



Quantum Computing

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Outline

Introduction – quantum logic and information processing

Quantum search 101 – the QUIL system

Quantum error correction and scale-up

Quantum factoring, HPC simulations

Emerging quantum computers, “supremacy”

IBM Q Hub @ UoM – research highlights

Quantum computing and HEP



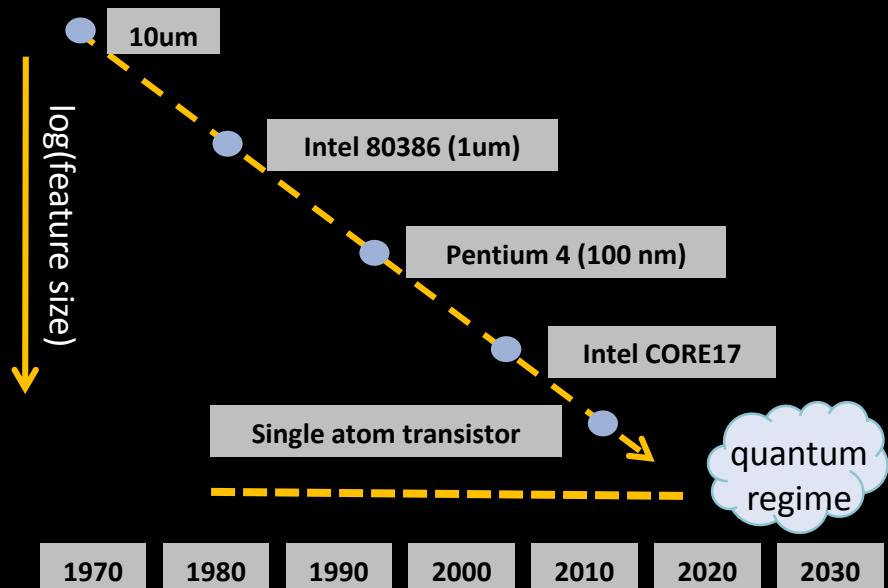
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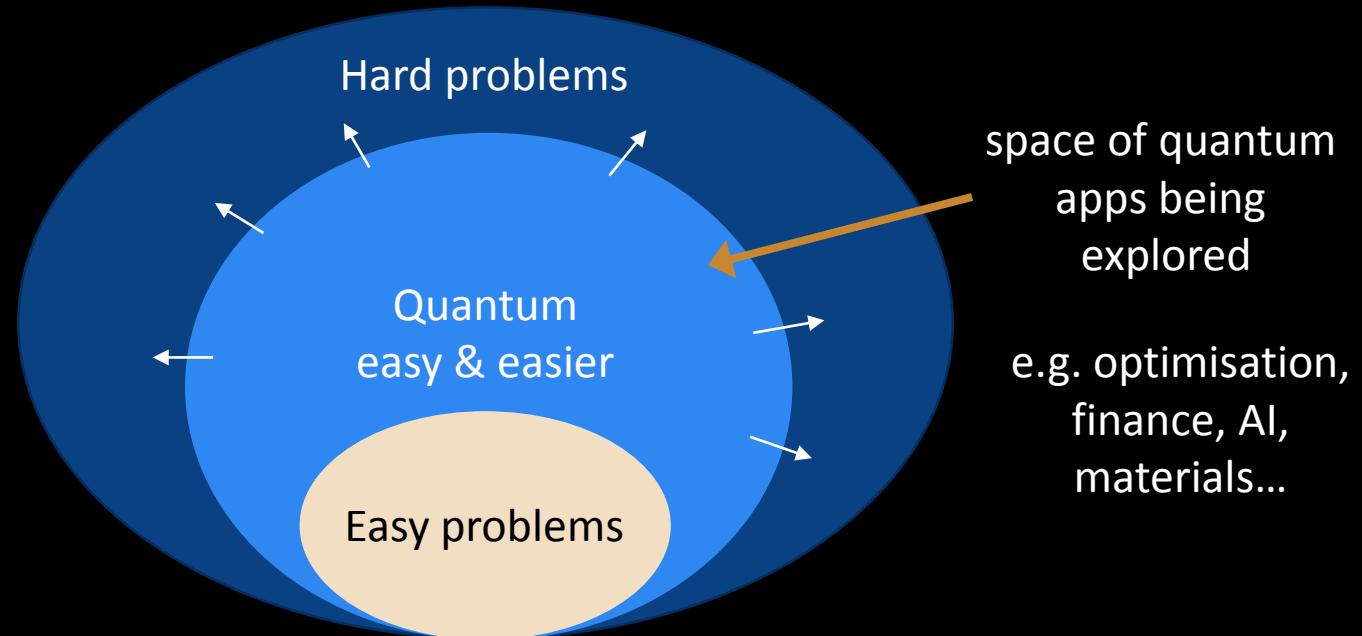
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Quantum computing: drivers

Hard problems: generally scale poorly with (classical) CPU resources, technology plateau (Moore's Law final gasp)



Conventional transistor miniaturization
...the end of Moore's Law is nigh



Quantum computers based on the laws of quantum mechanics circumvent limitations of classical information processing



Quantum information...the important bits

Quantum superposition – multiple possibilities existing at the same time



Quantum measurement – collapse to one possibility when "observed"



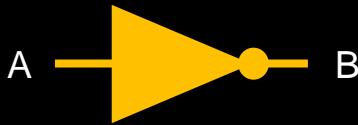
Quantum entanglement – observation of one part affects another part

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

Quantum logic

Classical logic: bit by bit

Classical NOT gate



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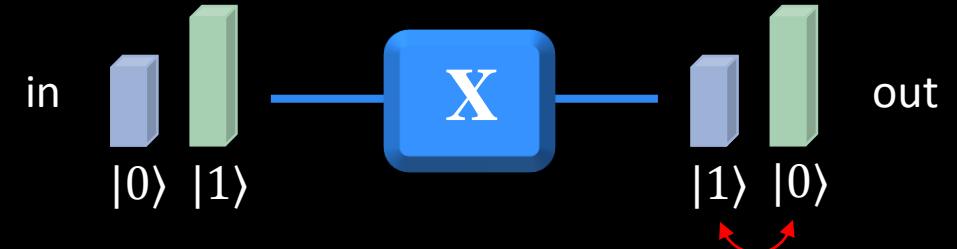
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Quantum NOT gate → both bits flipped at same time



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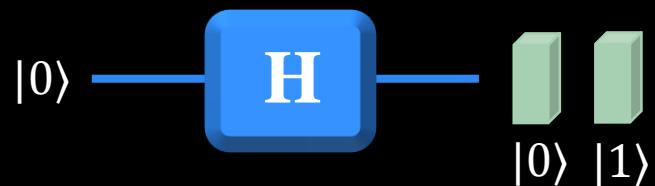
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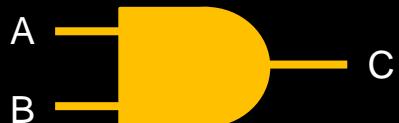
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Quantum logic

Quantum Hadamard gate → create superpositions

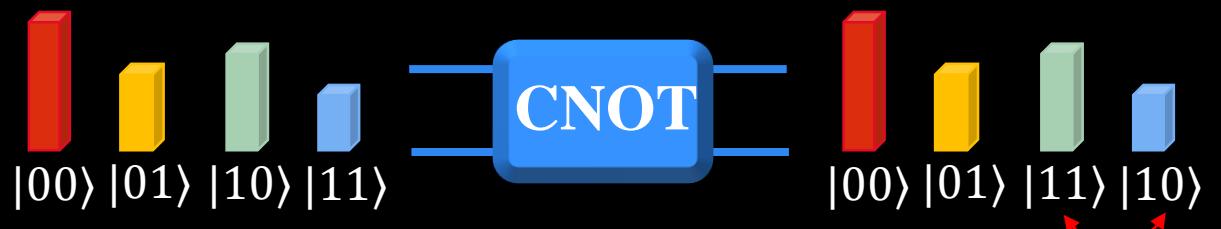


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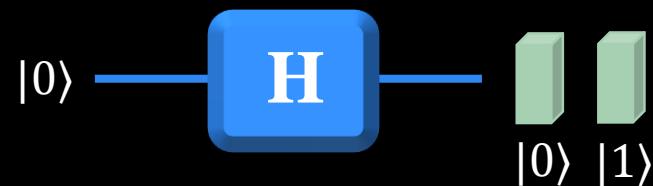
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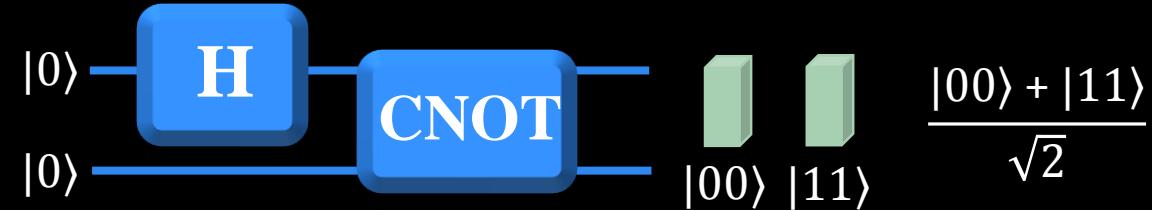
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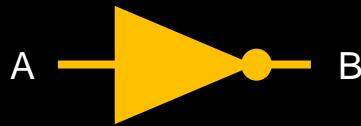


