

# ADAPT-VQE: Quasi-optimally compact wavefunctions for simulating molecules on a quantum computer

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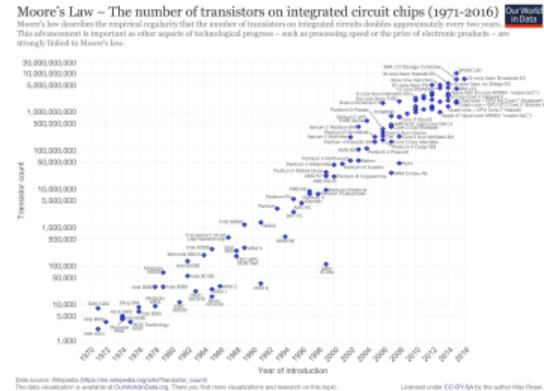
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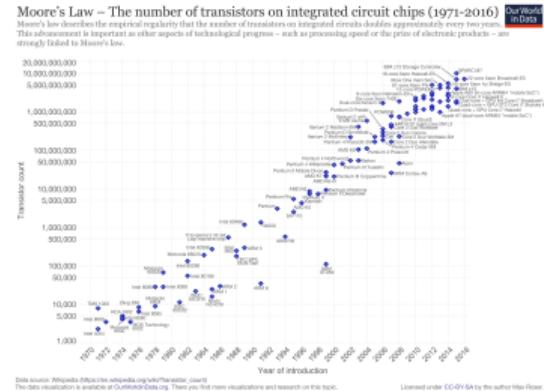
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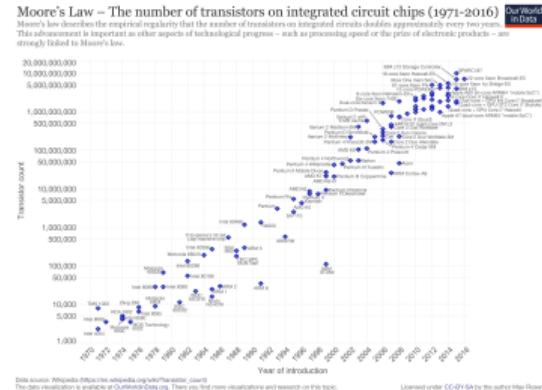


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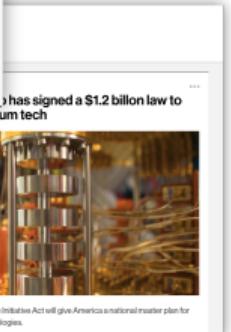
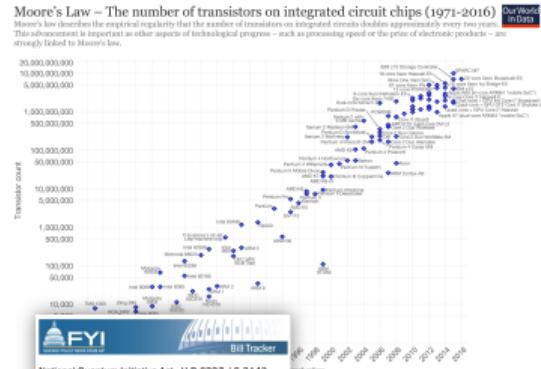
