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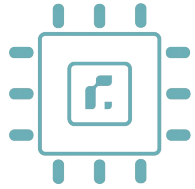
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# Full Stack Quantum Computing



**Quantum  
Processor**



**Hardware**



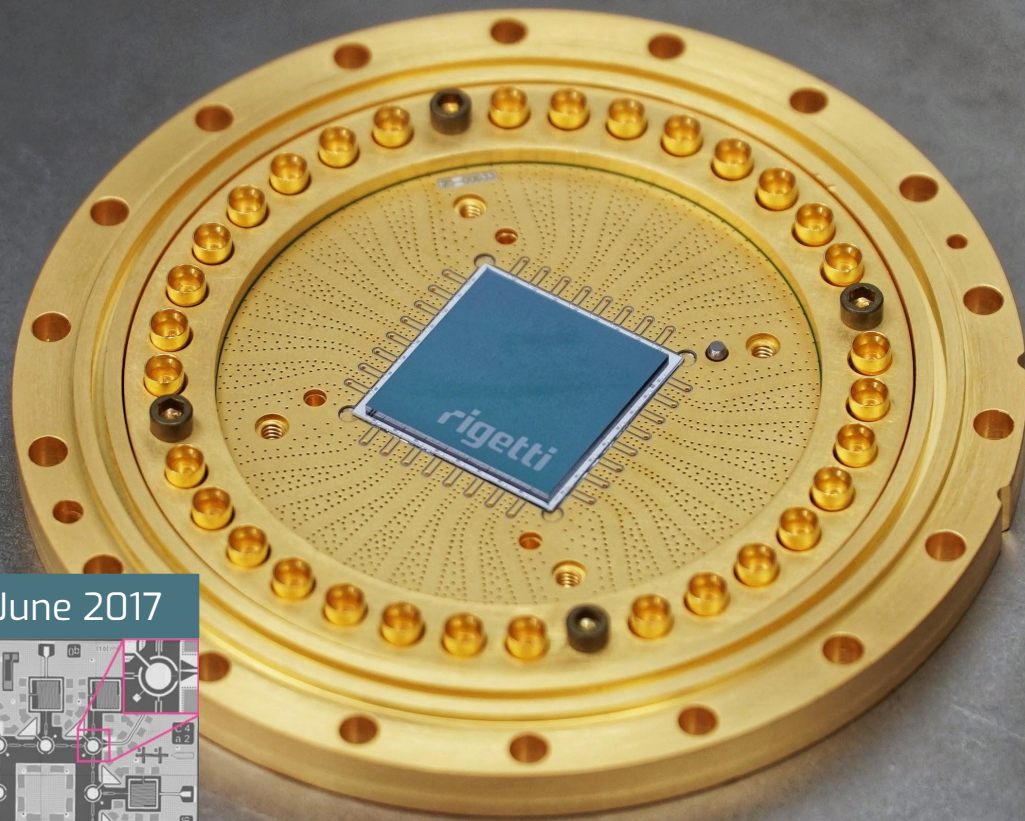
**Cloud based Quantum  
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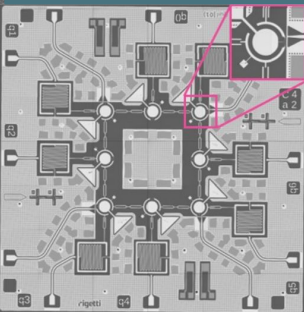
**Applications**



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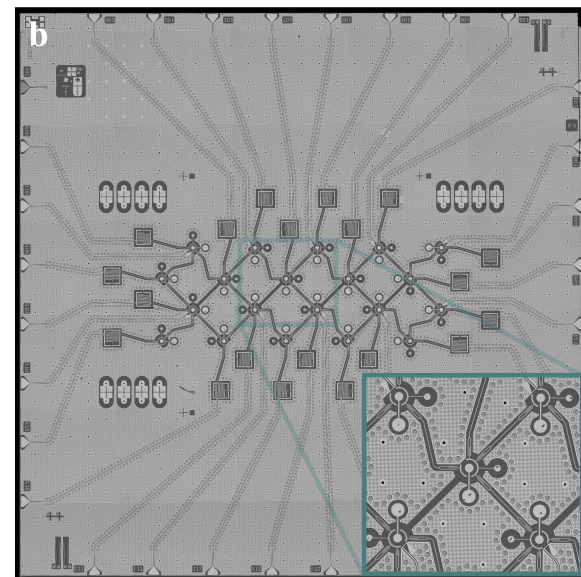
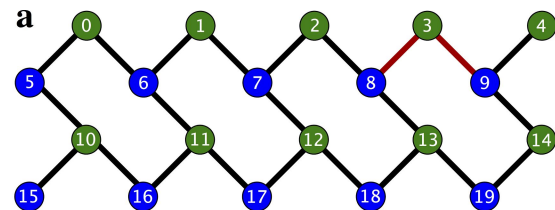


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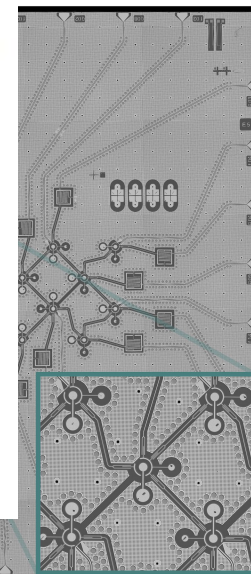
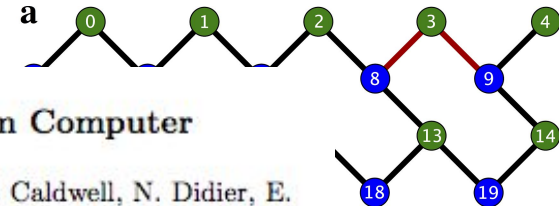
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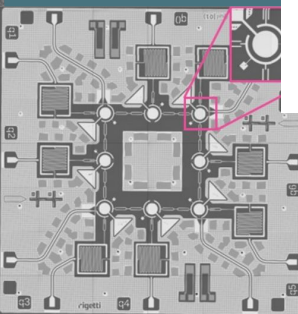
## Unsupervised Machine Learning on a Hybrid Quantum Computer

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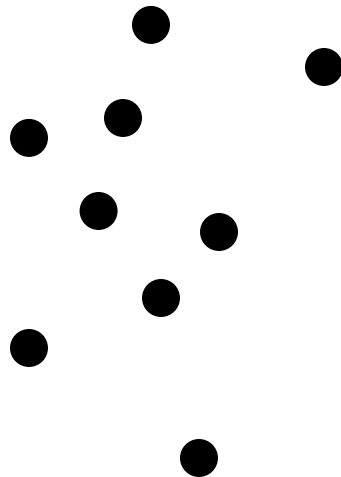
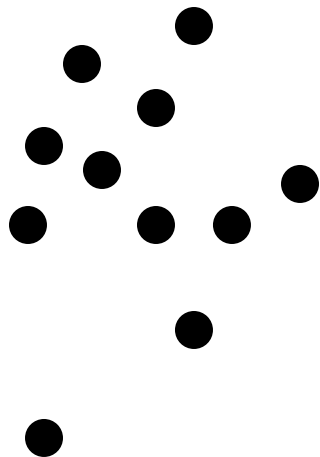
Machine learning techniques have led to broad adoption of a statistical model of computing. The statistical distributions natively available on quantum processors are a superset of those available classically. Harnessing this attribute has the potential to accelerate or otherwise improve machine learning relative to purely classical performance. A key challenge toward that goal is learning to hybridize classical computing resources and traditional learning techniques with the emerging capabilities of general purpose quantum processors. Here, we demonstrate such hybridization by training a 19-qubit gate model processor to solve a clustering problem, a foundational challenge in unsupervised learning. We use the quantum approximate optimization algorithm in conjunction with a gradient-free Bayesian optimization to train the quantum machine. This quantum/classical hybrid algorithm shows robustness to realistic noise, and we find evidence that classical optimization can be used to train around both coherent and incoherent imperfections.



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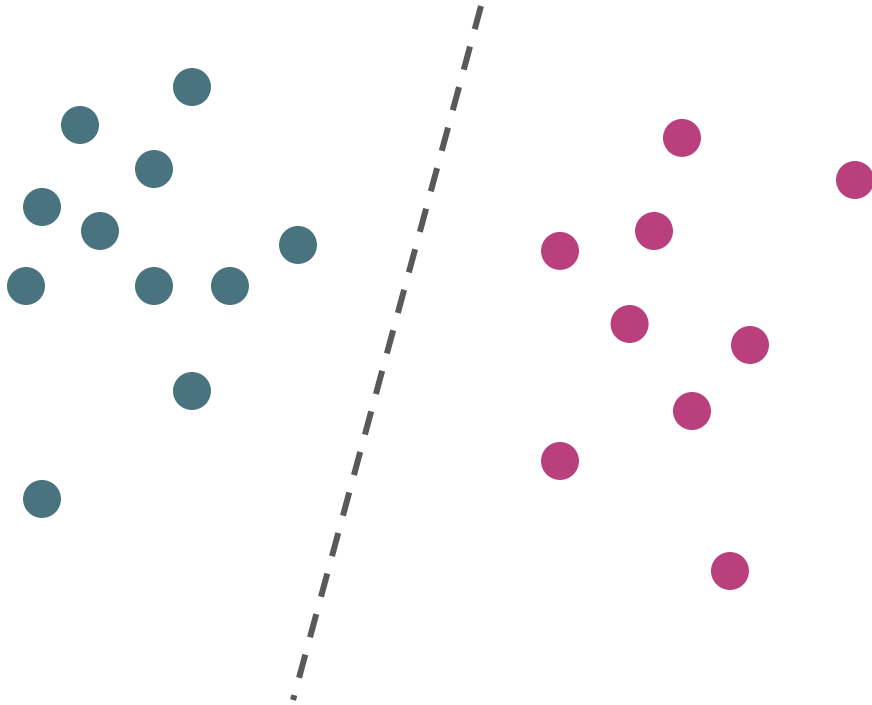


