

Supplementary Materials for

Noise-Resilient Quantum Metrology with Quantum Computing

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1 SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 1: THEORETICAL MODEL

The initial state $|\psi_0\rangle$ is evolved into $|\psi_t\rangle$ by a sensing process characterized by operator $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$, and then a quantum noise channel with its operator \tilde{N} act on state $|\psi_t\rangle$, and the final state thus becomes

$$\tilde{\rho}_t = P_0|\psi_t\rangle\langle\psi_t| + (1 - P_0)\tilde{N}|\psi_t\rangle\langle\psi_t|\tilde{N}^\dagger \quad (\text{S1})$$

as shown in Fig. S1.

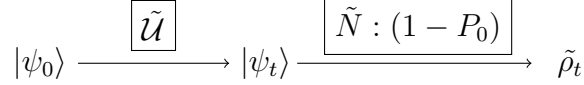


Figure S1: The chart of the state changes by sensing process characterized by operator $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ and quantum noise channel \tilde{N} .

1.1 Fidelity

The fidelity of the final state is

$$\tilde{F} = \langle\psi_t|\tilde{\rho}_t|\psi_t\rangle = P_0 + (1 - P_0)|\langle\psi_t|\tilde{N}|\psi_t\rangle|^2. \quad (\text{S2})$$

Our method requires identifying the quantum principal component of this state. We thus analyze the quantum principle component of the final state and compare the fidelity of it with that of the full state fidelity in Eq. (S2).

Firstly, we expand the final state $\tilde{N}|\psi_t\rangle$ by its original state $|\psi_t\rangle$ and its perpendicular state $|\psi_t^\perp\rangle$ as

$$\tilde{N}|\psi_t\rangle = \alpha|\psi_t\rangle + \beta|\psi_t^\perp\rangle, \quad (\text{S3})$$

with $\langle\psi_t^\perp|\psi\rangle = \langle\psi|\psi_t^\perp\rangle = 0$, then the final state can be expressed in the basis of $|\psi\rangle$, $|\psi_t^\perp\rangle$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\rho}_t &= P_0|\psi\rangle\langle\psi_t| + (1 - P_0)\tilde{N}|\psi_t\rangle\langle\psi_t|\tilde{N}^\dagger \\ &= (P_0 + |\alpha|^2(1 - P_0))|\psi_t\rangle\langle\psi_t| + |\beta|^2(1 - P_0)|\psi_{t\perp}\rangle\langle\psi_{t\perp}| \\ &\quad + \alpha\beta^*(1 - P_0)|\psi_t\rangle\langle\psi_{t\perp}| + \alpha^*\beta(1 - P_0)|\psi_{t\perp}\rangle\langle\psi_t| \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} P_0 + |\alpha|^2(1 - P_0) & \alpha\beta^*(1 - P_0) \\ \alpha^*\beta(1 - P_0) & |\beta|^2(1 - P_0) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{12} \\ \rho_{21} & \rho_{22} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S4})$$

³⁸ The eigenvalues and its eigenvectors can be obtained by some mathematical calculation as

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_+ &= \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4|\beta|^2(1 - P_0)P_0}}{2}, \\ \eta_+ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta\lambda}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}}}{\frac{\rho_{12}^*}{\sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}}}} \right),\end{aligned}\tag{S5}$$

³⁹ and

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_- &= \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4|\beta|^2(1 - P_0)P_0}}{2}, \\ \eta_- &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta\lambda}} \left(\frac{\rho_{12}}{\sqrt{\rho_{11} - \lambda_-}} \right),\end{aligned}\tag{S6}$$

⁴⁰ where

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\lambda &= \lambda_+ - \lambda_- = \sqrt{1 - 4|\beta|^2(1 - P_0)P_0}, \\ \lambda_+ - \rho_{22} &= \frac{(\rho_{11} - \rho_{22}) + \Delta\lambda}{2}, \\ \lambda_- - \rho_{11} &= -\frac{(\rho_{11} - \rho_{22}) + \Delta\lambda}{2},\end{aligned}$$

⁴¹ with

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda_+ - \rho_{22})^2 + |\rho_{12}|^2 &= (\lambda_+ - \rho_{22})\Delta\lambda, \\ (\lambda_- - \rho_{11})^2 + |\rho_{12}|^2 &= -(\lambda_- - \rho_{11})\Delta\lambda.\end{aligned}$$

⁴² We thus rewrite the $\tilde{\rho}_t$ as

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\rho}_t &= \lambda_+ \eta_+ \eta_+^\dagger + \lambda_- \eta_- \eta_-^\dagger \\ &= \lambda_+ |+\rangle\langle +| + \lambda_- |-\rangle\langle -| \\ &= K \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_+ & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_- \end{pmatrix} K^\dagger,\end{aligned}\tag{S7}$$

