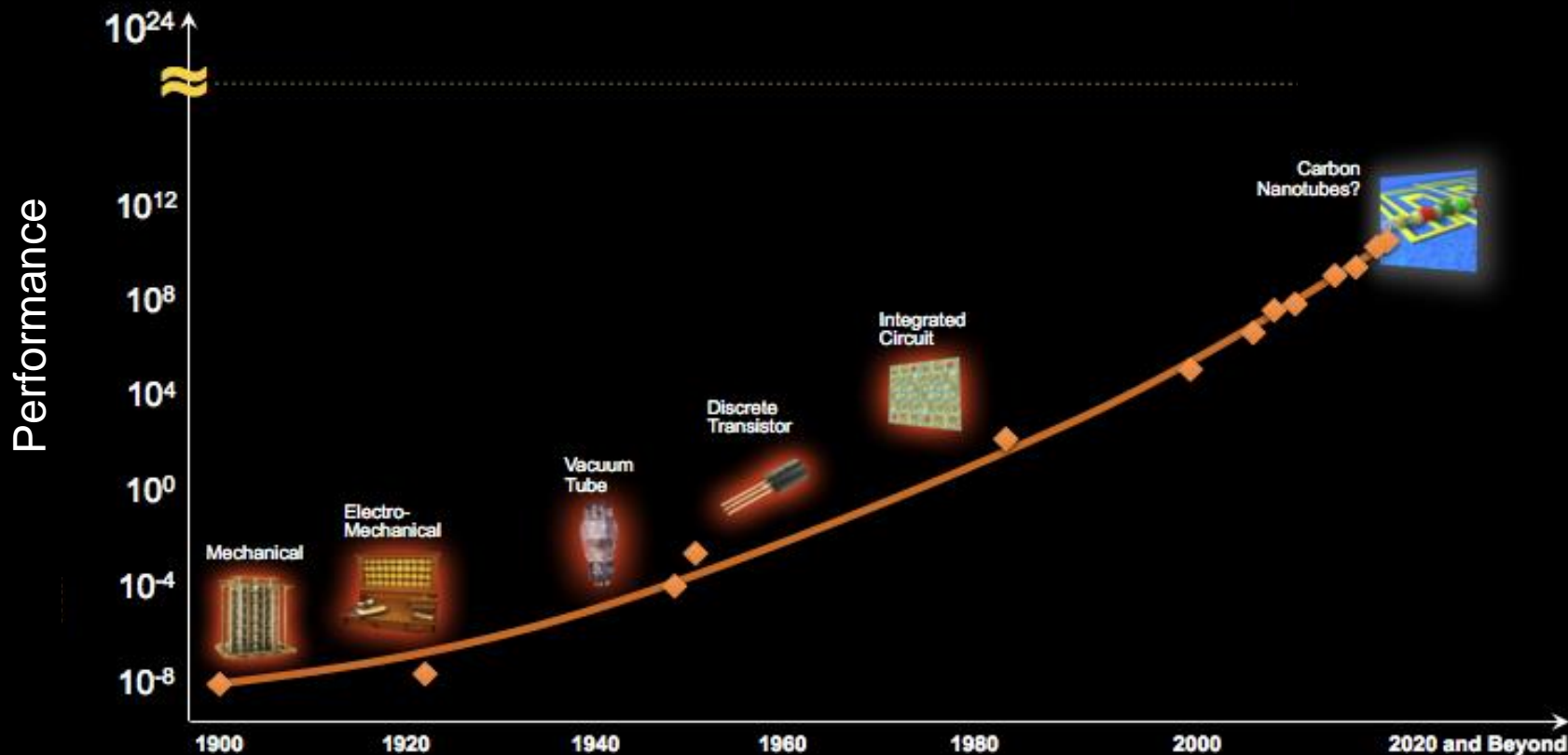


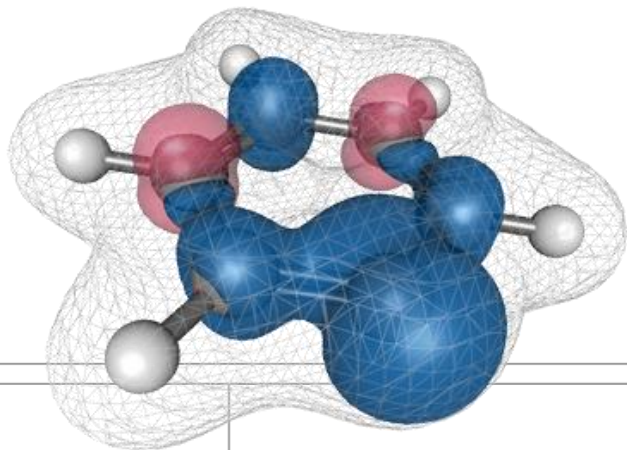
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# Moore's Law



