

An open QC platform as a catalyst for applications

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 - Rich gate sets
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On OpenSuperQ



Horizon 2020 Project OpenSuperQ

Overall vision: to build a hybrid high-performance quantum computer of up to 100 qubits and to sustainably make it available at a central site for external users.



10 Partners
5 Countries



Start Date
1 October 2018



Duration
36 Months



Budget
€ 10.33 Mio



Project Partners



ETH zürich



UNIVERSITY
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VTT

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4 Universities

2 R&T
Organisations

4 Industry Partners



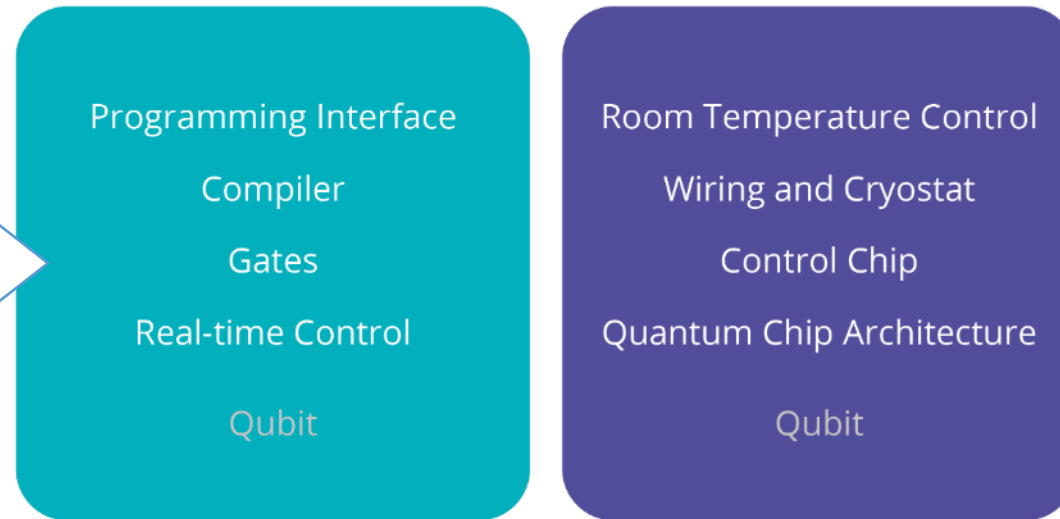
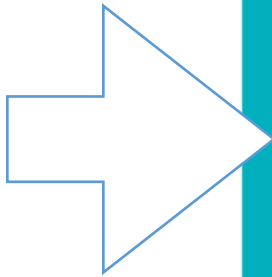
Partner Responsibilities

- **Saarland University:** coordination and management, benchmarking, firmware applications and theory
- **ETH Zürich:** chip fabrication, measurement, cryogenics and wiring
- **Chalmers University:** chip fabrication, control and modelling, applications
- **University of the Basque Country:** modelling, quantum algorithms and useful applications
- **Forschungszentrum Jülich:** modelling, high-level software and simulation, hosting
- **VTT:** readout and amplification, packaging, 3D integration
- **Bluefors:** cryogenics, cryo-wiring
- **Zurich Instruments:** hardware and software for readout and control
- **Low Noise Factory:** microwave technology
- **Eurice:** project management, exploitation and communication



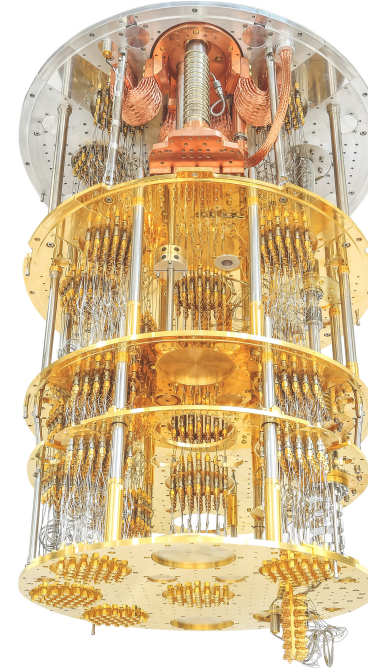
Full Hardware and Software Stack

Integrated unit?
Second part of
the talk!



