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# Motivation

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with spiky hair, wearing a striped shirt, sitting at a desk with an open book. He has a surprised or excited expression.

I would like to do an  
*ab initio* calculation  
of Zr isotopes!

A cartoon illustration of a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie, pointing his right index finger upwards. He has a slightly exasperated or explanatory expression.

We can't do that on  
a classical computer!

But I heard *quantum*  
*computers* will solve all  
problems and bring paradise!

Well....

# SCIENCE PROBLEMS FOR QUANTUM COMPUTING?



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- **Dark matter targets:** some targets for dark matter (e.g.  $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ) are in very large model spaces. (Similarly for neutrino targets)
- \* **Beta decays:** beta-delayed neutron emission in fission fragments; independently, look at beta decays of neutron-rich 'rare' nuclides.
- \* **Hadronic parity violation:** Experimental measurement of the anapole moment in heavy nuclides is underway (D. DeMille et al)
- \* **Inputs for reactions in medium to heavy nuclei,** including spectroscopic factors, needed for astrophysics



All of these problems require  
the quantum wave function of atomic nuclei

To answer this, we attempt to solve *Schrödinger's*  
*equation*:

$$\left( \sum_i -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + U(r_i) + \sum_{i<j} V(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \right) \Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3 \dots) = E\Psi$$



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But what do we use  
for the basis states?



Maria Mayer

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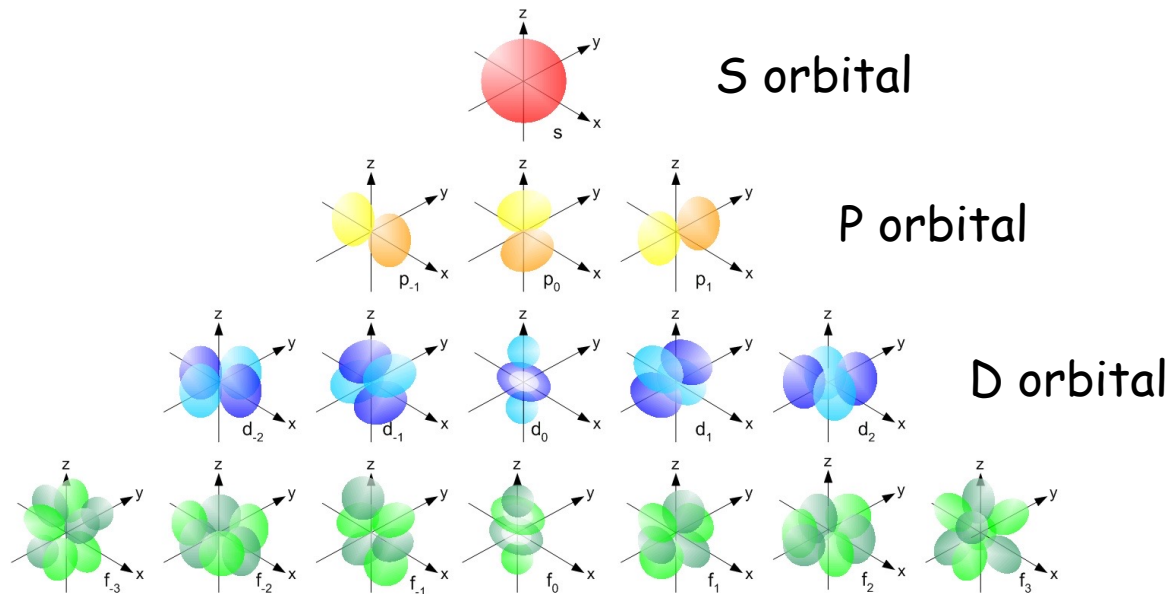
Single-particle wave functions labeled by, *e.g.*,  $n, j, l, m$

Atomic case: 1s, 2s, 2p, 3s, 3p, 3d *etc*

Nuclear: 0s<sub>1/2</sub>, 0p<sub>3/2</sub>, 0p<sub>1/2</sub>, 0d<sub>5/2</sub>, 1s<sub>1/2</sub>, 0d<sub>3/2</sub>, *etc*



- This gives rise to the shell model



The **orbitals** are solutions to a one-particle Schrodinger eqn:

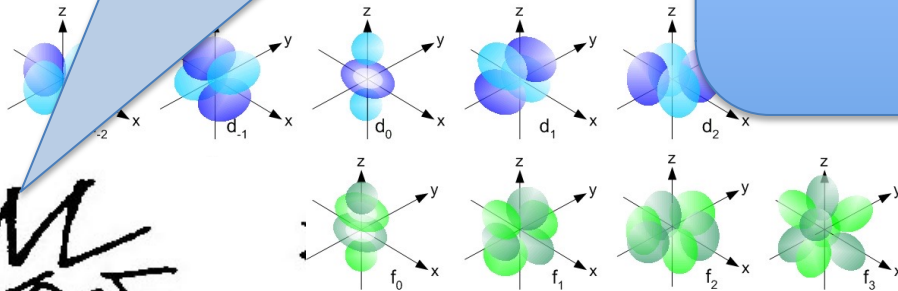
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How do we get many-body states?

We just mash many single-particle states together!



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- How the basis states are represented

Product wavefunction (“Slater Determinant”)

$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3 \dots) = \phi_{n_1}(\vec{r}_1) \phi_{n_2}(\vec{r}_2) \phi_{n_3}(\vec{r}_3) \dots \phi_{n_N}(\vec{r}_N)$$

Each many-body state can be *uniquely* determined by a list of “occupied” single-particle states = “occupation representation”

$$|\alpha\rangle = \hat{a}_{n_1}^+ \hat{a}_{n_2}^+ \hat{a}_{n_3}^+ \dots \hat{a}_{n_N}^+ |0\rangle$$



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$n_i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\alpha=1$	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
$\alpha=2$	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
$\alpha=3$	0	1	1	1	0	1	0

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle$$

Each basis state  
a Slater determinant

~ a product of  
many ‘orbitals’



Nuclear Hamiltonian: 
$$\hat{H} = \sum_i -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} V(r_i, r_j)$$

At this point one generally goes to occupation representation:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_i \varepsilon_i \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_i + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_l \hat{a}_k$$

single-particle energies

two-body matrix elements



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Because we can generate such single-particle states  
with a rotationally invariant one-body Hamiltonian,  
we call this the *spherical basis*.



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The Hartree-Fock state is a single Slater determinant which has the lowest energy, i.e., let  $\Psi$  be a general Slater determinant:

Minimizing  $\frac{\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}$  leads to the Hartree-Fock equations.



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Coupled matrix element:  $\langle a j_a, b j_b; J_{ab} | V | c j_c, d j_d; J_{cd} \rangle$

Uncoupled matrix element:  $\langle j_1 m_1, j_2 m_2 | V | j_3 m_3, j_3 m_3 \rangle$   
(uncoupled used Clebsch-Gordan coefficients)



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In the single-particle *Hartree-Fock* basis, there are more nonzero matrix elements  $V_{ijkl}$  due to mixing/breaking of symmetries. (Overall symmetry is still conserved, if you keep *all* matrix elements.)

**This will be important later!**





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## Nuclear shell model on a quantum computer

Ly, Wei, Xie, Long, arXiv:2205.12087 ‘Package’ for computing shell model (not public)

Romero, Engel, Tang, Economou, PRC **105**, 064317 (2022). [Advanced VQE for shell model.](#)

Stetcu, Baroni, Carlson, arXiv: 2110.06098. [Uses unitary coupled cluster for p-shell](#)

Siwach, Arumugam, PRC **105**, 064318 (2022) [Computing quadrupole moment of deuteron](#)

Kiss, Grossi, et al, arXiv:2205.0864. [Unitary coupled cluster for  \${}^6\text{Li}\$  \(really: frozen  \$\alpha\$  + deuteron all over again\)](#)

Talks this week: Romero (next talk)

Robin (Thursday); Perez-Obiol (Thursday) (entanglement)



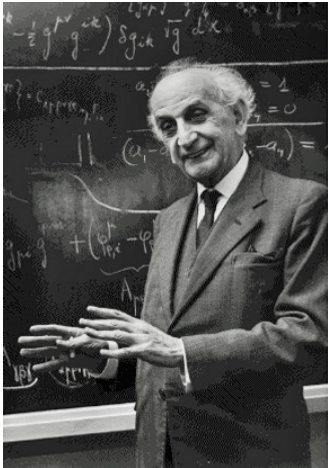
# How are we going to tackle nuclear structure on a quantum computer?

Can we adapt our current approaches to quantum computers?

- Lattice
- Coupled cluster  $\rightarrow$  'unitary' coupled cluster
- Advanced VQE (cf. next talk)
- **Configuration-interaction  $\rightarrow$  Lanczos**



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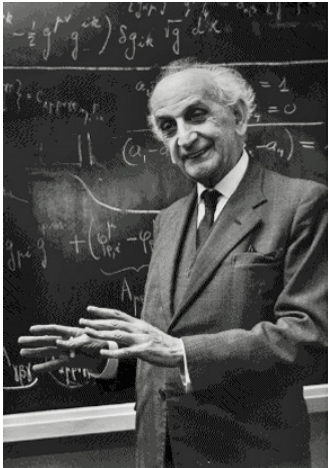


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# The Lanczos Algorithm!



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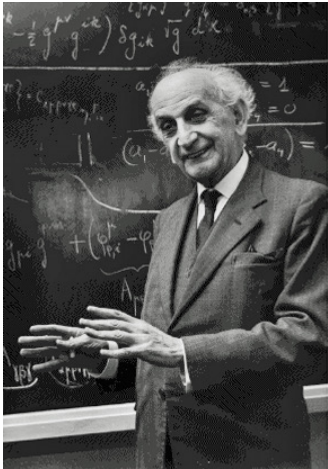


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# The Lanczos Algorithm!

Note: these quantum algorithms may not be practical on current machines, but reflect thinking about longer-term applications





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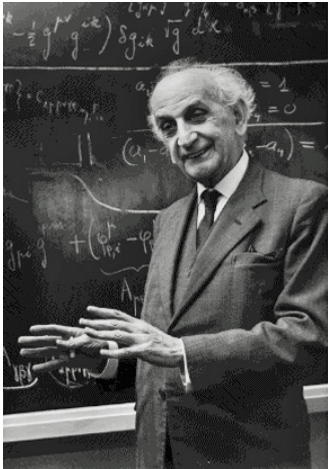
$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v}_2 = \beta_1\vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2\vec{v}_2 + \beta_2\vec{v}_3$$

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v}_3 = \beta_2\vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3\vec{v}_3 + \beta_3\vec{v}_4$$

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{v}_4 = \beta_3\vec{v}_3 + \alpha_4\vec{v}_4 + \beta_4\vec{v}_5$$

Starting from some initial vector (the “pivot”)  $v_1$  ,  
the Lanczos algorithm iteratively creates  
a new basis (a “Krylov space”).

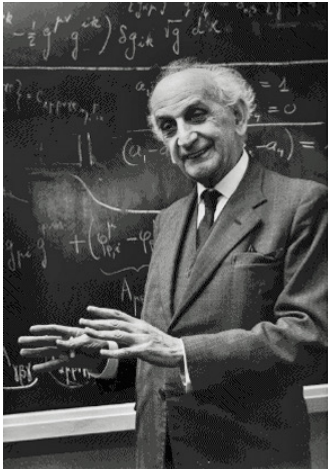
This is an example of a ‘reduced basis method’



(Cornelius Lanczos)

