

# A survey of quantum computing for PDEs

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# Research interests and collaborations

Quantum computing in aerospace engineering applications



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Quantum algorithms and benchmarks for NISQ devices





## This survey is based on ...

- *A review of quantum algorithms for partial differential equations in fluid and structural mechanics*  
**G. Balducci**, B. Chen, MM, and R. de Breuker  
in preparation for the special issue: Quantum Computing Applications in Computational Engineering in *Frontiers in Mechanical Engineering*, 2022
- *Quantum Algorithms for Solving Partial Differential Equations*  
Report by A. Pesah, 2020
- about 50 articles and reports cited in the works above

Application  
Opportunities of  
Quantum Computing

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# Different quantum computing principles

- **Discrete-variable quantum computing (DVQC):** eigenstates of a discrete variable form the computational basis of a finite-dimensional Hilbert space

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} c_i |b_i\rangle, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} |c_i|^2 = 1, \quad \langle b_i | b_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

- **Continuous-variable quantum computing (CVQC):** eigenstates of a continuous variable form the basis of an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space

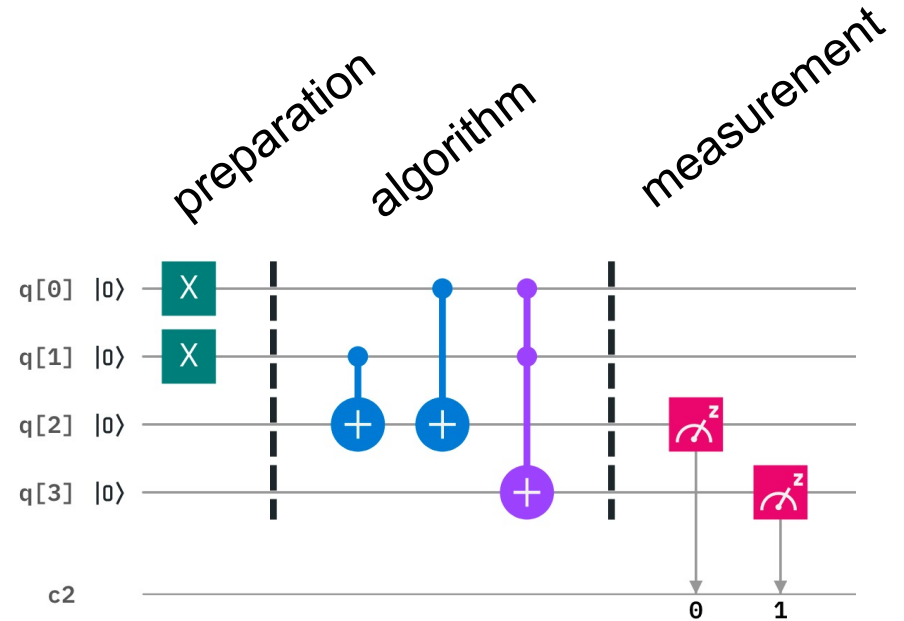
$$|\psi\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(x) |x\rangle dx, \quad \langle x' | x \rangle = \delta(x' - x)$$

# DVQC: Gate-based universal quantum computers

- Mathematical model

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- Hardware realizations with ~100 superconducting qubits, e.g., by IBM, Google, Rigetti, Intel, ...

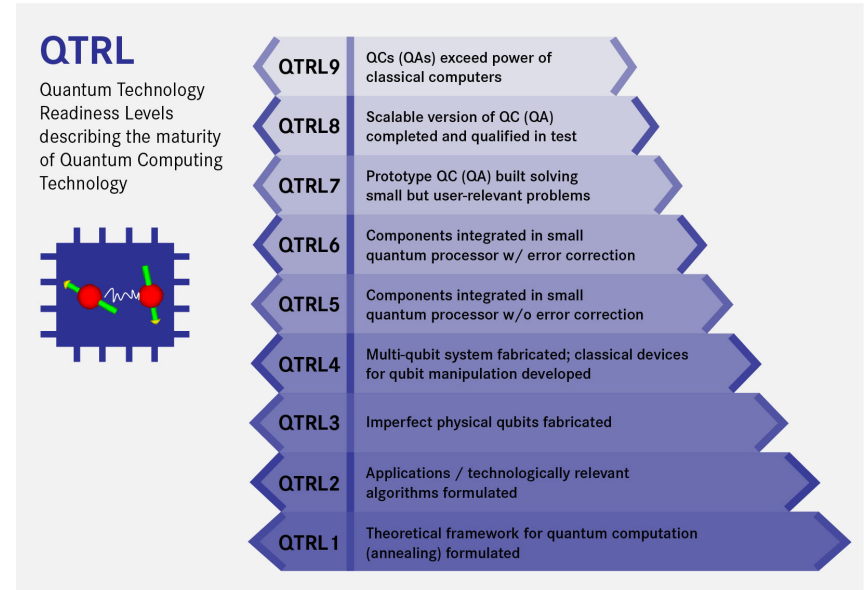


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- QTRL 4-5 / 9 (expected in 2035)



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# DVQC: Quantum annealing

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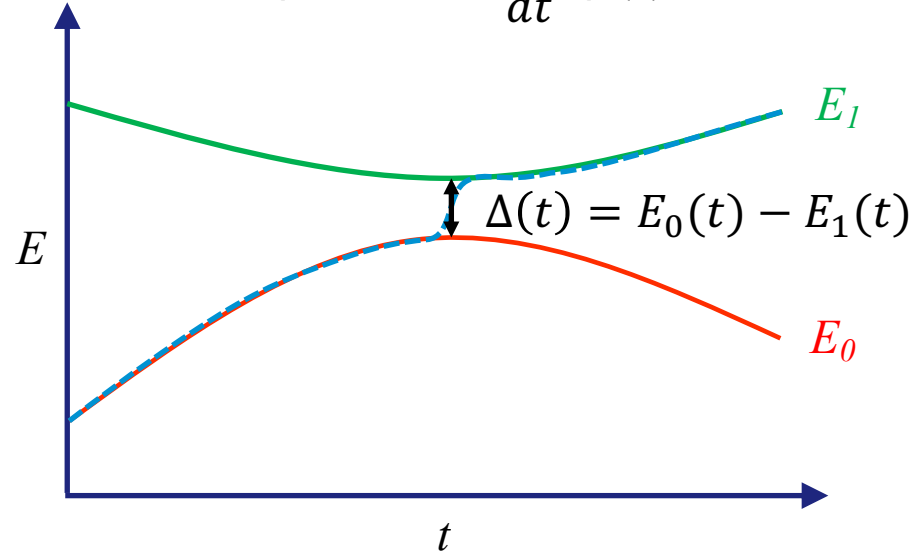
- Path of Hamiltonians for  $t \in [0, T]$

$$H(t) = (1 - f(t))H_I + f(t)H_P$$

with easy-to-compute ground state  $|\psi_0\rangle$  for the initial Hamiltonian  $H_I$

- Ground-state evolution

$$H(t)|\psi(t)\rangle = -i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle$$



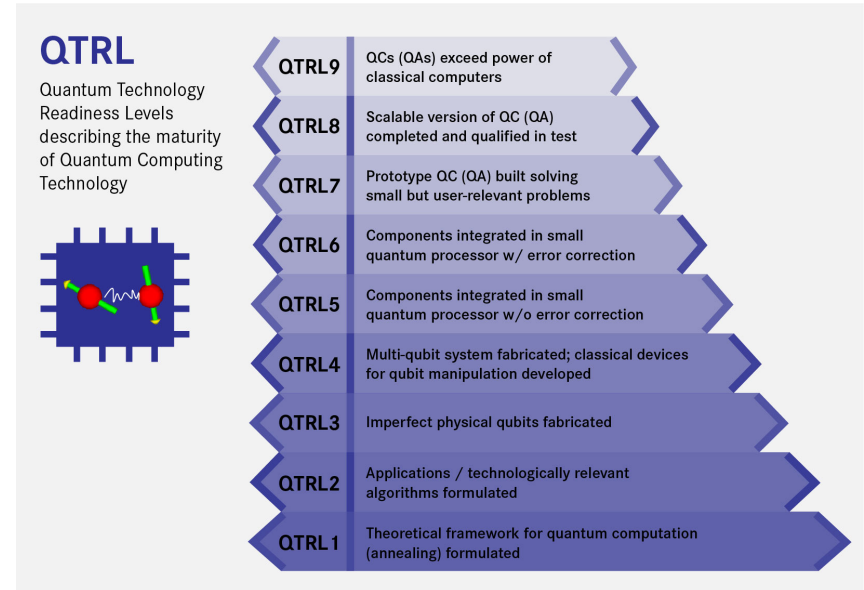


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- Hardware realizations by D-Wave with up to 5000 qubits
- QTRL 8-9

