

Introduction to Quantum Computing

Day 4 – QC with Neutral Atoms and NISQ devices

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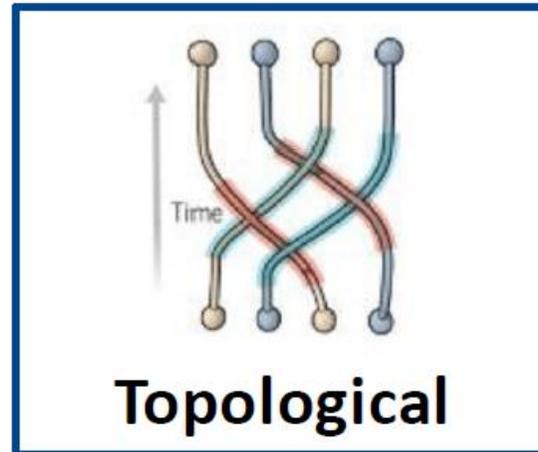
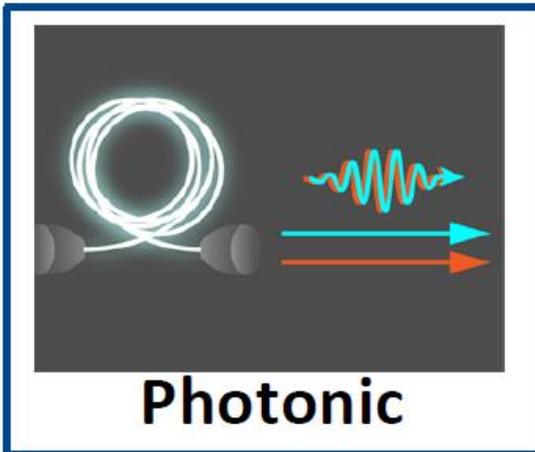
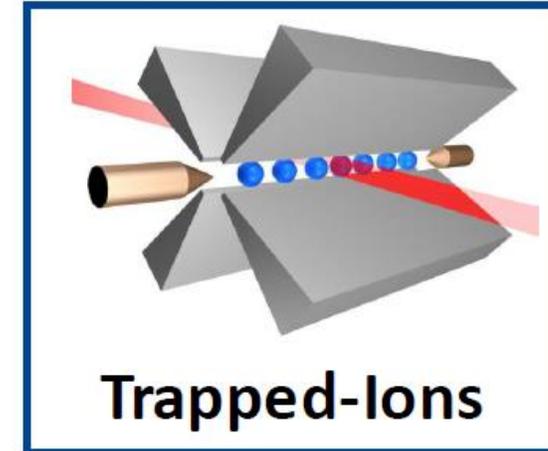
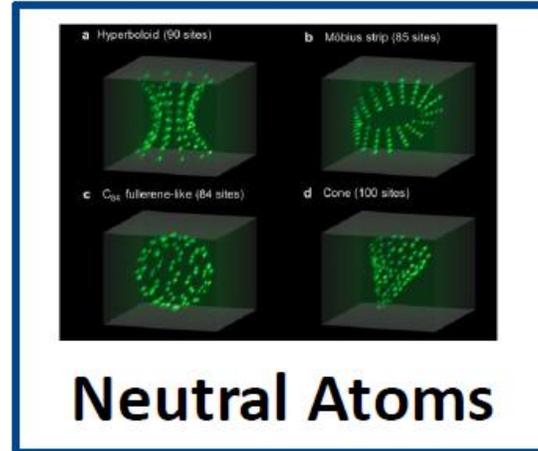
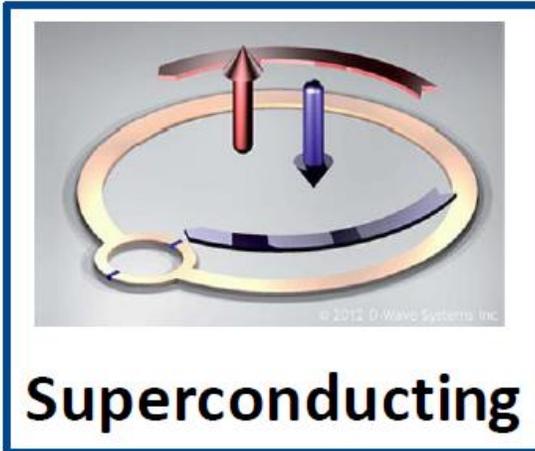
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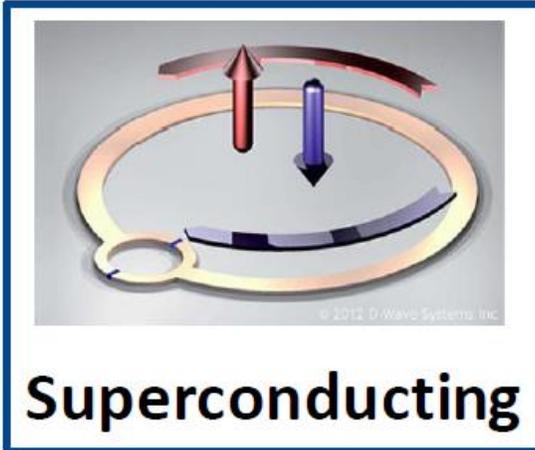
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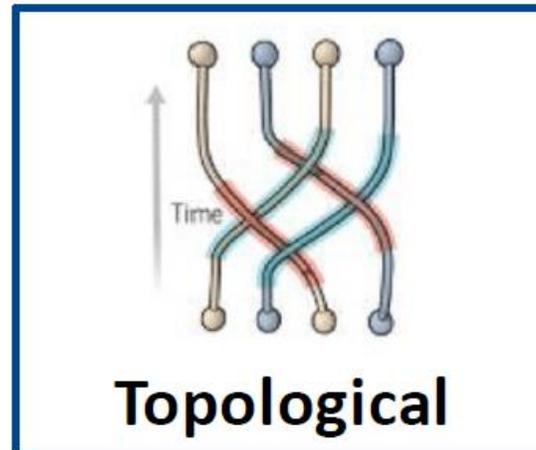
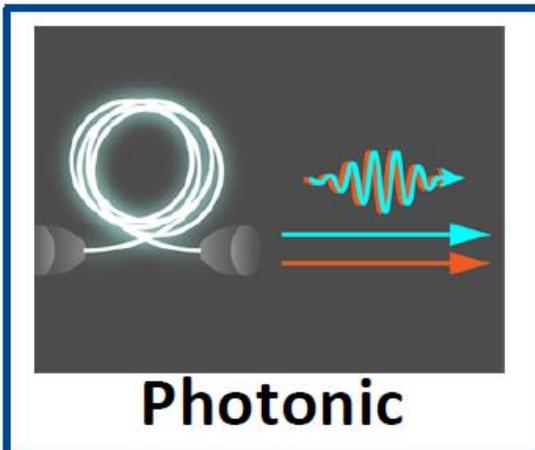
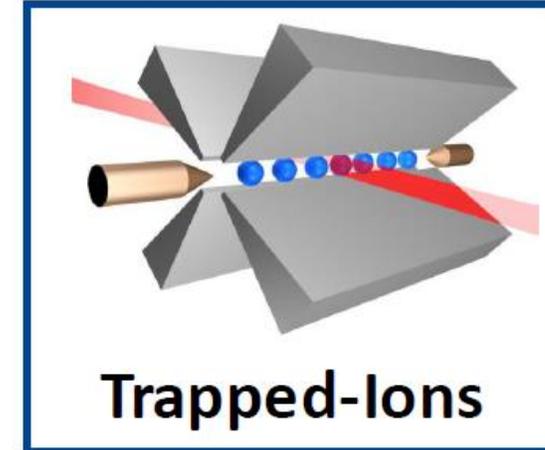
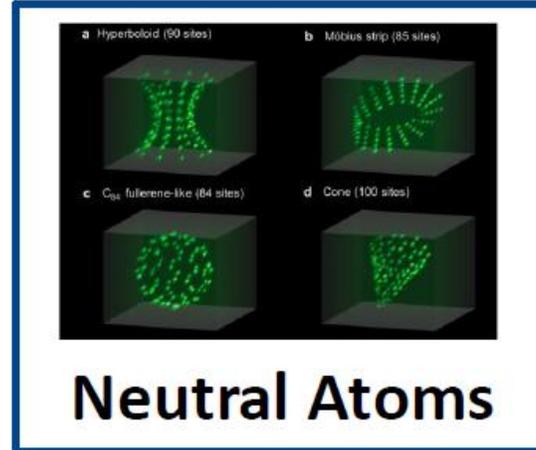
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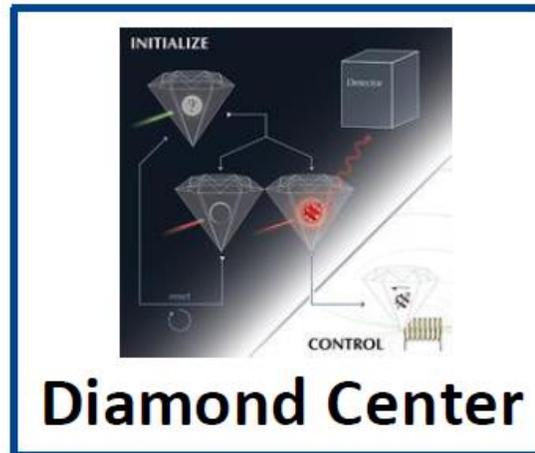
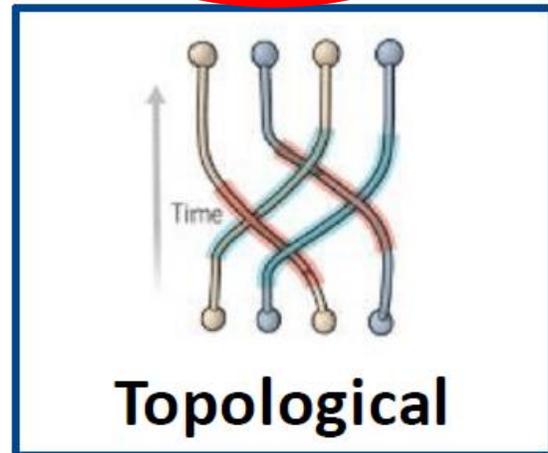
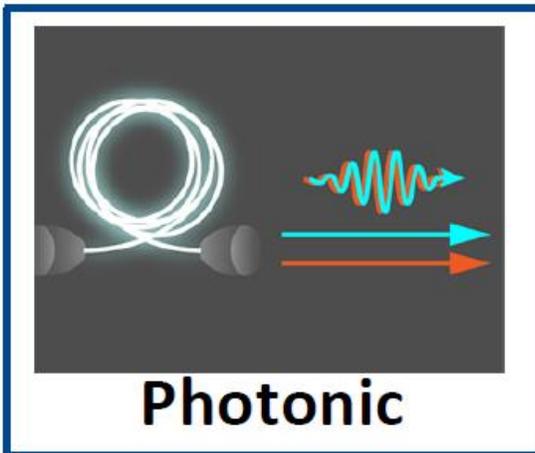
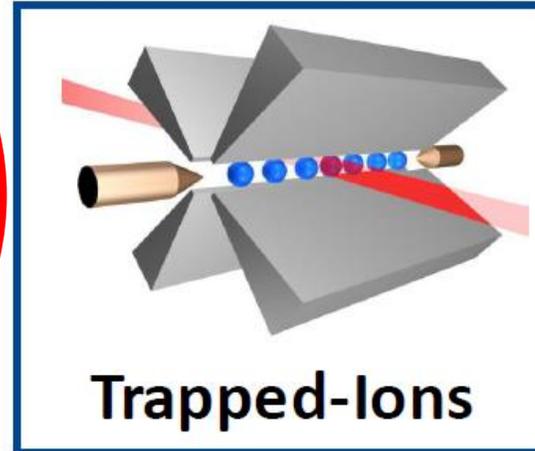
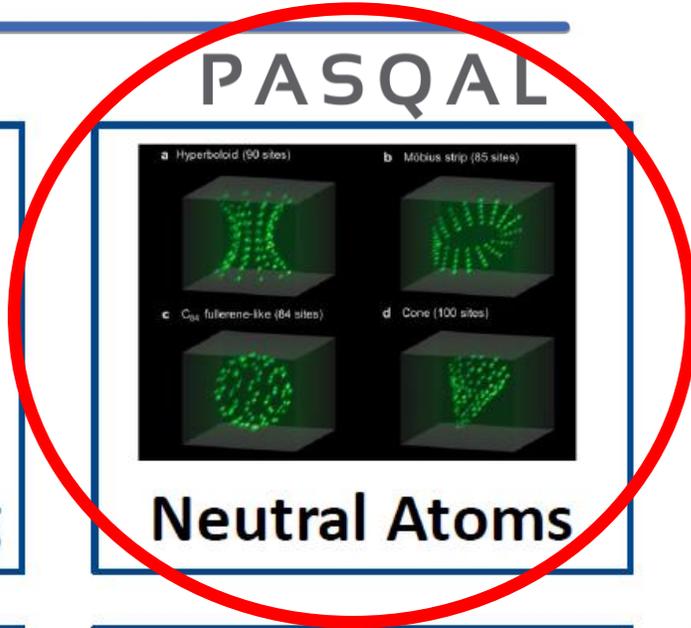
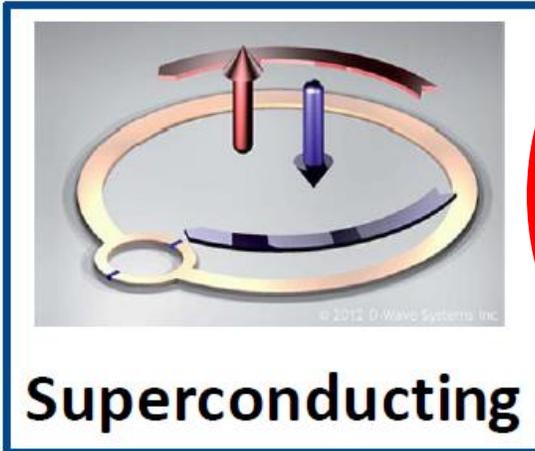
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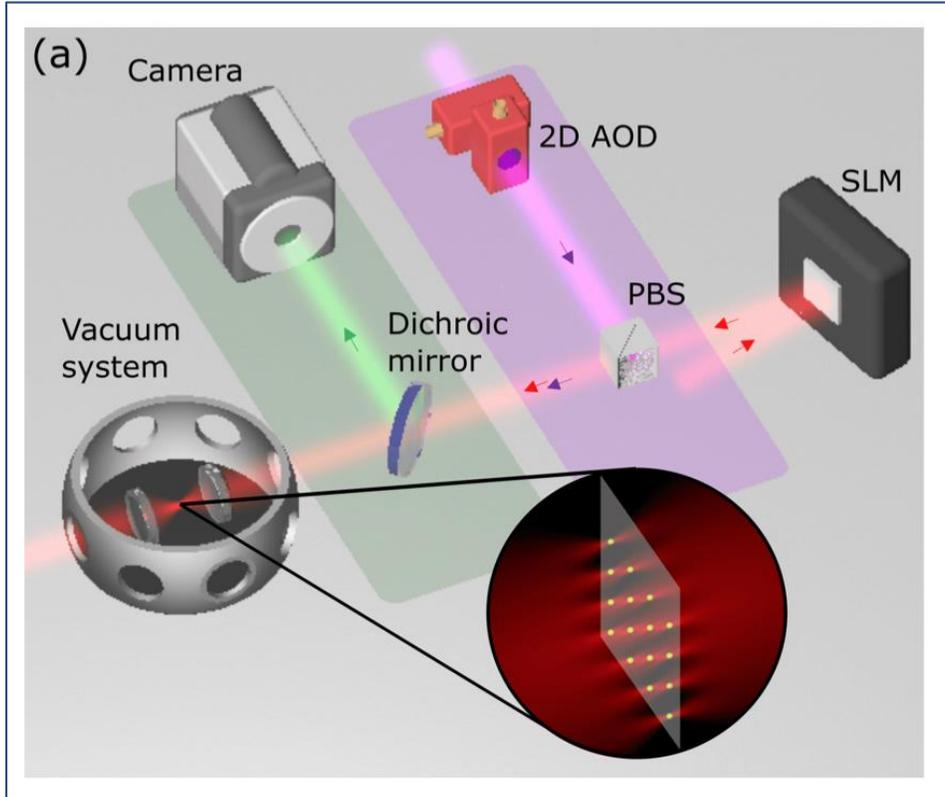
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- The **project** will last 4 years, during which it will be created the **conditions** to **integrate quantum simulators with the European HPC network**.
- The **aim** is to create an **integrated ecosystem**.
- **PASQAL** announced that it already has a **quantum simulator prototype with 100 qubits** (scalable up to 1000).

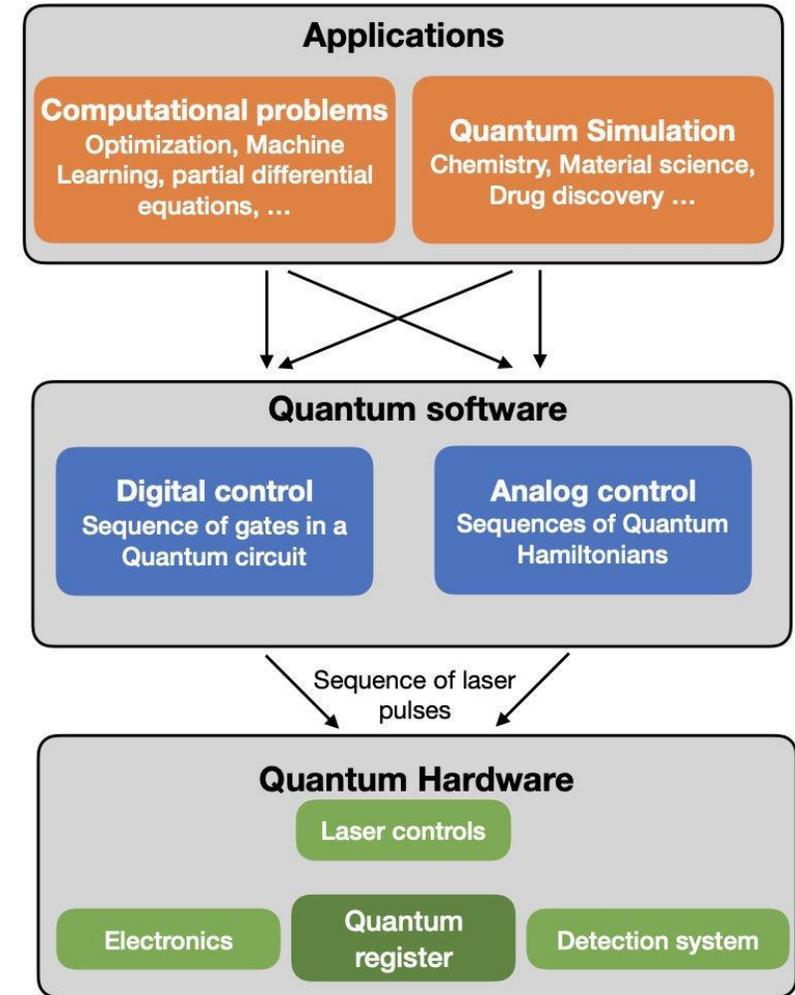
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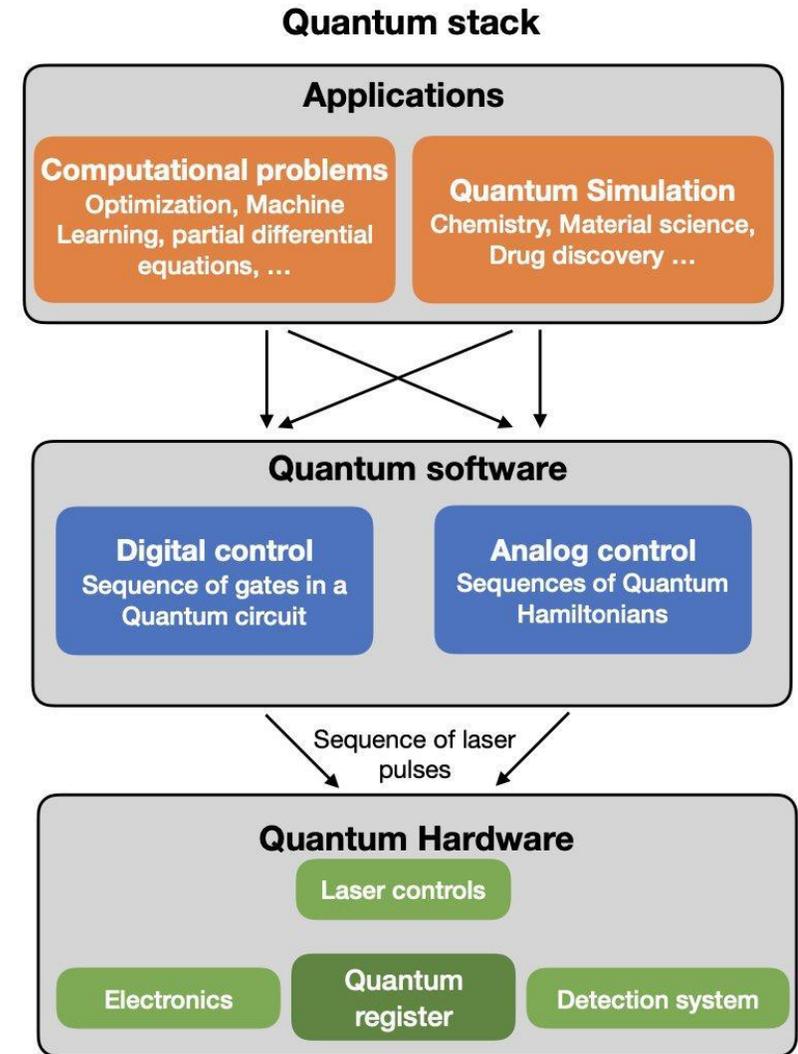
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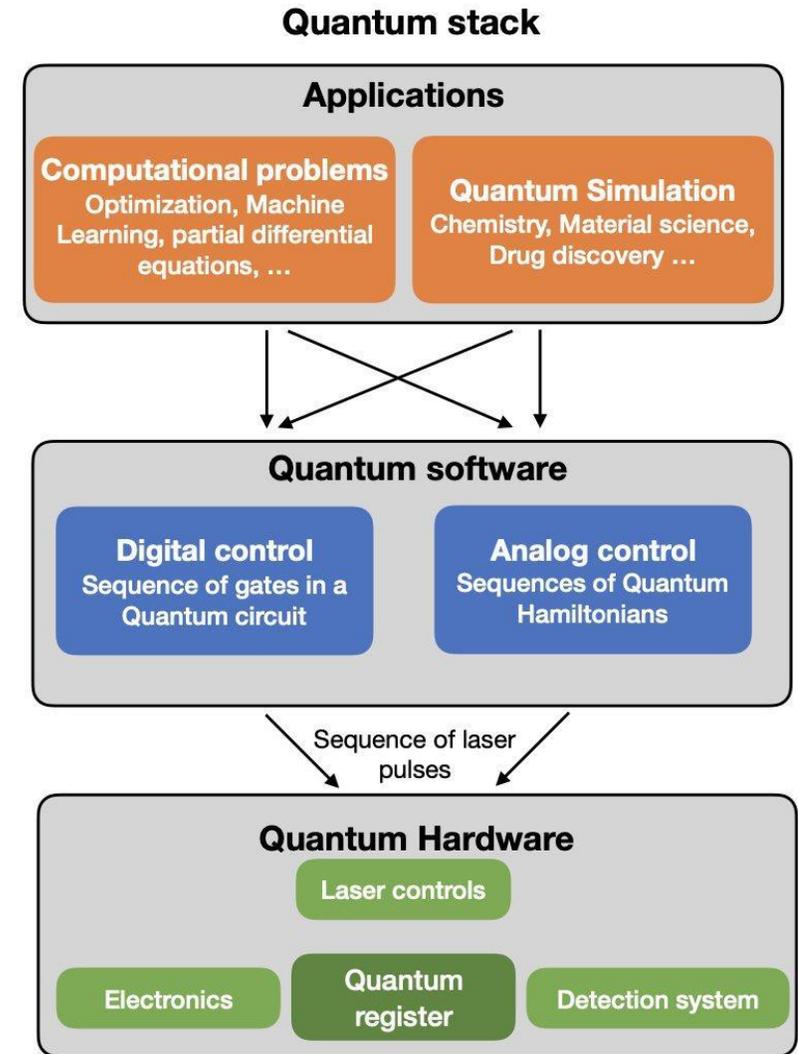


