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- Bad news for Quantum
- New developments Quantum hardware
- Progress in optical computing video
- How Xanadu's Photonic Quantum Computers Work
- Xanadu X-series, Photonics
- smallest Quantum detector
- A Tweezer array with 6100 highly coherent atomic qubits[1]
- quantum computing Microsoft, theory topoloical approaches [2]
- Toplogical Qubits
- Trapped ions IONQ, Technology Trapped Ions



Dutch developments

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- Supercomputing SURF: Virtual tour Snellius
- Quantum Delta
- TNO: technology development, Quantum sensing testbed



Xanadu technology

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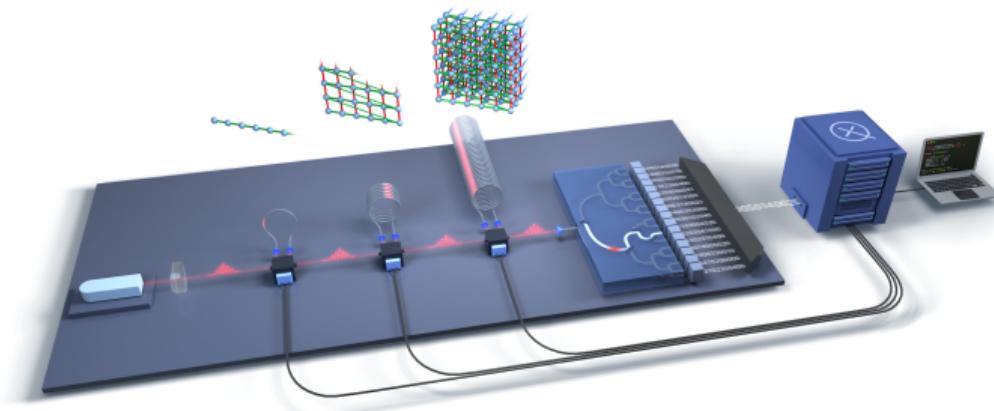
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Photonics, Xanadu X-series



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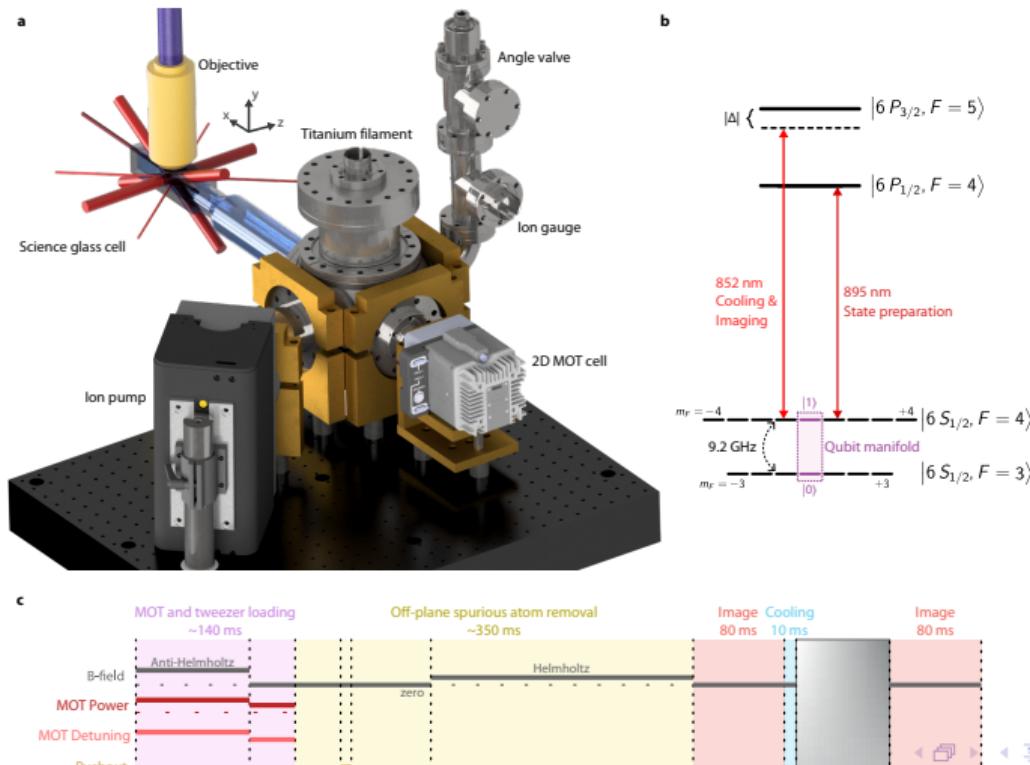
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Fault tolerant topological quantum computing

