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# VARIATIONAL ALGORITHM

## Notebook Exercises

# Variational Quantum Algorithms



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## Useful resources

### Quantum chemistry with VQE and SQD:

- <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/learning/en/courses/utility-scale-quantum-computing/variational-quantum-algorithms>
- <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/learning/en/courses/quantum-chem-with-vqe>
- <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/learning/en/courses/quantum-diagonalization-algorithms/vqe>,
- <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/learning/en/courses/quantum-diagonalization-algorithms/sqd-overview>.

### Max-cut problems with QAOA and Utility-scale QAOA (100-Qubit) :

- <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/docs/en/tutorials/quantum-approximate-optimization-algorithm>
- <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/learning/en/courses/utility-scale-quantum-computing/variational-quantum-algorithms>, <https://quantum.cloud.ibm.com/learning/en/courses/quantum-computing-in-practice/utility-scale-qaoa>,
- <https://billtcheng2013.medium.com/from-hello-world-to-maxcut-solving-graph-problems-with-qiskit-3837191aa04c>

Access the GitHub link below to run the notebook:

<https://github.com/vbinvu68/Qiskit-fall-fest-25-at-Univ-Paris-Saclay/tree/main/Day1>

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES PART-1

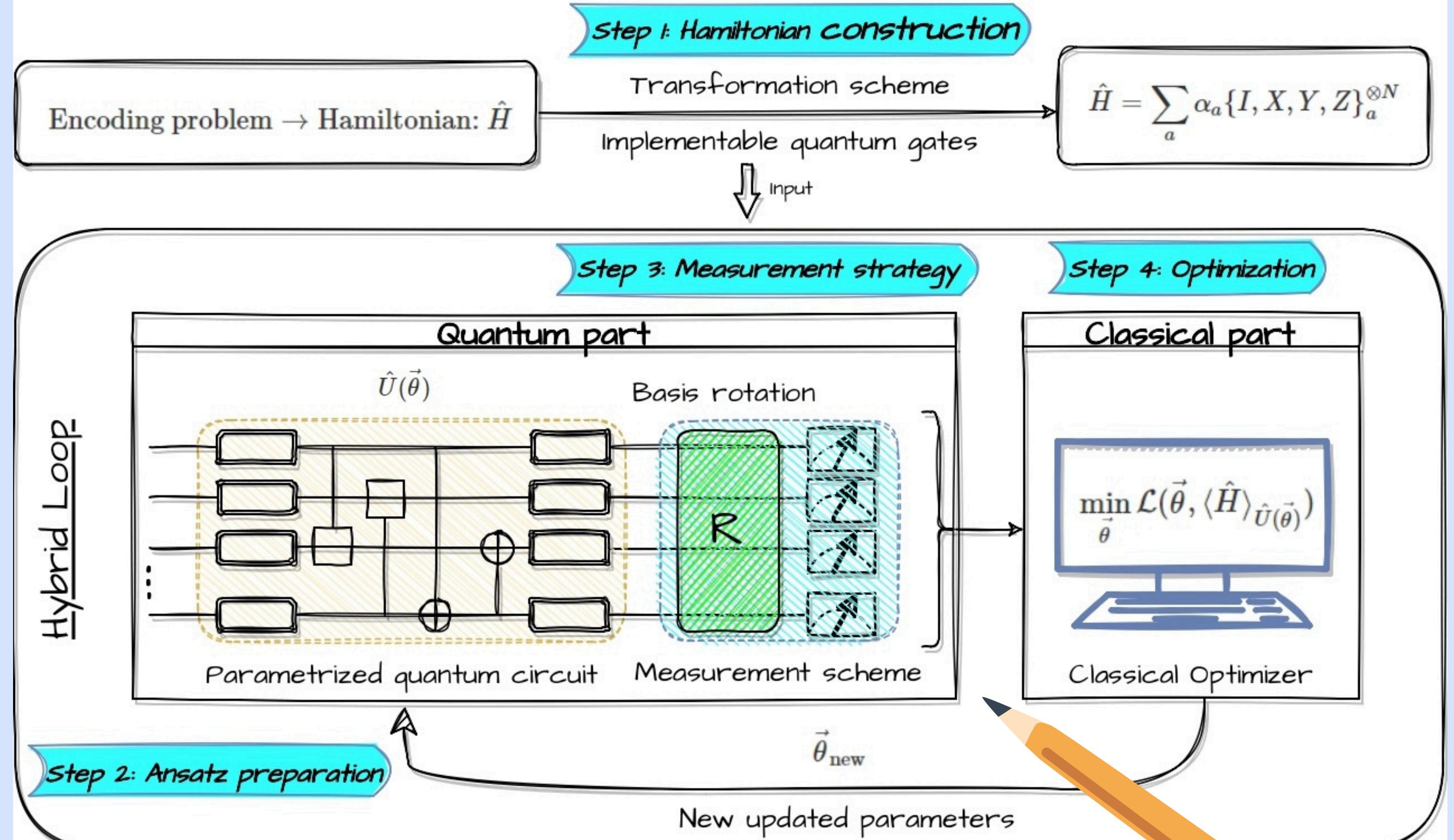
Learn how to use Qiskit packages to implement VQAs

