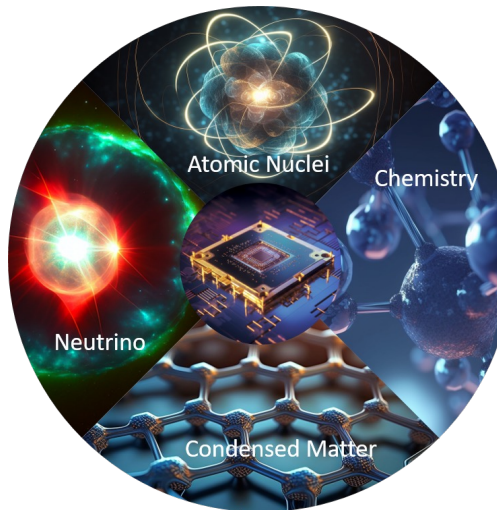


# Quantum computing applied to nuclear physics

Denis Lacroix



# Short highlights of our fundamental science motivations

**Degrees of Freedom**

quarks, gluons

constituent quarks

Energy (MeV)

➔ Physics beyond the standard model  
From quarks to nucleons?

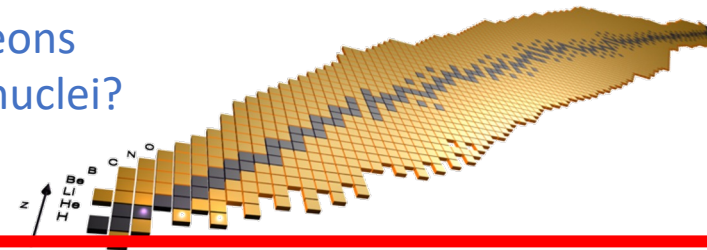
940  
neutron mass

➔ From nucleons  
to atomic nuclei?

baryons, mesons

protons, neutrons

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proton separation  
energy in lead

➔ QC for simulation of specific  
Astrophysics process

Proton  
Neutron  
Positron

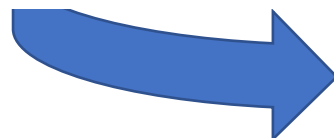
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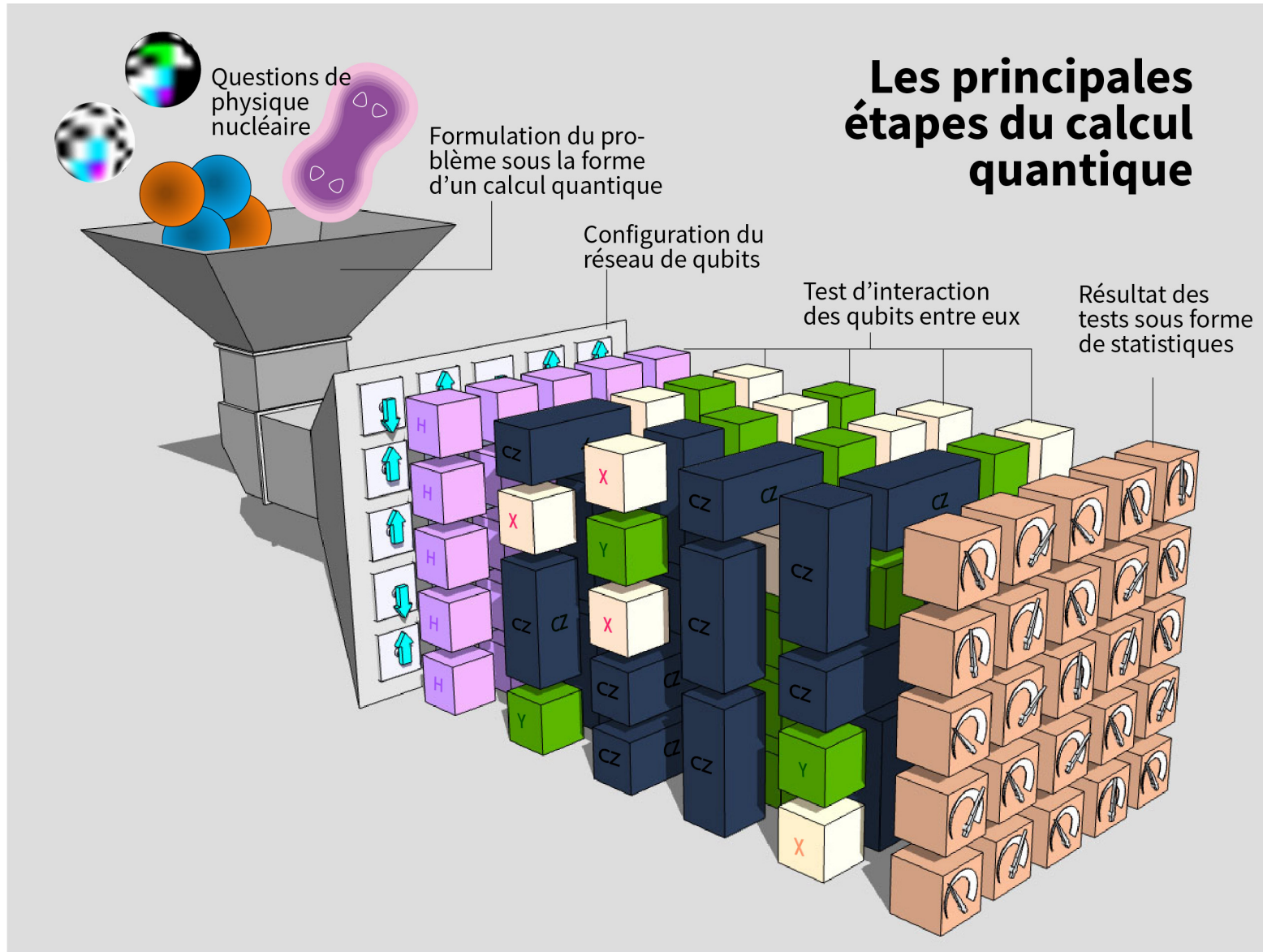
Gamma ray  $\gamma$   
Neutrino  $\nu$

Radio emission  
Energetic  
X-rays and

Neutron  
Proton  
Nucleus  
Neutrino

Photosphere 6000 K  
Visible, IR, and UV radiation  
Turbulent convection  
Convective zone  
Corona  
Prominence  
Spot  
Bright spots and short-lived magnetic regions  
X-rays

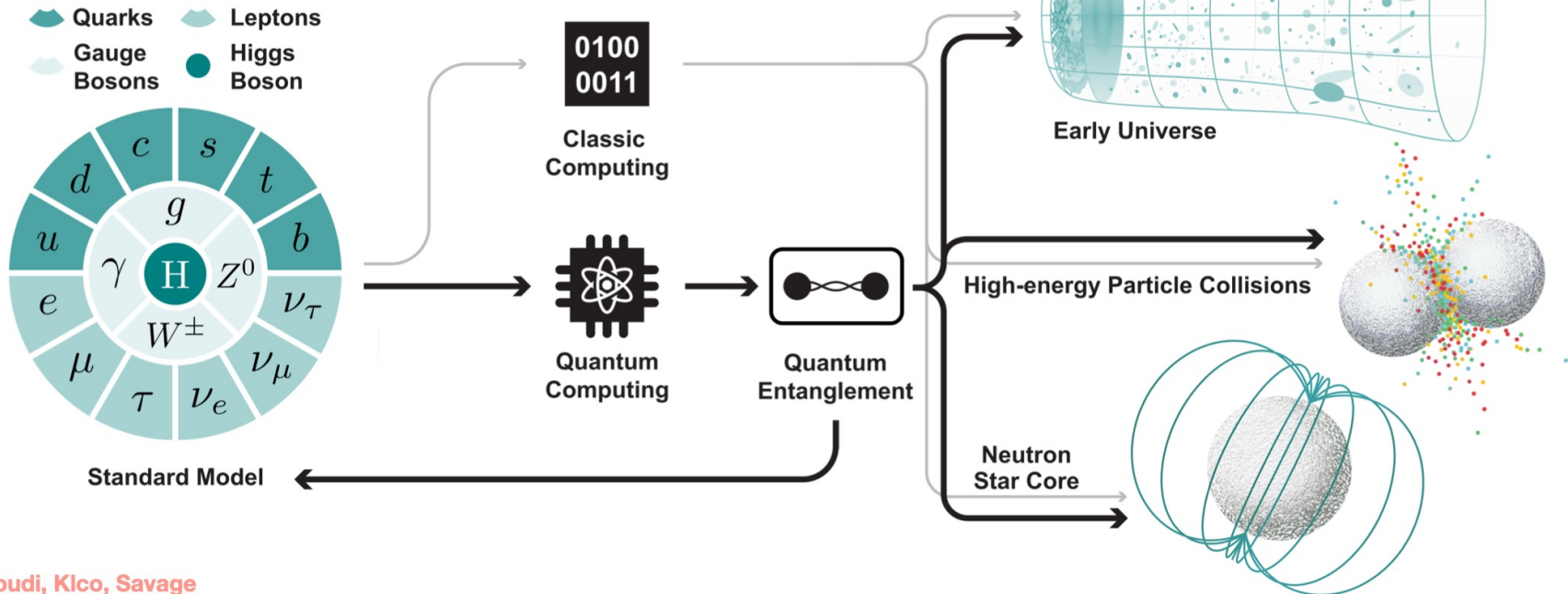




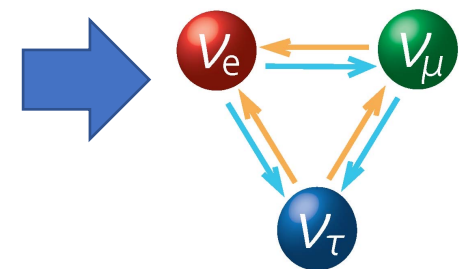
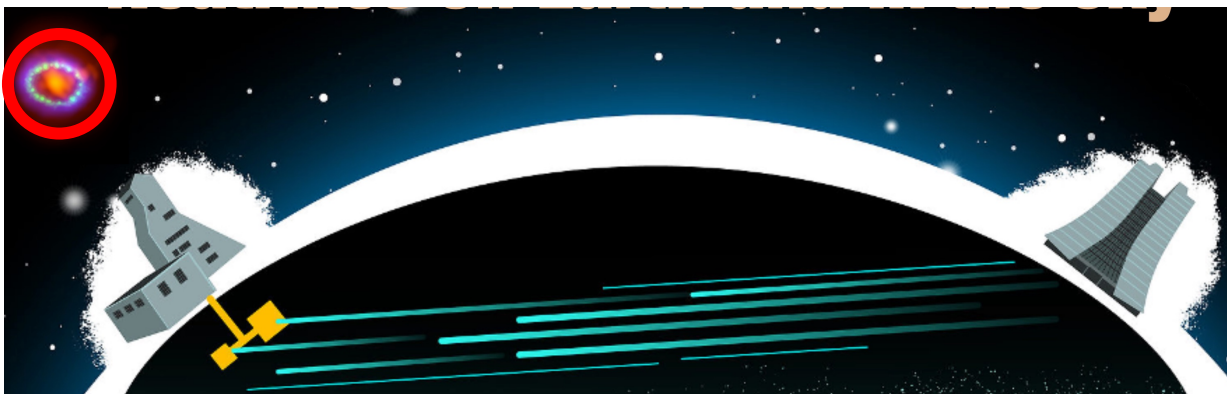




Elementary particles and fields



Neutrino mass and oscillations





Degrees of Freedom

Energy (MeV)



quarks, gluons



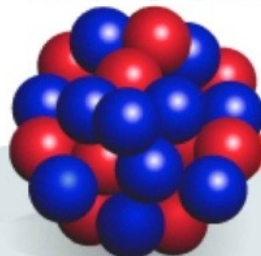
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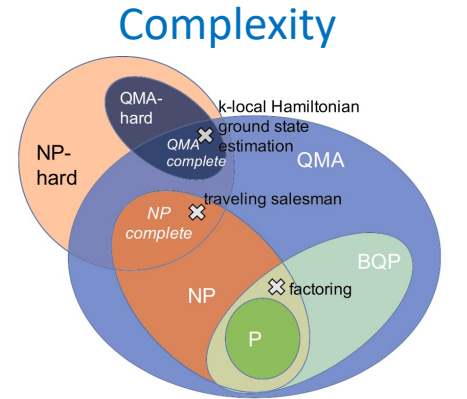
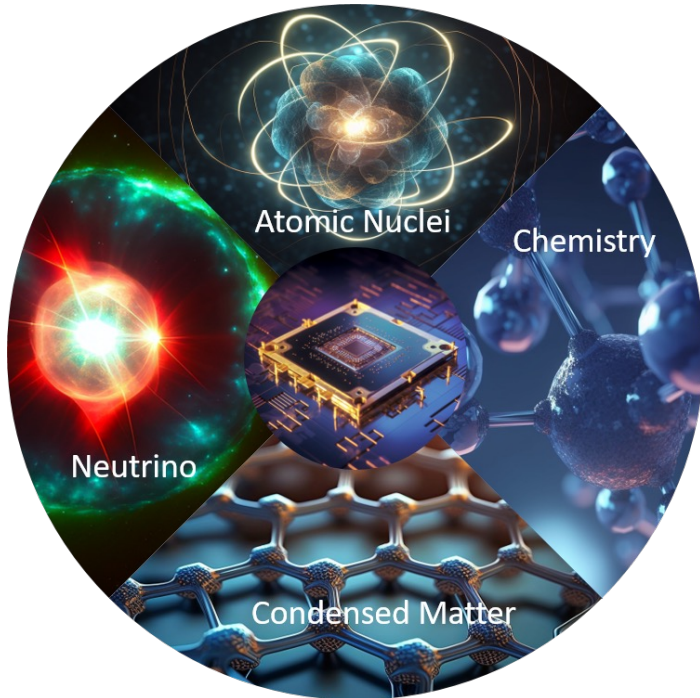
## Quantum computing with and for many-body physics

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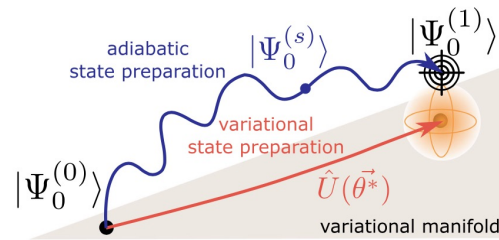
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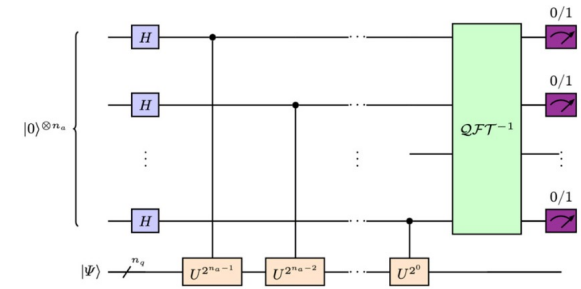
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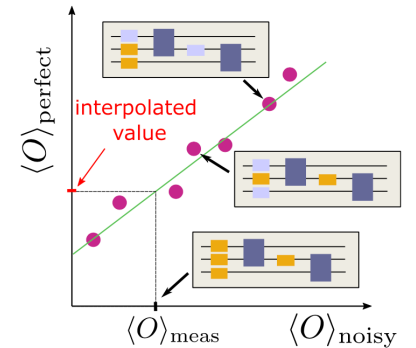
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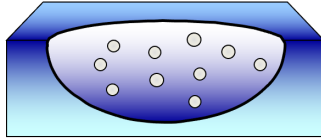
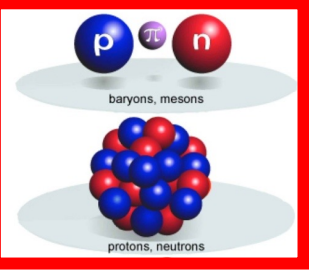
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# Quantum computing for the description

## of static and dynamical properties of atomic nuclei

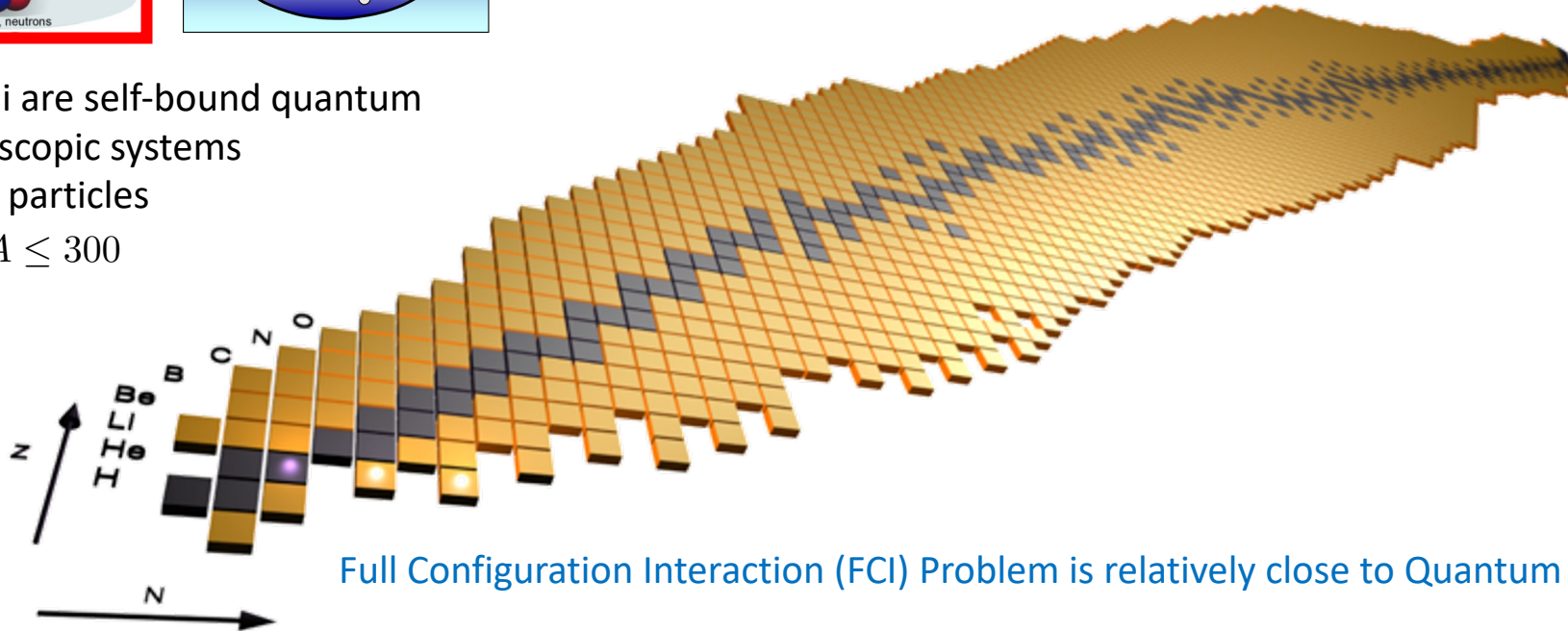
Problematic and challenges



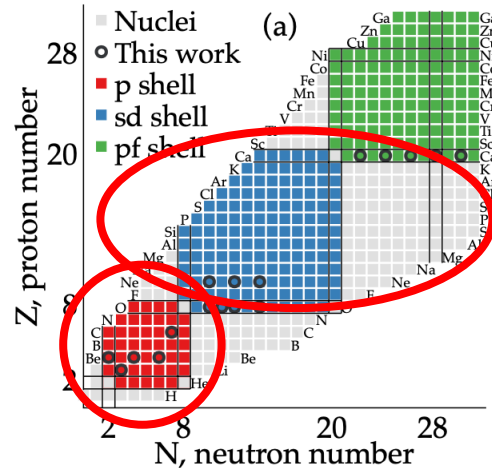
Nuclei are self-bound quantum mesoscopic systems

Nb of particles

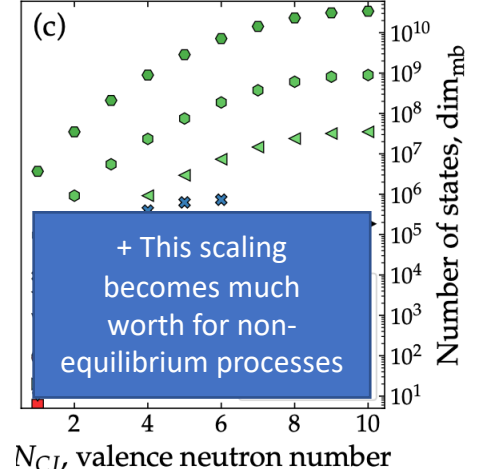
$$2 \leq A \leq 300$$



Full Configuration Interaction (FCI) Problem is relatively close to Quantum chemistry



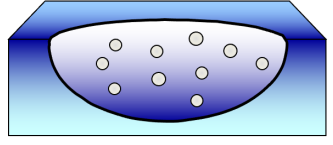
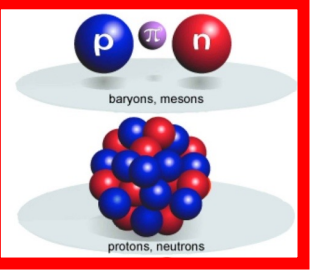
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$1p_{3/2}$		11	10	9	8		
$0f_{7/2}$	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
protons							
$0d_{3/2}$		11	10	9	8		
$1s_{1/2}$			7	6			$sd$
$0d_{5/2}$	5	4	3	2	1	0	
neutrons							
$0p_{1/2}$			5	4			$p$
$0p_{3/2}$		3	2	1	0		
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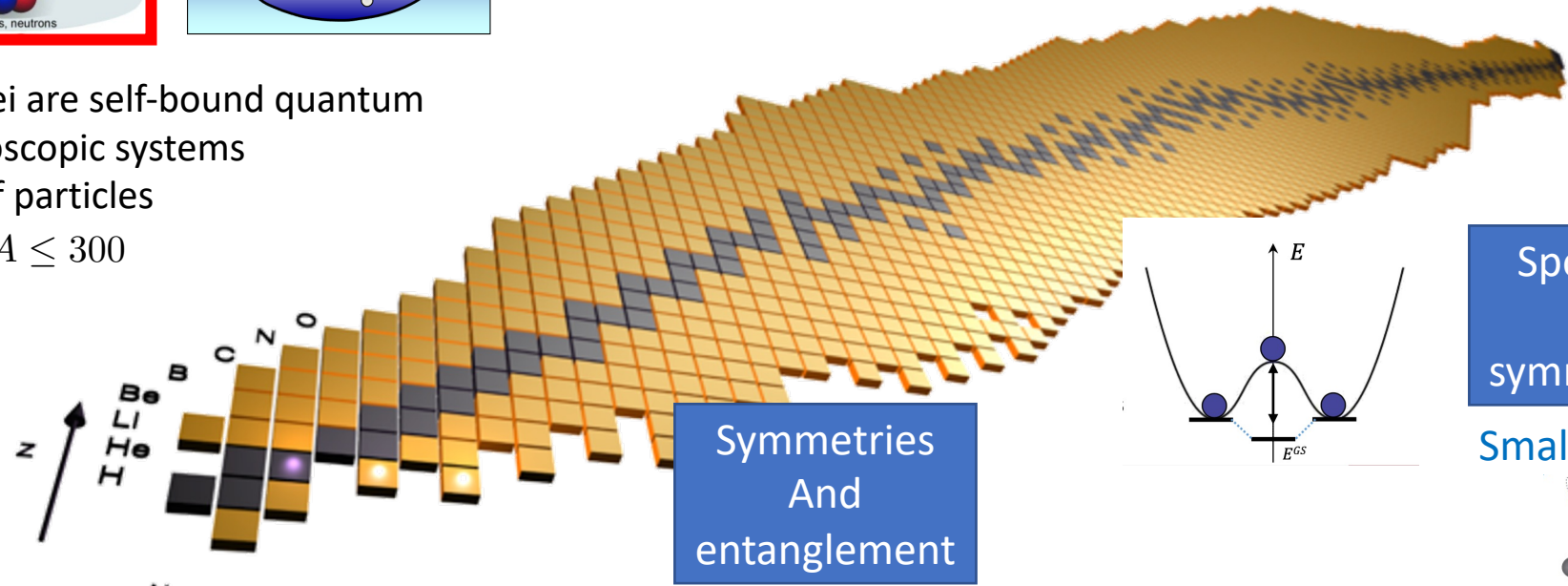


# Quantum computing for atomic nuclei

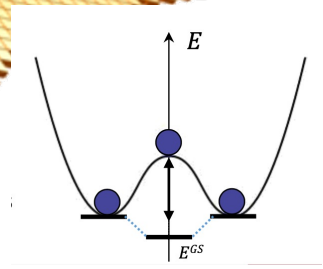
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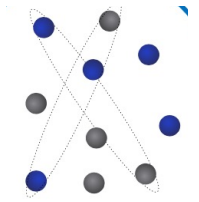


Symmetries  
 And  
 entanglement



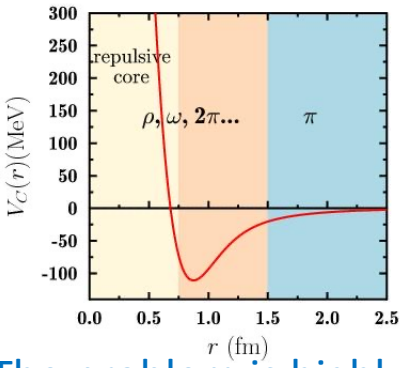
Spontaneous  
 Broken  
 symmetries (SB)

Small superfluid



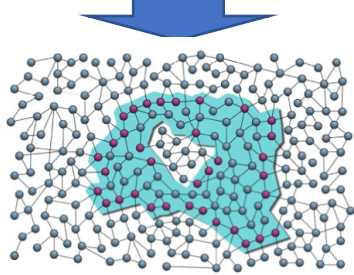
(particle number SB)

Interaction

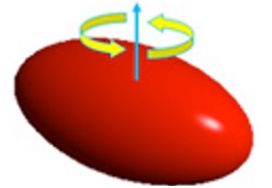


Global symmetries induce  
 All-to-all entanglement

$S, T, J, \pi$



Deformation can happen

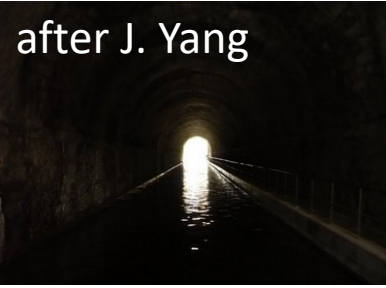


(rotational invariance SB)

