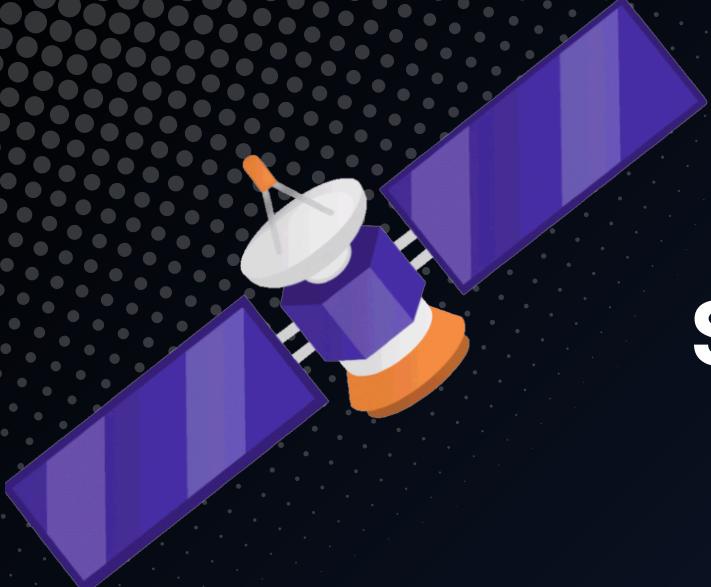


QAOA Based Energy Efficient Satellite Task Scheduling Under Orbital Visibility Constraints

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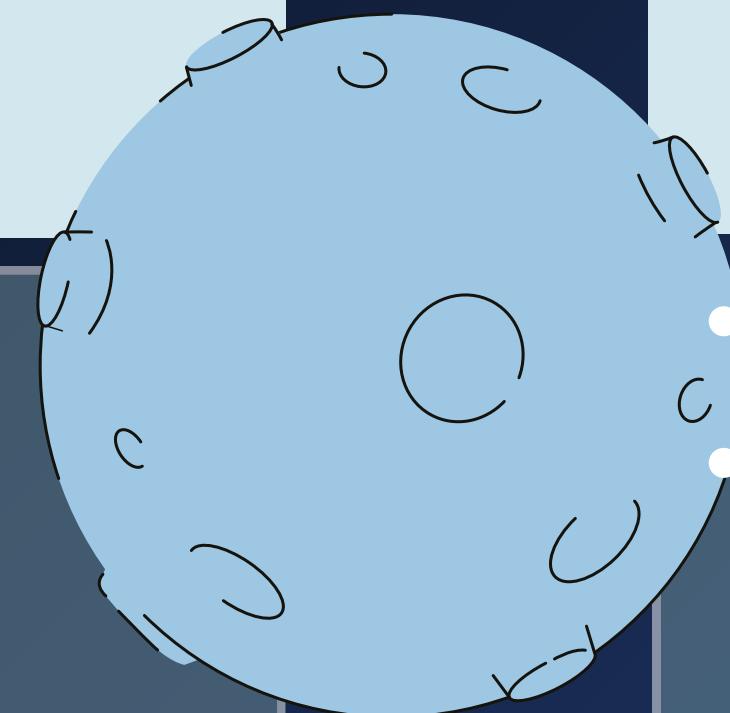


Introduction:

Satellite Task Scheduling is a critical problem in space mission:

Satellite perform tasks like:

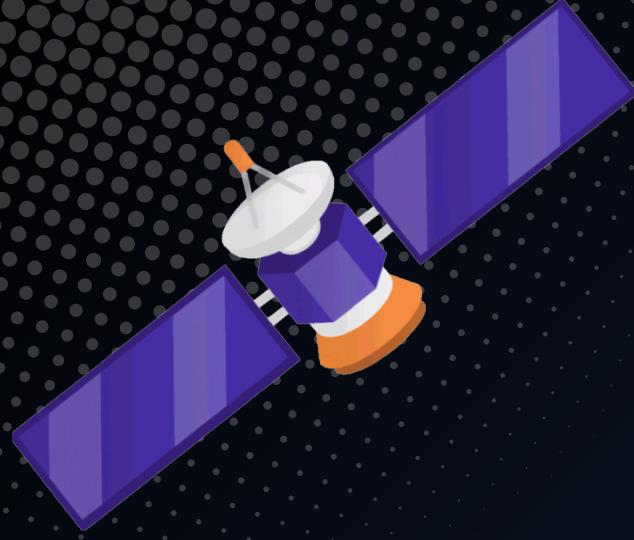
- Earth Observation
- Data transmission
- Imaging



These Task Must be:

