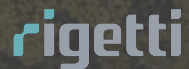


# Architectures for Hybrid Quantum/Classical Computing

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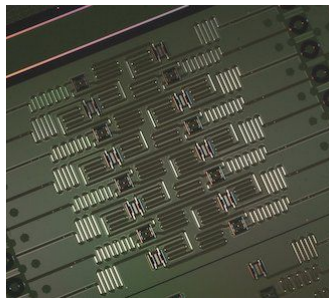


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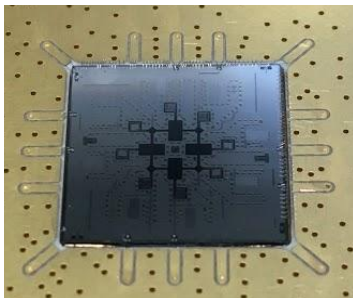
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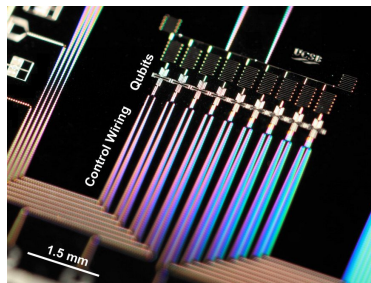
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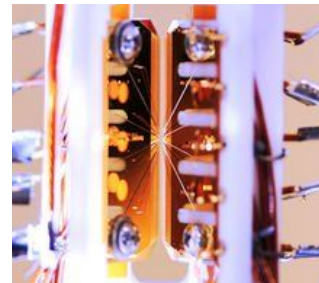
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## Tens to low hundreds of physical qubits

- > Nearest-neighbor lattices: superconducting qubits
- > Finite fidelities
- > Measurable cross-talk
- > Typically capable of approximately parameterized gates
- > Fast-feedback limitations
- > Limited Error-correction

# What we can't do near-term

- > Shor's algorithm (of order  $10^8$  qubits c.f. Fowler et al. 1208.0928)
- > Anything with a qRAM
- > Grover's search
- > Exact Hamiltonian Simulation
- > Fault-tolerant quantum computation



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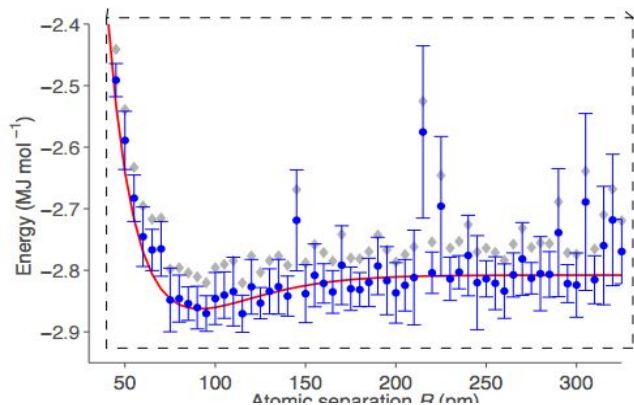
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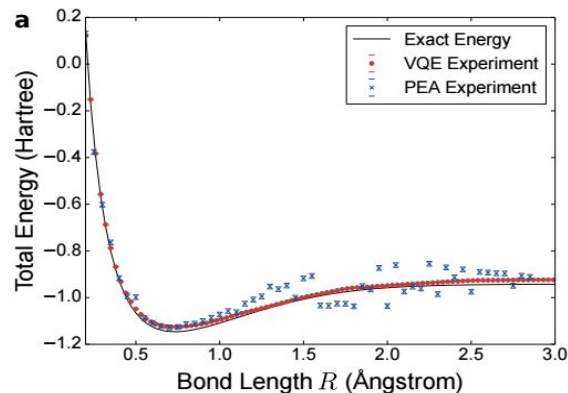
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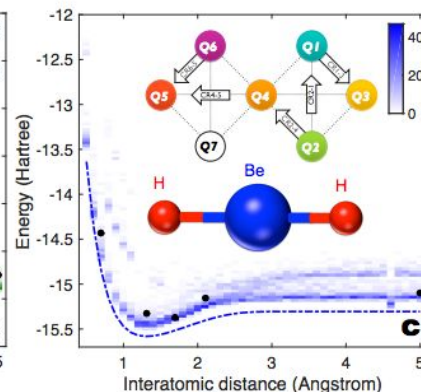
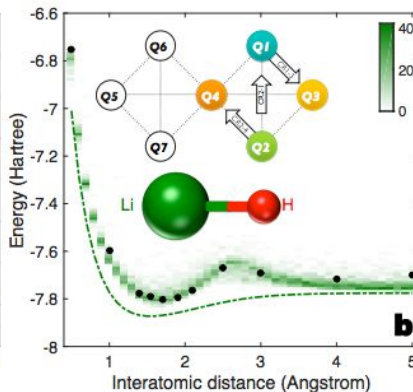
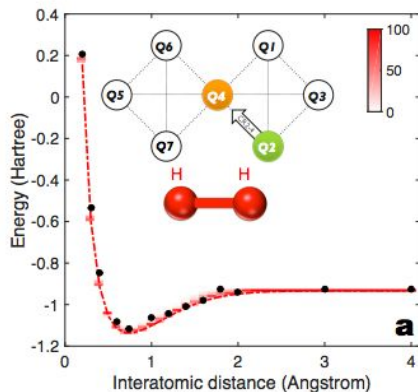
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O'Malley et al. 1512.06860

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# Variational Quantum Eigensolver

## 1. MOLECULAR DESCRIPTION

e.g. Electronic Structure Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i,j < i}^{N_n} \frac{Z_i Z_j}{|R_i - R_j|} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \frac{-\nabla_{r_i}^2}{2} - \sum_{ij}^{N_n, N_e} \frac{Z_i}{|R_i - r_j|} + \sum_{i,j < i}^{N_e} \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|}.$$