This transforms the matrix  $A$  into a new basis,  
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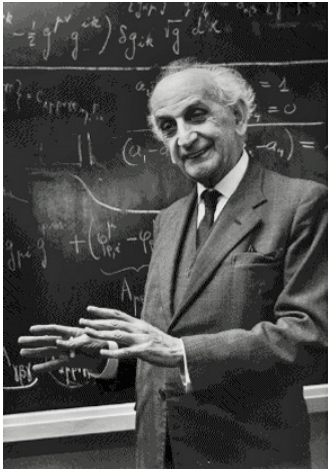
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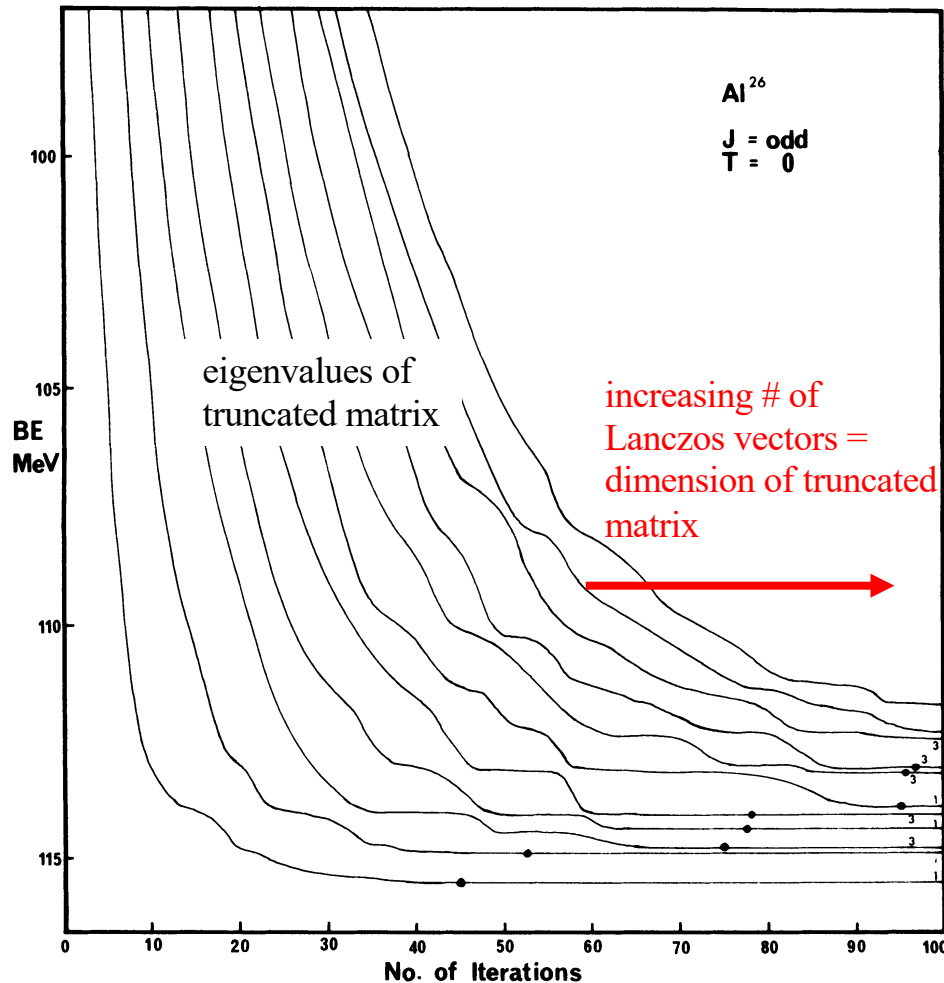
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The extremal eigenvalues of the transformed, truncated matrix quickly converge to the extremal eigenvalues of the original matrix!





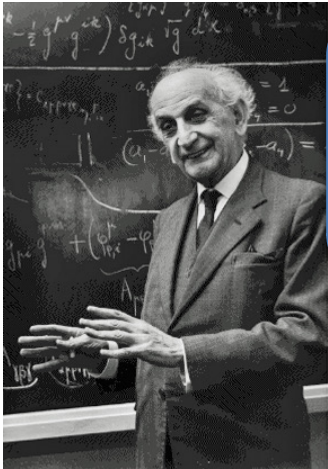
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Whitehead, R. R., et al.  
*Advances in nuclear physics.*  
(1977) 123-176.

The one drawback of Lanczos is, due to round-off error, one must explicitly enforce orthogonality of Lanczos vectors

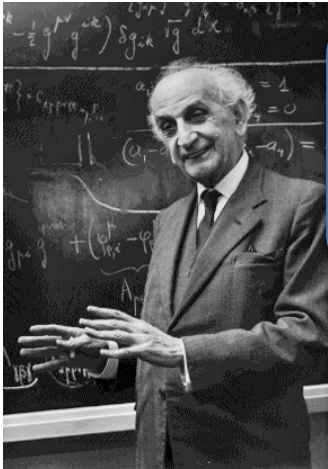
(“reorthogonalization”)



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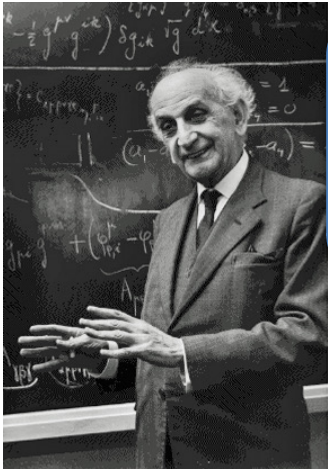


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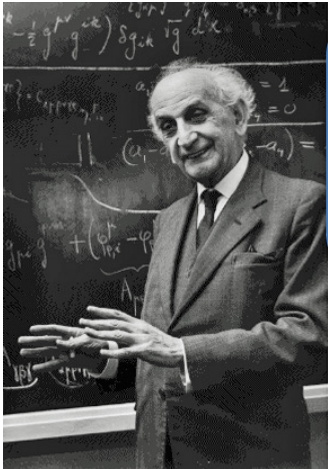
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BUT: linear combinations:  $|\Phi\rangle = a|\Psi\rangle$   
(though possible) is not easy  
(cf. linear combinations of unitaries (LCU))





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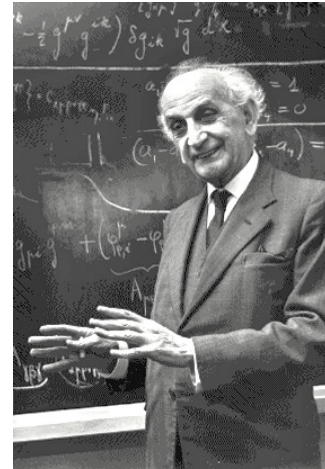
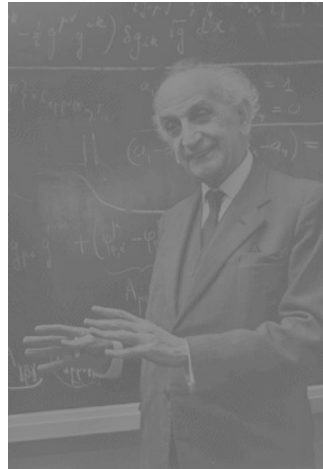
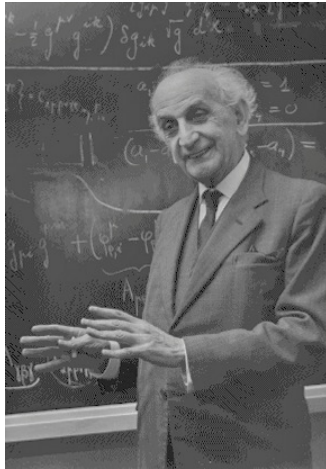
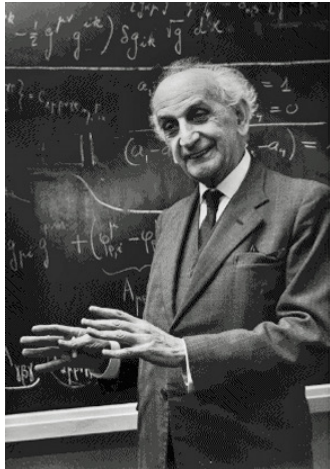
Let's do a hybrid approach:  
some parts on a quantum machine  
and some parts on a classical machine



# Quantum Lanczos in imaginary time



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Motta, *et al*, Nature Physics **16**, 205 (2020)  
McArdle *et al*, npj Quantum Inf. 5, 75 (2019)

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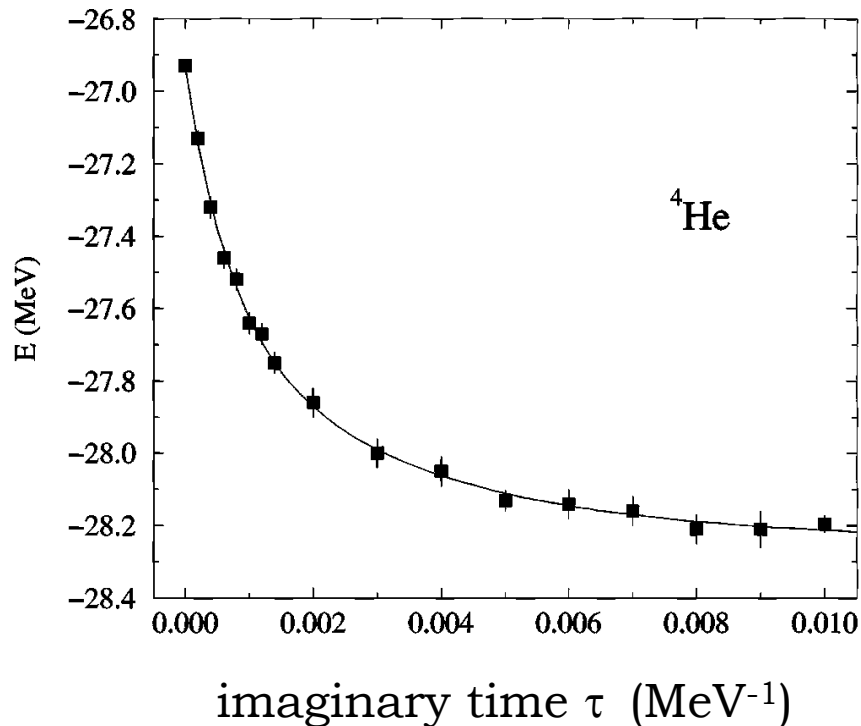
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Imaginary-time evolution is the workhorse of  
“Quantum Monte Carlo” on classical computers

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\tau \hat{H}} |\psi_{trial}\rangle \propto |\Psi_{gs}\rangle$$



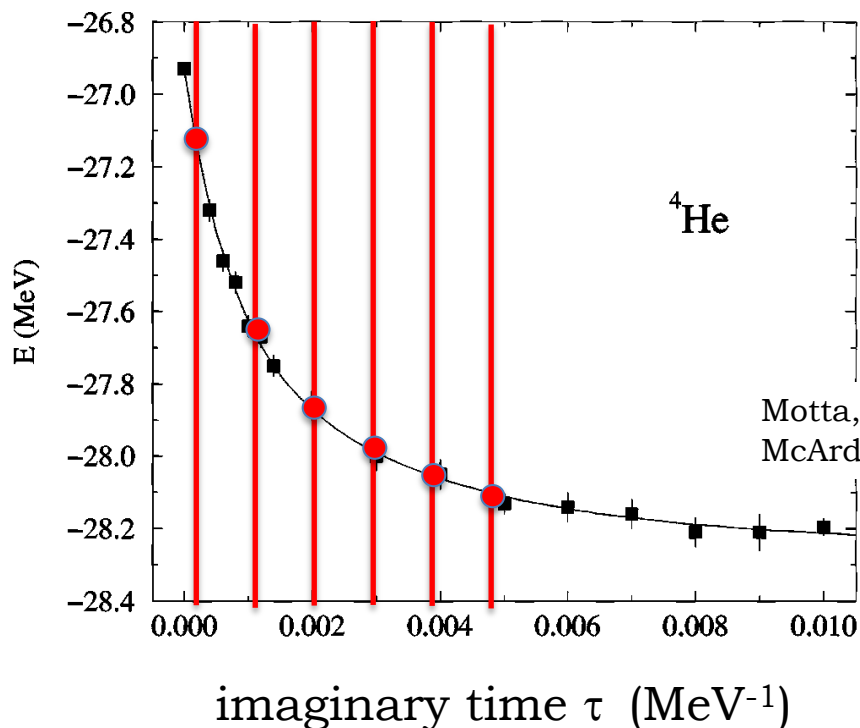
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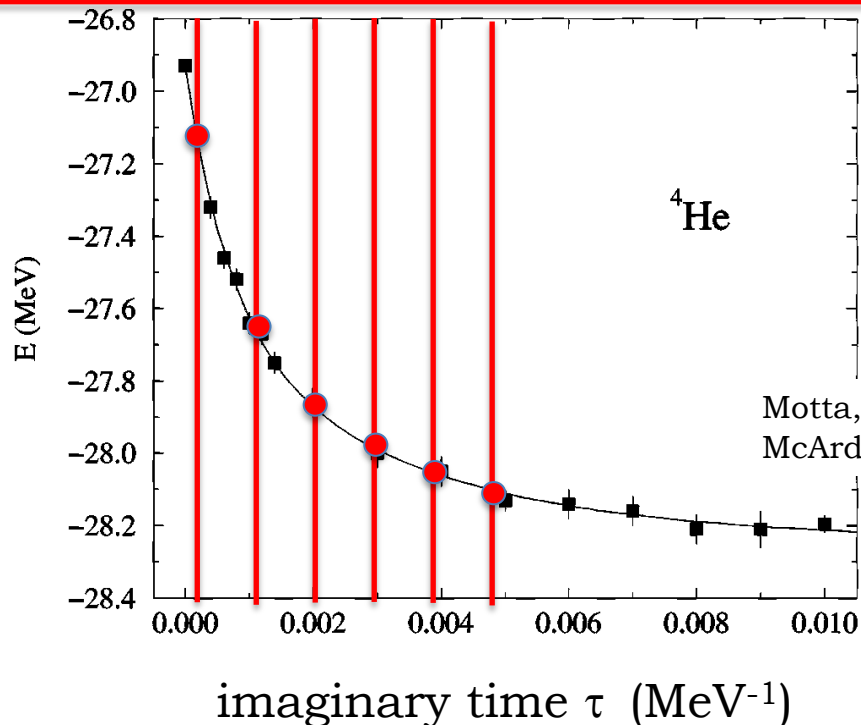


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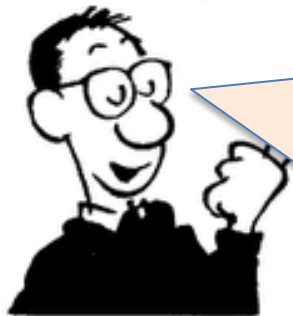
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state dependent and  
not trivial to find!

but see Jouzdani, CWJ, Mucciolo,  
and Stectu, PRA **106**, 062435 (2022)  
for improvements



# Quantum Lanczos in real time



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Quantum computers  
are good at unitary  
transformations  
so why not use  
**real time evolution?**



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Parrish and McMahon, arXiv:1909.08925  
“Quantum Filter Diagonalization”



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A cartoon character with spiky hair, wearing a striped shirt, sitting at a desk with an open book. A speech bubble points from the character to the text.

