## Improving Quantum Metrology with Variational Methods

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#### A variational toolbox for quantum multi-parameter estimation

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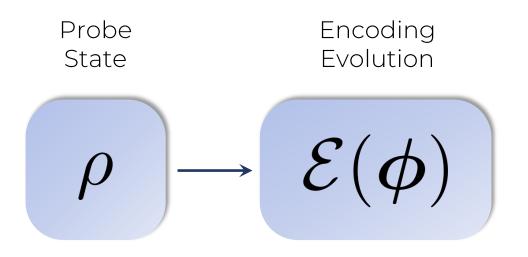
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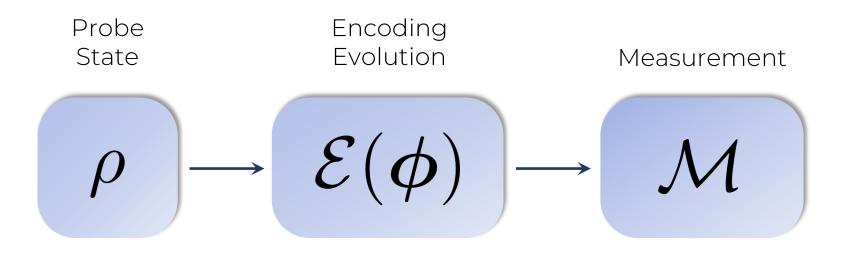
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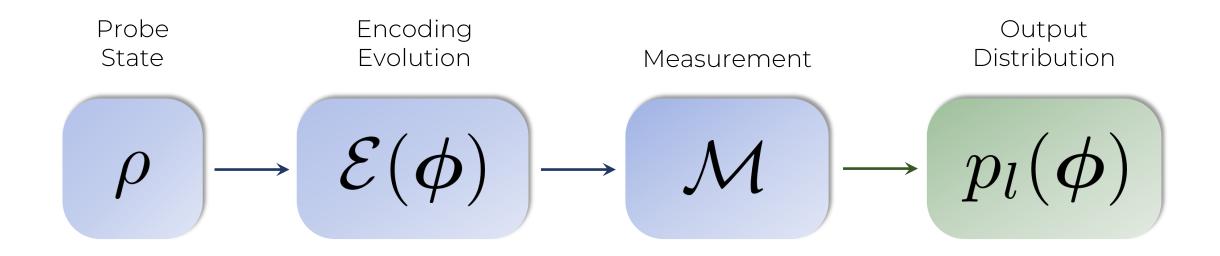
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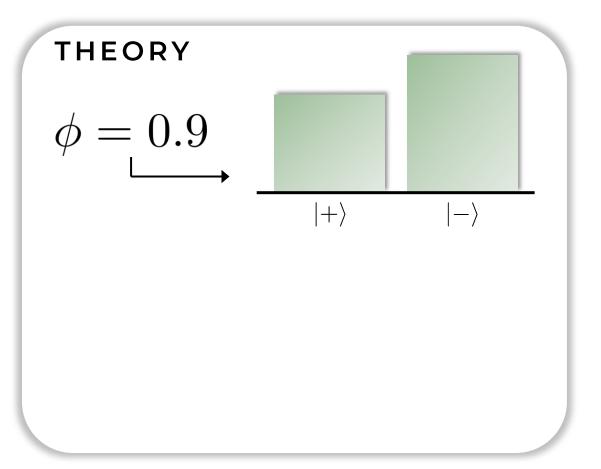


