



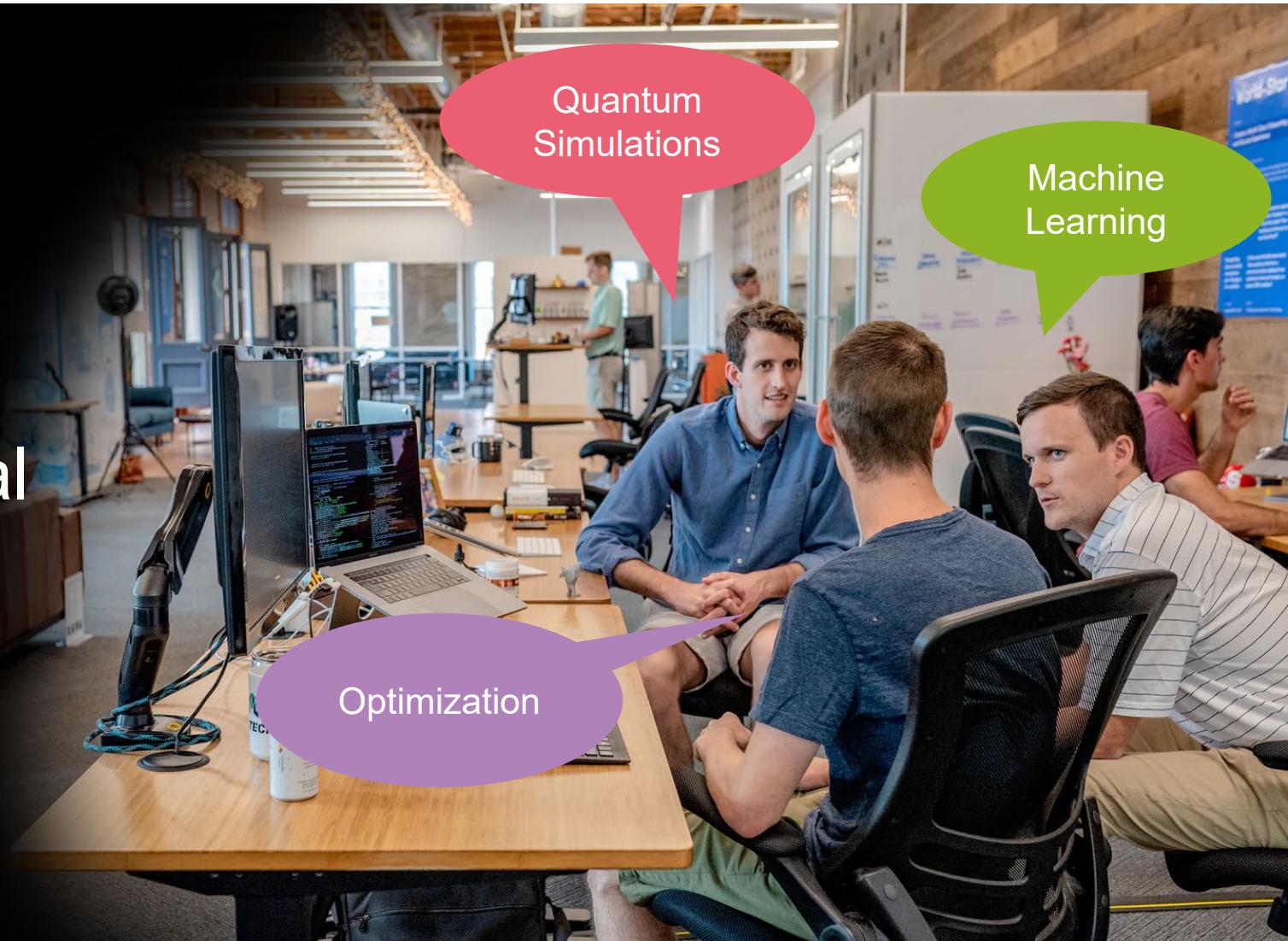
# Quantum classical hybrid computing models in modular HPC systems with potential applications in Earth Observation

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# Quantum computing:

new, disruptive compute technology

**Science & Industry:**  
Diverse user group with  
various hard computational  
challenges to unravel  
complex systems



Optimization

# Quantum Technology Readiness Levels

## QTRL

Quantum Technology Readiness Levels describing the maturity of Quantum Computing Technology



QTRL9

QCs (QAs) exceed power of classical computers

QTRL8

Scalable version of QC (QA) completed and qualified in test

QTRL7

Prototype QC (QA) built solving small but user-relevant problems

QTRL6

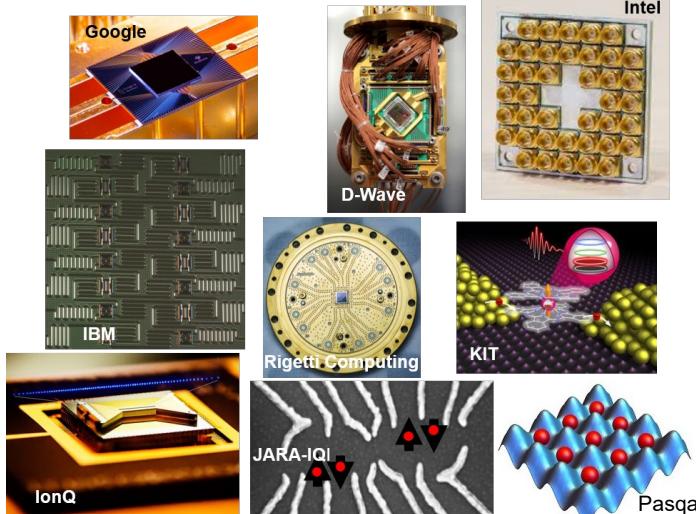
Components integrated in small quantum processor w/ error correction

