

# Hybrid algorithm for incompressible flow simulation on quantum hardware

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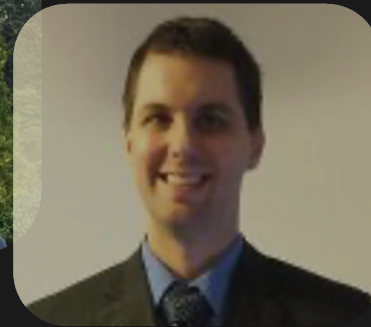
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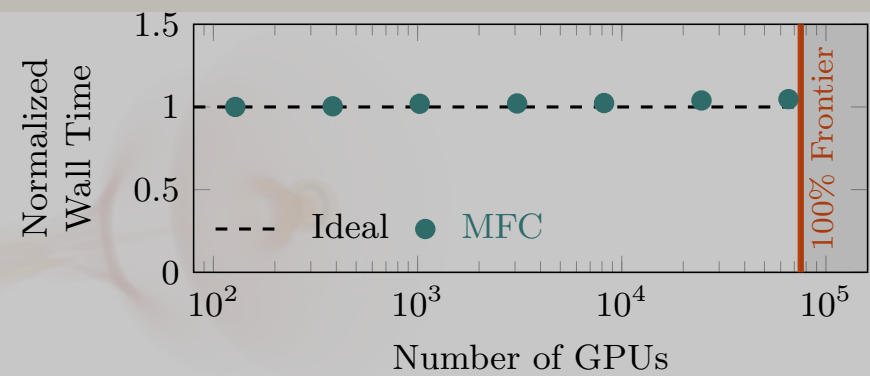
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# Introduction

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  - We're always eager for a new supercomputer
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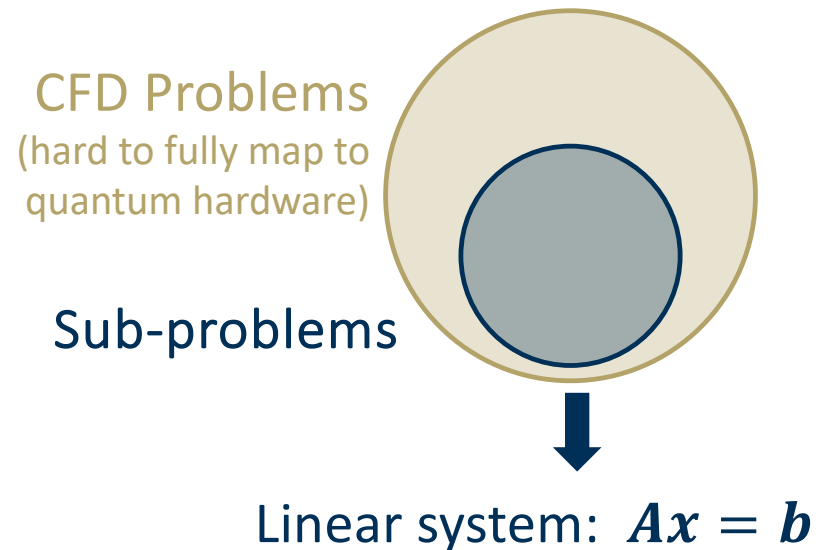
# Introduction