- Energy Efficient
- Executed within limited visibility windows

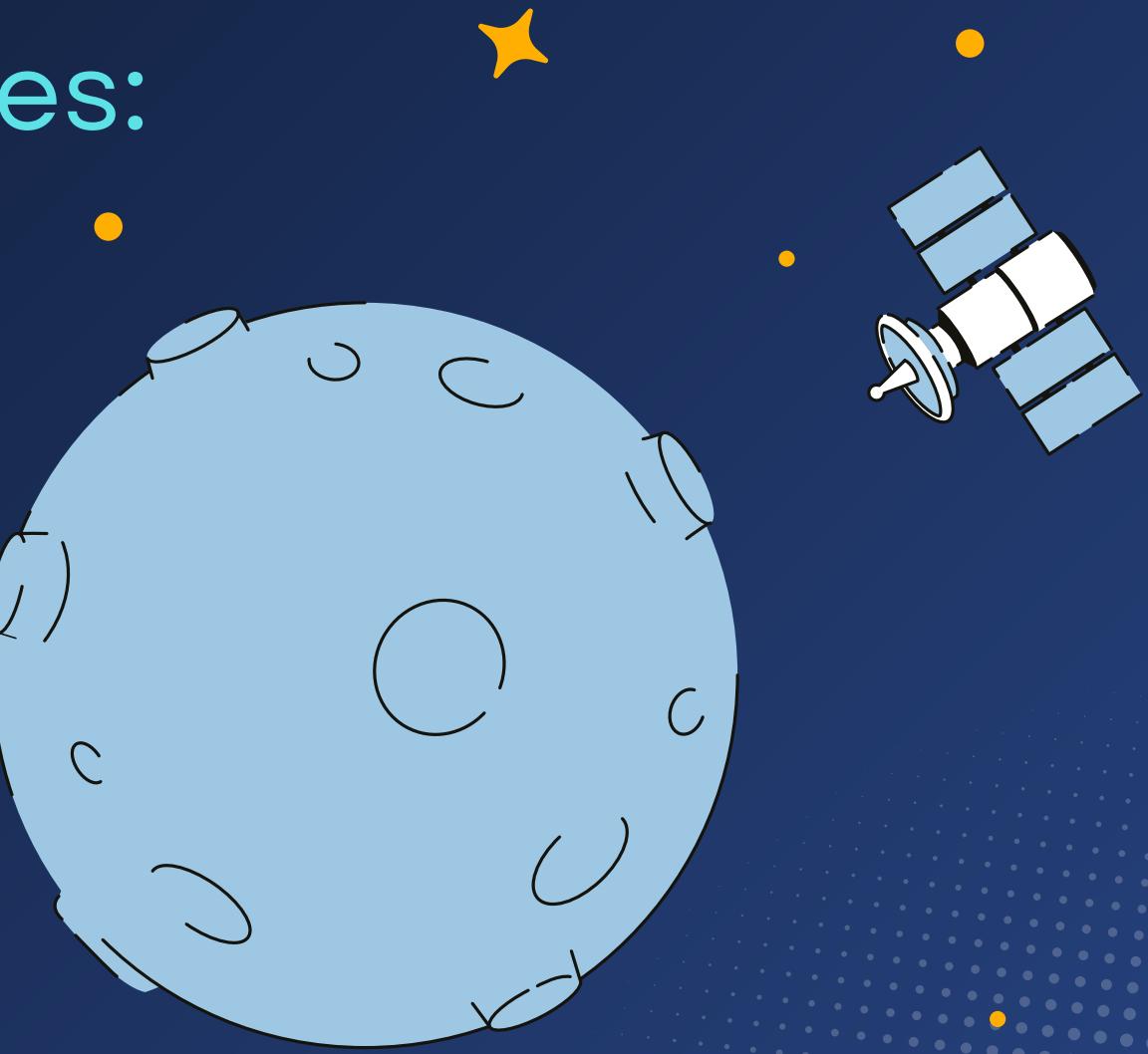
Efficient scheduling improves mission life-time and performance



Problem Statement

Traditional Scheduling methods face challenges:

- Limited Onboard Energy
- Conflicting task priorities
- Orbital visibility constraints
- Large- scale optimization complexity



Classical algorithms struggle with:

- Scalability
- Optimal energy usage



Orbital Visibility Constraint

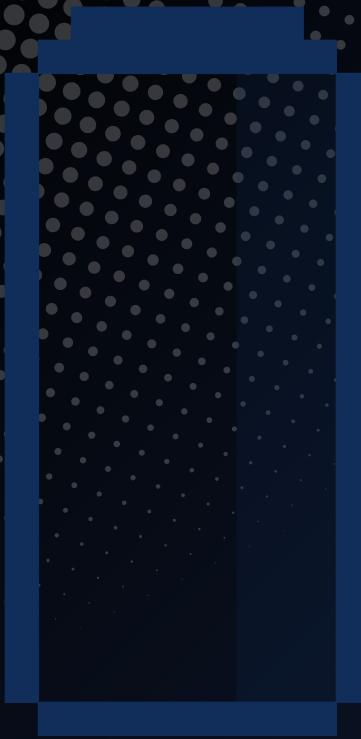
What is orbital Visibility?

A satellite can perform a task only when the target is visible.