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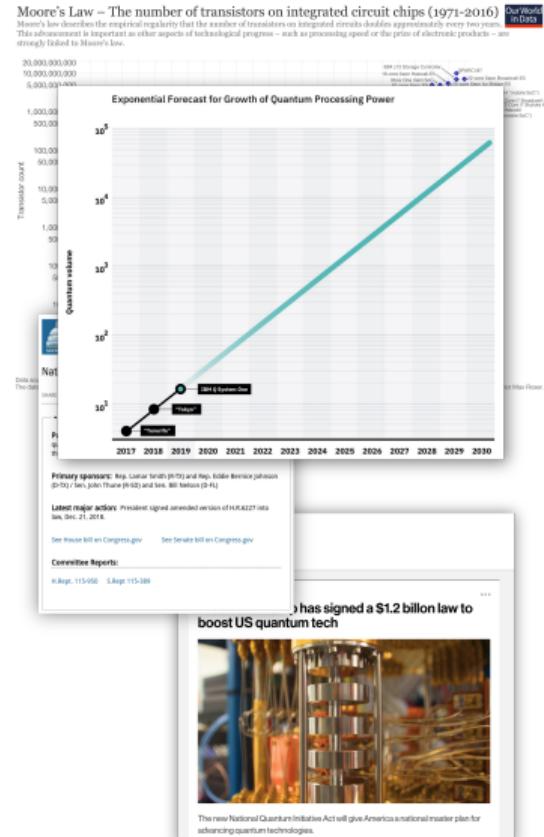
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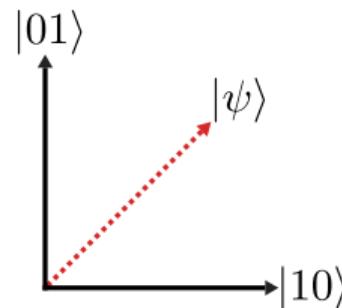
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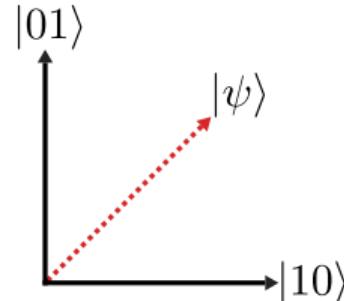


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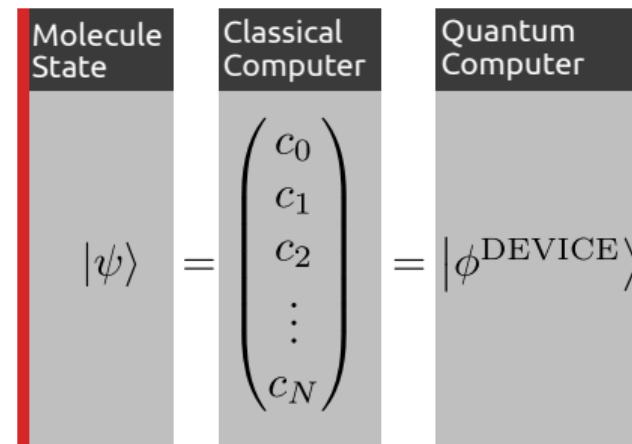
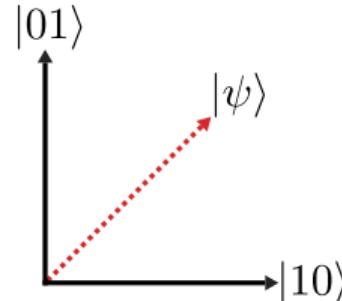
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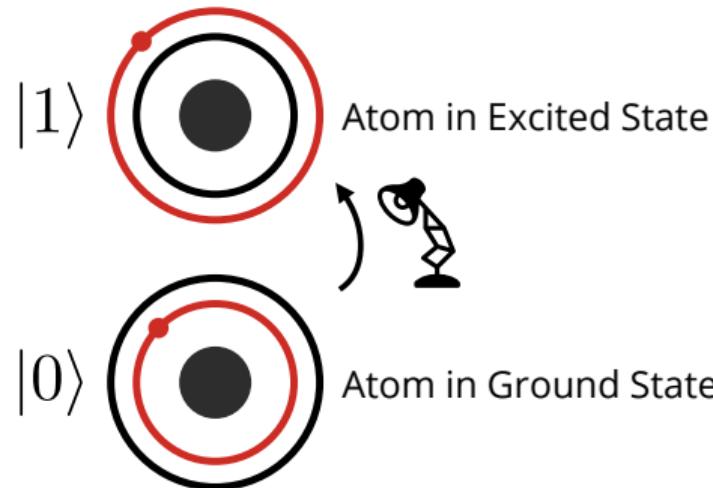
