

A Quantum Toolchain

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QNET Computer Algebra for Quantum Mechanics



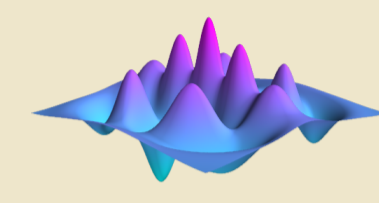
QNET has strong connection to

- SymPy (Python's general computer algebra library)
- QuTiP (Quantum Toolbox in Python)



Connections to SymPy:

- use SymPy for scalar algebra
 - similar tree-structure of expressions
 - printing system mirrors SymPy
- SymPy has some (incomplete) support for quantum algebra in 'sympy.physics.quantum'



Connections to QuTiP:

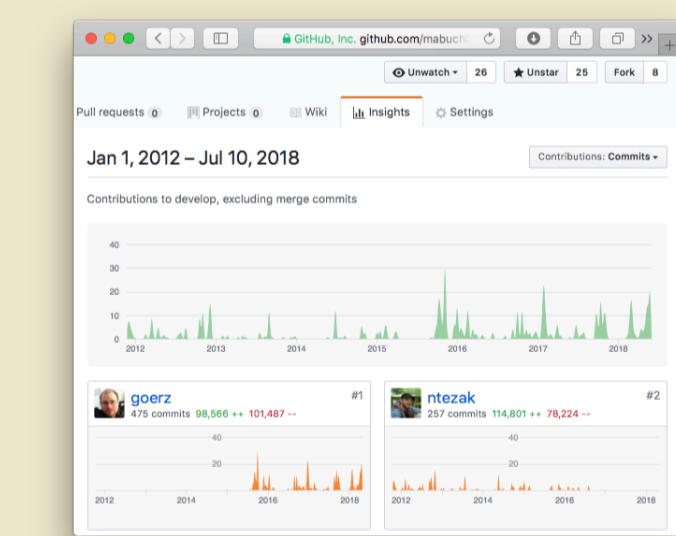
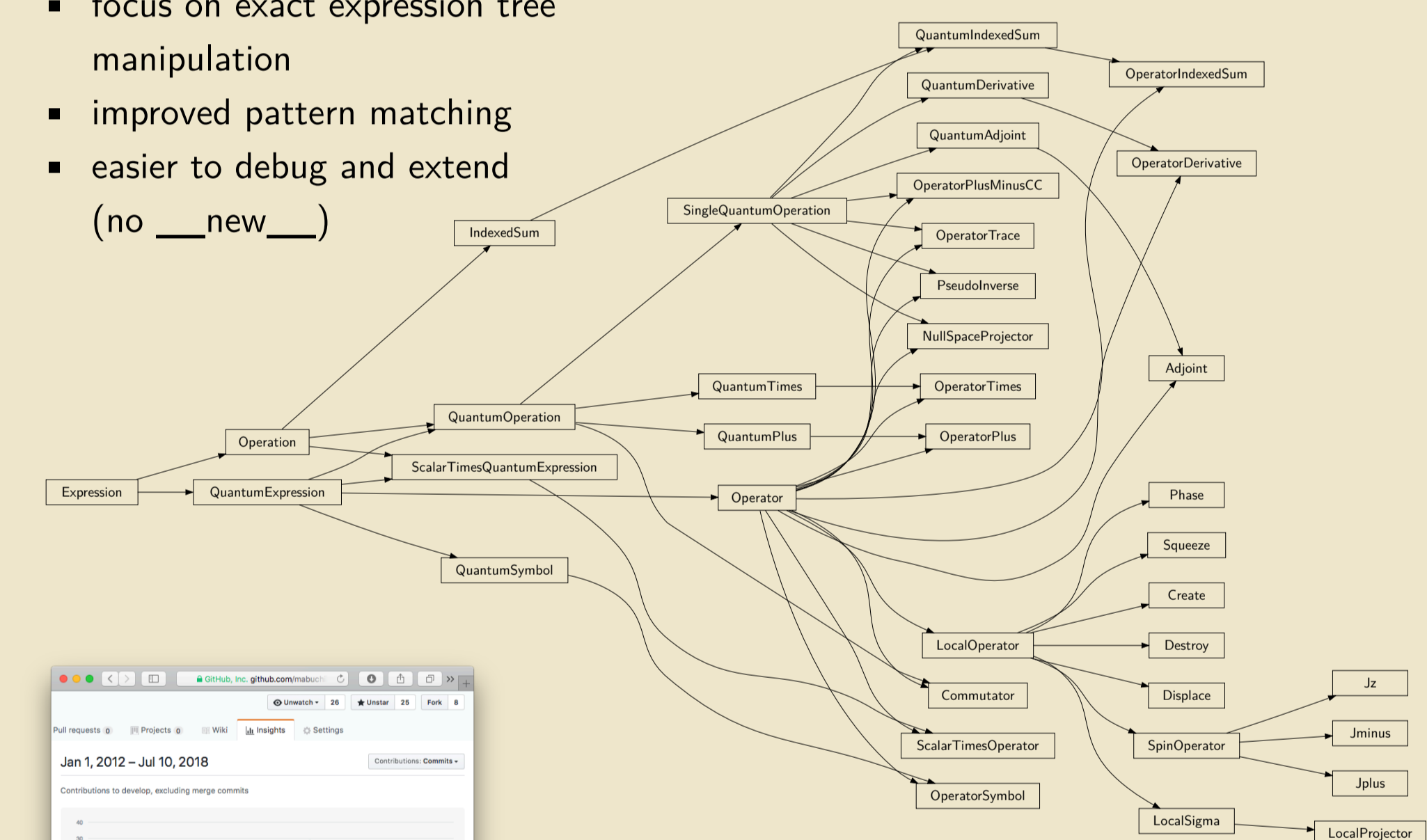
- use QuTiP for simulation and converting to numerical representations for HPC backends
- similar semantics (e.g. QNET 'Create' → QuTiP 'create')
- some method names mirror QuTiP

