

Innovative methods to determine molecular spectra



What is quantum chemistry?

A branch of physical chemistry focused on the application of *quantum mechanics* to chemical systems to *predict the contribution of electronic systems to physical and chemical properties* of molecules, materials and solutions at the atomic level.

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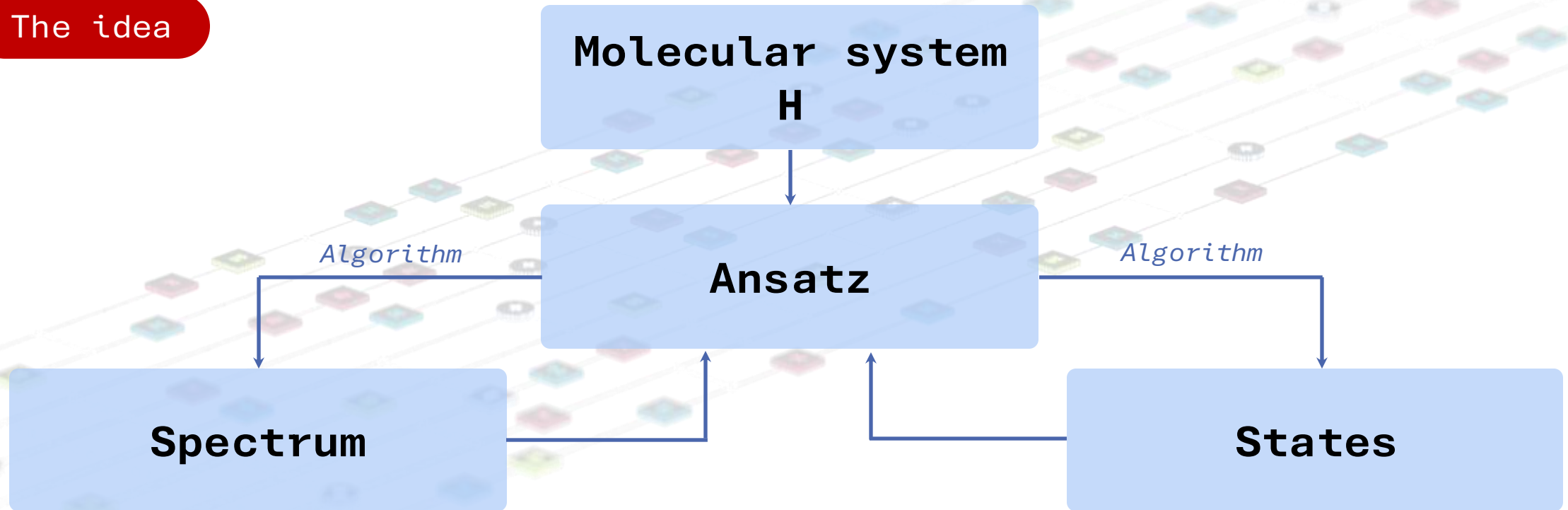


“Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical”

Richard P. Feynman

Solution of a quantum chemistry problem

The idea



| Our work

- I. Provide an *implementation* of the RODEO algorithm
- II. Propose an *alternative algorithm* to retrieve the whole energy spectrum of a molecular system
- III. Illustrate the *differences* between the outcomes of the two algorithms test-benched over the same hamiltonians

| Our work

Why?

Many algorithms able to determine the *ground state energy* of a quantum system

- Quantum phase estimation
- Quantum annealing
- . . .

No *established* algorithms to build the *whole* spectrum!

OUTLINE

- The Rodeo Algorithm
- RODEO Implementation & Results
- Variational Quantum Deflation (VQD)
- VQD Implementation & Results
- Comparison
- Conclusions

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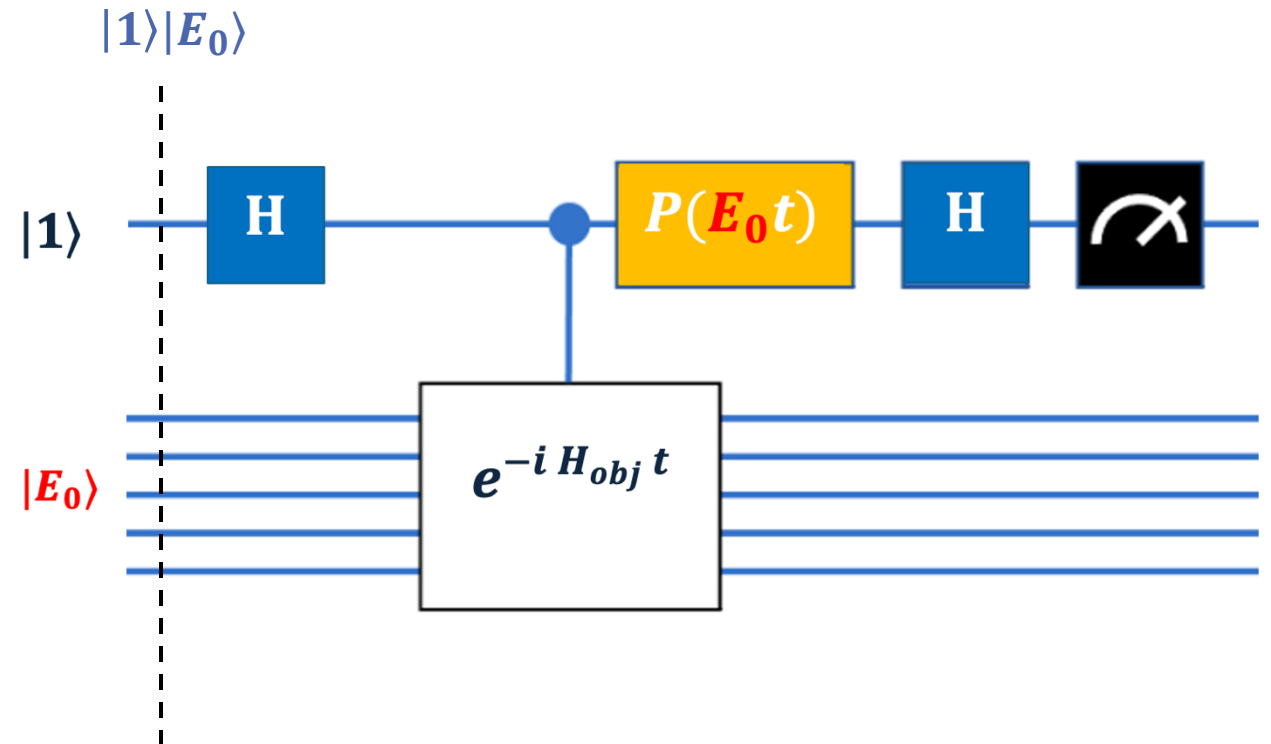
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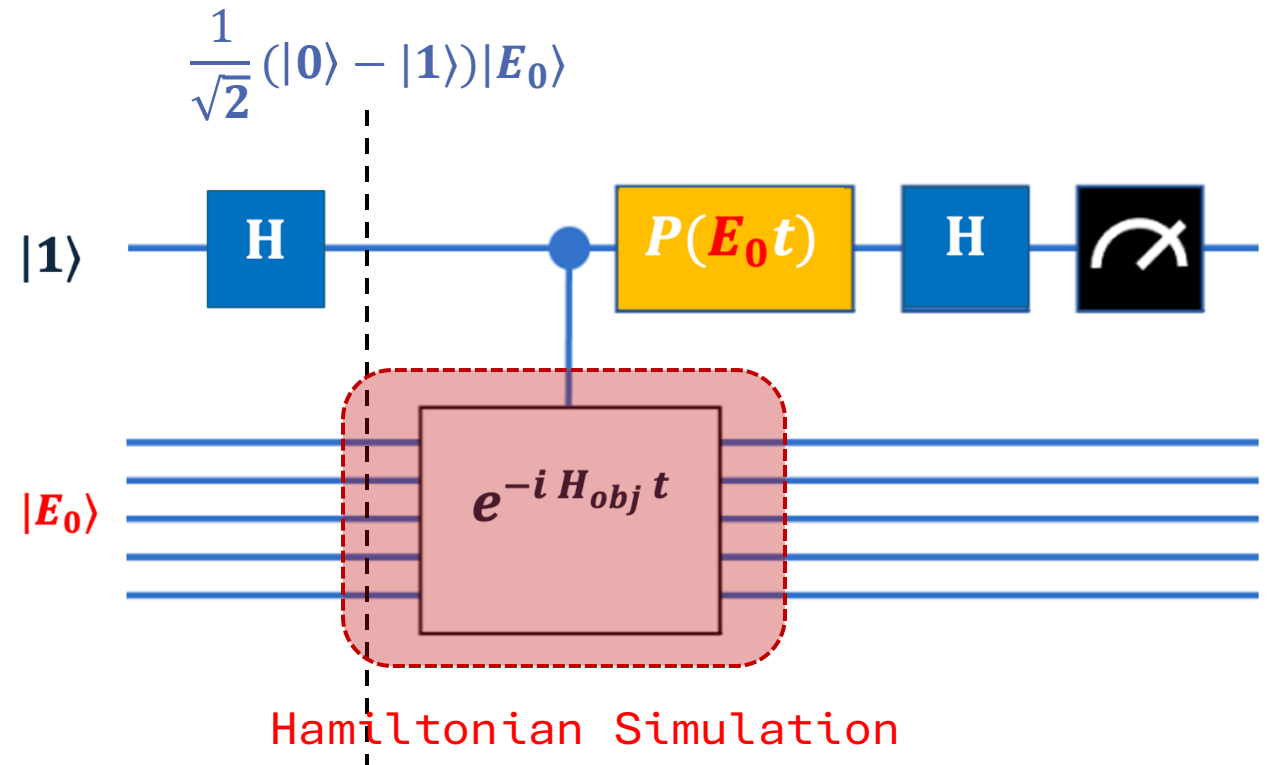
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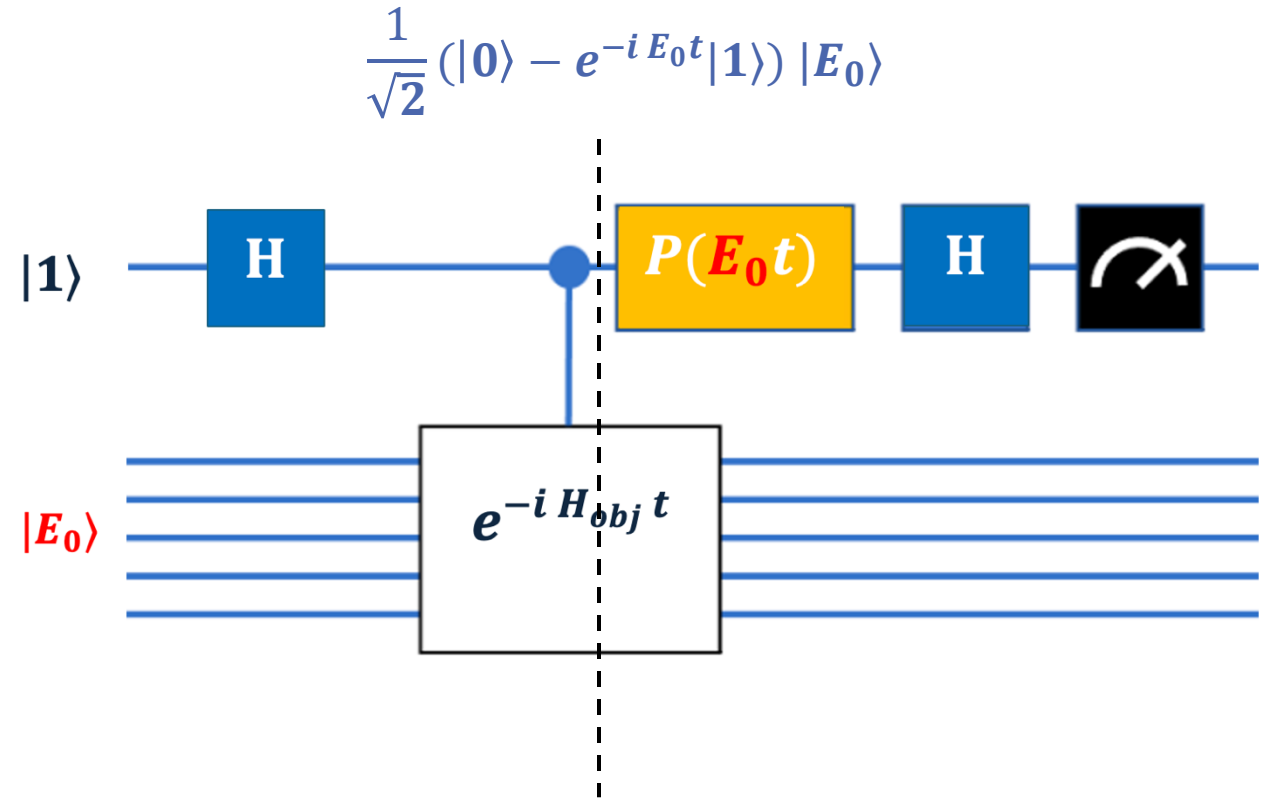
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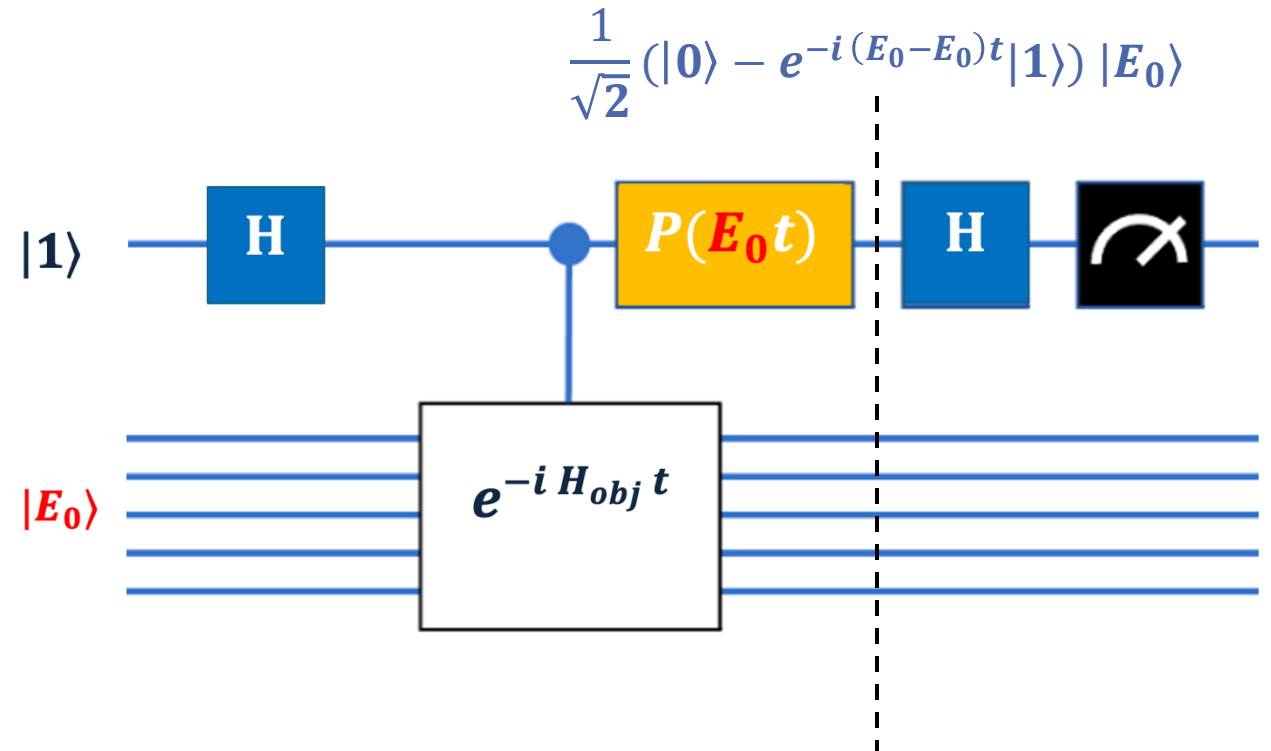
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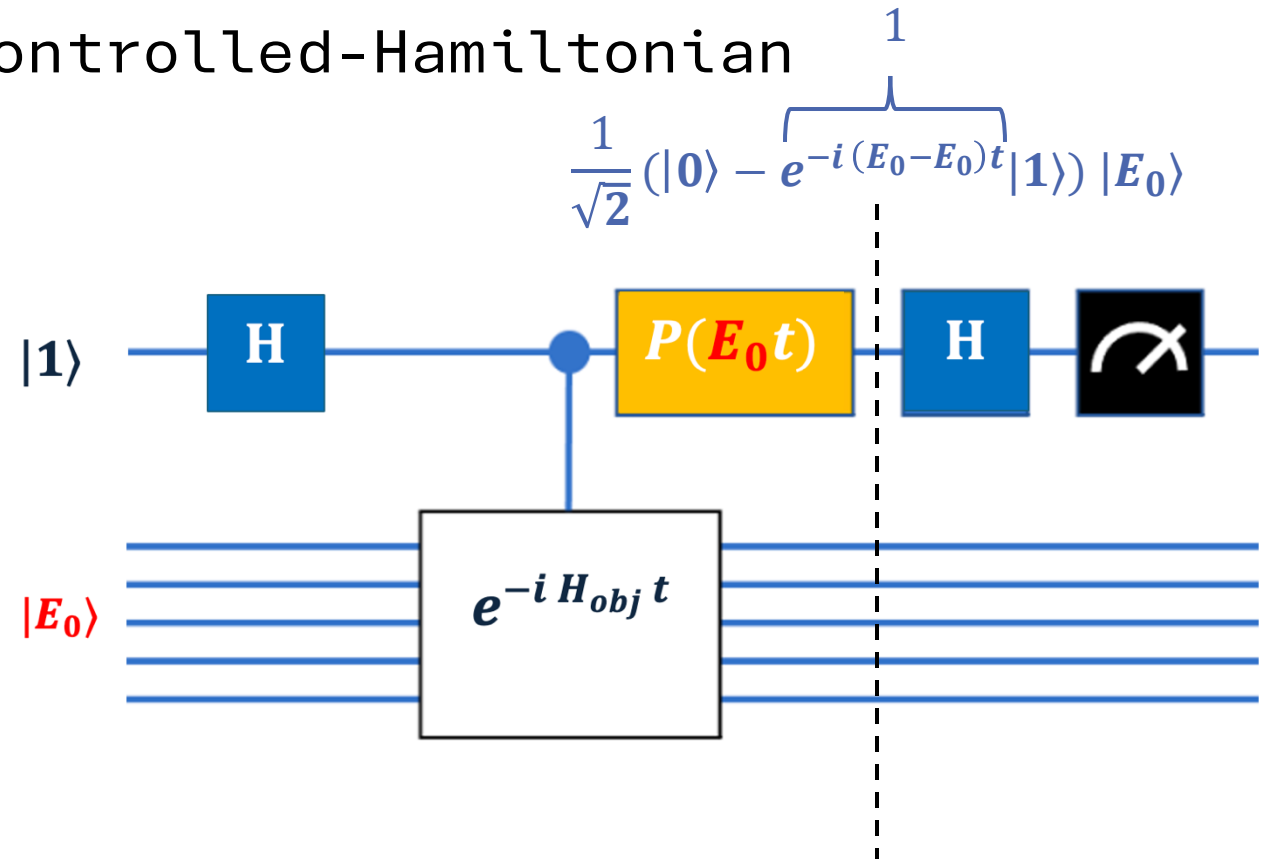
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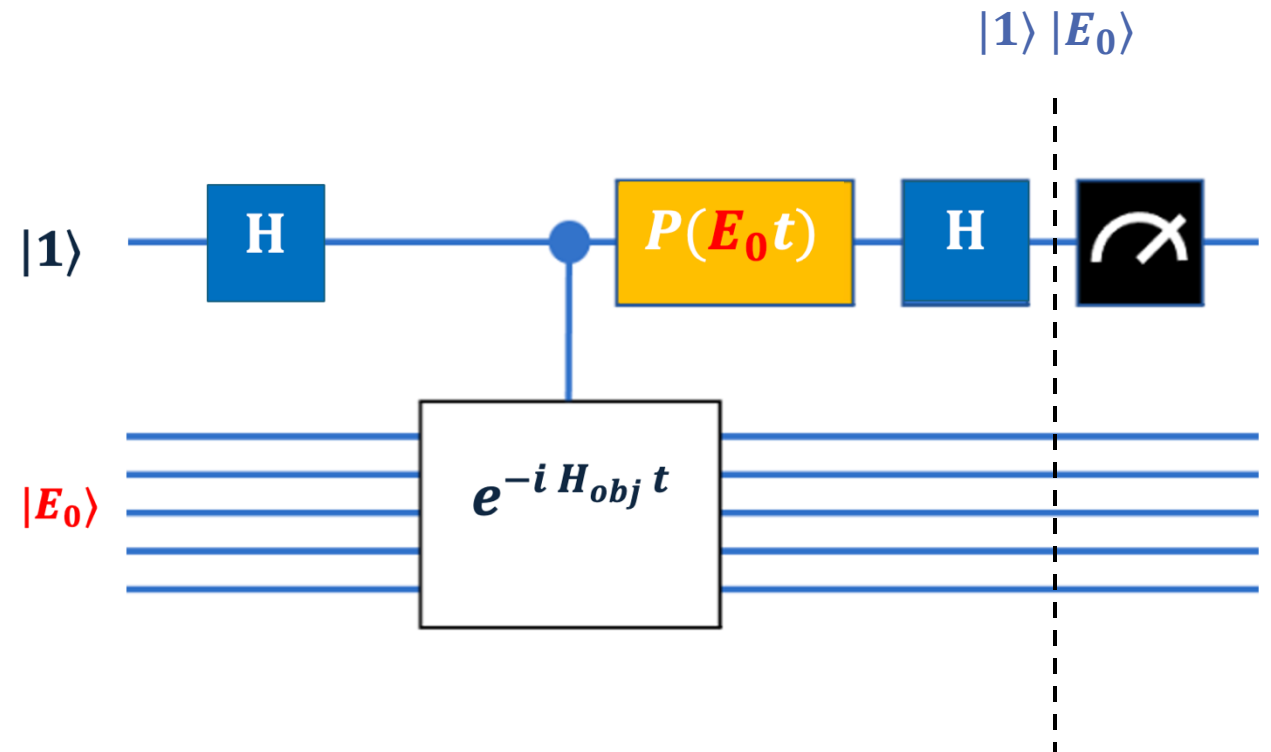
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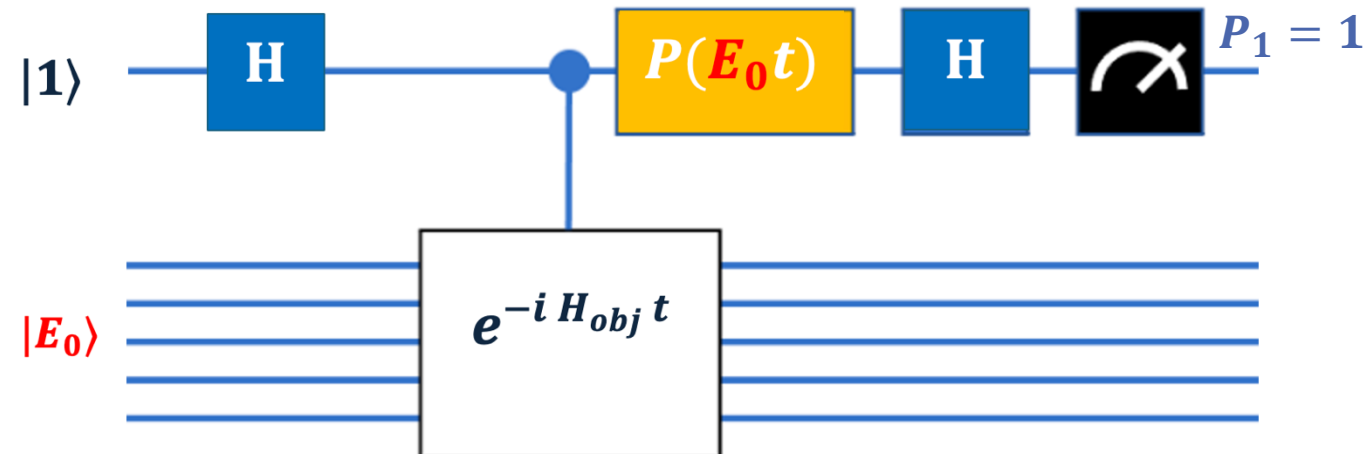
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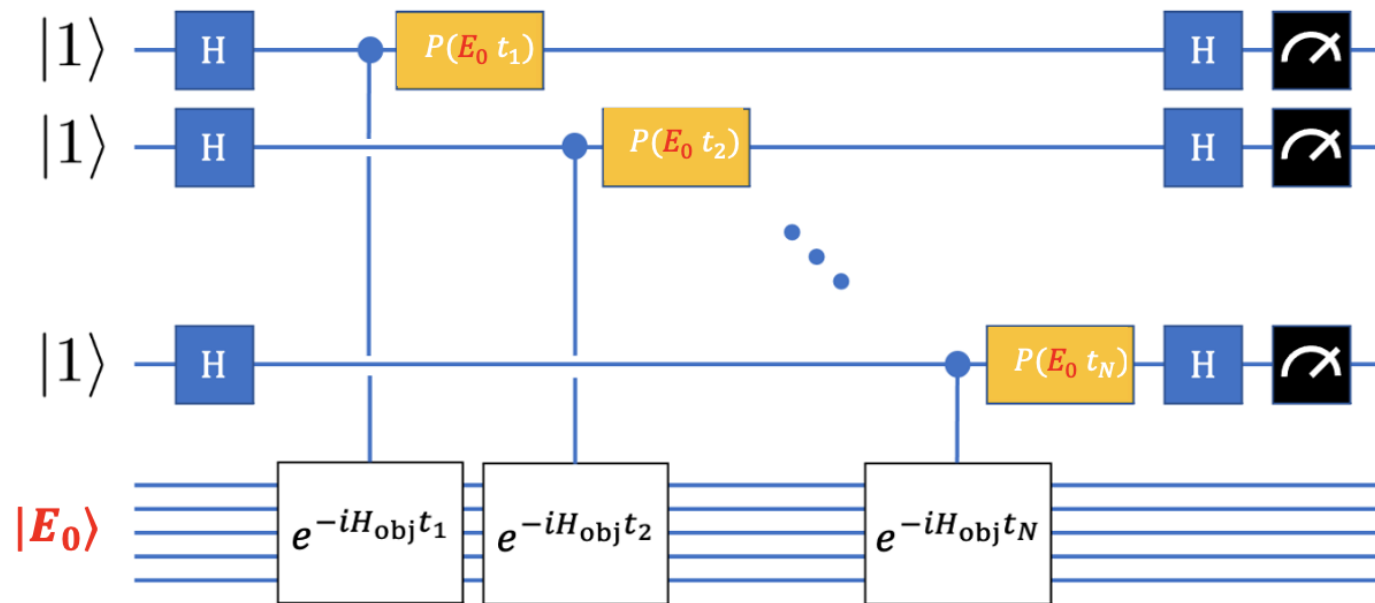
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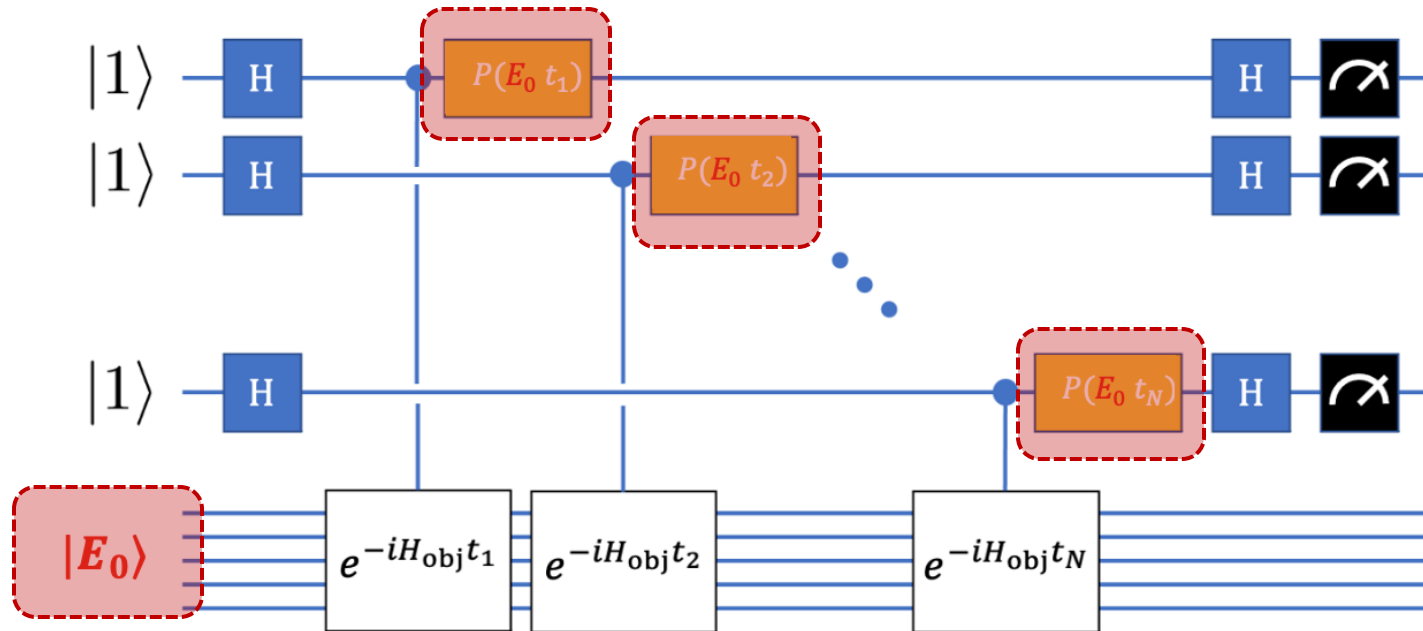