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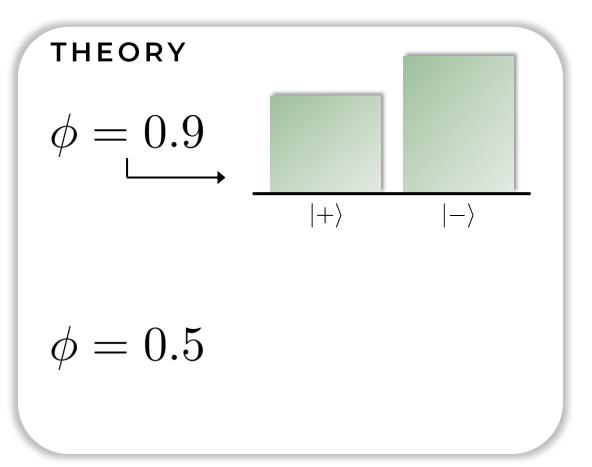
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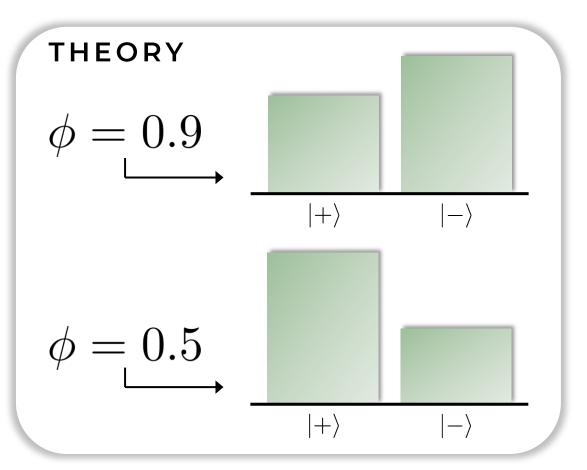
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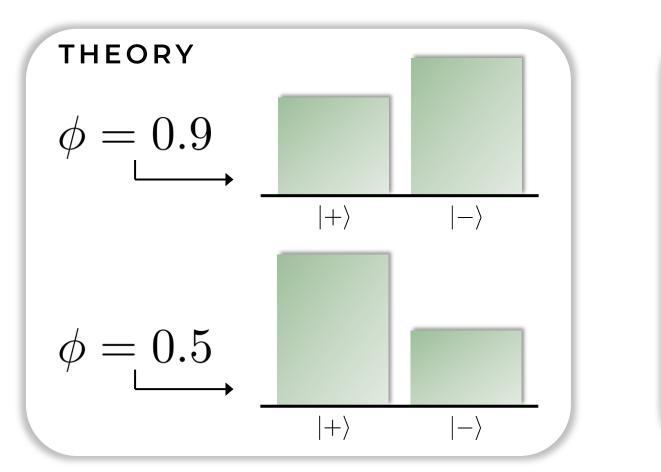
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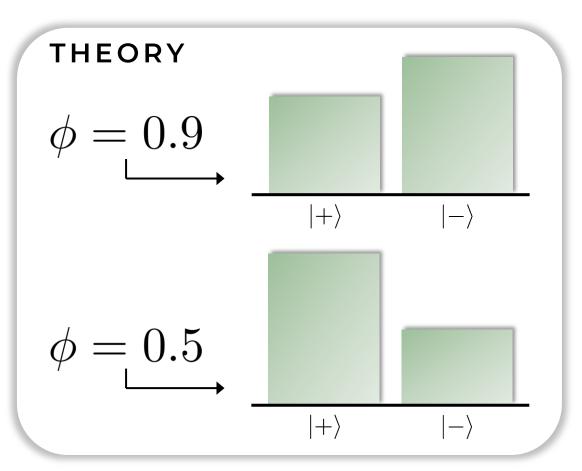