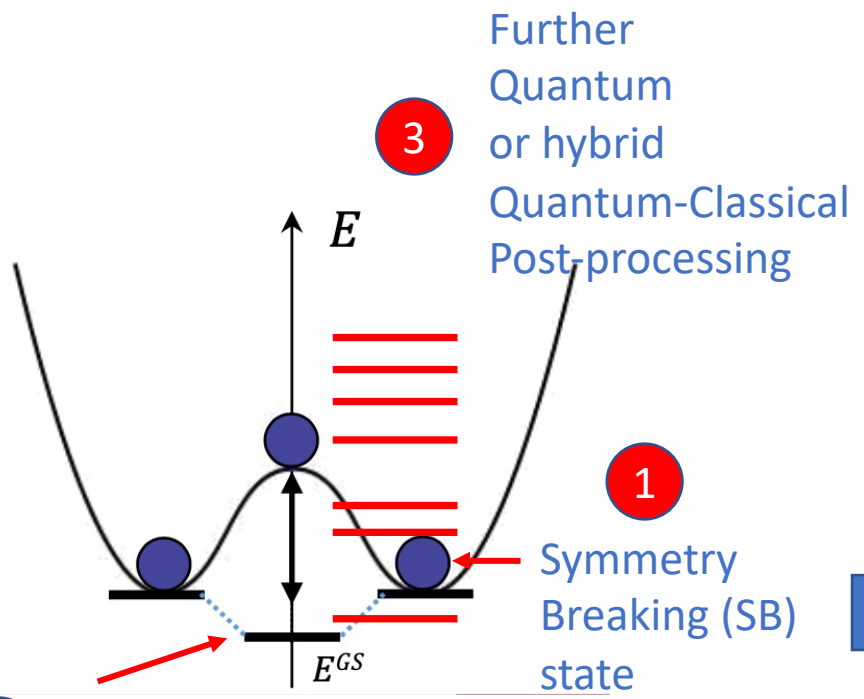
The problem is highly non-perturbative

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

after J. Yang

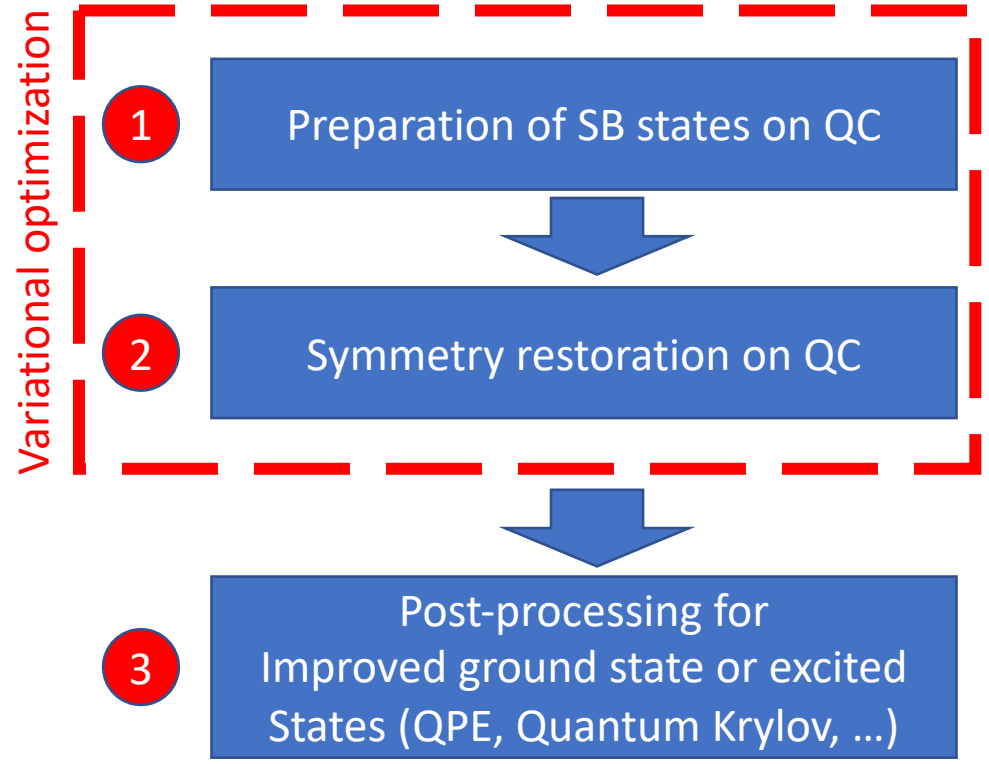


# Developing variational approaches based on symmetry-breaking (SB)/symmetry restoration (SR)



2 Symmetry Restored (SR) state (multi-reference)

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



Which symmetries ?

Many-Body  
Particle Number  
Parity  
Total Spin

Quantum computing  
Hamming weight  
Odd/Even number of 1  
Permutation Invariance

# Illustration with small superconductors

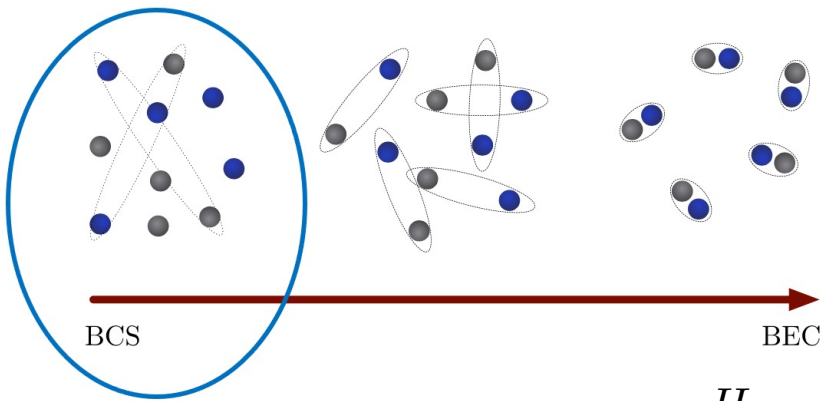
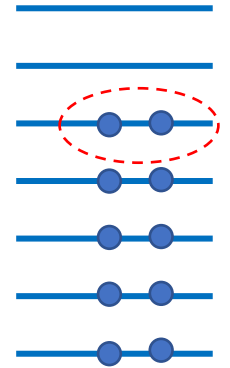


Illustration with the Richardson Hamiltonian

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



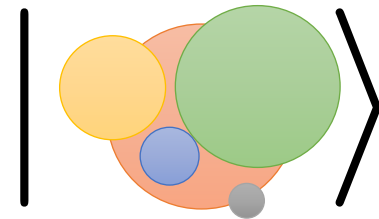
This problem is an archetype of spontaneous symmetry breaking.  
 An “easy” way to describe it is to break the particle number symmetry, i.e. consider wave-function that mixes different particle number

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



But ultimately number of Particle should be restored !

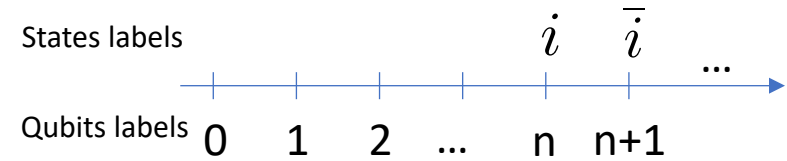


### Pairing Hamiltonian

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

Jordan-Wigner transfo:  $\frac{1}{2}(I_i - Z_i)$

State ordering is important !

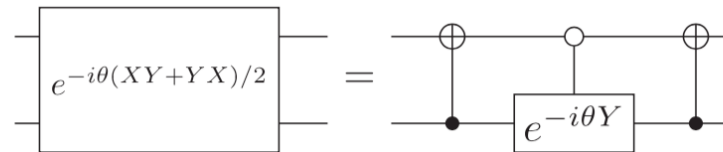


$$a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger \longrightarrow Q_n^+ Q_{n+1}^+$$

### Initial (symmetry breaking) state preparation

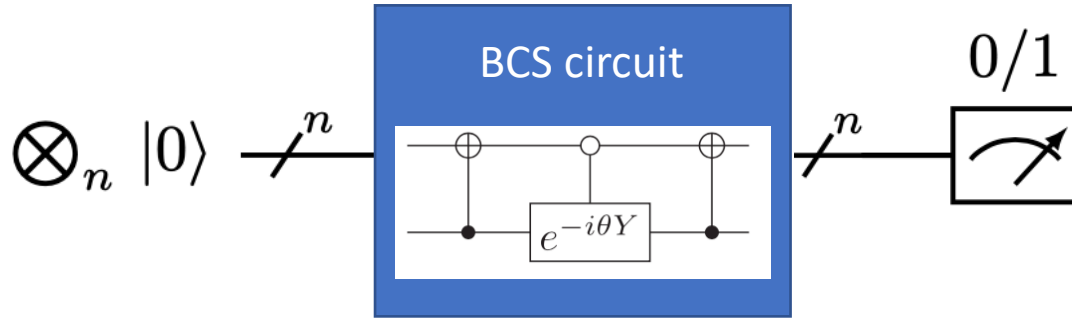
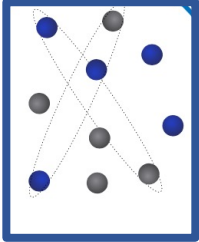
$$|\Psi\rangle = \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i>0} \varphi_i (a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger - a_{\bar{i}} a_i) \right\} |0\rangle \quad \varphi_i = \varphi \longrightarrow |\Psi\rangle = \prod_{n>0} e^{i\varphi(X_n Y_{n+1} + Y_n X_{n+1})/2} |-\rangle$$

### Equivalent universal gate on pairs

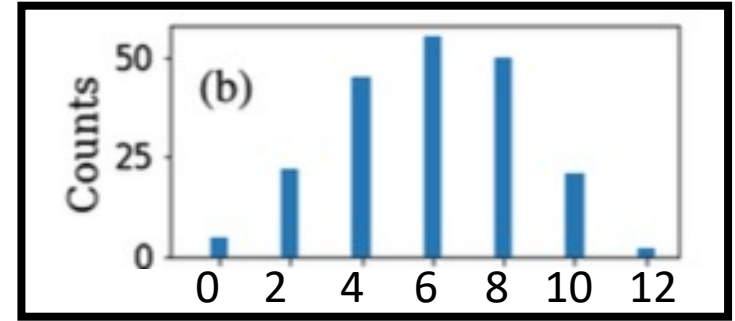


Zhang Jiang et al,  
Phys. Rev. Applied 9, 044036 (2018).

Superfluidity can be described by breaking particle number



Example of mixing for 12 qubits (with qiskit)



Projection on particle number

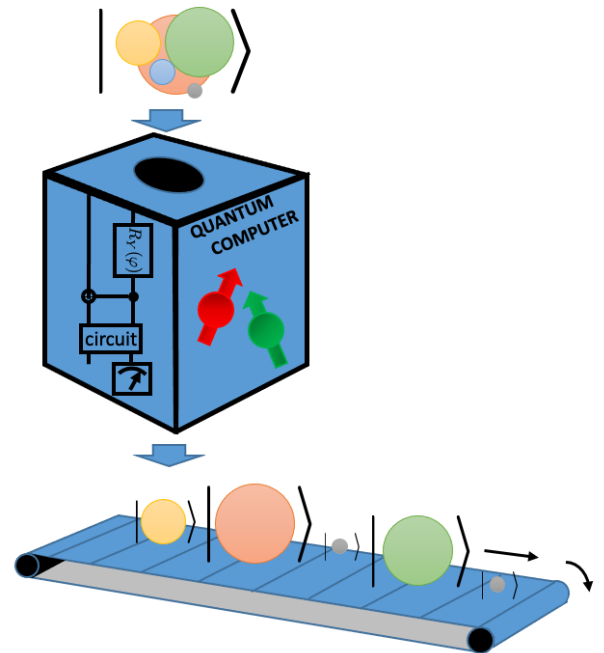
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_N c_N |N\rangle \rightarrow |N\rangle$$

For 2 qubits

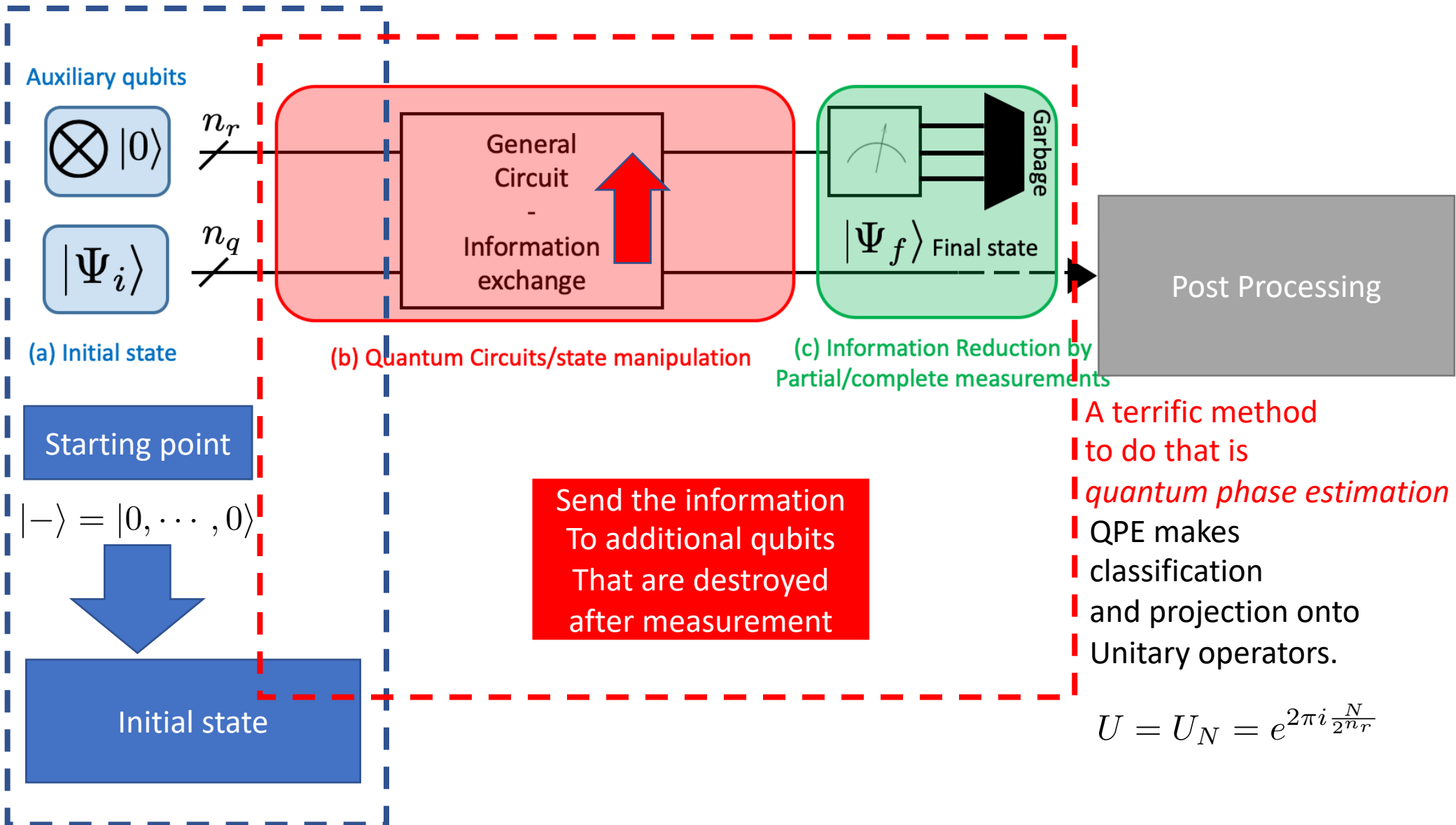
$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|00\rangle + \beta|01\rangle + \gamma|10\rangle + \delta|11\rangle$$

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

➔ A possible way to perform the projection is to use The Quantum-Phase-Estimation method with  $N$  itself

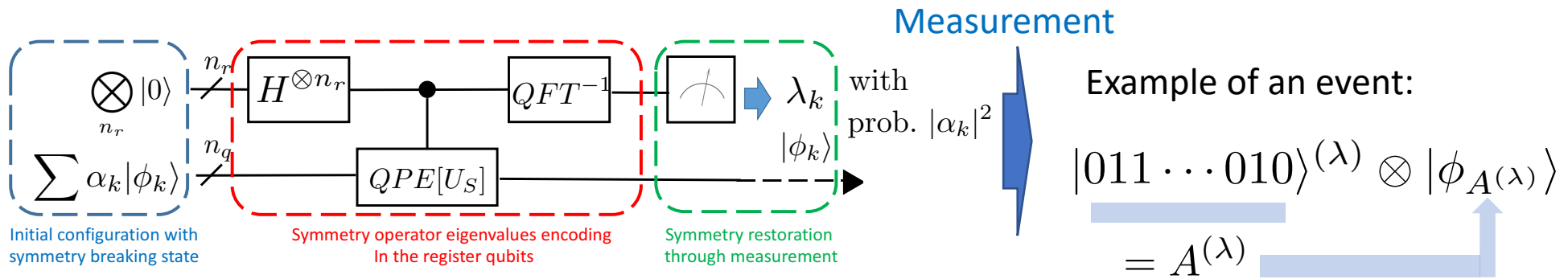


# Non-destructive counting on a quantum computer





# Eigenvalues-Ground state and excited states



BCS/HFB state

$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_n \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) I_n \otimes I_{n+1} + \sin\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) Q_n^+ Q_{n+1}^+ \right] |-\rangle$$

Measurement

Projected BCS or with varying number of particles

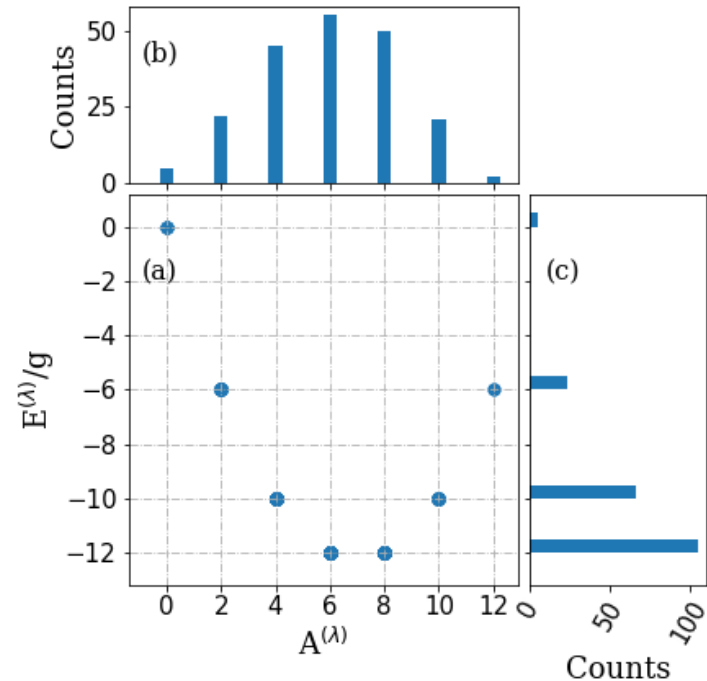
Degenerate case

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

$$\langle \phi_{A^{(\lambda)}} | H | \phi_{A^{(\lambda)}} \rangle$$

$H$  was encoded on the full Fock space with  $A < n_q$   
 For the degenerate case, this should give the exact solution

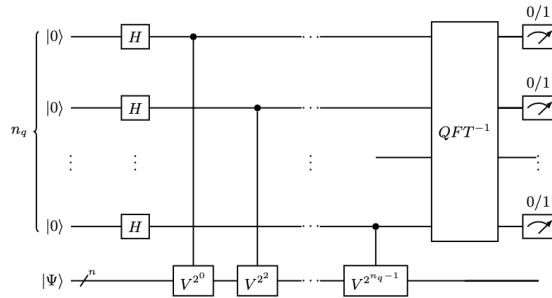
6 pairs



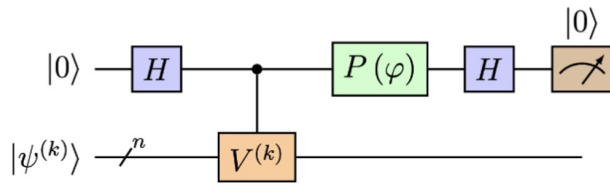
Exact solution

$$E/g = -\frac{1}{4}(A - \nu)(2n_q - A - \nu - 2).$$

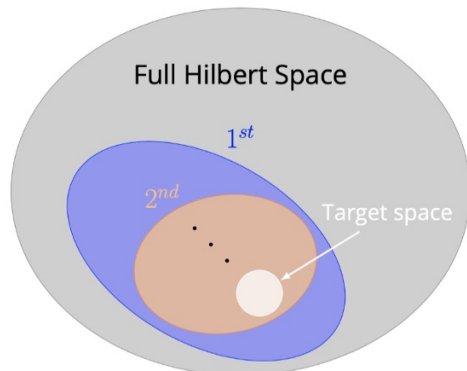
## Standard Quantum Phase estimation



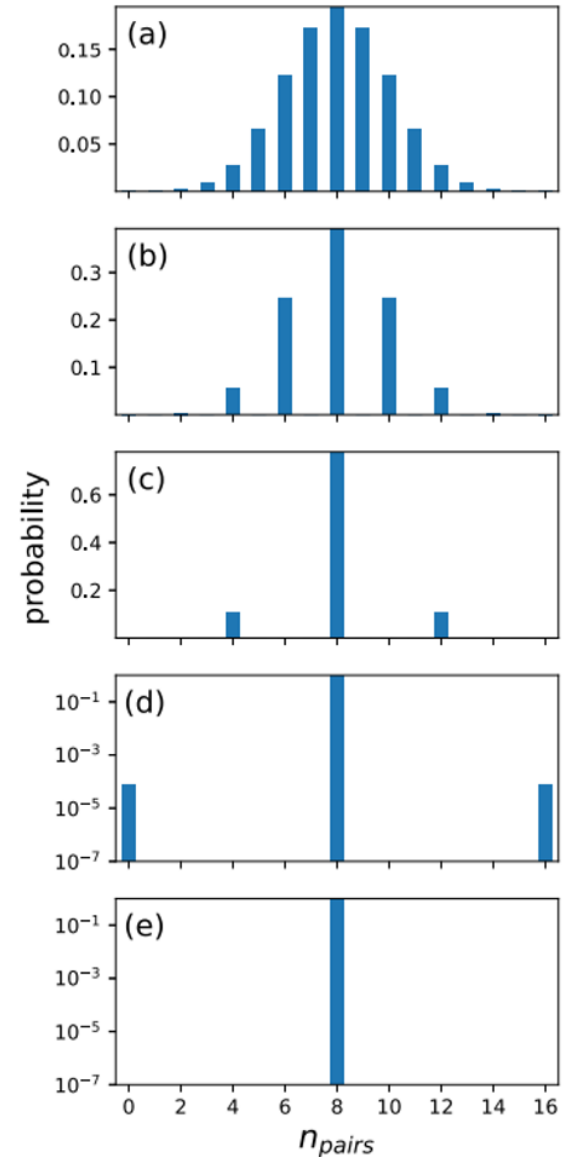
## Iterative Quantum Phase estimation



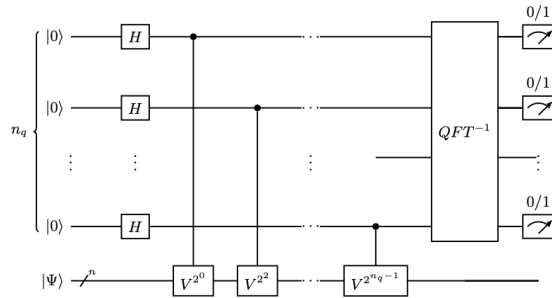
$$\hat{V}^{(k)} = e^{i\phi_k \hat{N}} \quad \phi_k = \frac{\pi}{2^k}$$



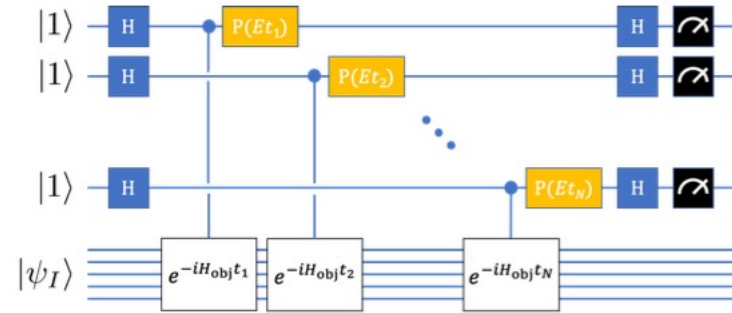
16 qubits, N = 8



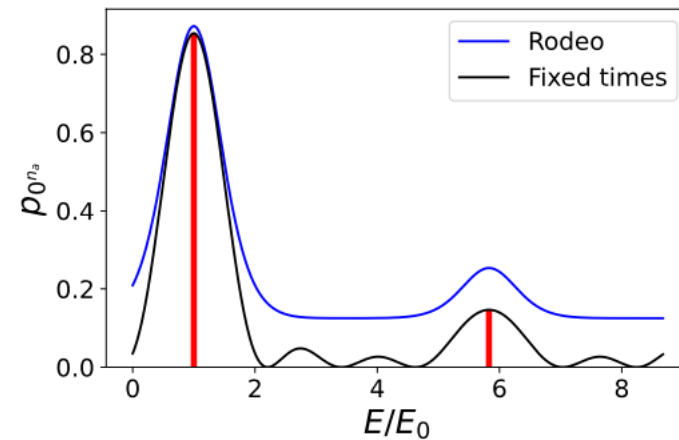
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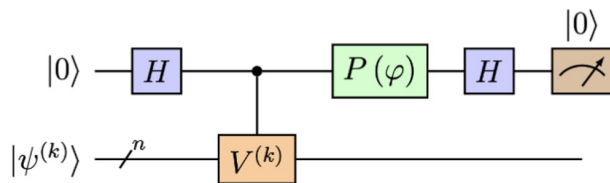
## Iterative Quantum Phase estimation + random Gaussian time (Rodeo algorithm)