D-Wave  
Quantum Annealing

Huge challenges and opportunities: Development of prototype applications and use cases for quantum computing and quantum annealing

IBM  
Google  
Rigetti  
Quantum Computing

## Experimental (Multi-)Qubit-Systems



QTRL4

Multi-qubit system fabricated; classical devices for qubit manipulation developed

QTRL3

Imperfect physical qubits fabricated

QTRL2

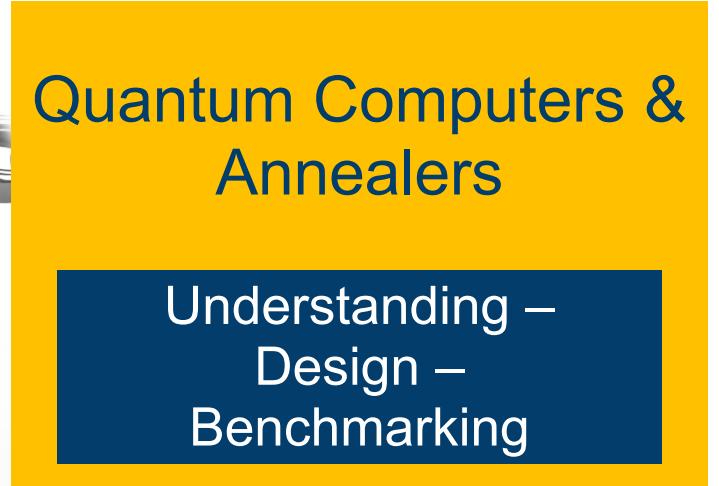
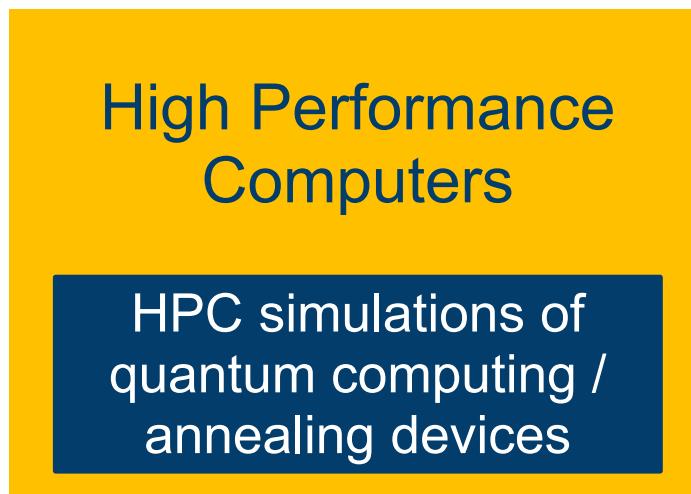
Applications / technologically relevant algorithms formulated

