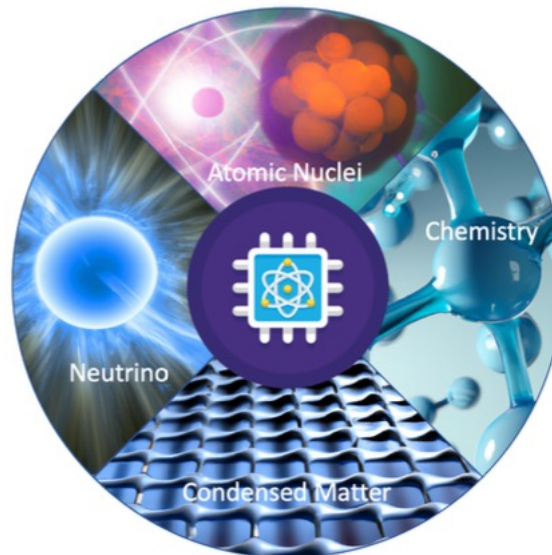


# Using symmetry breaking/restoration for many-body problems on quantum devices

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Degrees of Freedom

Energy (MeV)

From QCD

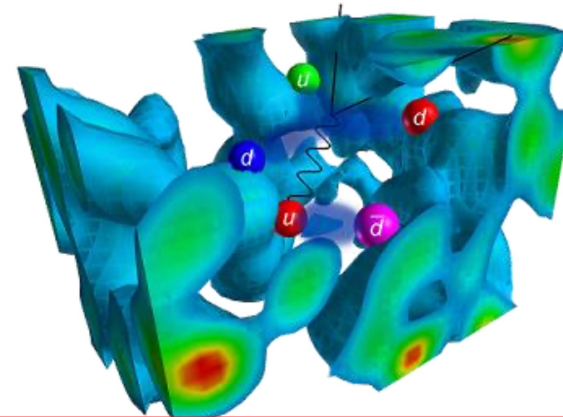


quarks, gluons



constituent quarks

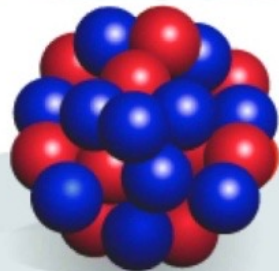
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neutron mass



baryons, mesons

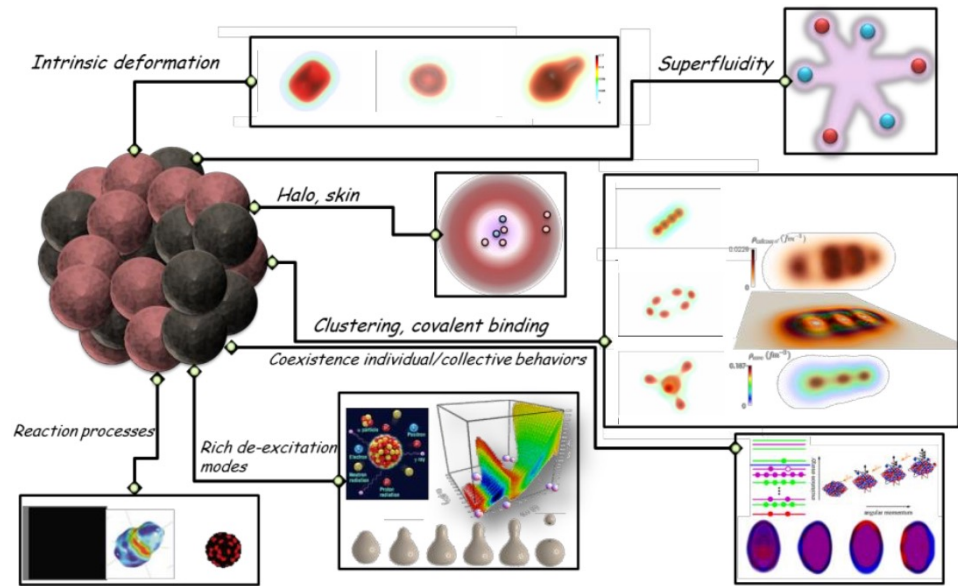
140  
pion mass

to atomic nuclei phenomena



protons, neutrons

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proton separation  
energy in lead



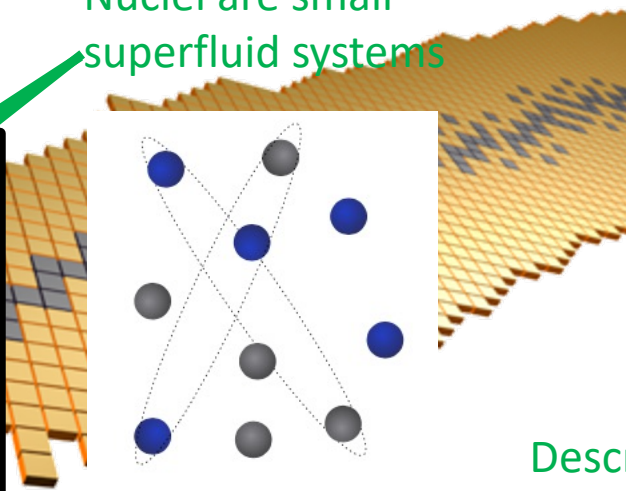
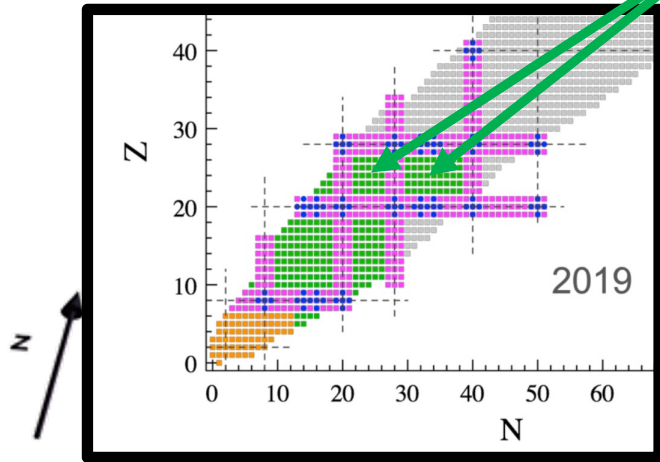
Courtesy J.P. Ebran

## Actual tendency : Towards Full configuration-Interaction description ?

$$H = H_{1\text{-body}} + H_{2\text{-body}} + \dots$$

Nuclei are small superfluid systems

Current status



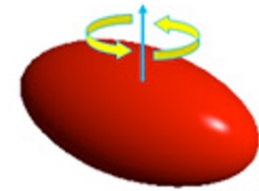
Described by breaking U(1) symmetry

Nuclei do present rotational bands



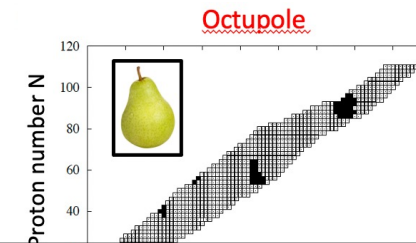
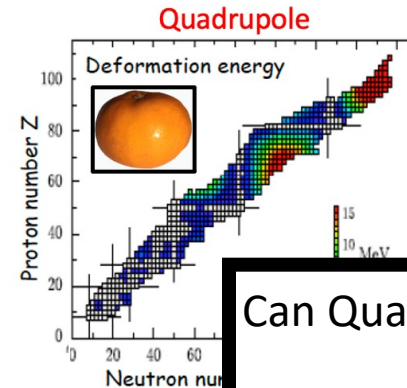
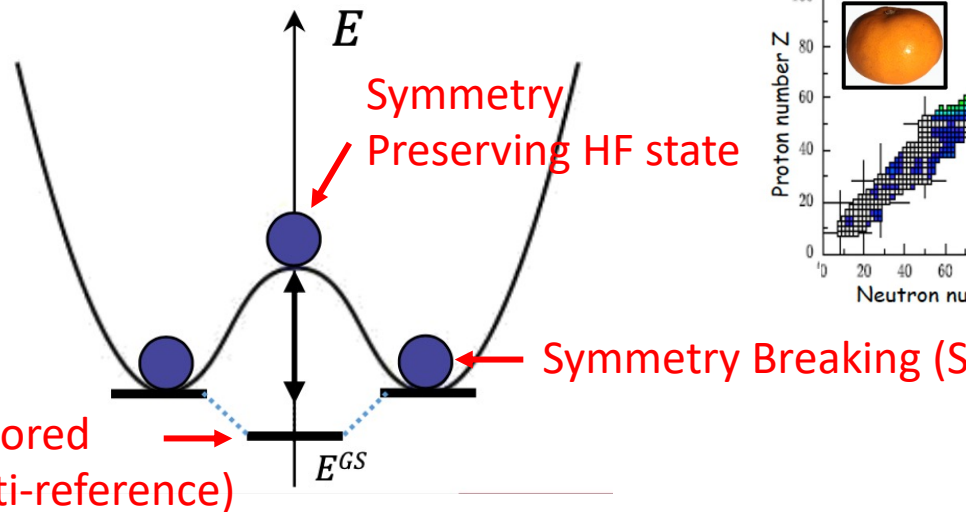
$$E_{\text{rot}} = \frac{I(I+1)}{2J} \hbar^2$$

Nuclei might be deformed

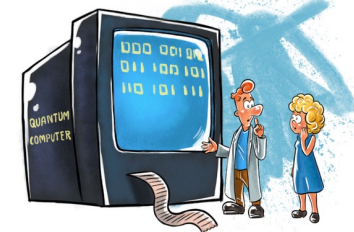


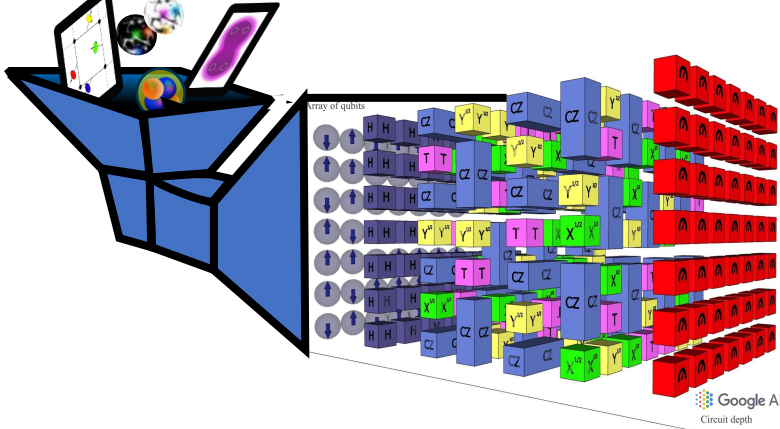
Described by breaking rotational and/or parity symmetry

A specificity: atomic nuclei like to break spontaneously symmetries

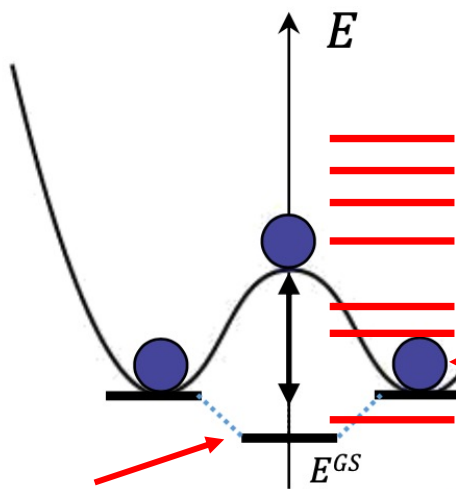


Can Quantum computers help?



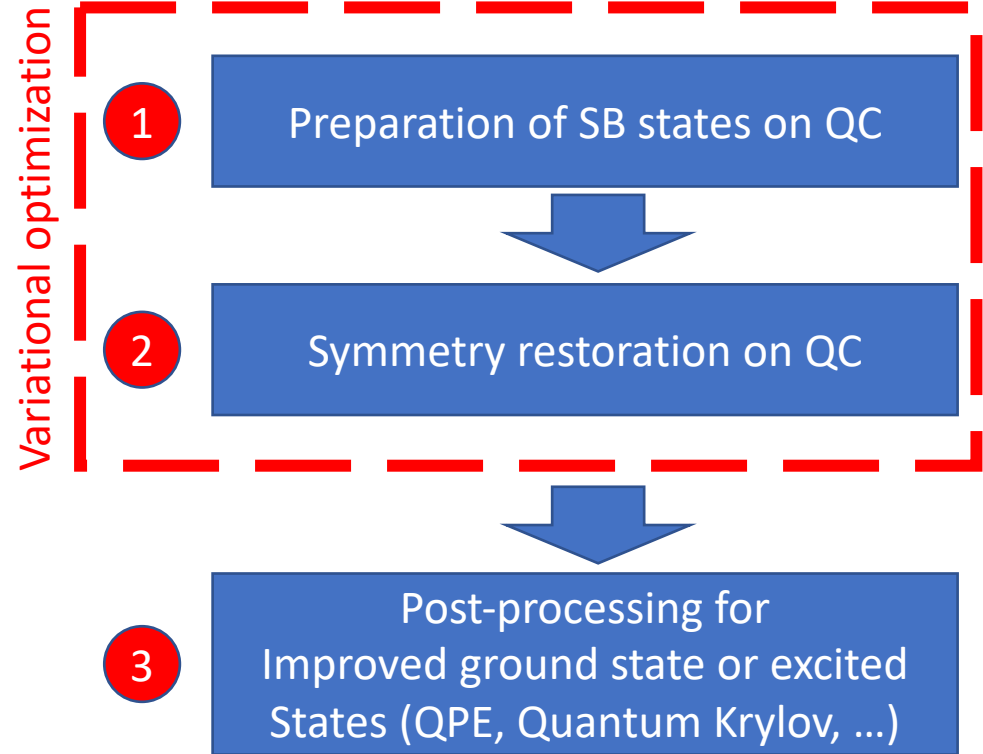


Further  
Quantum  
or hybrid  
Quantum-Classical  
Post-processing



1  
Symmetry  
Breaking (SB)  
state

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





# Illustration with small superconductors

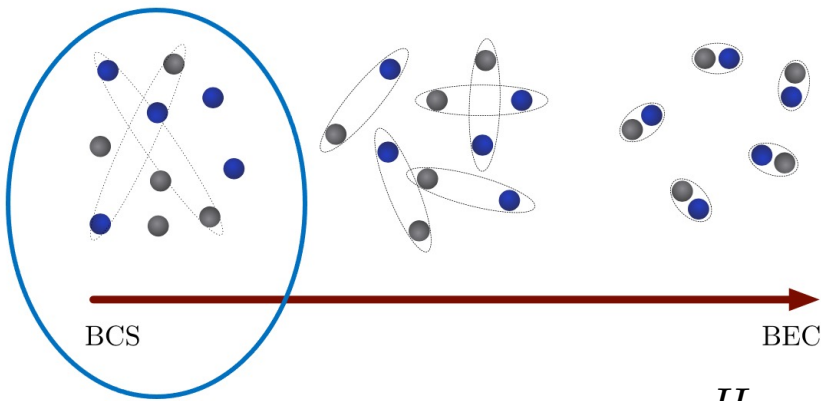
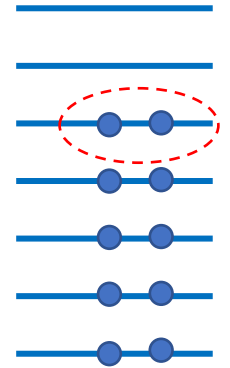


