

# PASQAL

## QUANTUM DISCOVERY

Analog quantum computing

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# Combinatorial optimization

## Problem statement

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Given binary constraints:

$$x \in \{0, 1\}^n \quad C_a(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ satisfies the constraint } a \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ doesn't} \end{cases}$$

maximize

$$C(x) = \sum_a C_a(x)$$

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## QUBO formulation

Given the quadratic form:

$$f_Q(x) = x^\top Q x = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n Q_{ij} x_i x_j$$

Binary vector of size n  $\rightarrow$   $x$   
 Upper triangular matrix  $\rightarrow$   $Q$   
 $x_i x_j$  is boxed and has an arrow pointing to:
 
$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if both } x_i, x_j \text{ are equal to one} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

find:

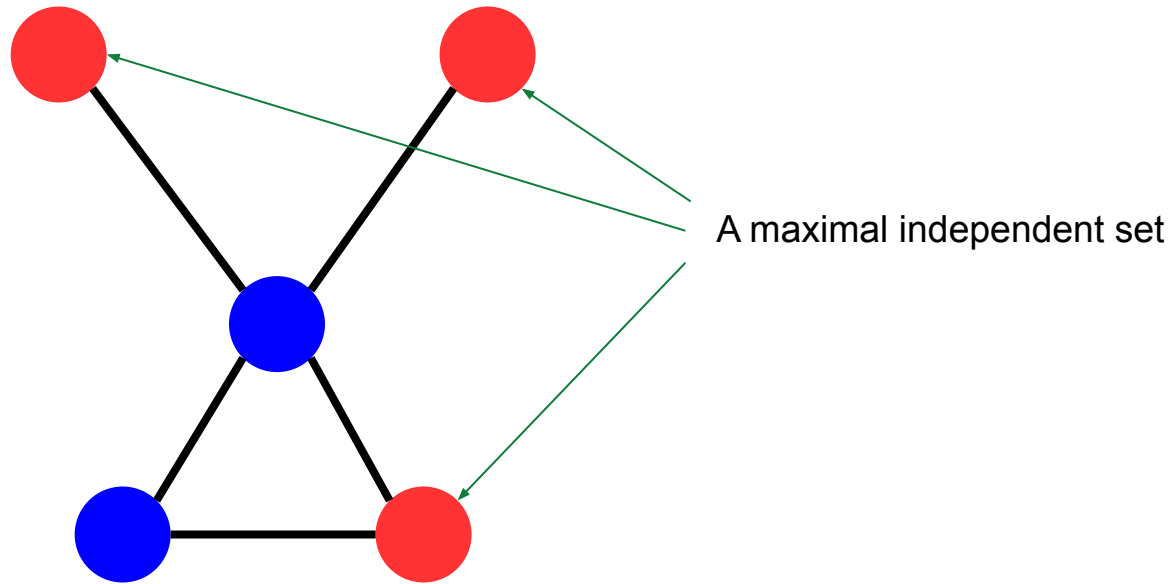
$$x^* = \arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{B}^n} f_Q(x)$$

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## Maximal Independent Set

### Example optimization problem (MIS-problem):

$G(V, E)$ :

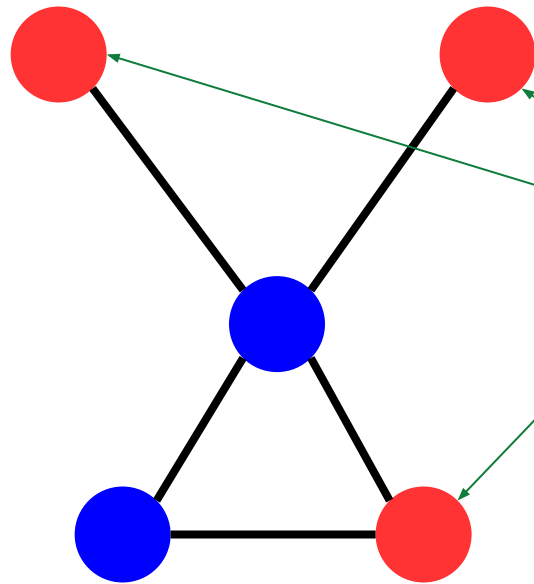


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## Maximal Independent Set

### Example optimization problem (MIS-problem):

$G(V, E)$ :



$$\begin{cases} z_i = 1 & \text{if the } i\text{-th vertex is attributed to the indep. set} \\ z_i = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A maximal independent set

Minimize:

$$C(z_1, \dots, z_N) = - \sum_{i=1}^N z_i + U \sum_{(i,j) \in E} z_i z_j$$

Penalty coefficient

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## Analog problems

**Example optimization problem (MIS-problem):** The last two terms of the neutral atoms Ising Hamiltonian are of the same form as the cost function of the MIS problem:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \sigma_i^x - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar\delta}{2} \sigma_i^z + \sum_{j<i} \frac{C_6}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|^6} n_i n_j$$



