

A Platform for Quantum Programming

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Q1. Why program a quantum computer?

Q2. How do I program a quantum computer?



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available since Dec 2017

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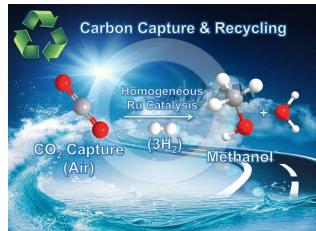


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Alternative Energy Research

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



Robotic Manufacturing

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



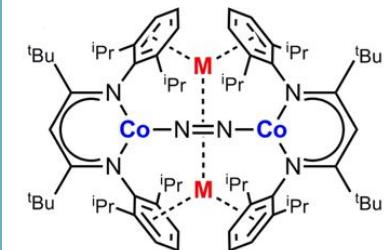
Supply Chain Optimization

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



Computational Materials Science

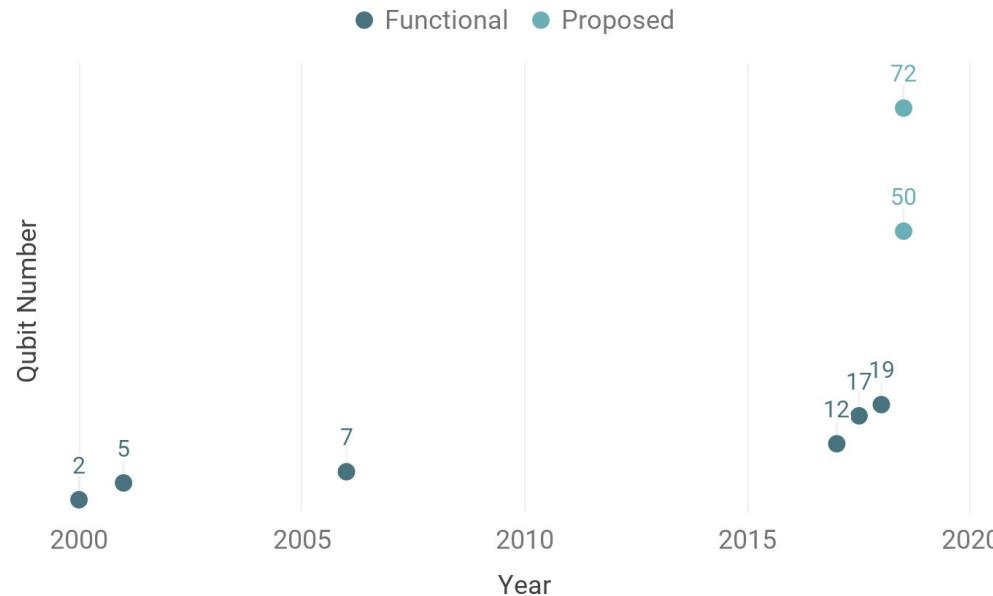
- > Design of better catalysts for batteries
- > Quantum algorithms for calculating electronic structure



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Quantum processors are scaling up quickly



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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

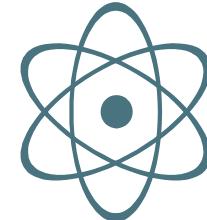
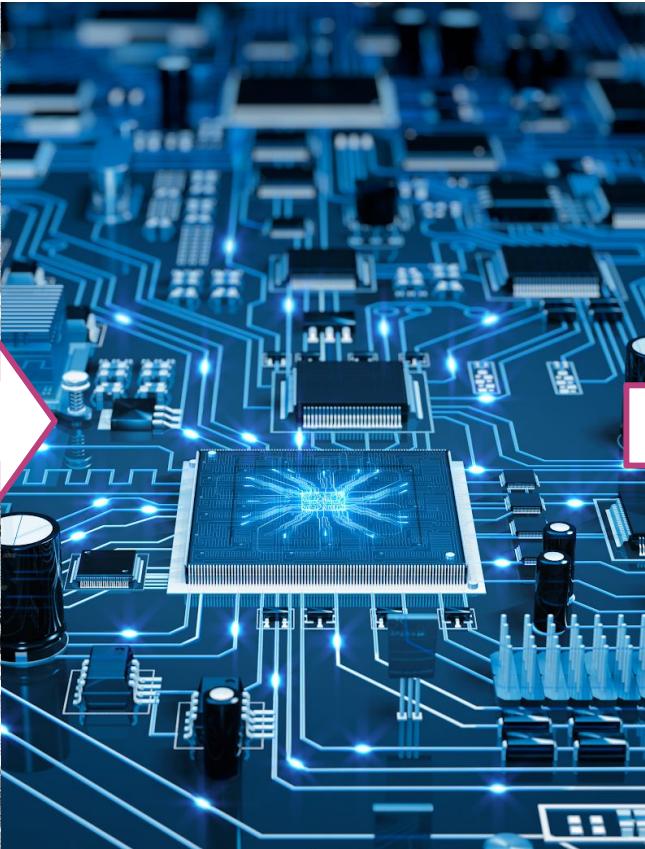
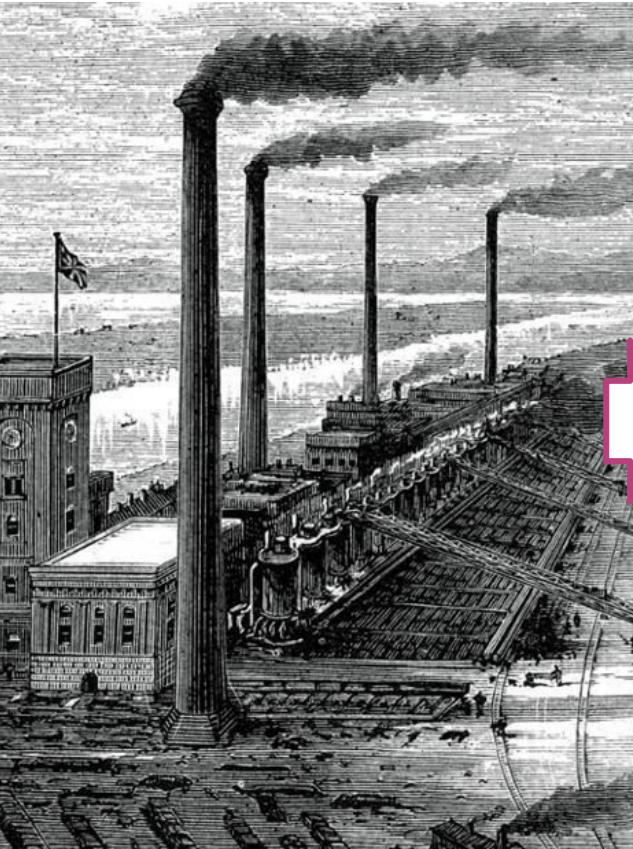