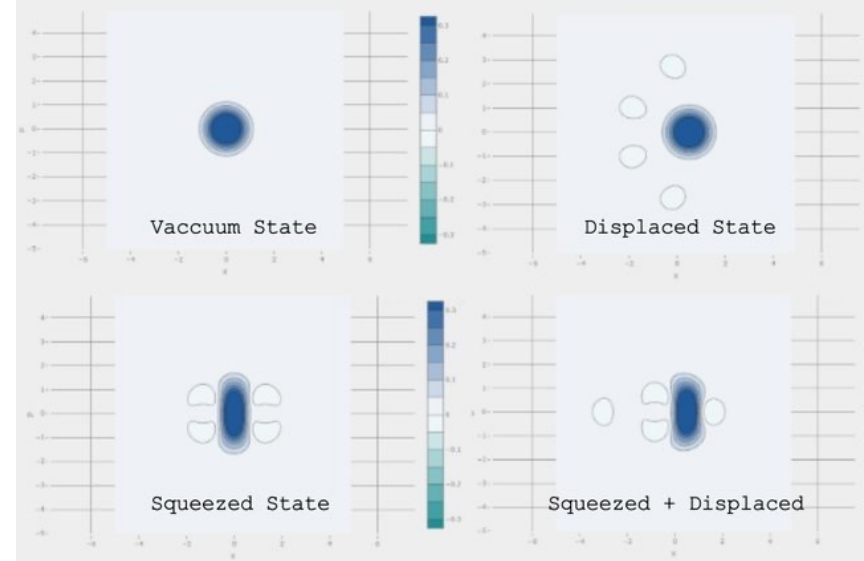


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# CVQC

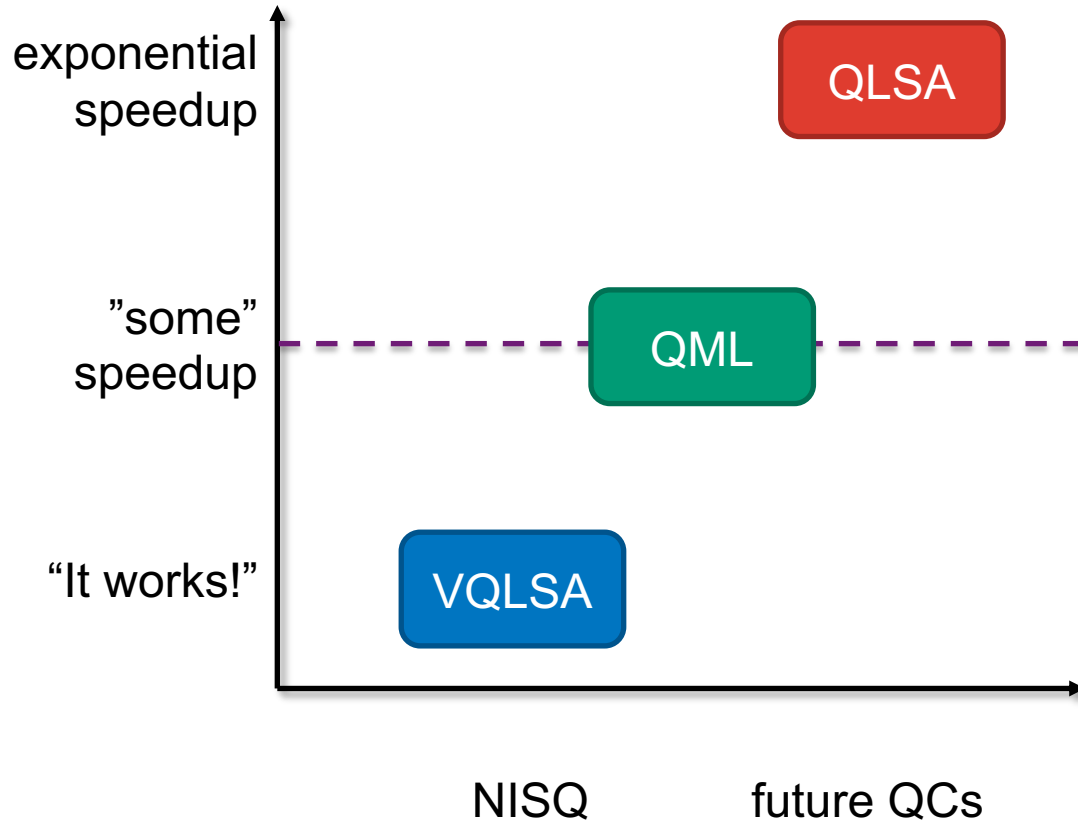
- Hardware realizations by Xanadu (photonic), concepts for trapped ions [[Maslennikov et al. 2019](#)]
- Comprehensive introduction by [S.Buck et al. \(2021\)](#)
- Quantum search by [A.K. Pati et al. \(2020\)](#) and [D. Su et al. \(2018\)](#)



# Different interpretations of the word “quantum algorithm”

- **Theoretical analysis of an algorithm** – HHL paper (2008) claims exponential speedup for “solving”  $Ax=b$  under conditions on the matrix  $A$
- **Application-specific theoretical analysis** – Montanaro et al. (2016) shows that no exponential speedup for  $P_k$ -FEM can be achieved for fixed dimension
- **Application-specific circuit + cost estimation** – Cao et al. (2013) present textbook quantum circuits for solving Poisson’s equation with FDM
- **Execution of application-specific circuit on QVM** – Wang et al. (2020) demonstrate a fast Poisson solver on Sunway TaihuLight (yes, it works 😊)
- **Execution of application-specific circuit on QPU** – Morrell et al. (2021) show that solving a  $2 \times 2$  system on IBM-Q fails due to noise (doesn’t work 😞)

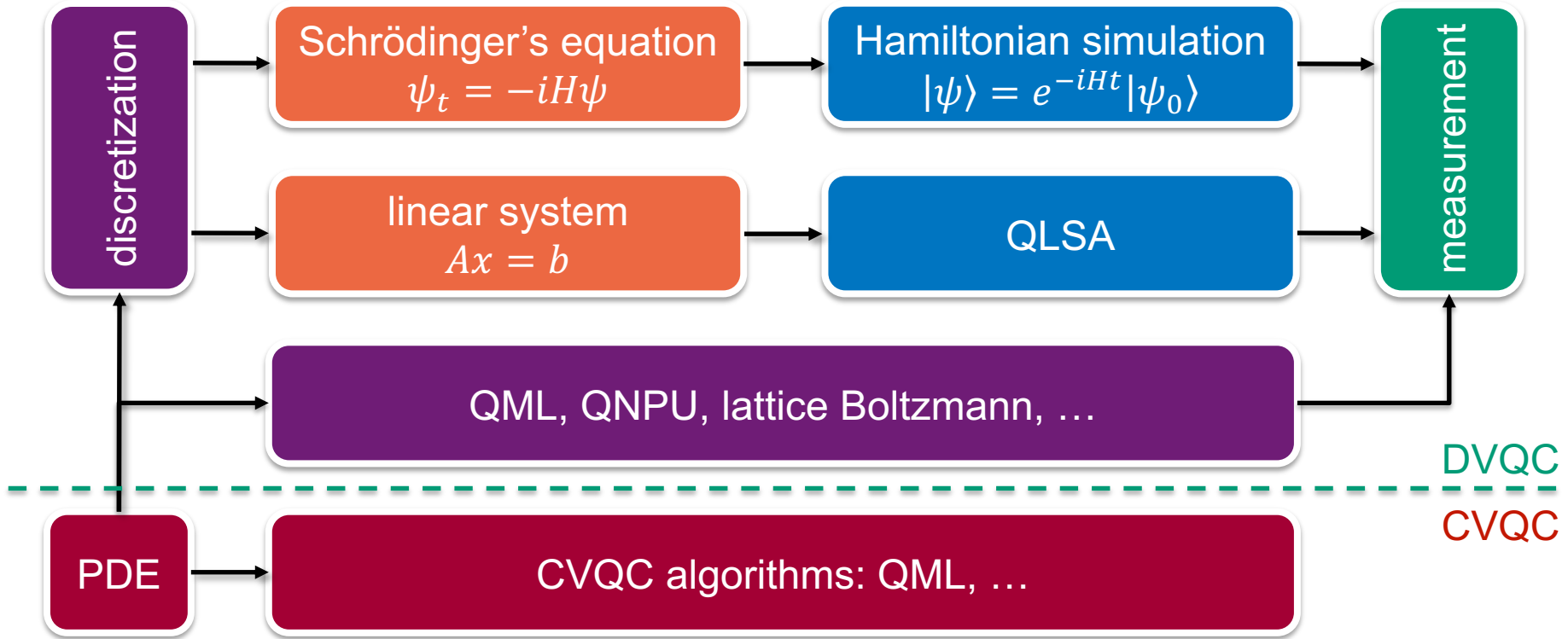
# What should we aim for?