$$P_N = 1$$

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E_0 and $|E_0\rangle$
unknown!

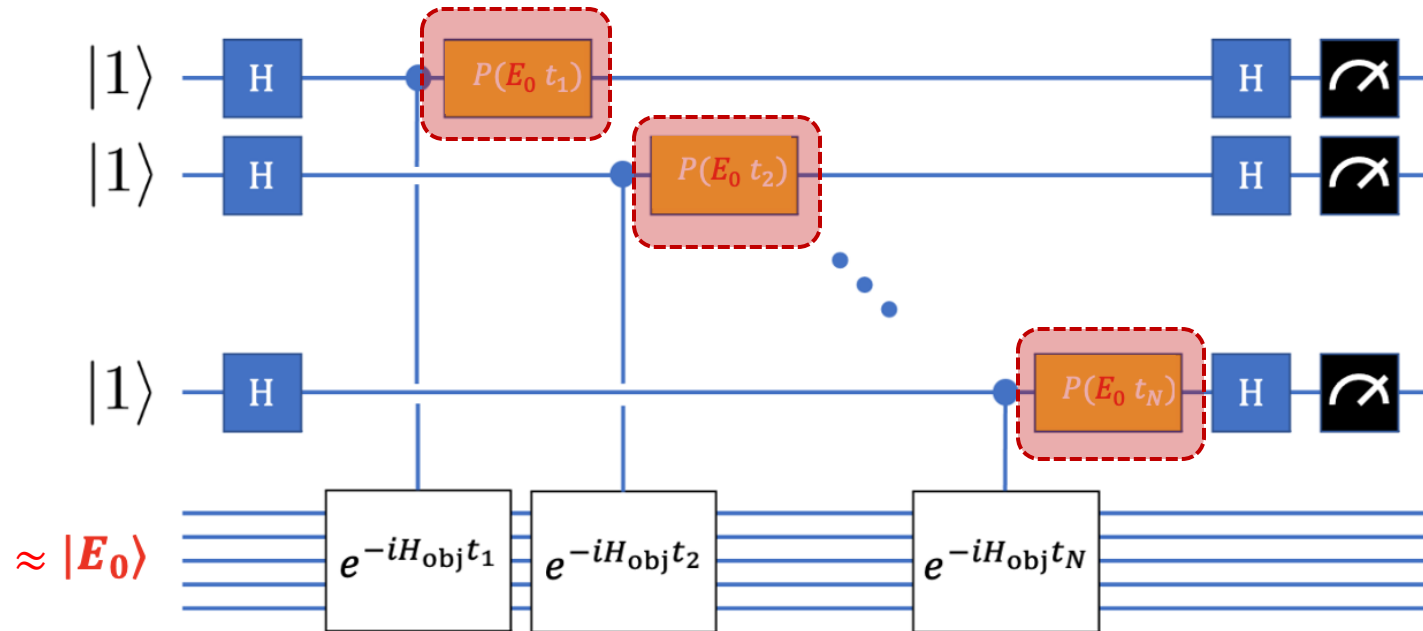


RODEO solves
both issues

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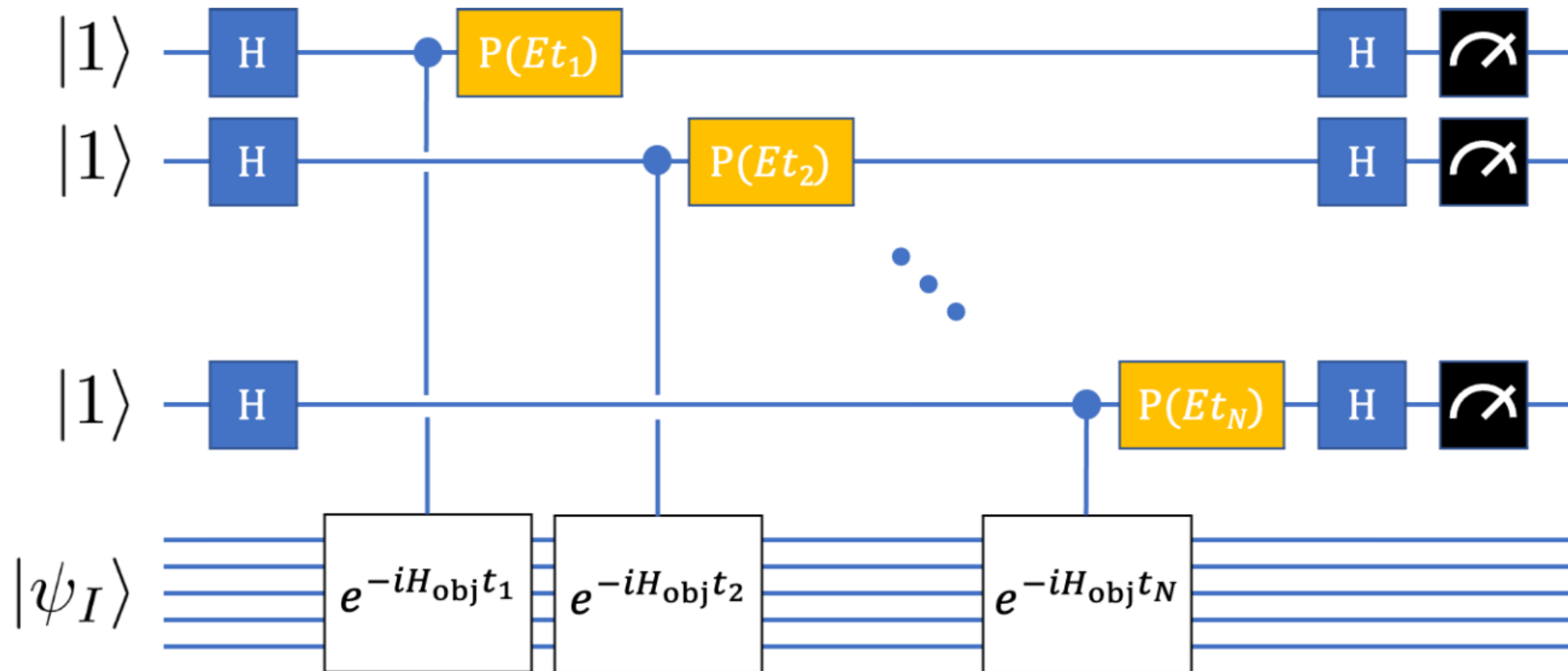
The Circuit

Typical case:

- Known energy **range** $E_{obj} \in [E_{min}, E_{max}]$ from $\|H_{obj}\|$
- Initial **guess** for the eigenstate $|\psi_I\rangle \approx |E_{obj}\rangle$ (*ansatz*)