QTRL1

Theoretical framework for quantum computation (annealing) formulated

# High performance & Quantum Computers

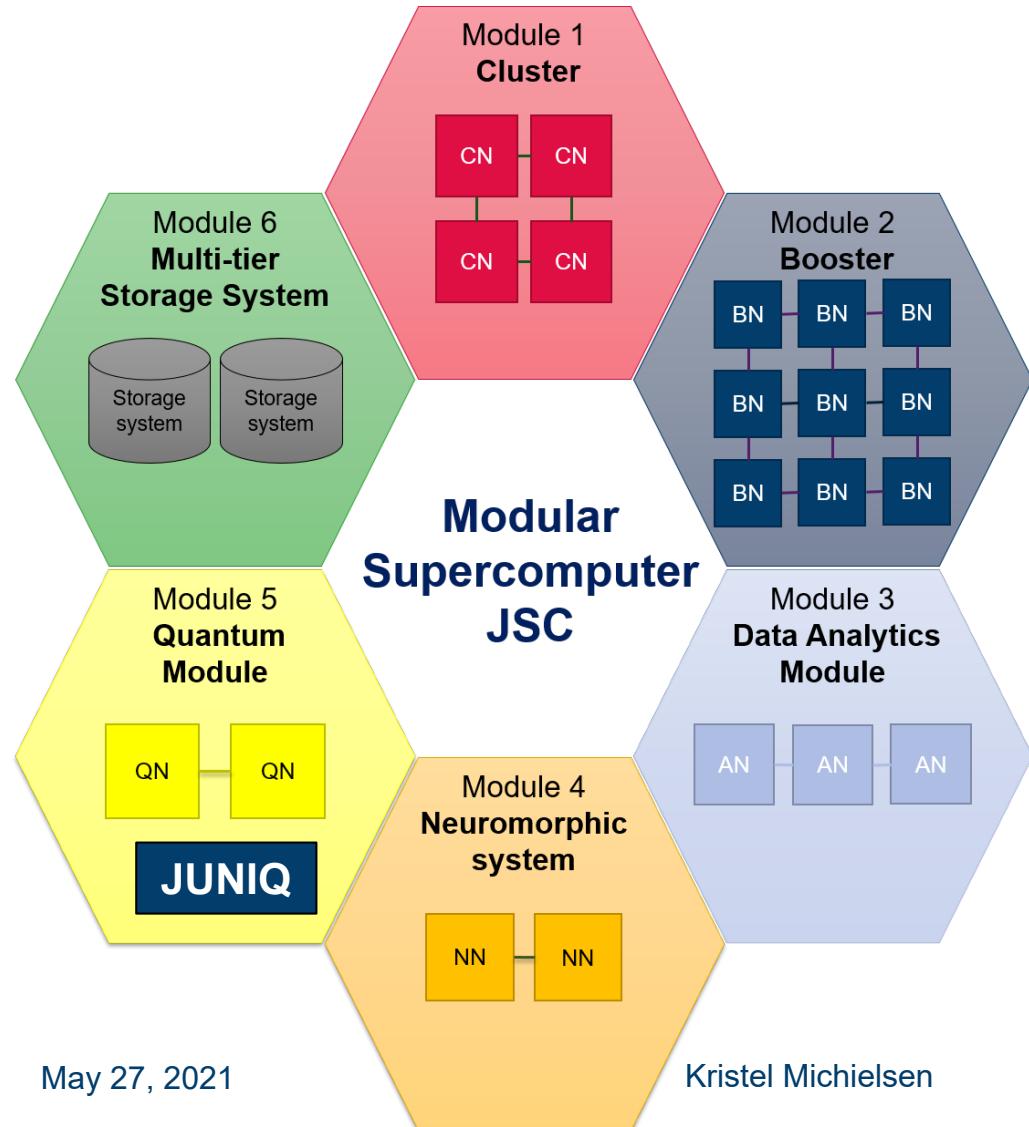
linked, to solve problems optimally



(Hybrid) simulations for  
applications

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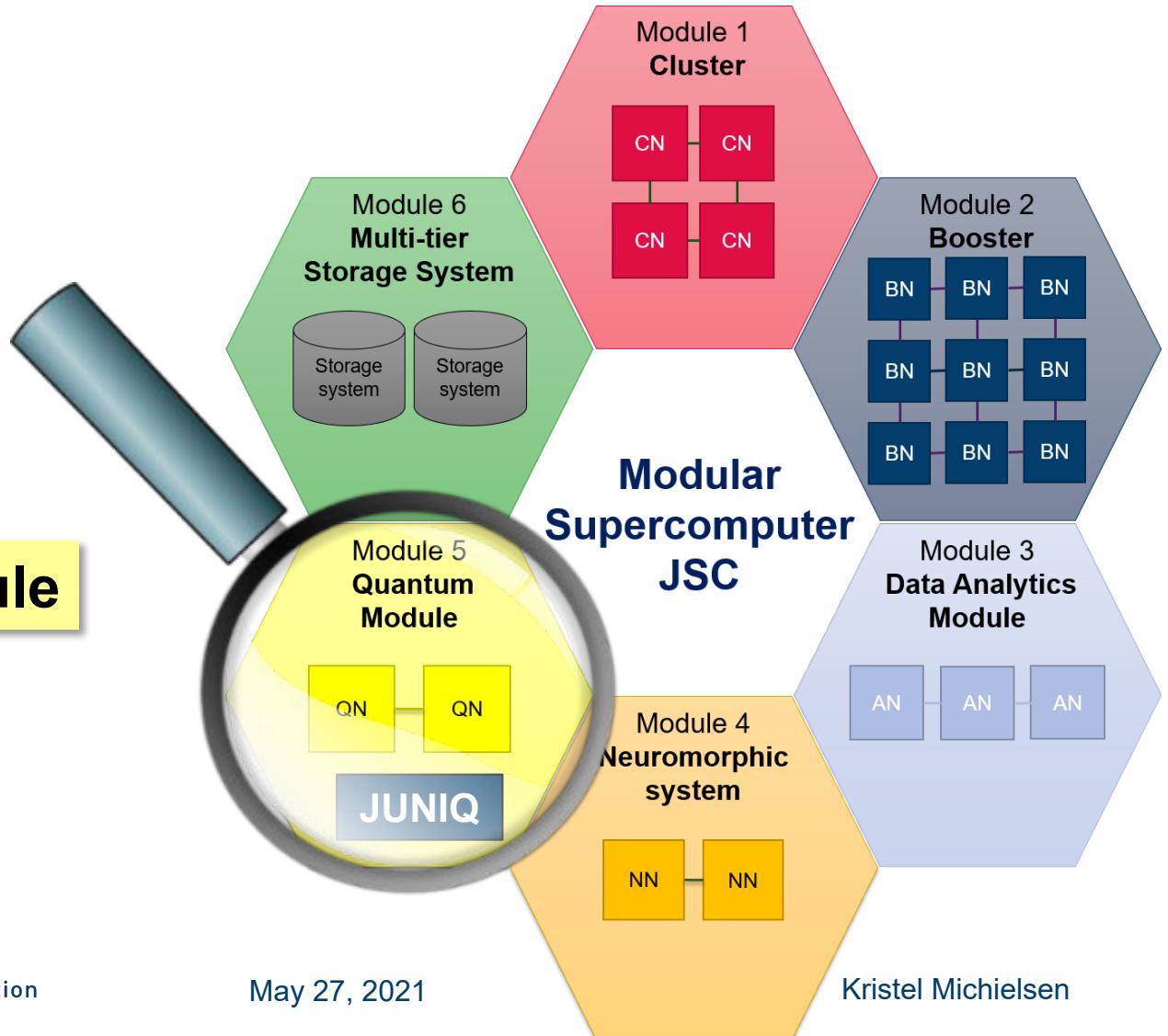
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**Quantum Module**



