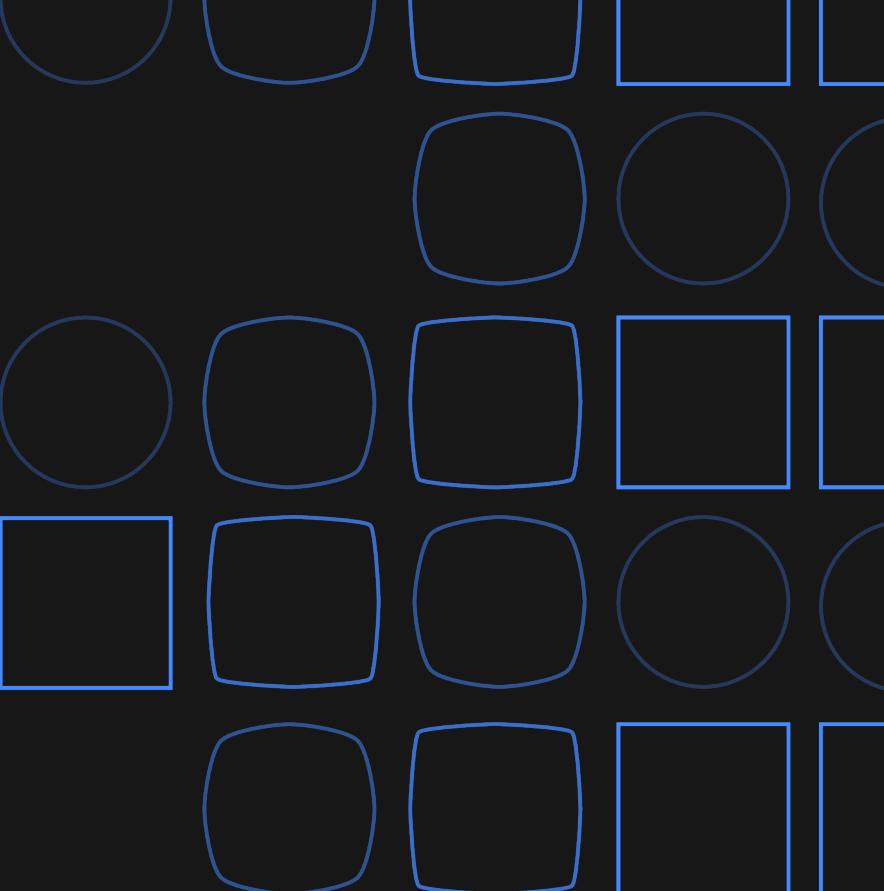


# Qiskit workshop for PC5228

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# Schedule

Date	Start	End	Subject
21 Aug	12:00	13:30	Introduction to Qiskit and IBM Quantum Experience
18 Sep	12:00	14:00	Quantum algorithms: Deutsch-Jozsa and Grover algorithm
6 Nov	12:00	14:00	Quantum applications: Simulating Molecules using Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

All sessions will be recorded

# Session 3: Simulating Molecules using Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

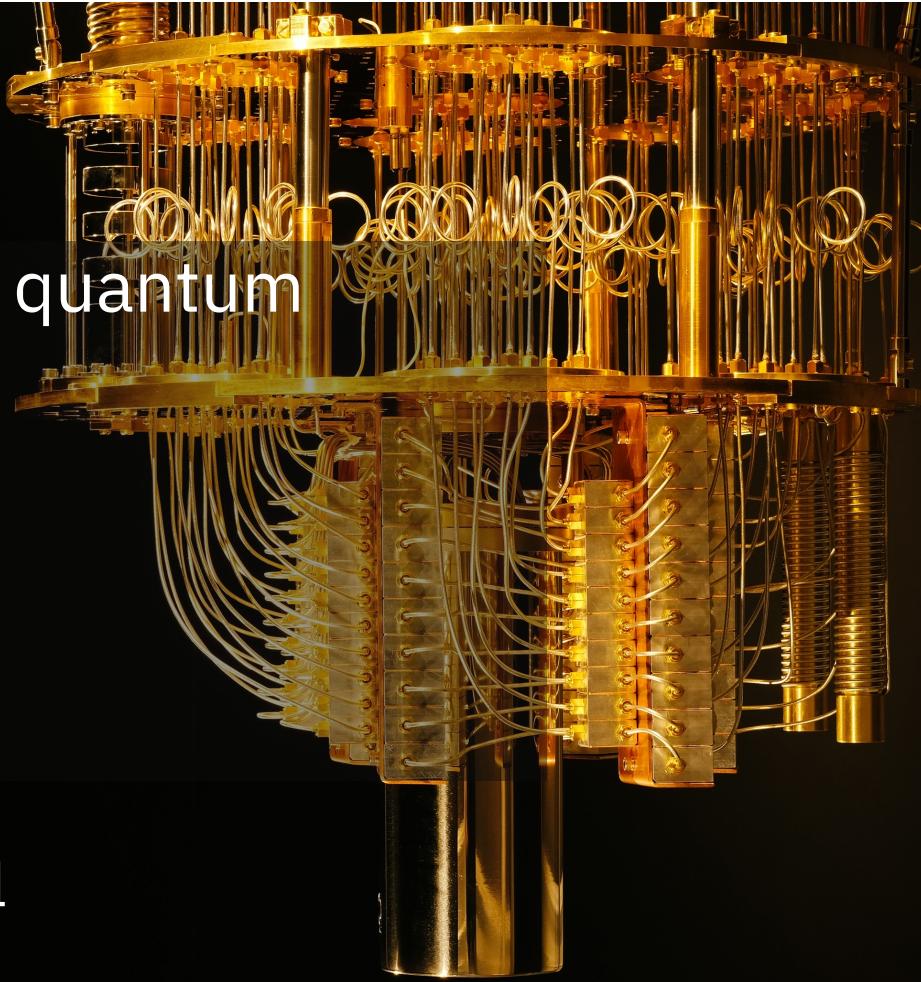
Start	End	Duration	Subject
12:00	12:10	0:10	Opening and Overview
12:10	13:00	0:50	VQE – Theory & Experiment
13:00	13:10	0:10	Break
13:10	13:40	0:30	VQE – Qiskit Implementation
13:40	13:55	0:15	Assignment Office Hour
13:55	14:00	0:05	IBM Quantum Updates: IBM Quantum Challenge

# Simulating chemistry on a quantum computer II

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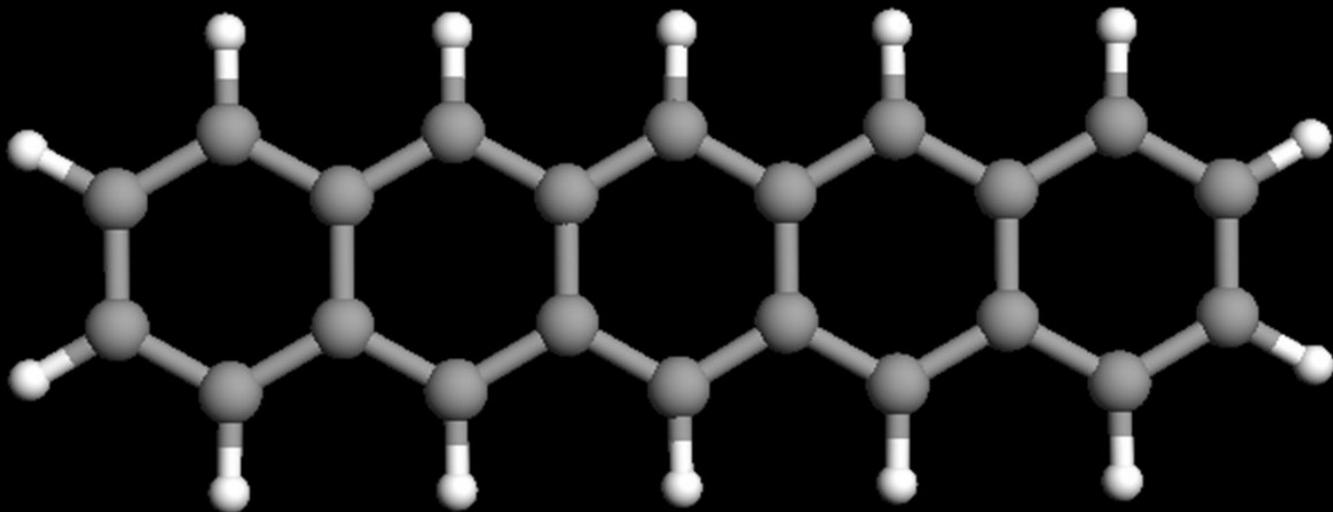


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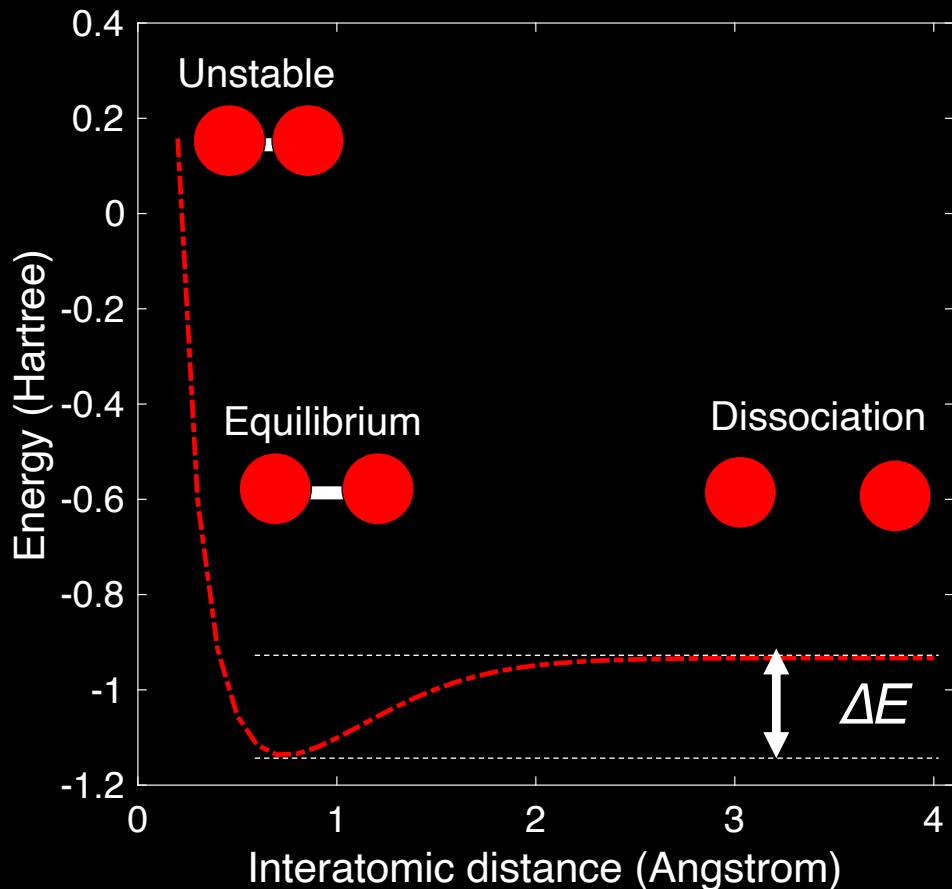
- Motivation for quantum simulations
- Hardware: superconducting qubits
- Variational Quantum Eigensolver
- Error Mitigation

# Motivations: Richard Feynman Quote

“Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem, because it doesn't look so easy.”



# Potential energy curve of a molecule



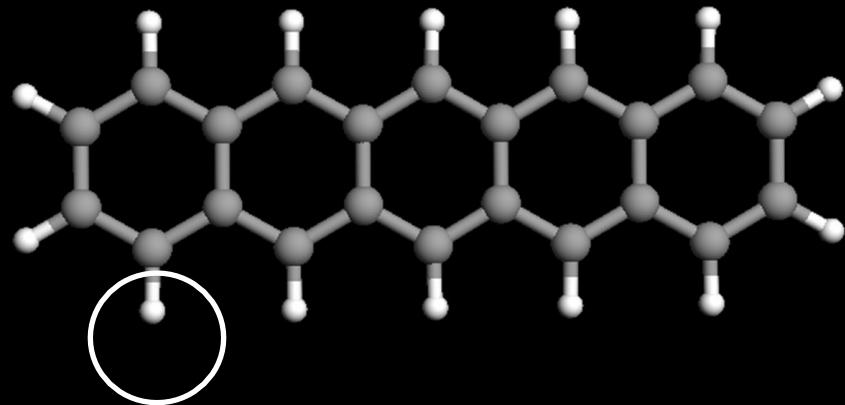
Rate  $\propto \text{Exp}(-\Delta E/kT)$

**Can we build a programmable,  
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to simulate the properties of other  
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molecules?**

