

Variational Quantum Algorithms

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Motivation

- ✓ Why quantum algorithms?
- ✓ Why VQAs? - NISQ Era



Motivation

Quantum Algorithms

Why quantum algorithms?

- Quantum computer can theoretically solve some problems much faster than classical computers.
- ✓ Shor's factoring algorithm
- ✓ Grover's search algorithm
- ✓ Physics and chemistry simulations





Motivation

Quantum Algorithms

Resources for Shor's factoring algorithm

- ✓ $\approx 5,000$ qubits to factor cryptographically significant numbers
(without error correction)
- ✓ $\approx 1,000,000$ qubits with error correction
- ✓ $\approx 100,000,000$ quantum gates



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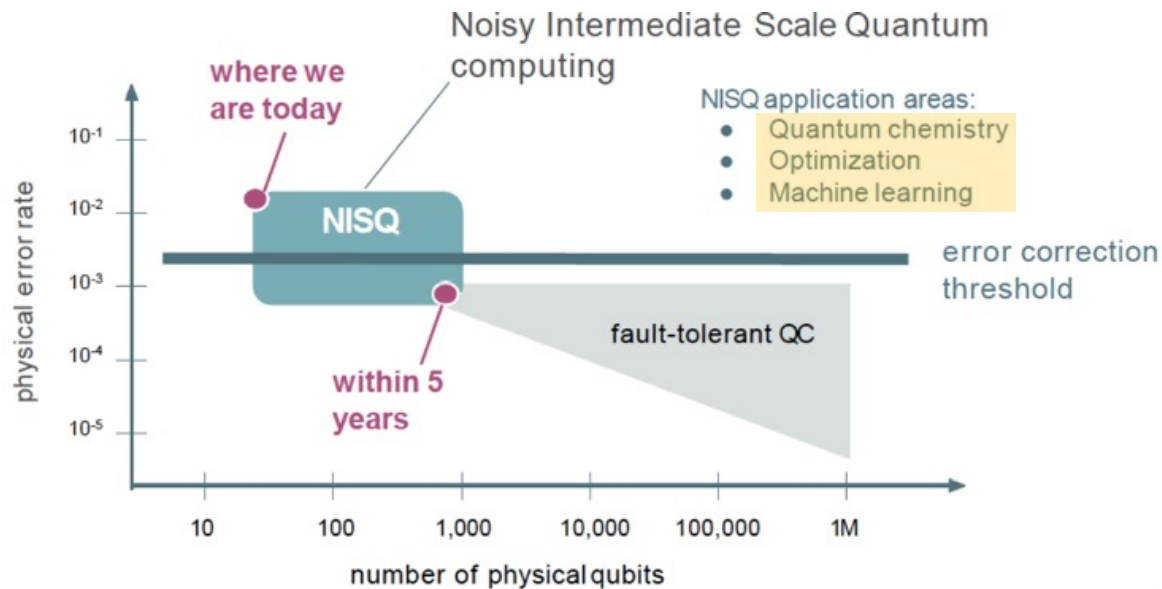
- ✓ Why quantum algorithms?
- ✓ **Why VQAs? - NISQ Era**



Motivation

NISQ Era

NISQ (Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum) Era



[J. Preskill, Quantum Computing in the NISQ era and beyond, Quantum 2, 79 (2018)]



Motivation

Near-Term Quantum Algorithms

Near-Term Quantum Algorithms

- ✓ Algorithms run on **small** quantum computers
- ✓ Algorithms solve useful problems
- ✓ **Low-depth**, Robust to errors
- ✓ Efficient use of qubits
 - It needs enough qubits to store the problem

For example, VQE (Variational Quantum Eigensolver) or

QAOA (Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm)