## 2. MAP TO QUBIT REPRESENTATION

e.g. Bravyi-Kitaev or Jordan-Wigner Transform

e.g. DI-HYDROGEN

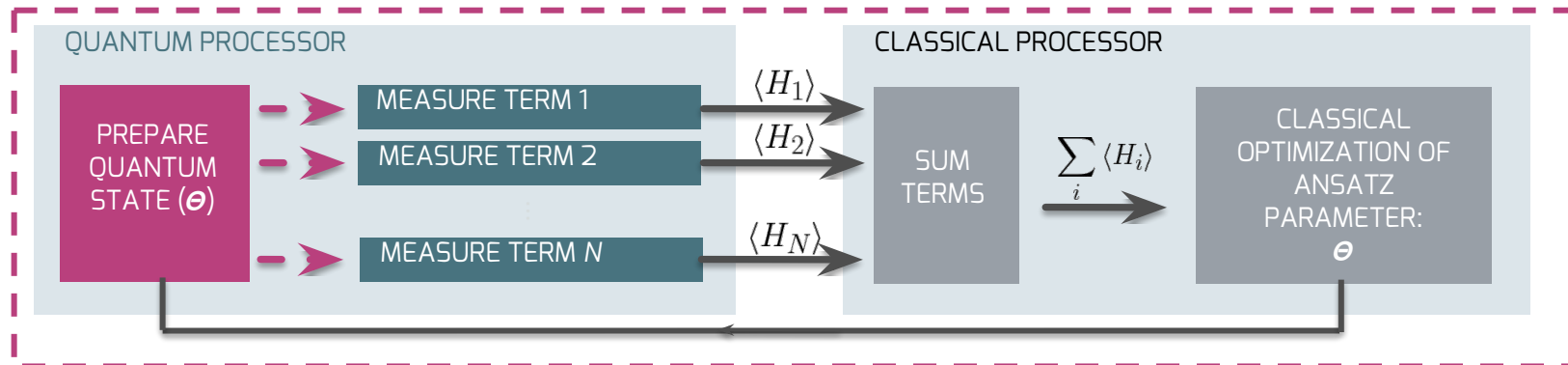
$$\begin{aligned} H = & f_0 \mathbb{1} + f_1 Z_0 + f_2 Z_1 + f_3 Z_2 + f_1 Z_0 Z_1 \\ & + f_4 Z_0 Z_2 + f_5 Z_1 Z_3 + f_6 X_0 Z_1 X_2 + f_6 Y_0 Z_1 Y_2 \\ & + f_7 Z_0 Z_1 Z_2 + f_4 Z_0 Z_2 Z_3 + f_3 Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \\ & + f_6 X_0 Z_1 X_2 Z_3 + f_6 Y_0 Z_1 Y_2 Z_3 + f_7 Z_0 Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \end{aligned}$$

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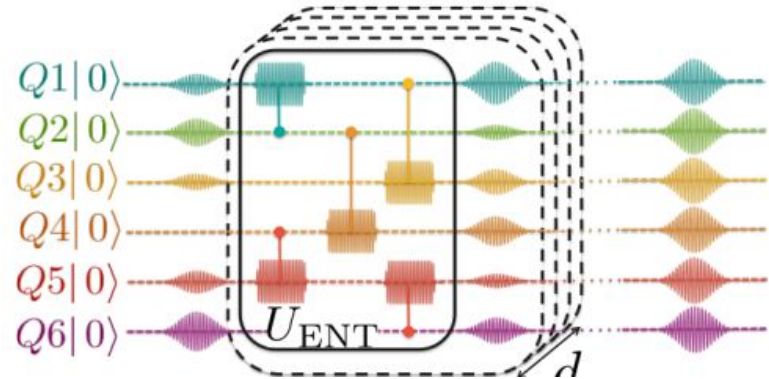
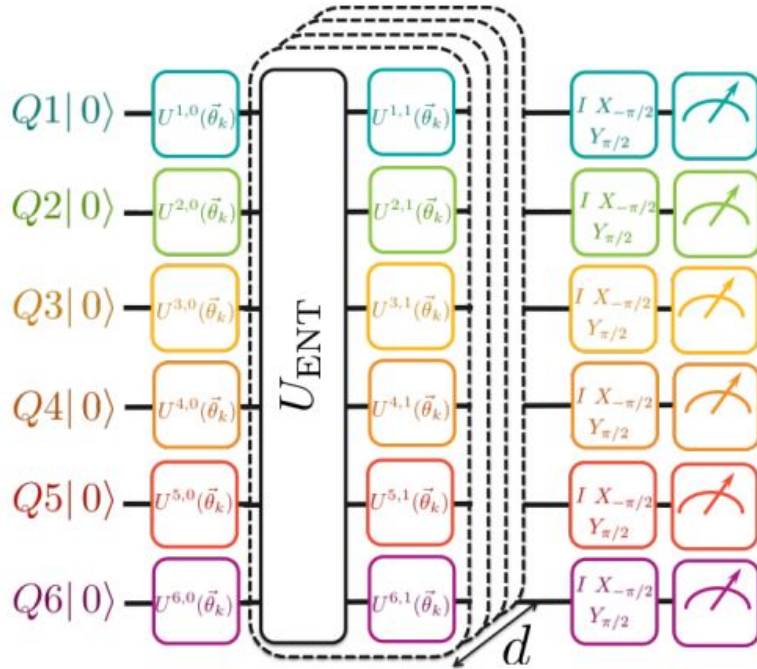
e.g. Unitary Coupled Cluster Variational Adiabatic Ansatz

$$\frac{\langle \varphi(\vec{\theta}) | H | \varphi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle}{\langle \varphi(\vec{\theta}) | \varphi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle} \geq E_0$$

## 4. RUN Q.V.E. QUANTUM-CLASSICAL HYBRID ALGORITHM



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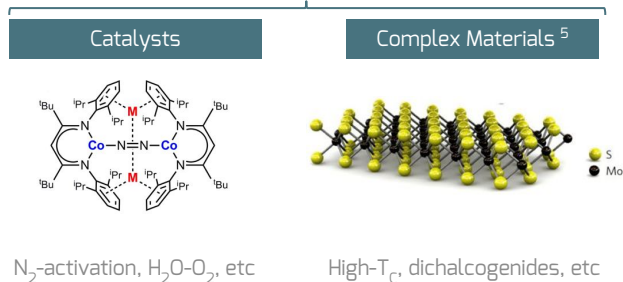




