





Quantum computing for finance

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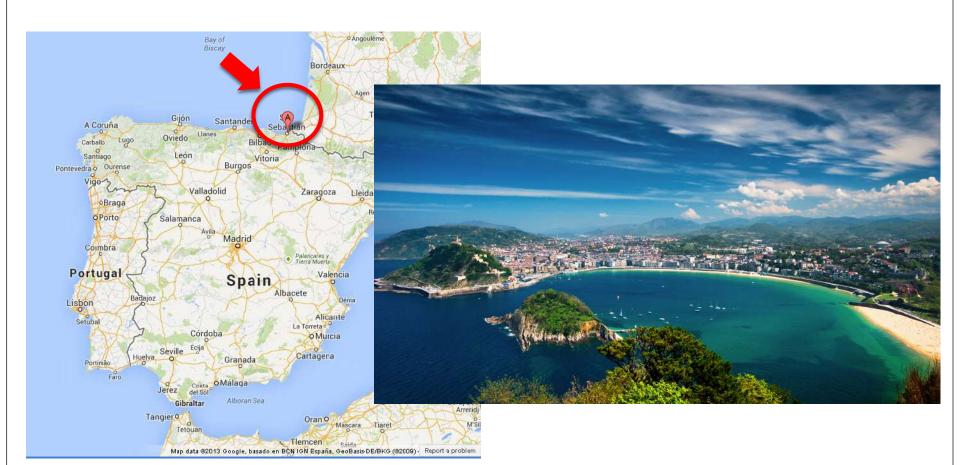
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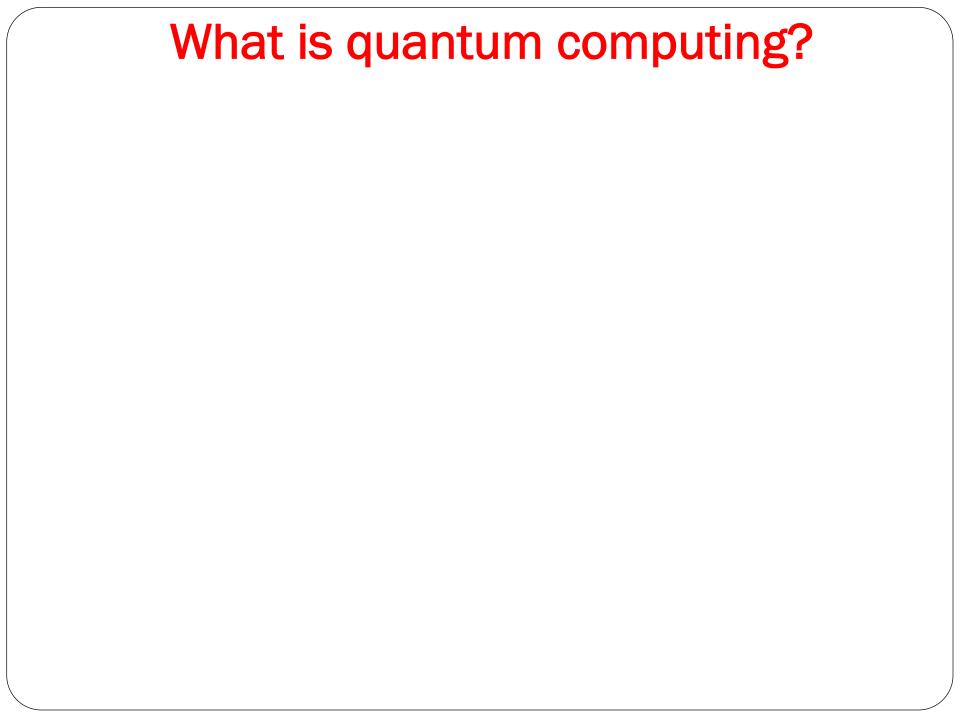
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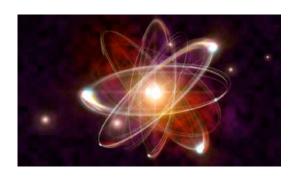








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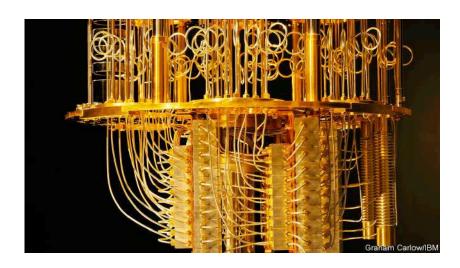
• Quantum annealing (energy minimization)



Quantum gates
 (quantum circuits)



(not exhaustive)



Quantum processors improving every day

A nice example

Traffic flow optimization with a quantum annealer







Optimization of routes to the airport for 10,000 taxis in Beijing

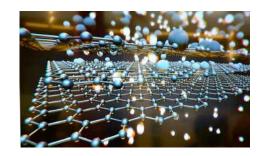
Predict taxi demand from GPS data in Barcelona

F. Neukart et al, arXiv:1708.01625

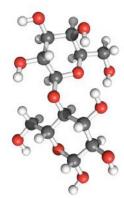
More cool examples: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTnu1UiFXVo

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WHO?

