

QA vs QAOA

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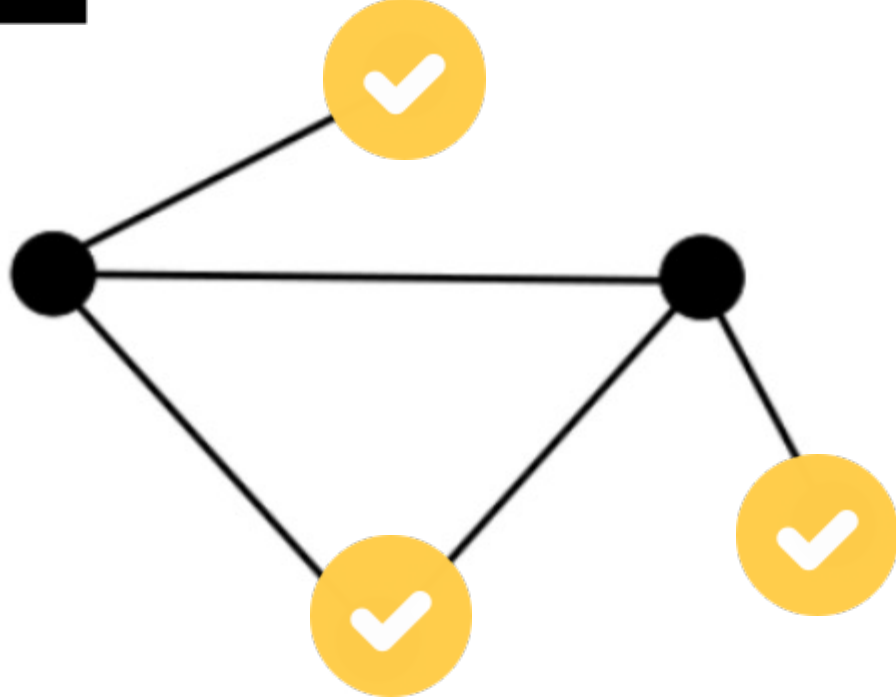
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1. Research Object

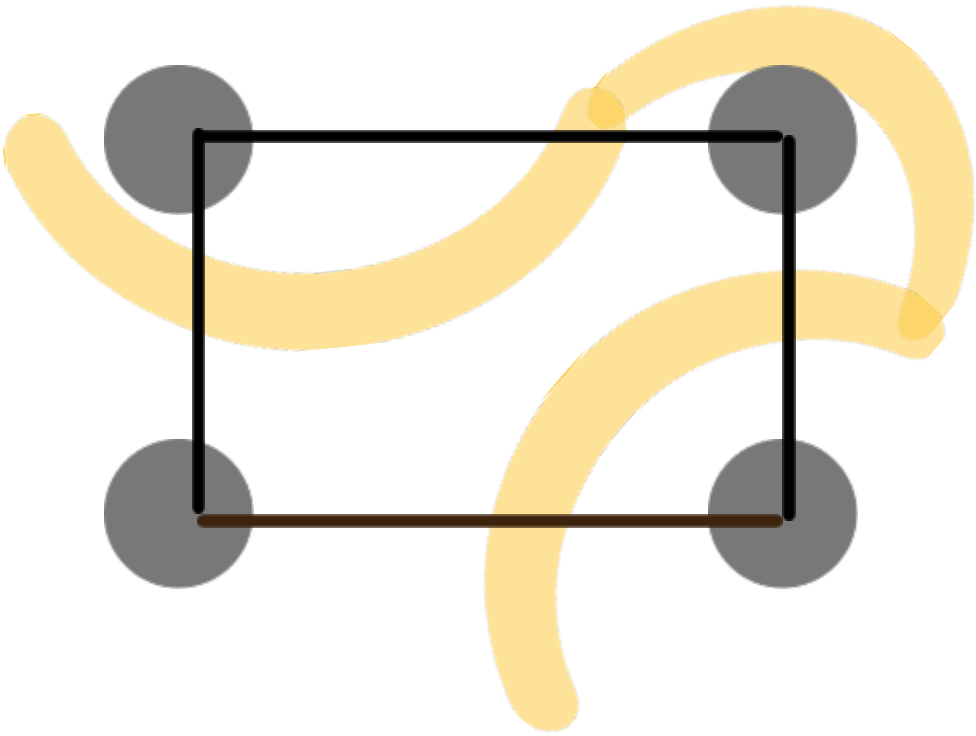
Background

1.

NP - hard



MIS



MaxCut



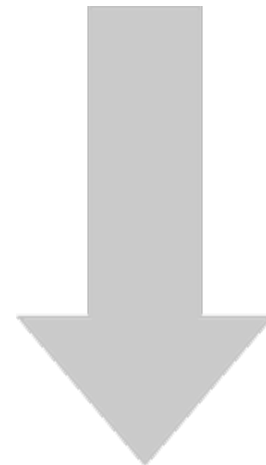
QAOA can solve **Combinatorial Optimization Problems**



Cost Hamiltonian : Ising Model Hamiltonian



QAOA는 근본적으로 Ising model Hamiltonian 문제를 다루는 VQA 인데
이 문제들을 굳이 Gate-based quantum simulation 로 풀 필요가 있을까?



QAOA Ansatz의 motivation인 Adiabatic Theorem을 이용하여
즉 QA(Quantum Annealing)으로 풀면 되지 않을까?



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애초에 Adiabatic Quantum Optimization 즉 QA(Quantum Annealing)으로 풀면 되지 않을까?

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Combinatorial Problem(MaxCut)을 QA와 QAOA를 통해 풀어보고 수행능력을 비교하고자 한다.

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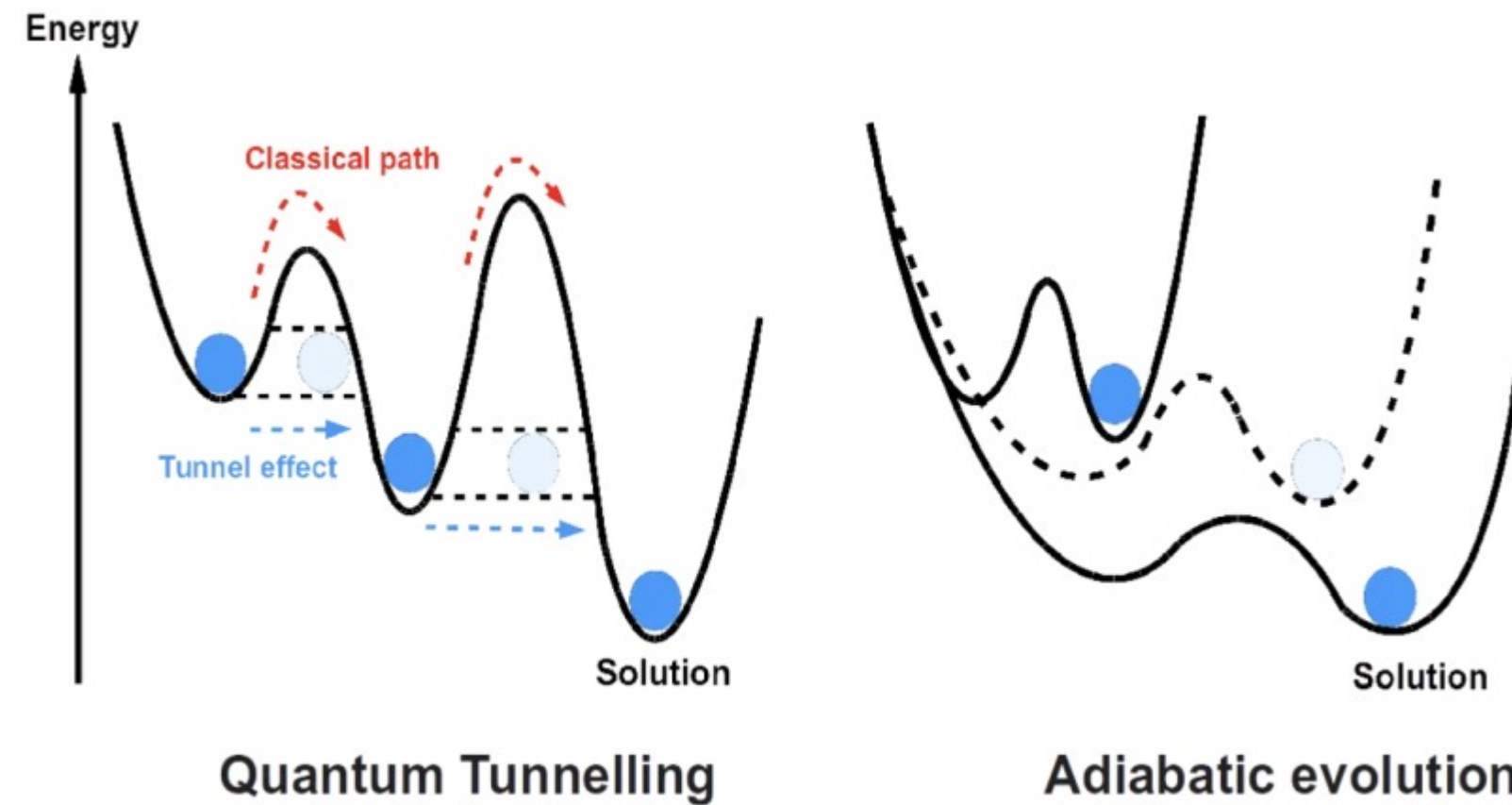
QA와 QAOA의 차이점 분석 후, 각각의 개선방향 및 발전 방향성 또한 제시하고자 한다.