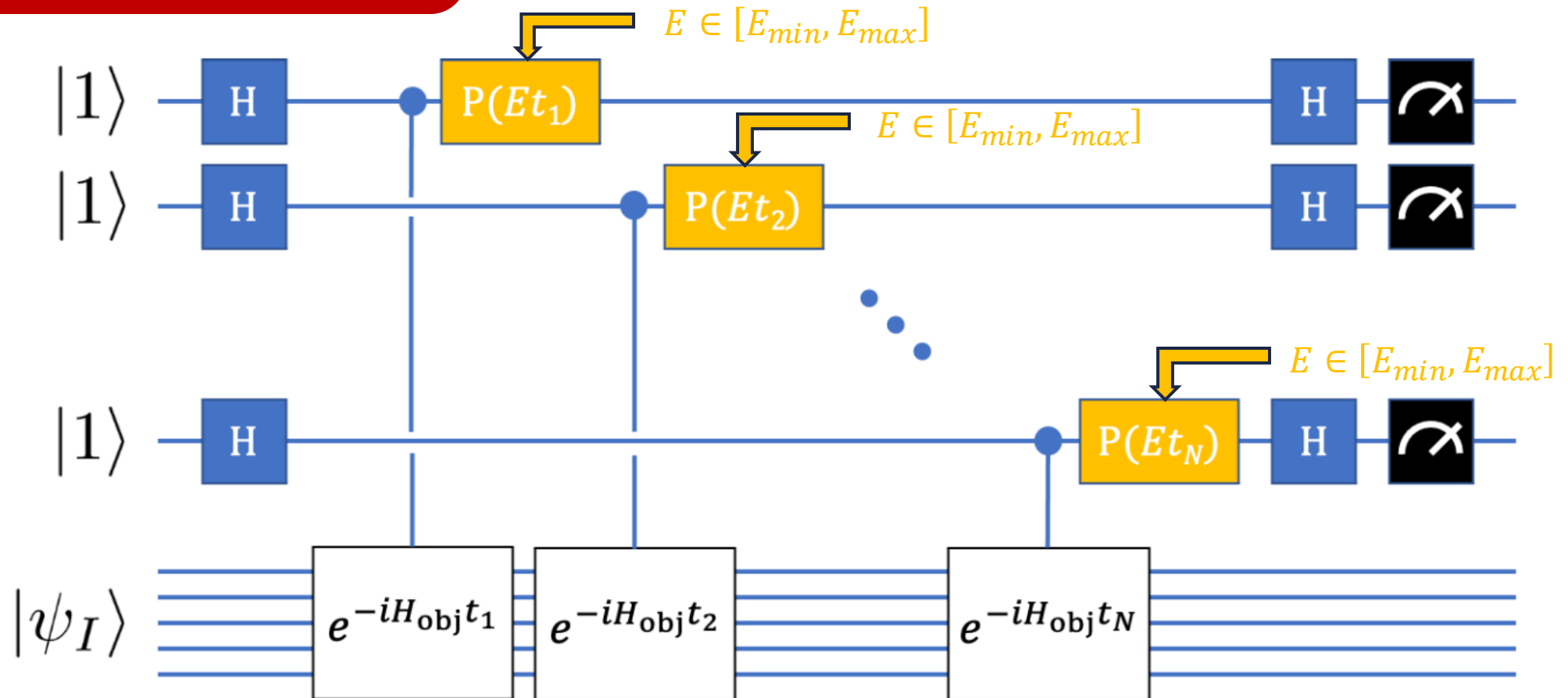
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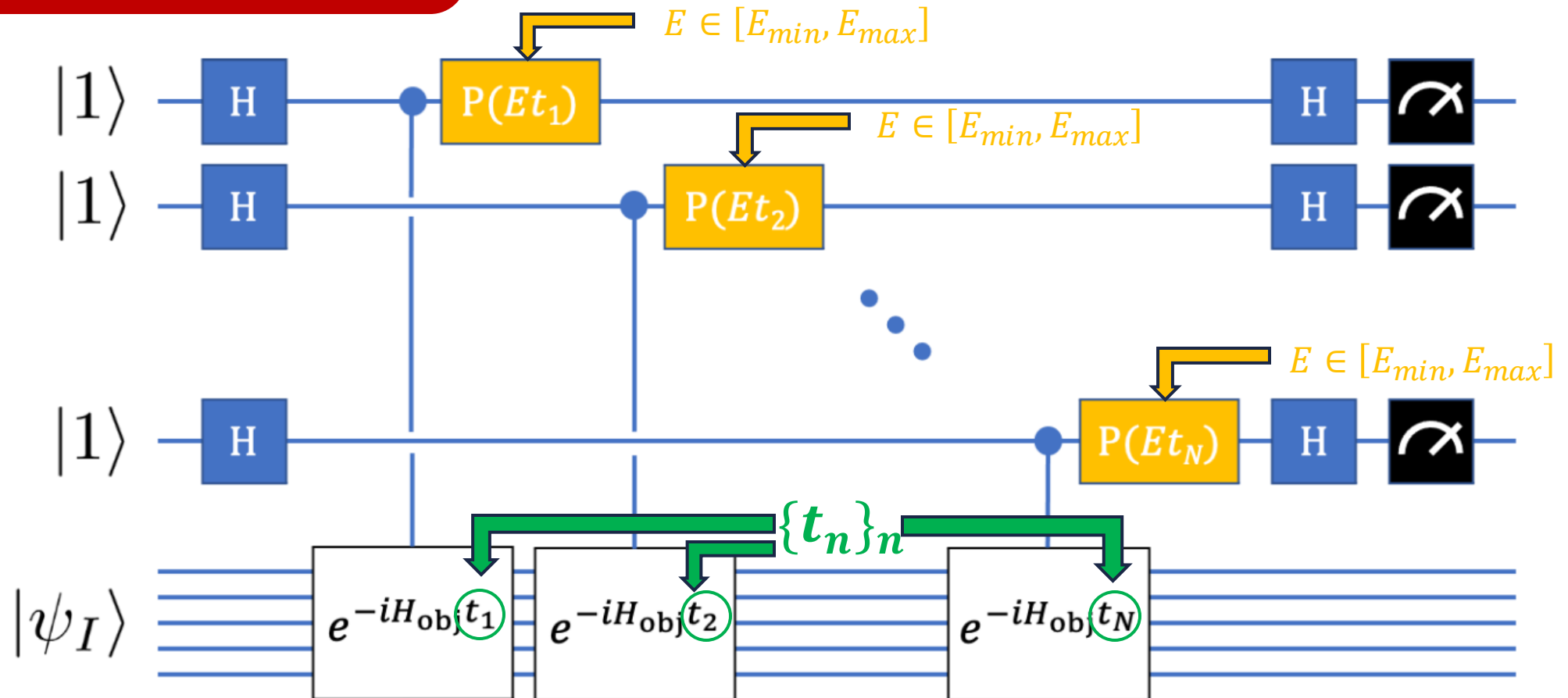
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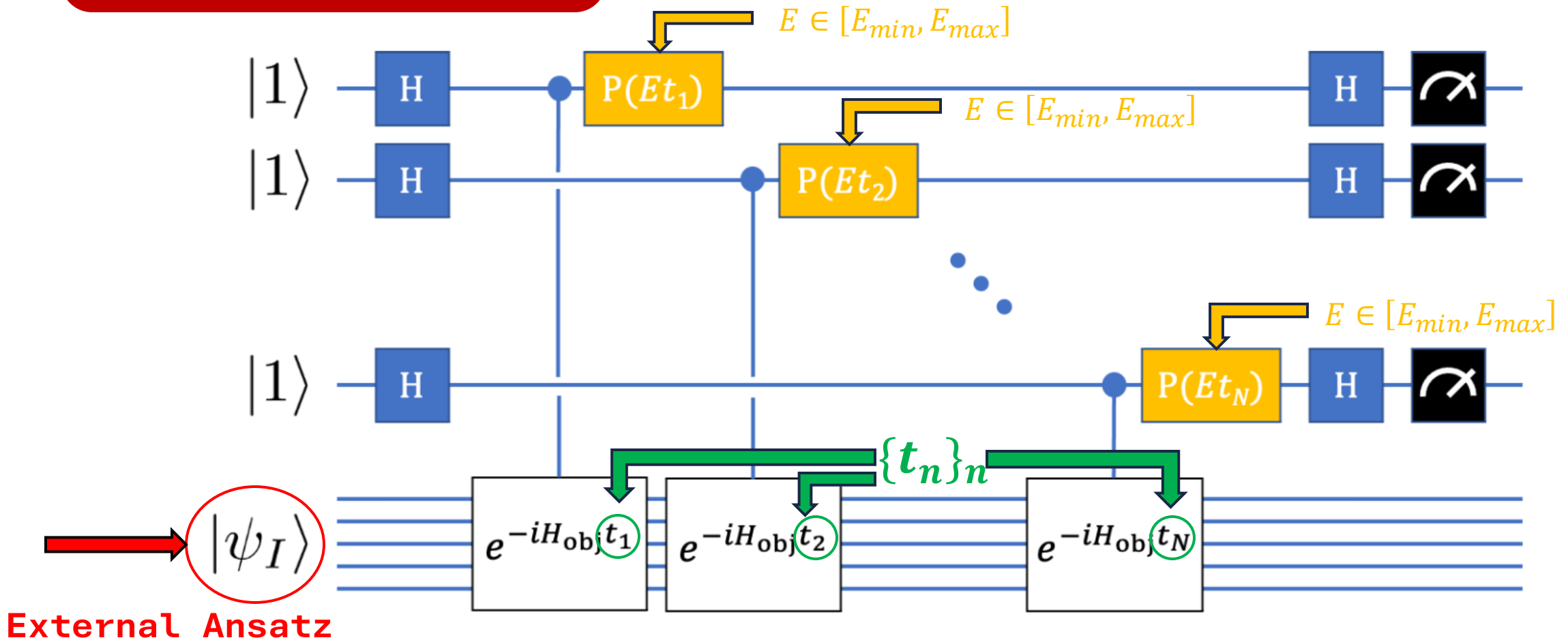
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RODEO: Eigenvalue Determination

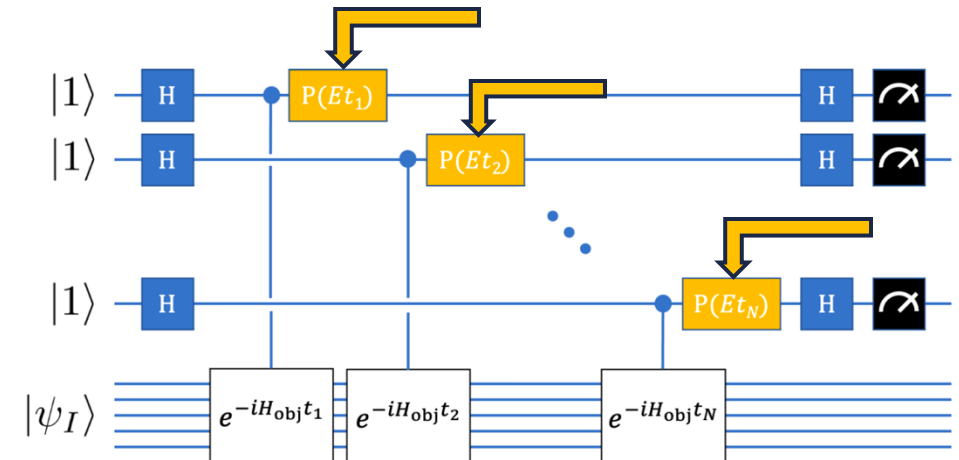
Idea

Run the circuit with *different values of E* and study measurement outcomes vs E to retrieve the wanted eigenvalue

- Define:

$$P_N = \mathbb{P}(\text{All ancillas in } |1\rangle)$$

- Filtering mechanism* is based on interference:



RODEO: Eigenvalue Determination

Case 1: Input Eigenstate

Simple Case:

$$|\psi_I\rangle = |E_{obj}\rangle, \quad H_{obj}|E_{obj}\rangle = E_{obj}|E_{obj}\rangle$$

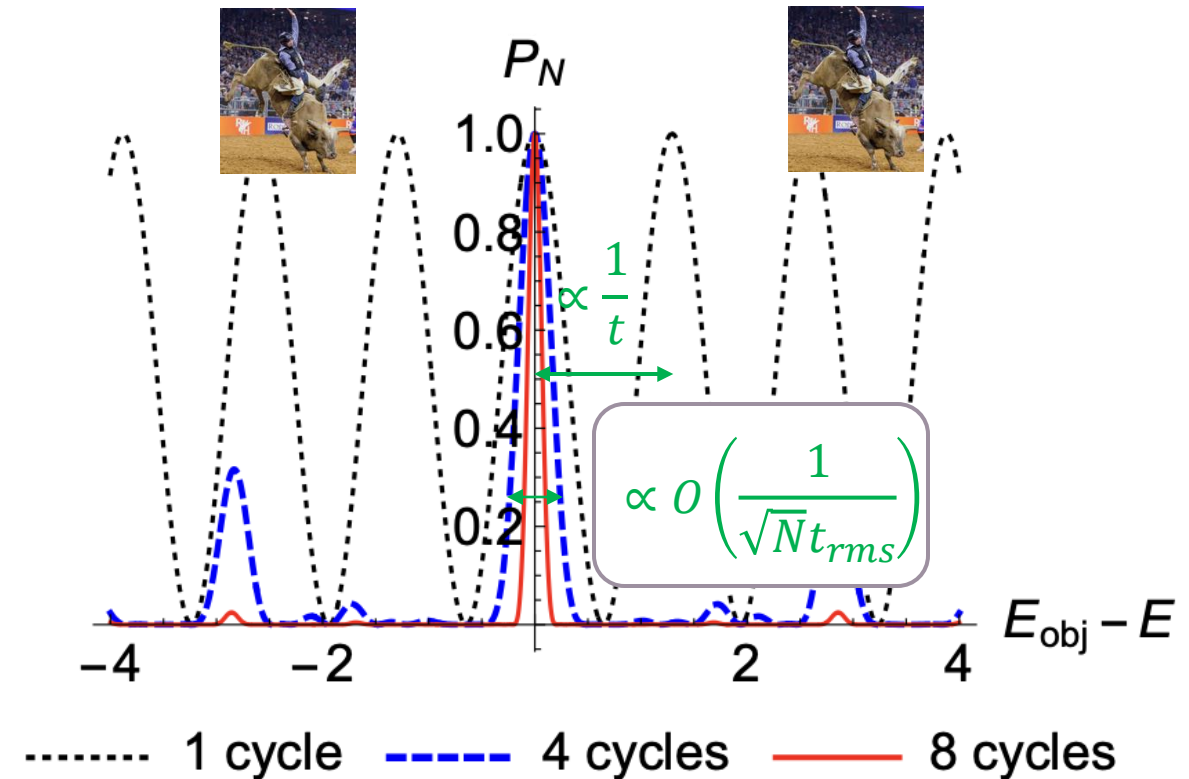
Then:

$$P_N(E) = \cos^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(E_{obj} - E) t_n}{2} \right]$$

- **Energy Filter**: Select t_n according to Gaussian distribution with stdev t_{rms} and increase N (**Rodeo cycle**):

$$P_N(E) = 1 \Leftrightarrow E = E_{obj}$$

- **Exponential suppression** of $E \neq E_{obj}$ with N



RODEO: Eigenvalue Determination

Case 2: Generic Input

General case: Initial state(ansatz) $|\psi_I\rangle$:

$$|\langle\psi_I|E_{obj}\rangle|^2 = p < 1. \quad H_{obj}|\psi_I\rangle \neq E|\psi_I\rangle$$

Problems:

- I . State at target register **changes** with Hamiltonian evolution
- II. Peak of P_N at $E = E_{obj}$ with **maximum at p** instead of 1

Solution:

Run algorithm multiple times with **increasing** t_{rms} to improve energy resolution (Heisenberg principle) and isolate peak

Caveat: Strong dependence on initial overlap $p \rightarrow$ **initial state preparation** is crucial (see next...)

RODEO: Eigenvalue Determination

Summary

Parameter tuning is pivotal in the general case:

Number of
Ancillas (N)

Gaussian Time
Distribution
(t_{rms})

Energy range
and Spacing
(E)

Input state
(ψ_I)

Choice strongly depends on Hamiltonian of interest

- Our case: k -local Hamiltonians

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^L \alpha_j H_j$$

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Implementation Intro

 **PushQuantum** –  **CLASSIQ**

Classiq Challenge:
Estimating Molecular Spectra Using the Rodeo
Algorithm



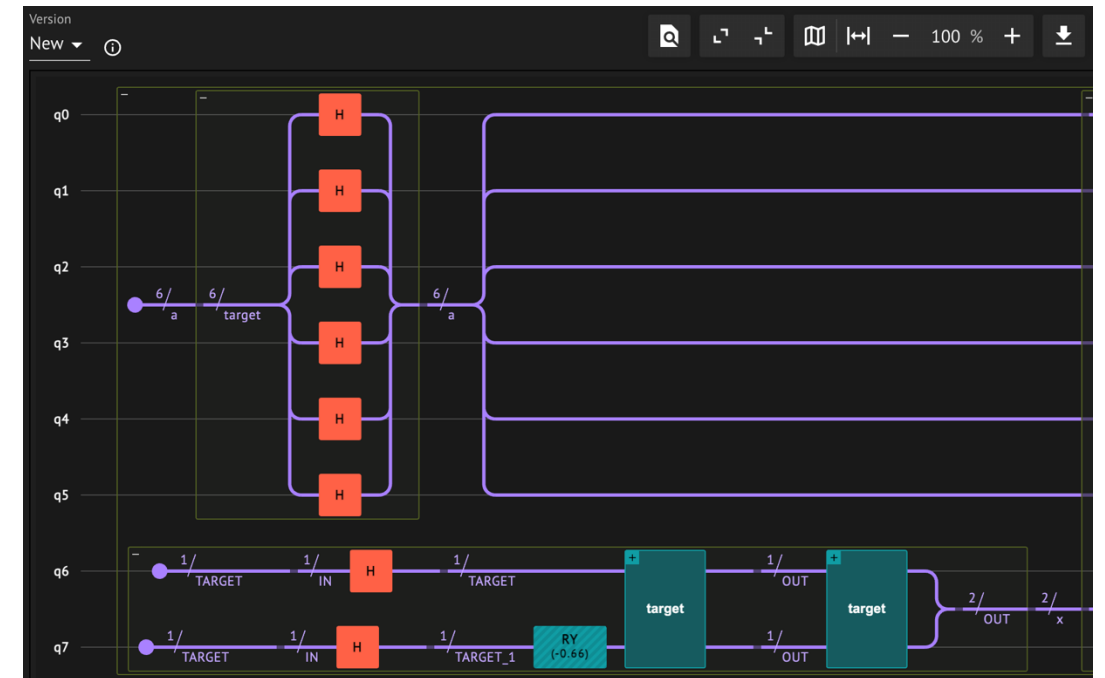
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Implementation Intro

 **CLASSIQ**

```
def main(a: Output[QArray], x: Output[QArray] ...):  
    """  
    Quantum function.  
    """  
    prepare_amplitudes(  
        amplitudes=initial_vec,  
        bound=0.01,  
        out=x  
    )  
  
    allocate(N, a)  
    hadamard_transform(a)
```

