

Programming the QPU



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QPU: Accessing the real device

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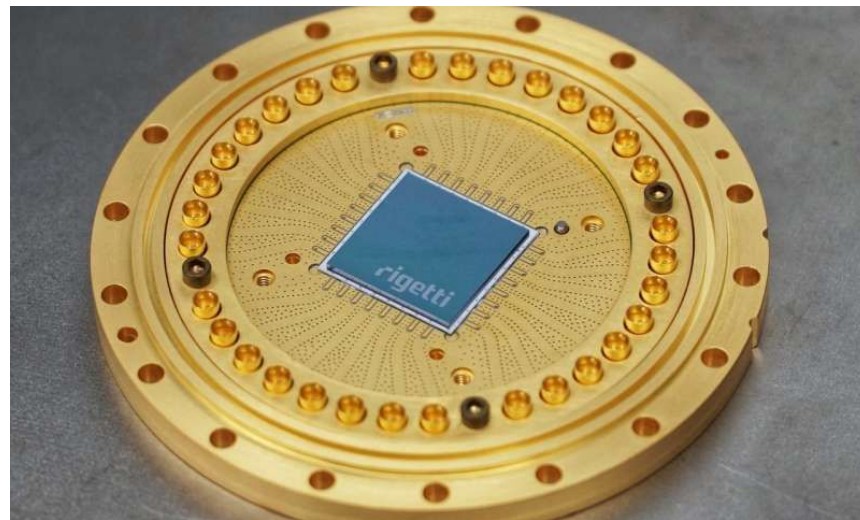


Rigetti 19Q-Acorn

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Latest generation QPU
(currently offline)

19 superconducting qubits

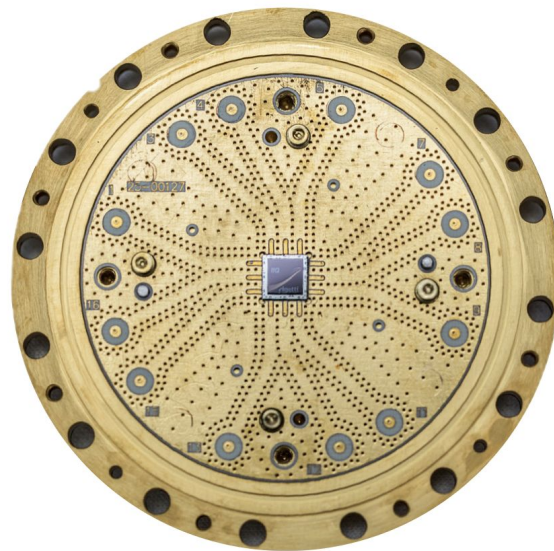


Rigetti 8Q-Agave

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Previous generation QPU
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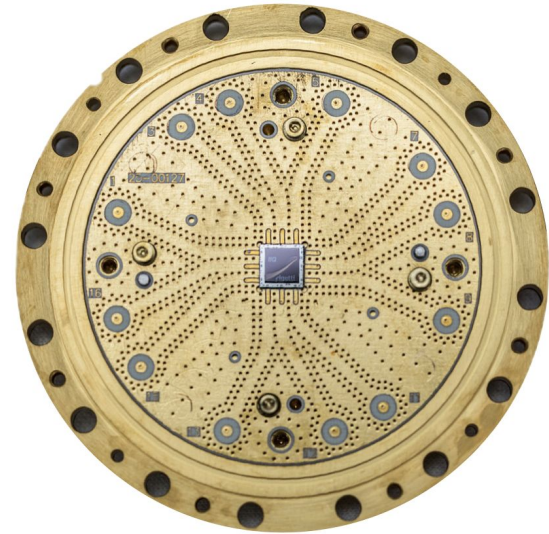
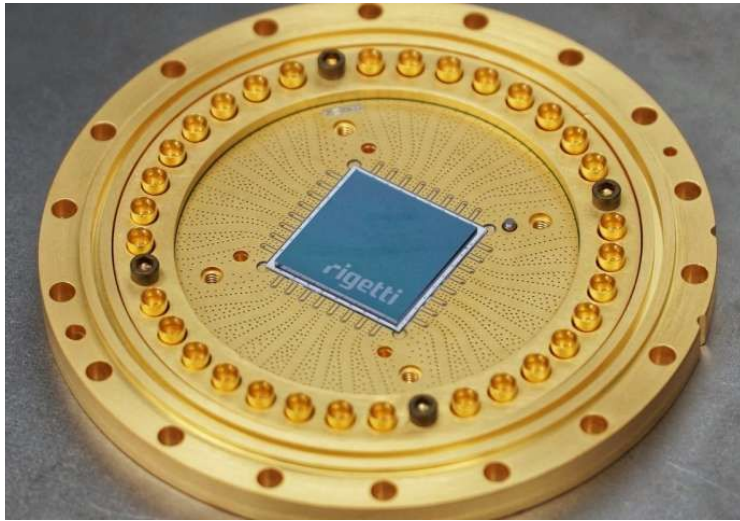
8 superconducting qubits



Metrics of a QPU

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How does QPUs differ from one another? It's not just about the **qubits**..