Illustration with the Richardson Hamiltonian

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



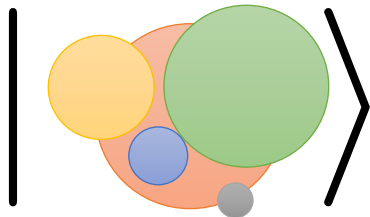
This problem is an archetype of spontaneous symmetry breaking.  
An “easy” way to describe it is to break the particle number symmetry, i.e. consider wave-function that mixes different particle number

Example

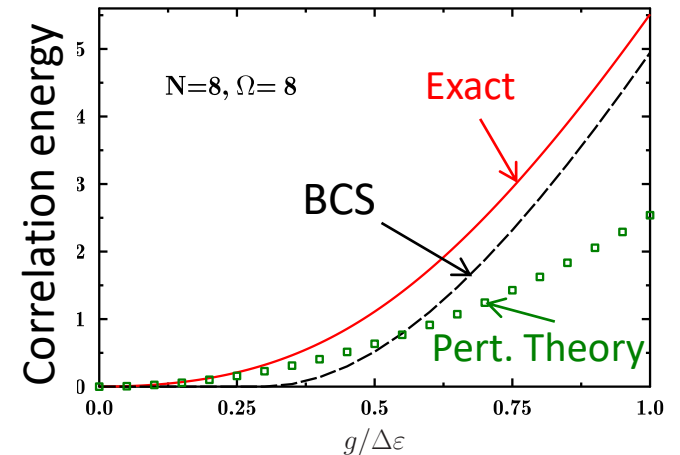
$$|\Phi_0\rangle = \prod_i (u_i + v_i a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger) |-\rangle$$

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

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



But ultimately number of Particle should be restored !



# Application to the N-body pairing problem

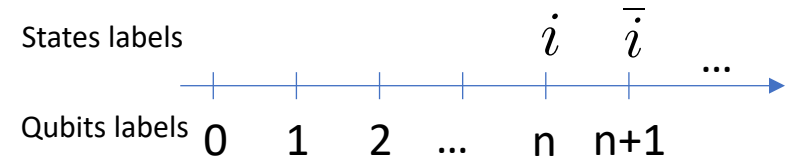
## Hamiltonian and initial state

### Pairing Hamiltonian

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

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

State ordering is important !



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

### Initial (symmetry breaking) state preparation

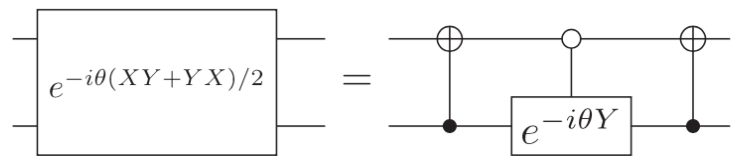
$$|\Psi\rangle = \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i>0} \varphi_i (a_i^\dagger a_{\bar{i}}^\dagger - a_{\bar{i}} a_i) \right\} |0\rangle$$

$$\varphi_i = \varphi \longrightarrow$$

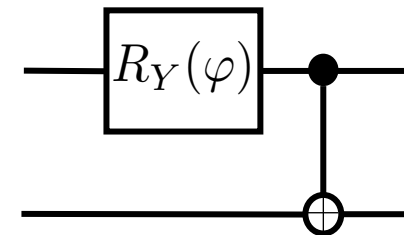
$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_{n>0} e^{i\varphi(X_n Y_{n+1} + Y_n X_{n+1})/2} |-\rangle$$

### Equivalent universal gate on pairs

### Simplified circuit (generalized Bell state)



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

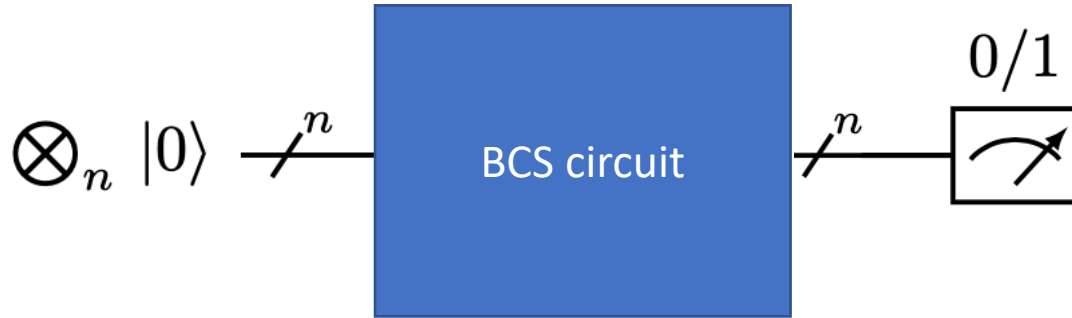


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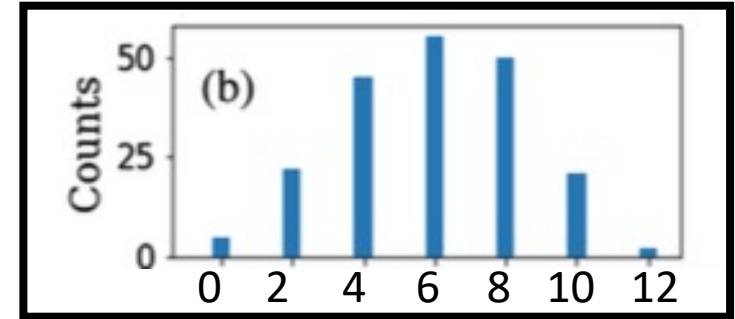
# Restoration of particle number symmetry

## The counting statistics problem

Direct estimate of Counting statistics



Example of mixing for 12 qubits (with qiskit)



Projection on particle number

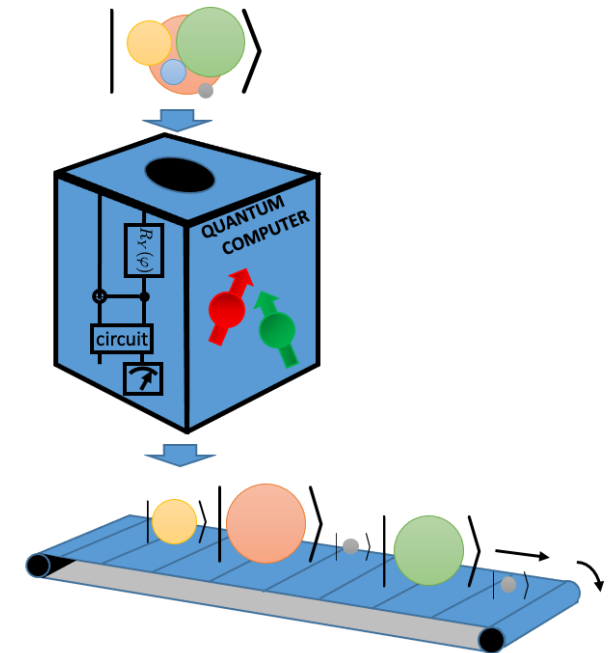
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_N c_N |N\rangle \rightarrow |N\rangle$$

For 2 qubits

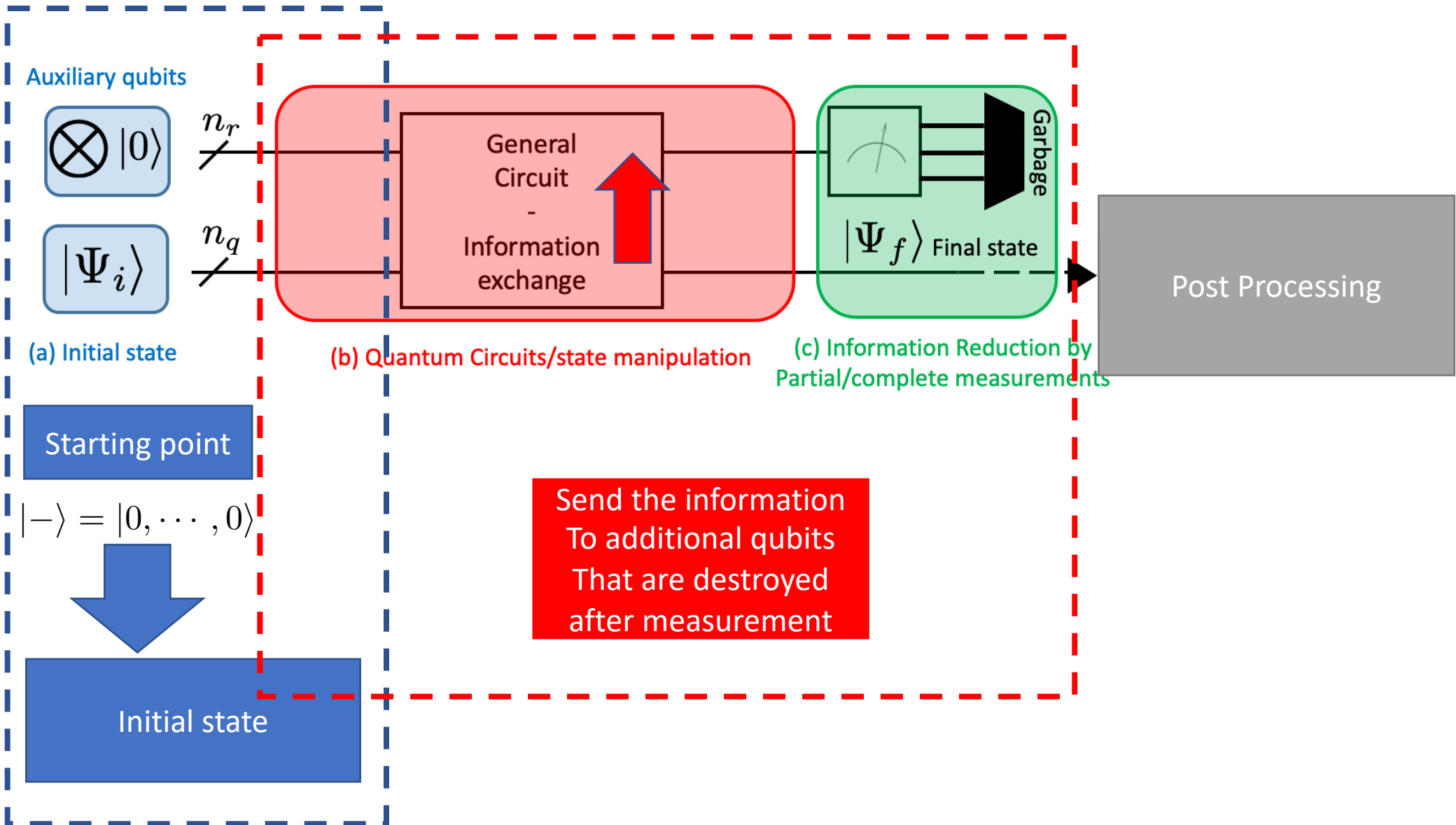
$$|\Psi\rangle = \alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle$$

