



Probing many-body Bell correlations with variational quantum algorithms

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Wang*, WKL*, Xu*, Hu, Emonts, Tura, Song⁺, Wang⁺, Deng⁺ et al, arXiv:2406.17841 (2024)
WKL*, Hu*, Deng, Song⁺, Wang, Emonts⁺, Tura et al, arXiv:2407.12347 (2024)

Numerical explorations powered by



➤ **Bell correlations** are stronger than entanglement

➤ **Resource** for device-independent QIP

➤ Less assumptions

- Black-box devices can be untrusted
- Loophole-free Bell tests performed

[Hensen *et al*, Giustina *et al*, Shalm *et al*, Li *et al*, Rosenfeld *et al*, Storz *et al*]

➤ Device-independent applications

- Quantum key distribution
- Randomness expansion
- Randomness Amplification
- Self-testing

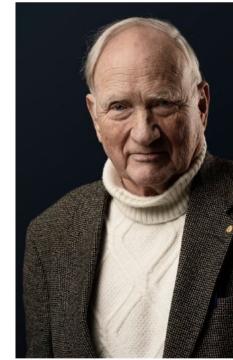
➤ Unconditional quantum advantages

- Computational advantages [Bravyi *et al*, Science 362, 308 (2018); Le Gall, CCC 2019]
- Generative models [Gao et al, Phys. Rev. X 12, 021037 (2022)]
- Supervised learning [Zhang, Gong, WKL, Deng, arxiv:2405.00770 (2024)]

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➤ Less studied due to

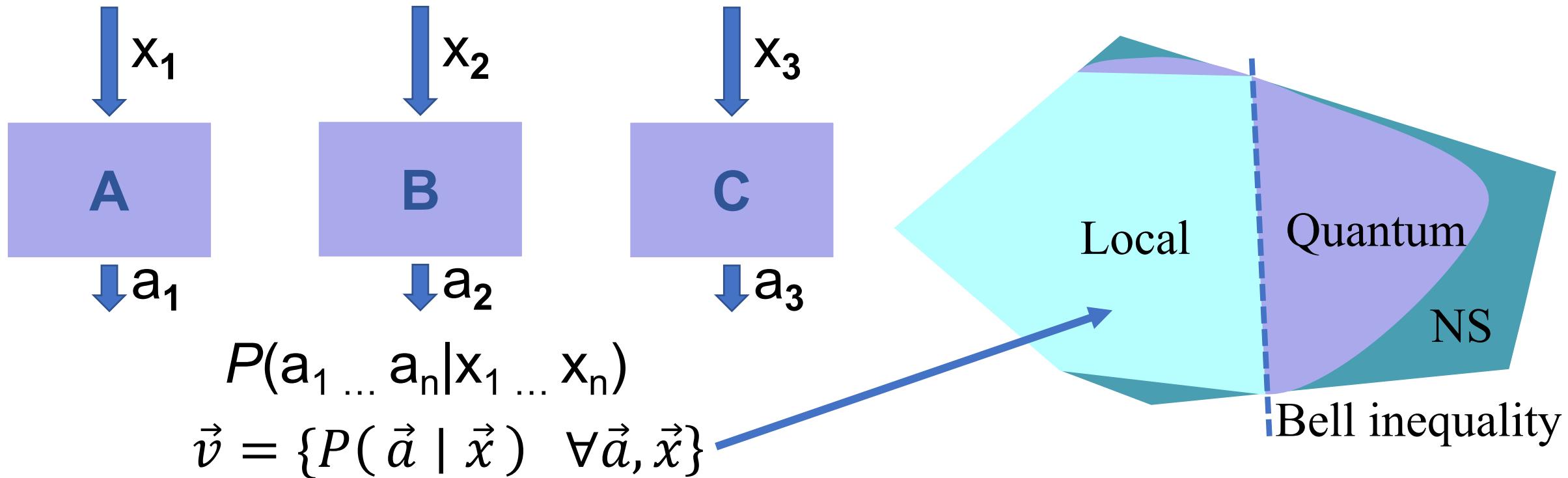
- Mathematical complexity
- Experimentally demanding
- Quantum description of multipartite states grows exponentially

➤ Recent developments

- **Theory:** Permutationally invariant systems [Tura et al, Science 344 1256 (2014)]
- **Experiment:** [Schmied et al, Science 352 441 (2016), Engelsen et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 140401 (2017)]

➤ Limitations of previous works

- Previous experiments focused on ensembles of atoms **without individual addressing**
- Previous works rely on carefully designed Bell correlation witnesses suitable for spin-squeezed states and thus lack **general applicability** to other Bell inequalities
- Previous experimental works mainly reveal Bell correlations in quantum many-body systems, while the Bell correlation **depth** has not been studied



A simple example, the CHSH inequality: $\mathcal{I} = \langle A_0B_0 \rangle + \langle A_0B_1 \rangle + \langle A_1B_0 \rangle - \langle A_1B_1 \rangle$

- Local hidden variable model (LHVM): $|\mathcal{I}| \leq 2$
- Sharing quantum correlations: **A conflicting result**

$$\mathcal{I} = \langle A_0 B_0 \rangle + \langle A_0 B_1 \rangle + \langle A_1 B_0 \rangle - \langle A_1 B_1 \rangle$$

Let the two parties share a singlet state

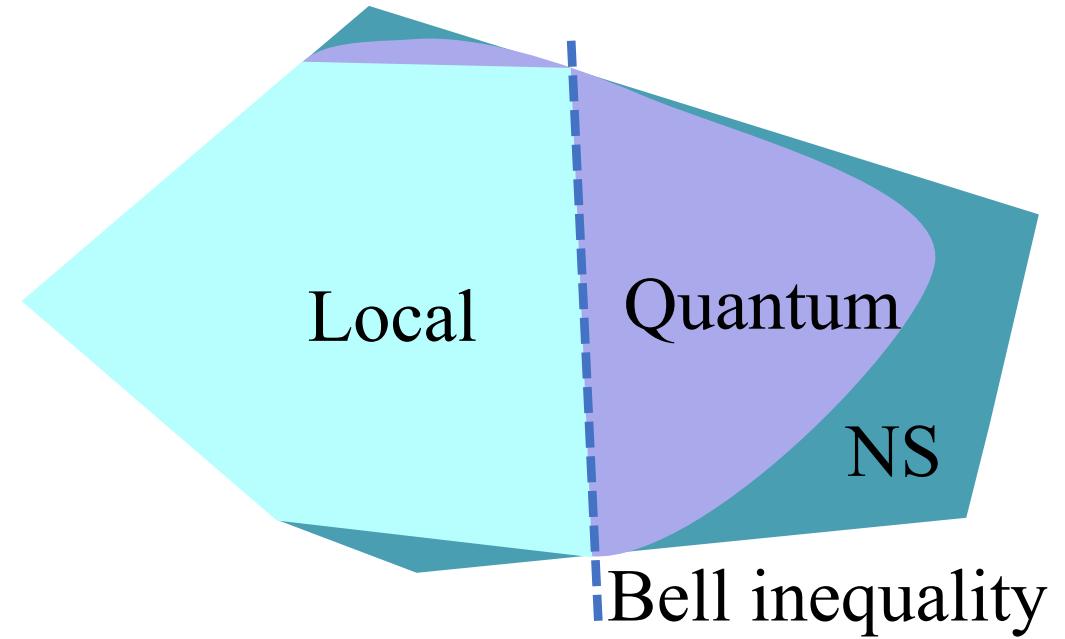
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

Party A perform measurements

$$A_0 = \sigma_z, A_1 = \sigma_x,$$

and Party B perform measurements

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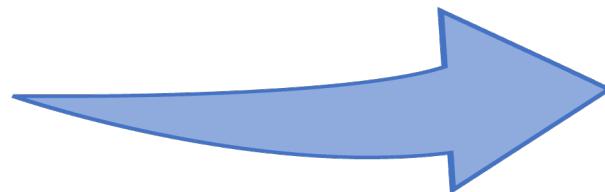
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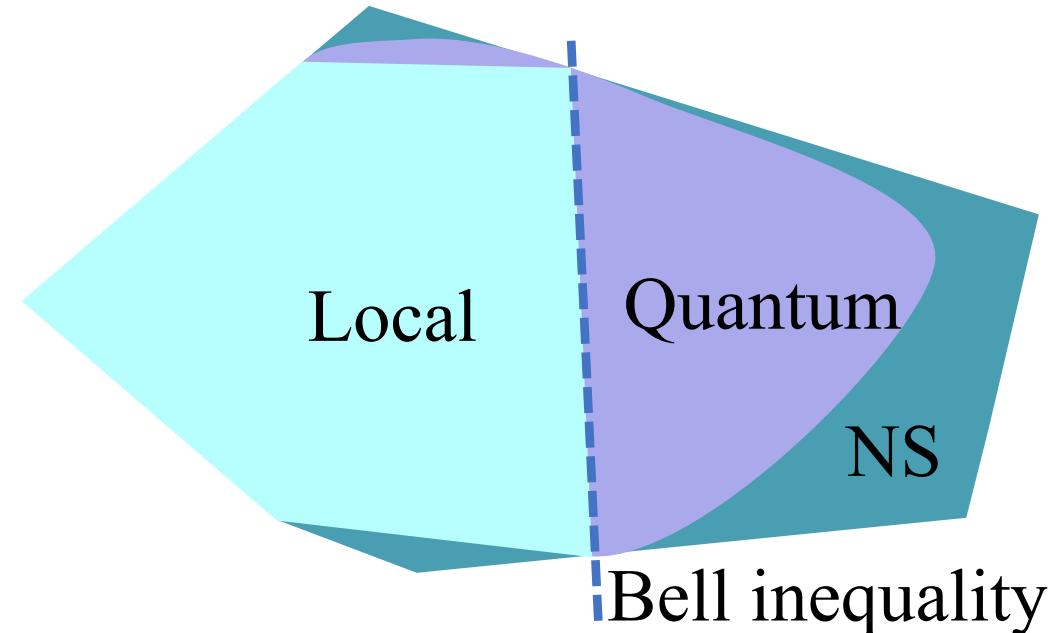
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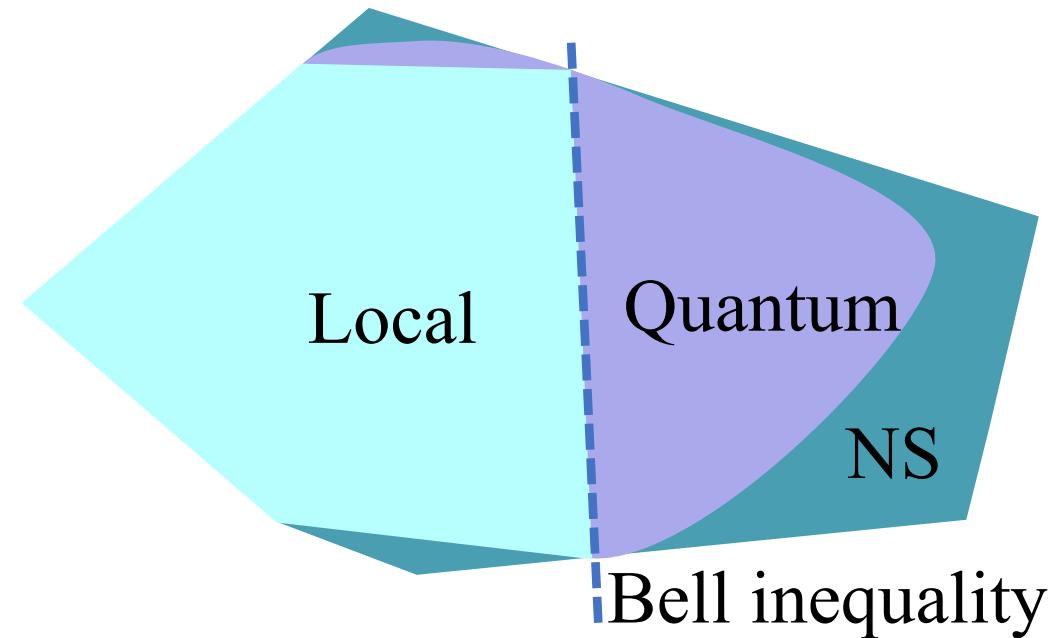
$\mathcal{I} = 2\sqrt{2}$, a violation



