

# Variational Quantum Demodulation for Coherent Optical Multi-Dimensional QAM

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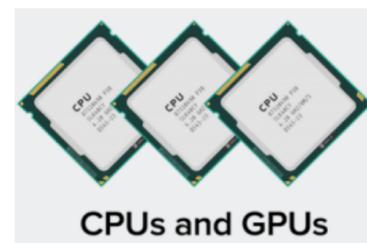
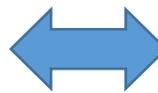
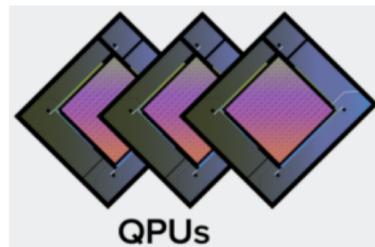
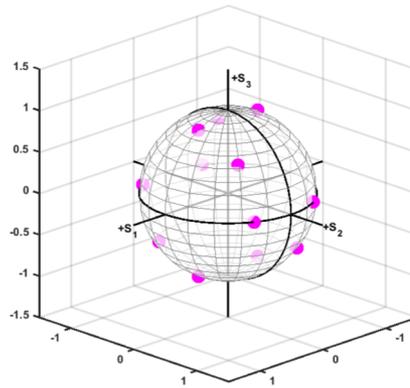
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# Outline

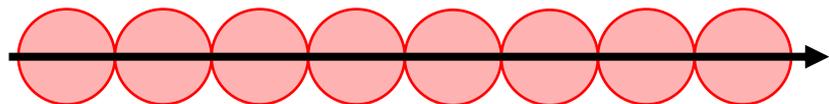
- High-dimensional modulation (HDM)
- Quantum technology trend
  - Quantum approximate optimization algorithm (QAOA)
- QAOA hybrid quantum-classical demodulation
- Simulation and real quantum processor results



# High-Dimensional Modulation (HDM)

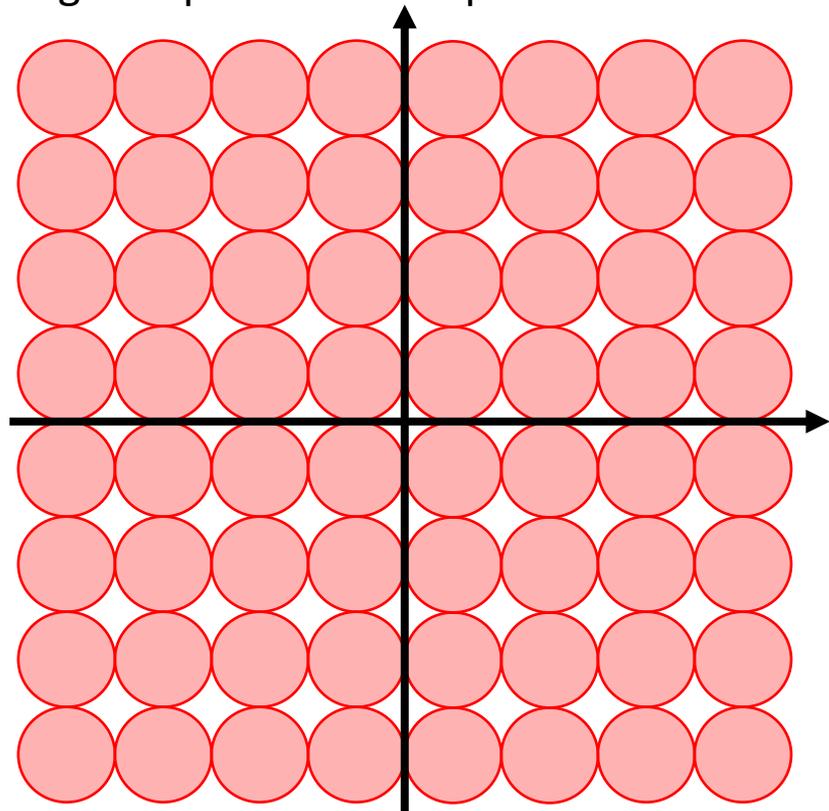
Regular lattice in 1-D:

Regular pulse-amplitude modulation (PAM)



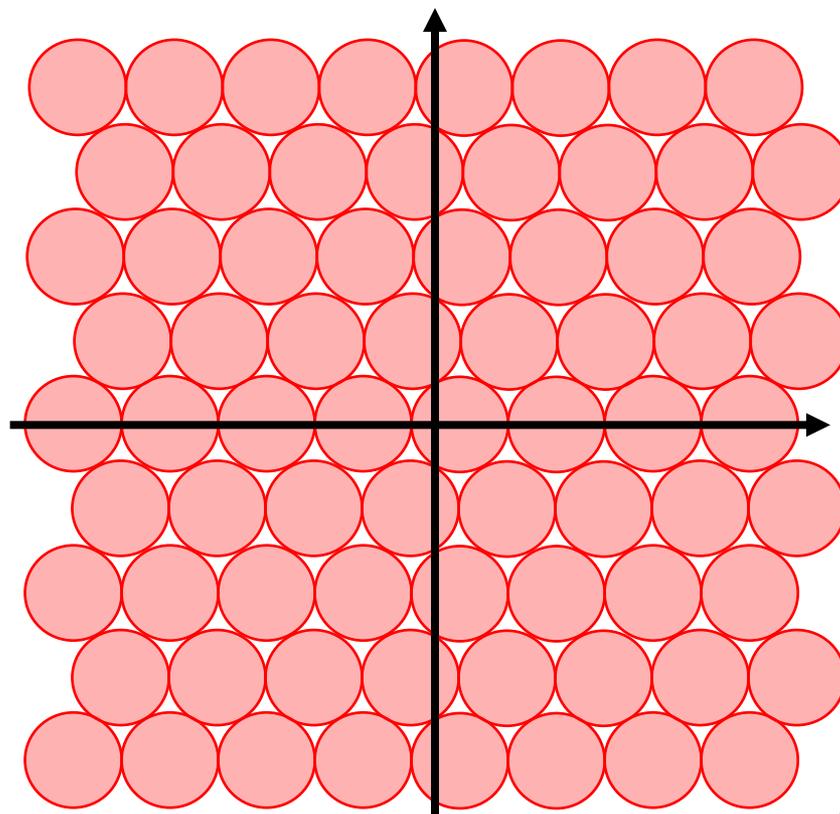
Lattice in 2-D:

Regular quadrature-amplitude modulation (QAM)

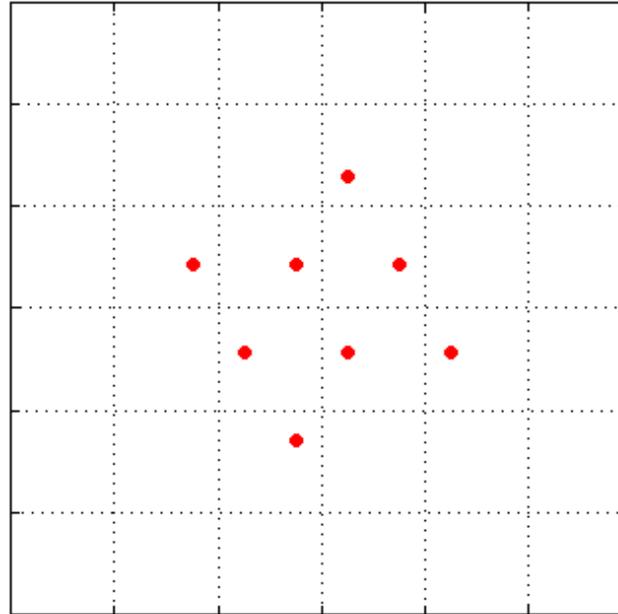


Optimally packed lattice in 2-D:

