



Quantum computing with near term devices

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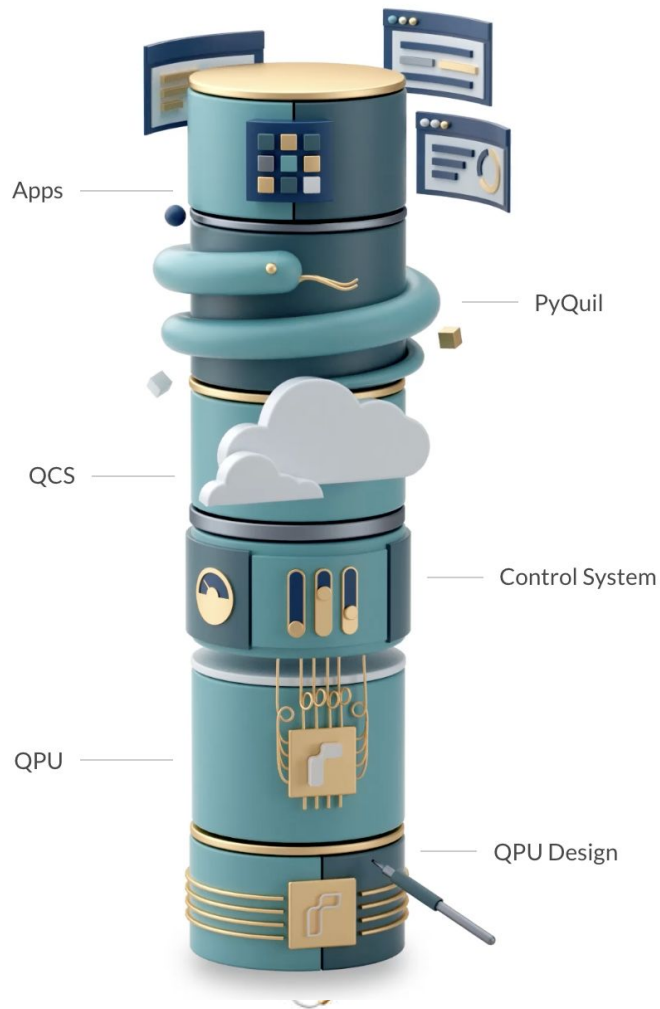
The world's first **full-stack quantum computing** company.

8-qubit and 19-qubit QPUs released on our cloud platform in 2017

100+ employees w/ \$119M raised

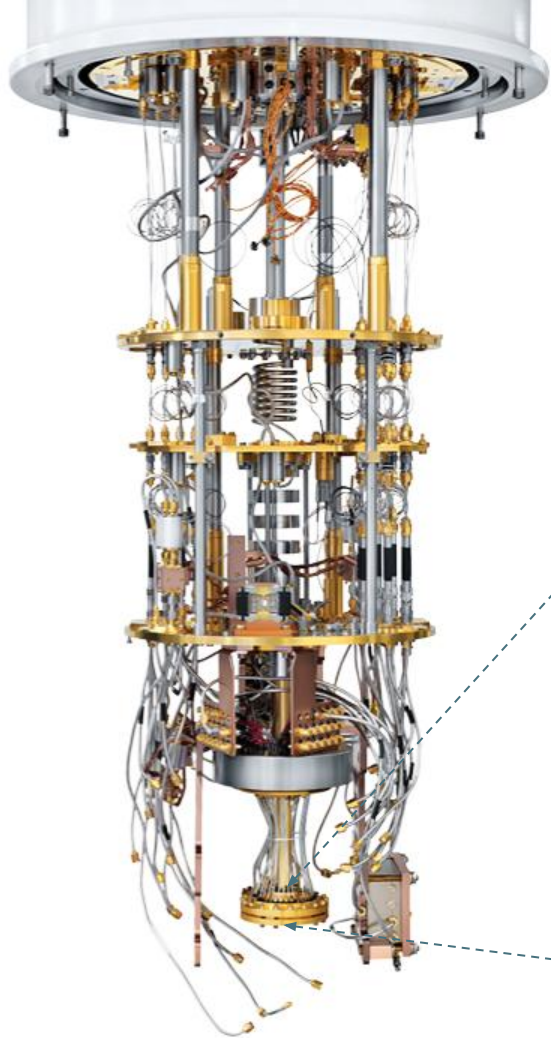
Home of Fab-1, the world's first commercial quantum integrated circuit fab

Located in Berkeley, Calif. (R&D Lab) and Fremont, Calif.





The first quantum processors are here today



- > **Superconducting processors** operating at 10mK
- > Compute w/ individual microwave photons
- > **New programming model** w/ potential for huge linear algebra
- > Need to **improve both quantum memory size and performance**



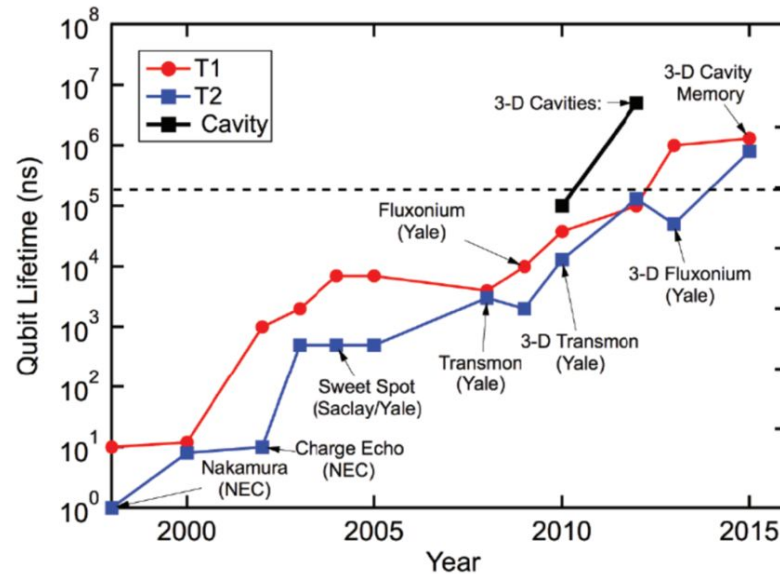
Why now?

