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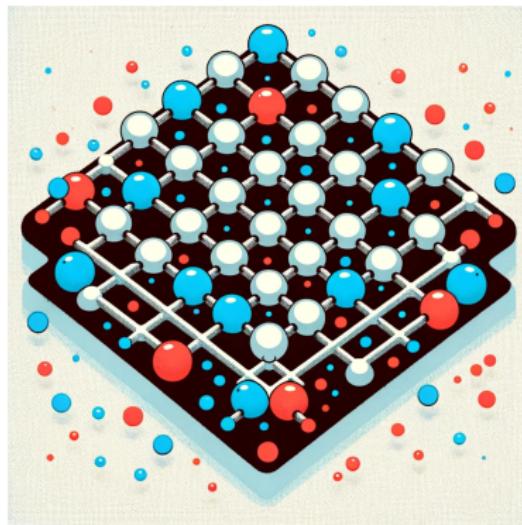
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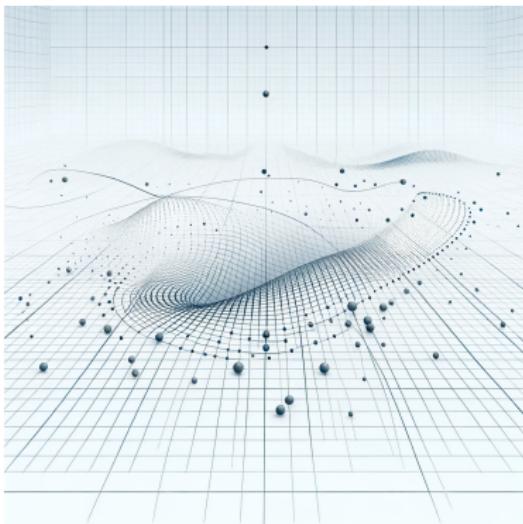
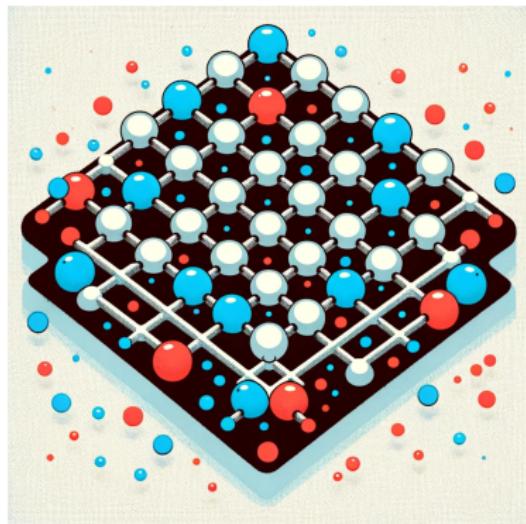
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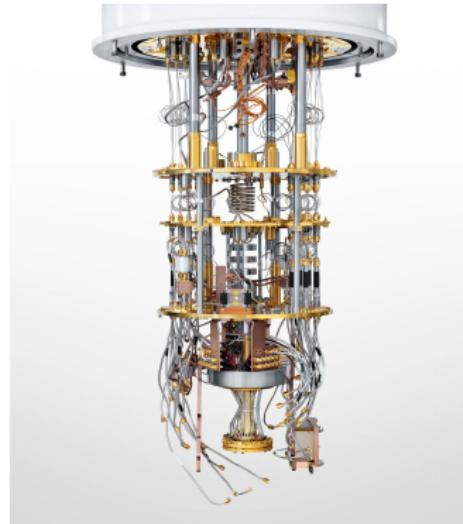
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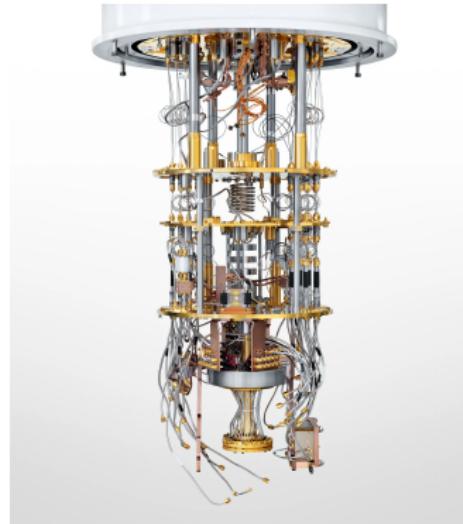


