



# Quantum Computing

Trends and Directions

# Introducing myself




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# Agenda



- IBM Quantum Computer
- Basic Concepts in Quantum Computing
- Quantum Architecture
- Quantum Computing Applications
- The IBM Quantum Experience



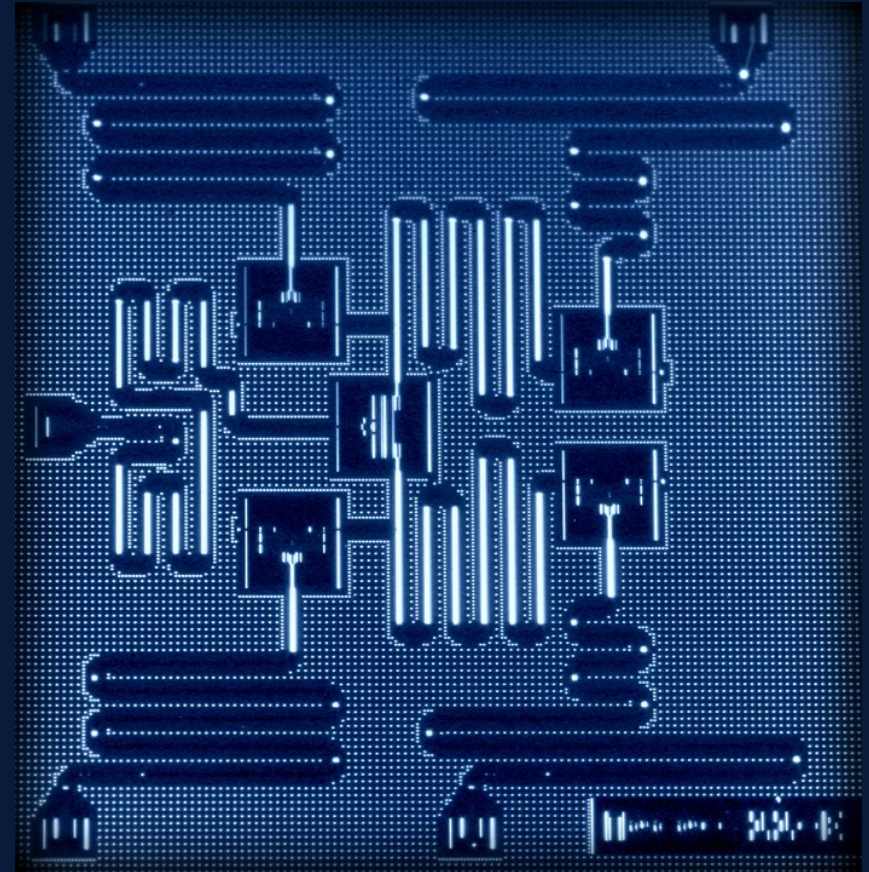
# IBM Quantum Computers

March 2016

# Quantum Computing in the Cloud



- IBM scientists have built a quantum processor that any user can access through the first quantum computing platform available in the cloud.
- IBM Quantum Experience, allows users to execute algorithms and experiments on a real quantum processor



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# IBM announces IBM Q



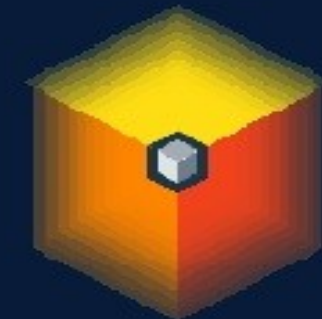
## IBM Q is the new line of Quantum Computers

IBM announces the building of a quantum computer of 50 qubits and that will offer services of quantum computation in the cloud

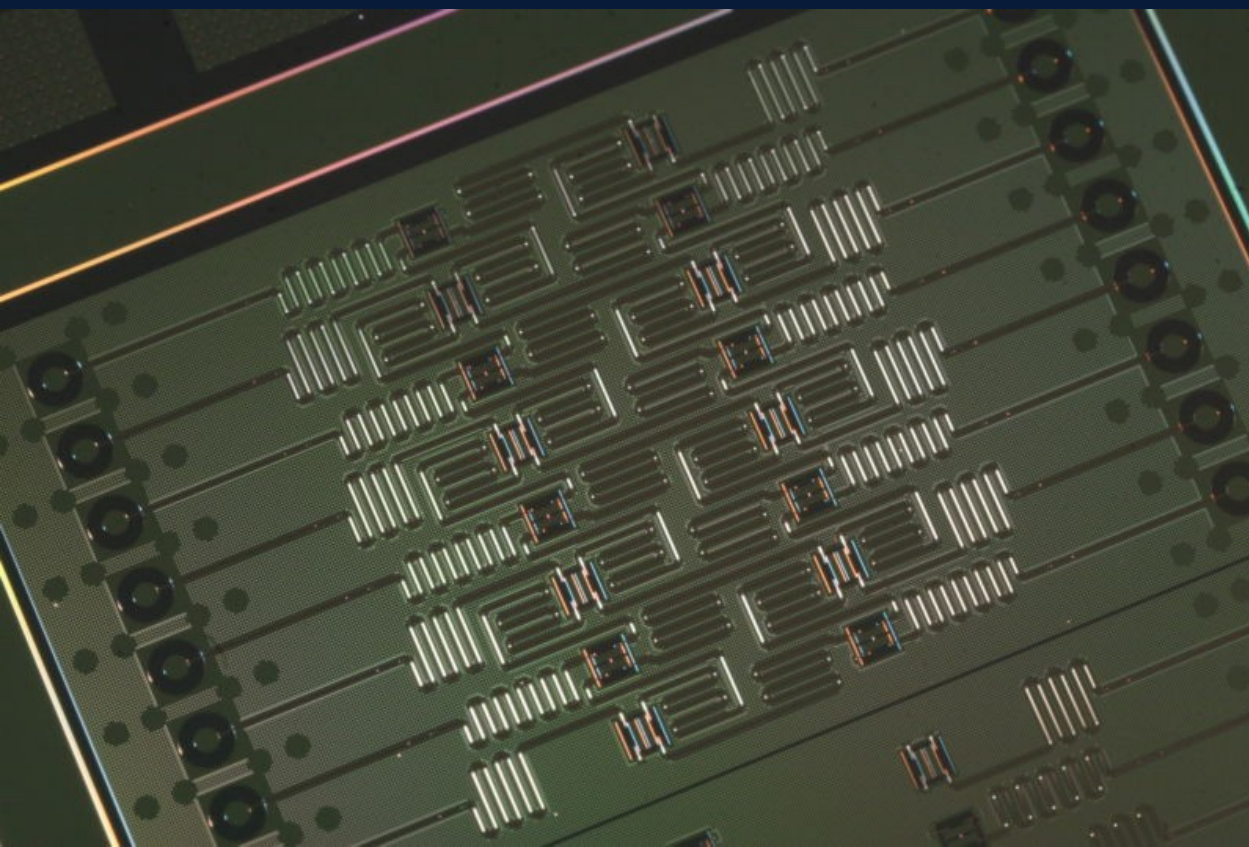




# May 2017 **First Commercial Quantum Computer**



**16 and 17 qubits universal quantum computers**



IBM says they are testing a new 17 qubits commercial quantum computing

IBM has discovered how to scale quantum architecture

In three years it is planned to reach 50 qubits



# Basic Concepts in Quantum Computing



# Basic Concepts in Quantum Mechanics



## Uncertainty Principle

Measurement on a system  
means Disturbing the system

## State Decoherence

Coherent states behaves  
like a single statesystem

## State Superposition

Basis states + Every posible  
Combination of states.