$$A_0 = \sigma_z, A_1 = \sigma_x,$$

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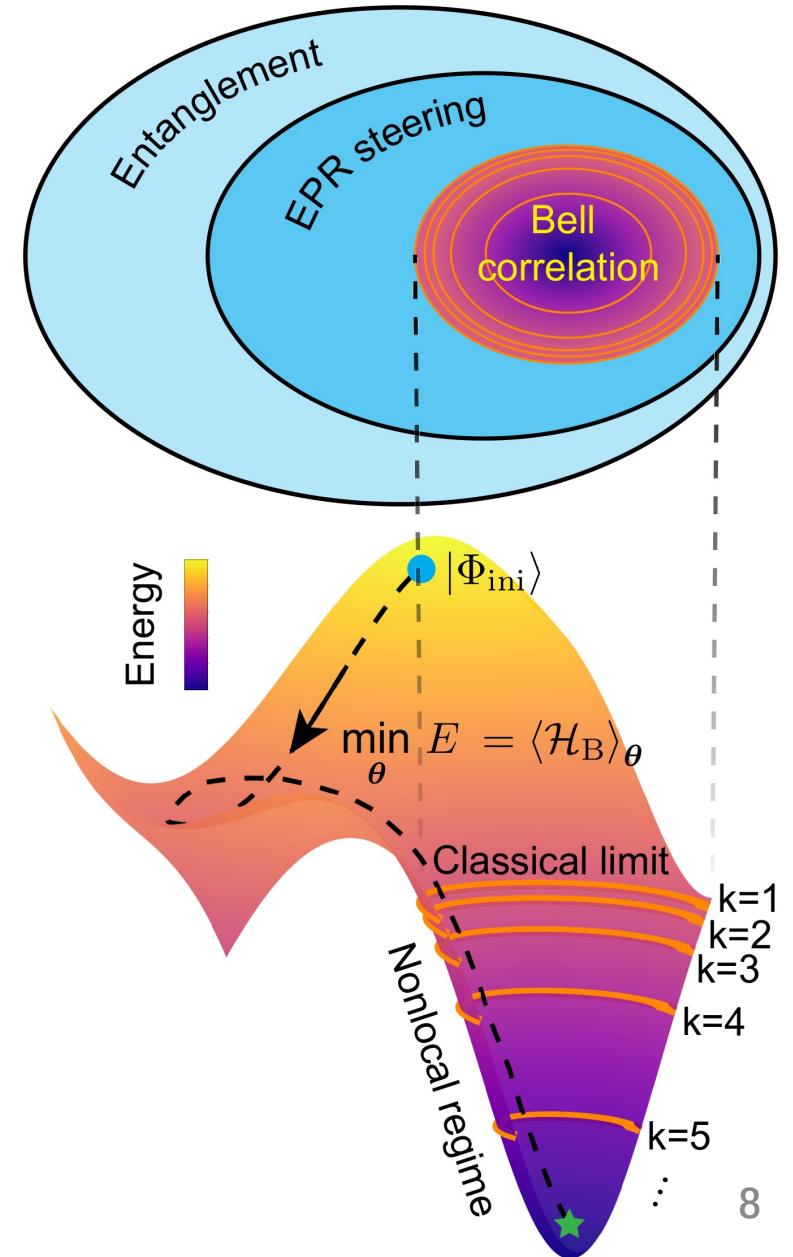
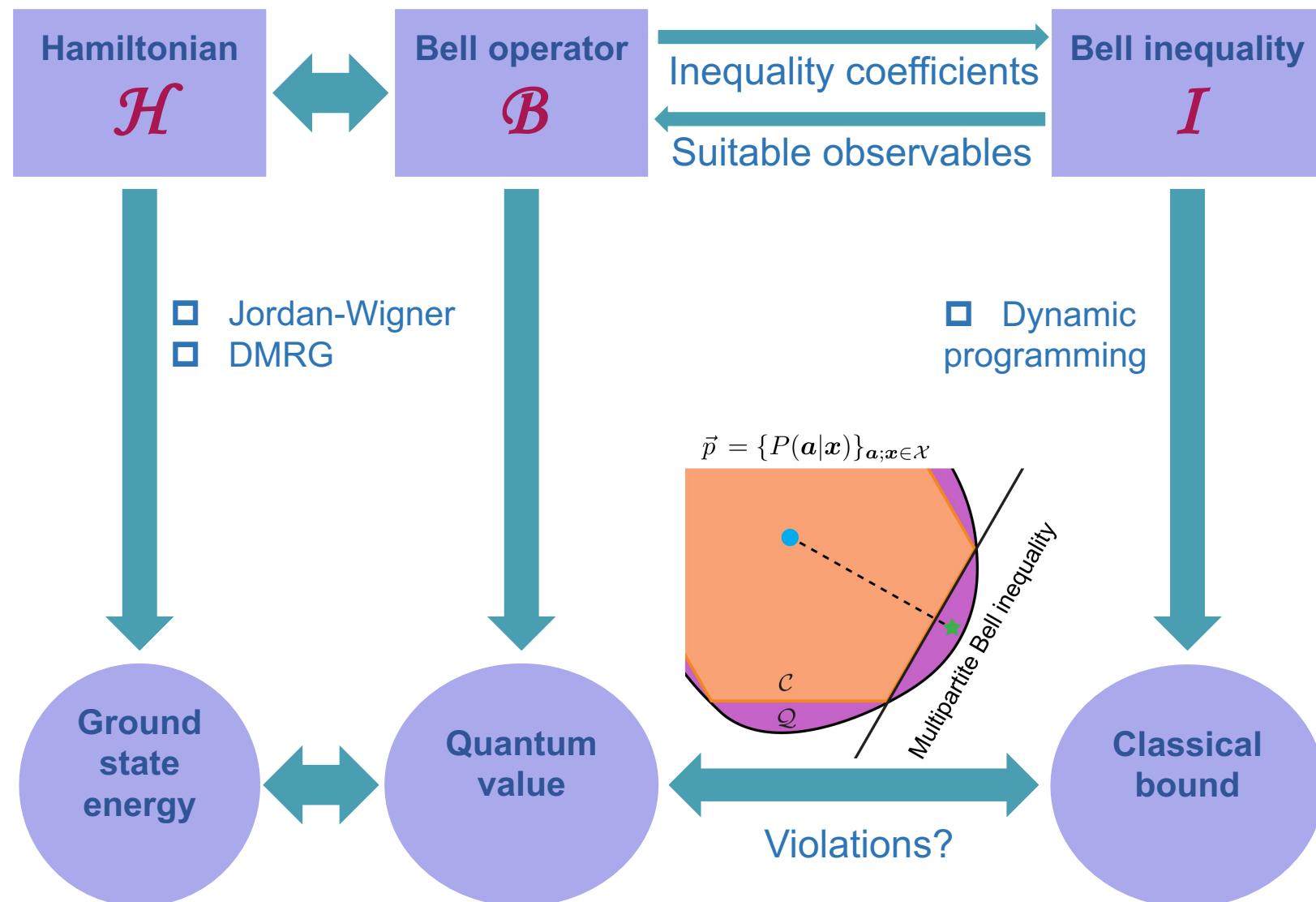


\mathcal{I} A Bell operator $\sigma_x^A \sigma_x^B + \sigma_z^A \sigma_z^B$

A Hamiltonian

Low-energy states certify nonlocality

Overview



Bell inequality:

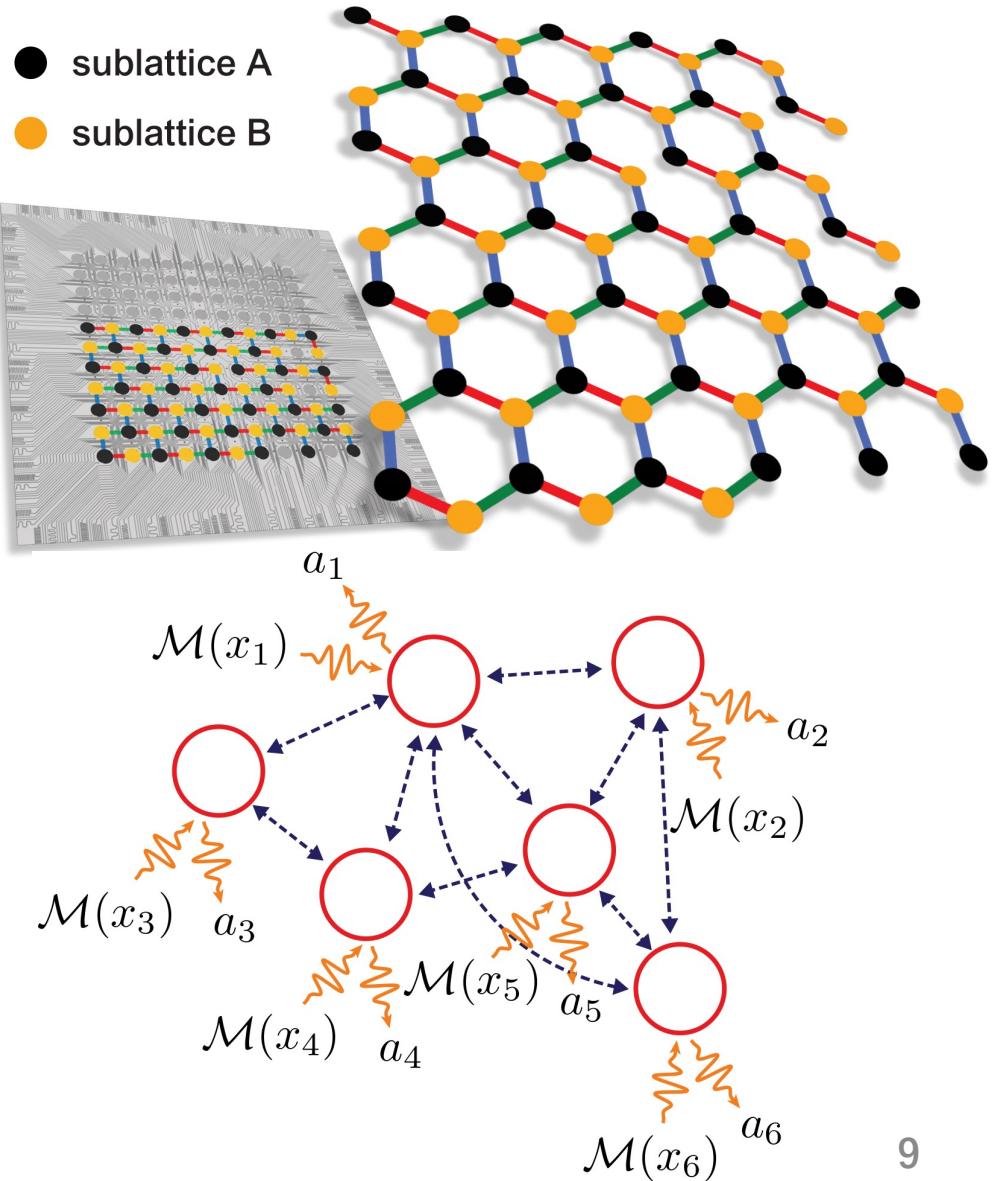
$$\mathcal{I} = \sum_{\tau-\text{link}} J_\tau(\epsilon) \sum_{x,y} (-1)^{x \cdot y} \langle A_x B_y \rangle_\tau \geq \beta_C$$

$J_\tau(\epsilon) = 1 + \epsilon$ and $\frac{1-\epsilon}{2}$ for $\tau = r$ and $\tau = b, g$, respectively

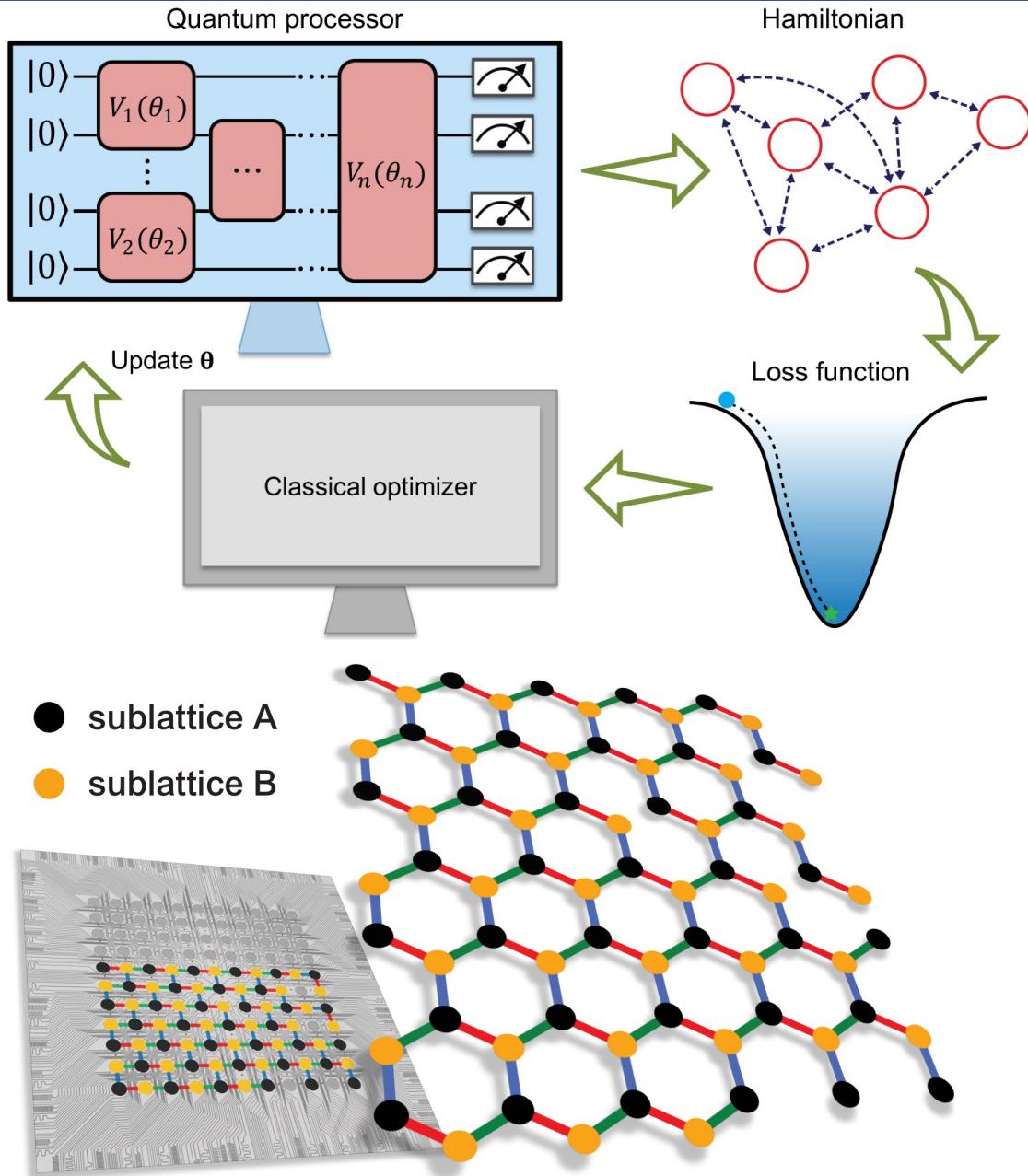
$$\beta_C = -2 \sum_\tau J_\tau(\epsilon)$$

Bell operator: an XZ-type Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}_B = \sum_{\tau-\text{link}} J_\tau(\epsilon) (\sigma_x^A \sigma_x^B + \sigma_z^A \sigma_z^B)_\tau$$



Phase 1



Variational quantum algorithm

$$|\psi(\boldsymbol{\theta})\rangle = U(\boldsymbol{\theta})|0\rangle$$

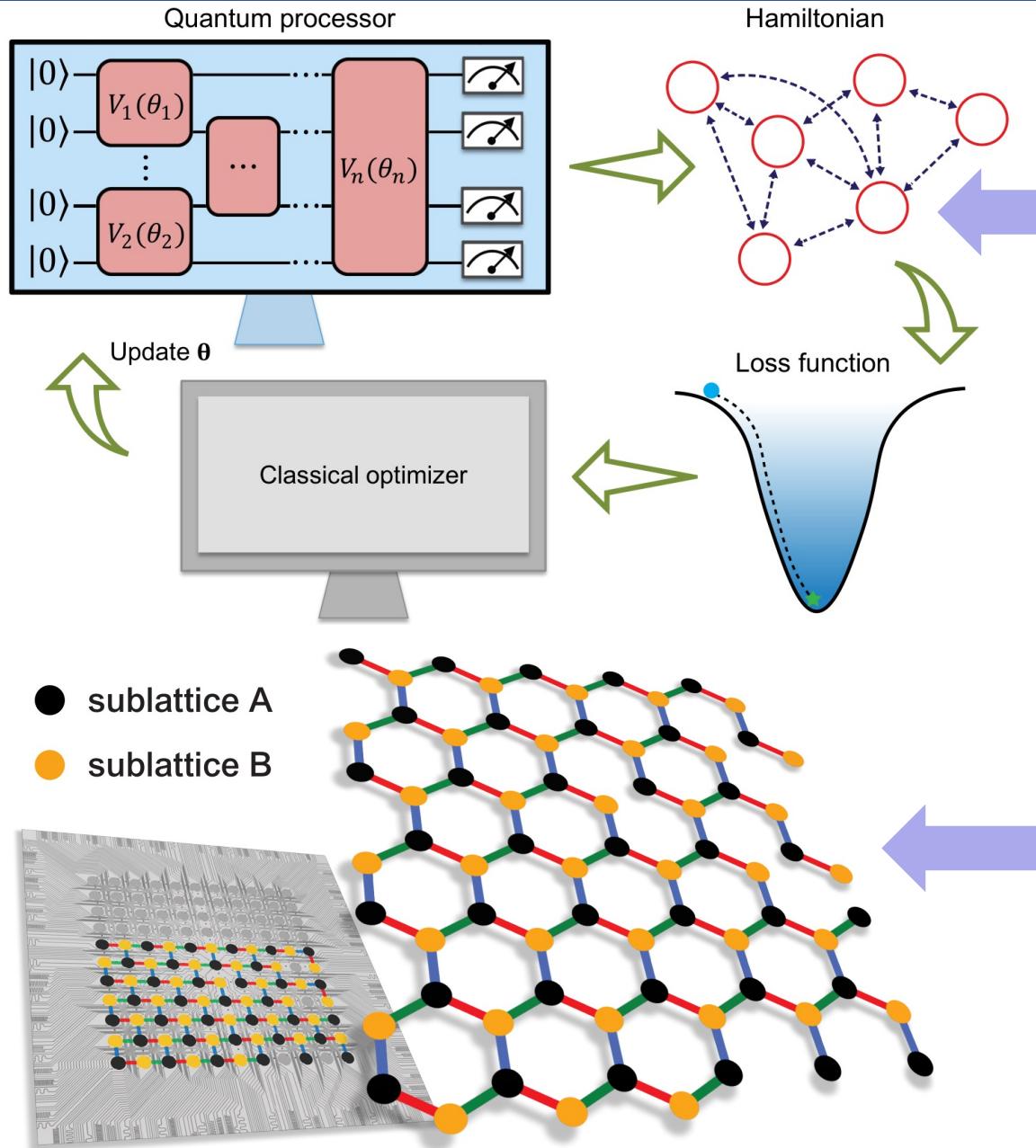
$$E(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \langle \psi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) | \mathcal{H} | \psi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rangle$$

