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# Distributed Quantum Algorithms: PDEs and MIS problems

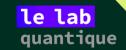
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#### Overview

- Intro to Distributed Quantum Computing
  - Distributed Quantum Algorithms
  - Protocols for non-local operations

- Applications:
  - Distributed Quantum Variational PDEs Solver
  - Analog Distributed Quantum Algorithm for MIS on neutral atoms QPU

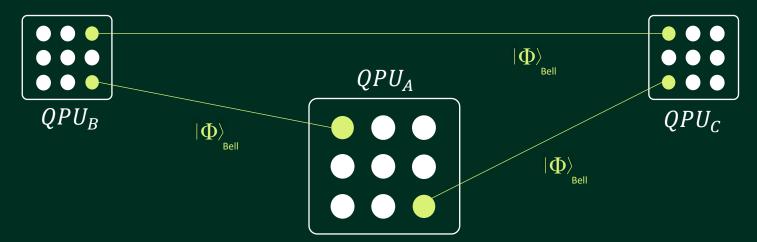
### Distributed Quantum Computing (DQC)

#### **Problem**

All major quantum computing technologies exhibit hard technological limitations on the number of qubits that can be embedded in a single quantum chip [1].

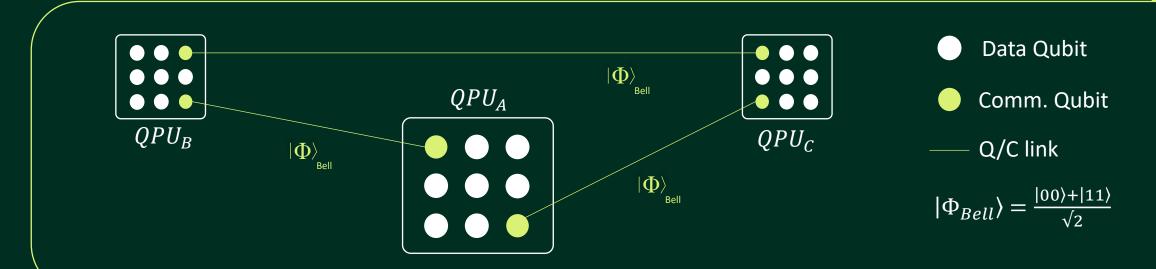
#### DQC is a viable path to scalability

Individual quantum processors work together to solve computational tasks exceeding the computational resources available within a single processing device



Ref [1]: Review of Distributed Quantum Computing. From single QPU to High Performance Quantum Computing

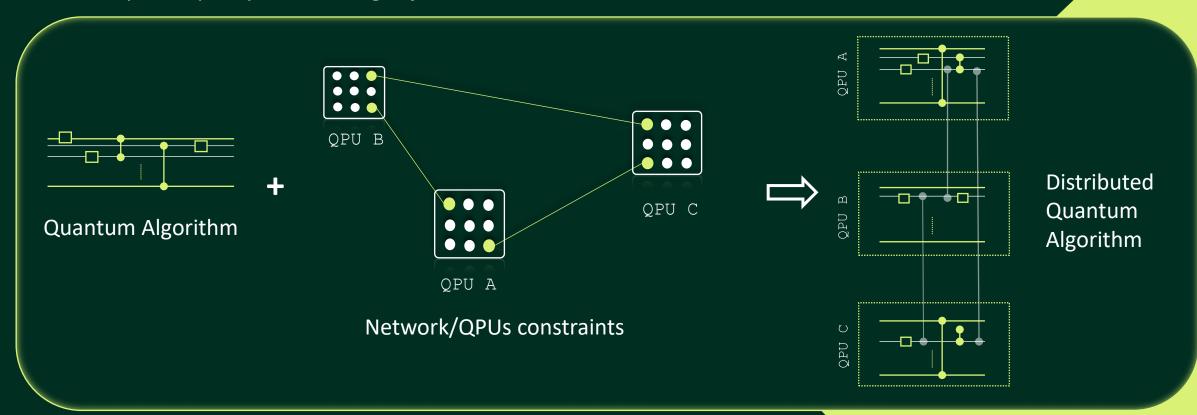
## Distributed Quantum Computing (DQC)



- Emulating large quantum computer as networks of interconnected smaller quantum computers, allows to scale the number of qubits.
- Each QPU is capable of managing data qubits dedicated to computation and communication qubits dedicated
  to implementation of non-local operations

