



Introduzione alle macchine PASQAL

Incontri introduttivi al Quantum Computing

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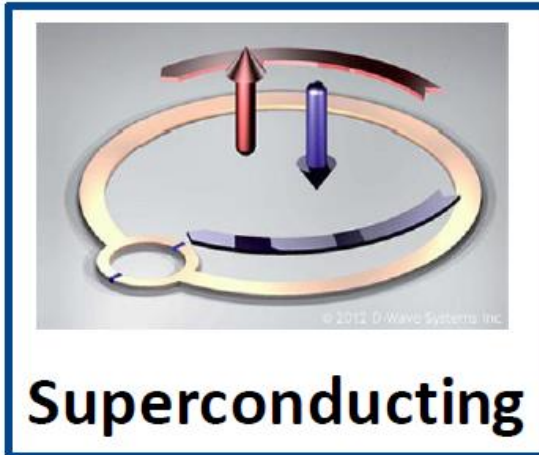
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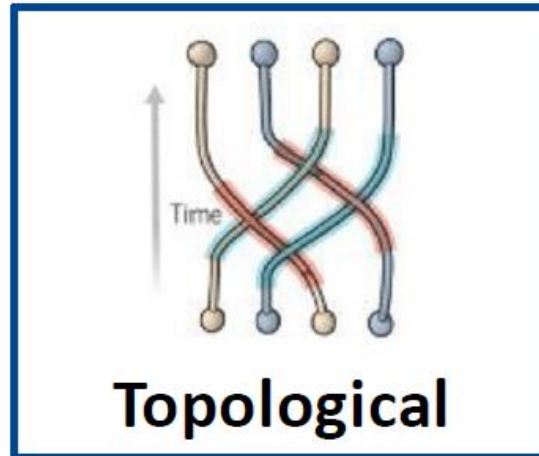
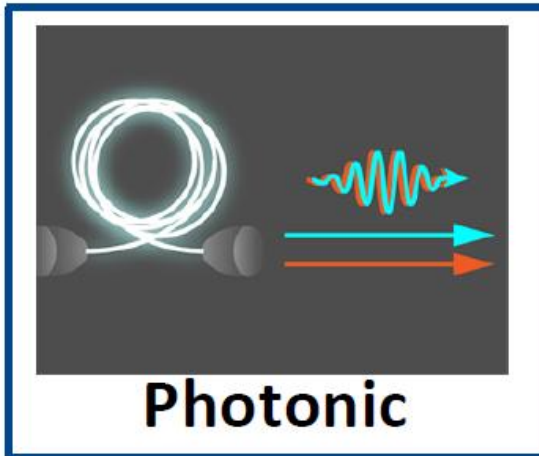
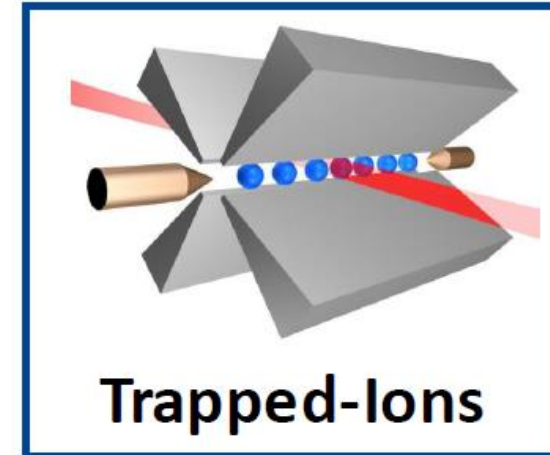
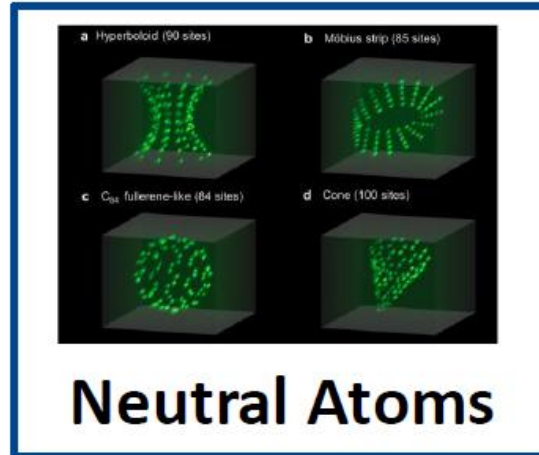
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Intro and Recap

Hardware state of the art – qubit physical realization



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Superconducting

PASQAL

Neutral Atoms

Trapped-Ions



Photonic

Topological

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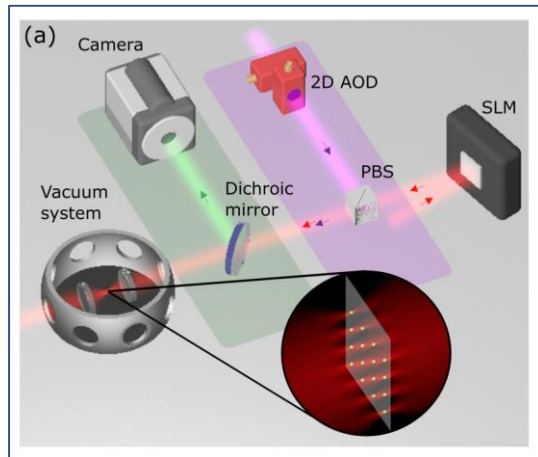
- The **project** will last 4 years, during which it will be created the **conditions** to **integrate quantum simulators with the European HPC network**.
- The **aim** is to create an **integrated ecosystem**.
- **PASQAL** announced that it already has a **quantum simulator with 100 qubits** (prototype 324-atom quantum processors scalable up to 1000).