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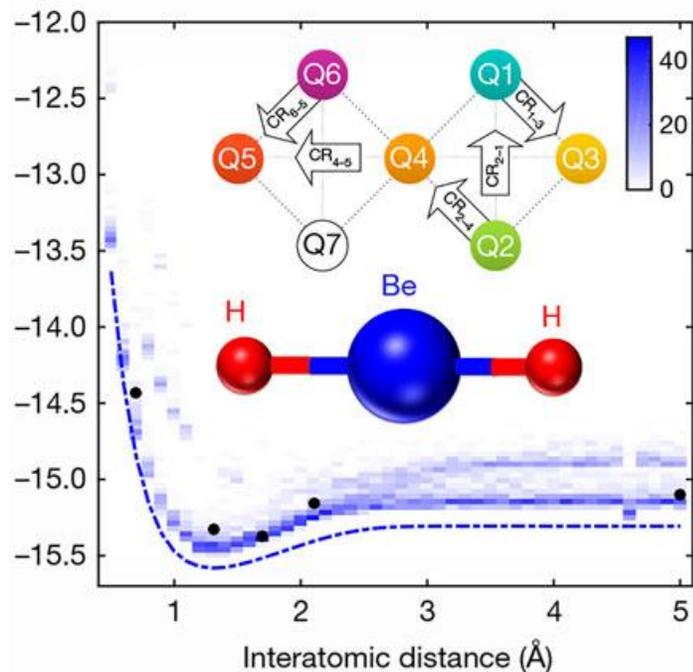
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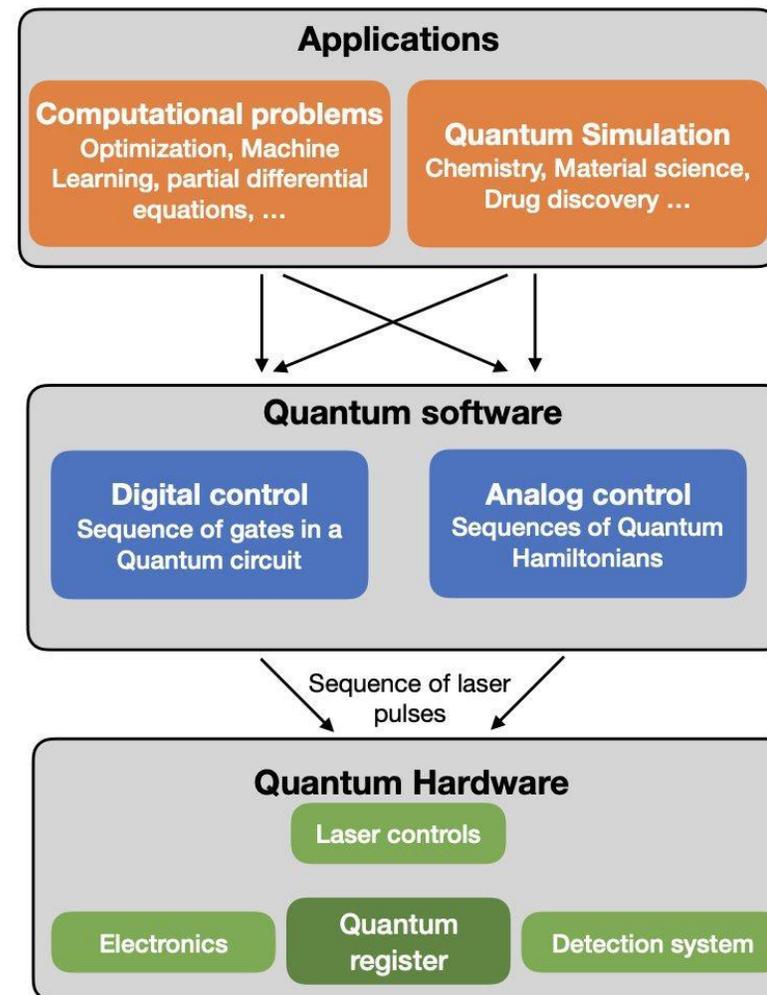
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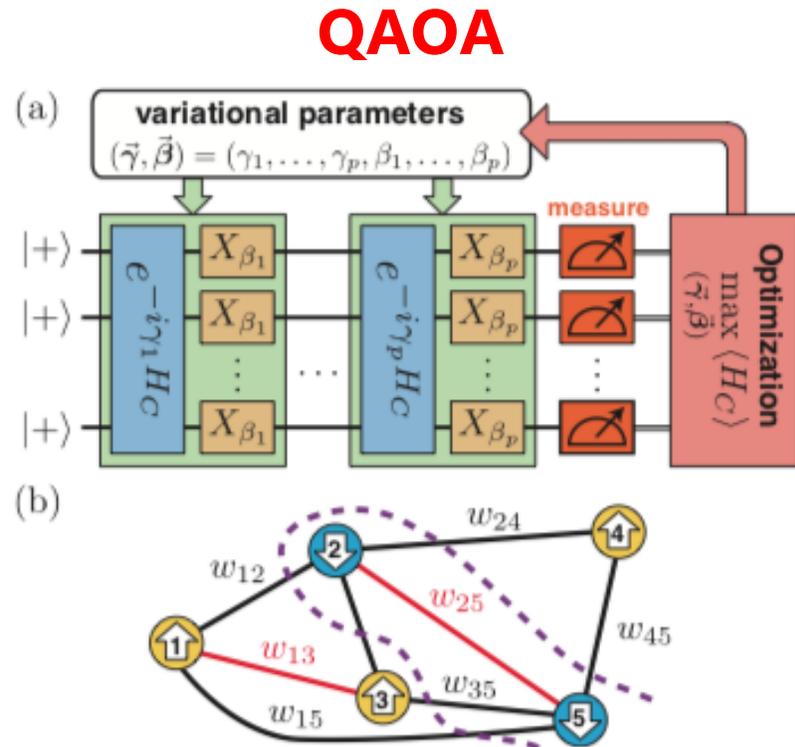


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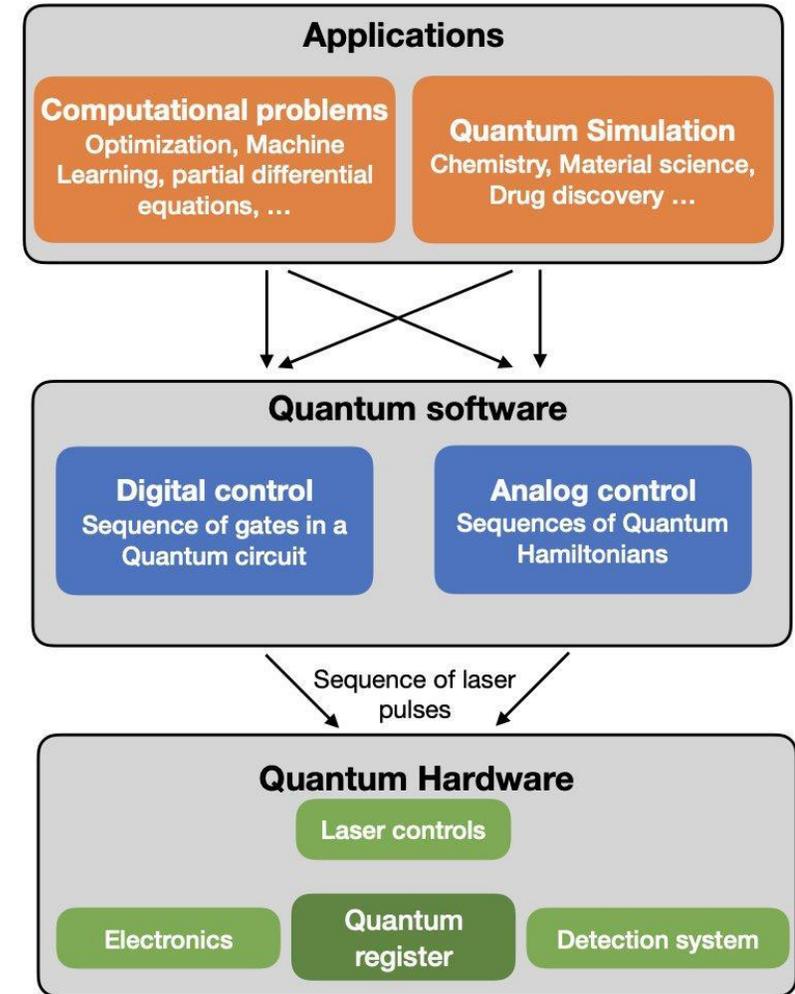


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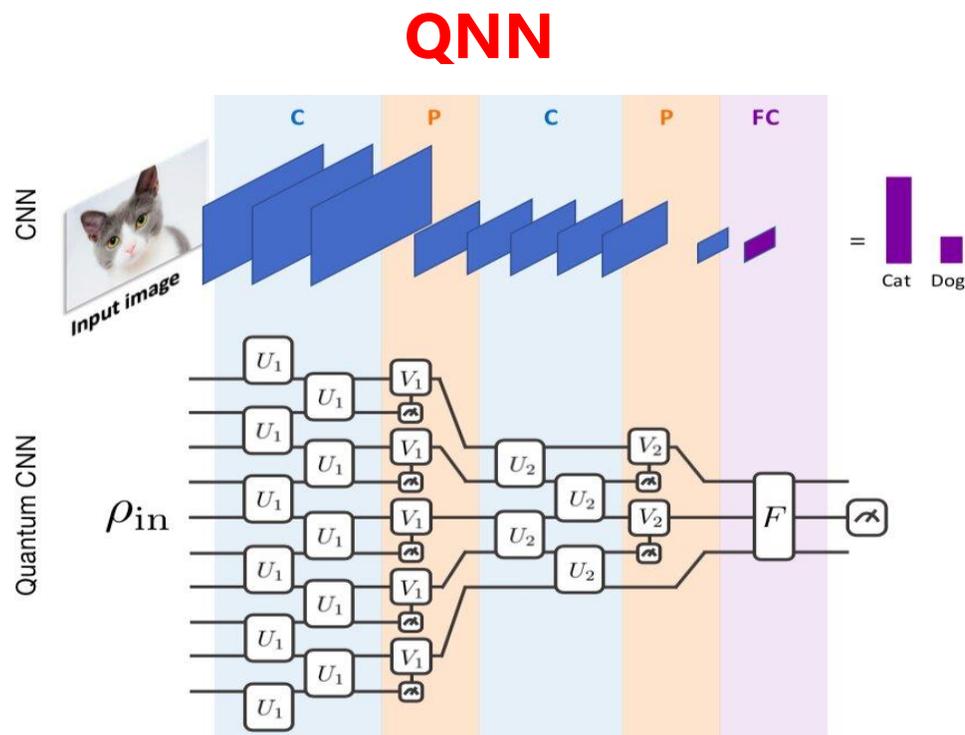


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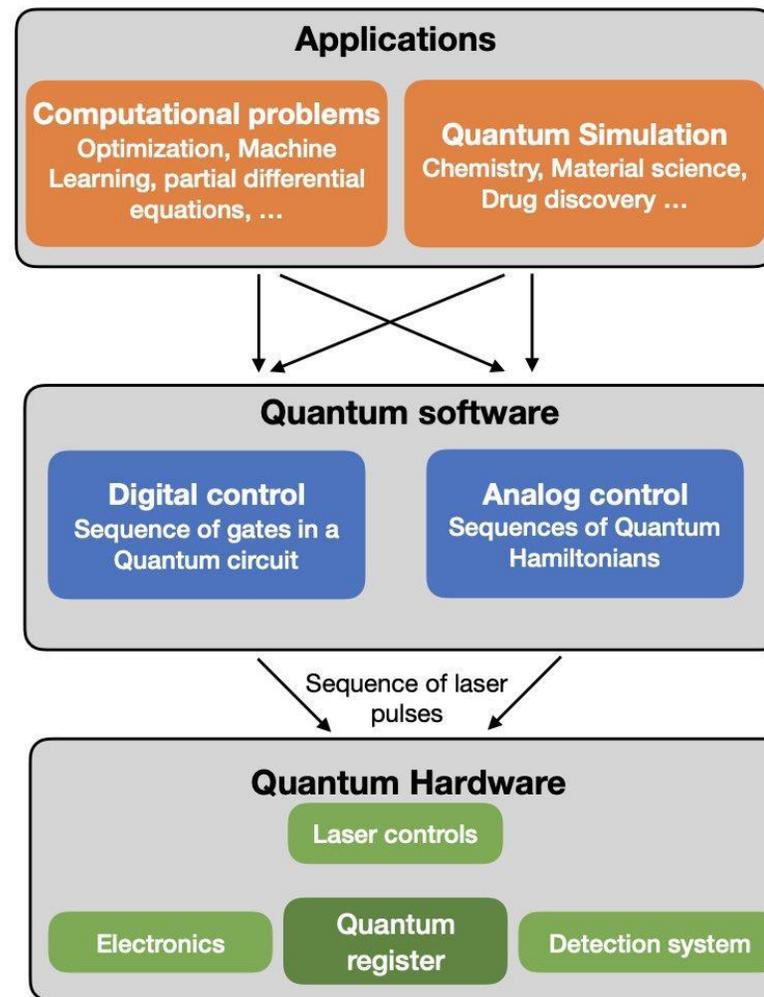


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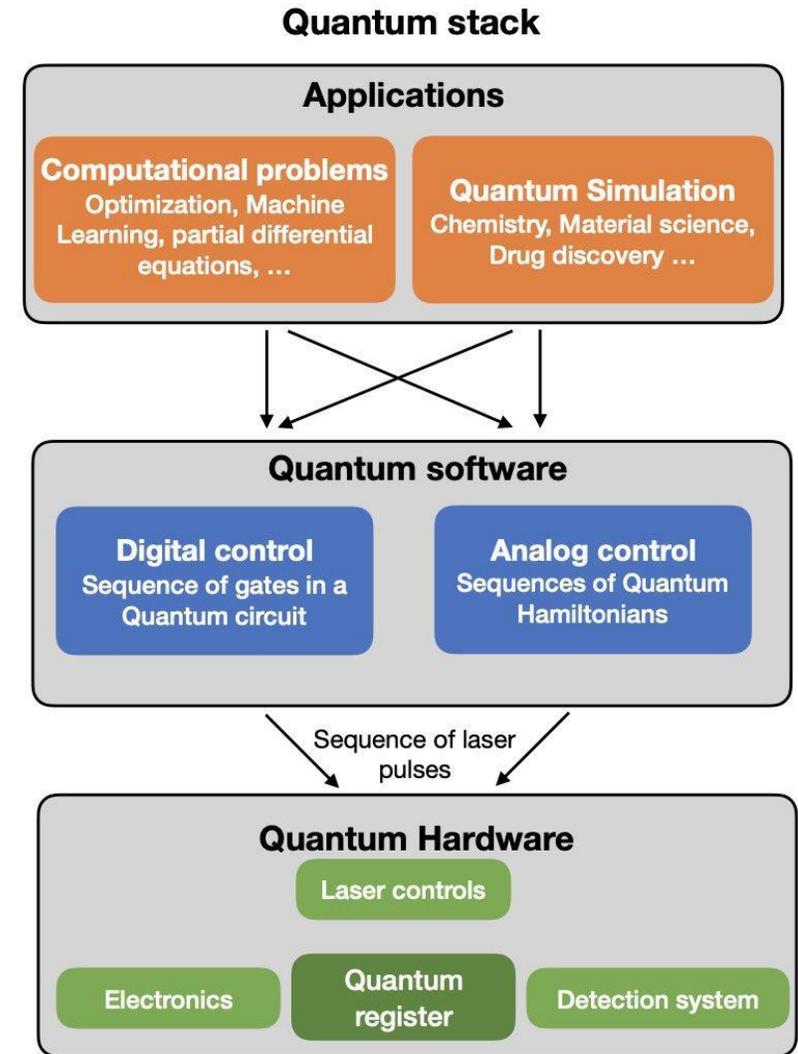
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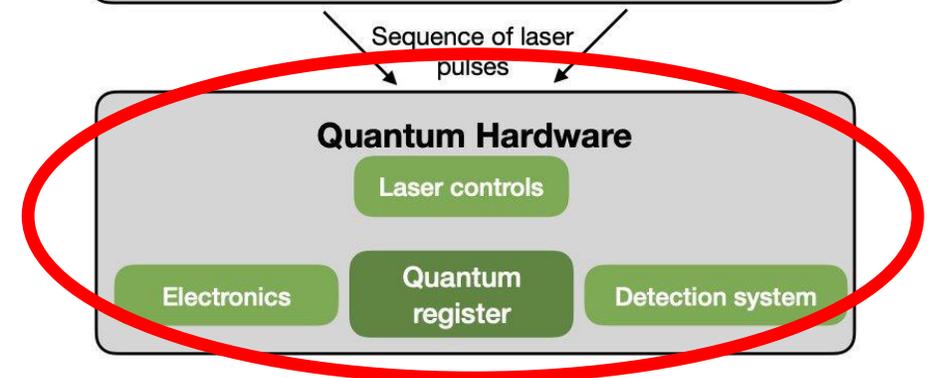
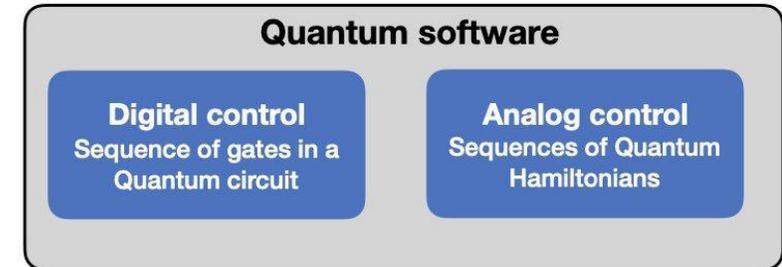
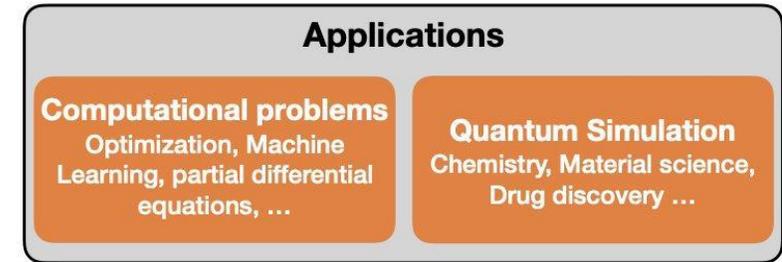
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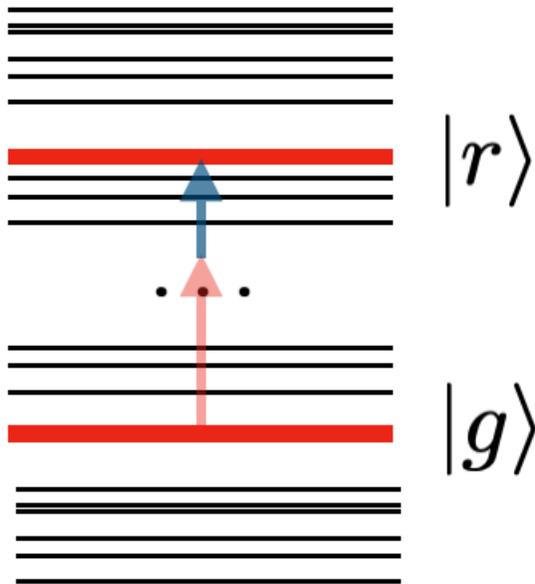
Pasqal employs Rubidium Atoms for its Neutral Atoms Quantum Computer



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	Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
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State of a Qubit

$$\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$$

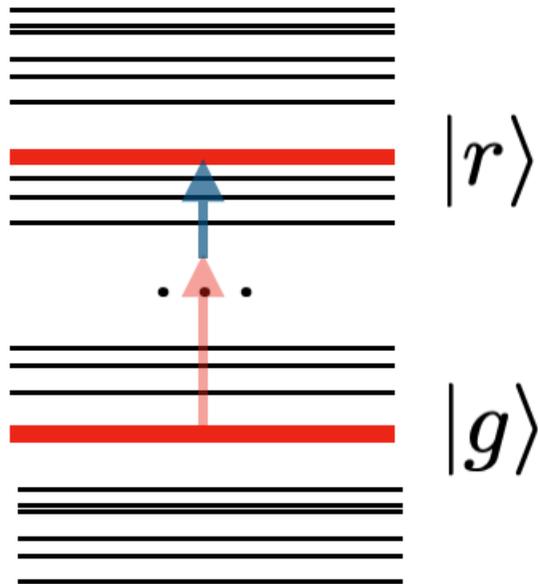
**encoded in two electronic levels of the
Rubidium Atom**

$$\{|g\rangle, |r\rangle\}$$

Since the **atoms** are **indistinguishable**, even the **qubits** are **strictly identical**.
This is a **great advantage** for obtaining **low error levels** when calculating.