⁴³ and λ_+ part is indeed the principle component of the final state, where the diagonalization
⁴⁴ transformed matrix

$$K = (\eta_+, \eta_-) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta\lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}} & \frac{\rho_{12}}{\sqrt{\rho_{11} - \lambda_-}} \\ \frac{\rho_{12}^*}{\sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}}} & -\sqrt{\rho_{11} - \lambda_-} \end{pmatrix}\tag{S8}$$

with $\det K = -1$ as can be checked. Actually, the diagonalization is a basis change process, that is, in the new basis $|\pm\rangle$, the density matrix $\tilde{\rho}_t$ is diagonalized as $\text{Diag}\{\lambda_+, \lambda_-\}$. Then, we have the relation

$$\begin{aligned} |+\rangle &= K^\dagger |\psi_t\rangle \Rightarrow |\psi_t\rangle = K|+\rangle, \\ |-\rangle &= K^\dagger |\psi_t^\perp\rangle \Rightarrow |\psi_t^\perp\rangle = K|-\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The fidelity of the principle component of the final state [state optimized by quantum computing (QC)] can be obtained as

$$F = \langle \psi_t | \rho_{f+} | \psi_t \rangle = |\langle + | \psi_t \rangle|^2 = |\langle + | K | + \rangle|^2, \quad (\text{S9})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \langle + | K | + \rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta\lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}} & \frac{\rho_{12}}{\sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}}} \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta\lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}} & \frac{\rho_{12}}{\sqrt{\rho_{11} - \lambda_-}} \\ \frac{\rho_{12}^*}{\sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}}} & -\sqrt{\rho_{11} - \lambda_-} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta\lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}} & \frac{\rho_{12}^*}{\sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\Delta\lambda)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[(\lambda_+ - \rho_{22})^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{|\rho_{12}|^2}{\sqrt{\rho_{11} - \lambda_-}} + \frac{|\rho_{12}|^2}{\sqrt{\lambda_+ - \rho_{22}}} - \frac{|\rho_{12}|^2 \sqrt{\rho_{11} - \lambda_-}}{(\lambda_+ - \rho_{22})} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

the differences between the quantum metrology (QM) state fidelity

$$\tilde{F} = P_0 + (1 - P_0) |\langle \psi_t | \tilde{N} | \psi_t \rangle|^2 = \rho_{11} = 1 - \rho_{22} \leq 1$$

and its principle component fidelity $F - \tilde{F}$ can be calculated numerically in parameters setup as

$$\alpha = \cos \frac{\Theta}{2}, \beta = e^{i\phi} \sin \frac{\Theta}{2}$$

with

$$P_0 \in [0, 1], \quad \Theta \in [0, 2\pi], \quad \phi \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Both of them are ϕ -independent, the numerical results as shown in Fig. S2 confirms that the fidelity of principle component in some special parameter zone of Θ , P_0 shall larger than the QM state.

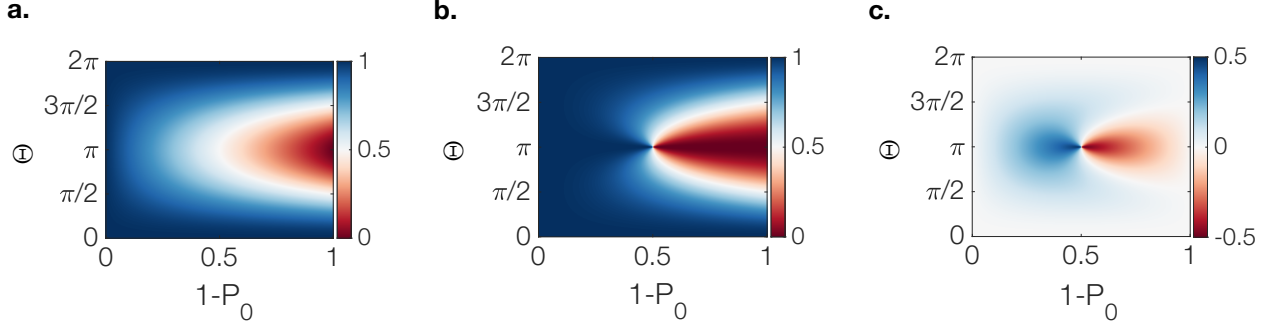


Figure S2: **Fidelity results based on the theoretical model.** **a,b**, State fidelity \tilde{F} without QC optimization and F with QC optimization as functions of $1 - P_0$ and Θ . **c**, Fidelity enhancement $F - \tilde{F}$ achieved by the QM+QC method.

1.2 Quantum Fisher Information

We begin by considering measurement precision in a sensing process. For example, using a ruler to measure an unknown length d , we perform N independent measurements to obtain a set of samples $\{d_i\}$. Due to inevitable measurement errors, each d_i slightly deviates from the true value, and the precision of the estimation \hat{d} improves as this deviation decreases. In classical statistics, the Fisher information quantifies the lower bound of such estimation errors.