## Quantum Entanglement

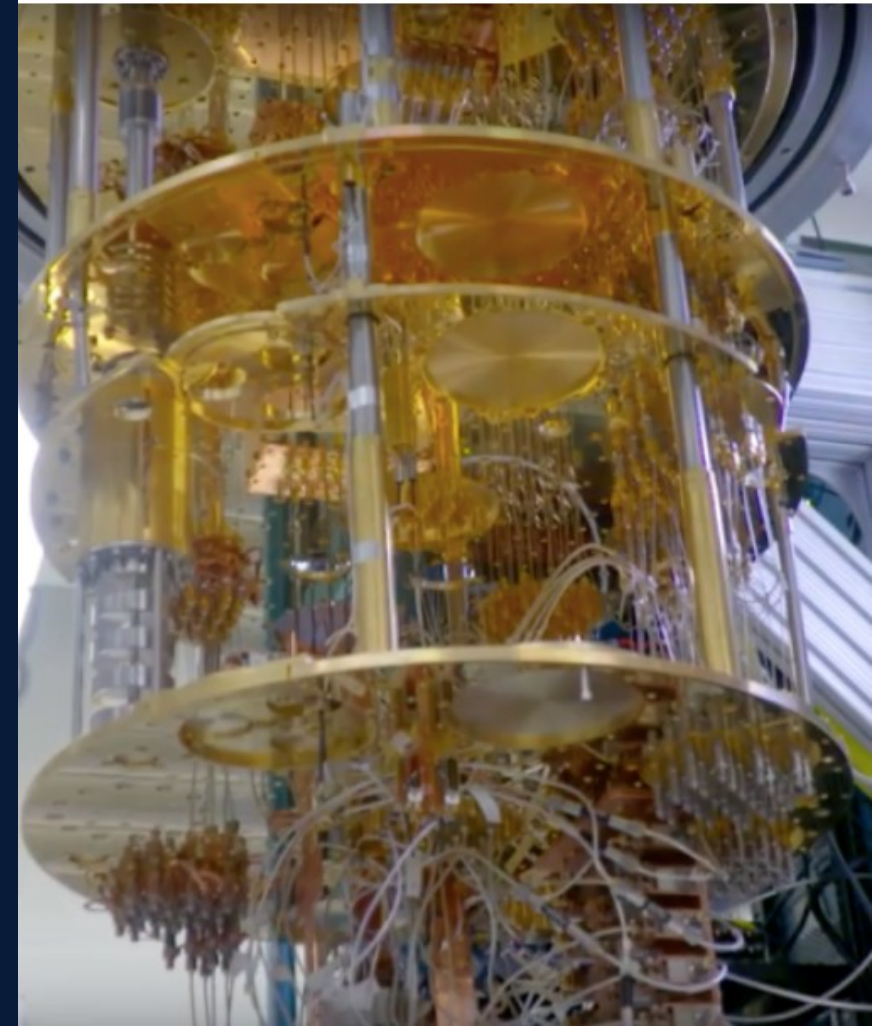
EPR Paradox – There's a relationship  
among the features of entangled  
particles.



# Features of a Quantum Computer



1. Works with Quantum Parallelism
2. Entanglement
3. Keeps the Coherence
4. It has Quantum Bits a.k.a. Qubits



# What are the Qubits ?



A qubit is the quantum concept of a bit.



- It's not any element or device. It's a logical concept that can be implemented on a wide range of different systems with quantum behaviour
- As a bit, a single qubit can represent two states 0 and 1

But additionally a qubit is able to manage all possible combinations amongst base states 0 and 1

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

# Quantum Operations

## Quantum Gates

- A basic quantum circuit working on one or more qubits
- It's equivalent to digital circuits logical gates lógicas

1. Quantum Gates are reversible
2. Mathematically they are represented by unitary matrixes
3. Los qubits on which they act must retain their quantum identity



$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hadamard Gate

$$CNOT = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Controlled-NOT gate

# Universal Quantum Computing



- Universal Quantum Computing requires entanglement for every qubit included in the system

- **Use Cases** → Secure Computing, Machine Learning, Cryptography, Quantum Chemistry, Material Science, Optimization Problems, Sampling Quantum Dynamics, Searching.
- **Scope** → Wider scope
- **Computing Power** → Very High

**The Universal Computing is the great challenge in quantum computing. It has the potential to be exponentially faster than traditional computers for a number of applications in the world of science and also in the world of business.**

# Adiabatic Quantum Computing



- Adiabatic Quantum Computation is based on the Adiabatic Theorem and requires at least a big set of qubit (but not all) to be entangled during process time.
- A very specific algorithm is implemented: “The Quantum Annealer”
  - **Use Cases** → Optimization Problems
  - **Scope** → Restricted
  - **Computing Power** → Similar to current classical computers





# Quantum Architecture

QUBIT SIGNAL  
AMPLIFIER

One of two  
amplifying  
stages is  
cooled to a  
temperature  
of 4 Kelvin.

INPUT  
MICROWAVE  
LINES

Attenuation is  
applied at each  
stage in the refrig-  
erator in order to  
protect qubits from  
thermal noise during  
the process of  
sending control  
and readout signals  
to the processor.



# Inside Look: Quantum Computer

Harnessing the power of a quantum processor requires maintaining constant temperatures near absolute zero. Here's a look at how a dilution refrigerator, made from more than 2,000 components, exploits the mixing properties of two helium isotopes to create such an environment.

800 MILLIKELVINS

100 MILLIKELVINS

SUPERCONDUCTING  
COAXIAL LINES

In order to  
minimize  
energy loss,

CRYOGENIC  
ISOLATORS

MIXING  
CHAMBER

The mixing chamber  
at the lowest part  
of the refrigerator  
provides the neces-  
sary cooling power  
to bring the proces-  
sor and associated  
components down  
to a temperature of  
15 mK – colder than  
outer space.

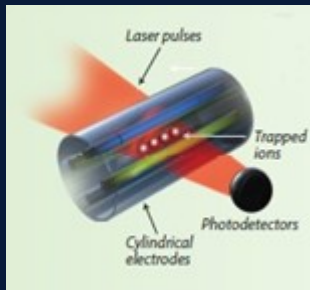
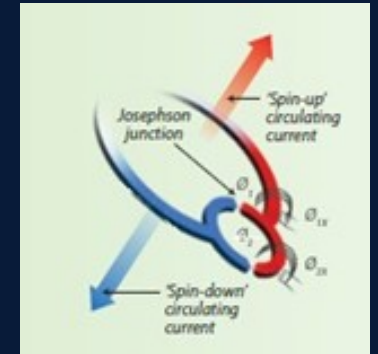
# Types of Quantum Processors