**M. Troyer**: super-quadratic speedup is a must because

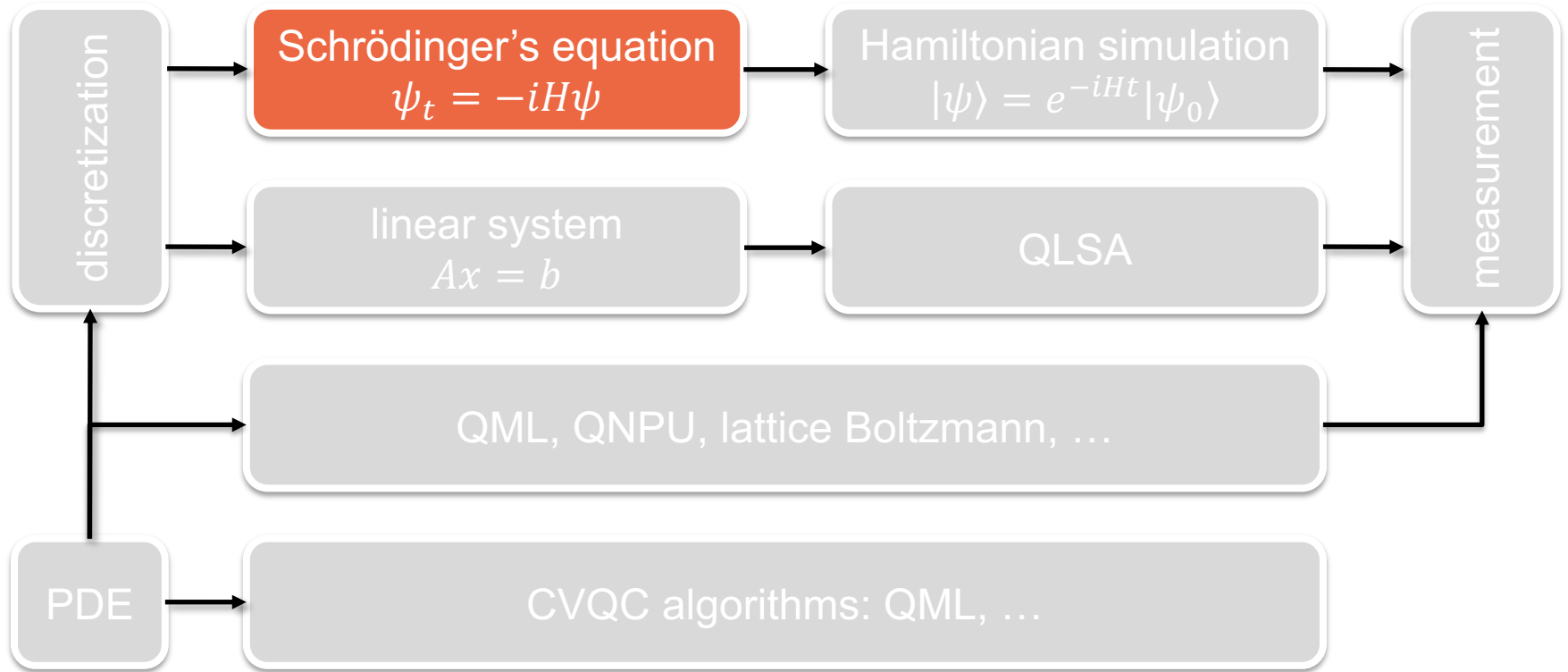
- operations will be 10-12 orders of magnitude slower
- I/O will be 10.000x slower

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**Given:**  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$

- Von Neumann measurement [[von Neumann 1932](#), [Childs et al. 2002](#)]

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & iA^\dagger \\ -iA & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow H = iA^\dagger \otimes |0\rangle_P \langle 1| - iA \otimes |1\rangle_P \langle 0|$$

- State after Hamiltonian simulation [[Leyton, Osborne 2008](#)]

$$|\Psi\rangle = e^{iHt} |\psi\rangle |0\rangle_P = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iHt)^k}{k!} |\psi\rangle |0\rangle_P = |\psi\rangle |0\rangle_P + tA|\psi\rangle |1\rangle_P - \dots$$

- Post-selection on “1” after measurement on the ancillary qubit
- Procedure from [[HHL 2008](#)] to correct for first-order truncation
- **Caveat:** success probability  $\frac{1}{2}t^2$  (roughly  $16/t^2$  ‘fresh’ states  $|\psi\rangle$  needed)

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**Given:**  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$

- Matrix decomposition  $A = A_H + A_A$
- Baker–Campbell–Hausdorff formula

$$e^{iAt} = e^{iA_H t} \cdot e^{iA_A t}, \quad \text{if } [A_H, A_A] = 0$$

- Hamiltonian simulation of  $A_H$  and  $A_A$  via unitary dilation of  $\hat{O} = e^{iA_A t}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{O} & \sqrt{1 - \hat{O}^2} \\ \sqrt{1 - \hat{O}^2} & -\hat{O} \end{pmatrix} |\psi\rangle|0\rangle = \hat{O}|\psi\rangle|0\rangle + \sqrt{1 - \hat{O}^2}|\psi\rangle|1\rangle$$

- Black-Scholes equation [[Gonzalez-Conde et al. 2021](#)]

$$f_t = af + bf_x - cf_{xx} = (ib(-i\partial_x) + al + c(-i\partial_x)^2)f$$

- **Caveat:** exponential scaling in  $t$  if  $[A_H, A_A] \neq 0$  [[Berry 2014](#)]



$$\psi_t = -iH\psi$$

**Given:**  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$

- Derivative of Schrödinger's equation [[Costa et al. 2019](#)]

$$\psi_{tt} = -H^2\psi$$

- Hermitian matrix

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B \\ B^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow H^2 = \begin{pmatrix} BB^\dagger & 0 \\ 0 & B^\dagger B \end{pmatrix}$$

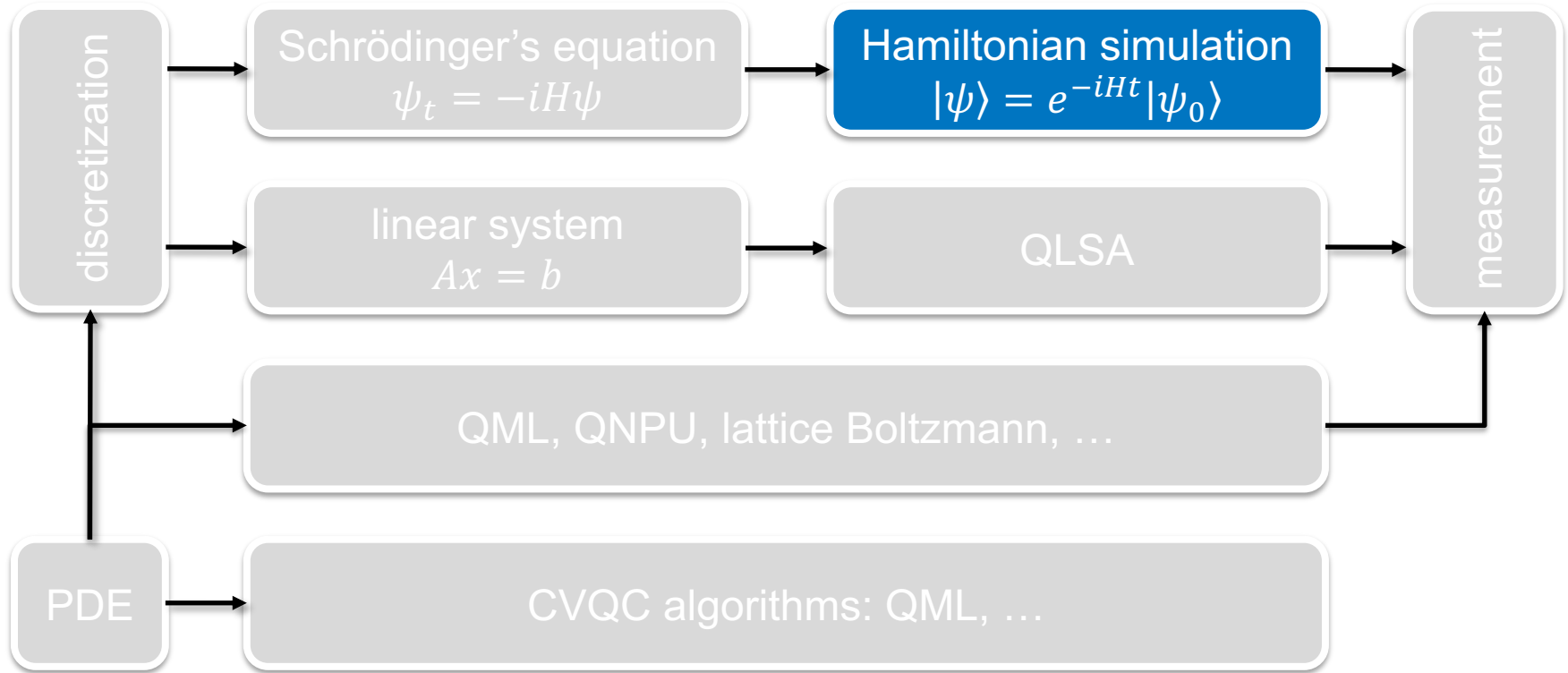
- Wave equation

$$\partial_{tt}f = -\Delta f \approx Af \Rightarrow \text{find } A = BB^\dagger$$