But will this filter out  
the low-lying states?

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We took several steps to investigate this approach

Lanczos  
on a classical  
computer

Baseline



# Quantum Lanczos in real time



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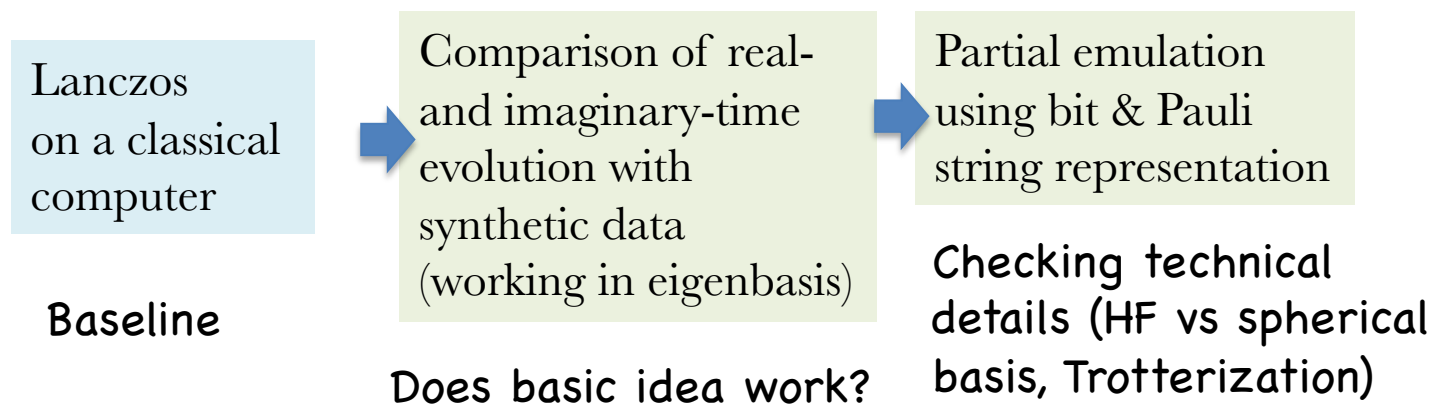
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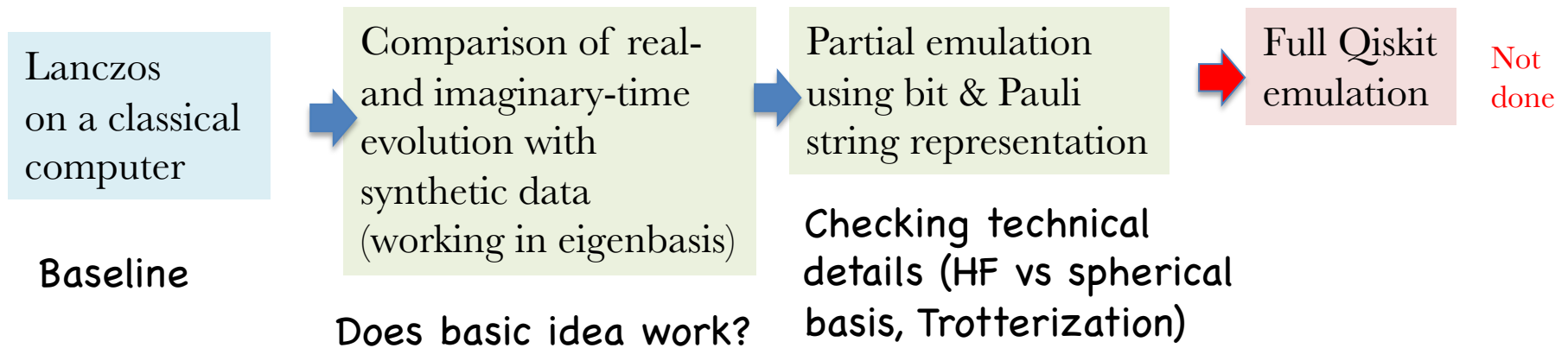


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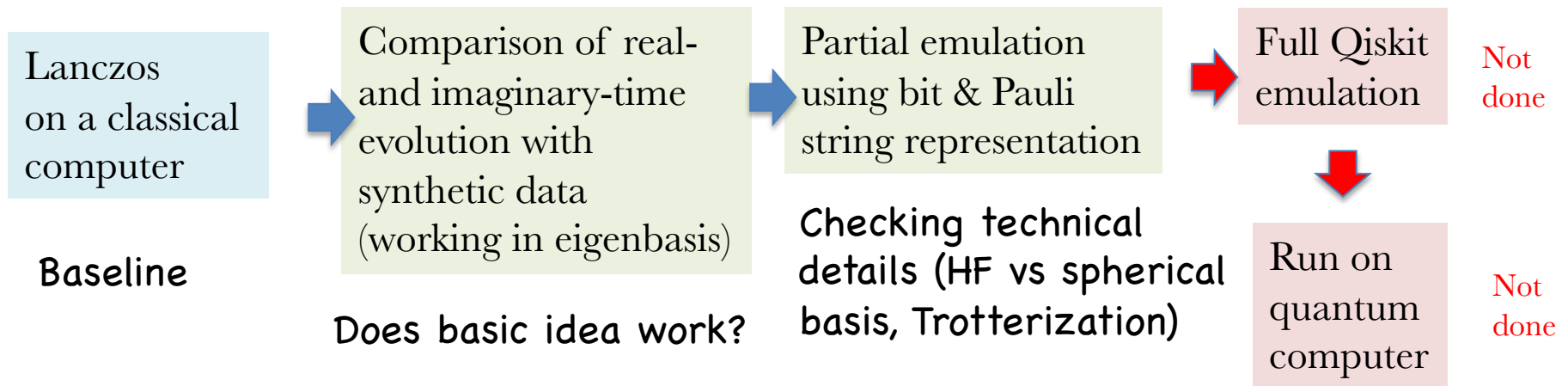


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For this step, we fully diagonalized  
a nuclear Hamiltonian (USDB) in  
a valence space to get all the  
eigenenergies:  $\hat{H}|\phi_n\rangle = E_n |\phi_n\rangle$

We then generated a random trial  
vector

$$|\psi_{trial}\rangle = \sum_n c_n |\phi_n\rangle$$

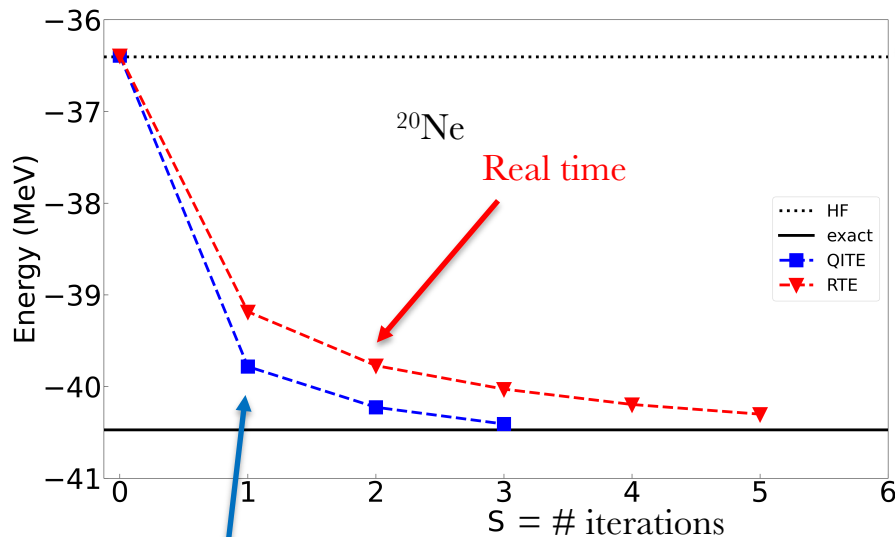
Evolution in the energy basis is easy:

$$e^{-i\hat{H}t}|\psi_{trial}\rangle = \sum_n c_n e^{-iE_n t}|\phi_n\rangle$$

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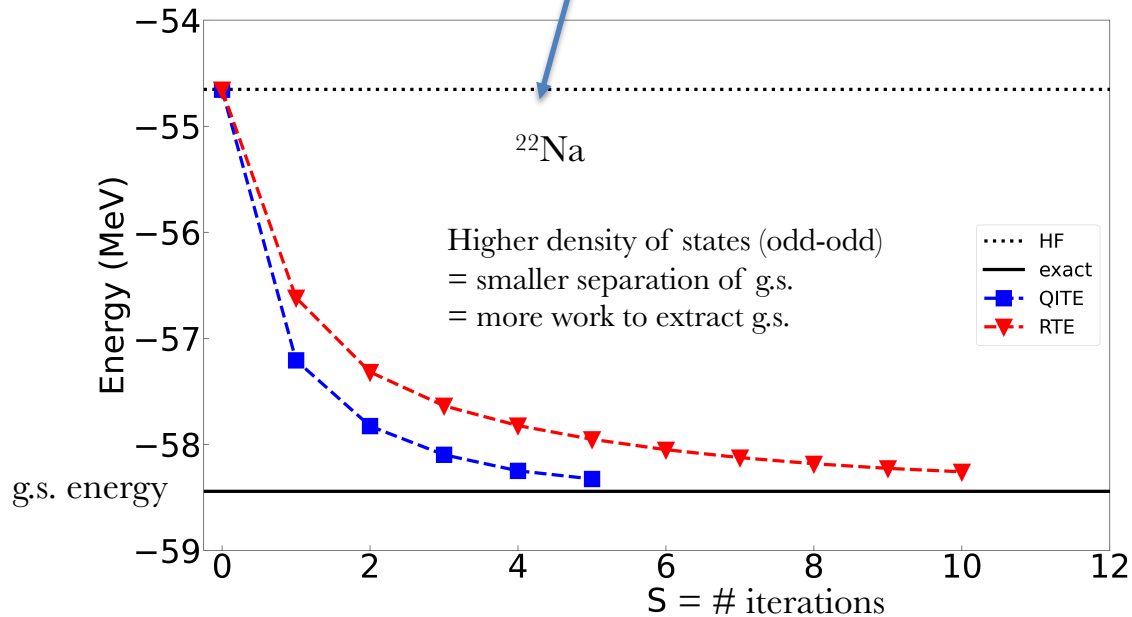


Initial state: We evolved in imaginary time a random state until  $\langle H \rangle = E_{\text{HF}}$

Imaginary time

g.s. energy

Here  $\Delta t = \Delta \tau = 0.1 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$