MFC Performance: >0.5 ExaFLOPs, 10T grid points



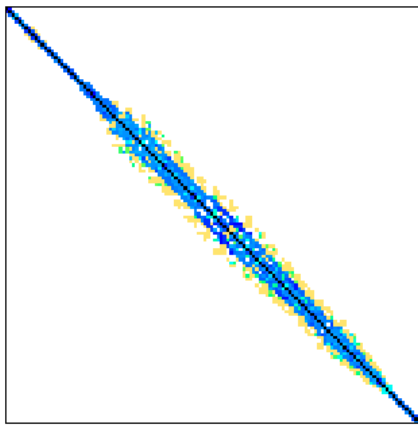
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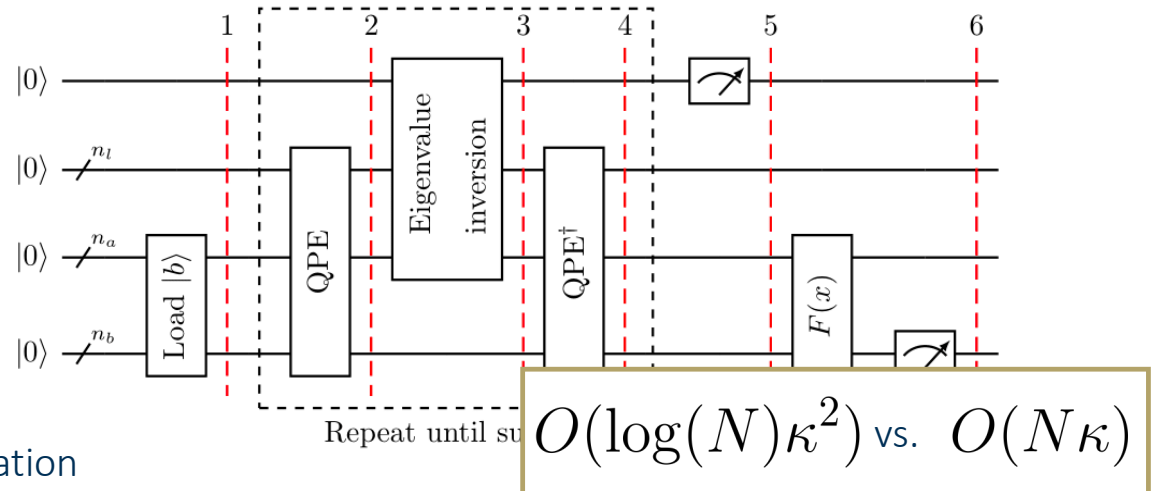
# Motivation: Why Quantum?

- Computational “space” doubles with each added qubit
  - Billions of grid points → 10’s of qubits
- Some efficient quantum algorithms already exist! [HHL09]

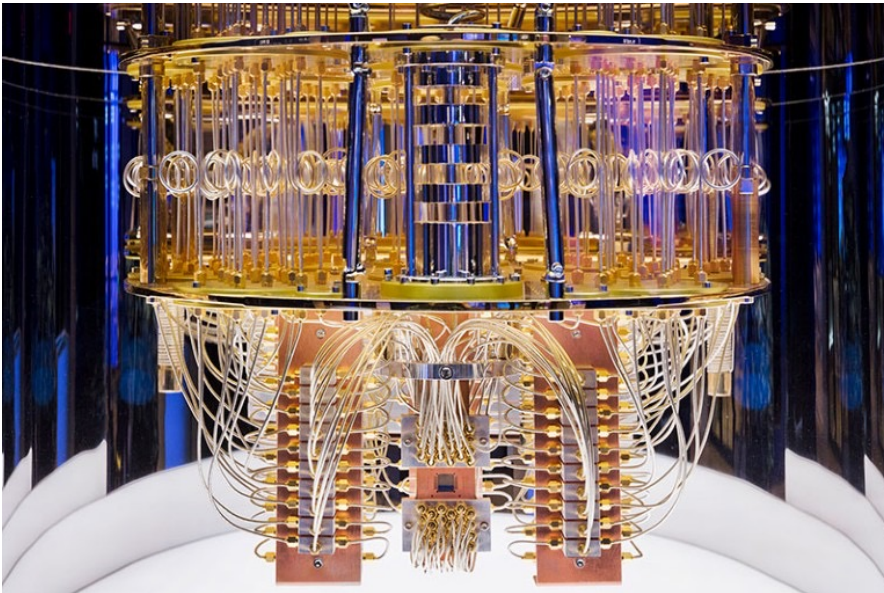


Example sparse  $A$  matrix in CFD simulation

Harrow, Hassidim, Lloyd PRL (2009)