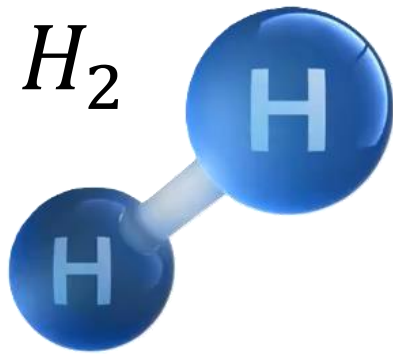
High level code



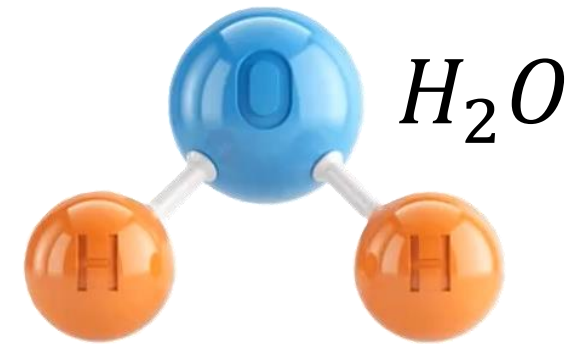
Quantum circuit

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Test-case



$$H = \sum_{j=1}^L \alpha_j H_j$$



```
HAMILTONIAN = [
  PauliTerm([Pauli.I, Pauli.I], -1.0523),
  PauliTerm([Pauli.I, Pauli.Z], 0.3979),
  PauliTerm([Pauli.Z, Pauli.I], -0.3979),
  PauliTerm([Pauli.Z, Pauli.Z], -0.0112),
  PauliTerm([Pauli.X, Pauli.X], 0.1809),
]
```

```
HAMILTONIAN = [
  PauliTerm([Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.I], -12.533),
  PauliTerm([Pauli.Z, Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.Z, Pauli.I, Pauli.I], -1.276),
  PauliTerm([Pauli.Z, Pauli.Z, Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.I], 0.627),
  PauliTerm([Pauli.I, Pauli.Z, Pauli.I, Pauli.I, Pauli.Z, Pauli.I], -0.875),
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Setup and Strategy

language



platform

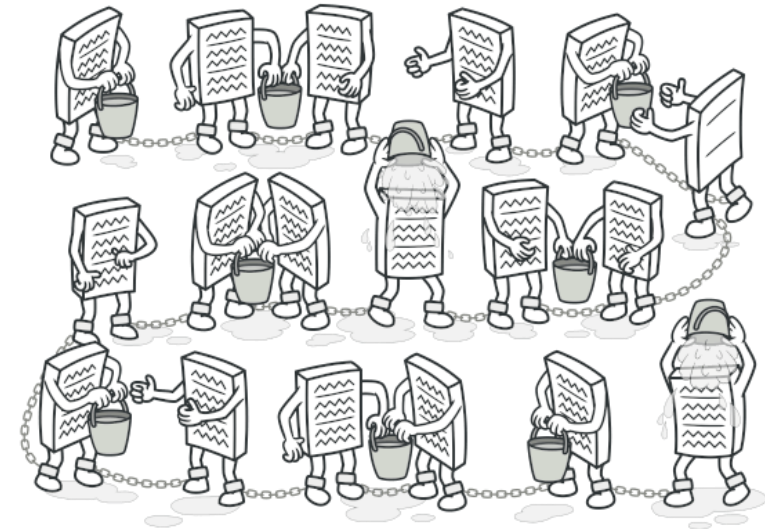
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VCS

Design Pattern

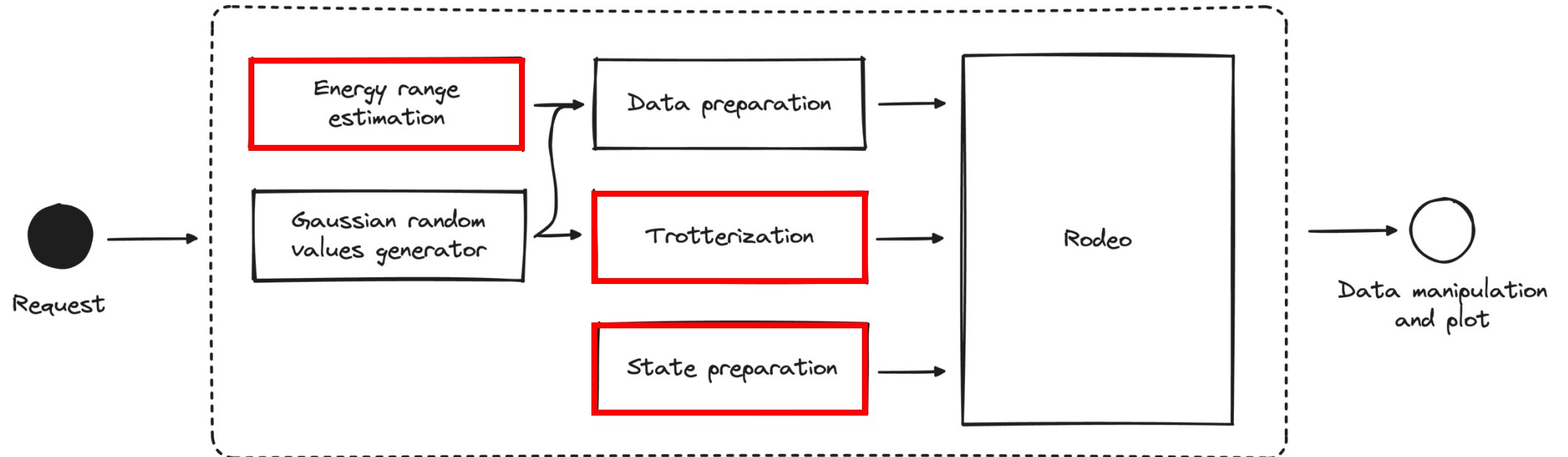
Chain of responsibility



<https://github.com/Los-Pollos-Quanticos/PushQuantumHackaton2024>

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Code structure

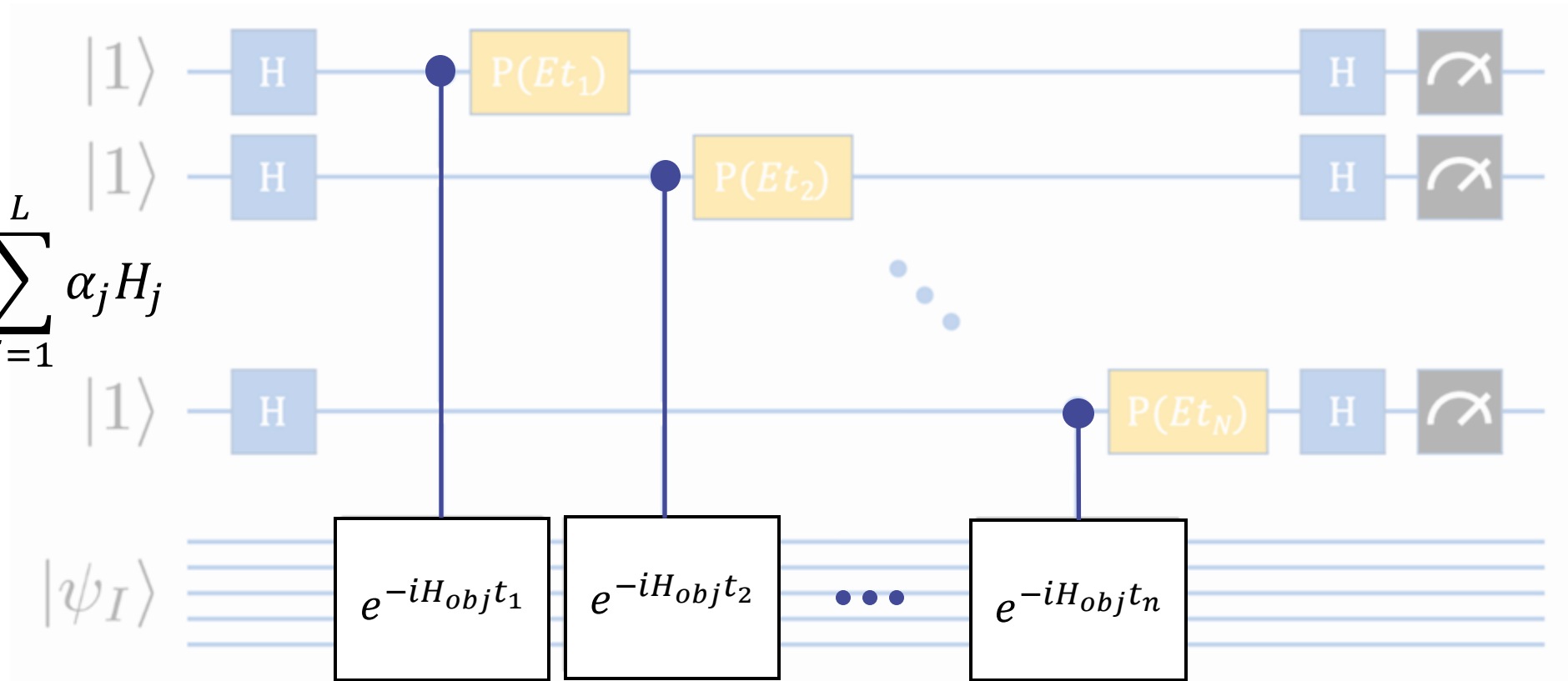


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Suzuki-Lie Trotter

Rodeo

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product formula

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^L \alpha_j H_j \quad \boxed{e^{-i \sum_{j=1}^L \alpha_j H_j t}} \neq \boxed{e^{-i \alpha_1 H_1 t}} \bullet \boxed{e^{-i \alpha_2 H_2 t}} \bullet \dots \bullet \boxed{e^{-i \alpha_L H_L t}}$$

H_j are non-commuting terms

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$$H = \sum_{j=1}^L \alpha_j H_j \quad \boxed{e^{-i \sum_{j=1}^L \alpha_j H_j t}} \approx \underbrace{\boxed{e^{-i \alpha_1 H_1 \frac{t}{r}}} \cdot \boxed{e^{-i \alpha_2 H_2 \frac{t}{r}}} \cdot \dots \cdot \boxed{e^{-i \alpha_L H_L \frac{t}{r}}}}_{r \text{ times}}$$

$O\left(\frac{(L\Lambda t)^2}{r}\right)$

$\Lambda := \max_j \alpha_j$ L : # of terms

t : evolution time r : # of repetition

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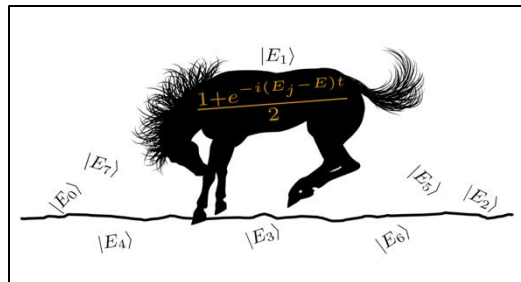
Rodeo Test

$$H|\psi_i\rangle = E_i|\psi_i\rangle$$

for $i = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$.

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} |\psi_i\rangle.$$

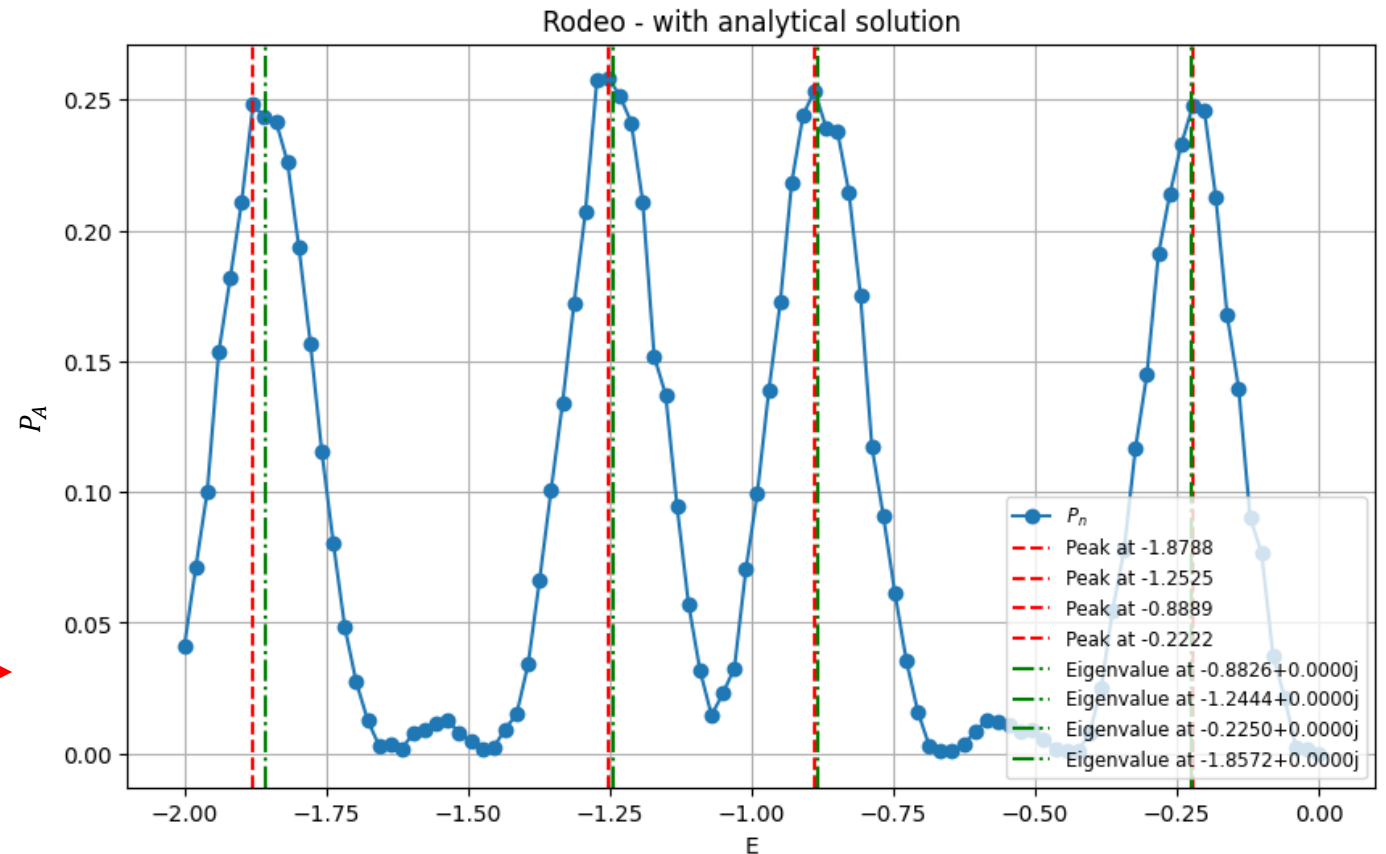
$[E_0, E_{N-1}]$



A=6, TRMS=7, SAMPLES=100

$$P_A(E) = \prod_{n=1}^A \cos^2 \left[\frac{(E_i - E)t_n}{2} \right]$$

$$|\langle \Psi | \psi_i \rangle|^2 = p = \frac{1}{N}$$



RODEO Implementation



**HOW DO WE SET THE
ENERGY INITIAL STATE PROPERLY?**

THIS GUY CAN HELP US!

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Gershgoring Circle Theorem

■ **Hypothesis:** let A be a complex $n \times n$ matrix with entries a_{ij} . For $i \in \{1 \dots n\}$ let R_i be the sum of the modulus of the non diagonal entries in the i -th row:

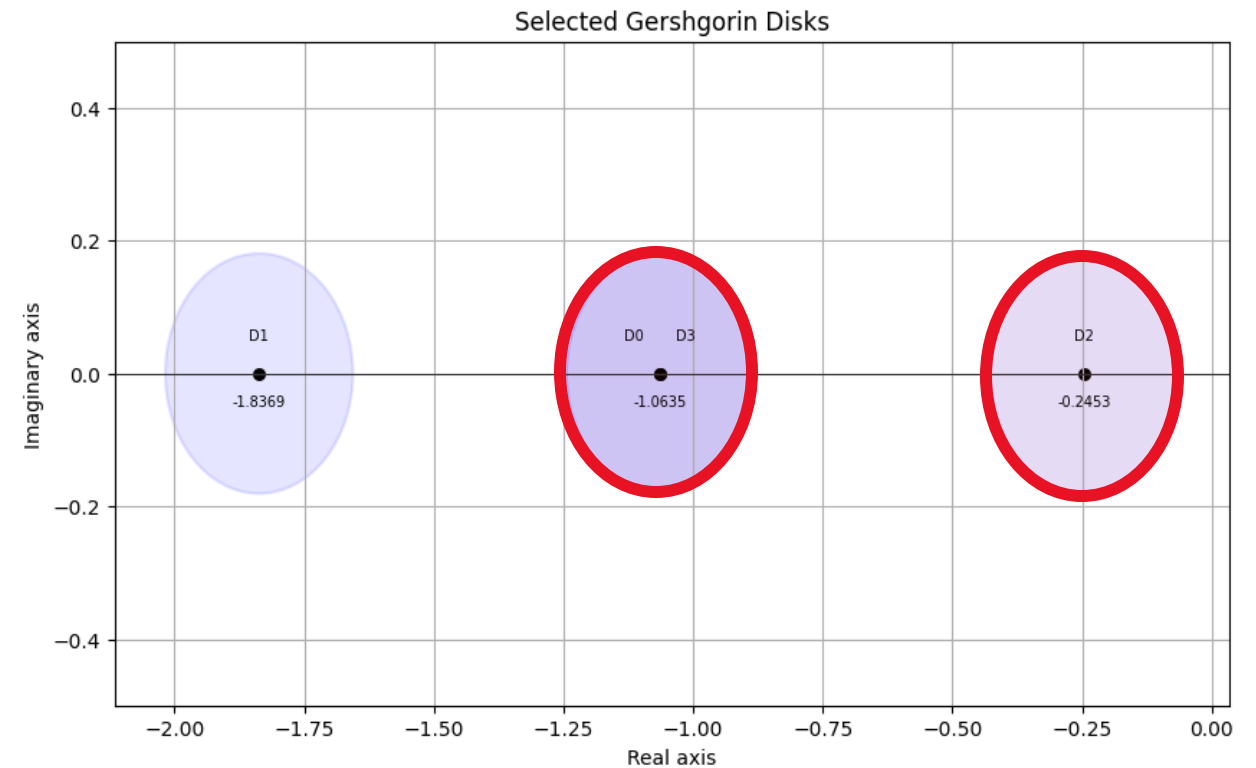
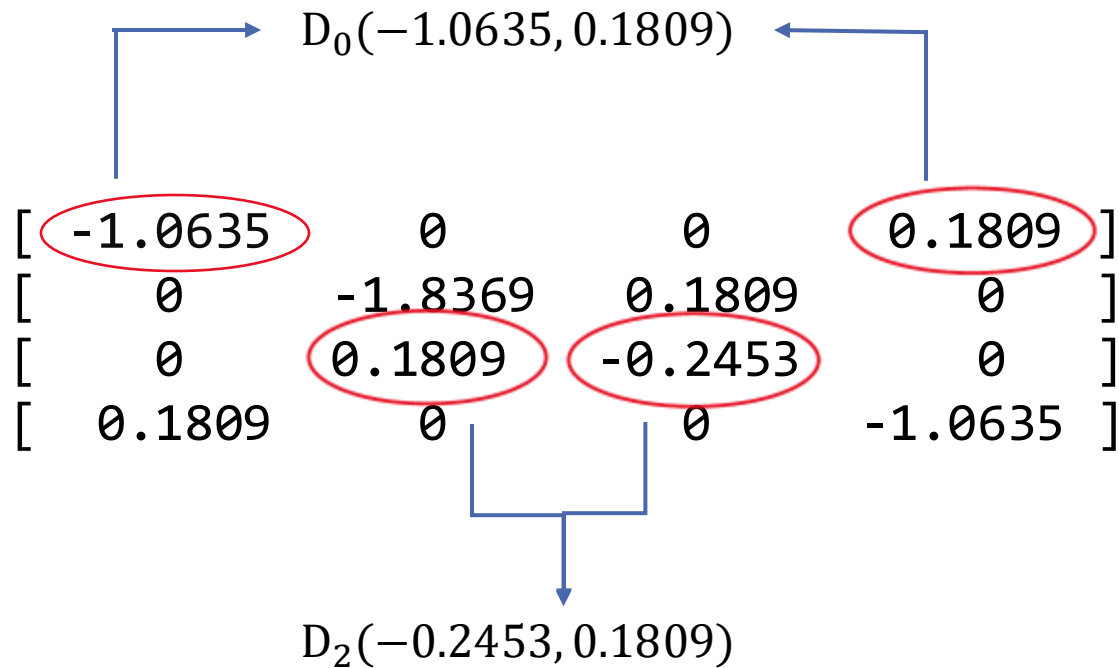
$$R_i = \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$$

