A microscopic view of a superconducting qubit chip, showing intricate patterns of metal lines and structures on a dark substrate. The image is slightly blurred, emphasizing the complex circuitry.

# Quantum Computing with superconducting qubits: Applications in Chemistry and Physics

Ivano Tavernelli

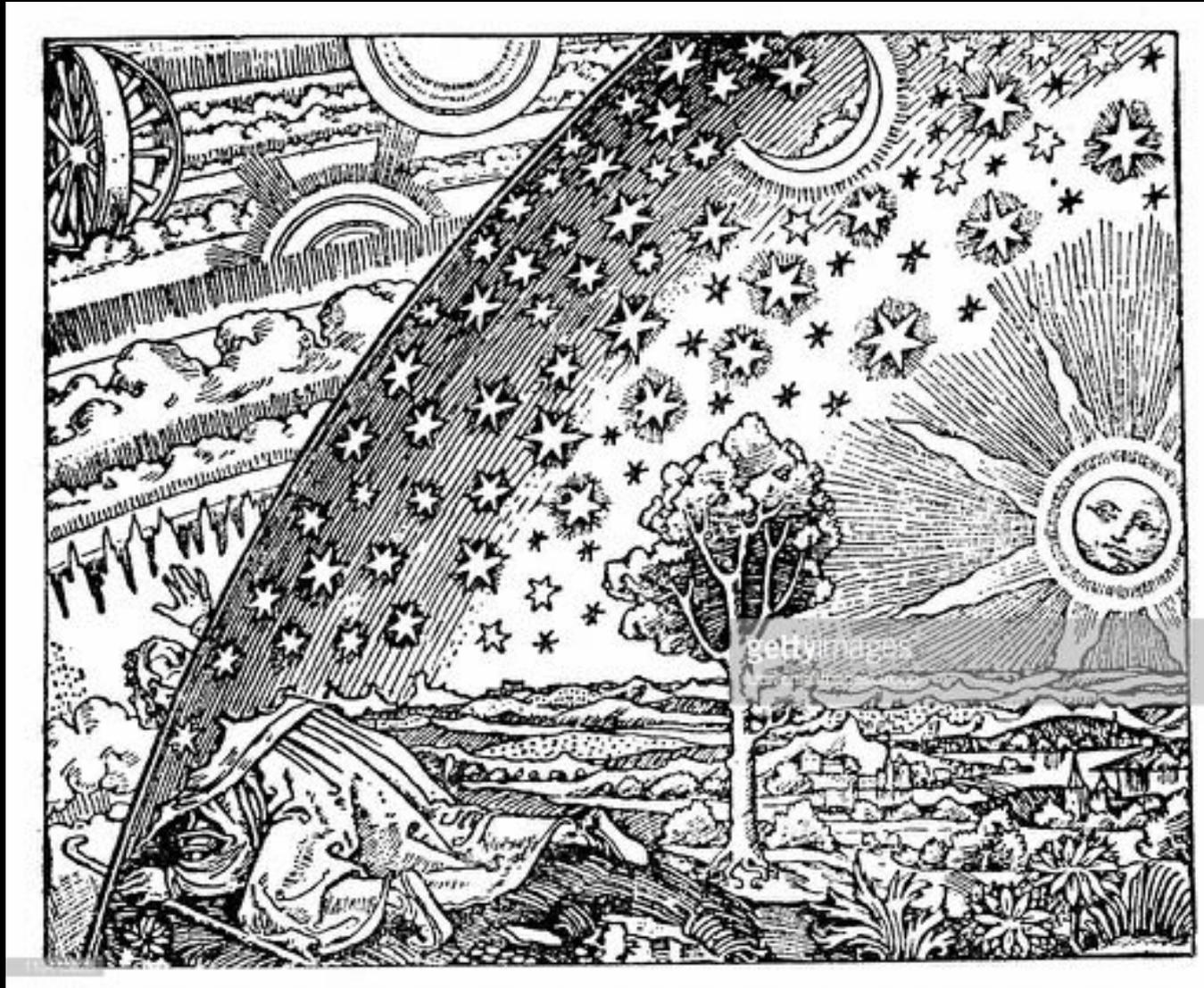
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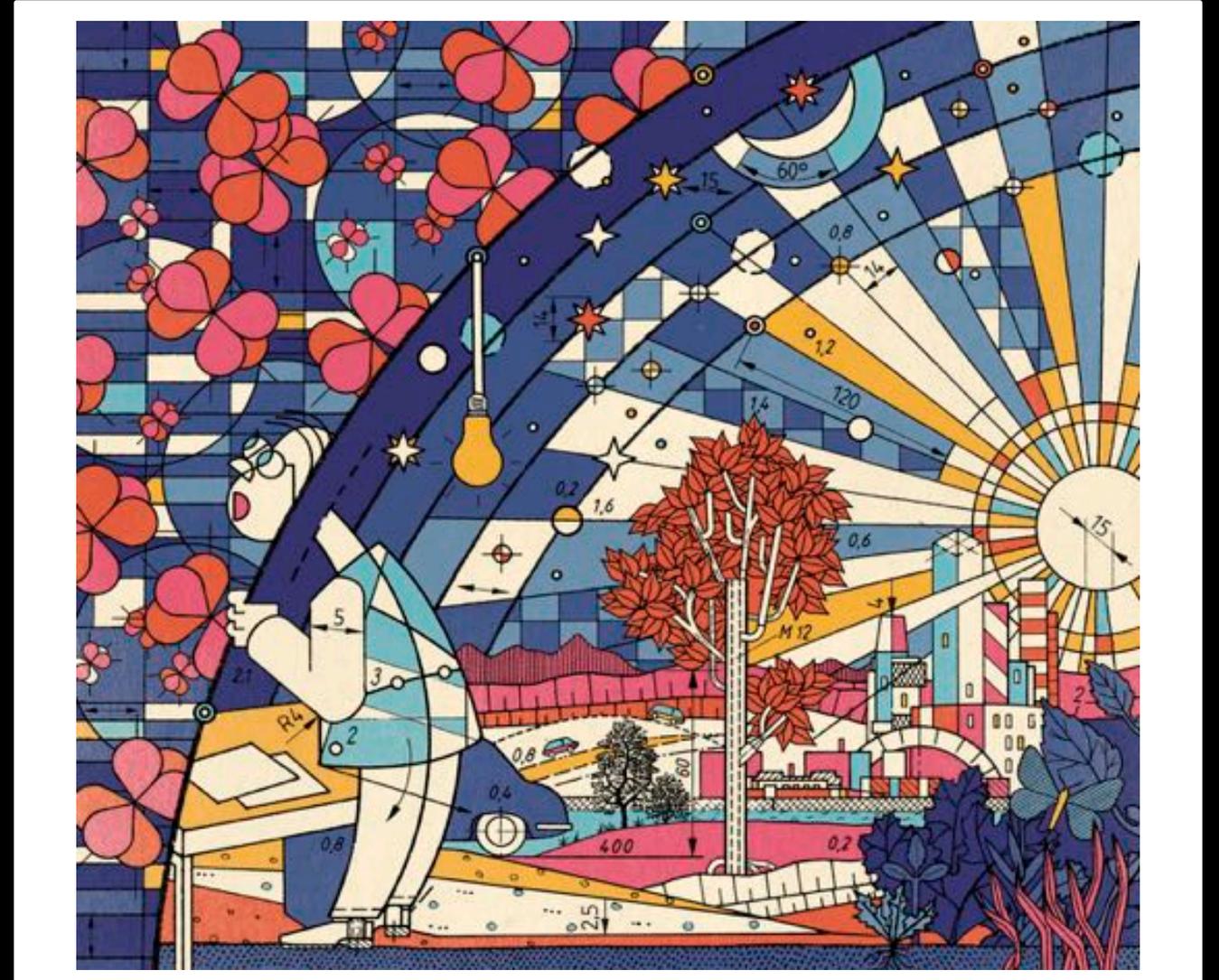
# New opportunities

A look into the new cosmology



Medieval conception of the universe (Woodcut)

A look into (quantum) technology



By Christian Gralingen

# Outline

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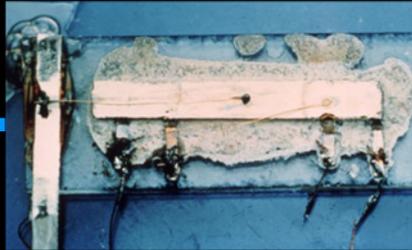
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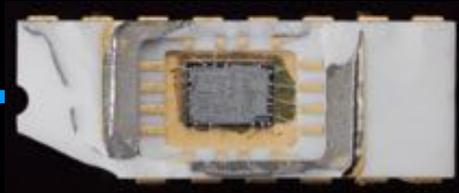
# Future of computing

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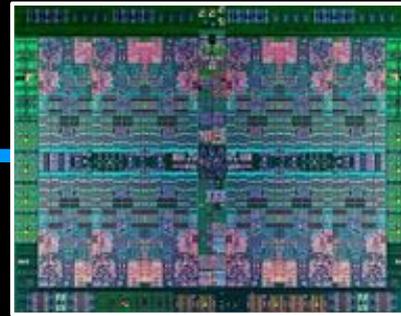
First integrated circuit  
Size ~1cm<sup>2</sup>  
2 Transistors

1971



Moore's Law is Born  
Intel 4004  
2,300 transistors

2014

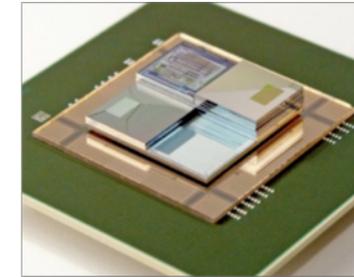


IBM P8 Processor ~ 650 mm<sup>2</sup>  
22 nm feature size, 16 cores  
> 4.2 Billion Transistors



## Alternative (co-existing) architectures:

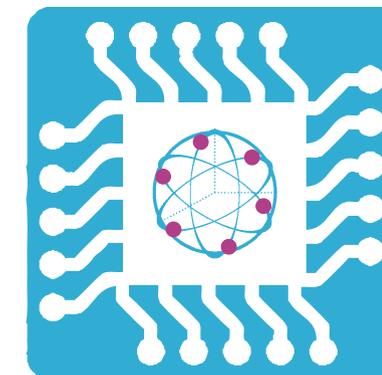
next generation systems (3D/hybrid)



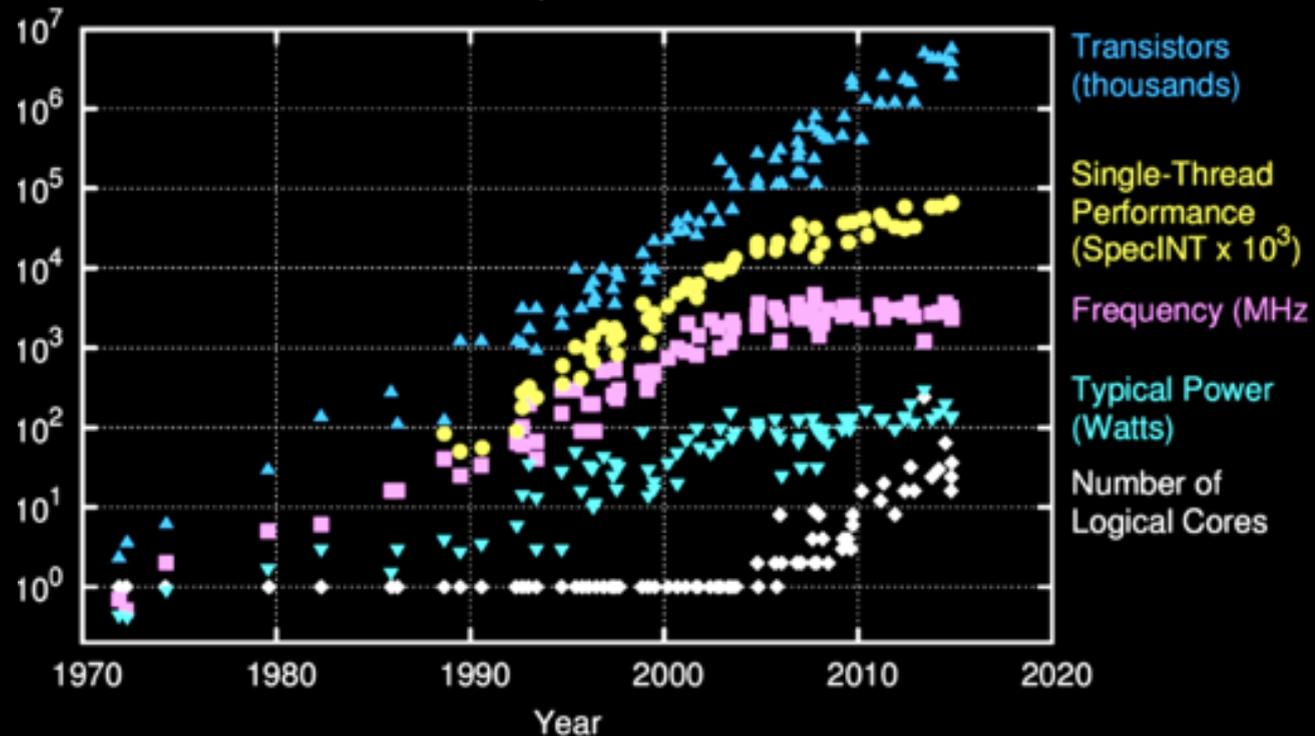
neuromorphic (cognitive)



quantum computing



40 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data

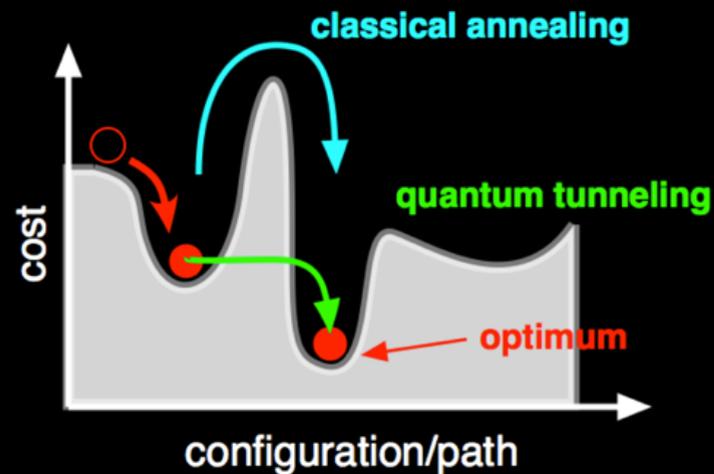


# Types of Quantum Computing

## Quantum Annealing

### Optimization Problems

- Machine learning
- Fault analysis
- Resource optimization
- etc...

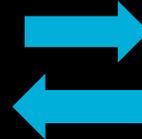
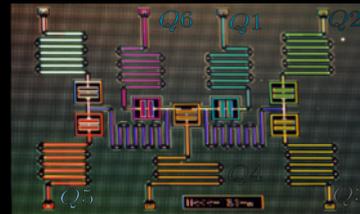
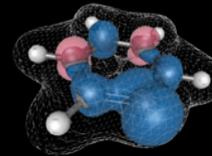


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## Approximate NISQ-Comp.

### Simulation of Quantum Systems, Optimization

- Material discovery
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- Machine Learning

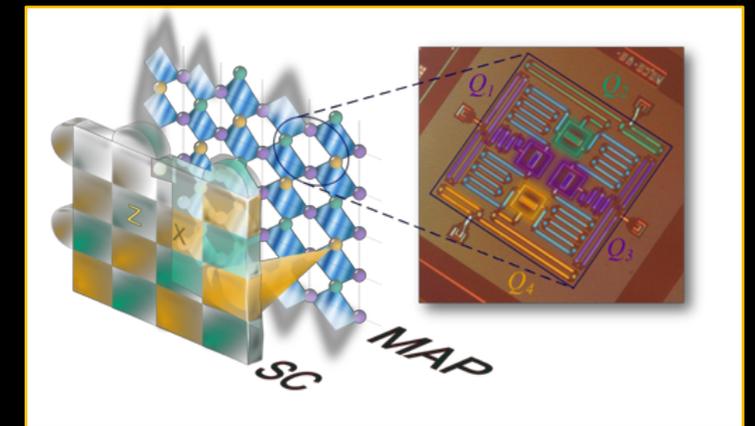


Hybrid quantum-classical approach;  
already 50-100 "good" physical qubits  
could provide quantum speedup.

## Fault-tolerant Universal Q-Comp.

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- Digital simulation of quantum systems



Surface Code: Error correction in a Quantum Computer

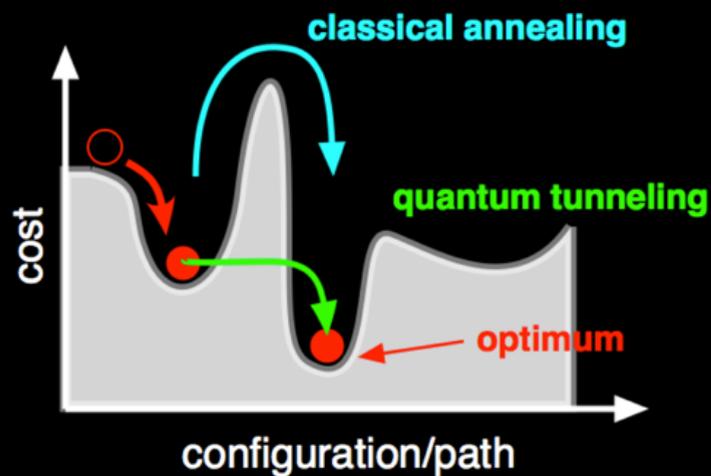
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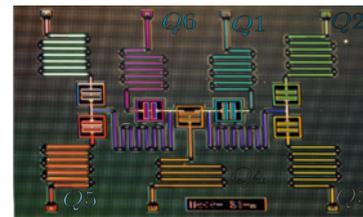
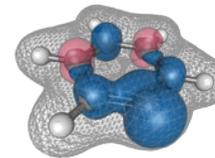


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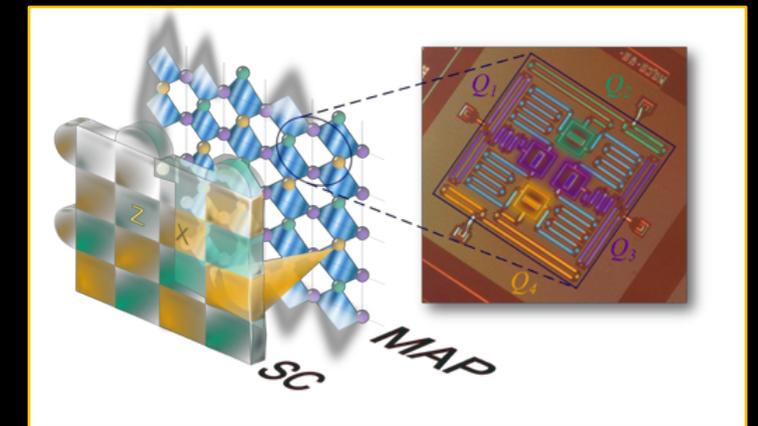


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# The qubit

Bloch Sphere representation

one bit	one qubit
0, 1	$ 0\rangle,  1\rangle$

Qubit: linear **superposition**

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0|0\rangle + \alpha_1|1\rangle = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|0\rangle + e^{i\phi}\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)|1\rangle$$

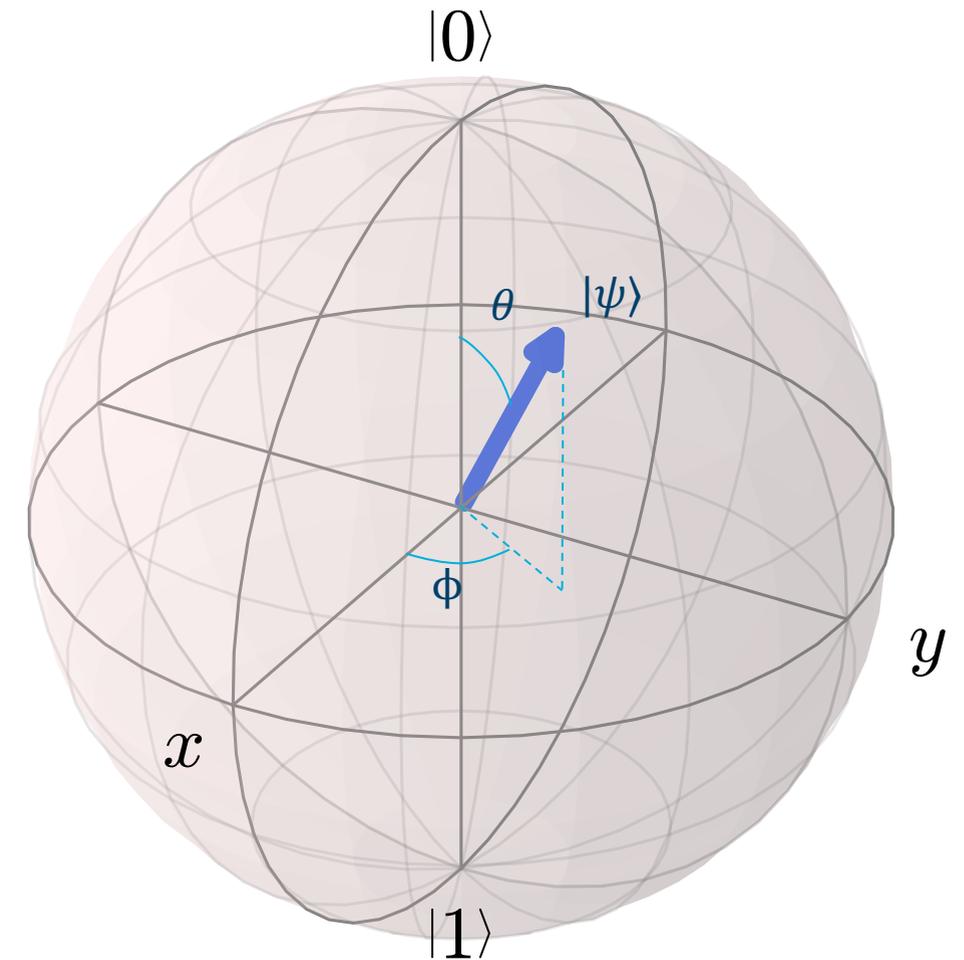
with

$$|\alpha_0|^2 + |\alpha_1|^2 = 1$$

Shown here is the state

$$|\psi\rangle = 0.95|0\rangle + (0.18 + 0.25i)|1\rangle$$

**90.25 %** of the measurements give  $|0\rangle$  and **9.75 %** give  $|1\rangle$



# Single-qubit gates



$$|0\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|1\rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

X gate ( $\sigma_x$  matrix)

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} |0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle \\ |1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle \end{array}$$

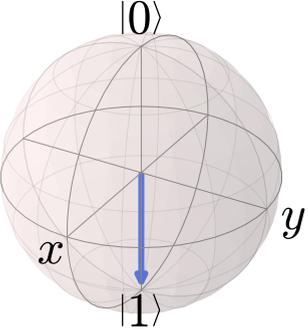
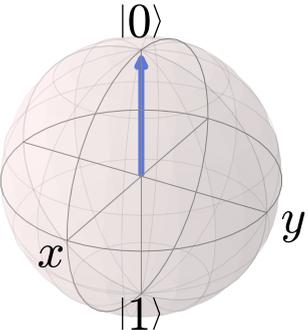
Z gate ( $\sigma_z$  matrix)

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} |0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \rightarrow -|1\rangle \end{array}$$

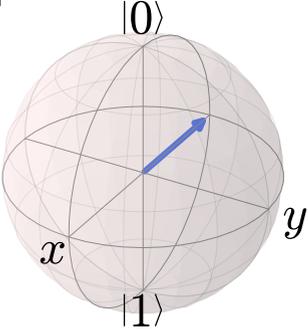
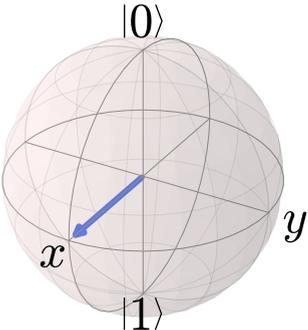
Hadamard gate

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} |0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \\ |1\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \end{array}$$