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

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



# Non-destructive counting on a quantum computer



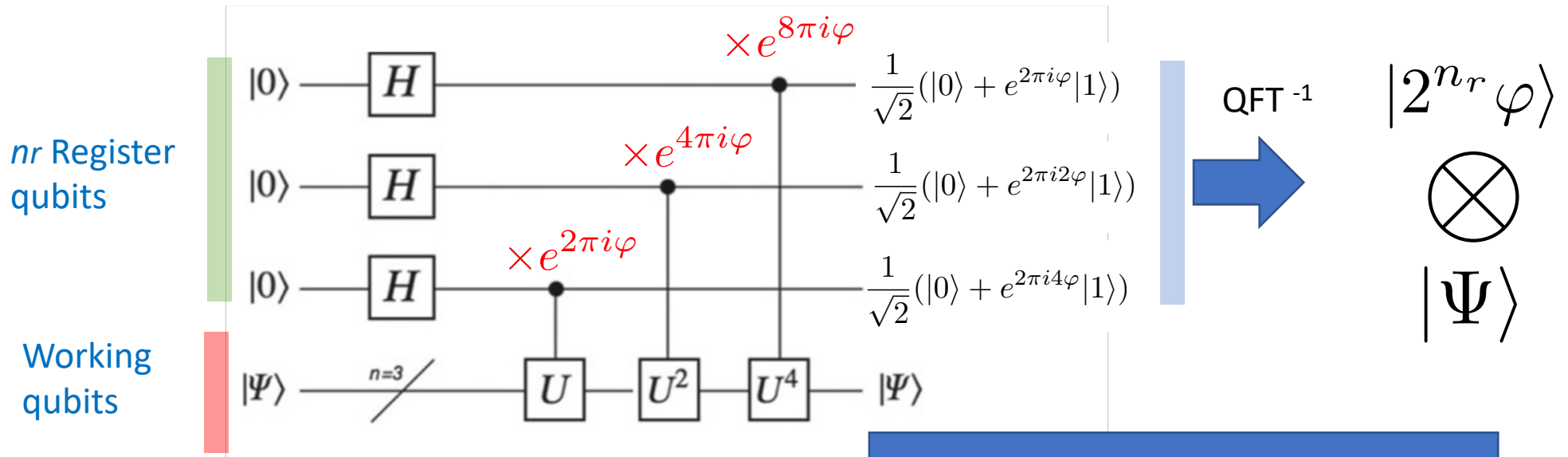


# The quantum-Phase estimation (QPE) algorithm

For known eigenvalue problems

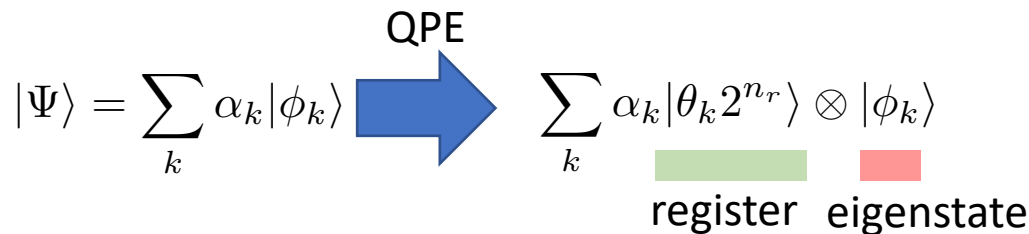
Assume a unitary operator  $U$

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



General Case

For the particle number projection



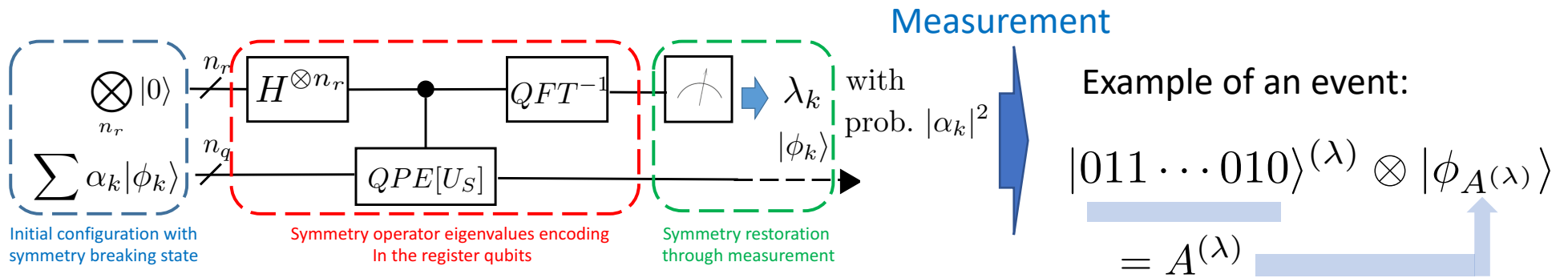
$$U = U_N = e^{2\pi i \frac{N}{2^{n_r}}} \text{ with } N = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (I_i - Z_i)$$

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

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

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

# Eigenvalues-Ground state and excited states



BCS/HFB state

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

Measurement

Projected BCS or with varying number of particles

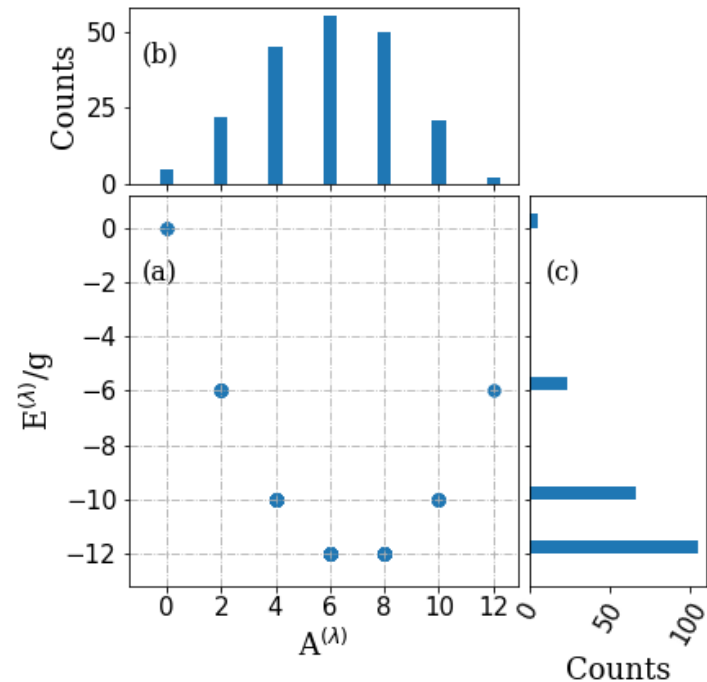
Degenerate case

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

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

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

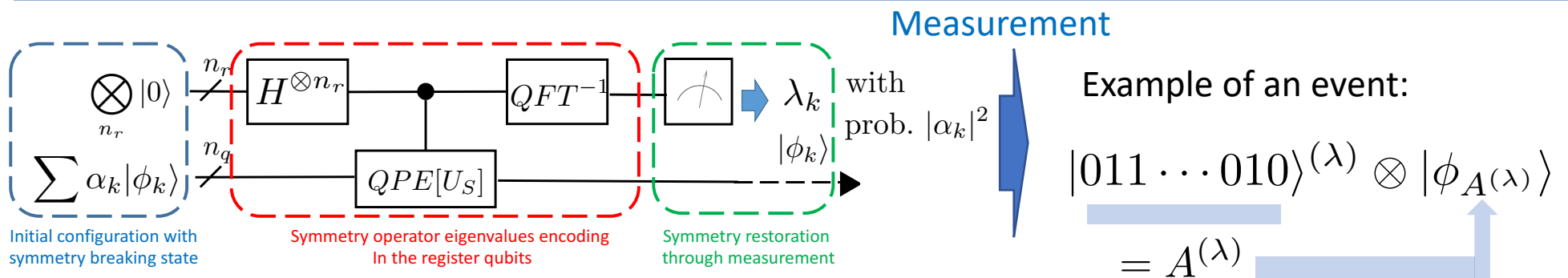
6 pairs



Exact solution

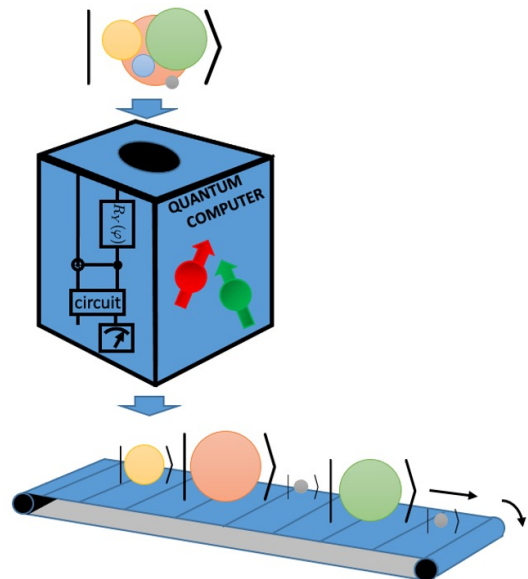
$$E/g = -\frac{1}{4}(A - \nu)(2n_q - A - \nu - 2).$$

# Eigenvalues-Ground state and excited states

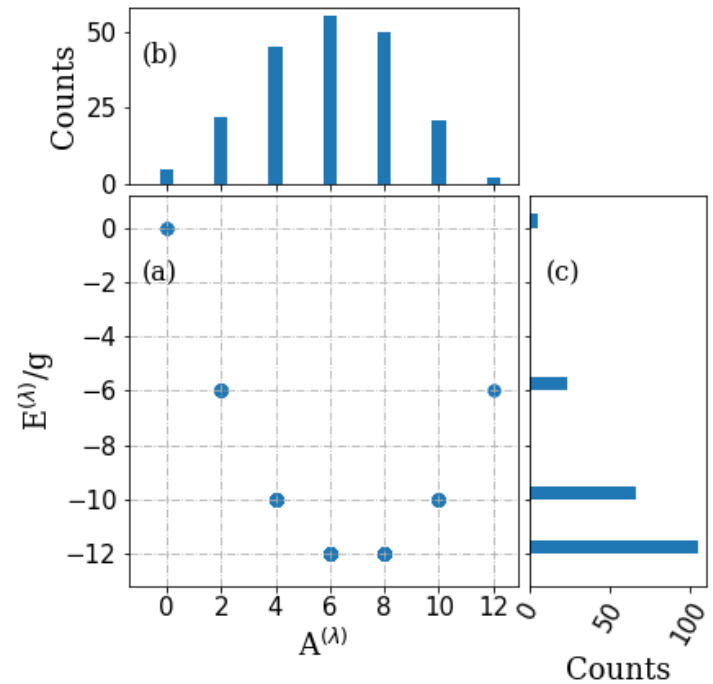


## BCS/HFB state

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



## 6 pairs



## Exact solution

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

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

## Hypothesis:

- ▶ Assume a hermitian operator  $S$  acting on  $nq$  qubits
- ▶ Assume that  $S$  has discrete eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_0 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_M\}$  with  $\lambda_k = am_k$   
 $a = \text{cst}$
- ▶ Define the operator

$$U_S = \exp \left\{ 2\pi i \left[ \frac{S - \gamma_0}{a2^{n_0}} \right] \right\}$$

- ▶ Eigenvalues of  $U_S$  are given by  $e^{2\pi i \theta_k}$  with  $\theta_k = (m_k - m_0)/2^{n_0}$

If  $(m_k - m_0) < 2^{n_0}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\theta_k < 1$   
and  $\theta_k$  is exactly written as a binary fraction

**➔ It is then optimal for the QPE use.**  
**An optimal choice for the number of register qubits is  $n_r = n_0$**

**and**  $n_r - 1 \leq \ln(m_k - m_0) / \ln 2 < n_r$ .

### Examples

- parity
- Part. number
- $J_z = \hbar m$
- $J^2 = \hbar^2 j(j+1)$



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

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

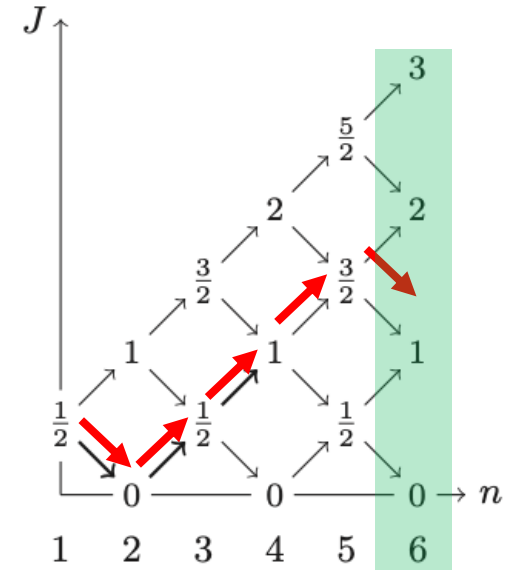
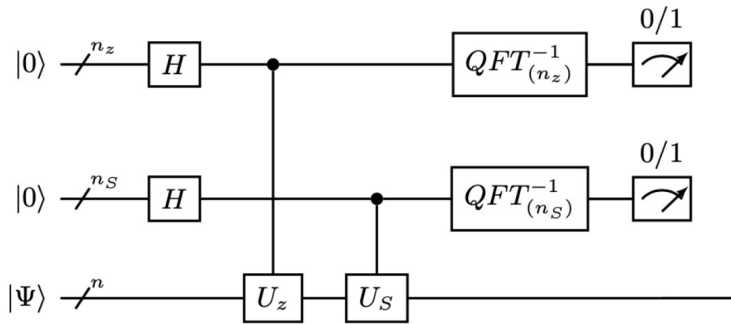
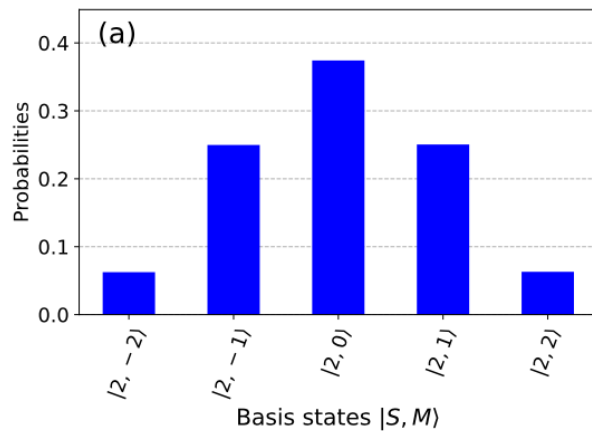
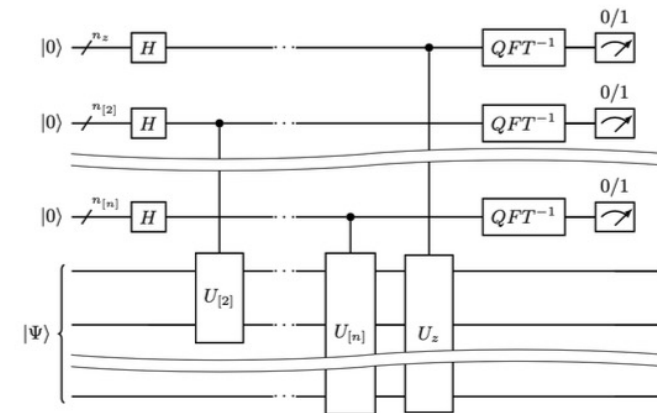