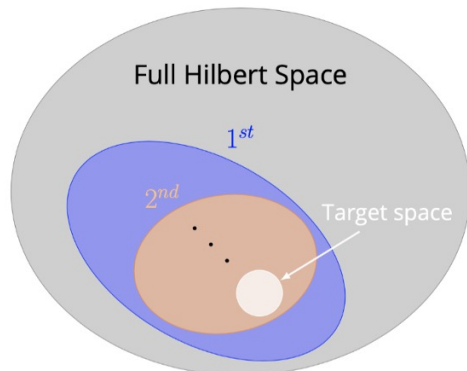
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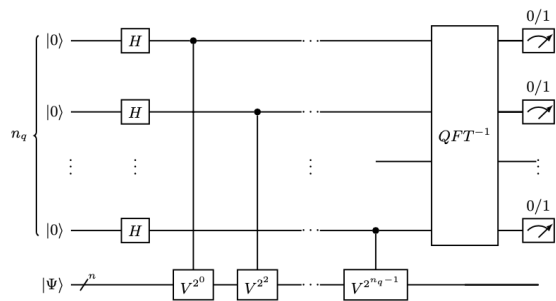


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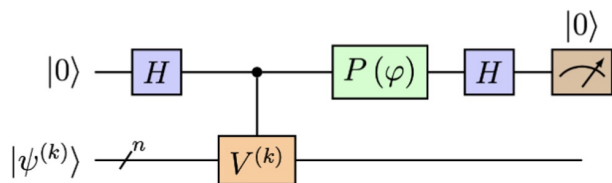
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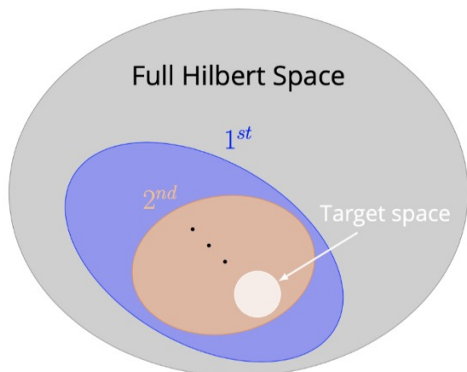


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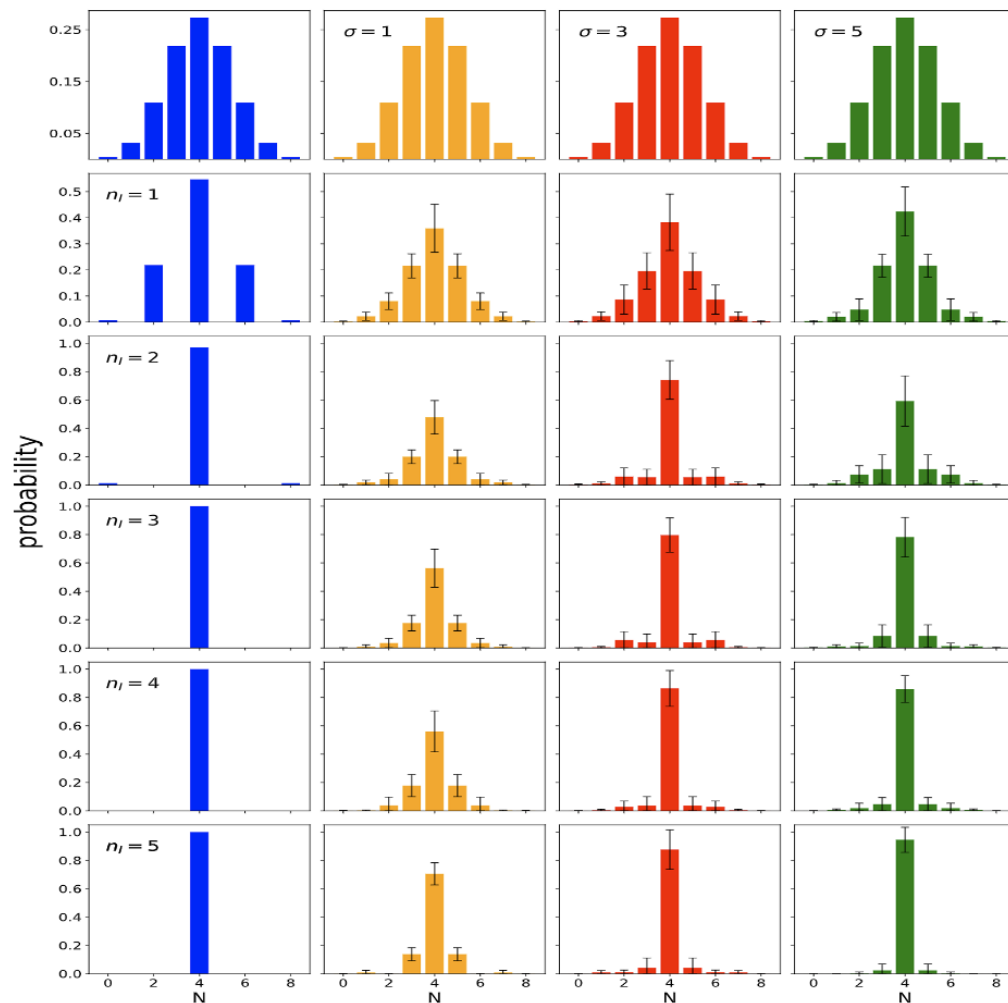


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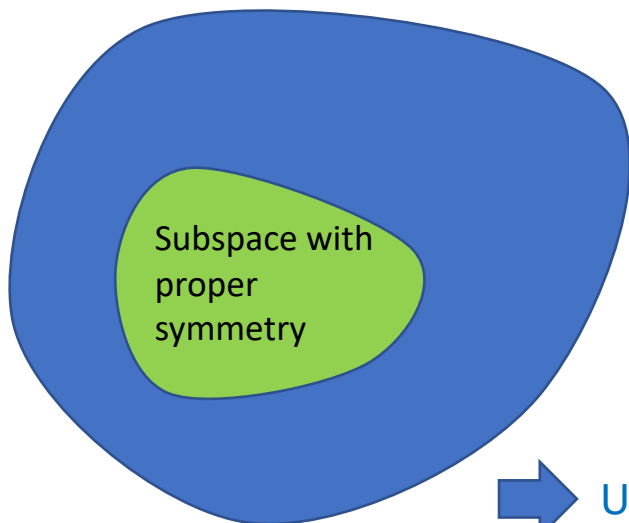
### Iterative QPE

### Rodeo algorithm with different resolution



# Exploration of different methods for the symmetry restoration

Complete Hilbert space



Systematic Exploration of Phase-Estimation based methods for symmetry restoration (Kitaev method, Rodeo algorithms)

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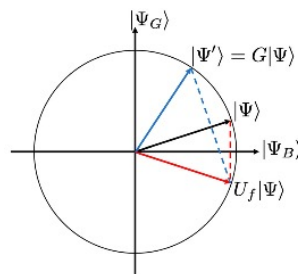
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A quantum many-body perspective

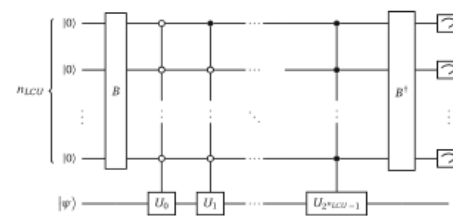
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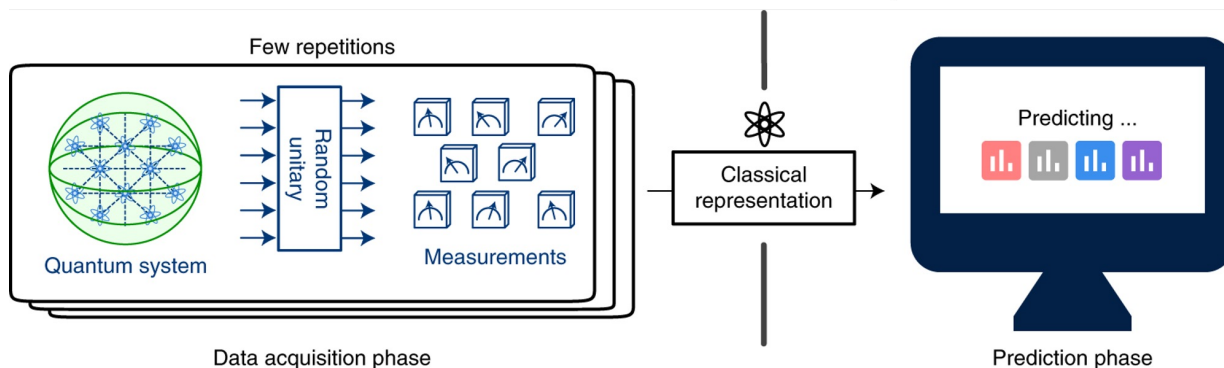
Use Oracle's and Grover-based methods for projection onto a subspace  
 Grover and Oracle



Linear Combination of Unitaries



Use quantum tomography techniques (Classical Shadow method)



Restoring broken symmetries using quantum search "oracles"

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# Symmetry restoration using Oracles

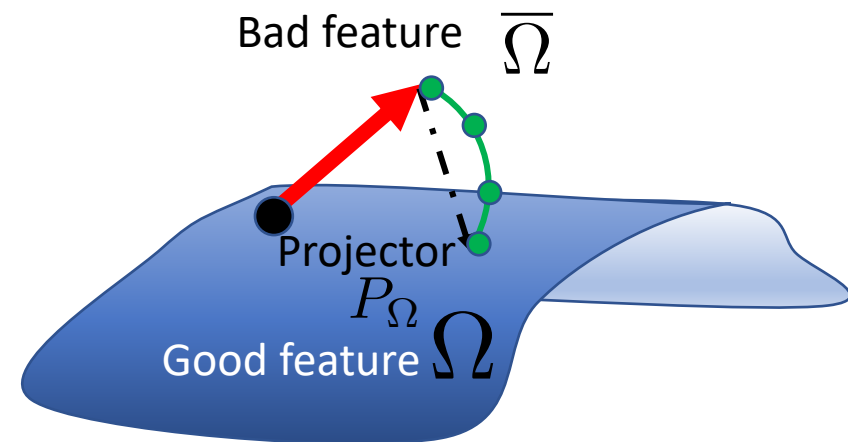
## Grover Classification operator (Oracles)

$$\hat{U}_f |k\rangle = (-1)^x \text{ with } x \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |k\rangle \in \bar{\Omega} \\ 1 & \text{if } |k\rangle \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

Lov K. Grover, Phys. Rev. Lett. **79**, 325 (1997)

We (physicists) are more familiar with projectors

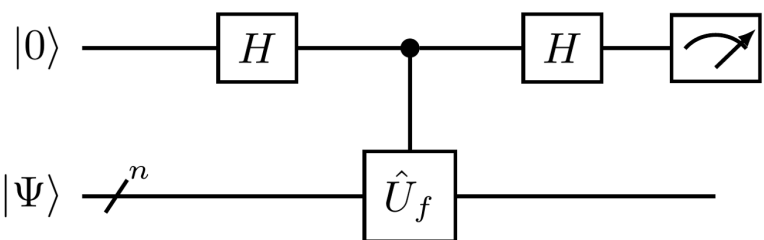
$$P_\Omega \rightarrow U_f = +1P_\Omega - 1(1 - P_\Omega) = 2P_\Omega - 1$$



## Methods based on projectors

### Oracle + Hadamard test

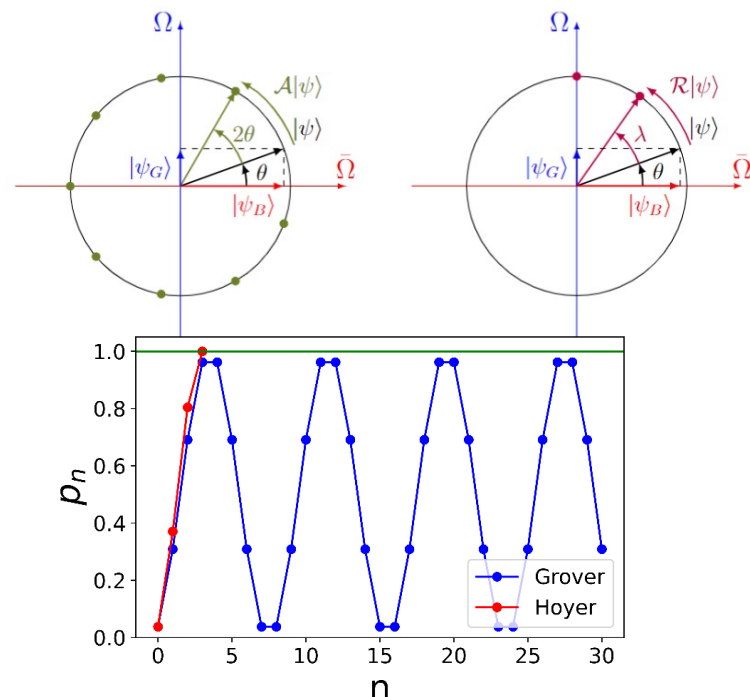
### Grover technique



$$\frac{1}{2} \{ |0\rangle \otimes [I + \hat{U}_f] |\Psi\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes [I - \hat{U}_f] |\Psi\rangle \} = |0\rangle |\Psi_B\rangle + |1\rangle |\Psi_G\rangle$$

Amplitude Amplification

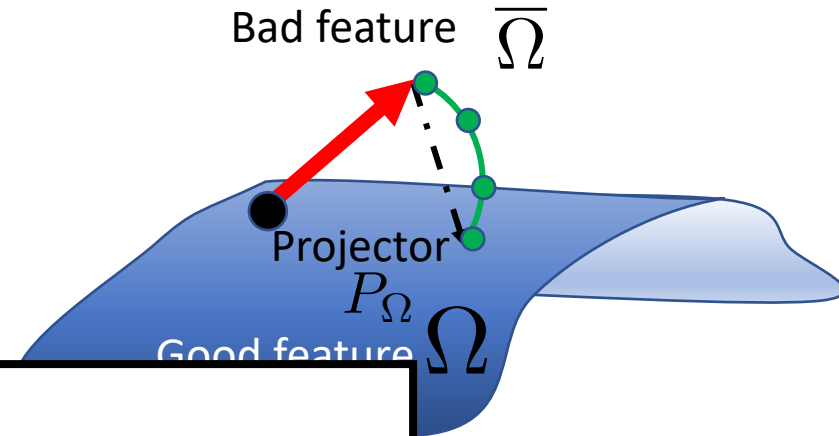
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## Grover Classification operator (Oracles)

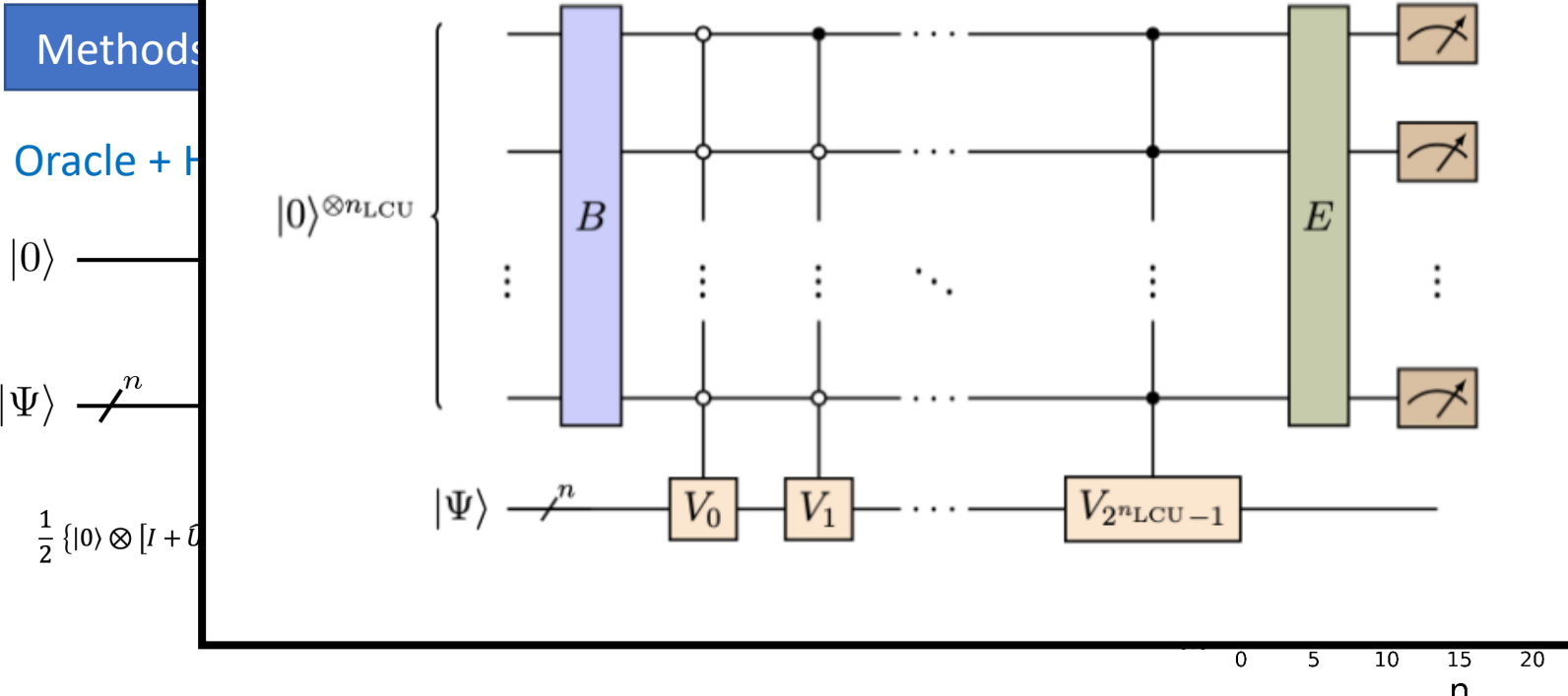
$$\hat{U}_f |k\rangle = (-1)^x \text{ with } x \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |k\rangle \in \bar{\Omega} \\ 1 & \text{if } |k\rangle \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

Lov K. Grover, Phys. Rev. Lett. **79**, 325 (1997)

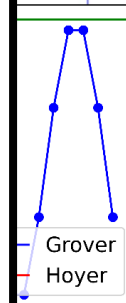
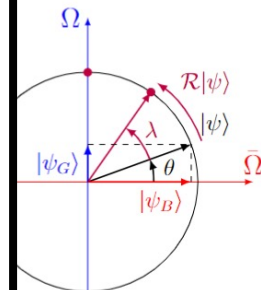


## Practical implementation of projectors

$$P_N = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n e^{\frac{2\pi i k(\hat{N}-N)}{n+1}} = \text{sum of unitary operators}$$



Grover-Hoyer



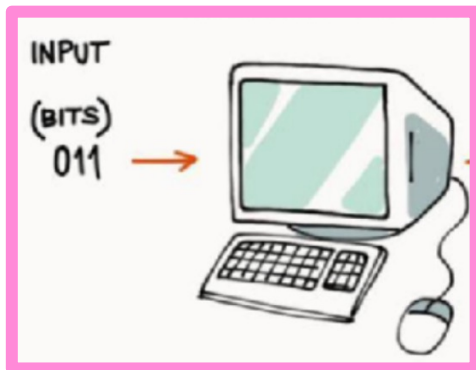
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Using the classical computing knowledge

QPU



CPU



Good state reconstruction

Simple illustration with particle number

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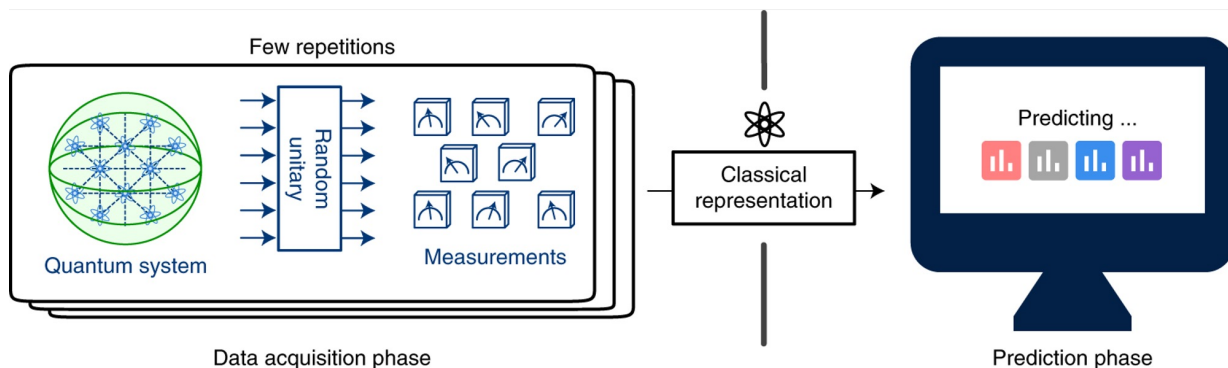
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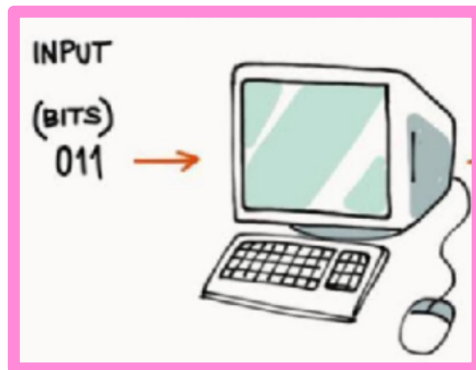
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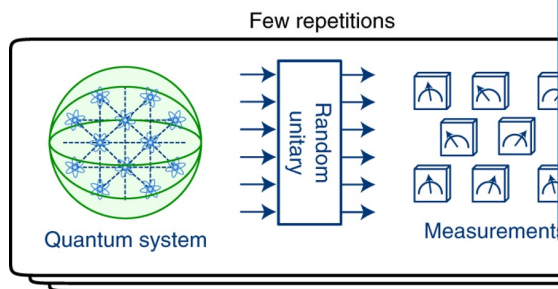
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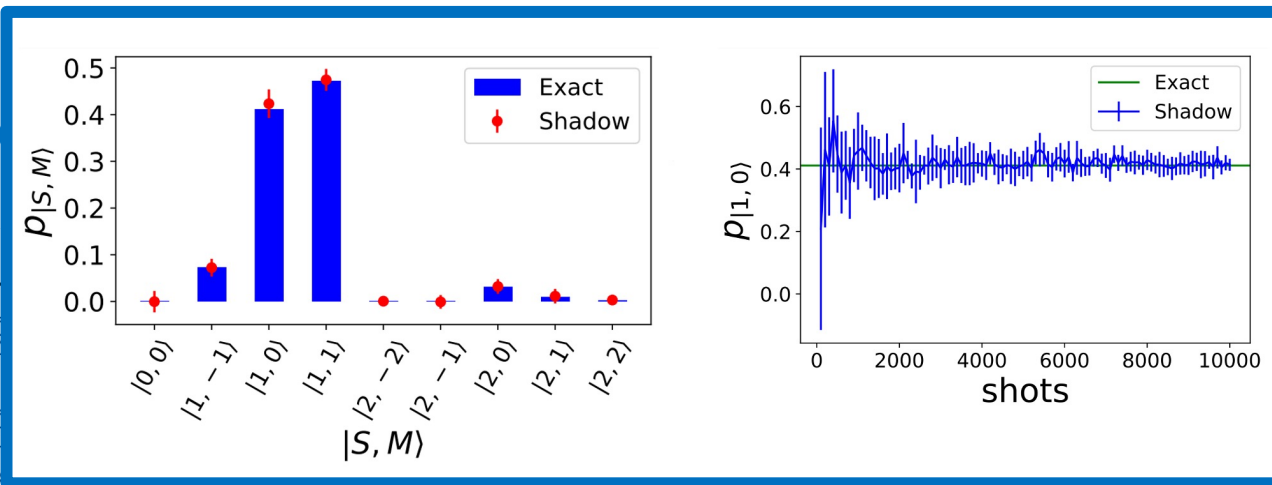
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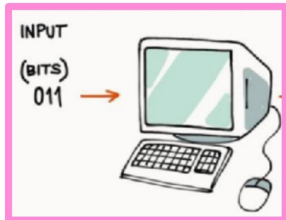
Data acquisition phase



Prediction phase



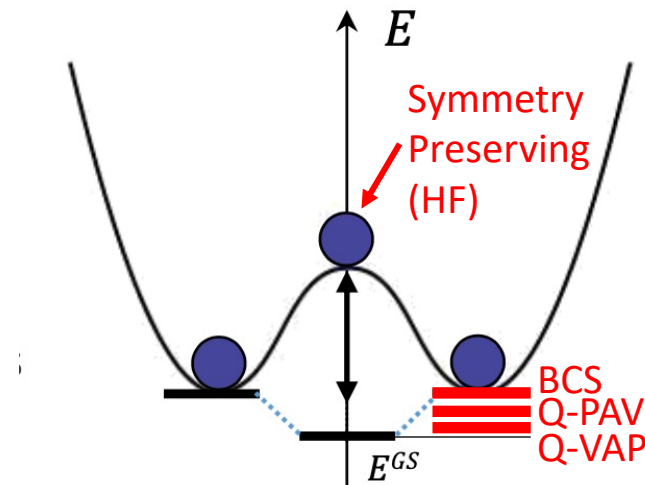
Classical optimization



# Coming back to our superconducting problem

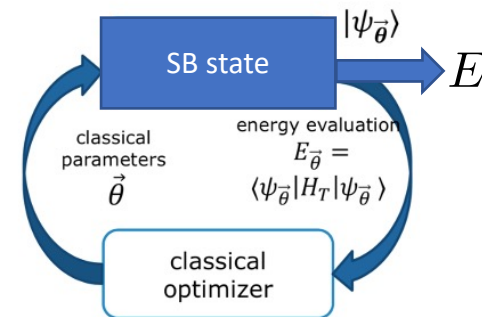
## Combining projection with variational method