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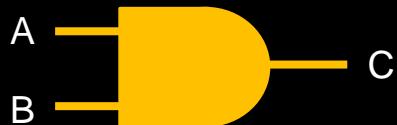
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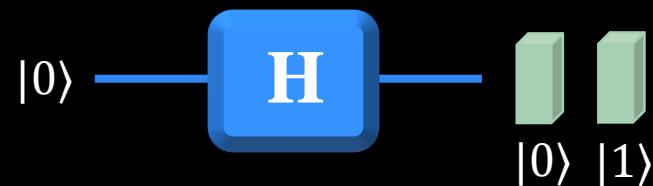
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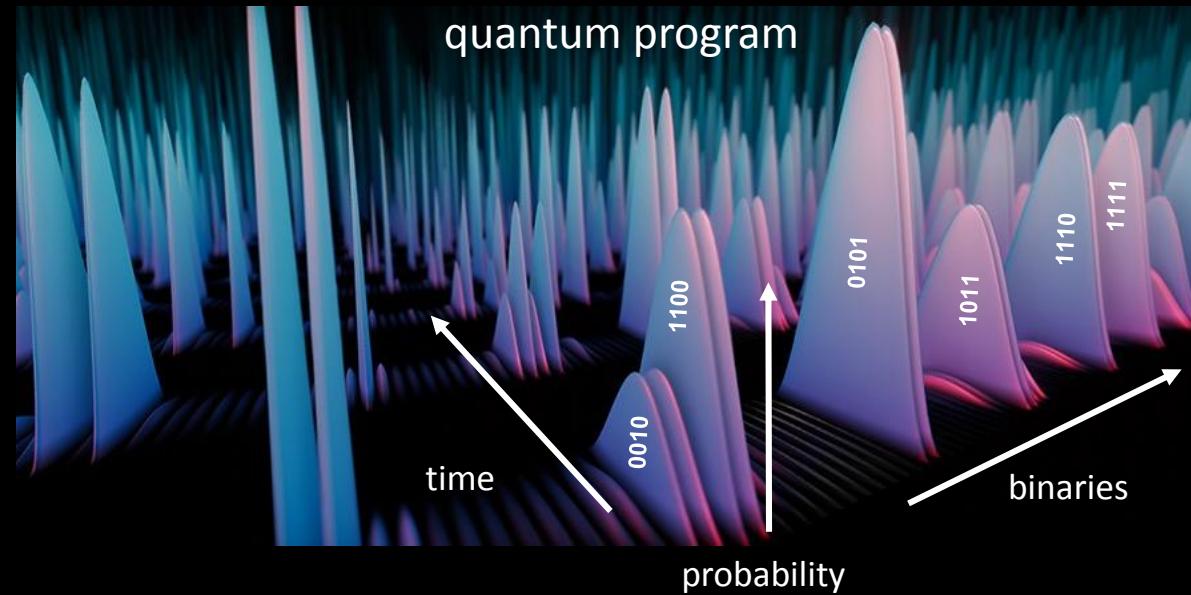
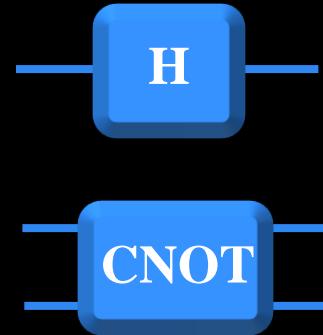


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Quantum information processing

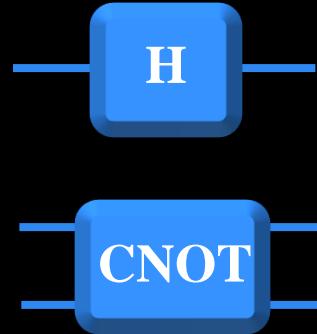
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- complex entangled states created → binary data are quantum “linked”
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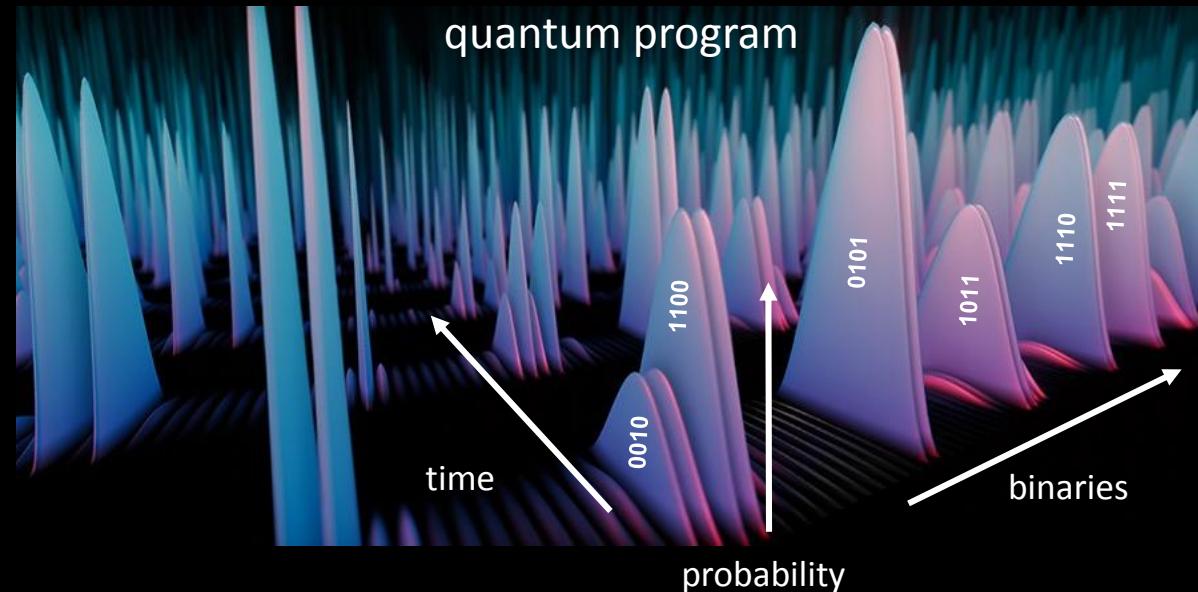


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quantum superposition



probability

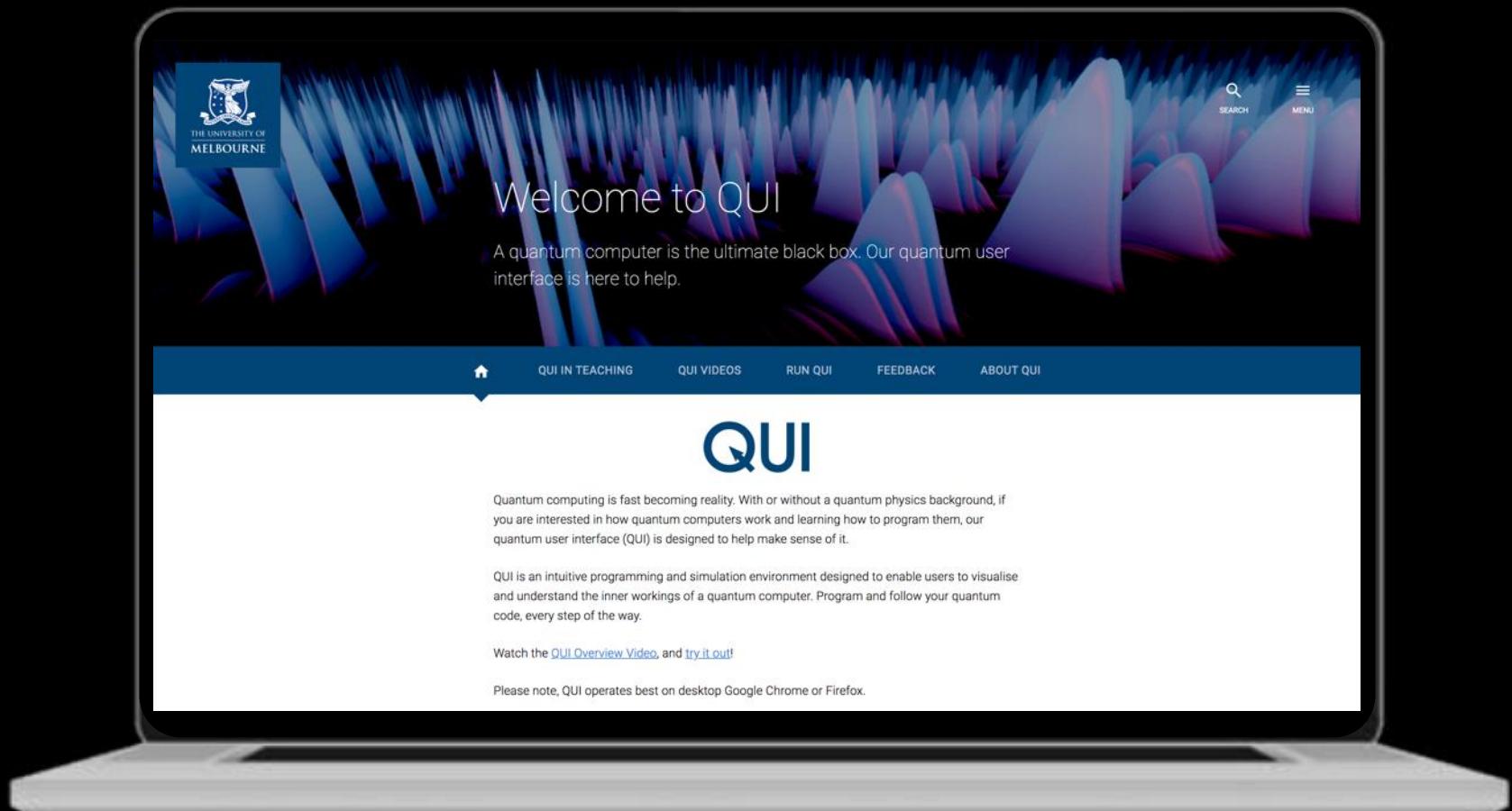
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read-out



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Quantum search 101 – needle in a haystack

Problem: alphabetical phone book, given a number find the name...