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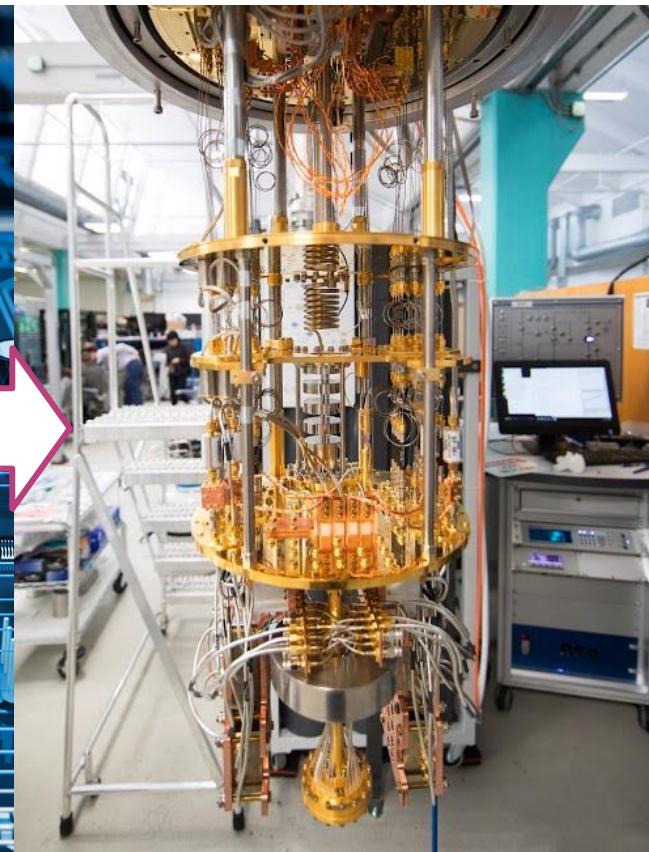
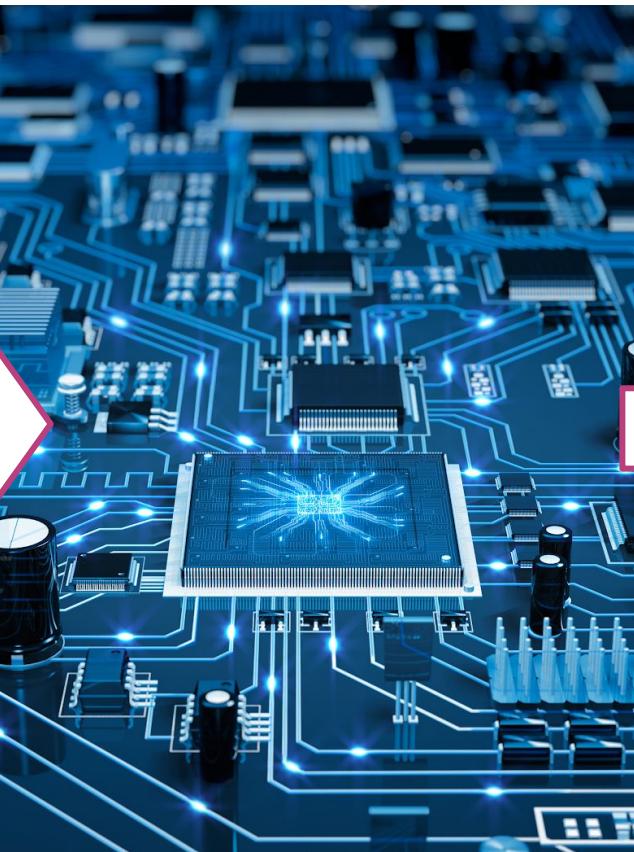
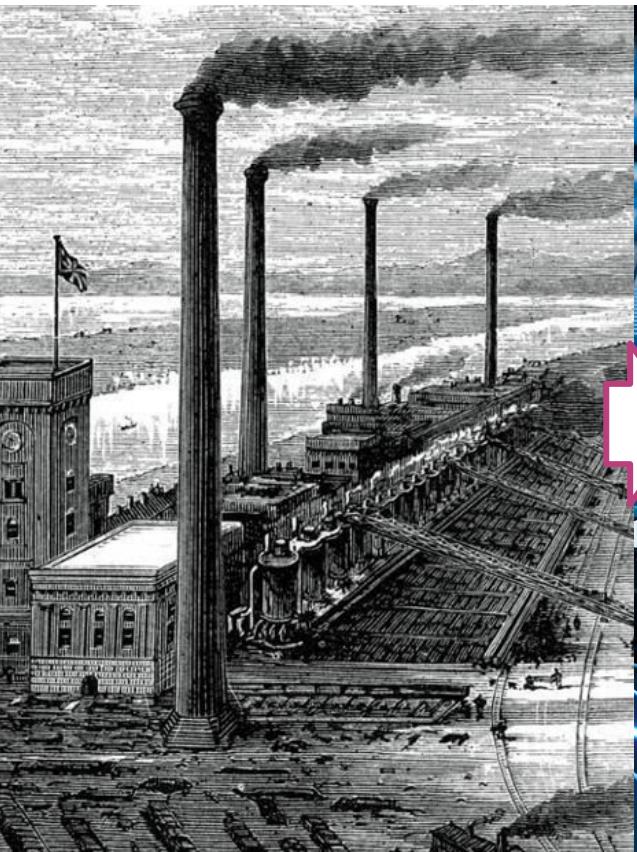
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Physical phenomenon apply to information and computation as well.