NISQ Hardware
+
Hybrid Software

Superconducting qubits have now gotten good enough to scale



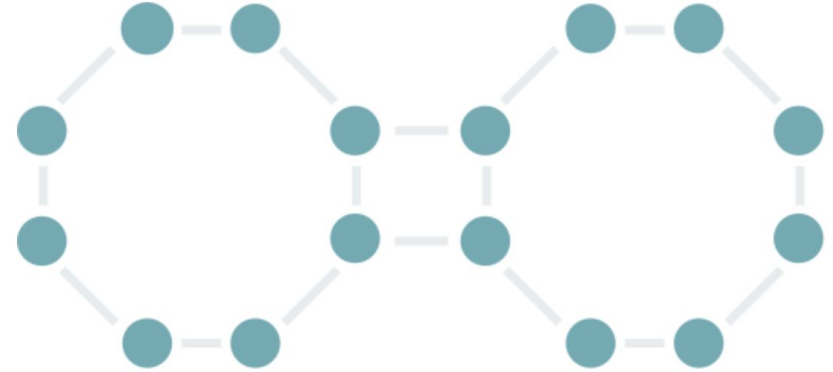
Superconducting qubit performance has increased by $> 10^6$ in the last 15 years



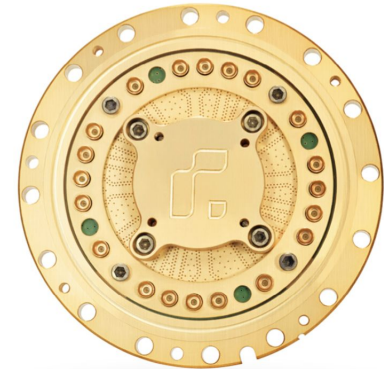
“Schoelkopf’s Law”

Towards 128Q

Rigetti is building towards a 128 qubit system by scaling out a tileable lattice of qubits.



The new 128-qubit chip is based on a scalable 16-qubit form factor.



1994

Robust hybrid algorithms can run on smaller processors

1992-4

First Quantum Algorithms w/ Exponential Speedup
(Deutsch-Jozsa, Shor's Factoring, Discrete Log, ...)

1996

First Quantum Database Search Algorithm (Grover's)

2007

Quantum Linear Equation Solving (Harrow, Hassidim, Lloyd)

2008

Quantum Algorithms for SVM's & Principal Component Analysis

2013

Practical Quantum Chemistry Algorithms (VQE)

2016

Practical Quantum Optimization Algorithms (QAOA)
Simulations on Near-term Quantum Supremacy

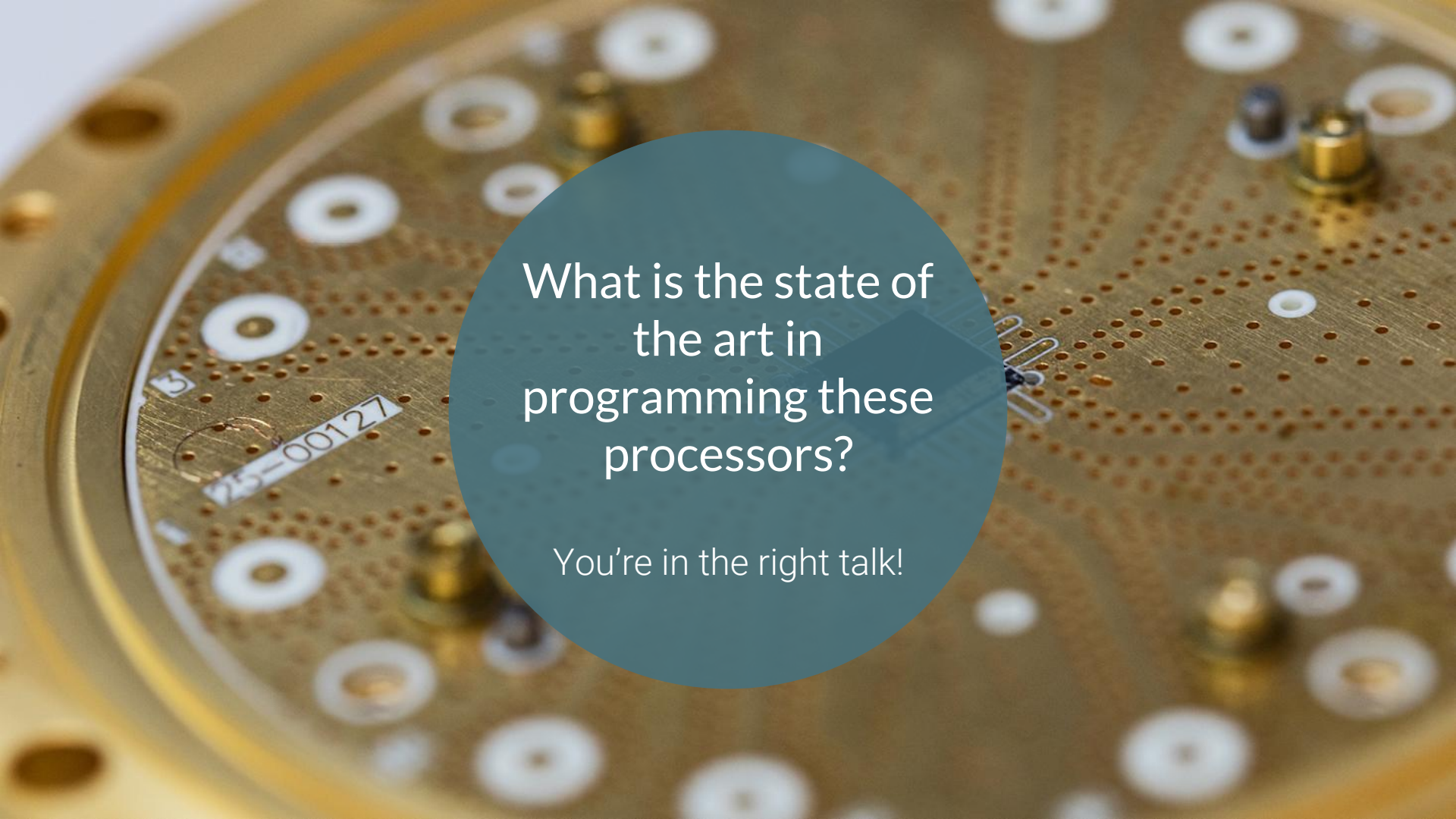
These algorithms require
Big, Perfect Quantum Computers

> **10,000,000** qubits for Shor's
algorithms
to factor a 2048 bit number

Hybrid quantum/classical algorithms

Noise Robust, empirical speedups

TODAY



What is the state of
the art in
programming these
processors?

