

High-performance and Quantum Computing for Strongly Correlated Problems

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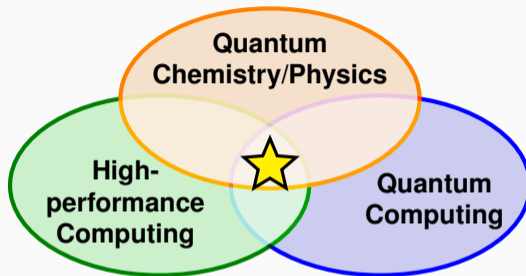


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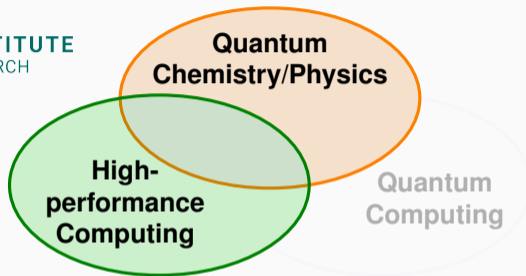


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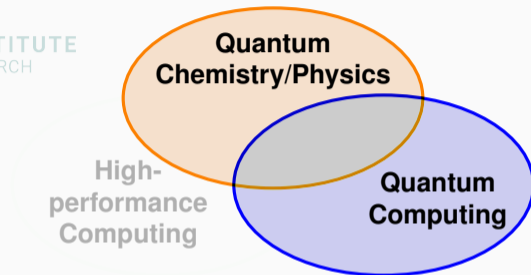
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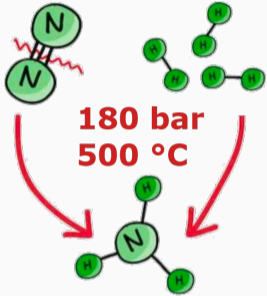
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- **Error mitigation** and classical optimization
- **Resource reduction:** Qubits and circuit depth

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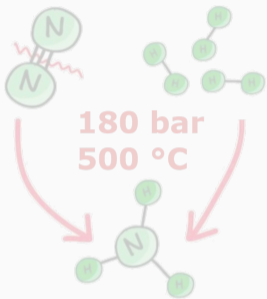
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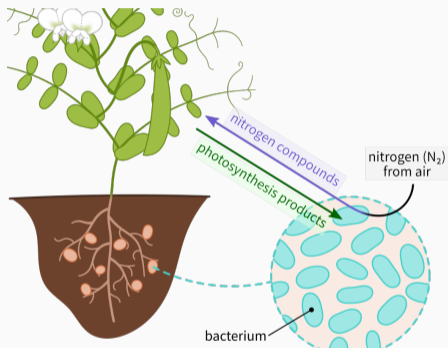
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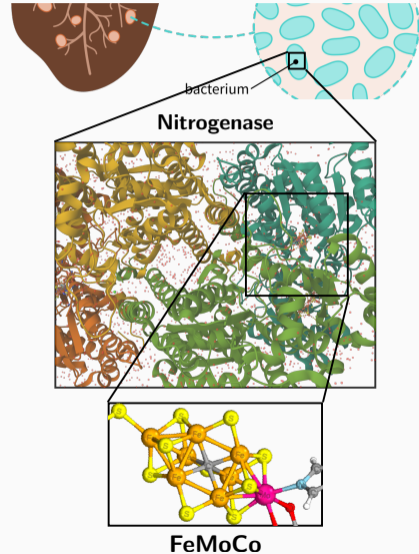
Biological nitrogen fixation



- **Ambient pressure and temperature**
- Not yet understood → Bio-catalysts for more efficient and greener ammonia production

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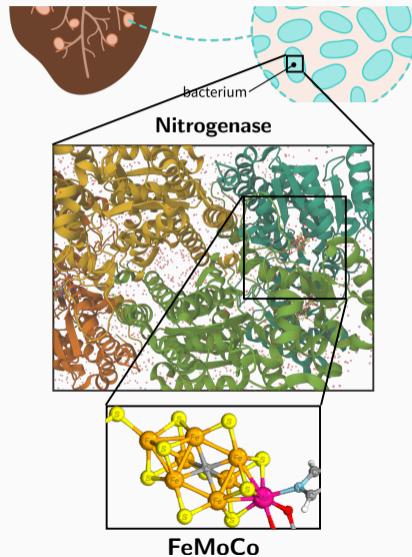
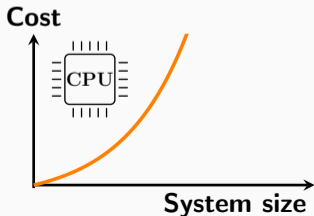
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We have the equations at hand, but **exponentially costly** on classical computers!



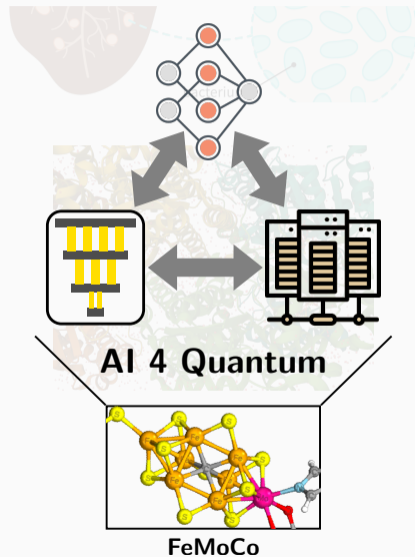
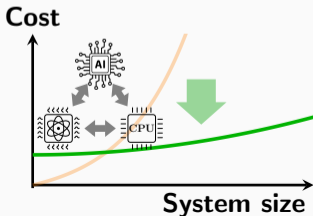
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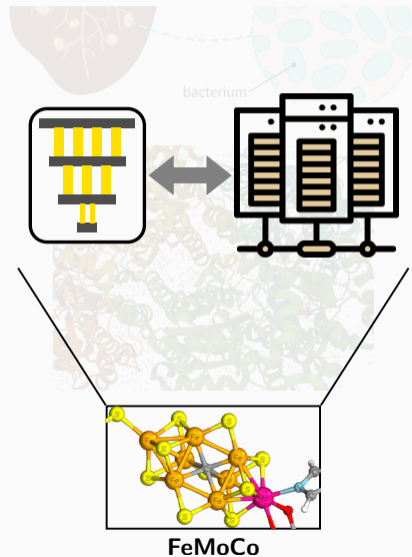
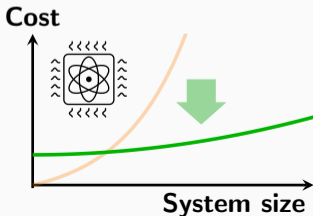
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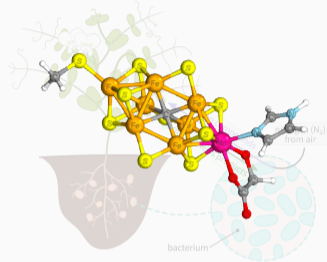
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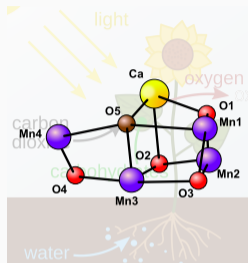
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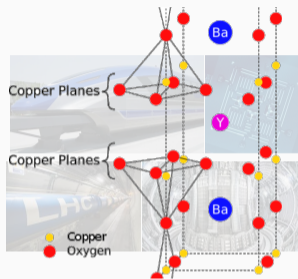
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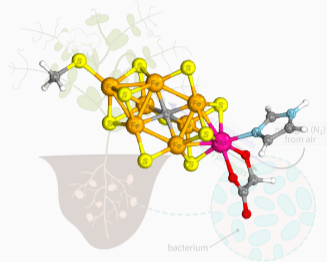


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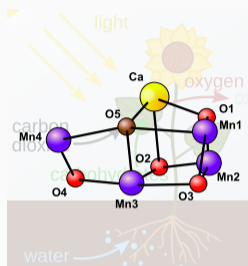


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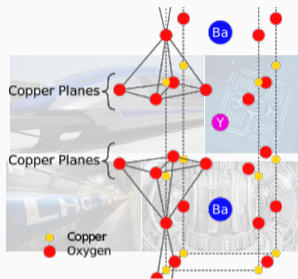
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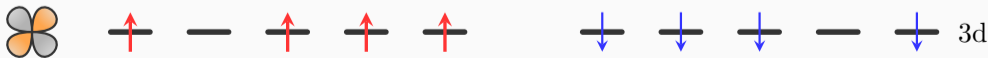
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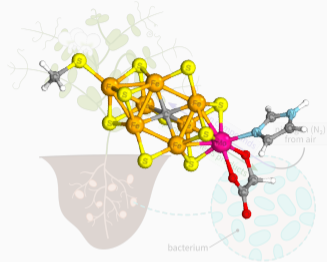
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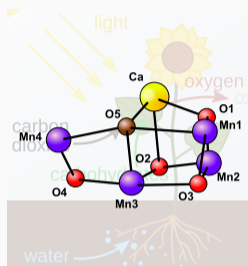
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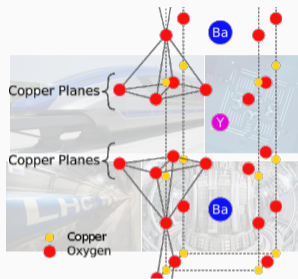
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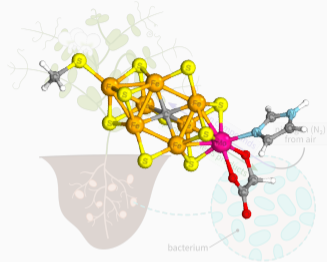
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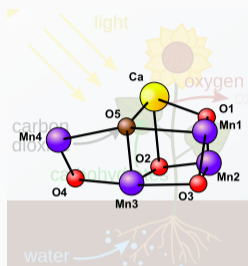
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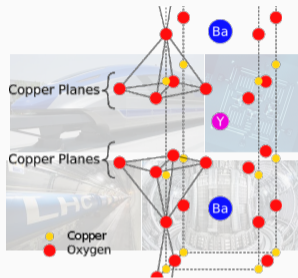
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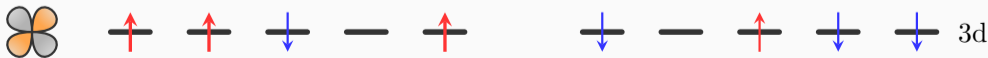
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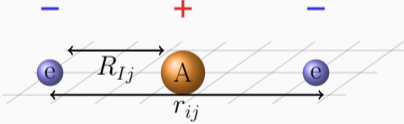


Quantum Chemistry – Electronic Structure Theory

To obtain insight on the **chemical** and **physical properties** of these systems we need to **solve the Schrödinger equation**

$$\hat{H} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle, \quad \hat{H} |\Psi(t)\rangle = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

All necessary information contained in electronic **molecular Hamiltonian**

$$\hat{H} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2}_{\text{kinetic energy of } e^-} - \underbrace{\sum_{I,j} \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{r}_j|}}_{\text{Attr. potential}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}}_{e^- - e^- \text{ repulsion}}$$


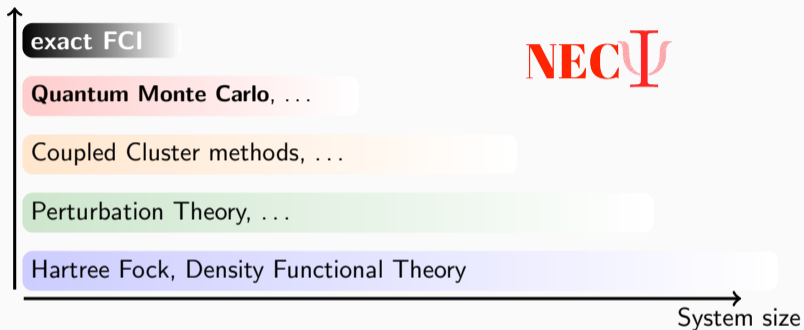
Coulomb repulsion correlates all electrons of a system → analytic solution too complex → **approximations and computational approaches**

