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# QUARK – THE BMW GROUP'S PERSPECTIVE ON APPLICATION-DRIVEN BENCHMARKING

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A woman with braided hair and a man with glasses are looking at a laptop screen in a laboratory or office setting. The woman is wearing a black lace top, and the man is wearing a blue shirt and glasses. In the background, another person is working at a desk with a laptop. The scene is lit with warm, indoor lighting.

Where should I start?

Reviewers can not reproduce my results?

Is there a community that could support me?

# QUARK

It's a quantum computing benchmarking framework. And so much more.

# WHAT IS QUARK?

QUARK is a software framework that allows to seamlessly design application-oriented, reproducible benchmarks.



MODULAR  
FRAMEWORK



APPLICATION-LEVEL  
BENCHMARKING



STANDARDIZED  
PIPELINES

# HOW IS QUARK DIFFERENT?

Based on a growing community, the QUARK framework is continuously extending.



FLEXIBLE AND  
EXTENDABLE



STRUCTURED  
PERFORMANCE  
STUDIES



COMMUNITY-  
DRIVEN

# ARCHITECTURE OF QUARK.

We showcase QUARK's flexibility based on two application-level benchmarking examples.

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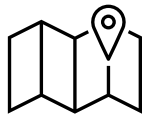
OPTIMIZATION



MACHINE LEARNING



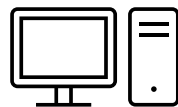
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Mapping



Solver



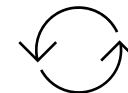
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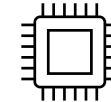
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Transform



Circuit



Library



Training



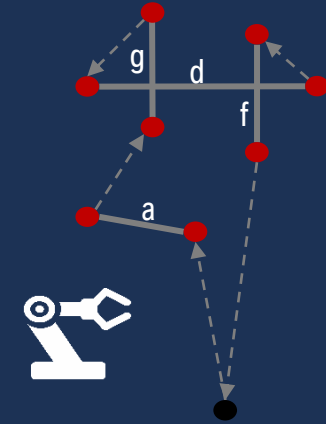
# EXAMPLE 1: COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION.

Robot path optimization is a crucial element of automated production chains.



## OPTIMIZATION

- **HIGH POTENTIALS** for efficiency and productivity improvements in industry-relevant scenarios.
- Example **USE CASE:** Robot path optimization.



Multiple robots



Various nozzles



Varying seam lengths

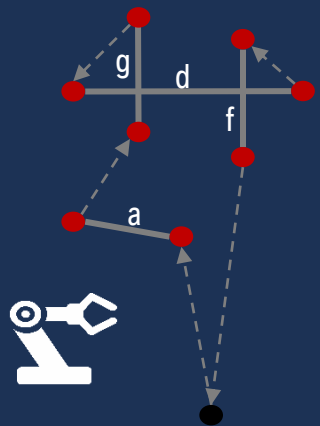
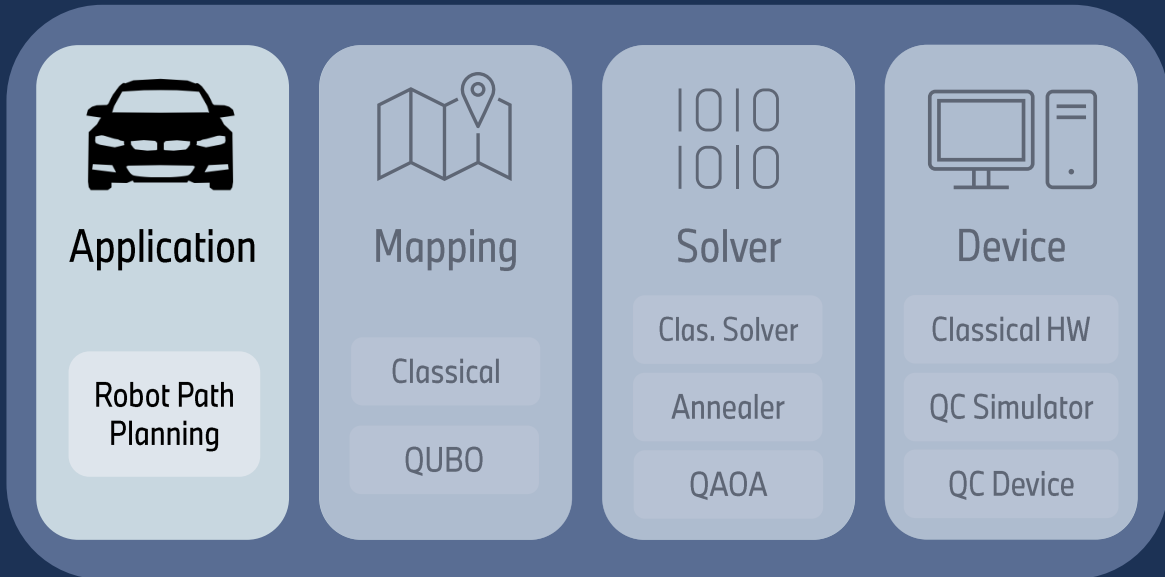