Visibility Depend on :

- satellite orbit
- Earth rotation
- Ground station position

Tasks Must be Scheduled within specific time windows



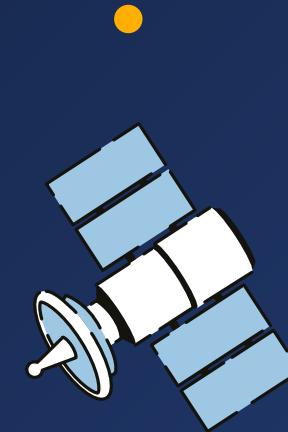
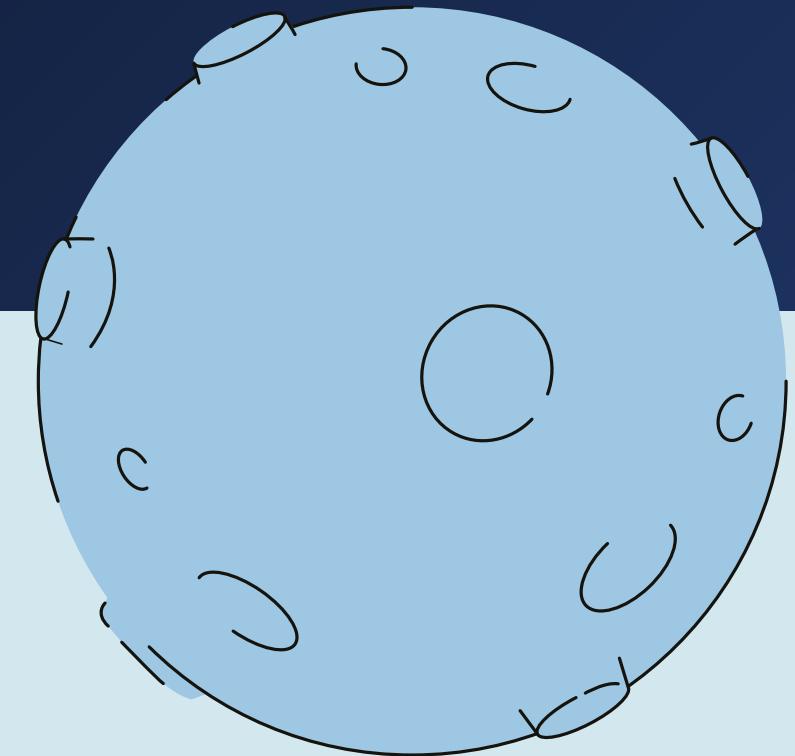
Energy Efficiency in Satellite

Energy consumption occurs due to:

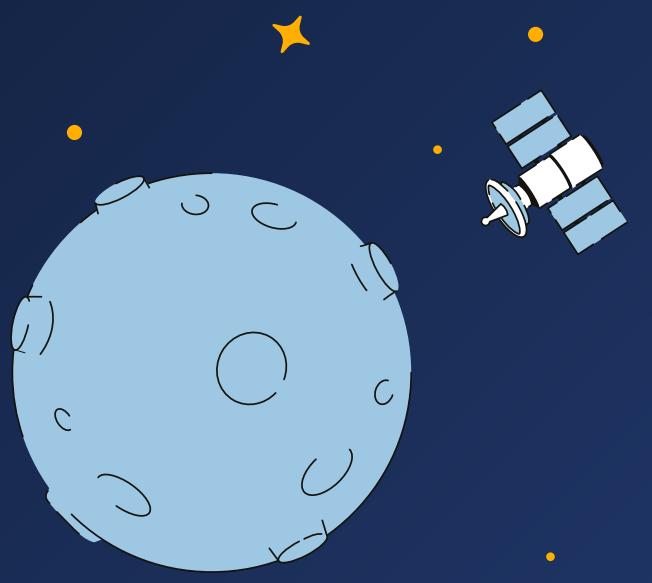
- Sensor Operation
- Data Processing
- Communication
- Satellite maneuvering

Goal :

Minimize total energy while completing maximum tasks



Why Quantum Optimization?



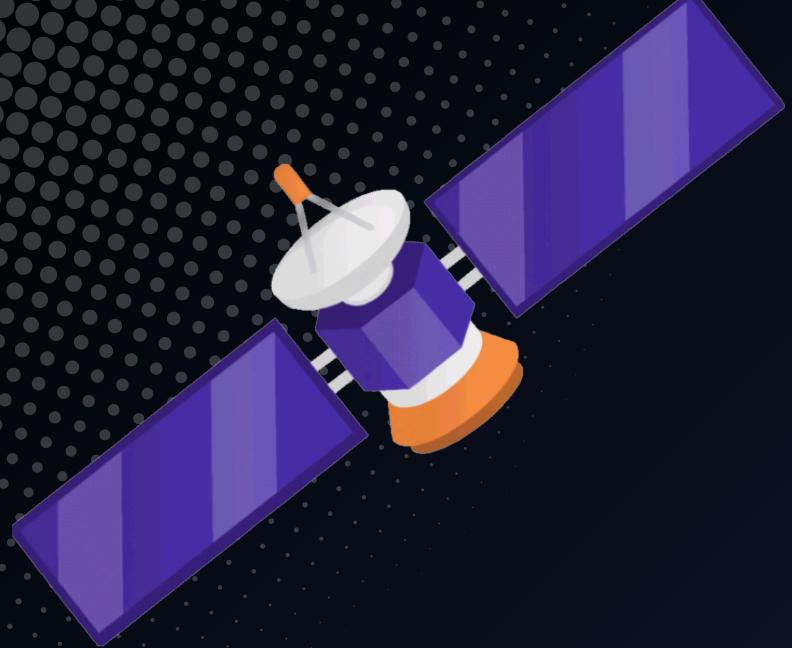
Classical Optimization Struggle with

- Combinatorial explosion
- NP-Hard scheduling problems

Quantum offers new optimization capabilities

- Explore Multiple solution Simultaneously
- Better suited for complex constraints