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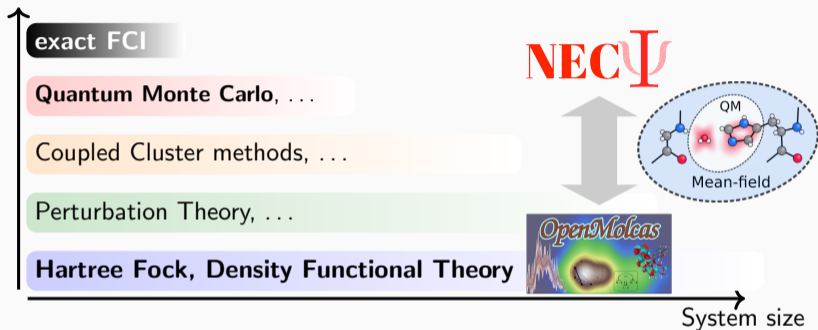


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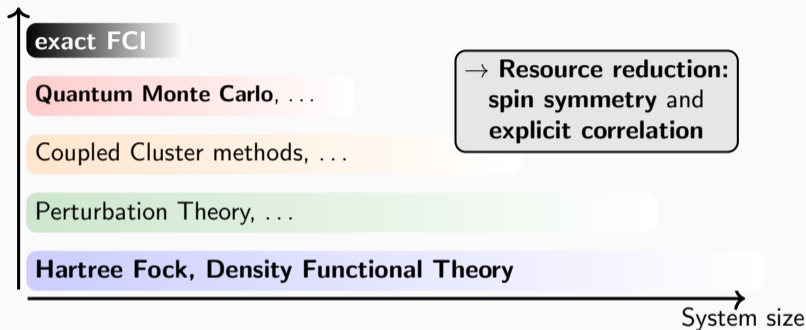


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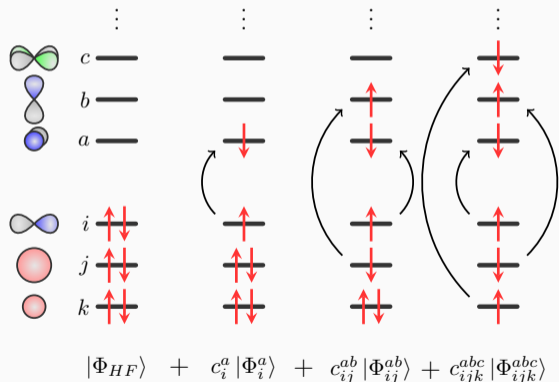
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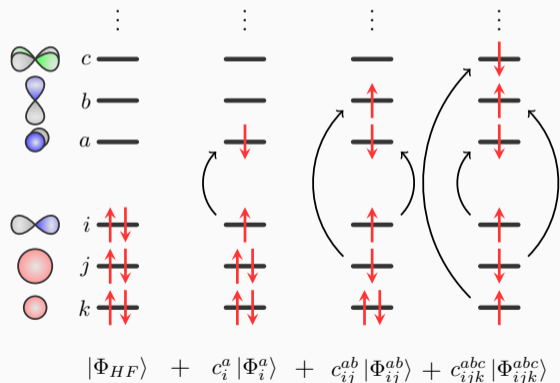


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Number of states for given number of electrons and orbitals, active space (n_e, n_o)

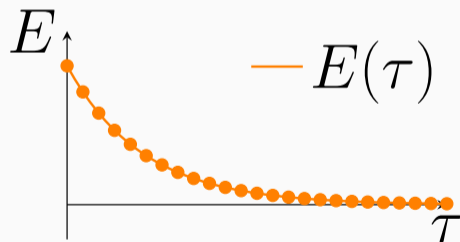
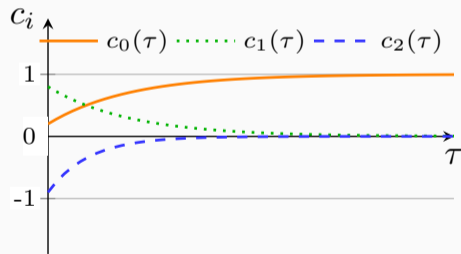
Mol.	#orbitals	#electrons	#states
H ₂	2	2	4
LiH	4	4	36
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C ₂ H ₄	16	16	$\sim 16 \cdot 10^6$
F₂	18	18	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^9$

High-performance Computing for Strong Correlation

Imaginary Time Evolution

Imaginary-time evolution \rightarrow method to project onto groundstate:

$$i \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle}{\partial t} = \hat{H} |\Psi\rangle \quad \xrightarrow{\tau=it} \quad \frac{\partial |\Psi\rangle}{\partial \tau} = -\hat{H} |\Psi\rangle \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{|\Psi_0\rangle = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\hat{H}\tau} |\Phi(0)\rangle}$$

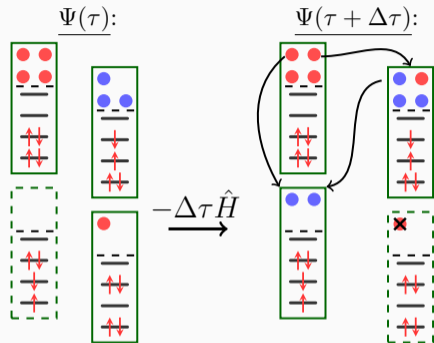


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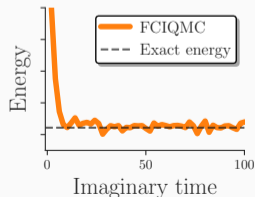
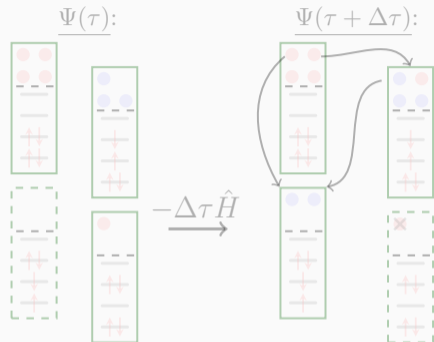


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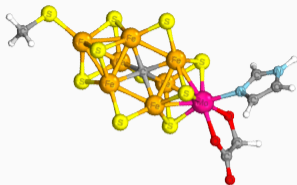


Highly-optimized for HPC. Excited state energies and properties for large active spaces $> (50e, 50o)$

My major contributions:

Implementation of **spin symmetry** and **transcorrelation**.

Massively Parallel – Towards the Exascale



Markus Rapp @



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CAS(54e,54o) FeMoco molecule on 512 and 620 nodes @ Max-Planck Cobra HPC cluster

Walkers	Cores	Time/iteration	Ratio cores	Ratio time/iteration	Parallel efficiency (%)
32×10^9	19960	23.5	1.242	1.246	99.68
32×10^9	24800	18.8			

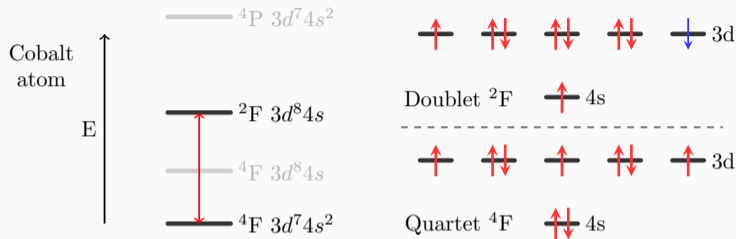
Ongoing work in the European Center of Excellence
Targeting Real Chemical Accuracy at the EXascale (TRESX)
Interfaced with Molpro, OpenMolcas, PySCF and VASP

William Jalby @



Spin Symmetry

Motivation: Potential Problems of a Slater determinant formulation

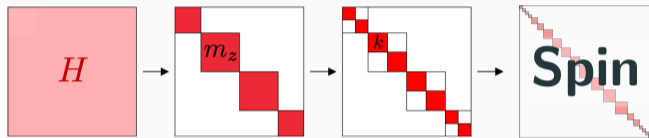


- Slater determinants (SDs) **no** spin-eigenfunctions
- No control and insight of total spin
- Narrow spin-gaps problematic
- Hard to obtain low-spin excited states
- Multi-reference open-shell low-spin excited state problematic for single-reference methods

⇒ Use a **spin-adapted basis**

HPC Resource Reduction – Spin Symmetry

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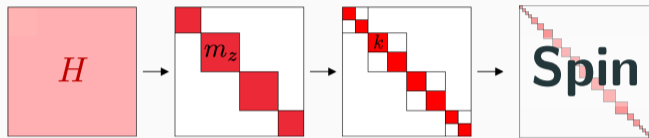


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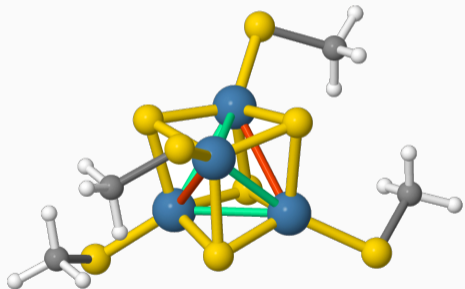
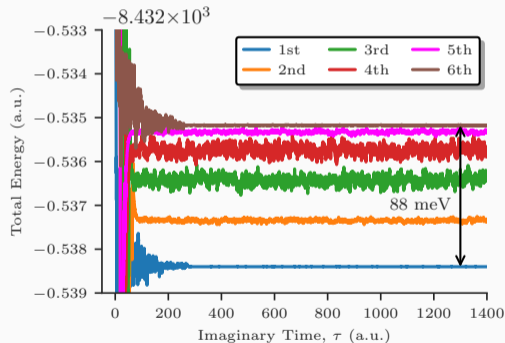
Benefits of a spin-symmetry adapted basis:

- Target specific spin-states
- Reduce Hilbert space/problem size

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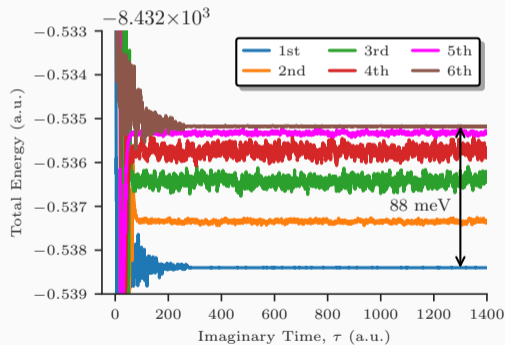
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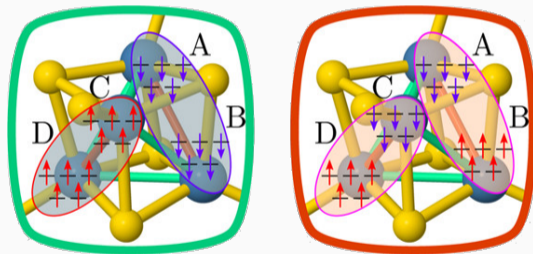
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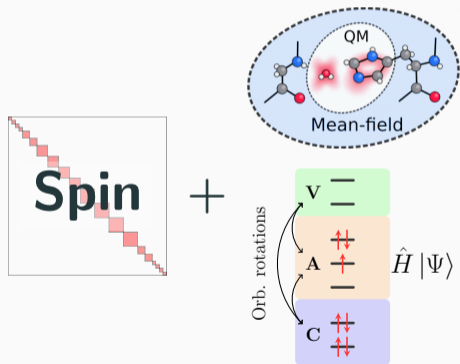
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Access to wavefunction and spin information \rightarrow
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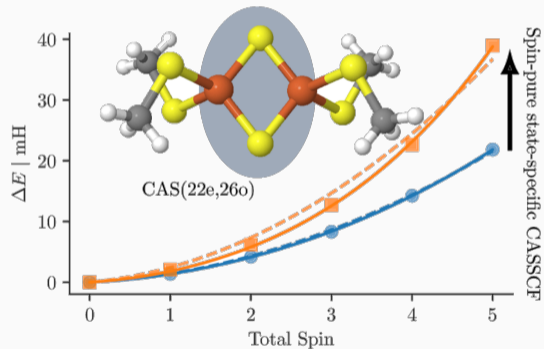
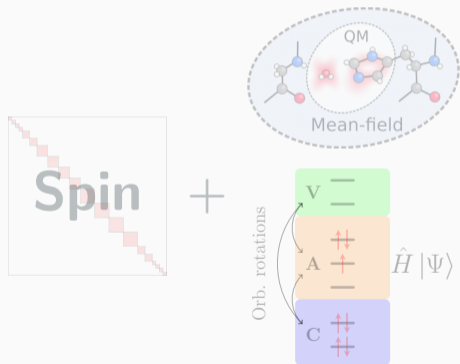
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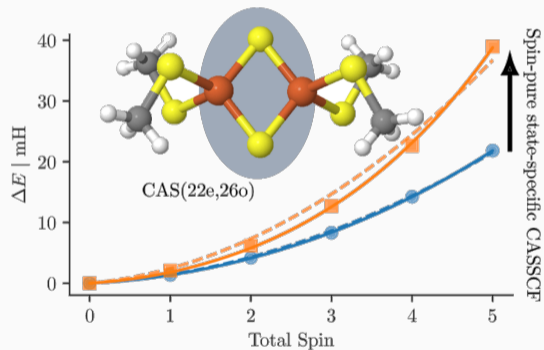
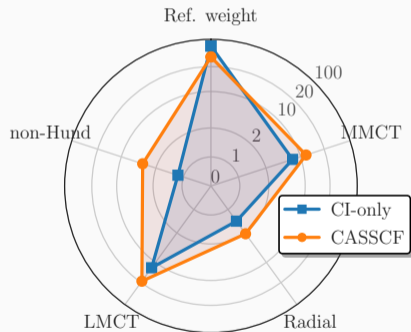
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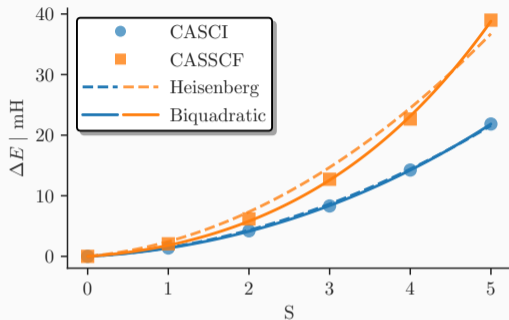
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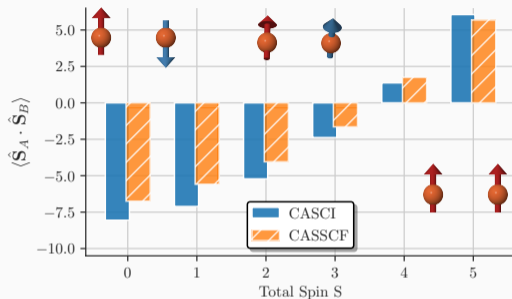