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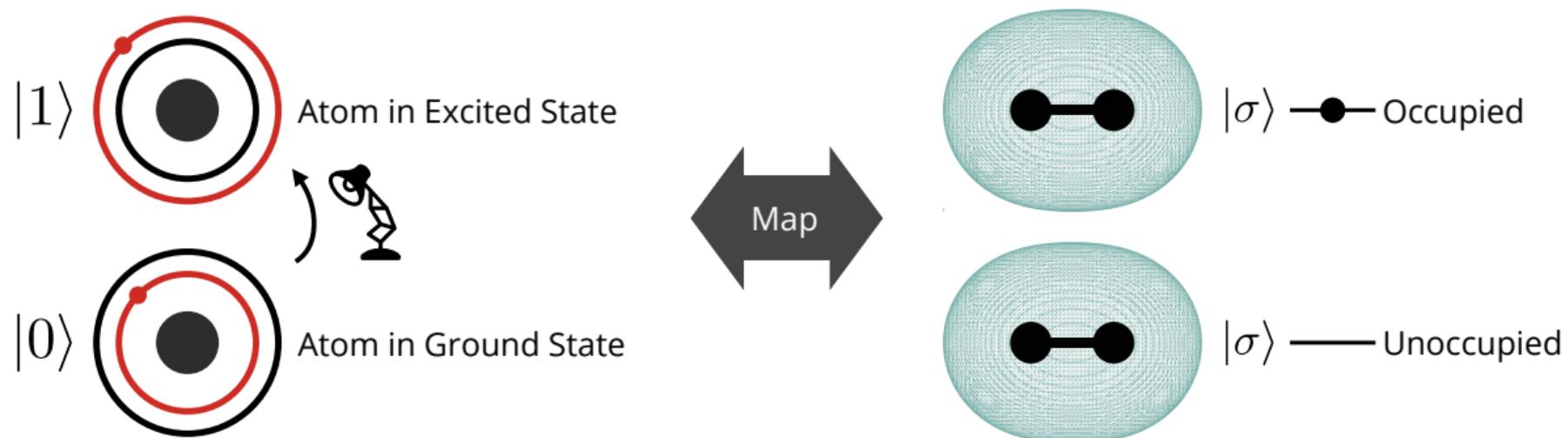
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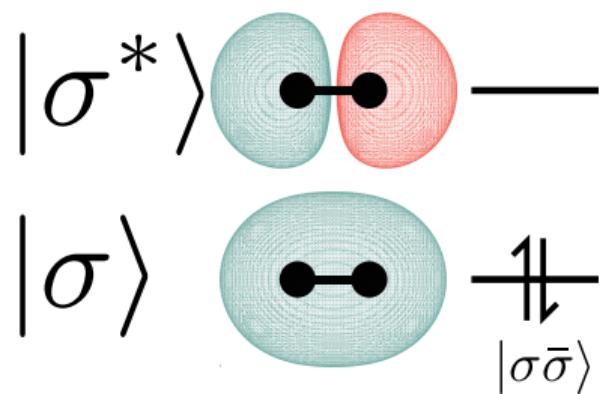


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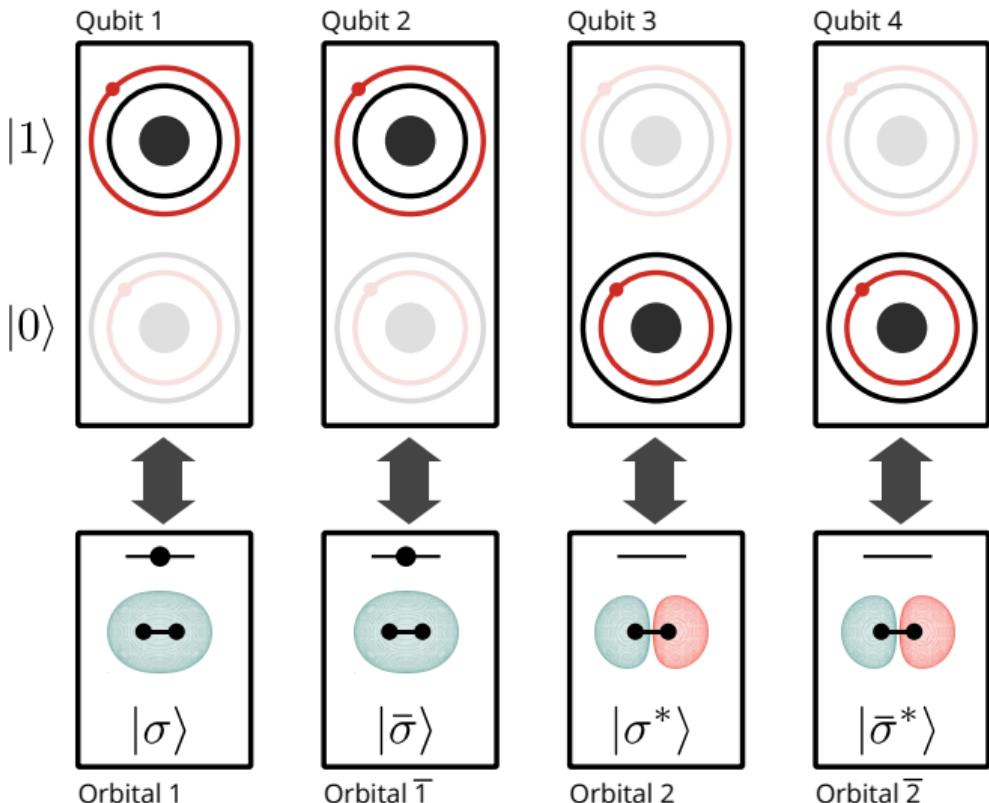
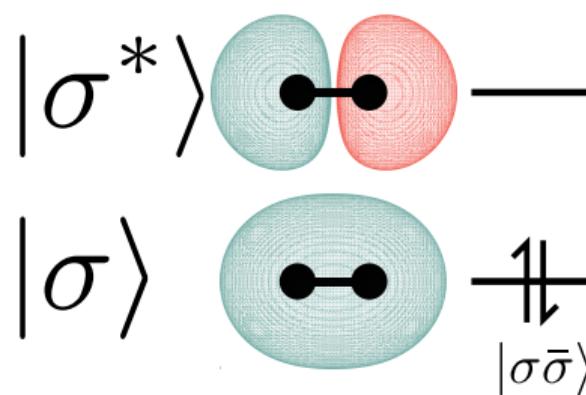
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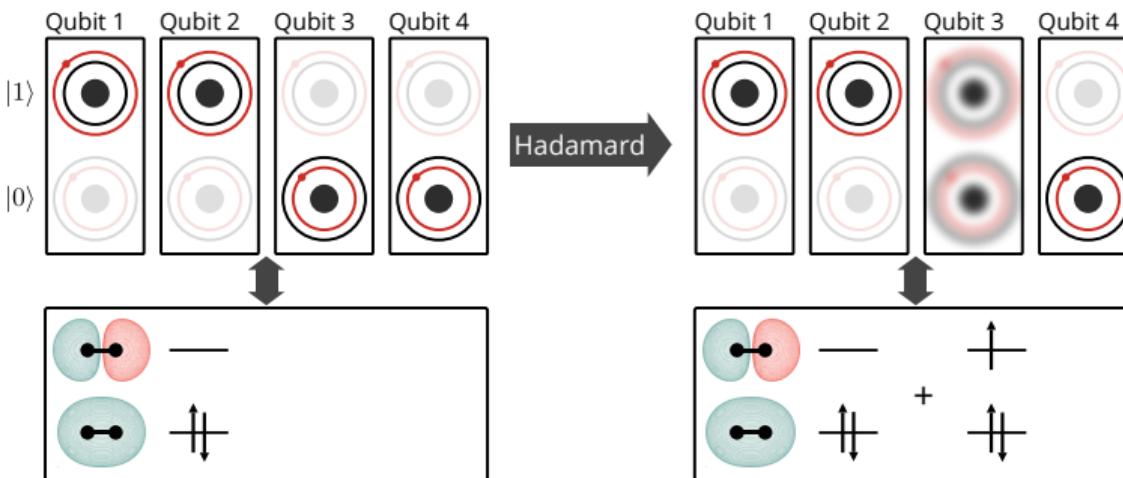
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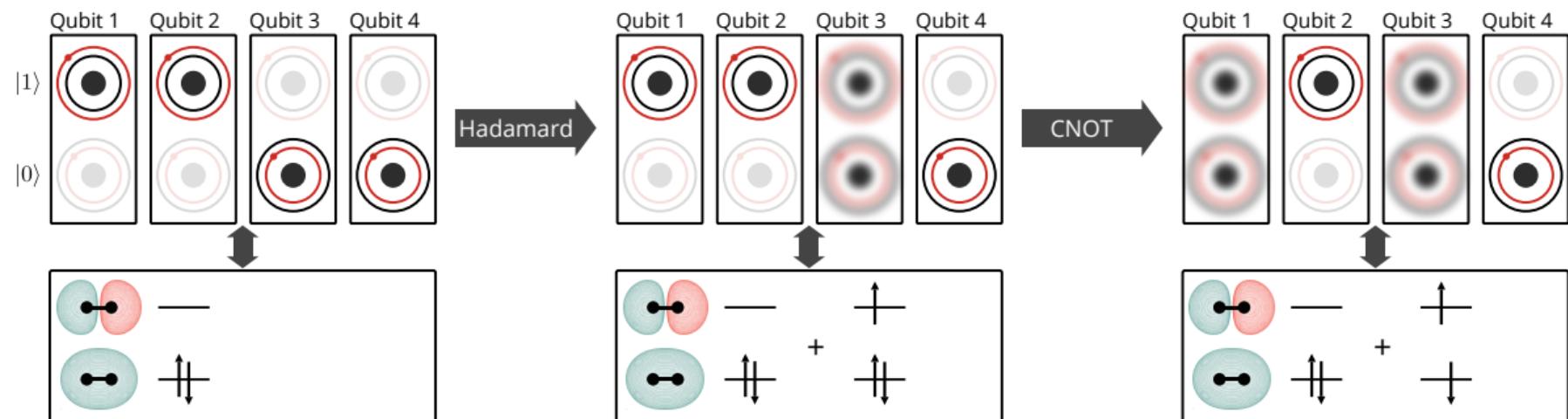