Different car models



# QUARK OPTIMIZATION PIPELINE.

How to use QUARK as a modular framework for optimization use cases.

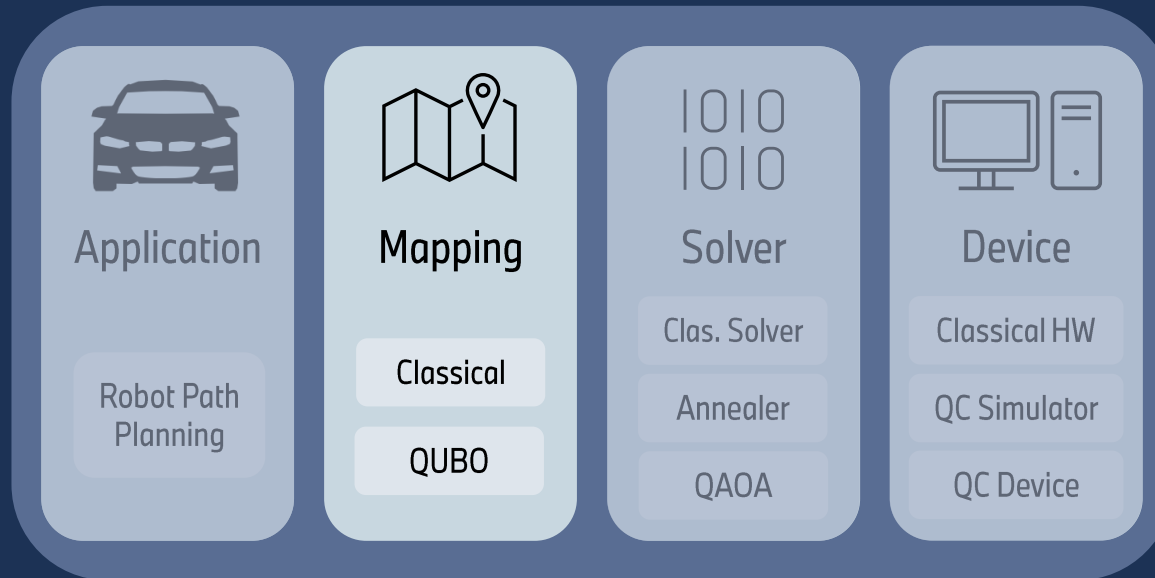






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$$\min_x c^T x$$

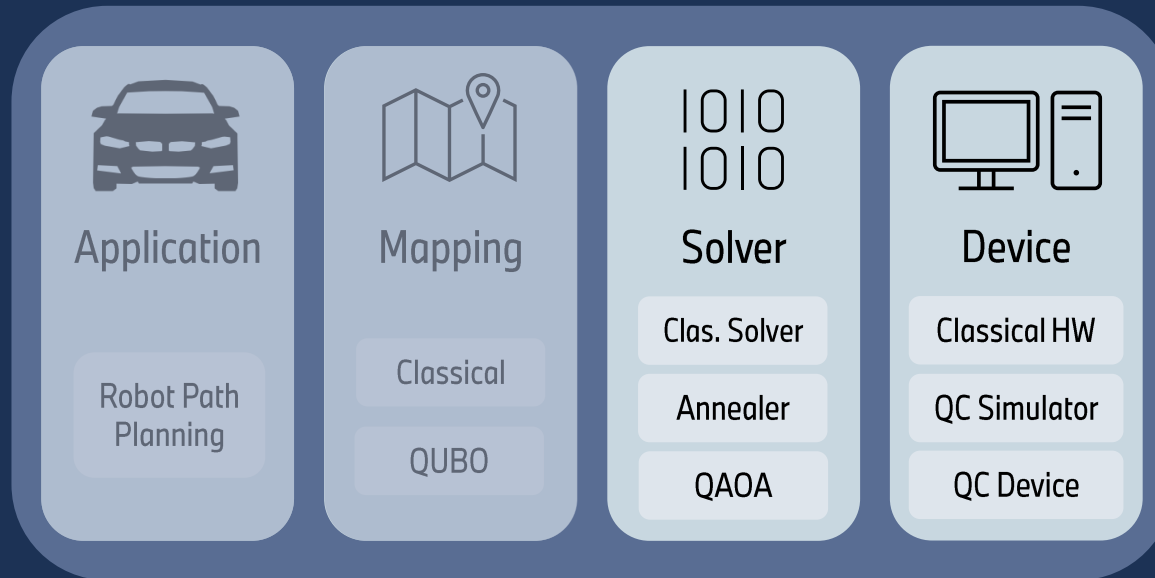
$$\text{s. t. } Ax \leq b$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 4 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 3 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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```
1 from qiskit.algorithms import QAOA
