

CS269: Quantum Computer Programming

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"THE TALK"

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HONEY, I THINK YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT QUANTUM MECHANICS. QUANTUM SUPERPOSITION... IT DOESN'T MEAN 0 AND 1 AT THE SAME TIME. AT LEAST, NOT THE WAY YOU THINK.



THE IMPORTANT THING FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT QUANTUM COMPUTING ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF TRYING ALL THE ANSWERS IN PARALLEL.



IF YOU DON'T TALK TO YOUR KIDS
ABOUT QUANTUM COMPUTING...

SOMEONE ELSE WILL.

Quantum computing and
consciousness are both weird
and therefore equivalent.

This course is:

At the leading edge of a new technology, discipline, and industry

A programming-first approach

A great way to challenge yourself to think about computation in a totally new way

A way to learn “just enough” quantum physics

An **experiment!**

Course details

Online at: <http://cs269q.stanford.edu>

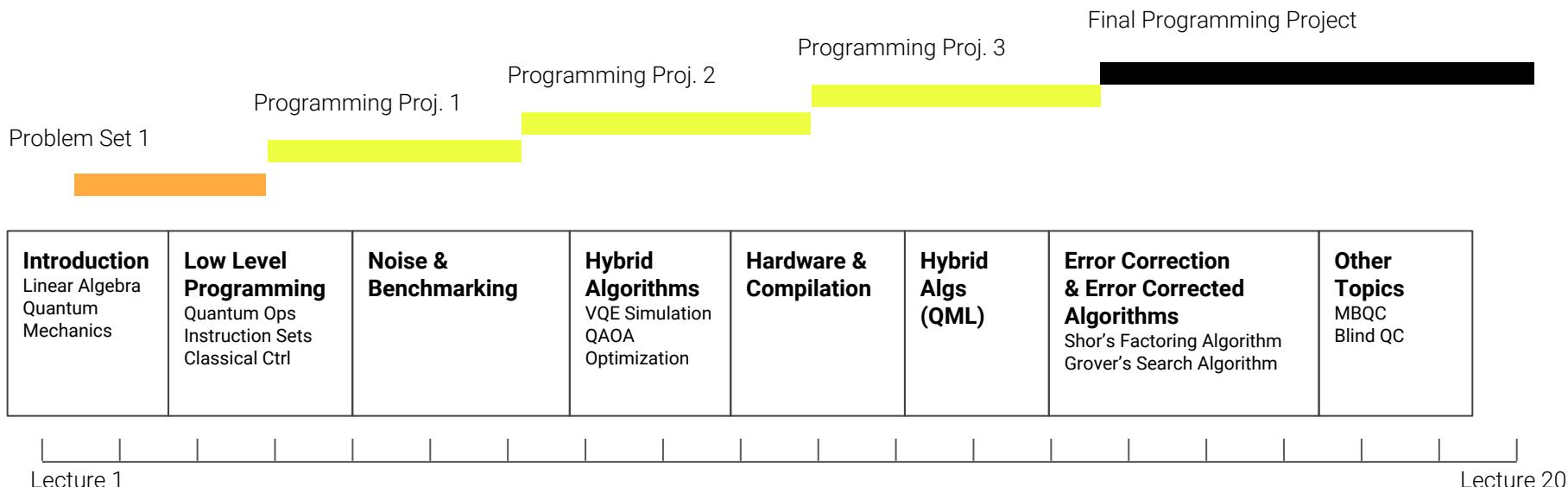
Two lectures per week. Tuesday, Thursday 10:30-11:50, McCullough 115

There will be **one** written problem sets, **three** programming projects, and **one** final programming project.

Textbook: Quantum Computation and Quantum Information: 10th Anniversary Edition by Michael A. Nielsen and Isaac L. Chuang

Readings: posted online with the syllabus for each lecture. These are critical.

Course Topics & Timeline



Quantum Computing isn't the answer to everything.

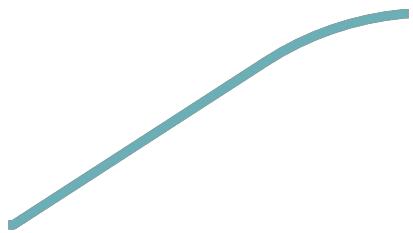
But it will almost certainly free us to **solve more problems.**

Today's lecture:

Q1. Why program a quantum computer?

Q2. How do I program a quantum computer?

Classical computers have fundamental limits



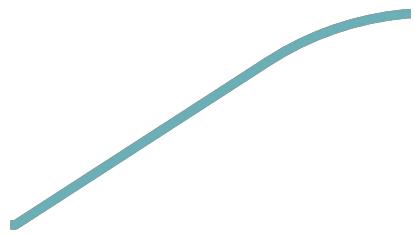
Transistor scaling

Economic limits with 10bn for next node fab

Ultimate single-atom limits

Intel First Production	
1999	180 nm
2001	130 nm
2003	90 nm
2005	65 nm
2007	45 nm
2009	32 nm
2011	22 nm
2014	14 nm
2016	10 nm
2017	10 nm
2018	10 nm?
2019	10 nm!

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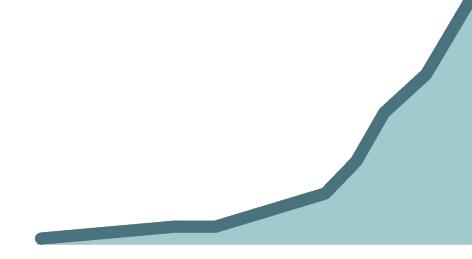
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Returns to parallelization

Amdahl's law

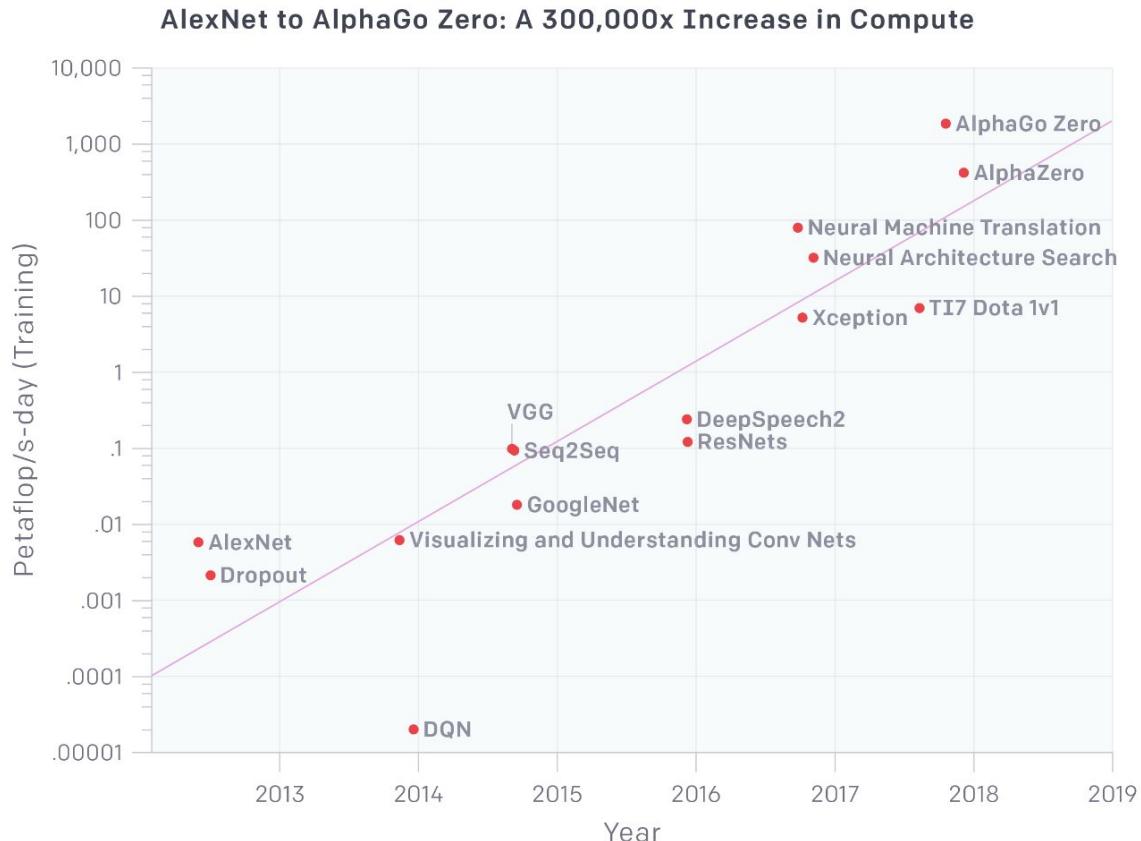


Energy consumption

Exascale computing project has its own power plant

Power density can melt chips

But Requirements for Compute Continue to Grow



And there's more we want to do

Simulation Driven
Drug Design

Organic Batteries &
Solar Cells

Artificial General
Intelligence

Why build a quantum computer?

New power | New opportunity | Fundamental curiosity

Quantum computing power* scales exponentially with qubits

N bits can exactly simulate log N qubits

This compute unit....



Commodore 64



AWS M4 Instance



Entire Global Cloud

can exactly simulate:

10 Qubits

30 Qubits

60 Qubits



Size of today's systems.
Note these are *imperfect* qubits.

* We will be more precise later in the lecture

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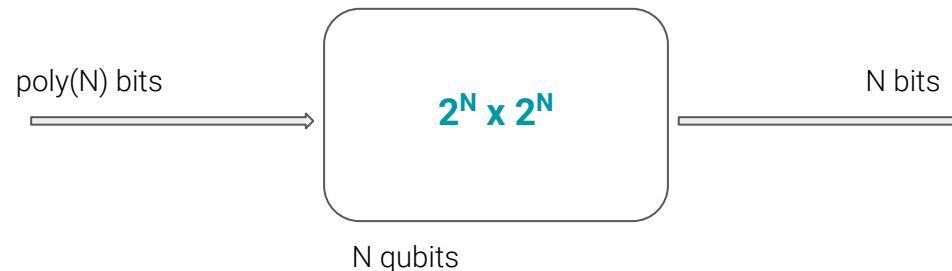
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For **N qubits** every time step ($\sim 100\text{ns}^*$) is an exponentially large $2^N \times 2^N$ complex **matrix multiplication**

Crucial details:

- limited number of multiplications (hundreds to thousands) due to noise
- not arbitrary matrices (need to be easily constructed on a QC)
- small I/O, **N-bits in and N-bits out**

The “big-memory small pipe” mental model for quantum computing



* for superconducting qubit systems

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Machine Learning

- > Development of new training sets and algorithms
- > Classification and sampling of large data sets



Supply Chain Optimization

- > Forecast and optimize for future inventory demand
- > NP-hard scheduling and logistics map into quantum applications



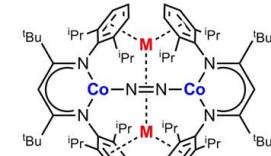
Robotic Manufacturing

- > Reduce manufacturing time and cost
- > Maps to a Traveling Salesman Problem addressable by quantum constrained optimization



Computational Materials Science

- > Design of better catalysts for batteries
- > Quantum algorithms for calculating electronic structure