In QM, the sensing outcomes arise from quantum evolution rather than classical sampling. The corresponding limit of precision is given by the quantum Fisher information (QFI), which determines the minimum achievable variance in estimating a parameter ξ encoded in a quantum state $\rho(\xi)$:

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\xi}] \geq \frac{1}{n \mathcal{F}[\rho(\xi)]}, \quad (\text{S10})$$

where n denotes the number of independent measurements. Here, $\mathcal{F}[\rho(\xi)]$ measures the sensitivity of the quantum state $\rho(\xi)$ to changes in the parameter ξ , and is defined as

$$\mathcal{F}[\rho(\xi)] = \text{Tr}[\rho(\xi)L^2], \quad (\text{S11})$$

with L being the symmetric logarithmic derivative (SLD) operator satisfying

$$\frac{\partial \rho(\xi)}{\partial \xi} = \frac{1}{2}(L\rho(\xi) + \rho(\xi)L). \quad (\text{S12})$$

The core of calculating the QFI lies in solving the SLD. Here we employ the spectral decomposition of the density matrix, since the quantum states under consideration can be

74 mixed in general. The density operator is expressed in terms of its eigenvalues and eigenvec-
 75 tors as $\rho = \sum_k s_k |k\rangle \langle k|$, where s_k are the eigenvalues and $|k\rangle$ the corresponding eigenvectors.
 76 Projecting the SLD equation onto the eigenbasis $\{|k\rangle\}$ gives

$$\langle i | \dot{\rho} | j \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (\langle i | L \rho | j \rangle + \langle i | \rho L | j \rangle) = \frac{s_i + s_j}{2} L_{ij}. \quad (\text{S13})$$

77 This leads to the spectral decomposition form of the SLD:

$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{2\langle i | \dot{\rho} | j \rangle}{s_i + s_j}, & s_i + s_j > 0, \\ 0, & s_i = s_j = 0. \end{cases} \quad (\text{S14})$$

78 For the diagonal elements ($i = j$) with $s_i > 0$,

$$L_{ii} = \frac{\partial_{\xi} s_i}{s_i}. \quad (\text{S15})$$

79 The QFI can then be evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[\rho(\xi)] &= \sum_{k:s_k>0} \frac{(\partial_{\xi} s_k)^2}{s_k} \\ &+ 2 \sum_{k,l:s_k+s_l>0} \frac{(s_k - s_l)^2}{s_k + s_l} |\langle \psi_k | \partial_{\xi} \psi_l \rangle|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S16})$$

80 For a pure state $\rho = |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$, this expression reduces to

$$\mathcal{F} = 4(\langle \partial_{\xi} \psi | \partial_{\xi} \psi \rangle - |\langle \psi | \partial_{\xi} \psi \rangle|^2). \quad (\text{S17})$$

81 In practical calculations, the partial derivative $\dot{\rho}$ can be obtained numerically through a
 82 finite difference:

$$\partial_{\xi} \tilde{\rho}_t = \frac{\tilde{\rho}_t^+ - \tilde{\rho}_t^-}{2\delta}, \quad (\text{S18})$$

83 where $\tilde{\rho}_t^{\pm} = \tilde{U}_{\phi \pm \delta}(|\psi_0\rangle \langle \psi_0|)$, and δ is a small detuning parameter.

84 The optimization of quantum states on a quantum computer can be viewed as an ana-
 85 logue of the principal component analysis process, realized through eigen-decomposition. By
 86 identifying the eigenstate corresponding to the largest eigenvalue, one obtains the optimized
 87 quantum state ρ_{NR} .

1.3 Noise model

Noise in quantum systems is inherently complex and diverse, and numerous theoretical models have been developed to describe its various forms. Following the approach outlined in the previous section, we have established a representative noise model to illustrate the optimization capability of the QM+QC method. In this section, we further extend our analysis by introducing additional types of quantum noise channels. As shown in Fig. S3, we consider three typical examples: the dephasing channel,

$$\rho \rightarrow E_0 \rho E_0^\dagger + E_1 \rho E_1^\dagger, \quad (\text{S19})$$

where

$$E_0 = \sqrt{1-p}I, \quad E_1 = \sqrt{p}Z, \quad (\text{S20})$$

the amplitude damping channel,

$$E_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{1-p} \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{p} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{S21})$$

and the depolarizing channel,

$$\rho \rightarrow (1-p)\rho + \frac{p}{3}(X\rho X + Y\rho Y + Z\rho Z). \quad (\text{S22})$$

Consistent with the main text, the enhancement in quantum Fisher information (QFI) is employed as a quantitative measure to characterize the optimization performance achieved by the QM+QC framework.

