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A variational toolbox for quantum multi-parameter estimation

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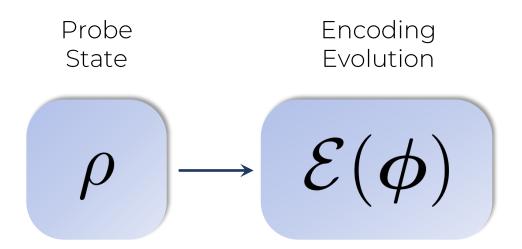
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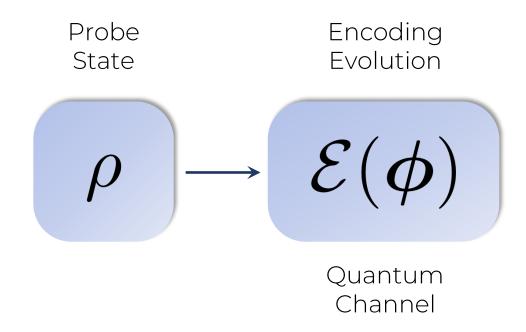
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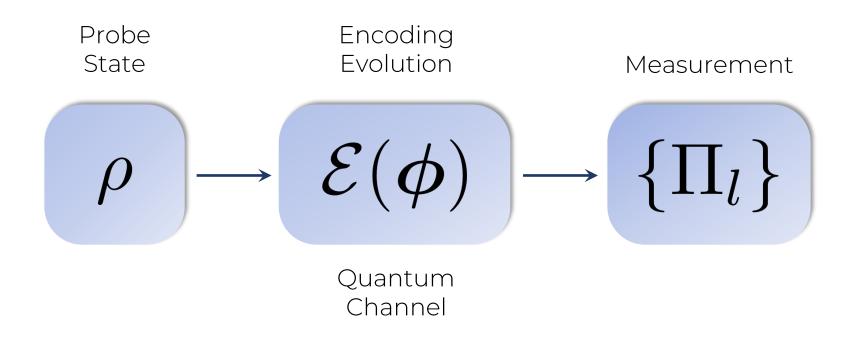
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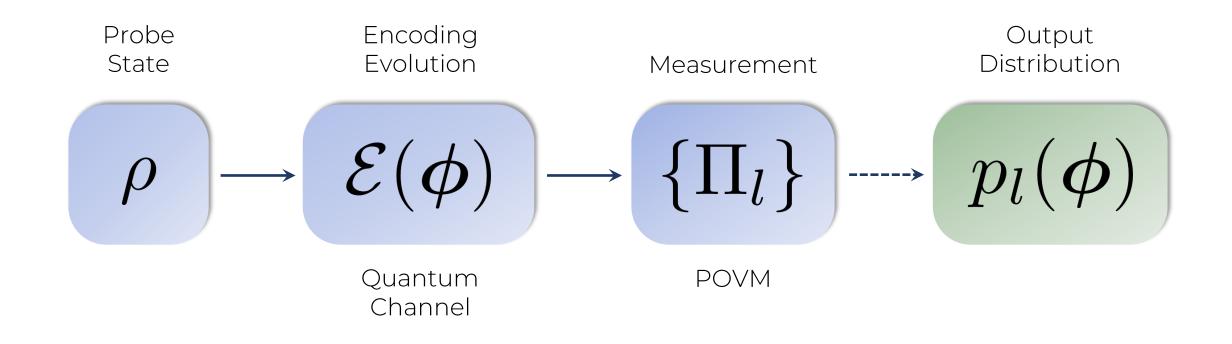
Probe State Encoding Evolution Measurement
$$\rho \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\phi) \longrightarrow \{\Pi_l\}$$