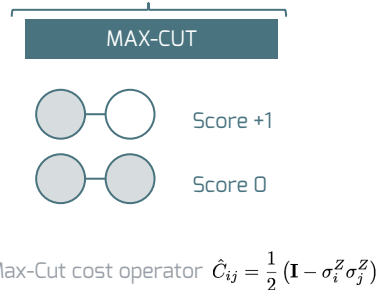
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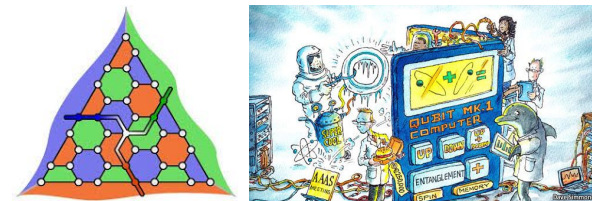
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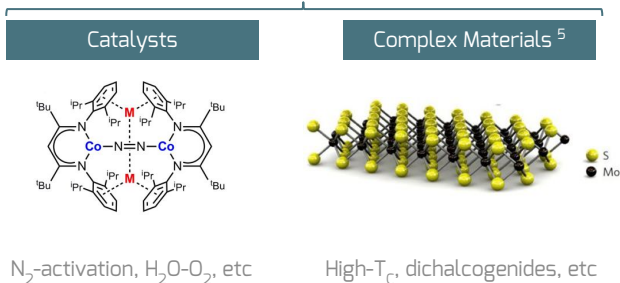
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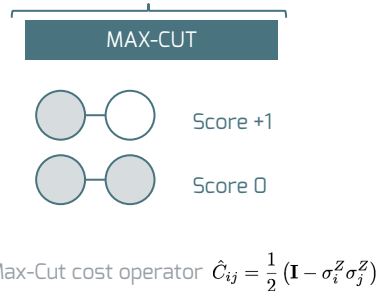
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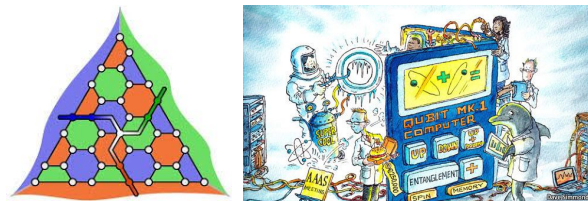
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# FOREST: A stack for classical/quantum hybrid programming

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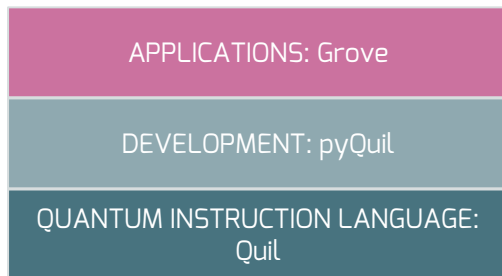
> Write applications...

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> that execute on a real or virtual quantum processor.



**Open-sourced on github  
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# Quil and the Quantum Abstract Machine

A hybrid classical/quantum programming model.

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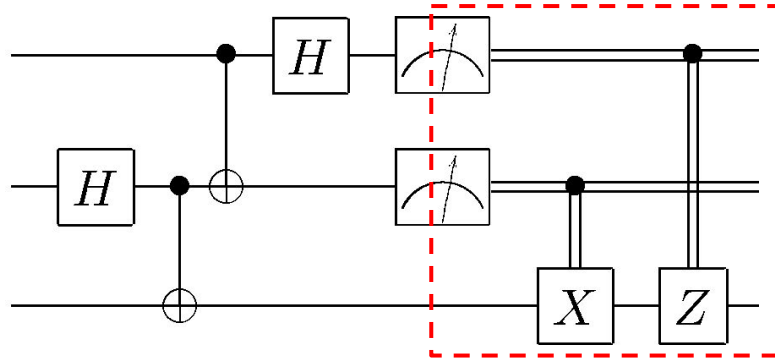




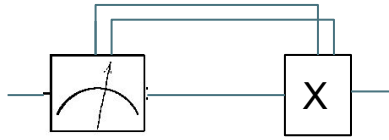
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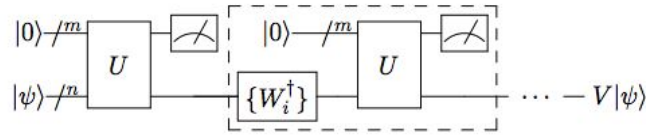


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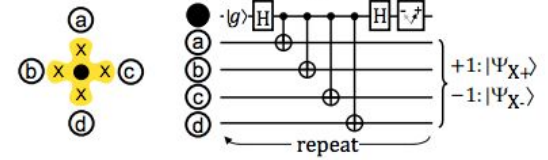
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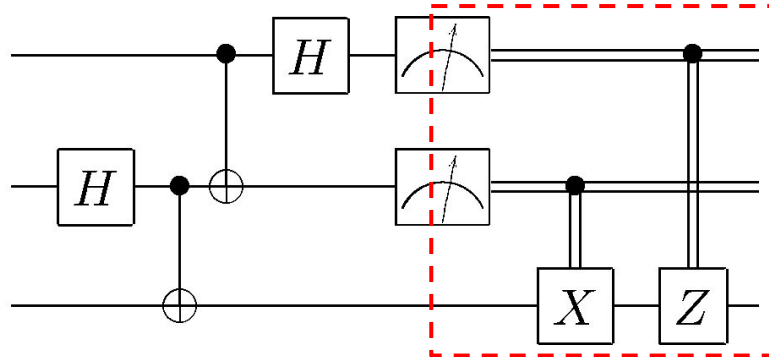
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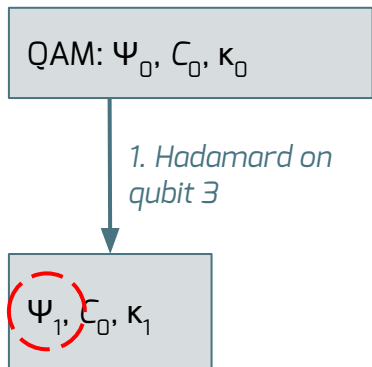
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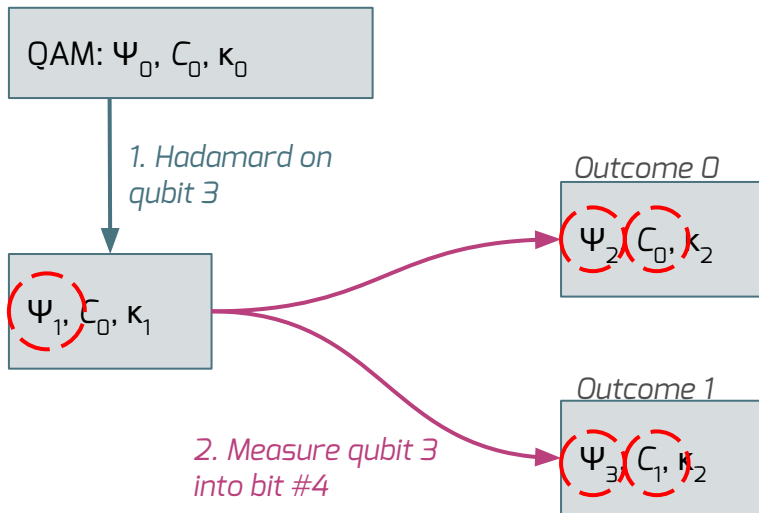
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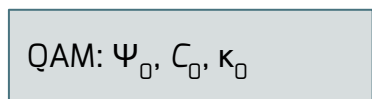
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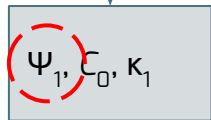
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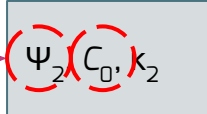


