



# Quantum Computing – Myth and Reality

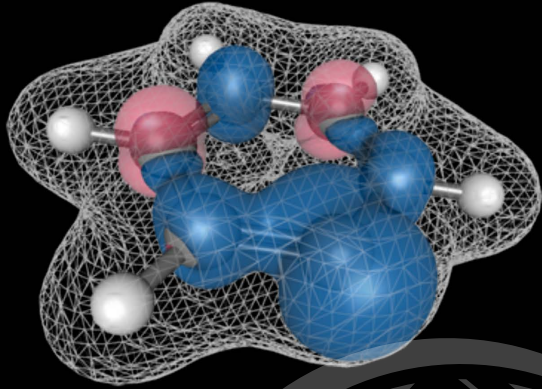
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# Outline

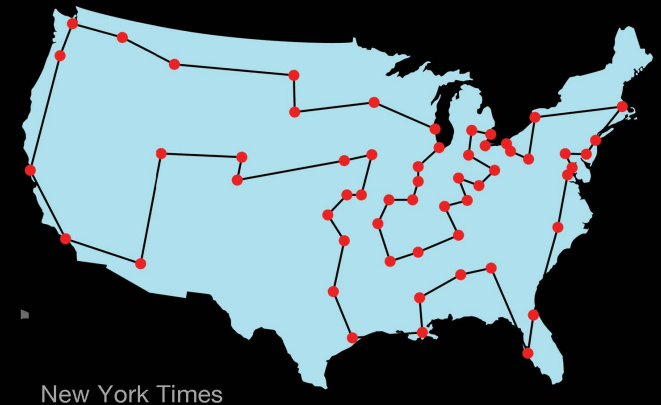
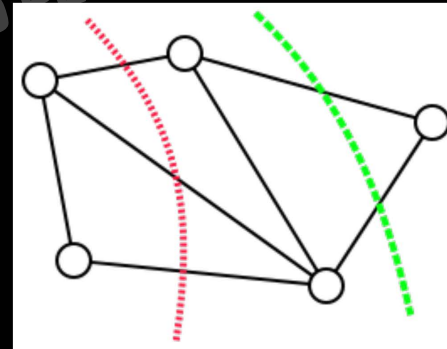
1. Why do we need Quantum Computing?
2. What makes a quantum computer tick?
3. Early work on applications & use cases
4. Learning about quantum

# Our intuition about what we can compute is wrong



A 50 electron system becomes impractical to simulate for classical computing because the runtime scales exponentially with electrons

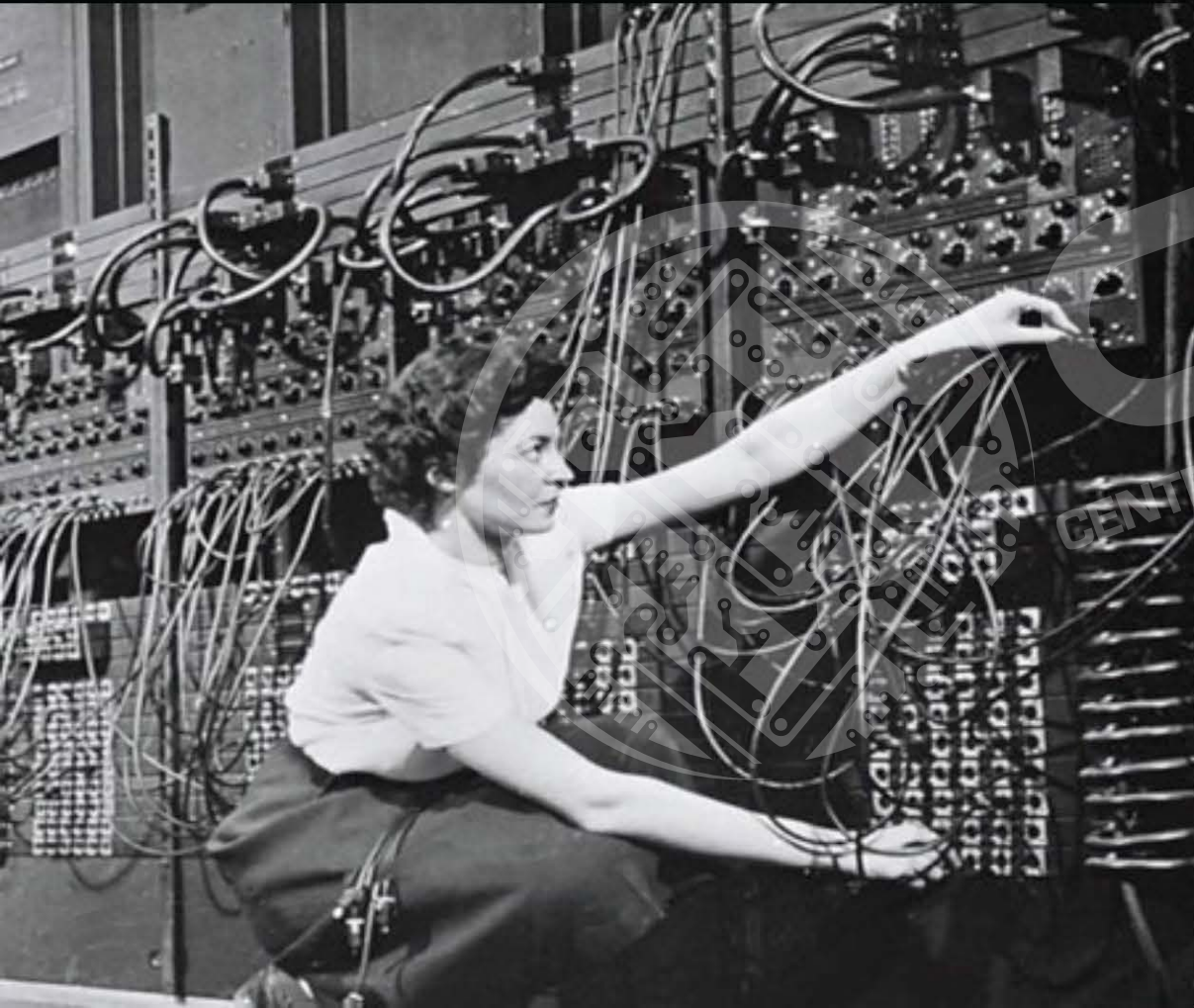
Many optimization problems have a runtime that grows exponentially with input size