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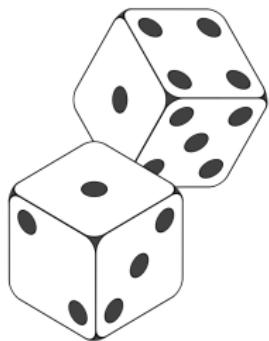
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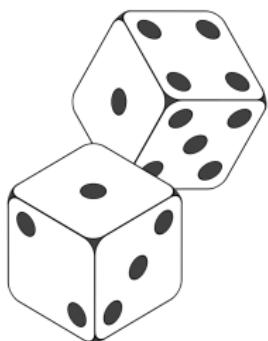
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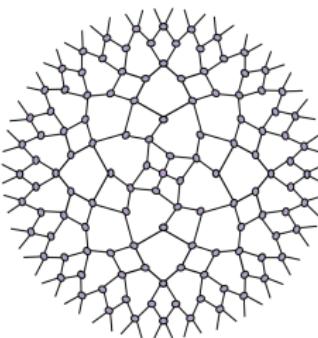
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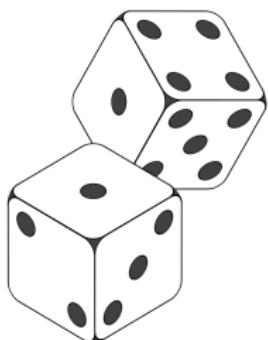
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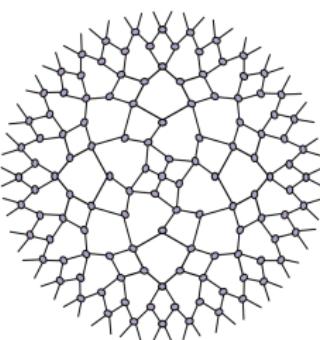
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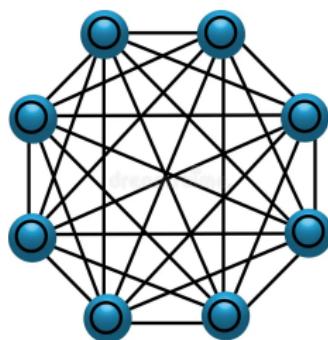
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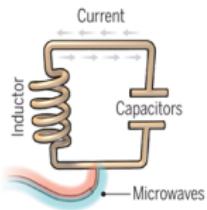
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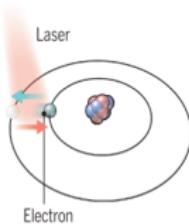
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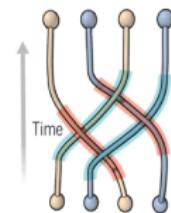
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Electrically charged atoms, or ions, have quantum energies that depend on the location of electrons. Tuned lasers cool and trap the ions, and put them in superposition states.



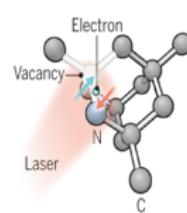
## Silicon quantum dots

These "artificial atoms" are made by adding an electron to a small piece of pure silicon. Microwaves control the electron's quantum state.



## Topological qubits

Quasiparticles can be seen in the behavior of electrons channeled through semiconductor structures. Their braided paths can encode quantum information.

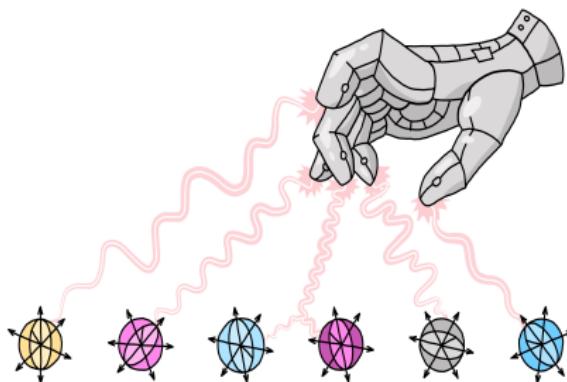


## Diamond vacancies

A nitrogen atom and a vacancy add an electron to a diamond lattice. Its quantum spin state, along with those of nearby carbon nuclei, can be controlled with light.