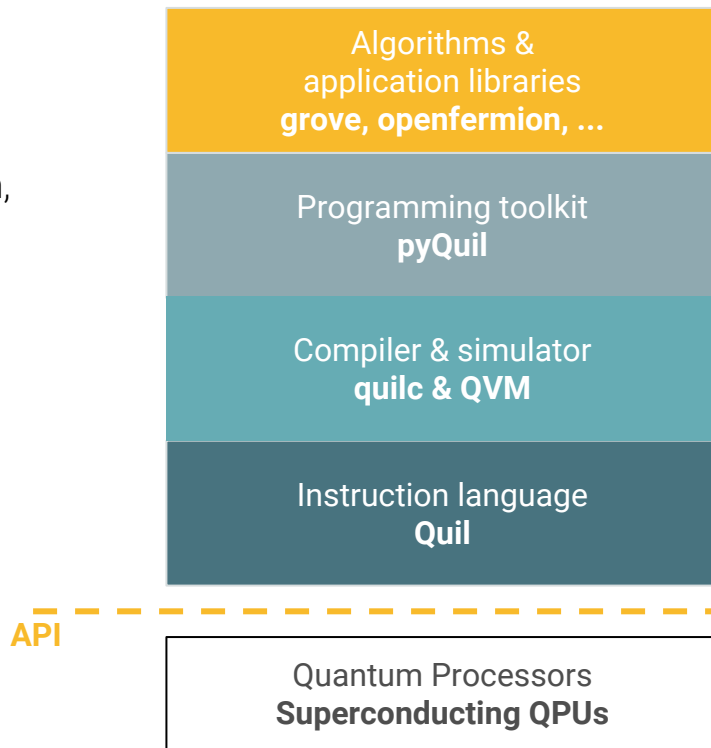
You're in the right talk!

