

# **VEHICLE ROUTING OPTIMIZATION IN FIRE RESCUE OPERATIONS**

QUANTUM AND CLASSICAL  
DECOMPOSITION METHODS



# Problems

Fire rescue vehicle routing optimization encounters complexities stemming from dynamic emergencies, spatial considerations, resource allocation, and the demand for real-time adjustments.



Unpredictable  
Nature



Real-Time  
Decision  
Making

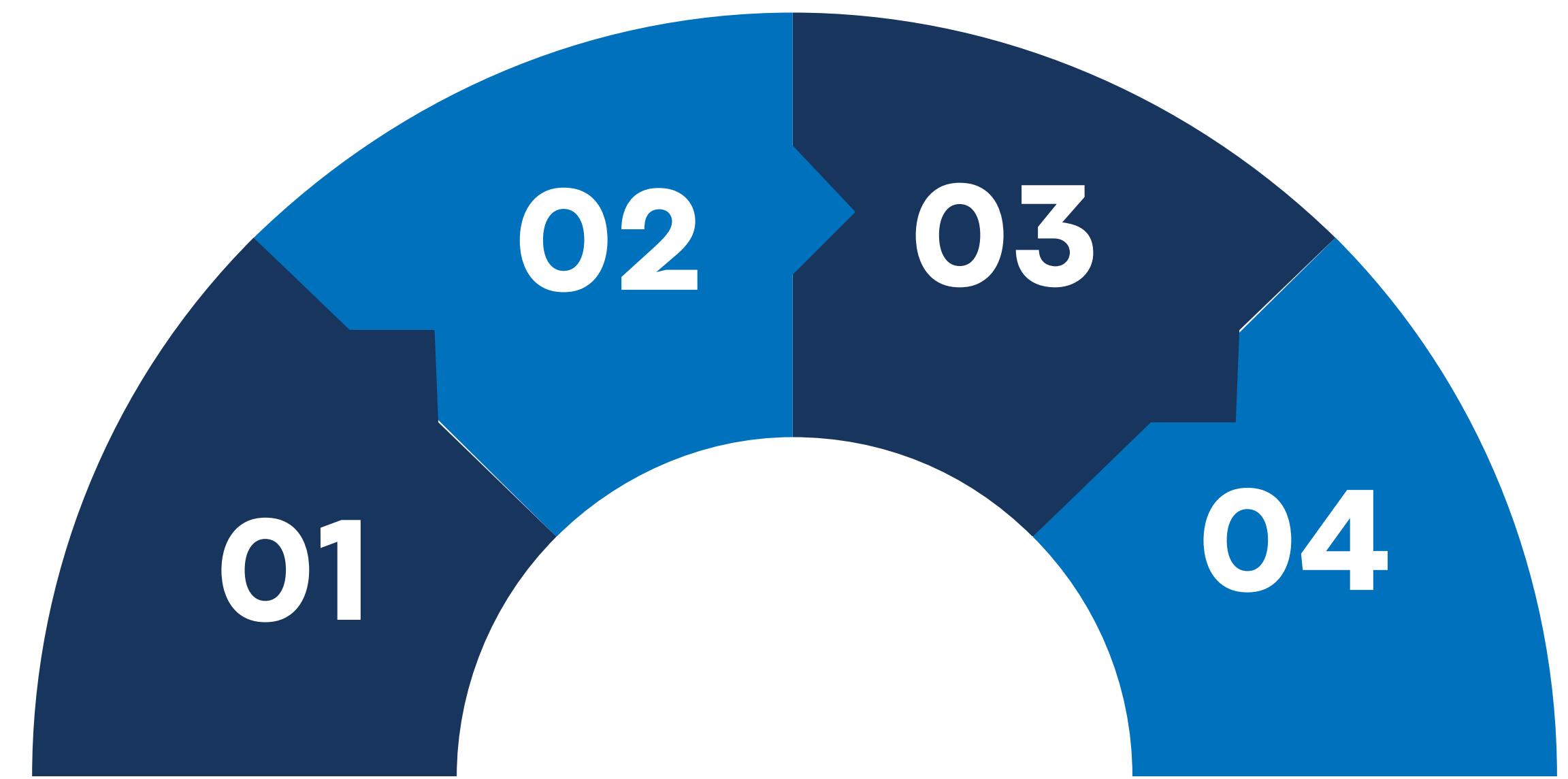


Resource  
Allocation



Complex  
Spatial  
Constraints

# Objectives

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- 01** Illustrate the urgency of rapid response to fire emergencies.
  - 02** Integrate real-time data effectively, adjusting routes based on evolving conditions like shifting priorities or resource availability.
  - 03** Optimizing routes while ensuring equitable distribution of resources across different areas when multiple incidents occur simultaneously.
  - 04** Flying around lakes and coordinating water collection points.
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# Solutions

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**Solution 01**

Transferring a present issue into a traditional computational problem.

02

**Solution 02**

Using real geographic and logistic data for a more reliable interpretation of the results.

03

**Solution 03**

Reducing the problem sizes to make quantum computations more feasible.

04

**Solution 04**

Implementing the CVR problem using Quantum Computing.