# We are at beginning of new age of computation

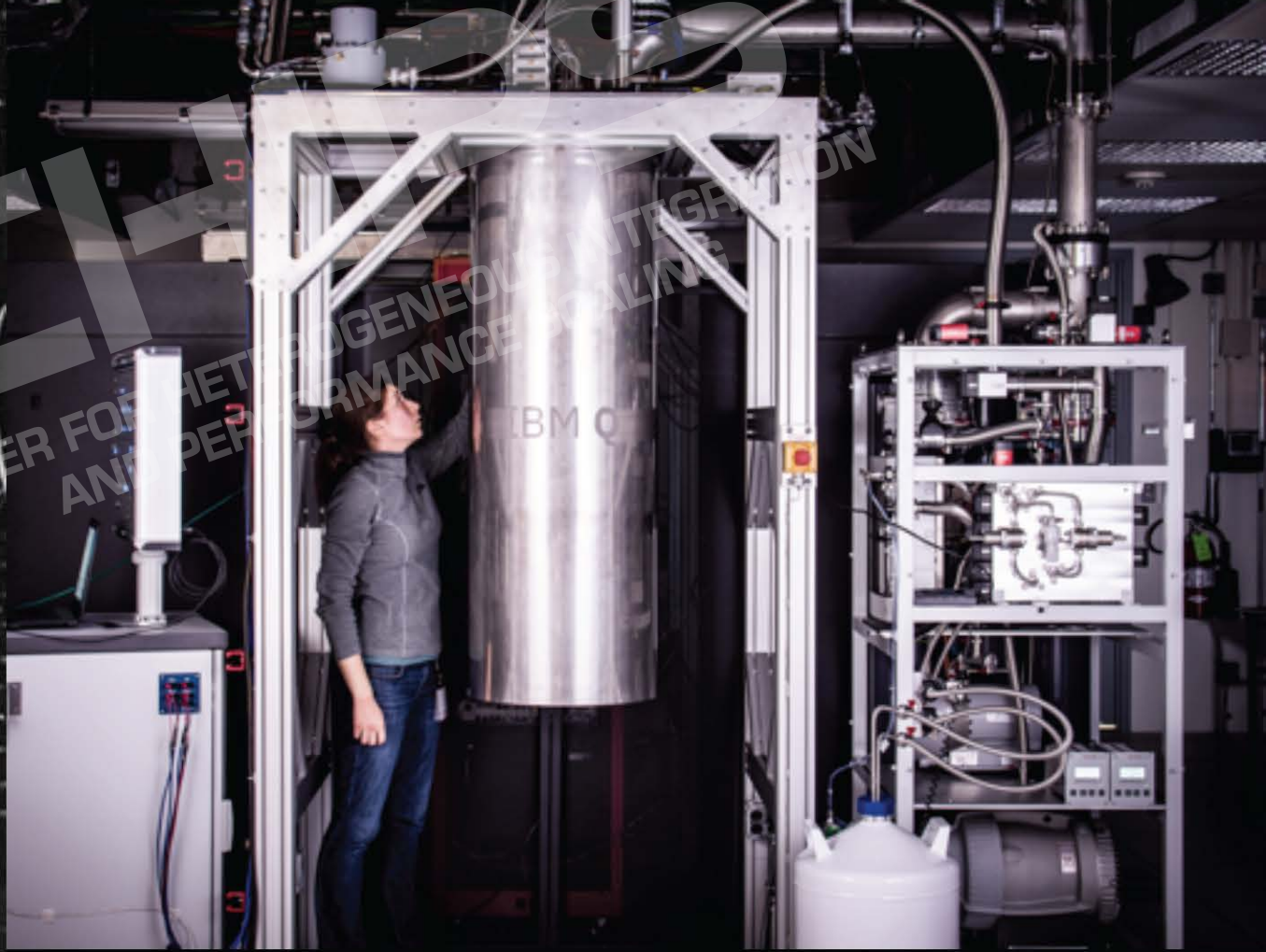
## ENIAC

First electronic digital programmable computing device



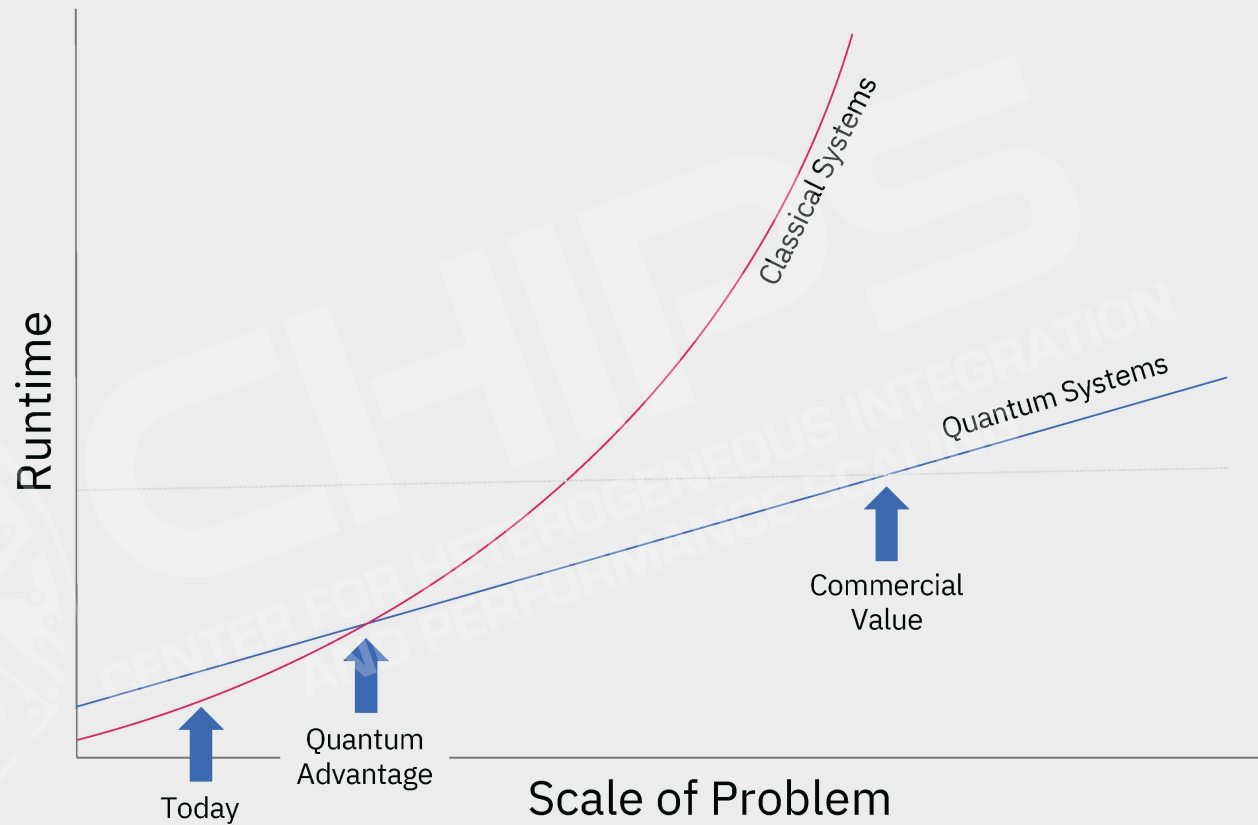
## IBM Q

First quantum computing device made available to public

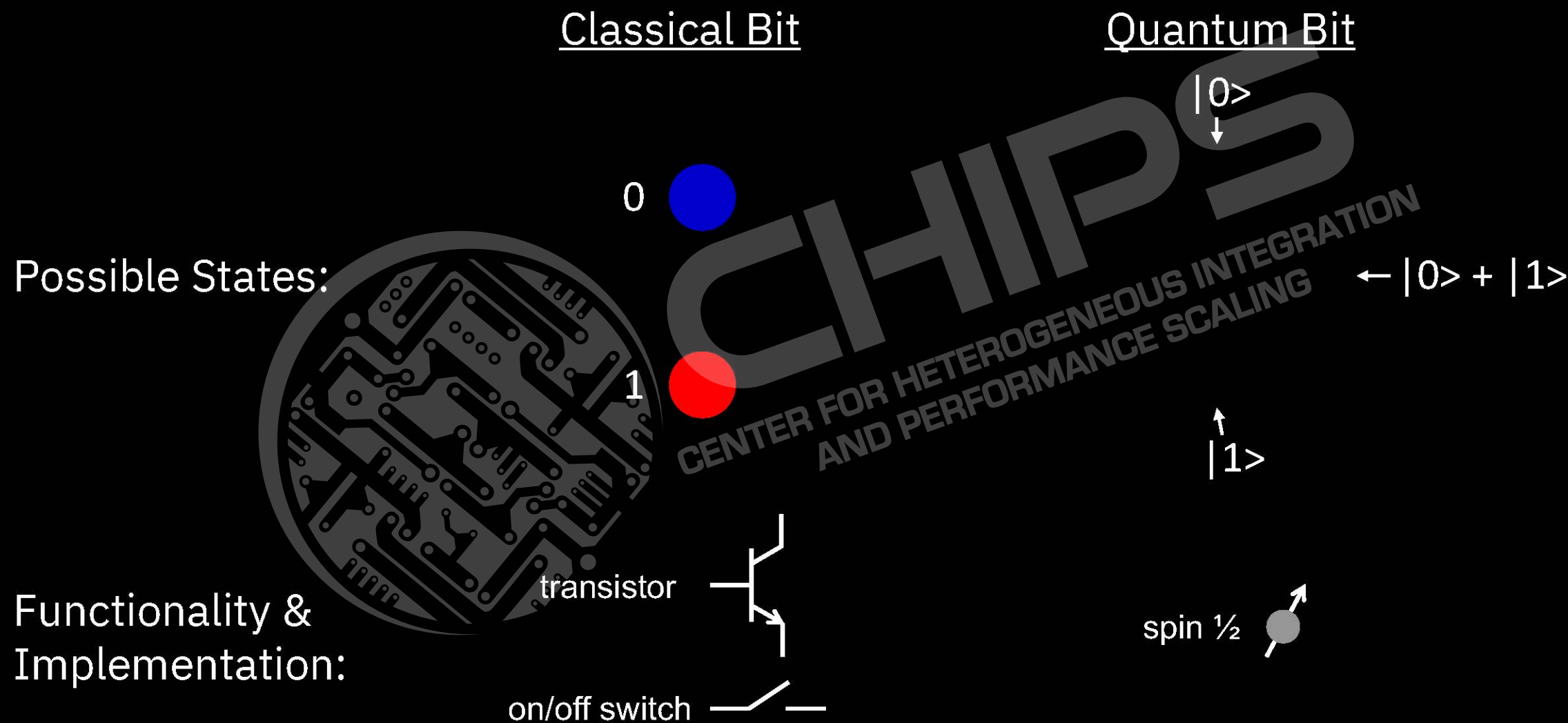




The value of  
Quantum  
Computing  
becomes  
apparent as  
problems scale

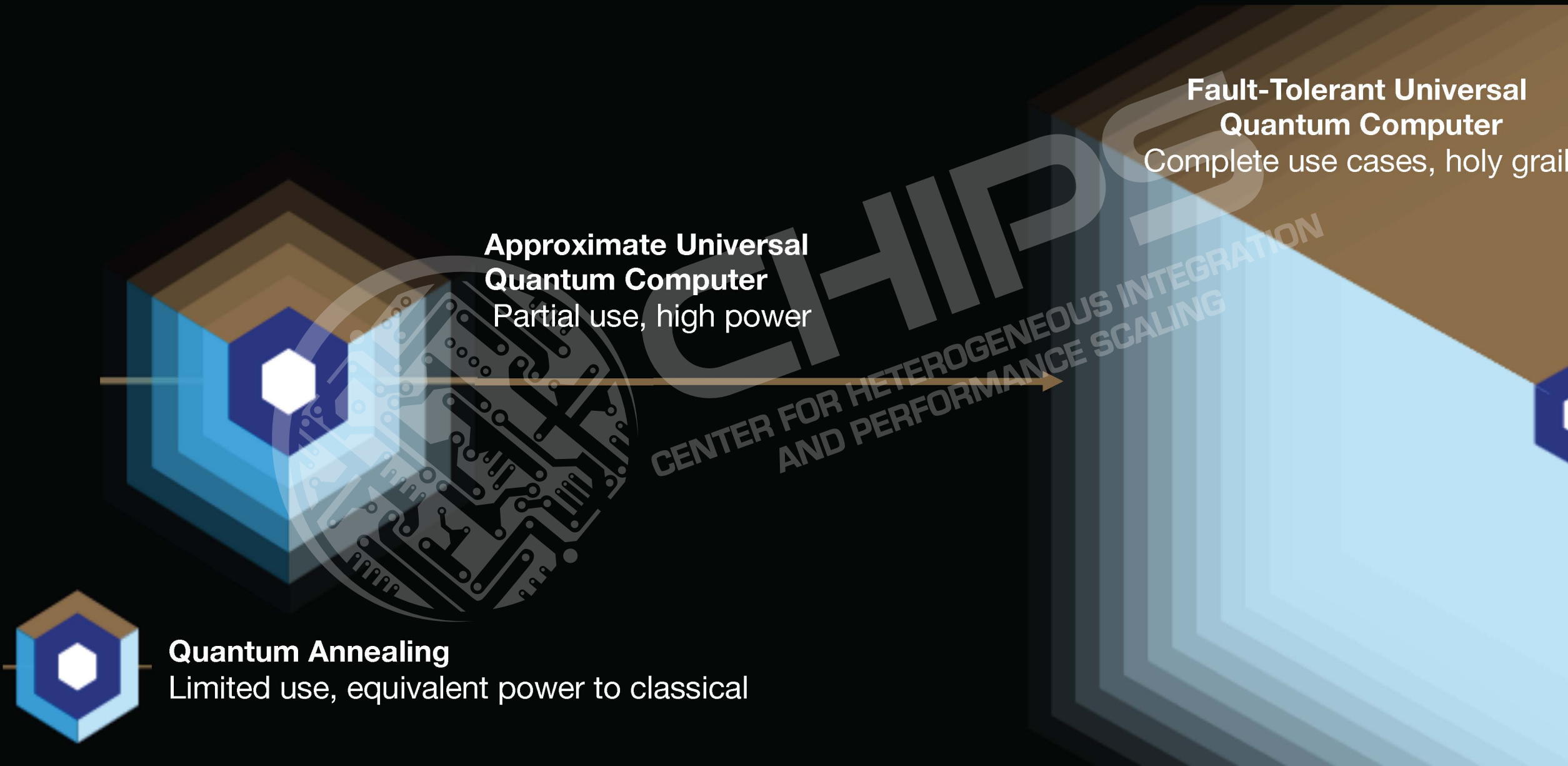


# Classical Bits vs. Quantum Bits (Qubits)





# There are different types of quantum computing

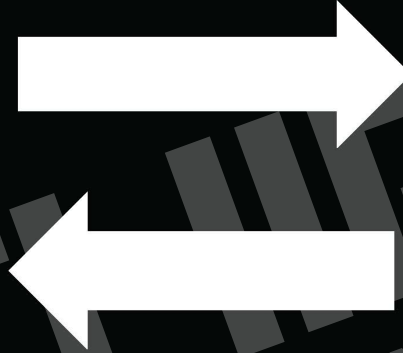


# Classical computers aren't going away...



## Modern Infrastructure for Big Data & AI

Store, manage and process huge quantities of data to extract insights and take business action.