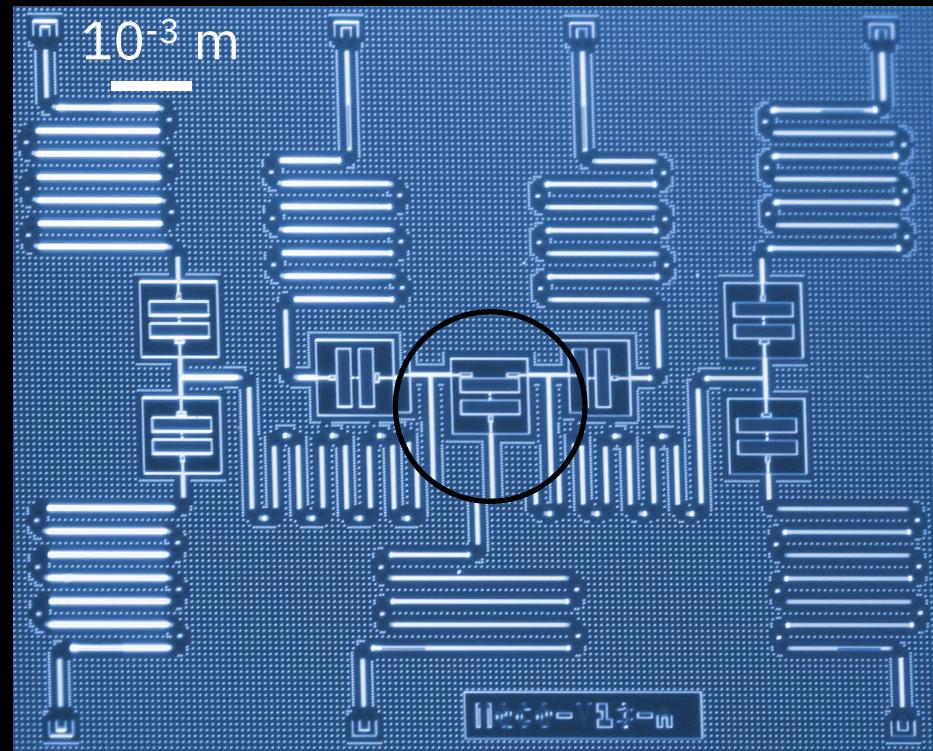
# Natural atoms

# Artificial Atoms

$10^{-9} \text{ m}$



$10^{-3} \text{ m}$



# The Electronic Structure Problem

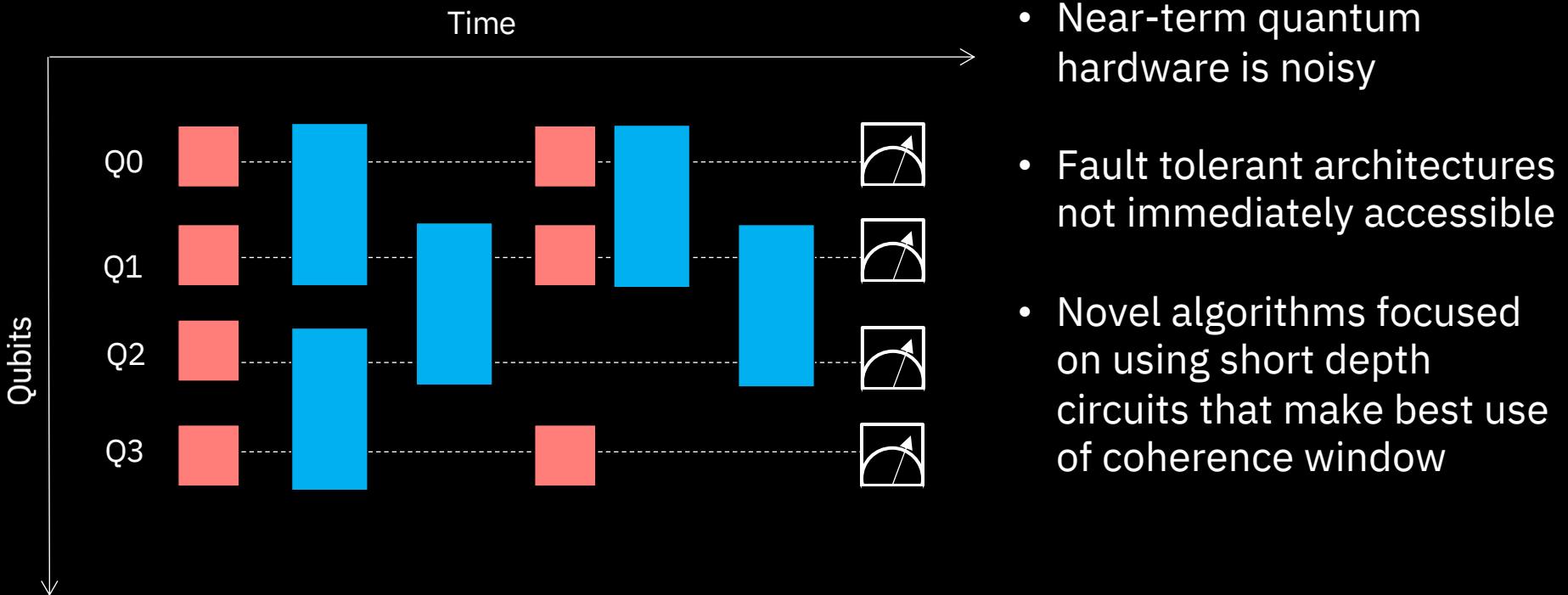
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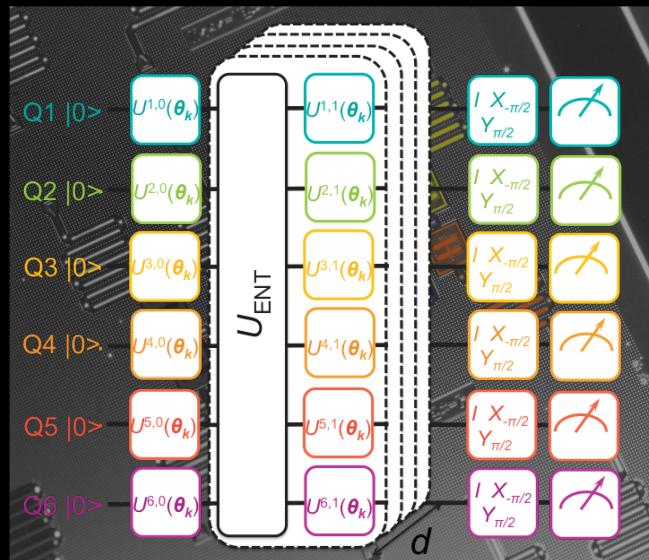
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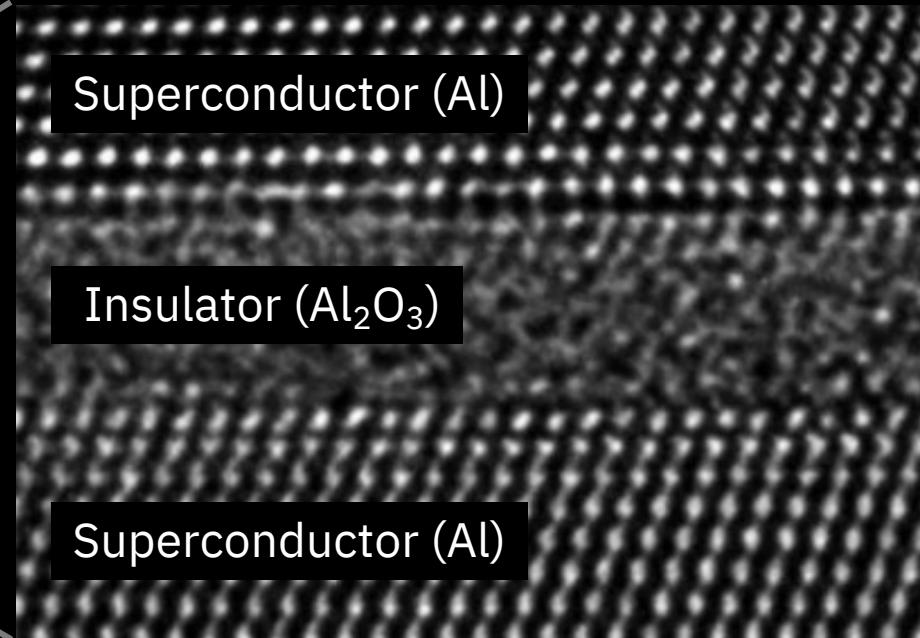
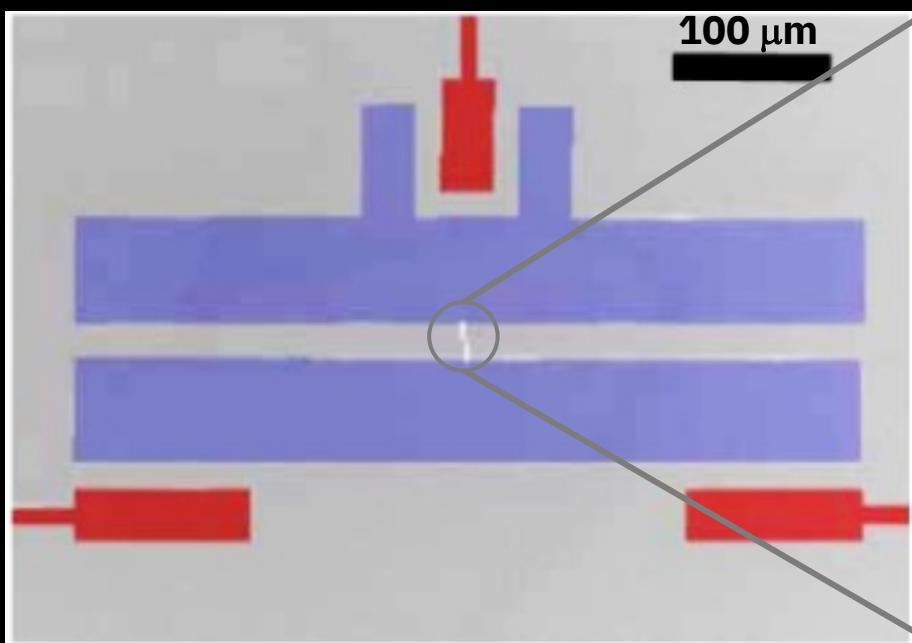


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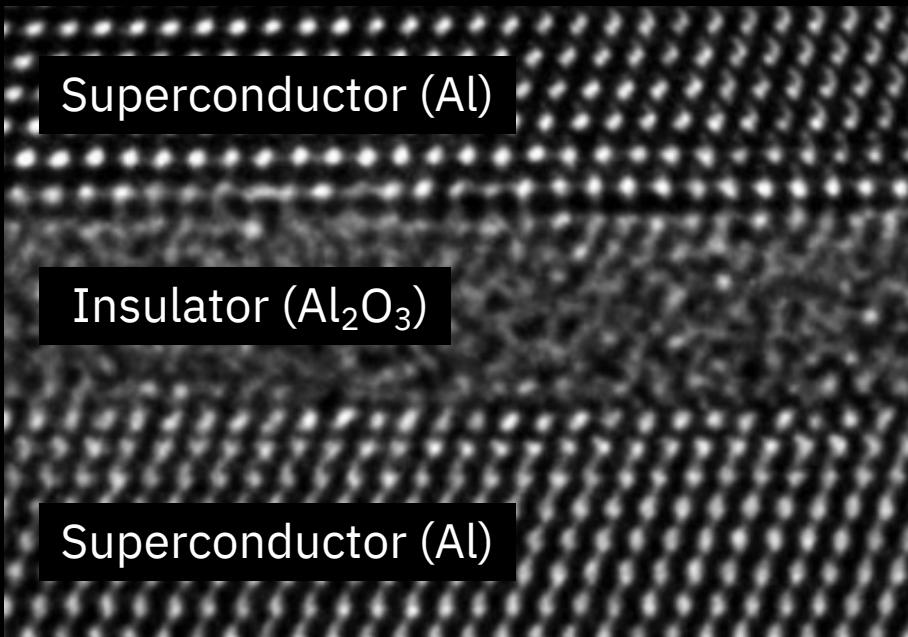
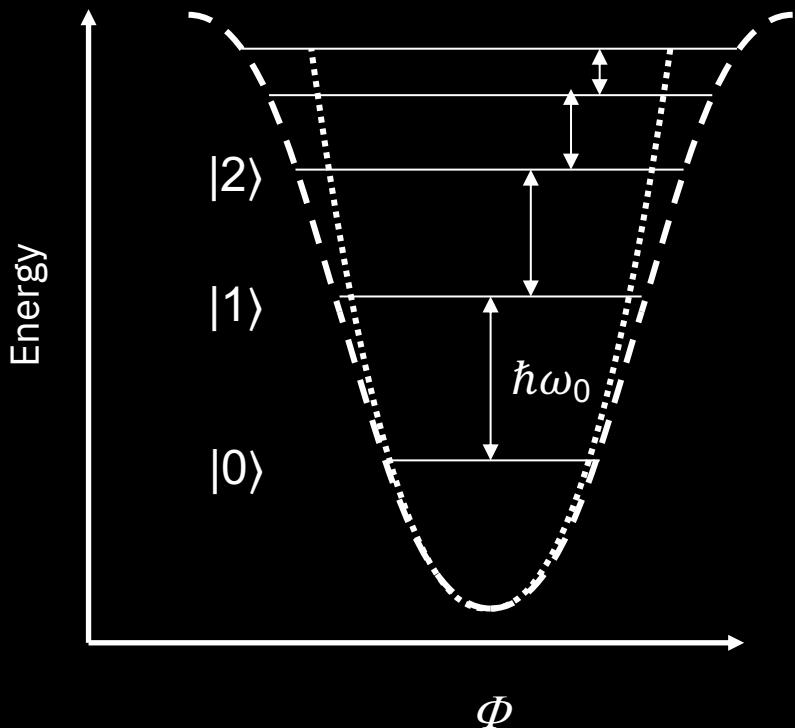
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# Quantum Hardware recap ..

