)

## Quantum Hardware with noise Noise description and Noise mitigation

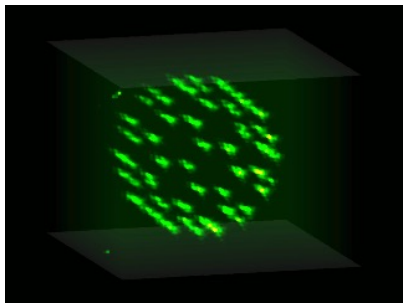


# Many technologies are explored

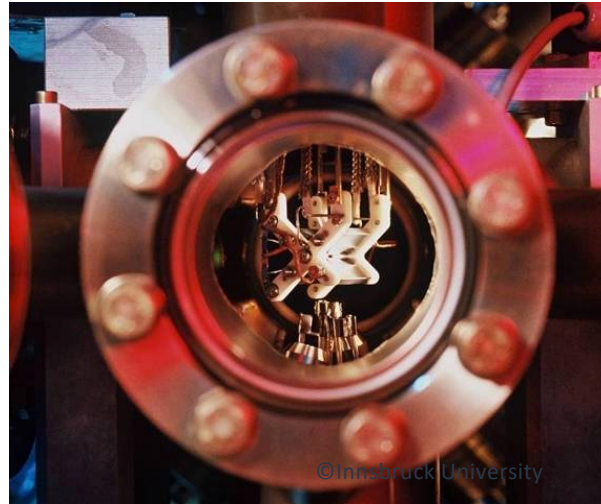


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Silicon qubits

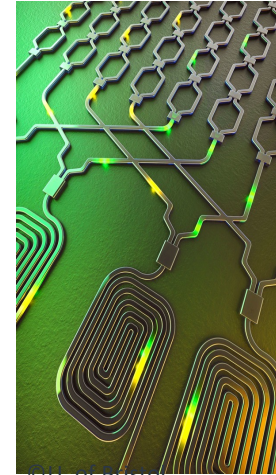


Neutral atoms



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Trapped ions



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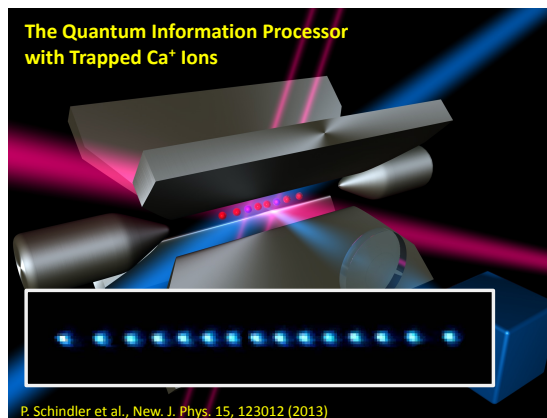
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Superconducting qubits

NMR

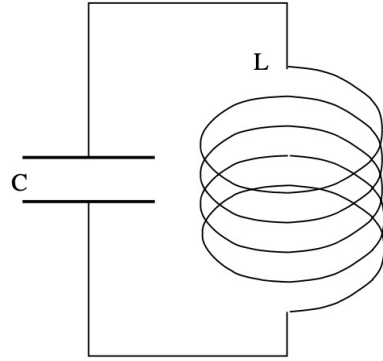


P. Schindler et al., New J. Phys. 15, 123012 (2013)

# Example 1: Superconducting qubits



## Simple oscillator by LC circuit



$$H = \frac{1}{2L}\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2C}n^2$$

$\phi$ : flux in the inductor

$n$ : charge in the capacitor

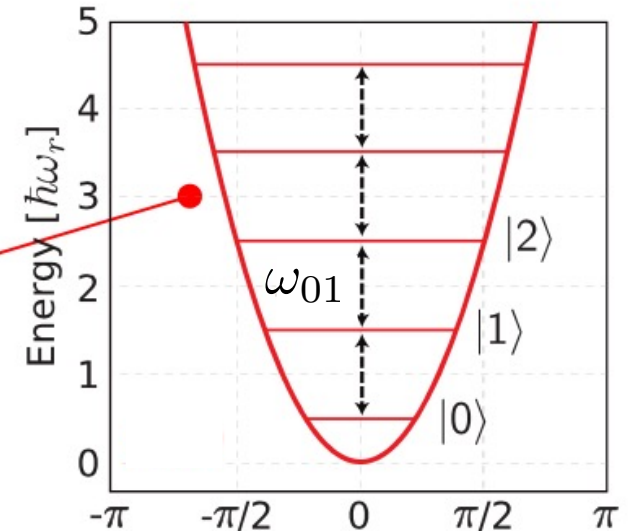
## Methodology

→ We consider the limit where quantum effects are important

$$k_B T \ll \hbar \omega_{01}$$

→  $n, \phi$  becomes equivalent to canonical conjugated variables like  $(x, p)$  for the harmonic oscillator (HO)

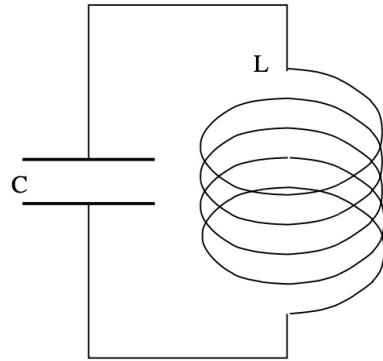
Quantum  
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$$H = \frac{1}{2L}\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2C}n^2$$