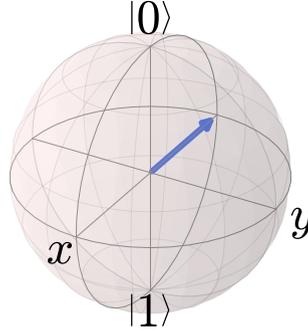
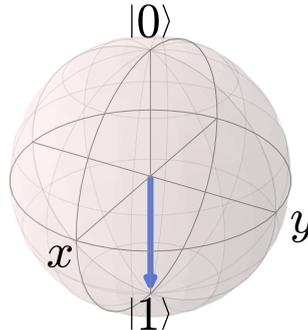
Bit-flip



Phase-flip



Superposition

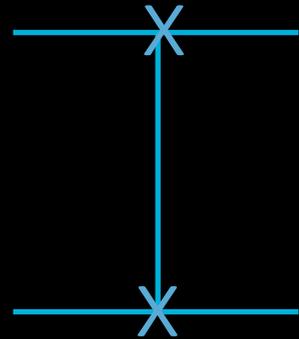


# Two-qubit gates - entanglement

SWAP gate

$$\text{SWAP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

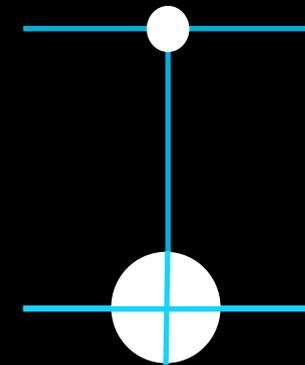
$$\begin{aligned} |00\rangle &\rightarrow |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle &\rightarrow |10\rangle \\ |10\rangle &\rightarrow |01\rangle \\ |11\rangle &\rightarrow |11\rangle \end{aligned}$$



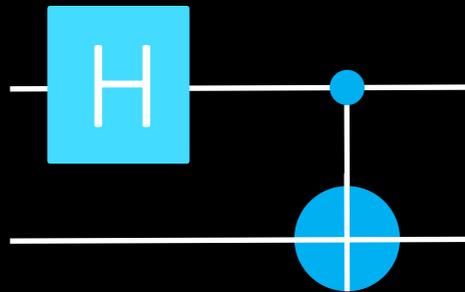
Controlled NOT gate (CNOT)

$$\text{CNOT} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |00\rangle &\rightarrow |00\rangle \\ |01\rangle &\rightarrow |01\rangle \\ |10\rangle &\rightarrow |11\rangle \\ |11\rangle &\rightarrow |10\rangle \end{aligned}$$



Preparation of a Bell's state



The simplest entangled state

$$|00\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Hadamard}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |10\rangle) \xrightarrow{\text{CNOT}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) = |\psi_{\text{Bell}}\rangle$$

Hadamard

CNOT

Given two qubits  $|\psi_1\rangle = \alpha_0|0\rangle + \alpha_1|1\rangle$  and  $|\psi_2\rangle = \beta_0|0\rangle + \beta_1|1\rangle$  a Bell state cannot be represented as product state  $|\psi_1\rangle \cdot |\psi_2\rangle = \alpha_0\beta_0|00\rangle + \alpha_0\beta_1|01\rangle + \alpha_1\beta_0|10\rangle + \alpha_1\beta_1|11\rangle \neq |\psi_{\text{Bell}}\rangle$

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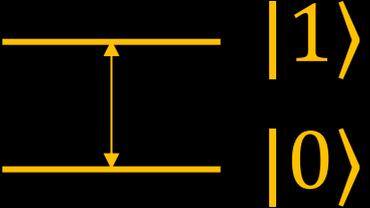
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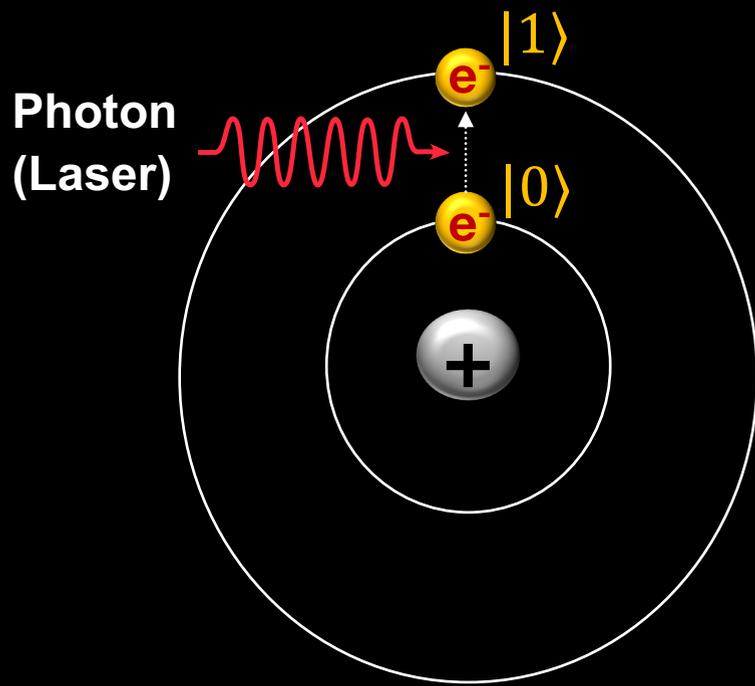
# Physical qubit realizations

## Quantum Bits:

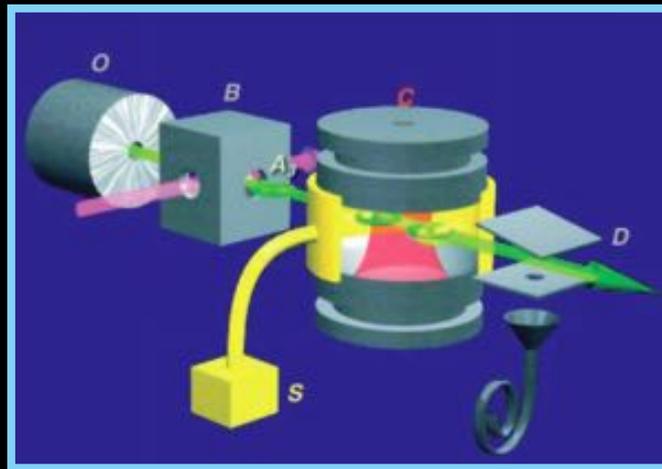
### Two-Level Systems



Example:  
Atom orbitals with different energetic levels

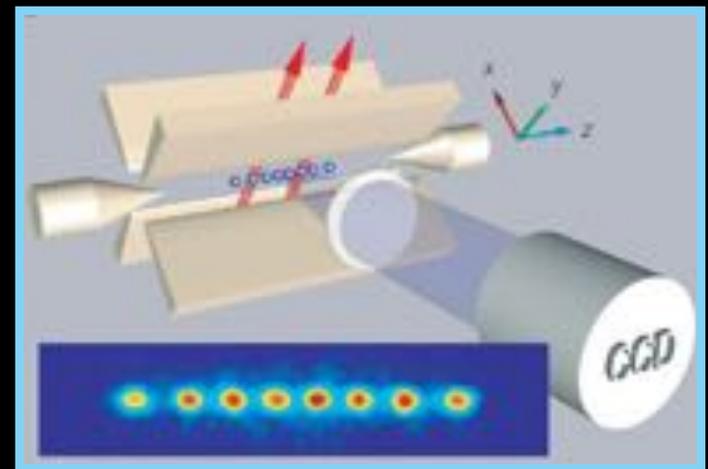


### Neutral Atoms



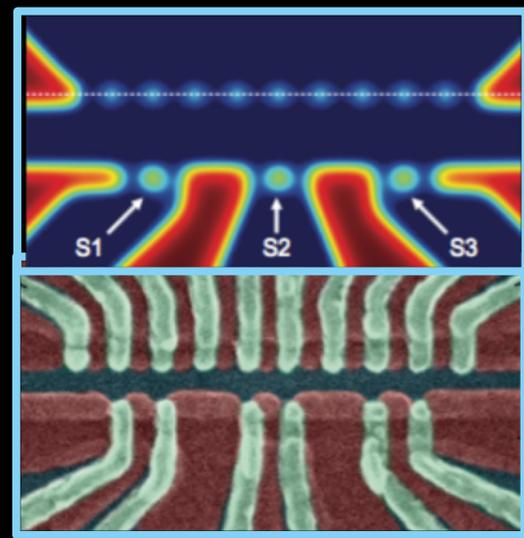
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### Ion Traps



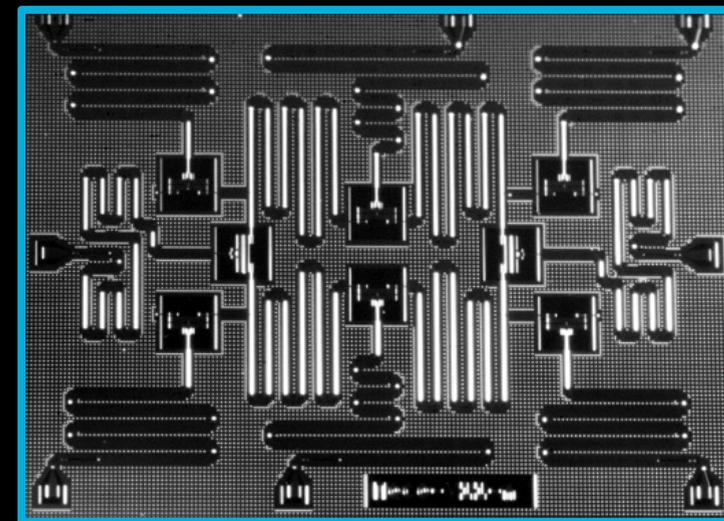
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### Quantum Dots



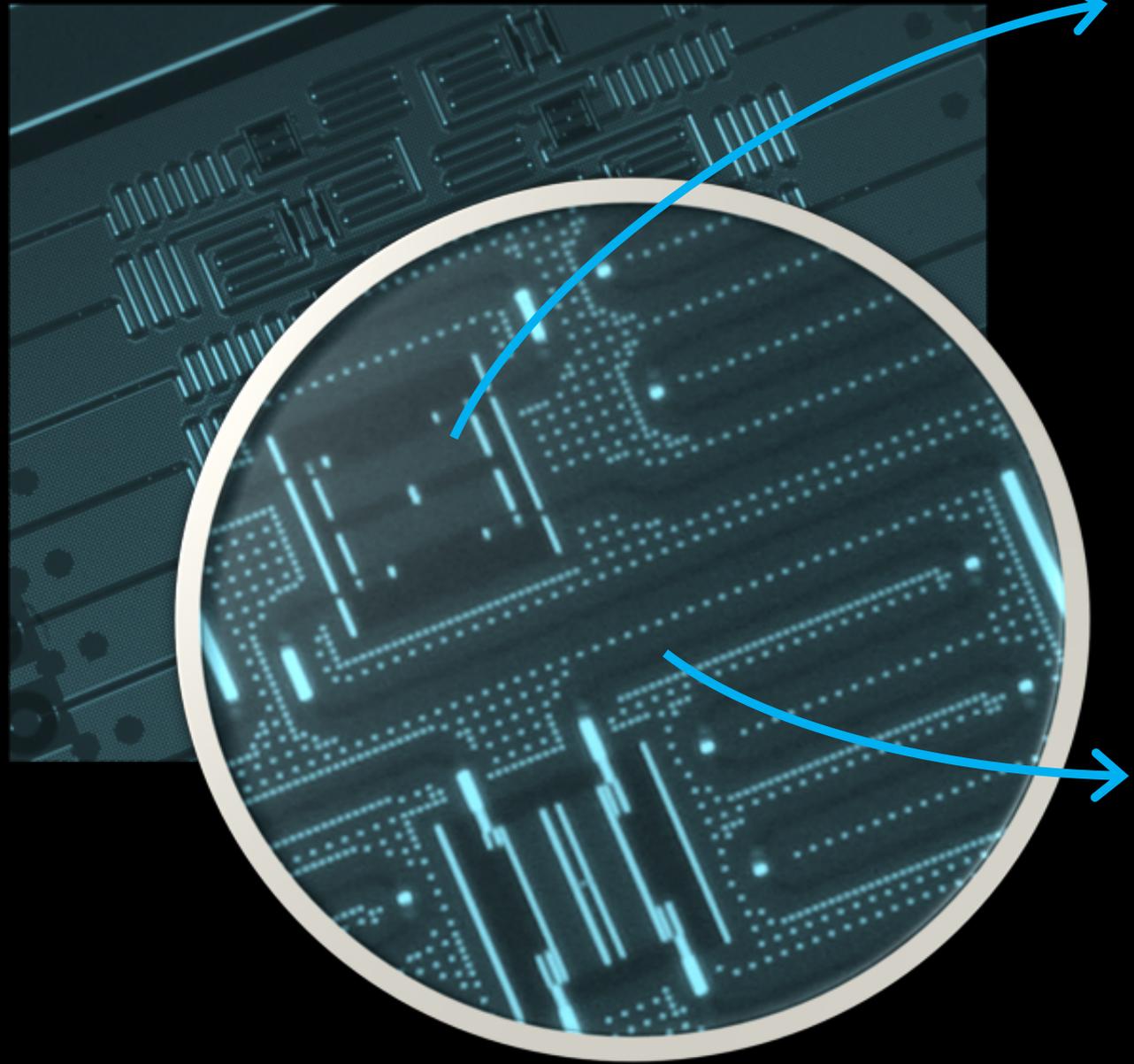
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### Superconducting Circuits



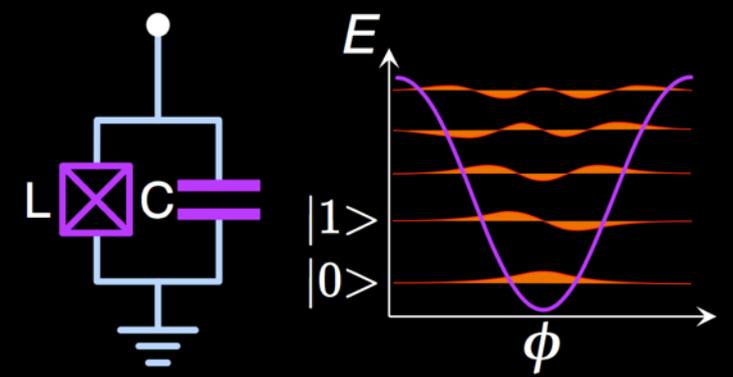
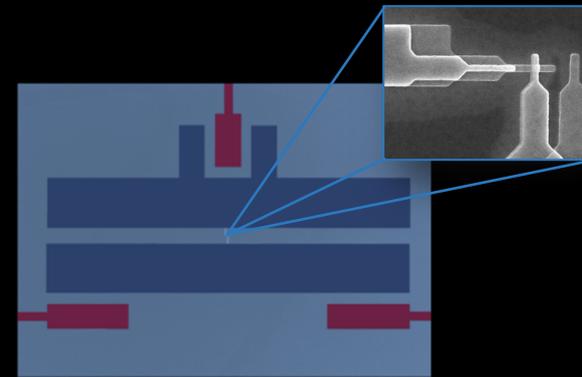
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# IBM: Superconducting Qubit Processor



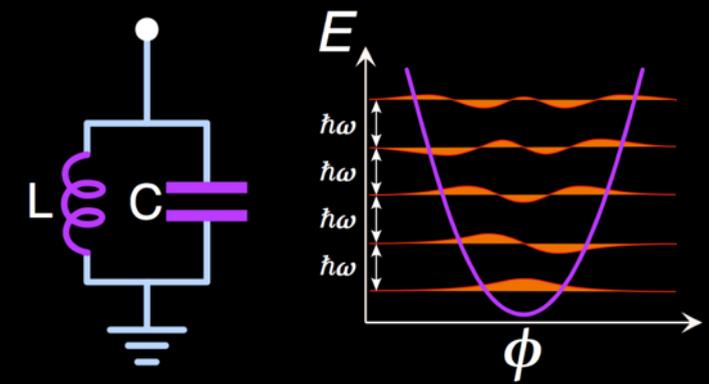
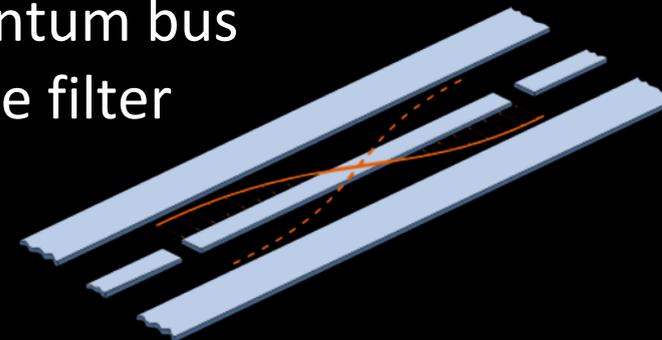
## Superconducting qubit (transmon):

- quantum information carrier
- nearly dissipationless →  
 $T_1, T_2 \sim 70 \mu\text{s}$  lifetime, 50MHz clock speed



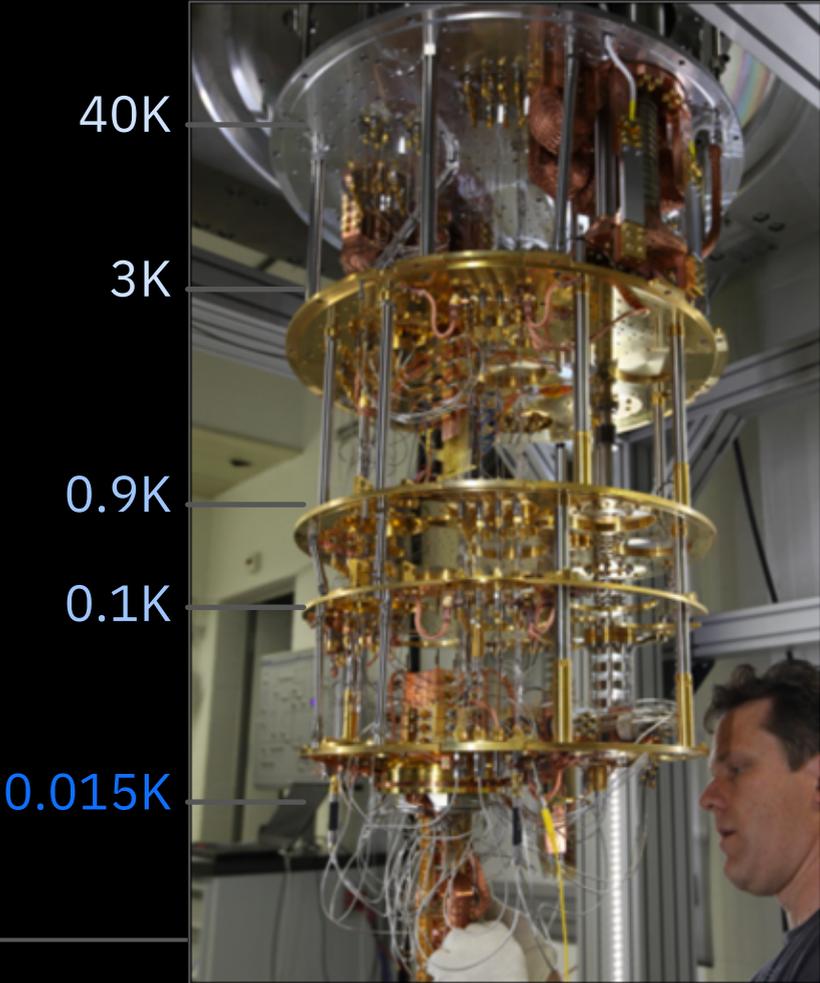
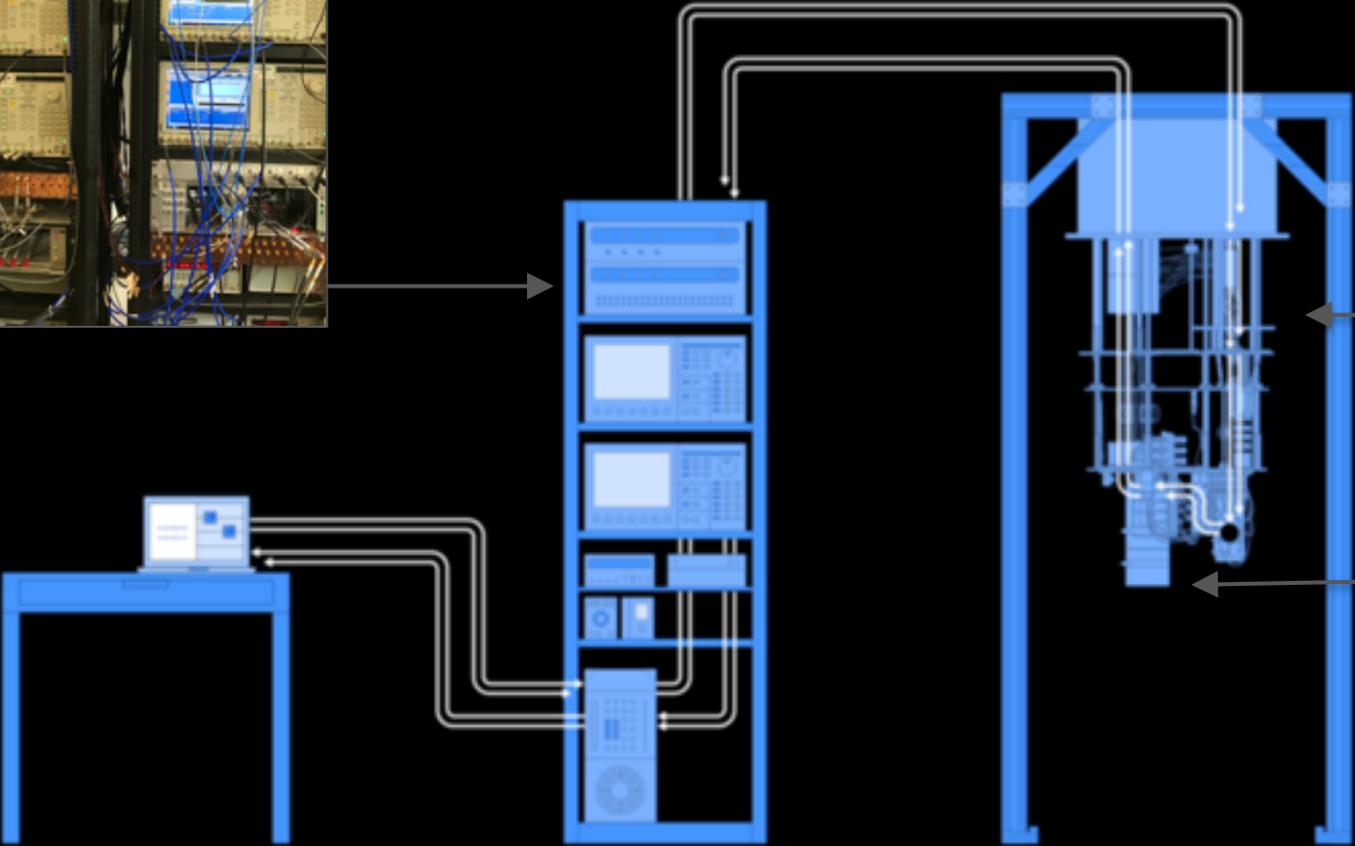
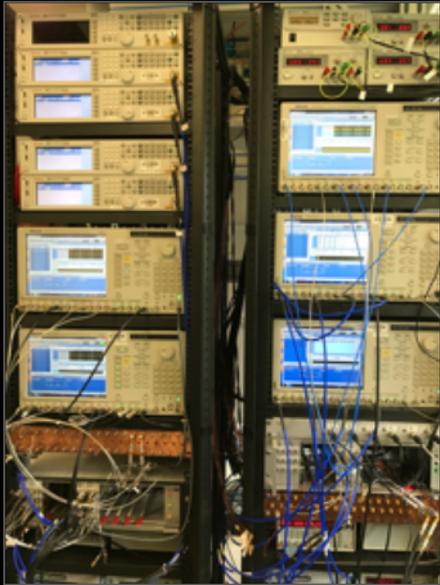
## Microwave resonator as:

- read-out of qubit states
- quantum bus
- noise filter

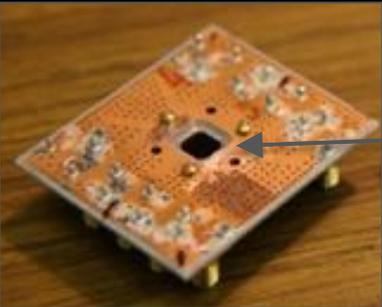


# Inside an IBM Q quantum computing system

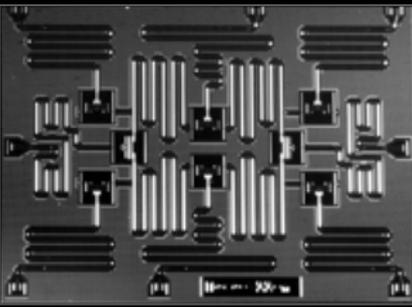
Microwave electronics



Refrigerator to cool qubits to 10 - 15 mK with a mixture of  $^3\text{He}$  and  $^4\text{He}$



PCB with the qubit chip at 15 mK protected from the environment by multiple shields

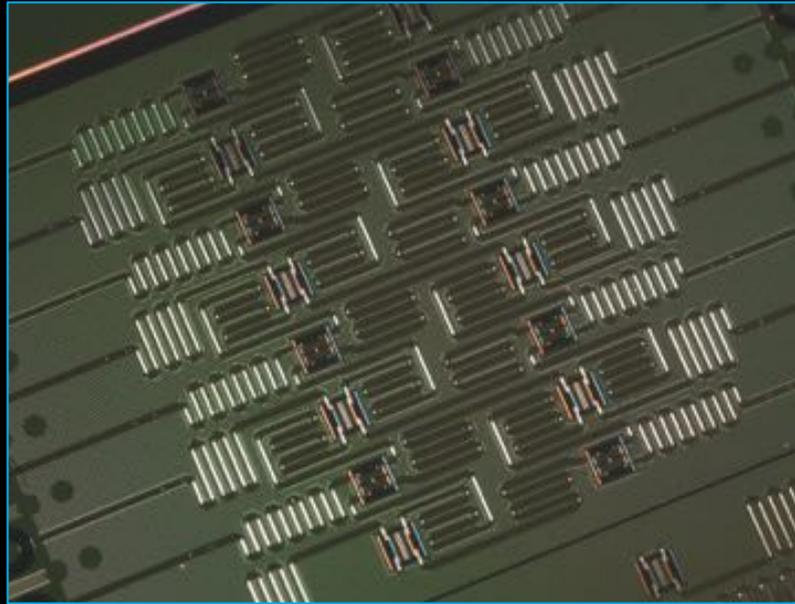


Chip with superconducting qubits and resonators

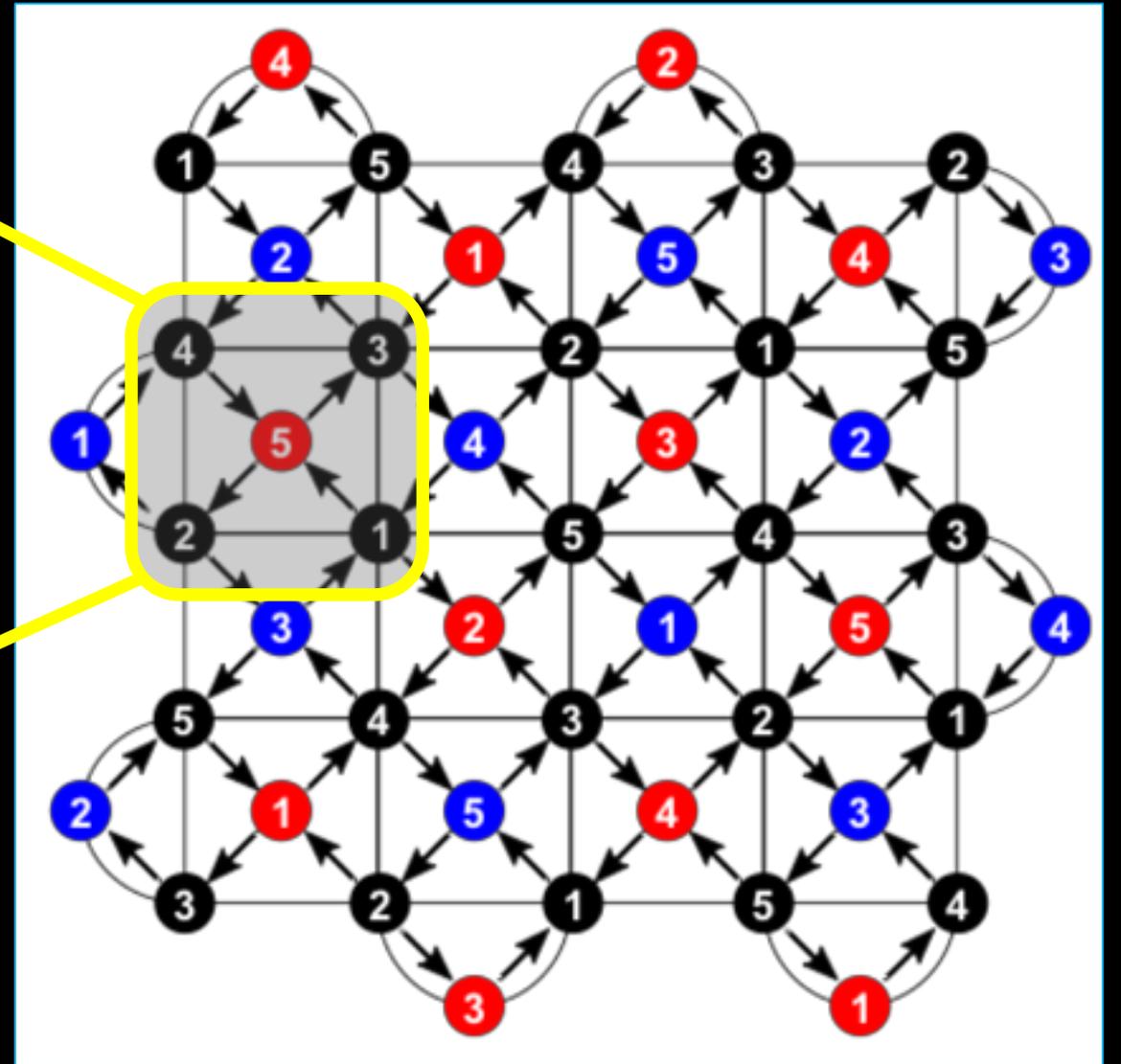
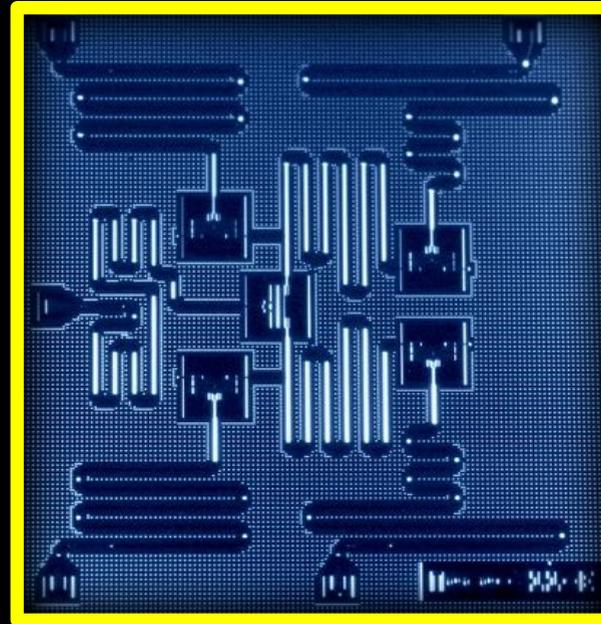
# IBM qubit processor architectures

## IBM Q experience (publicly accessible)

16 Qubits (2017)

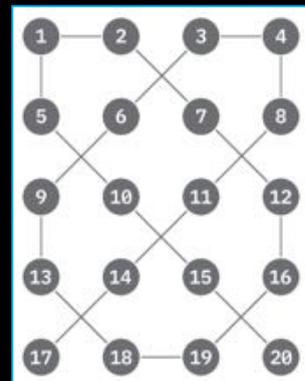


5 Qubits (2016)

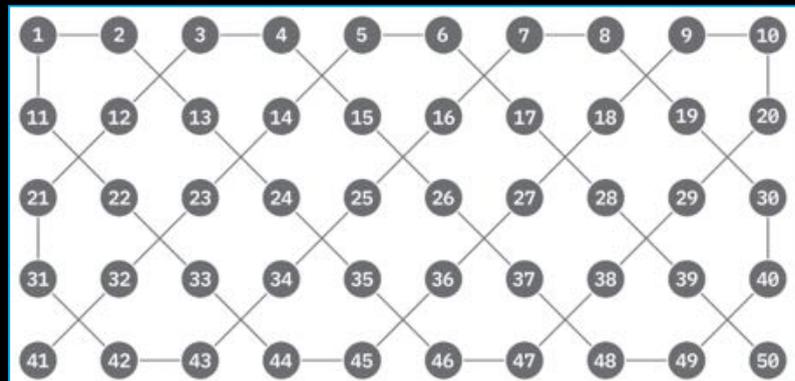


## IBM Q commercial

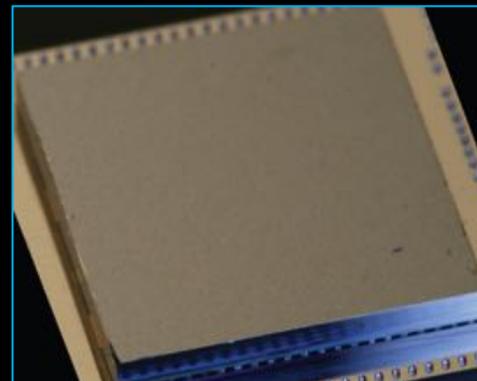
20 Qubits



50 Qubit architecture

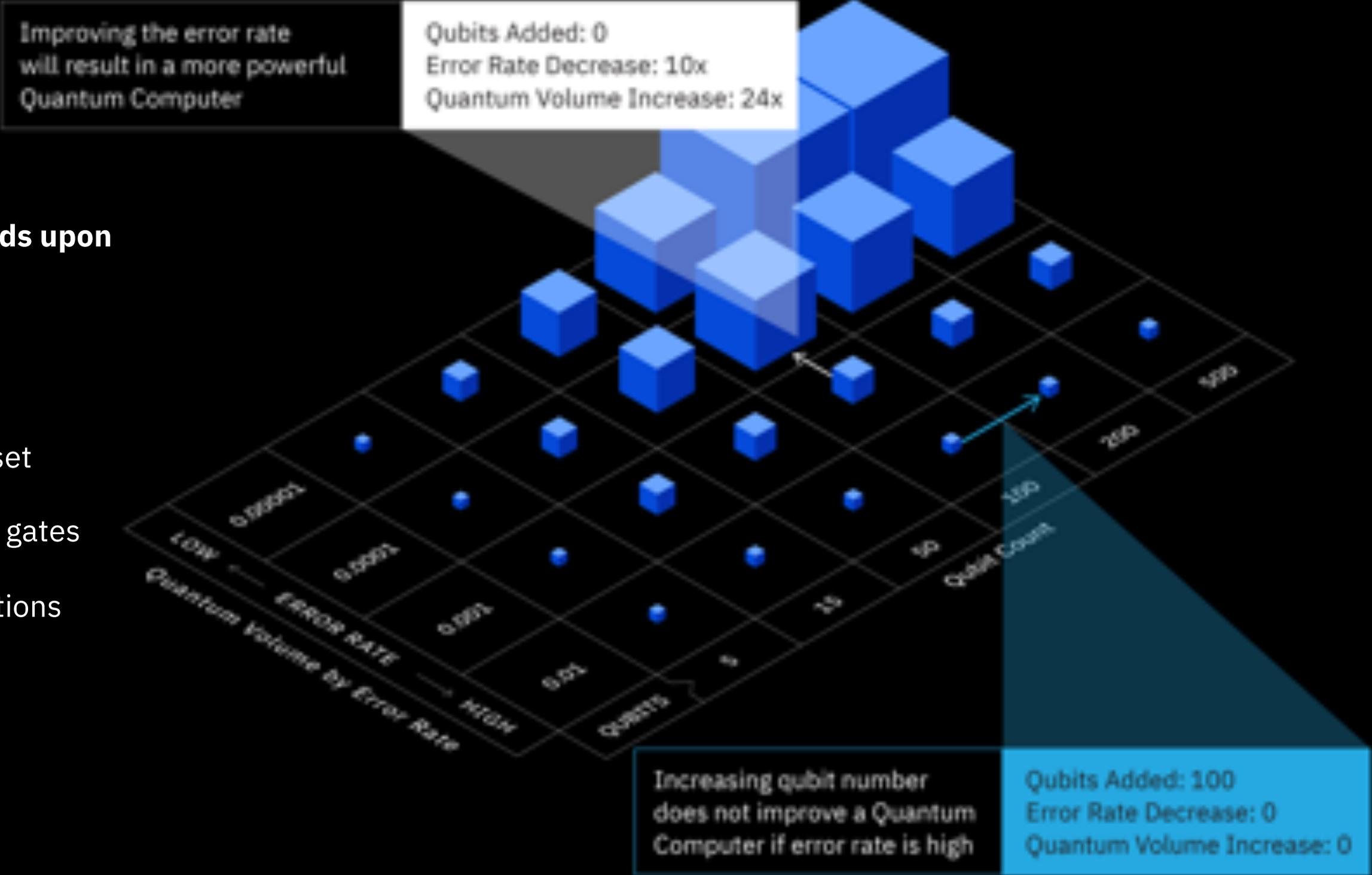


Package



Latticed arrangement for scaling

# The power of quantum computing is more than the number of qubits

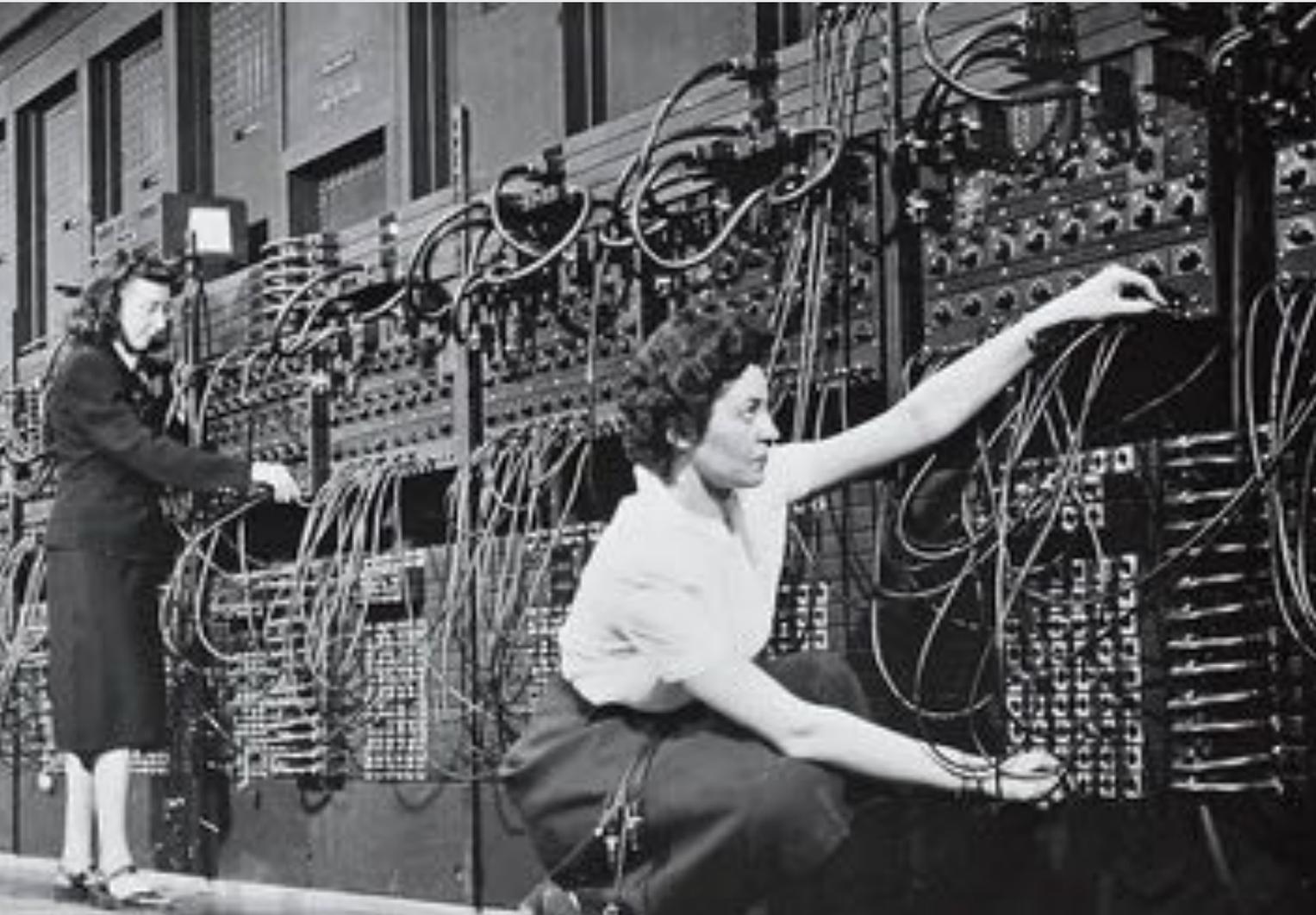


## Quantum Volume depends upon

- Number of physical QBs
- Connectivity among QBs
- Available hardware gate set
- Error and decoherence of gates
- Number of parallel operations

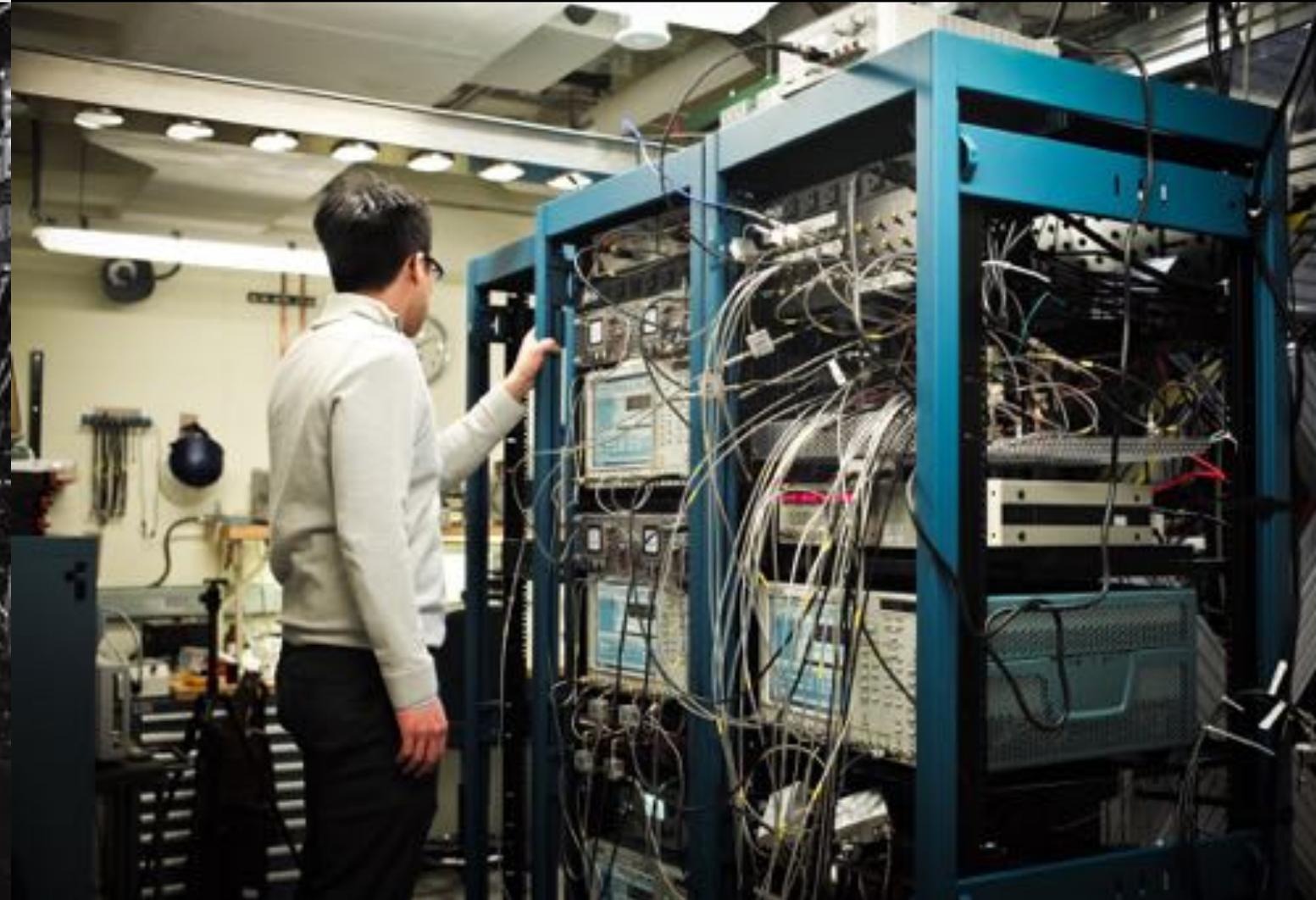
# ENIAC

One of the earliest electronic general-purpose computers in 1946



# IBM Q Experience in 2016

First cloud quantum computing device



“We’ve come a long way from then, providing the most advanced and most used quantum computers on the cloud” (2018)



# System 1 – IBM January 2019



IBMQ

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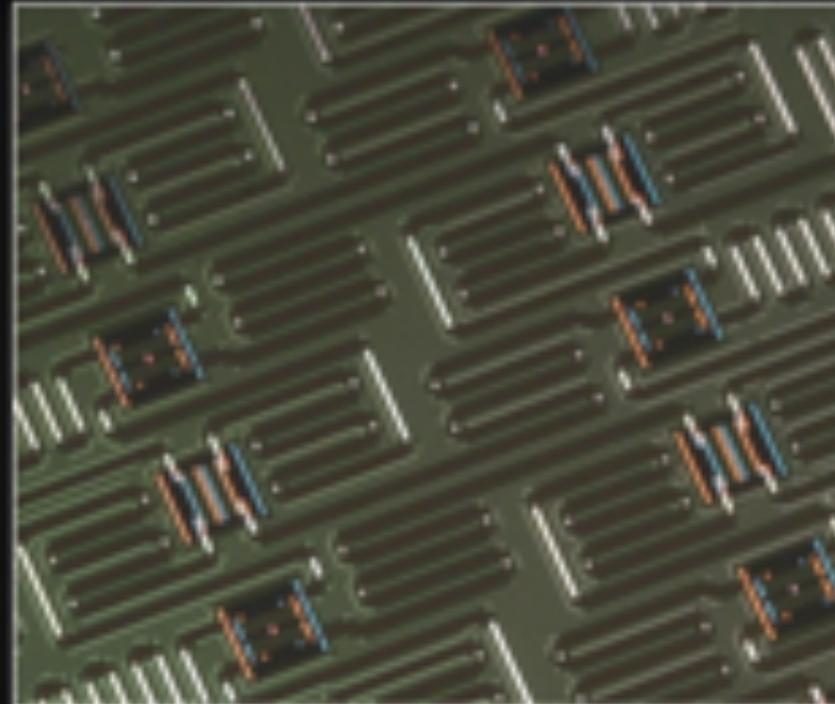
Optimization



# IBM released the IBM Q Experience in 2016



Quantum computer at IBM Research



IBM quantum bit device



IBM Quantum Experience

In [May 2016](#), IBM made a quantum computing platform available via the IBM Cloud, giving students, scientists and enthusiasts hands-on access to run algorithms and experiments

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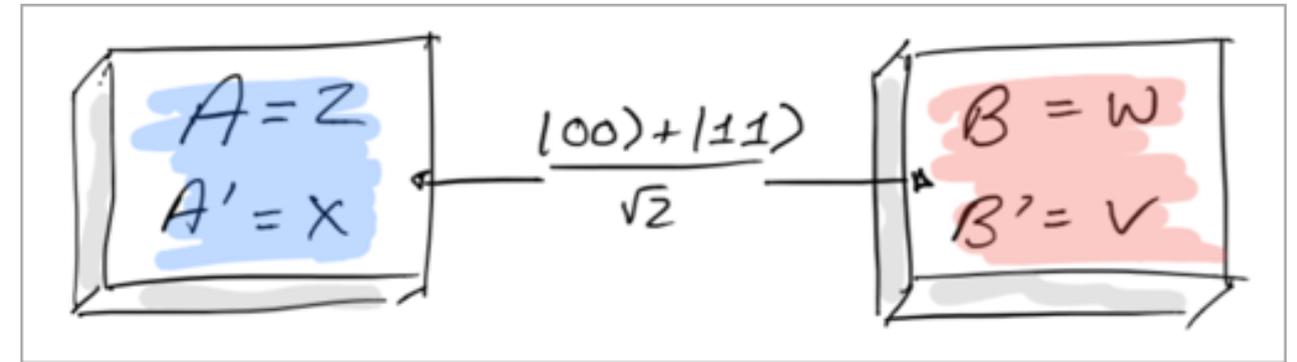
QX is a fantastic tool for teaching.