Alternative Energy Research

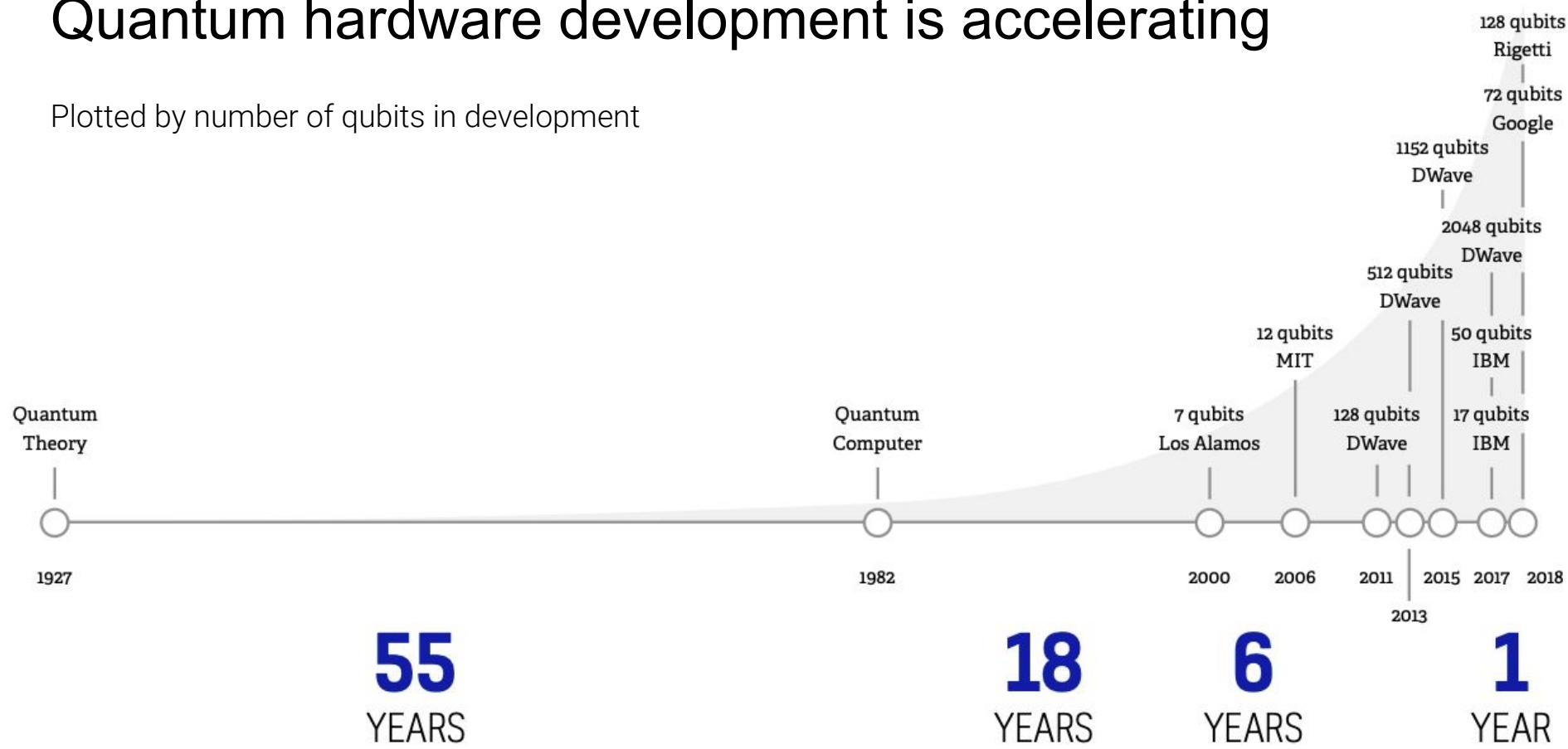
- > Efficiently convert atmospheric CO₂ to methanol
- > Powered by existing hybrid quantum-classical algorithms + machine learning



What isn't on here: breaking RSA with Shor's algorithm

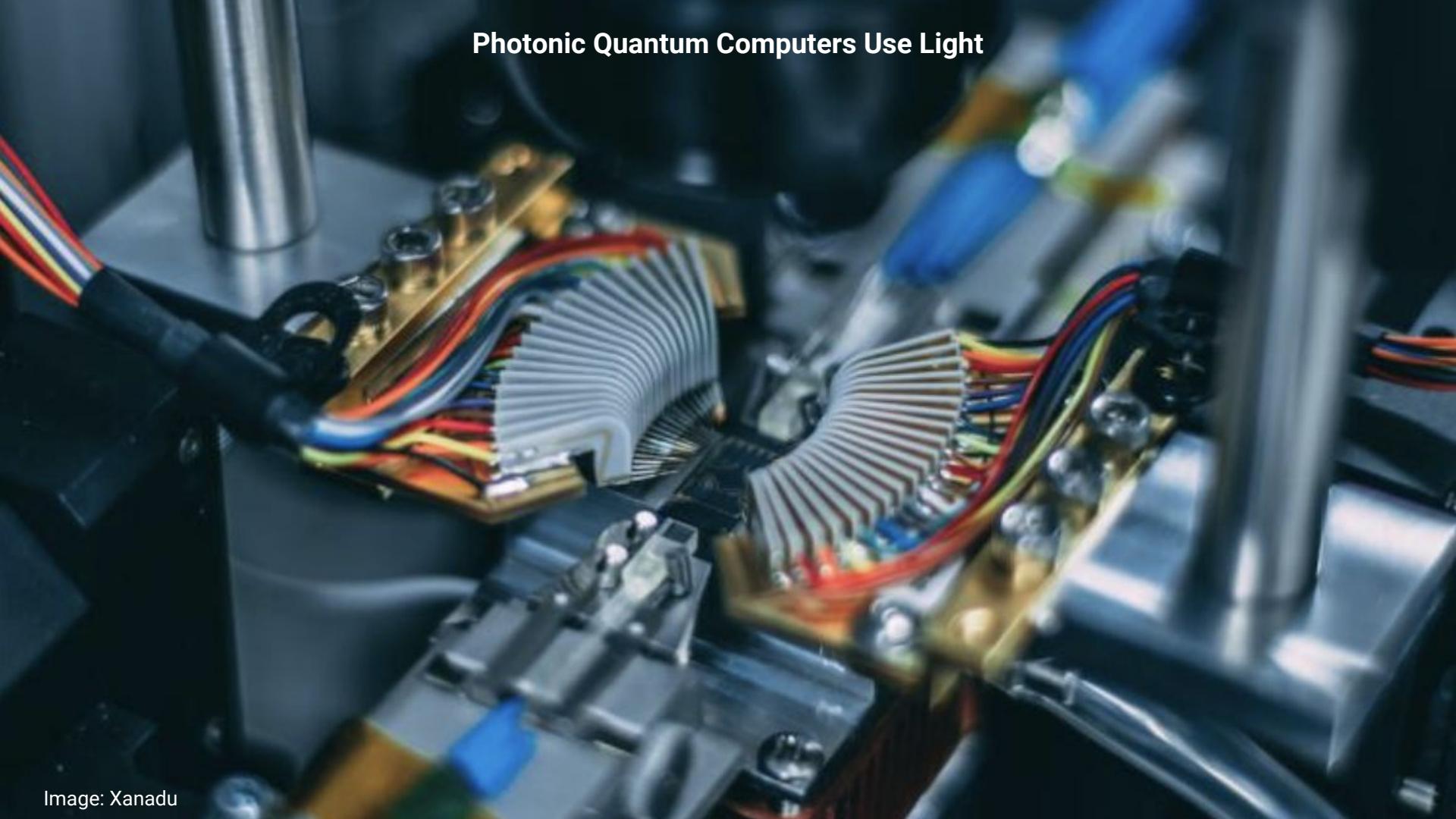
Quantum hardware development is accelerating