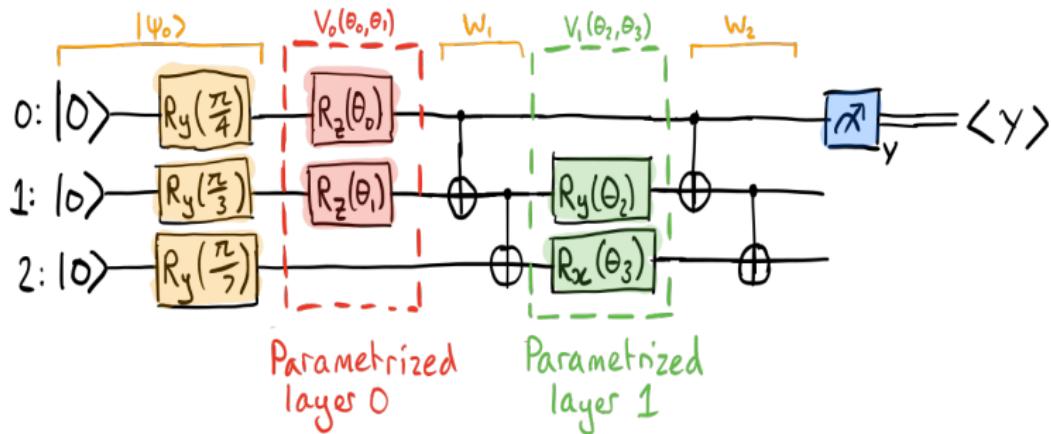
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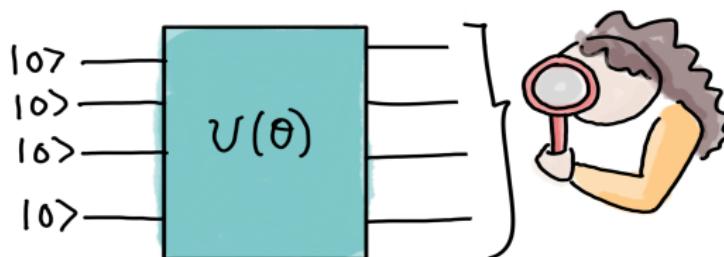
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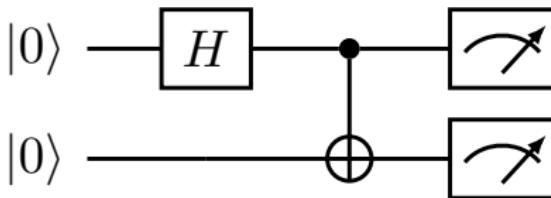
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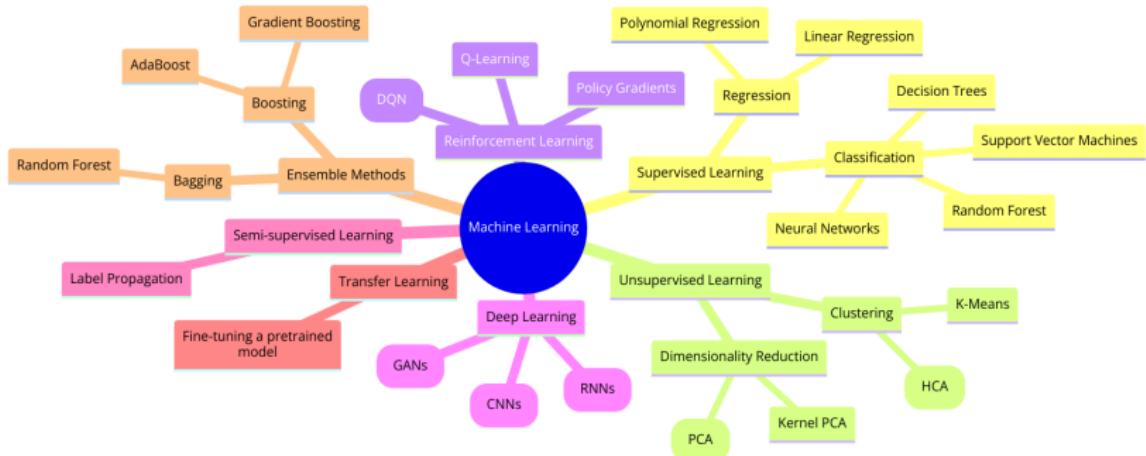
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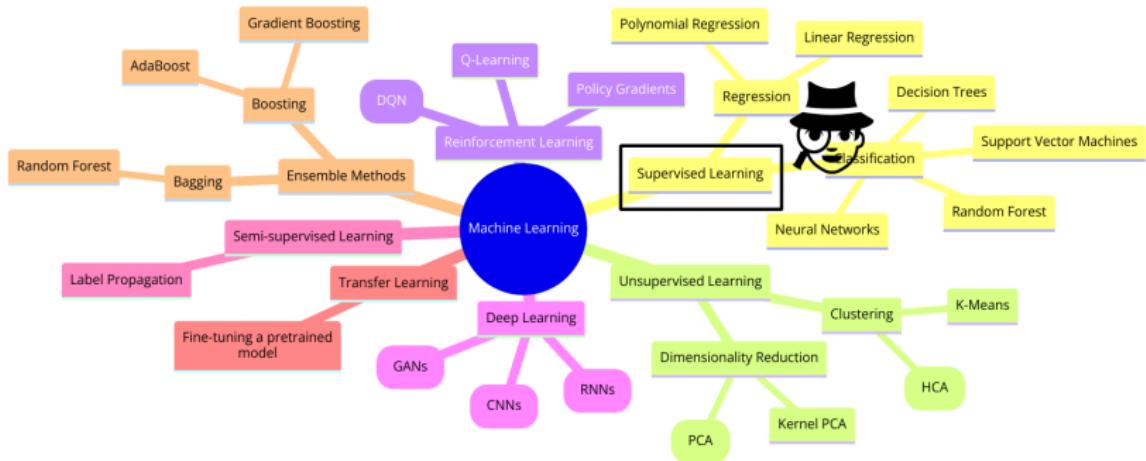
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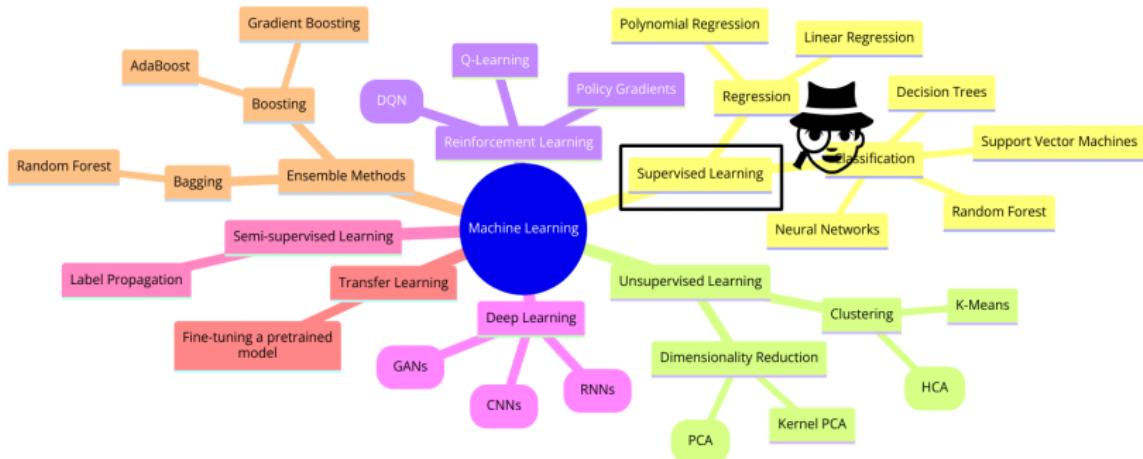
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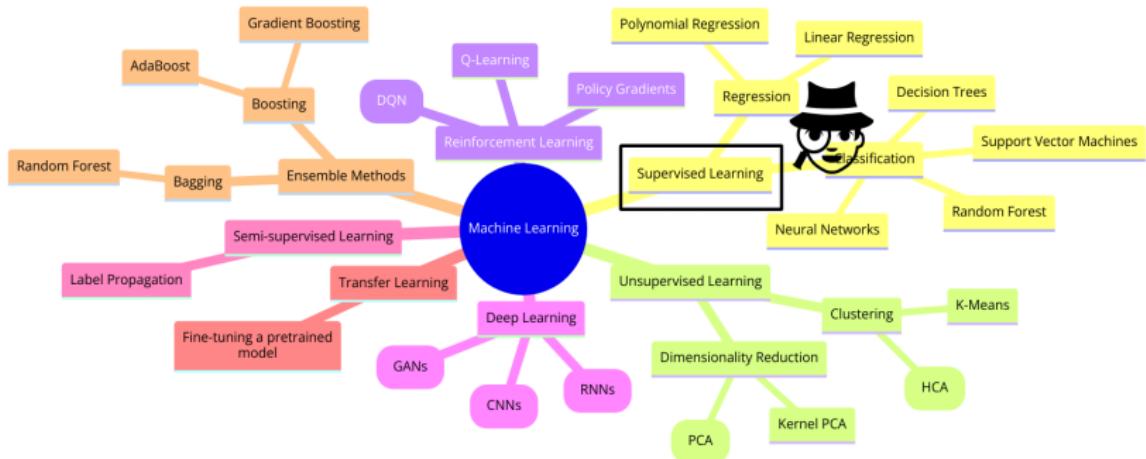