> Superposition

> No-cloning

> Teleportation



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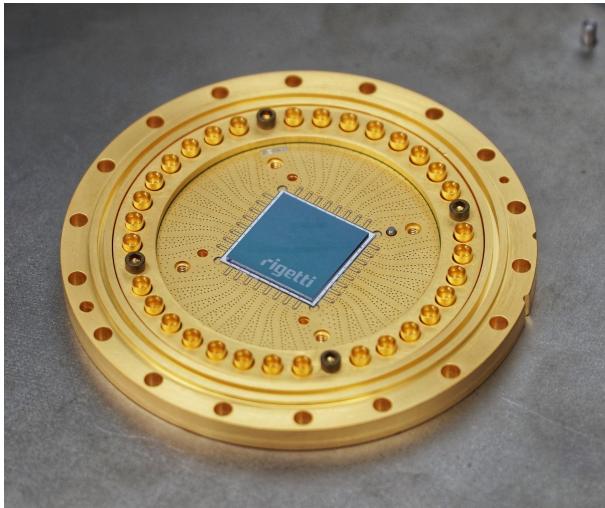
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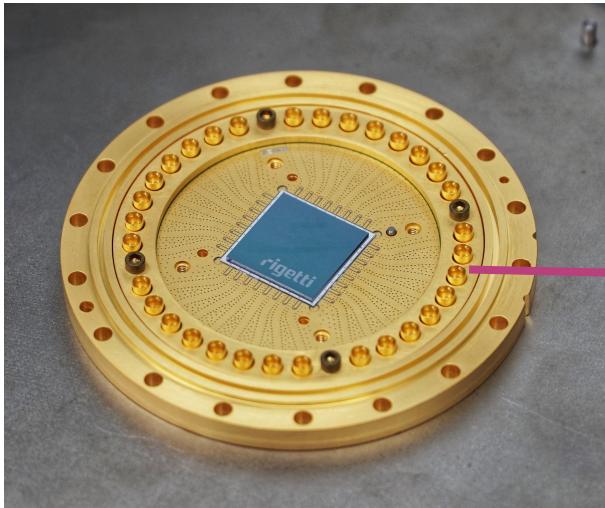
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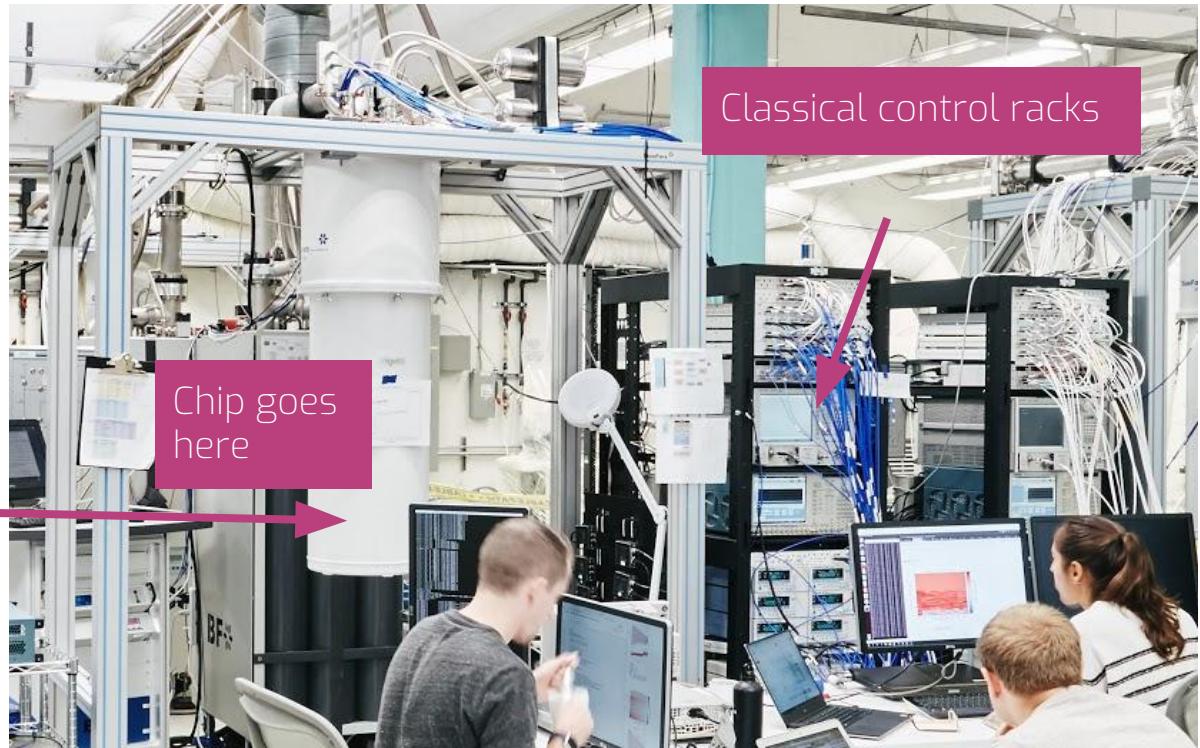
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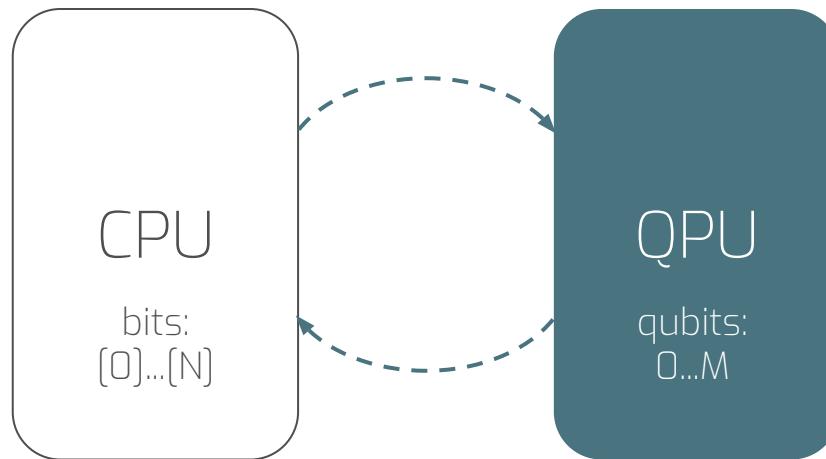