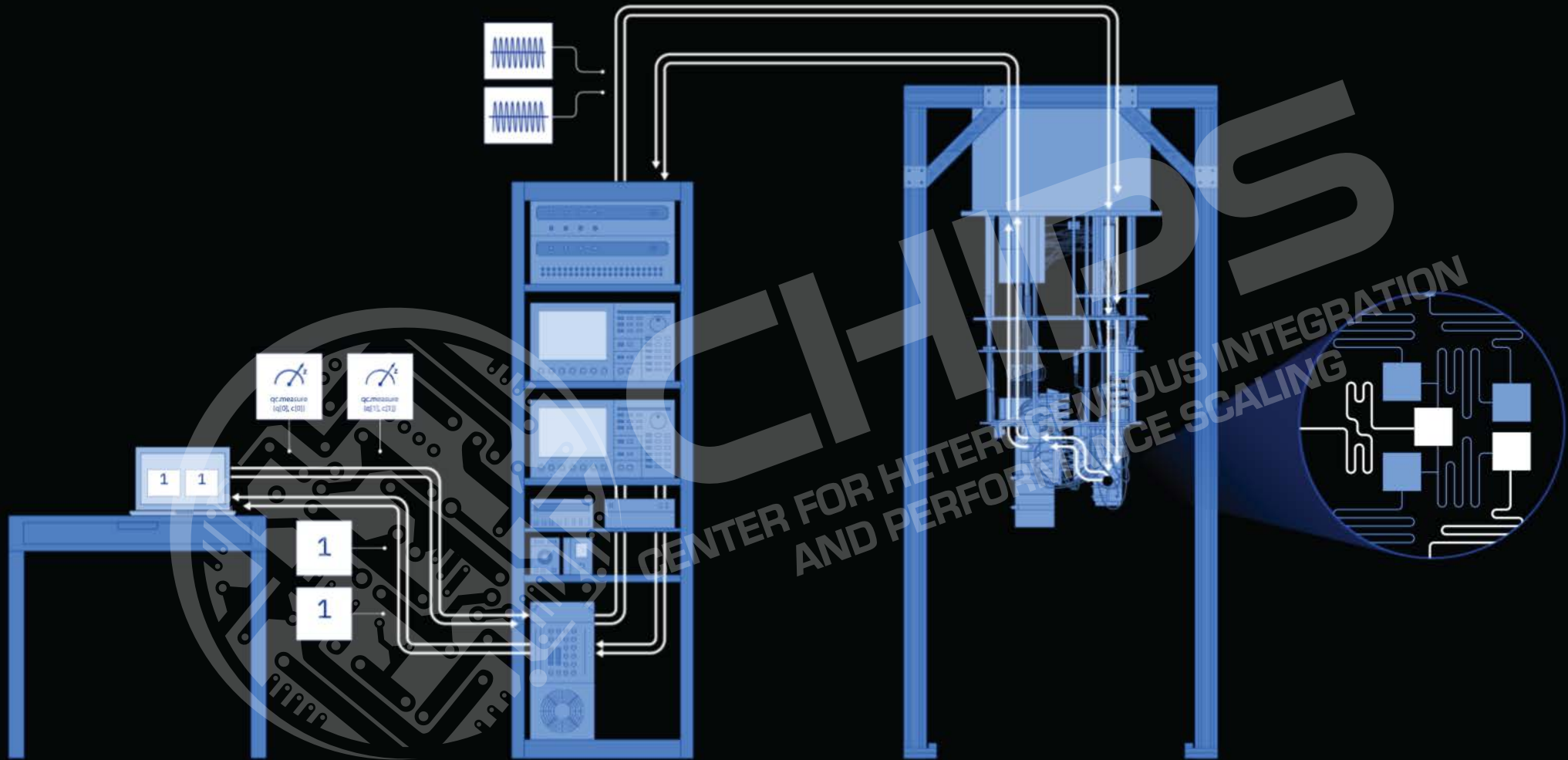


## Quantum Computers

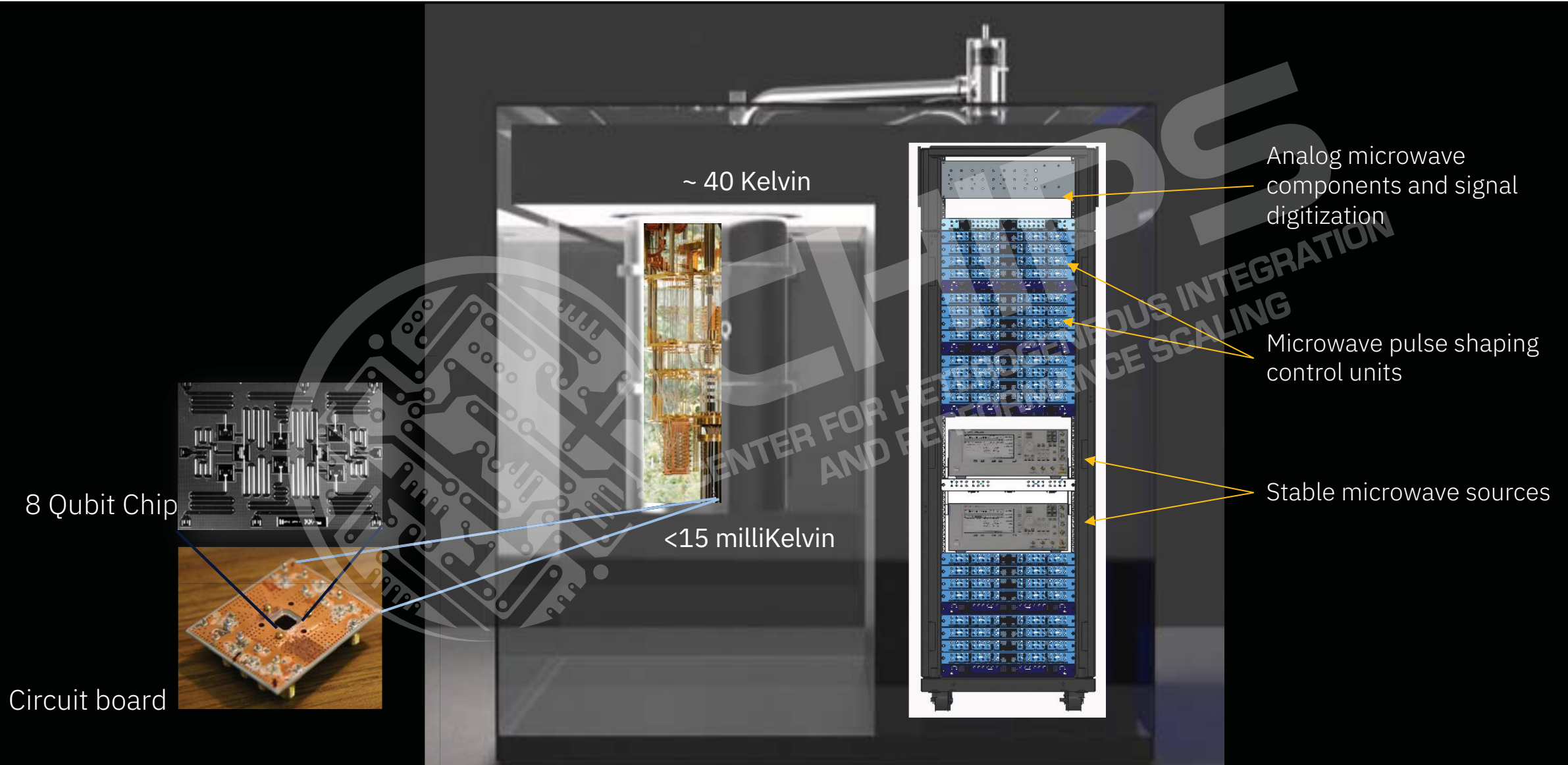
Explore large set of possibilities and identify optimal answer to drive business value.



# "Flow" of information in a quantum computer

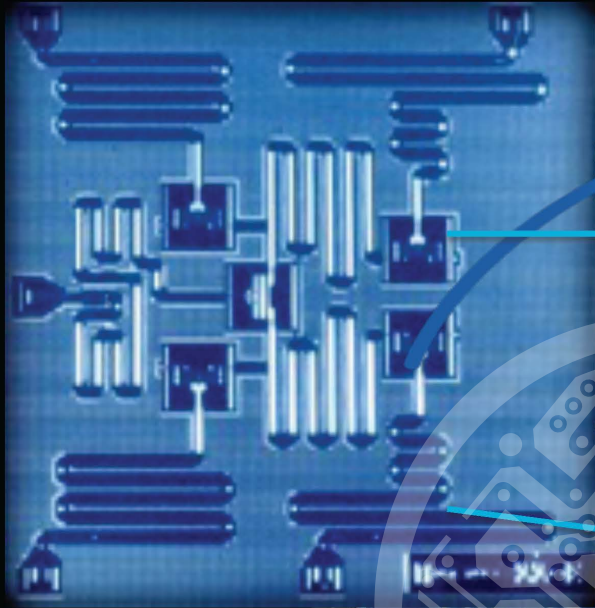


# Inside an IBM Q System



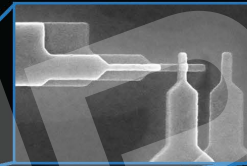


# Inside an IBM Q quantum computing system: Anatomy of a superconducting qubit

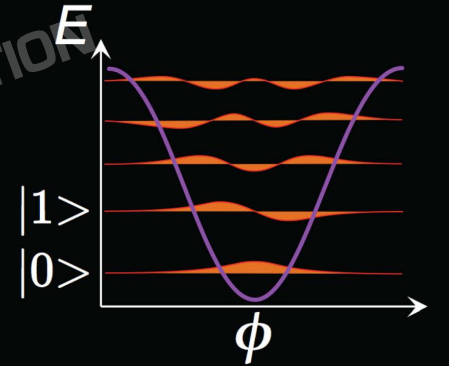
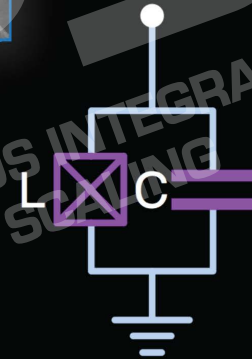


## Superconducting Qubit:

- Josephson Junction as a non-linear inductor



100 nm  
X 100 nm

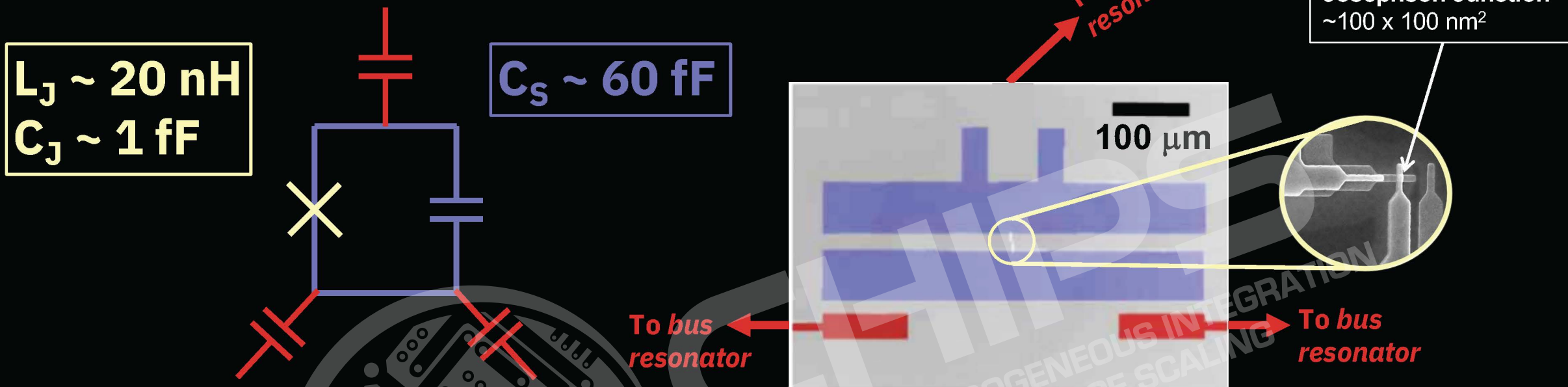


$$E_{01} \approx 5 \text{ GHz} \approx 240 \text{ mK}$$

## Superconducting Microwave Resonators:

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

# IBM qubits: single-junction transmons



Patterned superconducting metal (**niobium + aluminum**) on silicon

- Total capacitance dominated by **shunting capacitance**  $C_S$

Interactions mediated by **capacitively coupled co-planar waveguide resonators**

- *Bus resonators* provide controlled coupling to adjacent qubits

- *Readout resonators* couple to outside world; resonant frequency shifts with qubit state



# Anatomy of a quantum chip

## Qubits:

Single-junction transmon  
Frequency  $\sim 5$  GHz  
Anharmonicity  $\sim 0.3$  GHz

## Resonators:

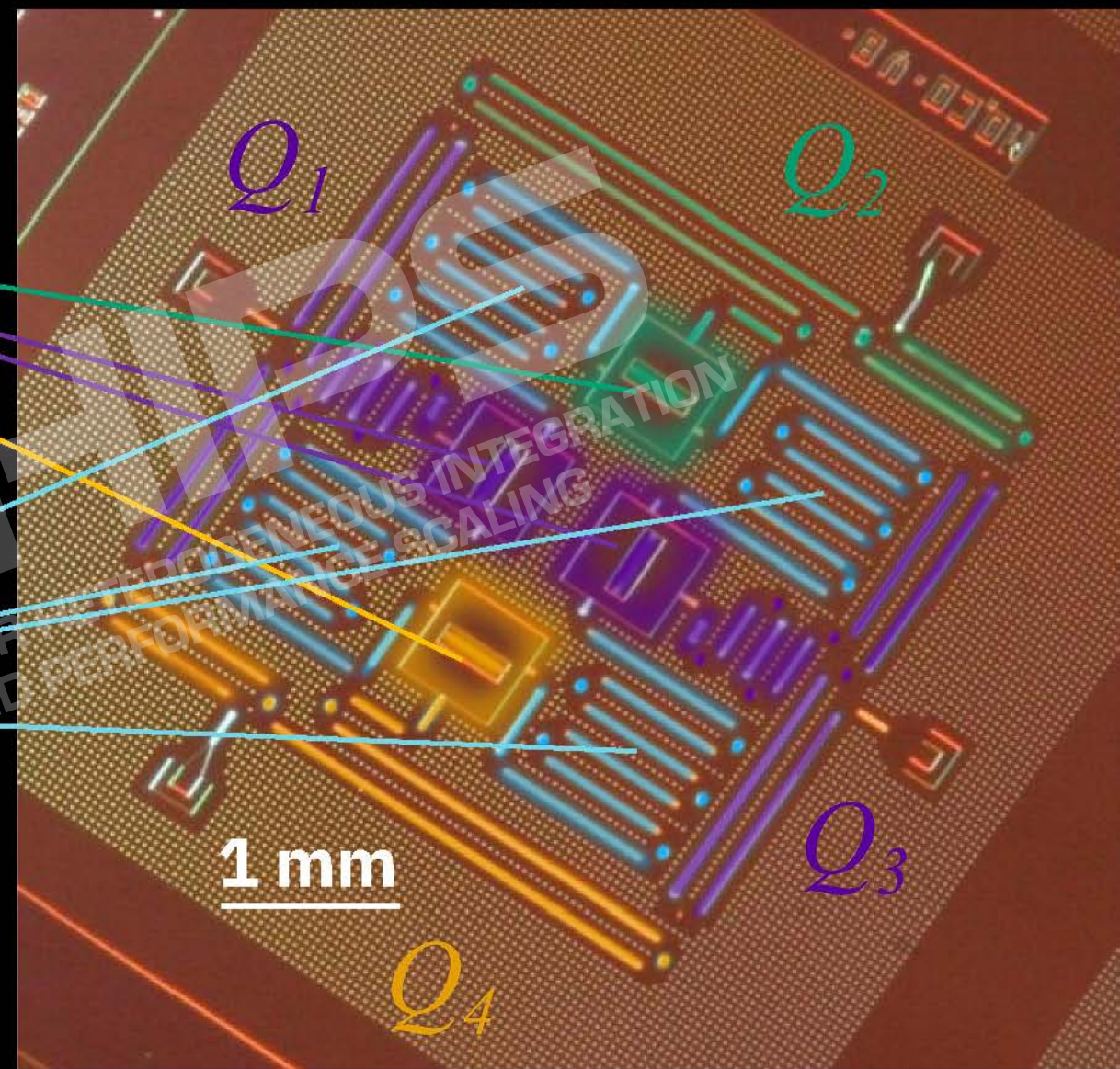
Co-planar waveguide  
Frequency  $\sim 6 - 7$  GHz

## Roles:

1. Individual qubit readout
2. Qubit coupling ("bus")

## Ground plane

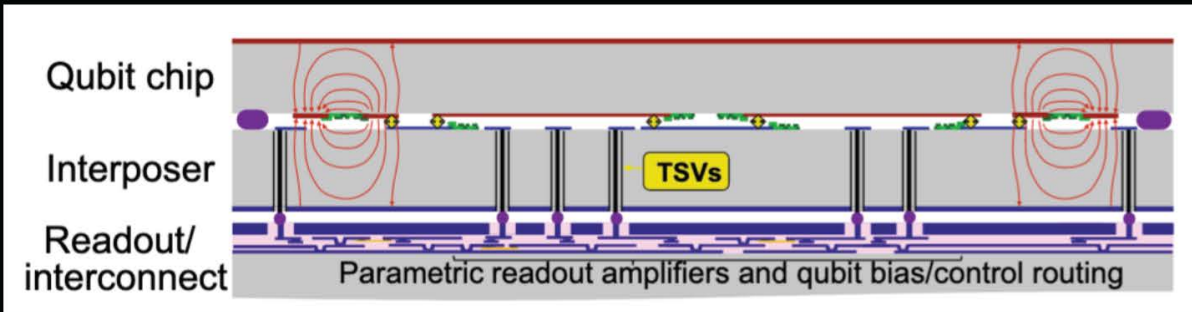
Periodic holes prevent  
stray magnetic field from  
hurting superconductor  
performance