Plotted by number of qubits in development



Quantum Hardware comes
in many forms

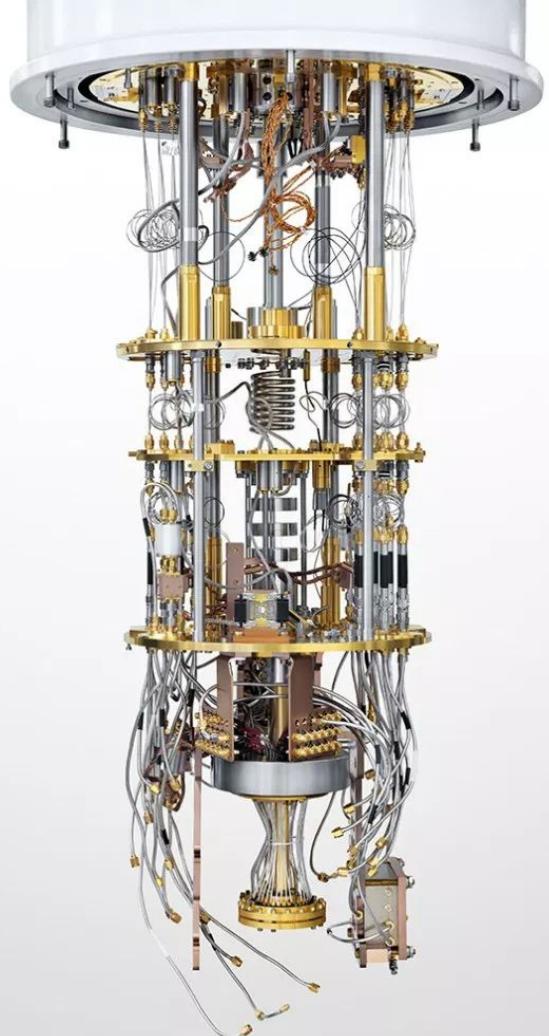
Photonic Quantum Computers Use Light



Superconducting Qubits are Supercooled RF Circuits

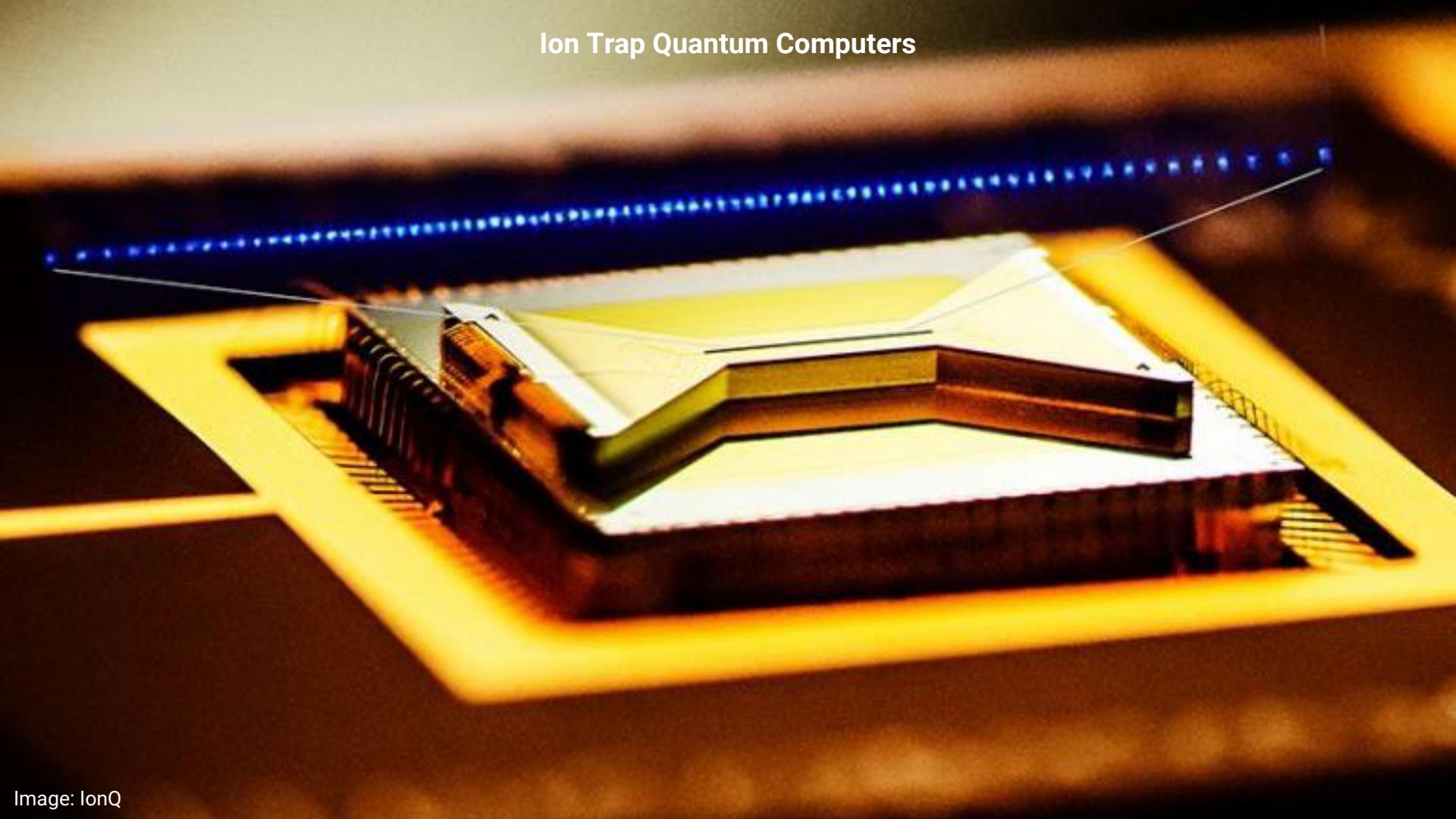


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Ion Trap Quantum Computers



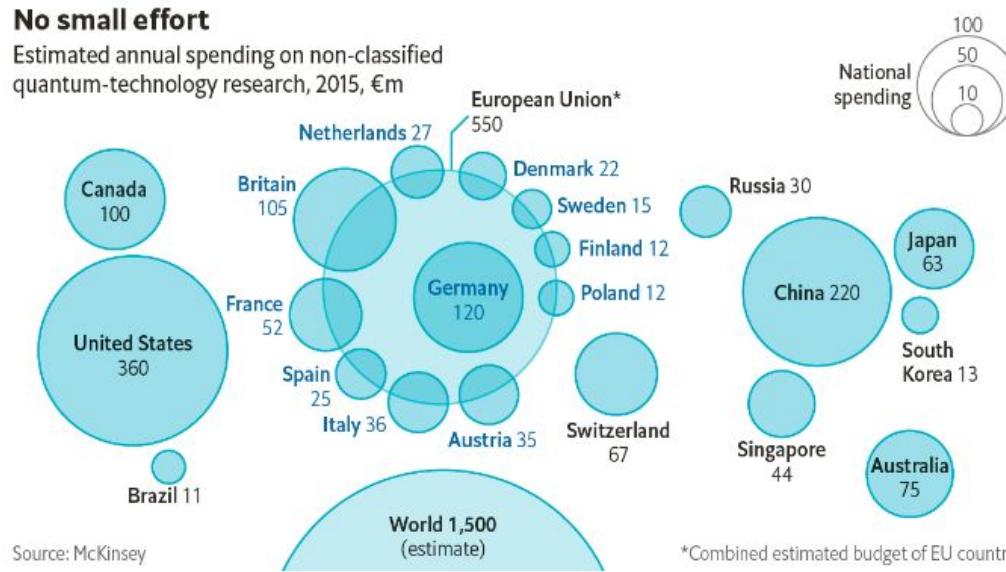
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Investments across academia, government, and industry are global and growing

No small effort

Estimated annual spending on non-classified quantum-technology research, 2015, €m



Plus approximately \$400M in global VC investment

Large Companies are involved



JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.



In a growing ecosystem of startups and incumbents

Software & Consultants



Quantum Computers



Enabling Technologies

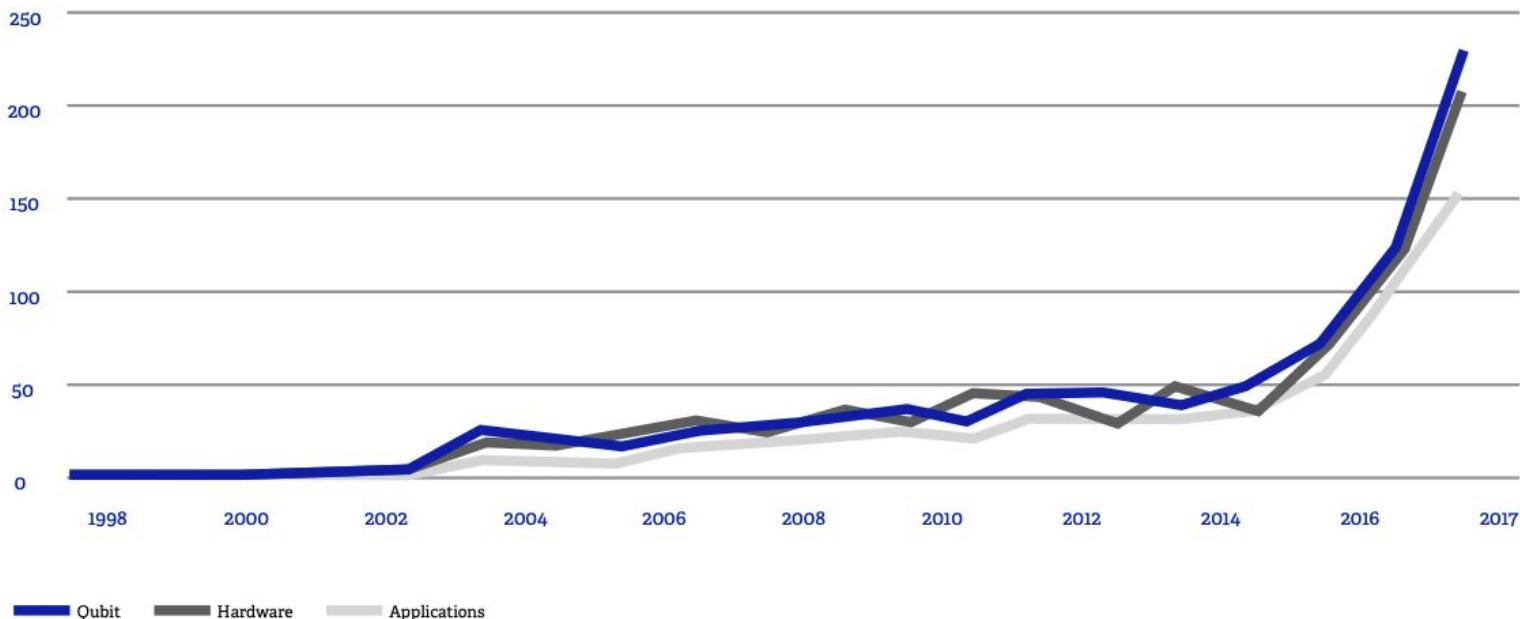


New Funding Strategies



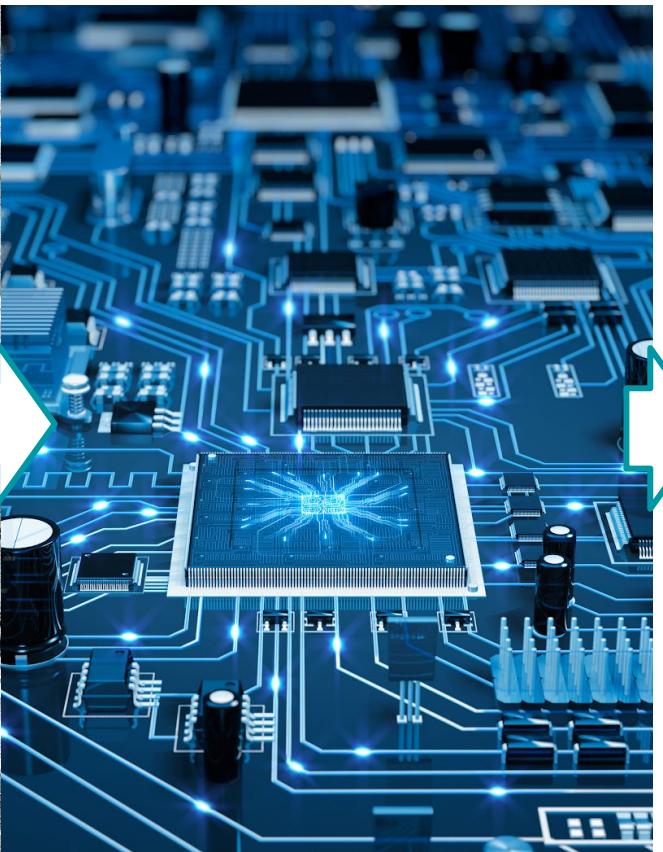
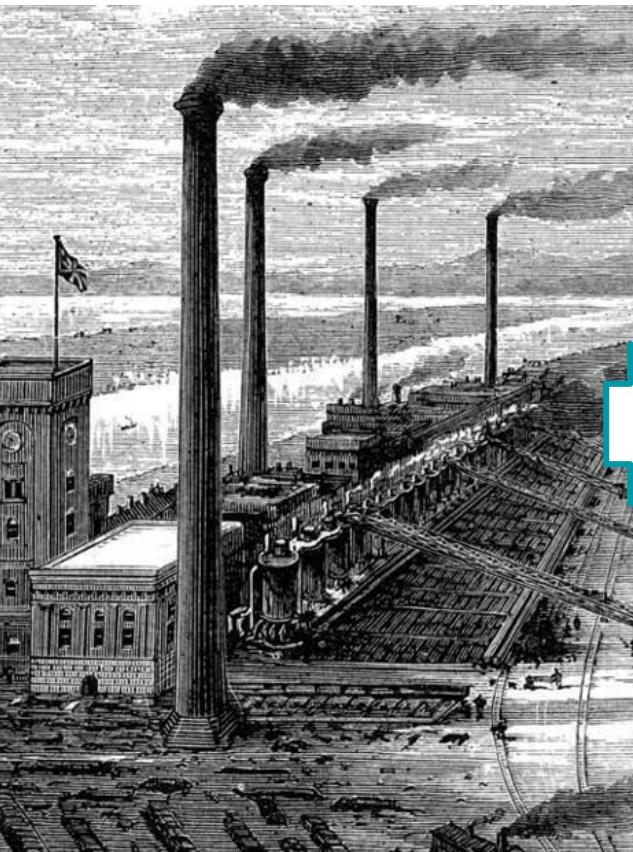
Representative list of players. A very active ecosystem!