Classical: N entries \rightarrow on average $\sim N/2$ tries (look-ups).

Quantum: Quantum search (“Grover’s algorithm”) $\sim \sqrt{N}$ tries

Example: imagine our data-base (the phone book) is all eight 3-bit numbers \rightarrow search on one entry (say the number 5 = 101)

“Database” in superposition:

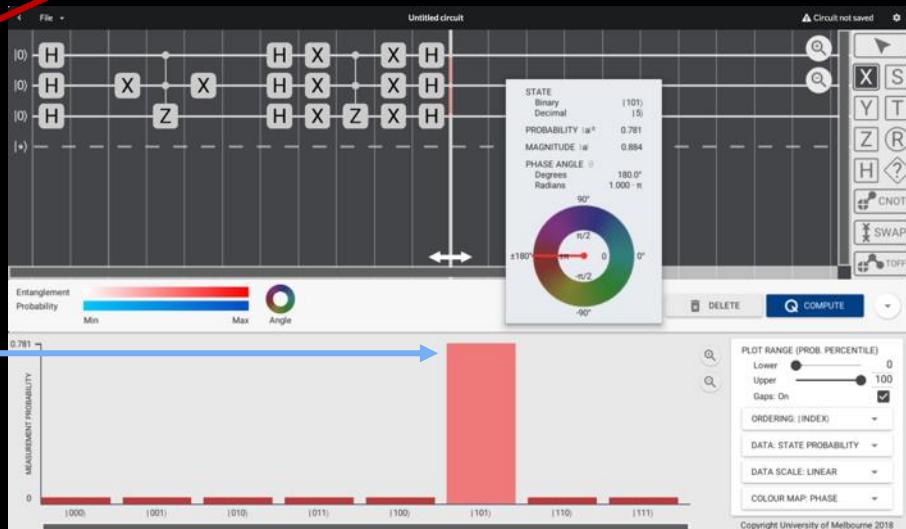
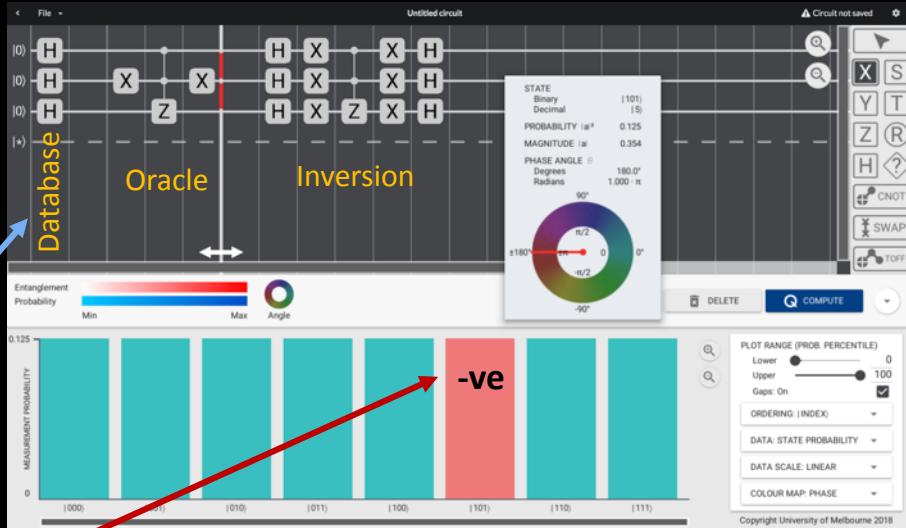
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“Oracle” marks 101 state:

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“Inversion” amplifies probability of the marked 101 state.

Quantum search algorithm manipulates the amplitudes so that the probability of the result is amplified – i.e. magnifies the needle...



Quantum error correction and scale-up

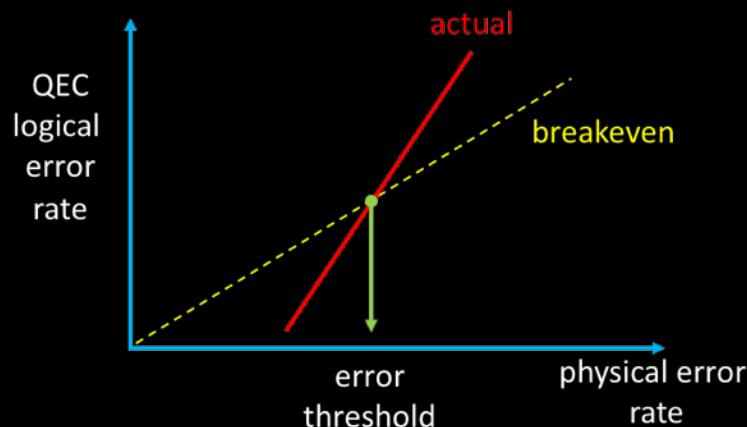
Quantum logic is extremely vulnerable to decoherence and control errors...

Essential dilemma:

How do you correct if measurement collapses state?

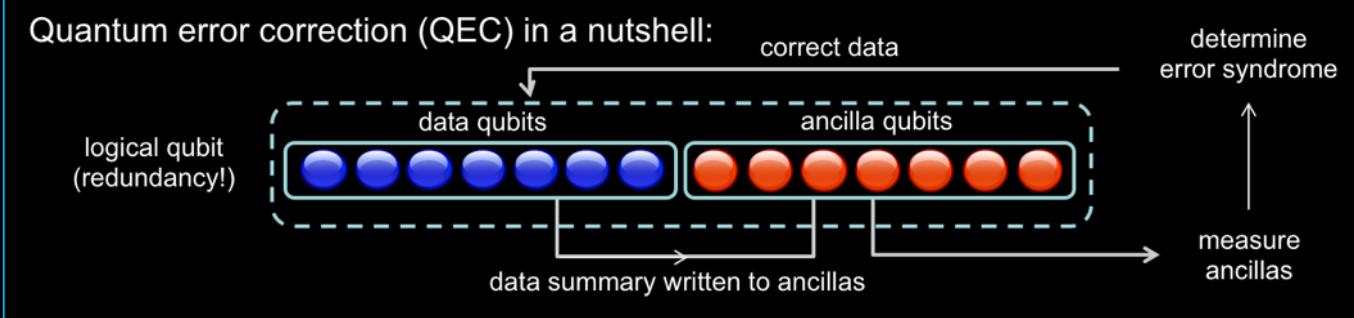
Quantum Error Correction!

Redundancy & gates → more errors
→ error threshold



1D: QEC threshold ~ 10^{-7} (Skopek 2007)

2D: QEC threshold ~ 10^{-5} (Svore et al 2005)



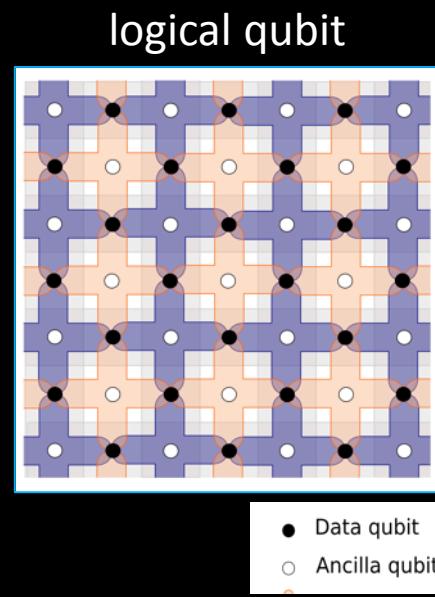
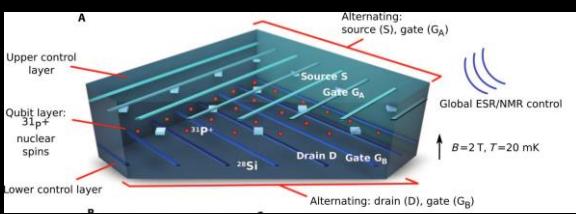
Topological QEC on 2D array (surface code)

Kitaev 1997, Raussendorf/Harrington 2007

Threshold >1% (Wang et al 2011)

TQEC is a game changer, but still 1000's of physical qubits per logical qubit

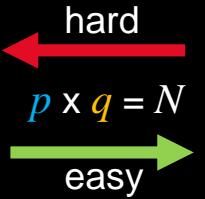
2D architectures:
(e.g. Hill, LH et al
Sci Adv. 2015)





Quantum factoring algorithm (Shor)

The quintessential example:
semi-prime factoring...