Hybrid Ecosystem

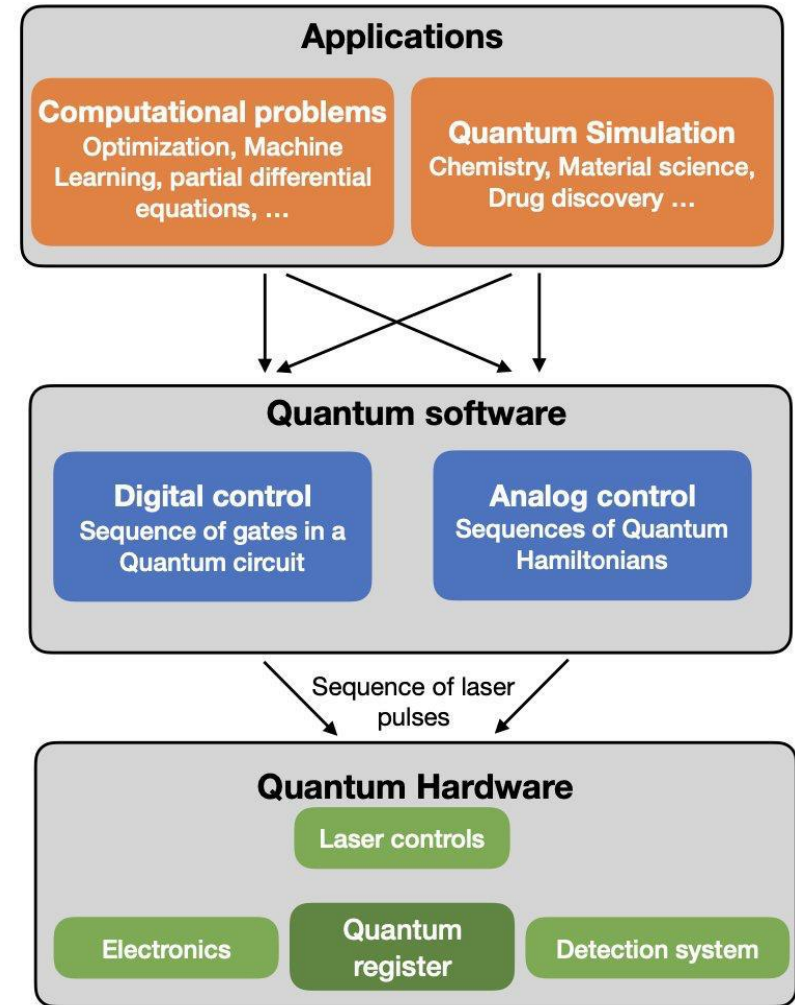


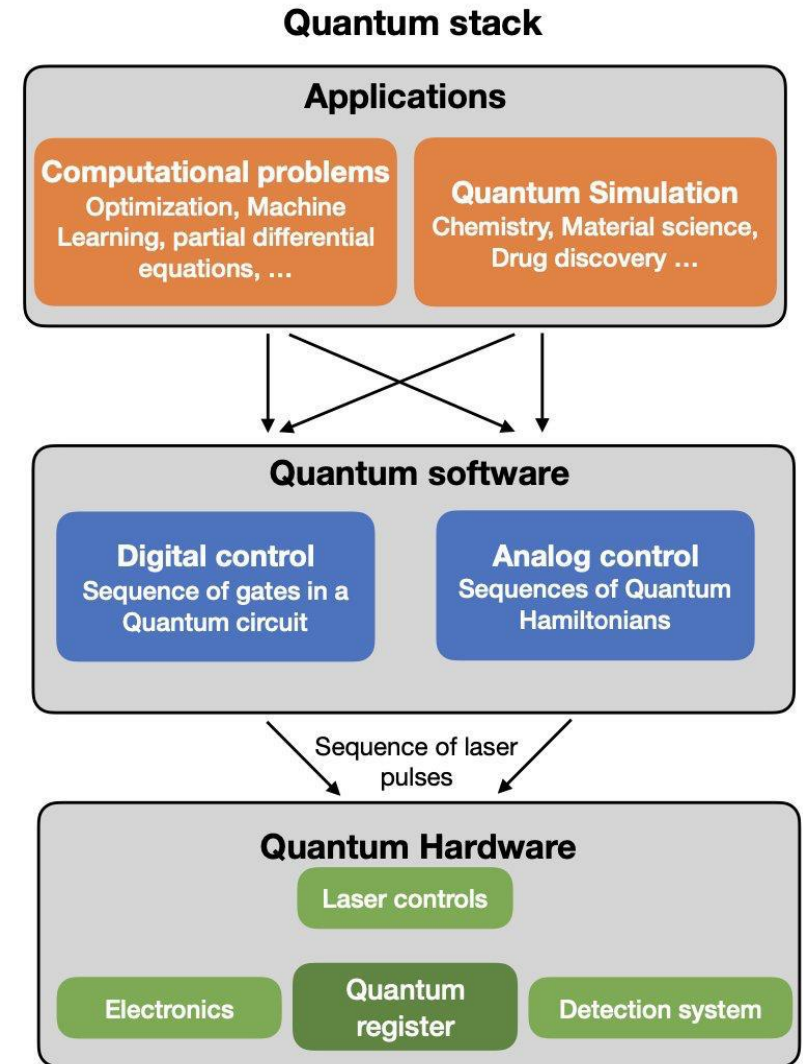
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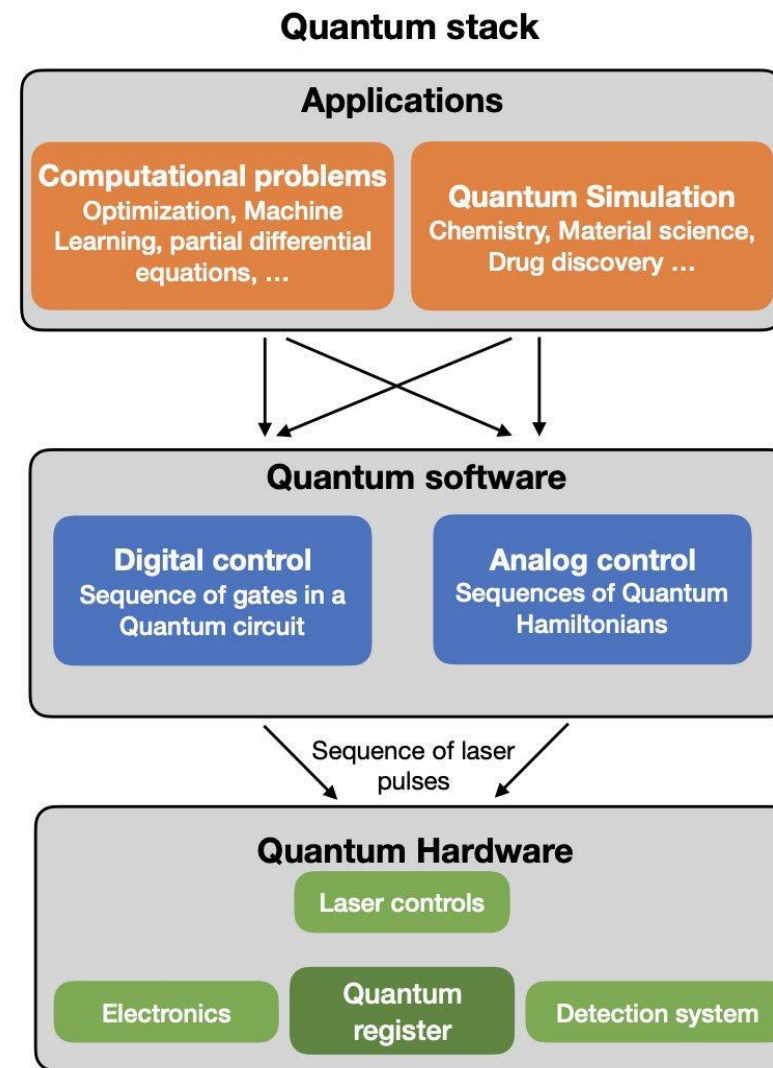
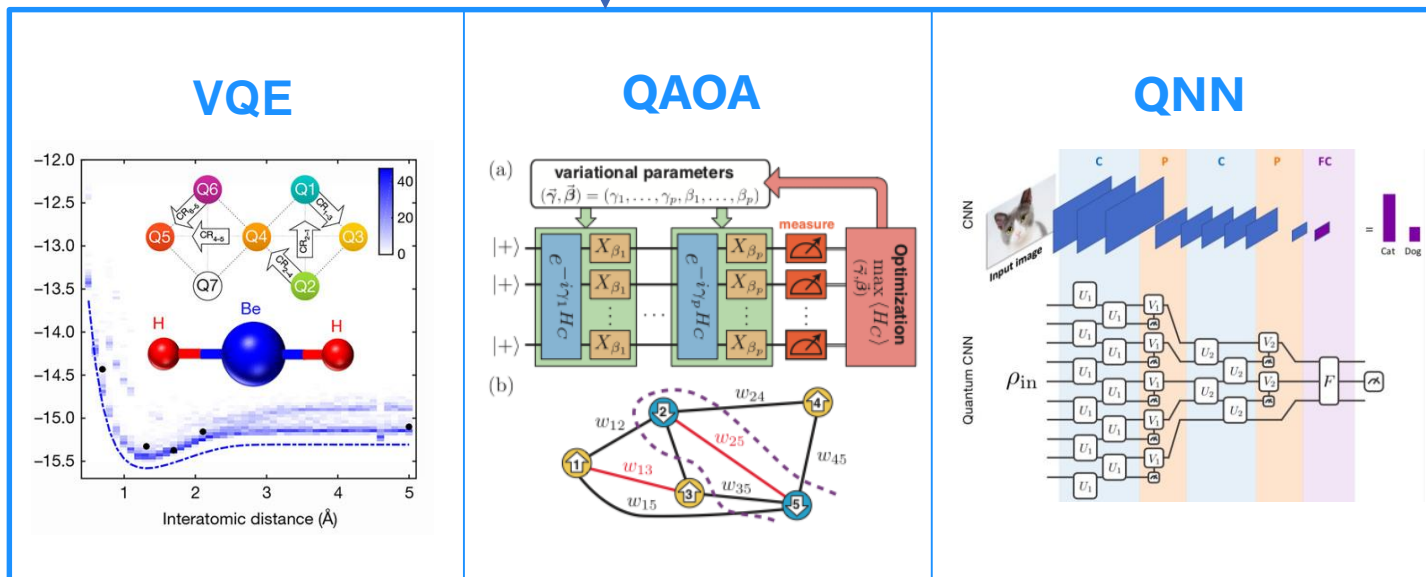


Quantum stack





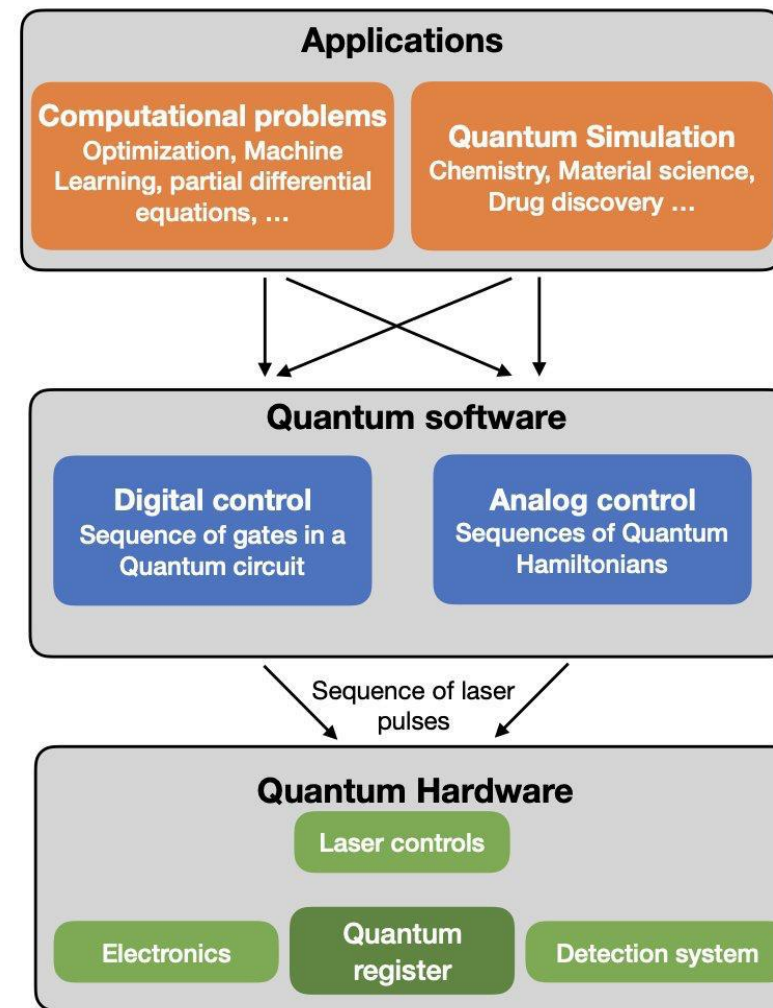
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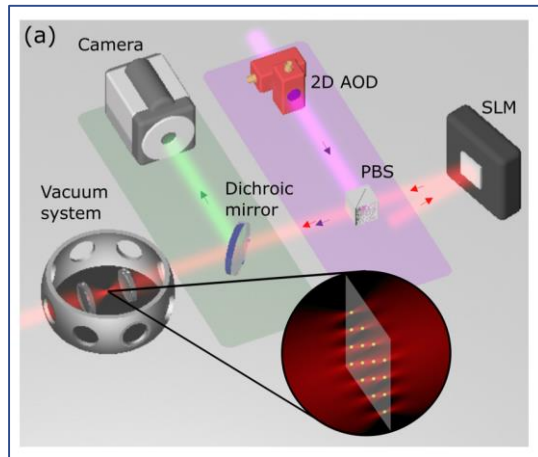
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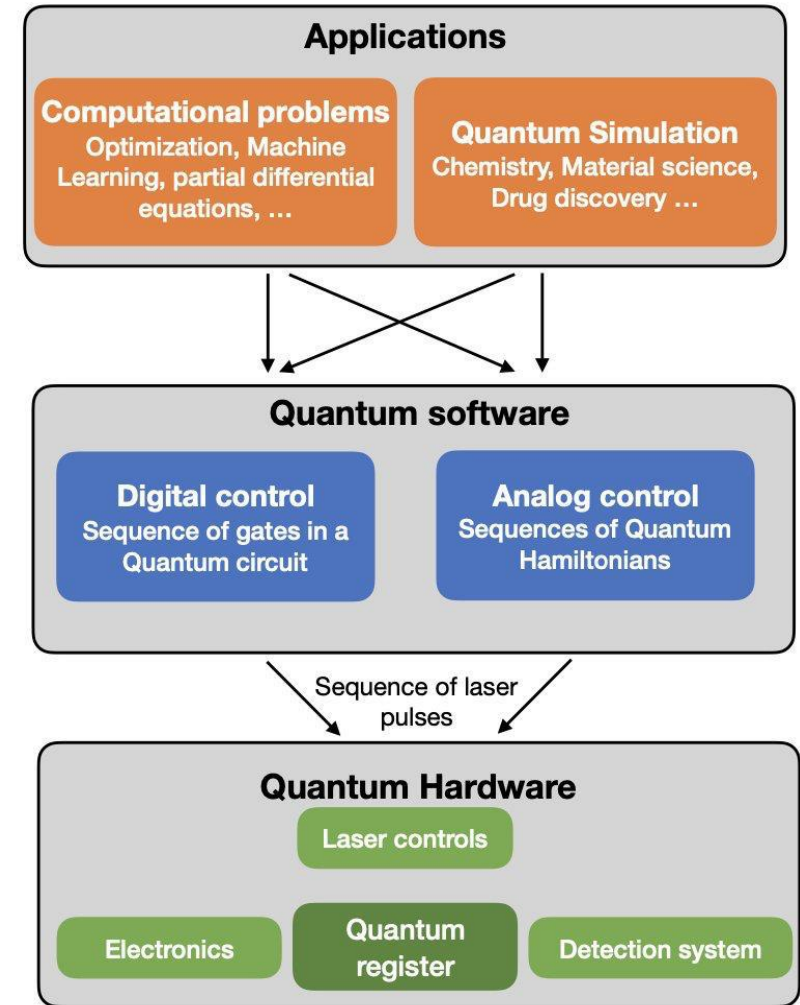
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Pasqal Quantum Hardware: QC with Neutral Atoms

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Pasqal employs **Rubidium Atoms** for its Neutral Atoms Quantum Computer



Rubidium: very **common** species in atomic physics that benefits from **well-established technological solutions**, especially in terms of **lasers**.