Linear Heisenberg

$$\hat{H} = J \hat{\mathbf{S}}_A \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_B$$

CASCI: $J = 1.44$ mH

CASSCF: $J = 2.45$ mH



Biquadratic Heisenberg

$$\hat{H} = J' \hat{\mathbf{S}}_A \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_B + K \left(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_A \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_B \right)^2$$

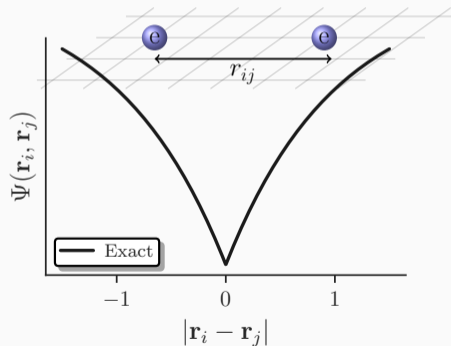
CASCI: $J' = 1.47$ mH and $K = 0.007$ mH

CASSCF: $J' = 2.70$ mH and $K = 0.054$ mH

Transcorrelation

Cusp condition: Singularity of Coulomb potential ($\sim \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$)

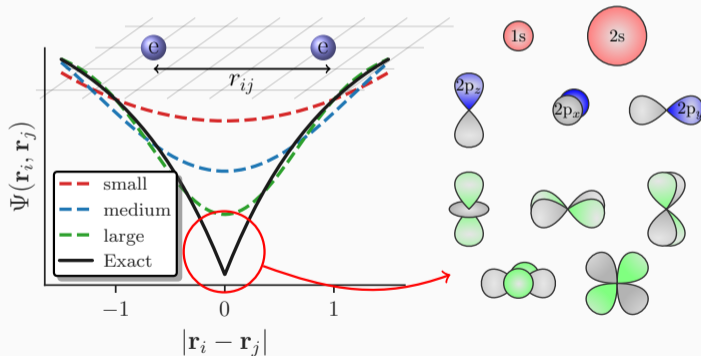
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HPC – Resource Reduction: Basis sets

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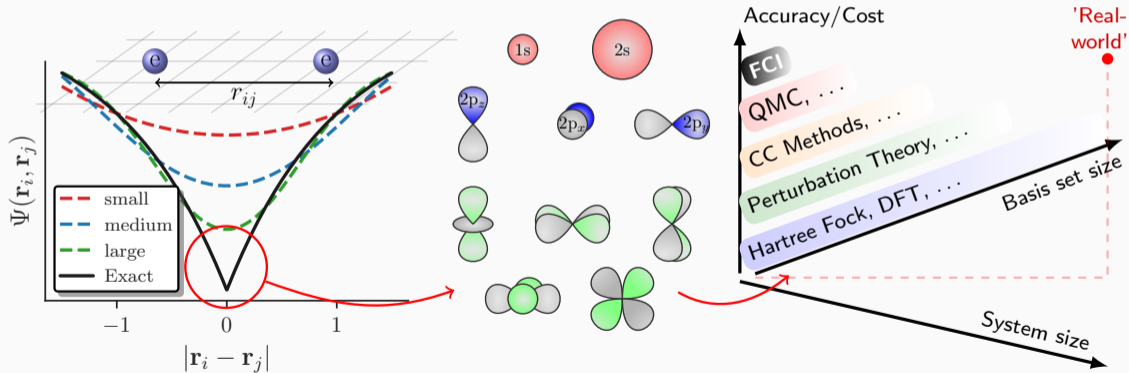
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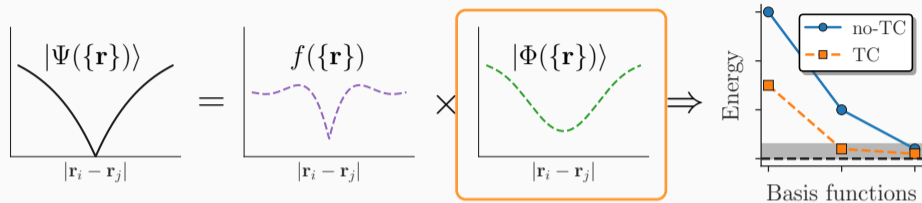
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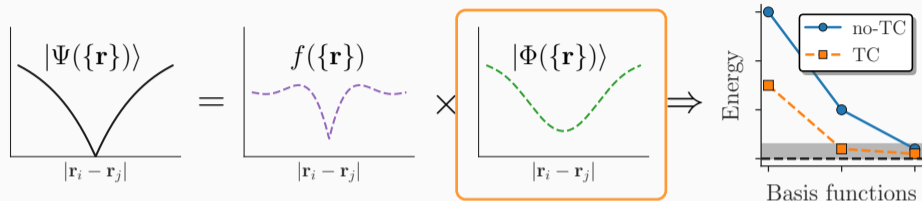
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- The third plot shows $|\Phi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle$ as a dashed green curve that is smooth and U-shaped, with the minimum at the origin.

The equation is represented as: $|\Psi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle = f(\{\mathbf{r}\}) \times |\Phi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle$

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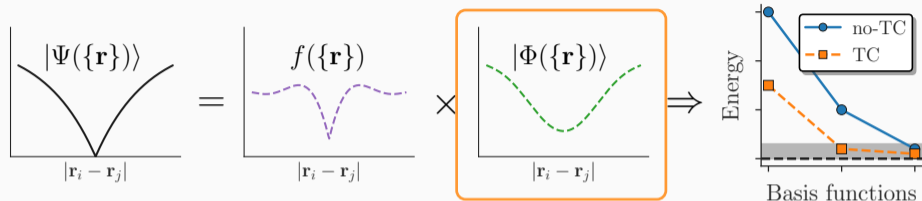
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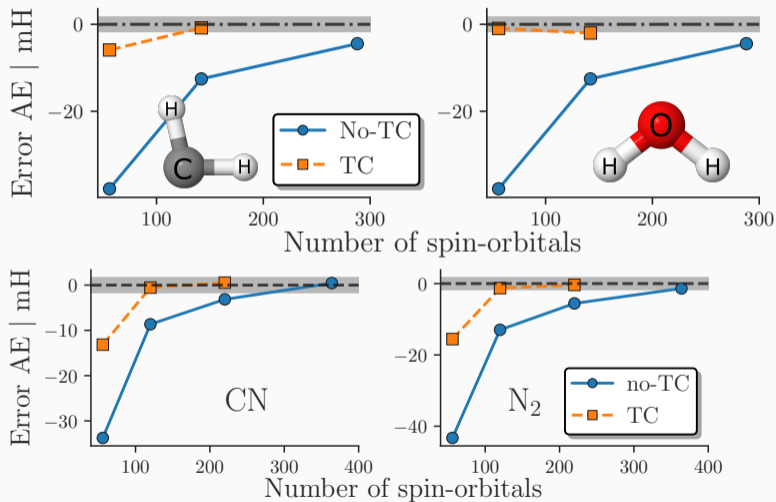


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HPC – Resource Reduction: Transcorrelation – Results



Quantum Computing for Strong Correlation

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0

1

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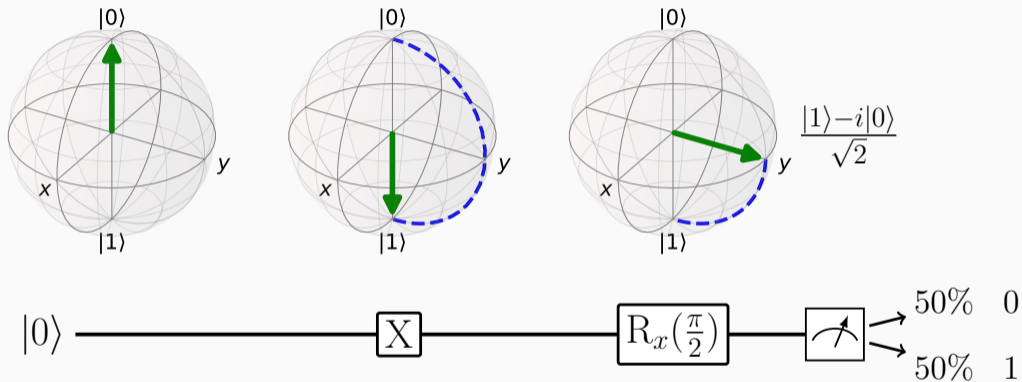
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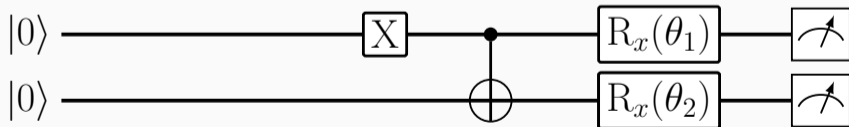
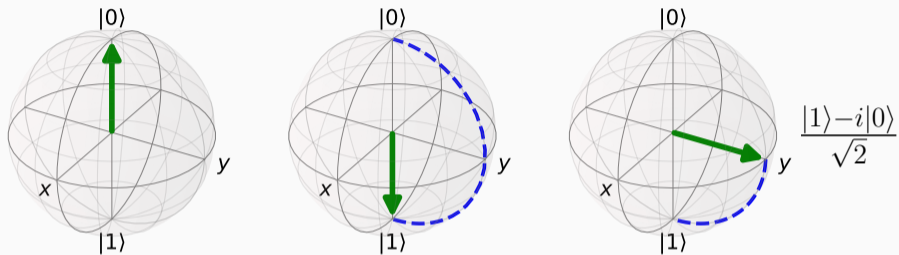
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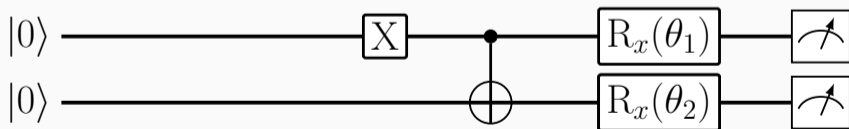
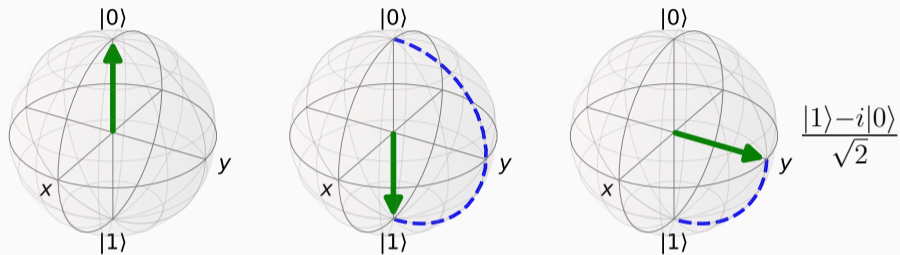
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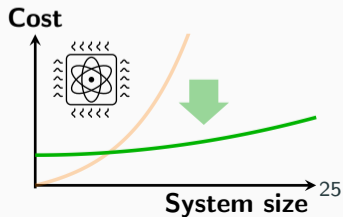
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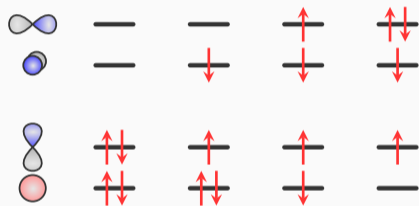
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40 qubits enough to encode the $\sim 2 \cdot 10^9$ states of F_2 !
→ Need new **quantum algorithms** to
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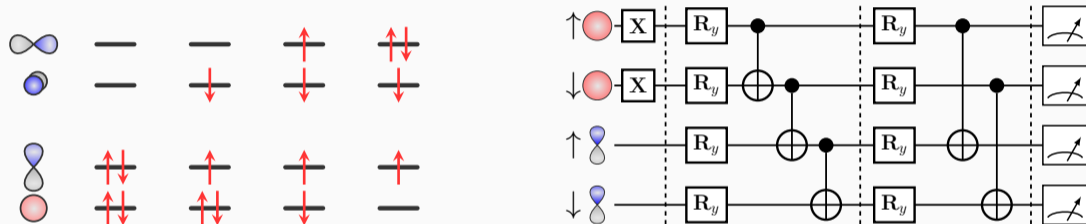