$\phi$ : flux in the inductor

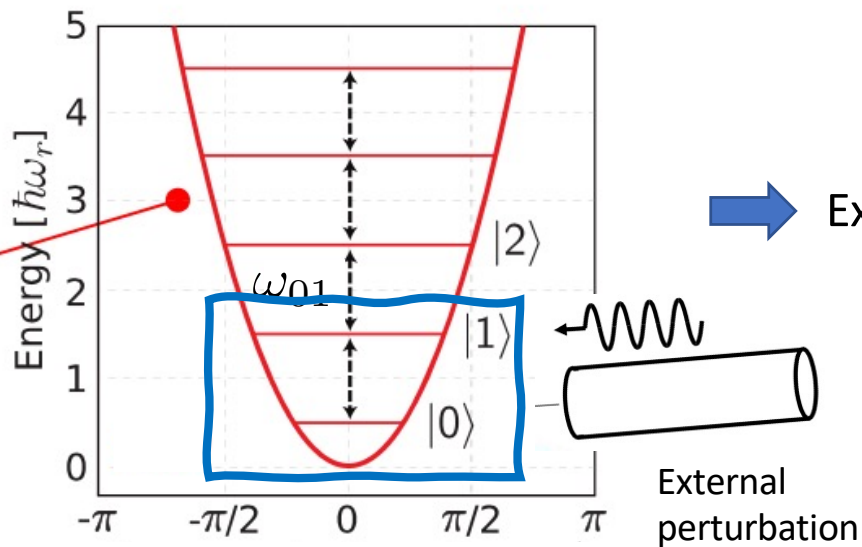
$n$ : charge in the capacitor

➔ We are interested in isolating  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$

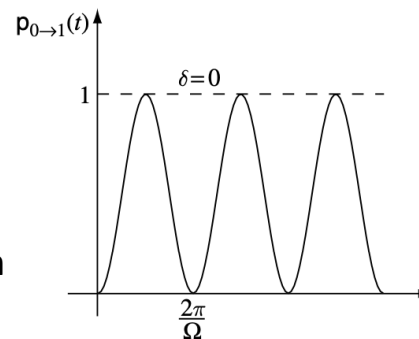
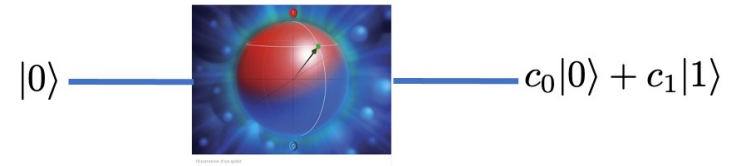
➔ We should prepare the system in any combination of them

## Qubit identification and manipulation

Quantum HO



➔ Example: induce Rabi-like oscillation



**Two difficulties**  
Approximate operations

$|0\rangle \longrightarrow |1\rangle$

Unwanted transitions

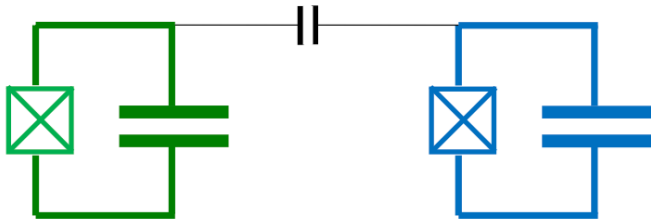
$|1\rangle \longrightarrow |2\rangle$

# Example: Superconducting qubits

Next step: putting several qubits together



2 qubits can be coupled through electrostatic interactions



With this one can manipulate/entangle qubits

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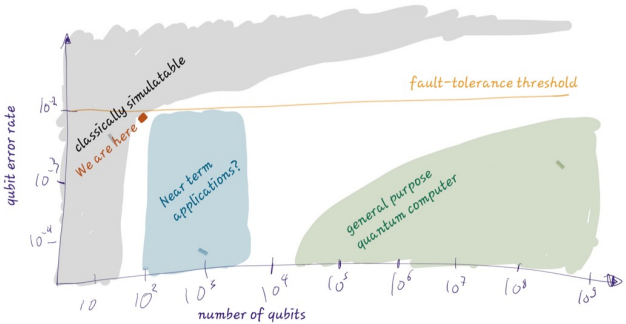
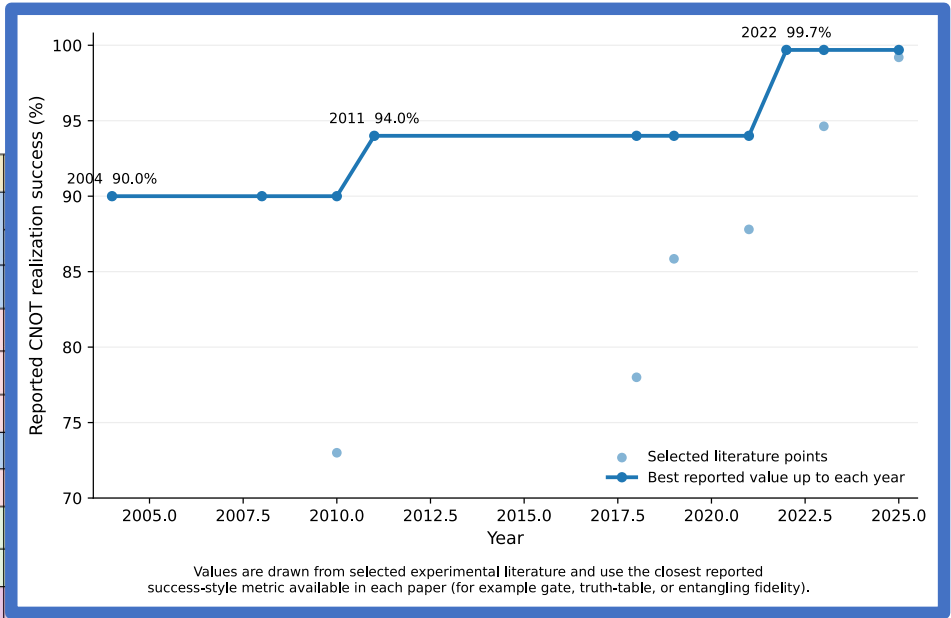
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Some specific Operations  
(see next lecture)

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Acronym <sup>b</sup>	Layout <sup>c</sup>	First demonstration [Year]
CZ (ad.)	T-T	DiCarlo et al. (72) [2009]
$\sqrt{i}$ SWAP	T-T	Neeley et al. (81) <sup>d</sup> [2010]