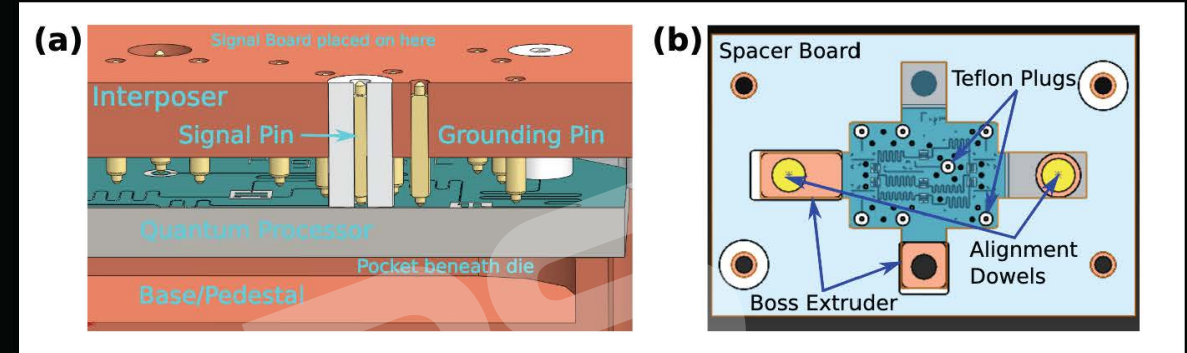
Corcoles et al., Nat. Commun. 6, 6979 (2015)



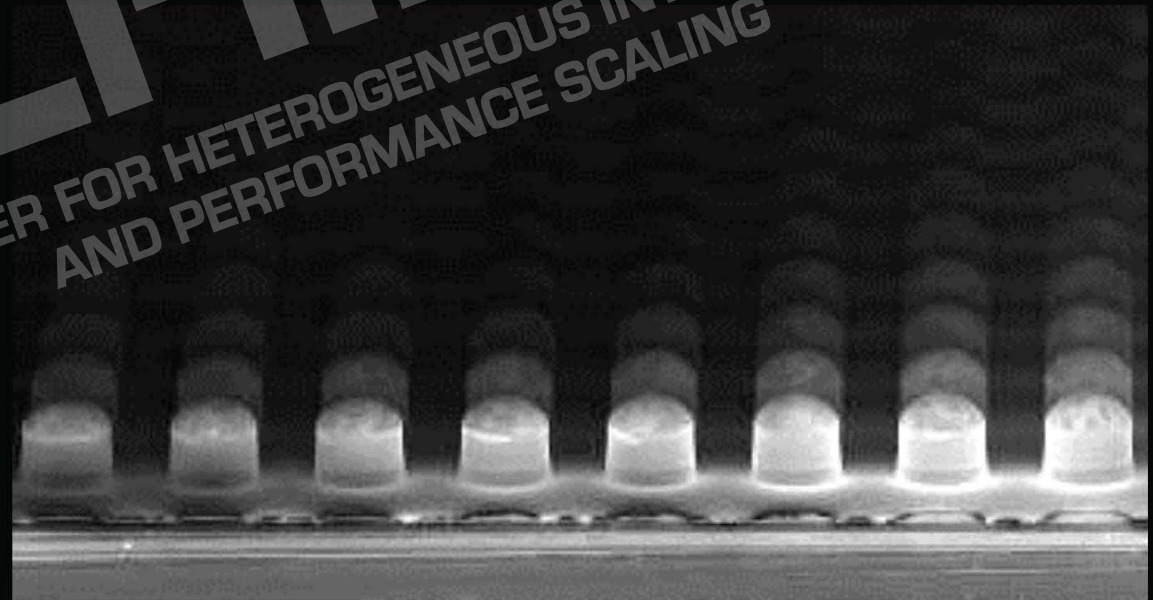
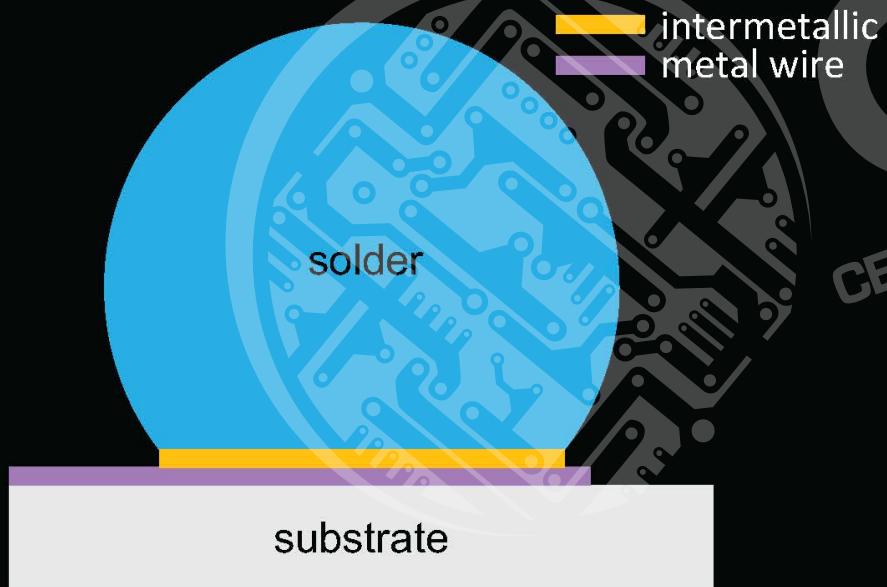
# Packaging of a quantum chip – breaking the 2D plane



Rosenberg et al, <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41534-017-0044-0.pdf>



Bronn et al, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1709.02402.pdf>



*Flip Chip packaging with solder bumps*

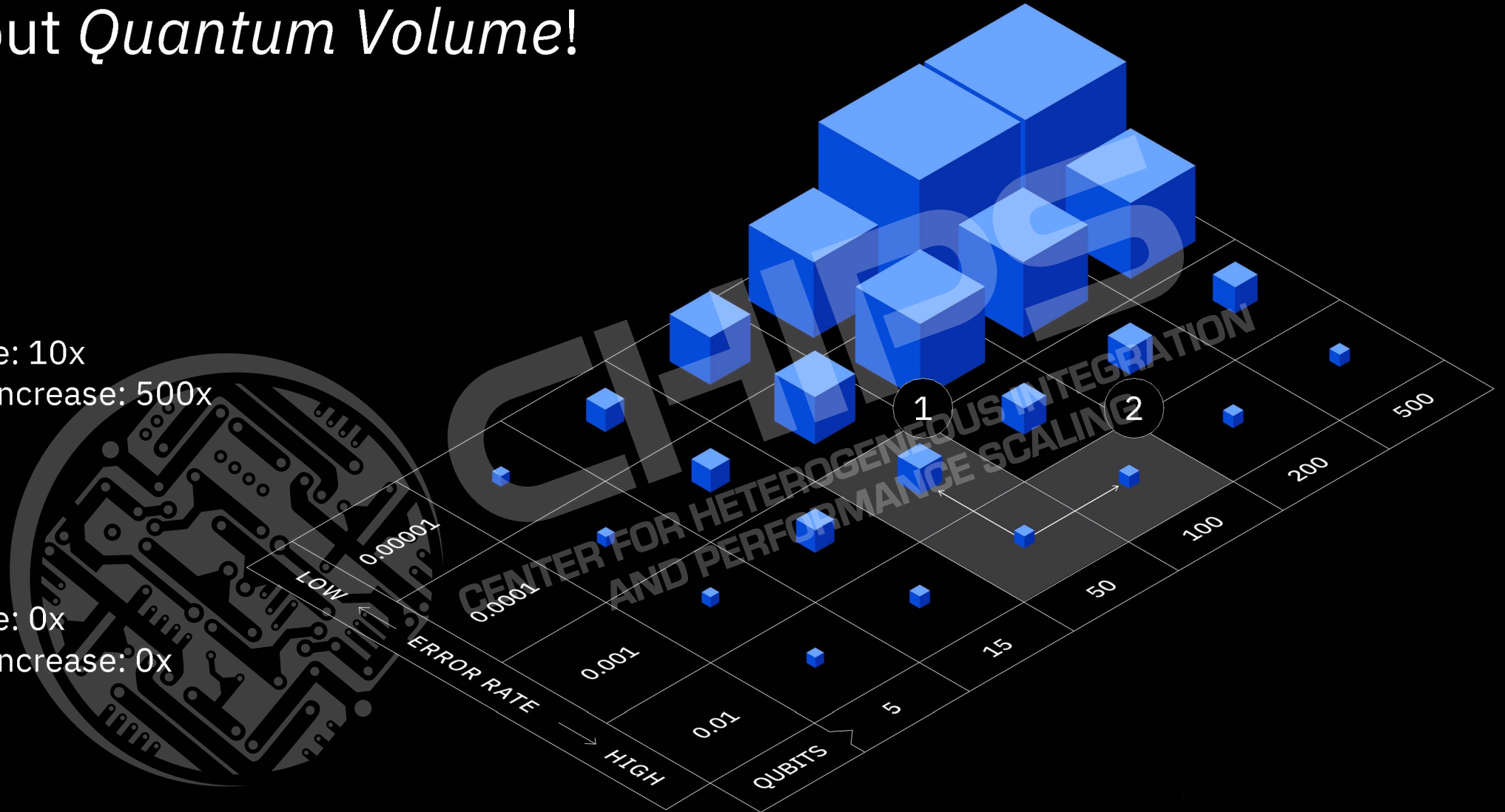
# Forget the qubit race, it's all about *Quantum Volume*!

1

Qubits added: 0  
Error rate decrease: 10x  
Quantum volume increase: 500x

2

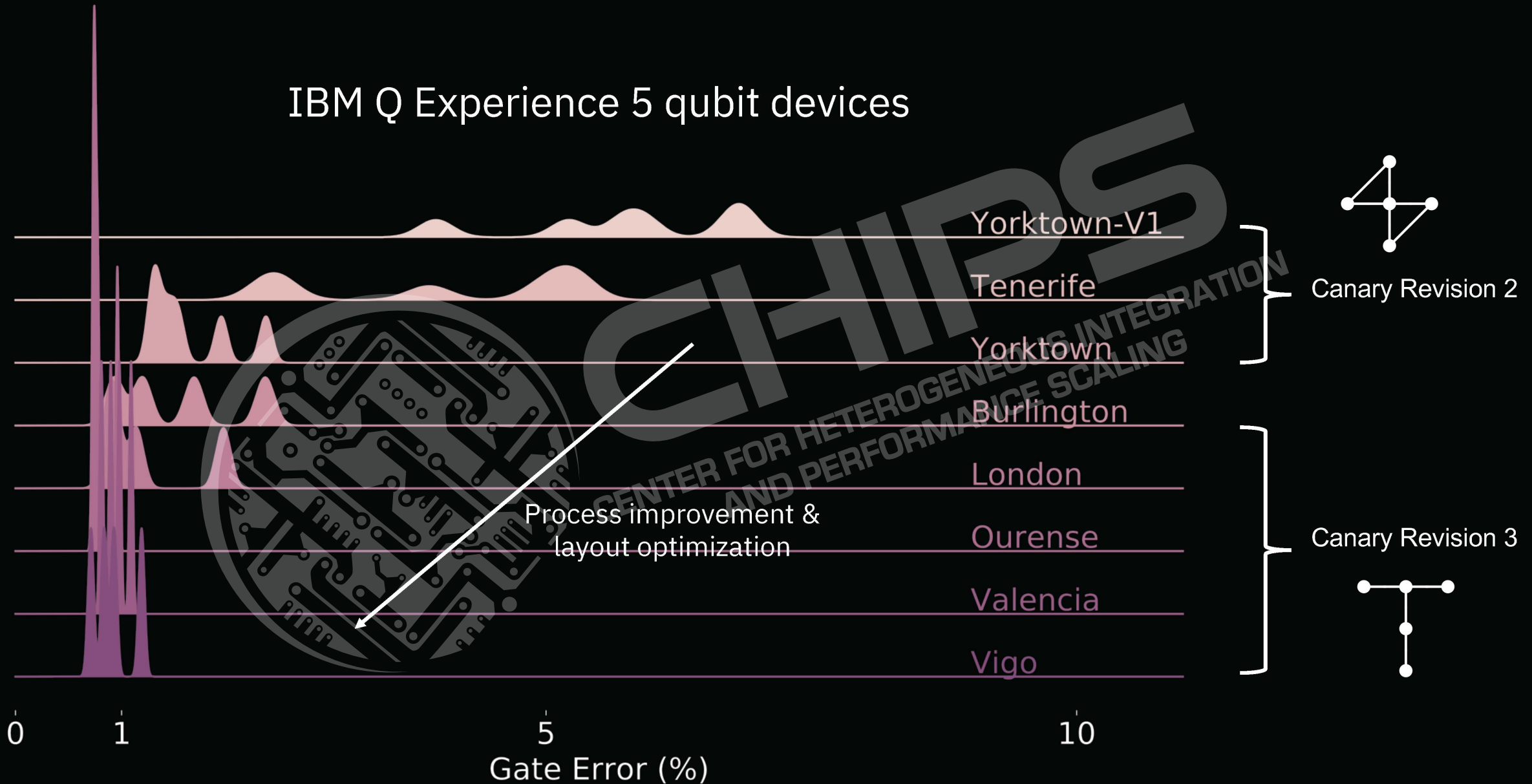
Qubits added: 50  
Error rate decrease: 0x  
Quantum volume increase: 0x