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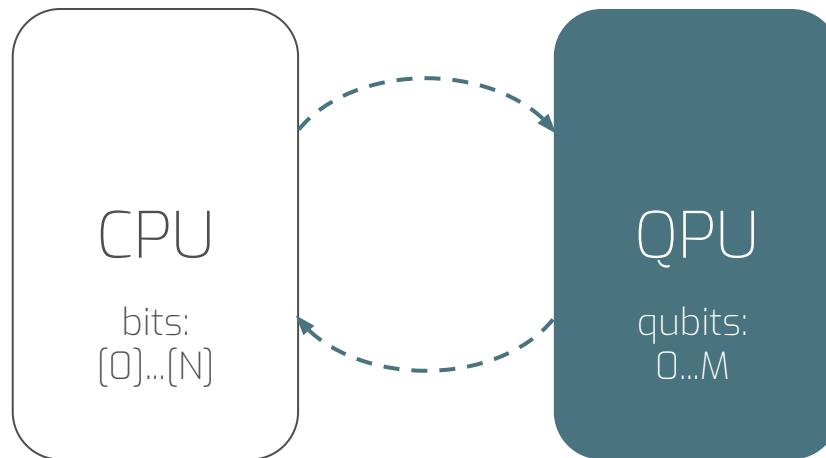
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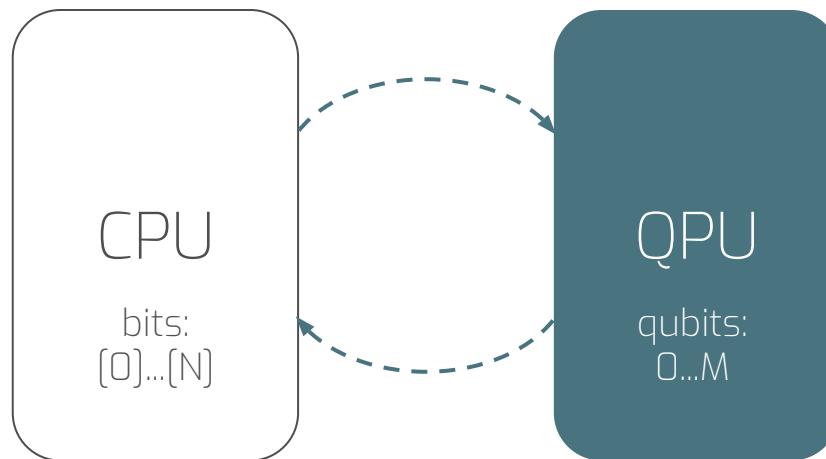
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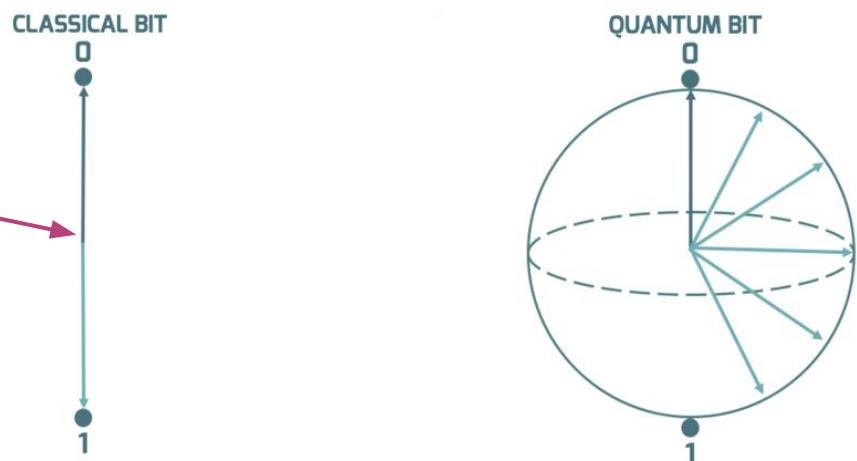
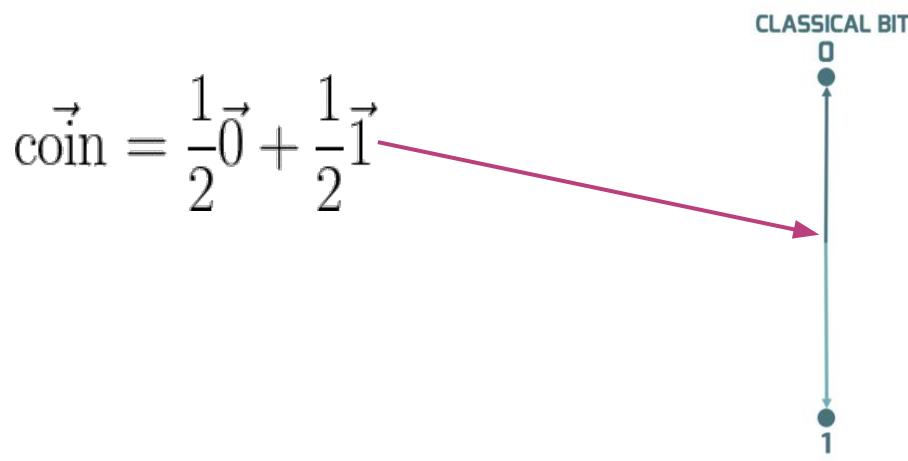
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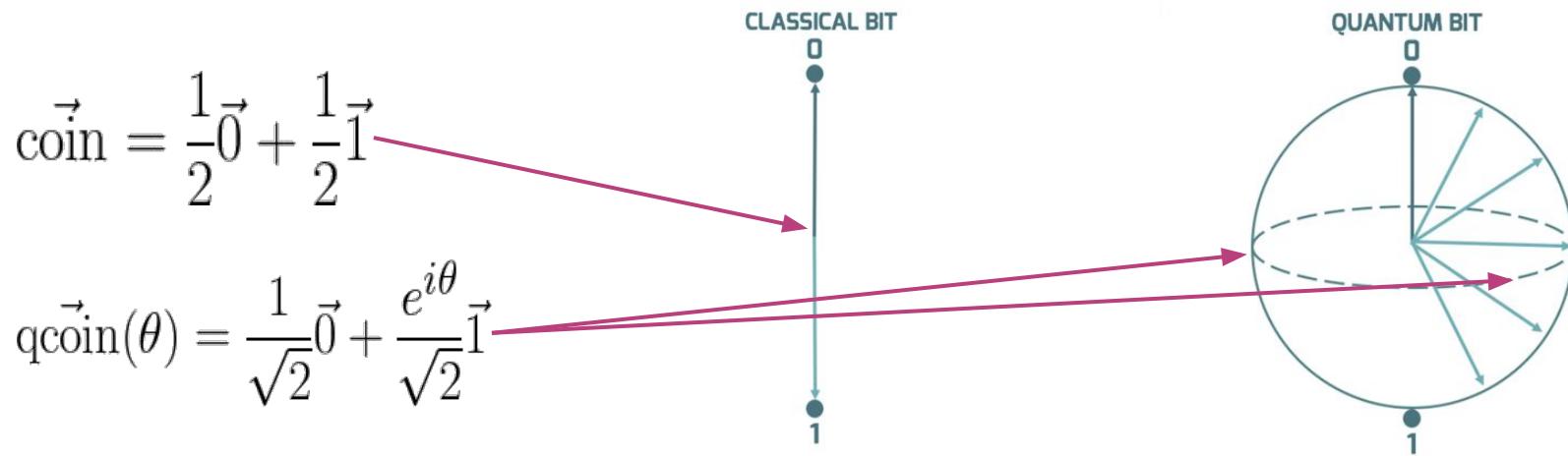
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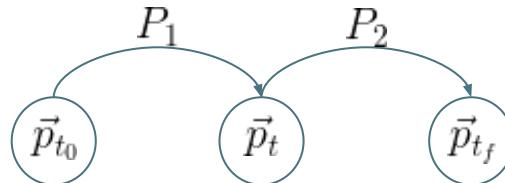
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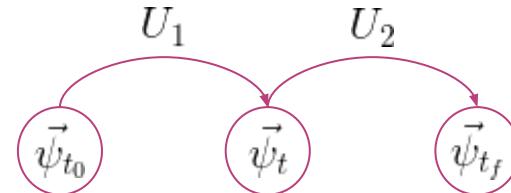
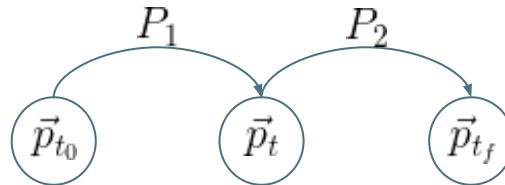
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Apply CNOT instr to 0 and 1 qubits → $\Psi = [\underset{00}{1/\sqrt{2}}, \underset{01}{0}, \underset{10}{0}, \underset{11}{1/\sqrt{2}}]$



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Qubits 0 and 1 are ENTANGLED

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# Move quantum data to classical data
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# MEASURE <qubit register> [<bit register>]
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MEASURE 0 [2]
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X 0  
H 0 # Hadamard gate  
CNOT 0 1
```

