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A Hybrid Computing Ecosystem for Practical Quantum Advantage

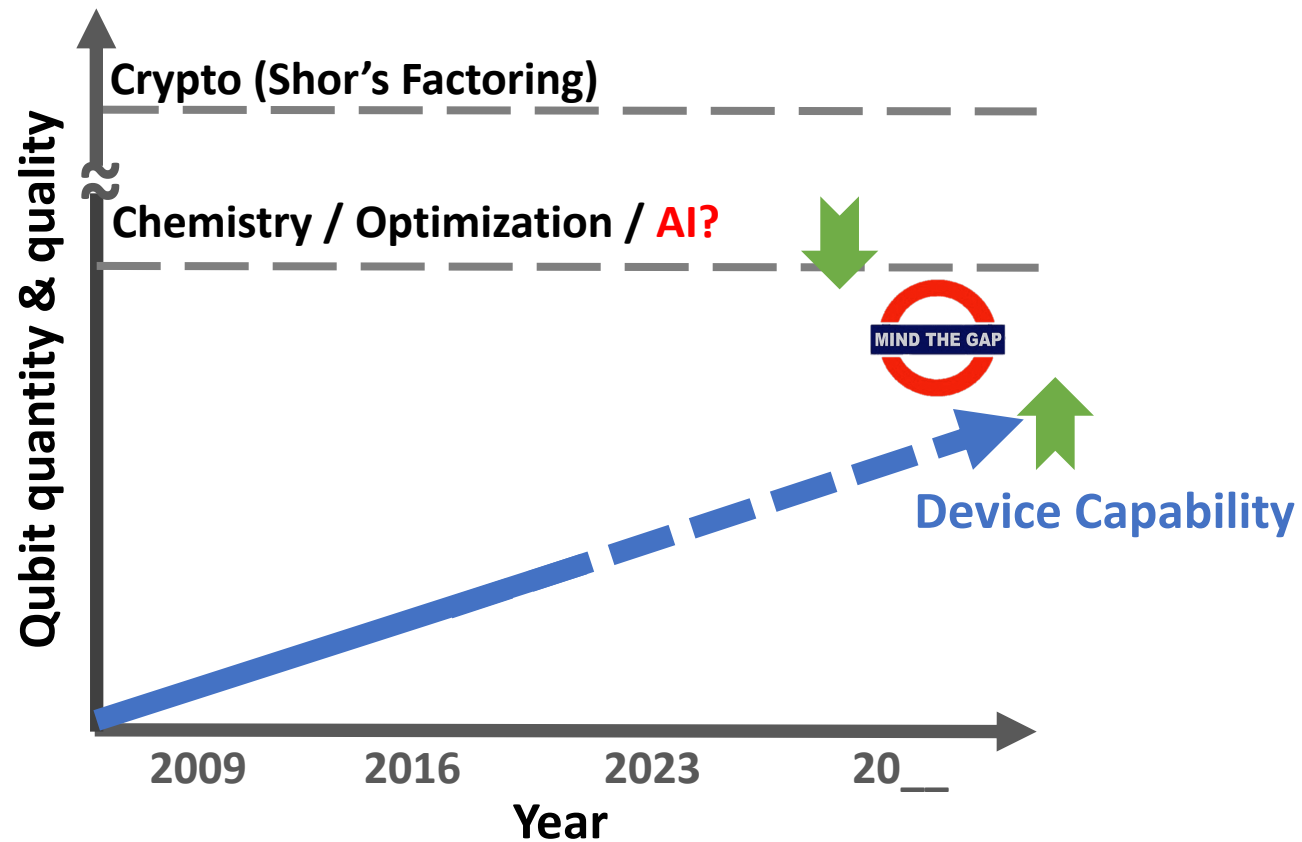
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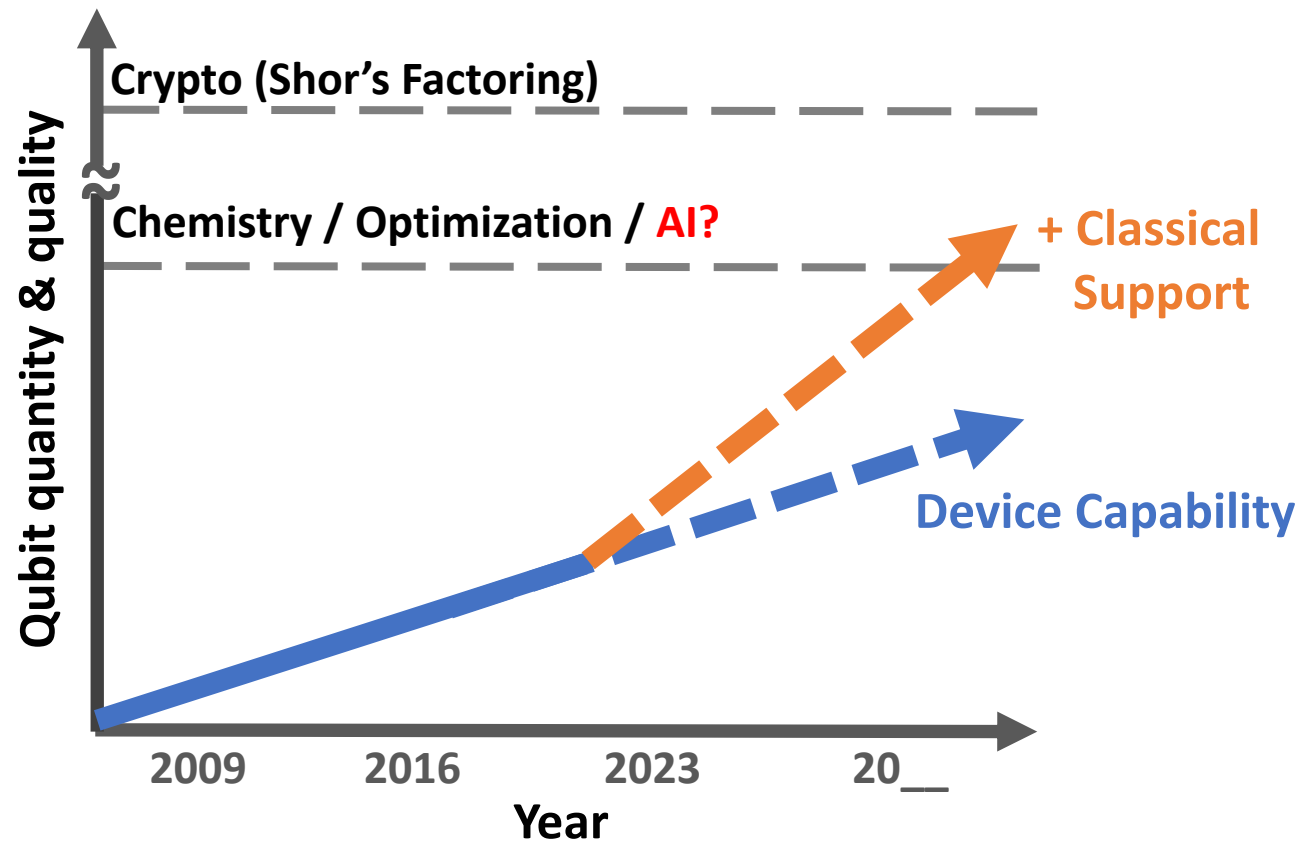
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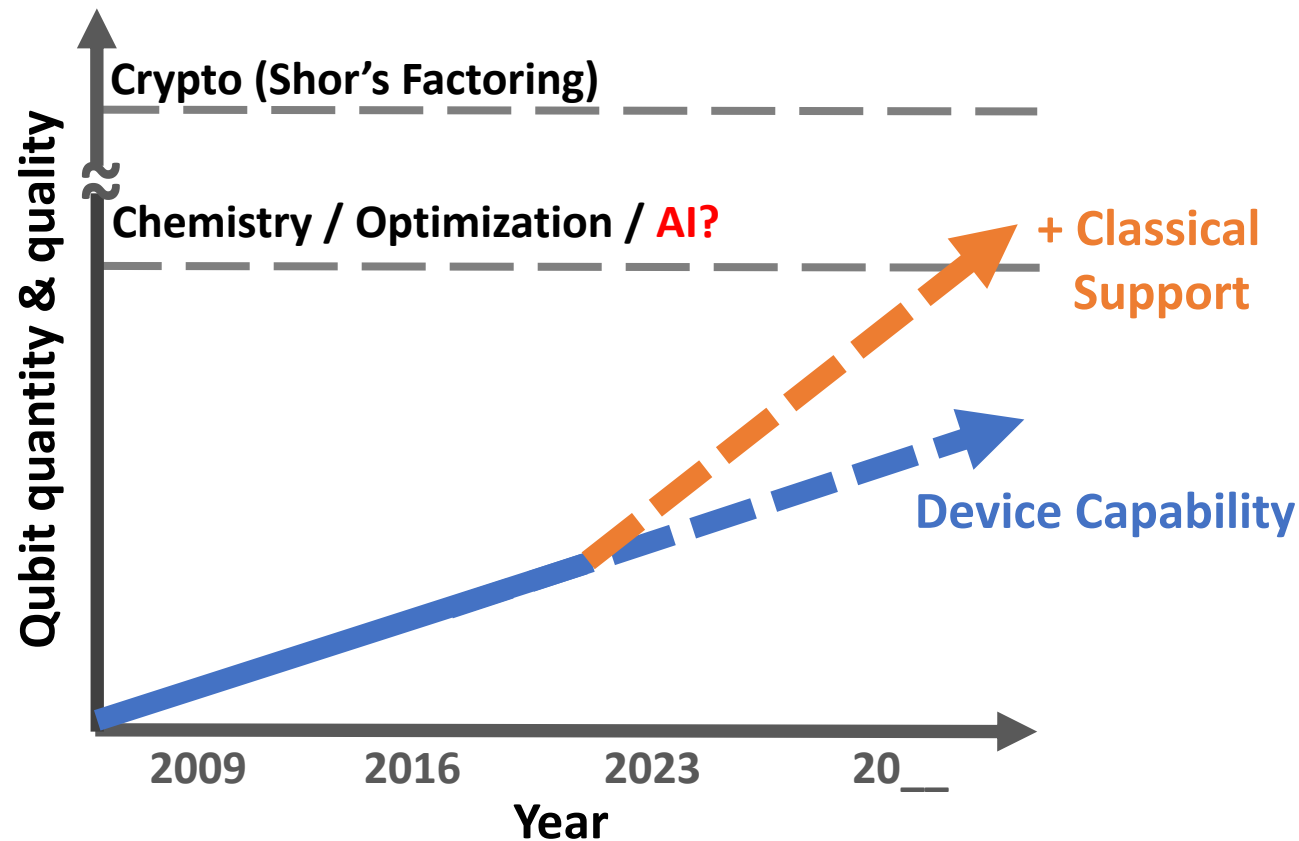
Wide gap between application requirements and technology capability



Bridging the gap: Hybrid quantum-classical computing approaches



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1. PL, compilation, computer architecture
2. High performance computing
3. Classical (e.g. cryogenic) hardware design
4. Scalable classical simulation
5. Multi-chip / distributed computing
6. Resource management
7. ML-driven noise mitigation / optimization
8. Secure quantum systems

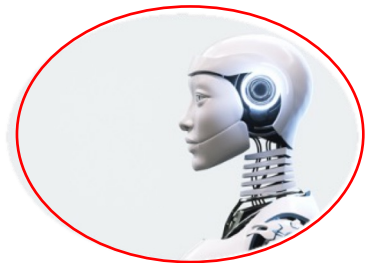
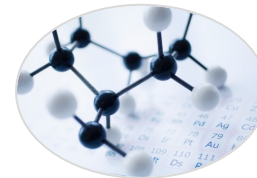
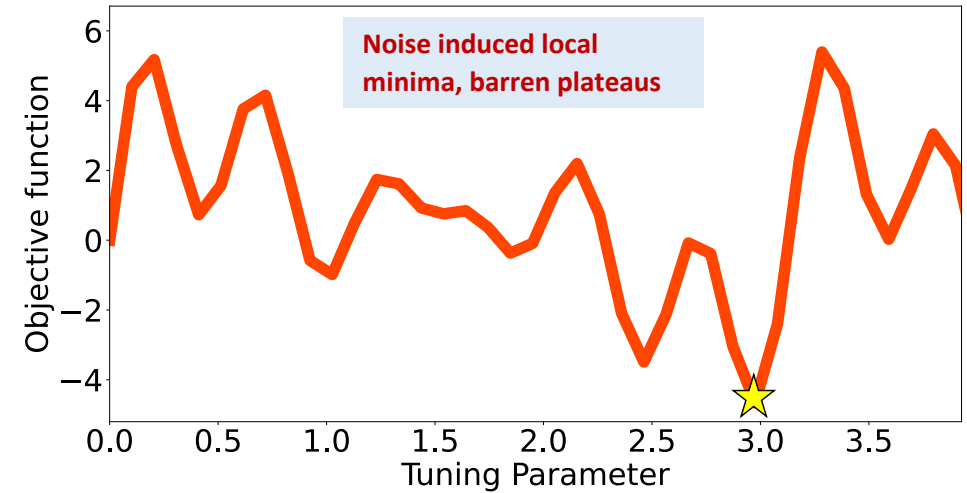
Any novel pre-processing, post-processing, co-processing, especially those with potential scalability challenges.