- Banks
- Central banks
- Finance departments
- Rating agencies
- Regulators
- Tax offices
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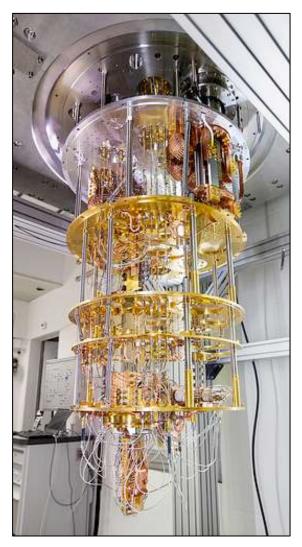
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* Strongly mathematical: optimization problems, Monte Carlo sampling, stochastic differential equations, machine learning...

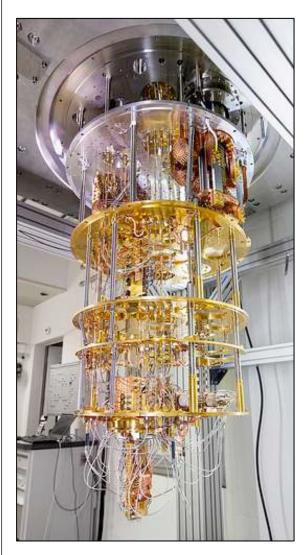


quantitative finance ("quants")



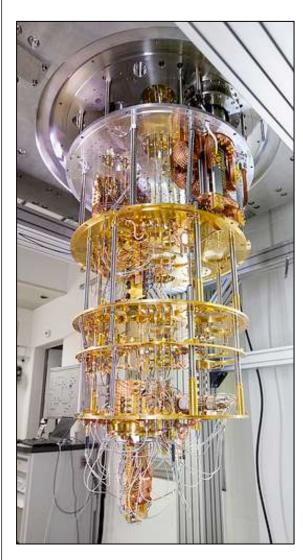
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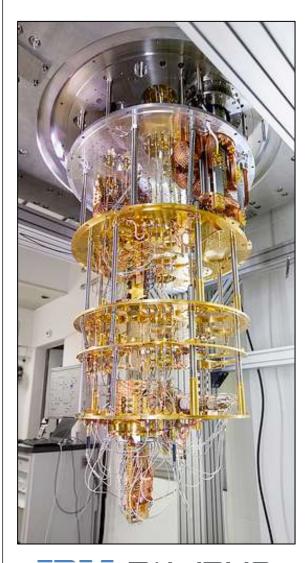




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* Technological, practical & sociological relevance.



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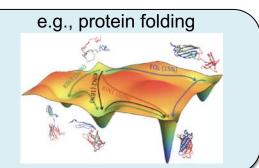
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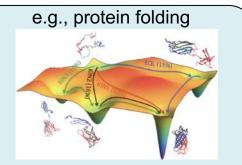
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Toy example: $x_1, x_2, x_3 = 0, 1$ (bits); Which configurations satisfy $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$? (simple 3-bit instance of Exact Cover problem, NP-Complete)

Solutions: (0,0,1), (0,1,0), (1,0,0)

As an optimization problem: find the minimum of

$$f(x_1,x_2,x_3)=(x_1+x_2+x_3-1)^2$$
 $=2x_1x_2+2x_2x_3+2x_1x_3-x_1-x_2-x_3+1$
QUBO formula (QUadratic Binary Optimization)