Hexagonal lattice: max 0.8dB gain



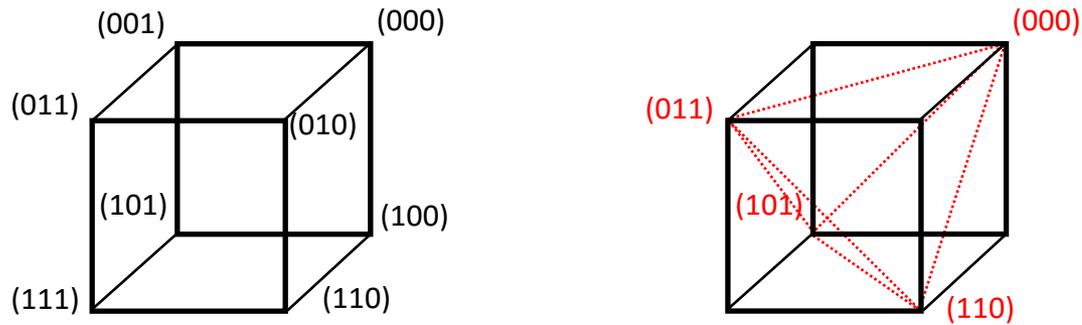
# Spherical Cutting of Lattices



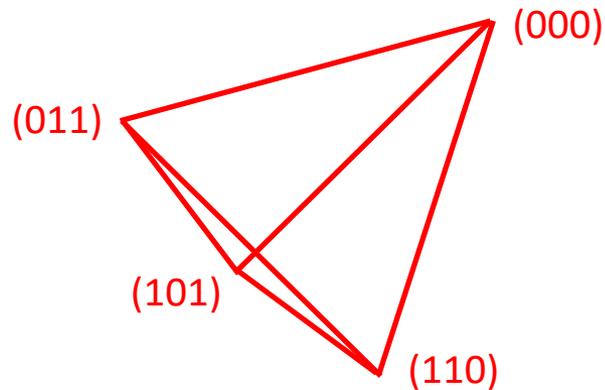
- Start with lattice in N-dimensions
- Select  $2^p$  neighboring points
- Optimize selection
- Remove mean
- Labeling?

# Block-Coded HDM

- Selecting a good subset of non-adjacent points from a Gray-coded hypercube



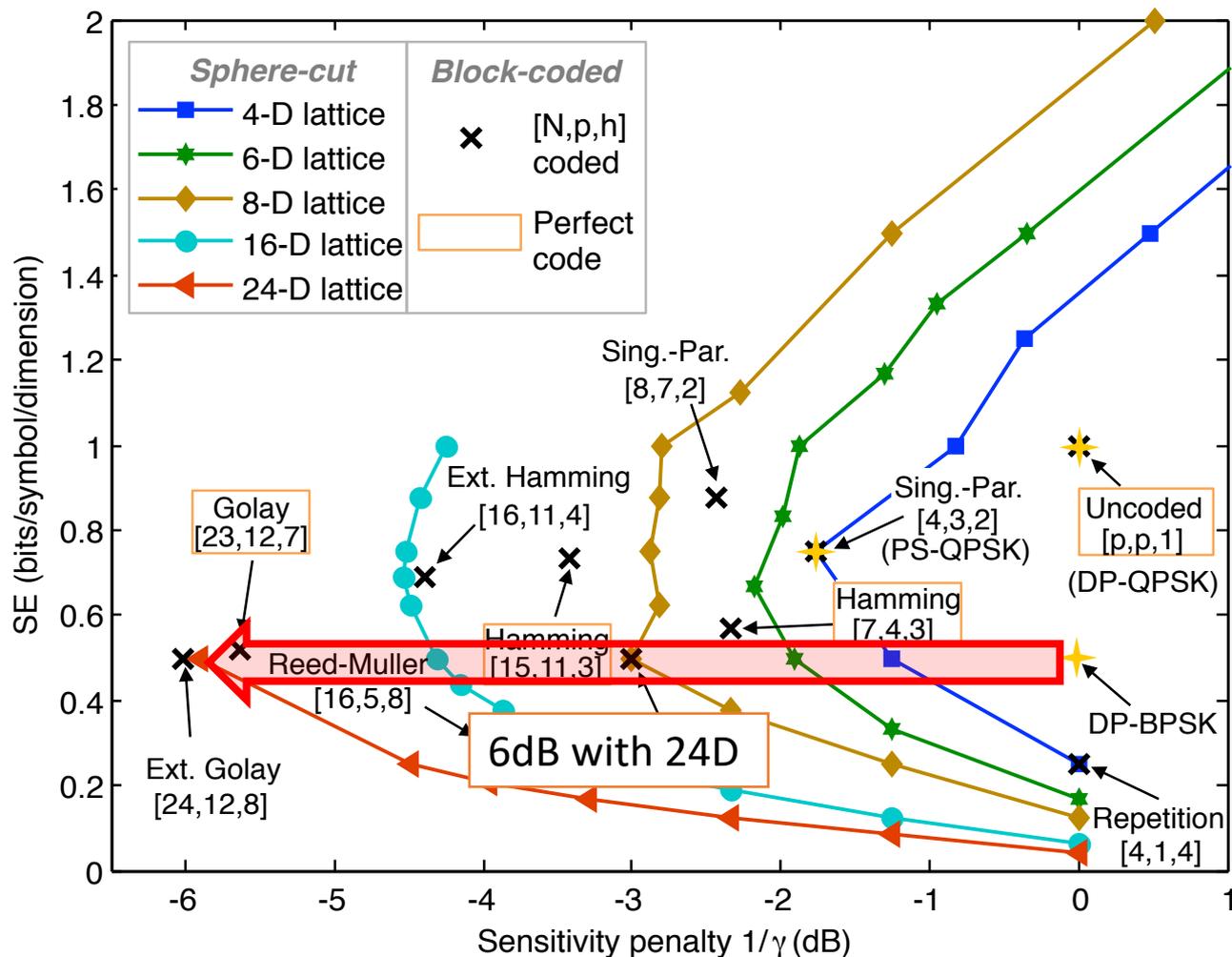
- Codewords define the set of points that are selected; e.g., [3,2,2] single-parity-check (SPC) code



- Labeling optimization is not required

# Packing Gain of High-Dimensional Modulation

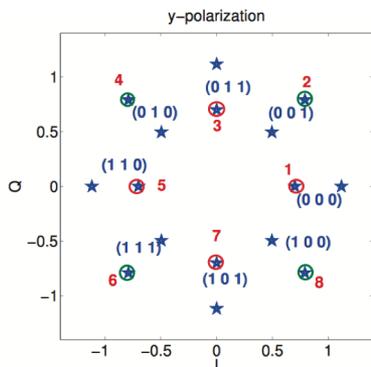
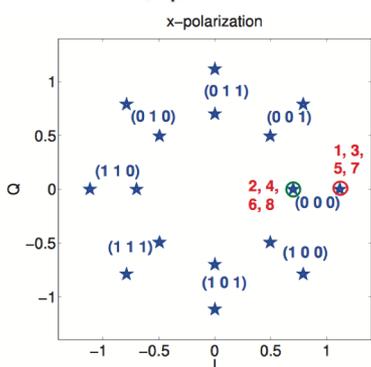
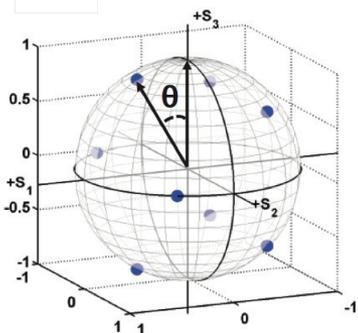
- Increasing dimensionality provides higher power efficiency:  $\gamma = d_{min}^2/(4\epsilon_b)$



# Nonlinearity-Mitigating HDM

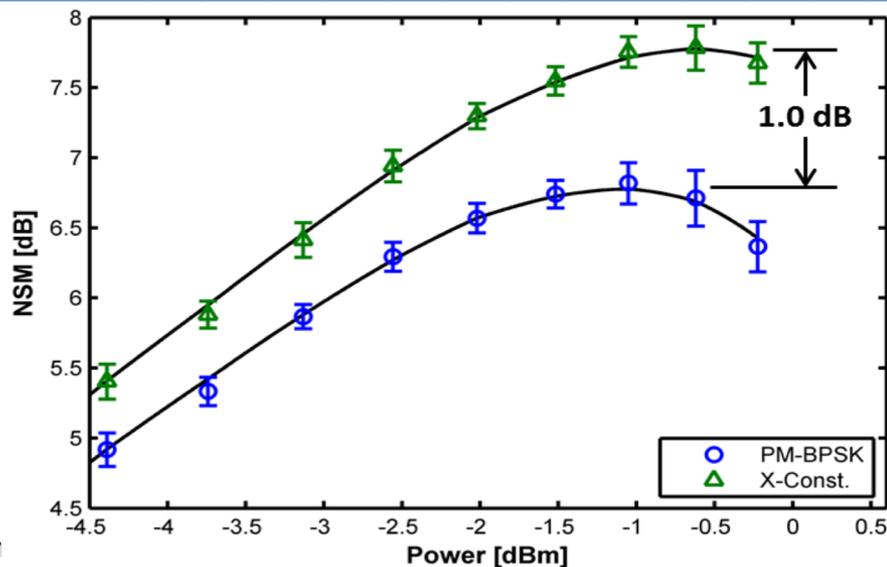
- Some HDM can further mitigate nonlinear interference (NLI)
  - 4-dimensional constant-modulus modulation (4D-2A8PSK) [Kojima et al., ECOC14]
  - 8-dimensional Grassmann modulation [Koike-Akino et al., SPPCom15]
  - 8-dimensional X-constellation [Shiner et al., OpEx14]