This talk: Programming Rigetti Quantum Computers

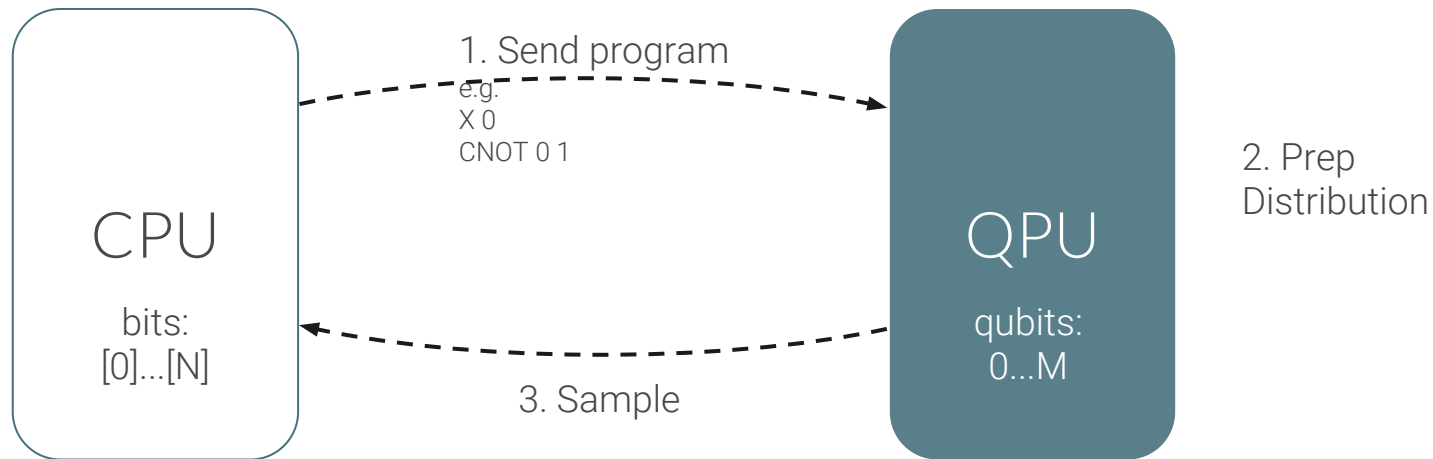


1. The Quil programming model
2. PyQuil: Wavefunction, QuantumComputer, Compilation, Binary Patching
3. What's next!

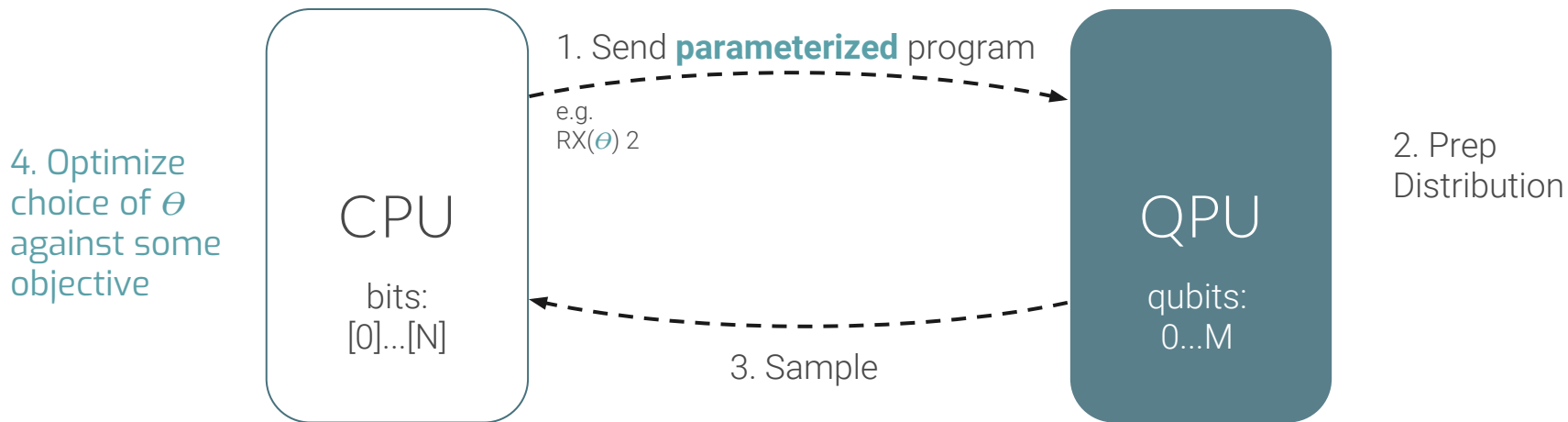
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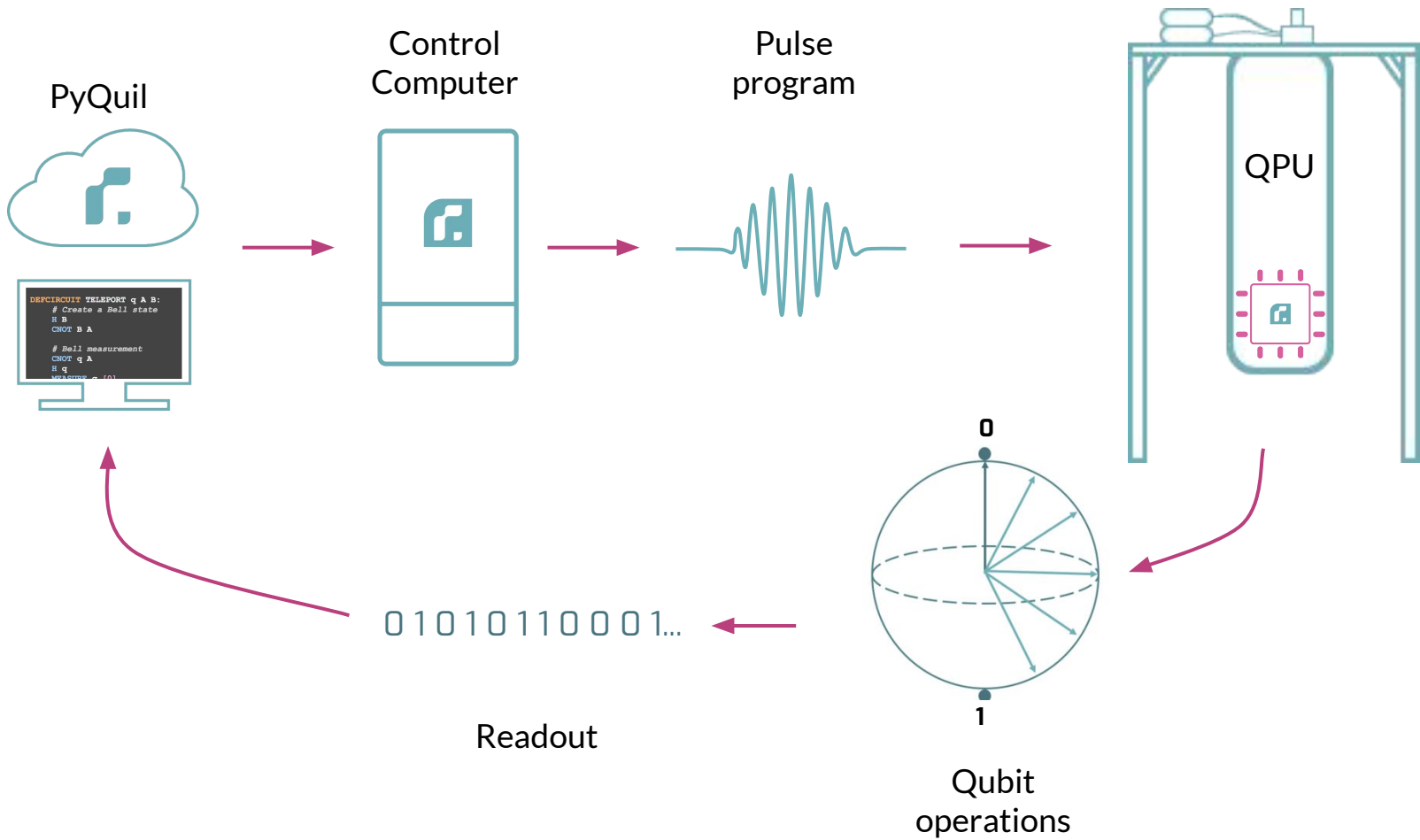


Quantum programming is preparing and sampling from complicated distributions



We parameterize and **learn** the quantum program to make it more robust





