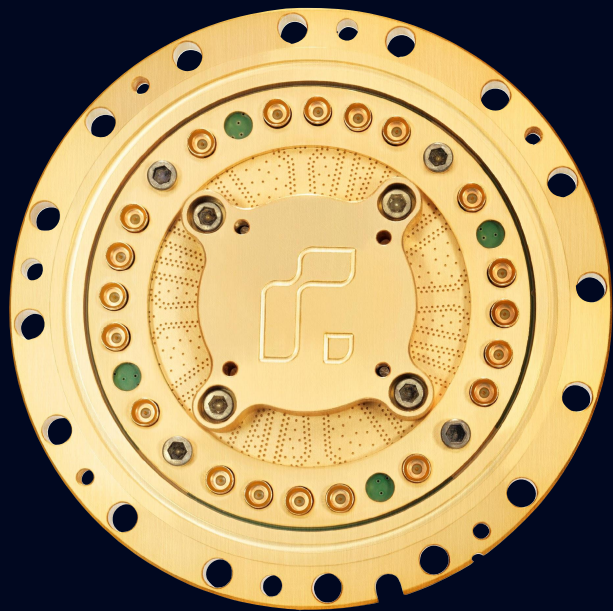


# FULL-STACK QUANTUM COMPUTING WITH SUPERCONDUCTING QUBITS



Special colloquium on quantum technologies

September 16th, 2019


**Fermilab**

Batavia, IL

**Chad Rigetti**

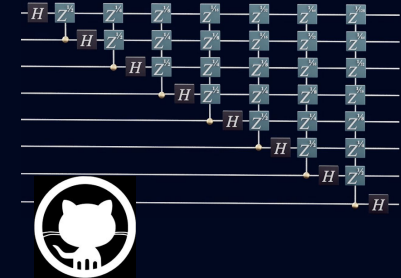
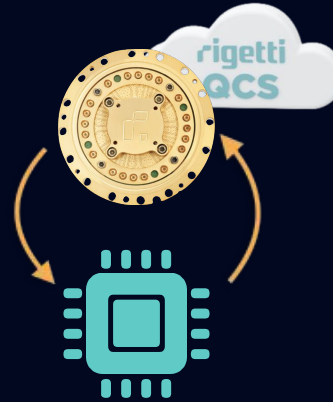
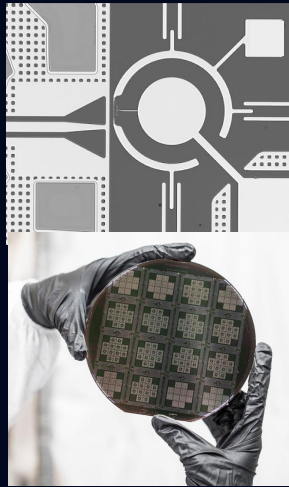
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## Outline:

- Intro to Rigetti and QC
- QPU technologies
- Algos + Applications
- Opportunities for HEP



# rigetti

## Full-stack

- Chip
- Cryo-RF
- Control Systems
- QPU
- Cloud integration
- Algos + Apps

## U.S.-Based Captive Foundry

- Superconducting quantum circuits
- Josephson junctions, TSVs, Caps
- 3D integration and packaging

## Hybrid Quantum-Classical Architecture in the Cloud

- Quantum Instruction Language (Quil)
- Quil-based compiler (quilc)
- Quantum virtual machine (QVM)
- Forest SDK

## Algorithms & Applications

- Develop & tailor algorithms for hybrid architecture
- Distribute Rigetti and partner libraries and applications

## Better Accuracy

Reduce approximations needed to make problems computable.

## Higher Speed

Encode & manipulate data in an exponentially large state space.

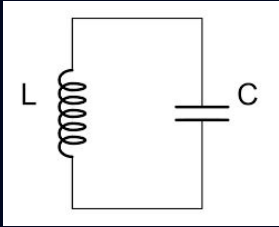
## Lower Cost

Quantum computing largely decouples compute power from energy consumption.

## Market Outlook

**\$13Bn by 2022**  
**\$25-50Bn by 2030s**

# SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM INTEGRATED CIRCUITS



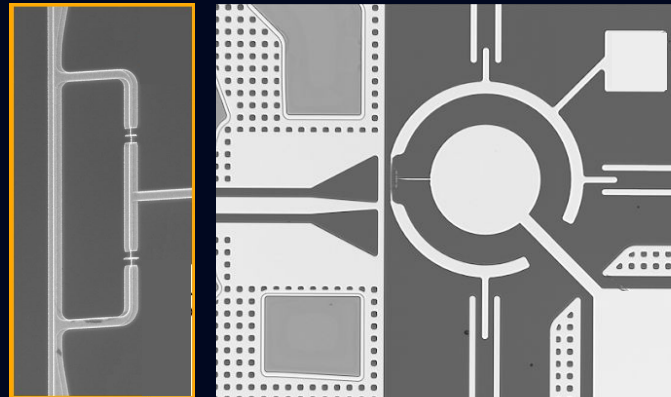
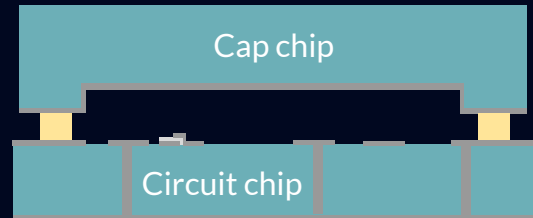
quantized charge, flux

$$\hat{a} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hbar\omega}} \left( \frac{\hat{\Phi}}{\sqrt{2L}} - i \frac{\hat{Q}}{\sqrt{2C}} \right)$$