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = E(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \langle 0 | U^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathcal{H} U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) | 0 \rangle$$

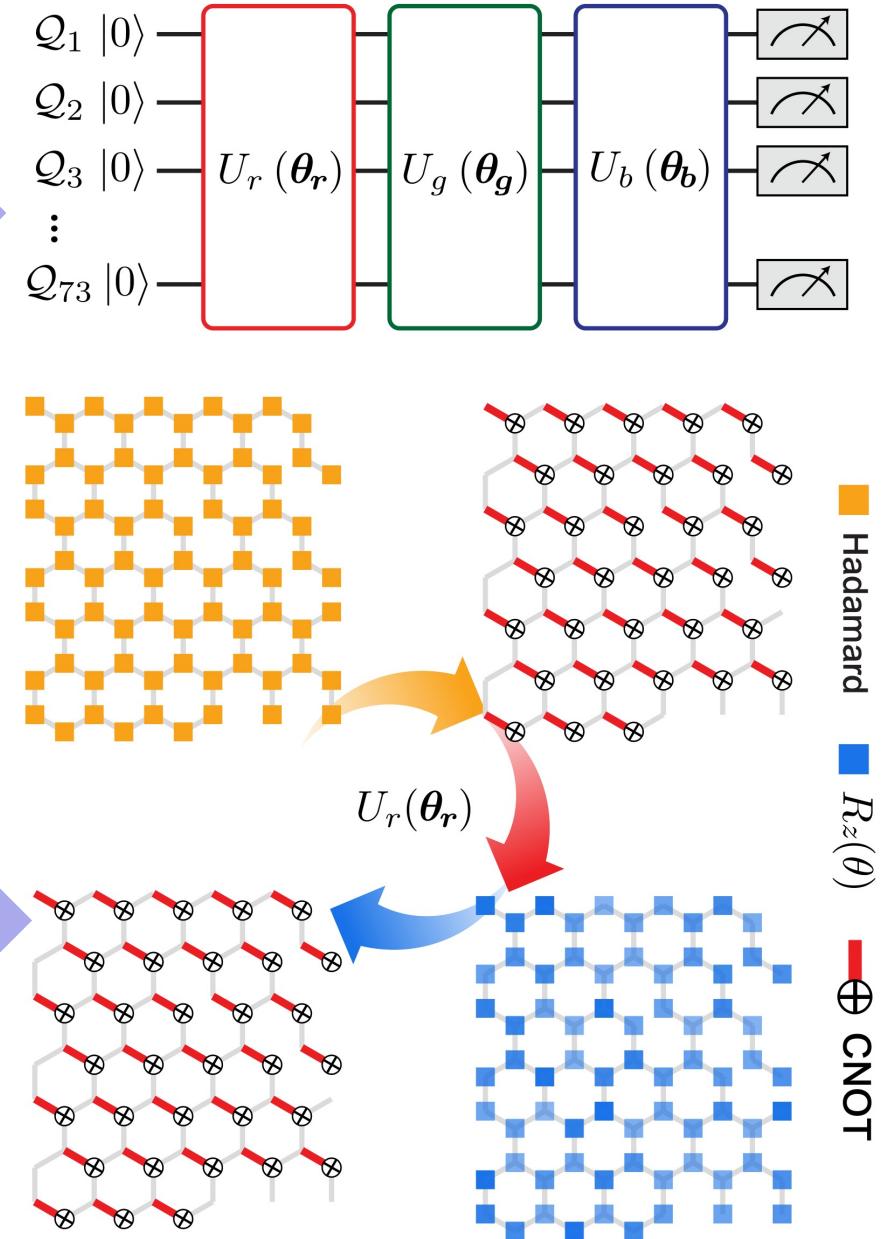
$$\frac{\partial L(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_k} = \frac{L(\boldsymbol{\theta} \setminus \theta_k, \theta_k + \pi/2) - L(\boldsymbol{\theta} \setminus \theta_k, \theta_k - \pi/2)}{2}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_n - \epsilon \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n)$$

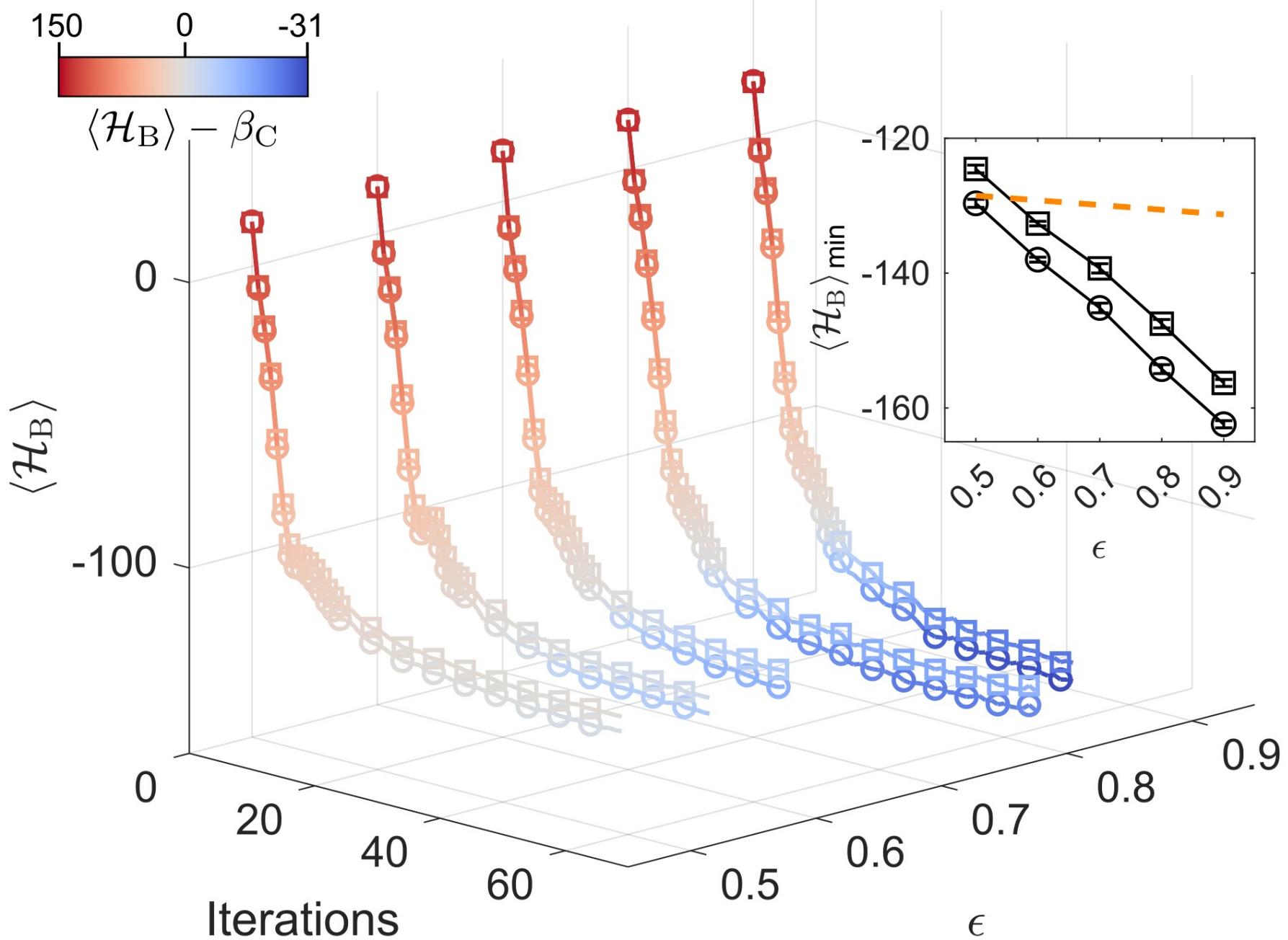
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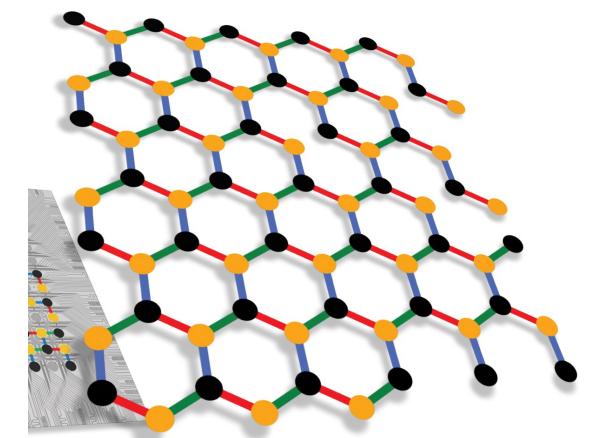
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Phase 1



Experimental results



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What is Bell correlation depth?