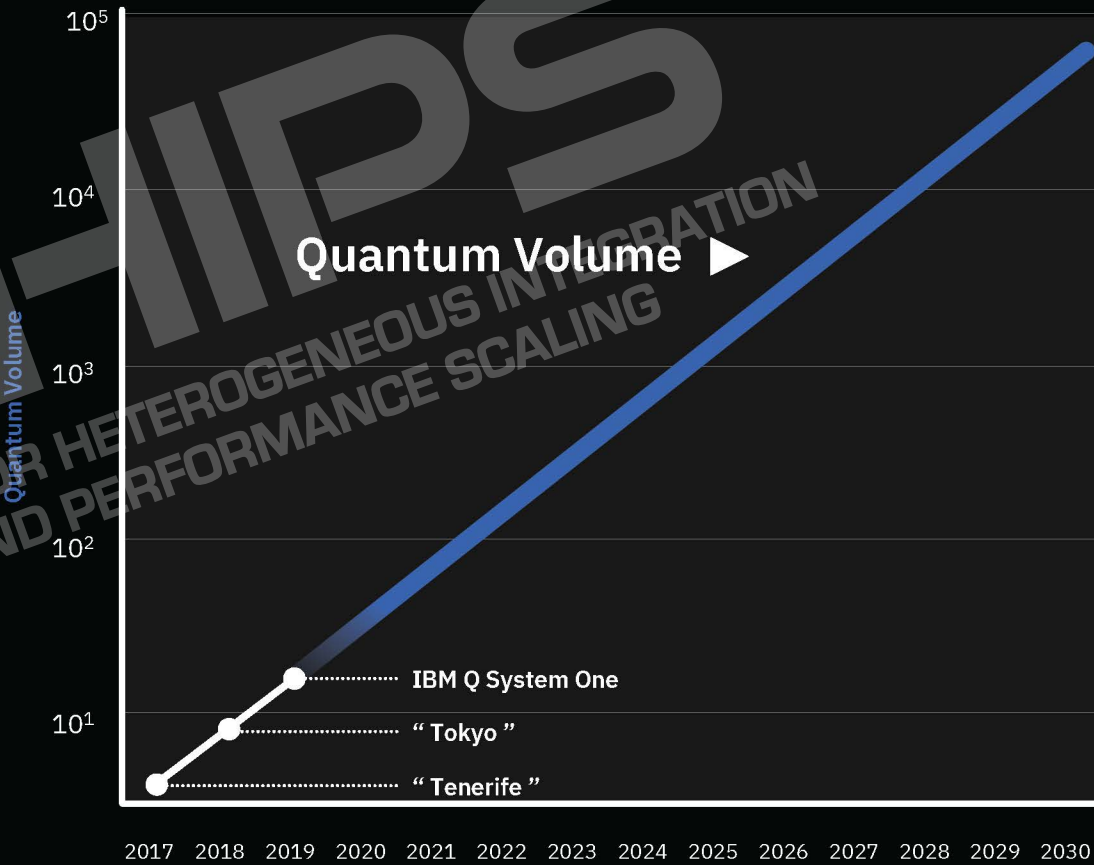
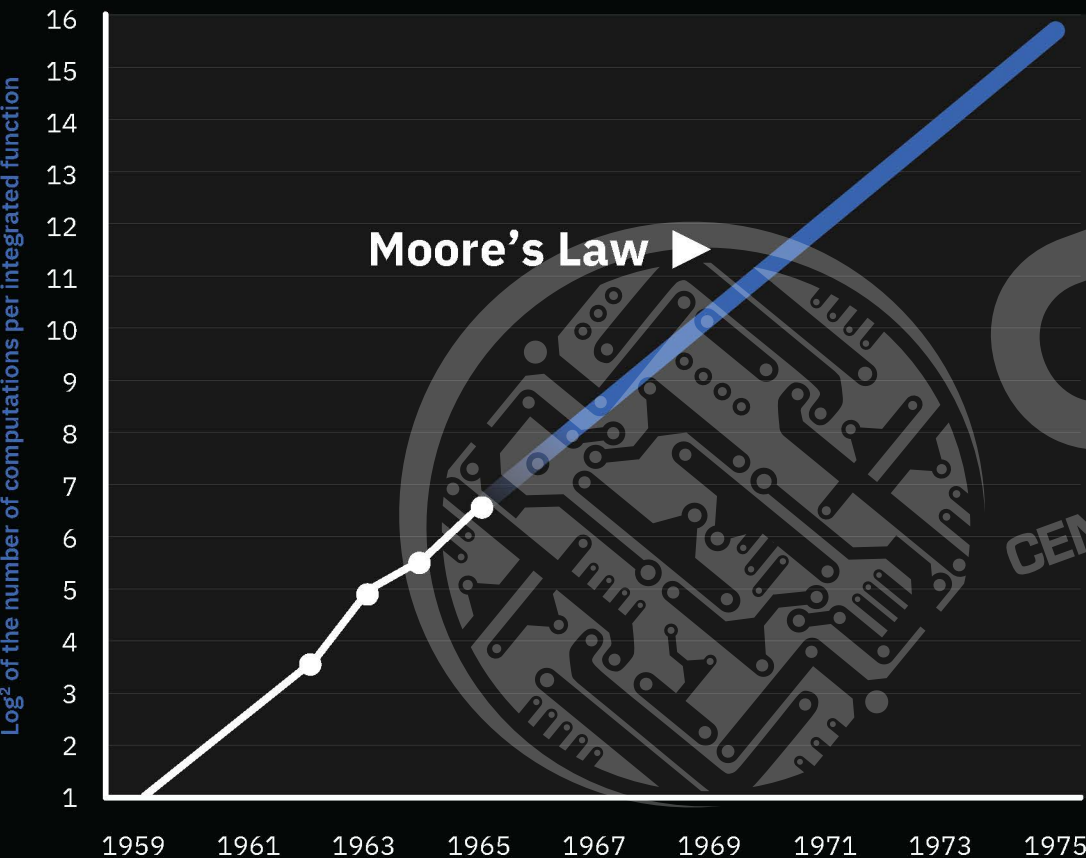
# CNOT Error Distributions

IBM Q Experience 5 qubit devices



# A New Exponential

Scaling quantum volume by 2x/year



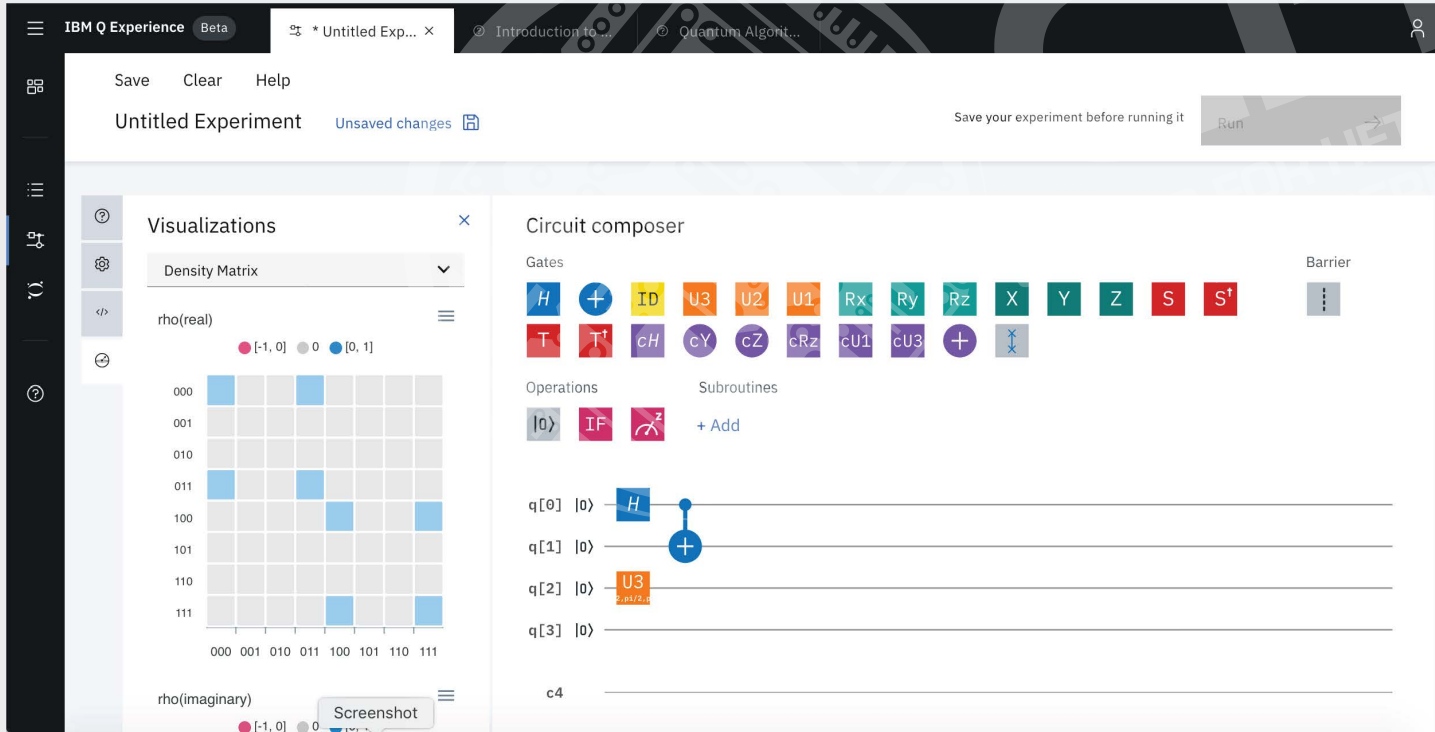
# IBM is committed to building the open source community

## Qiskit

Collaboratively advance quantum science with open source tools and capabilities in a modular framework


## IBM Q Experience

Provides quantum cloud services, tools and capabilities optimized for IBM Q systems



Qiskit™TerraAerAquaIgnis

TutorialsDocumentationToolsFun



Qiskit

Python 0.10.1

An open-source quantum computing framework for leveraging today's quantum processors in research, education, and business

[GitHub](#)[Join the Slack community](#)

### Qiskit Camp '19

Announcing our first community event! Join us February 26 - March 1 for an immersive three day experience of training sessions and deep technical talks at IBM Research HQ followed by a 24-hour hackathon at a mountain resort in Vermont.

[Learn more](#)

### Getting started with Qiskit

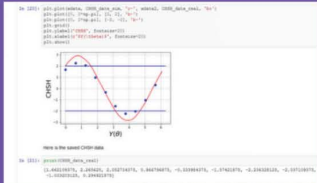
In this episode Doug McClure, Qiskitter at IBM, introduces us to Qiskit and its functions. You'll learn all about how to run your first quantum program on real IBM Q hardware.

[Watch the video](#)

### Try Qiskit

Use our binder image to try Qiskit and learn without installing anything.

[Try it out](#)



### Qiskit community

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](#)[GitHub](#)
- [Stack Exchange](#)[Twitter](#)
- [Medium](#)[YouTube](#)
- [Facebook](#)

### Don't know quantum circuits?

Learn about basics of quantum computing and create quantum programs visually using the IBM Q Experience.

[Try it out](#)





# IBM Q Experience has been the most widely used and accessible platform for business and science.

## 1

First quantum computer on the cloud in **2016**  
Several IBM Q systems are available to clients and the public.

## 2

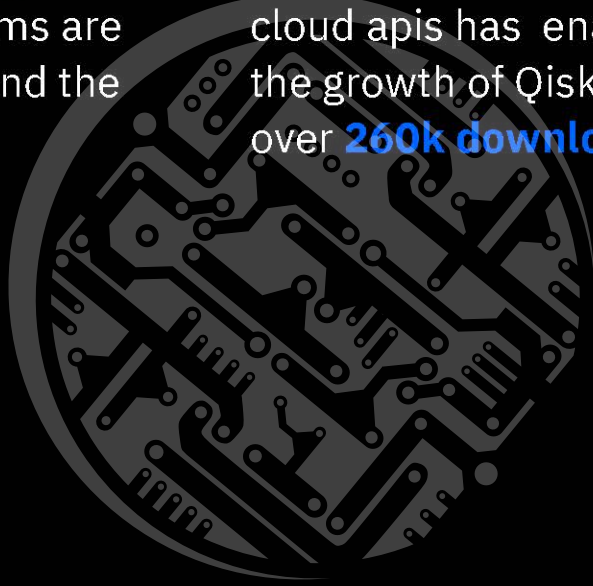
Release of open specifications for quantum cloud apis has enabled the growth of Qiskit with over **260k downloads**

## 3

Real research is happening with IBM Q Experience. Quantum community published **217 third-party papers** testing fundamentals of science citing access to IBM Q tools.

## 4

An inflection point - users see more value in working with hardware than simulators as measured by the number of executions on each. Over **100 billion executions** have run on IBM Q Experience.



