

# Overview of Quantum Computing Efforts in Singapore

QC Benchmarks Views

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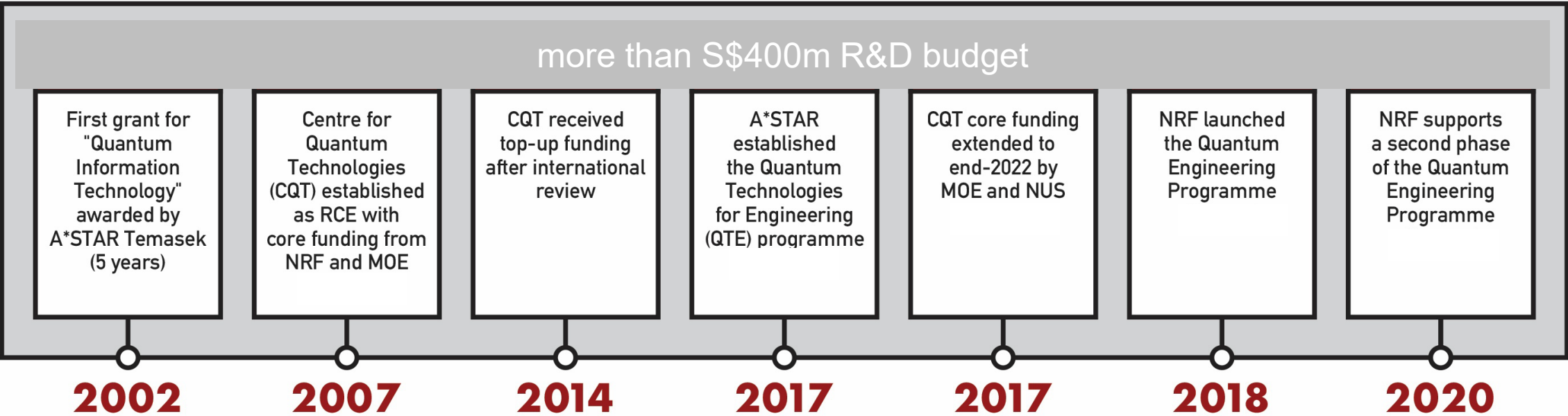
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# SG's steady investments over two decades

Key quantum funding initiatives in Singapore (SGD) by year



# Quantum Ecosystem in Singapore with Multiple Peaks of Research Excellence

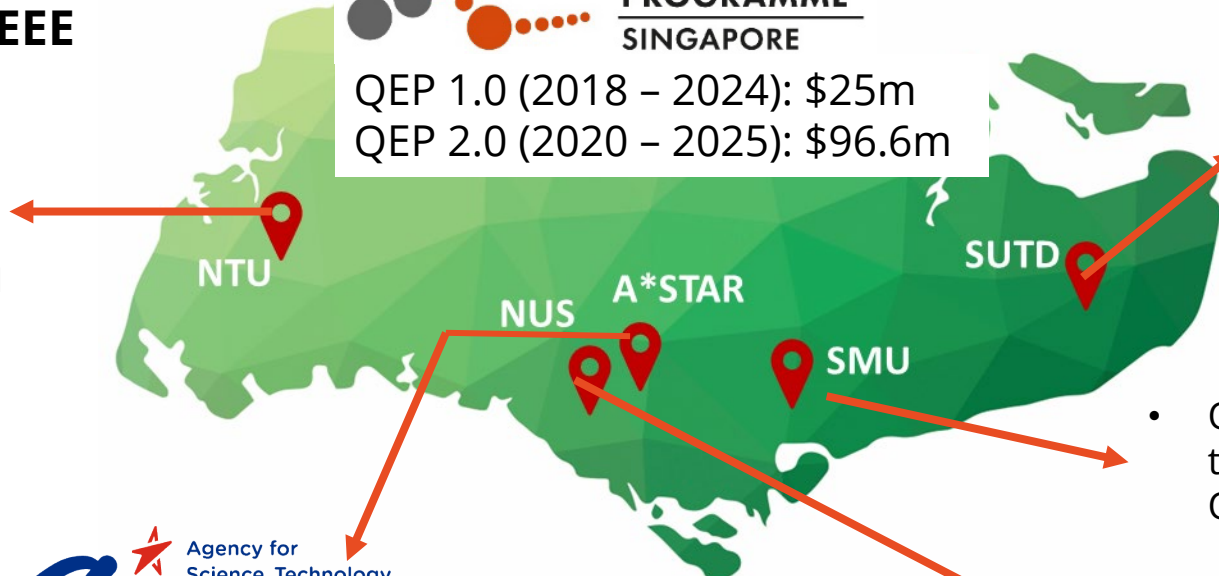


SPMS, EEE

- NTU houses several centres and initiatives with linkages to Quantum:
  - Nanyang Quantum Hub
  - Centre for Disruptive **Photonic Technologies** (Quantum control of light at the single- or few-photon level)
  - Quantum Science and Engineering Centre (photonic chips)



QEP 1.0 (2018 – 2024): \$25m  
QEP 2.0 (2020 – 2025): \$96.6m



- Active in national programmes such as the NQSN

- Others are connected to the rest of the Quantum ecosystem through the Quantum SG initiative



IMRE, IHPC, IME, NMC

- IMRE hosts the **National Quantum Fabless Foundry**
- A major partner of the **National Quantum Computing Hub** (through IHPC and NSCC) with major research activities in **Quantum Computing** algorithms, middleware and hardware
- QTE in IMRE drives **Quantum Sensing** tech development and **Quantum Computing** materials development
- NMC drives **Quantum Metrology** development with their Lu-based optical clock
- SERC is coordinating WOA Quantum activities with CQS leading it



- Hosts the **National Quantum-Safe Network (NQSN)** and **CQT**



# Governance and coordination



**National Quantum Steering Committee**  
Co-chairs: Prof Low Teck Seng, Quek Gim Pew  
Members: NRF, A\*STAR, NQO, EDB, CSA, IMDA, GovTech, Temasek, CQT, NUS, NTU, DSO



**National Quantum Office (NQO)**  
Executive Director: Ling Keok Tong  
Chief I&E Officer: Rakesh Jaiswal    Chief Scientific Officer: A/Prof Alexander Ling  
Hosted at:



**CQT**  
Dir: Prof José Ignacio Latorre

The logo for the Centre for Quantum Technologies (CQT), featuring the letters "CQT" in a stylized orange and red font, with the text "Centre for Quantum Technologies" to its right.

**QEP**  
Dir: A/Prof Alexander Ling

The logo for the Quantum Engineering Programme Singapore, featuring a stylized graphic of orange and grey dots forming a quantum circuit-like structure, with the text "QUANTUM ENGINEERING PROGRAMME SINGAPORE" to its right.

**Quantum Technical Committee**  
Members: Prof Lam Ping Koy, Prof José Ignacio Latorre, Prof Rainer Dumke



++ other quantum ecosystem/ activities

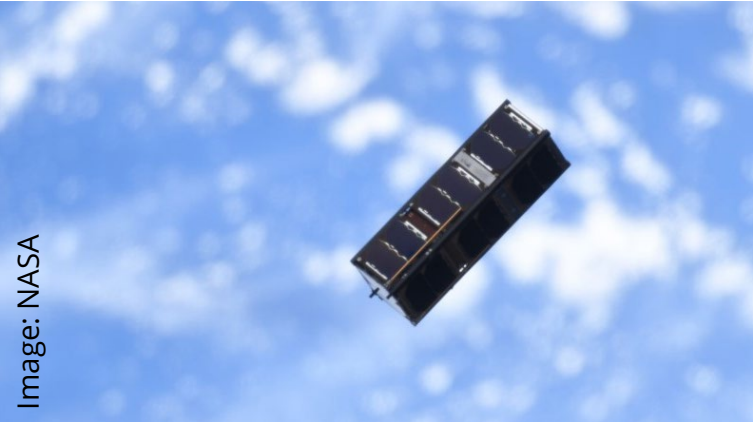
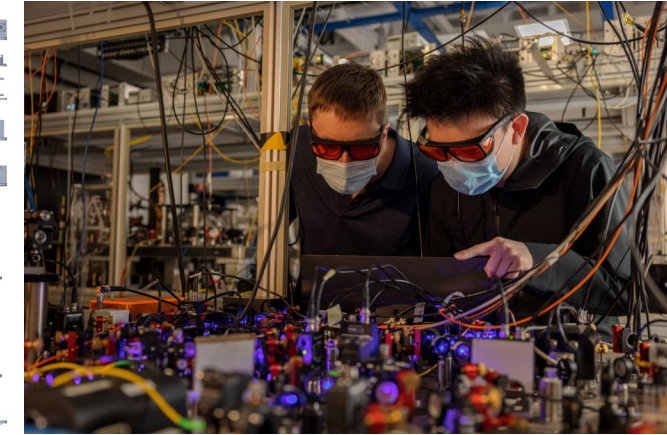
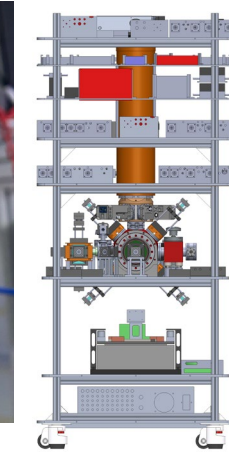
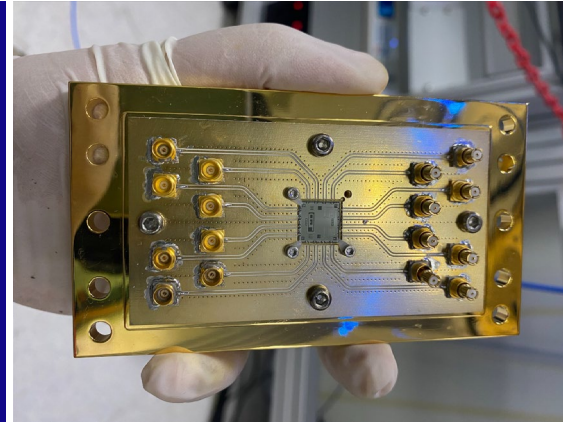
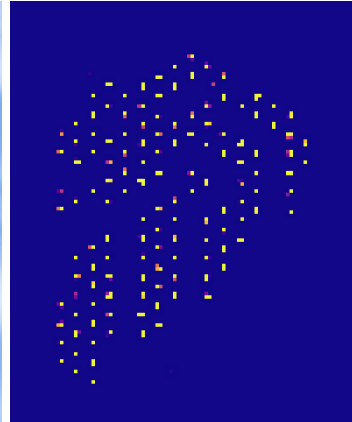


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## Quantum Communication & Security

- Quantum communication via satellite and fibre (QKD)
- Post-quantum cryptography
- Quantum internet
- Two spin-offs
- National Quantum-Safe Network