## Constant modulus



## Zero degree of polarization (DOP)

Binary Value	0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111
Slot A x-pol	-1-i	-1-i	-1-i	-1-i	-1+i	-1+i	-1+i	-1+i	1-i	1-i	1-i	1-i	1+i	1+i	1+i	1+i
Slot A y-pol	1+i	-1+i	1-i	-1-i	-1-i	1-i	-1+i	1+i	-1-i	1-i	-1+i	1+i	1+i	-1+i	1-i	-1-i
$S_A=(S_1, S_2, S_3)$	(0,-4,0)	(0,0,-4)	(0,0,4)	(0,4,0)	(0,0,4)	(0,-4,0)	(0,4,0)	(0,0,-4)	(0,0,-4)	(0,4,0)	(0,-4,0)	(0,0,4)	(0,4,0)	(0,0,4)	(0,0,-4)	(0,-4,0)
Slot B x-pol	1+i	-1+i	1-i	-1-i	1+i	-1+i	1-i	-1-i	1+i	-1+i	1-i	-1-i	1+i	-1+i	1-i	-1-i
Slot B y-pol	1+i	-1-i	-1-i	1+i	1-i	-1+i	-1+i	1-i	-1+i	1-i	-1+i	-1-i	-1-i	1+i	1+i	-1-i
$S_B=(S_1, S_2, S_3)$	(0,4,0)	(0,0,4)	(0,0,-4)	(0,-4,0)	(0,0,-4)	(0,4,0)	(0,-4,0)	(0,0,4)	(0,0,4)	(0,-4,0)	(0,4,0)	(0,0,-4)	(0,-4,0)	(0,0,-4)	(0,0,4)	(0,4,0)
DOP	$ S_A+S_B $	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

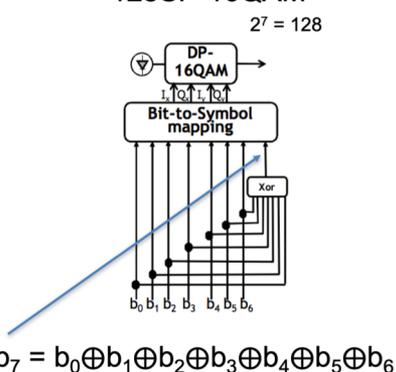


# HDM Demodulation

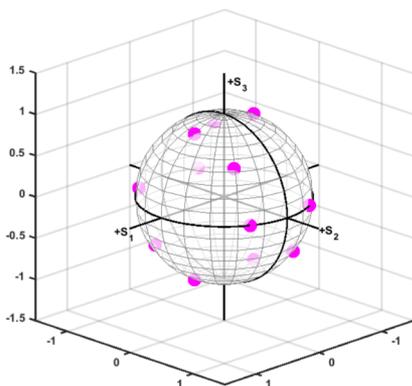
- In exchange of higher packing gain, HDM can increase the demodulation complexity for higher dimensions
- Log-likelihood ratio (LLR) calculation is not straightforward in general to feed into soft-decision decoders
- Simplified LLR calculation based on min-sum belief propagation over algebraic constrains
- We propose **quantum processing unit (QPU)**-based demodulator

128SP-16QAM

$2^7 = 128$

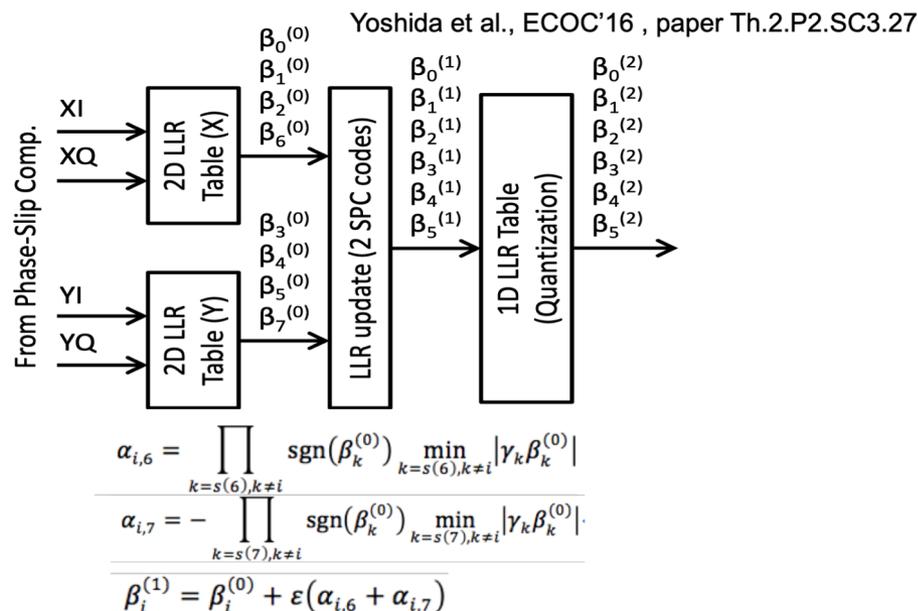


Renaudier et al., ECOC'12, We.1.C.5



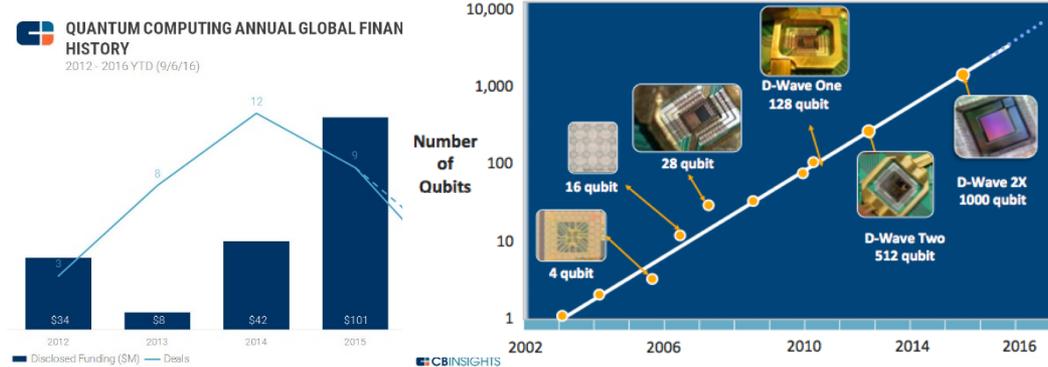
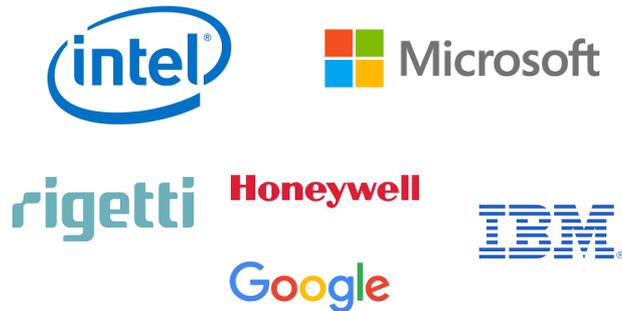
$$\begin{aligned} B[5] &= B[0] \oplus B[1] \oplus B[2], \\ B[6] &= B[2] \oplus B[3] \oplus B[4]. \\ B[7] &= \overline{B[6]}. \end{aligned}$$

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# Quantum Computing

- Morgan Stanley: Quantum tech can drive **4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution**
- Escalating government funds: National Quantum Initiative **\$1.2B**
- Quantum chip providers: **IBM, Google, Microsoft, Honeywell, Intel, Nokia, AirBus, IONQ, rigetti**



Free libraries to evaluate quantum computing on realistic simulators or real devices



# Post-2014 Trend: Variational Quantum Principle

- Hybrid use of quantum measurement and classical optimization
  - VQE: Variational Quantum Eigensolver (2014)
  - QAOA: Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (2014)
  - VQF: Variational Quantum Factoring (2018)