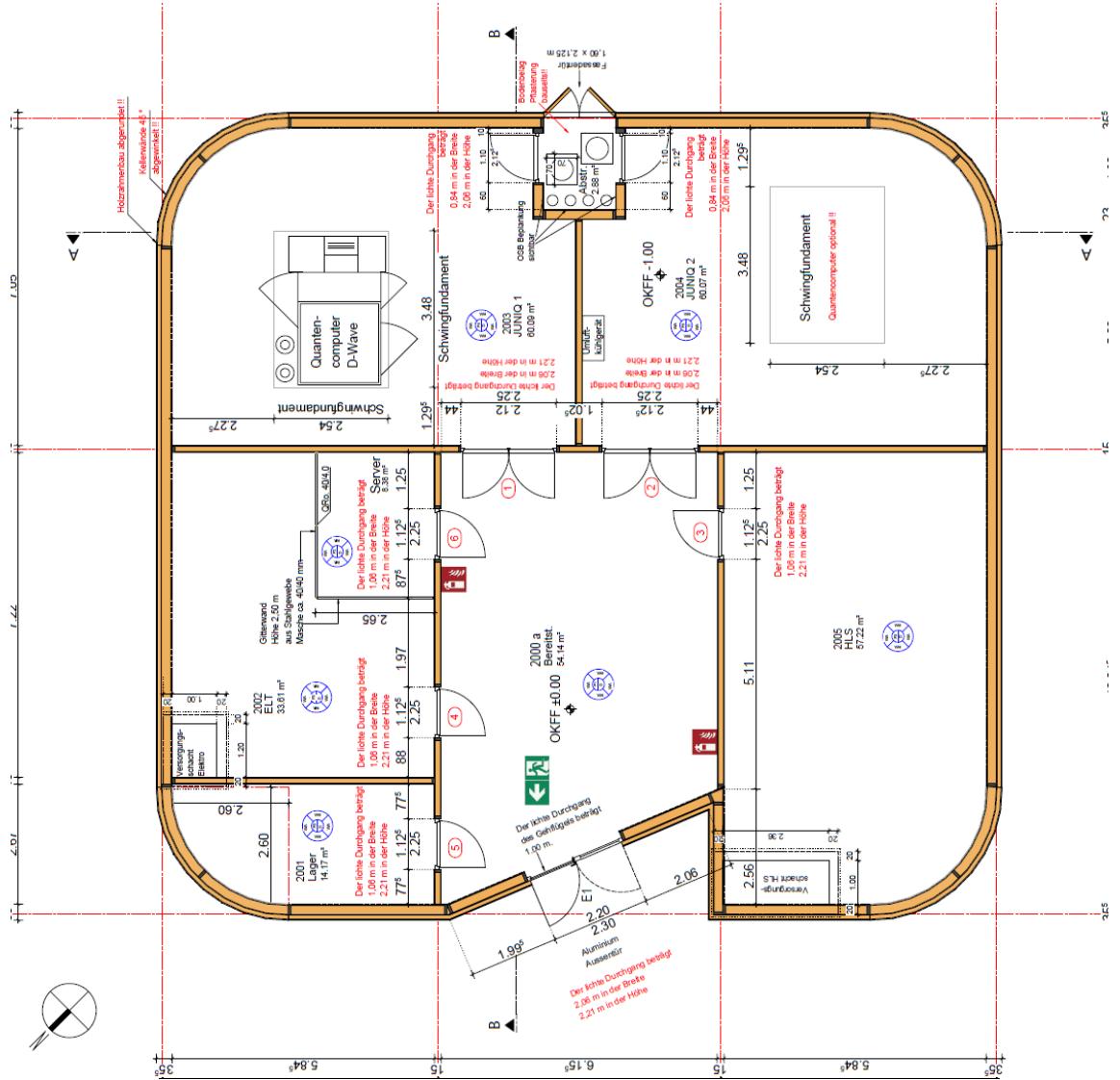
**Perspective:**  
Quantum-Classical  
Hybrid Computing Models

# JUNIQ - Jülich UNified Infrastructure for Quantum computing



1. QC user facility for science and industry
2. Installation, operation and provision of QCs
3. Unified portal for access to QC simulators and to QC devices at different levels of technological maturity (QC-PaaS)
4. Development of algorithms and prototype applications
5. Services, training and user support
6. Modular quantum-HPC hybrid computing