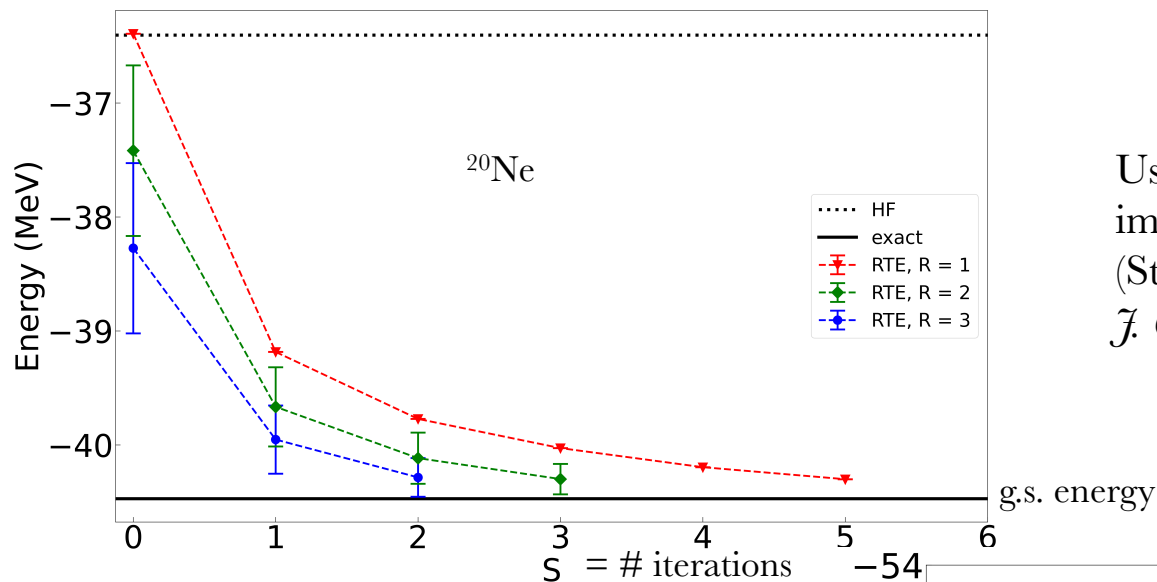
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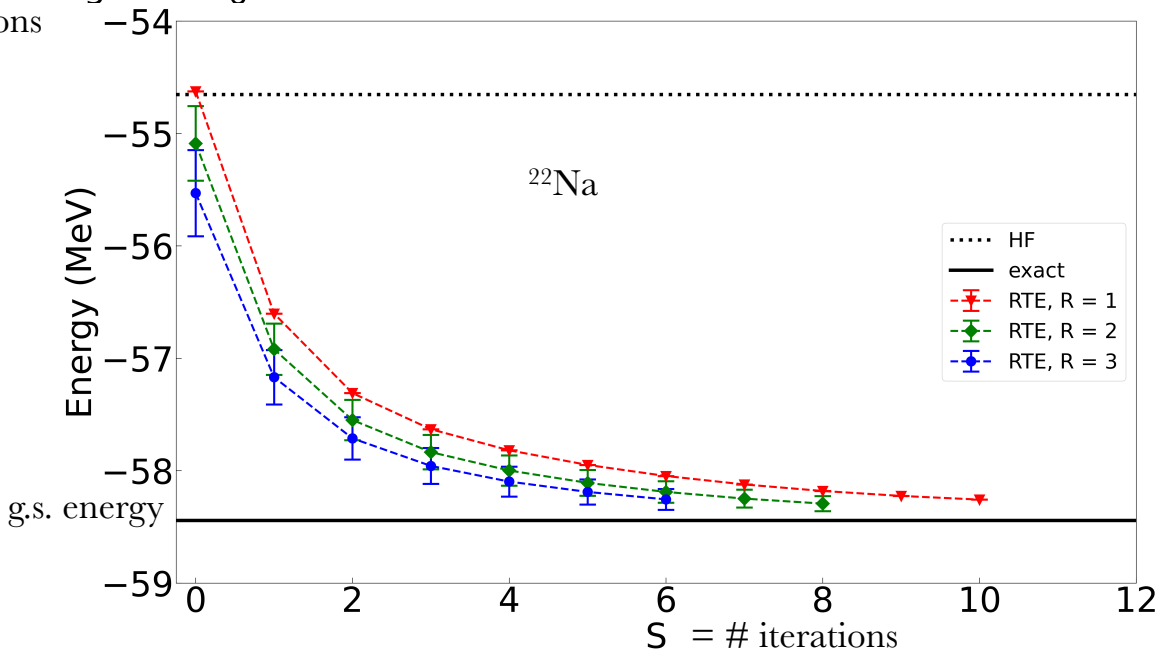
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Use of multiple reference states improves convergence  
(Stair, Huang, Evangelista, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **16**, 2236 (2022))



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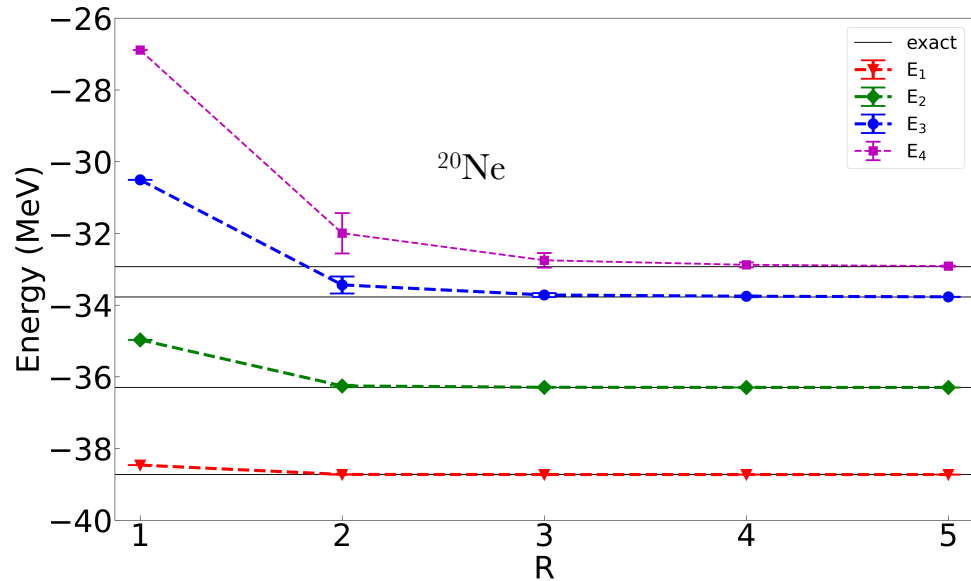
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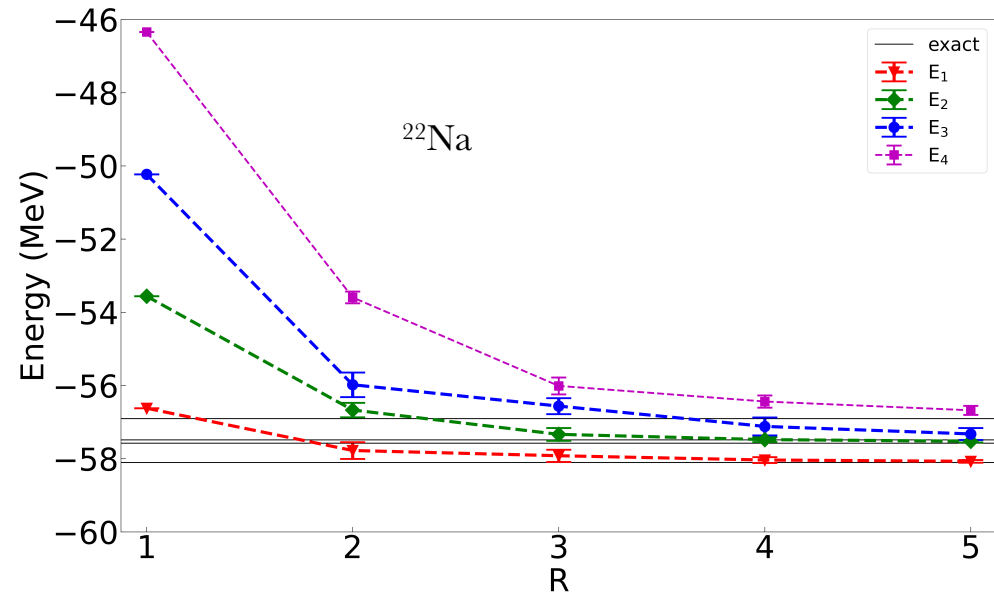


We can also get excited states

Here  $\Delta t = \Delta \tau = 0.1 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$

Number of iterations fixed at  $S = 9$

$R = \#$  of reference states

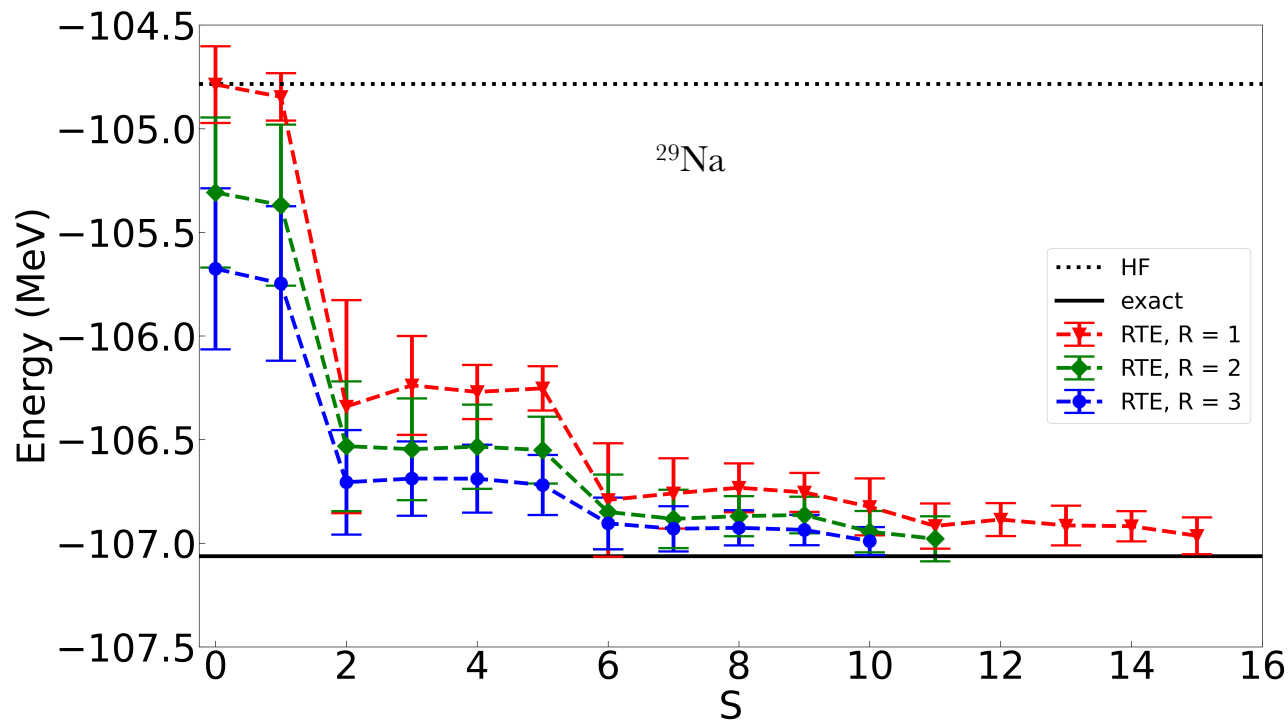




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S = # of iterations

We added noise (1%) to check  
robustness of solving  
generalized eigenvalue equation

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**Basic idea works!**



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Partial emulation  
using bit & Pauli  
string representation

Checking technical  
details (HF vs spherical  
basis, Trotterization)

For this next step, we generated the full wave function using operators, e.g.,  $\hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_3^\dagger \hat{a}_6^\dagger \hat{a}_{11}^\dagger |0\rangle$ , and the Hamiltonian,

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ij} \langle i | \hat{T} | j \rangle \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} \langle ij | \hat{V} | kl \rangle \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_l \hat{a}_k,$$

These were mapped to Pauli strings. We then simulated time-evolution, but using the operators directly, not using gates in Qiskit.

(Instead, these were applied in basis of all possible bitstrings  $|0001\rangle$  etc.

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**example:  $^{14}\text{N}$  in  $\text{Op}_{1/2}$  -shell**

Jordan-Wigner mapping

$$\hat{a}_0^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(X_0 - iY_0) \quad \text{proton, } m = +1/2$$

$$\hat{a}_1^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(Z_0X_1 - iZ_0Y_1) \quad \text{proton, } m = -1/2$$

$$\hat{a}_2^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(Z_0Z_1X_2 - iZ_0Z_1Y_2) \quad \text{neutron, } m = +1/2$$

$$\hat{a}_3^\dagger = \frac{1}{2}(Z_0Z_1Z_2X_3 - iZ_0Z_1Z_2Y_3), \quad \text{neutron, } m = -1/2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} = & c_0 I + c_1 Z_0 + c_2 Z_1 + c_3 Z_2 + c_4 Z_3 + c_5 Z_0 Z_3 + c_6 Z_1 Z_2 \\ & + c_7 Z_0 Z_2 + c_8 Z_1 Z_3 + c_9 Y_0 Y_1 Y_2 Y_3 + c_{10} X_0 X_1 X_2 X_3 \\ & + c_{11} Y_0 Y_1 X_2 X_3 + c_{1,2} X_0 X_1 Y_2 Y_3 + c_{13} Y_0 X_1 Y_2 X_3 \\ & + c_{14} X_0 Y_1 X_2 Y_3 + c_{15} X_0 Y_1 Y_2 X_3 + c_{16} Y_0 X_1 X_2 Y_3,\end{aligned}$$

Luckily, this can be automated in Qiskit and other packages!