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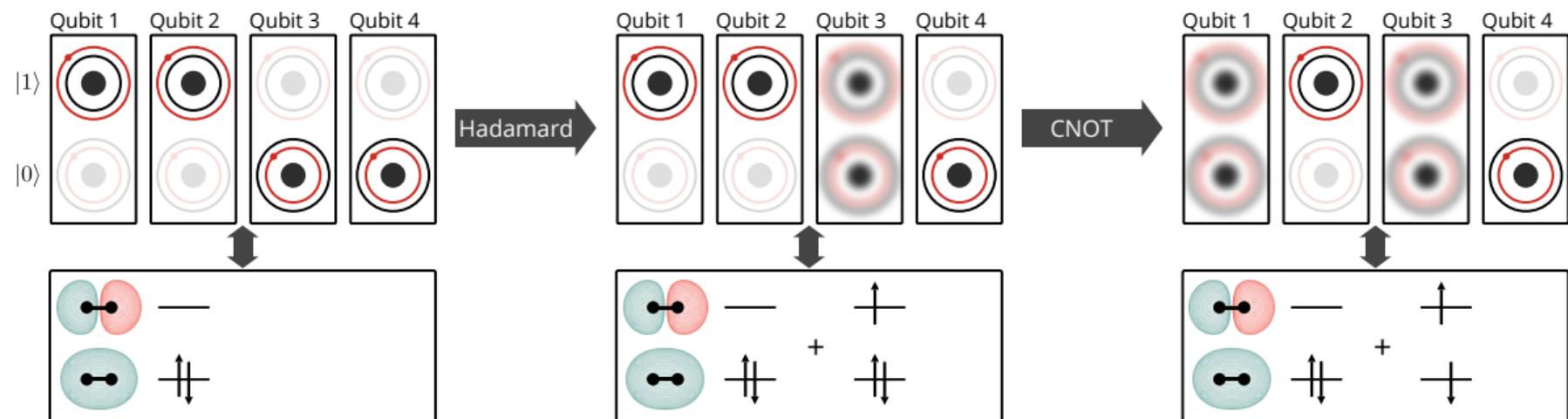
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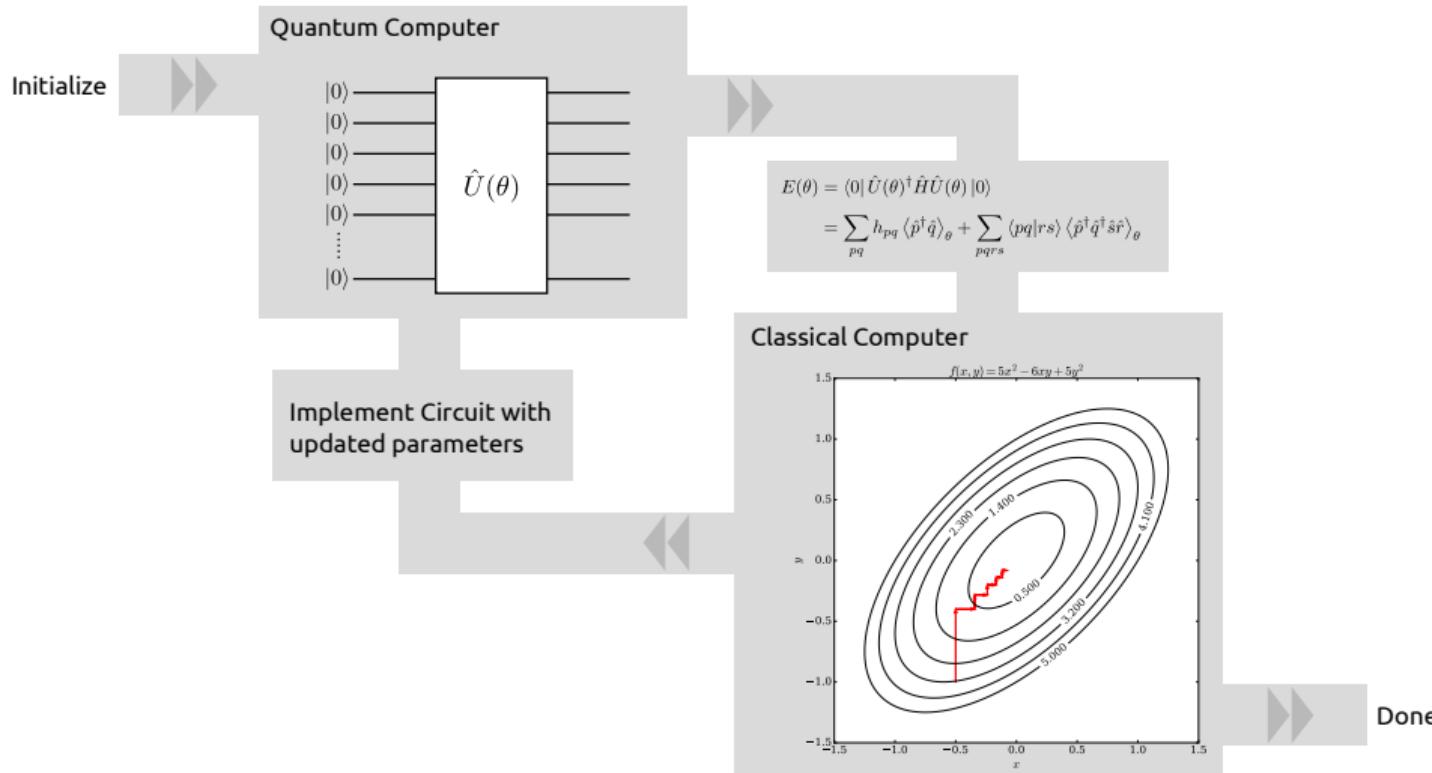
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- Main limitation of quantum algorithms currently: # of gates
- **Phase Estimation** (Lloyd '97, Aspuru-Guzik '05)
  - Hamiltonian Evolution → Deep circuits - limited by coherence/gate time
  - Provides exact eigenvalues within chosen precision