A notion that quantifies the number of particles sharing genuinely nonlocal correlations in a multipartite system.

- Local correlations:

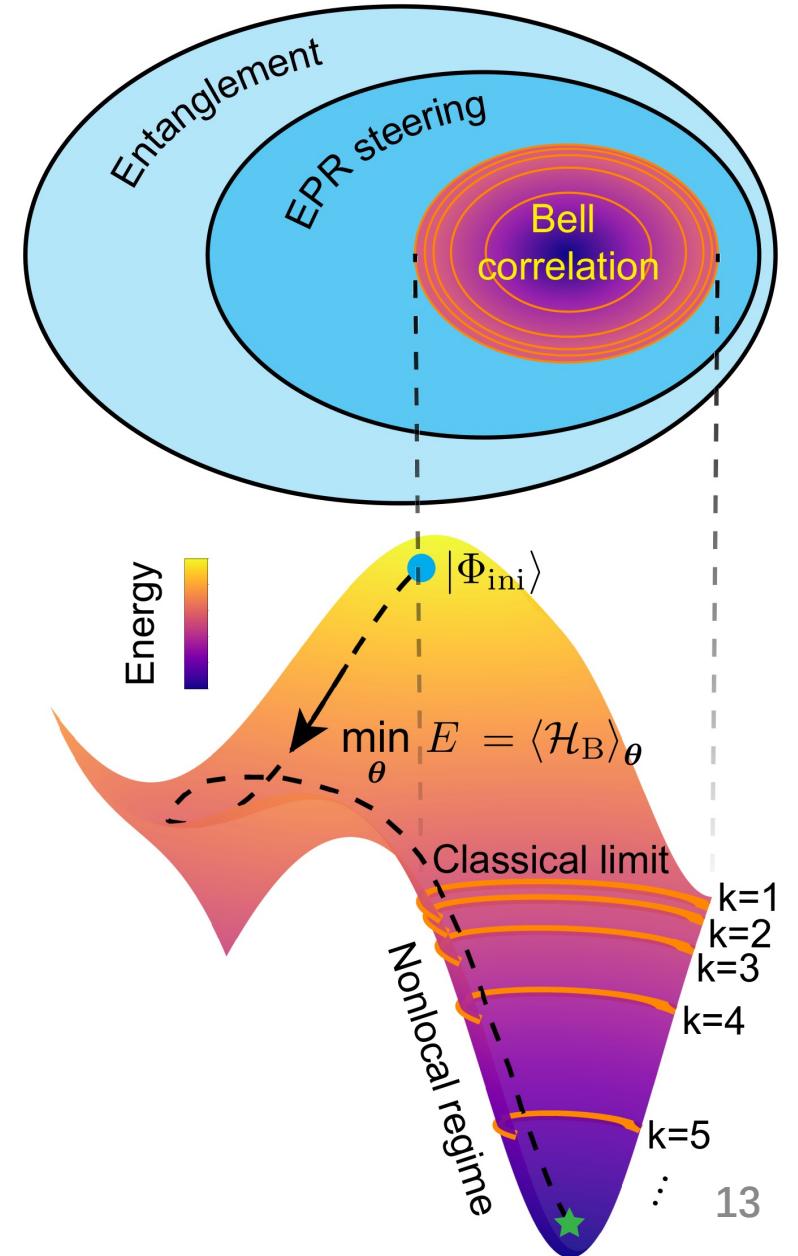
$$p(a_1, \dots, a_N | x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{\lambda} p_{\lambda} \prod_{i=1}^N p(a_i | x_i, \lambda)$$

- Correlations that allow k parties to share genuinely nonlocal correlations:

$$p(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\lambda} p(\lambda) p_1(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{A}_1} | \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{A}_1}, \lambda) \times \cdots \times p_L(\mathbf{a}_{\mathcal{A}_L} | \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{A}_L}, \lambda)$$

- More generally, the k -producible correlations:

$$p(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{L_k \in S_k} q_{L_k} p_{L_k}(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{x})$$



The Svetlichny inequality

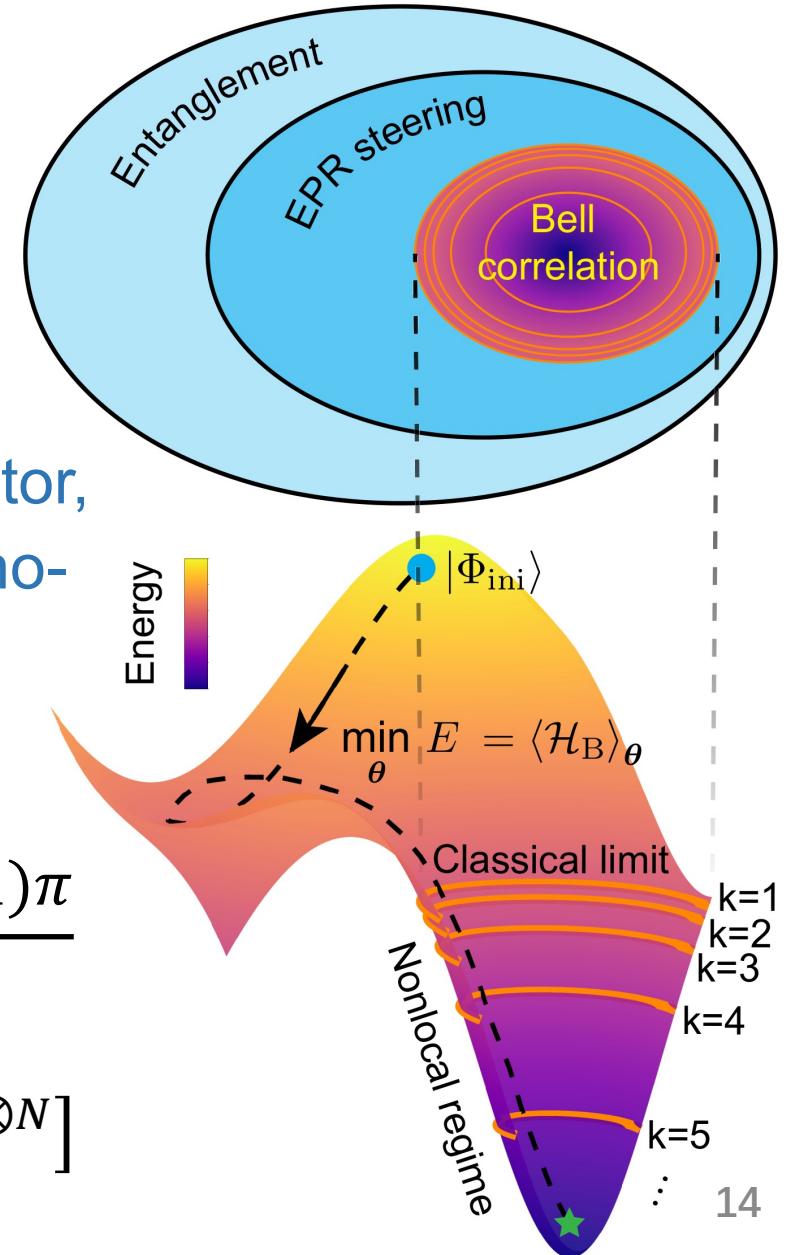
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_N^{Sv} &= 2^{-\frac{N}{2}} \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x}|s=0} (-1)^{\frac{s}{2}} \langle \mathbf{A} \rangle_{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{\mathbf{x}|s=1} (-1)^{\frac{s-1}{2}} \langle \mathbf{A} \rangle_{\mathbf{x}} \right] \\ &\geq -2^{(N-\lceil \frac{N}{k} \rceil)/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\langle \mathbf{A} \rangle_{\mathbf{x}} = \langle A_{1,x_1} \dots A_{N,x_N} \rangle$ denotes the N -partite correlator, and s is the parity of $\sum_i x_i$. Within the k parties, we allow no-signaling correlations.