2 from qiskit.algorithms.optimizers import POWELL
3 from qiskit_optimization.applications import OptimizationApplication
4
5 ising_op = get_ising_op(QUBO_matrix_as_input)
6 optimizer = POWELL()
7 algorithm = QAOA(optimizer=optimizer)
8 result = algorithm.compute_minimum_eigenvalue(ising_op)
9 best_bitstring = OptimizationApplication.sample_most_likely(result.eigenstate)
10 print(best_bitstring)
11
12 def get_ising_op(QUBO):
13     # builds Ising operator from QUBO input
14     return ising_operator
15
```



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```
Administrator: Anaconda Prompt
(quark) C:\Users\QUARK>
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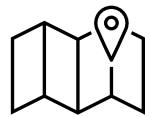
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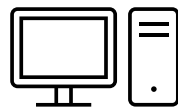
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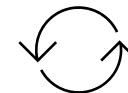
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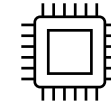
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## EXAMPLE 2: MACHINE LEARNING.

How the BMW Group uses generative models to design the rims of the future.



### GENERATIVE MODELS

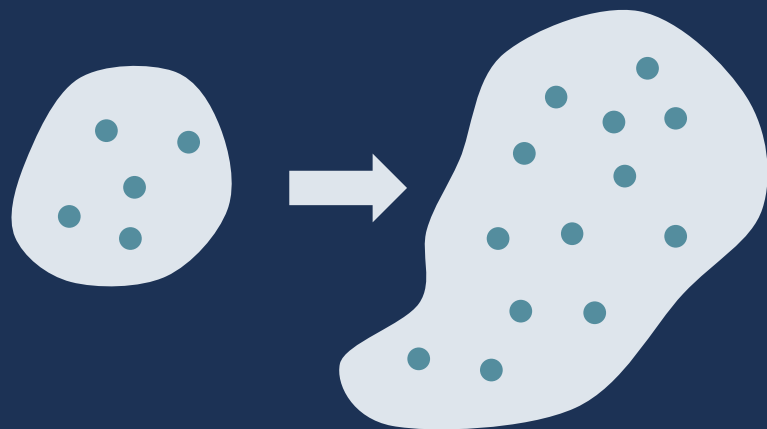
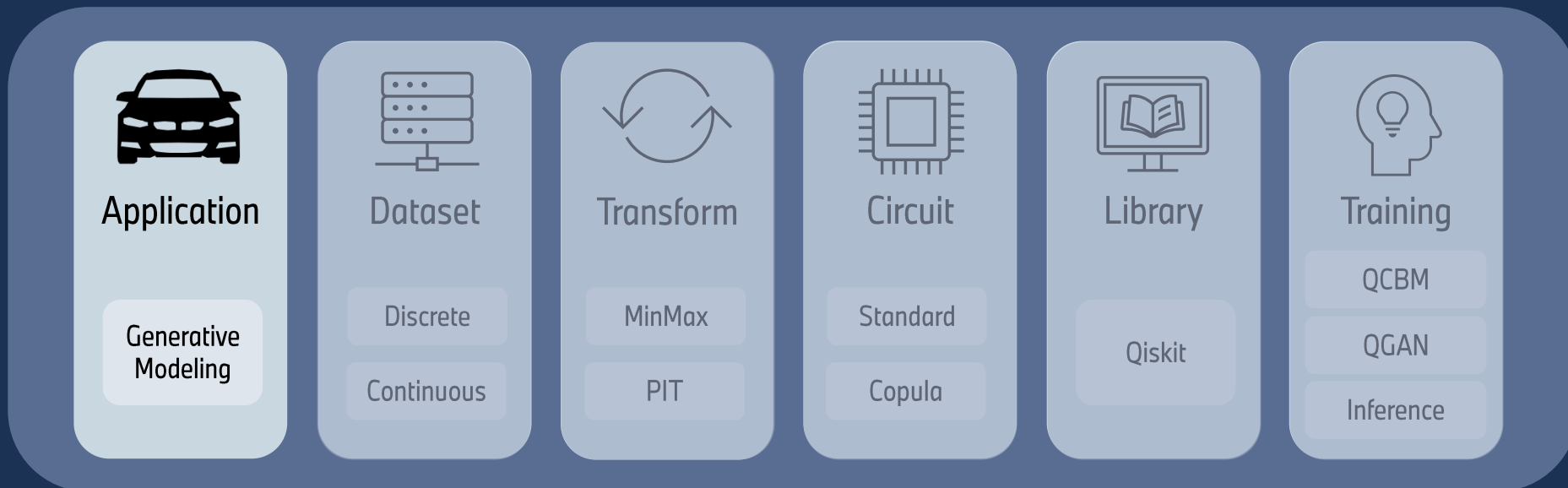
- Learn complex **STATISTICAL RELATIONS** among random variables.
- Create **SYNTHETIC DATA** that looks real.
- Example **USE CASE:** Rim design.





# QUARK QML PIPELINE.

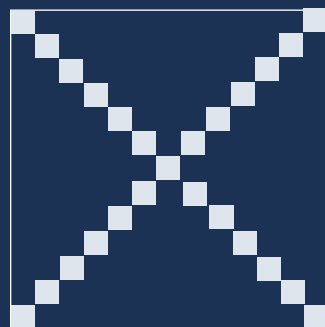
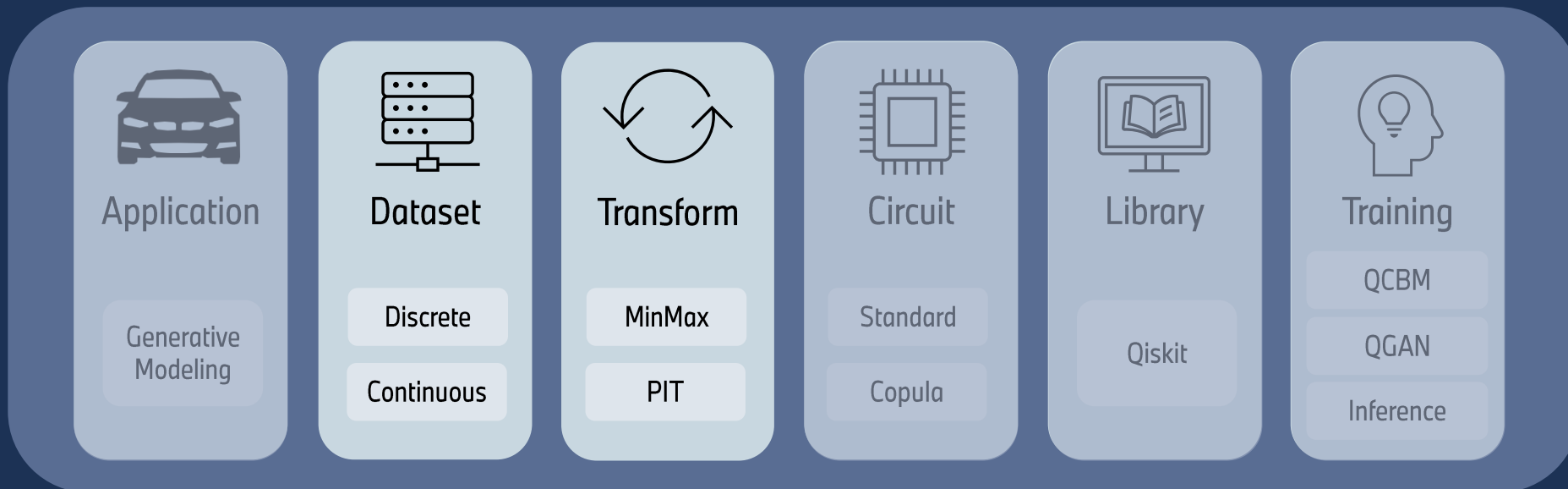
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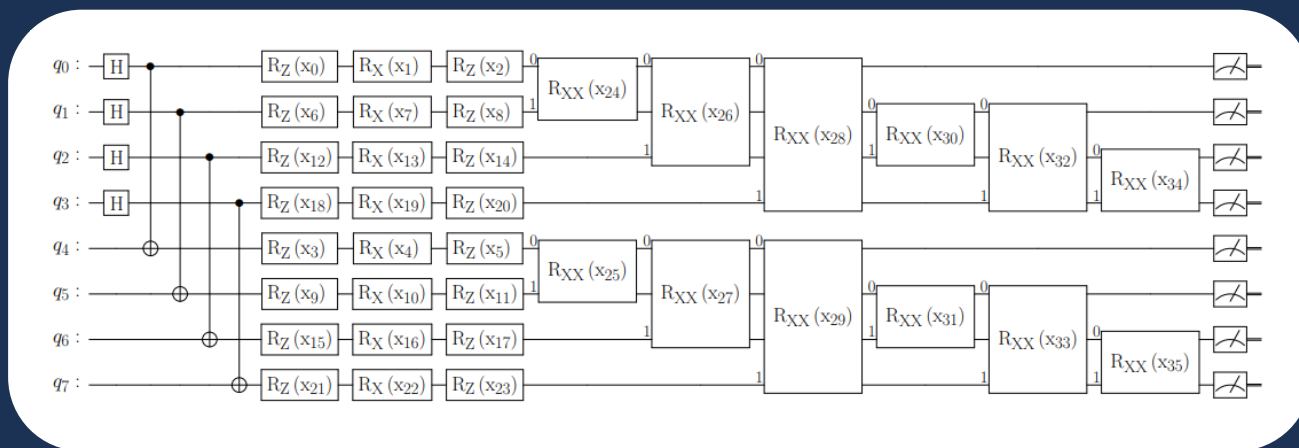
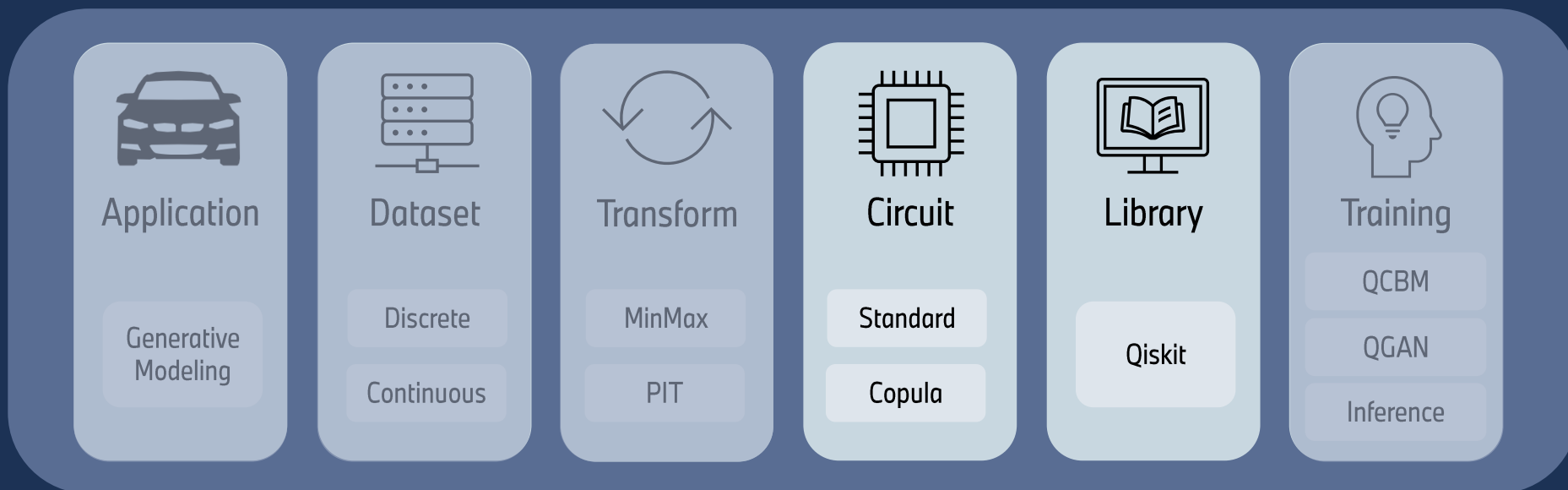
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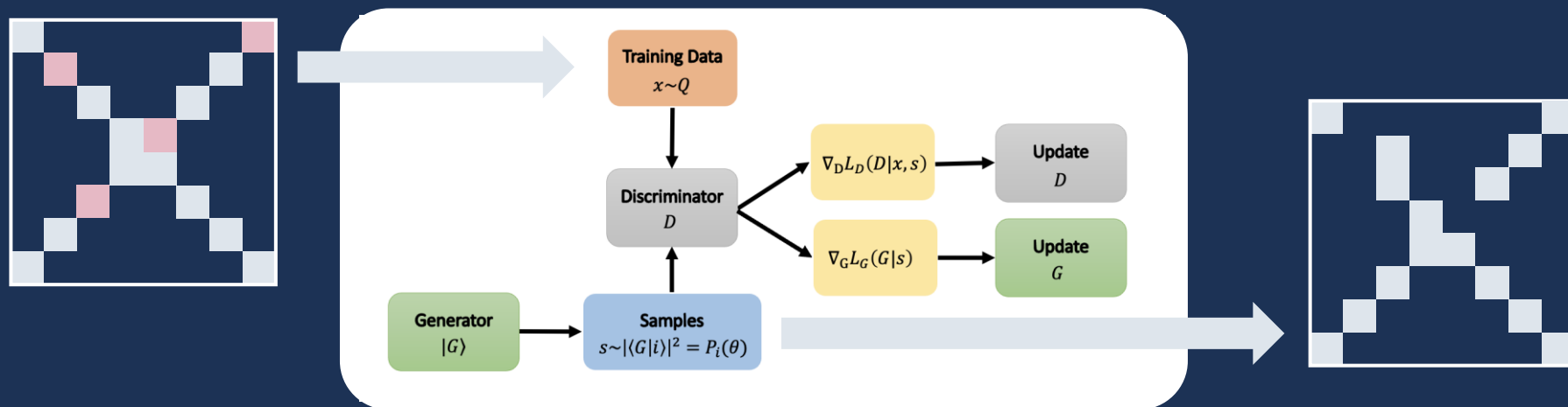