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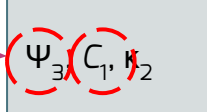


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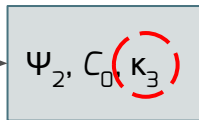
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3. Jump to end of program if bit #5 is TRUE



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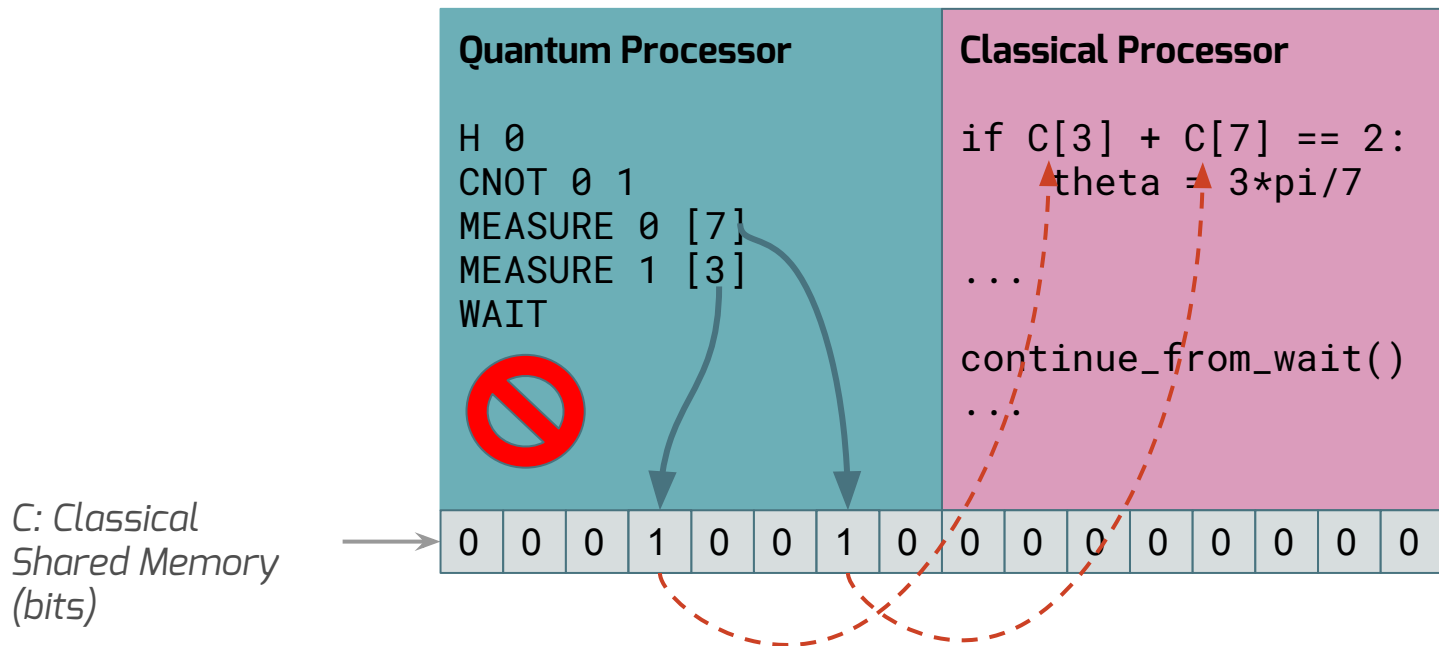
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# Interacting with a Classical Computer

- > The Quantum Abstract Machine has a **shared classical state**.
- > The QAM becomes a practical device with this shared state.
- > Classical computers can take over with classical/quantum synchronization.



# Formal Details: The Quil White Paper

For more Quil information see our **updated** white paper arXiv:[1608.03355](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.03355)

## A Practical Quantum Instruction Set Architecture

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# Quantum Teleportation in Quil

DEFCIRCUIT TELEPORT A q B:

*# Bell pair*

H A  
CNOT A B

*# Teleport*

CNOT q A  
H q  
MEASURE q [0]  
MEASURE A [1]

*# Classically communicate measurements*

JUMP-UNLESS @SKIP [1]

X B

LABEL @SKIP

JUMP-UNLESS @END [0]

Z B

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*# If Alice's qubits are 0 and 1*