# Problem formulation

*water needed [a. u.] =  $d_i$ , canadair capacity =  $C$*

$$TSP: \sum d_i \leq C$$

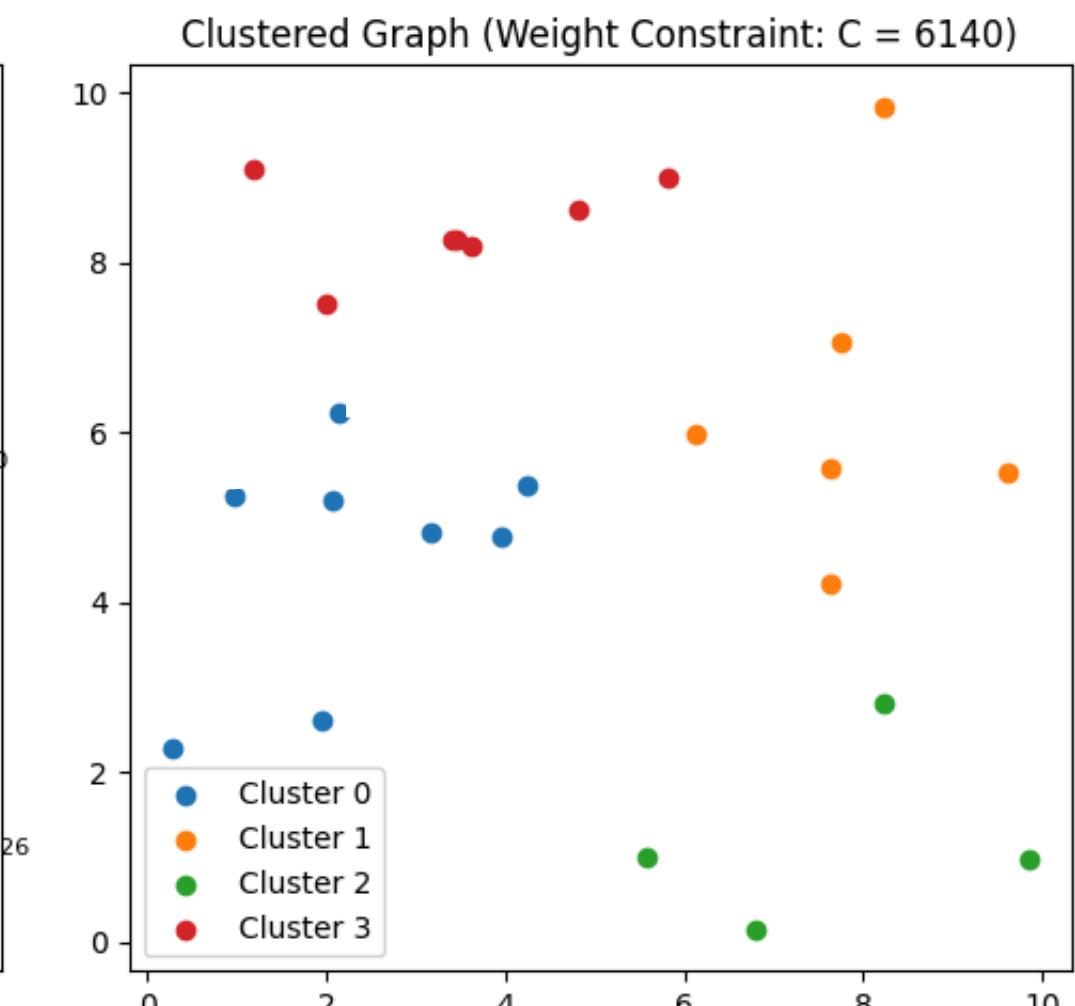
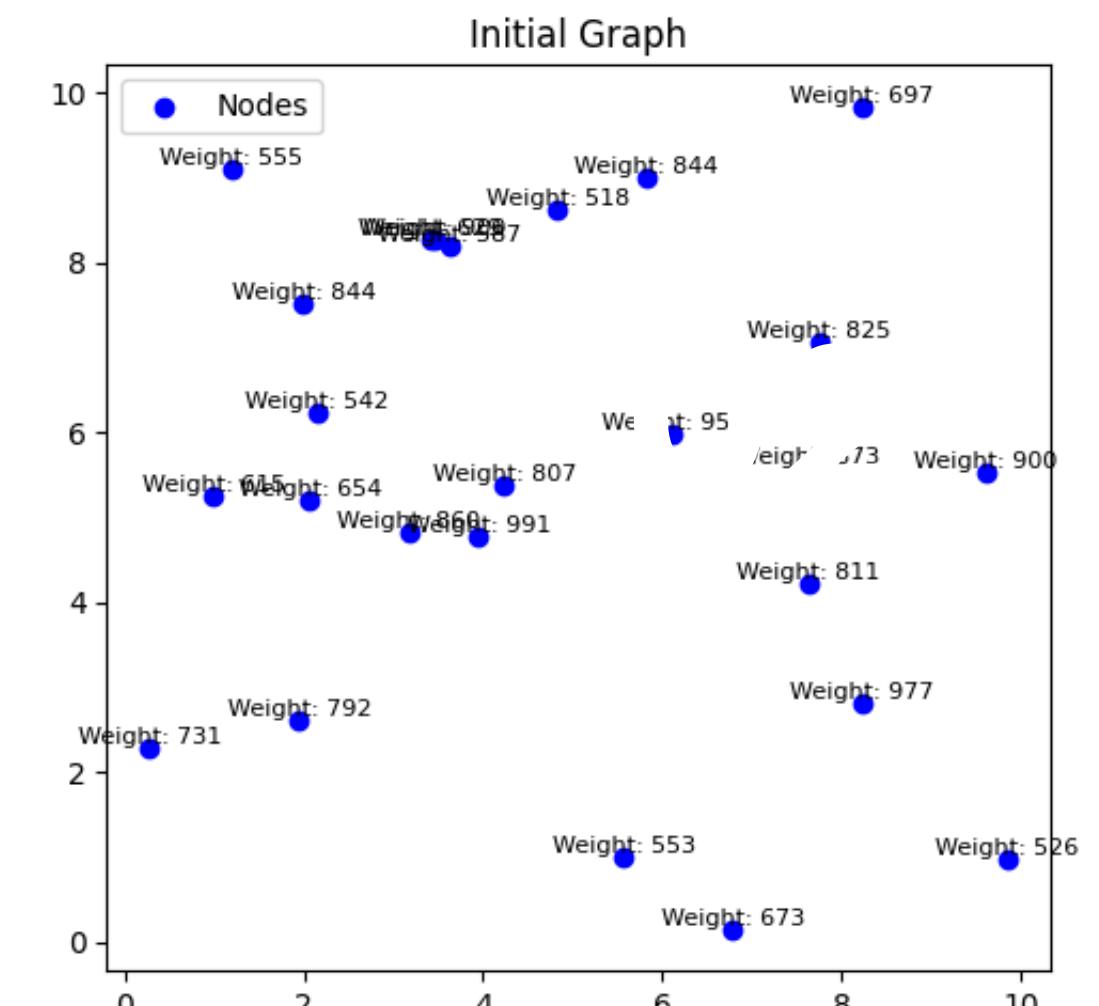
$$CVRP: \sum d_i > C$$