Proving Bell's inequality using IBM QX is a few minutes task.

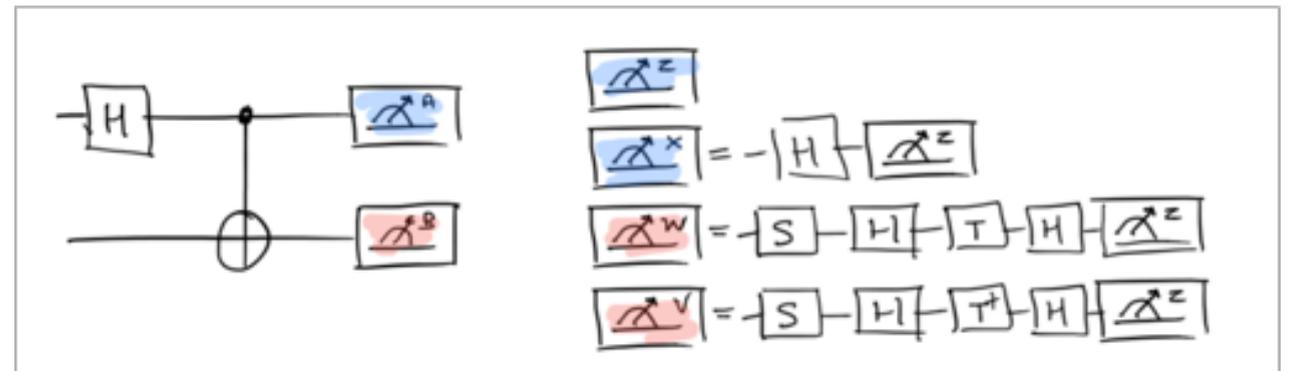
With QX you have access to a 'quantum laboratory' from home.

Test simple quantum algorithms without the need to learn any programming language.

... but you may need more ....



$$C = \langle AB \rangle - \langle AB' \rangle + \langle A'B \rangle + \langle A'B' \rangle$$



Bell test: 8192 shots May 2nd 11:44pm

	$P(00)$	$P(01)$	$P(10)$	$P(11)$	$\langle AB \rangle$
ZW	0.484	0.380	0.070	0.116	0.629
ZV	0.409	0.415	0.100	0.076	0.648
XW	0.452	0.375	0.090	0.083	0.654
XV	0.110	0.077	0.451	0.36	-0.626

$$|C| = 2.56 \pm 0.03$$

# Qiskit Community

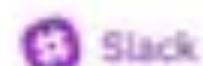
A place for Qiskitters

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1 # Create a Quantum Register with 2 qubits
2 qr = QuantumRegister(2)
3
4 # Create a Classical Register with 2 bits
5 cr = ClassicalRegister(2)
6
7 # Create a QuantumCircuit with 2 qubits
8 qc = QuantumCircuit(qr, cr)
9
10 # Applying an entangling gate
11 qc.cnot(qr[0], qr[1])
12
13 # Measuring and returning the classical result
14 qc.measure(qr[0], cr[0])
15 qc.measure(qr[1], cr[1])
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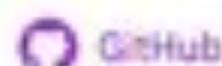


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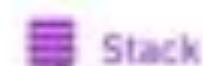
Qiskit is driven by our avid community of Qiskitters! We are committed to our goal of bringing quantum computing to people of all backgrounds, and are always excited to hear your feedback directly from you. There are many ways to stay informed, contribute to, and collaborate on Qiskit.



Slack



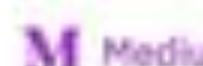
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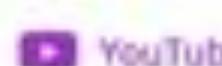
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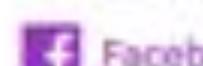
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Qiskit building the software for tomorrow's computers.

# The IBM Q Experience has seen extraordinary adoption



## **First quantum computer on the cloud**

> 100,000 users

All 7 continents

> 5.2 Million experiments run

> 120 papers

> 1500 colleges and universities, 300 high schools, 300 private institutions

# IBM Q Experience executions on real quantum computers (not simulations)

May 11, 2018

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- A world map with a dark gray background and light gray outlines of continents and countries. The map shows the locations of IBM Q16 and IBM Q5 quantum computers. IBM Q16 is located in Yorktown Heights, New York, USA. IBM Q5 is located in Almaden, California, USA. The map is mostly empty, with only these two locations marked.
- IBM Q16
  - IBM Q5

# Qiskit

high level quantum applications:  
chemistry, optimization, AI, finance

state characterization,  
error mitigation,  
optimal control

classical simulation of  
quantum circuits

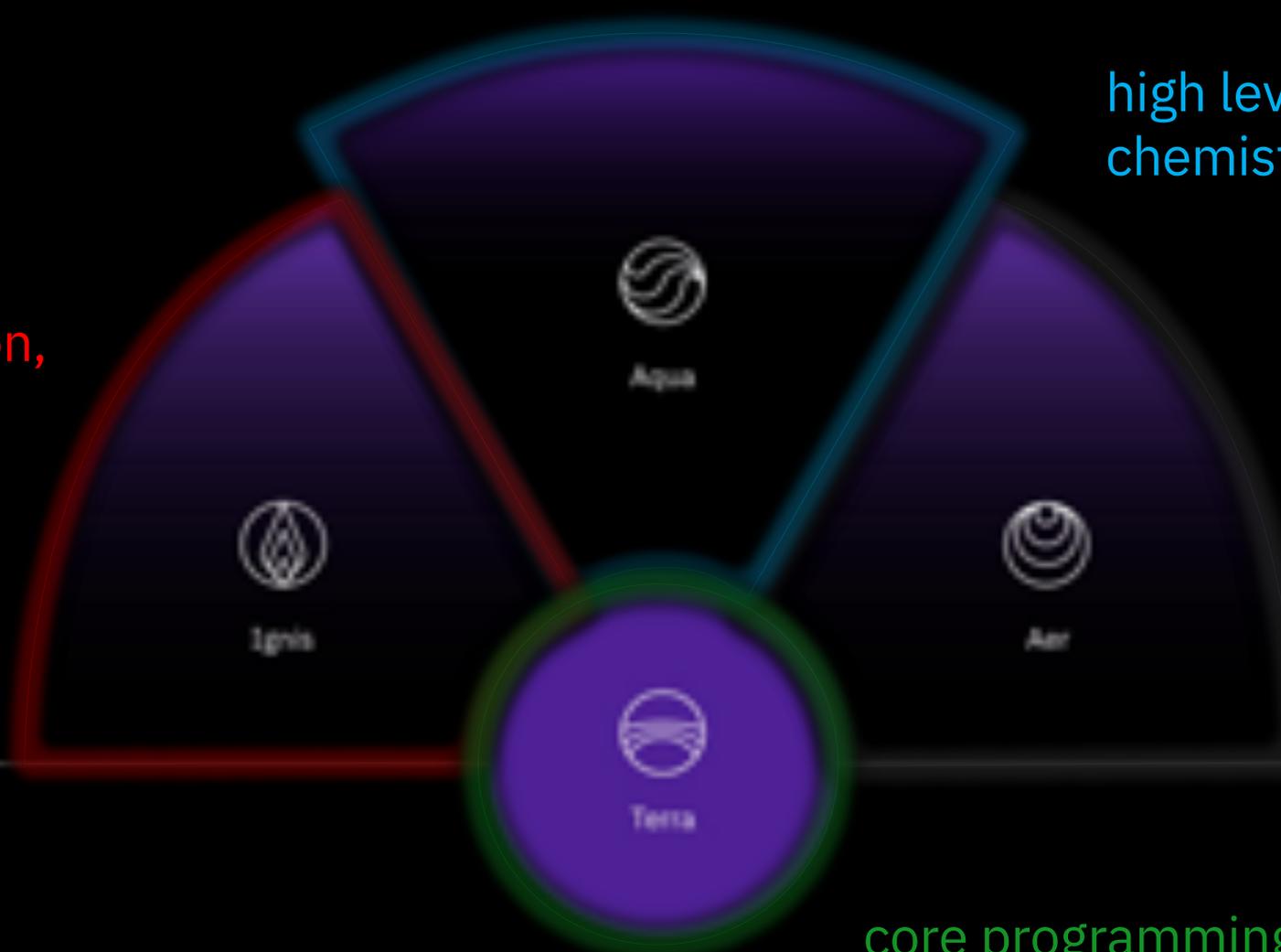
core programming tools and API to hardware



Qiskit



Hardware



Terra

Terra is a collection of core, foundational tools for communicating with quantum devices and simulators. Users can write quantum circuits, and address real hardware constraints with Terra. Its modular design simplifies adding extensions for quantum circuit optimizations and backends.



Ignis

Controlling fire was a turning point in human evolution. Learning how to fix or control quantum errors will be a turning point in the evolution of quantum computing. Users can access better characterization of errors, improve gates, and compute in the presence of noise with Ignis. It is designed for researching and improving errors or noise in near-term quantum systems.



Aqua

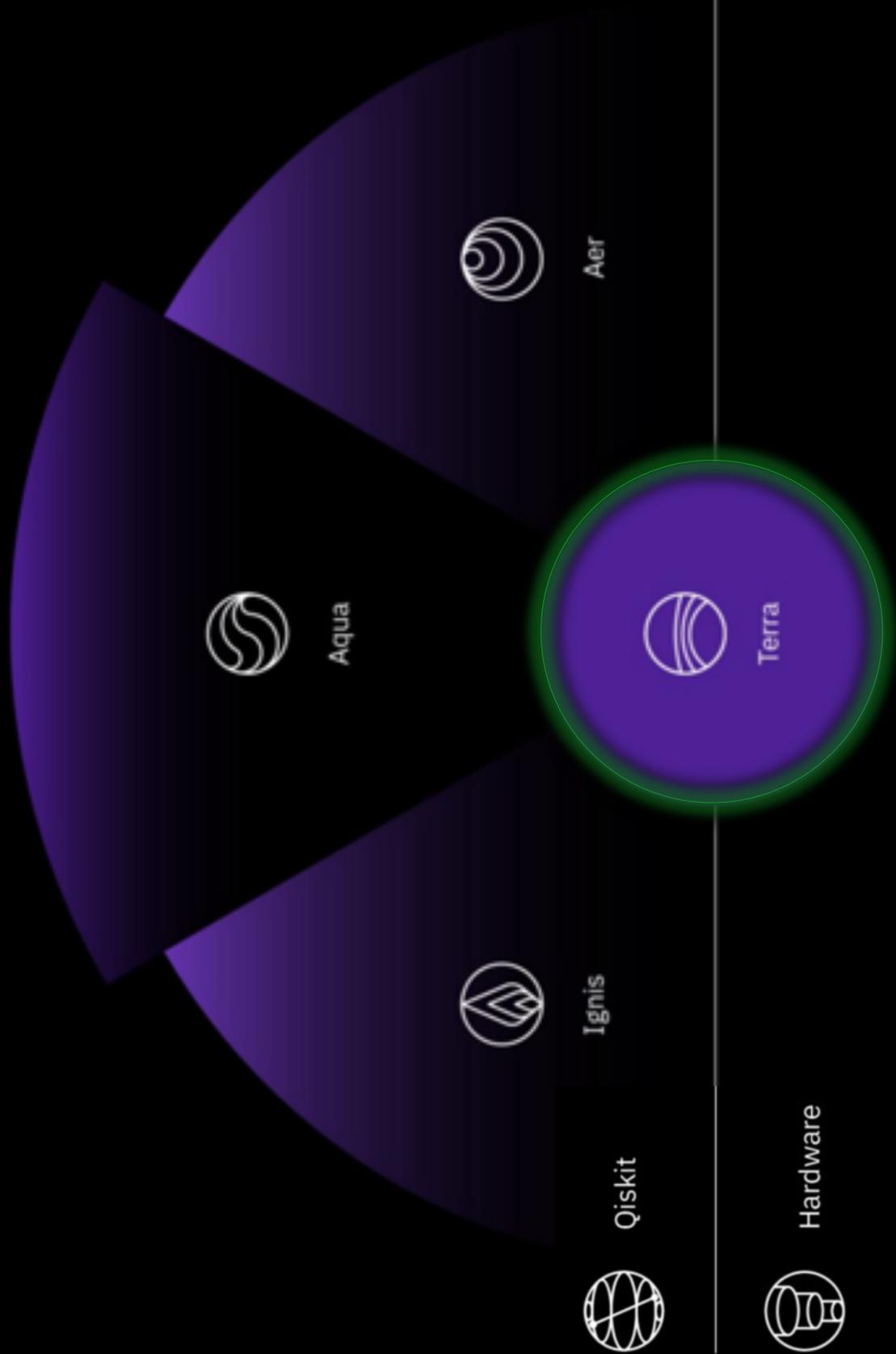
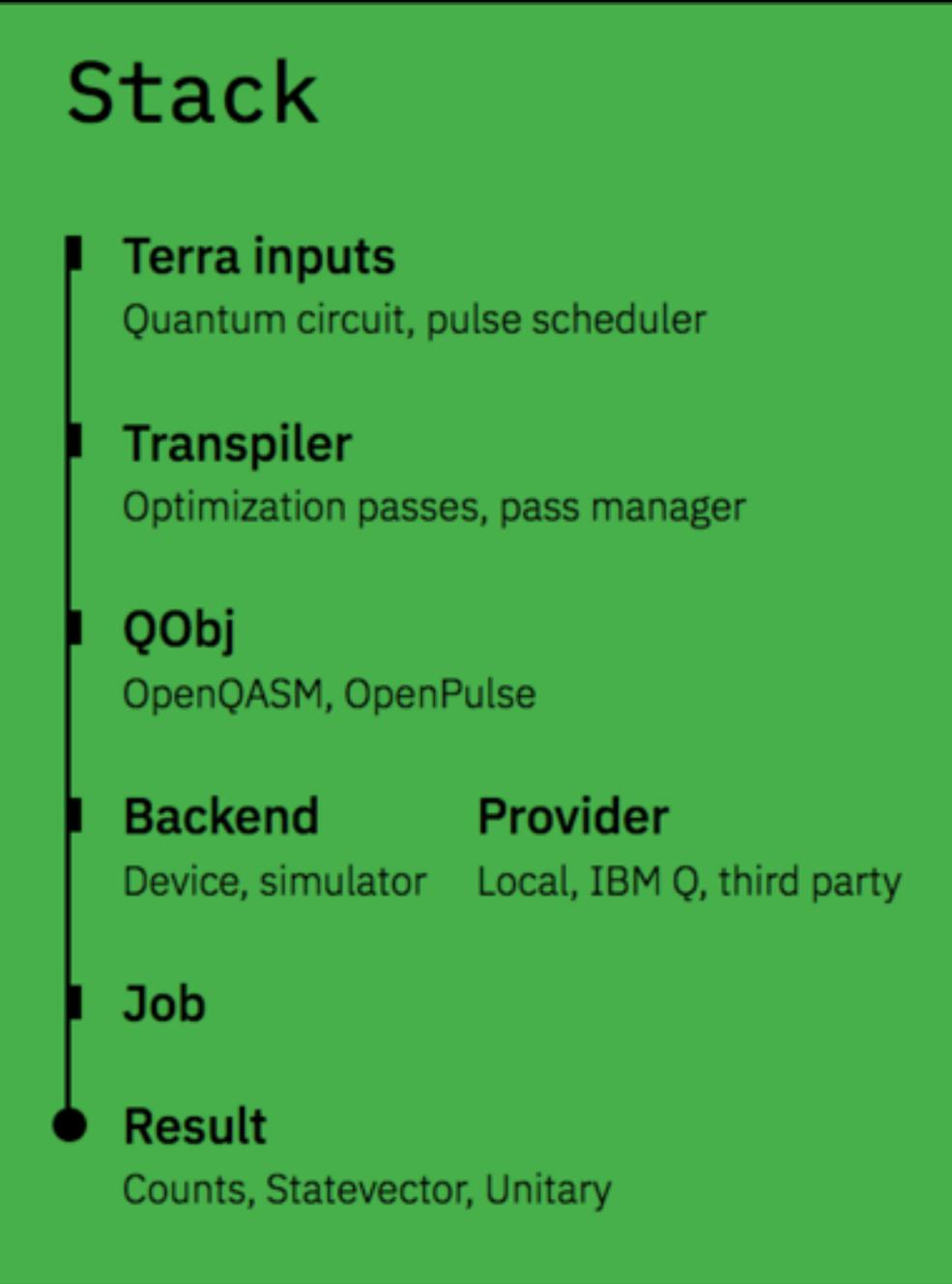
Aqua is a modular and extensible library for experimenting with quantum algorithms on near-term devices. Users can build domain-specific applications, such as chemistry, QC and optimization with Aqua. It bridges quantum and classical computers by enabling classical programming to run on quantum devices.



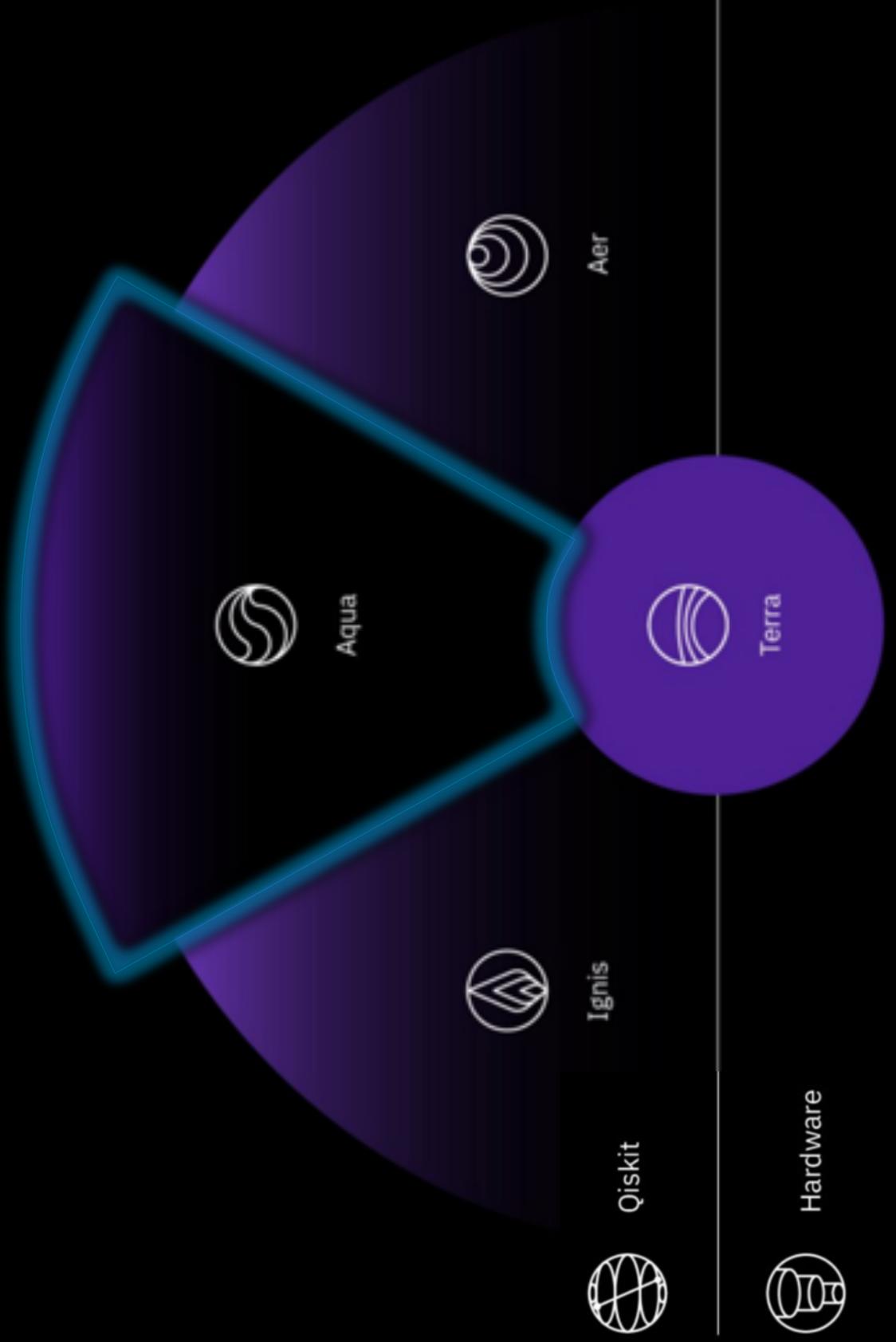
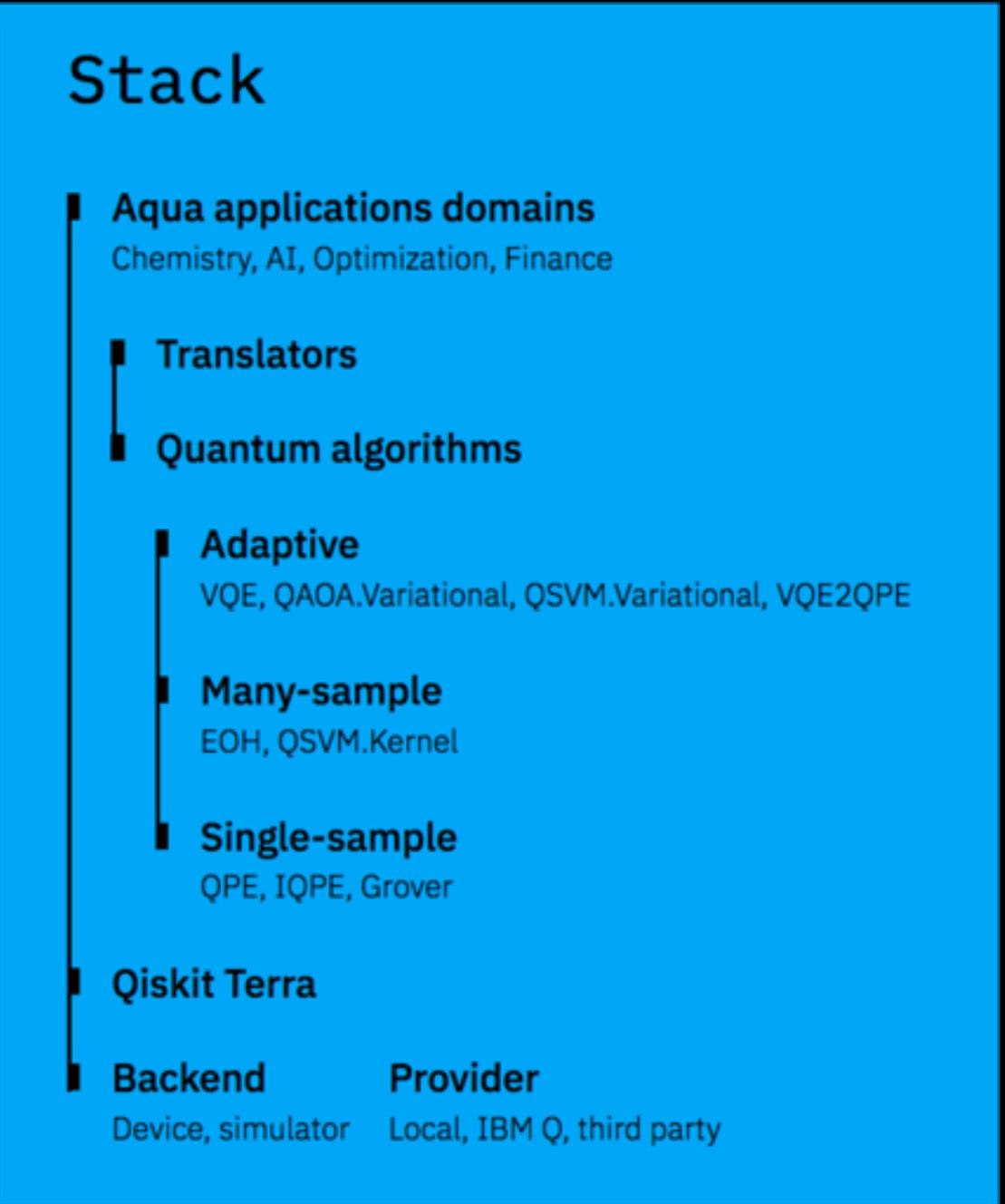
Aer

Aer permeates all other Qiskit elements. Users can accelerate their quantum simulator and emulator research with Aer, which helps to better understand the limits of classical processors by demonstrating their ability to mimic quantum computation. Users can also verify current and near-term quantum computer functionality with Aer.

