

Quantum computation of valence two-neutron systems towards solving full nuclear Hamiltonians

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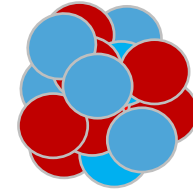
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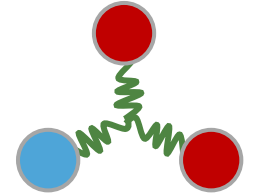
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Motivations for Quantum Computing in NP(Nuclear Physics) 1

- strongly interacting **protons** and **neutrons**
(let me consider only “nucleons” dof)



- **nuclear force** is highly nontrivial



three-nucleon force

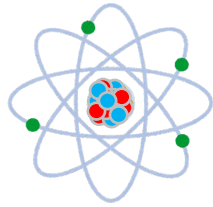
first principle understanding by Lattice QCD

c.f. Ishii, Aoki, Hatsuda, PRL 99, 022001 (2007).

still have very large uncertainty for nuclear structure/reaction(dynamics)

- divergent of the dimension: $10^{16}!$ $10^{19}!!$, $10^{23}!!!$
most of nuclei cannot be solved in exact manner
 - zoo of nuclear many-body methods
 - need to prepare for “Quantum Computing era” for NP

Quantum chemistry:



“99 > % of energy of a molecule in equilibrium is explained within Hartree-Fock level”

(i.e., single Slater determinant)

rest 1 % is called **correlation energy**:

Møller – Plesset (MP a.k.a MBPT)

Coupled Cluster Single and Double (CCSD)

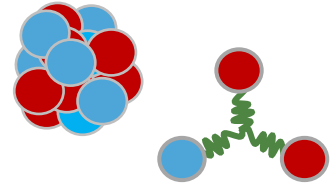
CCSD + Triple (CCSDT)

Full Configuration interaction (Full-CI)

accurate but heavy



Nuclear physics:



Interaction is highly non-perturbative

uncertain (many channels, three-nucleon force,..)

^{56}Ni under modern Nuclear Force (Chiral EFT)

$$\text{HF} = - 302.716 \text{ MeV}$$

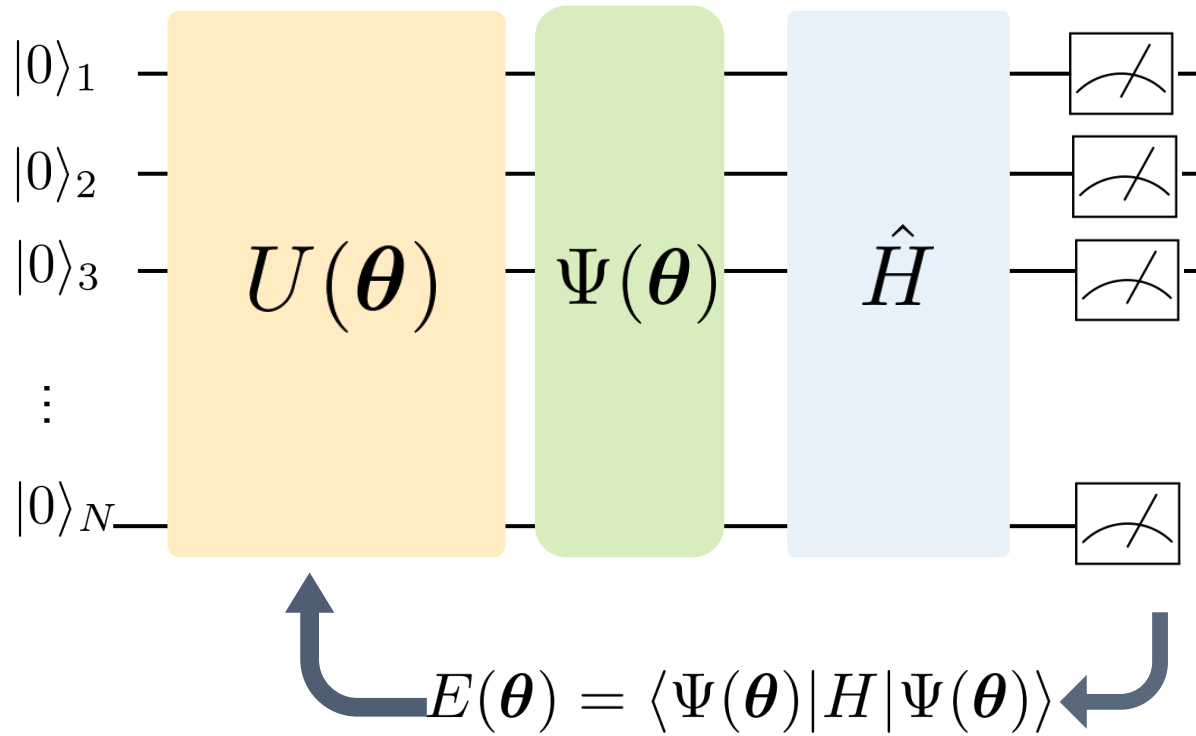
$$\text{HF} + \text{MP2} + \text{MP3} = -473.089 \text{ MeV}$$

(MP2 = -152.533, MP3 = -17.716)

~~How dare people say perturbation theory !!~~

c.f. Energy (Exp.) = -483.996 MeV

A typical workflow of VQE



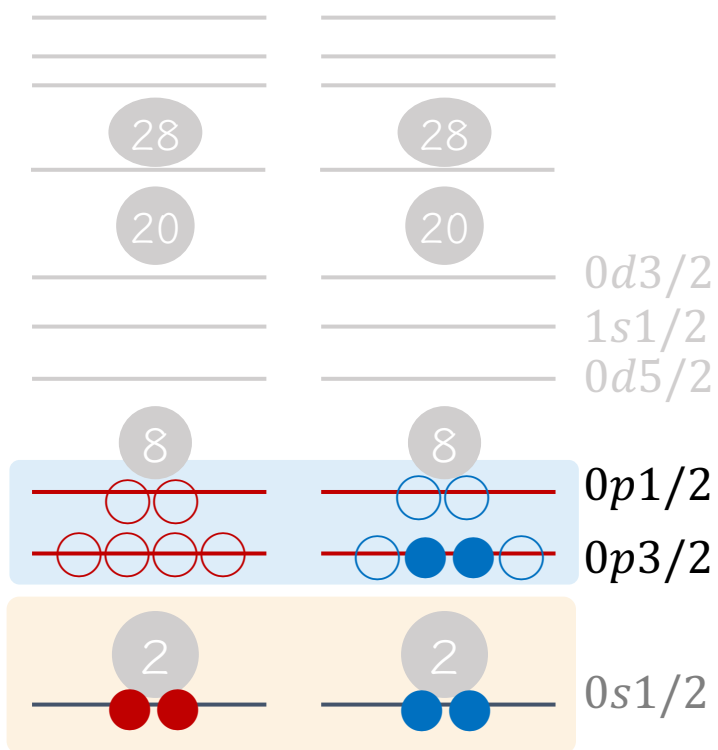
1. initialize the qubits
 $|00\dots\rangle$, Hartree-Fock, etc.
2. ansatz:
 Operating Unitary gates
 \rightarrow prepare trial wave functions
3. Operating Unitary gates (Hamiltonian)
 \rightarrow measurement \rightarrow energy
4. Optimize the parameters classically
 to minimize the energy