2 SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 2: RANDOM NOISE IN THE EXPERIMENT

We next consider the influence of an unstable magnetic field on the Ramsey interferometry experiment. In Ramsey interferometry, the population signal exhibits cosine interference fringes that oscillate with the evolution time τ . When the magnetic field experiences Gaussian-distributed fluctuations, either naturally or through controlled perturbations, these fluctuations modify the phase accumulation of the quantum superposition. Averaged over many repetitions, the net effect of such instability manifests as decoherence of the interference fringes.

Under an ideal static magnetic field B , the signal measured by a Ramsey sequence follows

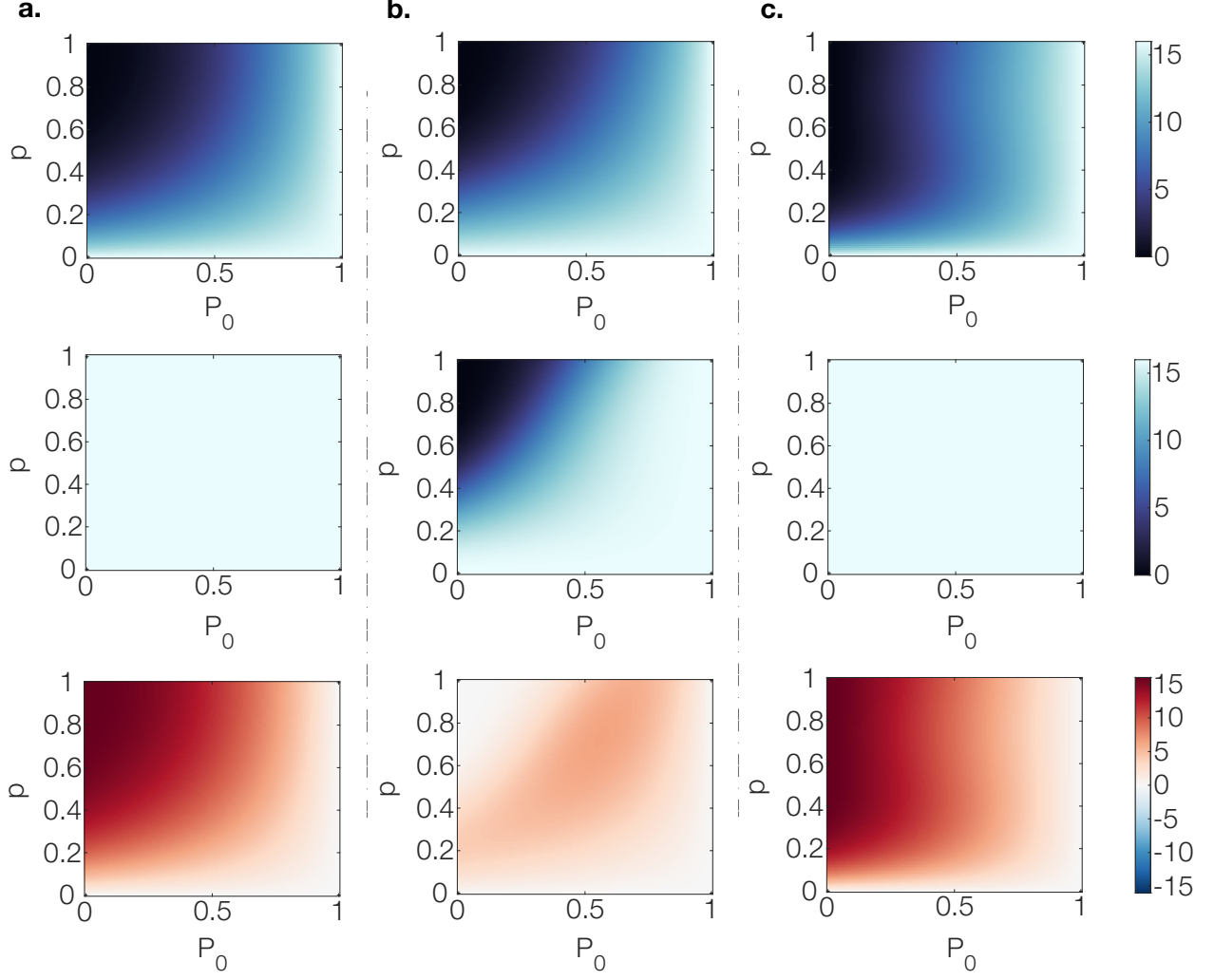


Figure S3: **QM+QC results under different noise conditions.** **a–c**, Quantum Fisher information (QFI) optimization results for the dephasing, amplitude-damping, and depolarizing channels, respectively. Each column, from top to bottom, shows: the QFI before QC optimization (\mathcal{F}_{QM}), the QFI after QC optimization ($\mathcal{F}_{\text{QM+QC}}$), and the corresponding QFI improvement ($\Delta\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{QM+QC}} - \mathcal{F}_{\text{QM}}$).