QUANTUM COMPUTING PATENT FAMILIES BY CATEGORY AND PUBLICATION YEAR

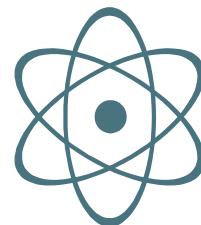


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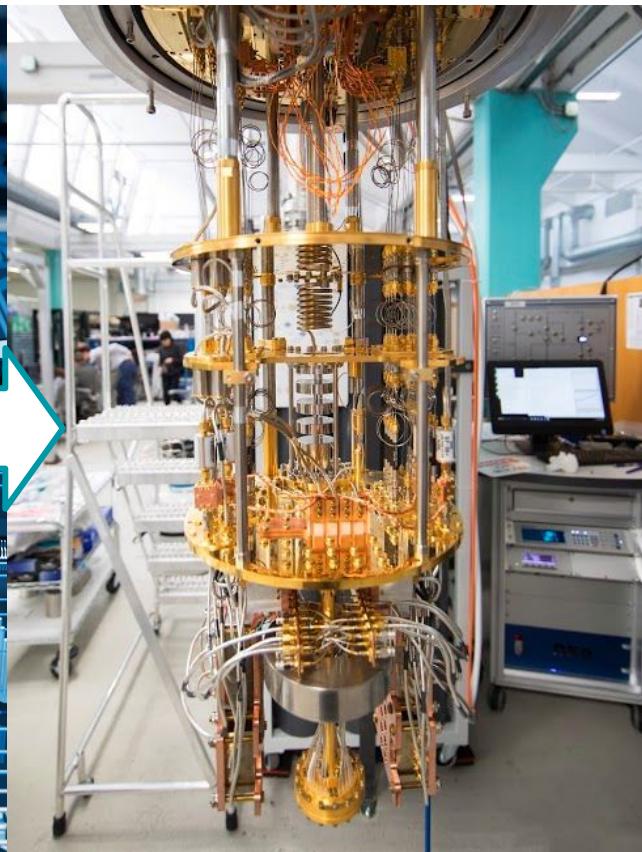
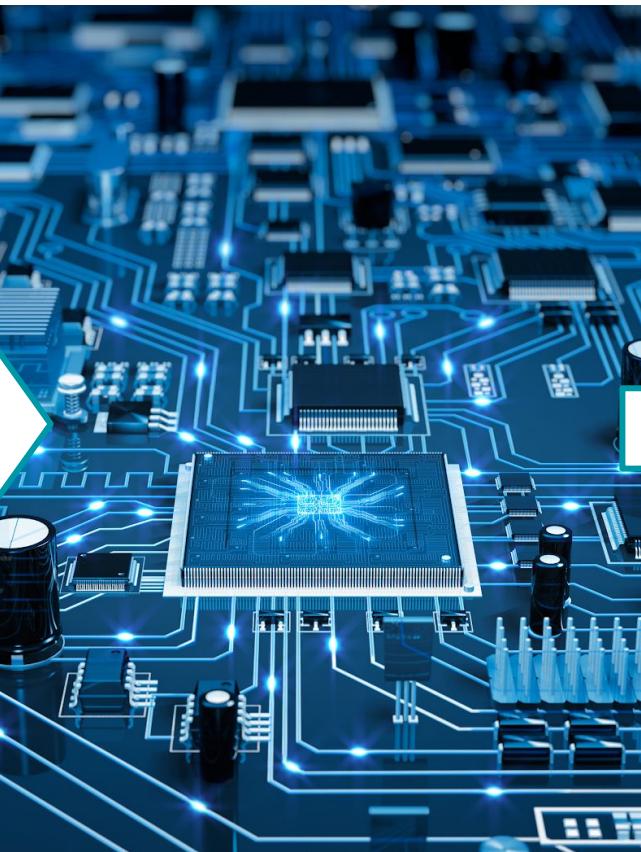
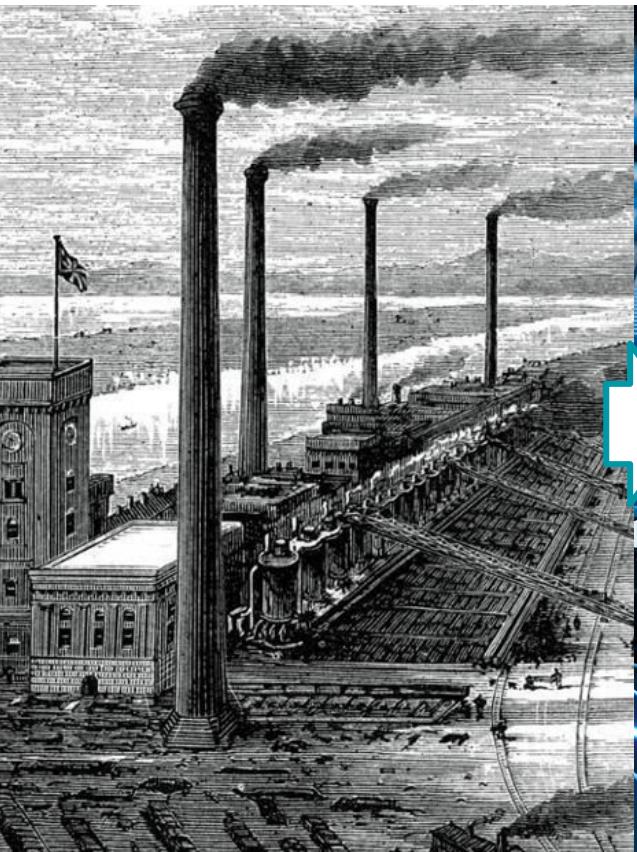


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Physical phenomenon apply to information and computation as well.

> Superposition

> No-cloning

> Teleportation

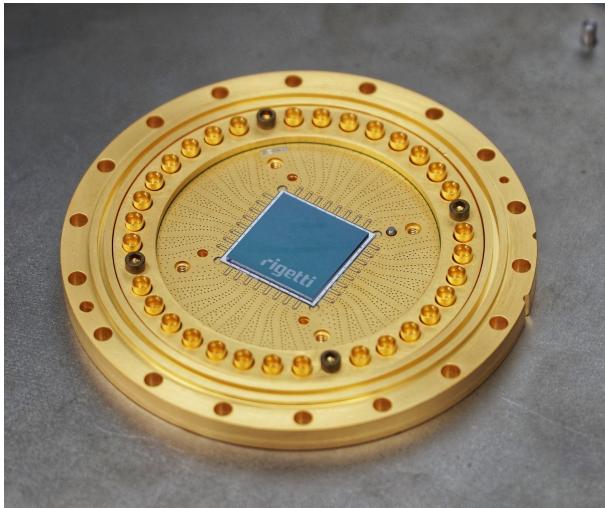
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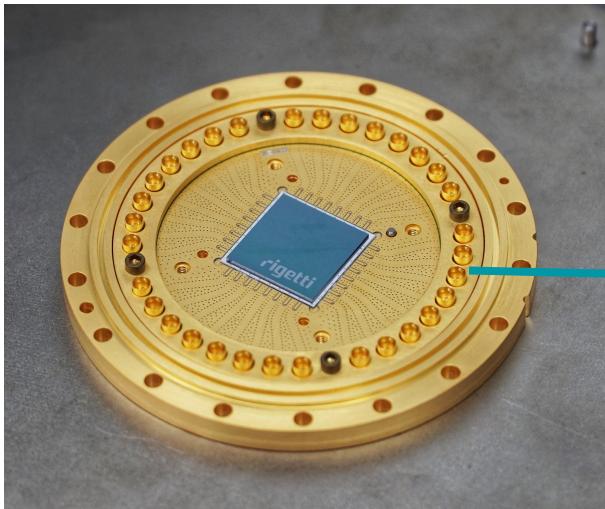


Full quantum computing system

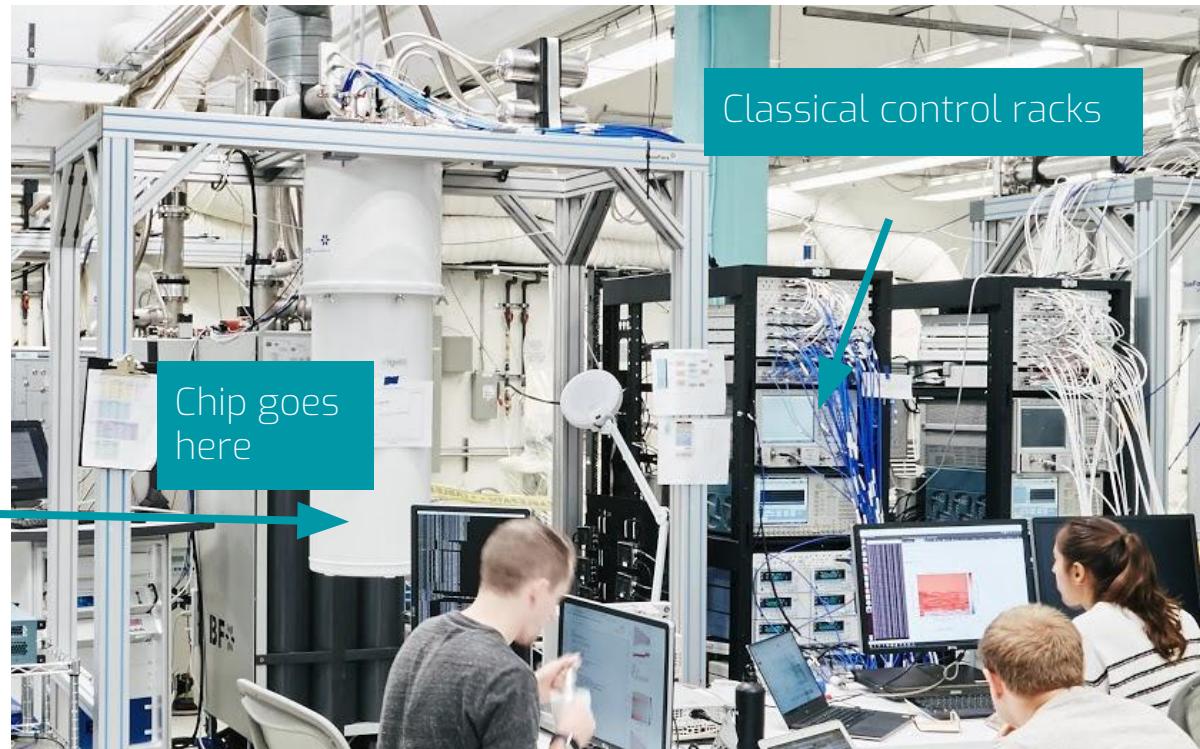
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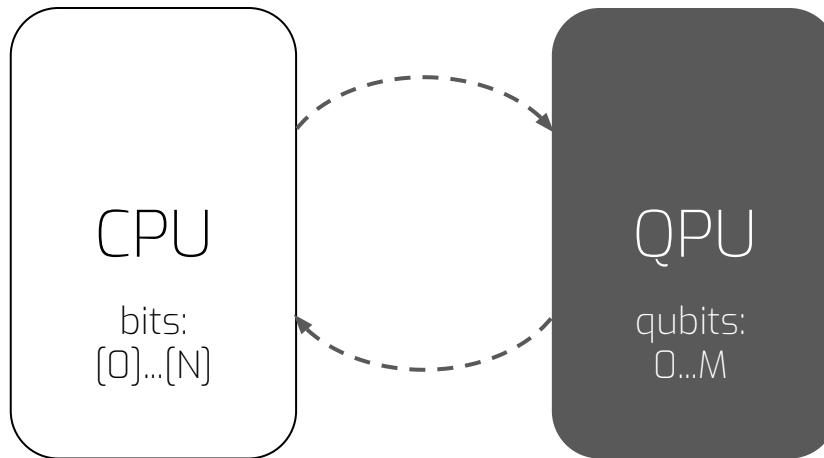