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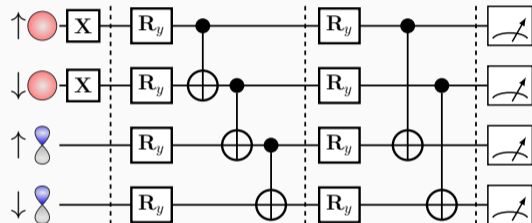
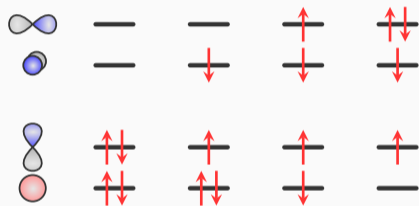
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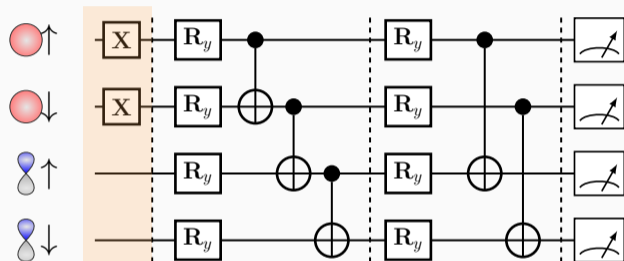
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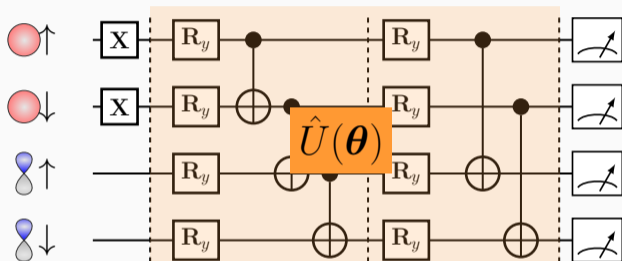
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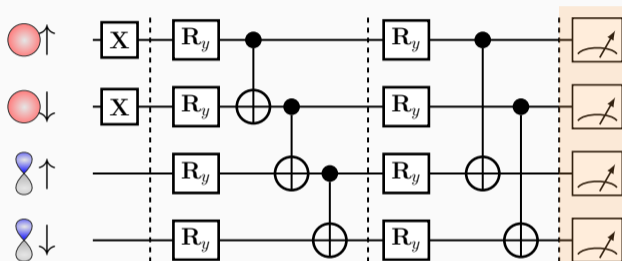
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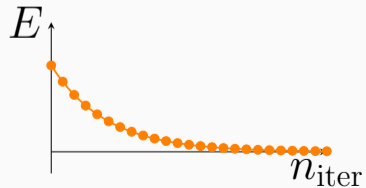
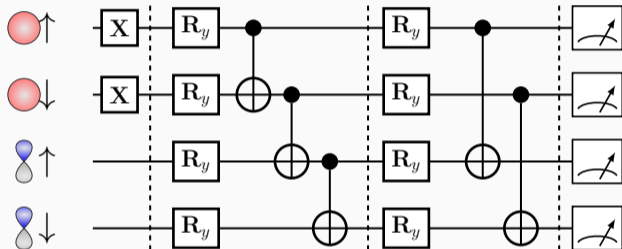
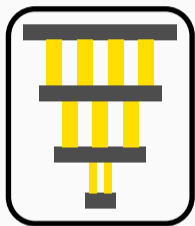
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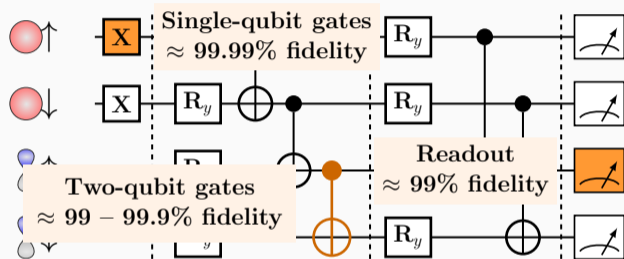
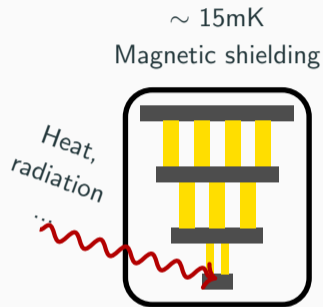
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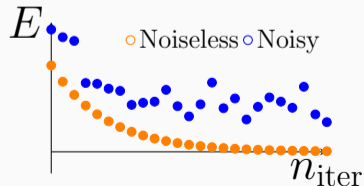


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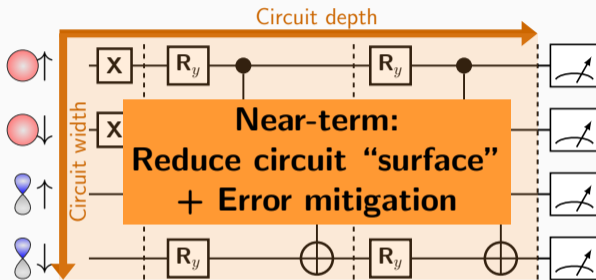
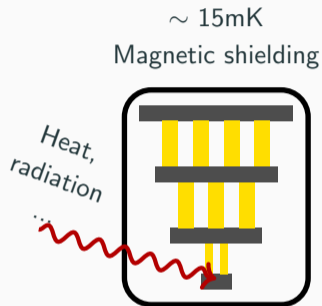


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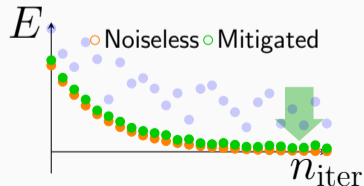


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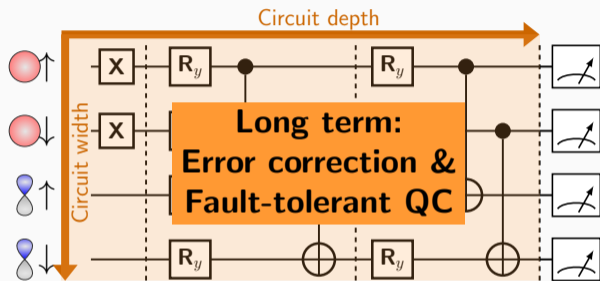
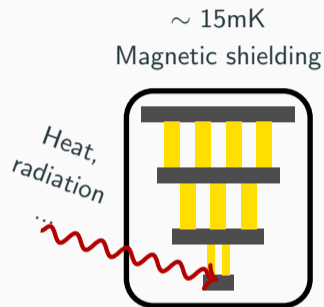


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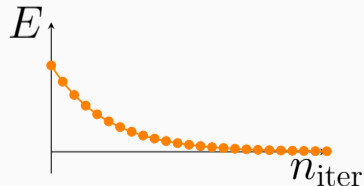
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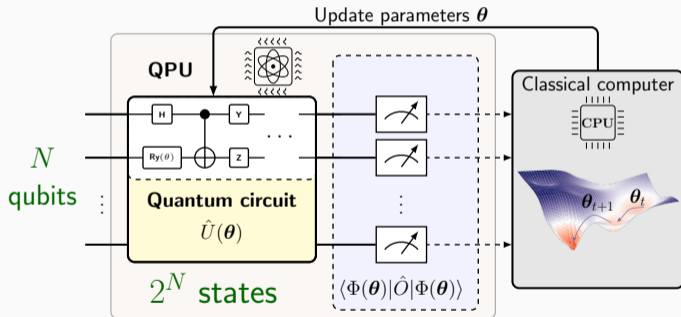
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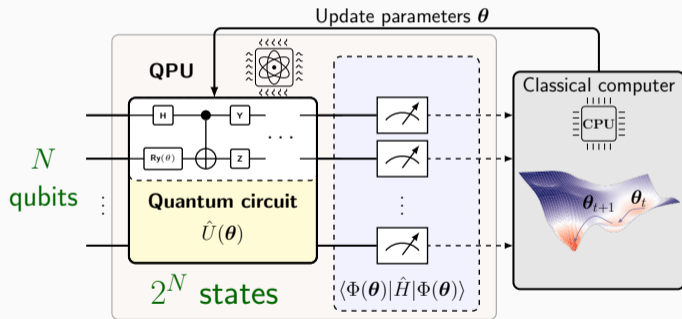
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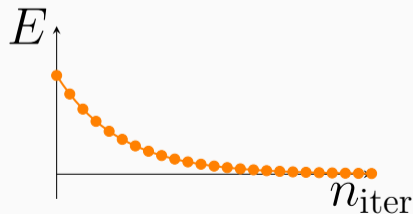
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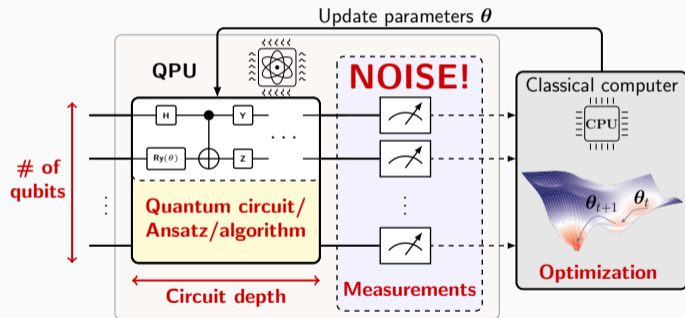
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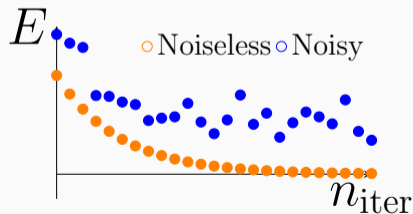
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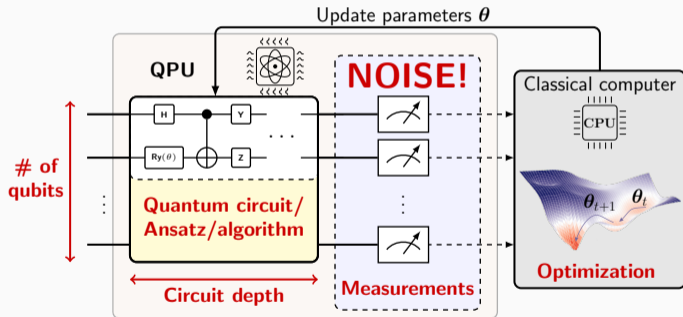
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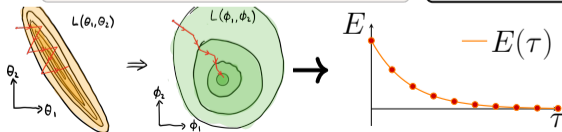
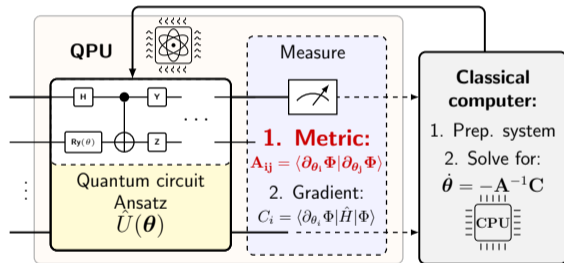
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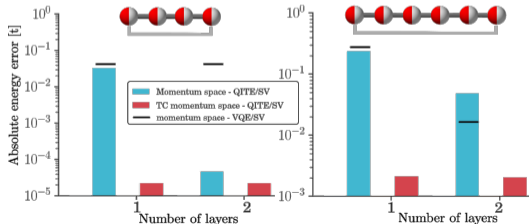
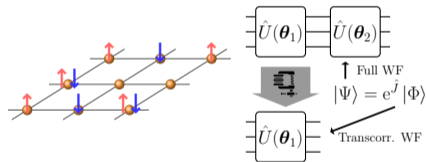
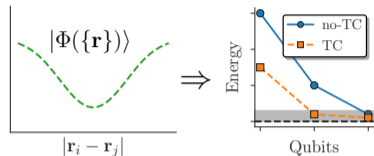
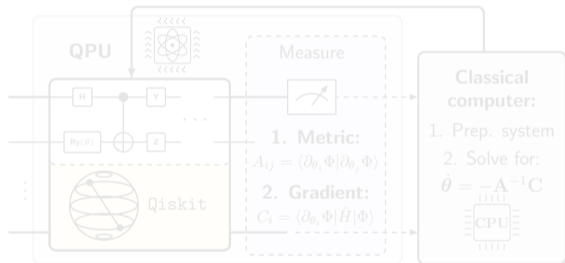


