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Are We There Yet? The Quest for Quantum Computing

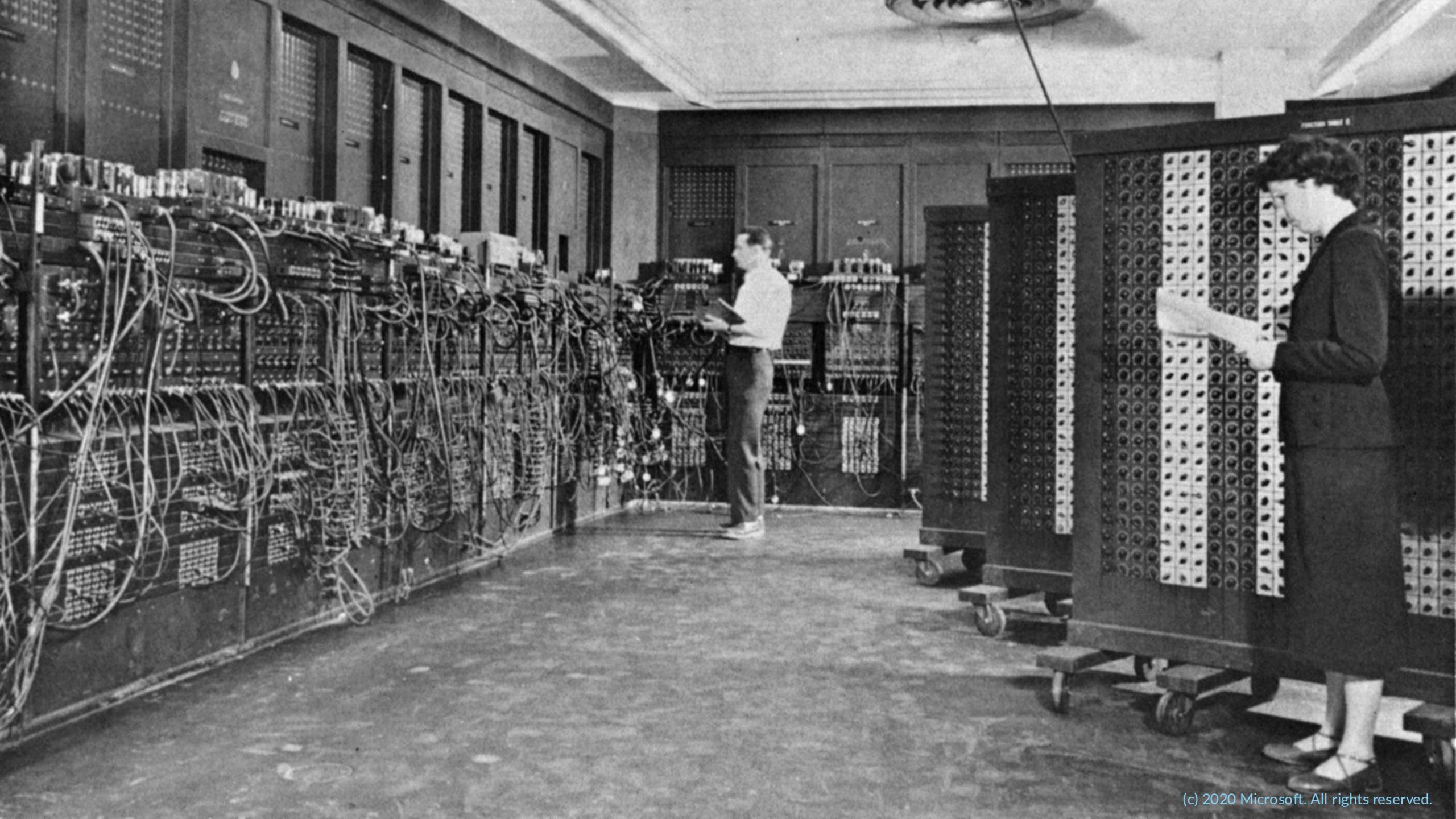


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A scene from the movie Shrek. Donkey is looking out from a hole in the ground. Fiona and Shrek are looking on. The text "Are we there yet?" is overlaid.

Are we there yet?



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Location: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory – California, U.S.

Performance: 1,742 exaFLOPS (1.742 quintillion calculations per second)

Components: AMD 4th-Gen EPYC 24-core CPUs in AMD Instinct MI300A APUs

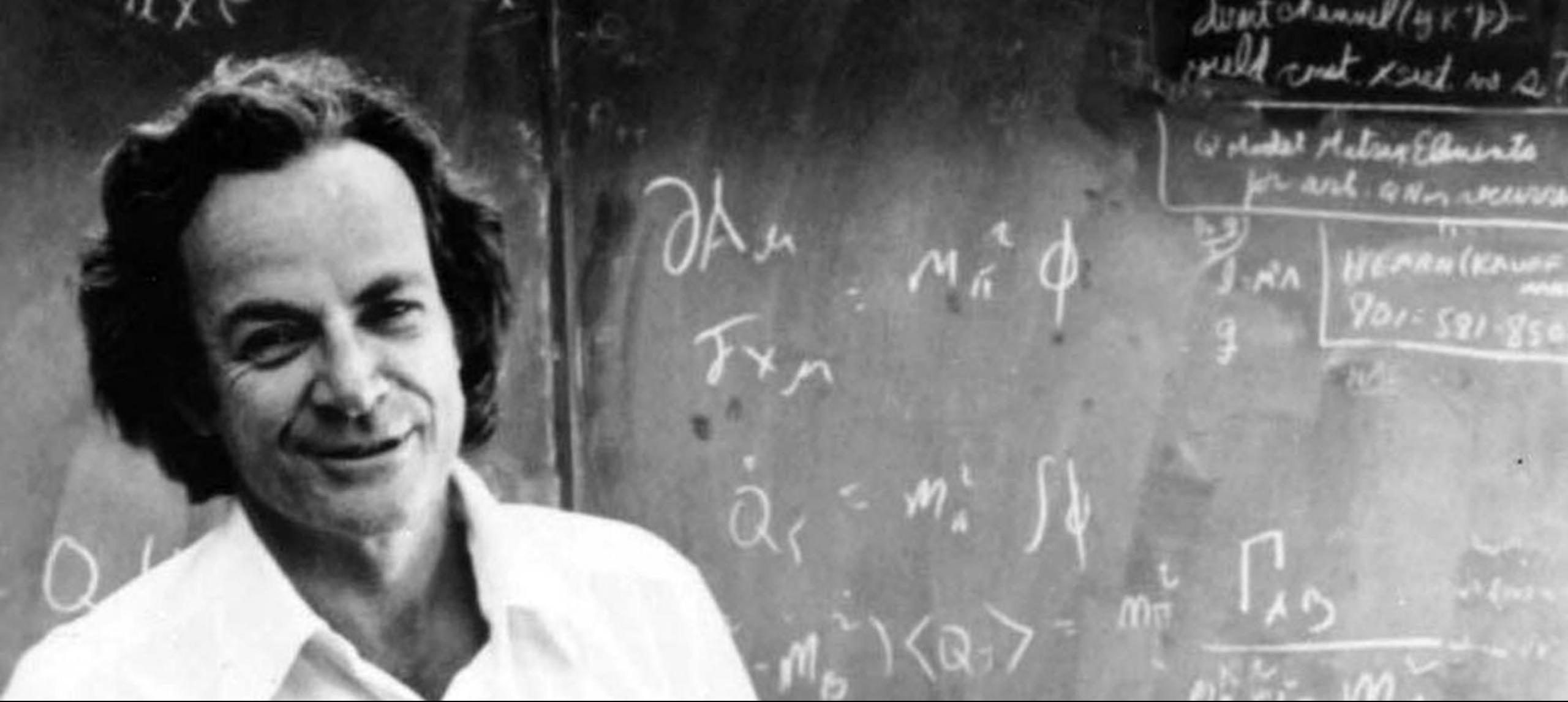
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We're still helpless
in face of exponential
complexity problems



RSA-2048 Challenge Problem

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"Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature,
you'd better make it quantum mechanical"



M A Y 15, 1935

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Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*

(Received March 25, 1935)

O C T O B E R 15, 1935

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V O L U M E 48

Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality be Considered Complete?

N. BOHR, *Institute for Theoretical Physics, University, Copenhagen*

(Received July 13, 1935)

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Discussion of Experimental Proof for the Paradox of Einstein, Rosen, and Podolsky

D. BOHM AND Y. AHARONOV

Technion, Haifa, Israel

(Received May 10, 1957)

The Bit

0 / 1

The Qubit

WHY ?