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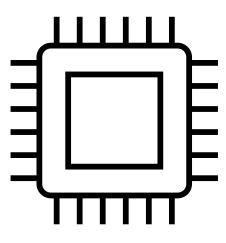
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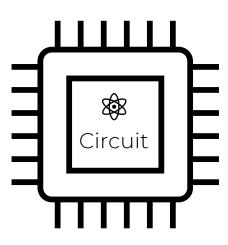
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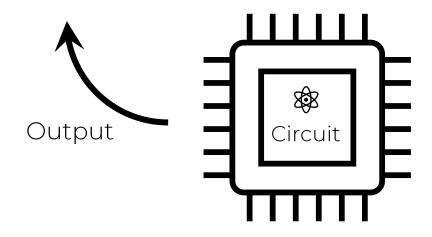
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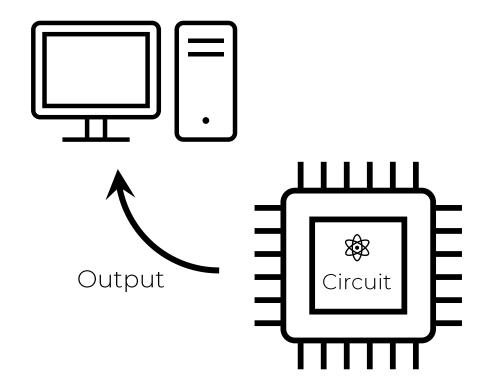
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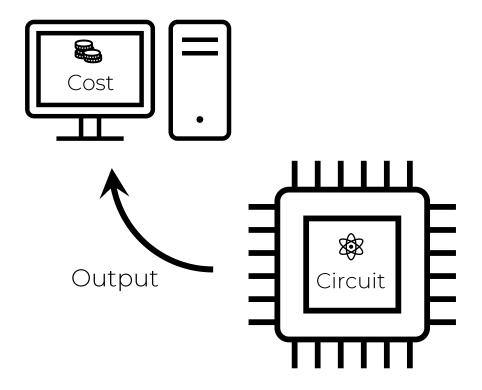
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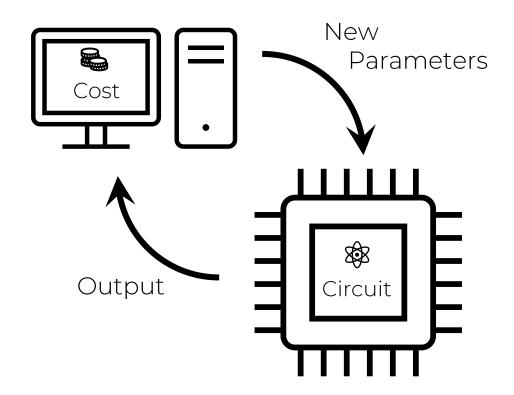
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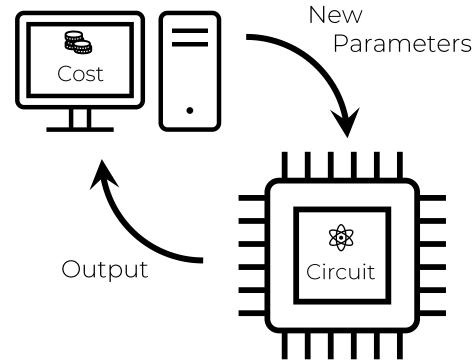


