

Quantum Optimization

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A little bit about me



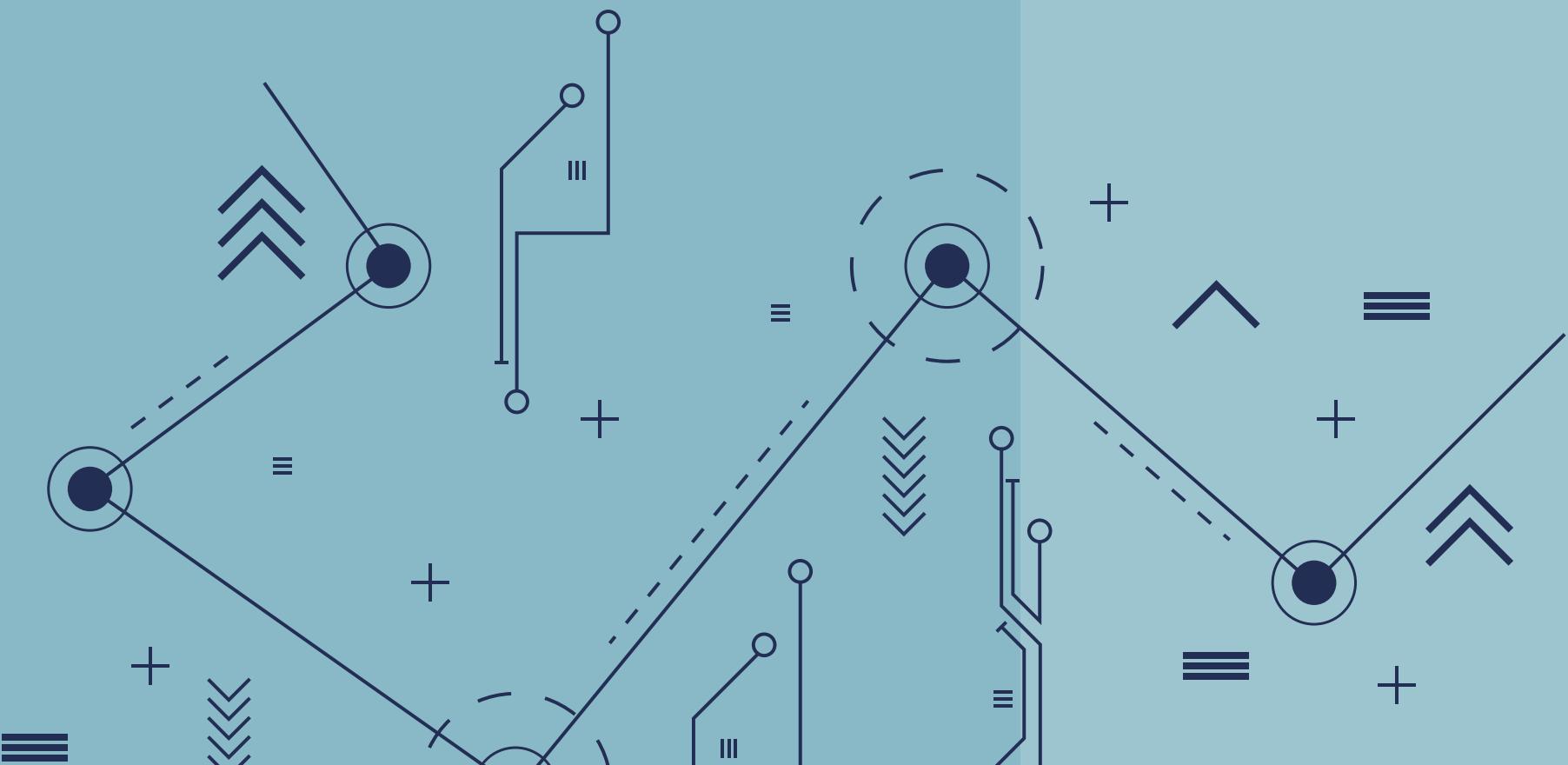
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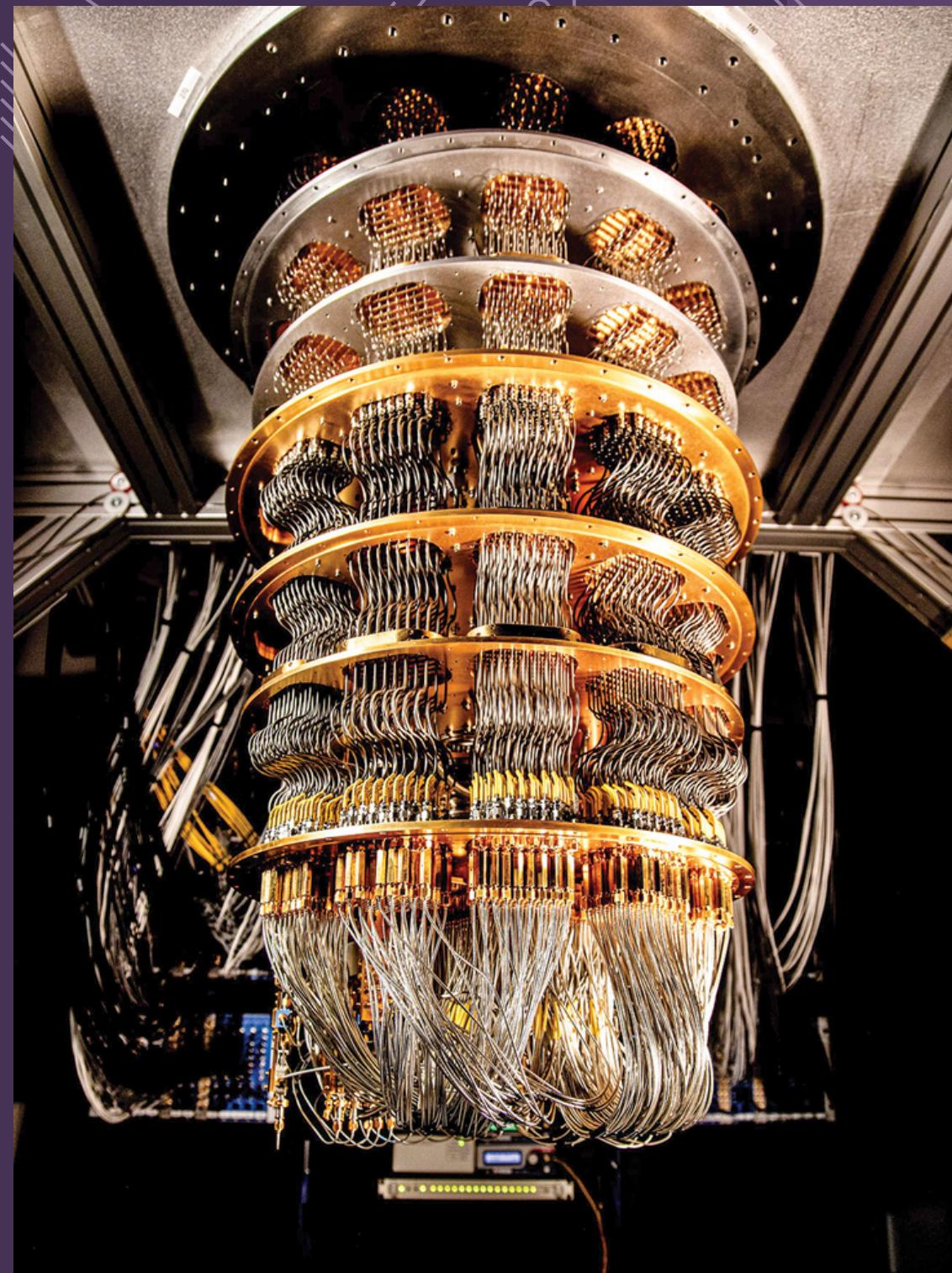


- Originally from Spain, Madrid
- Physics Undergraduate @ the University of Bath, UK
- Been in the Quantum Industry since 2021
- Worked and consulted for a multitude of companies:
 - Multinationals: Cisco, IBM
 - Startups and midsized companies: EllieTrac.AI, Quantum Foundry, The Quantum Insider, QuAIL Technologies, Ingenii
- Researched Quantum tech in academia:
 - 2022 Google of Summer in Code: Implementation of a quantum error correction code library for Julia's Clifford gate simulator
 - Researched the topological advantages of quantum networks over classical networks at the University of Bath
- Active member of the quantum open source ecosystem

About today's topic

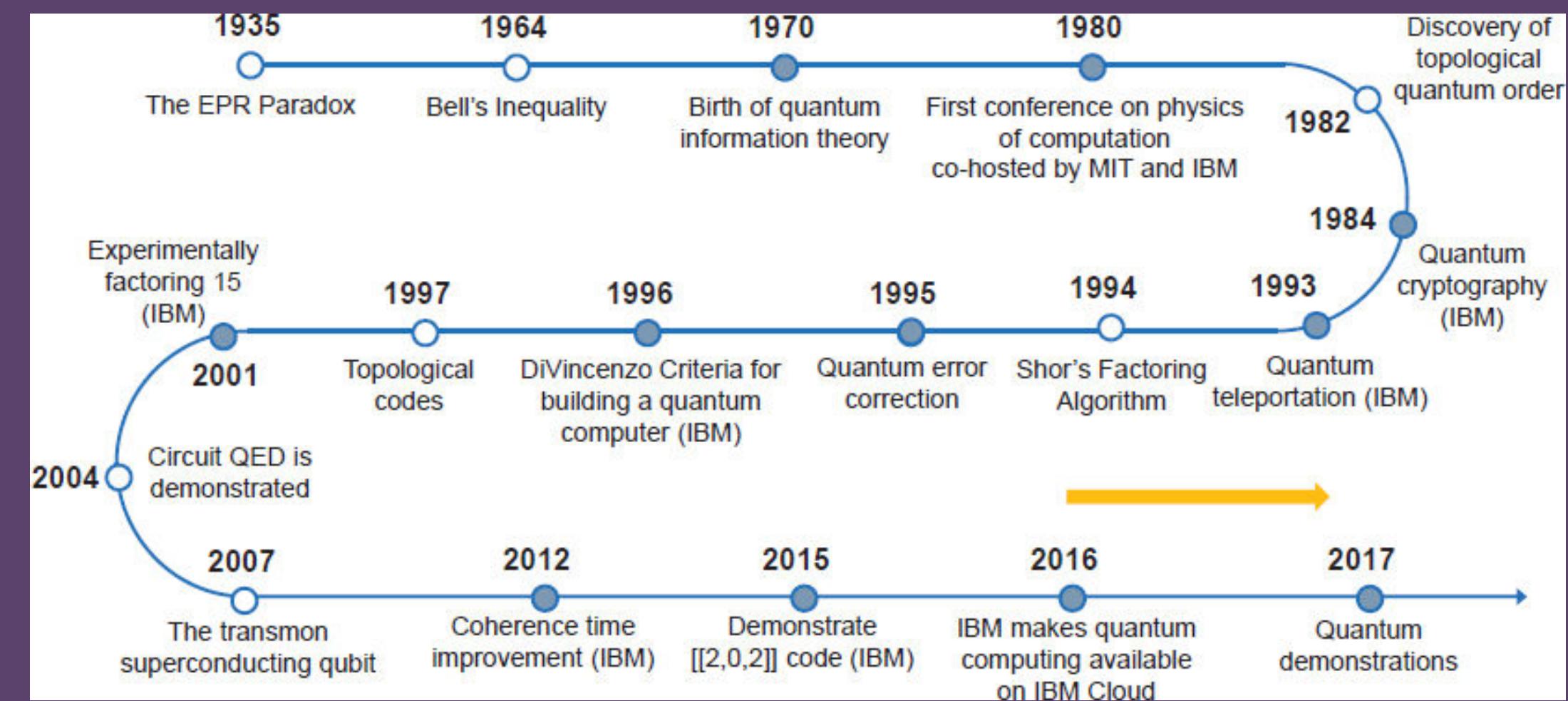
During the next 45 minutes we will discuss 3 major topics and hopefully give you a good overview of the past, present and future of Quantum, as well as it's offered advantage. We will delve into these topics as beginners, and by the end I will give you the tools and resources to continue your quantum journey. Let's get started!