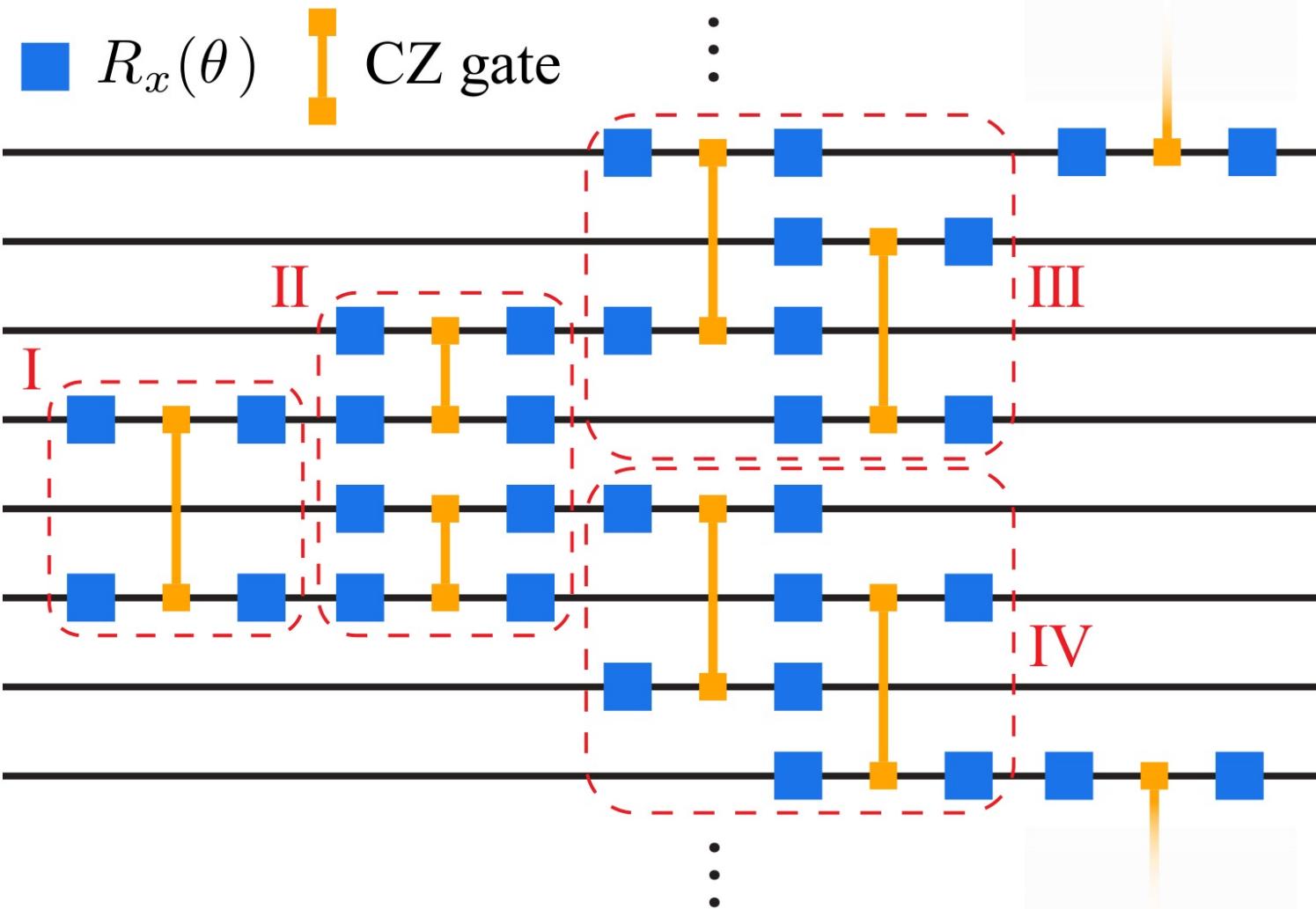
By assigning $A_{i,0} = \cos(\phi_1)\sigma_x + \sin(\phi_1)\sigma_y, \phi_1 = -\frac{\pi}{4N}$

$$A_{i,1} = \cos(\phi_2)\sigma_x + \sin(\phi_2)\sigma_y, \phi_2 = \frac{(2N-1)\pi}{4N}$$

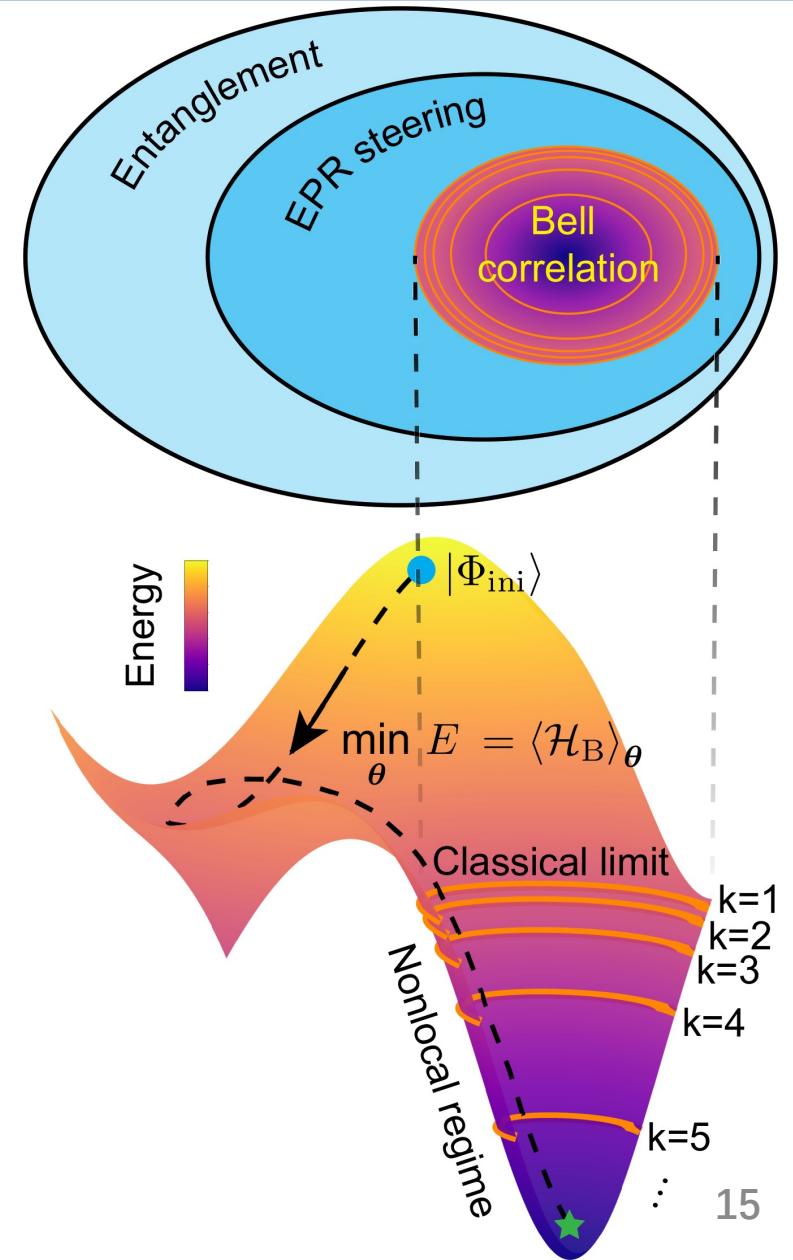
Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_B(N) = 2^{\frac{N-1}{2}} [(|0\rangle\langle 1|)^{\otimes N} + (|1\rangle\langle 0|)^{\otimes N}]$