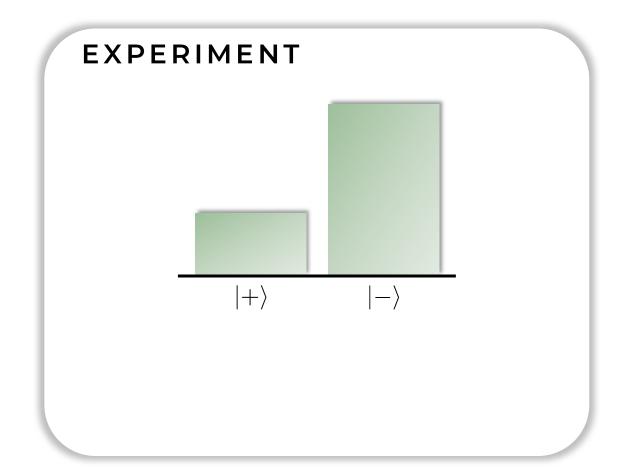
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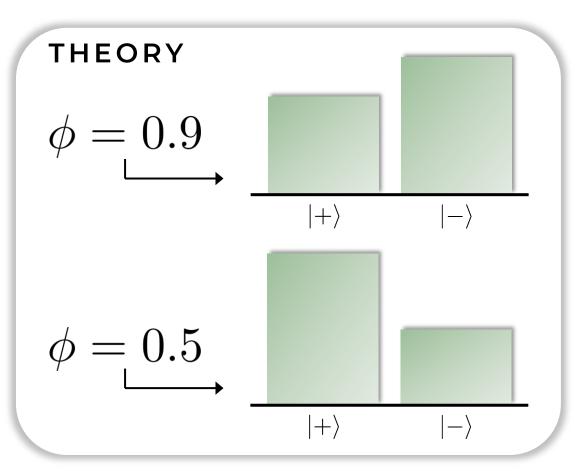
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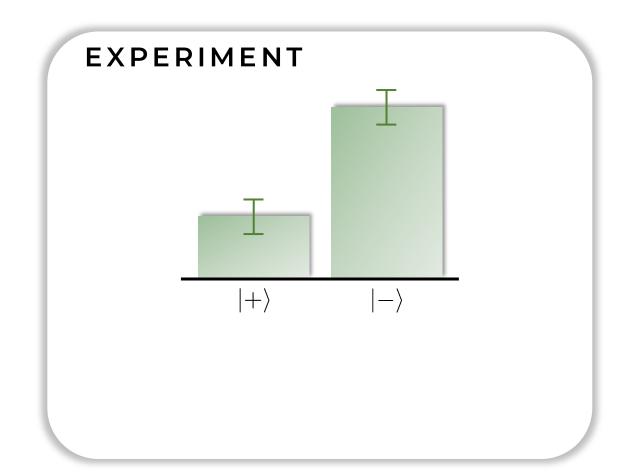
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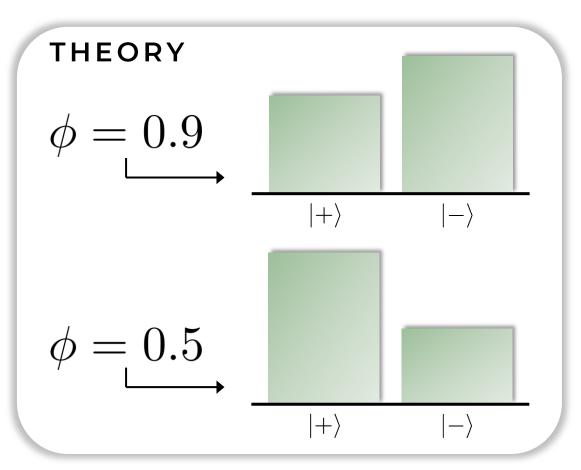