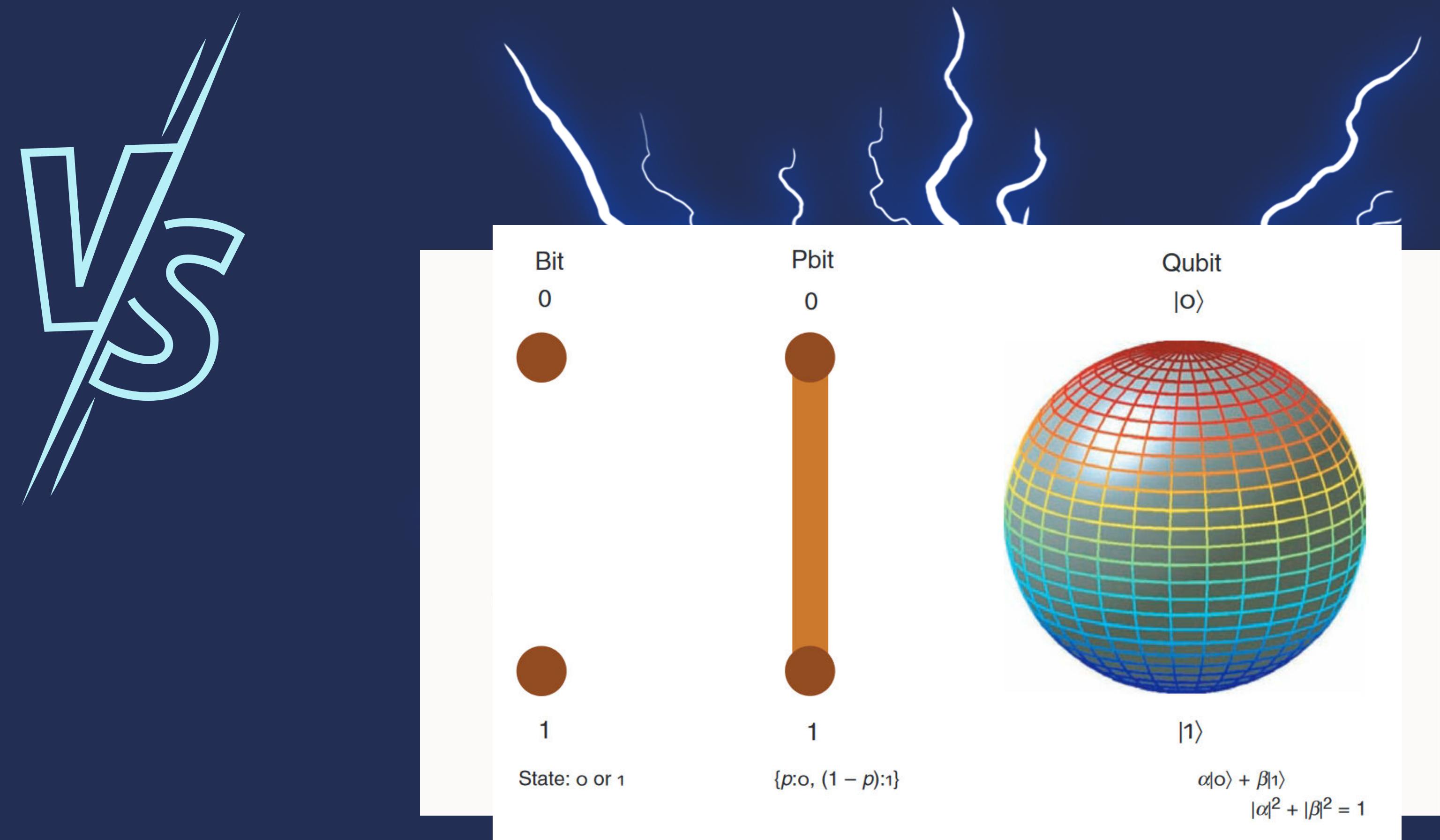




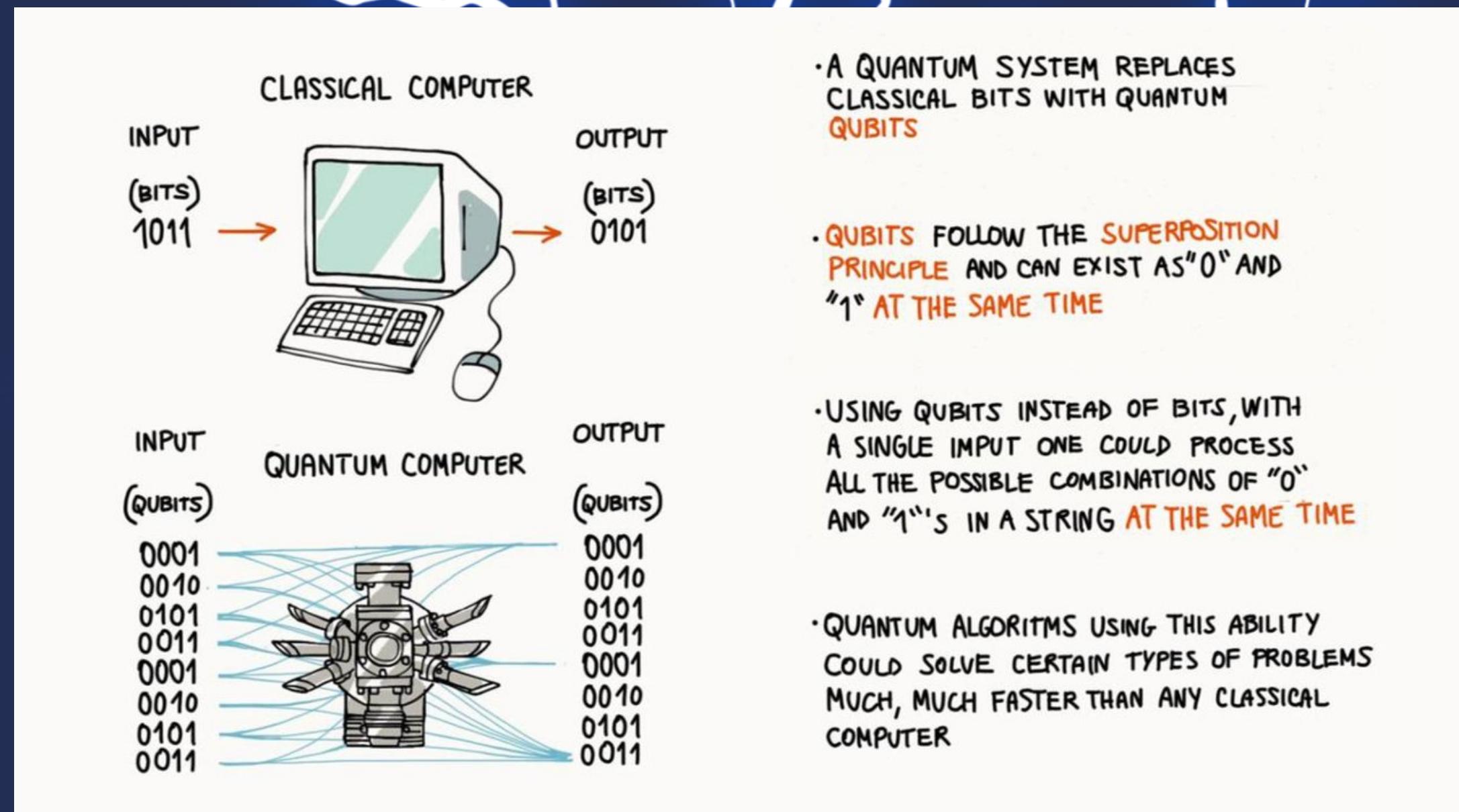
A historic perspective

Quantum computing originated in the early 1980s when physicist Richard Feynman proposed the idea of simulating quantum systems using quantum mechanical phenomena. In 1985, David Deutsch formulated the first universal quantum computer model, laying the theoretical foundation for quantum computation. Significant progress was made in the 1990s, with Peter Shor's discovery of a quantum algorithm capable of efficiently factoring large numbers and Lov Grover's algorithm for fast searching, sparking widespread interest and research in the field.

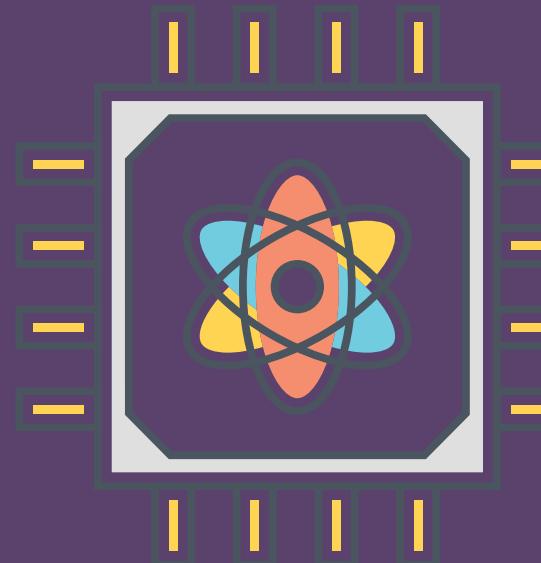




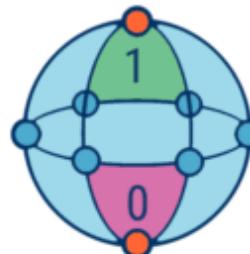
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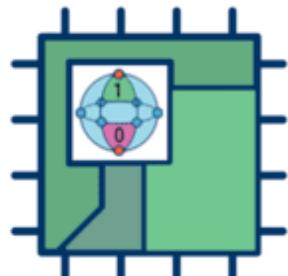
Quantum Computing Vs. Classical Computing



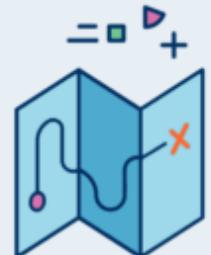
Calculates with qubits, which can represent 0 and 1 at the same time



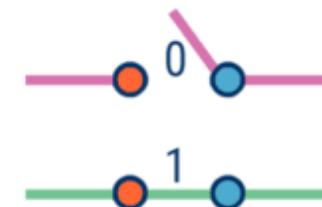
Power increases exponentially in proportion to the number of qubits



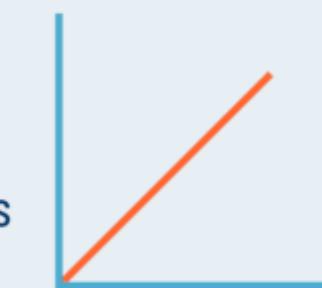
Quantum computers have high error rates and need to be kept ultracold



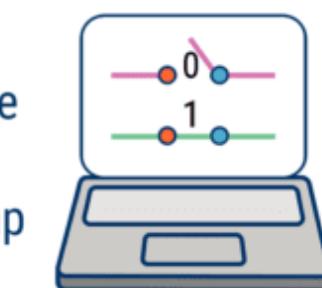
Well suited for tasks like optimization problems, data analysis, and simulations



Calculates with transistors, which can represent either 0 or 1



Power increases in a 1:1 relationship with the number of transistors

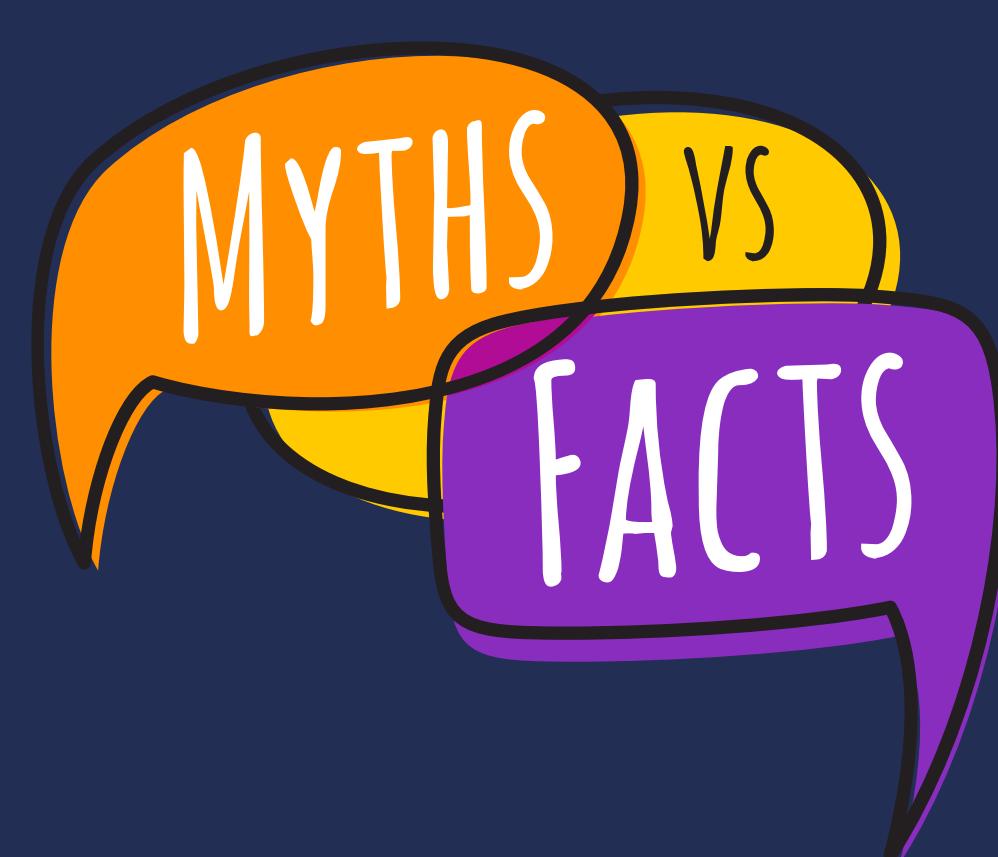


Classical computers have low error rates and can operate at room temp



Most everyday processing is best handled by classical computers





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 The Telegraph

Google quantum computer instantly makes calculations that take rivals 47 years

Google has developed a quantum computer that instantly makes calculations that would take the best existing supercomputers 47 years,...



 Firstpost

Googles new supercomputer is ahead of others by... 47 years!