The **control of single atoms** as well as the **tuning** of their **interactions** has been achieved to a **high degree** in several laboratories.

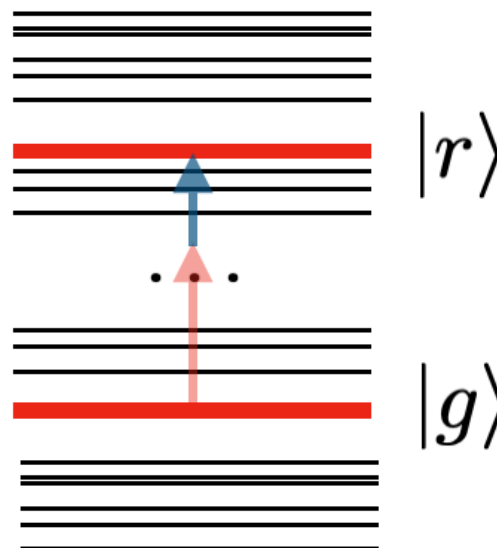
Arranging ensembles of individual **(trapped) atoms separated by a few micrometers**

Pasqal Quantum Hardware: QC with Neutral Atoms

Pasqal employs **Rubidium Atoms** in the construction of the **QPU**

Two electronic levels of the rubidium atoms are chosen to be the **two qubit states**

Since the number of **electronic states in an atom is infinite**, there are various possible choices for implementing the qubit



State of a Qubit

$\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$

**encoded in two electronic levels
of the Rubidium Atom**

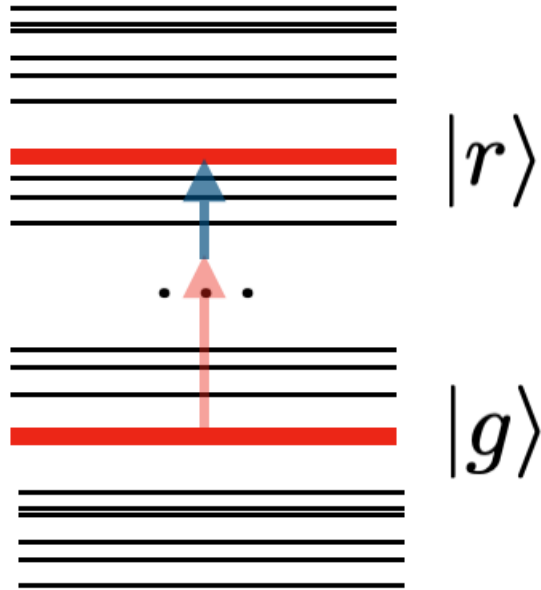
$\{|g\rangle, |r\rangle\}$

Since the **atoms are indistinguishable**, even the **qubits are strictly identical**.

This is a **great advantage** for obtaining **low error levels** when calculating.

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In order to generate interactions between them, they are excited by a resonant laser field to a **Rydberg level**, which has a large principal quantum number.

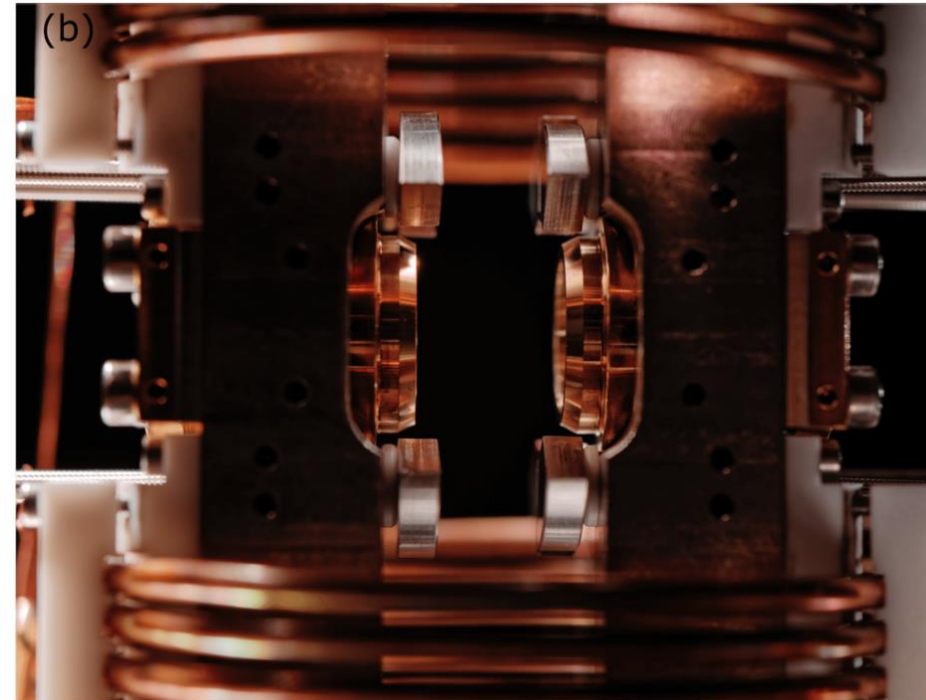
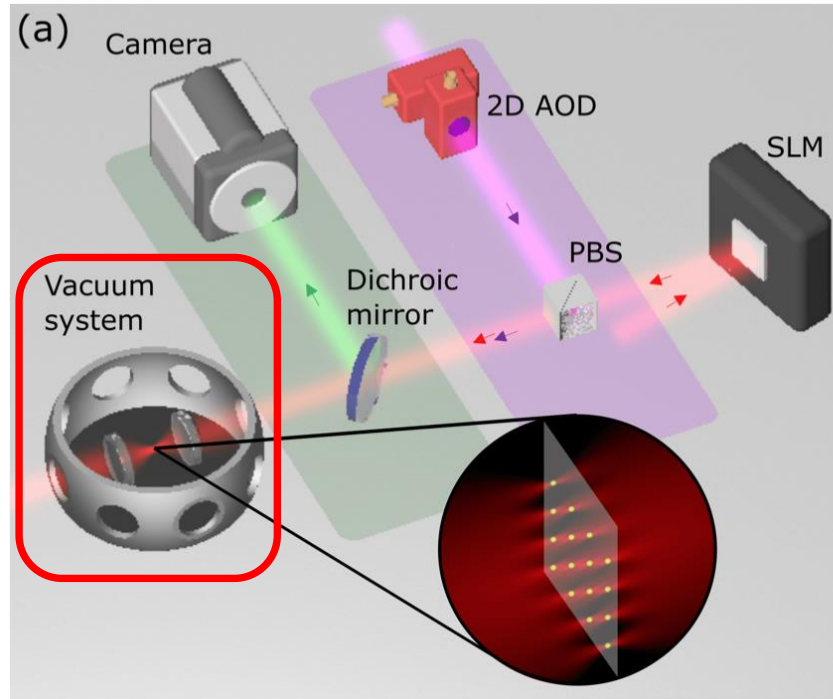


$\{|g\rangle, |r\rangle\}$ are ground and «Rydberg» states characterized by:

- **Long decay time:** if excited to the state $|r\rangle$, the atom tends to stay in that state and does not decays immediately in ground state $|g\rangle$
- **Strong interaction between atoms**

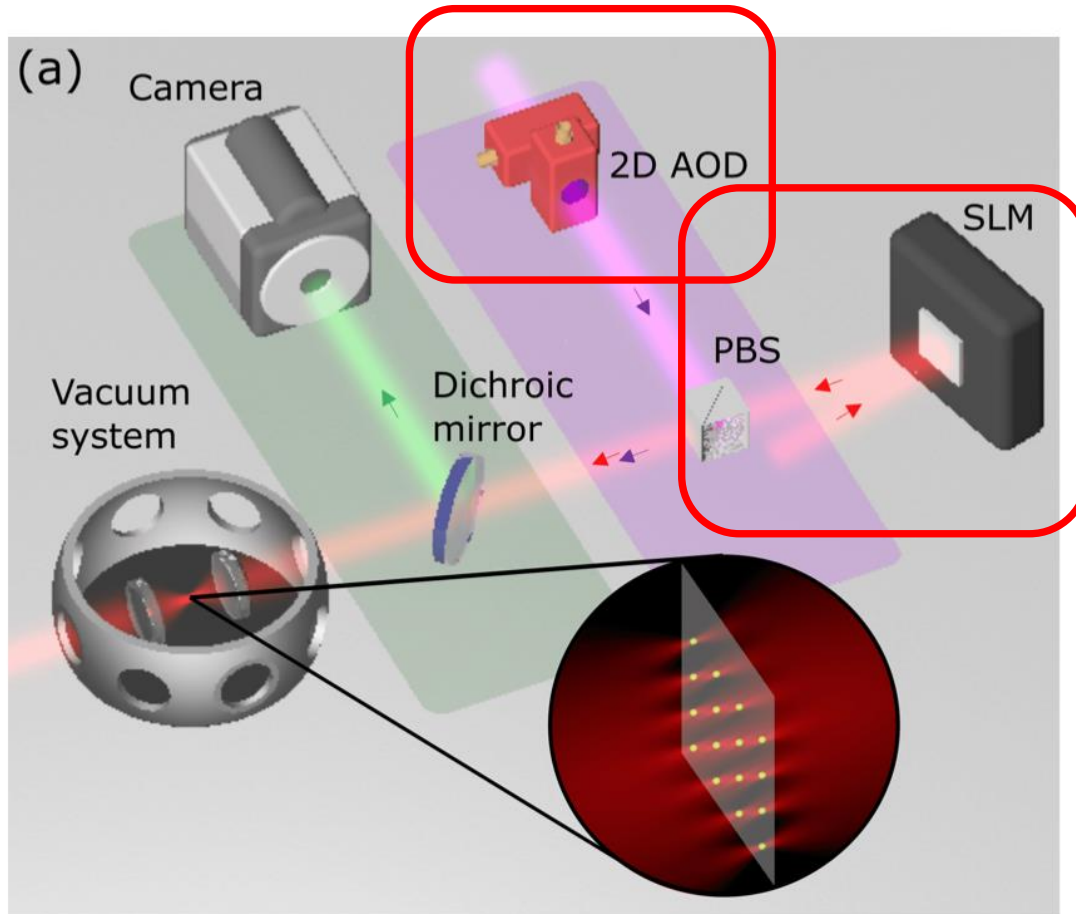
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The atomic vapor is introduced into an ultra-high vacuum system operating at room temperature