Illustration  $|\Psi\rangle = \bigotimes_n H|0\rangle$



The full basis can eventually be constructed



# Coming back to our superconducting problem

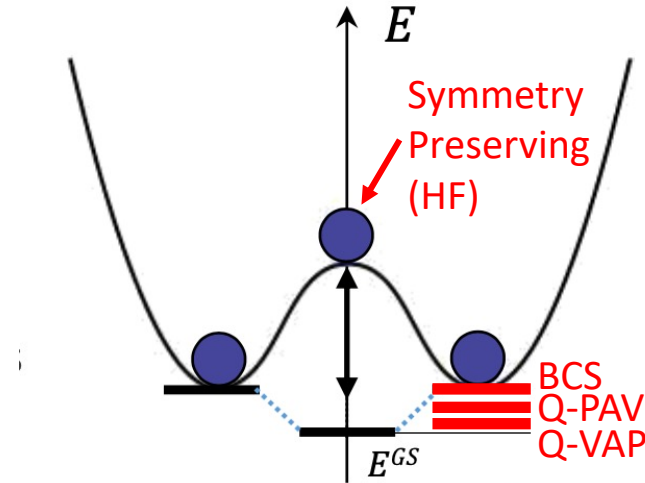
## Combining projection with variational method

### Possible optimization schemes

Variational

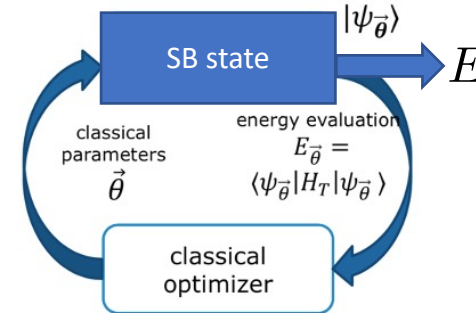
Symmetry-Breaking ansatz  $|\Psi(\{\theta_p\})\rangle = \bigotimes_{p=1}^{N-1} [\sin(\theta_p)|0_p\rangle + \cos(\theta_p)|1_p\rangle]$

Pair occupation are now encoded

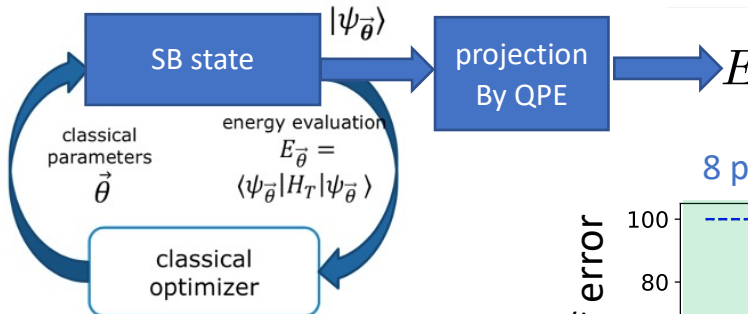


### Quantum-Classical optimizers

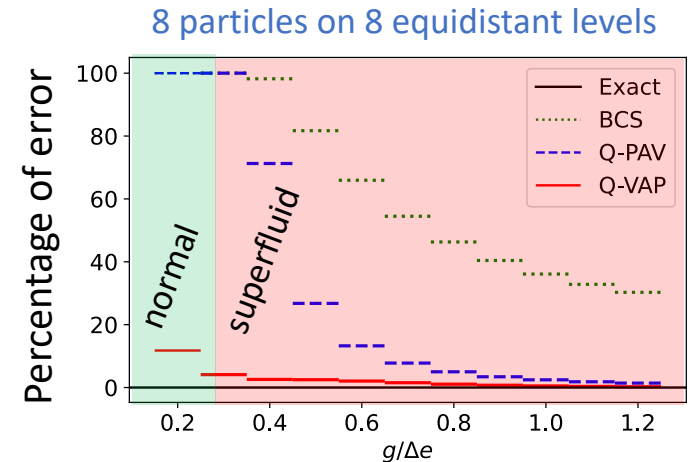
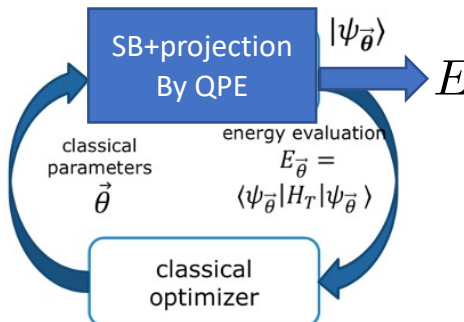
Standard BCS theory



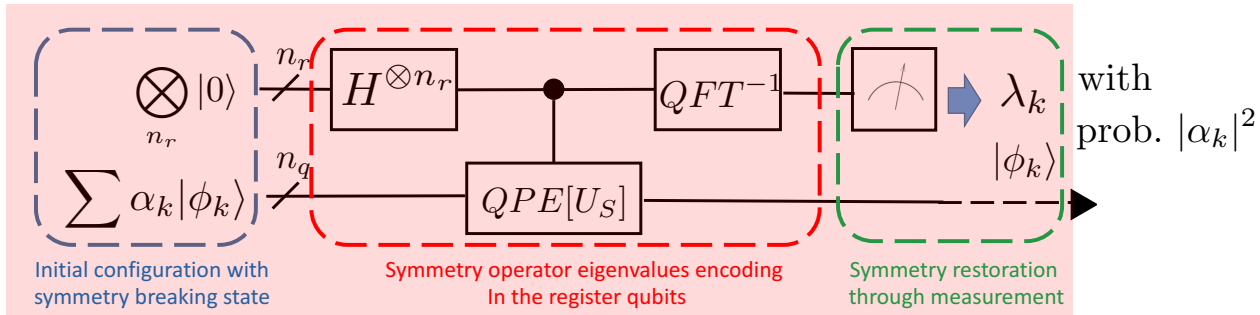
Project after optimization  
Q-PAV: Quantum Projection After Variation



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

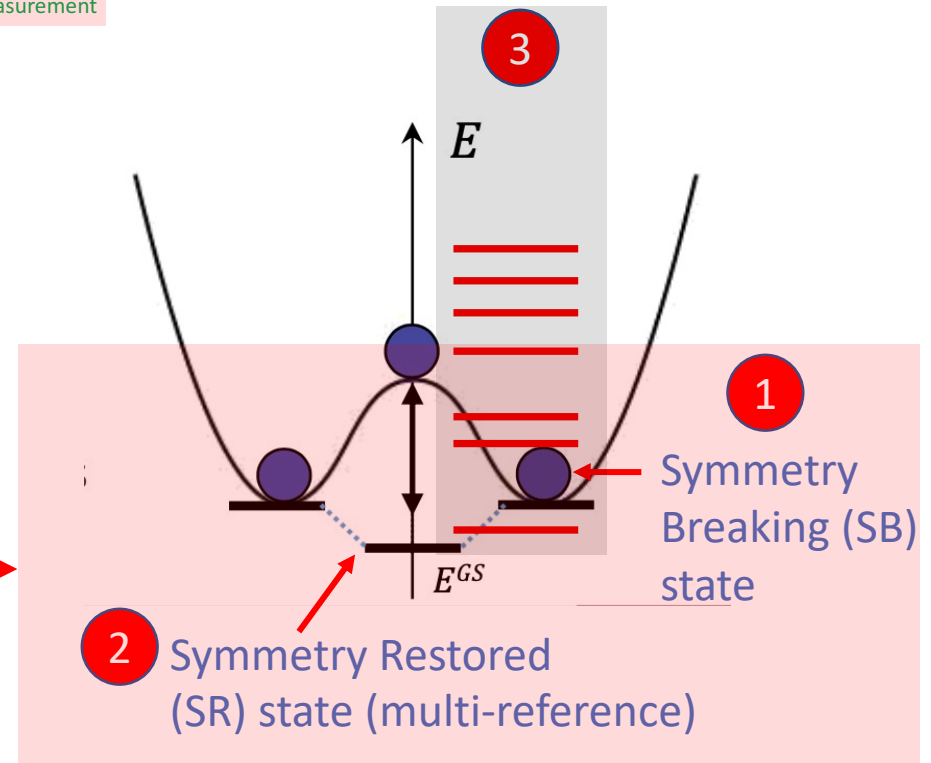


## Complete strategy

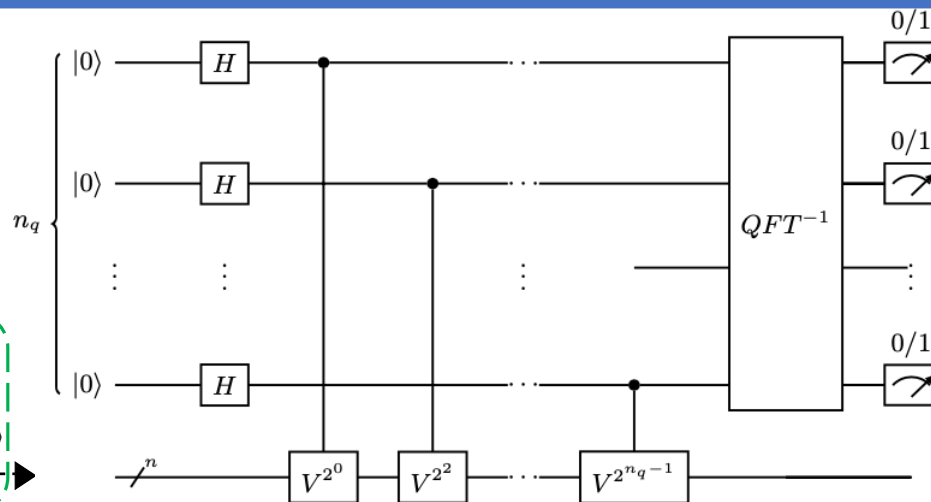
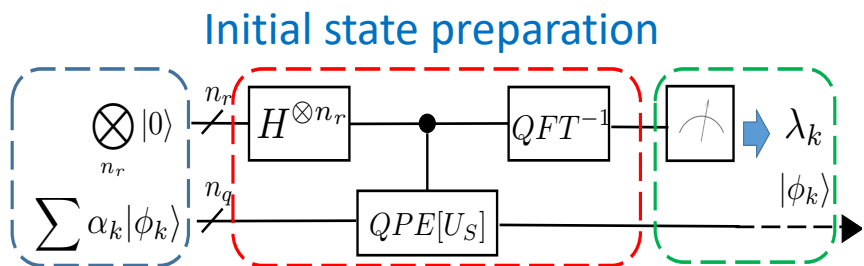


Initial state preparation  
(HF, BCS, Q-VAP, Q-VAP)

➔ Post-processing to get excited states:  
Quantum Phase Estimation



# Illustration of the QPE method with projected state



## Some technical details

$$V = \exp \left\{ -2\pi i \left( \frac{H - E_{\min}}{E_{\max} - E_{\min}} \right) \right\}$$

➔ For the propagator, we used the Trotter-Suzuki method

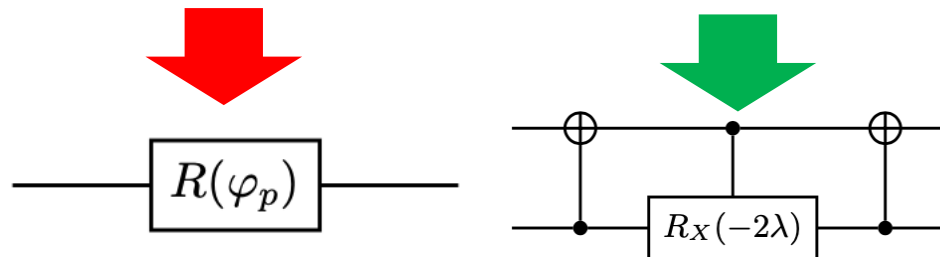
$$U(\tau) = e^{-i\tau H}$$

$$U(\tau) = \prod U(\Delta\tau) \longrightarrow \prod U_\varepsilon(\Delta\tau) U_g(\Delta\tau)$$