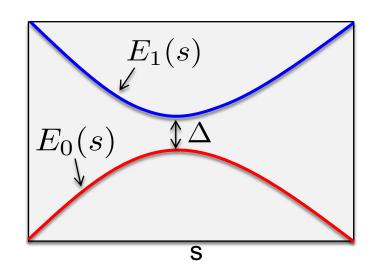
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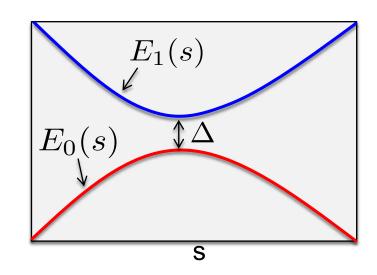
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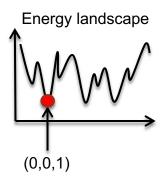
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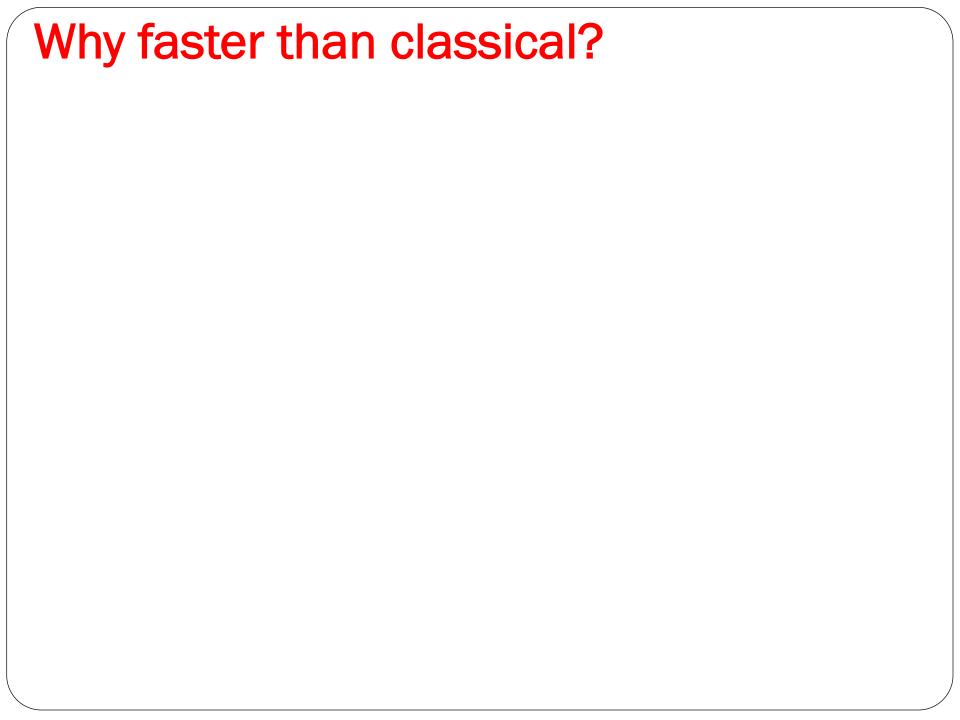
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Repeat process many times, sample outcomes, and choose the best found solution (non-ideal conditions imply solution may not be optimal)

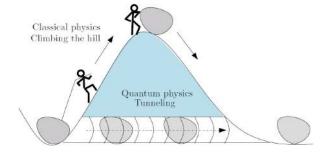




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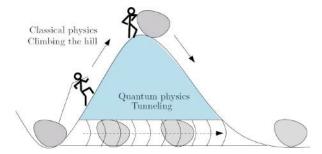
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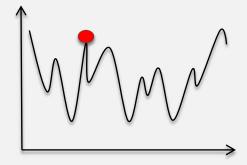
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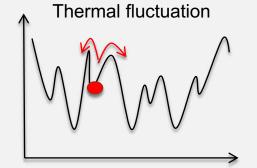
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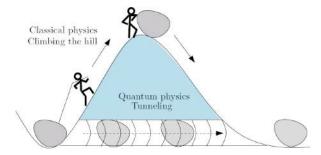