Pair occupation are now encoded

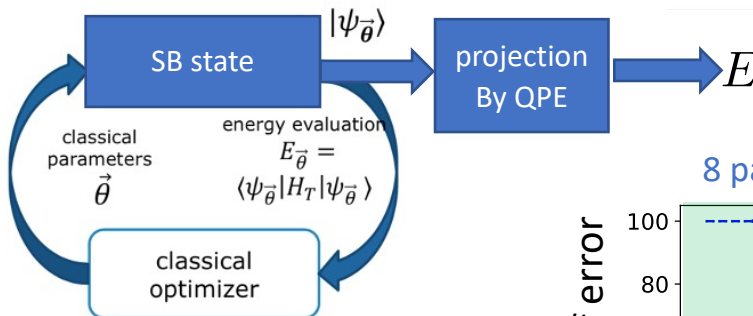


### Quantum-Classical optimizers

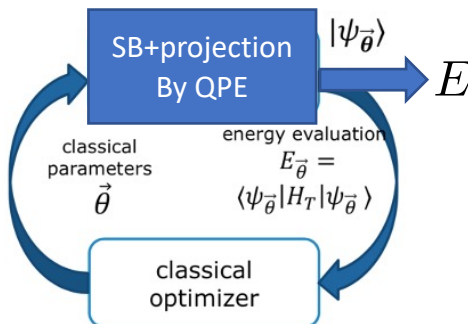
Standard BCS theory



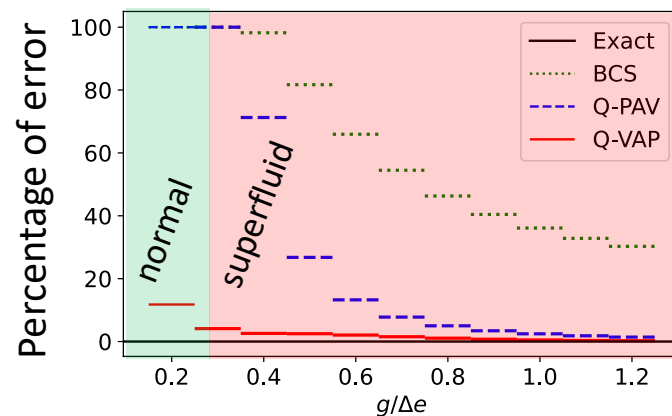
Project after optimization  
Q-PAV: Quantum Projection After Variation



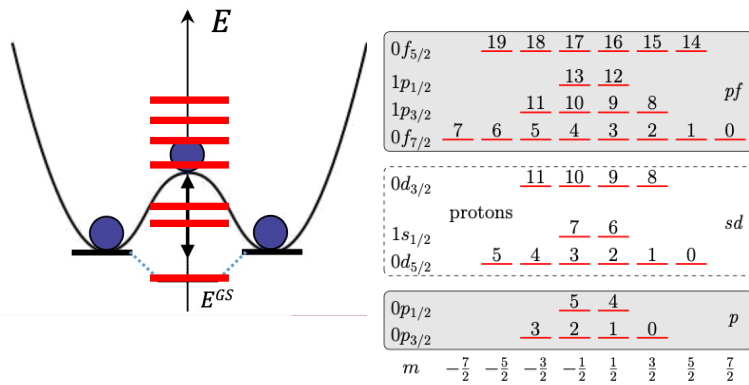
The optimization is made on the Symmetry restored state.  
Q-VAP: Quantum Variation After Projection



8 particles on 8 equidistant levels



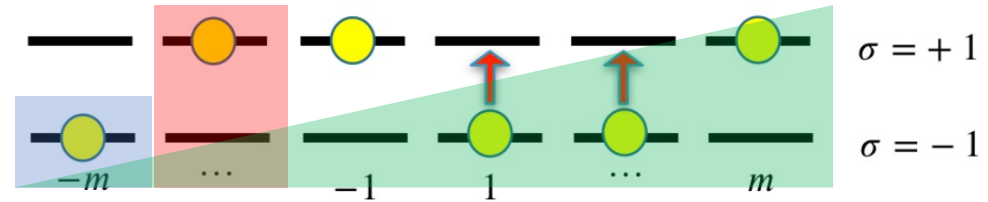




$q$  = Number of qubits

Today's challenges:

- Identify pilot applications,
- Reduce the Quantum resources
- Develop novel quantum algorithms



Fermions-to-qubit: Jordan-Wigner

SU(2) encoding

J-scheme (compact)  
+parity encoding

1 level = 1 qubit

$$q = 2N$$

2 levels = 1 qubit

$$q = N$$

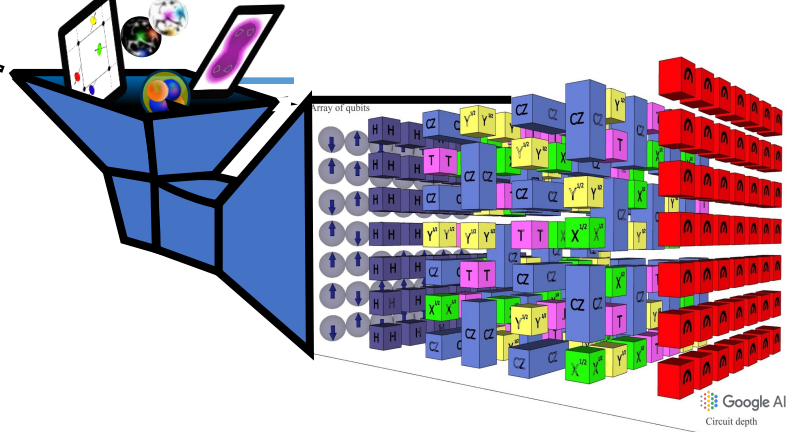
$$|J, M\rangle \rightarrow |[M]\rangle$$

Use first quantization

$$q = \lceil \log_2 N \rceil$$

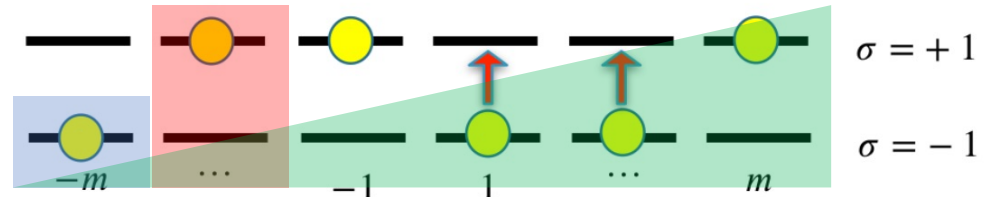
$$\begin{cases} X_\alpha = |1_\alpha\rangle\langle 0_\alpha| + |0_\alpha\rangle\langle 1_\alpha|, \\ Y_\alpha = i|1_\alpha\rangle\langle 0_\alpha| - i|0_\alpha\rangle\langle 1_\alpha|, \\ Z_\alpha = |0_\alpha\rangle\langle 0_\alpha| - |1_\alpha\rangle\langle 1_\alpha| \end{cases}$$

$$H = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N Z_\alpha + \frac{V}{4} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta}^N (X_\alpha X_\beta - Y_\alpha Y_\beta),$$



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Encoding the Lipkin model on a quantum register

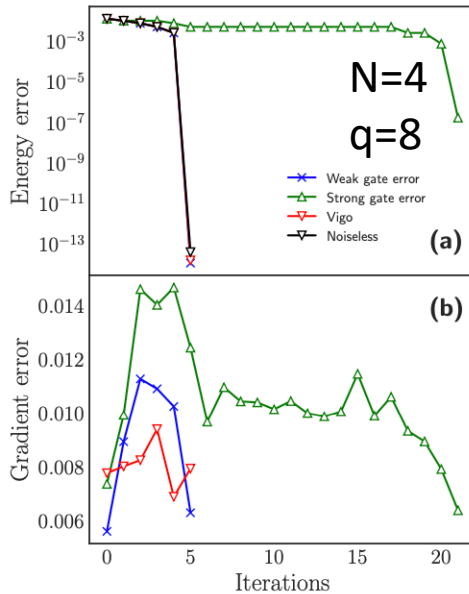


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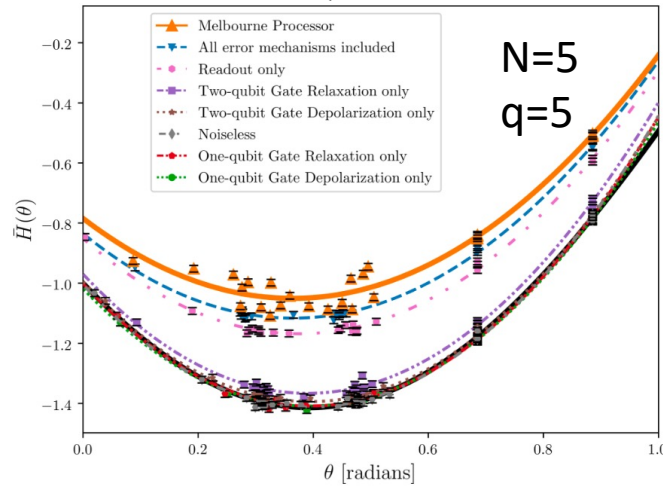
J-scheme (compact) + parity encoding

ADAPT-VQE results



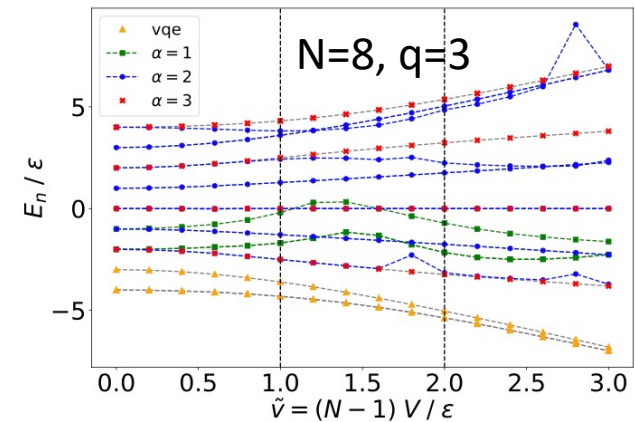
J. Romero et al, PRC 105 (2022)

VQE results



M. Cervia et al, PRC 104 (2021)


QEOM-technique



Hlatshwayo et al, PRC 106 (2022), & PRC 109 (2024)

# A few Achievements in WP 4.1 Ansatz/Hybrid Algorithms

Solving the Lipkin model using quantum computers with two qubits only with a hybrid quantum-classical technique based on the generator coordinate method

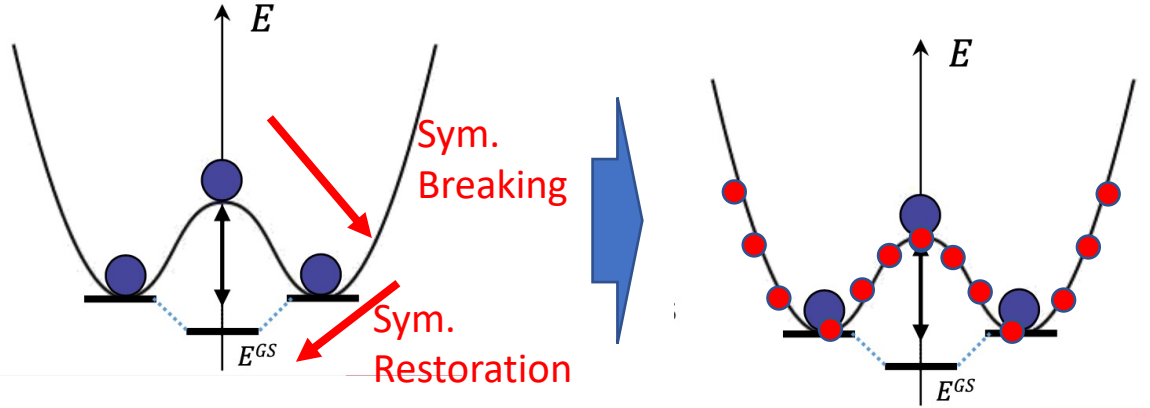
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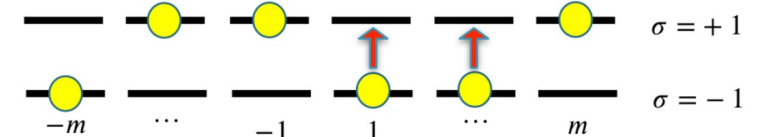
## Quantum Generator Coordinate Method

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

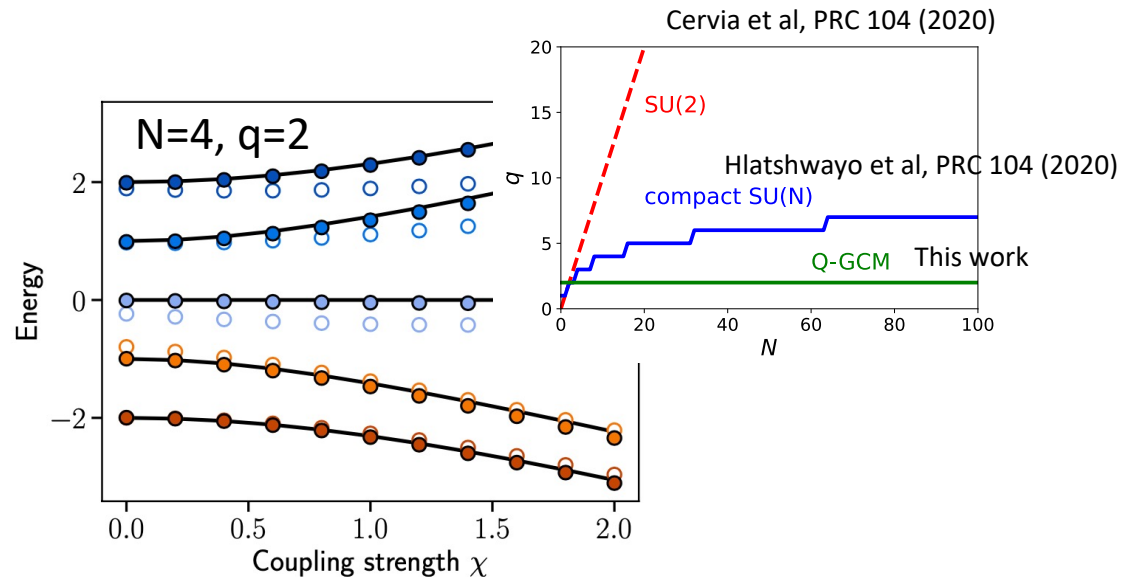
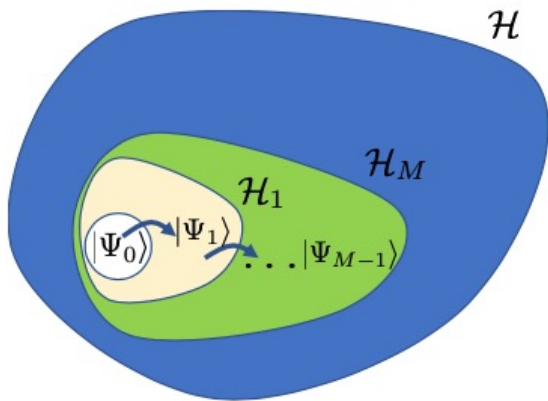


$$\int_{\mathbf{q}'} d\mathbf{q}' [\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}') - EN(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}')] f(\mathbf{q}') = 0$$


Application



## Quantum Subspace expansion



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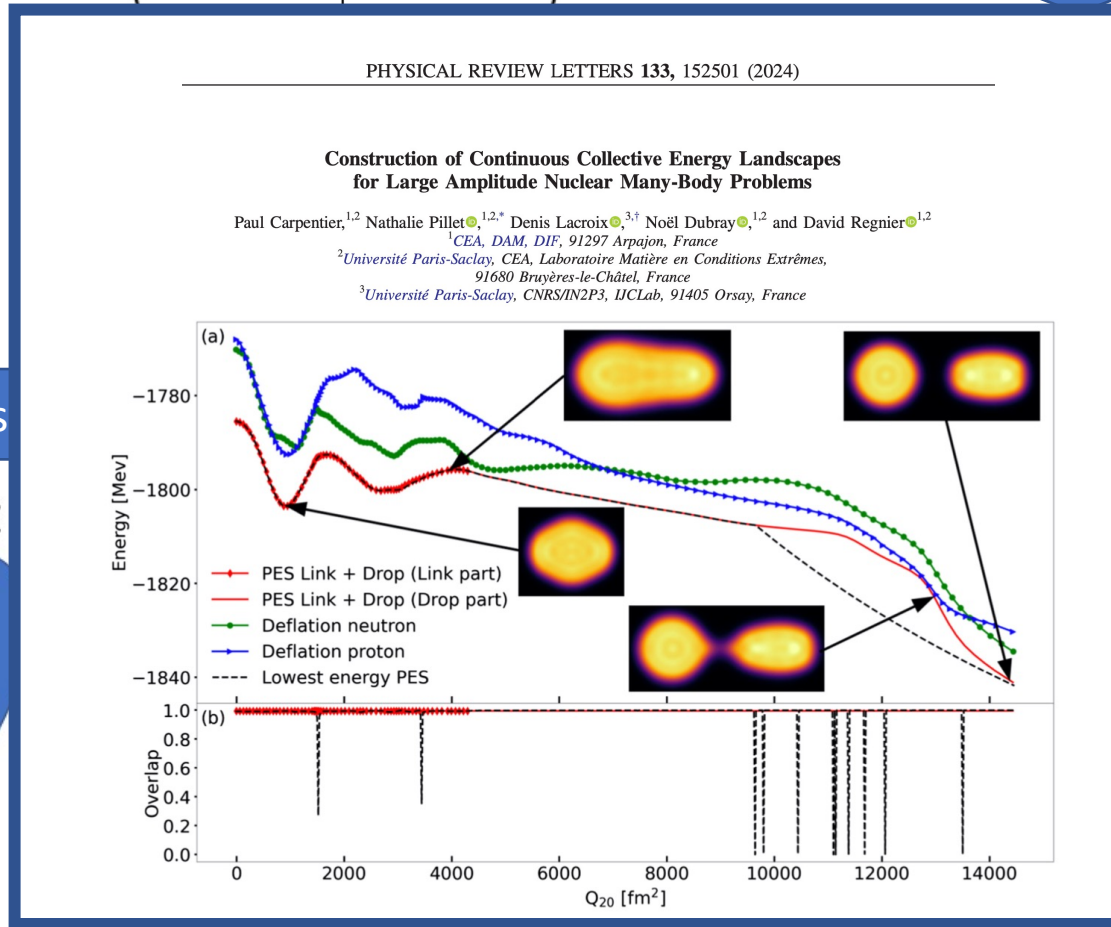
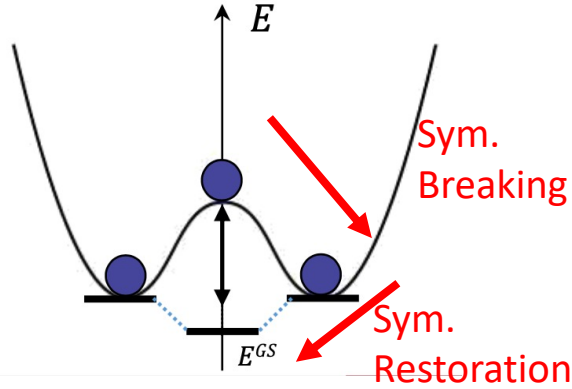
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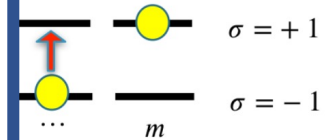
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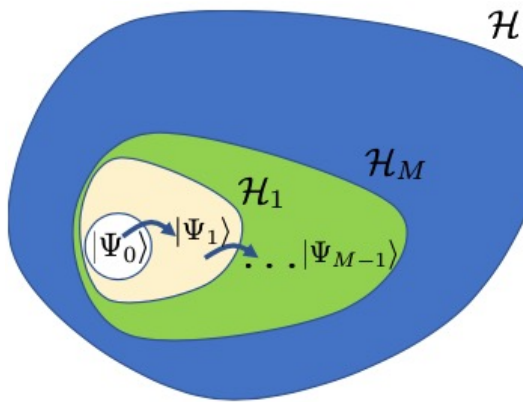
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Wayo et al, PRC 104 (2020)

Q-GCM This work

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Quantum Subspace expands



Coupling strength  $\chi$

# Getting closer to realistic problems

Is the breaking of symmetries always a good idea?

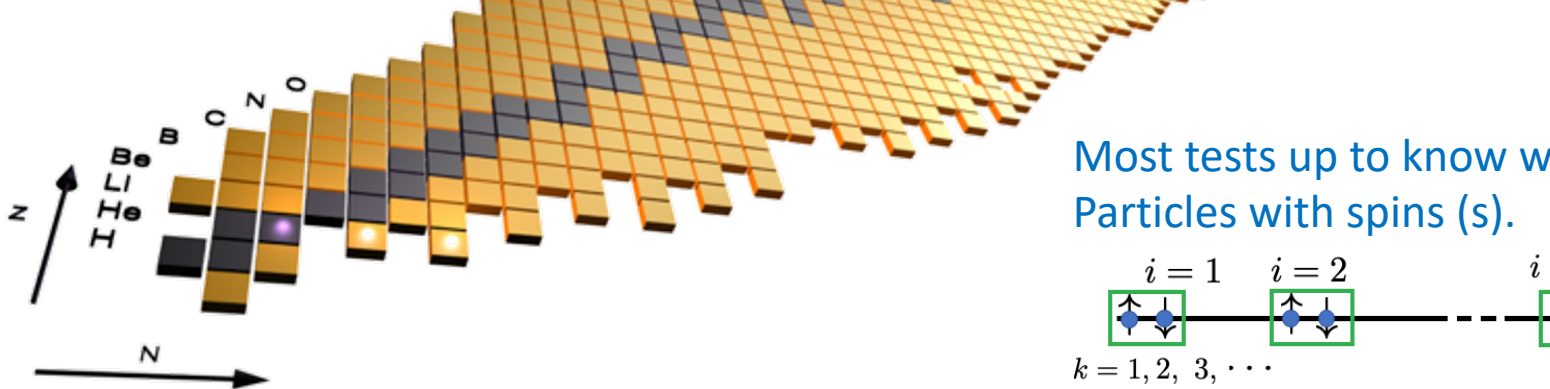
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$1p_{3/2}$		11	10	9	8		
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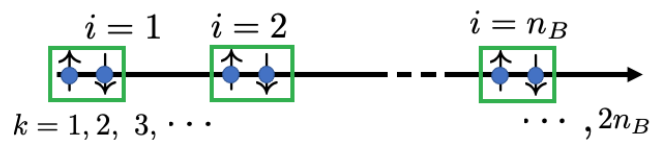
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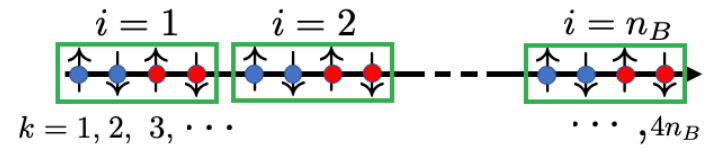
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$0p_{3/2}$		3	2	1	0		
$m$	$-\frac{7}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{5}{2}$
							$\frac{7}{2}$



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  
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➡ 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



## Iterative construction of the ansatz

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

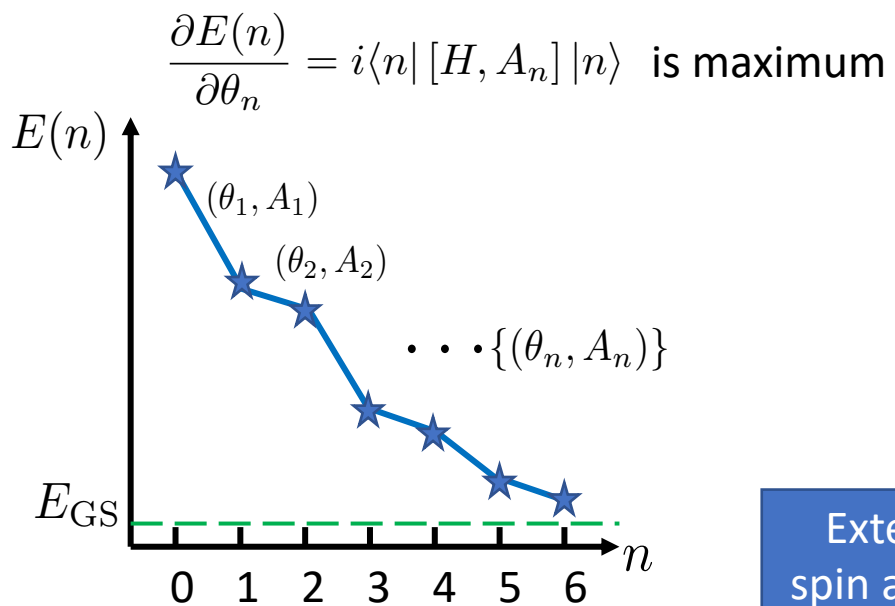
➔ Start from a state  $|\Psi_0\rangle = |n = 0\rangle$

➔ Built iteratively the ansatz such as:

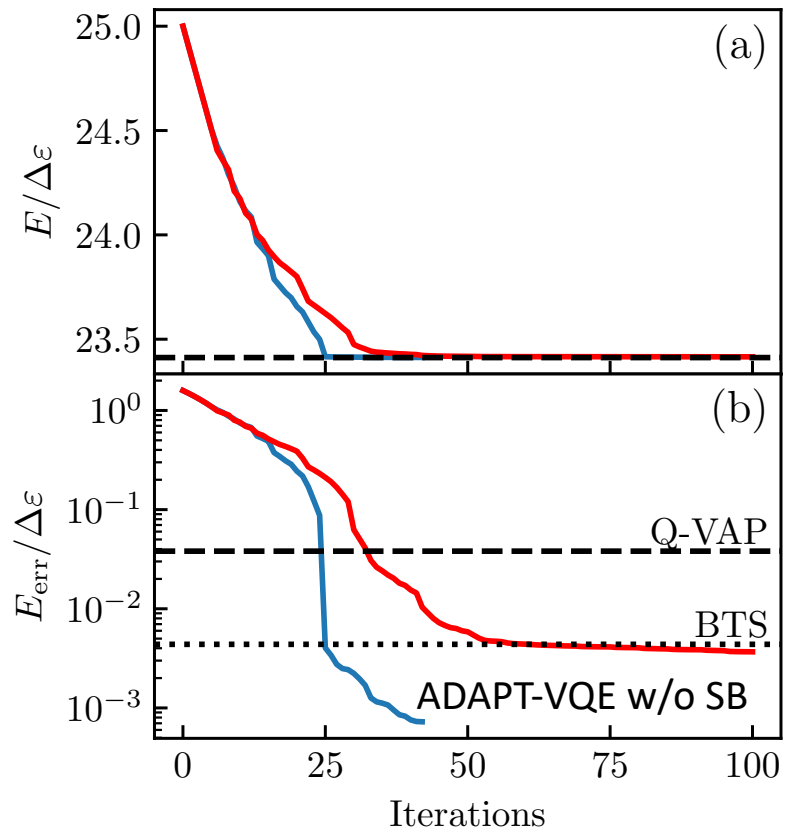
$$|n\rangle = e^{i\theta_n A_n} |n - 1\rangle = \prod_{k=1}^n e^{i\theta_k A_k} |0\rangle$$