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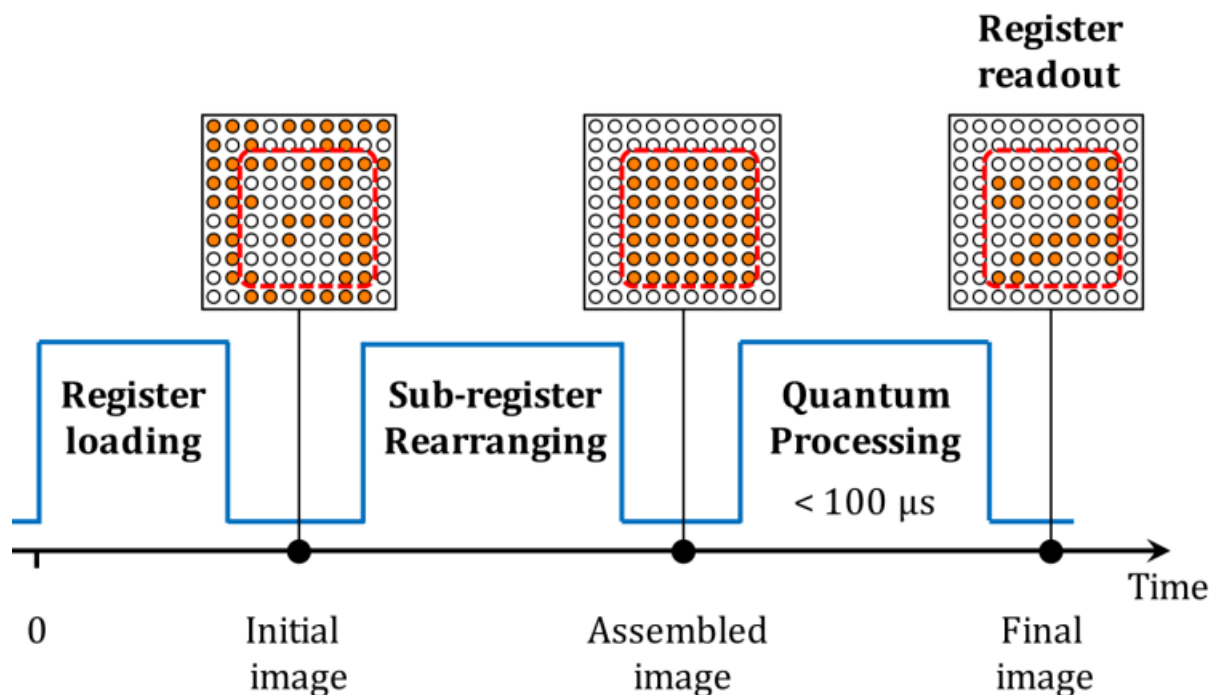
Rubidium atoms are trapped and held by laser beams, in particular:

- **Optical Tweezers (purple beam)** controlled by 2D acousto-optic laser deflector (AOD)
- **Laser (red beam)** reflected by spatial light modulator (SLM) which gives the correct phase

Every Tweezers traps a single atom

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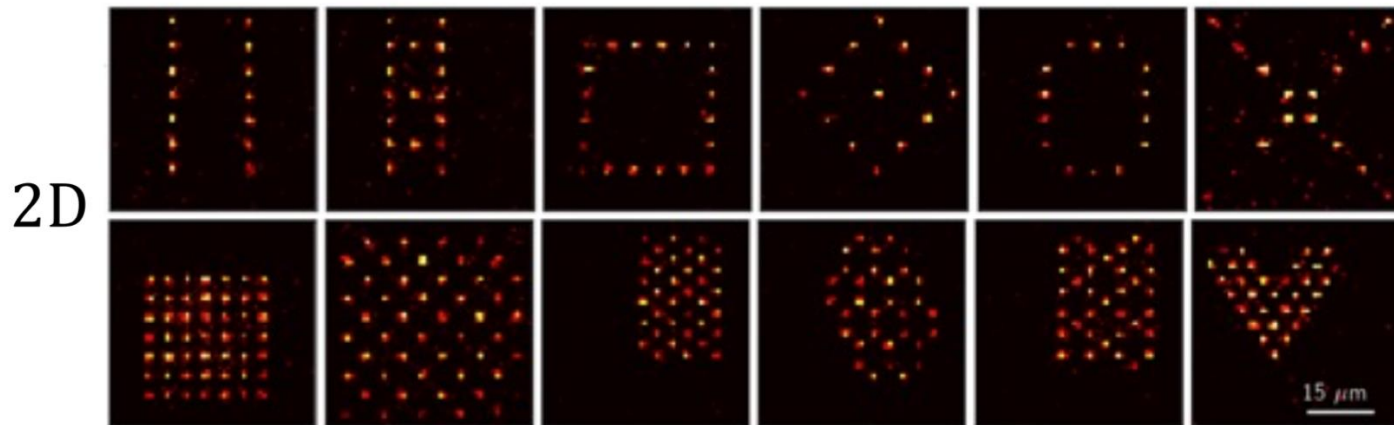
Temporal sequence of one computation cycle.



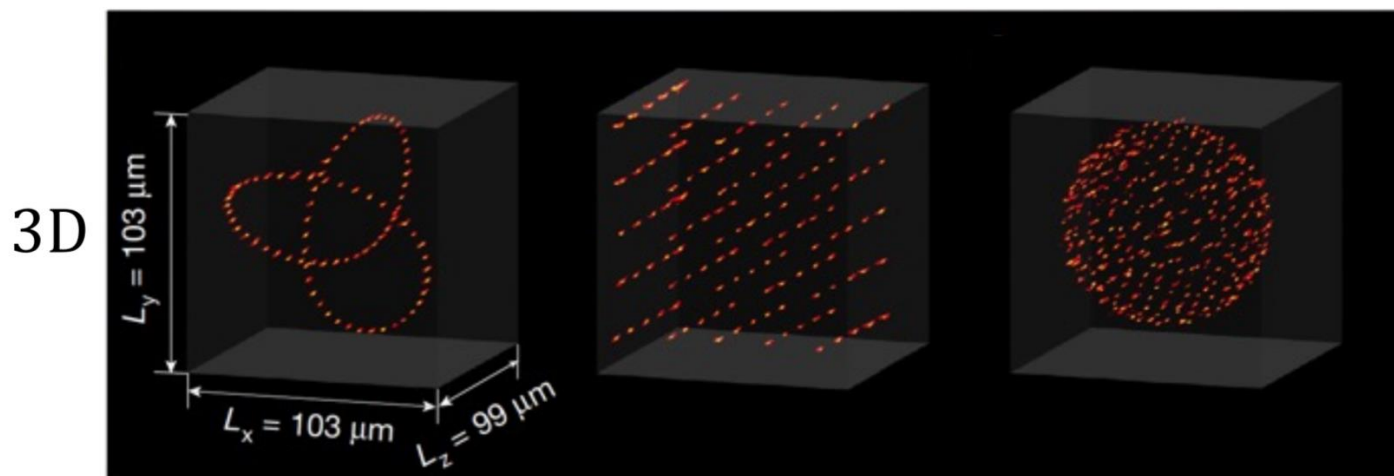
The loading of the register being random: here is a 50% chance that a single tweezer traps an atom

Atoms are rearranged to obtain the desired topology. This operation takes less than 1 ms.

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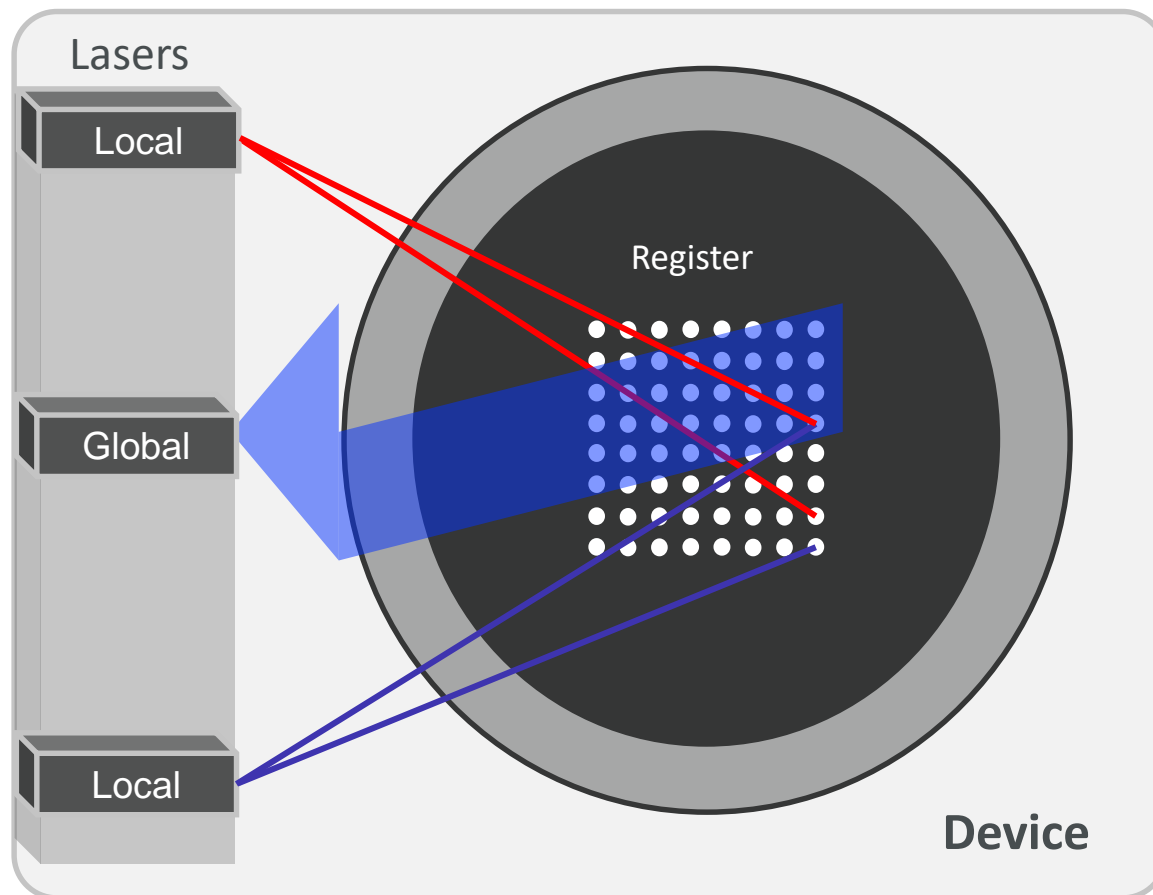


By moving the **optical tweezers** it is possible to arrange the **topology** of the Rubidium atoms and therefore of the qubits



Depending on the application, it is useful to vary the Topology which can be 1D, 2D or even 3D

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How quantum computation?

Lasers are responsible for manipulating the state of the atoms by addressing specific electronic transitions.