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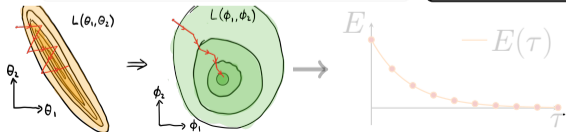
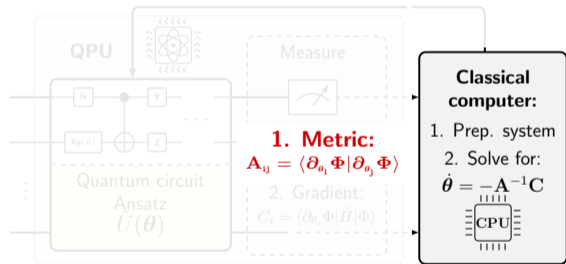


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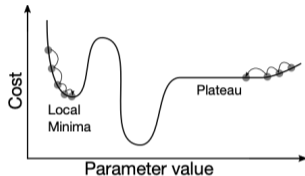
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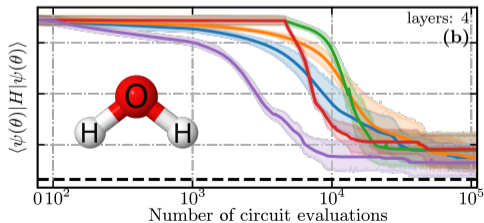
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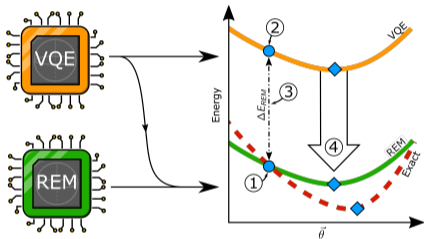
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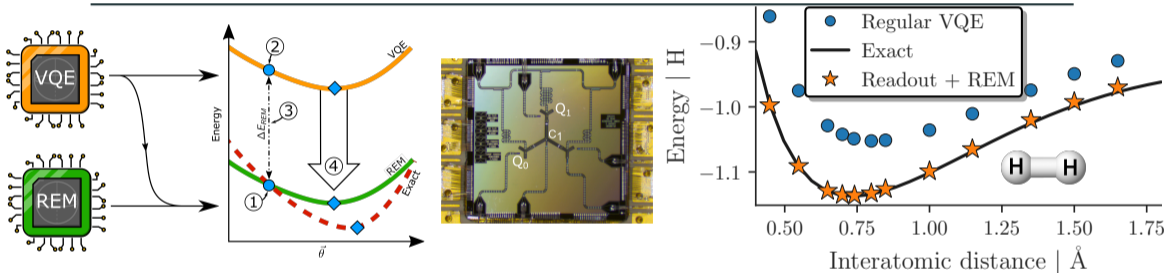
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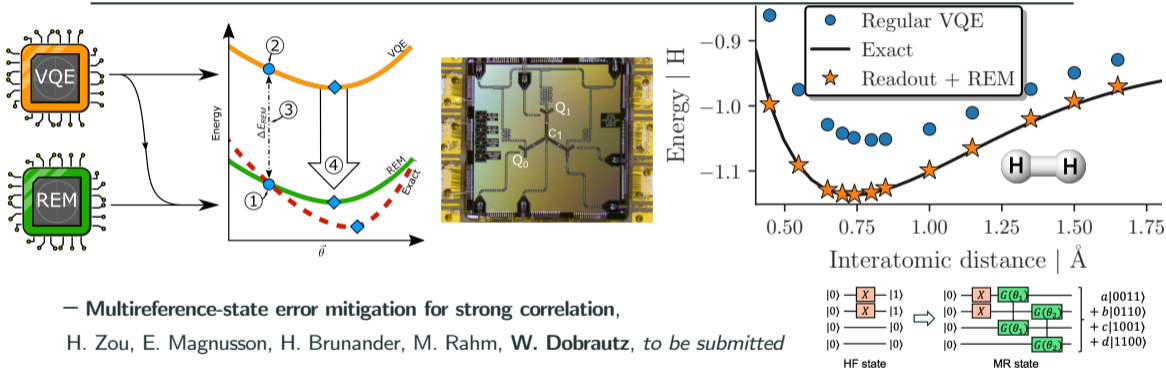
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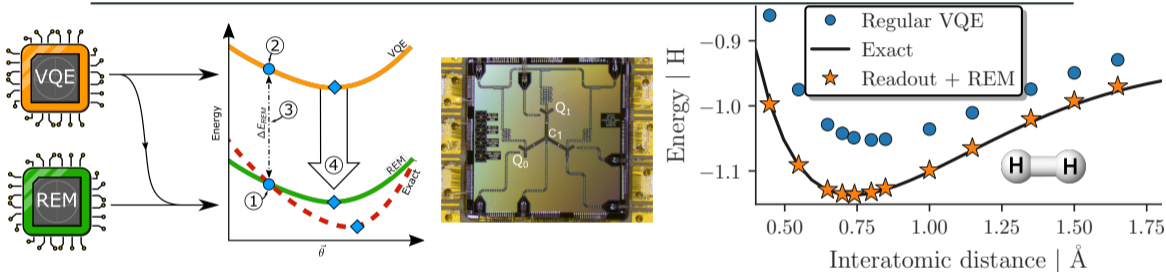
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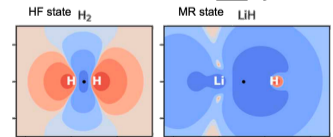
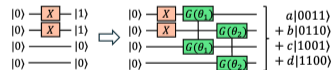


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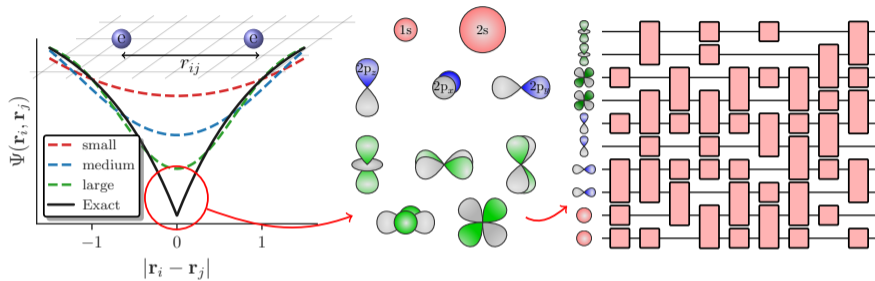
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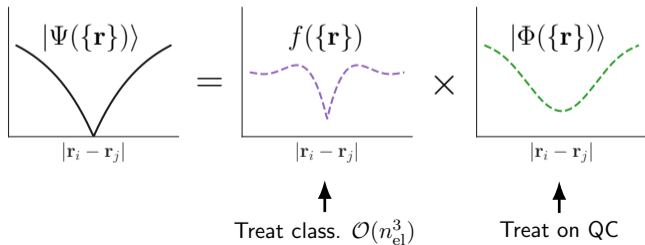
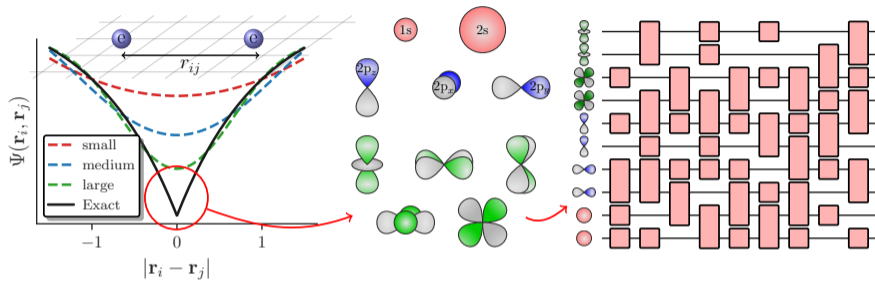
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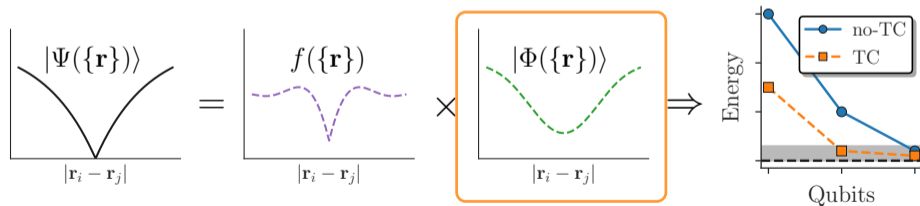
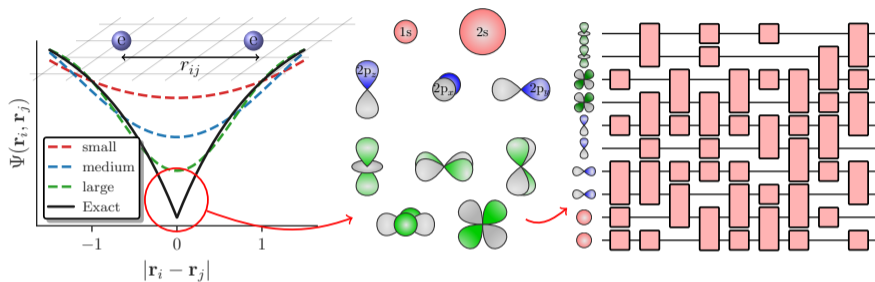
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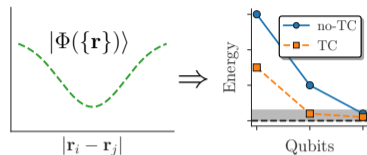
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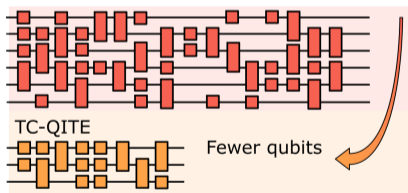
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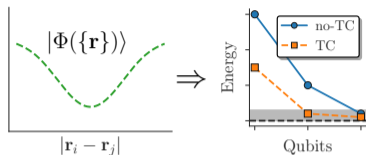


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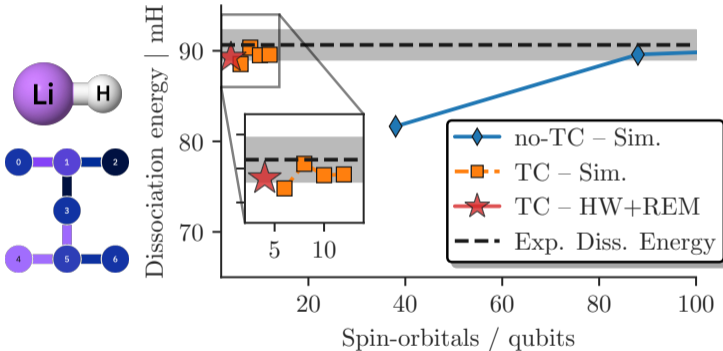
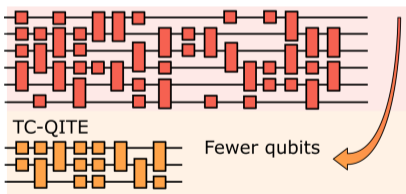