Differences to SymPy

- semantics and notation of quantum mechanics
- no automatic simplifications on: "smart" instantiation via 'create' method
- focus on exact expression tree manipulation
- improved pattern matching
- easier to debug and extend (no __new__)

Differences to QuTiP:

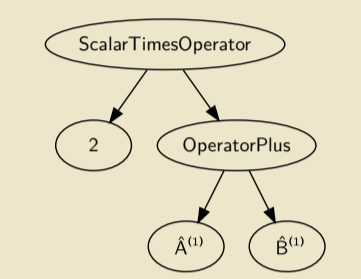
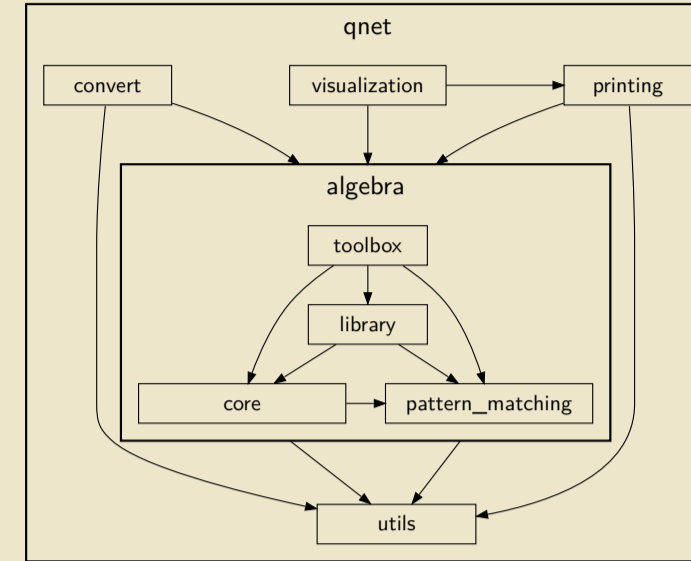
- expressions are analytic: unknown/infinite bases allowed
- quantum objects have an explicit associated Hilbert space: tensor products are implicit



active development: release 2.0 out soon!
contributions welcome!

Library package-structure:

- algebra.core: quantum algebra class hierarchy
- algebra.library: domain-specific extensions
- algebra.pattern_matching: pattern-based manipulation of expression trees
- algebra.toolbox: analytical algorithms (e.g. perturbation theory)
- convert: conversion to QuTiP, SymPy matrices
- visualization: circuit diagrams
- printing: customizable printing (unicode / LaTeX)