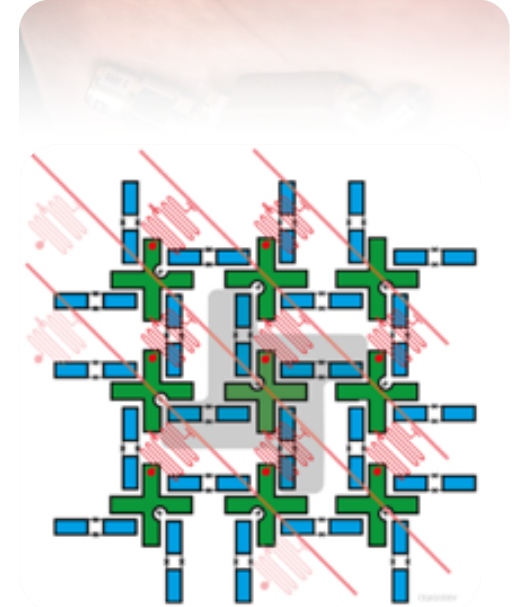
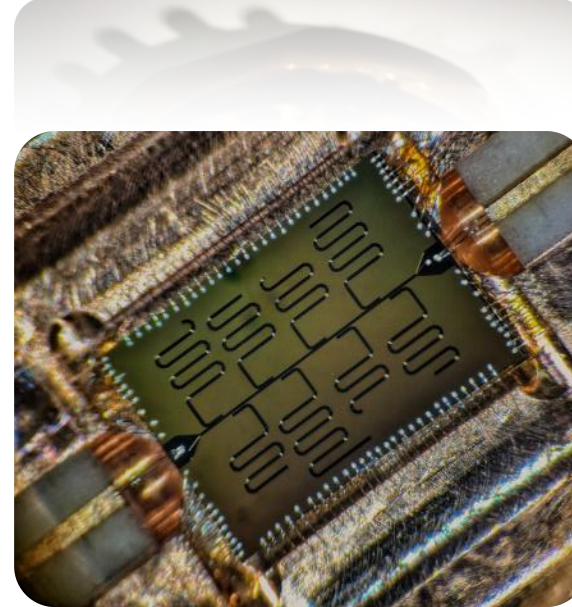
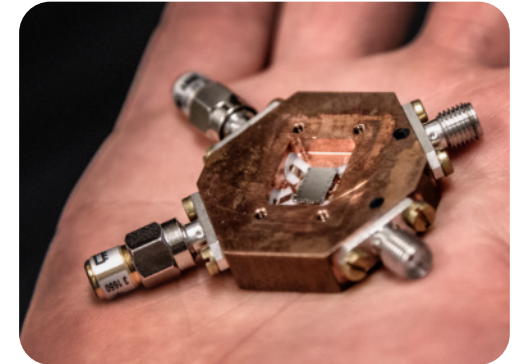
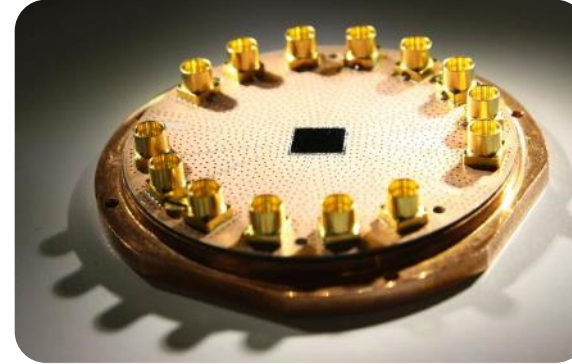
Classical Infrastructure

- Helium dilution cryostat
- Copper plates to maintain temperature at different stages
- Quantum computing control system
 - AWGs
 - Quantum analysers
 - Programmable system controller
- LabOne® instrument control software to connect to higher level in the quantum stack



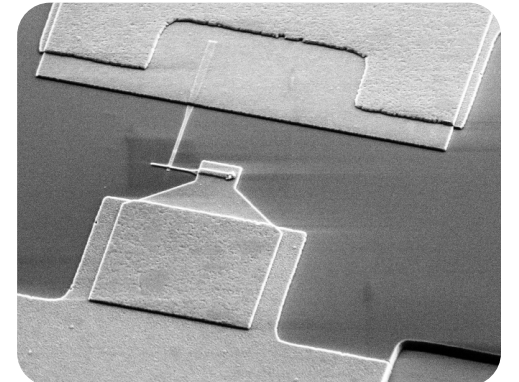
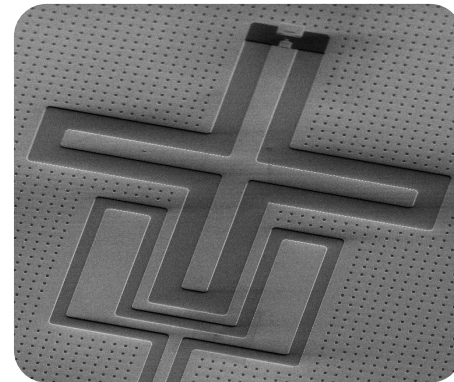
Package and Chip

- Package for microwave I/O
- Flip-chip 3D integration
- Array of coupled qubits



Josephson Qubits

- Superconducting transmon qubits based on Josephson junctions



Software

- Run in a central facility
- Programming interface for users
- Operable in a high-performance computing environment
- Tight integration with classical computers



Programming and co-designing in the NISQ era

What can you achieve with deep access?