**Spin Qubits** – Electron or nuclear spins on a solid Substrate.

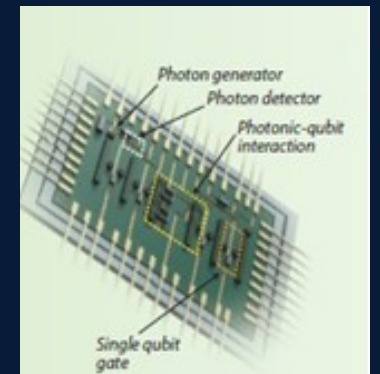


**Superconducting Circuits** – currents superposition around a superconductor.



**Ion's Traps** – Trap ions in electric fields

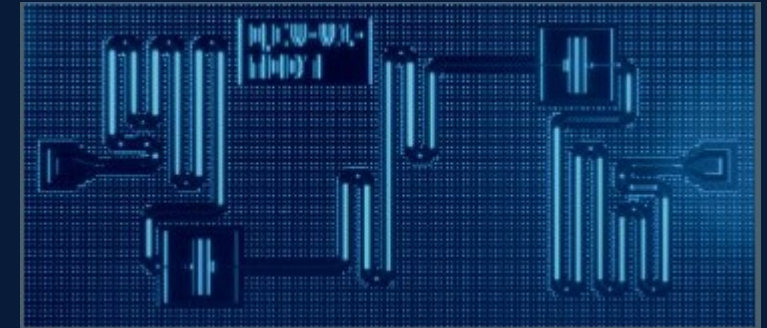
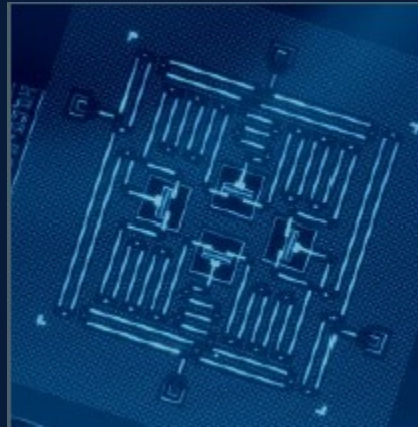
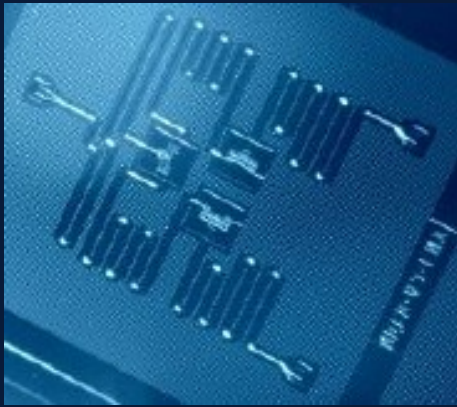
**Photonic Circuits** – The qubits are photons driven in in silicon circuits.



# Superconducting Qubits



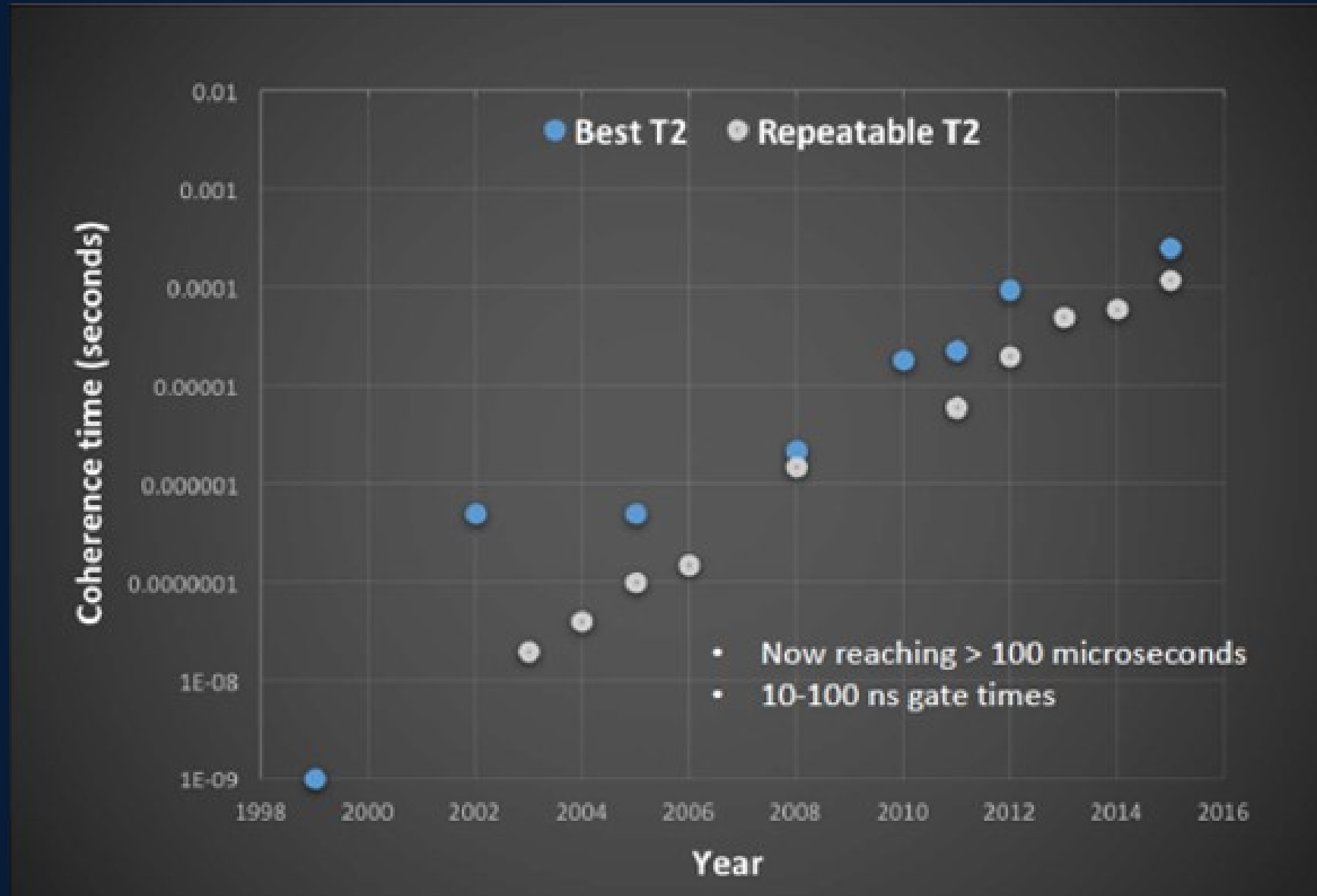
**Circuit QED:** A superconducting qubit is strongly interacted with a single photon in a microwave cavity.



The circuit QED coupling scheme has become the standard for coupling and reading superconducting qubits as systems continue to scale.