Popular choice for the ansatz: the unitary coupled cluster (UCC) or its variants

schematics for valence two-neutron systems

{n, l, j, jz, tz}

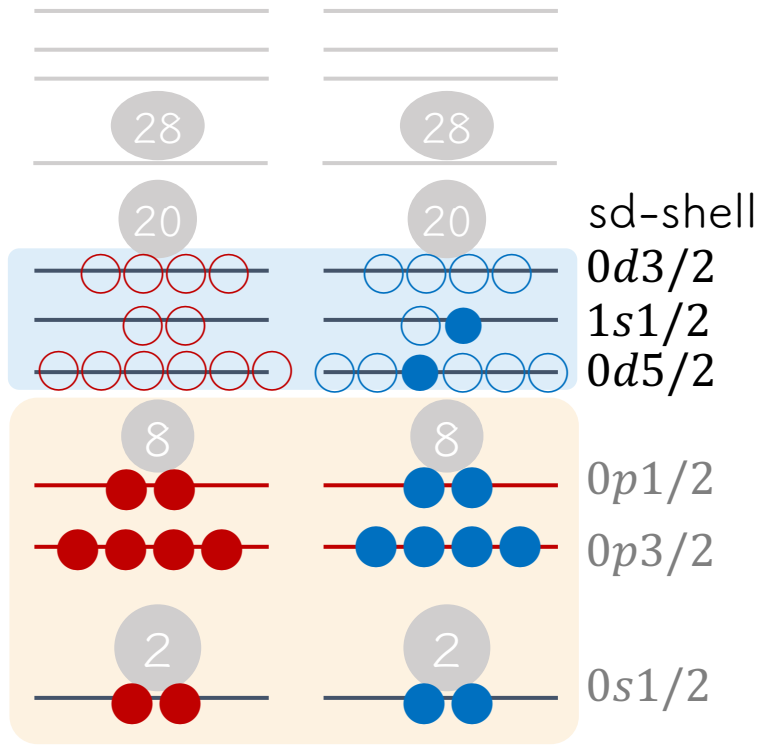
${}^6\text{He}$



proton neutron

${}^4\text{He}$ core

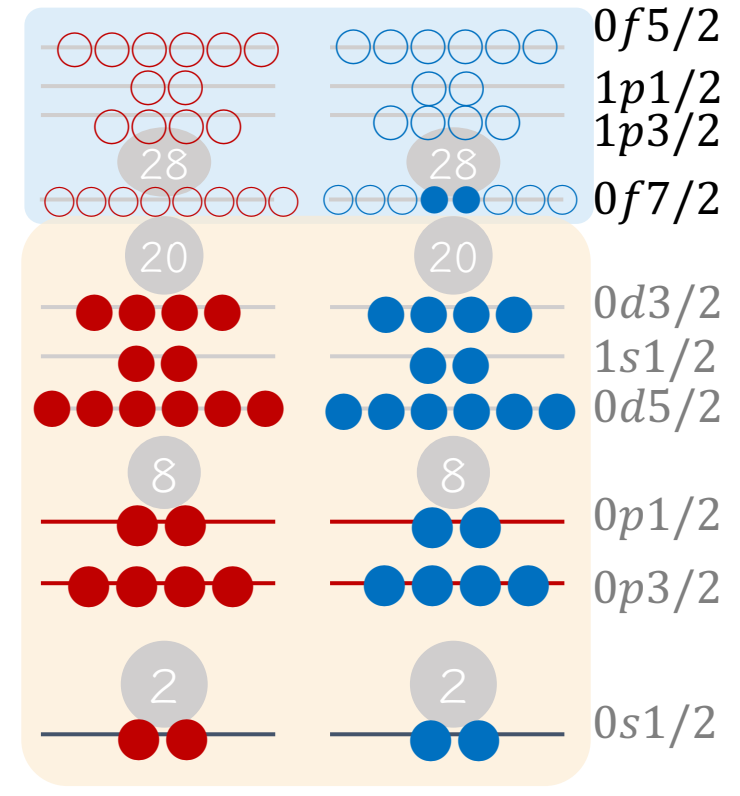
${}^{18}\text{O}$



proton neutron

${}^{16}\text{O}$ core

${}^{42}\text{Ca}$

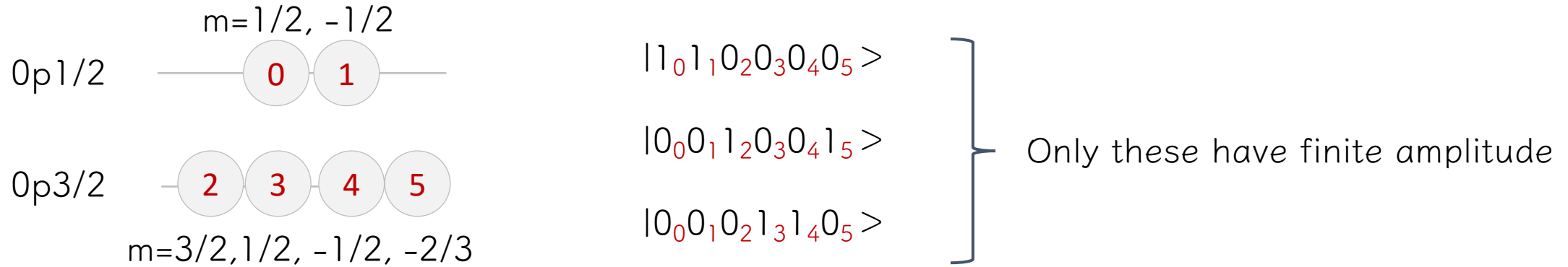


proton neutron

${}^{40}\text{Ca}$ core

blue: valence space, pale orange: inert core

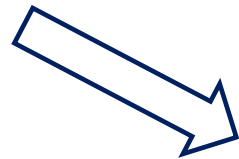
ground state ($J=0$) can be described only by time-reversal pairs ($jz = m$ & $-m$)