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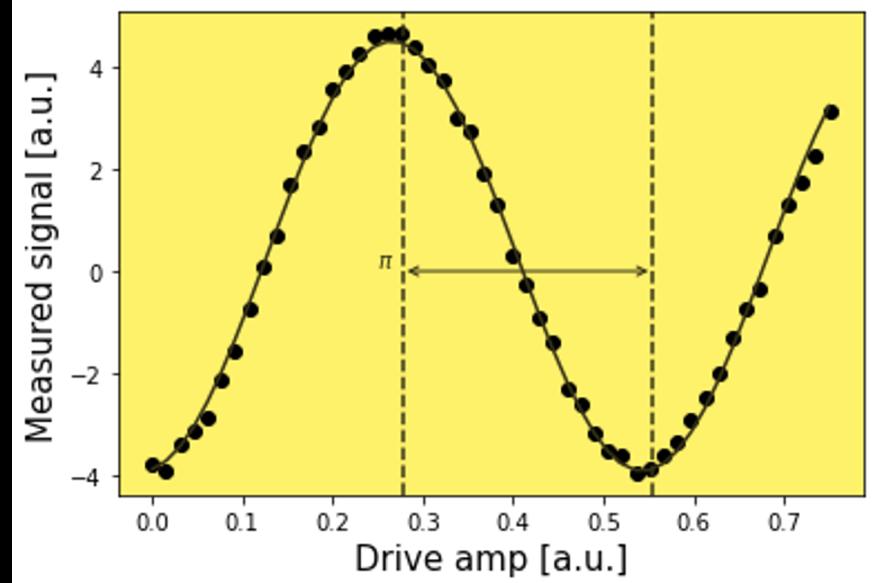
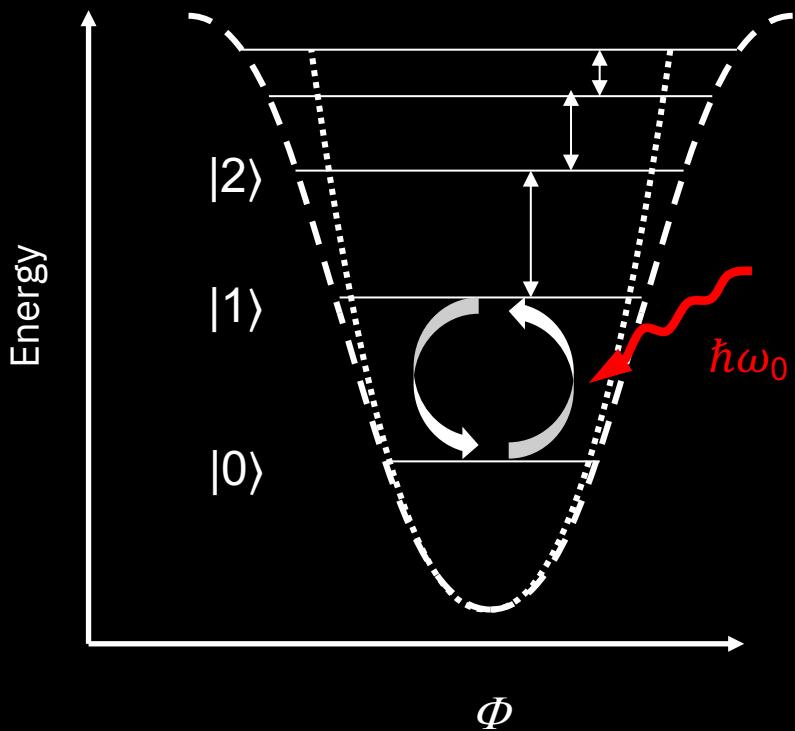
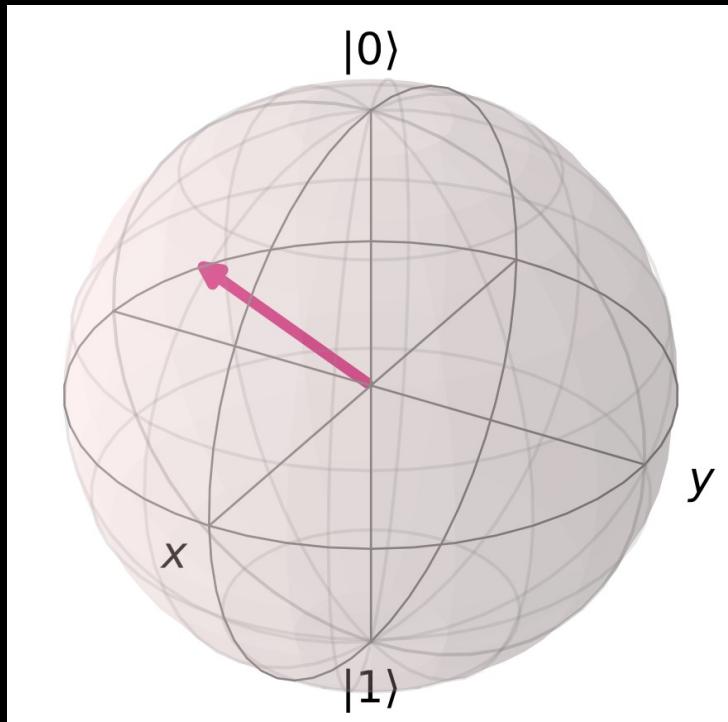
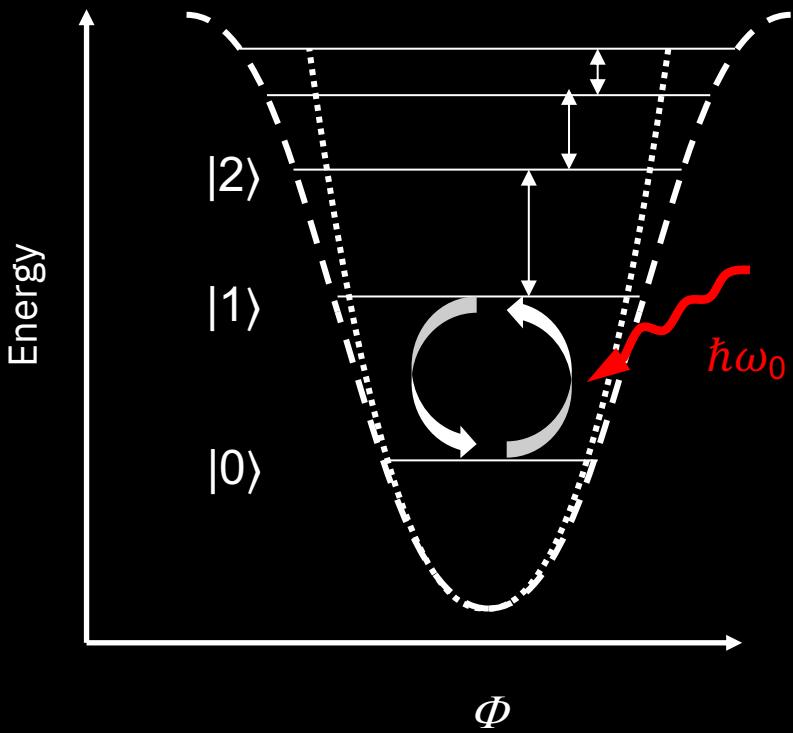


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- Amplitude/duration of pulse controls angle of rotation.
- Phase of pulse controls axis of rotation

# Two-qubit entangling gates

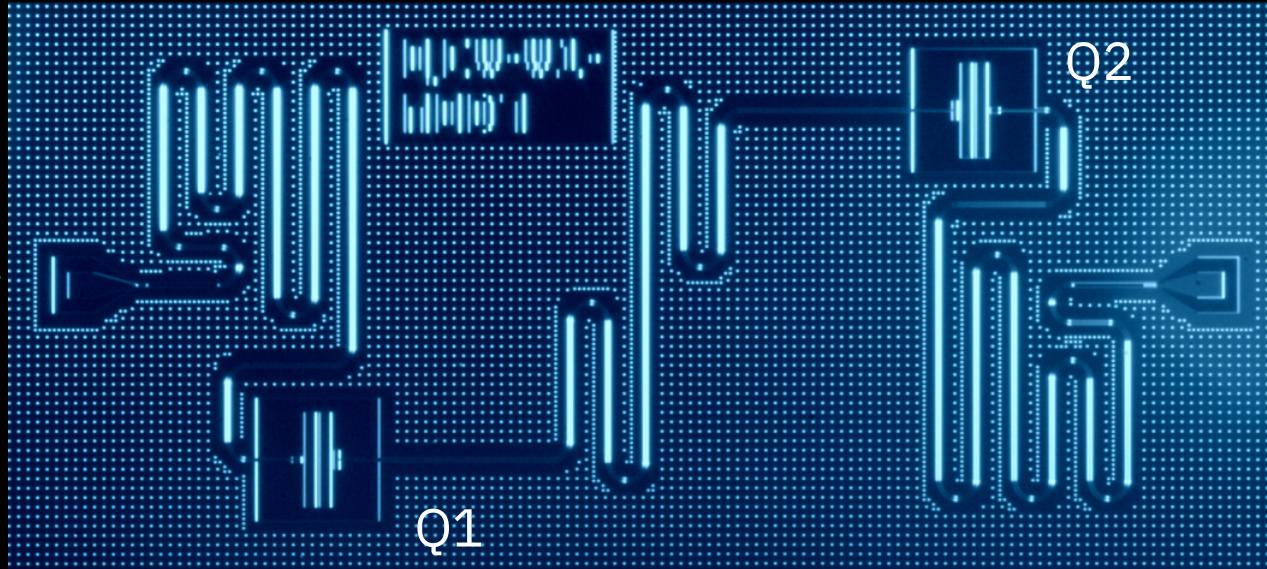
Apply operations on two qubit product states to create an entangled state, i.e. one that cannot be factored into its individual qubit components.

Entanglement generated by *conditional* rotations i.e rotations of a qubit (target) dependent on the state of the other (control).

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_A |0\rangle_B$$

$$U_{\text{CNOT}} |\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_A |0\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |1\rangle_B) \neq (\dots)_A (\dots)_B$$

# Two-qubit entangling gates: Cross resonance

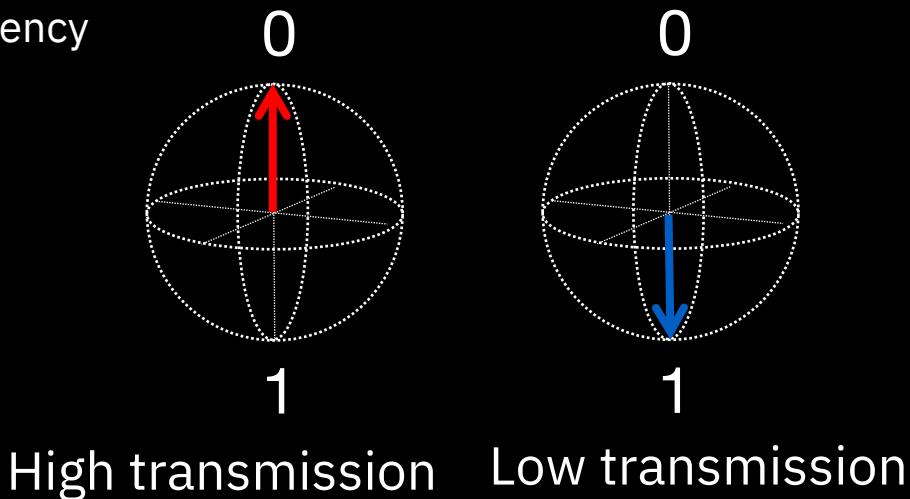
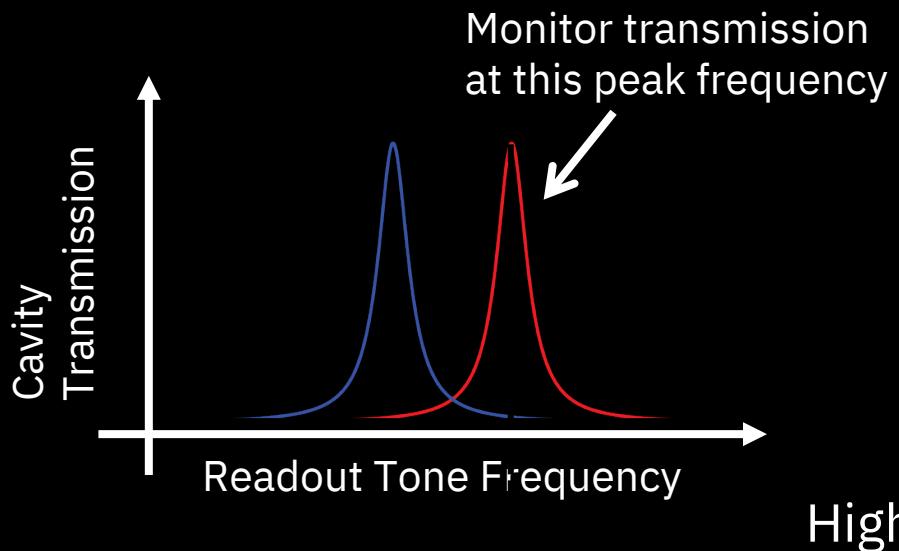