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

Such that

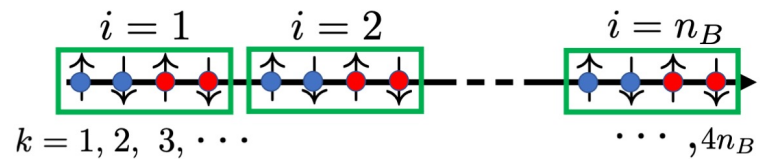


## ADAPT-VQE applied to the Superfluid problems: only spins



J. Zhang, D. Lacroix, and Y. Beaujeault-Taudière, PRC (in press)  
arXiv:2408.17294

## Extension to spin and isospin



# Is breaking symmetries always a good idea?

## Extension to the proton-neutron pairing Hamiltonian problem

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{n_B} \left[ \varepsilon_{i,n} (\nu_i^\dagger \nu_i + \nu_i^\dagger \bar{\nu}_i) + \varepsilon_{i,p} (\pi_i^\dagger \pi_i + \pi_i^\dagger \bar{\pi}_i) \right]$$

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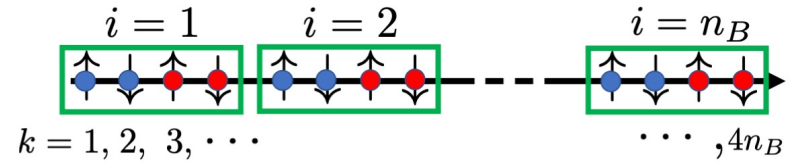
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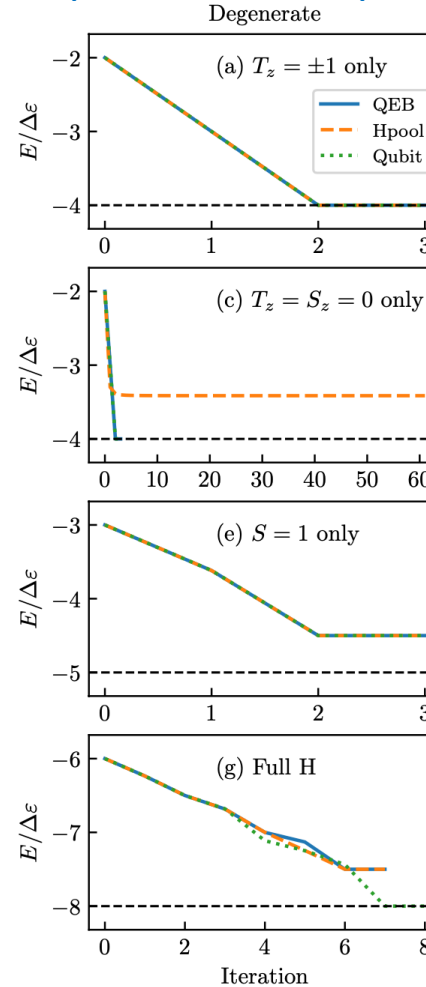
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2			✓		✓	✓	
3					✓	✓	
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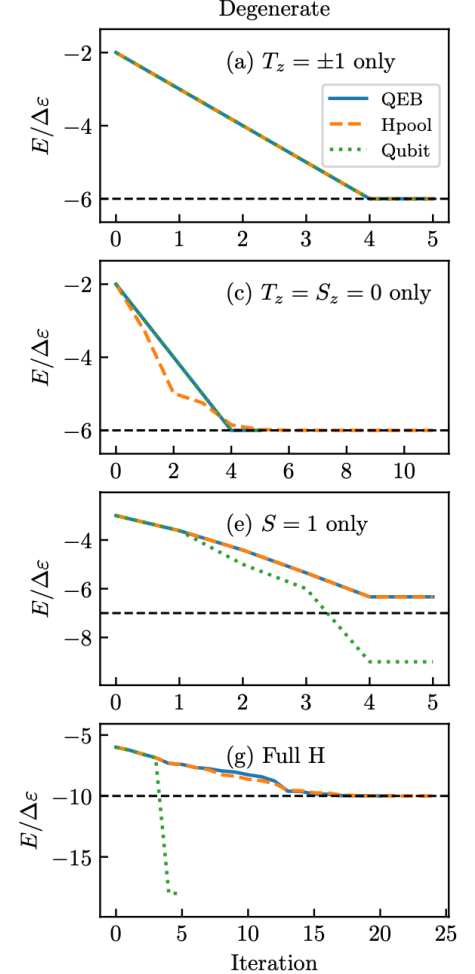
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## 4 particles on 8 qubits



## 4 particles on 12 qubits



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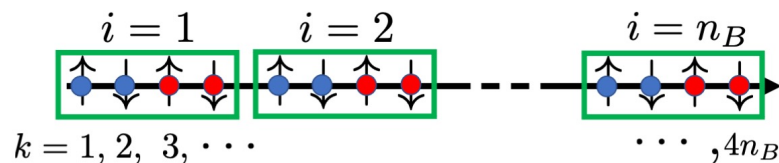
$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & \sum_{i=1}^{n_B} \left[ \varepsilon_{i,n} (\nu_i^\dagger \nu_i + \nu_i^\dagger \nu_i) + \varepsilon_{i,p} (\pi_i^\dagger \pi_i + \pi_i^\dagger \pi_i) \right] \\
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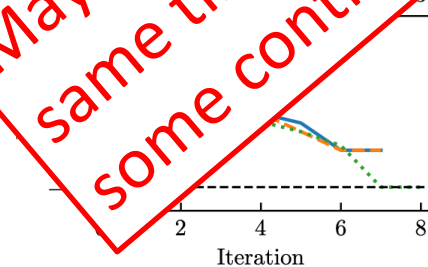
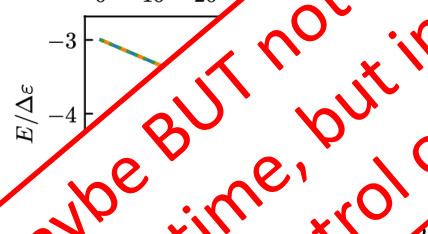
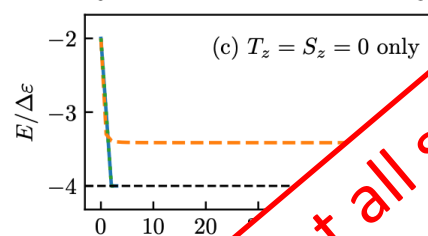
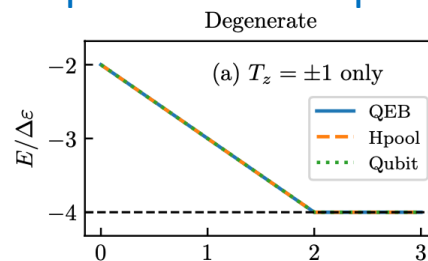
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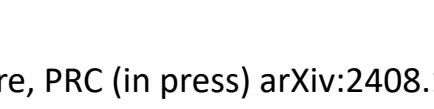
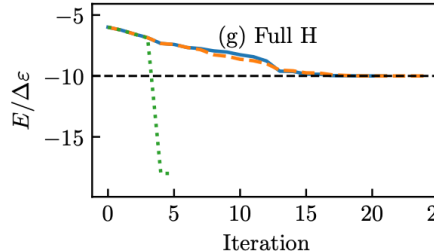
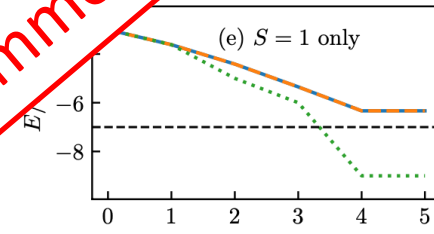
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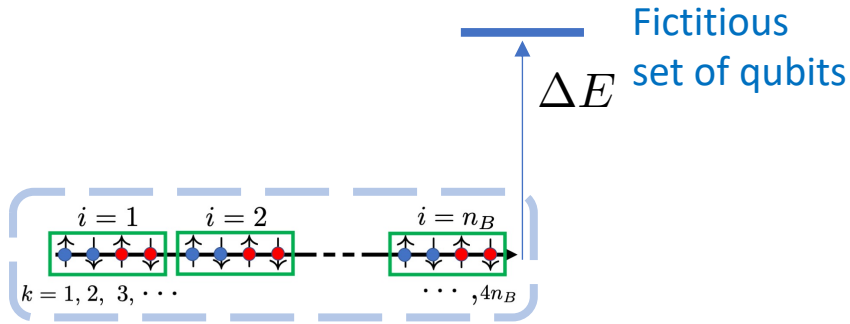


Maybe BUT not all symmetries at the same time, but in any case some control of symmetry is required

# Specific methods to improving convergence

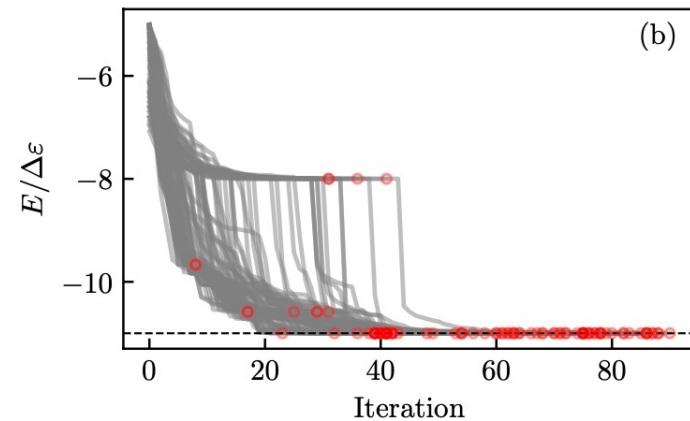
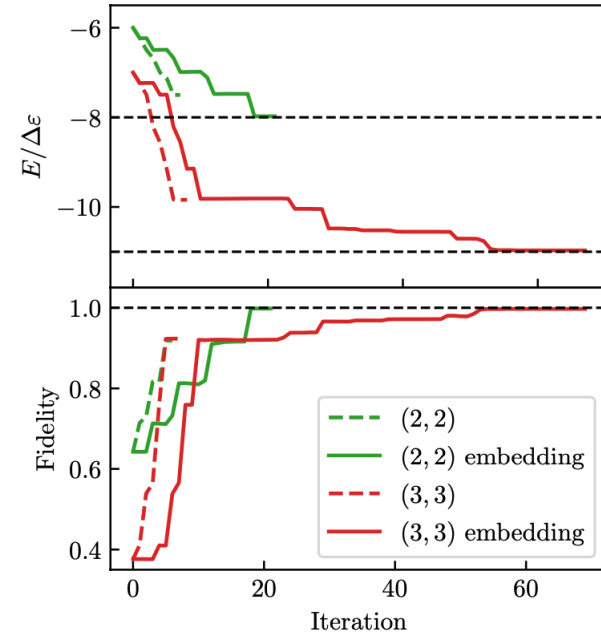
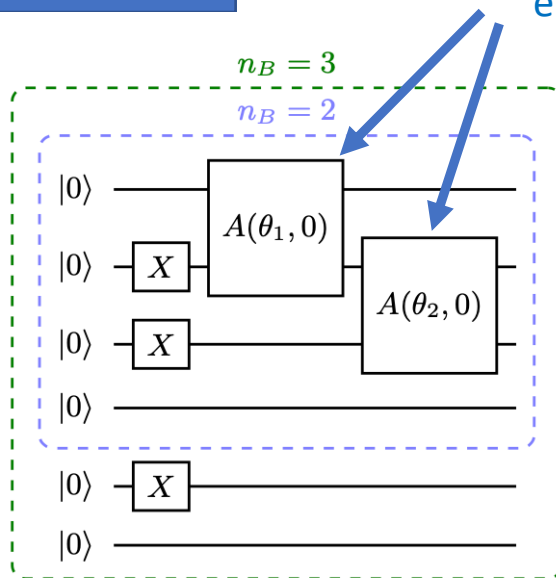
Going closer to nuclei: adding isospin

Embedding



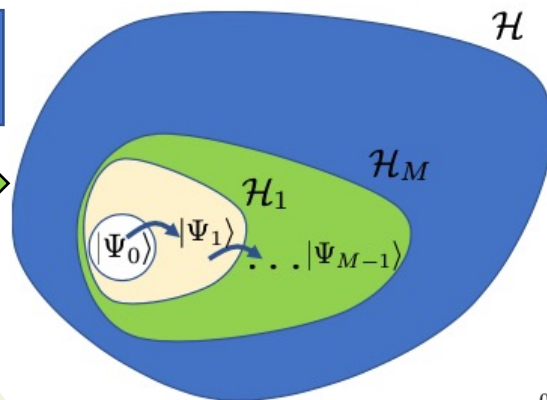
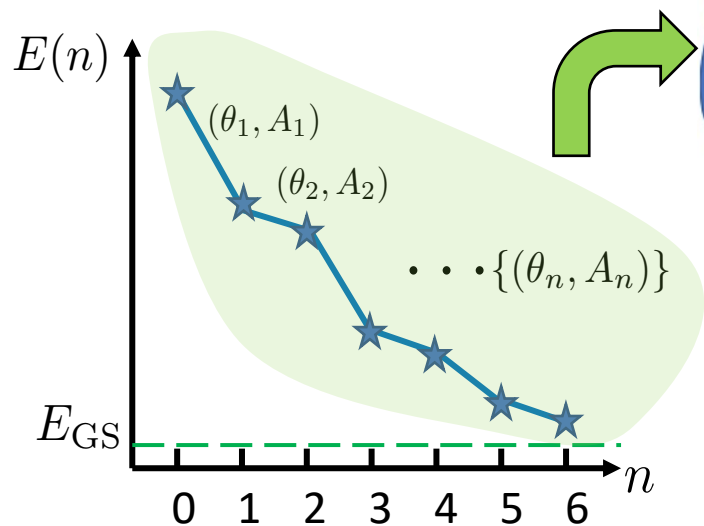
Initial condition  
Randomization

Initial random  
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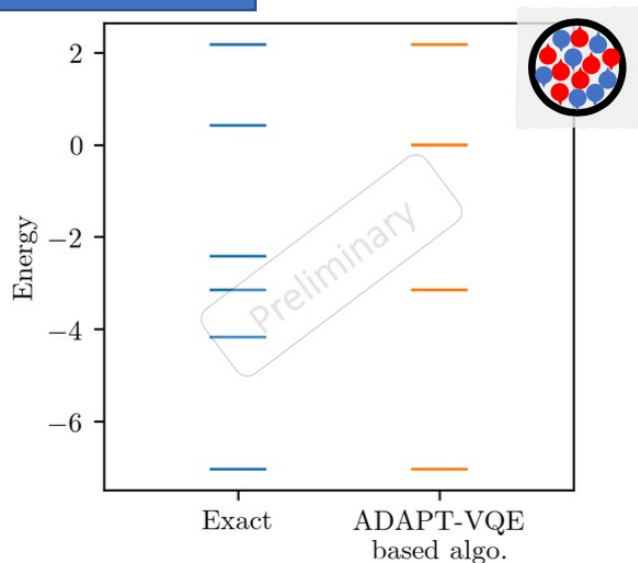
# Extending the method for excited states

Combining adaptative methods and configuration mixing

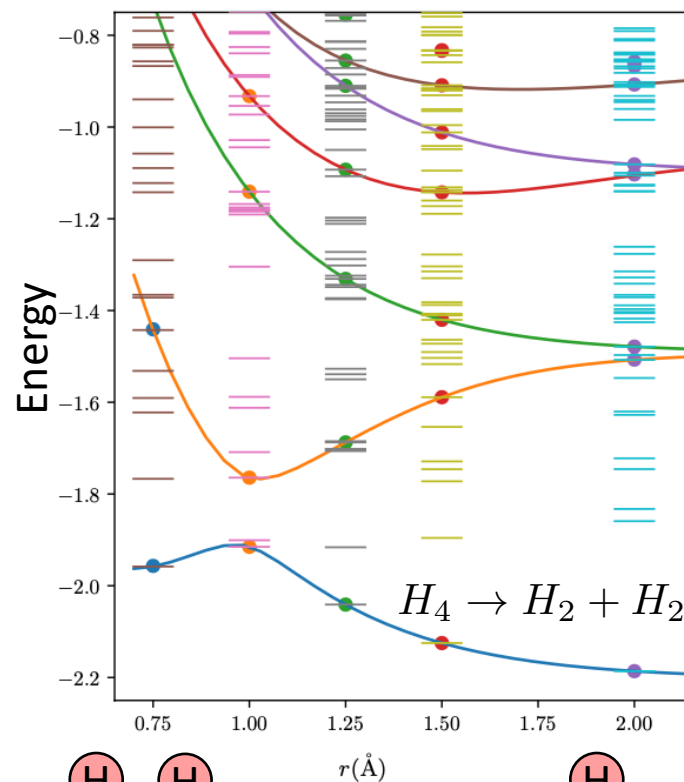


Preliminary results

*np*-pairing

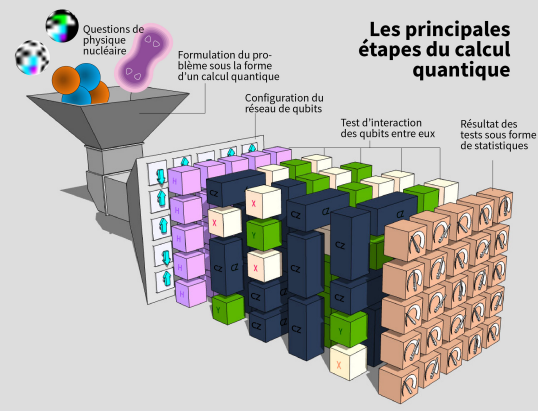


molecule dissociation





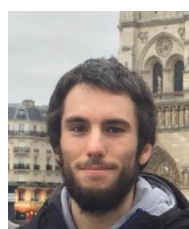
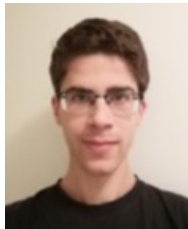
## Les principales étapes du calcul quantique



In the Indico, more on:

- Symmetry and entanglement
- Phase-estimation
- Excited states with quantum Krylov
- Green's function computed with QC.
- Neutrino oscillations

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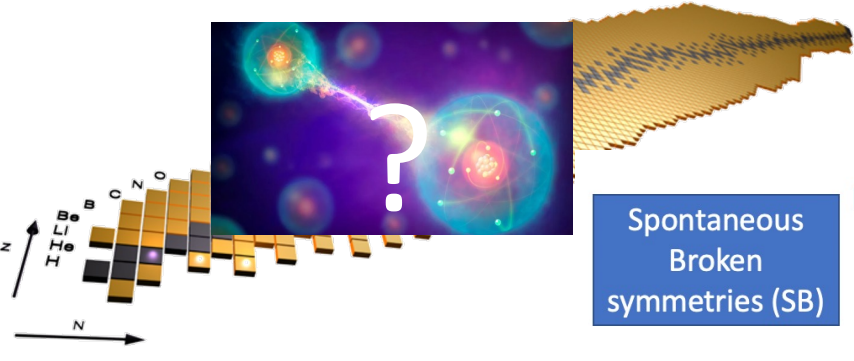
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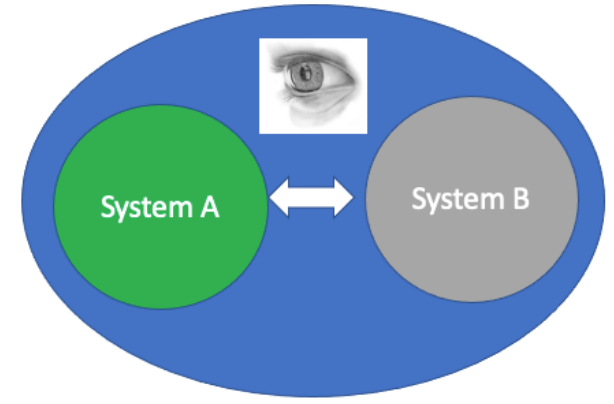
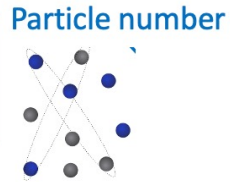
Symmetry breaking,  
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# A few Achievements in WP 4.1

## Symmetries and entanglement



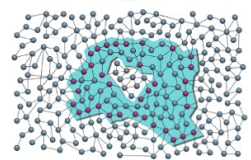
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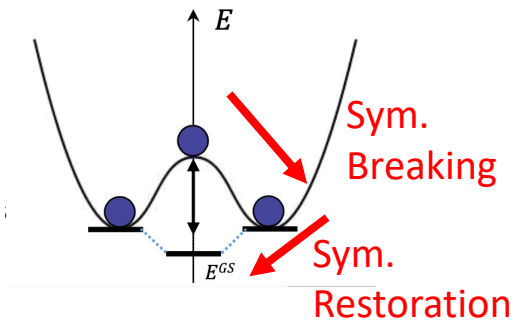
Symmetries And entanglement

Global symmetries induce All-to-all entanglement

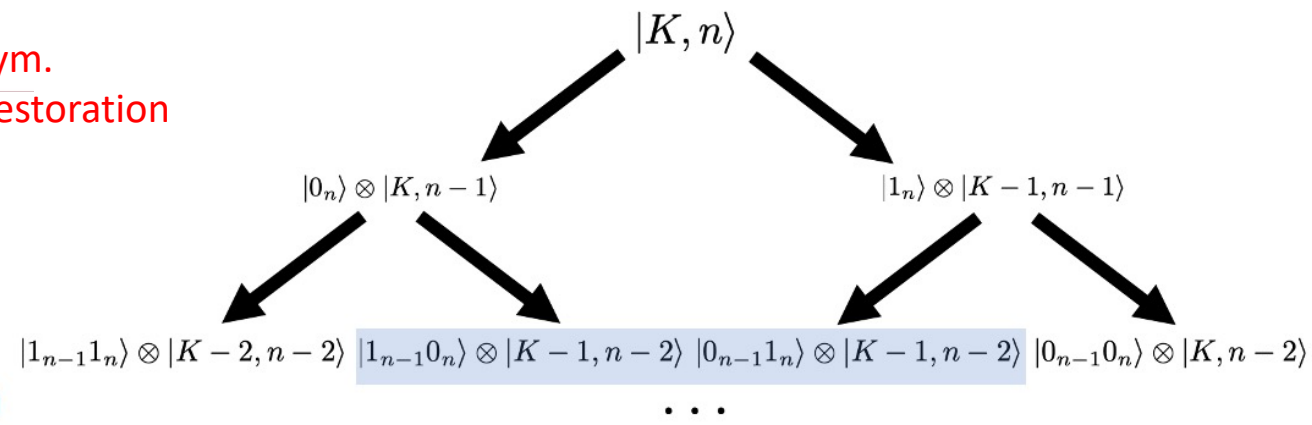
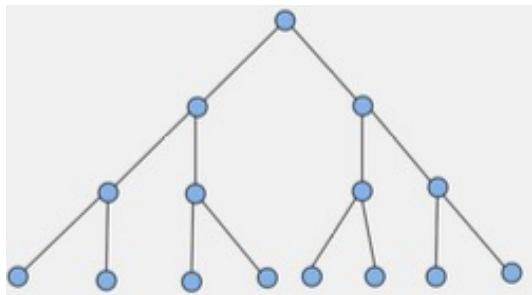
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Global symmetries leads to global entanglement



➔ Many symmetry-preserving states are states made from Binary Tree states (BTS)