Local and global laser beams control the state of qubit registers and allow to:

- **Act on single qubit**

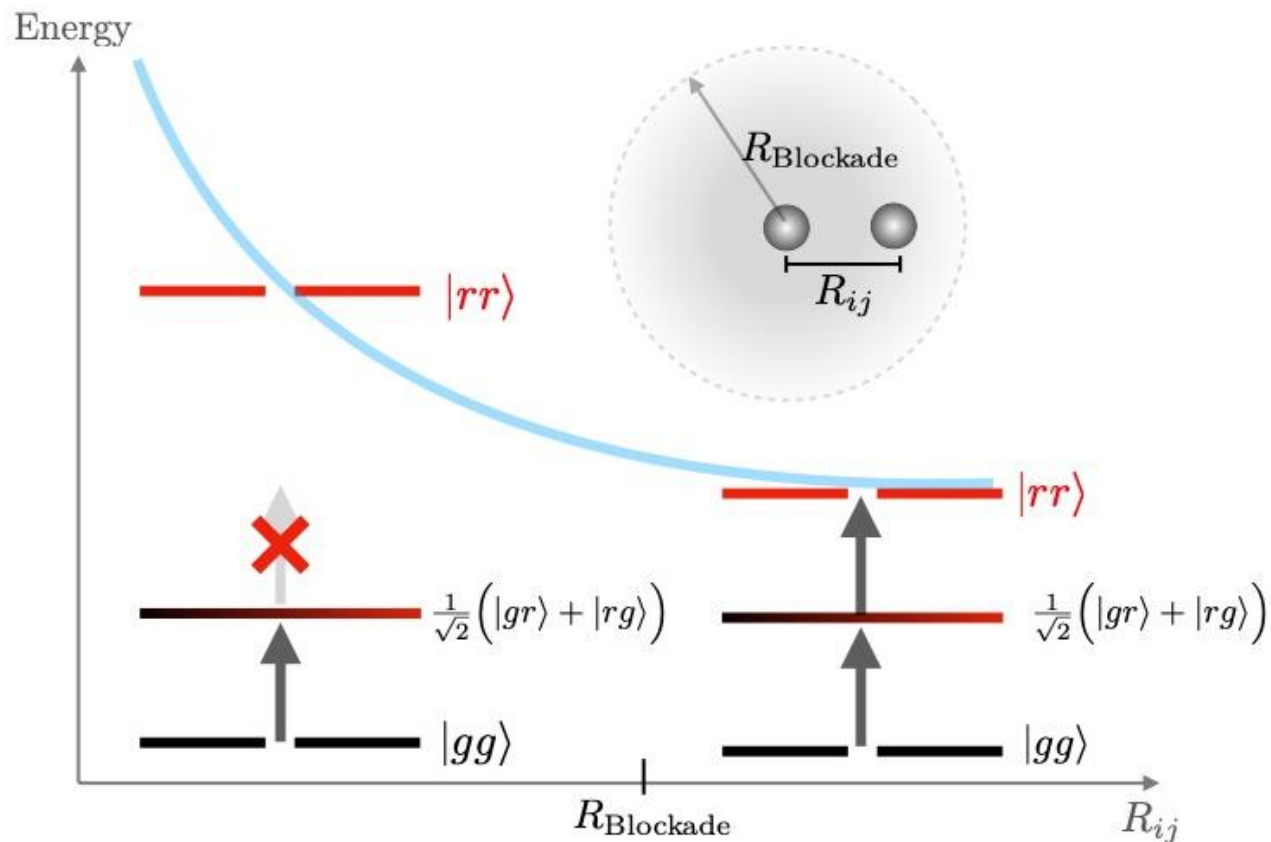
$$\text{e.g. } |g\rangle \rightarrow |r\rangle$$

- **Make qubit interact**

$$\text{e.g. } |gg\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|gr\rangle + |rg\rangle)$$

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Rydberg Blockade: principle used to create entanglement

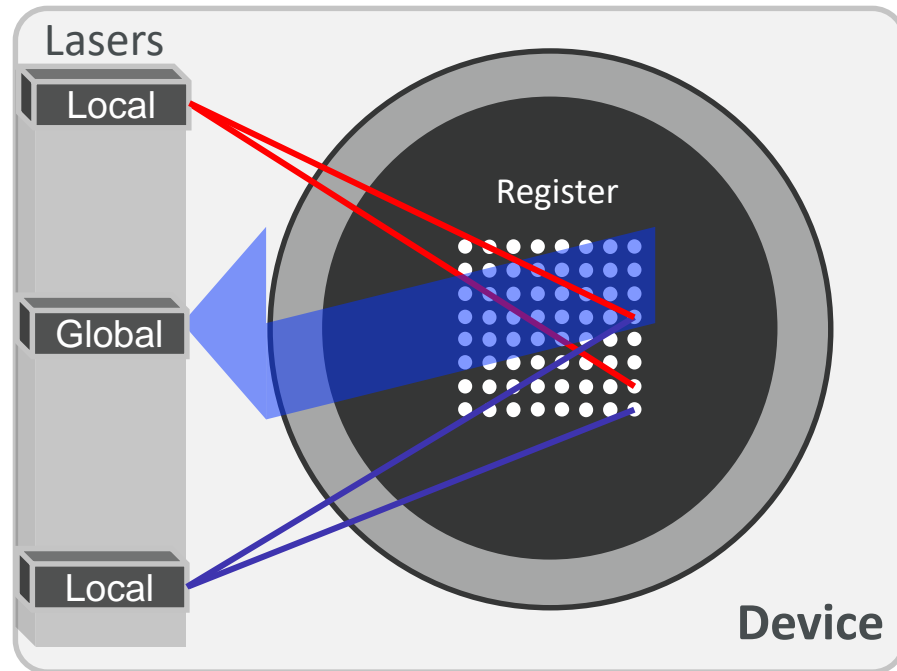


The **interaction between two atoms at distance R** and at the same Rydberg level is described by the **Van der Waals force**, which scales as R^{-6}

The interaction within this radius is strong enough to make the **state $|rr\rangle$ inaccessible**

If the atoms are excited simultaneously, the resulting state is an **entangled state**.

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Mathematically, lasers interact with qubits, modifying the Hamiltonian, which is a function that describes the energy of the entire qubit system

$$H = \frac{\hbar\Omega(t)}{2} \sum_i \sigma_i^x - \frac{\hbar\delta(t)}{2} \sum_i \sigma_i^z + \sum_{i<j} U_{ij} n_i n_j$$

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$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{n}_j = (\mathbb{I} + \sigma_j^z)/2$$

Modulates interaction between qubits

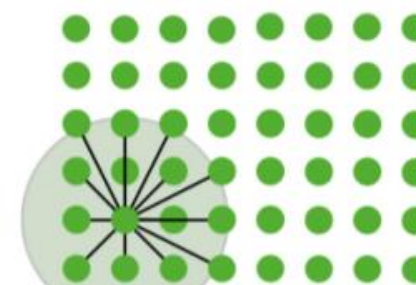
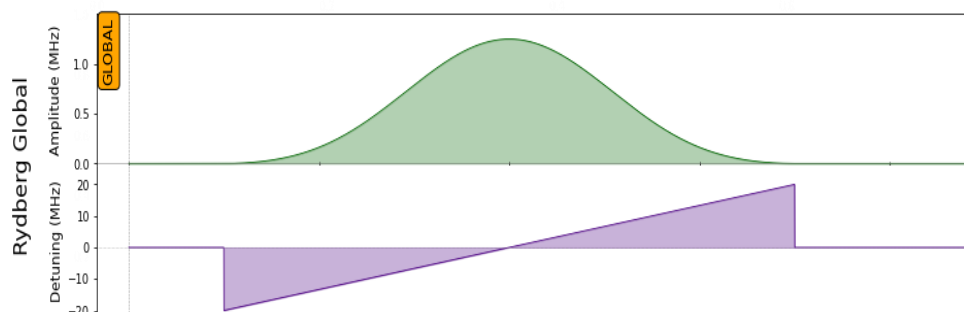
Rabi Frequency