Our intuition about  
**what we can compute**  
is wrong



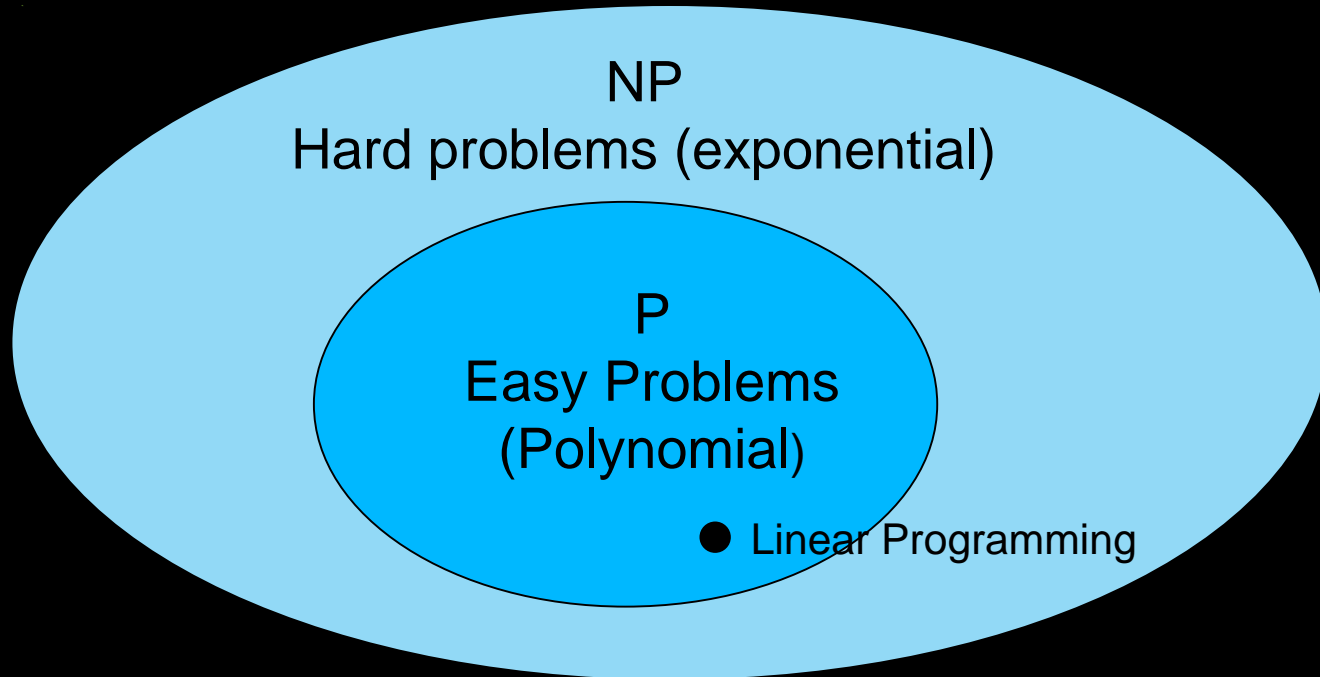
The best supercomputer in the world can accurately simulate a 40-50 electron system

Species	Name	Bond Length (Å)		
		Experimental	Calculated	Difference
<b>CaF</b>	<b>Calcium monofluoride</b>	<b>1.967</b>	<b>4.079</b>	<b>2.112</b>
<b>Na<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Sodium diatomic</b>	<b>3.079</b>	<b>2.379</b>	<b>-0.700</b>



# Limitations of conventional computers

There are many **intractable problems** where the best known algorithm has runtime that scales exponentially with input size



# Exponential Scaling



On the first day...

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After one week...127 grains of rice

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After one month... 5,368 1kg bags of rice

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After 64 days ... 461 billion metric tons of rice

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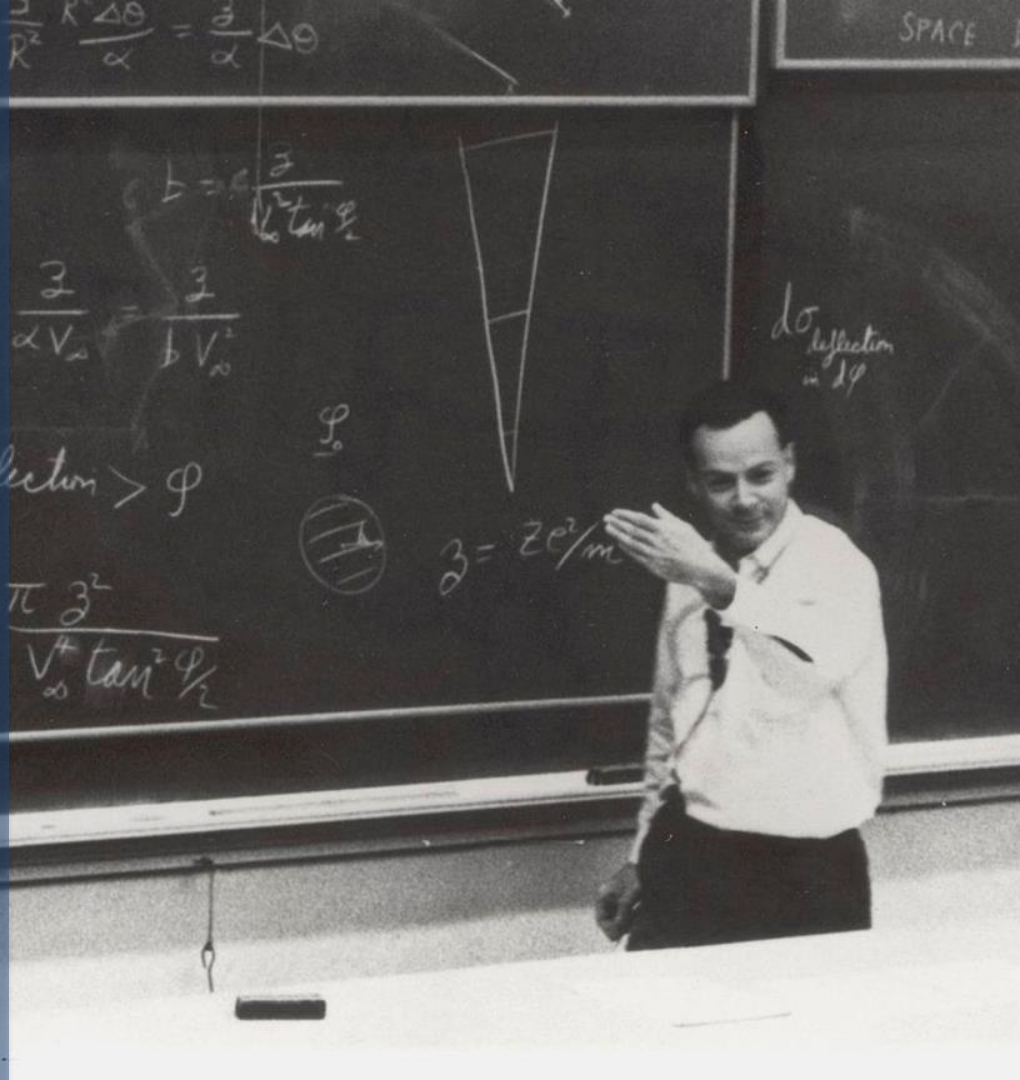
The cradle of life cannot be solved with today's HPC...