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Table 1 | Rigetti 8Q performance

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	MHz	MHz	μs	μs		
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**T1/T2 relaxation
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Readout fidelities

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Table 3 | Rigetti 19Q performance

	$\omega_r^{\max}/2\pi$	$\omega_{01}^{\max}/2\pi$	$\eta/2\pi$	T_1	T_2^*	F_{1q}	F_{RO}
	MHz	MHz	MHz	μs	μs		
0	5592	4386	-208	15.2 ± 2.5	7.2 ± 0.7	0.9815	0.938
1	5703	4292	-210	17.6 ± 1.7	7.7 ± 1.4	0.9907	0.958
2	5599	4221	-142	18.2 ± 1.1	10.8 ± 0.6	0.9813	0.97
3	5708	3829	-224	31.0 ± 2.6	16.8 ± 0.8	0.9908	0.886
4	5633	4372	-220	23.0 ± 0.5	5.2 ± 0.2	0.9887	0.953

Notice the substantial **improvement in all the metrics** compared to previous generation.

Metrics of a QPU

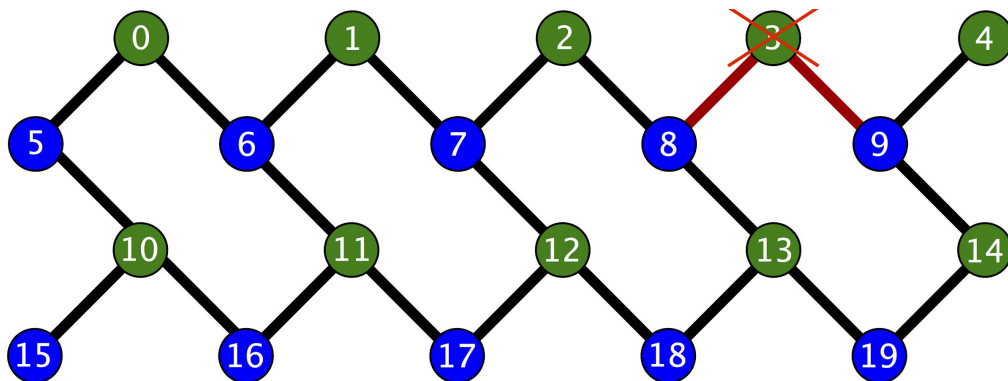
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Not just the number of qubits, but also:

- Decoherence times
- Readout fidelities
- Gate fidelities



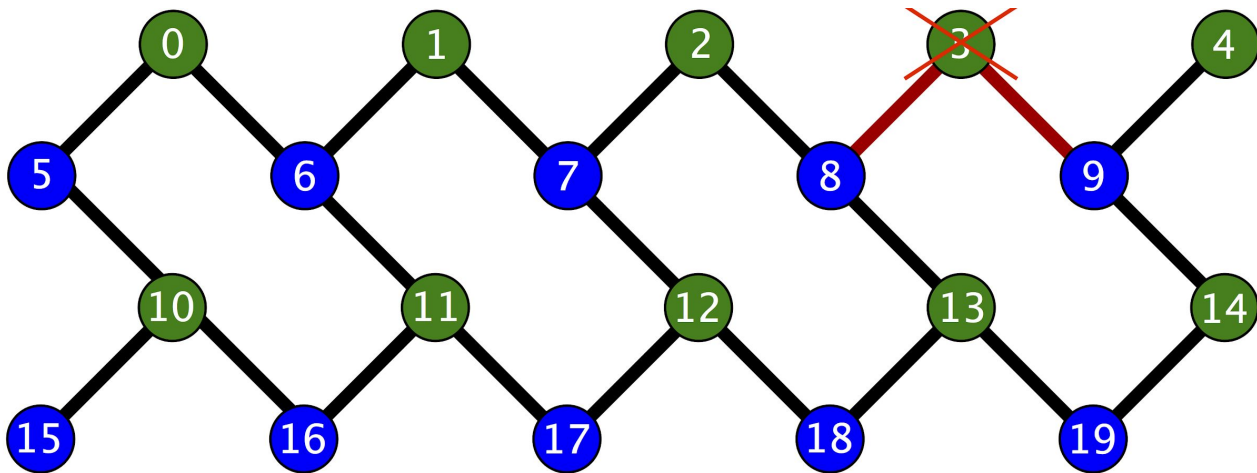
Circuit depth



Chip topology

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Not fully connected -> might require **topological SWAPs**

Working with the QPU

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Just replace QVMConnection with **QPUConnection**!

```
>>> from pyquil.api import QVMConnection()  
>>> qvm = QVMConnection()
```



```
>>> from pyquil.api import QPUConnection, get_devices  
>>> acorn = get_devices(as_dict=True)['19Q-Acorn']  
>>> qpu = QPUConnection(device=acorn)
```