2. Theory



Quantum Annealing

Quantum computation which uses quantum fluctuations(quantum tunneling), in order to search for the ground state of a user programmed Hamiltonian.



QA

QAOA

Aspect of Progress

Continuous
(Analog)

Discrete
(Digital)

Annealing Path

$$H_{QA}(s) = -[sH_C + (1 - s)H_B],$$

$$s = t/T,$$

$$H_{QAOA}(t) = -[f(t)H_C + (1 - f(t))H_B],$$

$$f\left(t_i = \sum_{j=1}^i (|\gamma_j^*| + |\beta_j^*|) - \frac{1}{2}(|\gamma_i^*| + |\beta_i^*|)\right) = \frac{\gamma_i^*}{|\gamma_i^*| + |\beta_i^*|}$$

Time To Solution
(TTS)

$$TTS_{QA}(T) = T \frac{\ln(1 - p_d)}{\ln[1 - p_{GS}(T)]}$$

$$TTS_{QA}^{opt} = \min_{T>0} TTS_{QA}(T).$$

$$TTS_{QAOA}(p) = T_p \frac{\ln(1 - p_d)}{\ln[1 - p_{GS}(p)]}$$

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Annealing Time

T

$$T_p = \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{p}} (|\gamma_i^*| + |\beta_i^*|)$$

QA vs QAOA

Aspect of Progress

C

Annealing Path

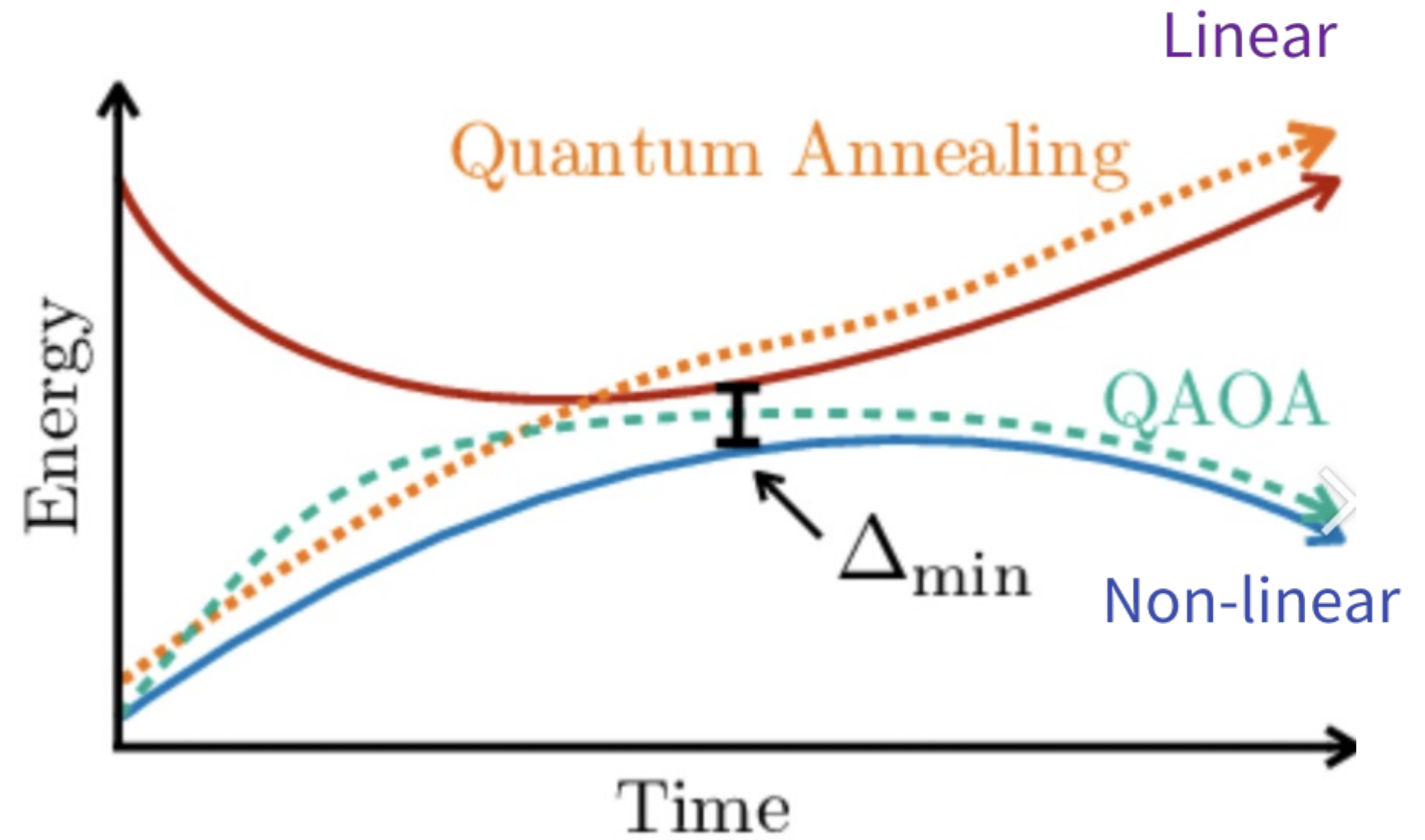
$$H_{QA}(s) = -$$

Time To Solution (TTS)

$$TTS_{QA}(T)$$

$$TTS_{QA}^{op}$$

Annealing Time



$$E_p = \sum_{i=1}^p (|l_i| + |r_i|)$$

QA vs QAOA

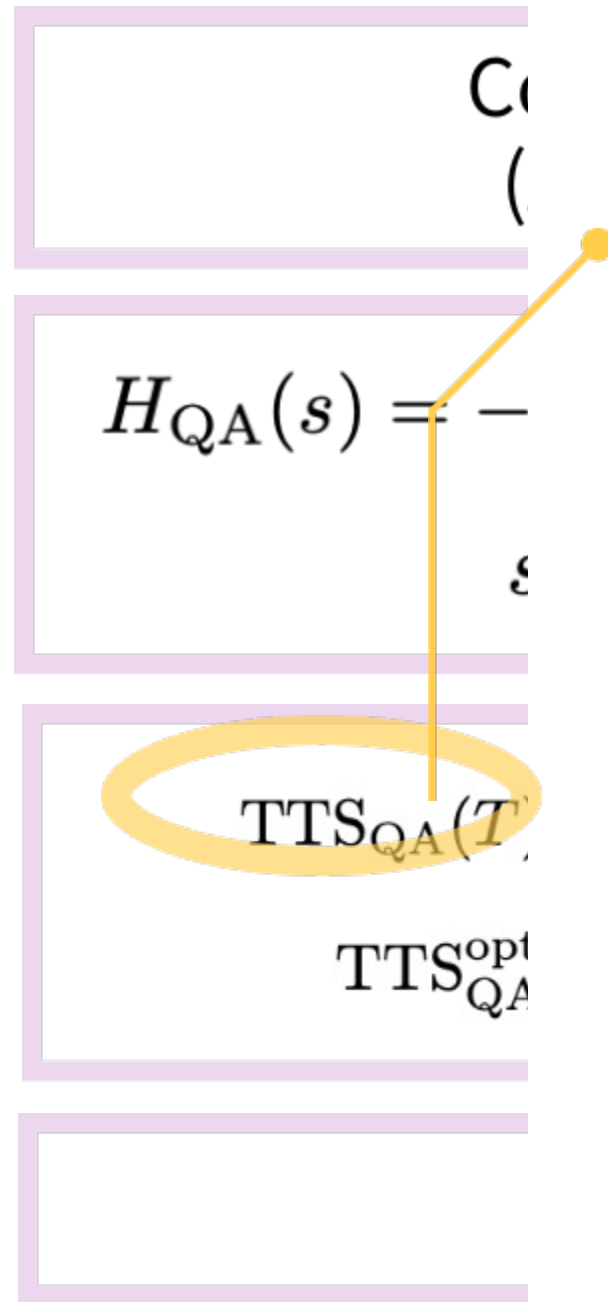
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Annealing Path

Time To Solution (TTS)

Annealing Time

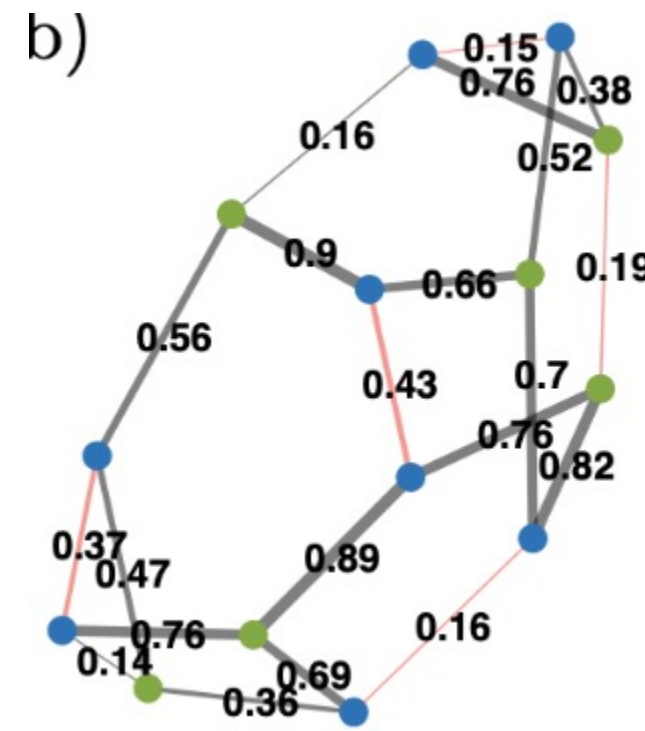
QA



Landau-Zener formula

$$\therefore TTS_{QA} \propto \frac{1}{\Delta_{min}^2} \text{ (independent of } T)$$