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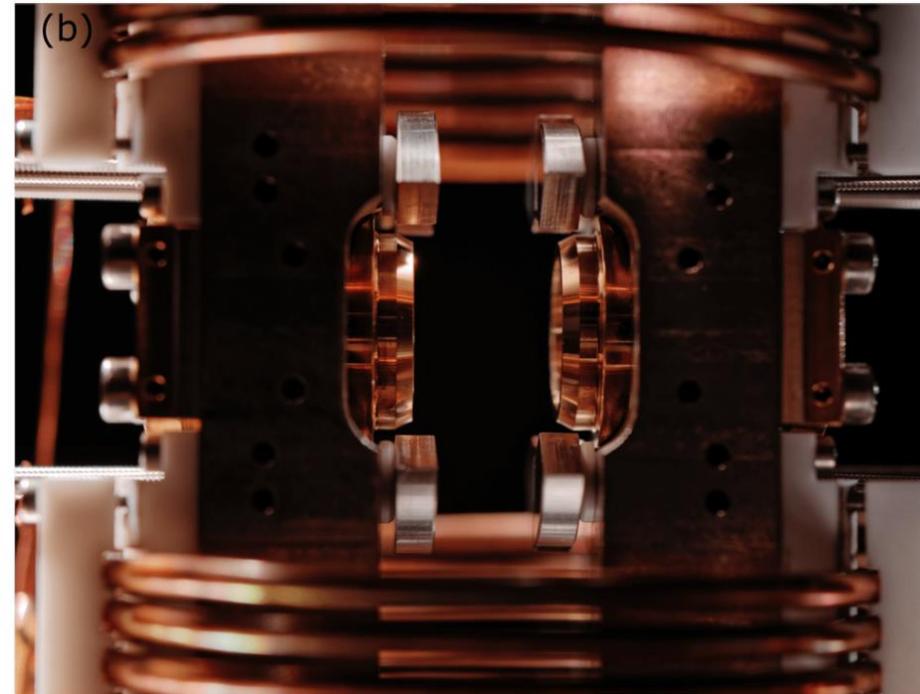
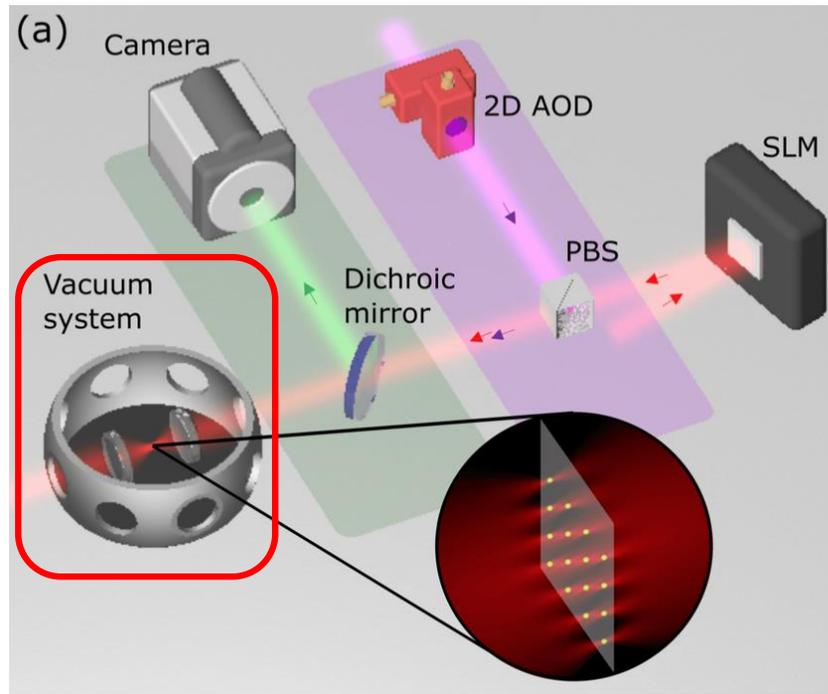


$\{|g\rangle, |r\rangle\}$ are ground and «Rydberg» states characterized by:

- **Long decay time:** if excited to the state $|r\rangle$, the atom tends to stay in that state and does not decays immediately in ground state $|g\rangle$
- **Strong interaction between atoms**

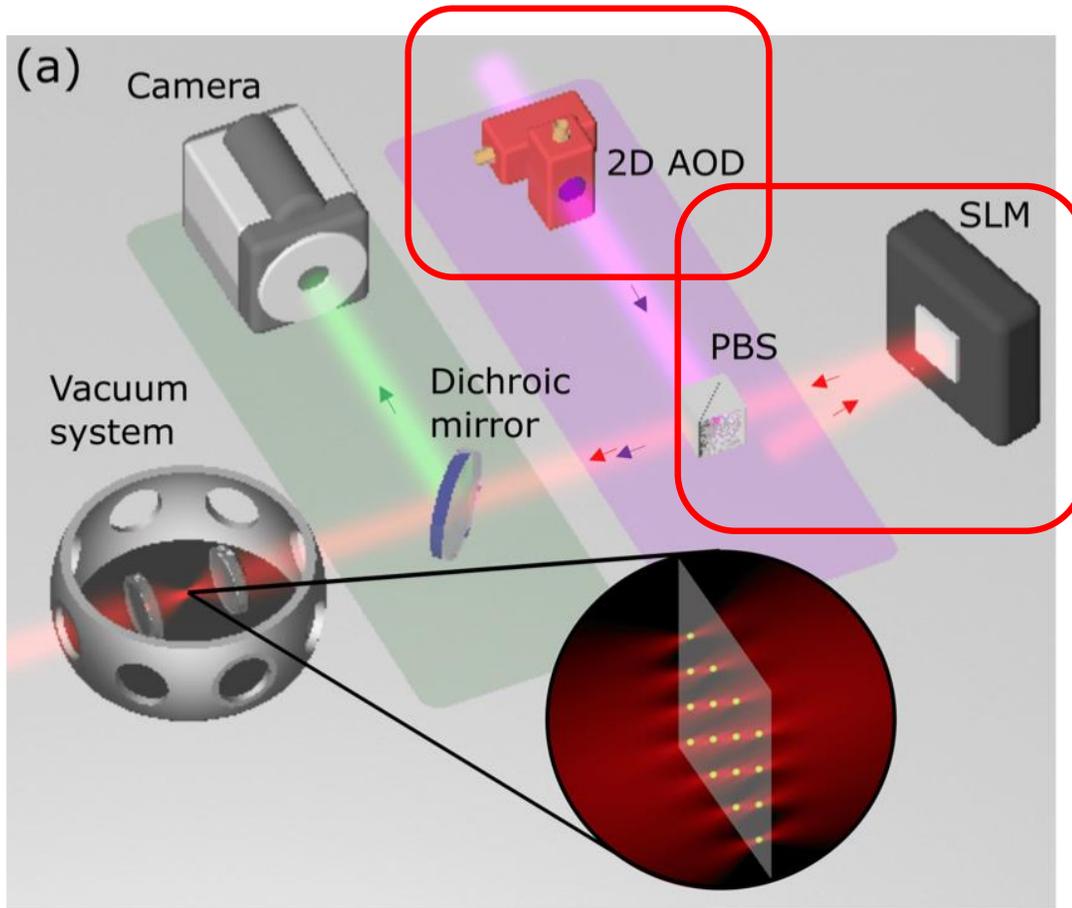
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The atomic vapor is introduced into an ultra-high vacuum system operating at room temperature

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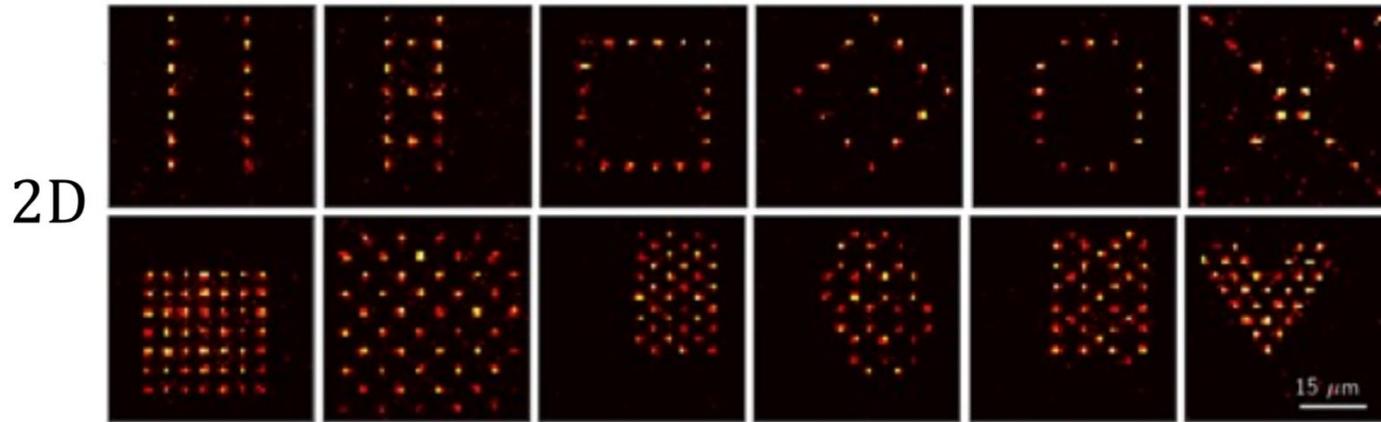


Rubidium atoms are trapped and held by laser beams, in particular:

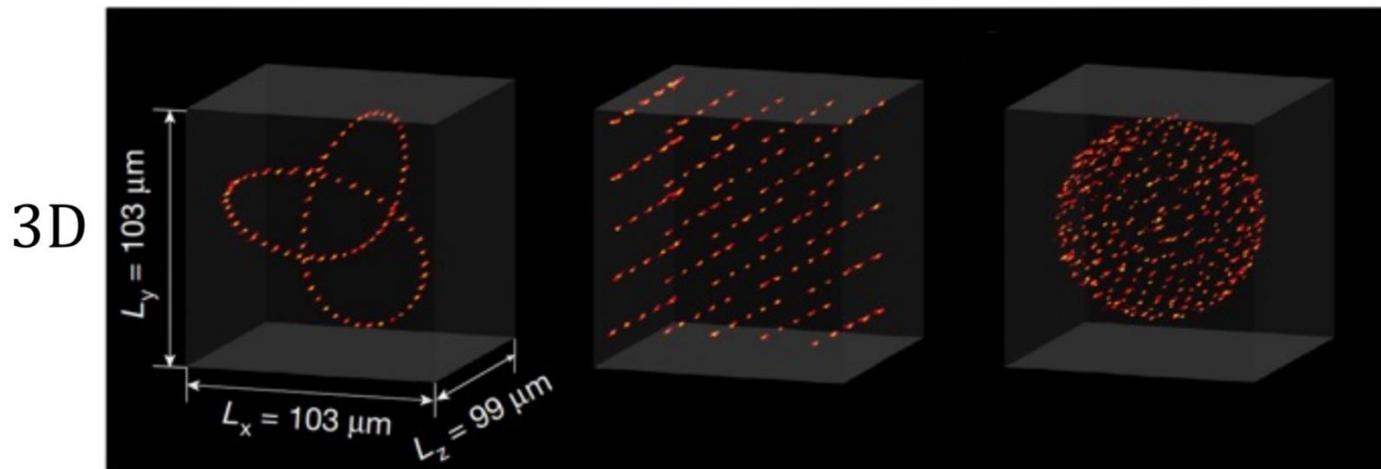
- **Optical Tweezers (purple beam)** controlled by 2D acousto-optic laser deflector (AOD)
- **Laser (red beam)** reflected by spatial light modulator (SLM) which gives the correct phase

Every Tweezers traps a single atom

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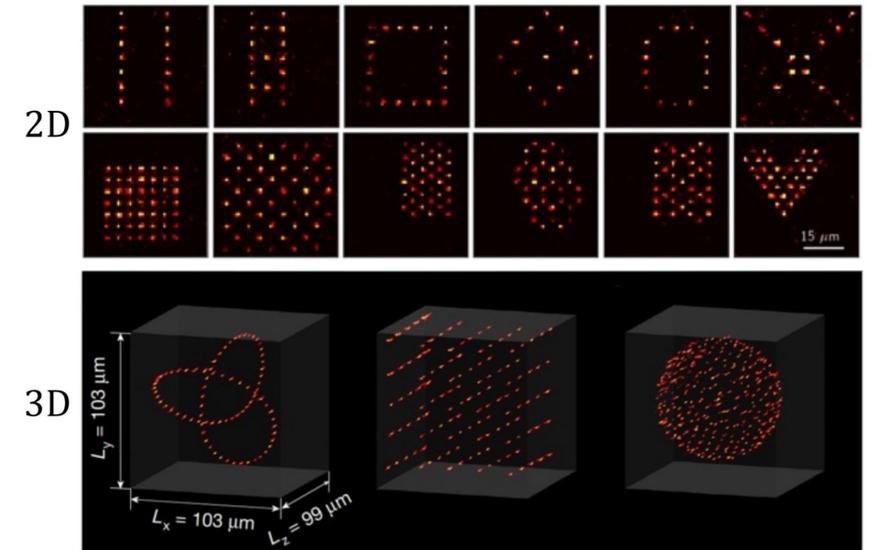
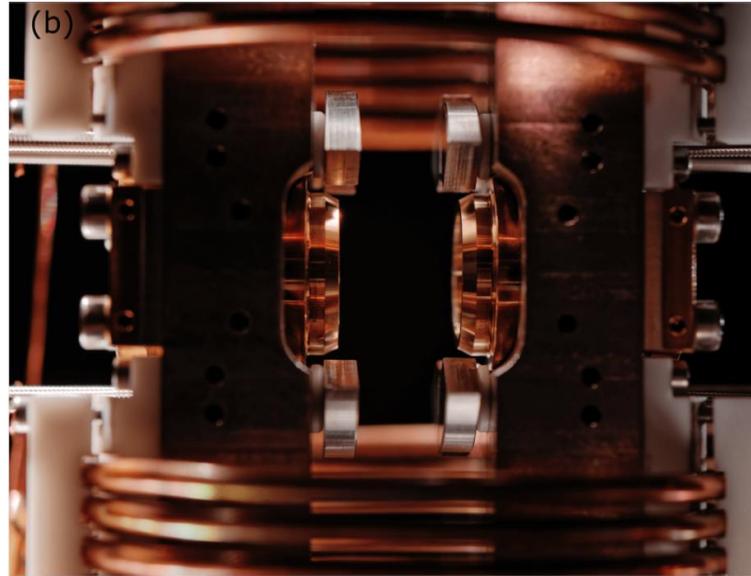
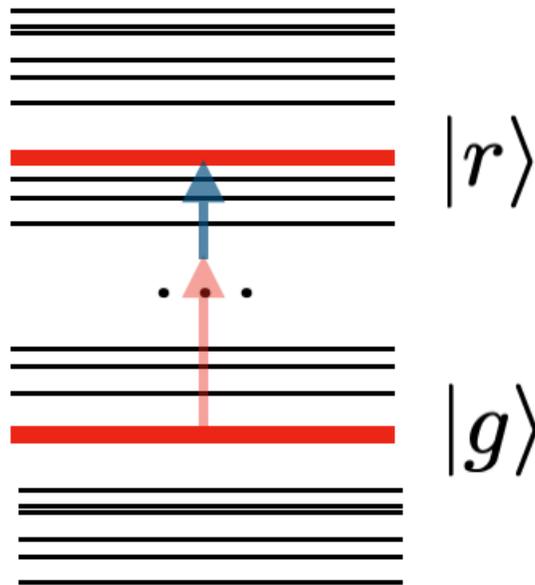
By moving the **optical tweezers** it is possible to arrange the **topology** of the Rubidium atoms and therefore of the qubits



Depending on the application, it is useful to vary the Topology which can be 1D, 2D or even 3D

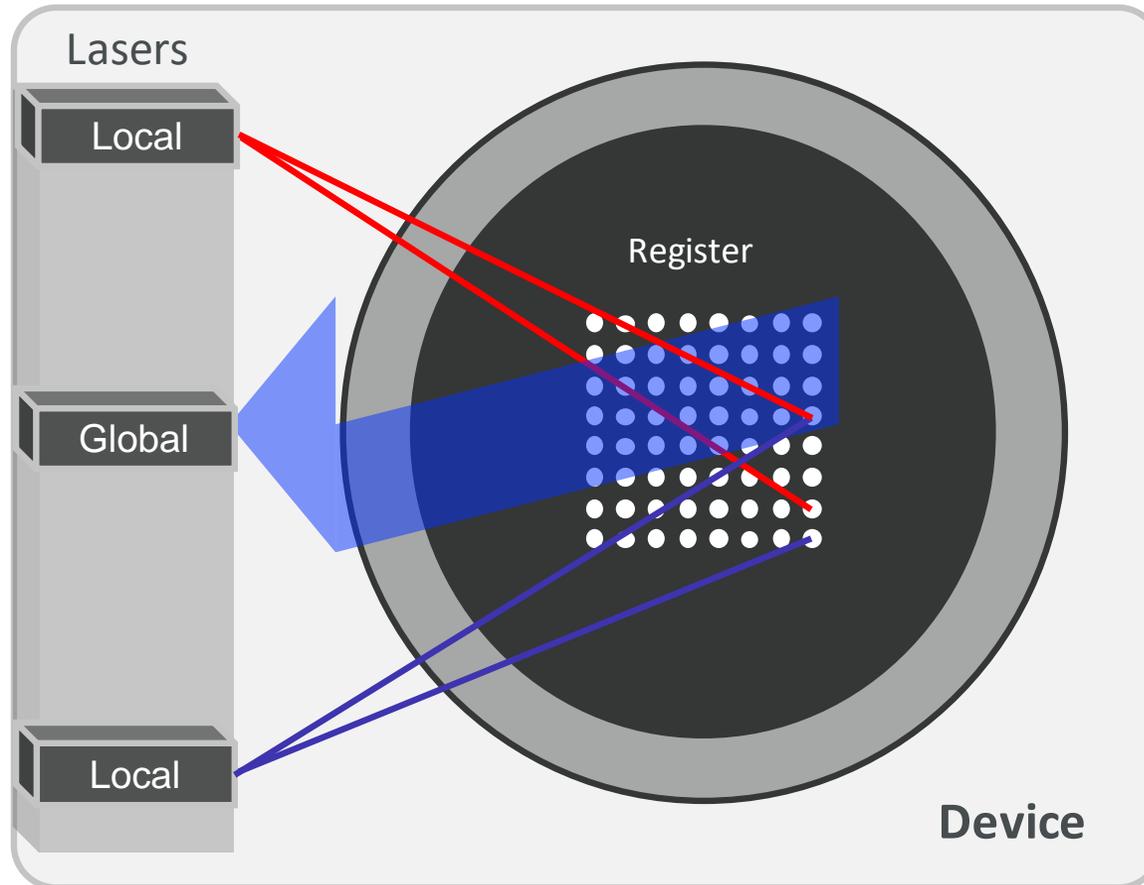
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How does quantum computation happen?

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Local and global laser beams control the state of qubit registers and allow to:

- **Act on single qubit**

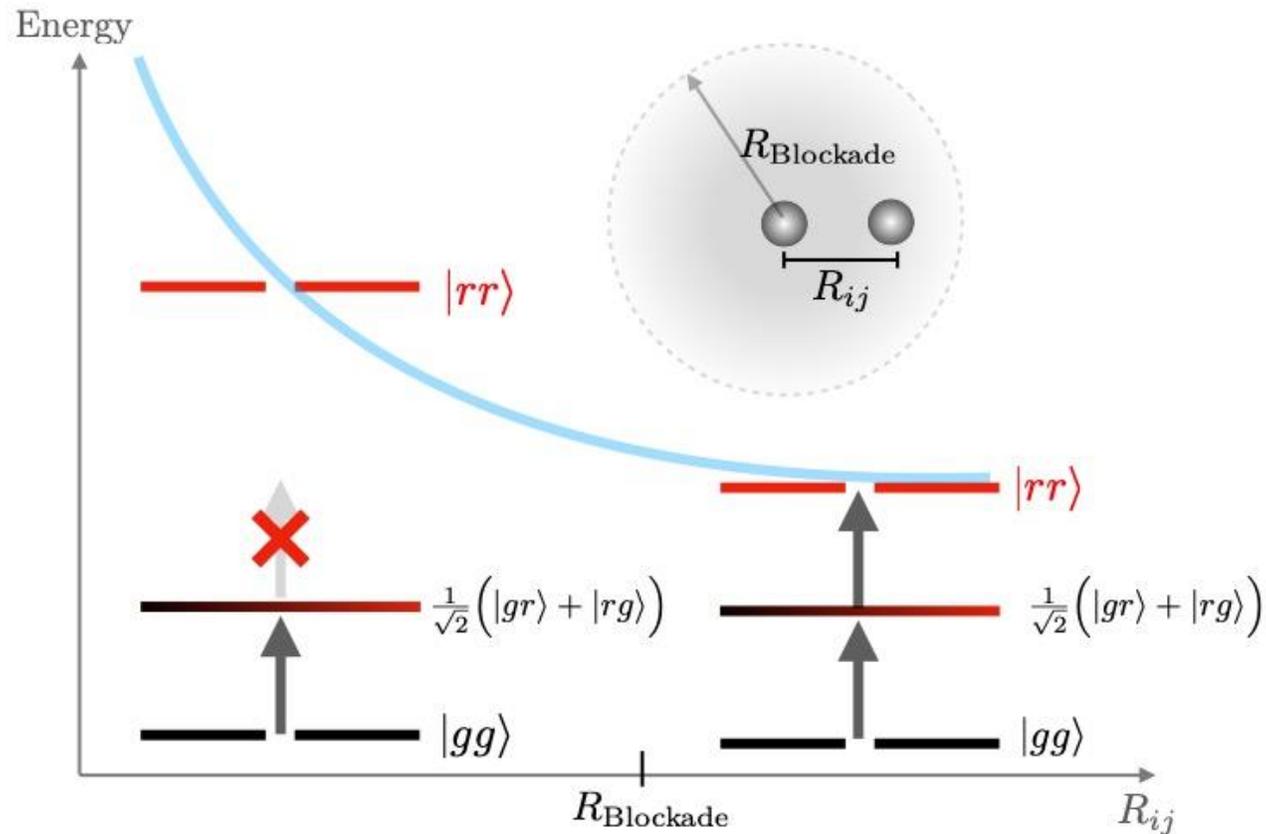
e.g. $|g\rangle \rightarrow |r\rangle$

- **Make qubit interact**

e.g. $|gg\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|gr\rangle + |rg\rangle)$

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Rydberg Blockade: principle used to create entangled states



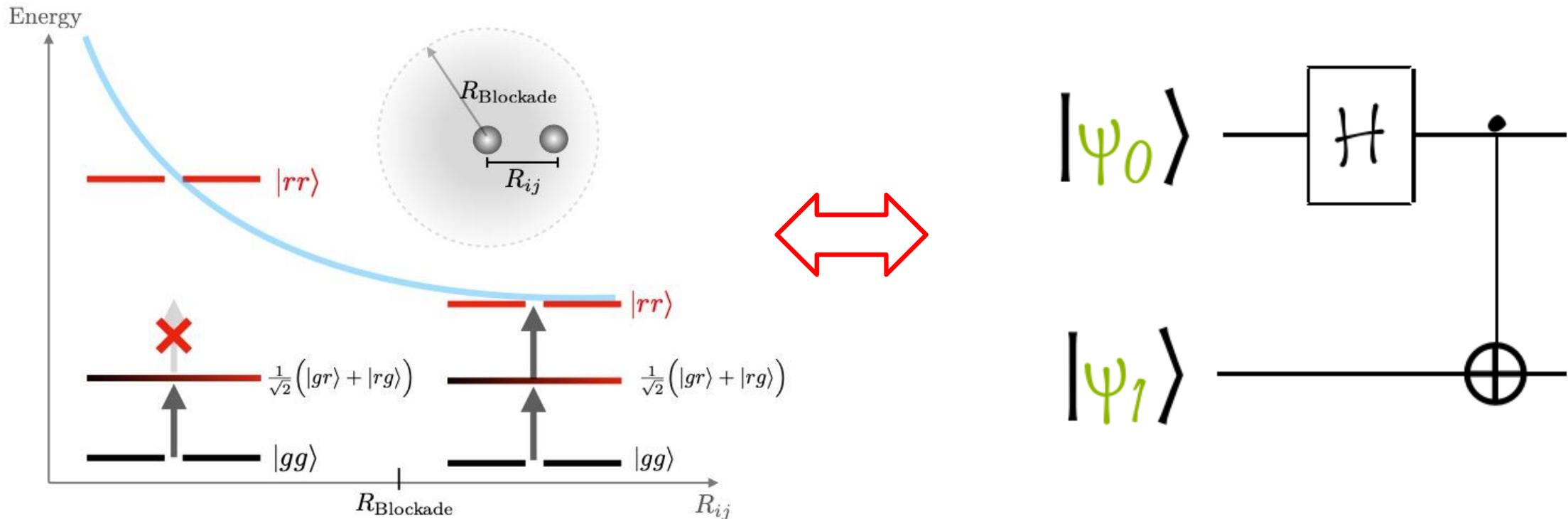
Qubits that are **within range** of the Rydberg blockade **interact** with each other.