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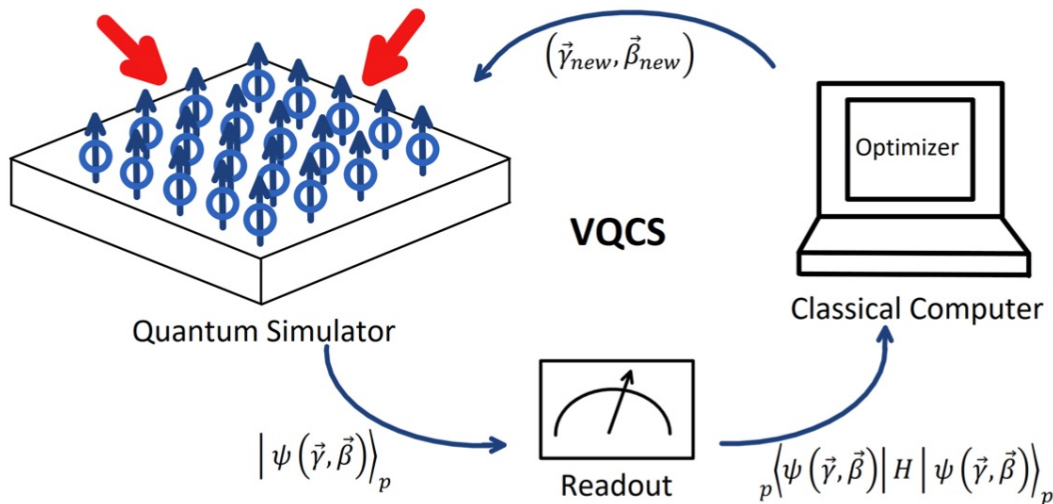
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- ✓ VQE and QAOA



Variational Quantum Algorithms

What is VQAs?

Variational Quantum-Classical Simulations

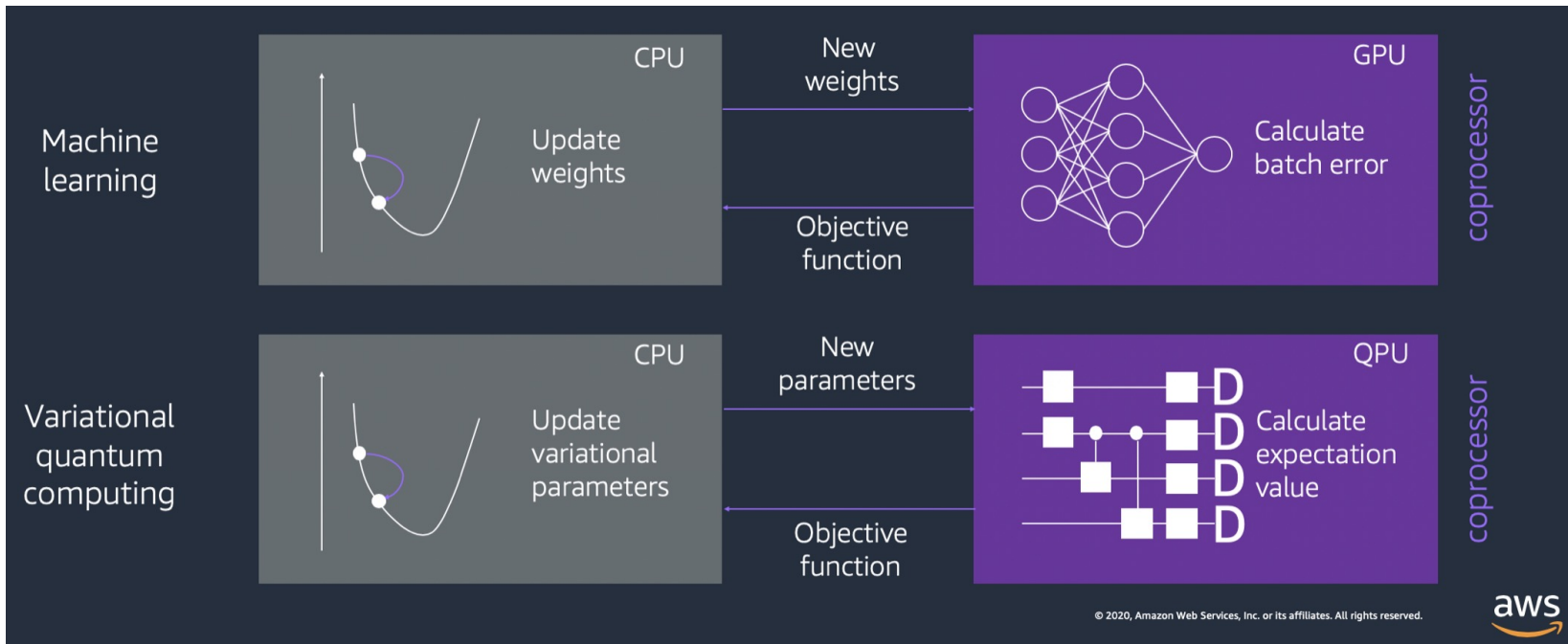




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Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