111 a simple cosine oscillation with time τ :

$$\mathcal{P}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \cos(\Delta\omega\tau)], \quad (\text{S23})$$

112 where $\Delta\omega = \gamma(B - B_{\text{ref}})$ is the frequency shift induced by the magnetic field deviation from a
 113 reference value B_{ref} , and γ denotes the gyromagnetic ratio. The reference field B_{ref} represents
 114 the static bias field typically present in magnetic-field sensing experiments.

115 In each experimental repetition, the magnetic field B is sampled from a Gaussian distri-
 116 bution $\mathcal{N}[B_0, (B_0\varsigma)^2]$, where B_0 is the average value of the magnetic field to be measured and

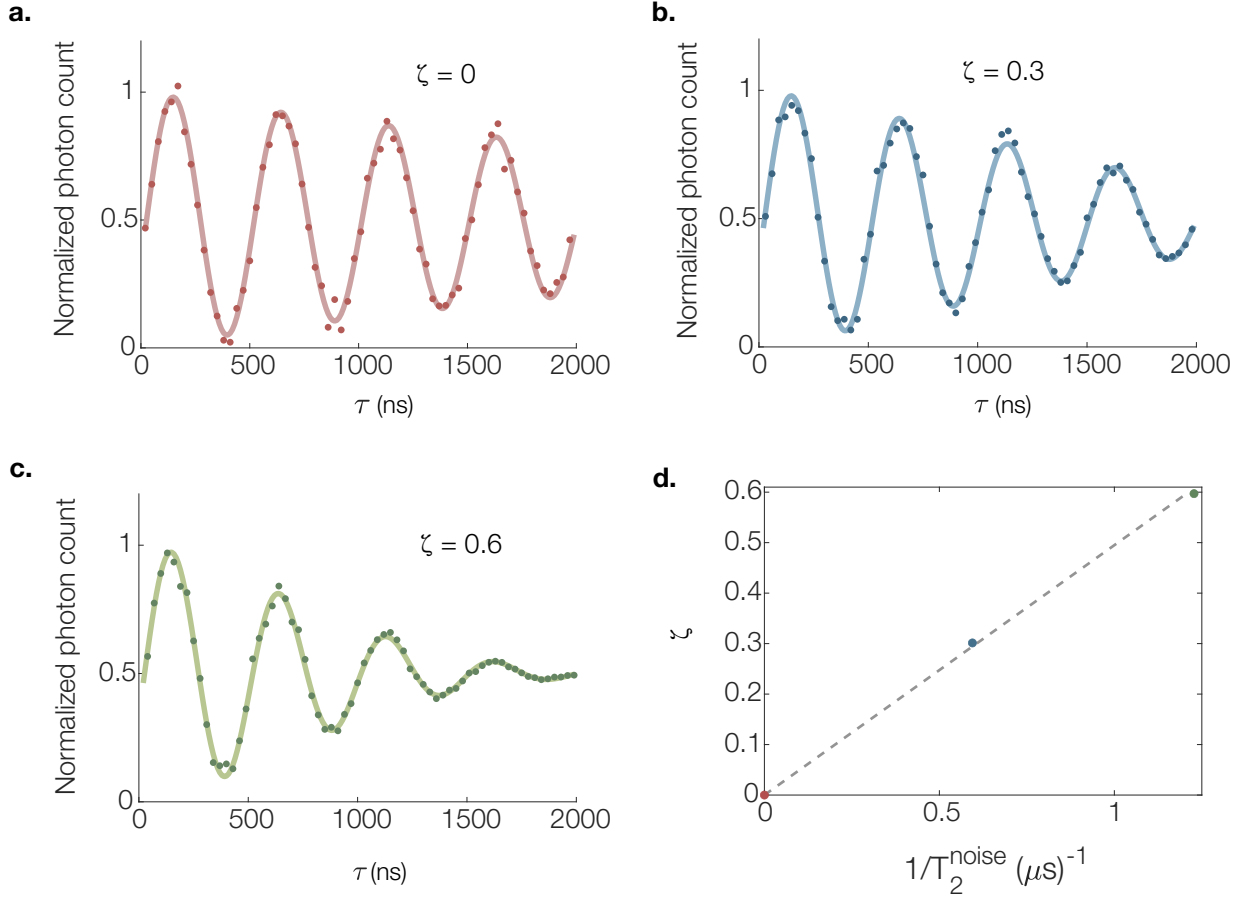


Figure S4: **Effects of different noise intensities on Ramsey signals.** **a-c**, The attenuation of the Ramsey signal under $\zeta = 0, 0.3, 0.6$. We can obtain the equivalent decoherence time caused by noise by fitting it with a formula: $e^{-\tau/T_2^*} e^{-(\tau/T_2^{noise})^2}$. **d**, Mapping relationship between equivalent decoherence time T_2^{noise} and noise intensity σ .