Kleinjung et al
(2009): RSA768
1,500 core-yrs

$$N[\text{RSA-768}] = 1230186684530117755130494958384962720772853569595334792197 \\ 3224521517264005072636575187452021997864693899564749427740 \\ 638459251925573263034537315482685079170261221429134616704 \\ 29214311602221240479274737794080665351419597459856902143413 = p \times q$$

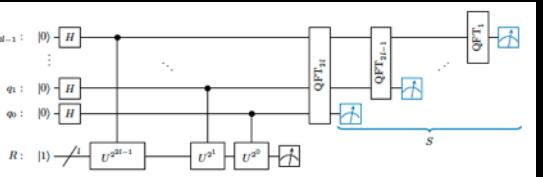
$$p = 334780716989568987860441698482126908177047949837137685689124313889 \\ 82883793878002287614711652531743087737814467999489$$

$$q = 367460436667995904282446337996279526322791581643430876426760322838 \\ 15739666511279233373417143396810270092798736308917$$



Digicert (SSL): to crack 2048 bit key \rightarrow (>age of Universe) core-yrs

Shor's quantum factoring algorithm \rightarrow "quantum easy"



QC: 2048 bit case \rightarrow thousands of logical qubits (& QEC) \rightarrow c. 10m physical qubits

Quantum Advantage: some years before QC outperforms HPC on RSA problems...meanwhile:

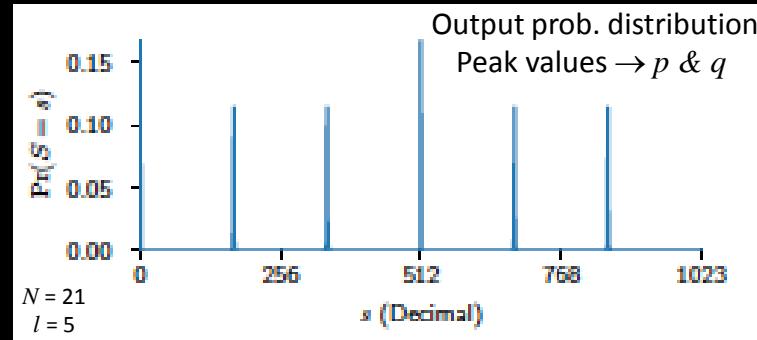
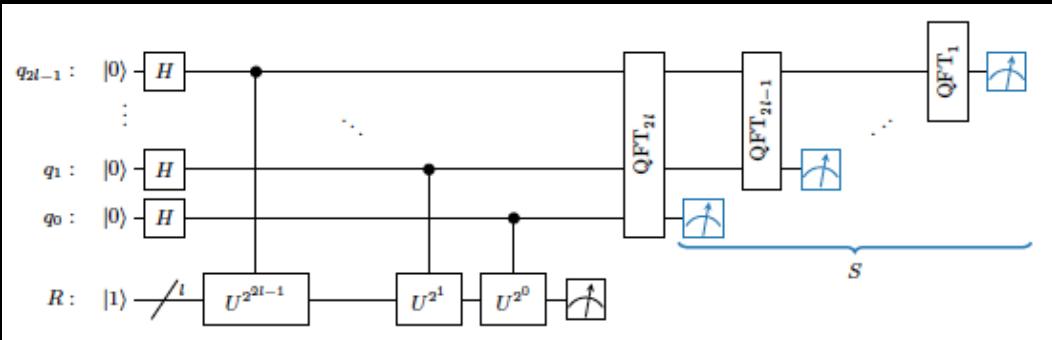
Post-quantum Cryptography

Impact of full-scale QC on current and future crypto-systems (e.g. RSA) \rightarrow high
 \rightarrow NIST Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization project



Classical simulations of quantum circuits

Shor's quantum factoring algorithm for a l -bit semi-prime, $N = p \times q$:

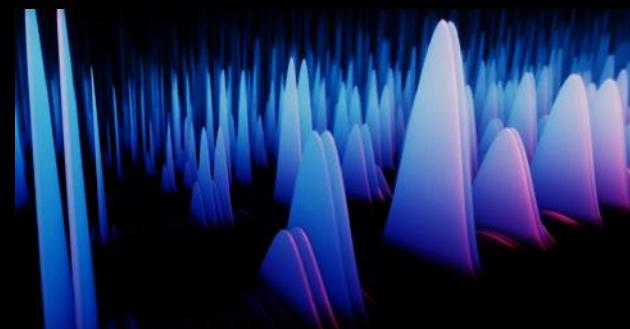


Challenge: sample from the distribution $P(s)$ by simulating $3l$ qubit circuit output

Hilbert space dimension: $3l$ qubits $\rightarrow 2^{3l}$ complex amplitudes (i.e. $2^{3l} \times 2 \times 8$ bytes)

Our method: Matrix Product State (MPS)...storage \sim entanglement

- Simulated up to **60 qubits**: $N = 961,307$, $l = 20$
- MPS actual: 5184 cores, 13.8 TB, 8h (Pawsey HPC Centre)



Aidan Dang et al
Quantum 3 116 (2019)

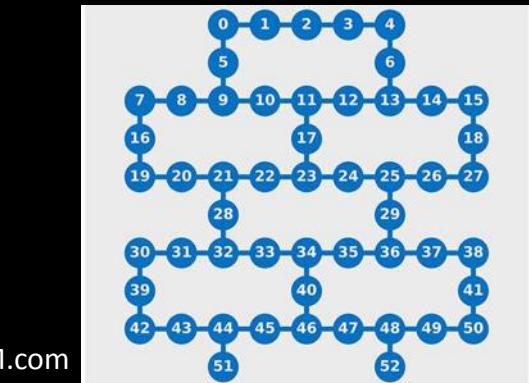
NB: Full Hilbert space for 60 qubits: 18 exabytes \rightarrow Shor's algorithm is very frugal with entanglement...

Meanwhile: quantum computers emerge

2016: IBM provides cloud access to QC hardware, programming interface

2017: IBM Network Q

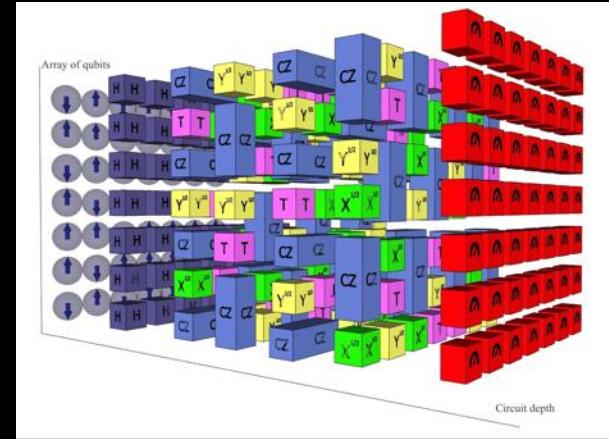
Major players: Rigetti, Google, IonQ, Microsoft, Intel, D-Wave,...



2019: “System One” IBM state-of-the-art

Stand-alone QC systems (20 → 53 qubits), fully programmable

Nov 5 2019: Qiskit software stack supports access to AQT ion-trap QC



Google.com: quantum circuit sampler machine

“Quantum supremacy”

- 54-1 qubits beat HPC for simulating QC circuits (Google)
- 200 sec (QC) v s. 10,000 yrs (HPC) [Nature Oct 23 2019]

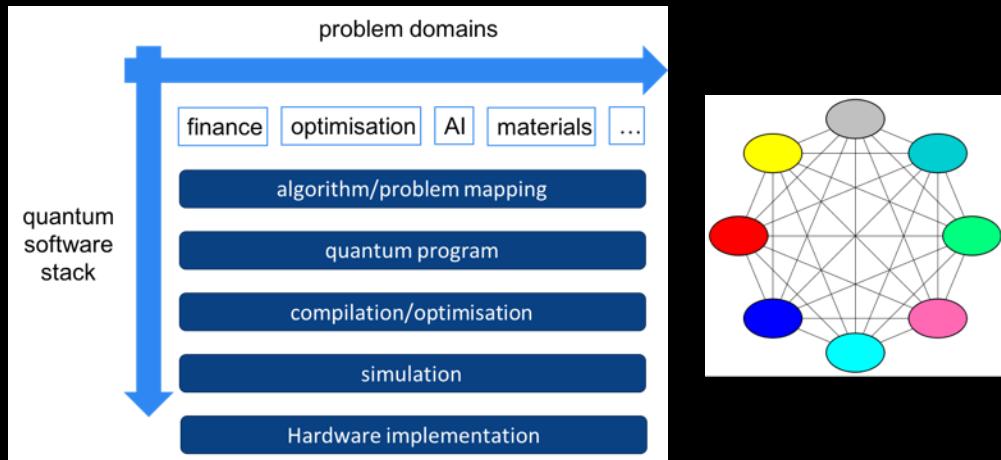
IBM: more like 2.5 days on HPC [arXiv:1910.09534]

Big goal: “Quantum advantage”