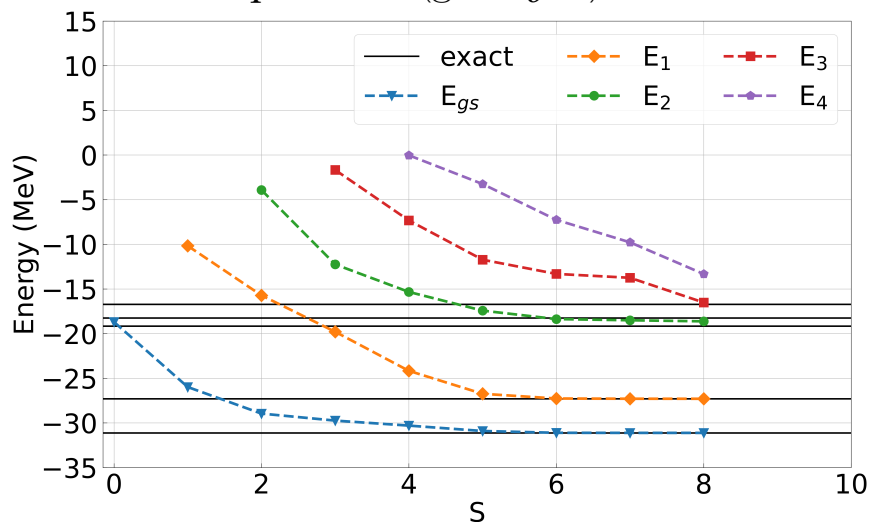
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## $^8\text{Be}$ in full $0p$ -shell



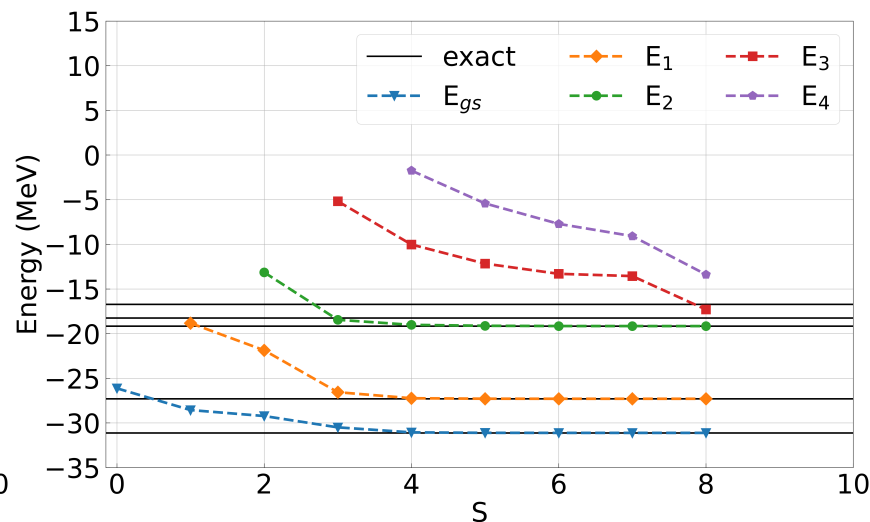
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spherical (good  $j,m$ ) basis



(a)

Hartree-Fock basis



(b)

Figure 8.1. Numerical simulations of the QLanczos algorithm with exact real-time evolution to solve for the lowest five energy states of the valence particles of  $^8\text{Be}$  (two protons and two neutrons in the full  $p$ -shell). The simulation was run using a single reference state; (a) the lowest energy configuration in the spherical basis and (b) the Hartree-Fock state. A fixed number of real-time evolution iterations was used ( $S = 8$ ) with a time step size of  $\Delta t = 0.1$ .

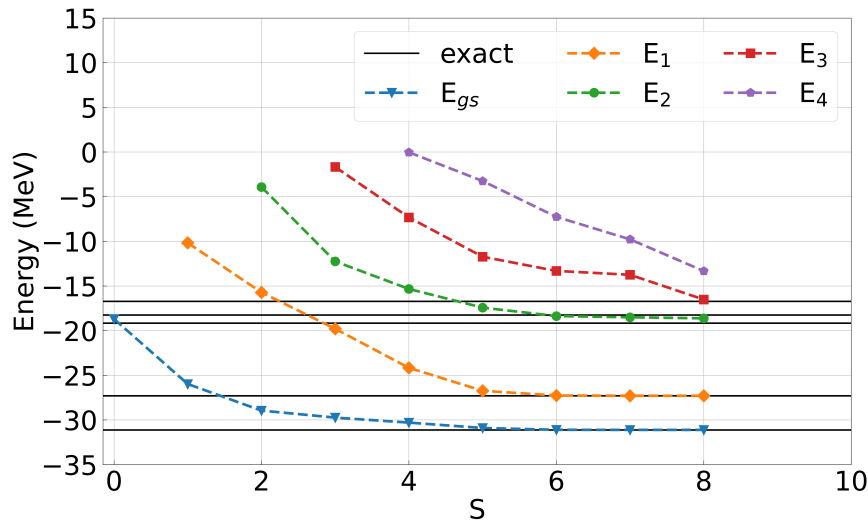
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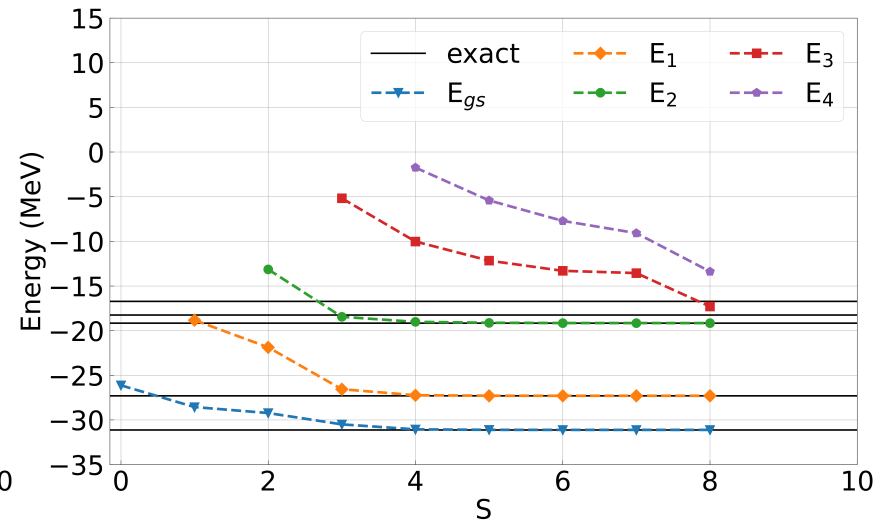
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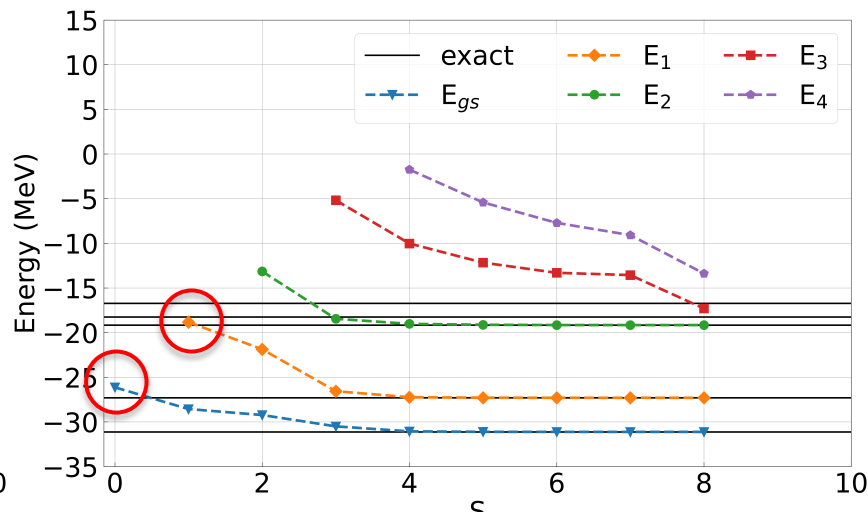
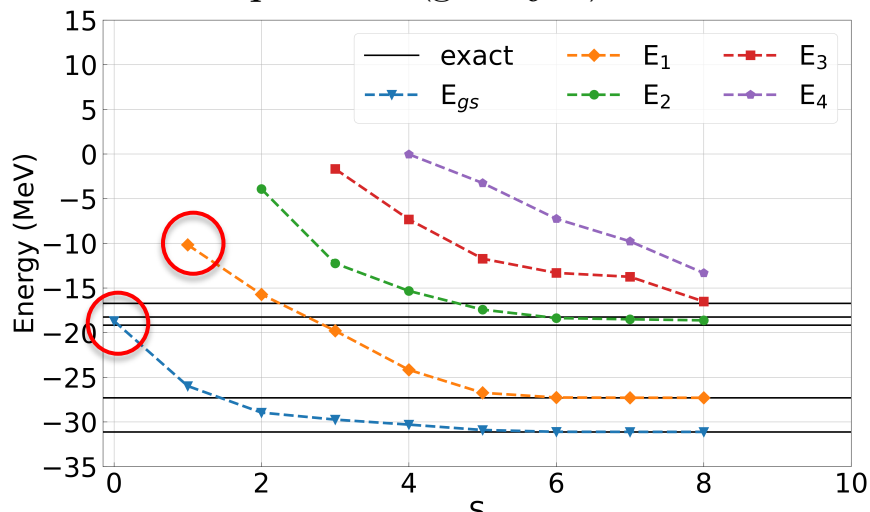


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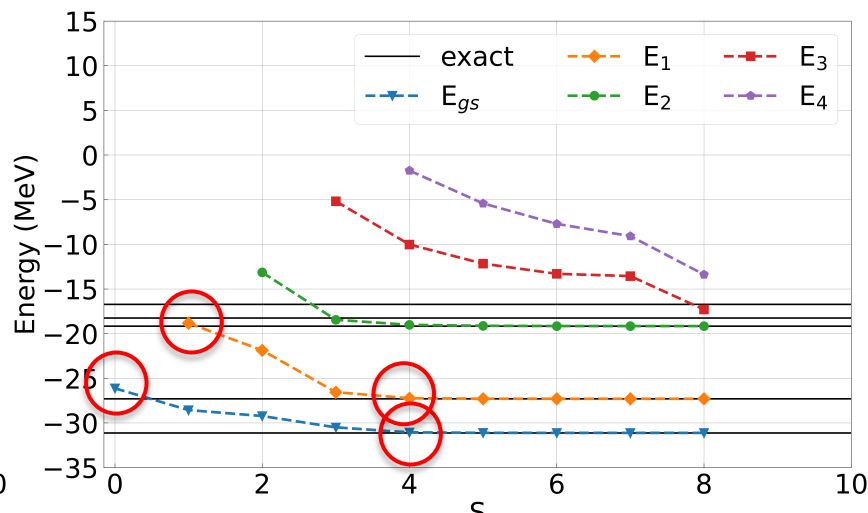
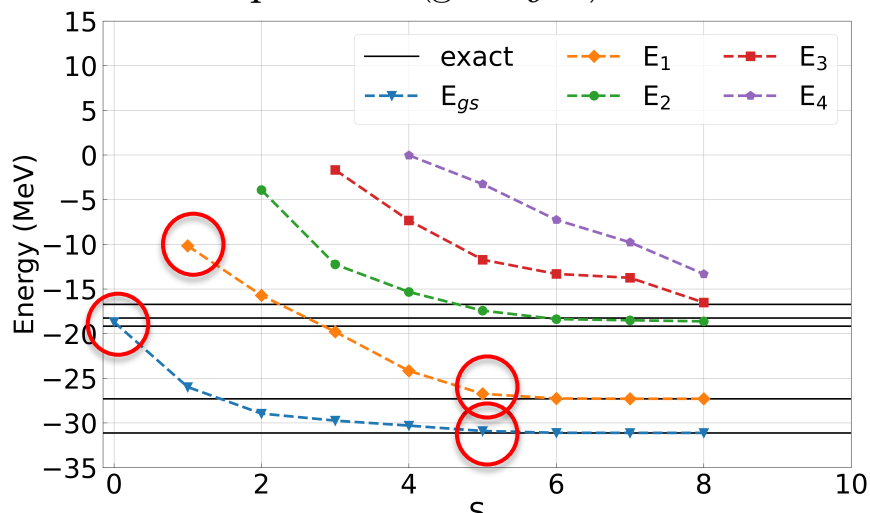


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We can investigate the importance of Trotterization

$$e^{-i\hat{H}\Delta tk} \approx \left( \prod_m e^{-ic_m P_m \Delta tk / N} \right)^N = U_k,$$

**example:  $^{14}\text{N}$  in  $\text{Op}_{1/2}$  -shell**

$$\begin{aligned} U_k = & \exp(-ic_0 I \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_1 Z_0 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_2 Z_1 \Delta tk) \\ & \exp(-ic_3 Z_2 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_4 Z_3 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_5 Z_0 Z_3 \Delta tk) \\ & \exp(-ic_6 Z_1 Z_2 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_7 Z_0 Z_2 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_8 Z_1 Z_3 \Delta tk) \\ & \exp(-ic_9 Y_0 Y_1 Y_2 Y_3 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_{10} X_0 X_1 X_2 X_3 \Delta tk) \\ & \exp(-ic_{11} Y_0 Y_1 X_2 X_3 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_{12} X_0 X_1 Y_2 Y_3 \Delta tk) \\ & \exp(-ic_{13} Y_0 X_1 Y_2 X_3 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_{14} X_0 Y_1 X_2 Y_3 \Delta tk) \\ & \exp(-ic_{15} X_0 Y_1 Y_2 X_3 \Delta tk) \exp(-ic_{16} Y_0 X_1 X_2 Y_3 \Delta tk) \end{aligned}$$

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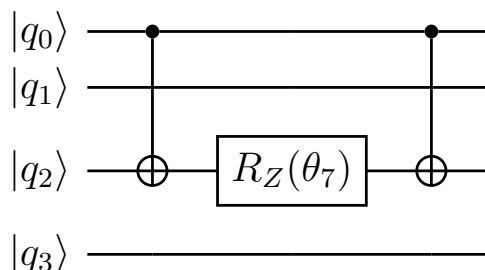
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where  $\theta_7 = c_7 \Delta tk$ .