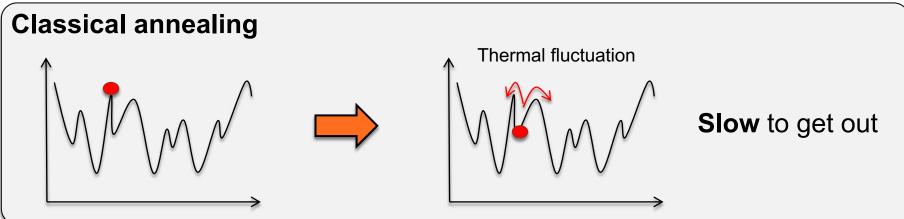
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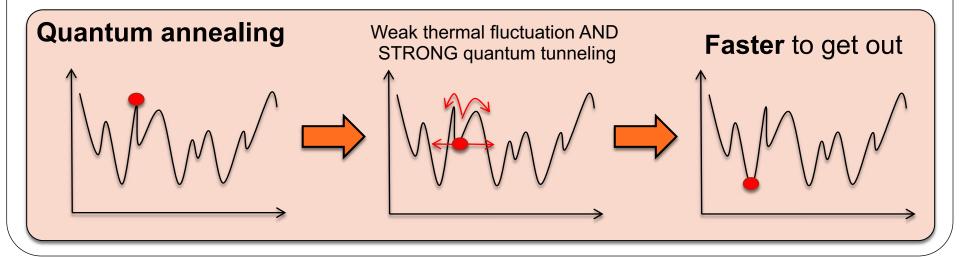
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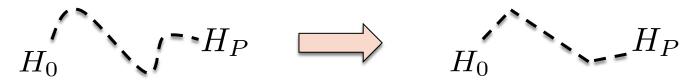
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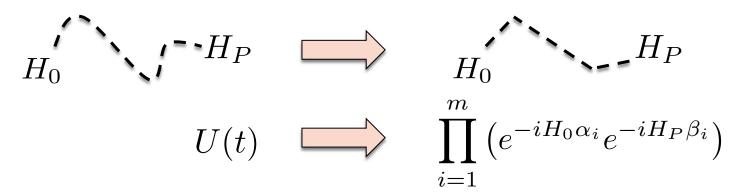
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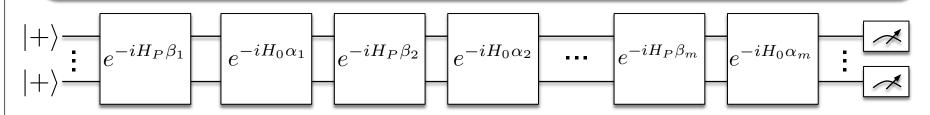
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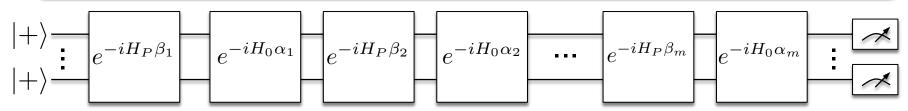
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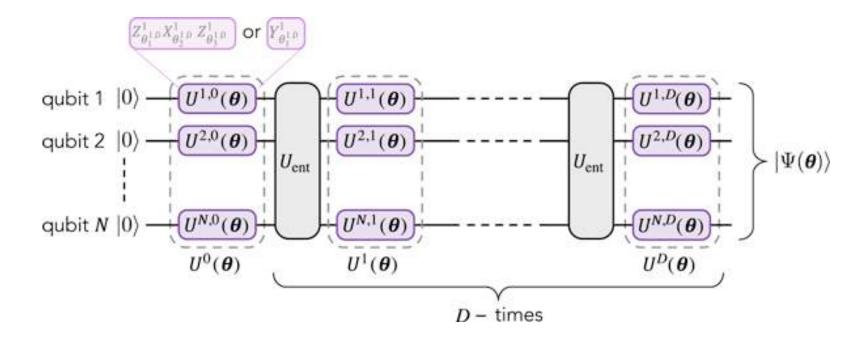
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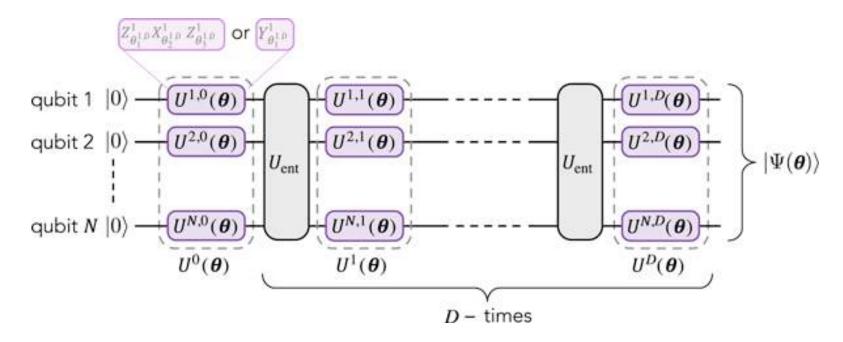
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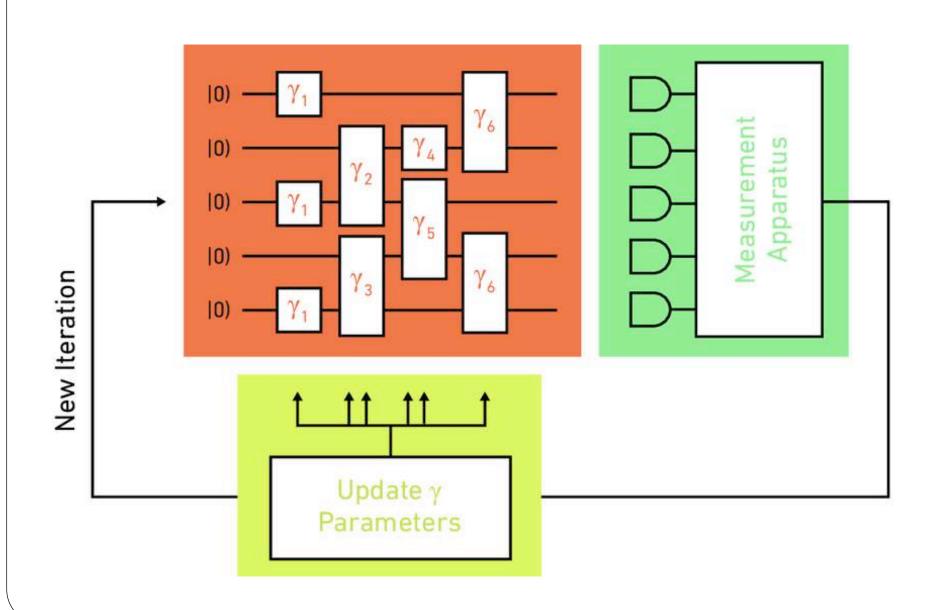
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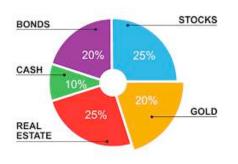
- **Good**: we choose the circuit, therefore we can control very well its implementation
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QAOA & VQE: hybrid heuristic algorithms