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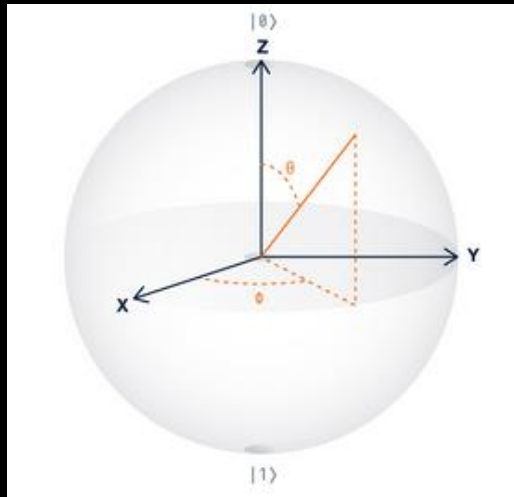


**“ Nature isn’t classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you’d better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly, it’s a wonderful problem, because it doesn’t look so easy.”**

**-Richard P. Feynman**



**Quantum Applications** is about working out how to use two principles, superposition and entanglement in a **new model of computation**



## Superposition

A single quantum bit (qubit) can exist in a superposition of 0 and 1, and  $n$  qubits allow for a superposition all possible  $2^n$  combinations

## Entanglement

The states of entangled qubits cannot be described independently of each other

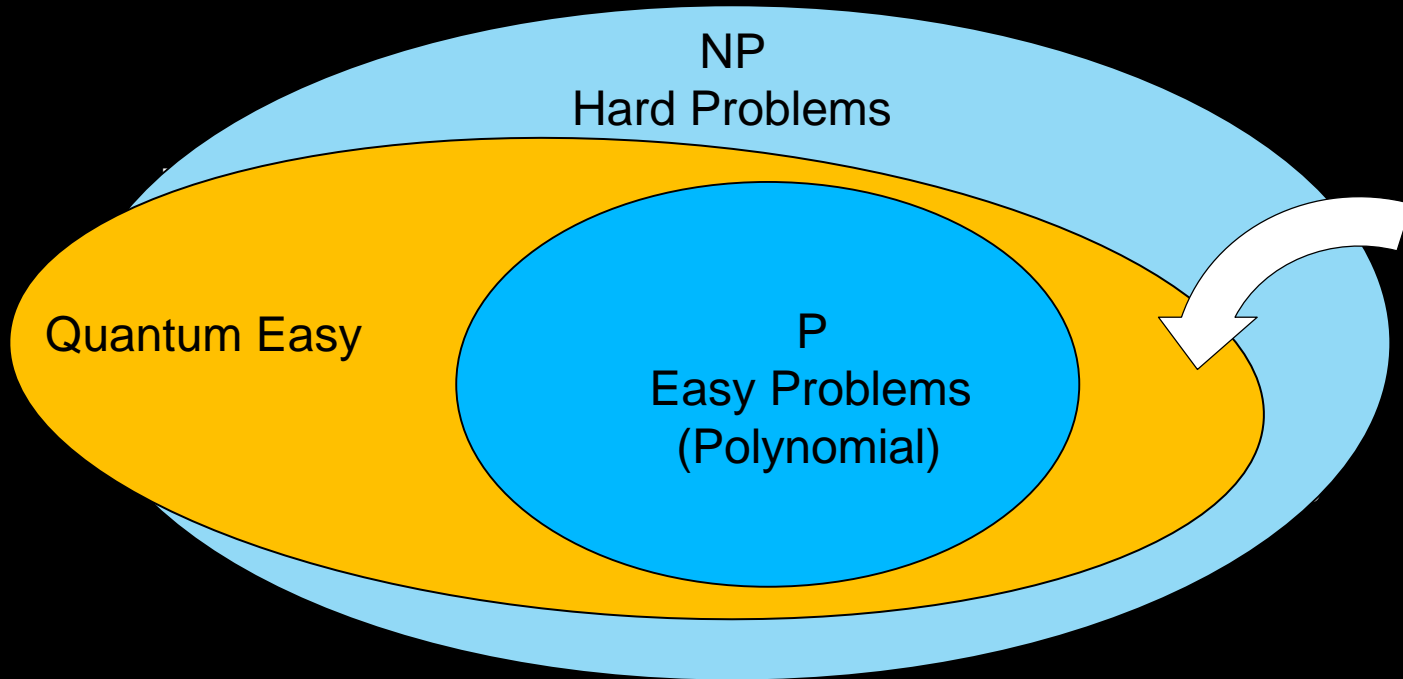
N bit input 100110...

Quantum  
Computer

N qubits  
 $2^N$  paths

N bit output 010101...

...Quantum computers are the **only** known game-changer



Factoring is in this set, but in practice quantum systems that can do this are decades away!

What else is there in here that we can do with systems in the next few years?