Introduction to QAOA

Quantum Approximation Optimization Algorithm(QAOA)

- Hybrid Quantum-classical algorithm
- Designed for Combinatorial optimization
- Uses:
 1. Quantum circuit
 2. Classical parameter tuning

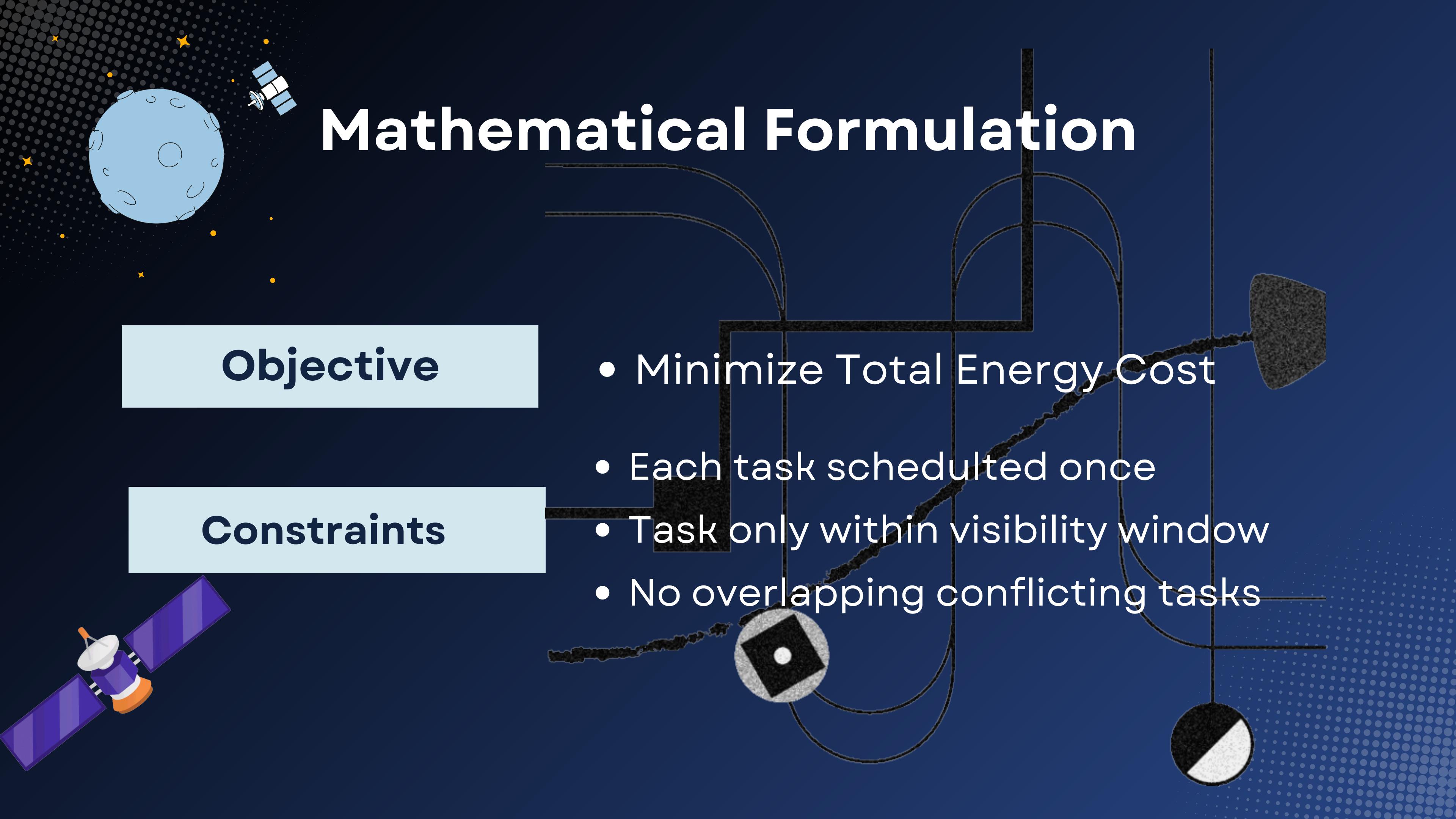


Ideal for scheduling and resource allocation problems

QAOA-Based Scheduling Approach

Step -by -Step process:

1. Model Scheduling as an optimization problem
2. Encode tasks as quantum states
3. Define:
 - Cost function(energy usage)
 - Constraints(visibility,task conflicts)
4. Apply QAOA to near find optimal schedules.