NISQ



Clive Sinclair

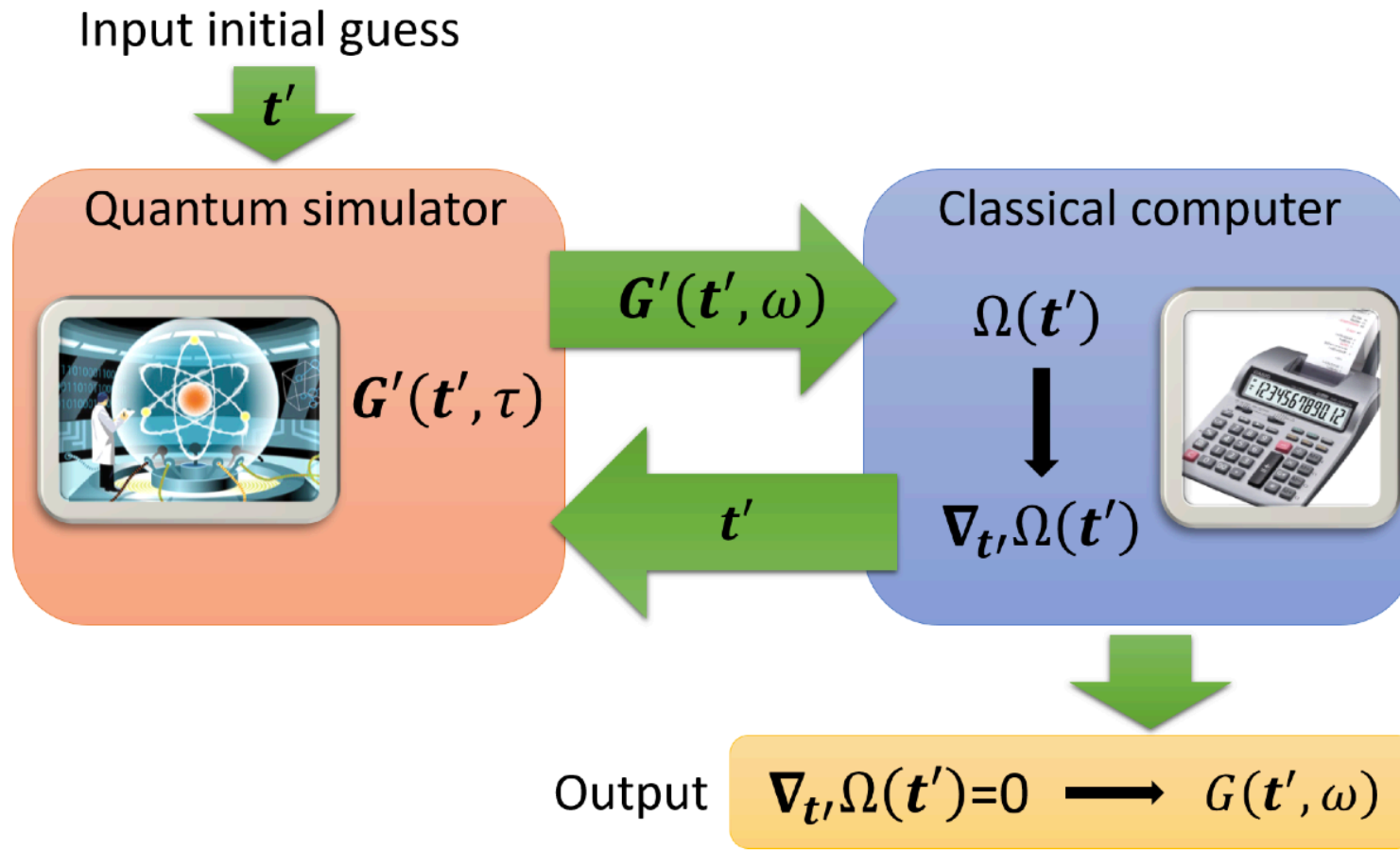
Simple, primitive, error-prone hardware: Coding needs to follow architecture, do not abstract too much

Reducing the size of the quantum operation

- let the (cheap) classical computer do what it is best at
- enhance its performance with the (expensive) quantum computer



