

# ① Lecture II

last lecture: Quantum mechanics cheat sheet!  
classical computing } gates, (qu)bits,  
quantum computing } completeness

questions from last time:

- online talks/exams possible upon reasonable request
- Topics assigned at end of this week  
(needed at latest on Wednesday)
- Do in-between measurements make quantum computing more powerful?  
→ There are both, complete unitary & measurement-based schemes → Ref. put online about measurement based QC
- Video of last lecture has small video area. Can somebody edit the video?

Further questions about last lecture?

Assign to projects online!

2 projects

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## 2. Quantum annealing

Physical principles: Temperature adiabatic time evolution optimization problems quantum annealers & how to control them

### 2.1. Ground state & Temperature

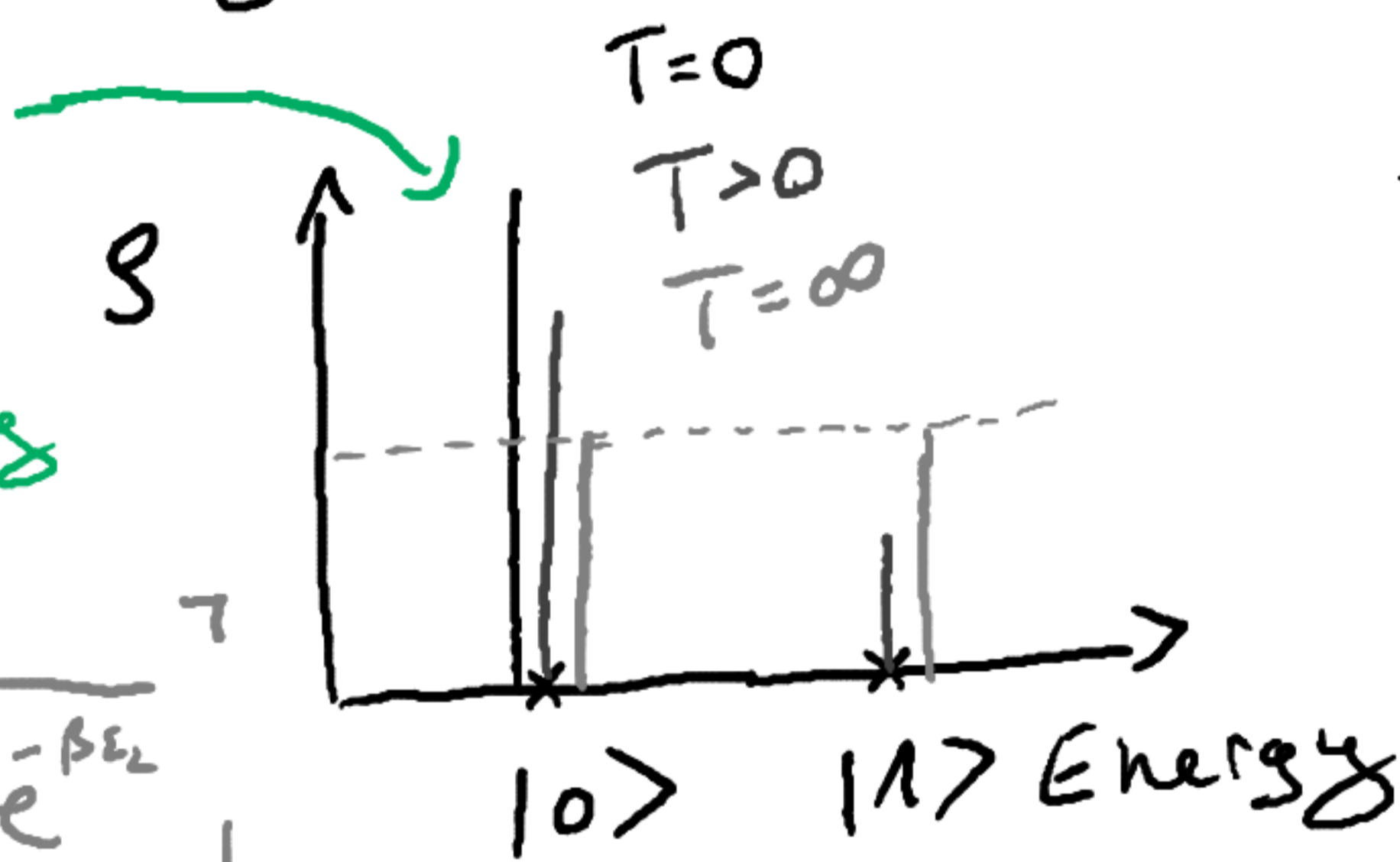
Hamiltonian  $H$  (linear operator on Hilbert space)