### Distributed Quantum Algorithms

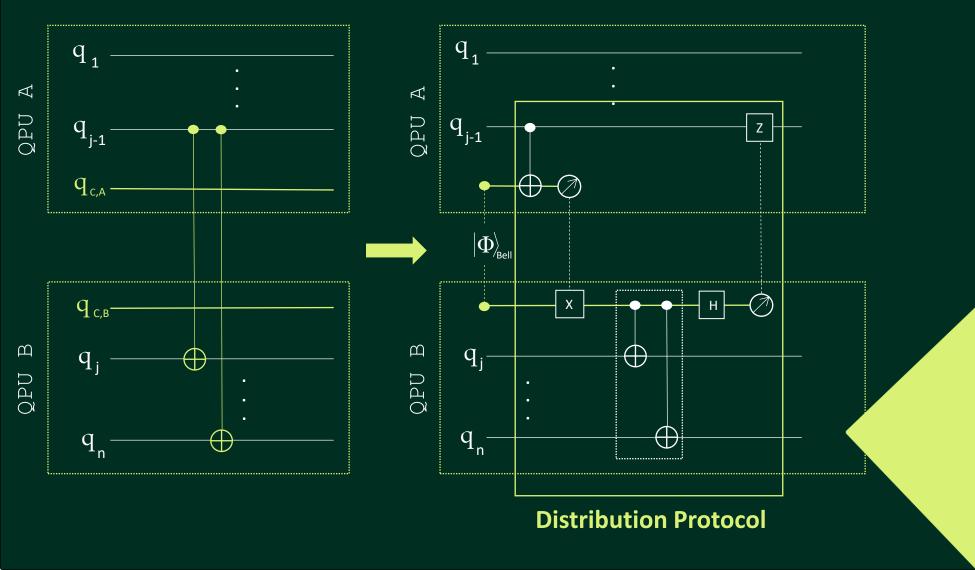
Algorithms demanding large number of qubits are *partitioned*, with its fragments executed on QPUs of smaller qubit capacity, constituting a *quantum network* 



How to implement non-local operations? Quantum Protocols

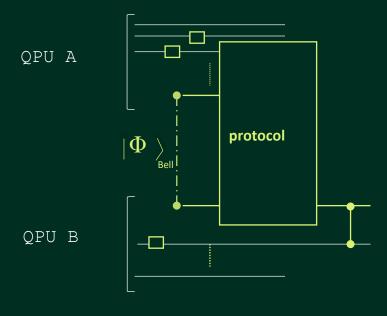
## Protocols for non-local operations

Entangled state is consumed to perform non-local operation



### Protocols for non-local operations

Introduce quantum link to interconnect & use entanglement



Alternatively:

Circuit-Cutting

Cut into sub-circuits and execute in parallel. *No physical entanglement used*, but overhead in sampling with exponential complexity.

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Entanglement is a precious resource, hence it is crucial to minimize the number of inter-QPU operations (Distribution Cost)

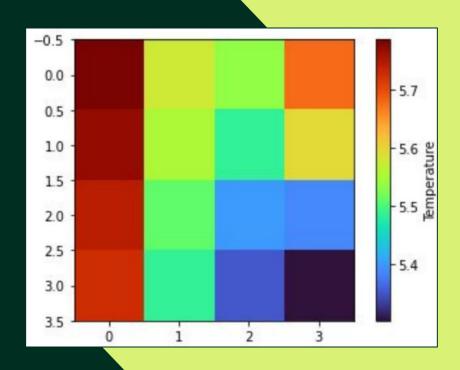
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- The resolution of partial differential equations (PDEs) has applications in virtually all fields of science. Here we focused on heat diffusion in materials.
- In a stationary regime, we can place the problem in a discrete form, using a mesh and finite elements methods.

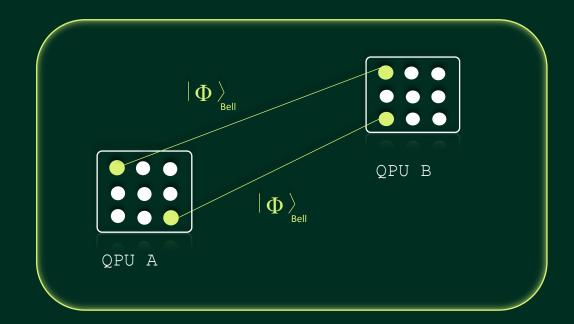
$$K|x\rangle = |f\rangle$$

**Variational Quantum Algorithm (VQA)** is the standard approach to solve PDEs where the **solution vector**  $|x\rangle$  **is approximated** on a quantum computer using a **parameterized state**  $|\psi(\theta)\rangle$  which optimizes the **cost function** 

$$C = -\frac{|\langle f|\psi(\theta)\rangle|^2}{\langle \psi(\theta)|K|\psi(\theta)\rangle}$$



Previous works based on a single monolithic algorithm. Here assumed a network of two
interconnected QPUs with limited number of quantum links connecting them