- **Variational Quantum Eigensolver** (Peruzzo '14)
  1. Define Ansatz:  $\hat{T}(\theta) | \rangle = |\psi(\theta)\rangle$
  2. Implement  $\hat{T}(\theta)$  as circuit on QPU
  3. Use variational principle to minimize  $\langle \psi(\theta) | \hat{H} | \psi(\theta) \rangle$ 
    - Optimize “parameterized circuit”
    - Decrease circuit depth by increasing number of measurements
    - Provides approximate expectation values (e.g., energy)

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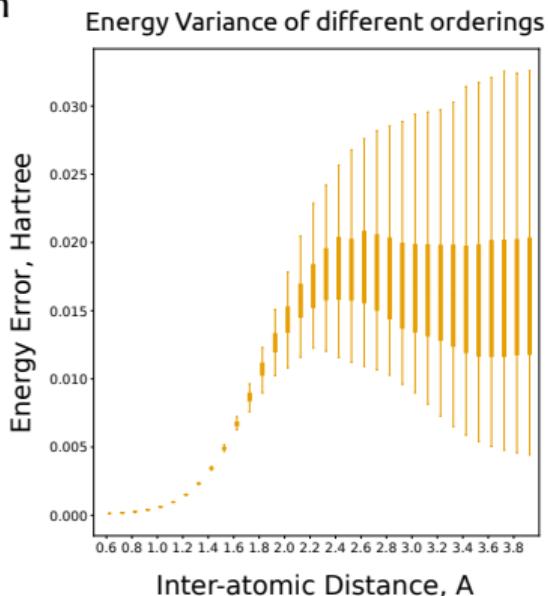