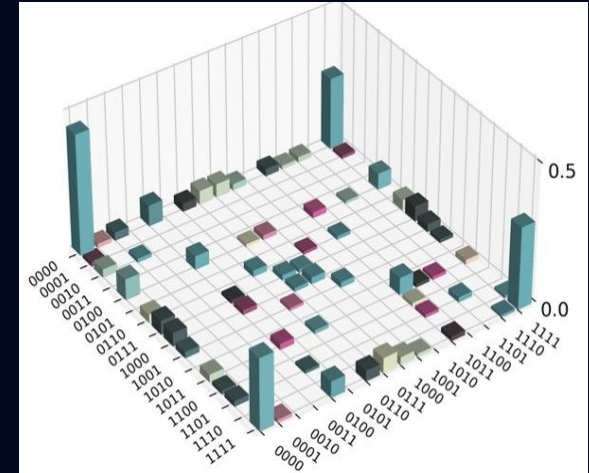
nonlinear Josephson potential

$$\hat{H}_{tot} = E_J \cos(\hat{\Phi}/\Phi_0) + \frac{\hat{Q}^2}{2C}$$

scalable chip architecture



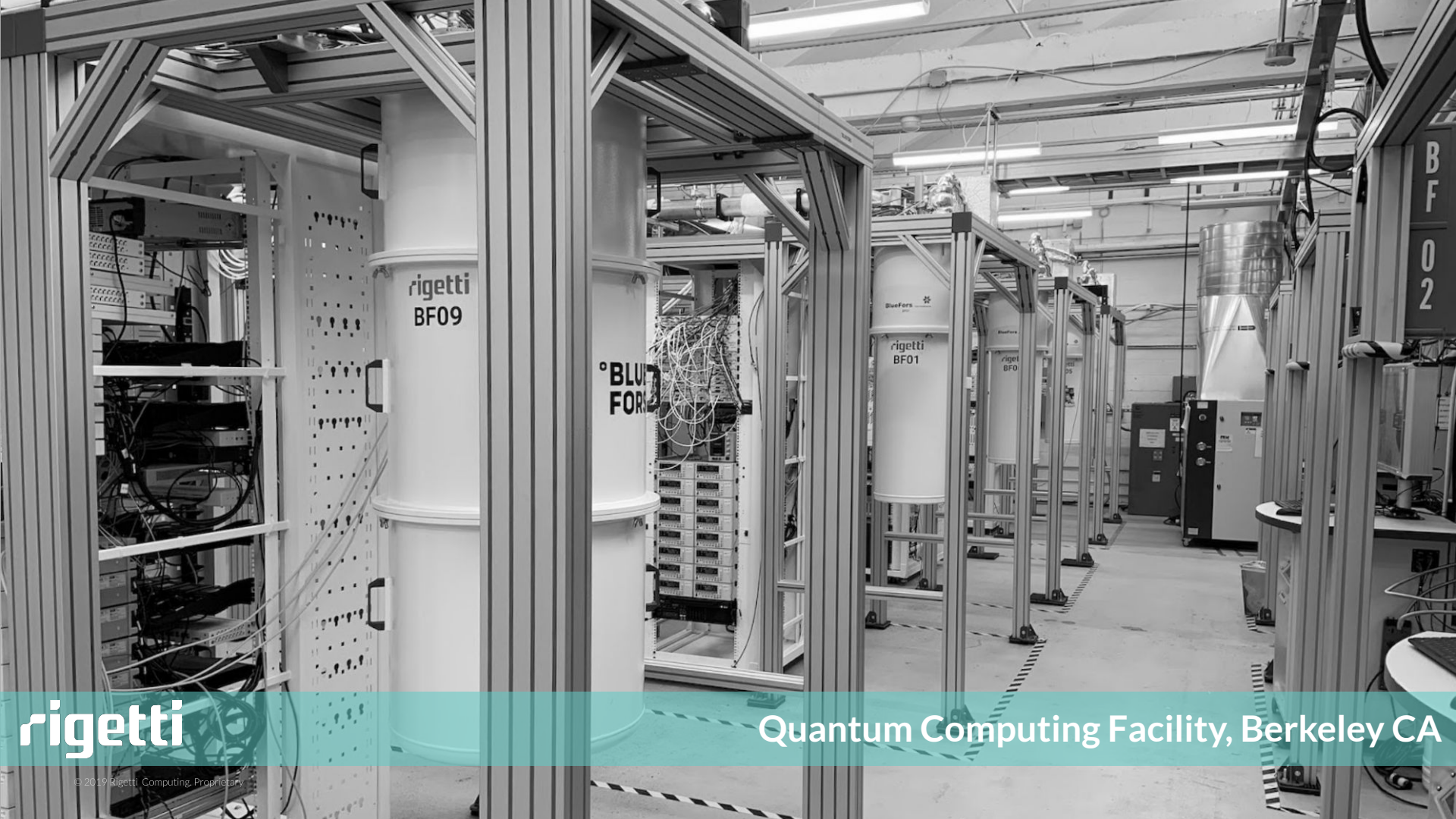
High-fidelity two-qubit gates



Circuit-QED: qubits coupled to high-Q resonators for readout

# Rigetti Fab-1

Fremont, CA



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Quantum Computing Facility, Berkeley CA

# QUANTUM CLOUD SERVICES TODAY

## Enterprise and Government Users

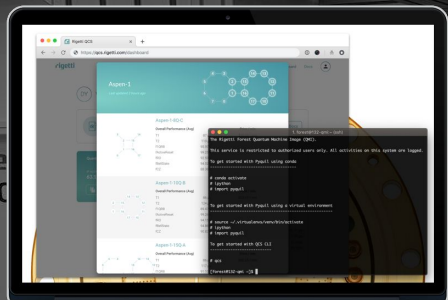
(not exhaustive)

10 Global Fortune 500 companies in:

- Pharma
- Finance
- Chemicals
- Defense
- Consulting
- Manufacturing
- Insurance