```
# Move quantum data to classical data
```

```
# MEASURE <qubit register> [<bit register>]
```

```
MEASURE 0 [2]
```

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2}, & 0, & 0, & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

50-50 branch

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Classical Bit Register

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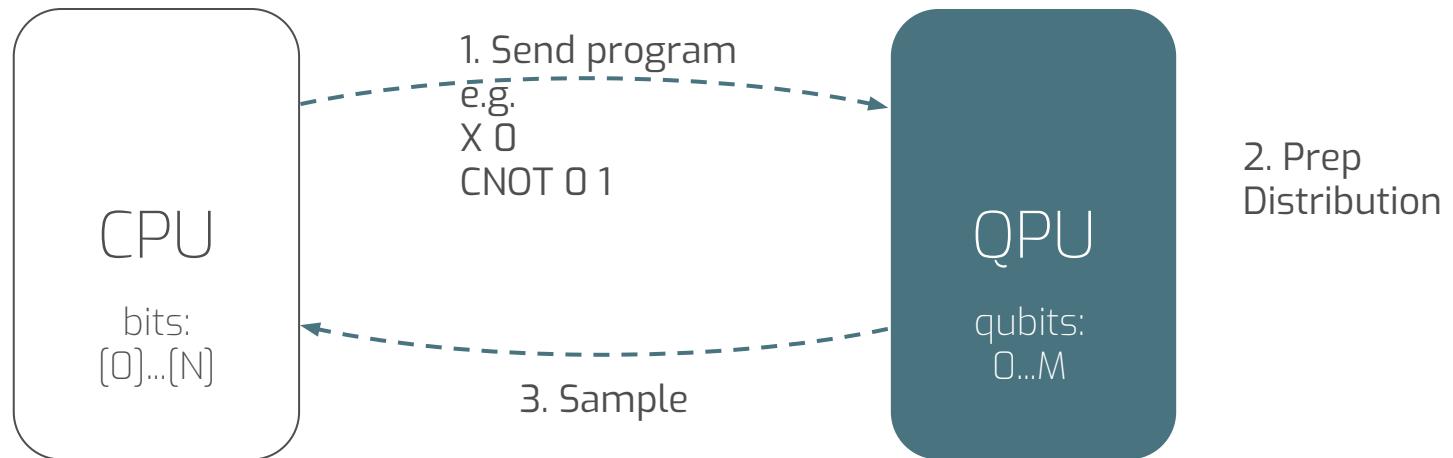
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How do I program a quantum computer?

Hybrid Quantum Computers | **Quantum Programming** | Hybrid Programming | Hybrid Algorithms

Quantum programming is preparing and sampling from complicated distributions



The Quil Programming Model

Targets a **Quantum Abstract Machine (QAM)** with a syntax for representing state transitions

Ψ : Quantum state (qubits) → quantum instructions

Quil Example

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H 3

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QAM: Ψ_0, C_0, κ_0

1. Hadamard on qubit 3

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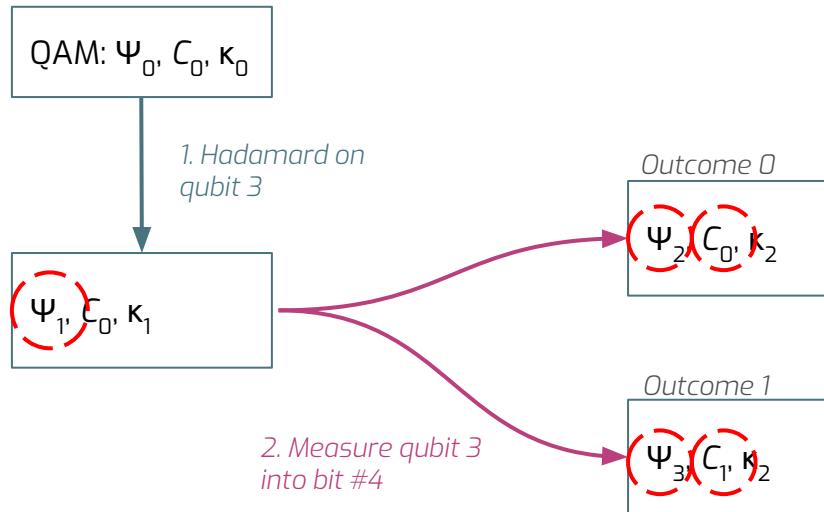