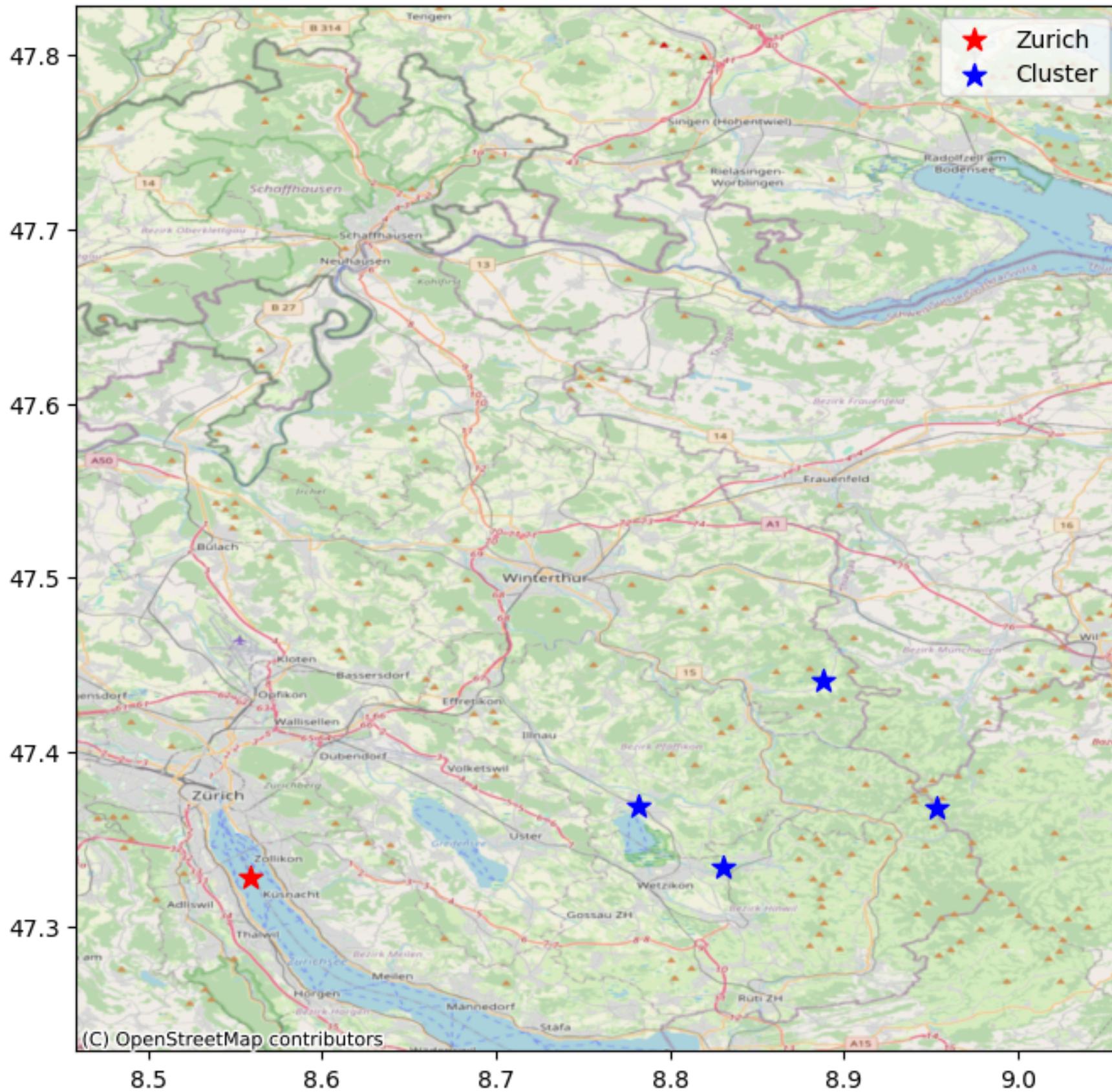
Graph considerations:

1. Node weight = water needed
2. Edge weight = real distance
3. Fully connected (it's a canadair)

# Clustering

- 01** Use KMeans algorithm to cluster input nodes based on spatial distribution.
- 02** Incorporate node weights for balanced clusters while meeting weight constraint C.
- 03** Dynamic Adjustment: Optimize cluster composition by adjusting cluster numbers and redistributing points to meet weight constraint.
- 04** Plot Zurich's coordinates and a cluster's points on a map to show their locations in Switzerland.





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# Assuming x, y are the coordinates of the smallest cluster
x = [coordinate[0] for coordinate in smallest_cluster]
y = [coordinate[1] for coordinate in smallest_cluster]
latitude, longitude = coordinate_to_latalon(x, y)
latZurigo = 47.328152
lonZurigo = 8.558752
# Create a GeoDataFrame for Zurich
zurich = gpd.GeoDataFrame(geometry=gpd.points_from_xy([lonZurigo], [latZurigo]))
# Create a GeoDataFrame for the smallest cluster
cluster = gpd.GeoDataFrame(geometry=gpd.points_from_xy(longitude, latitude))
# Plotting
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 8))
# Plot Zurich
zurich.plot(ax=ax, color='red', marker='*', markersize=100, label='Zurich')
# Plot the smallest cluster
cluster.plot(ax=ax, color='blue', marker='*', markersize=100, label='Cluster')
# Set the geographical limits
ax.set_xlim(lonZurigo - 0.1, lonZurigo + 0.5)
ax.set_ylim(latZurigo - 0.1, latZurigo + 0.5)
# Add topographic basemap
ctx.add_basemap(ax=ax, crs='EPSG:4326', source=ctx.providers.OpenStreetMap.Mapnik)
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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# QUBO & MaxCut formulation of STP

$$A \sum_v \left( 1 - \sum_t x_{vt} \right)^2 + A \sum_t \left( 1 - \sum_v x_{vt} \right)^2 + B \sum_{uv} d_{uv} \sum_t x_{ut} x_{u,t+1}$$



