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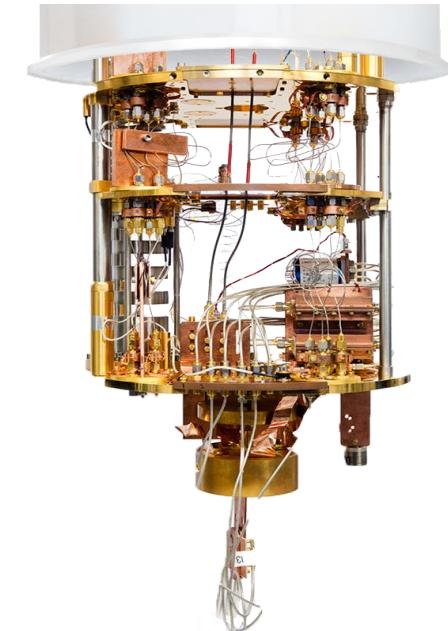
Quantum Computing – Day 4

NISQ Algorithms

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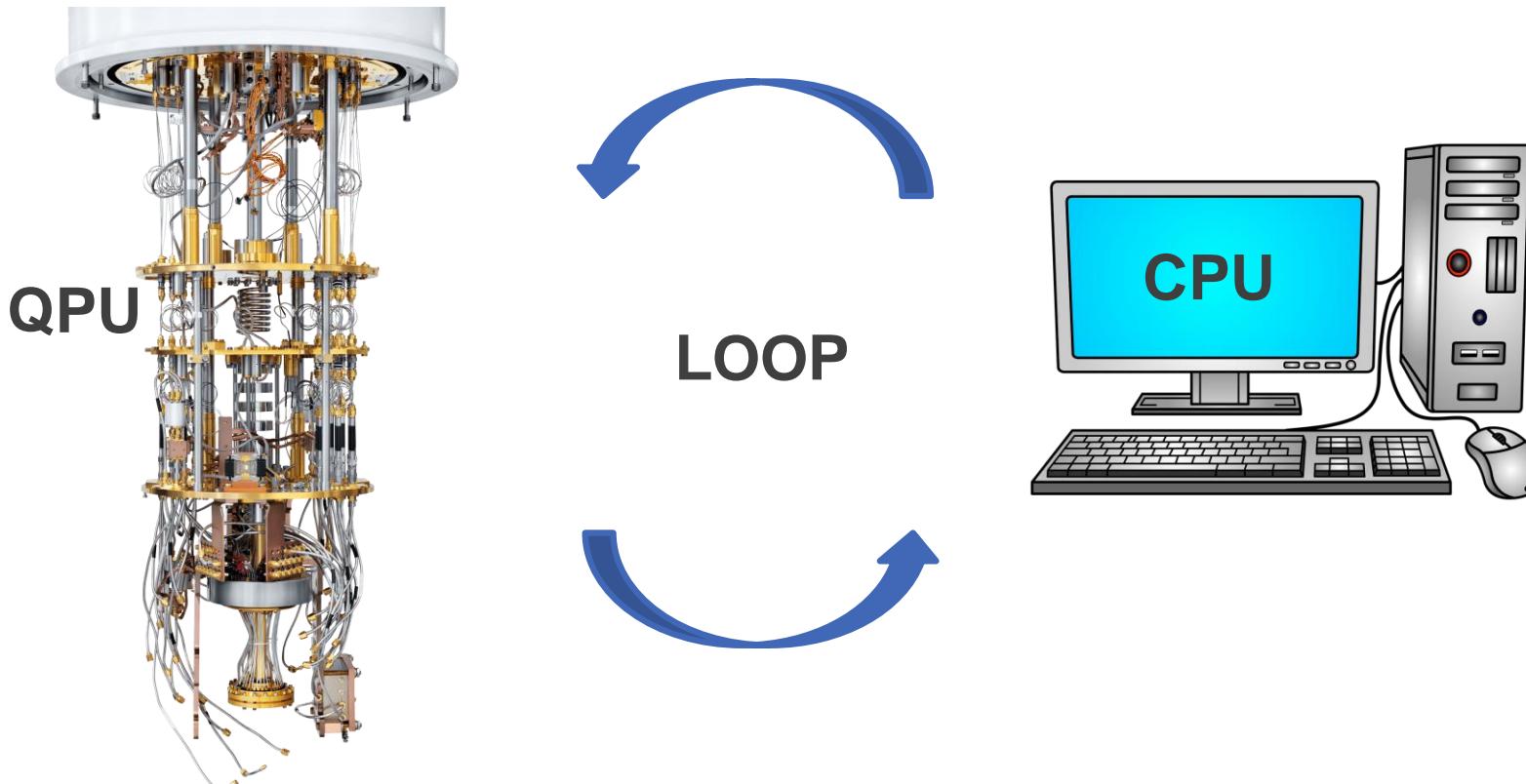
How can we use the small and imperfect Quantum Devices (NISQ) we have today?



Quantum algorithms for NISQ Devices

NISQ-ready algorithms for general purpose QPU

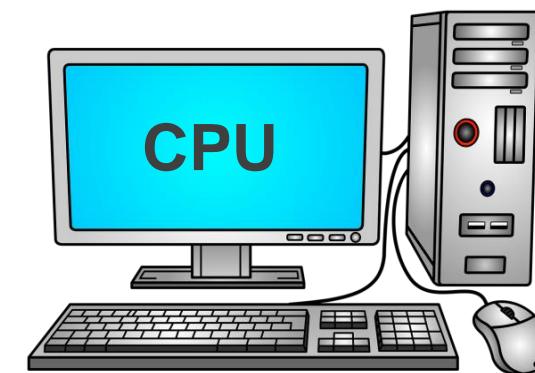
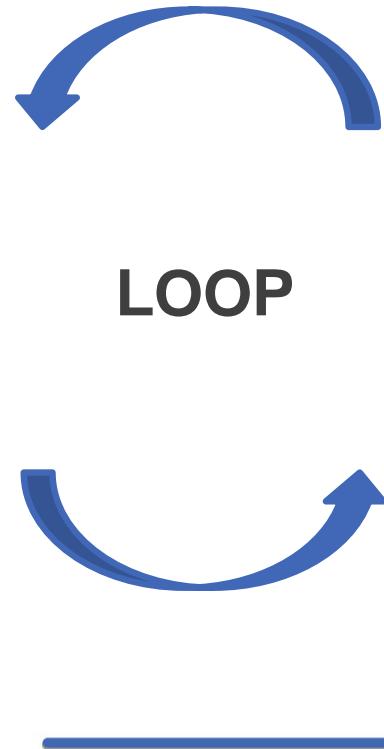
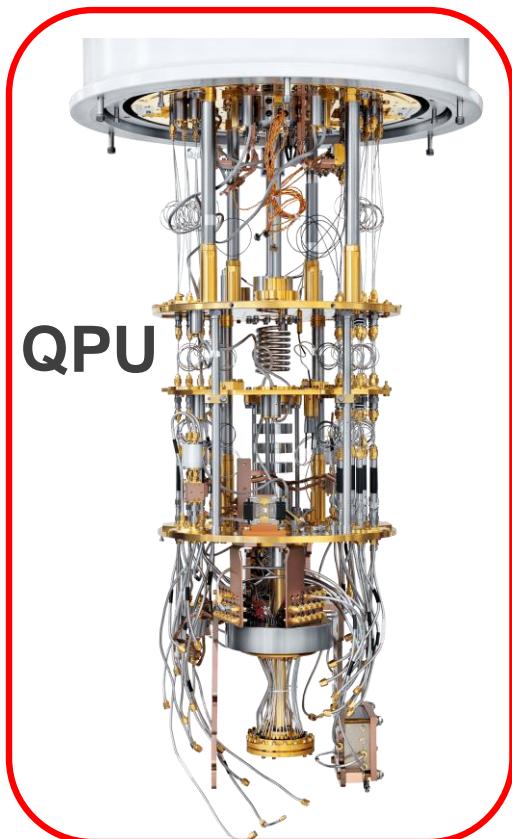
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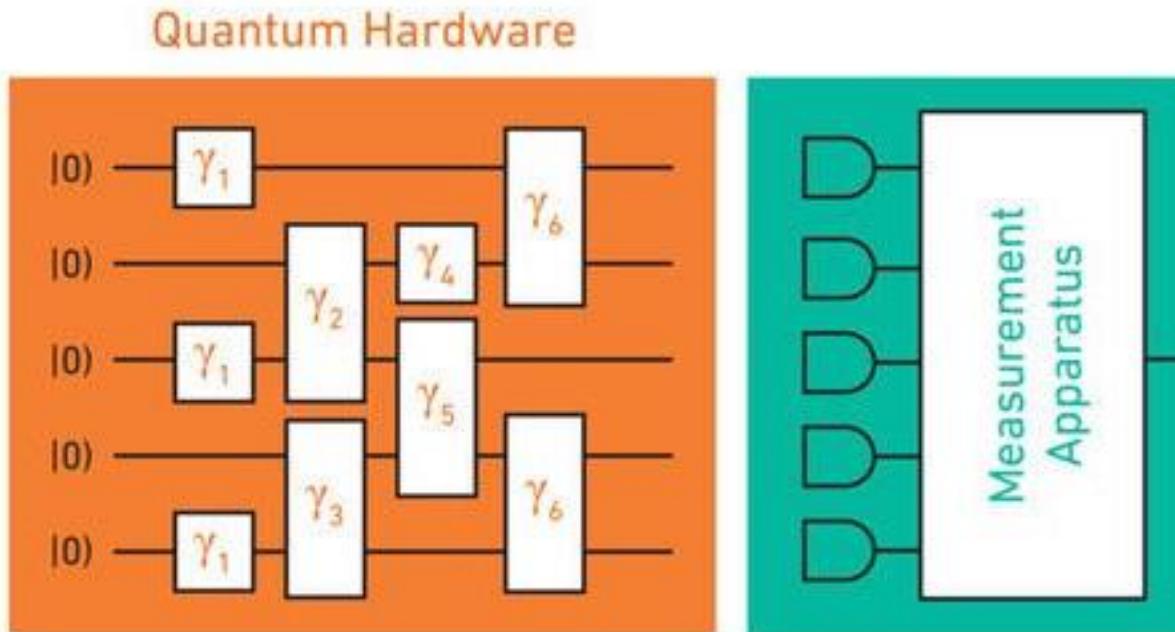
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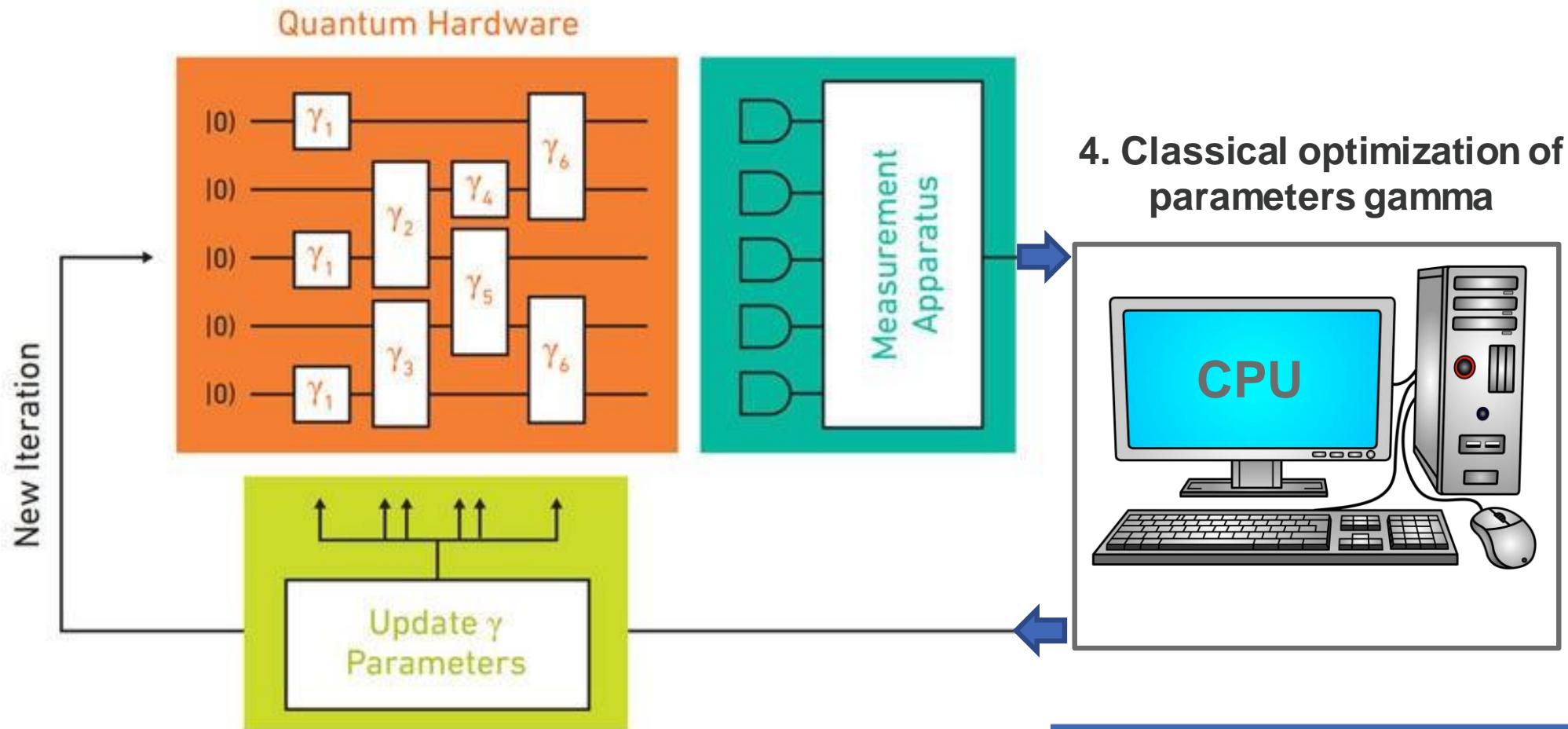
Parametric Quantum Circuits



- 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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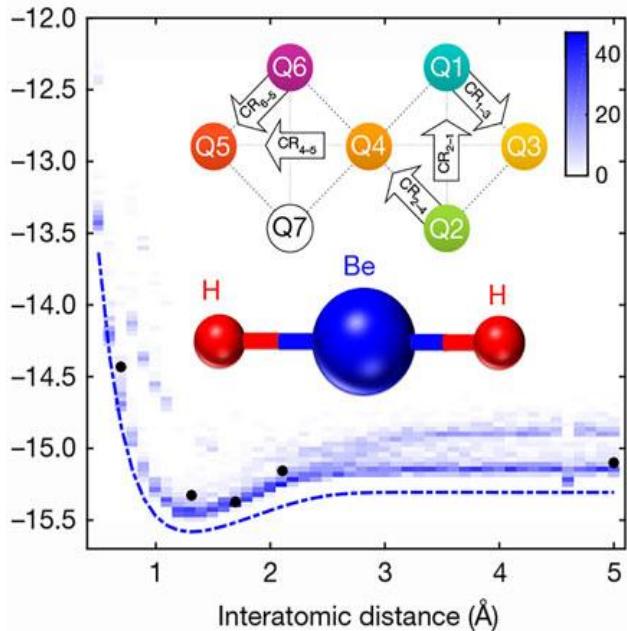
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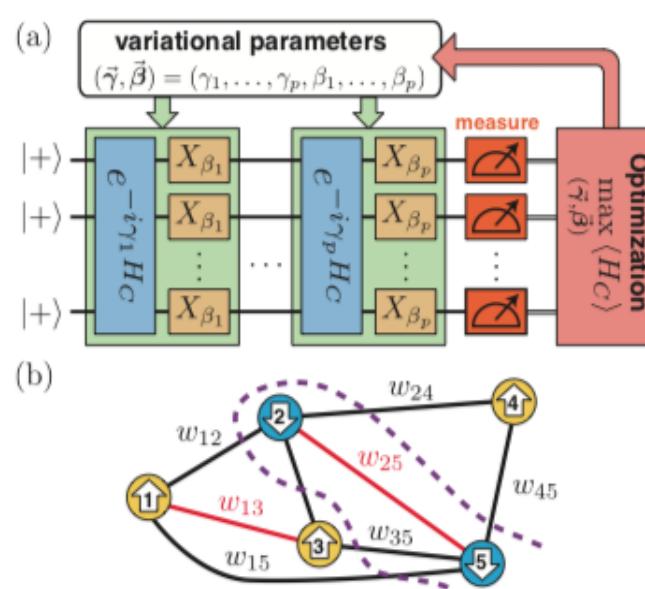
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VQE



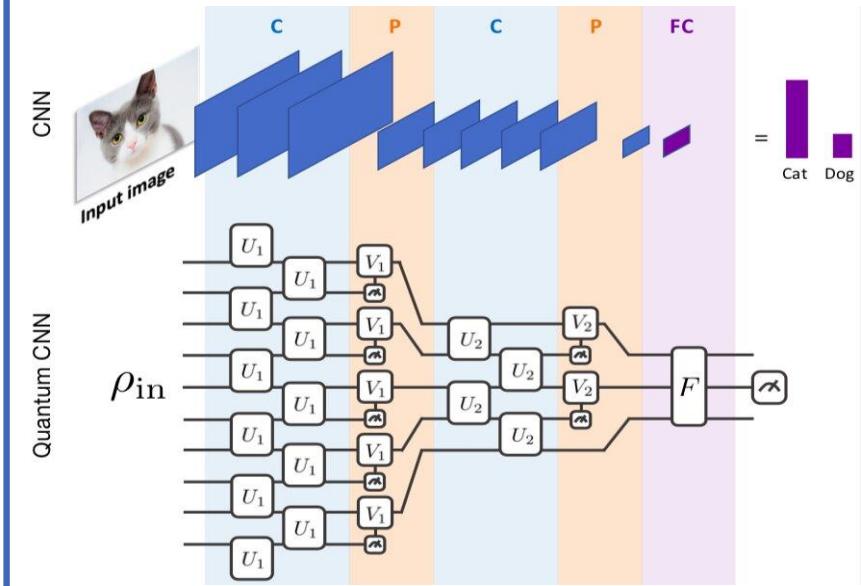
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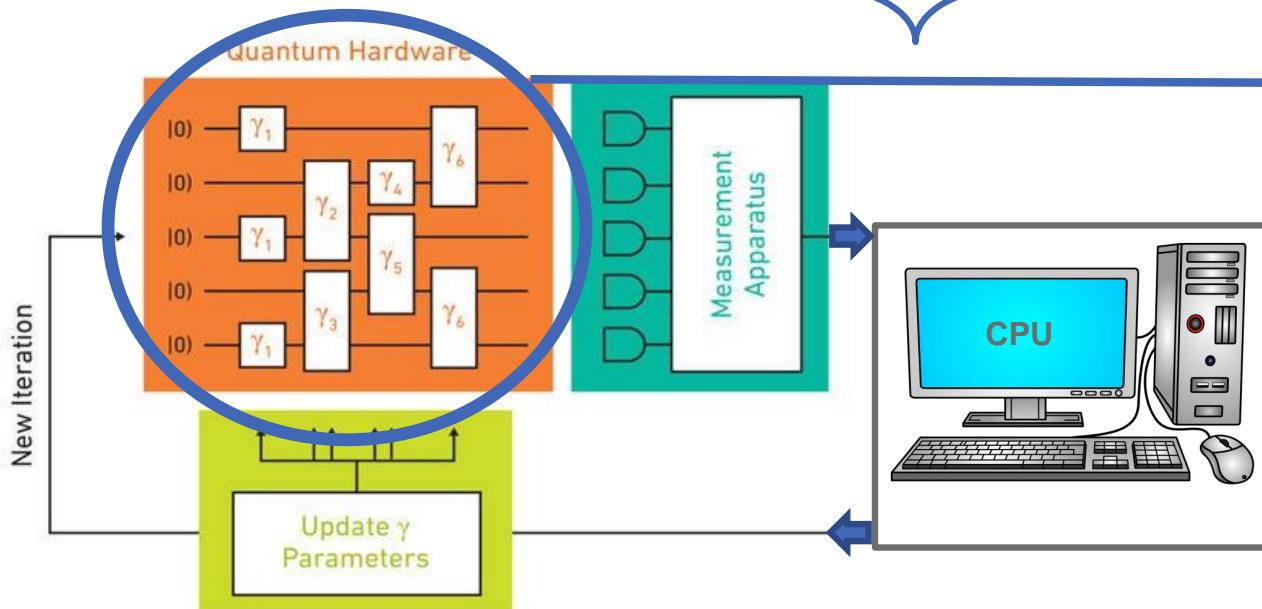
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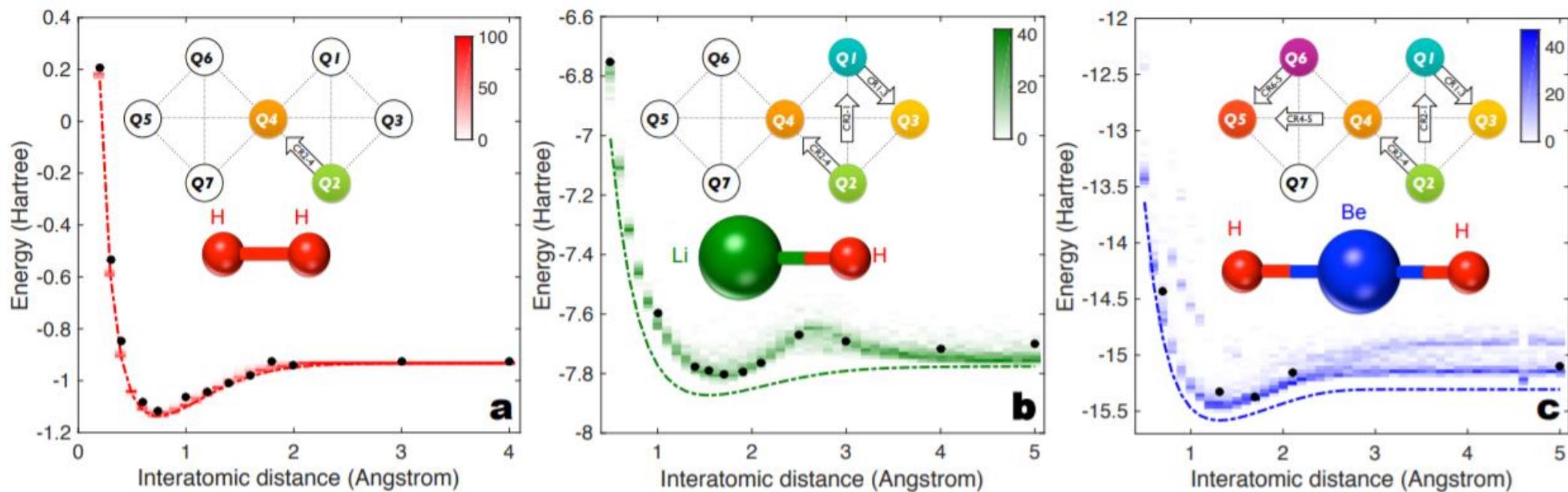
The **main difference** between **VQE**, **QAOA** and **QNN** concerns the **choice of the parametric quantum circuit** (Variational Ansatz)

Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

Quantum algorithms for NISQ Devices

Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Objective: finding the ground state energy of molecules



Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

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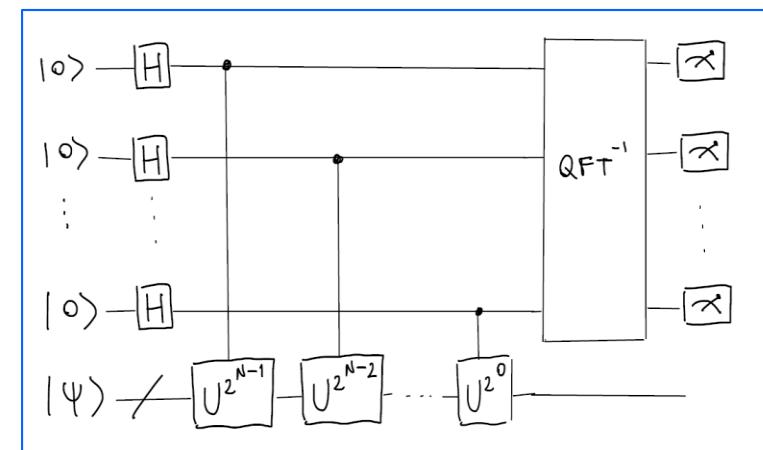
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In the future, the **quantum phase estimation** algorithm may be used to find the minimum eigenvalue

$$U|\Psi\rangle = e^{2\pi i \lambda \theta} |\Psi\rangle$$



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its implementation on useful problems requires circuit depths exceeding the limits of hardware available in the NISQ era

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**VQE
(NISQ Ready)**

Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Molecular Hamiltonian is

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Because the **nuclei are much heavier than the electrons** they do **not move on the same time scale** and therefore, the behavior of **nuclei and electrons can be decoupled**

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{el}} = - \sum_i \frac{\nabla_{r_i}^2}{m_e} - \sum_I \sum_i \frac{Z_I e^2}{|R_I - r_i|} + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} \frac{e^2}{|r_i - r_j|}.$$

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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Electronic Hamiltonian is

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Applied to a **given state**, will return the **energy associated** to that state!

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{el}} |\Psi_n\rangle = E_n |\Psi_n\rangle$$

Minimum **energy** is associate to the **ground state** $\rightarrow E_0 = \frac{\langle \Psi_0 | H_{\text{el}} | \Psi_0 \rangle}{\langle \Psi_0 | \Psi_0 \rangle}$

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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Hartree-Fock (HF) method.

This method **approximates a N-body problem into N one-body problems** where each electron evolves in the **mean-field** of the others.

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$$\hat{H}_{\text{elec}} = \sum_{pq} h_{pq} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} h_{pqrs} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_r \hat{a}_s$$

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Creation and annihilation operators

$$h_{pq} = \int \phi_p^*(r) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - \sum_I \frac{Z_I}{R_I - r} \right) \phi_q(r)$$

$$h_{pqrs} = \int \frac{\phi_p^*(r_1) \phi_q^*(r_2) \phi_r(r_2) \phi_s(r_1)}{|r_1 - r_2|}.$$

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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

The electronic wave function is represented in the occupation number basis.

For M *spin* molecular orbitals, the elements of this basis are labelled

$$|n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{M-1}\rangle$$

where $n=0,1$ indicates the occupation of each orbital. Thus Spin Orbitals can contain one electron or be unoccupied.

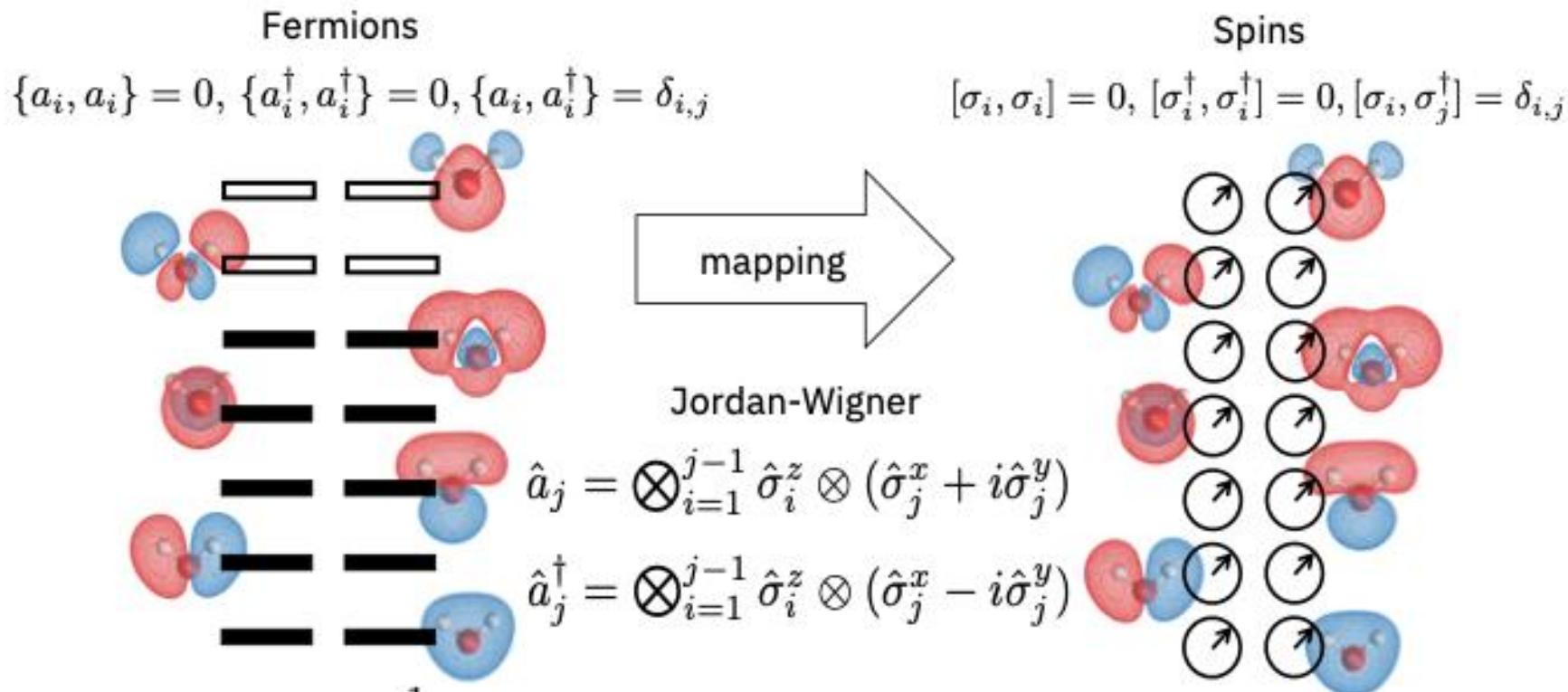
$$|n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{M-1}\rangle \rightarrow |q_0 q_1 \cdots q_{M-1}\rangle.$$

We can use the states of M qubits to encode any element of the occupation number basis

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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

We need to map the fermionic operators onto operators that act on qubits.
Done via Jordan-Wigner transformation



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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Jordan-Wigner transformation decompose the fermionic Hamiltonian into a linear combination of the tensor product of Pauli operators

$$\hat{H}_{elec} = \sum_{pq} h_{pq} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} h_{pqrs} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_r \hat{a}_s$$

Jordan-Wigner

$$\hat{a}_j = \bigotimes_{i=1}^{j-1} \hat{\sigma}_i^z \otimes (\hat{\sigma}_j^x + i\hat{\sigma}_j^y)$$

$$\hat{a}_j^\dagger = \bigotimes_{i=1}^{j-1} \hat{\sigma}_i^z \otimes (\hat{\sigma}_j^x - i\hat{\sigma}_j^y)$$

$$\hat{H}_{elec} = \sum_i c_i \hat{P}_i$$

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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – Variational Principle

Hamiltonian can be written as follows, where each λ_i is the eigenvalue corresponding to the eigenvector $|\psi_i\rangle$

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

the expectation value of the observable H on an arbitrary quantum state is given by

$$\langle H \rangle_\psi \equiv \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle$$

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each of the weights in the linear combination is greater than or equal to 0

$$\lambda_{min} \leq \langle H \rangle_{\psi} = \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i |\langle \psi_i | \psi \rangle|^2$$

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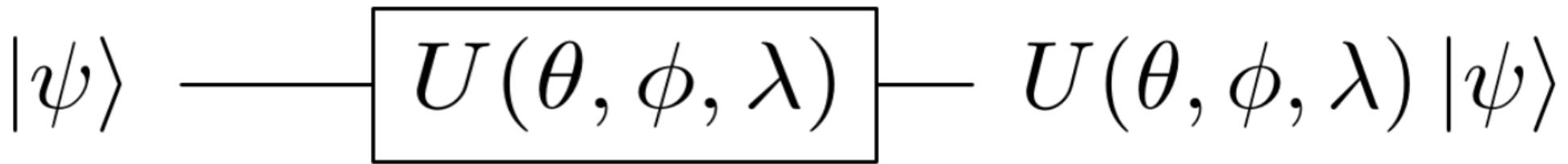
Formally stated, given a Hermitian matrix H with an unknown minimum eigenvalue λ_{min} , associated with the eigenstate $|\psi_{min}\rangle$, VQE provides an estimate λ_θ bounding λ_{min} :

$$\lambda_{min} \leq \lambda_\theta \equiv \langle \psi(\theta) | H | \psi(\theta) \rangle$$

where $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$ is the eigenstate associated with λ_θ . By applying a parameterized circuit, represented by $U(\theta)$, to some arbitrary starting state $|\psi\rangle$, the algorithm obtains an estimate $U(\theta)|\psi\rangle \equiv |\psi(\theta)\rangle$ on $|\psi_{min}\rangle$. The estimate is iteratively optimized by a classical controller changing the parameter θ minimizing the expectation value of $\langle \psi(\theta) | H | \psi(\theta) \rangle$.

Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – Ansatz

- Ansatz is a provisional molecular ground state

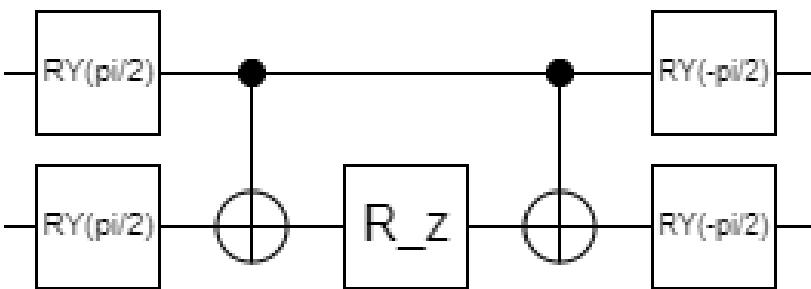


- The classic optimizer evaluates the suitability of candidate solution based on its energy.

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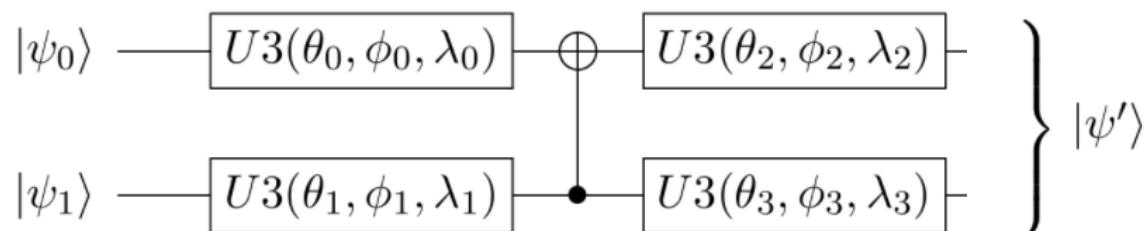
Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE) – Ansatz

VQE uses:



Chemical-inspired Ansatz,
such as the **Unitary Coupled
Cluster (UCC)** method

(may be harder to implement on
real hardware)



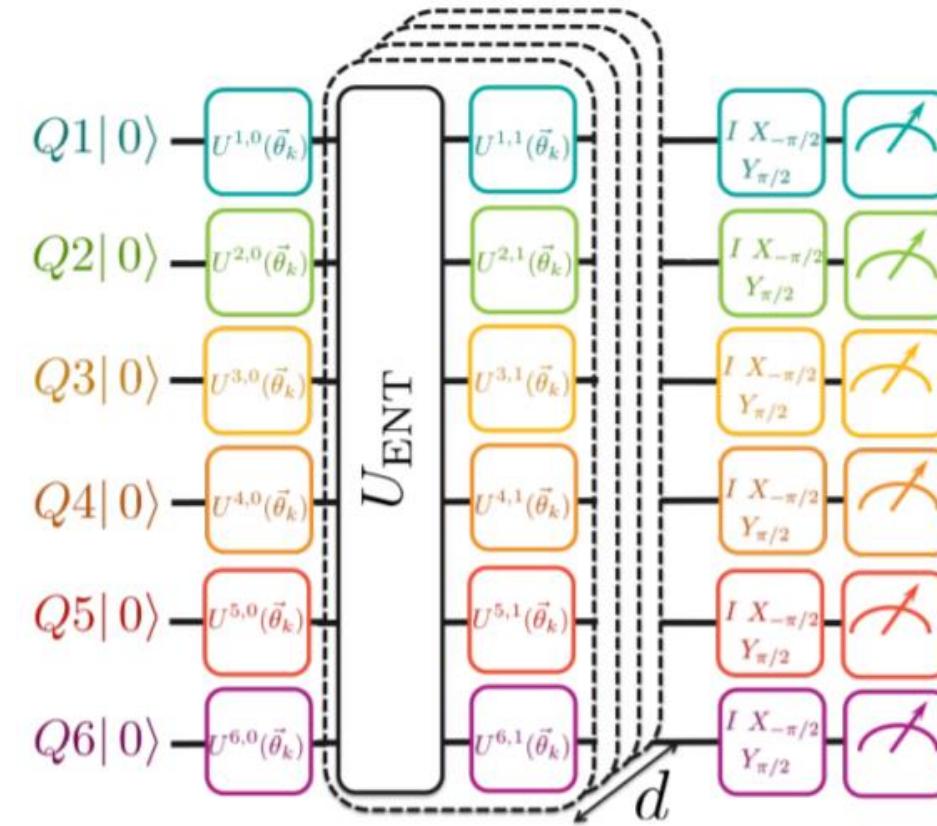
or a Hardware-efficient Ansatz
(easy to implement on hardware
but lack of any physical
meaning)