# Clustering



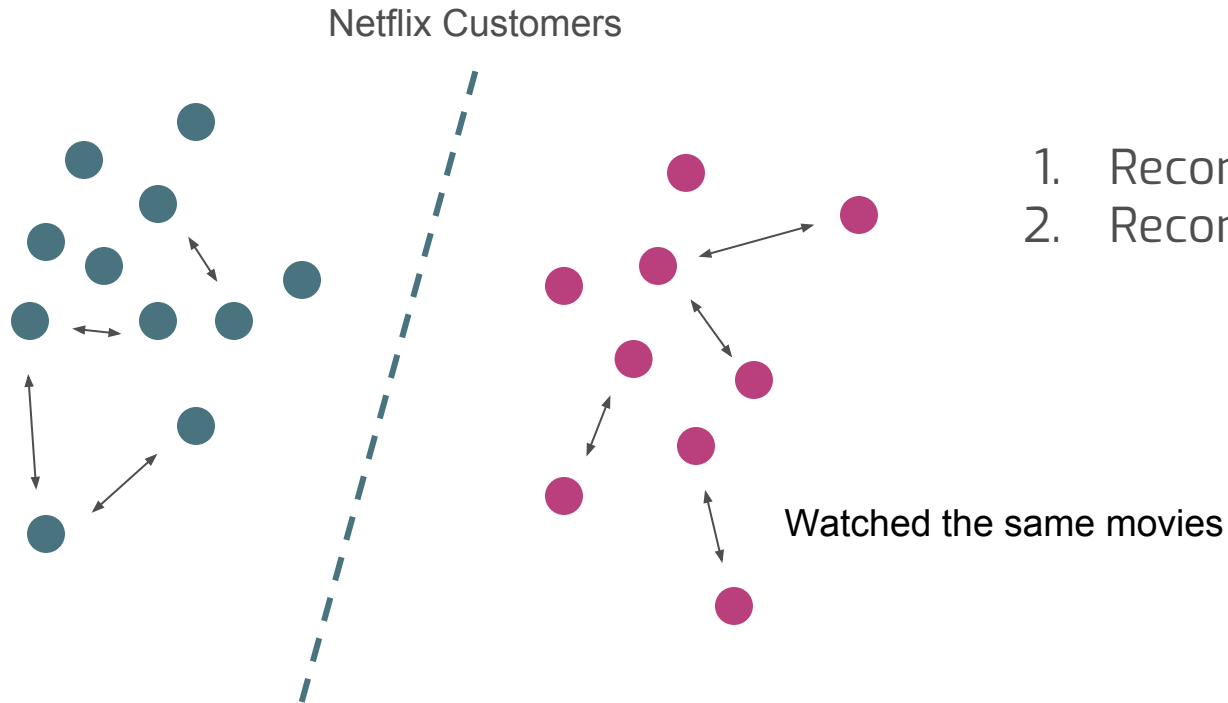
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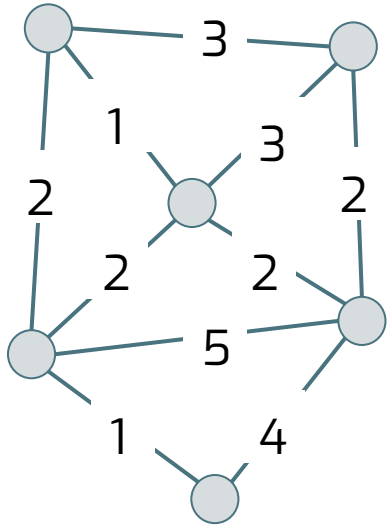
Given an unlabeled set of points, find labels based upon *similarity* metric (e.g. Euclidean distance).

# Clustering Example - Recommender Systems



1. Recommend action movies
2. Recommend RomComs

# Clustering as MAXCUT



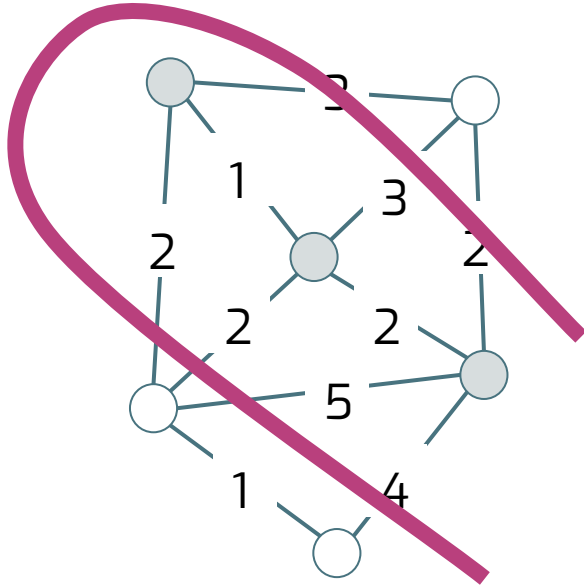
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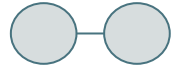
Clustering transformed into an **optimization** problem.

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# MAXCUT as Energy Functional

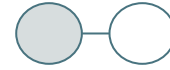
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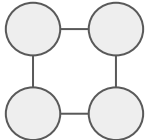


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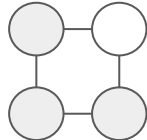


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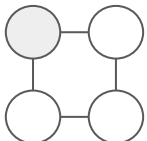
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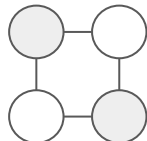
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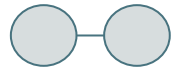
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Score 4 (max)

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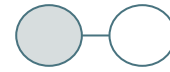
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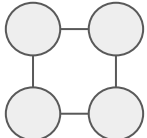


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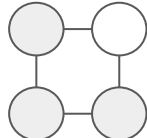


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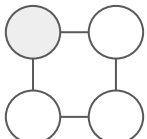
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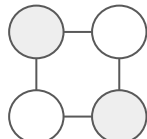
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*Binary variable*

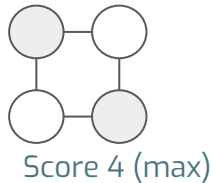
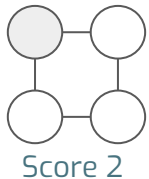
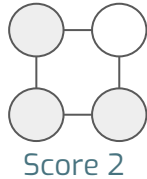
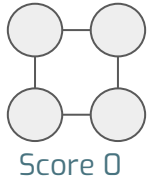
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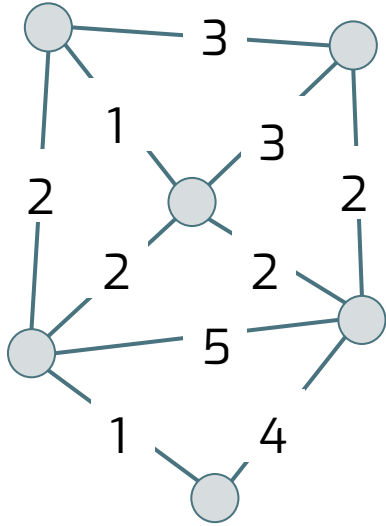
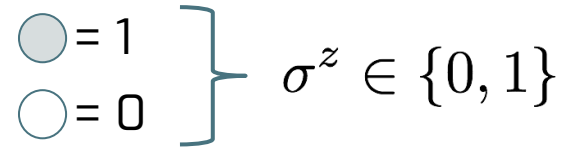
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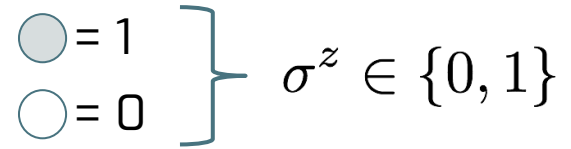
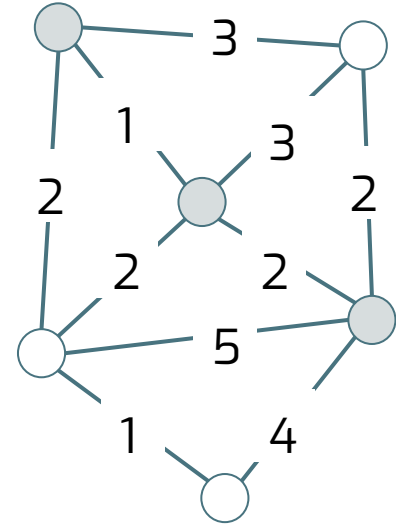
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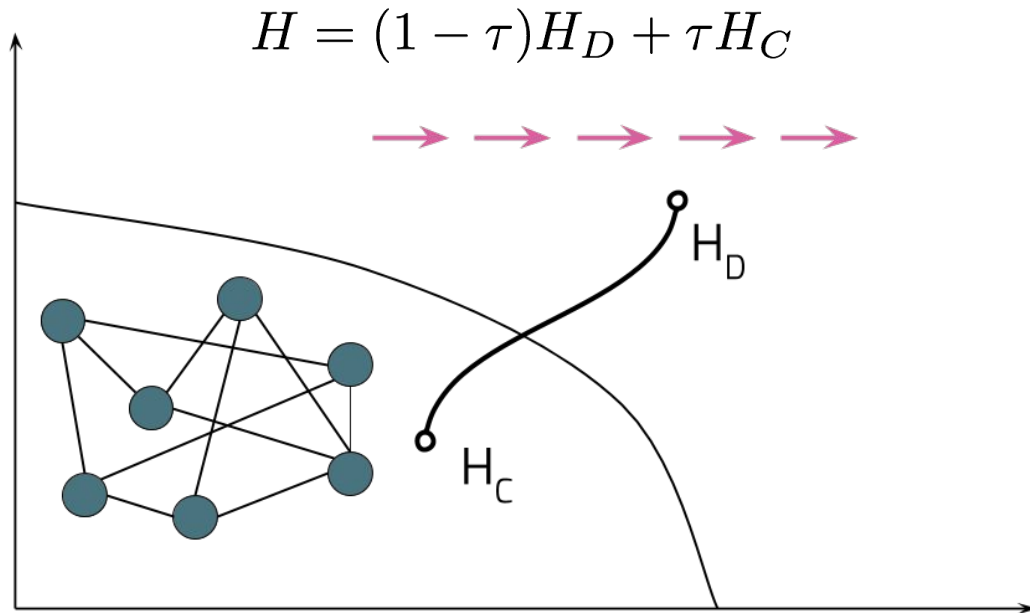


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Find the right bit-string assignment that maximizes the energy



# QAOA - Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm



## IDEA

Start at easy to prepare initial state of energy functional  $H_D$

“Cool” the system until it freezes in the low energy state of  $H_C$

# Discretize the Cooling Protocol

- Gate model of Optimization (Farhi, Goldstone, Gutman, arxiv:1411.4028)

$$V(\beta) = e^{-i\beta H_C}$$

$$U(\gamma) = e^{-i\gamma H_D}$$

- Angles  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  need not be small
- How to find optimal  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  ?