visit each fire once      no bilocation      minimize route distance

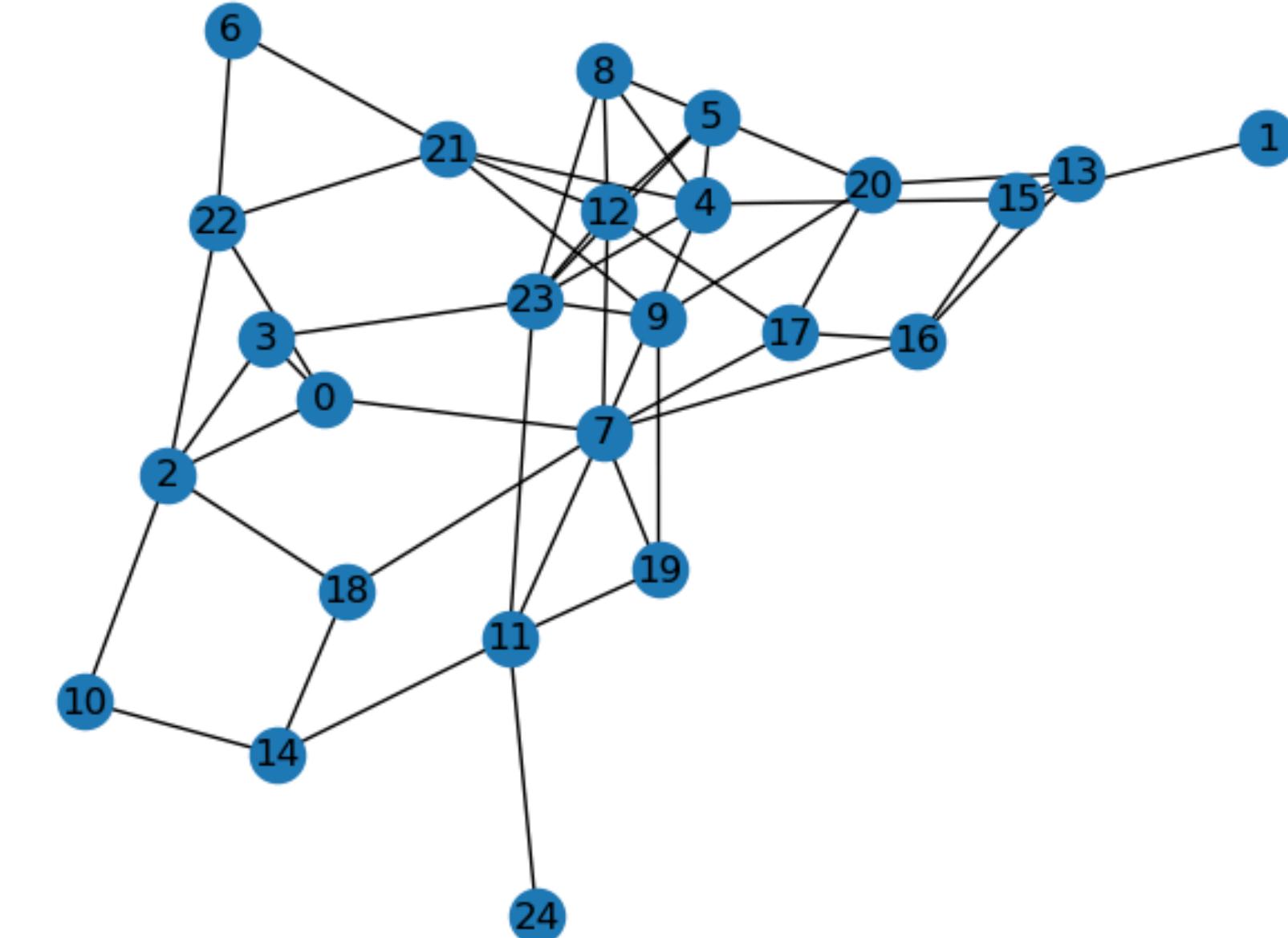
$$q_{ijkl} = A(\delta_{ij} + \delta_{kl}) + B d_{ij} \delta_{k+1,l}$$

$$w_{ij} = q_{ij} + q_{ji} \quad (i, j > 0)$$

$$w_{0j} = \sum k q_{kj} + q_{jk}$$

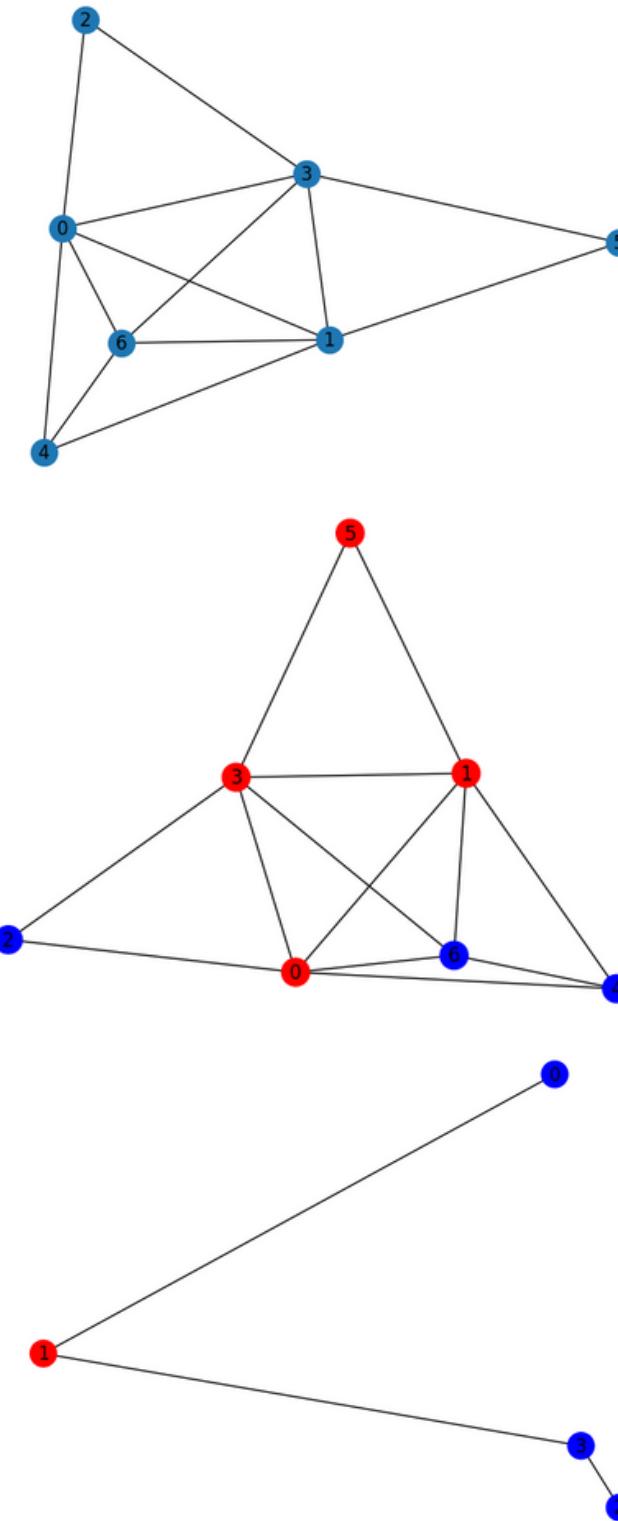
# Computing max cut with quantum computers is computationally expensive.

Trying to solve the max cut directly on this graph with a quantum computer wouldn't be feasible, we can do better.



