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Noise-robust ground state energy estimates from deep quantum circuits

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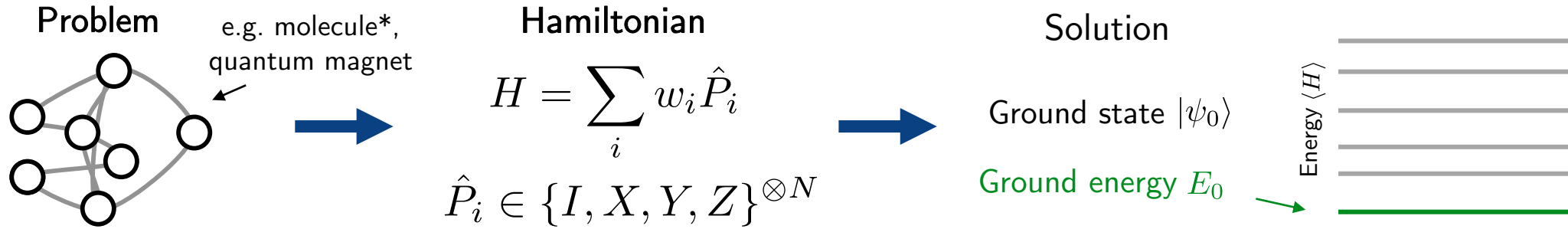
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Overview

- Variational quantum computing and noise
- Ground state energy estimate from Hamiltonian moments
- The quantum computed moments (QCM) approach
- Application of QCM to Heisenberg model
- QCM noise robustness analysis
- Conclusion

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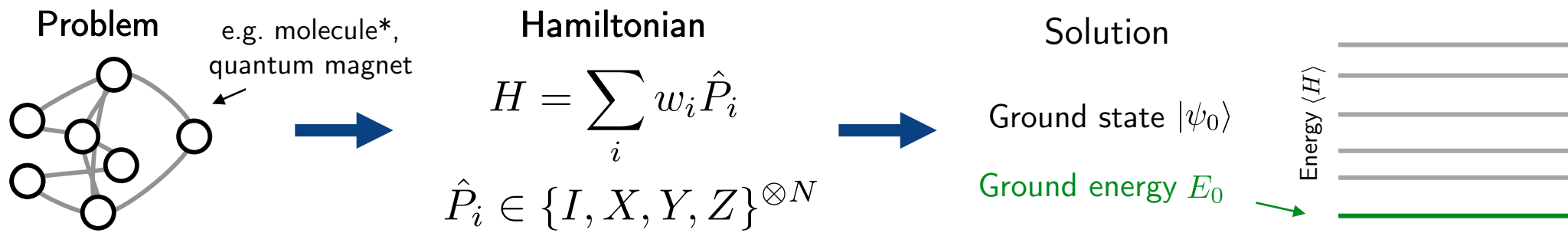


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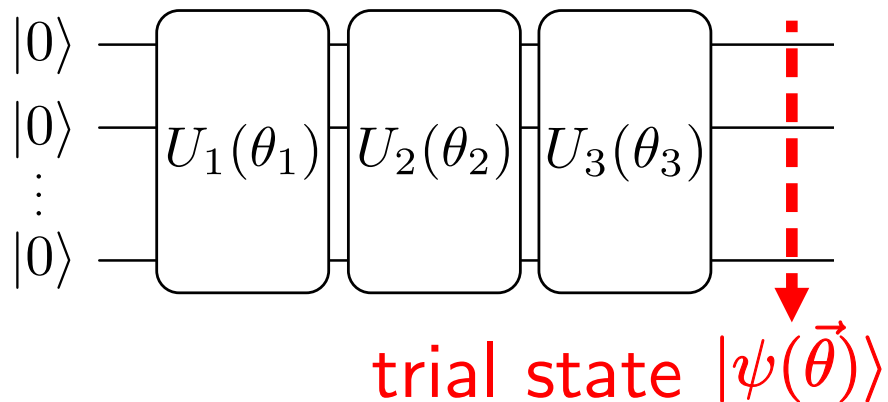
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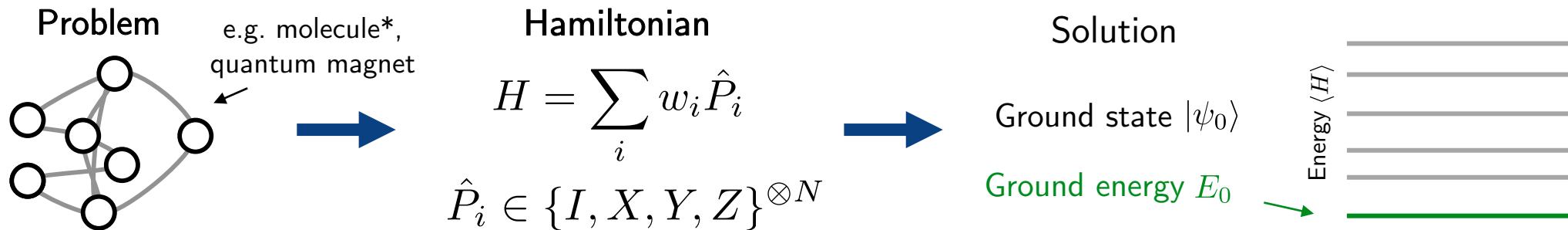


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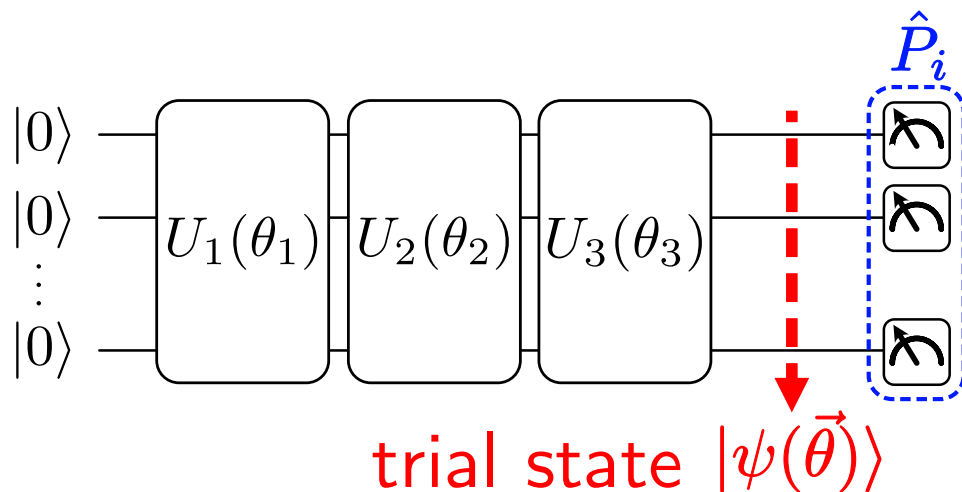
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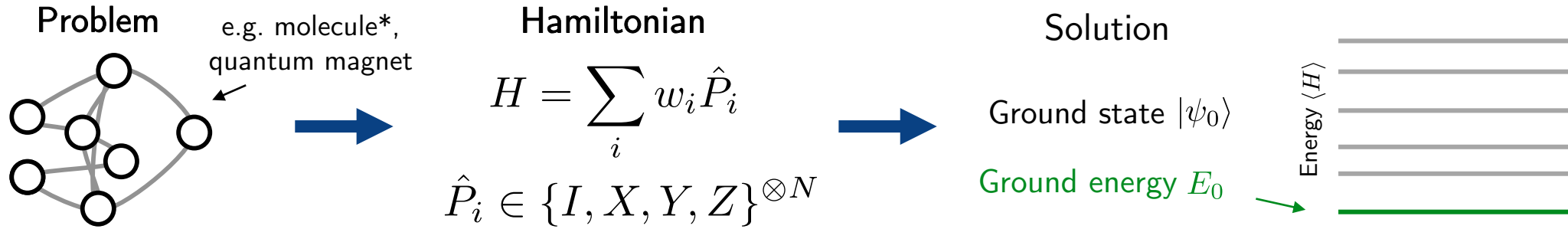


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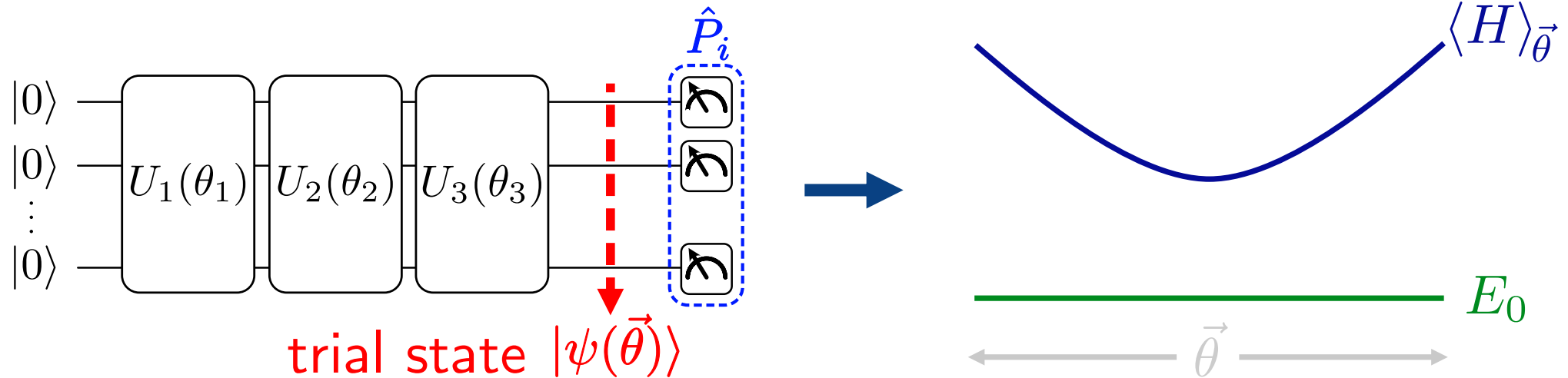
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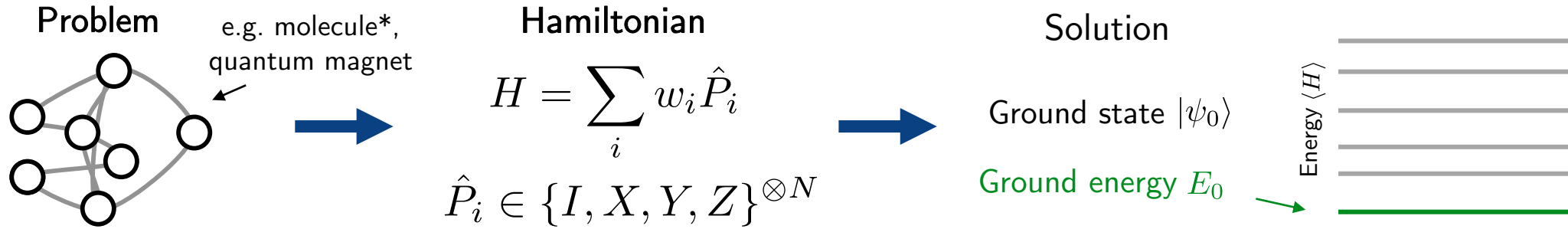


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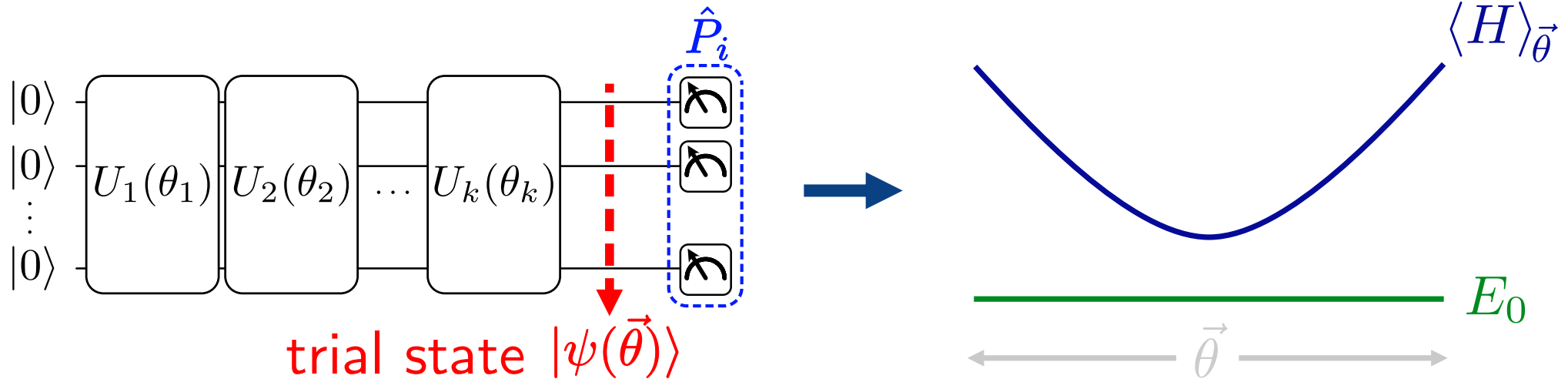
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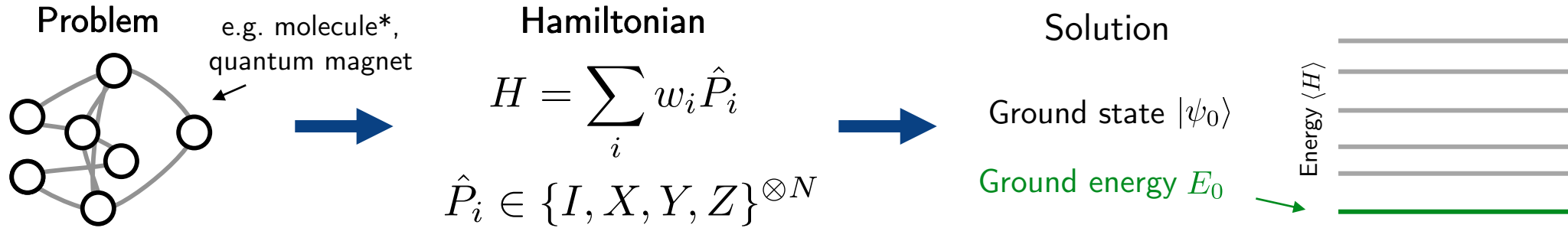


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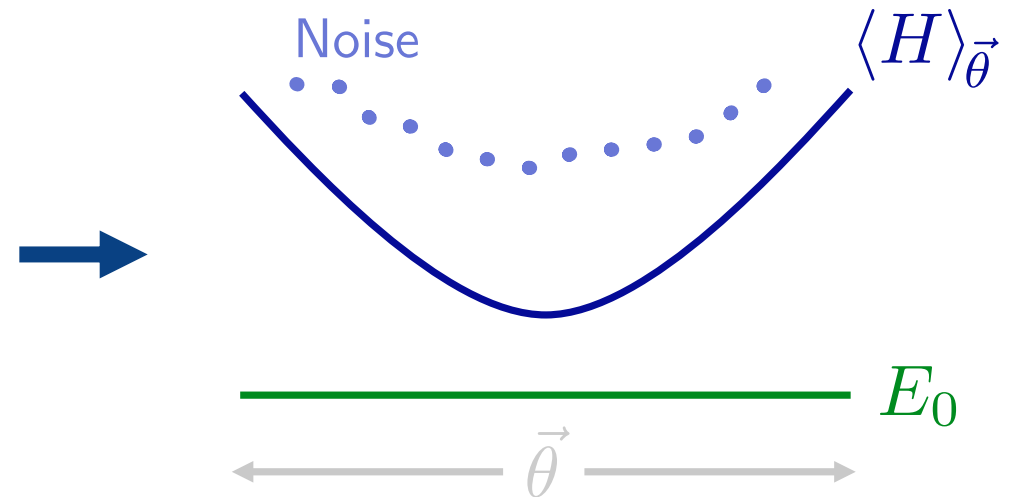
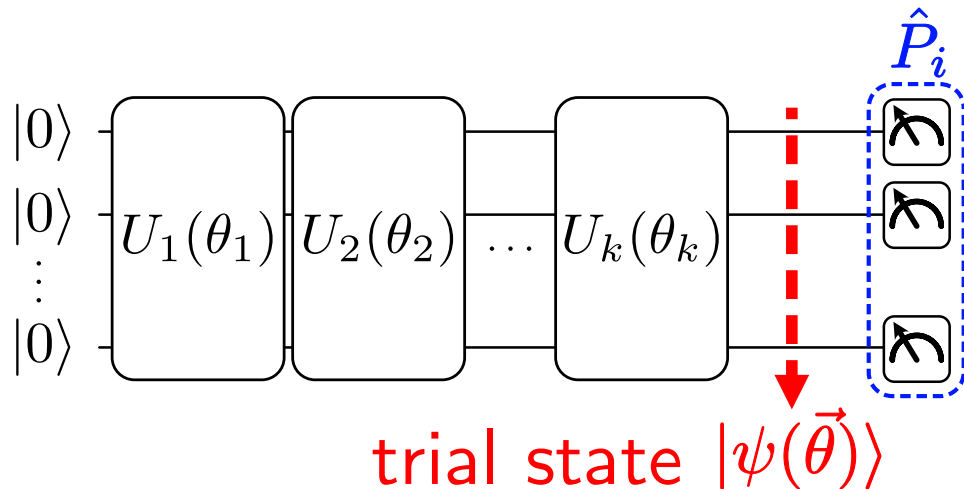
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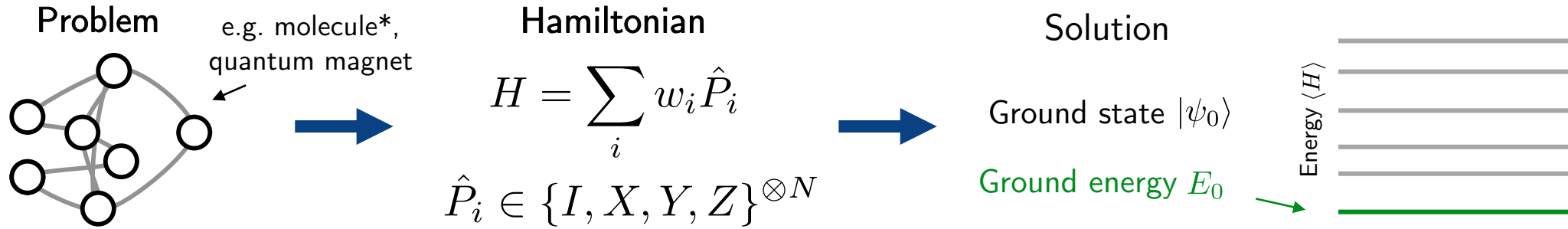