$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha, \beta &\in \mathbb{C} \\ |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

The Postulates

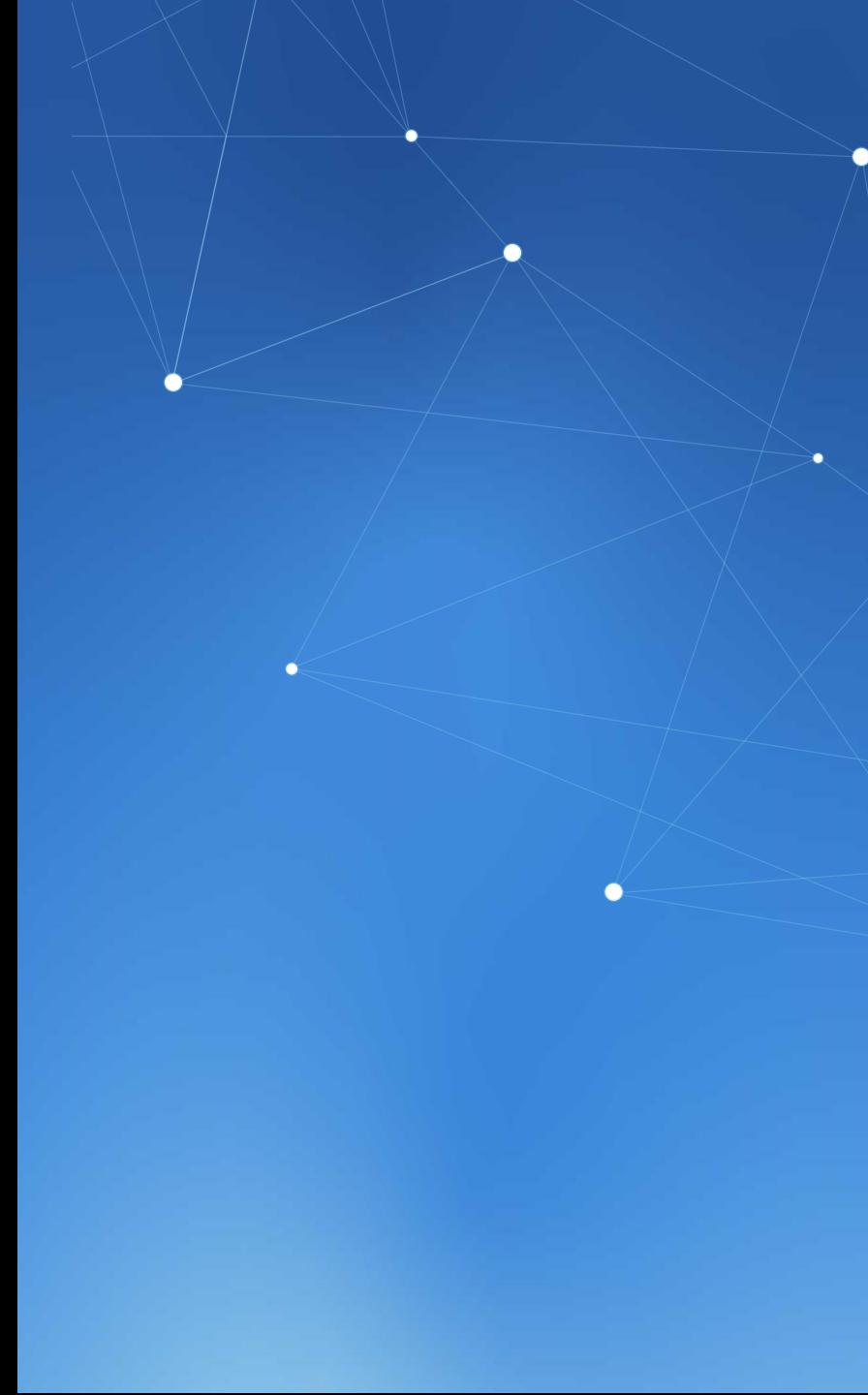
1. States in nature can be described using complex vector spaces.
2. Observable attributes can be described by using operators (unitary transformations).
3. Measurements of observables can only result in very specific values (associated with the operators).
4. Measurement results have probabilistic outcomes.
5. Any measurement determines a change of state (to the specific value mentioned in #4).
6. Time-based evolution can be described:

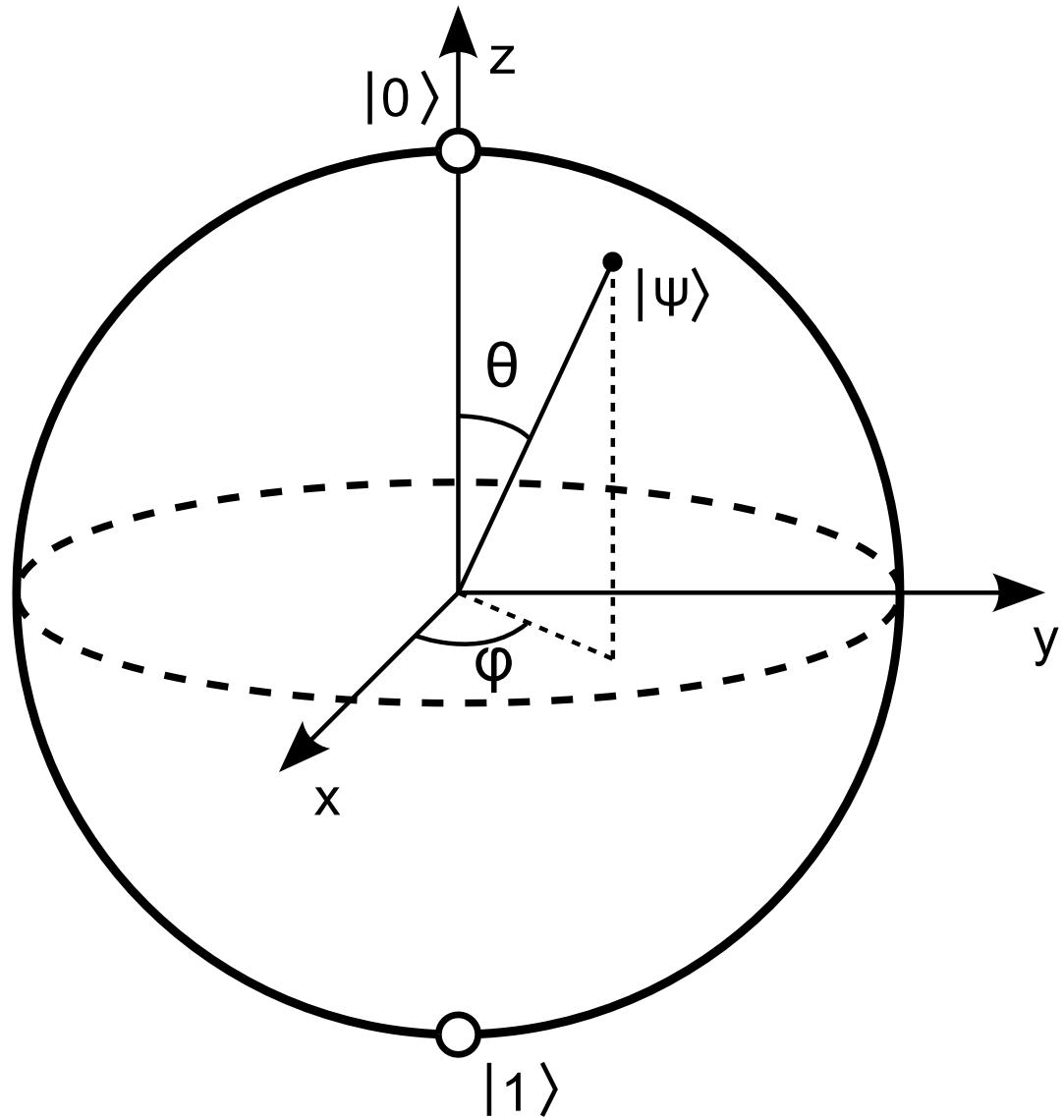
$$ih \frac{d}{dx} |\psi(t)\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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