4 National Labs

2 International research entities



## Application Partners



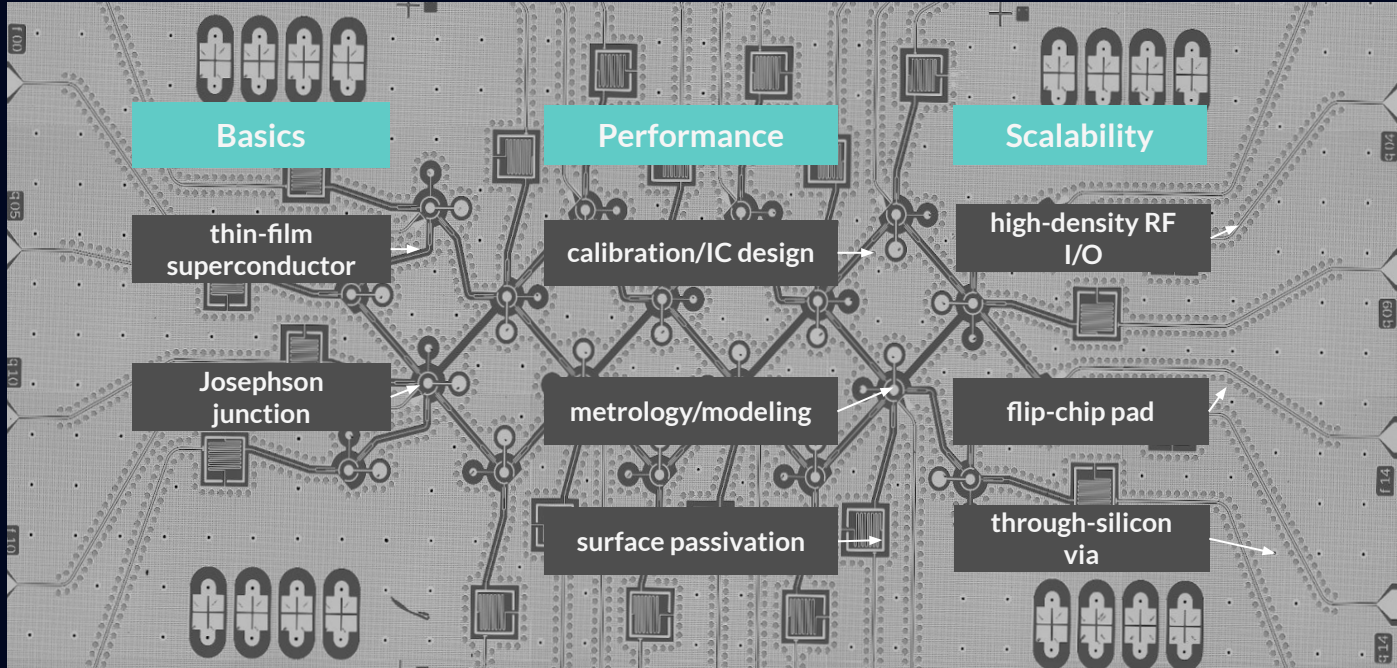
## Research Partners



- Currently Available 16Q QPUs
- 4,000 users have run 120M jobs on our platform
- 100+ active customers



# QPU ROADMAP AND CHALLENGES



## Chip Roadmap

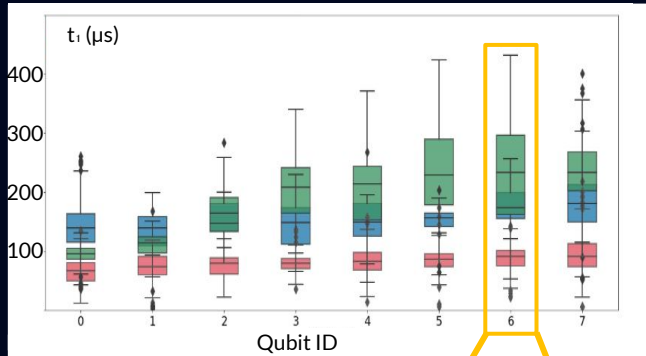
Year	#	2Q Error
2016	1-4	>40%
2017	8	10-20%
2018-19	16	5-7%
2020	30+	3-4%
2021	100+	1-2%

Rigetti Acorn



# TECHNOLOGY PROGRESS SNAPSHOT: COHERENCE

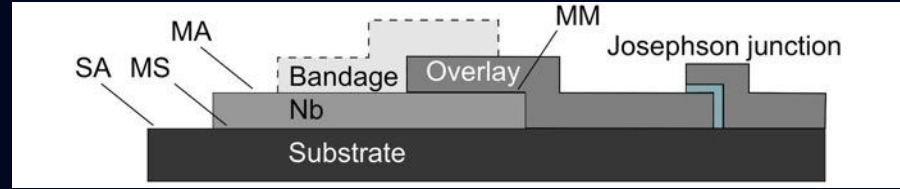
## Coherence Times



- Jul 2019
- Feb 2019
- May 2018

$>200\mu\text{s } T_1$

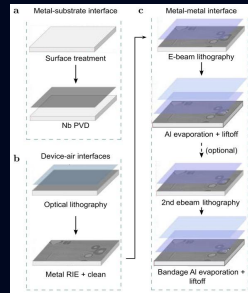
## Device Interfaces



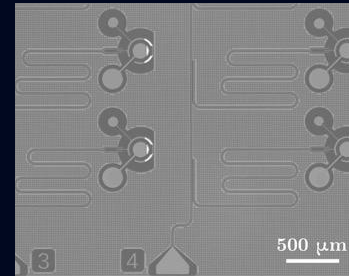
MS: Metal-Substrate | SA: Substrate-Air | MA: Metal-Air | MM: Metal-Metal

Isolate single interfaces, test iterative fabrication parameters

## Fabrication Flow



## Qubit Coherence Test



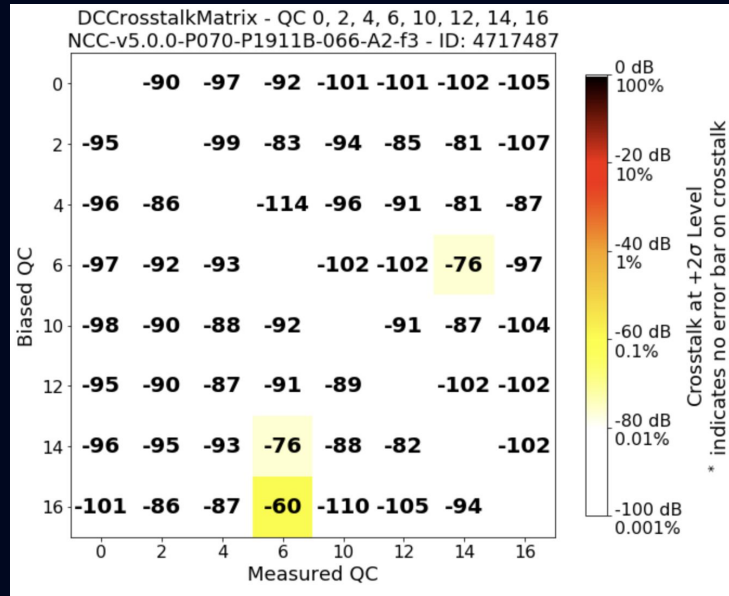
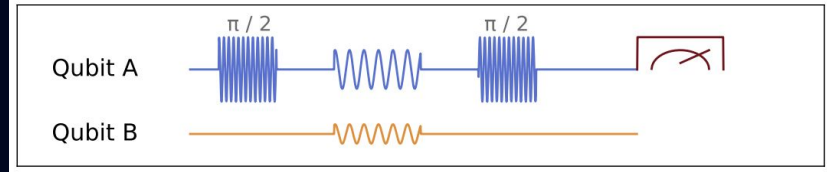
## Metrology