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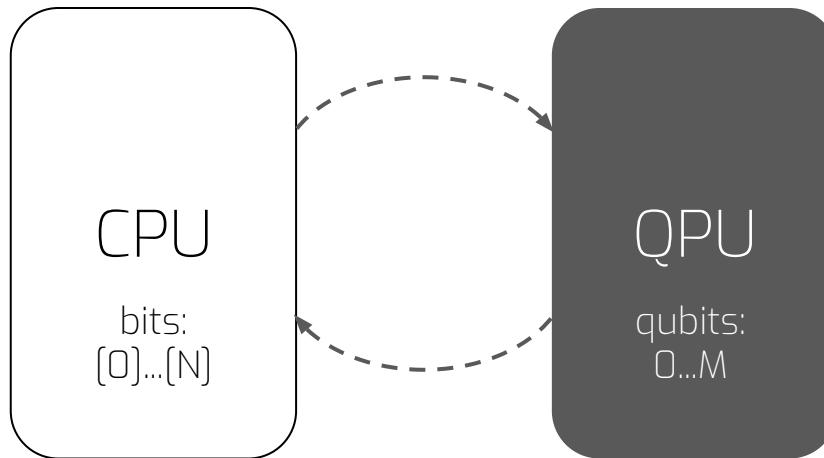
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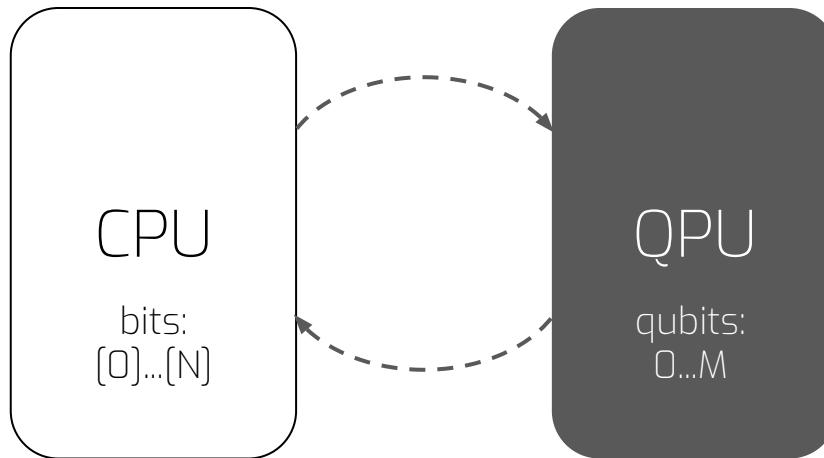
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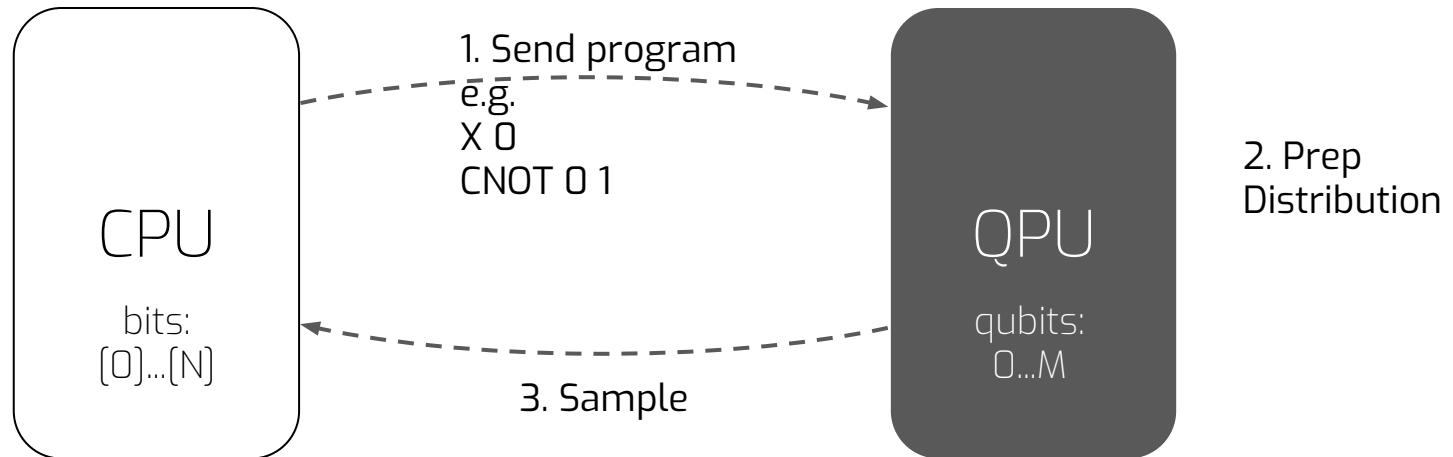


The Quil **[01]** instruction set is optimized for this.

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Quantum programming is preparing and sampling from complicated distributions



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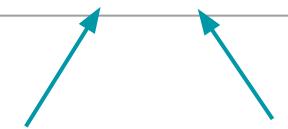
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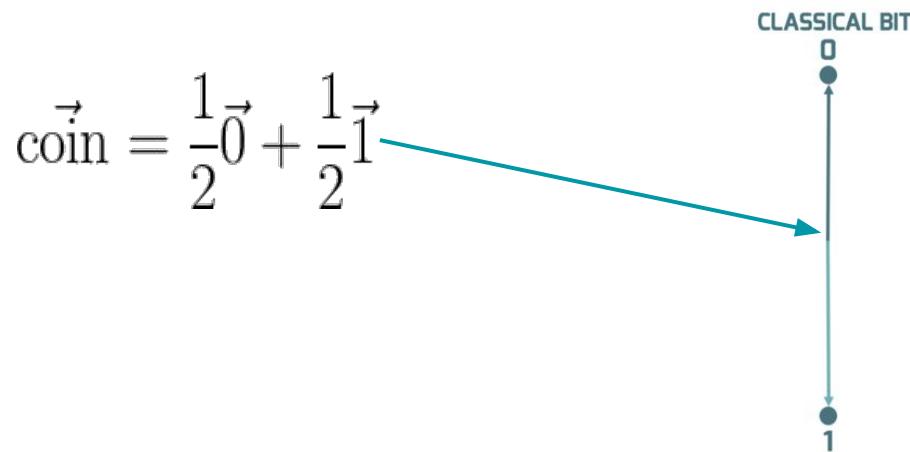
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CLASSICAL BIT


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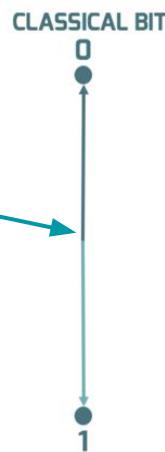
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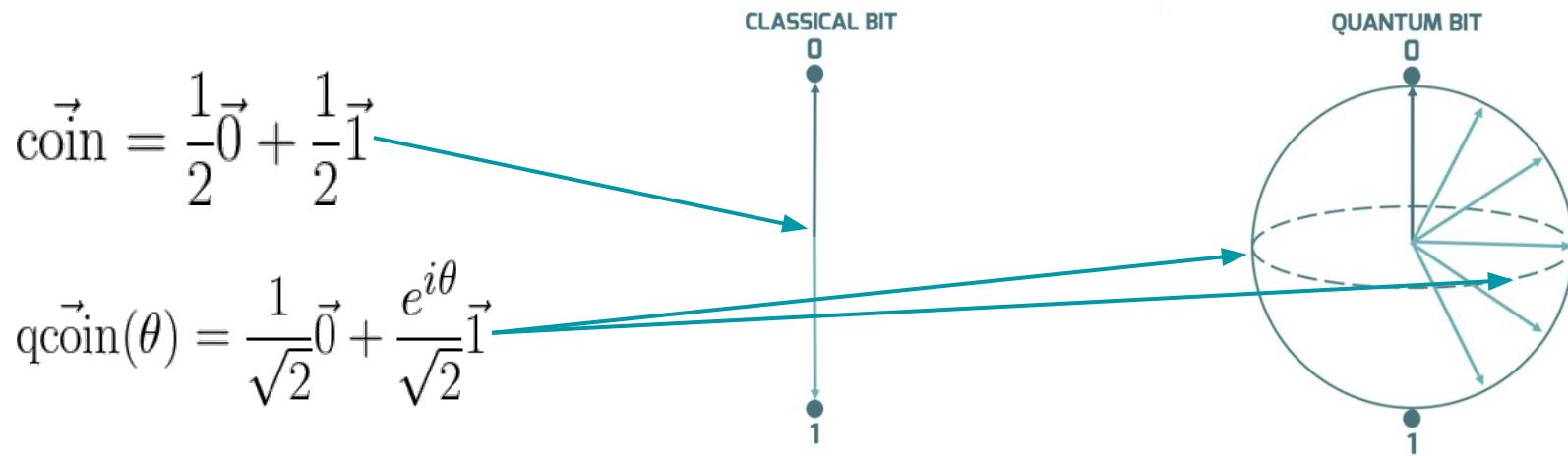
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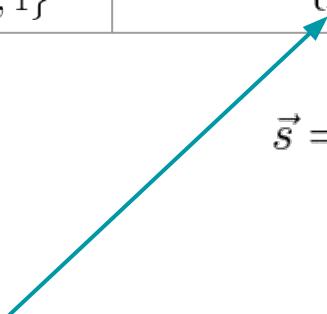


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Probability of bitstring x

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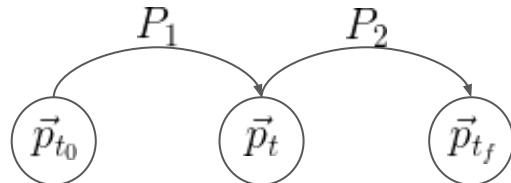

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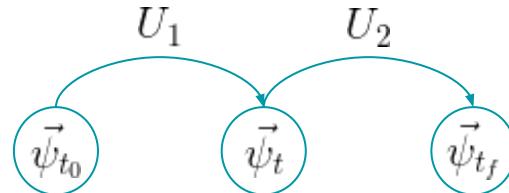
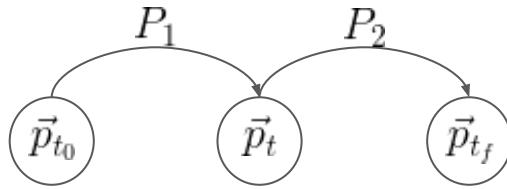
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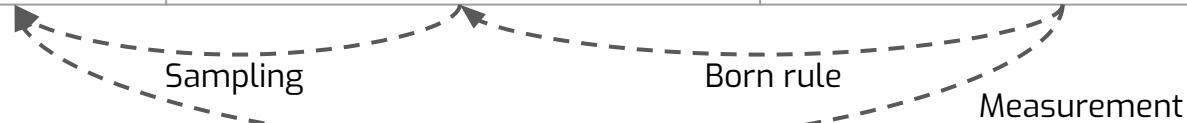
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State (single unit)	Bit $\in \{0, 1\}$	Real vector $\vec{b} = a\vec{0} + b\vec{1}$	Complex vector $a + b \in \mathbb{R}_+$ $\vec{\psi} = a\vec{0} + \beta\vec{1}$ $ \alpha ^2 + \beta ^2 = 1$
State (multi-unit)	Bitstring $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$	Prob. Distribution (stochastic vector) $\vec{s} = \{p_x\}_{x \in \{0,1\}^n}$	Wavefunction (complex vector) $\vec{\psi} = \{\alpha_x\}_{x \in \{0,1\}^n}$
Operations	Boolean Logic	Stochastic Matrices $\sum_{j=1}^s P_{i,j} = 1.$	Unitary Matrices $U^\dagger U = 1$
Component Ops	Boolean Gates	Tensor products of matrices	Tensor products of matrices