## Quantum Computation & Simulation

- Platforms: superconducting qubits, trapped ions, atom arrays, cavities, photonic chips
- Algorithms research and development
- Quantum simulation to study advanced materials
- Three startups in quantum software
- National Quantum Computing Hub

## Quantum Sensing & Metrology

- Novel atomic clock design using lutetium ( $\text{Lu}^+$ )
- Gravimeter based on ultracold atoms
- Magnetic sensing with NV centers
- One start-up in quantum sensing

## Advanced Instruments

- Integrated chips, field-programmable gate arrays, optical tweezer arrays
- Spin-off selling control and measurement products
- National Quantum Fabless Foundry

## Basic Science

- Curiosity-driven research in areas including light-matter interactions, quantum thermodynamics and quantum correlations

# A\*STAR Quantum Innovation Centre (Q.InC)

## Underpinning Platforms

**Materials**

**Microelectronics**

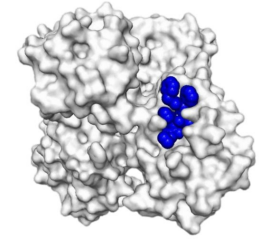
**Hardware**

**Software Stack**



### **1) Quantum for biomedical**

- Quantum sensors (medical diagnostic, ex-vivo personalized drug response)
- Quantum computing software (accelerate drug discovery process)



### **2) Quantum for security**

- PNT fusion sensors
- Remote sensing



### **3) Quantum for space**

- Quantum sensors (eg. situation awareness)
- Satellite quantum network
- Satellite quantum interferometry



### **4) Quantum for Infocomm Technologies**

- Quantum computing software
- Quantum computing hardware



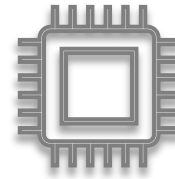
# QEP research pillars and platforms



**36** R&D projects  
+  
Next effort on  
instrumentation & enabling  
technologies



**Quantum  
Communication  
& Security**



**Quantum Computing &  
Processors**



**Quantum  
Sensors**

**National Quantum-Safe Network**

**National Quantum Computing Hub**

**National Quantum Fabless Foundry**

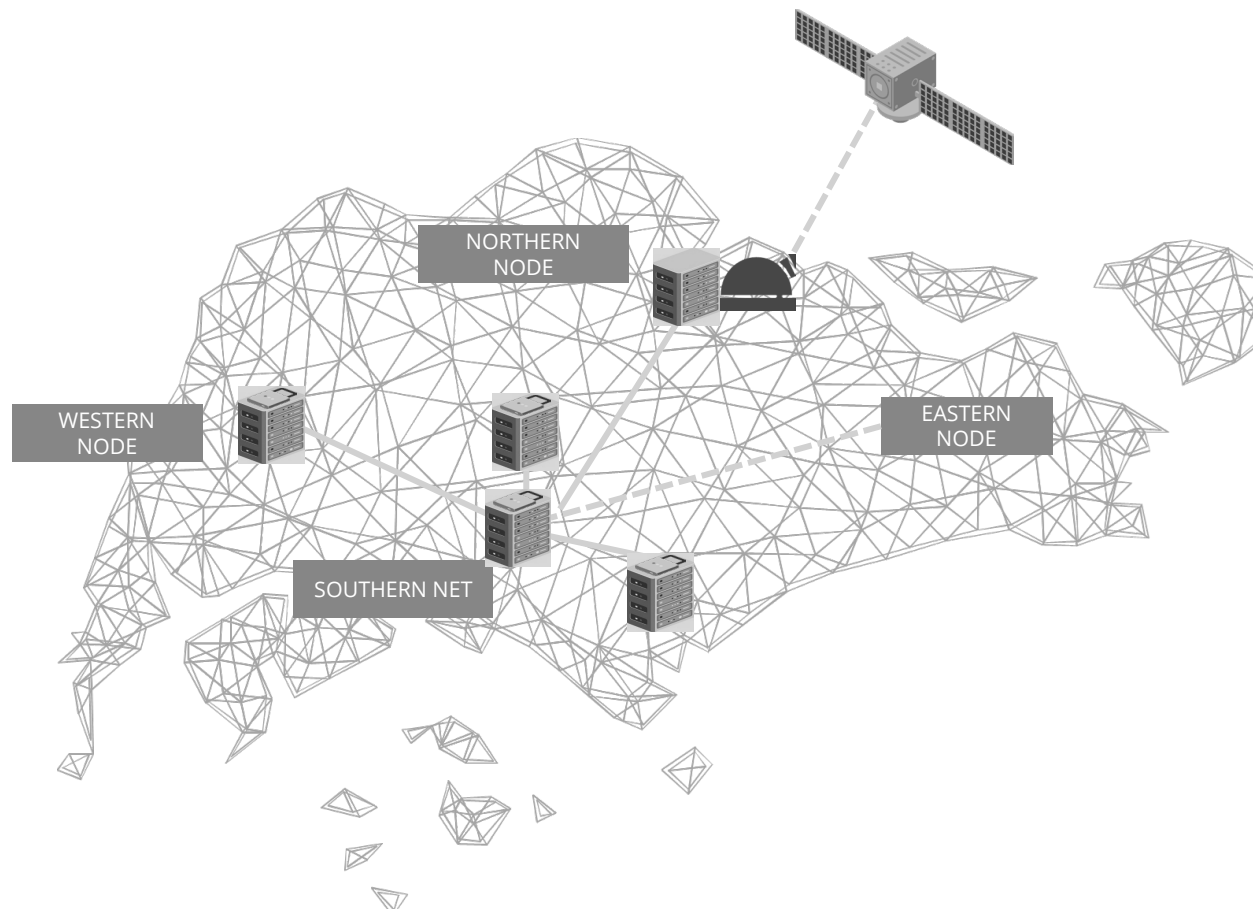


**Terrestrial Metropolitan Area Network**  
Fibre & free-space

**Satellite links**

**Public-private collaborations**  
>15 companies & govt agencies

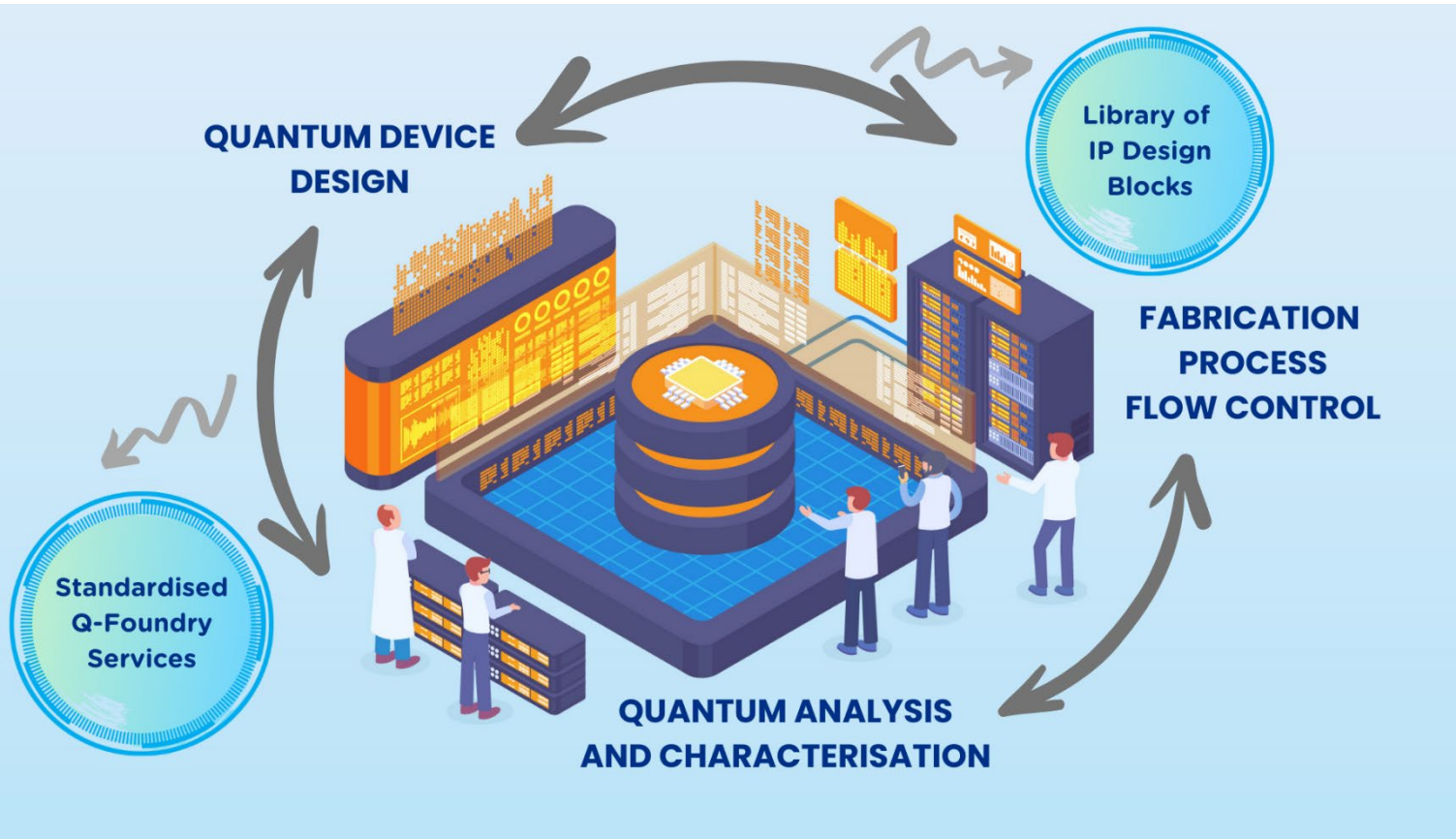
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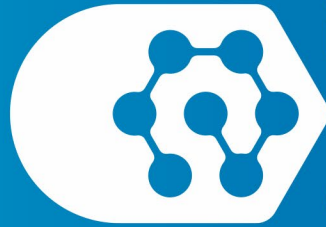

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FABLESS FOUNDRY**  
SINGAPORE

- Goals to accelerate research, develop strategic capabilities
- Technologies to develop include superconducting chips, integrated ion traps, cryo-computing and single photon detectors

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# The National Quantum Computing Hub