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

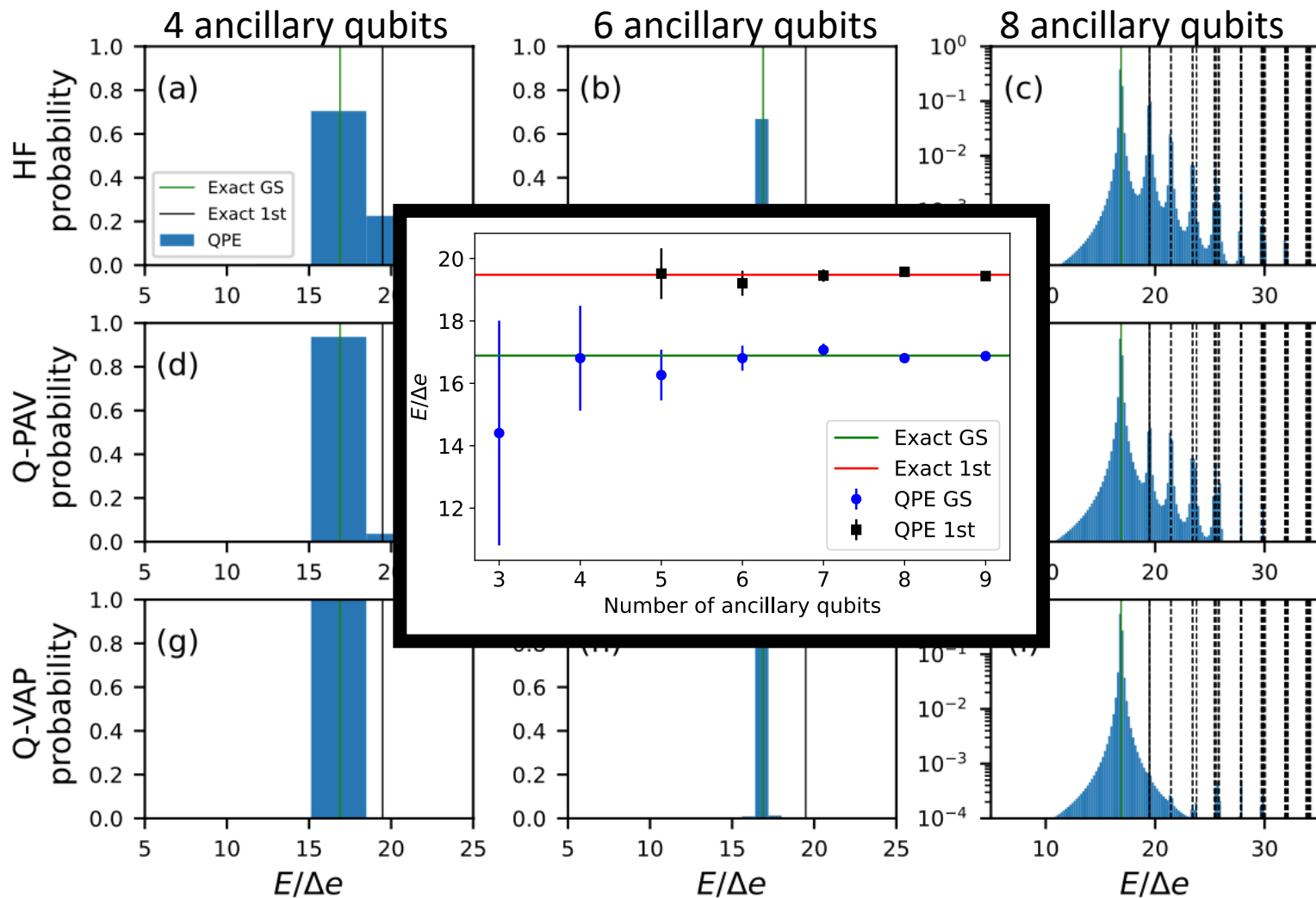
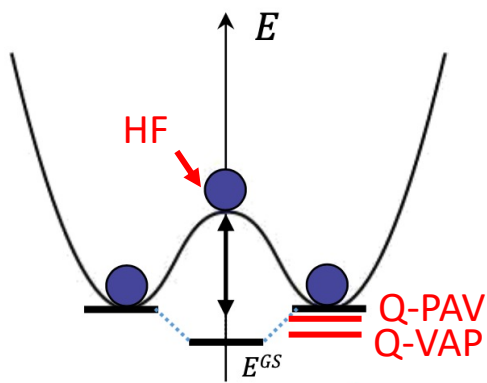
$$\prod_p \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(-2i\tilde{\varepsilon}_p \Delta t) \end{pmatrix} \prod_{p>q} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\lambda_{pq}) & i \sin(\lambda_{pq}) & 0 \\ 0 & i \sin(\lambda_{pq}) & \cos(\lambda_{pq}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  
 $\lambda_{pq} = g\Delta t$

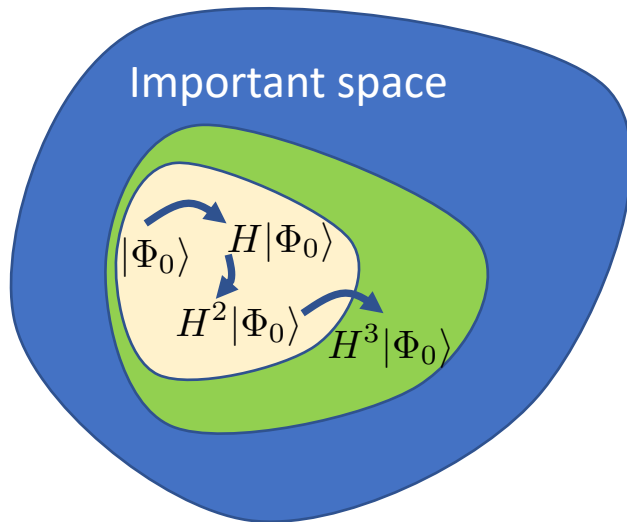




# Illustration of the QPE method with projected state



Hilbert space



Our strategy

Compute overlap and Hamiltonian matrix elements on the quantum computer



Solve the eigenvalue problem on the classical computer

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



Diagonalize in the non-orthogonal subspace

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

Generalized eigenvalue problem

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

Our first attempt: use the generating function of H

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

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

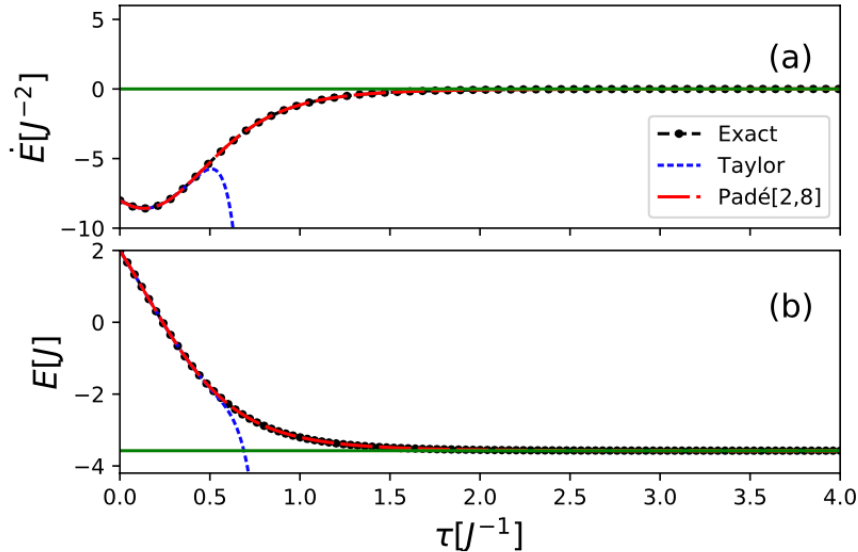


$$\langle H^K \rangle_0 = i^K \left. \frac{d^K F(t)}{dt^K} \right|_{t=0}$$

# Approximate method : Krylov Based methods

## Hilbert space

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



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



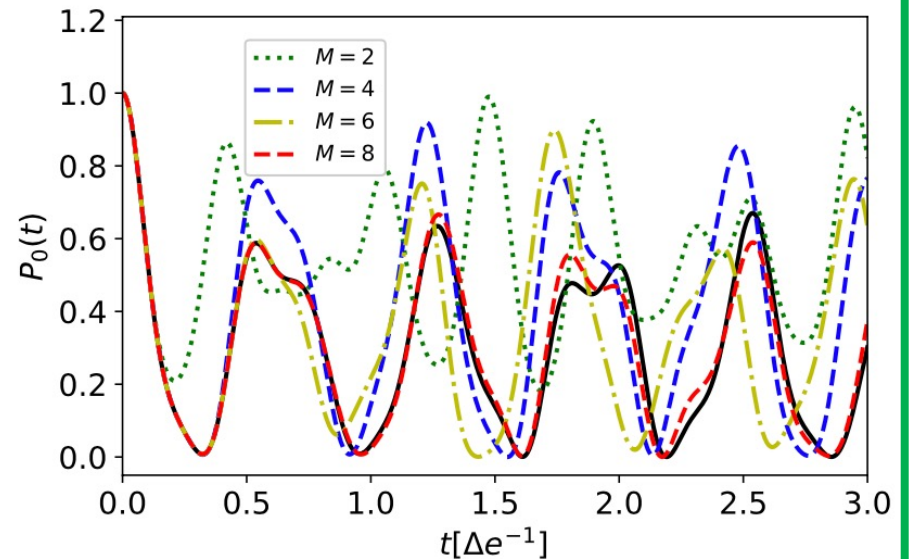
Diagonalize in the non-orthogonal subspace

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

eigenvalue problem

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

Approximate real-time dynamics



Ruiz-Guzman and Lacroix, arXiv:2104.08181v2

Compute overlap and  
Hamiltonian matrix  
elements  
on the quantum computer



Solve the eigenvalue  
problem on the classical  
computer

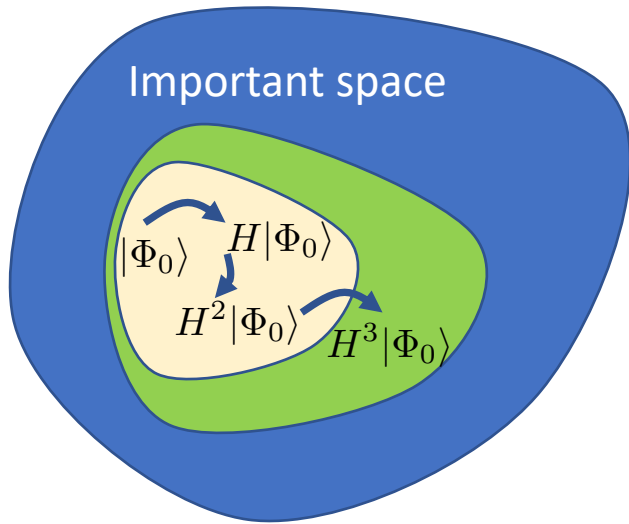
$$F(t) = \langle \Phi_0 | e^{-iHt} | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

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

$$\langle H^K \rangle$$

# Approximate method : Krylov Based methods

## Highly Truncated Hilbert space



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

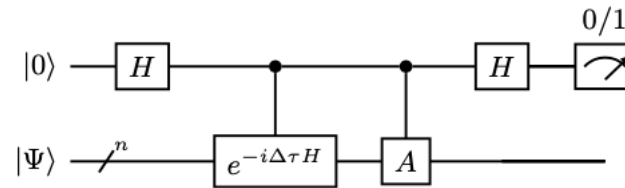


$$\{|\Psi\rangle, e^{-i\tau_1 H}|\Psi\rangle, \dots, e^{-i\tau_{M-1} H}|\Psi\rangle\}$$

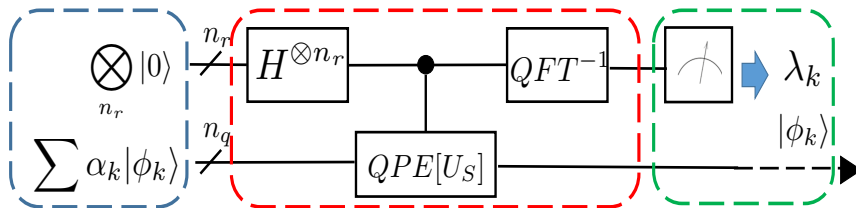


$$O_{ij} = \langle \Phi_i | \Phi_j \rangle = \langle \Psi | e^{-i(\tau_j - \tau_i)H} | \Psi \rangle \quad H_{ij} = \langle \Psi | H e^{-i(\tau_j - \tau_i)H} | \Psi \rangle$$

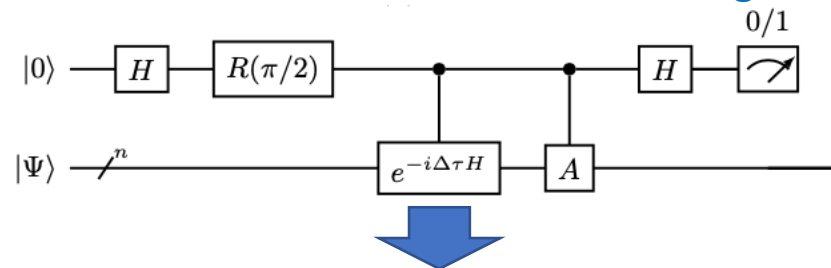
## Hadamard test for the real part of $O$ and $H$