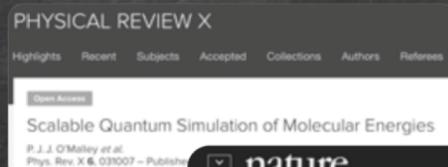
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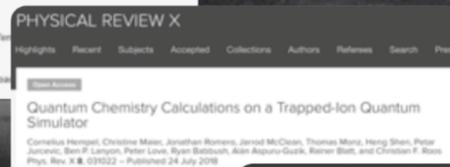
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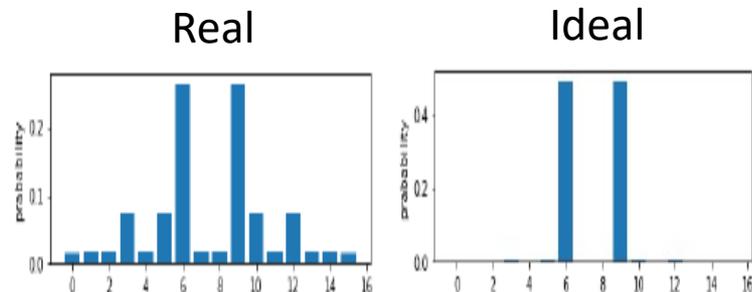
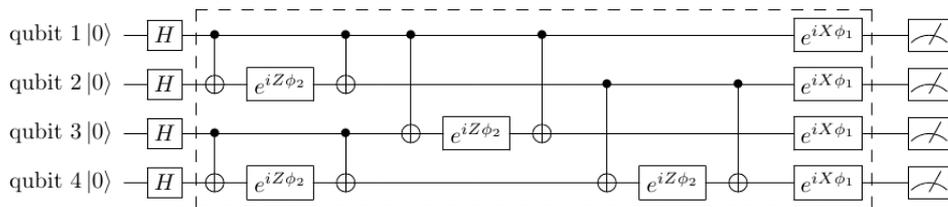
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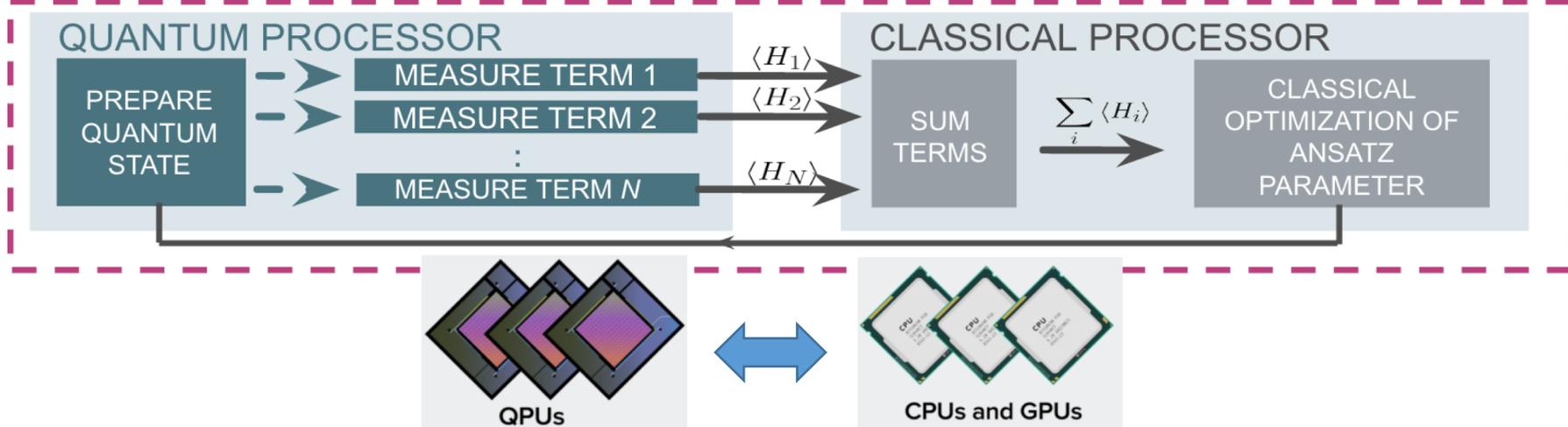
# Variational Quantum Algorithms for NISQ

- Current quantum processors are noisy and coherence-limited: quantum gates are imperfect



- For noisy intermediate-scale quantum (**NISQ**) devices, variational hybrid quantum-classical algorithms may be a viable driver for quantum supremacy due to shallow gates and noise resilience

## V.Q.E. QUANTUM-CLASSICAL HYBRID ALGORITHM



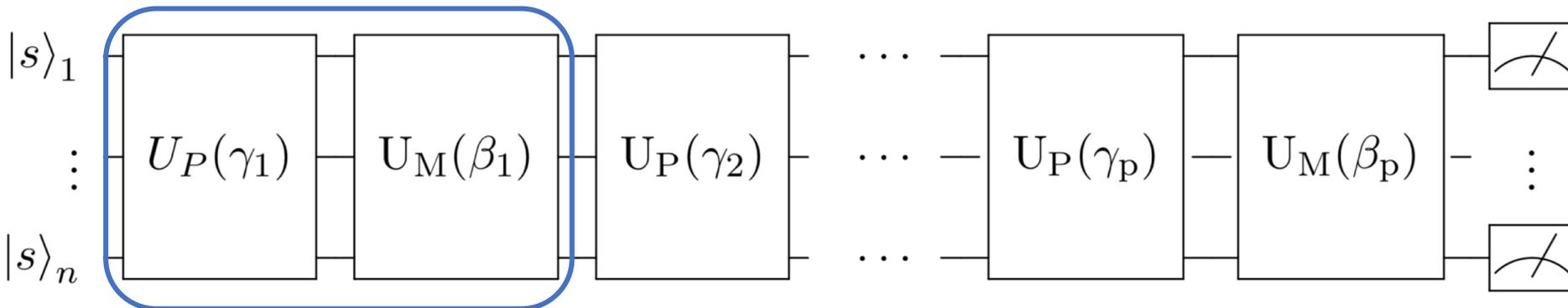
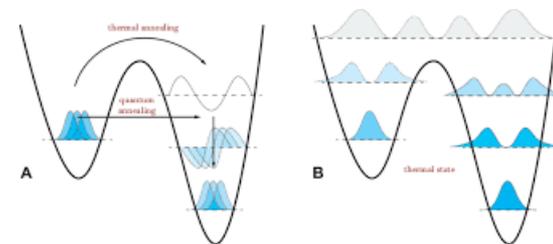
# QAOA: Quantum Approximate Optimization Alg.

- Alternating cost Hamiltonian and mixer Hamiltonian like annealing
- Convergence theorem to eigenstate for infinite-level QAOA
  - Infinite Suzuki-Trotter decomposition with adiabatic annealing
- Classical optimization of variational angle parameters given quantum measurement
- Theoretical analysis showed better accuracy than classical counterparts; e.g. MaxCut, MaxSat, MaxClique

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} F_p^* = \max_{\mathbf{z}} C(\mathbf{z})$$