Mathematical Formulation

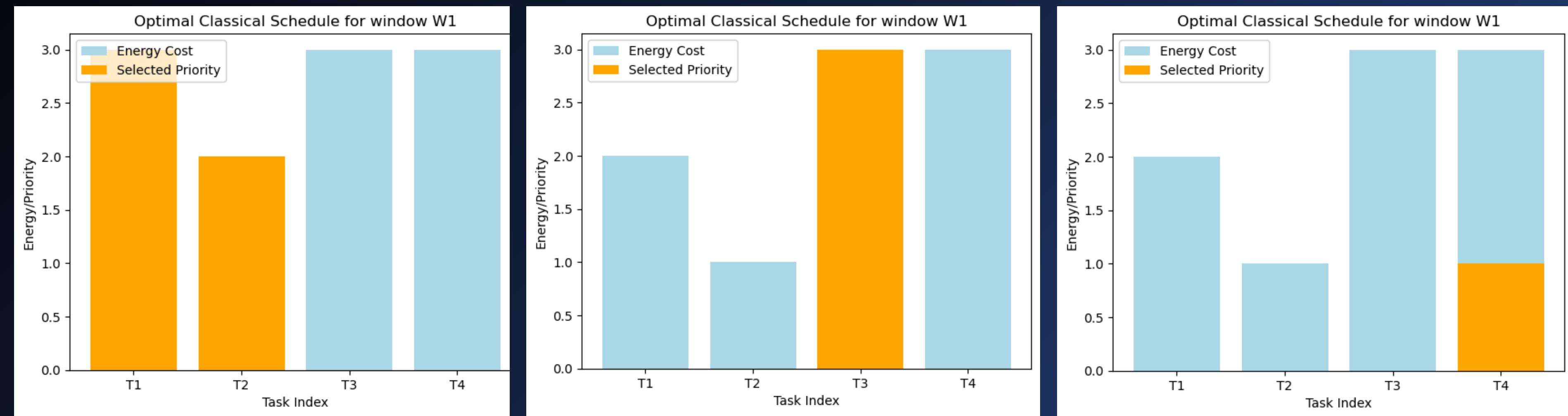
Objective

- Minimize Total Energy Cost

Constraints

- Each task scheduled once
- Task only within visibility window
- No overlapping conflicting tasks