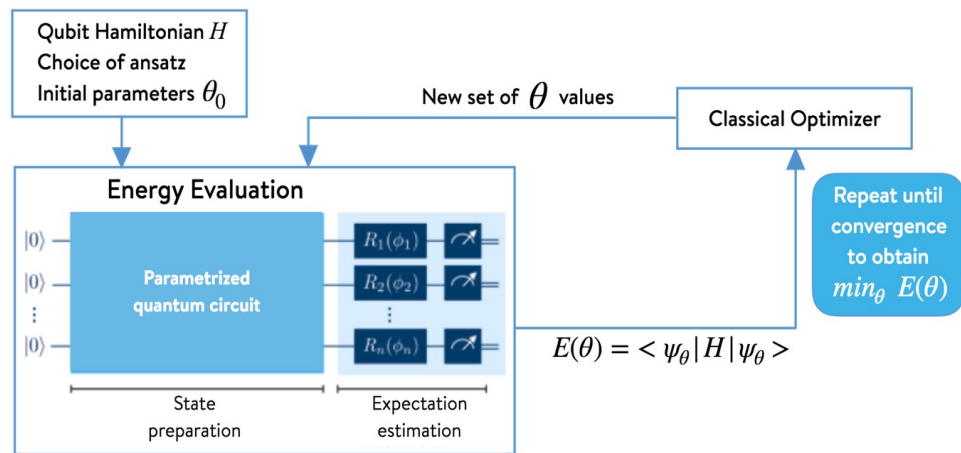
What is VQE?

- ✓ VQE is an approach to find the **ground state** of a quantum Hamiltonian H
- ✓ Based on the **variational principle** of quantum mechanics:

For all state $|\psi\rangle$,

$$\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \geq E_0$$

where E_0 is the ground energy of H



http://openqemist.1qbit.com/docs/_images/VQE_overview.png



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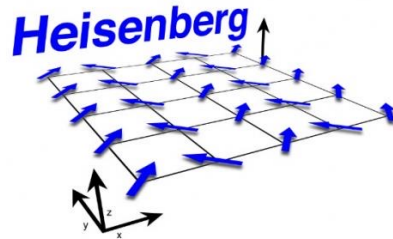
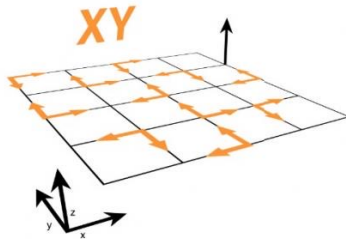
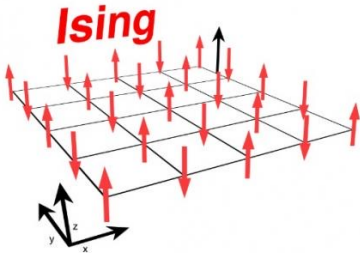
What is a good family of circuits to optimize over?

✓ *k*-local Hamiltonians: $H = \sum_i H_i$, and each H_i acts nontrivially on $\leq k$ qubits

Eg) Ising model : $H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} Z_i Z_j$,

where $Z_i \equiv I \otimes \dots \otimes \underset{\uparrow \text{i-th}}{Z} \otimes \dots \otimes I$ and $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Heisenberg model : $H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} X_i X_j + Y_i Y_j + Z_i Z_j$



Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

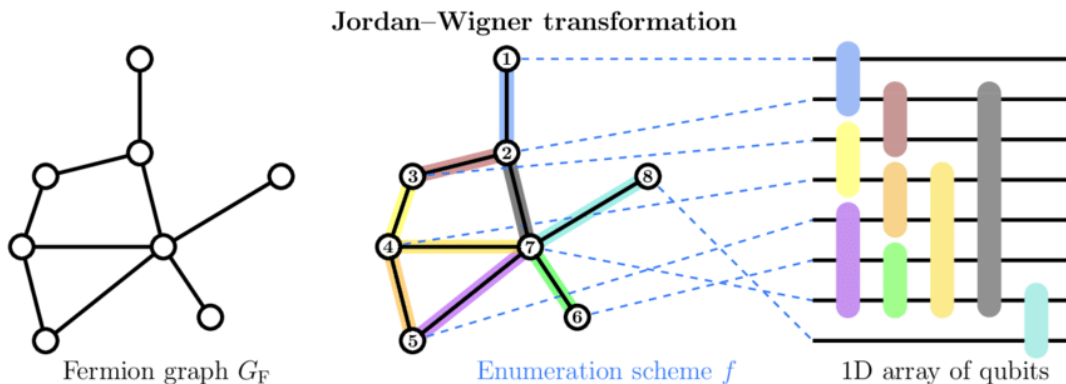
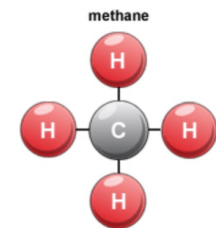
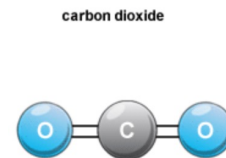
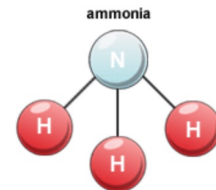
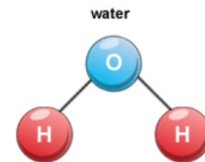
What is a good family of circuits to optimize over?

- ✓ Fermionic Hamiltonians (e.g. molecules):

$$H = \sum_{i,j} h_{ij} a_i^\dagger a_j + \sum_{i,j,k,l} h_{ijkl} a_i^\dagger a_j a_k^\dagger a_l$$

Here, a_i^\dagger and a_i are fermionic creation and annihilation operators.

$$a_i^\dagger \mapsto Z_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes Z_{i-1} \otimes |1\rangle\langle 0| \quad a_i \mapsto Z_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes Z_{i-1} \otimes |0\rangle\langle 1|$$





Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

Some variational ansätze – targeted at quantum simulation

✓ **Hamiltonian Variational** ansatz:

- Assume that: we want to find the ground state of $H = \sum_i H_i$

we can write $H = H_A + H_B$

↑ **easy to prepare** the ground state of H_A

- Then: prepare the ground state of H_A

For each of L layers l , implement $\prod_k e^{it_{lk}H_k}$ for some times $t_{lk} \in \mathbb{R}$

- Intuition comes from the **quantum adiabatic theorem**:

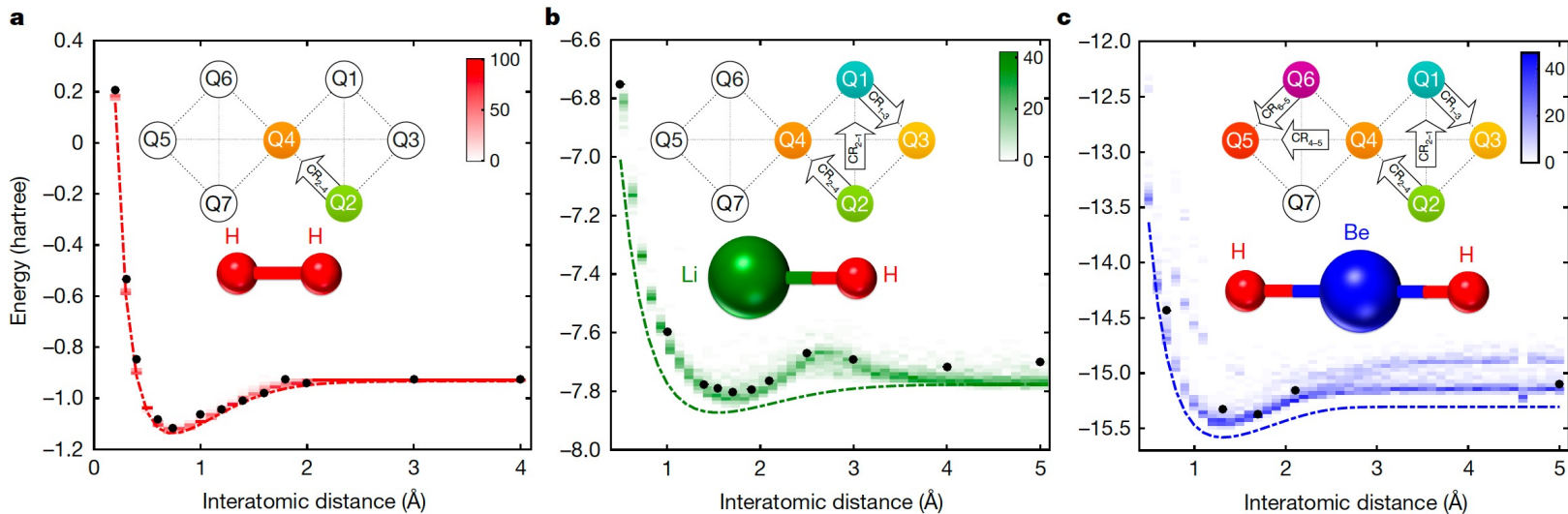
As $L \rightarrow \infty$, this ansatz provably can represent the ground state of H .



Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

Applications of VQE

✓ Application to Quantum Chemistry



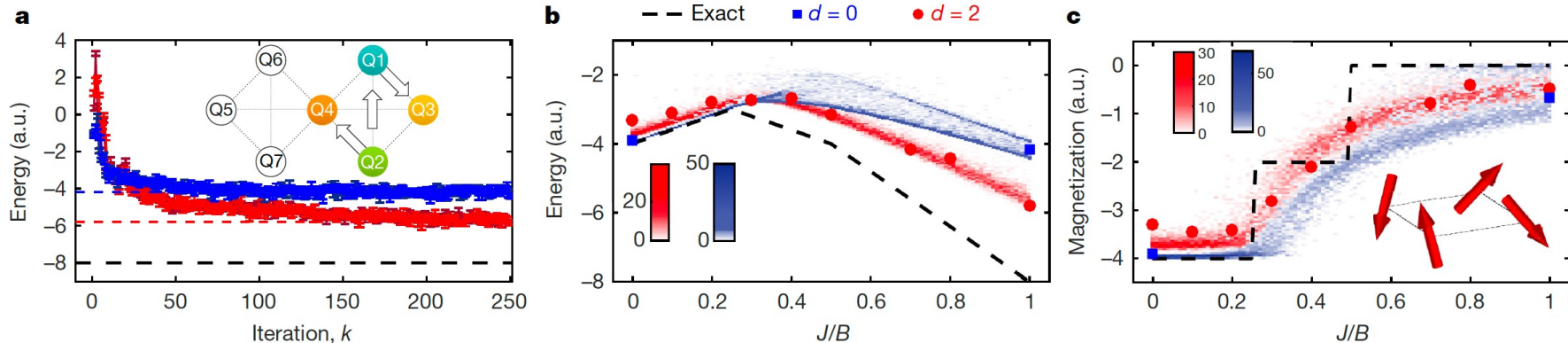
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Variational Quantum Algorithms

- ✓ What is VQAs?
- ✓ VQE and **QAOA**



Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

What is QAOA?

QAOA

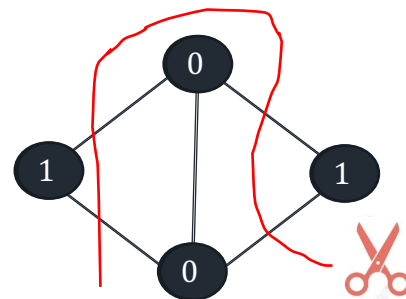
- ✓ QAOA was introduced by Farhi *et al.* (2014)
- ✓ Apply VQE framework to solve classical optimization problem by setting

$$H = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} C(x) |x\rangle\langle x|$$

where $C(x)$ is a cost function.