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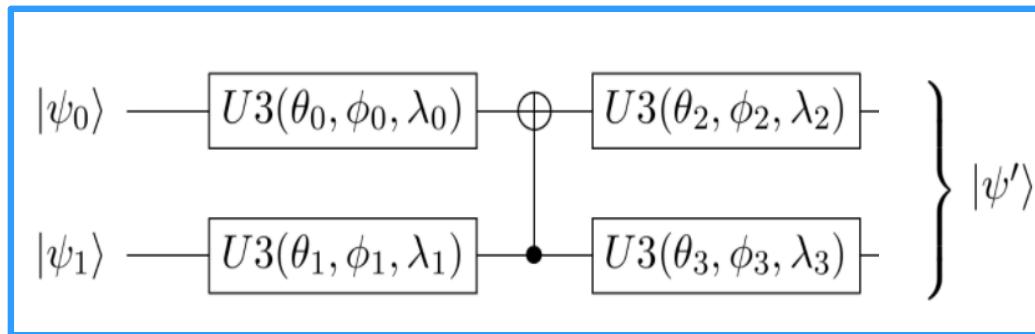
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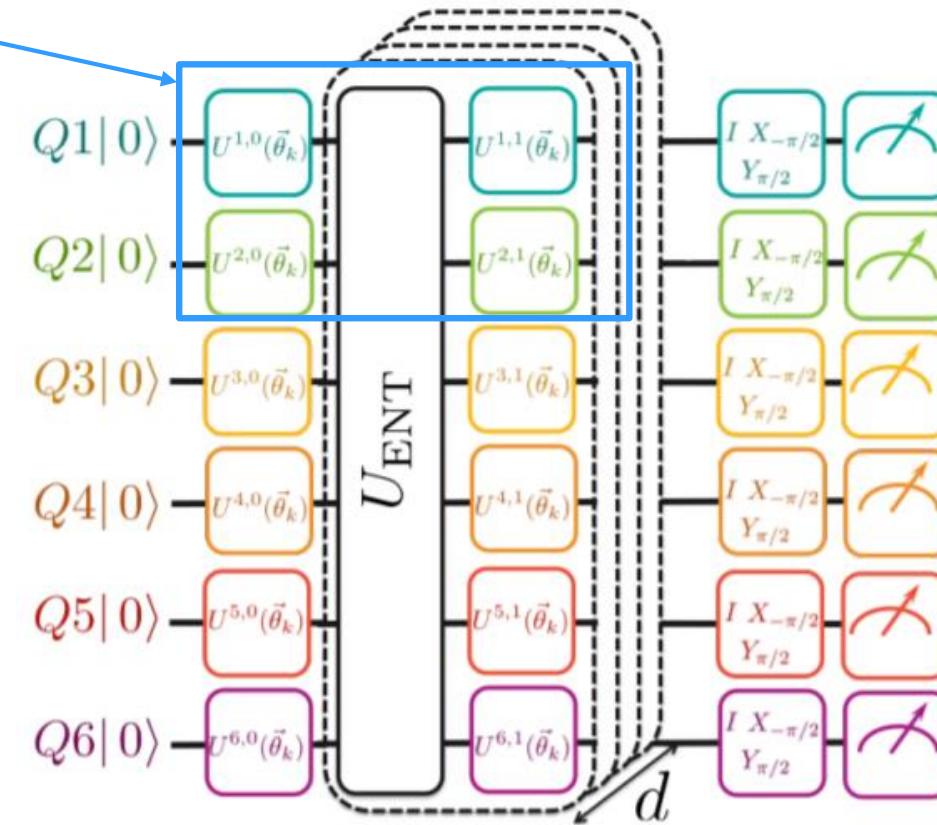
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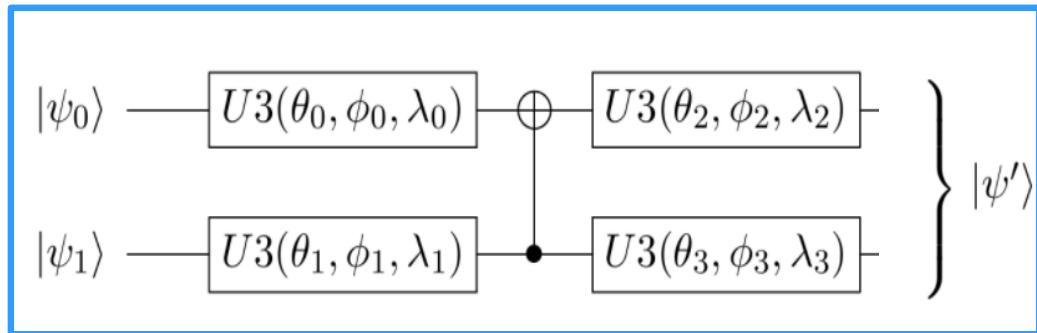
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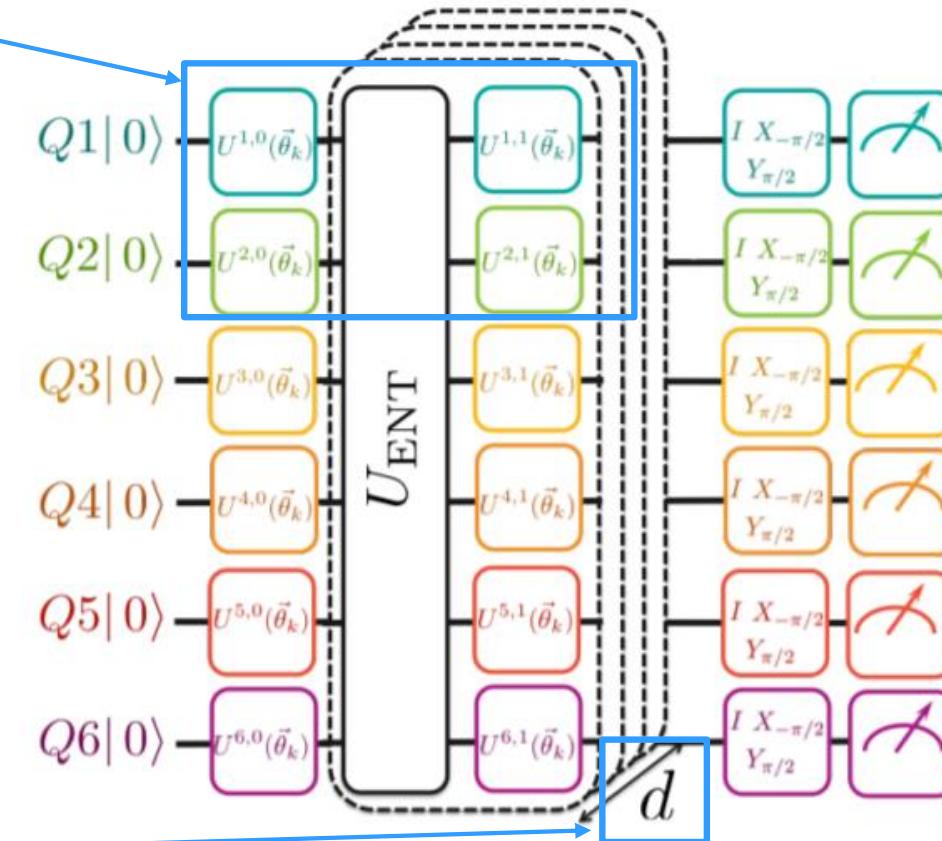
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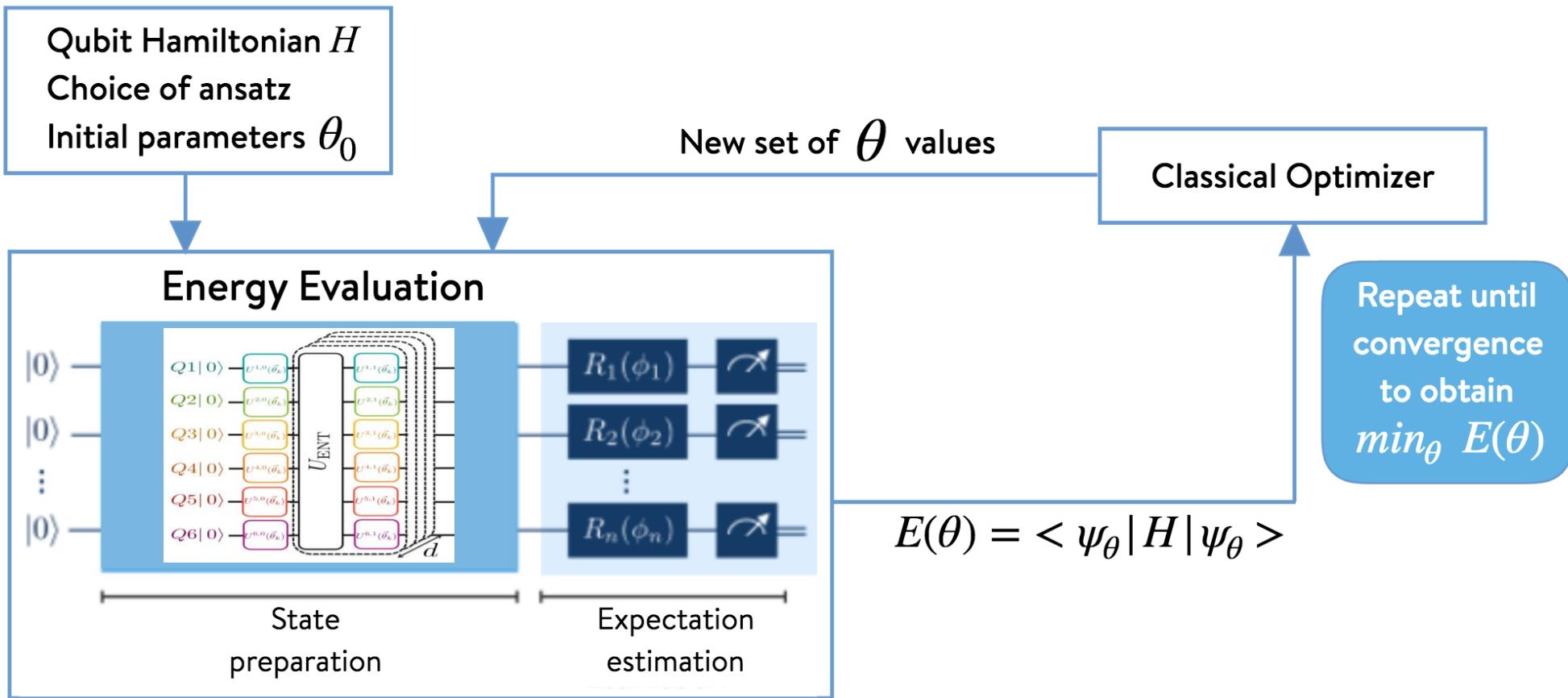
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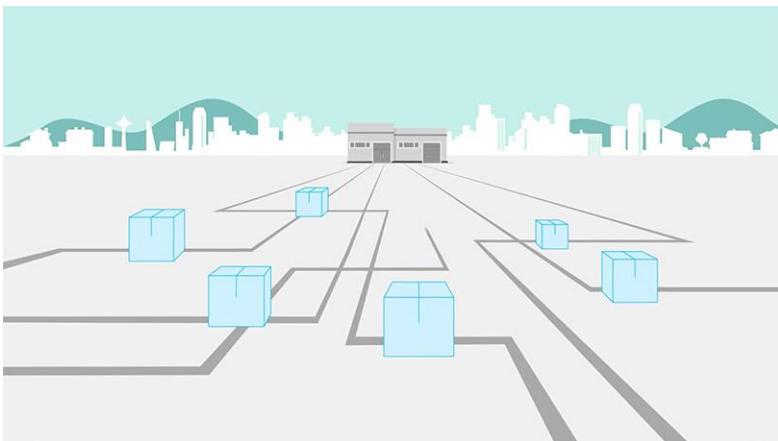


Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA)

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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

Optimization Problems



Routing



Scheduling



Portfolio Optimization

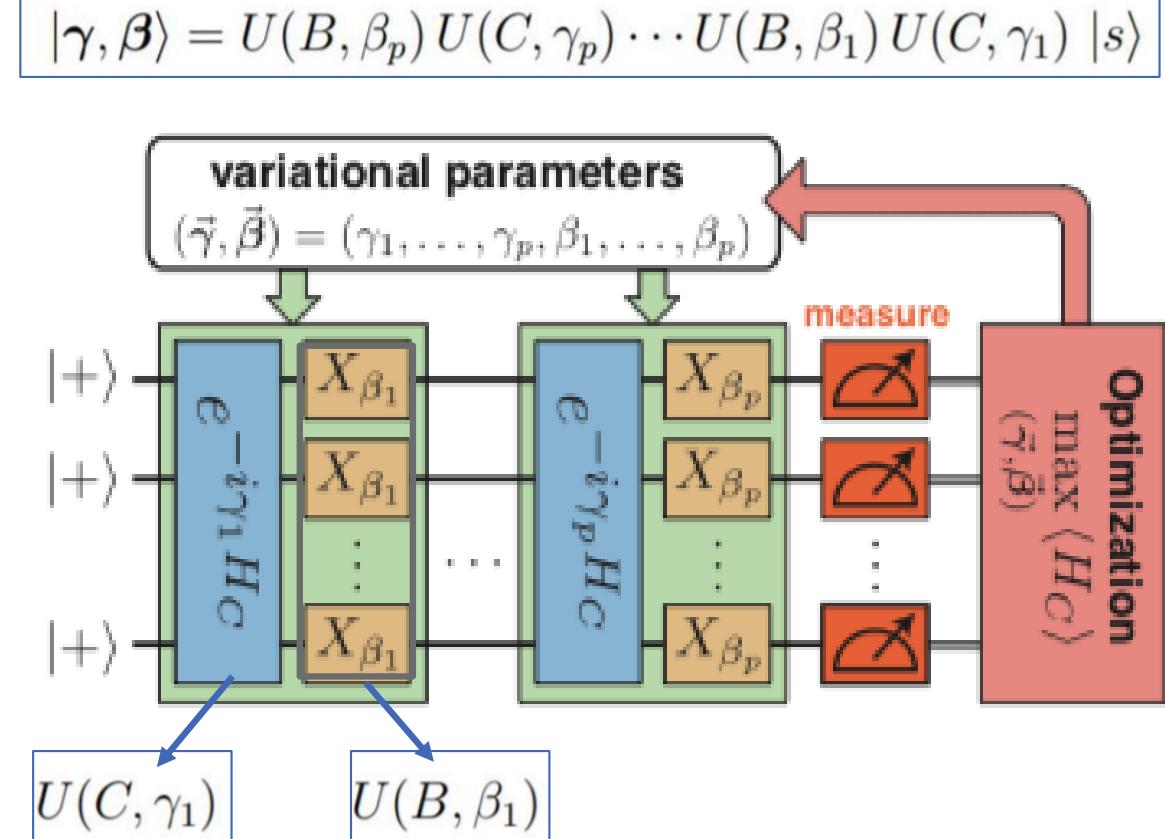
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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

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 .

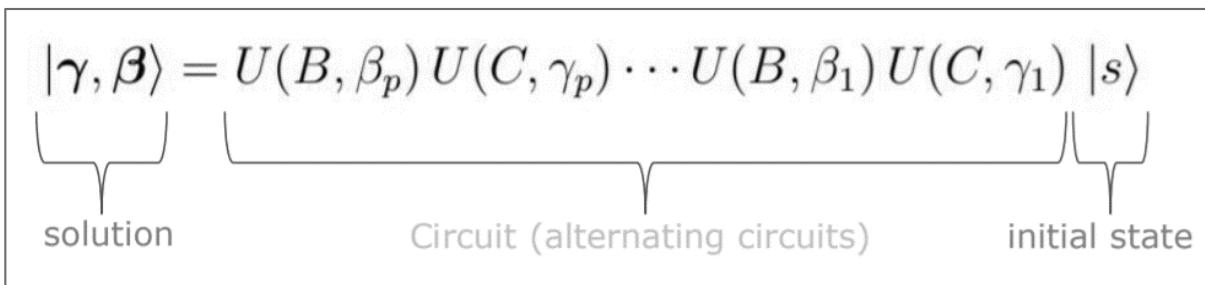
Ideally, the circuit provides the **solution** $|\gamma, \beta\rangle$ to a **combinatorial problem** implicit in the definition of $U(C)$.



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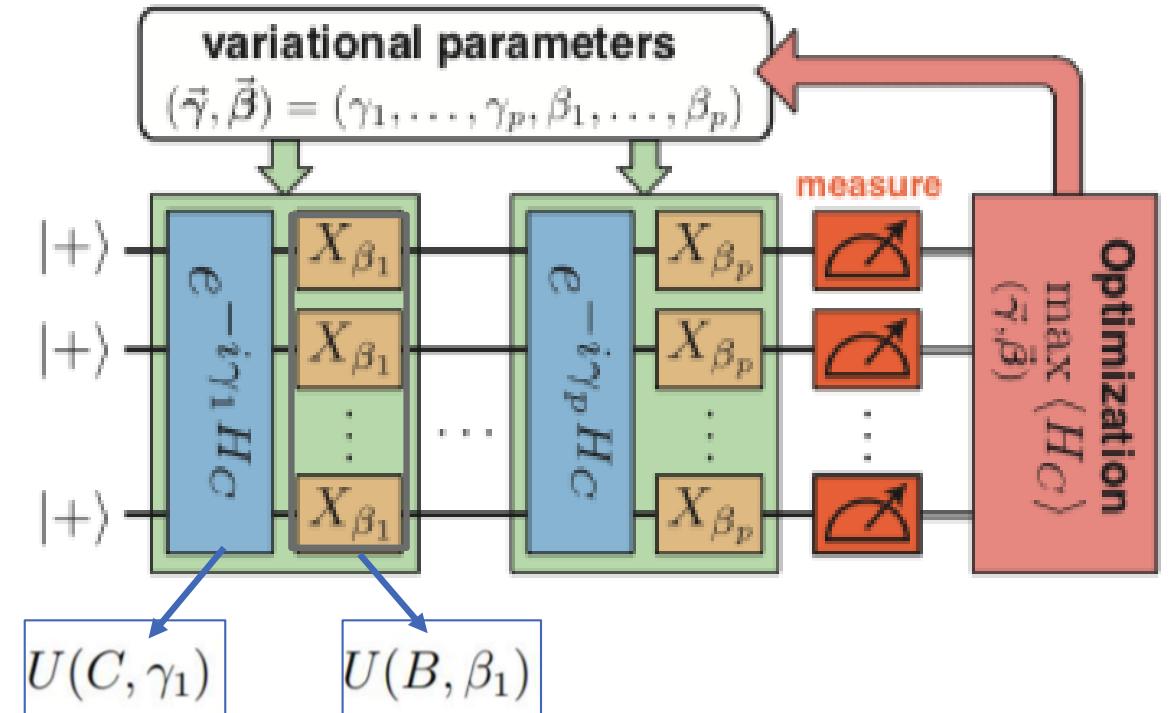
Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

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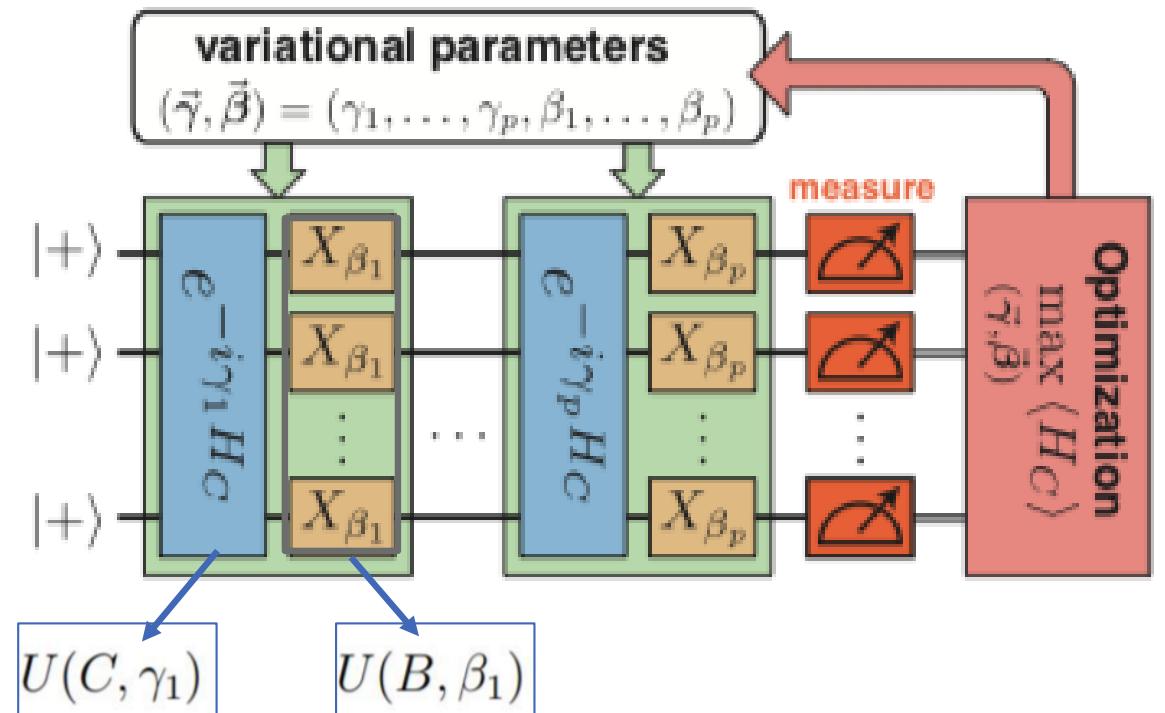
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Encodes the **optimization problem** to solve
(e.g. C could be some Qubo problem)

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Allow the **exploration of the solution space**



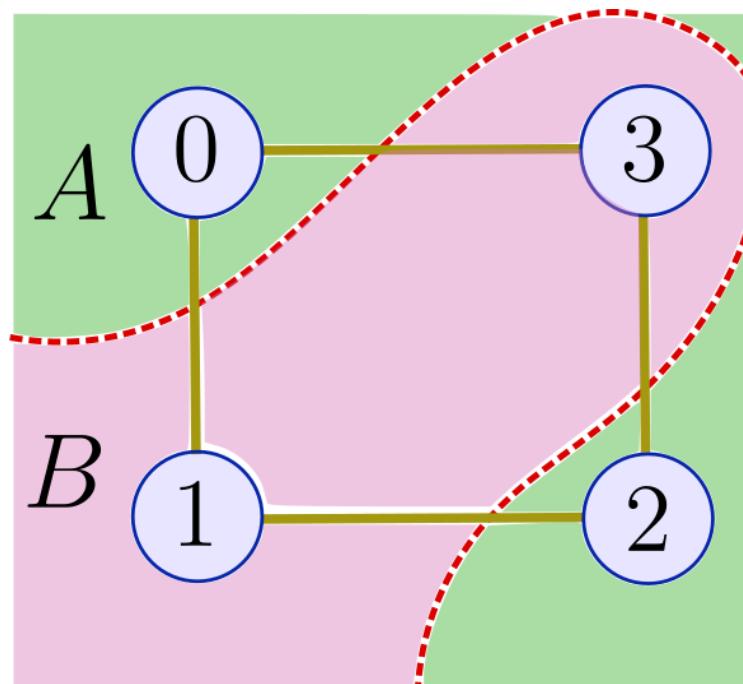
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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