## Hardware

- Production quantum computer
- Classical Simulator
- Cloud access

## Middleware

- Full stack
- Hardware backends
- GPU backends
- Supercomputer backends

## Applications

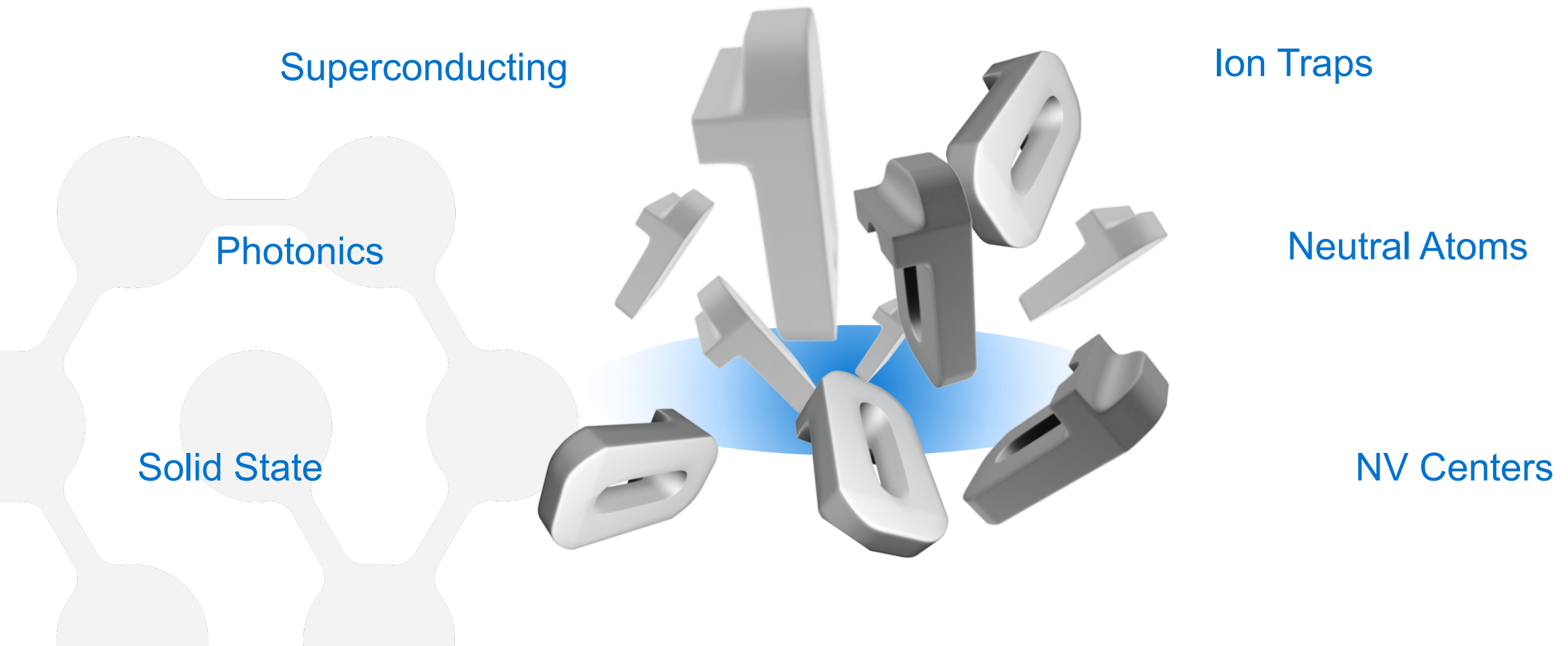
- Basic algorithms
- Applied algorithms
- Link to industry

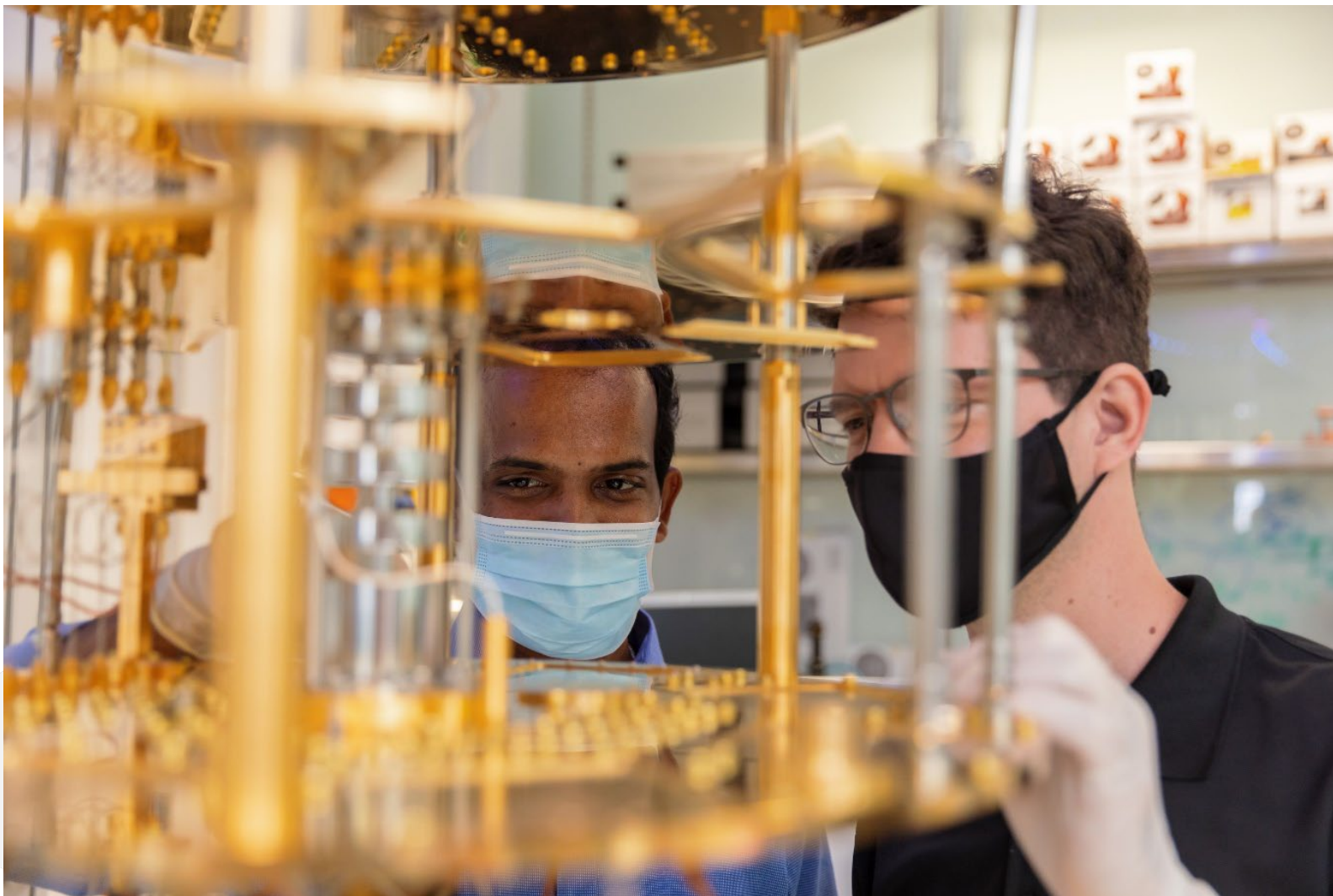
## Talent

## Outreach

## International Collaboration

# What quantum hardware?





## Made in SG

Superconducting  
quantum processor by  
the group of Rainer  
Dumke @ CQT, NTU



# Meaningful Collaborations

e.g. MOU NQO & Finland VTT,  
IQM, CSC - IT Center for  
Science



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# Welcome to Quantum Talent

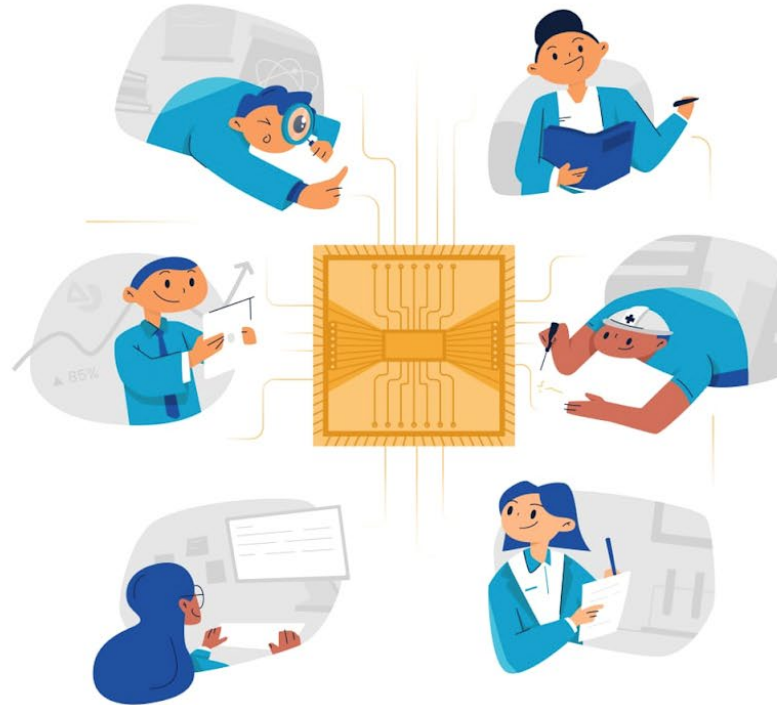
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## Online learning platform

- A web portal fully created by NQCH
- To provide high-quality educational materials while avoiding hype
- To build connections between talent, academic and industry
- Free for public