ζ is standard deviation in percentage. This leading to a corresponding Ramsey signal

$$\mathcal{P}_i(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \cos(\gamma(B_i - B_{\text{ref}})\tau)]. \quad (\text{S24})$$

The ensemble-averaged signal can then be obtained by integrating over the Gaussian distribution of magnetic fields:

$$\bar{\mathcal{P}}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi} B_0 \zeta} [1 + \cos(\gamma(B - B_{\text{ref}})\tau)] e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{B - B_0}{B_0 \zeta} \right)^2} dB. \quad (\text{S25})$$

Neglecting the constant term and using the linearity of integration, the Fourier transform of

the Gaussian function yields

$$\int \cos(\gamma(B - B_{\text{ref}})\tau) e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{B-B_0}{B_0\varsigma}\right)^2} dB \propto \cos(\gamma(B_0 - B_{\text{ref}})\tau) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\gamma B_0\varsigma\tau)^2}. \quad (\text{S26})$$

Consequently, the ensemble-averaged Ramsey signal takes the form

$$\bar{\mathcal{P}}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\gamma B_0\varsigma\tau)^2} \cos(\gamma(B_0 - B_{\text{ref}})\tau) \right]. \quad (\text{S27})$$

The result shows that while the Ramsey oscillation frequency remains unchanged, its amplitude is modulated by a Gaussian envelope $e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\gamma B_0\varsigma\tau)^2}$. This behavior is equivalent to decoherence induced by quasi-static magnetic noise, and can thus be expressed as $e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tau/T_2^{\text{noise}})^2}$, where the corresponding dephasing time is $T_2^{\text{noise}} = 1/(\gamma B_0\varsigma)$.

3 SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 3: LOSS FUNCTION

As discussed in the main text, the objective of the loss function is to obtain a target operator by minimizing its value through iterative optimization. Here, we design an appropriate loss function to achieve the diagonalization of a density matrix. Any density matrix can be expressed in its spectral decomposition as $\rho = \sum_{j=0}^{\mathcal{M}-1} \lambda_j |\psi_j\rangle \langle \psi_j|$, where $\{|\psi_j\rangle\}$ form an orthogonal basis and $\mathcal{M} = 2^m$ denotes the Hilbert space dimension of an m -qubit system. Without loss of generality, the eigenvalues are arranged in descending order, $\lambda_0 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{\mathcal{M}-1}$. If a unitary transformation U can be found such that it maps $|\psi_j\rangle$ to the computational basis state $|j\rangle$, i.e.

$$\tilde{\rho}_t = U \rho U^\dagger = \sum_{j=0}^{\mathcal{M}-1} \lambda_j |j\rangle \langle j|, \quad (\text{S28})$$

then measurements in the computational basis $\{|j\rangle\}$ directly yield the eigenvalues λ_j as outcome probabilities. For generic states, however, efficiently finding such a unitary U is generally intractable.

To formulate a practical loss function, we introduce a semidefinite, positive, and non-degenerate Hermitian operator P , whose eigenstates are the computational basis states $|j\rangle$ with corresponding eigenvalues s_j , such that $P = \sum_{j=0}^{\mathcal{M}-1} s_j |j\rangle \langle j|$. Unlike the eigenvalues of ρ , we arrange the set $\{s_j\}$ in ascending order, $0 \leq s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_{\mathcal{M}-1}$, and impose the normalization condition $\sum_j s_j = 1$. Such an operator is straightforward to construct. A convenient choice is a diagonal matrix with elements $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{M}-1\}$, normalized by

the factor $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{M} - 1)/2$. In the Pauli basis, it can be written as

$$P = \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{M} - 1)} \sum_{j=1}^n 2^{j-1} (\sigma_z^j + 1), \quad (\text{S29})$$

where σ_z^j denotes the Pauli-Z operator acting on the j th qubit [1].

We assert that a unitary operator U that minimizes the expectation value $\text{Tr}[U\rho U^\dagger P]$ will diagonalize the density matrix ρ in the computational basis. The operator P can be any Hermitian matrix satisfying the conditions described above. The task therefore reduces to finding the optimal unitary U . In practice, we input the state ρ into a PQC represented by $U(\boldsymbol{\theta})$, and measure the expectation value of P at the circuit output. For instance, evaluating the operator P defined in Eq. S29 requires only a simultaneous Pauli-Z measurement on all qubits, which is experimentally straightforward. The corresponding objective function is defined as

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \text{Tr}[U(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rho U^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \cdot P]. \quad (\text{S30})$$

By minimizing this objective function over the parameter space using a suitable classical optimization algorithm, one can obtain a good approximation to the target unitary U .