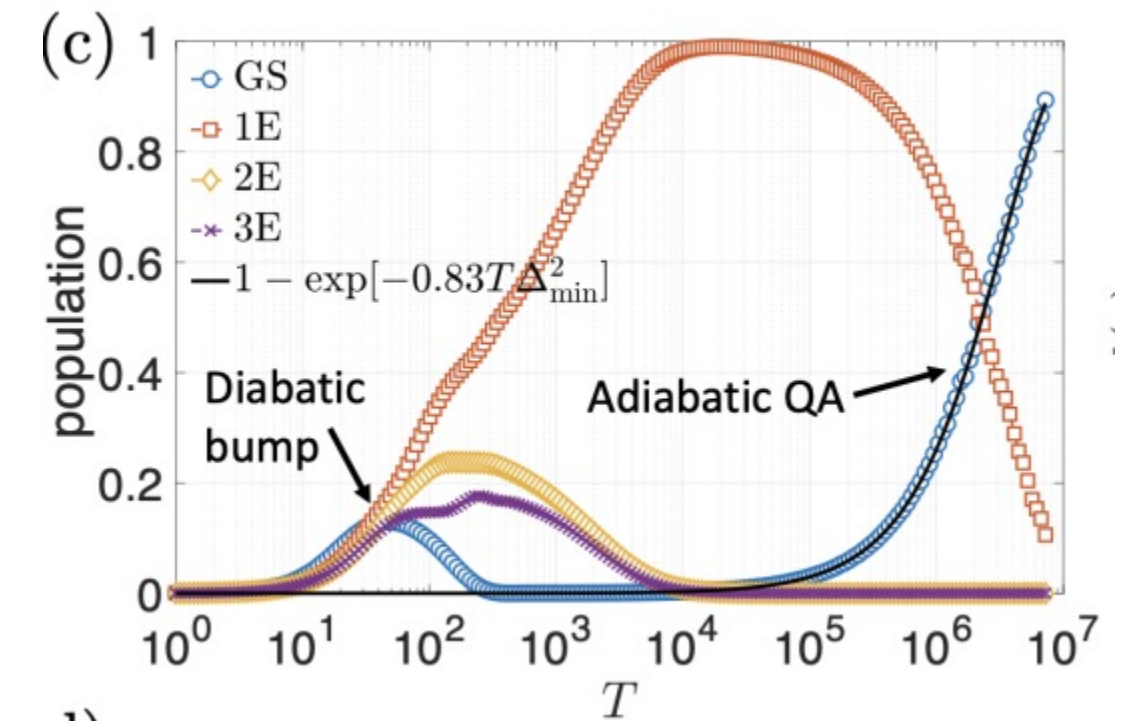
< QA-Hard instance >



$$\Delta_{min} < 10^{-3}$$

QAOA

$$\ln(1 - p_{GS}(T)) \propto T \Delta_{min}^2$$



QA vs QAOA

2.

QA

QAOA

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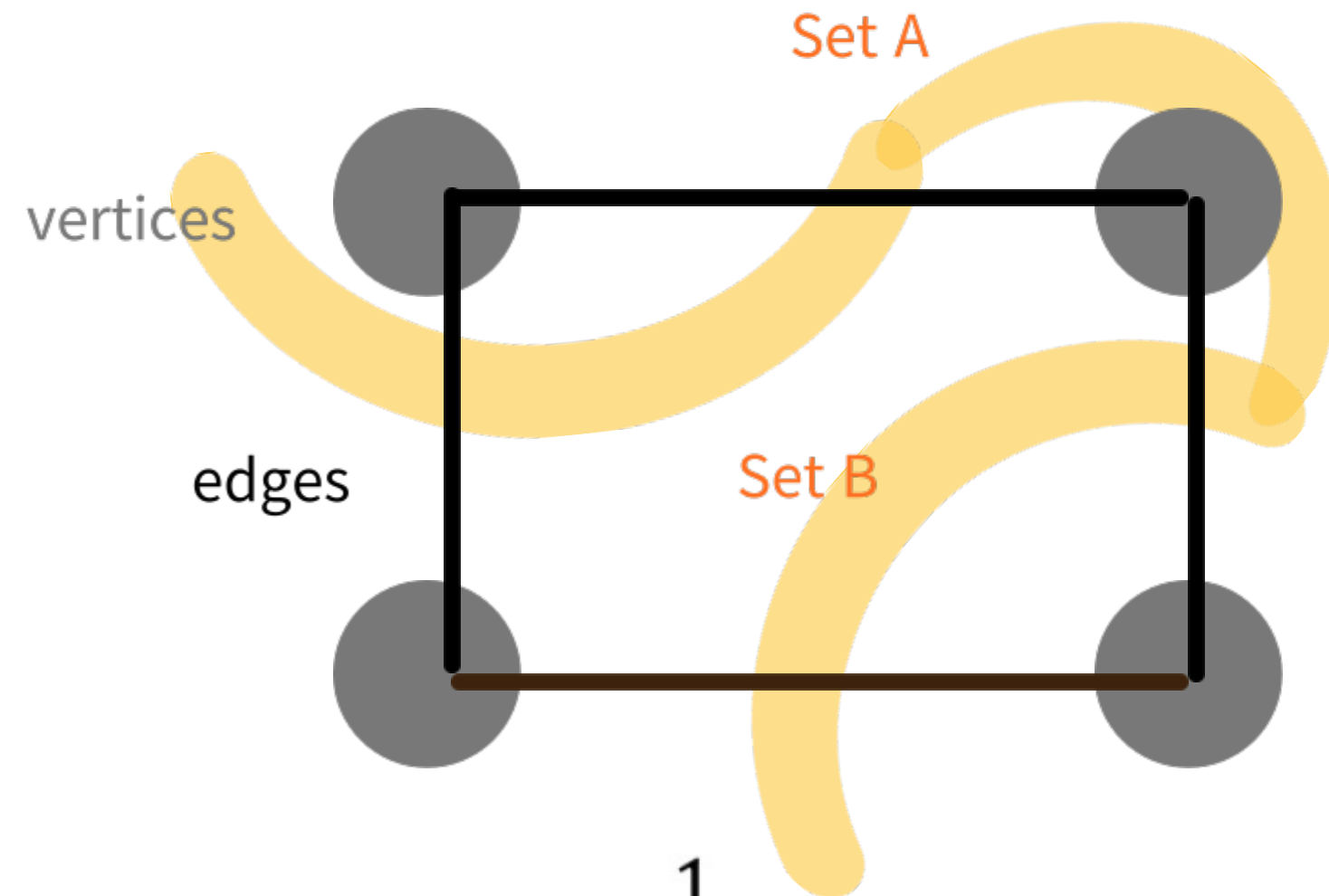
Annealing Time

T

$$T_p = \sum_{i=1}^{\bar{p}} (|\gamma_i^*| + |\beta_i^*|)$$



대표적인 Combinatorial Optimization Problem
2개의 part로 vertex를 나누면서
가장 많이 edge를 지나가야하는 문제



$$H_C = \frac{1}{2} (1 - Z_j Z_k)$$

3. Method

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Quantum Annealing vs. QAOA: 127 Qubit Higher-Order Ising Problems on NISQ Computers

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QA



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Measuring Performance

1. Result Fidelity

- QAOA : Approximation ratio

$$r = \frac{F_p(\vec{\gamma}^*, \vec{\beta}^*)}{C_{\max}}$$

$$F_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}) = \langle \psi_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}) | H_C | \psi_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}) \rangle,$$

- QA : Population of ground state

2. Execution Time

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<문제 설정>

1. QAOA에서 이론적 approximation ratio가 있는 문제

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- Circuit depth(p) 에 따른 r
- 가장 낮은 depth 인 p=1일때 r

③

2. QA의 Adiabatic Limitation 인 minimal spectral gap이 작은 문제

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Problems

3.