Detuning

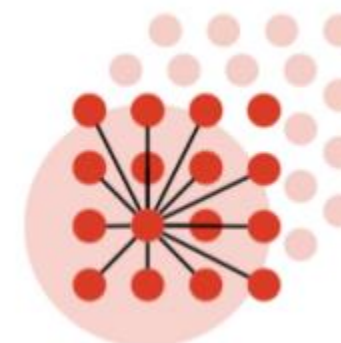
$$U_{ij} = \frac{C_6}{r_{ij}^6}$$

Vary with **Topology**

They vary by changing the **intensity** and **frequency** of the laser

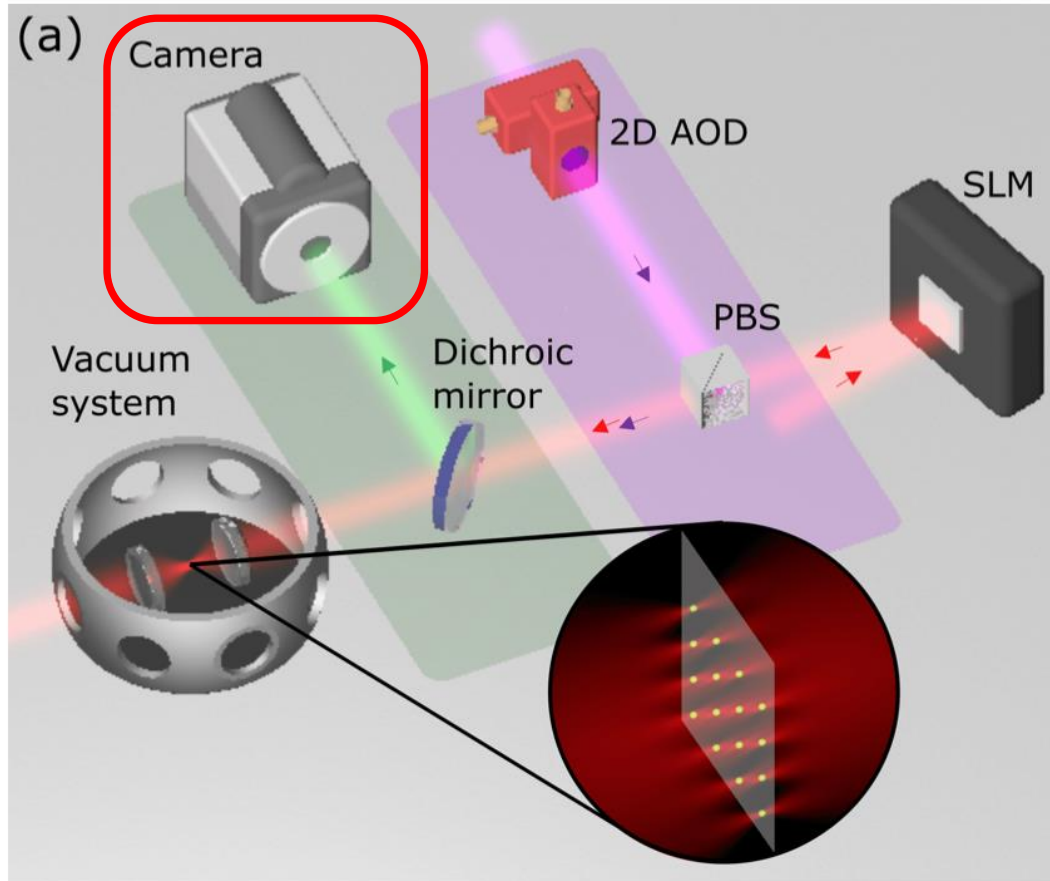


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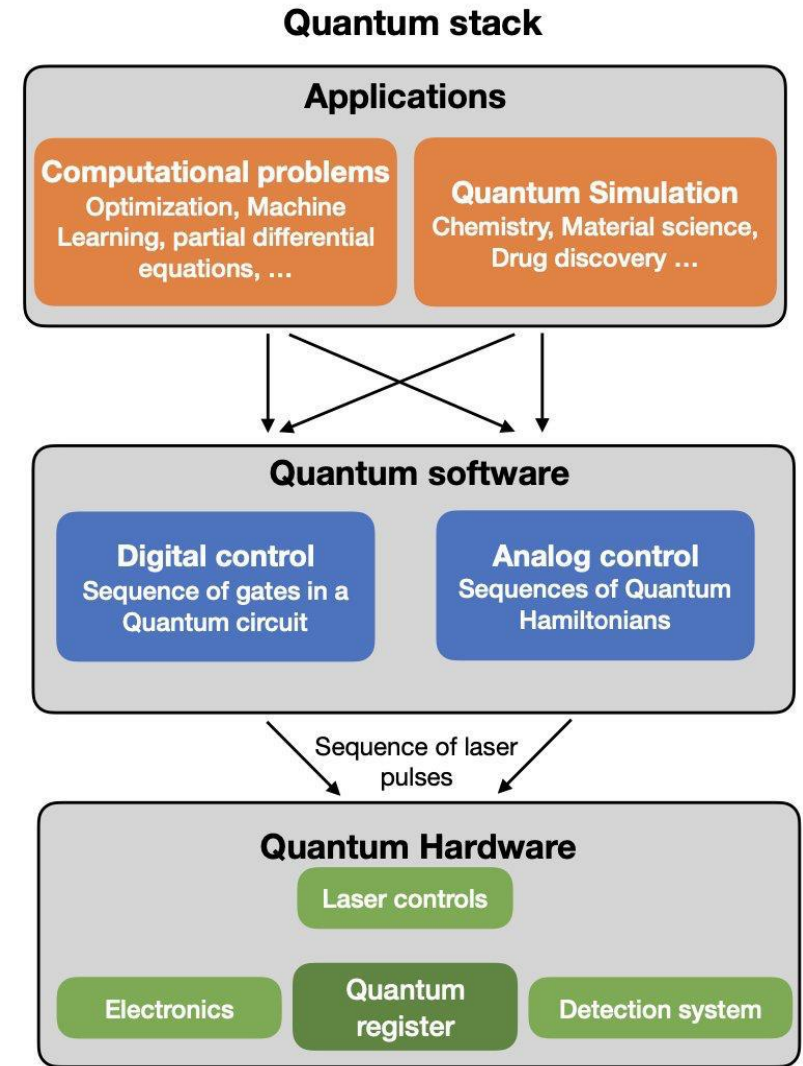
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At the **end of the computation**, the qubit register is **measured by observing the final fluorescence image** (green beam).

The measurement process is performed in such a way that **each atom in the qubit state $|0\rangle$ appears bright**, while the atoms in the qubit state $|1\rangle$ remain dark.

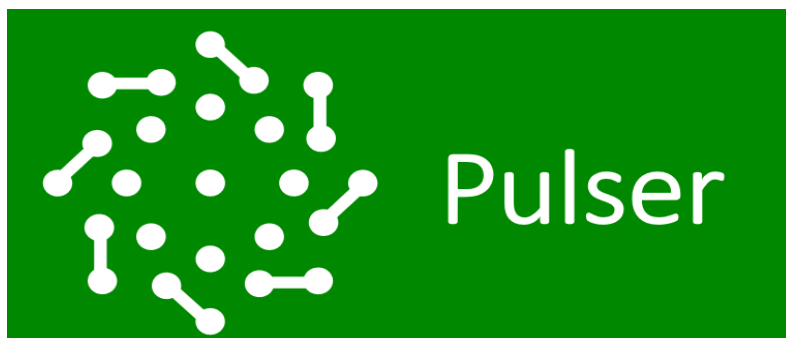
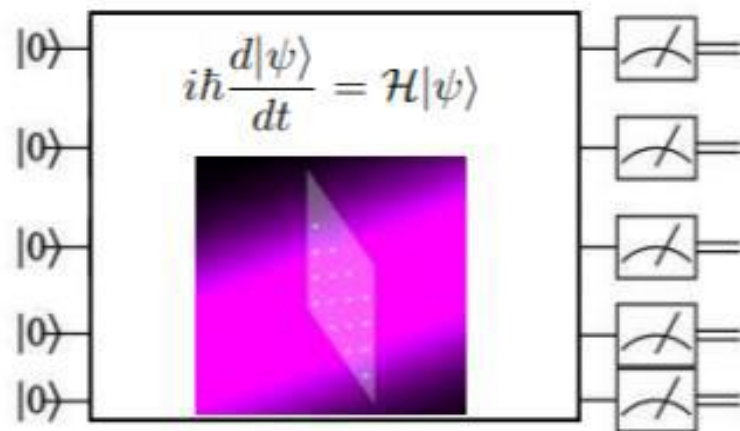


Pulser: Control Software for Pasqal QC

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Lower level programming

(b) Analog processing



Quantum computing is carried out by **directly manipulating** the mathematical operator (**Hamiltonian**) that **describes the evolution** of the quantum system

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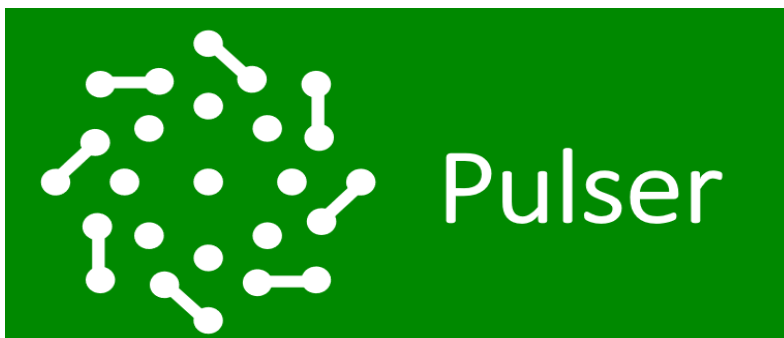
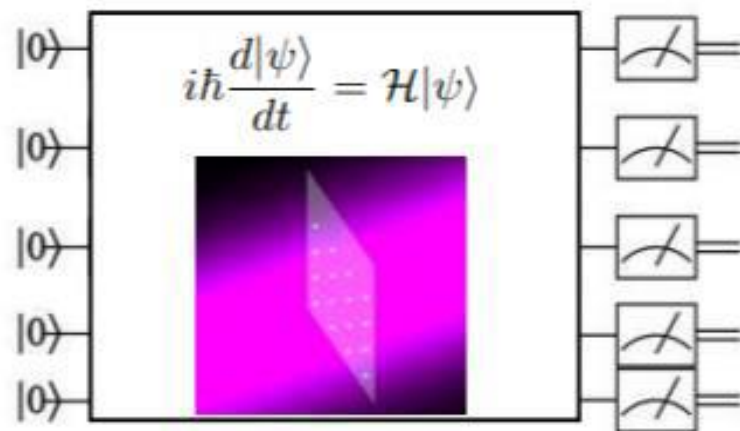
Possible by **varying**:

- **Intensity** and **frequency** of lasers
 - Qubit register **topology**

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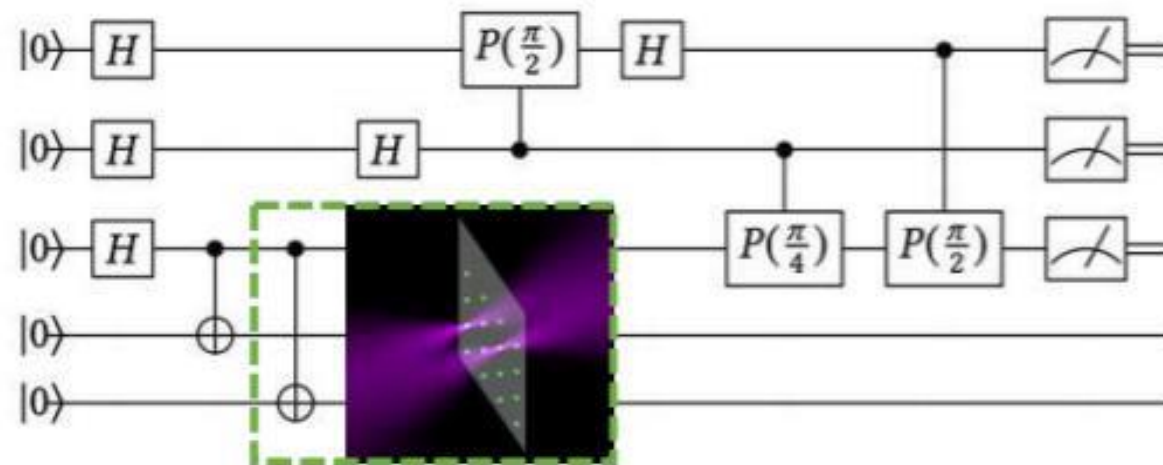
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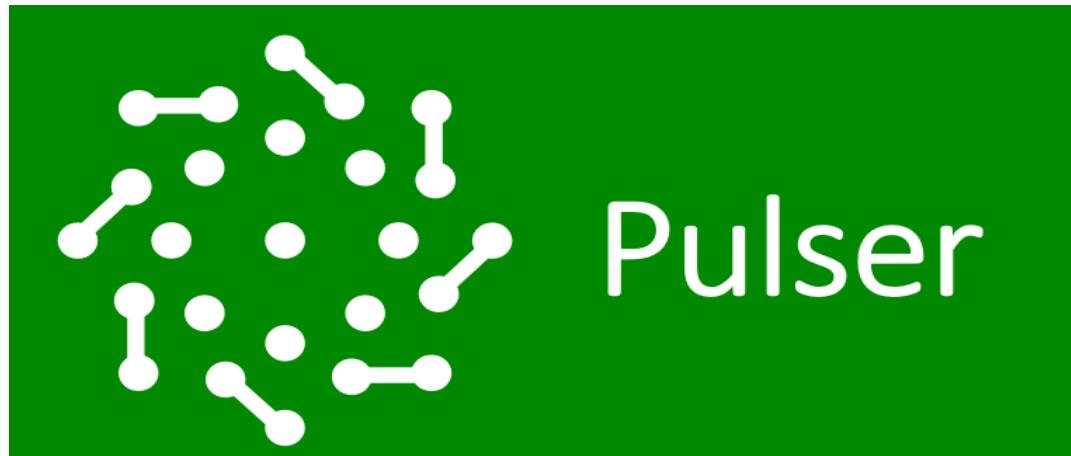