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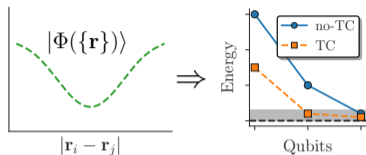
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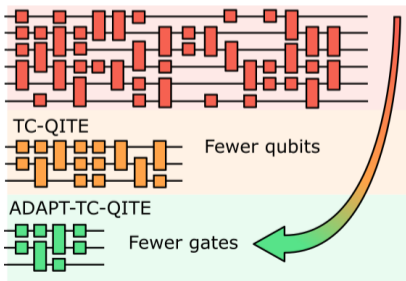
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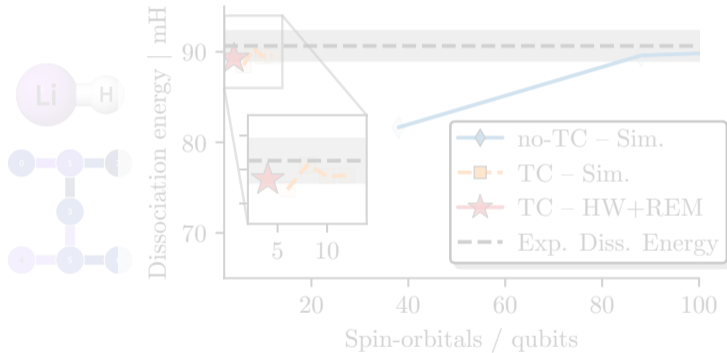
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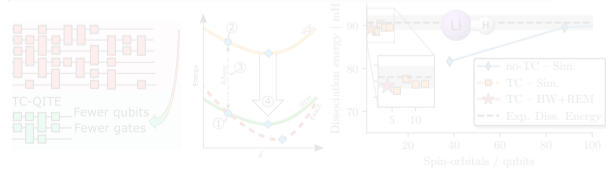
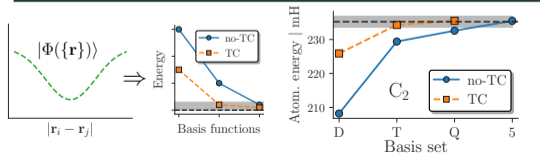
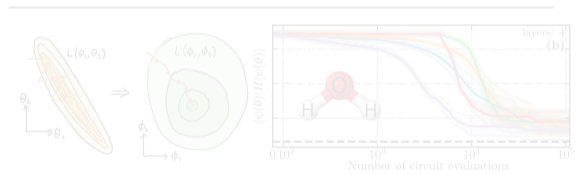
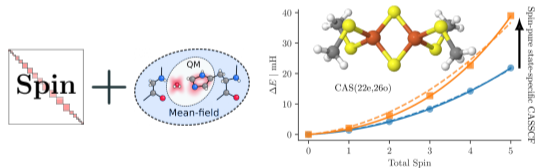
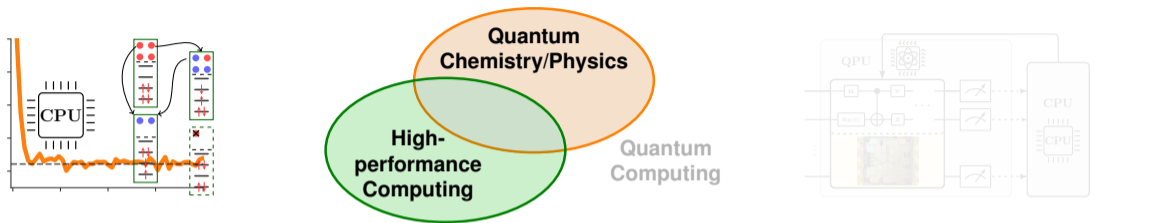
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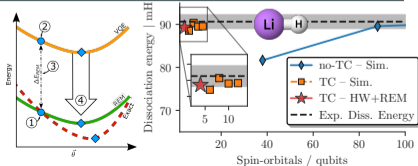
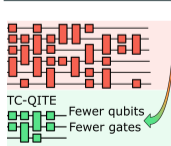
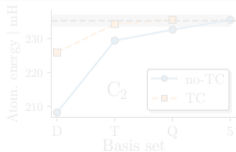
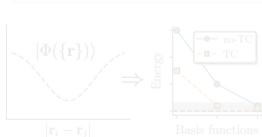
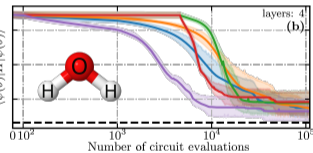
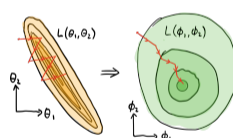
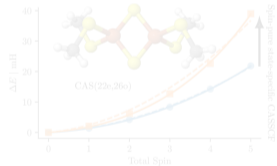
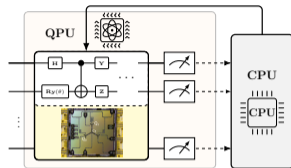
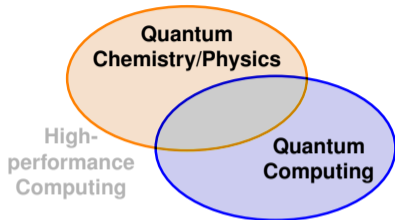
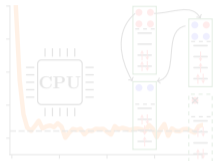
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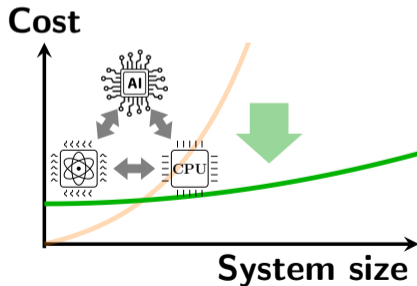
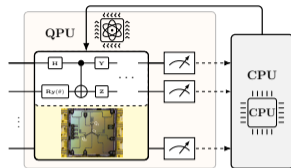
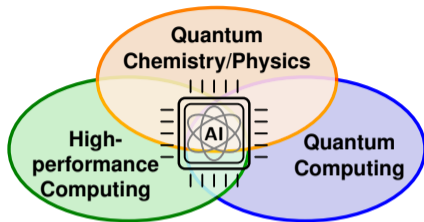
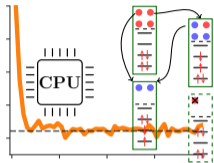
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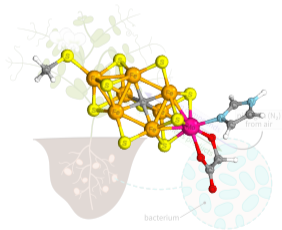
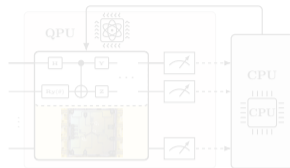
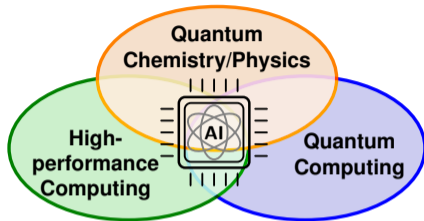
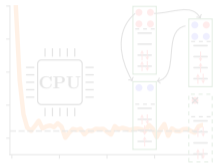
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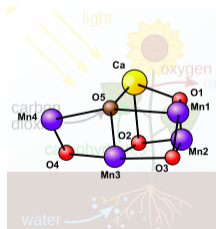
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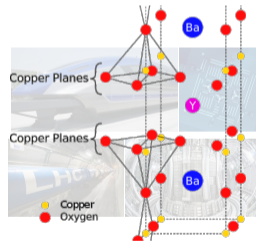
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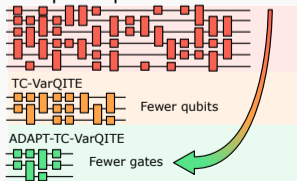
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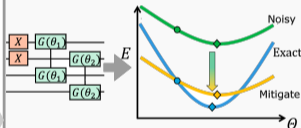
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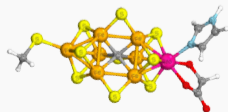


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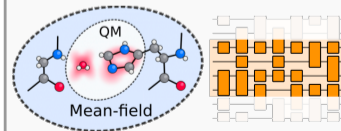
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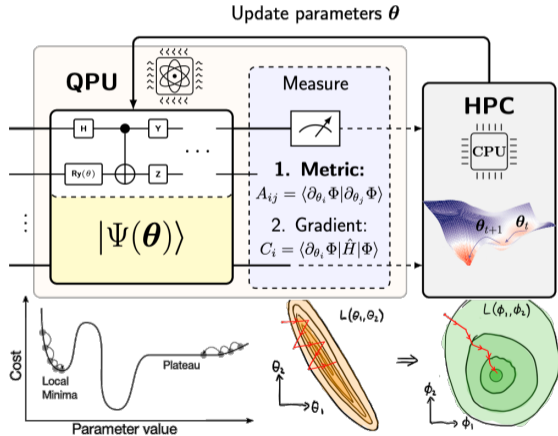
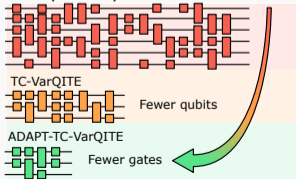
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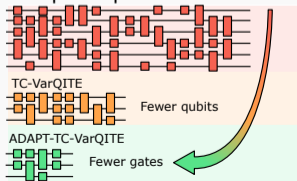
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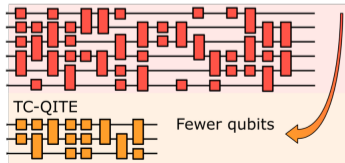
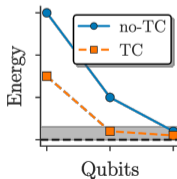


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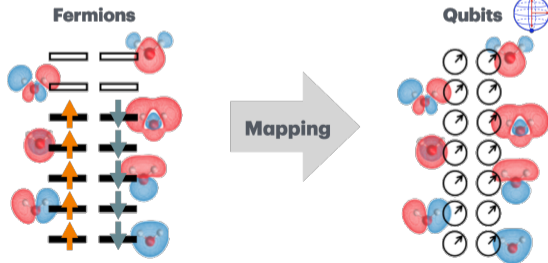
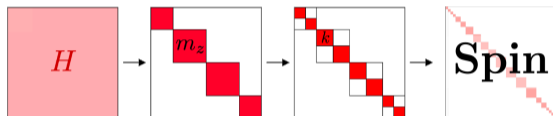
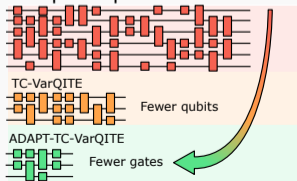
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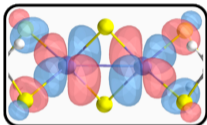
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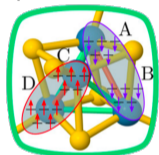
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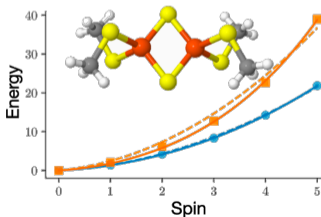
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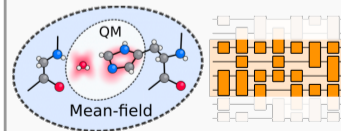
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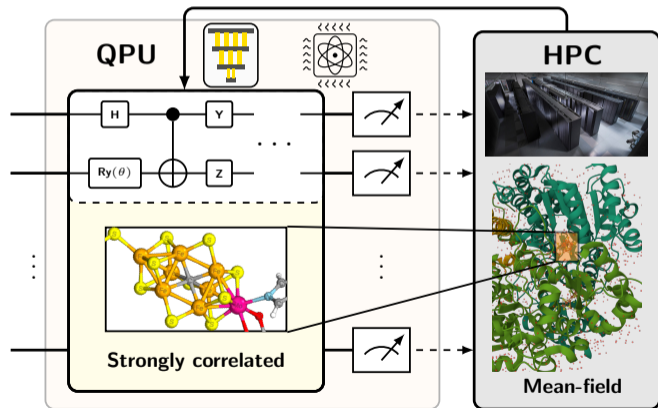
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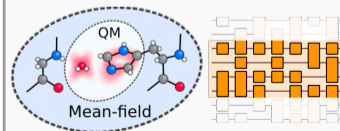
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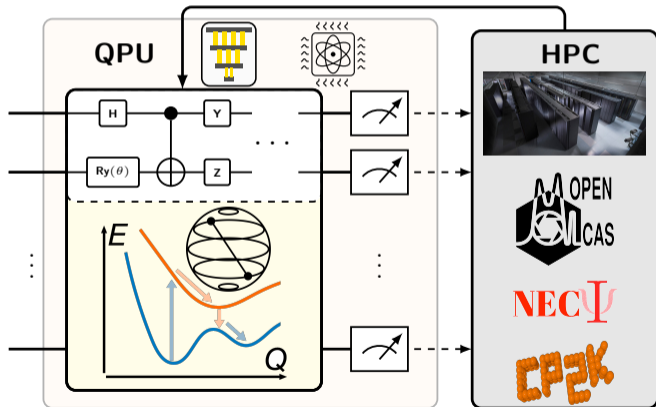
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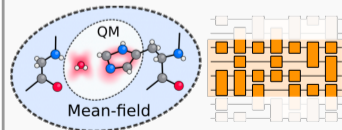
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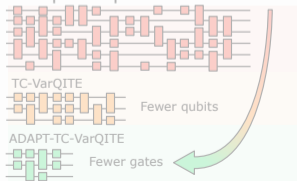
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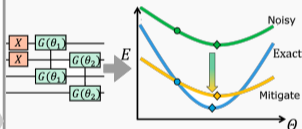
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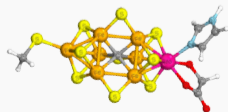
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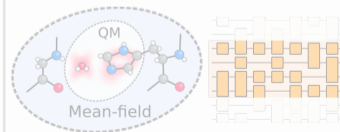
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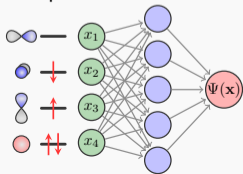