↳ Eigenvectors: States with well-defined energy

↳ Eigenvalues: Energies of respective eigenstate

ground state highest probability

$$s_i = \frac{e^{-\beta E_i}}{e^{-\beta E_1} + e^{-\beta E_2}}$$



Temperature: chance to find system in state  $|i\rangle$  is  $s_i \propto e^{-\beta E_i}$

(Boltzmann factor)

$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

Wake-up brain:

When measuring a system it most likely is in ground state?

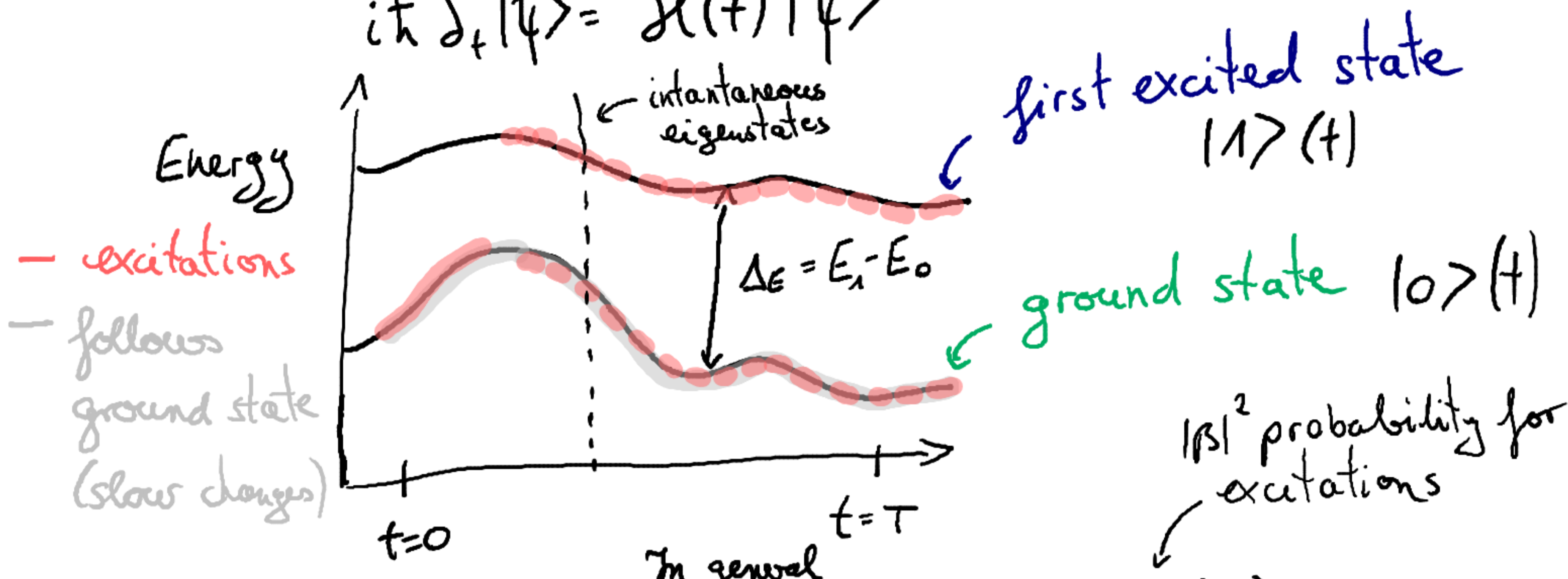
↳ No  $\rightarrow s_{GS} < \sum s_{\text{not ground state}}$  for very small  $T$  in macroscopic systems