Modern variational algorithms



QAOA / Digitized AQC for combinatorial optimization

Problem Hamiltonian: Ising-type

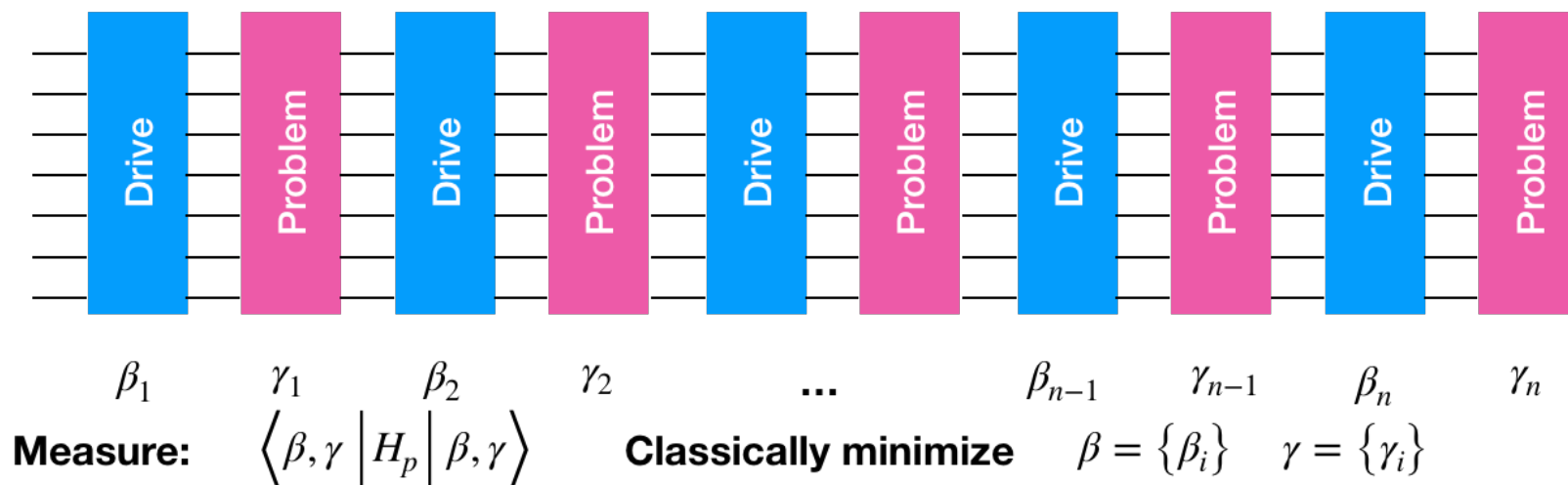
$$H_p = \sum_i h_i Z_i + \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} Z_i Z_j + \dots \quad \exp(-i\beta_i H_p)$$

Driver Hamiltonian: Tunneling

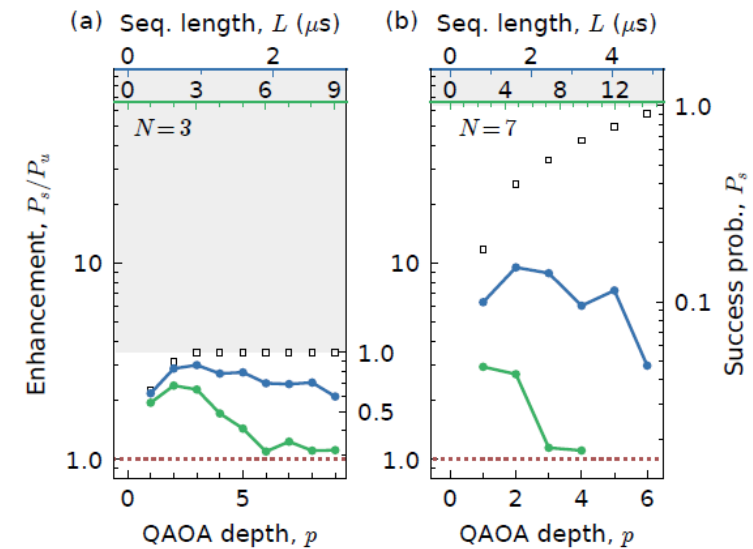
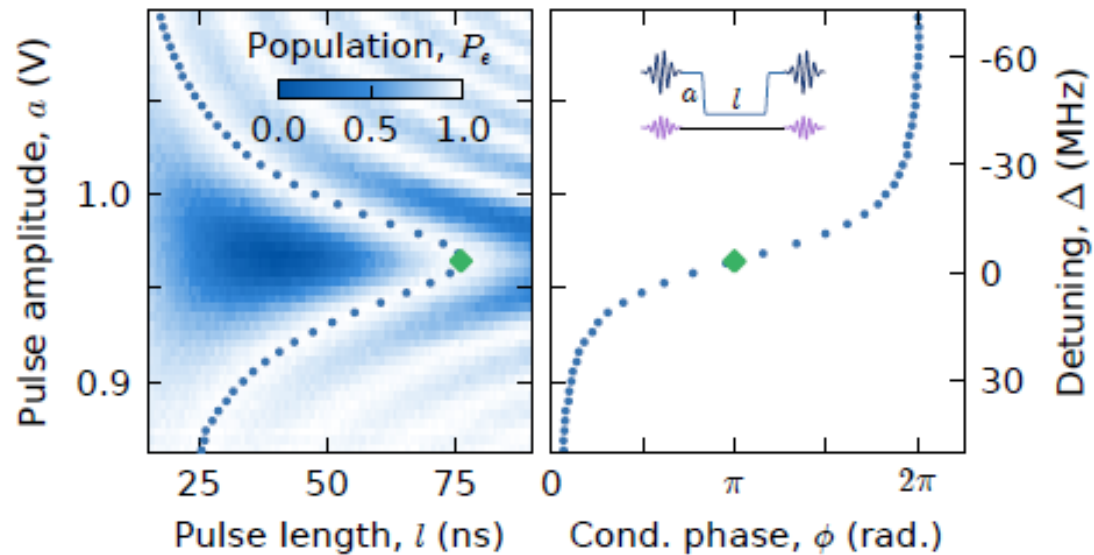
$$H_d = -\frac{\Delta}{2} \sum_i X_i \quad \exp(-i\gamma_i H_d)$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \sum_i F_i(t) \hat{H}_i$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_i \hat{H}_i(t) + \sum_{i < j} \hat{H}_{ij}(t)$$