- Example:** graph Laplacian

$$B_{ev} = \begin{cases} 1 & e = (v, w), v < w \\ -1 & e = (v, w), v > w \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \Rightarrow B_{ev} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Hamiltonian simulation (approach #1)

- **Given:** Hamiltonian  $H$  ( $2^n \times 2^n$  Hermitian on  $n$  qubits), time  $t$ , and error  $\epsilon$
- **Goal:** find an algorithm to approximate  $U$  such that  $\|U - e^{iHt}\| \leq \epsilon$
- Decomposition into local Hamiltonians [Nielsen & Lloyd 1996](#)

$$H = \sum_{\ell=1}^L H_{\ell},$$

$$\left( e^{A \frac{t}{r}} e^{B \frac{t}{r}} \right)^r = e^{(A+B)t + \frac{1}{2}[A,B] \frac{t^2}{r} + O\left(\frac{t^3}{r^2}\right)}$$

- Suzuki-Trotter decomposition [\[Suzuki 1991\]](#)

$$e^{-iHt} \approx \left( \prod_{\ell=1}^L e^{-iH_{\ell} \frac{t}{r}} \right)^r, \quad r \gg 1$$

$$|\psi\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle$$

## Hamiltonian simulation (approach #2)

- **Given:** Hamiltonian  $H$  ( $2^n \times 2^n$  Hermitian on  $n$  qubits), time  $t$ , and error  $\epsilon$
- **Goal:** find an algorithm to approximate  $U$  such that  $\|U - e^{iHt}\| \leq \epsilon$
- Truncated Taylor expansion

$$e^{iHt} = I - iHt - \frac{1}{2}H^2t^2 + \frac{i}{6}H^3t^3 + \dots$$

- Linear combination of unitary operators [[Berry et al. 2015](#)]

$$H = \sum_{\ell} \alpha_{\ell} H_{\ell} \Rightarrow H^n = \sum_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n} \alpha_{\ell_1} \dots \alpha_{\ell_n} H_{\ell_1} \dots H_{\ell_n}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle$$

## Hamiltonian simulation (complexity)

	Gate complexity [1]	Query complexity [2]-[5]
1 <sup>st</sup> -order Trotter	$\mathcal{O}(t^2/\epsilon)$	$\mathcal{O}\left(s^3 t (st/\epsilon)^{\frac{k}{2}}\right)$
Taylor expansion	$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{t \log^2(t/\epsilon)}{\log \log t/\epsilon}\right)$	$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{s^2 \ H\ _{\max} \log s^2 \ H\ _{\max}/\epsilon}{\log \log s^2 \ H\ _{\max}/\epsilon}\right)$
Quantum walk	$\mathcal{O}(t/\sqrt{\epsilon})$	$\mathcal{O}(s \ H\ _{\max} t/\sqrt{\epsilon})$
Quantum signal processing	$\mathcal{O}(t + \log 1/\epsilon)$	$\mathcal{O}\left(st \ H\ _{\max} + \frac{\log 1/\epsilon}{\log \log 1/\epsilon}\right)$

[1] Childs 2017, [2] Kothari 2017, [3] Berry 2015, [4] Berry 2015, [5] Low 2017

## Leyton and Osborne 2008

- First-order systems of the form

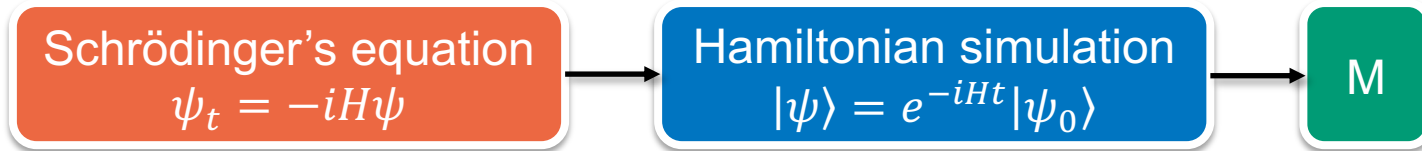
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ f_N(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad f_j(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k,l=1}^N a_{kl}^{(j)} x_k x_l, \quad \sum_{j=1}^N |x_j|^2 = 1$$

- Example:** Orszag-McLaughlin dynamical system

$$\dot{x}_j = x_{j+1}x_{j+2} + x_{j-1}x_{j-2} - 2x_{j+1}x_{j-1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, N$$

- $|a_{ij}| = \mathcal{O}(1)$  and  $A$  is  $s$ -sparse, i.e., each  $f_j$  involves at most  $s/2$  monomials and each variable  $x_j$  appears in at most  $s/2$  polynomials  $f_j$
- Lipschitz constant:  $\|F(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\| \leq \mathcal{O}(1) \cdot \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|$  in ball  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 1, \|\mathbf{y}\| \leq 1$
- We assume that the initial state can be prepared efficiently

## Leyton and Osborne 2008



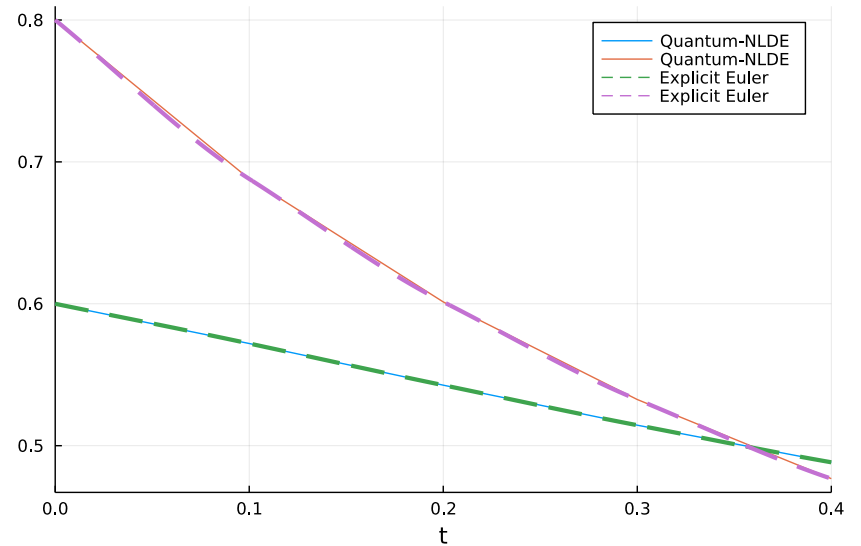
- Explicit Euler method

$$|\psi'\rangle = e^{iH\Delta t}|\psi\rangle|0\rangle \Rightarrow |\psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle = |\psi(t)\rangle + \Delta t A |\psi(t)\rangle$$

- Success probability of a single step  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta t^2$ ;  $16/\Delta t^2$  'fresh'  $|\psi\rangle$  needed
- Temporal scaling  $\left(\frac{16}{\Delta t^2}\right)^m$ , spatial scaling  $\left(\frac{16}{\Delta t^2}\right)^m \log N$  for  $m$  steps
- Hamiltonian simulation must be performed with error  $\delta < (3\mathcal{O}(1))^{-m}$  to ensure that the  $m$ -th iterate is exponentially close to the desired state

# QuDiffEq

- Quantum algorithms for linear and nonlinear differential equations
- Papers with Code
  - [[Leyton, Osborne 2008](#)]
  - [[Berry et al. 2010](#)]
  - [[Xin et al. 2018](#)]



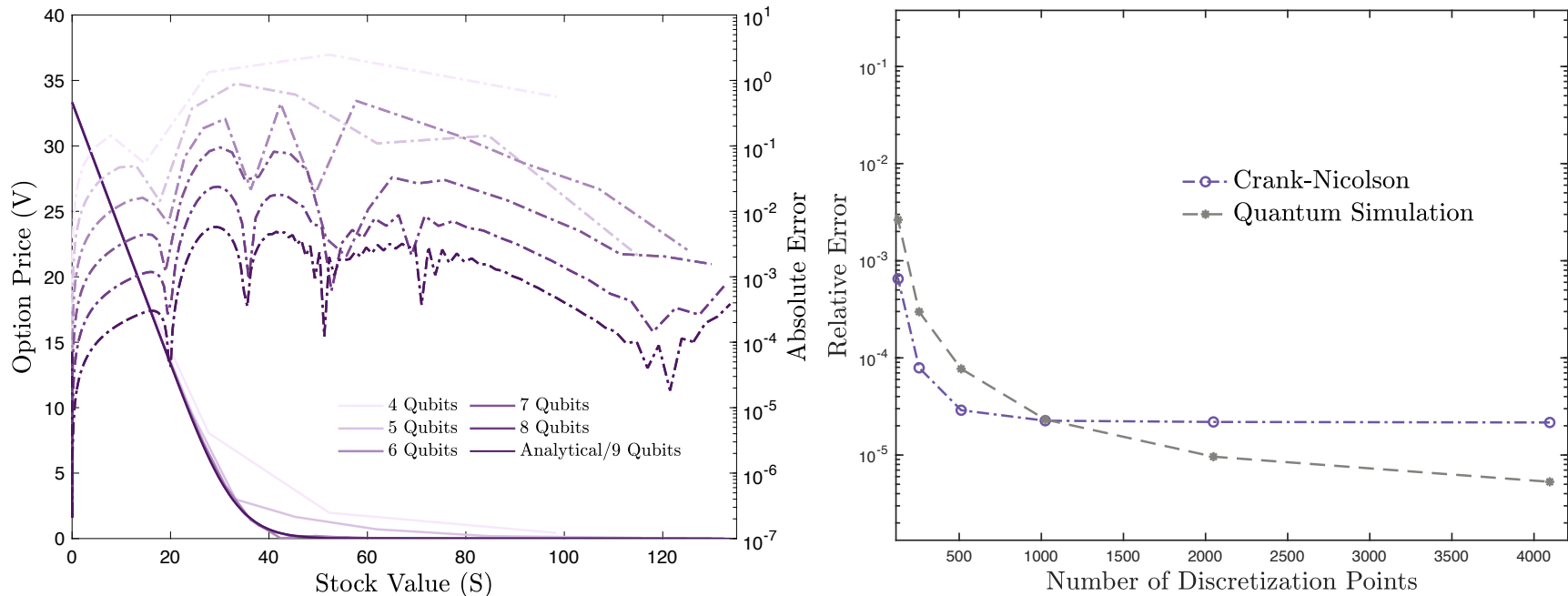
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 - 3x_1^2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -x_2^2 - x_1x_2\end{aligned}$$