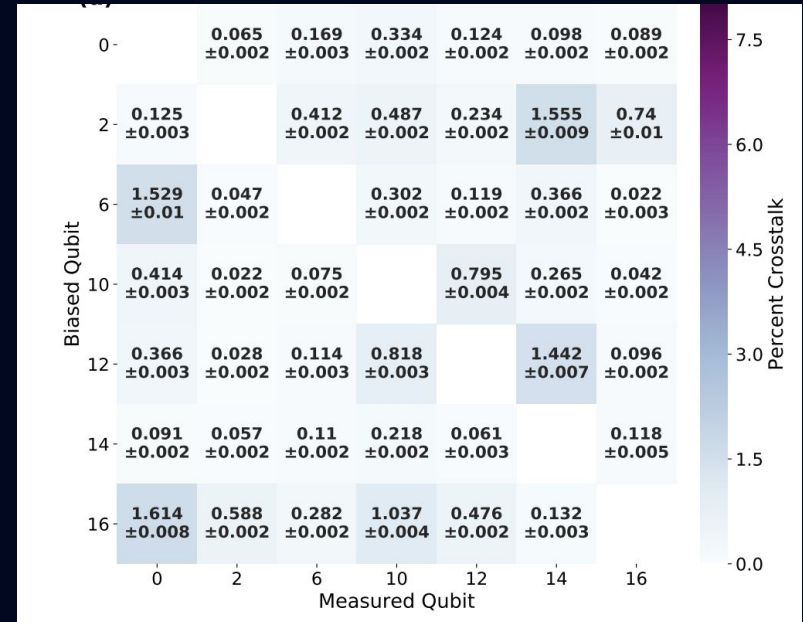
# TECHNOLOGY PROGRESS SNAPSHOT: CROSS-TALK

Combination of superconducting through-silicon vias and caps reduces cross-talk



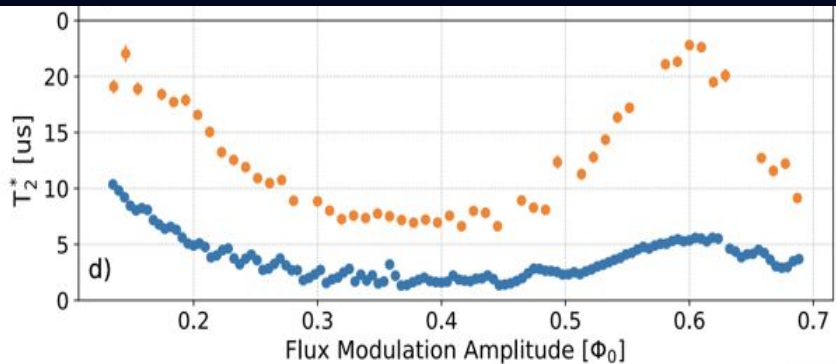
DC on-chip cross-talk:  
-60 to -100dB

RF cross-talk:  
~0.05-1%

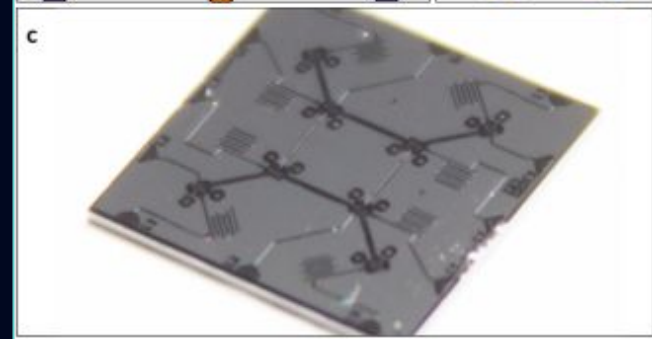
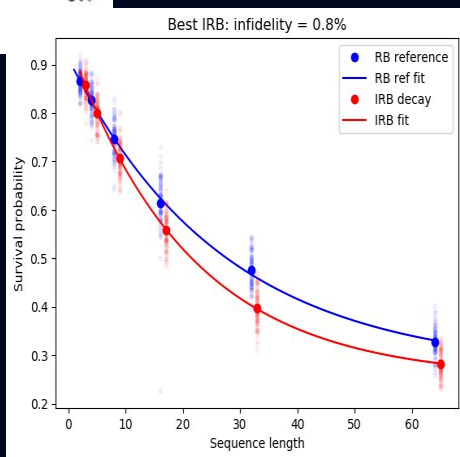
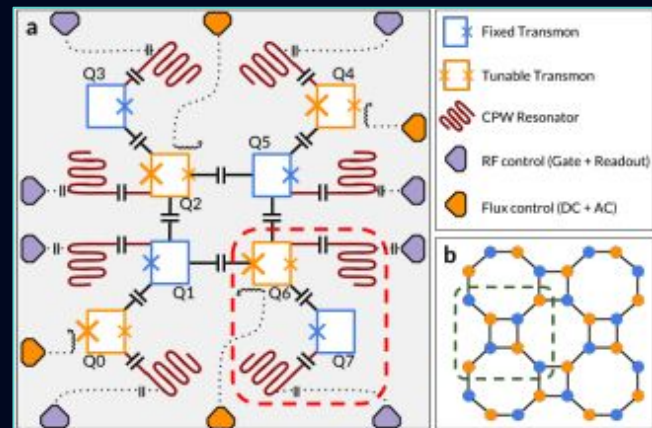


# TECHNOLOGY PROGRESS SNAPSHOT: 2Q GATES

Parametrically Activated 2Q Gates Protected from Flux Noise Achieve 99% Fidelity



99.2  $\pm$  0.15% 2Q Gate Fidelity



- $T_1$  naturally fluctuates by  $\sim 2.5\times$  (12-30 $\mu$ s)
- 2Q gate error rate follows  $T_1$  variation, 0.8-2.0%
- Gate and Hamiltonian are fully understood, and coherence limited.