# The Qiskit software stack

Brings quantum computing out of the laboratory and into the laptops of developers

- Open Source (*Apache 2.0*)
- Written in Python
- Modular and extensible

## Terra

Improving circuit composition, circuit compilation methods, and pulse-level hardware access

## Aqua

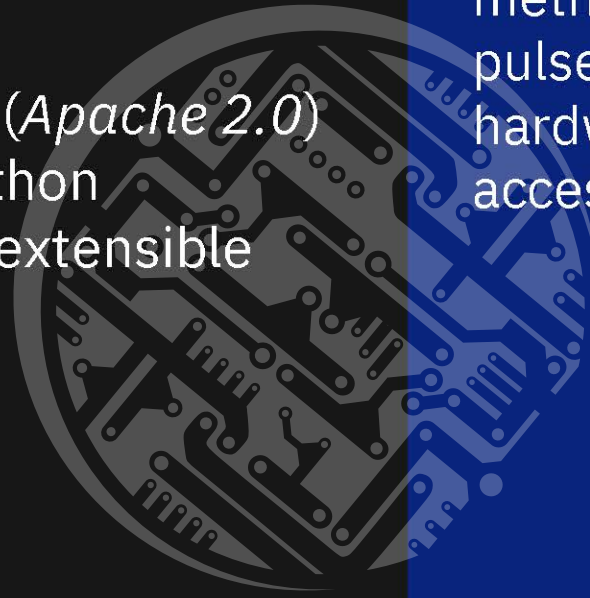
Algorithms for near-term quantum applications

## Ignis

Compute in the presence of errors

## Aer

A high performance simulator framework for quantum circuits

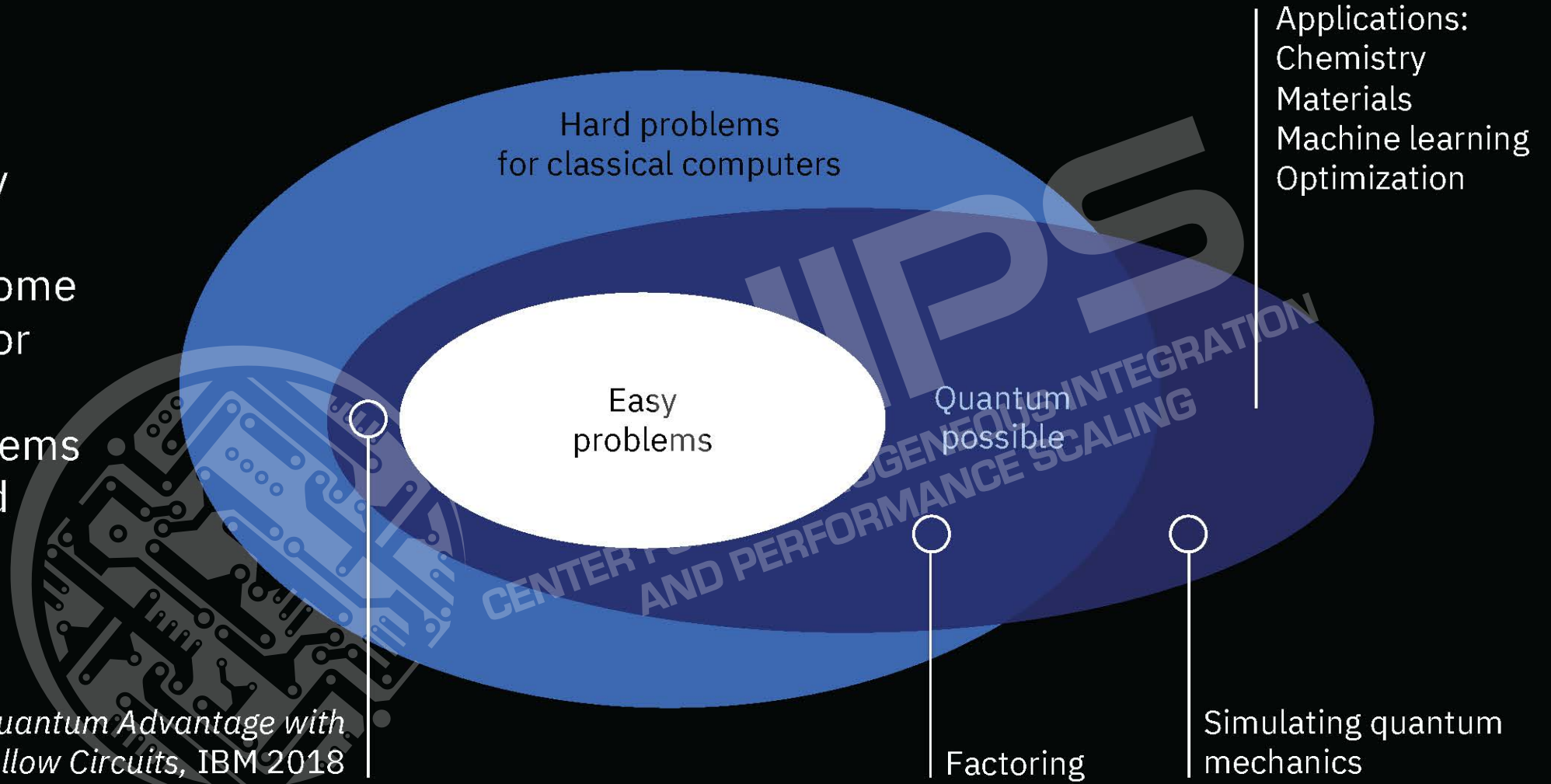


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# Applications of quantum computing

Quantum computing may provide a new path to solve some of the hardest or most memory intensive problems in business and science.

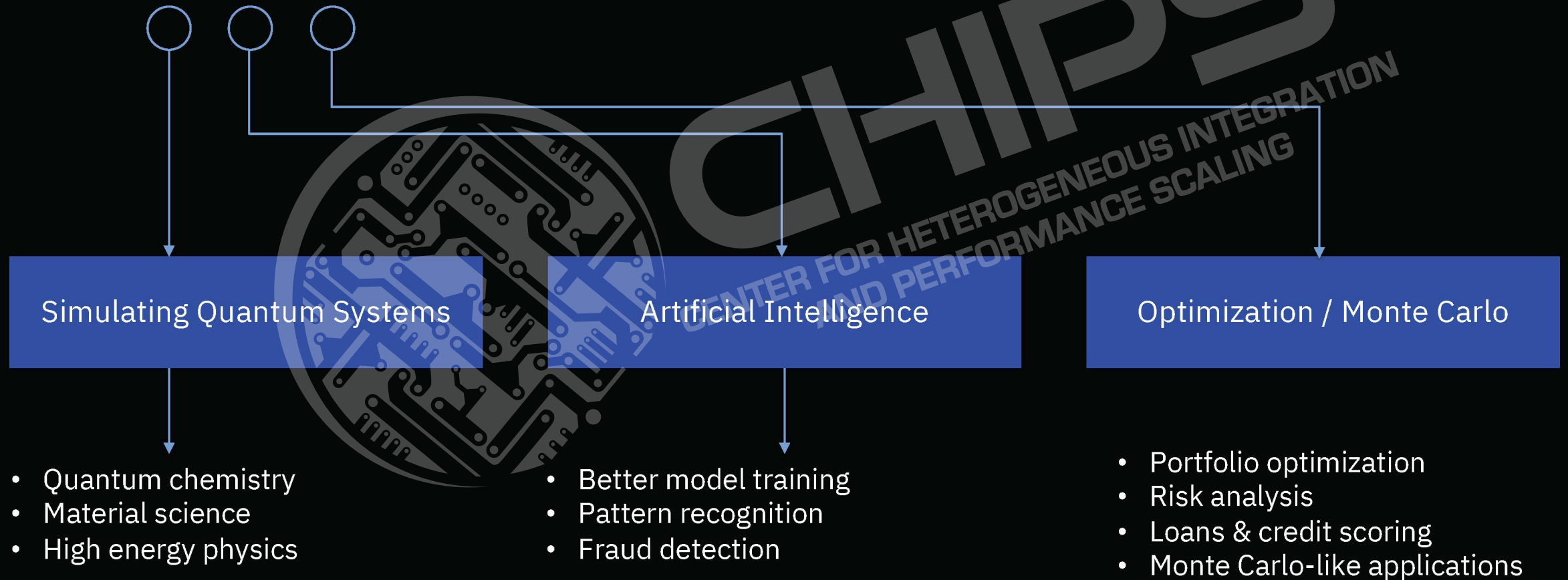
*Quantum Advantage with Shallow Circuits, IBM 2018*





# IBM Q Network: Applications

In collaboration with IBM Q Network partners, IBM is driving advancements in software and algorithms to pursue use cases in:



Quantum computers can  
**speed up** Monte Carlo sampling.



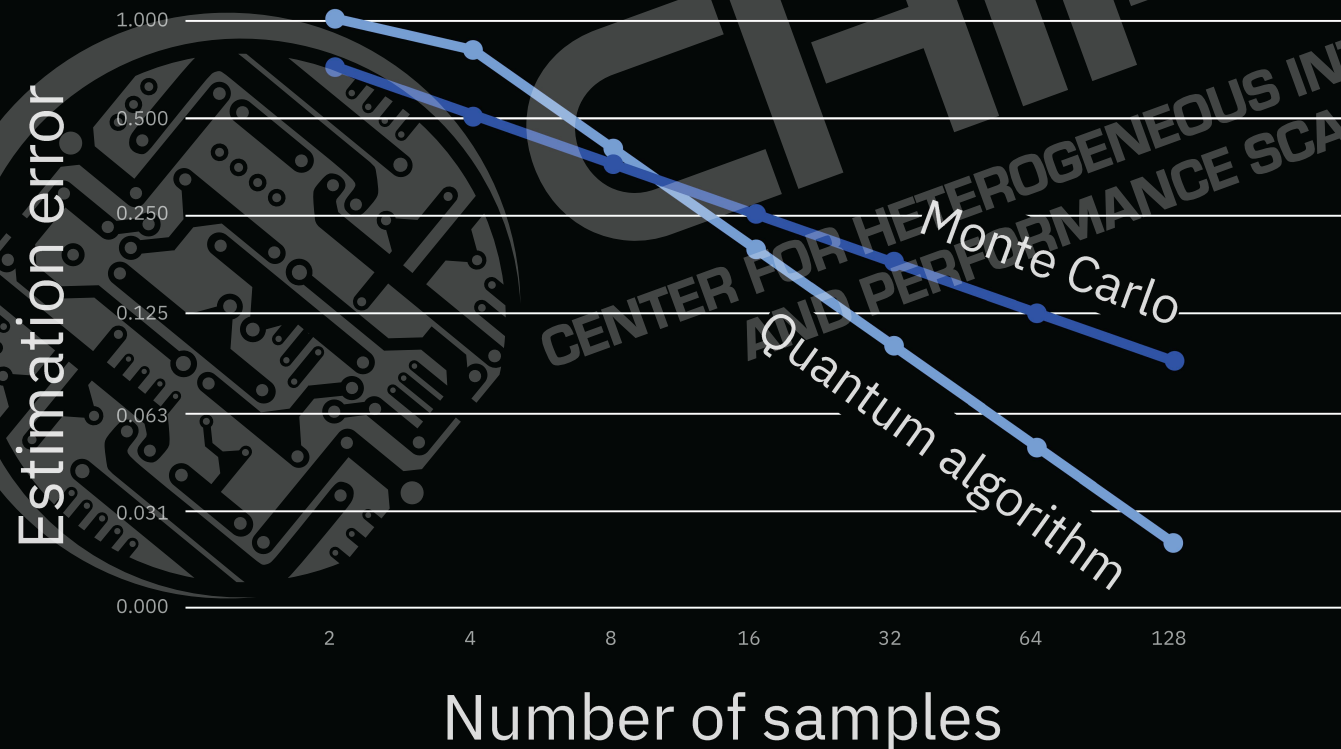
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SIRI	-0.65	▼	-1.37%

Experimental results show **quadratic speedup** with quantum algorithm compared to Monte Carlo.

*npj Quantum Information* **5**, 15 (2019)

Quantum Amplitude Estimation to compute expected value of a T-bill  
(single-period binomial-tree model)





This has spurred new research within the IBM Q Network.

A modification from the **Keio Hub collaboration with MUFG & Mizuho** reduces qubits and gates required by the quantum algorithm.