Can generate a CNOT with only microwave pulses

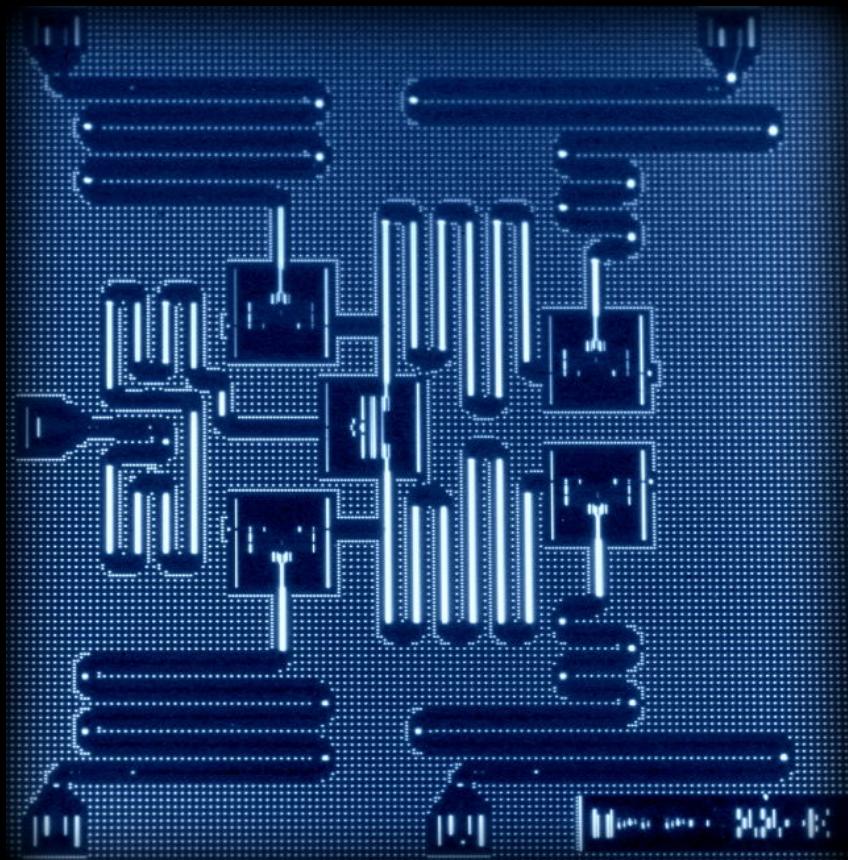
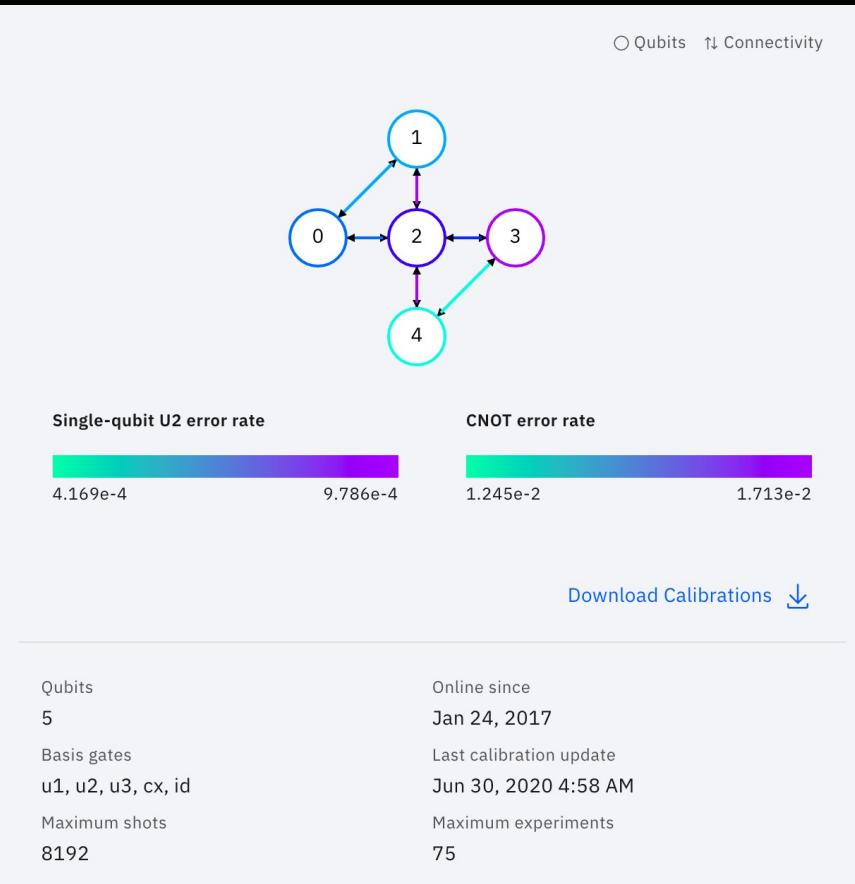
# Dispersive readout

$$H = \frac{\hbar\omega'_{01}}{2}\hat{\sigma}_z + \hbar(\omega'_r + \chi\hat{\sigma}_z)\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}$$

**Qubit State dependent resonator frequency**



# Superconducting quantum processor: ibmq\_5\_yorktown



# Device characterization

Qubit	T1 (μs)	T2 (μs)	Frequency (GHz)	Readout error	Single-qubit U2 error rate	CNOT error rate
Q0	64.2	74.54	5.286	2.45E-02	6.49E-04	<code>cx0_1</code> : 1.380e-2, <code>cx0_2</code> : 1.430e-2
Q1	77.35	83.17	5.238	1.75E-02	5.72E-04	<code>cx1_0</code> : 1.380e-2, <code>cx1_2</code> : 1.713e-2
Q2	50.9	41.91	5.031	2.75E-02	8.32E-04	<code>cx2_0</code> : 1.430e-2, <code>cx2_1</code> : 1.713e-2, <code>cx2_3</code> : 1.470e-2, <code>cx2_4</code> : 1.708e-2
Q3	60.04	47.72	5.296	3.35E-02	9.79E-04	<code>cx3_2</code> : 1.470e-2, <code>cx3_4</code> : 1.245e-2
Q4	57.19	64.79	5.084	1.45E-02	4.17E-04	<code>cx4_2</code> : 1.708e-2, <code>cx4_3</code> : 1.245e-2

Q: Which 2 qubits would you choose for a H<sub>2</sub> simulation?

**Back to chemistry**

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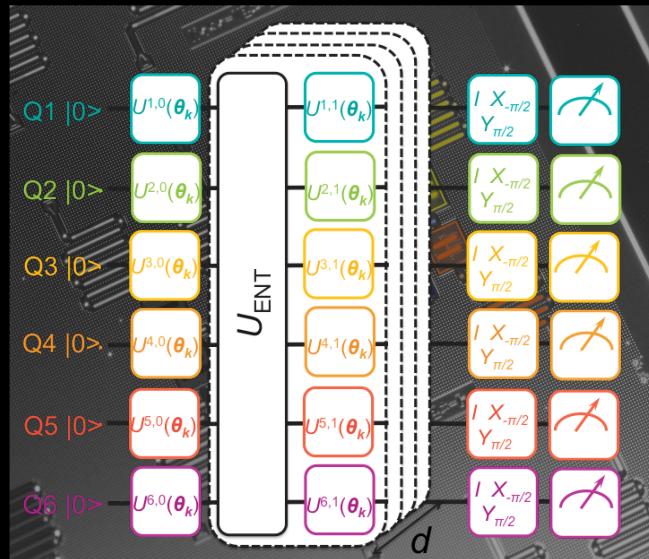
Variational principle: the energy of any trial wave-function is greater than or equal to the exact ground state energy

$$\frac{\langle \Psi(\vec{\theta}) | H | \Psi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle}{\langle \Psi(\vec{\theta}) | \Psi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle} \geq E_G$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} E(\vec{\theta}) \\ \leftarrow \quad \rightarrow \\ \vec{\theta} \end{array}$$



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# The problem and its qubit representation

$$H_e = - \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} \langle i | \nabla_i^2 | j \rangle a_i^\dagger a_j + \sum_{i,j} \langle i | \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} | j \rangle a_i^\dagger a_j + \sum_{i,j,k,m} \langle i, j | \frac{1}{r_{ij}} | k, m \rangle a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger a_k a_m$$

$$\{a_i^\dagger, a_j\} = \delta_{ij}$$

$$a_j \rightarrow \left( \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} \sigma_i^z \right) \sigma_j^+$$

In general, problem of  $M$  electrons in  $N$  spin orbitals ( $M < N$ ) mapped onto  $N$  qubit- Hamiltonian with  $O(N^4)$  Pauli strings

$$a_i^\dagger \rightarrow \left( \prod_{i=1}^{j-1} \sigma_i^z \right) \sigma_j^-$$

Jordan Wigner, Brayvi-Kitaev, Parity mapping ...

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} h_{\alpha} \sigma(\alpha) \quad \sigma_{\mathbf{A}} \in \pm \{I, \sigma^x, \sigma^y, \sigma^z\}^{\otimes M}$$

# Mapping fermions to qubits

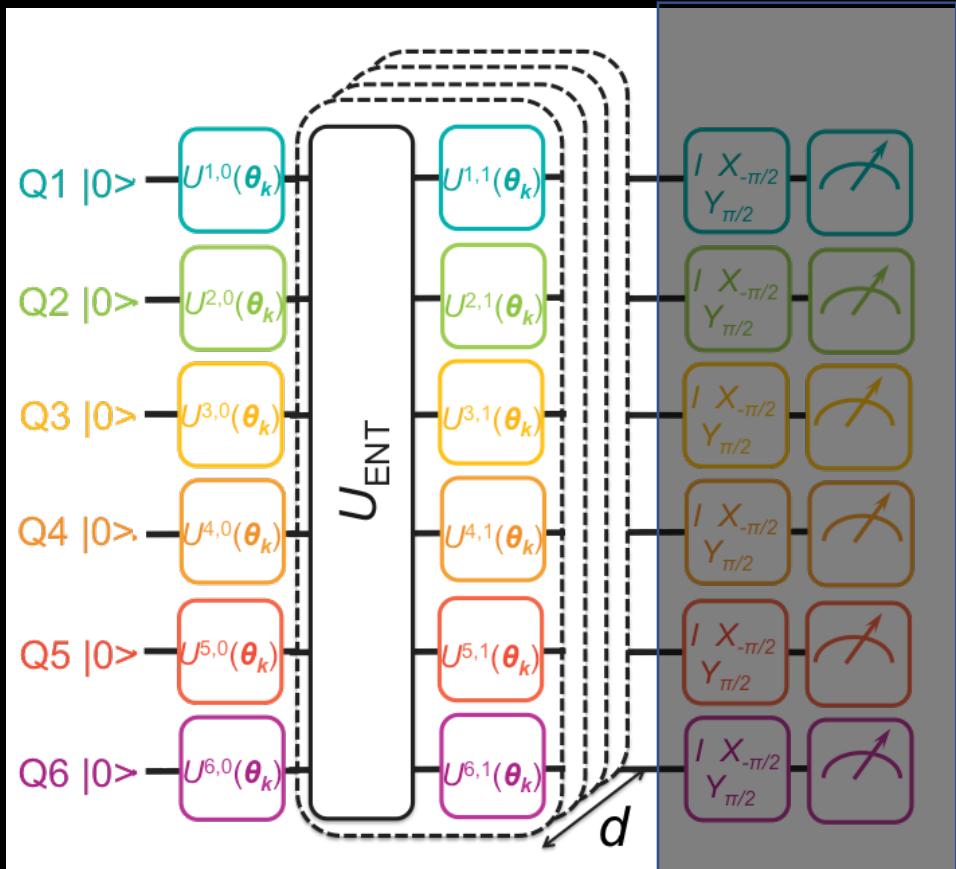
$$H = h_1 \overset{\text{Pauli string}}{\underset{\text{dashed circle}}{\cancel{IXIY}}} + h_2 XZZX + h_3 XYZZ$$

Number of non-identity single qubit Pauli operators : weight of the Pauli string

Larger weight Pauli strings are increasingly sensitive to measurement error

Choice of fermion-qubit mapping important: Each fermionic operator maps to  $O(N)$  qubits for JW,  $O(\log N)$  for BK

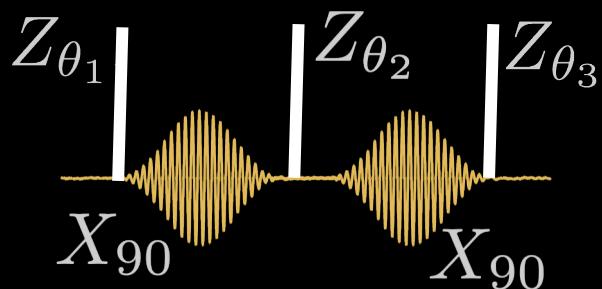
# Trial State Preparation



- Unitary Coupled Cluster ansatz : Offers physical intuition, focuses ground state search in "good" space
- However, translates to very expensive gate count
- Alternative approach: Keeping hardware limitations in mind, do what hardware can do best!