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## 2.2. The adiabatic theorem of quantum mechanics

Schrodinger equation

$$i\hbar \partial_t |\psi\rangle = \mathcal{H}(t) |\psi\rangle$$



In general

$$|\psi\rangle(t=0) = |0\rangle, \quad |\psi\rangle(t=T) = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$

### Adiabatic theorem (parts of it)

proof at  
 p. 108-110 de  
 → lectures  
 → Top. in cond. math. 16  
 lectures 11  
 & 12

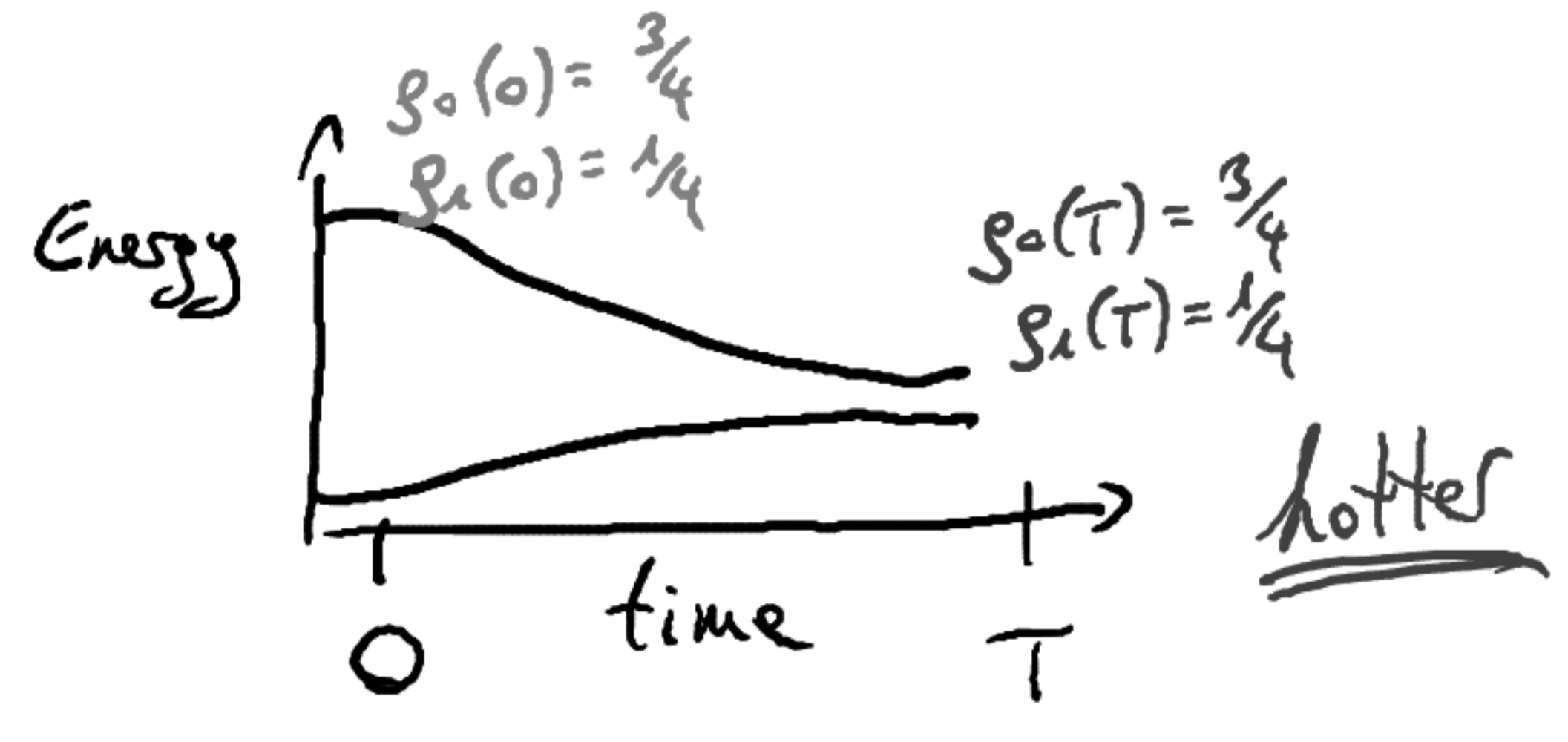
If a system  $\mathcal{H}(t)$  is manipulated sufficiently slowly [such that  $\mathcal{H}'(t) \ll \frac{\text{level spacing}}{T}$ ],