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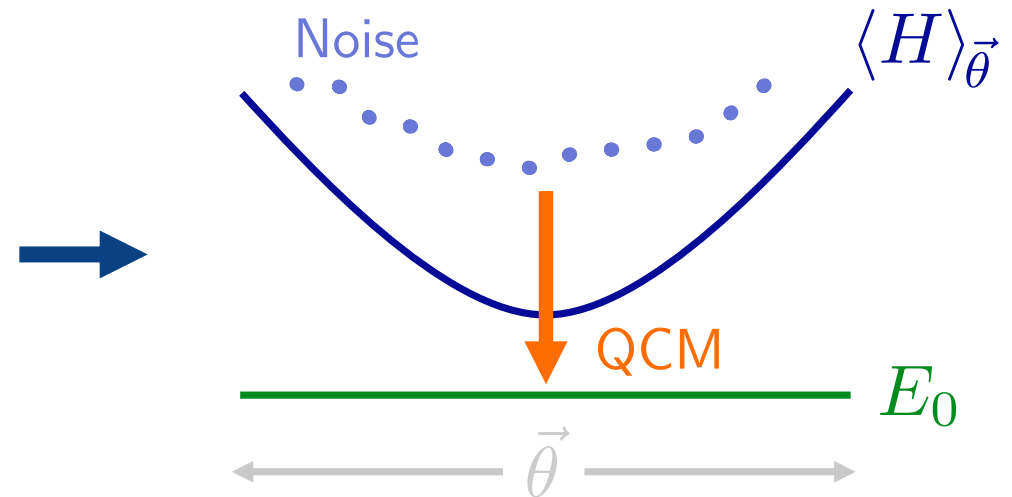
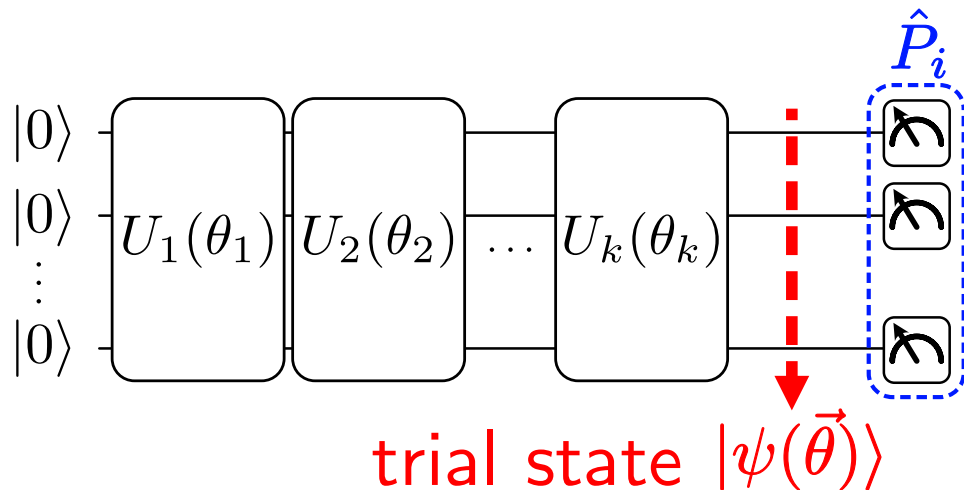
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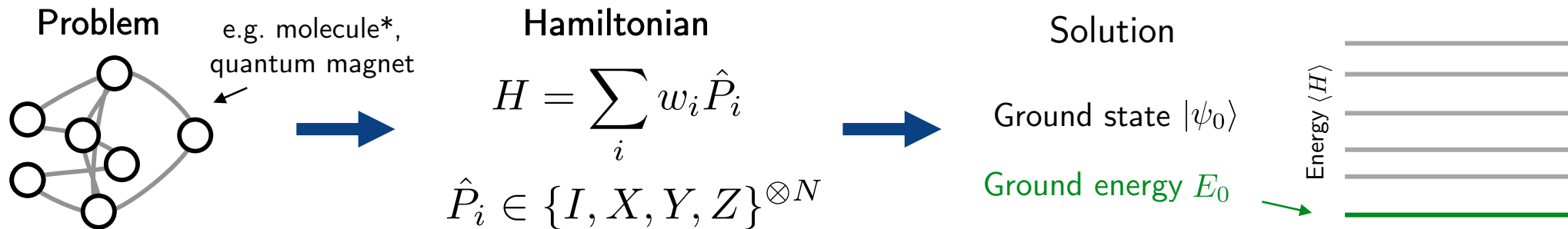


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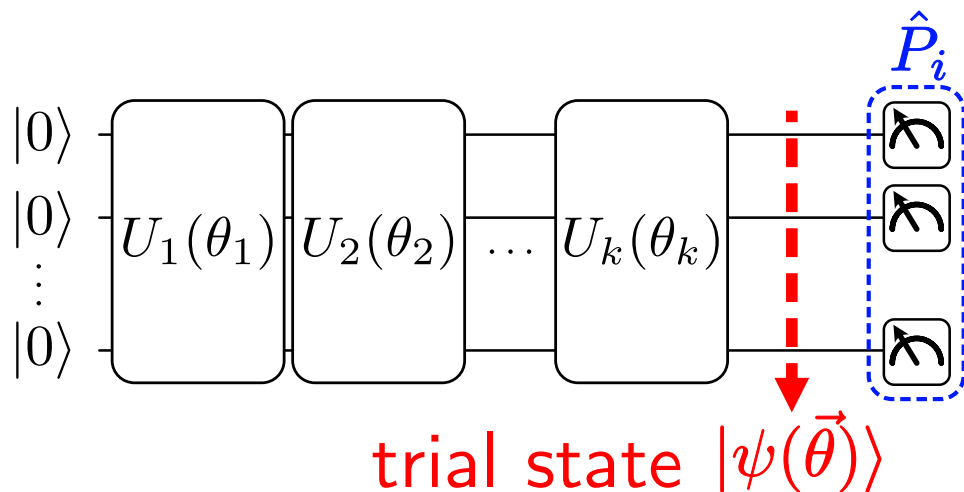
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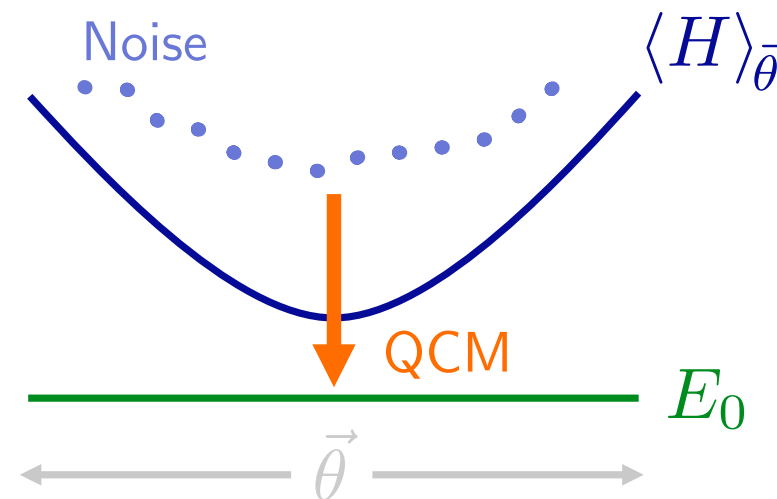


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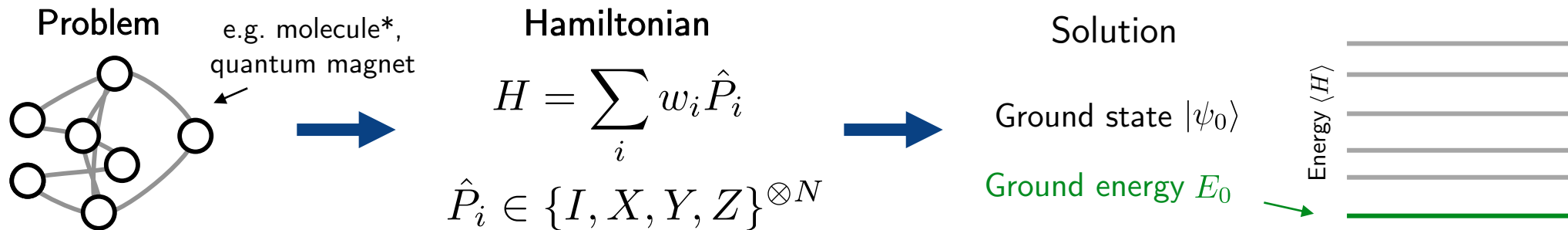


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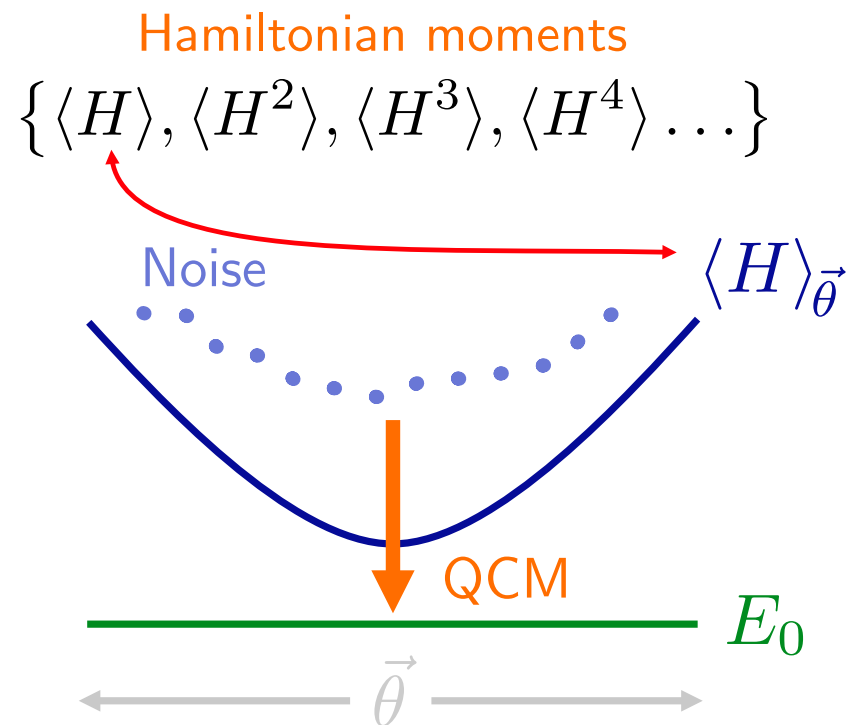
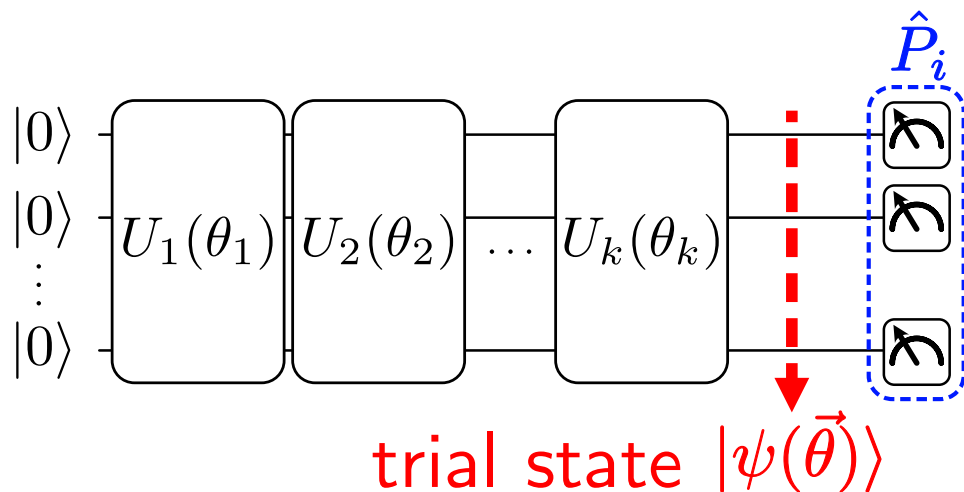
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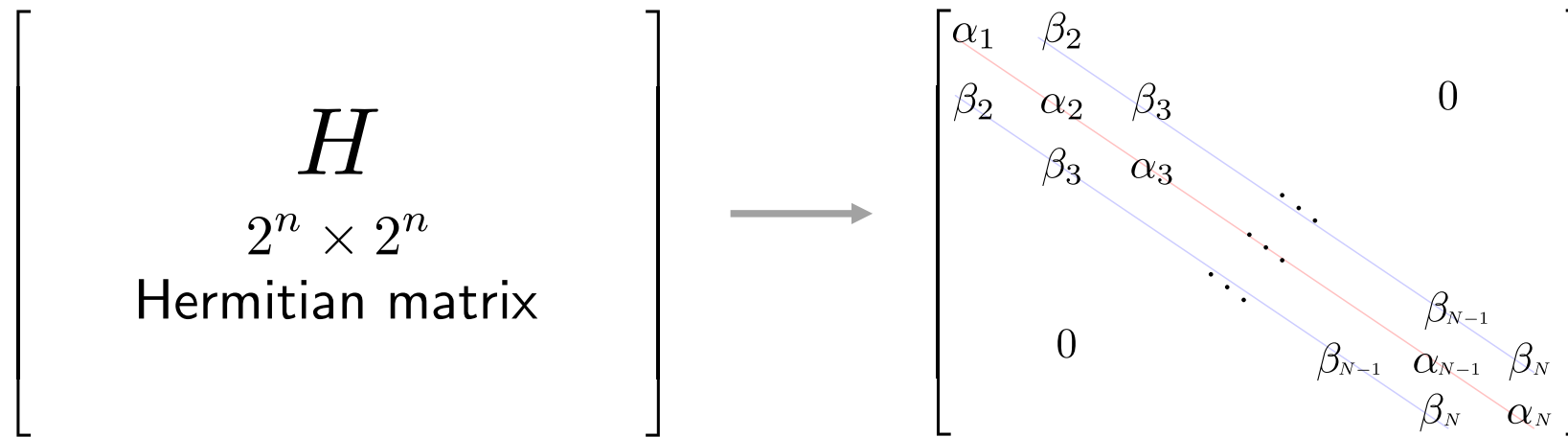
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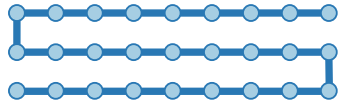
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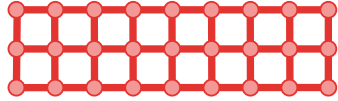
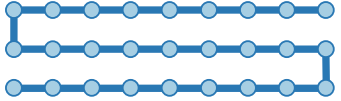
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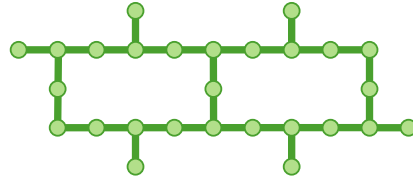
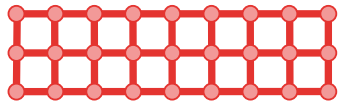
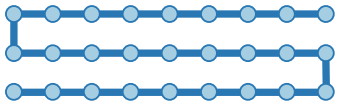
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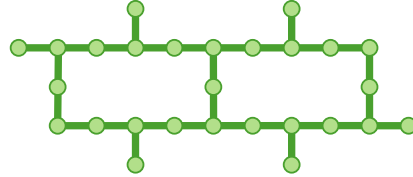
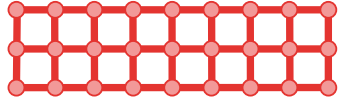
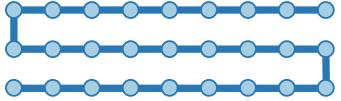
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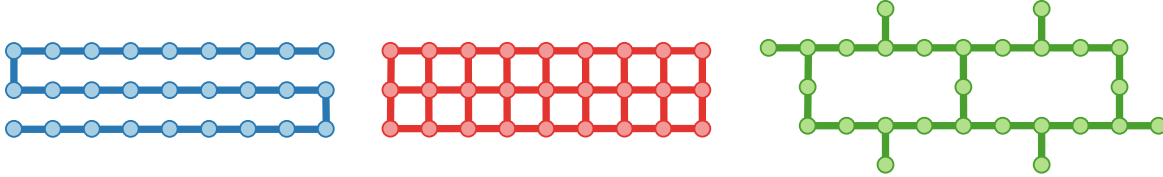