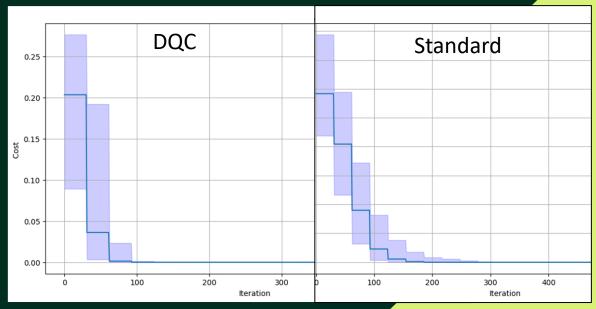


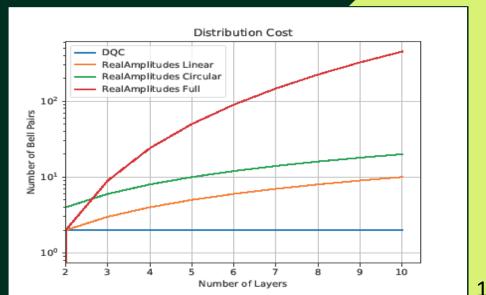
Objective: find a natively Distributed Quantum Algorithm able to minimize the distribution cost while also accurately solving the PDEs, and compare it with the state of art quantum algo used in PDE solvers

Proposed distributed quantum algorithm converges faster and achieves comparable or better solution quality

Proposed distributed quantum algorithm has lower distribution cost than the standard one

Next: Simulations with increased problem size and hardware specifications in collab. with Quandela





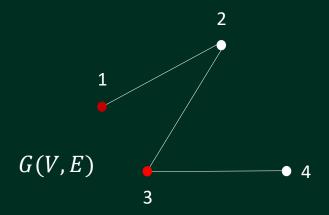
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Smart Charging

Allocate charging requests of EVs so that conflicting requests are avoided

**MIS Graph Problem** 

Smart ChargingGraphCharge request by EV $\leftrightarrow$  Vertex  $v_i$ Conflict between charge requests $\leftrightarrow$  Edge  $(v_iv_j)$ Max nr. of EVS that can charge the same time $\leftrightarrow$  MIS



Independent Set (IS): S= [(1,4), (2,4), (1,3)]

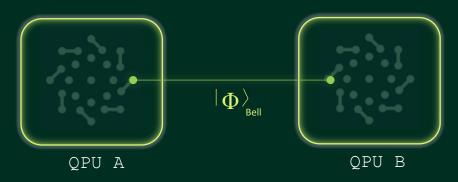
Maximal Independent Set (MIS): IS with maximum number of vertices



MIS problem can be cast as binary optimization problem and solved using QAOA or Adiabatic evolution algorithms on a single neutral atom QPU

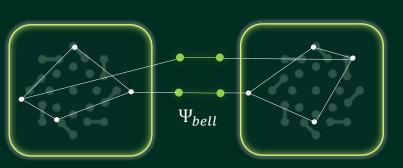
$$E(x) = -\sum_{i \in V} \delta_i x_i + \sum_{(i,j) \in E} V_{ij} x_i x_j$$

 Here we assumed a network of two interconnected neutral atom QPUs with limited number of quantum links connecting them (with analog evolution, distribution protocols not possible)

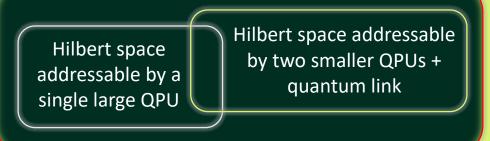


#### In general:

 Possible to embed graph topologies beyond the limits of a single device



 This allows to address different portions of the Hilbert Space with the same algorithm

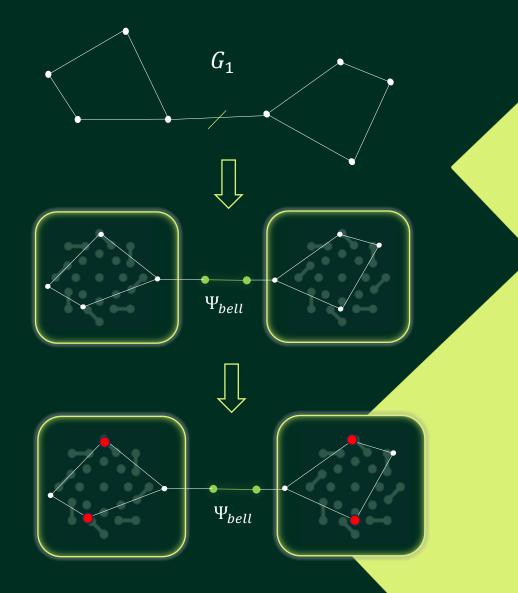


#### For MIS:

 Exploit property of MIS: Long edges could be broken into smaller edges with the use of additional nodes

 Bell pair provided by the link could be used to physically implement such MIS property

Next: find an optimal analog distributed algorithm to recover the global MIS



#### Conclusion

- Distributed quantum computing (DQC) offer a viable path to scalability via interconnecting smaller QPUs with quantum links providing entanglement
- Minimize consumption of entanglement used for distribution is key to avoid bottlenecks
- In the near term, it is crucial to study natively Distributed Quantum Algorithms to reduce the distribution cost and extend the range of possible applications
- Some use-cases may show a natural fit to DQC and benefit from a DQC approach