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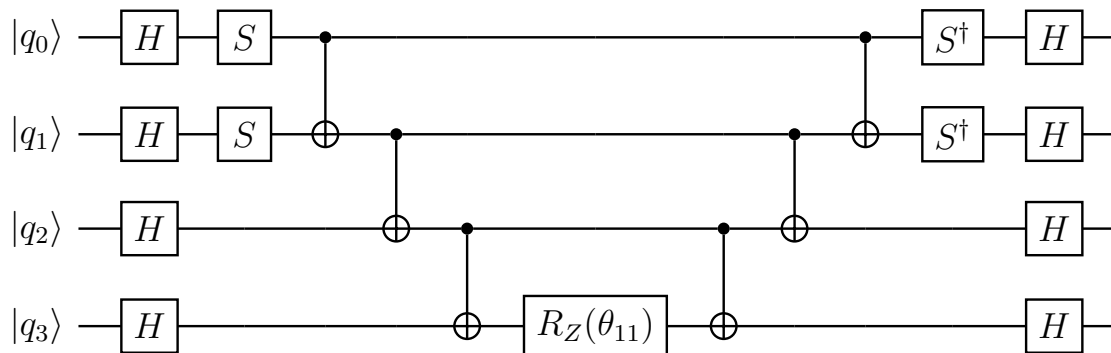
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For example, the circuit for  $\exp(-ic_{11}Y_0Y_1X_2X_3\Delta tk)$ , is



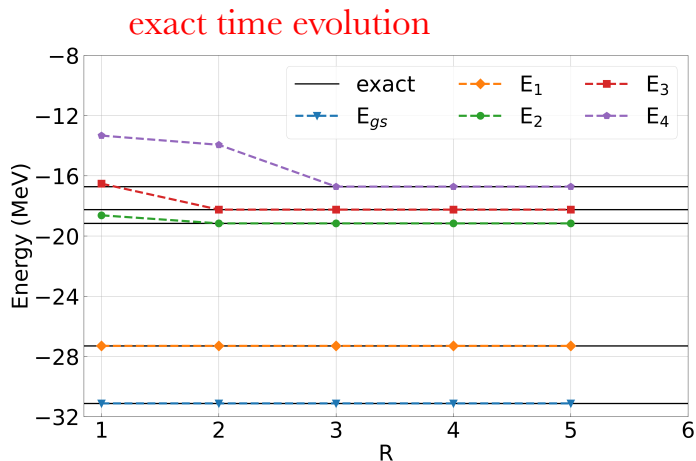
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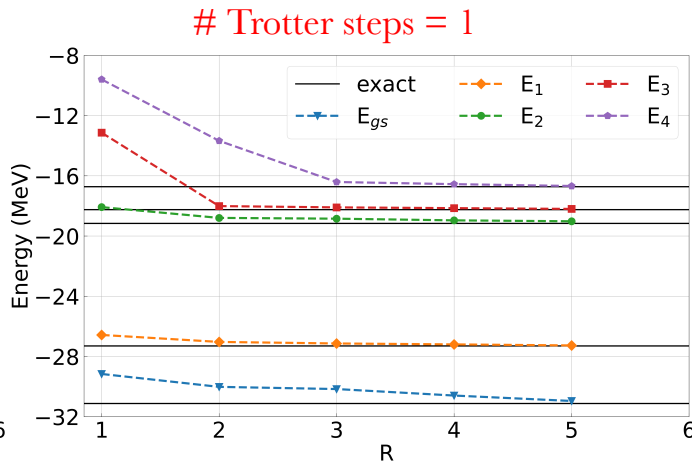
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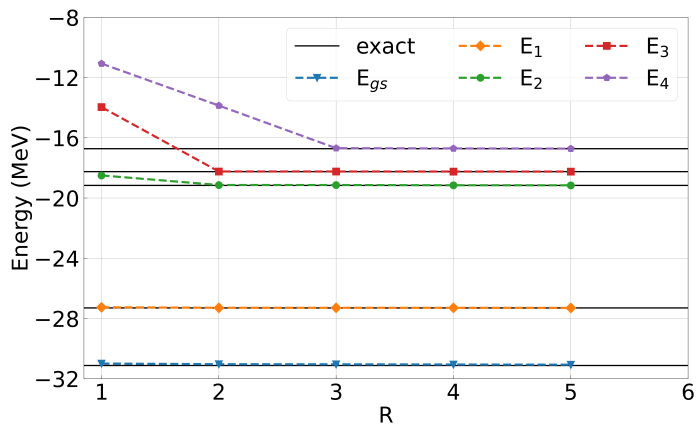
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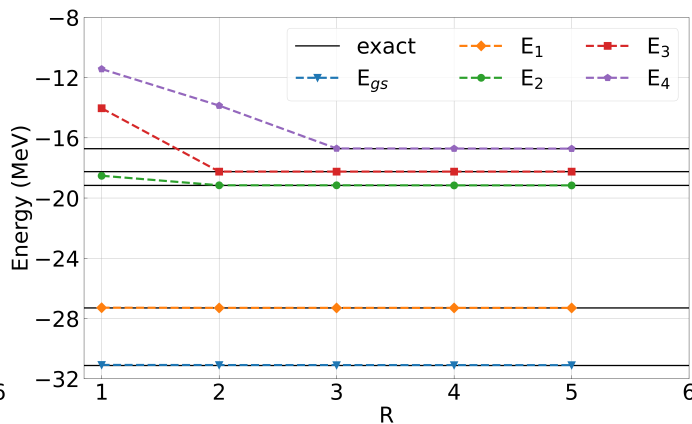
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

$\Delta t = 0.1 \text{ MeV}^{-1}$

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S = # of iterations = 8

# Trotter steps = 4

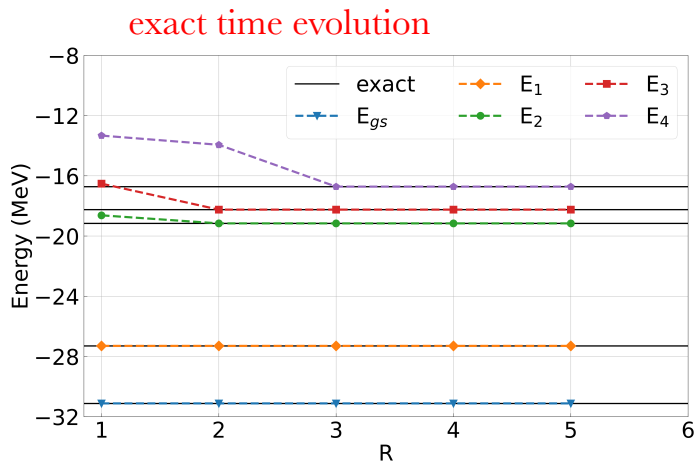
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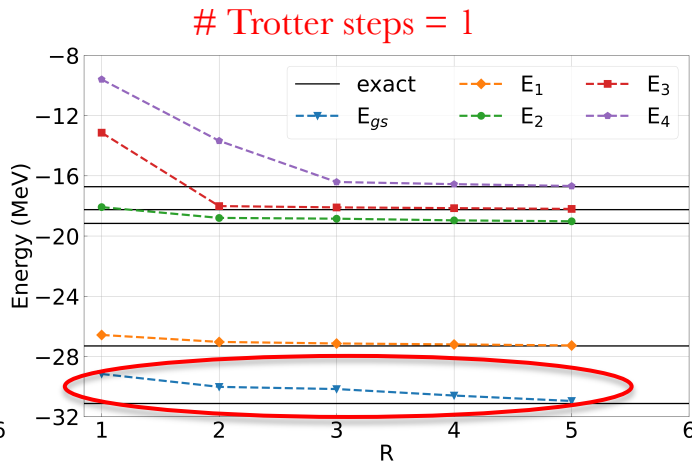
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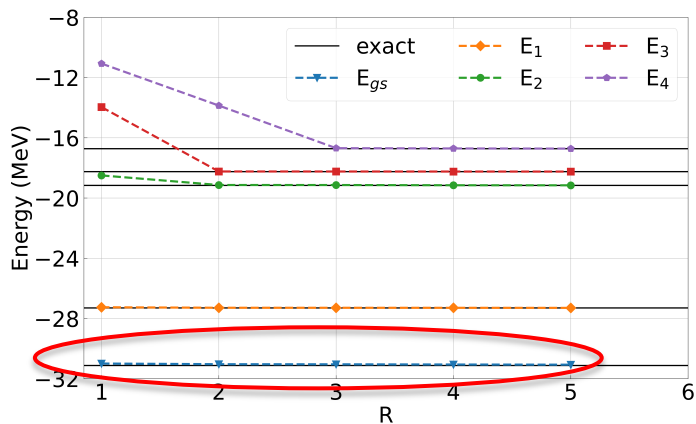
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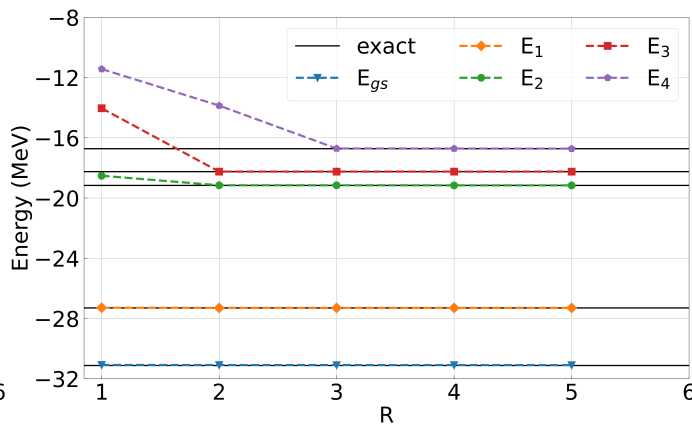
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For this  $\Delta t$ ,  
2-4 Trotter steps  
seems optimal

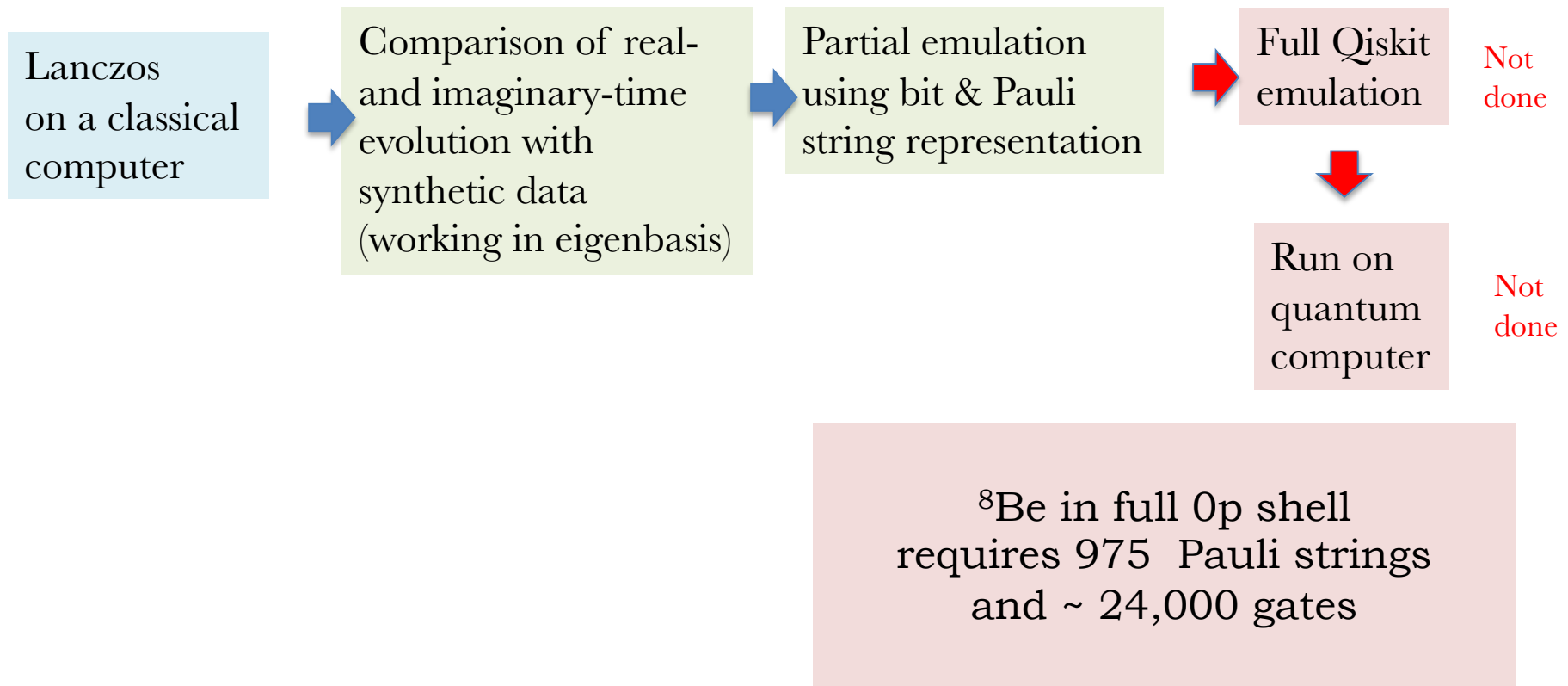
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So, what have we learned?