Chow et al. (75) <sup>h</sup> [2011]
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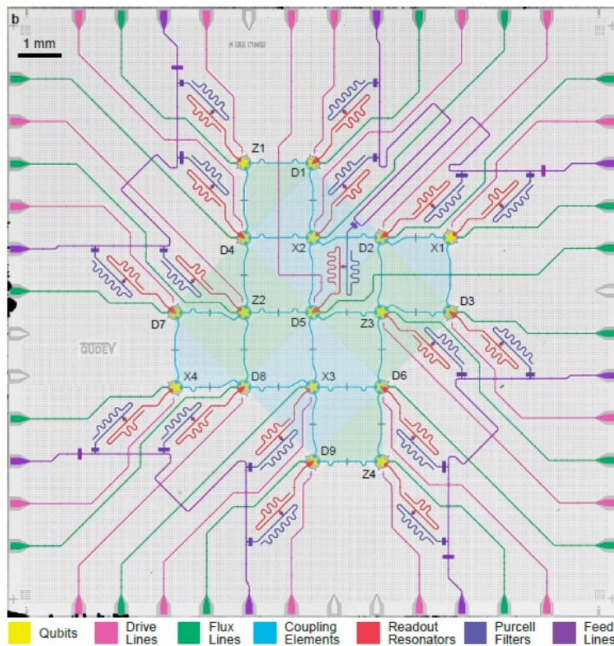
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# Example: Superconducting qubits

Where we are now ?

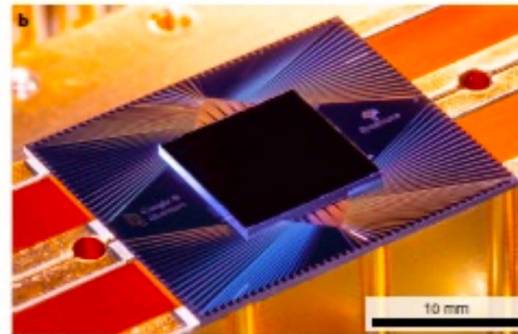
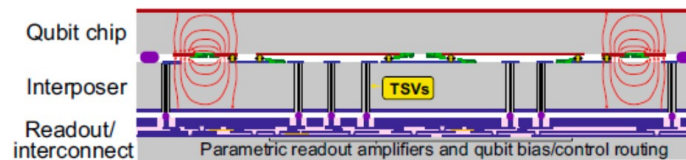


2D chip : 17 qubits



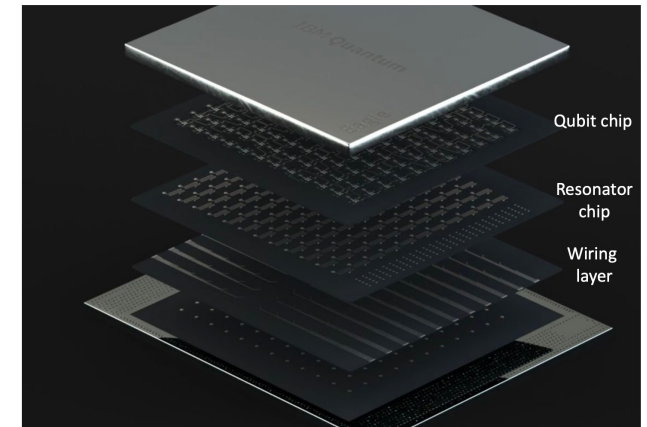
S. Krinner et al., arxiv (2021)  
Wallraff group, ETHZ

3D integration ~100 qubits demonstrated

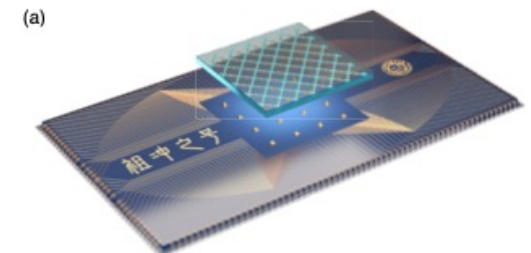


Rosenberg et al., NPJ (2017)  
Arute et al., Nature (2019)

IBM Eagle  
127 qubits



Zuchongzhi (66 qubits)  
(PRL October 2021)

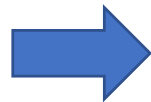
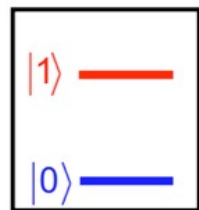


# NISQ (Noisy intermediate Scale Quantum) period

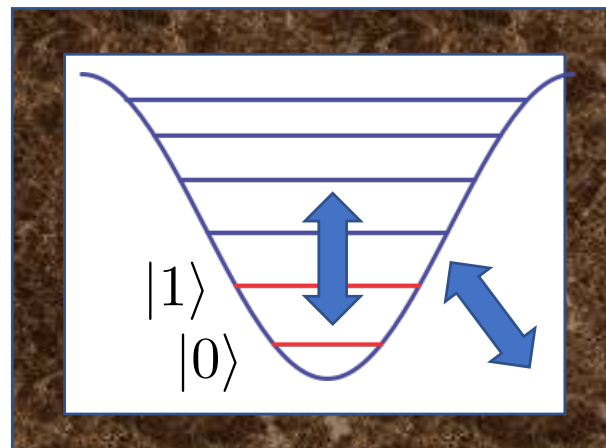
Many things tends to destroy the ideal qubits picture and the quantum coherence.