# Back to MAXCUT

- Initial state is ground state of  $H_D$ :  $|\rightarrow\rangle = H^{\otimes n}|0\rangle$
- Run the QAOA prescription:

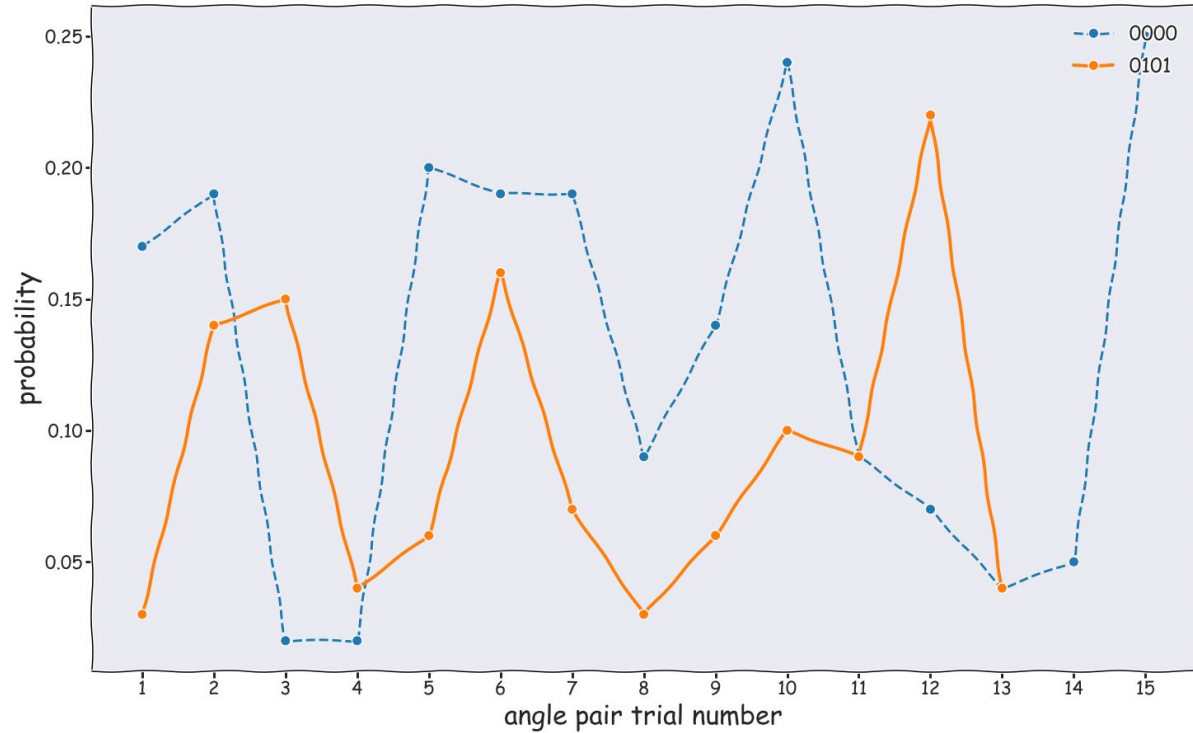
$$|\beta, \gamma\rangle = U(\gamma)V(\beta)H^{\otimes n}|0\rangle$$

- Intuitively: Superposition of bitstring configurations

$$|\beta, \gamma\rangle \equiv \sqrt{p_1} \begin{array}{cc} \circ & \circ \\ | & | \\ \circ & \circ \end{array} + \sqrt{p_2} \begin{array}{cc} \circ & \circ \\ | & | \\ \circ & \circ \end{array} + \dots + \sqrt{p_{16}} \begin{array}{cc} \circ & \circ \\ | & | \\ \circ & \circ \end{array}$$

# Effects of the different Angles

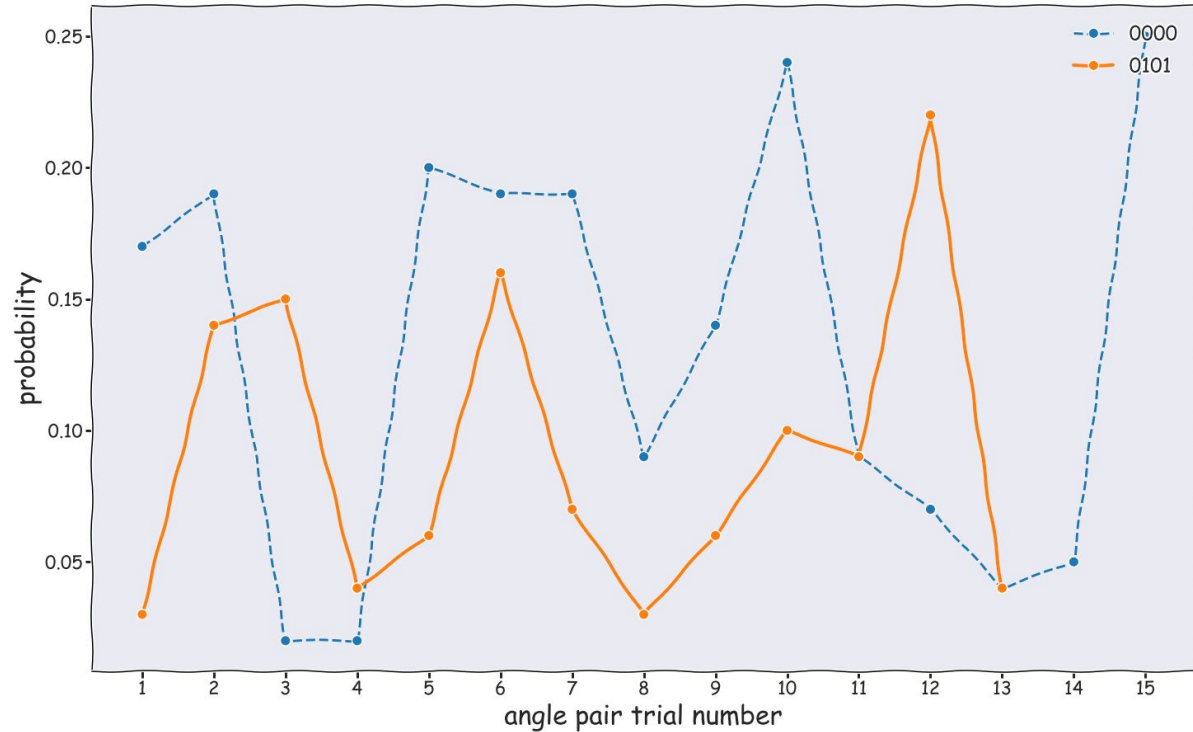
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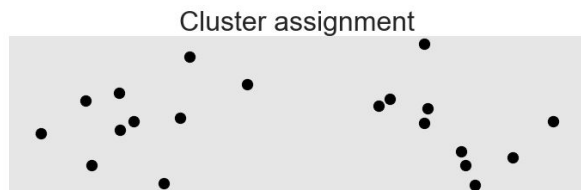
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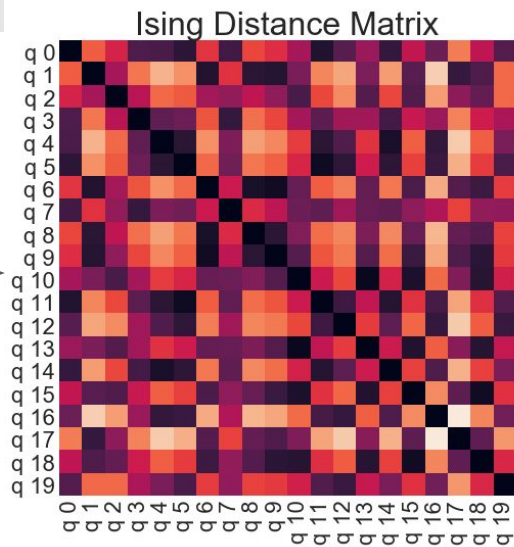
Want to maximize the probability to sample the "correct" bitstring



# Clustering Procedure



Euclidean distance



Graph encoding

Hamiltonian

$$H_C = \sum_{ij} w_{ij} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$$

QAOA

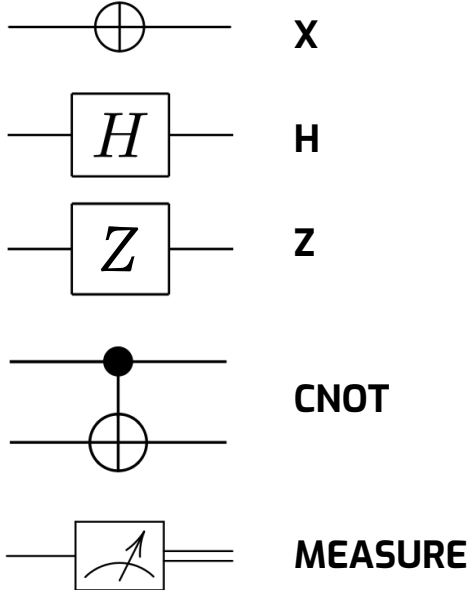
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Measurement in computational basis

$$[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, \dots, 1]$$

# Forest - Quil

## Quantum instructions



Quil **[01]**

Quantum Instruction Language

```
X q  
H q  
Z q  
CNOT p q  
MEASURE q [0]  
MEASURE p [1]
```