CAFQA: A Classical Simulation Bootstrap for Variational Quantum Algorithms

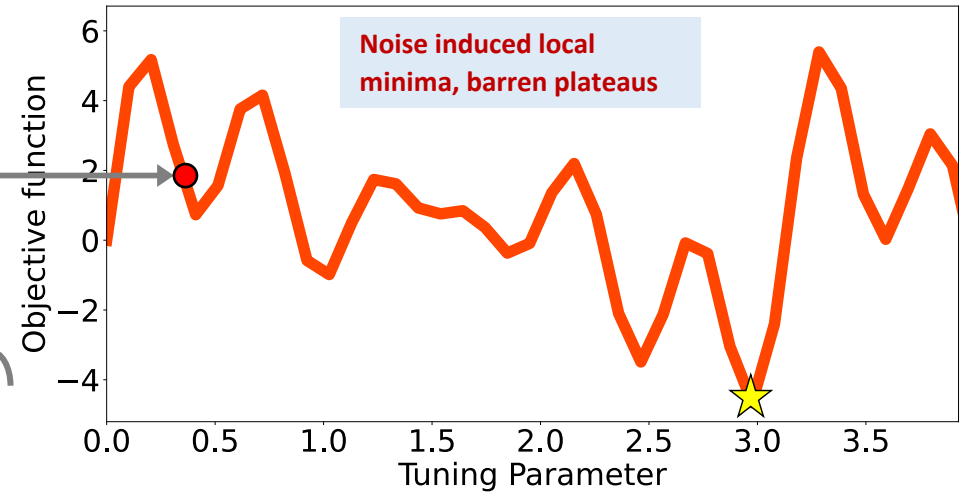
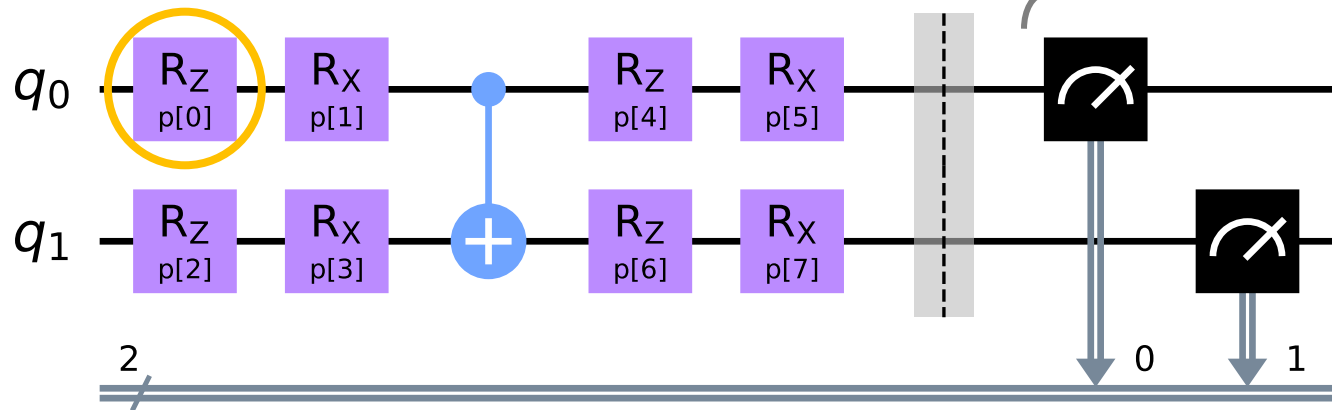
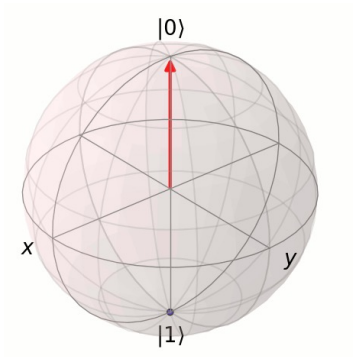
[Gokul Ravi](#), Pranav Gokhale, Yi Ding, William Kirby, Kaitlin Smith, Jonathan Baker, Peter Love, Hank Hoffmann, Kenneth Brown, Frederic Chong. **ASPLOS 2023 + ICCAD Drug Discovery Innovation Award 2023**

[arXiv:2202.12924](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.12924)

How VQA works

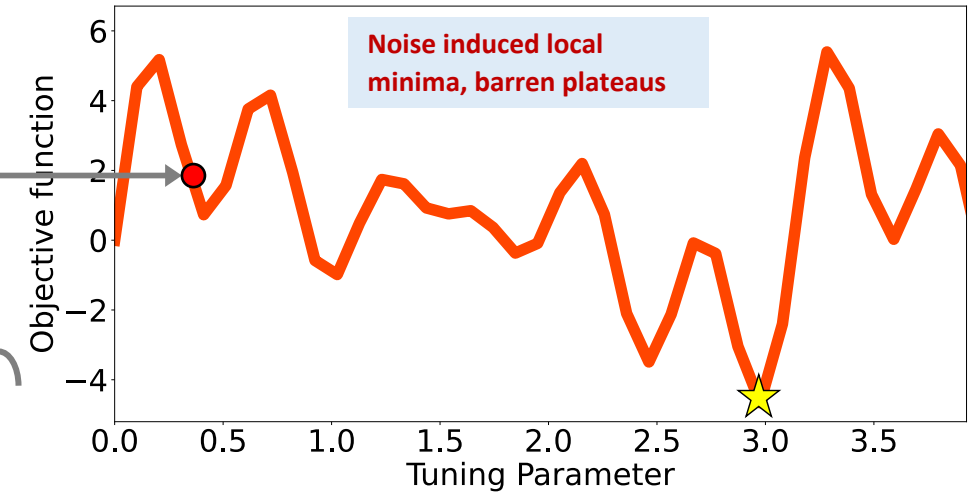
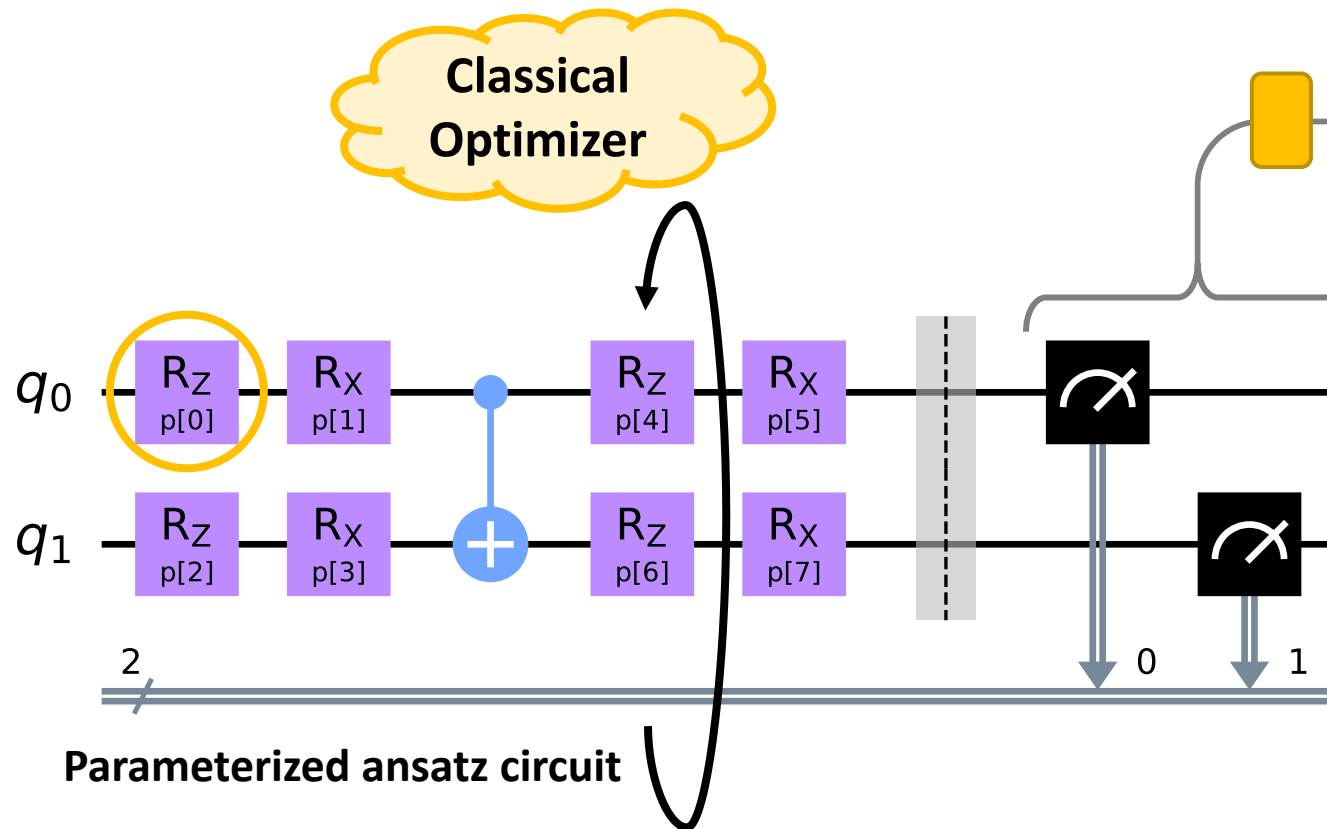


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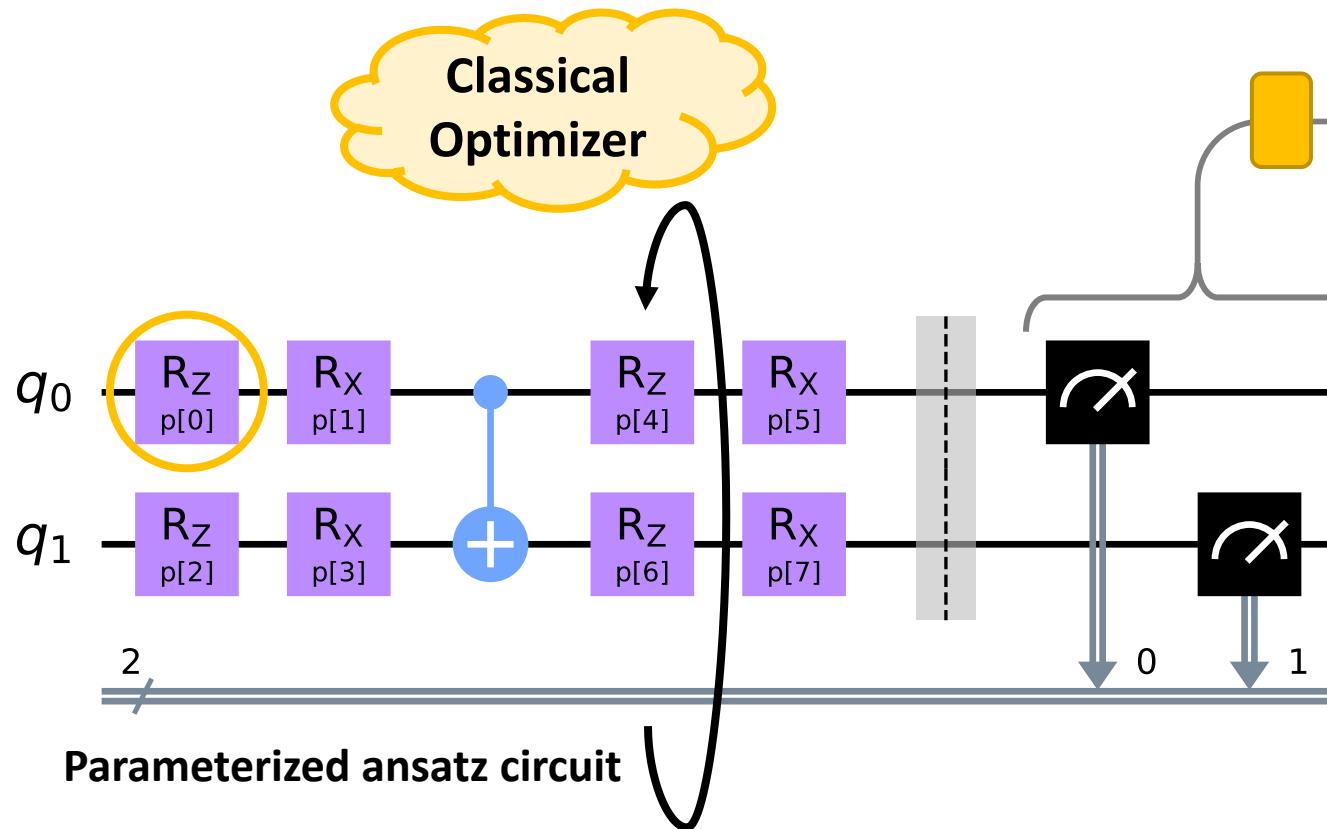


Parameterized ansatz circuit

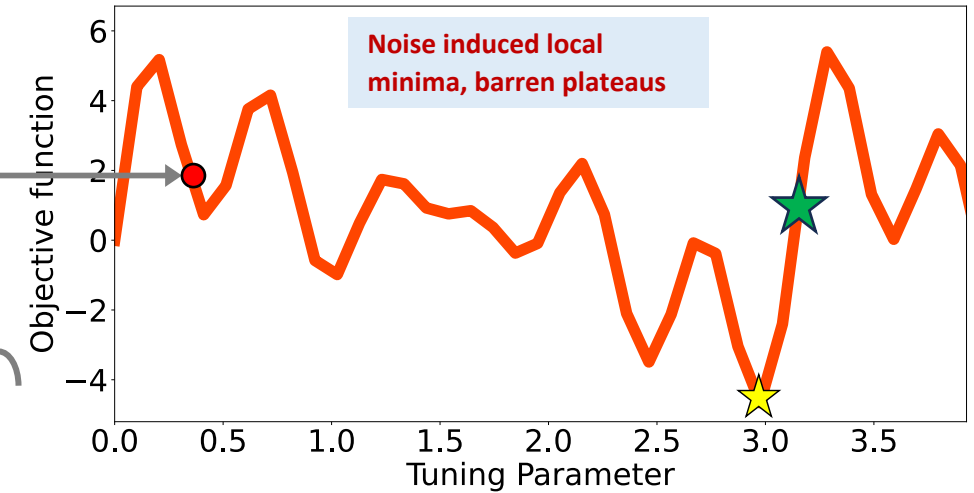
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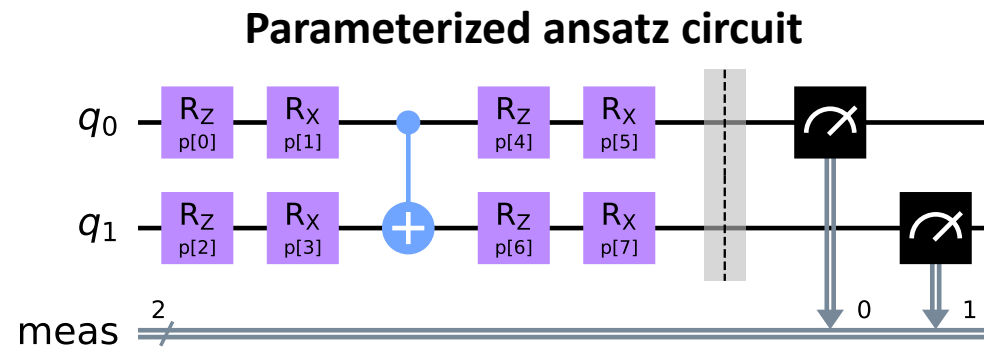
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Good classical initialization helps! - CAFQA