# Three types of quantum computing



## Quantum Annealing

Limited use, equivalent power to classical



## Approximate Universal Quantum Computer

Partial use, high power

## Fault-Tolerant Universal Quantum Computer

Complete use cases, holy grail

**Number** of qubits (more is better)

**Errors** (less is better)

**Connectivity** (more is better)

**Gate set** (more is better)

## Quantum Volume

# How powerful is a quantum computer

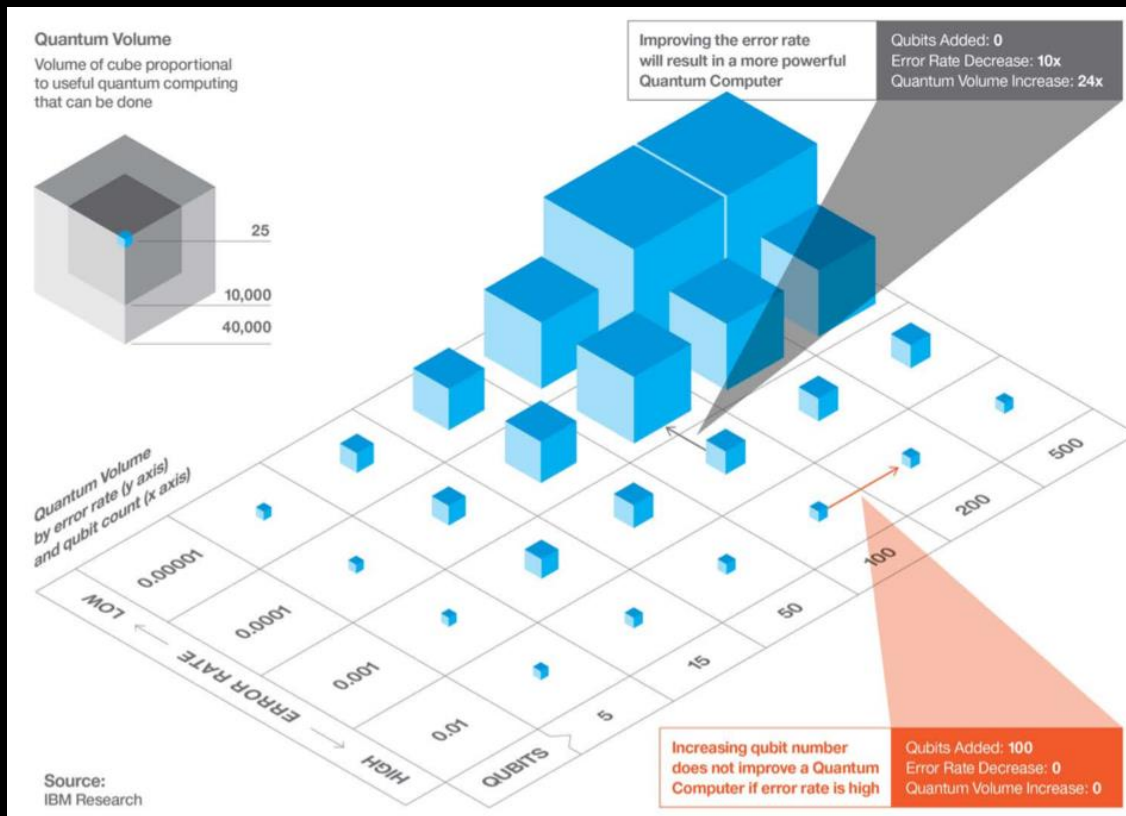
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# The Road to Quantum Advantage