Direct implementation with reduced compilation



Lacroix et al., arXiv:2005.05275 (ETHZ)

Digital Analogue QAOA

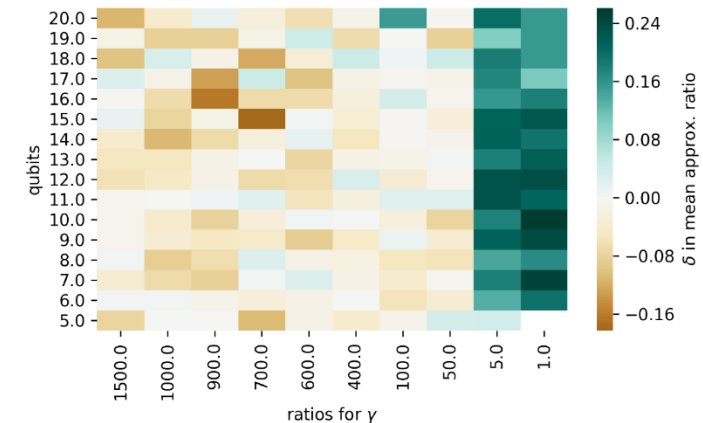
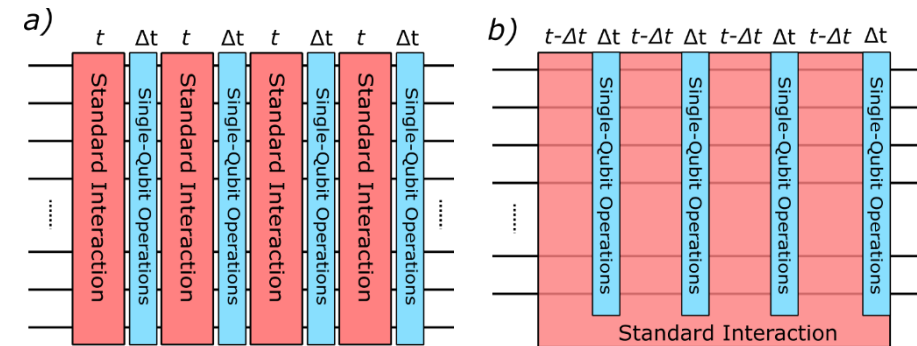
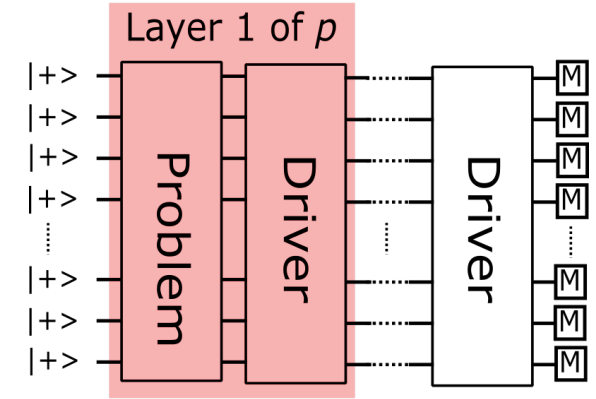
$$|\vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}\rangle = \prod_{p'=0}^p e^{i\beta_{p'} H_D} e^{i\gamma_{p'} H_P} |+\rangle^{\otimes n}$$

Digital Analogue Scheme

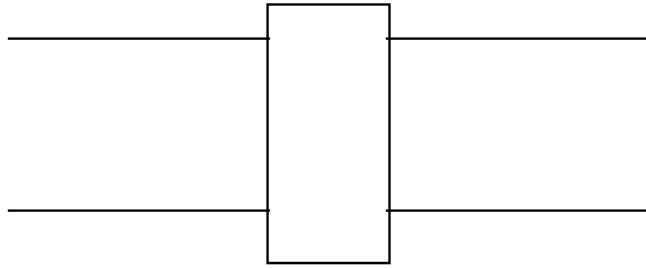
- Start with fully connected graph
- Use single-qubit operations to 'steer' this resource Hamiltonian
- If resource always on simultaneity of resource and single qubit ops causes error