Quantum Lanczos with real-time evolution works!  
and is competitive with imaginary-time evolution.

As with classical Lanczos, convergence is not very  
sensitive to pivot (initial reference state).

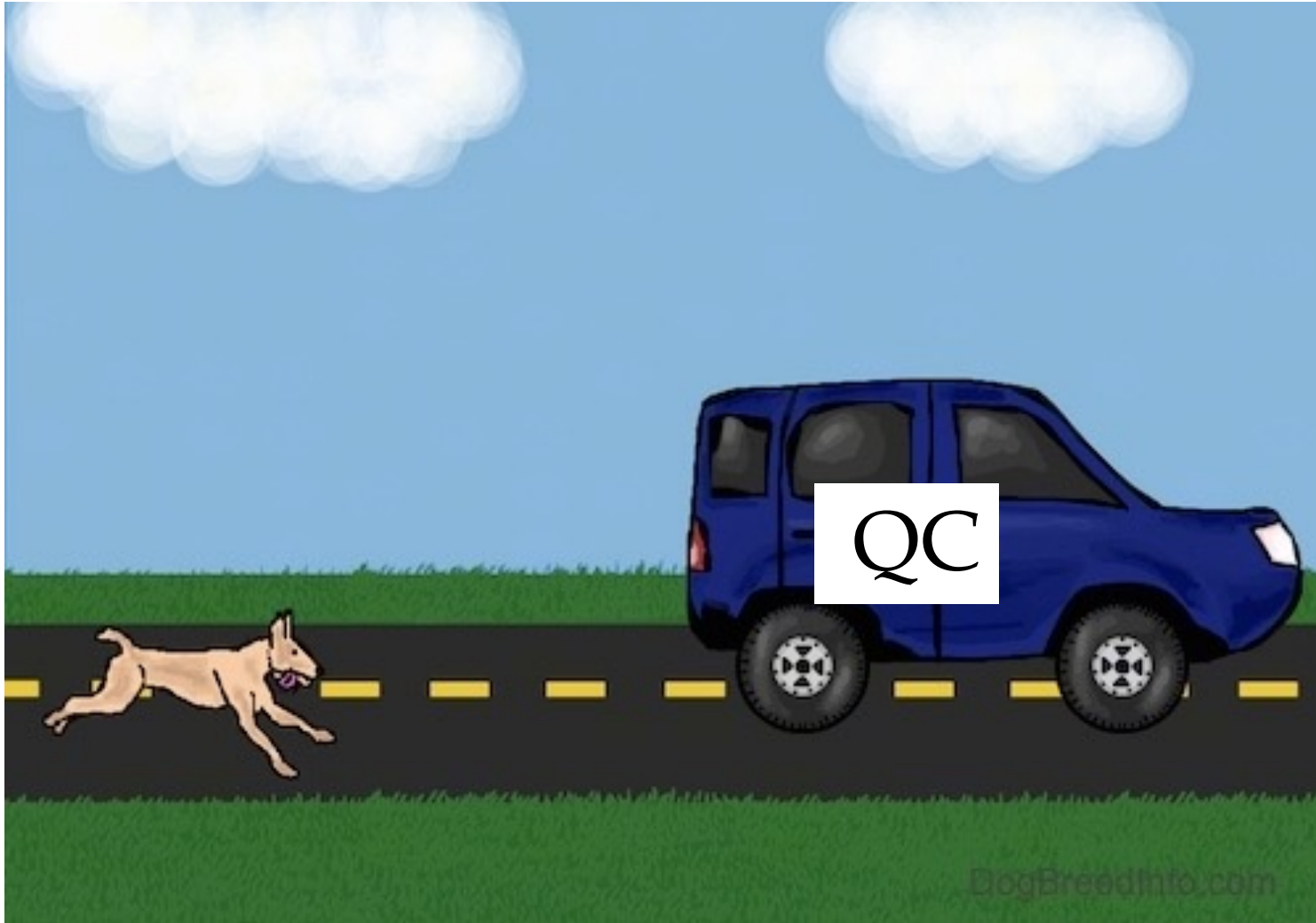
Trotterization improves convergence,  
but is not huge.







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Let's look at the data requirements  
in more detail

Consider  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $N_{\text{max}}=8$

*M-scheme dimension* 0.6 billion

55 single-particle orbitals (  $n l j$  )

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**= estimate # of qubits needed**



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~~(or 5 Tb storage) *not relevant?*~~



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= # of terms to be evaluated in a quantum circuit  
(or, # of separate quantum circuits to be evaluated!)



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We're still a long  
ways from catching  
the car we want!



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## Lessons learned

Quantum computing requires a new way of thinking – how to use unitary transformation as the basis for *processing*

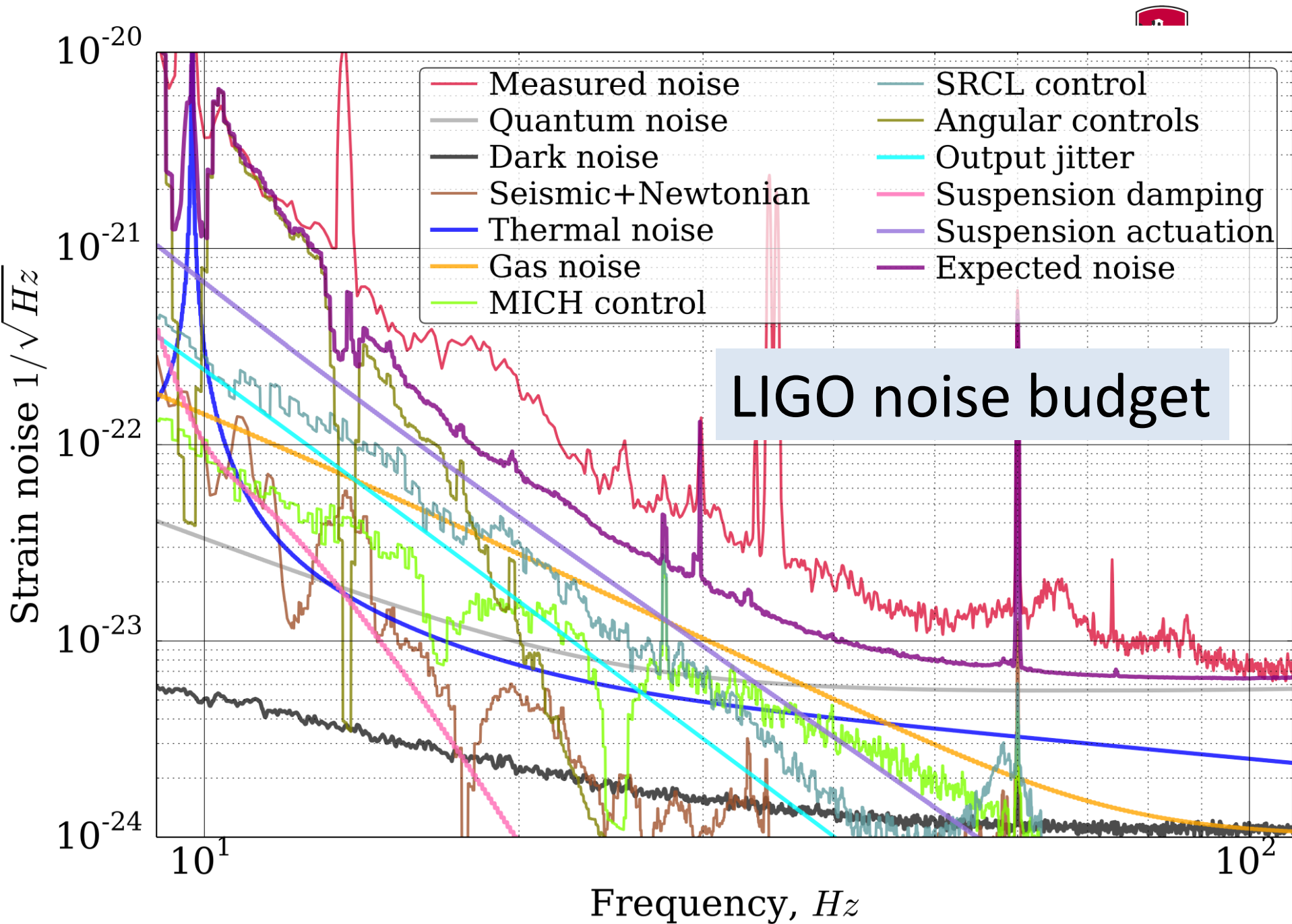
The eigenpair problem is important in nuclear and other fields – on classical machines, the **Lanczos algorithm** is often the method of choice.

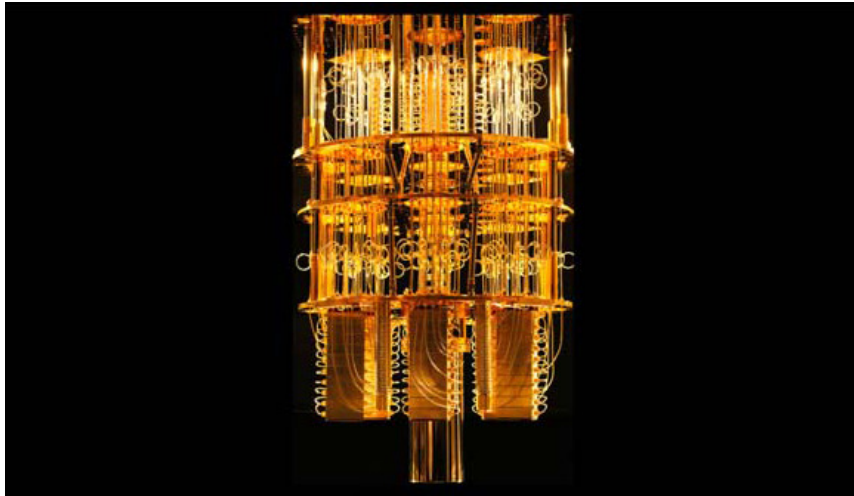
A **real-time version** of the quantum Lanczos algorithm works well and can compete with the imaginary-time version.

Multiple reference states improves performance; so does modest Trotterization.