# Limitation: Hardware & Nonlinearity



IBM quantum computer; interior

HHL-type QLSA\*



- Only possible for tiny problems on current hardware

Variational QLSA\*



- More suitable to near-term hardware
- Complexity advantage unclear

State Tomography



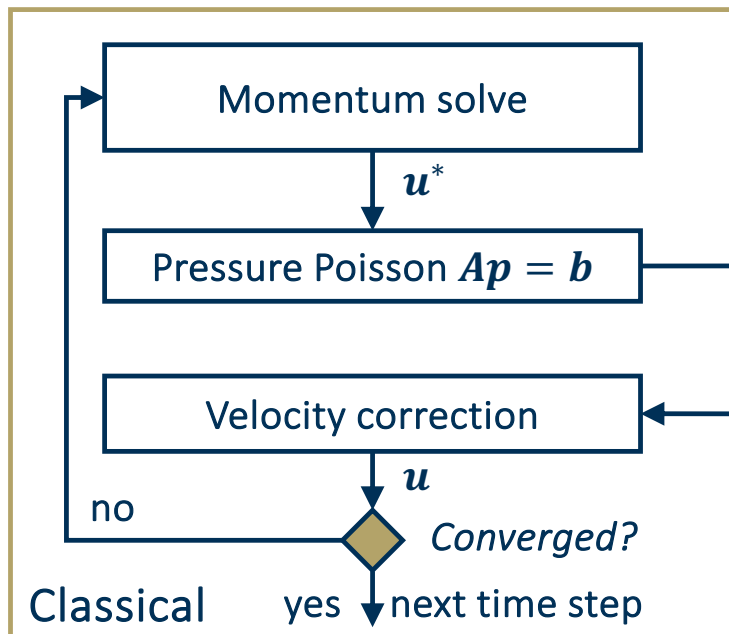
- Full state tomography  $\rightarrow O(3^N)$  circuits
- HTree tomography  $\rightarrow O(N + 1)$  circuits

\*QLSA: Quantum Linear System Algorithm

# Approach: Hybrid Classical–Quantum

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

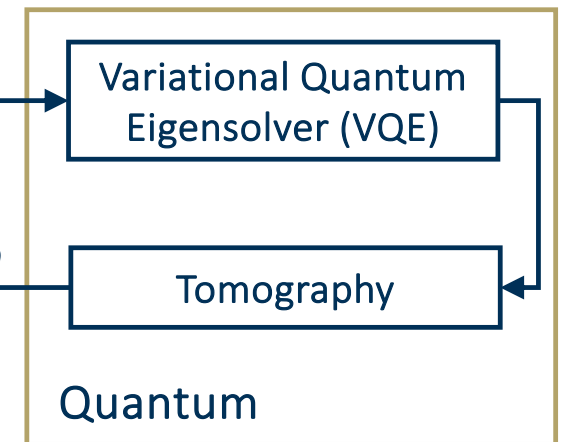
## Incompressible Navier–Stokes



## Main strategy

- Projection loop on classical computer (treat nonlinearity)
- Quantum computer for linear problem

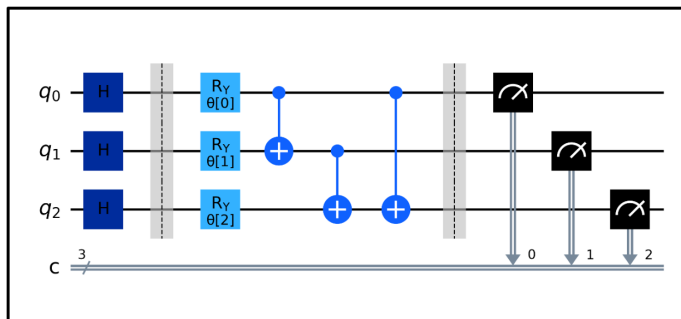
## Quantum Linear System Algorithms (QLSA)



# Variational Algorithms

Ground state of a Hamiltonian  $\leftrightarrow$  Solution of a linear system

Variational Quantum Circuit



Measurement

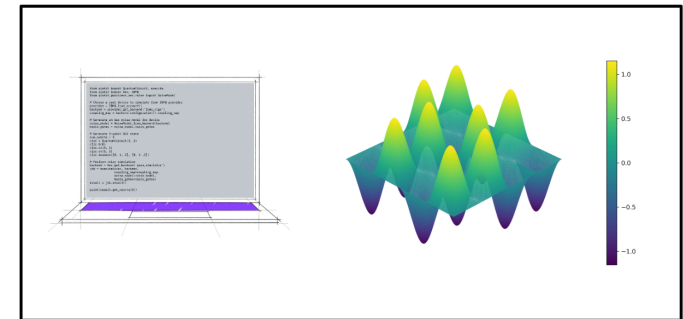
$$E(\theta) = \langle \psi(\theta) | H | \psi(\theta) \rangle$$