Understand the vQA workflow

Get your hands on an optimization problem using QAOA technique



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## COMPUTING SIMPLE HAMILTONIAN USING VQE

Exercise 1: Build cost function for hybrid VQE loop

Exercise 2: Apply to other simple Hamiltonian

## MAXCUT PROBLEM

Exercise 3: Construct the Maxcut problem

Exercise 4: Maxcut as QUBO optimization problem

# EXERCISE VQAS

## FROM QUBO TO HAMILTONIAN

Exercise 5: Construct a variational form to QAOA ansatz

Exercise 6: Construct Hamiltonian based on QUBO optimization

## RUN QAOA ON QISKit

Exercise 7: Construct Cost function for QAOA optimization

## EXTRA EXERCISE

Exercise\*: Try different ansatz with different hyperparameters



# LEARNING OBJECTIVES PART-2

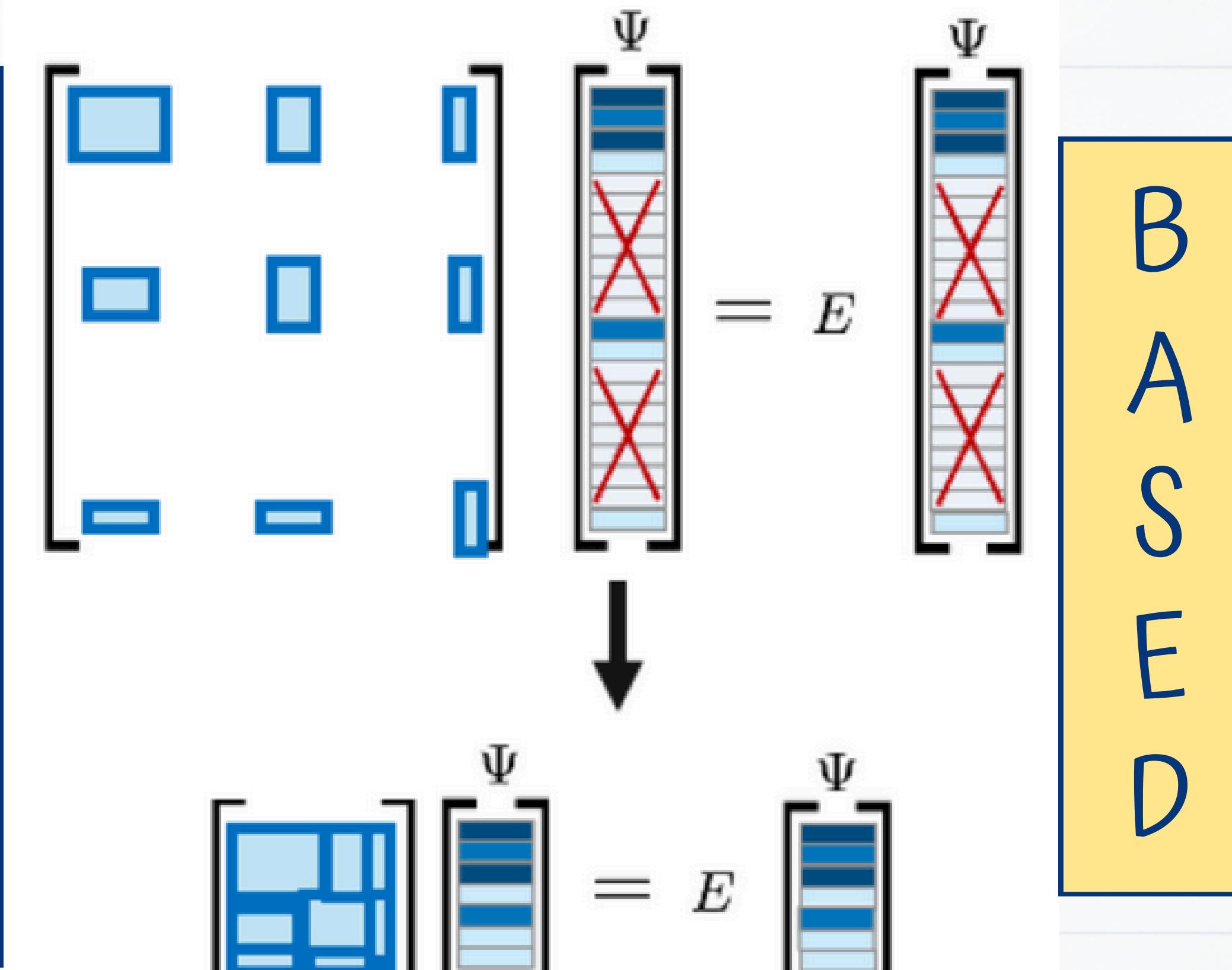
Learn how to use Qiskit packages to solve molecular problem