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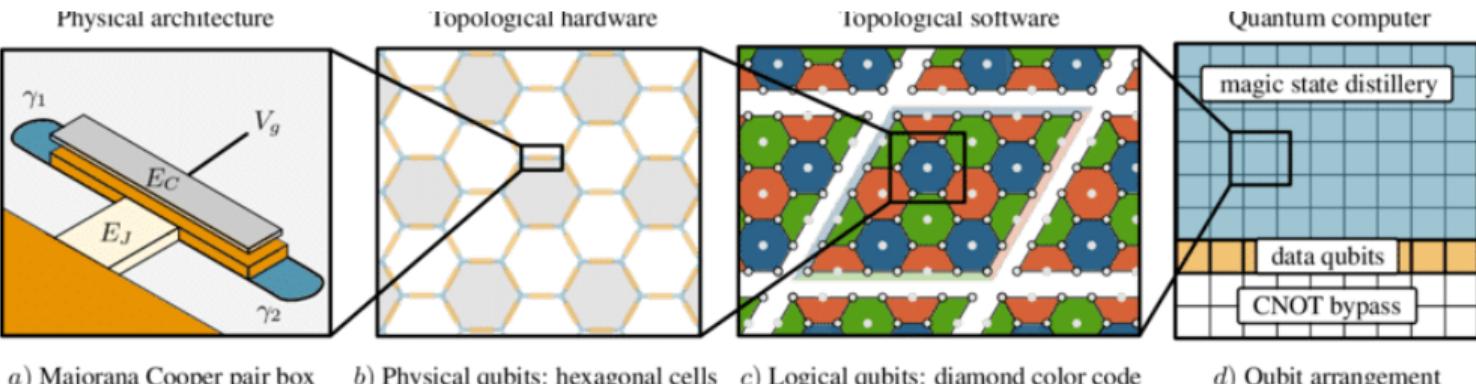
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Topological approach Microsoft

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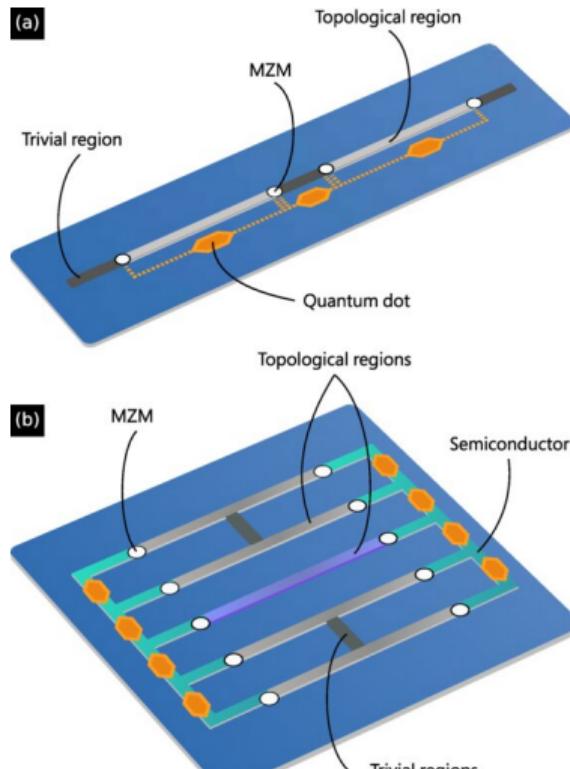
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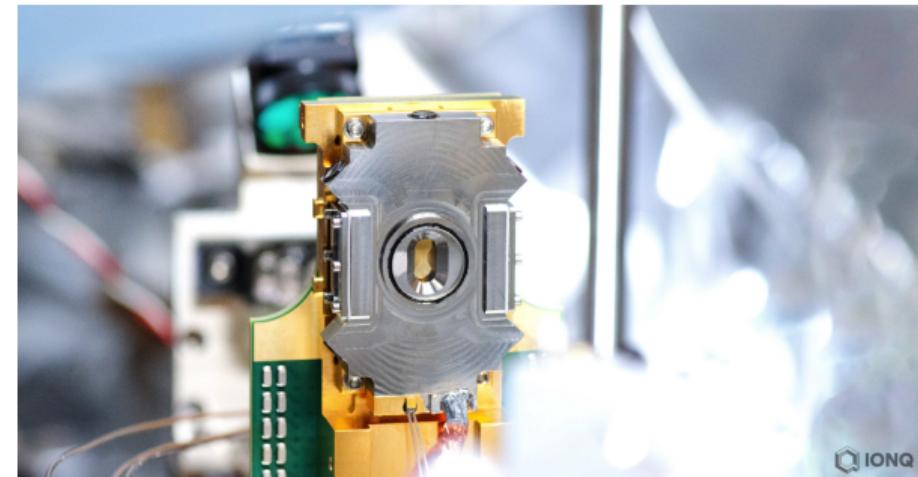
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- Use of Transpiler
- Manual simplification
- Use of dedicated libraries
- Classical for Boolean algebra, e.g. Karnaugh Maps, simplification rules