# TWO MAJOR HYBRID ALGORITHMS: VQE\* & QAOA\*\*

## Algorithms

**VQE:** Variational Quantum Eigensolver

**QAOA:** Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

## Objective

Find lowest-lying eigenvalue of a Hamiltonian

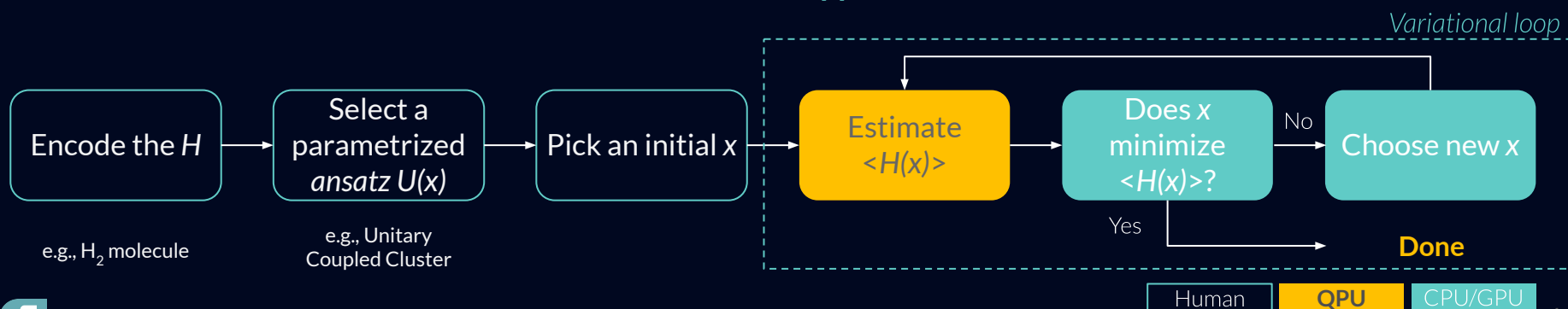
Find a solution that minimizes a cost function

## Example application

Molecule ground-state calculations

Approx. solution for combinatorial optimization

## Overall approach



Human

QPU

CPU/GPU

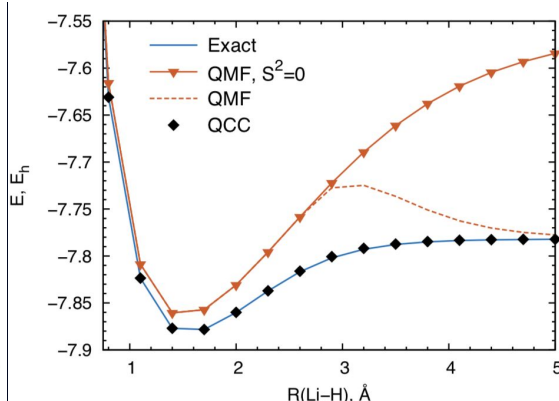
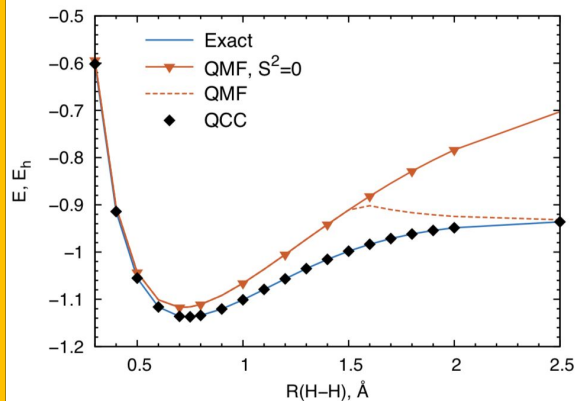
# EXAMPLE APPLICATIONS OF VQE

## Ground-state and potential energy curve calculations

Simulation of H2 and LiH ground state with chemical accuracy on Rigetti QCS, using qubit coupled-cluster (QCC) ansatz, leveraging a variation of UCC implemented directly in qubit space.

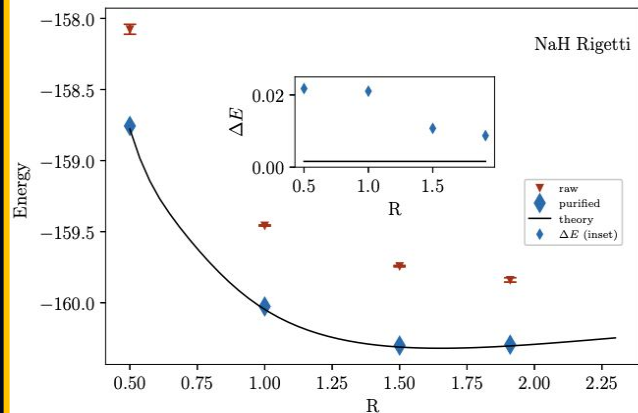
Ryabinkin *et al*, arXiv:1809.03827 [quant-ph]

Has now also been applied to water, results to be published soon.



Proper description of NaH dissociation on Rigetti QCS, using 2-body reduced density matrix to calculate energy and subsequent “purification” to remove the mixing of pure states due to noise.