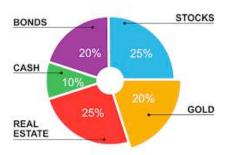
Four examples in finance

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$$\omega = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\mu_t^T \omega_t - \frac{\gamma}{2} \omega_t^T \Sigma_t \omega_t - \Delta \omega_t^T \Lambda_t \Delta \omega_t + \Delta \omega_t^T \Lambda_t' \omega_t \right)$$
 return forecast returns forecast transaction covariance tensor costs

Constraints:
$$\sum_{1}^{N} \omega_{nt} = K \ \forall t, \quad \omega_{nt} \leq K' \ \forall t, n$$

G. Rosenberg et al, IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing 10, 1053 (2016). See also P. Rebentrost, S. Lloyd, arXiv:1811.03975





Dynamic Portfolio Optimization with Real Datasets Using Quantum Processors and Quantum-Inspired Tensor Networks

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In this paper we tackle the problem of dynamic portfolio optimization, i.e., determining the optimal trading trajectory for an investment portfolio of assets over a period of time, taking into account transaction costs and other possible constraints. This problem, well-known to be NP-Hard, is central to quantitative finance. After a detailed introduction to the problem, we implement a number of quantum and quantum-inspired algorithms on different hardware platforms to solve its discrete formulation using real data from daily prices over 8 years of 52 assets, and do a detailed comparison of the obtained Sharpe ratios, profits and computing times. In particular, we implement classical solvers (Gekko, exhaustive), D-Wave Hybrid quantum annealing, two different approaches based on Variational Quantum Eigensolvers on IBM-Q (one of them brand-new and tailored to the problem), and for the first time in this context also a quantum-inspired optimizer based on Tensor Networks. In order to fit the data into each specific hardware platform, we also consider doing a preprocessing based on clustering of assets. From our comparison, we conclude that D-Wave Hybrid and Tensor Networks are able to handle the largest systems, where we do calculations up to 1272 fully-connected qubits for demonstrative purposes. Finally, we also discuss how to mathematically implement other possible real-life constraints, as well as several ideas to further improve the performance of the studied methods.

arXiv:2007.00017, first implementation with real data up to 52 assets and 8 years on D-Wave, VQE, and Tensor Networks (quantum-inspired)

Hybrid quantum-classical optimization for financial index tracking

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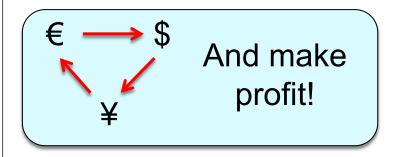
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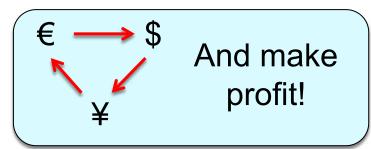
arXiv:2008.12050, another nice paper by good friends

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Implemented on D-Wave 2X for a small network of 5 assets

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Matrix U:

boolean variable = 1

columns = features of past credit applicant (age, etc) rows = numerical values

Vector V: record of past credit decisions

$$\omega = -\left(\alpha \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j |\rho_{V_j}| - (1-\alpha) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k \neq j}^{n} x_j x_k |\rho_{jk}| \right)$$

correlation between column j of U and V (influence on outcome)

correlation between columns j,k of U (mutual independence)

Proof of principle with 1QBit SDK

A. Milne, M. Rounds, P. Goddard, 1QBit Whitepaper (2017)

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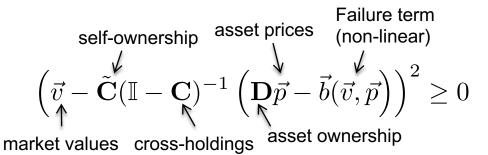


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$$\left(\vec{v} - \tilde{\mathbf{C}} (\mathbb{I} - \mathbf{C})^{-1} \left(\mathbf{D} \vec{p} - \vec{b} (\vec{v}, \vec{p}) \right)^2 \geq 0 \right)$$
 market values cross-holdings asset ownership