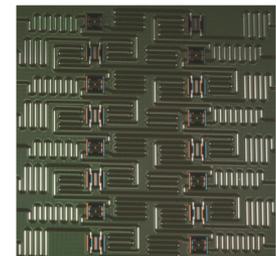
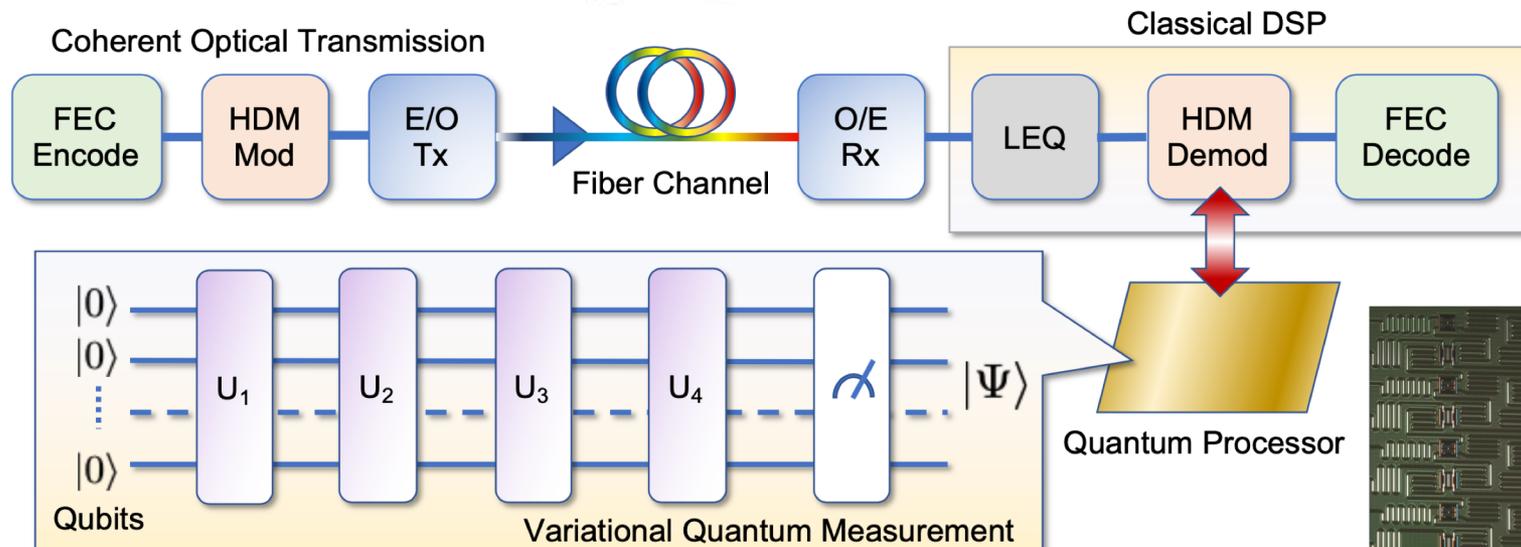
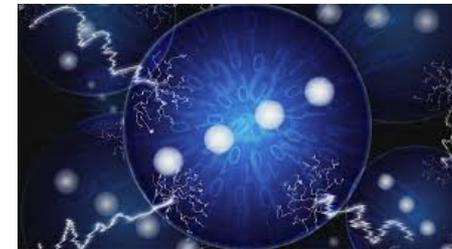
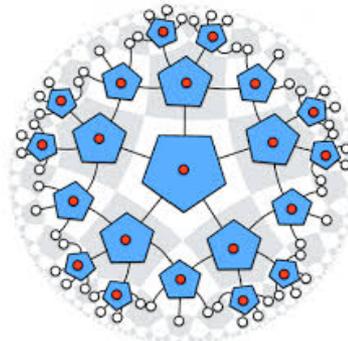
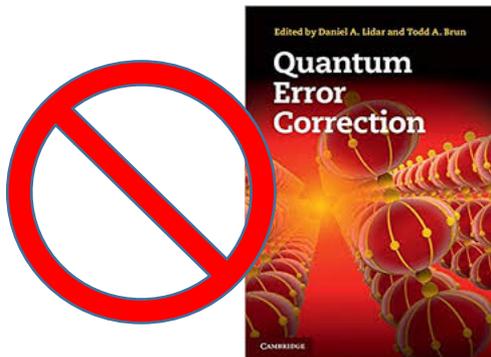
## A Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

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# Quantum Application to Optical DSP

- This talk is **not** “Quantum Error Correction Codes (QECC)” nor “Quantum Communications”
- We want to offload classical demodulation computation on CPU towards QPU



# Classical Channel Decoding

- Hamming codes, Reed-Muller codes, Golay codes, convolutional codes, turbo codes, low-density parity-check (LDPC) codes, polar codes, ...
- Suppose linear binary codes with generator matrix  $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{F}_2^{k \times n}$

Redundancy: Parity

[01011100101011]  $\rightarrow$  [01011100101011 00100101110111011]

$$\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{F}_2^k$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{G}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$$

- Communication channel exhibits noise

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$$

$$\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- Maximum-likelihood (ML) decoding for symmetric channels:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} d_H(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{\mathbf{u}} \sum_{\nu=1}^n (1 - 2y_{\nu})(1 - 2x_{\nu})$$

NP-hard  $2^k$  search for maximum correlation

# QAOA Channel Decoding

- Convert ML decoding problem into Ising Hamiltonian model [Koike-Akino ISIT19]

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} d_H(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{\mathbf{u}} \sum_{\nu=1}^n (1 - 2y_{\nu})(1 - 2x_{\nu})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{uG}$$

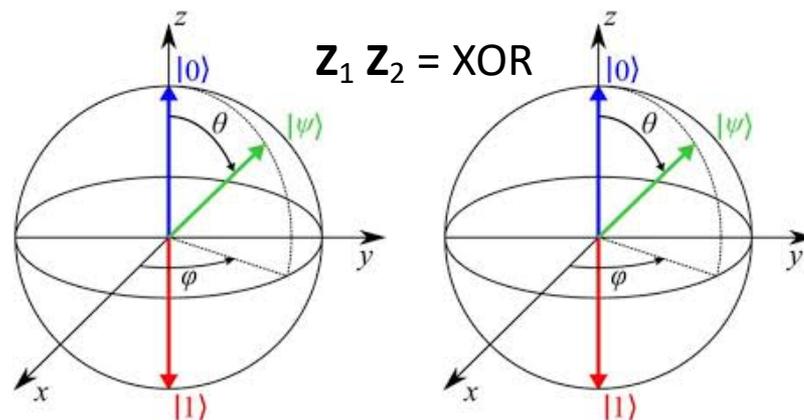
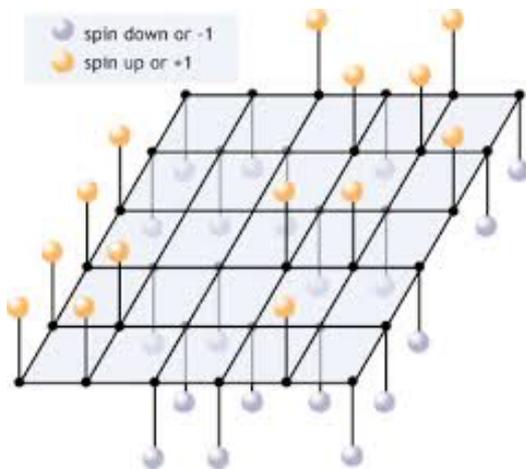
k-bit search:  $2^k$



k-qubit parallel operation

$$C = \sum_{\nu=1}^n C_{\nu} = \sum_{\nu=1}^n (1 - 2y_{\nu}) \prod_{\kappa \in \mathcal{I}_{\nu}^c} \mathbf{Z}_{\kappa}$$

Pauli-Z

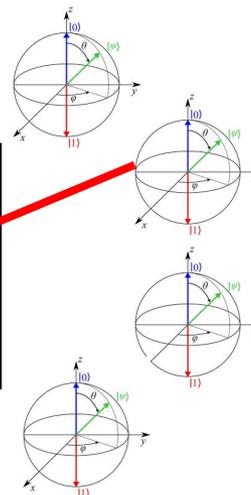


# Example: Hamming Code Hamiltonian

- [7, 4]-Hamming code with minimum distance 3, corrects 1 bit error
- Generator matrix:

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Degree:  $[1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3]$



$$C = r_1 \mathbf{Z}_1 + r_2 \mathbf{Z}_2 + r_3 \mathbf{Z}_3 + r_4 \mathbf{Z}_4$$

Degree-1

$$+ r_5 \mathbf{Z}_1 \mathbf{Z}_2 \mathbf{Z}_4 + r_6 \mathbf{Z}_1 \mathbf{Z}_3 \mathbf{Z}_4 + r_7 \mathbf{Z}_2 \mathbf{Z}_3 \mathbf{Z}_4$$

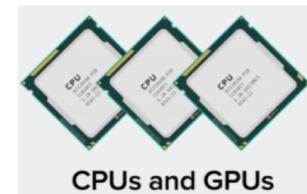
Degree-3

c.f.) MaxCut Hamiltonian is regular degree-2

# QAOA Channel Decoding

- CPU:

- Given generator matrix  $G$  and received signal  $y$
- Construct cost Hamiltonian with variational angles
- Quantum shots on QPU to obtain quasi-ML decision
- Re-optimize angles if necessary and re-shot