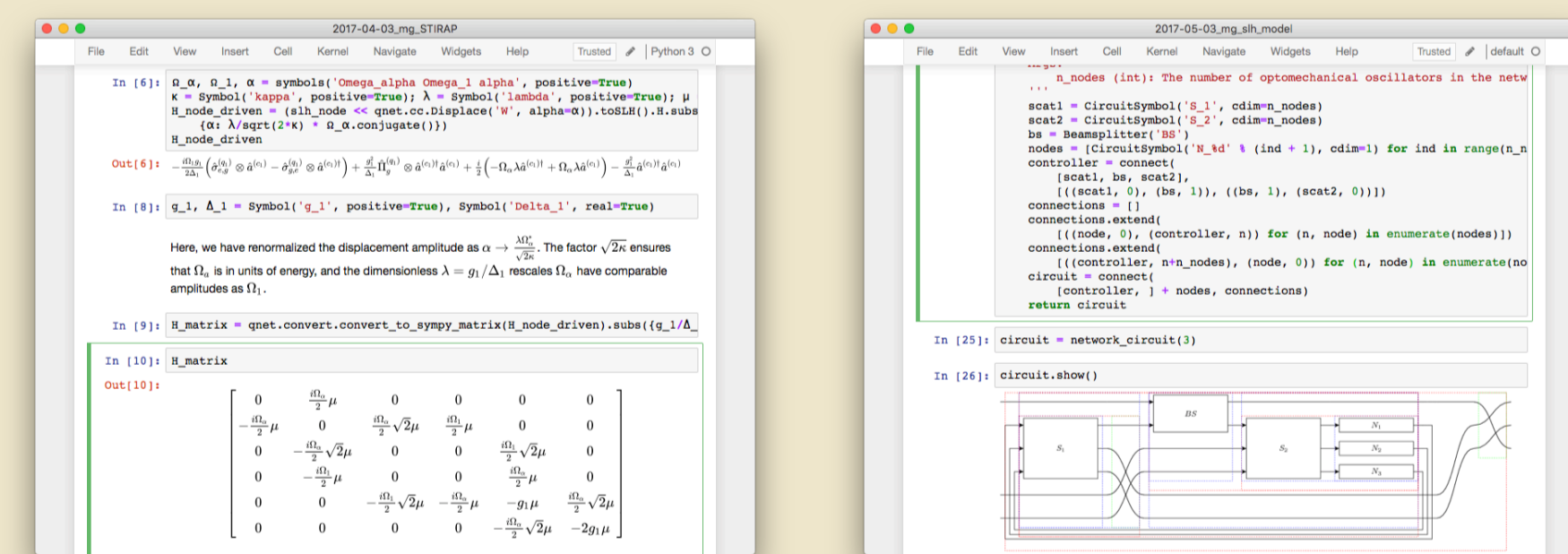


Core algebra:

- scalar algebra: wrapper around numeric values, SymPy; but also "scalar expressions", e. g. $\langle \Psi_1 | \Psi_2 \rangle$
- operator-algebra: full C*-algebra
- state-algebra: Hilbert-space algebra of quantum states
- super-operator-algebra: Liouville space algebra for open quantum systems
- circuit-algebra: combine small quantum systems in a network, according to "SLH" algebra.

concatenation: $(S_1, L_1, H_1) \boxplus (S_2, L_2, H_2) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} S_1 & 0 \\ 0 & S_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{pmatrix}, H_1 + H_2 \right)$
 series product: $(S_2, L_2, H_2) \circ (S_1, L_1, H_1) = (S_2 S_1, L_2 + S_2 L_1, H_1 + H_2 + \text{Im} \{ L_2^\dagger S_1 L_1 \})$
 feedback: $[(S, L, H)]_{k \rightarrow j} = (\tilde{S}, \tilde{L}, \tilde{H})$