$$H = A^\dagger (I - |b\rangle\langle b|) A$$

Parameter update

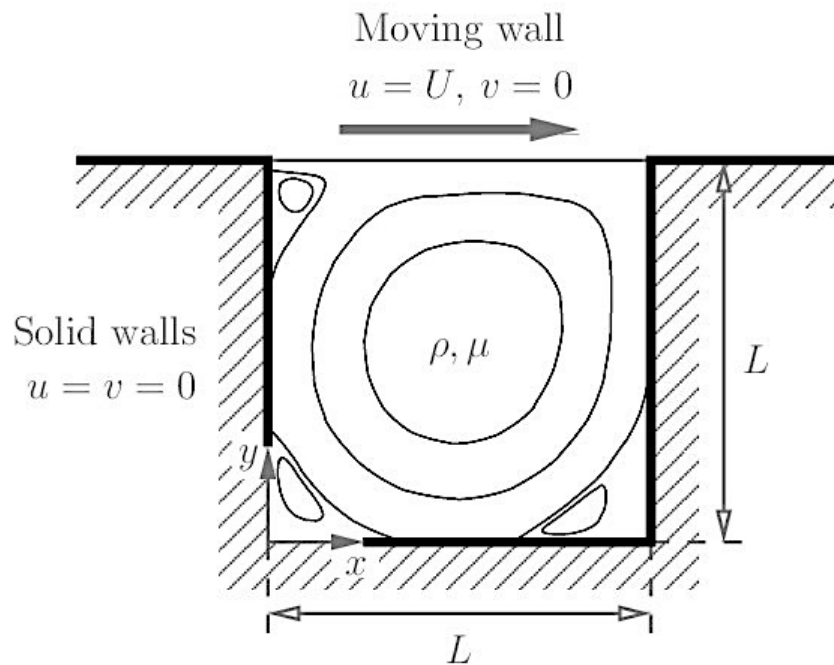
$$\theta_i \rightarrow \theta_{i+1}$$

Classical Optimizer

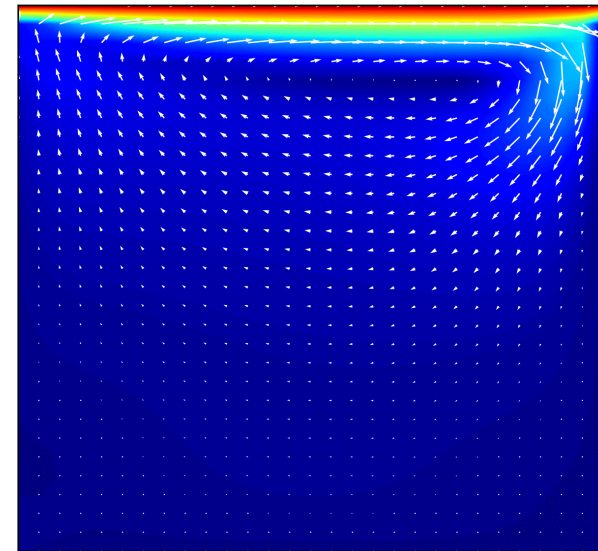




# Benchmark: 2D Lid-driven Cavity

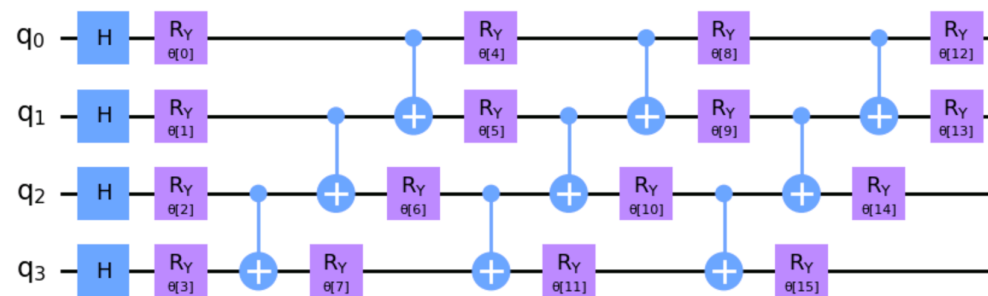


Classical simulation,  $Re = 400$



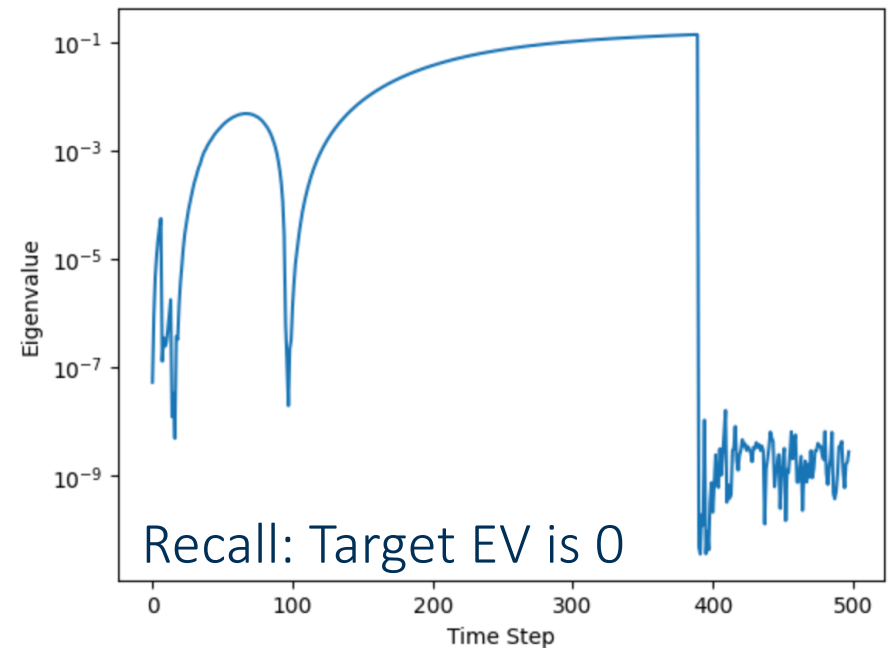
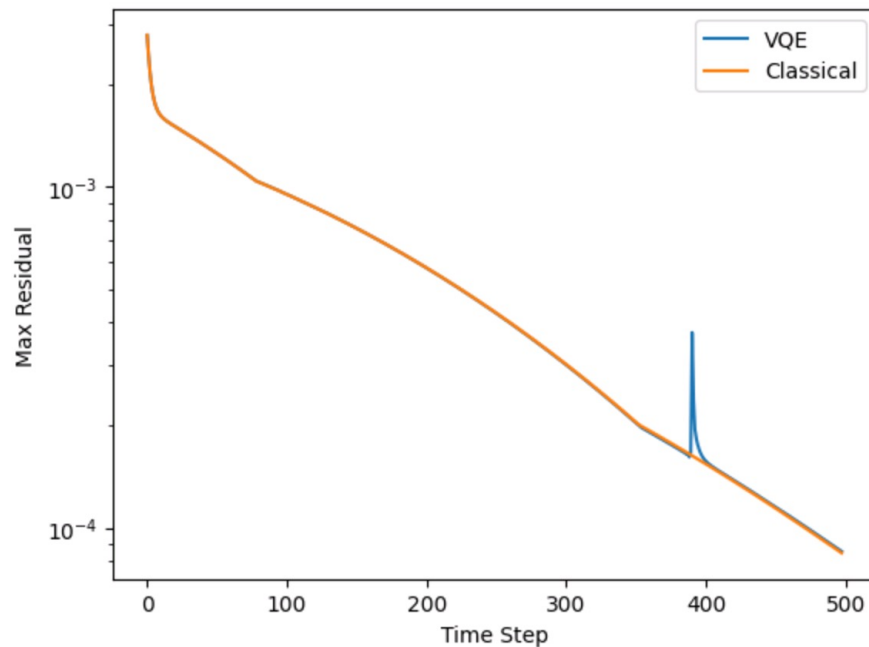