The MaxCut problem

The aim of MaxCut is to maximize the number of edges in a graph that are “cut” by a given partition of the vertices into two sets



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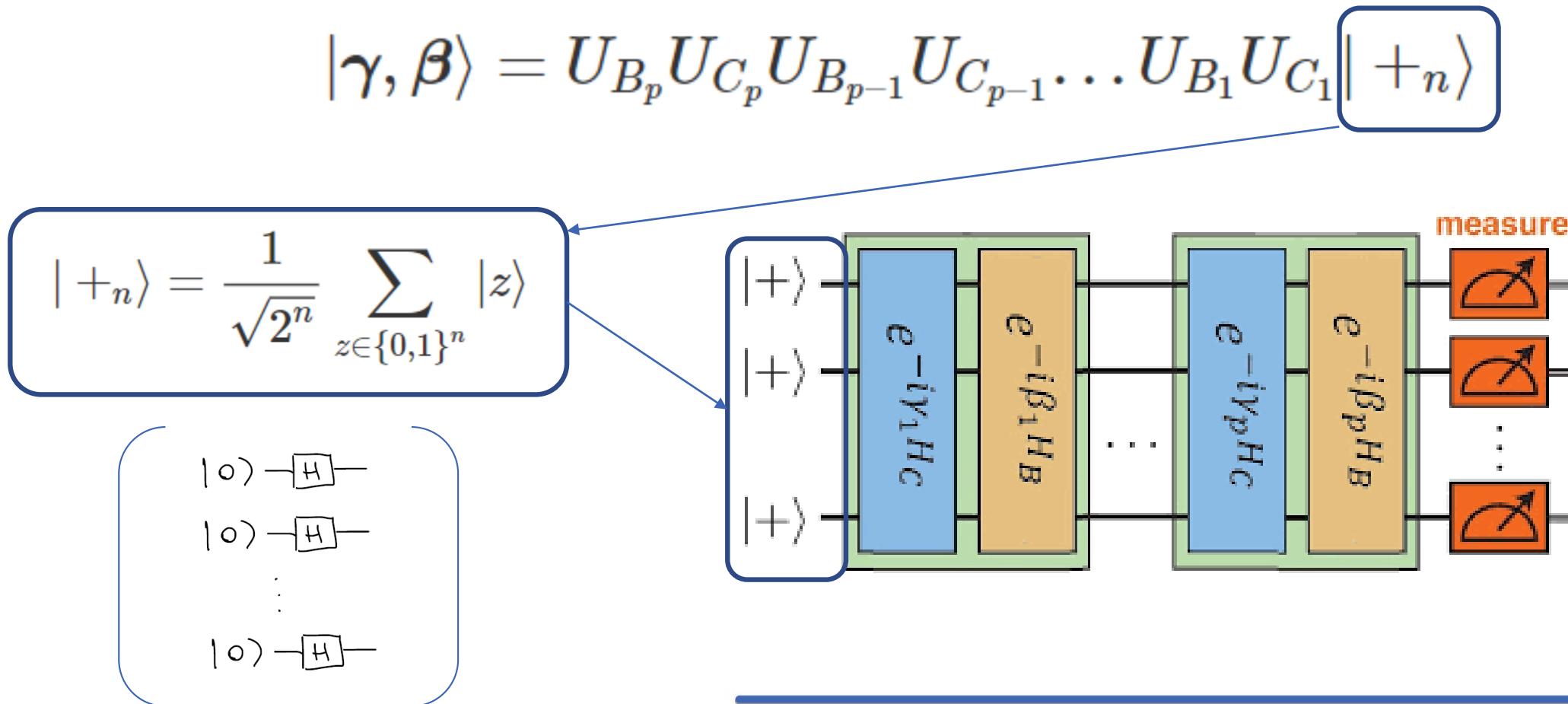
Consider a **graph with m edges and n vertices**. We seek the **partition z** of the **vertices into two sets A and B** which **maximizes**

$$C(z) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^m C_\alpha(z), \quad C_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \sigma_z^j \sigma_z^k)$$

$$\begin{cases} C_\alpha(z) = 1 & \text{When vertex } j \text{ belongs to set A and} \\ & \text{vertex } k \text{ to set B or viceversa} \\ C_\alpha(z) = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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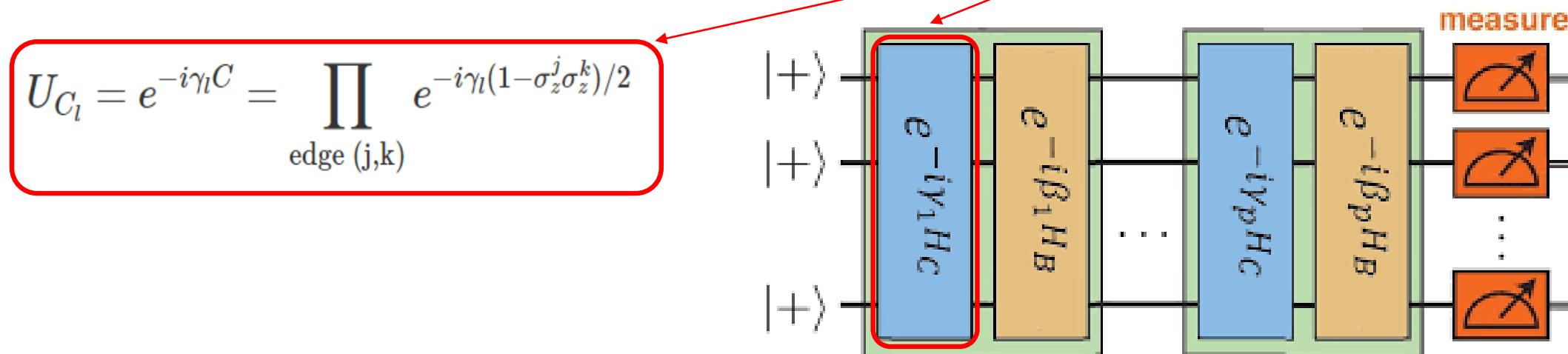
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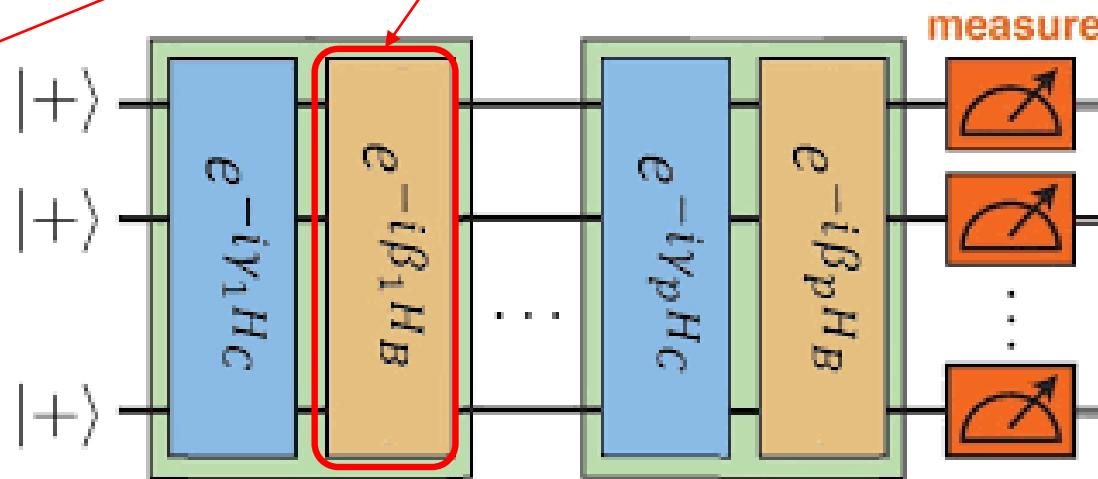


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How can we represent these unitaries by means of quantum gates?

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$$e^{-i\beta_l \sigma_x^j}$$

Recall that..

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_x(\theta) \equiv e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}X} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}I - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2}X = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$e^{-i\beta_l \sigma_x^j}$$

= j^{th} qubit ————— $R_x(2\beta_l)$ —————

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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) – QUANTUM OPTIMIZATION

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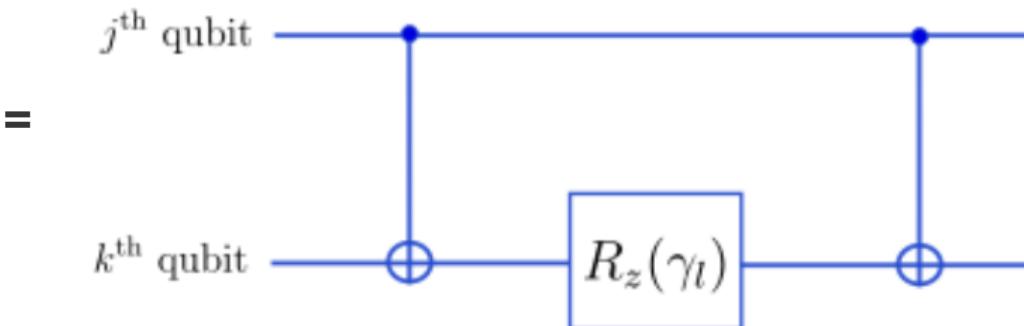
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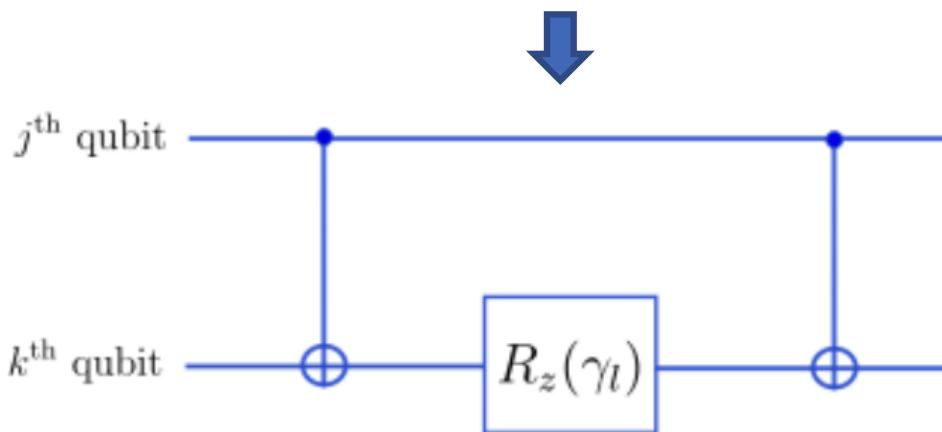
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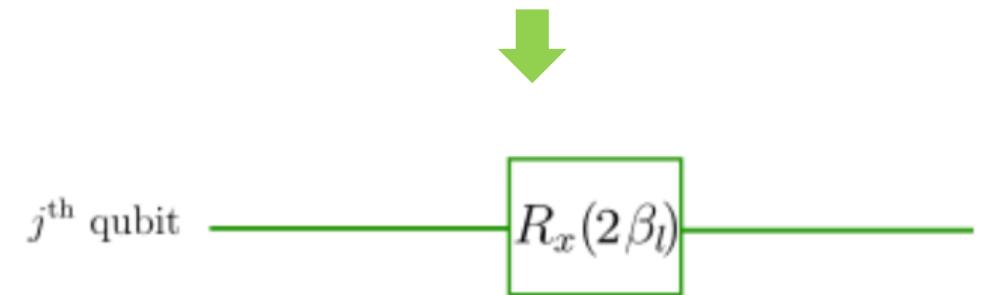
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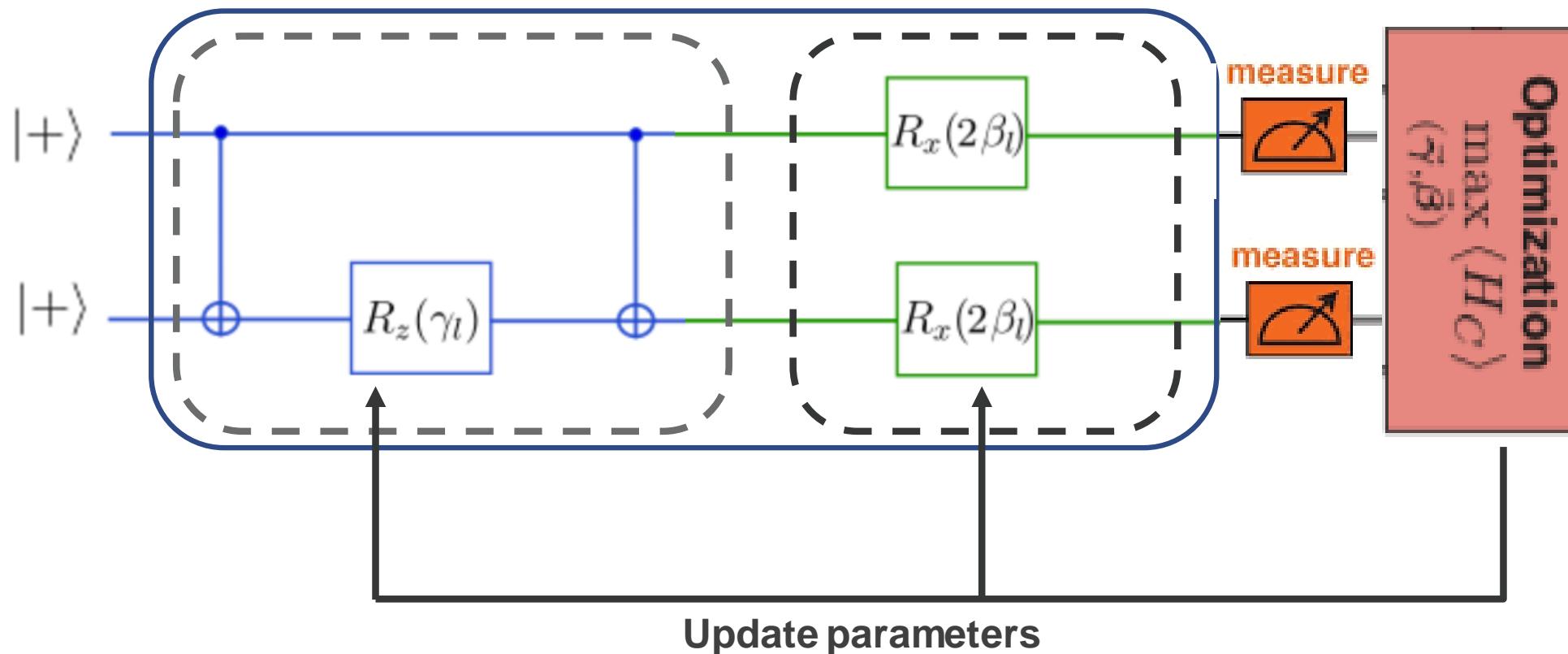
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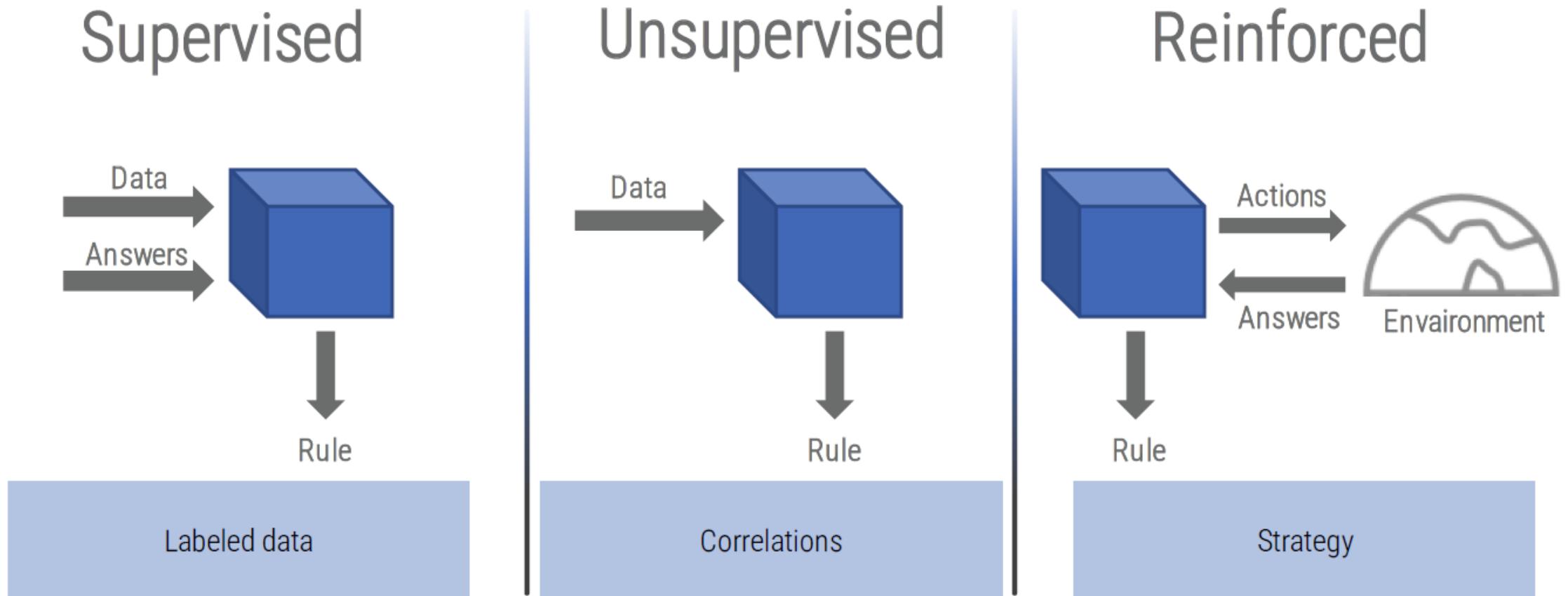
QAOA for The MaxCut problem (simple case with 2 qubits)



Quantum Machine Learning (QML)

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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Classical ML

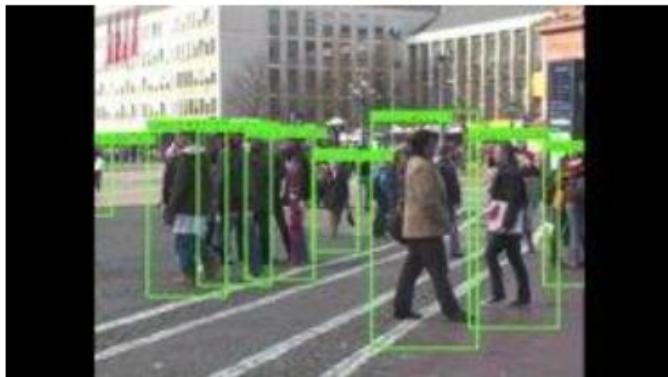


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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Classical ML

Supervised

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Unsupervised

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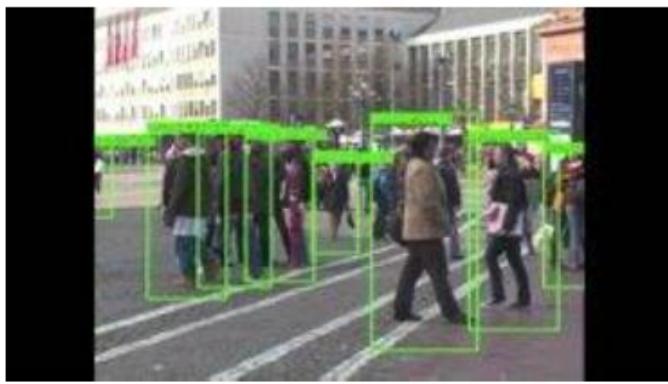


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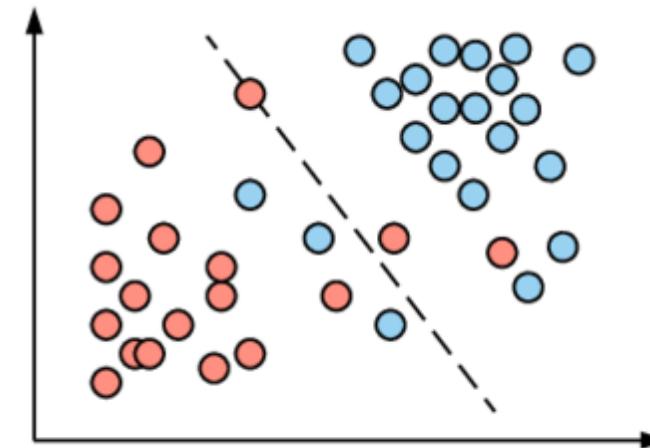
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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Classification

It is given an **ensemble of labelled data points** usually called **training set**.