original Hamiltonian can be rewritten by pair creation/annihilation operators

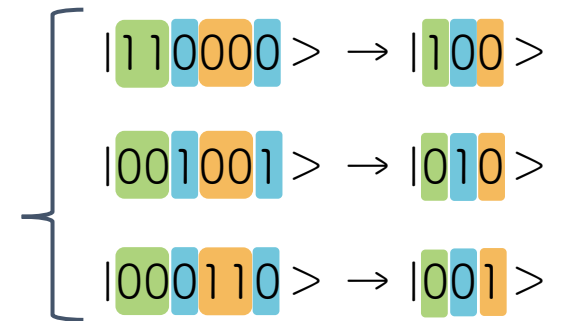
$$H = \sum_i \epsilon_i \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_i + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkl} V_{ijkl} \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_l \hat{a}_k,$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\tilde{i}}^\dagger &= c_i^\dagger c_{\tilde{i}}^\dagger, & [A_{\tilde{i}}, A_{\tilde{j}}^\dagger] &= \delta_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} (1 - N_{\tilde{i}}), \\ A_{\tilde{i}} &= c_{\tilde{i}} c_i, & [N_{\tilde{i}}, A_{\tilde{j}}^\dagger] &= 2\delta_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} A_{\tilde{j}}^\dagger. \\ N_{\tilde{i}} &= c_i^\dagger c_i + c_{\tilde{i}}^\dagger c_{\tilde{i}}. \end{aligned}$$



$$H^{PW} = \sum_i \bar{h}_i A_i^\dagger A_i + \sum_{i \leq j} \bar{V}_{ij} A_i^\dagger A_j,$$

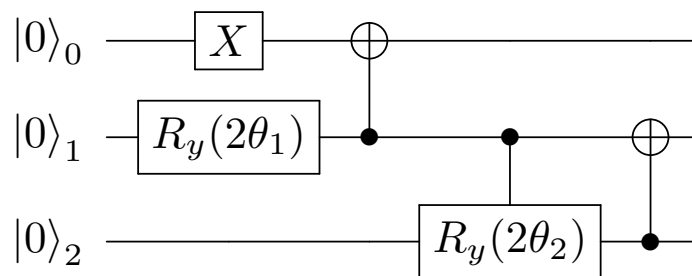
expressing the “pair” as a single qubit,
of qubits needed is reduced to half



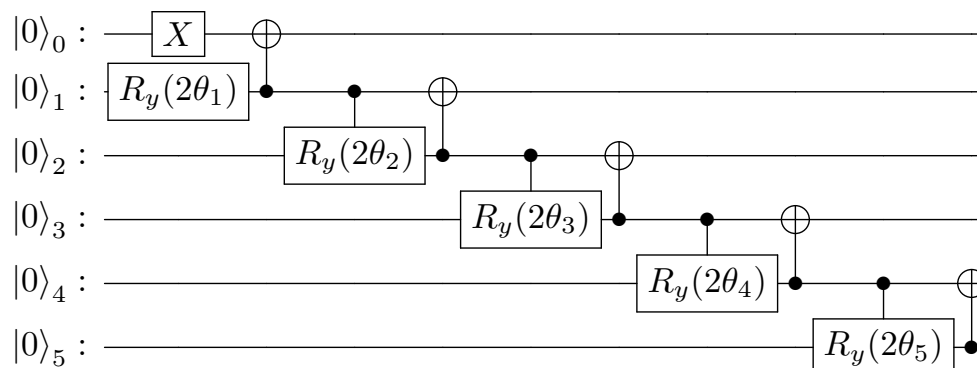
ansatz: circuit for trial wave function

You need only singly occupied configurations
 → ansatz can be expressed by (C-)Ry & CNOTs

${}^6\text{He}$ (3 qubits)



${}^{18}\text{O}$ (6 qubits)



${}^{42}\text{Ca}$ (10 qubits)

	<u># of CNOTs</u>	
	proposed 3N-5	AdaptVQE average(upper)
${}^6\text{He}$ (3 qubits)	4	42 (80)
${}^{18}\text{O}$ (6 qubits)	13	99 (176)
${}^{42}\text{Ca}$ (10 qubits)	25	116~304

$$H^{\text{PW}} = \sum_i \bar{h}_i A_i^\dagger A_i + \sum_{i \leq j} \bar{V}_{ij} A_i^\dagger A_j, \quad \hat{H}_{\text{qubit}}^{\text{PW}} = \sum_i \frac{\bar{h}_i + \bar{V}_{ii}}{2} (I - Z_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \bar{V}_{ij} (X_i X_j + Y_i Y_j)$$