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u2r Graph

Object

Circuit Depth 에 따른
QAOA 수행 능력 확인
& QA와 수행능력 비교

Theoretical
Approximation
Ratio

$$r \geq \frac{(2p+1)}{(2p+2)} \left(p < \left\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \right\rfloor, p = \text{even} \right)$$
$$r \approx 1 \left(p \geq \left\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \right\rfloor \right)$$

Node

4

Circuit Depth

1,8

②

u3r Graph

가장 낮은 depth일때
QAOA 수행 능력 확인
& QA와 수행능력 비교

$$r \geq 0.6924 \quad (p = 1)$$

4, 6

1

③

w3r Graph

Minimal spectral gap이
작은 문제에서의
QA 수행 능력 확인
& QAOA와 수행능력 비교

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1

QAOA

QA

Device

CPU

CPU, QPU
(D-Wave Cloud)

Quantum
Simulator/Sampler

pennylane의
default.qubit device
of samples : 100

sample_qubo,
smample_ising
Chainstrength : 8, 2

Classical
Optimizer

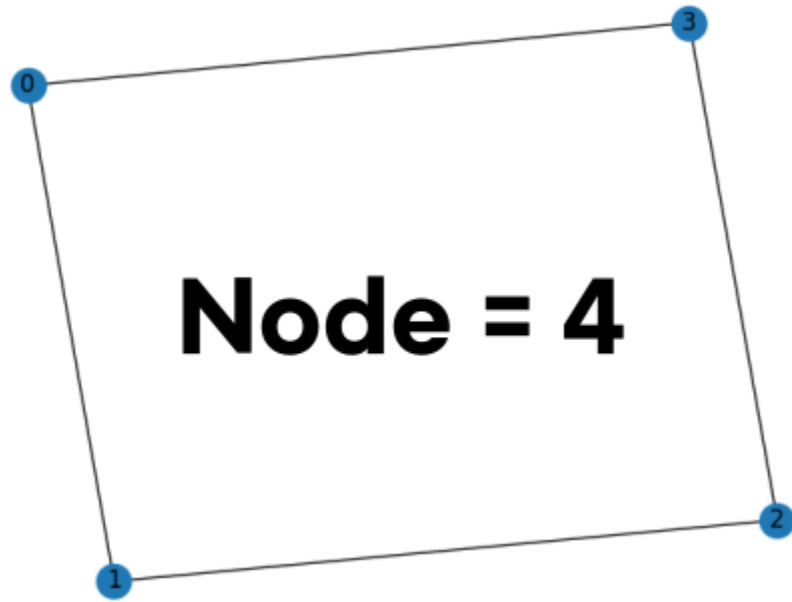
Adagrad Optimizer
step size : 0.5
step number : 100

X

4. Results

u2r Graph

4.



QAOA

$p = 1$

$p = 8$

$p = 1$

$p = 8$

Result Fidelity

0.800

0.995

Execution Time

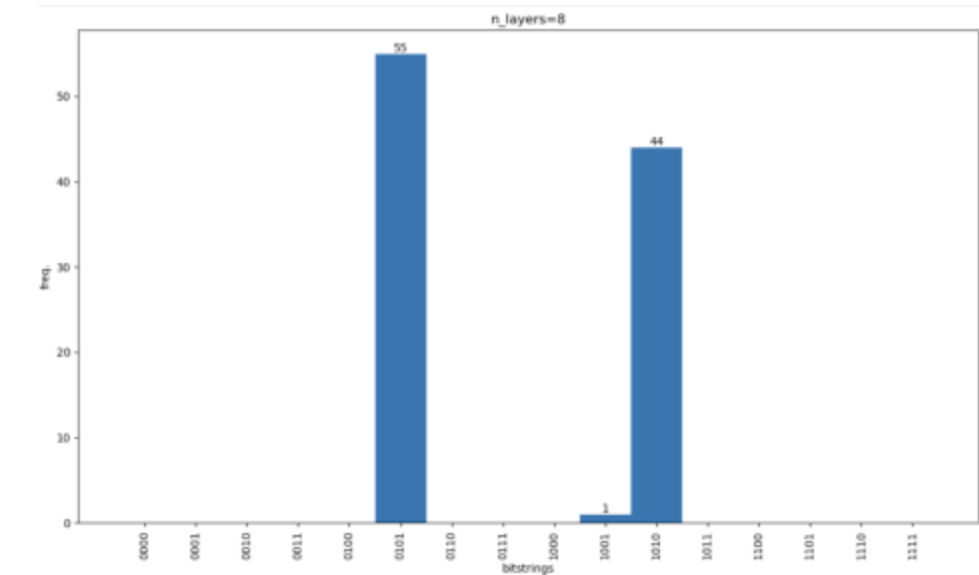
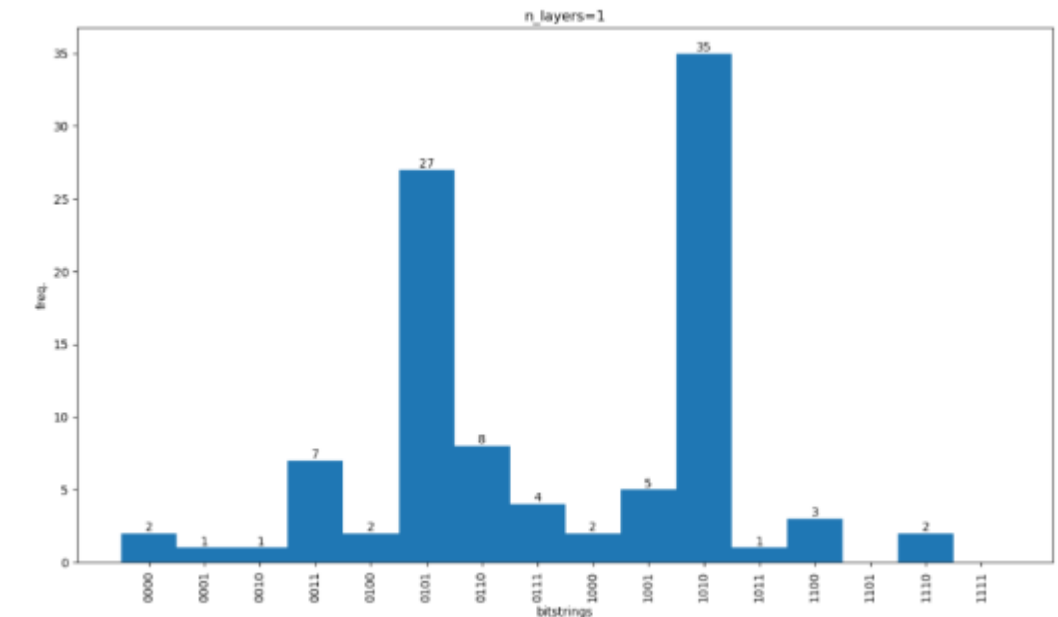
10 s

180

Theoretical Approximation Ratio

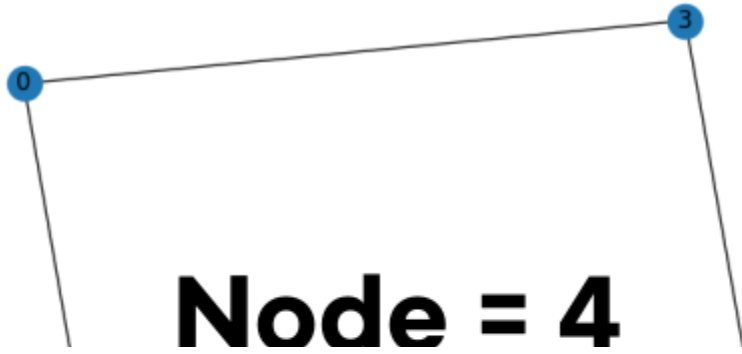
0.75

≈ 1



u2r Graph

4.



Set 0	Set 1	Energy	Cut Size
[1, 3]	[2, 4]	-4.0	4
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X 100

<100번 중 답 나온 횟수>

Sol1 |1010> : 100/100

So12 |0101> : 100/100

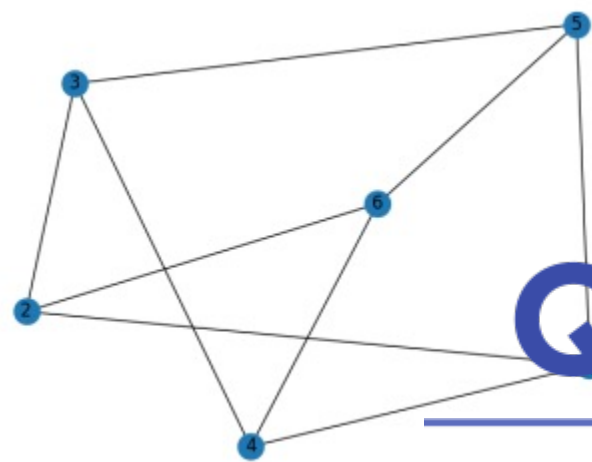
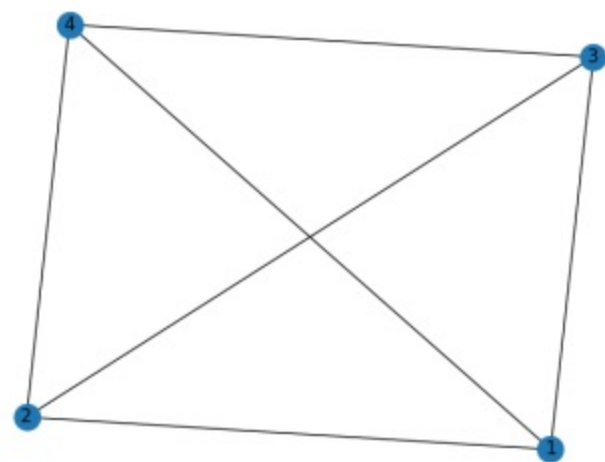
QA