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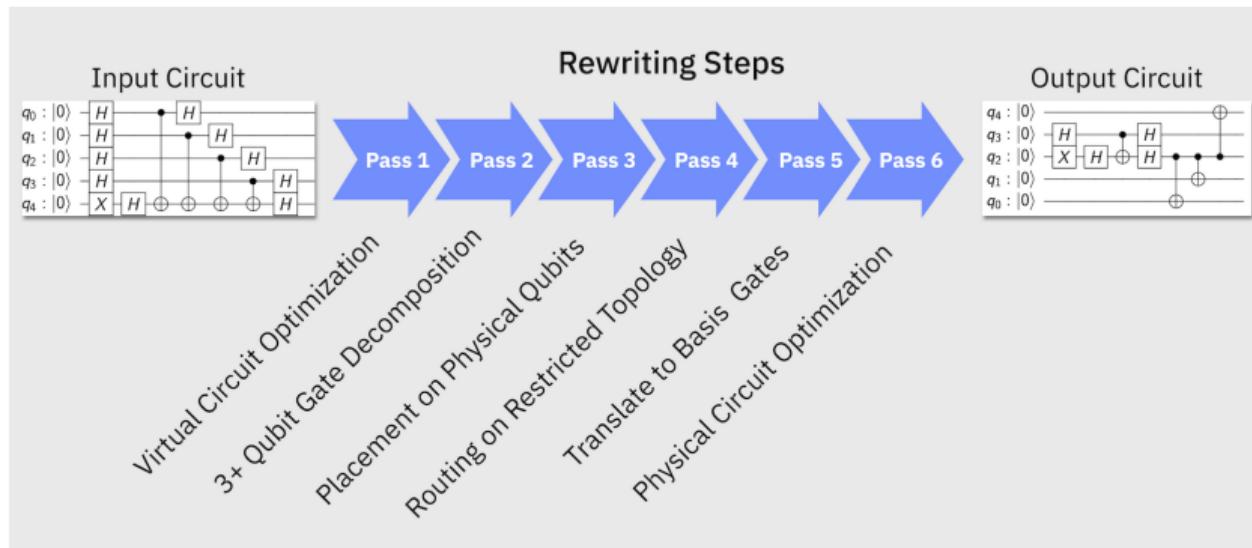
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Transforming quantum computer programs to executable code





Transpiling SWAP-gate

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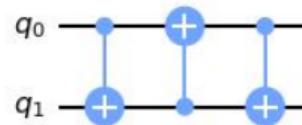
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See: [Transpiler in Qiskit](#)

- . A SWAP gate is not a native gate on the IBM Q devices, and must be decomposed into three CNOT gates:

```
swap_circ = QuantumCircuit(2)
swap_circ.swap(0, 1)
swap_circ.decompose().draw(output='mpl')
```





Transpiling Toffoli-gate

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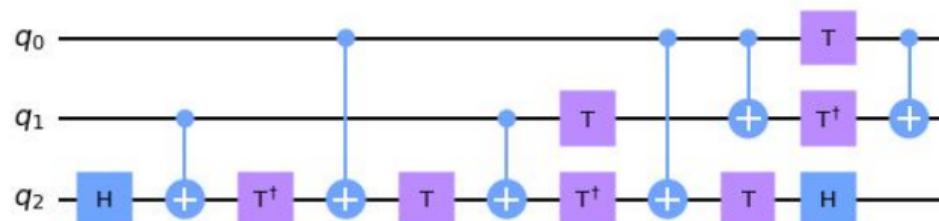
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See: [Transpiler in Qiskit](#)

A Toffoli, or controlled-controlled-not gate (ccx), is a three-qubit gate. Given that our basis gate set includes only single- and two-qubit gates, it is obvious that this gate must be decomposed. This decomposition is quite costly:

```
ccx_circ = QuantumCircuit(3)
ccx_circ.ccx(0, 1, 2)
ccx_circ.decompose().draw(output='mpl')
```