# Benchmark: 2D Lid-driven Cavity

- Small 2D test case:
  - Grid:  $16 \times 16 \rightarrow \text{\#qubits} = 2n = 4$
- VQE algorithm
  - Hardware efficient ansatz w/  $R_Y$  and CNOT gates, depth = 3



# Results: “Perfect” simulator

- Initial VQE parameters come from previous time step
- Converged solution tends to steady state

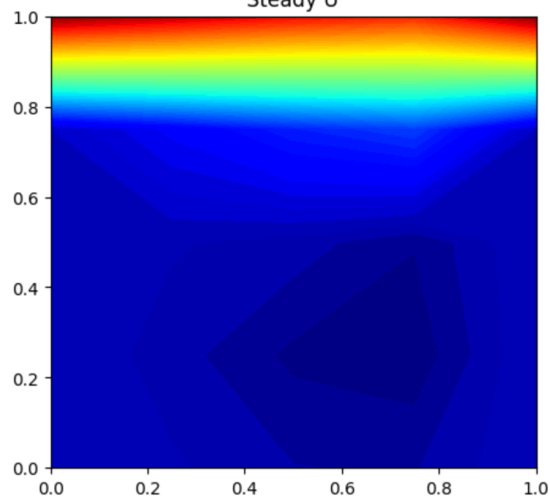


# Results: Solution viz.

Comparing quantum to classical solution (statevec. sim.)