**QAOA
vs QA**



u3r Graph

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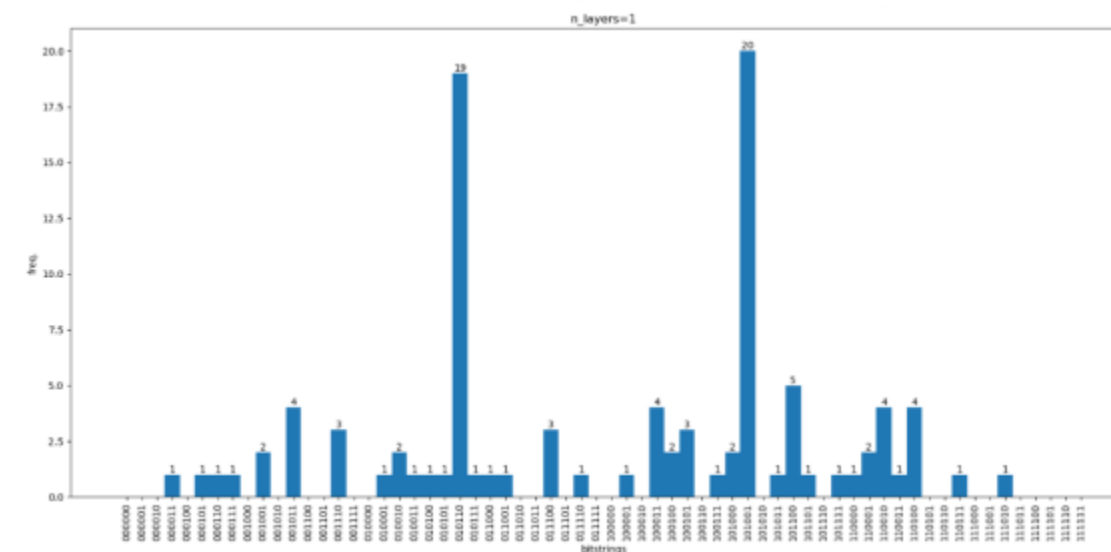
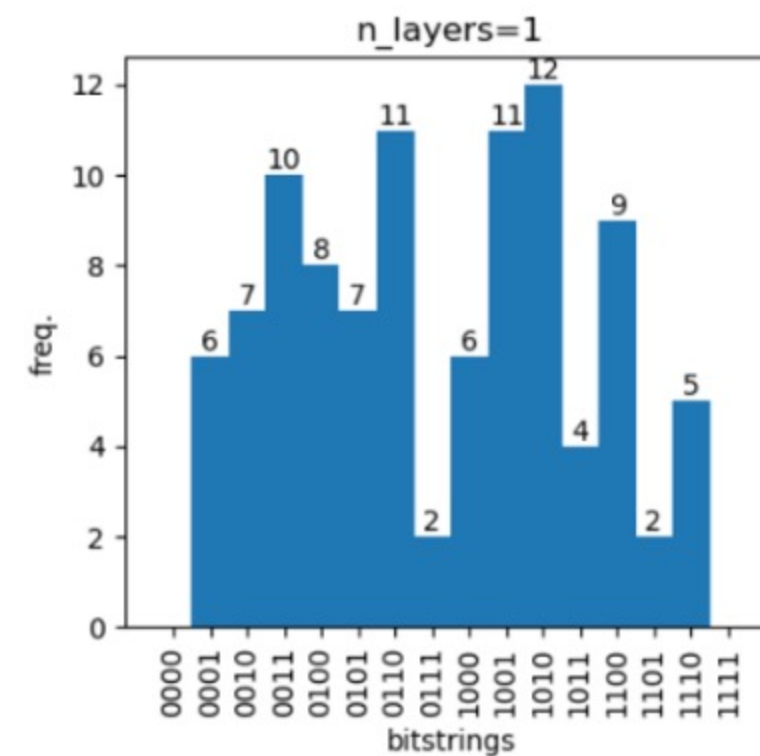
QAOA

p = 1

Node = 4

Node = 4

Node = 6



Result Fidelity

0.756

0.7311

Execution Time

5s

30s

Node = 6

Theoretical Approximation Ratio

0.6924

0.6924

u3r Graph

4.

Node = 4

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[1, 2]	[0, 3]	-2.0	4
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[0, 2]	[1, 3]	-2.0	4
[2, 3]	[0, 1]	-2.0	4
[0, 1]	[2, 3]	-2.0	4
[1, 3]	[0, 2]	-2.0	4
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[0, 2, 3]	[1]	0.0	3

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Sol1 |0011⟩ : 100/100
 Sol2 |1100⟩ : 100/100
 Sol3 |0110⟩ : 100/100
 Sol4 |1001⟩ : 100/100
 Sol5 |0101⟩ : 100/100
 Sol6 |1010⟩ : 100/100

Node = 6

Set 0	Set 1	Energy	Cut Size
[1, 3, 4]	[0, 2, 5]	-9.0	9
[0, 2, 5]	[1, 3, 4]	-9.0	9

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Sol1 |010110⟩ : 100/100
 Sol2 |101001⟩ : 100/100

QA

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Node = 6

1

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미만

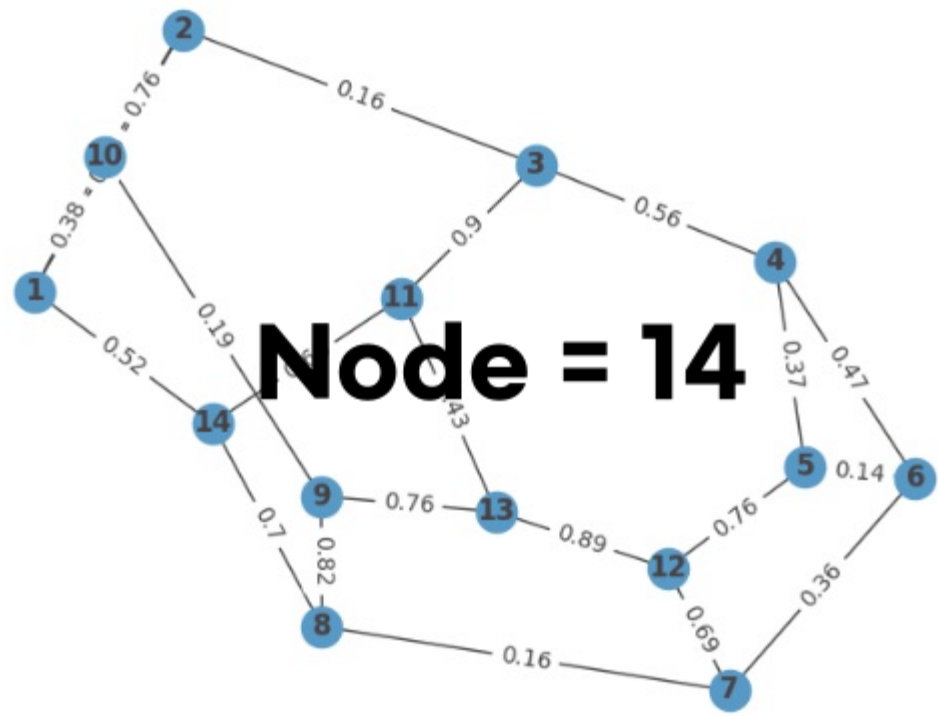
1s 미만

QA

QA

w3r Graph

4.



QAOA

$p = 1$

Result Fidelity

Execution Time

Theoretical
Approximation Ratio

Sorry...

36900 s

```
[20... optimal_params = out['x'] # This is a 1x8 array
optimal_params_vector = optimal_params.tolist() # Convert to a Python list if needed

final_bitstring = get_counts(optimal_params_vector)

binary_bit_string = ''
for bit in decimal_to_binary(final_bitstring[2]):
    binary_bit_string += str(bit)

print(f'The answer to our weighted maxcut is: {final_bitstring[2]} or {binary_bit_string}')
```