DA-QAOA

- QAOA problem Hamiltonians suit DA scheme, easy to express
- QAOA can use variational freedom to 'eat' coherent DA error
- Faster single-qubit operations improve performance



Analog gate design

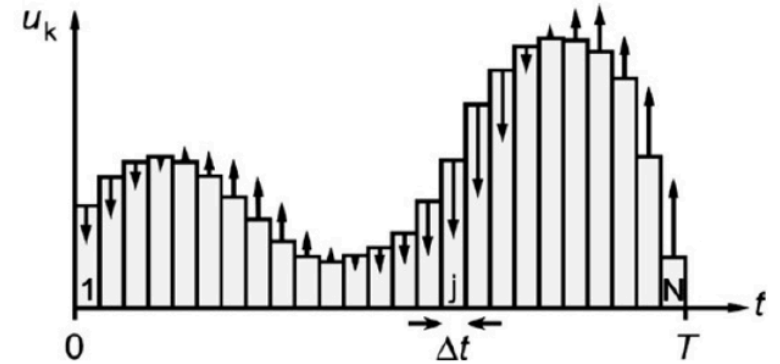


$$\hat{U}_{\text{gate}}(t_{i+1}, t_i) : i\partial_t \hat{U}(t, t_i) = \hat{H}(t) \hat{U}(t, t_i)$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \sum_i u_i(t) \hat{H}_i$$

Find controls implementing U
fast and reliably:
Analog control problem

Find controls that maximize fidelity

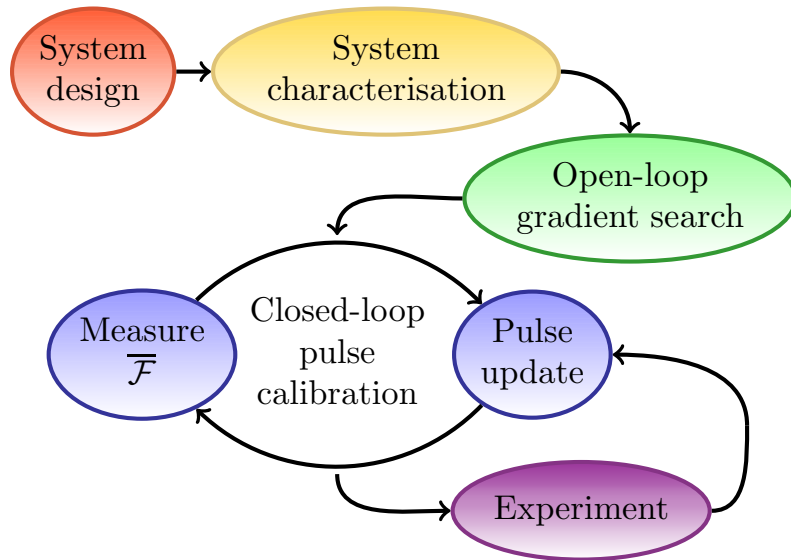


Practical wishlist:

- Fast (limited coherence!)
- Simple (easy to calibrate)
- Robust (tolerate fluctuations)