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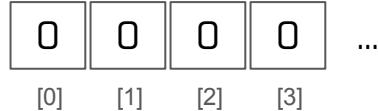
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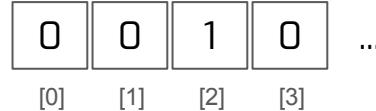
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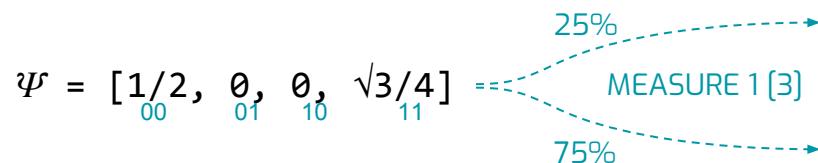
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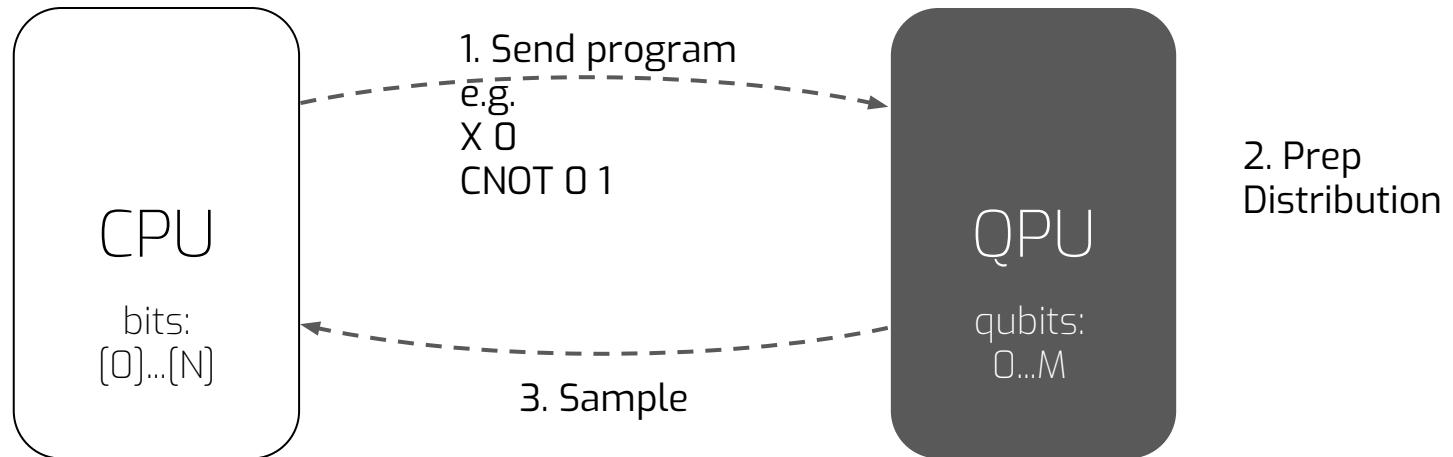
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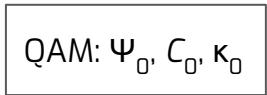
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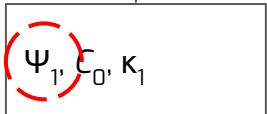
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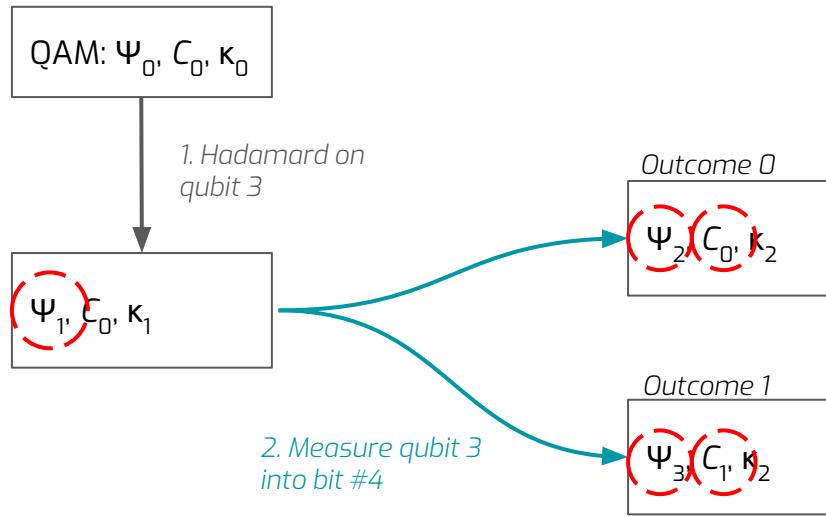
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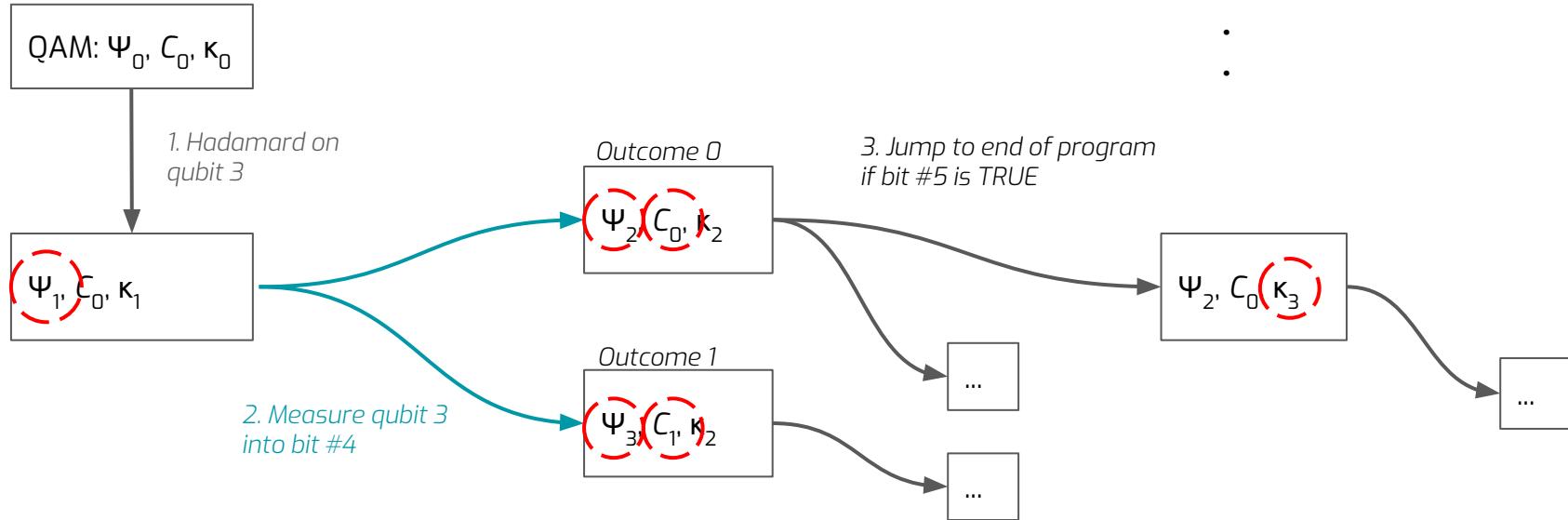
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Main tools in this course. All OSS
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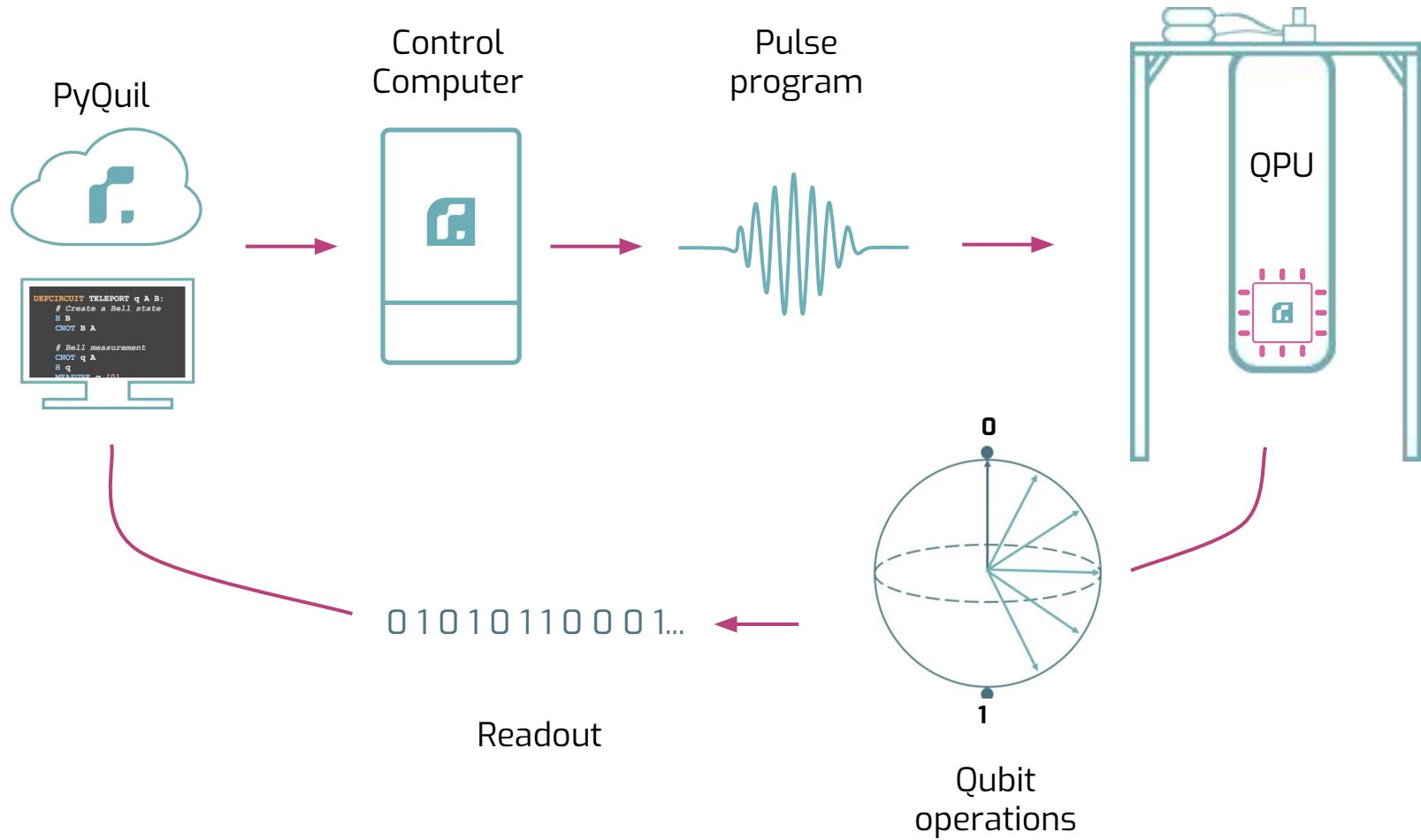
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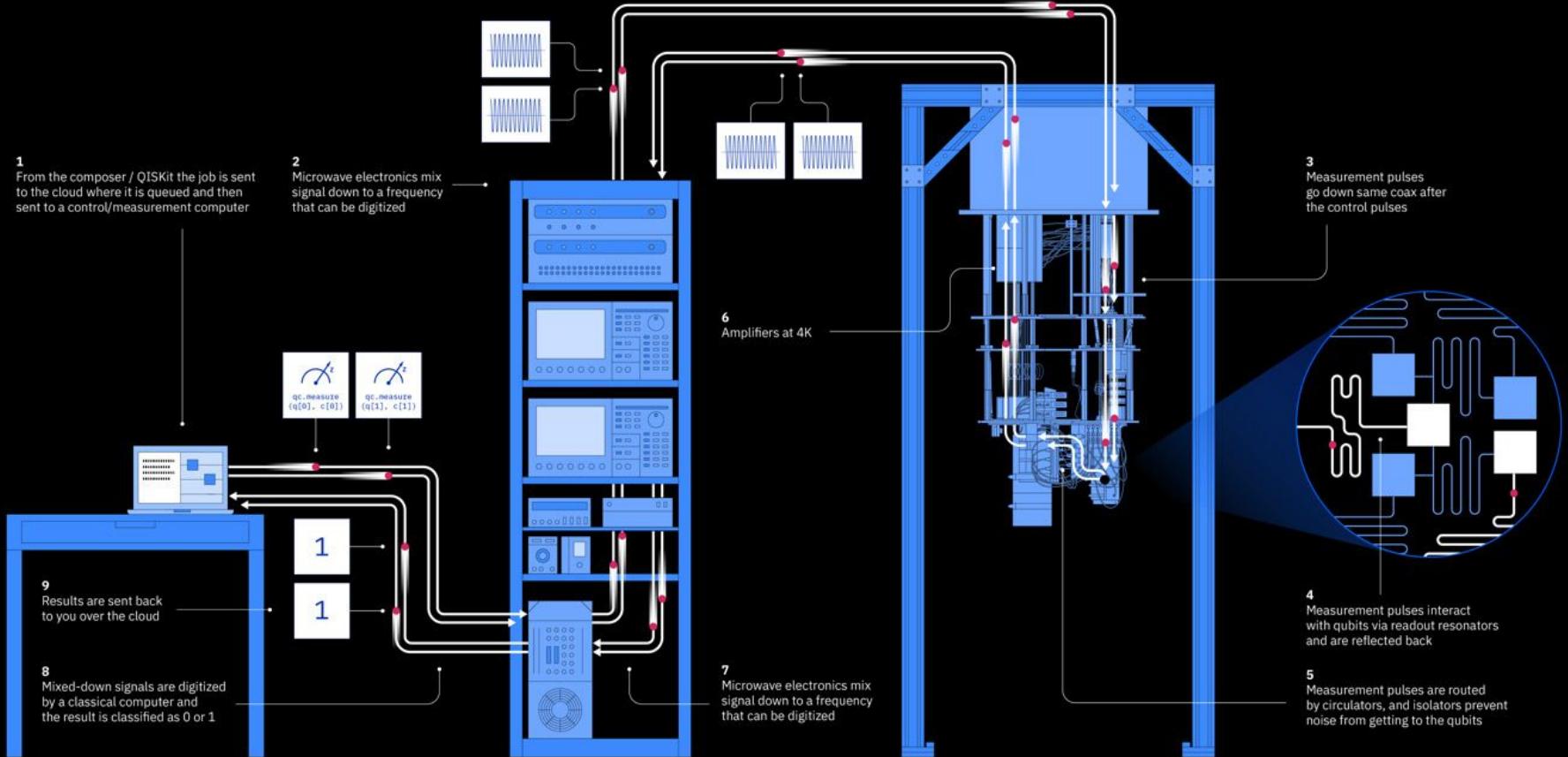
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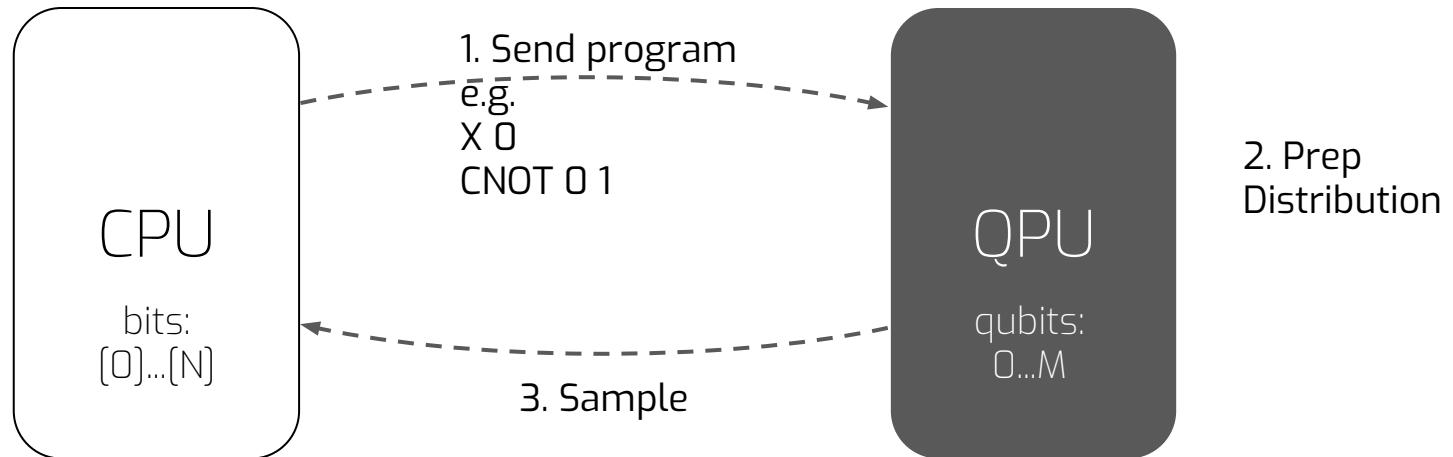
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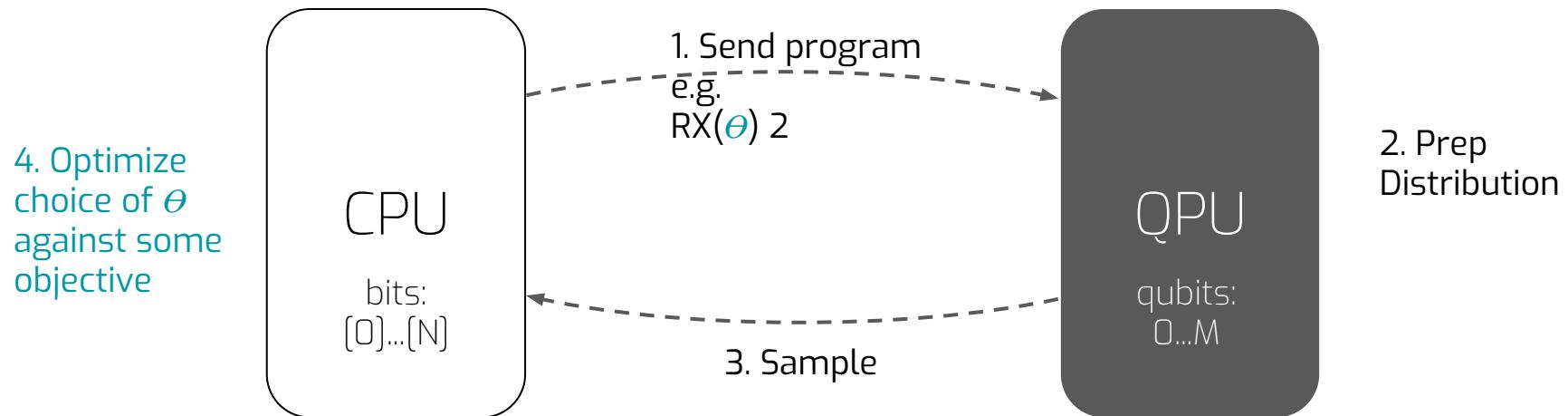
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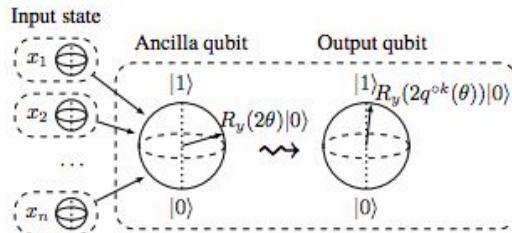
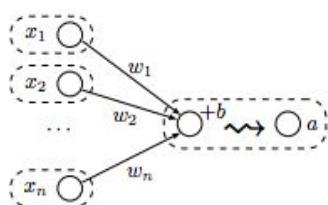
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By parameterizing quantum programs we can train them to be robust to noise