Let $D(a_{ii}, R_i) \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be a closed disk centered at a_{ii} with radius R_i . Such a disk is called a Gershgorin disk.

■ **Statement:** every eigenvalue of A lies within at least one of the Gershgorin disks $D(a_{ii}, R_i)$

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Gershgorin Circle Theorem: H2 Scenario



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Gershgorin Circle Theorem: Initial state selection

Key remarks:

- Each Gershgorin disk corresponds to a row of the Hamiltonian.
- The Hamiltonian is diagonally dominant!

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 \textcolor{red}{|00\rangle} & & & \\
 \hline
 -1.0635 & \textcolor{red}{|01\rangle} 0 & 0 & 0.1809 \\
 0 & -1.8369 & 0.1809 & 0 \\
 0 & 0.1809 & -0.2453 & \textcolor{red}{|11\rangle} 0 \\
 0.1809 & 0 & \textcolor{red}{|10\rangle} 0 & -1.0635
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

- The input state for the RODEO will be the computational basis state corresponding to the row index.

Benefits:

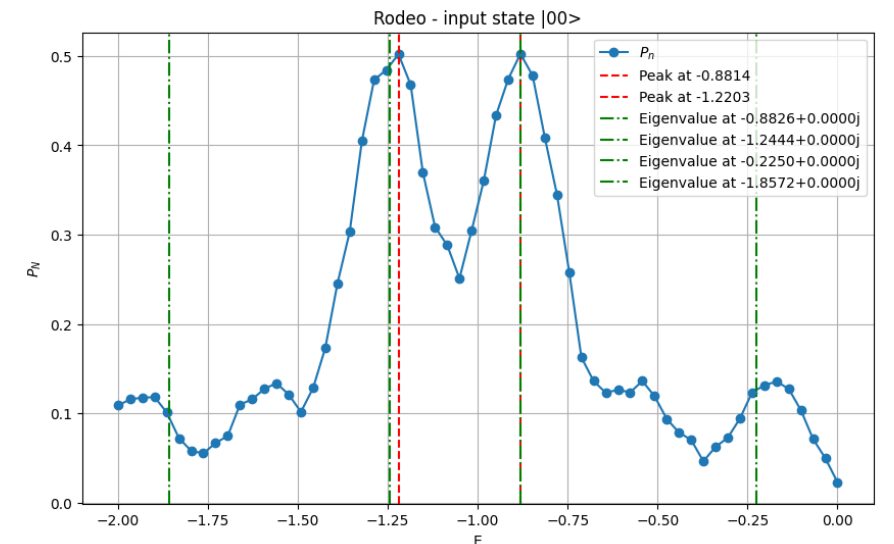
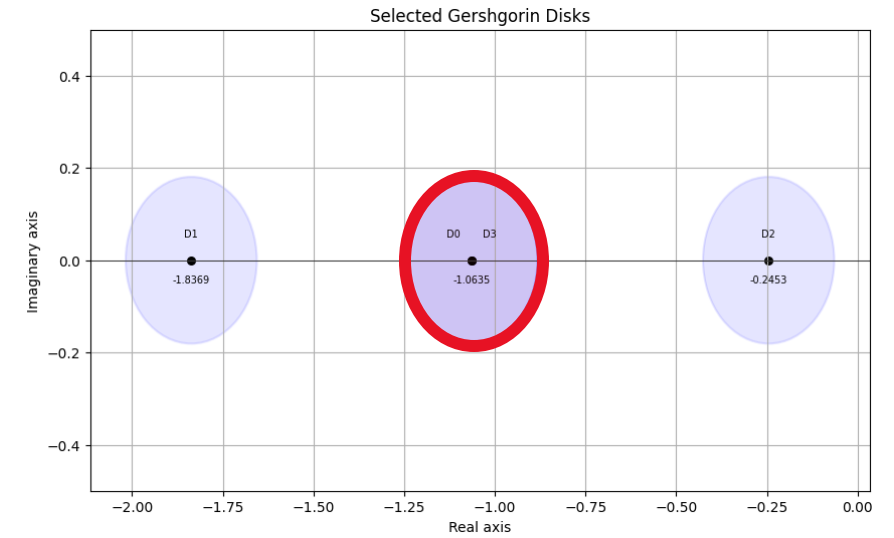
- ✓ This ensures a nonzero overlap between input state and associated eigenstate, filtering the desired eigenvalue in the Rodeo algorithm.
- ✓ This approach narrows the energy search range within the bounds of each disk.

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Gershgorin Circle Theorem: H2 results

■ Input state $|00\rangle$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1.0635 & 0 & 0 & 0.1809 \\ 0 & -1.8369 & 0.1809 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1809 & -0.2453 & 0 \\ 0.1809 & 0 & 0 & -1.0635 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow |00\rangle \text{ State}$$

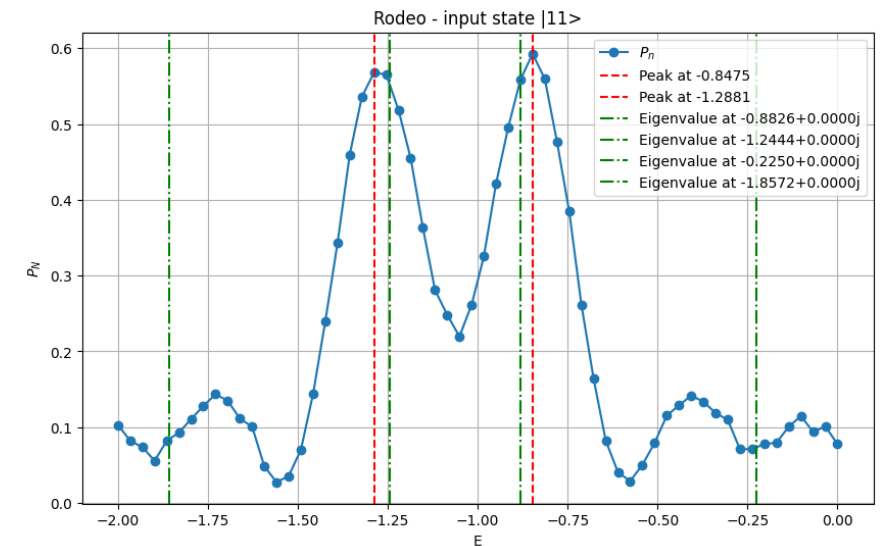
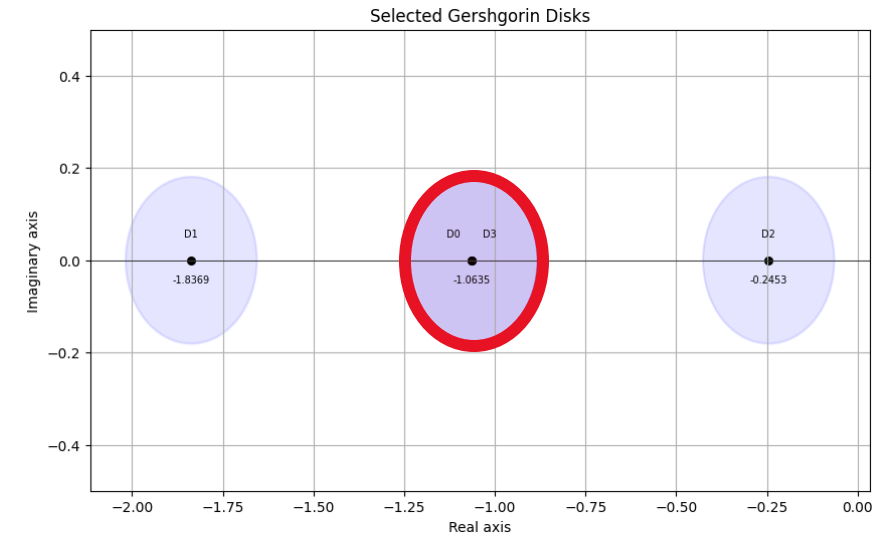


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■ Input state $|11\rangle$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1.0635 & 0 & 0 & 0.1809 \\ 0 & -1.8369 & 0.1809 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1809 & -0.2453 & 0 \\ 0.1809 & 0 & 0 & -1.0635 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow |11\rangle \text{ State}$$

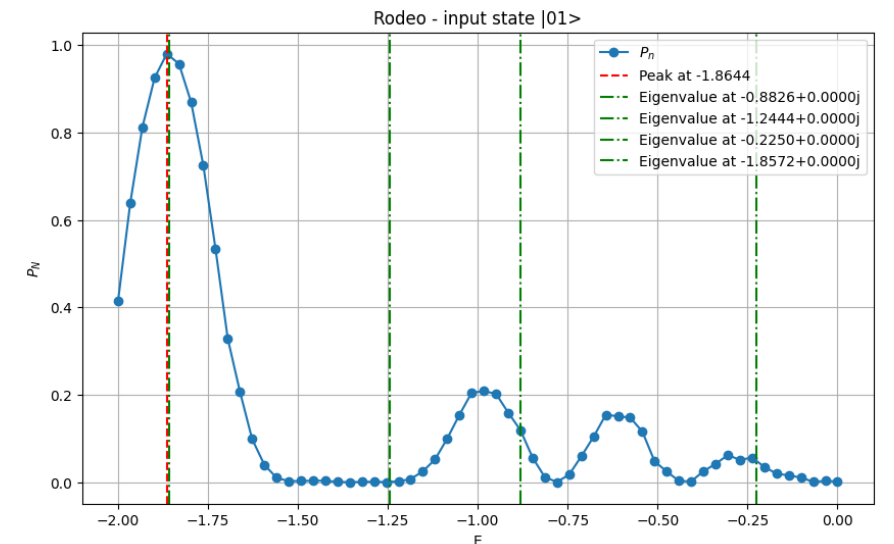
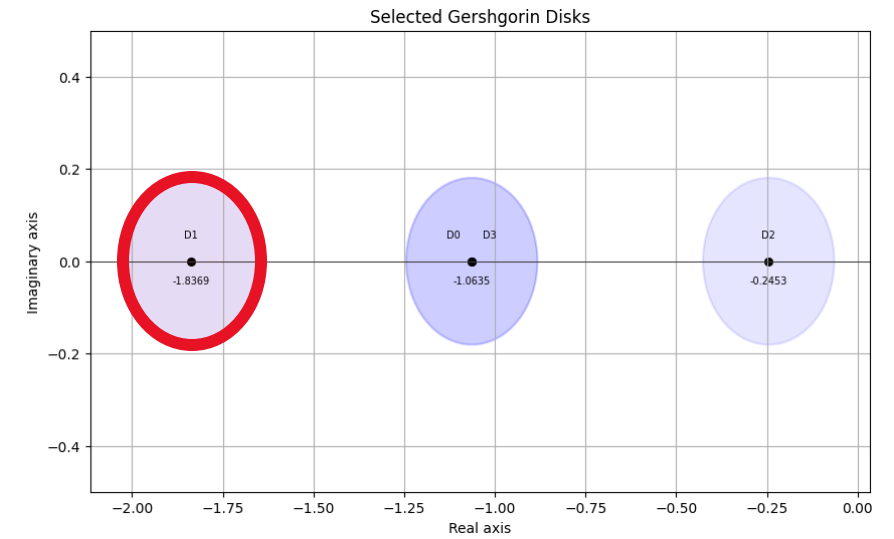


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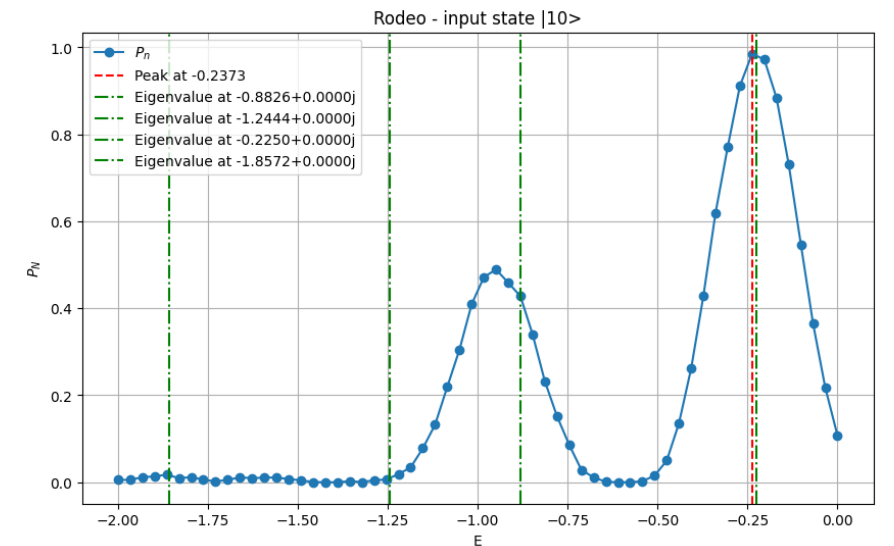
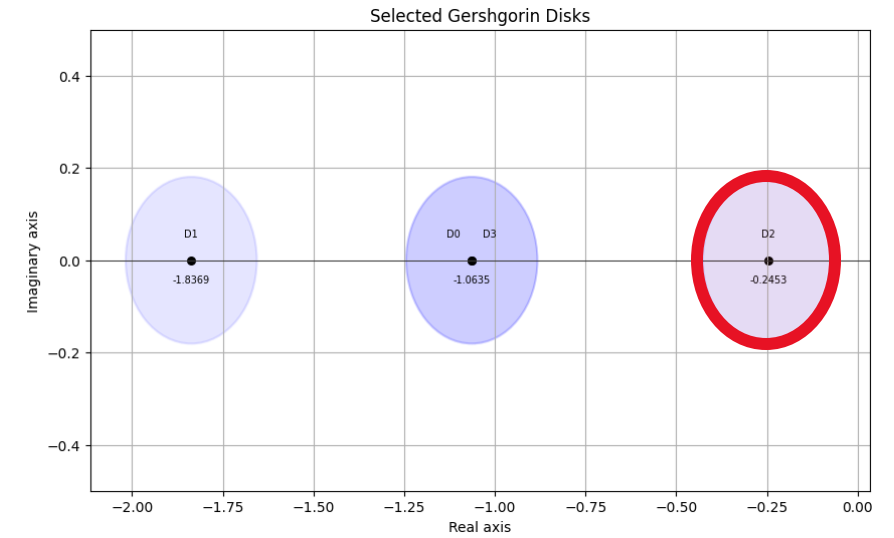


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Gershgorin Circle Theorem: H2 results

■ Input state $|10\rangle$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1.0635 & 0 & 0 & 0.1809 \\ 0 & -1.8369 & 0.1809 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1809 & -0.2453 & 0 \\ 0.1809 & 0 & 0 & -1.0635 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow |10\rangle \text{ State}$$



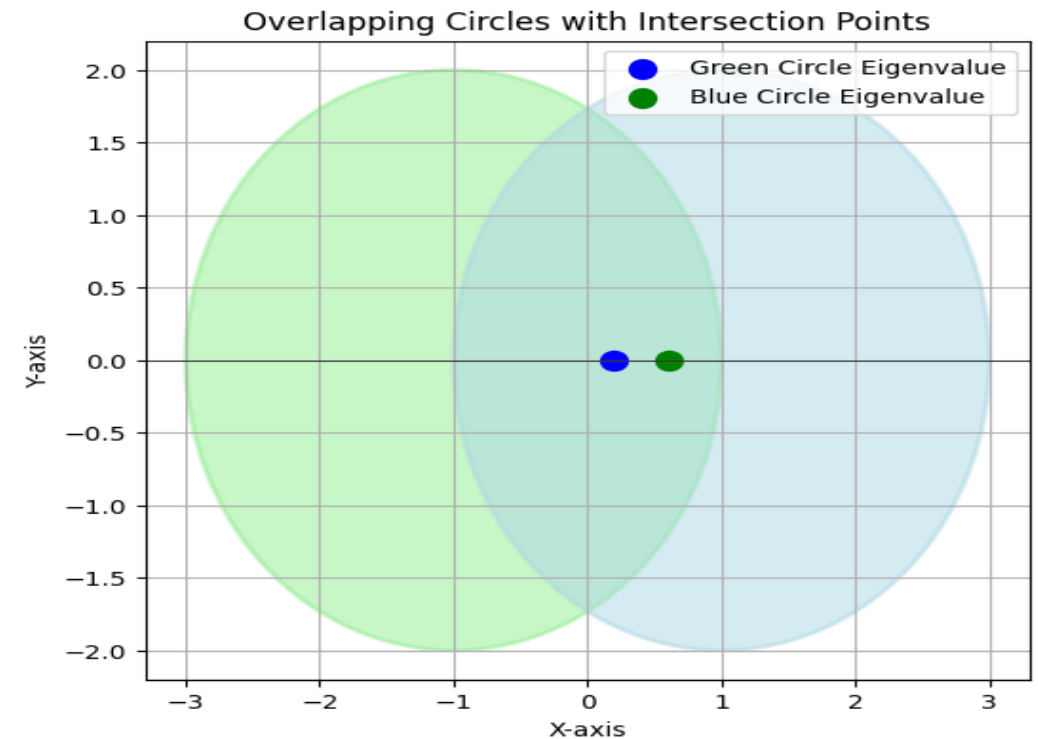
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Gershgoring Circle Theorem: H₂O Scenario

Task: Find the 5 lowest eigenvalues of the H₂O molecule

- Calculation and plot of the Gershgoring disks.
- Recognition of corresponding computational basis state to give as input for Rodeo Algorithm.

Pathologic situation



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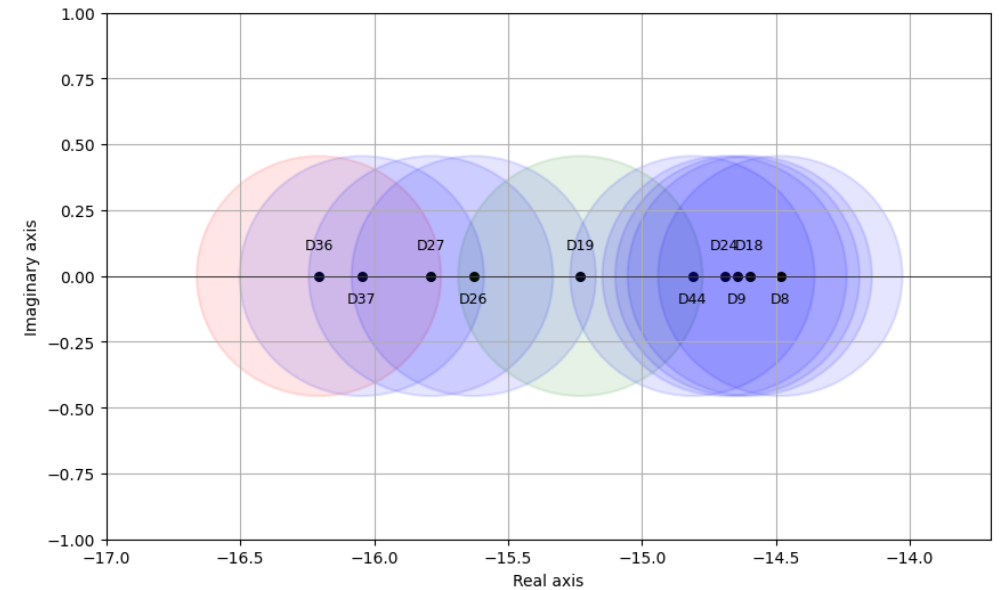