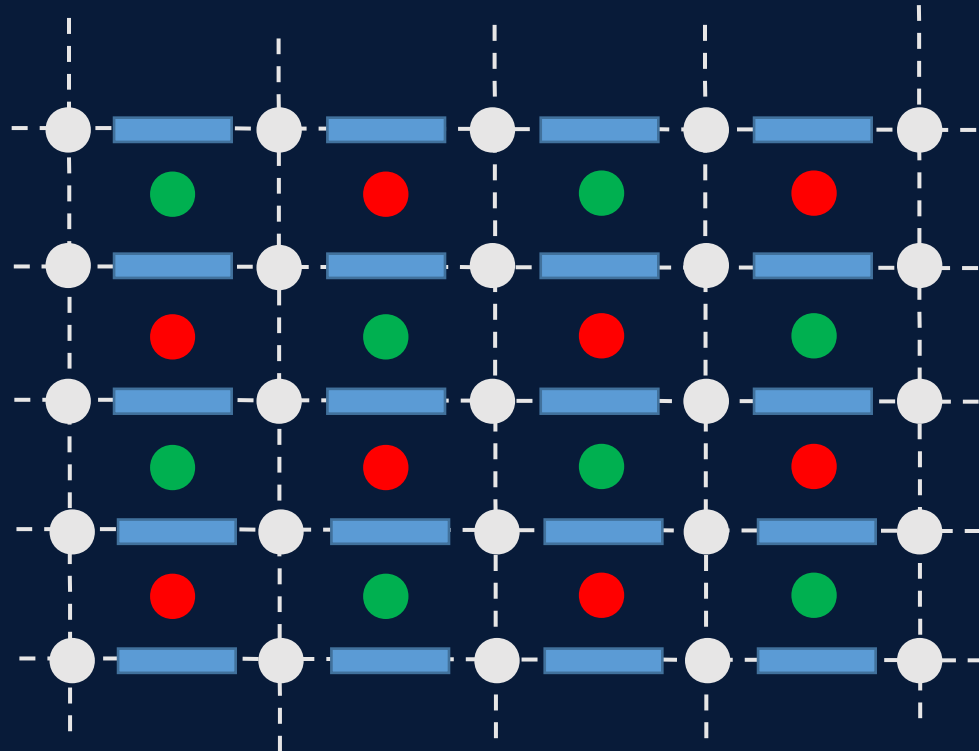


# Coherence Time in Superconducting Qubits

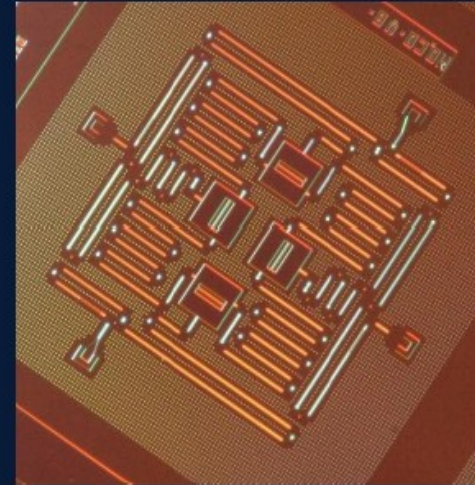




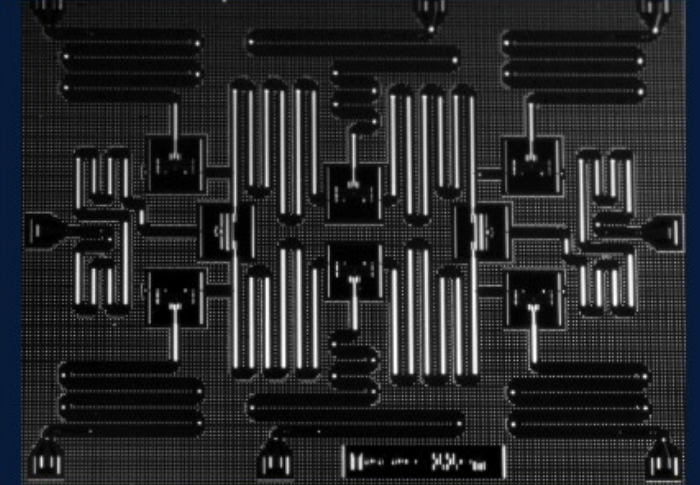
# IBM Superconducting Qubits Architecture



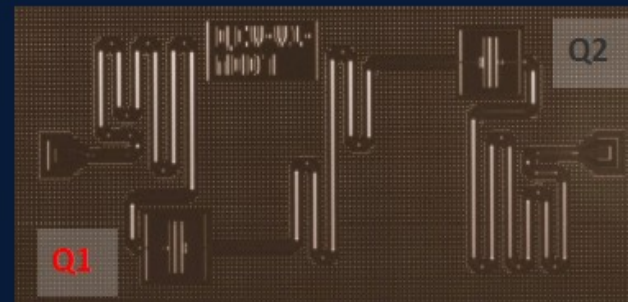
- Resonator
- Code qubit
- X ancilla qubit
- Z ancilla qubit



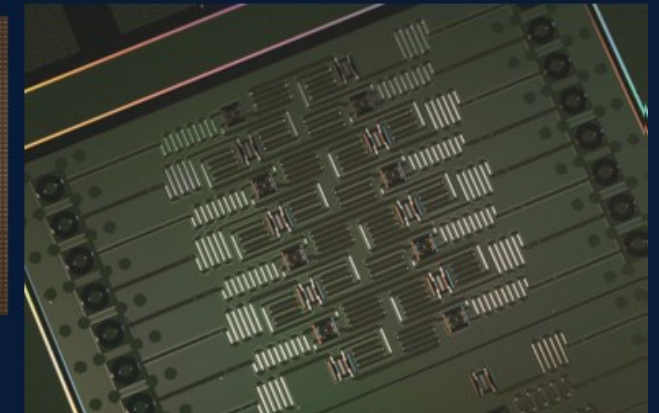
4 qubits/4 bus/4 readouts



8 qubits/4 bus/8 readouts



2 qubits/1 bus/2 readouts



IBM's new 17-qubit quantum computer



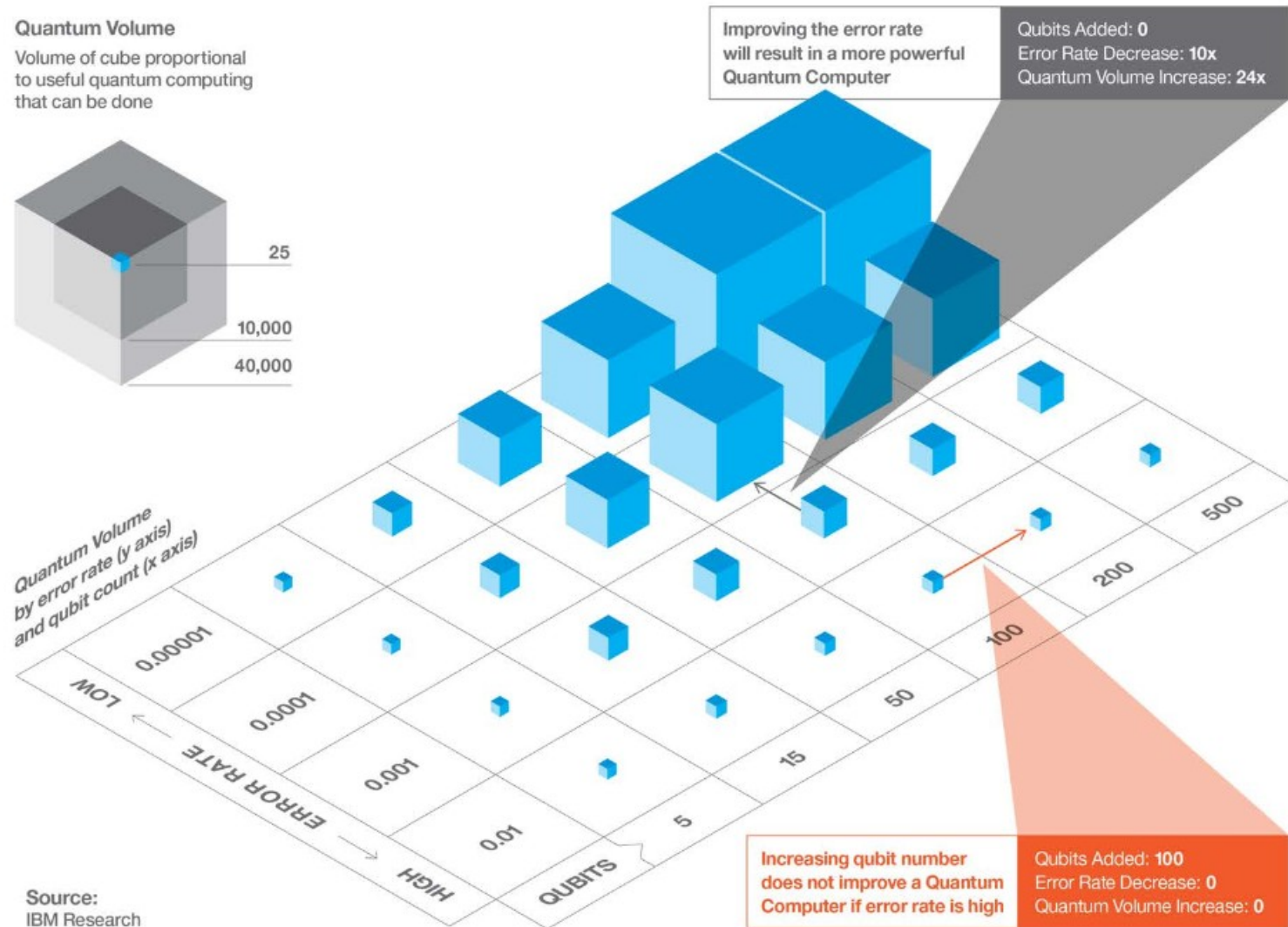
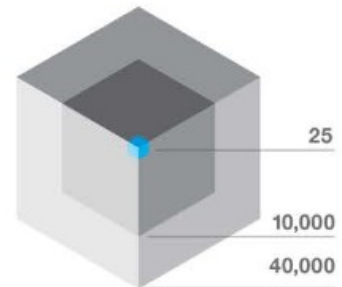
# The Quantum Volume