➔ Key role of permutation invariance

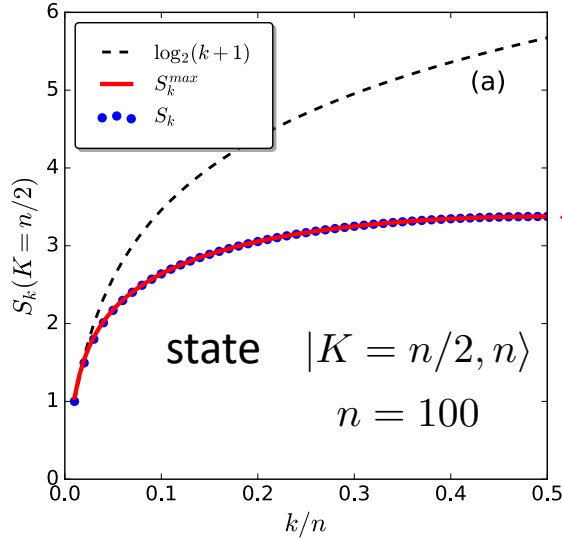
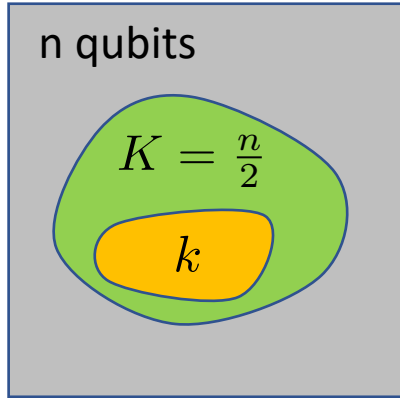
$$|K, n\rangle = \sum_{l=0}^K \sqrt{\lambda_l^A} |l, k\rangle_A \otimes |K-l, n-k\rangle_{\bar{A}}$$

$$S_A = - \sum_{l=0}^K \lambda_l^A \log_2 \lambda_l^A$$

**Entanglement in selected binary tree states: Dicke or total spin states or particle-number-projected BCS states**

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$$S_k^{max} = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left[ \frac{\pi e}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 k \left[ \frac{n-k}{n-1} \right]$$



$$P(1 - P) \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

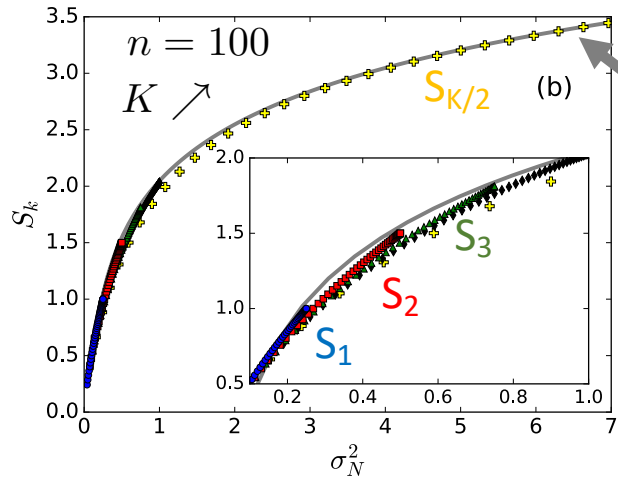


$$\tilde{S}_k = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 [2\pi e P(1 - P)] + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 k \left[ \frac{n-k}{n-1} \right]$$



with  $P = k/K$

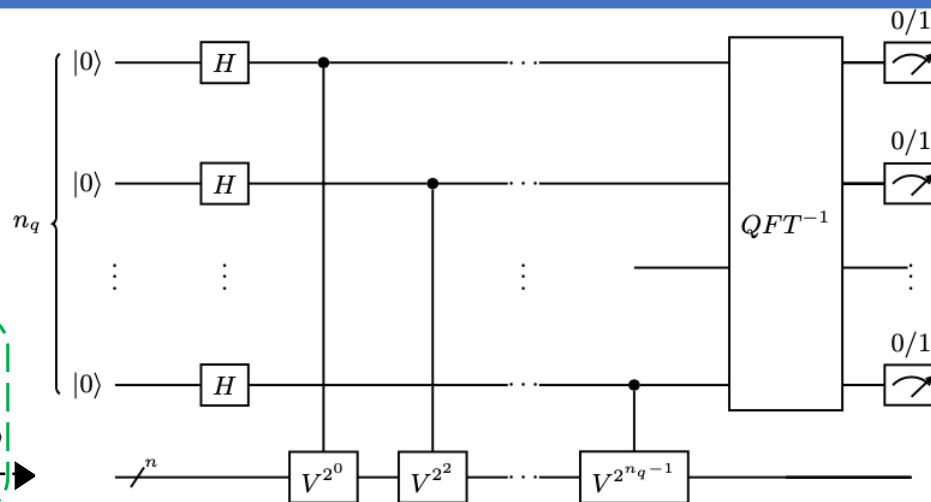
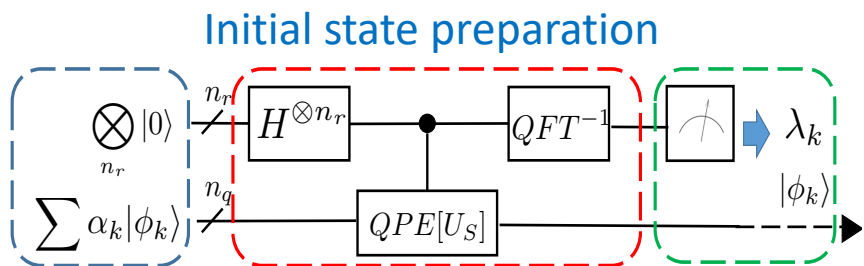
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# More on Phase Estimation

# Illustration of the QPE method with projected state



## Some technical details

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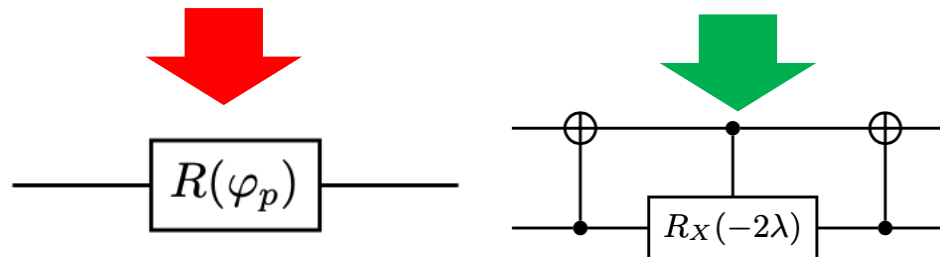
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Use the QPE approach for operators with known eigenvalues to obtain entangled states

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 $a = \text{cst}$
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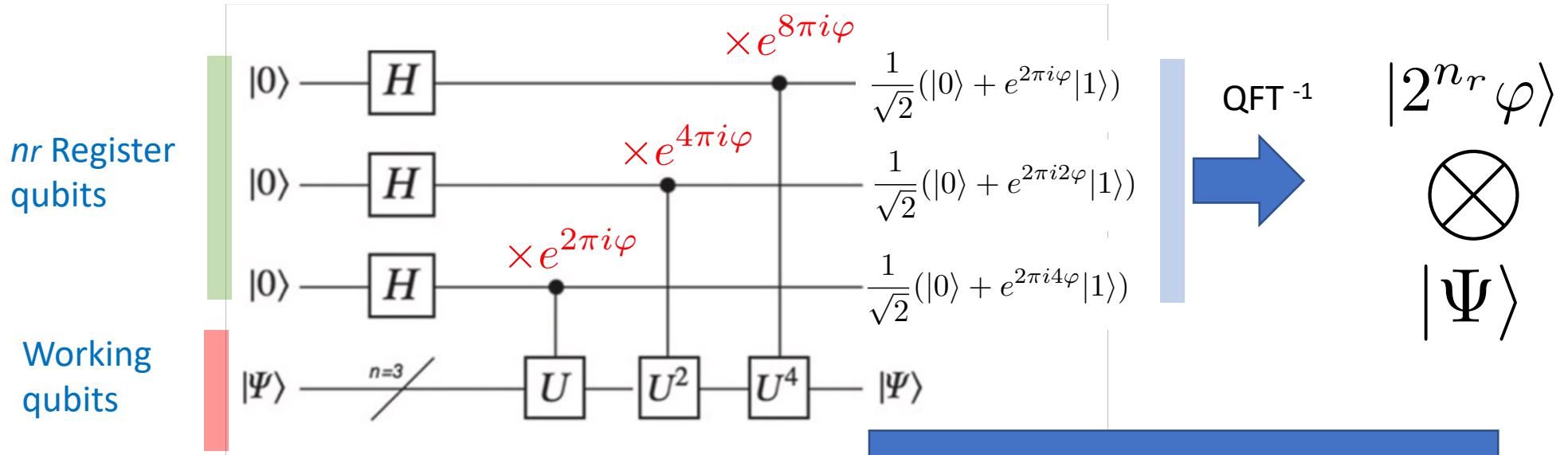
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# The quantum-Phase estimation (QPE) algorithm

For known eigenvalue problems

Assume a unitary operator  $U$

Assume an eigenstate  $|\Psi\rangle$  Such that  $U|\Psi\rangle = e^{2\pi i\varphi}|\Psi\rangle$



General Case

For the particle number projection

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_k \alpha_k |\phi_k\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{QPE}} \sum_k \alpha_k \underbrace{| \theta_k 2^{n_r} \rangle}_{\text{register}} \otimes \underbrace{|\phi_k\rangle}_{\text{eigenstate}}$$

$$U = U_N = e^{2\pi i \frac{N}{2^{n_r}}} \quad \text{with} \quad N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (I_i - Z_i)$$

Assume eigenvalues  $\{0, 1, \dots, A\}$

Constraint:  $0 \leq \frac{A}{2^{n_r}} < 1$  then  $\frac{A}{2^{n_r}} = 0.a_1 \dots a_{n_r-1}$

If I measure given binary number in the ancillary qubit. After measurement, I have the projection on the associated particle number component

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## Projection on $S^2$ and $S_z$ components

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_i \in \{0,1\}} \Psi_{s_1, \dots, s_N} |s_1, \dots, s_n\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad |\Psi\rangle = \sum_{S,M} \sum_{g=1}^{d_{S,M}} c_{S,M}^g |S, M\rangle_g.$$

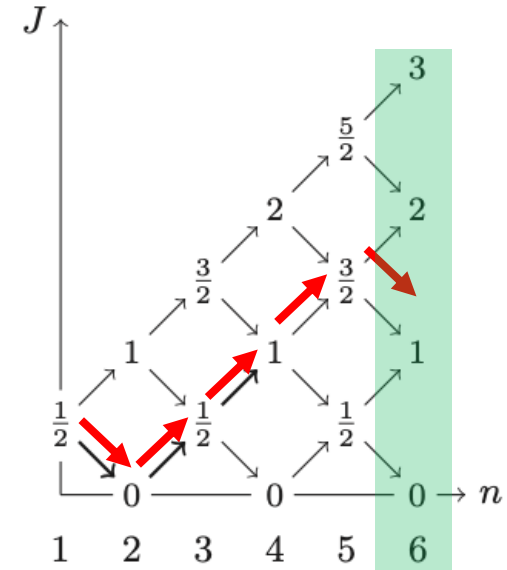
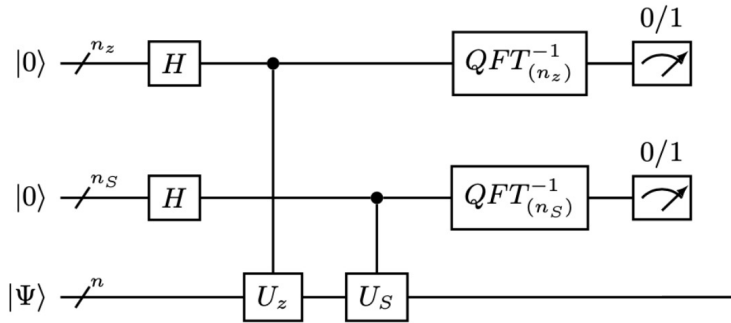
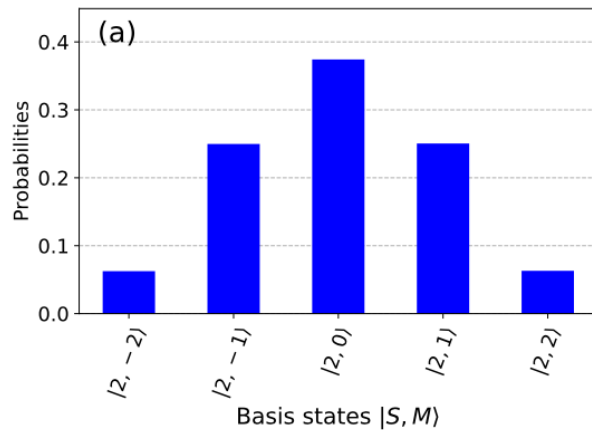
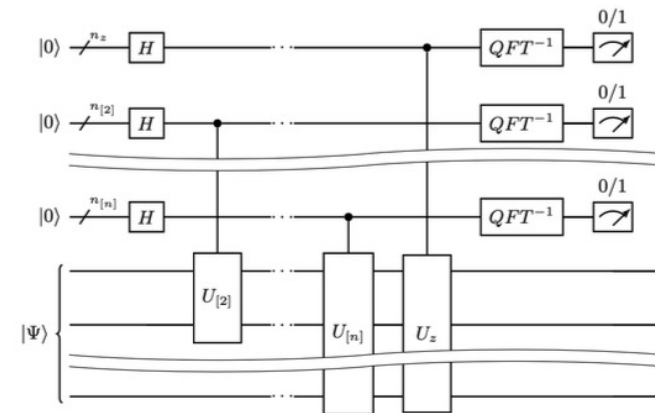


Illustration  $|\Psi\rangle = \bigotimes_n H|0\rangle$

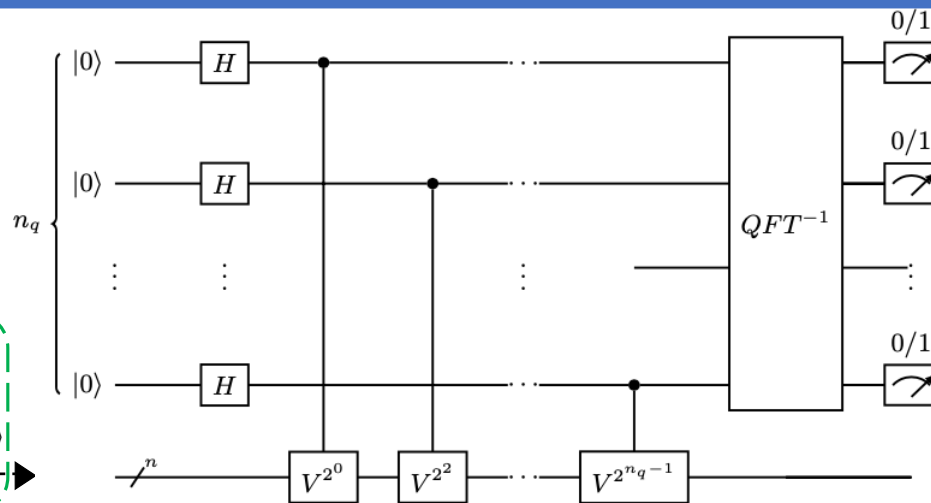
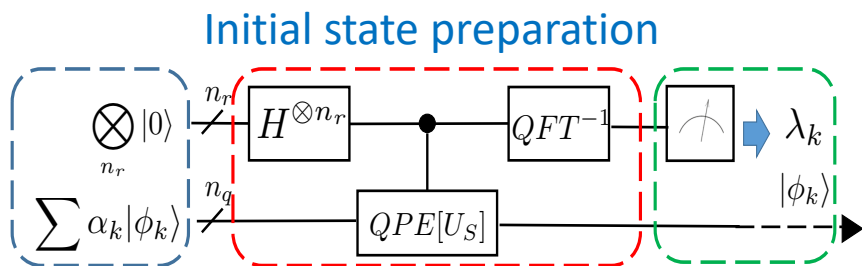


The full basis can eventually be constructed





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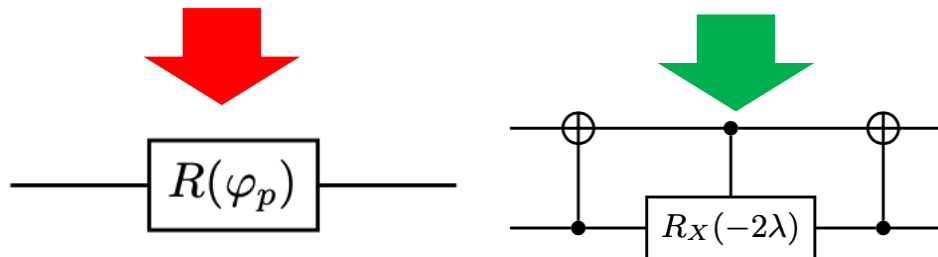
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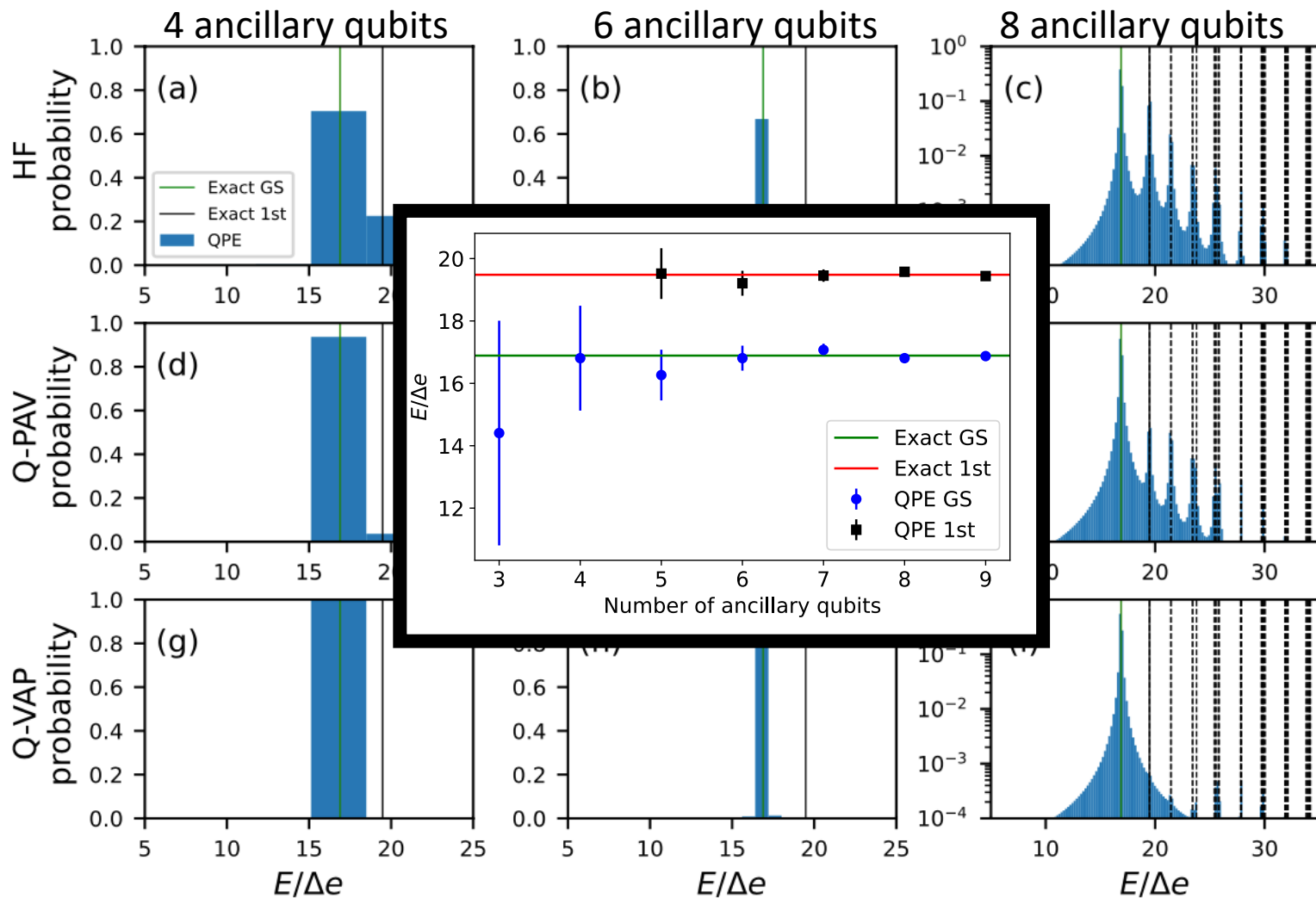
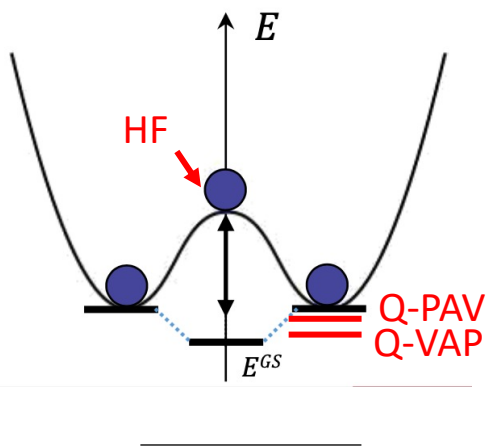
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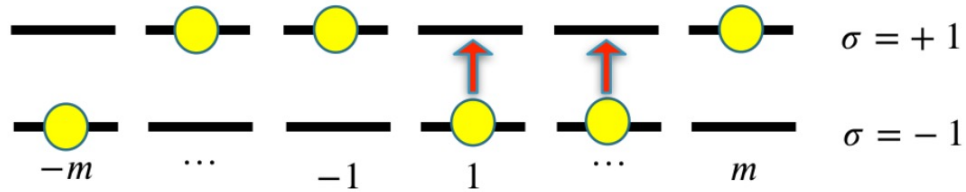


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# More on symmetry and Lipkin model

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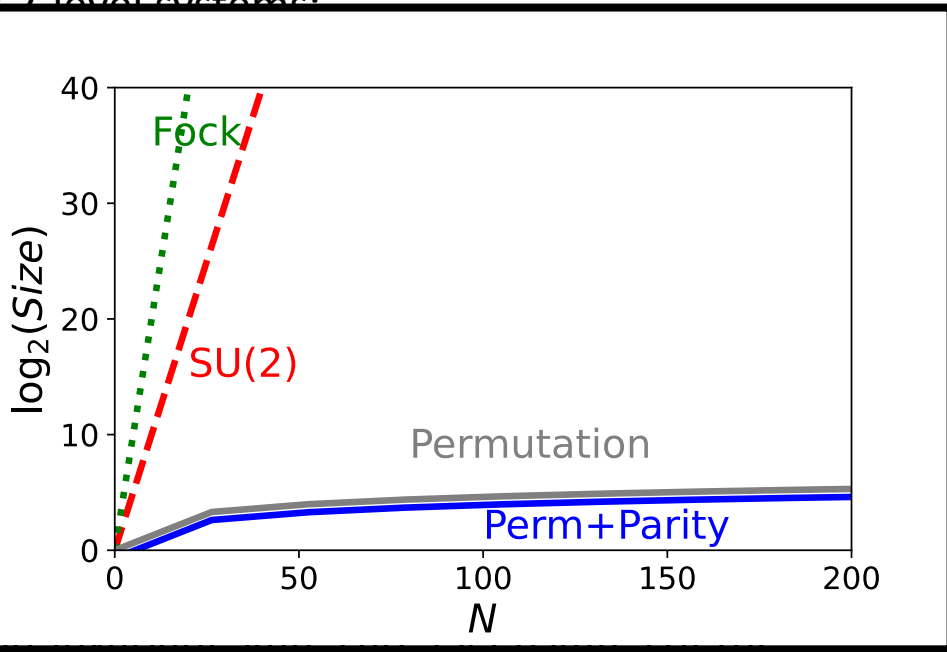
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- Permutation



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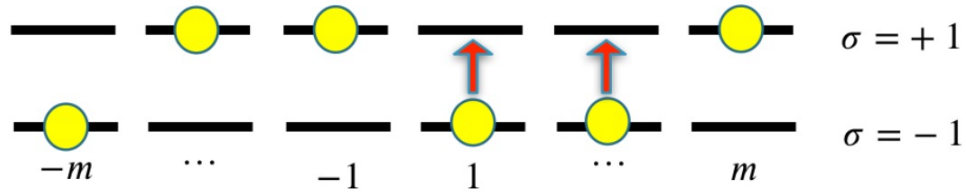
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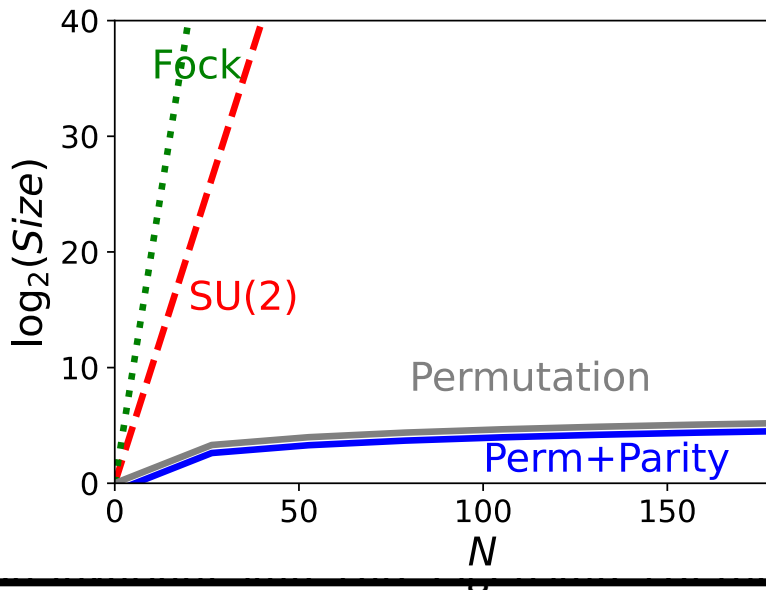
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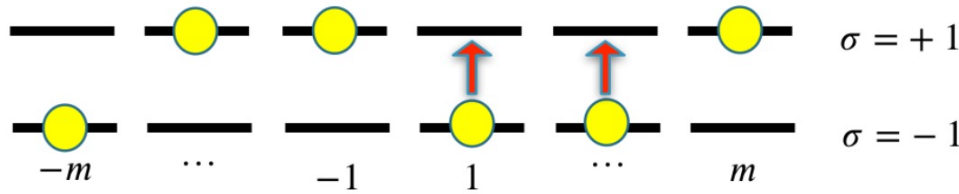
Symmetry-restricted

Relevant subspace



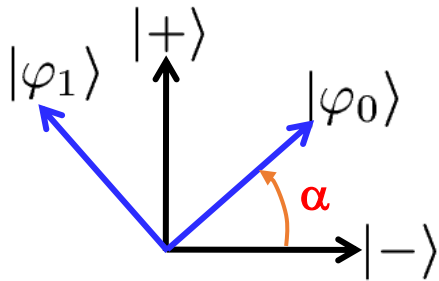
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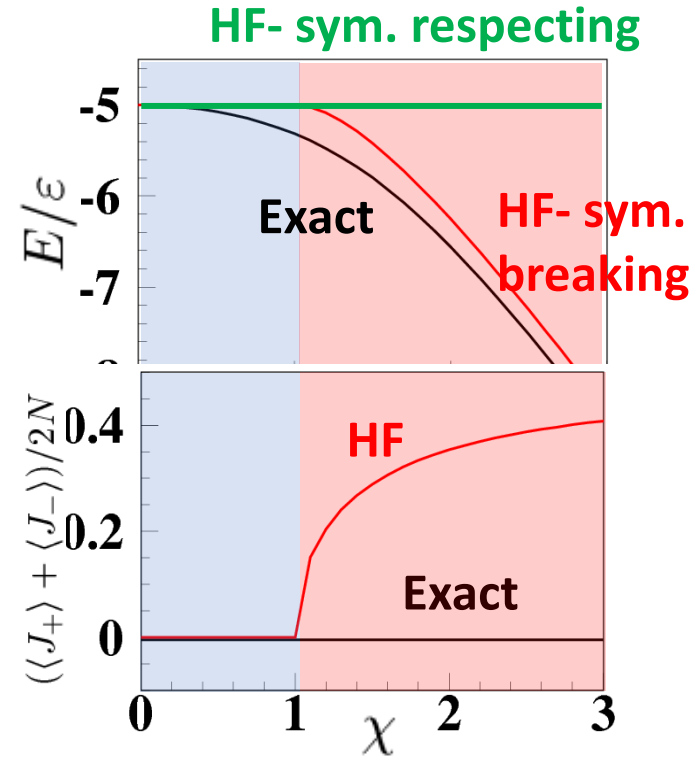
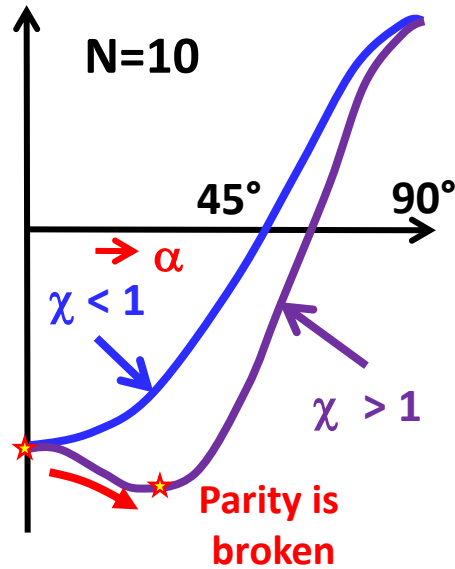


Mean-field and quantum phase transition

Hartree-Fock solution



Symmetry preserving ansatz



Symmetry breaking ansatz

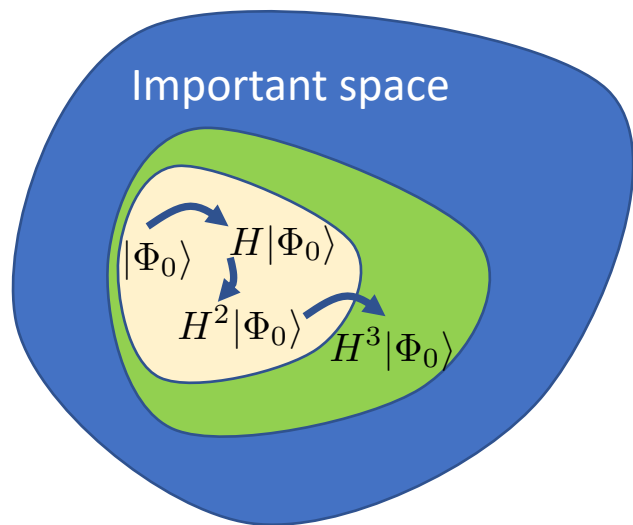
- (+) Require less qubits
- (-) Lead to more compact encoding
- (-) requires more operations to prepare states

- (+) Ansatz might be more predictive at low cost
- (+) Less operations to prepare the ansatz
- (-) Symmetries should be restored, ultimately !