Phase 2

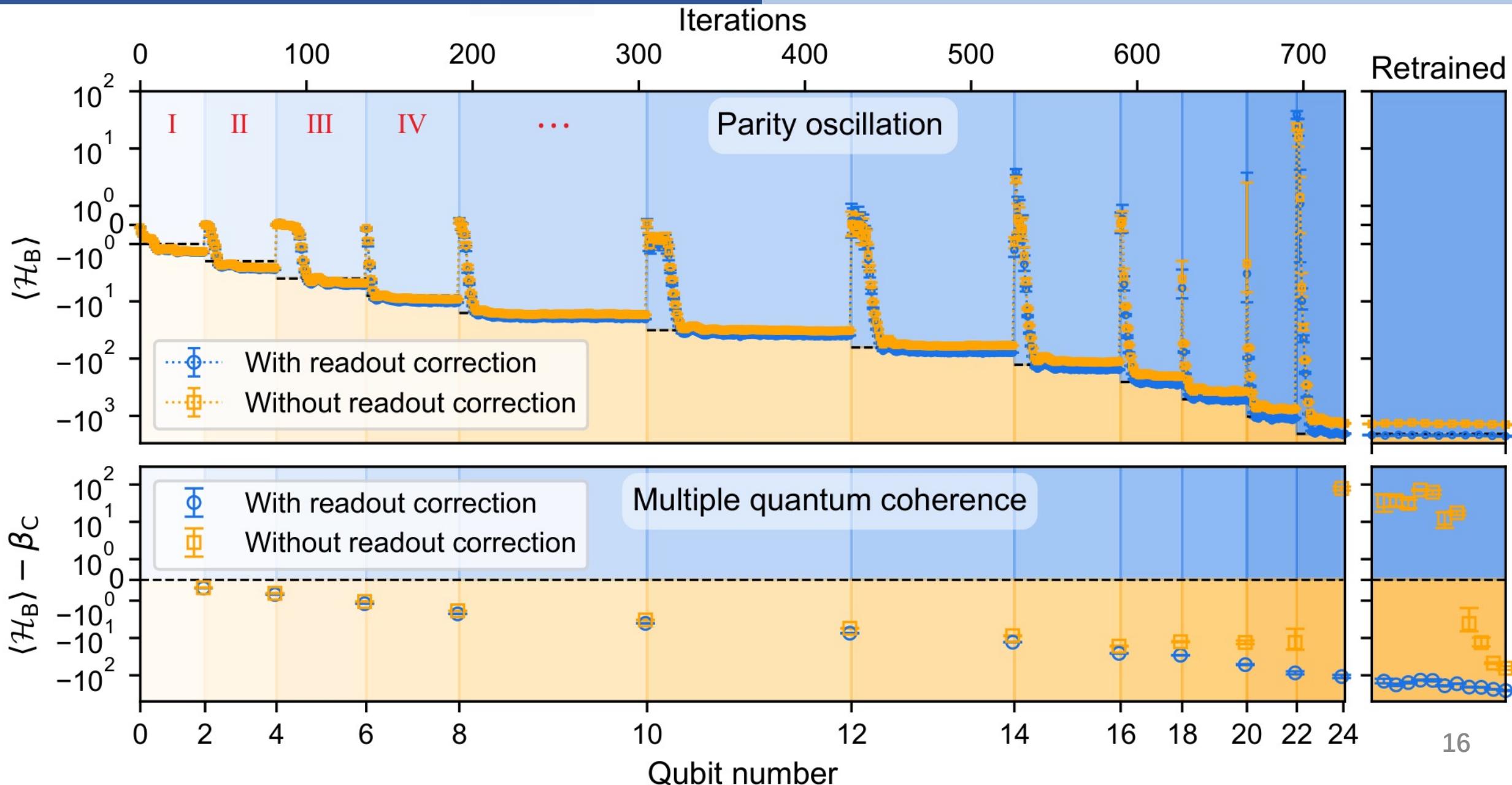


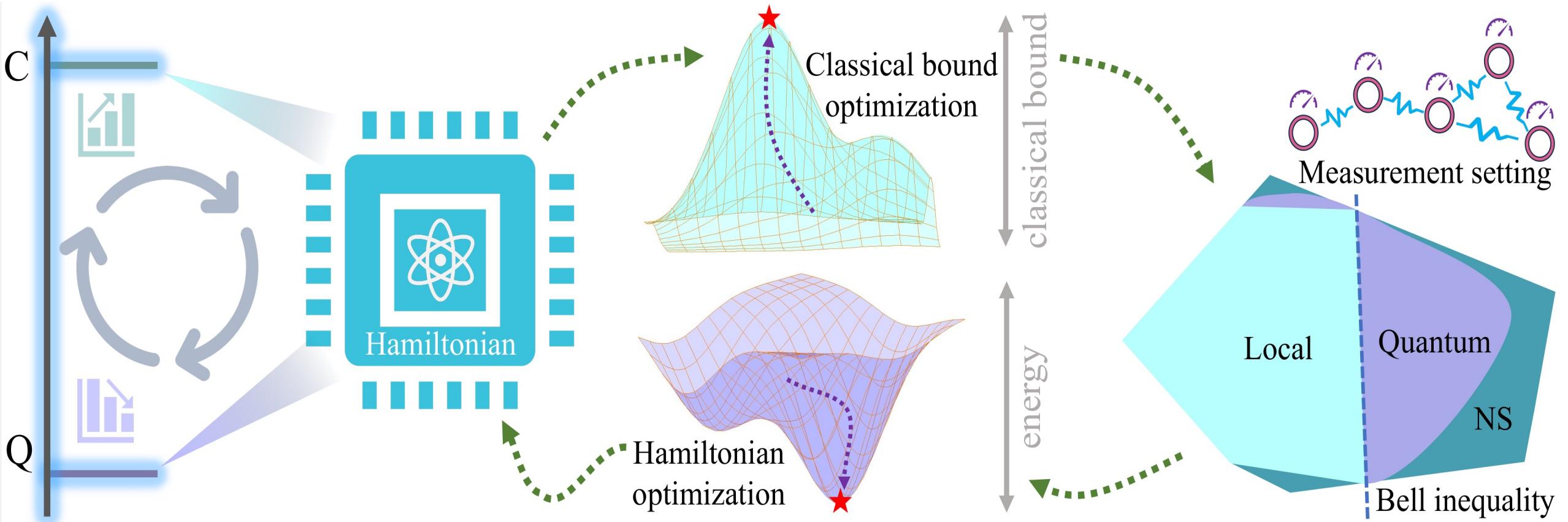
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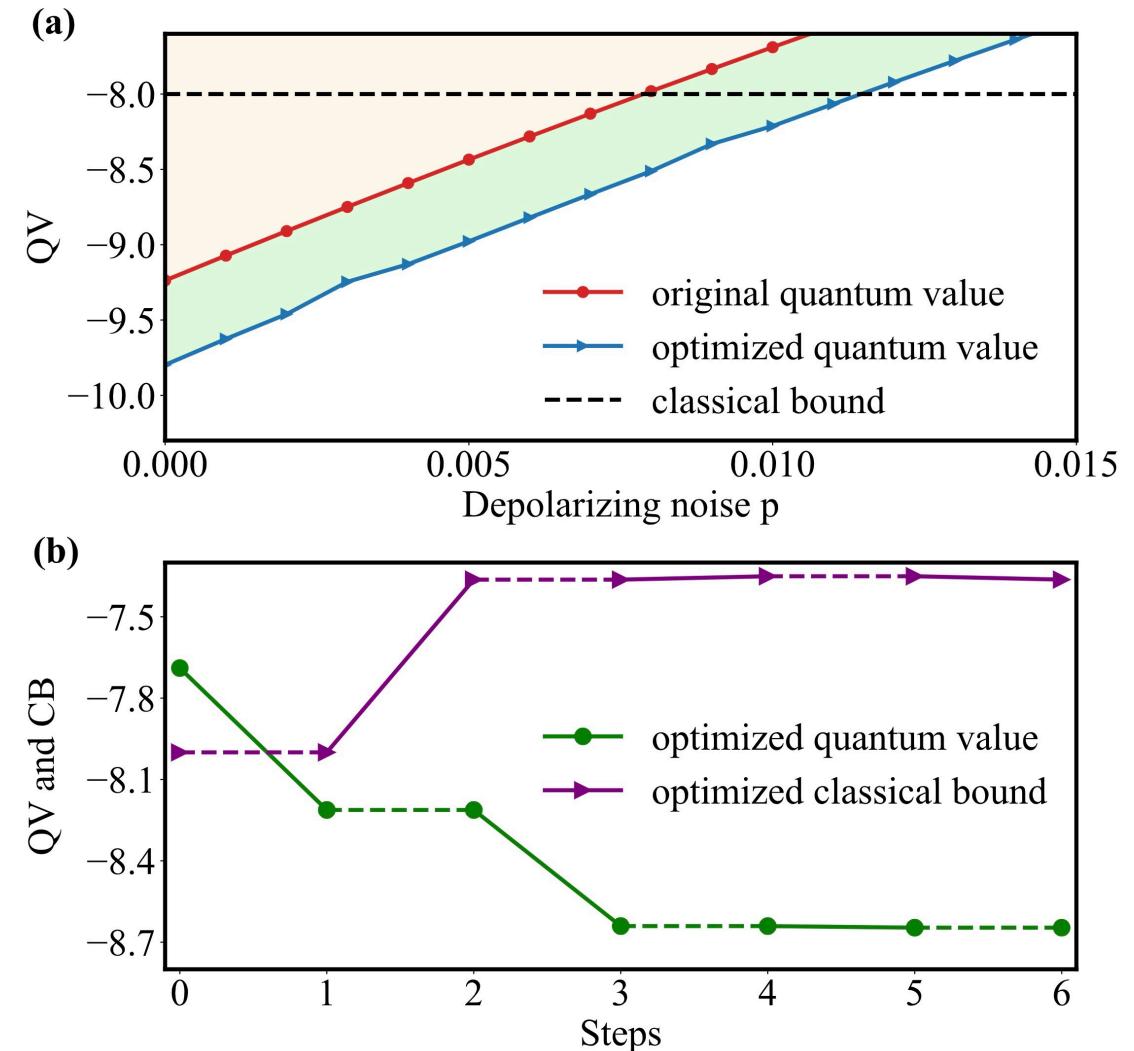
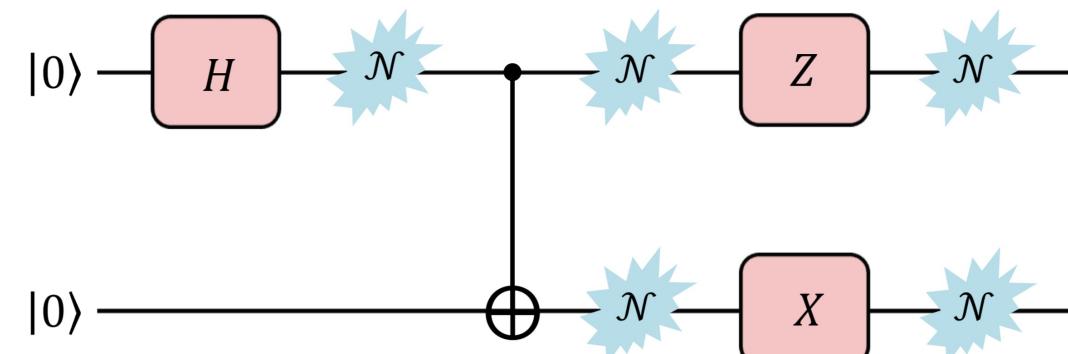
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(\Delta) &= A_0B_0 + A_1B_0 - A_2B_0 - A_3B_0 + A_0B_1 - A_1B_1 + A_2B_1 - A_3B_1 + \Delta A_0B_2 - \Delta A_1B_2 - \Delta A_2B_2 + \Delta A_3B_2 \\ &\geq -2|\Delta| - |\Delta + 2| - |\Delta - 2|.\end{aligned}$$