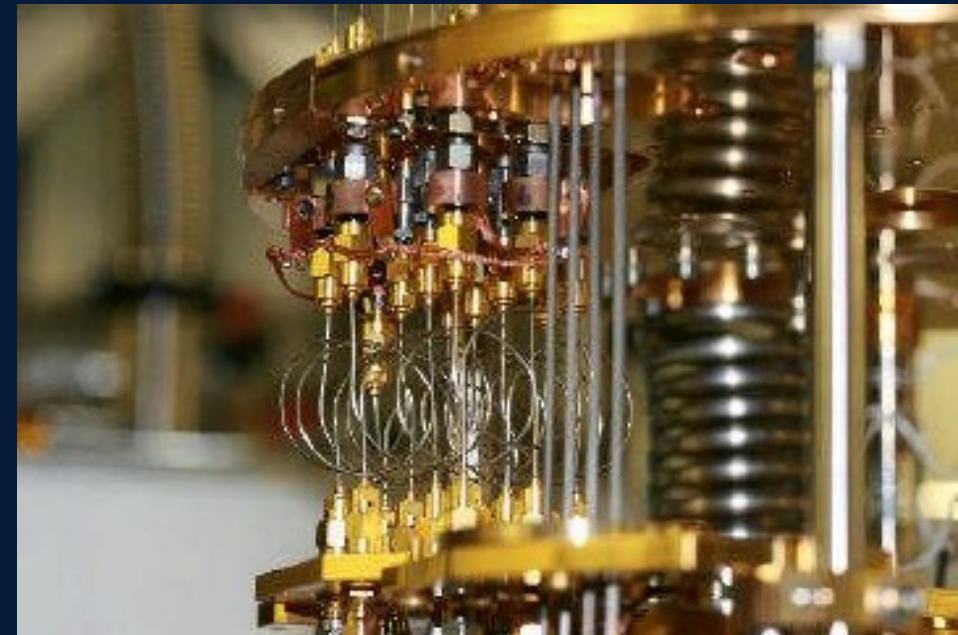
## A Quantum Computer's power depends on more than just adding qubits

If we want to use quantum computers to solve real problems, they will need to explore a large space of quantum states. The number of qubits is important, but so is the error rate. In practical devices, the effective error rate depends on the accuracy of each operation, but also on how many operations it takes to solve a particular problem as well as how the processor performs these operations. Here we introduce a quantity called **Quantum Volume** which accounts for all of these things. Think of it as a representation of the problem space these machines can explore.