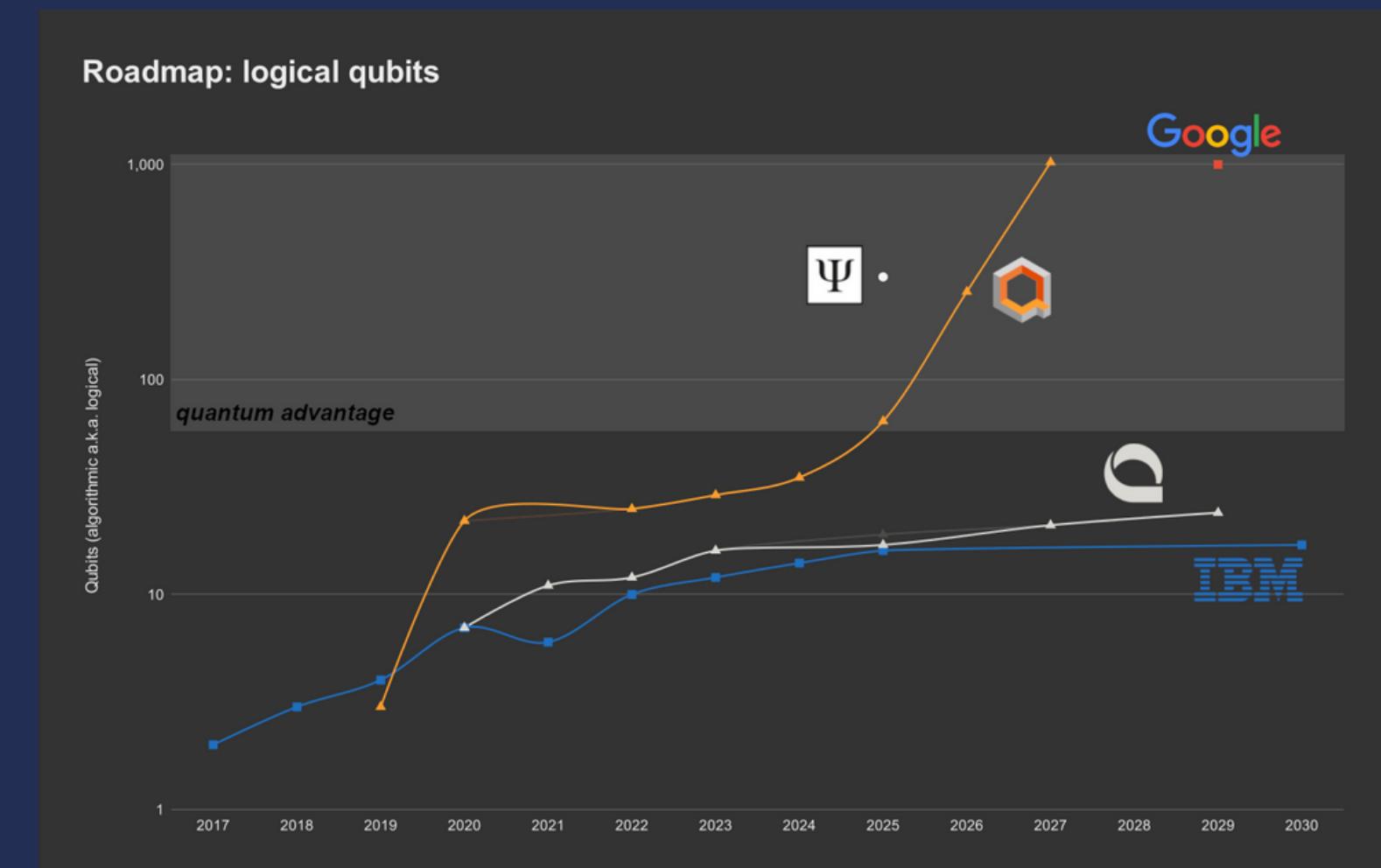
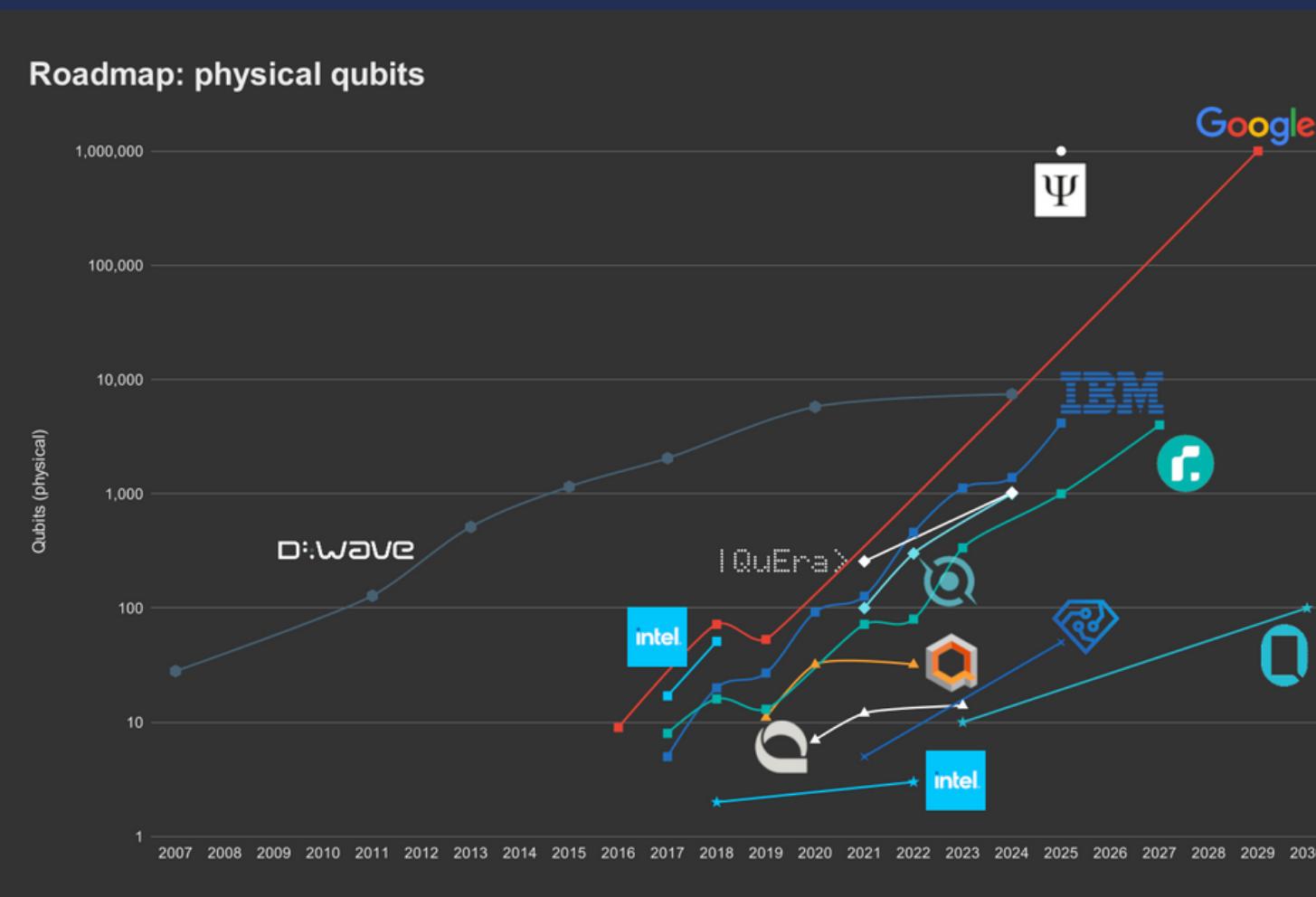
Google's new supercomputer is actually a quantum computer and is the fastest in the world. It can carry out super complex calculations...



Advantage

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Supremacy



1. Hardware and Operating Conditions

Building and maintaining quantum computers requires sophisticated and expensive equipment, such as cryogenic cooling systems to keep qubits at extremely low temperatures. These technical requirements make quantum computers costly, large, and challenging to operate outside specialized laboratory settings.

2. Error Rates and Scalability

Quantum computations are susceptible to errors due to various factors, including noise and imprecise gates. As quantum computers scale up with more qubits, the probability of errors also increases exponentially, making it difficult to maintain the accuracy and reliability required for complex computations.

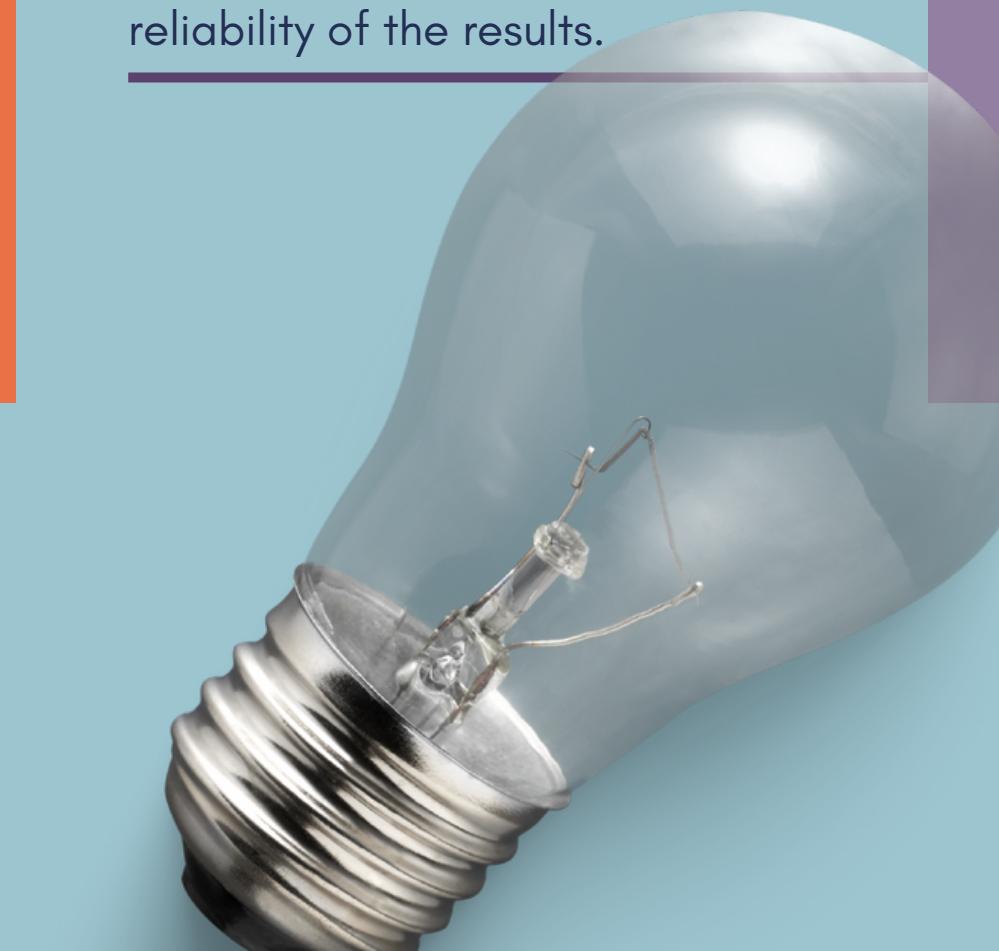
3. Decoherence

Quantum computers rely on qubits, which are highly sensitive and prone to interference from the surrounding environment. This interference causes a phenomenon known as decoherence, leading to errors in computations and reducing the reliability of the results.