Higher level programming

(a) Digital processing



Cirq



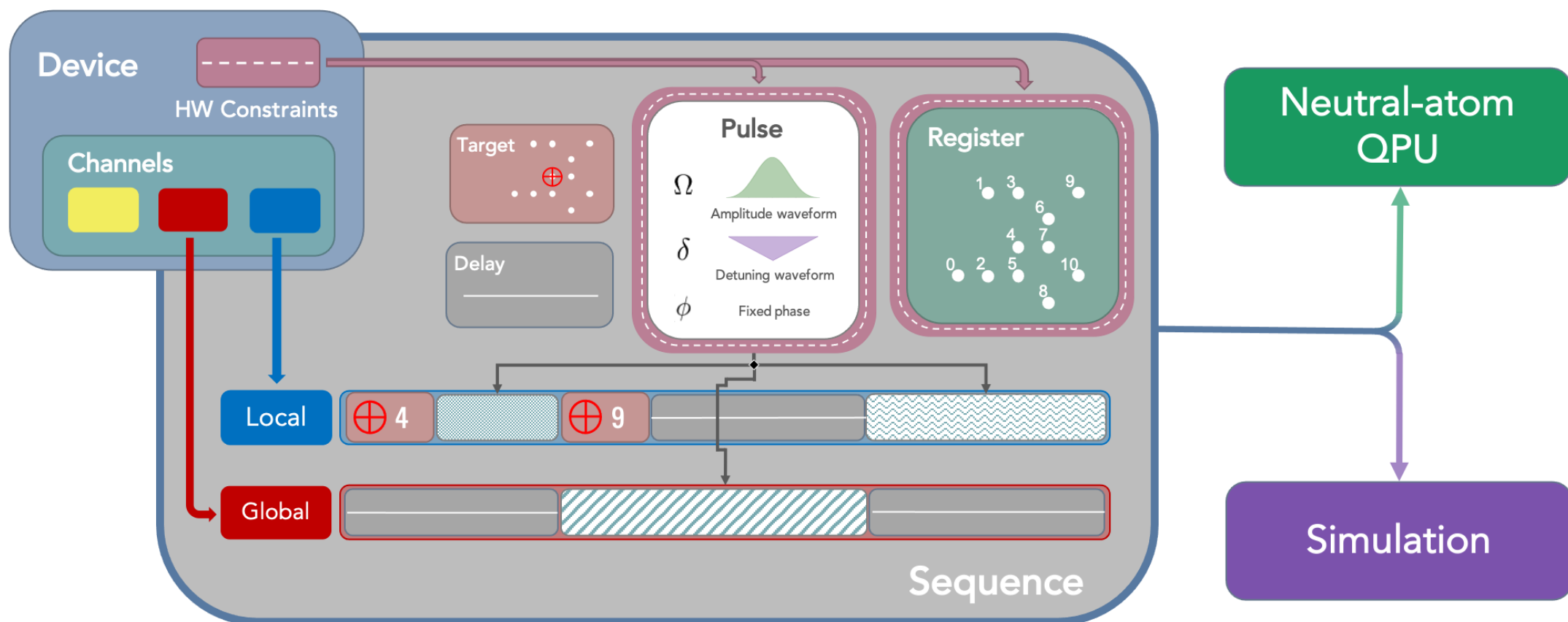
Python software library for programming **Pasqal devices** at the **laser pulse level**.

It allows to **design pulse sequences** that represent the physical parameters relevant to the computation.

The **sequences** can be **read** and **executed** by the **QPU** or by an **emulator**

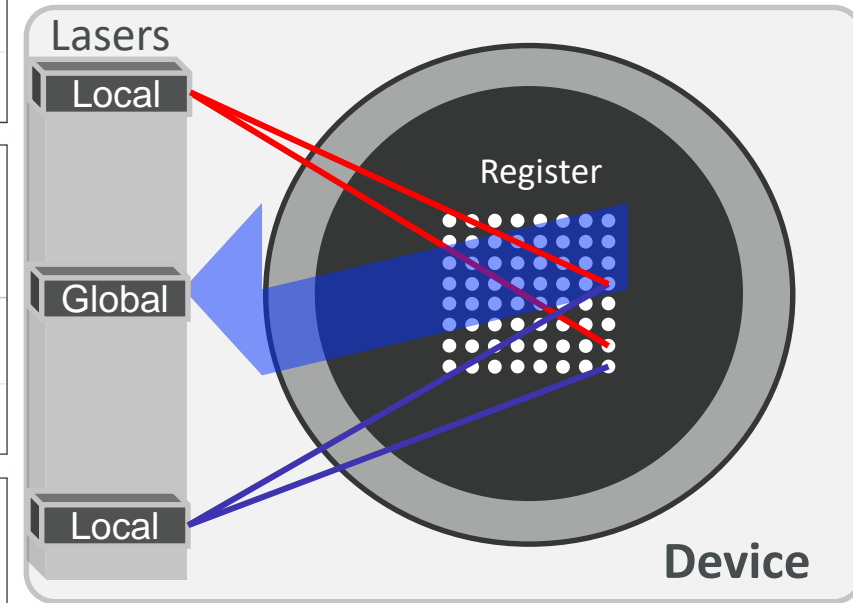
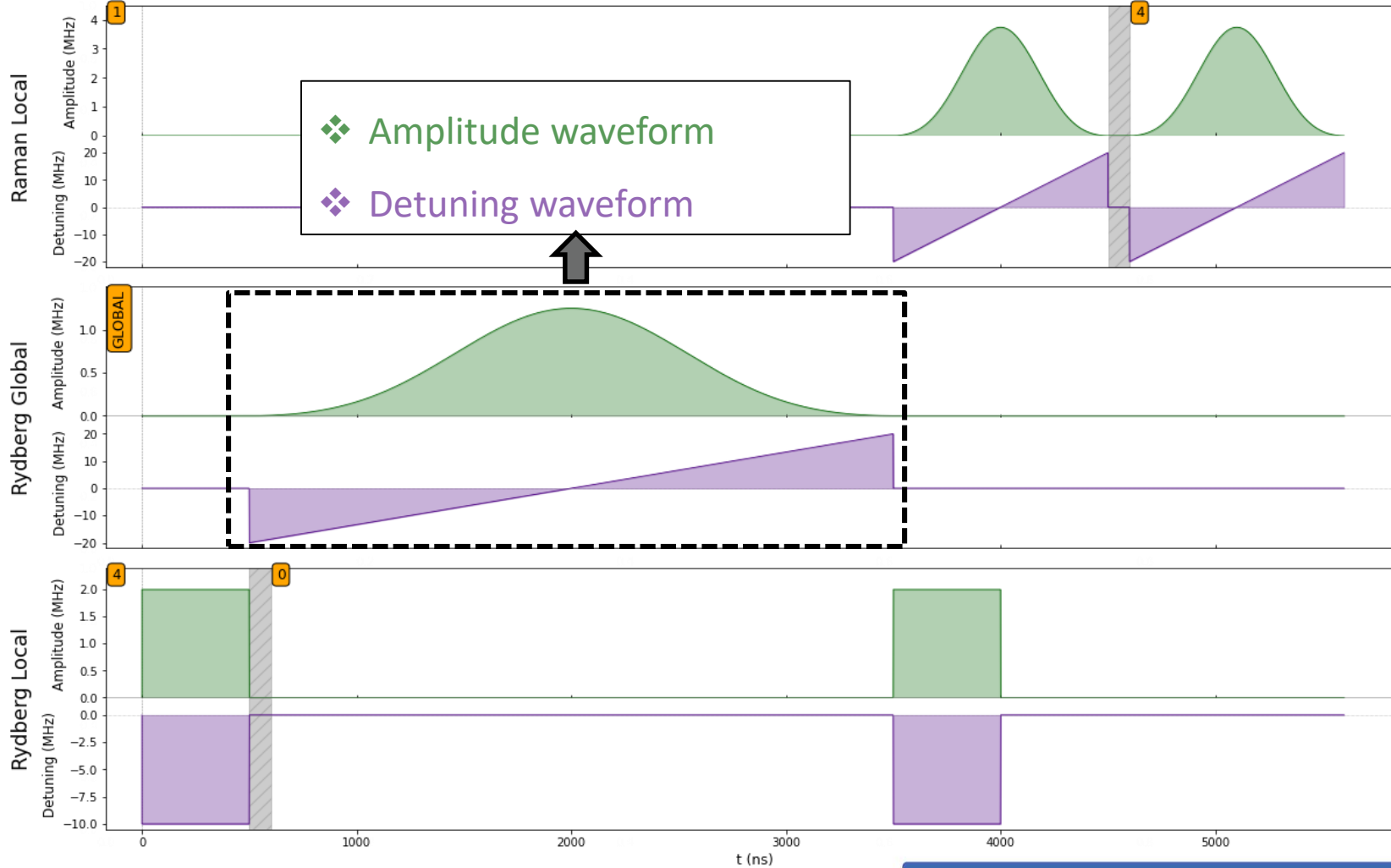
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In Pulser, local and global pulse sequences can be defined



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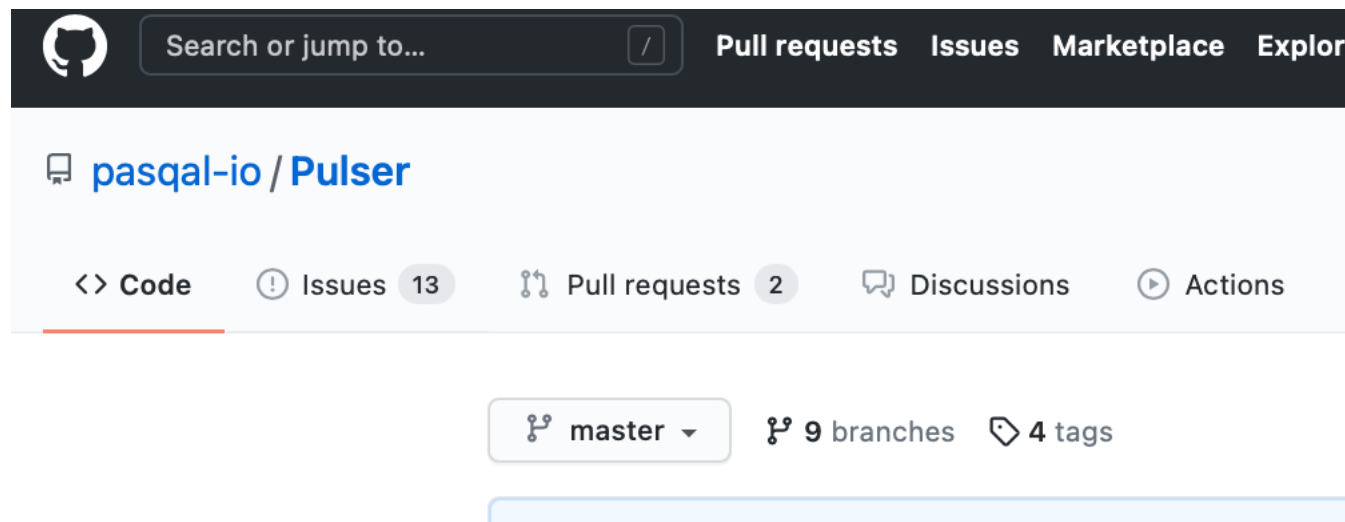
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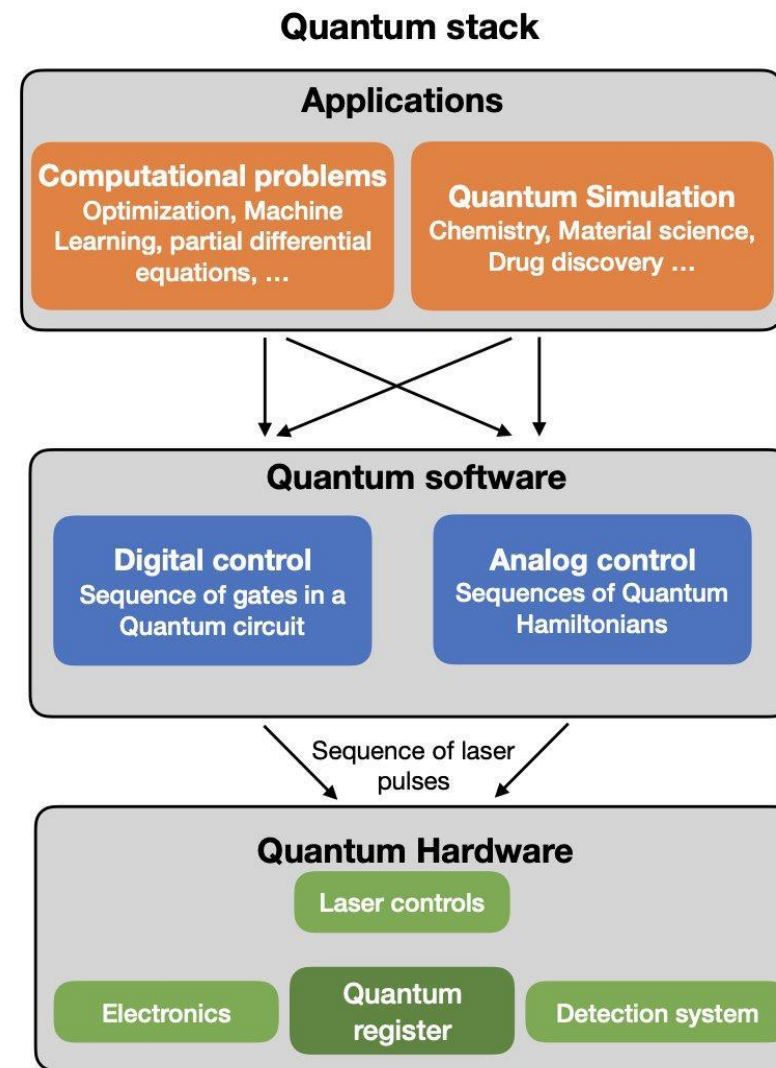
<https://github.com/pasqal-io/Pulser>