Ideal Qubits

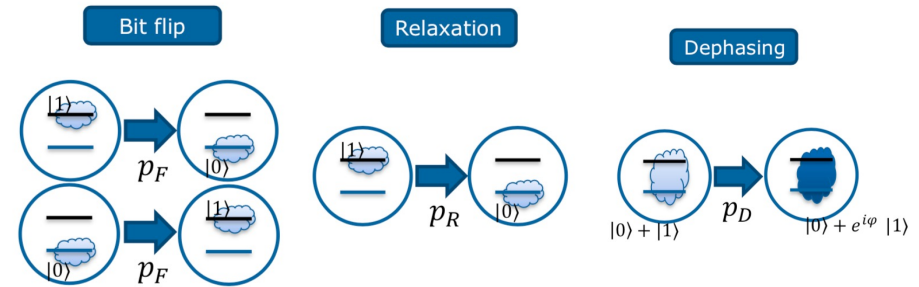
2 level system



External Exp. Setup



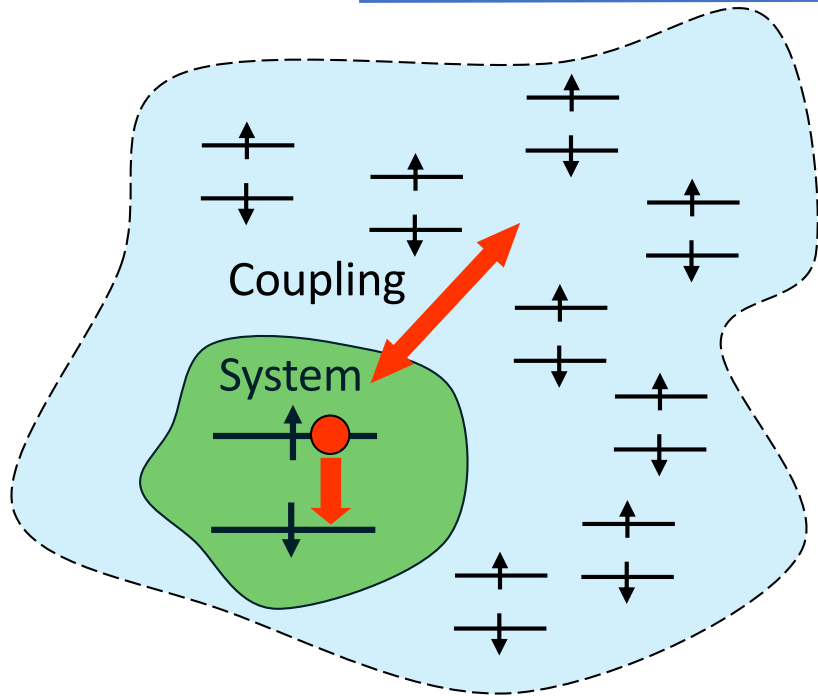
Leads to loss of information  
And decoherence



For multi-qubits, also cross-talk  
(making operations on one qubit  
Impacts other qubits)

NISQ period: Working with quantum computers now means working in a noisy environment and “NISQ friendly” programs, i.e. only selected algorithm can be applied and error mitigation should be made to get reasonable results.

# Minimal notions on open quantum systems



## Approximate system evolution

$$D(t) \xrightarrow{\text{Reduced system evolution}} \rho(t) = \text{Tr}_{\text{Env}} D(t)$$

Assumptions:

- Weak coupling
- Env. More complex than system
- Markovian limit

## Lindblad equation

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[h, \rho] + \sum_i \left( L_i^\dagger \rho L_i - \frac{1}{2} L_i^\dagger L_i \rho - \frac{1}{2} \rho L_i^\dagger L_i \right)$$

Gardiner and Zoller, Quantum noise (2000)  
Breuer and Petruccione, The Theory of OQS, (2004)

➔ Dephasing

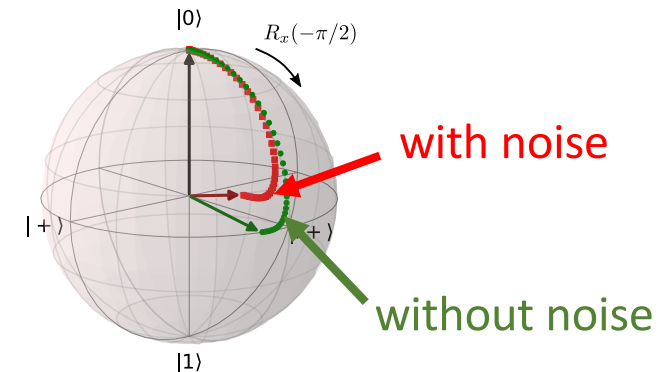
$$L_i = \sqrt{\gamma_i} Z_i$$

➔ Amplitude damping

$$L_i = \sqrt{\gamma_i} \sigma_i^-, \quad \sqrt{\gamma_i} \sigma_i^+$$

➔ Depolarization

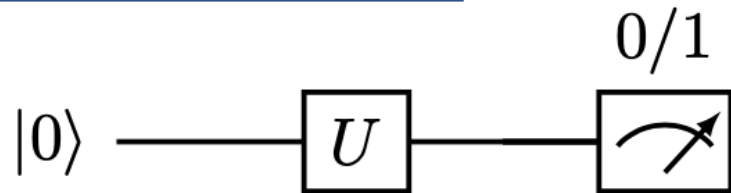
$$L_i = \sqrt{\gamma_i} X, \quad L_i = \sqrt{\gamma_i} Y, \quad L_i = \sqrt{\gamma_i} Z$$



# How to correct from the imperfect quantum computers

## Readout error mitigation

Circuit efficiency



Perform many events to get the probability to measure one and zero for specific states

Prepared state	Ideal meas.		Reality	
	0	1	0	1
$ 0\rangle$	1	0	0.96	0.04
$ 1\rangle$	0	1	0.18	0.82

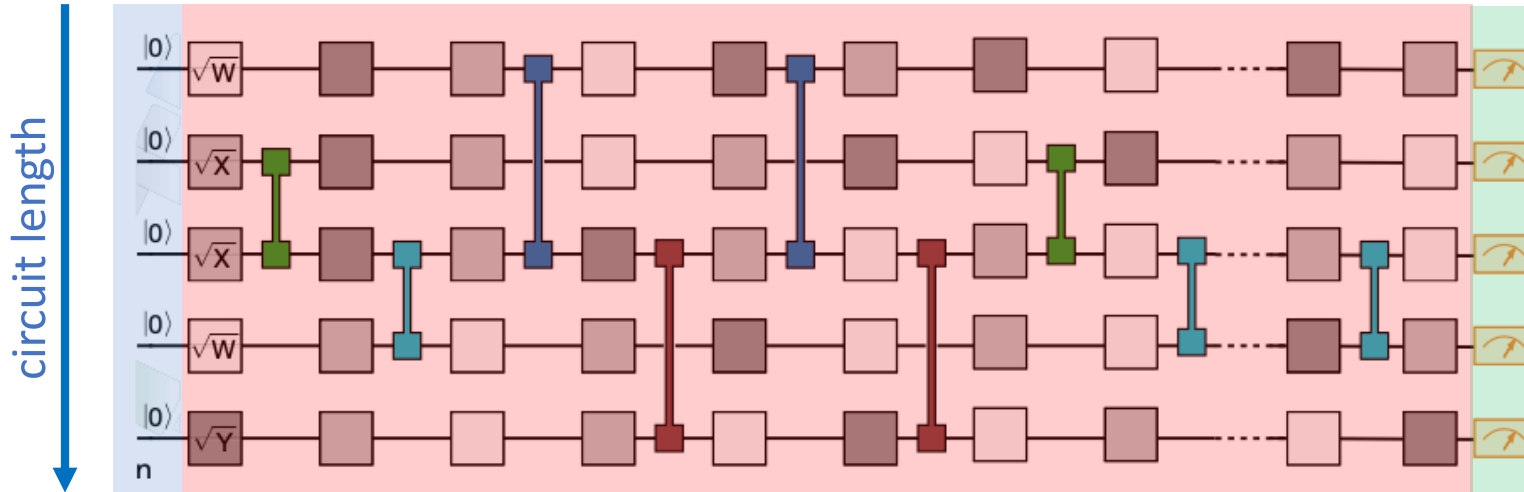
$$\begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{noisy}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.04 \\ 0.18 & 0.82 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv M \begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{pmatrix} = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{noisy}}$$