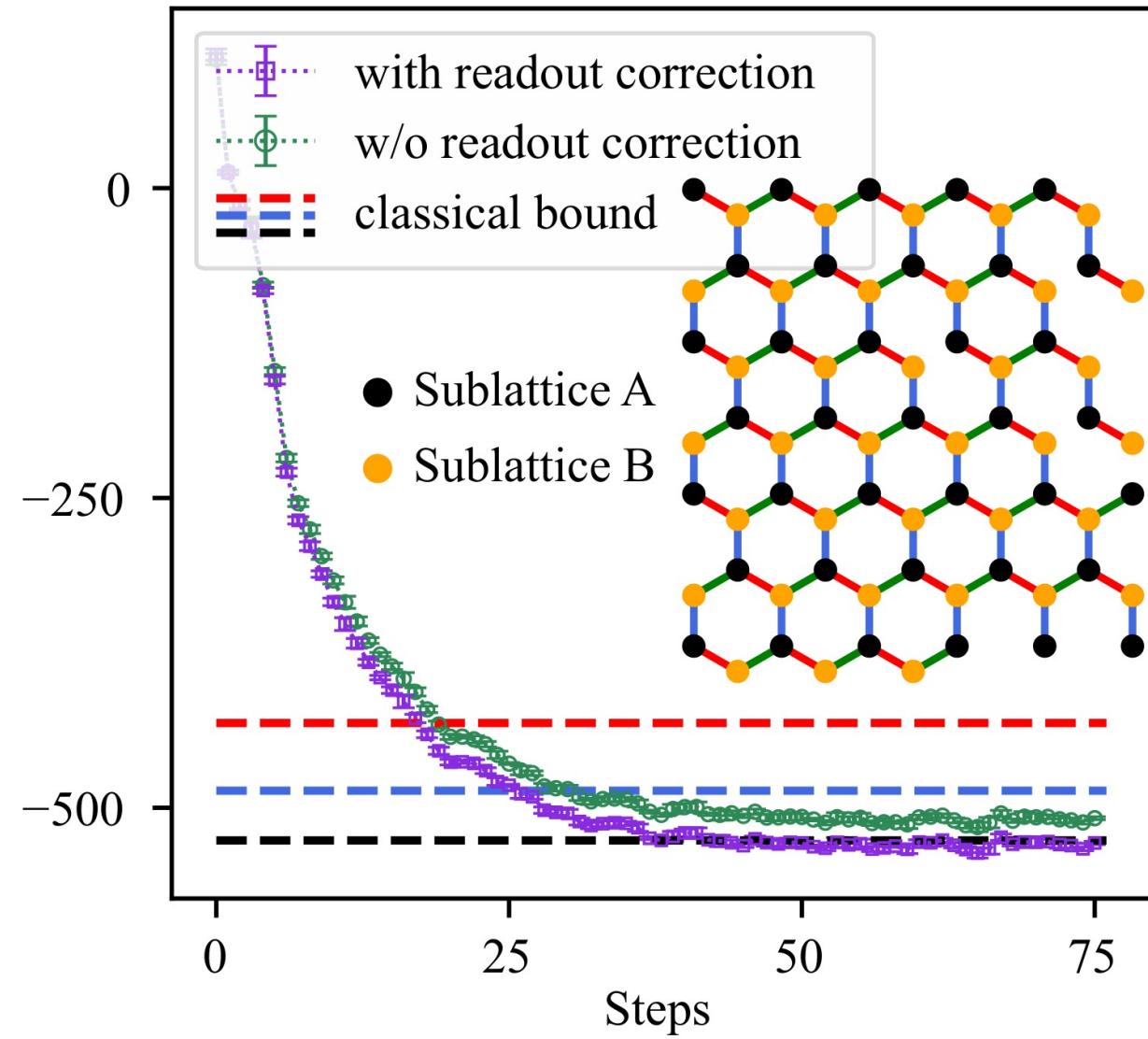
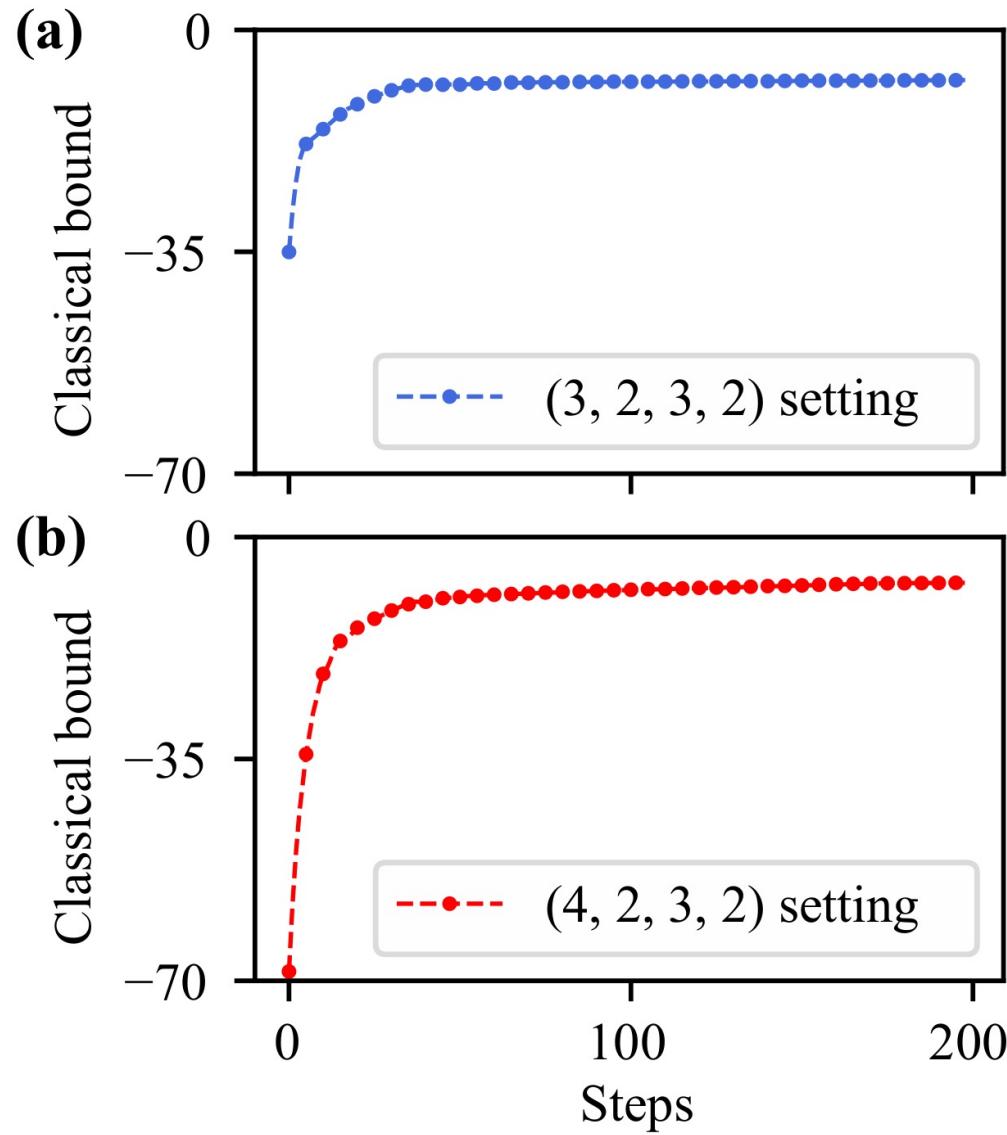
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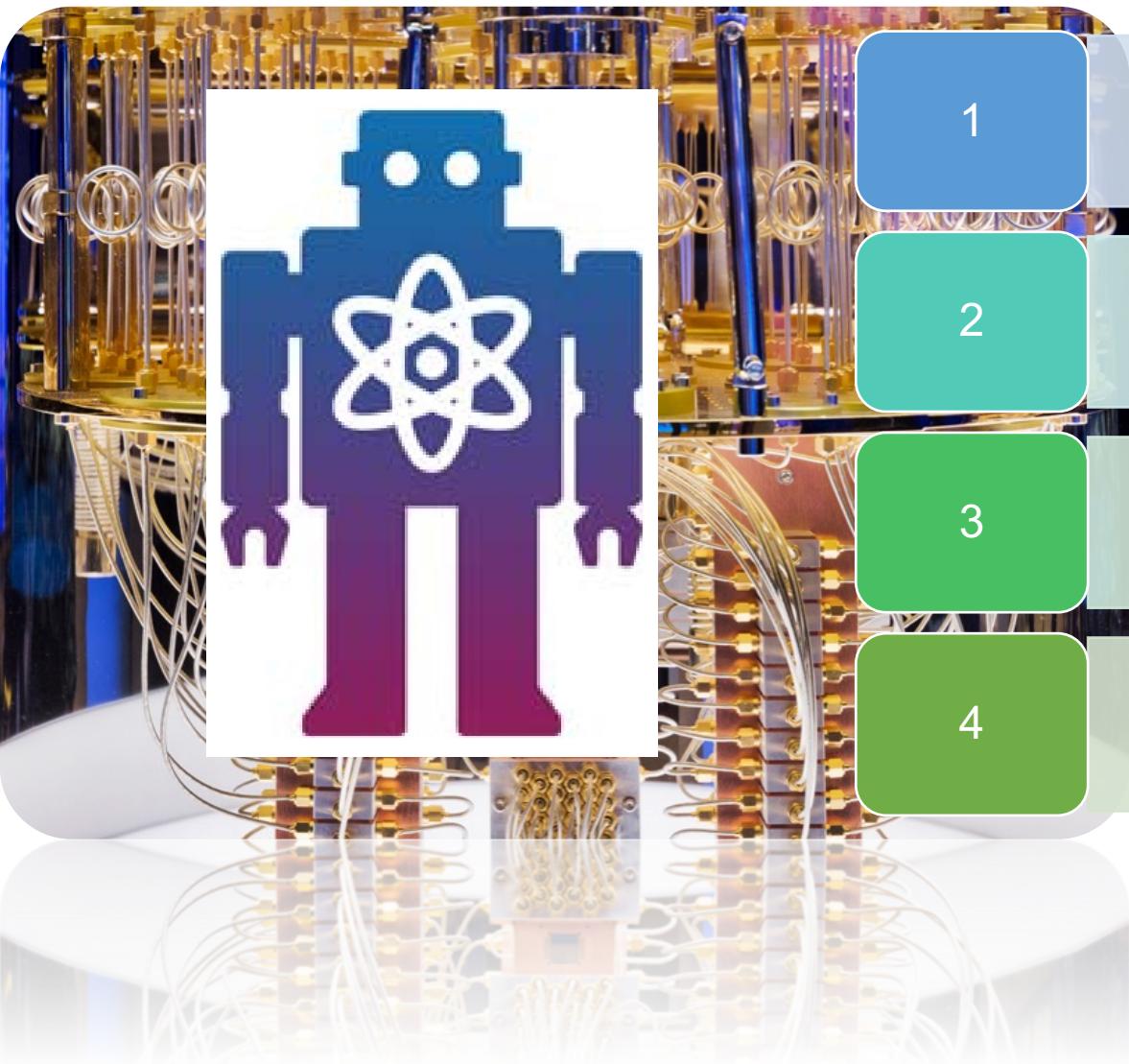
$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}(\sigma_x^{(1)}\sigma_x^{(2)} + \sigma_y^{(1)}\sigma_y^{(2)} + 2\sigma_z^{(1)}\sigma_z^{(2)})$$

Noise model:

$$\mathcal{N}_p(\rho) = (1 - 3p)\rho + p(\sigma_x\rho\sigma_x + \sigma_y\rho\sigma_y + \sigma_z\rho\sigma_z)$$







- 1 • Experimentally revealed Bell correlations on a honeycomb lattice with 73 qubits
- 2 • Observed genuine Bell correlations up to 24 particles
- 3 • (Theoretical framework optimized to make it feasible for experimental realizations)
- 4 • **Outlook: Phase 1-2: exploiting symmetry, dissipative cooling, QAOA, etc; Phase 3: reinforcement learning, architecture search, etc**

Thank you for listening!