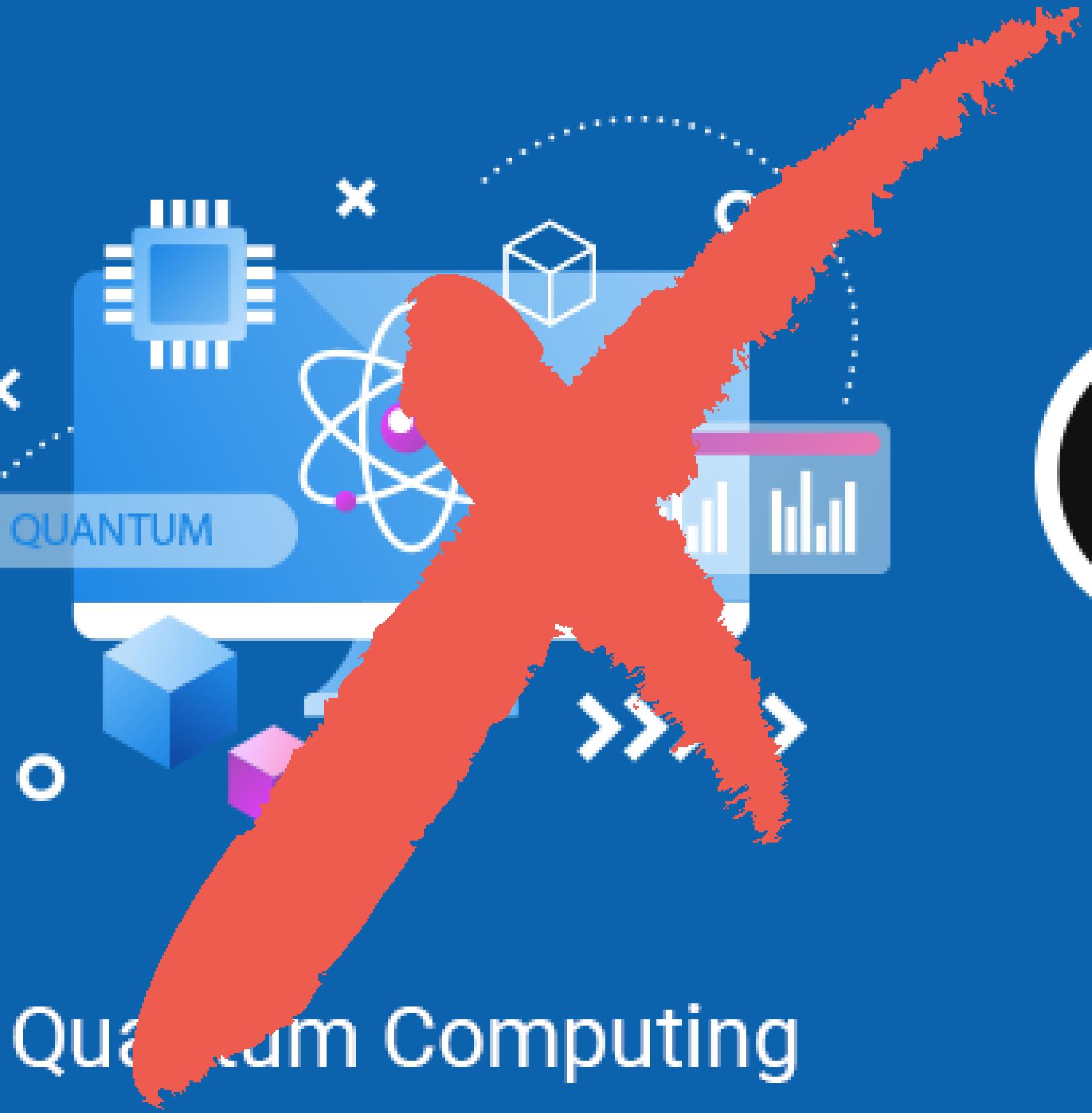
4. Information Loss

Quantum information is extremely delicate and can be lost or corrupted during processing. Ensuring the preservation of quantum information, especially over extended computations, is a significant challenge in current quantum systems.

Current shortfalls

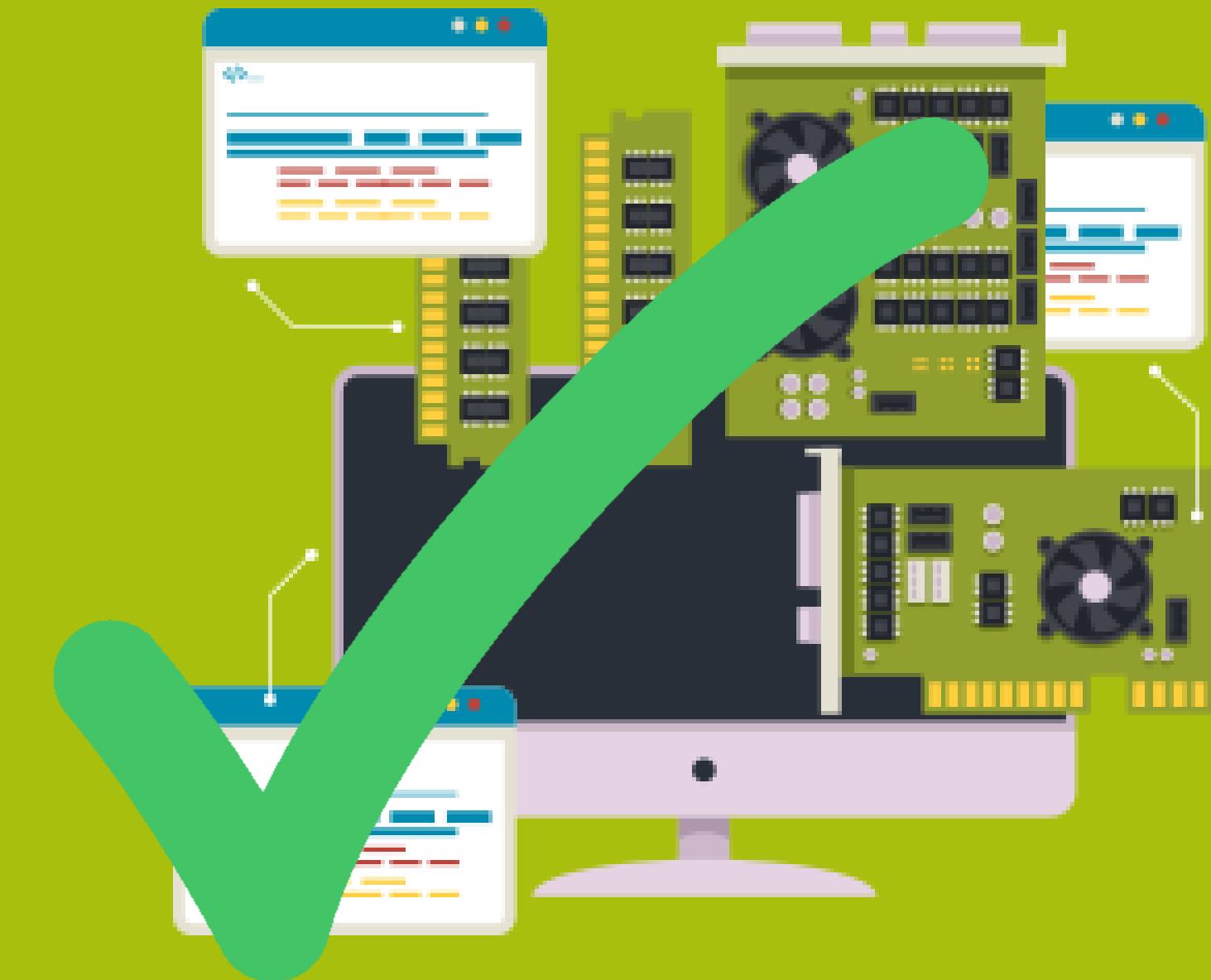


Quantum Computing



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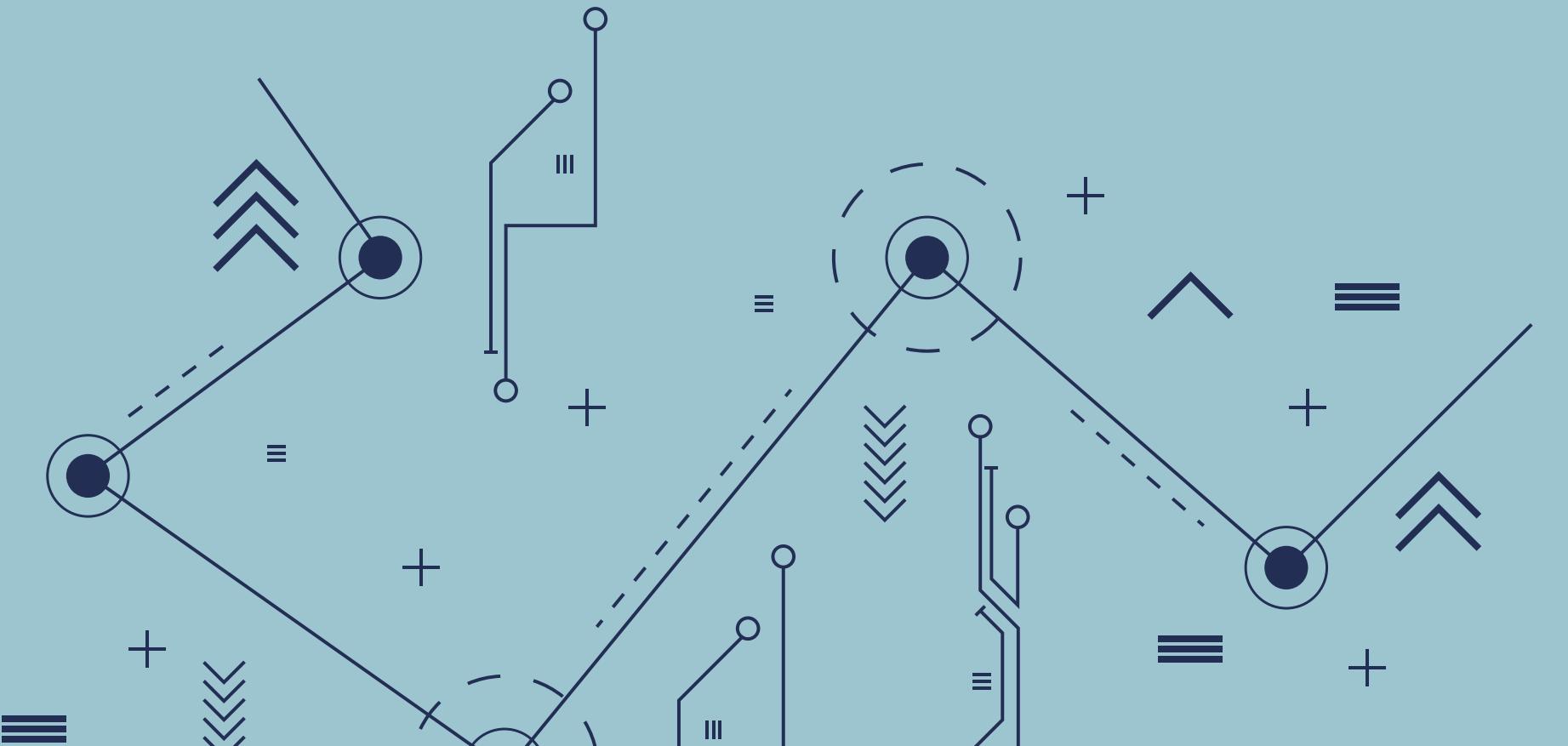
Classical Computing



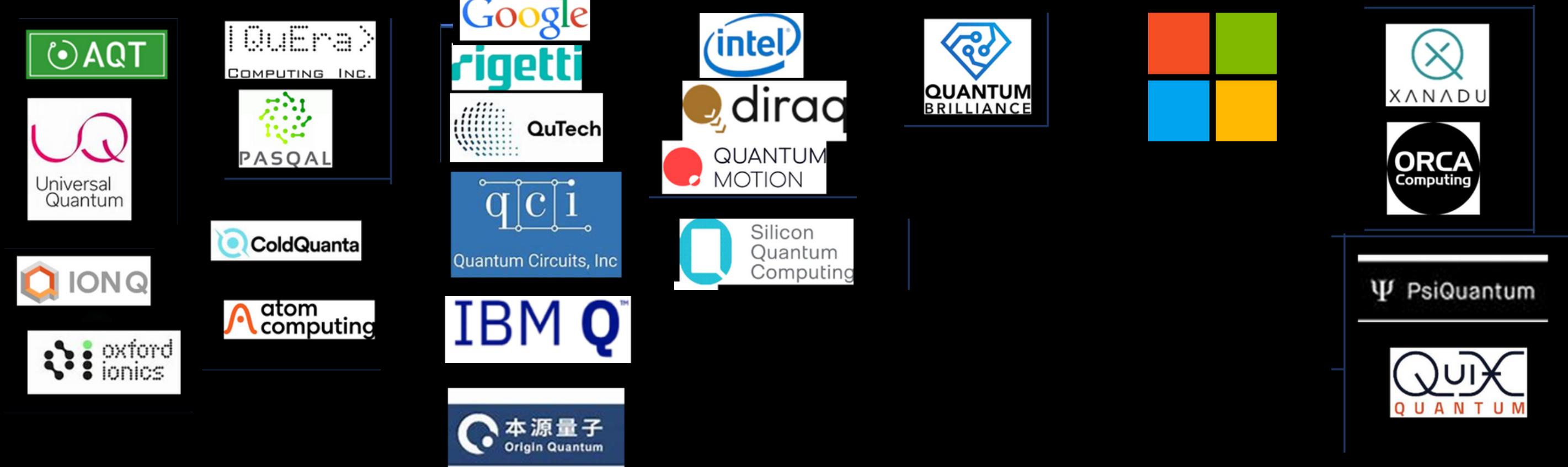
How do we overcome these issues?

Overcoming the significant challenges of modern quantum computers requires a multi-faceted approach that involves advancements in both hardware and software technologies.