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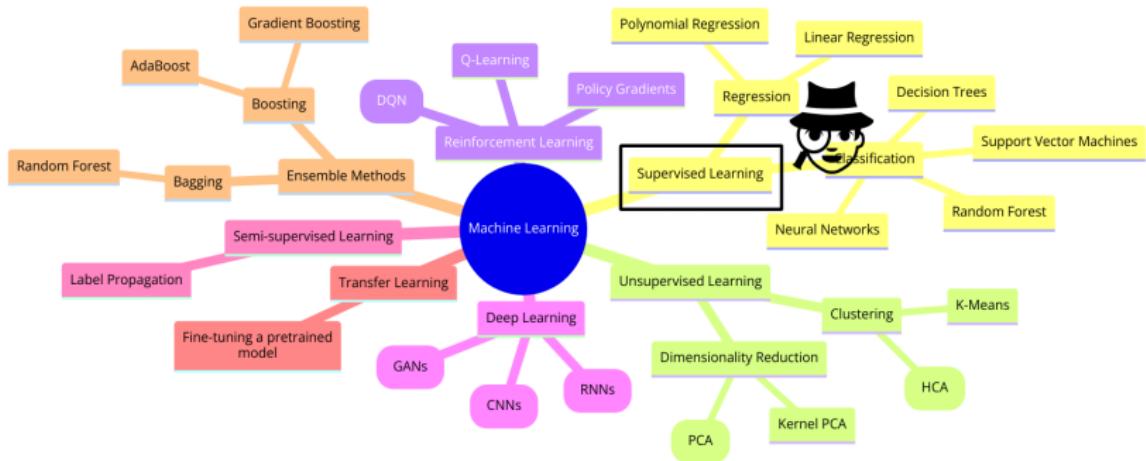