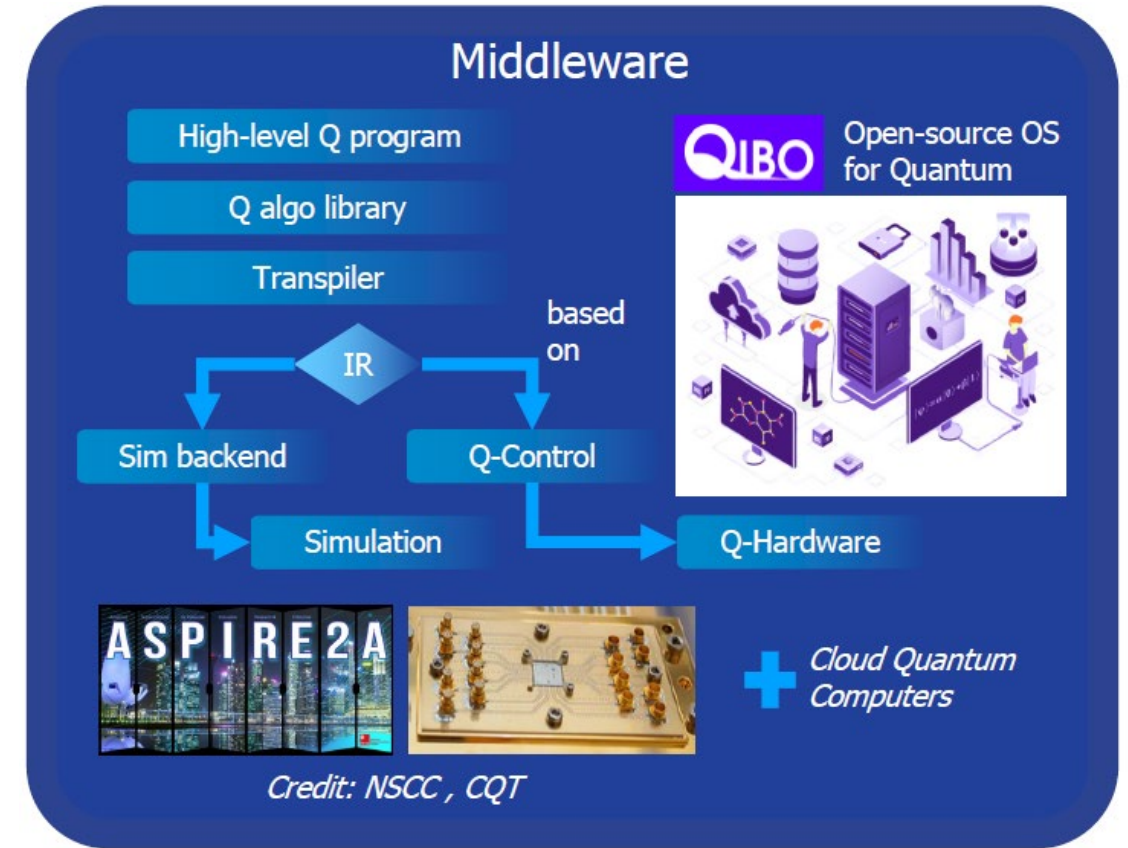
## Audience

- Multi-level: Beginner → Expert
- Multi-facet: Different backgrounds

## Content

- Short courses
- Stand-alone videos
- Certifiable Programs
- Blogposts and news

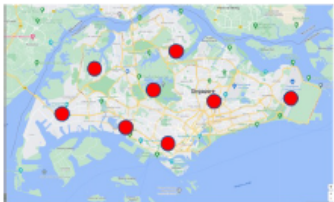
# Quantum open source middleware: Qibo



End-to-end open source platform for quantum simulation, quantum hardware control and remote access

(think of a linux for quantum!)

Optimisation problems,  
e.g. TSP, max-cut



Quantum formulation,  
e.g. Ising Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum J_{ij} Z_i Z_j$$



Q Algorithms, e.g.  
QAOA, quantum  
annealing

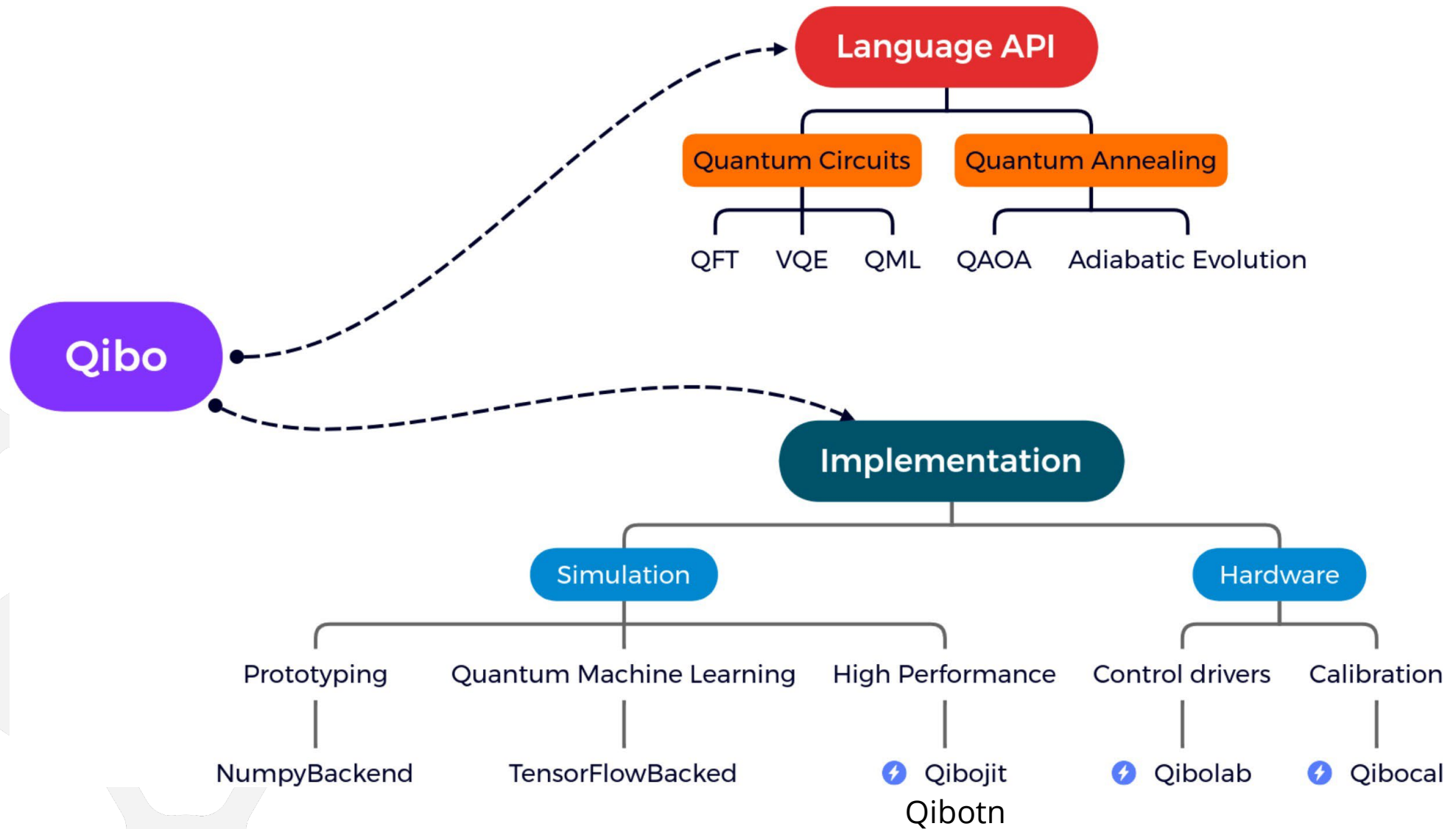
```
import numpy as np
from qibo import models, hamiltonians

# Create XXZ Hamiltonian for six qubits
hamiltonian = hamiltonians.XXZ(6)
# Create QAOA model
qaoa = models.QAOA(hamiltonian)
```