## Initial state preparation



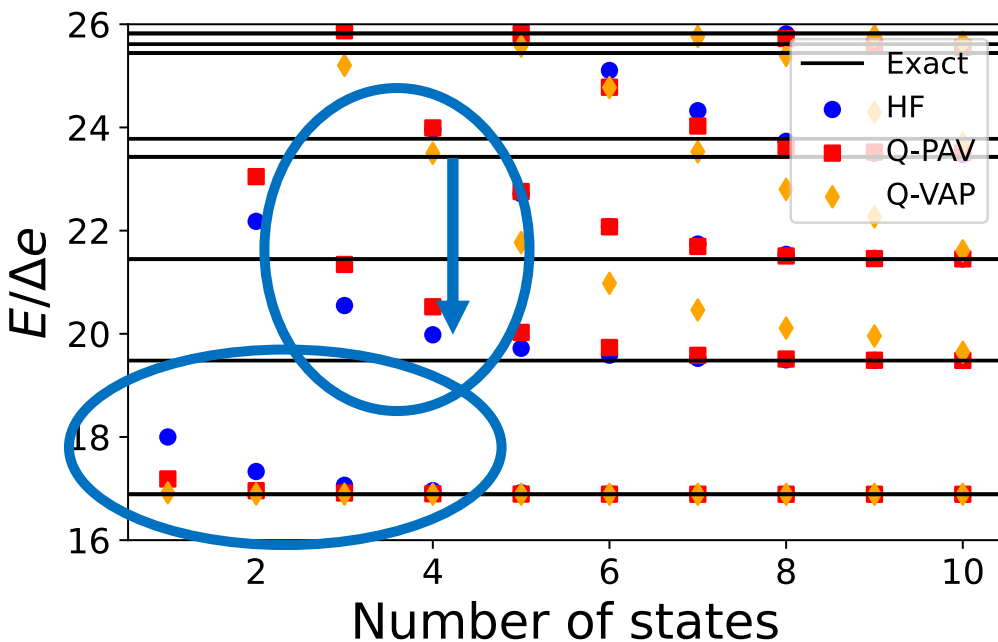
## Modified Hadamard test for the imaginary part



Diagonalization on a classical computer

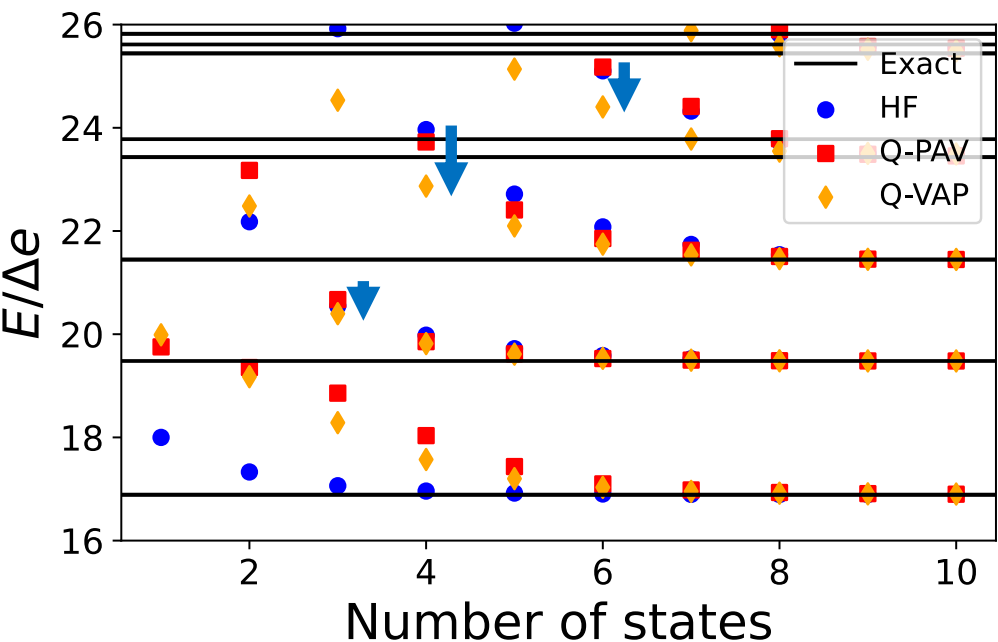


# Comparison QPE vs Quantum Krylov



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

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



A possible solution

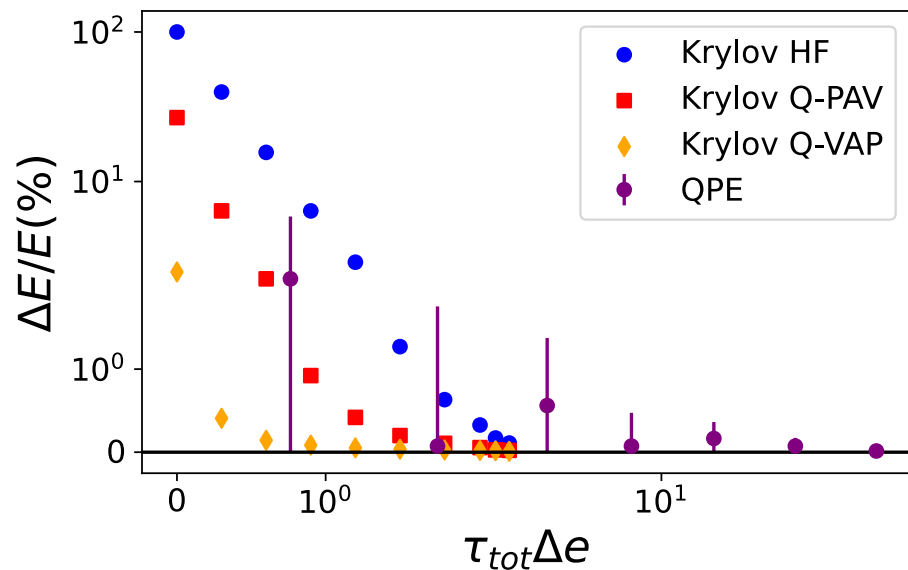
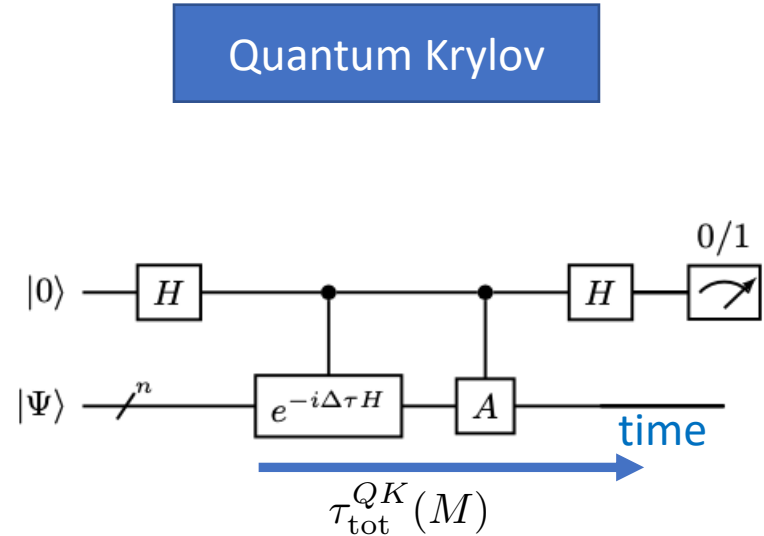
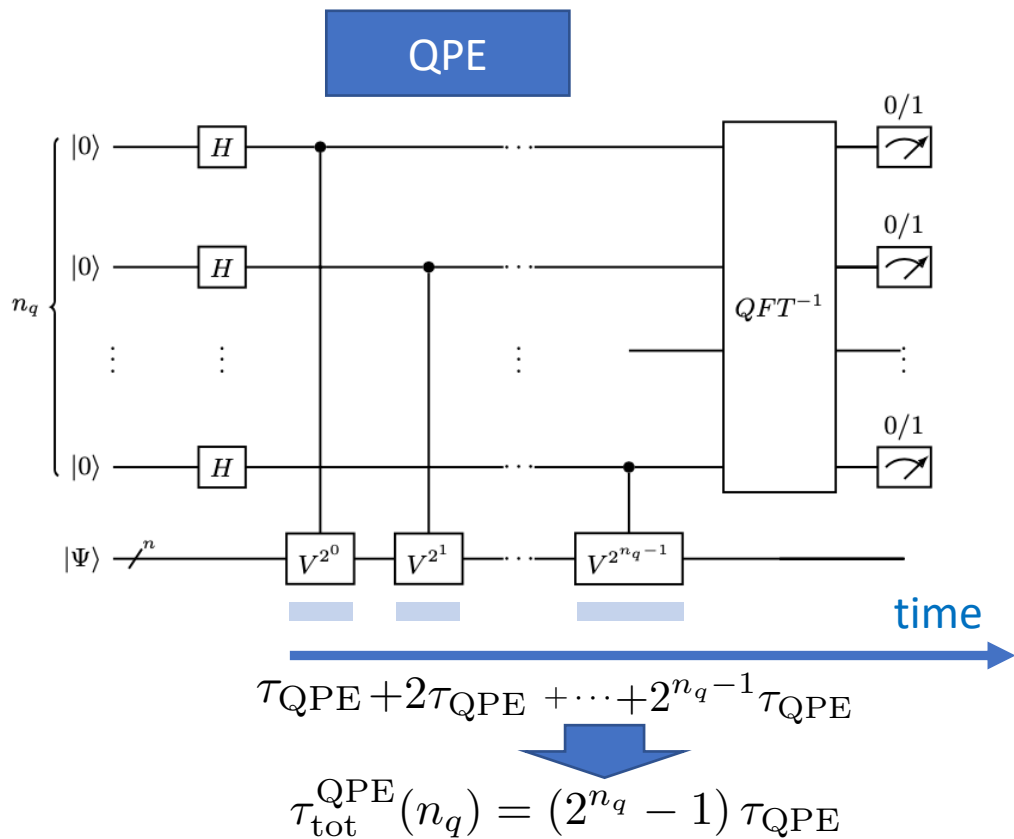
$$|\Psi\rangle = \bigotimes_p [\sin(\theta_p)|0_p\rangle + \cos(\theta_p)|1_p\rangle]$$



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

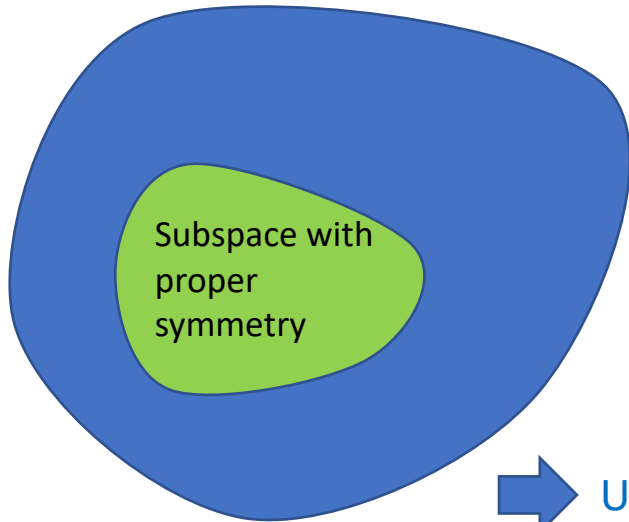
$$\langle \Psi' | \Psi \rangle = 0$$

# Comparison QPE vs Quantum Krylov after Q-VAP



# Exploration of different methods for the symmetry problems

Complete Hilbert space



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

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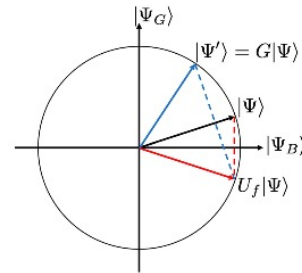
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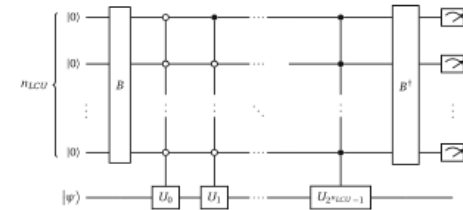
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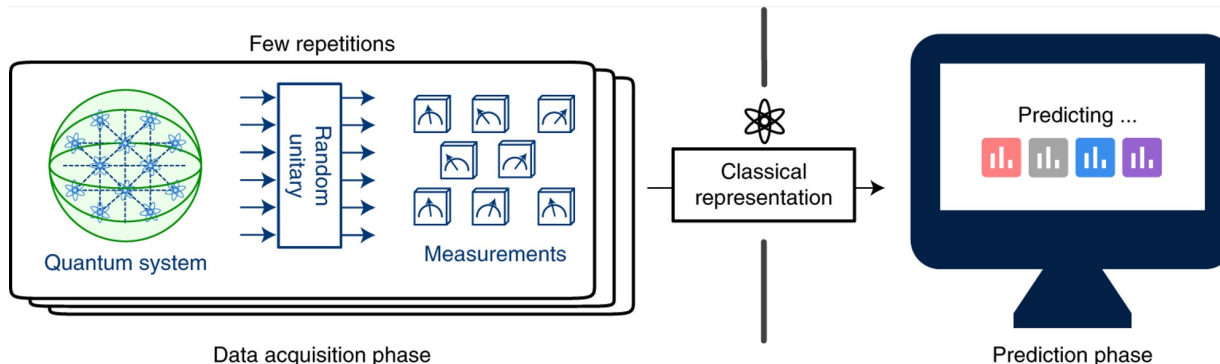
Use Oracle's and Grover-based methods for projection onto a subspace  
 Grover and Oracle



Linear Combination of Unitaries



Use quantum tomography techniques  
 (Classical Shadow method)