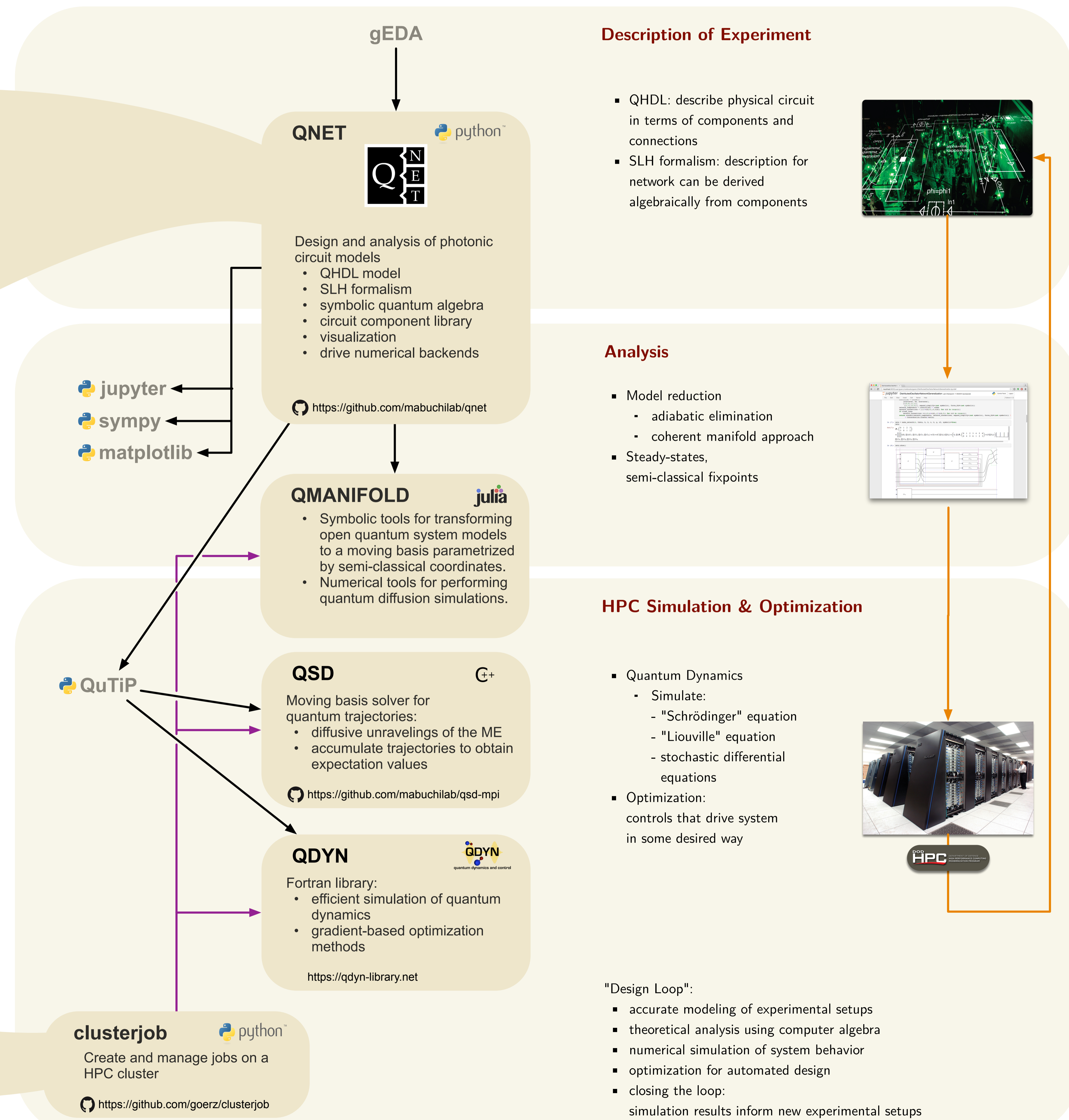
QNET is the only software package implementing the SLH circuit algebra!



The Toolchain Approach

- every aspect of the research project is represented in software
- interoperability between packages across platforms and languages
- driven by Jupyter notebooks or scripts

goal: reproducibility, correctness, iterative analysis, "intractable" models

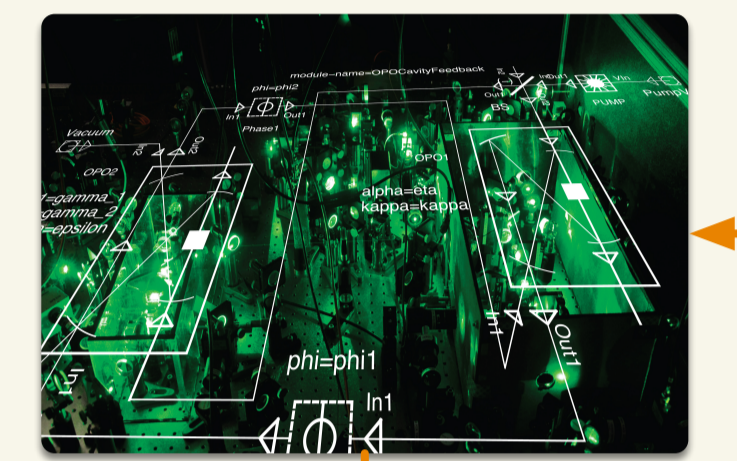


Applications

- quantum computing: design "quantum gates"
- quantum sensors: distributed quantum systems
- teaching: a complete theoretician's toolbox for quantum mechanics