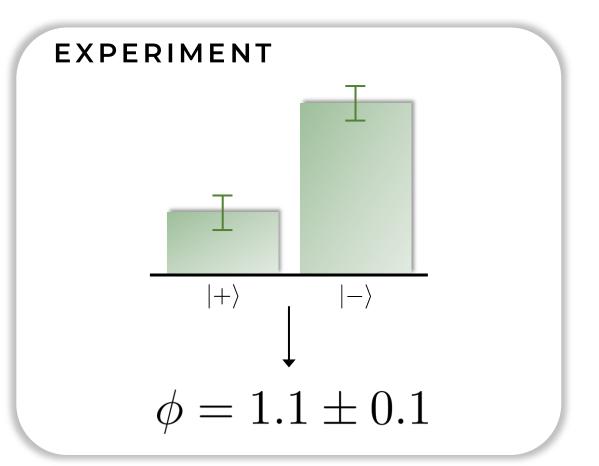
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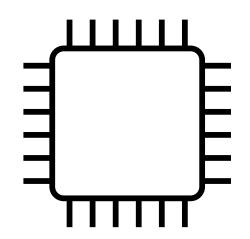
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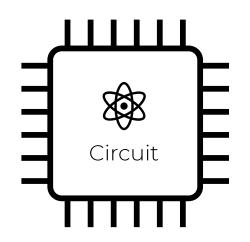
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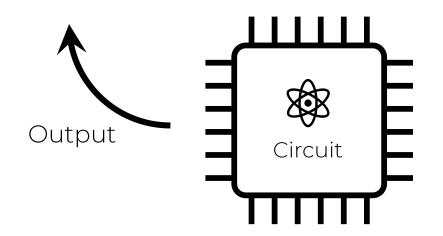
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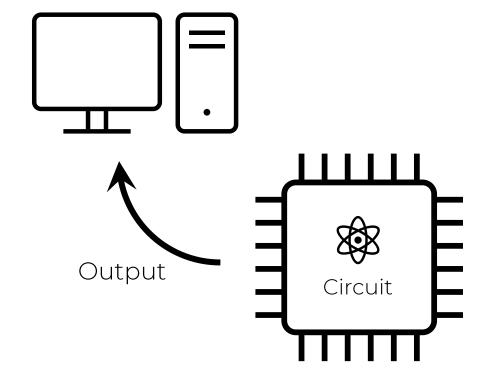
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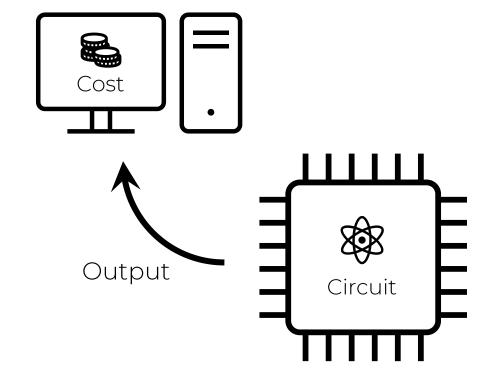
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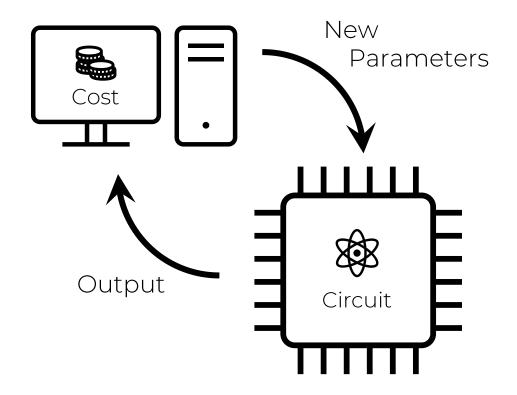
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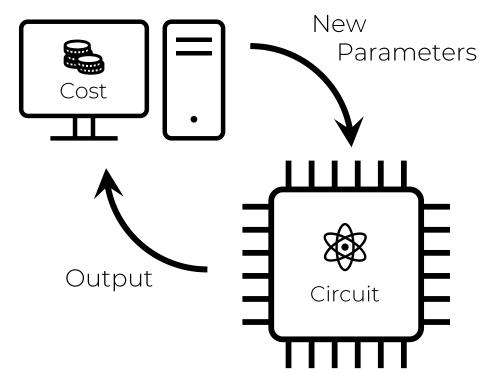


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NISQ techniques come to the rescue: use variational approaches

Prior work<sup>1,2</sup> focused on single-parameter metrology and surrogates for the Quantum Fisher Information



<sup>1</sup>Kaubrügger, Raphael, et al. *Physical Review Letters* 123.26 (2019): 260505.
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Exploit parameter-shift rule<sup>1,2</sup> to calculate derivatives

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

<sup>1</sup>Schuld, Maria, et al. *Physical Review A* 99.3 (2019): 032331. <sup>2</sup>Banchi, Leonardo, and Gavin E. Crooks. *Quantum* 5 (2021): 386.