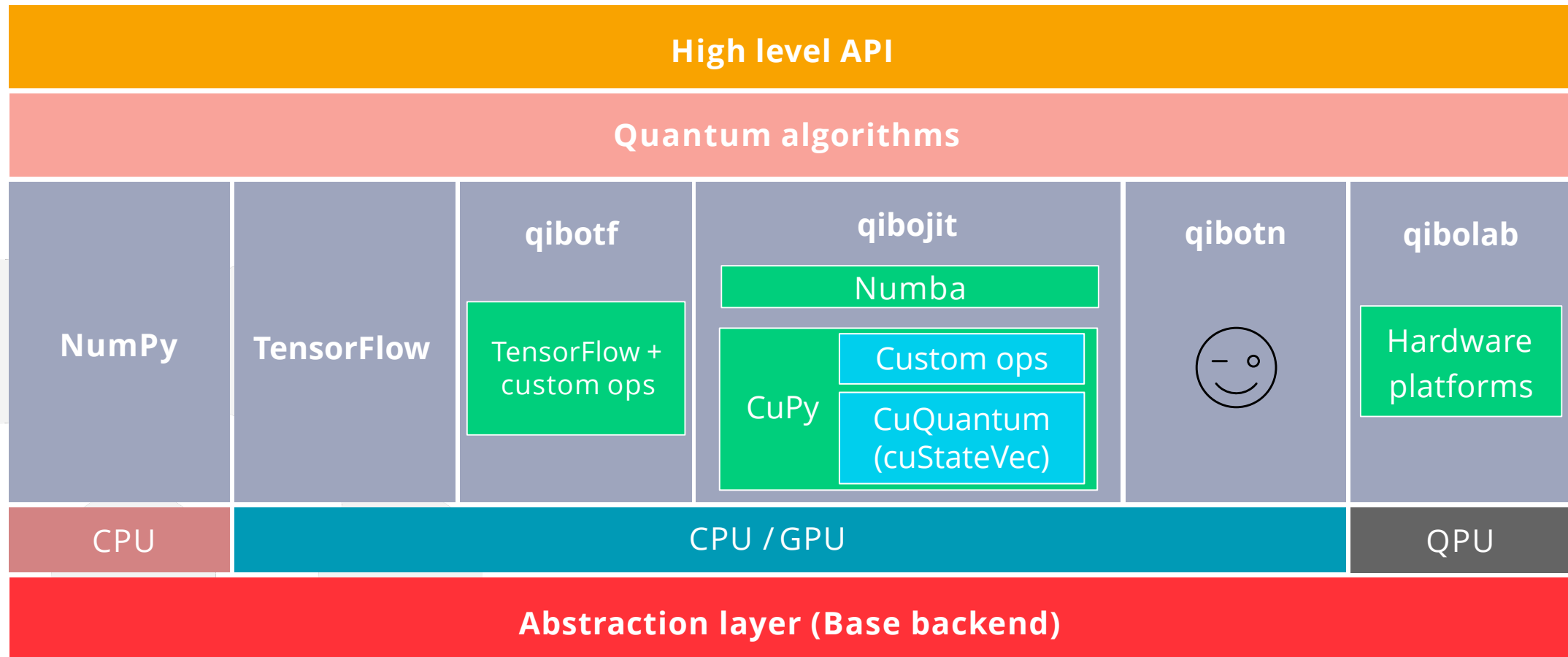
Solution:  
|100..010⟩



# Backends in Qibo

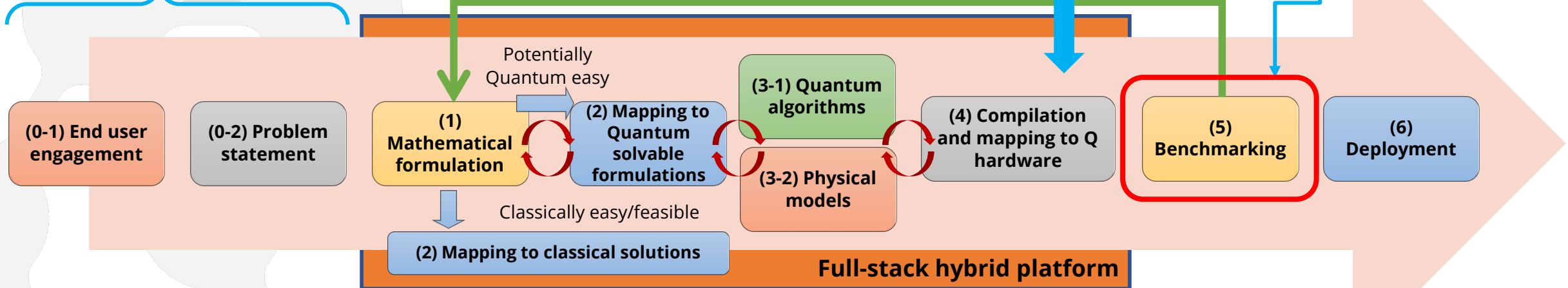
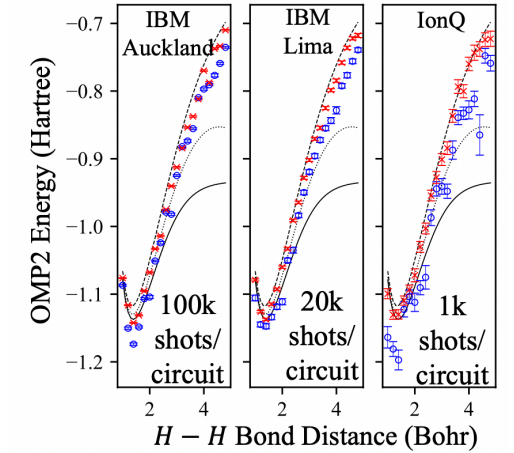
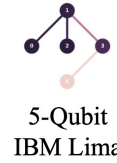
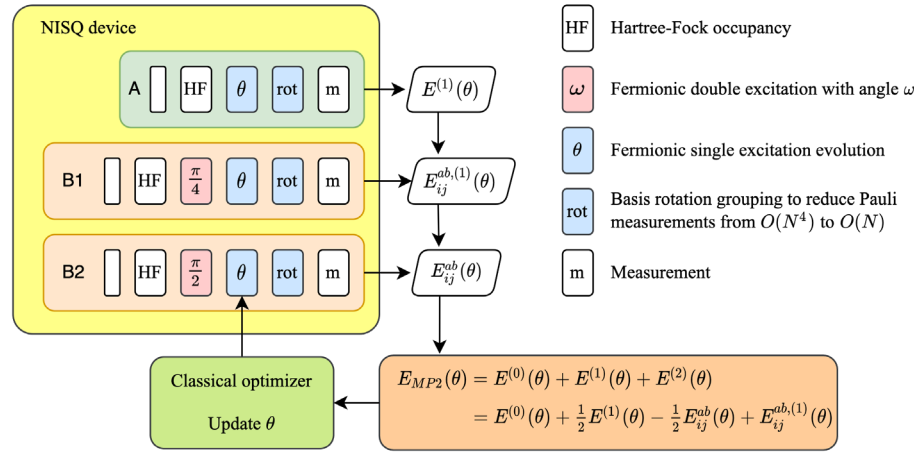
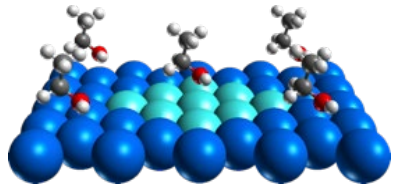


# Abstractions in Qibo



# QC Benchmark is at the Heart of Our Research Focus

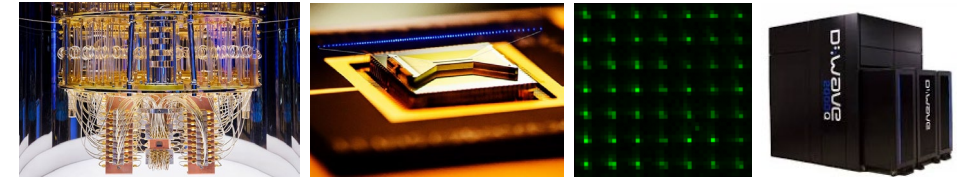
e.g., New catalyst development for efficient H<sub>2</sub> production



**Towards Practical Quantum Advantage via Streamlined Software-Hardware Co-Design for HPC + QC Integration**



Credit: Nvidia, NSCC



Credit: IBM, IonQ, Pasqal, DWave

**Classical  
simulation**

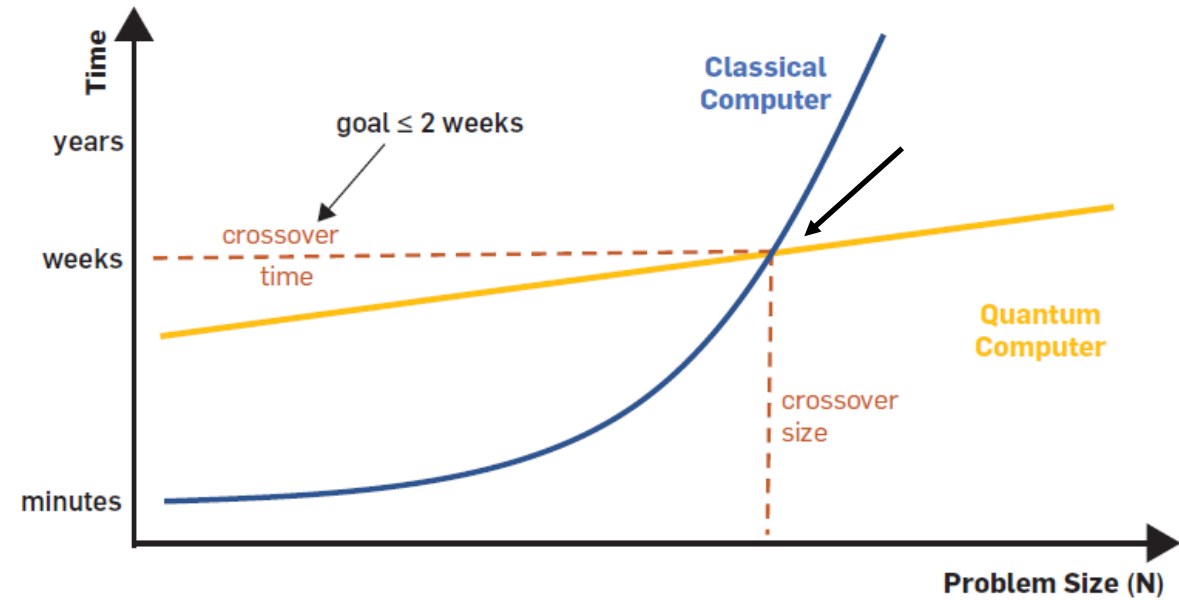
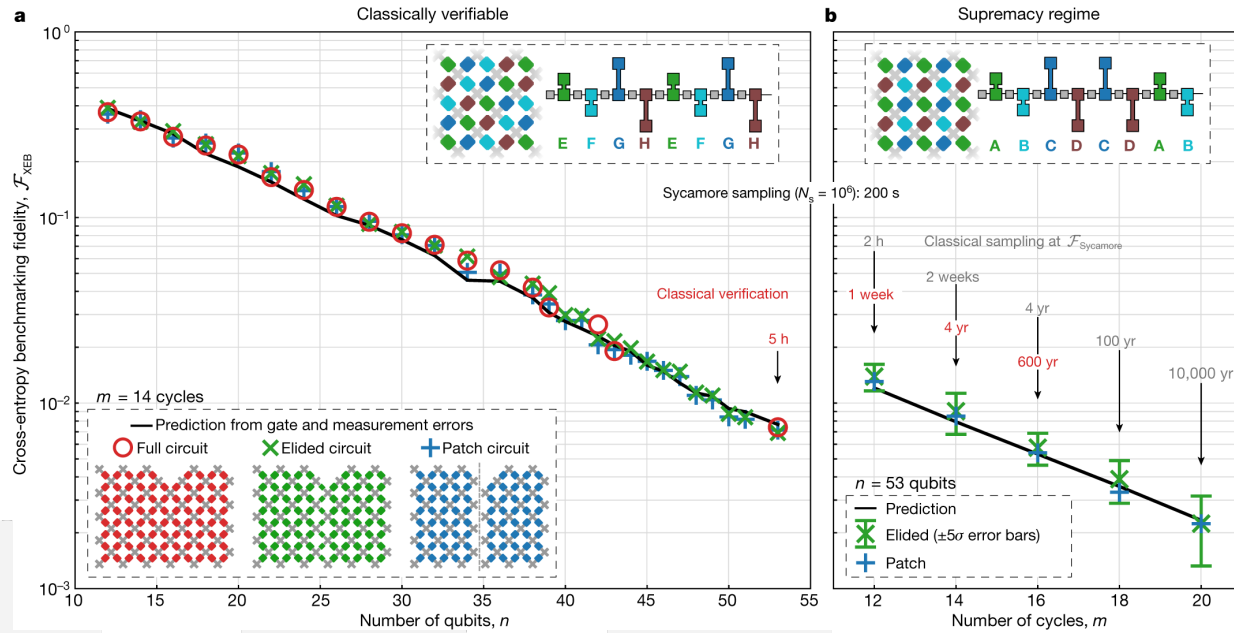
**Classical/Quantum  
Hybrid?**

**Fully  
Quantum**

**What's the LINPACK Benchmark for such diverse  
systems and devices?**

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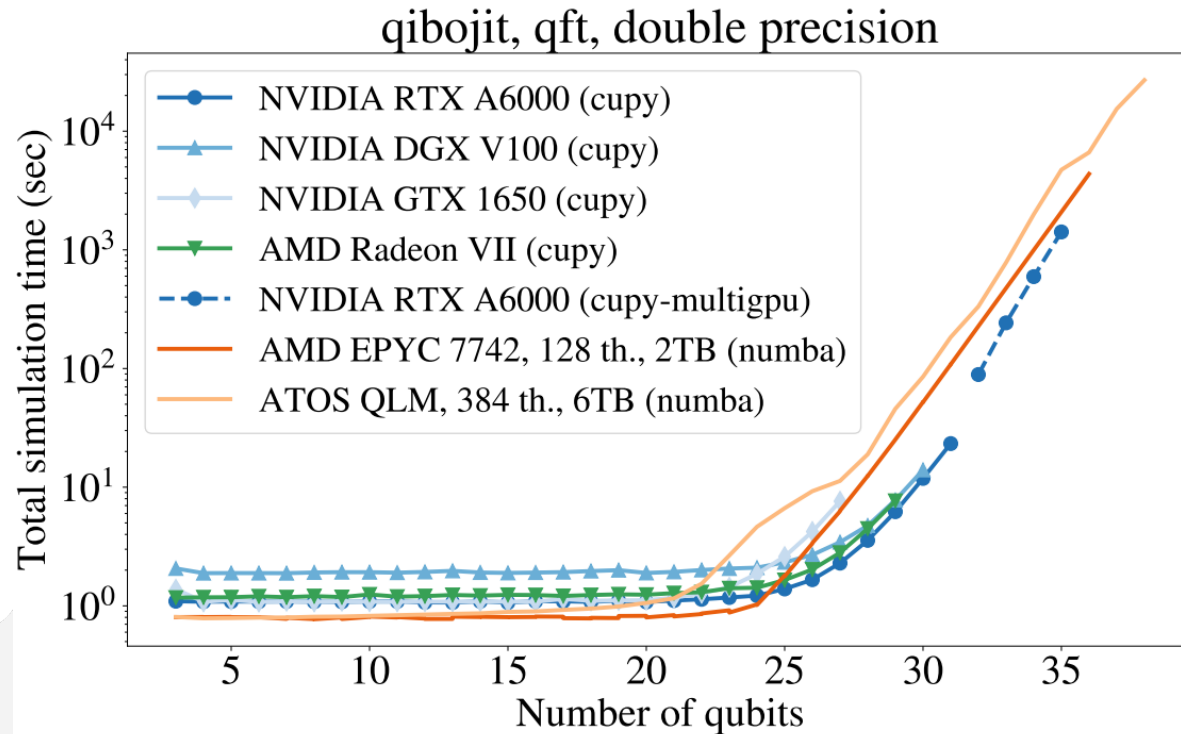
## To