The interaction within this radius is strong enough to make the **state $|rr\rangle$ inaccessible**

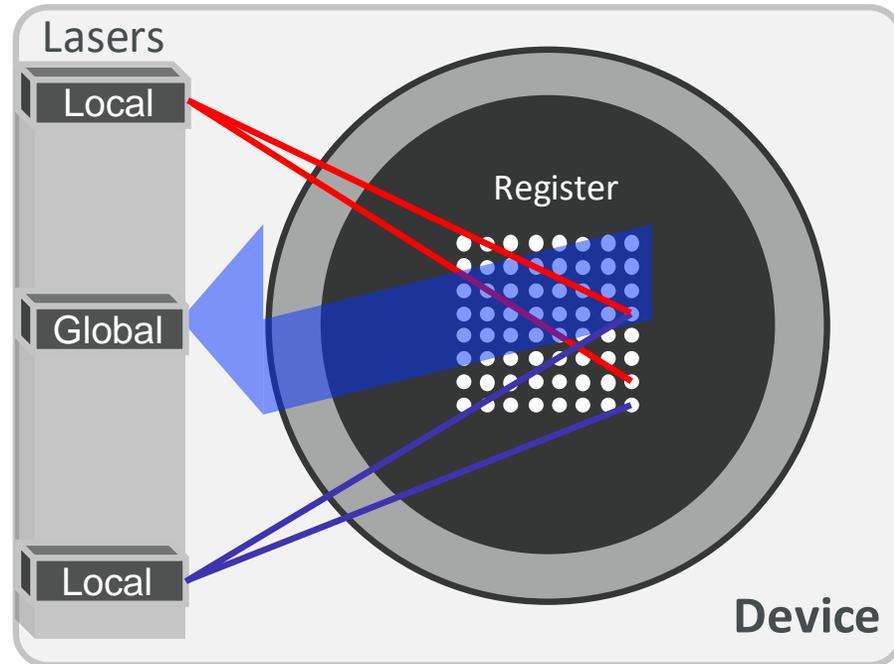
The resulting state is an **entangled state**, the same as obtained after a Hadamard gate followed by a CNOT

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Mathematically, lasers interact with qubits, modifying the Hamiltonian, which is a function that describes the energy of the entire qubit system

$$H = \sum_i \frac{\hbar}{2} \left(\Omega(t) \sigma_i^x - \delta(t) \sigma_i^z \right) + \sum_{i < j} U_{ij} \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j$$

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$$\hat{n}_j = (\mathbb{I} + \sigma_j^z) / 2$$

Rabi Frequency

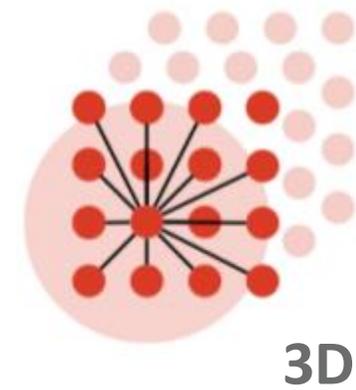
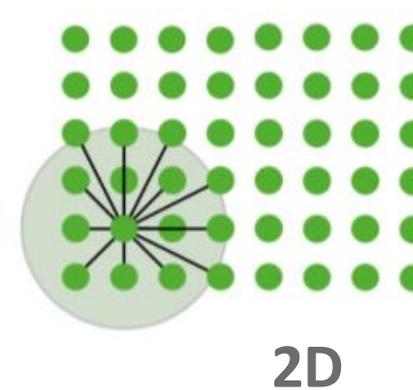
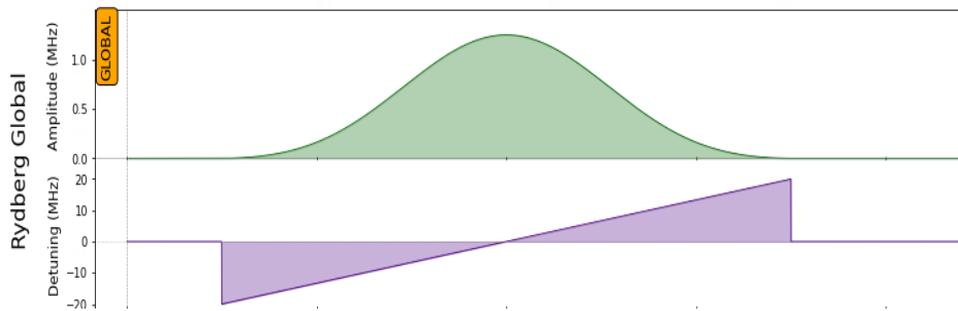
Detuning

$$U_{ij} = \frac{C_6}{r_{ij}^6}$$

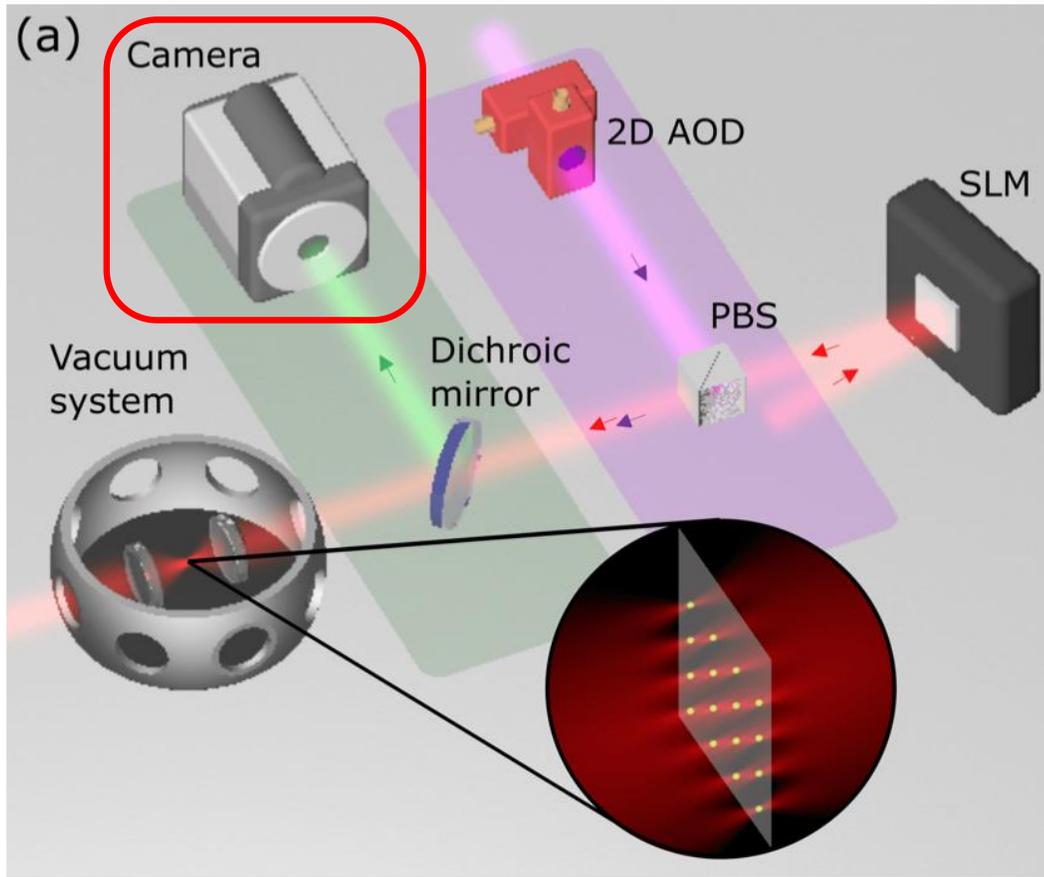
Modulates interaction between qubits

They vary by changing the **intensity** and **frequency** of the laser

Vary with **Topology**



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At the end of the computation, the qubit register is **measured by observing the final fluorescence image** (green beam).

The measurement process is performed in such a way that **each atom in the qubit state $|0\rangle$ appears bright**, while the atoms in the qubit state $|1\rangle$ remain dark.

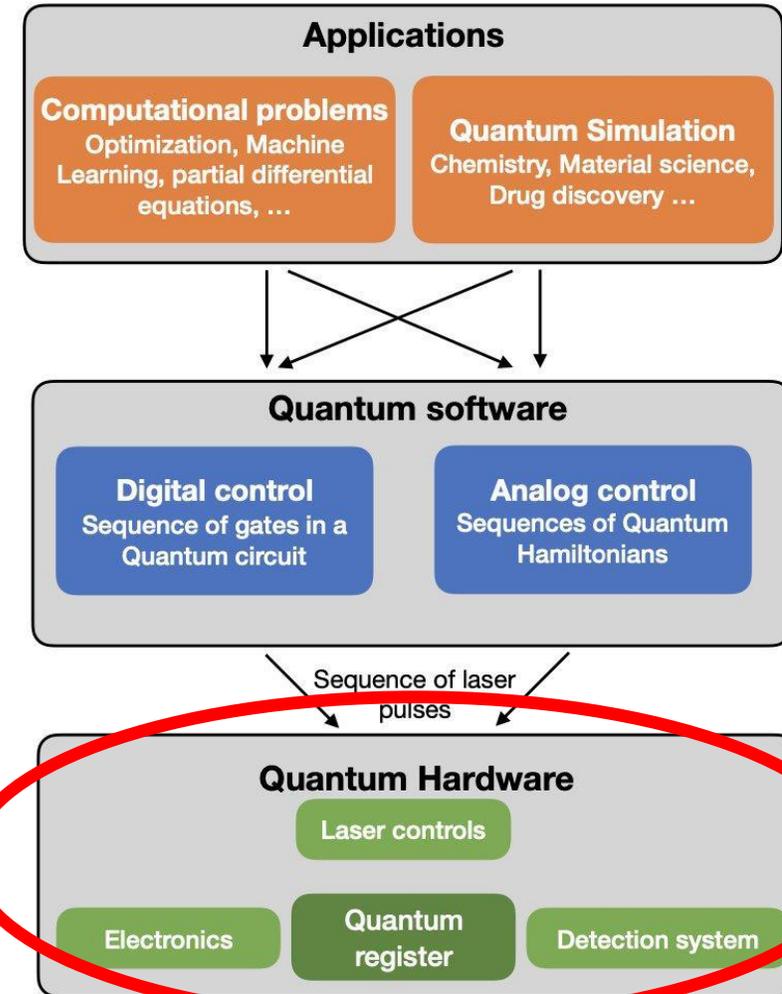
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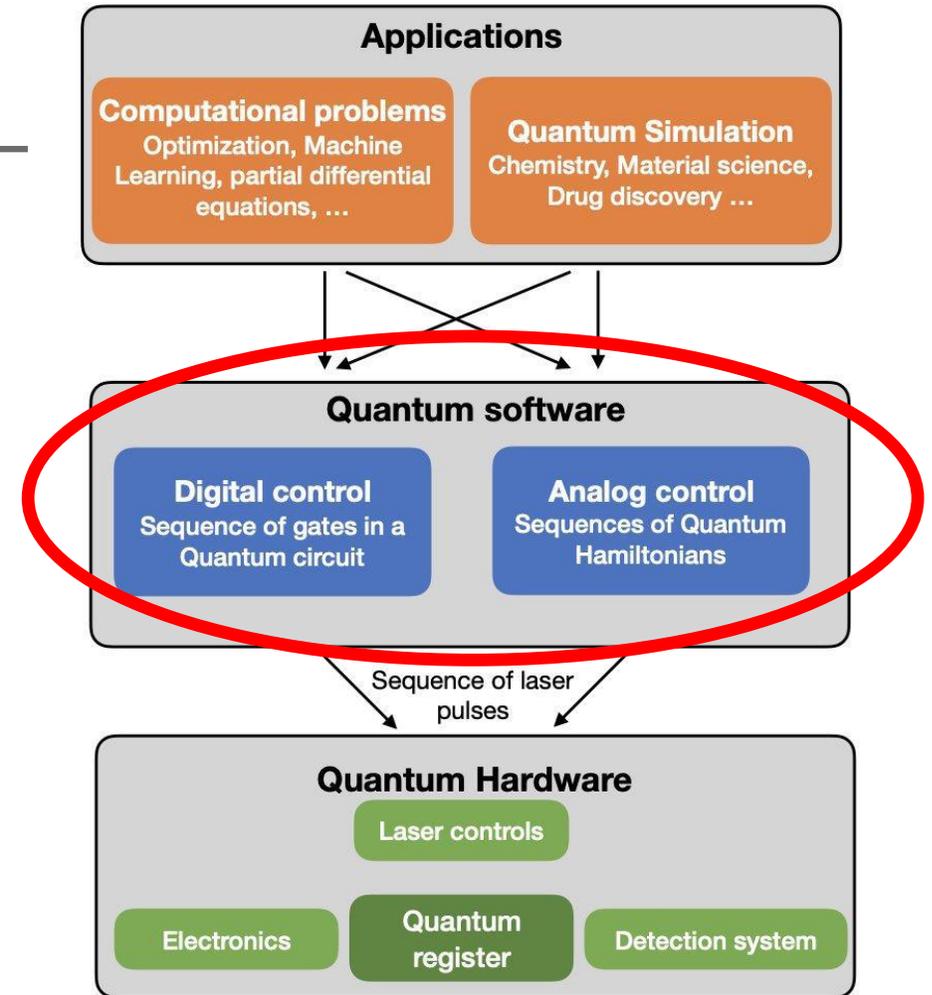
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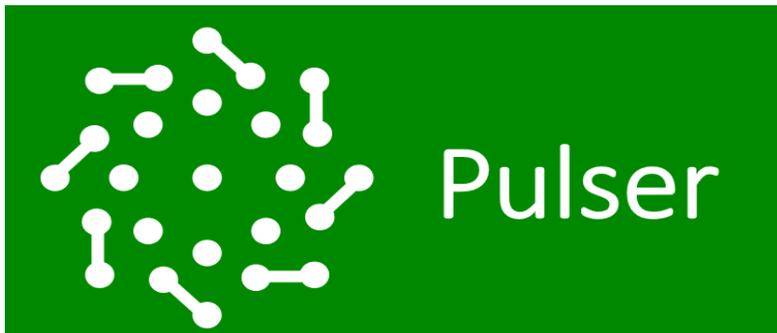
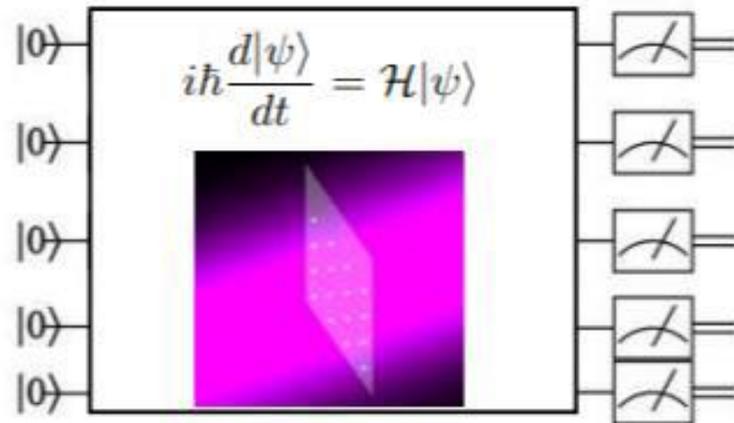


Pulser: Control Software for Pasqal QC

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Lower level programming

(b) Analog processing



Quantum computing is carried out by **directly manipulating** the mathematical operator (**Hamiltonian**) that **describes the evolution** of the quantum system

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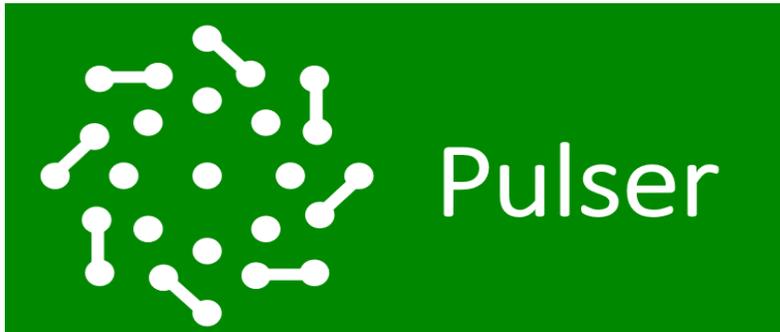
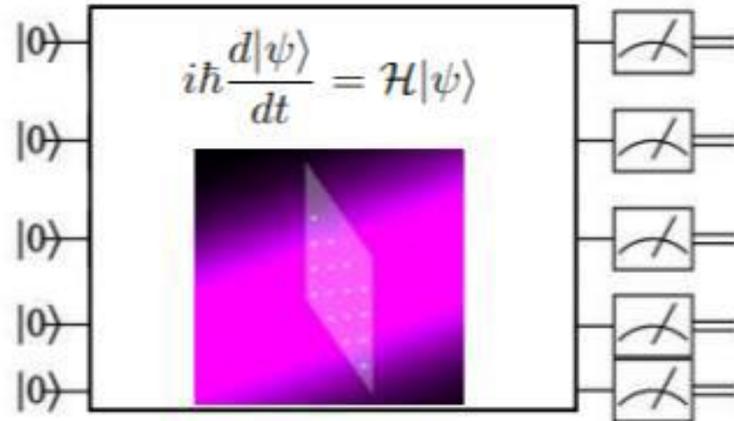
Possible by **varying**:

- **Intensity** and **frequency** of lasers
 - Qubit register **topology**

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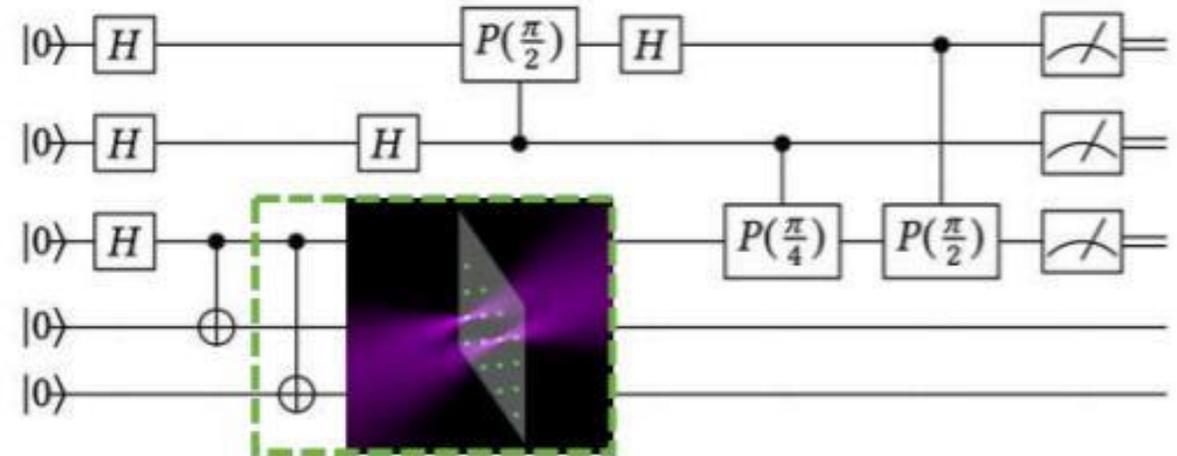
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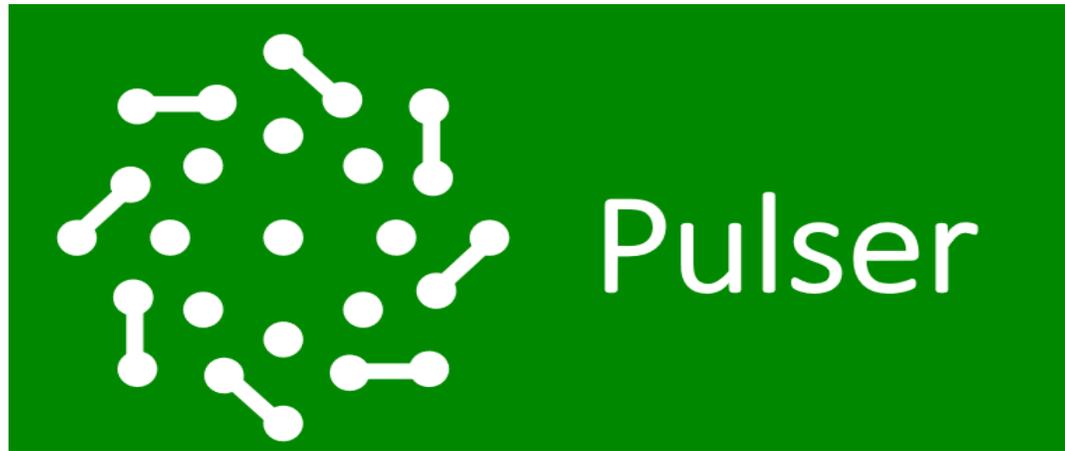


Higher level programming

(a) Digital processing



Cirq



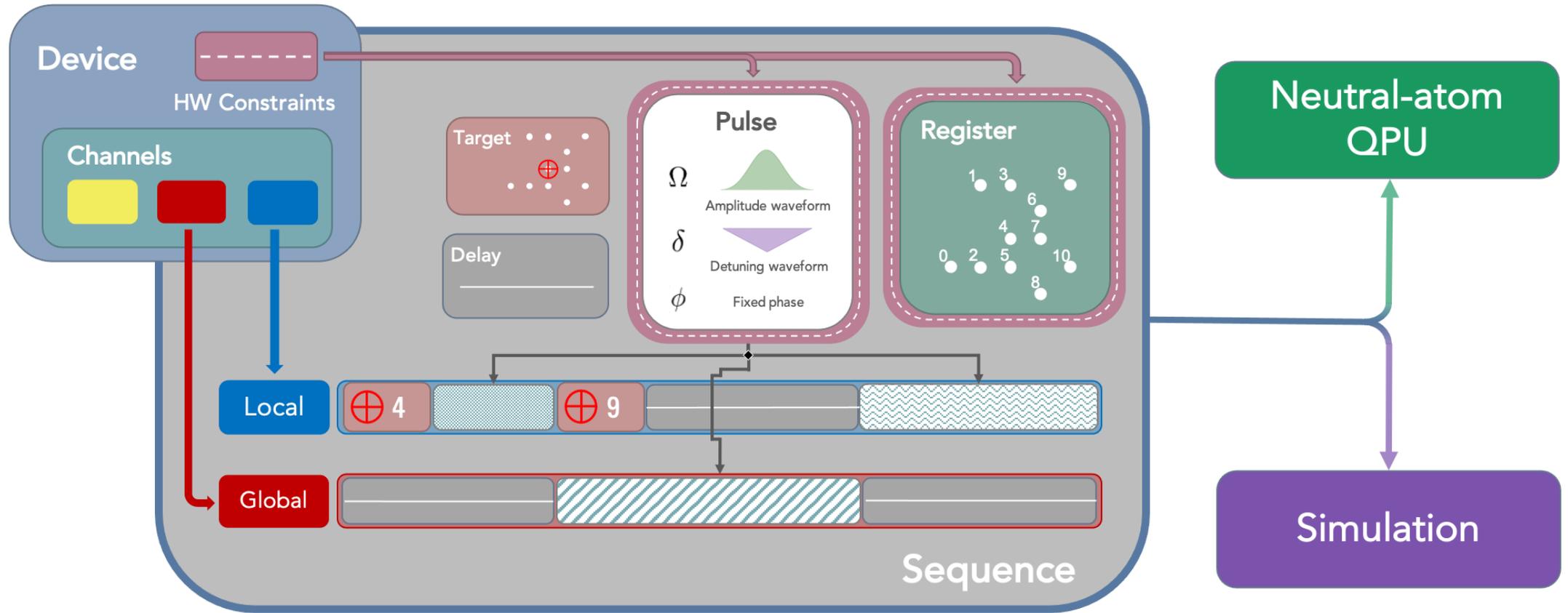
Python software library for programming **Pasqal devices** at the **laser pulse level**.