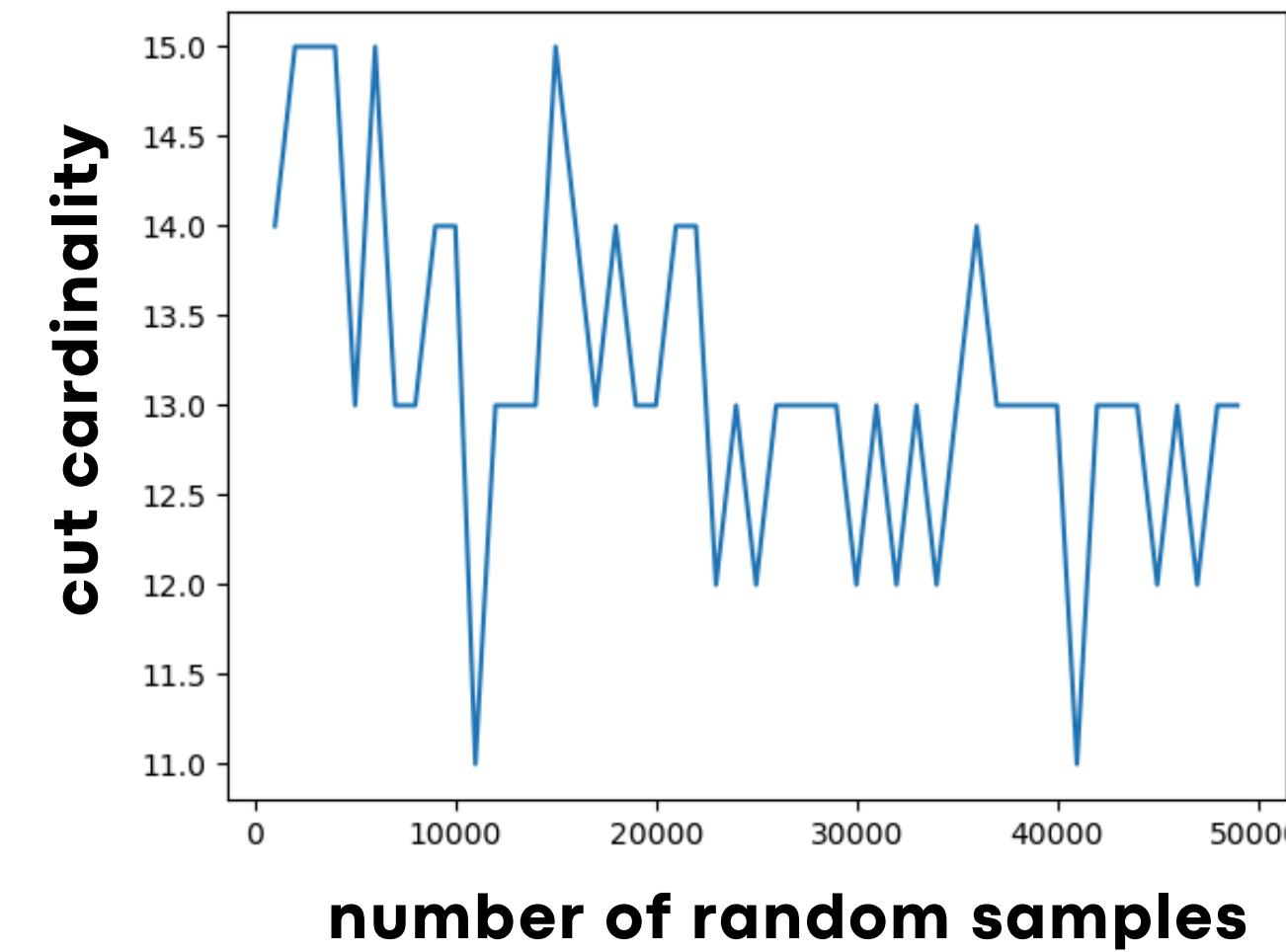
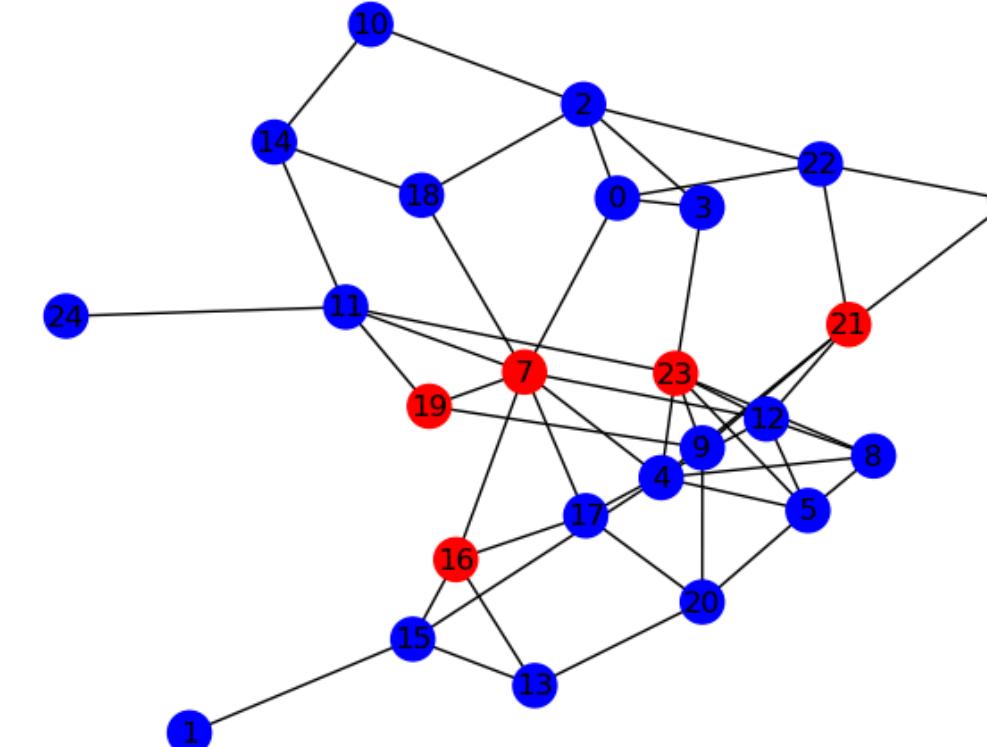
# Graph transformation

- We can use a fun property of graphs, which is that some particular transformations, if reversible, preserve the max cut solution.
- We aim to find a simpler graph