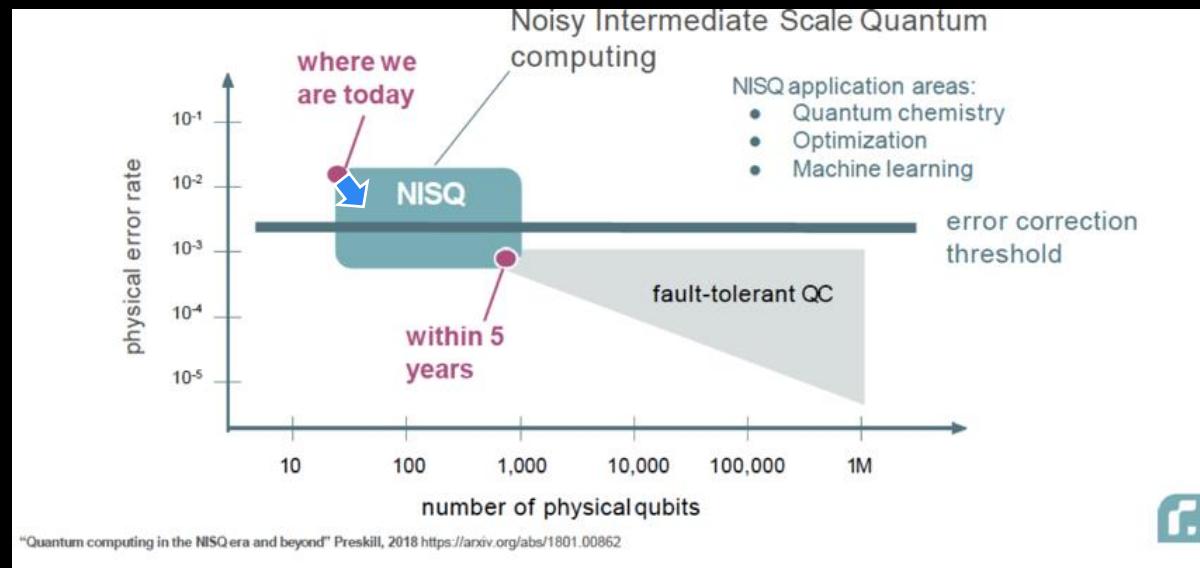
- beat HPC on a useful problem (if/when?)

Quantum algorithms and applications: NISQ era

Quantum algorithms exist for a range of problems:
optimisation, sampling, system simulation...



NISQ: Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (Preskill)



New era, old strategy: adapt quantum algorithm to purpose...

e.g. quantum search
algorithm
→ bioinformatics
(2000)



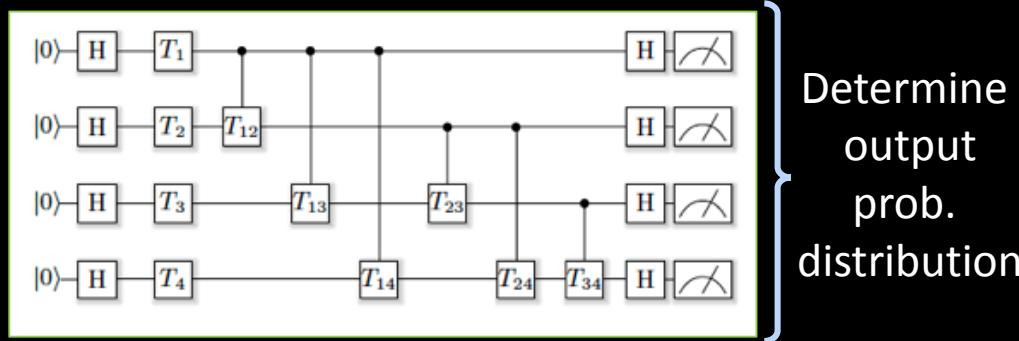
Key question: quantum advantage in NISQ era?

NISQ: instead of “big data”, think “big models”...

→ applications in HEP...

Effect of quantum logic gate errors: simulations

Instantaneous Quantum Polynomial circuits:



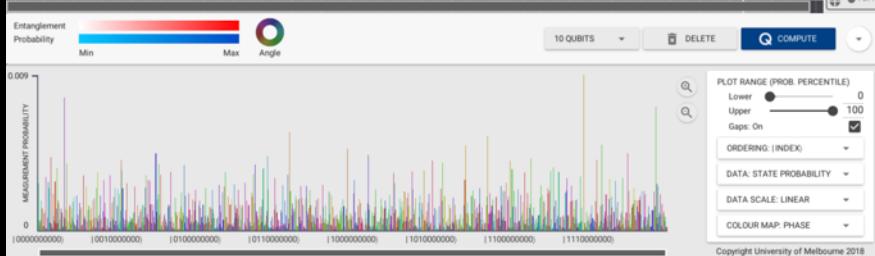
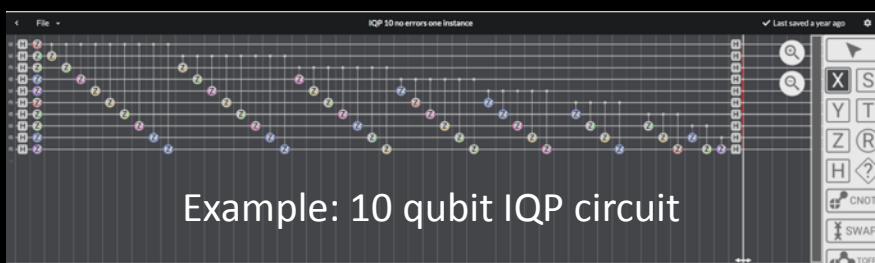
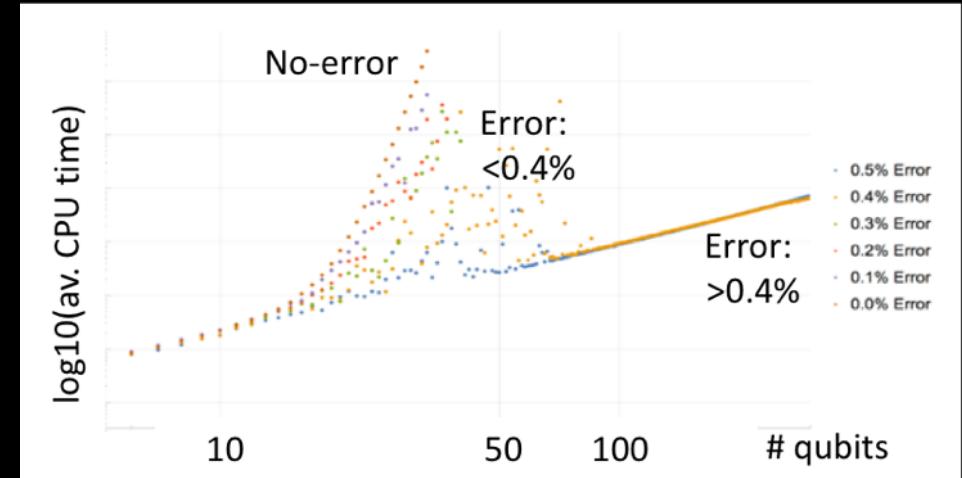
Semi-random phase gates

$$T_m = \exp\left(i \frac{k_m \pi}{8} Z_m\right)$$

$$T_{mn} = \exp\left(i \frac{k_{mn} \pi}{8} Z_m Z_n\right)$$



C. Hill,
M. Bremner, LH
2018/19



MPS simulations (Pawsey Supercomputer Centre)
(Z-errors, qubit reduction technique)

Results: evidence for cross-over at ~ 0.4% gate error rate
Specific to IQP, but possibly indicative for phase intensive calculations
(and close to where hardware is at...)