It allows to **design pulse sequences** that represent the physical parameters relevant to the computation.

The **sequences** can be **read** and **executed** by the **QPU** or by an **emulator**

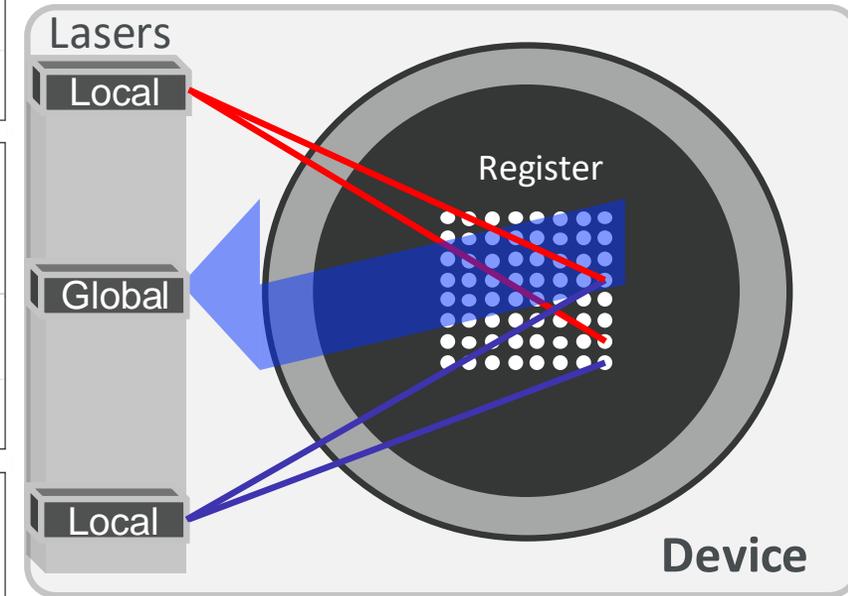
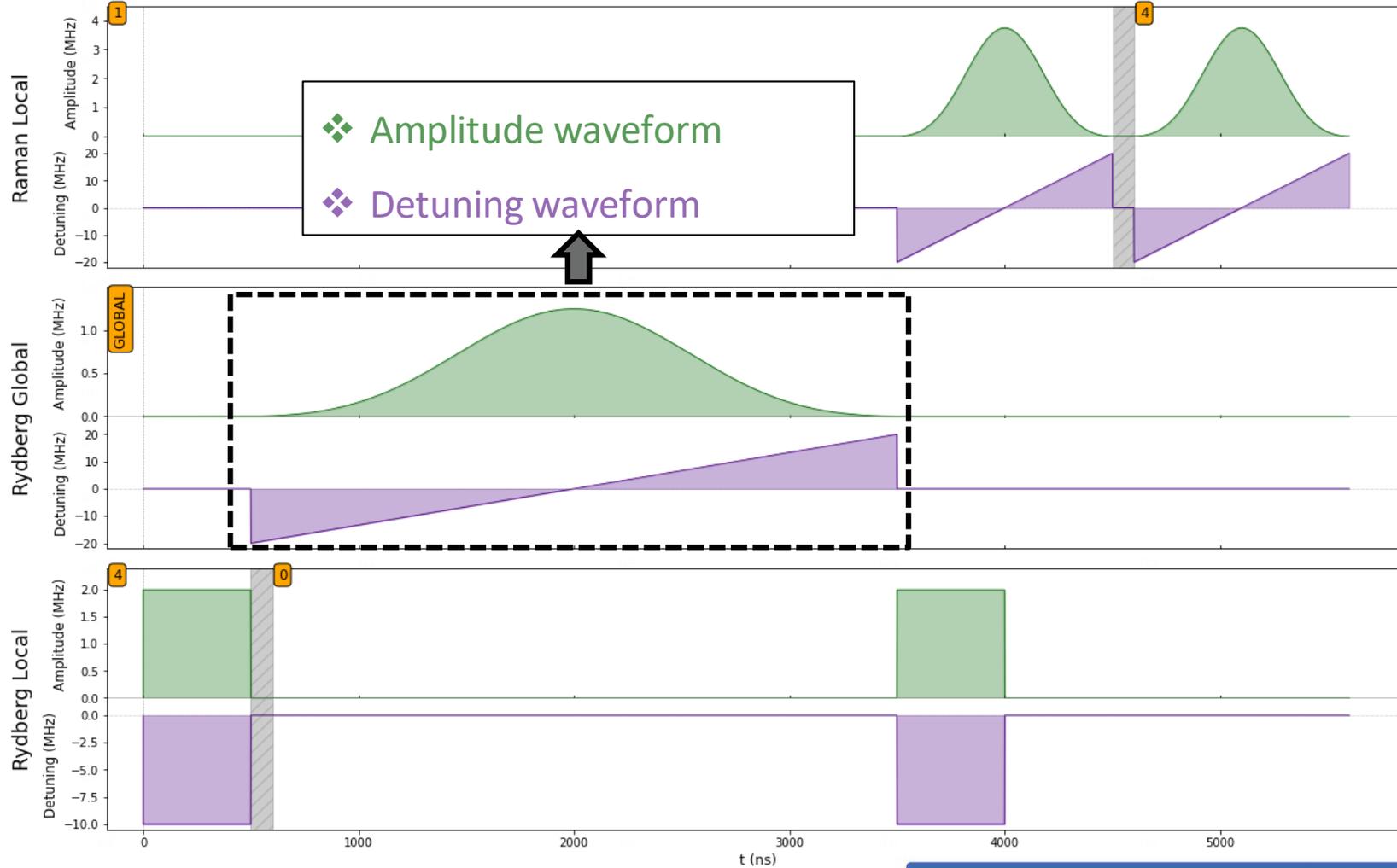
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In Pulser, local and global pulse sequences can be defined



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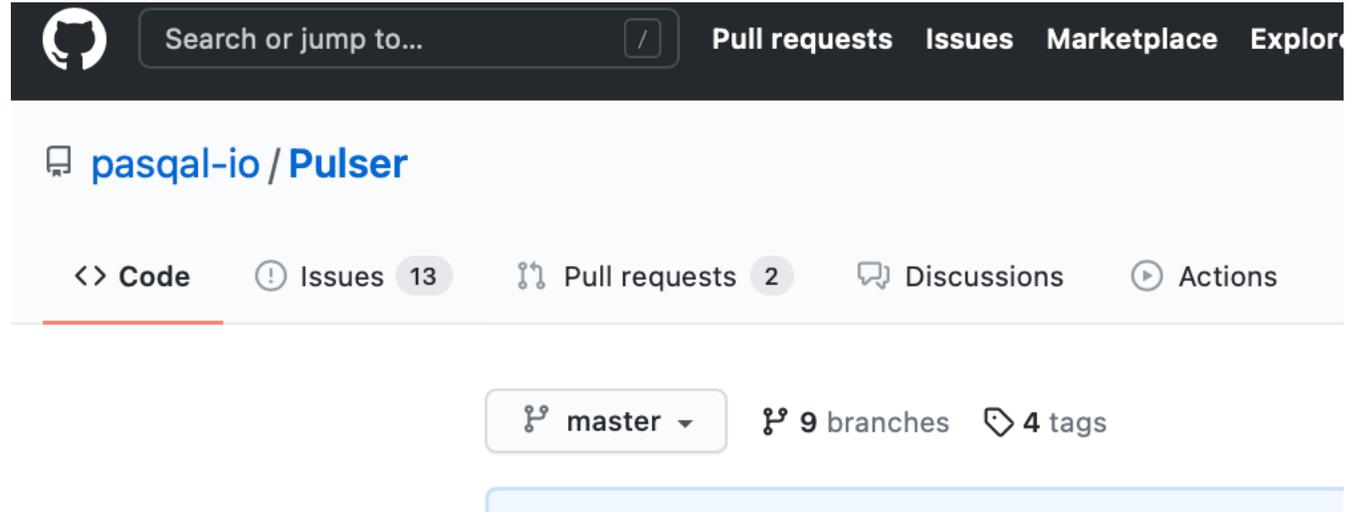
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pip install pulser
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<https://github.com/pasqal-io/Pulser>

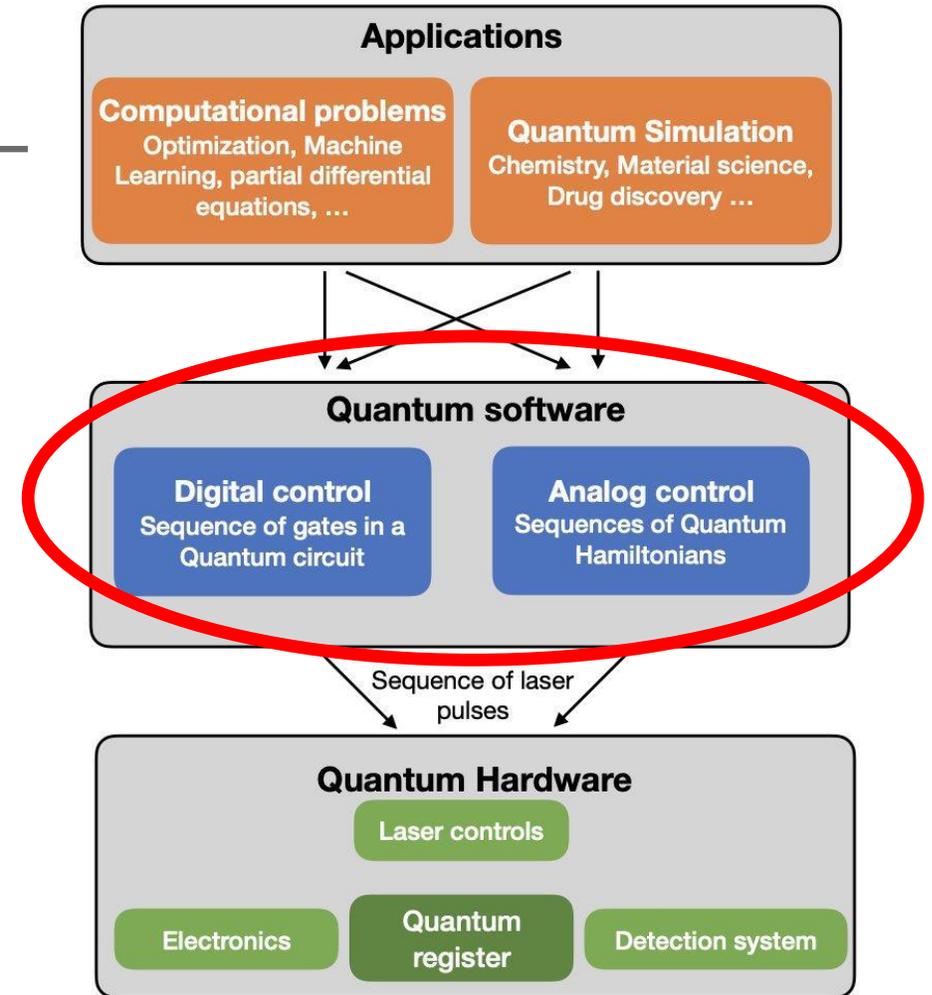
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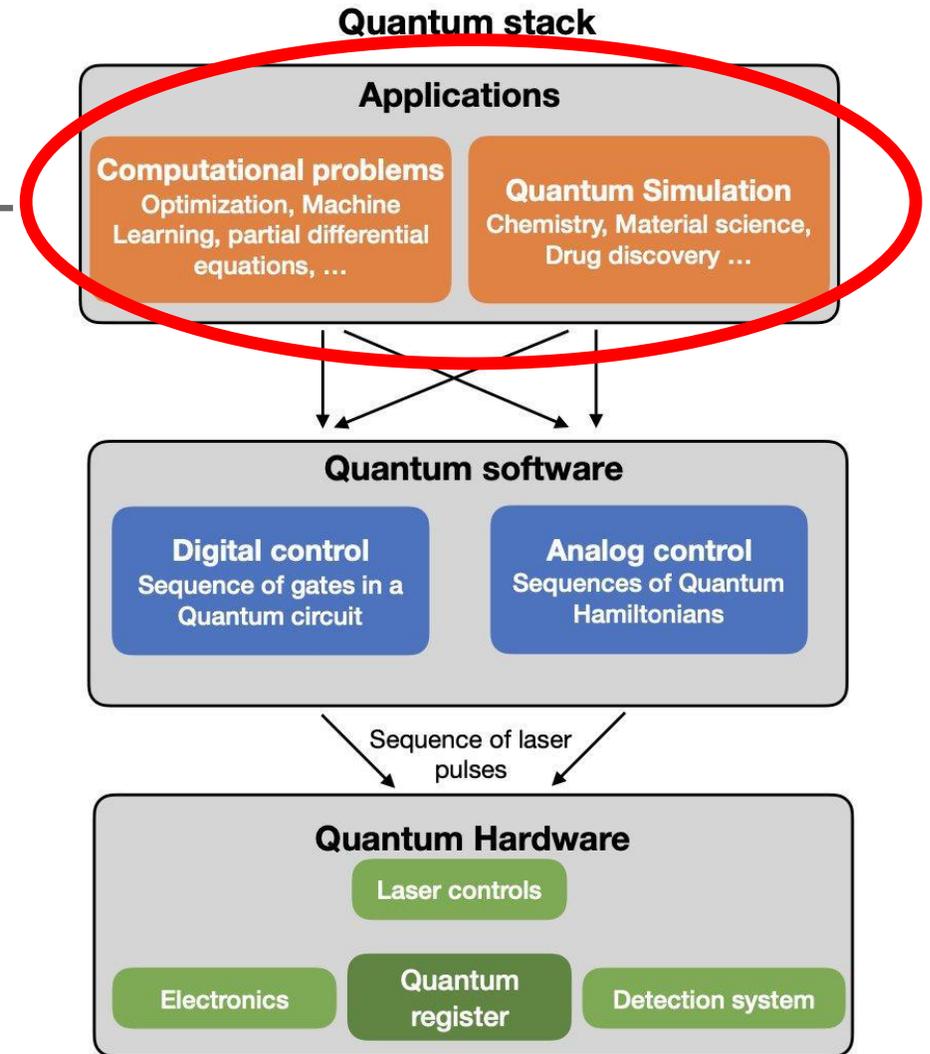
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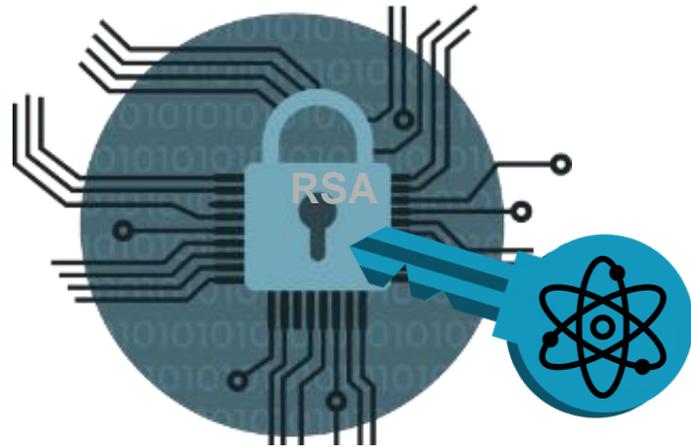


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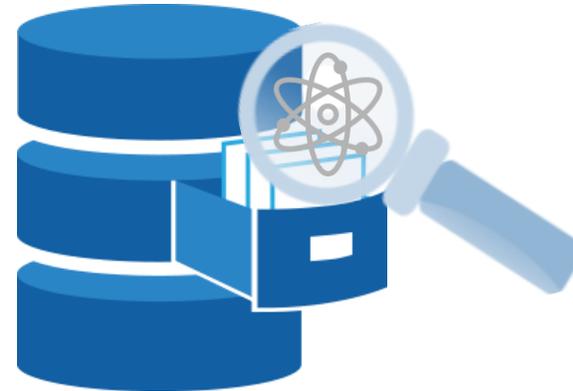
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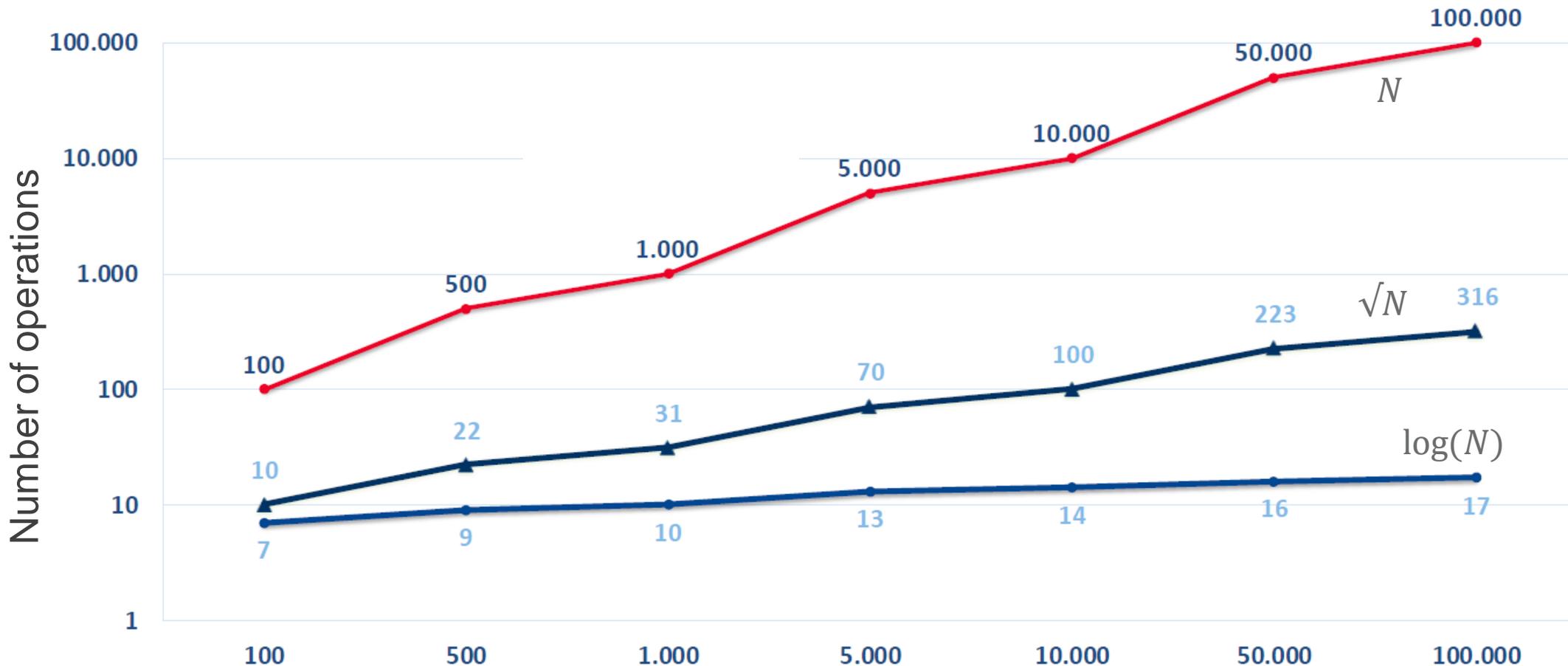
Grover Search
Quadratic Speedup



Optimization

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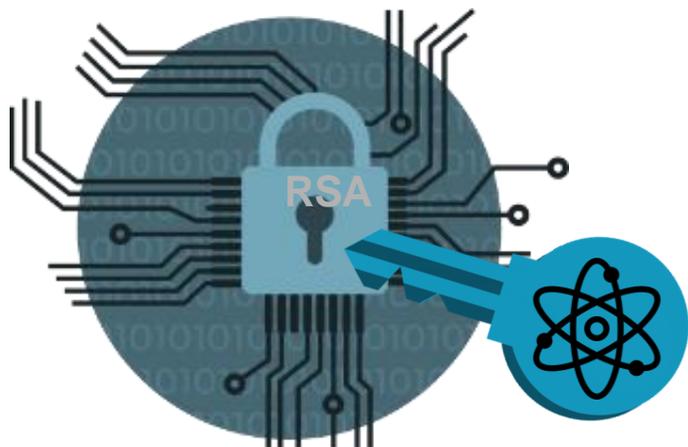
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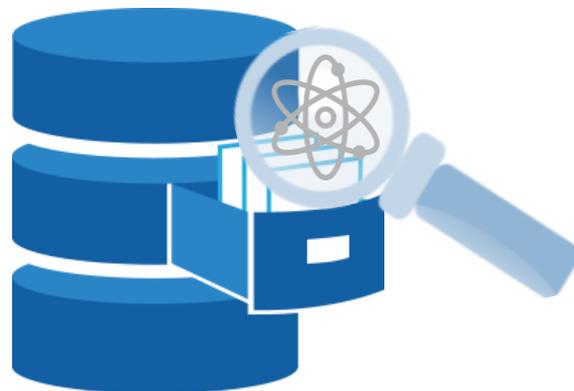
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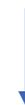
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Optimization

- Assume qubits are ideal and not subjected to noise



- Require **error corrected quantum computers**

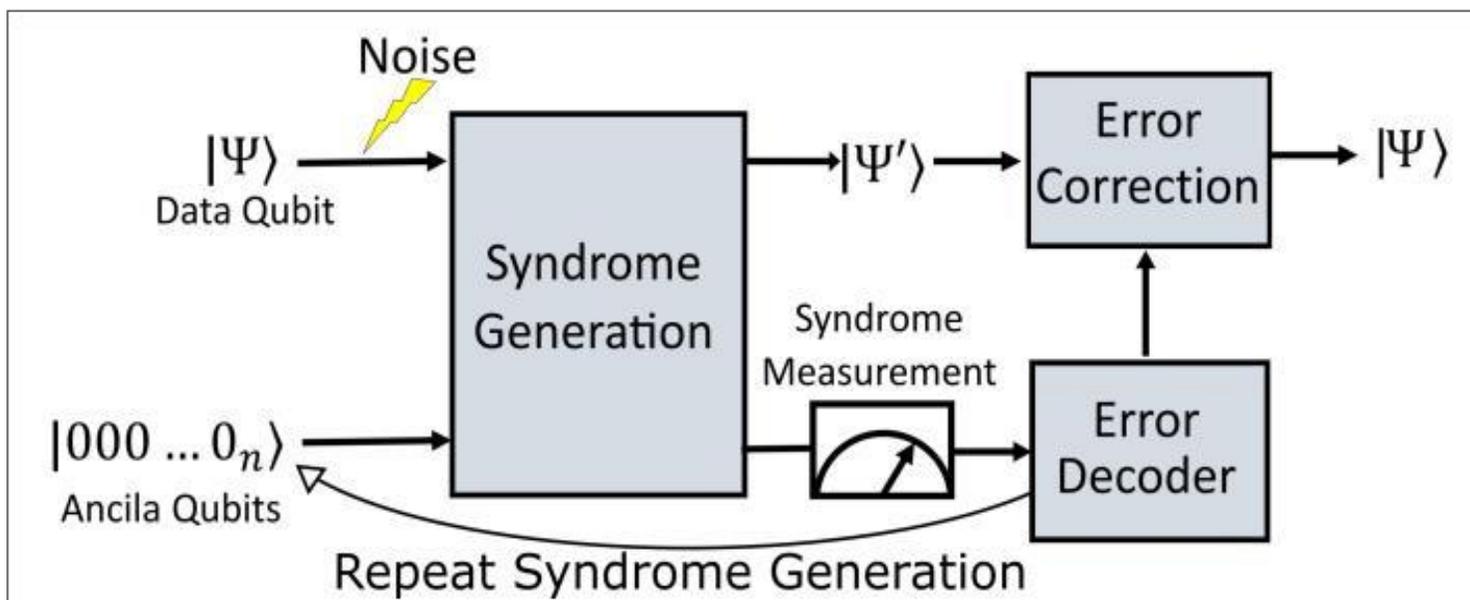


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Before NISQ – Old School Quantum Algorithms