Classical Output

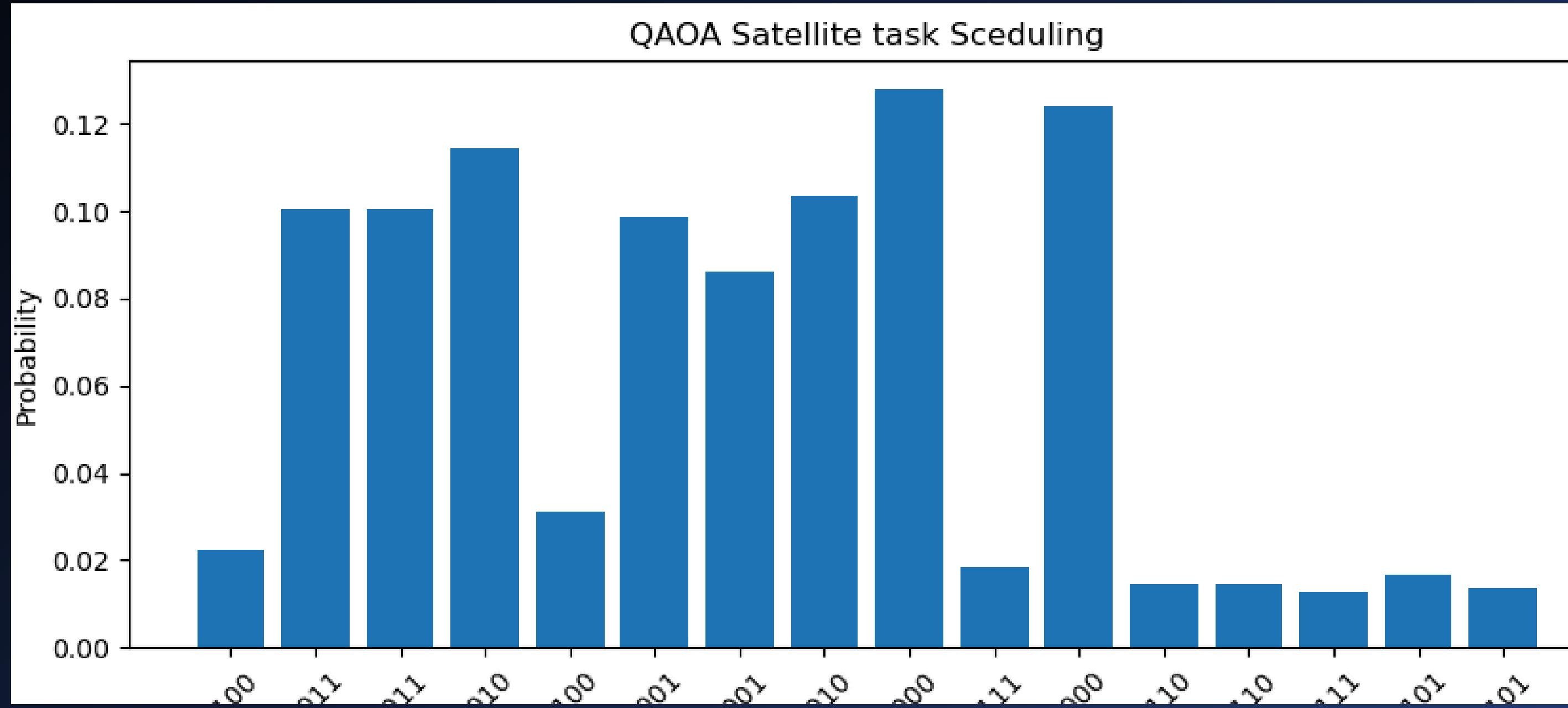


W1 window for T1 & T2

W2 Window For Task T3

W3 window for Task T4

Quantum QAOA Result

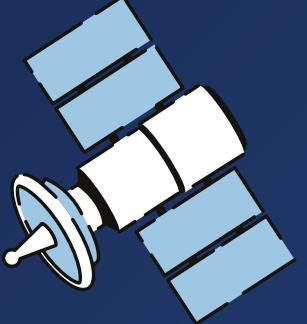
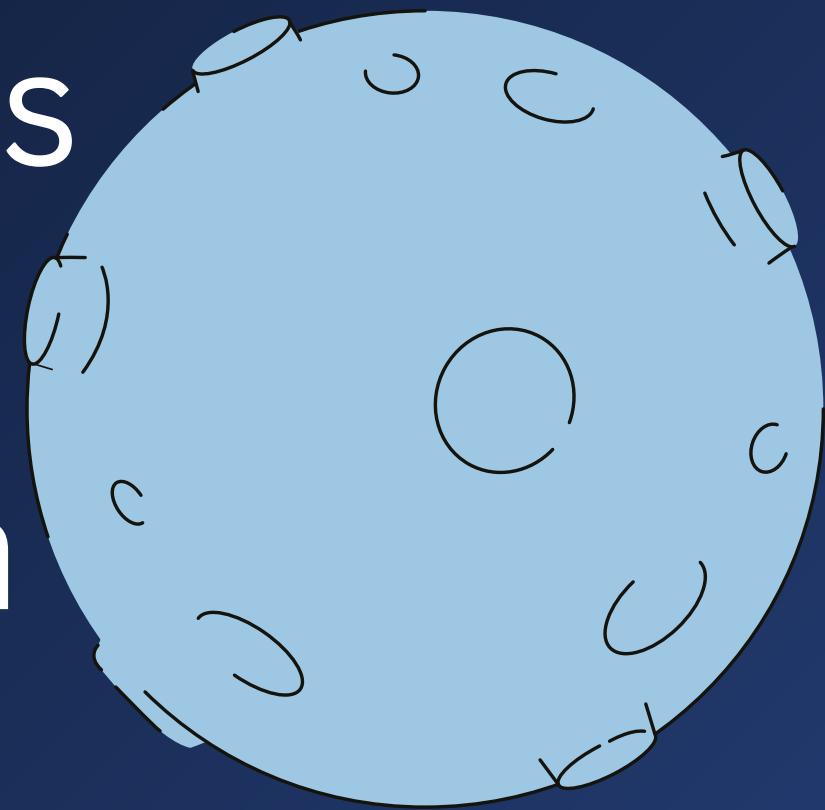