**Quantum Volume**  
Volume of cube proportional to useful quantum computing that can be done



# The Dilution Refrigerator

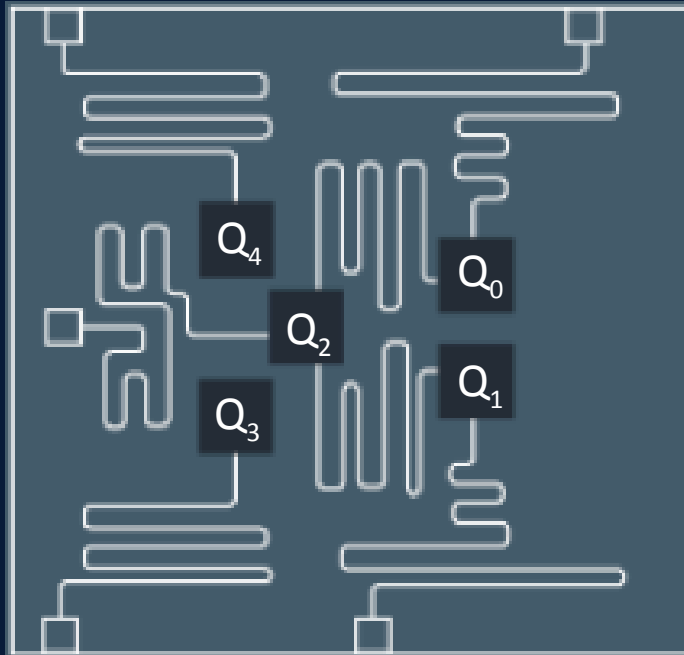


Working Temperature 15 mK  
Dilution Refrigerator

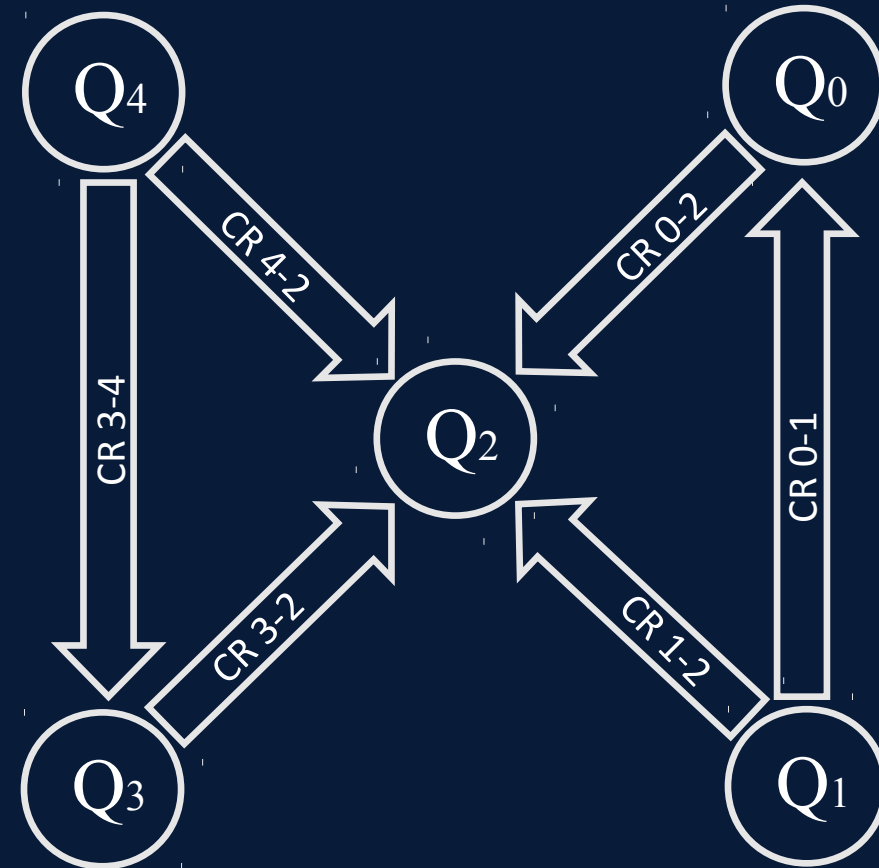
$^3\text{He} + ^4\text{He}$



# IBM Quantum Processor Architecture



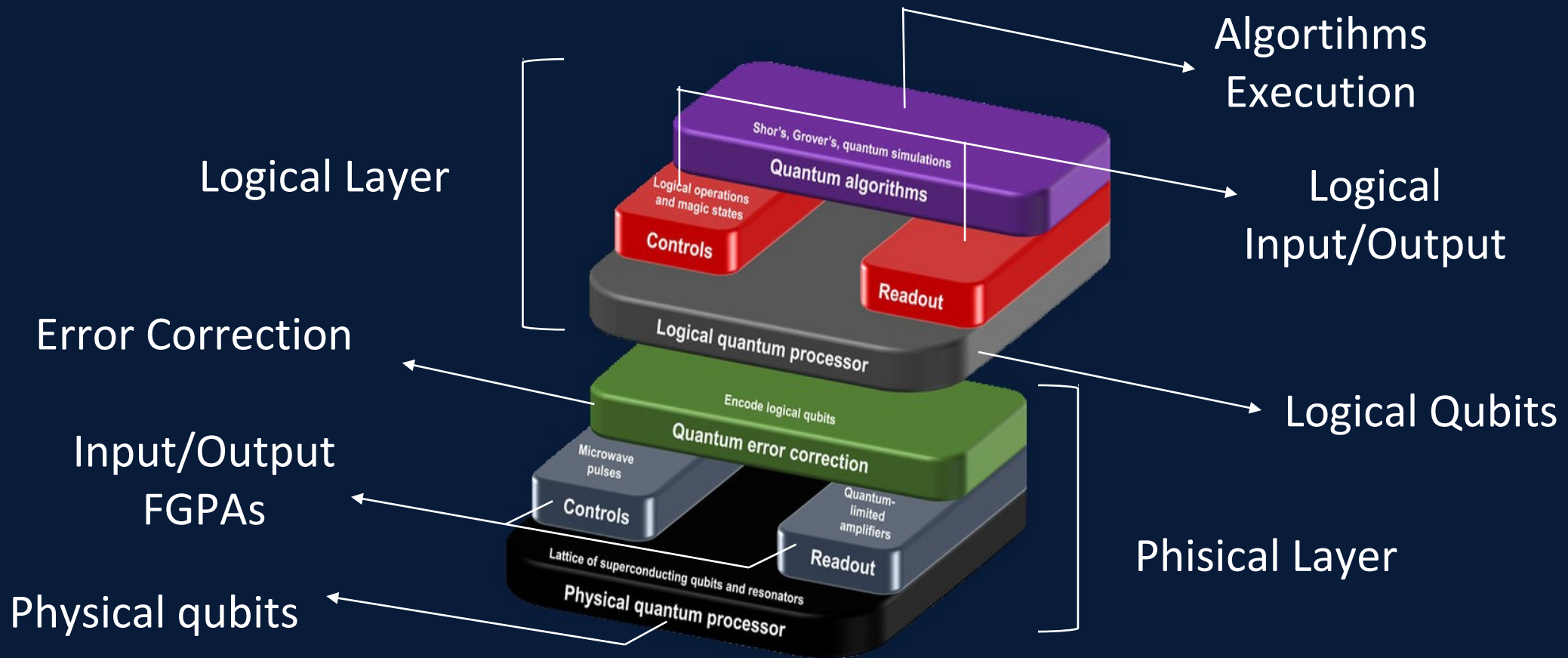
- qubits 0, 1, 3 and 4 are coupled to qubit 2.
- Two qubit gates need to involve qubit 2
- Qubit 2 is the target qubit in CNOT gate



# IBM Quantum Processor Architecture



## Layered architecture





# Quantum Algorithms

# Quantum Algorithms



- **Deutsch Algorithm** – Determines whether a function is balanced or unbalanced
- **Shor Algorithm** – Large numbers factorization
- **Grover Algorithm** – Search in unstructured spaces



# Shor Algorithm



- Number of steps that a classic computer needs to run in order to find the prime factors of a number  $N$  of  $x$  digits

It grows exponentially with  $x$

$$937 \times 947 = N \text{ (easy)}$$

$$887339 = p \times q \text{ (hard)}$$

hardness of factoring is basis of RSA public key crypto:

In 2001, IBM and Stanford University, executed for the first time the Shor algorithm in the first quantum computer of 7 qubits developed in Los Álamos.

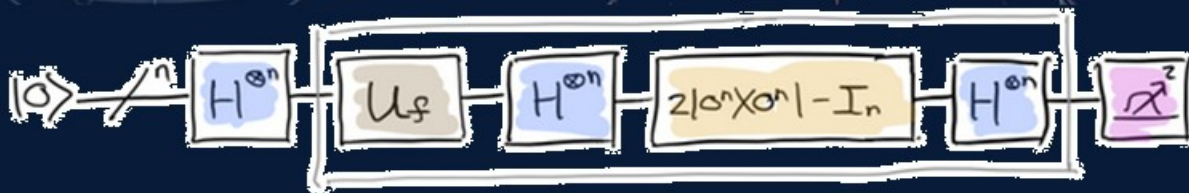
# Grover Algorithm



How many attempts need a data search in an unordered N-element database to locate a particular element??

→ An average of  $N/2$  attempts are needed)

A quantum computing executing the Grover algorithm would run  $\sqrt{N}$  attempts





# Applications for Quantum Computers

# Fields of Application



## Cryptography

- Quantum computers have the potential to keep private data safe from snoops and hackers, no matter where it is stored or processed.



## Medicine & Materials

- A quantum computer mimics the computing style of nature, allowing it to simulate, understand and improve upon natural things—like molecules, and their interactions.



## Machine Learning

- Research indicates that quantum computing could significantly accelerate machine learning and data analysis tasks.