Understand the Sample-based Quantum Diagonalization (SQD) methods.

Analyze and compare how the choice of ansatz and initial parameters affects on SQD result.



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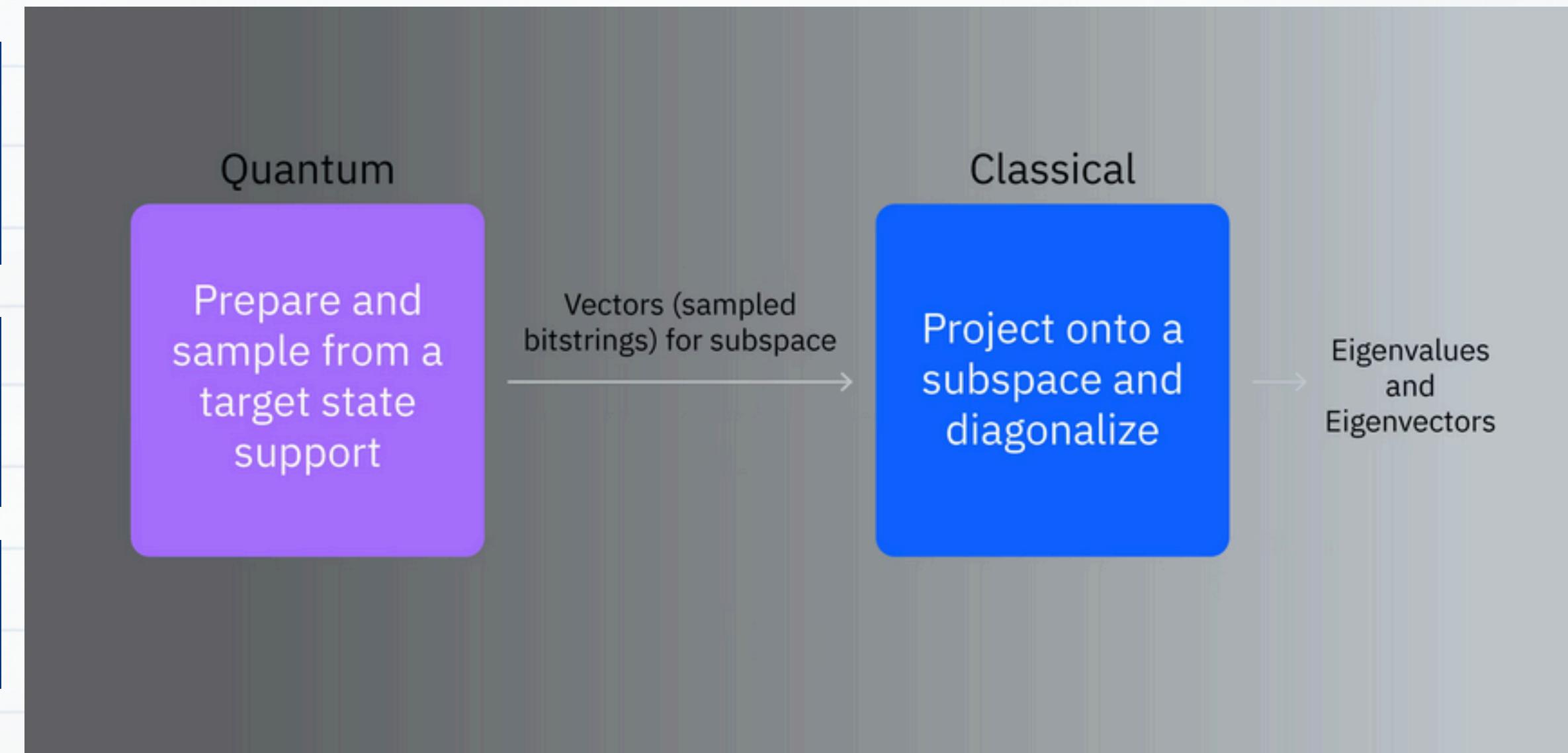
# SQD STEPS