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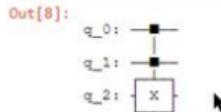
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Figure: Transpiling

```
In [8]: #Basic Toffoli gate,
qc = QuantumCircuit(3)
qc.ccx(0,1,2)
qc.draw()
```



```
In [9]: qc_decomposed = qc.decompose()
qc_decomposed.draw()
```

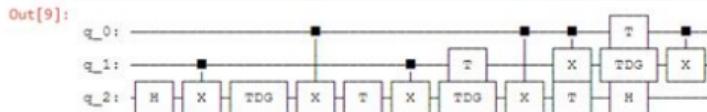
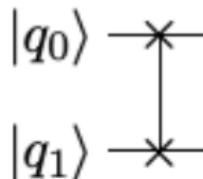
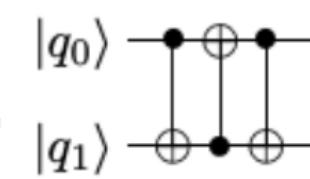


Figure: Swap and CNOT



(a) A SWAP gate

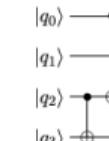


(b) Three CNOT gates

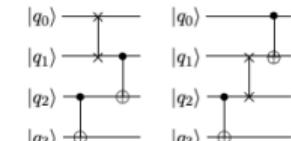
Figure: Routing



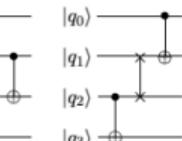
(a) 4-qubit topology



(b) Circuit



(c) Routed circuit c_1



(d) Routed circuit c_2



Analysis gates placing and routing

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Subgoals: Modelling of circuit synthesis

Challenges:

- 1.) Preprocessing algorithms, e.g. reducing number of gates, gate type
- 2.) Transpiling and performance estimates
- 3.) Analysing target language (QASM)
- 4.) Analysing constraints and criteria
- 5.) Machine Learning options (reinforcement learning) [3]
- 6.) References: [4], [5]



Controlling transpiler output

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- Transpiler API
- Qiskit tutorial transpiling and passmanager
- Option discussed in SURFproject: Test Crosstalk adaptive scheduler



Transpiling approaches

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- [Pennylane](#)
- [Qiskit transpiling](#)
- [Qiskit API](#)



Example Pennylane

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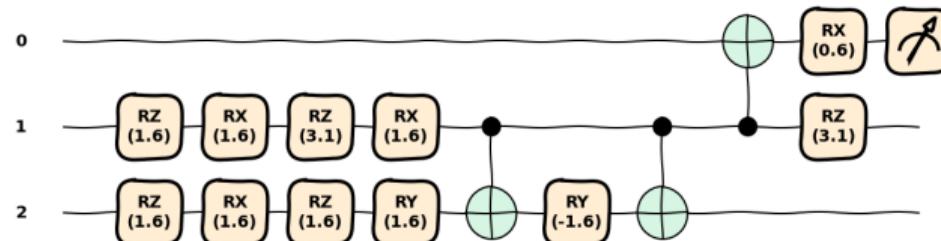
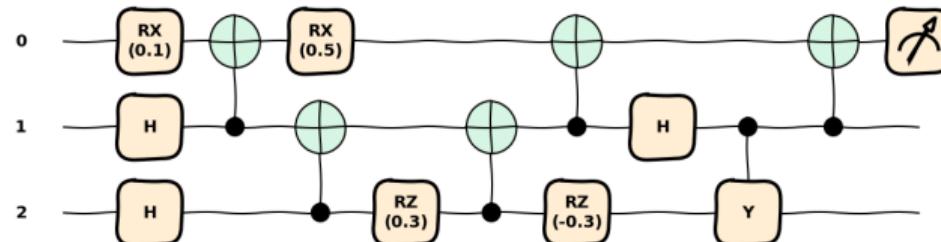
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Example Qiskit transpiler notebooks

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Submit transpiled circuits

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- defaults-and-configuration-options.ipynb
- dynamical-decoupling-pass-manager.ipynb
- representing_quantum_computers.ipynb
- set-optimization.ipynb
- transpile-with-pass-managers.ipynb
- create-a-transpiler-plugin.ipynb
- custom-backend.ipynb
- custom-transpiler-pass.ipynb