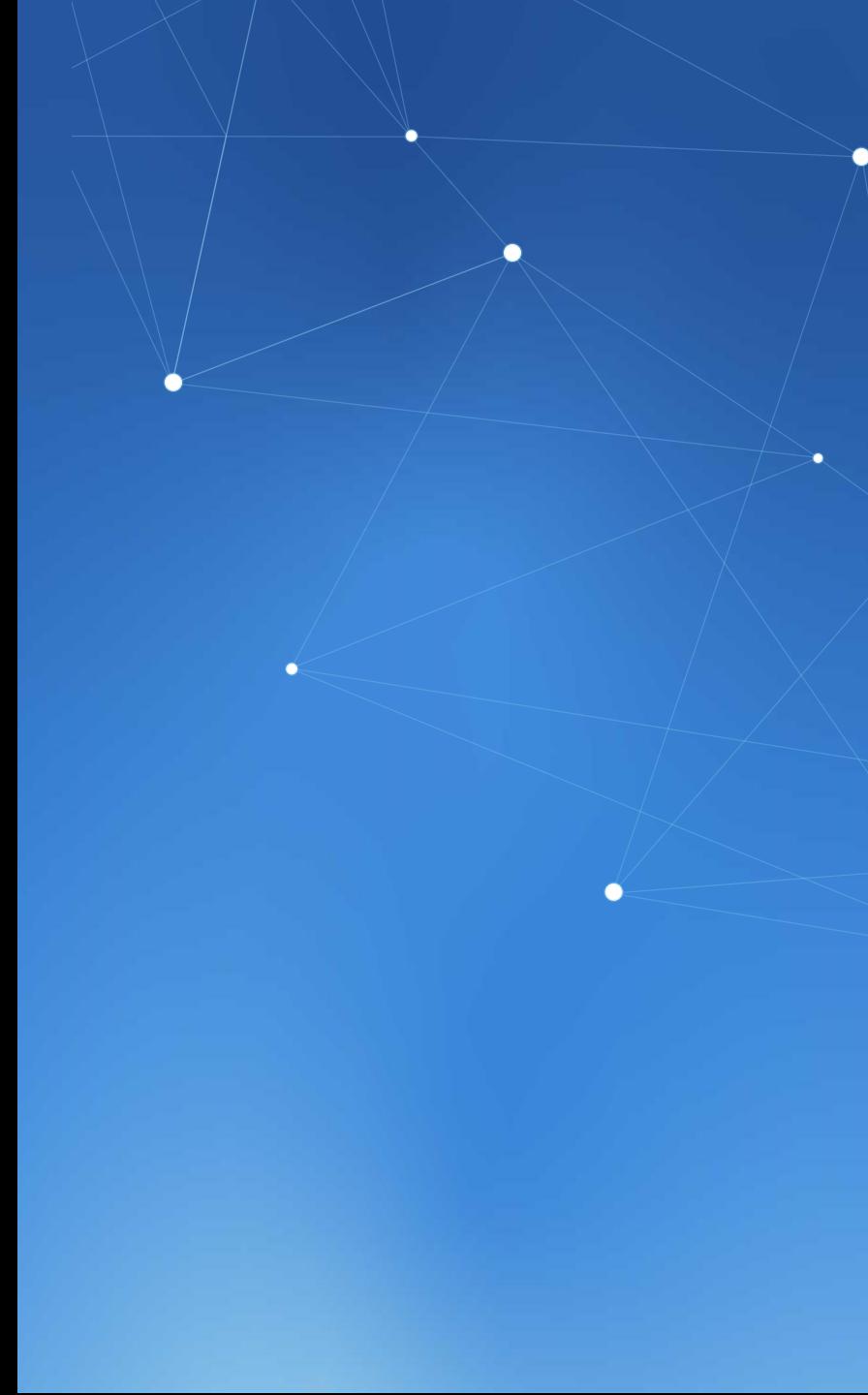


$$X \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Y \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Z \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad S \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \quad T \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |1\rangle$$

Also referred as $|+\rangle$
(equal superposition)



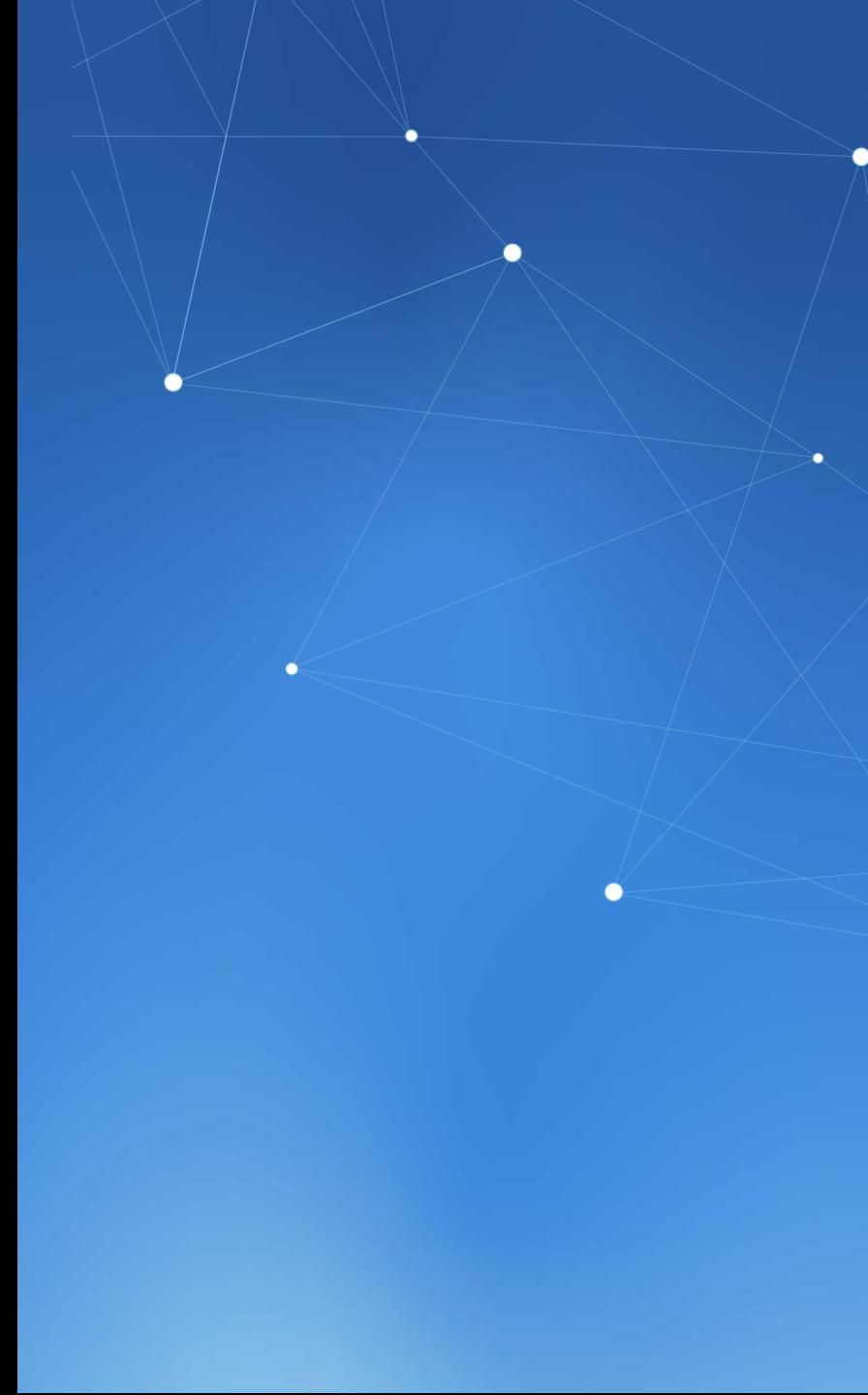
The power of Quantum Computing

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_{00} |00\rangle + \alpha_{01} |01\rangle + \alpha_{10} |10\rangle + \alpha_{11} |11\rangle$$

...

For n qubits, the state vector of the system has 2^n amplitudes!



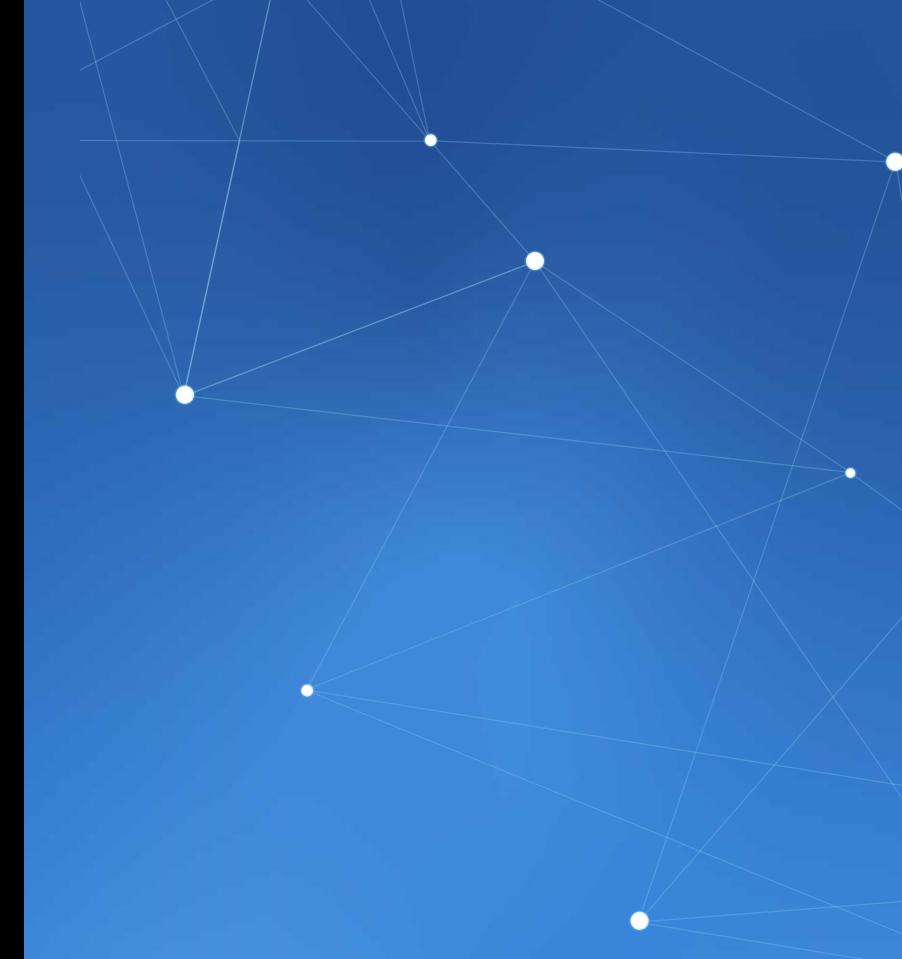
$$CNOT \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$CNOT(|c\rangle, |t\rangle) = \begin{cases} |c\rangle, |t\rangle & \text{if } |c\rangle = |0\rangle \\ |c\rangle, \text{flip } |t\rangle & \text{if } |c\rangle = |1\rangle \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Bell state or EPR pair