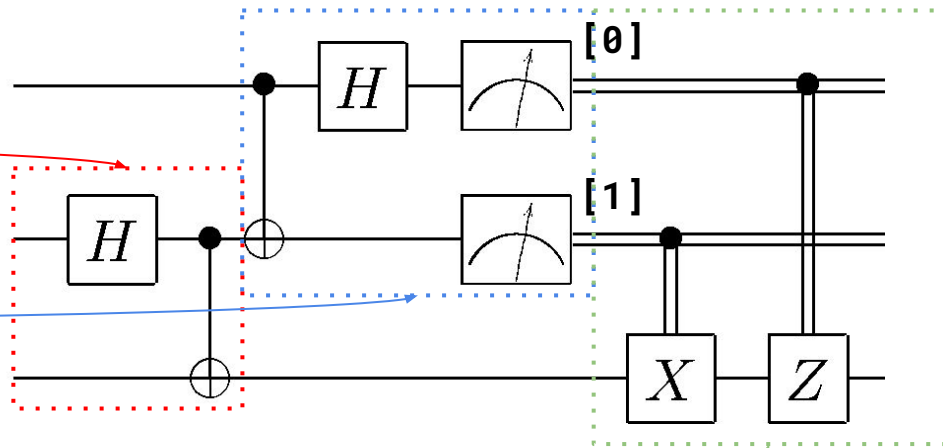
*# and Bob's is 5*

TELEPORT 0 1 5

Alice's ancilla q

Alice A

Bob B



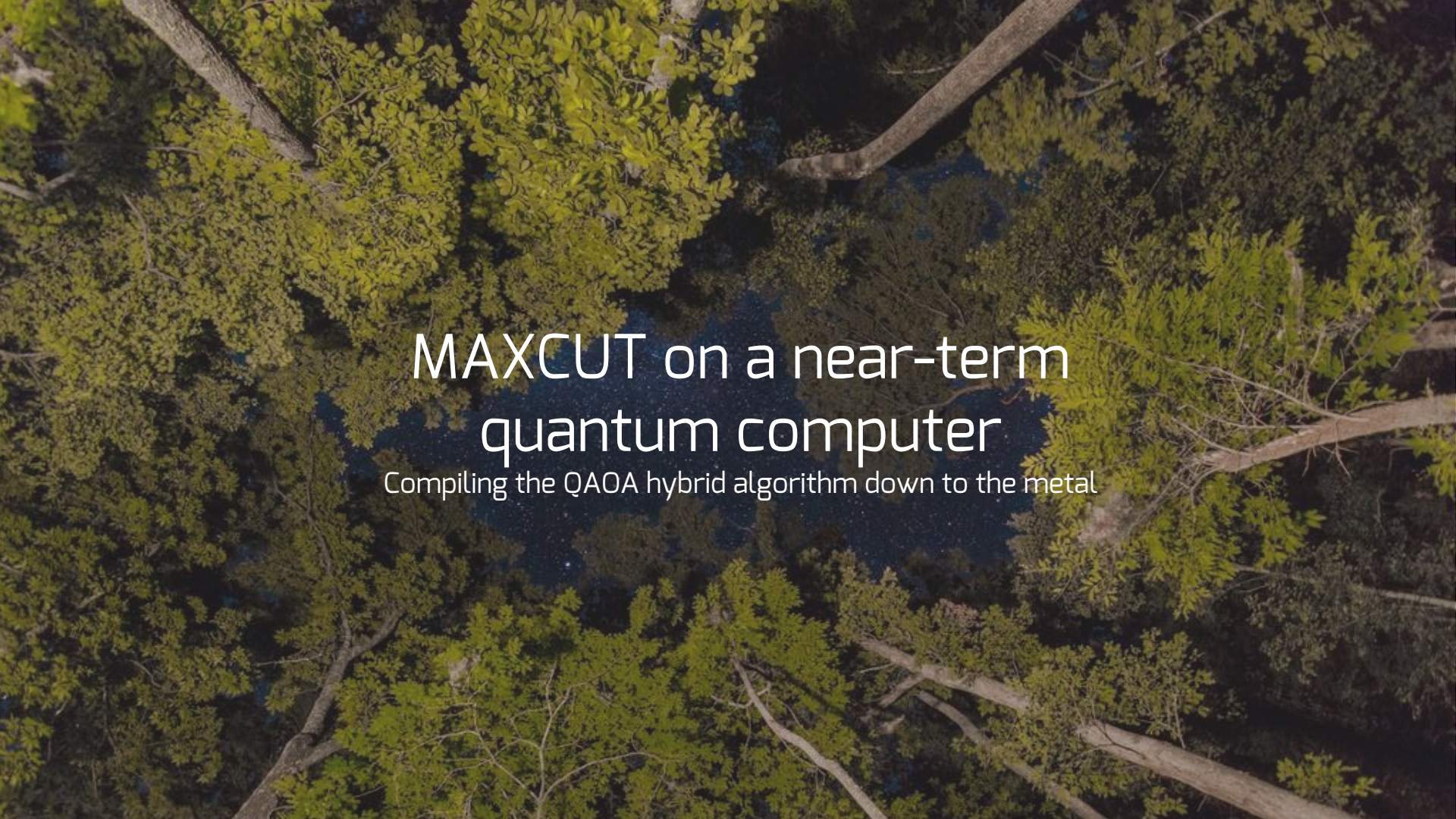


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# Higher level programming with pyQuil

A Python library for hybrid programming




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# MAXCUT on a near-term quantum computer

Compiling the QAOA hybrid algorithm down to the metal

# FOREST: Tools for experimental quantum programming

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## Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA)

### Overview

pyQAOA is a Python module for running the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm on an instance of a quantum abstract machine.

The pyQAOA package contains separate modules for each type of problem instance: MAX-CUT, graph partitioning, etc. For each problem instance the user specifies the driver Hamiltonian, cost Hamiltonian, and the approximation order of the algorithm.

`qaoa.py` contains the base QAOA class and routines for finding optimal rotation angles via Grove's [variational-quantum-eigensolver method](#).