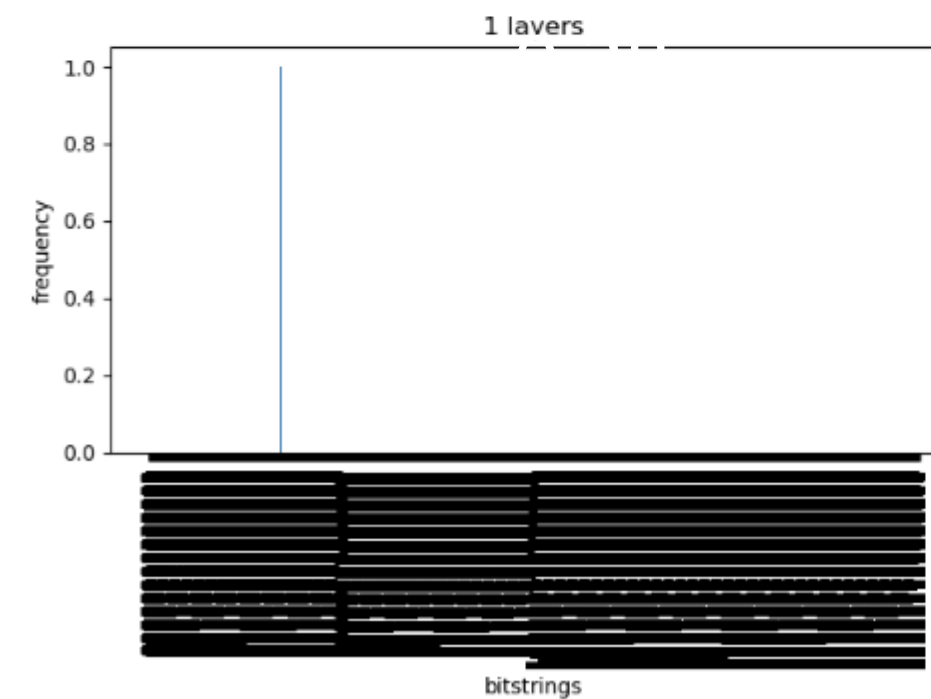
The answer to our weighted maxcut is: 659 or 00001010010011

```
[22... import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

xticks = range(0, 2**15)
xtick_labels = list(map(lambda x: format(x, "014b"), xticks))
bins = np.arange(0, 2**15+1) - 0.5

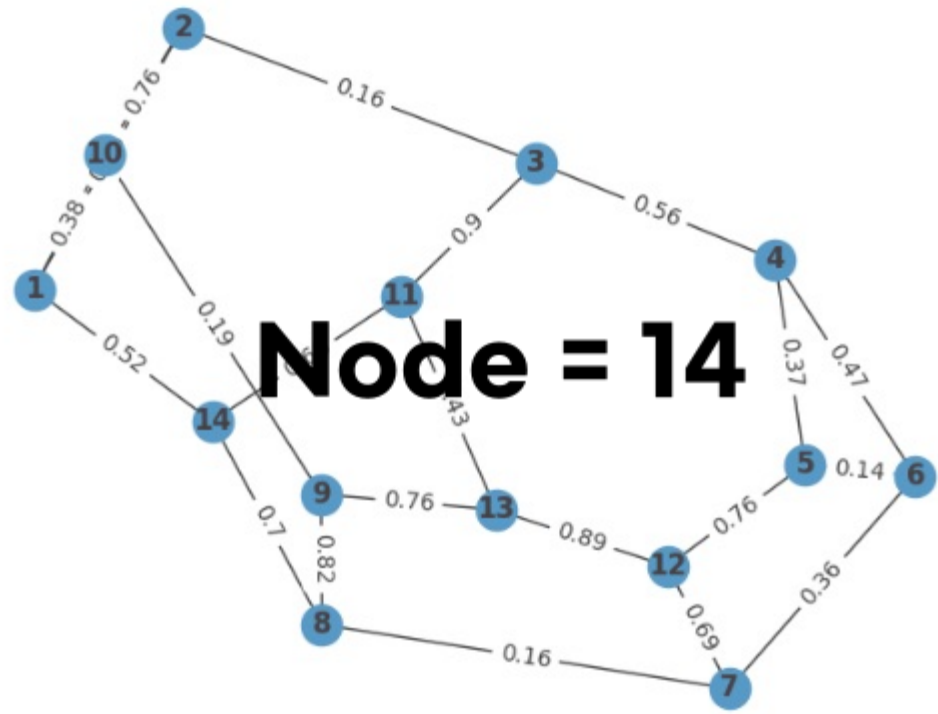
plt.title(f"{num_layers} layers")
plt.xlabel("bitstrings")
plt.ylabel("frequency")
plt.xticks(xticks, xtick_labels, rotation="vertical")
plt.hist(final_bitstring[1], bins=bins)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



w3r Graph

4.



QAOA

$p = 1$

QA

**QAOA
vs QA**

Result Fidelity

Sorry...

0.28

QA

Execution Time

36900 s

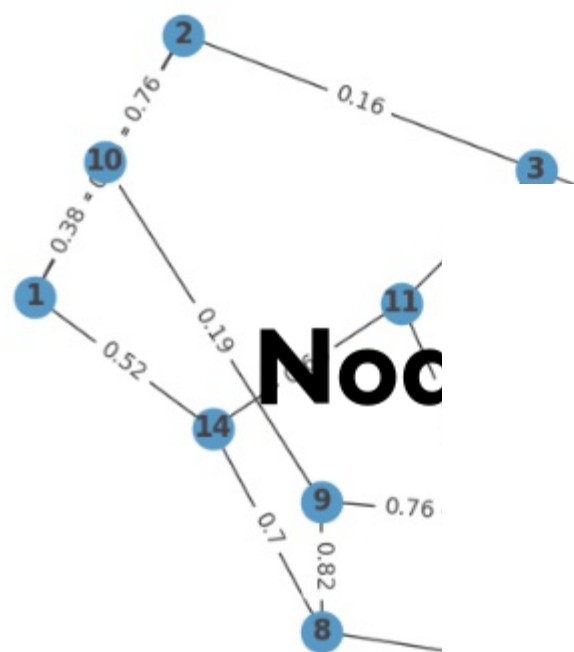
1.8 s

QA

Theoretical
Approximation Ratio

w3r Graph

4.



Result Fic

Exceution

Theoretic
Approximatic

$Sol1$ $|11011011001101\rangle$: 55/100

$So12$ $|00100100110010\rangle$: 56/100

둘 중 하나라도 나온 것 : 83/100

둘다 나온 것 : 28/100

QA

QAOA
vs QA

0.28

1.8 s

QA

QA

5. Analysis

Analysis

5.

Measuring Performance	u2r Graph	u3r Graph	w3r Graph	