The learning algorithm has the task **to induce a classifier from these labelled samples**.

The **classifier** is a function that **allocate labels to inputs**, including those that are out of the training set which have never been previously analyzed by the algorithm.



Supervised learning

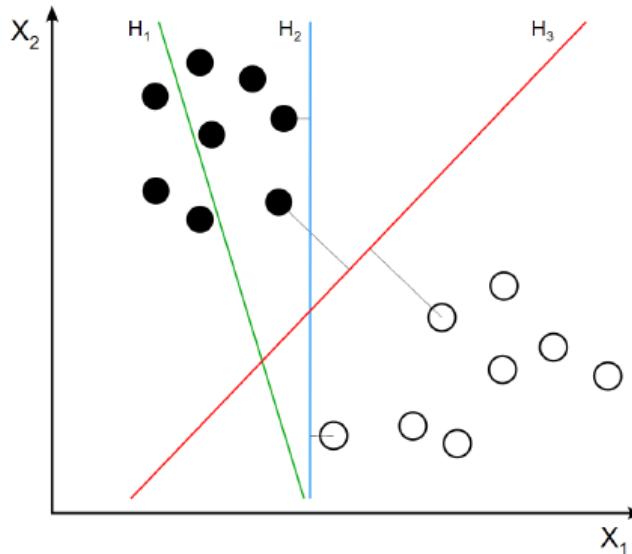


- **Classification**
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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – SVM

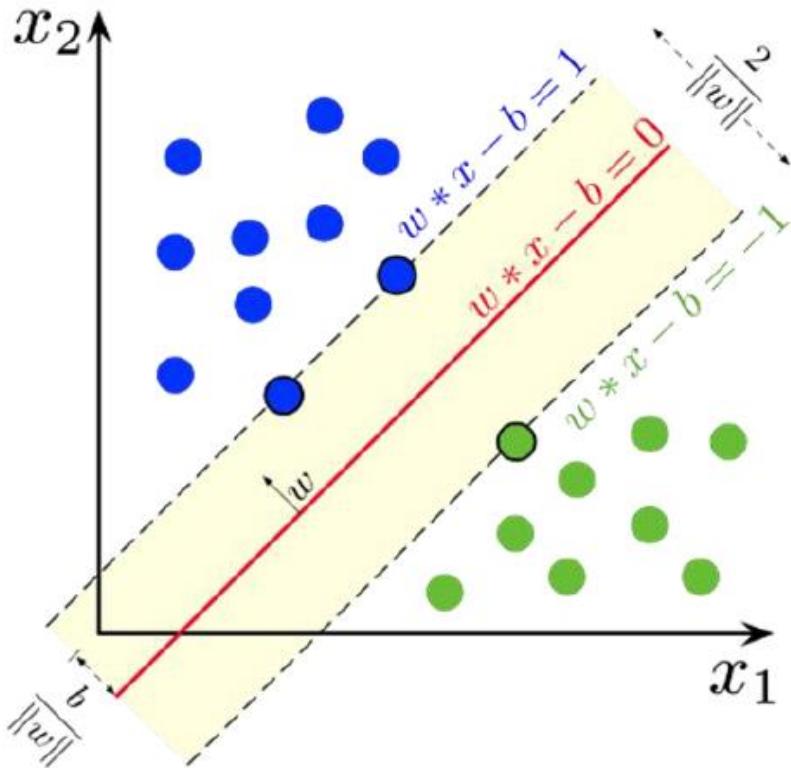
The task is to find a **hyperplane** that is the best discrimination between two class regions and serves as a decision boundary for future classification tasks.



input: M training vectors $\{(\vec{x}, y) \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N, y \in \{-1, +1\}\}$

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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – SVM



Objective:

$$\text{minimize} \quad \|w\|$$

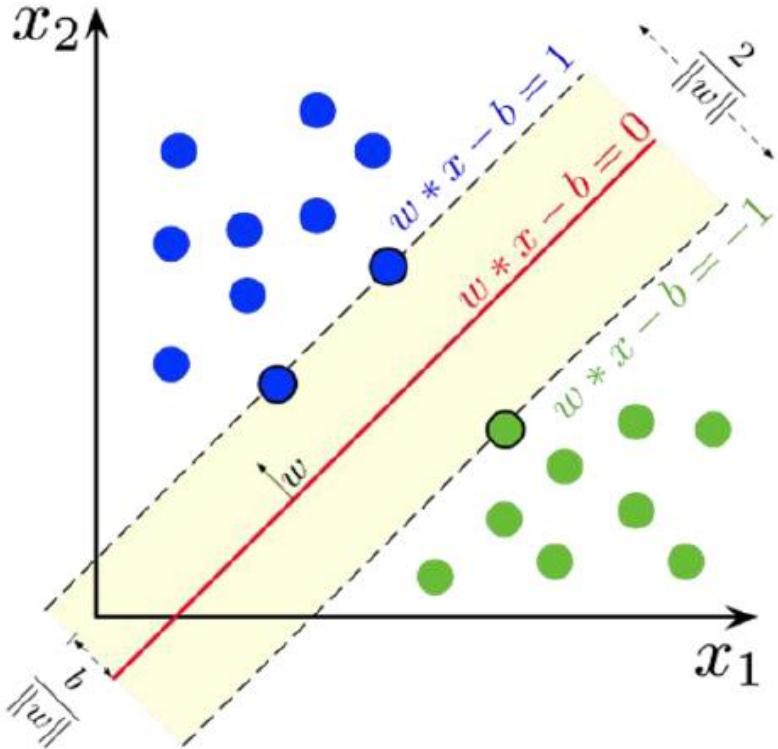
Constraints

$$x_i \cdot w - b \leq -1 \quad \text{for } y_i = -1$$

$$x_i \cdot w - b \geq 1 \quad \text{for } y_i = 1$$

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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – SVM



Can be seen as an optimization problem

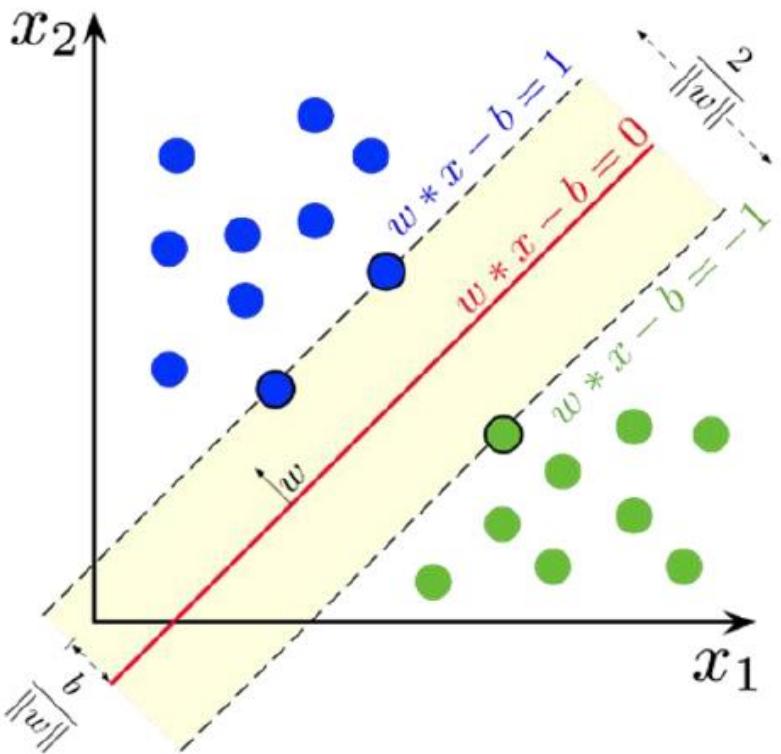
$$L_P \equiv \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i [y_i (x_i \cdot w + b) - 1]$$

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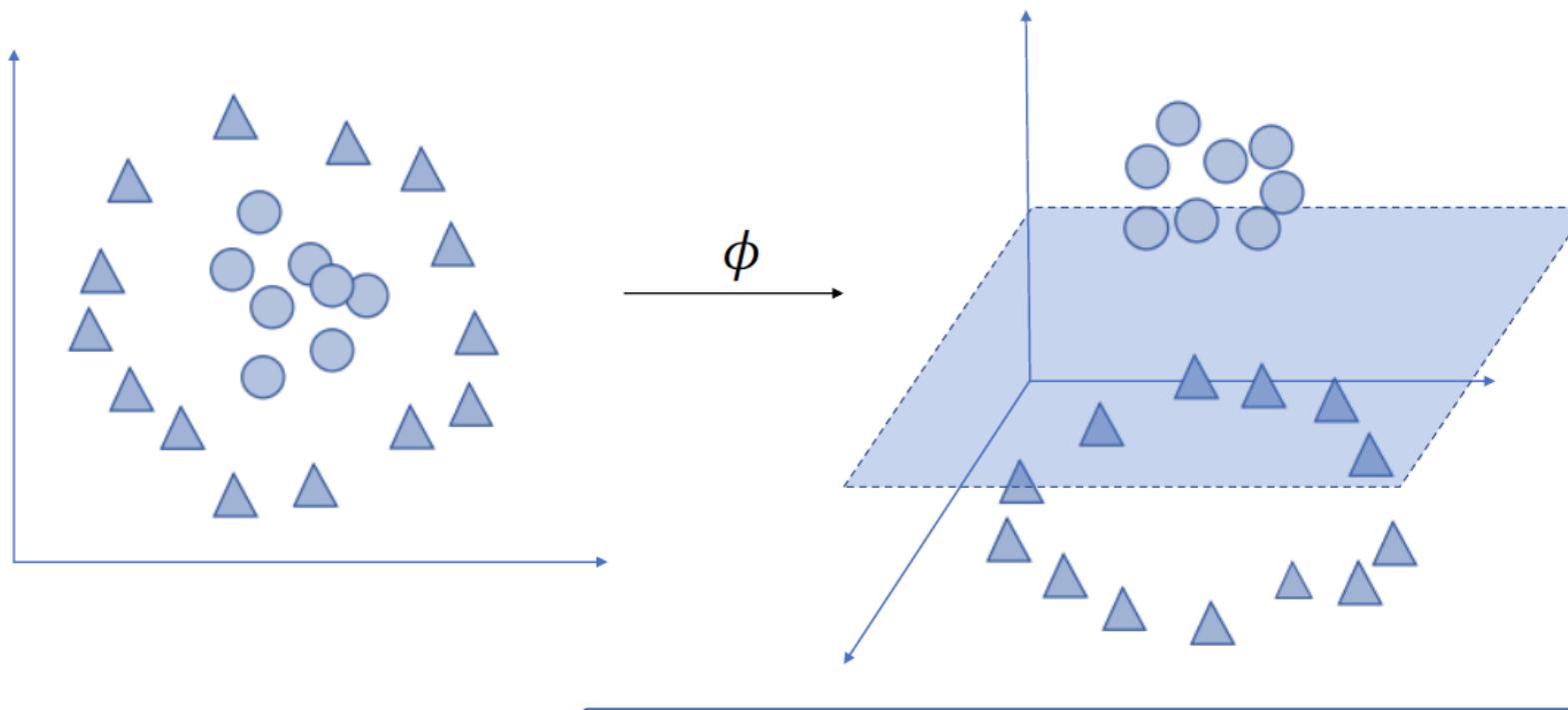


$$L_D = \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j x_i \cdot x_j$$

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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – SVM

Kernel methods [115] are classification algorithms in ML that use a kernel function K in order to map data points, living in the input space V , to a higher dimensional feature space V' , where separability between classes of data becomes clearer. Kernel methods avoid the calculation of points in the new coordinates but rather perform the so called kernel trick that allow to work in the feature space V' simply computing the kernel of pairs of data points [115] (see. Fig.1.2).

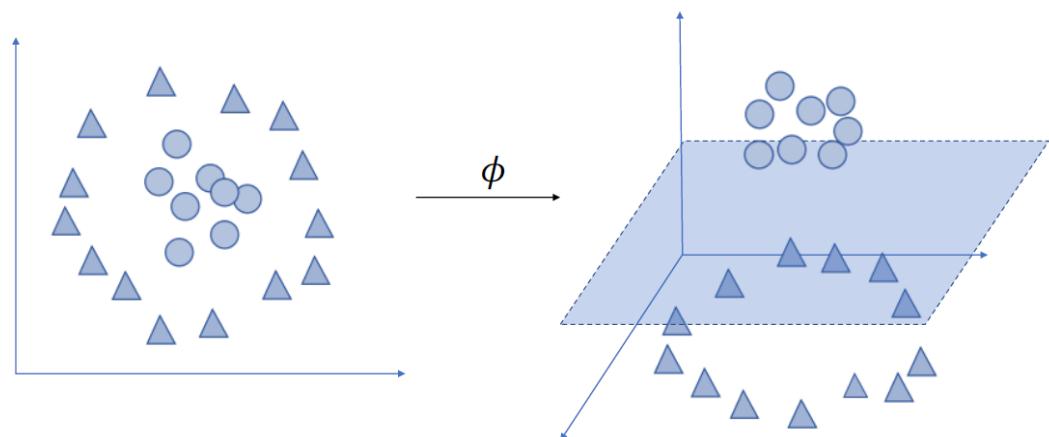


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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – SVM

Input space

$$\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots)$$



Feature space

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}_i) = (x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, \phi(x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots))$$

$$L_D = \sum_i \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j y_i y_j \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_j$$

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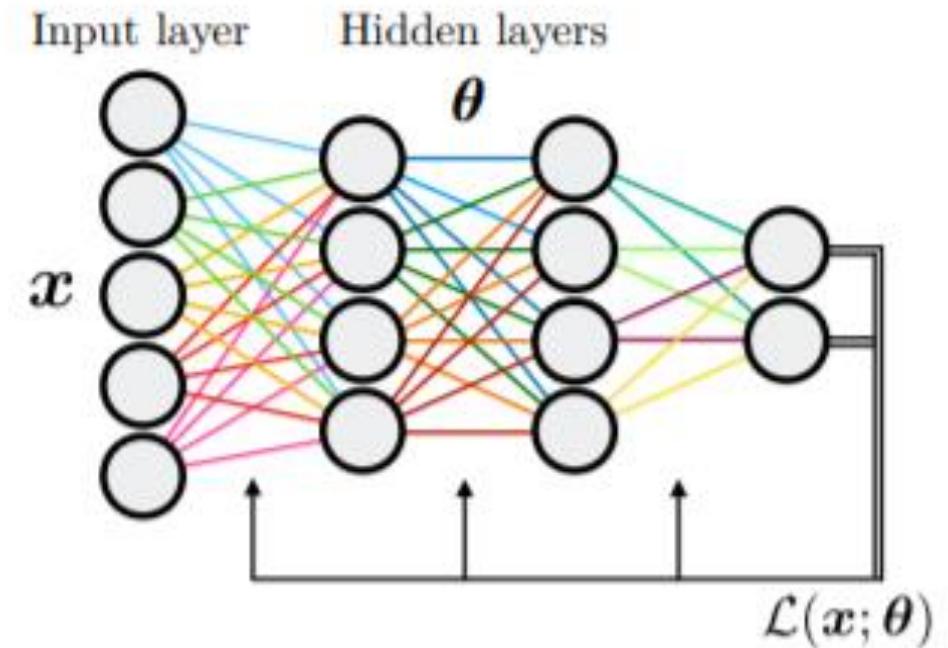
Kernel function

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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Neural networks

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

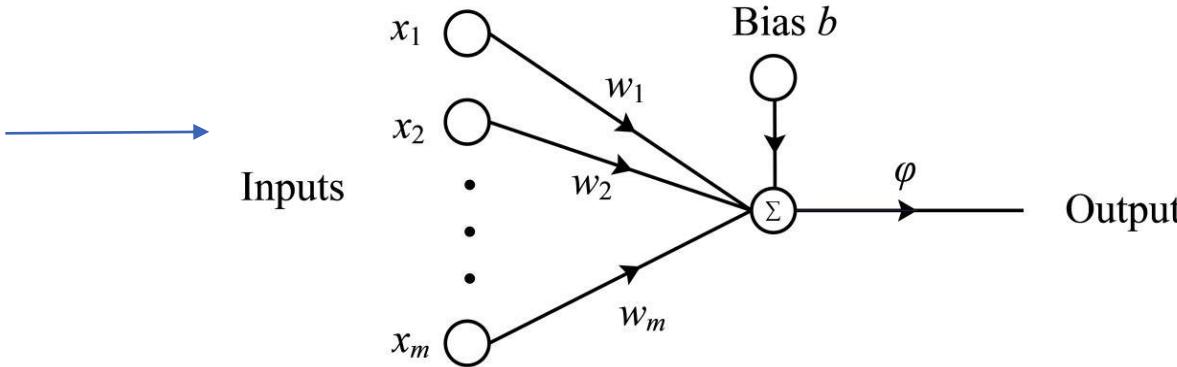
If properly trained, the NN is able to classify new data, i.e. data that was not used during training



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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Neural networks

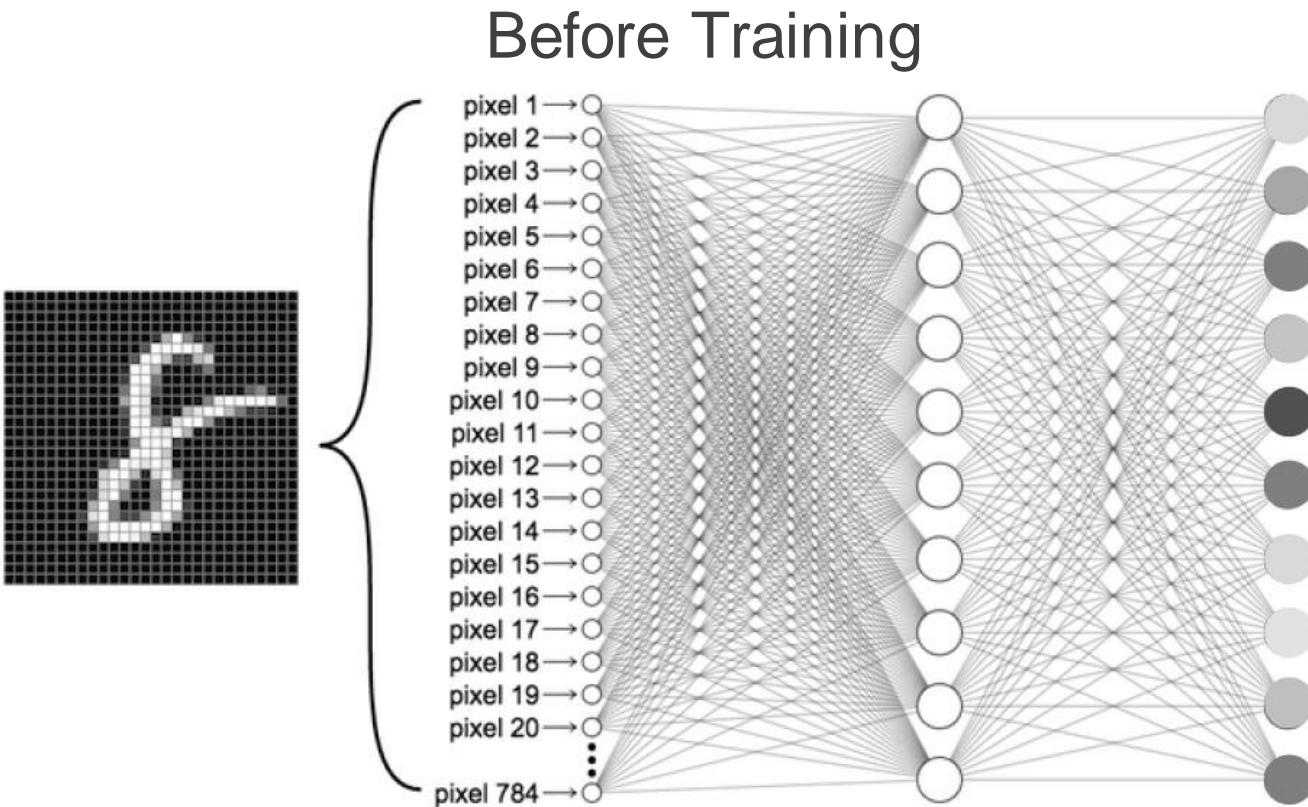
Each **neuron**



Computes a **non linear function**

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi \left(\sum_{i=0}^m x_i w_i + b \right) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \sum_{i=0}^m x_i w_i + b > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Neural networks