Example Qiskit transpiling

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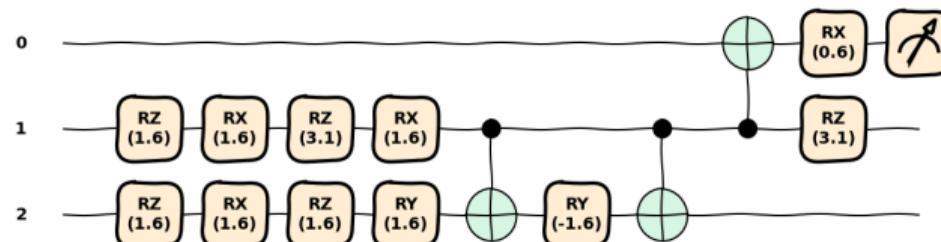
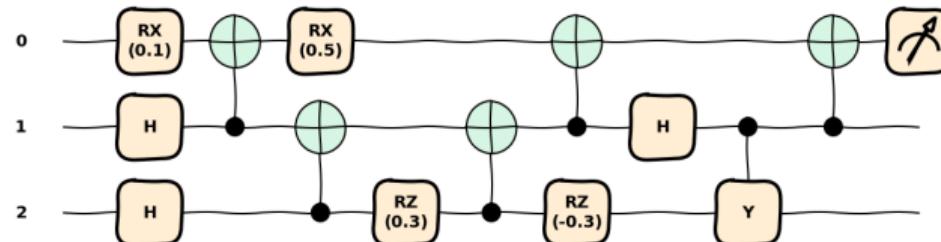
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Example PyZX library

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PyZX (pronounce as Pisics) is a Python tool implementing the theory of ZX-calculus for the creation, visualisation, and automated rewriting of large-scale quantum circuits ([Github library](#), [6])

- `Circuit` - The name of the circuit
- `qubits` - Amount of qubits in the circuit
- `G-count` - Gate count of original circuit
- `2-count` - Amount of 2-qubit gates in original circuit
- `G/2-NRSCM` - Total amount and 2-qubit gate amount from optimized circuit of [1]
- `G/2-Tpar` - Total amount and 2-qubit gate amount from optimized circuit of [2]
- `G/2-PyZX` - Total amount and 2-qubit gate amount from optimized circuit made by PyZX
- `Time-Simp` - The time taken for running the simplification routine on the circuit
- `Time-Extract` - The time taken for extracting the circuit after the simplification