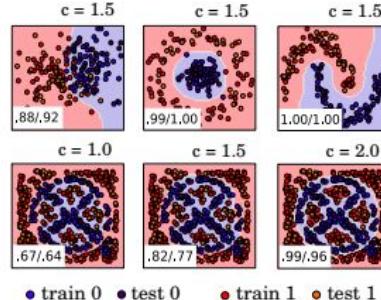
Quantum Machine Learning

> Quantum neuron: an elementary building block for machine learning on quantum computers. (Cao et al. 2017)

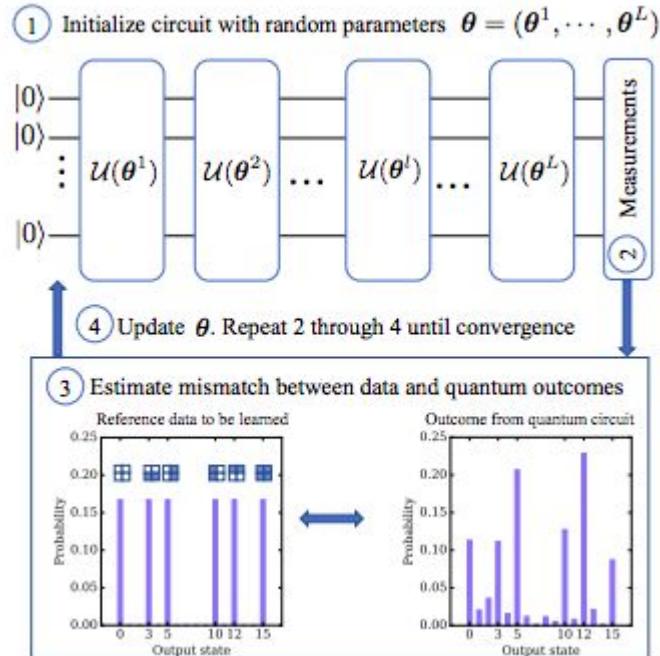


> Quantum circuit learning. (Mitarai et al. 2018)

> Quantum machine learning in feature Hilbert spaces.
(Schuld and Killoran 2018)



A generative modeling approach for benchmarking and training shallow quantum circuits. (Benedetti et al. 2018)



The Variational Quantum Eigensolver

Used for the electronic structure problem in quantum chemistry

1. MOLECULAR DESCRIPTION

e.g. Electronic Structure Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i,j < i}^{N_n} \frac{Z_i Z_j}{|R_i - R_j|} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \frac{-\nabla^2_{r_i}}{2} - \sum_{ij}^{N_n, N_e} \frac{Z_i}{|R_i - r_j|} + \sum_{i,j < i}^{N_e} \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|}.$$

2. MAP TO QUBIT REPRESENTATION

e.g. Bravyi-Kitaev or Jordan-Wigner Transform

e.g. DI-HYDROGEN

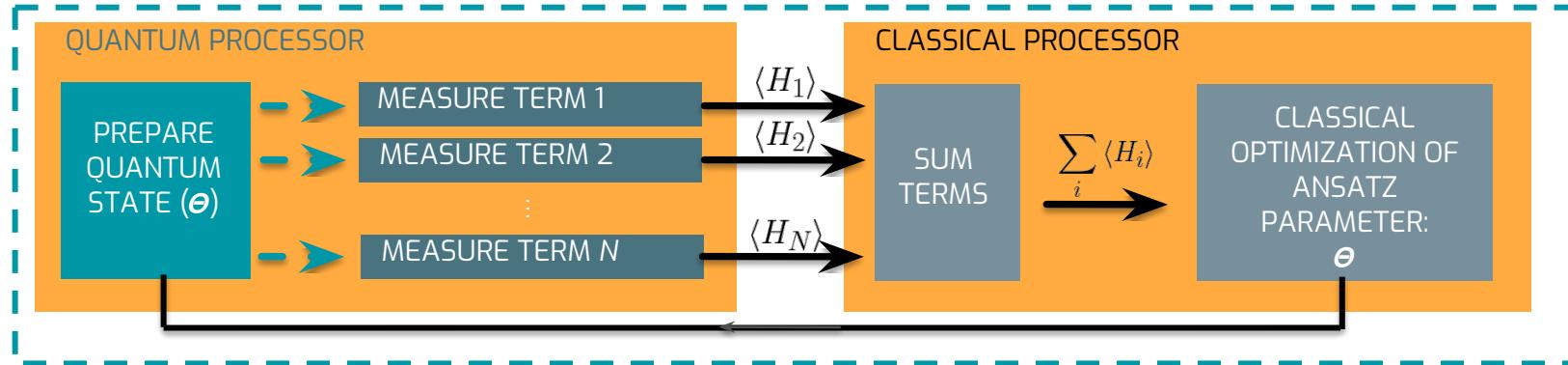
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3. PARAMETERIZED ANSATZ

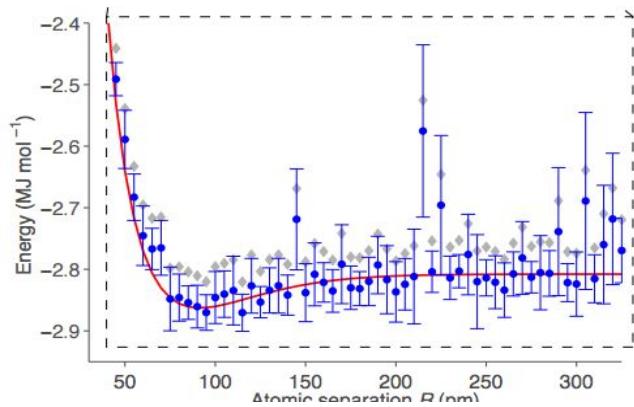
e.g. Unitary Coupled Cluster Variational Adiabatic Ansatz