One difficulty is that the dimension of  $M$  scales exponentially with the number of qubits

# How to correct from the imperfect quantum computers

## Purification techniques



Test specific properties

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Example of fermions

- Number of particles
- N-representability
- Testing the purity of states

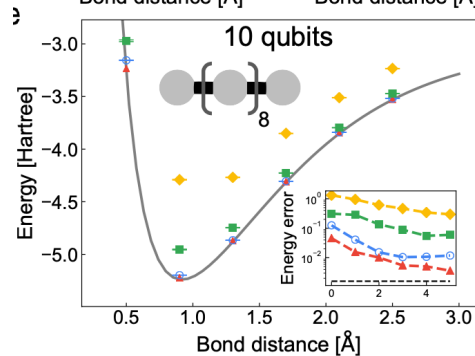
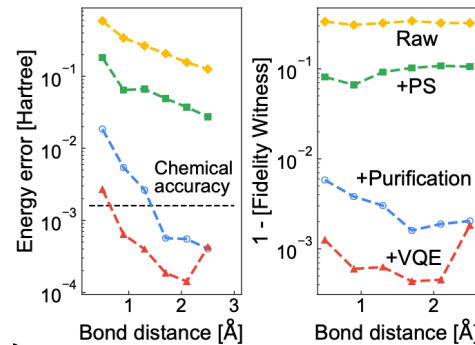
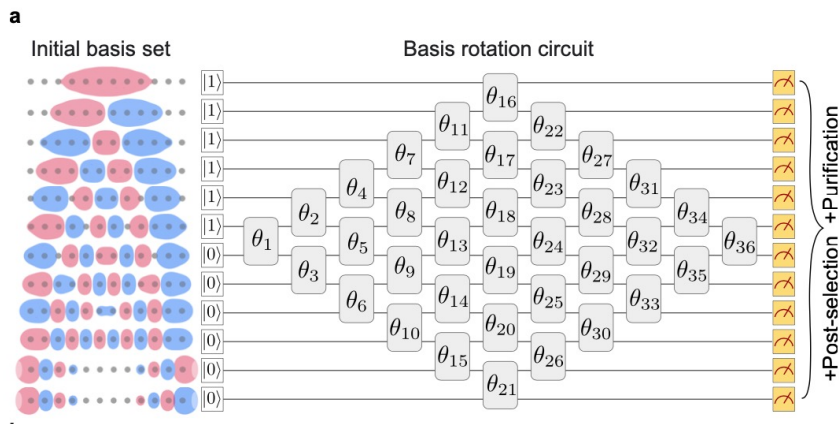
$$\rho^2 - \rho = 0$$

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### Example 1-RDM purification

#### Hartree-Fock on a superconducting qubit quantum computer

Google AI Quantum and Collaborators\*  
(Dated: September 22, 2020)



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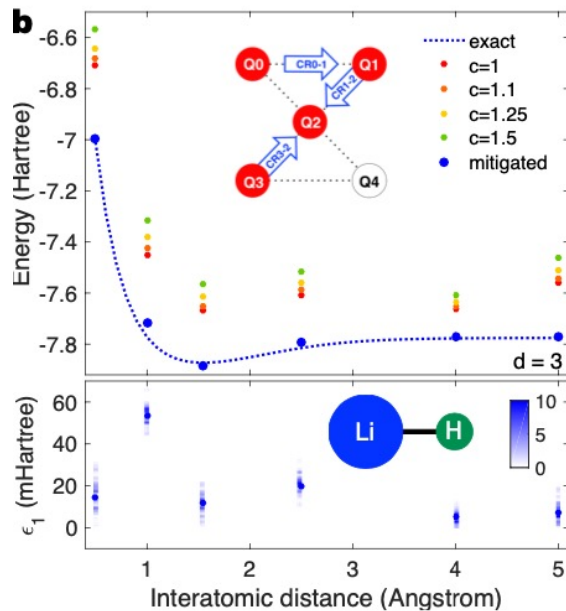
## Zero noise interpolation

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[h, \rho] + \gamma \sum_i \left( L_i^\dagger \rho L_i - \frac{1}{2} L_i^\dagger L_i \rho - \frac{1}{2} \rho L_i^\dagger L_i \right)$$