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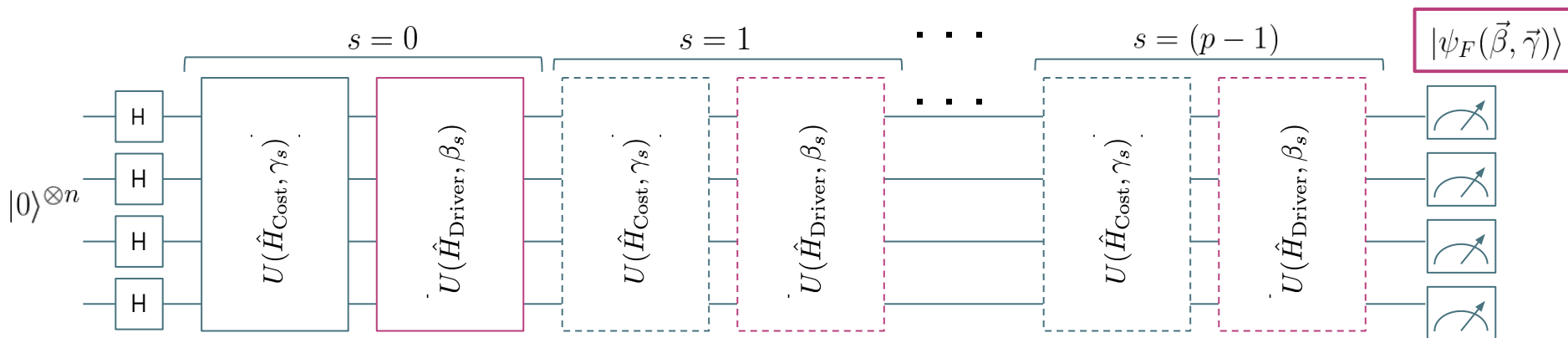
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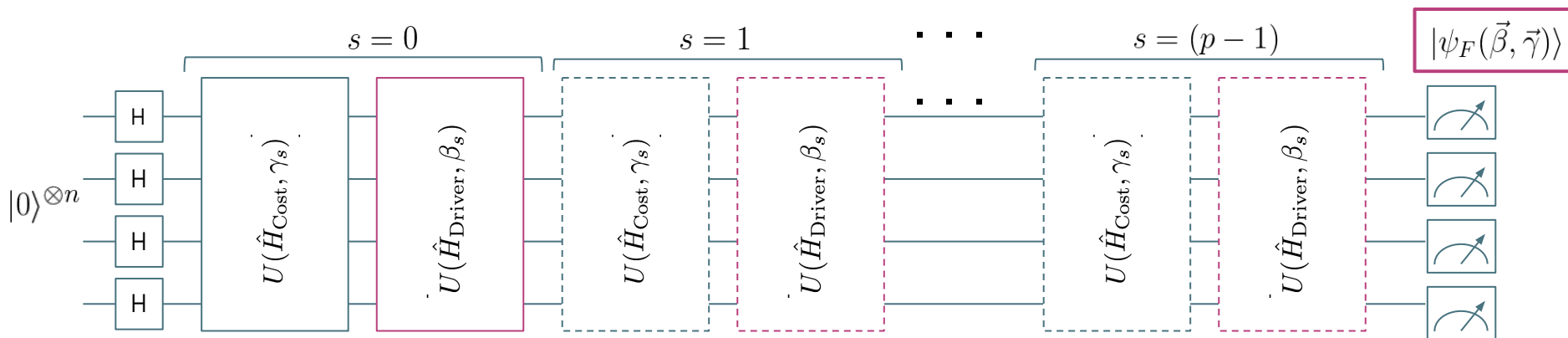
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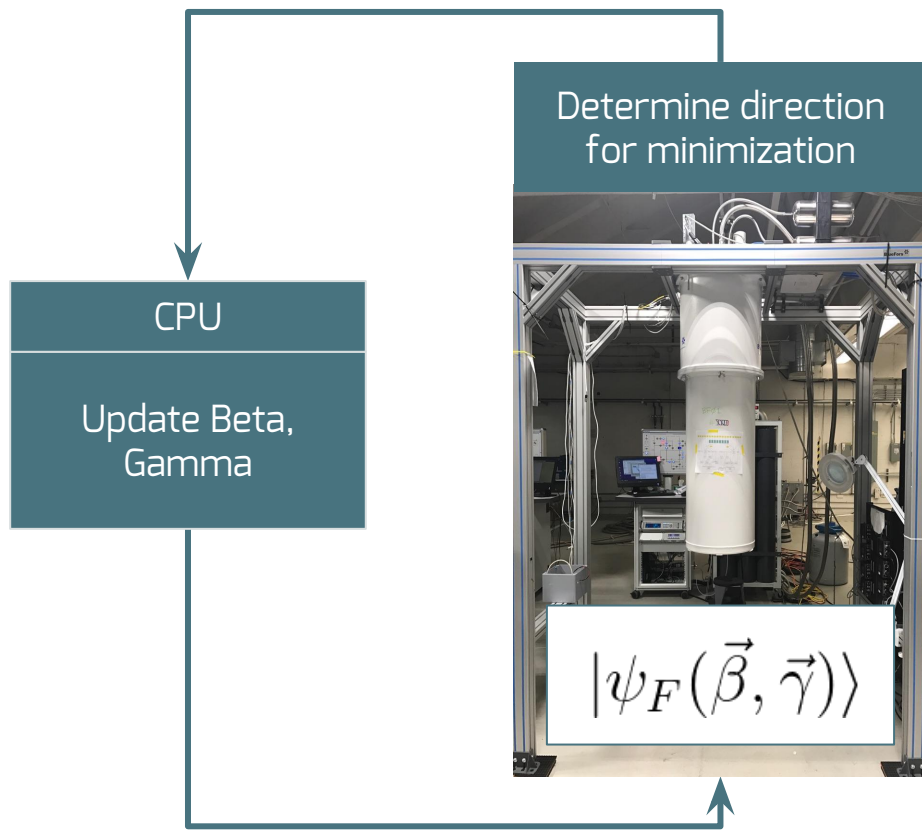
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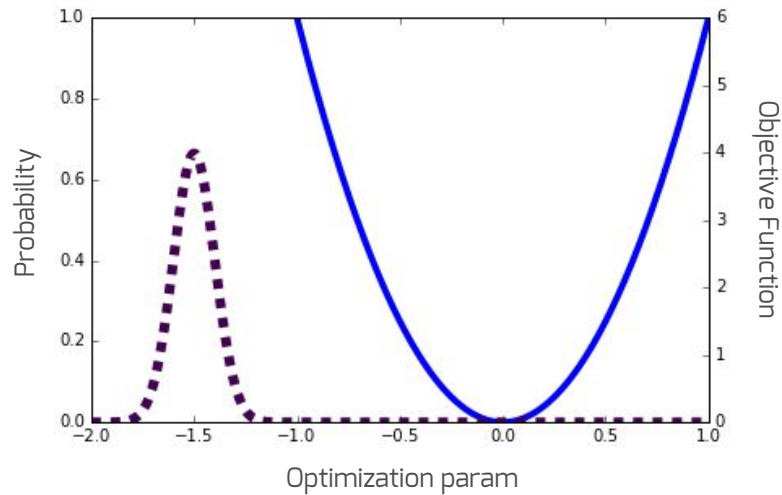
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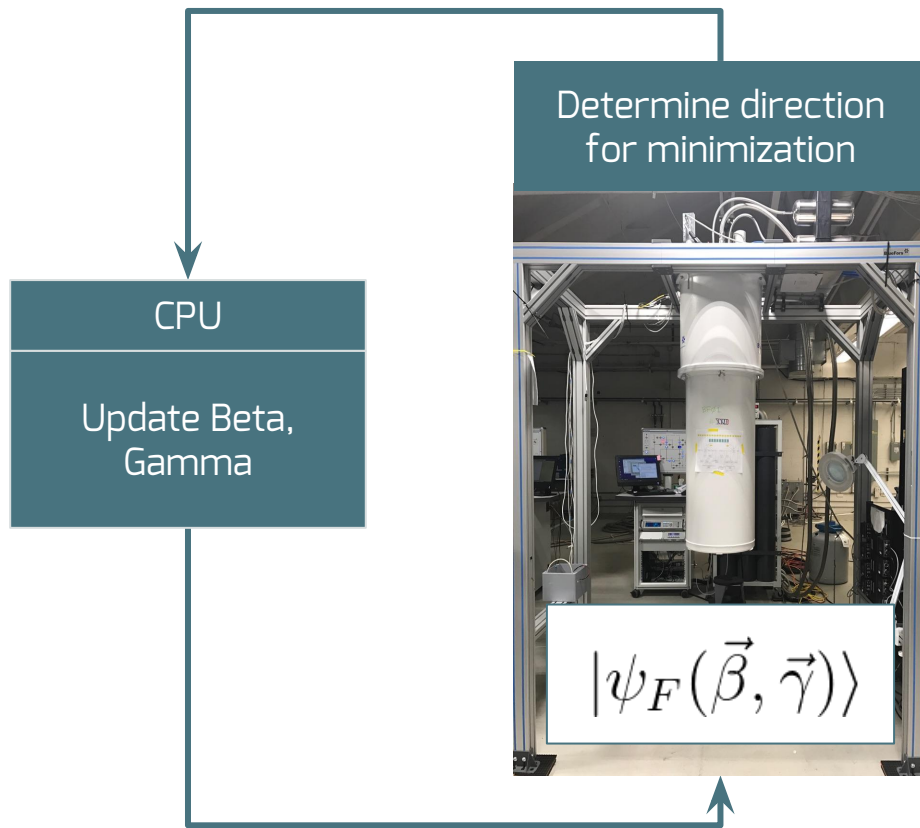
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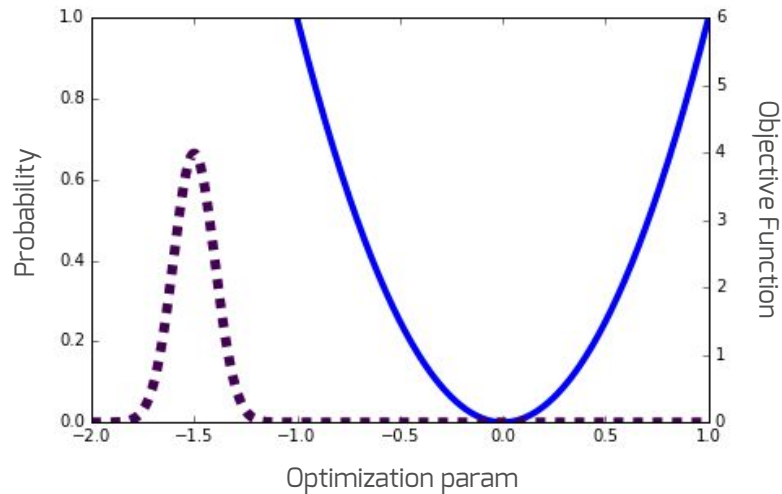
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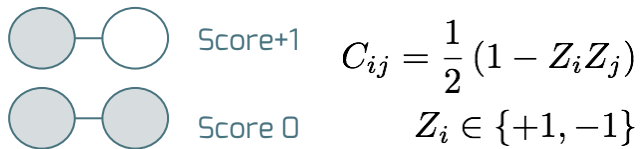