High probability for T4

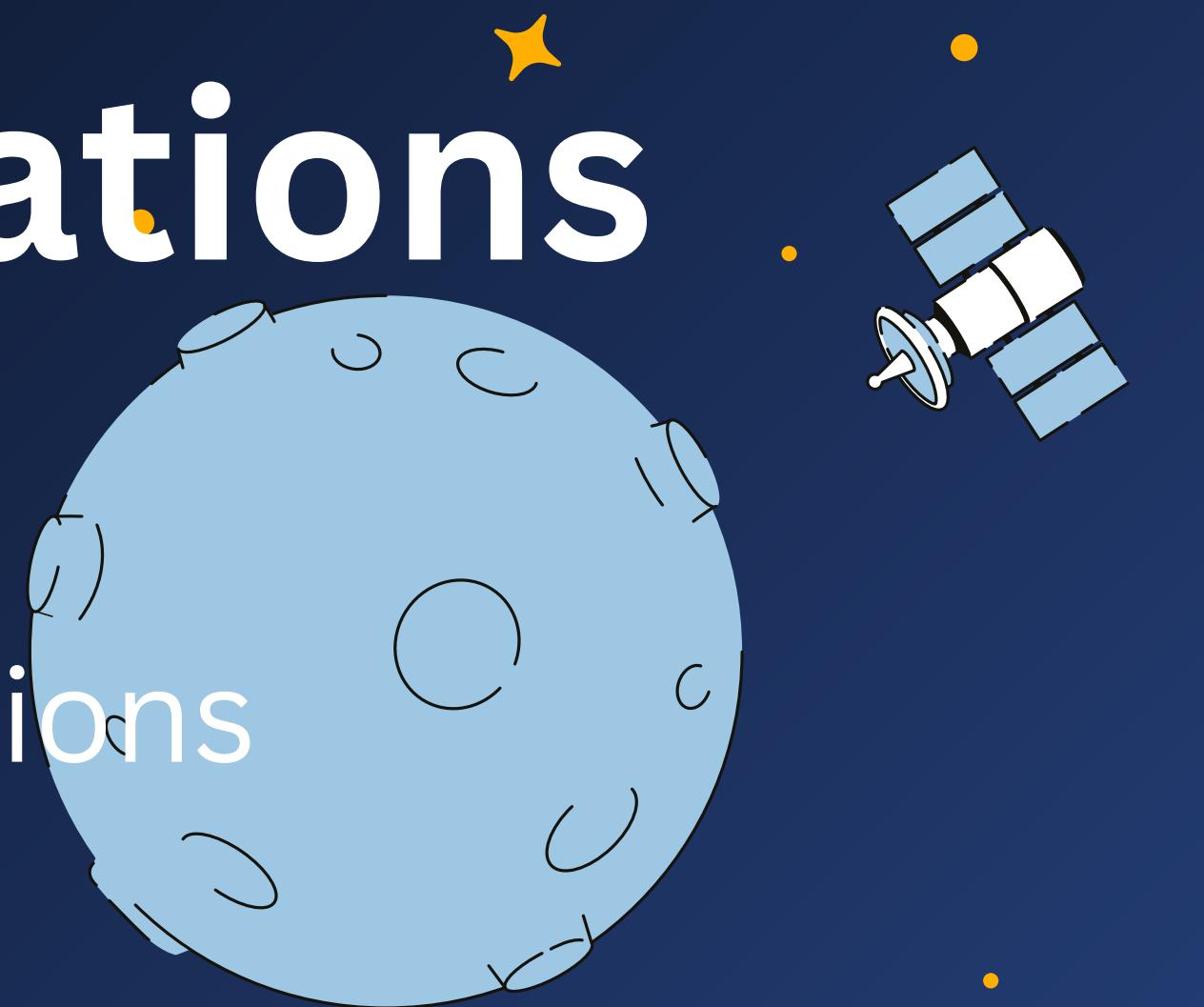
Advantages of QAOA-Based Scheduling

- Better Energy optimization
- Handles complex constraints
- Scalable for large task sets
- Suitable for future Quantum