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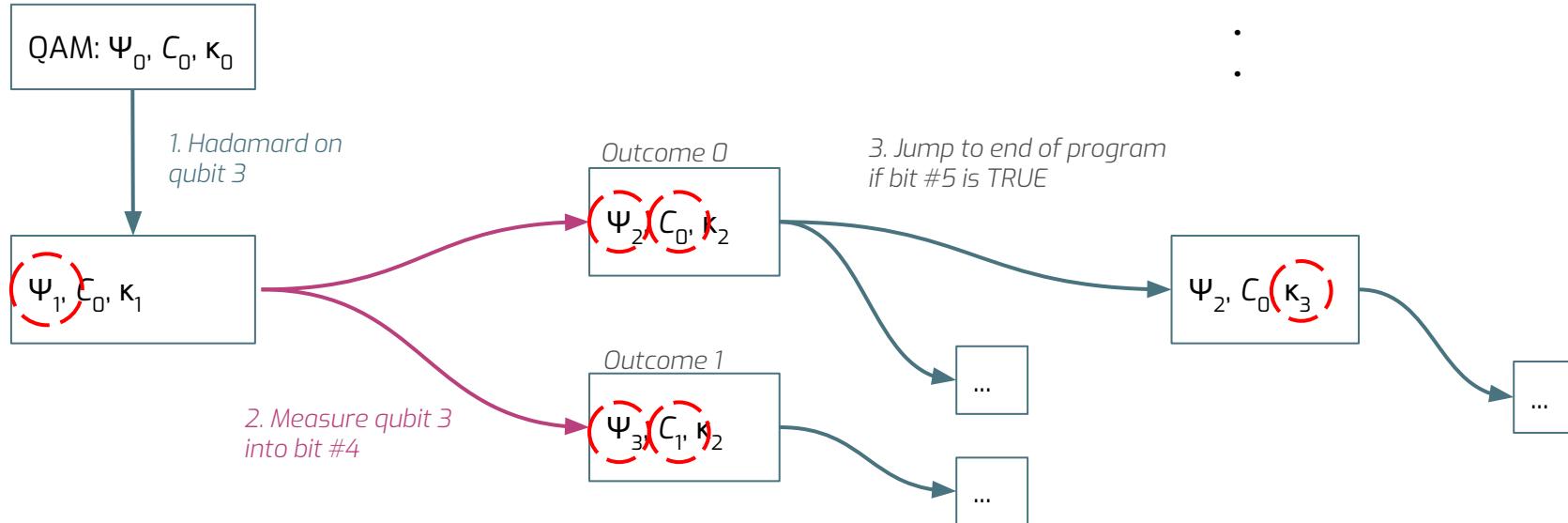
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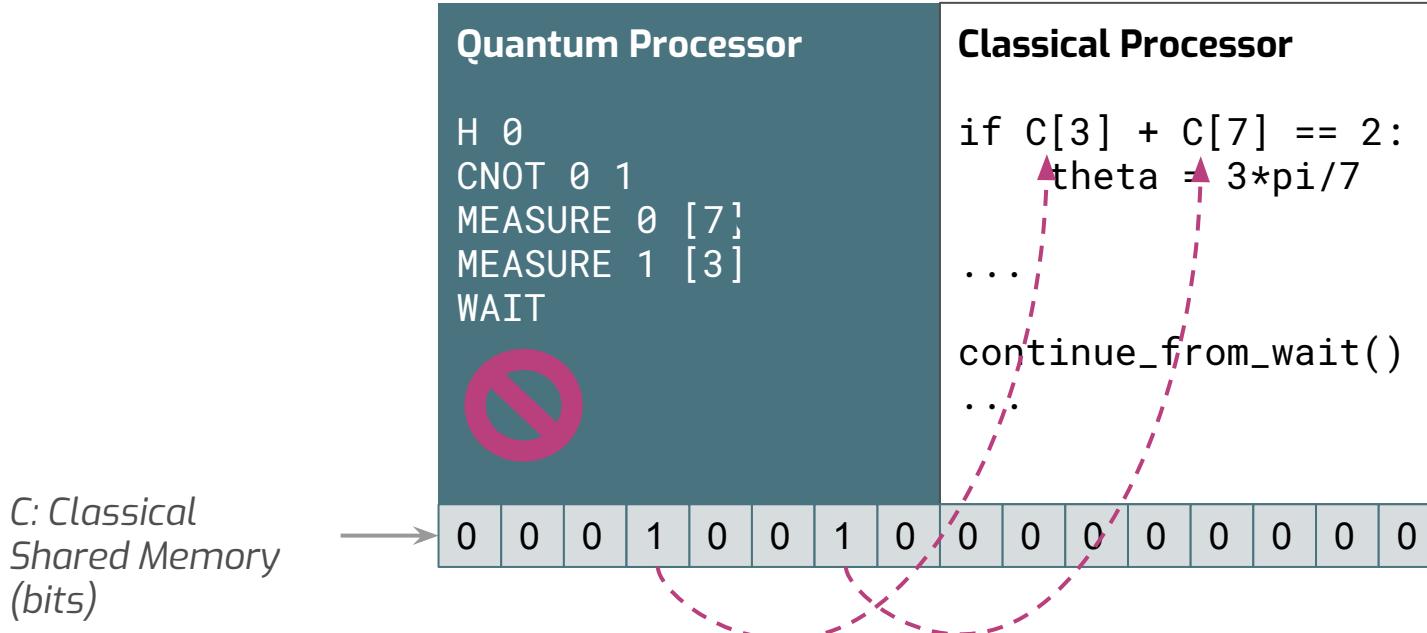
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The Quil Programming Model

Quantum/classical synchronization with **shared classical state**.



Forest

A Hybrid Cloud Quantum Programming Environment

Cloud Compute Backends

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Quantum Virtual
Machine

Superconducting Processors & Simulators

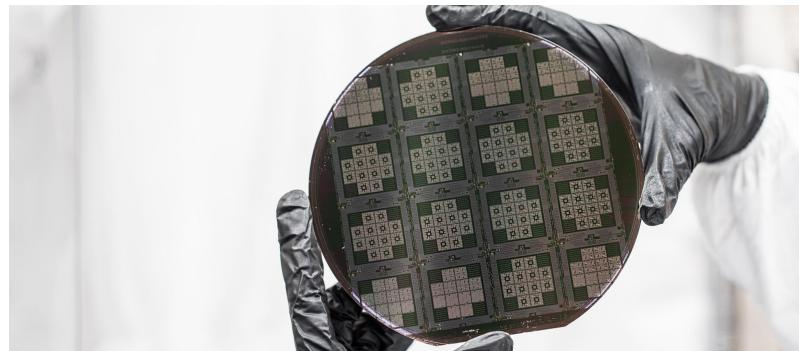
Software Dev Kit

Quil
Instr. Set

pyQuil

grove
(VQE, QAOA,
etc ...)

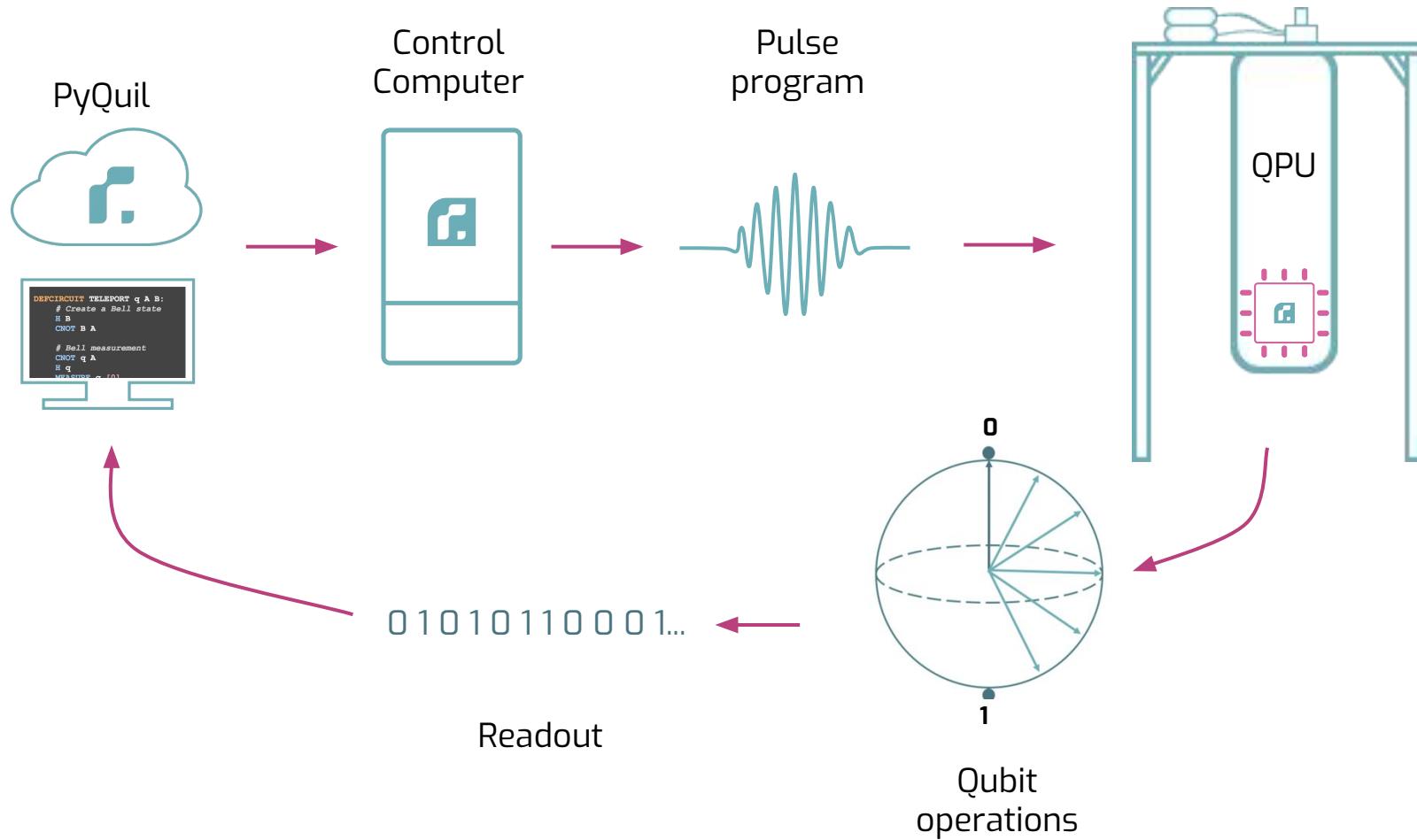
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Forest is a developer environment for quantum programming

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We need hybrid programming because of errors

Chance of hardware error in a classical computer:

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Chance of hardware error in a **quantum computer**:

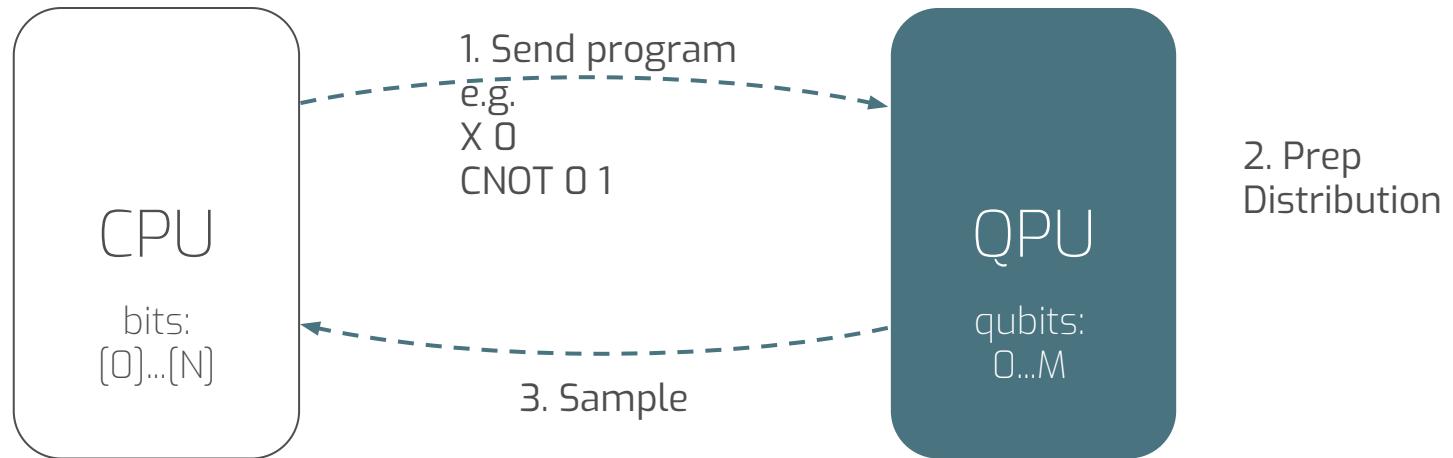