# Gonzalez-Conde et al. 2022



## Black-Scholes equation for European put options

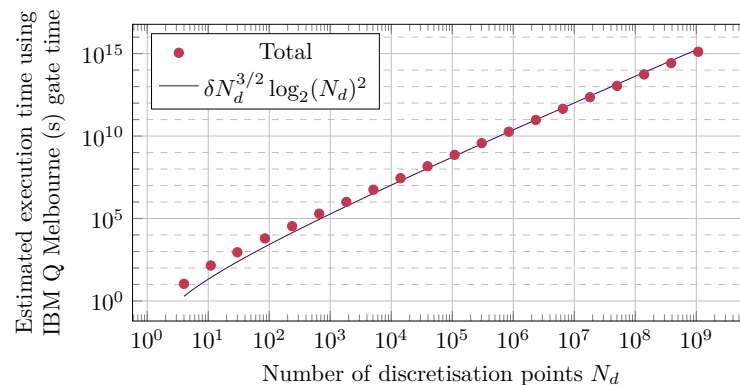
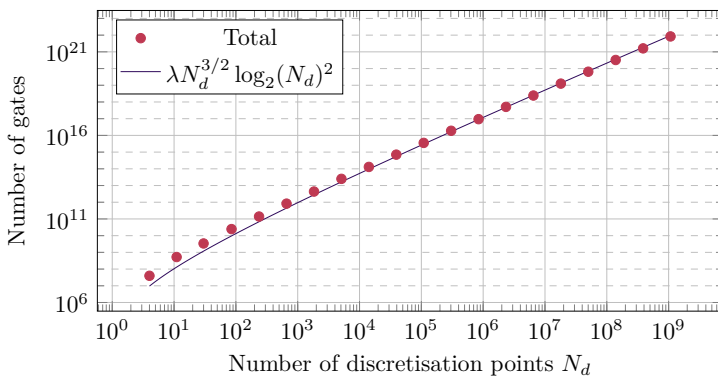
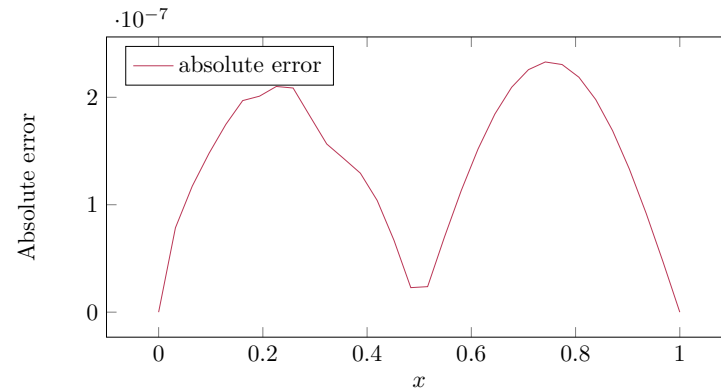
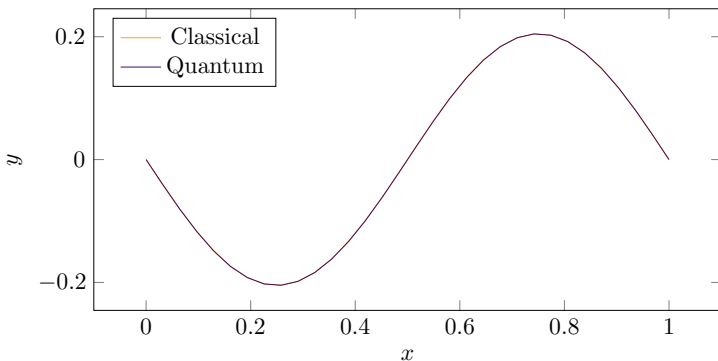


Precision comparable to classical methods with 10 qubits and 94 entangling gates on fault-tolerant QC. Complexity  $\mathcal{O}(\text{poly } n)$ . Success probability 0.6.

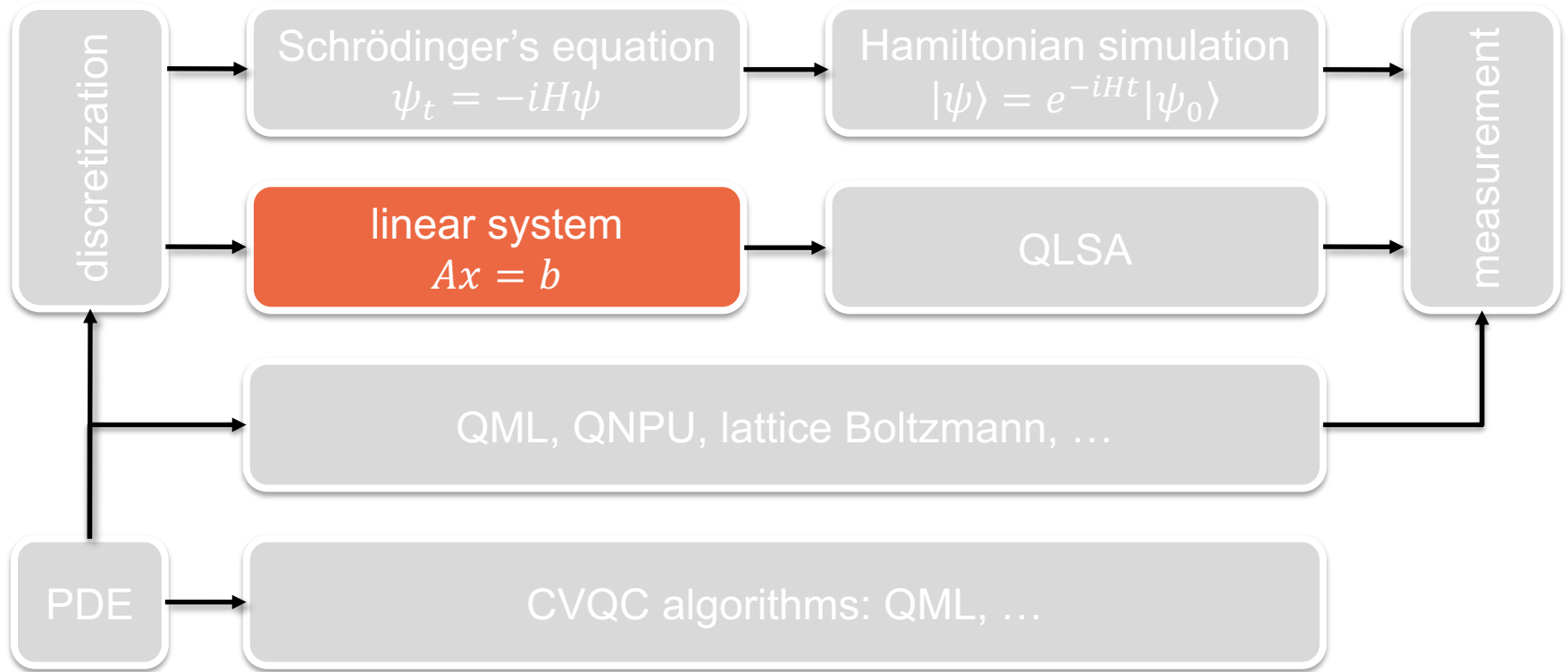
# Suau et al. 2022



## Wave equations



# Quantum algorithms for solving PDEs



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linear system

$$Ax = b$$

$\mathcal{O}(\text{poly}(1/\epsilon))$

**Given:**  $\dot{x} = Ax + b$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$

- Unroll Euler method in time

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -(I + \Delta t A) & I & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & -(I + \Delta t A) & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{in} \\ \Delta t b \\ \vdots \\ \Delta t b \end{pmatrix}$$

- Apply HHL-type algorithm to obtain the solution at all times

$$|x\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^m |t_j\rangle |x_j\rangle$$