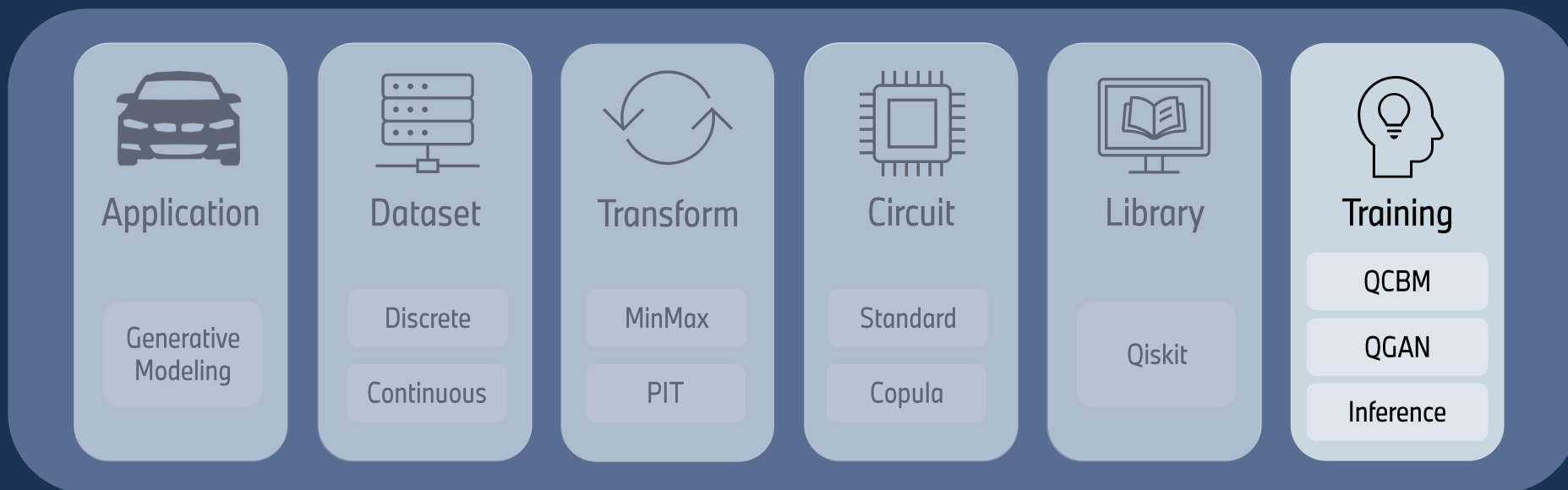






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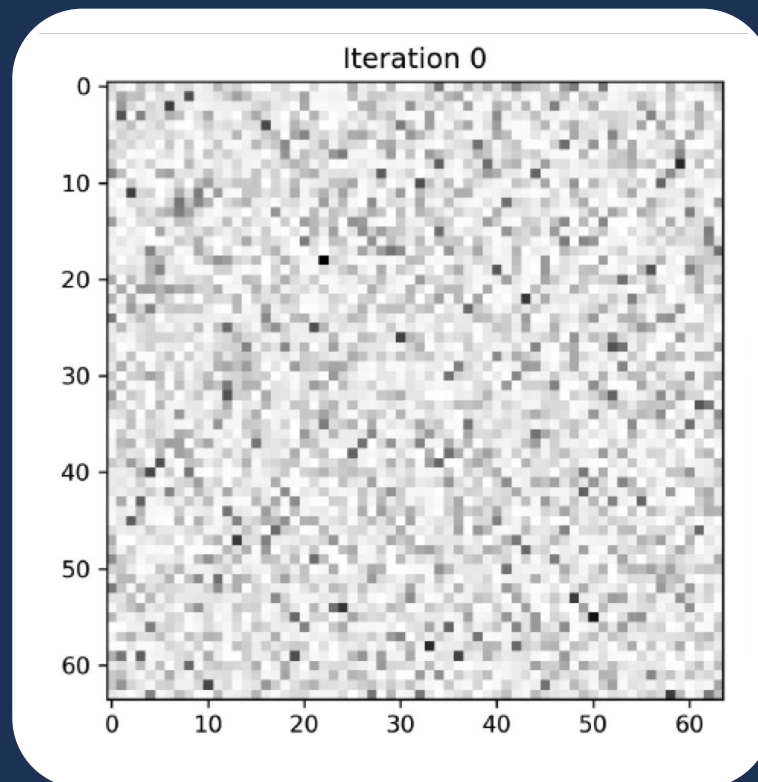
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## USE-CASE-SPECIFIC TRAINING.

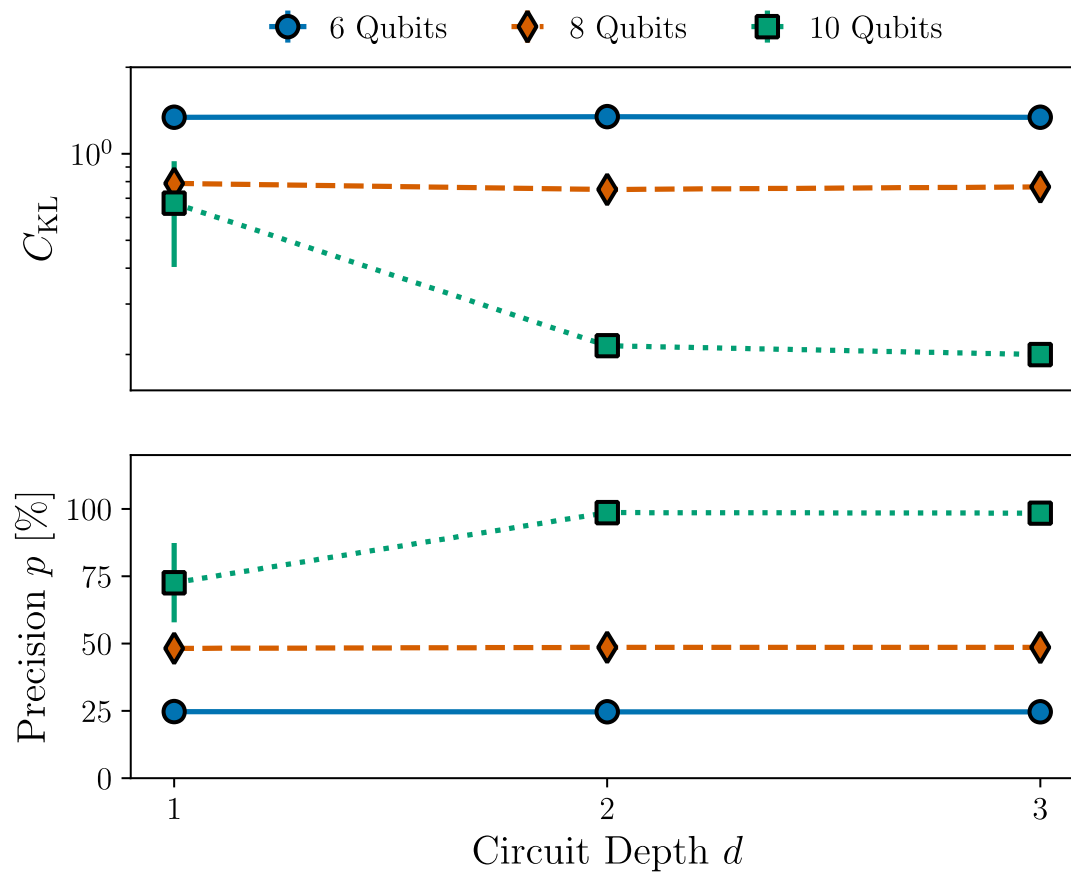
At the end of the framework's pipeline, the model is trained.





# EACH APPLICATION HAS ITS OWN METRICS.

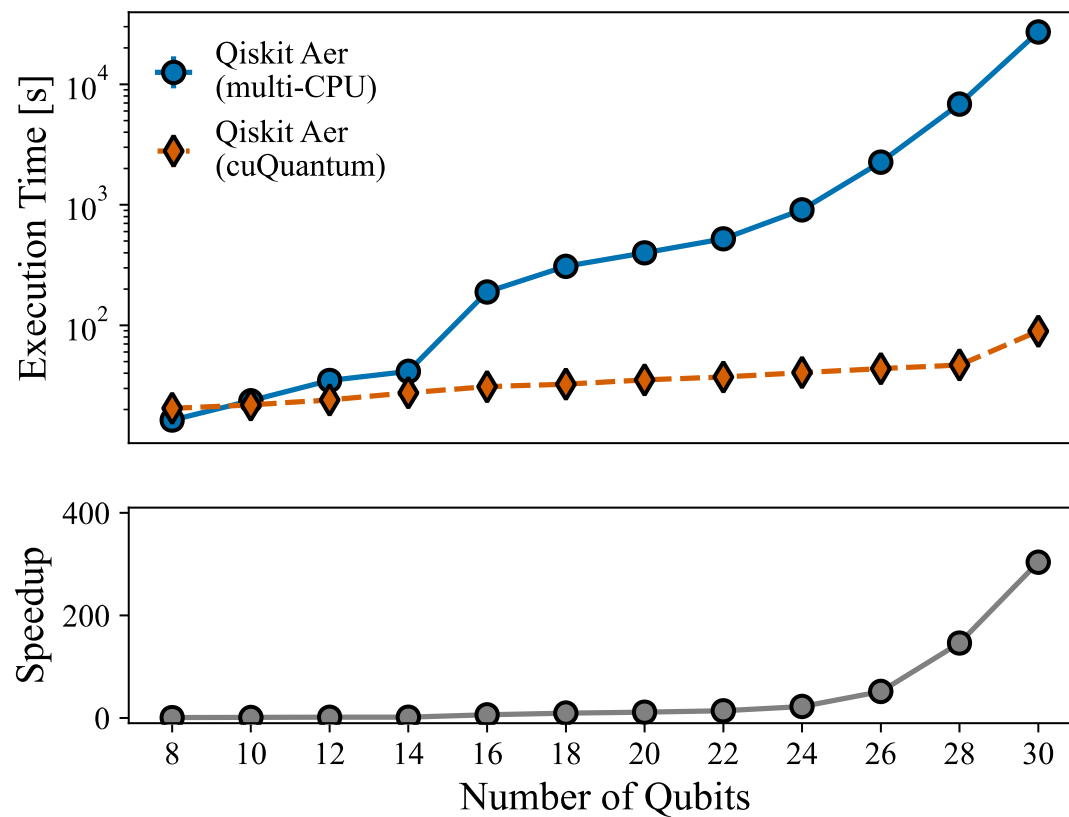
Define your own quality measurements.





# STANDARDIZED PIPELINES FOR FAIR BENCHMARKS.

Runtimes are transparent and comparable across different technologies.



THE QUARK COMMUNITY IS GROWING.

QUARK is an integral part of many projects already.

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**40+**  
stargazers

**QUARK**

**30+**  
citations in academic  
publications

**up to 100**  
clones over a period  
of 2 weeks

**100+**  
accepted  
pull requests

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**MIS problem  
kernel**

by Capgemini

**QUARK**

**Simulated  
noise module**

by BMW Group

**Bin packing  
module**

by Fraunhofer IIS  
(Bench-QC)

**Capacity  
planning application**

within TAQO-PAM

# QUARK IN A NUTSHELL.

Your takeaways!

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Learn more about QUARK!

- Become part of the QUARK community on GitHub.
- Join our open calls!
- Check our latest paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04082>



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# QUARK

- ... provides an application-oriented benchmarking framework.
- ... helps to set up modular, standardized, and reproducible pipelines.
- ... is part of a growing ecosystem.

Thanks for your attention. Want to join the community?

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