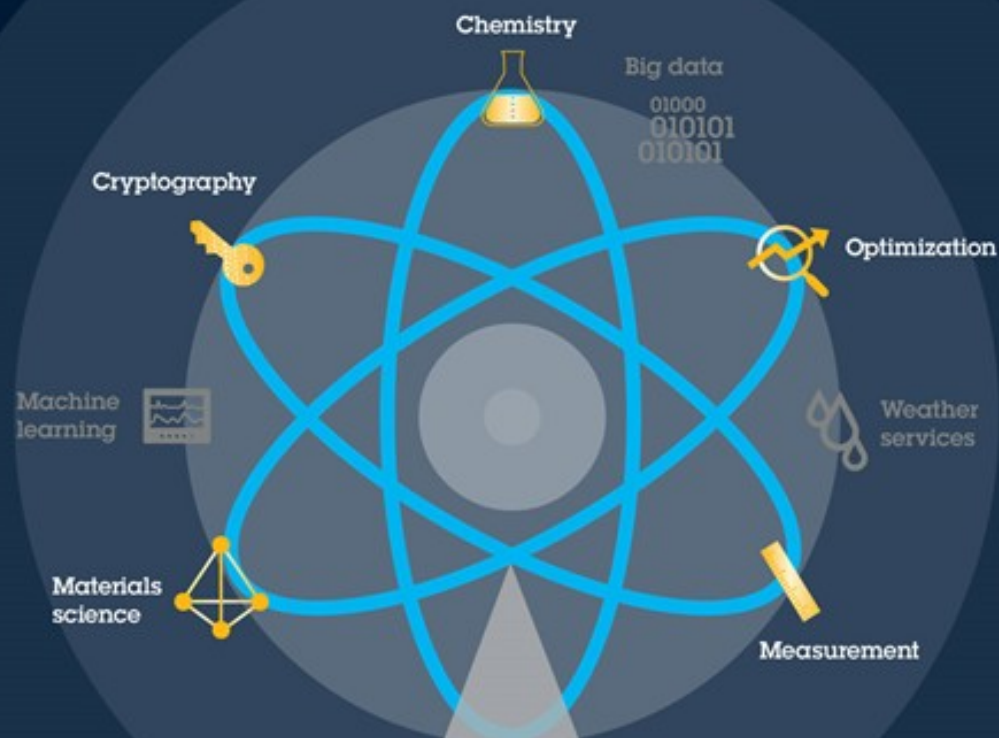


## Searching Big Data

- Quantum computing can search the ever-growing amount of data being created, and locate connections within it, significantly faster than classical computers, that will have tremendous impact across many industries.

# Quantum computing

## Impact on applications and industries



**GOVERNMENT**  
e.g. Support deep  
cryptoanalysis of  
critical data



**PHARMACEUTICAL**  
e.g. Develop new drugs  
and treatments



**MANUFACTURING  
& INDUSTRIAL**  
e.g. Develop new  
materials and processes



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
e.g. Enable secure communications  
across networks



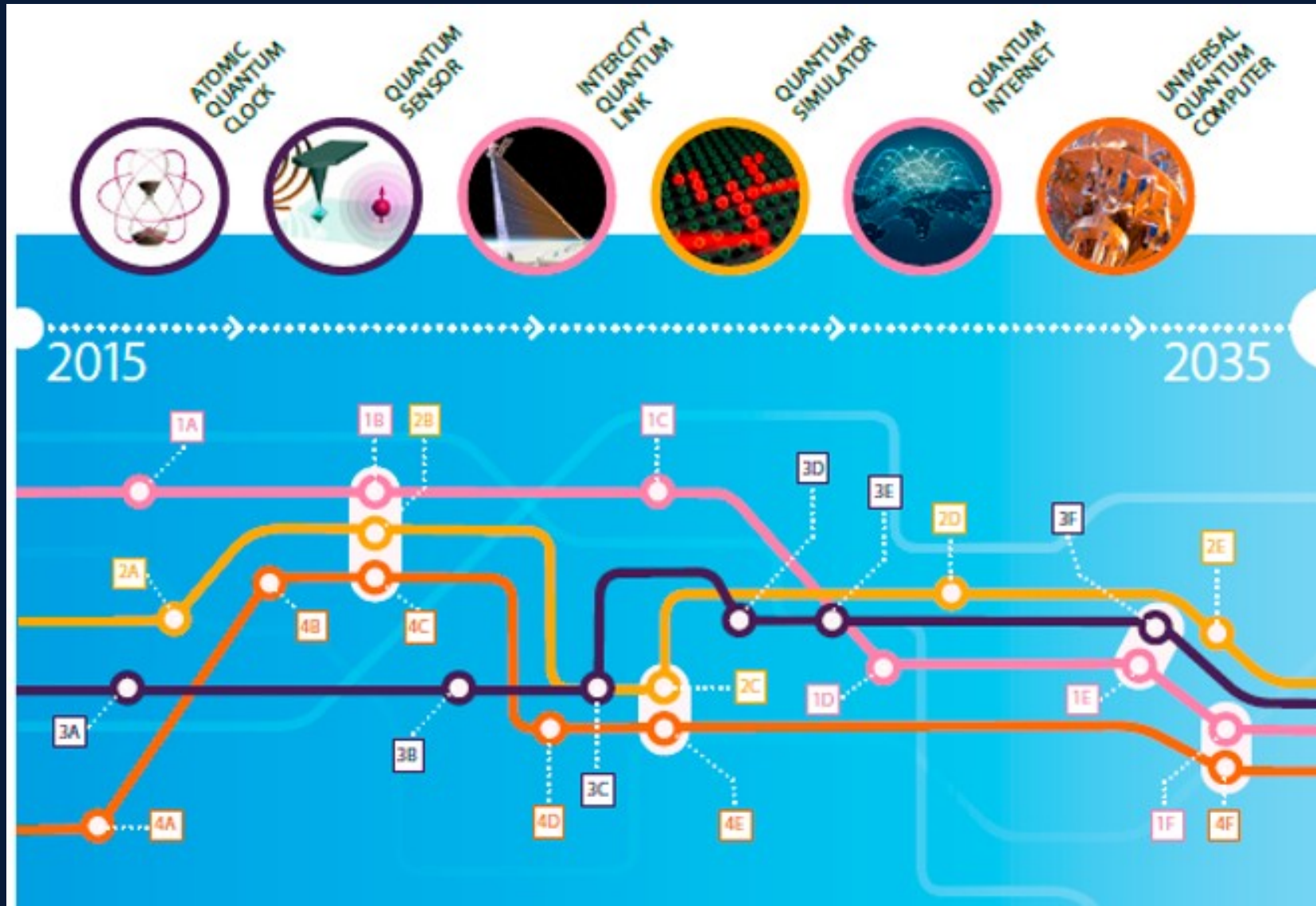
**TRAVEL &  
TRANSPORTATION**  
e.g. Design new vehicles and  
transport systems



**FINANCIAL  
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e.g. Predict market  
trends and risks



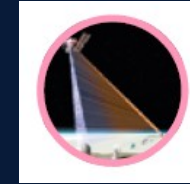
# Quantum Technologies Timeline





# Quantum Technology

- Atomic Quantum Clocks
- Quantum Sensors
- Intercity Quantum Link
- Quantum Simulators
- Quantum-Safe Communication Network
- Universal Quantum Computers





# IBM Quantum Experience

# What is IBM Quantum Experience?



- A set of tutorials which is guide to understand all the quantum experiments.
- The ***quantum Composer***, is a graphical interface where a quantum circuit can be designed.
- **A simulator** used to execute the quantum circuits designed in the composer.
- **Access to a real Quantum Processor** which is physically located and working at Quantum Computing IBM Lab
- Under construction: **A Quantum Community**

# The Quantum Operations Library



Yellow Blocks. Are empty operation on a qubit for a unit of time which equals the duration of a gate for one qubit.