McCaskey *et al*, arXiv:1905.01534

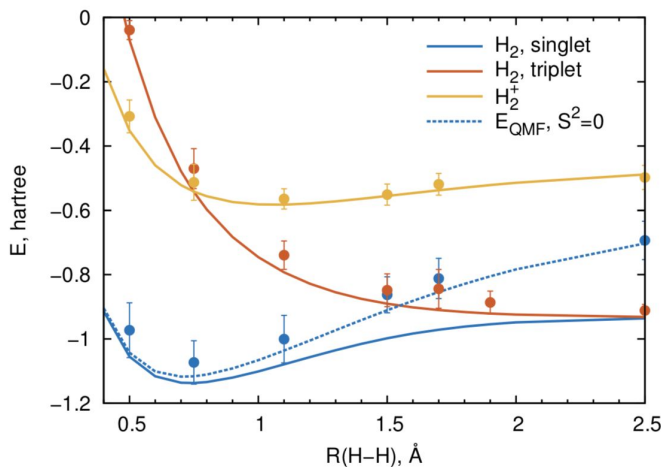


# EXTENDING VQE TO COMPUTE EXCITED STATES

High-accuracy calculation of energy spectra with stronger potential to outperform classical algos

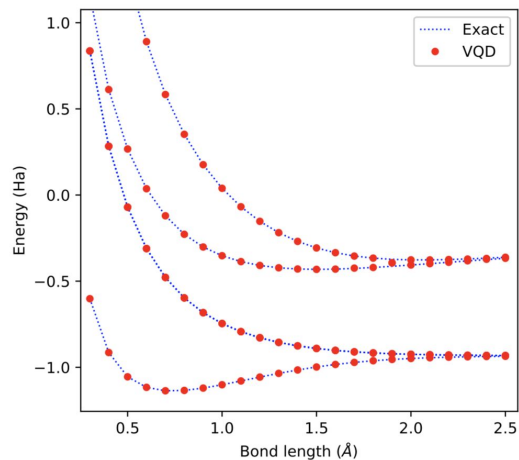
Simulation of H2 first and second excited states on Rigetti QCS, capturing features which are classically intractable for larger molecules; the method uses a constrained version of VQE.

Ryabinkin *et al.* arXiv:1806.00461 [physics.chem-ph]



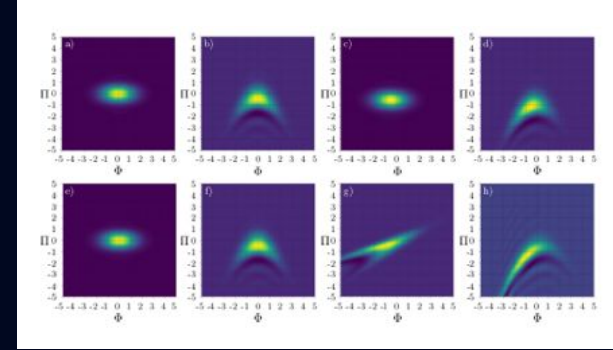
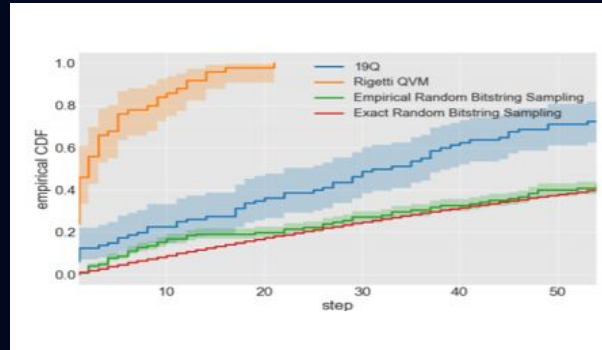
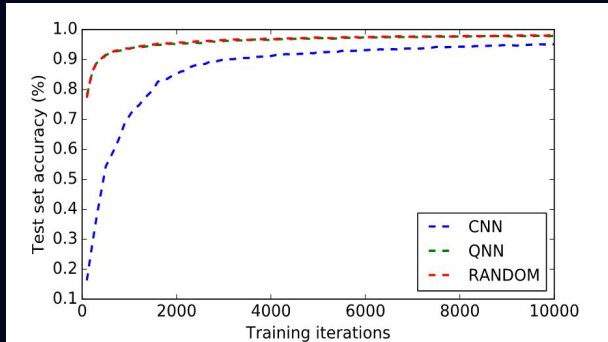
Simulation of up to 3rd excited states for H<sub>2</sub>, using variational quantum deflation, a VQE-based approach without additional qubit overhead and at most 2x deeper circuit.

Higgot *et al.* arXiv:1805.08138 [quant-ph]



# CAN QUANTUM COMPUTING BOOST MACHINE LEARNING?

## Early Exploratory Work



**Quantvolutional neural networks** (QNN) leverage nonlinear transformations natural to quantum computers to extract features from images. QNNs increased accuracy over CNNs without the quantum layer.

Henderson et al, arXiv:1904.04767

An **unsupervised machine learning** problem using clustering. This is the largest demonstration ever of a hybrid algorithm on a gate-model processor

Otterbach et al, arXiv:1712.05771

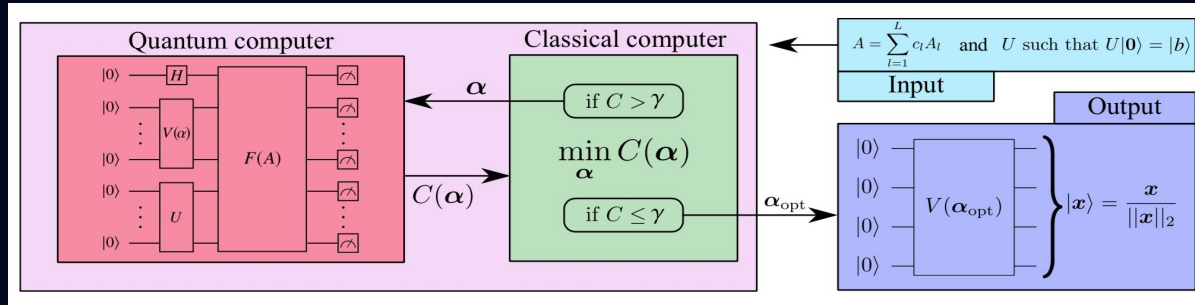
Developed Backwards Quantum Propagation of Phase Errors, enabling multiple **universal optimization method for training deep neural networks** on a quantum computer