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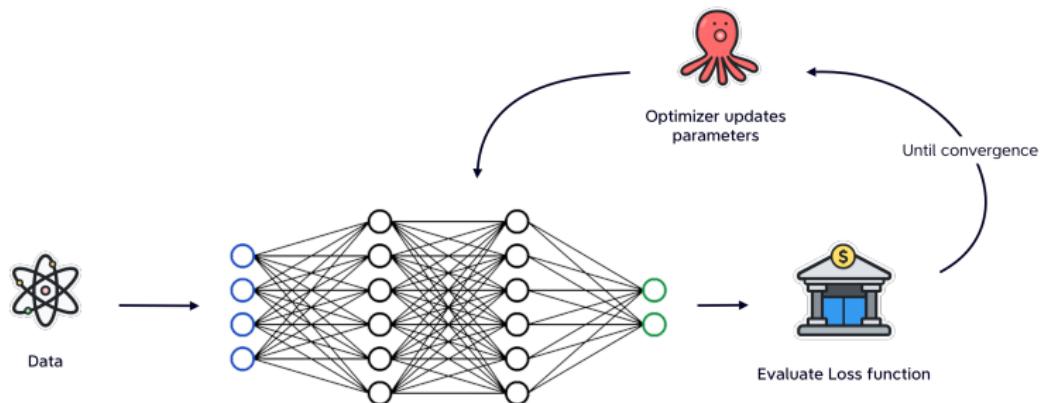
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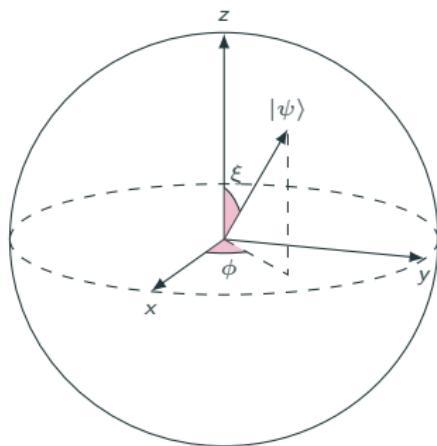
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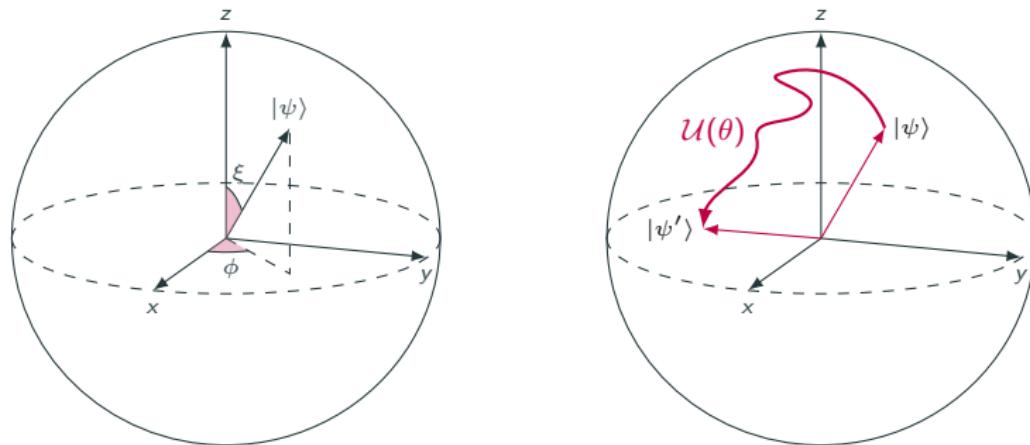
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$$R_k(\theta) = \exp[-i\theta\sigma_k], \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma_k \in \{I, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z\}.$$