Alternative Approach:  
analytically calculate optimal coefficients and run once.

WIP by Rieffel & NASA QuAIL

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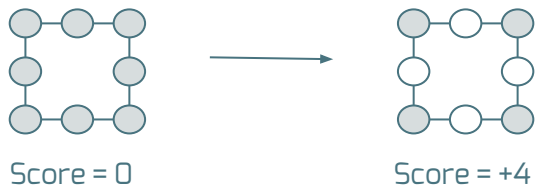
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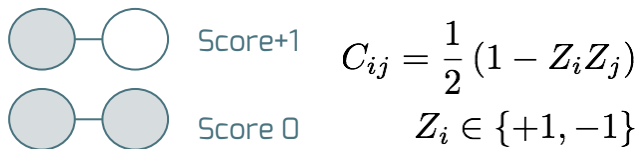
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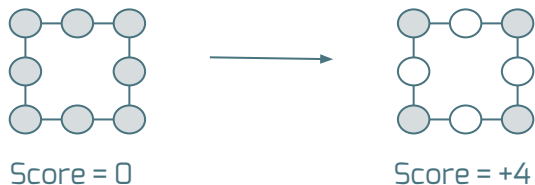
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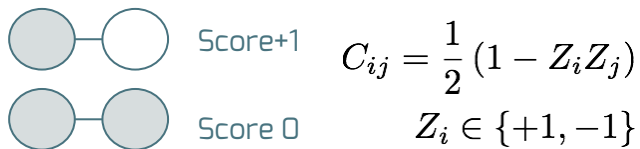
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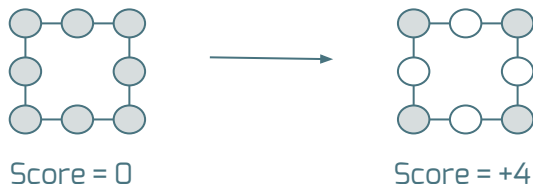
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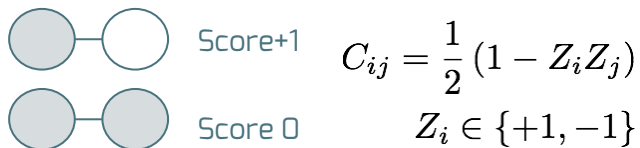
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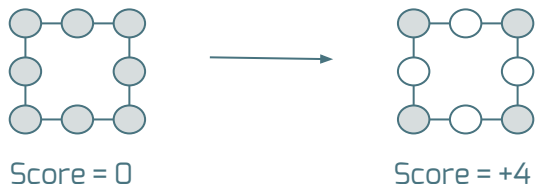
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    cost_steps = map(cost_step, gammas)
    driver_steps = map(driver_step, betas)

    interleaved_steps = zip(cost_steps, driver_steps)
    qaoa_circuit = merge_program([step for step_pair in interleaved_steps
                                   for step in step_pair])