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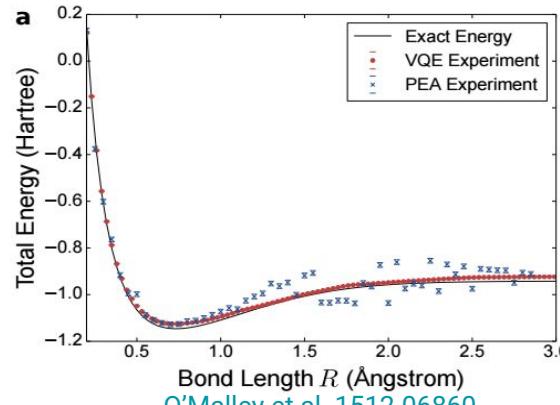
4. RUN Q.V.E. QUANTUM-CLASSICAL HYBRID ALGORITHM



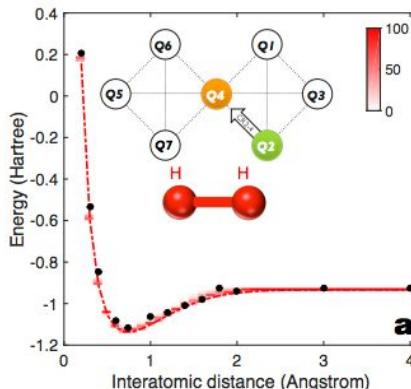
VQE Simulations on Quantum Hardware



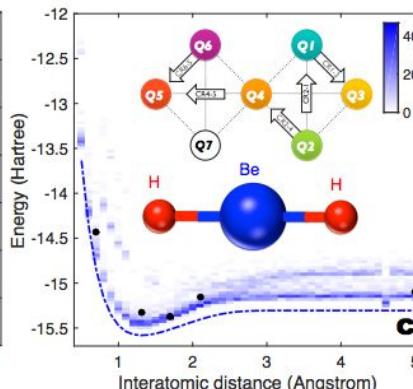
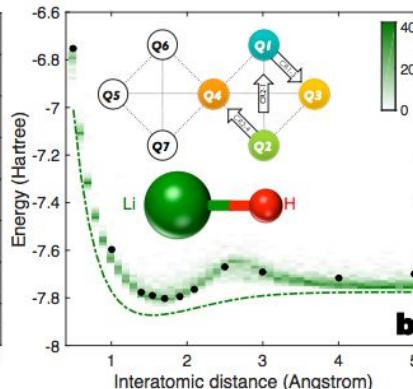
Peruzzo et al. 1304.3061



O'Malley et al. 1512.06860



Kandala et al.
1704.05018



Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

[QAOA] Hybrid algorithm used for constraint satisfaction problems

Given binary constraints:

$$z \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$C_a(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \text{ satisfies the constraint } a \\ 0 & \text{if } z \text{ does not.} \end{cases}$$

MAXIMIZE

$$C(z) = \sum_{a=1}^m C_a(z)$$

Traveling Salesperson Scheduling

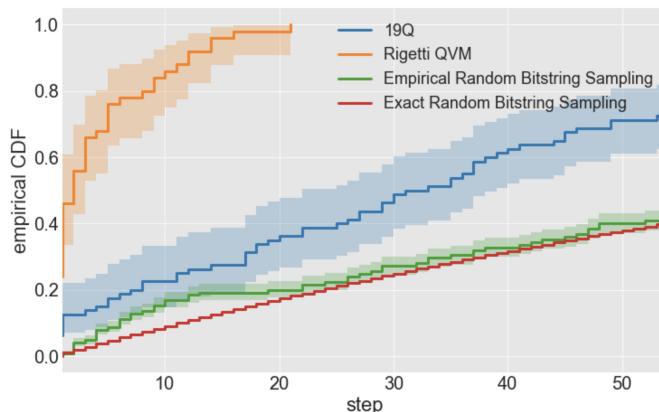
K-means clustering

Boltzmann Machine Training

Hadfield et al. 2017 [1709.03489]

Otterbach et al. 2017 [1712.05771]

Verdon et al. 2017 [1712.05304]



QAOA in Forest

In **19** lines of code

```
from pyquil import Program
from pyquil.api import WavefunctionSimulator
from pyquil.gates import H
from pyquil.paulis import sZ, sX, sI, exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum

graph = [(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 0)]
nodes = range(4)

init_state_prog = sum([H(i) for i in nodes], Program())
h_cost = -0.5 * sum(sI(nodes[0]) - sZ(i) * sZ(j) for i, j in graph)
h_driver = -1. * sum(sX(i) for i in nodes)

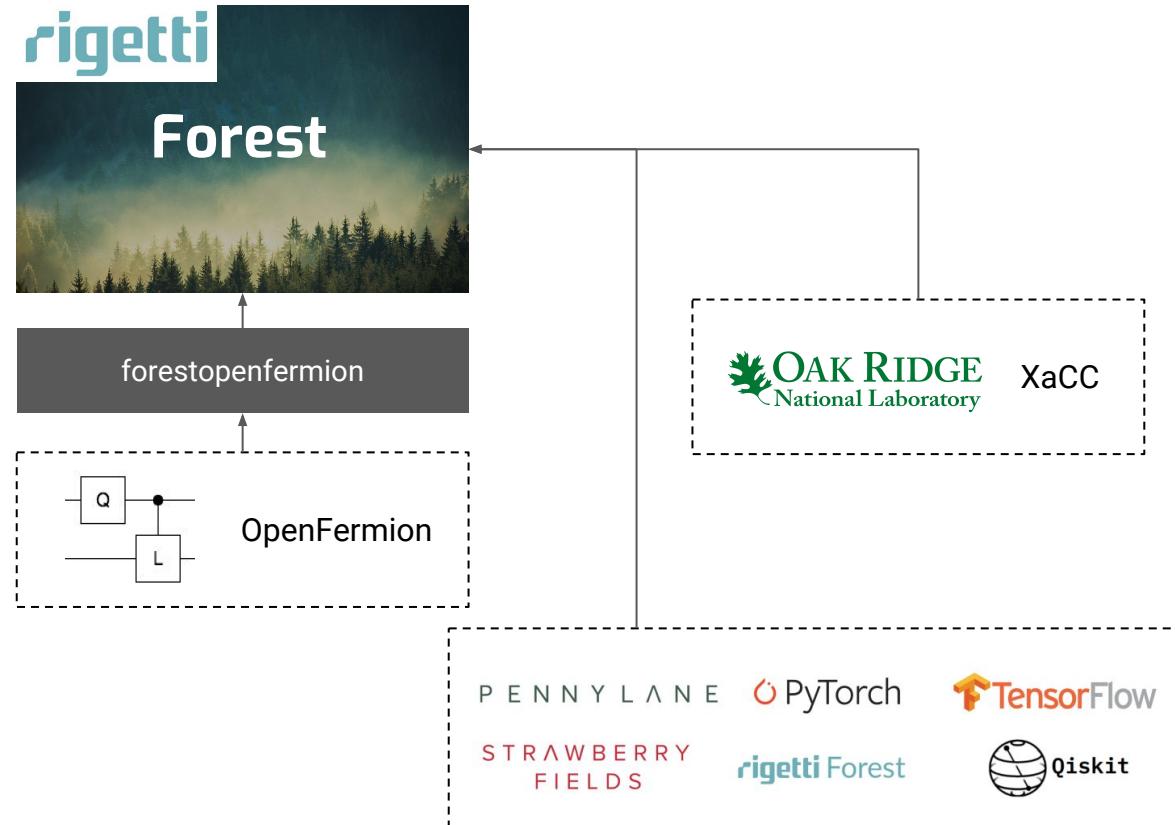
def qaoa_ansatz(betas, gammas):
    return sum([exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_cost)(g) +
               exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_driver)(b) \
                   for g, b in zip(gammas, betas)], Program())

def qaoa_cost(params):
    half = int(len(params)/2)
    betas, gammas = params[:half], params[half:]
    program = init_state_prog + qaoa_ansatz(betas, gammas)
    return WavefunctionSimulator().expectation(prepare_prog=program, pauli_terms=h_cost)

minimize(qaoa_cost, x0=[0., 0.5, 0.75, 1.], method='Nelder-Mead', options={'disp': True})
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Open areas in quantum programming

- > Debuggers
- > Optimizing compilers
- > Application specific packages
- > **Adoption and implementations**



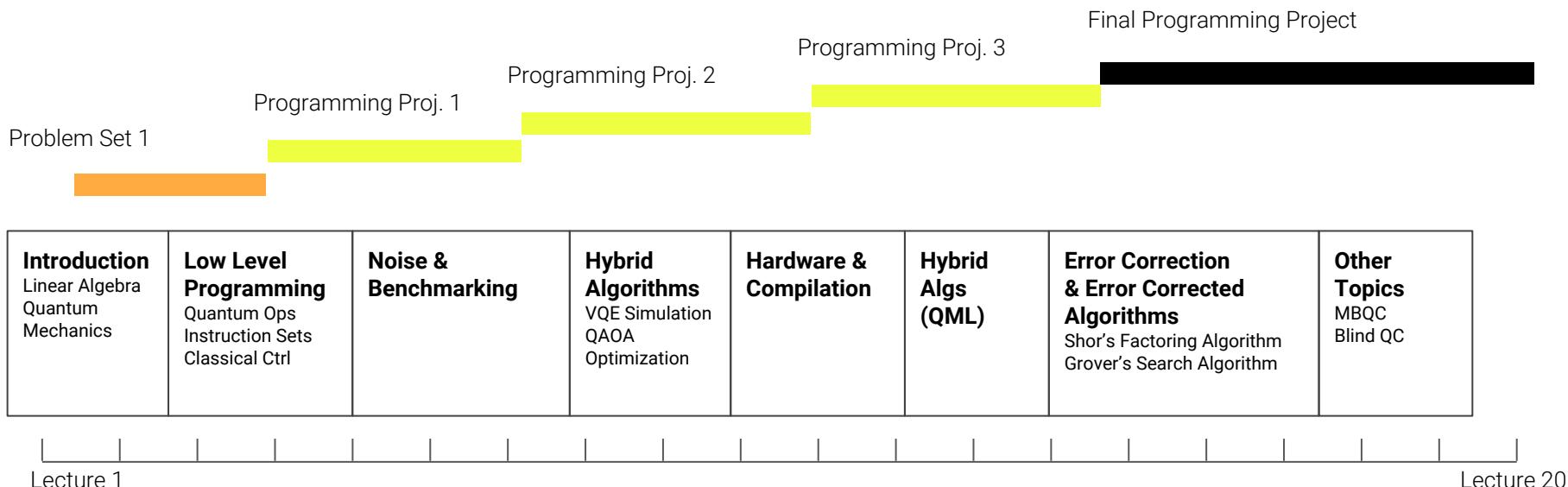
Q1. Why program a quantum computer?

New power | New opportunity | Fundamental curiosity

Q2. How do I program a quantum computer?

Hybrid quantum programming (usually) **in Python!**

Course Topics & Timeline



Actions for between now and the next lecture:

1. Read the syllabus.
2. Read Mike & Ike Chapters 1 & 2. Especially review Sections 2.2, 2.3 & 2.6.
3. Review Linear Algebra. You will need:

Vectors and linear maps	Hermitian Operators
Bases and linear independence	Unitary Matrices
Pauli Matrices	Tensor Products
Inner Products	Matrix Exponentials
Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors	Traces
Adjoint	Commutators and Anti-commutators

4. Download and install pyQuil: <https://pyquil.readthedocs.io>