# Forest - pyQuil

## QAOA

In **14** lines of code

```
from pyquil.quil import Program
from pyquil.gates import H
from pyquil.paulis import sI, sX, sZ, exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum
from pyquil.api import QVMConnection

graph = [(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3)]
nodes = range(4)

init_state_prog = sum([H(i) for i in nodes], Program())
h_cost = -0.5 * sum(sI(nodes[0]) - sZ(i) * sZ(j) for i, j in graph)
h_driver = -1. * sum(sX(i) for i in nodes)

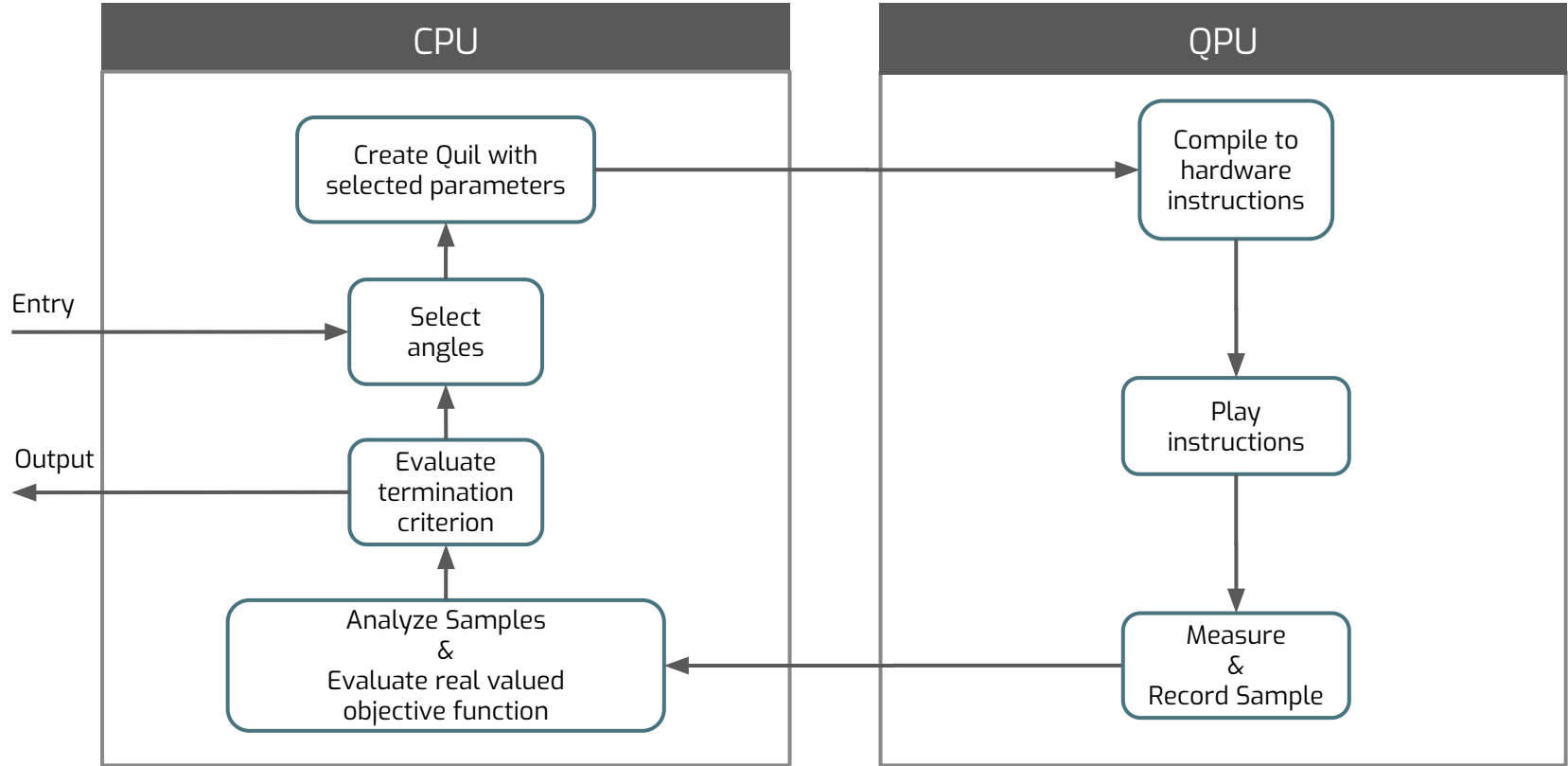
def qaoa_ansatz(betas, gammas):
    return sum([exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_cost)(g) + exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_driver)(b) \