# Trial state preparation: Arbitrary single qubit rotation

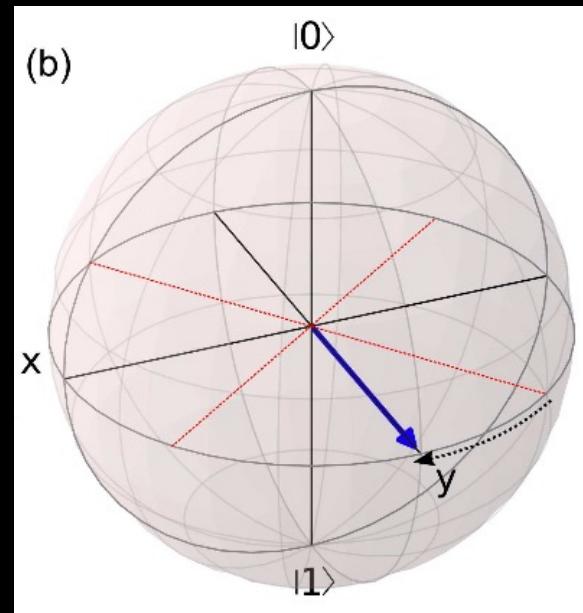
$$U(\vec{\theta}) = Z_{\theta_1} X_{90} Z_{\theta_1} X_{90} Z_{\theta_1}$$



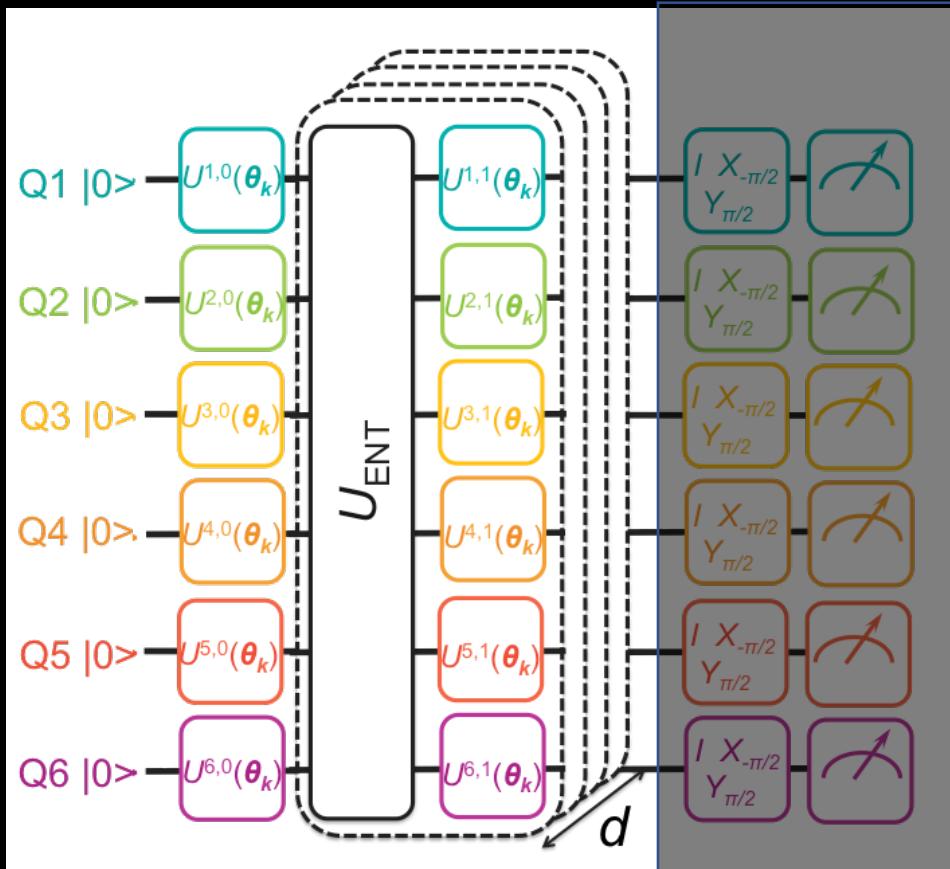
Variational parameters:

- Pulse envelope
- Pulse length
- Amplitude
- Phase

Software implemented Z-gates  
(Perfect, zero time)

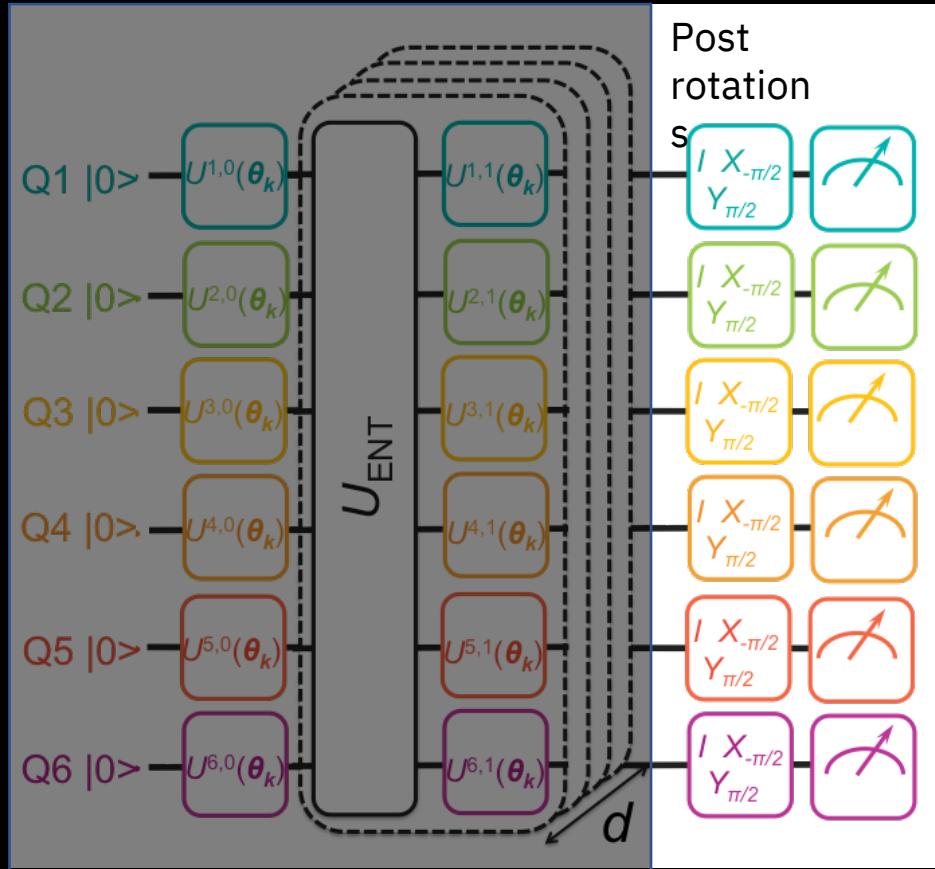


# Trial State Preparation



- Sequence of interleaved arbitrary single qubit rotations and naturally available entangling gates
- Depth set by available quantum coherence (incoherent errors)
- $N(3d+2)$  variational parameters
- This structure offers some robustness to coherent errors

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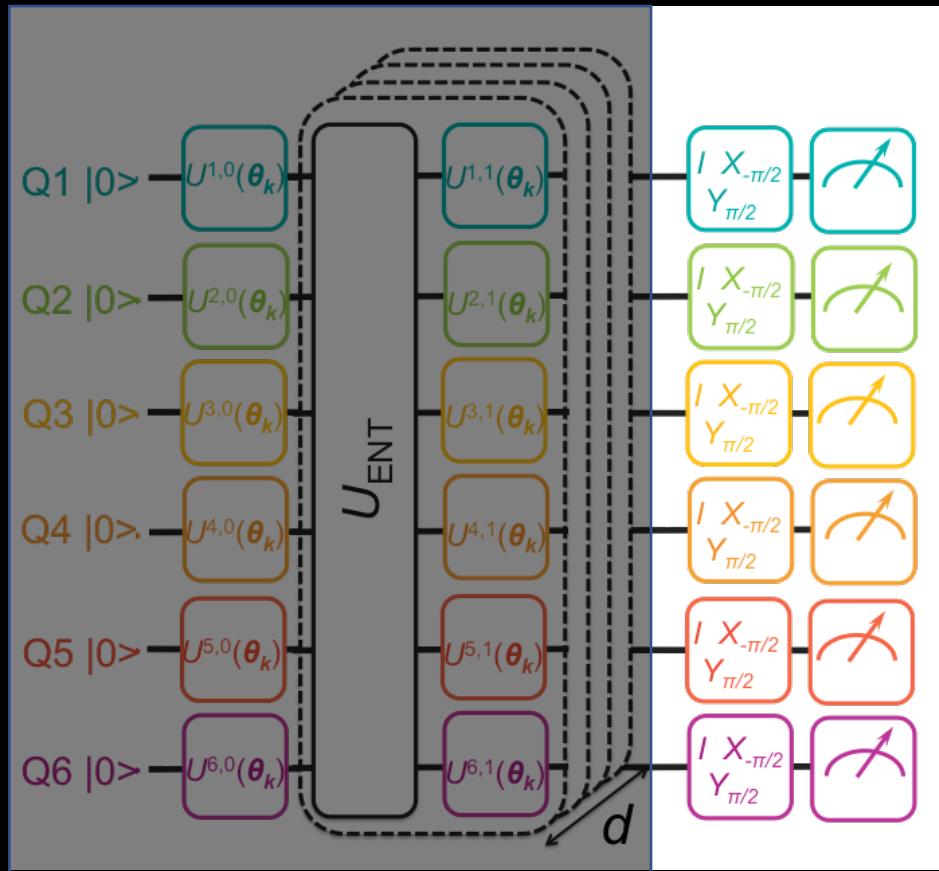
$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|00\rangle + \beta|01\rangle + \gamma|10\rangle + \delta|11\rangle$$

$$\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle = \underbrace{3\langle\psi|Z_1Z_2|\psi\rangle}_{\text{underbrace}} + 4\langle\psi|I_1Z_2|\psi\rangle$$

$$Z_1 Z_2 |\psi\rangle = \alpha|00\rangle - \beta|01\rangle - \gamma|10\rangle + \delta|11\rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} Z|0\rangle = |0\rangle \\ Z|1\rangle = -|1\rangle \end{cases} \quad \langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle = \alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = P_{00} - P_{01} - P_{10} + P_{11}$$

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$$\langle\psi| Z_1 X_2 |\psi\rangle = \langle\psi| Z_1 (U_2^\dagger Z_2 U_2) |\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle X_2 = U_2^\dagger Z_2 U_2 = (\langle\psi| U_2^\dagger) Z_2 (U_2 |\psi\rangle)$$



$$X = HZH$$

# Energy measurement: Pauli Grouping

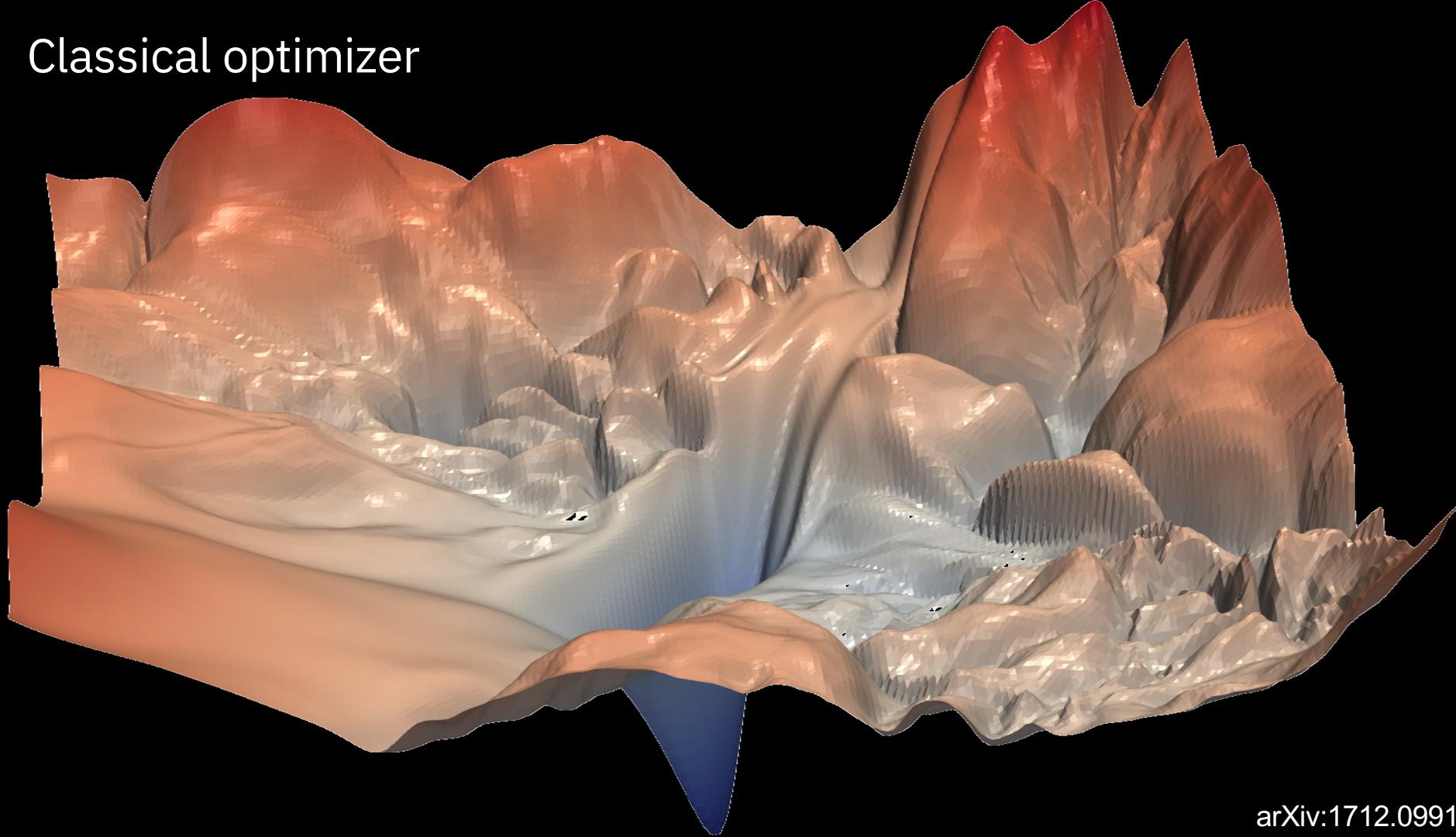
$$H = 3 \underbrace{Z_1 Z_2}_{\text{wavy}} + 4 \underbrace{I_1 Z_2}_{\text{wavy}} \quad | \quad H = \underline{\underline{ZX}} + IZ$$

$$\langle \psi | \underbrace{I_1 Z_2}_{\text{wavy}} |\psi \rangle$$

$$I_1 Z_2 (\alpha |100\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle) \\ (\alpha |100\rangle * - \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle * \delta |11\rangle)$$

$$\langle I_1 Z_2 \rangle = \alpha^2 - \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - \delta^2$$