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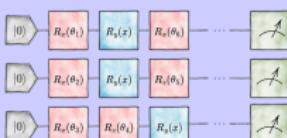
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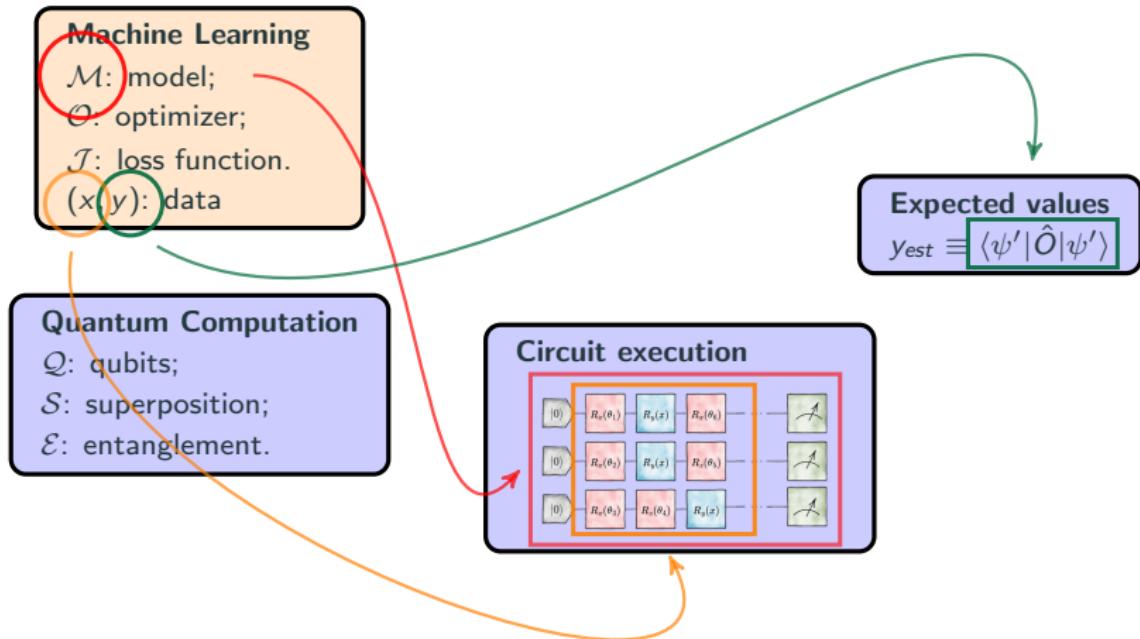
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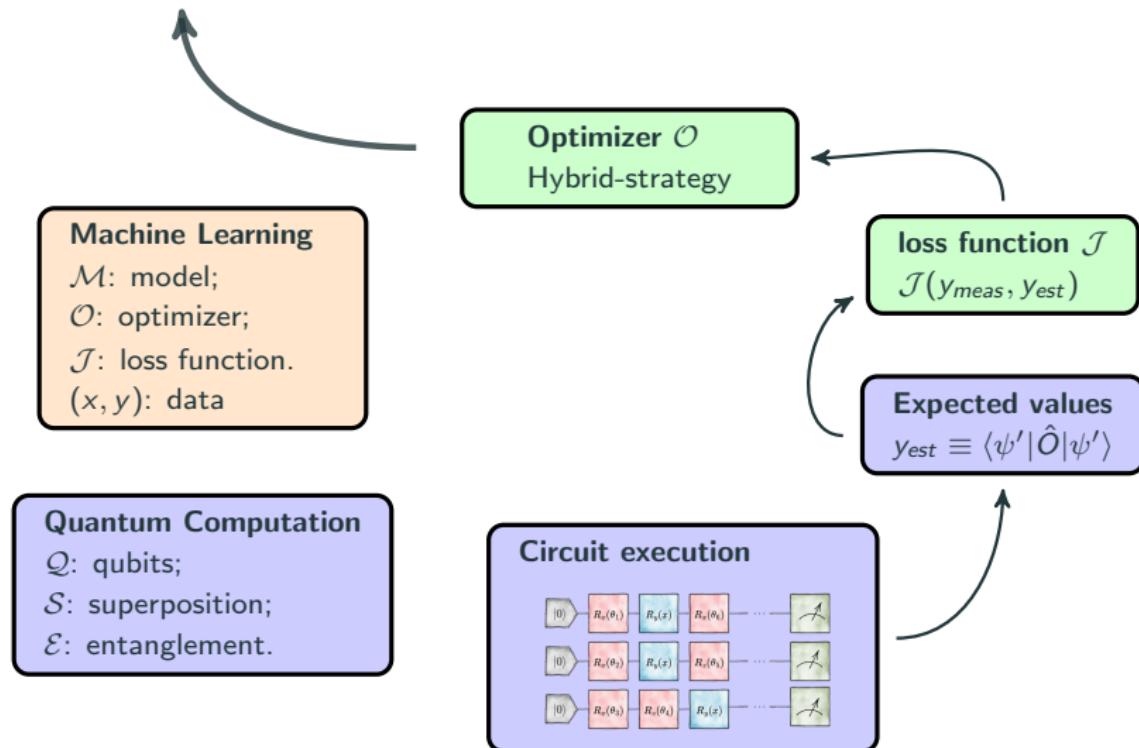
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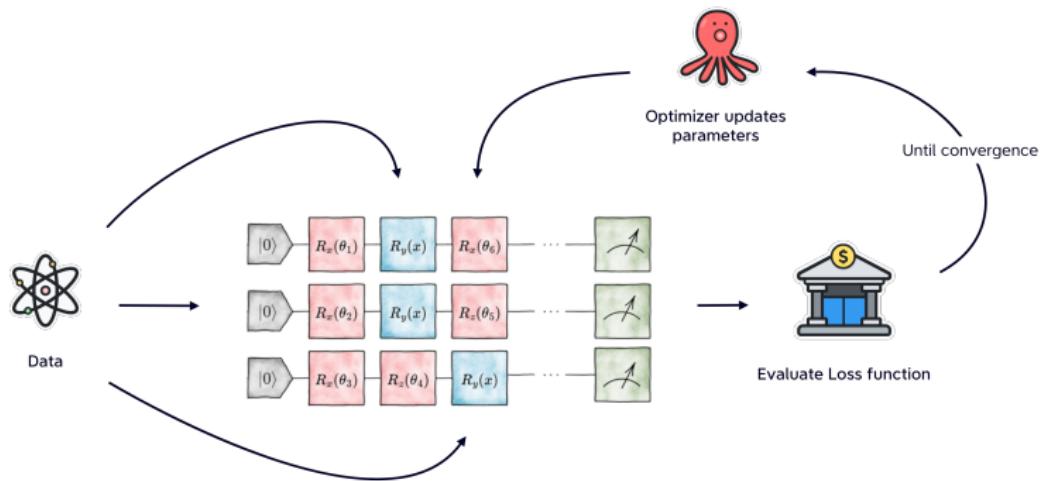