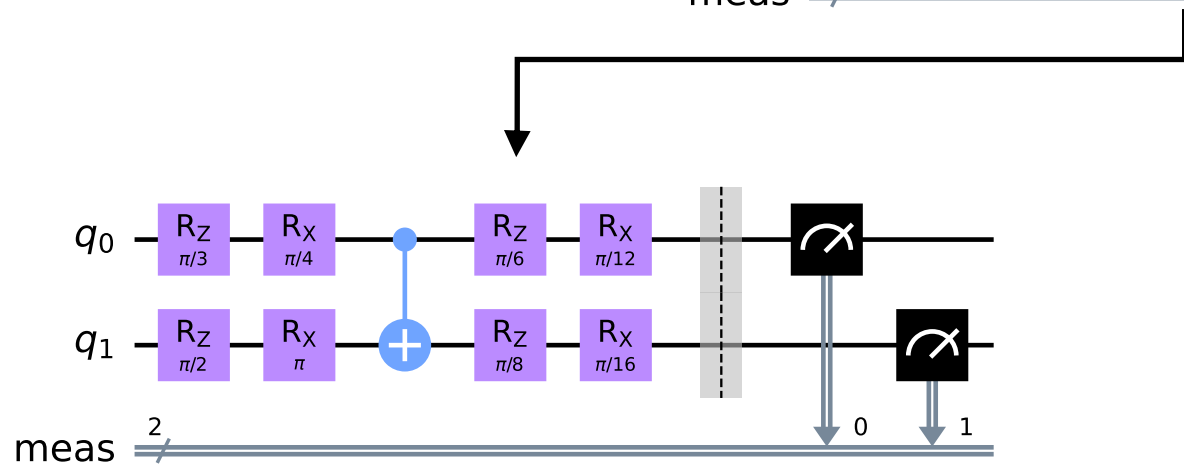
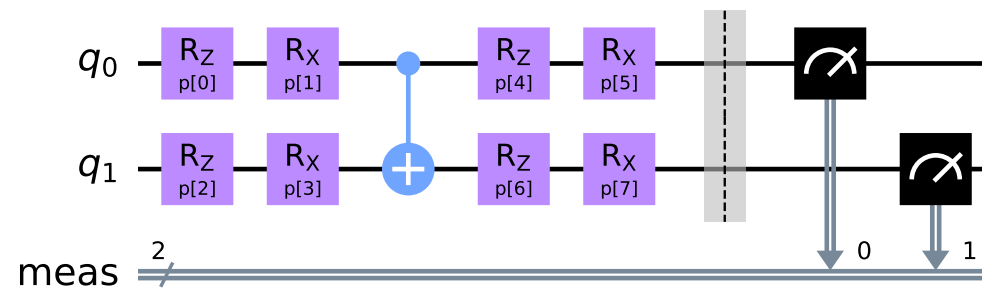


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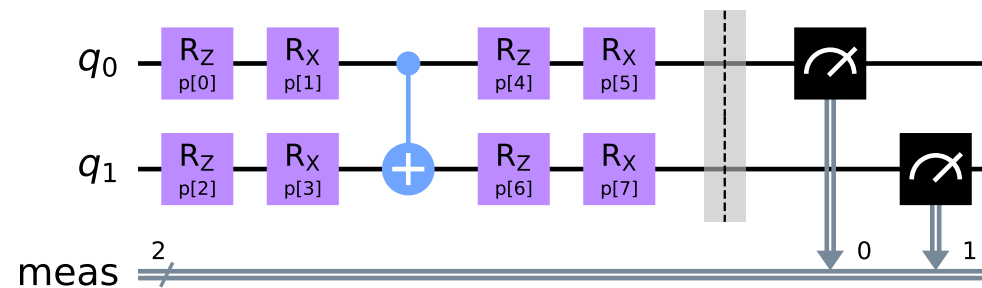
A classically intractable general circuit

Continuous angles = $[0, 2 * \pi]$

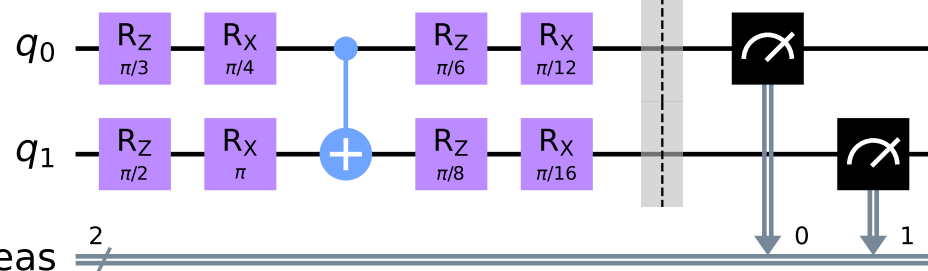
Classical simulability of Clifford quantum circuits

Gottesman–Knill theorem [‘98] - A QC circuit can be classically simulated efficiently if: (a) it has only Clifford gates, (b) classical qubit prep and measurement.

Parameterized ansatz circuit



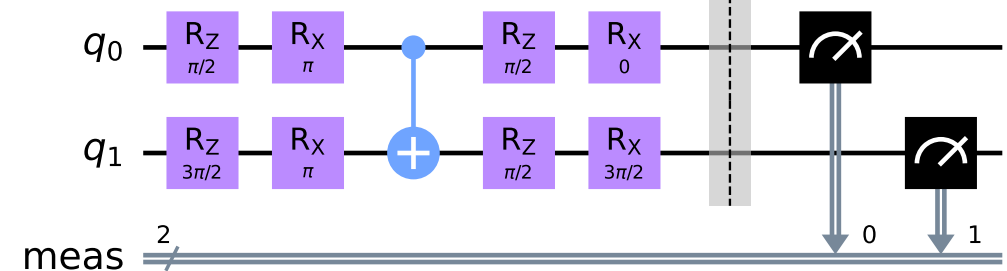
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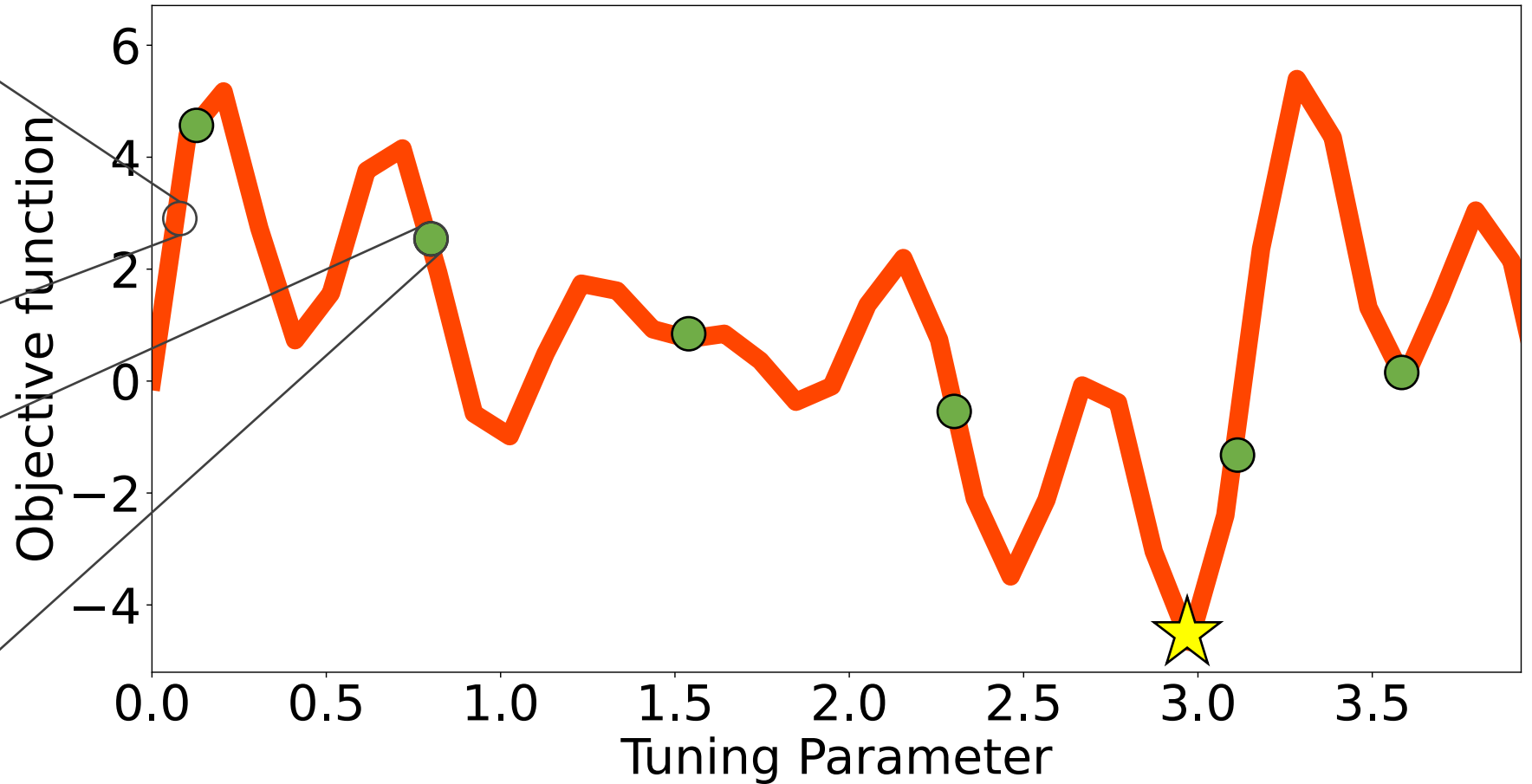
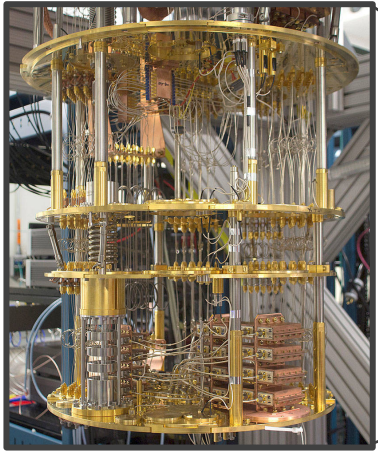
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A classically simulable Clifford circuit

Discrete angles = $\{0, \pi/2, \pi, 3 * \pi/2\}$

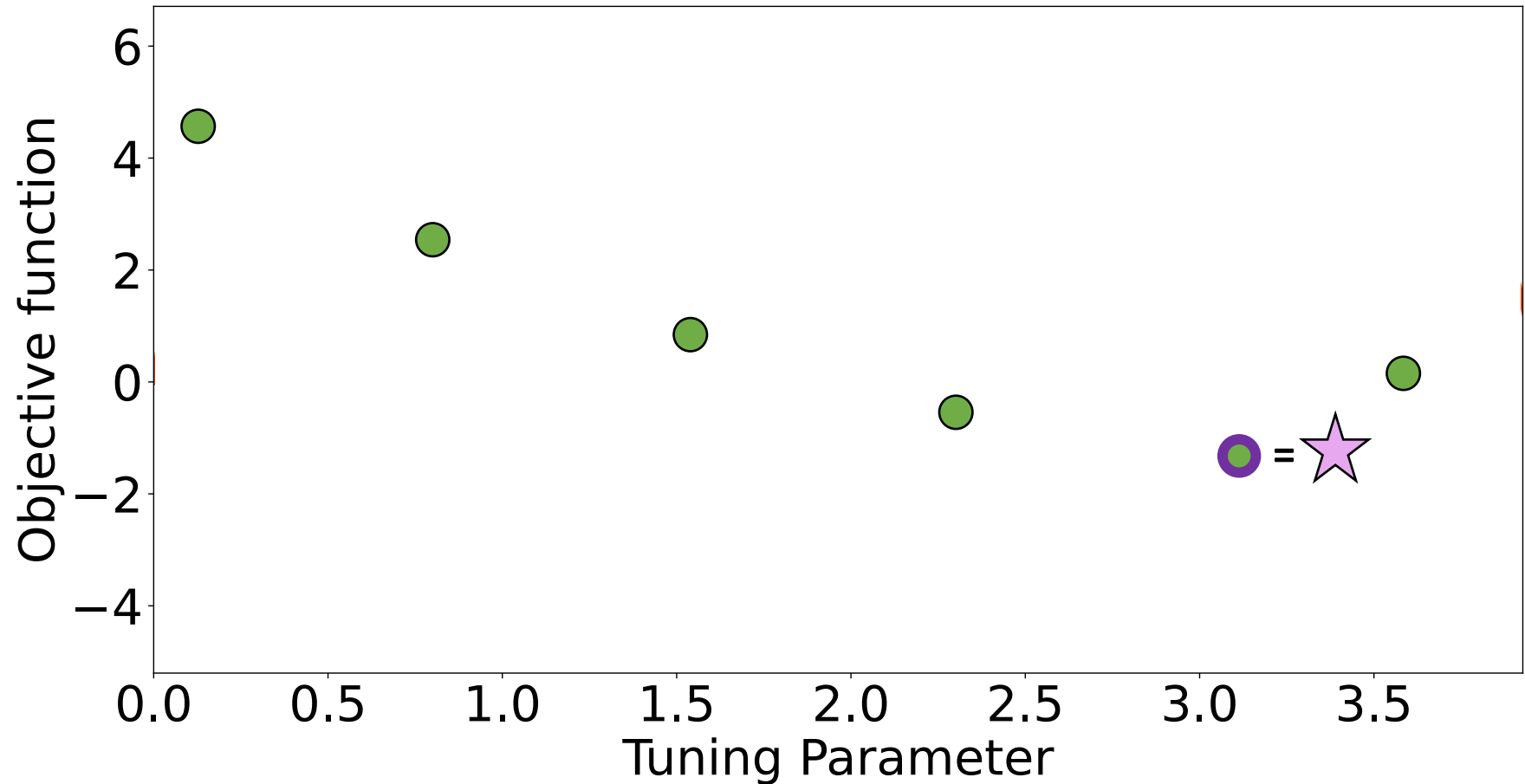
CAFQA classical initialization

CAFQA Insight #1: Portion of the quantum space is classically simulable (Clifford space).