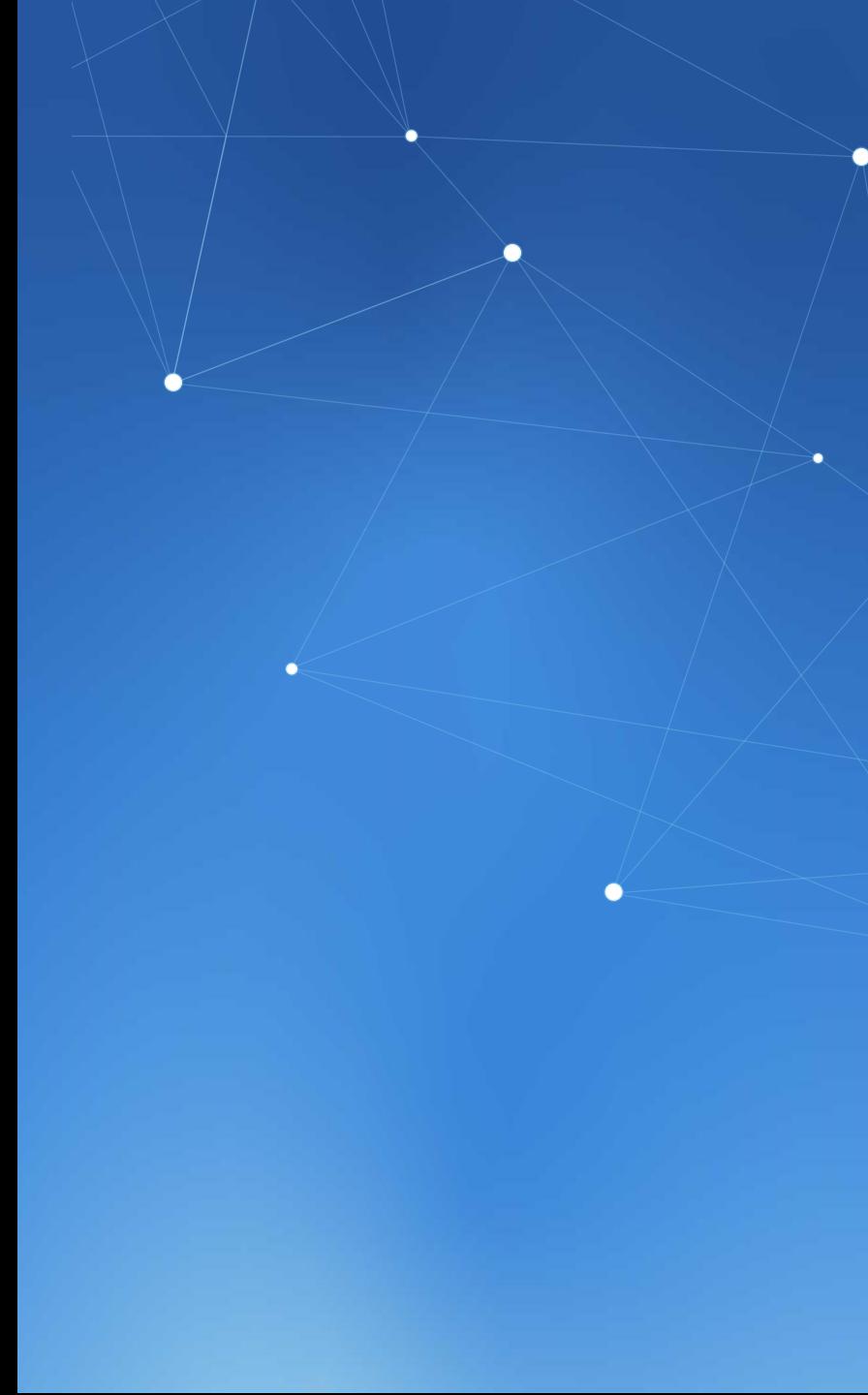
a.k.a. “spooky action at a distance”



Universal Quantum Computing

Any unitary operation can be approximated to arbitrary accuracy using Hadamard (H), Phase (S), CNOT, and $\frac{\pi}{8}$ (T) gates.

H, S, CNOT, and T
are universal gates



The Bit

0 / 1

The Qubit

HOW ?

$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha, \beta &\in \mathbb{C} \\ |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

The Algorithms

Ciprian: This quantum computing stuff is amazing, can I build powerful algorithms to harness its power?

The Universe: Sure thing

Ciprian: Amazing!

The Universe: There's one small caveat. You need to build your algorithms assuming you can only measure once, usually at the end. You know, it's like building a claims analysis solution using a database to which you can write as many times as you want but only query it once. After which it's destroyed.

Ciprian:



$$|0\rangle, |0\rangle, |0\rangle = |000\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle, |0\rangle, |1\rangle = |001\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |0\rangle = |010\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle, |1\rangle, |1\rangle = |011\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle, |0\rangle, |0\rangle = |100\rangle$$

$$|1\rangle, |0\rangle, |1\rangle = |101\rangle$$

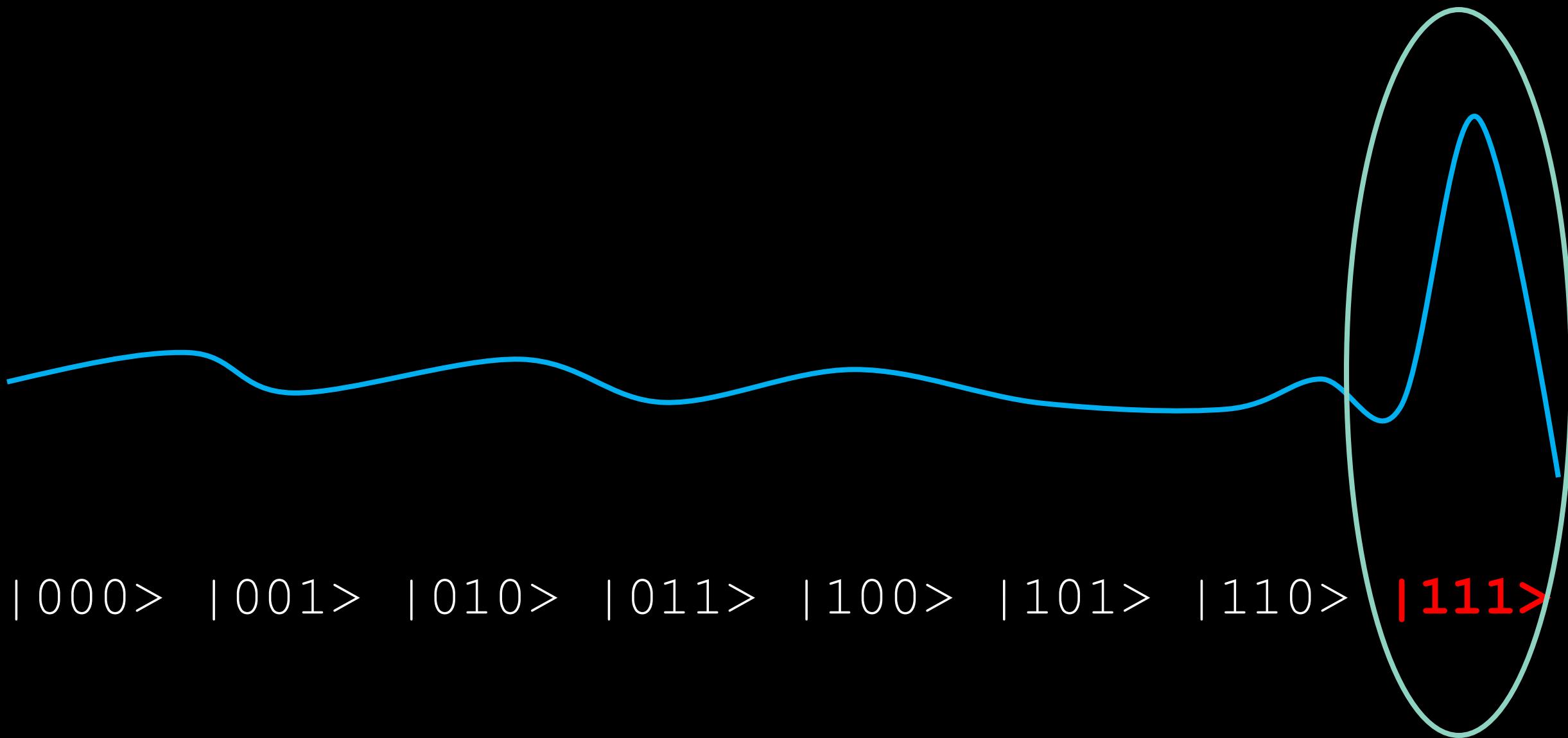
$$|1\rangle, |1\rangle, |0\rangle = |110\rangle$$

$$\textcolor{red}{|1\rangle, |1\rangle, |1\rangle = |111\rangle}$$



$|000\rangle$ $|001\rangle$ $|010\rangle$ $|011\rangle$ $|100\rangle$ $|101\rangle$ $|110\rangle$ $|111\rangle$