## Quantum Science

Fundamentals of quantum information science

Create and scale qubits with increasing coherence

Create error detection and mitigation schemes

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## Quantum Ready

Core algorithm development

Increase quantum volume

Standardize performance benchmarks

System infrastructure and software enablement

Launch of IBM Q Experience

2016

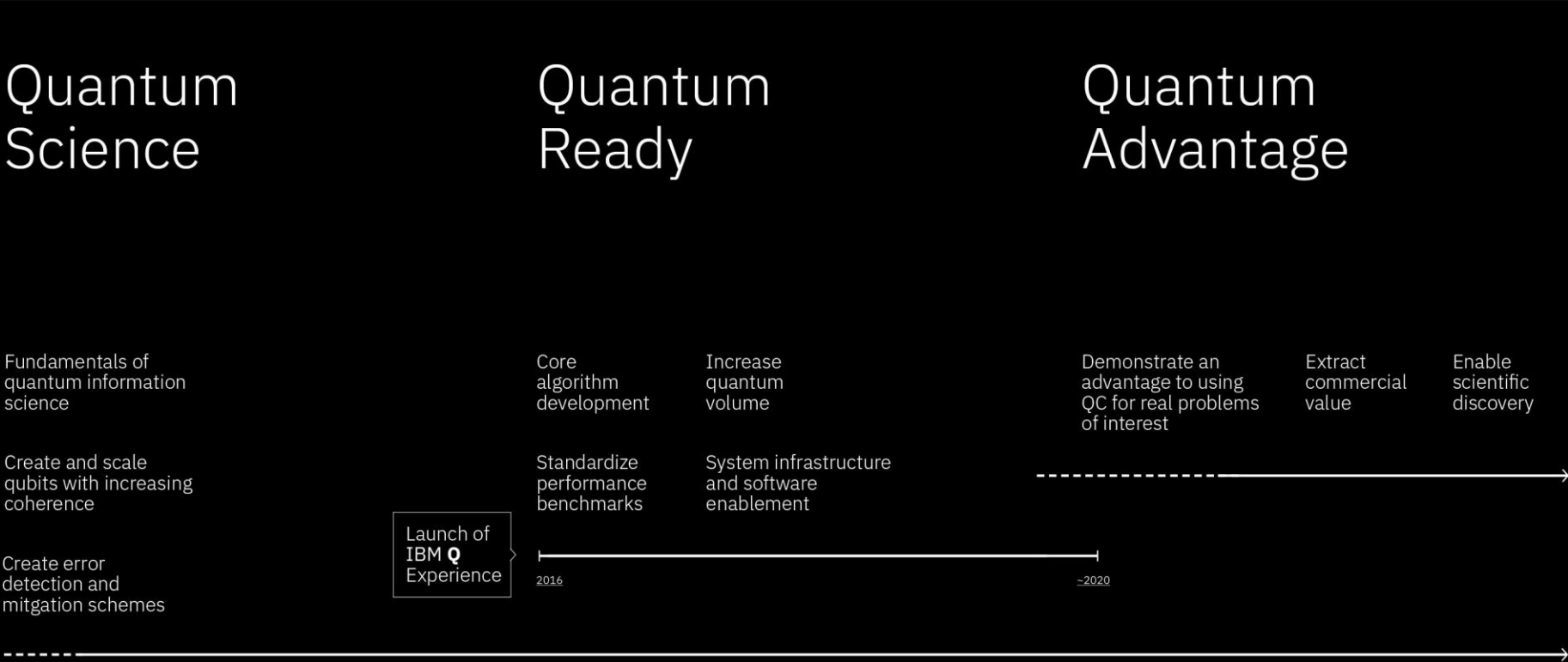
## Quantum Advantage

Demonstrate an advantage to using QC for real problems of interest

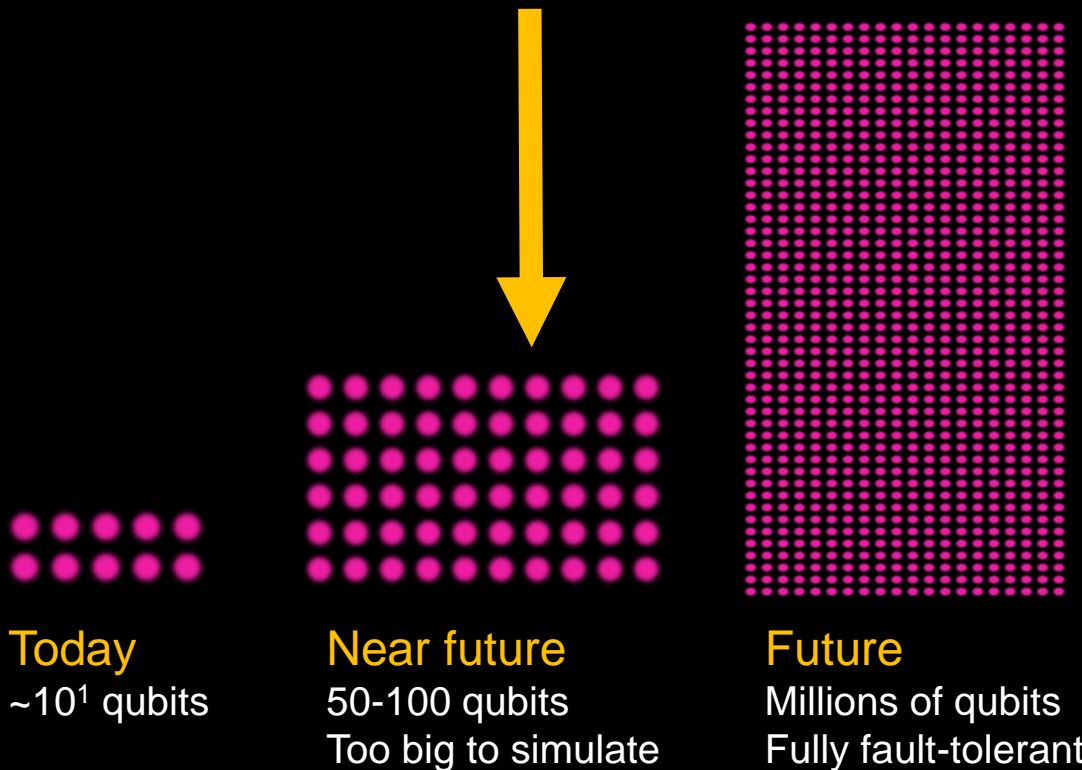
Extract commercial value

Enable scientific discovery

~2020



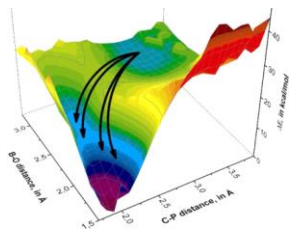
# What applications can we use in the near-term with a handful of qubits and without using error correction?



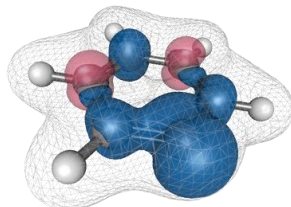
Initial applications will leverage algorithms that can tolerate or mitigate errors found in approximate quantum computers. Research & development for commercial use cases must be focused on selecting algorithms and determining how to best map problems to them.

## Quantum Chemistry

Reaction pathways



Molecule geometry

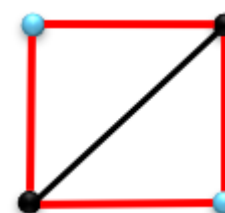


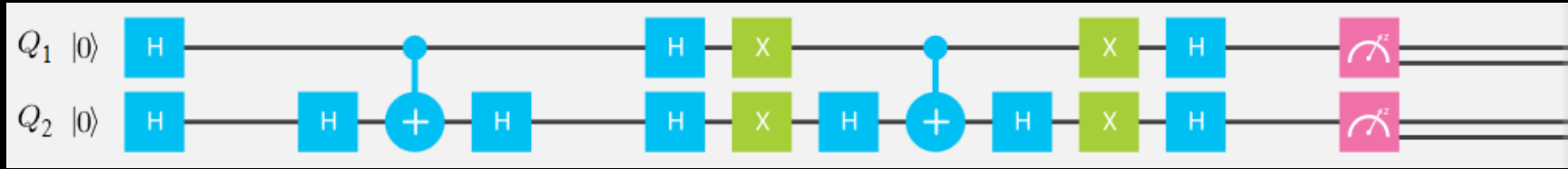
## Optimization

Traveling Salesman



Max Cut





1. **initialization** of all qubits in  $|0\rangle$
  2. sequence of **operations** on single or multiple qubits
  3. **measurement** (read-out) concludes algorithm
- many repetitions for **statistical claims** necessary