To tackle problems our community cares about, we will need on the order of  $> 10^{5-7}$  logical qubits (with error correction,  $10^{6-9}$  physics qubits)

**Nonetheless, science has stared down seemingly insurmountable challenges before**

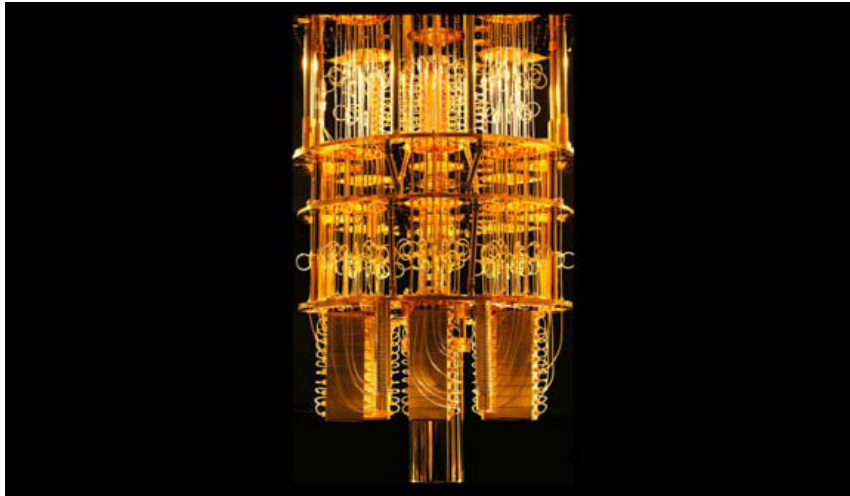




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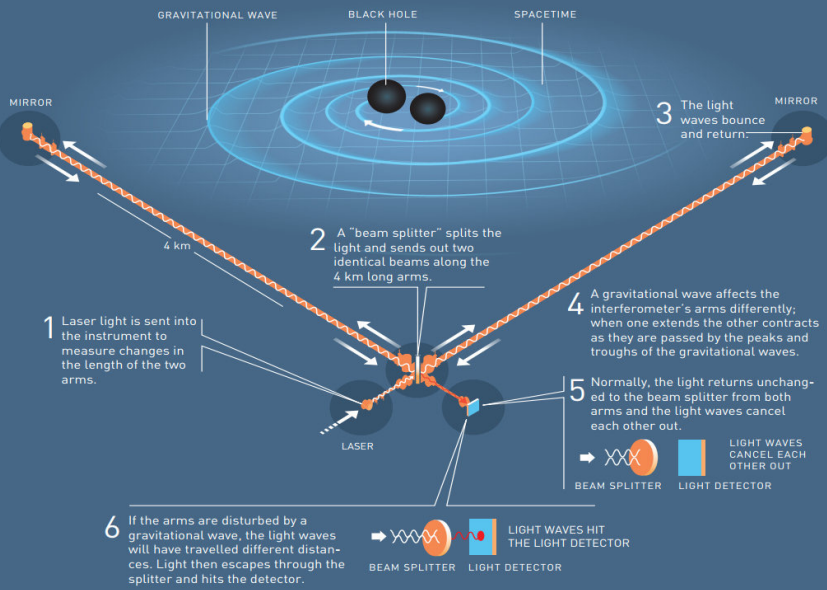


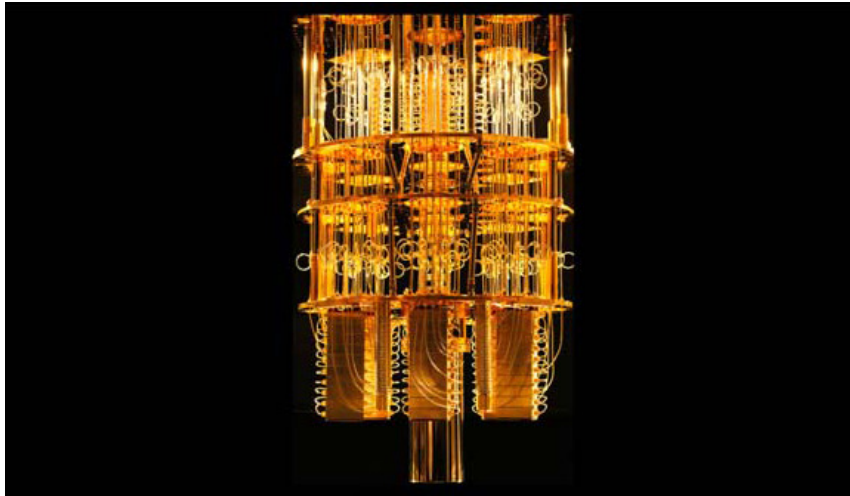
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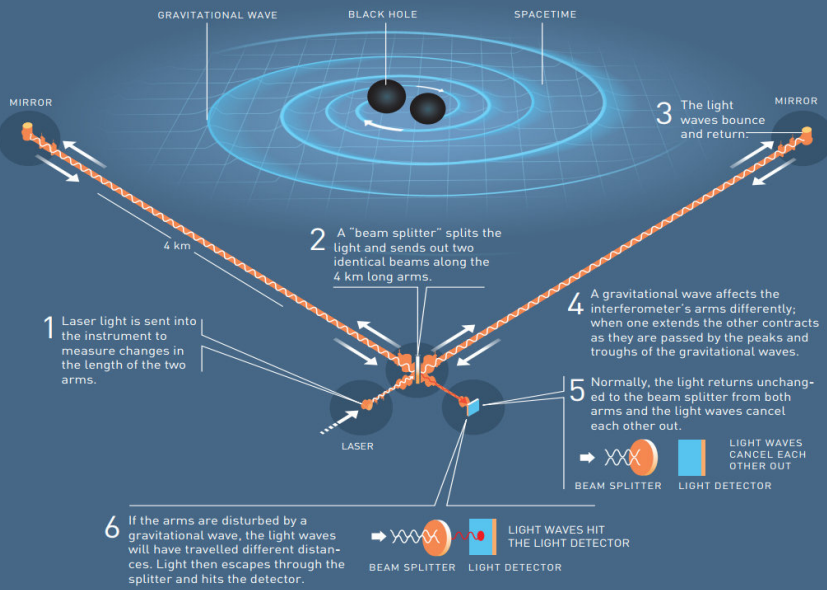
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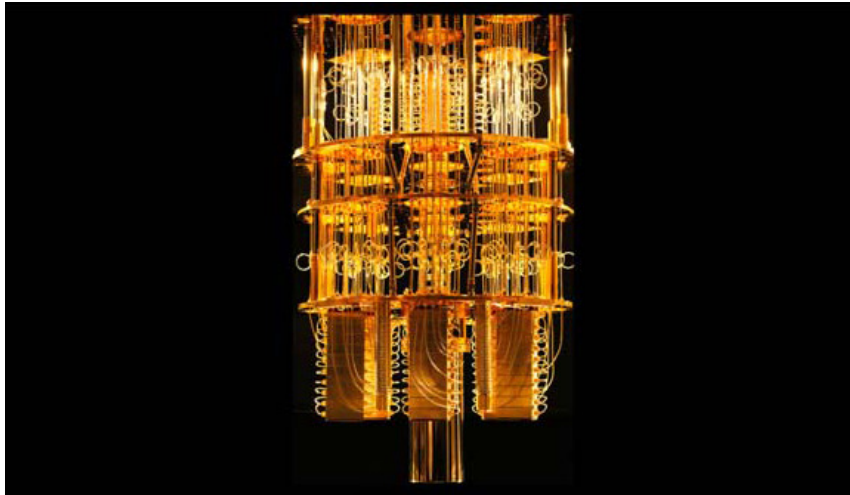


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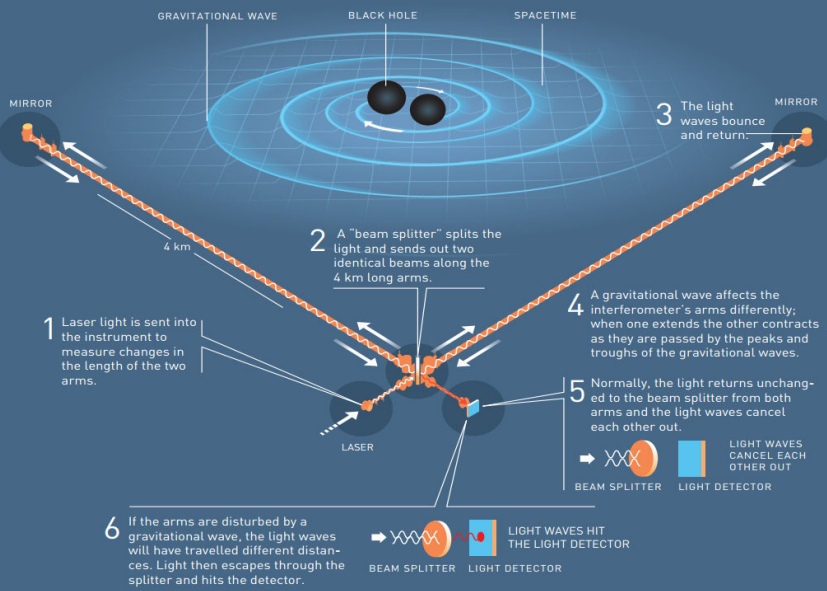


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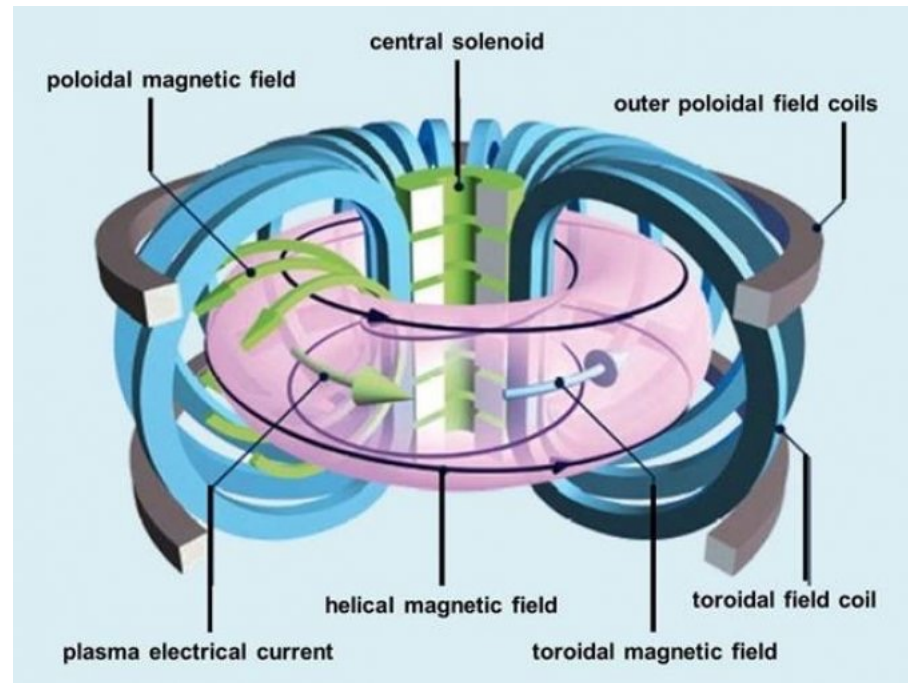


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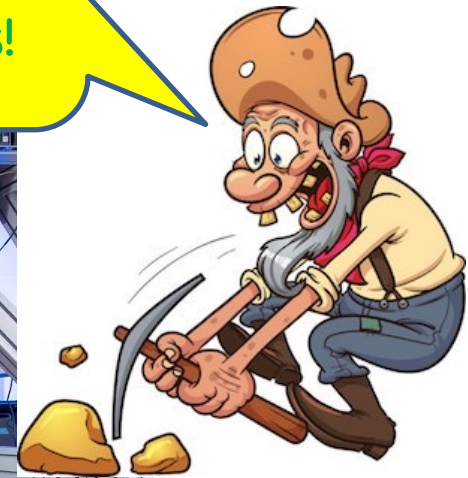
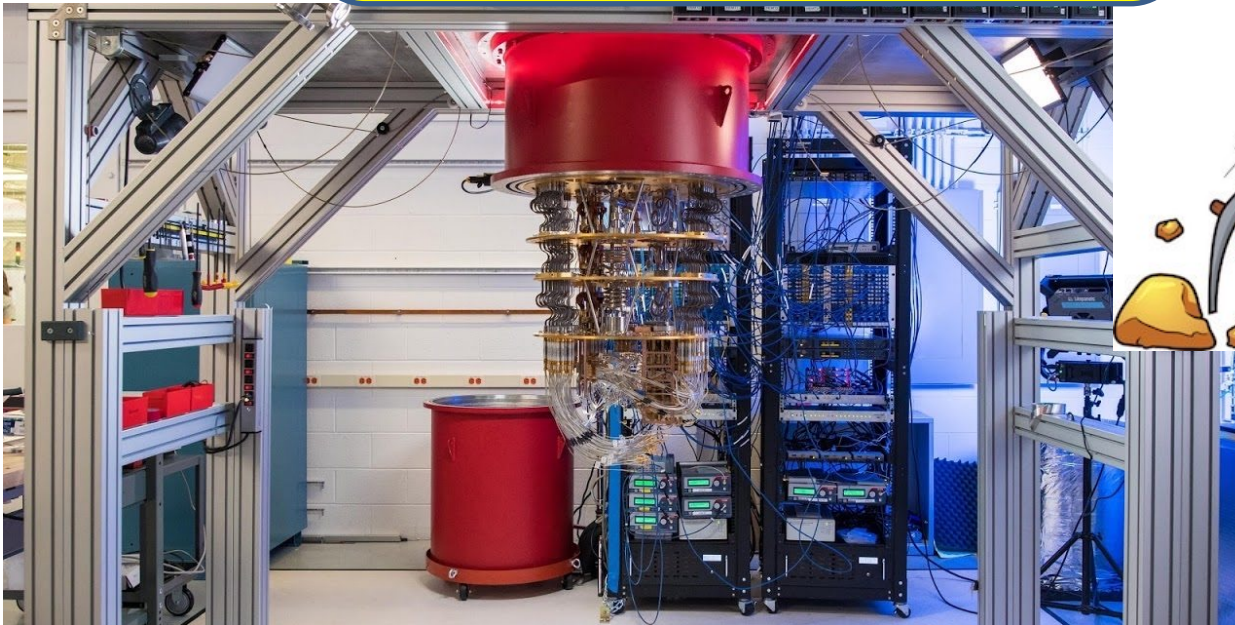




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The quantum computing gold rush....

There's gold  
(or at least highly cited  
papers) in those calculations!



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