                for g, b in zip(gammas, betas)], Program())

program = init_state_prog + qaoa_ansatz([0., 0.5], [0.75, 1.])

qvm = QVMConnection()
qvm.run_and_measure(program, qubits=nodes, trials=10)
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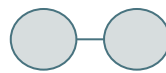


# Objective Function

- Loss/Reward Function:

$$c_{\beta,\gamma} : \{0, 1\}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

*“quality of a sampled bit-string”*



Score 0



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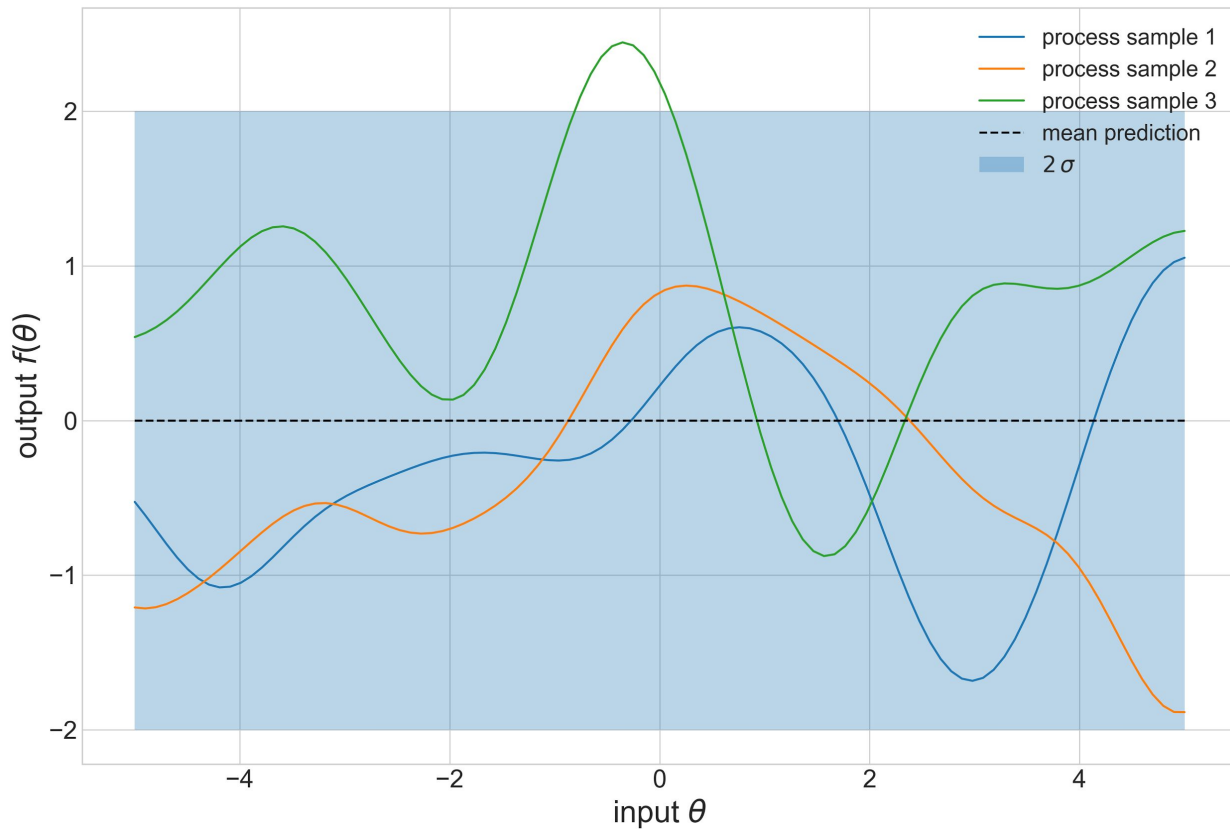
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- Find the optimal value of the Reward function:
  - No easy access to gradients, need derivative free methods
  - E.g. Bayesian Methods