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

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

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

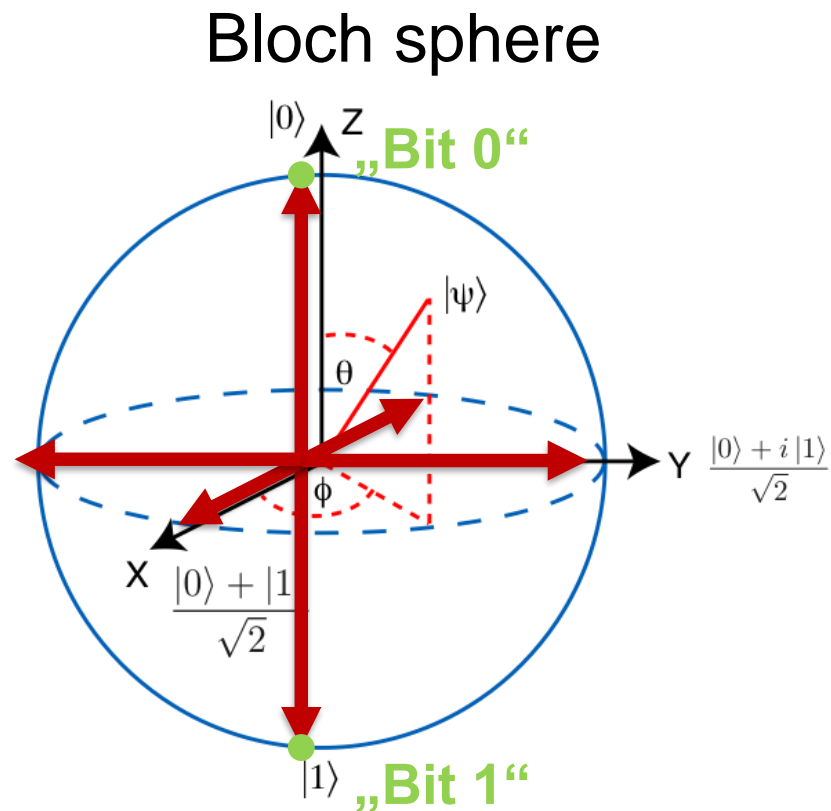
$$|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

$$|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

$$|-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

$$| \odot \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + i|1\rangle)$$

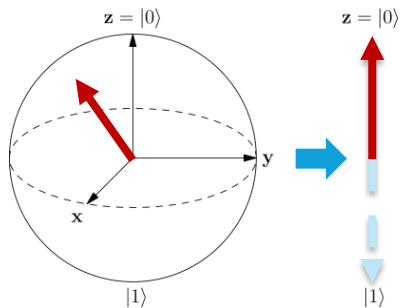
$$| \ominus \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - i|1\rangle)$$





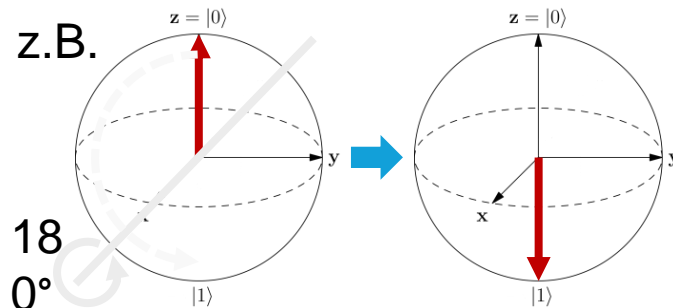
## measurement

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

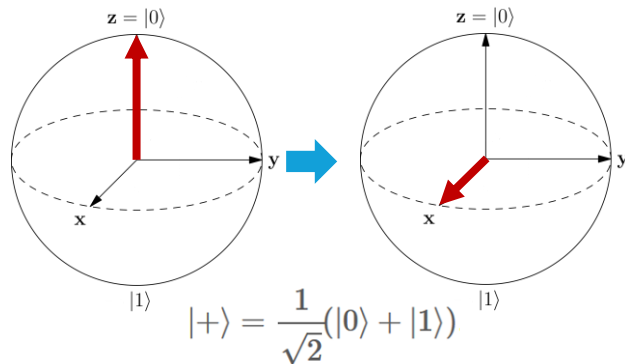


probability  
 either  $|0\rangle$   $|\alpha|^2$   
 or  $|1\rangle$   $|\beta|^2$

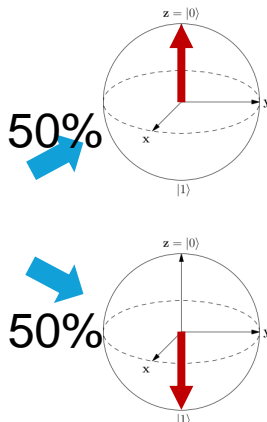
## X Z Y rotations



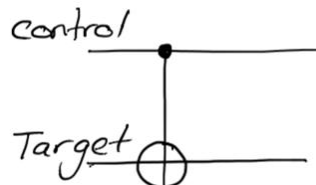
## H Hadamard creates superposition



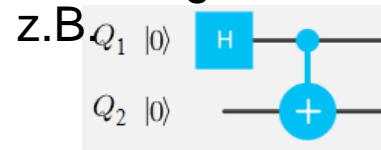
## measurement



## + controlled-NOT

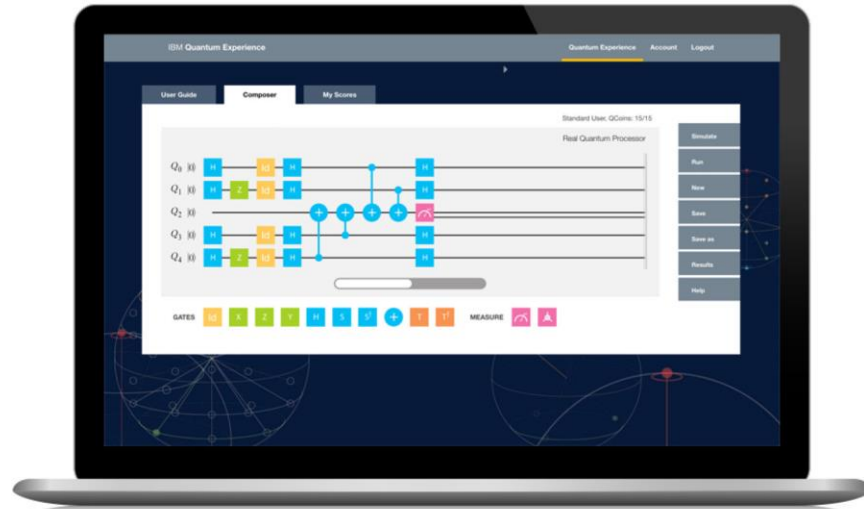


for entanglement



→ **no classical equivalent exists**

- IBM Quantum Experience - [quantumexperience.ng.bluemix.net/](https://quantumexperience.ng.bluemix.net/)