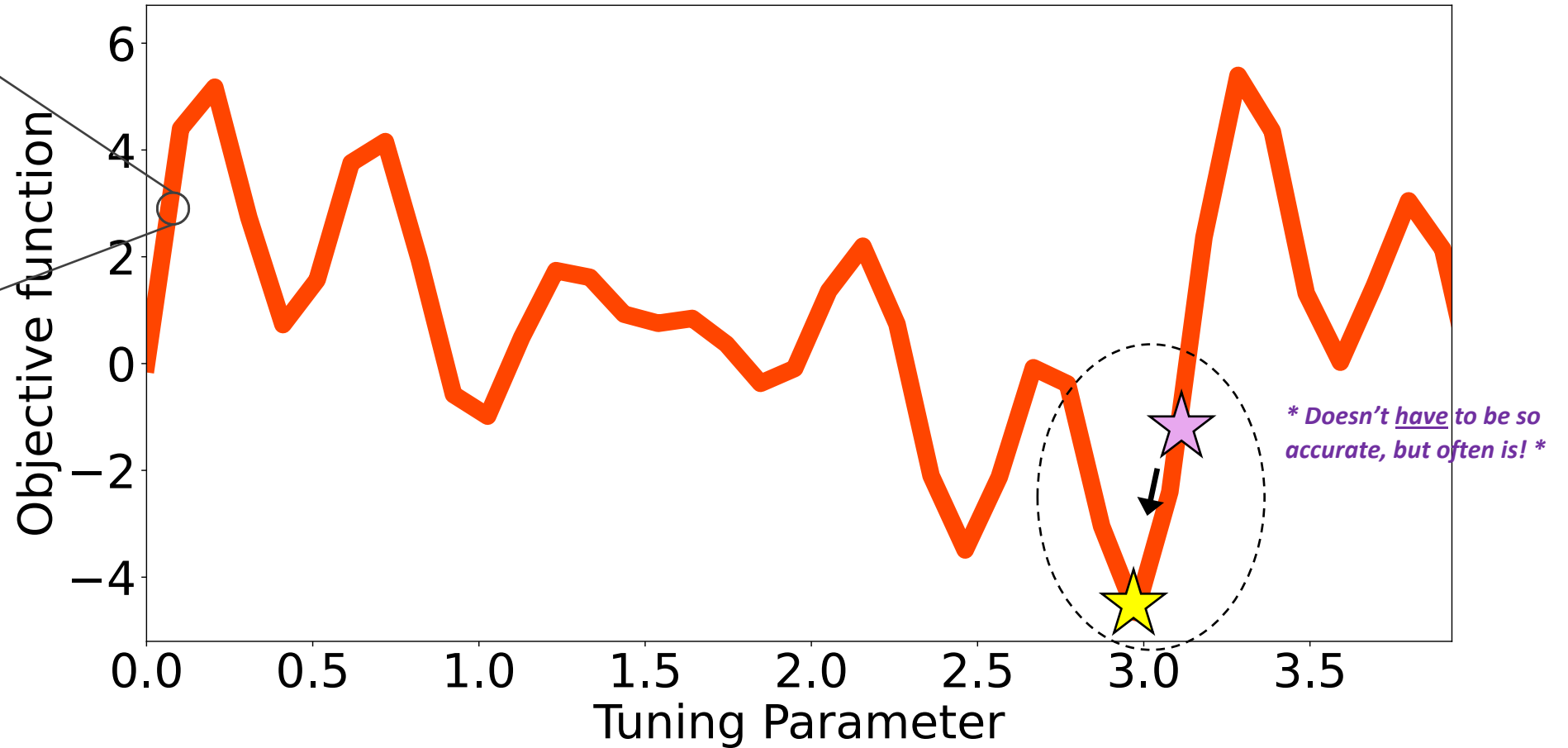
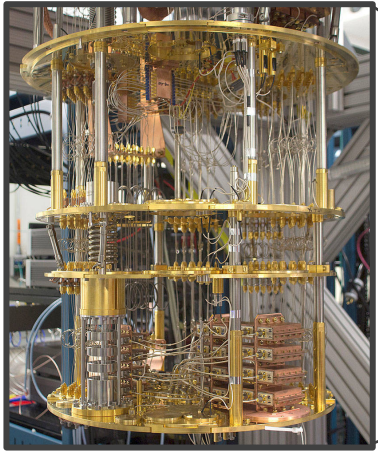


CAFQA classical initialization

CAFQA Insight #2: Efficiently search the discrete space classically to find the lowest objective.

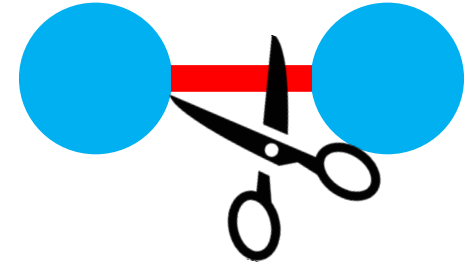


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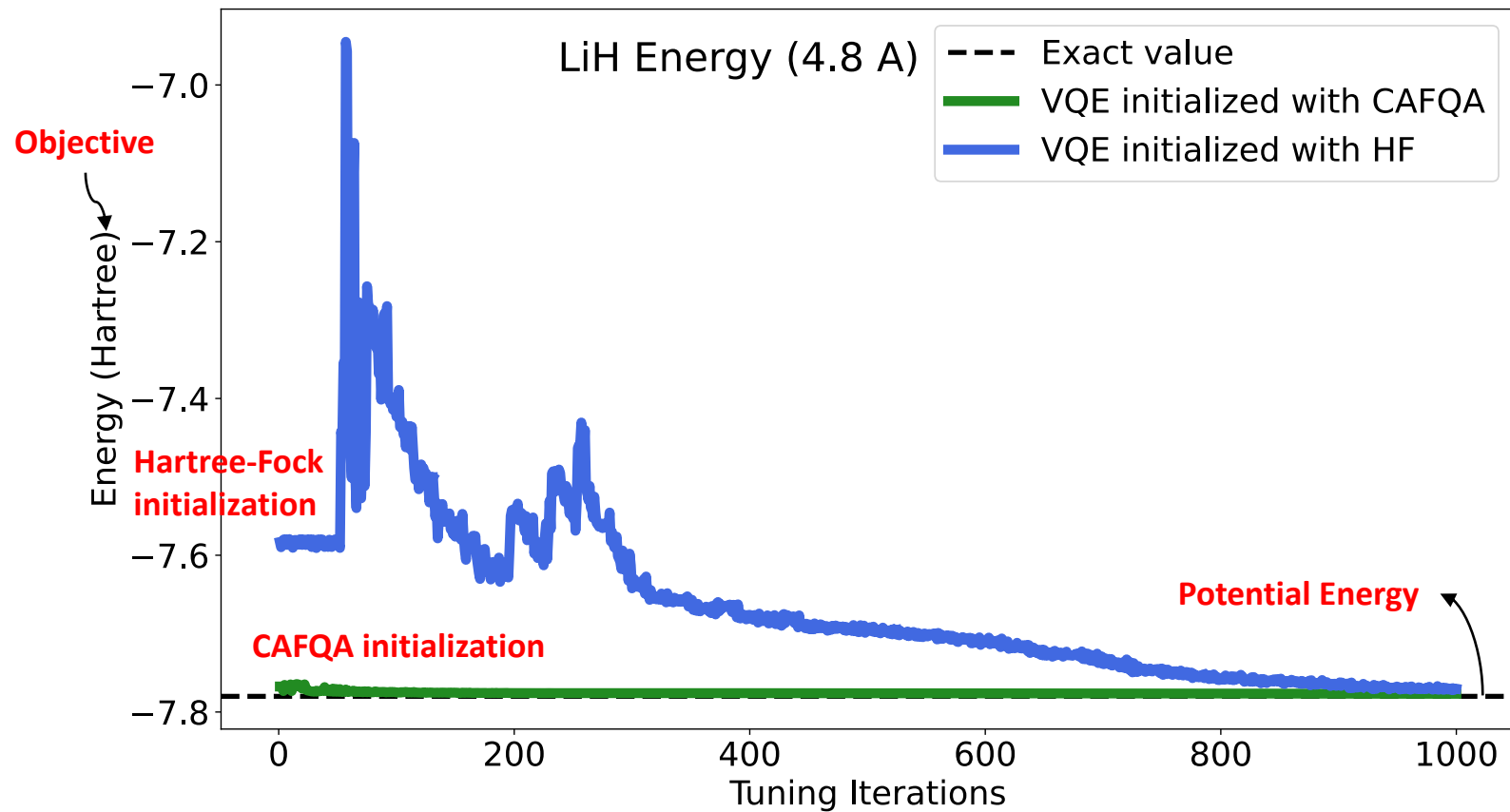


Quantitative benefits for chemistry applications

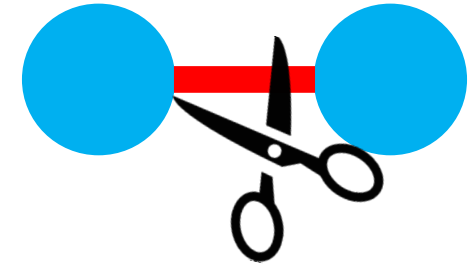
Potential Energy



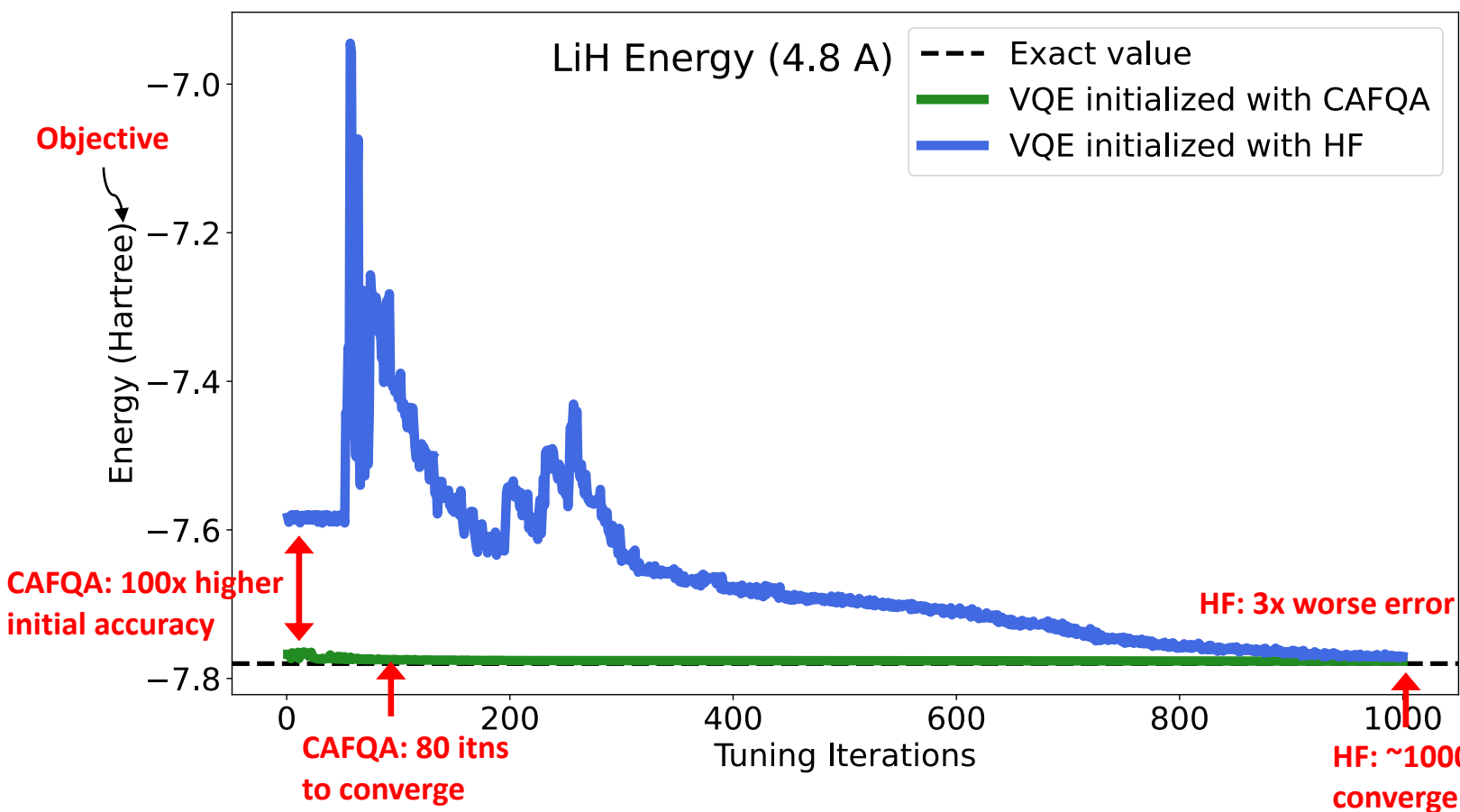
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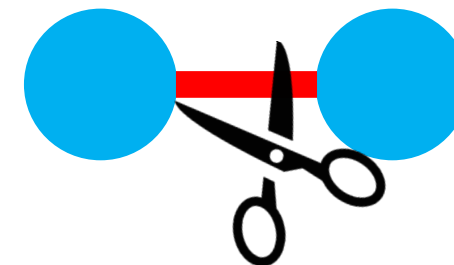
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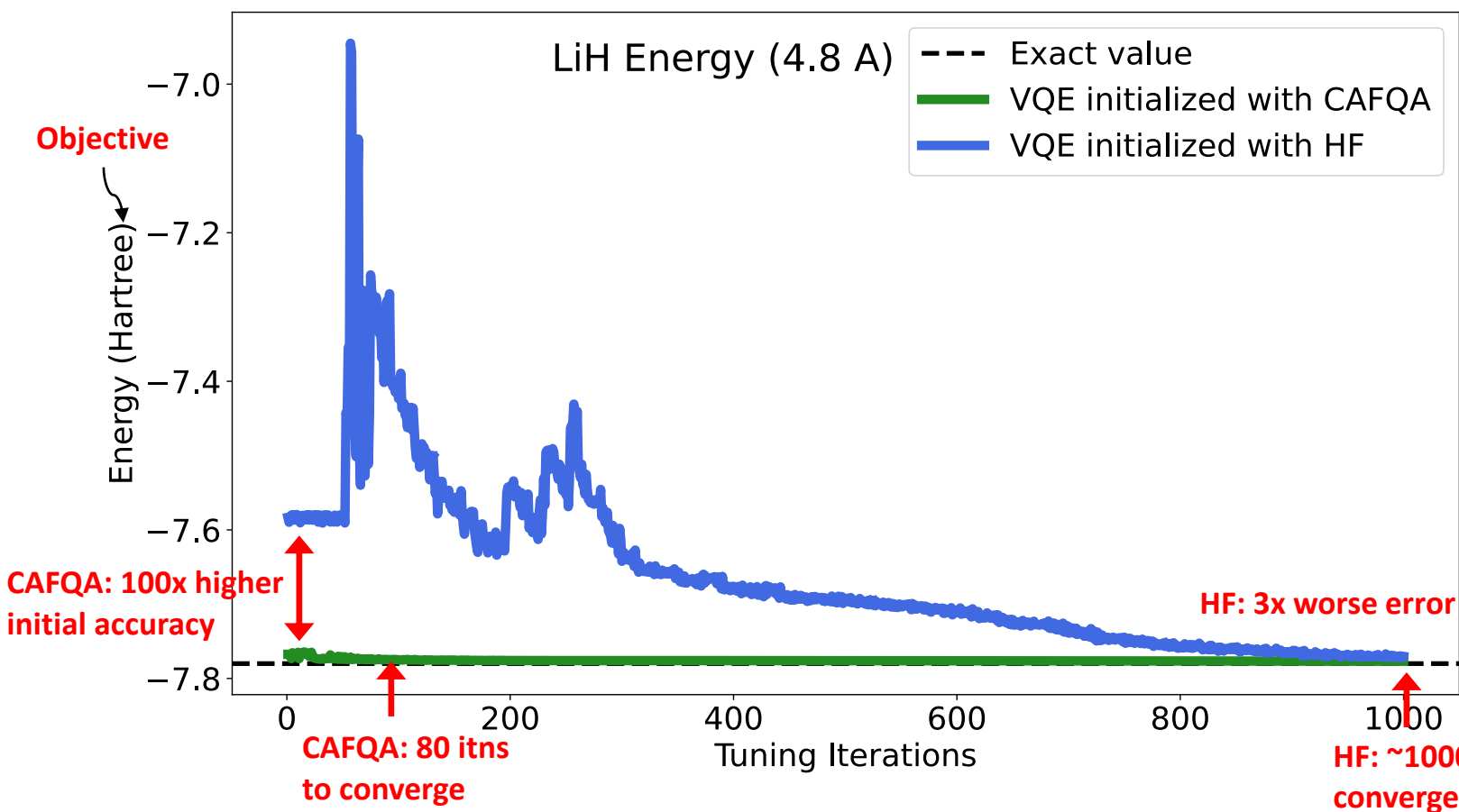
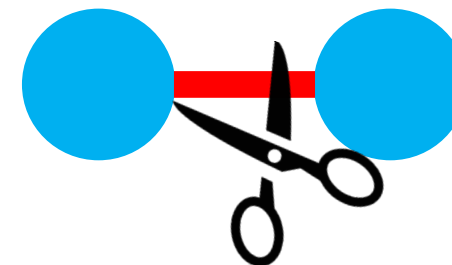


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1. CAFQA achieves 99% mean initialization accuracy (molecule systems <34 qubits).
2. Recovers up to 99.99% of Hartree-Fock inaccuracy (57x mean).
3. 100-qubit spin models – 99% accuracy in 1 hour. Cr2 molecule (34q, 30k terms) – 99% accuracy in <10 hours.
4. Exploring near-cliffords and other classical simulation methods.