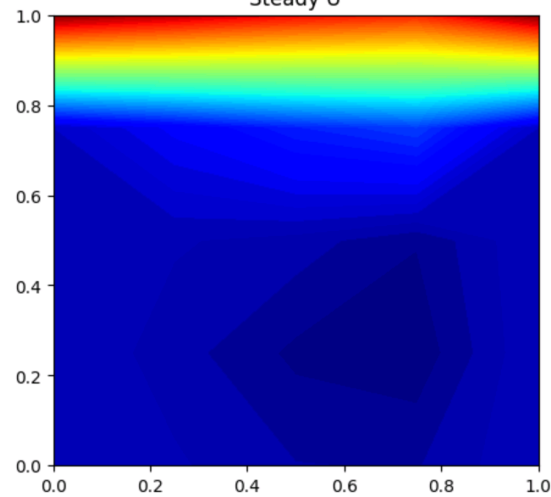
Classical

Steady U



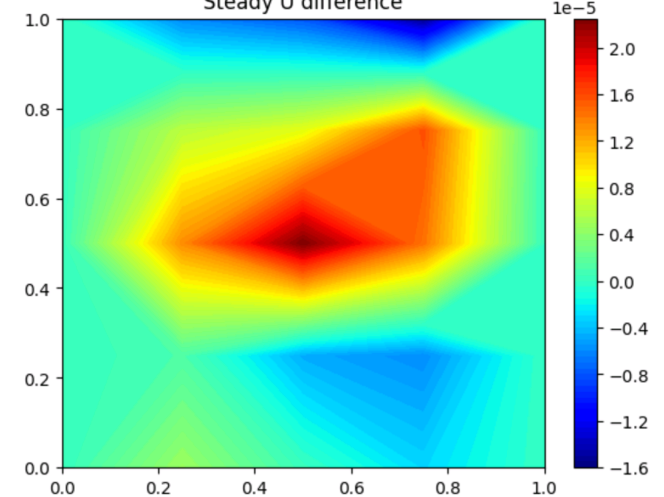
Quantum

Steady U



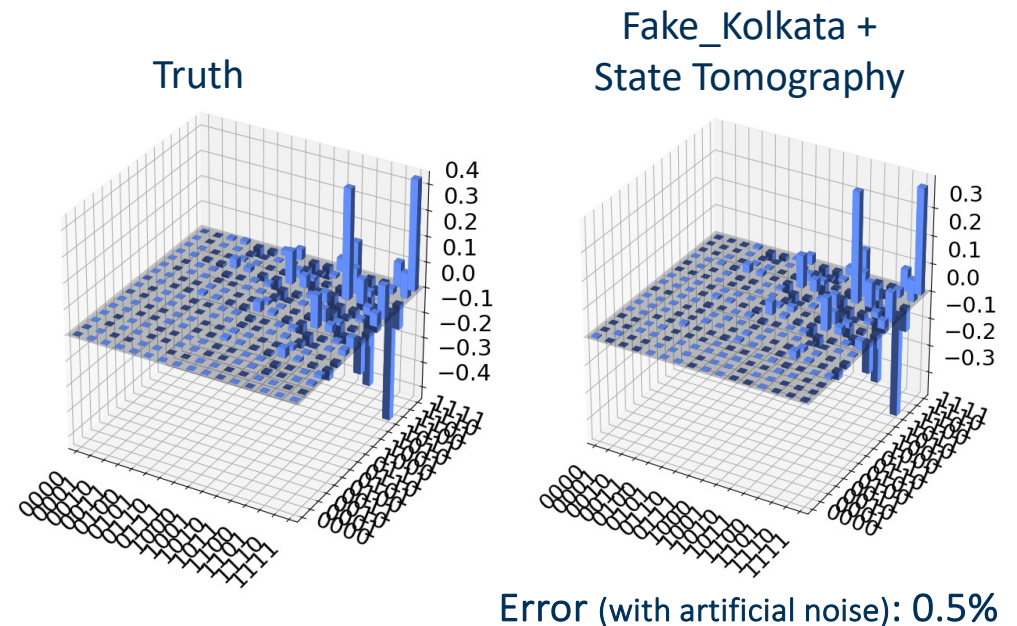
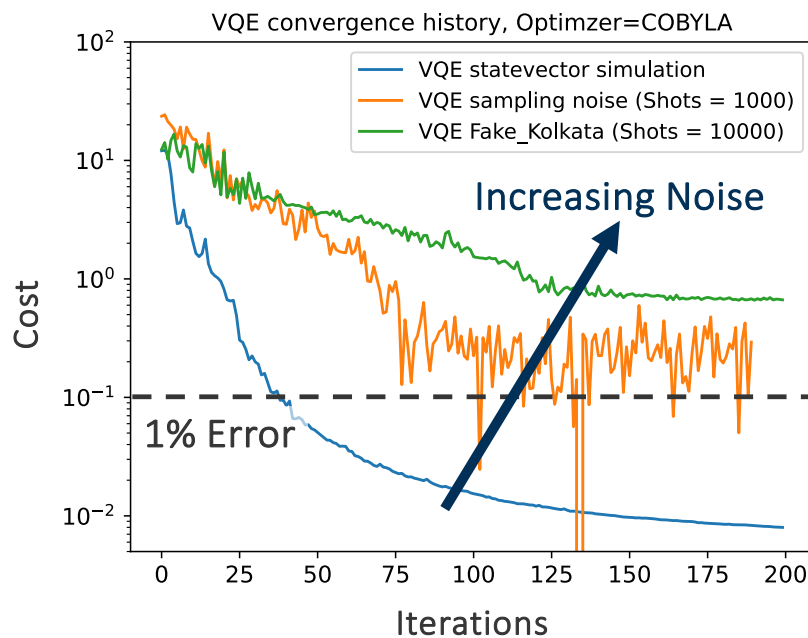
Difference

Steady U difference



# Results: Simulator + Artificial Noise

- Use VQE to solve pressure Poisson eq'n