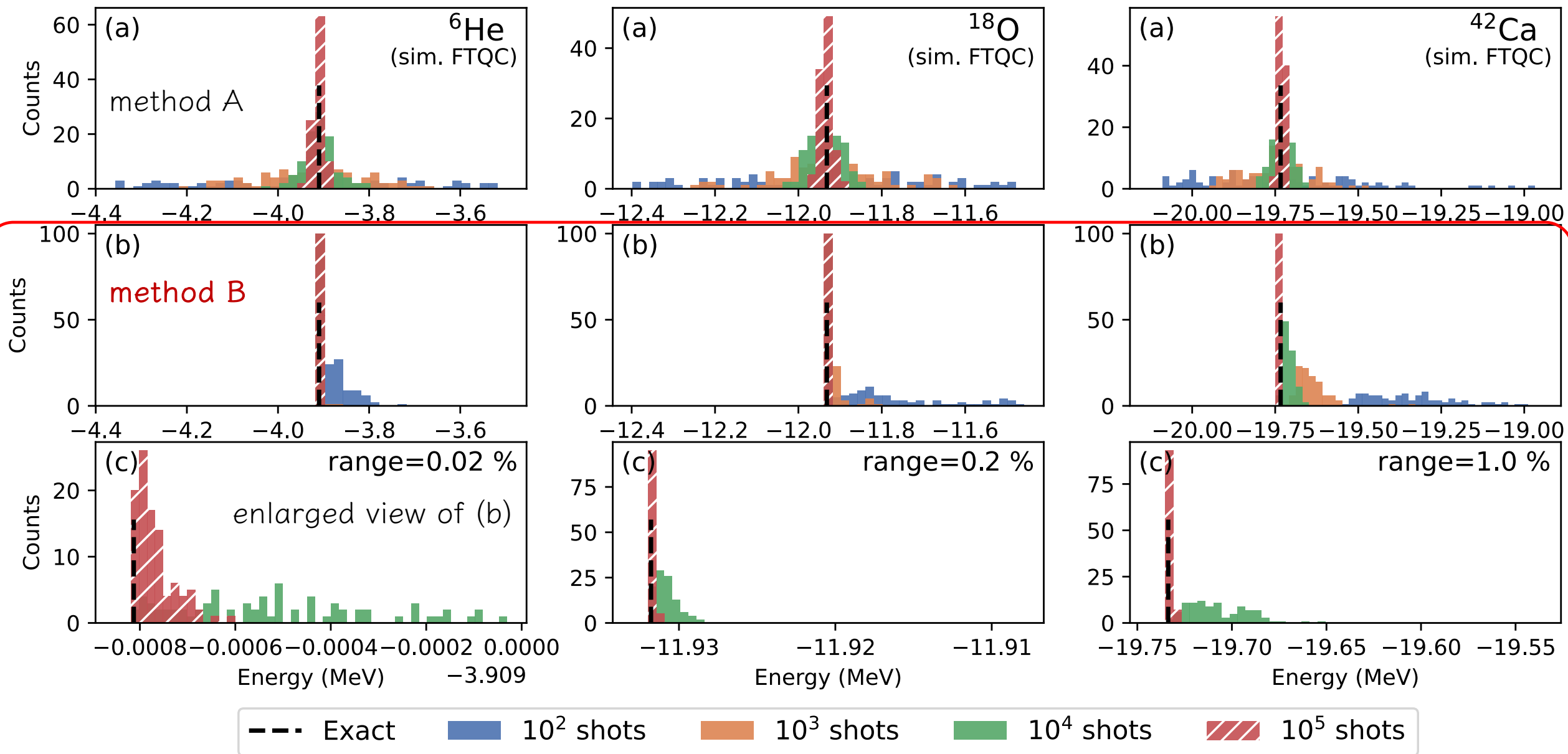
1st term: Pauli-Z measurement of the ansatz (occupation numbers)

2nd term:

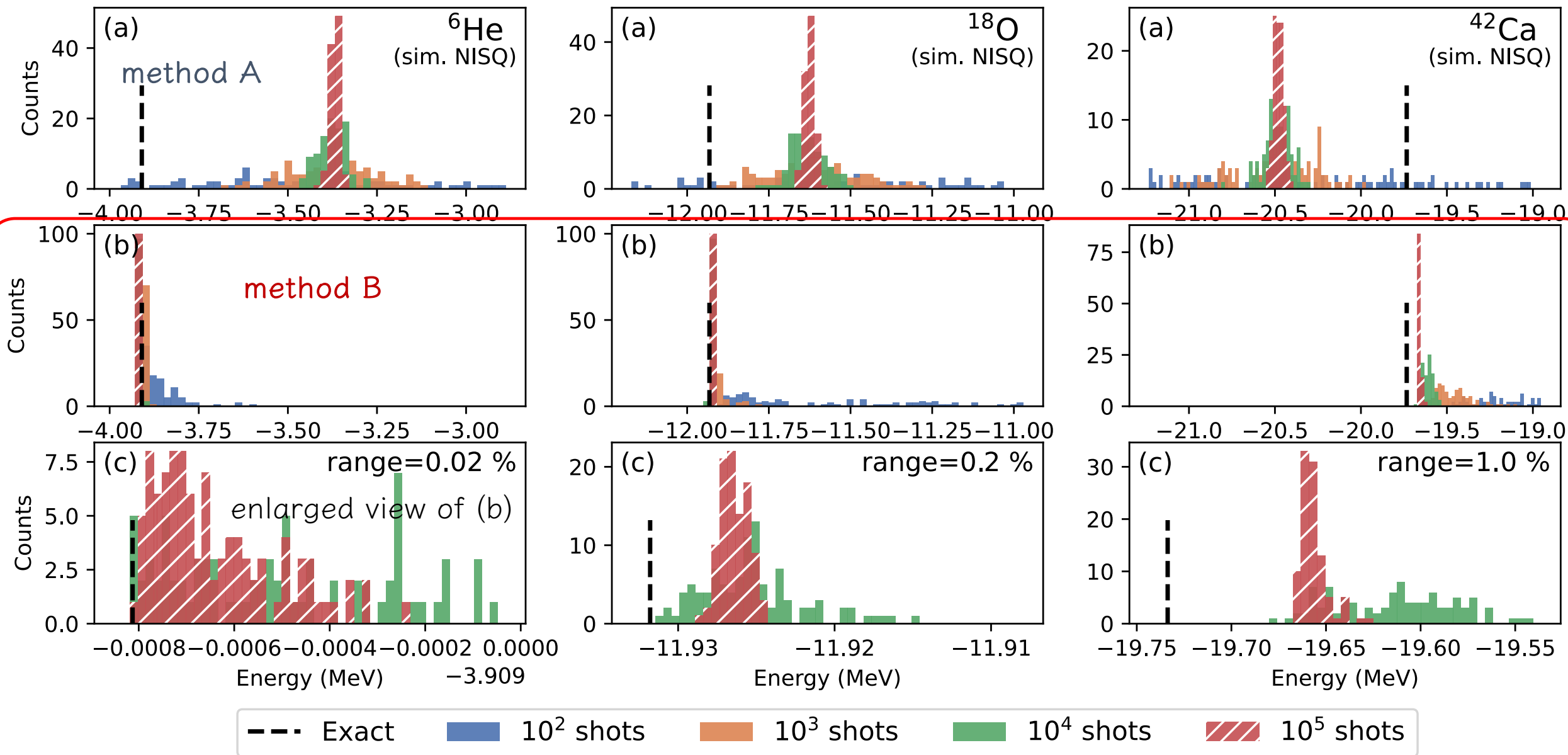
method A: measure expectation value of all Pauli spins (XX, YY)

method B: computational basis sampling (QunaSys&Osaka U. group)