- Novel qubit technologies



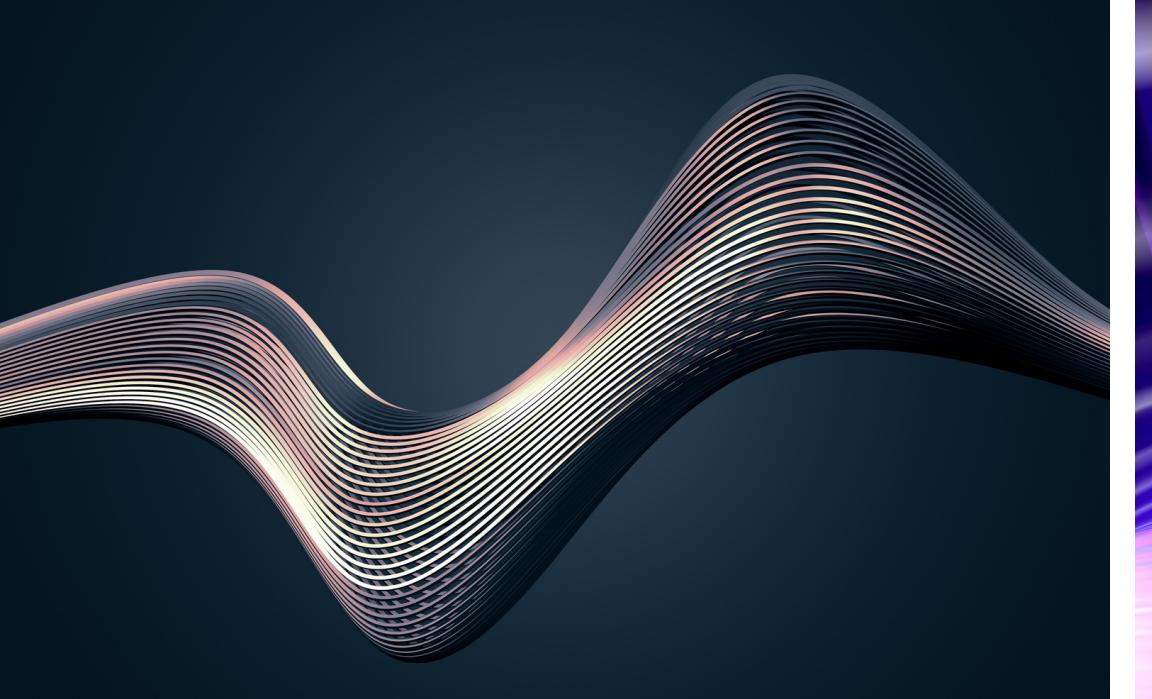
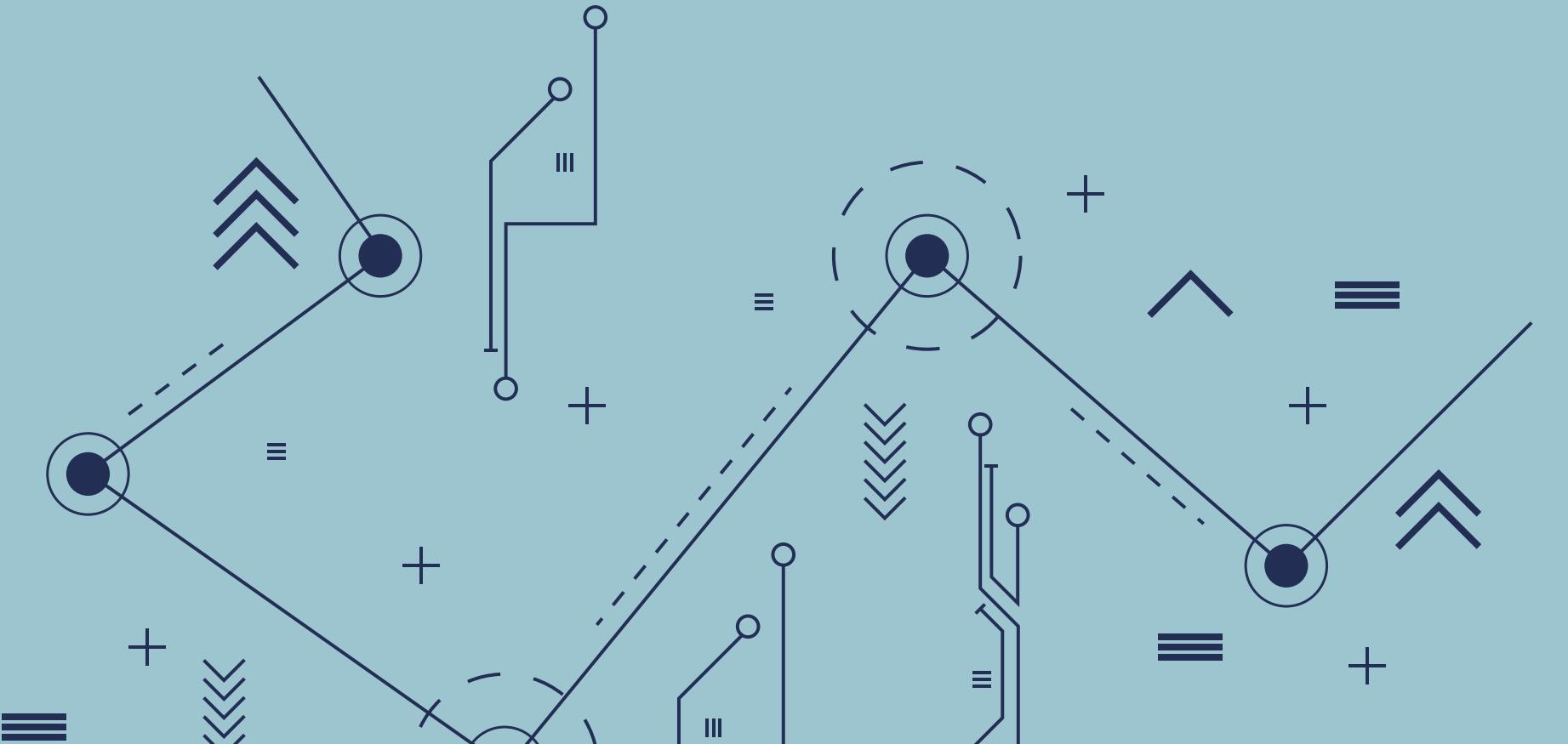
Atoms		Electrons				Photons	
Qubit technology	Trapped Ions	Cold Atoms	Superconductors	Silicon (+quantum dot)	Diamant impurity (NV center)	Majorana Fermion (topological)	Photons
Application domain	metrology, computing, communication (repeaters, photon coupling)	metrology, computing, communication (photon coupling)	metrology, computing	metrology, computing	metrology, communication, computing	computing	metrology, communication, computing
Qubits Nature	ions trapped electromagnetically	atoms trapped by laser tweezers	superconducting loop/circuit	electrons trapped in a semiconductor	electron trapped in the cavity of a diamond cristal near a Nitrogen atom	quasi-particles, pairs of anyons, in superconducting nanowires	photons circulating in waveguides
Qubit quantum State	energy level of trapped ion	energy level of atoms	3 types: phase qubits, charge qubits a.k.a transmon and flux qubit	electron spin	energy level of the NV center electrons	direction of anyon	one property of photon (polarity...)
Maturity (TRL) & scalability potential	5 Scalability : relatively difficult	4 Scalability : hard	5 Scalability : relatively easy	3 Scalability : not easy today but could be good	3 Scalability : relatively difficult	1 Scalability : too early to tell	3 Scalability : hard



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Scalable algorithm simplification using quantum AND logic

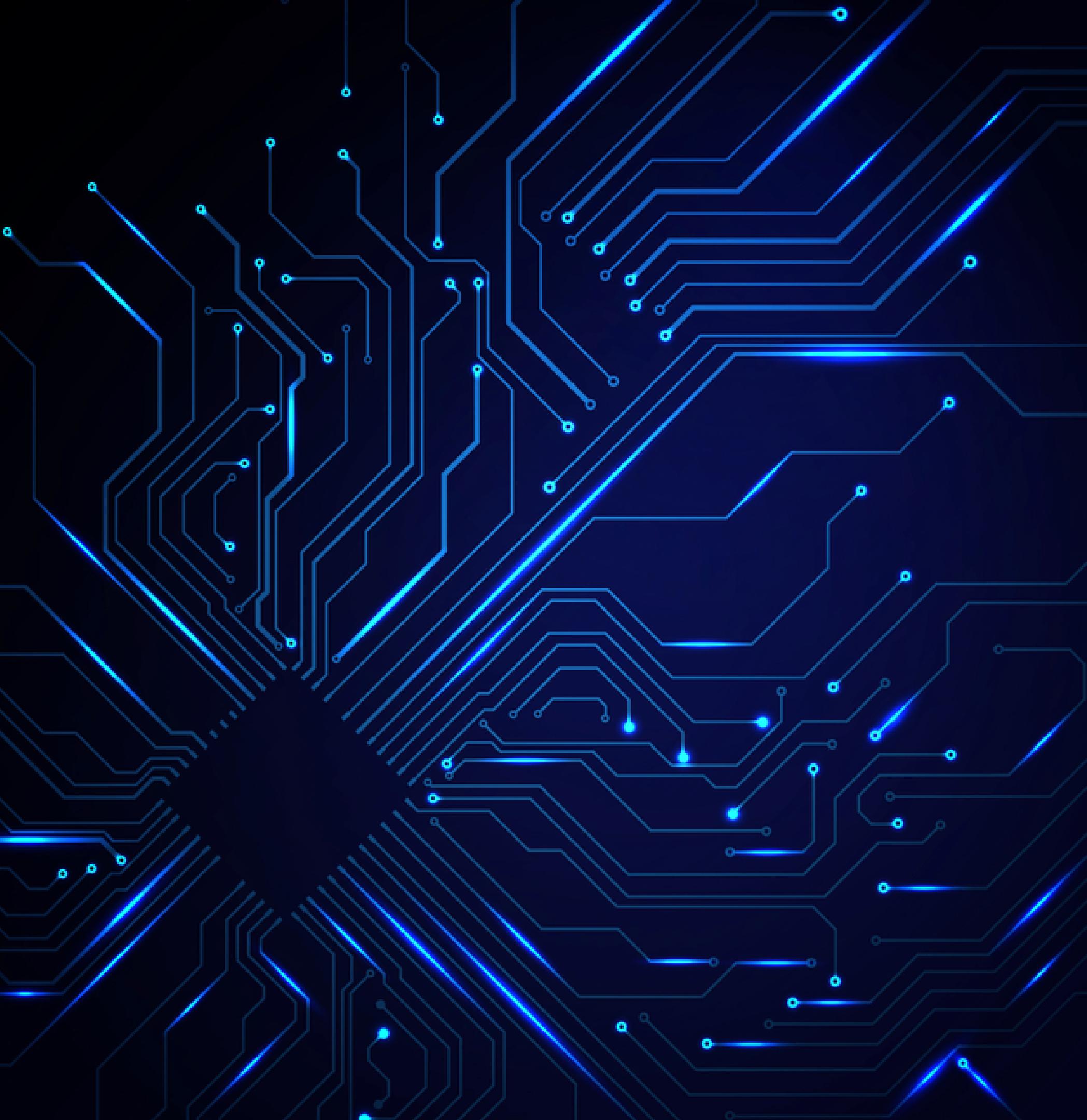
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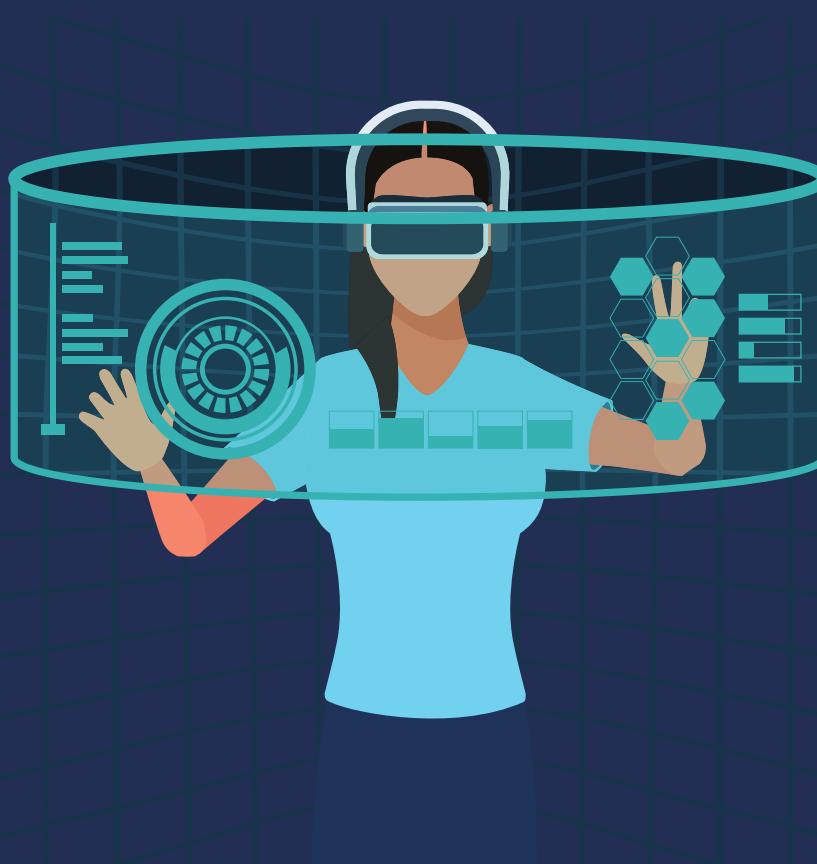
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Abstract