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NISQ techniques come to the rescue: use variational approaches

Prior work^{1,2,3} focused on single-parameter metrology and surrogates for the Quantum Fisher Information



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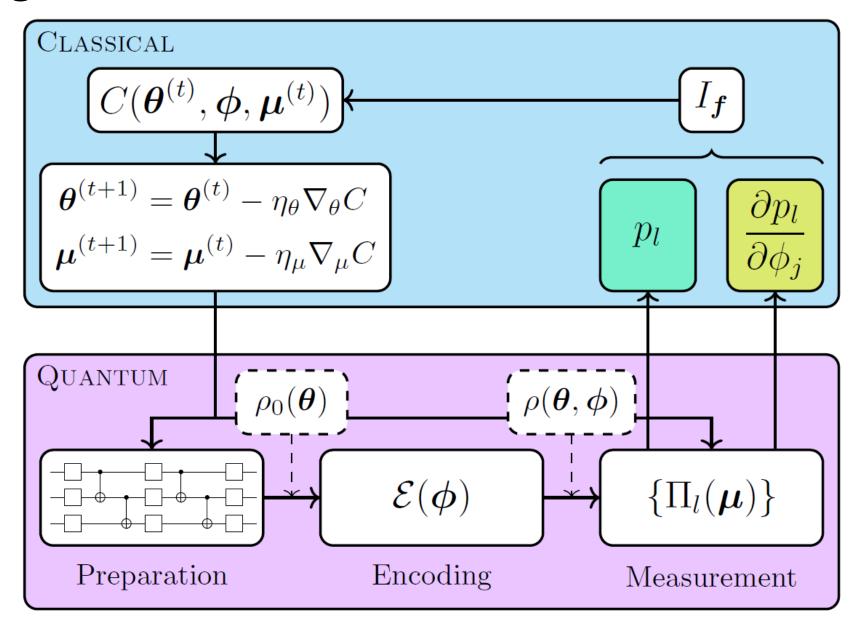
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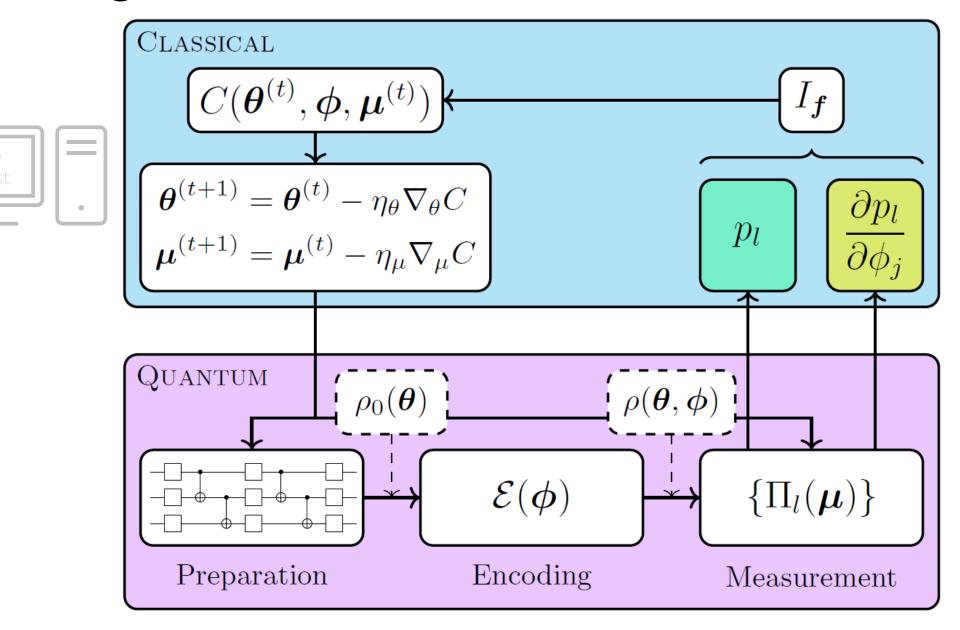
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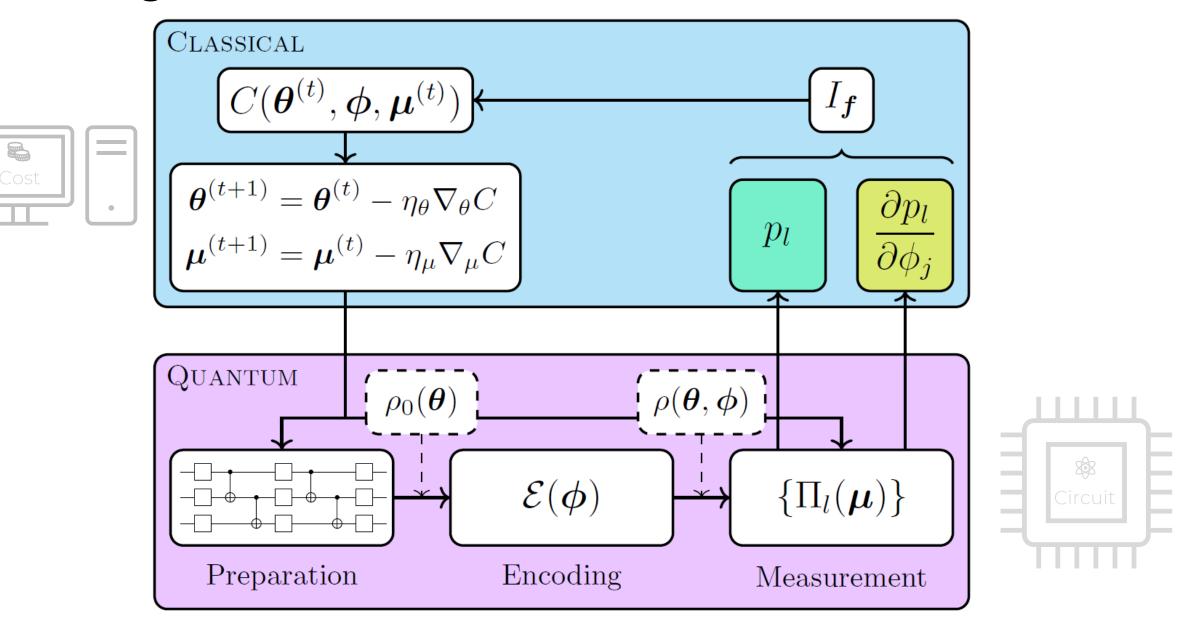
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$$\partial_j p_l(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[p_l \left(\boldsymbol{\phi} + \frac{\pi}{2} \boldsymbol{e}_j \right) - p_l \left(\boldsymbol{\phi} - \frac{\pi}{2} \boldsymbol{e}_j \right) \right]$$

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Take-Home Message

Near-term quantum computers can be used to design the next generation of quantum sensors

Thank you for your attention!



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Demo



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