- 4-qubit simulation, different noise levels



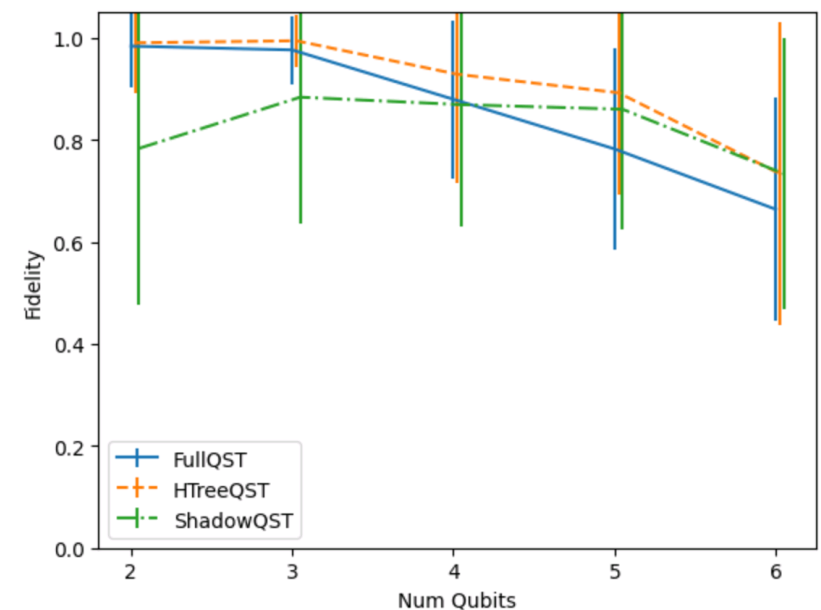
# Mind your Measurements: Tomography

Standard quantum tomography

- $3^N$  circuits characterize output
  - *Computational bottleneck*
  - This is a **complex** valued state
- CFD output is **real** valued