→ variational, only two measurements (ansatz & ansatz + H-gates)



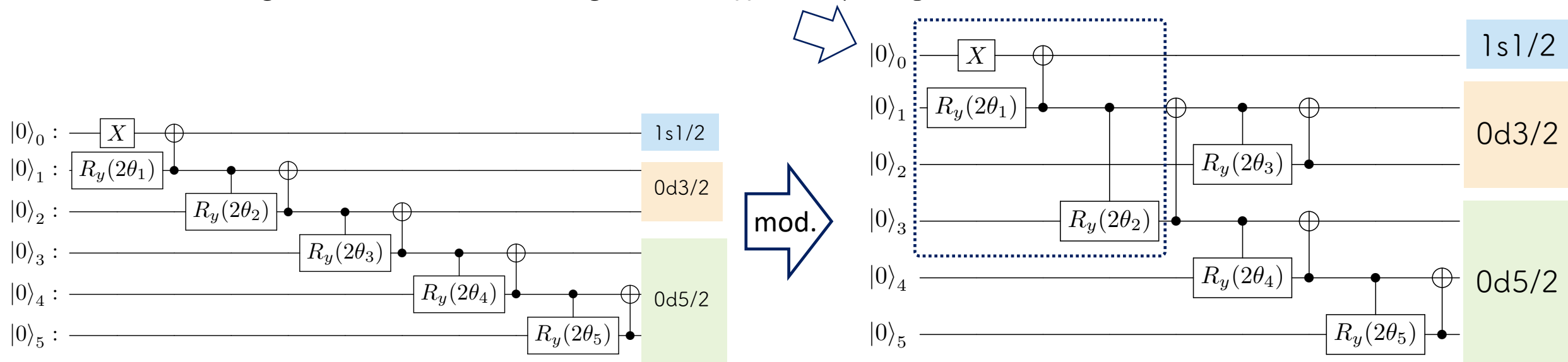
Results: NISQ (noisy) simulator



narrower circuits leads to noise-resilient results

^{18}O (6 qubits) case:

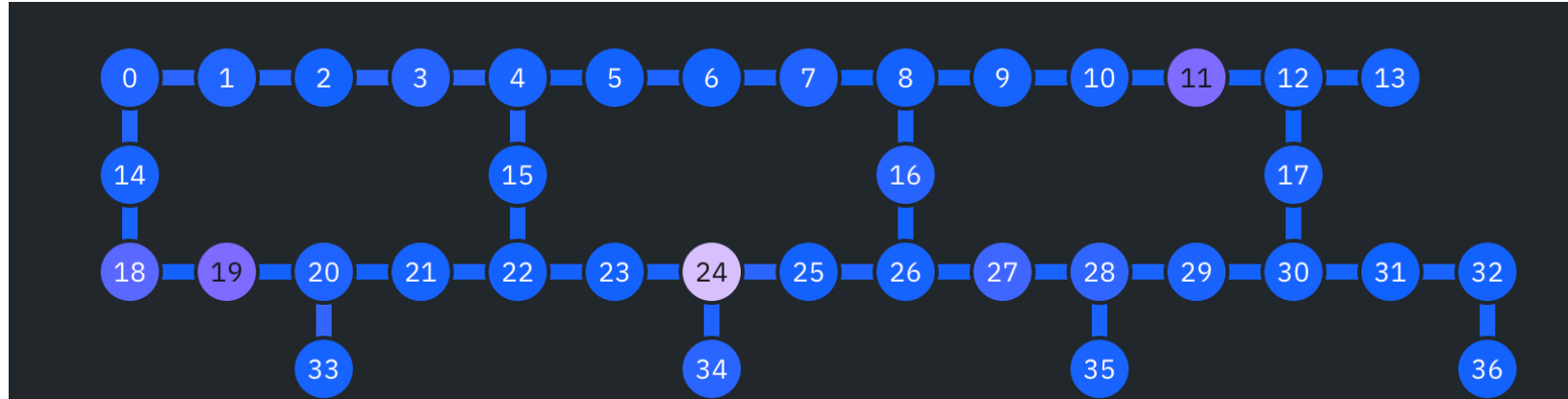
rearrangement of the circuit to the equivalent but shallow circuit
 calculating the relative weights of jj-coupling orbitals