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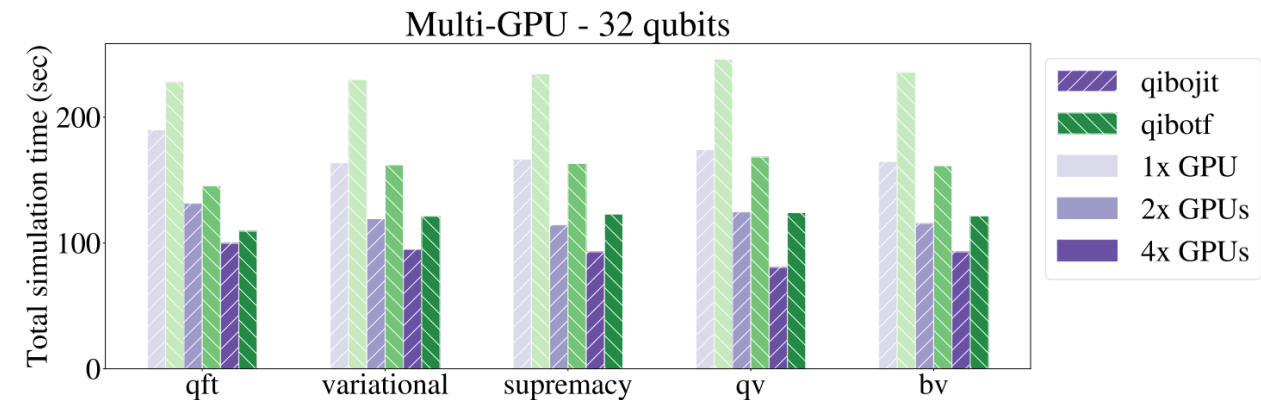
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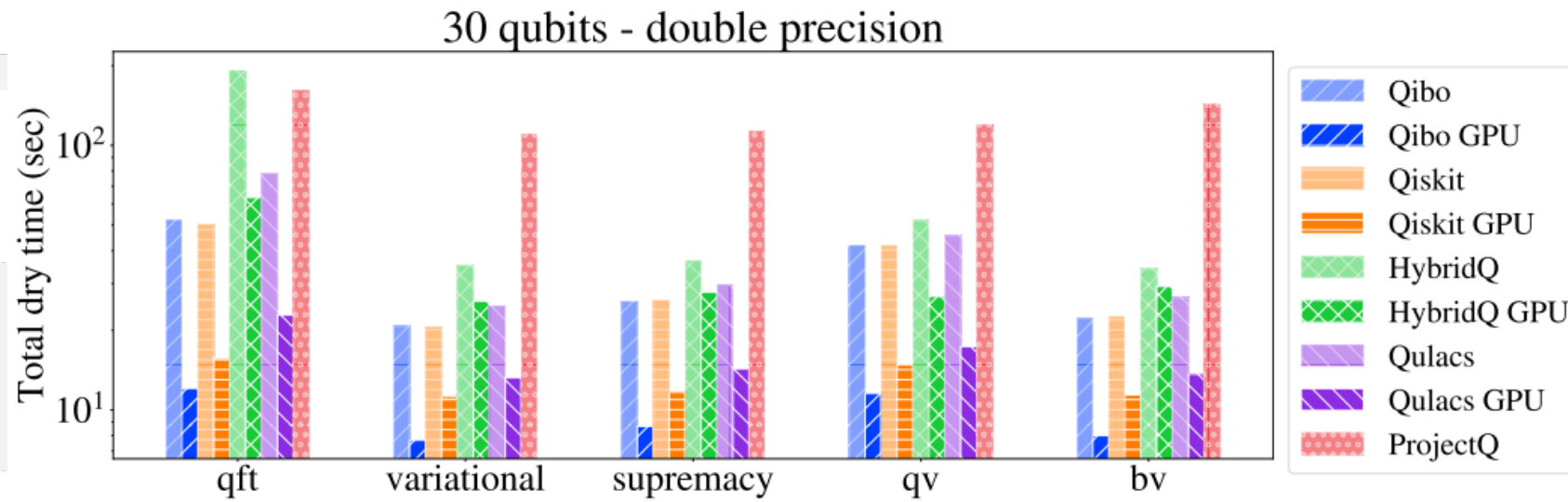
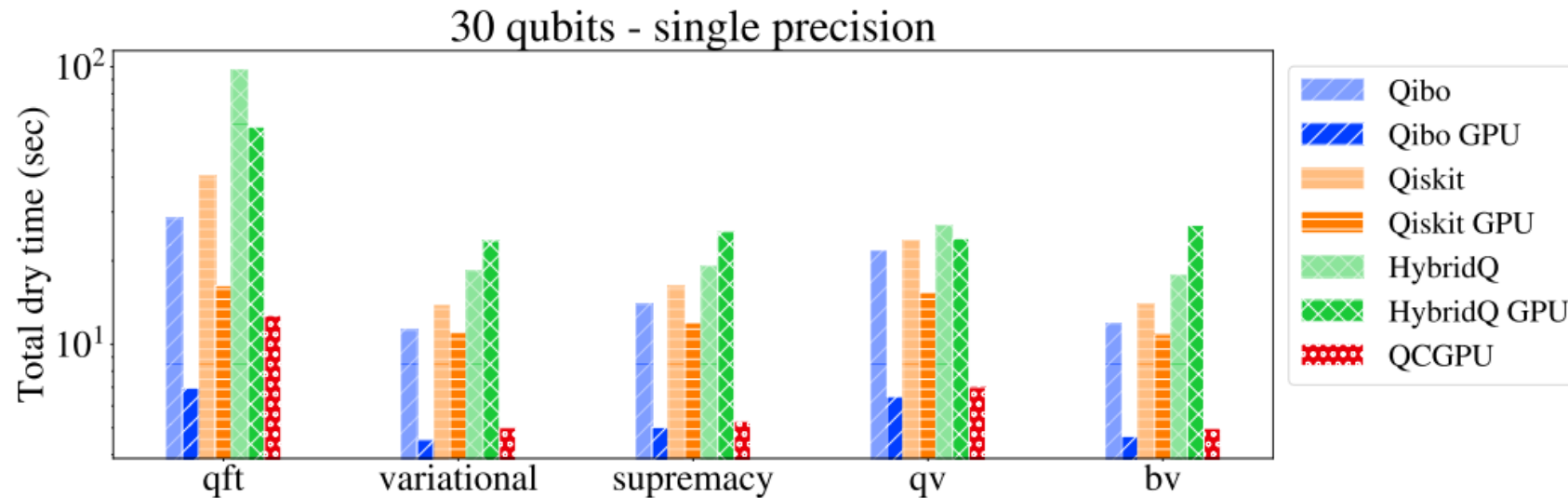
## Qibojit

- Supports CPU, GPU, and multi-GPU.
- NVIDIA and AMD GPUs.
- Reduced memory footprint



**Benchmark library:** <https://github.com/qiboteam/qibojit-benchmarks> [Quantum simulation with just-in-time compilation – Quantum (quantum-journal.org)]

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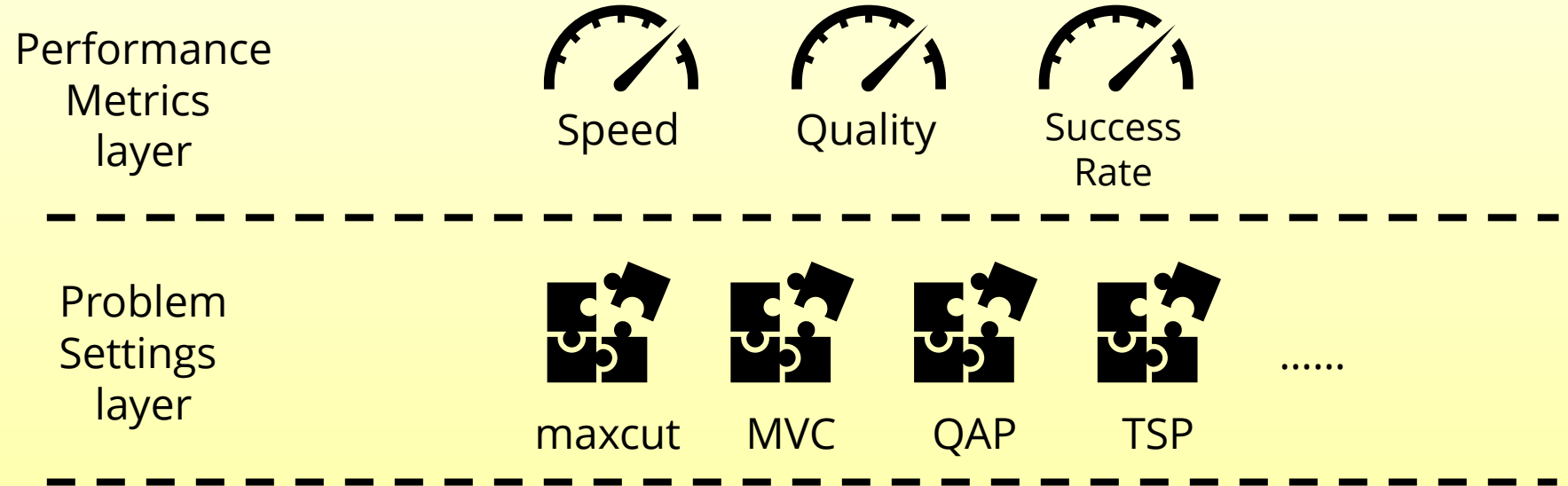
# Quantum and Quantum-inspired Annealing Benchmark

- Benchmark

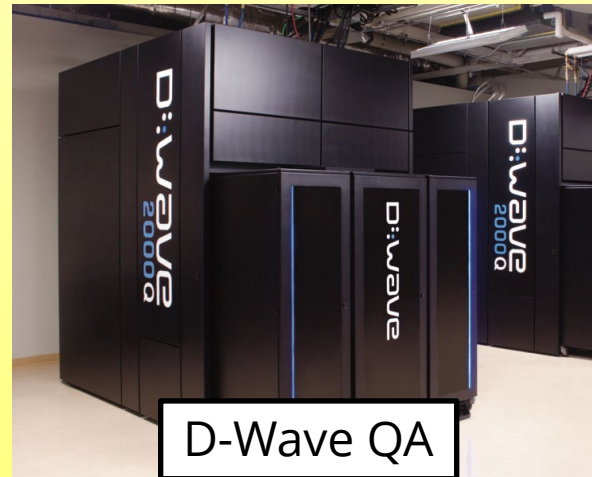
- Quantum Annealer (QA)
- Digital Annealer (DA)

- Problem setting matters!