Examples PyZX library

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```
In [4]: print("Circuit".ljust(20), "qubits", "G-count", "2-count", "G-NRSCM", "2-NRSCM", "G-Tpar", "2-Tpar", 'for c in fast_circuits:  
    print(c.get_output())
```

Circuit	qubits	G-count	2-count	G-NRSCM	2-NRSCM	G-Tpar	2-Tpar	G-PyZX	2-PyZX	Time-Simp	Ti
me-Opt											
Adder8 0.13	23	637	243	190	94	-	-	362	199	1.06	
adder_8 0.21	24	900	409	606	291	1280	885	677	337	2.03	
barenco_tof_10 ^ 44	19	450	192	264	130	517	328	365	176	0.62	
hwb8.qc 13.42	12	14856	7129	-	-	-	-	12491	6234	174.24	
mod_adder_1024 1.80	28	4285	1720	2736	1278	5183	3540	3136	1430	12.82	
nth_prime8.tfc 18.58	12	16968	8235	-	-	-	-	14511	7229	136.90	
QFT32 0.34	32	1562	612	1012	612	-	-	1012	612	1.71	
QFTAdd16 0.51	32	1822	716	1168	716	-	-	1186	716	2.90	
QFTAdd32 1.44	64	4814	1900	3040	1900	-	-	3077	1900	10.31	



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References

- NVida CUDA-Q
- Optimized quantum circuit simulators
- Simulator PennyLane and plugins
- and many more



Quantum sensing applications

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- Atomic clocks.
- Mass ‘Tomography’: magnetometers can detect water pipes (or the like) in walls.
- Energy optimisation
- Navigation and compasses/accelerometers
- Very precise MRI scanners
- Brain scanning
- Many more

Theory: [Quantum Sensing](#)([7]



Quantum sensing and quantum basis

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	Qubit(s)	Measured quantity(ies)	Typical frequency
Neutral atoms	Atomic vapor	Atomic spin	Magnetic field, Rotation, Time/Frequency
	Cold clouds	Atomic spin	Magnetic field, Acceleration, Time/Frequency
Trapped ion(s)		Long-lived electronic state Vibrational mode	Time/Frequency Rotation Electric field, Force
Rydberg atoms		Rydberg states	Electric field
Solid state spins (ensembles)			
NMR sensors NV center ensembles	Nuclear spins	Magnetic field	DC
	Electron spins	Magnetic field, Electric field, Temperature, Pressure, Rotation	DC–GHz
Solid state spins (single spins)			
P donor in Si Semiconductor quantum dots Single NV center	Electron spin	Magnetic field	DC–GHz
	Electron spin	Magnetic field, Electric field	DC–GHz
	Electron spin	Magnetic field, Electric field, Temperature, Pressure, Rotation	DC–GHz



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Superconducting circuits				
SQUID	Supercurrent	Magnetic field	DC–10 GHz	
Flux qubit	Circulating currents	Magnetic field	DC–10 GHz	
Charge qubit	Charge eigenstates	Electric field	DC–10 GHz	
Elementary particles				
Muon	Muonic spin	Magnetic field	DC	
Neutron	Nuclear spin	Magnetic field, Phonon density, Gravity	DC	
Other sensors				
SET	Charge eigenstates	Electric field	DC–100 MHz	
Optomechanics	Phonons	Force, Acceleration, Mass, Magnetic field, Voltage	kHz–GHz	