Amplitude amplification



DiVincenzo Criteria

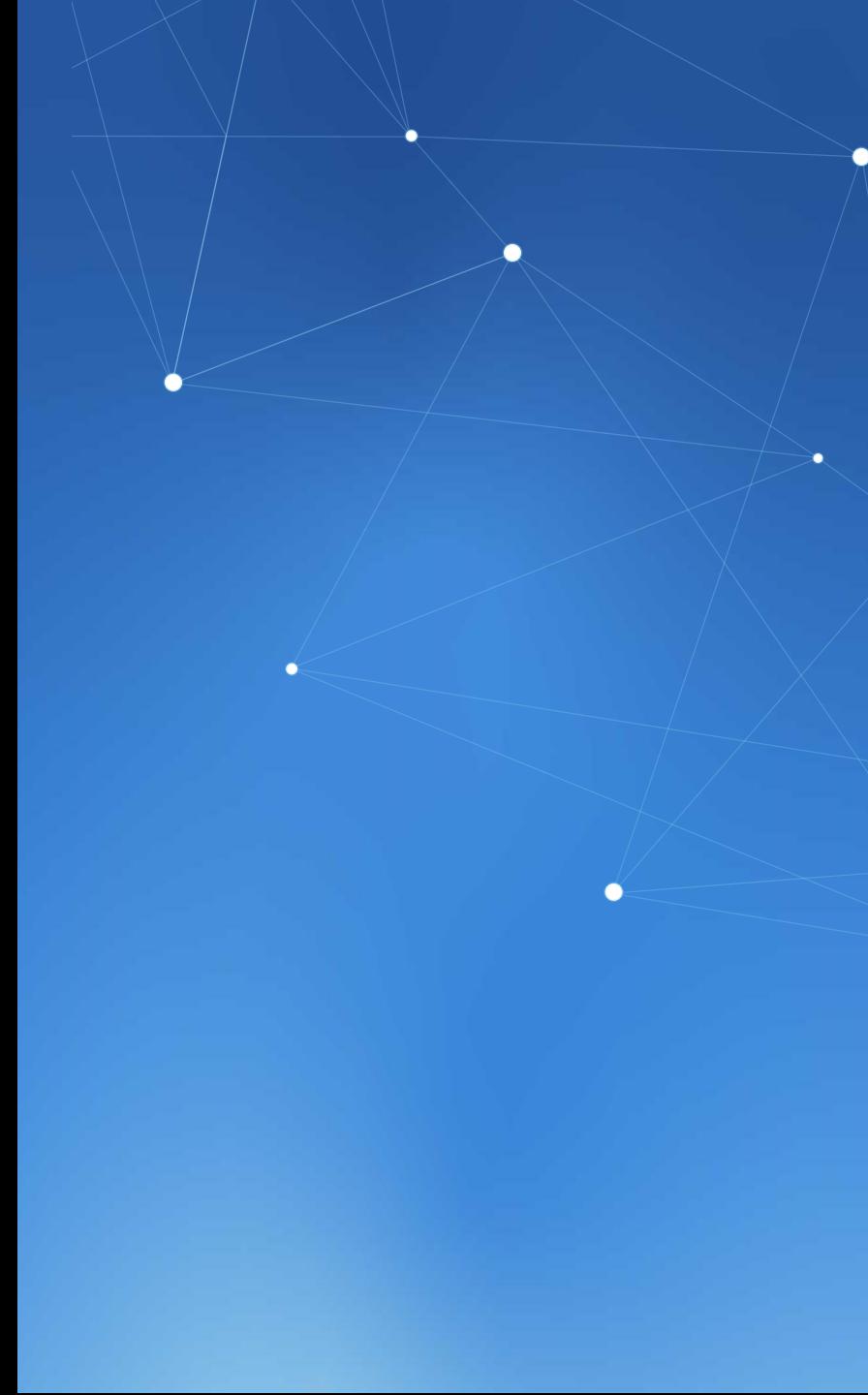
Scalability

Ability to initialize the qubits in a specific state

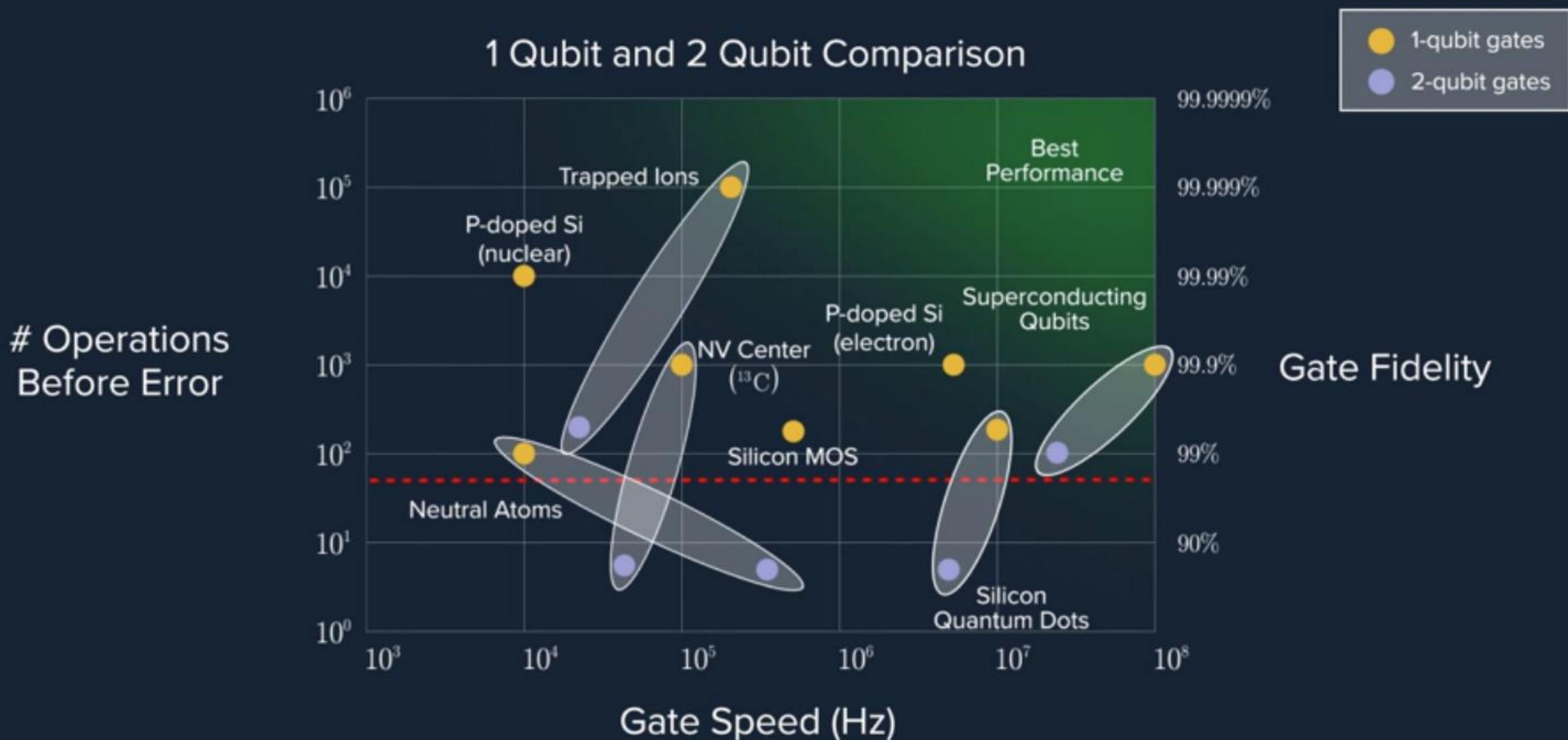
Resilient qubits

Ability to perform a universal set of operations

Reliable measurements



1 Qubit and 2 Qubit Fidelity and Gate Speed

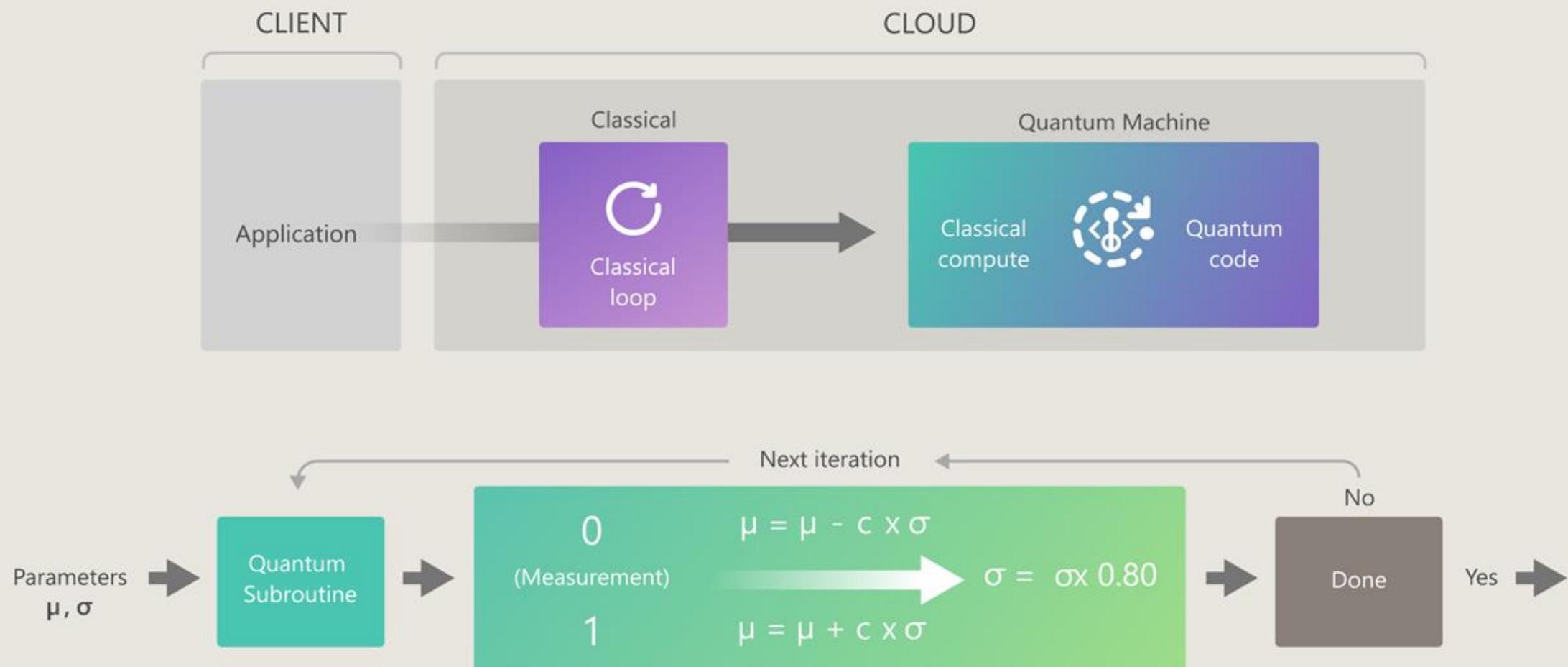


Batch

Interactive

Integrated

Distributed



The calculation is iterative and adaptive while qubits are coherent

Quantum Communication

QKD initiatives

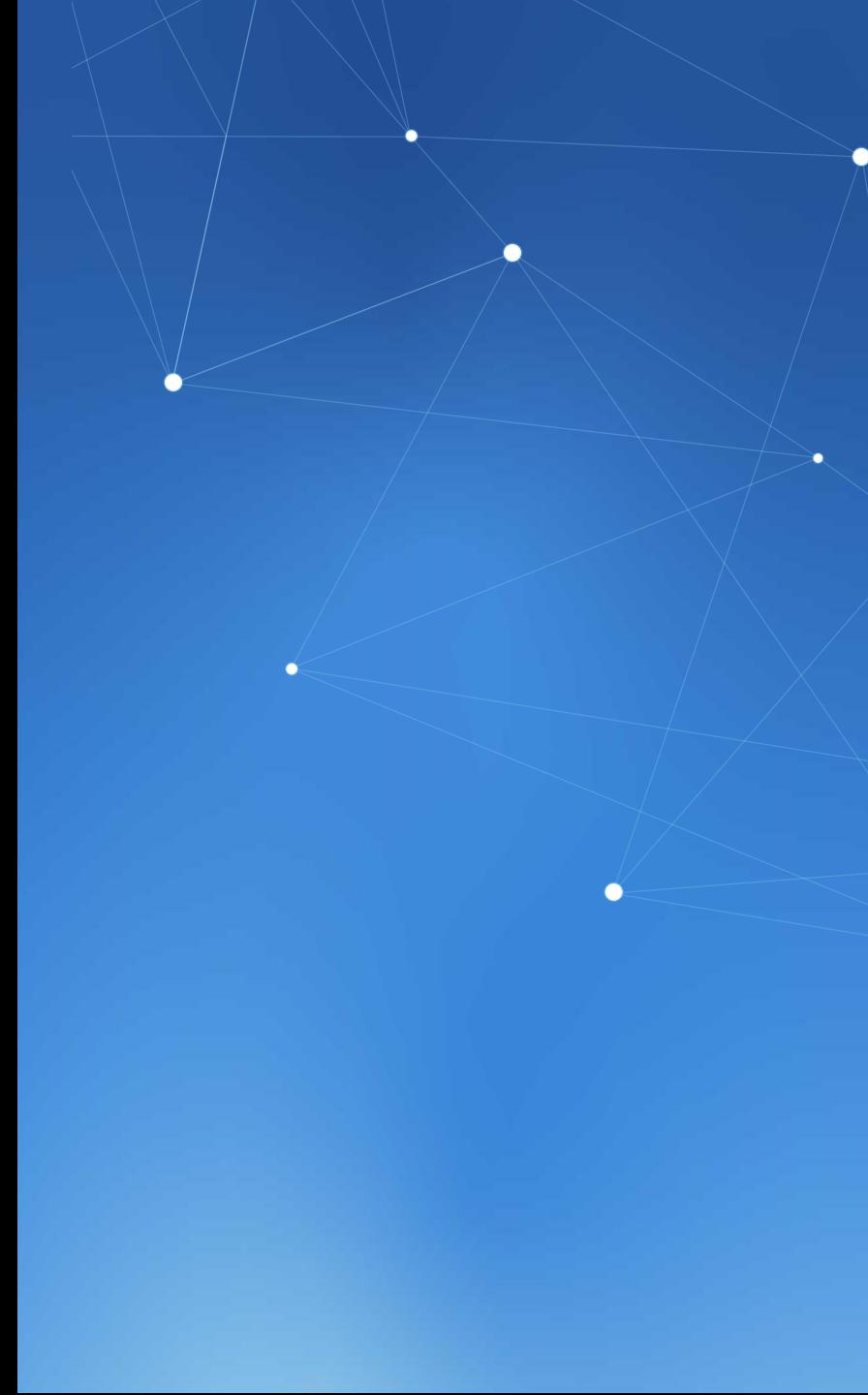
Quantum repeaters

Entangled photons sources

Frequency/wavelength mapping/conversion

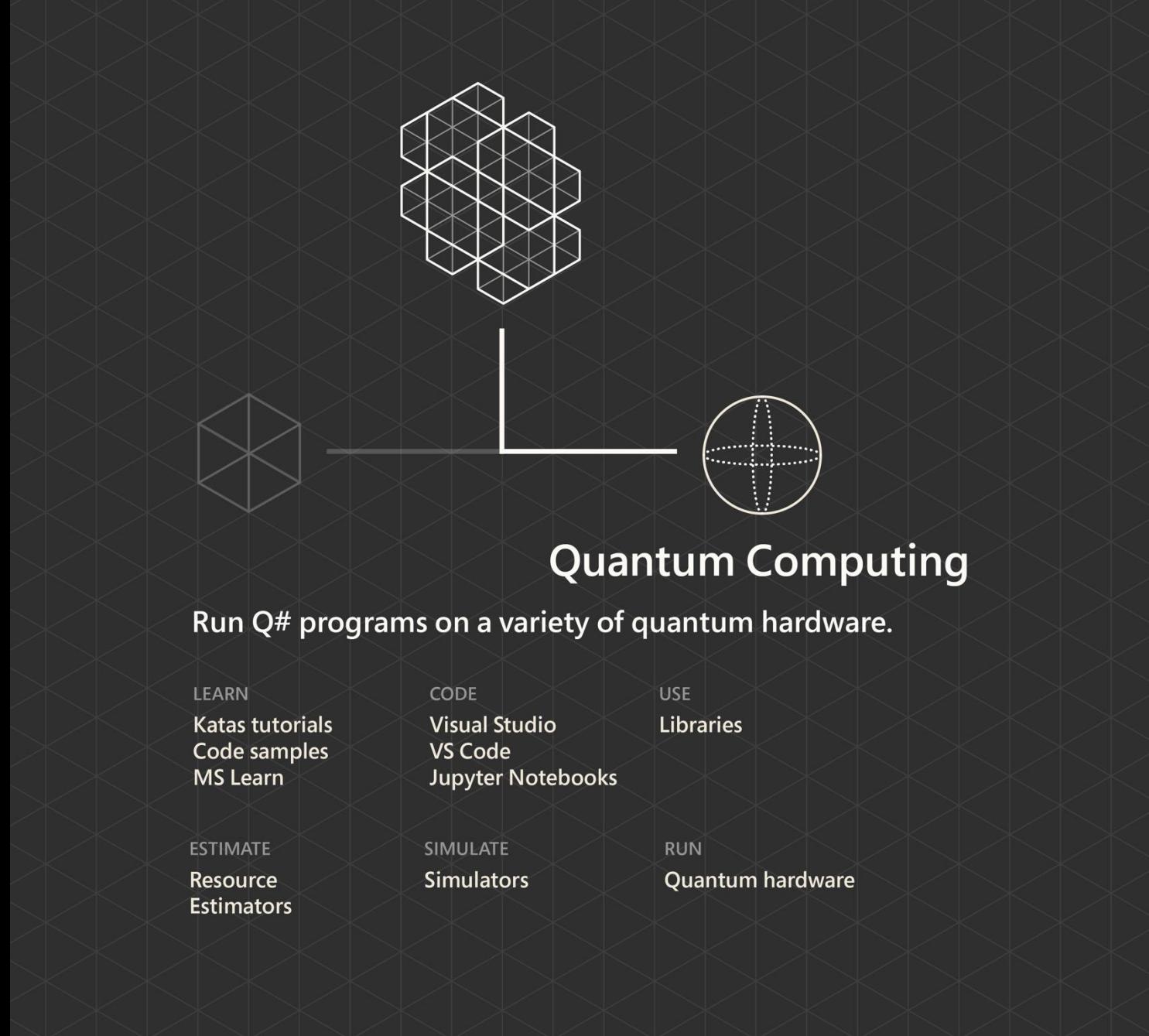
(Single) photon detection

Error correction



Azure Quantum

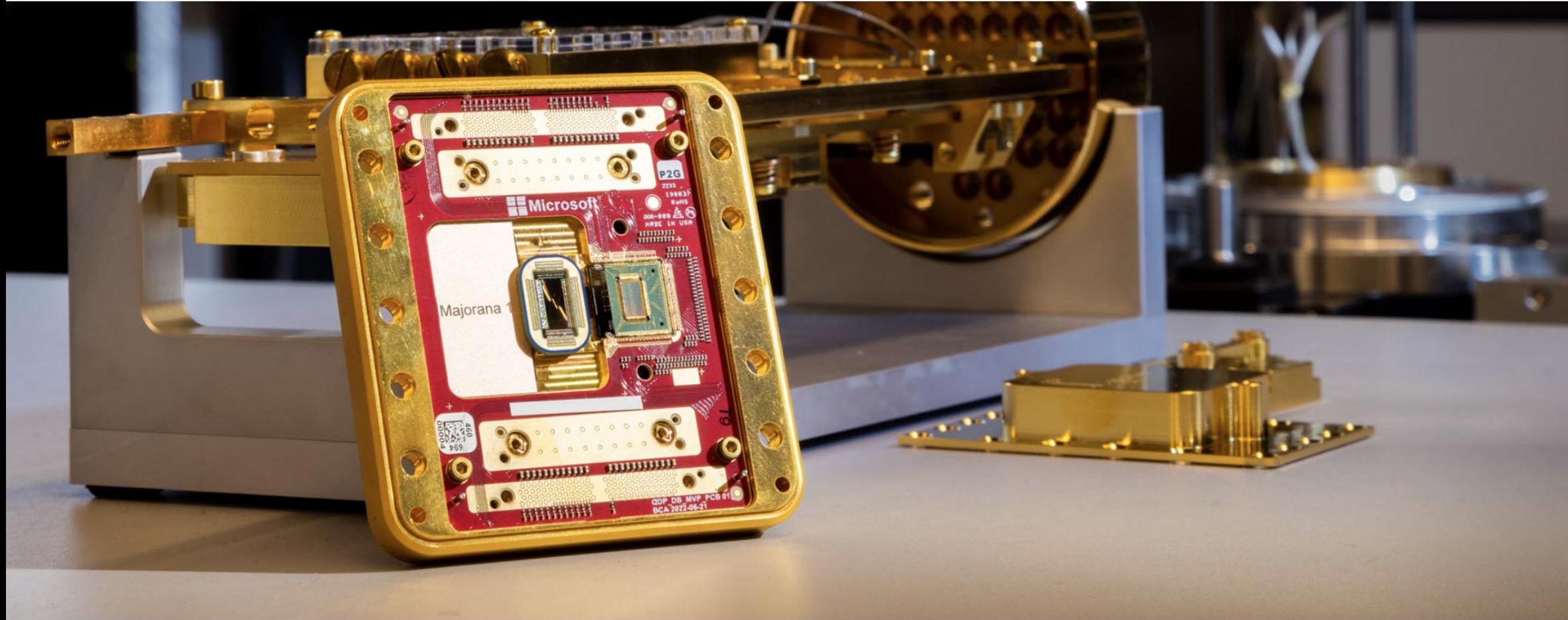