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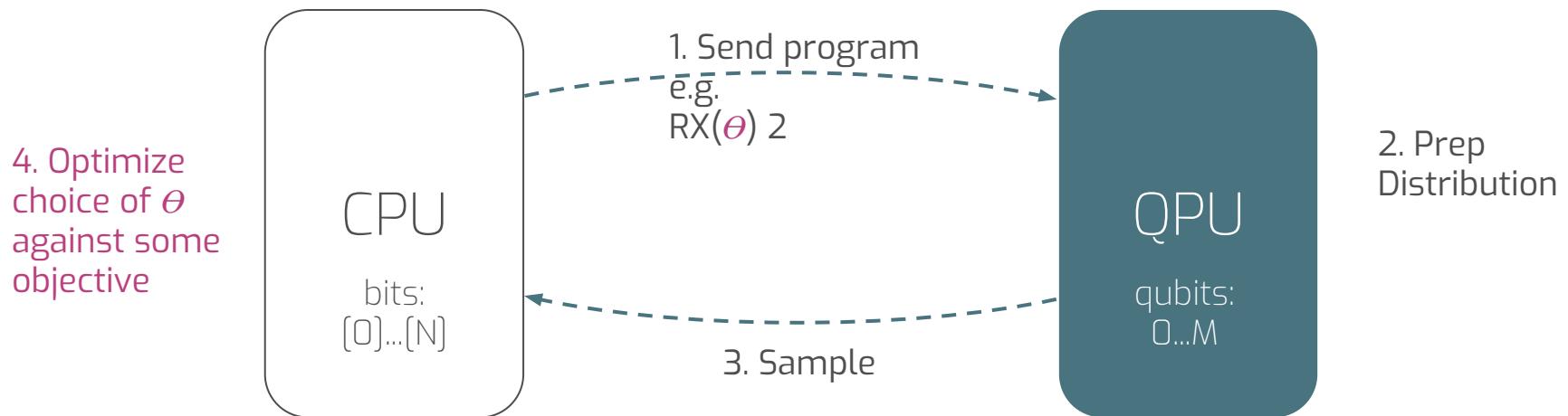
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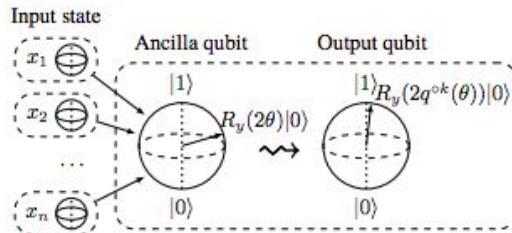
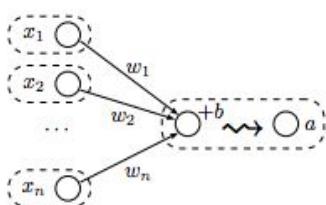
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By parameterizing quantum programs we can train them to be robust to noise



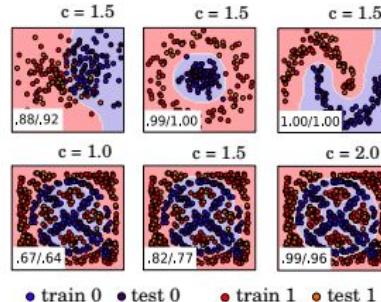
Quantum Machine Learning

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

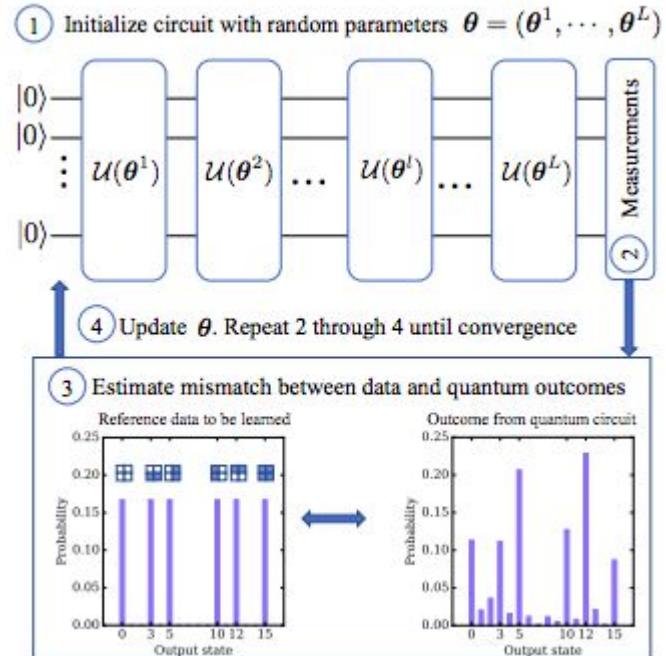


- > Quantum circuit learning. (Mitarai et al. 2018)

- > 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

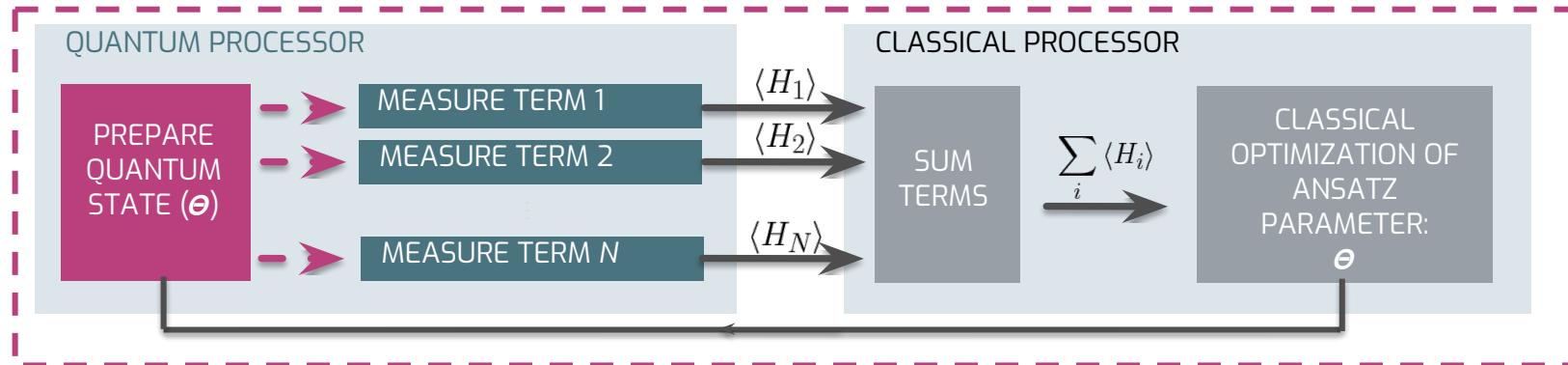
$$\begin{aligned} H = & f_0 \mathbb{1} + f_1 Z_0 + f_2 Z_1 + f_3 Z_2 + f_4 Z_0 Z_1 \\ & + f_4 Z_0 Z_2 + f_5 Z_1 Z_3 + f_6 X_0 Z_1 X_2 + f_6 Y_0 Z_1 Y_2 \\ & + f_7 Z_0 Z_1 Z_2 + f_4 Z_0 Z_2 Z_3 + f_3 Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \\ & + f_6 X_0 Z_1 X_2 Z_3 + f_6 Y_0 Z_1 Y_2 Z_3 + f_7 Z_0 Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \end{aligned}$$

3. PARAMETERIZED ANSATZ

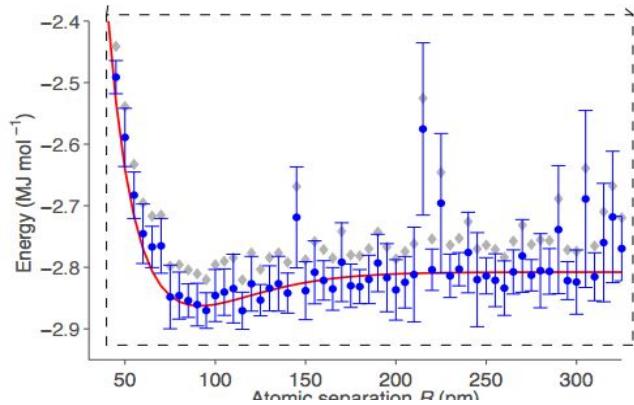