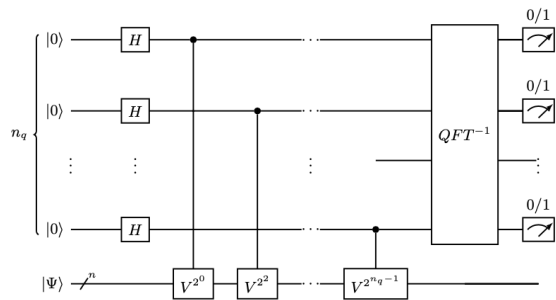
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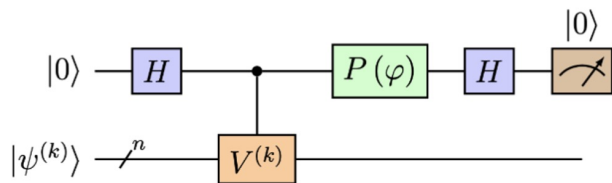
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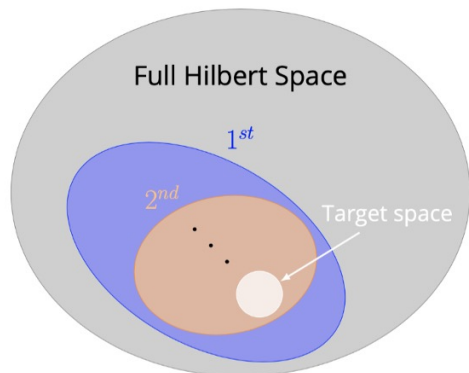
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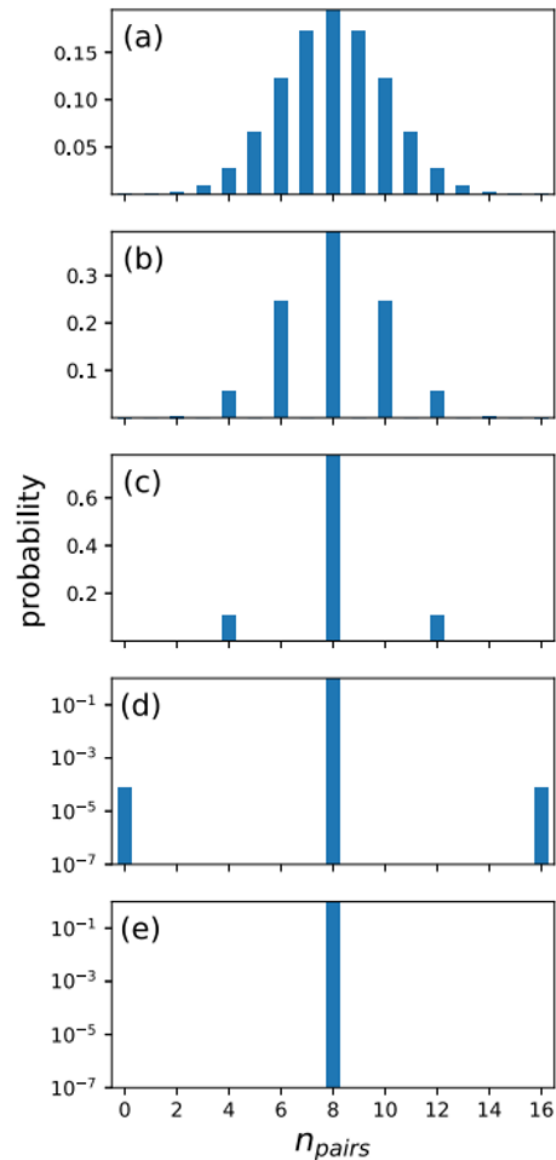
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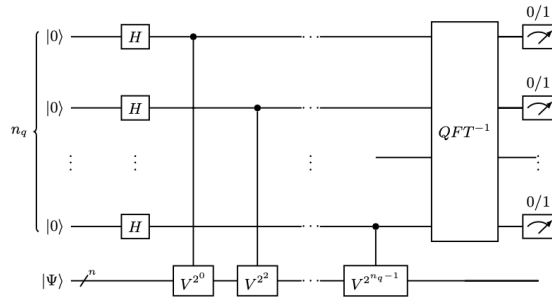
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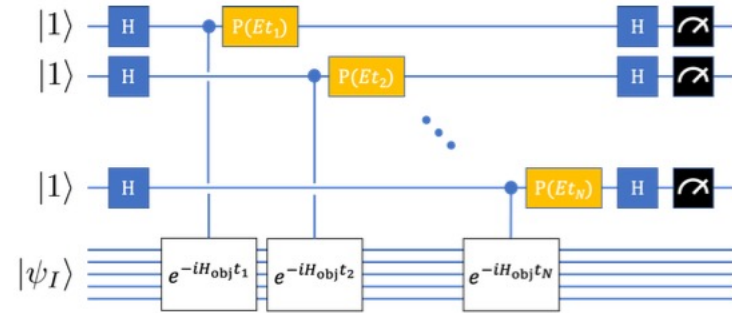
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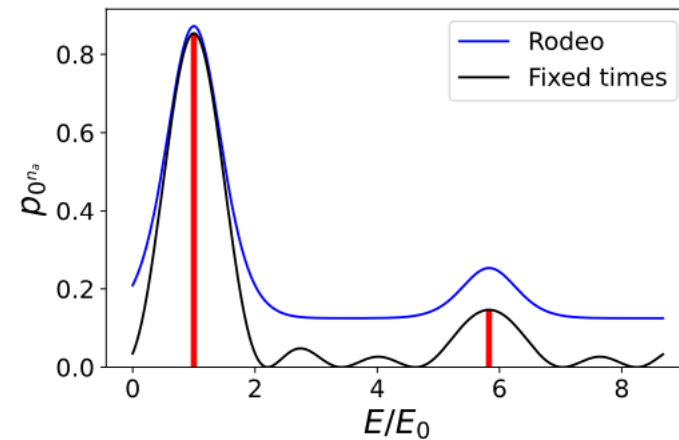
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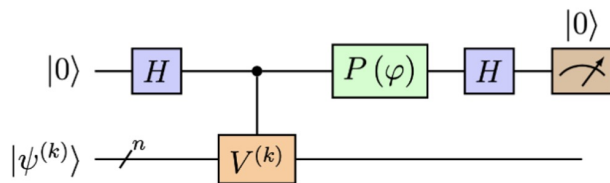
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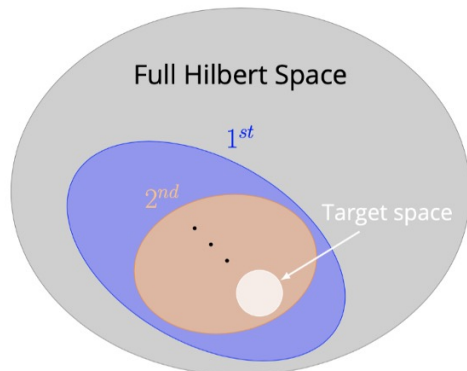
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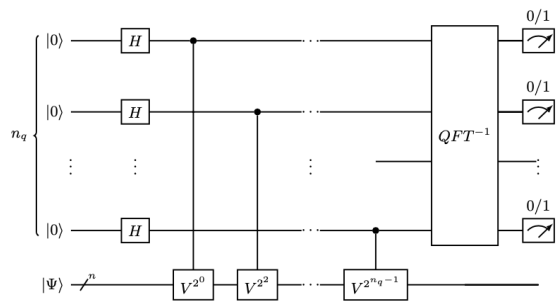
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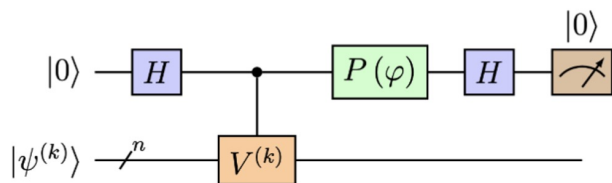


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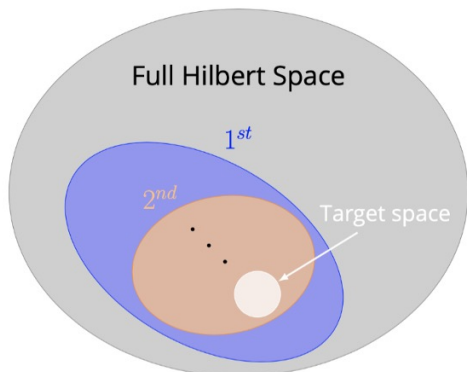


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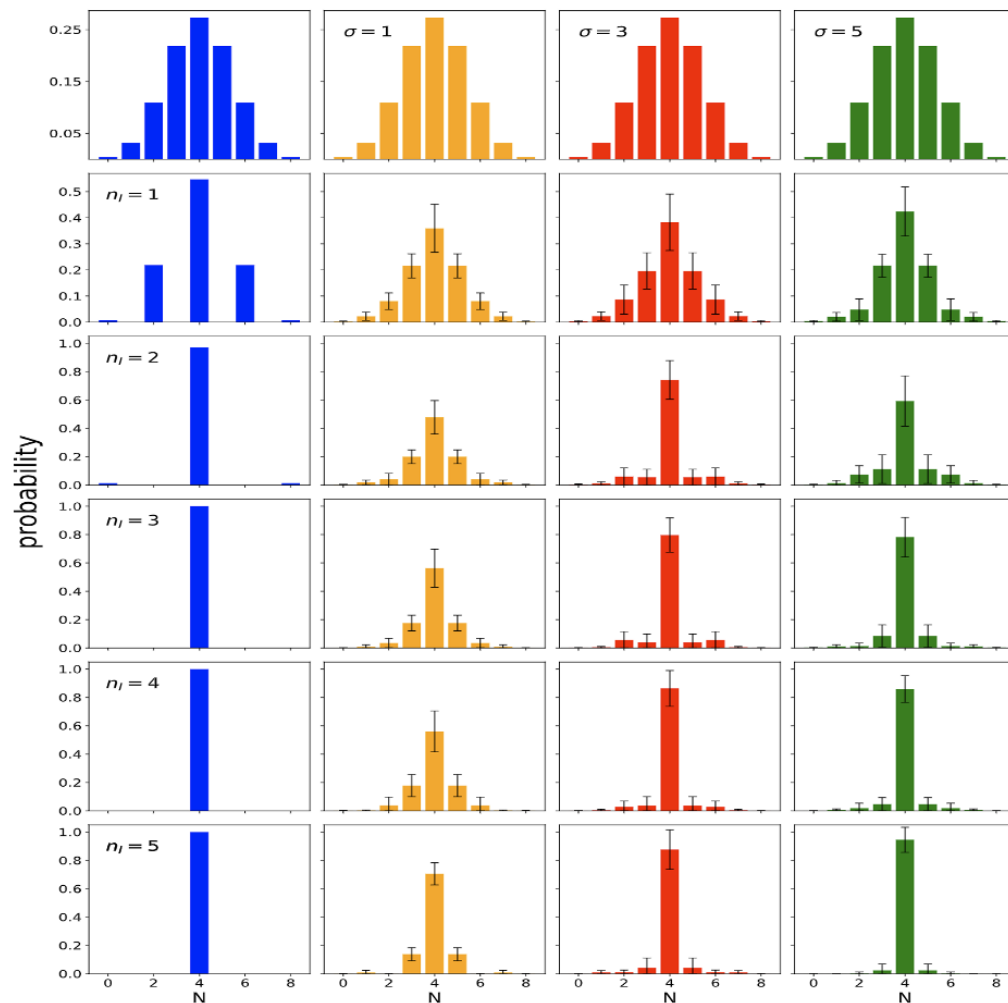
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### Iterative QPE      Rodeo algorithm with different resolution



# Symmetry restoration using Projection operators and Oracles

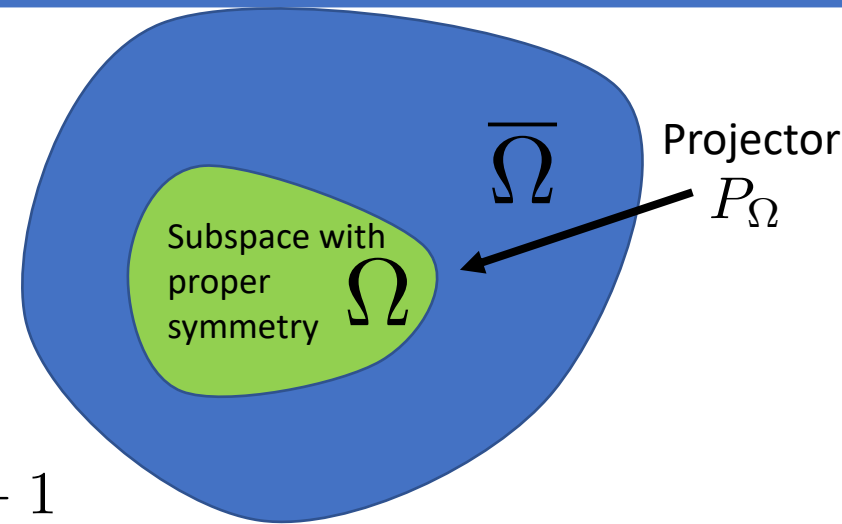
## Grover Classification operator

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

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Assume we are able to encode the projector

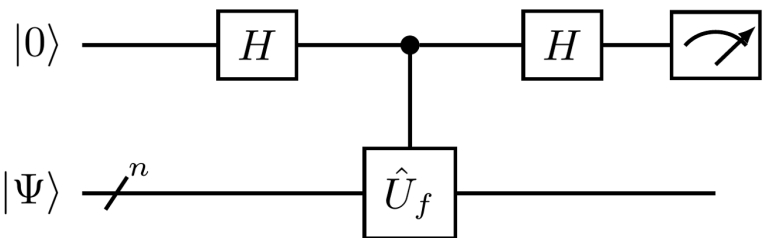
$$P_\Omega \rightarrow U_f = +1P_\Omega - 1(1 - P_\Omega) = 2P_\Omega - 1$$