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#### Take-Home Message

# Variational methods on near-term quantum computers can be used to improve quantum sensors

# Thank you for your attention!









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Demo

Slides

Fisher Note









Kaubrügger et al.

Spin Squeezing

**STATE PREPARATION** Fixed Circuit

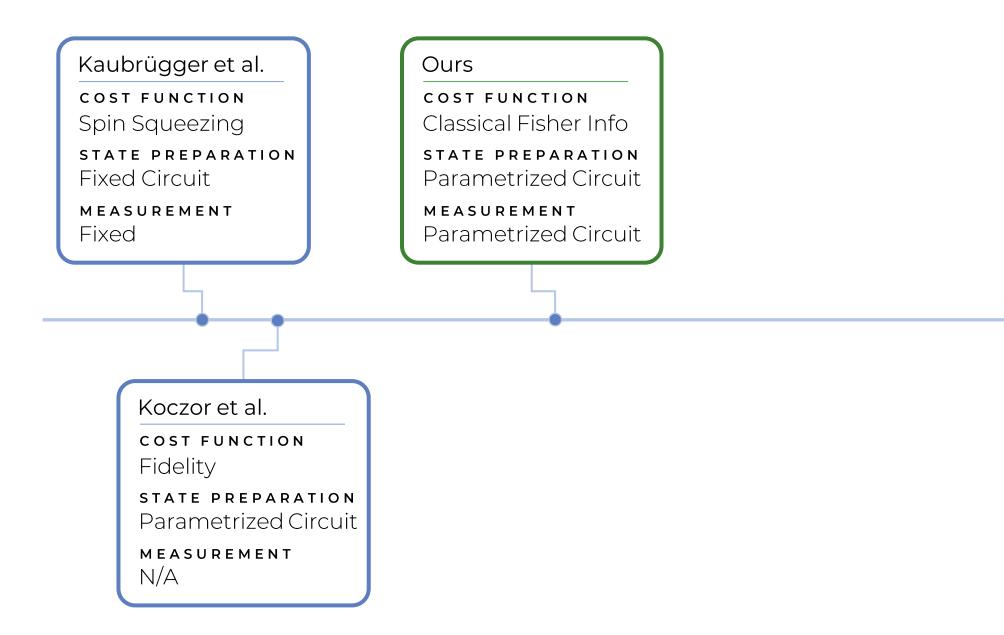
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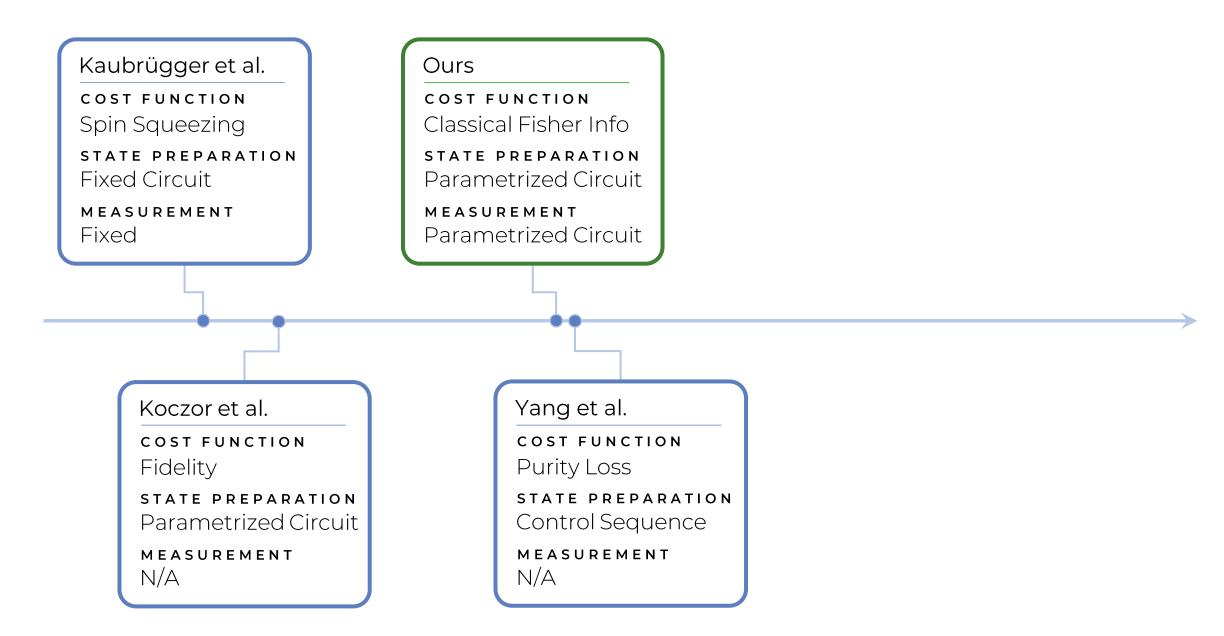