More on Excited states  
using Quantum Krylov method

Hilbert space



Our strategy

Compute overlap and Hamiltonian matrix elements on the quantum computer



Solve the eigenvalue problem on the classical computer

$$\{|\Psi\rangle, H|\Psi\rangle, \dots, H^{M-1}|\Psi\rangle\} \equiv \{|\Phi_i\rangle\}_{i=0, M-1}$$



Diagonalize in the non-orthogonal subspace

$$O_{ij} = \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle \quad H_{ij} = \langle \Phi_i | H | \Phi_j \rangle$$

Generalized eigenvalue problem

$$|\xi_\alpha\rangle = \sum_n c_n(\alpha) |\Psi_n\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_n c_n(\alpha) H_{in} = E_\alpha \sum_n c_n(\alpha) O_{in}$$

Our first attempt: use the generating function of H

$$F(t) = \langle \Phi_0 | e^{-itH} | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

$$F(t) = 1 - it \langle H \rangle_0 + \frac{(-it)^2}{2} \langle H^2 \rangle_0 + \dots$$

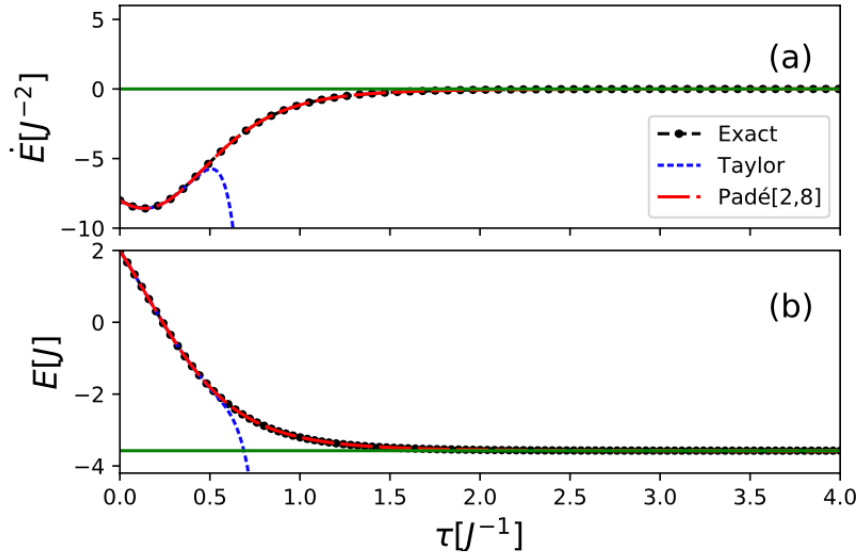


$$\langle H^K \rangle_0 = i^K \left. \frac{d^K F(t)}{dt^K} \right|_{t=0}$$

# Approximate method : Krylov Based methods

## Hilbert space

Fermi-Hubbard model – Imaginary time  
(t-expansion + Padé extrapolation)



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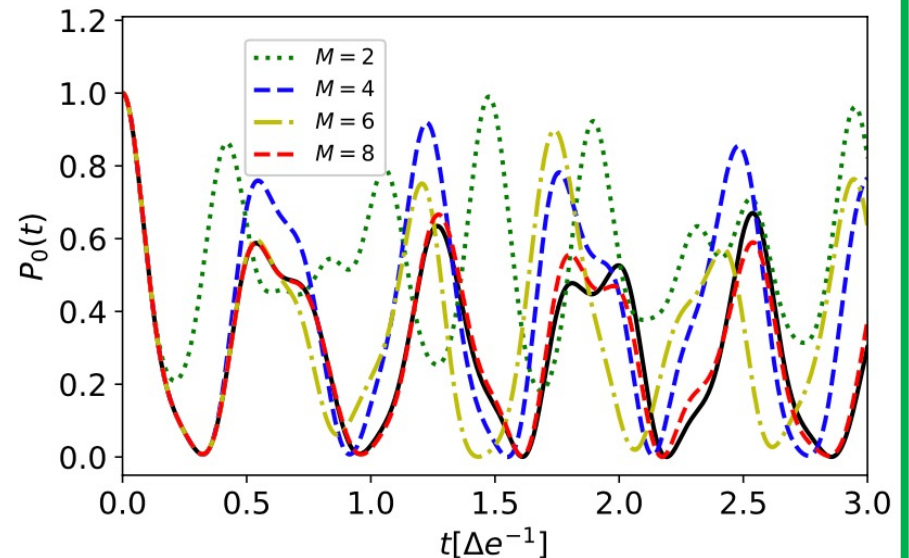
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eigenvalue problem

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Approximate real-time dynamics



Ruiz-Guzman and Lacroix, arXiv:2104.08181v2

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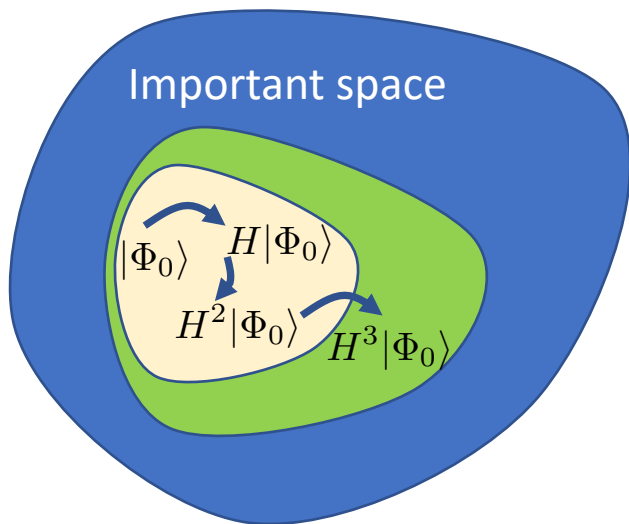
$$F(t) = \langle \Phi_0 | \Psi(t) \rangle$$

$$F(t) = 1$$

$$\langle H^K$$

# Approximate method : Krylov Based methods

## Highly Truncated Hilbert space



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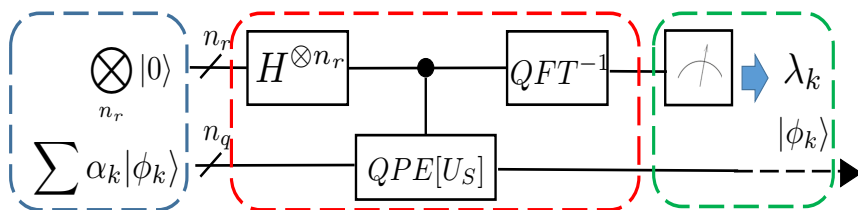


$$\{|\Psi\rangle, e^{-i\tau_1 H}|\Psi\rangle, \dots, e^{-i\tau_{M-1} H}|\Psi\rangle\}$$

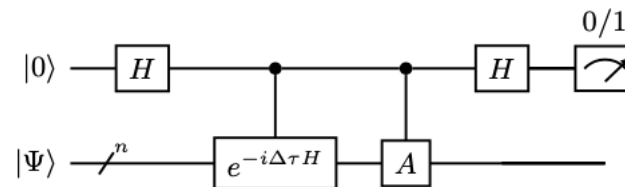


$$O_{ij} = \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle = \langle \Psi | e^{-i(\tau_j - \tau_i) H} | \Psi \rangle \quad H_{ij} = \langle \Psi | H e^{-i(\tau_j - \tau_i) H} | \Psi \rangle$$

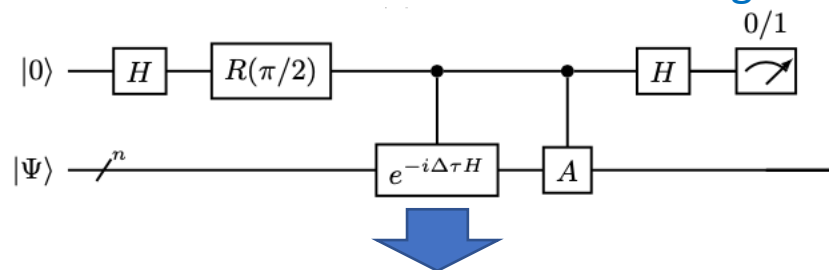
## Initial state preparation



## Hadamard test for the real part of O and H

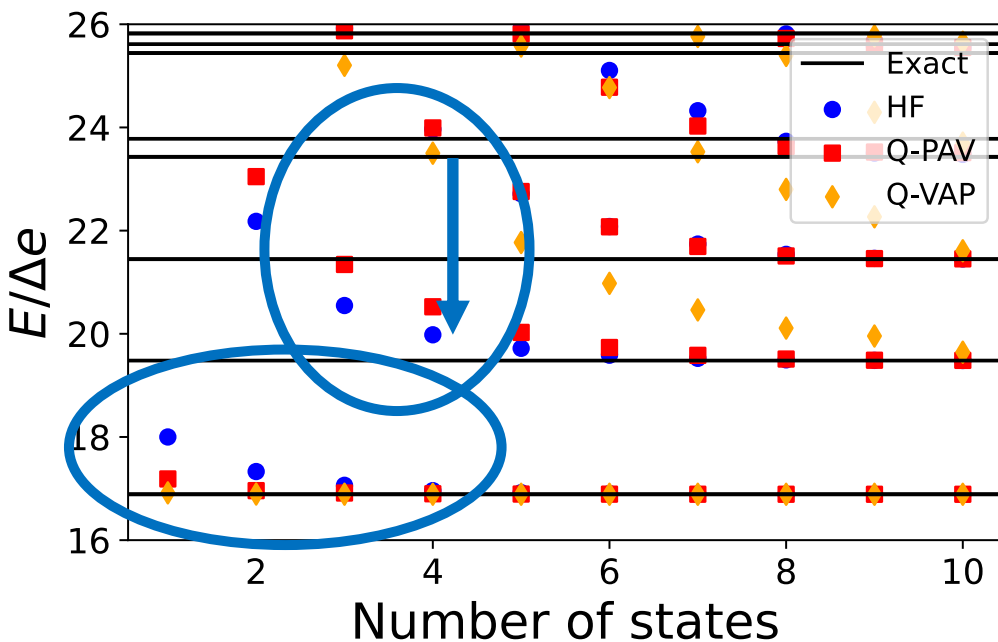


## Modified Hadamard test for the imaginary part



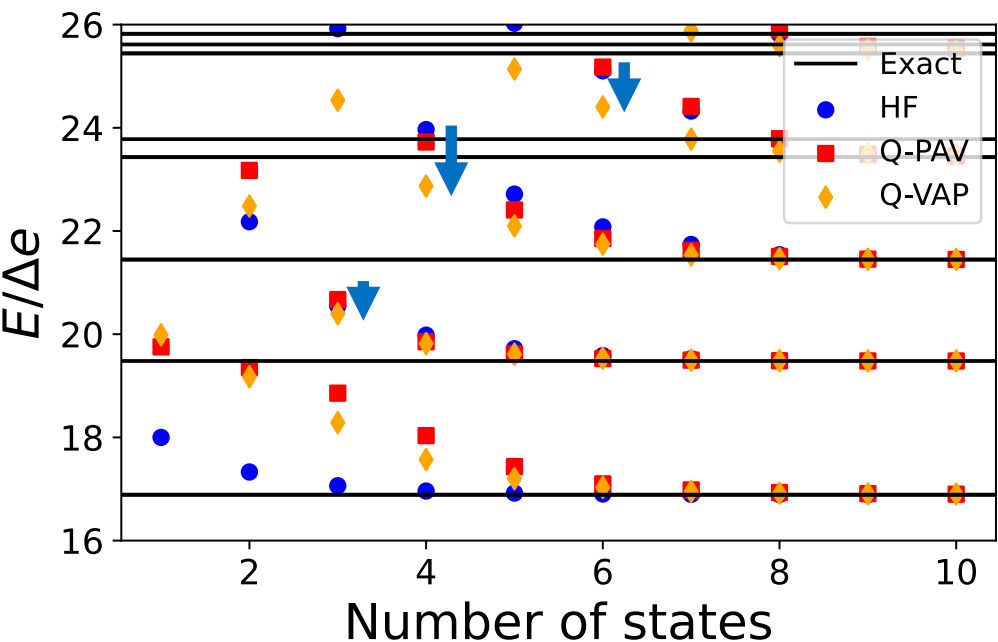
Diagonalization on a classical computer

# Comparison QPE vs Quantum Krylov



➔ The combination of Q-VAP + Quantum Krylov Is very good for the Ground state

➔ But Q-VAP + Quantum Krylov is worth than others for excited states



A possible solution

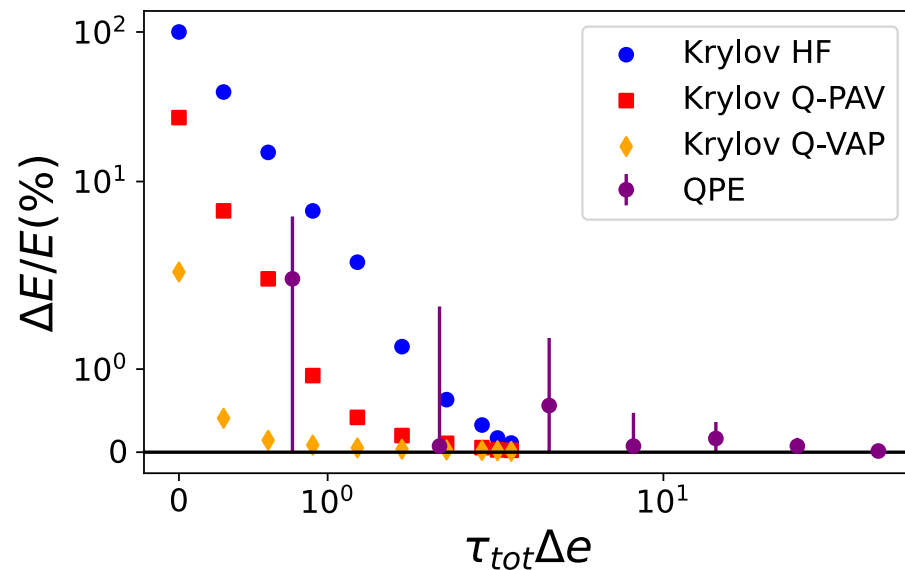
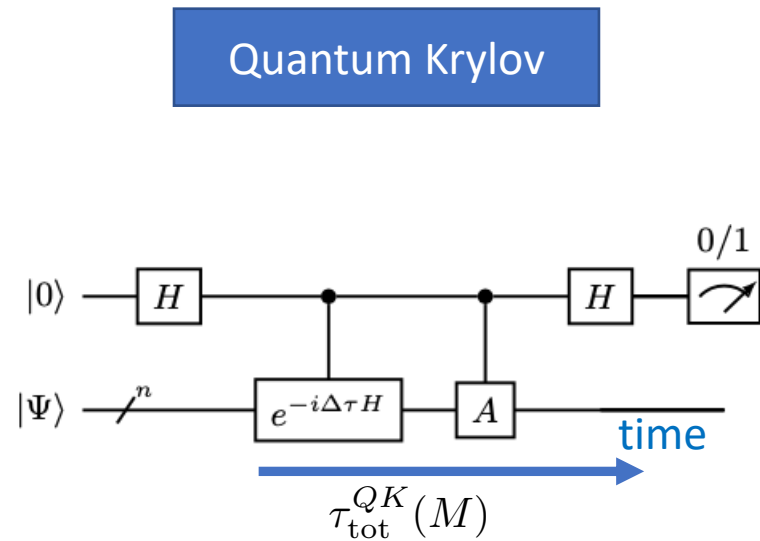
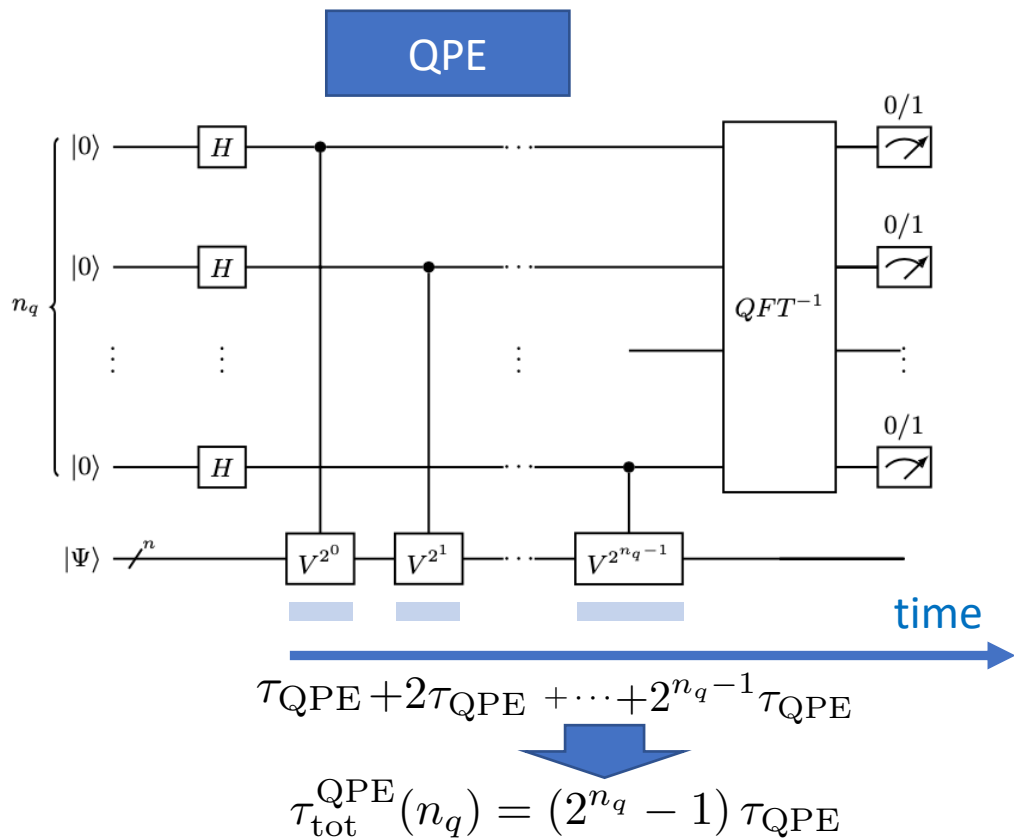
$$|\Psi\rangle = \bigotimes_p [\sin(\theta_p)|0_p\rangle + \cos(\theta_p)|1_p\rangle]$$



$$|\Psi'\rangle = [-\cos(\theta_i)|0_i\rangle + \sin(\theta_i)|1_i\rangle] \bigotimes_{p \neq i} [\sin(\theta_p)|0_p\rangle + \cos(\theta_p)|1_p\rangle]$$

$$\langle \Psi' | \Psi \rangle = 0$$

# Comparison QPE vs Quantum Krylov after Q-VAP





# Green's function

Computing one-body Green's function with Hybrid quantum-classical methods

Green's function matrix elements

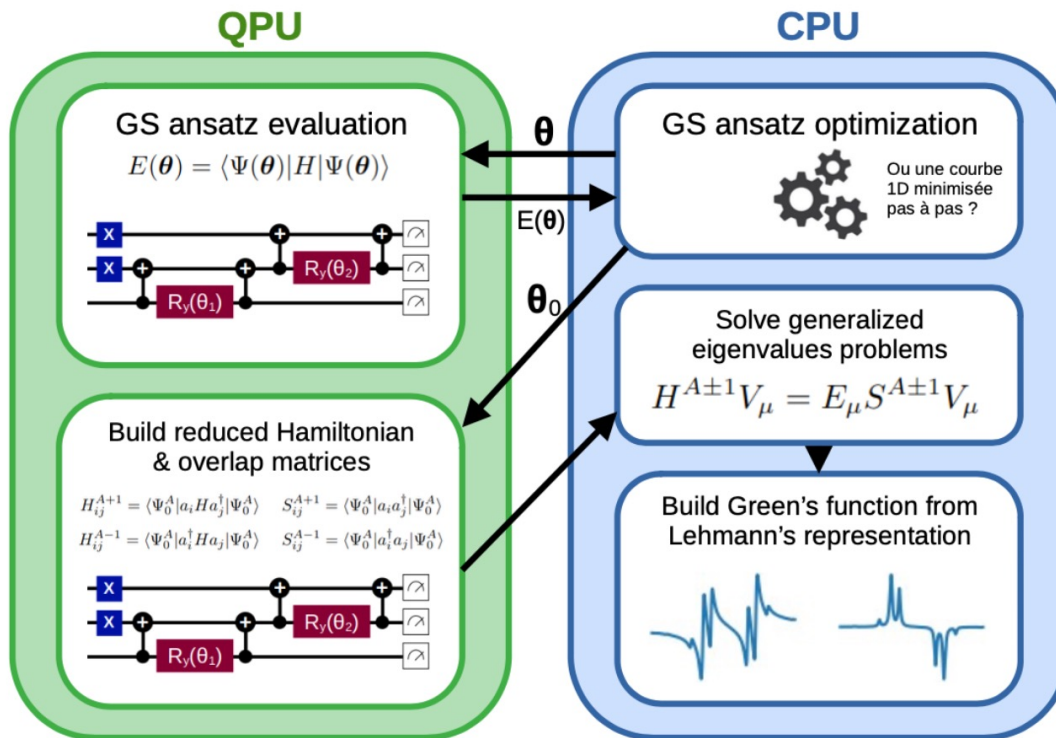
$$G_{ij}(t, t') = \langle \Psi_0 | T [a_j^\dagger(t) a_i(t')] | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

Lehman representation

$$G_{ij}(\omega) = \frac{\langle \Psi_0^N | a_i | \Psi_k^{N+1} \rangle \langle \Psi_k^{N+1} | a_j^\dagger | \Psi_0^N \rangle}{\omega - (E_k^{N+1} - E_0^N) + i\eta} + \sum_k \frac{\langle \Psi_0^N | a_j^\dagger | \Psi_k^{N-1} \rangle \langle \Psi_k^{N-1} | a_i | \Psi_0^N \rangle}{\omega - (E_0^N - E_k^{N-1}) - i\eta}$$

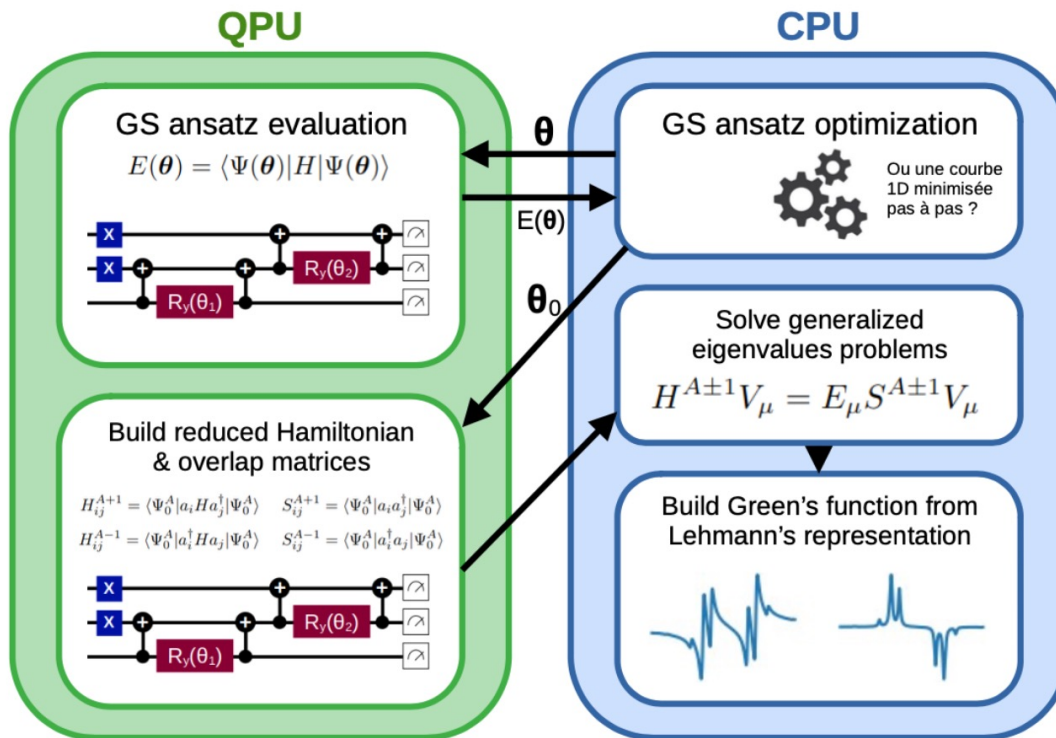
Strategy

- ➔ Design and optimize an accurate Ansatz for the ground state for N particles
- ➔ Use two separate Quantum Space Expansion For (N+1) and (N-1) particles