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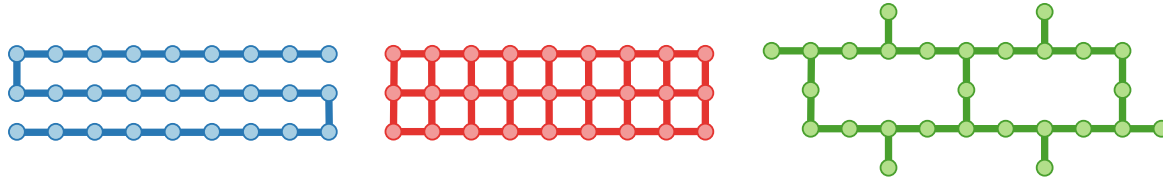
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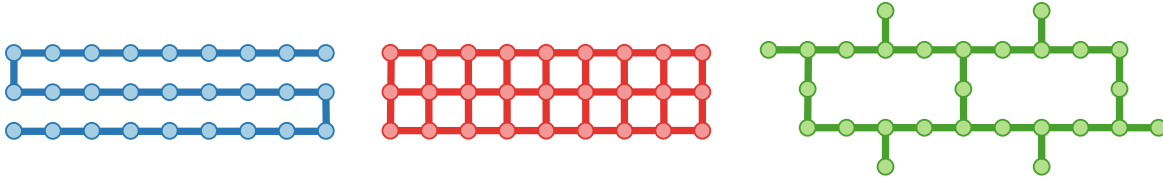
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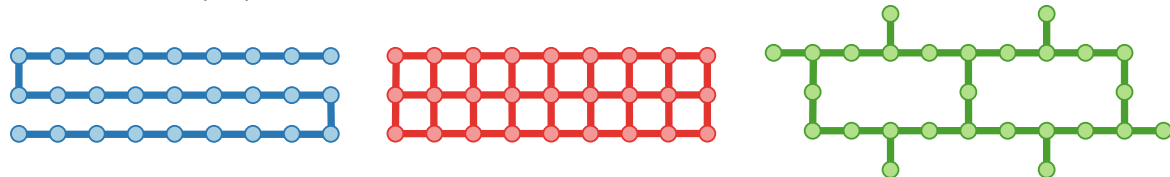
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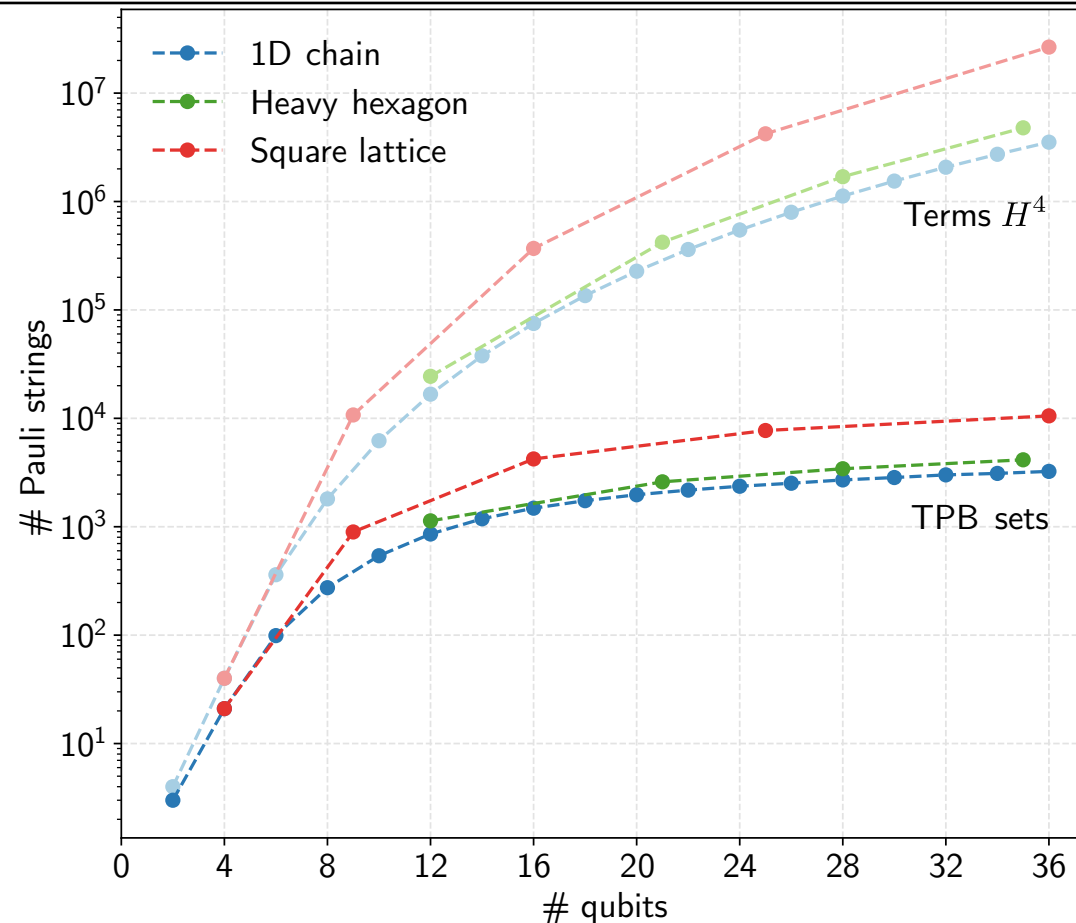


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- Have developed our own TPB grouping heuristic, as most alternatives in the literature are impractical at large scale

Problem graph	Terms in H^4	TPB sets
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65 qubit heavy hexagon	73331107	4249

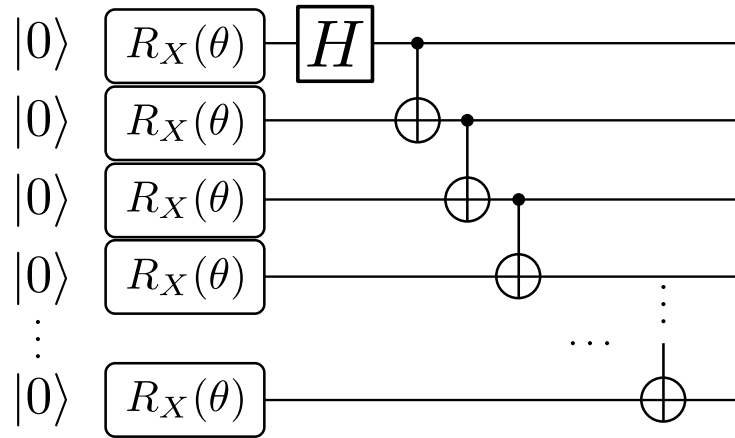


QCM on Heisenberg model: low fidelity trial state

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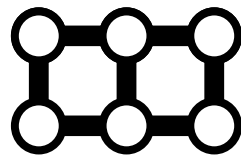
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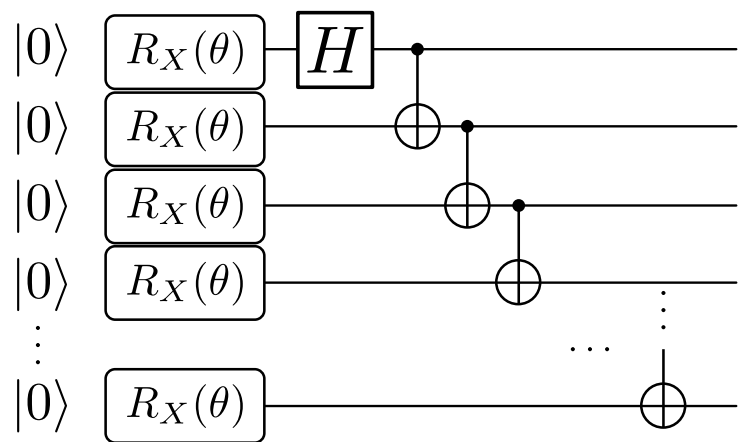
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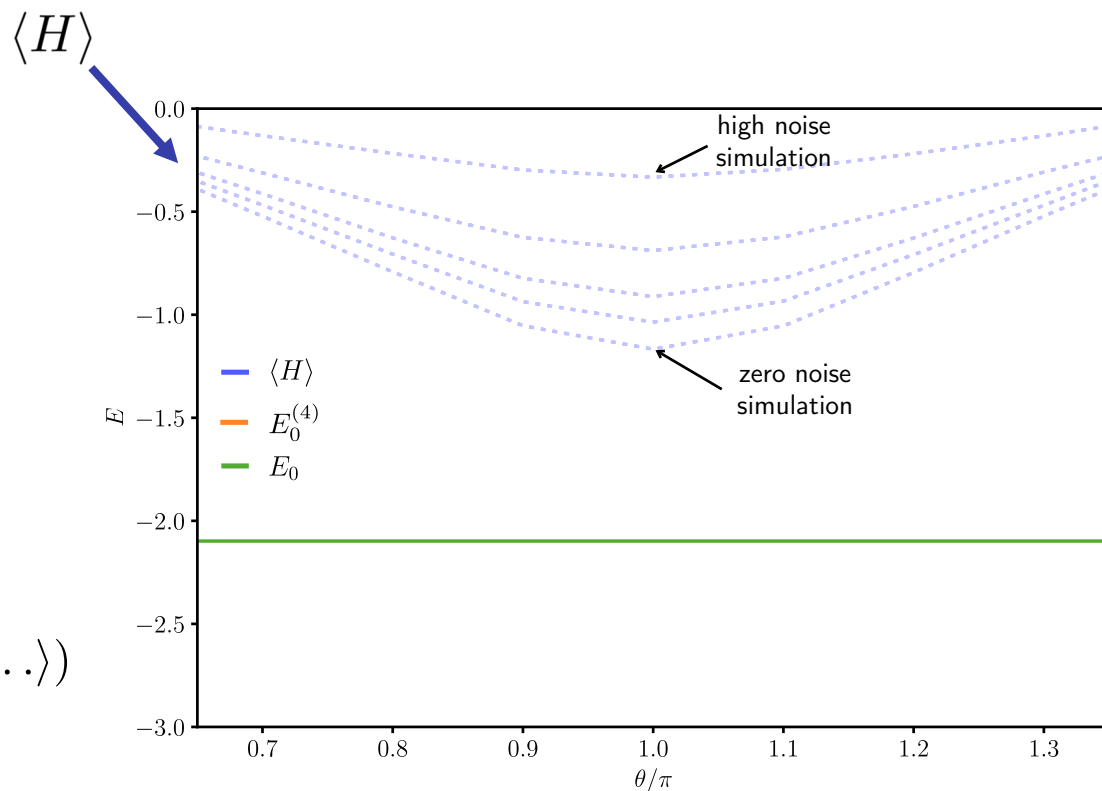
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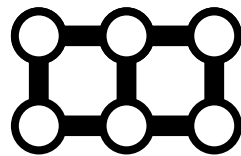


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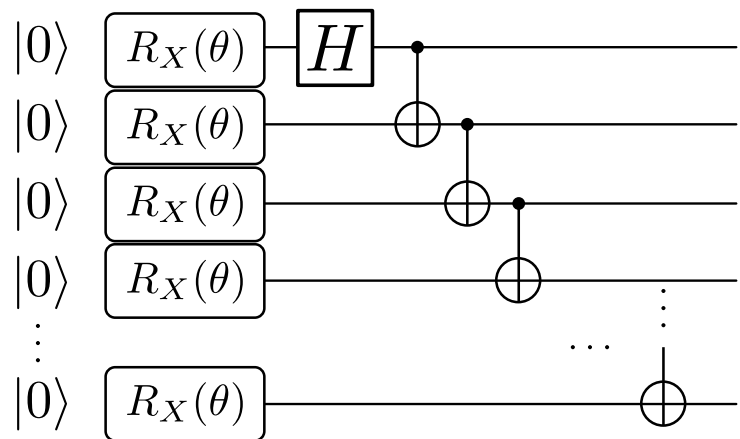
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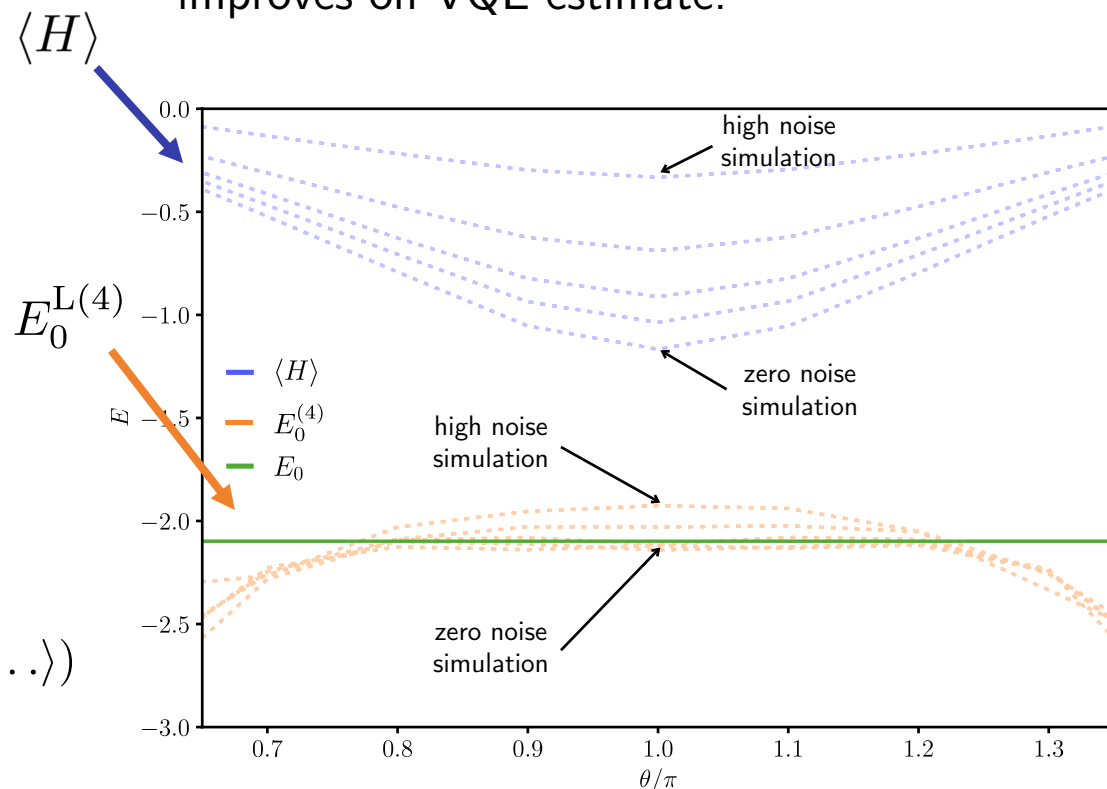


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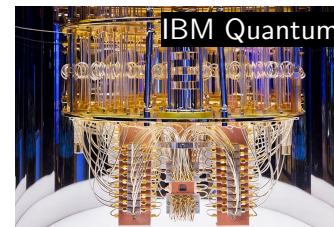
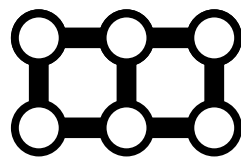


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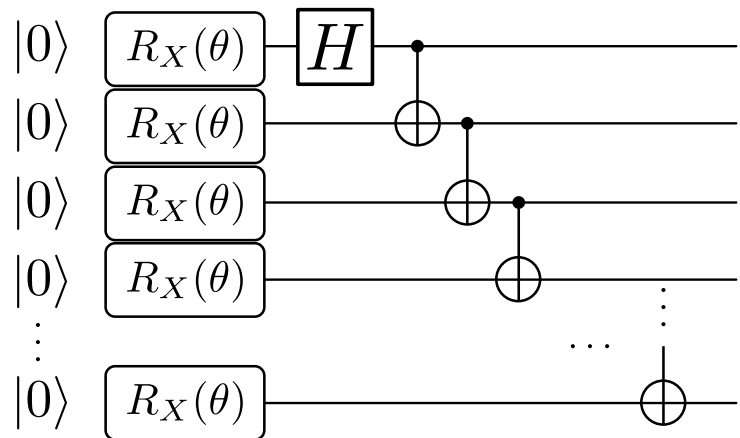
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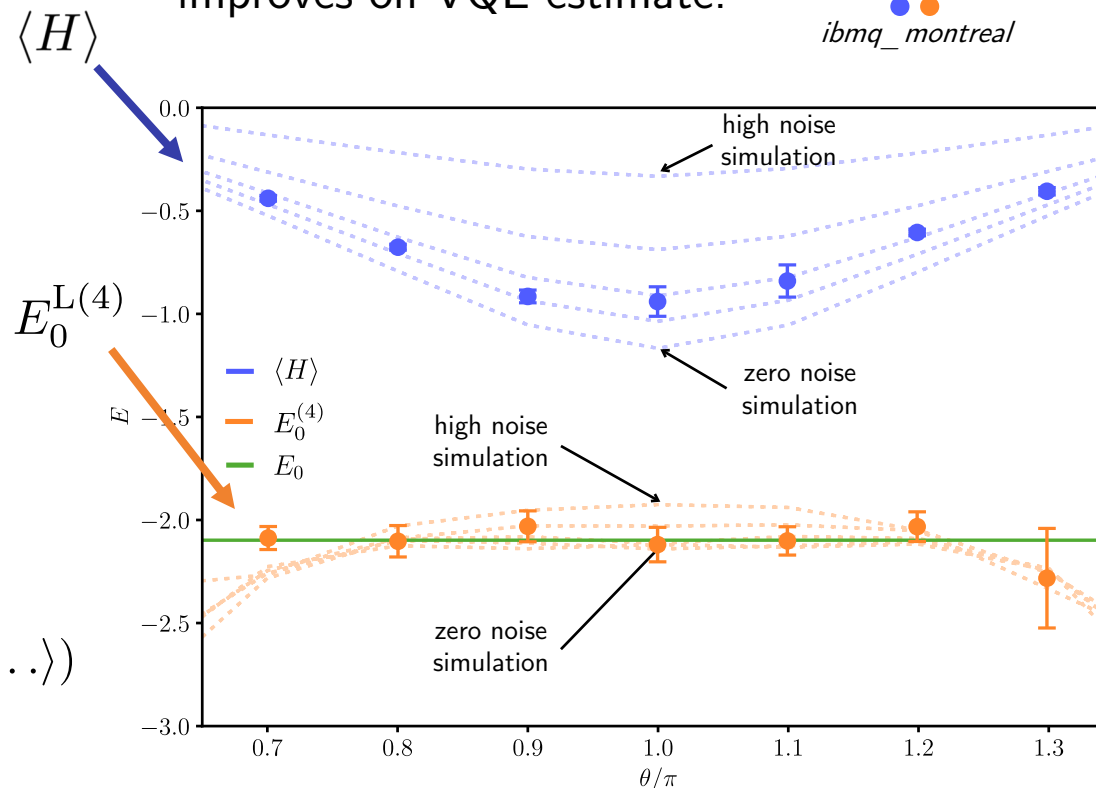
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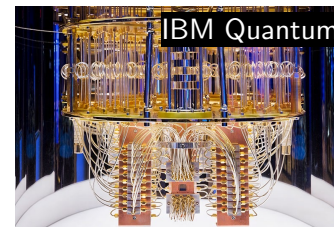
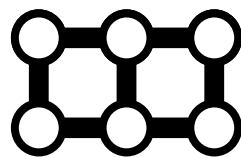