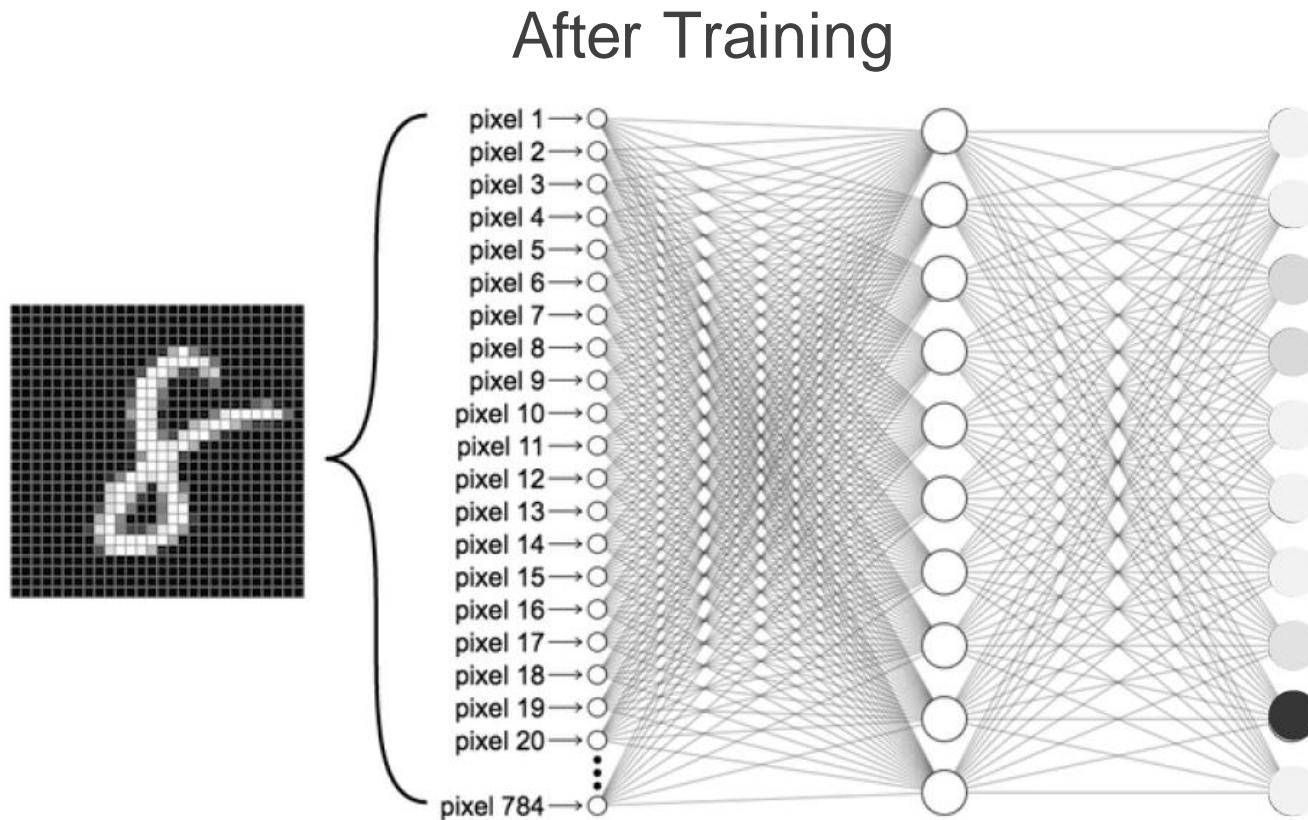
LOSS function

The **distance** between
the neural network
predictions and the
labels of the training set

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

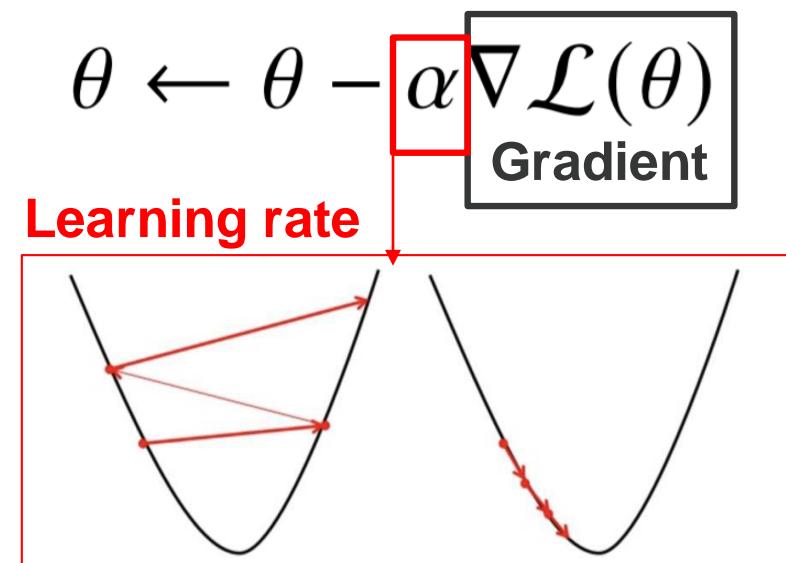
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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Neural networks



Training

Parameters are updated using **gradient descent** and **backpropagation**



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Quantum Machine Learning (QML)

QISKit



Most used quantum SDK
with access of quantum
devices

Machine learning modules

PENNYLANE

P E N N Y L A N E

For hybrid quantum-
classical computation

Integration of pytorch and
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TF QUANTUM



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First generation of QML

- Accelerated linear algebra on quantum computers
- Only applies to fault-tolerant quantum computers
- Assumed to have a QRAM to encode Data

Second generation of QML

- Low-depth quantum circuit learning
- Applicable to NISQ devices
- No QRAM but encoding Data is generally hard

Quantum Support Vector Machine (QSVM)

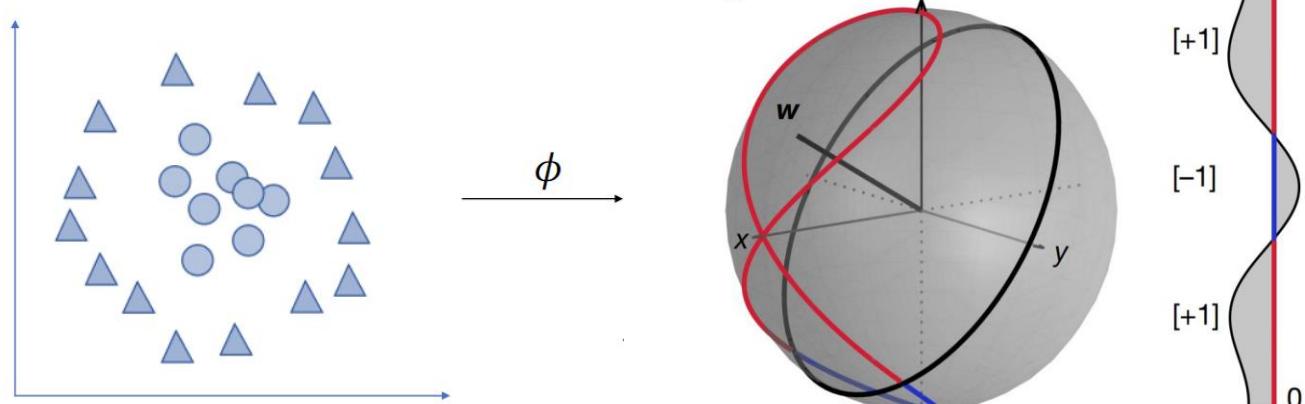
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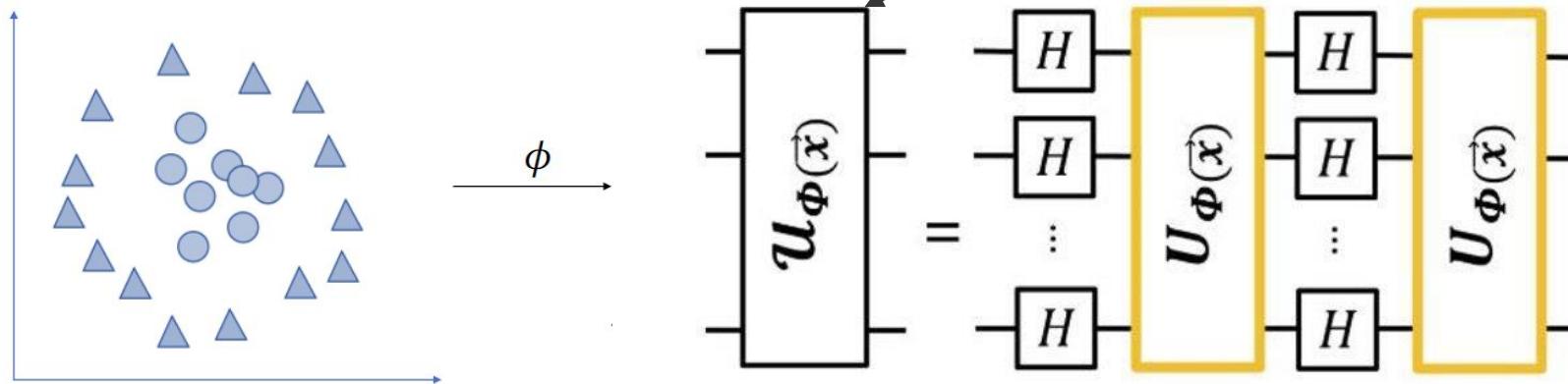
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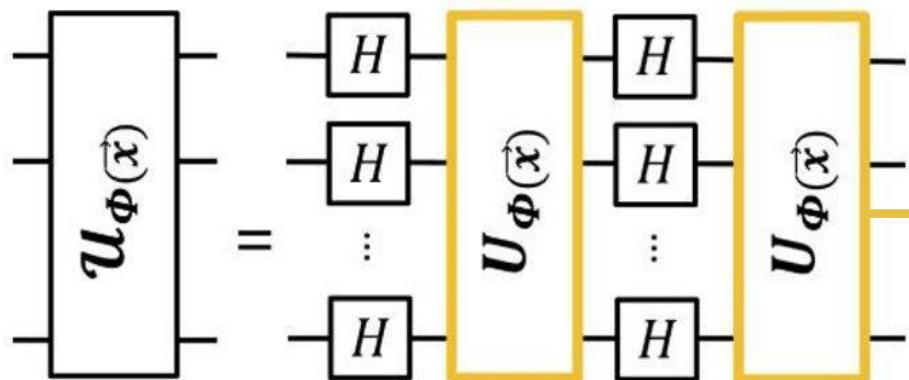
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Second order expansion (entangling gates)

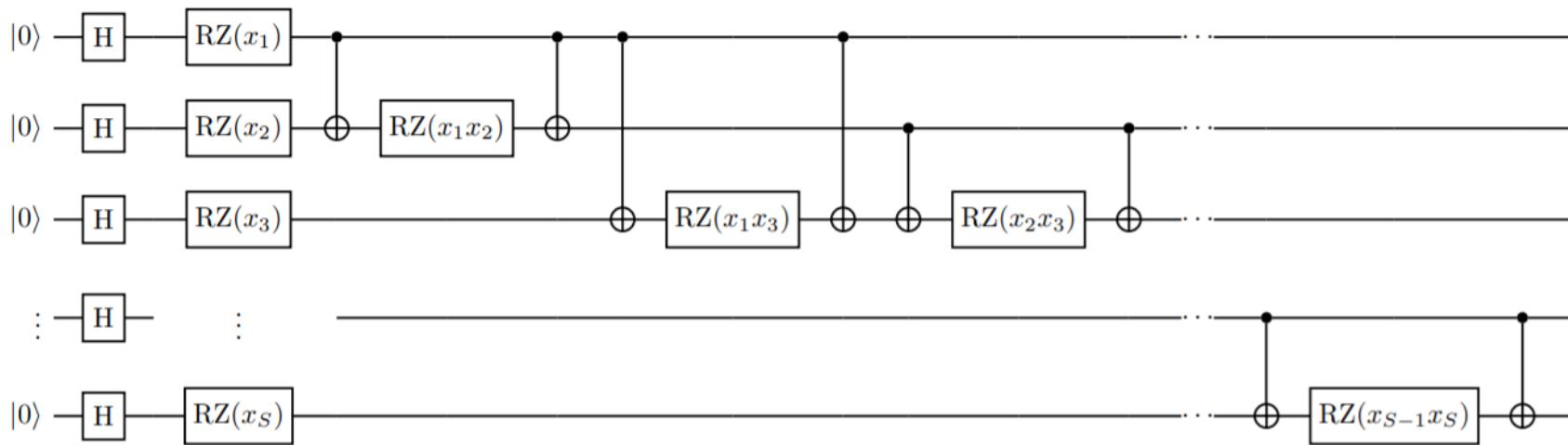
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Feature Map

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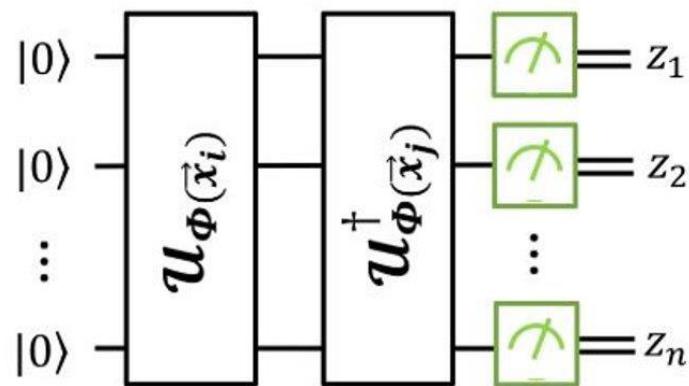
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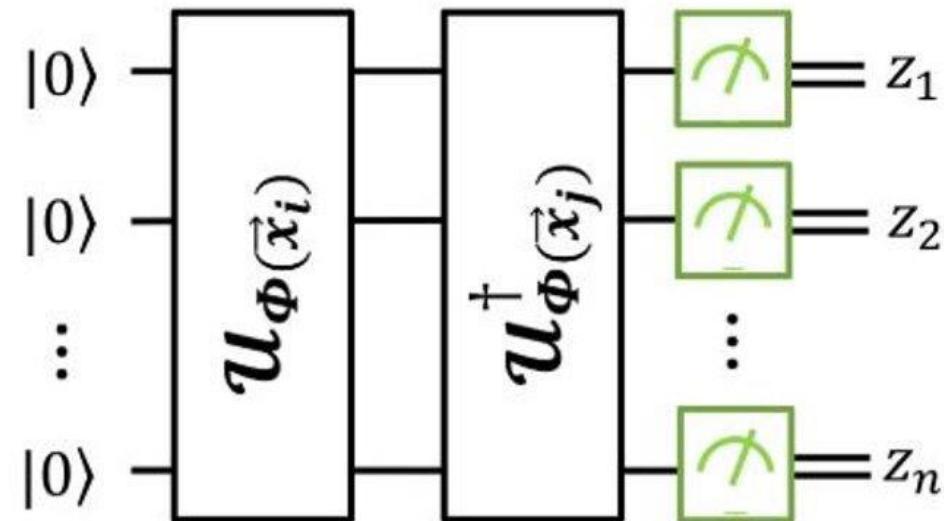
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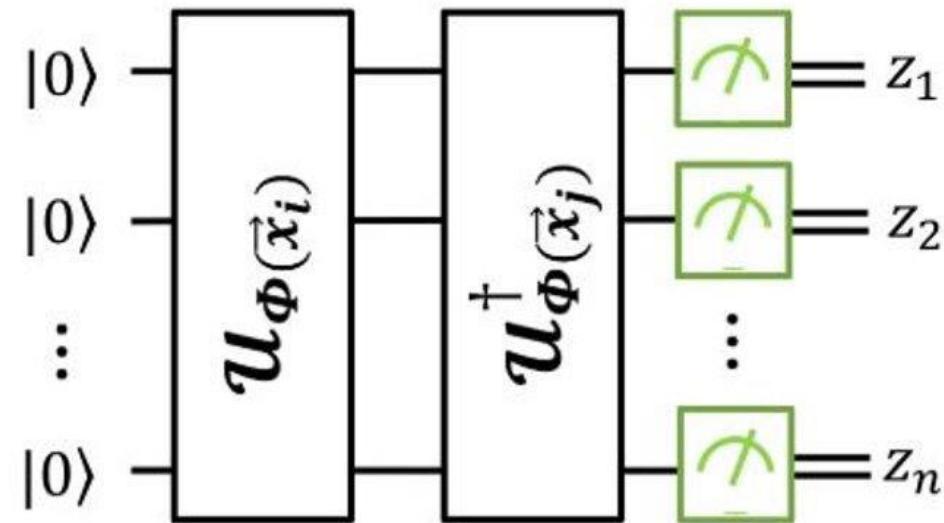
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Quantum advantage: More complex feature map at low computational cost