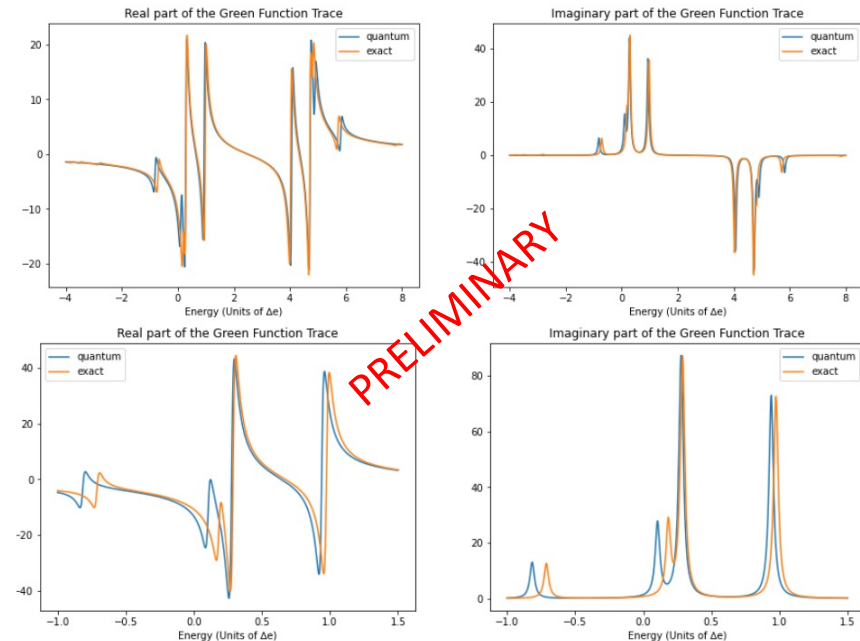
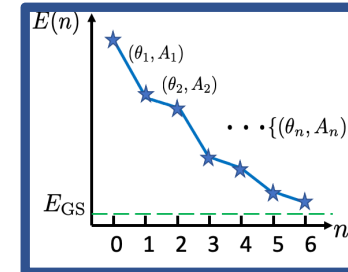
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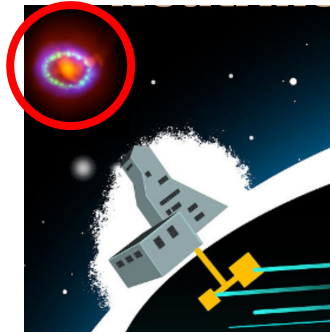
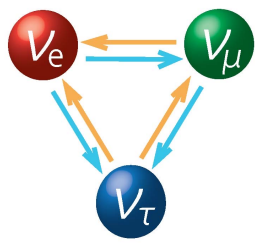
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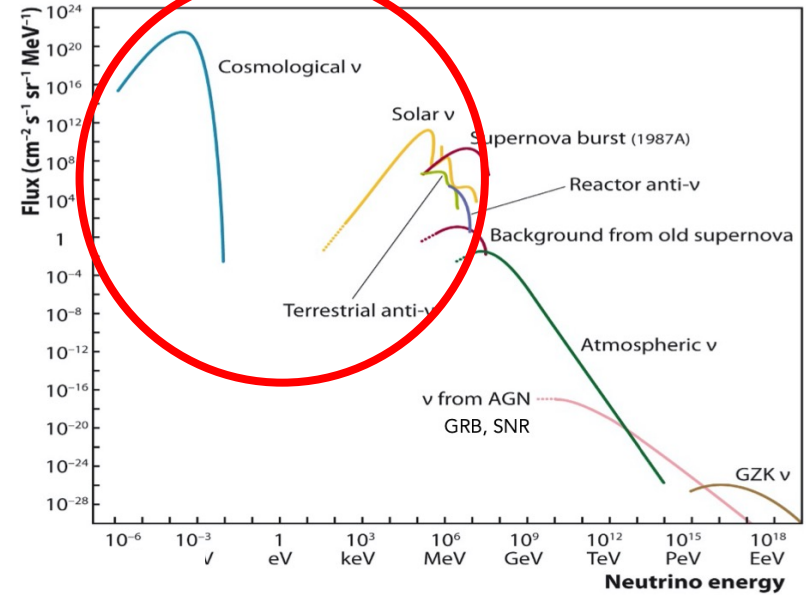


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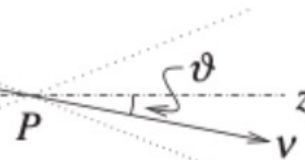
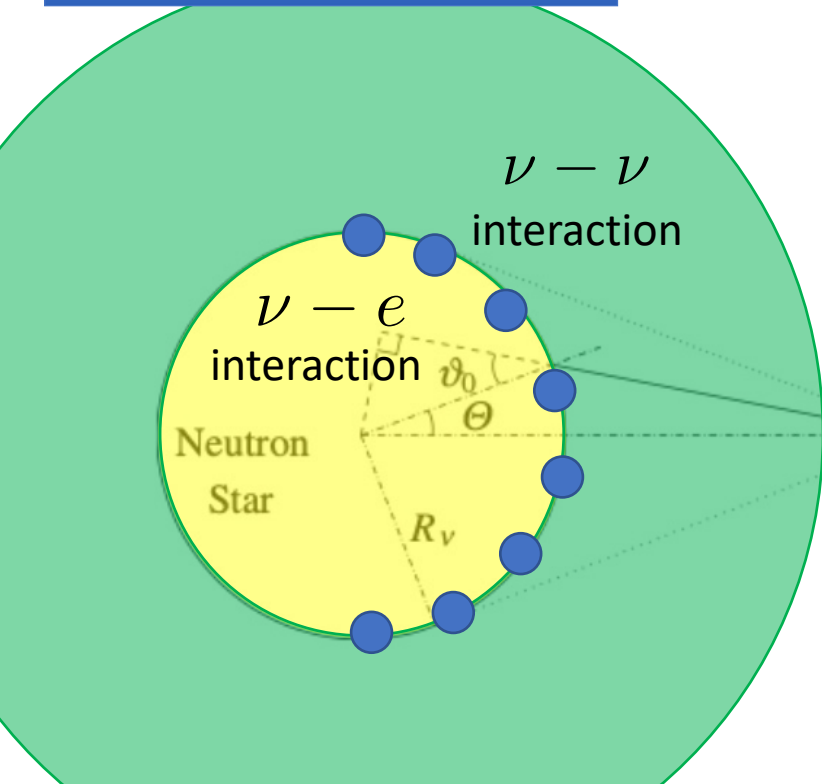
-- More on Neutrinos treated  
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## Neutrino fluxes at Earth



Where is the complexity?



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

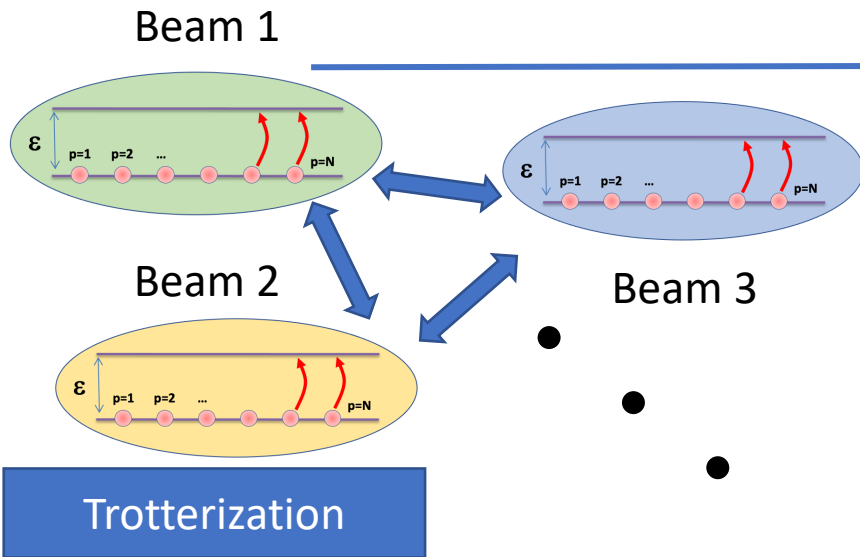
Illustration of the Hamiltonian (2 flavor approx)

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

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Oscillation

Coupling



1. Decomposition of  $H$  into elementary blocks
2. Use a transformation (Trotter-Suzuki)

Example:  $e^{i\Delta t H_1/\hbar} = e^{-i\Delta t H_1/\hbar} e^{-i\Delta t H_2/\hbar}$

3. Transforms to circuit

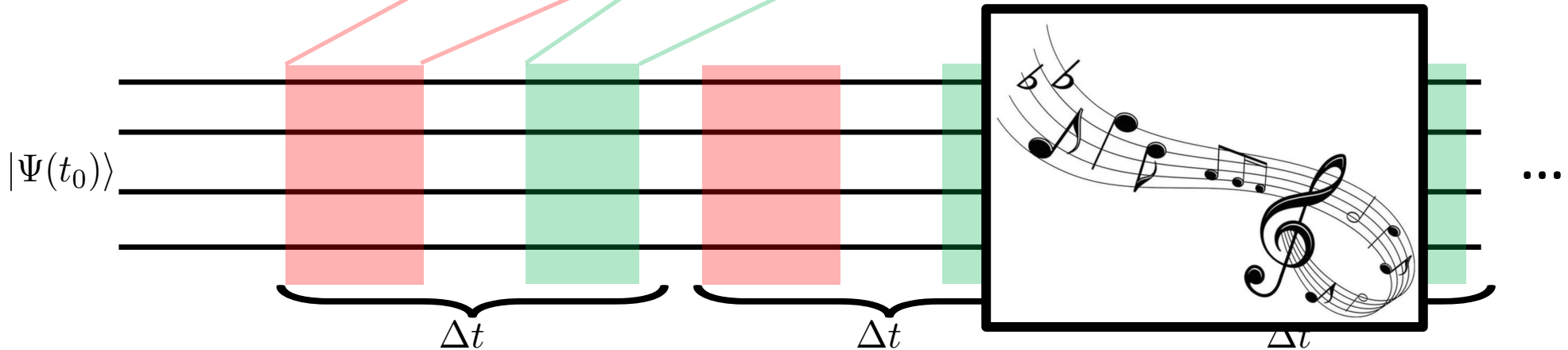
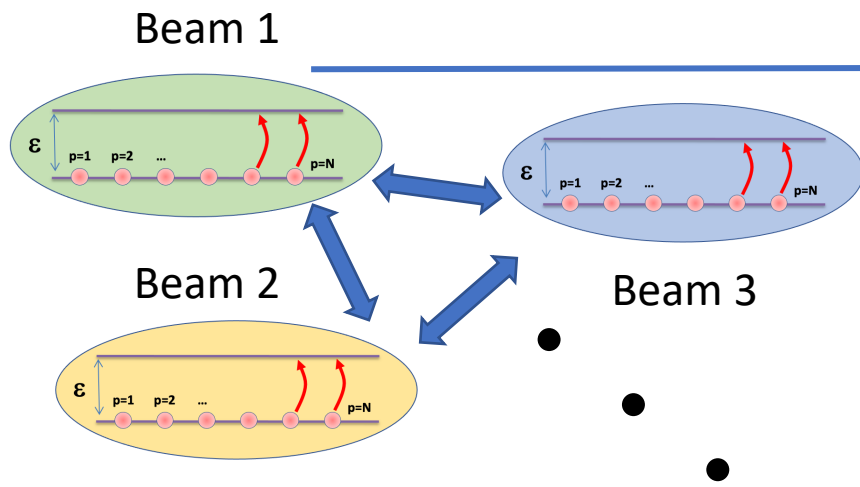


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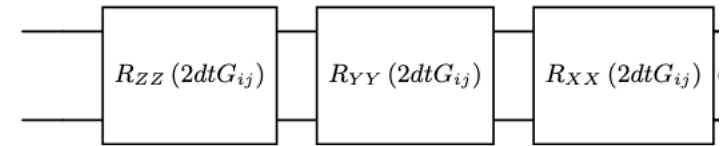
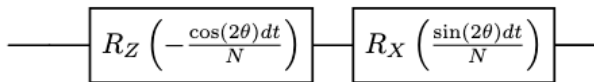
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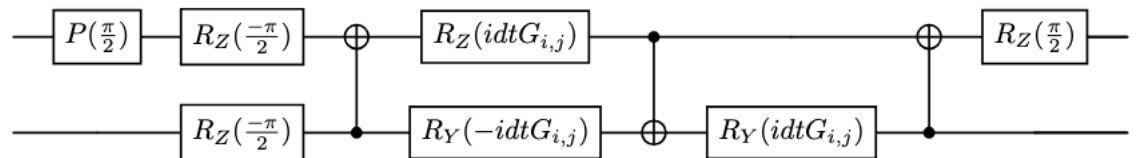
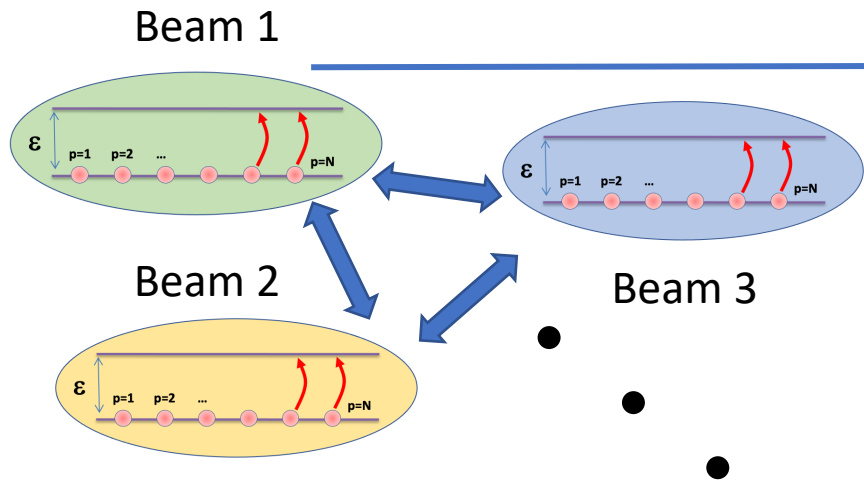




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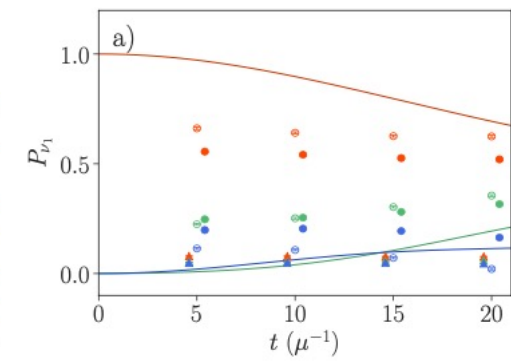
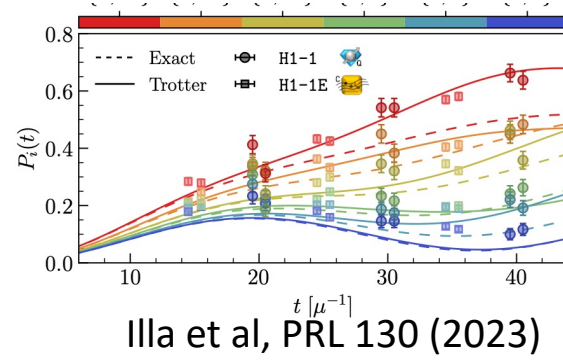
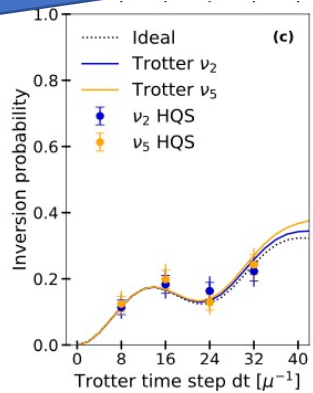
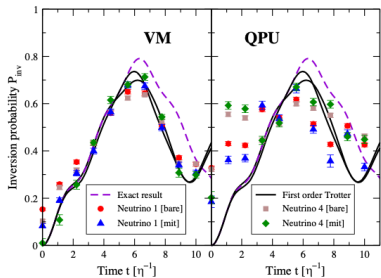


4 neutrinos  
IBM-Vigo QPU

4 & 8 neutrinos  
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12 neutrinos  
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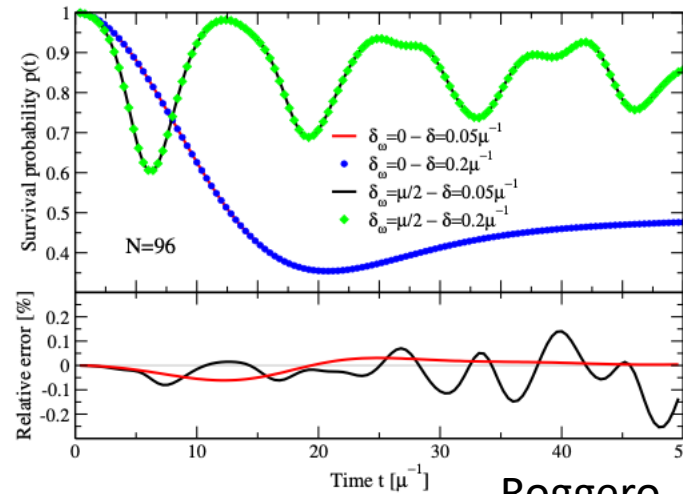
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Tensor network

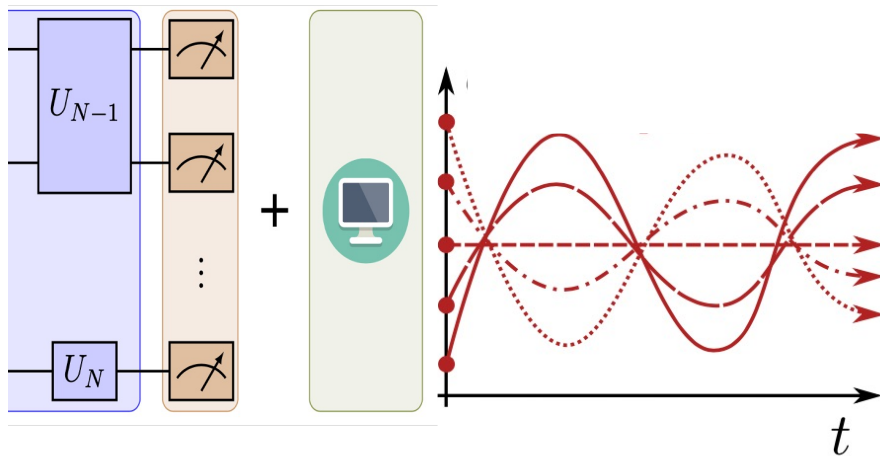
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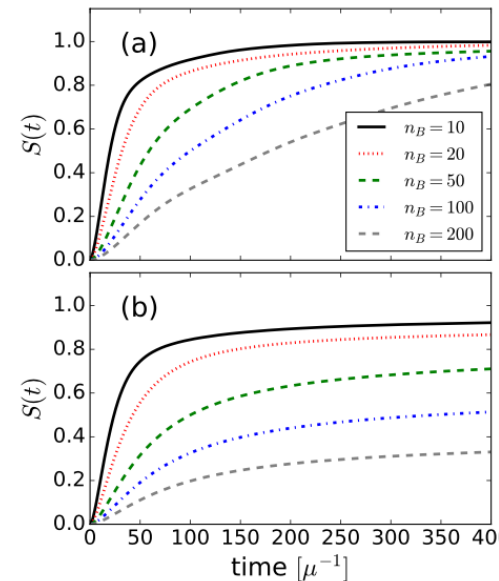
Up to ~100 neutrinos

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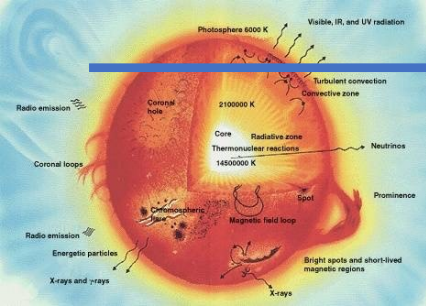


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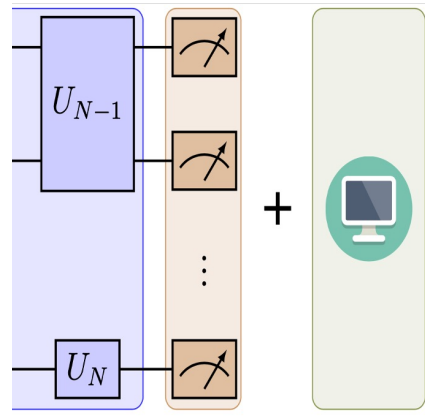


Several hundreds  
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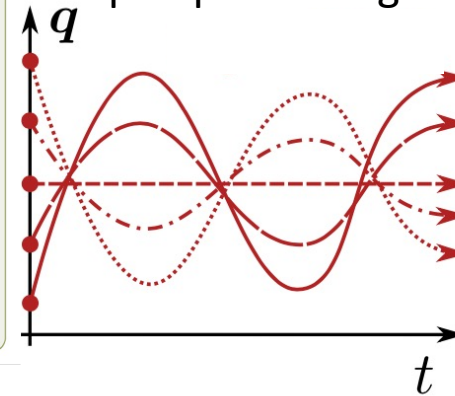
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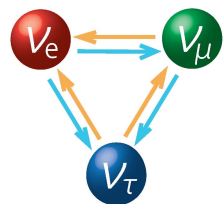
Sampling of initial configurations



Simple dynamics postprocessing



Application to neutrino oscillations



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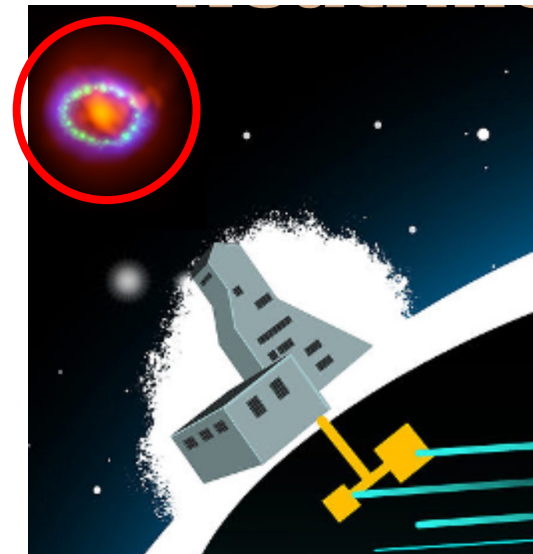
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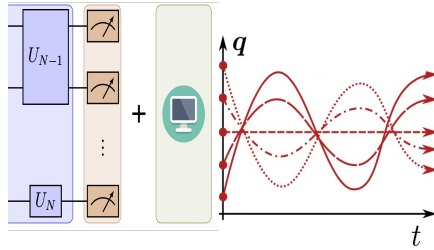
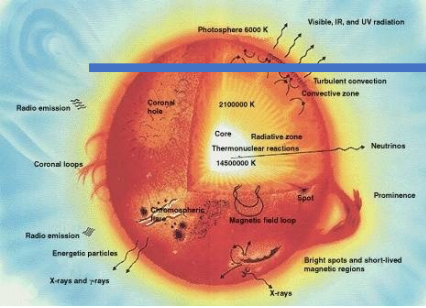
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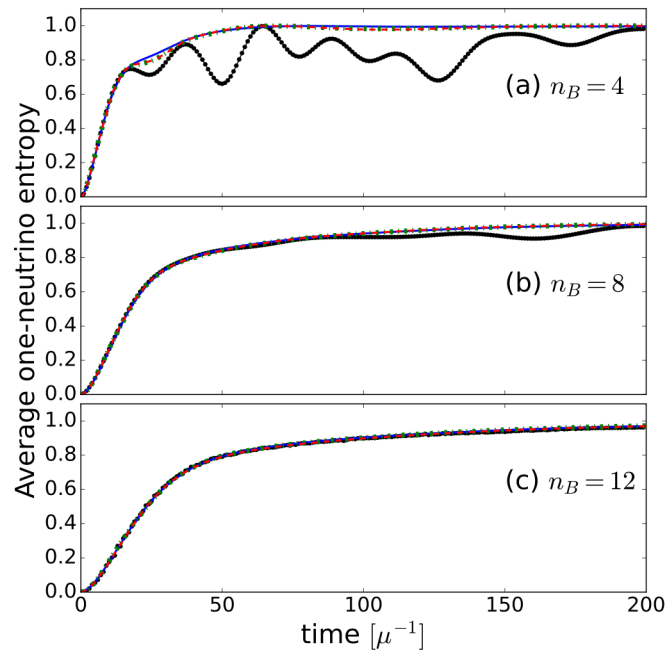
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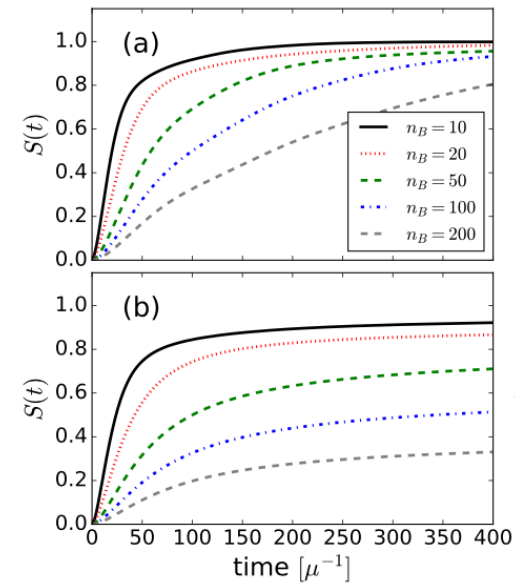
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Comparison exact (black) and approximate



Possible to simulate 200+ entangled qubits on a laptop



For comparison  
Tensor Network  
(90 neutrinos max)