- Application and analysis for the heat equation yields poor scaling with precision [[Linden et al. 2020](#)] even with the improved variant of the QLSA 'solver' [[Berry et al. 2017](#)]



linear system

$$Ax = b$$

$\mathcal{O}(\text{poly log}(1/\epsilon))$

**Given:**  $\dot{x} = A(t)x + b(t)$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$

- Chebyshev pseudo-spectral approximation

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k T_k(t) \Rightarrow \dot{x}(t_l) = A(t_l)x(t_l) + b(t_l), \quad t_l = \cos \frac{l\pi}{n}$$

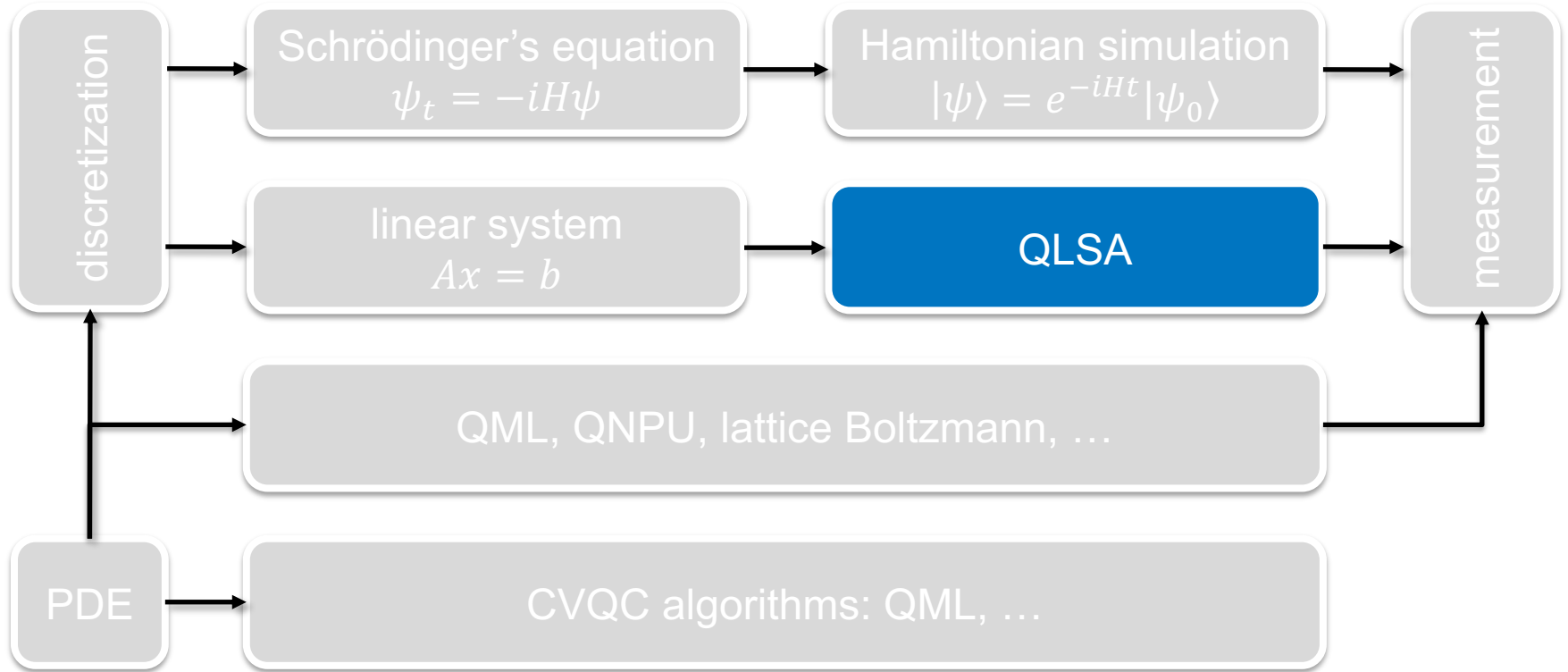
- Rescaled differential equation ([Childs and Liu 2020](#))

$$\dot{x}(\gamma(t)) = -\frac{t^{n+1}-t^n}{2}[A(\gamma(t))x(\gamma(t)) + b(\gamma(t))],$$

where  $\gamma: [t^n, t^{n+1}] \mapsto [-1, 1]$  is defined as  $\gamma: t \mapsto 1 - \frac{2(t-t^n)}{t^{n+1}-t^n}$

- Combined with the  $C_{m,k,p}$ -approach from [[Berry et al. 2017](#)] this extends their work to ODEs with time-dependent coefficient matrices and vectors

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# Quantum linear ‘solver’ algorithm

- **Problem:**  $a = \langle x^\dagger | M | x \rangle$  s.t.  $A|x\rangle = |b\rangle$
- Original HHL algorithm [[Harrow et al. 2008](#)]
- Improved versions of HHL
  - VTAA [[Ambainis 2010](#)]
  - AQC [[Subasi et al. 2019](#)]
  - AQC [[An and Lin 2019](#)]
- QLSA w/o phase estimation [[Childs et al. 2017](#)]
- Dense matrices [[Wossnig et al. 2018](#)]

QLSA

$$\mathcal{O}(s\sqrt{\kappa}N \log 1/\epsilon)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(s^2\kappa^2 \log(N) / \epsilon)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(s^2\kappa \log^3 \kappa \log(N) / \epsilon^3)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\kappa^2 \log(\kappa) / \epsilon)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\kappa \text{ poly } \log(\kappa/\epsilon))$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\text{poly } \log(1/\epsilon))$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\kappa^2\sqrt{N} \text{ poly } \log(N) / \epsilon)$$



# Original HHL algorithm

$$A = \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \lambda_j |u_j\rangle\langle u_j|, \quad b = \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} b_j |u_j\rangle, \quad |x\rangle = A^{-1}|b\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \lambda_j^{-1} b_j |u_j\rangle$$

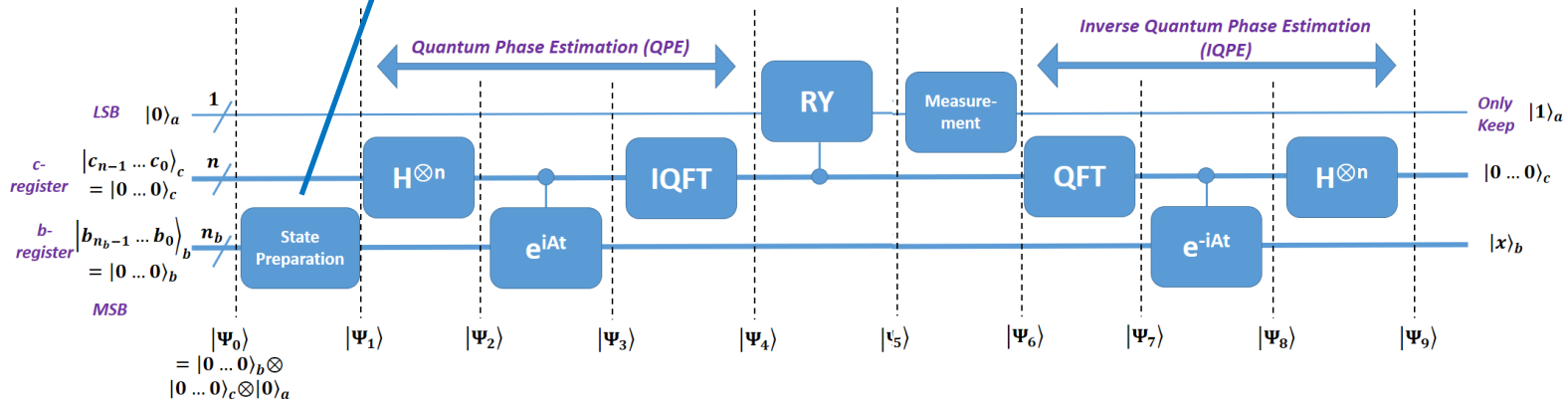


Figure 1 from [Morrell and Wong 2021]

## State preparation: $|\psi_{init}\rangle = U_{prep}|0\rangle$

- General states cannot be prepared efficiently, not even approximated

$$N \text{ grid points} \Rightarrow n = \log N \text{ qubits} \Rightarrow |U_{prep}| = \mathcal{O}(N)$$

uniformly controlled rotations [Mottonen et al. 2004] using  $\mathcal{O}(2^n)$  gates

- Certain states of the form  $|\psi\rangle = \sum_i \sqrt{p_i} |i\rangle$  can be prepared efficiently, e.g., using quantum GANs [Zoufal et al. 2019] using  $\mathcal{O}(\text{poly } n)$  gates
- Reducing time complexity by adding ancillary qubits
  - Low-depth approach:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  using  $\mathcal{O}(2^{n^2})$  ancillae [Zhang et al. 2021]
  - $s$ -sparse states:  $\Theta(\log ns)$  using  $\mathcal{O}(ns \log s)$  ancillae [Zhang et al. 2022]