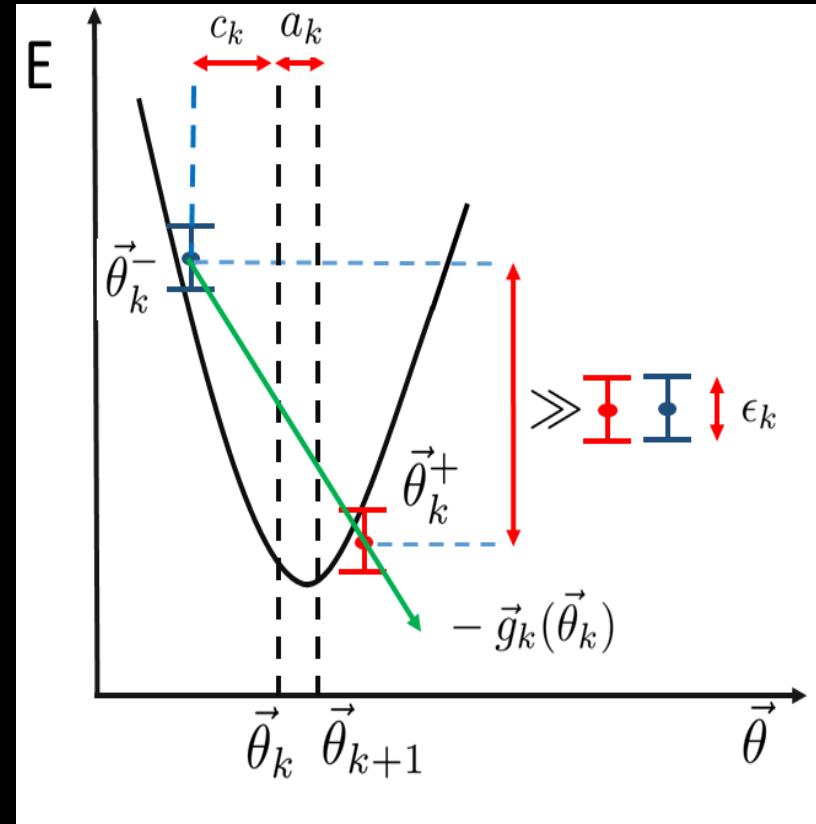
Classical optimizer



# Classical optimizer: Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic Approximation (SPSA)

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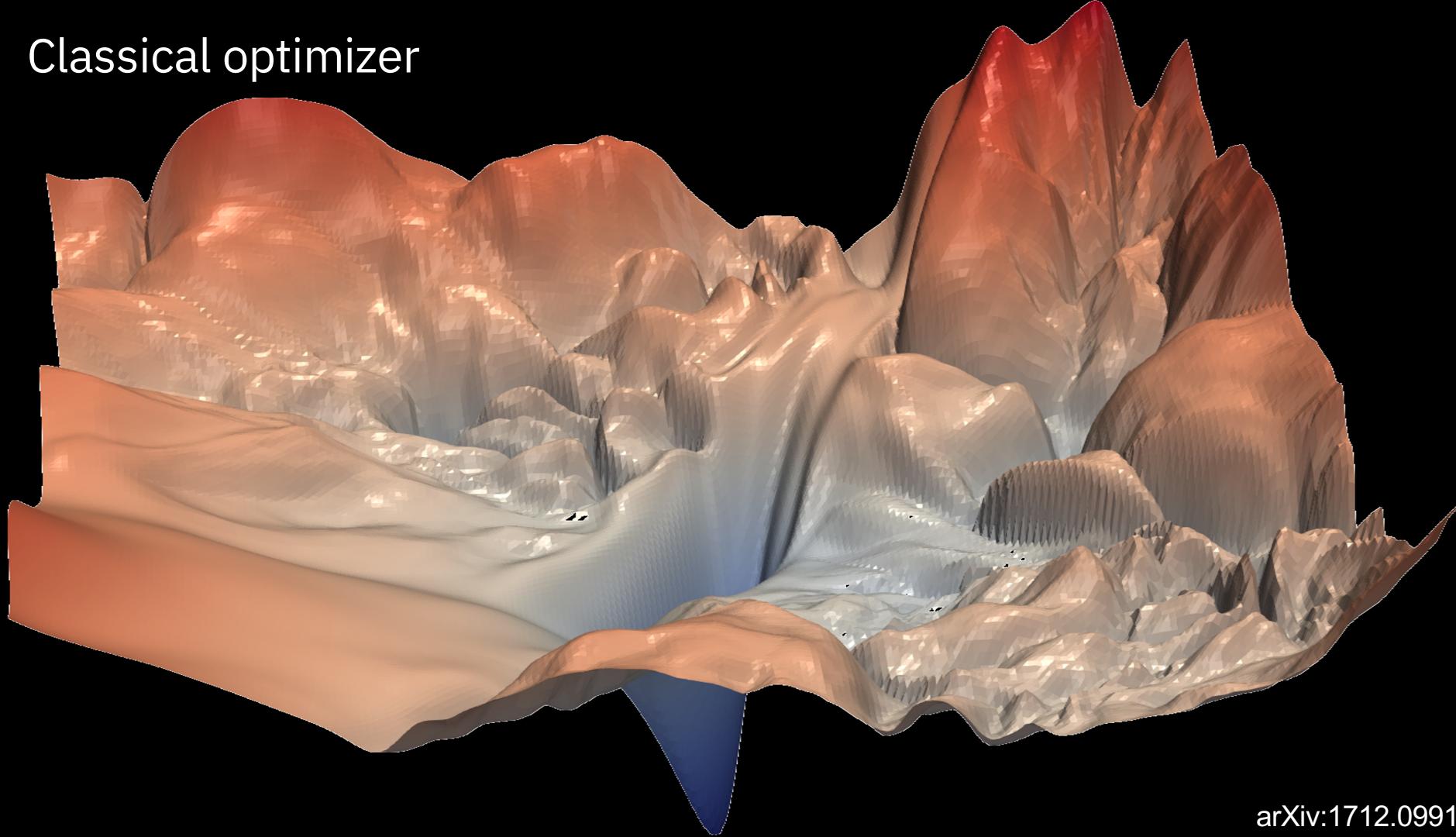
**Gradient approx.**: Regardless of dimension of optimization problem, utilizes only **two** measurements per iteration



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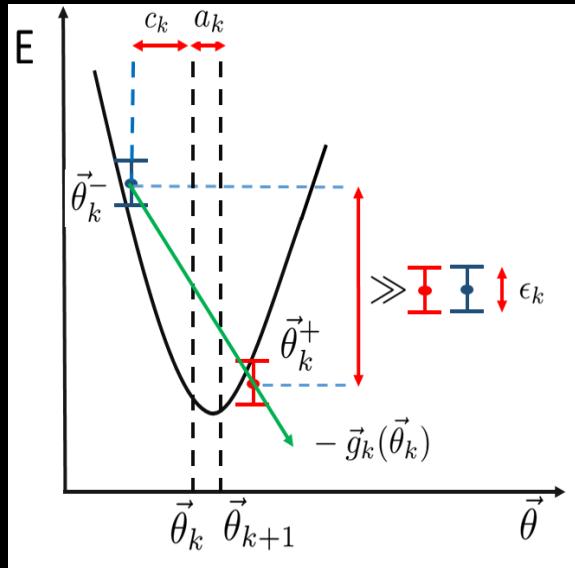
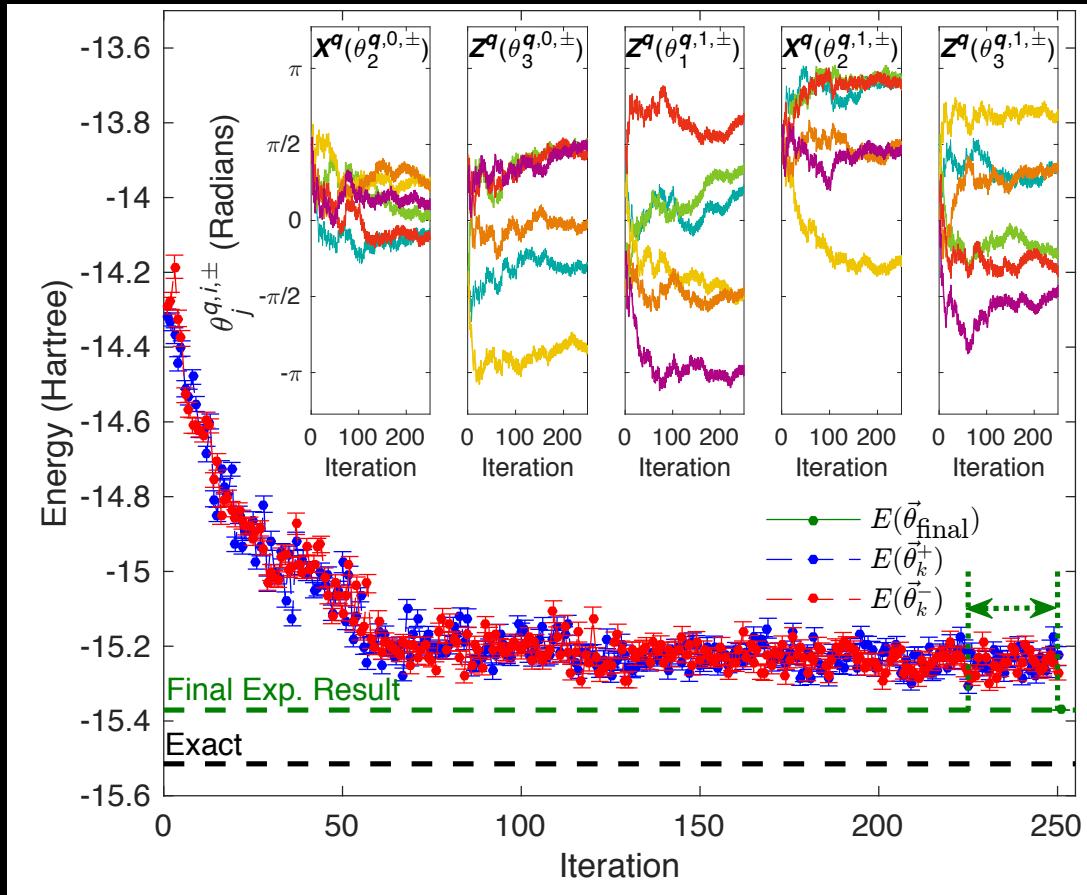
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**Putting it all together ..**