Optimal Clifford Initialization for Ising Hamiltonians (w/ Bikrant Bhattacharyya, ICRC 2023)

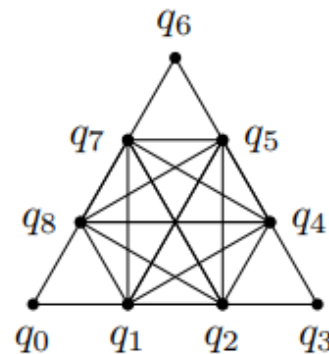
Minimizing VQE cost function over Clifford States

- Finds optimal circuit parameters
- Bayesian Optimizer
- SLOW!!

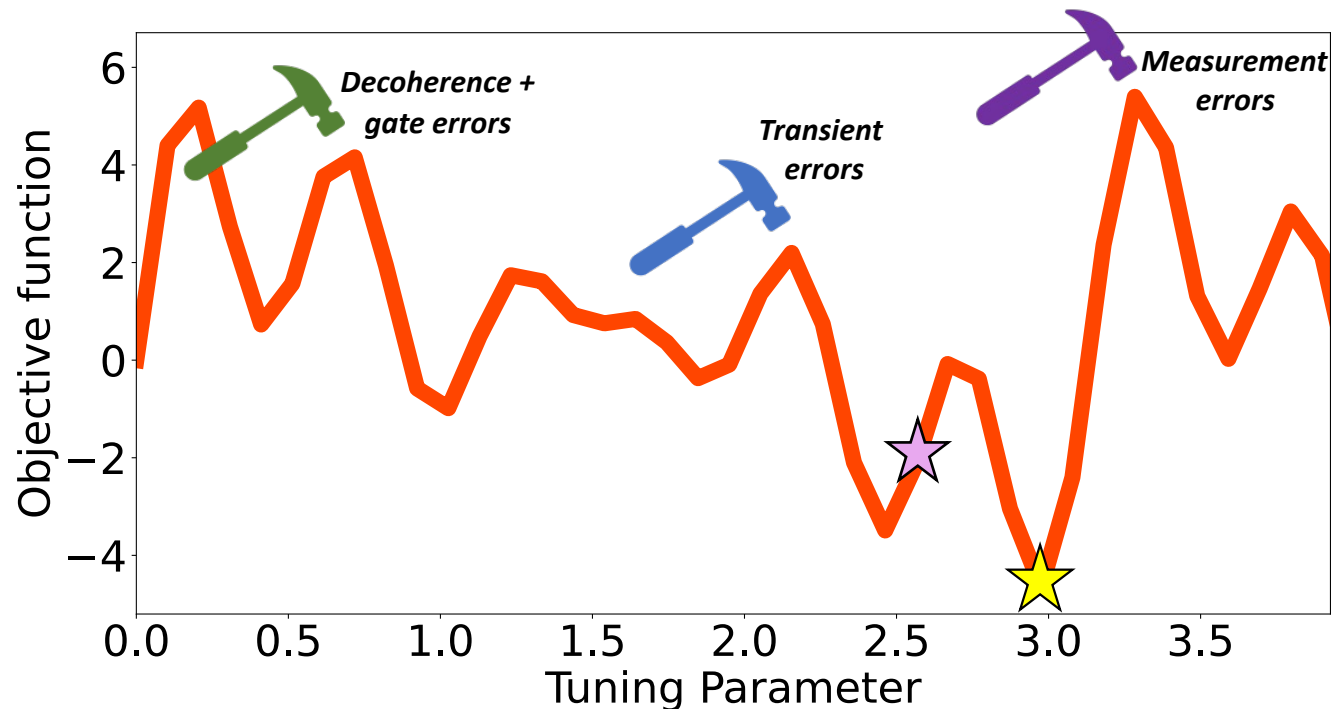


Graph Theoretic Optimization Problem

- Find Optimal Subgraph
- Submodular Optimization
- Time Bounds



Other VQA work: noise mitigation on superconducting quantum devices



VAQEM: A Variational Approach to Quantum Error Mitigation. Ravi et al., HPCA '22

QISMET: Navigating the Dynamic Noise Landscape of Variational Quantum Algorithms. Ravi et al., ASPLOS '23

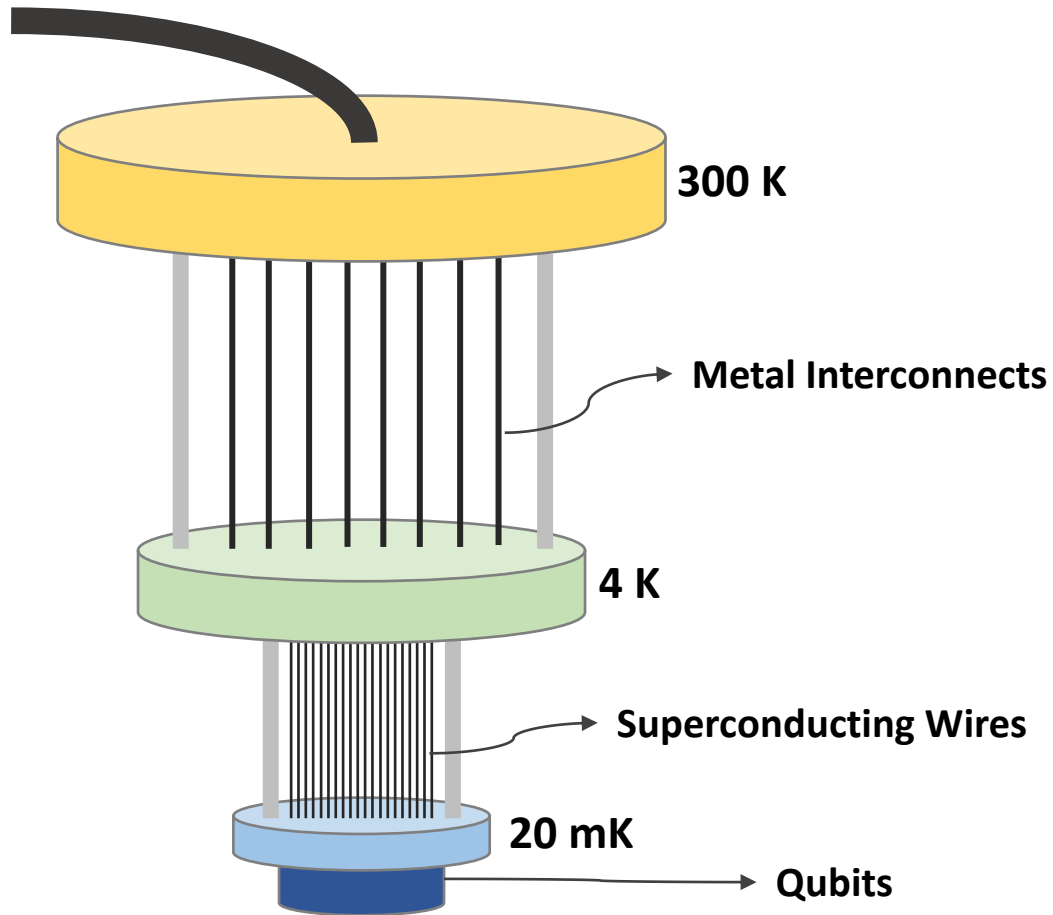
VarSaw: Application-tailored Measurement Error Mitigation for Variational Quantum Algorithms. Dangwal*, Ravi* et al., ASPLOS '24

Clique: Better Than Worst-Case Decoding for Quantum Error Correction

[Gokul Ravi](#), Jonathan Baker, Arash Fayyazi, Sophia Lin, Ali Javadi-Abhari, Massoud Pedram, Frederic Chong. **ASPLOS 2023**

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Scope: Cryogenic quantum systems



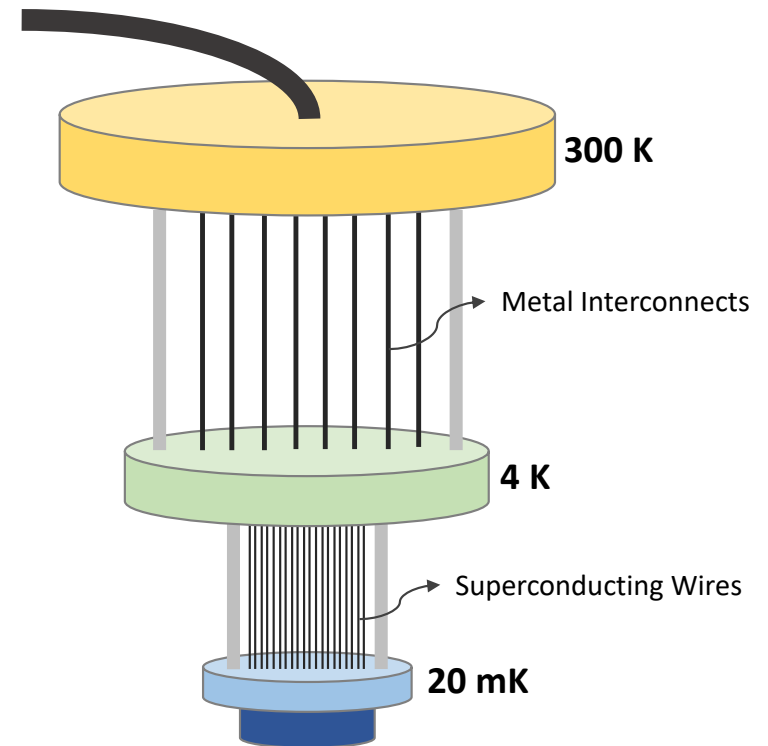
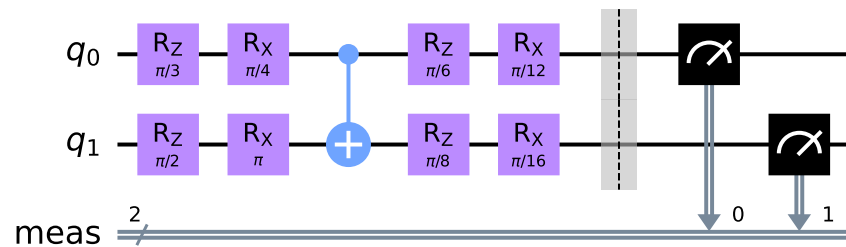
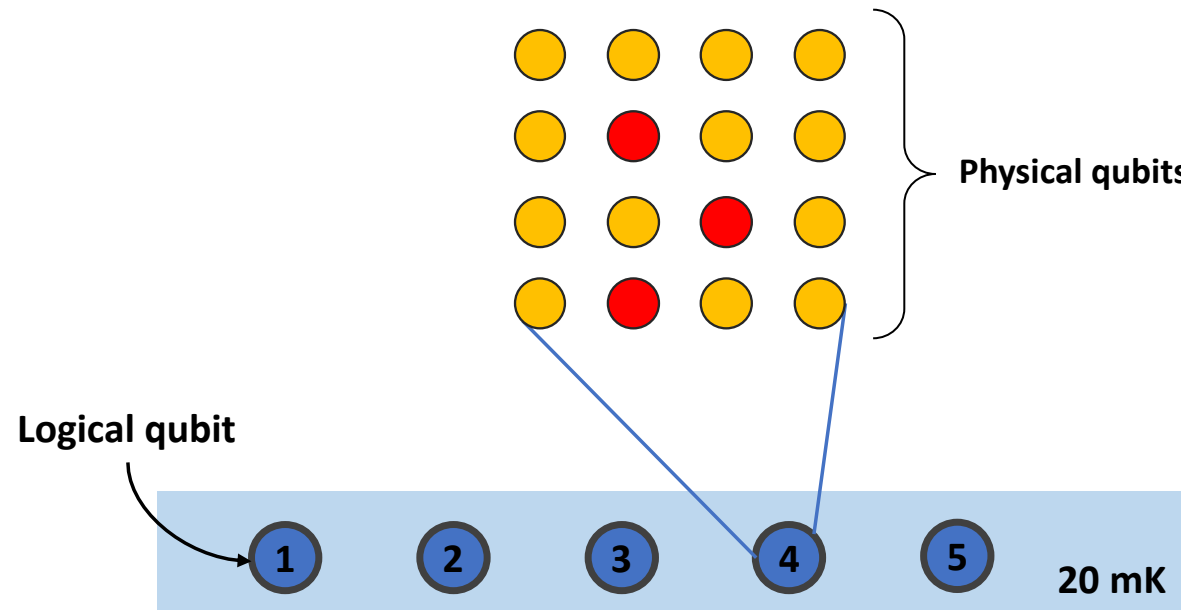
IBM scientists cool down the world's largest quantum-ready cryogenic concept system

Project Goldeneye pushes the limits of low-temperature refrigeration while laying the groundwork for the quantum industry's ability to scale to larger experiments.