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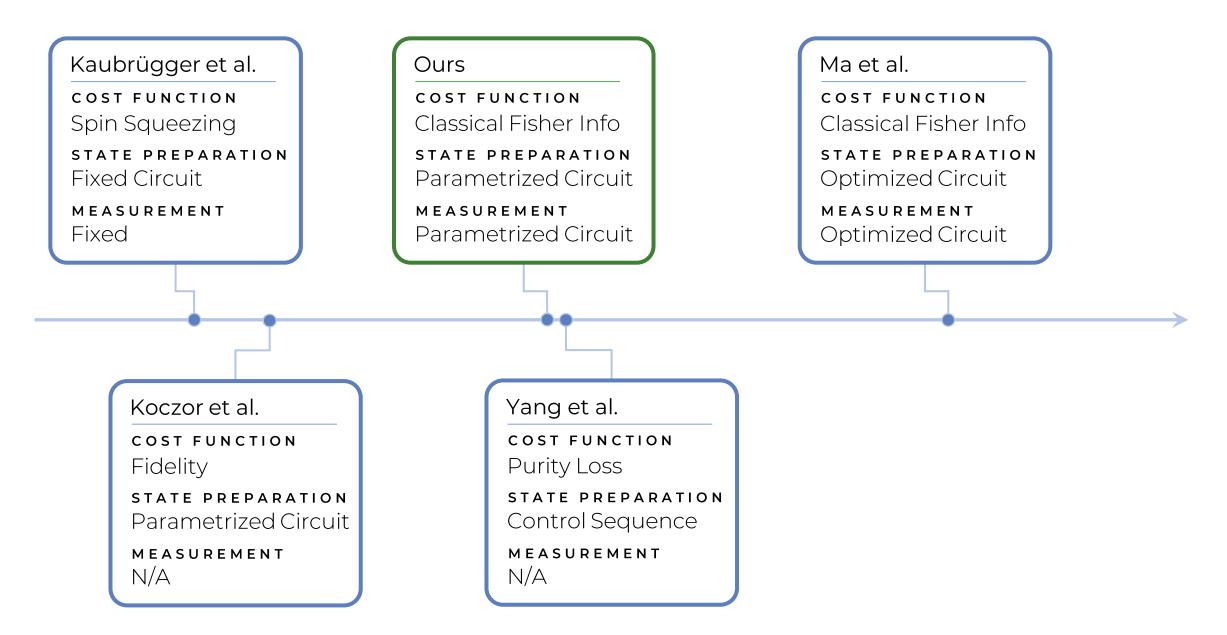








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