the initial eigenstates evolve to the instantaneous eigenstates they are (smoothly) connected to. [changes too slowly for excitations]

In particular: The ground state of the initial Hamiltonian evolves to the ground state of the final one

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Remark: Nomenclature 'adiabatic' means 'no heat exchange'. But system can still be heated or cooled



Entropy is conserved.

## 2.3. Quadratic optimization problems

The Ising model

[ Ernst Ising 1900-1998  
1922-1924 Promotion bei  
Wilhelm Lenz

classical

quantum

↑ ↓ ↑  
↑ ↑ ↓  
↑ ↓ ↓

'Spins'  
 $S_j \in \{1, -1\}$   
 $\equiv \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$

↑ ↓ ↓ spins  
↑ ↓ ↑  
↑ ↓ ↓  
(span{|↑⟩, |↓⟩})<sup>n</sup>  
 $S_j = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_j B_j S_j^z + \sum_{j,k} J^{jk} S_j^z S_k^z$$

↳ external magnetic field

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Question: Given external fields  $\{B_j\}$  & couplings  $\{J_{jk}\}$ , what is the ground state of the system?

Answer: Hard to find [only easy if  $S^z$  continuous]

Liebevoll  
Qubo: quadratic binary optimization

- Decades of mathematical theories & algorithms: Quadratic optimization
- hundreds of Professorships

Remark: (1) Quantum & classical system have the same ground state (if not degenerate)

↳ Because Hamiltonian is diagonal matrix

$$\sigma^z \otimes \sigma^z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) The ground state can be measured non-destructively and locally

because  $[\mathcal{H}, S_j^z] = 0$

$\mathcal{H}[S^z |GS\rangle] = S^z \mathcal{H} |GS\rangle = \mathcal{H} S^z |GS\rangle$