Simulating the QPU

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Specify the **device** you want the QVM to simulate

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>>> from pyquil.gates import H, MEASURE
>>> from pyquil.quil import Program

>>> acorn = get_devices(as_dict=True)['19Q-Acorn']
>>> qvm = QVMConnection(device=acorn)

>>> program = Program([H(0), H(0), MEASURE(0, 0)])
>>> qvm.run(program, trials=10)
[[0], [0], [0], [0], [0], [0], [0], [0], [1], [0]]
```

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Provides a way of **estimating the performance** of your circuit

- Simulates readout error
- Uses simulated noisy gates to implement gate fidelities
- Has no notion of time

Compiling code to the QPU

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pyQuil

```
H 0
CNOT 0 1
MEASURE 0 [0]
MEASURE 1 [1]
```

compilation



```
RZ(pi/2) 0
RX(pi/2) 0
RZ(-pi/2) 1
RX(pi/2) 1
CZ 1 0
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RX(-pi/2) 1
RZ(pi/2) 1
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QPU

Why make things more complex?

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QPUs implements only a **restricted set of quantum gates** (by definition, since there are infinitely many!)

$RZ(\theta)$, $RX(k\pi/2)$ and **CZ**

Still universal, but **gate decomposition is required.**

Problems with compilation

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Gate decomposition **introduces overhead** in your circuit

4 instr.

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compilation



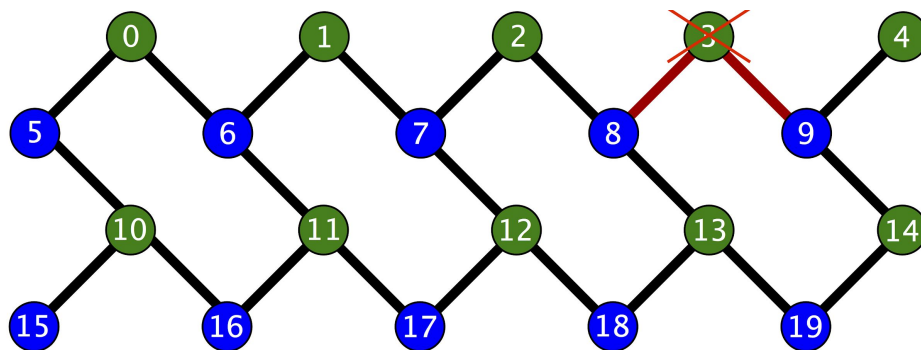
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10 instr.

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QPU instructions **must respect** graph topology

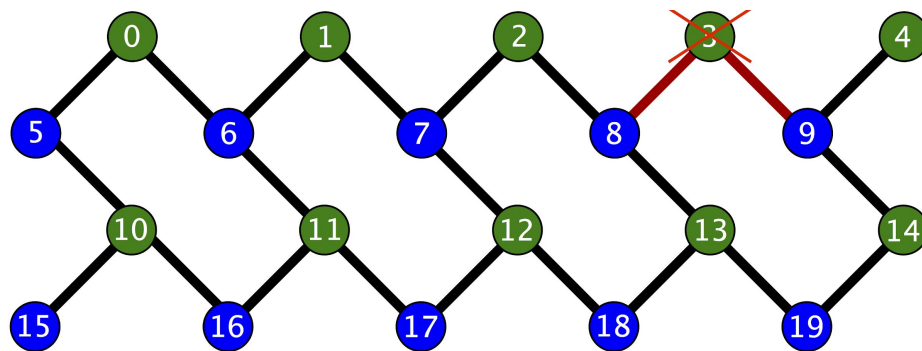


~~CZ 1 0~~

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~~CZ 1 0~~



Qubits 1 and 0
are not connected

Compiling code to the QPU

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```
>>> from pyquil.api import CompilerConnection, get_devices
```

```
>>> from pyquil.gates import H, CNOT, MEASURE
```

```
>>> from pyquil.quil import Program
```

```
>>> program = Program([H(0), CNOT(0, 1), MEASURE(0, 0), MEASURE(1, 1)])
```

```
>>> agave = get_devices(as_dict=True)['8Q-Agave']
```

```
>>> compiler = CompilerConnection(device=agave)
```

```
>>> compiled = compiler.compile(program)
```


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Why compile manually?

Benefits of manual compilation

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Compilation usually happens **behind the scenes**

```
>>> program = Program([H(0), H(0), MEASURE(0, 0)])  
>>> qpu = QPUConnection(device=acorn)  
>>> qpu.run(program)
```

Program is **first compiled**,
then run on QPU



Compiled version enables you to:

- Properly **debug** actual circuit run on the device
- Accurately **observe** the circuit depth
- **Appreciate** all layers of complexity that make your quantum code work

Now, please start
working through the exercises
in the Jupyter Notebook for
Tutorial 4

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