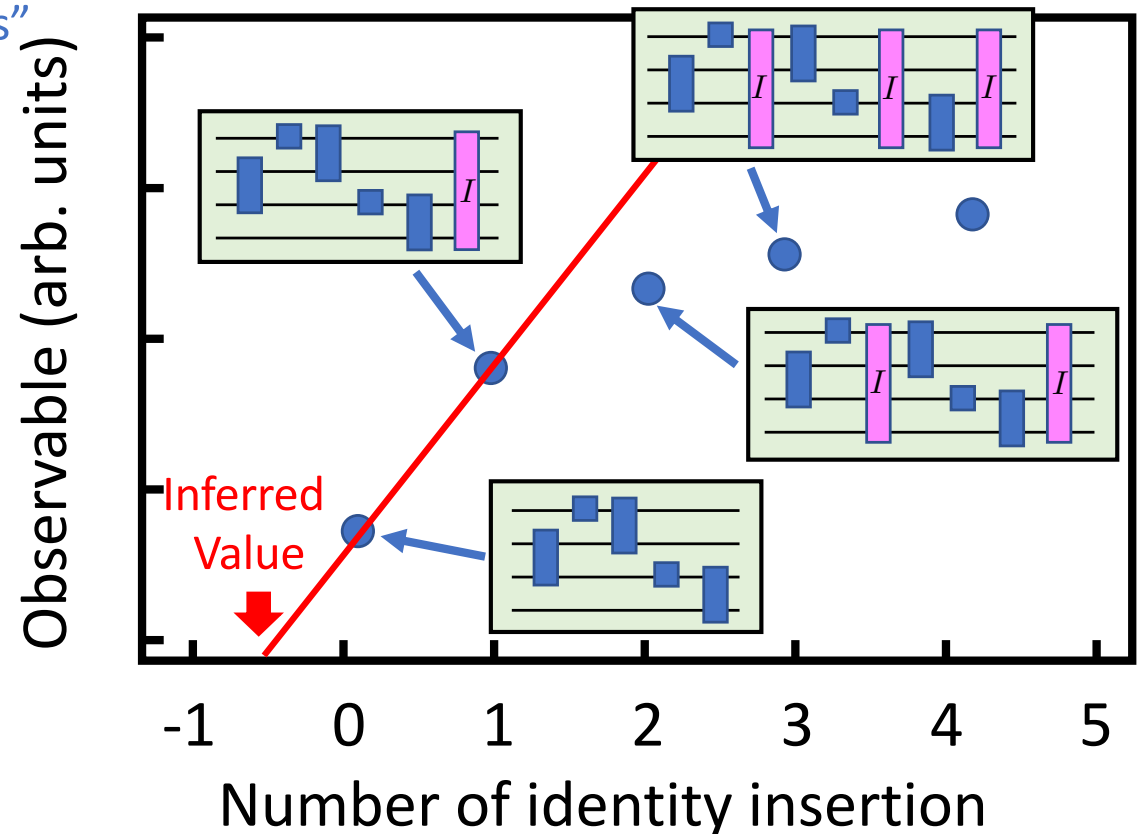
Assumes that noise scales linearly with the circuit length (number of gates)

### Zero Noise extrapolation (ZNE)

The main idea: add artificially “useless gates”  
And make linear interpolation



Kandala et al, Nature 567, 491 (2019)



# How to correct from the imperfect quantum computers

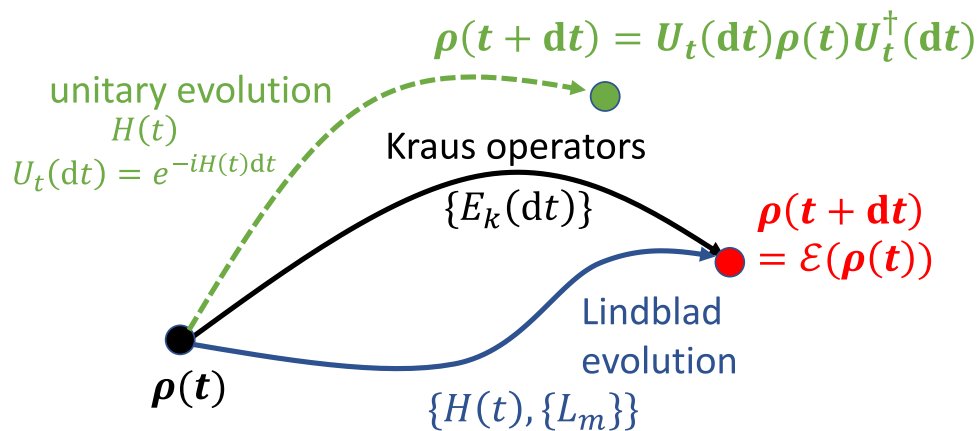
## Probabilistic corrections to the noise

### Kraus operator

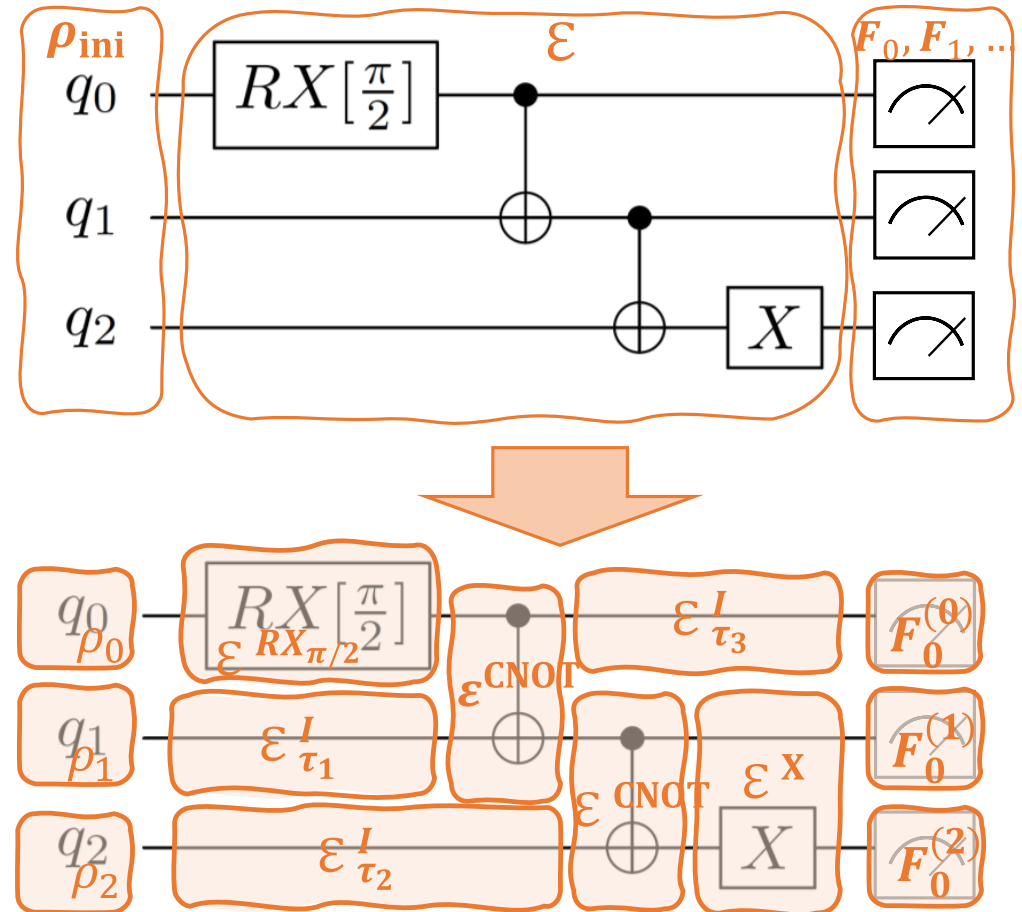
Kraus operators connect noisy and noiseless channels