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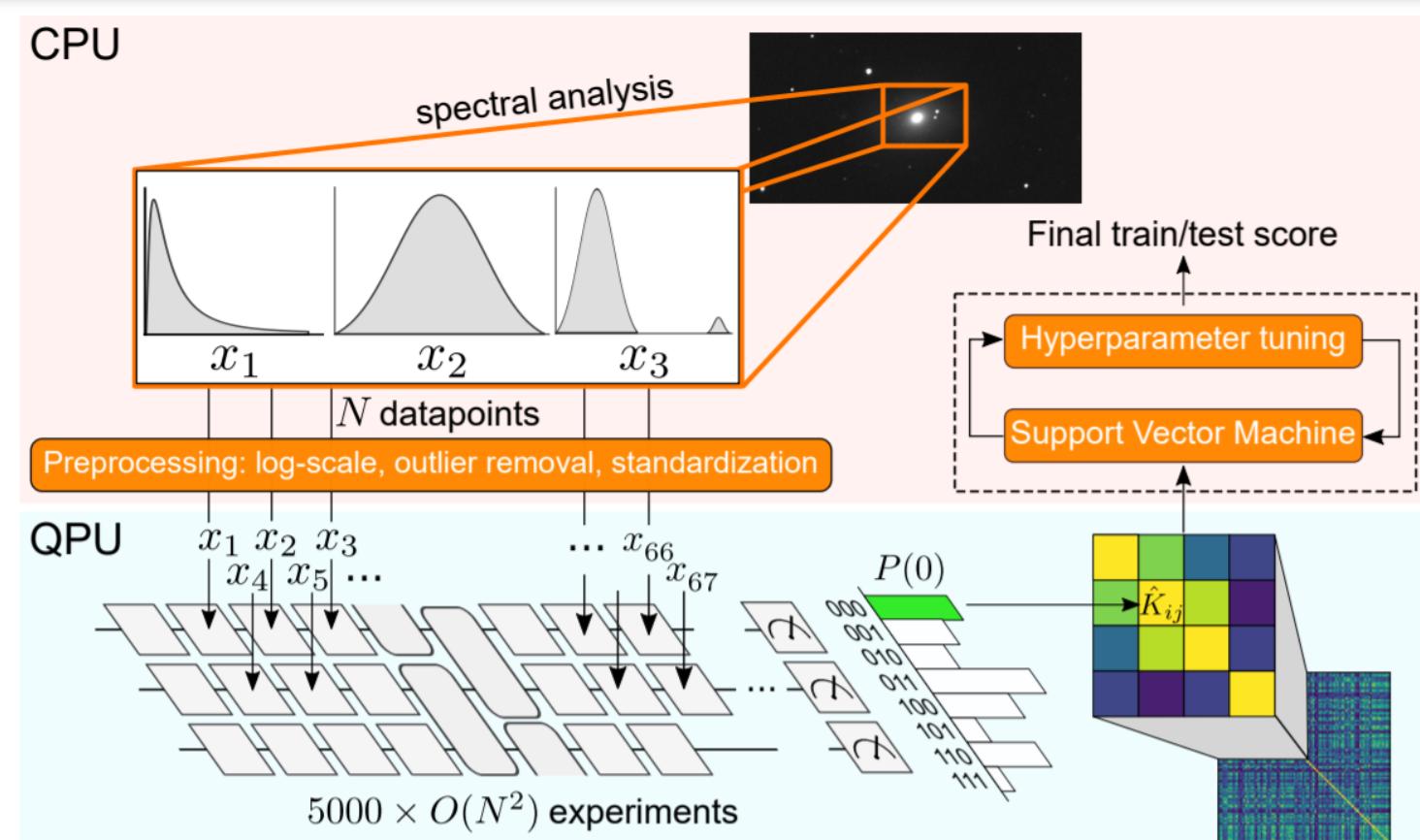
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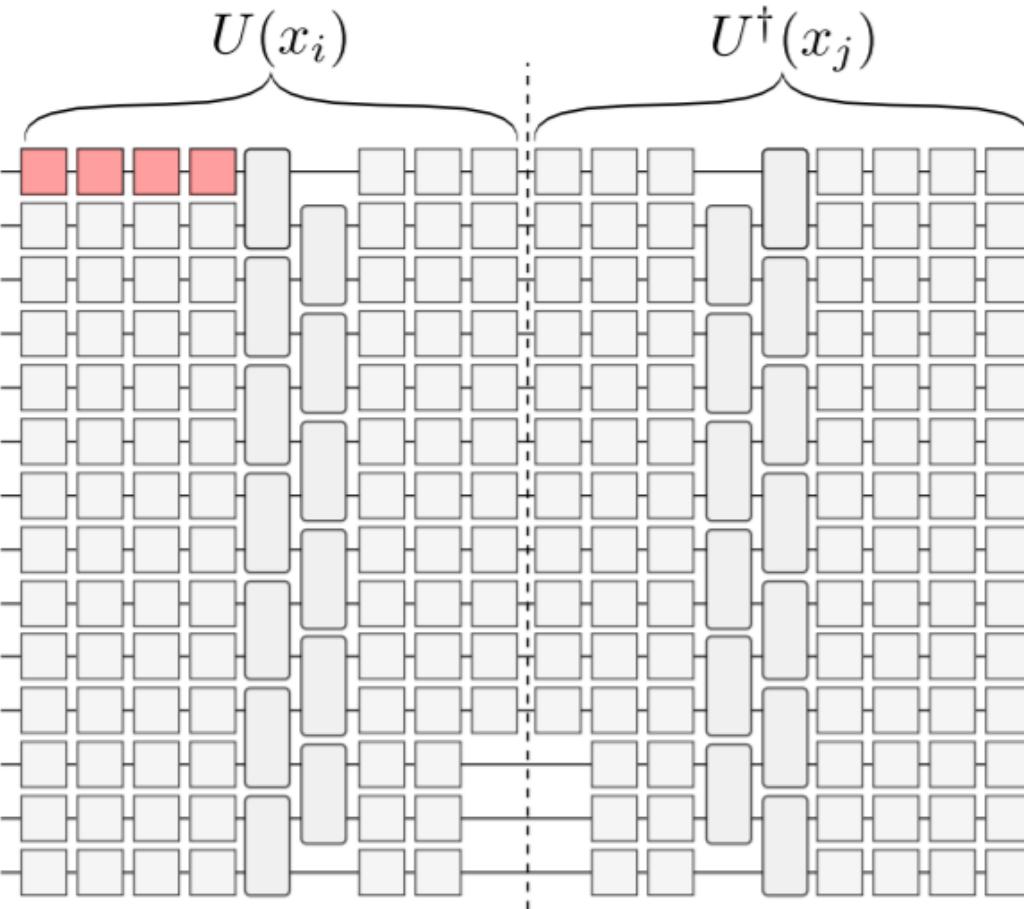
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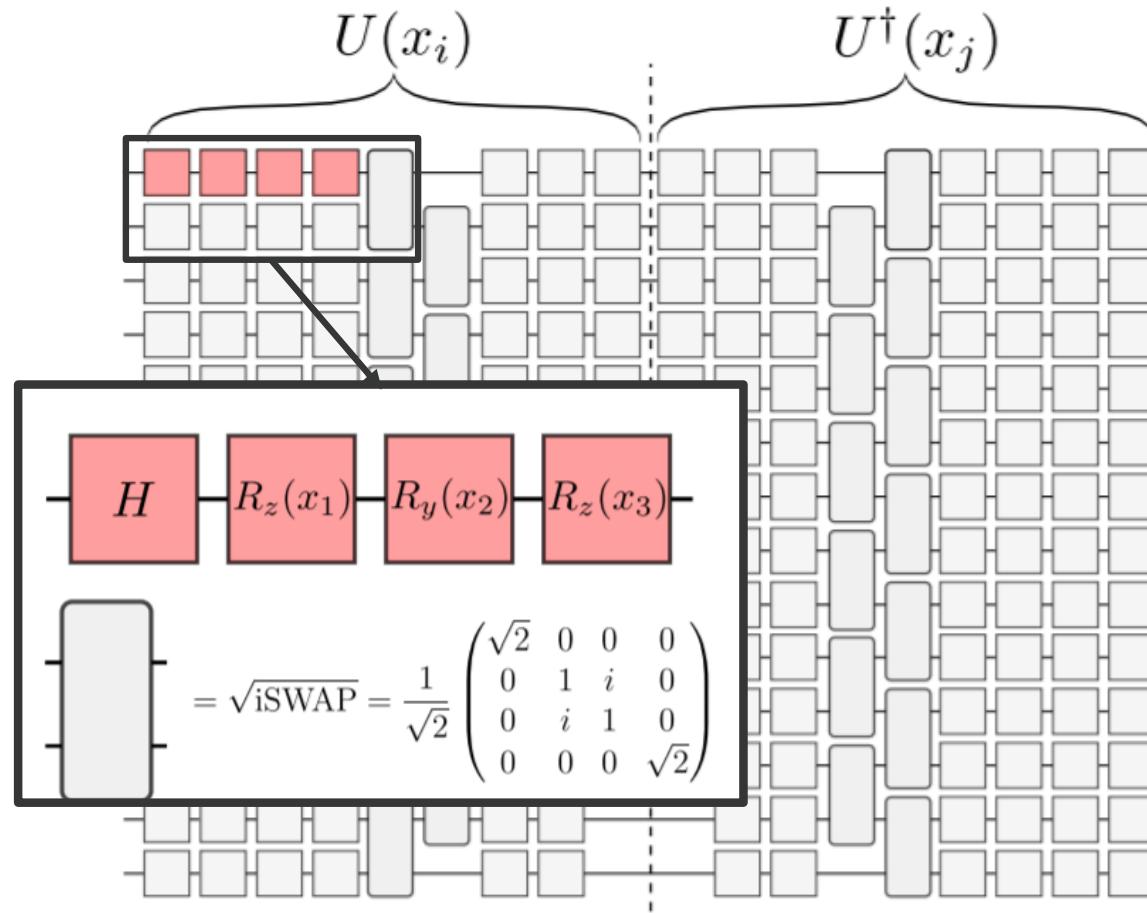
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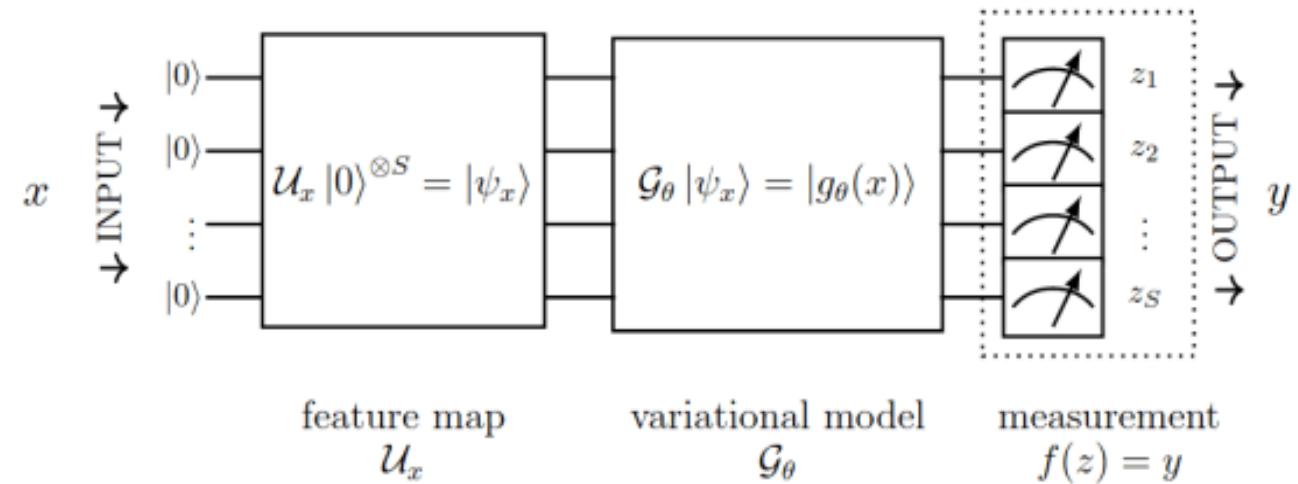
Quantum Neural Networks (QNN)

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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Quantum NN

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



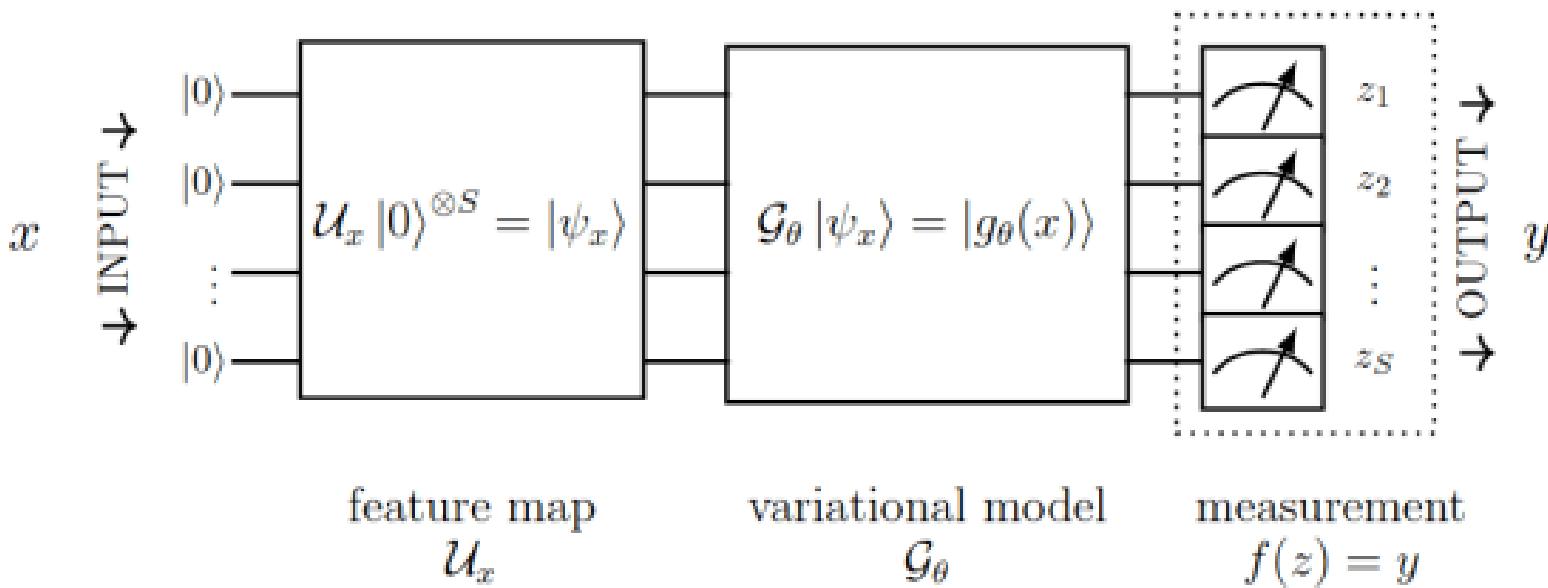
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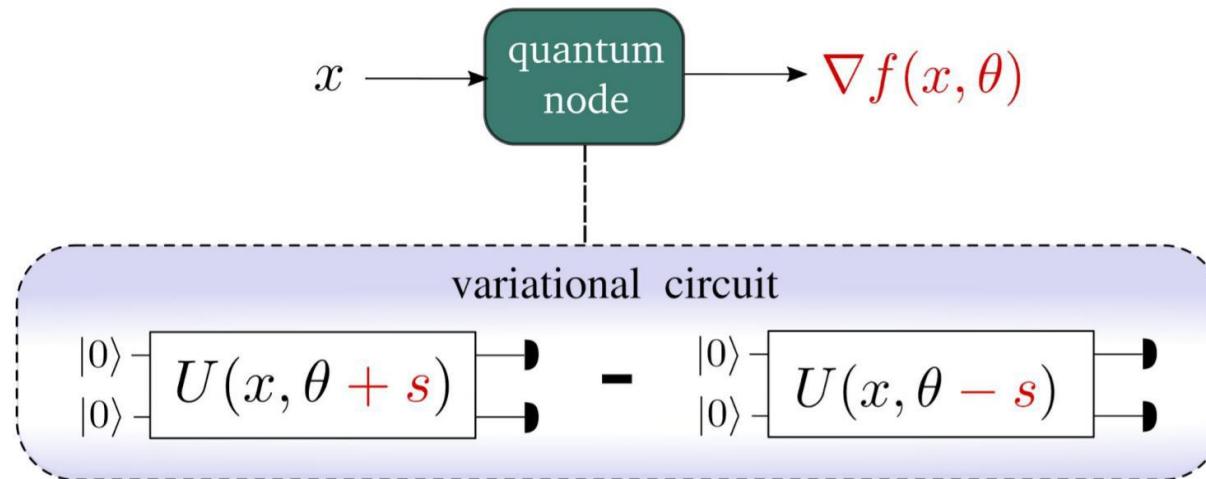
- **Feature map:** Store the inputs in a quantum state
- **Variational circuit:** Learnable parameter circuit
- **Expectation value:** Measurements introducing non-linearity



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Quantum Machine Learning (QML) – Quantum NN

Training: Gradient of a quantum circuit can be exactly calculated



Parameter shift rule:

derivatives of the circuit can be computed by
using the same variational circuit architecture

$$\partial_\theta f(\theta) = c[f(\theta + s) - f(\theta - s)]$$

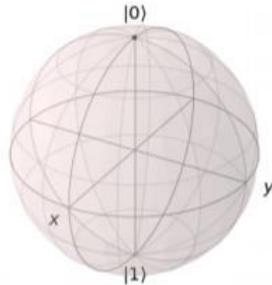
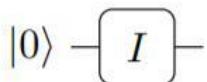
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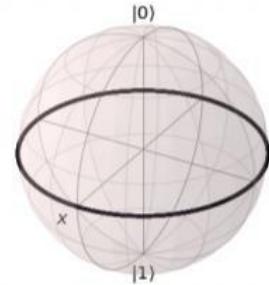
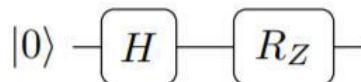
Ansatz - Variational circuit should take into account:

- Computational cost (depth of the quantum circuit)
- Expressiveness of the unitary operator

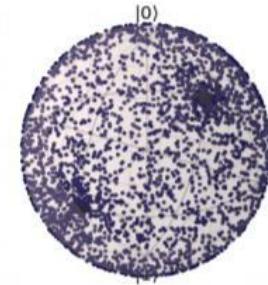
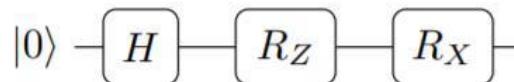
Idle circuit



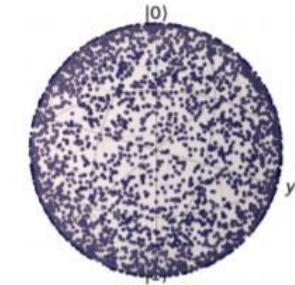
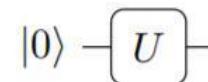
Circuit A



Circuit B



Arbitrary unitary



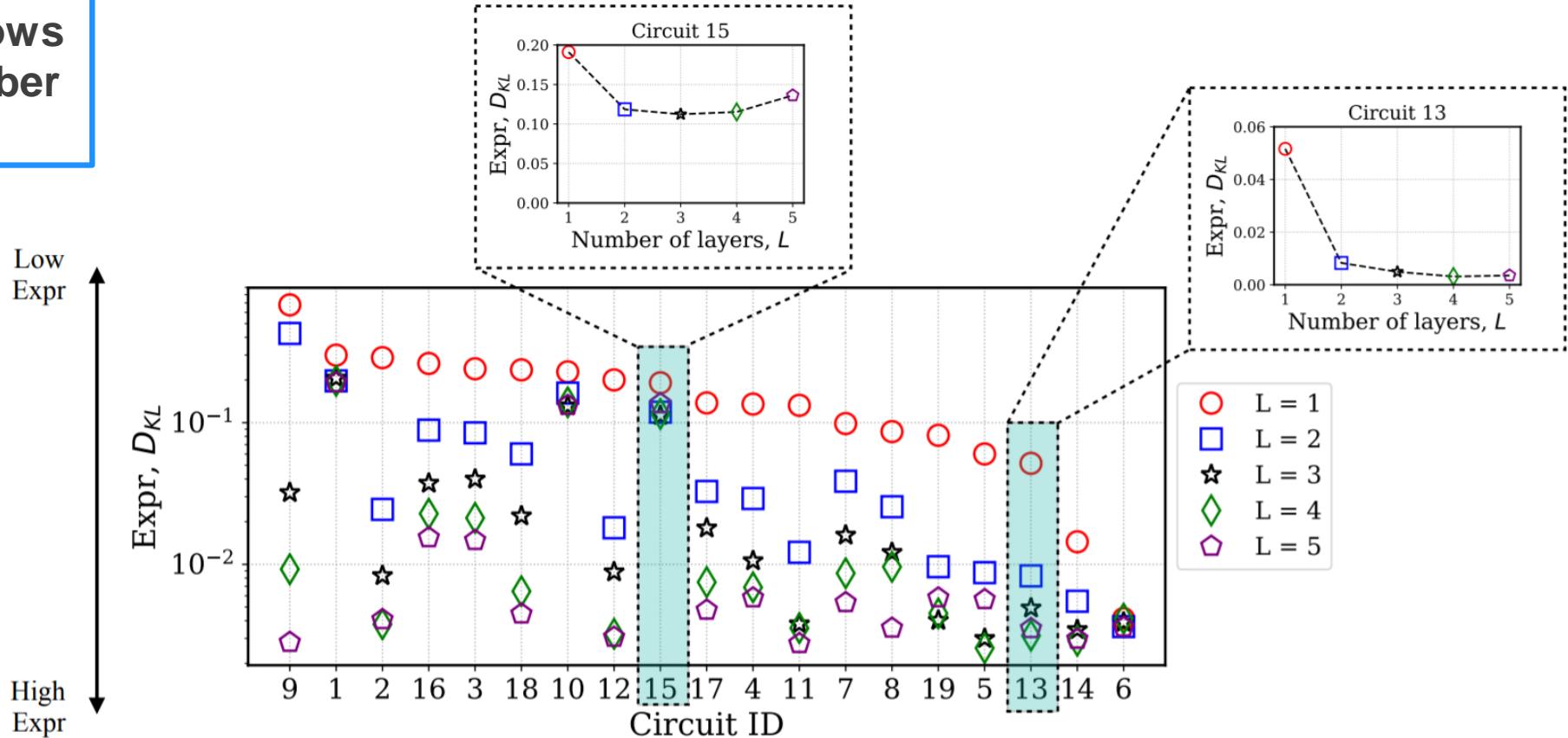
Low Expressivity

High Expressivity

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Expressivity grows increasing number of layers