- QA good at unconstrained problems
- DA good at constrained problems



Devices layer



D-Wave QA

VS.



Fujitsu DA



# Quantum and Quantum-inspired Annealing Benchmark

## Objective

- Compare quantum/digital annealers
- Understand advantage and weak points
- Identify challenges and missing parts

## Research Foci

- Timing/Performance v.s. problem constraint
- Timing/Performance v.s. problem size
- Timing/Performance v.s. connectivity

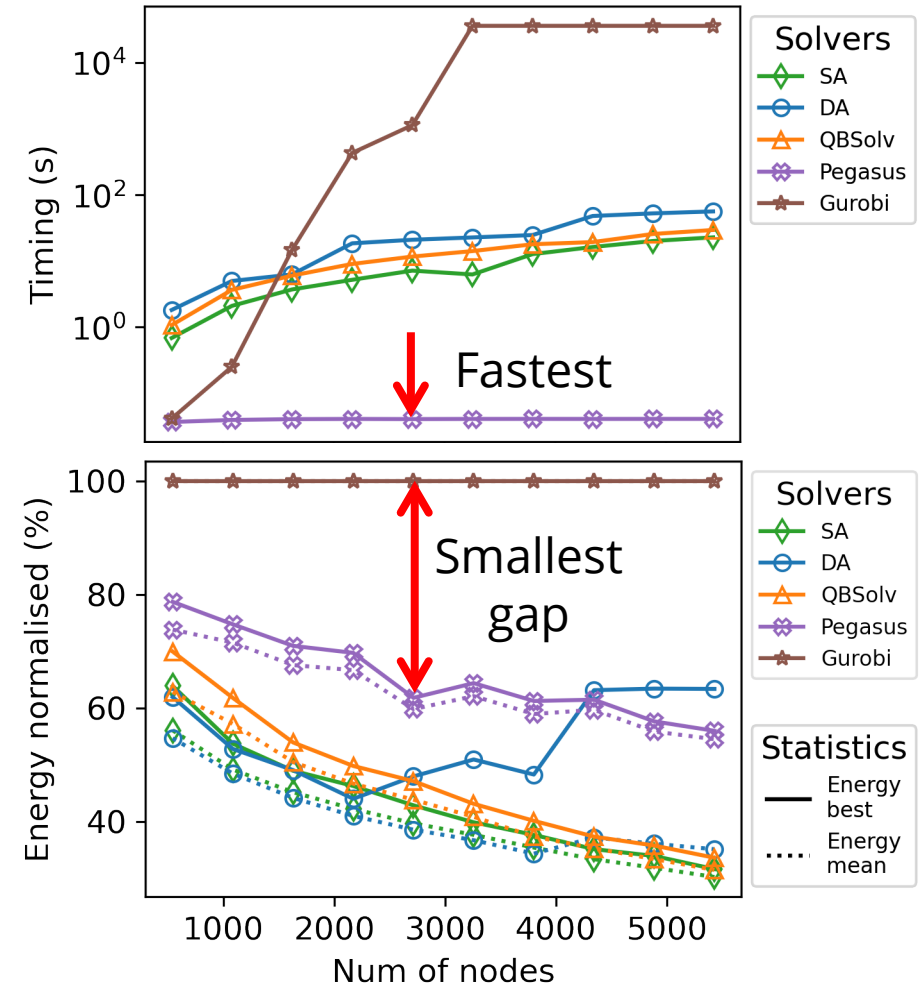
## Outcomes

- Provide Guidelines on choosing appropriate annealing-based computer for an application

D-Wave  
Pegasus  
wins on the  
Pegasus-like  
max-cut  
problems

But the story  
does not  
end here

- **Six backends**
- **Three scientific problems**
- **Hyper-parameter exploration**
- **Synthetic/Real-world Dataset**



# Quantum and Quantum-inspired Annealing Benchmark

Different problem settings

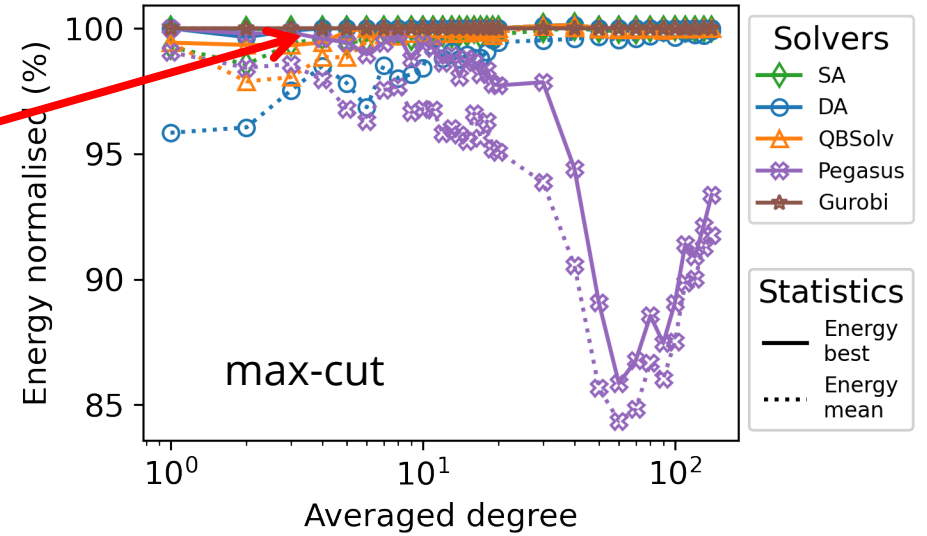
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Same graph topology

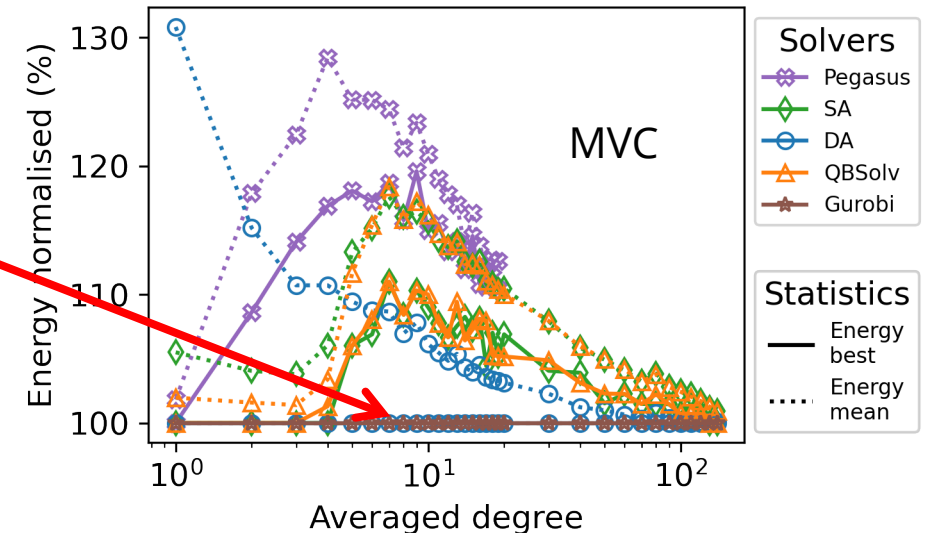
**Conclusion:  
Problem setting matters**

D-Wave Pegasus wins on sparse connectivity (Purple curves)

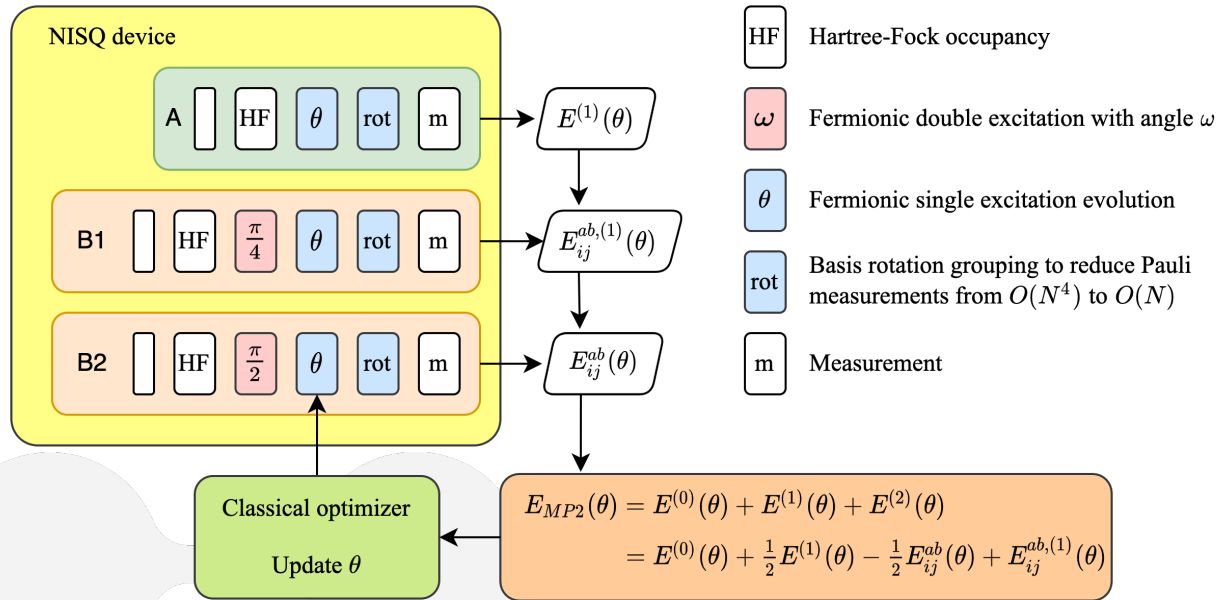
Fujitsu Digital Annealer wins (Blue solid line)