# Does any of this work in practice?

- QLSA for  $Ax = b$ 
  - HW-realization for  $2 \times 2$  matrix [[Cai et al. 2013](#)], [[Barz et al. 2013](#)], [[Pan et al. 2013](#)], and  $8 \times 8$  matrix [[Wen et al. 2018](#)]
  - $2 \times 2$ ,  $4 \times 4$ , and  $8 \times 8$  on IBM, Rigetti, IonQ [[Cornelissen et al. 2021](#)]
  - Other authors report that “*due to imperfection and noise in a real quantum computer [ibmq\_santiago], the hardware execution of the same circuit does not give satisfactory results*” [[Morrell and Wong 2021](#)]
- Okay, so no chance for solving ODEs / transient PDEs with QC in near term
- How about solving Poisson’s equation discretized by FDM / FEM?

$$\mathcal{O}(s\sqrt{\kappa}N \log 1/\epsilon)$$

versus

$$\mathcal{O}(\text{poly log}(1/\epsilon))$$

- General state preparation is exponentially expensive, i.e.,  $\mathcal{O}(N)$ 
  - Polynomials/functions with local support can be prepared efficiently
- $\kappa = \mathcal{O}(N^{d/2})$  in standard FEM  $\Rightarrow$  no exponential speedup
  - Quantum-SPAI preconditioner, i.e.  $PAx = Pb$  [[Clader et al. 2013](#)]
    - $\mathcal{O}(s^2)$  queries to  $PA$ -oracle;  $\mathcal{O}(s^3)$  runtime
    - $\kappa = \mathcal{O}(1)$  or  $\kappa = \mathcal{O}(\log N)$
- $s = ?$
- $1/\epsilon = \mathcal{O}(N)$  in most discretization schemes  $\Rightarrow$  no exponential speedup

## No exponential speedup for elliptic problems for fixed $d$

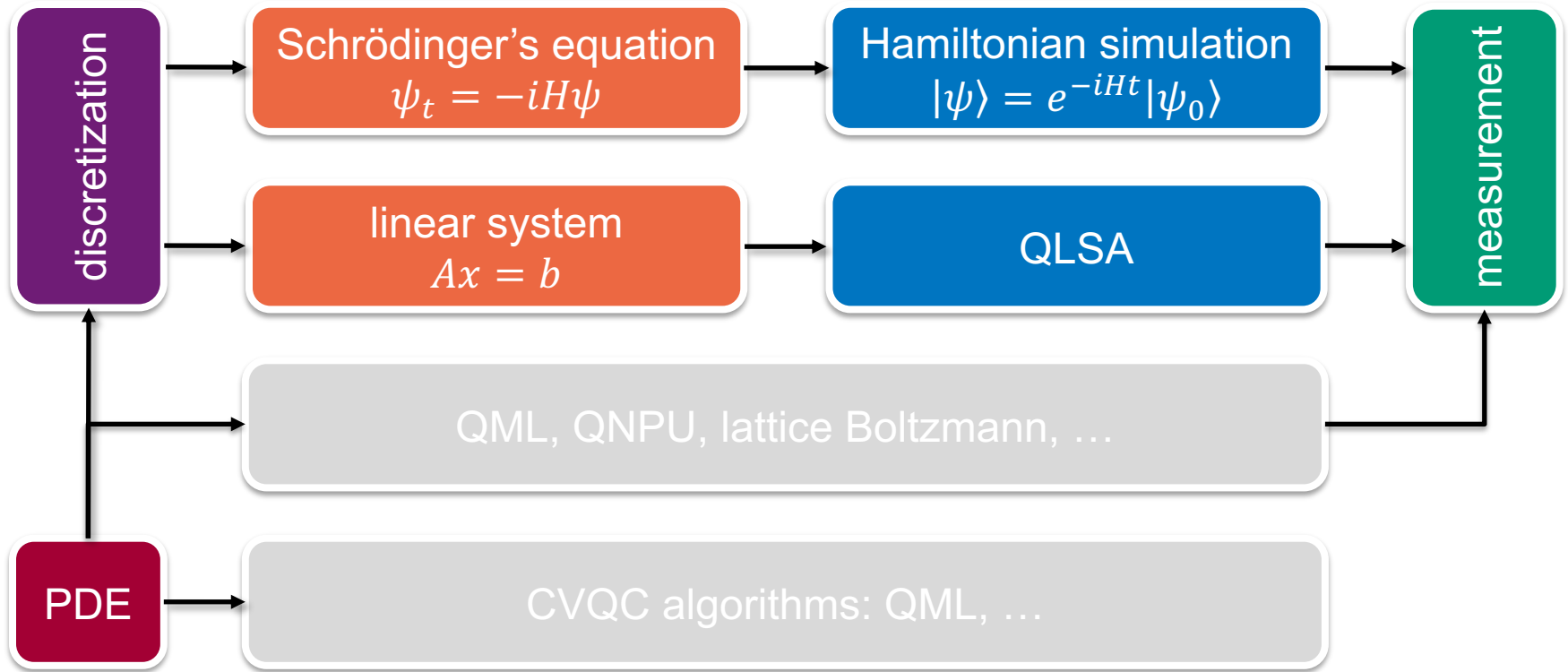
algorithm	w/o preconditioner	optimal preconditioner
Conjugate Gradients	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\left(\frac{\ x\ _2}{\epsilon}\right)^{\frac{d+1}{2}}\right)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\left(\frac{\ x\ _2}{\epsilon}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}}\right)$
Childs et al. 2017	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\left(\frac{\ x\ _1 \ x\ _2^2}{\epsilon^3}\right)\right)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{\ x\ _1}{\epsilon}\right)$

[[Montanaro, Pallister 2016](#)]:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(h(n)) = \mathcal{O}(h(n) \log^k n)$$

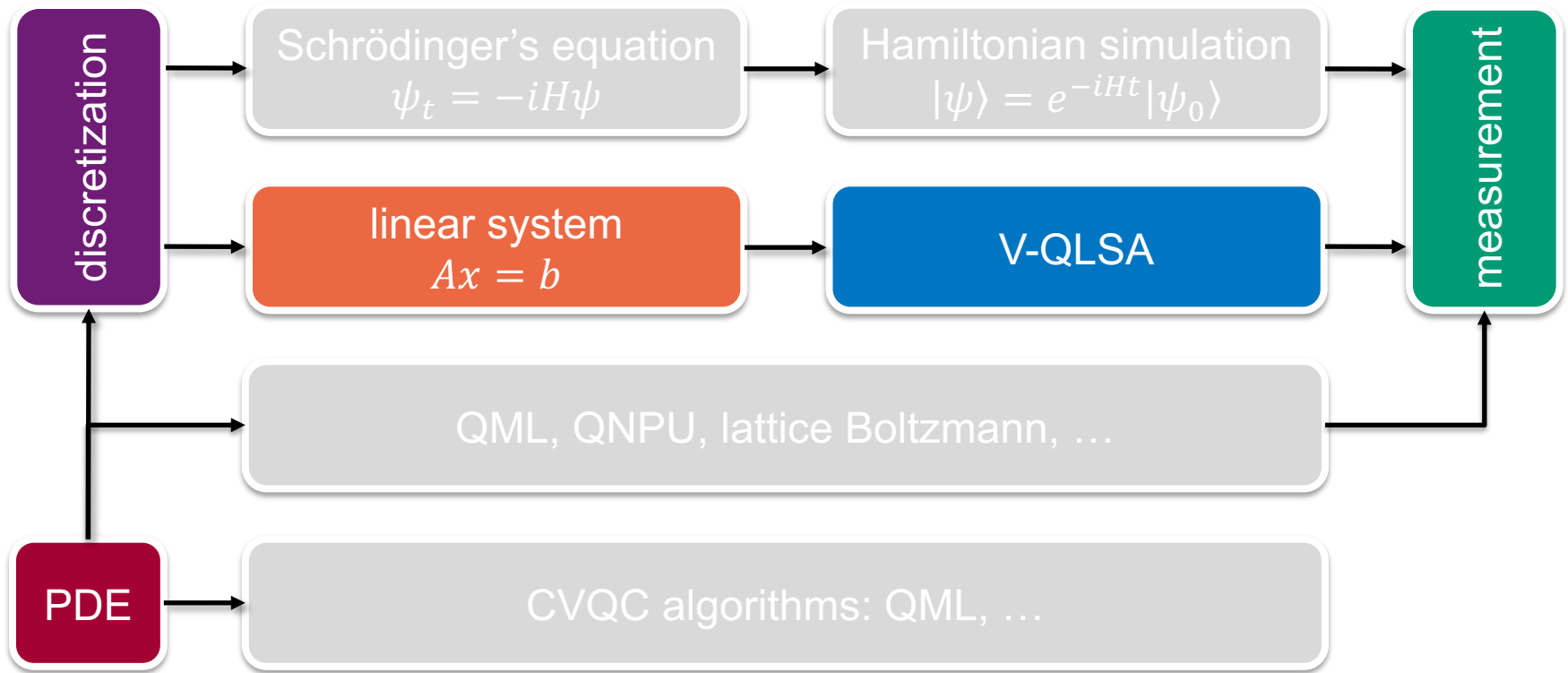
- State preparation + q-SPAI preconditioner + PA-oracle in  $\mathcal{O}(\log(1/\epsilon))$
- To distinguish between two  $\epsilon$ -close states requires  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{1/\epsilon})$  queries