# QISKit: Terra



# QISKit: Aqua



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<https://quantumexperience.ng.bluemix.net/qx/editor>

	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Frequency (GHz)	5.28	5.21	5.02	5.28	5.07
T1 (µs)	62.40	55.10	48.40	59.00	53.30
T2 (µs)	77.50	64.00	54.70	57.30	36.40
Gate error ( $10^{-3}$ )	1.37	1.37	2.23	1.72	0.94
Readout error ( $10^{-2}$ )	2.40	2.60	3.00	2.20	4.50
MultiQubit gate error ( $10^{-2}$ )	CK0_1	CK3_2	CK3_2	CK4_2	
	2.72	1.77	1.97	1.51	
	CK0_2		CK3_4		
	4.18		3.62		
- > IBM Q QASM Simulator [ibmq\_qasm\_simulator] ACTIVE SIMULATOR AVAILABLE ON QISQIT



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# IBM QX Devices

# Outline

Why quantum computing?

Quantum Logic

The IBM Q Hardware & Software

Applications

Quantum chemistry

Many-body physics

Classical optimization

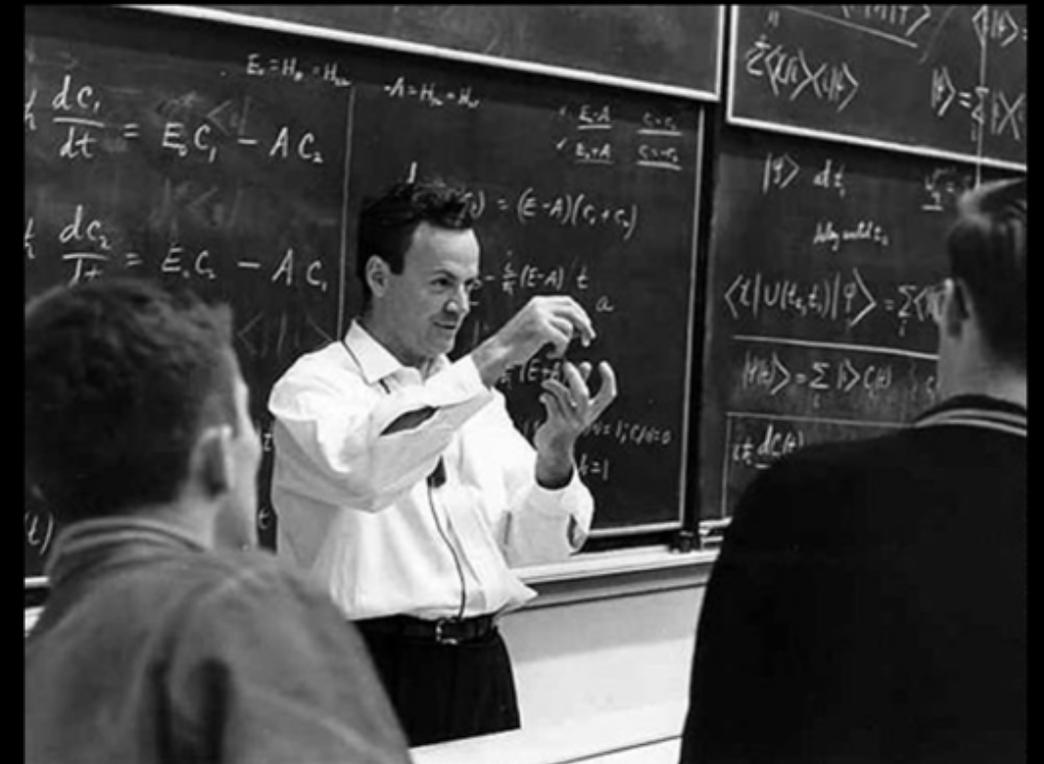


# Quantum Chemistry & Physics

*International Journal of Theoretical Physics,*  
Vol 21, Nos. 6/7, 1982

Simulating Physics with Computers  
Richard P. Feynman

“I'm not happy with all the analyses that go with just the classical theory, *because nature isn't classical*, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical ...”



# Possible application areas for quantum computing

We believe the following areas might be useful to explore for the early applications of quantum computing:

## Chemistry

Material design, oil and gas, drug discovery

## Artificial Intelligence

Classification, machine learning, linear algebra

## Financial Services

Asset pricing, risk analysis, rare event simulation



# Quantum chemistry: Where is it a challenge?

Solving interacting fermionic problems is at the core of most challenges in computational physics and high-performance computing:

$$H_{el} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{N_{el}} \sum_{A=1}^{N_{nu}} \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1, j>i}^{N_{el}, N_{el}} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

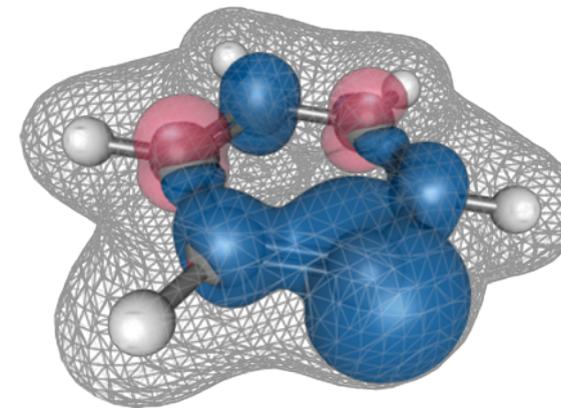
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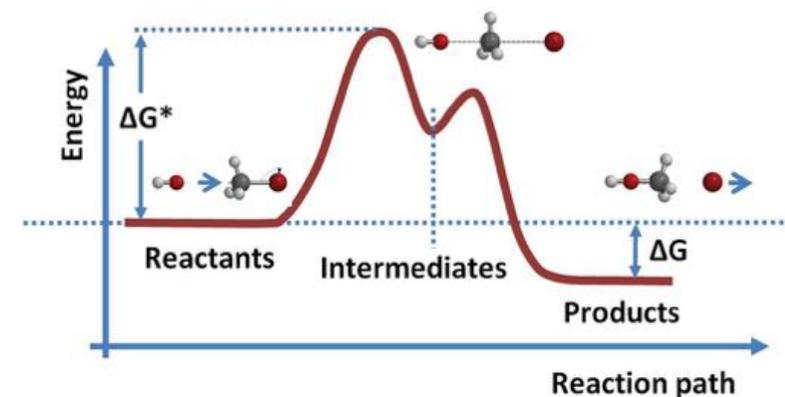
Quantum  $\mathcal{O}(N^4)$

Sign problem: Monte-Carlo simulations of fermions are NP-hard [Troyer & Wiese, PRL 170201 (2015)]

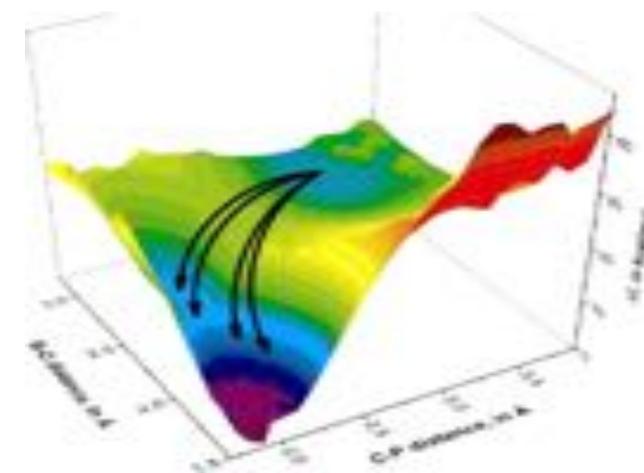
molecular  
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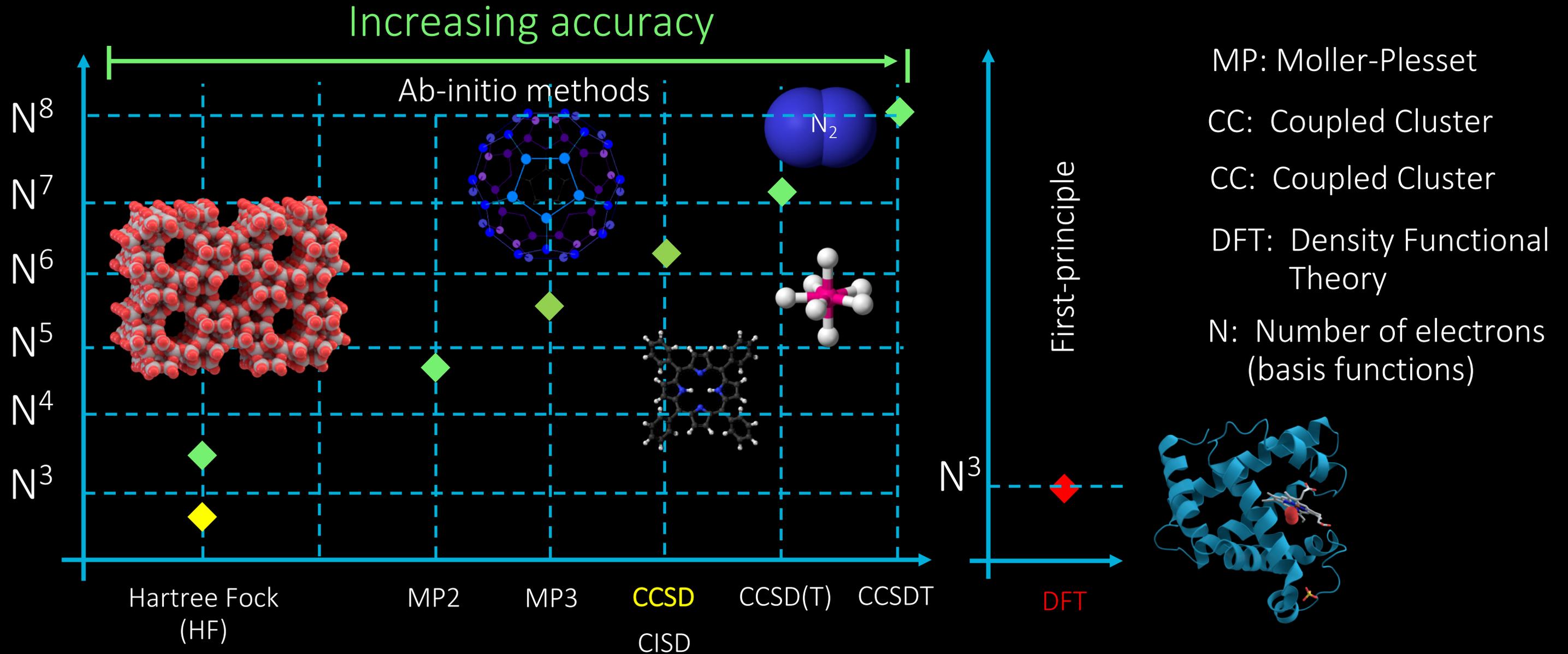


reaction pathways



# Quantum chemistry – Why a challenge?

Classically, several **approximations** have been derived to break the exponential scaling

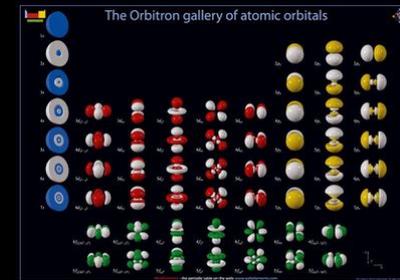


# Quantum chemistry – the VQE approach

Generate the orbitals  
(classical algorithms)  
Compute the system Hamiltonian

Hartree Fock equation

$$F(\{\phi_i(r)\})\phi_i(r) = \epsilon_i\phi_i(r)$$



Encode the wavefunction in the qubit space.  
(Parametrized by the qubit angles,  $\theta_i$ )

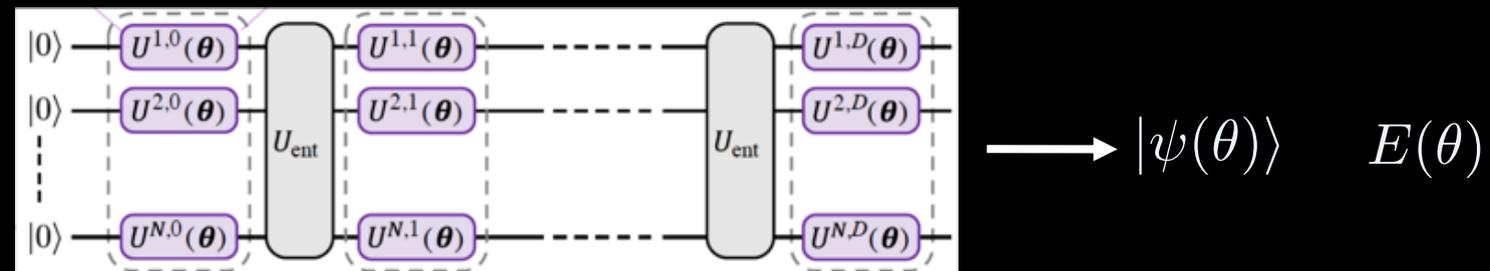
$$|\psi(\theta)\rangle = \theta_1|1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\rangle +$$

$$\theta_2|1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\rangle +$$

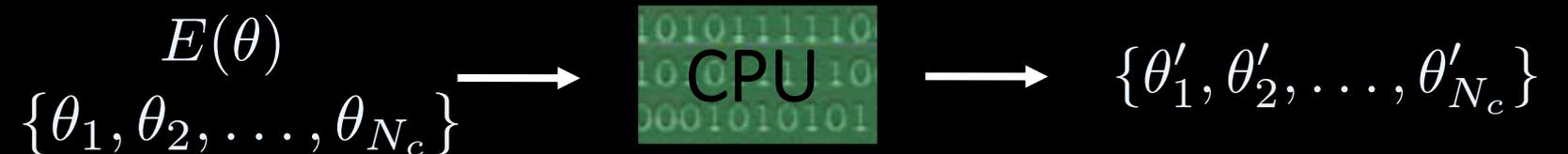
$$\theta_{10}|1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\rangle +$$

$$\theta_{N_c}|0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\rangle$$

Evaluate the energy on a quantum circuit



Minimize the energy in a classical device

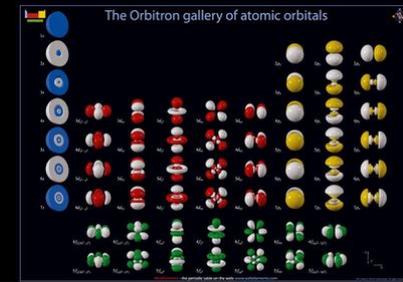


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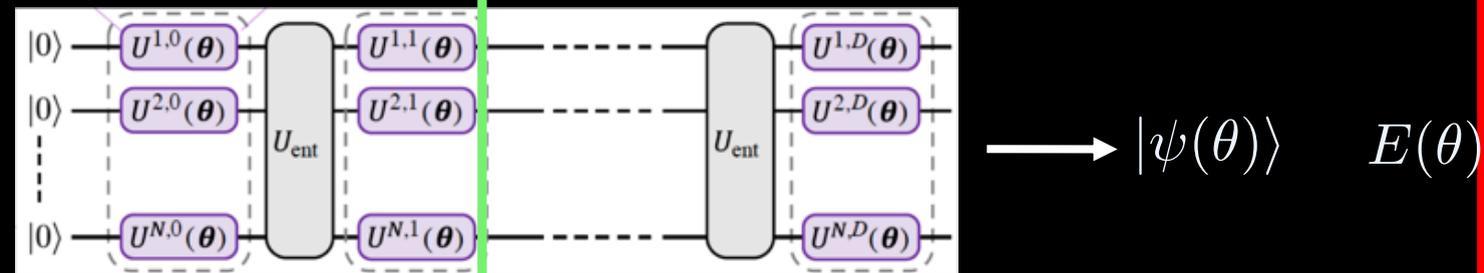
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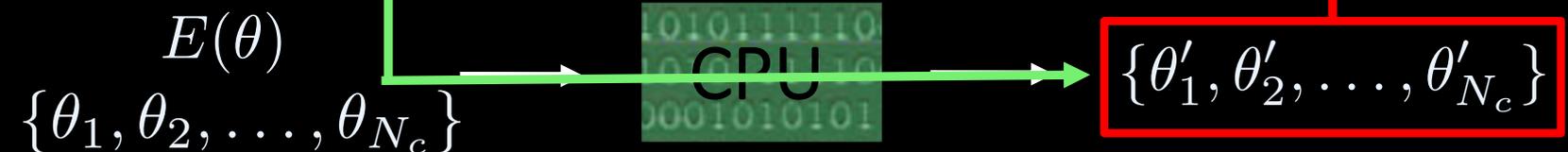
Encode the wavefunction in the qubit space.  
(Parametrized by the qubit angles,  $\theta_i$ )

$$|\psi(\theta)\rangle = \theta_1 |111100000\rangle + \theta_2 |110100000\rangle + \theta_{10} |101000100\rangle + \theta_{N_c} |000001111\rangle$$

Evaluate the energy on a quantum circuit

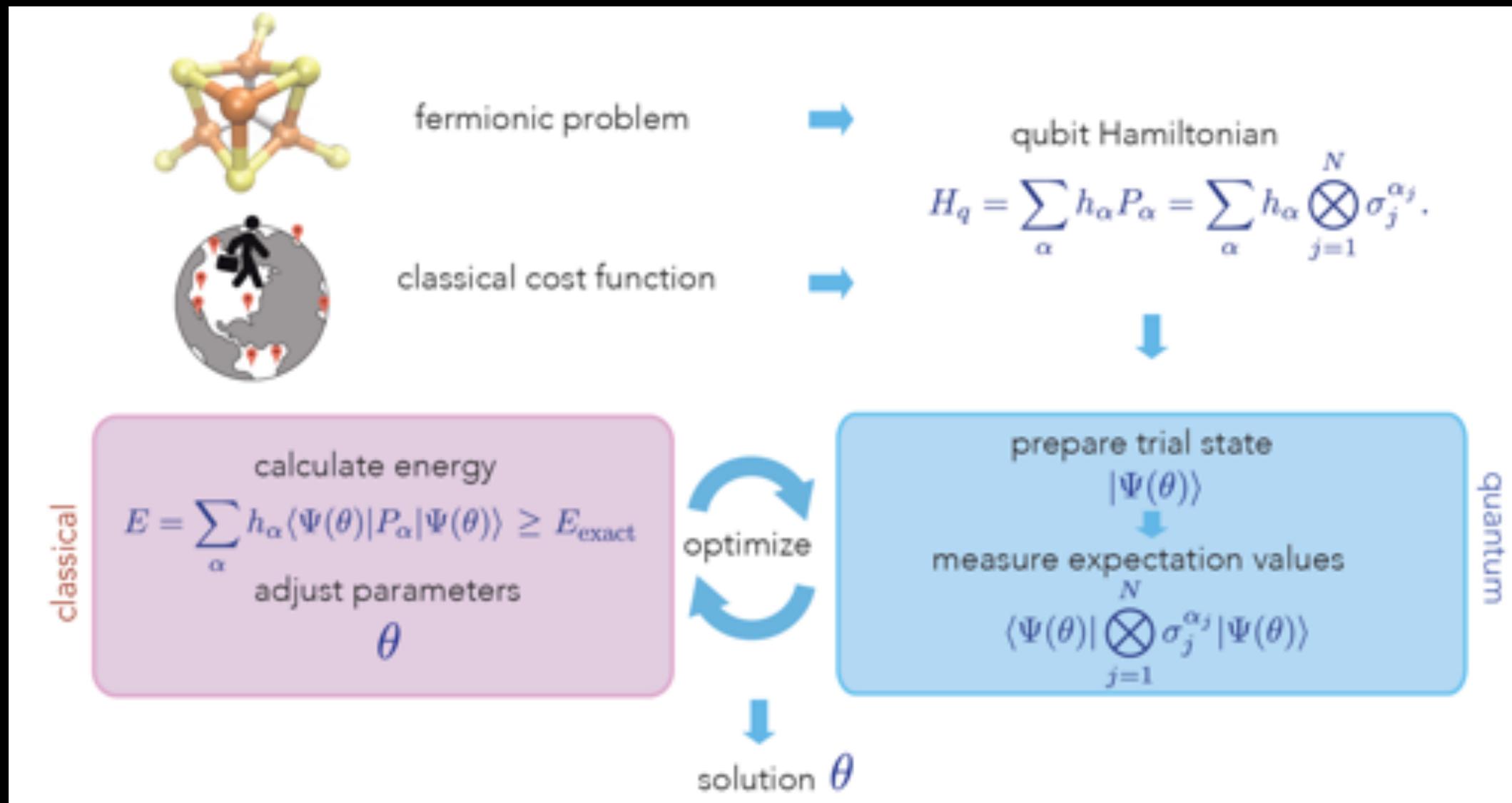


Minimize the energy in a classical device



# Quantum chemistry – The quantum algorithm

## The quantum-classical approach: Variational Quantum Eigensolver

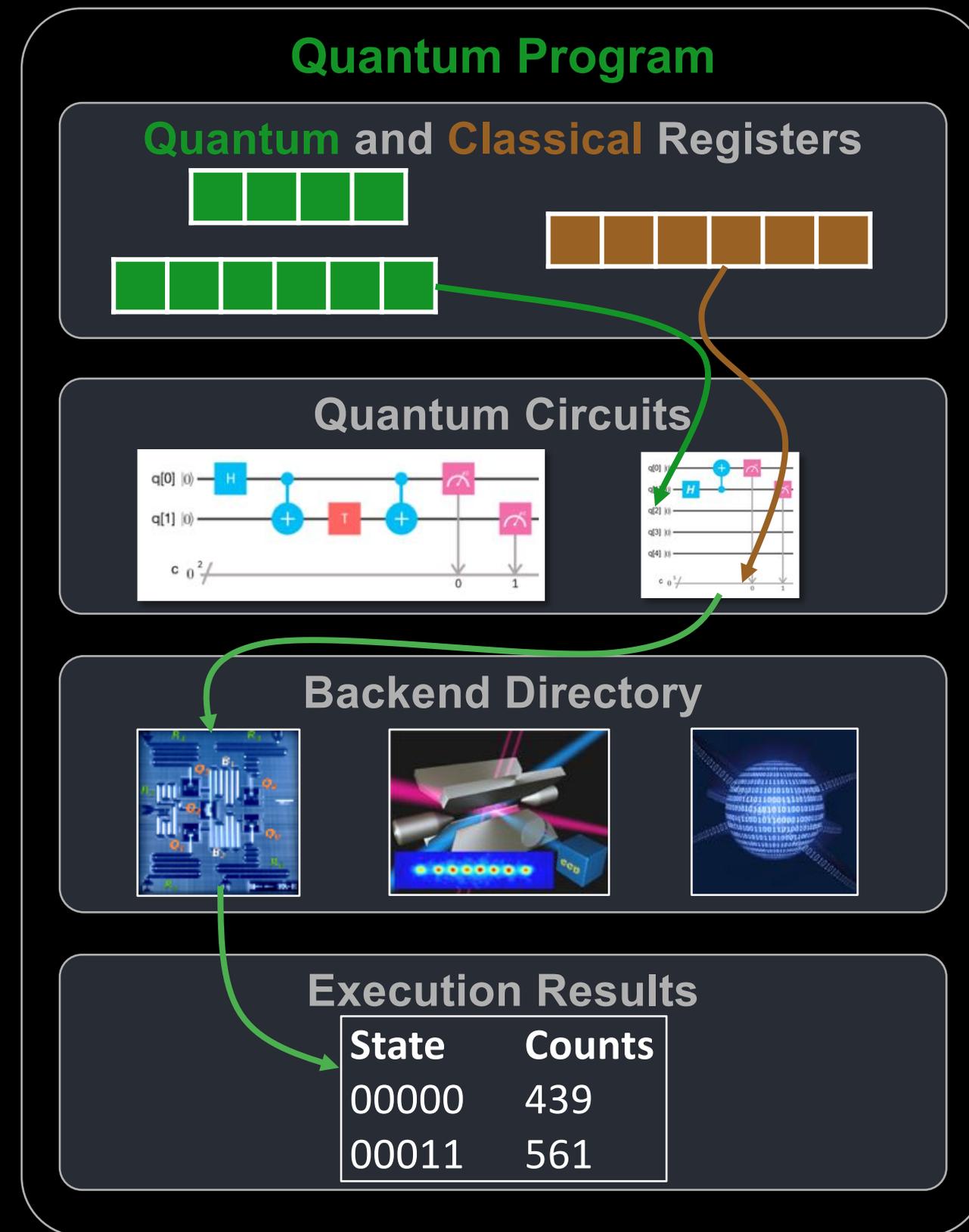


# QISKit: Basic workflow

At the highest level, quantum programming in QISKit is broken up into three parts:

1. **Building** quantum circuits
2. **Compiling** quantum circuits to run on a specific backend
3. **Executing** quantum circuits on a backend and analyzing results

**Important:** Step 2 (compiling) can be done automatically so that a basic user only needs to deal with steps 1 and 3.



# QISKit: Basic workflow

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```
[python3] $ pip install qiskit
```

```
from qiskit import QuantumRegister, ClassicalRegister  
from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, Aer, execute
```

```
q = QuantumRegister(2)  
c = ClassicalRegister(2)  
qc = QuantumCircuit(q, c)
```

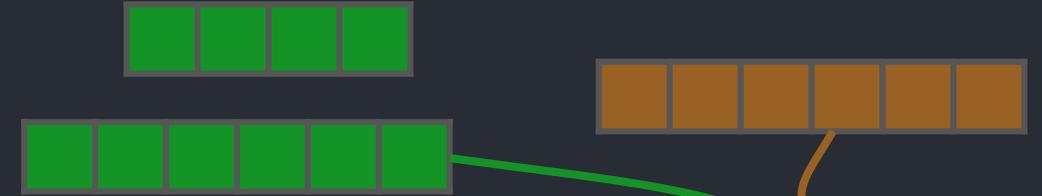
```
qc.h(q[0])  
qc.cx(q[0], q[1])  
qc.measure(q, c)
```

```
backend = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')  
job_sim = execute(qc, backend)  
sim_result = job_sim.result()
```

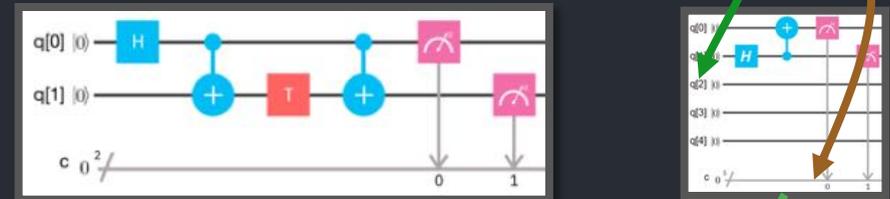
```
print(sim_result.get_counts(qc))
```

## Quantum Program

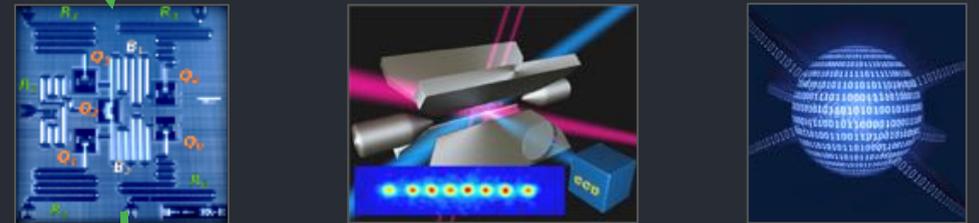
### Quantum and Classical Registers



### Quantum Circuits



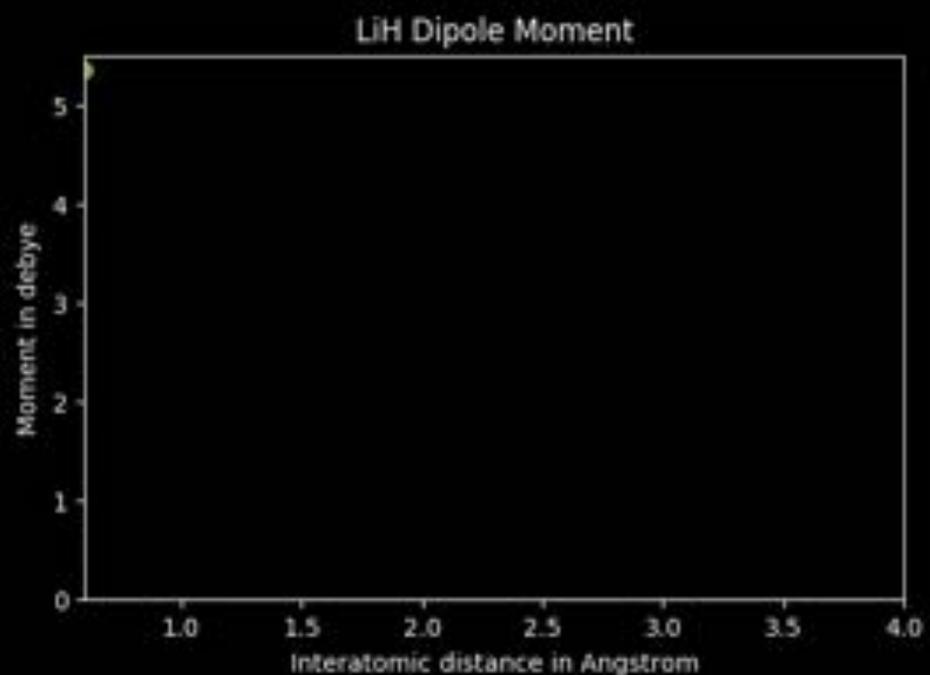
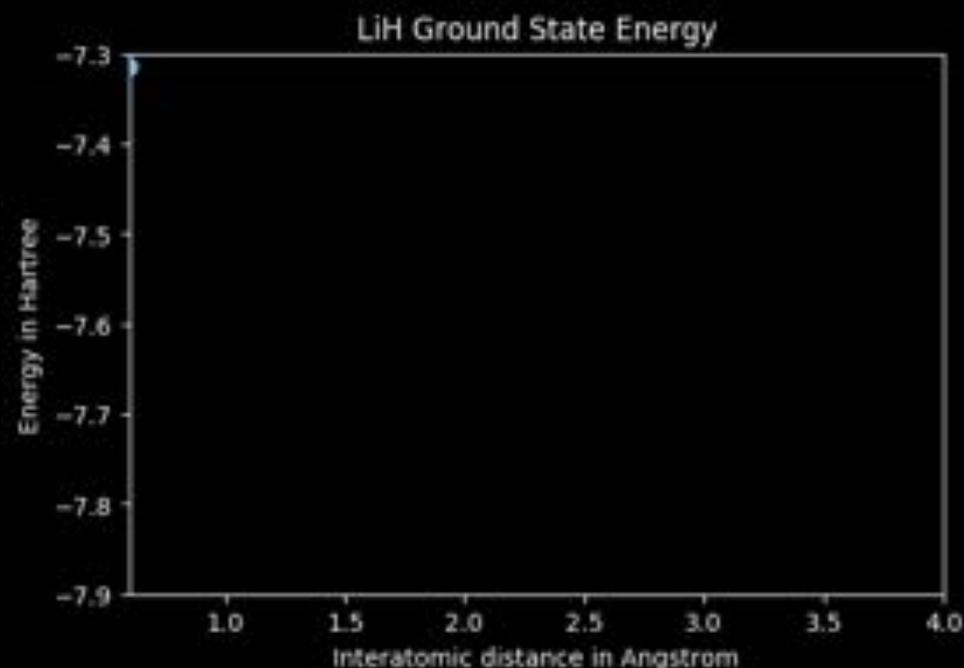
### Backend Directory



### Execution Results

State	Counts
00000	439
00011	561

# Qiskit Aqua Chemistry Example



```
import numpy as np
from qiskit_aqua_chemistry import AQUAChemistry

aqua_chemistry_dict = {
    "driver": { "name": "PYSCF" },
    "PYSCF": { "atom": "", "basis": "sto3g" },
    "operator": {
        "name": "hamiltonian",
        "qubit_mapping": "parity",
        "two_qubit_reduction": True,
        "freeze_core": True,
        "orbital_reduction": [-3, -2]
    },
    "algorithm": { "name": "VQE" },
    "optimizer": { "name": "COBYLA", "maxiter": 10000 },
    "variational_form": { "name": "UCCSD" },
    "initial_state": { "name": "HartreeFock" }
}

molecule = "H .0 .0 -{0}; Li .0 .0 {0}"

pts = [x * 0.1 for x in range(6, 20)]
pts += [x * 0.25 for x in range(8, 16)]
pts += [4.0]
energies = np.empty(len(pts))
distances = np.empty(len(pts))
dipoles = np.empty(len(pts))