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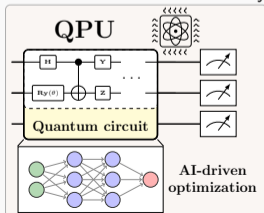
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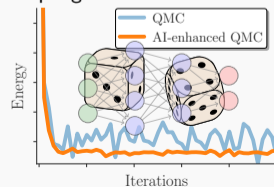
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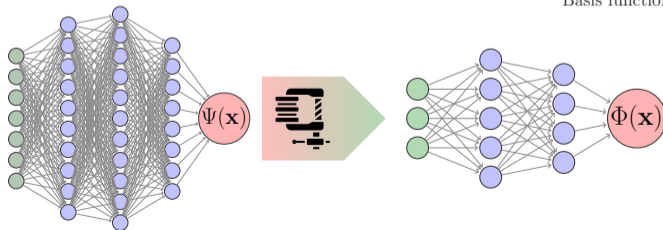
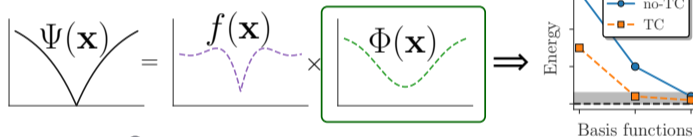
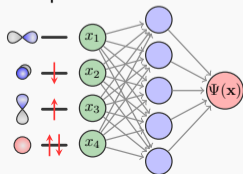


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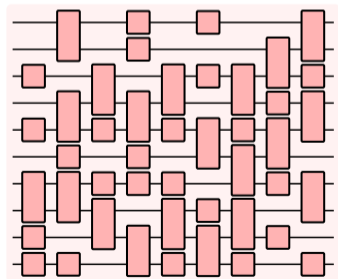
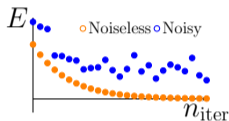
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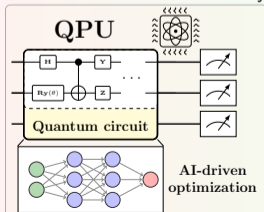
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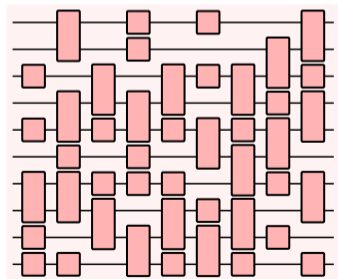
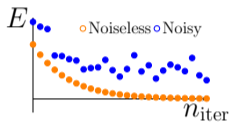
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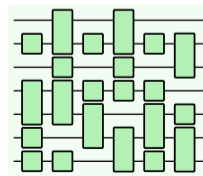
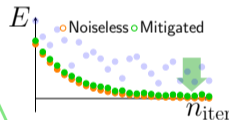
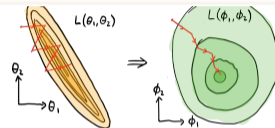
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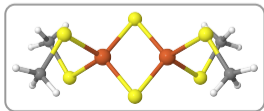
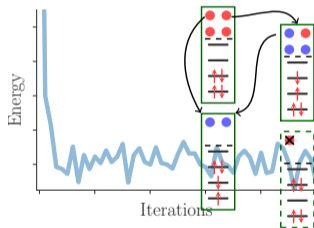
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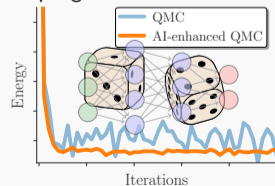
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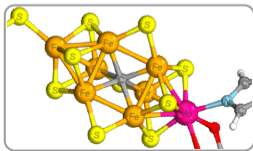
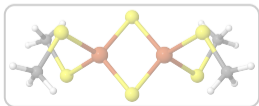
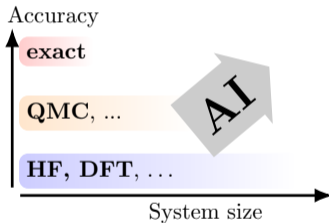
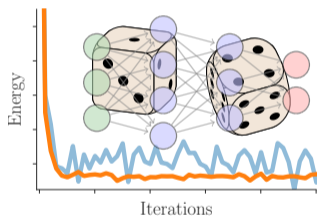
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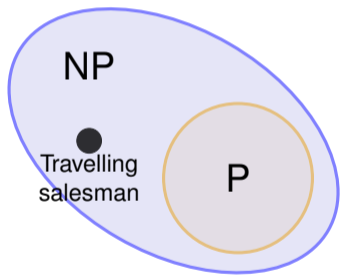
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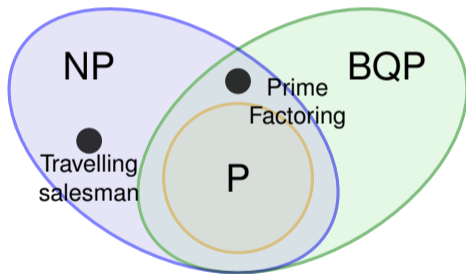
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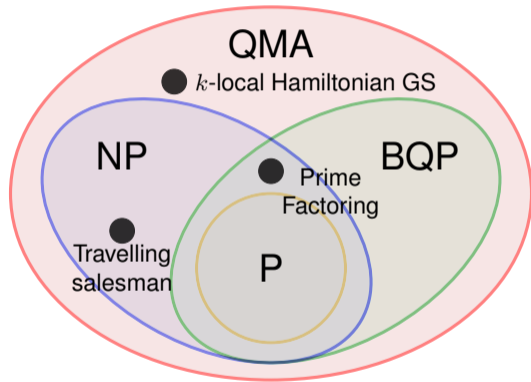
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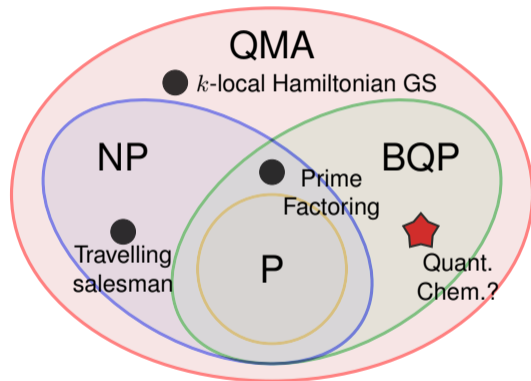
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- Hartree-Fock is in QMA
– PCCP, **15**, 397
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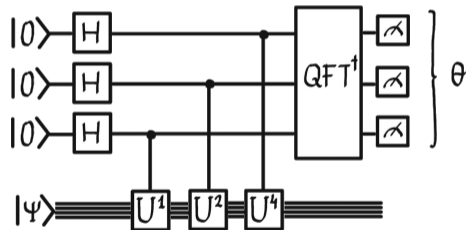
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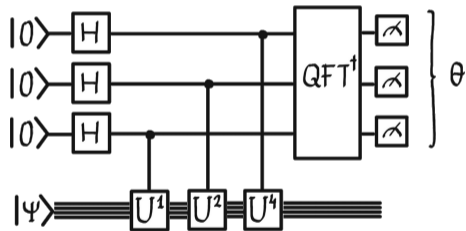
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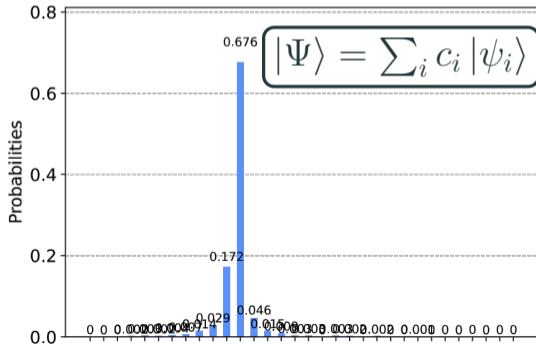
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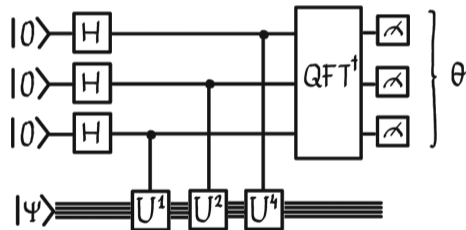


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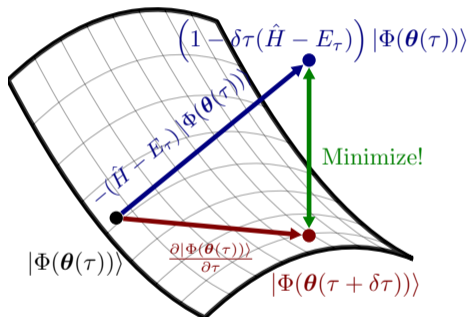
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- Many qubits, deep circuits → requires error corrected quantum devices
- State preparation: how to get good approximations of $|\Psi\rangle$?