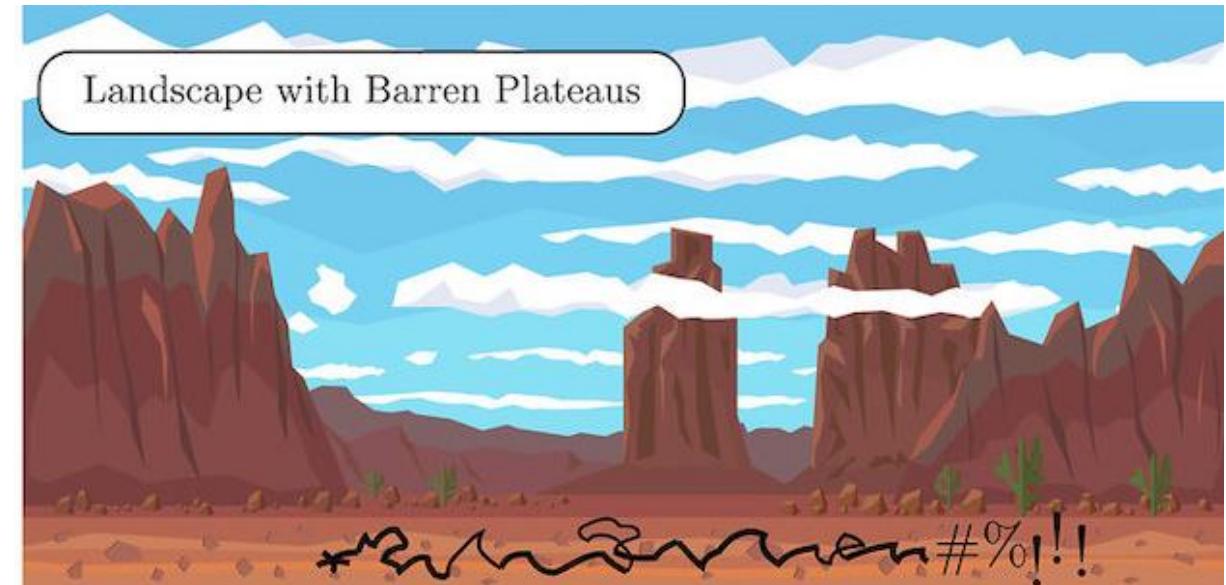
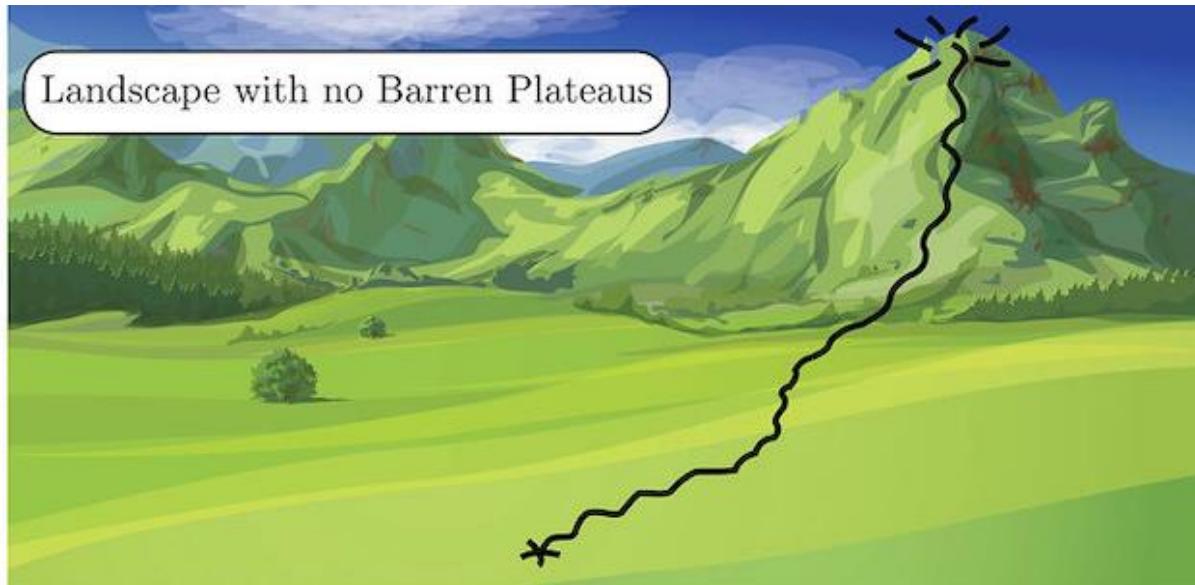


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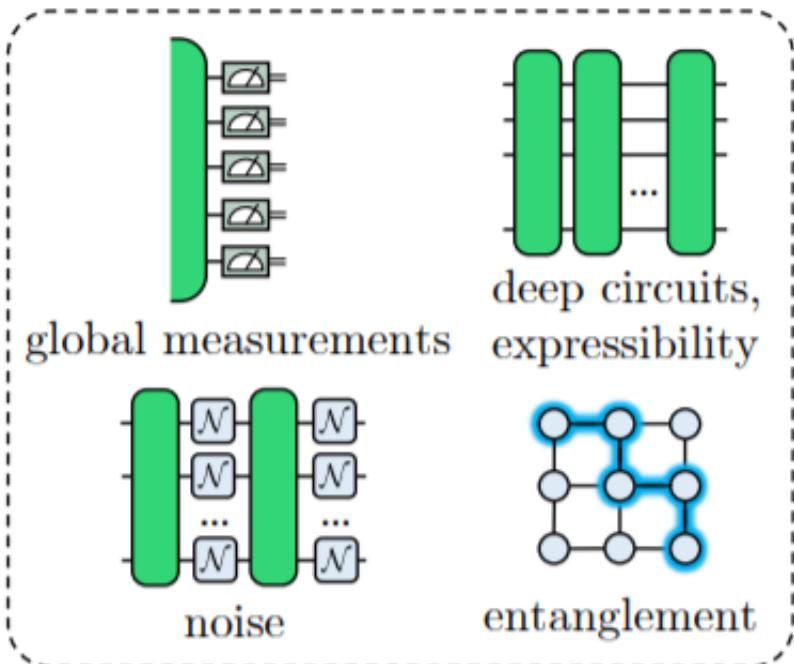
Barren Plateaus: Vanishing loss function Gradient that make it hard to train the QNN



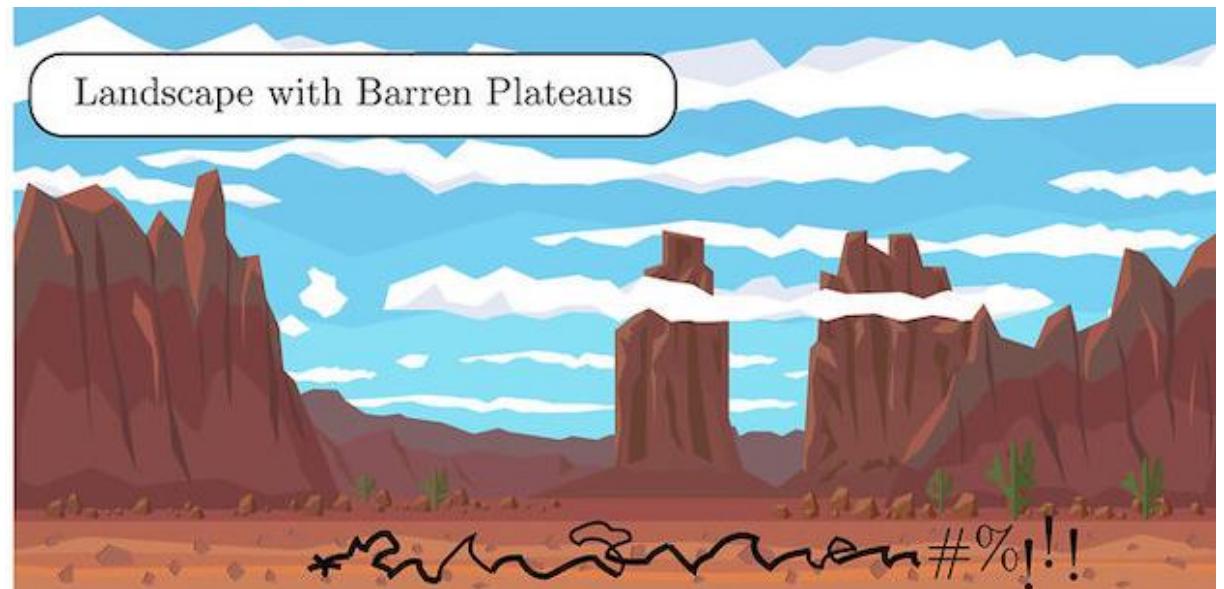
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Barren Plateaus: Vanishing loss function Gradient that make it hard to train the QNN



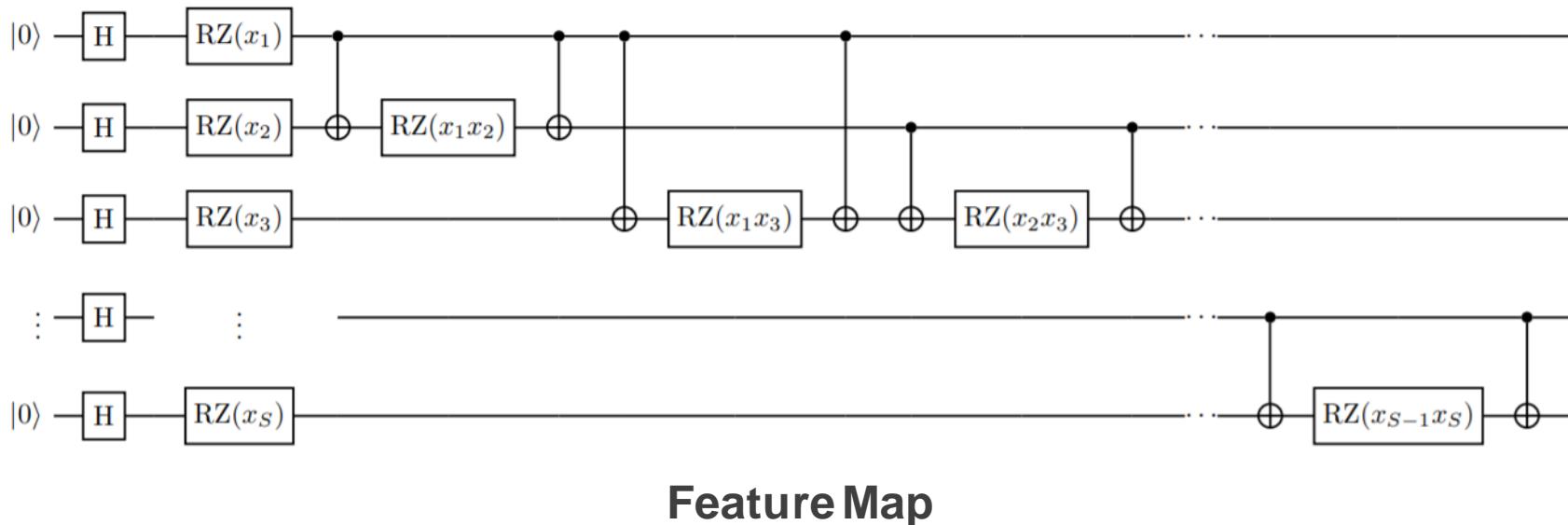
Features that may induce
Barren Plateaus



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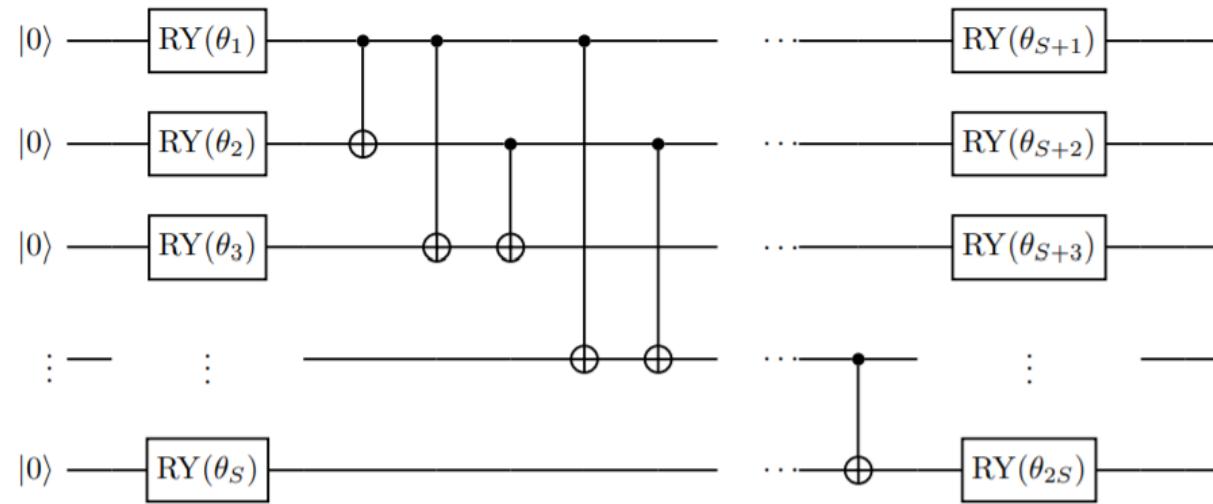


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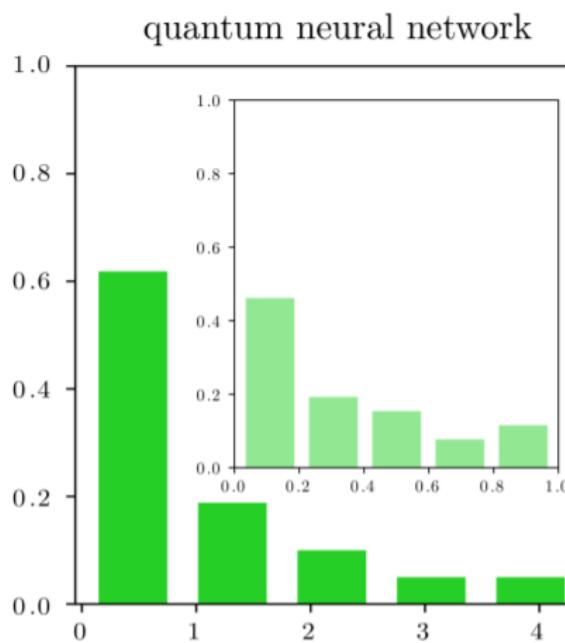
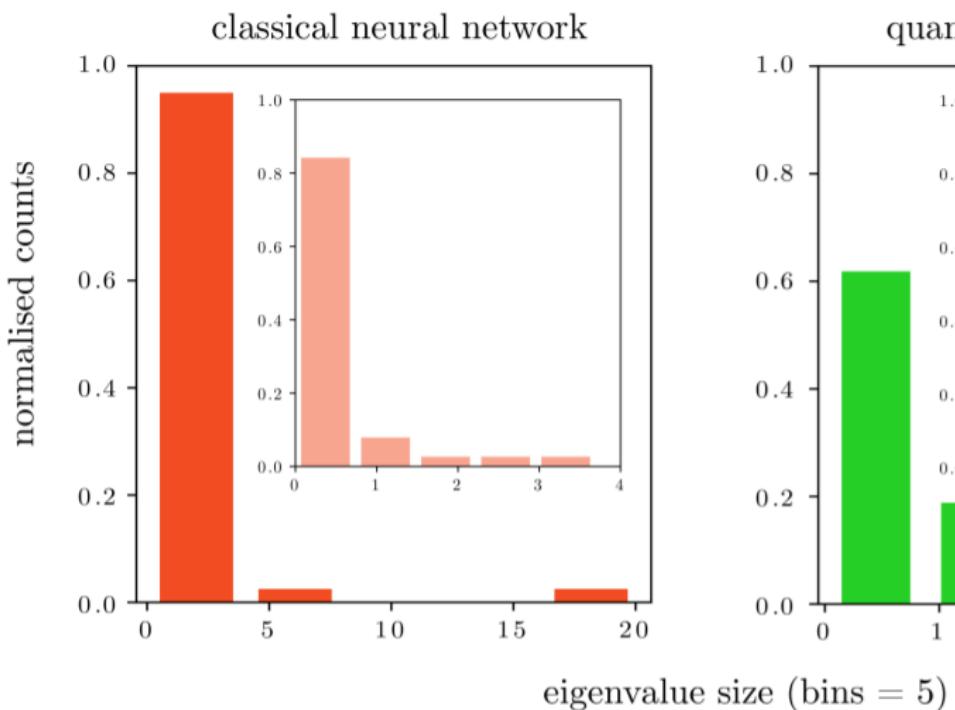
Variational Circuit

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More evenly spread eigenvalues of the Fisher information for the QNN wrt classical NN with same number of parameters

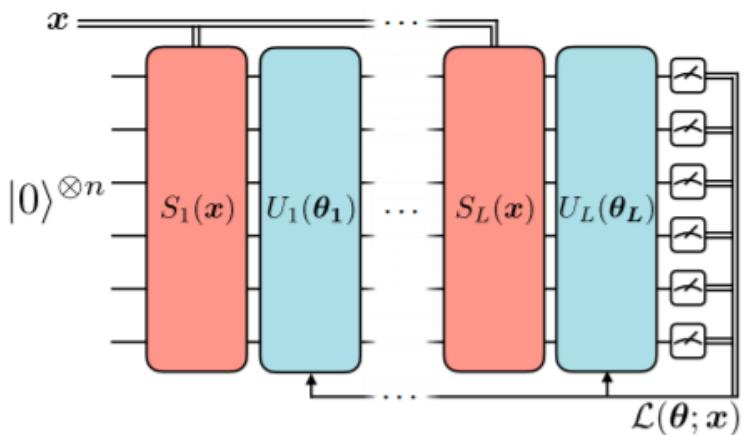


Better Generalization
(how accurately the algorithm is able to predict outcome values for previously unseen data.)

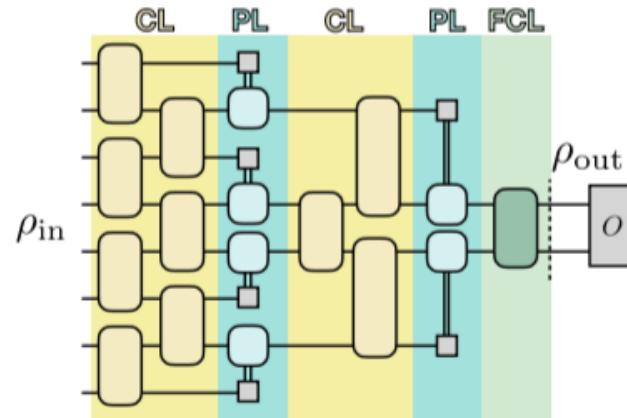
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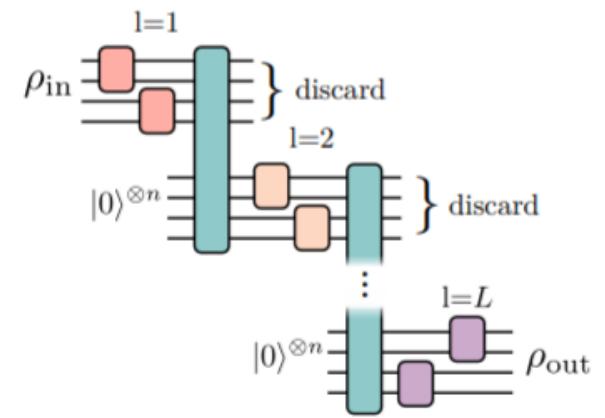
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Standard QNN



Convolutional
QNN



Dissipative QNN

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.03879>

NISQ-ready algorithms for general purpose QPU

Main Challenges

- **Trainability / optimization of parameters:** best optimization scheme or technique
 - **Barren plateaus:** Vanishing gradients that make it hard to optimize
 - **Ansatz and initialization strategies:** structure of the parametric circuit
- **Efficiency:** precision required in the output per the amount of resources consumed
- **Accuracy:** the degree to which output conforms to the correct value or a standard.
- **Hardware noise / Error mitigation:** optimal techniques to reduce errors without an overhead in resources

NISQ-ready algorithms

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