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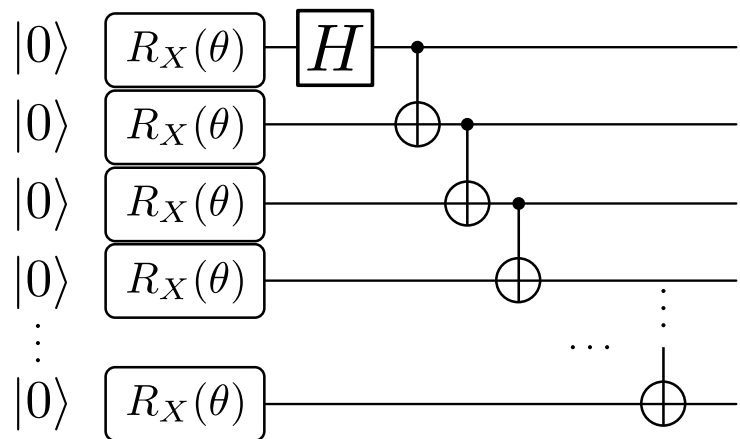
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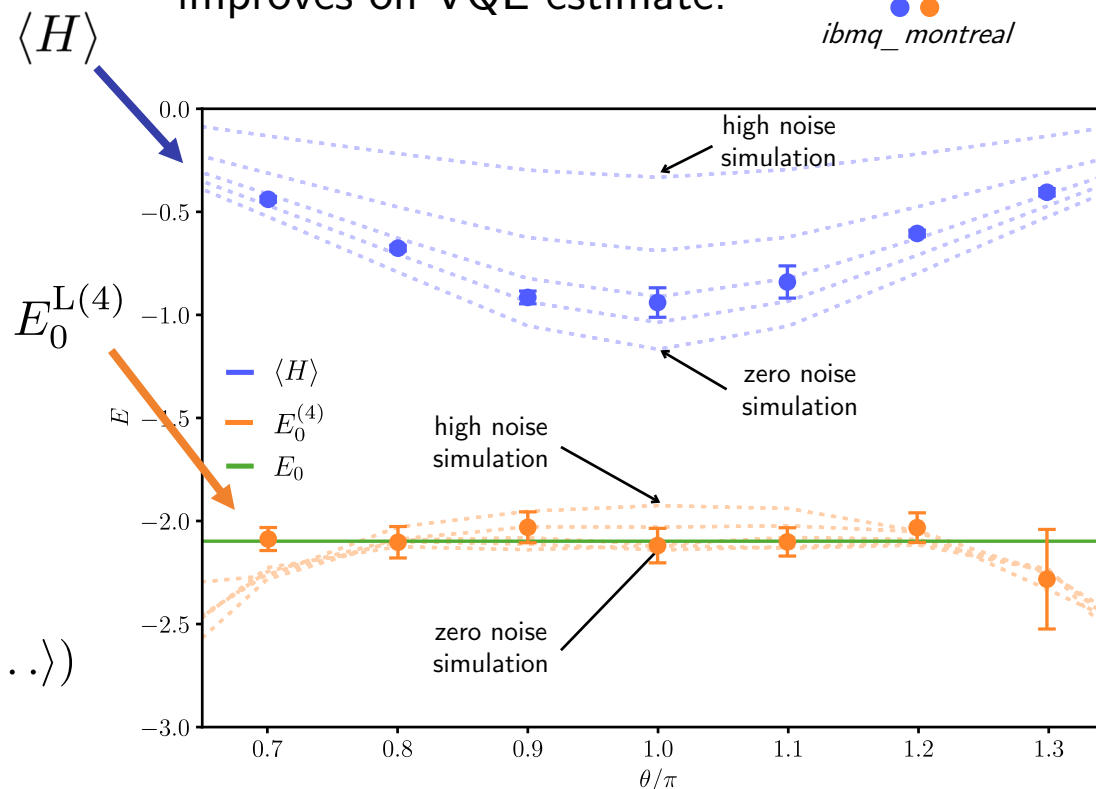
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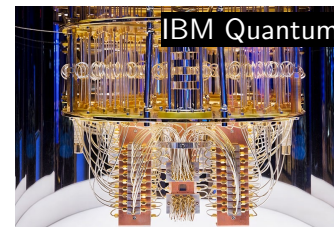
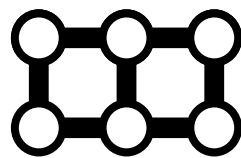


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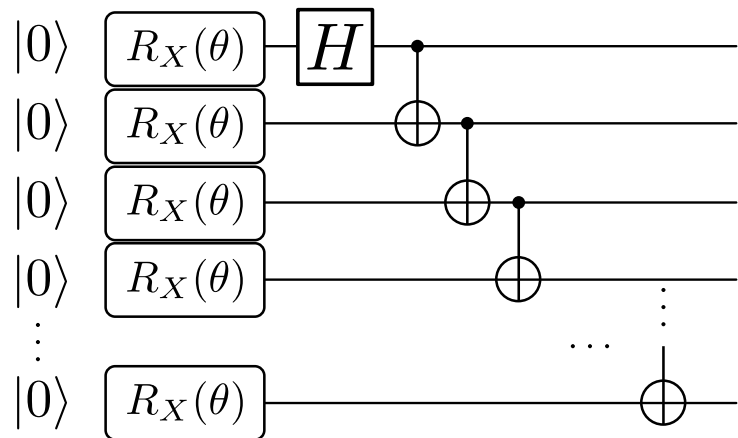
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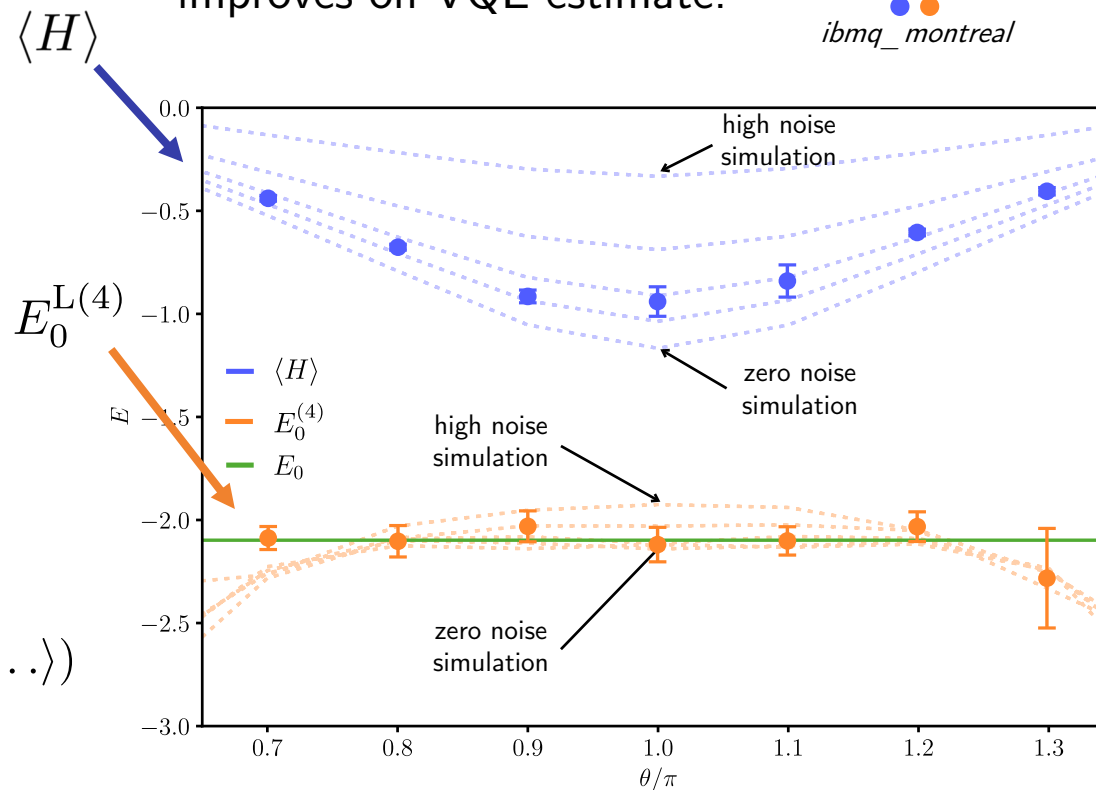
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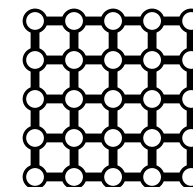
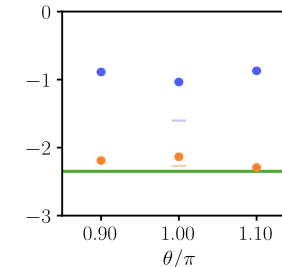
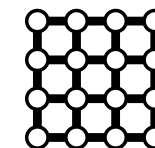
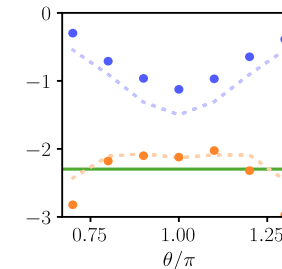
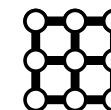
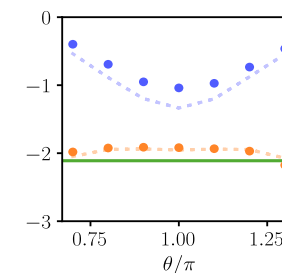
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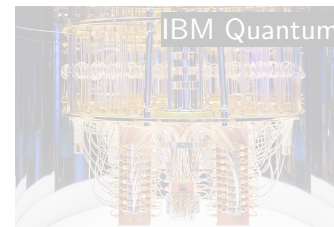
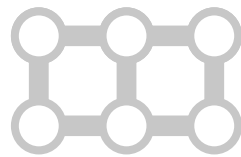


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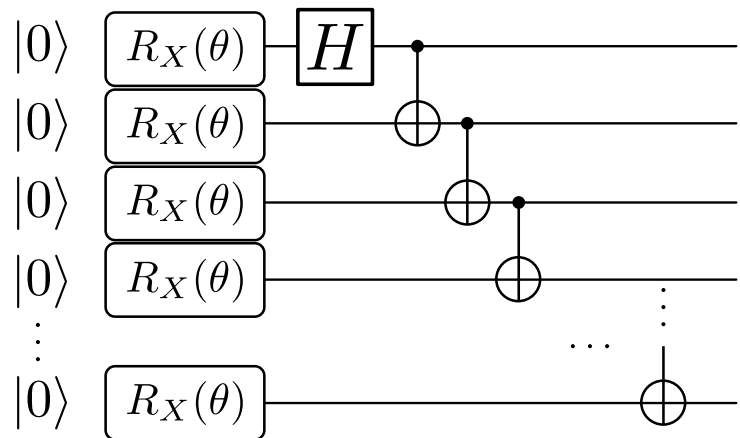


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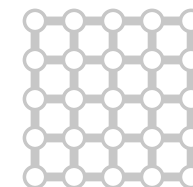
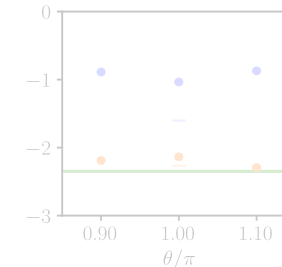
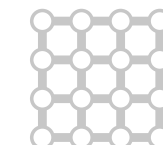
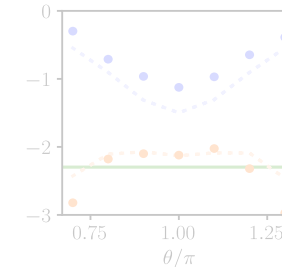
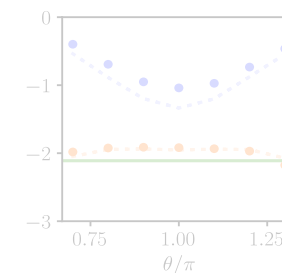
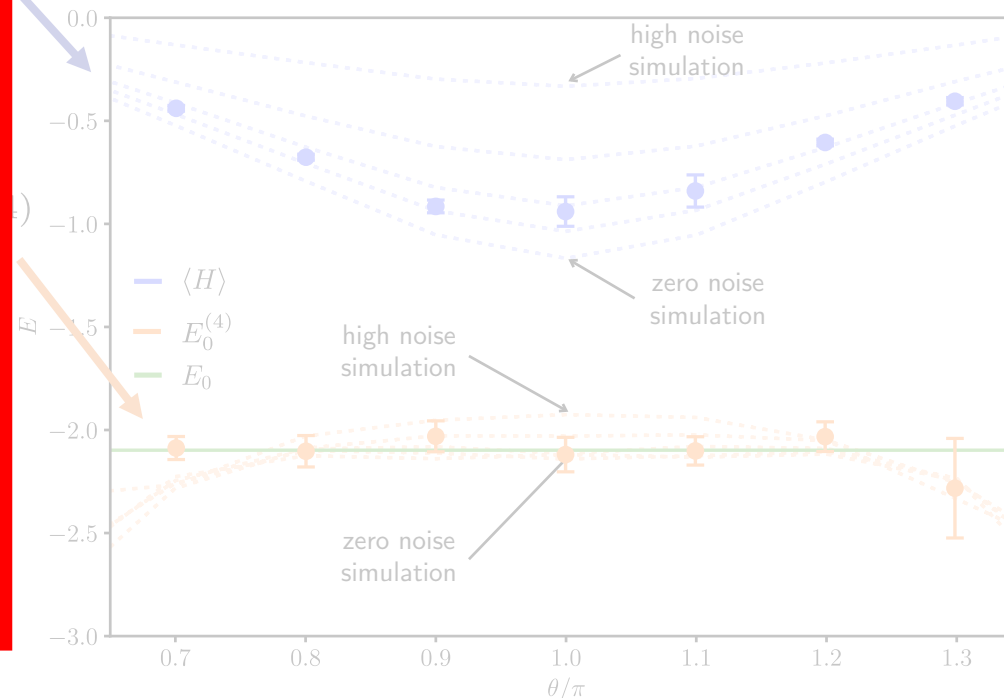
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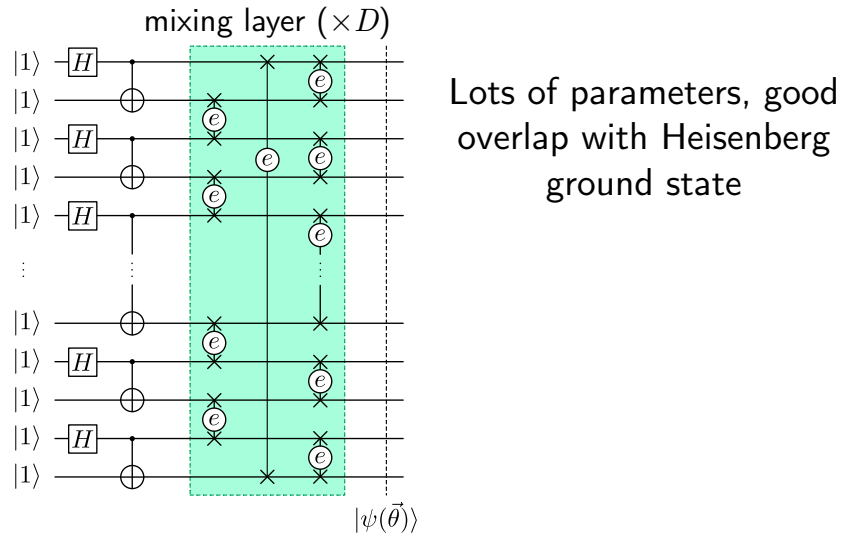
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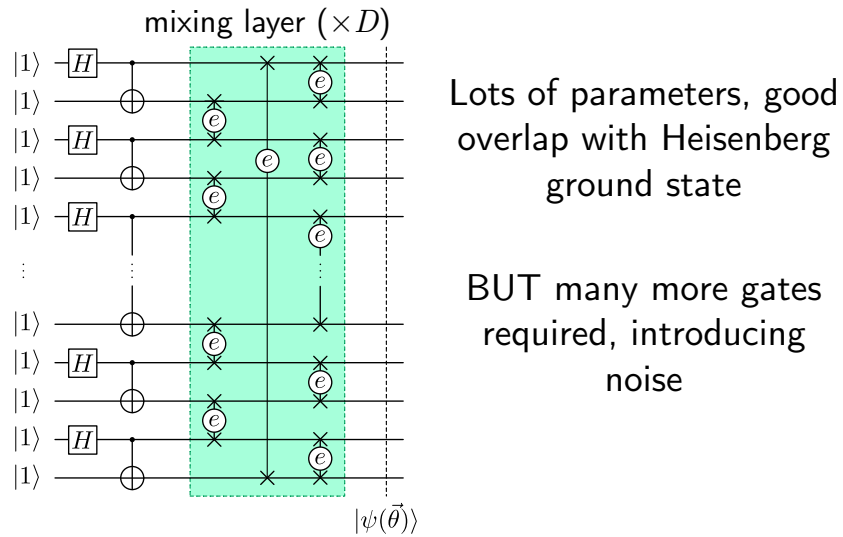
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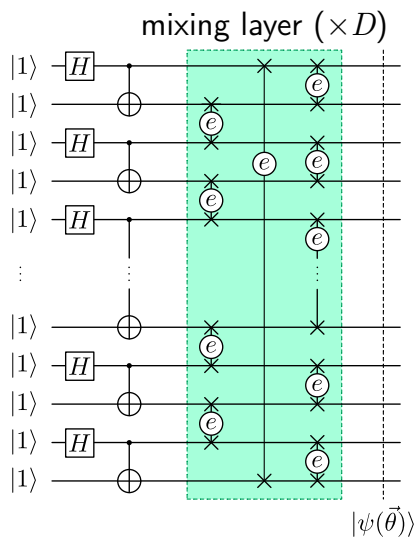
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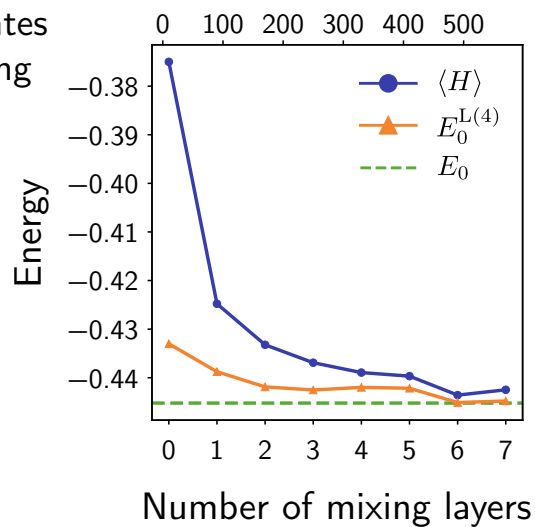
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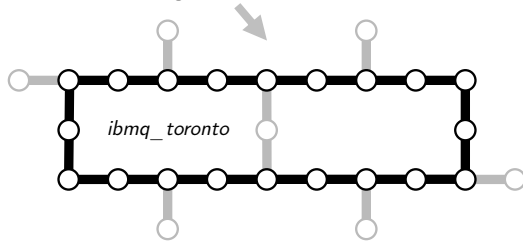
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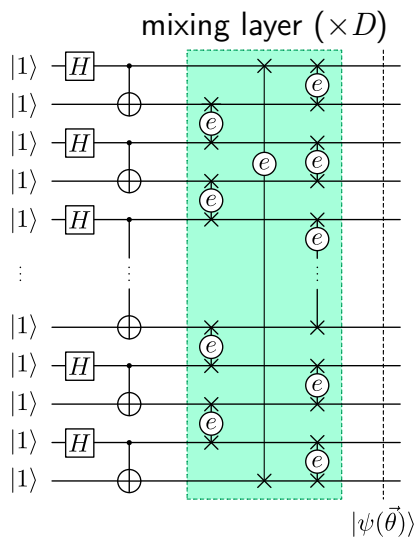