Quantum Computing



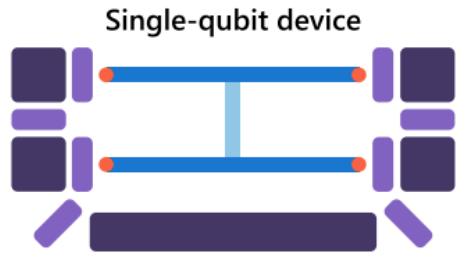
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Optimization

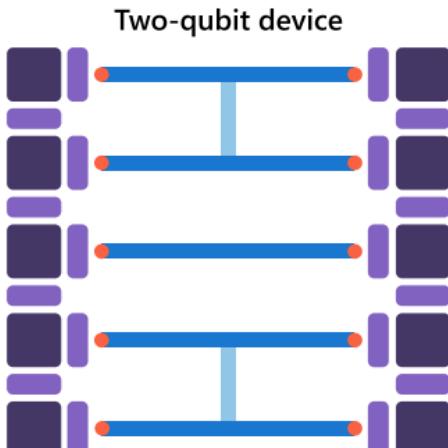




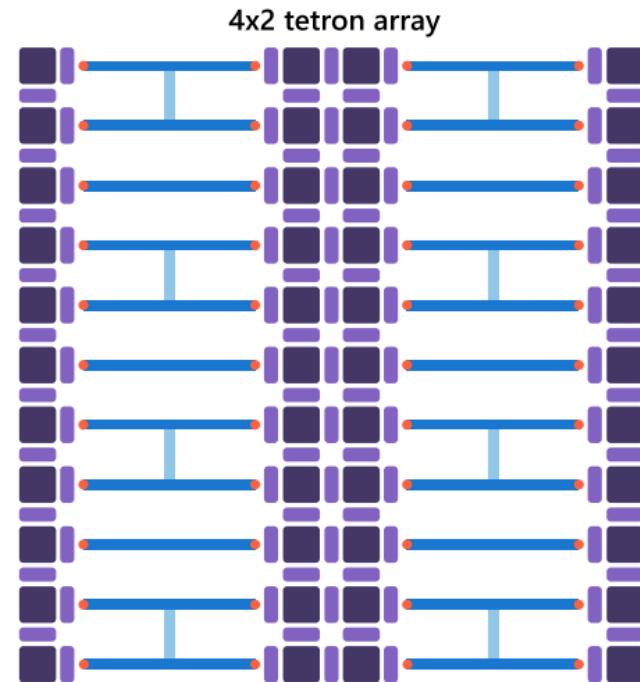
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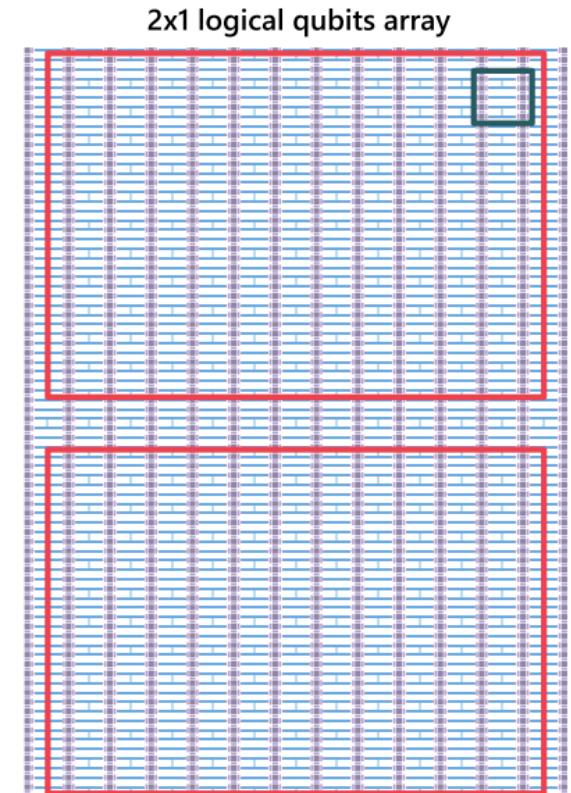
Measurement-based
qubit benchmarking



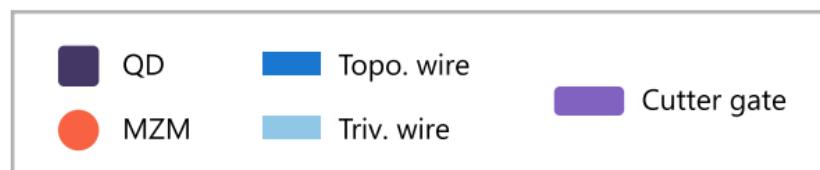
Measurement-based
braiding transformations



Quantum error detection



Quantum error correction



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Attosecond = 10^{-18} sec
(one billionth of a billionth)

We're now starting to measure the time it takes for entanglement to form

Time Delays as Attosecond Probe of Interelectronic Coherence and Entanglement

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Abstract

Attosecond chronoscopy enables the exploration of correlated electron dynamics in real time. One key observable of attosecond physics is the determination of “time zero” of photoionization, the time delay with which the wave packet of the ionized electron departs from the ionic core. This observable has become accessible by experimental advances in attosecond streaking and reconstruction of attosecond beating by interference of two-photon transitions (RABBIT) techniques. In this Letter, we explore photoionization time delays by strong extreme ultraviolet fields in atomic and molecular systems. We find that the time delay is determined by the initial state and the field intensity, and is independent of the ionization mechanism.