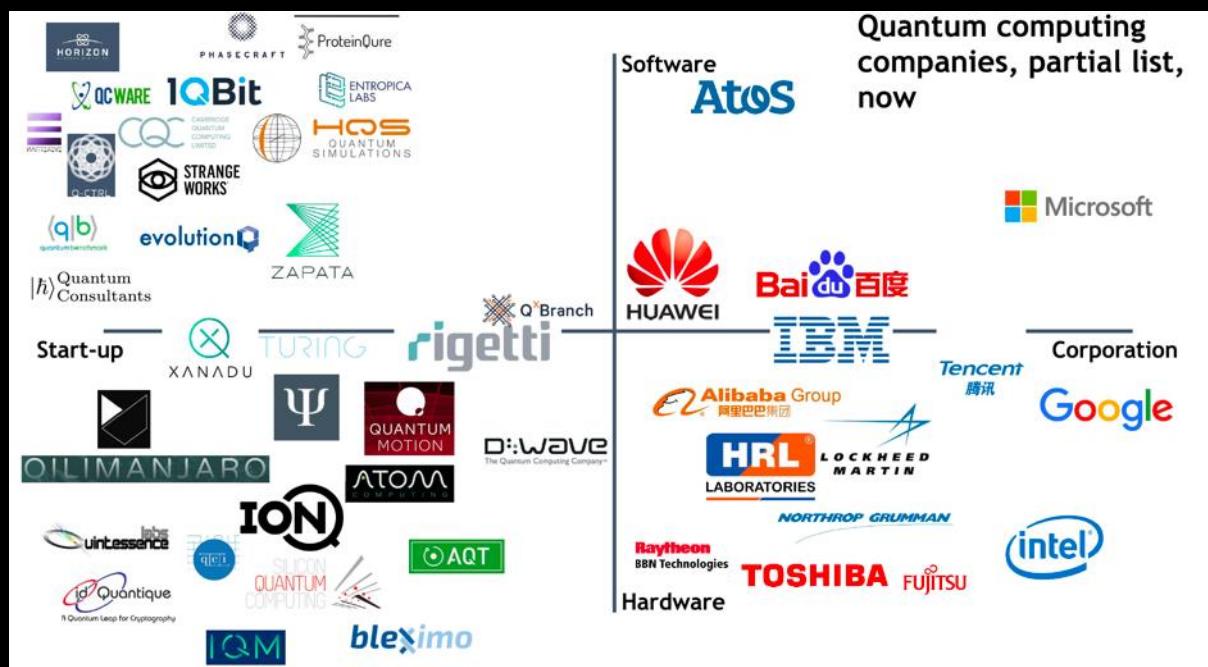
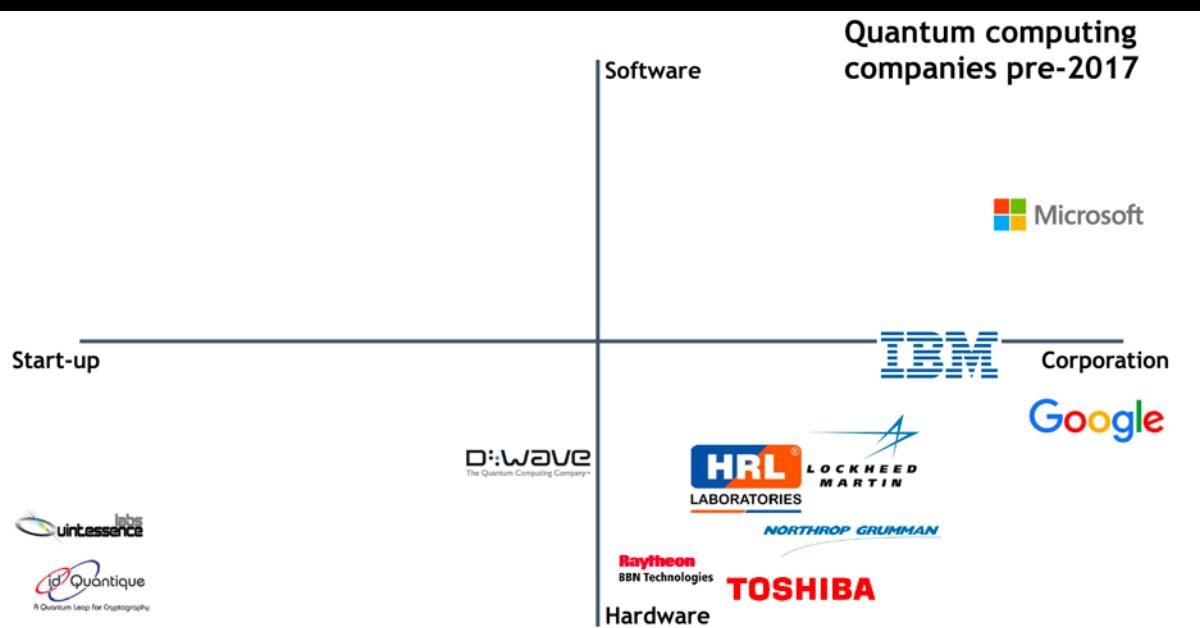
How fast are things moving?

Quantum computing literature:

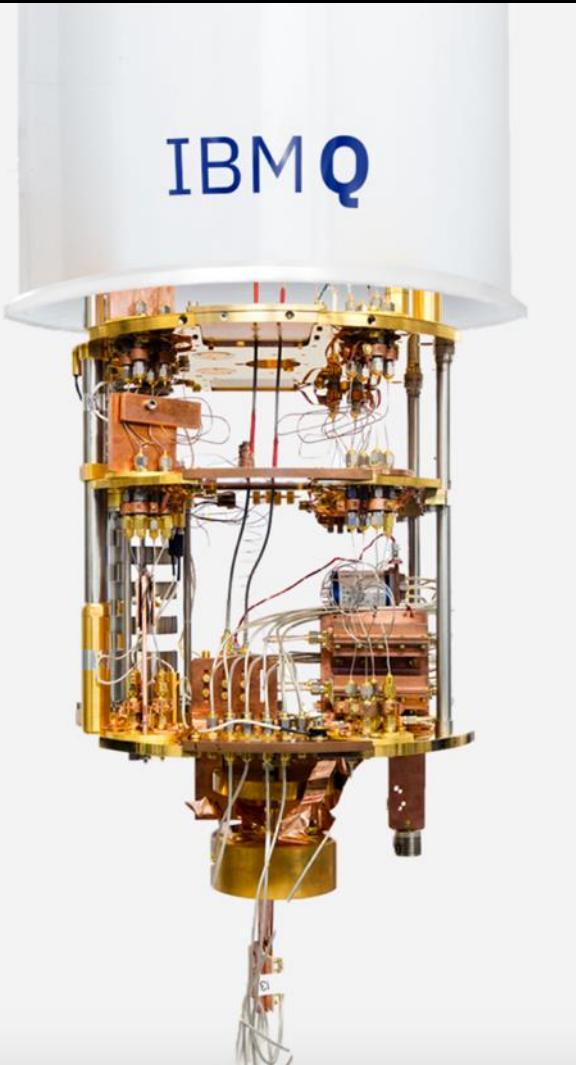
Journal club – no longer 1-2 papers/week, now deal with c.50 new/interesting abstracts per week...



Start-up status: pre-2017 and present (courtesy S. Devitt)



The IBM Q Network launched in Dec 2017...



Accelerate Research

Launch Commercial Applications

Educate and Prepare

IBM Q Network

- 77 members
- 7 industry partners
- 9 hubs
- 16 members
- 19 startups
- 26 academic partners

Industry Partners	Hubs	Members	Startups	Academic Partners
ExxonMobil	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Barclays	QC Ware	MIT
JP Morgan Chase & Co.	Keio University	Mizuho	Grid	EDX.org
Samsung	NC State University	MUFG	Quemix	Virginia Tech
Daimler	The University of Melbourne	Mitsubishi Chemical	CQC	U. Montpellier
JSR Corporation	University of Oxford	Argonne Lab	IQBit	Notre Dame
Accenture	University of Bundeswehr Munich	Fermilab	Zapata	Harvard
US Air Force Research Lab	National Taiwan University	Berkeley Lab	Strange Works	Princeton
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			Netramark	NYU
			Entropica	Wits
			Boxcat	Aalto University
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Industry engagement