[research.ibm.com/ibm-qx](https://research.ibm.com/ibm-qx)

**Launched May 2016**  
 Program 5 qubit quantum processor from any web browser

**Upgraded Mar 2017**  
 API access  
 SDK launched

**Upgraded May 2017**  
 16 qubit beta program

The screenshot shows the IBM Q experience web interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Learn', 'Experiment', 'GitHub', and 'Jerry Chow'. Below this is a 'Composer' section with 'Library' and 'Community' tabs. The main area displays a quantum circuit for 5 qubits (q[0] to q[4]) and a classical control line (c). The circuit includes Hadamard (H) gates, CNOT gates, and measurement operations. A 'Run' button is visible, along with a 'Simulate' dropdown menu. On the right, there is a 'Gates' panel with buttons for 'id', 'X', 'Y', 'Z', 'H', 'S', 'S†', '+', 'T', and 'T†'. Below the gates is a 'BARRIER' section and an 'OPERATIONS' section.

Below the circuit, there is a table of hardware specifications for the ibmqx2 processor:

	Q0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
CR0_1	$e_{ij}^{01}$ : $3.73 \times 10^{-2}$	$f$ : 5.27 GHz	$f$ : 5.21 GHz	$f$ : 5.03 GHz	$f$ : 5.30 GHz	$f$ : 5.06 GHz
CR0_2	$e_{ij}^{02}$ : $5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$T_1$ : 48.9 $\mu$ s	$T_1$ : 71.3 $\mu$ s	$T_1$ : 49.5 $\mu$ s	$T_1$ : 49.4 $\mu$ s	$T_1$ : 76.6 $\mu$ s
CR1_2	$e_{ij}^{12}$ : $3.94 \times 10^{-2}$	$T_2$ : 48.6 $\mu$ s	$T_2$ : 35.3 $\mu$ s	$T_2$ : 102.7 $\mu$ s	$T_2$ : 55.9 $\mu$ s	$T_2$ : 85.1 $\mu$ s
CR3_2	$e_{ij}^{32}$ : $6.81 \times 10^{-2}$	$e_g$ : $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$e_g$ : $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$e_g$ : $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$e_g$ : $2.4 \times 10^{-3}$	$e_g$ : $1.6 \times 10^{-3}$
CR3_4	$e_{ij}^{34}$ : $4.28 \times 10^{-2}$	$e_r$ : $2.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$e_r$ : $1.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$e_r$ : $1.3 \times 10^{-2}$	$e_r$ : $1.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$e_r$ : $4.3 \times 10^{-2}$
CR4_2	$e_{ij}^{24}$ : $4.6 \times 10^{-2}$					

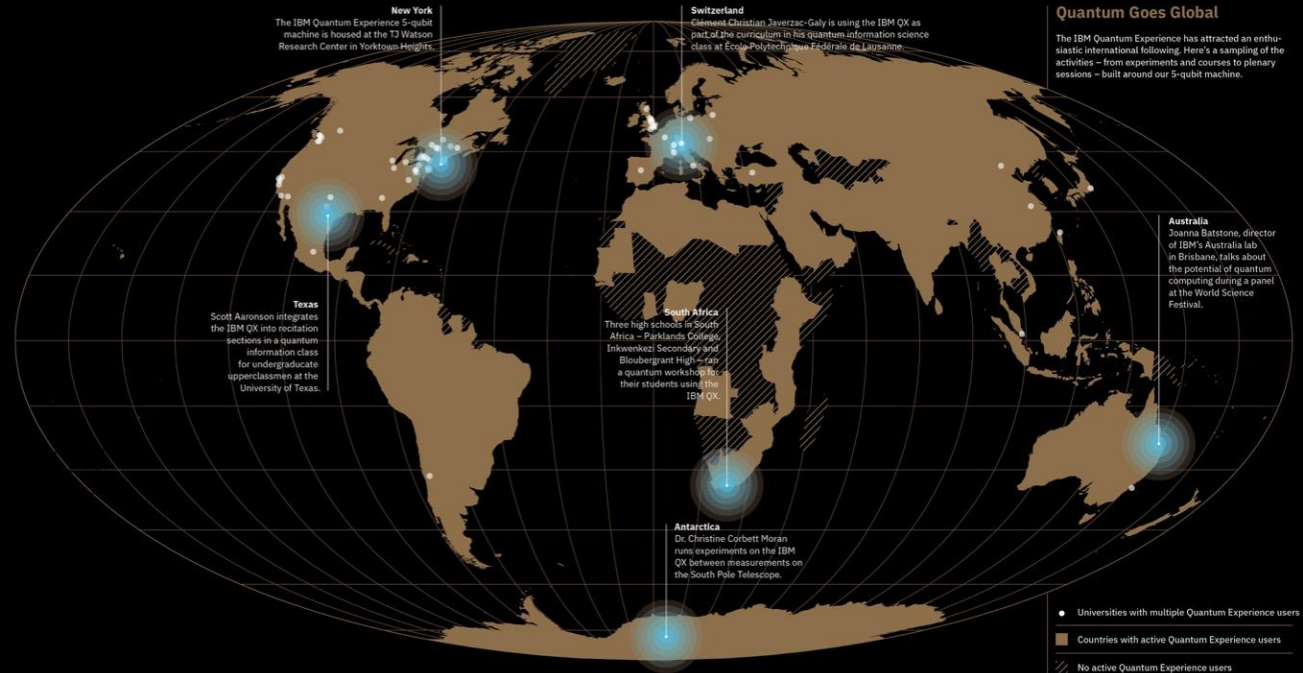
Additional information shown includes the 'Fridge Temperature' at 0.0153 Kelvin and a diagram of the qubit layout.