Hardware



Challenges & Limitations

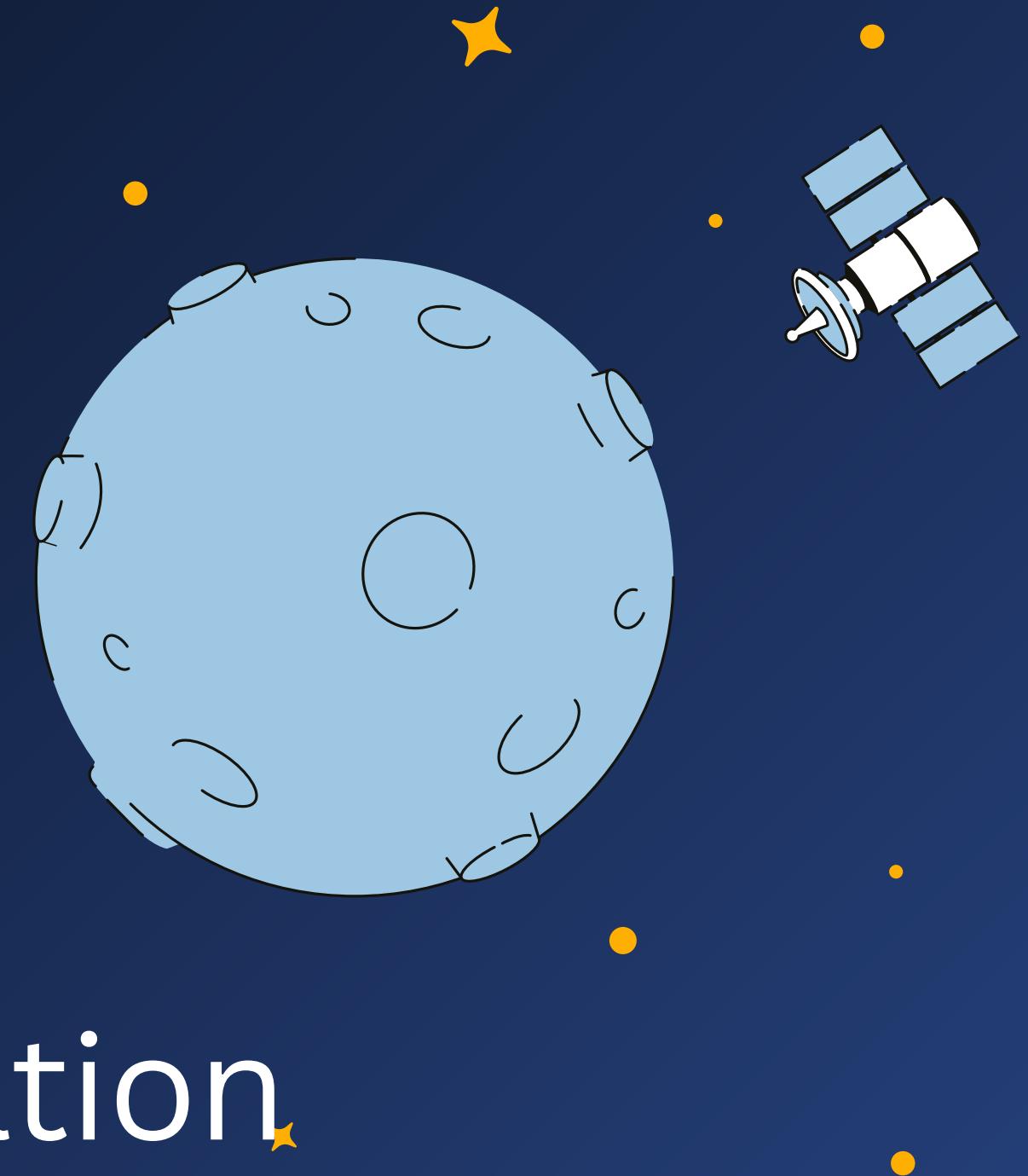


- Current Quantum hardware limitations
- Noise and decoherence
- Hybrid implementation complexity

Still Effective using quantum simulators

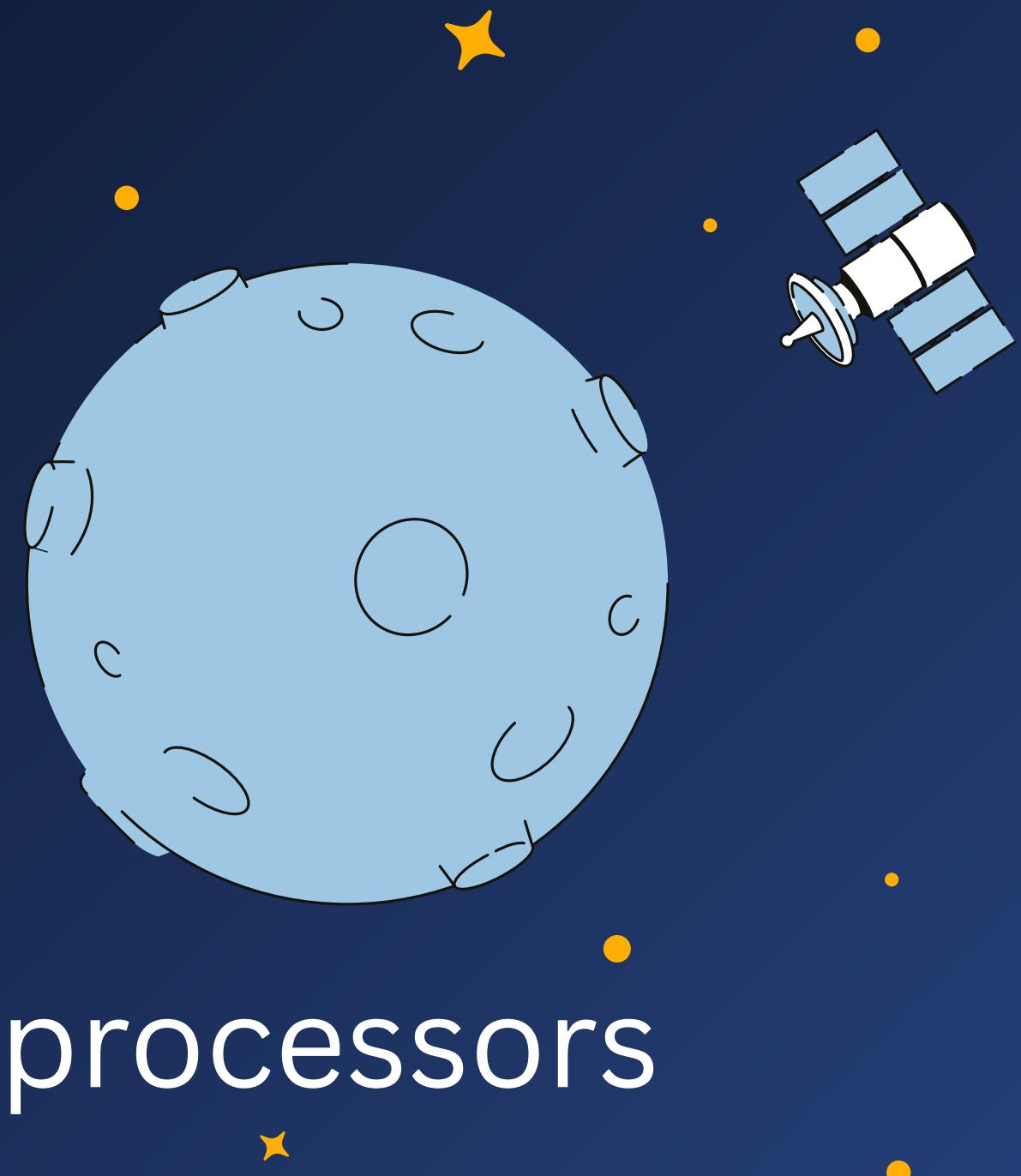
Applications

- Earth Observation Satellite
- Remote sensing missions
- Communication satellites
- Autonomous satellite operation



Future Scope

- Multi - satellite scheduling
- Real time adaptive scheduling
- Integration with AI and ML
- Execution on advanced quantum processors



Conclusion

- Satellite scheduling is a complex optimization problem
- QAOA provides an innovative solution
- Energy efficiency and visibility constraints handled effectively
- Promising approach for next-generation space mission