Interferometer	Photons, (Atoms, Molecules)	Displacement, Refractive Index	–	

Table: Experimental implementations of quantum sensors. SET: single electron transistor, NV: nitrogen-vacancy, status 2017 ([7])



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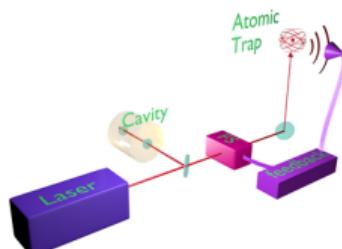
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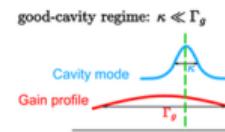
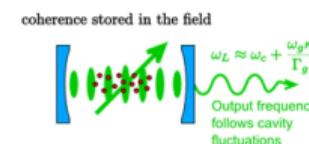
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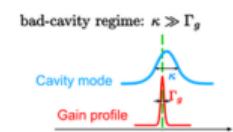
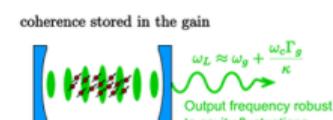
- Technology of quantum clocks to synchronize **integrated quantum clock consortium**. Prof. Florian Schleck from the University of Amsterdam is involved.



Standard laser



Superradiant laser





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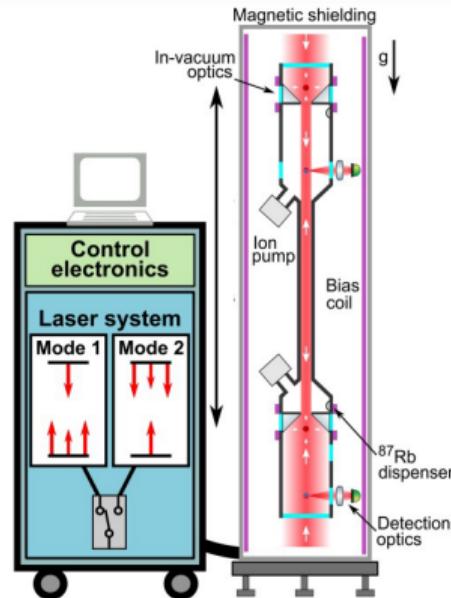
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Gravity cartography [8]





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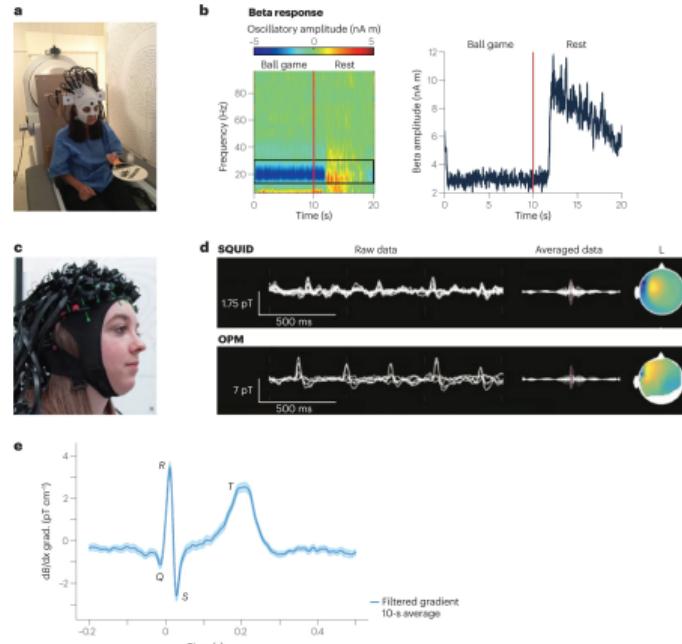
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- Quantum biology sensors





Quantum internet hardware

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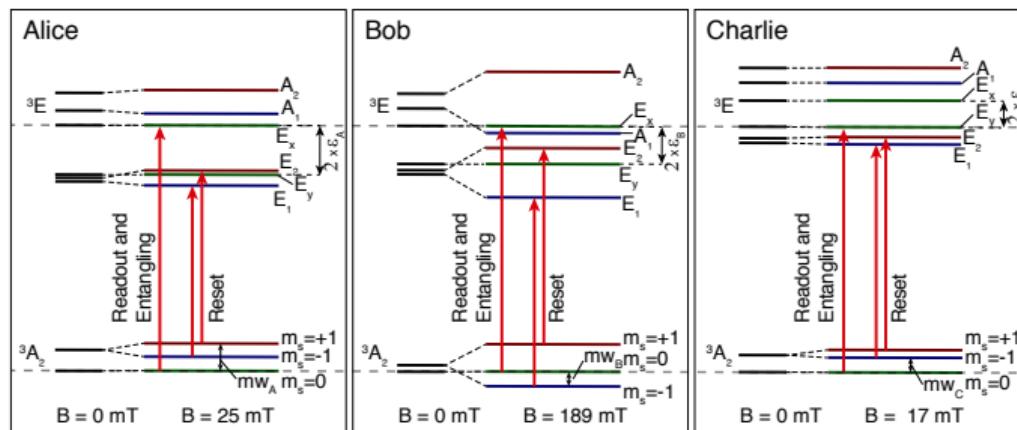
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Quantum internet experiments in Delft ([9]) with a demo ([10])





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Cooperation between ESA and EU (see e.g. Policy papers)

- Secure Quantum Communication (QKD via satellite)
- Quantum technology for accurate time and Frequency Transfer (e.g. Navigation)
- Earth Sensing and Observation(e.g. measuring gravity field Earth)
- Fundamental Physics (e.g. Bose-Einstein Condensates)



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- Quantum workshop 2024



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- 1.) Complexity of algorithms
- 2.) Thermal energy and quantum computation
- 3.) Foundations based on axioms



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- 1.) Landauer Principle Stands up to Quantum Test
- 2.) Breaking Landauer's bound in aspin-encoded quantum computer

Cooling requires a lot of energy



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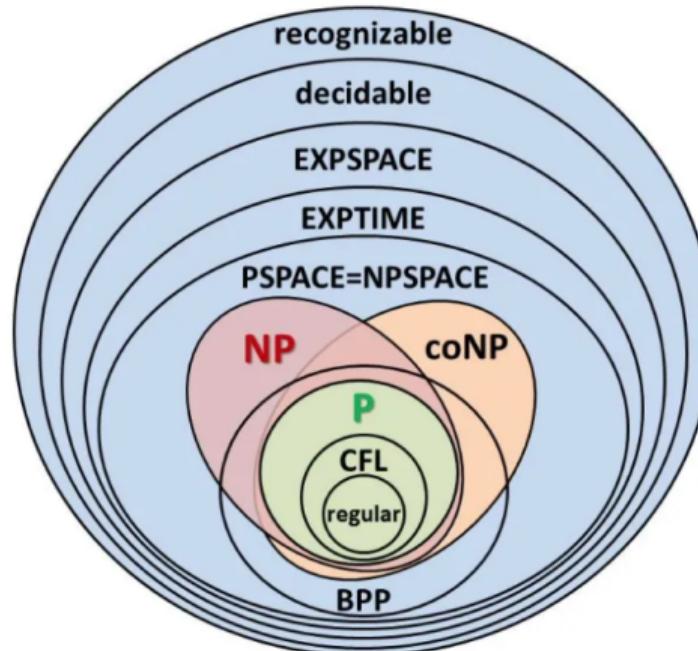
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Complexity — Classes and Their Limitations





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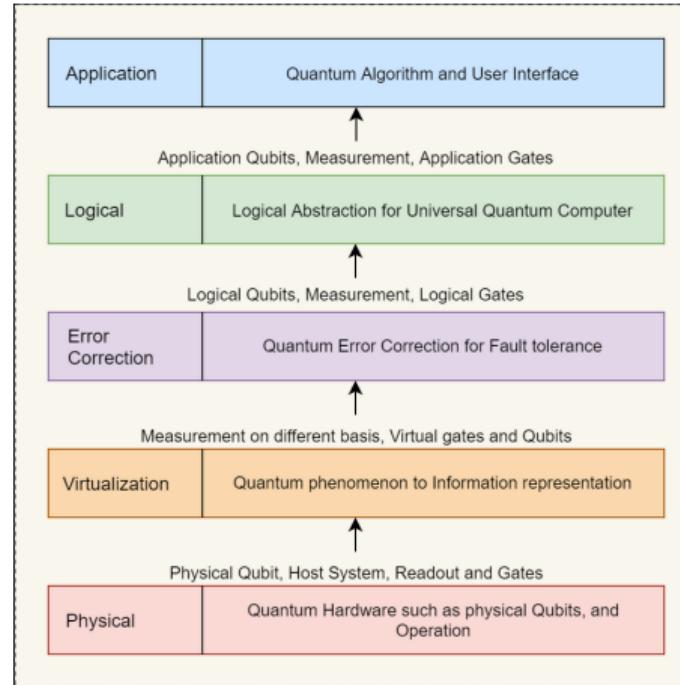
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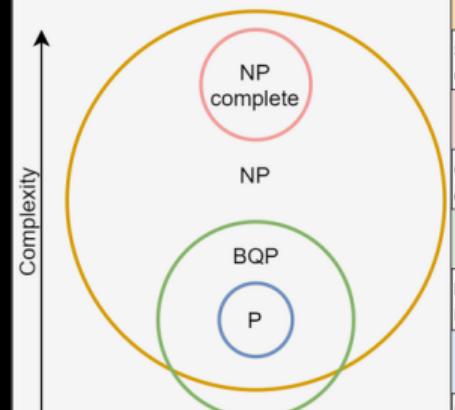
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Quantum Computing Toolkit From Nuts and Bolts to Sack of Tools[11]

Quantum Complexity Classes		Polynomial Space Problem (PSPACE)