for i, d in enumerate(pts):
    aqua_chemistry_dict["PYSCF"]["atom"] = molecule.format(d/2)
    solver = AQUAChemistry()
    result = solver.run(aqua_chemistry_dict)
    energies[i] = result["energy"]
    dipoles[i] = result["total_dipole_moment"] / 0.393430307
    distances[i] = d
```

# Trial Wavefunctions

## Variational Principle

### Heuristic Ansatz

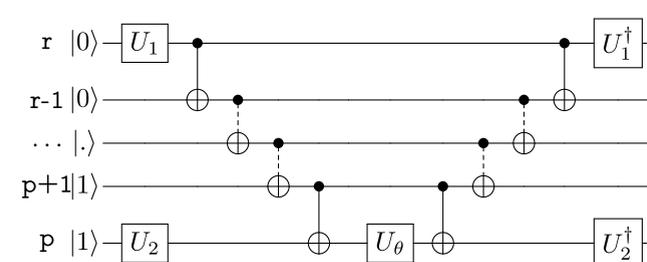
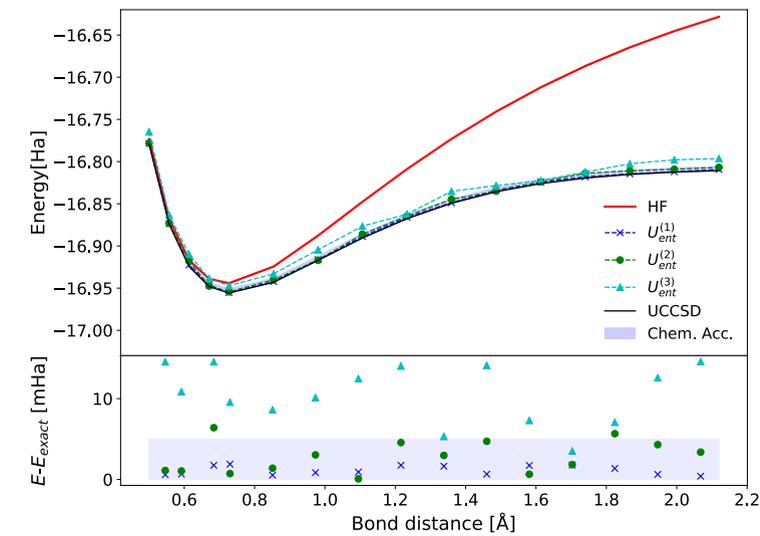
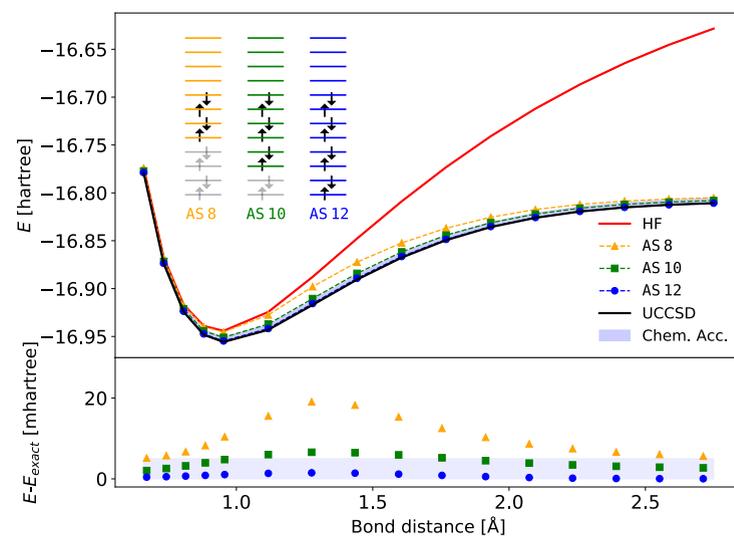
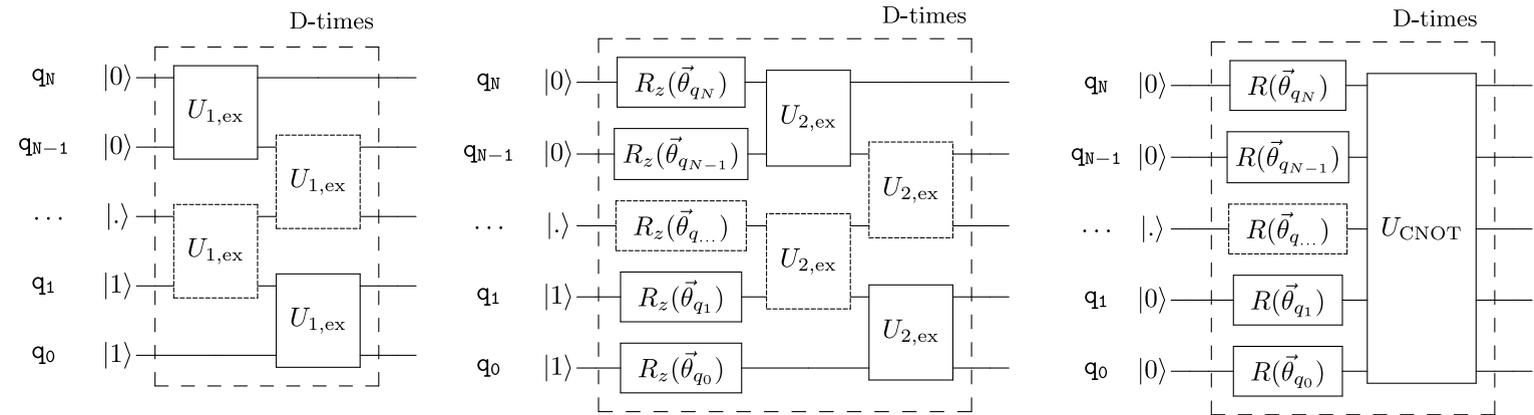
$$|\Psi(\vec{\theta})\rangle = \overbrace{\hat{U}^D(\vec{\theta})\hat{U}_{\text{ent}} \dots \hat{U}^1(\vec{\theta})\hat{U}_{\text{ent}} \hat{U}^0(\vec{\theta})}^{\text{D-times}} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

$$U_{1,\text{ex}}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta_1 & e^{i\theta_2} \sin \theta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\theta_2} \sin \theta_1 & -\cos \theta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U_{2,\text{ex}}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2\theta & -i \sin 2\theta & 0 \\ 0 & -i \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

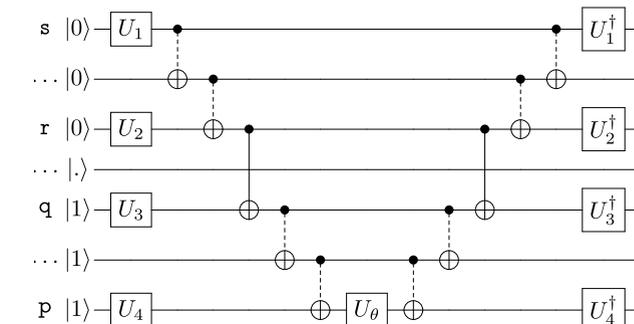
### UCCSD Ansatz

$$|\Psi(\vec{\theta})\rangle = e^{\hat{T}(\vec{\theta}) - \hat{T}^\dagger(\vec{\theta})} |\Phi_0\rangle$$

$$\hat{T}_1(\vec{\theta}) = \sum_{i;m} \theta_i^m \hat{a}_m^\dagger \hat{a}_i \quad \hat{T}_2(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j;m,n} \theta_{i,j}^{m,n} \hat{a}_n^\dagger \hat{a}_m^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_i$$



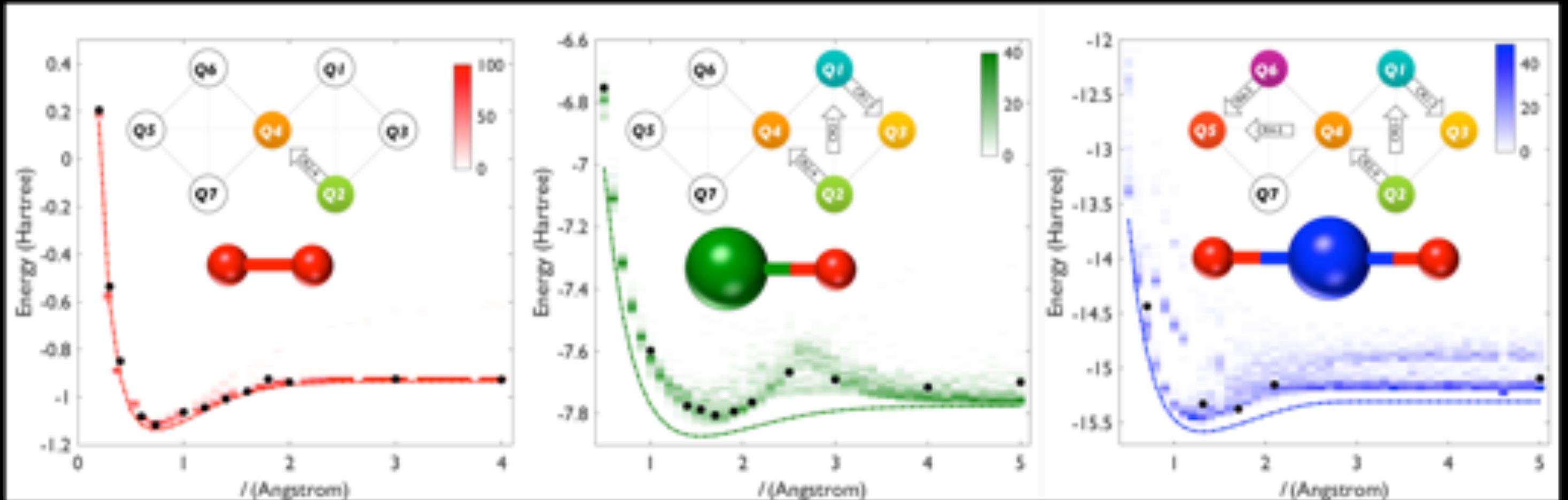
$$(U_1, U_2) = \{(Y, H), (H, Y)\} \quad (\text{where } Y = R_x(-\frac{\pi}{2}))$$



$$(U_1, U_2, U_3, U_4) = \{(H, H, Y, H), (Y, H, Y, Y), (H, Y, Y, Y), (H, H, H, Y), (Y, H, H, H), (H, Y, H, H), (Y, Y, Y, H), (Y, Y, H, Y)\}$$

# Quantum chemistry – the VQE approach

## Ground state-energy of simple molecules



$H_2$ : 2 qubits  
5 Pauli terms, 2 sets

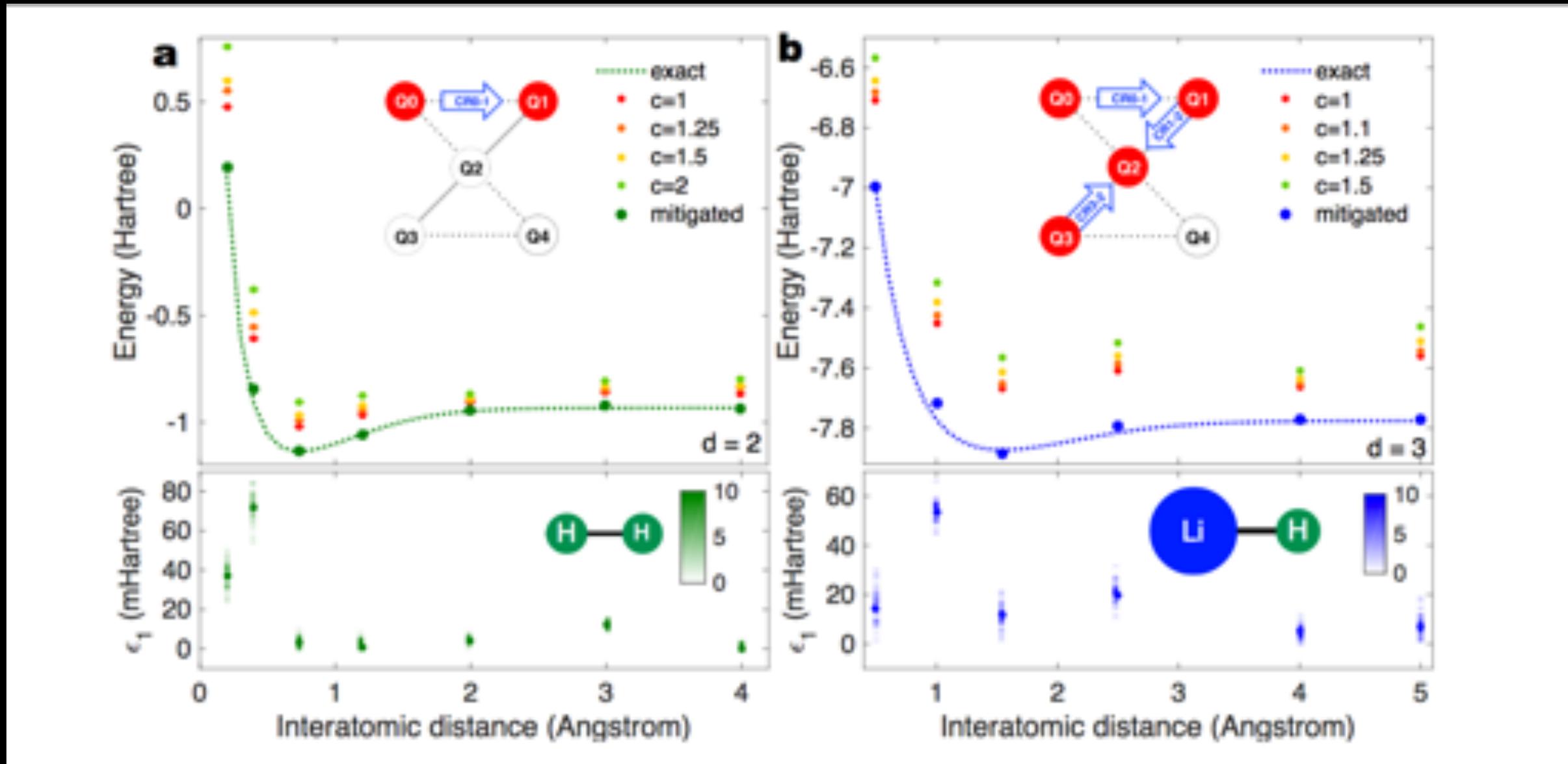
$LiH$ : 4 qubits  
100 Pauli terms, 25 sets

$BeH_2$ : 6 qubits  
144 Pauli terms, 36 sets

[A. Kandala et al. *Nature* 549, 242-246, 2017]

# Quantum chemistry – the VQE approach with error corr.

## Ground state-energy of simple molecules

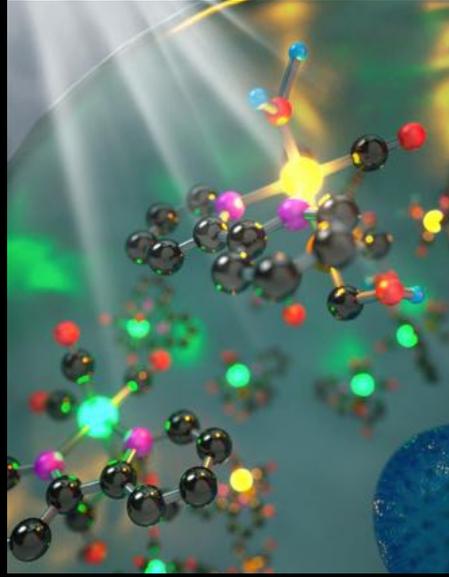


# Quantum chemistry

## Excited state energies

Interaction of light with matter:

- Photocatalysis
- Artificial photosynthesis
- Light harvesting



$$H_{\text{el}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{el}}} \sum_{A=1}^{N_{\text{nu}}} \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1, j>i}^{N_{\text{el}}, N_{\text{el}}} \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

Full CI (exact):

Classical  $\mathcal{O}(\exp(N))$

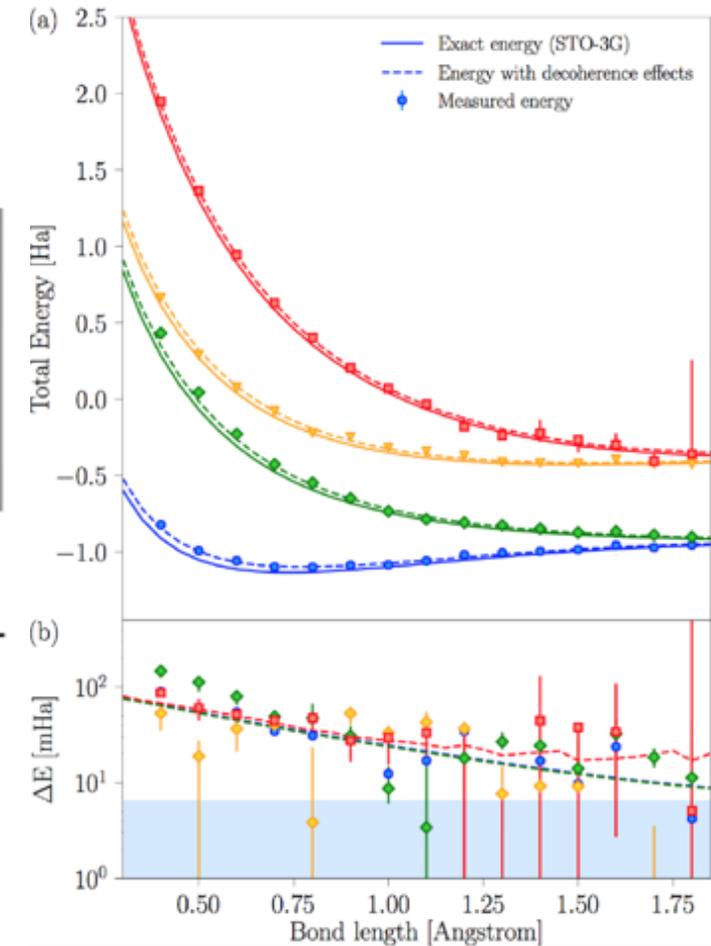
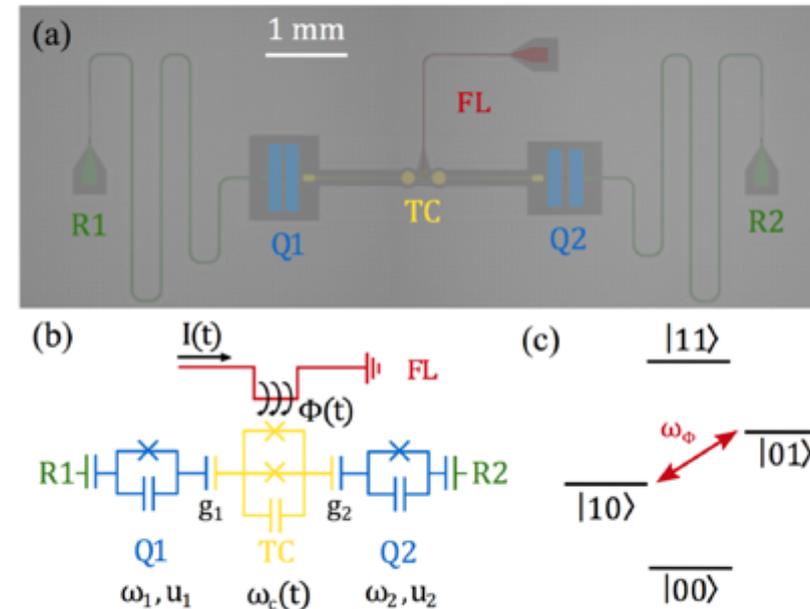
Quantum  $\mathcal{O}(N^4)$

## Gate-efficient simulation of molecular eigenstates on a quantum computer

M. Ganzhorn, D.J. Egger, P. Barkoutsos, P. Ollitrault, G. Salis, N. Moll, A. Fuhrer, P. Mueller, S. Woerner, I. Tavernelli and S. Filipp  
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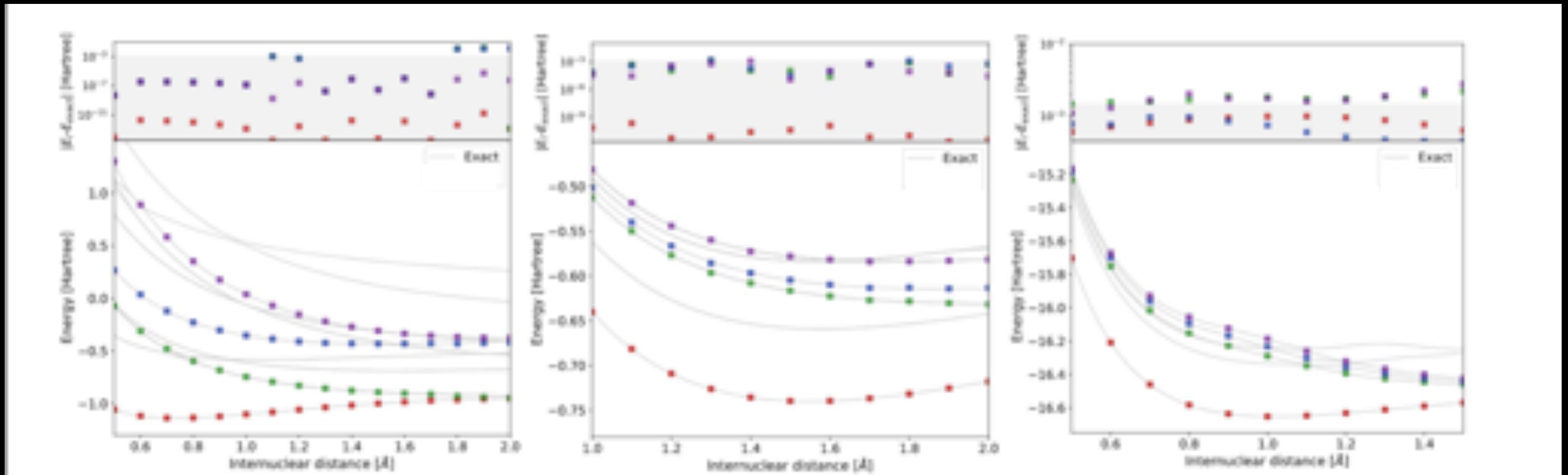
arXiv:1809.05057

## Photochemistry of H<sub>2</sub>



# Quantum chemistry – Recent and Medium term developments

Example: excited state energies of 2 and 3 atomic systems



(a) H<sub>2</sub>

(b) LiH

(c) H<sub>2</sub>O

# Hubbard model

$$H_{\text{Hub}} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} \left( c_{j\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma} + c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} \right) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

$t$  : hopping term

$U$  : in-site repulsive term

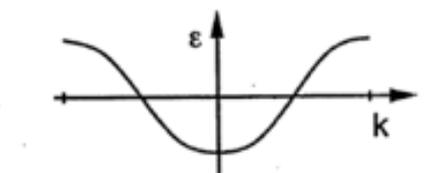
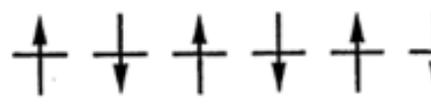
$\langle i, j \rangle$  : adjacent sites

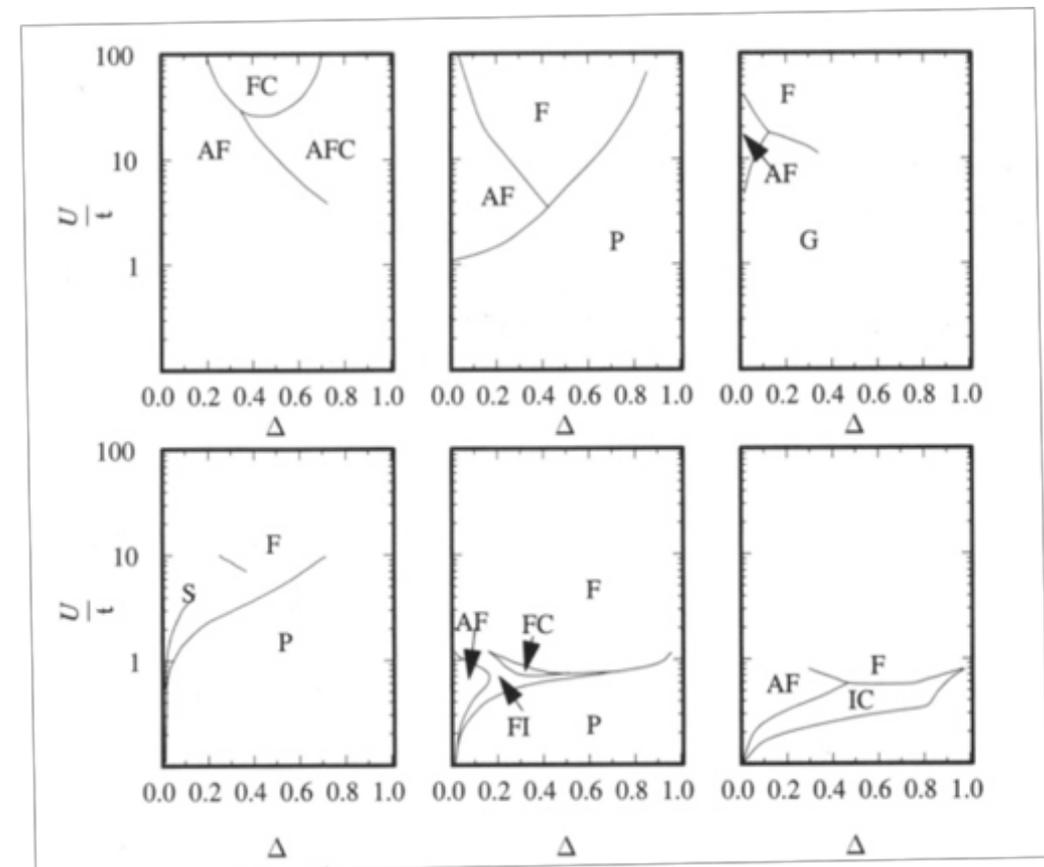
J. Hubbard, Proc. Roy. Soc. London, A266, 238 (1963)

Study physical properties with a quantum algorithm:

1. Ground state with VQE
2. Time-dependent properties using time-propagation
3. Excited states and dynamics
4. Phase transitions and statistical physics