$\Rightarrow S^z |GS\rangle$  is eigenstate of  $\mathcal{H}$  with

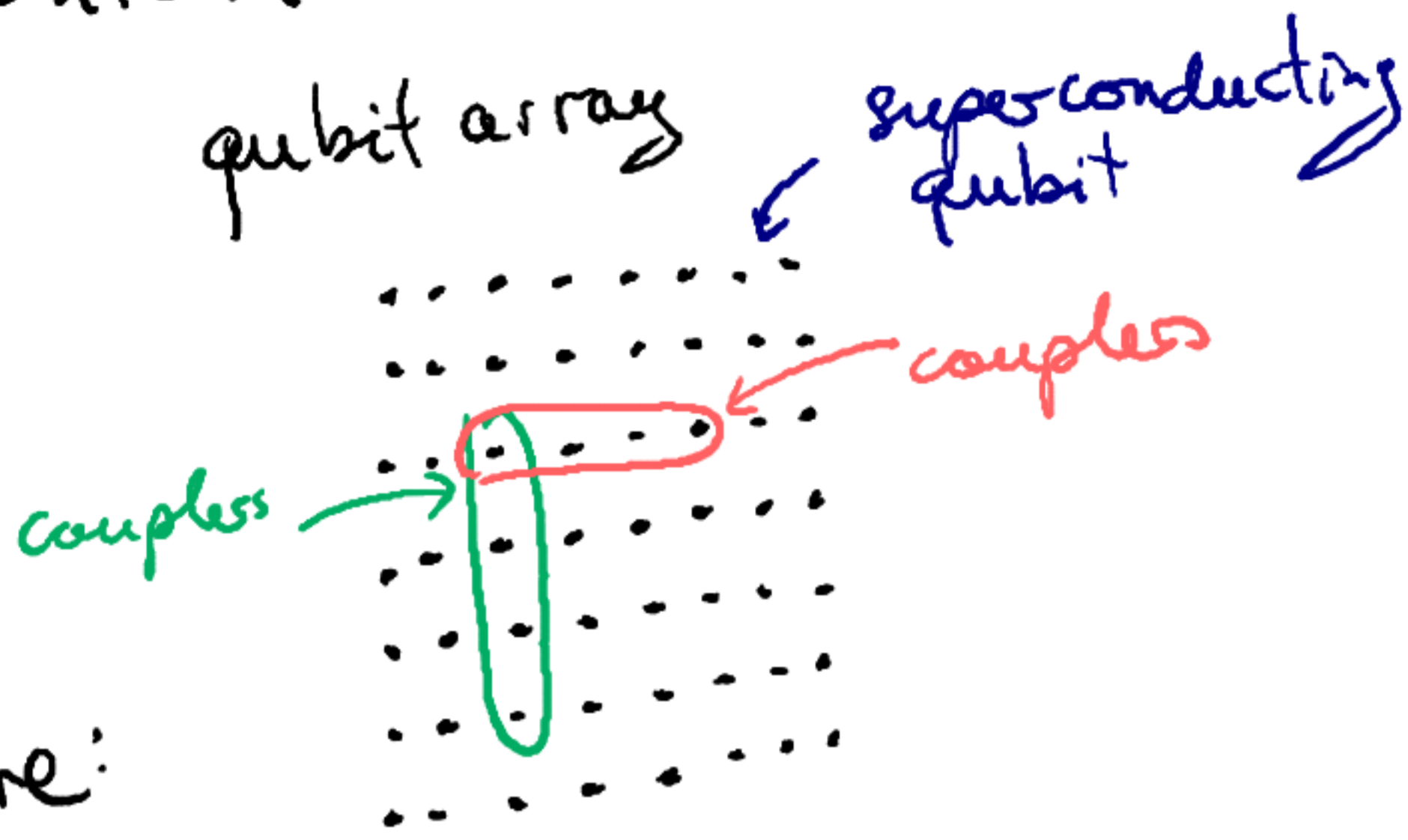
↳ energy  $\mathcal{E} \Rightarrow S^z |GS\rangle$  is also ground state

(3) A large class of problems can be mapped to Qubo problems

- constrained binary/integers problems

# ⑥ 2.4. Quantum annealers

Quantum shortcut to Quadratic optimization?



e.g.  
D-WAVE  
quantum annealers

procedure:

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Initial state: superposition of all possible product basis states

$$\psi_0 = (|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)^N$$

from initial Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \sum_j J_j S_j^x S_i^x$$