Implementing quantum algorithms on realistic devices requires translating high-level global operations into sequences of hardware-native logic gates, a process known as quantum compiling. Physical limitations, such as constraints in connectivity and gate alphabets, often result in unacceptable implementation costs. To enable successful near-term applications, it is crucial to optimize compilation by exploiting the capabilities of existing hardware. Here we implement a resource-efficient construction for a quantum version of AND logic that can reduce the compilation overhead, enabling the execution of key quantum circuits. On a high-scalability superconducting quantum processor, we demonstrate low-depth synthesis of high-fidelity generalized Toffoli gates with up to 8 qubits and Grover's search algorithm in a search space of up to 64 entries. Our experimental demonstration illustrates a scalable and widely applicable approach to implementing quantum algorithms, bringing



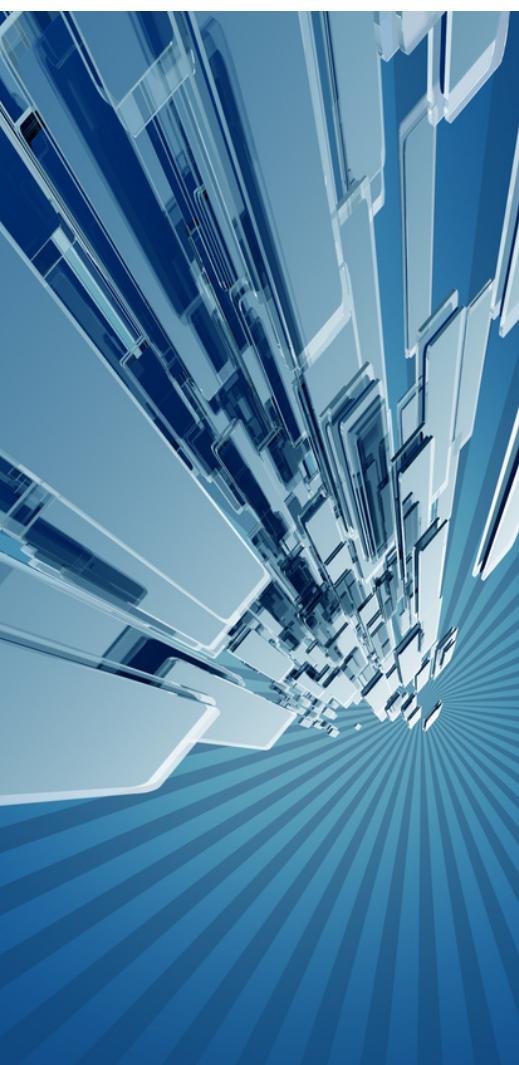
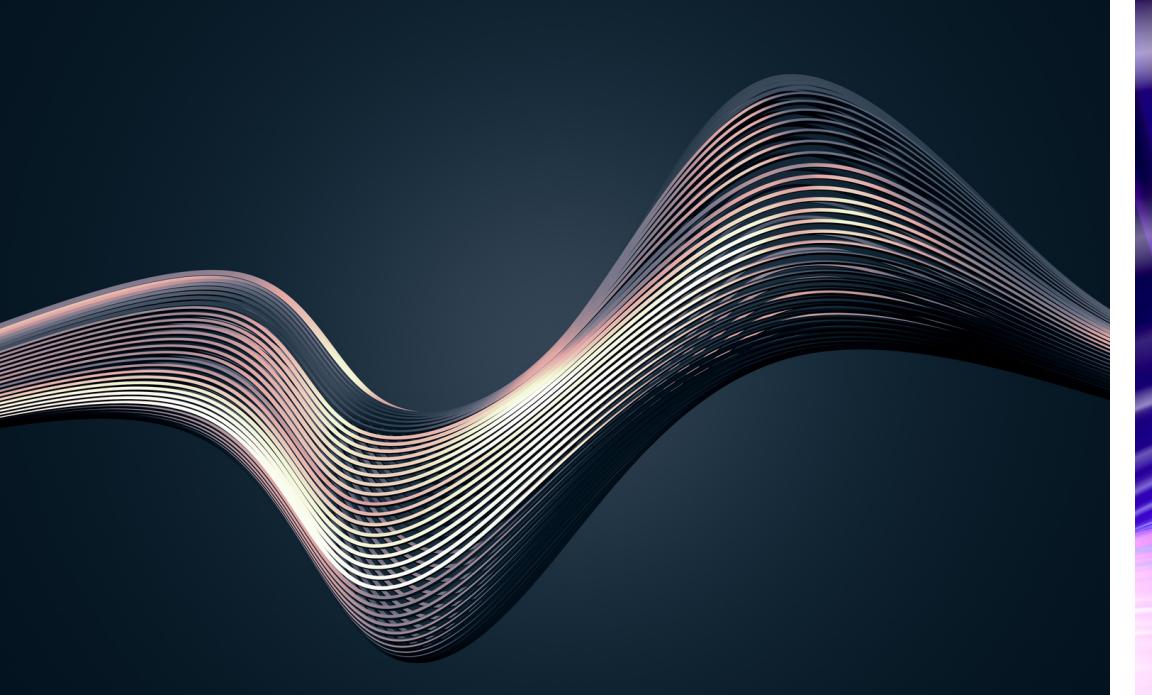
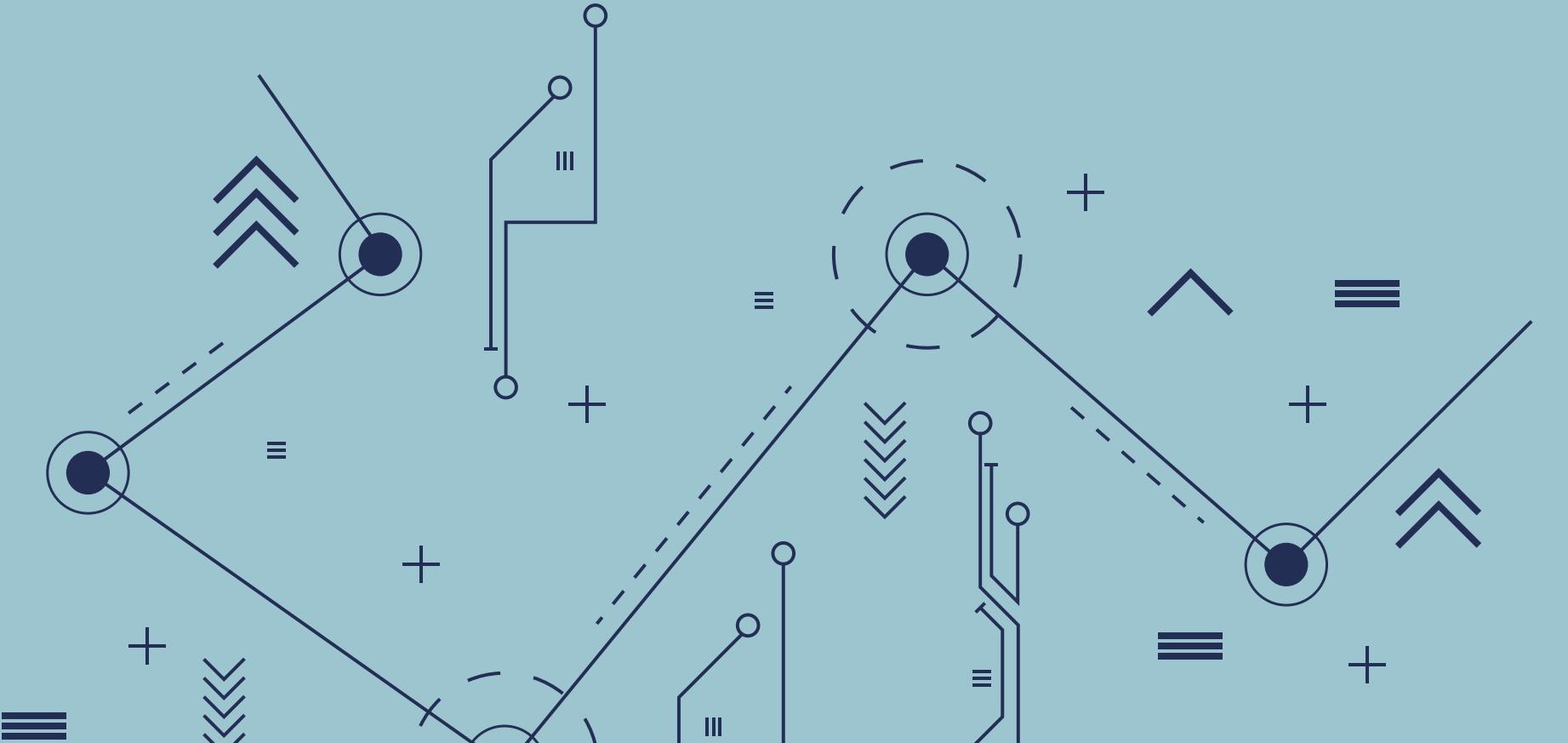
- **Quantum Parallelism:** Quantum algorithms leverage the principle of superposition to explore multiple possibilities simultaneously, enabling exponential speedup over classical algorithms for certain tasks.
- **Grover's Search Algorithm:** Provides a quadratic speedup in searching an unsorted database compared to classical algorithms, valuable for solving problems with large search spaces.
- **Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT):** Essential in many quantum algorithms, QFT enables the efficient transformation between position and momentum space, significantly impacting quantum simulations and factoring algorithms.
- **Variational Quantum Algorithms:** Algorithms that combine classical and quantum computing resources, allowing optimization of parameters to solve optimization problems efficiently.
- **Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA):** A variational quantum algorithm designed to solve combinatorial optimization problems.
- **Quantum Machine Learning Algorithms:** Quantum algorithms designed to accelerate machine learning tasks, including quantum support vector machines and quantum neural networks.



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- **Quantum error-correction**
- **Quantum error-mitigation**



Quantum error correction

Noise

Pauli errors



Bit-Flip
X

$$X|0\rangle = |1\rangle$$

$$X|1\rangle = |0\rangle$$

$$Z|0\rangle = |0\rangle$$

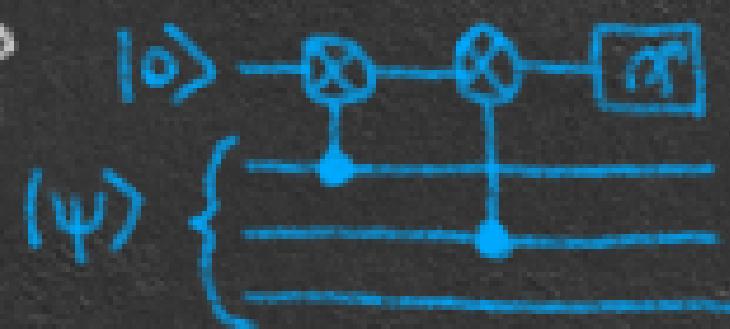
$$Z|1\rangle = -|1\rangle$$

$$R_x(\theta) = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)I - i\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)X$$

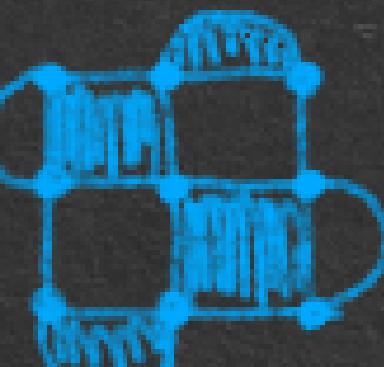
Quantum codes

$$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{enc.}} |\psi\rangle_{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\text{noise}} |\tilde{\psi}\rangle_{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{\text{dec.}} |\psi\rangle_{\epsilon}$$