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Ψ : Quantum state (qubits) → quantum instructions

C : Classical state (bits) → classical and measurement instructions

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Quil Example

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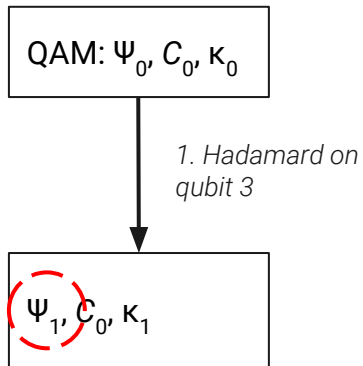
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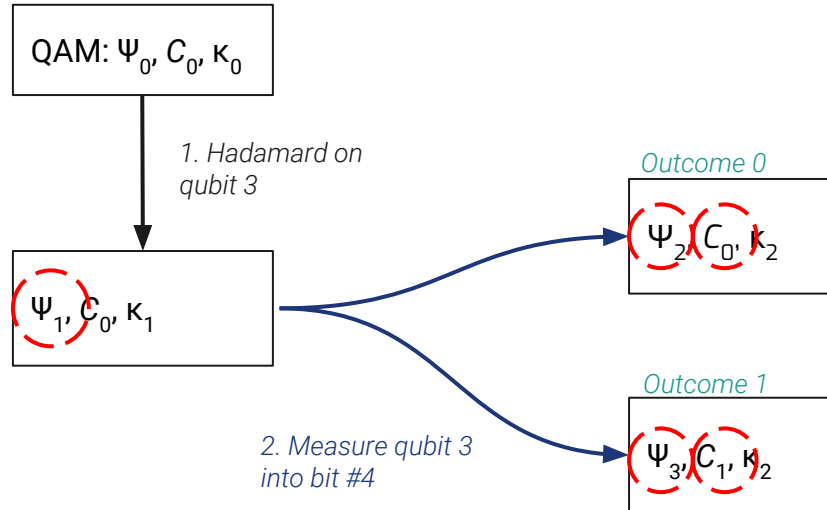
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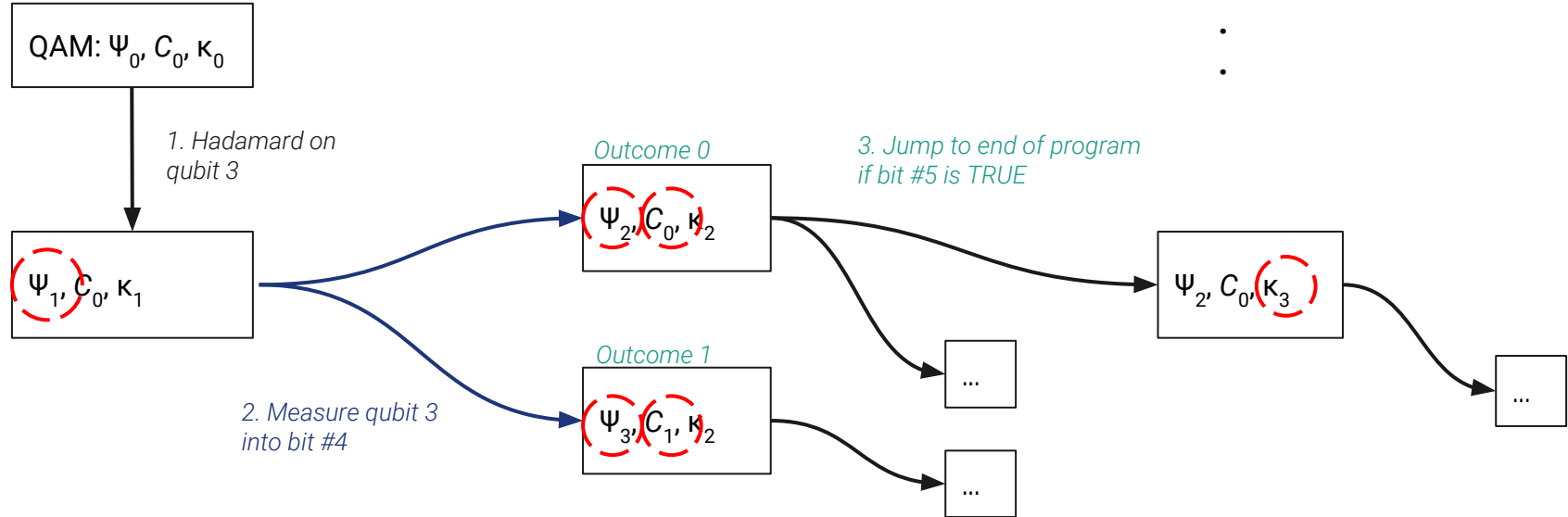
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Installation and Getting Started