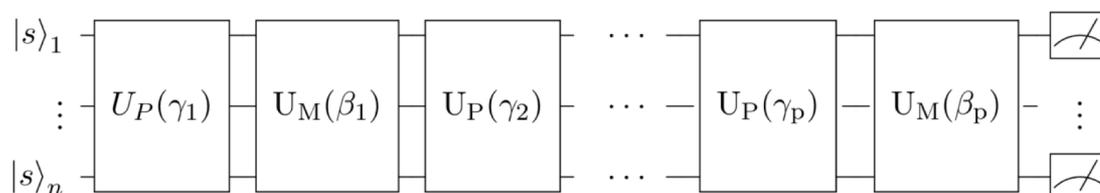
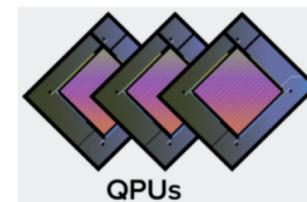


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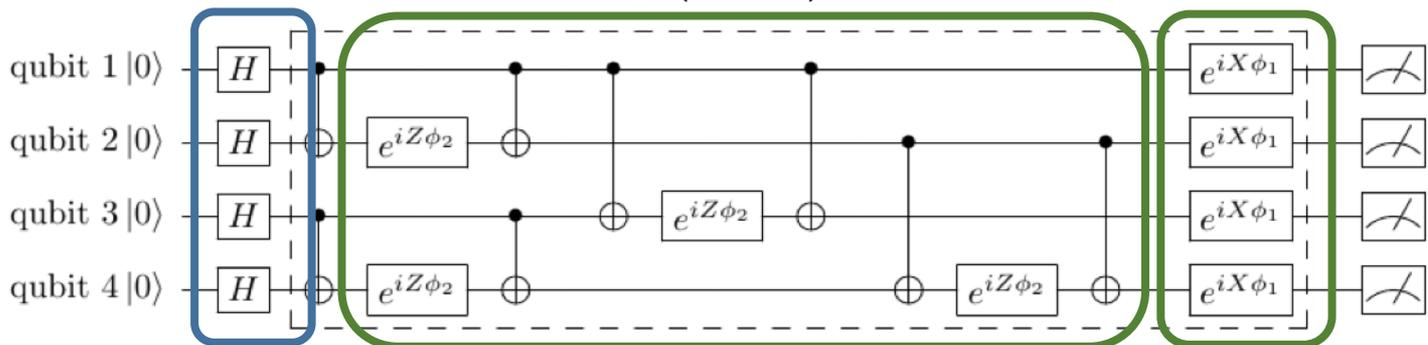
- QPU: QAOA

- Initialize quantum state:  $|+\rangle$  with Hadamard gates
- Apply gamma angle rotation with cost Hamiltonian  $C$
- Apply beta angle rotation with mixer Hamiltonian  $B$
- Cascade  $p$ -times for level- $p$  QAOA
- Measure

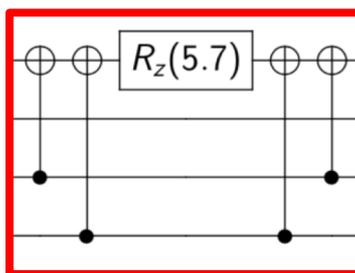


# Quantum Circuits for QAOA Decoding

- State preparation: Hadamard  $H$
- Mixer Hamiltonian operation:  $\exp(j\beta\mathbf{B})$
- Cost Hamiltonian operation:  $\exp(j\gamma\mathbf{C})$