# JUNIQ Building



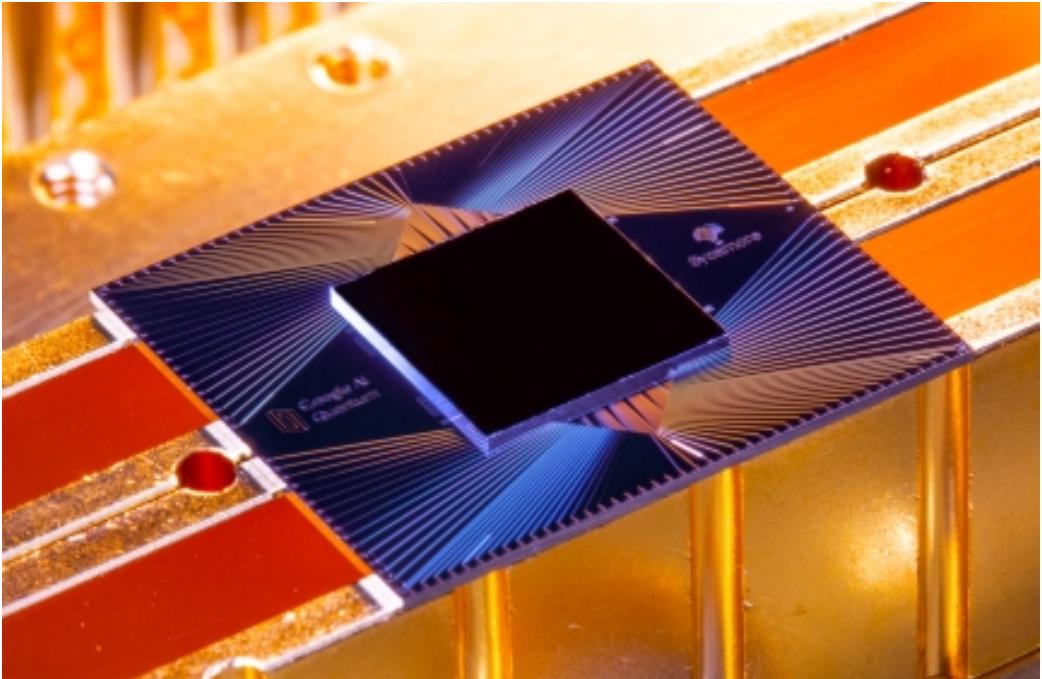
# PROTOTYPE APPLICATIONS

# BENCHMARKING – QUANTUM SUPREMACY

Google Sycamore quantum processor

F. Arute et al., *Quantum supremacy using a programmable superconducting processor*, Nature 574, 505-510 (2019)

BENCHMARKING **SYCAMORE**



WITH SUPERCOMPUTERS



Google clusters



**SUMMIT**  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory



**JUWELS**  
Jülich Supercomputing Centre

# OPTIMIZATION

M. Willsch, et al., *Benchmarking the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm*,  
Quant. Inf. Proc. 19, 197 (2020)

## Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) & quantum annealing

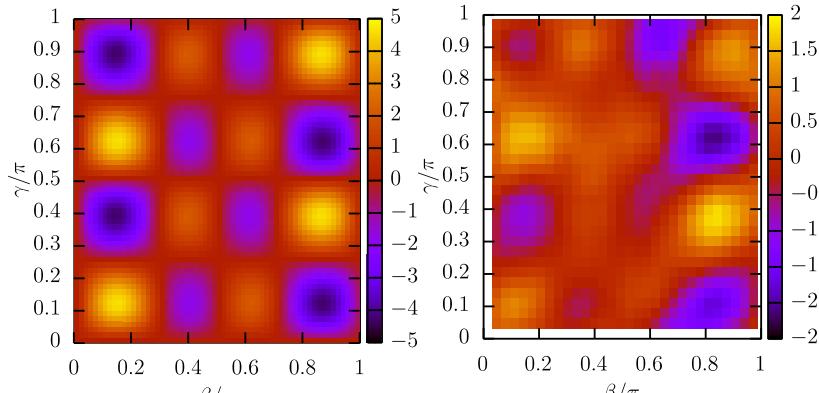
### QAOA

- Variational quantum algorithm (**hybrid** algorithm)
- Relies on iteratively applying a series of parametrized unitary transformations to a quantum register, measuring its resulting state and evaluating the **energy expectation value**
  - Number of iterations  $p \geq 1$
- A **classical optimization algorithm** is used to optimize the parameters  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  of the unitary transformations
- For  $p \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  taken according to a quantum annealing scheme the solution is found



Gate-based quantum computer

### QAOA

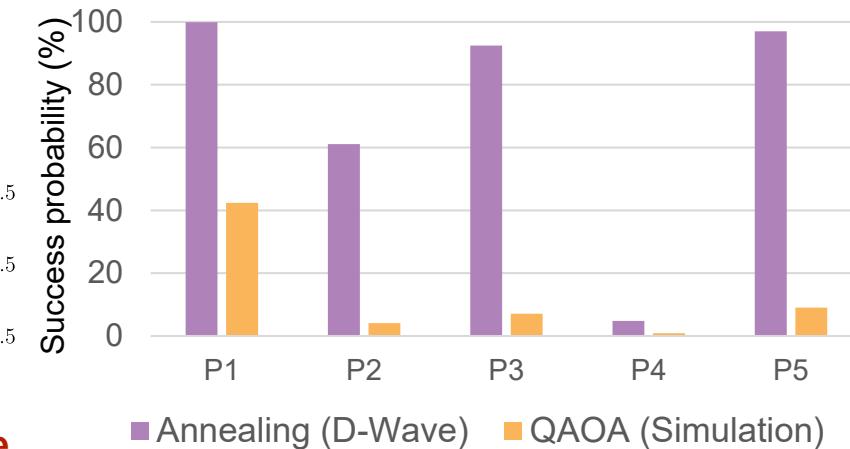


Simulation

IBM-Q16 Melbourne  
(2019)