<https://research.ibm.com/blog/goldeneye-cryogenic-concept-system>



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System-level view: Traditional outside-fridge QEC decoding

Tbps I/O bandwidth → *bandwidth bottleneck!*

[Fowler, PR-A '12]

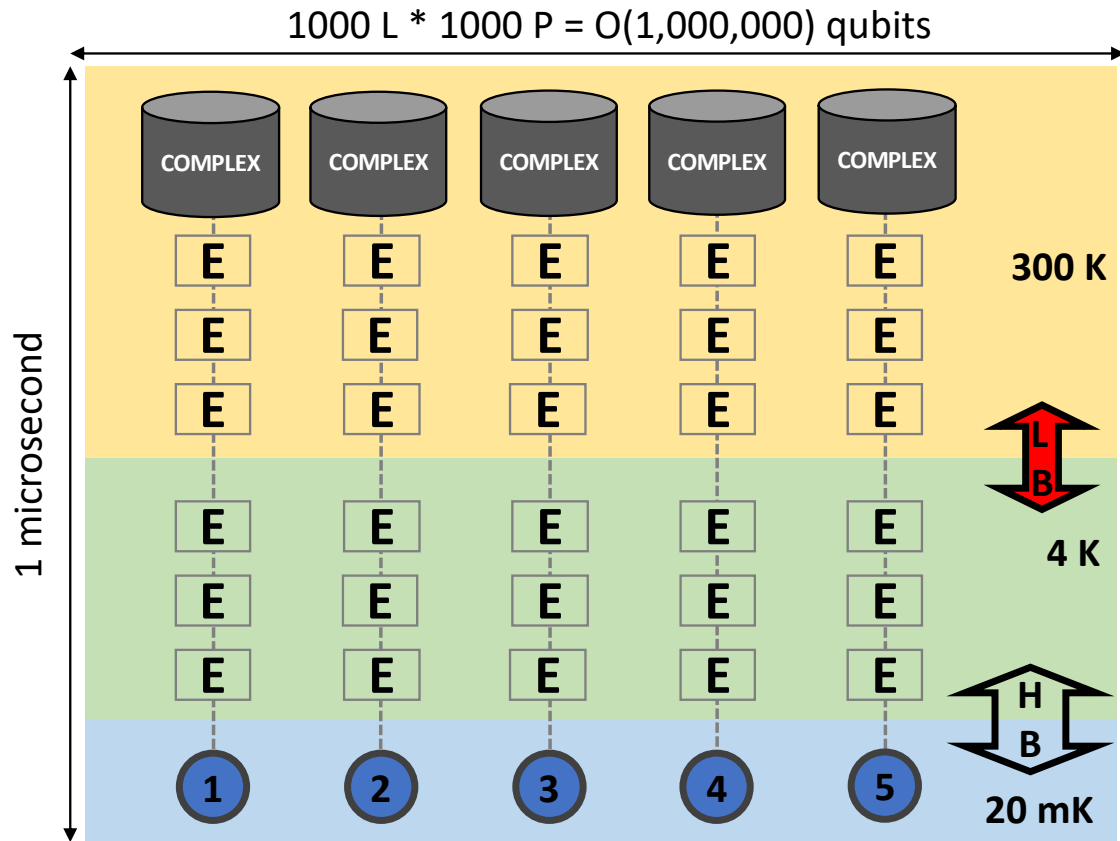
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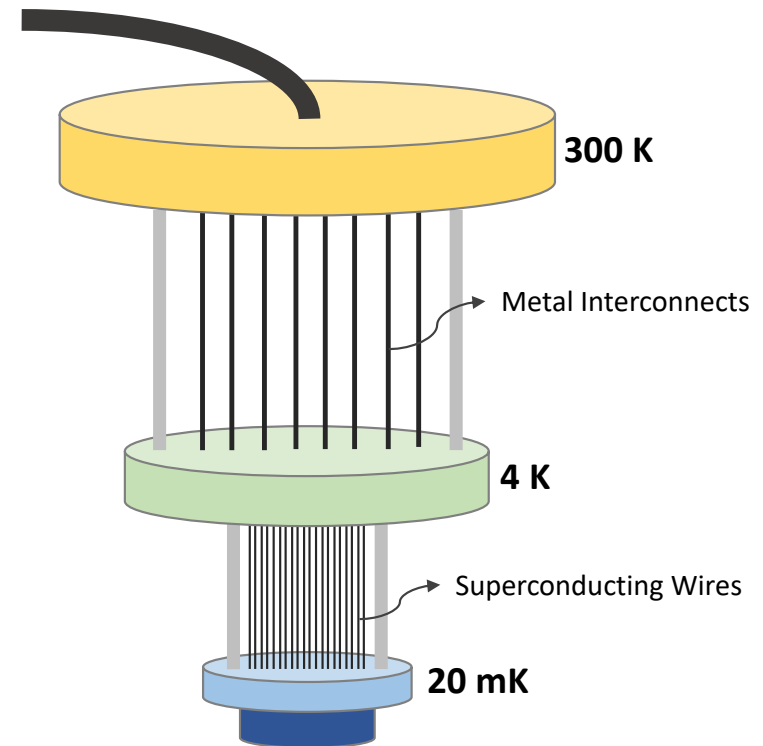
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Low latency needed for functional correctness!!



E: Error Signatures



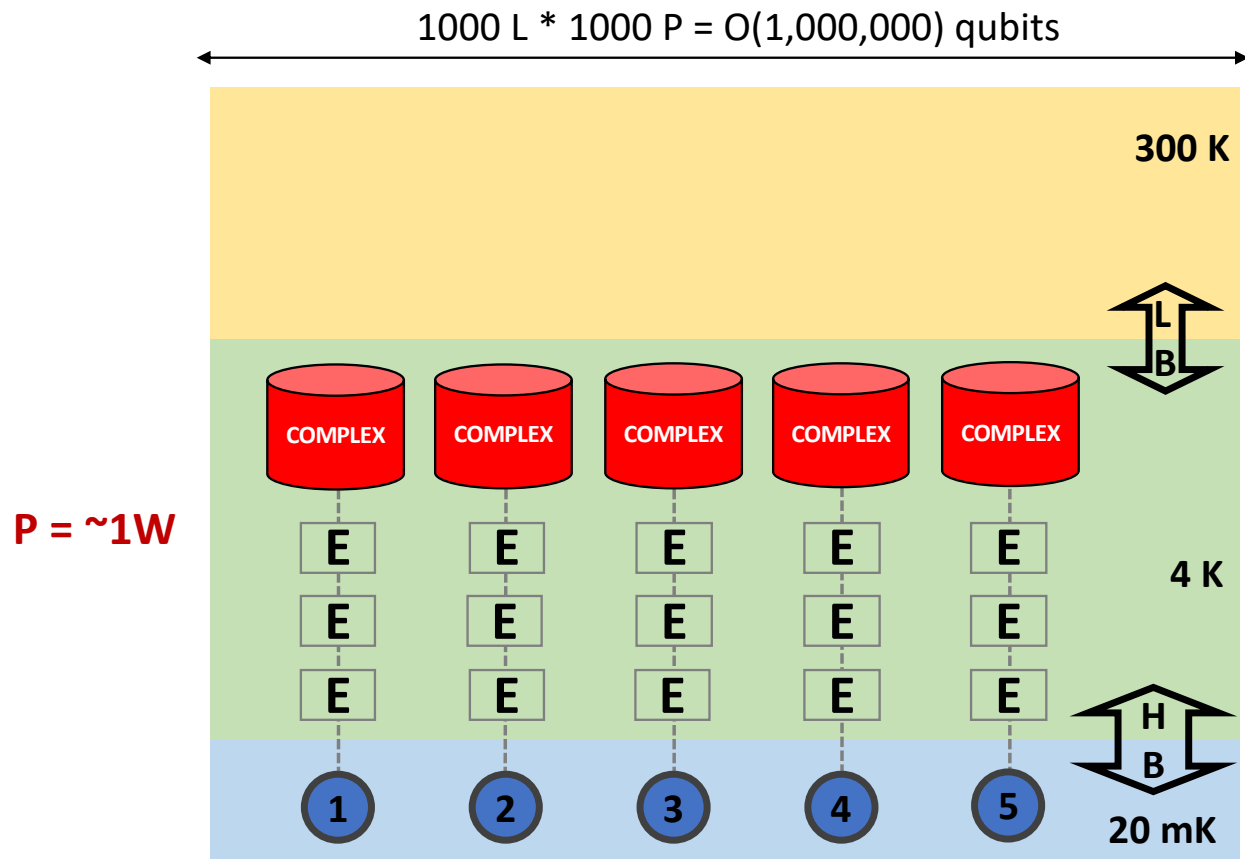
System-level view: Cryogenic inside-fridge QEC decoding

Limited cryogenic power budget (~1W) cryo-resource bottleneck!

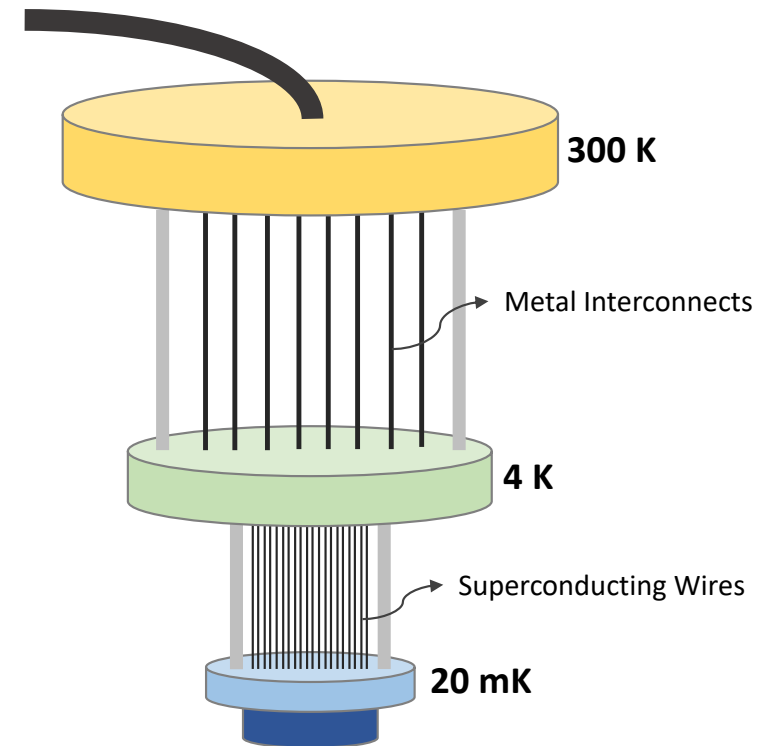
[Holmes, ISCA '20]

[Byun, ISCA '22]

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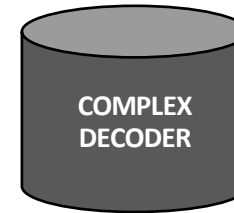


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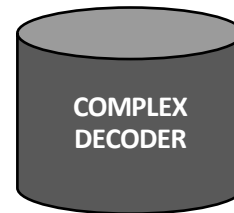
Most prior methods to decoding: treat all errors similarly

Outside-fridge BW-constrained approach



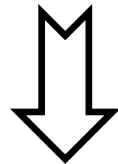
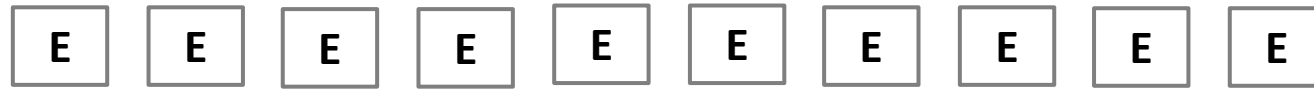
Decode ALL errors (one-size-fits-all)

Inside-fridge resource-constrained (approximate) approach



Better than worst case approach to decoding

Key Insight: Not all errors hard to decode → Separate common trivial errors from rare complex errors.



Easy to separate!
Most errors are trivial!



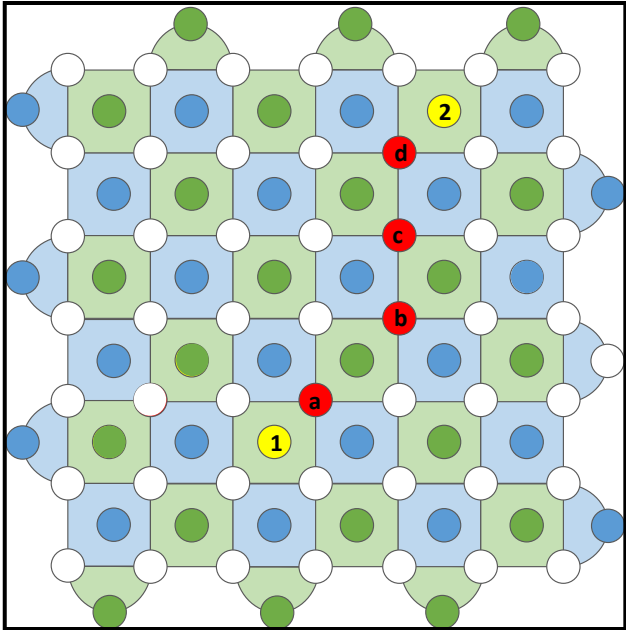
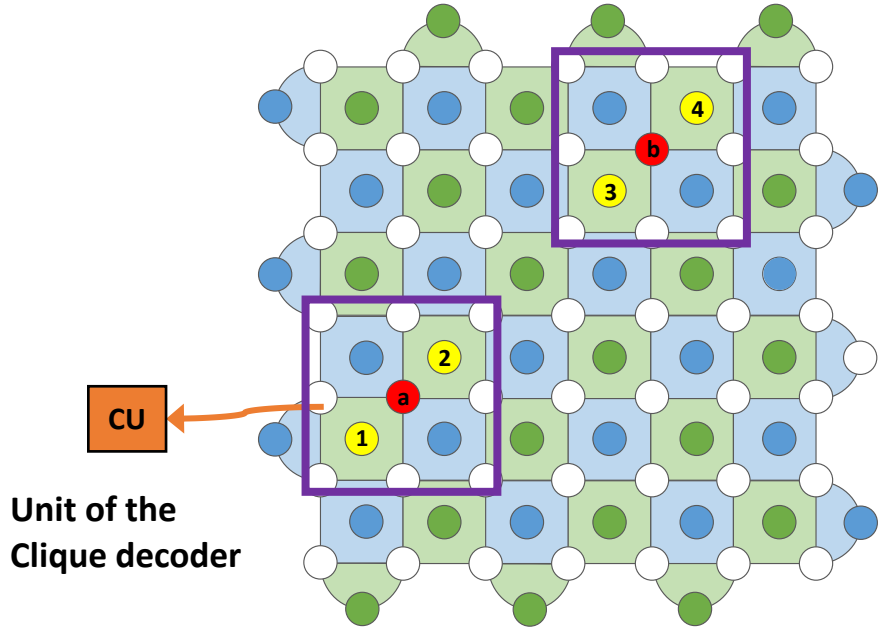
T: Trivial-to-decode
C: Complex-to-decode

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T (90-99+ %)

C (<1-10 %)