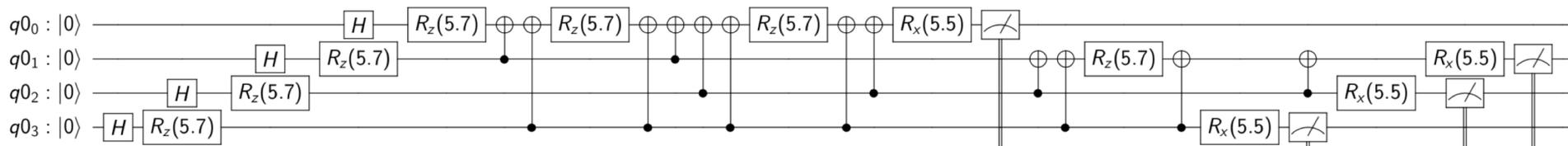


Degree- $d$  XOR:  $2(d-1)$  CNOT



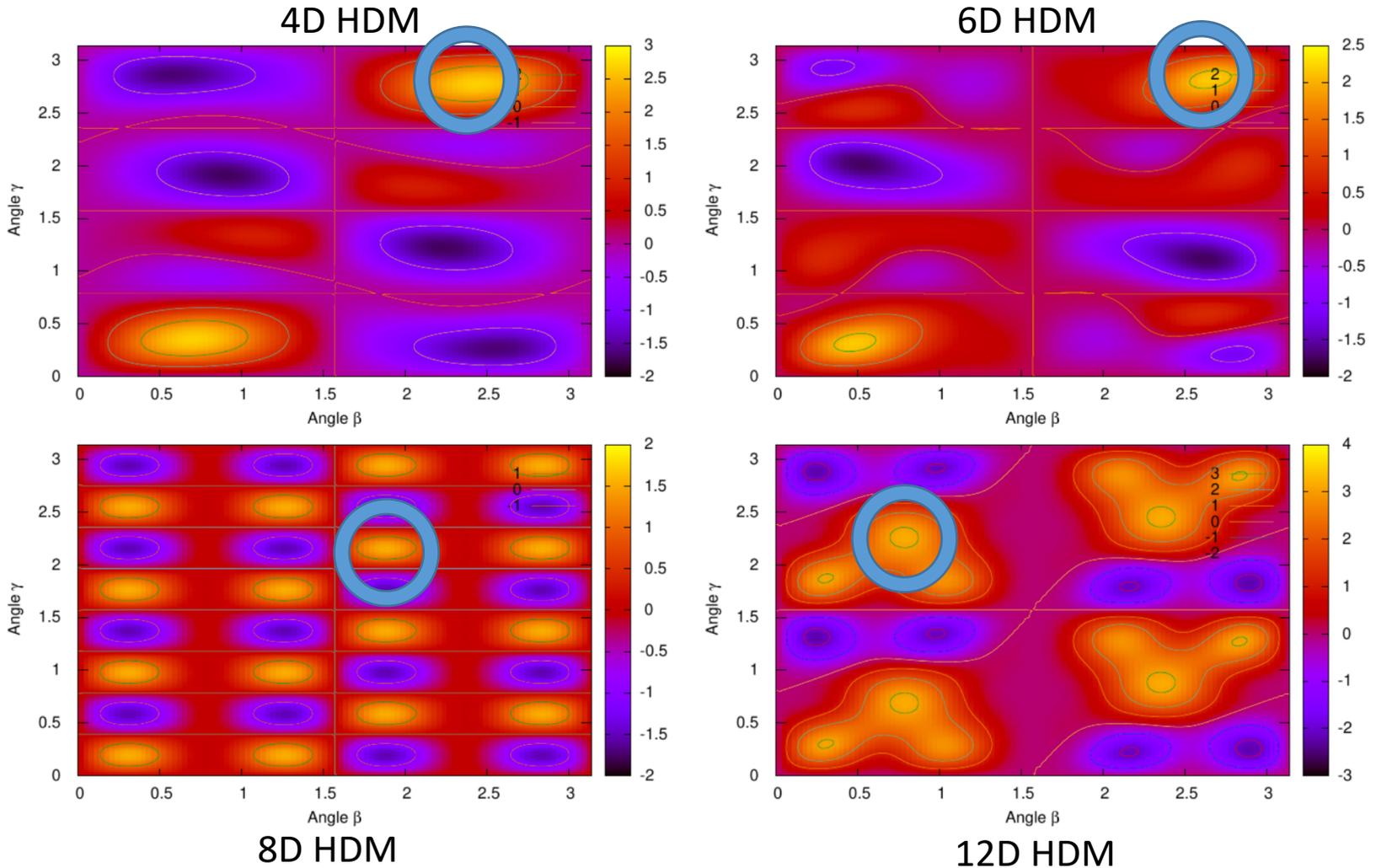
$\times p$

## Hamming code QAOA decoder



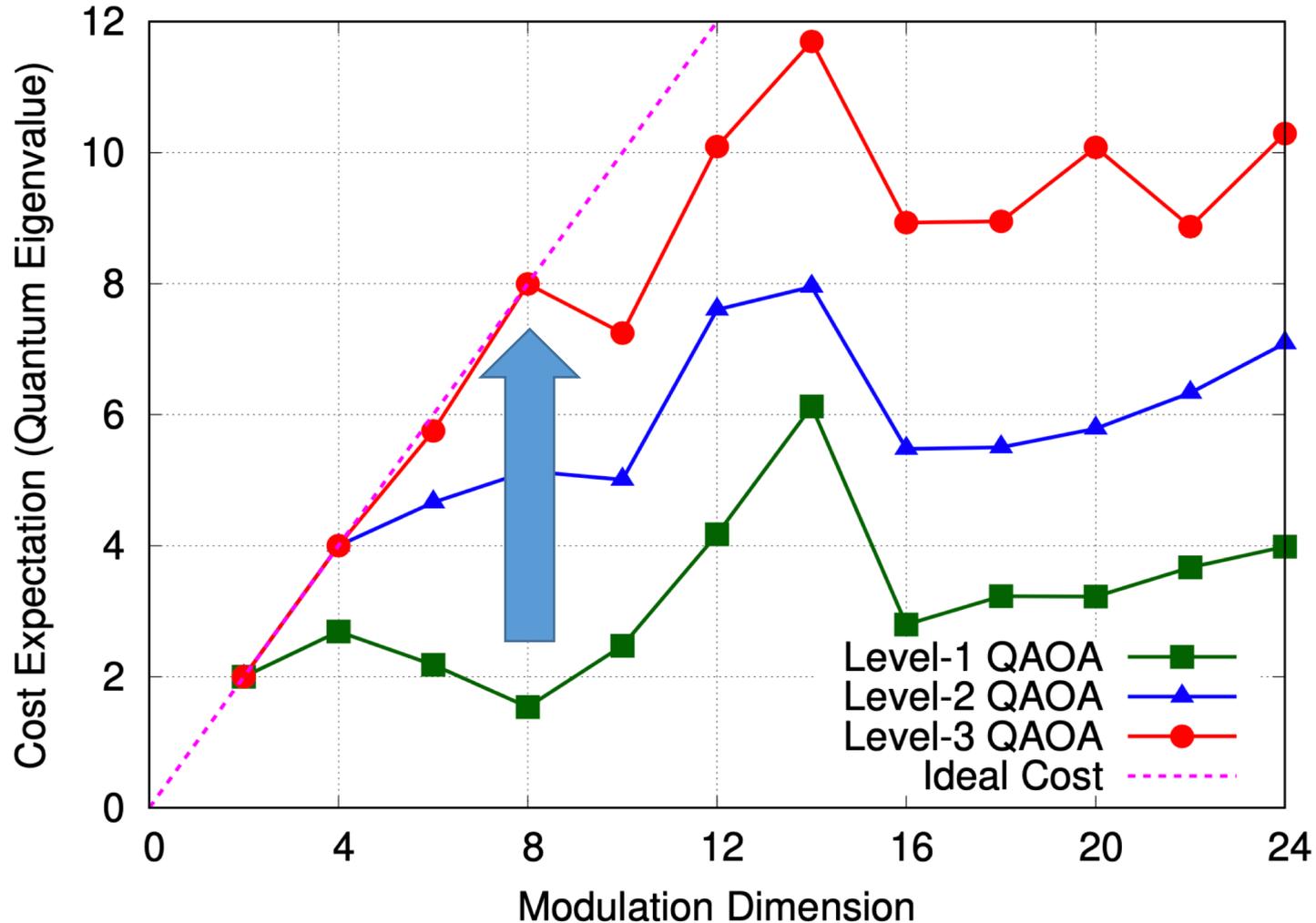
# Variational Angle Optimization for HDM

- We can obtain optimal variational angles through VQE
- Landscape of cost expectation (quantum eigenvalue)



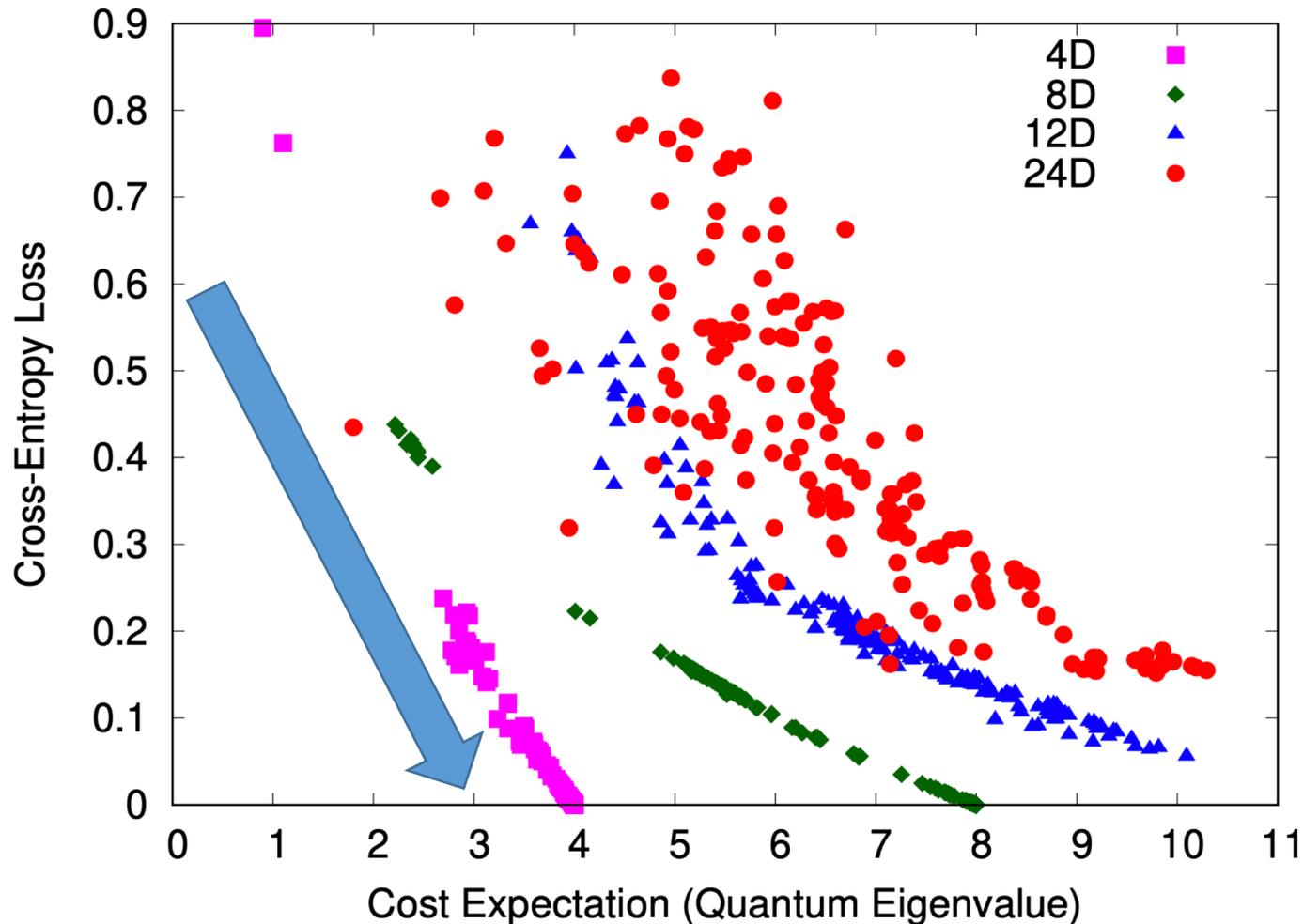
# High-Level QAOA Gain

- Using higher-level QAOA, quantum eigenvalue can approach ideal quantum eigenvalue