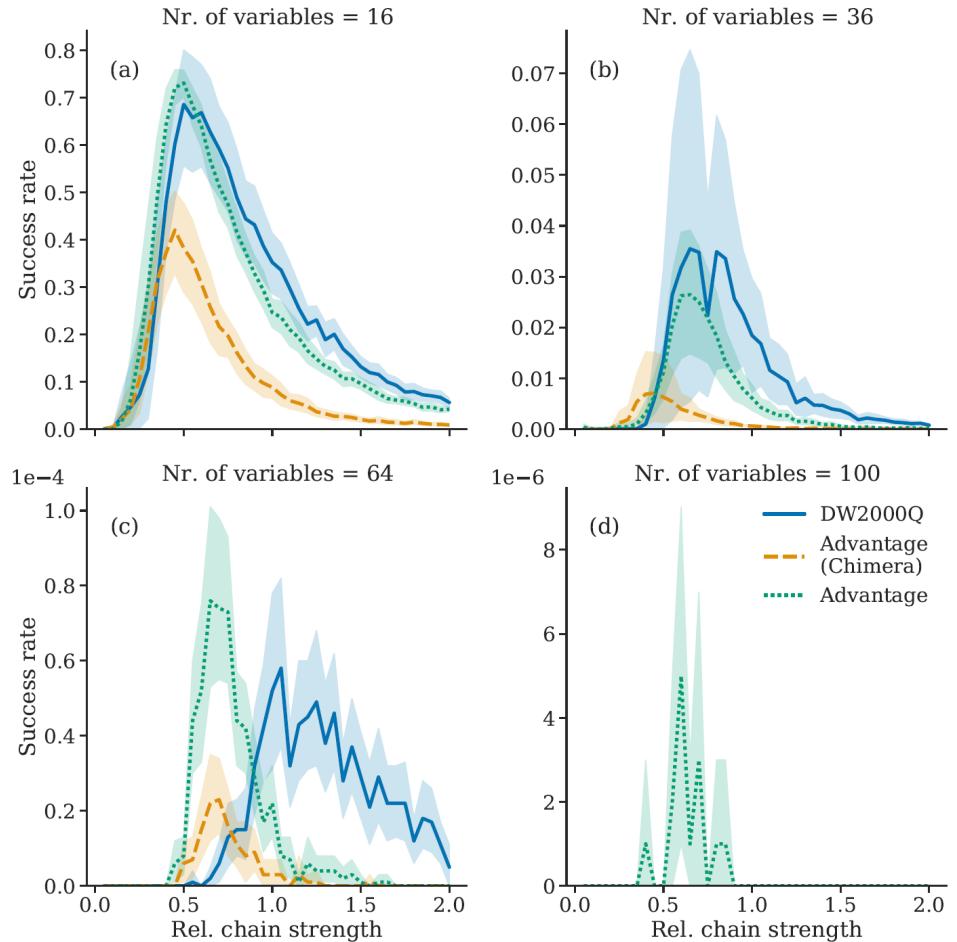


Quantum annealer



# Companion planting

## Quadratic Assignment Problem with constraints

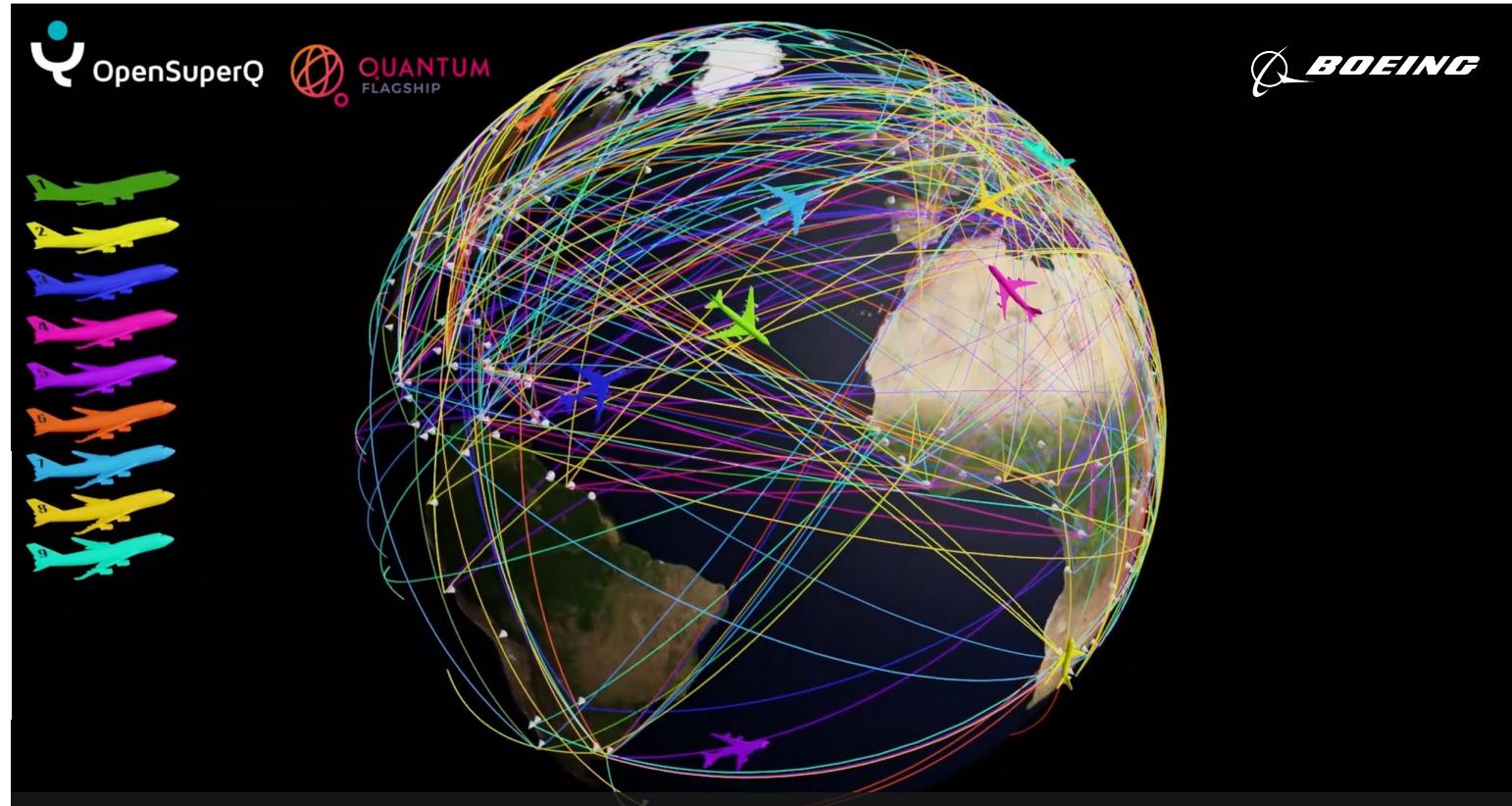
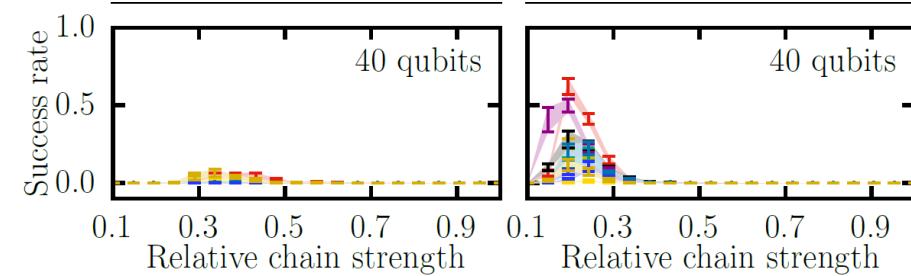