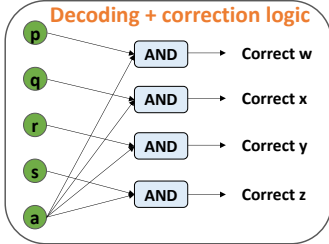
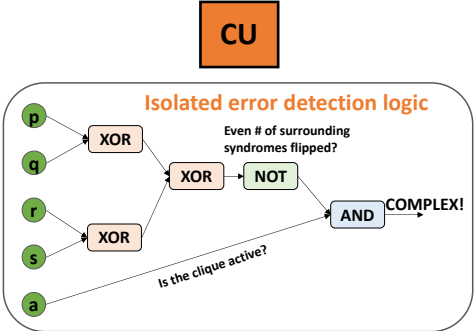
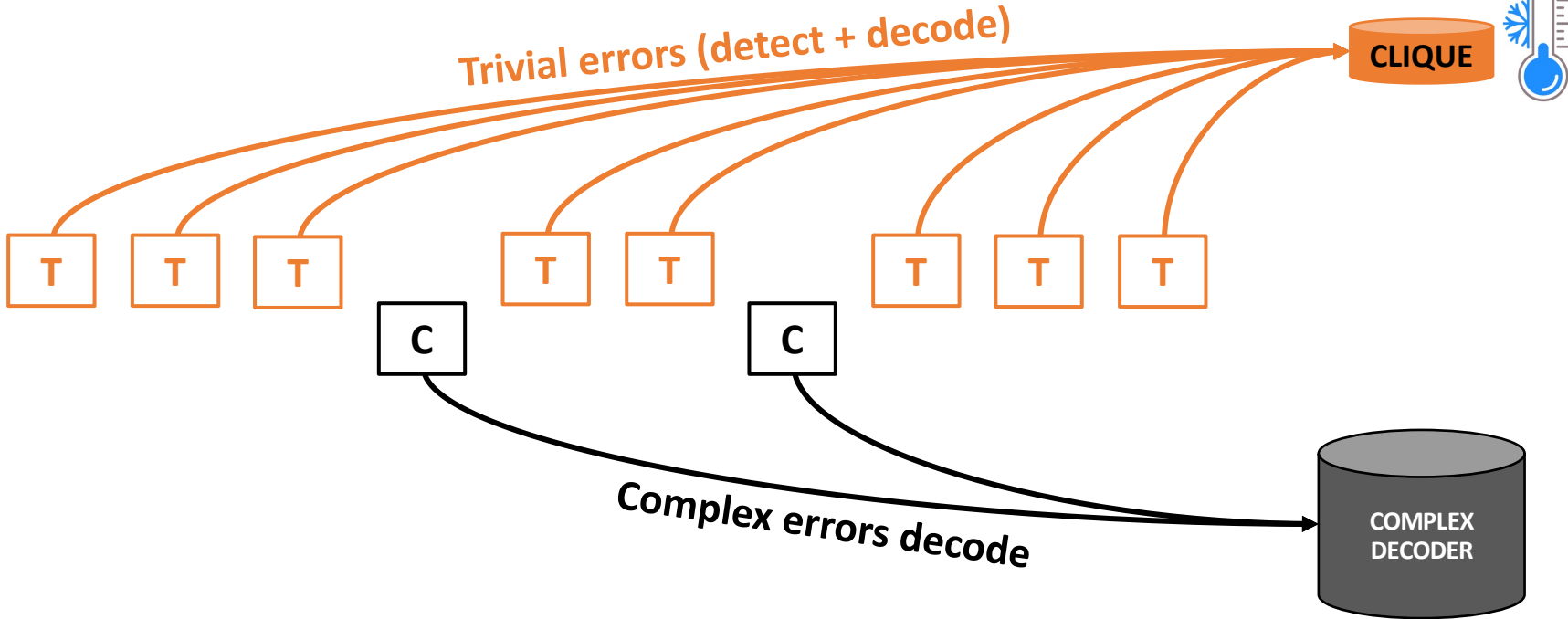


Isolated errors: Trivial to decode + common

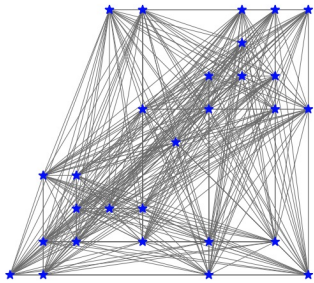
Error chains: Hard to decode + very rare

Better than worst case approach to decoding

Common trivial errors → simple cryogenic 'Clique' decoder.
 Rare complex errors → outside-fridge SOTA complex decoder.



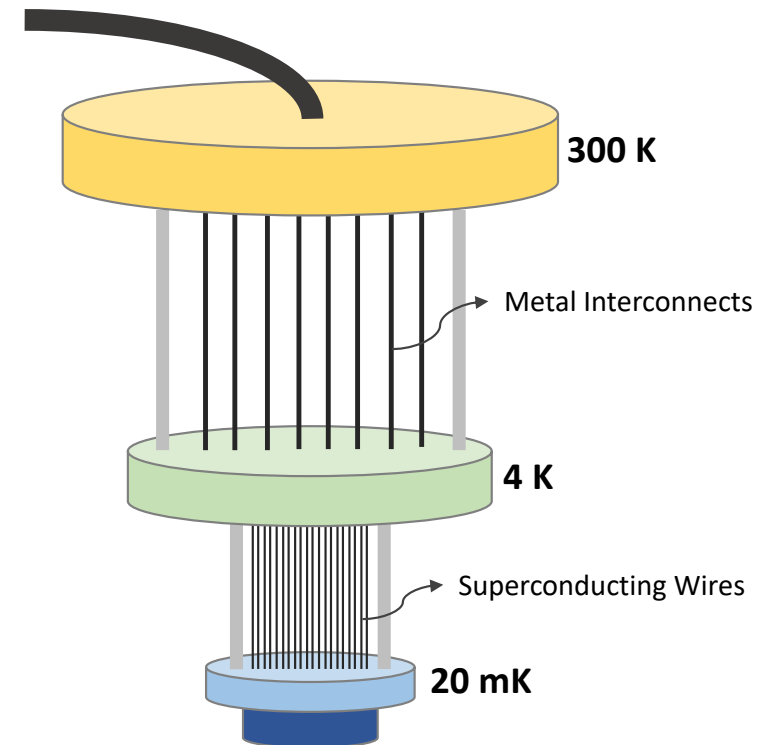
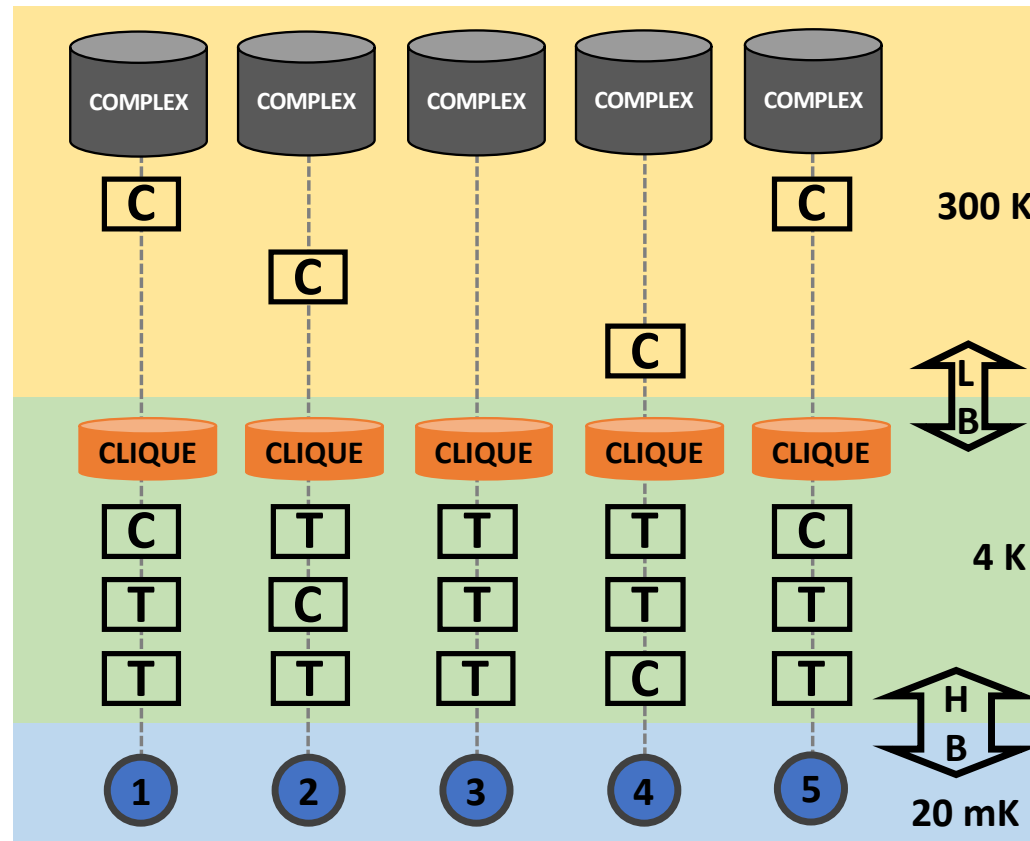
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Minimum Weight Perfect Matching

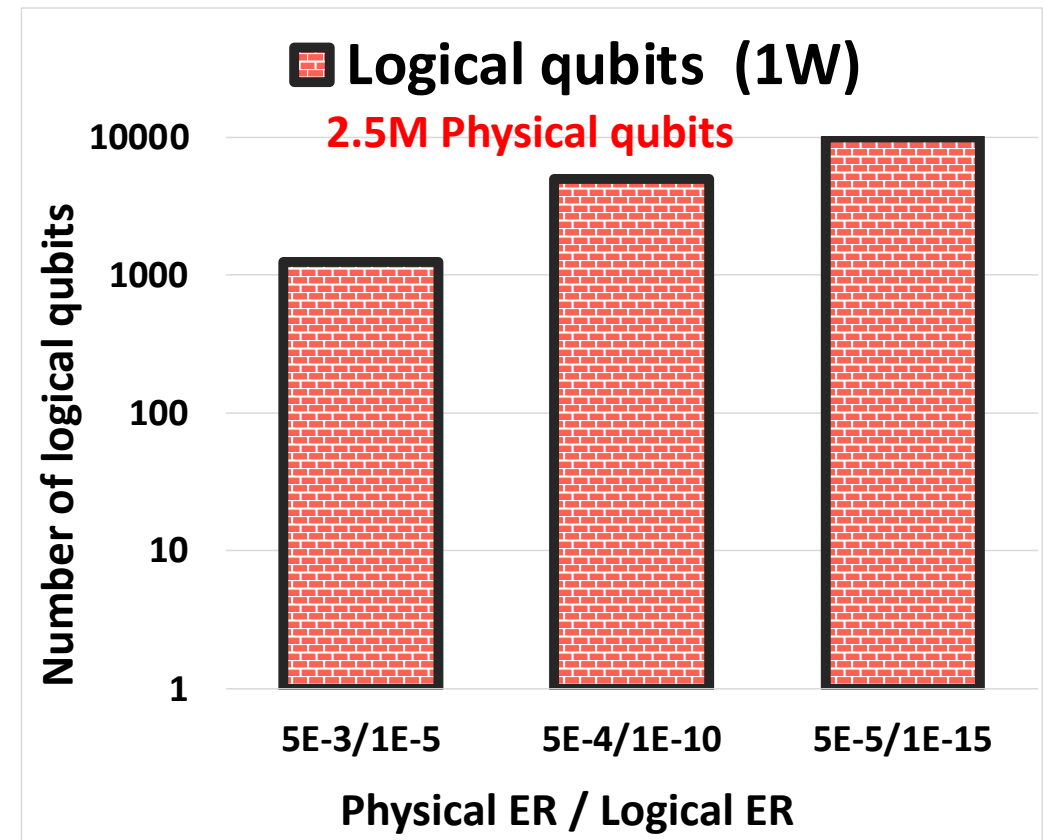
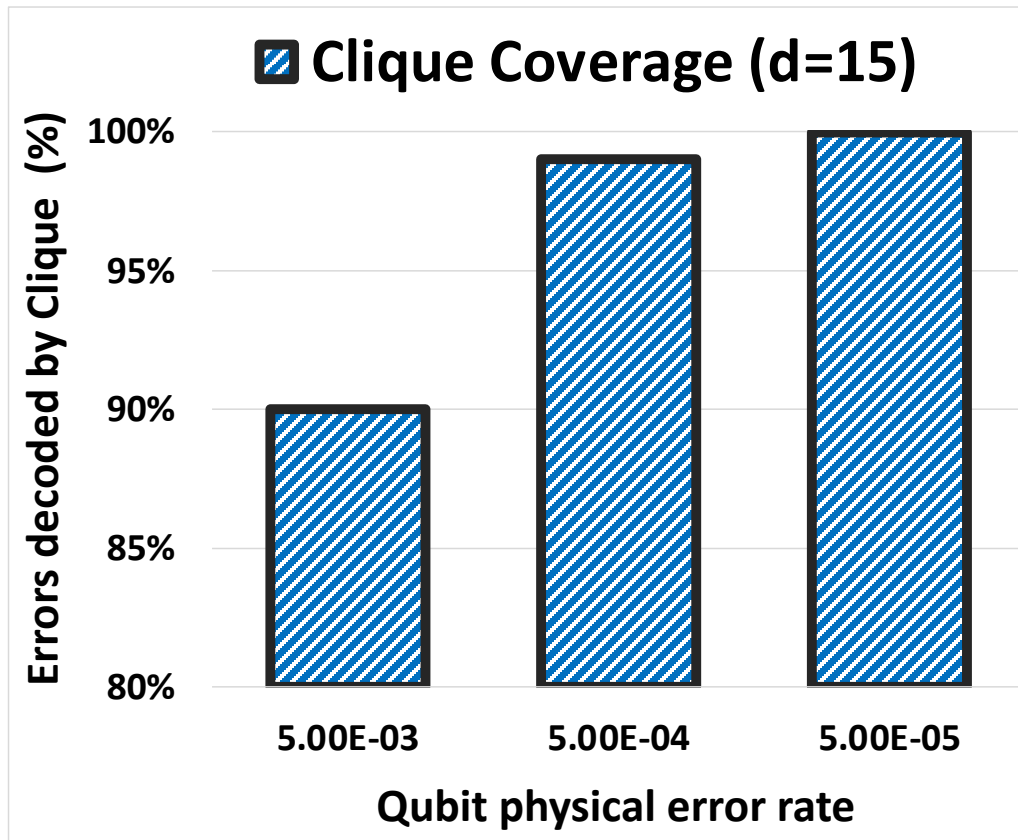
System-level view: Better than worse-case decoding

Reduced outside-fridge decoding → No bandwidth bottleneck!
Reduced inside-fridge decoding HW → No cryo-resource bottleneck!