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Quantum algorithms for NISQ Devices

We entered the NISQ era

NISQ = Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum

Intermediate-Scale

General Purpose QC

50 up to hundreds of qubits

IBM: 65 Qubits

Google: 53 Qubits

Quantum Annealers

Thousands of qubits

D-Wave Advantage: 5000Q

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NISQ = Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum

Noisy - noise due to interaction with environment

General Purpose QC

- **No Quantum Error Correction:** overhead in number of qubit
- **Error rate per single gate affects the depth of the circuit:** error rate of 0.1% means that we can run circuits with at most 1000 elementary gates (**shallow circuits**)

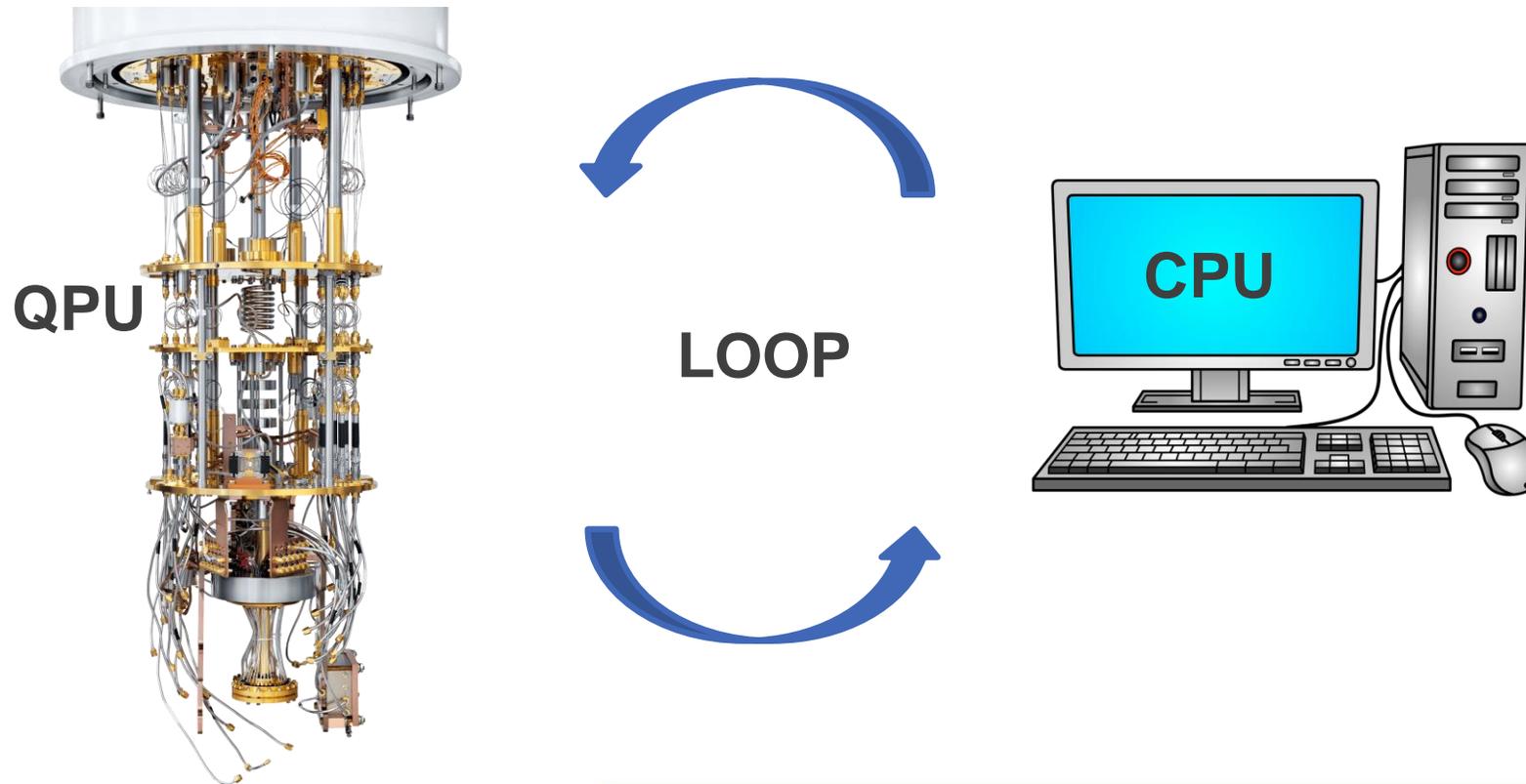
Quantum Annealers

- **No need for Quantum Error Correction**
- **Still unclear:** noise due to qubit quality could affect scalability (i.e. performance related to large problems)

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NISQ-ready algorithms for general purpose QPU

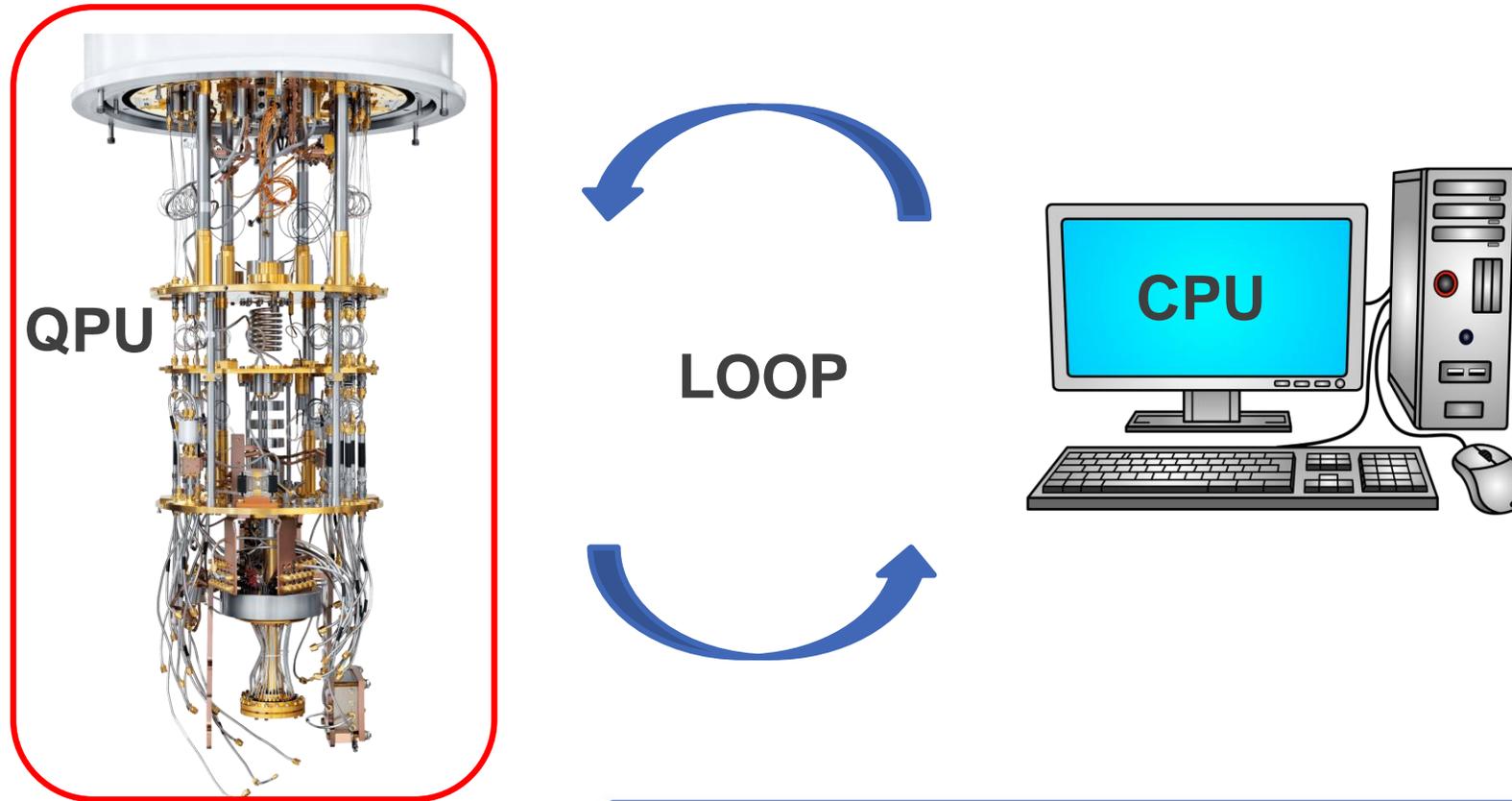
Hybrid Quantum-Classical algorithms



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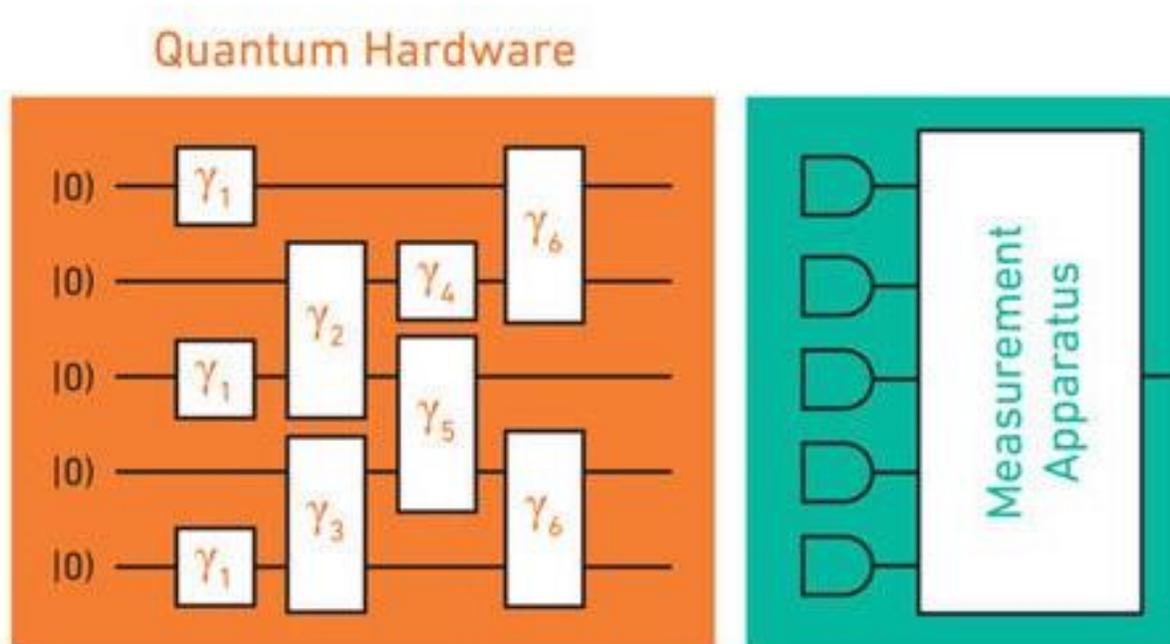
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Parametric Quantum Circuits



- Circuits that **use gates**, or in general, that apply **parameter-dependent operations** to qubits (e.g. Arbitrary rotations of angle γ)
- Circuits in which the **error is not corrected**
- **Shallow circuits**, i.e. of **limited depth** (1000 gates maximum, due to limited coherence times)

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Working principle

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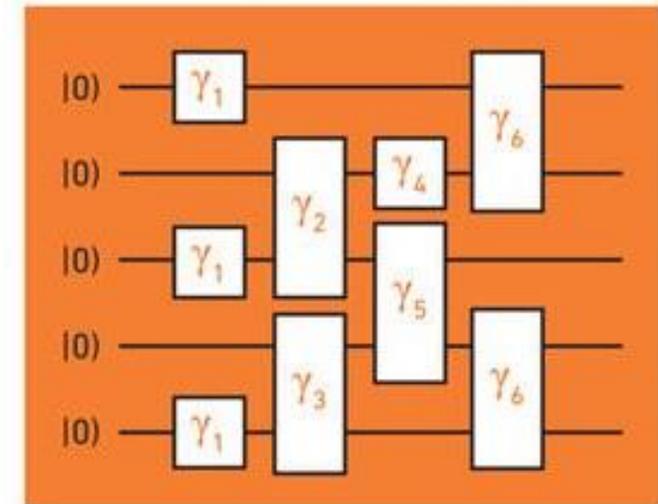
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Quantum Hardware



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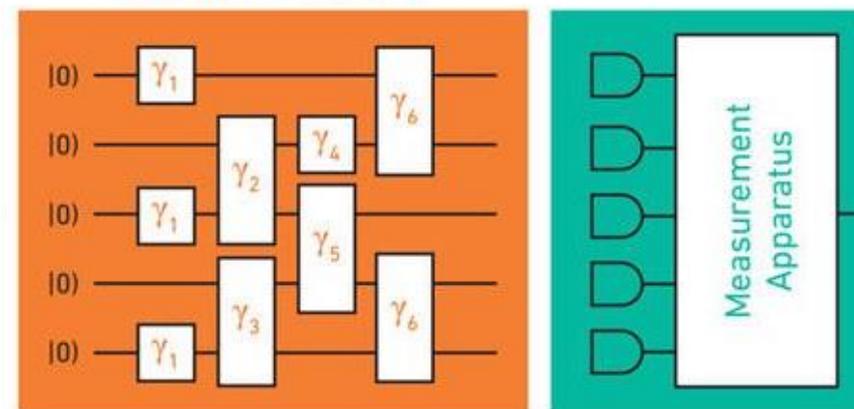
2. Implement Variational Ansatz on the QPU

3. Measure the qubits and calculate the cost function

$$E_{\vec{\theta}} = \langle \Psi(\vec{\theta}) | \mathbf{H} | \Psi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle$$

$|\Psi(\vec{\theta})\rangle$

Quantum Hardware



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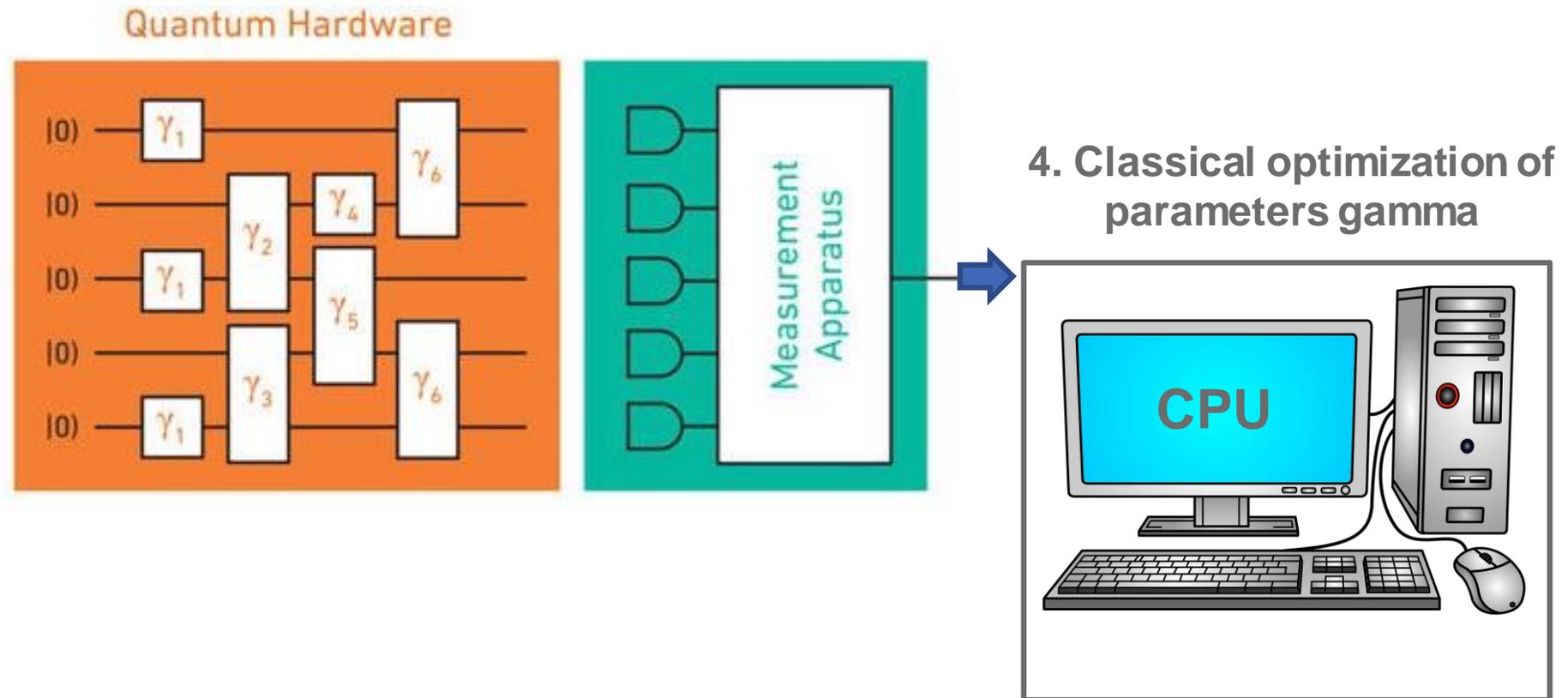
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4. Use a classic computer to optimize the circuit parameters

The **optimization** of the set of parameters could be **gradient-based** or **gradient-free** (BFGS, COBYLA, L-B, SPSA, Bayesian Opt.)
Depending on the type of cost function being evaluated

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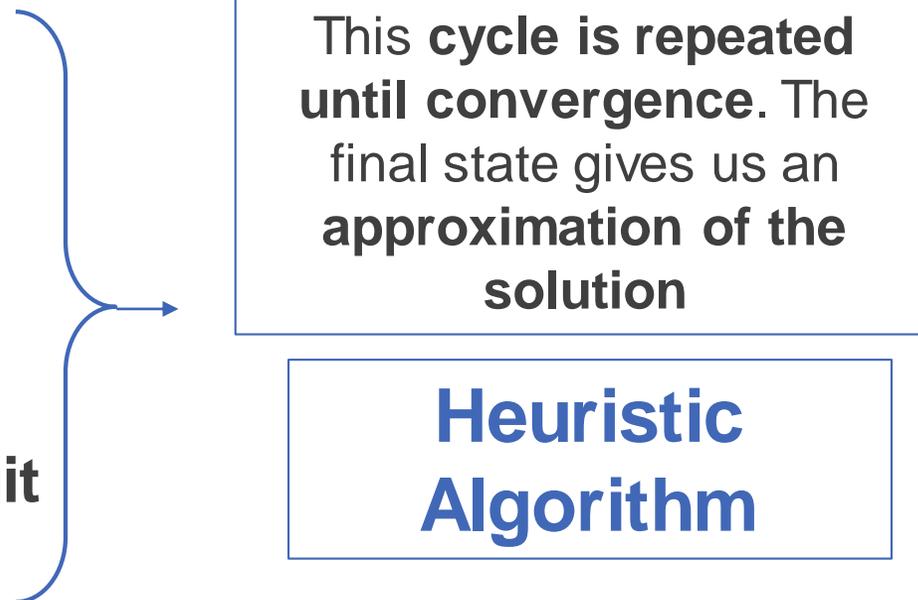
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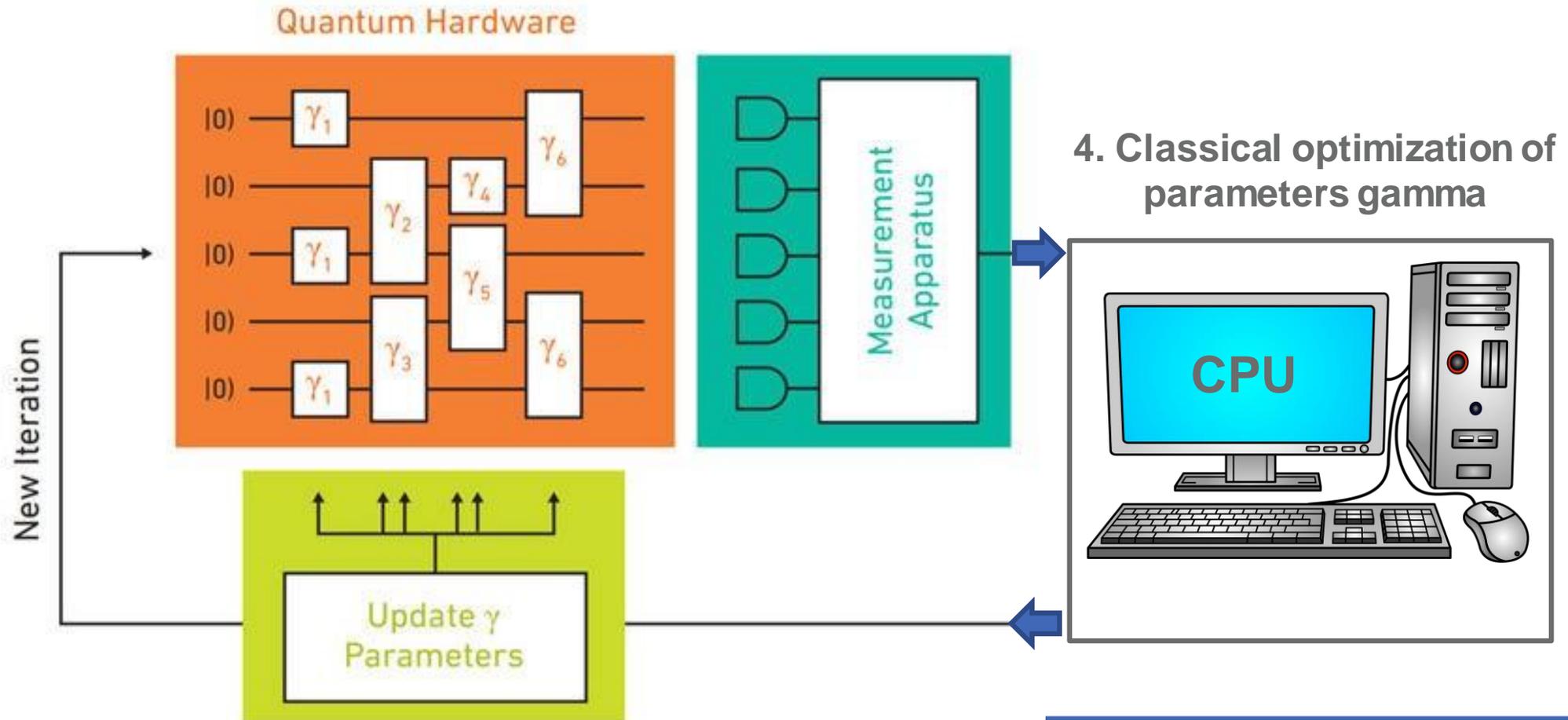


This cycle is repeated until convergence. The final state gives us an approximation of the solution

**Heuristic
Algorithm**

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The **scientific community** believes that **NISQ technology** could **outperform traditional classical computers** for **specific applications**