C.D. Gonzalez Calaza et al., *Garden optimization problems for benchmarking quantum annealers*, arXiv:2101.10827



# Simplified tail assignment problem

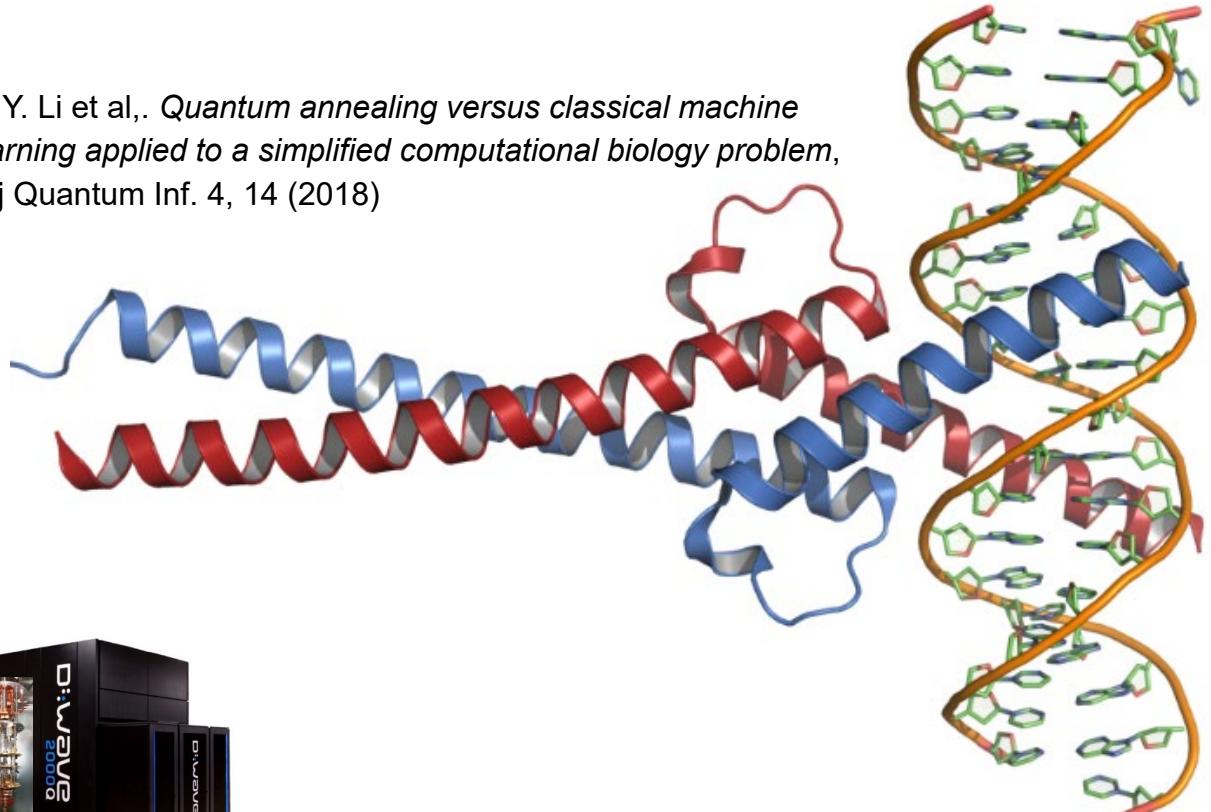
## Exact cover problem



# Protein-DNA binding

## Classification (machine learning)

R. Y. Li et al., *Quantum annealing versus classical machine learning applied to a simplified computational biology problem*, npj Quantum Inf. 4, 14 (2018)