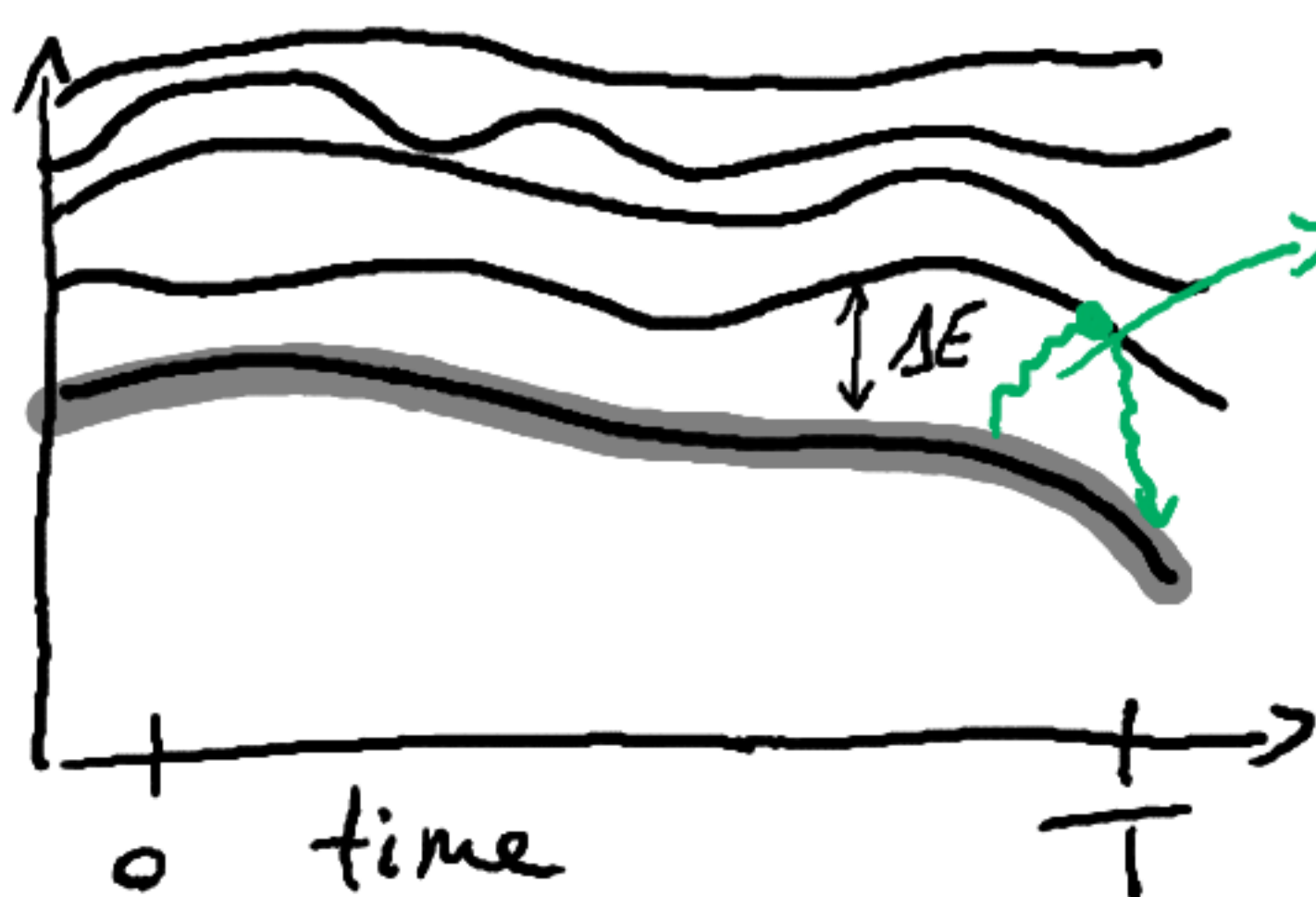
construct Qubo: 
$$\mathcal{H}_Q = \sum_j \beta_j S_j^z + \sum_{k,l} J^{kl} S_k^z S_l^z$$

② Construct time-dependent Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}(t) = (1 - t/T) \mathcal{H}_0 + t \mathcal{H}_Q$$

③ Let time-evolution run sufficiently slowly  $H'(t) \ll T \Delta E$

Follows ground state



unwanted excitation undone by cooling

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Read out final state as solution to optimization problem

(7)

Remarks:

- Permanent cooling helps undoing accidental excitations. Attention: Neither this nor tunneling is the (main) working principle of quantum annealing
- Procedure is repeated thousands of times, best run is taken as solution
- No (known) way to determine needed time or verify solution
- No principle advantage against classical architectures

## 2.5. Controlling a quantum annealer

DWAVE Ocean SDK

Leap → online programming of quantum annealer

### Example I Quadratic binary optimization problem

↳ see online resources

Who thinks Qubos are dull?  
Who feels inspired by Qubos already?