At some intermediate value of  $U/t$ , there will be a “metal-to-insulator” transition: the „Mott“ transition.

parameter range	physical picture	behavior
$t \gg U$ : band-limit		filling of a band ⇒ metal
$t \ll U$ : atomic limit		no hopping for integer filling ⇒ insulator

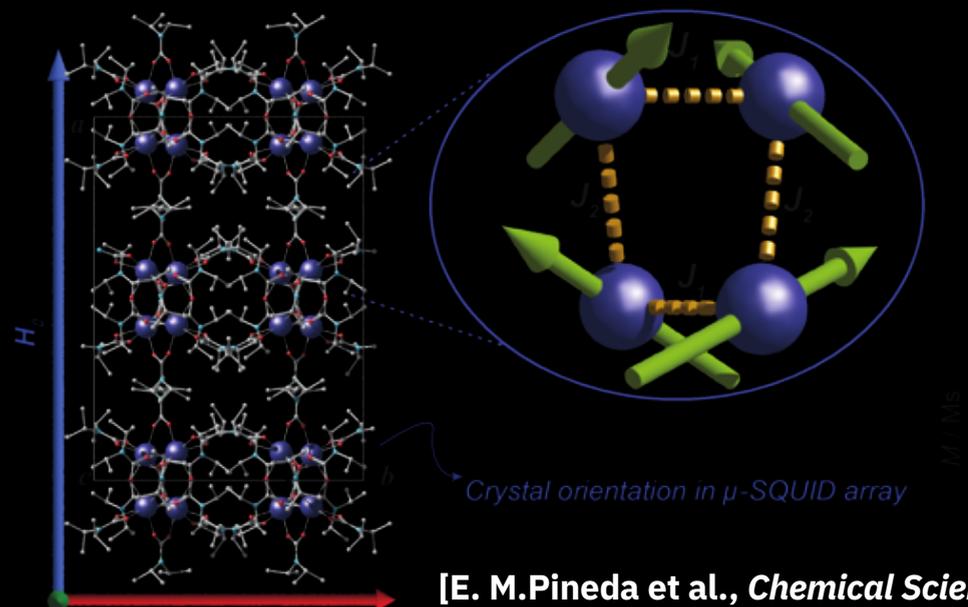


# Simulation of molecular magnetic systems

Measuring the spin-spin time-dependent correlation function

$$C_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(t) = \langle s_i^\alpha(t) s_j^\beta \rangle$$

scales exponentially with the number of sites.



[E. M. Pineda et al., *Chemical Science*, 2017, 8, 1178]

## Quantum hardware simulating four-dimensional inelastic neutron scattering

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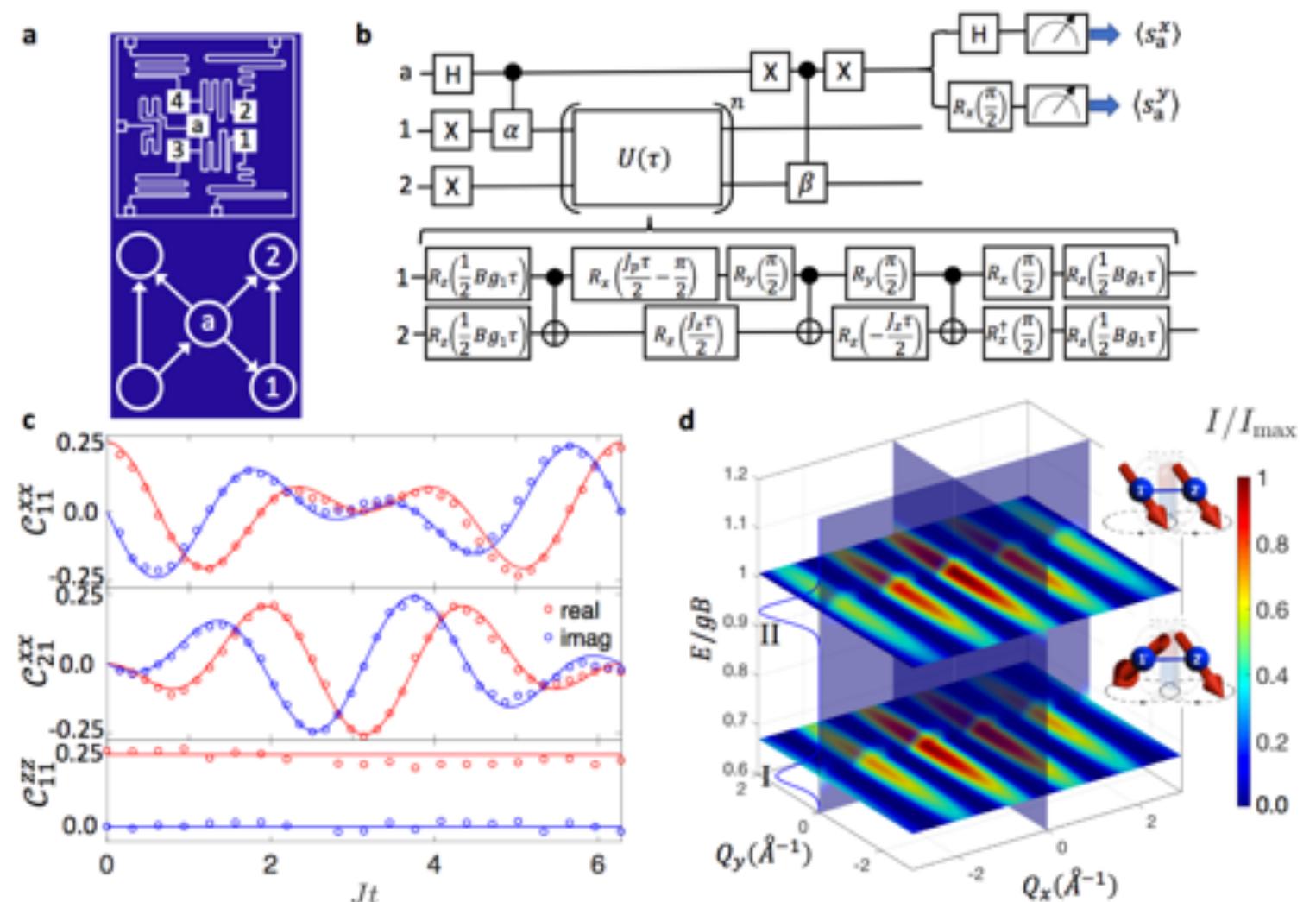
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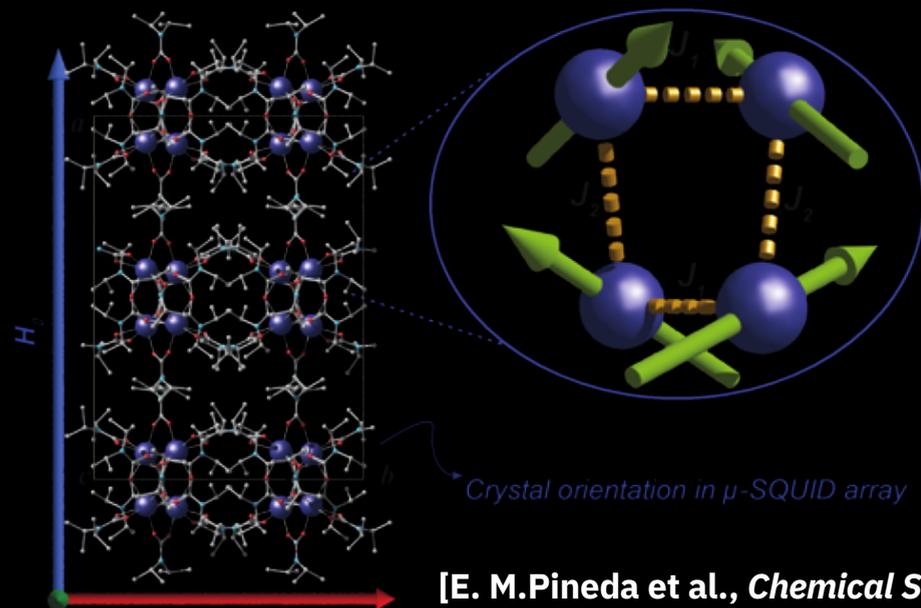


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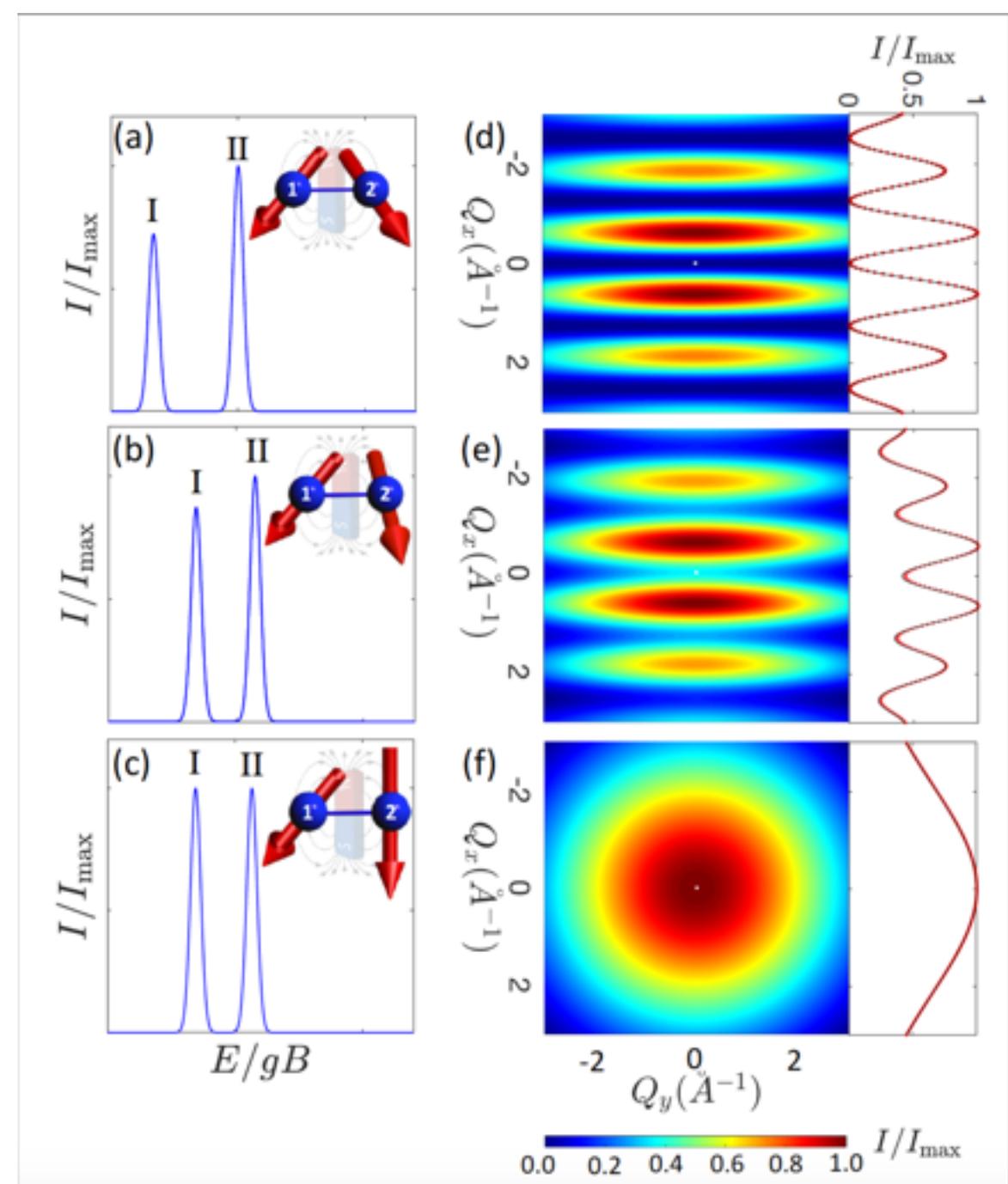
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Quantifying entanglement. **(a-c)** Inelastic neutron scattering spectra as a function of the normalized transferred for three different 2 spin system with decreasing entanglement. **(d-f)** Corresponding inelastic neutron scattering signals integrated over  $Q_z$ .

# Lattice field theory in HEP

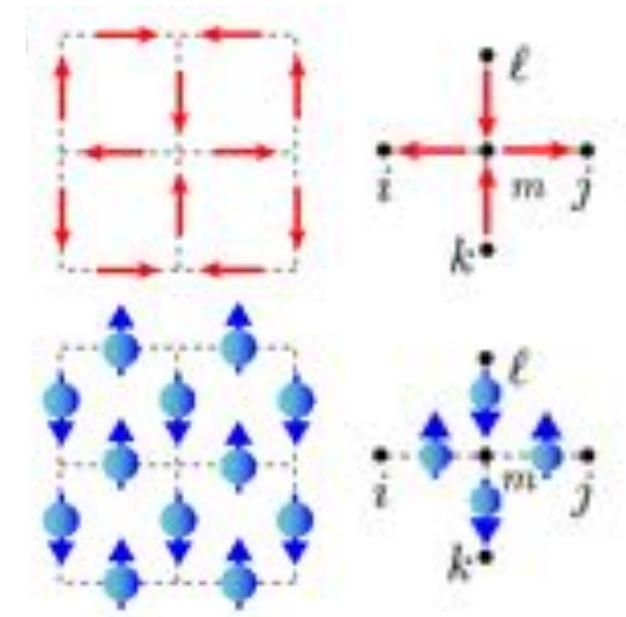
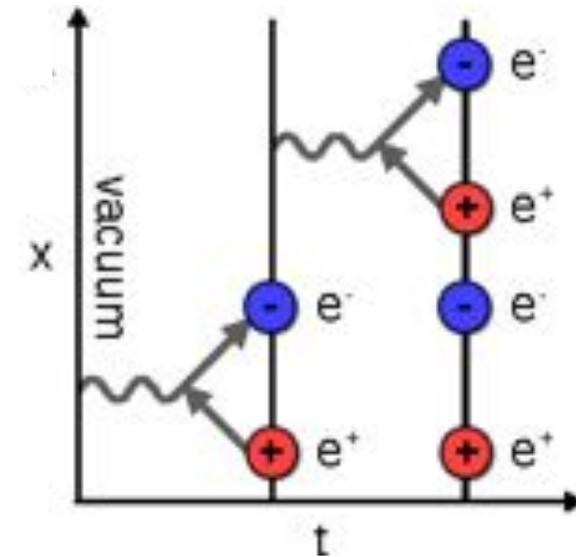
## Problem

Real-time propagation of gauge theories is notoriously challenging for classical computers. Digital quantum computers can offer a valid interesting alternative.

## Solution strategy (using IBM Q 20-50 qubit devices)

1. Implement fermions and gauge boson in a qubit register (e.g. 1+1 Schwinger model).
2. Static properties: optimization using VQE.
3. Time evolution using the Trotter decomposition of the unitary evolution operator.

## (1+1) Schwinger model



# Outline

Why quantum computing?

Quantum Logic

The IBM Q Hardware & Software

## Applications

Quantum chemistry

Many-body physics

Optimization



# Polymer folding

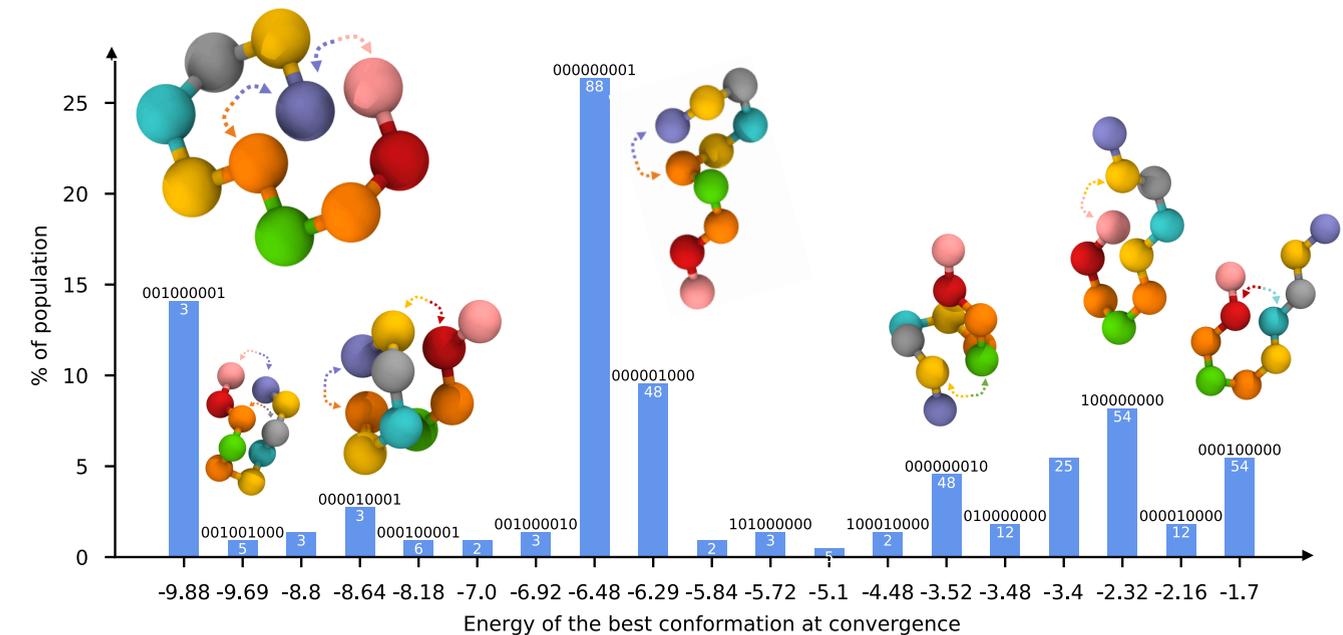
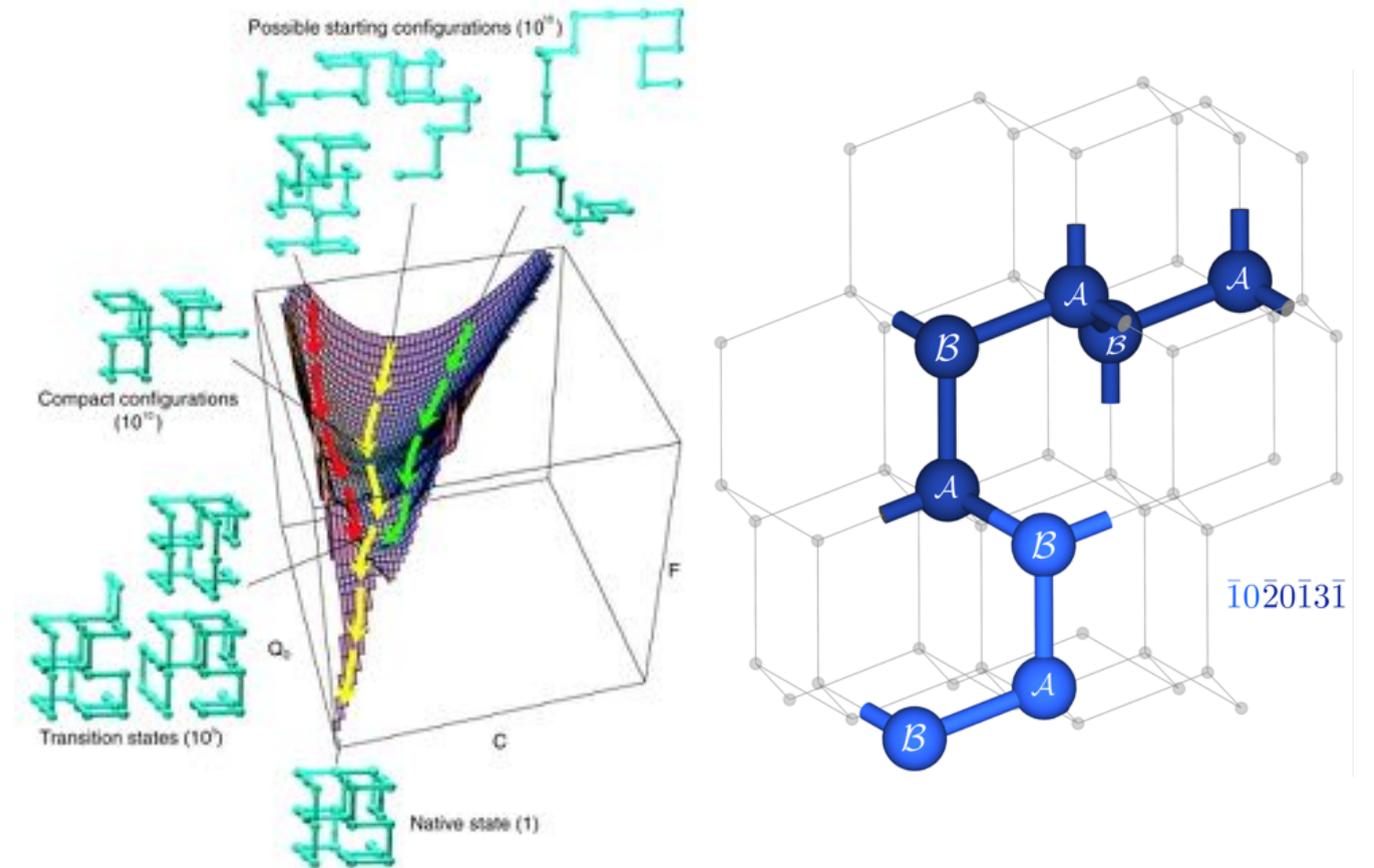
## Problem

find the folded structure of a linear chain of beads (amino acids, AA) in a regular lattice. This is a simplified model of the more complex protein folding problem.

The size of the configuration space scales exponentially with the number of polymer beads (AA).

## Solution strategy

assign binary variables to the different beads orientations in the sequence and minimize the string of binaries using the QAOA quantum algorithm and/or Grover's search. The quantum variables are lattice directions of the bonds.



# Recent Results by **IBM Research**

## Supervised learning with quantum enhanced feature spaces

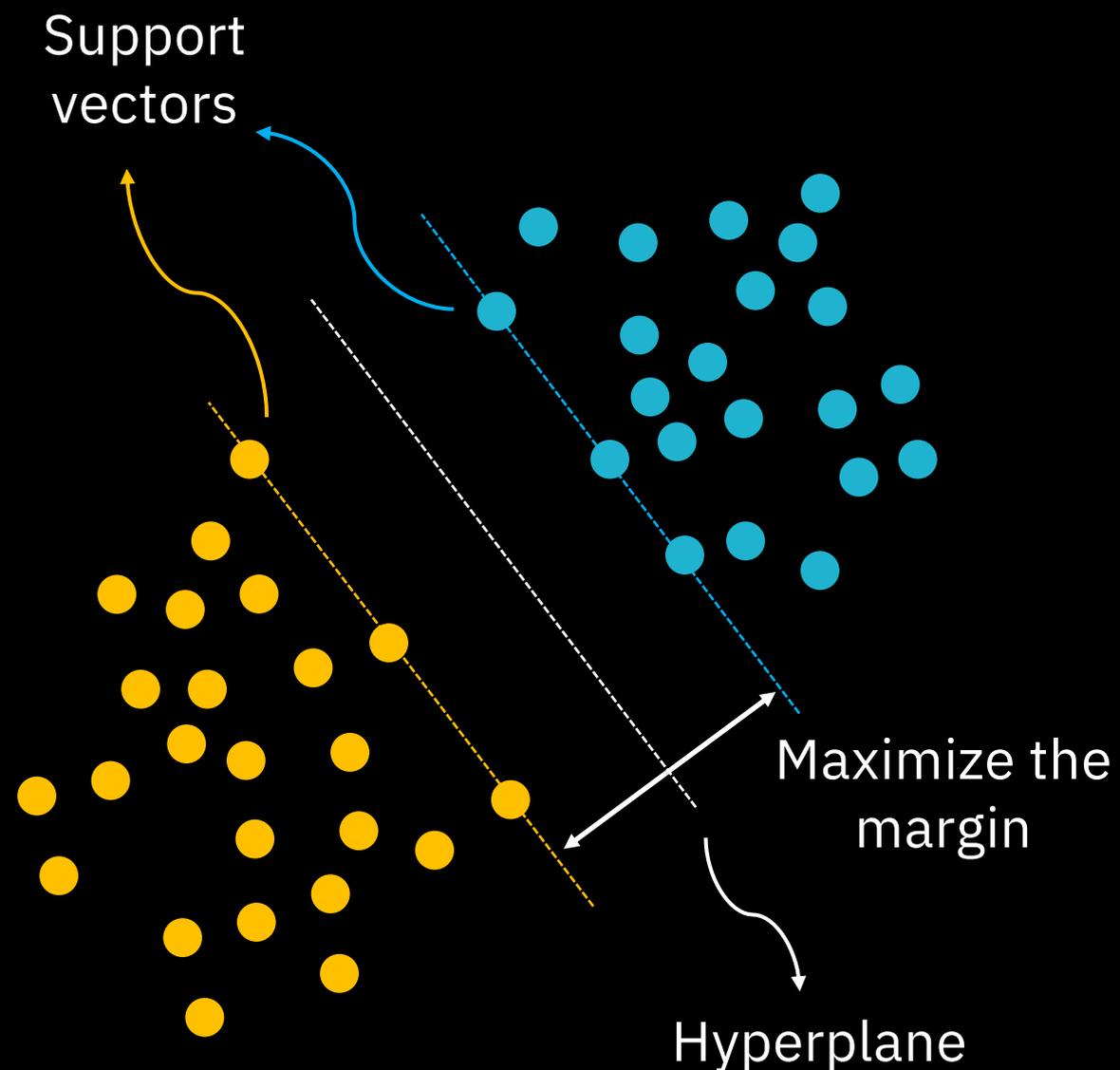
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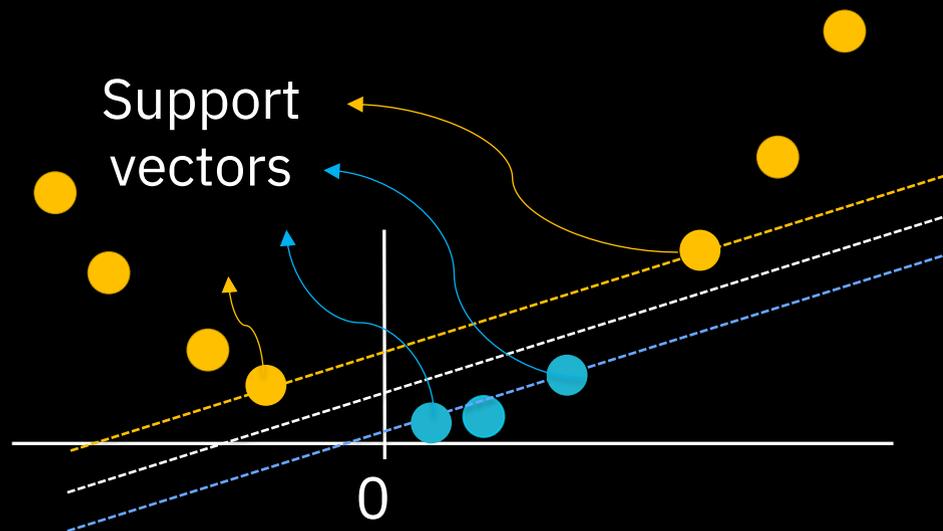
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- Image classification
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The data may not be linearly separable



**Lift to higher  
dimension**



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Quantum Support Vector Machines (SVM) may offer **performance advantages** to classical SVMs by using kernels that cannot be computed efficiently classically

Demonstrated on **real quantum device**

# Recent Results by IBM Research

Example training and test set for the Kernel method:



-   $k = +1$
-   $k = -1$
-  training data
-  test data
-  support vectors
-  misclassified test data

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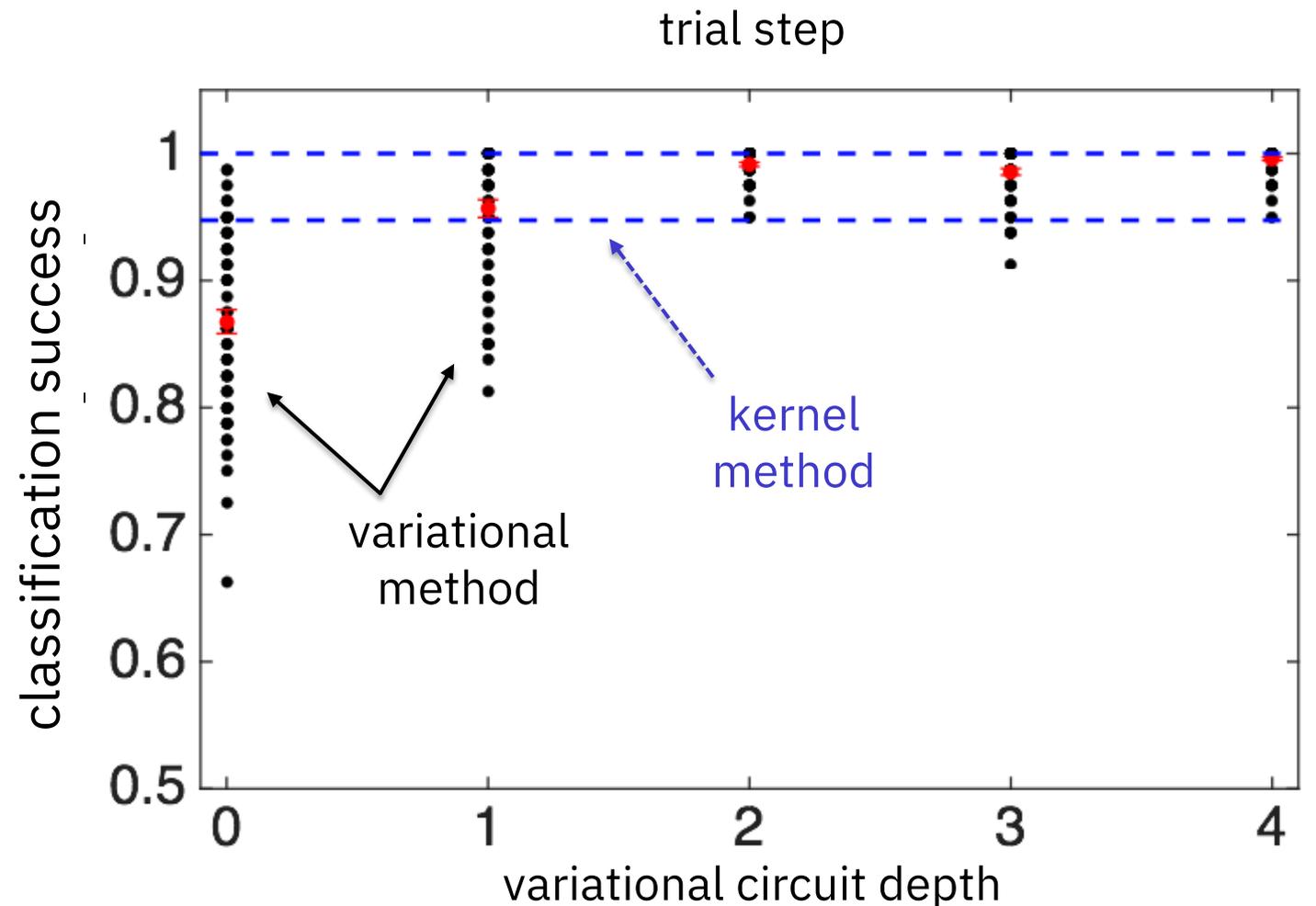
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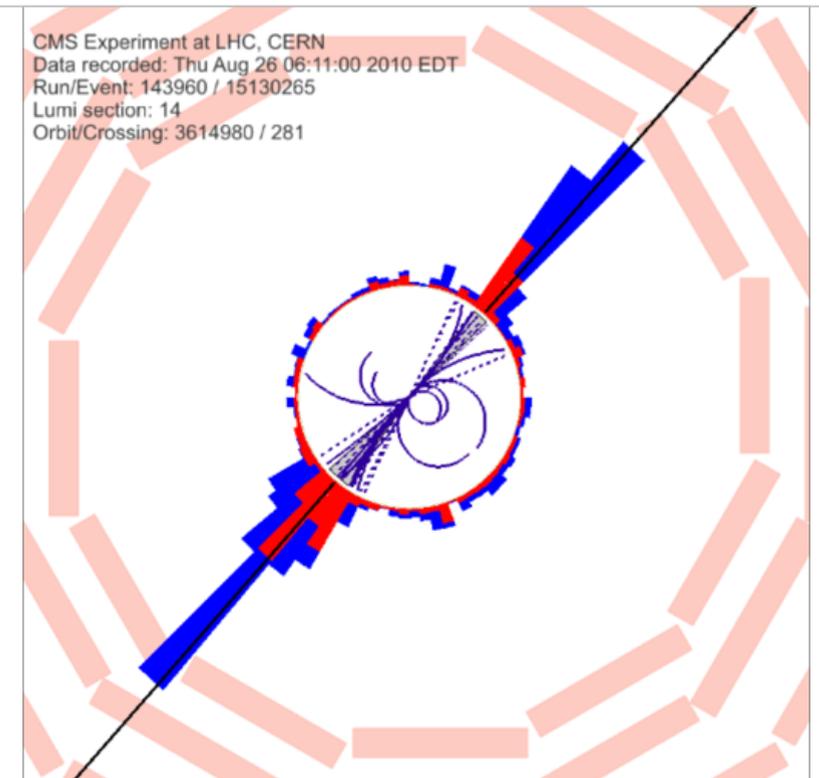
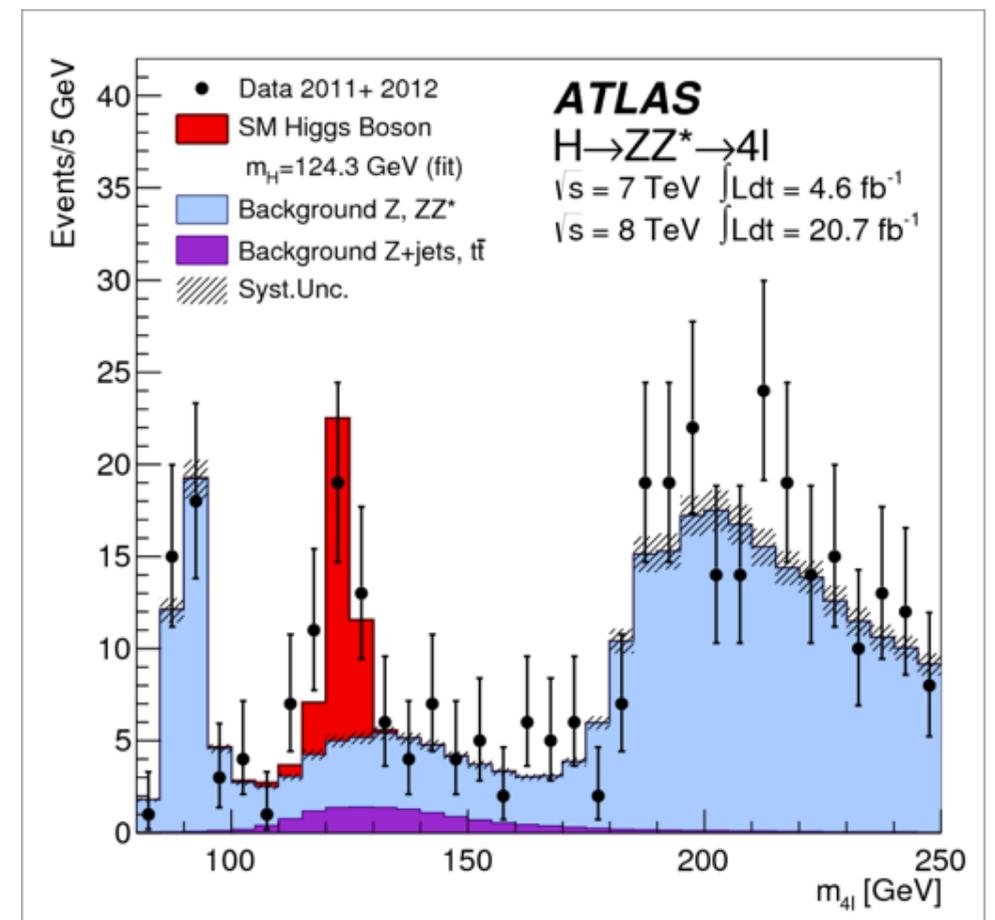
Trained 3 sets of data (20 pts/label) and performed 20 classifications/label per trained set.



# High energy physics

Classification (machine learning and SVM)  
Collaboration CERN/IBM Reserach

- > Select/identify relevant LHC events
- > Reconstruction of tracks – jets tracking



# The Future

... is quantum



Thank you for your  
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