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Distributed quantum computing across an optical network link

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Abstract

Distributed quantum computing (DQC) combines the computing power of multiple networked quantum processing modules, ideally enabling the execution of large quantum circuits without compromising performance or qubit connectivity^{1,2}. Photonic networks are well suited as a versatile and reconfigurable interconnect layer for DQC; remote entanglement shared between matter qubits across the network enables all-to-all logical connectivity through quantum gate teleportation (QGT)^{3,4}. For a scalable DQC architecture, the QGT implementation must be deterministic and repeatable; until now, no demonstration has satisfied these requirements. Here we experimentally demonstrate the distribution of

We're now starting to build
“distributed” multi-qubit gates

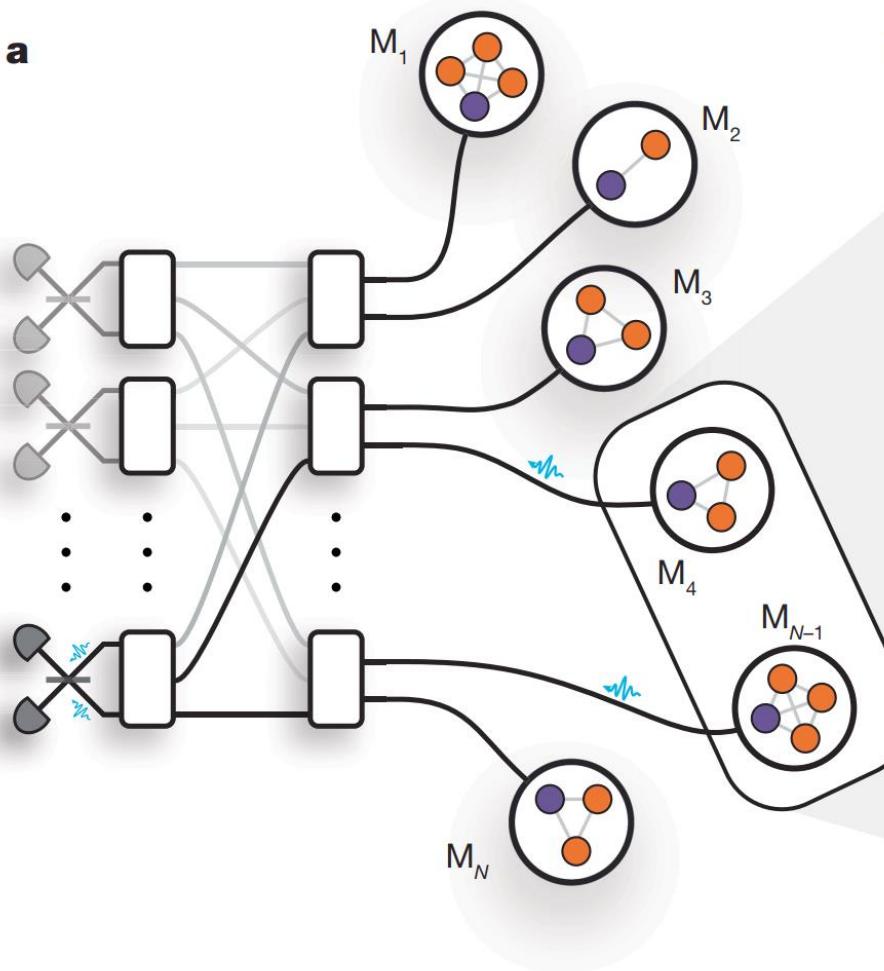
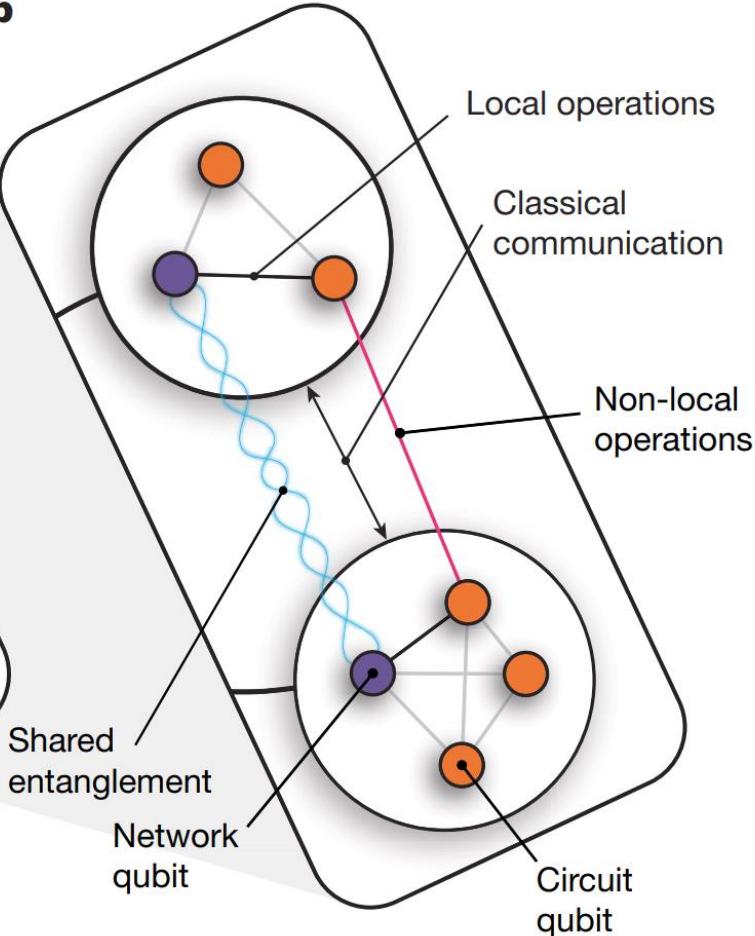
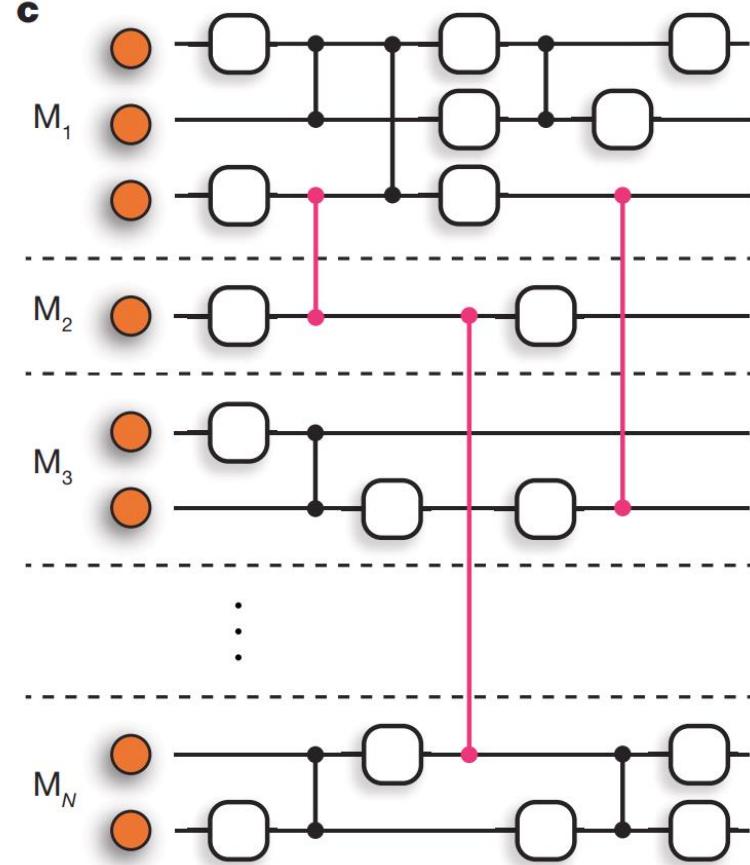
a**b****c**

Fig. 1 | DQC architecture. **a**, Schematic of a DQC architecture comprising photonically interconnected modules. Entanglement is heralded between network qubits through the interference of photons on beam splitters. A photonic switchboard provides a flexible and reconfigurable network topology. **b**, The modules consist of at least one network qubit (purple) and at least one circuit qubit (orange), which may directly interact by means of local

operations. QGT mediates non-local gate interactions (pink) between circuit qubits in separate modules. These protocols require the resources of shared entanglement, local operations and classical communication. **c**, A quantum circuit distributed across a network of small quantum processing modules that function together as a single, fully connected quantum computer.

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