    return rpqc(qaoa_circuit)
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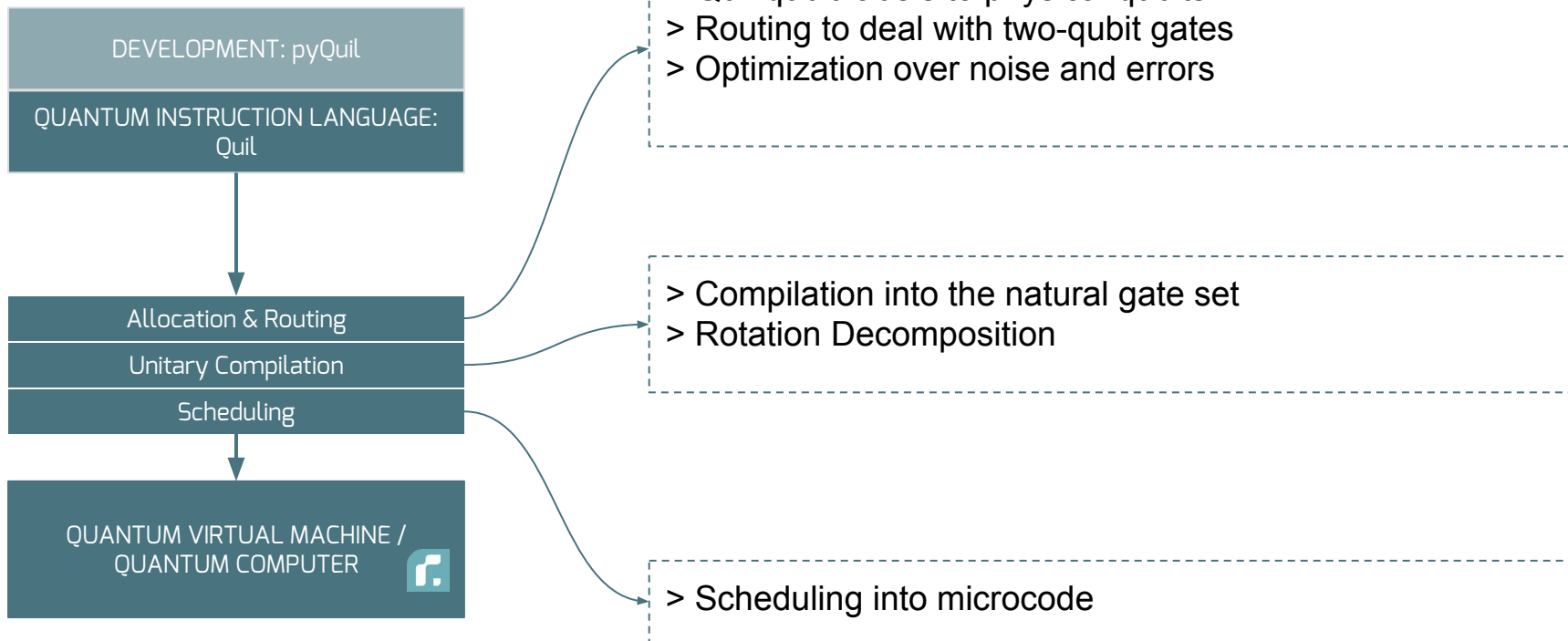
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gammas = [2.0, 1.0]
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```
# then execute the circuit and optimize over gammas and betas
```



# Compilation



# Why do we need to schedule?

- Quil has **no** notion of time or synchronization.
- But time and synchronization are very important.
- What are our options?

## **Give up; Admit the physicists are better**

“Program” with buttons and wires.

### Pros:

- Maximal control

### Cons:

- Difficult to reason about
- Nixes the idea of an abstraction
- Difficult to automate
- Have to think about hardware

## **Include *ad hoc* synchronization instructions**

Extend Quil to “know” about time.

### Pros:

- Directly addresses the issue
- Still an abstract framework

### Cons:

- Extremely complicated!
- Difficult to reason about
- Not easily extensible
- Hard to implement
- Loses the “essence”

## **Compile Quil into some temporal representation**

Add machine-specific directives.

### Pros:

- Remains abstract
- Adds control as necessary
- Extensible!
- Keeps Quil “clean”

### Cons:

- Compilation is more difficult
- Performance characterization is machine-specific

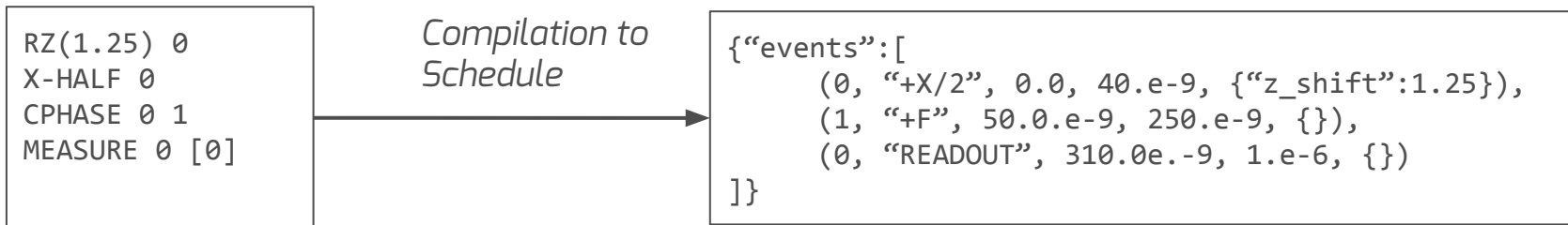


## Events

(target, name, start\_time, duration, param\_dict)

## Schedules

A set of events (and some transformations on them)



QPU Microcode is given by supported event types, e.g.

```
(target, "X-HALF", start_time, 40.e-9, {"z_shift": theta})
(target, "+F", start_time, 250.e-9, {})
(target, "-F", start_time, 250.e-9, {})
(target, "READOUT", start_time, 1.e-6, {})
```

# Open Problems:

## Allocation & Routing

Optimal implementation includes optimization over:

- > Gate sets that vary across the chip
- > Noise in gates
- > Noise in qubits
- > Noise in measurements
- > Crosstalk

ScaffCC [1507.01902]

## Generic Unitary Decomposition

Single-qubit case is well understood  $O(\log(1/\epsilon))$  [Kliuchnikov et al. 1510.03888]

Martinez et al. Compiling quantum algorithms for architectures with multi-qubit gates. 1601.06819

Maslov. Basic circuit compilation techniques for an ion-trap quantum machine. 1603.07678

## High performance simulation

qHIPSTER. Smelyanski et al. 1601.07195.

High Performance Emulation of Quantum Circuits. Haener et al. 1604.06460

0.5 Petabyte Simulation of a 45-Qubit Quantum Circuit. Haener & Steiger. 1704.01127.

## Integration with Classical HPC

Post-processing to reduce impact of sampling error in VQE & QAOA

Computationally intensive decoders in QEC

Integrations of quantum co-processors in larger workflows, e.g. DMET w/ VQE. Rubin 1610.06910

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