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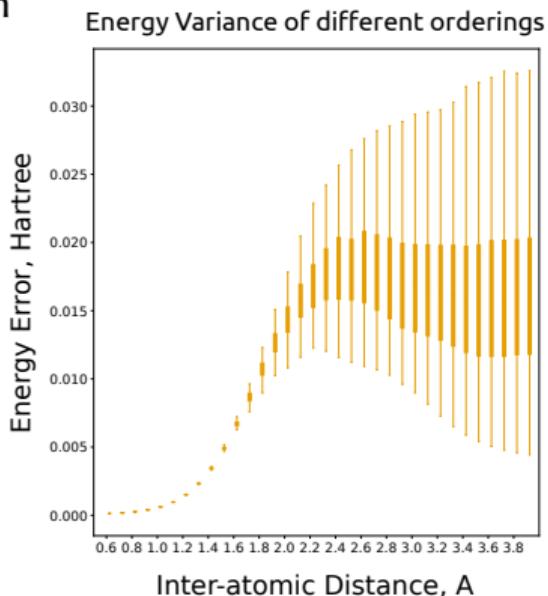
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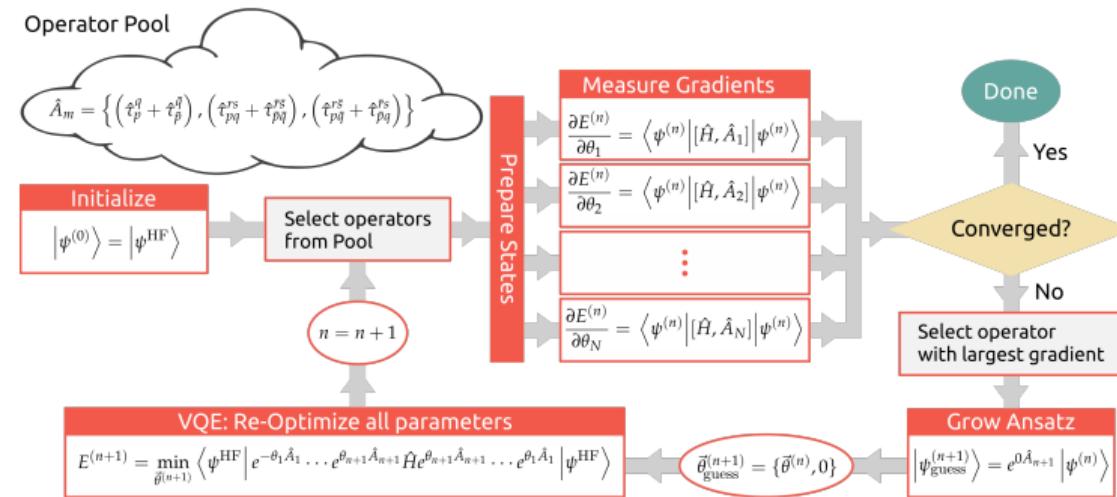
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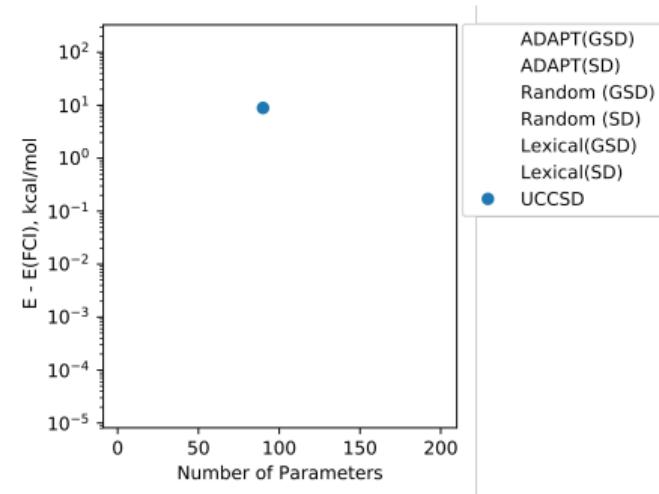
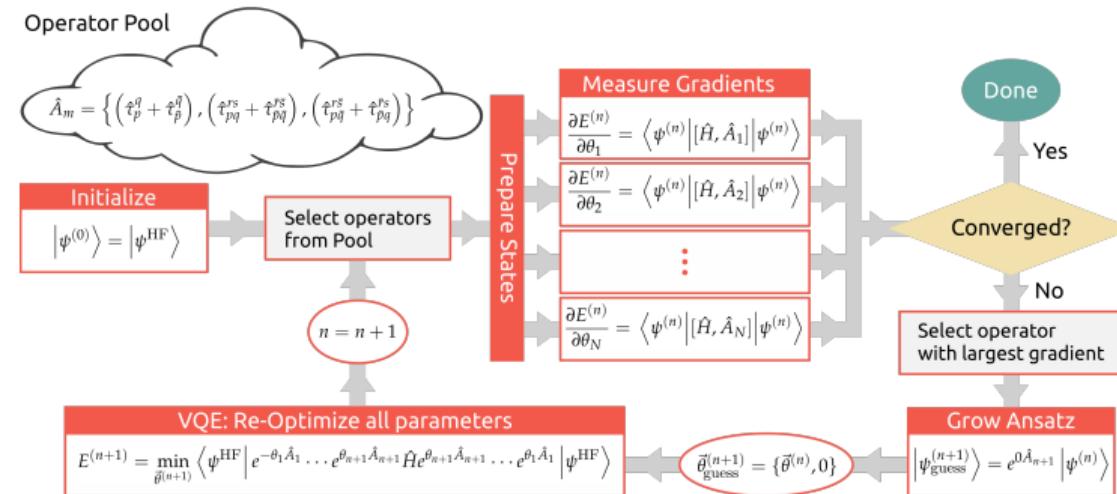
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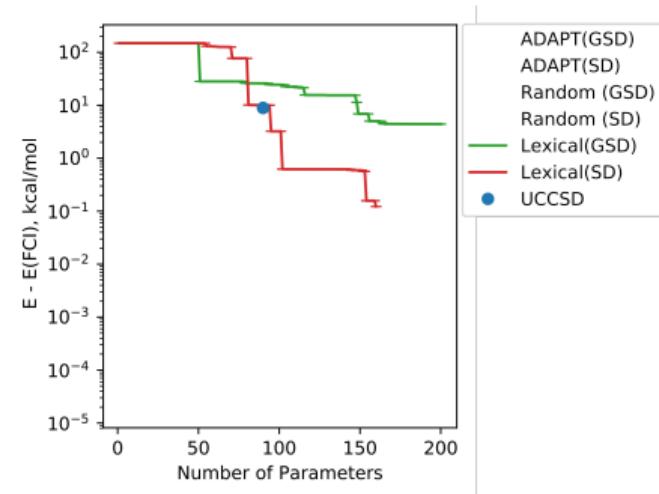
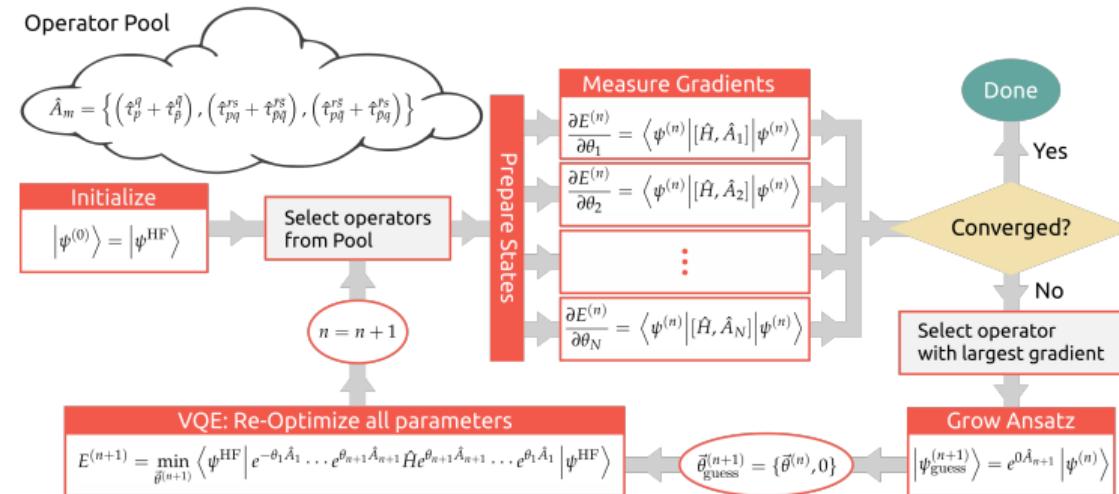