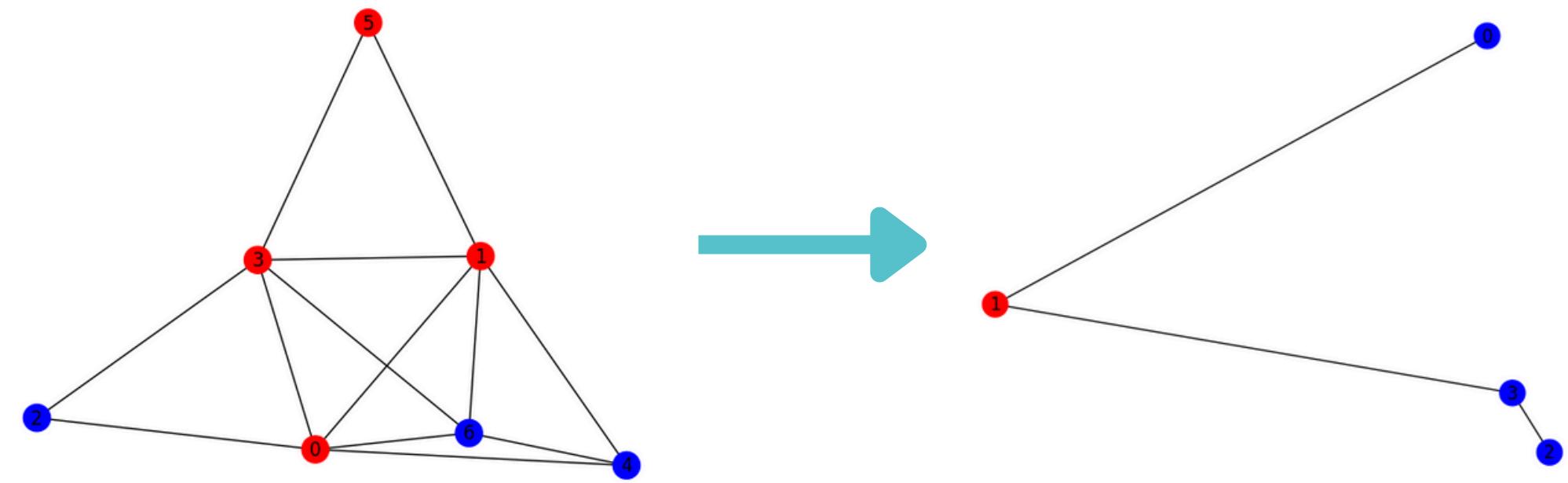
# Finding the optimal cut

- The first step consists in finding the **Balanced Low Cardinality Vertex Separator**
- We used **random sampling** to drastically improve the time complexity of the algorithm



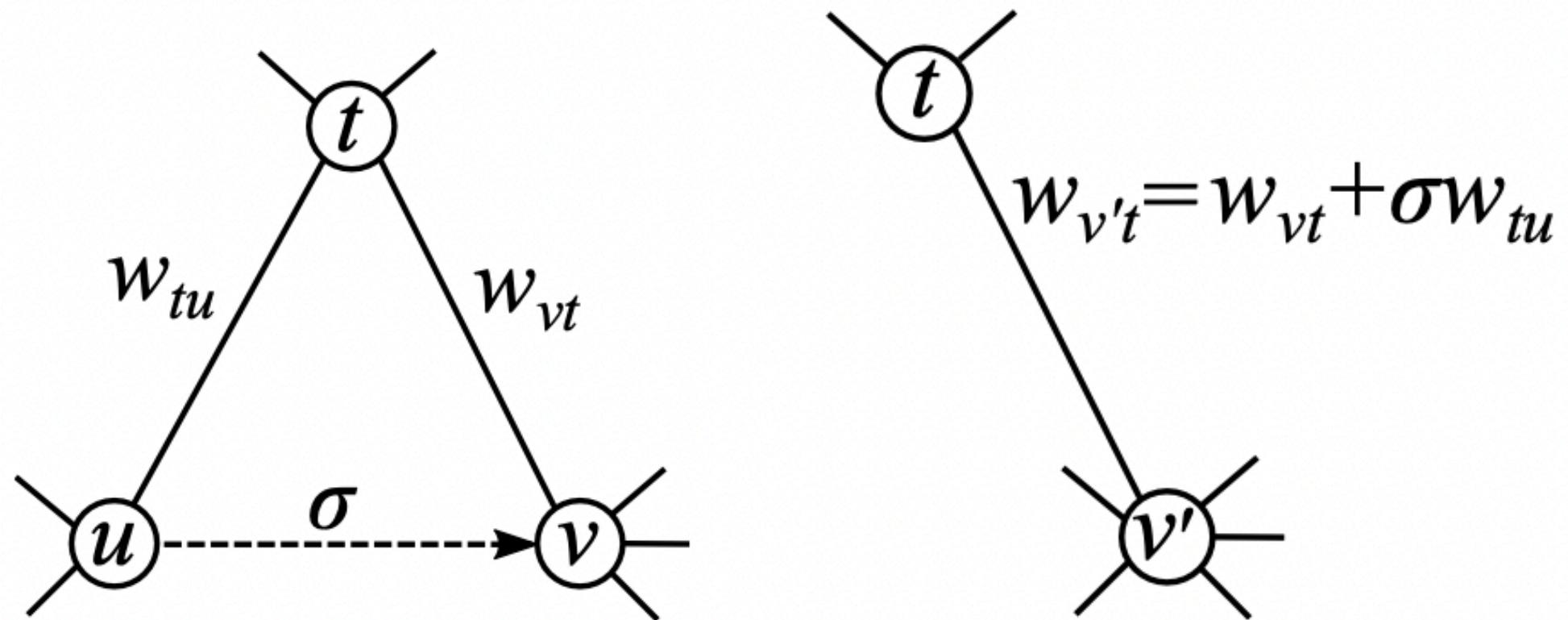
# Graph Shrinking

- We want to shrink the cut to a single node
- We do that by applying consecutive vertex merging transformation
- Weights are modified in order to preserve the max cut solution