Node	4	4	6	14
Result Fidelity	0.800 0.995	0.756	0.7311	Sorry..
	1	1	1	0.28
Execution Time	10s 180s	5s	30s	36900s
	1s 미만	1s 미만	1s 미만	1.8s

Analysis

5.

Measuring
Performance

u2r Graph

u3r Graph

w3r Graph

Node = 4

Node = 4

Node = 6

Node = 14

Result Fidelity

QA

QA

QA

QA

Execution Time

QA

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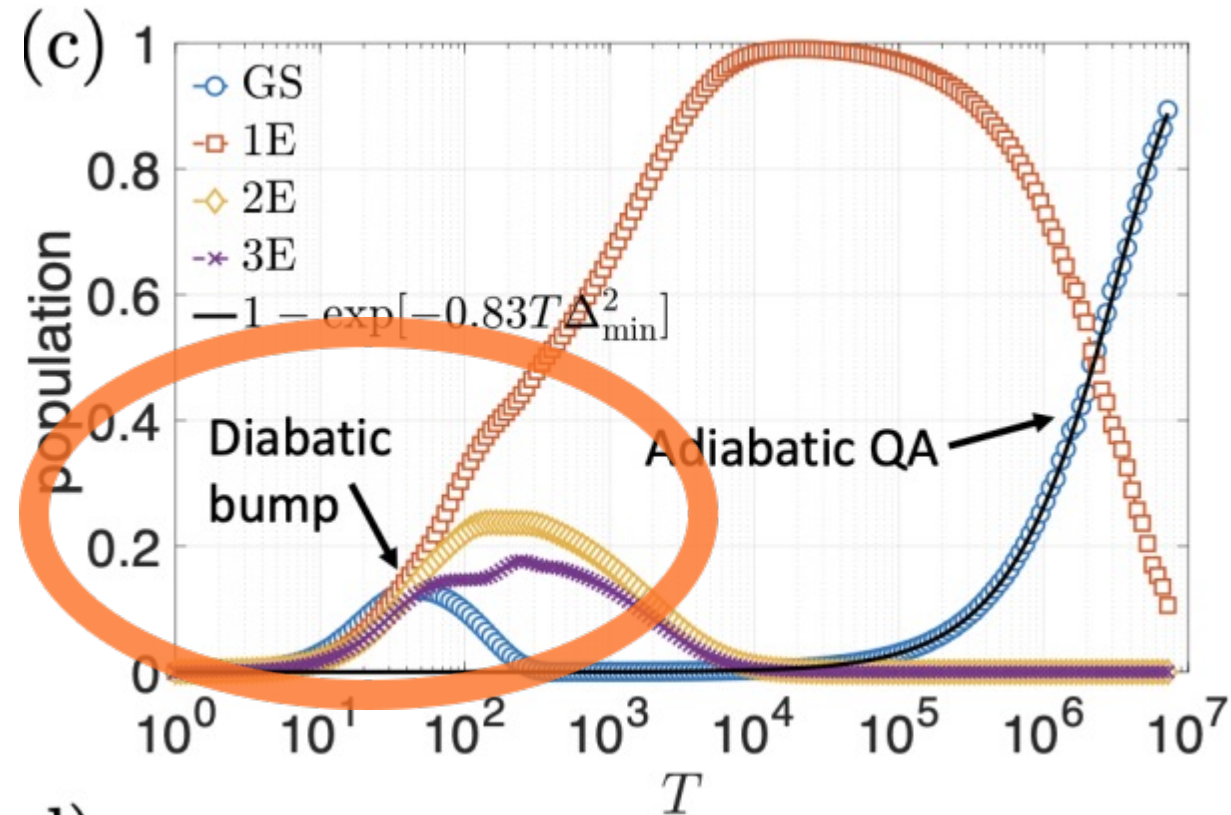
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minimum spectral gap $\Delta_{\min} < 10^{-3}$

$$T \gtrsim 1/\Delta_{\min}^2 \approx 10^6.$$

0.28 정도의 population을 보일 수 있었던 이유는
Diabatic bump 때문이라 생각됨



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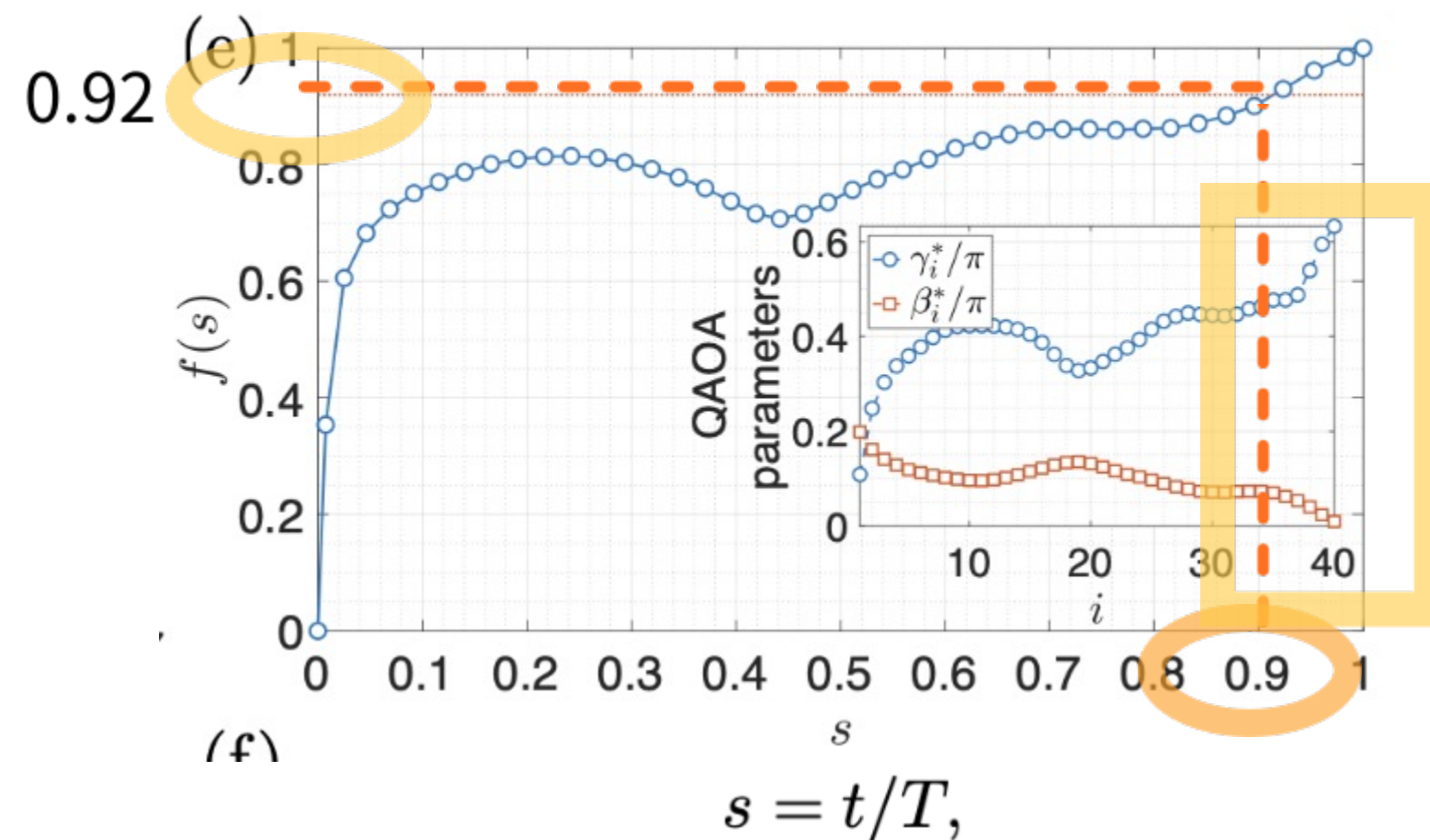
QA -Hard Instance

QAOA Annealing Path

$$H_{\text{QAOA}}(t) = -[f(t)H_C + (1 - f(t))H_B],$$

$$f \left(t_i = \sum_{j=1}^i (|\gamma_j^*| + |\beta_j^*|) - \frac{1}{2} (|\gamma_i^*| + |\beta_i^*|) \right) = \frac{\gamma_i^*}{|\gamma_i^*| + |\beta_i^*|}$$

circuit depth = 40 일 때 $f(s) = 0.92$
-> 거의 Cost Hamiltonian만 살아남음