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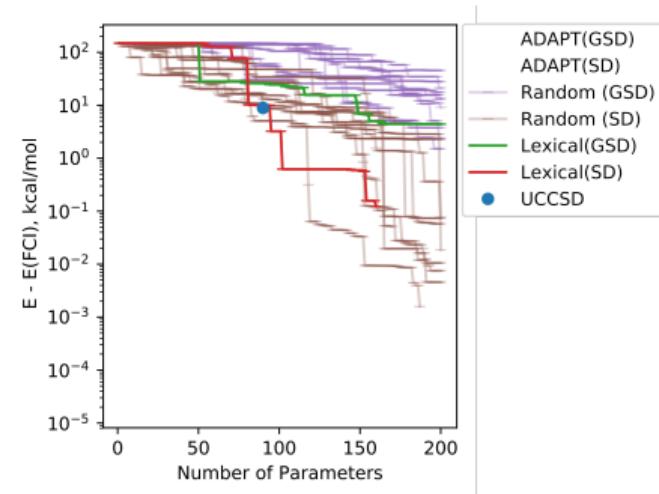
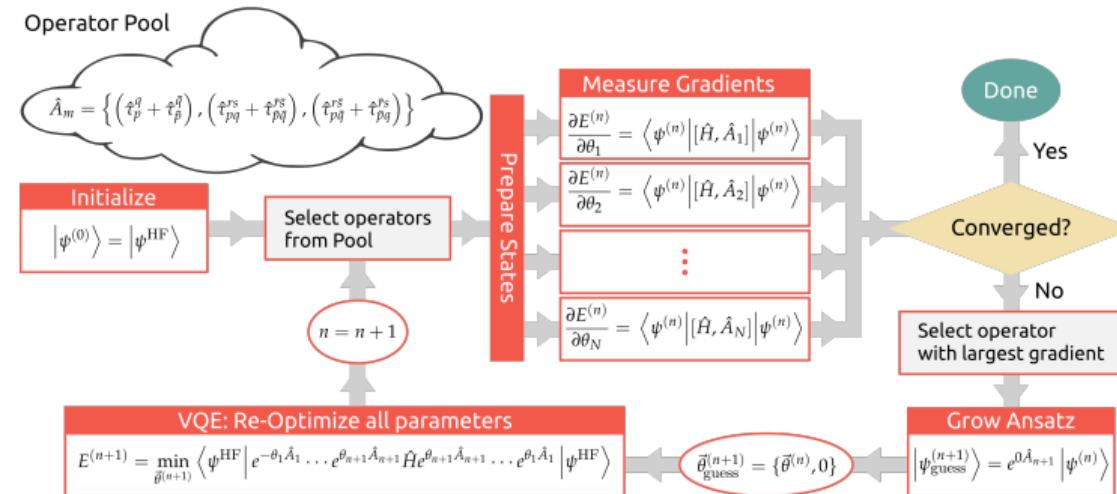
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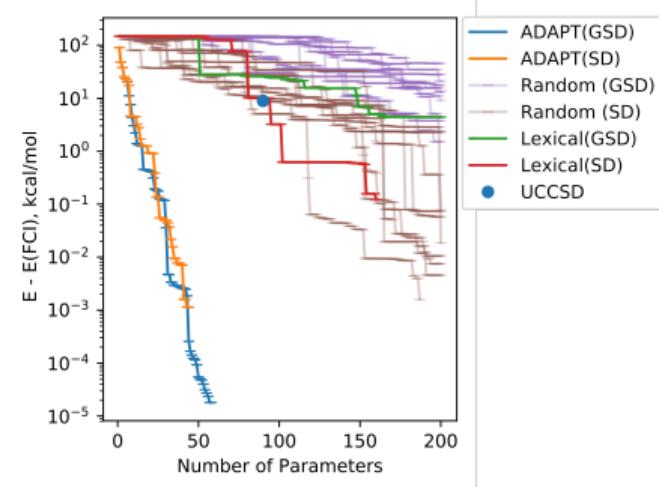
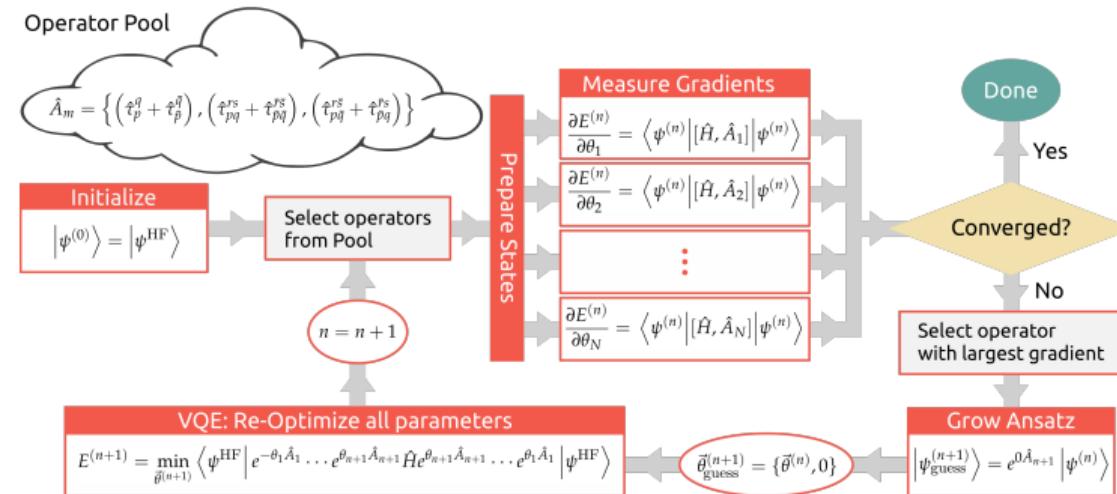
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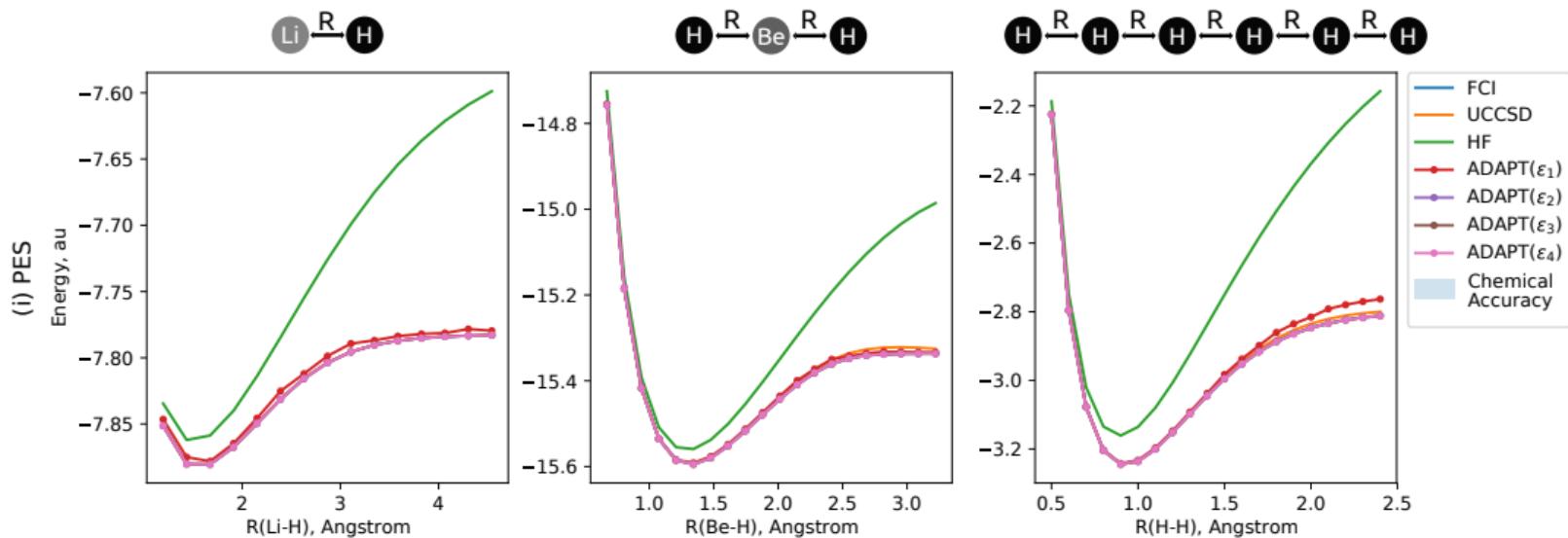
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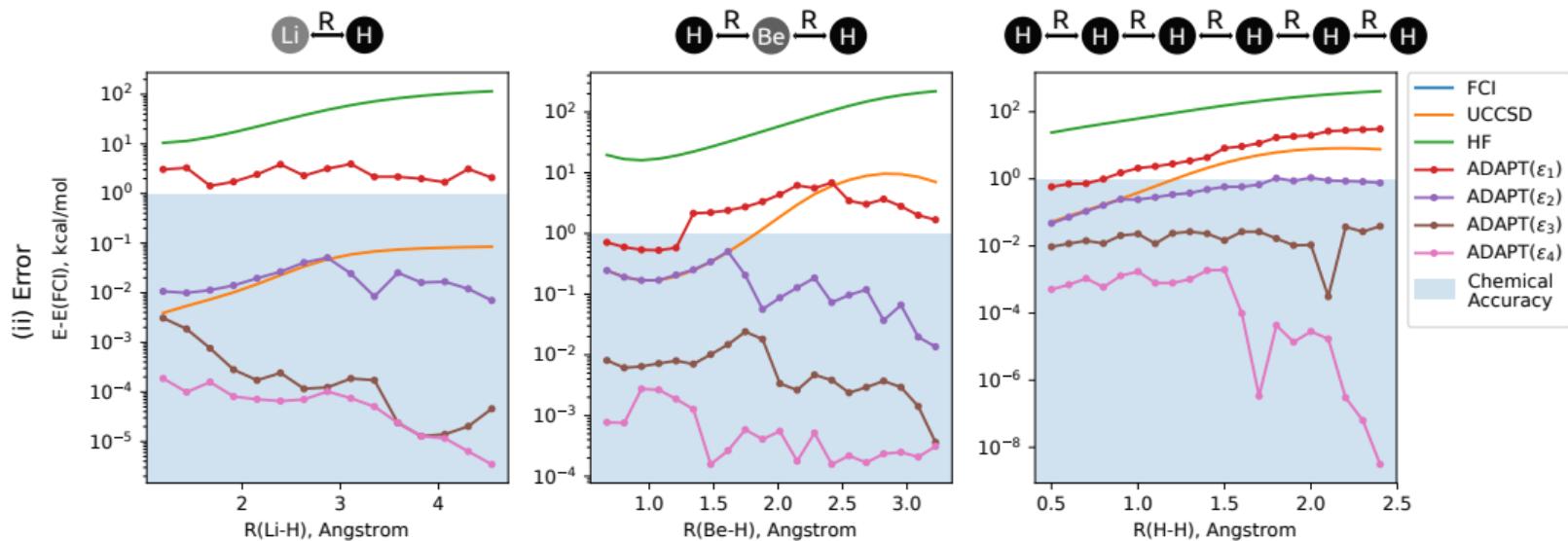


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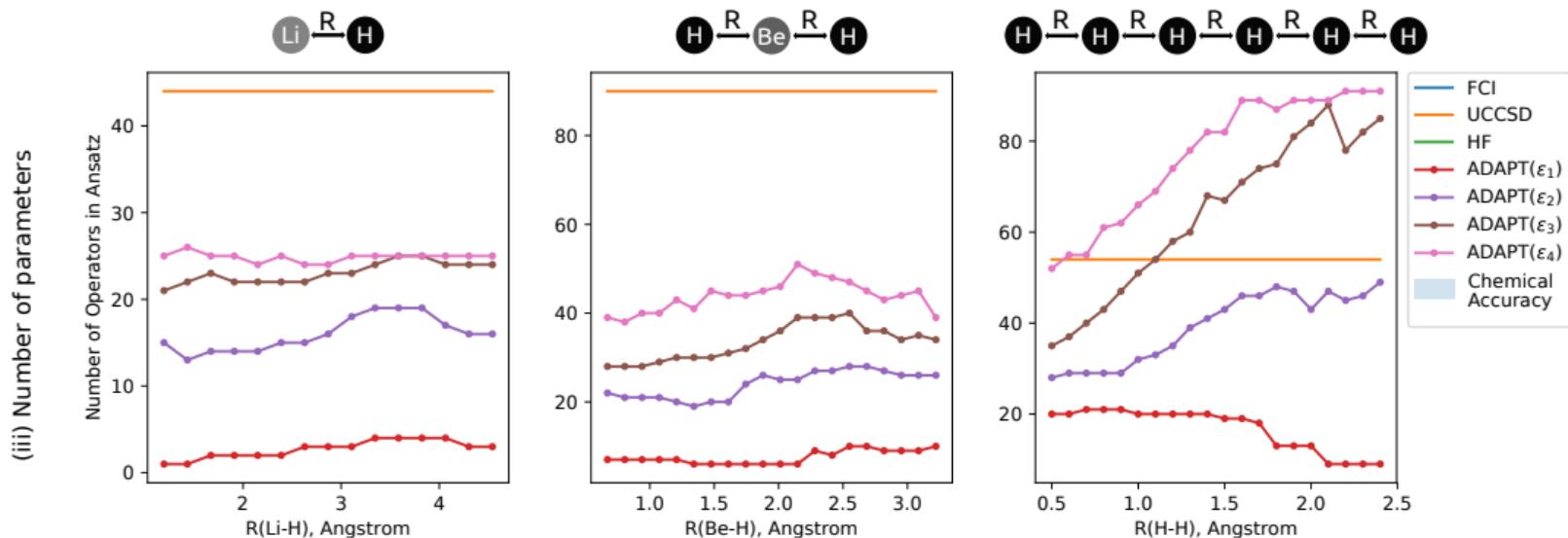