Gershgorin Circle Theorem: H20 Scenario

Main problem:

- Overlapping Gershgorin disks can lead to unknown eigenvalue order.
- The lowest eigenvalues do not necessarily align with the first disks in the E axis.

Strategy

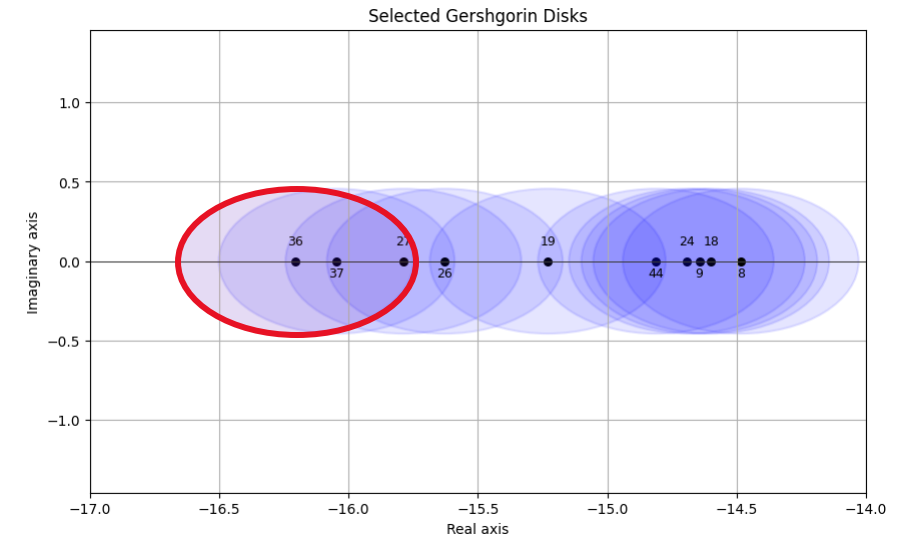
- Sort all Gershgorin disks by their lower bound.
- Start with the first disk “A” and collect all overlapping disk.
- Move to the next non overlapping disk “B” and repeat the collection process.
- Stop when five disks are collected.



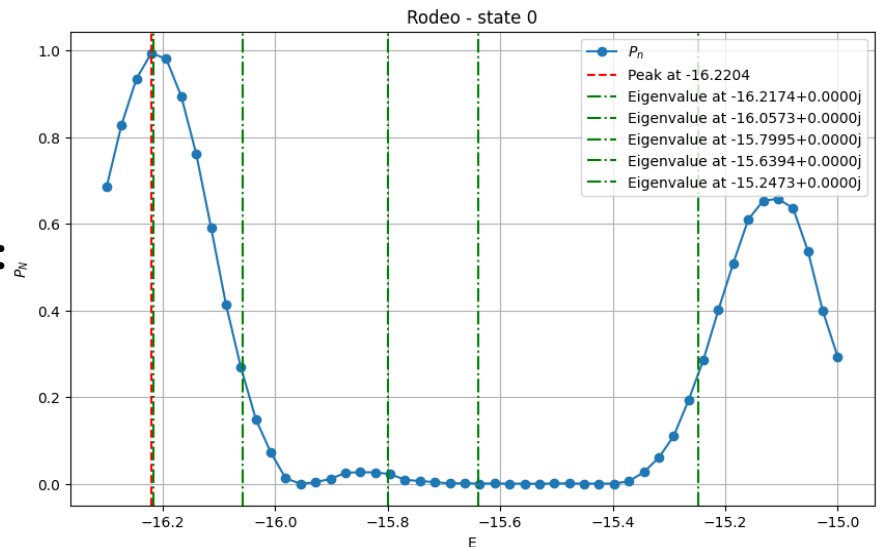
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Gershgorin Circle Theorem: H20 Results

- $N = 4$, $RMS = 7$: the eigenvalue peak is distinguishable from minor ones.
- Other small peaks appear just due to the periodicity of $P_N(E)$.



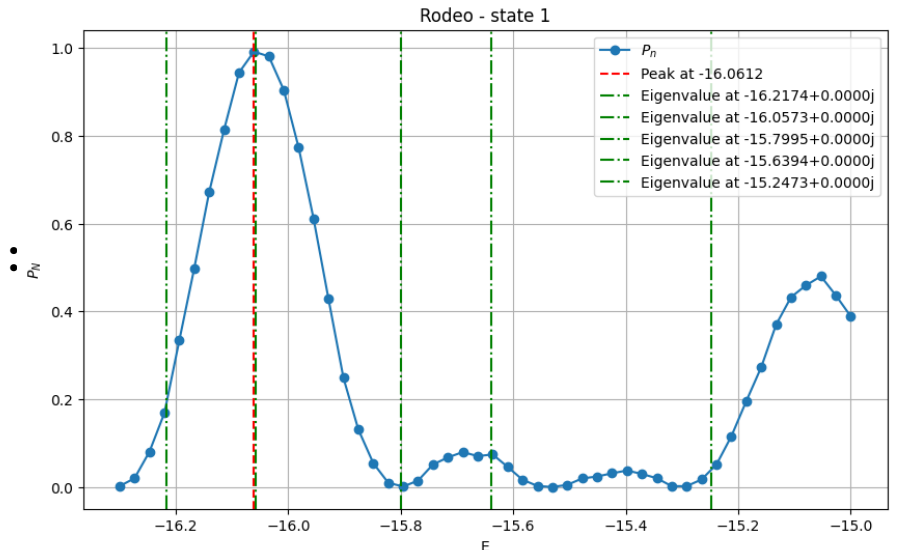
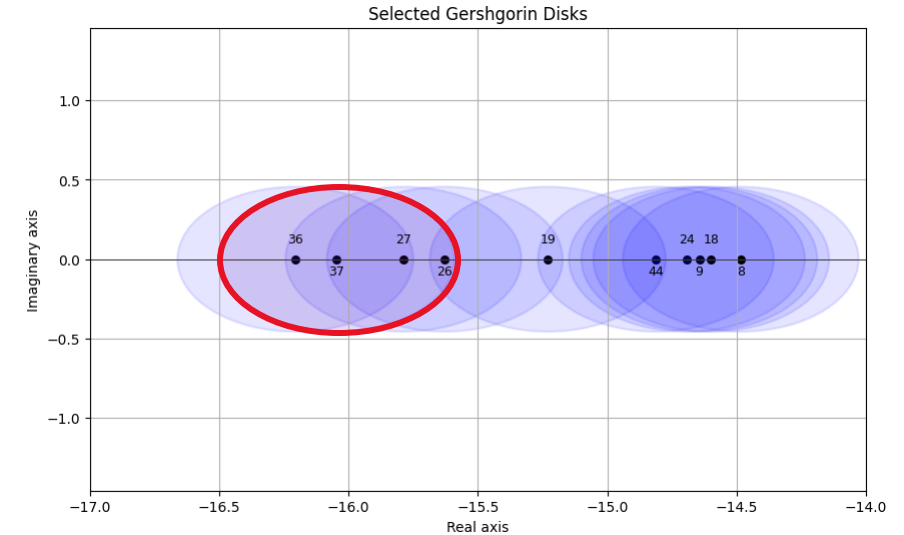
State corresponding to row 36:
 $|100100\rangle$



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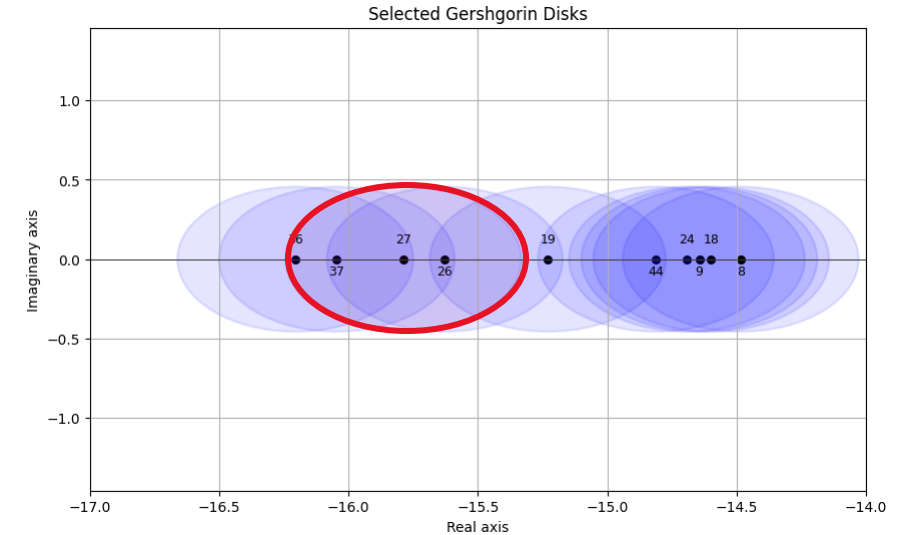


State corresponding to row 37:
 $|100101\rangle$

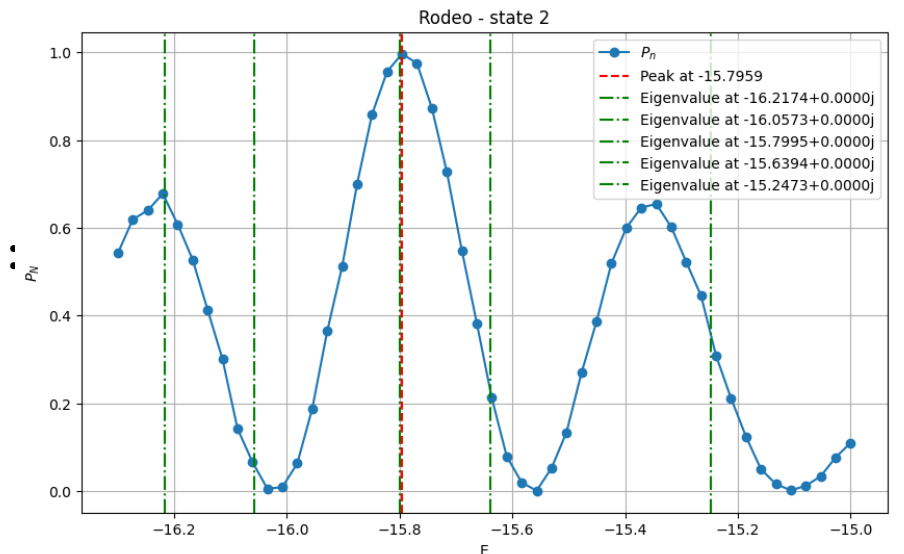
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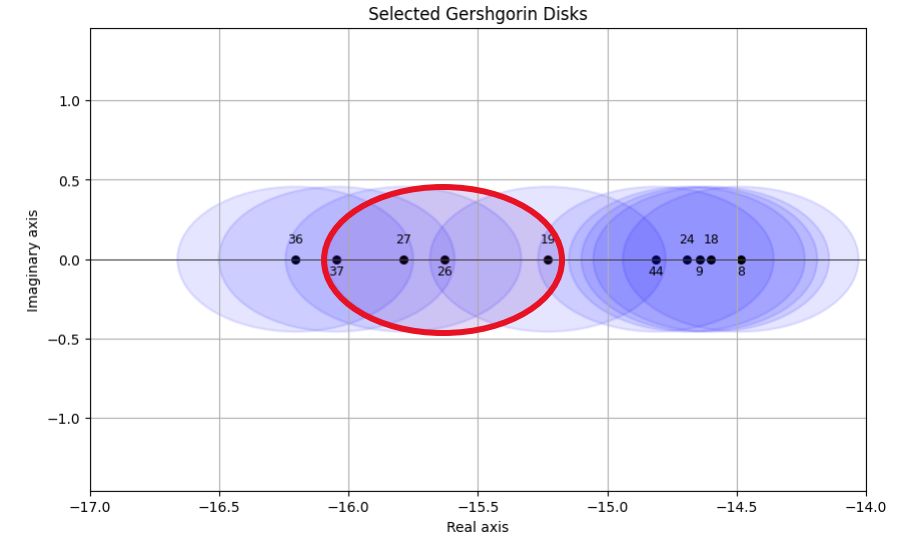
State corresponding to row 27:
 $|011011\rangle$



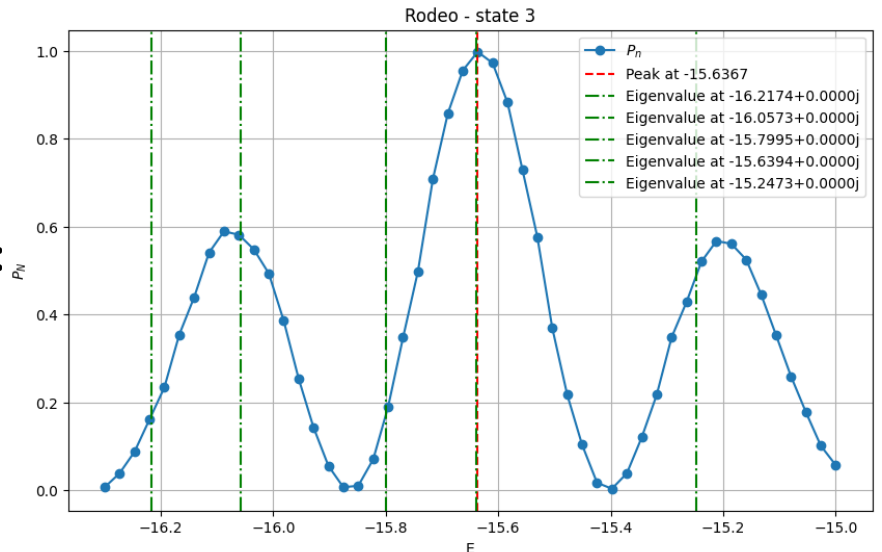
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State corresponding to row 26:
 $|011010\rangle$

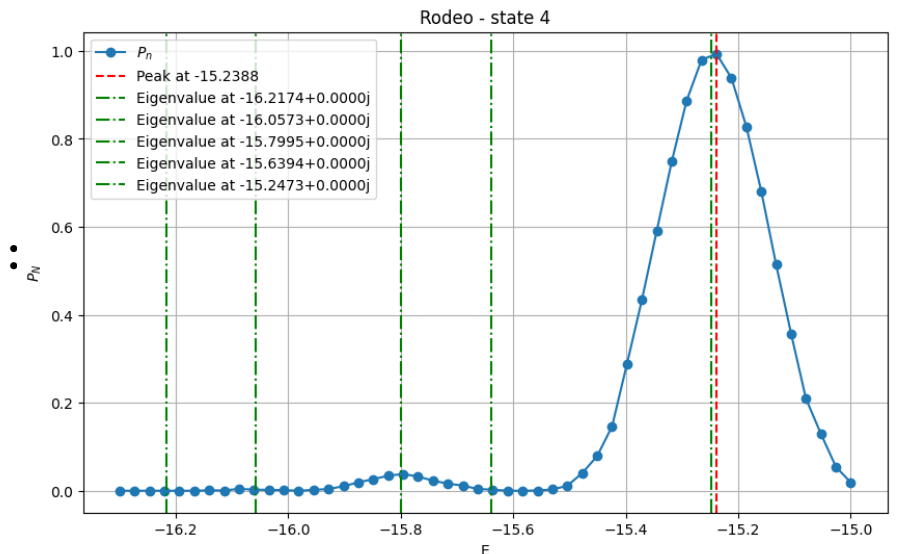
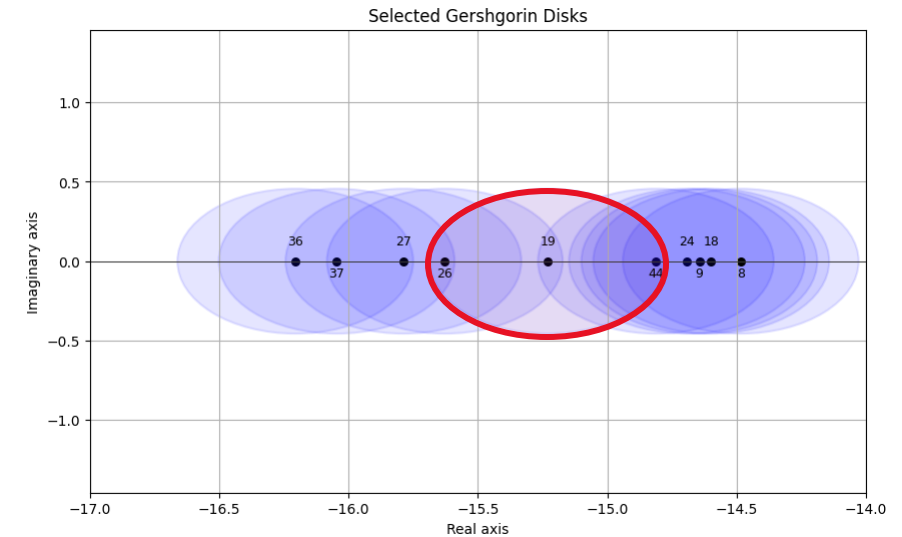


RODEO Implementation

Gershgoring Circle Theorem: H20 Results

- $N = 4$, $RMS = 7$: the eigenvalue peak is distinguishable from minor ones.
- Other small peaks appear just due to the periodicity of $P_N(E)$.
- Results show that 5 lowest eigenvalues did correspond to the first five Gershgoring disks.

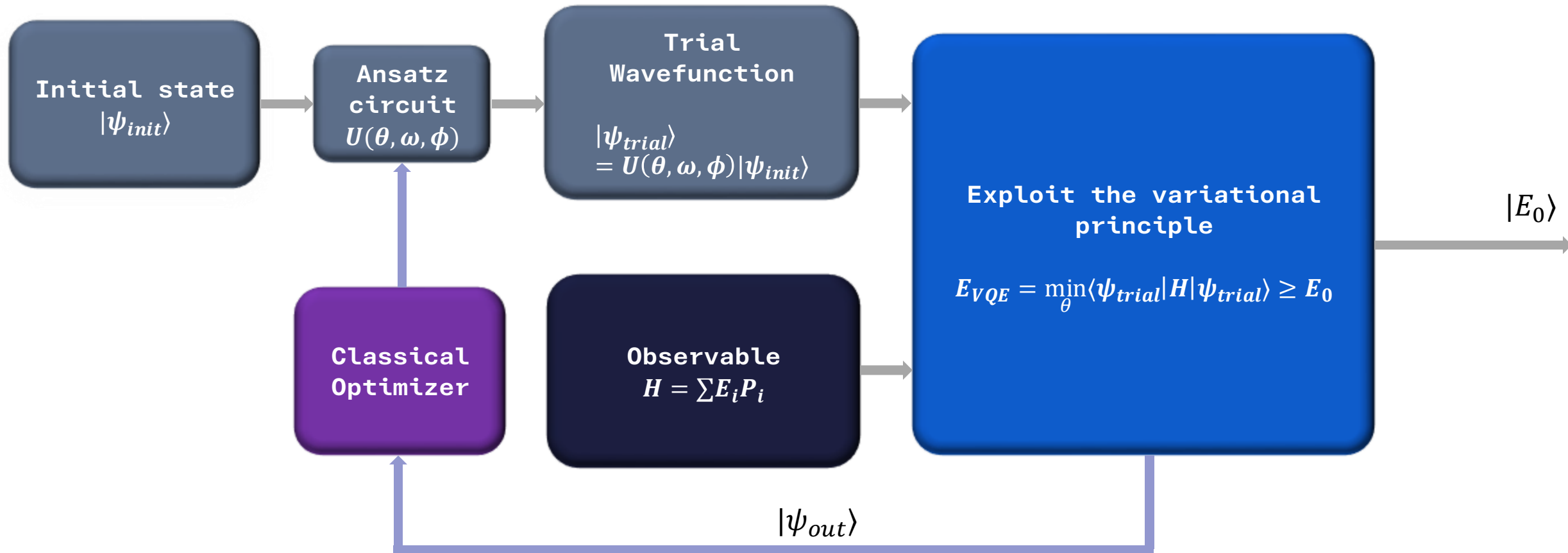
State corresponding to row 19:
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Variational Quantum Deflation (VQD)

VQD

Brief recall of VQE

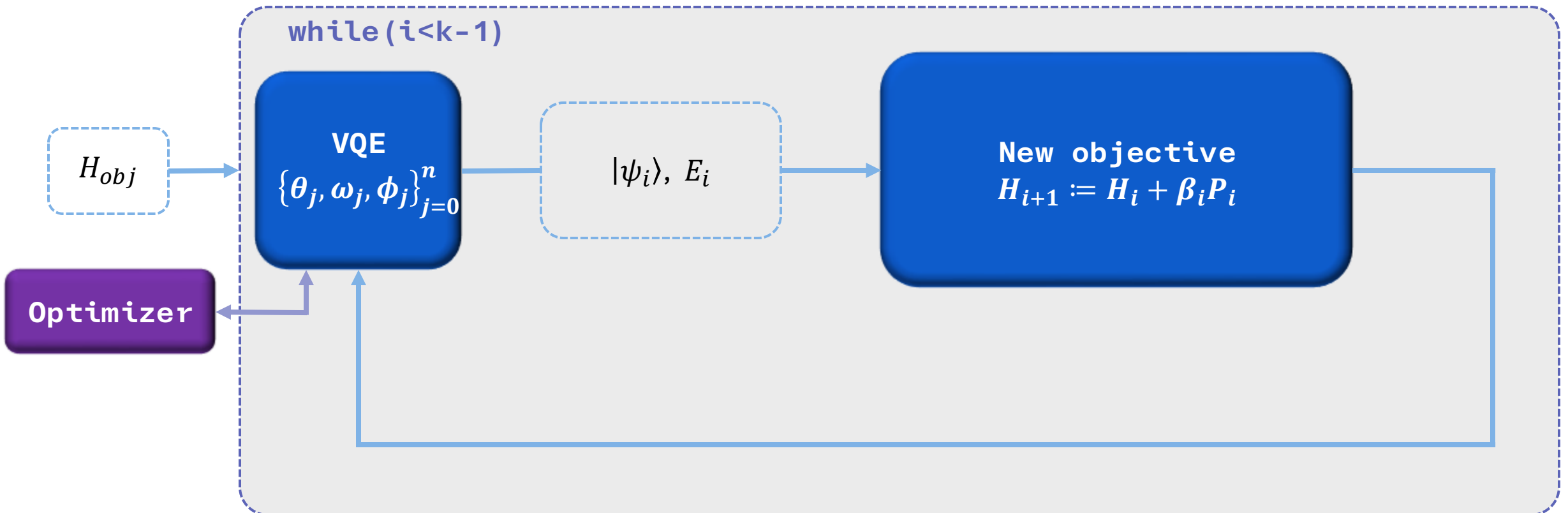


VQD

Building the spectra: the idea [H019]

Legenda:

- $\{\theta_j, \omega_j, \phi_j\}$ VQE parameters
- $P_i = |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$ Projector
- β_i Penalty
- k total number of states



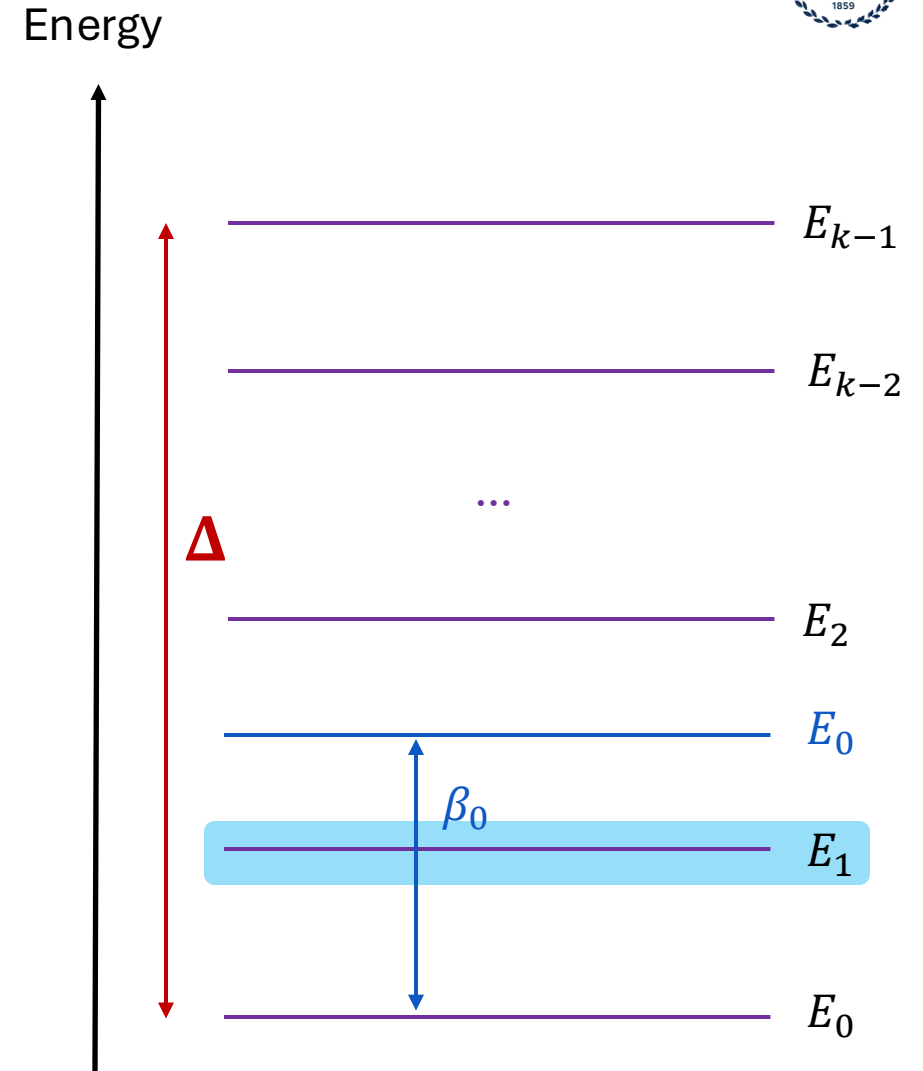
VQD

How to choose the penalties

The penalty must be chosen such that, if we are at stage k , then

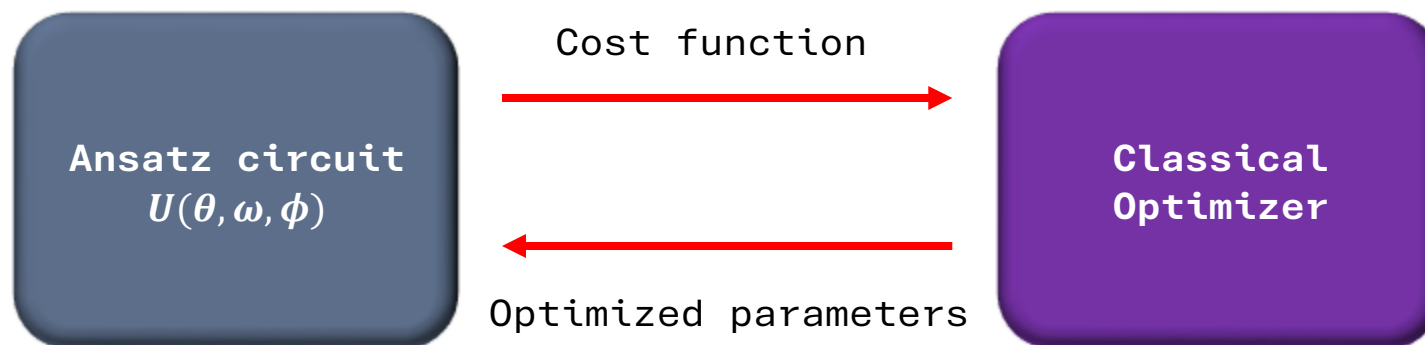
$$\beta_{k-1} + E_{k-1} > E_k$$

So that $|\psi_k\rangle$ is the new ground state.



VQD


implementation intro




Ansatz – encoding circuit

System with N features


Amplitude
Encoding

$\log_2 N$ qubits 


exponential
number of
transformations 


Angle
Encoding

N qubits 

linear
number of
transformations 

Basis
Encoding

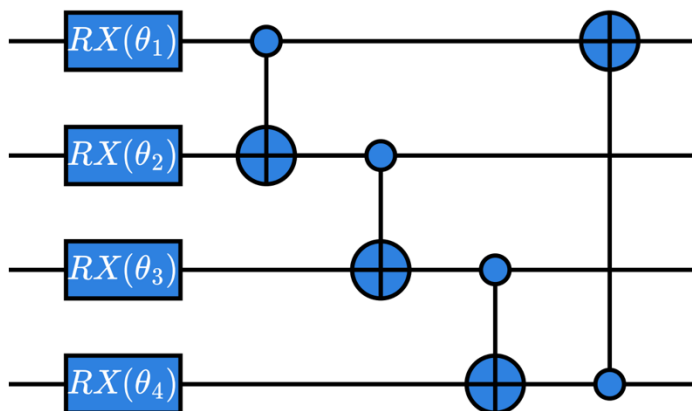
$N \times M$ qubits 
 M is the number of bits in the binary string

direct encoding
into the
computational
basis 

Ansatz – entangling layer

Basic Entangler Layer

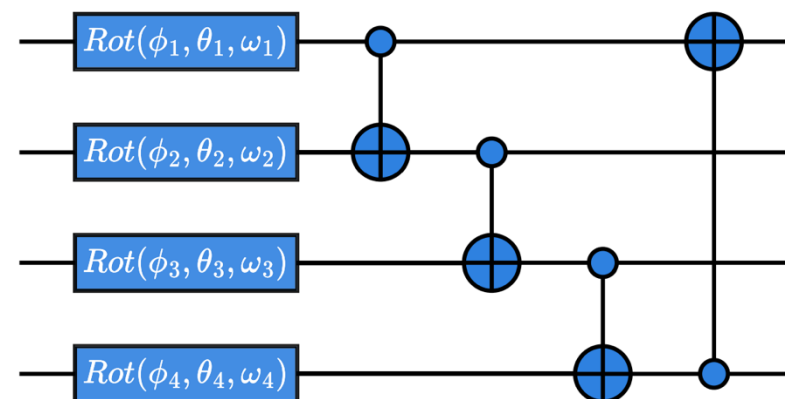
one-parameter θ
single-qubit rotations



Strongly Entangling Layer

ROT gate

$$R(\phi, \theta, \omega) = RZ(\omega)RY(\theta)RZ(\phi)$$



The ansatz

Parametric number of layers