Amplitude Estimation without Phase  
Estimation

Yohichi Suzuki<sup>1,+</sup>, Shumpei Uno<sup>1,2,+</sup>, Rudy Raymond<sup>1,3</sup>, Tomoki  
Tanaka<sup>1,4</sup>, Tamiya Onodera<sup>1,3</sup>, and Naoki Yamamoto<sup>1,\*</sup>

April 2019  
arXiv:1904.10246

This allowed us to model option pricing on **real quantum hardware** with **J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.**

Option Pricing using Quantum Computers

Nikitas Stamatopoulos,<sup>1</sup> Daniel J. Egger,<sup>2</sup> Yue Sun,<sup>1</sup> Christa Zoufal,<sup>2,3</sup> Raban Iten,<sup>2</sup> Ning Shen,<sup>1</sup> and Stefan Woerner<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*J.P. Morgan Chase - Quantitative Research*

<sup>2</sup>*IBM Research - Zurich*

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May 2019  
arXiv:1905.02666

# We've extended quantum optimization approaches to model securities transaction settlement.

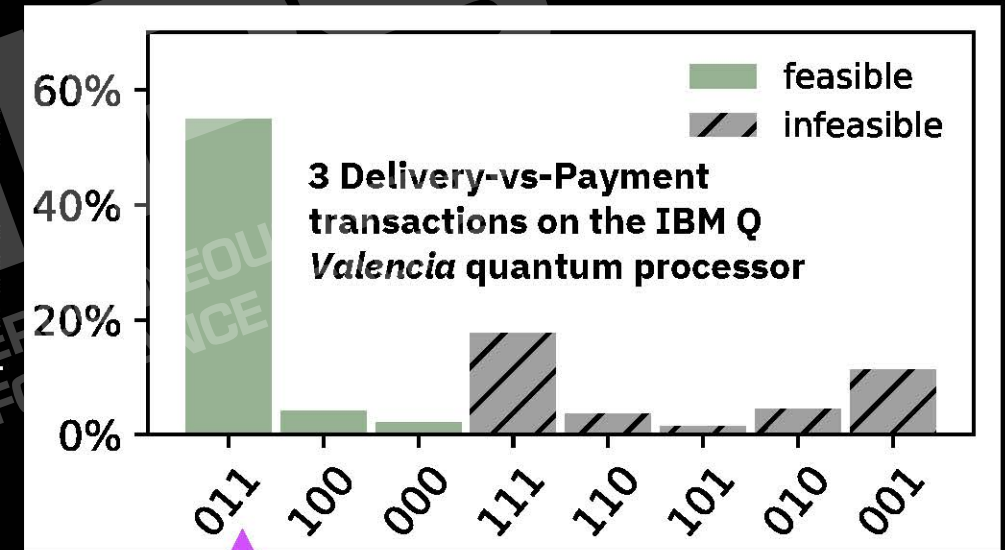
**In collaboration with Barclays**, we've developed methods for **mixed binary optimization**, and applied them to **optimize efficiency of securities transaction settlement**.

**\$1.85 quadrillion** of securities transactions processed by subsidiaries of the post-trade market infrastructure DTCC in 2018\*.

**October 2019**  
**arXiv:1910.05788**

\* <http://www.dtcc.com/annuals/2018/#/financial-performance>

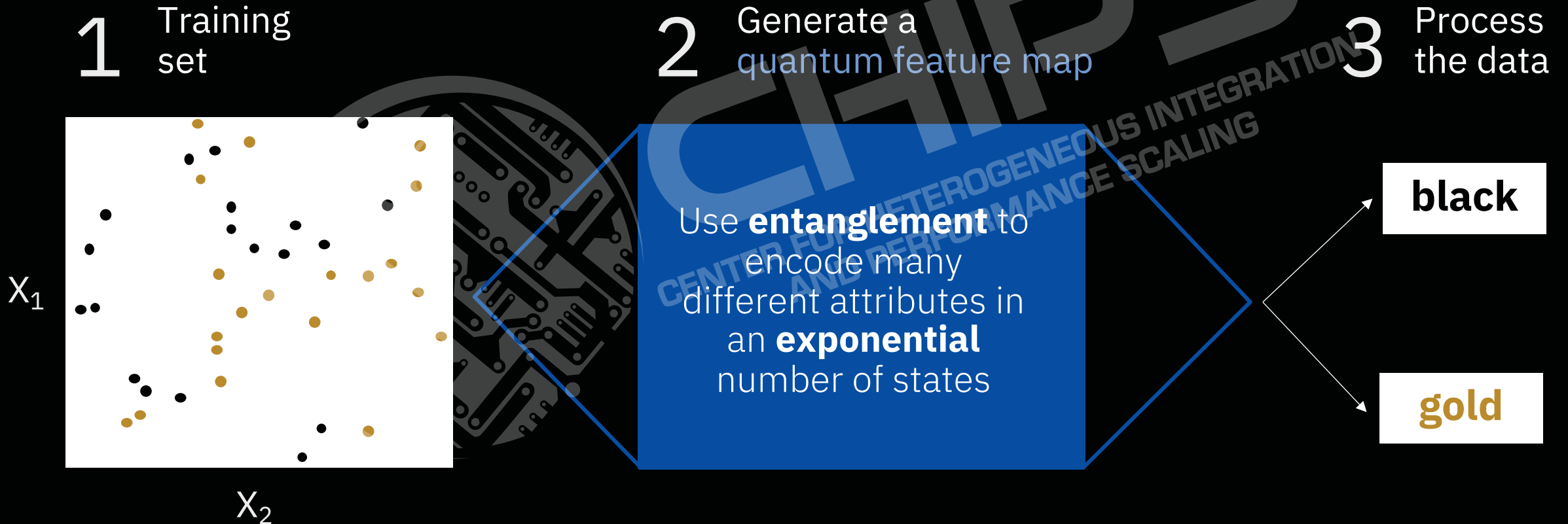
## Experimental demonstration of the transaction settlement problem:



candidate solutions

Quantum algorithm finds globally optimal solution:  
"011" → settle transactions 2 and 3

IBM Q has **experimentally demonstrated** the accurate classification of data using two quantum algorithms.



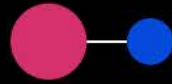
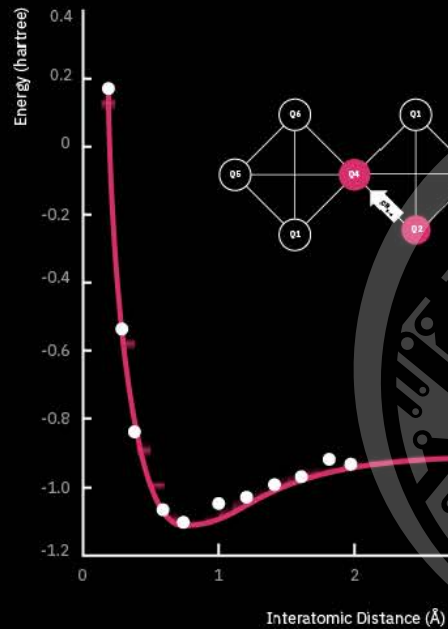
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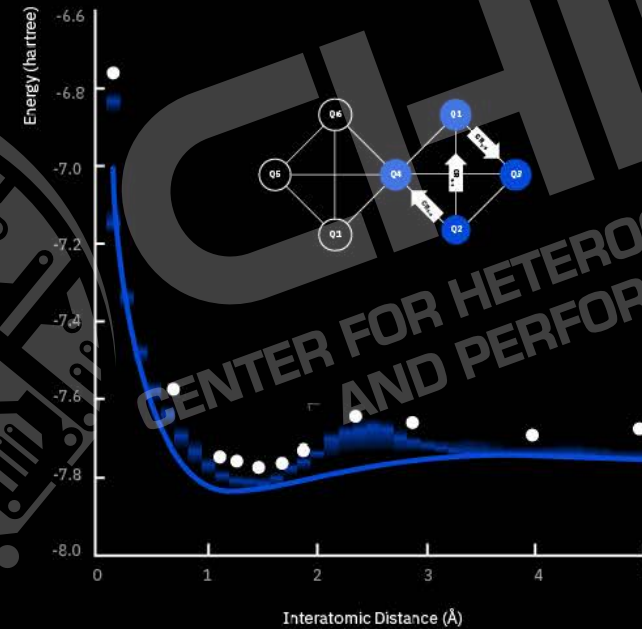
# Chemistry with a real quantum computer



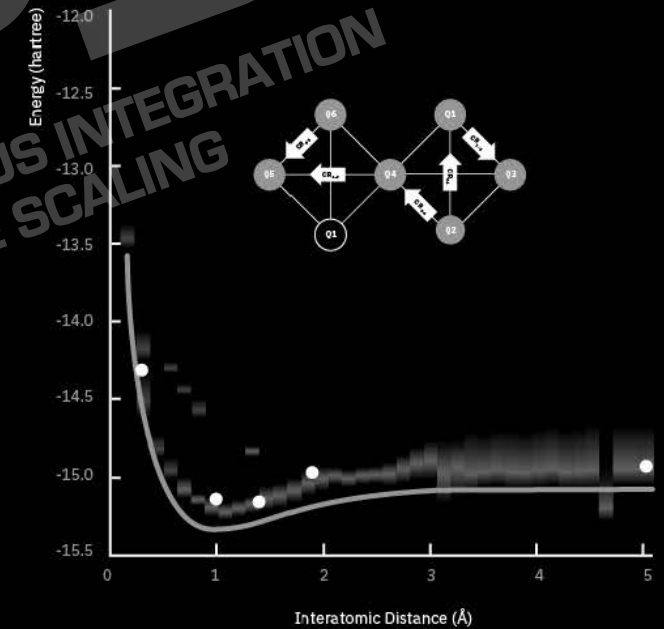
Hydrogen ( $H_2$ ): 2 Qubits



Lithium Hydride ( $LiH$ ): 4 Qubits



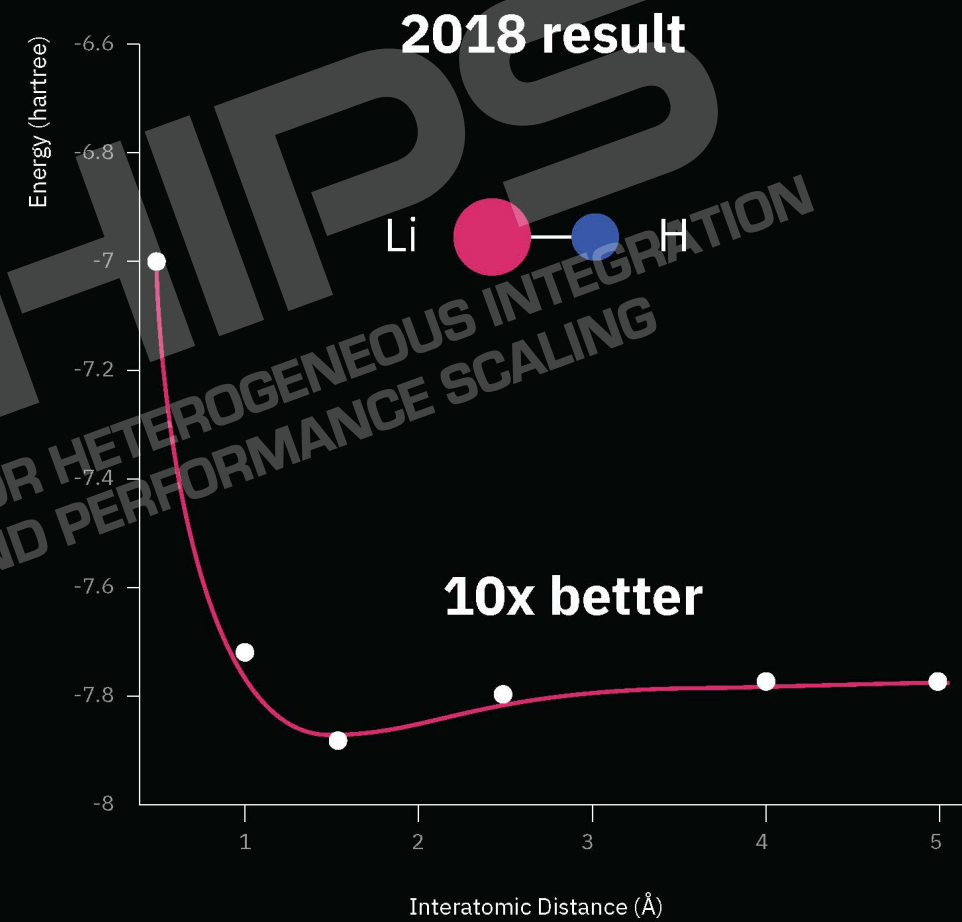
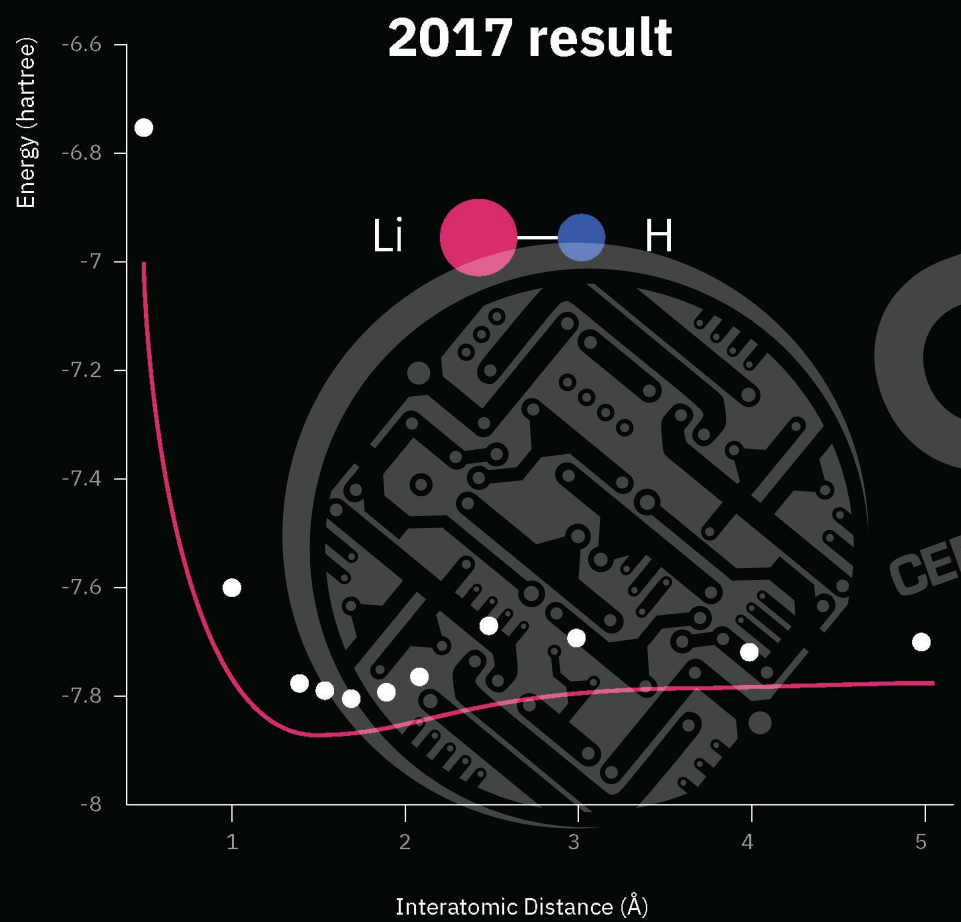
Beryllium hydride ( $BeH_2$ ): 8 Qubits