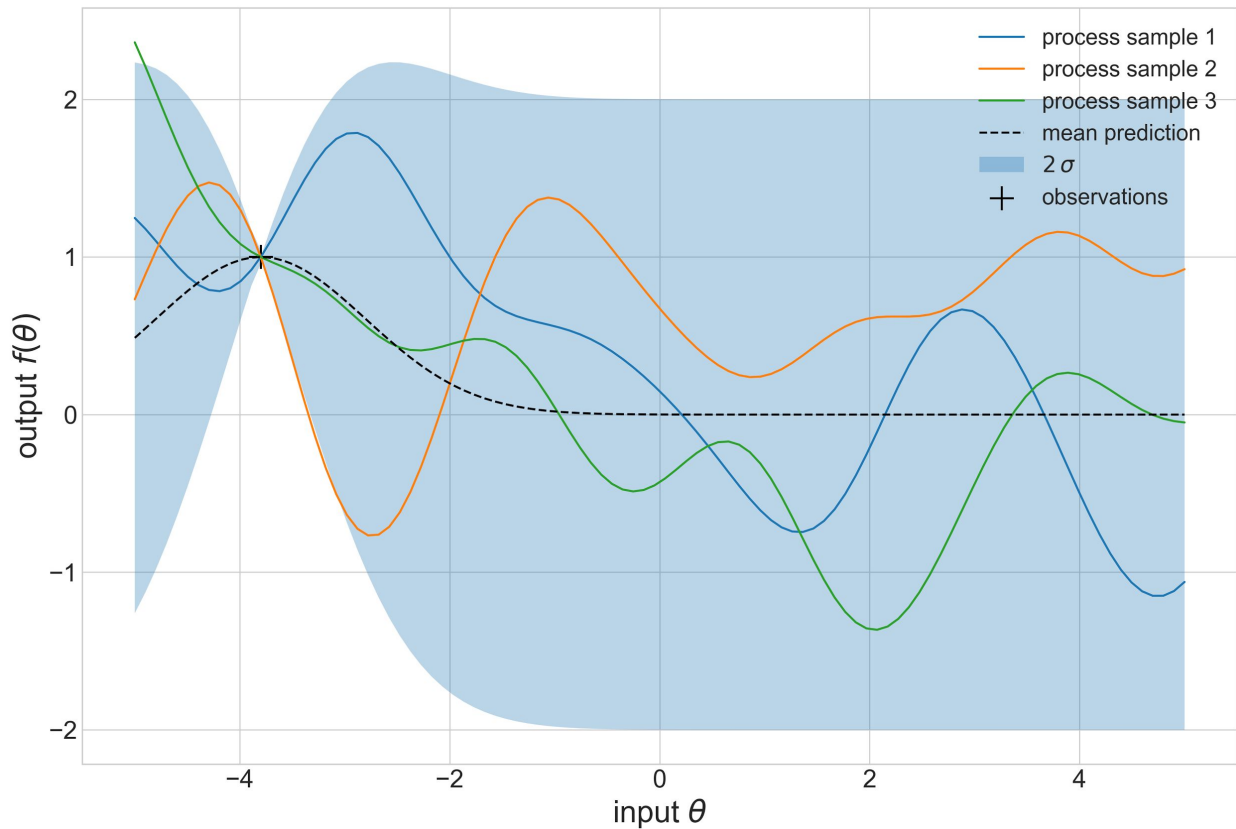
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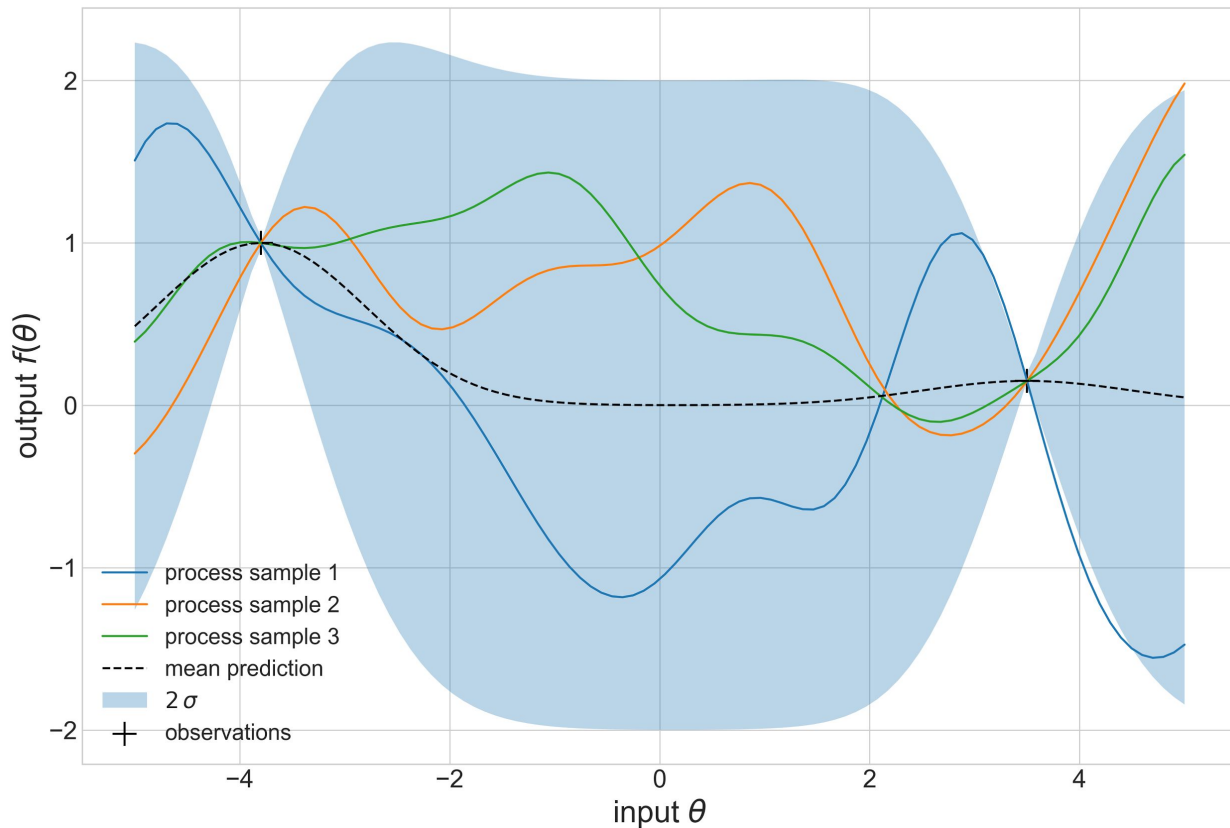
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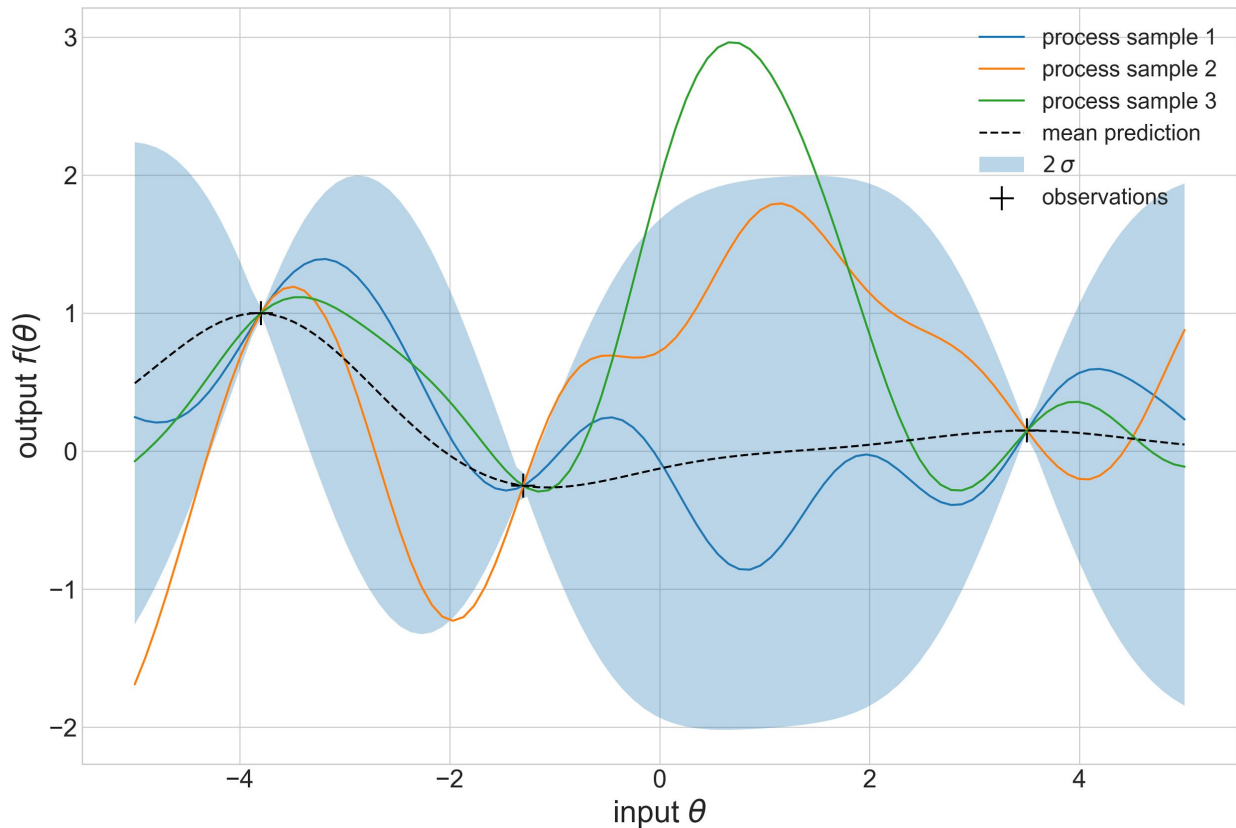
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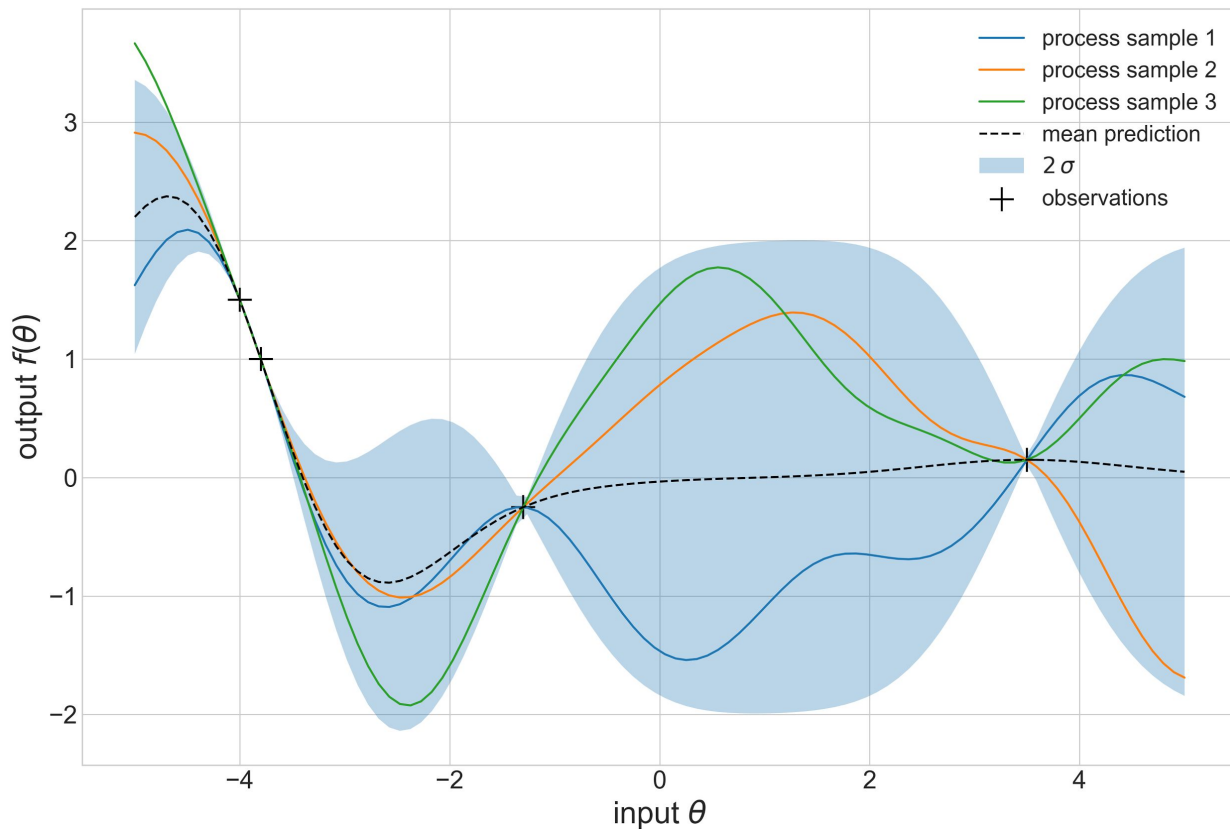
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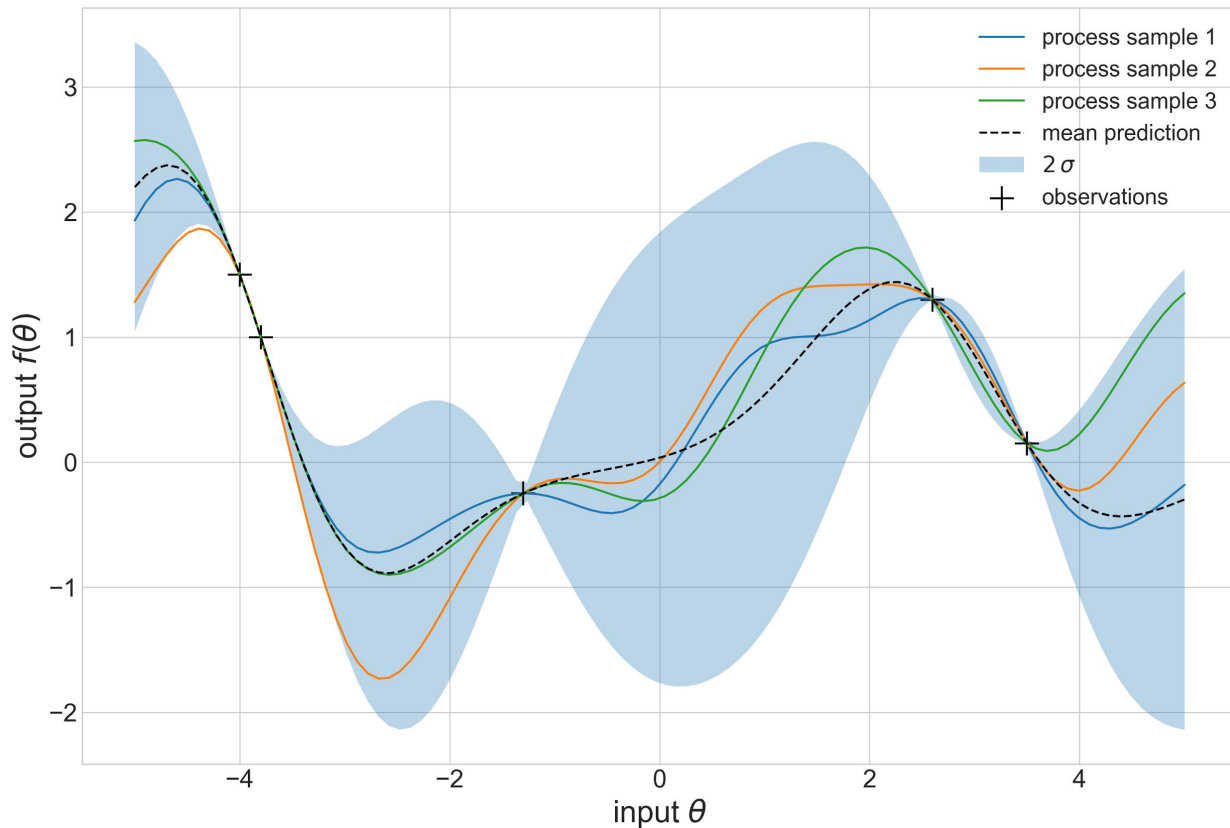
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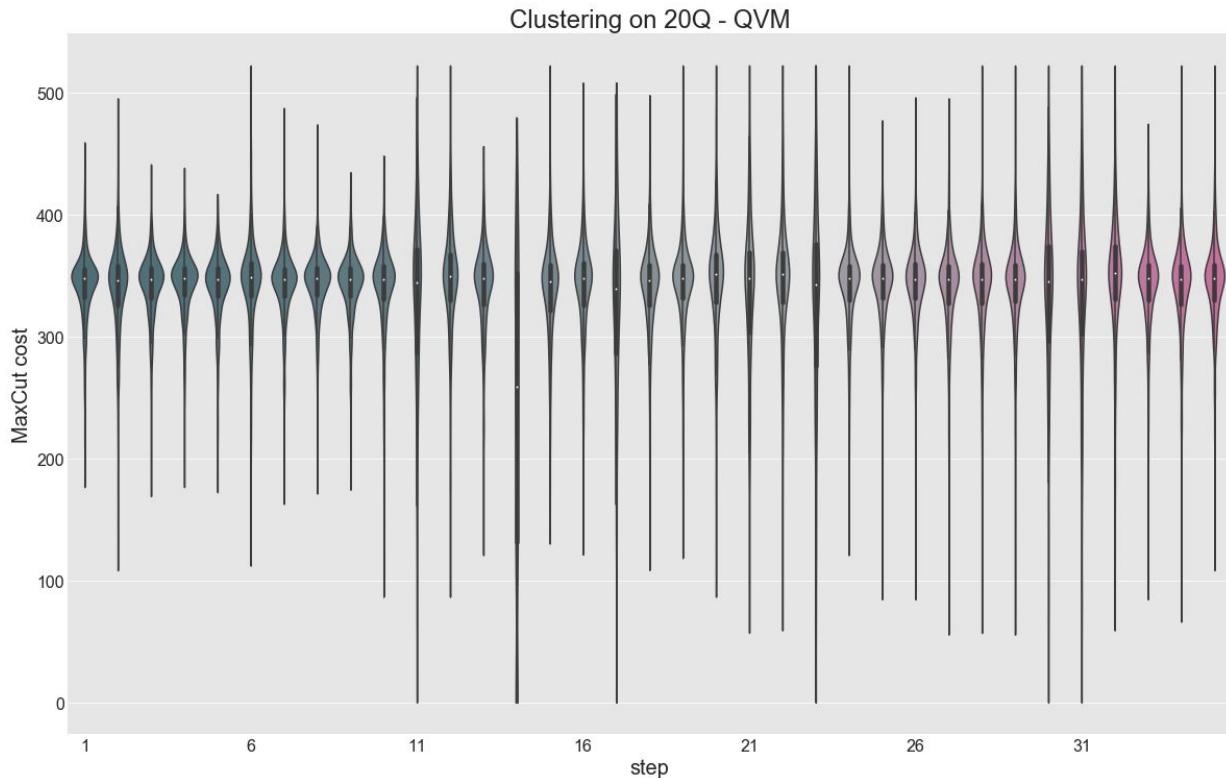
## At each step

Sample a new angle pair from the Gaussian prior

Run the Quil program and sample several bitstrings

Evaluate the MAXCUT cost and return maximum as the value

Update Prior and repeat the process

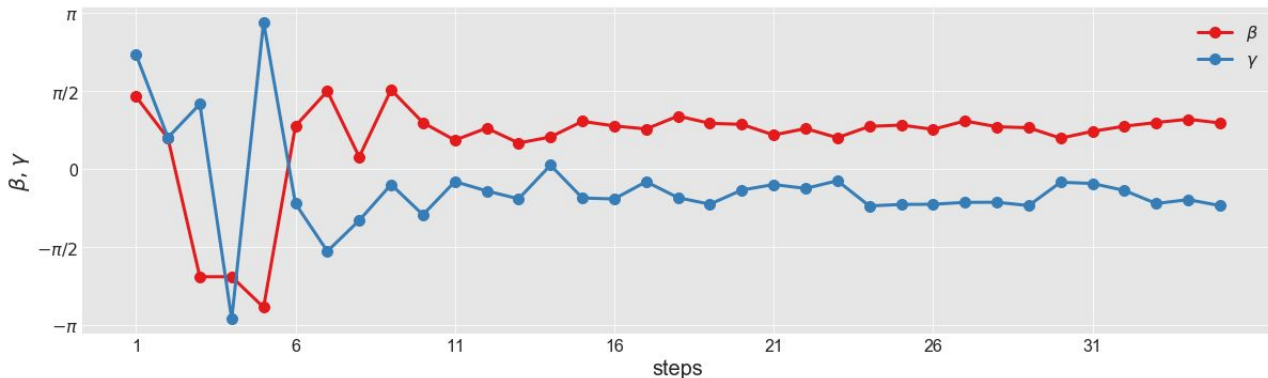