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It's equivalent to finding the ground state of a spin-1/2 system with 2-body interactions

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n = number of institutions2q+1 = bits to describe market valuesr = degree of non-linearity

Physically: financial crash ~ 1st order QPT

RO, S. Mugel, E. Lizaso, arXiv:1810.07690 (to appear in PRA)

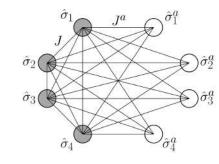
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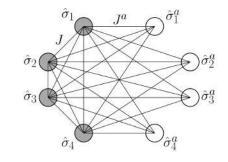
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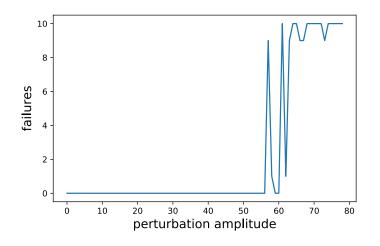
Feed this to the quantum annealer Ground state = financial equilibrium

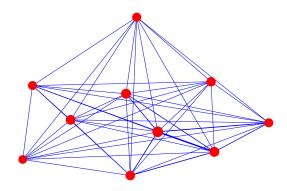




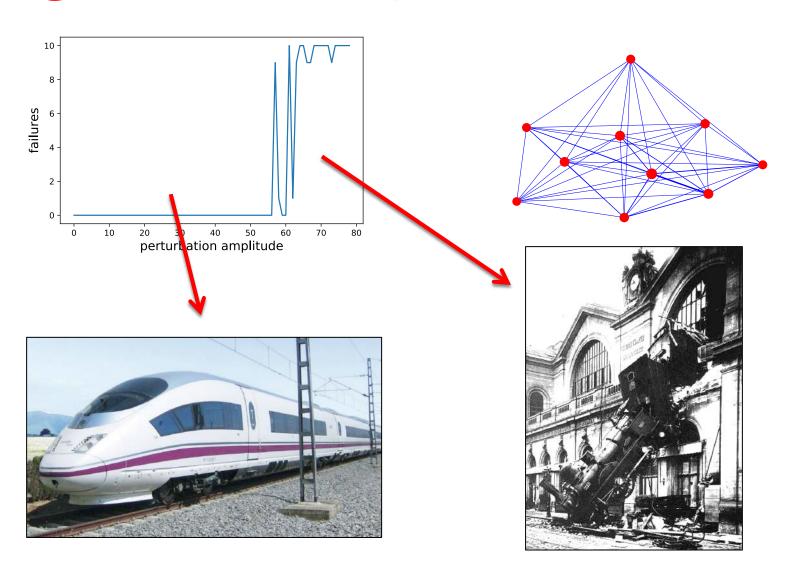


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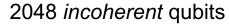


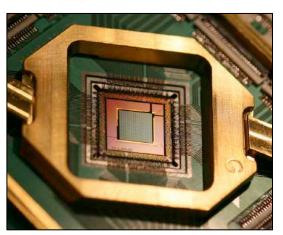
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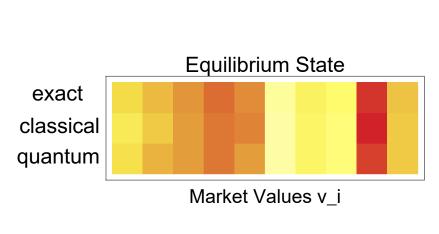
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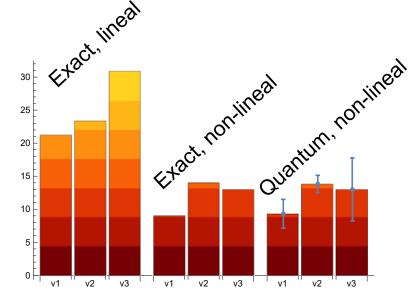
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Quantum machine learning

Summary of quantum speed-ups

Method	Speedup	AA	HHL	Adiabatic	QRAM
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Online Perceptron [109]	$O(\sqrt{N})$	Y	N	N	optional
Least squares fitting [9]	$O(\log N^{(*)})$	Y	Y	N	Y
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Quantum BM [22, 62]	$O(\log N^{(*)})$	optional/N	N	N/Y	N
Quantum PCA [11]	$O(\log N^{(*)})$	N	Y	N	optional
Quantum SVM [13]	$O(\log N^{(*)})$	N	Y	N	Y
Quantum reinforcement learning [30]	$O(\sqrt{N})$	Y	N	N	N

J. Biamonte et al, Nature 549, 195 (2017)

- * Usually need a universal quantum computer
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- * Some topics still under investigation (input/output, optimal number of gates...)

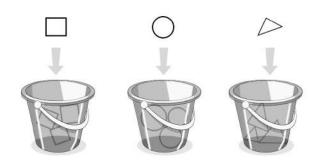
Not going into all details here...