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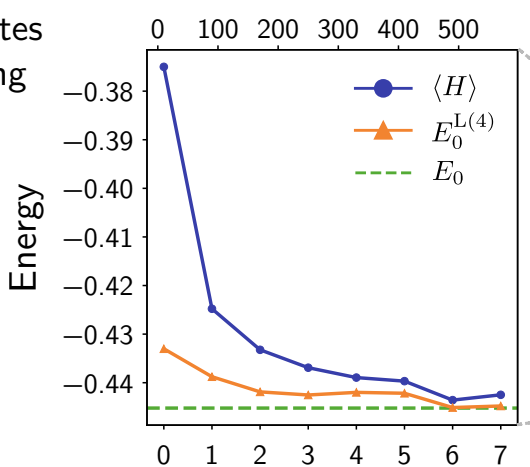
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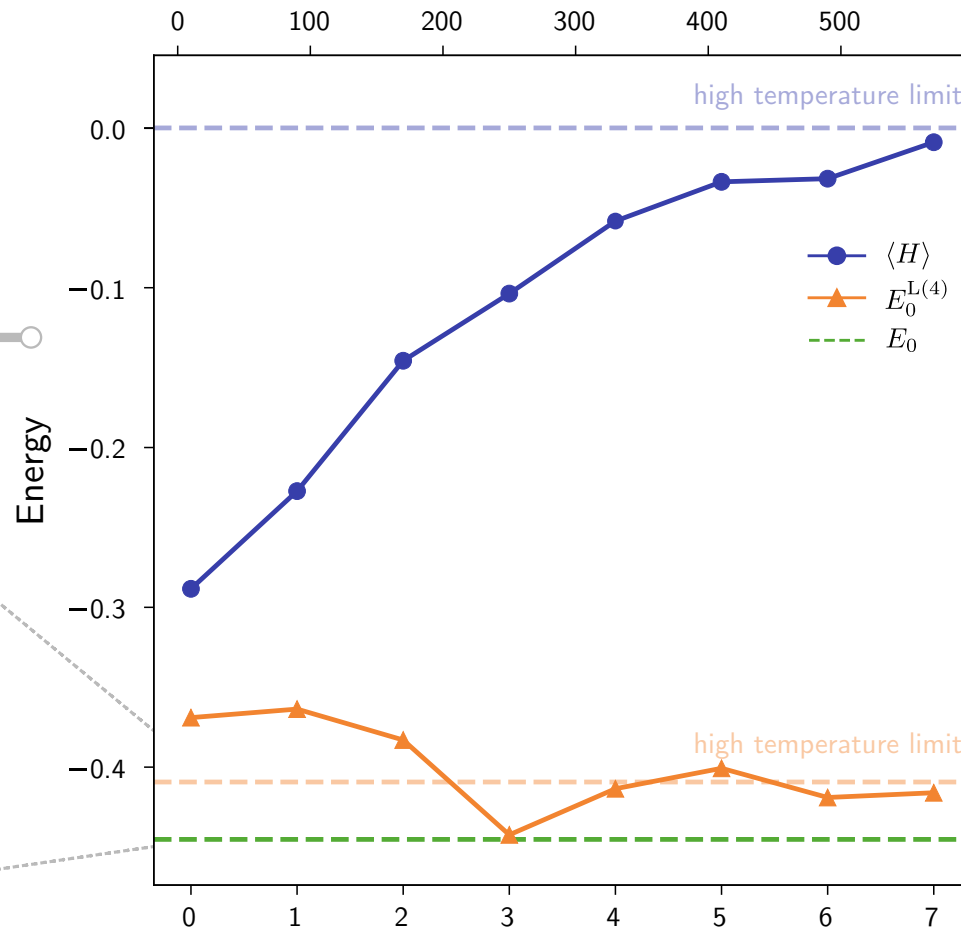
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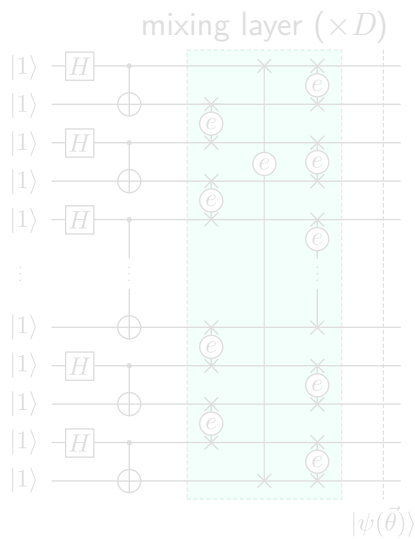
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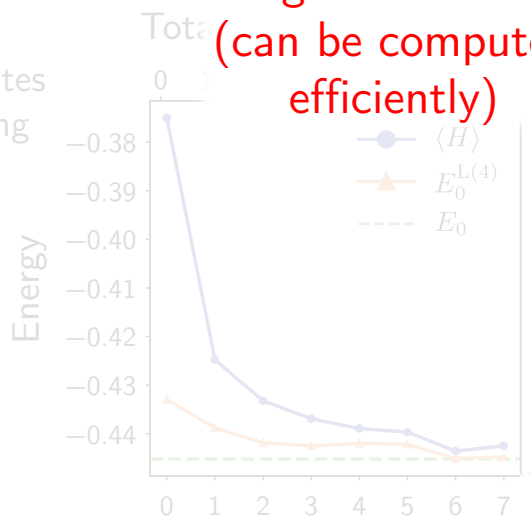
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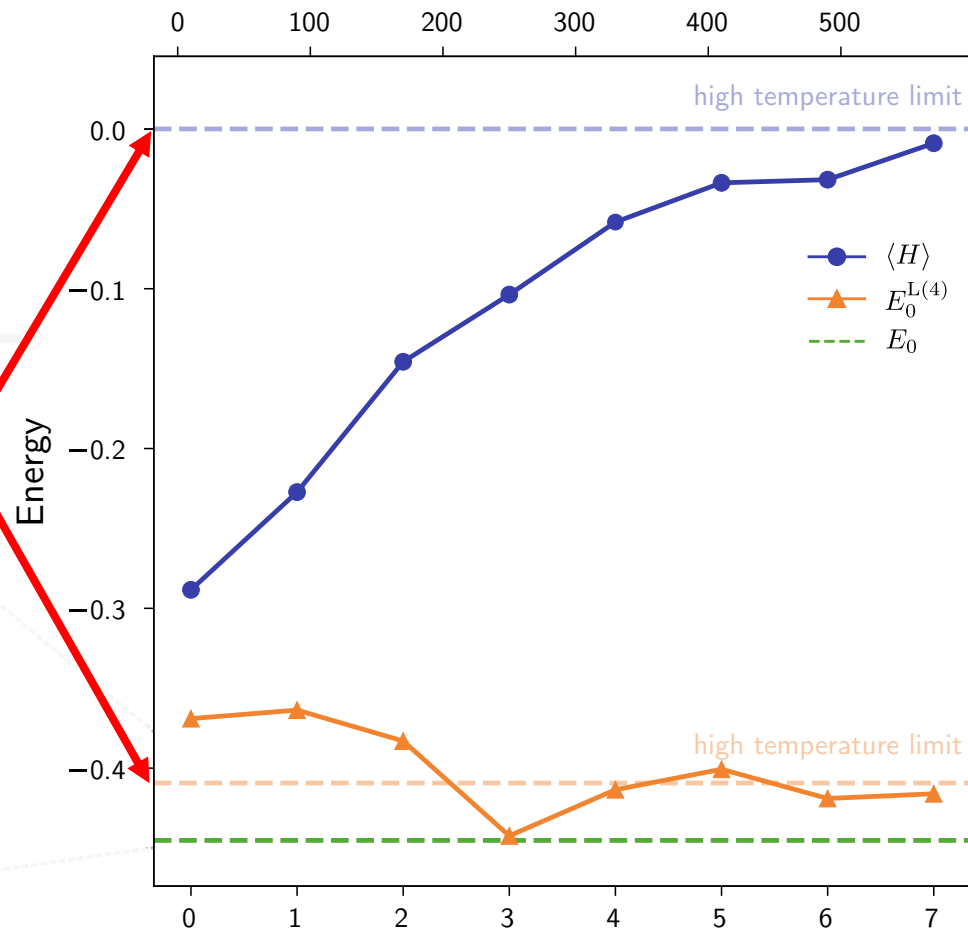


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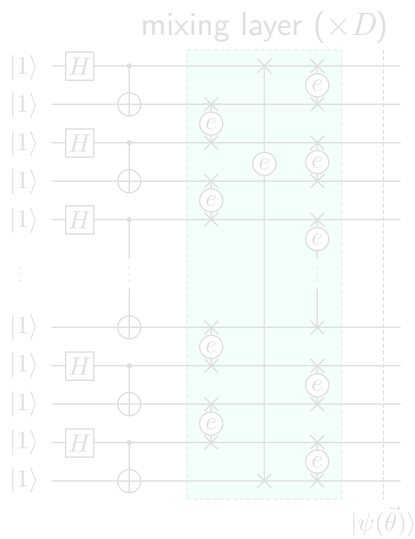
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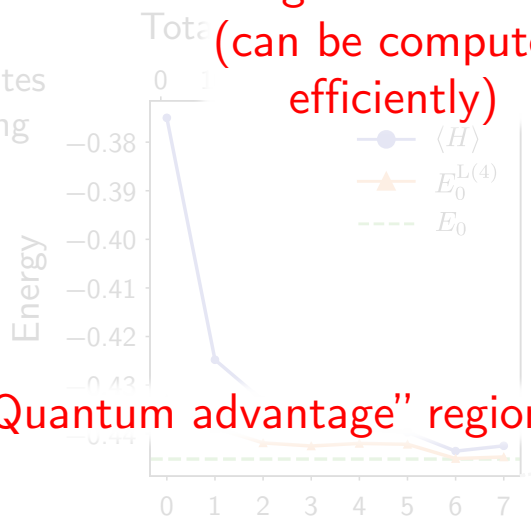
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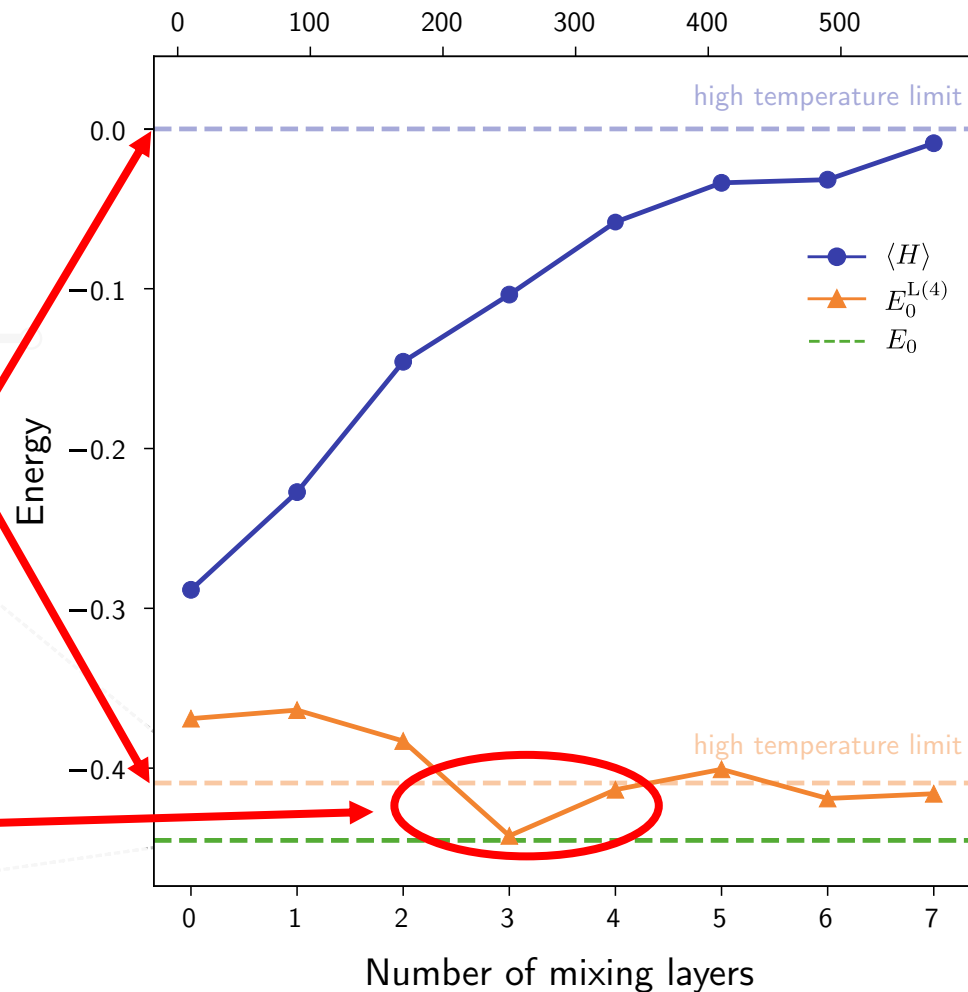


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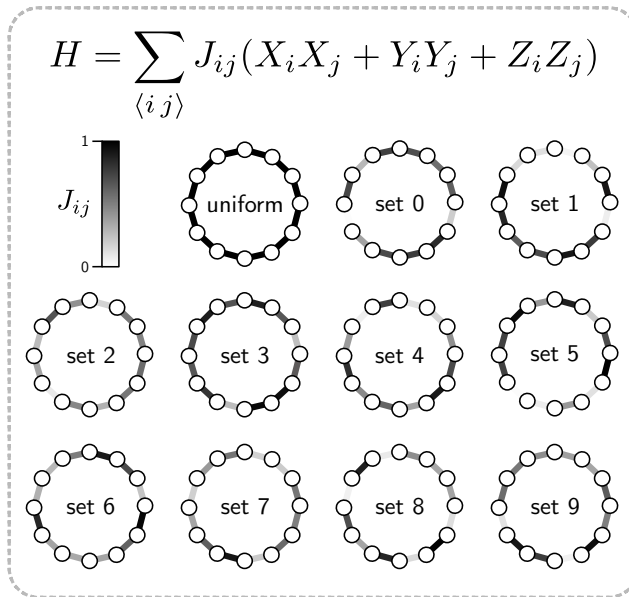