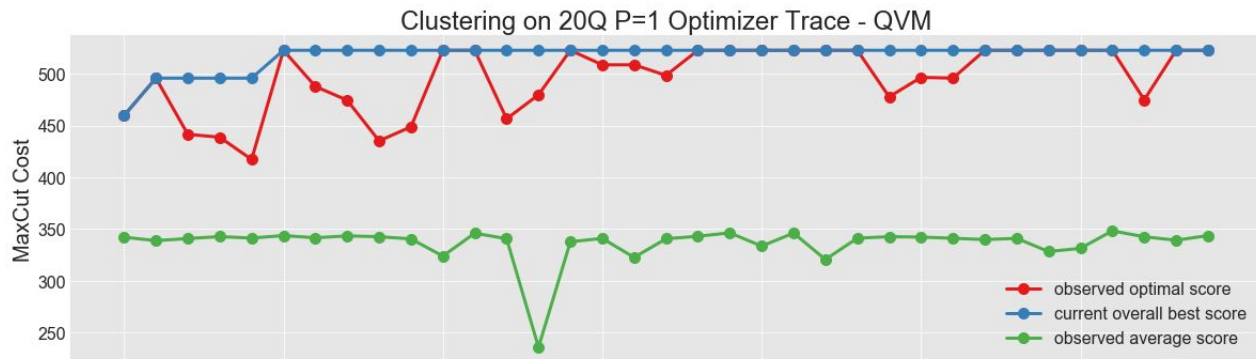


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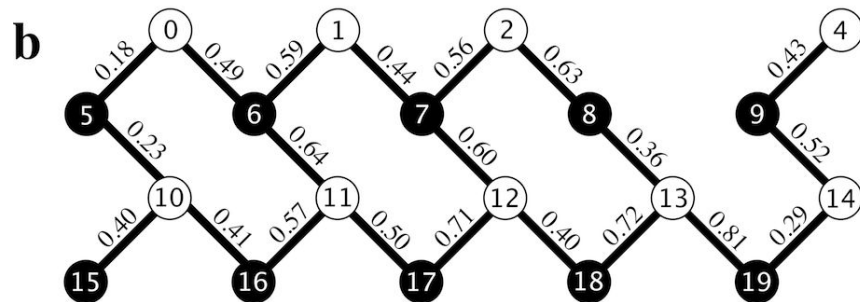
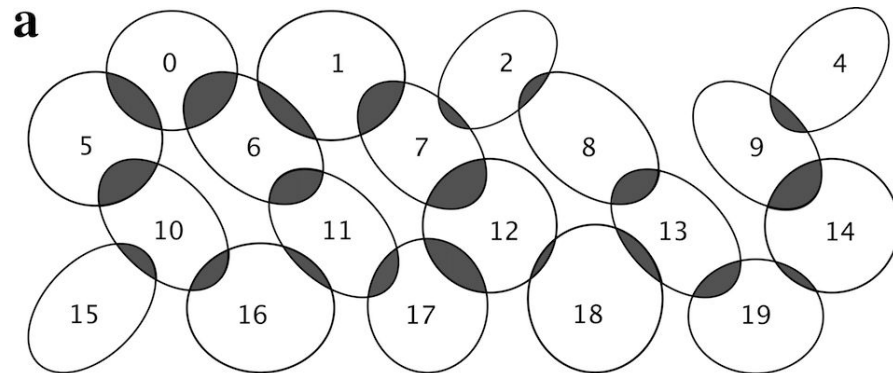
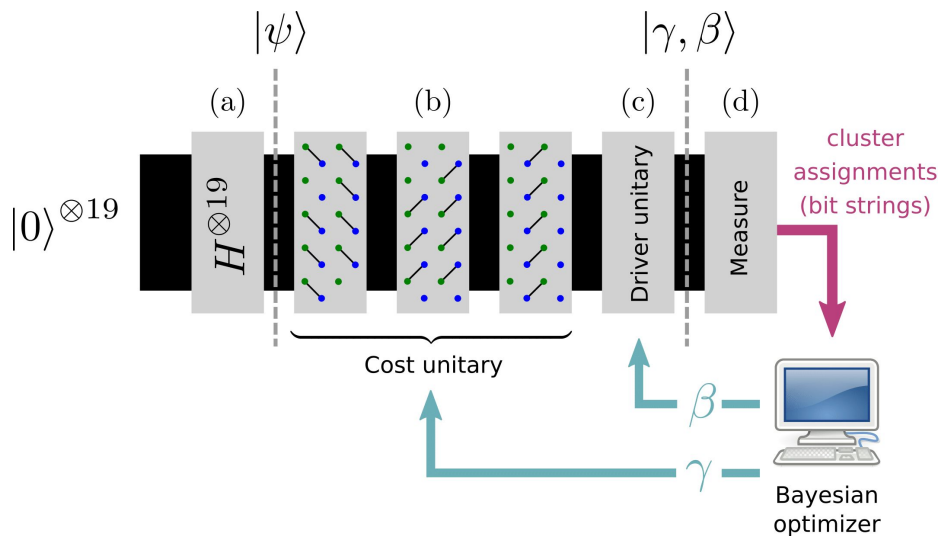
Angles start to converge for large steps numbers



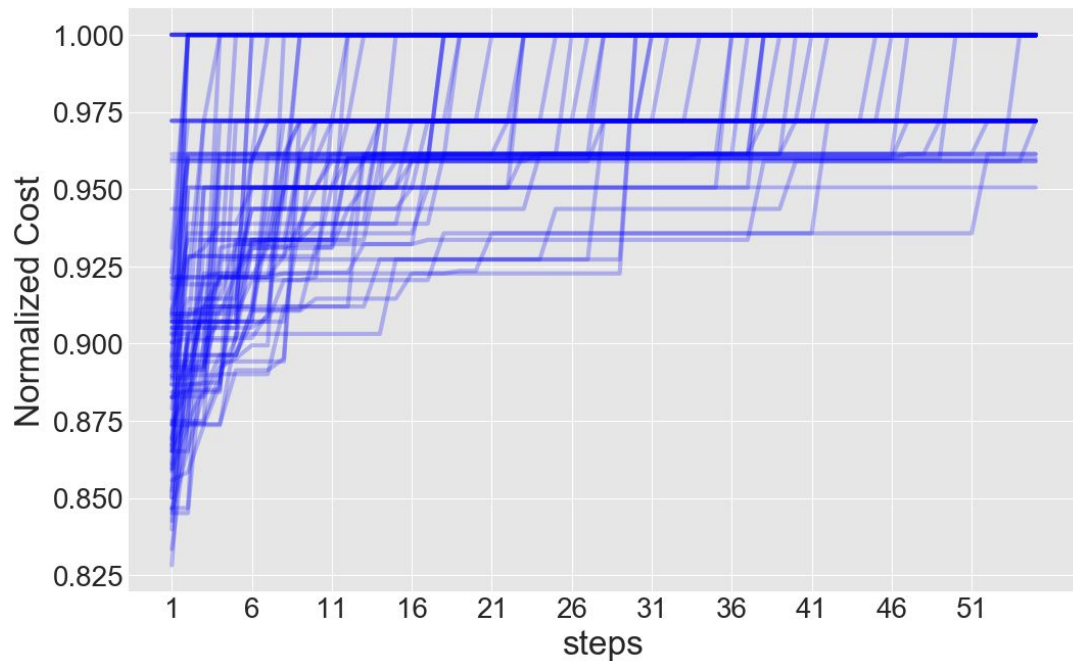


# Clustering on a 19-Q Chip

For demonstration purposes chose problem instance to match chip topology

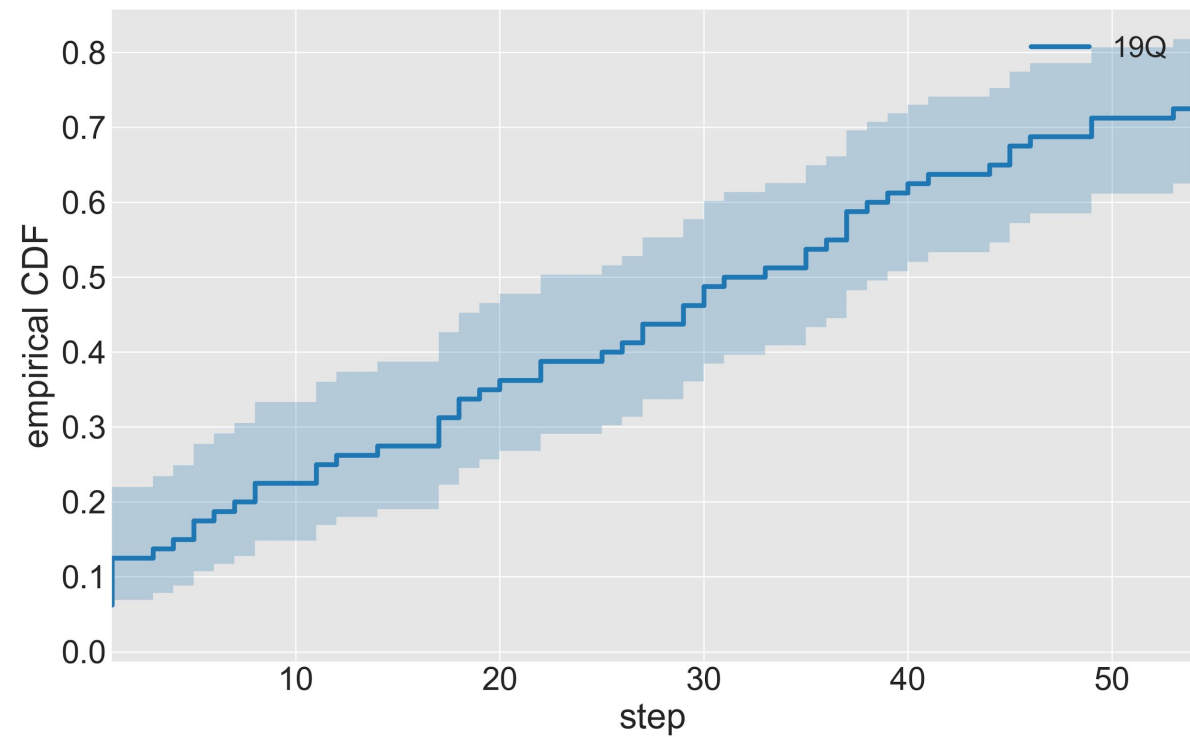


# Putting it all together



- 83 trial runs on the QPU
- Algorithm finds the optimum most of the time
- Calculate success probability from the traces

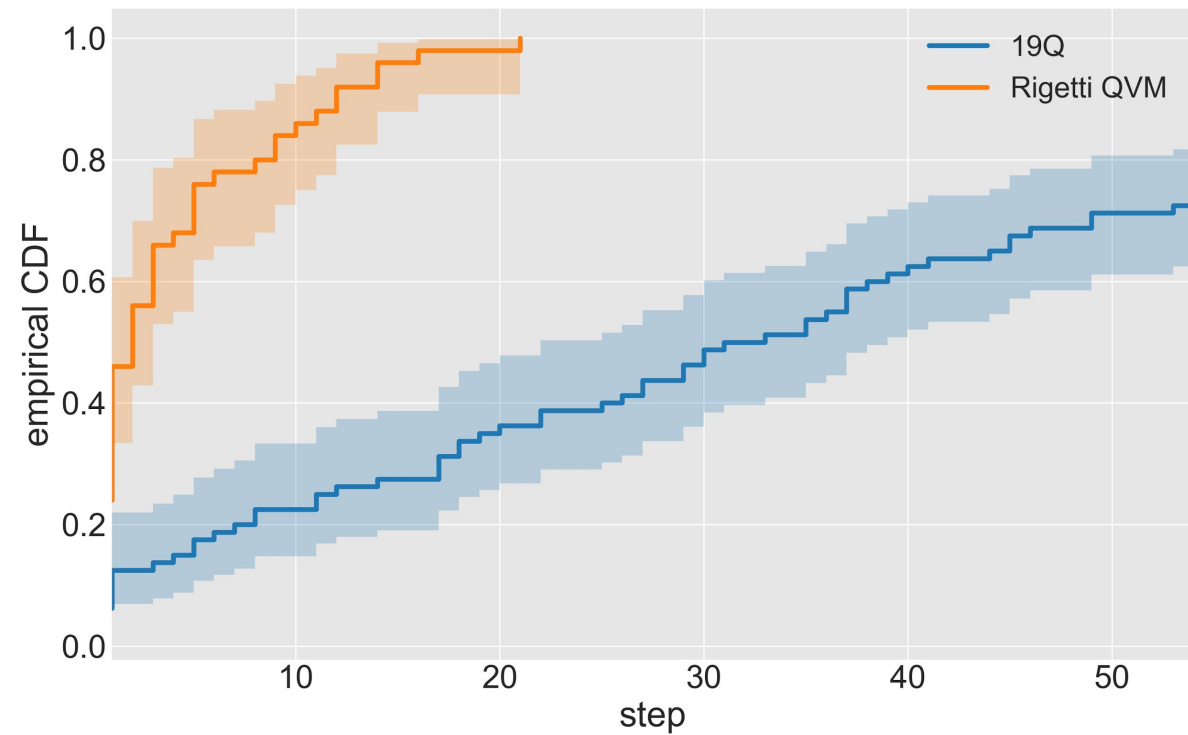
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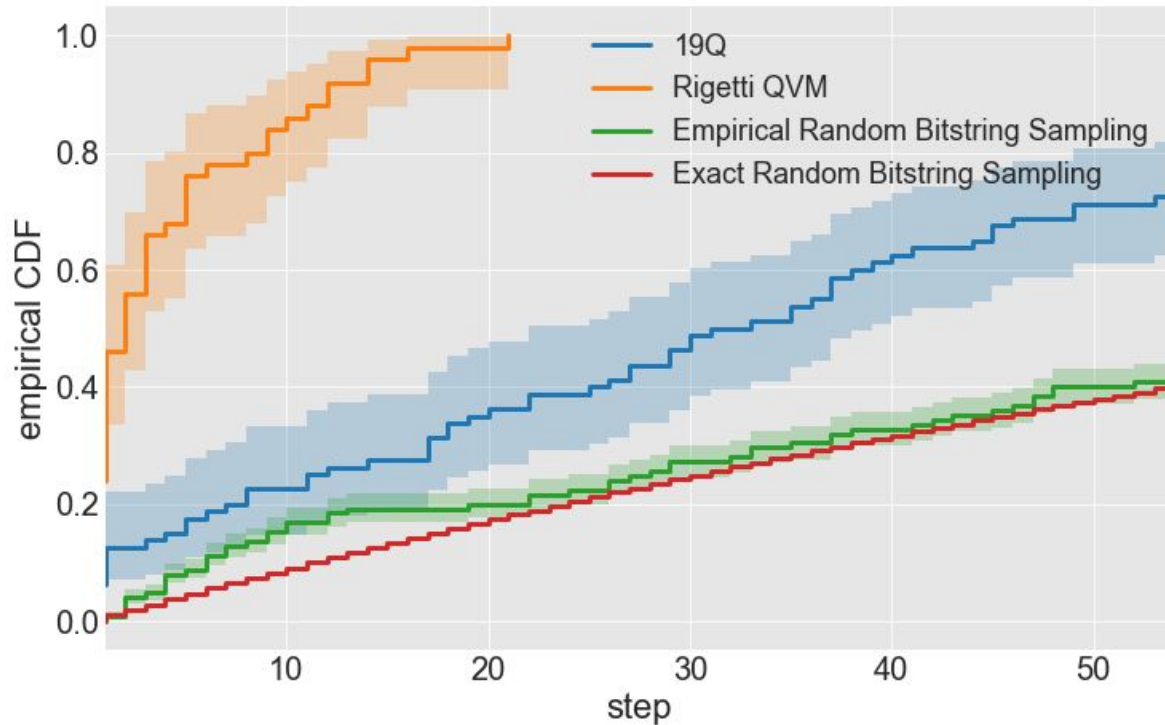