- ✓ The ground state of H = the lowest-cost x

MAX-CUT Problem



Cut = 4



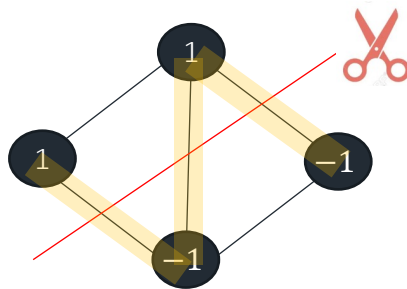
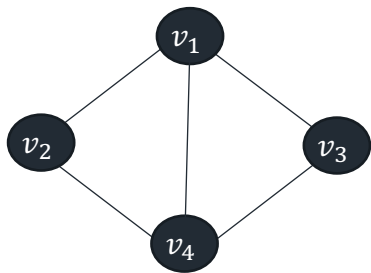
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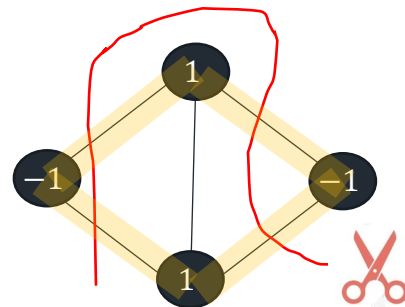
MAX-CUT Problem

✓ Formulated as an optimization problem : for $z = (z_1, \dots, z_N)$, $z_i \in \{-1, 1\} \forall i$

$$\max_z C(z) = \max \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} (1 - z_i z_j)$$



$$C(s) = \frac{1}{2} (2 + 2 + 2) = 3$$



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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

QAOA for MAX-CUT Problem

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- ✓ MAX-CUT Hamiltonian:

$$H_C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} (1 - Z_i Z_j)$$

- ✓ Note that $Z_i \equiv I \otimes \dots \otimes \underset{\uparrow \text{i-th}}{Z} \otimes \dots \otimes I$ and $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

- ✓ $H_C |x\rangle = C(x) |x\rangle \quad \forall x \in \{0,1\}^N$

- ✓ $\max_x C(x) = \max_x \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} (1 - (-1)^{x_i} (-1)^{x_j}) = \max_z C(z)$



Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

What is QAOA?

Level p-QAOA

1. Initialize the quantum processor in $|+\rangle^{\otimes N}$
2. Generate a variational wavefunction

$$|\psi_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta})\rangle = e^{-i\beta_p H_B} e^{-i\gamma_p H_C} \dots e^{-i\beta_1 H_B} e^{-i\gamma_1 H_C} |+\rangle^{\otimes N}$$
 by applying the **problem Hamiltonian H_C** and a mixing Hamiltonian $H_B = \sum_{j=1}^N X_j$

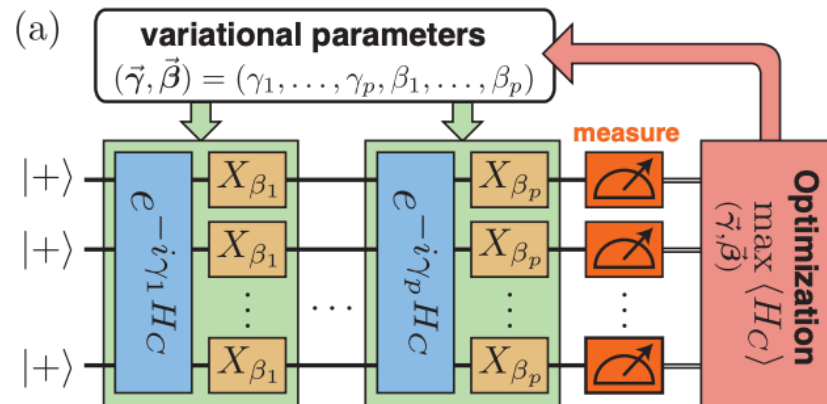
3. Determine the expectation value

$$F_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}) = \langle \psi_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}) | H_C | \psi_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}) \rangle$$