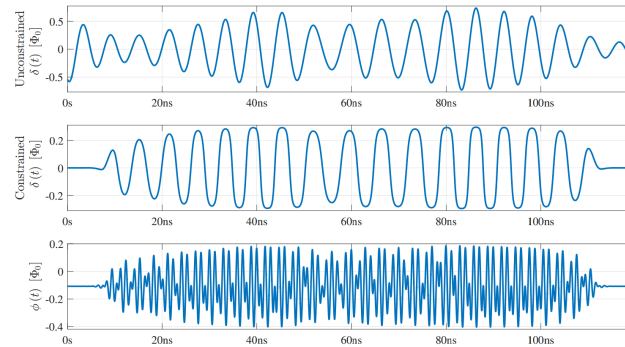
Ingredients

Closing the loop



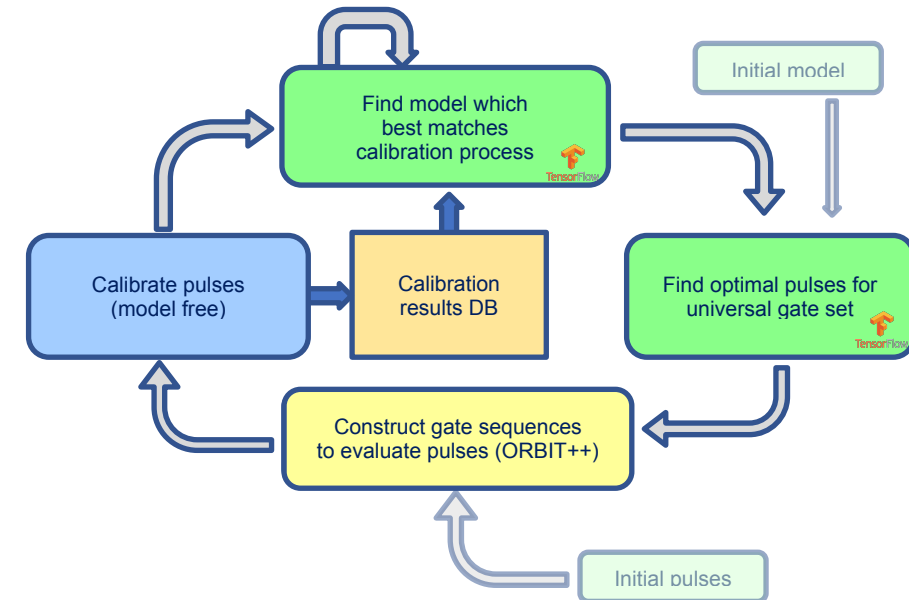
D.J. Egger and FKW, PRL 2014

Gradient search on simple Ansatz



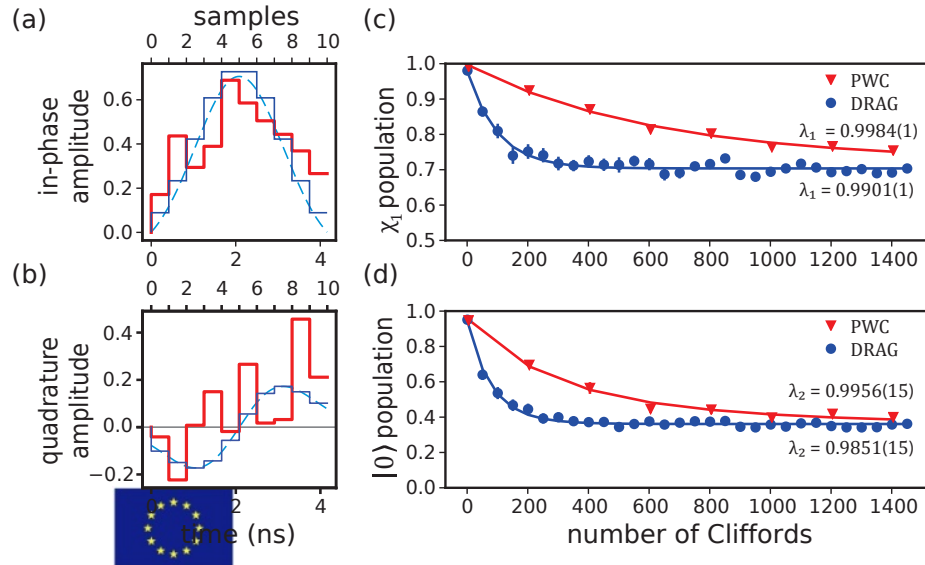
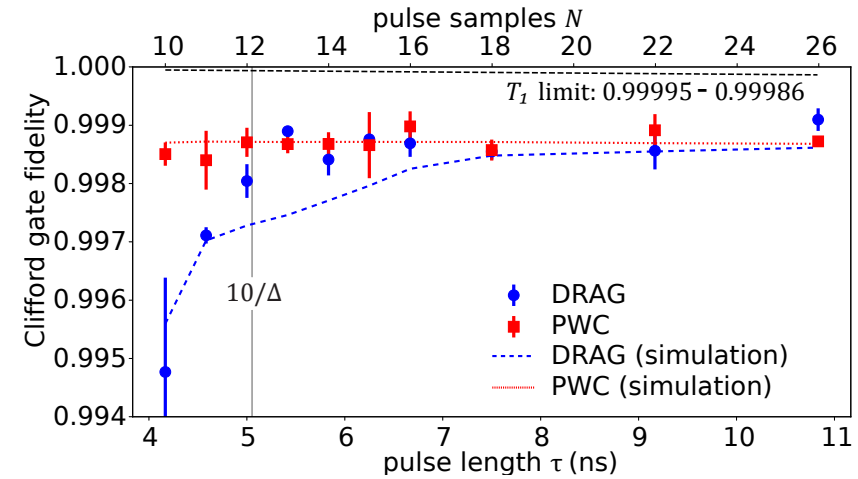
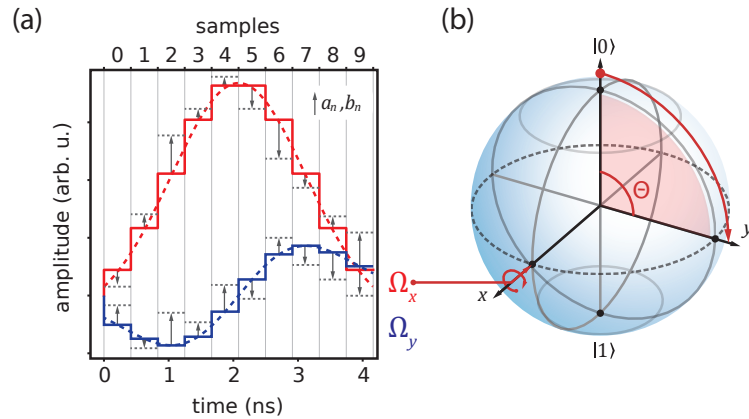
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Model identification with AI (C3 - Combined Control and Characterization)