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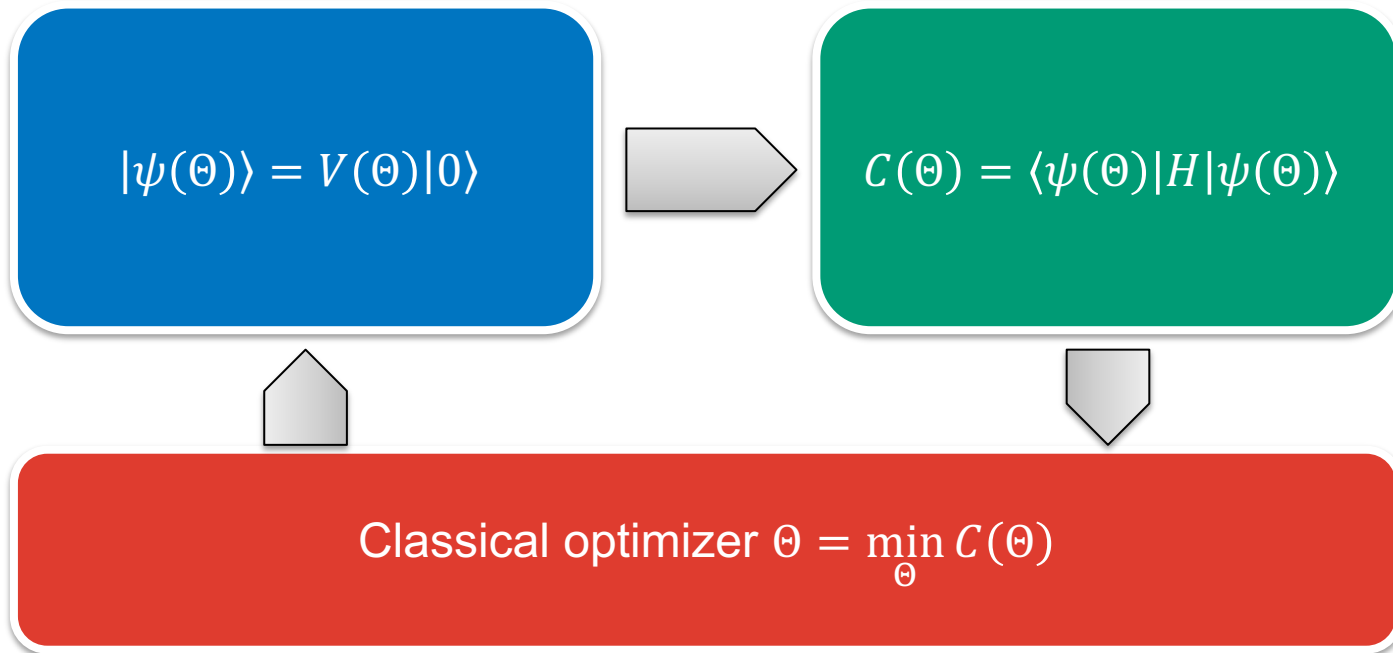
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# Variational quantum algorithms

[Cerezo et al. 2020]





# Variational quantum linear solver [Bravo-Prieto et al. 2020]

- Efficient(!) decomposition into unitaries + efficient(!) state preparation

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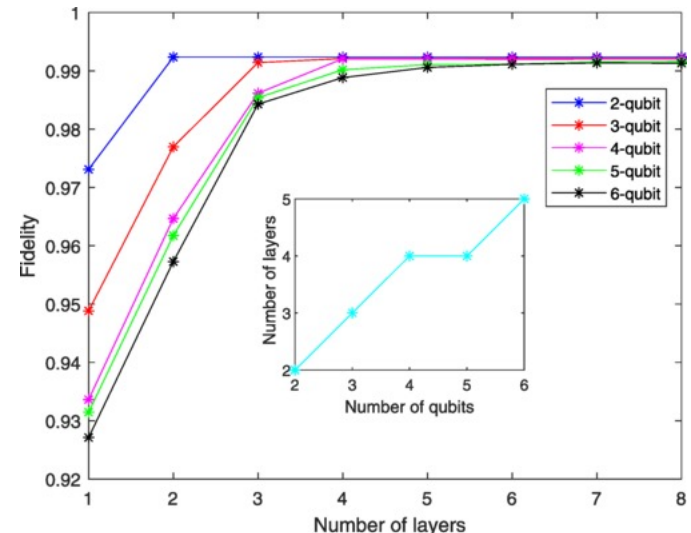
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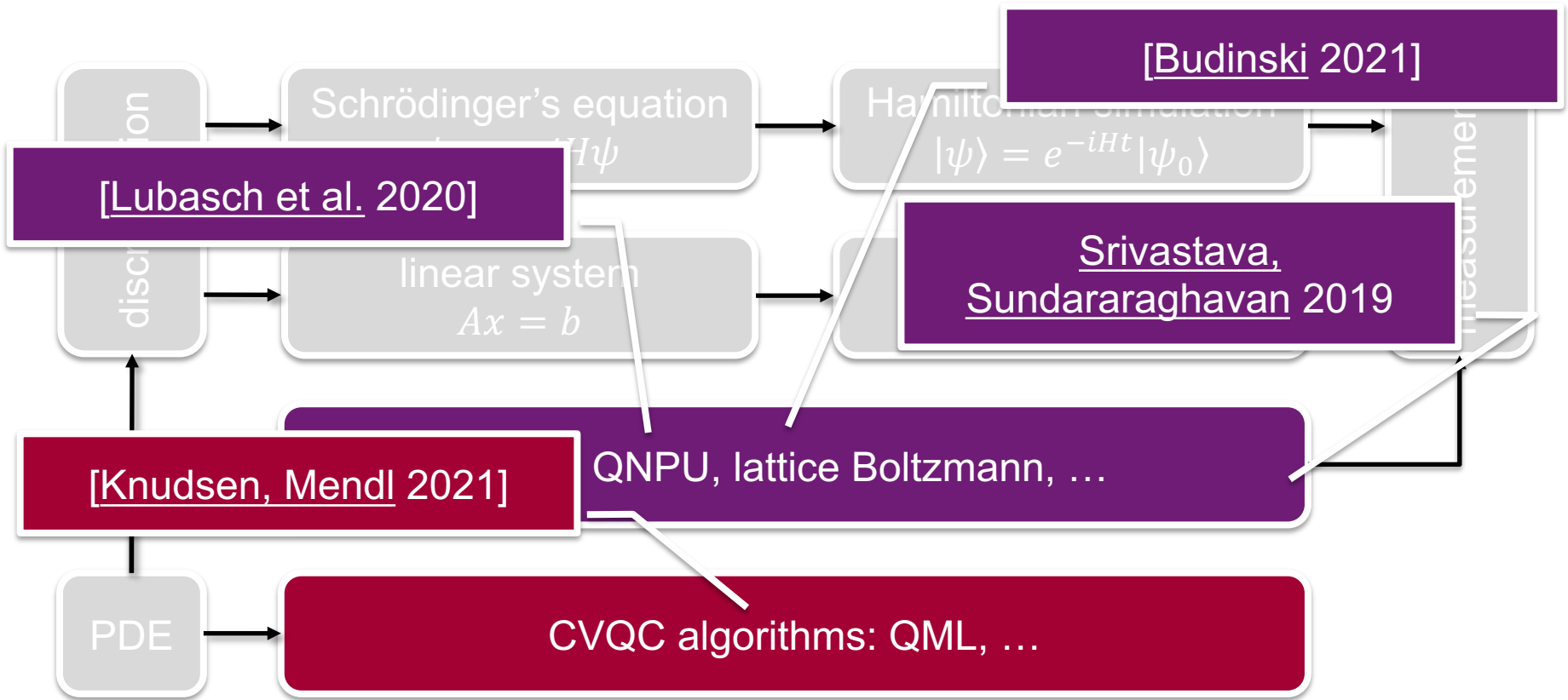
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- [Liu et al. 2021]:
  - Decomposition of the  $d$ -dimensional Poisson matrix (FDM) into  $\mathcal{O}(\log N)$  terms consisting of identities and  $\frac{1}{2}$  spin operators  $|1\rangle\langle 0|$  and  $|0\rangle\langle 1|$
  - Difficulties to convergence the classical optimizer for 50-100 qubits
  - Fully connected measurement circuits



# Quantum algorithms for solving PDEs



Inspired by A. Pesah's [report](#) "Quantum Algorithms for Solving Partial Differential Equations" 2020.

# Summary and recommendations

- ODEs / transient PDEs (long term)
  - 'smart' time integrators that reduce the condition number (QLSA)
- Steady-state PDEs (near to mid term)
  - 'smart' discretization that reduce the condition number (QLSA)
  - problems that admit efficient matrix decompositions (V-QLSA)
- Service to QC
  - improve VQAs using classical CSE techniques