Forest 2.0: Migration Guide

Programs and Gates

The Quantum Virtual Machine (QVM)

The Wavefunction Simulator

The Quil Compiler

Noise and Quantum Computation

Advanced Usage

Exercises

Source Code Documentation

Changelog

[Docs](#) » Welcome to the Docs for the Forest SDK!

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Welcome to the Docs for the Forest SDK!

The Rigetti Forest [Software Development Kit](#) includes pyQuil, the Rigetti Quil Compiler (quilc), and the Quantum Virtual Machine (qvm).

Longtime users of Rigetti Forest will notice a few changes. First, the SDK now contains a downloadable compiler and a QVM. Second, the SDK contains pyQuil 2.0, with significant updates to previous versions. As a result, programs written using previous versions of the Forest toolkit will need to be updated to pyQuil 2.0 to be compatible with the QVM or compiler.

After installing the SDK and updating pyQuil in [Installation and Getting Started](#), see [Forest 2.0: Migration Guide](#) to get caught up on what's new!

Quantum Cloud Services will provide users with a dedicated Quantum Machine Image, which will come prepackaged with the Forest SDK. We're releasing a Preview to the Forest SDK now, so





pyQuil is:

1. A library with functions to easily generate quil programs
2. Interface to quilc & the QVM.
3. Contains a circuit simulator
4. Objects for controlling execution of quil programs: QPU or QVM.

Main Objects

QuantumComputer

QPU or Simulator
Compilation mode
Noise modeling for simulator

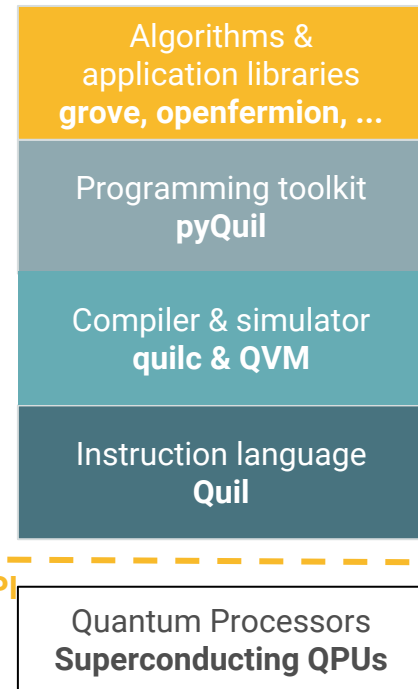
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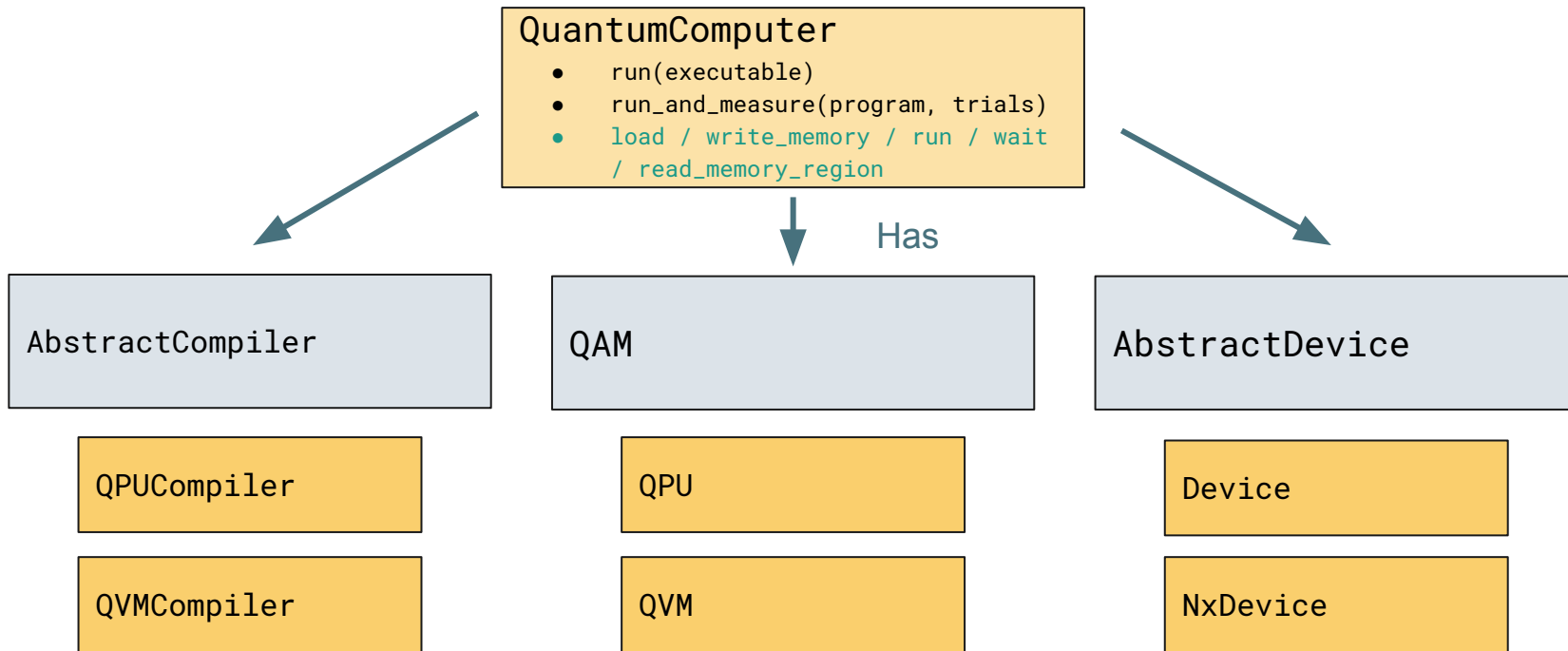
Gates
Generators of Gates (PauliTerm)
Composition