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \sum_{k=1}^K E_k \rho E_k^\dagger$$

The Kraus operator decomposition can be seen as an alternative to Lindblad



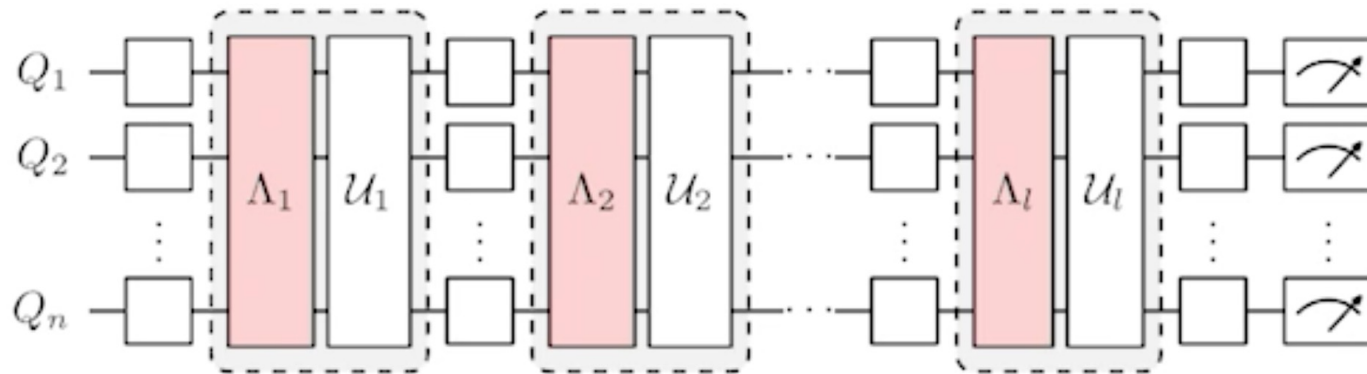
(see Ayril et al, EPJA 59 (2023))



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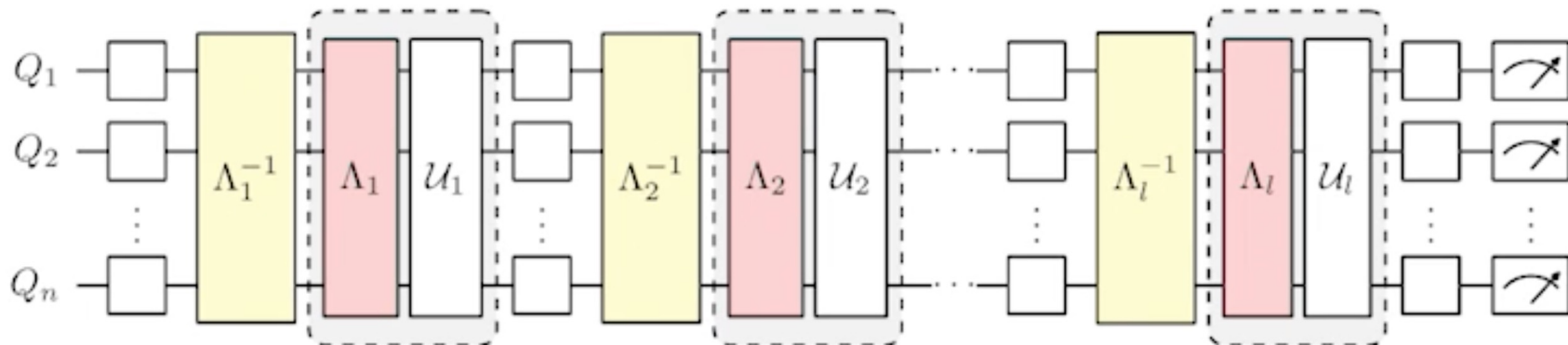
## Probabilistic corrections to the noise

Imagine the noise is perfectly known (i.e. it is associated to a set of operations)



$\{\Lambda_i\}$  = Noise channels operations

➔ Ideally we would like to compensate for the noise



**Problem**

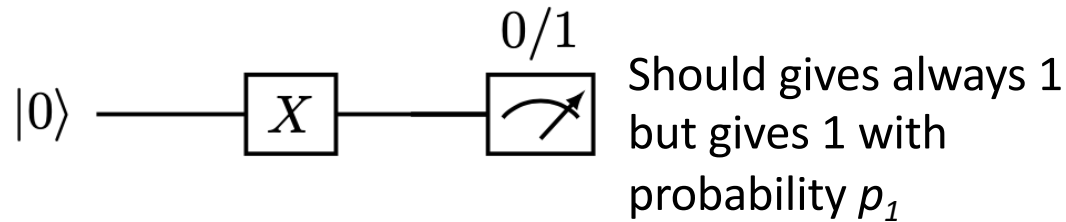
Usually noise channels cannot be described by physical/unitary operations  
The dimension of matrices growth exponentially.