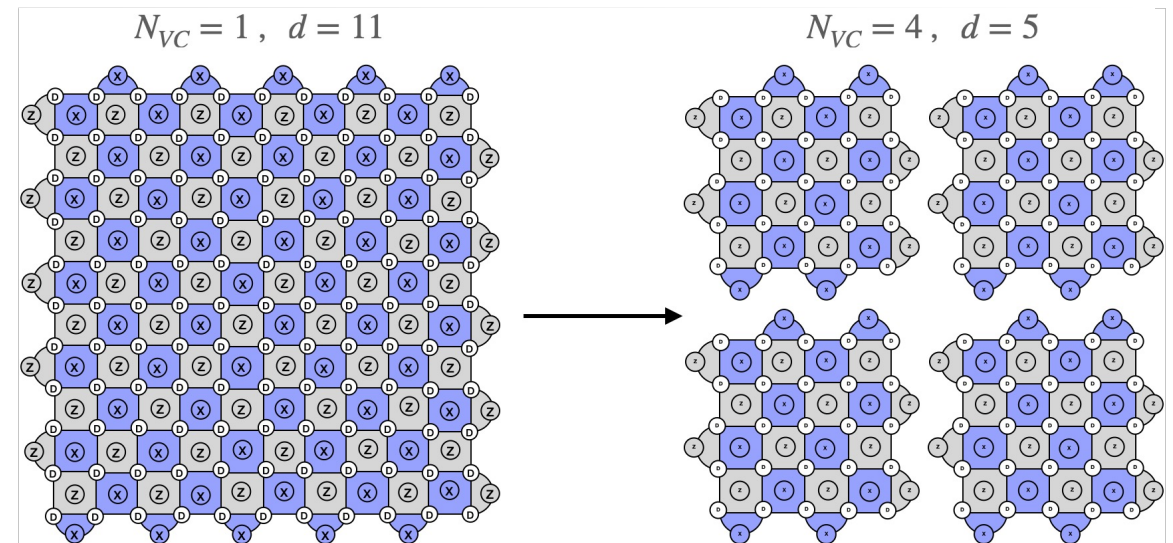
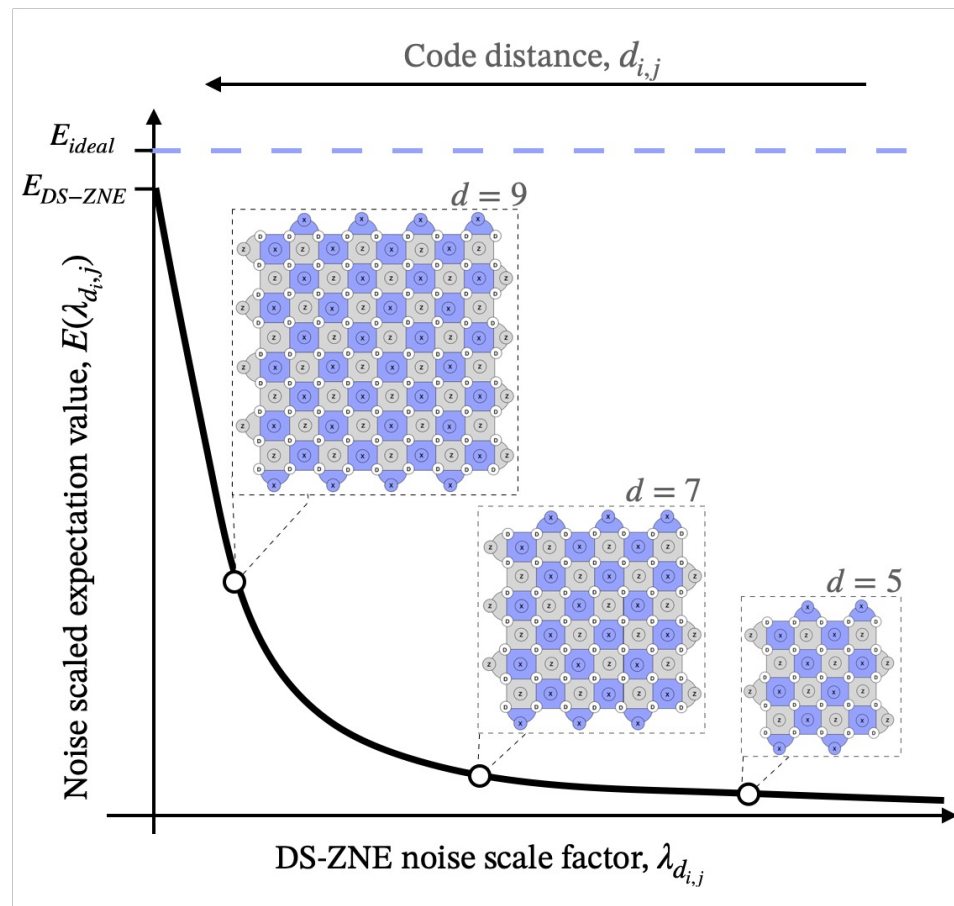
Quantitative benefits

90 - 100% of decodes handled trivially by Clique. Supports 2.5M physical qubits with 1W power.



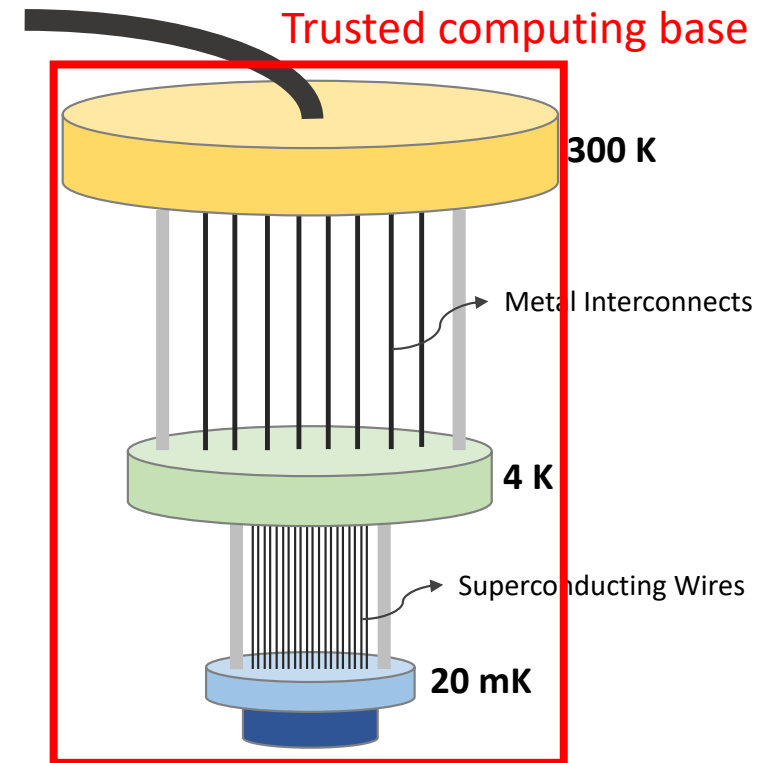
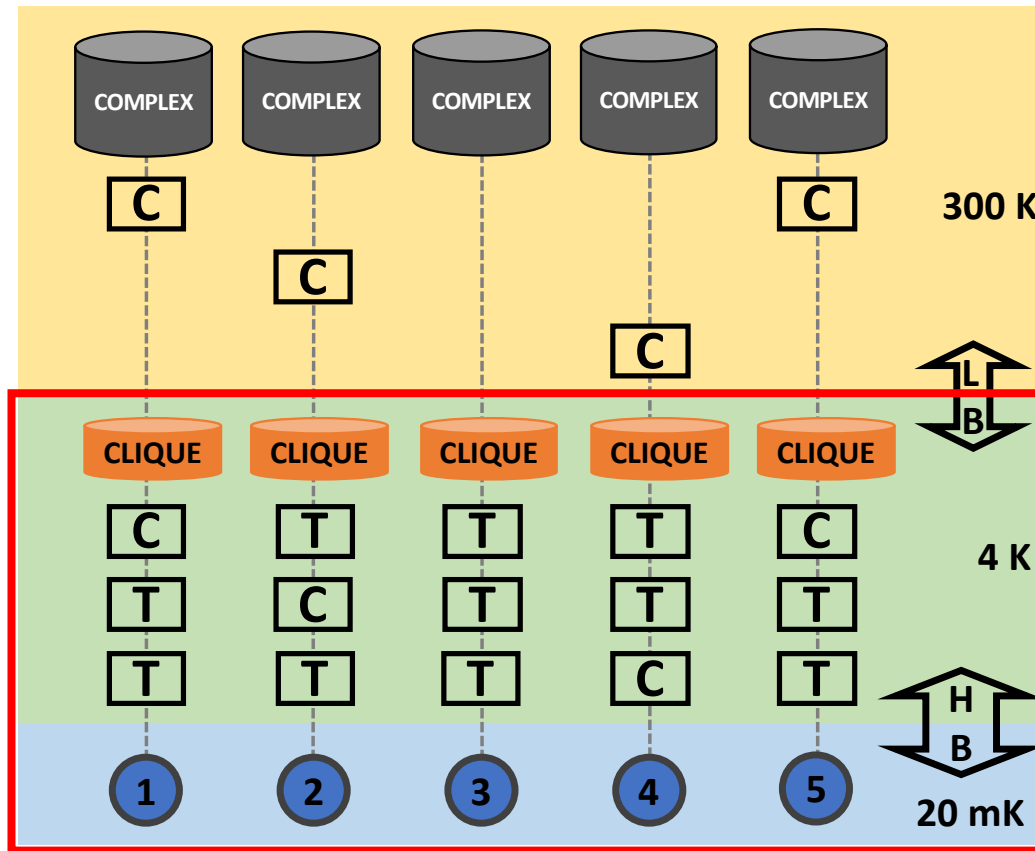
DS-ZNE: Zero noise extrapolation on logical qubits by scaling the error correction code distance

Misty Wahl, Andrea Mari, Nathan Shammah, William Zeng, Gokul Ravi. QCE 2023. arXiv:2304.14985

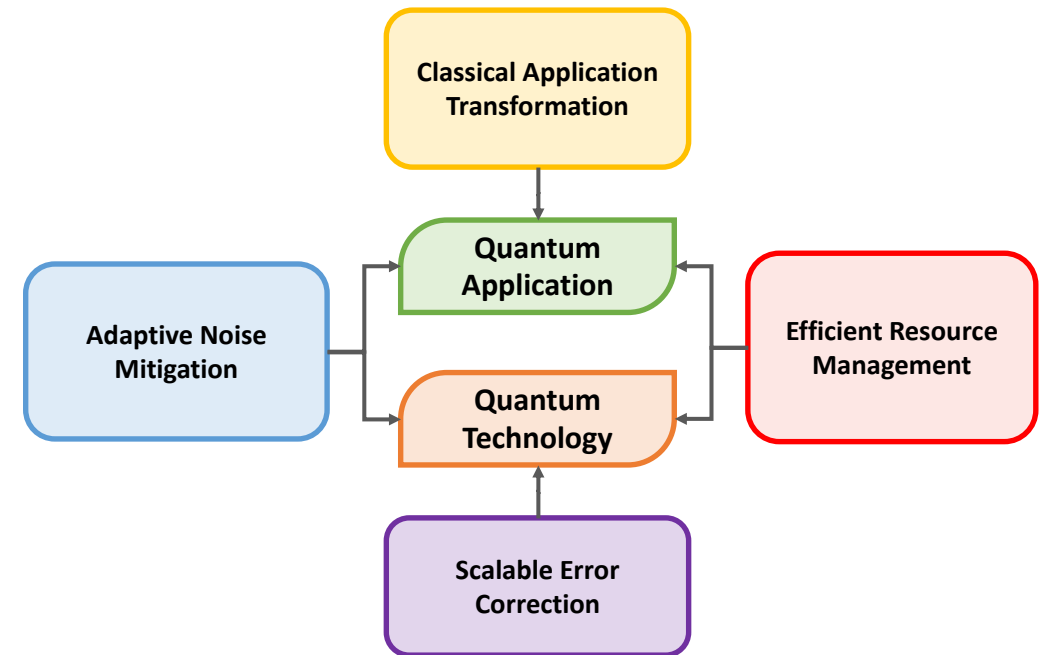
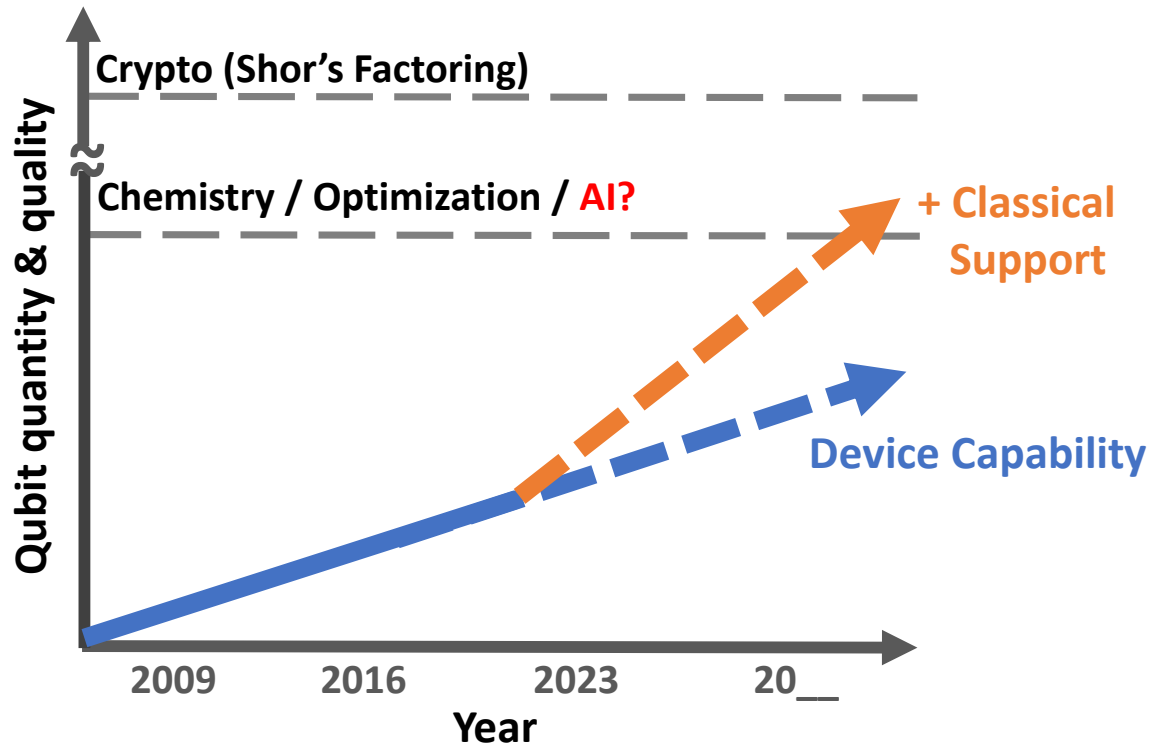


Bridging the gap from NISQ to FTQC

Secure quantum system architectures



Summary: A Hybrid Computing Ecosystem for Practical Quantum Advantage



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