# Experimental optimization of a 6 Qubit Hamiltonian



# Application to quantum chemistry : H<sub>2</sub>

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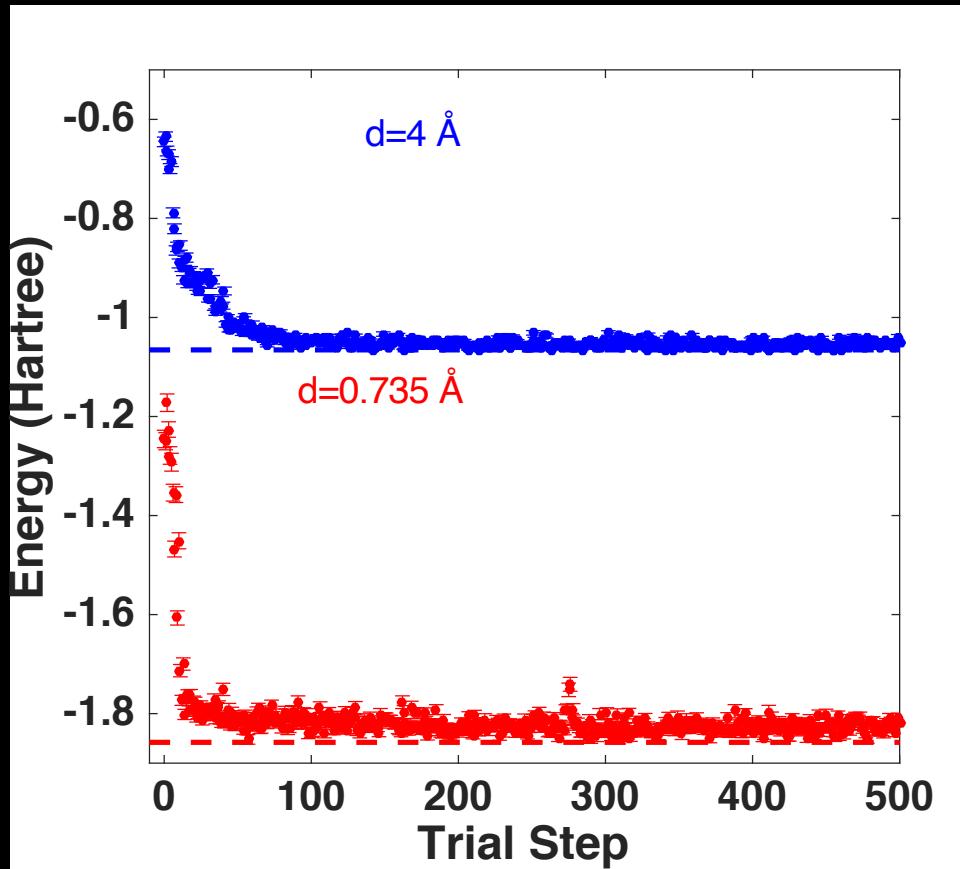
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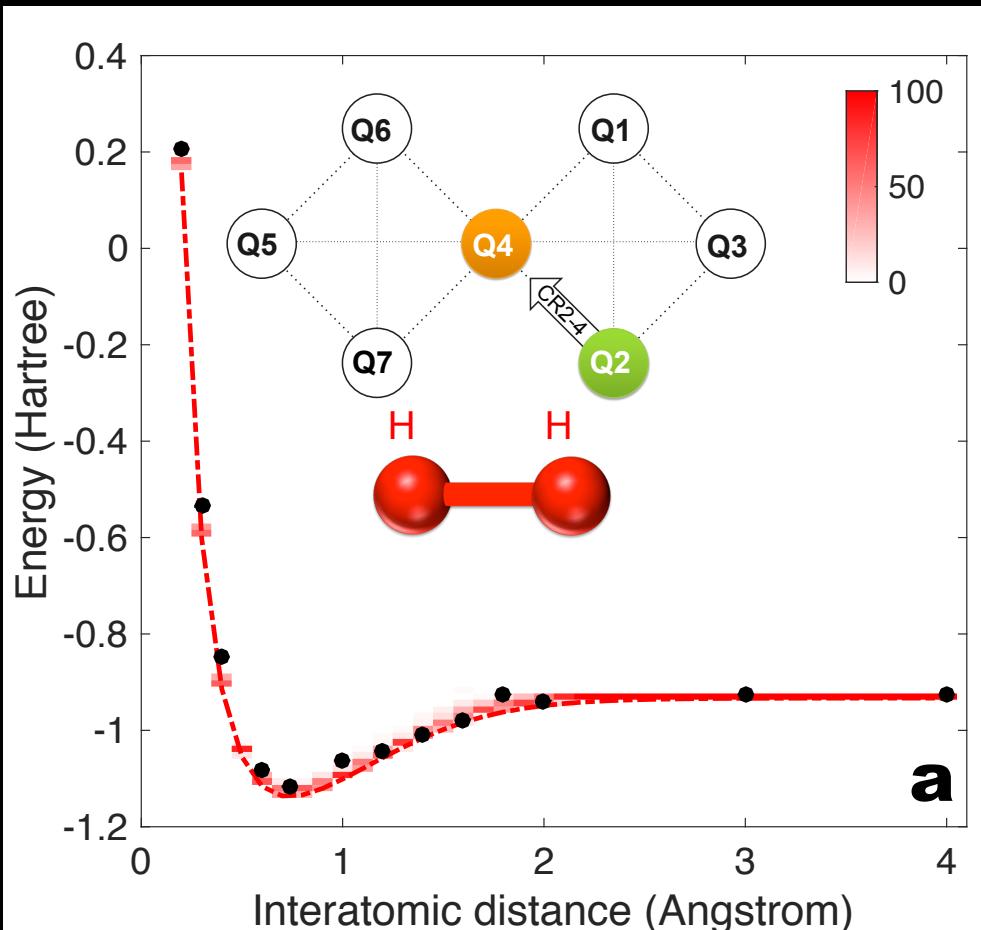
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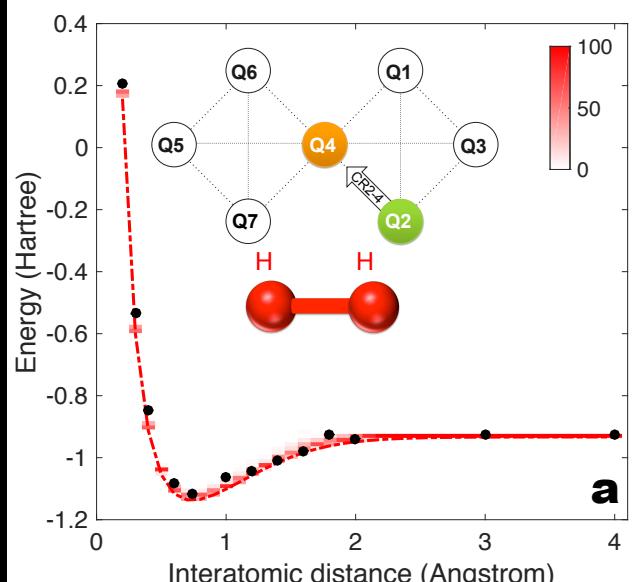
XX  
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H<sub>2</sub>: 5 Pauli terms, 2 sets

XXXX	0.02892604472017965	ZXZX	-0.0093271960584065342	XZZX	-0.0012708408559466877	XXZX	-0.0074989926703520624
XXII	-0.029639606309848882	ZXII	0.0027917513494058743	XIZX	0.0012708408559466877	YYZX	0.0074989926703520624
XIII	0.012585096432460002	IIXX	-0.0027917513494058743	IZZX	0.0080251584900907554	ZZZX	0.009769353678915493
ZZII	0.012585096432460008	IIIX	-0.029639606309848868	ZIZX	-0.016781393784256322	ZXXX	-0.0028953260749665956
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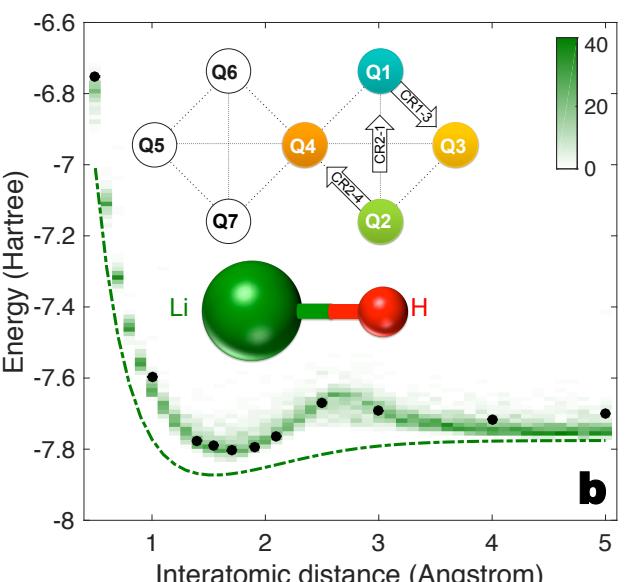
LiH: 100 Pauli terms, 25 sets

# VQE for quantum chemistry



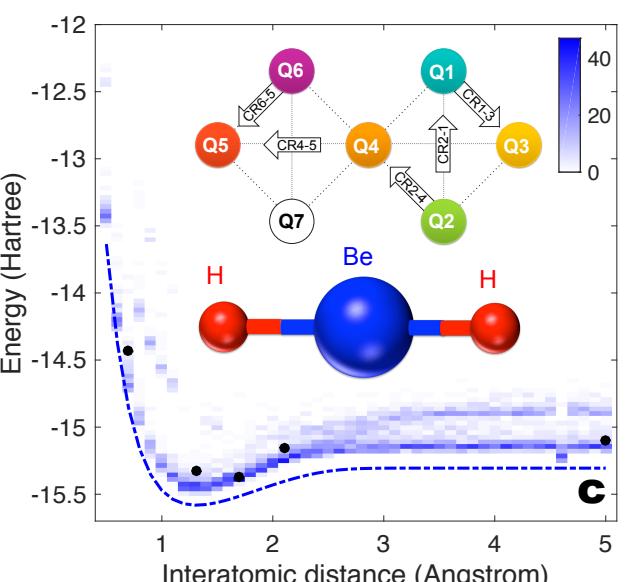
$\text{H}_2$ : 2 qubits  
5 pauli terms, 2 sets

- Decoherence
- Sampling error
- Limited iterations



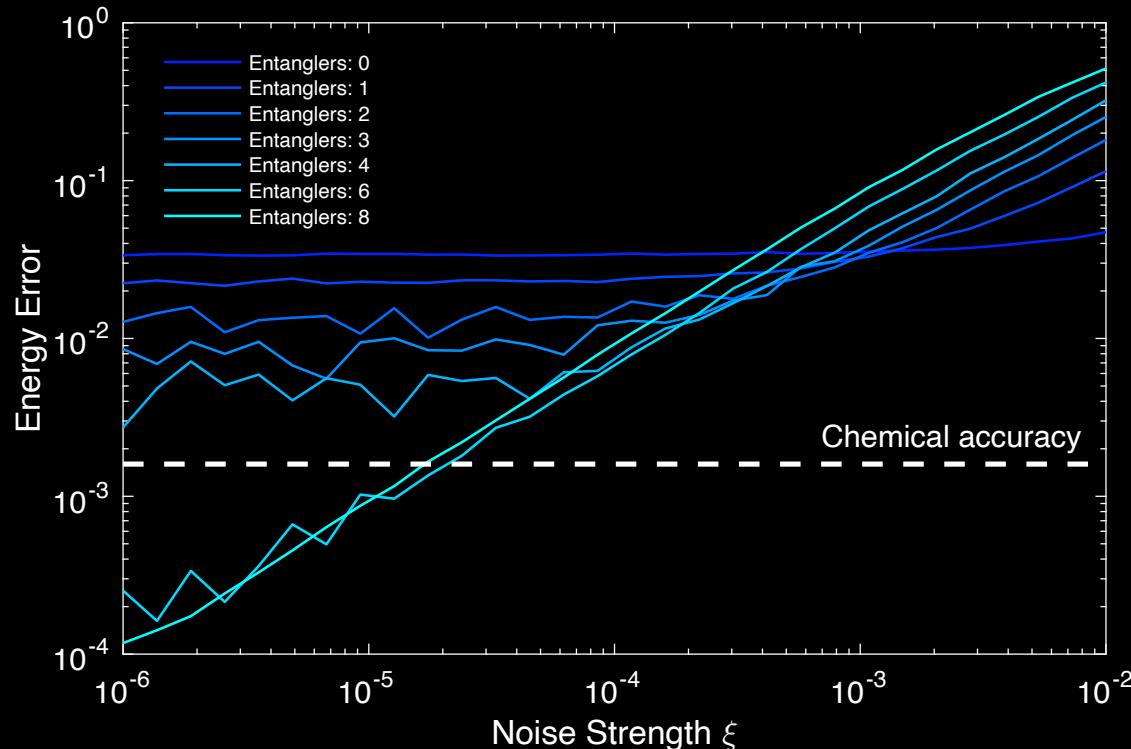
$\text{LiH}$ : 4 qubits  
100 pauli terms, 25 sets

- Accuracy of the classical optimizer
- Insufficient depth



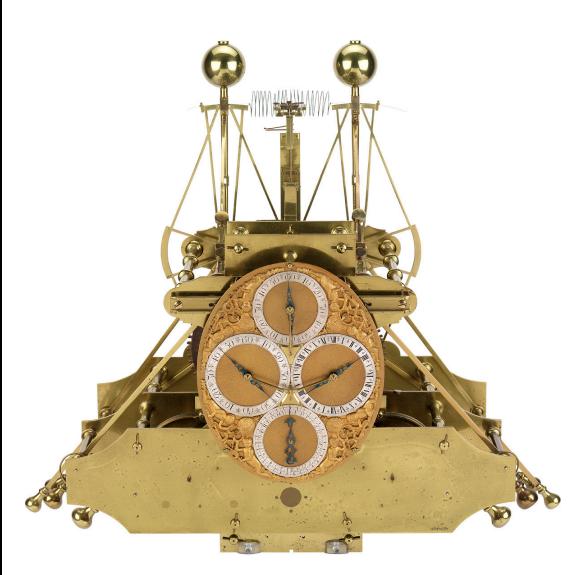
$\text{BeH}_2$ : 6 qubits  
165 pauli terms, 44 sets

# Performance trade-off: Decoherence v/s Circuit depth

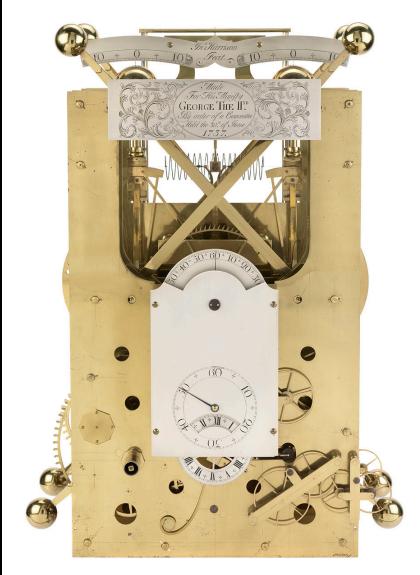


# Error mitigation

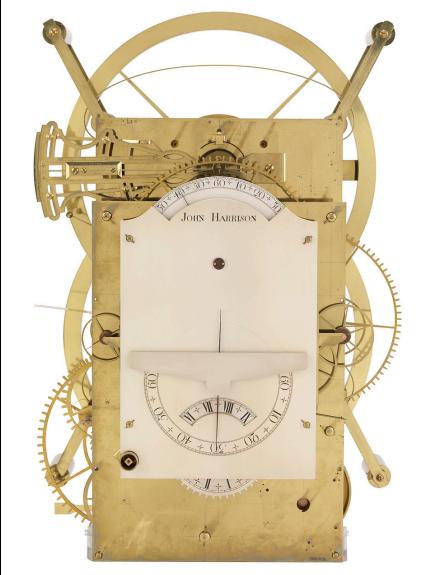
# The longitude problem



H1  
1730-1735



H2  
1737-1739



H3  
1740-1759  
Invention of  
Bimetallic strip



H4  
1755-1759

# Zero-noise extrapolation

Expectation value of observable of interest:

$$E_K(\lambda) = E^* + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \lambda^k + R_{n+1}(\lambda, \mathcal{L}, T)$$