4 SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION 4: PQC MODEL

To realize QC optimization, we employ a PQC approach. For small systems, the PQC structure can be relatively simple. For instance, in the single-qubit case, only two rotation gates along distinct axes are sufficient, rendering the optimization process rather straightforward. However, as the number of qubits increases, the choice of PQC architecture becomes crucial, as it can substantially influence the convergence and final performance of the QC optimization. This aspect is further analyzed in the following section.

We first outline the complete PQC workflow. After the noisy sensing stage, the resulting quantum state $\tilde{\rho}_t$ is transferred into a quantum processor (some transmission losses may occur in practice, although they do not affect the subsequent PQC procedure). The state then evolves under a parameterized unitary transformation $U(\boldsymbol{\theta})$, which forms the variational component of the hybrid quantum-classical optimization loop.

During the optimization process, the parameterized unitary operation is applied to the input quantum state, after which the corresponding loss function is evaluated (the form and physical meaning of this function were introduced in the previous section). To obtain the gradient required for parameter updates, one of the circuit parameters is perturbed by a fixed amount when implementing the parameterized operation. Unlike conventional differentiation

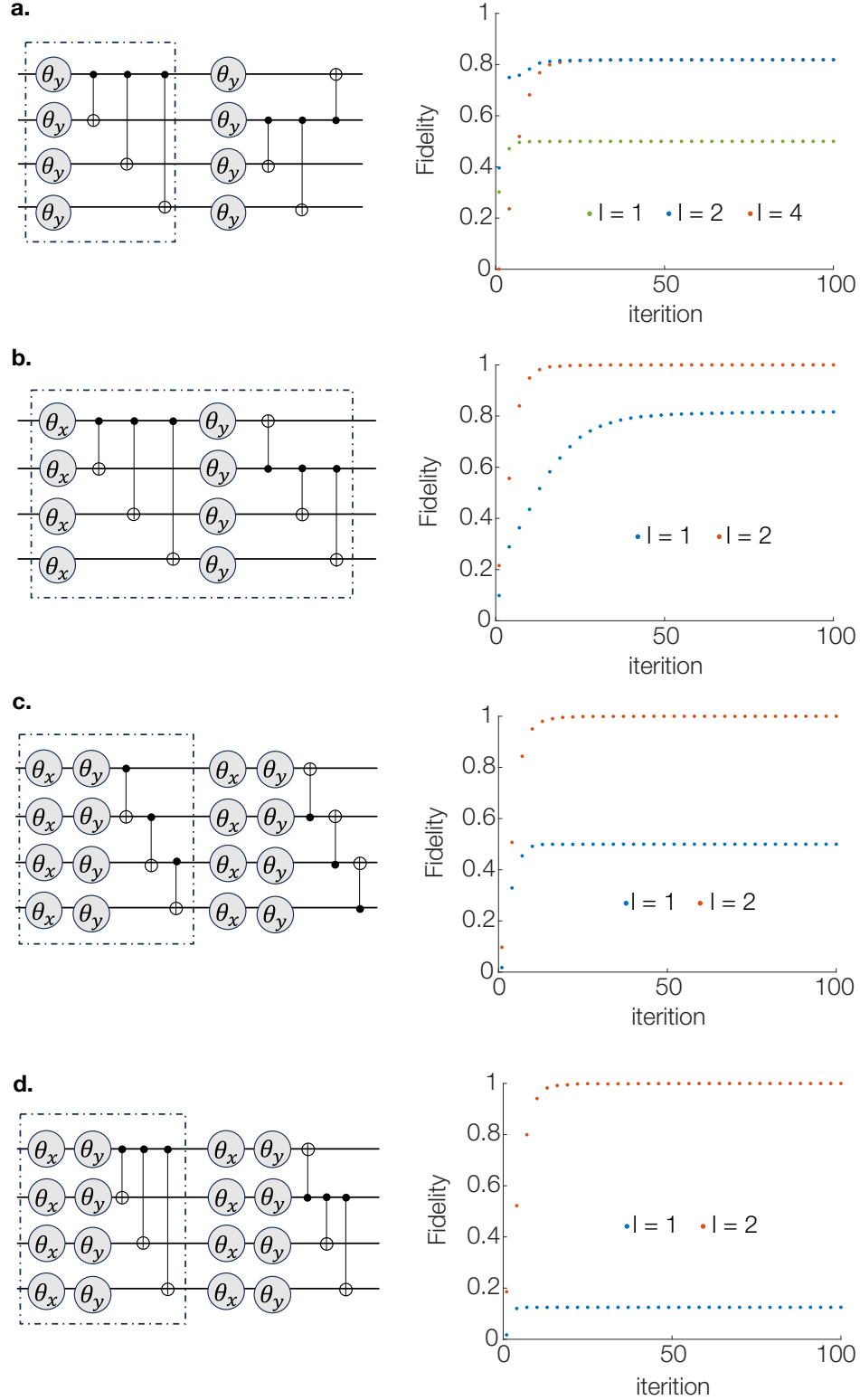


Figure S6: **The impact of different PQC on the optimization process.** a-d, The left side is a schematic diagram of PQC. The area within the dashed box is called a layer. The right side shows the optimization results for different number of layers l .