# Error Mitigation for Quantum Chemistry

Extending the computational reach of a noisy superconducting quantum processor

Abhinav Kandala, Kristan Temme, Antonio D. Córcoles, Antonio Mezzacapo, Jerry M. Chow, Jay M. Gambetta  
IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, USA  
(Dated: May 14, 2018)



# Possible Extensions

- **Material Discovery**
- **Protein** Simulation and enzyme design
- **Polymer** material design and computation of properties
- **Molecular structure** chemistry

## Quantum optimization using variational algorithms on near-term quantum devices

Nikolaj Moll<sup>1</sup>, Panagiotis Barkoutsos<sup>1</sup>, Lev S. Bishop<sup>2</sup>,  
Jerry M. Chow<sup>2</sup>, Andrew Cross<sup>2</sup>, Daniel J. Egger<sup>1</sup>,  
Stefan Filipp<sup>1</sup>, Andreas Fuhrer<sup>1</sup>, Jay M. Gambetta<sup>2</sup>,  
Marc Ganzhorn<sup>1</sup>, Abhinav Kandala<sup>2</sup>, Antonio Mezzacapo<sup>2</sup>,  
Peter Müller<sup>1</sup>, Walter Riess<sup>1</sup>, Gian Salis<sup>1</sup>, John Smolin<sup>2</sup>,  
Ivano Tavernelli<sup>1</sup>, and Kristan Temme<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, USA

## Quantum algorithms for electronic structure calculations: particle/hole Hamiltonian and optimized wavefunction expansions

Panagiotis Kl. Barkoutsos,<sup>1,2</sup> Jerome F. Gonthier,<sup>3</sup> Igor Sokolov,<sup>1,2</sup> Nikolaj Moll,<sup>1</sup> Gian Salis,<sup>1</sup> Andreas Fuhrer,<sup>1</sup>  
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<sup>5</sup>IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, USA

## 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  
IBM Research Zurich, Säumerstrasse 4, 8803 Rüschlikon, Switzerland  
(Dated: September 14, 2018)

## Improving Variational Quantum Optimization using CVaR

Panagiotis Kl. Barkoutsos,<sup>1</sup> Giacomo Nannicini,<sup>2</sup> Anton Robert,<sup>1,3</sup> Ivano Tavernelli,<sup>1</sup> and Stefan Woerner<sup>1,†</sup>

<sup>1</sup>IBM Research – Zurich

<sup>2</sup>IBM T.J. Watson Research Center

<sup>3</sup>École Normale Supérieure, Paris

## Resource-Efficient Quantum Algorithm for Protein Folding

Anton Robert,<sup>1,2</sup> Panagiotis Kl. Barkoutsos,<sup>1</sup> Stefan Woerner,<sup>1,\*</sup> and Ivano Tavernelli<sup>1,†</sup>

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PSL University, Sorbonne Université, CNRS, 75005 Paris, France

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**78** members

**7** industry partners

**9** hubs

**17** hub members

**19** startups

**26** academic partners



# IBM Q Network established in 2017

Accelerate quantum research



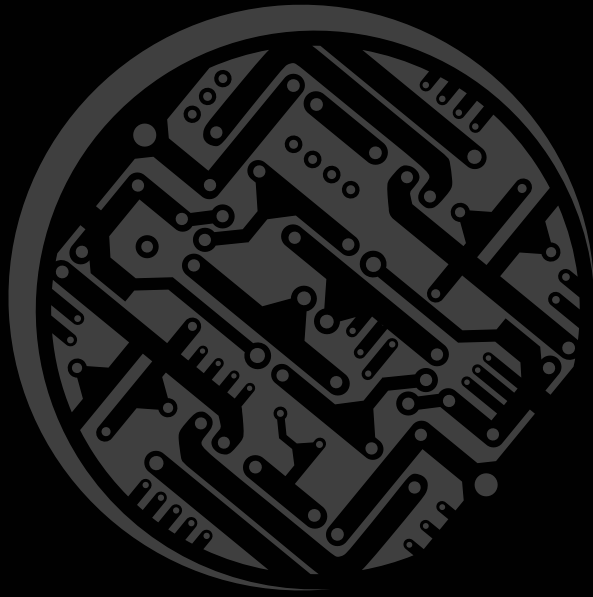
Develop commercial applications



Promote, Educate and Prepare



# The Role of Colleges and Universities



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# Academic research

Academic research in quantum computing drives core advances across many fields including physics, mathematics, computer science, and engineering.

It also will drive innovation in quantum computing applications in chemistry, materials science, economics, applied mathematics, and AI.

University research teams will want access to the latest hardware, control software, and software libraries.



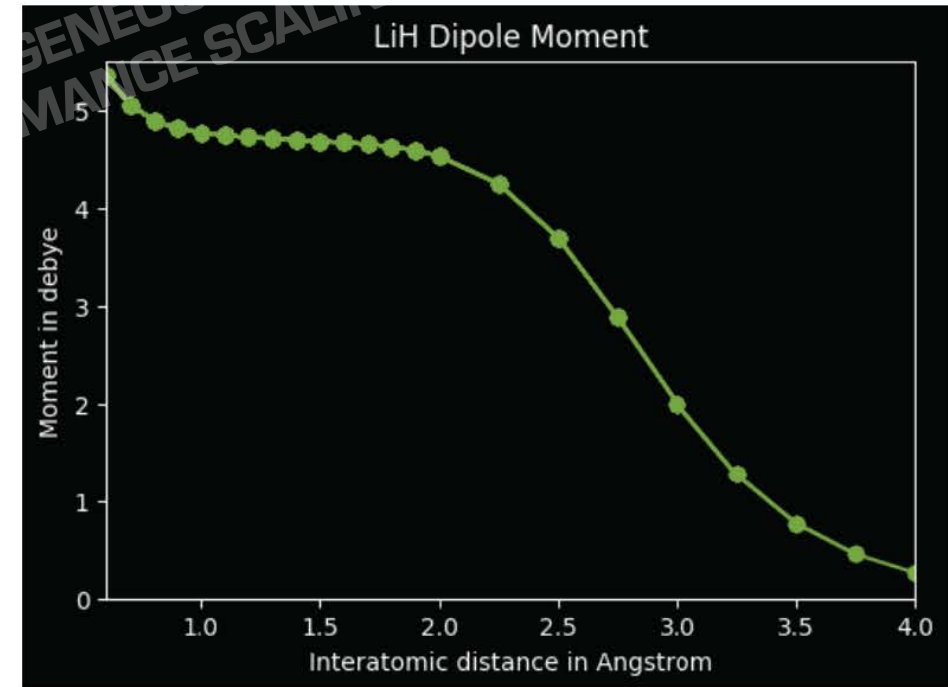
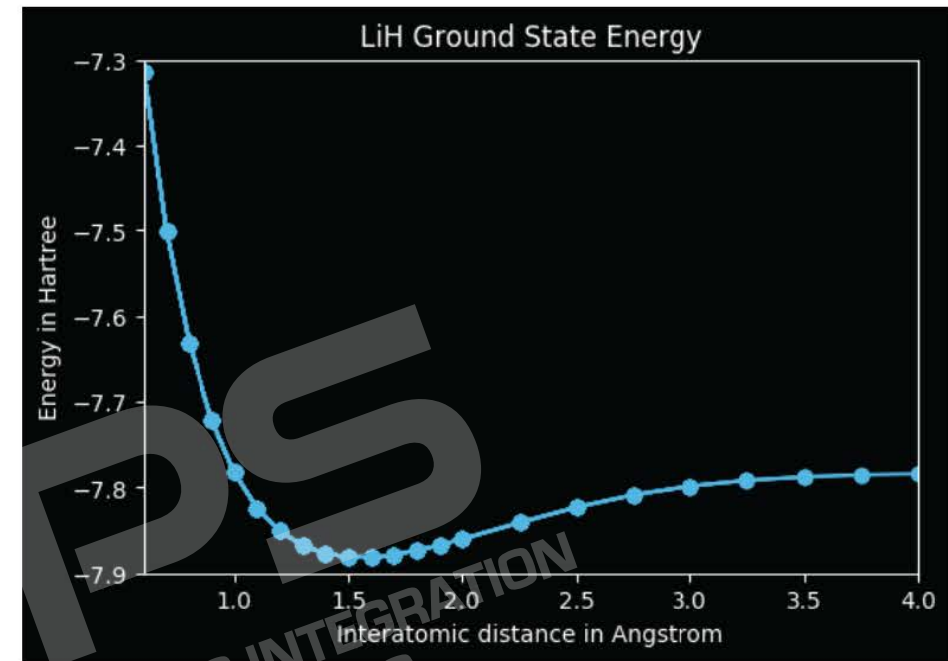


# Education

If quantum computing starts to show early advantage in 3 to 5 years, who better to educate than those who are in college today?

While standalone quantum computing classes are being created and taught, many more students will be reached by modules in existing classes:

- Quantum physics
- Applied mathematics
- Computer architecture
- Software compilers
- Nanotechnology
- Linear algebra
- Chemistry



Quantum computers are complex, but learning to develop on them shouldn't have to be.

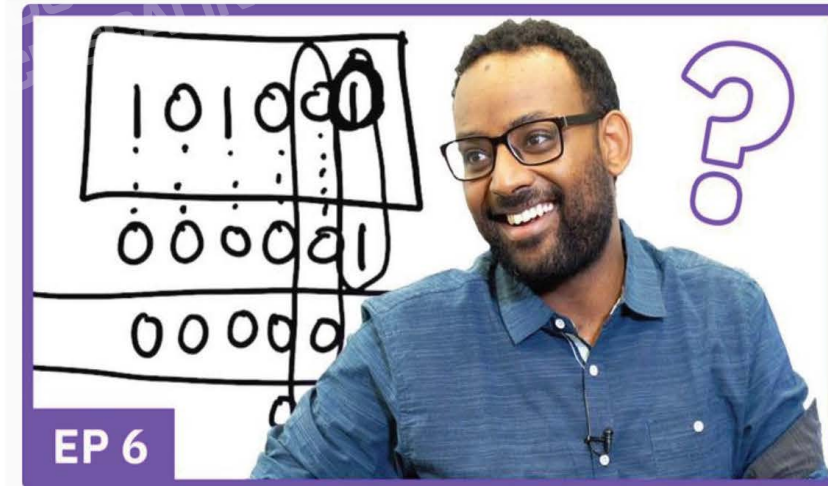


## Qiskit for Educators

Qiskit makes it easy to start learning quantum software to run on real quantum hardware. Teach your students with the same tools used by scientists and engineers worldwide to accelerate research towards practical applications for quantum computing.

## Qiskit Textbook

Leverage the power of quantum computing using Qiskit with this university course supplement covering introductory materials, advanced algorithms and hardware. Include problem sets and exercises for students.





# What's Next?

Deliver more advanced quantum devices and software to our partners and community

Continue to grow and cultivate a collaborative IBM Q Network

Drive industry use cases, research demonstrations and differentiation with IBM Q hardware and software

Partner with educators to advance the teaching of quantum and create new skills for growing demand

Continue to drive open source contributions, content and advocacy within our rapidly growing Qiskit community





# Learn about quantum...



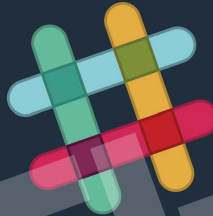
**Qiskit  
open source  
community**

[github.com/qiskit](https://github.com/qiskit)



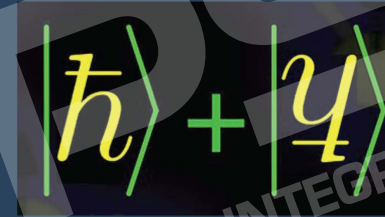
**IBM Q Experience**

[quantum-computing.ibm.com](https://quantum-computing.ibm.com)



**Qiskit slack workspace**

[qiskit.slack.com](https://qiskit.slack.com)



**Quantum Education**

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