```
def ansatz(params, num_layers, N):
    for i in range(num_layers):
        for qubit in range(N):
            qml.Rot(params[i, qubit, 0], params[i,
qubit, 1], params[i, qubit, 2], wires=qubit)

        for qubit in range(N - 1):
            qml.CNOT(wires=[qubit, qubit + 1])

    qml.CNOT(wires=[N - 1, 0])
```

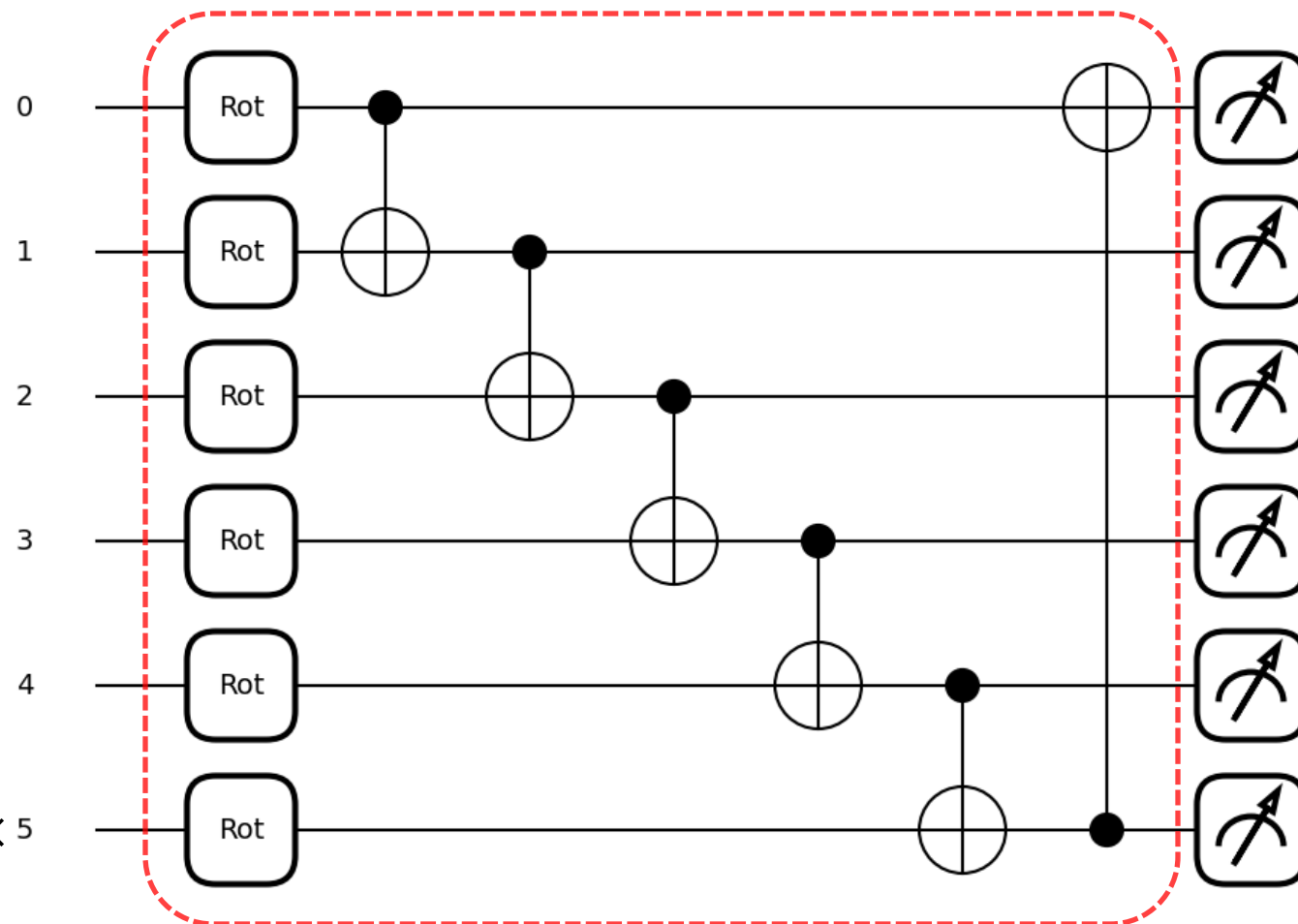
Parameters to be optimized: $N \times L \times 3$

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N: # of qubits to represent the state

L: # of layer of the circuit

Single layer

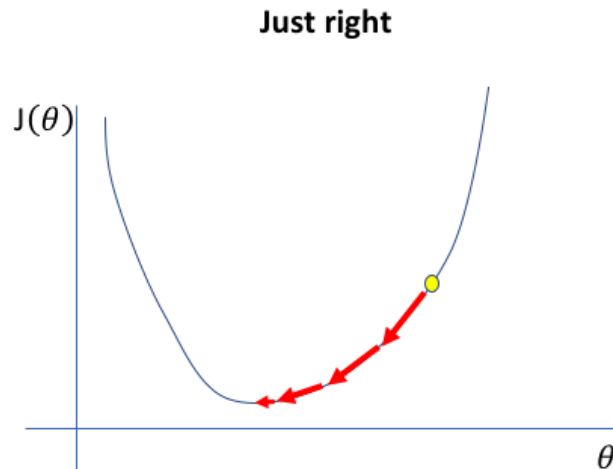


Optimizer

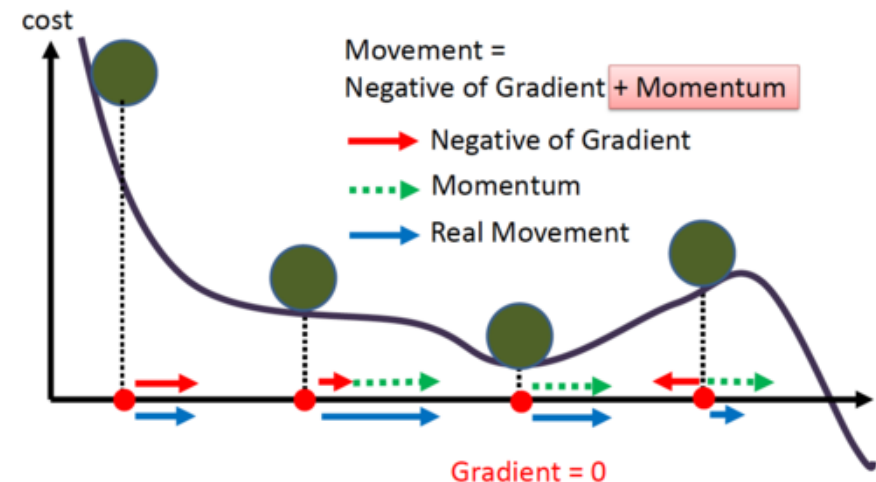
An **optimizer** is an algorithm used to find the parameters that minimize (or maximize) a given function, called a **cost function**

Adam (Adaptive Moment)

Adaptive learning



Momentum

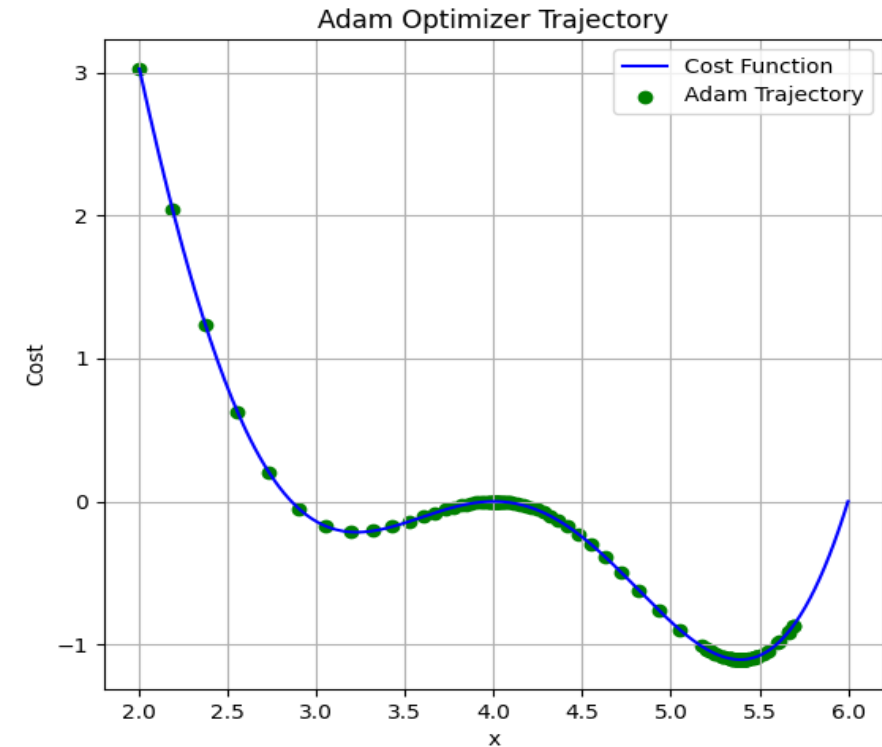
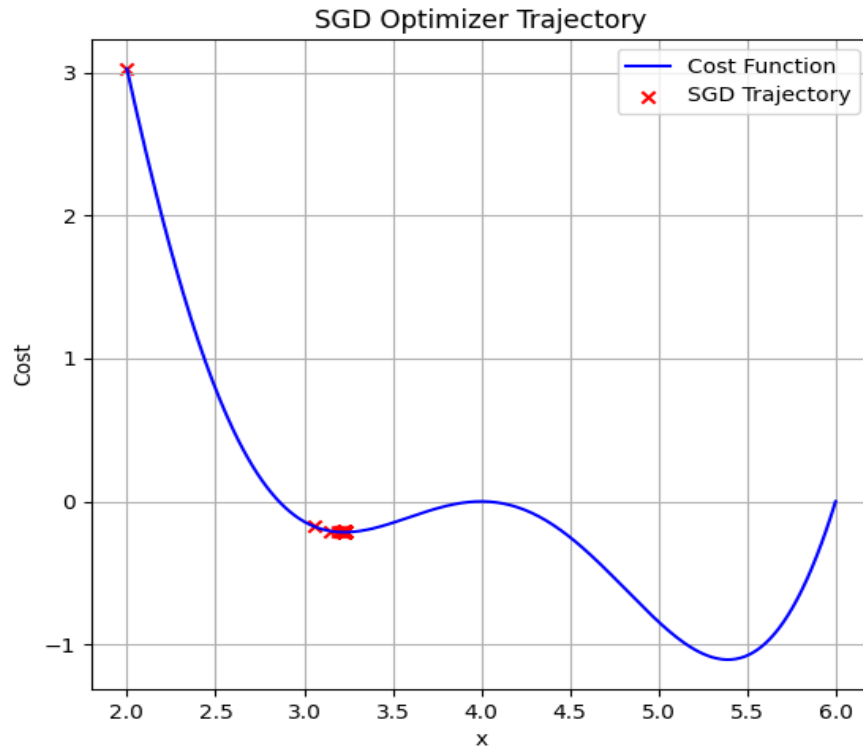


Optimizer – Toy model

Adam (Adaptive Moment Estimation)

Parameters:

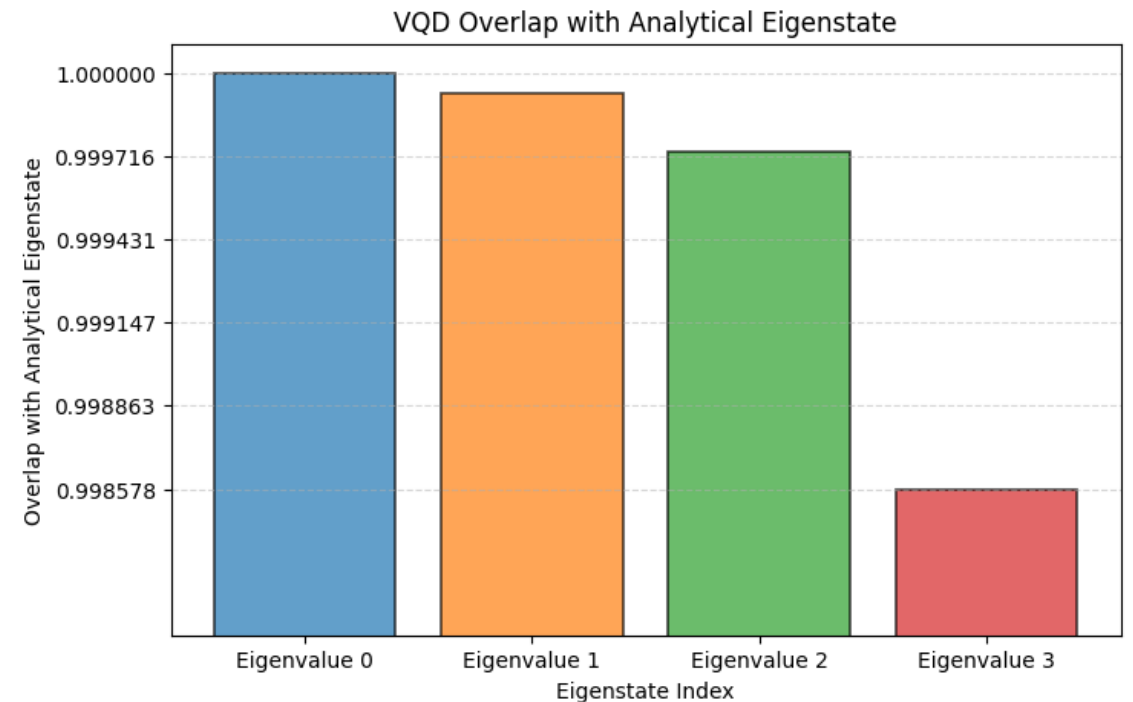
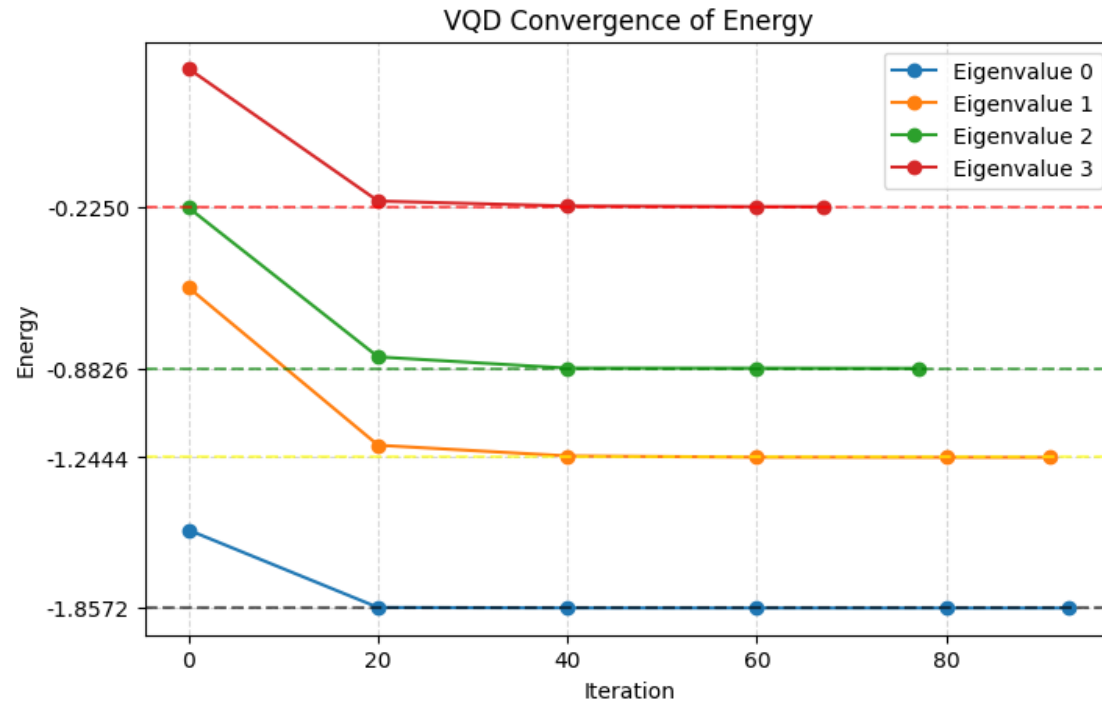
- Starting point
- Cost function
- Tolerance
- Step size



VQD

Results: VQD for H2

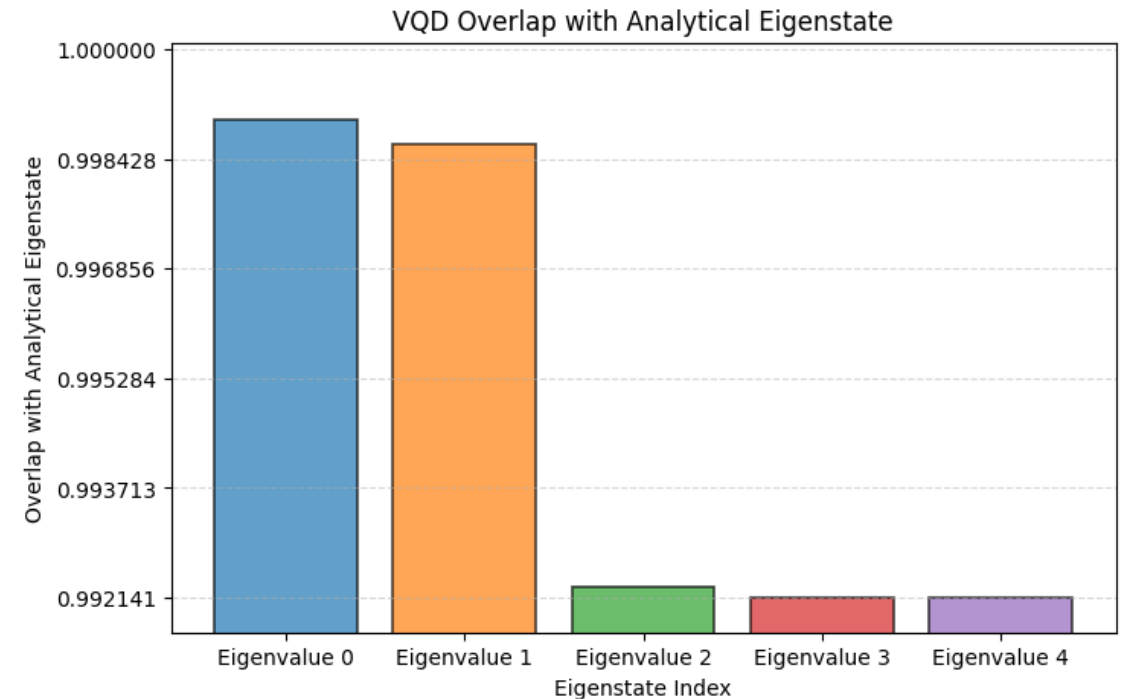
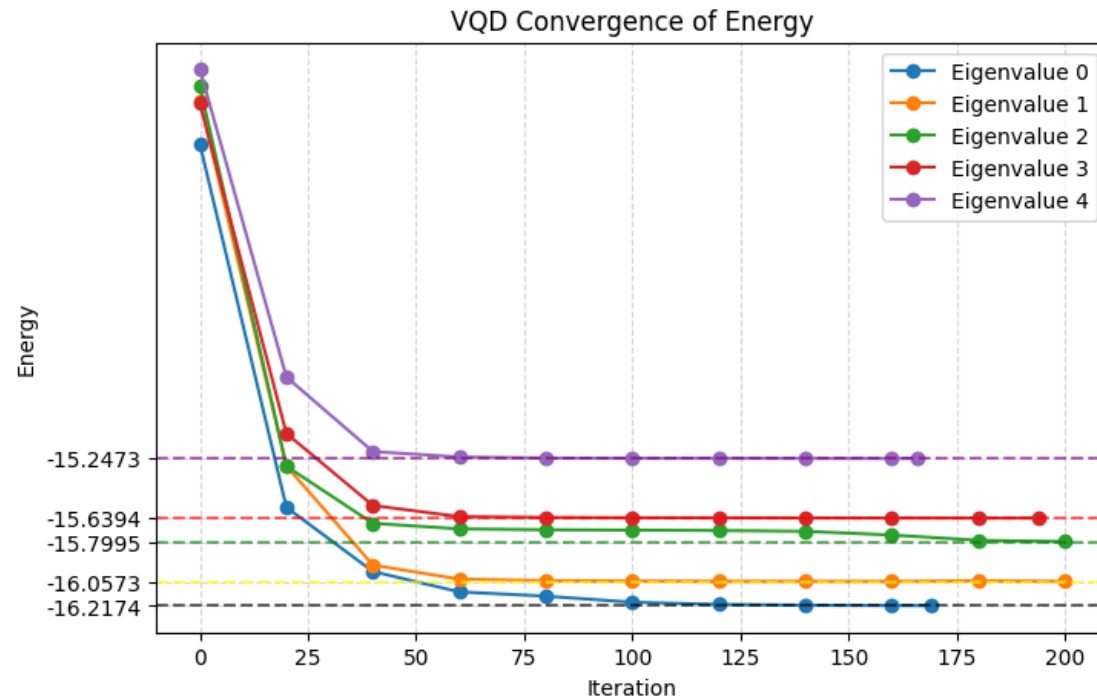
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VQD

Results: VQD for H2O