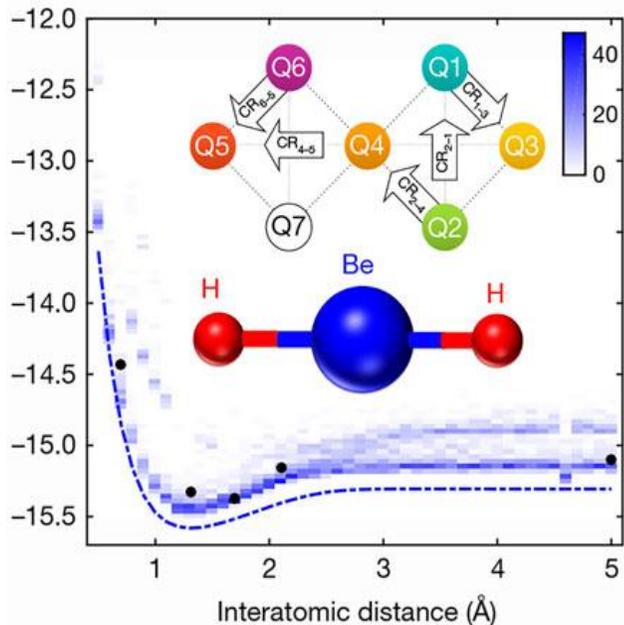
It means both getting the **same classic solutions faster**, and/or finding **new, better solutions**

- **Quantum Chemistry**
- **Quantum Optimization**
- **Quantum AI/Machine Learning**

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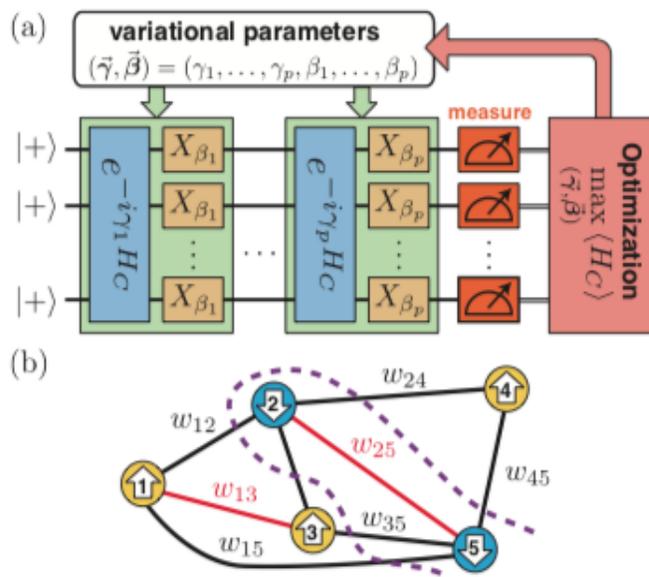
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VQE



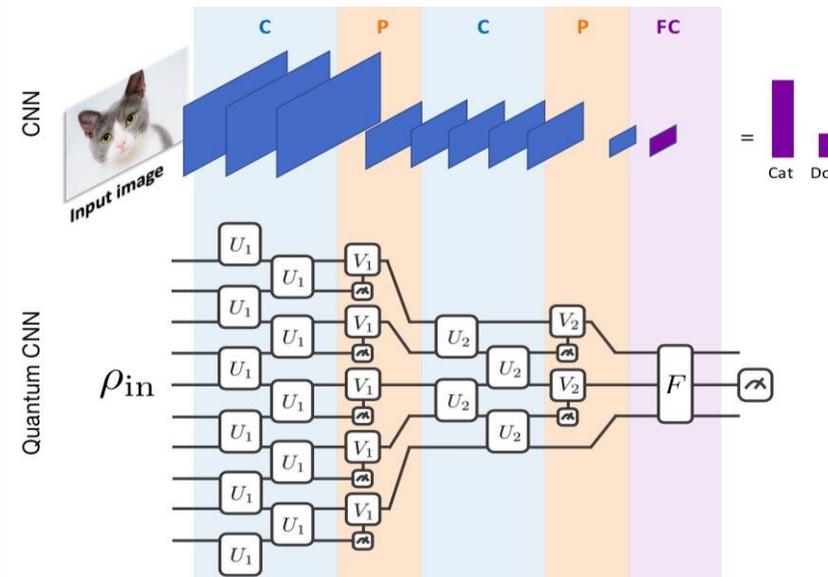
Quantum Chemistry

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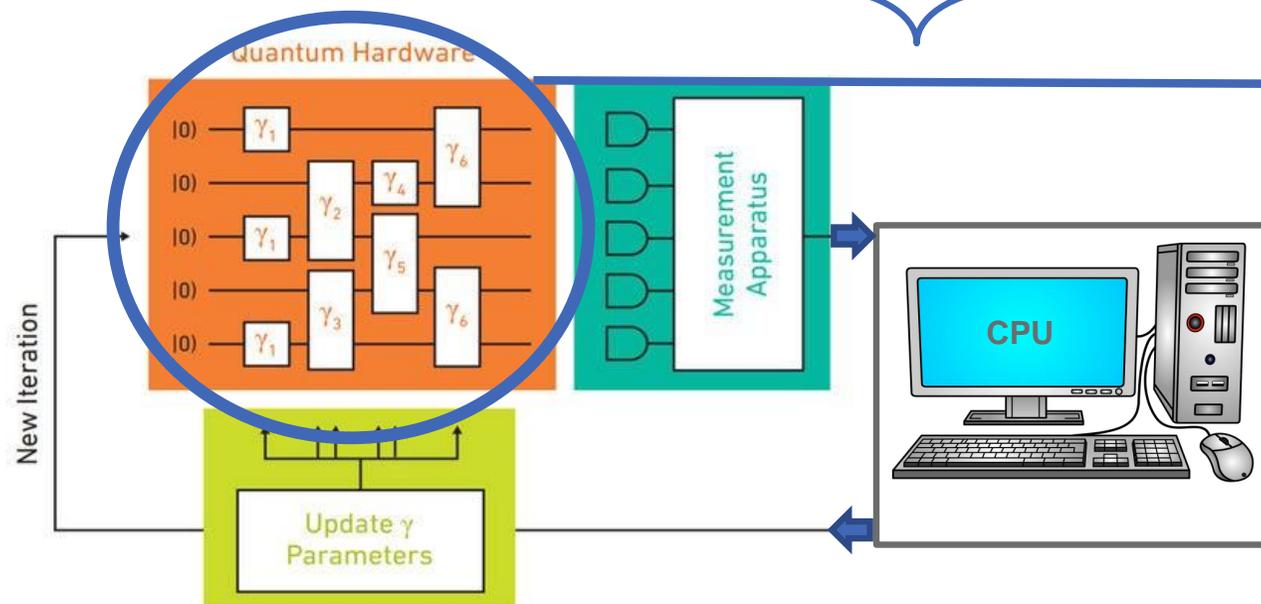
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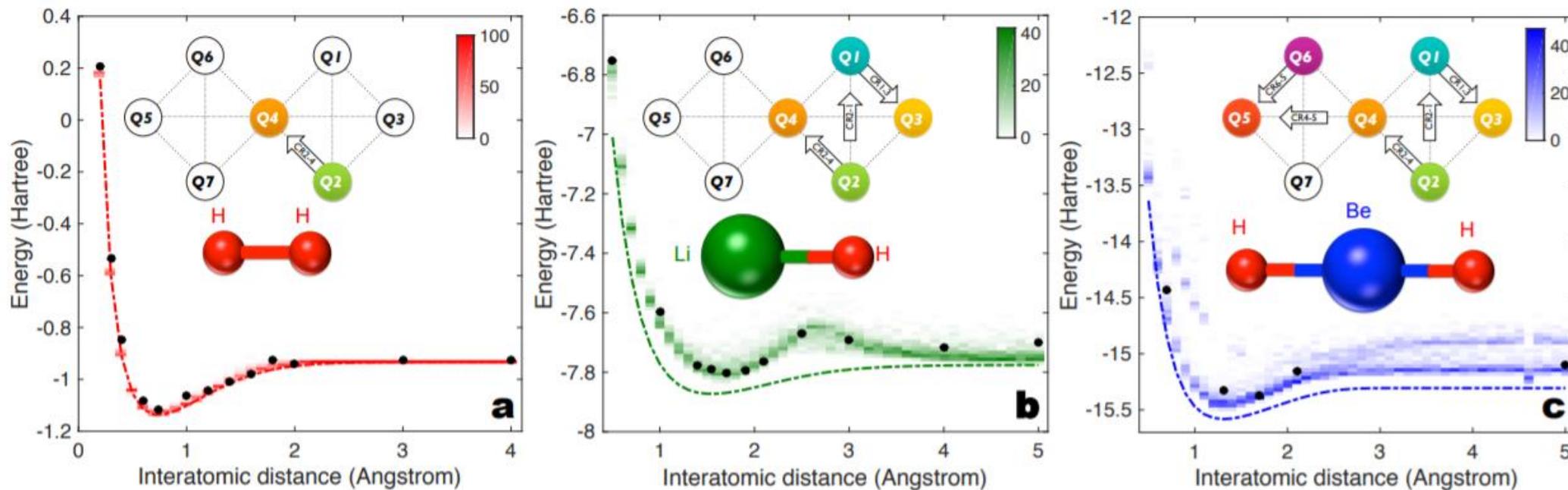


The main difference between VQE, QAOA and QNN concerns the choice of the parametric quantum circuit (Variational Ansatz)

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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY



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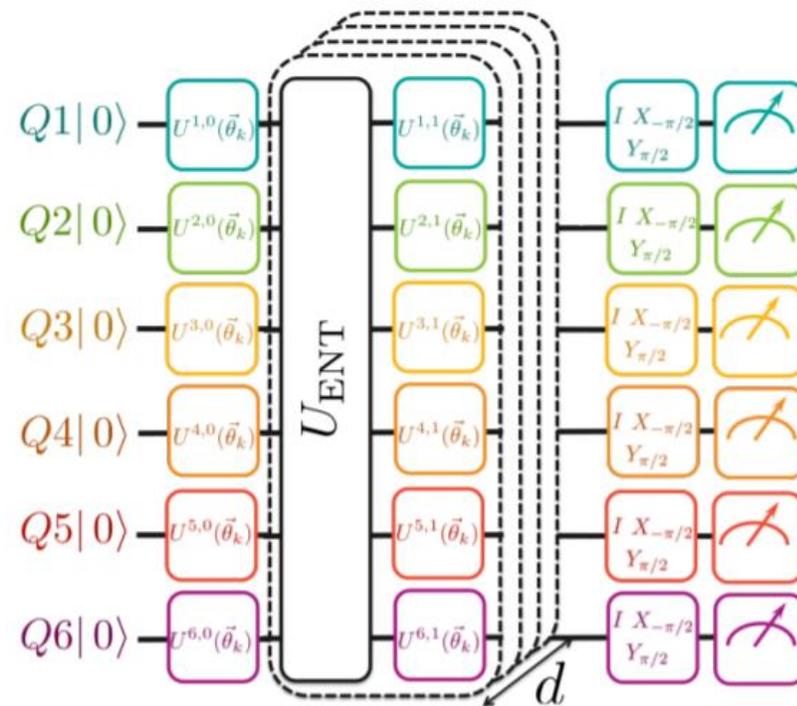
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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Objective: to calculate the ground state of molecules (we want to go beyond the approximation of the mean field, which is classically very expensive in terms of resources)

Method: the VQE uses chemical-inspired Ansatz, such as the Unitary Coupled Cluster (UCC) method or a "hardware-efficient" ansatz



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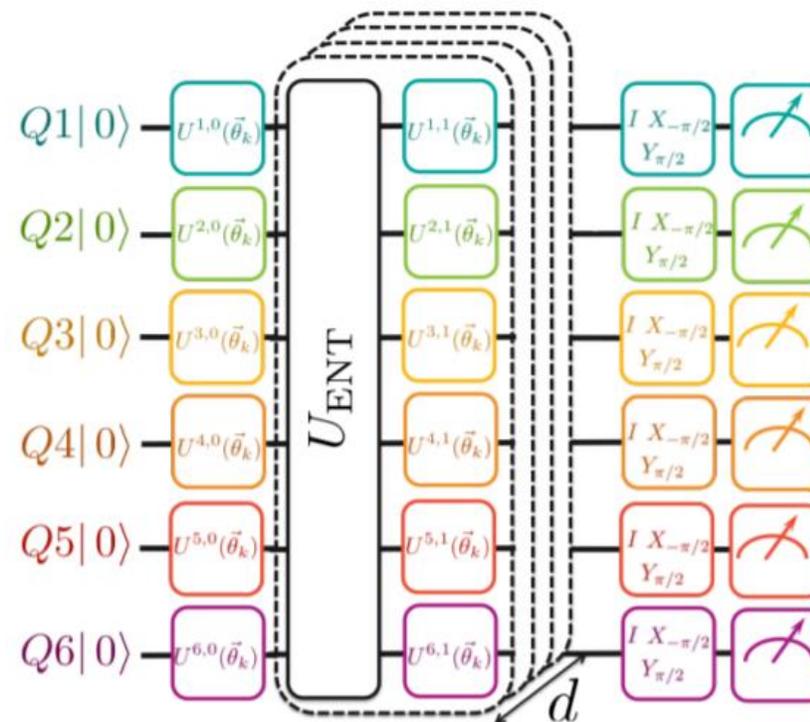
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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

- Ansatz is a provisional molecular ground state
- The classic optimizer evaluates the suitability of candidate solution based on its energy.

This holds the promise to study large molecules with unprecedented accuracy



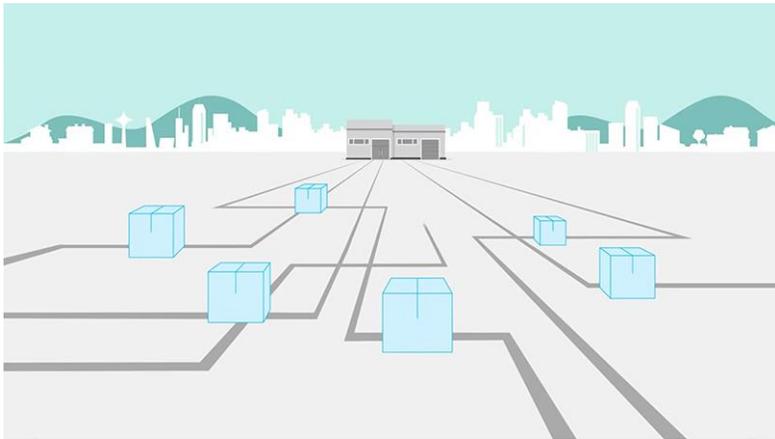
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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

Optimization Problems



Routing



Scheduling



Portfolio Optimization

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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

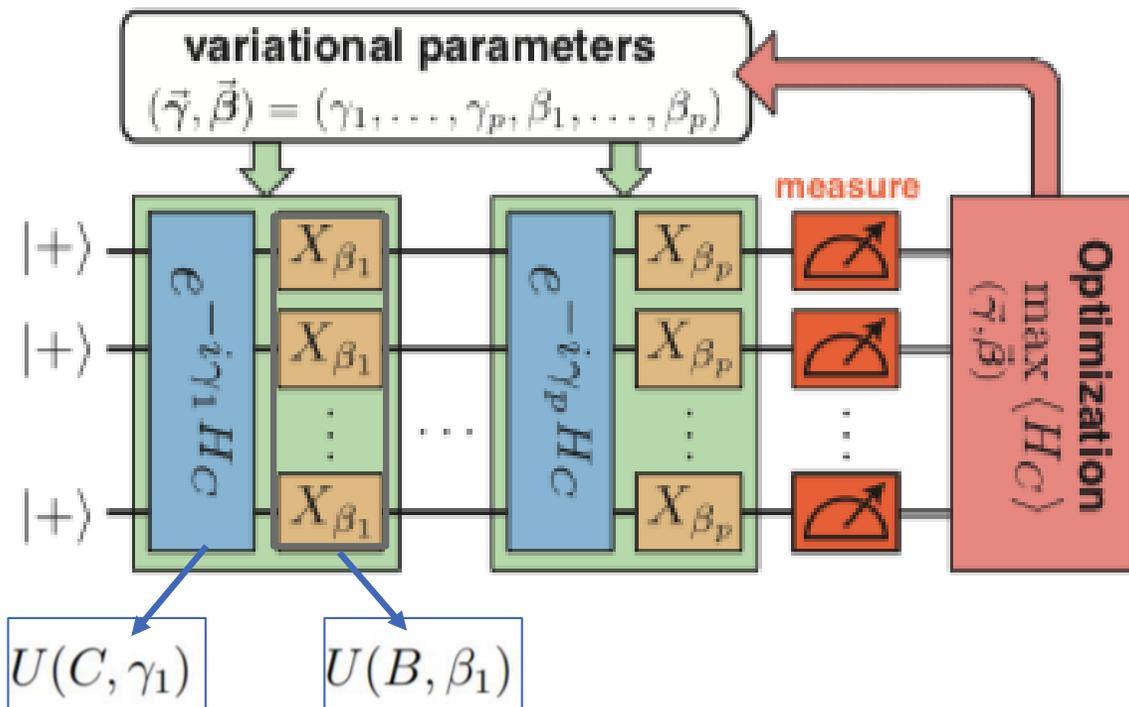
Objective: to solve a combinatorial optimization problem

Method: Ansatz encodes two alternating circuits, $U(C)$ and $U(B)$, each parameterized by a number, γ and β .

Ideally, the circuit provides the **solution** $|\gamma, \beta\rangle$ to a **combinatorial problem implicit** in the definition of $U(C)$.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1411.4028>

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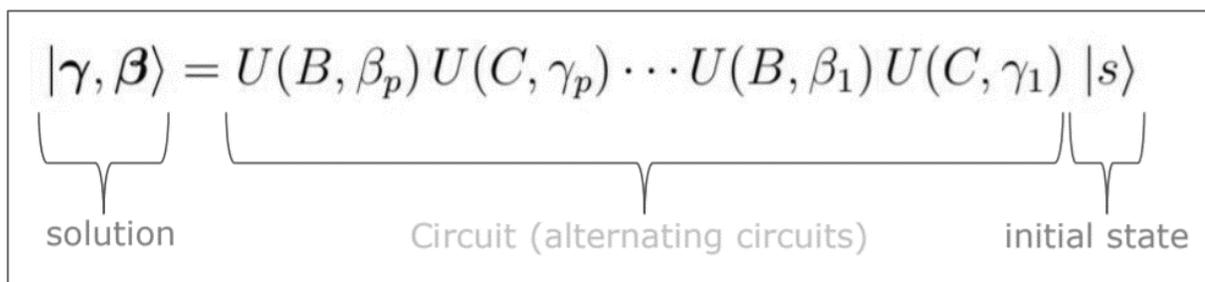


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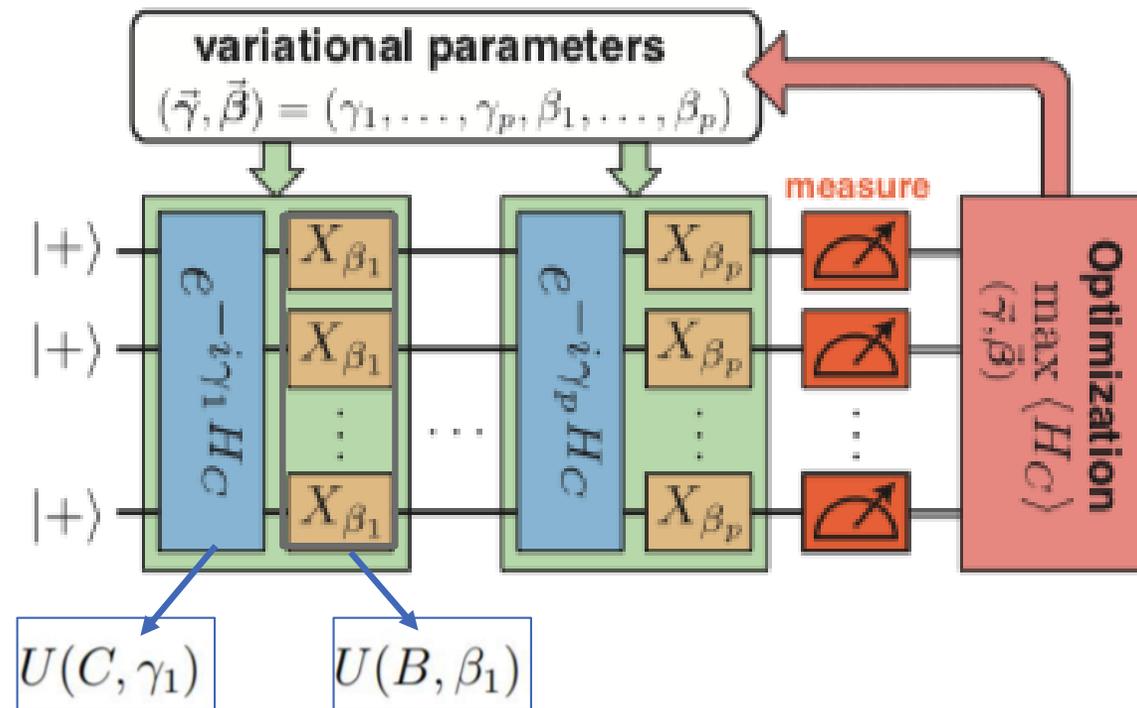
Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

It is a heuristic optimization algorithm



$$U(C, \gamma) = e^{-i\gamma C} = \prod_{\alpha=1}^m e^{-i\gamma C_{\alpha}}$$

$$U(B, \beta) = e^{-i\beta B} = \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-i\beta \sigma_j^x}$$



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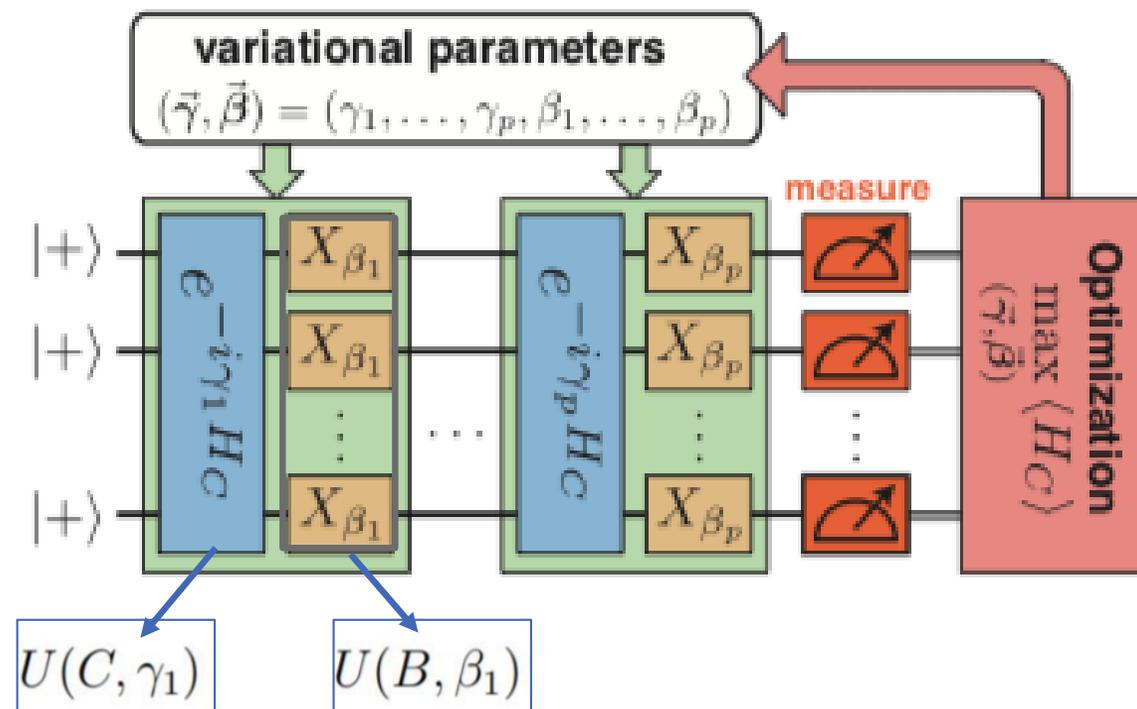
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Encodes the optimization problem to solve
(e.g. C could be some Qubo problem)

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Allow the exploration of the solution space



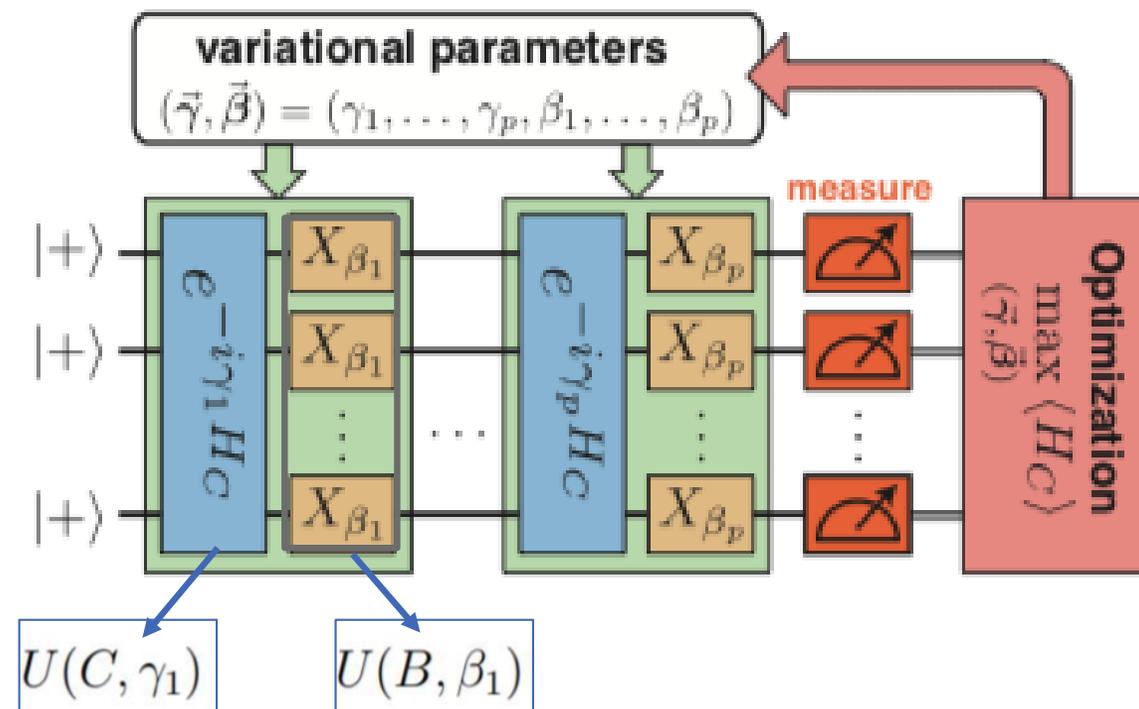
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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

Challenge: find a class of problems for which QAOA is strictly better than the best classical algorithms.