stabiliser measurements



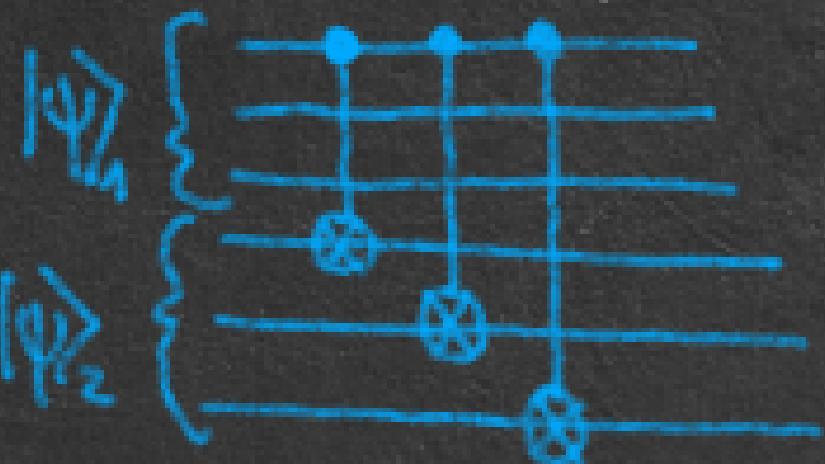
Surface code



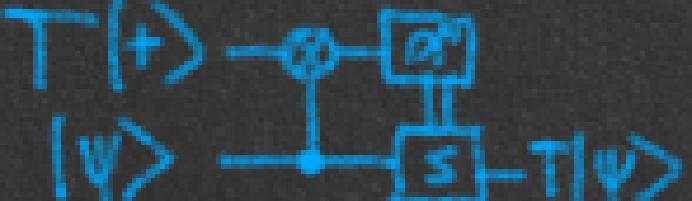
Repetition code

$$|\psi\rangle = a|000\rangle + b|111\rangle$$

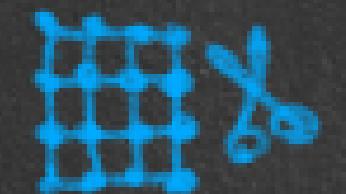
Fault tolerance



Magic state distillation



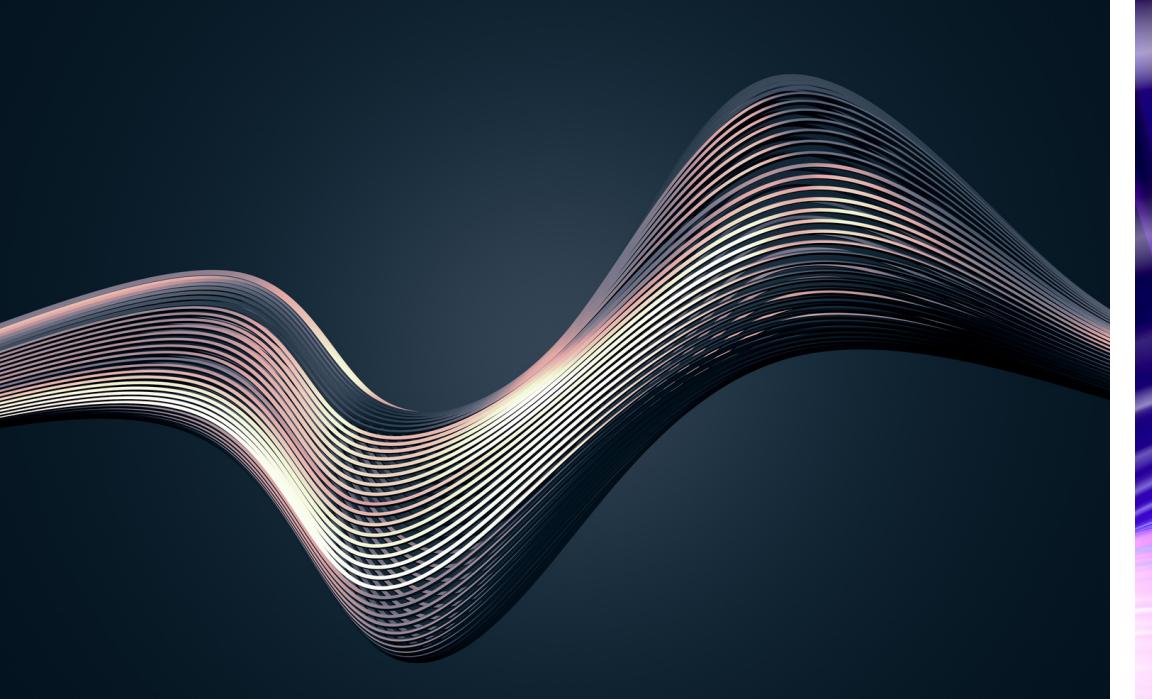
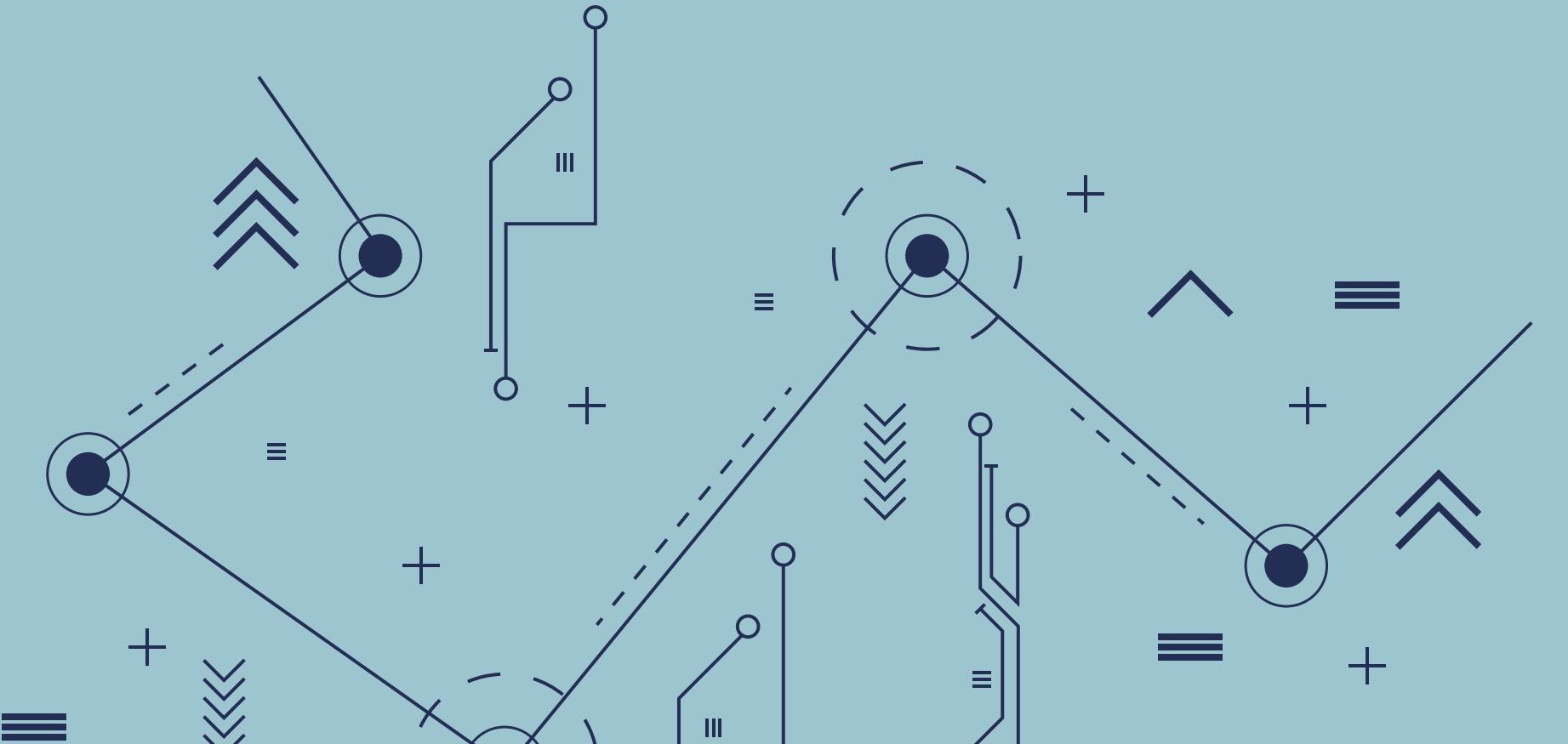
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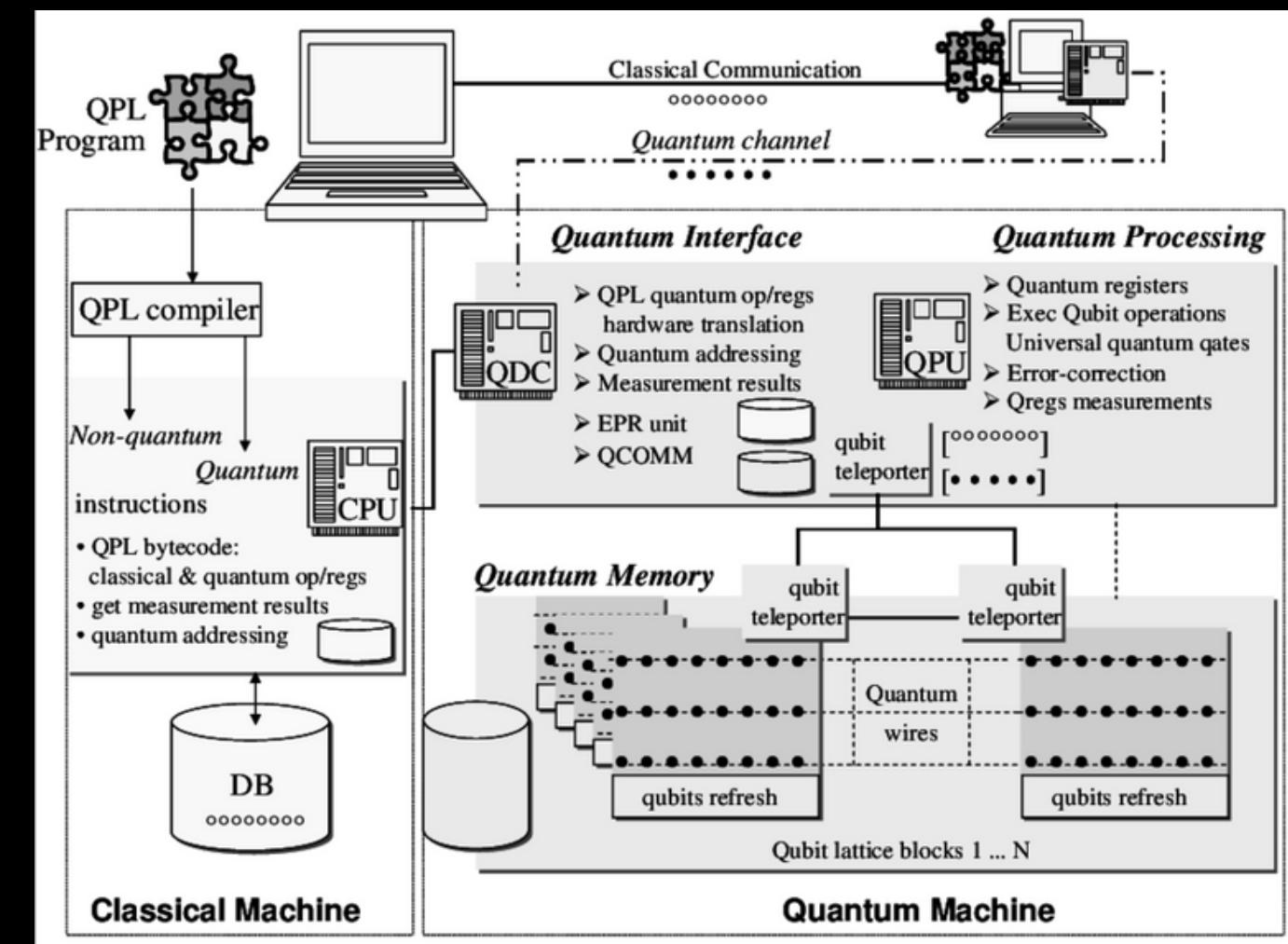
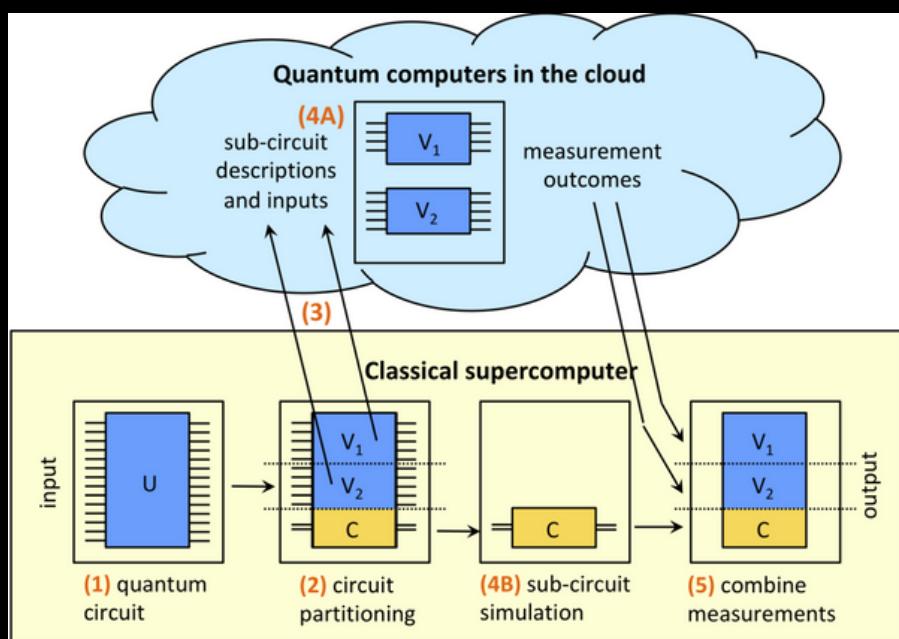
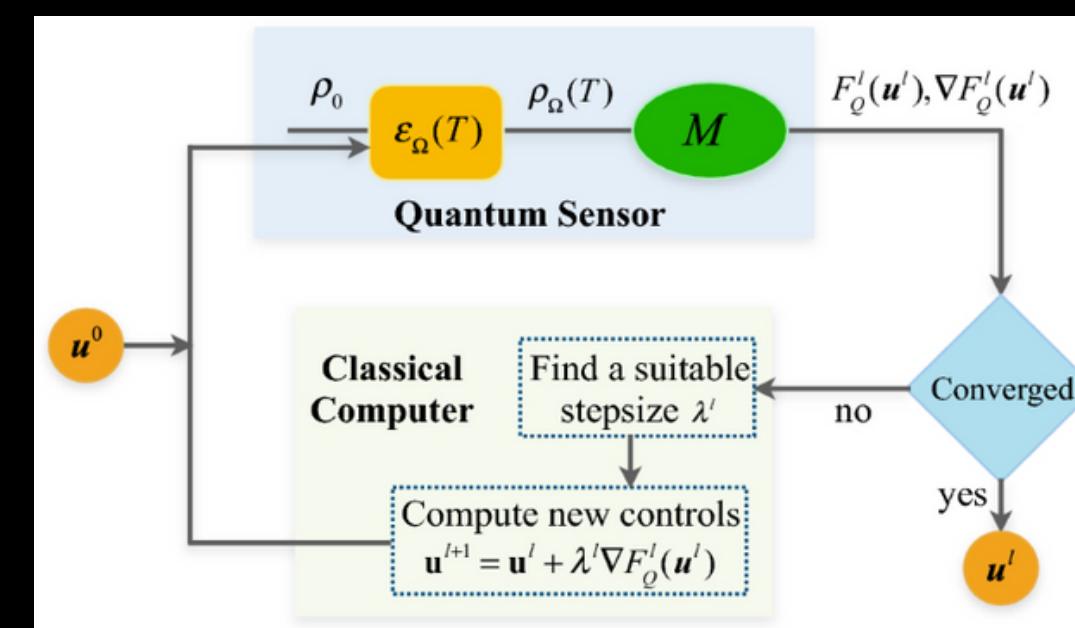
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- **Hybrid solutions**