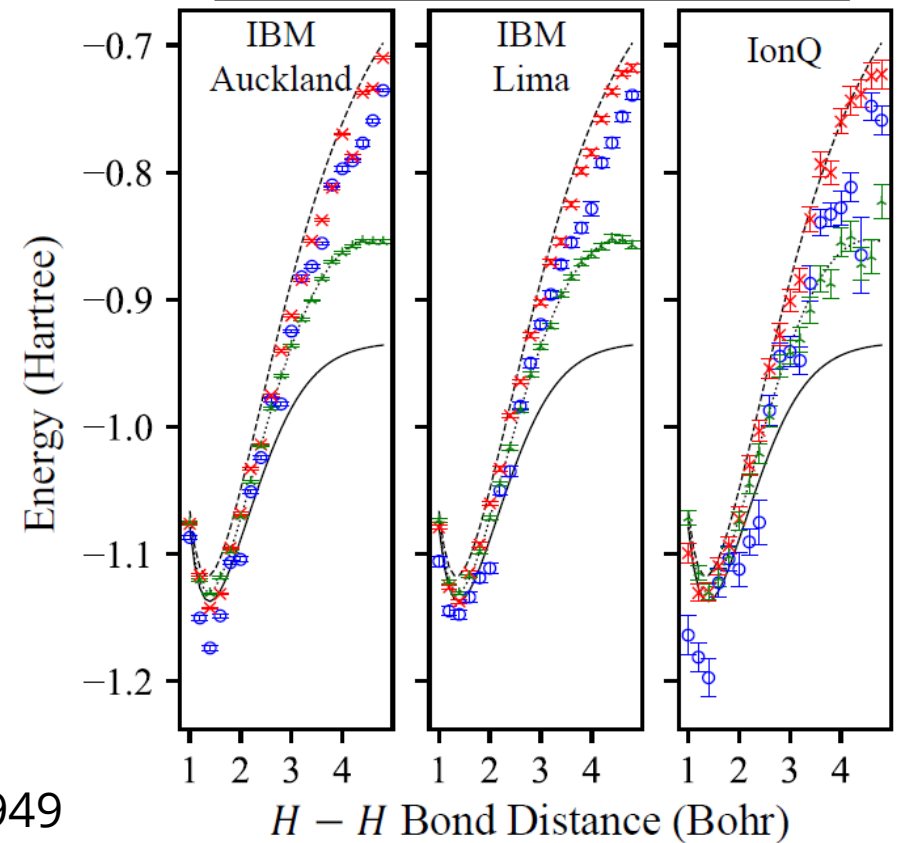
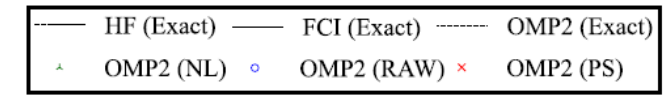
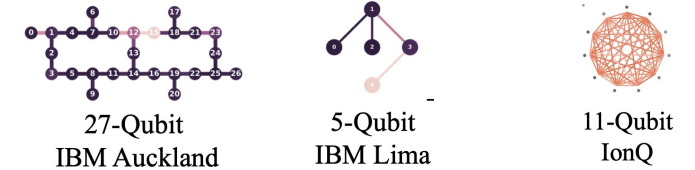
Up: connectivity-varied max-cut problems  
Bottom : connectivity-varied MVC problems



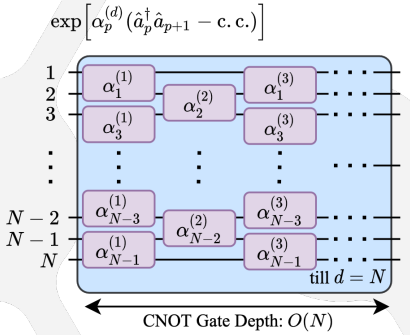
# Cross-Device Benchmark for Quantum Chemistry



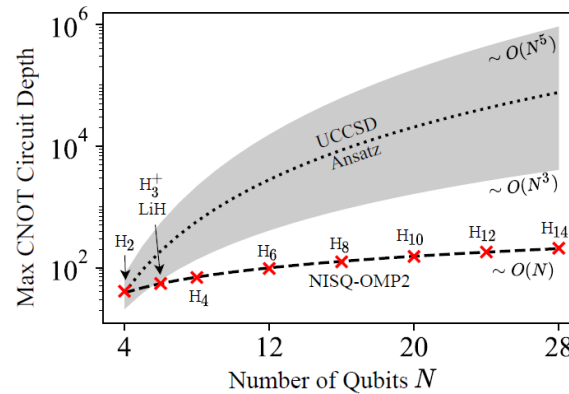
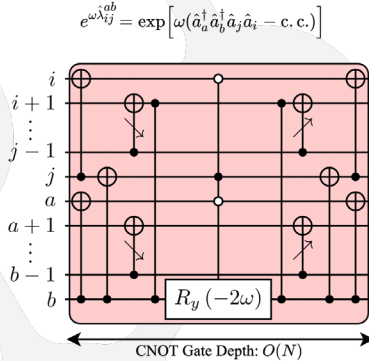
Cloud NISQ devices,  $H_2$ , OMP2/STO-3G



Fermionic single excitation evolution (neighbouring orbitals)



Fermionic double excitation evolution



# New Performance Metric: Uncertainty Principle Determines The Programmability

## Objective

- Understanding the level of **quantum uncertainty** in the dynamics between a system and its environment.
- Evaluating the capability of a **quantum processor** to programmatically simulate a desired unitary.

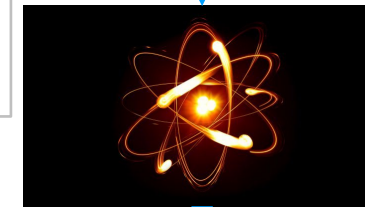
## Methods

- We determine the fundamental limits of the uncertainty principle of system-environment dynamics through the application of **semidefinite programming**.
- We introduce a highly versatile programming scheme for quantum processors that enables both **error tolerance** and **post-selection**.

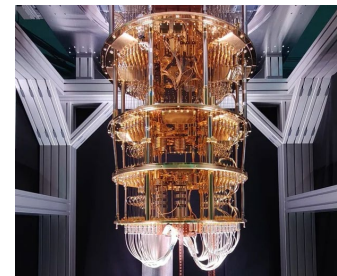
## Results

- We demonstrate that the **dynamical uncertainty principle** governs the **programmability** of quantum processors in both deterministic and probabilistic scenarios.
- We propose a novel, computable **metric** for assessing the **performance of quantum processor programming**.

Generalize



Determine



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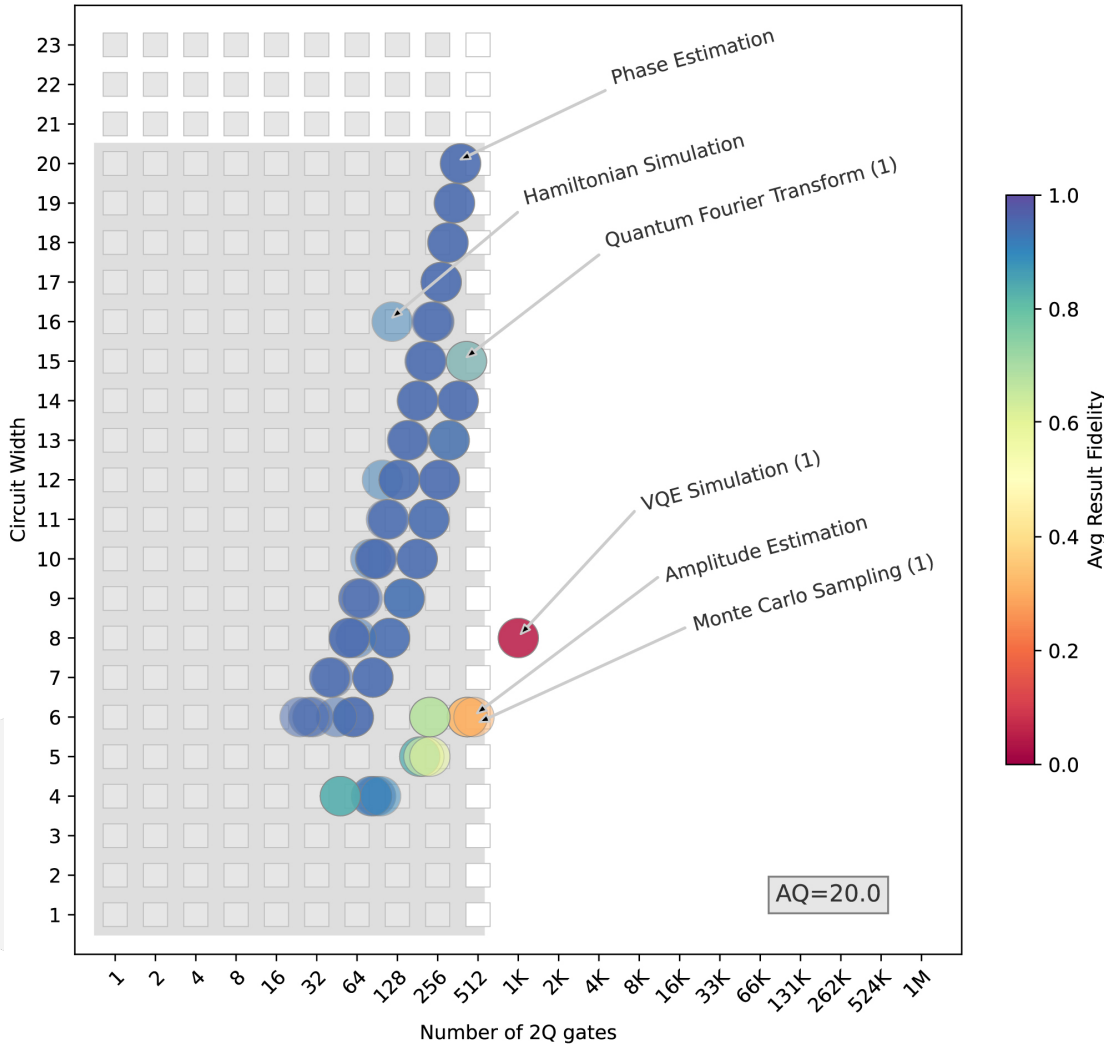


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#AQ (V1.0) Benchmark on IonQ Aria (Merged)  
Feb 23, 2022



QC Benchmark is at the heart of our quantum computing efforts to deliver end-to-end solutions

**BUT**

Characterization consensus is badly needed

The LINPACK Benchmark for Top500 is still far!

e.g., effort by QED-C in USA

What's the 4th dimension besides space, time and fidelity?



# Thank you!

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