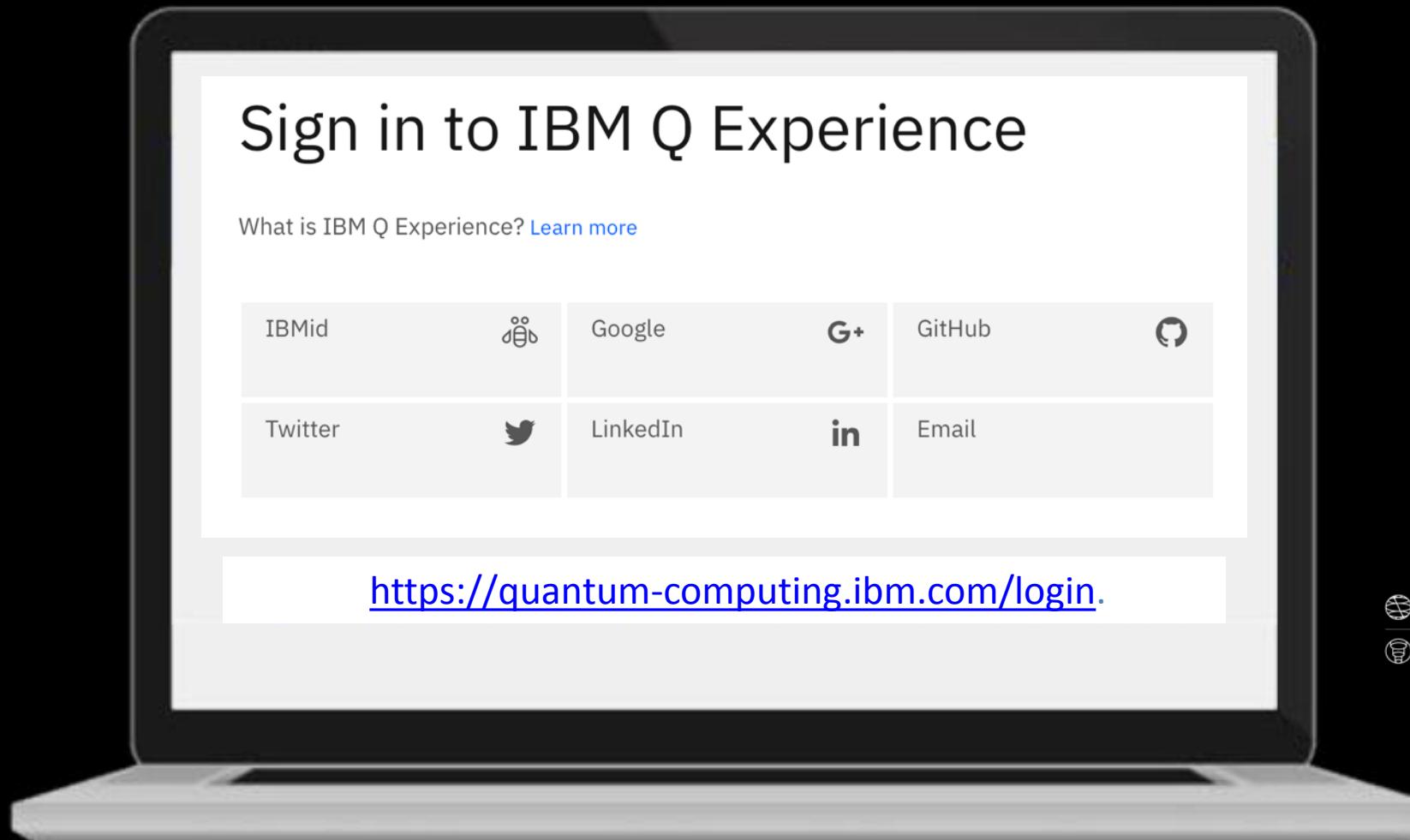
Research

Education

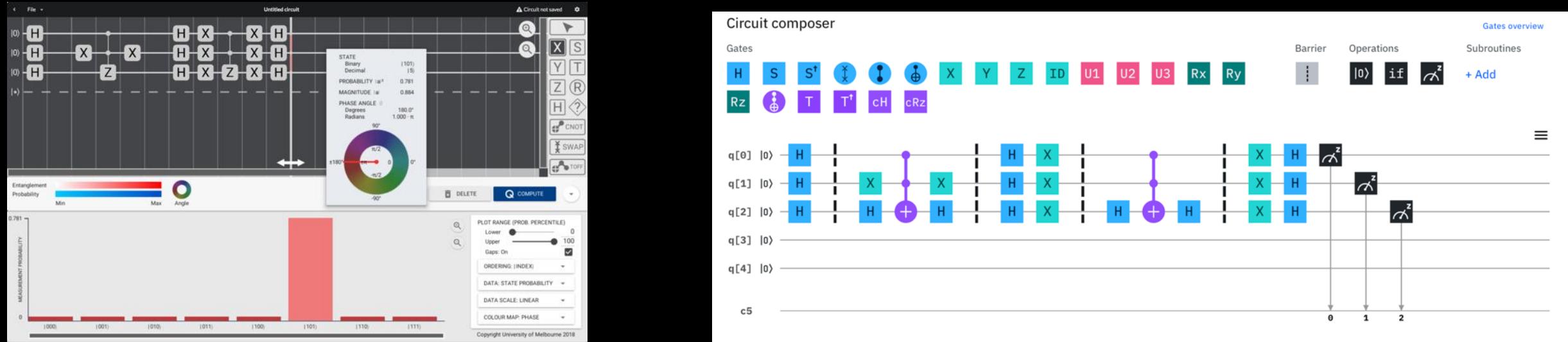
Outreach

Premium
IBM QC

IBM Quantum Experience



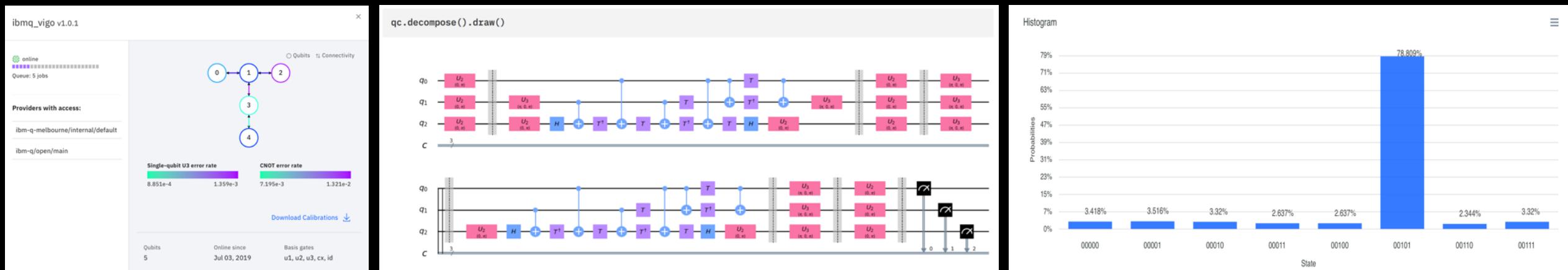
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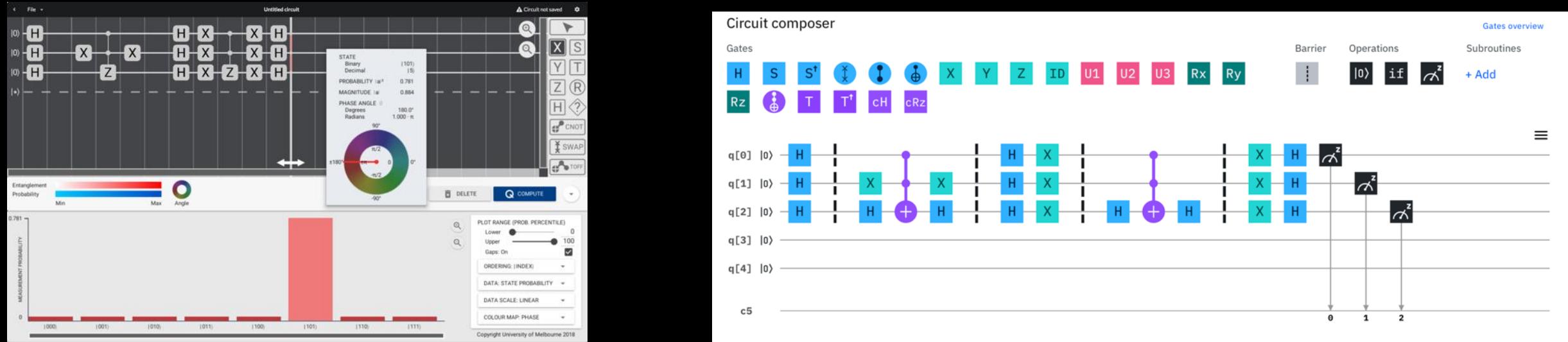
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Actually runs this circuit...

Results – QASM simulator



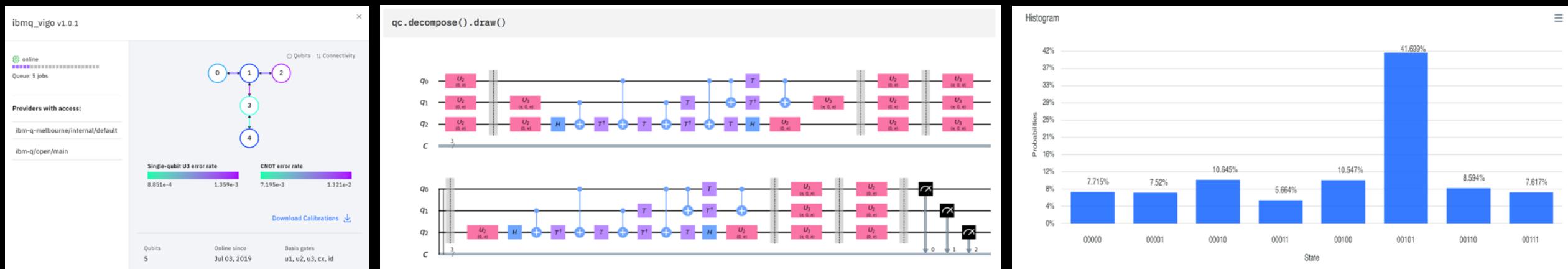
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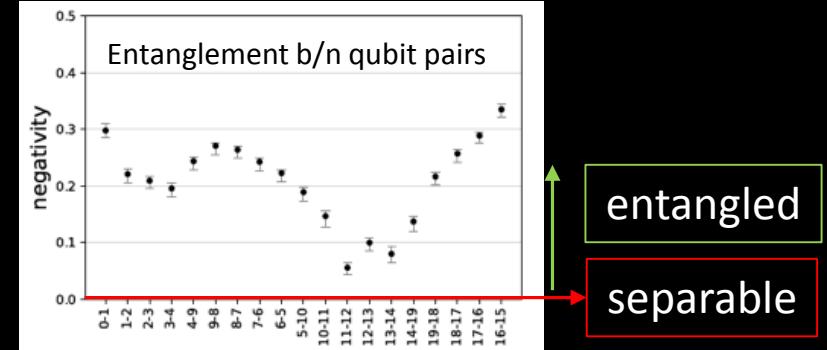
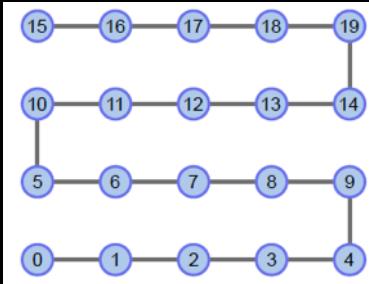
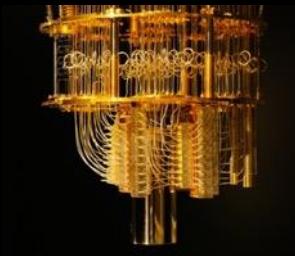


Research at UoM Q Hub: highlights (2018/19)



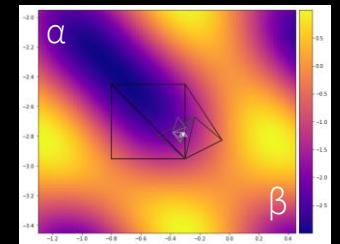
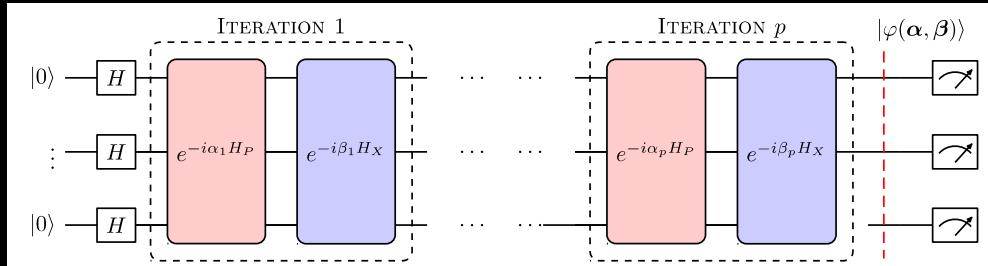
Gary Mooney (PhD) et al:

Entangled 20 qubit graph state on IBM Q (GM et al, Sci Rep 2019)



Sam Tonetto (PhD) et al:

Semi-prime factoring via QAOA on IBM Q
 cost fn = bitwise(N-p.q)²
 -> some problem reduction shortcuts...