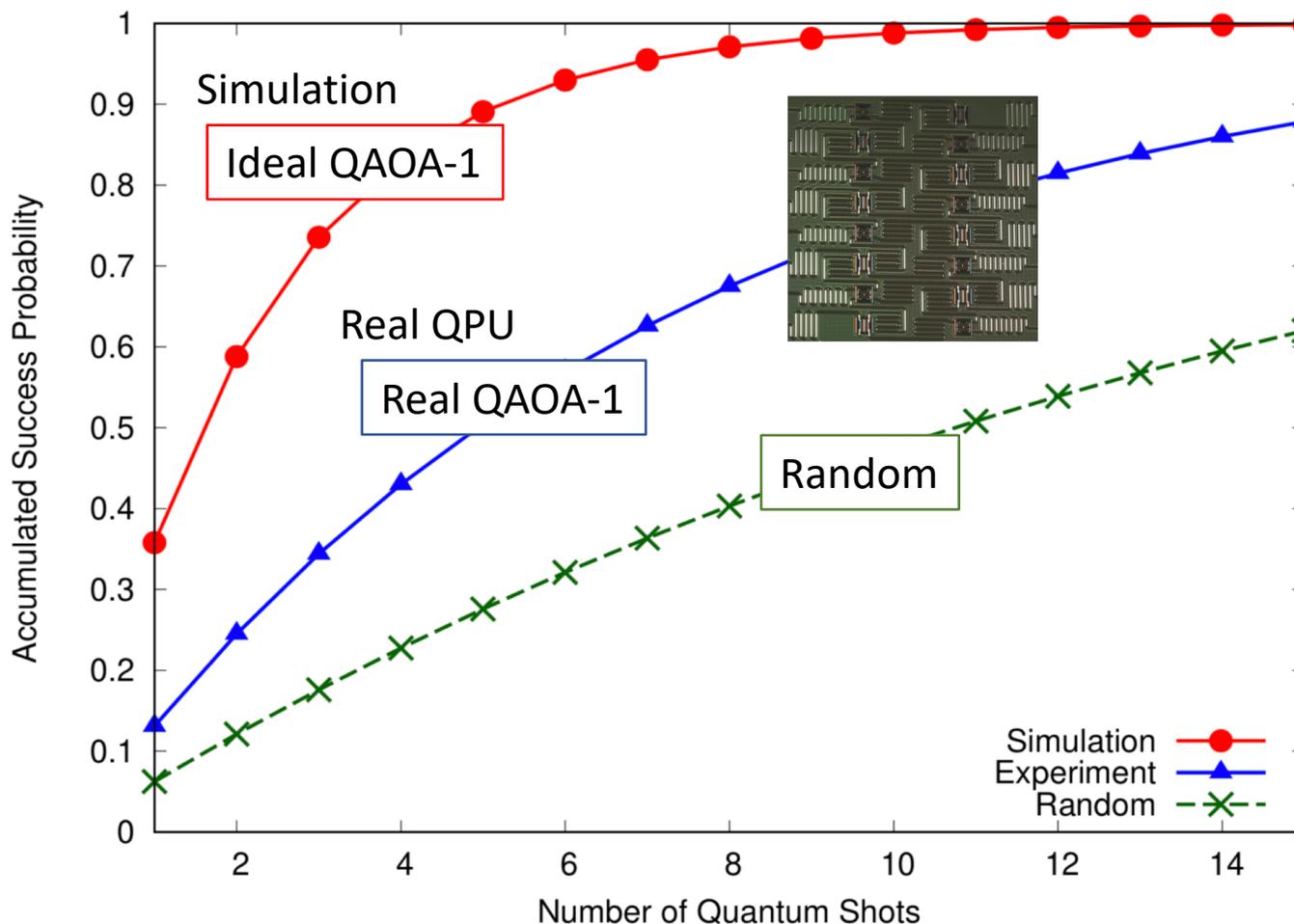
# Quantum Eigenvalue and Cross Entropy

- Higher cost expectation (quantum eigenvalue) leads to smaller cross entropy loss, i.e., higher generalized mutual information (GMI)



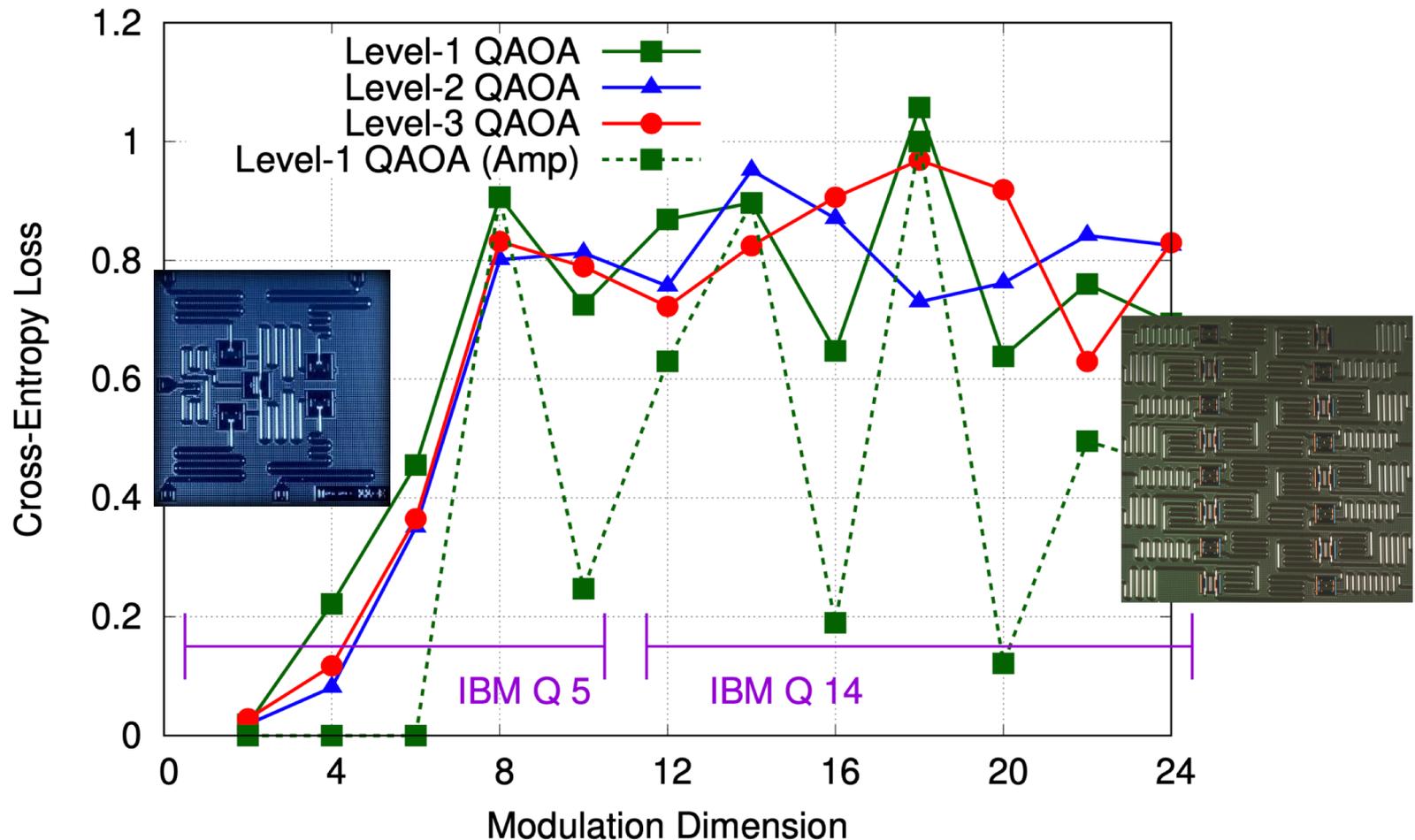
# Performance on Simulated CPU and Real QPU

- ML decision success probability can be improved by taking multiple measurements of QPU shots



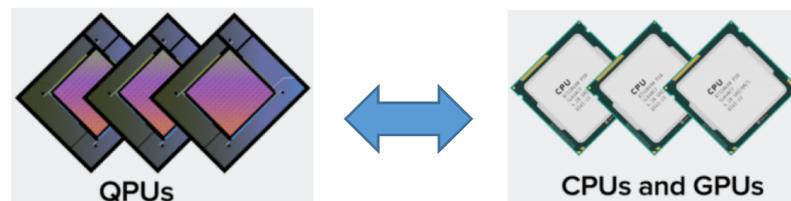
# Real QPU Performance of HDM Demodulation

- Due to quantum errors, higher-level QAOA had no significant gain in real QPUs
- To optimize angles under decoherence scenarios
- Wavefunction amplification helps improving the performance



# Conclusions

- We investigated HDM demodulation using quantum processor
- We introduced variational hybrid quantum-classical algorithms for HDM demodulation
  - QAOA demodulation was demonstrated to approach ML performance
  - Higher-level QAOA achieves better performance
- We also showed feasibility on real quantum processor
  - Quantum decoherence degraded performance
  - Parameter finetuning is required on real QPU
- To the best of our knowledge, this is the first proof-of-concept paper investigating variational quantum algorithms for HDM demodulation
  - Further rigorous analysis and improvement to follow
  - Developing quantum-ready DSP algorithms may be important for future quantum era



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