Some examples

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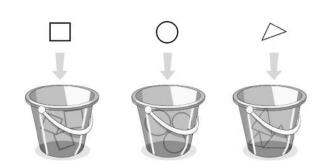
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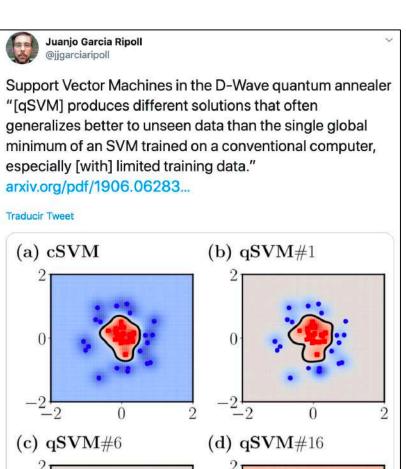
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→ Quantum support vector machines: classify a vector into one of two classes given M training data points. Time O(log(MN)) for training and classification (classical O(poly(M,n)).

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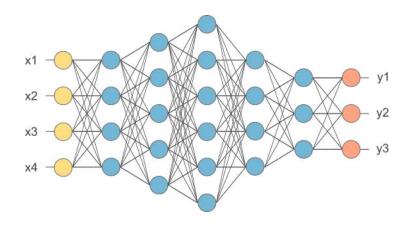
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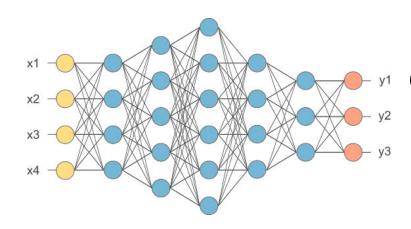
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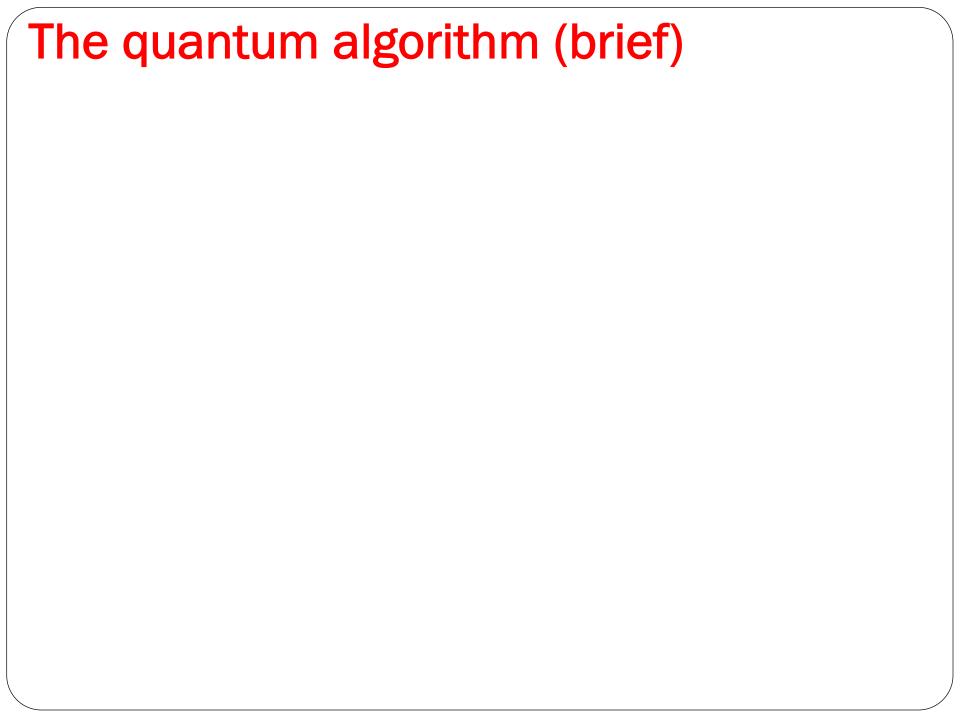
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- → Training by gradient descent → using quantum-PCA one would have a exponential speed-up.
- → New quantum neural networks (quantum perceptrons, quantum hidden Markov models). Still under investigation.

N. Wiebe, A. Kapoor, K. M. Svore, Adv. Neur. Inform. Proc. Syst. 29, 3999 (2016). A. Monras, A. Beige, K. Wiesner, App. Math. Comp. Sci. 3, 93 (2010).