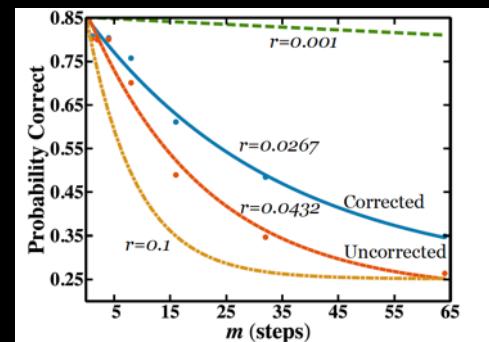
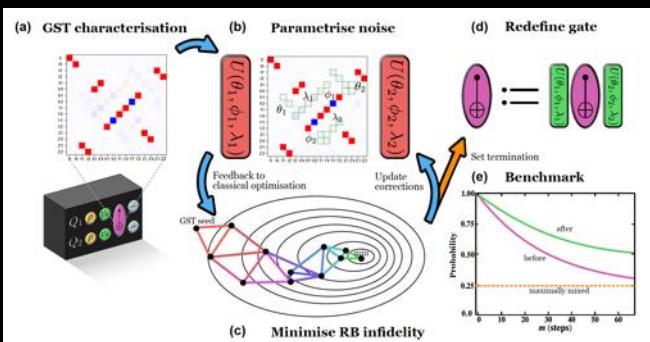


$$17,812,997 = 4,159 \times 4,283$$



Greg White (PhD) et al:

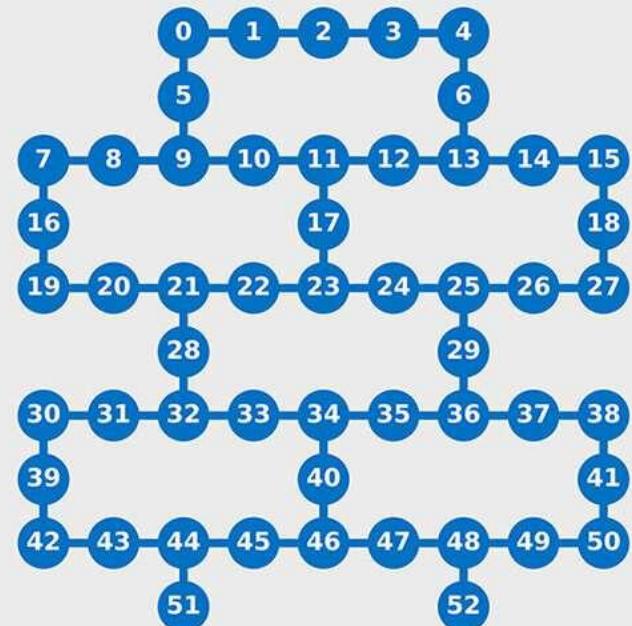
Procedure to improve CNOT gate
 -> demonstrated fidelity increase
 on IBMQ [→ Nov arXiv]



Demonstrated on IBM Q
 -> randomised benchmarking

CNOT optimisation across
 multiple IBM Q calibrations
 (weeks)

Larger systems – scaling up NISQ



IBM Q 53 qubit device
“Rochester”

As they scale the important factors in a quantum computer are:

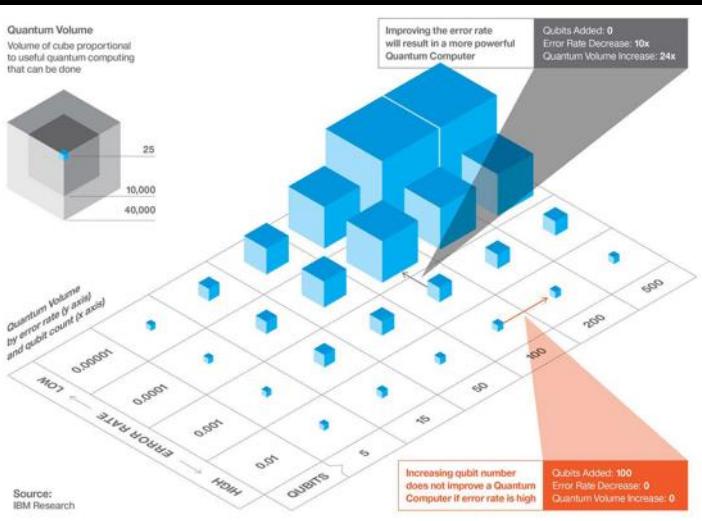
- Gate errors
- Qubit connectivity
- Number of qubits

Determines the overall length (“depth”) of a quantum circuit before the “en-scrambling” of results...

Combined quantitative measure: “quantum volume”

A Quantum Computer's power depends on more than just adding qubits

If we want to use quantum computers to solve real problems, they will need to explore a large space of quantum states. The number of qubits is important, but so is the error rate. In practical devices, the effective error rate depends on the accuracy of each operation, but also on how many operations it takes to solve a particular problem as well as how the processor performs these operations. Here we introduce a quantity called **Quantum Volume** which accounts for all of these things. Think of it as a representation of the problem space these machines can explore.



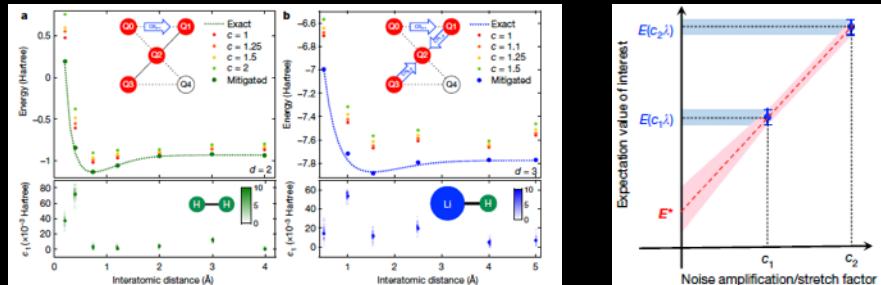
Possibly quantum advantage
in specific problems for
100-1000 qubit systems
within 5 years...maybe.

Related to HEP...(not exhaustive)

Simulation of quantum systems → variational approaches (VQE)

e.g.

- chemistry problems (Kandala et al *Nature* 2017)
- error mitigation techniques (Kandala et al *Nature* 2018)



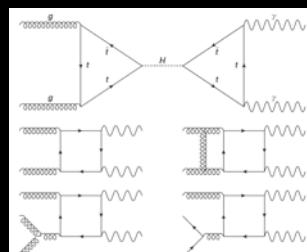
Lattice gauge theory on QC: Byrnes and Yamamoto PRA 2006

QC and quantum field theory: Jordan, Lee, Preskill 2012-2018
(Review: Preskill *Quantum* 2018, arXiv:1811.10085)

LGT and QC review: Banuls et al arXiv:1911.00003)

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccccc} m_{1N} & m_{2N} & \dots & m_{N-1N} & m_{NN} \\ m_{1N-1} & \dots & & m_{N-1N-1} & \dots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ m_{12} & m_{22} & \dots & m_{N-11} & \dots \\ m_{11} & & & & \end{array} \right)$$

QAML: Higgs-signal-versus-background machine learning optimization problem → ground state of an Ising spin model (Mott et al, *Nature* 2017)



HEP engagement with QC:

openlab.cern/quantum-computing-high-energy-physics

www.fnal.gov/pub/science/particle-detectors-computing/quantum.html



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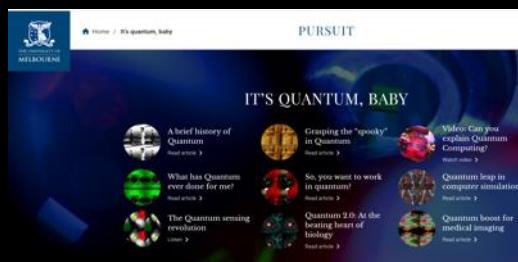
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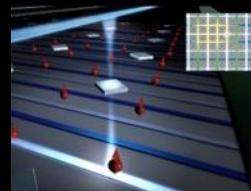
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Quantum User Interface (QUI)

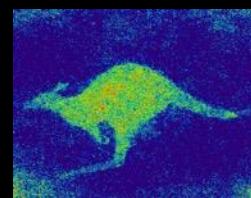


Quantum computing:



- quantum information
- large-scale architectures
- device simulations
- IBM Q Hub & applications

Quantum sensing:



- new sensing protocols
- quantum hyperpolarisation
- bio-imaging applications
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