e.g. Unitary Coupled Cluster Variational Adiabatic Ansatz

$$\frac{\langle \varphi(\vec{\theta}) | H | \varphi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle}{\langle \varphi(\vec{\theta}) | \varphi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle} \geq E_0$$

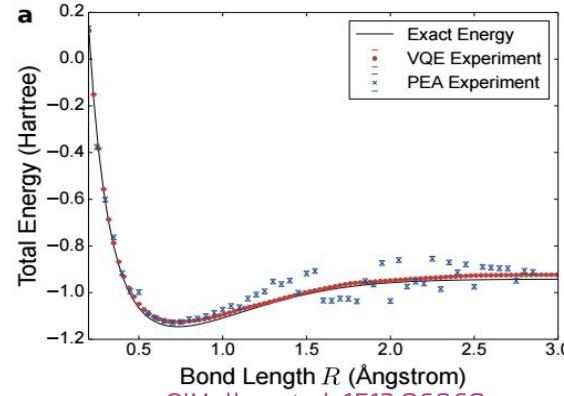
4. RUN Q.V.E. QUANTUM-CLASSICAL HYBRID ALGORITHM



VQE Simulations on Quantum Hardware

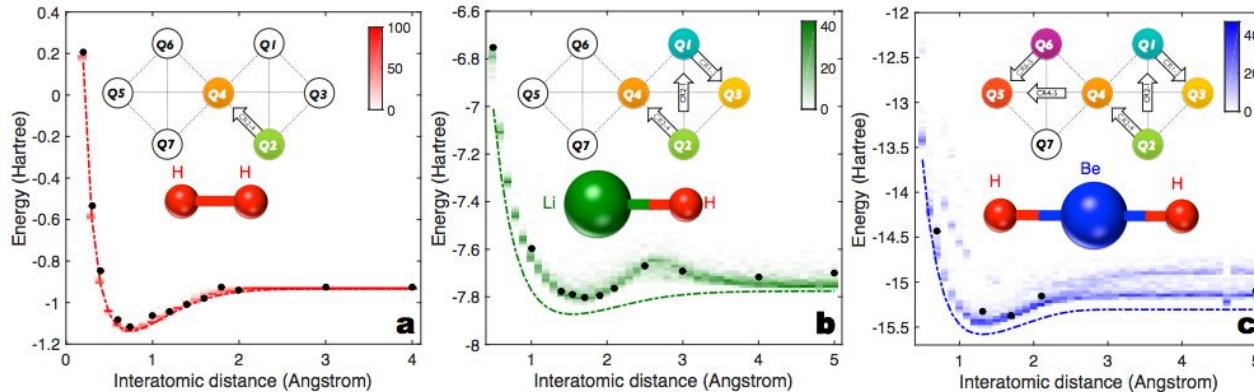


Peruzzo et al. 1304.3061



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

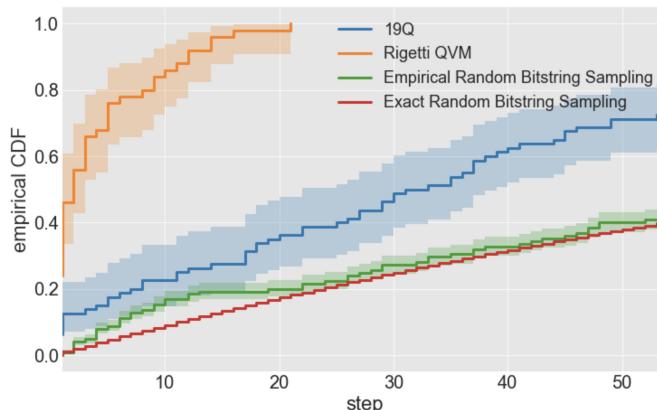
K-means clustering

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 **14** lines of code

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

graph = [(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3)]
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())

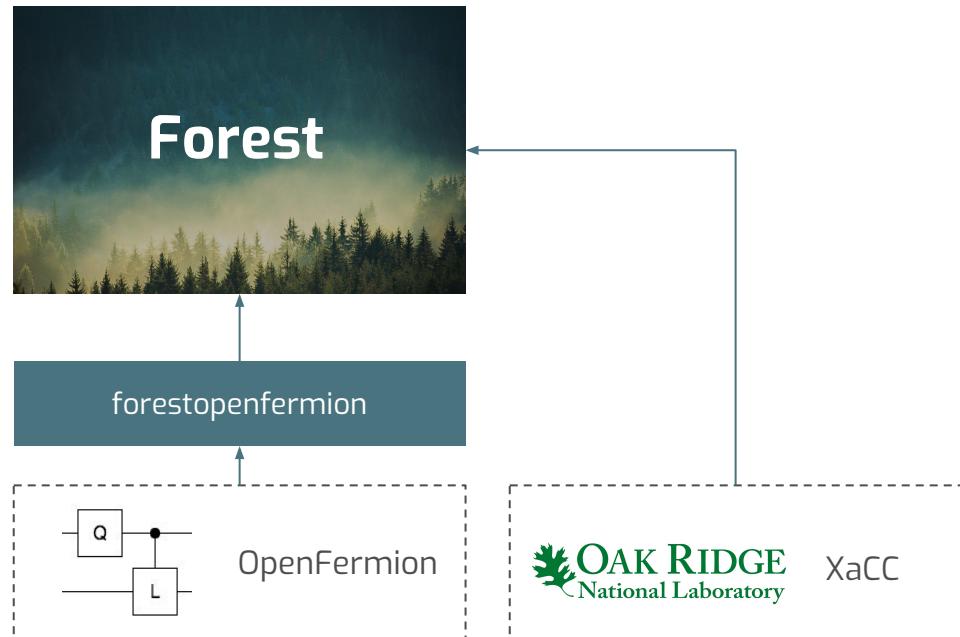
program = init_state_prog + qaoa_ansatz([0., 0.5], [0.75, 1.])

qvm = QPUConnection()
qvm.run_and_measure(program, qubits=nodes, trials=10)
```



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 using Forest and Quil