Quantum amplitude estimation

...or "Grover + Shor"



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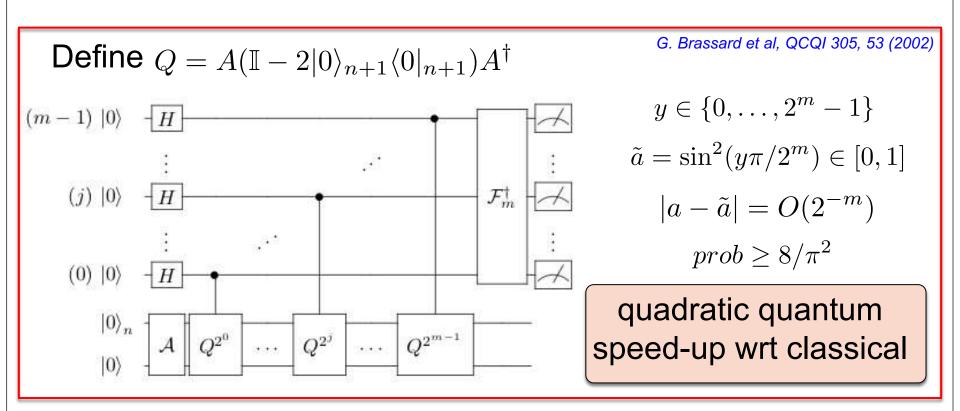
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(Can be generalized to many different scenarios)

Two possible financial applications

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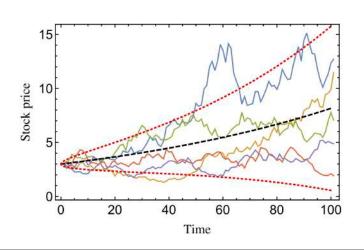
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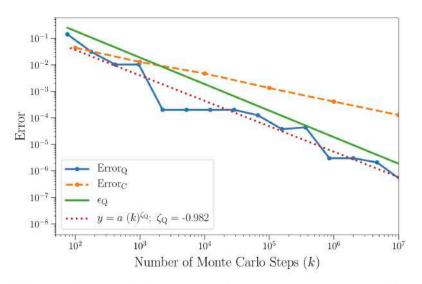


FIG. 3. Scaling of the error in classical and quantum MC methods (defined in Eq. (57)) plotted against number of MC steps for a European call option in log-log scale with $S_0 = \$100$, K = \$50, r = 0.05, $\sigma = 0.2$, T = 1, and D = 24. Subscripts C and Q denote the errors from classical MC and quantum phase estimation, respectively. Evidently, the error for the quantum algorithm (with a fitted slope of $\zeta_Q = -0.982$) scales almost quadratically faster than the classical MC method (which has $\zeta_C = -0.5$). The theoretical upper bound on the error in quantum algorithm is shown by the solid green curve, which corresponds to $\zeta_Q = -1$.

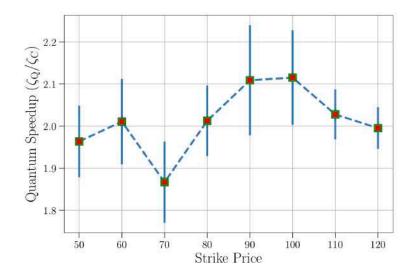


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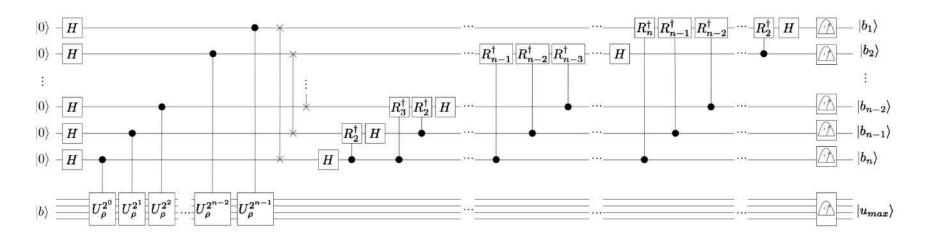
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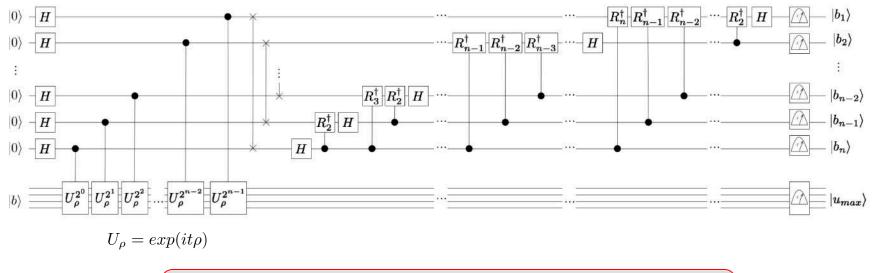
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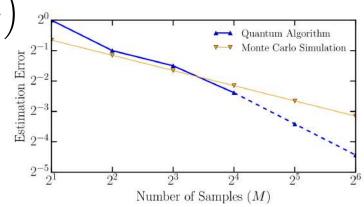
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