191 These results highlight the crucial role of circuit structure in determining both convergence
 192 speed and optimization accuracy.

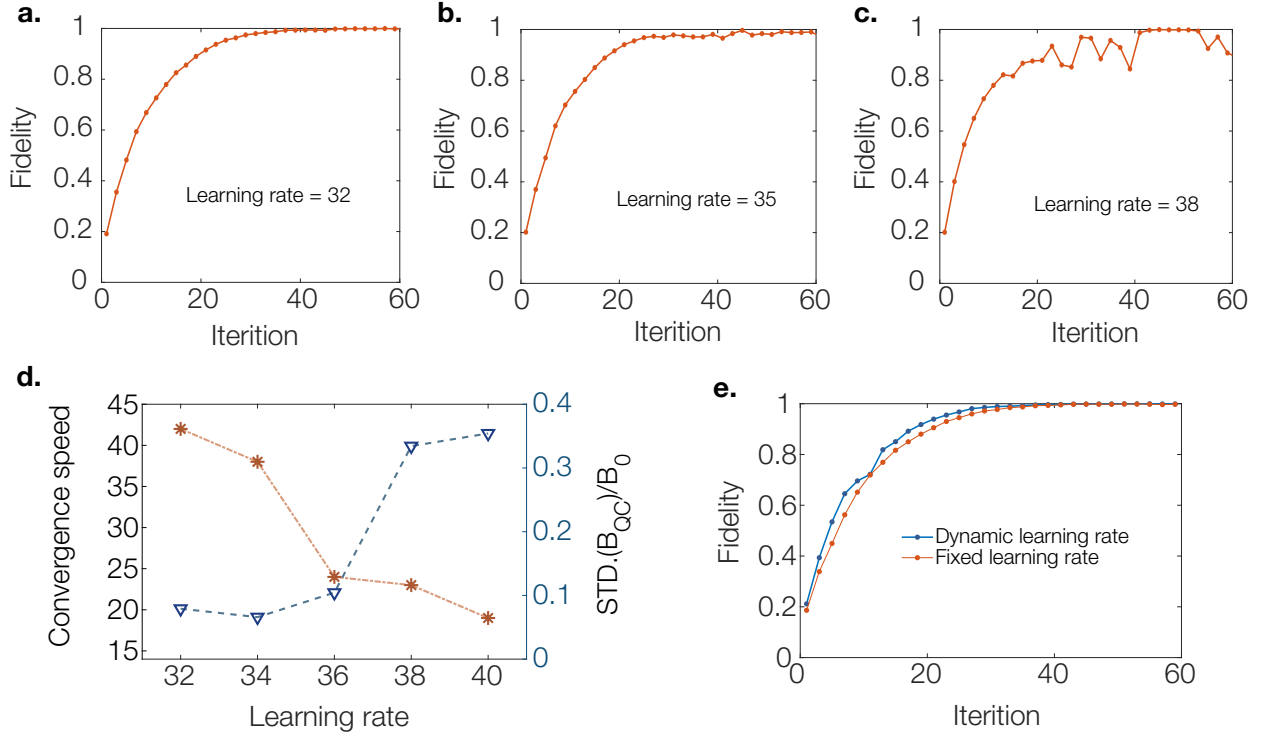


Figure S7: **Impact of different learning rates on PQC performance.** **a-c**, Evolution of fidelity during the optimization process for different learning rates. **d**, Relationship between convergence speed and the standard deviation of the optimized results as a function of learning rate. Here, convergence speed denotes the number of iterations required to reach convergence. **e**, Comparison between dynamic and fixed learning rates, showing that a dynamic learning-rate schedule achieves faster convergence without increasing the standard deviation.

193 As demonstrated above, different PQC architectures exhibit distinct optimization behav-
 194 iors. Even for an identical circuit structure, however, the choice of optimization hyperpa-
 195 rameters can strongly influence the convergence process. As shown in Fig. S7, we exam-
 196 ine iteration step sizes of 32, 35, and 38, and observe that the corresponding convergence
 197 speeds differ noticeably. Although a larger step size can accelerate convergence, it cannot
 198 be increased arbitrarily. As illustrated in Fig. S7d, an excessively large step size causes pro-
 199 nounced oscillations after apparent convergence, leading to a higher standard deviation in
 200 the optimized results. This issue can be mitigated by adopting a dynamic learning rate.
 201 As shown in Fig. S7e, employing a properly designed learning-rate schedule that gradually
 202 decays with the number of iterations enables faster convergence while maintaining a low

203 standard deviation.

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