4. Search for the optimal parameters

$$(\vec{\gamma}^*, \vec{\beta}^*) = \arg \max_{\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta}} F_p(\vec{\gamma}, \vec{\beta})$$

by a classical computer



[L. Zhou et al., Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm: Performance, Mechanism, and Implementation on Near-Term Devices, Phys. Rev. X 10, 021067, 2020]

Approximation ratio $r = \frac{F_p(\vec{\gamma}^*, \vec{\beta}^*)}{C_{\max}}$



Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

Why should we imagine that QAOA works ?

- Intuition comes from the **quantum adiabatic theorem**:

We start in the ground state of $H_A = \sum_j X_j$ and want to find the ground state of

$$H_B = H_C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in E} (1 - Z_i Z_j)$$

- If we smoothly change $H_A \rightarrow H_B$ slowly enough, we remain in the ground state.
- If we take **large enough p** , QAOA can find the ground state of H_C .
- QAOA essentially encompasses [Grover's search algorithm](#).

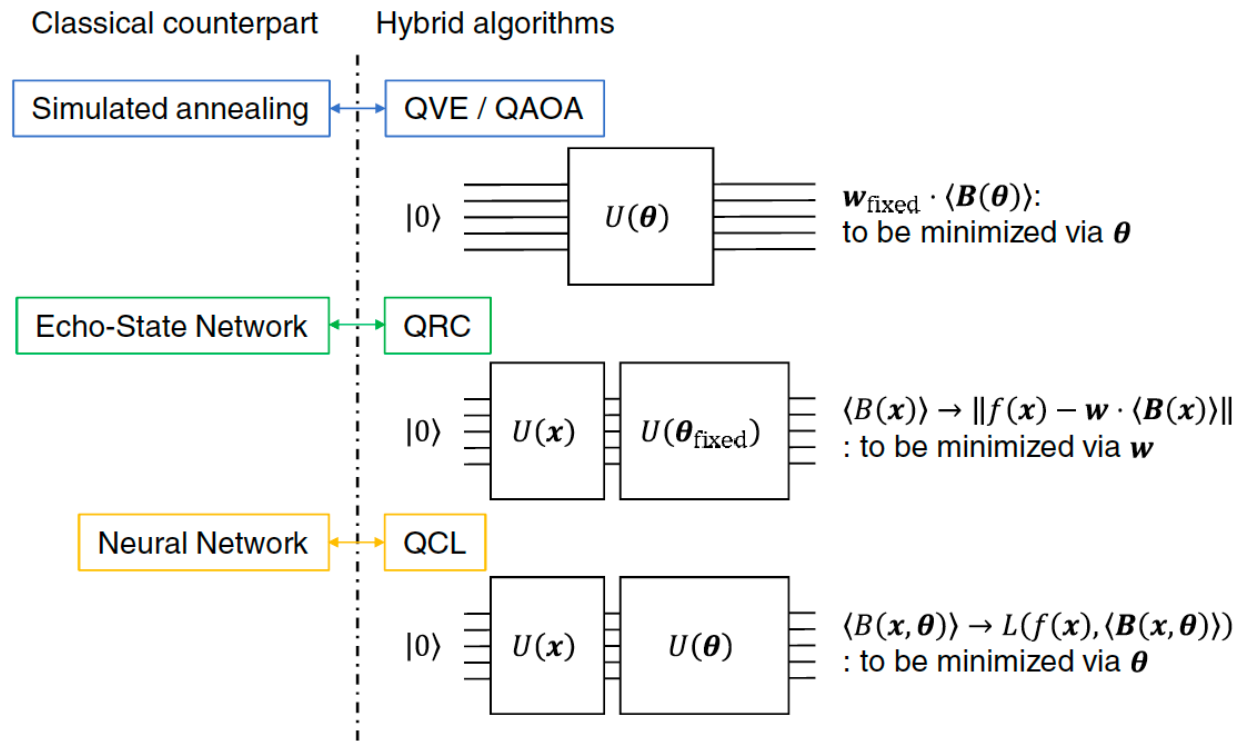


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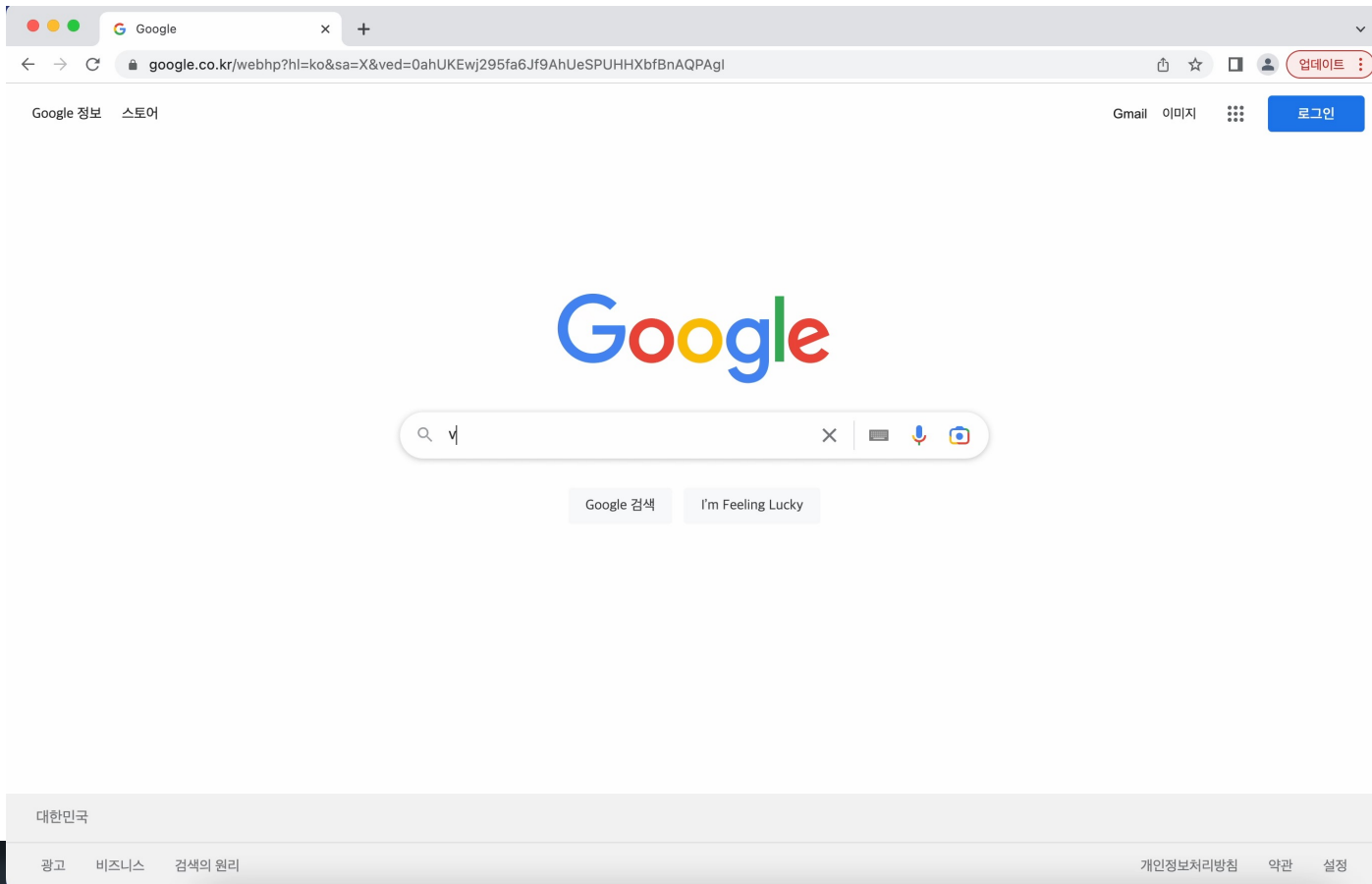


VQAs and QML

Quantum Circuit Learning



VQAs and QML





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