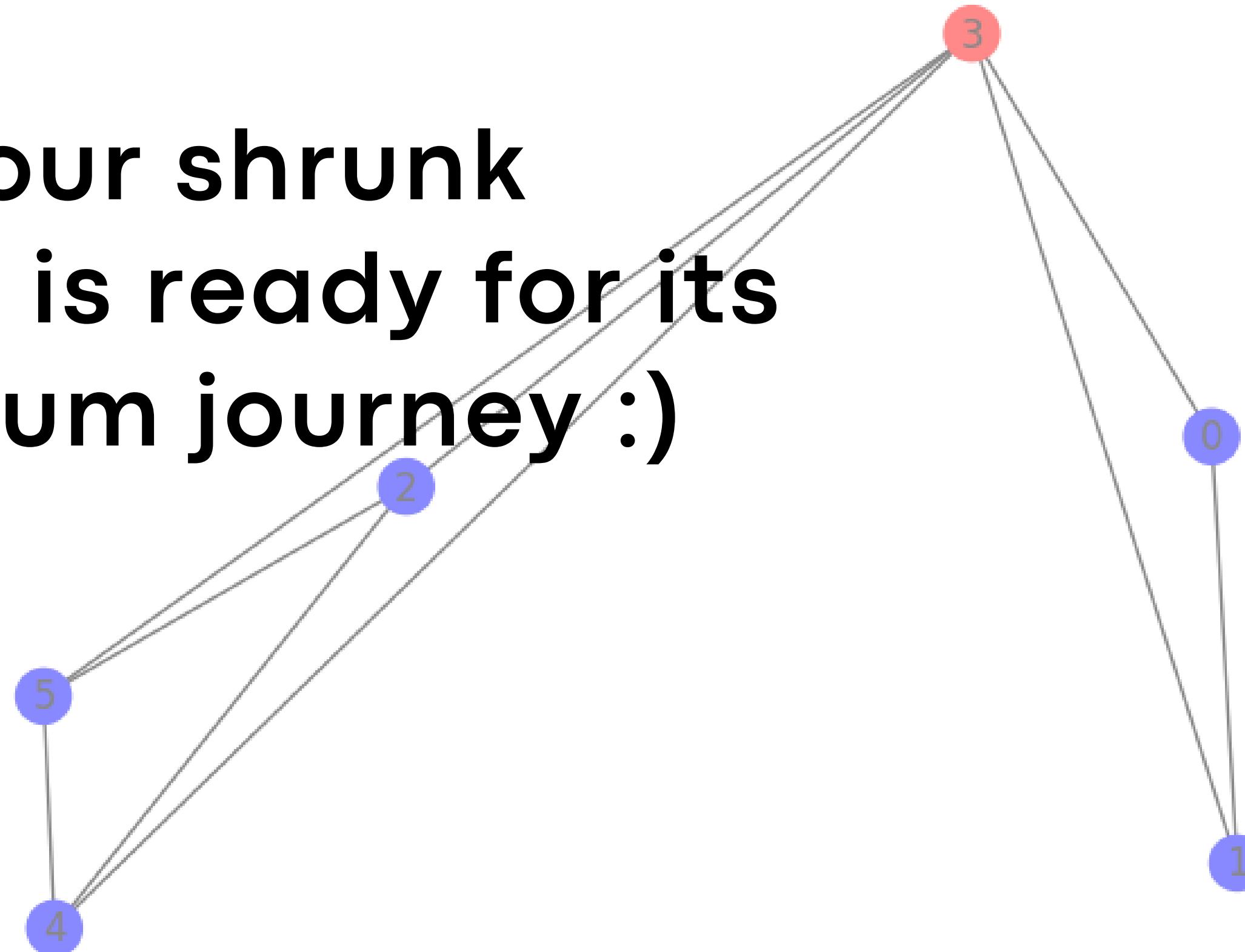
# Semi-Definite Relaxation

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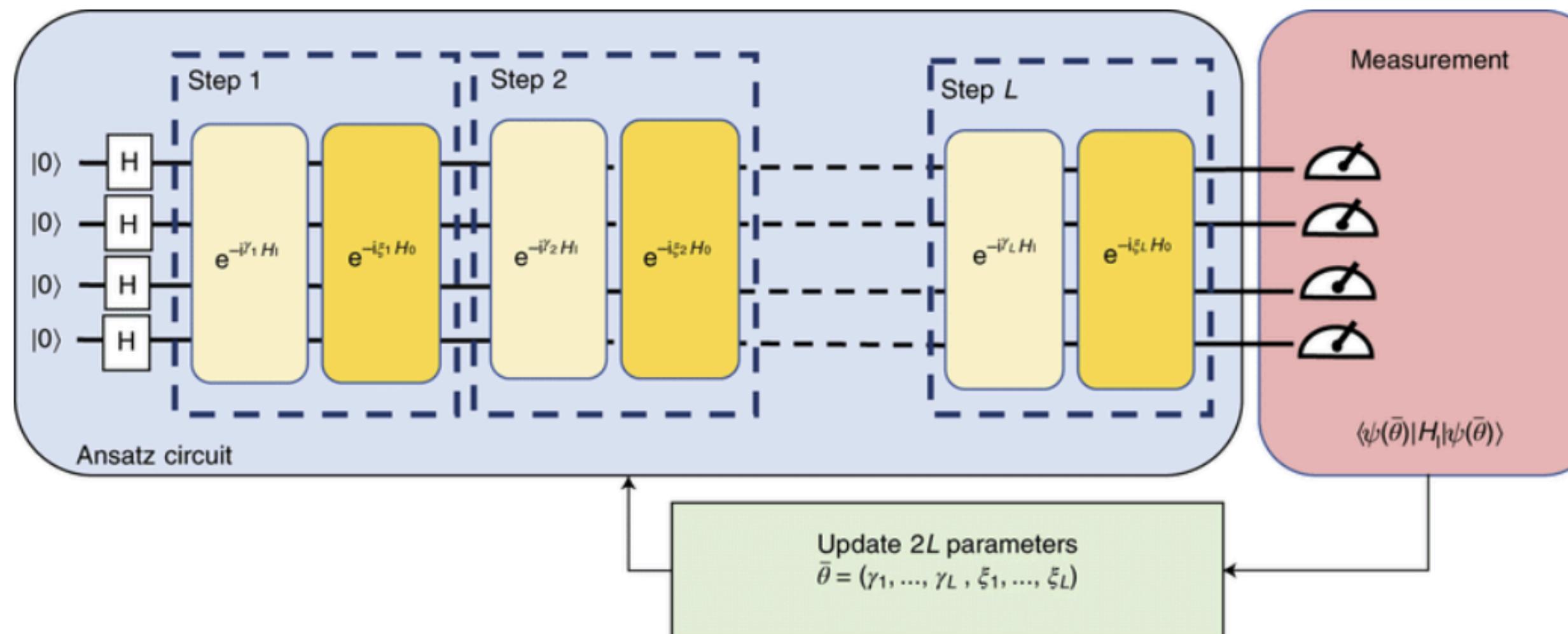
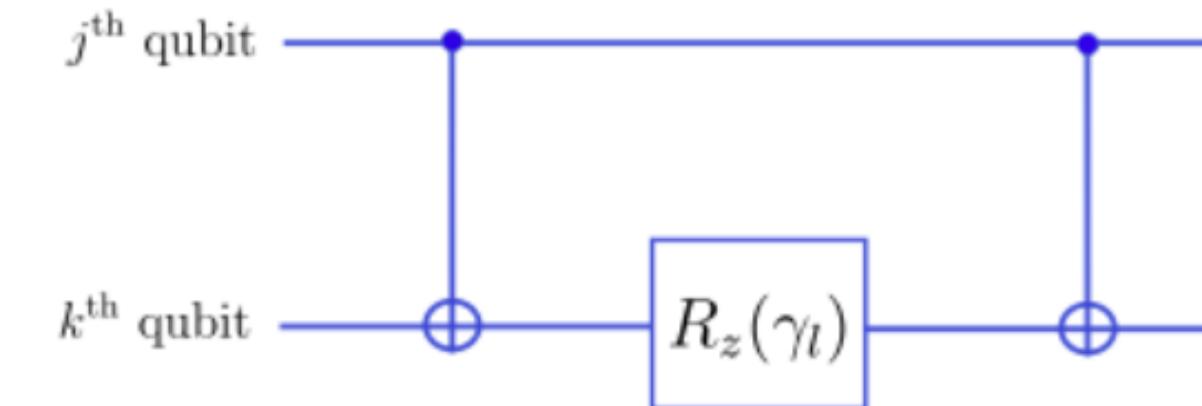
- The Goemans-Williamson algorithm can be used to update the weights
- A probabilistic approach is used to calculate the likelihood of an edge linking two vertices of the same or opposite sets of the optimal max cut partition.