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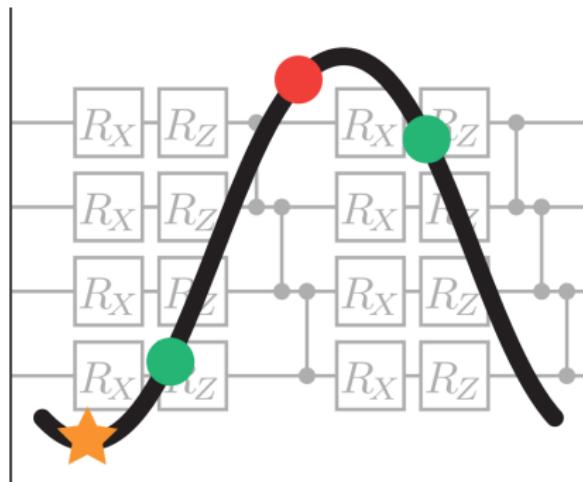
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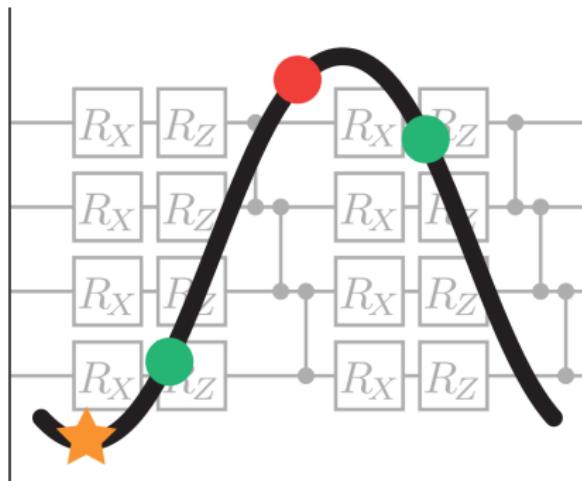


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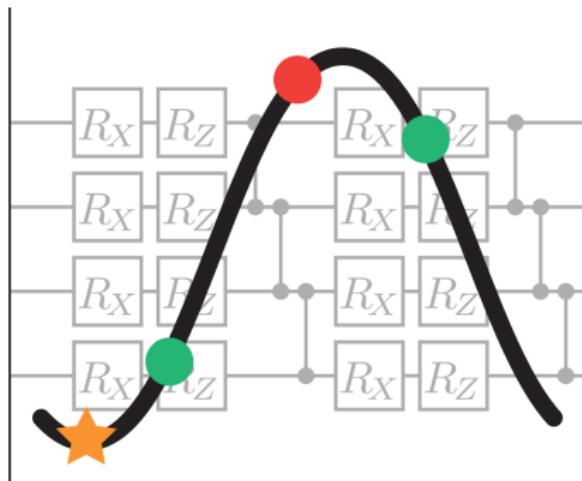