They should give identical results if noise is absent

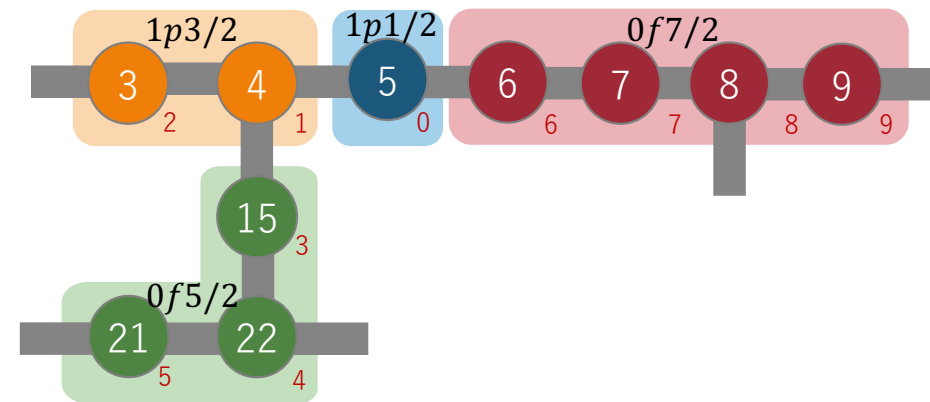
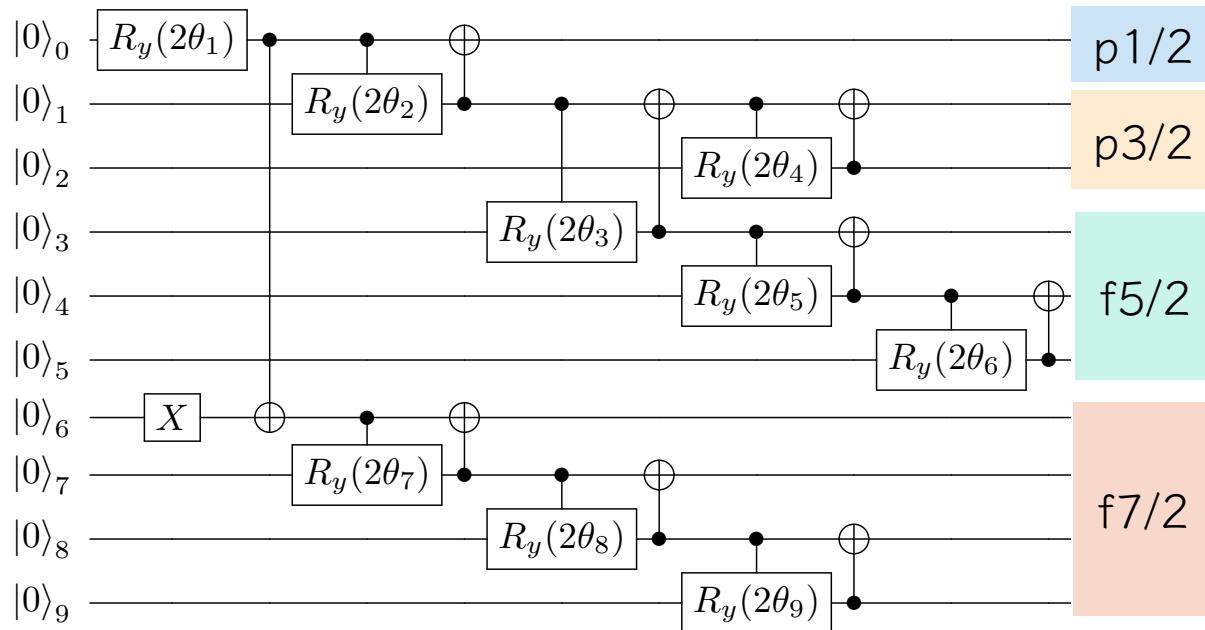
connectivity of qubits in the hardware is another important factor

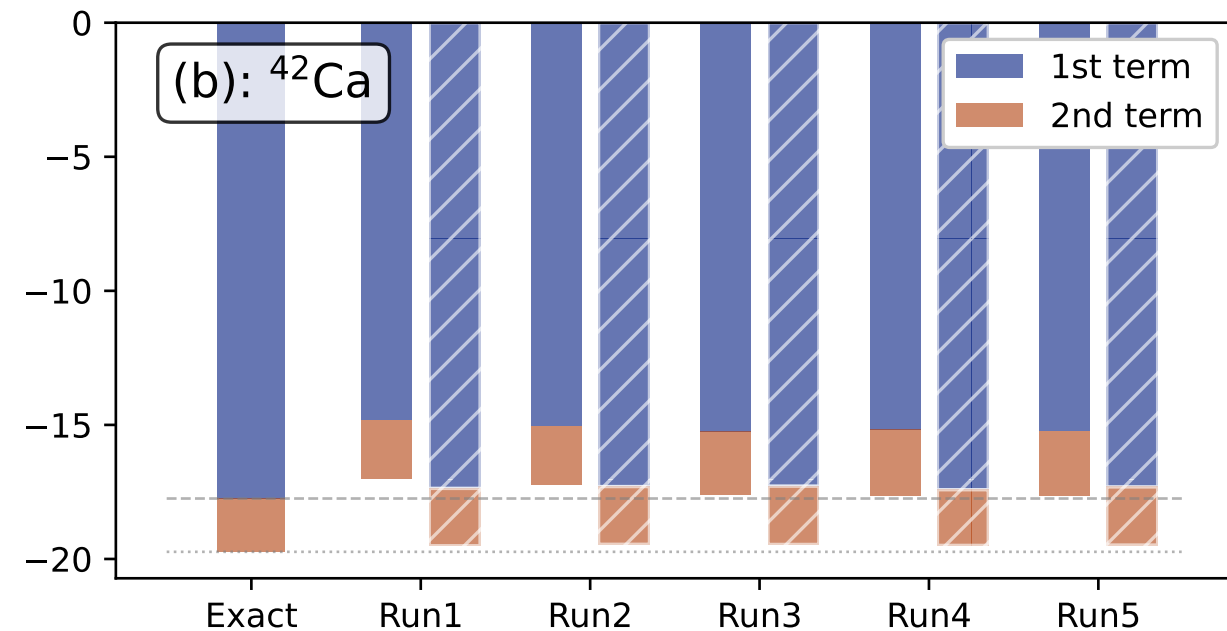
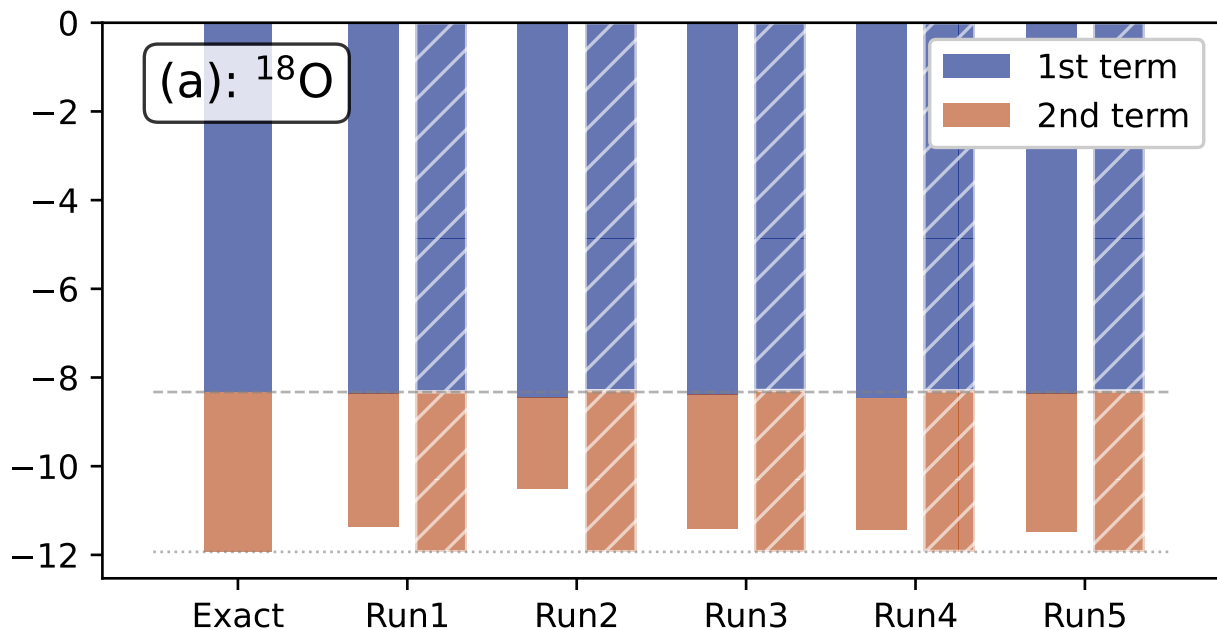
IBM brisbane (127 qubits)