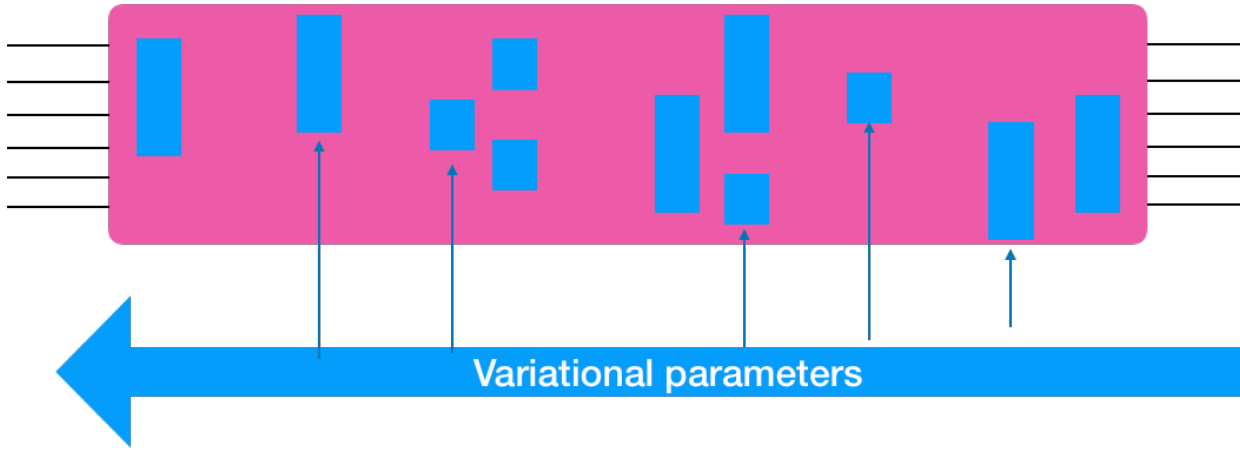
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The breakthrough

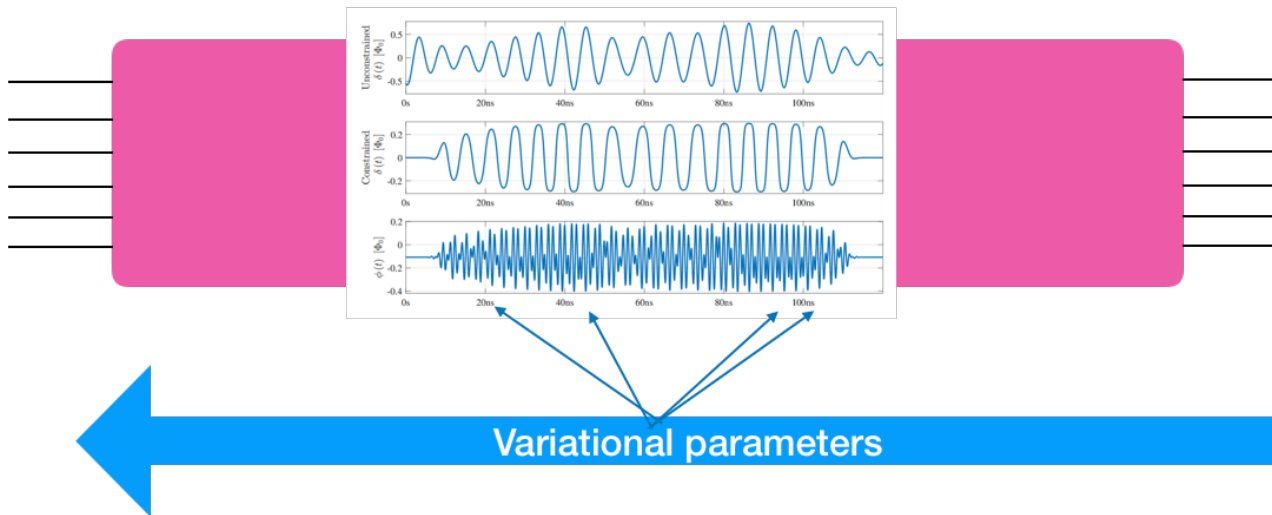


- Explore the quantum speed limit
- Speed up gates
- Discover an unexpected technical limitation

Many ways to write an algorithm



Gate-based algorithm
Universal gate set
Tuneup of gates



Optimal control
Controllability
Analogue programming

Statements for discussion

- Disruptive programming for quantum computers closely integrates software on and for quantum computers
- We have not found the best paradigm to program quantum computers yet - adiabatic, gate model and controls are just first guesses
- This cannot be done through a user interface to a walled garden, it needs deep access and collaborative research