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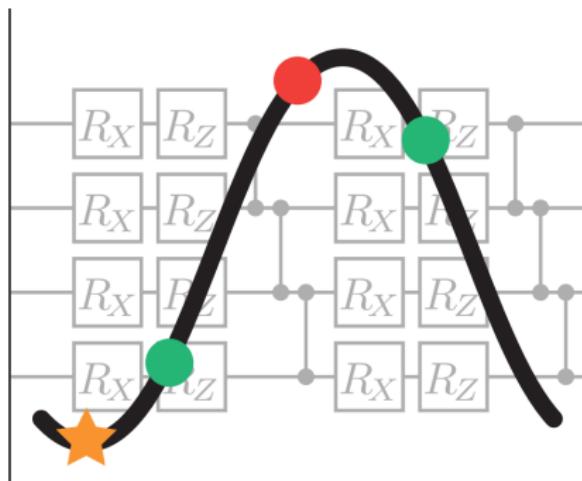


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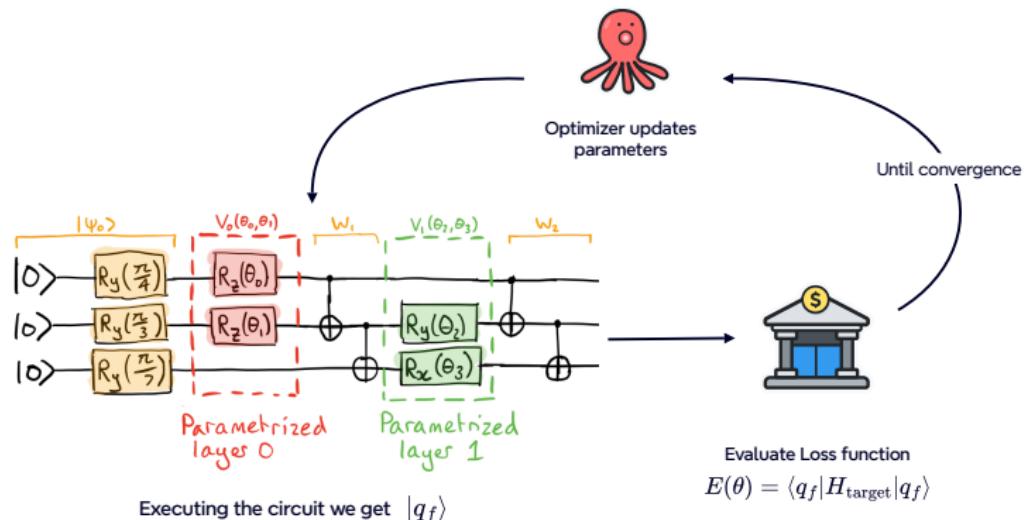
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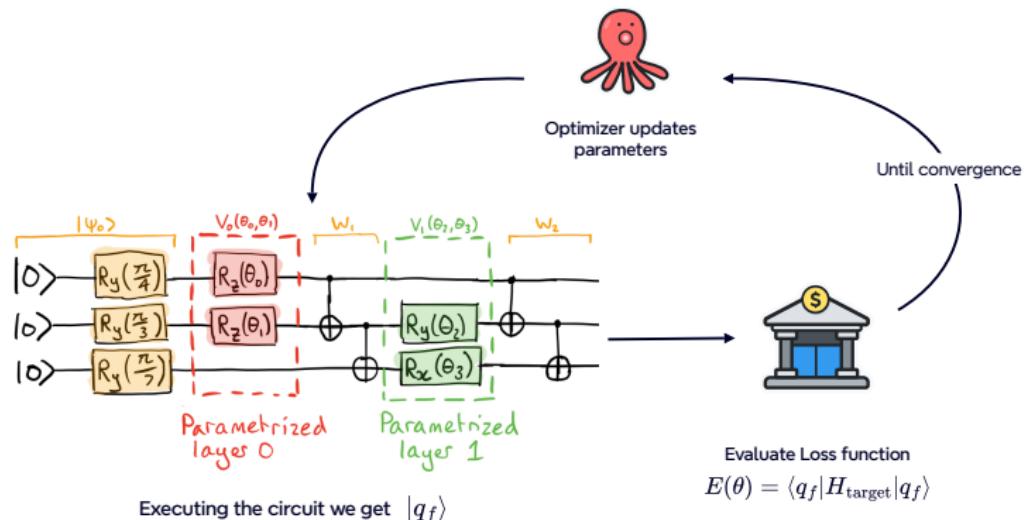
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