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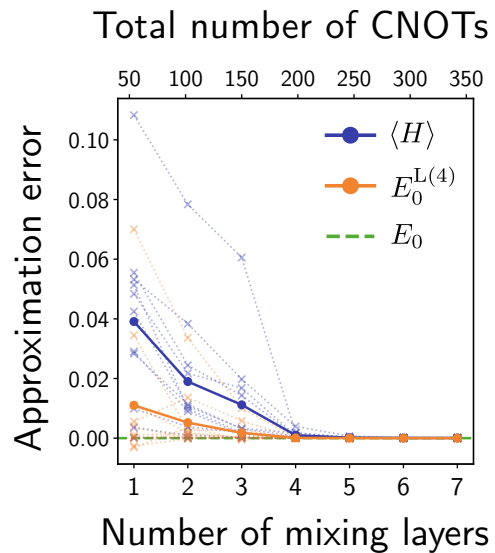
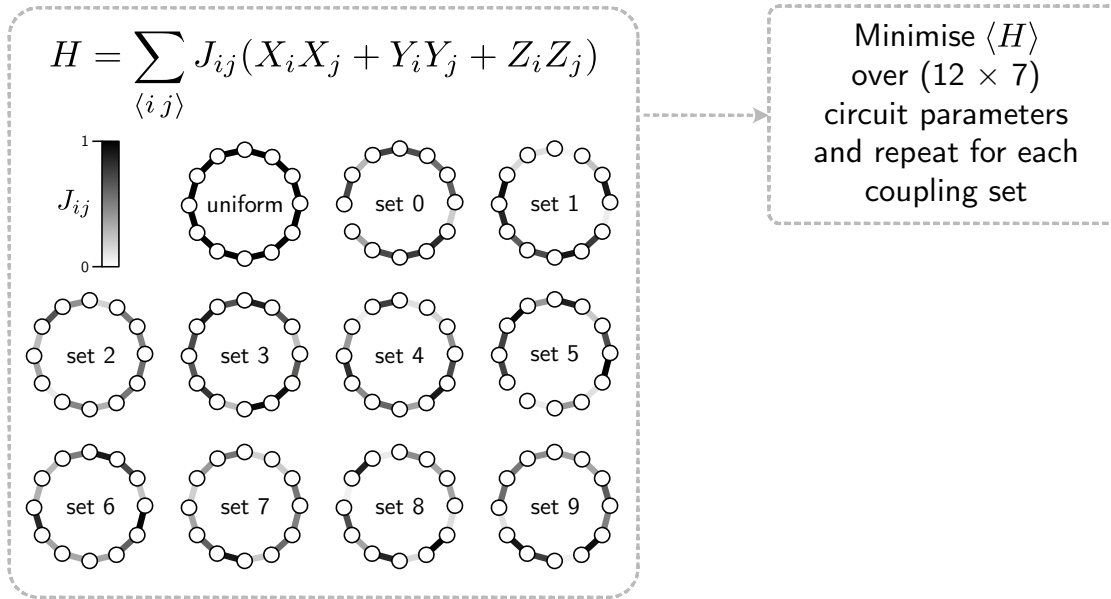
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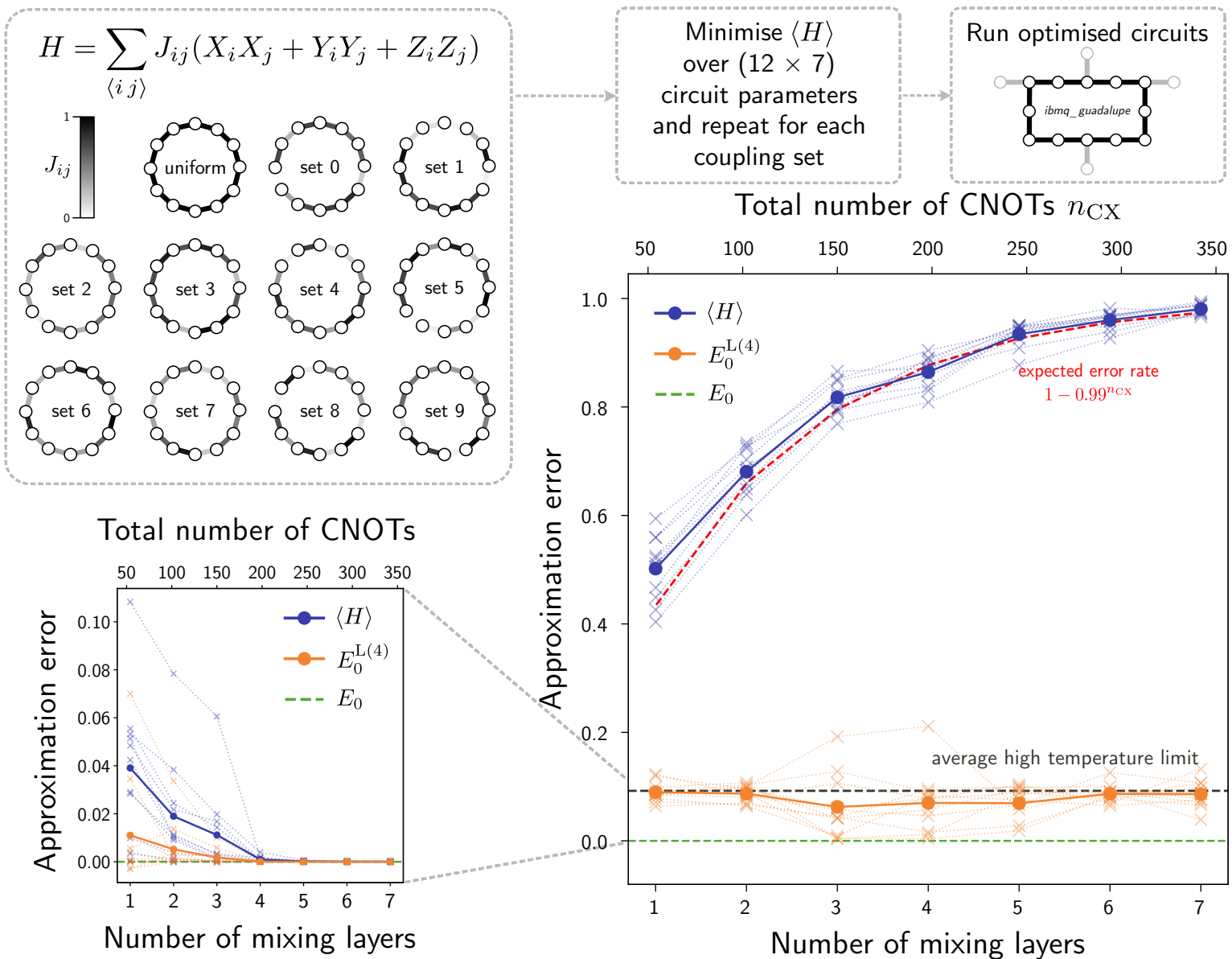
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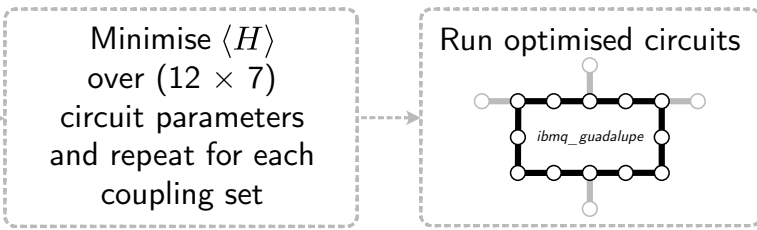
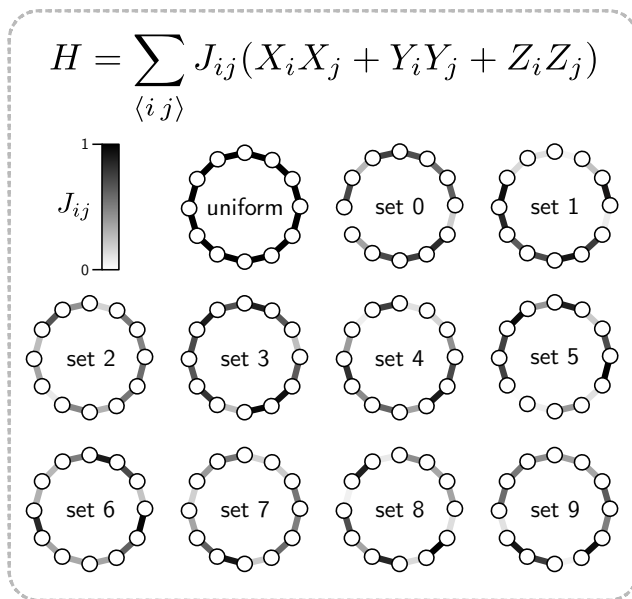
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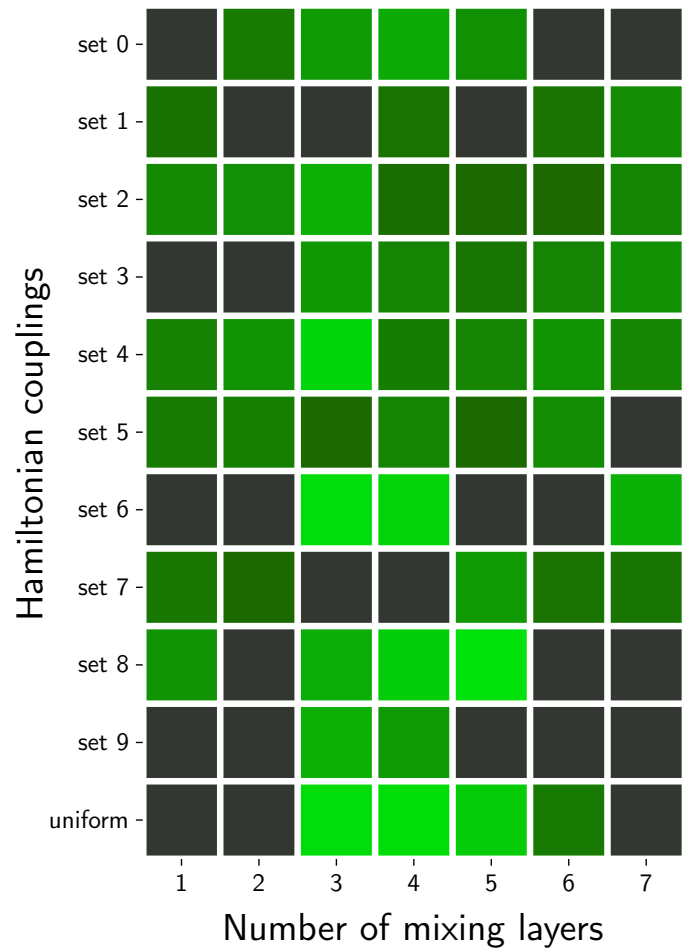
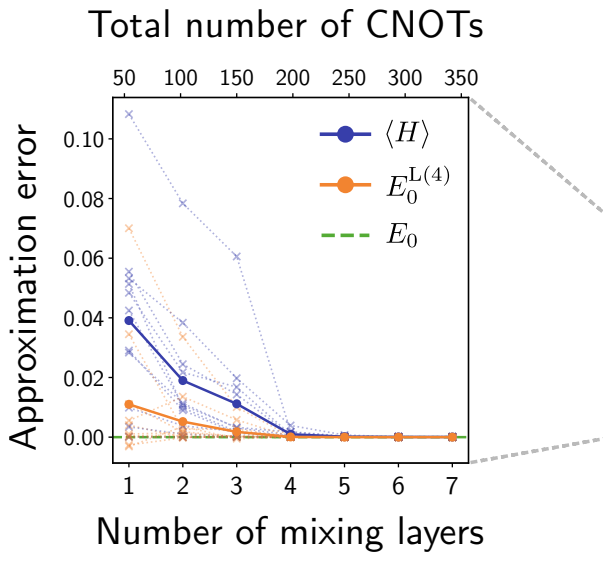
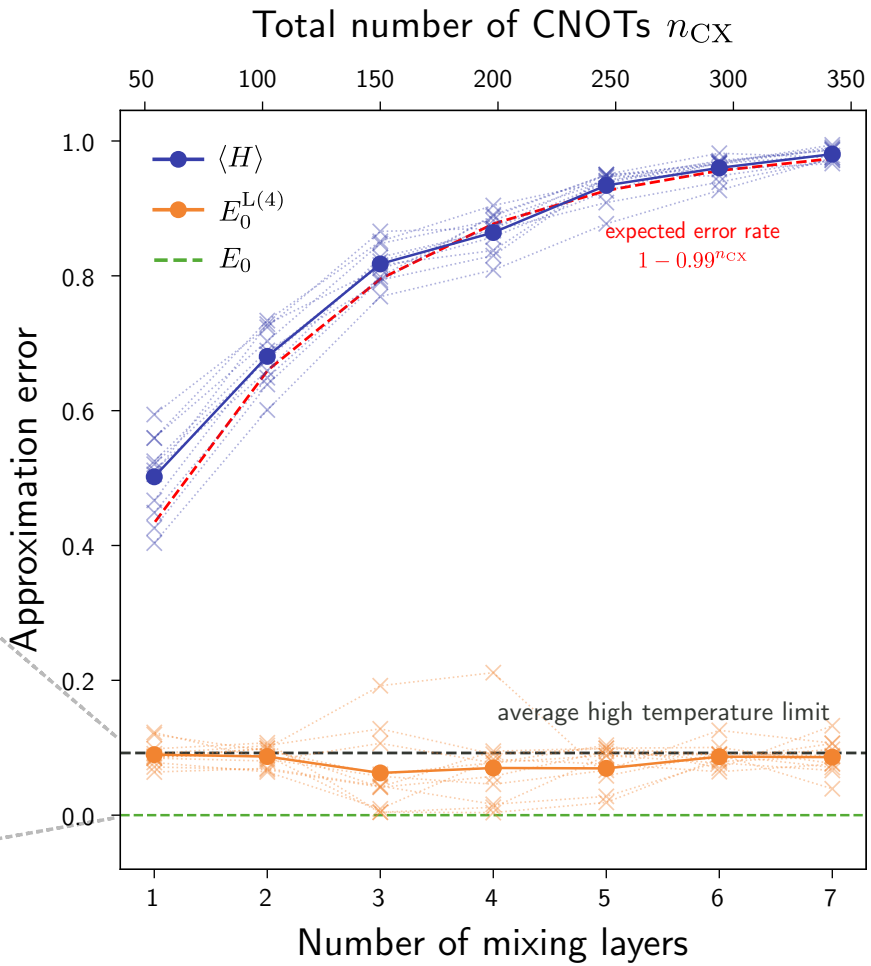
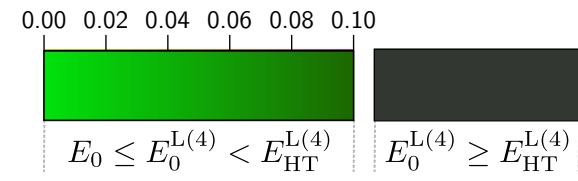
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Noisy toy model

$$c_n = \langle H^n \rangle - \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-1}{k} c_{k+1} \langle H^{n-k-1} \rangle$$

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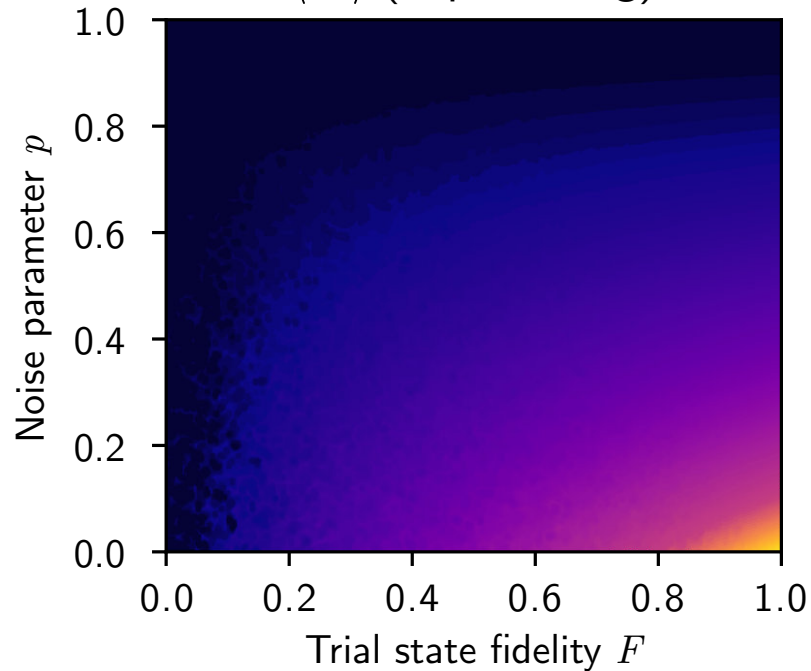
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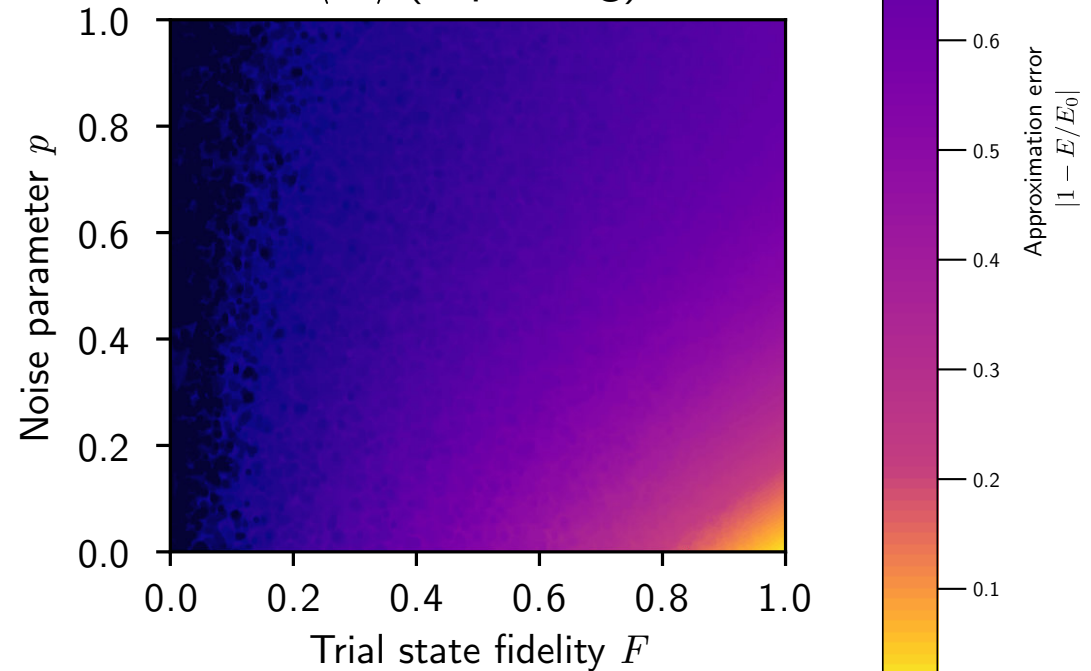
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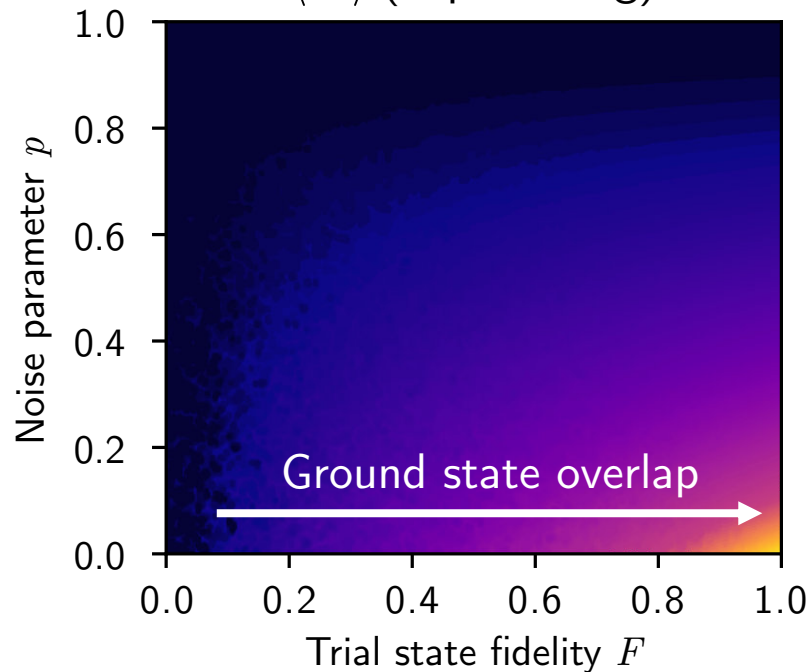
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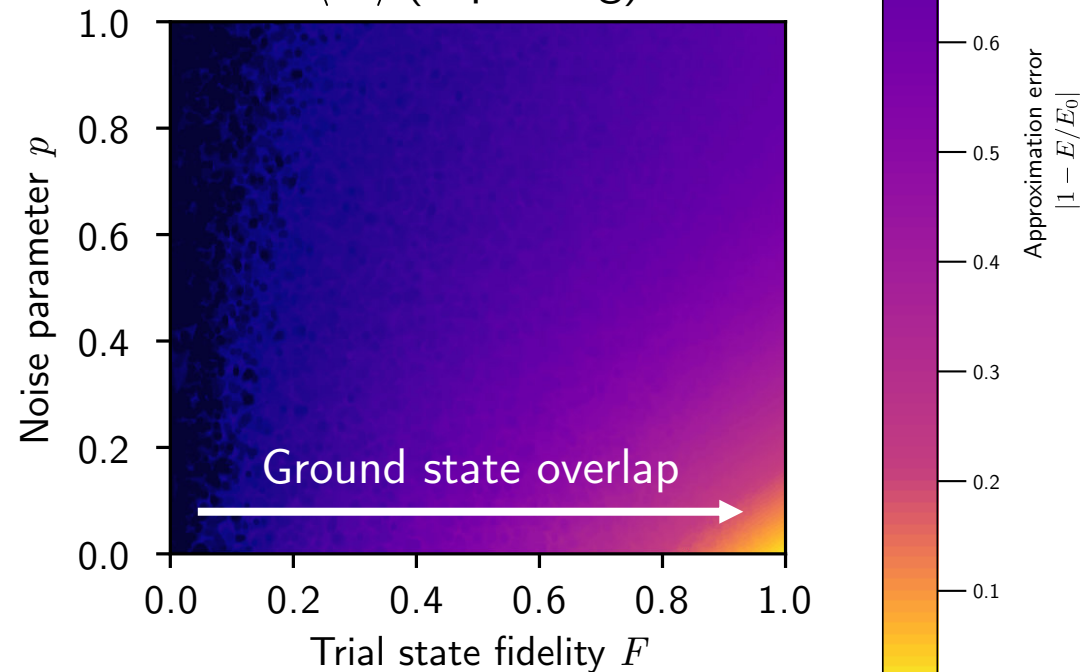
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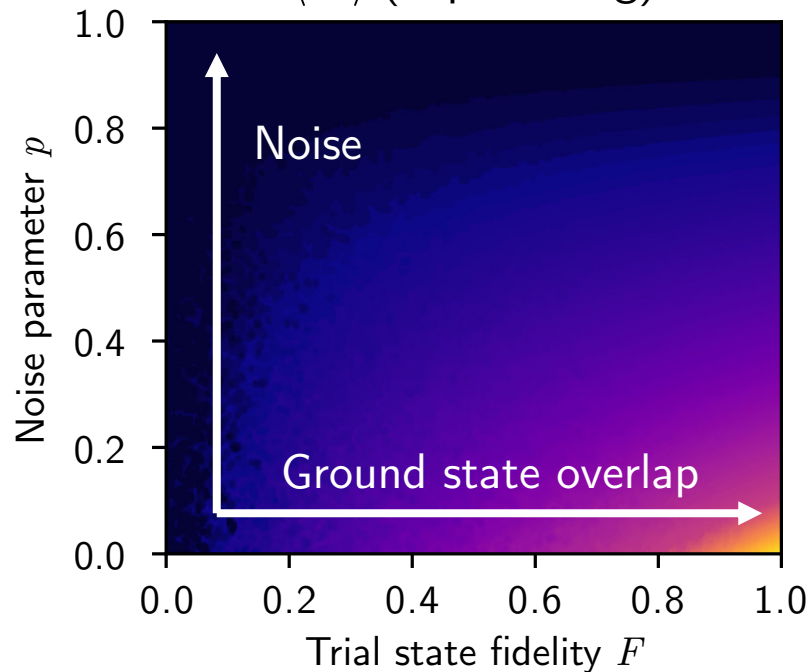
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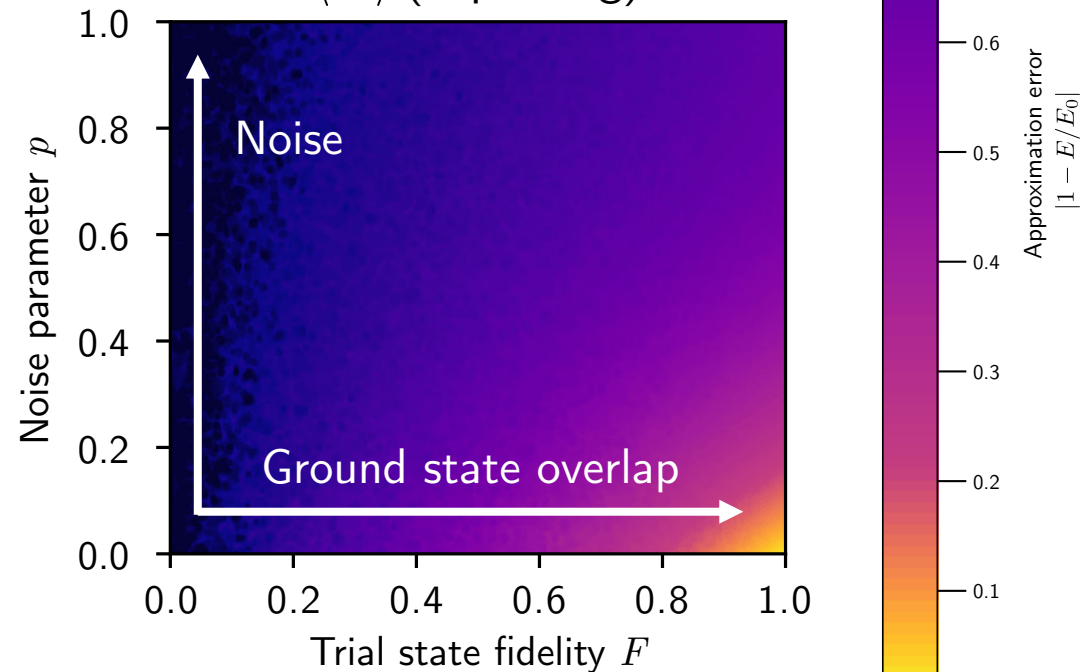
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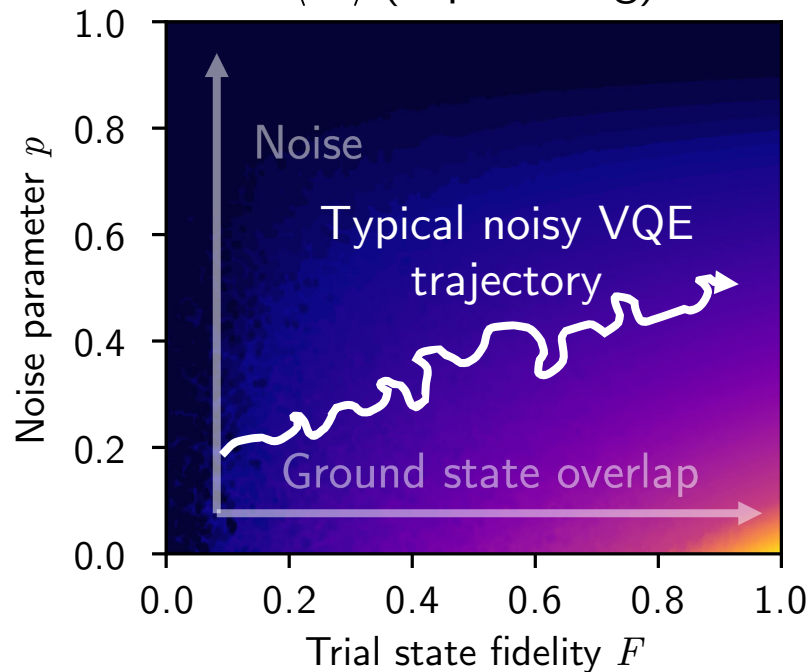
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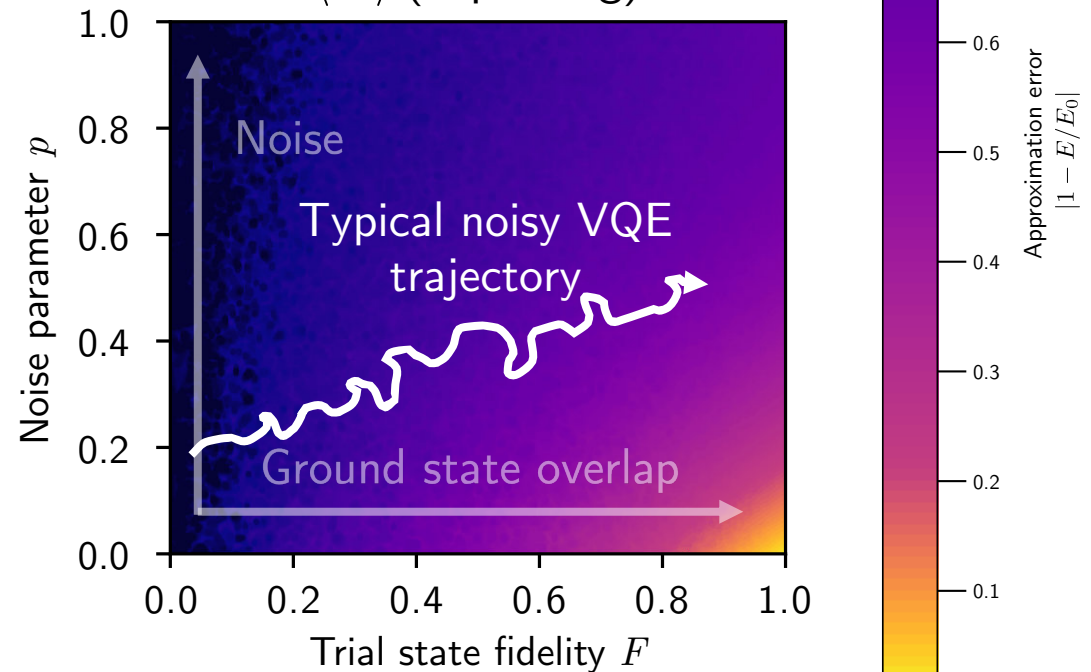
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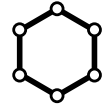