T-connectivity

^{42}Ca





Run1-5: different runs

- w/ hatch (//): rearranged

- w/o hatch: original circuit

^{18}O & ^6He \rightarrow $< 0.1\%$

^{42}Ca \rightarrow $\sim 1\%$

c.f. UCC-type results reported so far

^6He $\sim 2\%$ [PRC 105, 064308 \(2022\)](#)

^6Li $\sim 4\%$ [PRC 106, 034325 \(2022\)](#)

^{18}O $\sim 3\%$ [PRC 108, 064305 \(2023\)](#)

- We explored quantum algorithms for NP on NISQ devices
 - ansatz for valence two neutrons → much fewer CNOTs than UCC
 - **accurate**: < 0.1% (${}^6\text{He}$ & ${}^{18}\text{O}$), ~1% (${}^{42}\text{Ca}$)
 - importance of taking care of **symmetries**, **connectivity**, etc.
 - parameter optimization: sequential & derivative-free method works fine
see appendix
- **TODO** (a lot, but **some** are already in progress!)
 - extensions to **proton-neutron systems**, **many-particle systems**
towards driplines ~ input for astrophysics
 - not only NISQ algorithms, towards (early-)FTQC

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Typical situation in NP

Full CI:

current limitation of the Lanczos method $\sim 10^{11}$ dim.

^{12}C (e.g. Hoyle state)

7 major shell excitation $\sim 10^{19}$ dim. \rightarrow No-core MCSM

[T.Otsuka et al., Nature Comm.13:2234 \(2022\)](#)

valence CI :

frontiers of neutron-rich nuclei: Ni $\sim 10^{16}$ or much larger (10^{23} !)

\rightarrow CI variants:

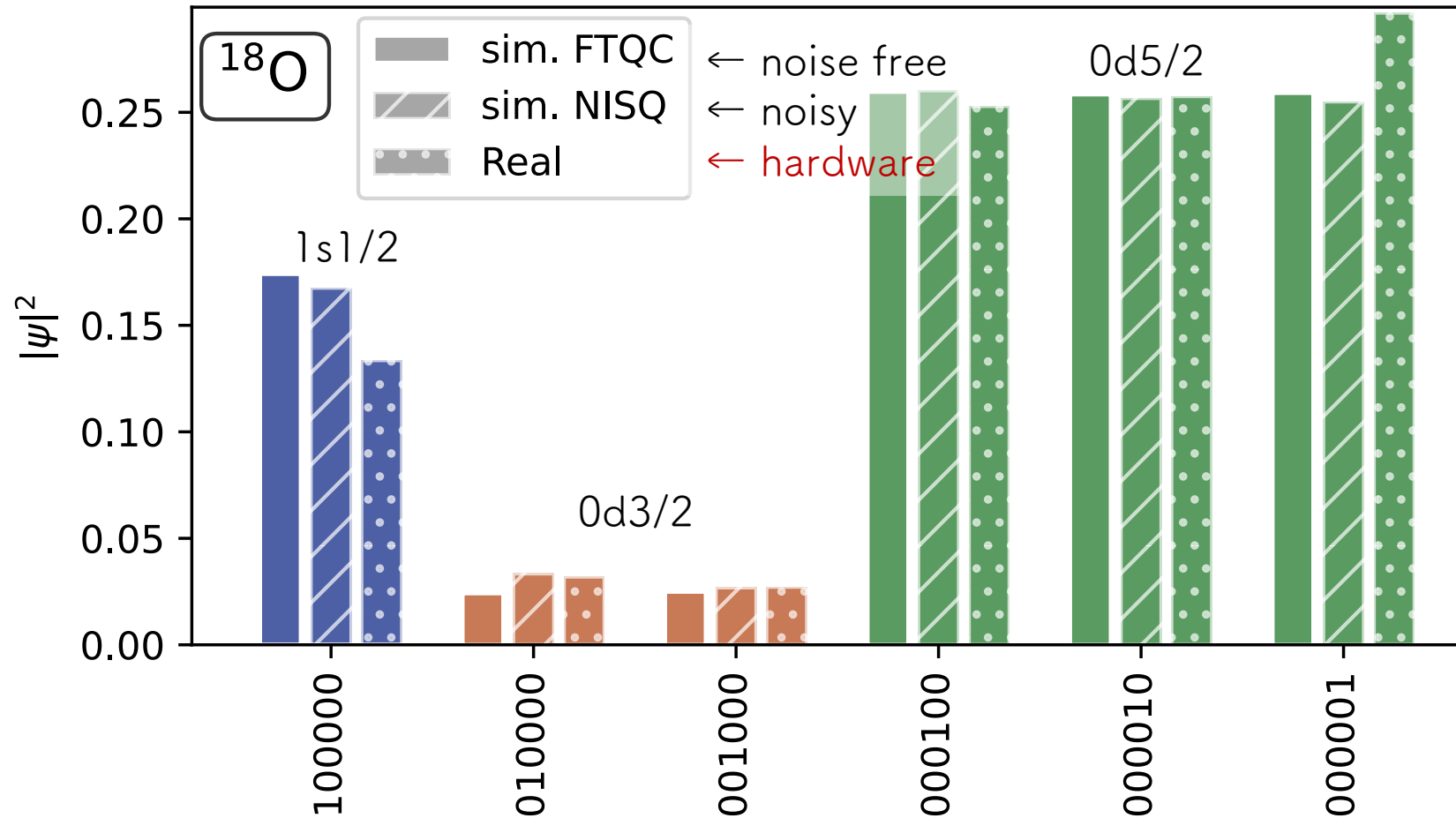
Monte Carlo Shell Model (MCSM)

Quasi-vacua Shell Model (QVSM)

[T. Togashi et al., PRL 121, 062501 \(2018\)](#)

[N. Shimizu et al., PRC 103, 014312 \(2021\)](#)

occupations of pair configurations



Note: the parameters are fixed to the ones giving exact results for noisy simulator and hardware results, post-selection is done

computational basis sampling

M. Kohda, R. Imai, K. Kanno, K. Mitarai, W. Mizukami, and Y. O. Nakagawa,
Quantum expectation-value estimation by computational basis sampling,
Phys. Rev. Res. 4, 033173 (2022).