## Methods based on projectors

### Oracle + Hadamard test

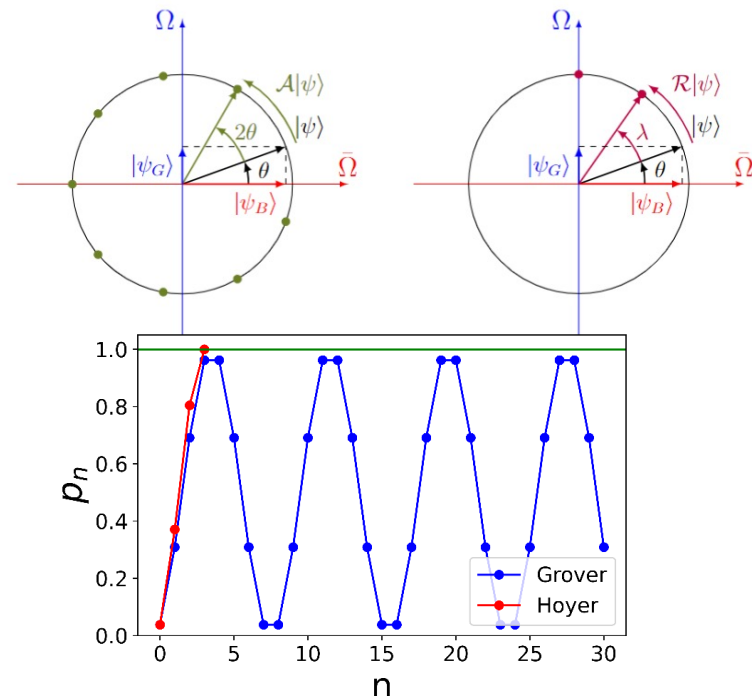
### Grover technique



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

Amplitude Amplification

Grover-Hoyer



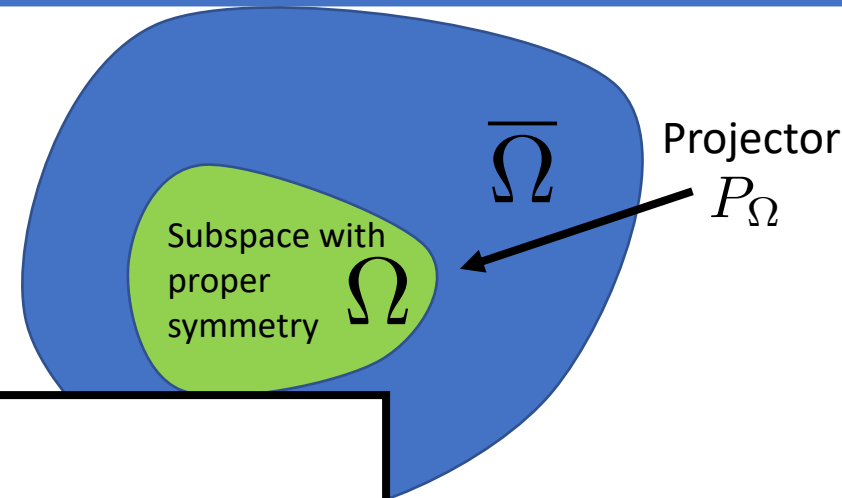


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## Practical implementation of projectors

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

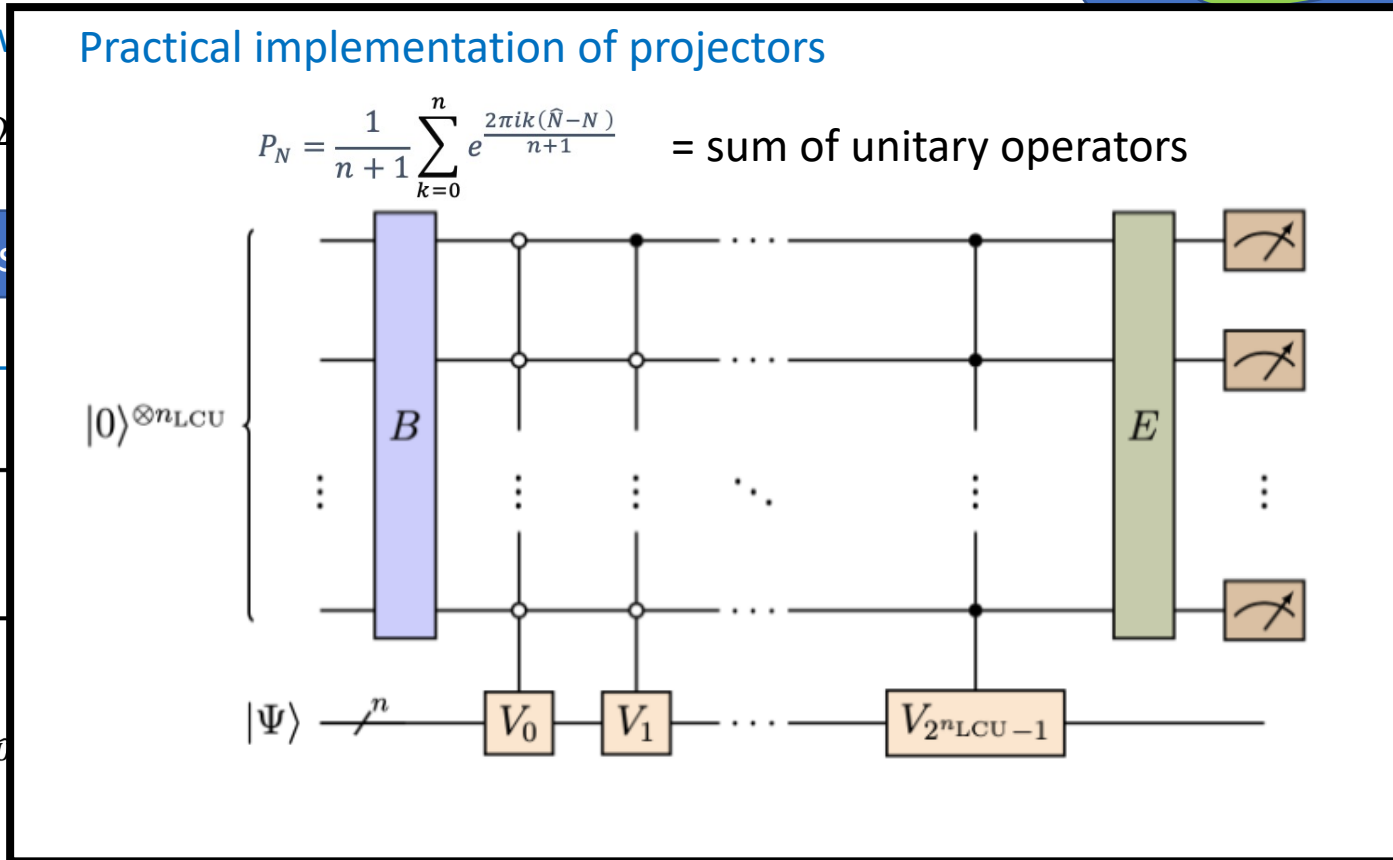
Methods

Oracle + H

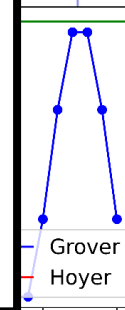
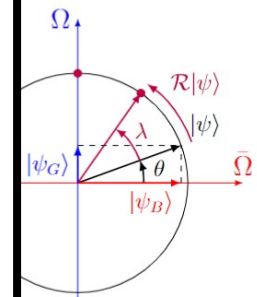
$|0\rangle$

$|\Psi\rangle$

$\frac{1}{2} \{|0\rangle \otimes [I + U]$



Grover-Hoyer

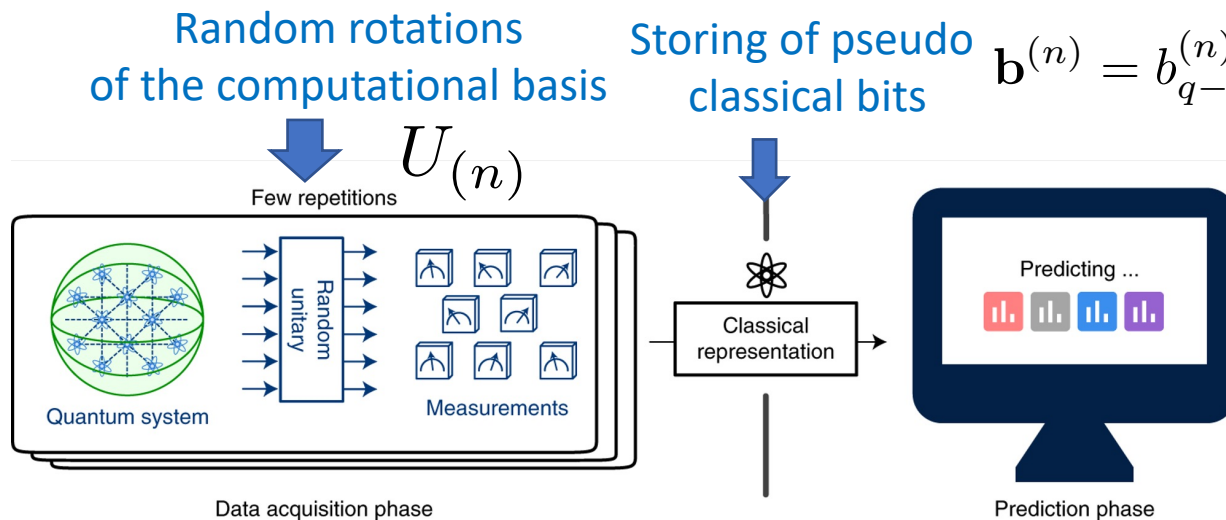


0 5 10 15 20 25 30

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# Symmetry restoration by quantum tomography

## Classical shadow technique



$$\mathbf{b}^{(n)} = b_{q-1}^{(n)} \cdots b_0$$

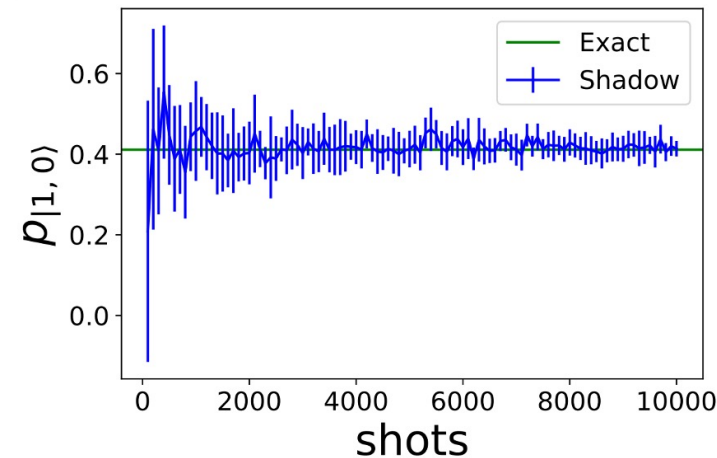
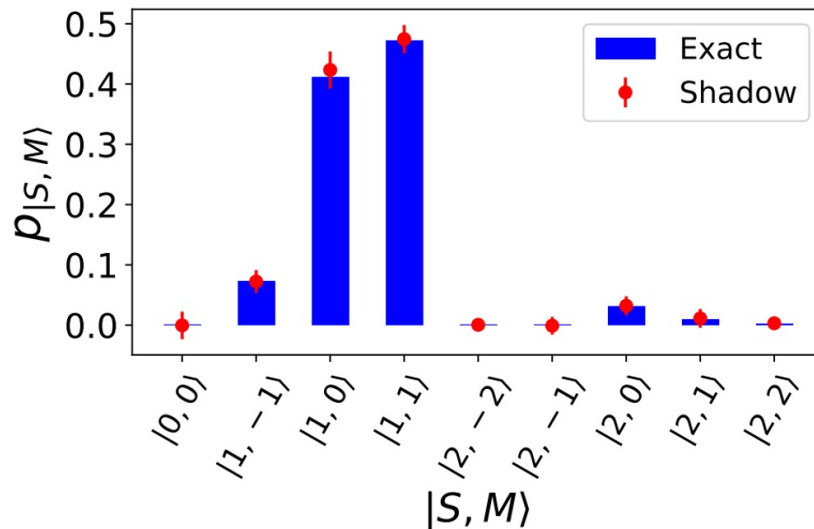
$$\rho^{(n)} = |\mathbf{b}^{(n)}\rangle\langle\mathbf{b}^{(n)}|$$

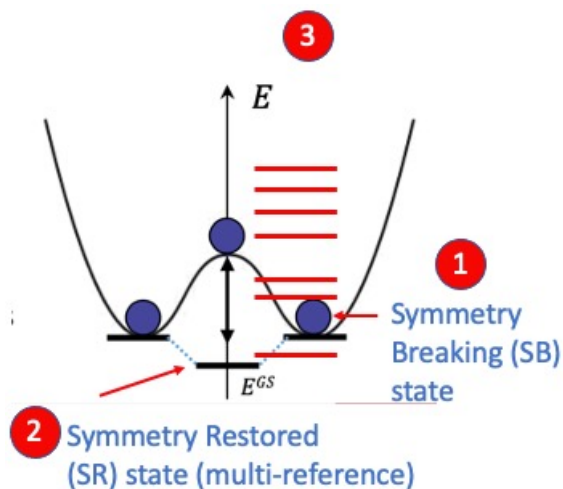
Inverse transformation average

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{\text{evt}}} \sum_n \text{Tr} \left( O U_{(n)}^\dagger \rho^{(n)} U_{(n)} \right)$$

+ optimization on the convergence

H.-Y. Huang, R. Kueng and J. Preskill; Nat. Phys. 16, 1050 (2020)





- ➔ We made a quite extensive focus on the symmetry problem (symmetry breaking/symmetry restoration)
- ➔ Several techniques have been used to perform symmetry restoration (QPE, Grover, Shadow)
- ➔ We also explored a bit of postprocessing to get the ground state and excited states

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