Assume experimentalist has exquisite control over incoherent noise ( $T_1, T_2$ )

$$E_K(\lambda) = E^* + a_K \lambda + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

$$E_K(c\lambda) = E^* + a_K c \lambda + \mathcal{O}(c^2 \lambda^2)$$

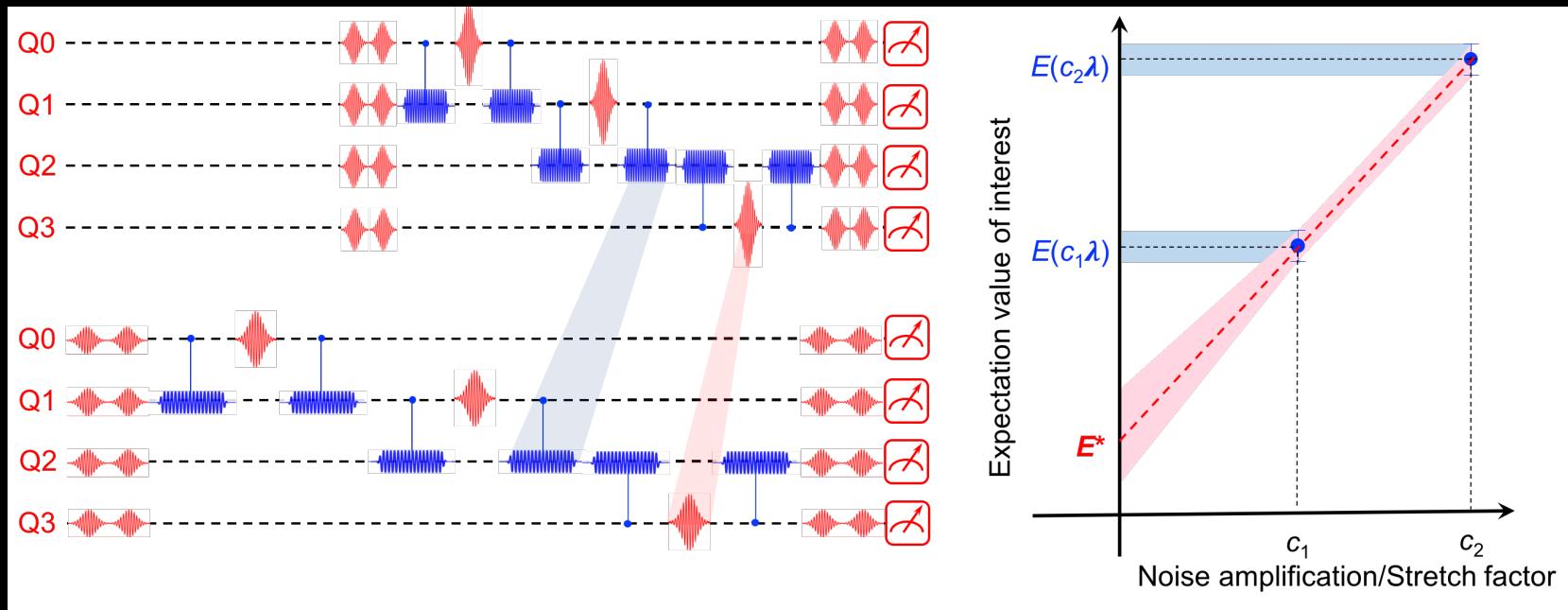
$$\hat{E}_K^2(\lambda) = \frac{c E_K(\lambda) - E_K(c\lambda)}{c - 1} = E^* + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

With  $N$  measurements, can reduce error in estimate to  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^N)$

How does one measure  $E(c_i \lambda)$  ??

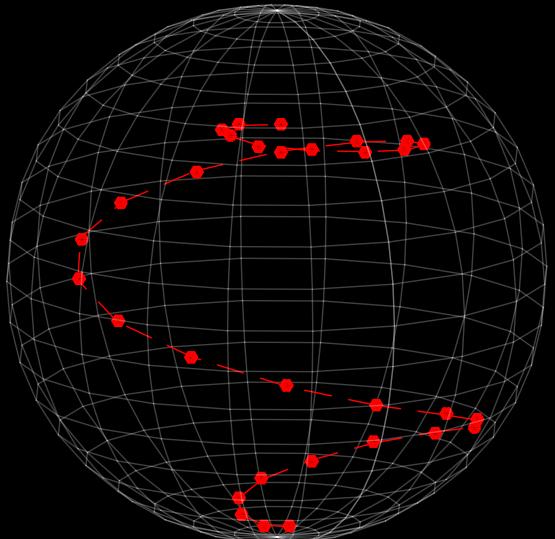
# When two wrong's make a right

Amplifying noise strength equivalent to rescaling dynamics under the assumption of time invariant noise.

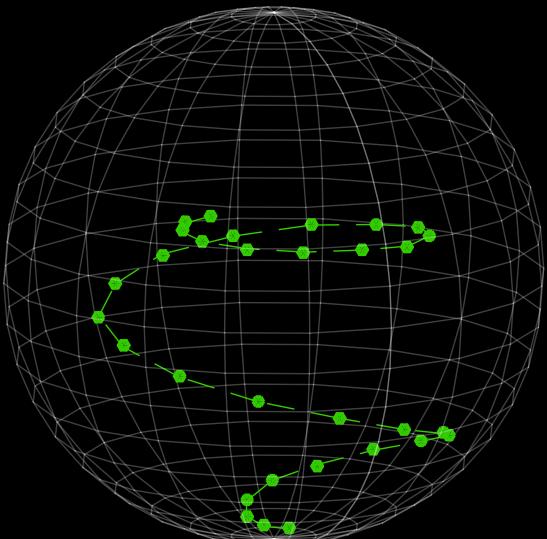


# Error Mitigation: 1Q trajectory

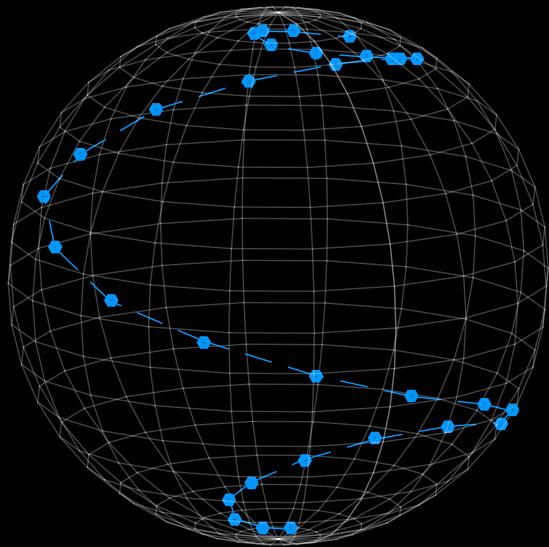
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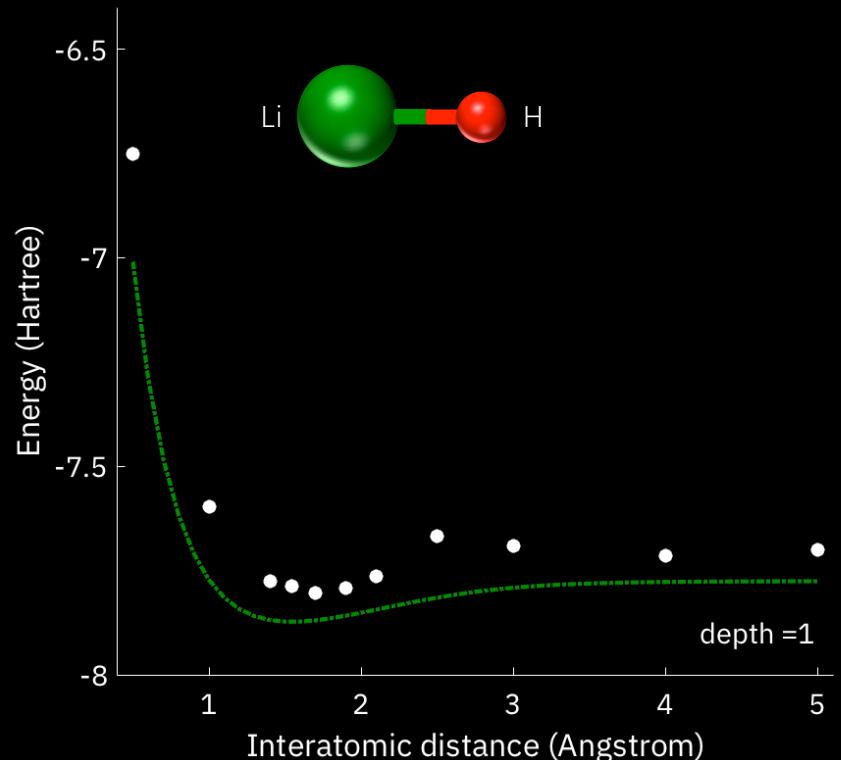


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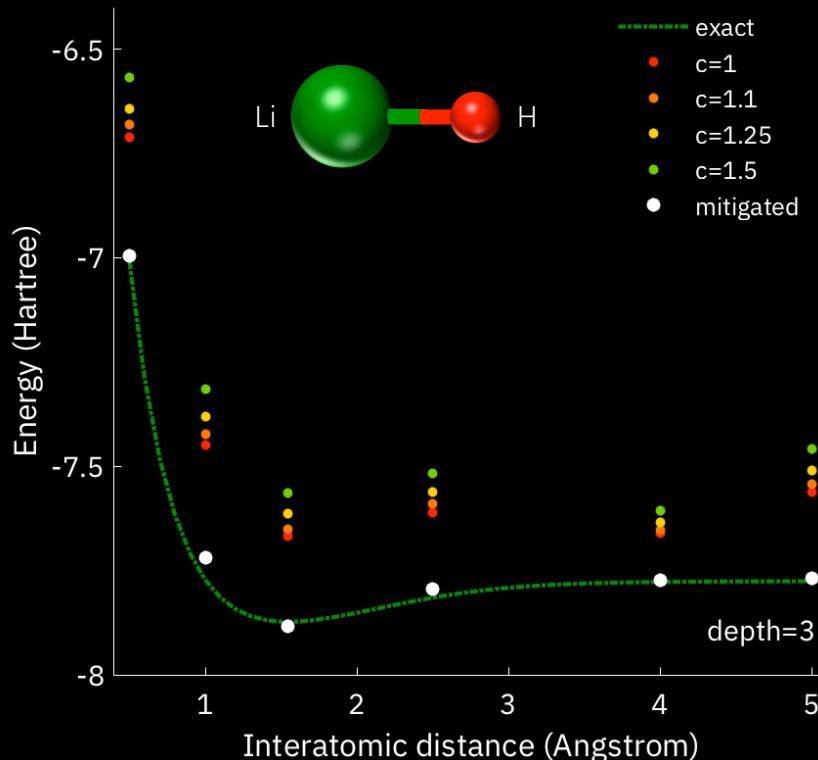
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# Error Mitigation in molecular simulation: 4Q LiH

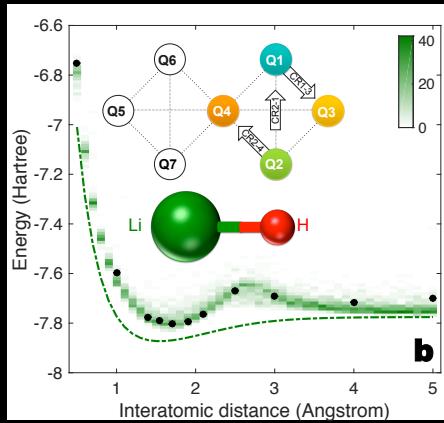
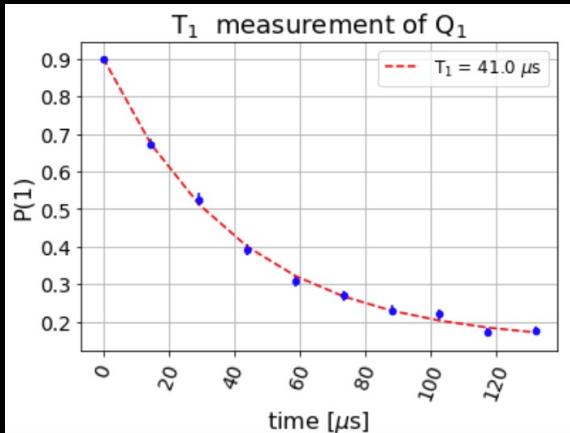
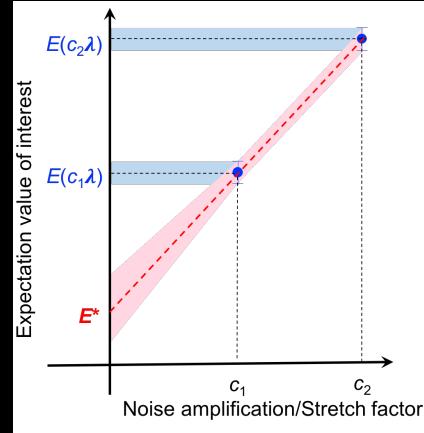
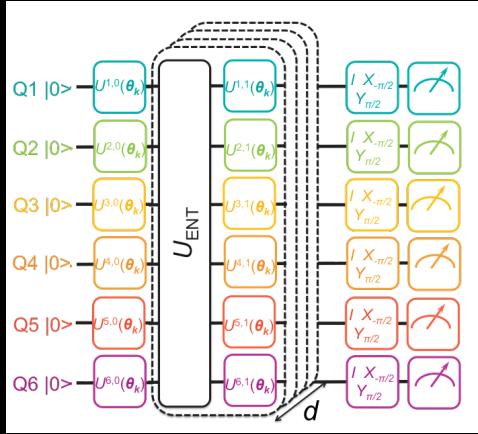
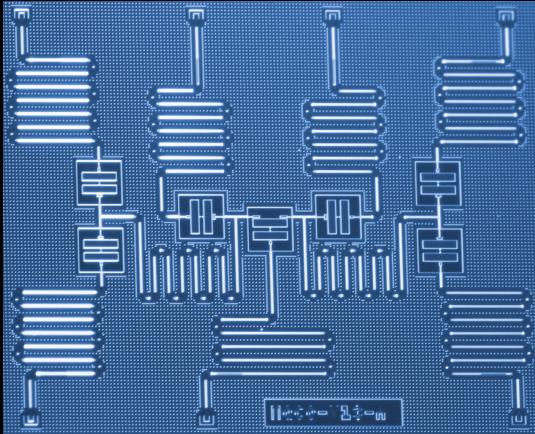


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