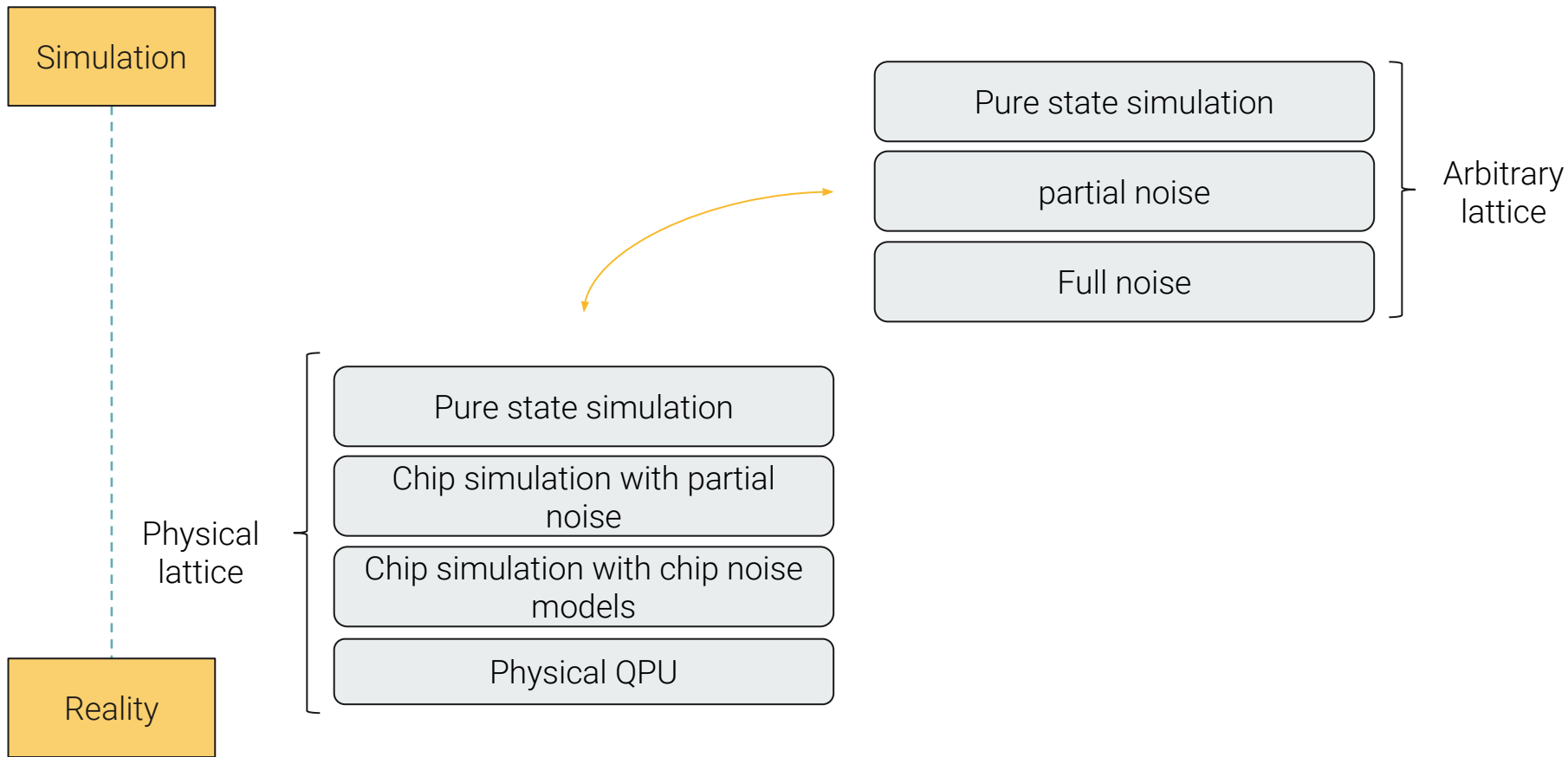
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Getting information about Live Chips

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Simulation

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from pyquil.gates import *
from pyquil.api import WavefunctionSimulator

def ghz_state(qubits):
    """Create a GHZ state on the given list of qubits by applying a Hadamard gate to the
    first qubit followed by a chain of CNOTs
    """
    program = Program()
    program += H(qubits[0])
    for q1, q2 in zip(qubits, qubits[1:]):
        program += CNOT(q1, q2)
    return program

program = ghz_state(qubits=[0, 1, 2])
print(program)