<p>P SPACE</p> 		Space requirements are polynomial bound e.g. NxN Chess
<p>Non Deterministic Polynomial Time (NP)</p>		Solutions can be guessed and verified in polynomial time e.g. Graph Isomorphism
<p>Non Deterministic Polynomial Time Complete (NP Complete)</p>		Class of problem for which no efficient solution is available e.g. Travelling Sales Person
<p>Bounded-error quantum polynomial time (BQP)</p>		Problems can be efficiently solved by quantum computer e.g. Factoring Discrete Log
<p>Polynomial Time Solvable (P)</p>		Efficiently solved by both quantum and classical computer e.g. Graph Connectivity



Quantum physics axiom 1

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Classically, $|x\rangle$ should be polarized \uparrow or \rightarrow , if this is the case we expect two outcomes:

- 1.) If $|x\rangle$ goes through filter, then $|x\rangle$ is \uparrow .
- 2.) If $|x\rangle$ is deflected, then $|x\rangle$ is \rightarrow .



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Physical States (Choices made by humans to describe quantum mechanics):

$$\uparrow = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (pure state)}$$

Something of note, these two vectors form a basis for \mathbb{C}^2 and all combinations are:

$$|x\rangle = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } \|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2 = 1 \text{ To keep track of this choice, we make}$$

the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ representing vertically polarized filter.

Another note, the eigen-vals of that matrix are $|v\rangle, |h\rangle$.



Quantum physics axiom 2

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An observable of a state $|x\rangle$ corresponds to a Hermitian matrix A. $|x\rangle$ is in state $|u\rangle$, an eigen-vec for A with probability $|\langle u|x\rangle|^2$

Definition

Expectation value of A (or mean value) of observable associated to A after measurements with respect to many copies of $|\psi\rangle$ is **the weighted average of the expected outcomes.**

$$\langle A \rangle_{\psi} = \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle u_i | \psi \rangle|^2$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i |u_i\rangle \text{ where } u_i \text{ is an e-basis from A}$$



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The time dependence of a state is governed by the Schrödinger equation:

$$i\bar{h} \frac{\delta |\psi|}{\delta t} = H |\psi\rangle \quad (1)$$

\bar{h} is reduced Planck's constant

H is Hermitian matrix corresponding to energy of the system **Hamiltonian**.

When H is time invariant (constant), the Schrödinger equation becomes:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{\frac{-itH}{\bar{h}}} |\psi(0)\rangle \quad (2)$$



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