# How to correct from the imperfect quantum computers

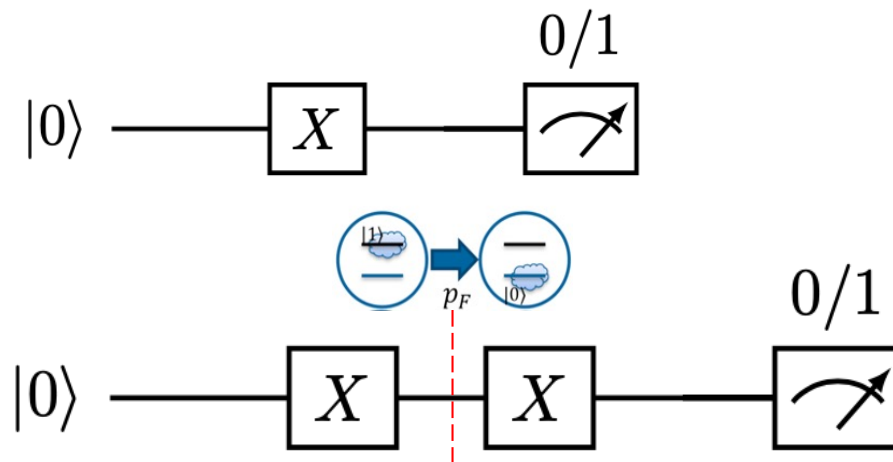
## Probabilistic corrections to the noise

The idea is to correct it statistically

### Sampling circuit technique



The idea is that spin flip can be corrected by adding sometimes an extra gate  $X$  or not



Random circuit will be added statistically



Temme et al, PRL 119 (2017)

(and many more techniques ...)

# Quantum error mitigation: (Non-exhaustive) literature

## Zero Noise Extrapolation

### Key feature: Noise scaling

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A. Kandala, et al., **Nature**, 567, 491 (2019)  
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I. Chen, et al., arXiv:2203.08291  
E. Huffman *et al.* arxiv:2109.15065

## Probabilistic Error Cancellation & Quasi-Probabilistic Repr.ns

### Noisy gate-level representation

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### Learn noise (ML), use Clifford circuits

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### Key feature: Noisy state re-projected

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### Add gates to protect from 'bad' noise

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# Some challenges to face when working with larger number of qubits

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Working with more and more qubits allows to work with exponentially growing matrix sizes

This also might lead to an exponential number of operations to do

This also lead to an exponentially growing number of measurements to be made. Leading to large data flow to treat classically

For instance full quantum tomography would require to estimate  $4^n$  operators

Even a very small error for each gate will propagate exponentially with the number of operators

$$0.99^{(4^8)} \simeq 9 \cdot 10^{-287}$$

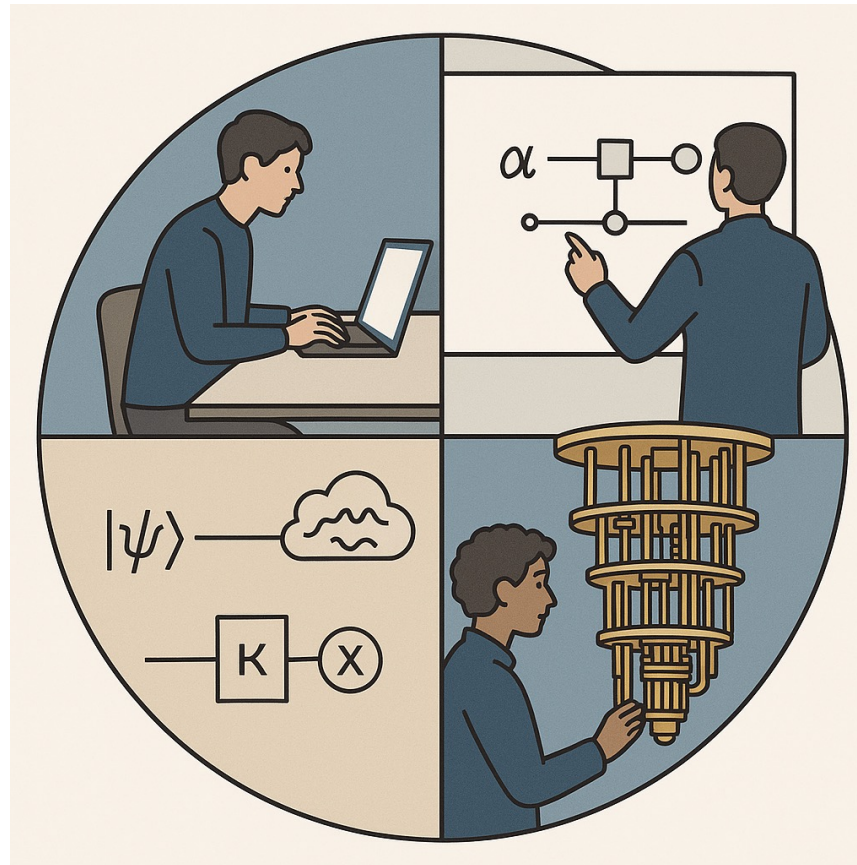
# High-level summary

The domain is at the  
Crossroad between  
physics, math,  
informatics

...

and experimental  
aspects

(signal processing,  
error corrections,  
real-time data analysis,  
crosstalk ...)



We are gaining expertise in  
quantum algorithms.

Applications are mainly on  
pilot applications

We now explore (ab-initio)  
non-equilibrium phenomena,  
entanglement properties, ...

Experimental platforms  
are improving fast worldwide.  
Access to them might rapidly  
be an issue

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Quantum state preparation and many-body  
Methods on QC

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Exploration of quantum machine learning  
technique for nuclear physics.

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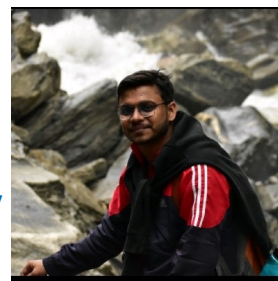
Annealing method for many-body methods

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Quantum Computing for Nuclear Spectroscopy



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Ab-initio methods  
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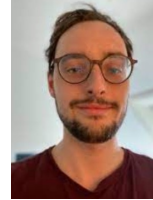
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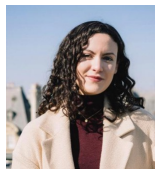


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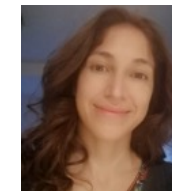
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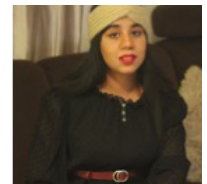
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