Verdon et al, arXiv:1806.09729

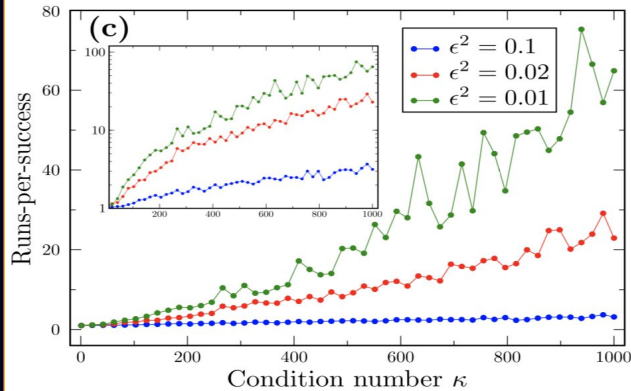


# SOLVING LINEAR SYSTEMS WITH VARIATIONAL ALGOS

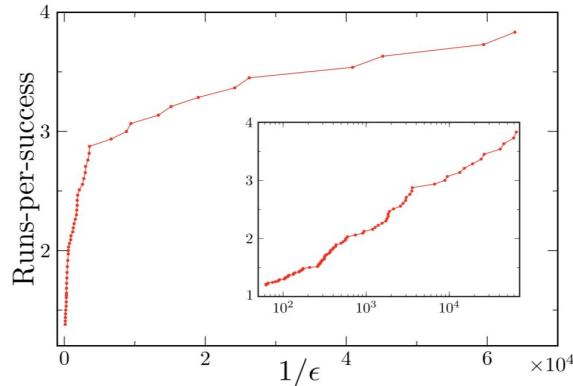
Solving  $N \times N$  linear systems,  $A|x\rangle = |b\rangle$



Sub-exponential scaling with condition number  $\kappa$ , ratio of largest to the smallest singular values in  $A$



Logarithmic scaling with inverse precision  $1/\epsilon$



## Variational Quantum Linear Solver (VQLS):

Variationally minimize the overlap between  $|b\rangle$  and  $A|x\rangle$

- Implemented on Rigetti QCS for  $N=32$  (5 qubits)
- Efficient runtime and quantum circuit to estimate overlap
- Runs w fixed depth circuit and shows some resilience to noise



# CAN MACHINE LEARNING HELP DESIGN BETTER HYBRID ALGORITHMS?

Can we use a **machine learning agent** (instead of human-designed templates) to **generate the ansatz**?



## AUTOMATED QUANTUM PROGRAMMING VIA REINFORCEMENT LEARNING FOR COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION

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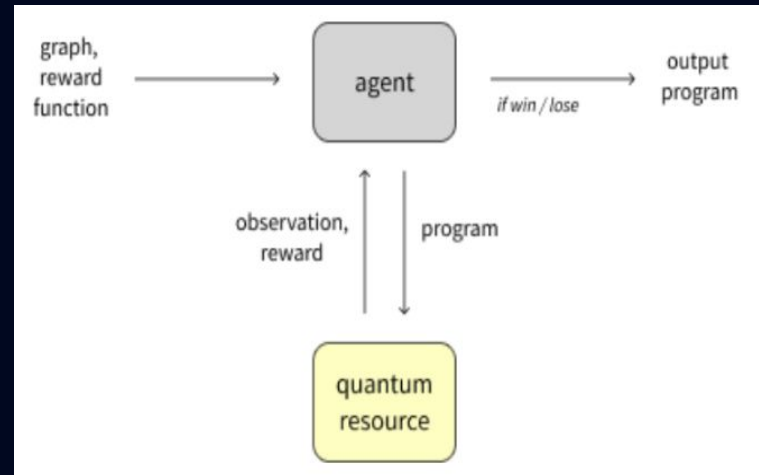
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### ABSTRACT

We develop a general method for the incentive-based programming of hybrid quantum-classical computing systems using reinforcement learning. We apply this method to solve combinatorial optimization problems on both simulated and real quantum processors. We find that inference on unseen data using trained agents yields short quantum programs, capable of generating high quality solutions to a range of surveyed problems on both types of quantum resources. We observe strong generalization on problems outside of the training data, as well as strong generalization from the simulated quantum resource to the physical quantum resource.



McKiernan et al, arXiv:1908.08054

<https://github.com/rigetti/gym-forest>



# CAN MACHINE LEARNING HELP DESIGN BETTER HYBRID ALGORITHMS?

Using reinforcement learning agent to generate quantum circuits can reduce gate depths and sensitivity to noise