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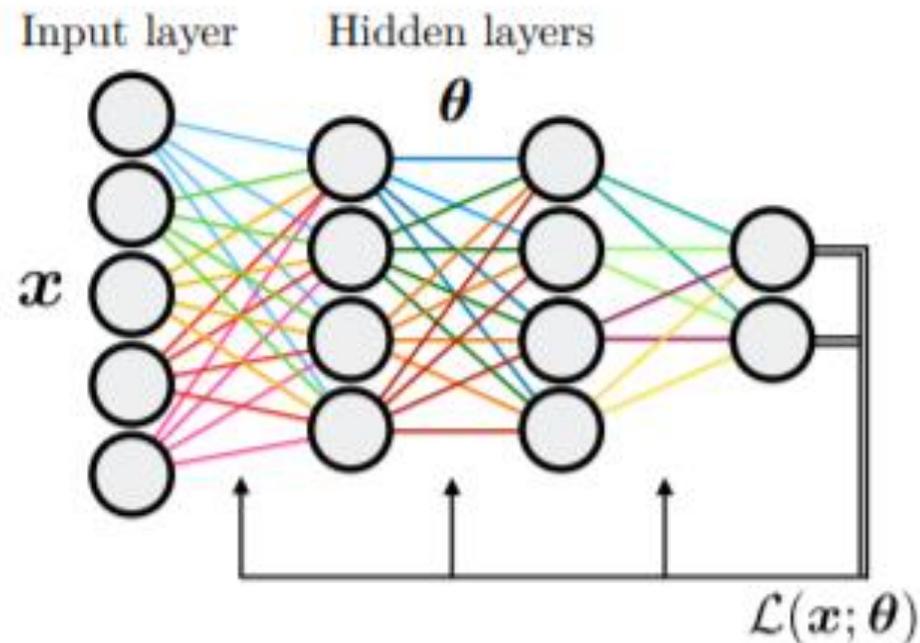
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Quantum Neural Networks (QNN) – QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING

Supervised learning: the algorithm is asked to **reproduce the relations** between some inputs and outputs.

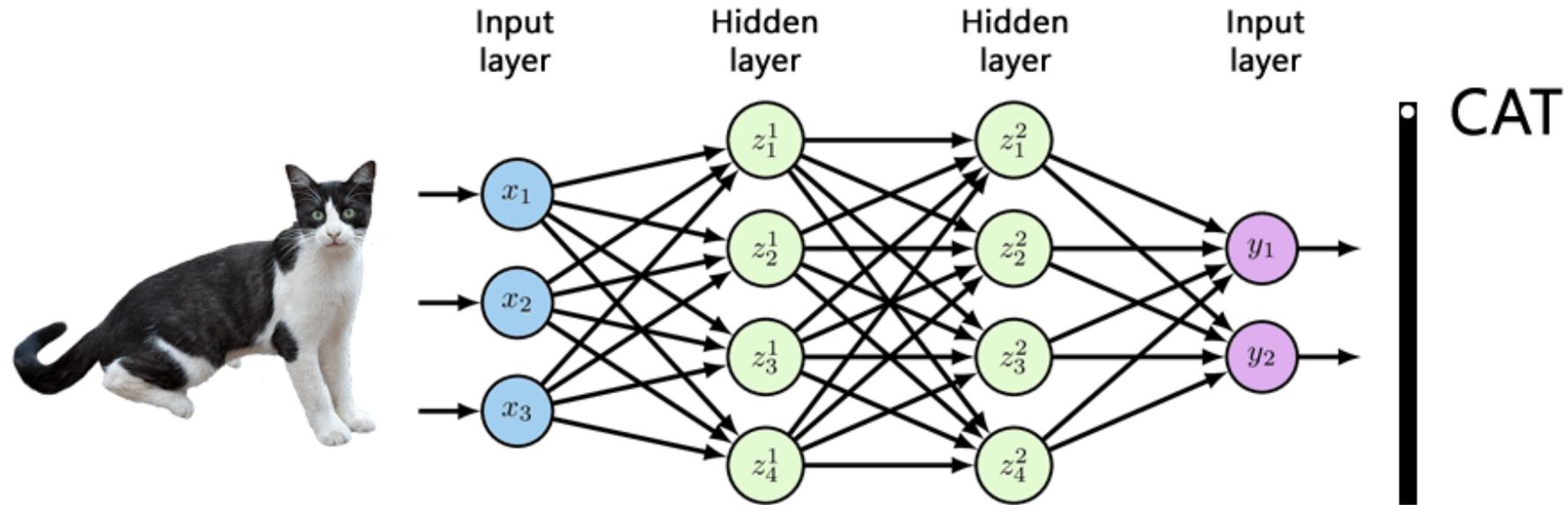
If properly trained, the NN is able to classify new data, i.e. data that was not used during training



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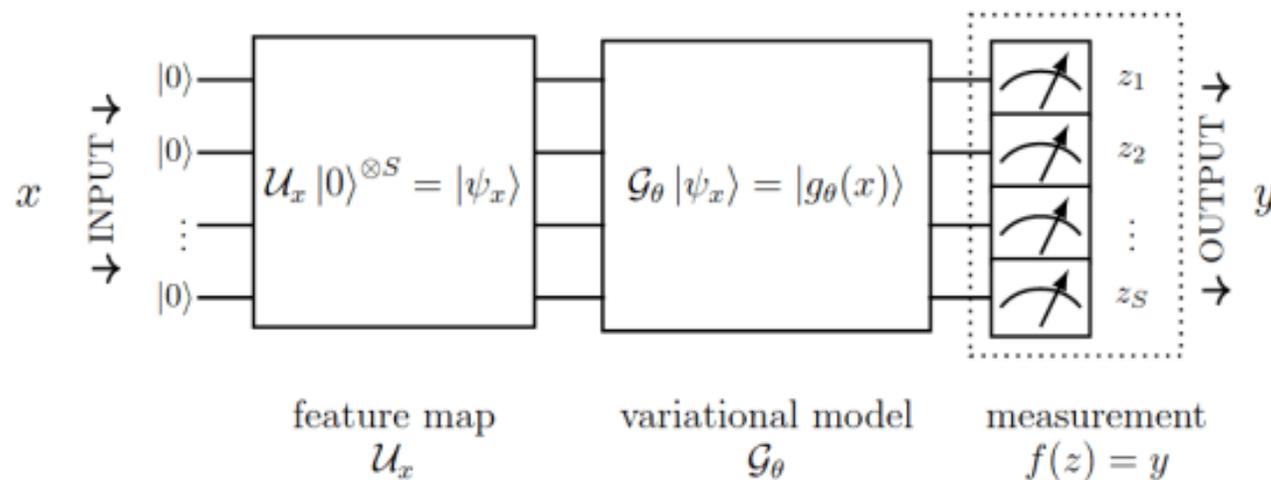
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Quantum Neural Networks (QNN) – QUANTUM MACHINE LEARNING

Goal: Address a supervised machine learning problem

Method: Ansatz consists of a **feature map** that serves to represent classical data and a **variational part** for learning



The circuit learns to classify new inputs based on the examples seen in the training phase

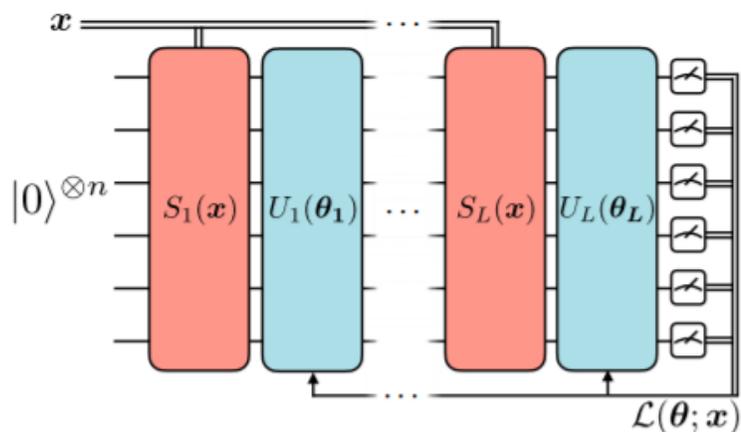
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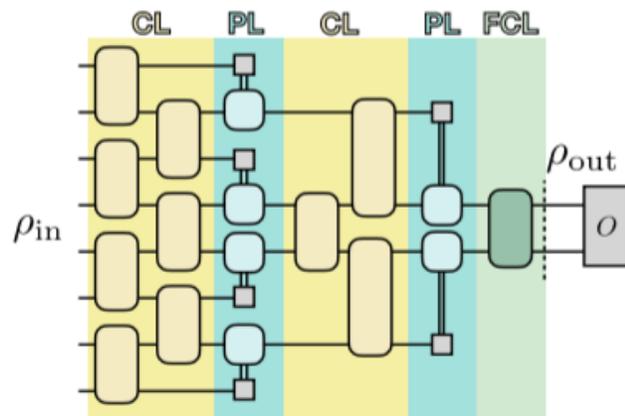
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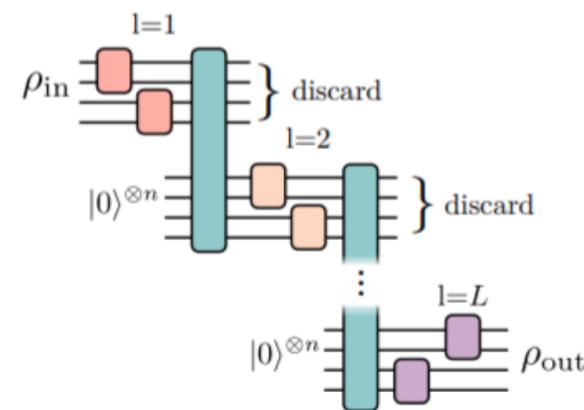
We can also have several Ansatz for QNNs



Standard QNN



Convolutional QNN



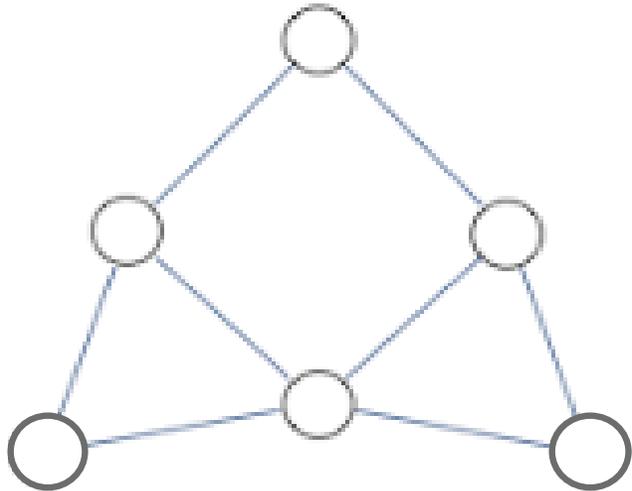
Dissipative QNN

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Application: QAOA & MIS problem

Maximal Independent Set (MIS) Problem

Definition: Given a graph, **color** the **largest number of nodes** **avoiding** that **nodes of the same color** are **connected** together



It is a hard **combinatorial optimization problem** (complexity class **NP-hard**)

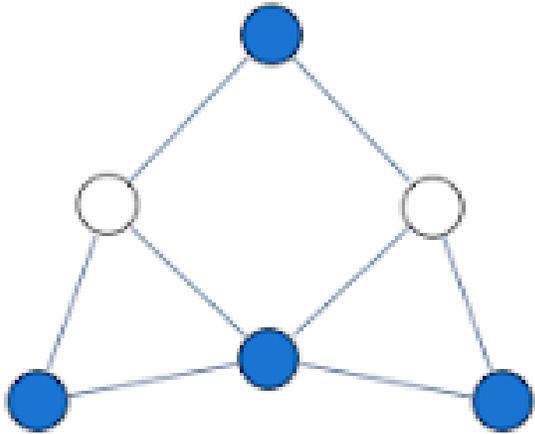
Applications:

- Modeling and Optimization in Massive Datasets
 - Modeling Wireless Networks
 - Matching Molecular Structures

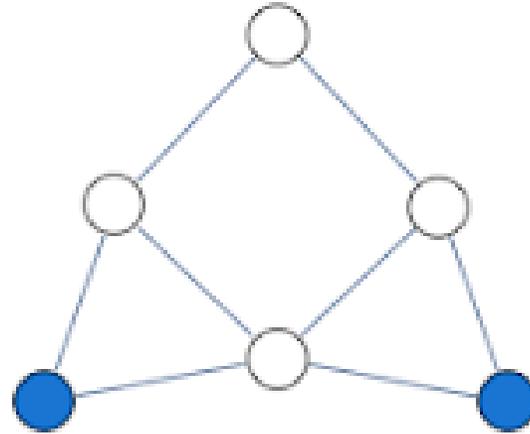
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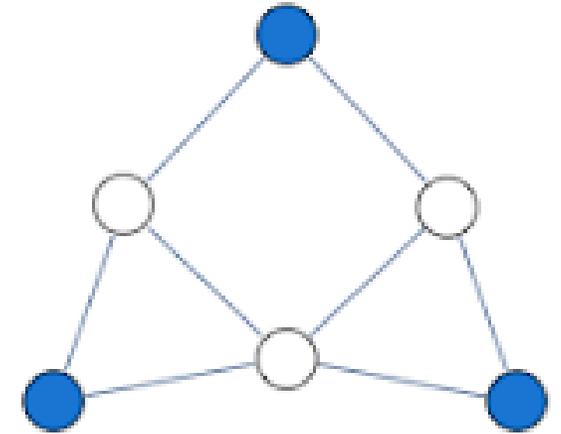
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Not an independent set



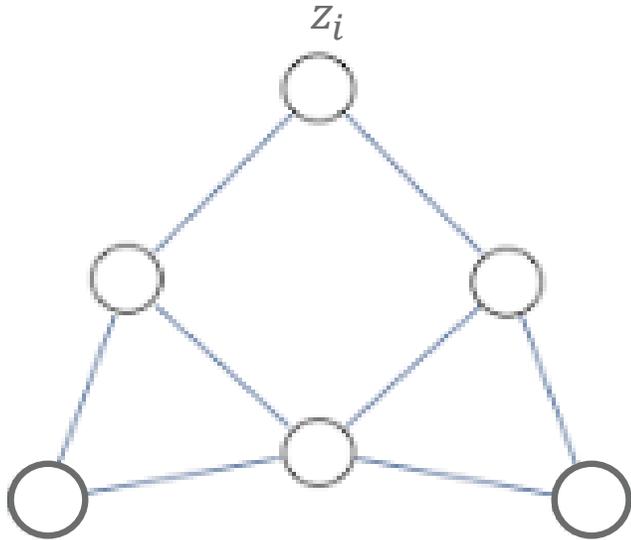
Independent set but
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Maximal
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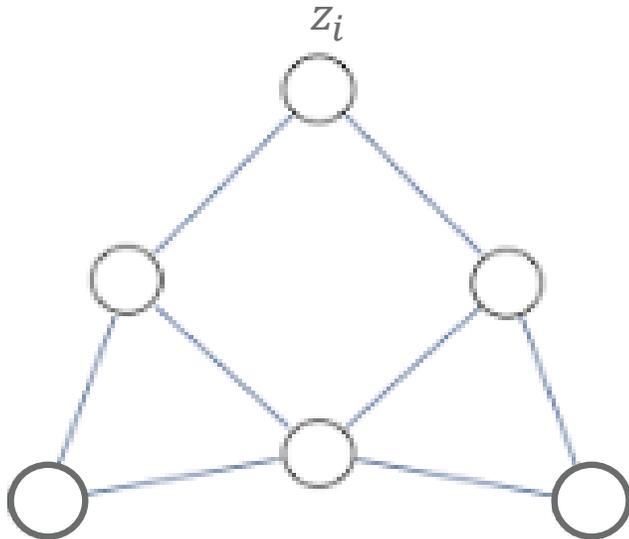


Combinatorial formulation

We can attribute a binary variable z_i to each node, where $z_i = 1$ if node i is colored (therefore it belongs to the independent set) and $z_i = 0$ otherwise.

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The **Maximum Independent Set** corresponds to the **minimum** of the following **cost function**:

$$C(z_1, \dots, z_N) = - \sum_{i=1}^N z_i + U \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} z_i z_j$$

$$U \gg 1$$

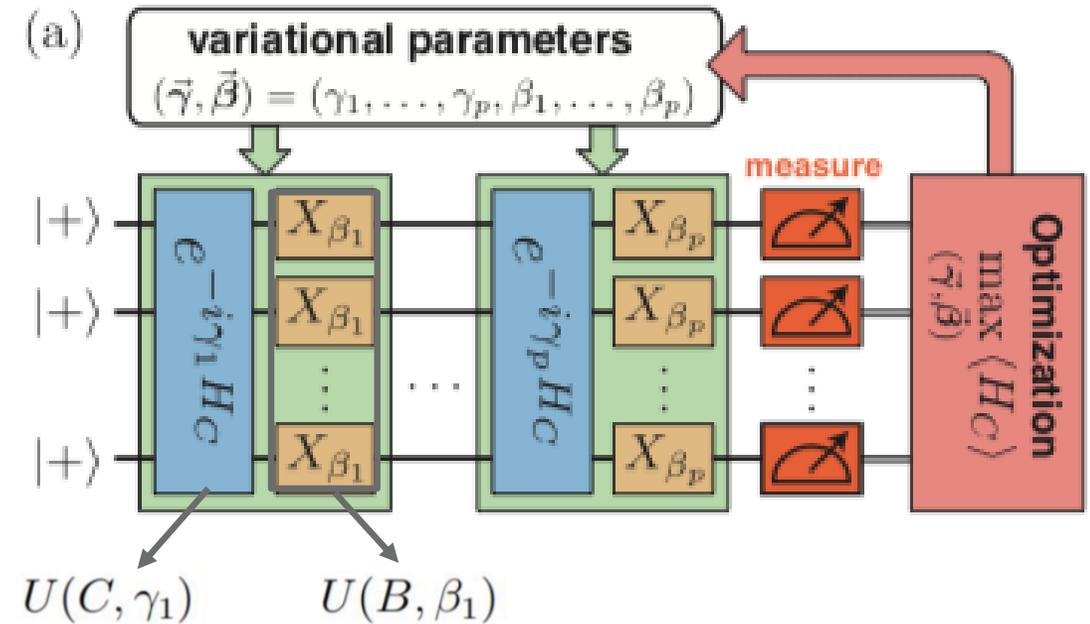
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QAOA Ansatz

$$|\gamma, \beta\rangle = U(B, \beta_p) U(C, \gamma_p) \cdots U(B, \beta_1) U(C, \gamma_1) |s\rangle$$

Diagram illustrating the QAOA Ansatz equation. The equation is $|\gamma, \beta\rangle = U(B, \beta_p) U(C, \gamma_p) \cdots U(B, \beta_1) U(C, \gamma_1) |s\rangle$. Brackets below the equation identify the components: $|\gamma, \beta\rangle$ is labeled "solution", $U(B, \beta_p) U(C, \gamma_p) \cdots U(B, \beta_1) U(C, \gamma_1)$ is labeled "Circuit (alternating circuits)", and $|s\rangle$ is labeled "initial state".



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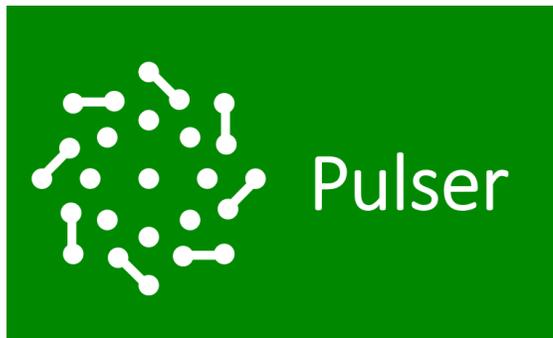
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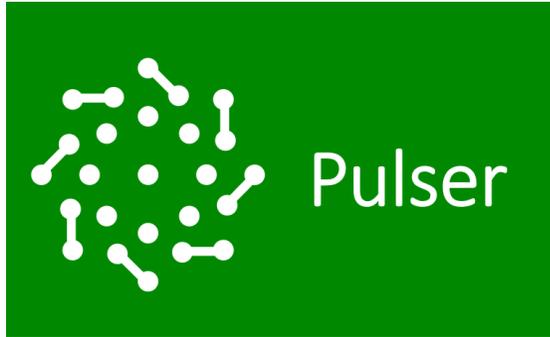
Practice Session



$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \sigma_i^x - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar\delta}{2} \sigma_i^z + \sum_{j<i} \frac{C_6}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|^6} n_i n_j$$

Appendix

Useful Software



Cirq



Qiskit

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LANE



TensorFlow Quantum



Amazon Braket

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