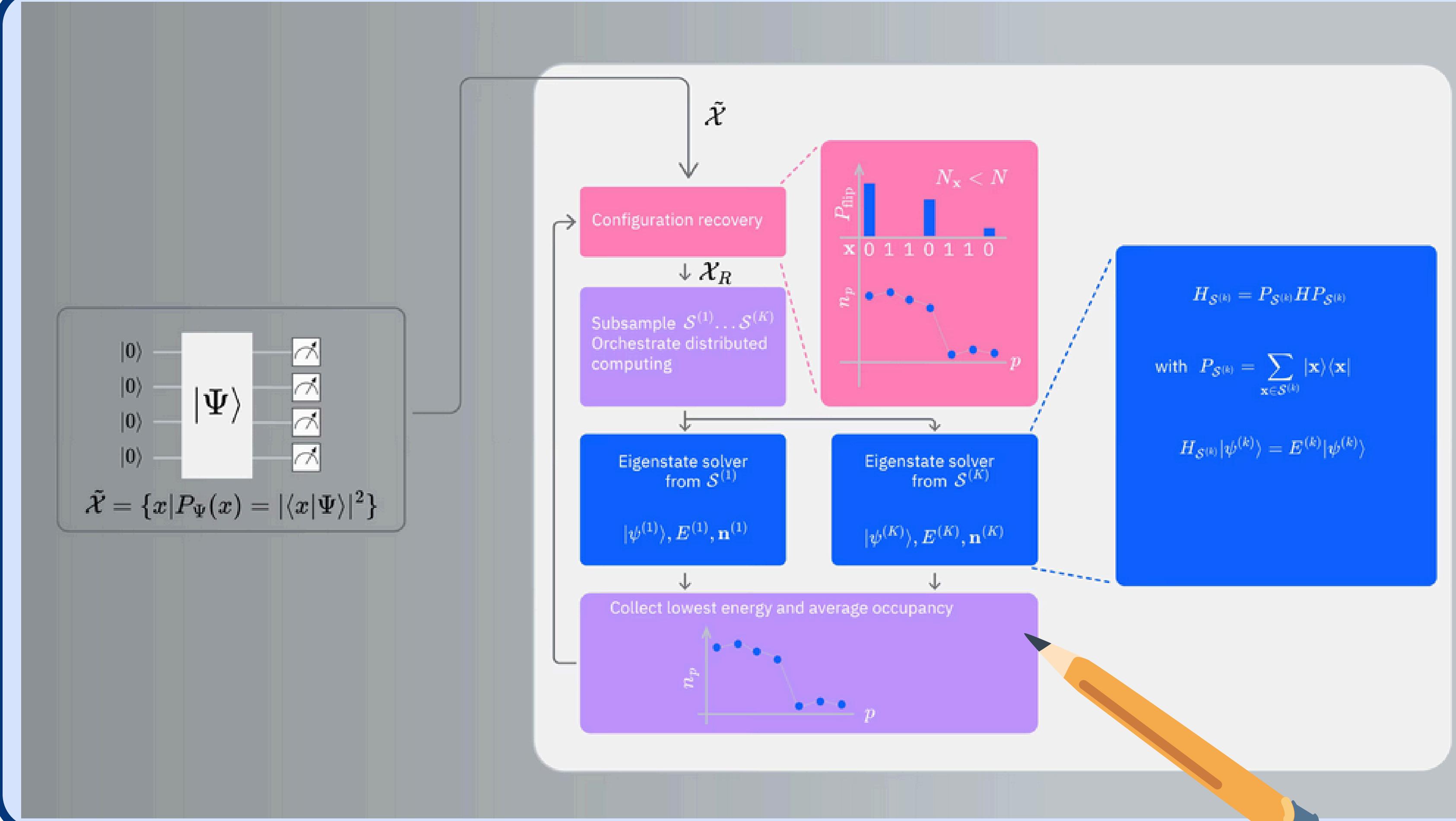
**Step 1: Initialize circuits and operators**

**Step 2: Sample configurations of subspace from the circuit**

**Step 3: Iterative post-process**



# PROCESSES



# EXCERCISE QUANTUM CHEMISTRY WITH SQD



Exercise 1: Identify the molecule configuration information using *PySCF*



Exercise 2: Convert molecule into qubit operator using *ffsim*



Exercise 3: Create a Hardware-Efficient Ansatz (*RealAmplitudes*) for SQD



Exercise 4: Initialize an Informed UCJ Ansatz



## EXTRA EXCERCISE

Exercise\*: Try to build the hybrid loop of SQD



Packages: *PySCF*, *ffsim*, *qiskit\_addon\_sqd*

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
AND STAY IN THE LOOP**

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