Conclusions

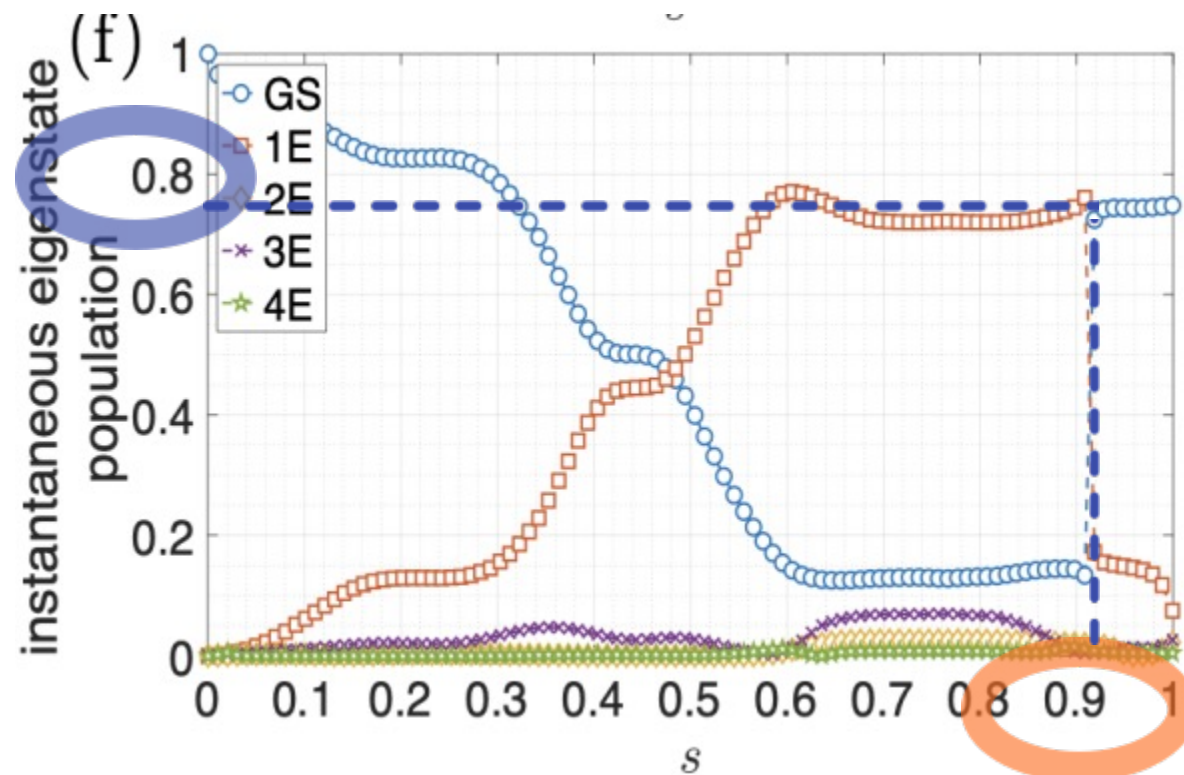
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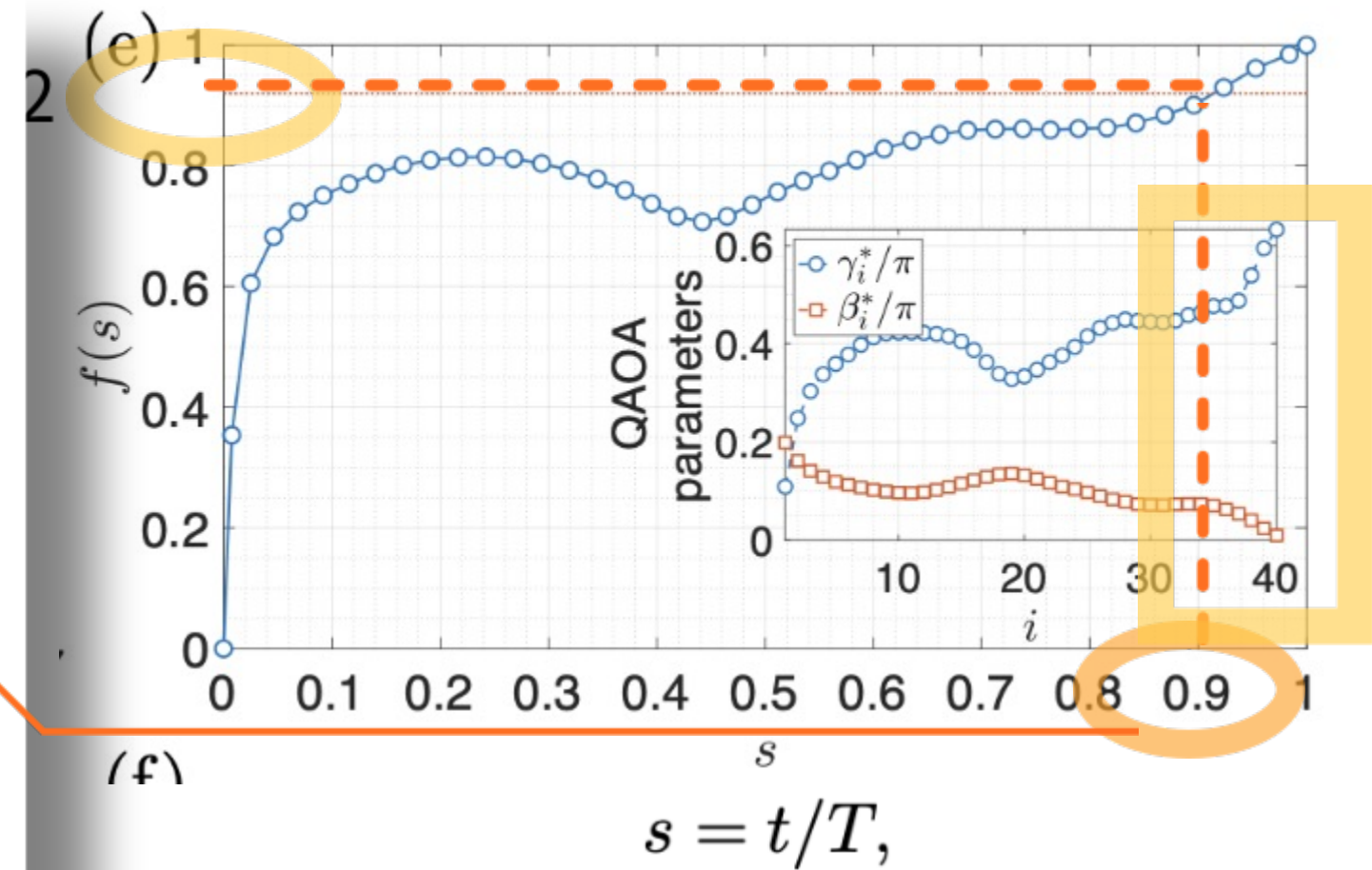
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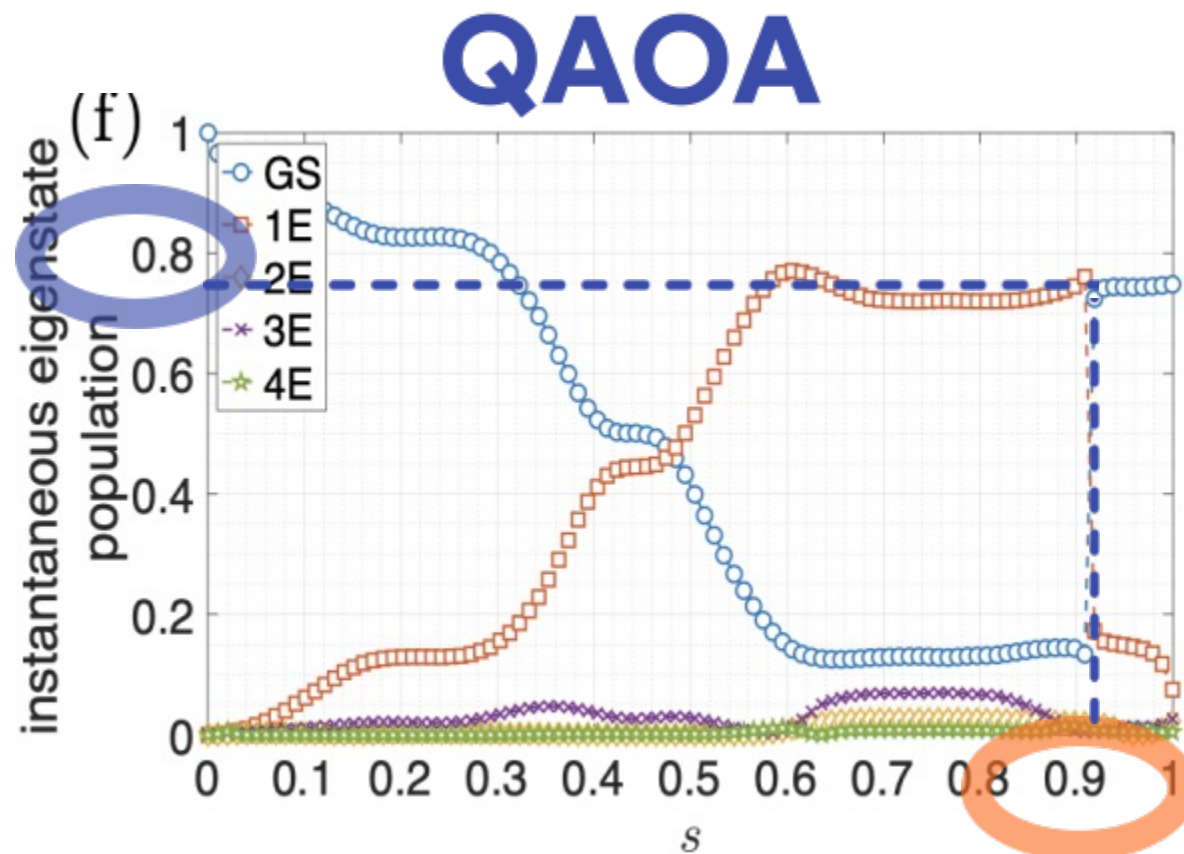




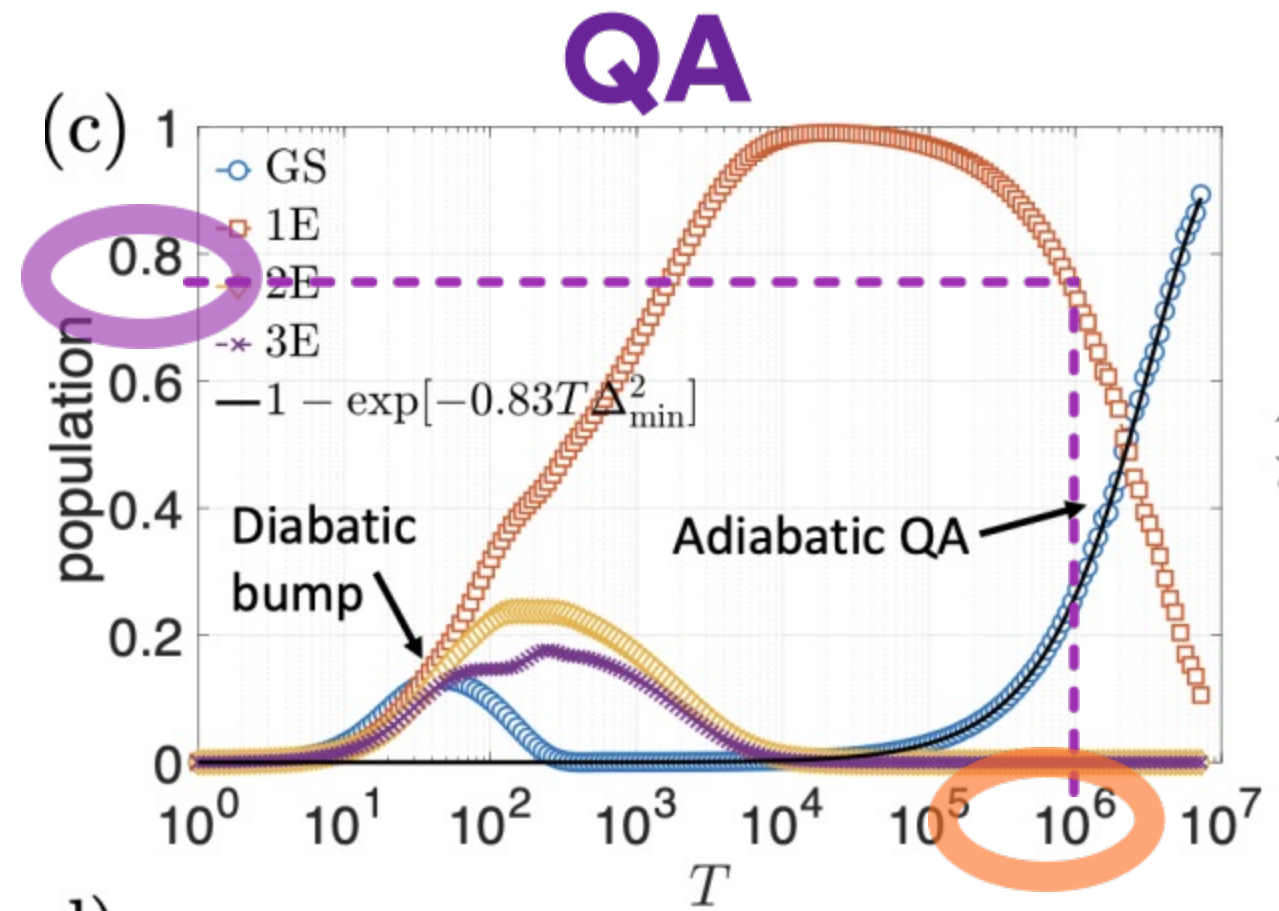
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QA가 같은 정도의 population를 가지려면
Annealing time = 10^6 microsec = 1s

Further Research..

6.

QAOA

Circuit Depth = 40 인 연산을
1초 안에 구현할 것이냐

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1초동안 Adiabatic Process를
유지할 수 있느냐

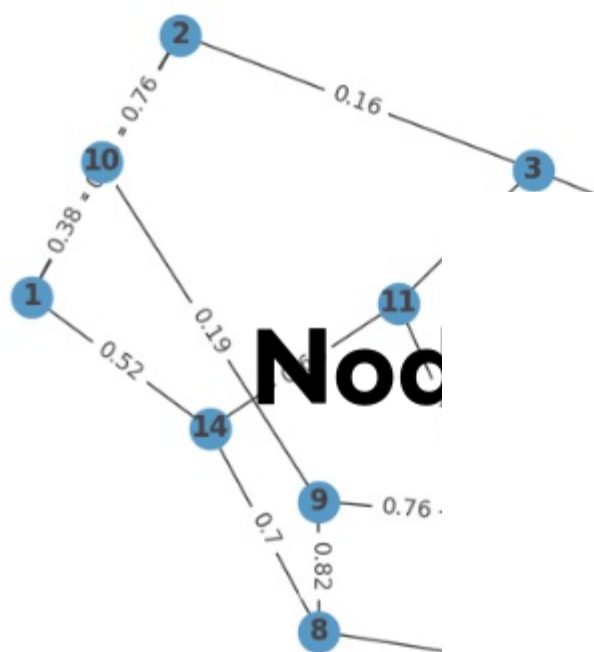
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w3r Graph

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Result Fic

Exceution

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Approximatio

$Sol1$ $|11011011001101\rangle : 55/100$

$So12$ $|00100100110010\rangle : 56/100$

둘 중 하나라도 나온 것 : 83/100

둘다 나온 것 : 28/100

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vs QA

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