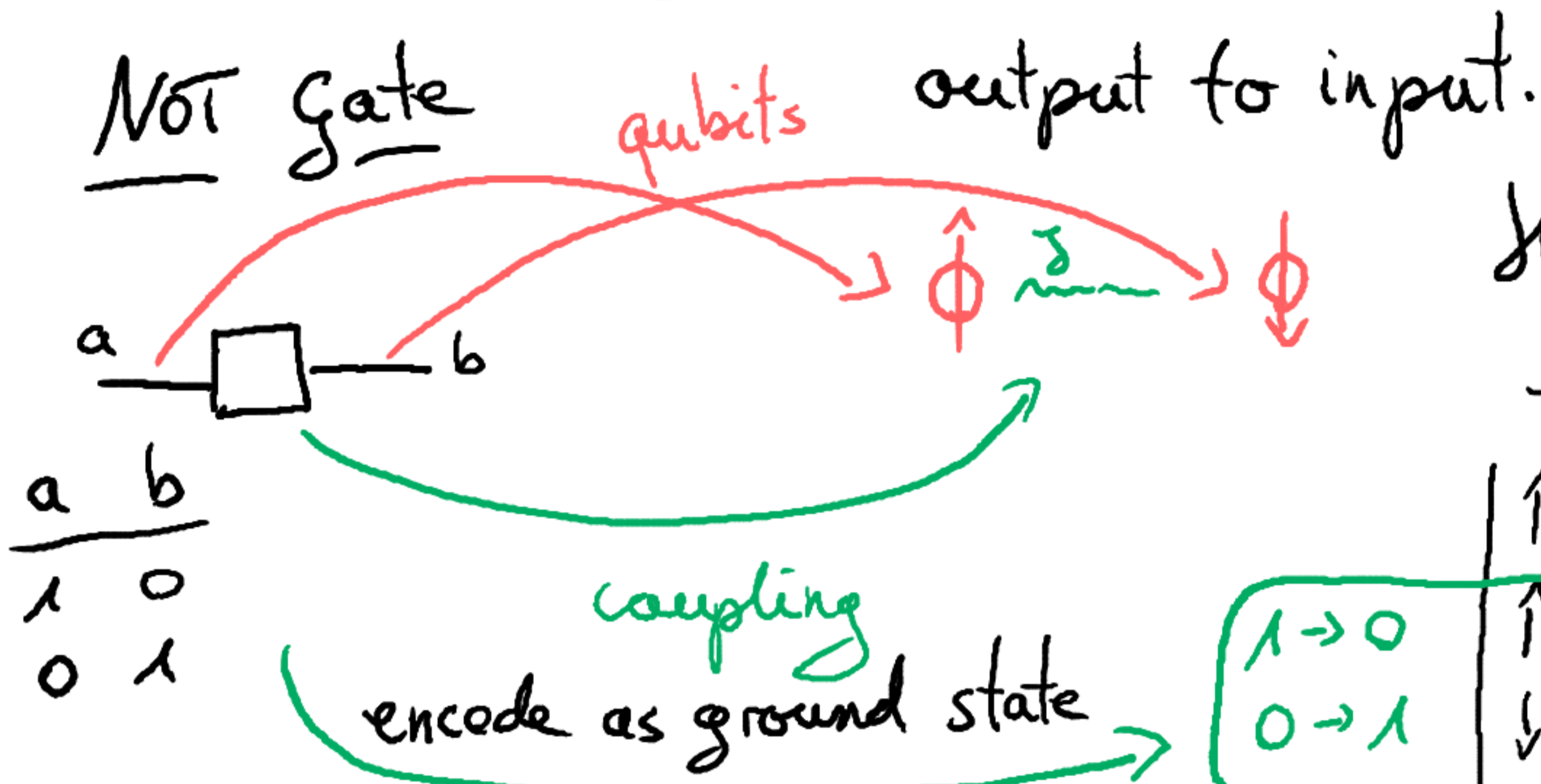
# Example II / Inspiration:

binary circuits

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classical gates can be translated to the Ising model by constructing degenerate ground states that attach desired