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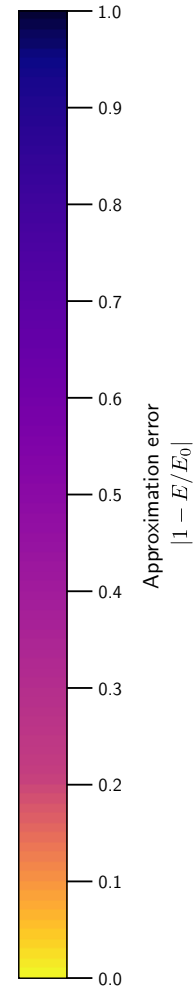
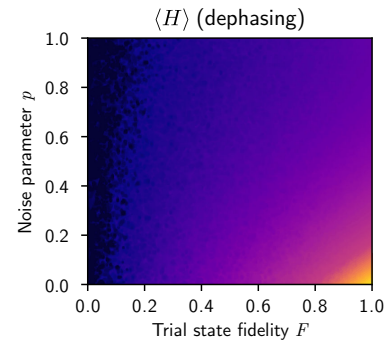
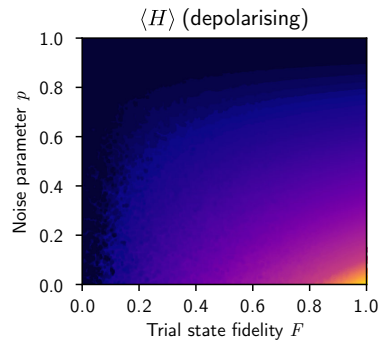
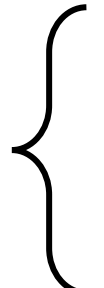
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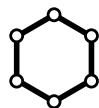
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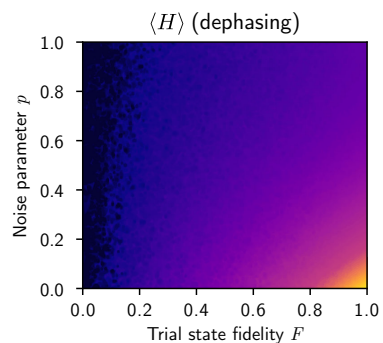
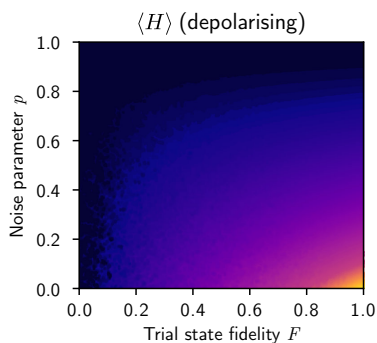
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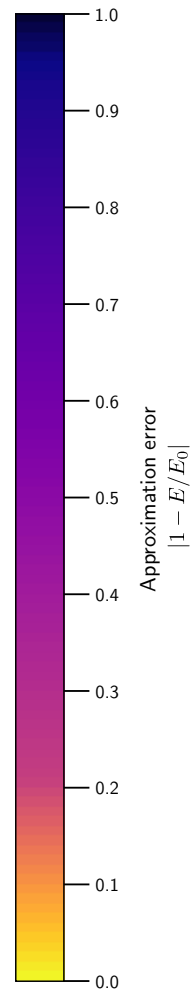
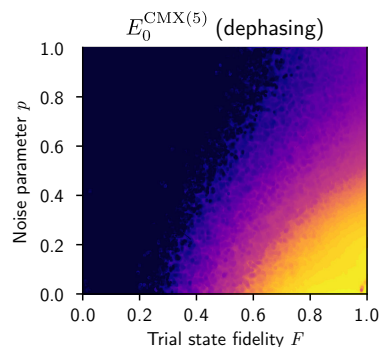
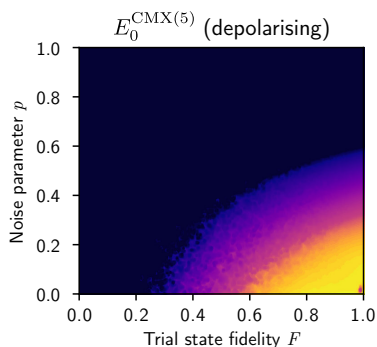


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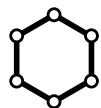
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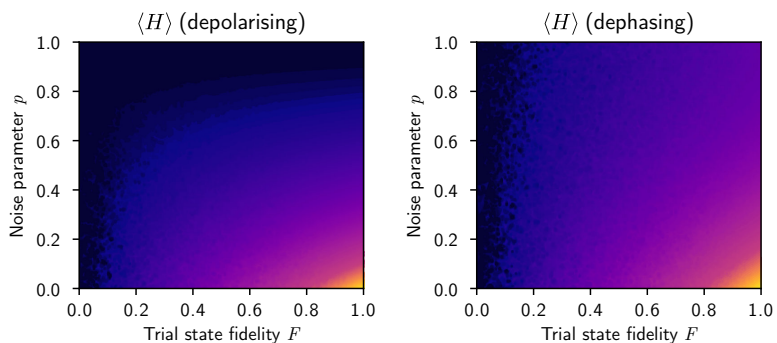
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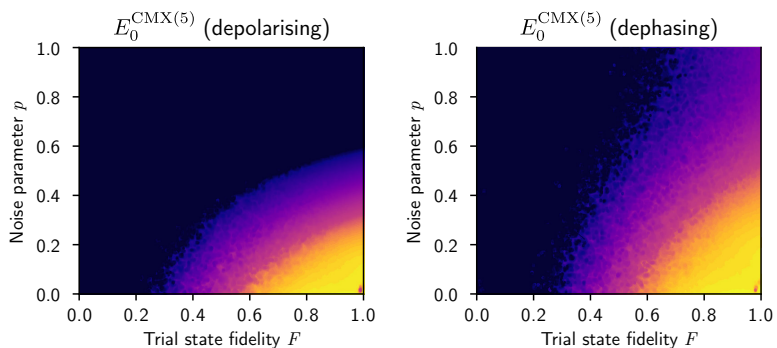
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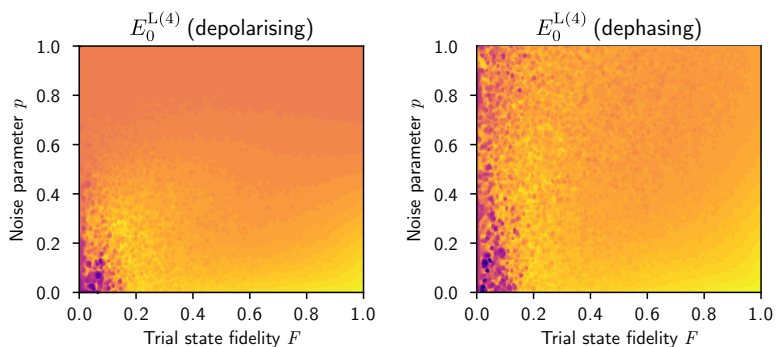
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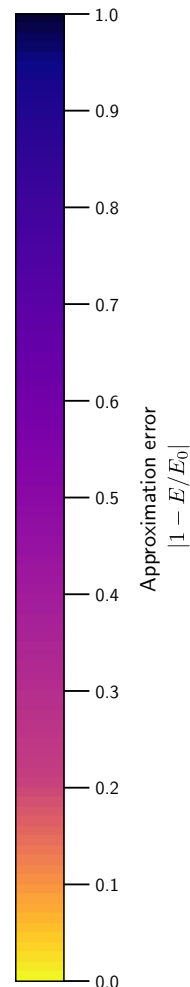


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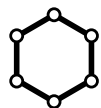
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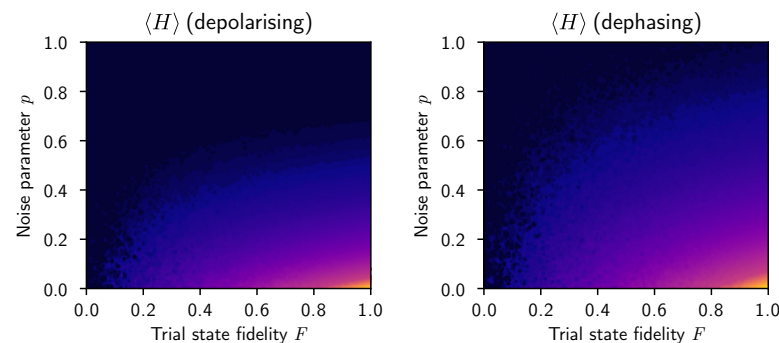
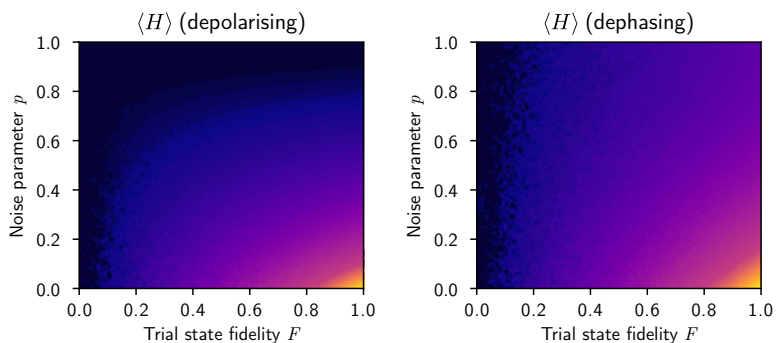


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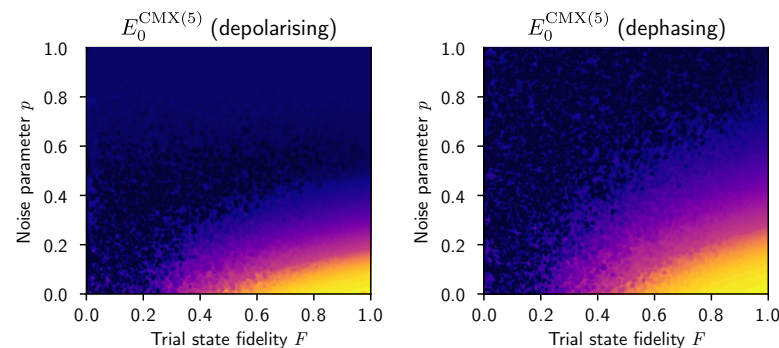
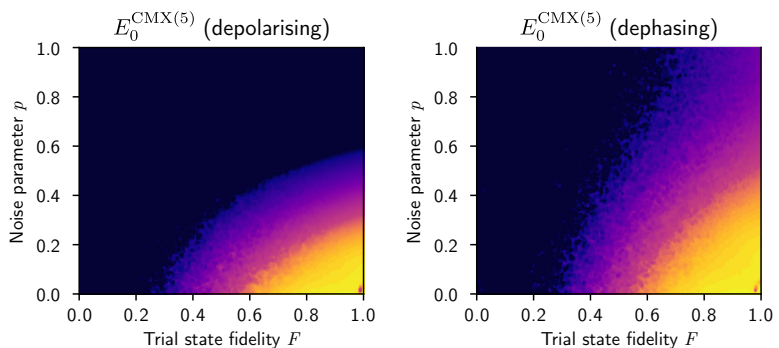