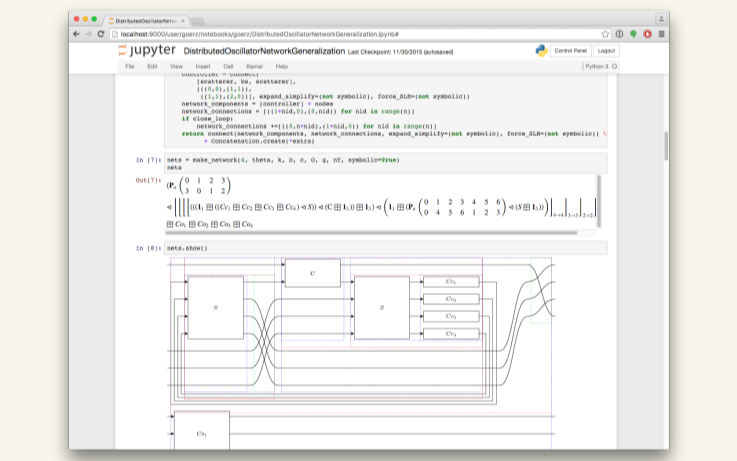
Description of Experiment

- QHDL: describe physical circuit in terms of components and connections
- SLH formalism: description for network can be derived algebraically from components



Analysis

- Model reduction
 - adiabatic elimination
 - coherent manifold approach
- Steady-states, semi-classical fixpoints



HPC Simulation & Optimization

- Quantum Dynamics
 - Simulate:
 - "Schrödinger" equation
 - "Liouville" equation
 - stochastic differential equations
- Optimization: controls that drive system in some desired way



"Design Loop":

- accurate modeling of experimental setups
- theoretical analysis using computer algebra
- numerical simulation of system behavior
- optimization for automated design
- closing the loop: simulation results inform new experimental setups

clusterjob Wrapper around HPC job scripts and interface to local or remote schedulers

Supported job schedulers (backends): SLURM, PBS Pro, PBS/TORQUE, LSF — easy to extend!

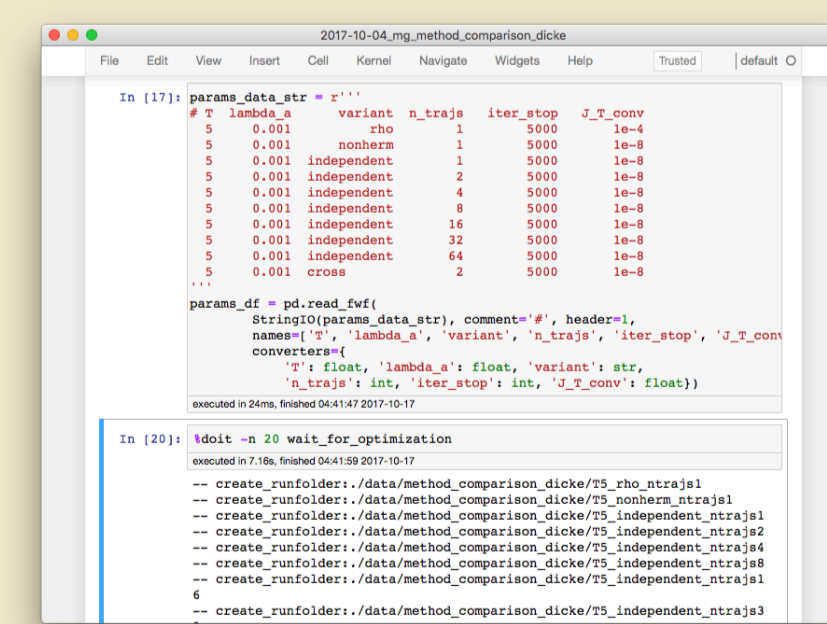
Features:

- Use scheduler-agnostic job scripts (shell script)
- Resource header comments automatically added depending on backend
- Allow for MPI, OpenMP, and hybrid parallelization
- Separate job description from backend/resource configuration via config files
- Submit job script to local or remote scheduler via ssh
- Prologue and epilogue hooks for setup / data retrieval
- Asynchronous management of jobs. Compatible with multiprocessing and ipyparallel
- Caching: connections to schedulers can be resumed

@DoIT Automation Tool

pydoit workflow in jupyter notebook:

- pandas-table of parameters to vary
- job: for any new/changed row in table
 - generate an analytic model
 - convert and write input data for QDYN simulation/optimization
- job: for any input data on disk without matching output data: generate and submit clusterjob
- job: wait for any running simulation jobs to complete on cluster; fetch output data when finished



Notebook can be stopped/run at any time: final state is "idempotent"