## NOT Gate



a	b
1	0
0	1

encode as ground state

1 → 0	↑ ↓	-J
0 → 1	↓ ↑	-J

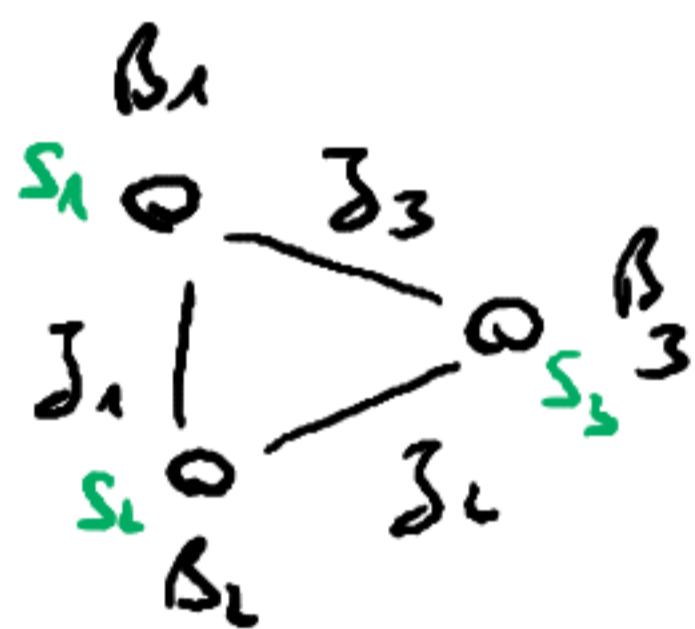
J > 0

$$\mathcal{H} = S_1^z S_2^z \cdot J$$

energies/J

↑ ↑	J
↑ ↓	-J
↓ ↑	-J
↓ ↓	J

## AND Gate



$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_i B_i S_i^z + \sum_j J_j S_j S_{j+1}$$

magnetic energy  $E_M$     coupling energy  $E_C$

↑ periodic

$a_1$	$a_2$	$b$	$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$E_M$	$E_C$	total
1	1	1	1	1	1	0	-d	-d
1	1	0	1	1	-1	-d	2d	d
0	1	0	1	-1	1	d/2	-d/2	0
1	0	0	-1	1	1	d/2	-d/2	0
0	1	0	-1	1	-1	-d/2	-d/2	-d
1	0	0	-1	1	1	-d/2	-d/2	-d
0	0	0	-1	-1	1	d	2d	3d
0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-d	-d

ground states (circled in original image): (1,1,1), (0,1,0), (1,0,0), (0,0,0)

Solution:  $B_1 = -\frac{1}{4}d$ ,  $B_2 = -\frac{1}{4}d$ ,  $B_3 = \frac{1}{2}d$

$J_1 = -\frac{3}{4}d$ ,  $J_2 = -\frac{3}{4}d$ ,  $J_3 = \frac{1}{2}d$

with  $d > 0$

If  $S_i \rightarrow -S_i \Rightarrow E_M \rightarrow -E_M$   
 $E_C \rightarrow E_C$

⇒ Qubo is 'computational complete'

By setting input ⇒ compute output as solution to optimization problem.

By setting output ⇒ compute fitting input " "

" " " "



9) Consequences: Solving Qubo helps solving hard tasks if their inverse is easy

- multiplication  $\leftrightarrow$  factorization
- encryption  $\leftrightarrow$  decryption
- ...

Online demonstration factorization  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Leap

! Word of caution  $\rightarrow$  Youtube  
'Sabine Hossenfeldes, quantum hype'  
<https://youtu.be/b-aGlvUomTA>

Good luck with  
your projects (assigned at end of week)

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Vote about deadline  
& final talks online  
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