Map imaginary-time evolution to parameters $\theta(\tau)$ of Ansatz $|\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle \approx |\Psi(\tau)\rangle$



- Imag-time Schrödinger equation, for small $\delta\tau$:

$$e^{-\delta\tau(\hat{H}-E_\tau)} \approx (1 - \delta\tau(\hat{H} - E_\tau))$$

- Variation of $|\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle$ w.r.t. to parameters $\partial\theta$:

$$|\Phi(\theta(\tau + \delta\tau))\rangle \approx |\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle + \sum_j \frac{\partial |\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle}{\partial \theta_j} \frac{\partial \theta_j}{\partial \tau} \delta\tau$$

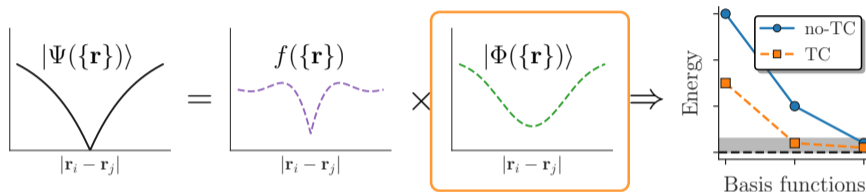
- McLachlan's variational principle

$$\delta \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + (\hat{H} - E_\tau) \right) |\Phi(\theta(\tau))\rangle \right| = 0$$

Evolution of parameters: $\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$, $A_{ij} = \frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial |\Phi \rangle}{\partial \theta_j}$ $C_i = -\frac{\partial \langle \Phi |}{\partial \theta_i} \hat{H} |\Phi \rangle$

Cusp Condition – The Transcorrelated (TC) Method

Form of the **cusp** is known* \rightarrow describe it with a **wavefunction Ansatz**



The transcorrelated (TC) method: use a Jastrow Ansatz, $e^{\hat{J}}$, with optimizable parameters J_{ij} (via VMC[†]) to transform the Hamiltonian:

$$|\Psi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle = \exp \left[\sum_{ij} J_{ij} g(\tilde{r}_{ij}) \right] |\Phi(\{\mathbf{r}\})\rangle \rightarrow \hat{H} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle \rightarrow \overbrace{e^{-\hat{H}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}}}_{\hat{H}_{\text{TC}}} |\Phi\rangle = E |\Phi\rangle$$

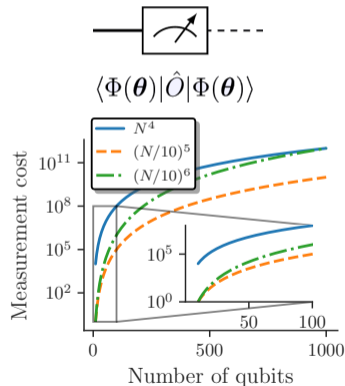
$|\Phi\rangle$ easier to represent with less basis functions \rightarrow immense resource reduction

*Kato (1957); Boys and Handy (1969); Kutzelnigg (1985); **WD**, Luo, Alavi, PRB **99** (7), 075119 (2019); Cohen, Luo, Guthrie, **WD**, Tew, Alavi, JCP **151** (6), 061101 (2019); **WD**, Cohen, Alavi, Giner, JCP **156** (23), 234108 (2022); [†]Haupt, Hosseini, López Ríos, **WD**, Cohen and Alavi, JCP **158**, 224105 (2023);

Scaling of TC – Measurement Cost

$$\bar{H} = \sum_{pq,\sigma} h_q^p a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs,\sigma\tau} \bar{V}_{rs}^{pq} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{s,\tau} a_{r,\sigma} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{pqrst,\sigma\tau\lambda} L_{st\lambda}^{pqr} a_{p,\sigma}^\dagger a_{q,\tau}^\dagger a_{r,\lambda}^\dagger a_{u,\lambda} a_{t,\tau} a_{s,\sigma}$$

- Measurement formally scaling as N^6 , with N being the number of orbitals
- Recently shown that N^6 -scaling terms can be neglected to good accuracy*
- **xTC work on N^4 -scaling approximation[‡]**
- **Order of magnitude less orbitals:** since also no core functions needed in basis set[†]
- **Shorter circuit depth,** due to more compact ground state![#]



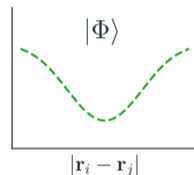
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Similarity Transformation – Transcorrelated (TC) Method

Describe the cusp condition and/or capture part of correlation with a correlated wavefunction Ansatz \rightarrow incorporate into Hamiltonian!

Instead of $\hat{H} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$ solve the similarity transformed (ST) problem

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} |\Psi\rangle &= E |\Psi\rangle, \quad \text{with} \quad |\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle \\ e^{-\hat{J}} \rightarrow | \quad \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle &= E e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle, \quad (\hat{J}^\dagger = \hat{J}) \\ (e^{-\hat{J}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}}) |\Phi\rangle &= E e^{-\hat{J}} e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle = E |\Phi\rangle \end{aligned}$$

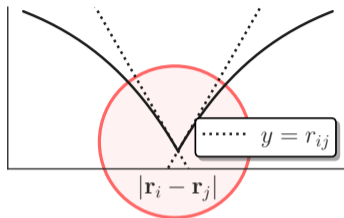


Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff (BCH) exp. to obtain TC Hamiltonian:

$$\bar{H} = e^{-\hat{J}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{J}} = \hat{H} + [\hat{H}, \hat{J}] + \frac{1}{2} [[\hat{H}, \hat{J}], \hat{J}] + \dots$$

For the molecular Hamiltonian the BCH exp. terminates at 2nd order, as only kinetic energy operators in \hat{H} do not commute with \hat{J} !

Explicitly Correlated methods



Linear behavior in electron-electron distance $r_{ij} = |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|$ for small r_{ij} !

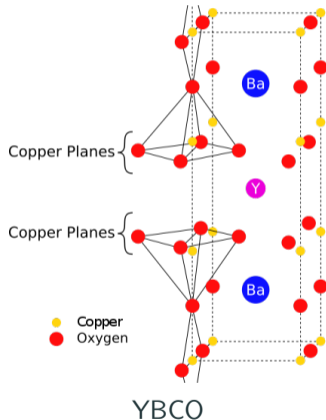
R12 methods*: $|\Psi\rangle = r_{ij} |\Phi\rangle$

F12 methods†: $|\Psi\rangle = f(r_{ij}) |\Phi\rangle$, $f(r_{ij}) = \frac{1 - \exp(-\gamma r_{ij})}{\gamma}$

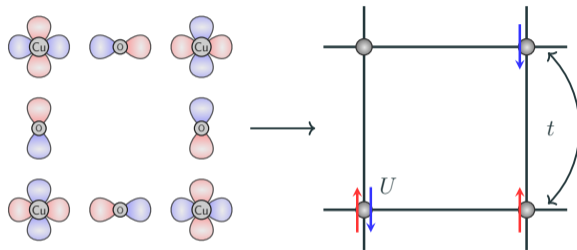
Jastrow Ansatz‡: $|\Psi\rangle = e^{\hat{J}} |\Phi\rangle$, $\hat{J} = \sum_{ij} J_{ij} g(\tilde{r}_{ij})$

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High- T_C Superconductors and the Hubbard Model



Mapping to an effective lattice model:



The Hubbard Hamiltonian

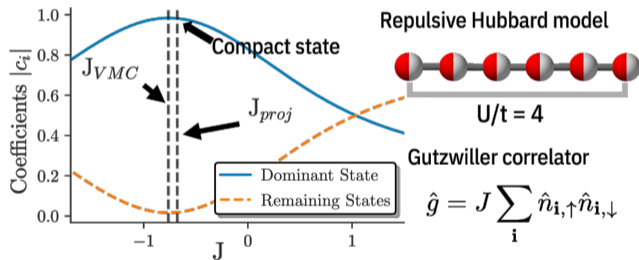
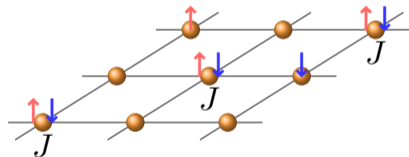
$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} \left(c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + h.c. \right) + U \sum_i n_{i,\uparrow} n_{i,\downarrow}$$

Strong interaction \Rightarrow highly multiconfigurational

Reduce circuit depth with Transcorrelation

Suppress energetically unfavourable double occupancies via the *Gutzwiller Ansatz*:

$$\hat{g} = J \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i\downarrow} : \quad \hat{H} \rightarrow e^{-\hat{g}} \hat{H} e^{\hat{g}}$$



- ⇒ **Increased compactness** of the right EV, due to downfolding of correlations into Hamiltonian
- ⇒ Does the increased compactness/more single reference character have an impact on the necessary quantum Ansatz depth?

Full Configuration Interaction Quantum Monte Carlo

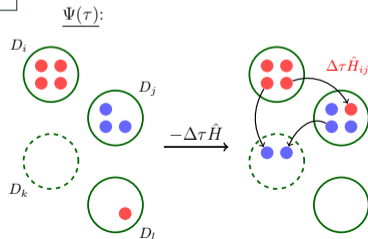
- *Projector MC method* based on the **imaginary-time Schrödinger equation**, stochastically sampling FCI wavefunction. Integration leads to an iterable equation:

$$i \frac{\partial |\Psi(t)\rangle}{\partial t} = \hat{H} |\Psi(t)\rangle \xrightarrow{\tau=it} \frac{\partial |\Psi(\tau)\rangle}{\partial \tau} = -\hat{H} |\Psi(\tau)\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi_{GS}\rangle \propto \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\tau \hat{H}} |\Phi(\tau=0)\rangle$$

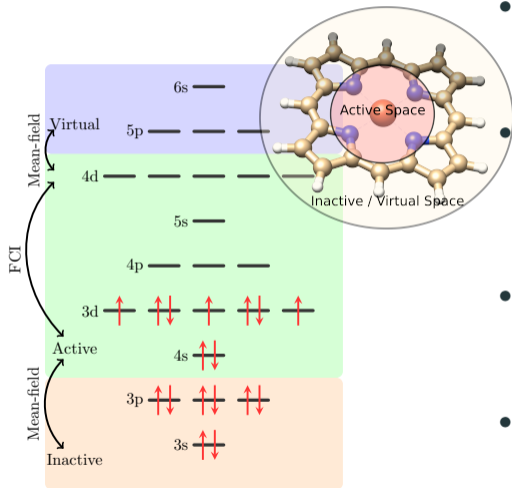
- *First order Taylor expansion* $e^{-\Delta\tau \hat{H}} \approx 1 - \Delta\tau \hat{H}$ leads to the *working equation*:

$$c_i(\tau + \Delta\tau) = [1 - \Delta\tau H_{ii}] c_i(\tau) - \Delta\tau \sum_{j \neq i} H_{ij} c_j(\tau) \quad \text{for } c_i \text{ in } |\Psi(\tau)\rangle = \sum_i c_i |D_i\rangle$$

- Solved stochastically by the *population dynamics* of **“walkers”** in the discrete Slater determinant (SD) Hilbert space.
- **Multireference method** and highly accurate solutions for system sizes $> (50e, 50o)$ possible.



Complete active space self-consistent field method (CASSCF)



- Well-established **embedding method** in quantum chemistry for the treatment of strongly correlated electron systems
- **Active space** consisting of the most important orbitals and electrons treated exactly. Configuration interaction solver (**FCIQMC**) yields ground state energy and wavefunction $|\Psi_0\rangle$
- Effect of the **environment** (Inactive/Virtual space) accounted for at the mean-field level by orbital rotations.
- **One- and two-body reduced density matrices** in the active space are needed!

$$\rho_{ij}^{\sigma} = \langle \Psi_0 | a_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{j\sigma} | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

The (Graphical) Unitary Group Approach

- **Spin-free** formulation of non-relativistic Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ij}^n t_{ij} \hat{E}_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijkl}^n V_{ijkl} \left(\hat{E}_{ij} \hat{E}_{kl} - \delta_{jk} \hat{E}_{il} \right)$$

- Spin-preserving (singlet) excitation operators:

$$\hat{E}_{ij} = \hat{c}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j\uparrow} + \hat{c}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{j\downarrow}, \quad \text{with} \quad [\hat{E}_{ij}, \hat{\mathbf{S}}^2] = 0$$

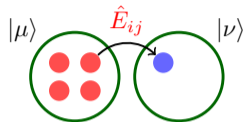
- *same commutation relations* as **generators** of the Unitary Group $U(n)$
- Gel'fand-Tsetlin (GT) basis: **invariant** and **irreducible**, same storage cost as SDs
- **Efficient** matrix element calculation and excitation generation entirely via the Graphical Unitary Group Approach (GUGA)*, without reference to SDs

Spin-free RDMs with GUGA-FCIQMC for CASSCF

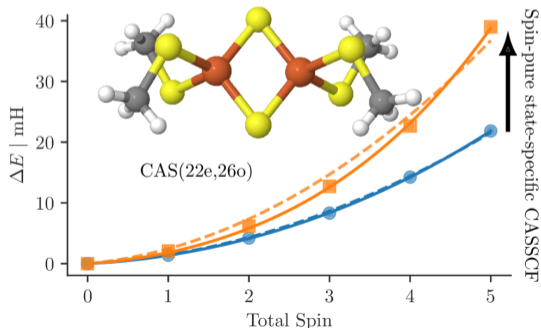
Sample one- and two-body RDMs in excitation process:

$$\rho_{ij} = \langle \Psi | \hat{E}_{ij} | \Psi \rangle = \sum_{dd'} c_d^{(I)} c_{d'}^{(II)} \langle d' | \hat{E}_{ij} | d \rangle,$$

$$\Gamma_{jl,ik} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \Psi | \hat{E}_{ij} \hat{E}_{kl} - \delta_{jk} \hat{E}_{il} | \Psi \rangle$$



- Modest computational overhead
- Interfaced with OpenMolcas*
- (22e,26o) active space of Fe₂S₂ model system
- Reveals necessary higher order terms in Heisenberg mapping



*Overy *et al.*, JCP, **141**, 244117 (2014); †WD, Weser, Bogdanov, Alavi, Li Manni, JCTC **17** (9), 5684 (2021)