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle &= \sum_{m,n=0}^N \langle \psi | m \rangle \langle m | H | n \rangle \langle n | \psi \rangle \\ &= \sum_{m,n=0}^N |\langle m | \psi \rangle|^2 |\langle n | \psi \rangle|^2 \frac{\langle m | H | n \rangle}{\langle m | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | n \rangle}. \quad (7)\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \psi | X_j \otimes X_k | \psi \rangle = \sqrt{\sigma_j^2 \sigma_k^2} \operatorname{sgn} [\sigma_j \sigma_k], \quad (8)$$

$$= \sqrt{\langle N_j \rangle \langle N_k \rangle} \operatorname{sgn} [\langle X_j X_k \rangle] \quad (9)$$

↑ ansatz plus H-gates on all qubits

↑ equiv. to Z measurement of the ansatz circuit

You just need 2 measurements, ansatz & ansatz + H-gates

Derivative-free & Sequential optimization of the parameters

K. M. Nakanishi, K. Fujii, and S. Todo,
Sequential minimal optimization for quantum-classical hybrid algorithms,
Phys. Rev. Res. 2, 043158 (2020).

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_k w_k \langle \varphi | U^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathcal{H}_k U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) | \varphi \rangle, \quad (\text{B1}) \quad = \text{Energy expectation value}$$

Optimizing Ry-gate rotation angle

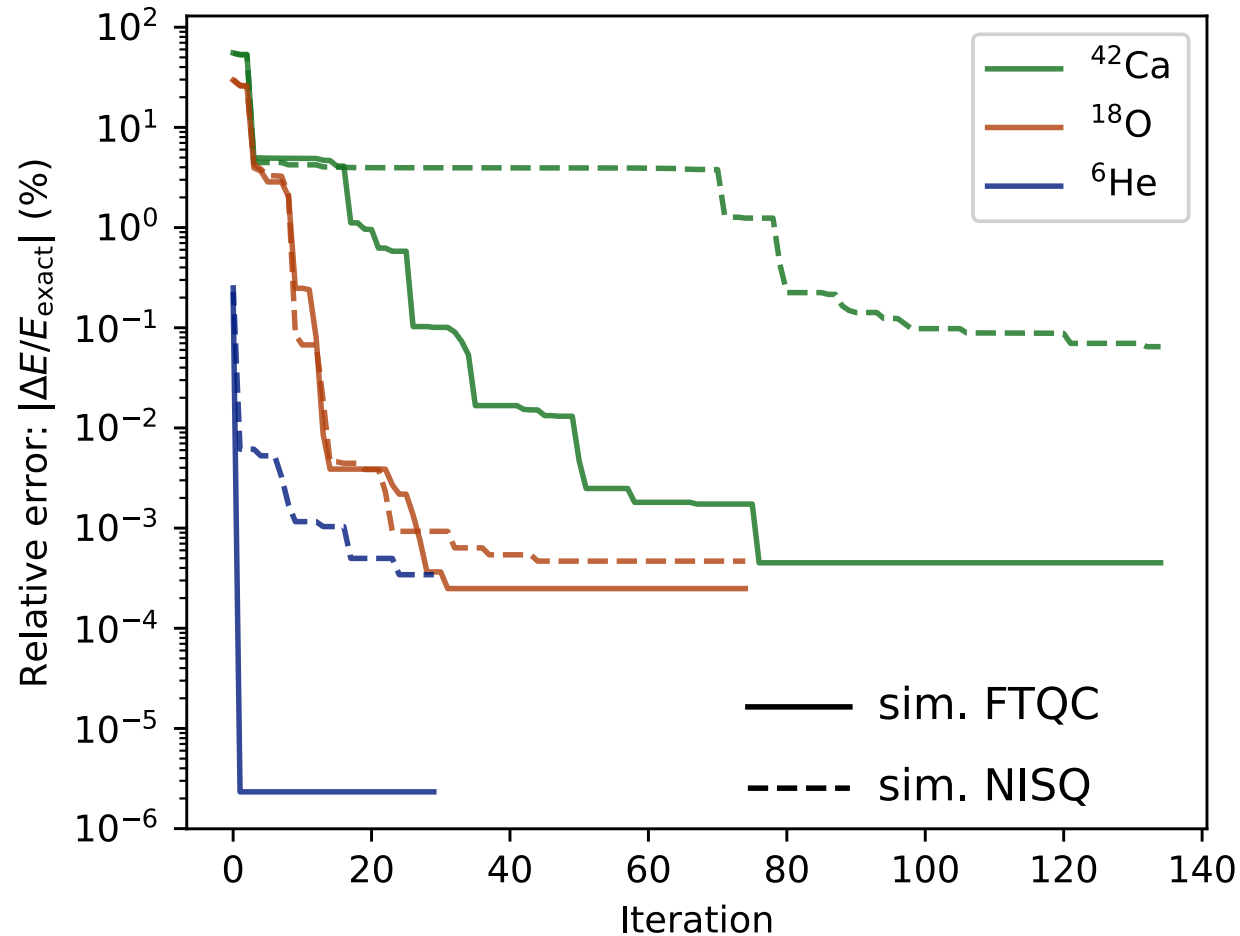
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta_1) = A \cos(\theta_1 - B) + C. \quad (\text{B2})$$

Optimizing cRy-gate rotation angle

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta_j) = A \cos \theta_j + B \sin \theta_j + C \cos 2\theta_j + D \sin 2\theta_j + E. \quad (\text{B3})$$

Optimization of the circuit parameters

parameters so far are fixed to the ones giving exact results by hand



Using a gradient-free & sequential optimization technique we can reproduce the exact ones

← 15sweep for N_q-1 parameters

K. M. Nakanishi, K. Fujii, and S. Todo:

Sequential minimal optimization for quantum-classical hybrid algorithms, [Phys. Rev. Res. 2, 043158 \(2020\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.04315).