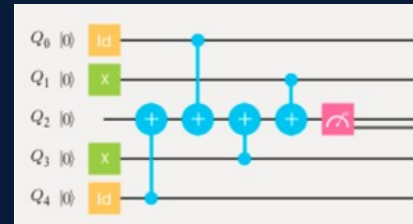
Green Blocks. These are the Operators the the Pauli Group (X, Y, Z).



Blue Blocks. *Clifford Operators*. These gates are H, S and S<sup>†</sup> and they are used to generate quantum superposition



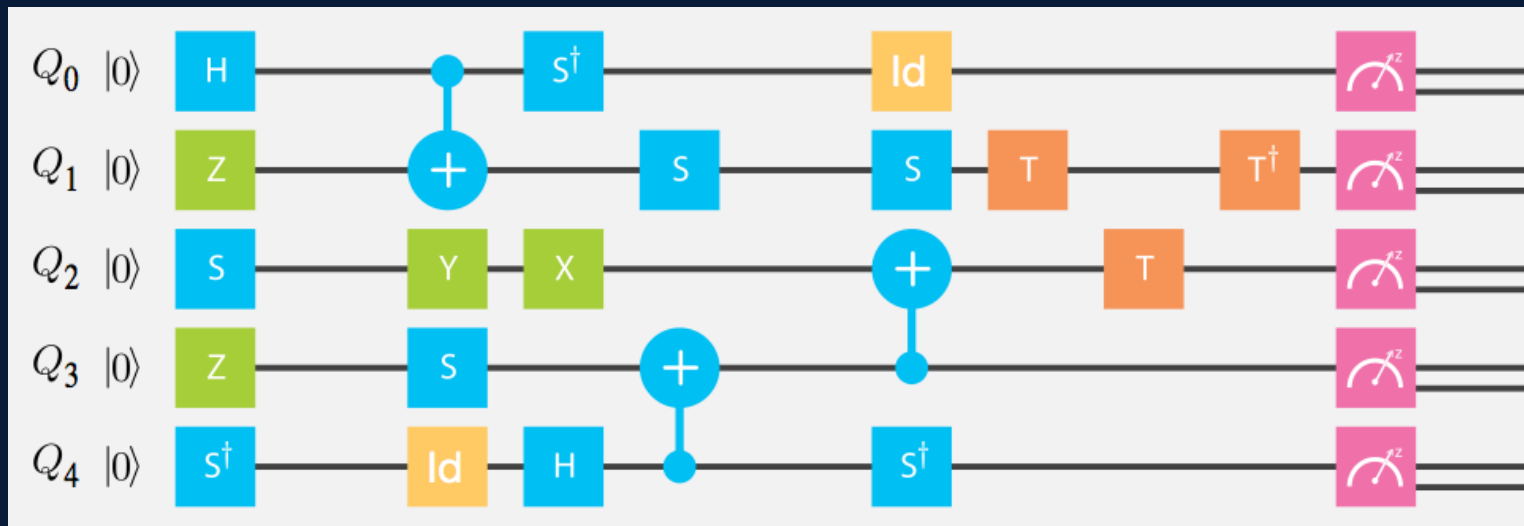
Orange Blocks. These are the gates necessary for universal computation (Non-Cliford gates).



# The Quantum Composer



- Graphical Interface used to create programs for the quantum processor
- It allows to create quantum circuits using a logical gates library and well defined points of measurement





# Working with the Composer

Graphical interface to build quantum circuits by simply drag and drop.



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Quantum Experience 2.0

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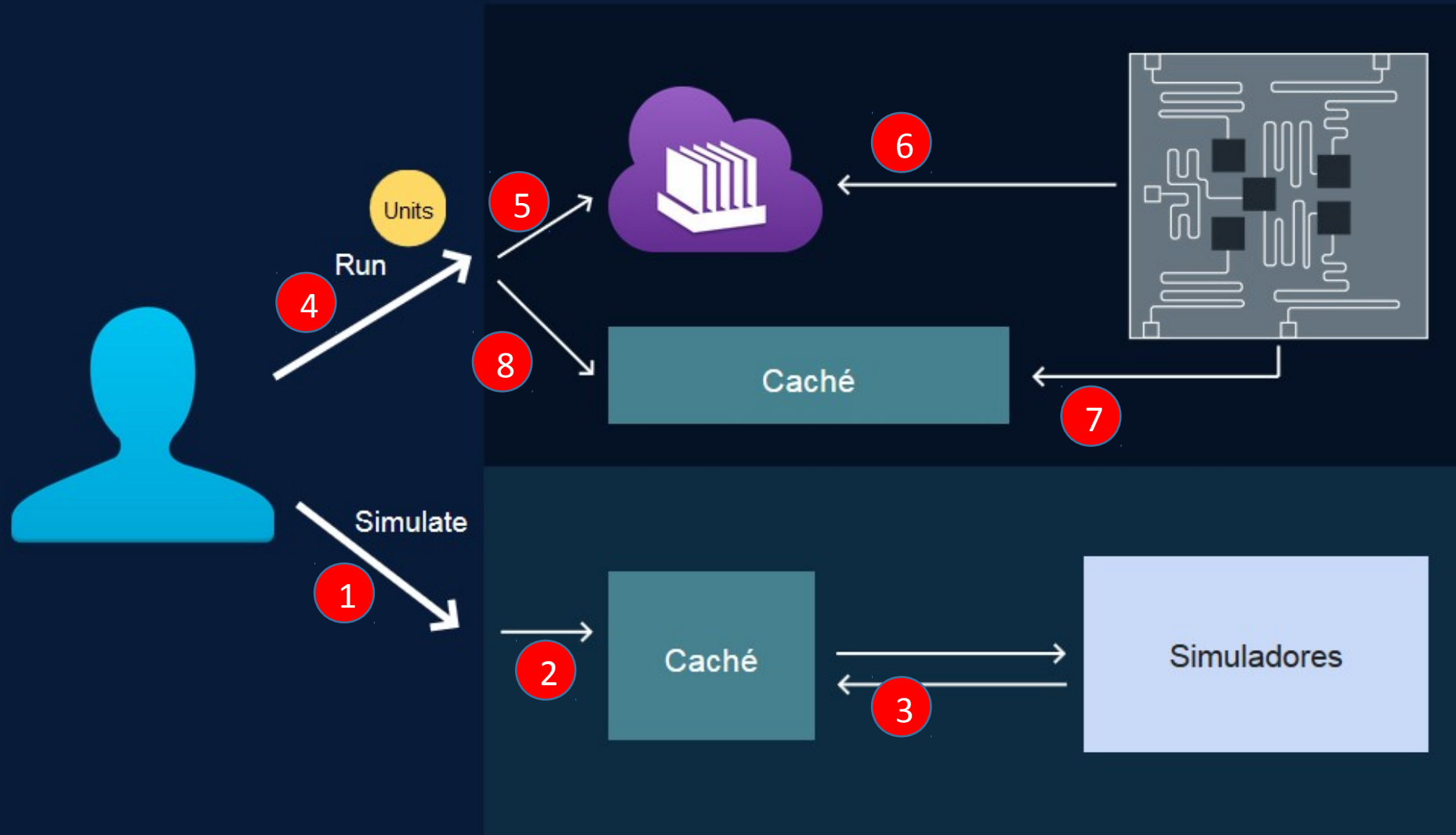
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# The Quantum Experience, How it works?



# The Quantum Experience Blog



A blog which goal is to build a **Quantum Community** of users

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