More efficient tomography technique

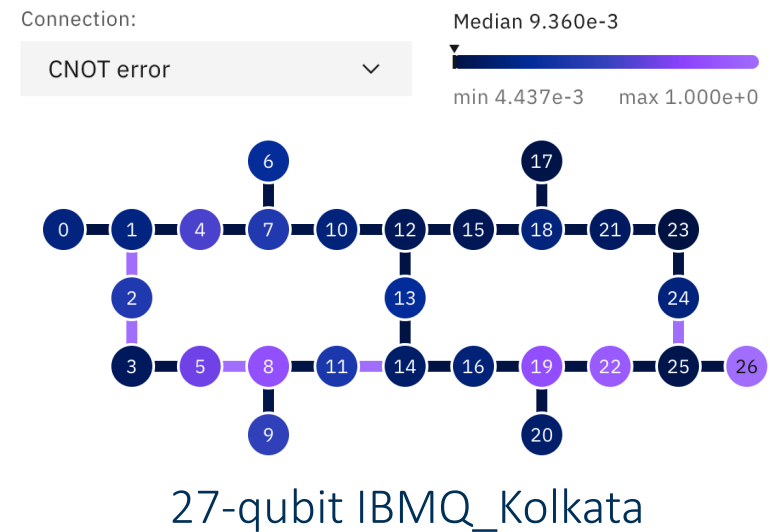
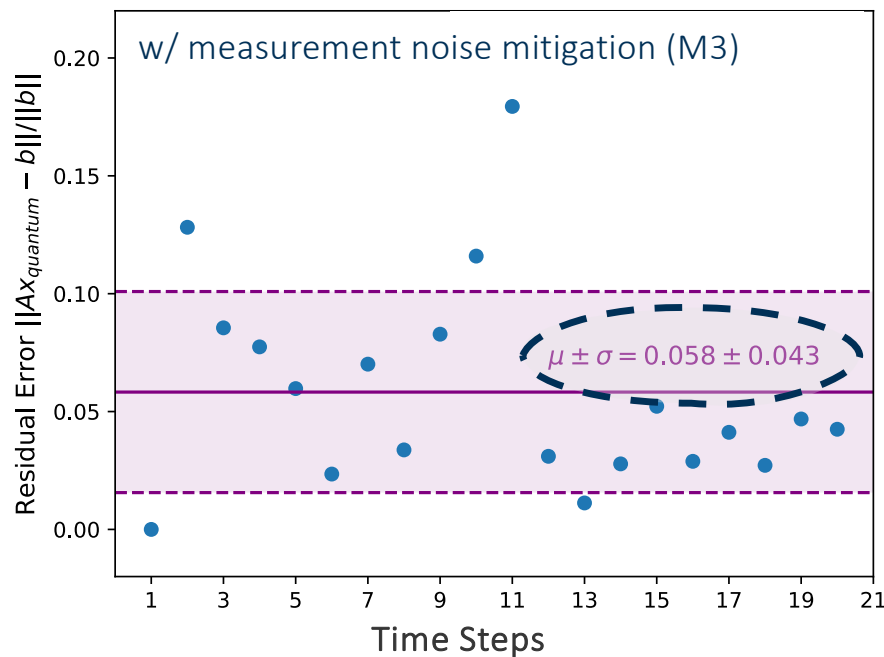
- Formulate **HTree**
- Requires  $N + 1$  circuits  
(<https://github.com/QuantumApplicationLab/vqls-prototype>)



Compare **Htree** to **standard** full state and **shadow** tomography

# Results: Quantum Hardware

- VQE solve on IBM quantum computer Kolkata
- With HTree, measurement cost and final errors small



# To come: Scaling!

- Current and upcoming quantum devices

Backend	# qubits	$T_1$ ( $\mu$ s)	$T_2$ ( $\mu$ s)	Error <sub>1q</sub>	Error <sub>2q</sub>	$t_{2q}$ (ns)	$t_{\text{mea}}$ (ns)
ibmq_kolkata	27	102.88	66.51	$2.55 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.89 \times 10^{-3}$	452	640
ibm_sherbrooke	127	257.56	167.28	$2.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.16 \times 10^{-3}$	533	1244
ibm_torino	133	167.79	132.44	$3.08 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.40 \times 10^{-3}$	124	1560

- Early results promising, low 2-qubit error `ibm_torino` critical



# Summary

Hybrid classical-quantum CFD solver

- Acceptable performance on current quantum computers
- State tomography could bottleneck hybrid schemes
- Novel HTree method makes our method practical

Next: 3D Navier–Stokes on 133+ qubit devices



IBM Quantum **Platform**

Thank You!



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