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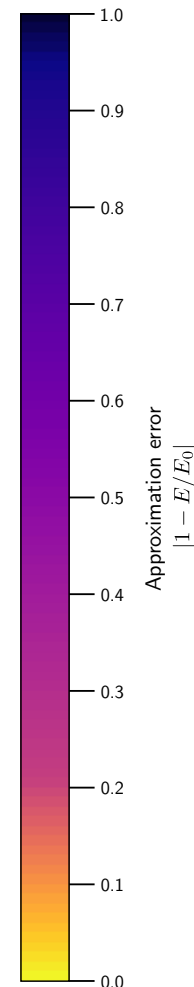
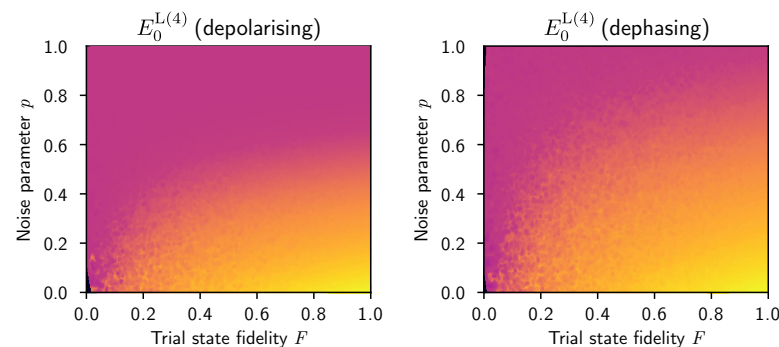
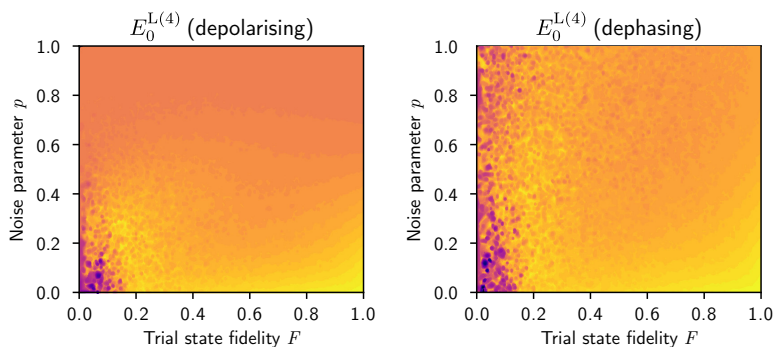
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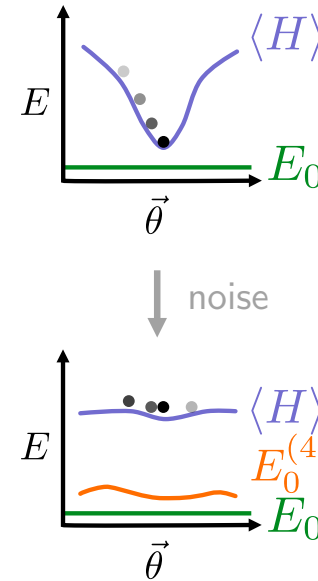


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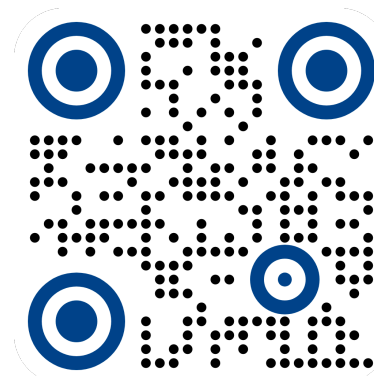
Summary

- Variational quantum algorithms have near-term utility, but right now still heavily impacted by noise
- Computing additional Hamiltonian moments improves on variational ground state energy estimate
- This method can handle suboptimal trial states and circumvent noise on present-day hardware



- QCM method: HJV, MAJ, CDH, LCLH, *Quantum* **4**, 373 (2020).
- Chemistry application: MAJ, HJV, CDH, LCLH, *Sci Rep* **12**, 8985 (2022).
- Noise robustness: HJV, MAJ, GALW, FMC, CDH, LCLH, arXiv:2211.08780 (2022).

- Demonstrated noise robustness for deep circuits on real quantum computer (~ 500 CNOTs)
- Error-filtering behaviour of QCM studied via analytical model and noisy simulation
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Future work:

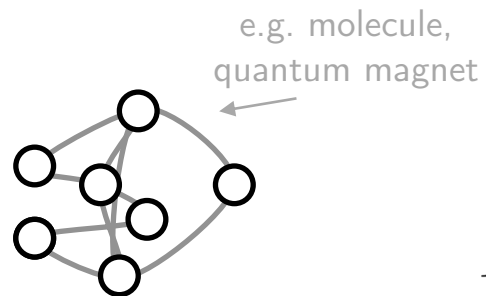
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Thank you

The quantum computed moments (QCM) approach



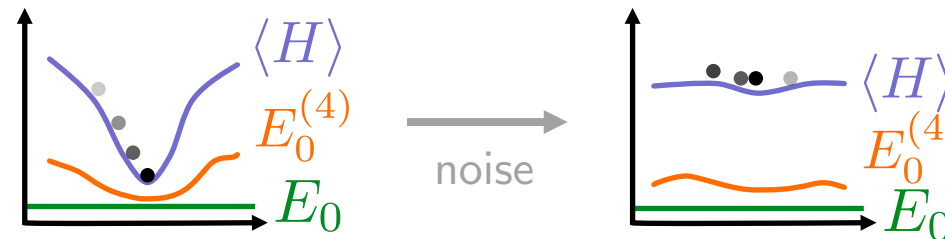
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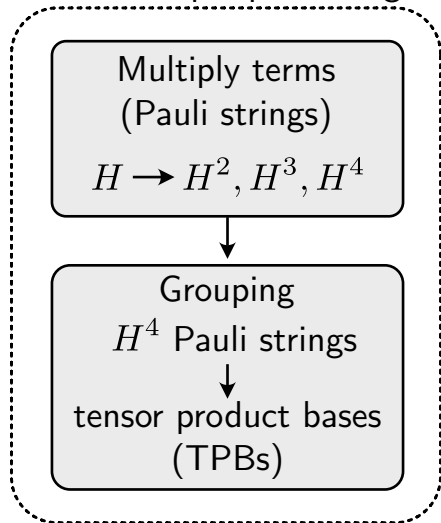
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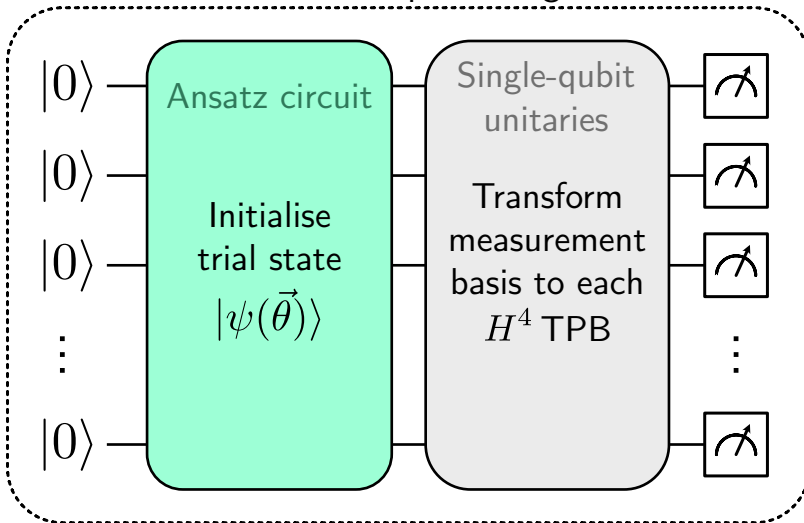
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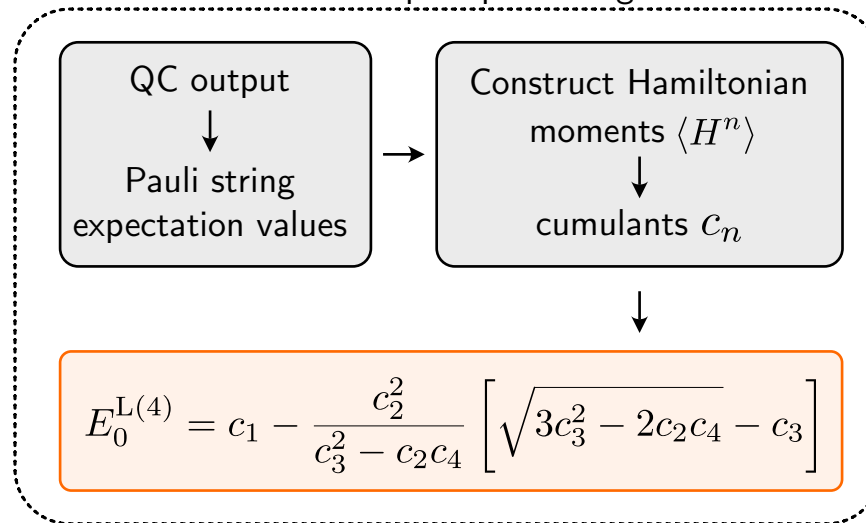
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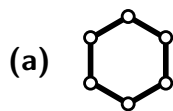
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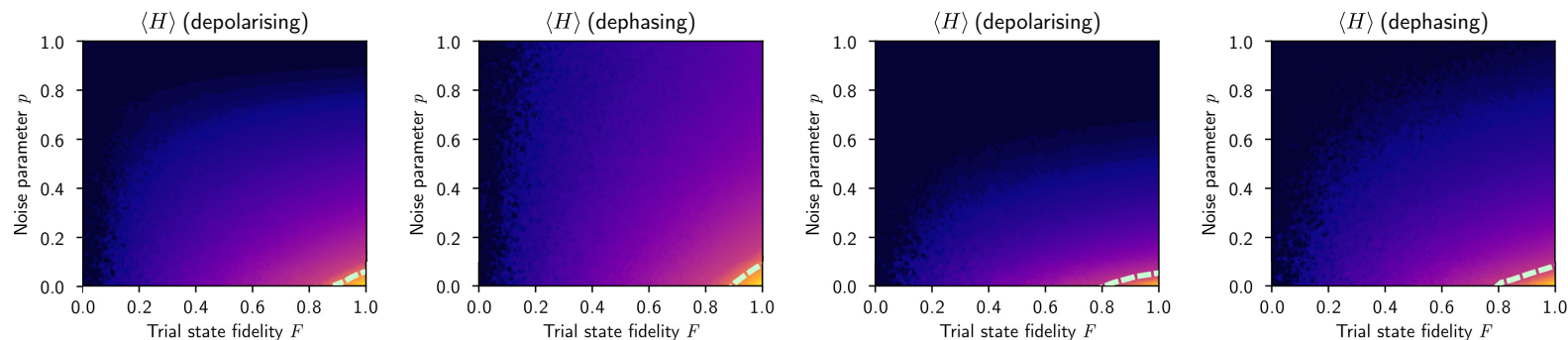


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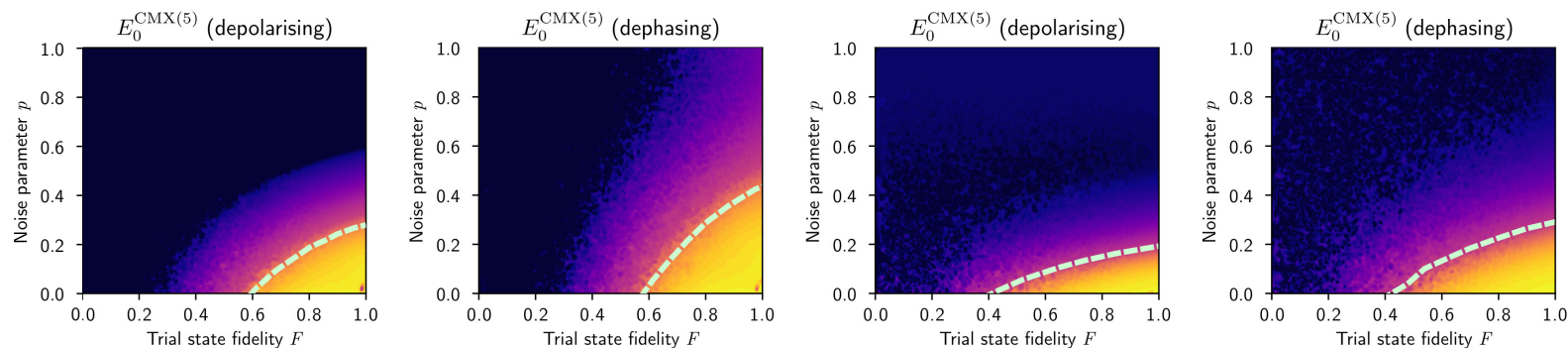


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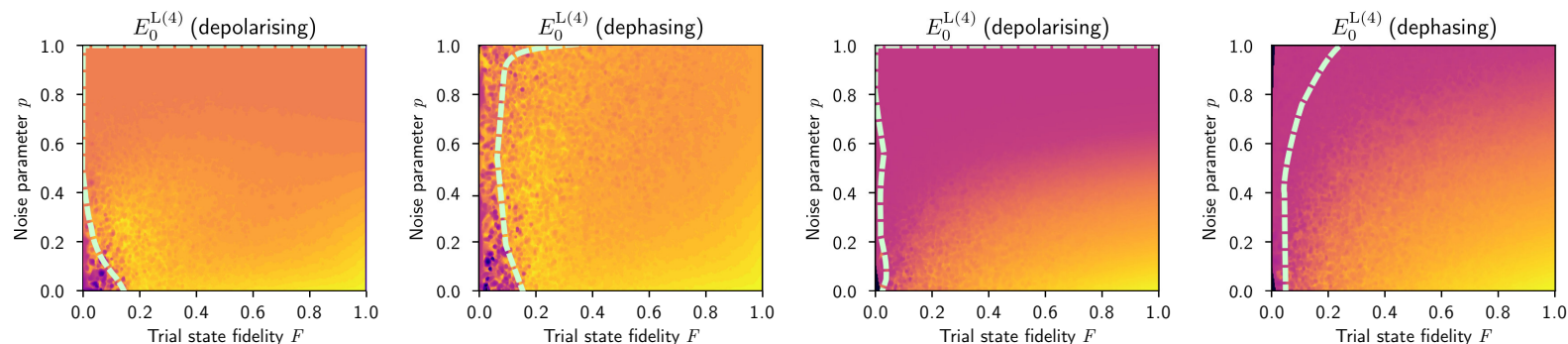
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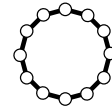


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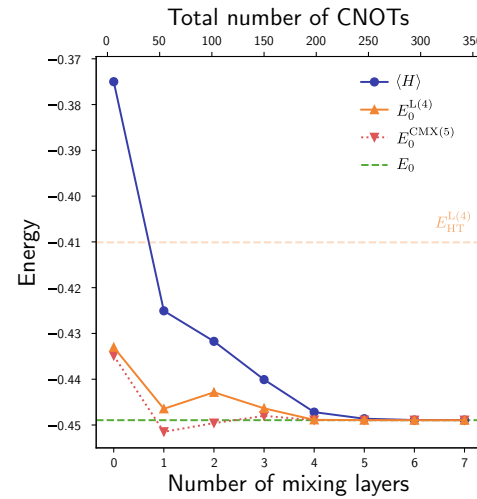


12-qubit 1D Heisenberg model (uniform couplings)

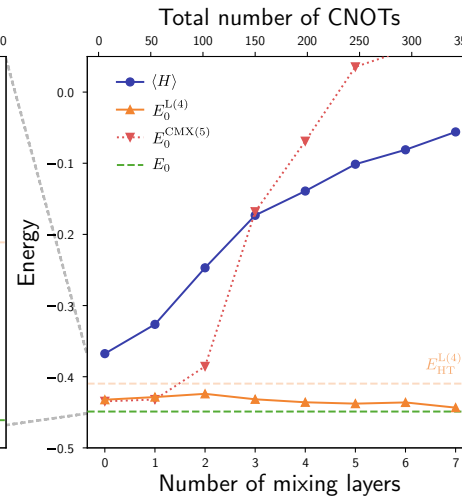
More noisy simulation

- Have implemented a circuit-based error model to match the results obtained from the real device
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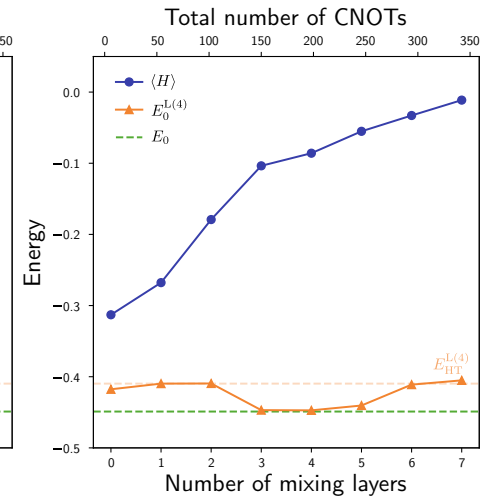
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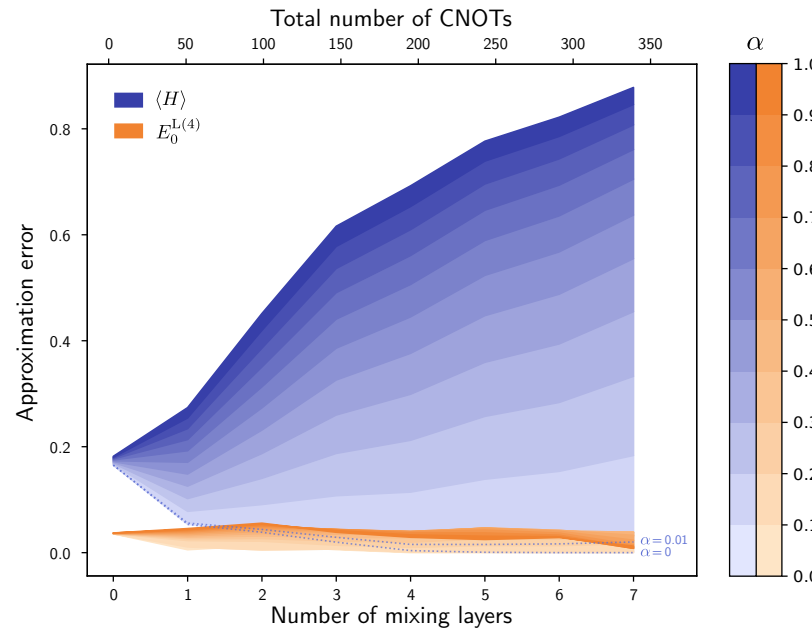
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(c) *ibmq_guadalupe* results



(d) variable-noise simulation



(e) variable-noise simulation