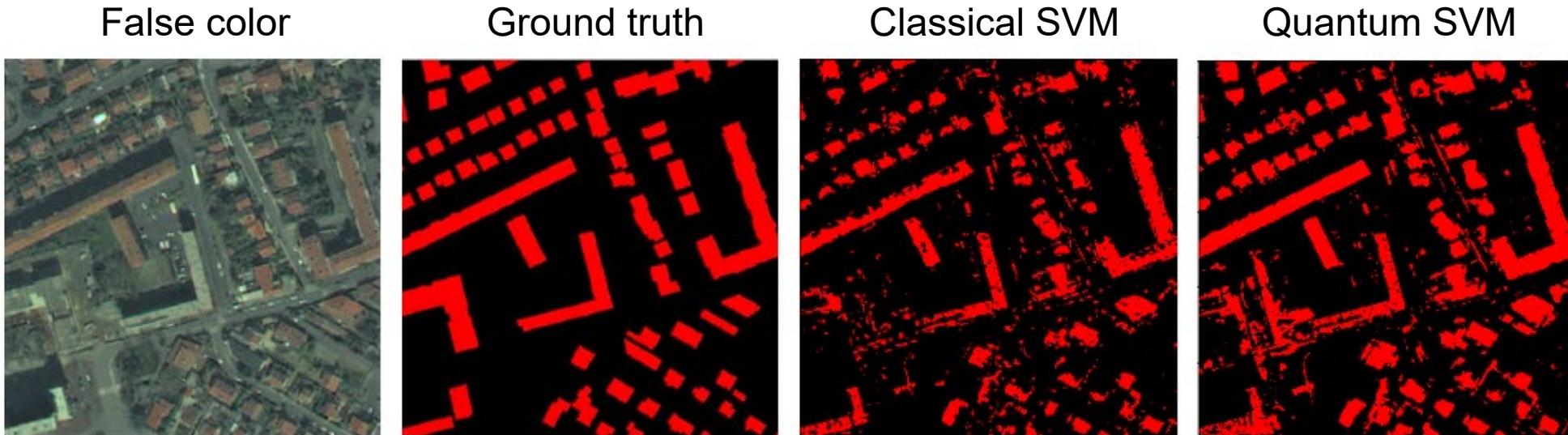


D. Willsch et al., *Support vector machines on the D-Wave quantum annealer*, Comp. Phys. Comm. 248, 107006 (2020)

1. qSVM on a D-Wave quantum annealer (**hybrid** workflow) can produce significantly stronger classifiers than cSVM for the same little training data and parameters
2. qSVM performs better or comparative to cSVM for all datasets

# Quantum machine learning for EO

## Classification of Remote Sensing Multispectral Images with Quantum SVM

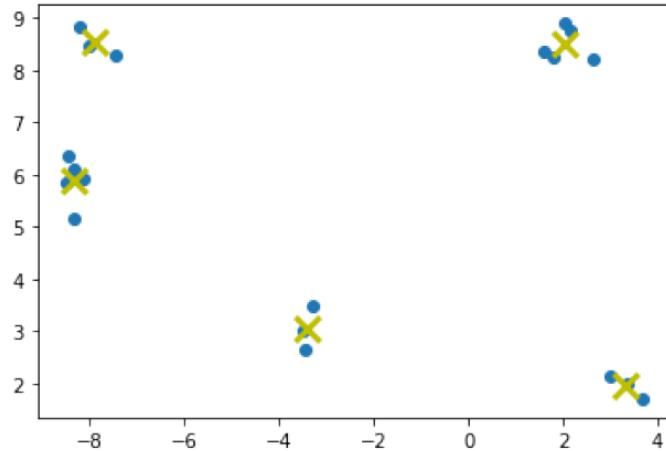


A. Delibasic, G. Cavallaro, M. Willsch, F. Melgani, M. Riedel and K. Michielsen,  
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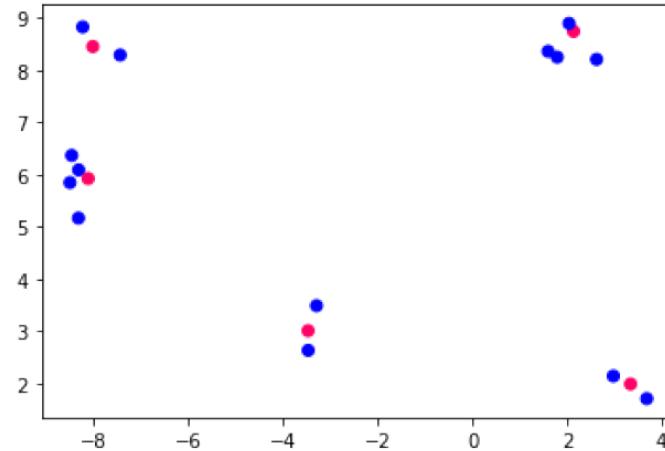
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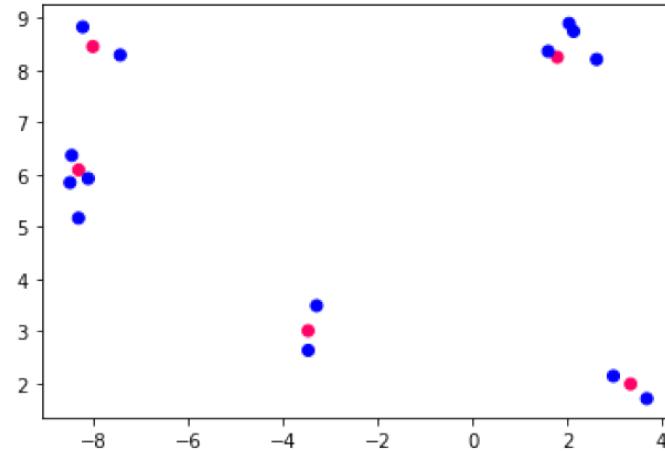
## Compress Convolutional Neural Networks with Quantum Clustering



Classical K-means



K-medoids with D-Wave Advantage system



# Hybrid usage of High performance & Quantum Computers



Successful development  
of quantum computing  
applications