<https://pulser.readthedocs.io/en/stable/>

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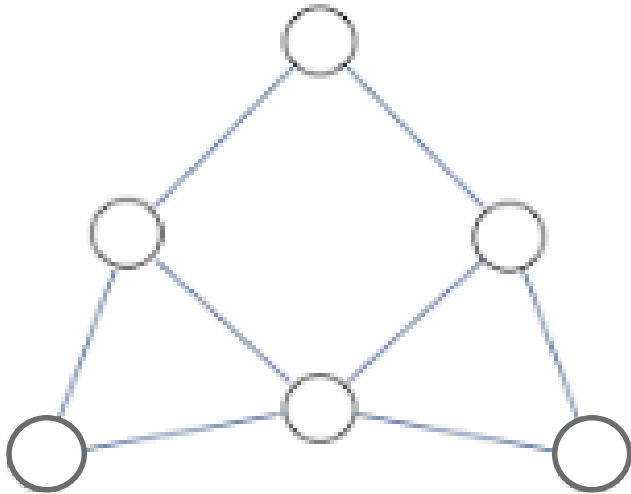
HPC



Application: QAOA & MIS problem

Maximal Independent Set (MIS) Problem

Definition: Given a graph, **color** the **largest number of nodes** **avoiding** that **nodes of the same color** are **connected** together



It is a hard **combinatorial optimization problem** (complexity class **NP-hard**)

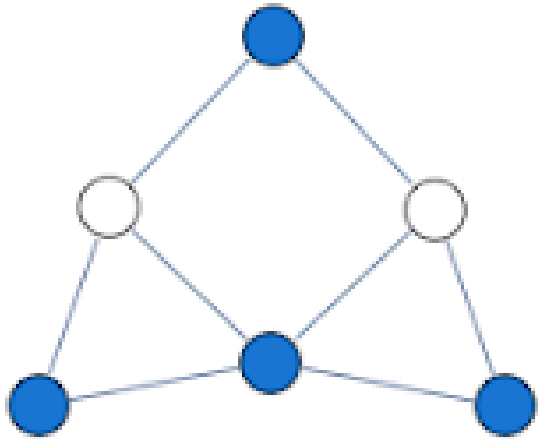
Applications:

- Modeling and Optimization in Massive Datasets
 - Modeling Wireless Networks
 - Matching Molecular Structures

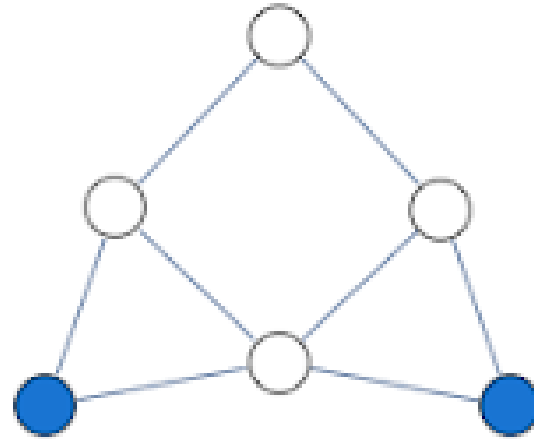
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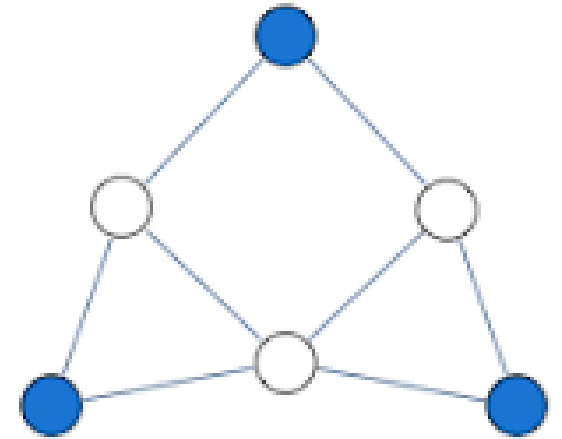
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Not an independent set



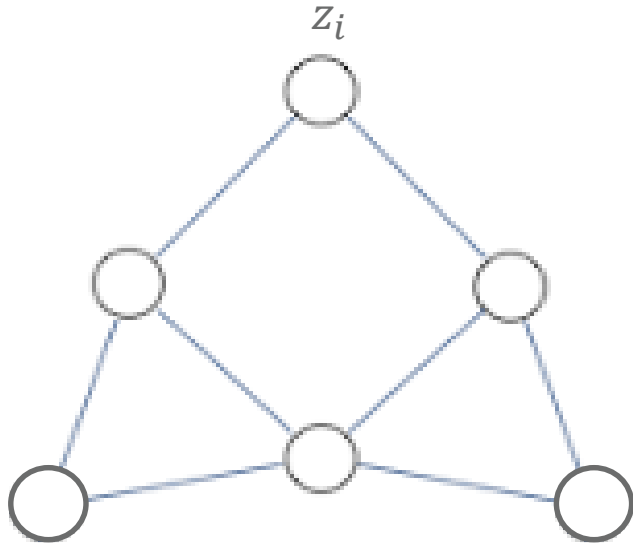
Independent set but
on maximal



Maximal
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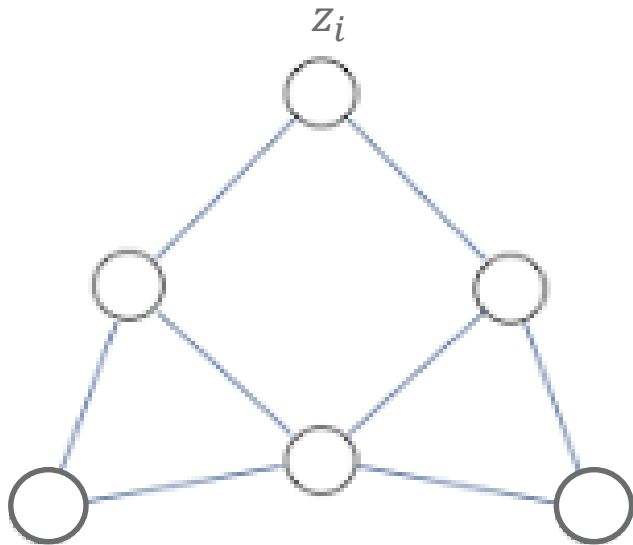


Combinatorial formulation

We can attribute a binary variable z_i to each node, where $z_i = 1$ if node i is colored (therefore it belongs to the independent set) and $z_i = 0$ otherwise.

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The **Maximum Independent Set** corresponds to the **minimum** of the following **cost function**:

$$C(z_1, \dots, z_N) = - \sum_{i=1}^N z_i + U \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} z_i z_j$$

$$U \gg 1$$

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Maximal Independent Set (MIS) Problem

QAOA Ansatz

$$|\gamma, \beta\rangle = U(B, \beta_p) U(C, \gamma_p) \cdots U(B, \beta_1) U(C, \gamma_1) |s\rangle$$

Diagram illustrating the QAOA Ansatz equation with labels:

- $|\gamma, \beta\rangle$ is labeled as "solution".
- The sequence of unitary operations $U(B, \beta_p) U(C, \gamma_p) \cdots U(B, \beta_1) U(C, \gamma_1)$ is labeled as "Circuit (alternating circuits)".
- $|s\rangle$ is labeled as "initial state".

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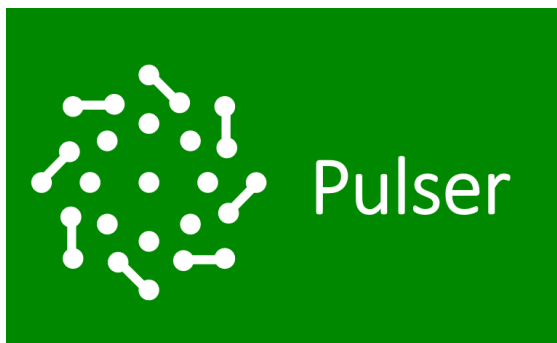
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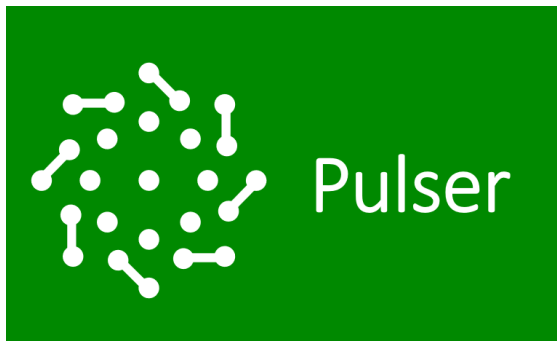
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