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## Analog quantum algorithms framework

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In analog quantum computing, we consider a Hamiltonian of the following form:

$$H(t) = u(t)H_M + (1 - u(t))H_C$$

where:

- $H_C$  : the “problem” / “cost” Hamiltonian, it encodes the optimization task that is trying to be solved
- $H_M$  : the “mixer” Hamiltonian, it encodes quantum mixing (e.g. a uniform transverse field on qubits)
- $u(t) \in [0, 1]$  : the control function

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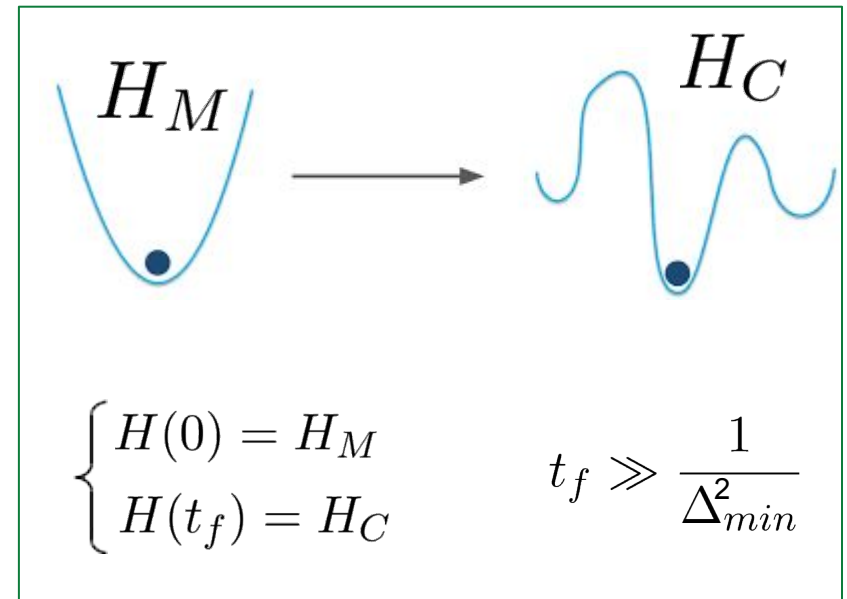
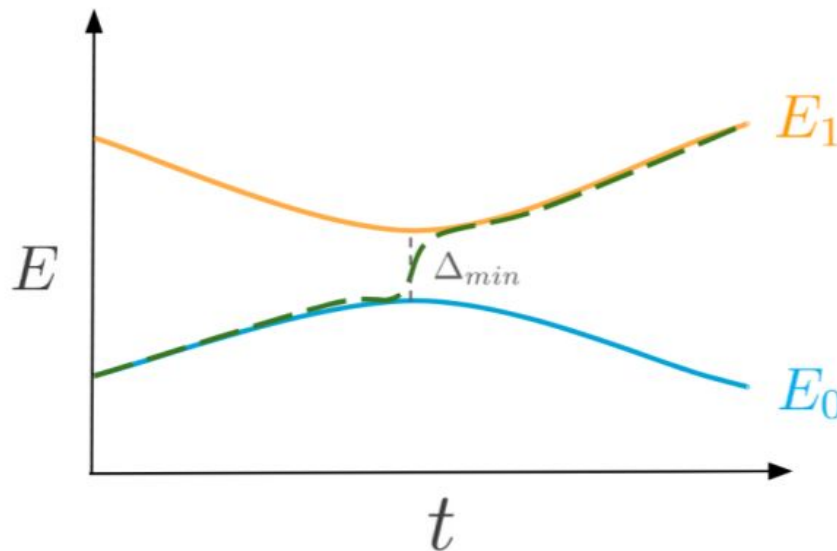
**Example optimization problem (MIS-problem):** The Ising Hamiltonian can be splitted into a cost and a mixer Hamiltonian:

$$H = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \sigma_i^x}_{H_M} - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar\delta}{2} \sigma_i^z + \sum_{j<i} \frac{C_6}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|^6} n_i n_j}_{H_C}$$



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## Adiabatic theorem



**Figure 3.** Ground-state and excited state energies of  $H(t)$  along a trajectory between  $H_M$  and  $H_C$ . The minimum gap  $\Delta_{min}$  occurs in the middle of the path and a jump to the excited state (as illustrated by the dashed green line) is likely to occur at this point if  $\Delta_{min}$  is too small and the speed too fast.

# Conclusion

- In analog quantum computing, we implement a Hamiltonian simulation to compute
- Starting from the ground state of a mixer Hamiltonian, the evolution leads the system to the ground state of a cost Hamiltonian analogous to the problem cost function
- On PASQAL's machines, all the atoms of the register are excited simultaneously with a single laser when implementing an analog quantum computation
- An adiabatic evolution ensures that the analog quantum computation is successful
- Analog quantum computers require less operations than digital quantum computers
- Analog quantum computers are non universal machines