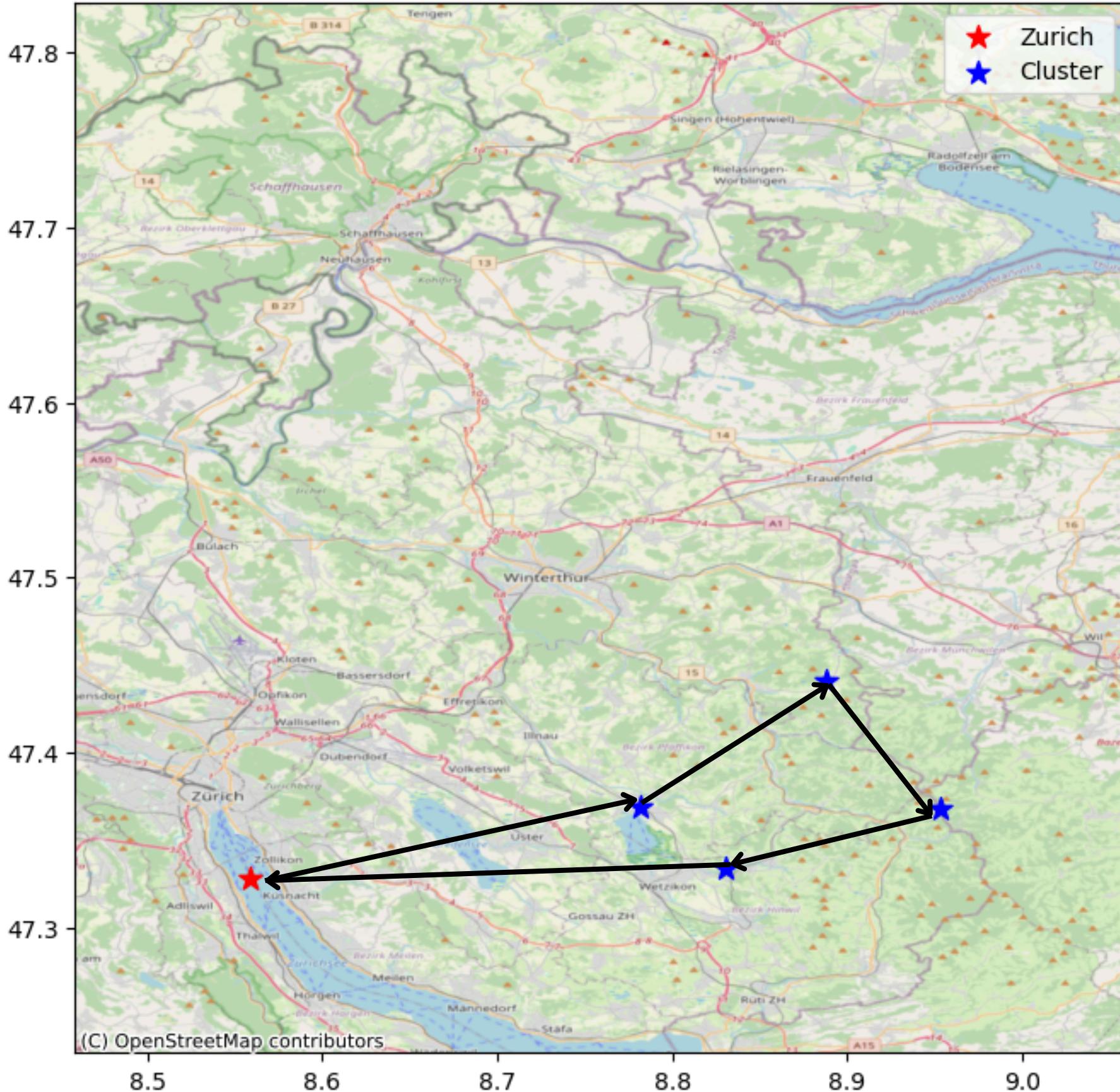
**Now, our shrunk  
graph is ready for its  
quantum journey :)**



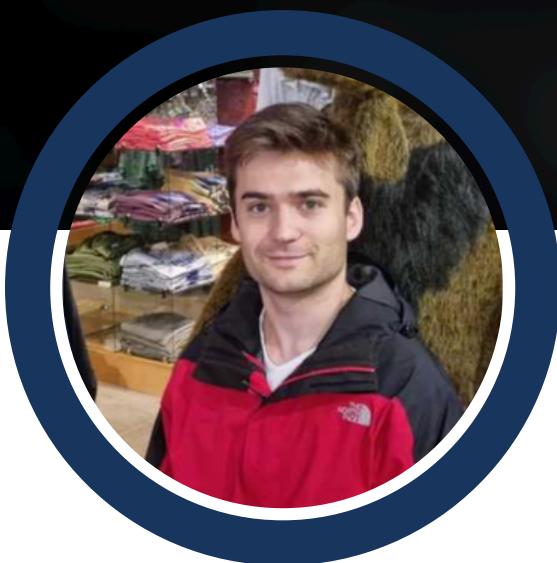
# QAOA implementation

$$H = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j$$





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**THANK  
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