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```
from pyquil import get_qc

qc = get_qc('3q-qvm') # 3-qubit qvm (fully connected lattice of qubits)

qc = get_qc('20q-qvm') # 20-qubit qvm (fully connected lattice of qubits)

qc = get_qc('20q-noisy-qvm') # 20-qubit qvm (fully connected lattice of qubits)

qc = get_qc('Aspen-xxx-noisy-qvm') # Aspen topology simulated with chip noise

qc = get_qc('aspen-xx') # runs on the QPU
```

Reality

Simulation

```
# NxDevice takes a networkx graph as the topology
fully_connected_device = NxDevice(topology=nx.complete_graph(n_qubits))

# generates gate objects with specifications of noise
gates = gates_in_isa(fully_connected_device.get_isa())

# only implement measurement noise
noise_model = _decoherence_noise_model(gates, T1=np.infty, T2=np.infty,
                                       gate_time_1q=0, gate_time_2q=0,
                                       ro_fidelity=q0_p00)

# construct QC object with customized everything!
qc = QuantumComputer(name='2q-qvm',
                    qam=QVM(connection=ForestConnection(),
                           noise_model=noise_model),
                    compiler=MyCompiler(),
                    device=fully_connected_device)
```

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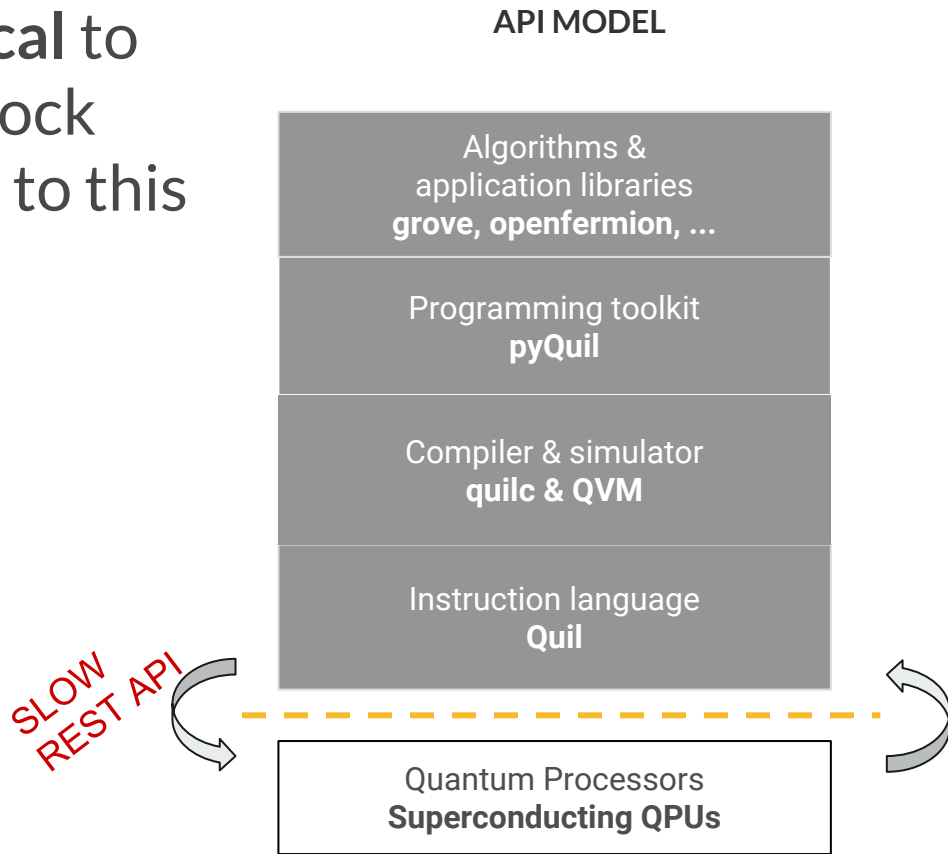
What's next?

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Job to Job latency is critical to hybrid algorithms. Wall clock time is often proportional to this latency.

How can this be reduced?





Rigetti Quantum Cloud Services

No install access to dedicated Quantum Machine Images

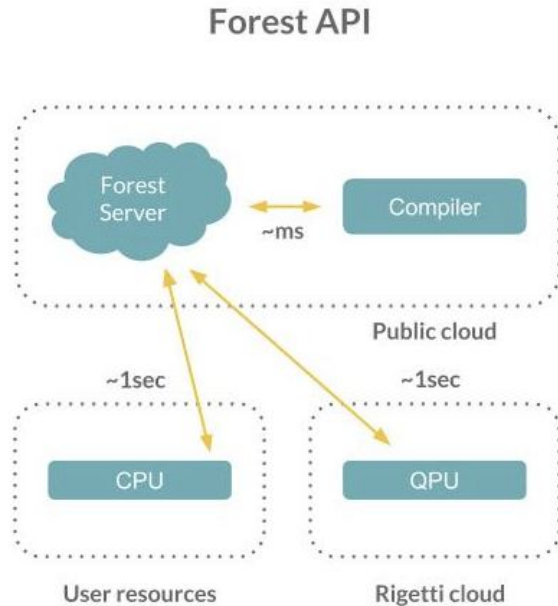
Open source, Python SDK

Fast hybrid programming

Signup for beta access at rigetti.com/qcs

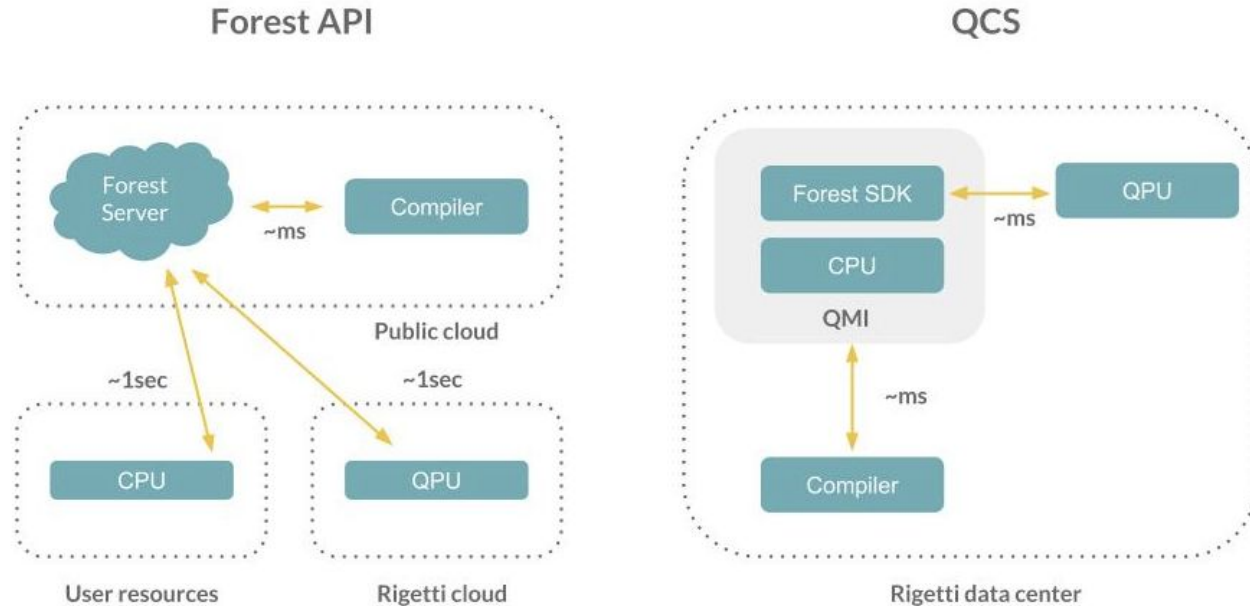
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Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

[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

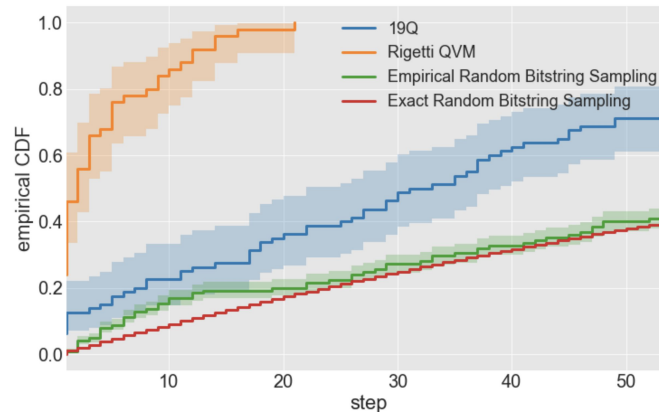
Clustering

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())

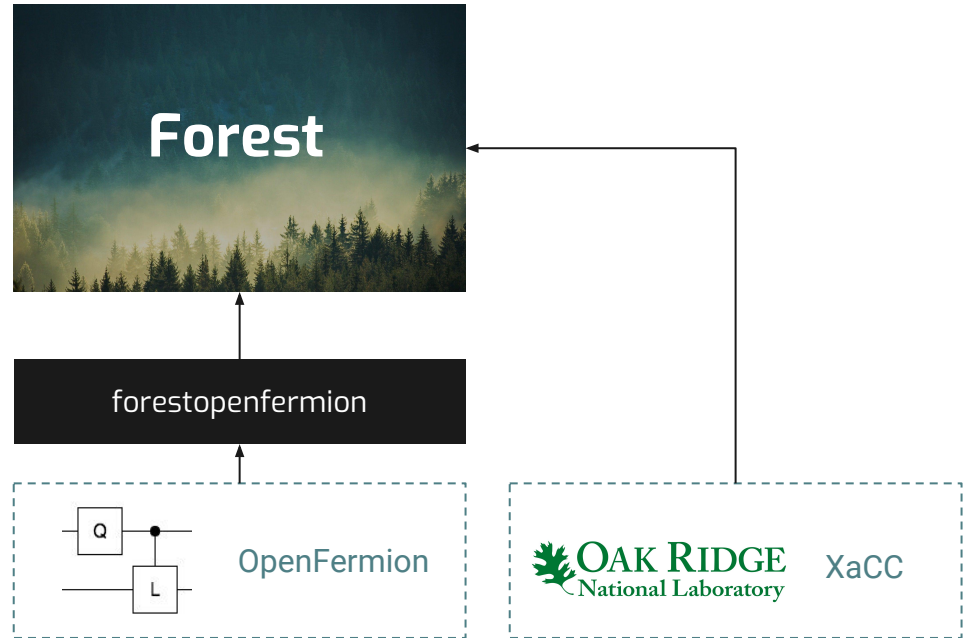
program = init_state_prog + qaoa_ansatz([0., 0.5], [0.75, 1.])

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**

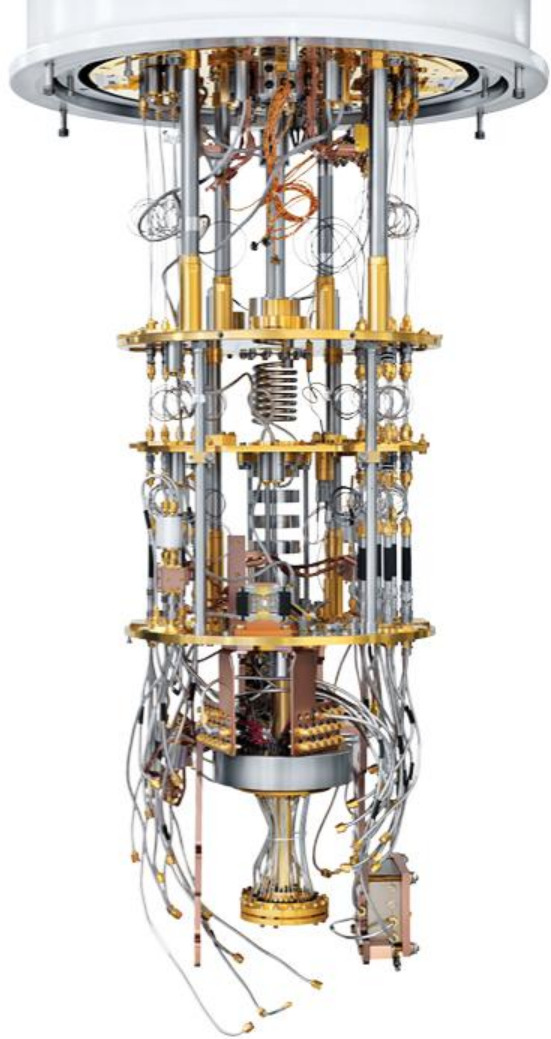


Unitary Fund

\$2k grants no-strings attached for open source
quantum/classical hybrid programming



<http://unitary.fund>



\$1M Quantum Advantage Prize

Using Rigetti QCS to solve valuable a business problem **better**, **faster**, or **cheaper** than otherwise possible.

More details online.



Links

QCS signup: <https://www.rigetti.com/>

Forest SDK: <https://www.rigetti.com/forest>

Documentation: <https://www.pyquil.readthedocs.io>