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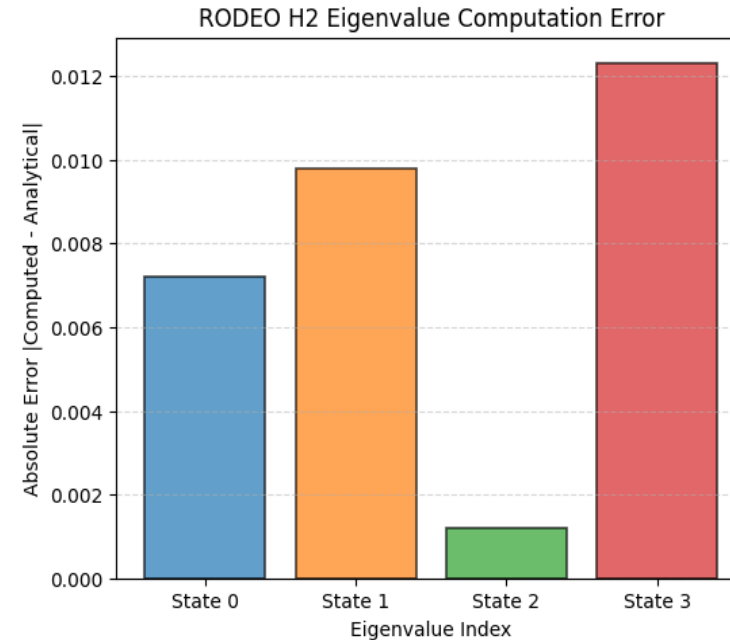
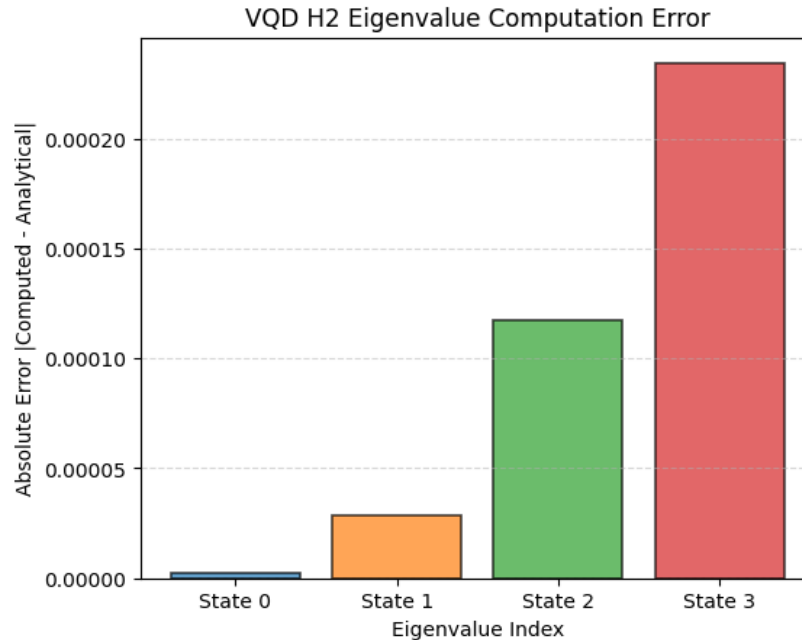


Comparison: RODEO vs VQD

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H2 Eigenvalue Computation Error

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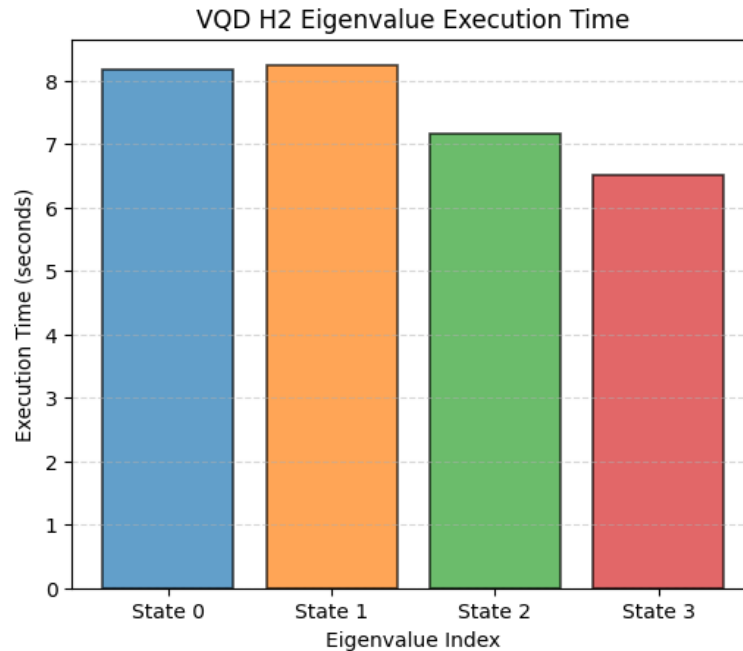


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- Energy range taken from Gershgoring.
- 60 interrogation points for each range.

Comparison: RODEO vs VQD

H2 Eigenvalue Execution Time: VQD VS RODEO

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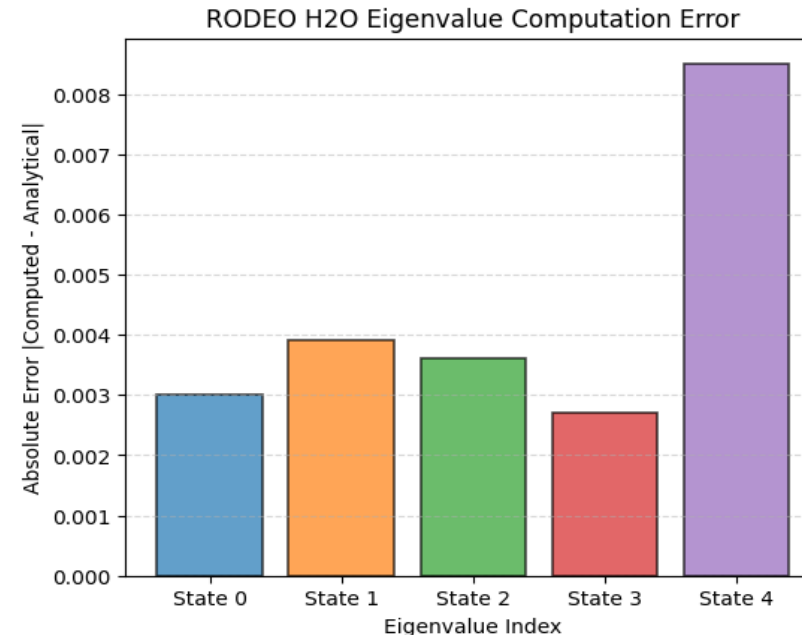
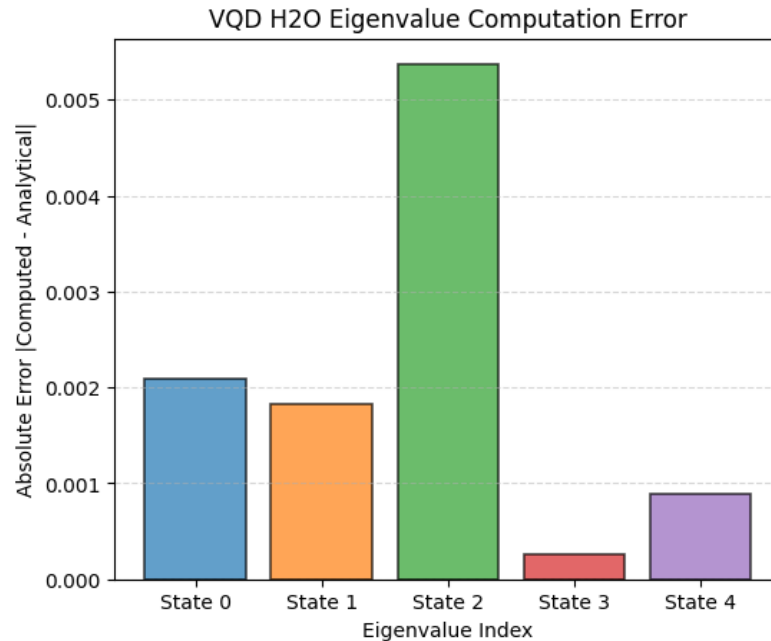


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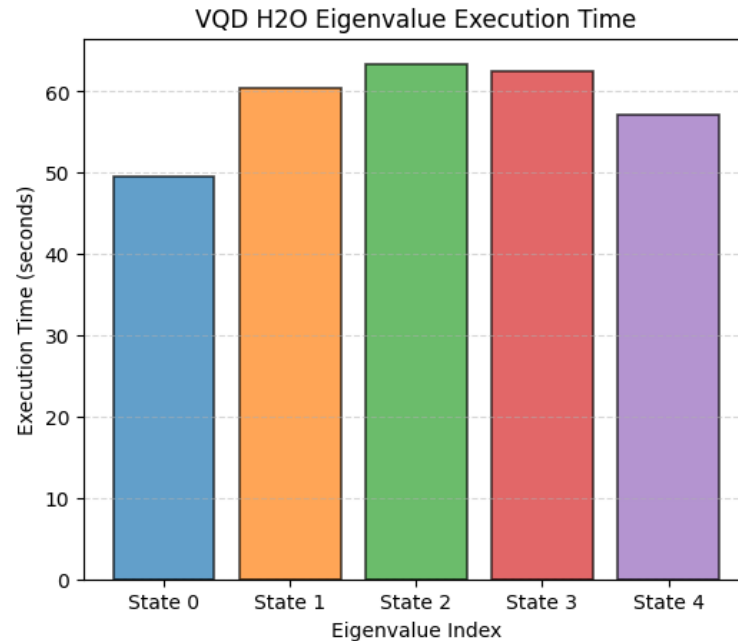


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Summary

In this work we studied two NISQ quantum algorithms for molecular spectrum determination:

1- **Rodeo algorithm**, in combination with **Gershgorin Circle Theorem**, based on energy filtering through phase kickback 

2- **VQD**, a modified VQE used to obtain also excited states' eigenenergies through penalties 

We **compared** their performance in determining the first eigenvalues of H_2 and H_2O Hamiltonians

Result: VQD wins!

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