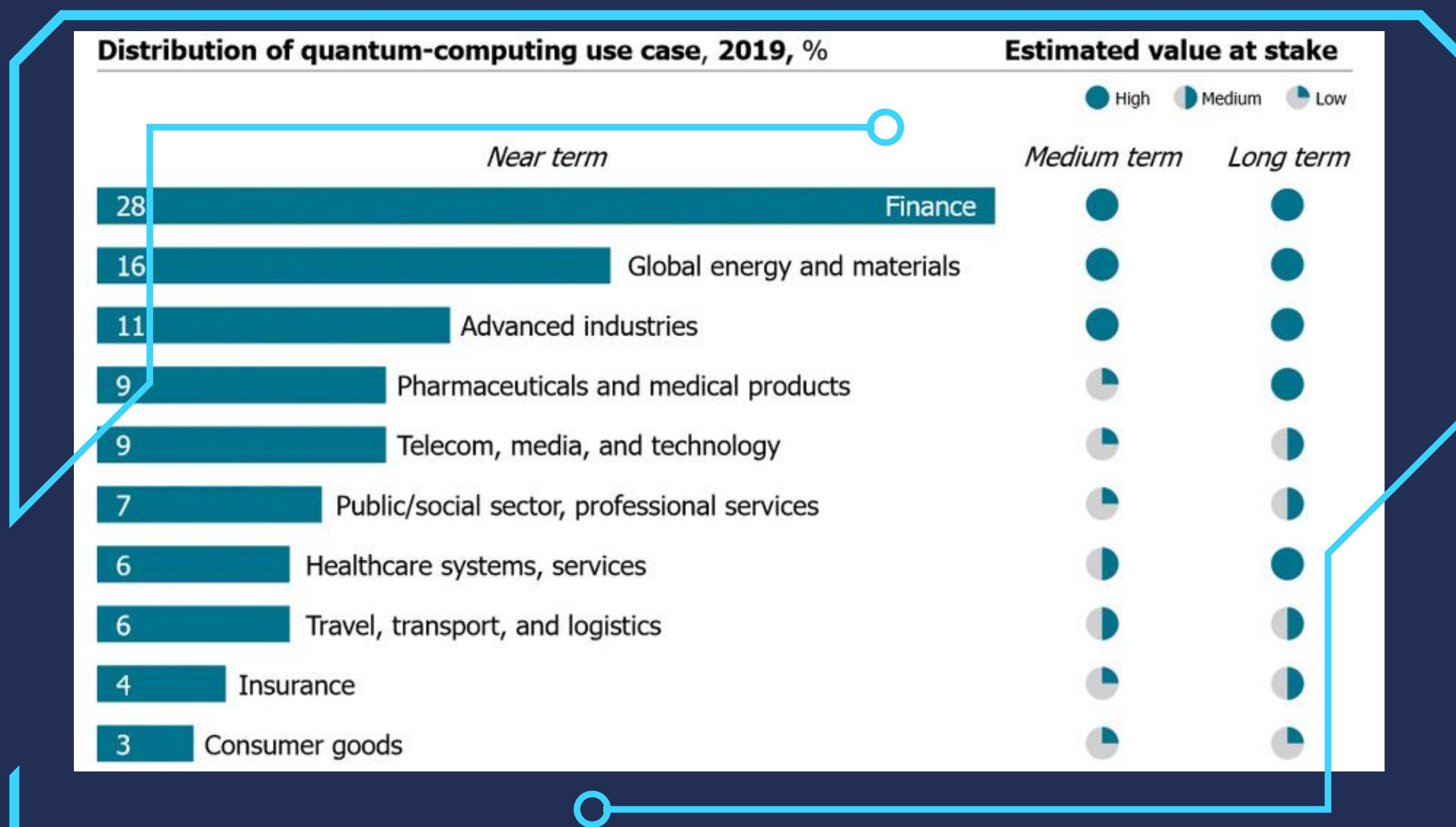


Hybrid solutions

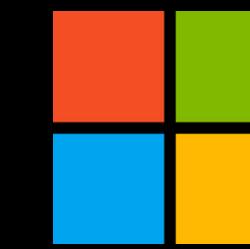
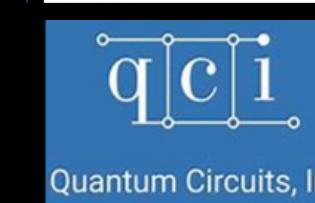
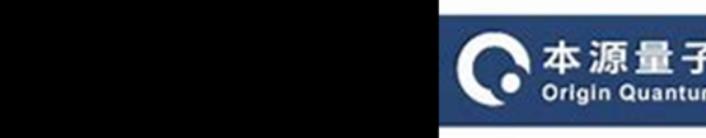
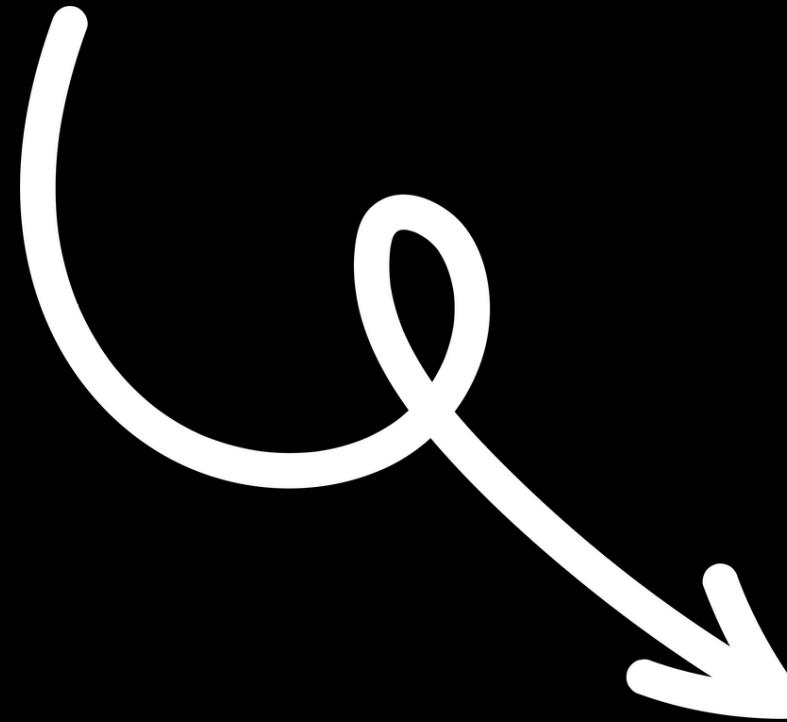




Use cases



Hardware



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Software

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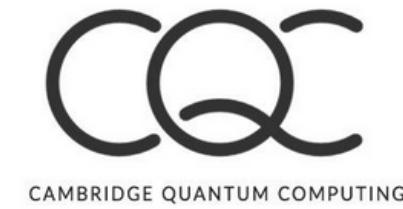
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A Quantum Challenge: Building a Skilled Workforce

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The Newest Quantum Frontier: Building a Skilled Workforce

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Closing the quantum workforce gap: Lessons from AI - McKinsey

1 dic 2022 — Our research finds that there is only one **qualified quantum** candidate available for every three **quantum** job openings (Exhibit 1).



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Building a Quantum Workforce Requires Interdisciplinary ...

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Five Ways to Combat the Quantum Skills Shortage

20 oct 2021 — Almost 95% of survey respondents said they would like to be **trained in** **quantum**, and more than 95% said they believed high schools and ...



ANYONE CAN DO QUANTUM

Why is there a shortage?

"From the supply side [those providing the talent], "the supply is lagging behind because if we think of this revolution as starting in, say, 2017, there was a really low demand," he said. The rising demand "caught the universities by surprise. No one expected this and this means a boom in quantum information science is required to fill all this demand." - [Yehuda Naveh](#) - Quantum physicist and computer scientist, Classiq



SO HOW
DO WE

START





Show enthusiasm

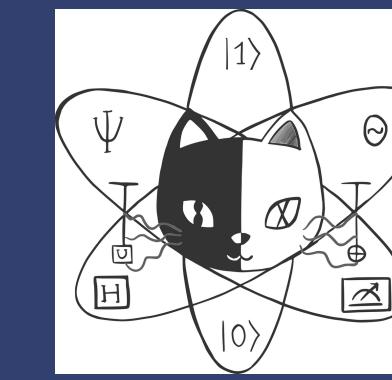
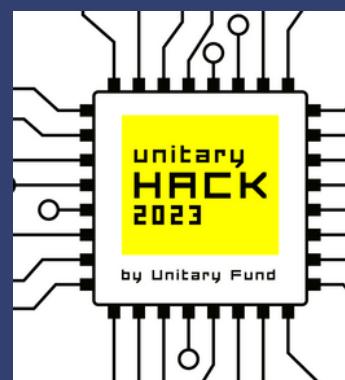
How will you contribute to the
Quantum revolution?



Research and Learn



Start contributing



Apply for the right opportunities

FIRST STEP IDEAS



University club

Reading group

Join a discord server

Follow Quantum people on LinkedIn

Start a free online course

Read a book on Quantum information

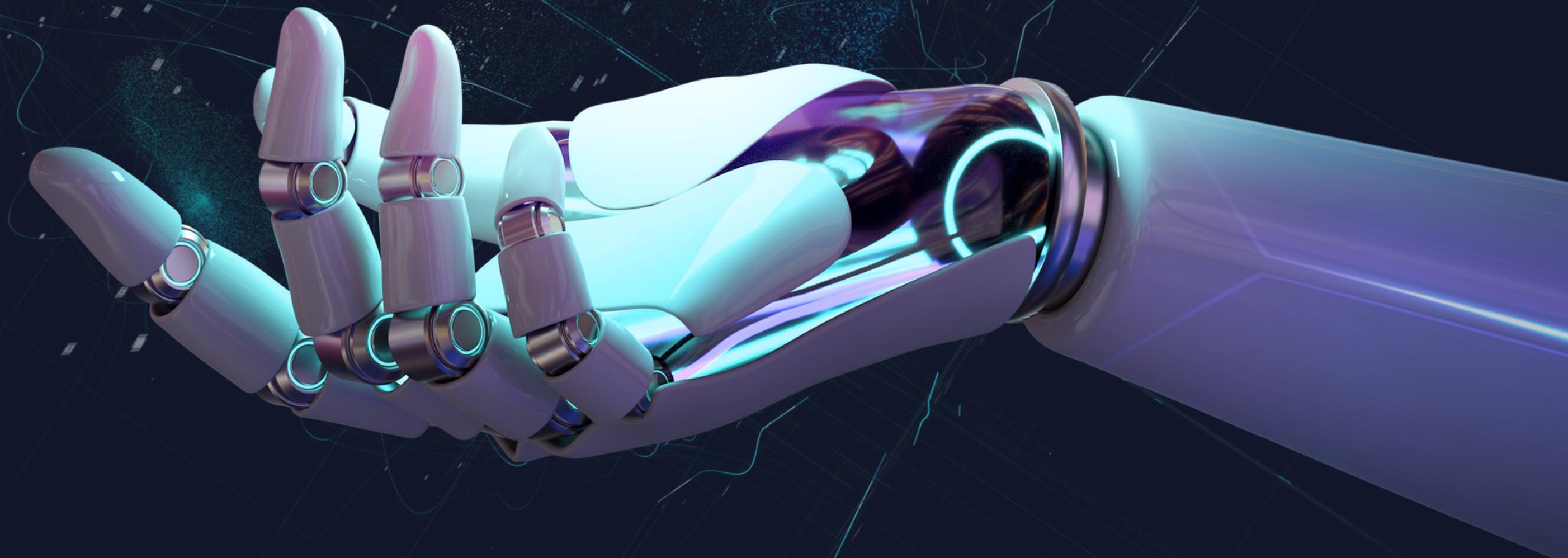
Investigate the Qiskit textbook

Learn Python (or try out existing quantum software if you are already familiar with coding)



Q and A

ASK AWAY!



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