50,000 users

All 7 continents

>150 colleges and universities

Over 1 Million experiments



20 publications since last May

IBM Q



Very simple interface, several Jupyter notebook examples

Set up the API

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In [2]: import Qconfig
        api = IBMQuantumExperience.IBMQuantumExperience(Qconfig.APIToken, Qconfig.config)
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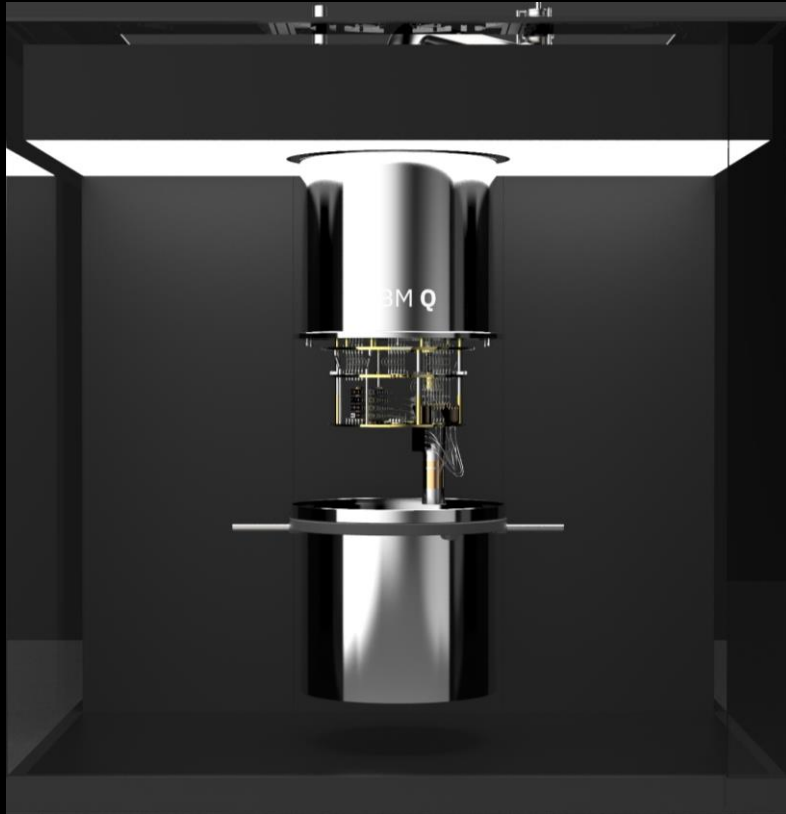
Submit a job

```
In [4]: out = api.run_job(qasms = [{'qasm' : make_bell}], device = 'sim', shots = 1024, max_credits=3)
        print(out['status'])
```

Wait for completion

```
In [5]: import time
        jobids=out['id']
        results = api.get_job(jobids)
        print(results['status'])
        while (results['status'] == 'RUNNING'):
            time.sleep(2)
            results = api.get_job(jobids)
            print(results['status'])
```

RUNNING  
RUNNING  
COMPLETED



**Announced May 2017**

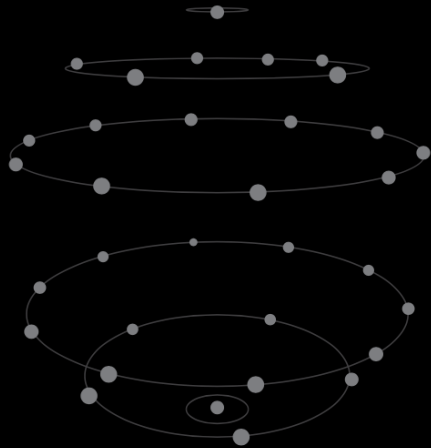
## **IBM's first prototype commercial processor with 17 qubits**

- Most powerful quantum processor created to date - leverages significant materials, device, and architecture improvements
- Engineered to be at least twice as powerful as the experience delivered on IBM Cloud
- Basis for IBM Q commercial systems

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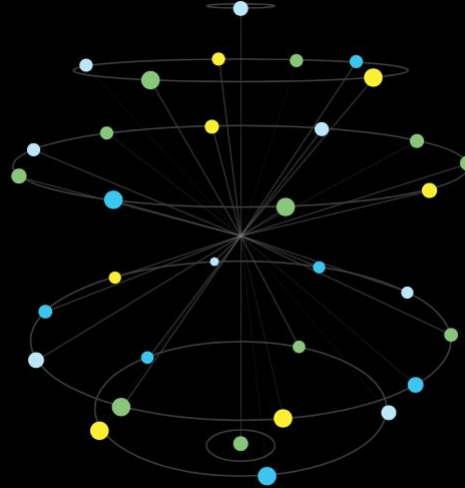






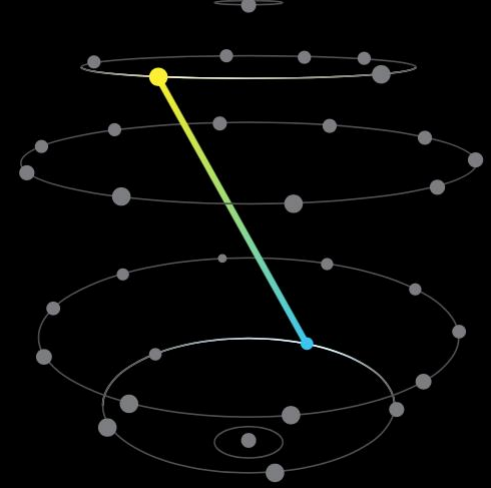
## The spread

First part of the algorithm is to make an equal superposition of all  $2^n$  states. Apply H gates



## The problem

The second part is to encode the problem into these states (phases on the all  $2^n$  states).



## The magic

The magic of quantum algorithms is to interfere all these states back to a few outcomes containing the solution