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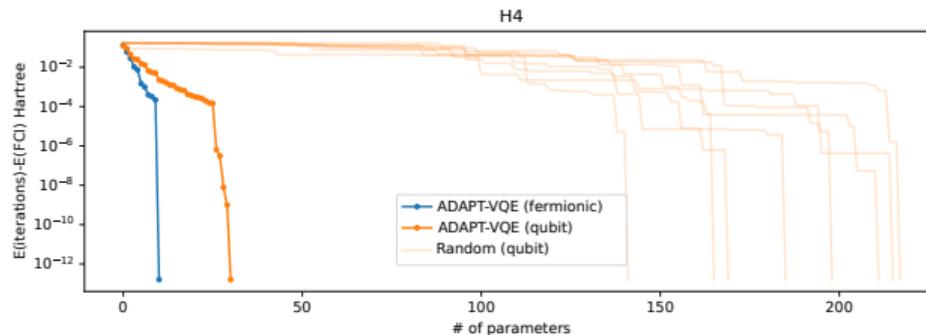
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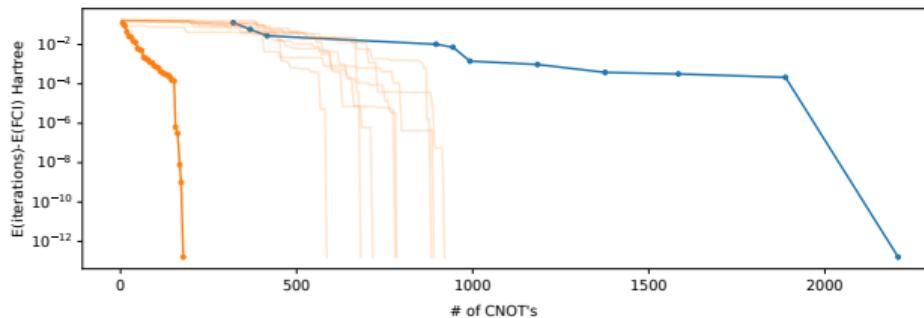
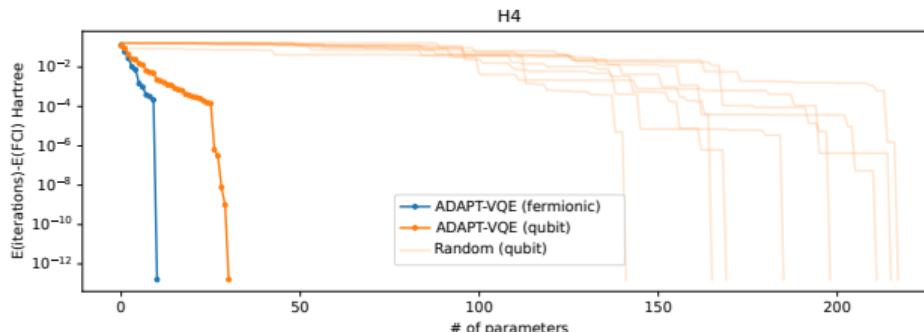
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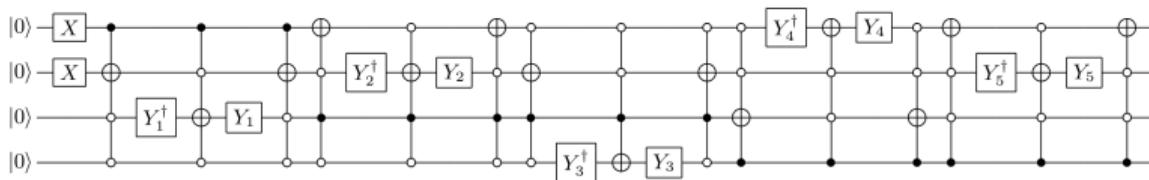
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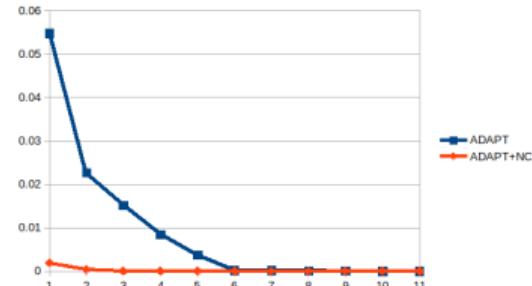


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