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- Noise in 19Q has a significant impact on performance.
- Approach clearly outperforms random sampling.



# Forest



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Thank you

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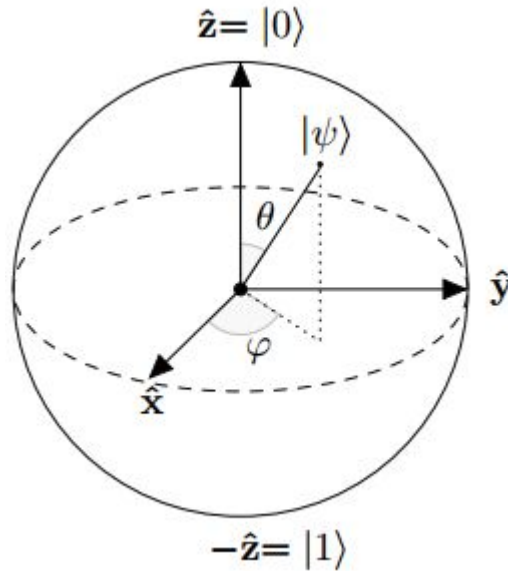
Spare slides





# Bloch Sphere

Lives on the surface of the Bloch sphere



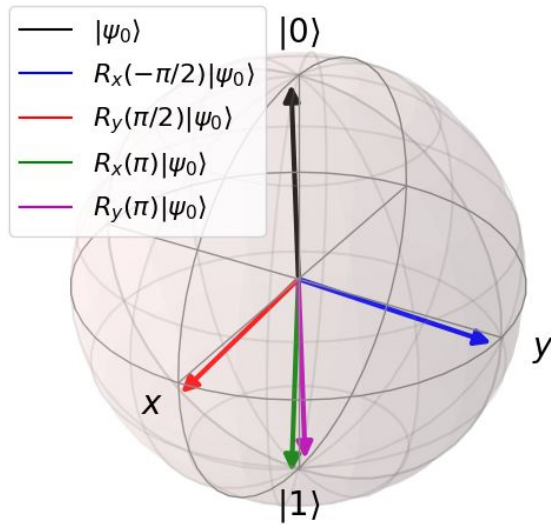
$$|\psi\rangle = \cos(\theta/2)|0\rangle + e^{i\varphi}\sin(\theta/2)|1\rangle$$



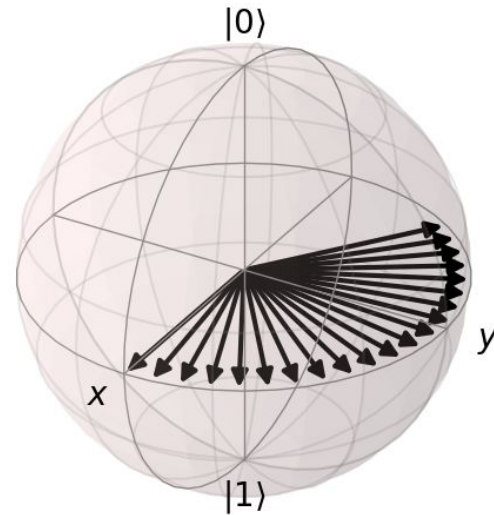
# Quantum Control on the Bloch Sphere

“Machine that natively executes unitary operations on quantum systems”

Unitaries are rotations



X and Y rotations by driving



Z rotations by waiting