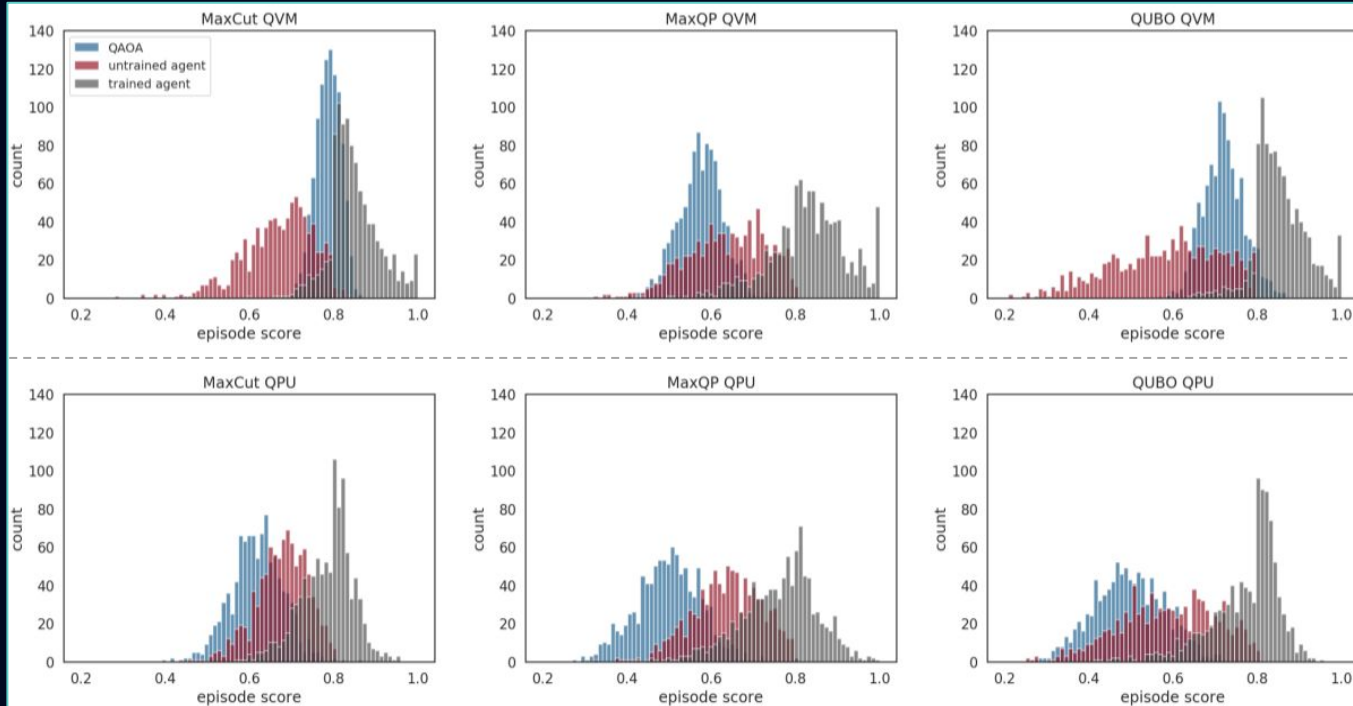
QAOA



Untrained agent



Trained agent



Run on noiseless simulator

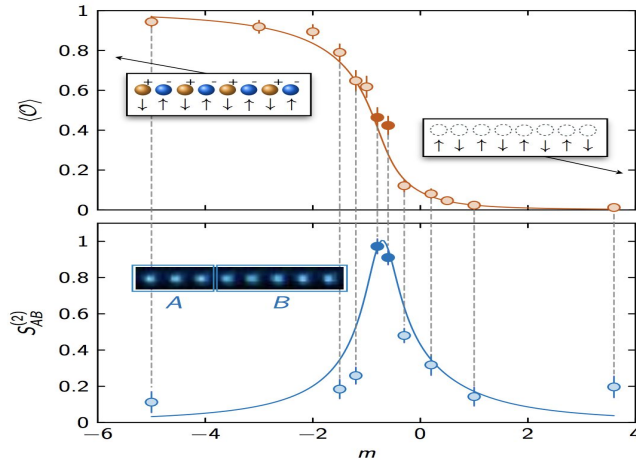
Run on Rigetti Aspen QPU



# QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

**Phase transitions in quantum field theories\***: Demo of variational hybrid algorithms to calculate a quantum phase transition in the Schwinger model.

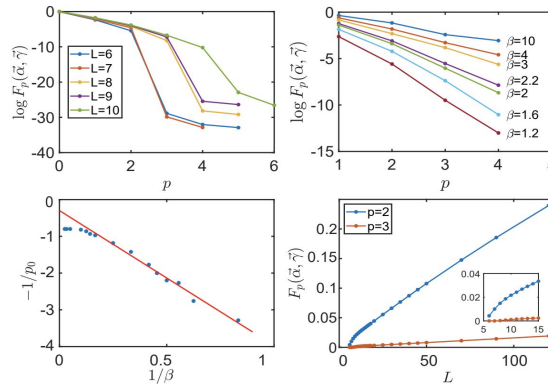
C. Kokail et al, arXiv:1810.03421 (Innsbruck)



**Thermal quantum simulation:**

Variational preparation of thermal Gibbs states (classically hard).  
Pathway towards studying quantum field theories at finite temperature.

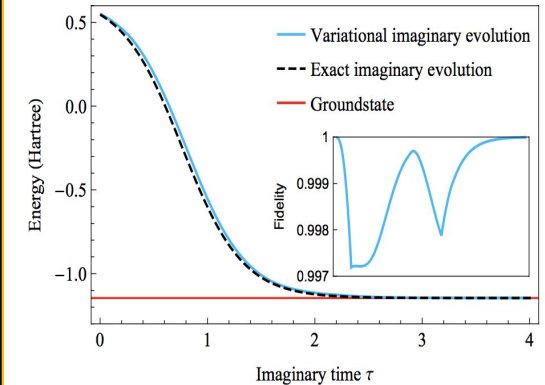
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**Simulating non-Unitary dynamics with imaginary time evolution:**

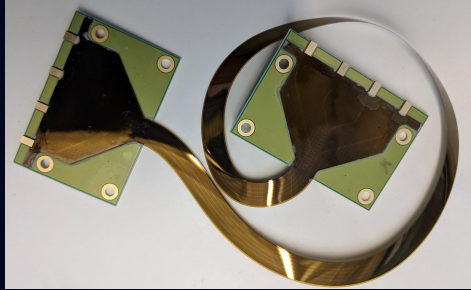
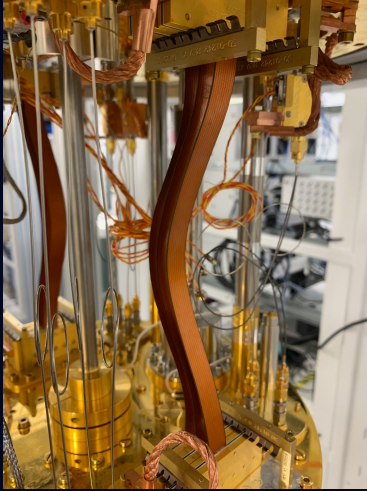
Variational simulation of Wick-rotated systems.

S. McArdle et al, arXiv:1804.03023 (Oxford)



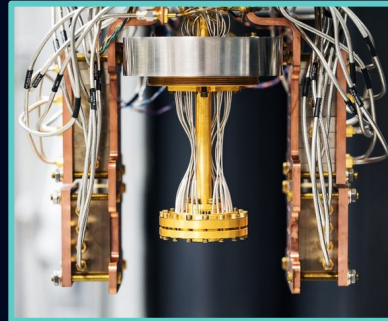
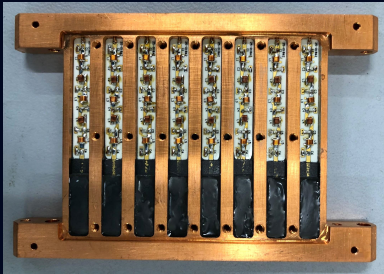
# SCALING UP: CRYOGENIC PLATFORM

Flex cables connecting MX plate to RT electronics

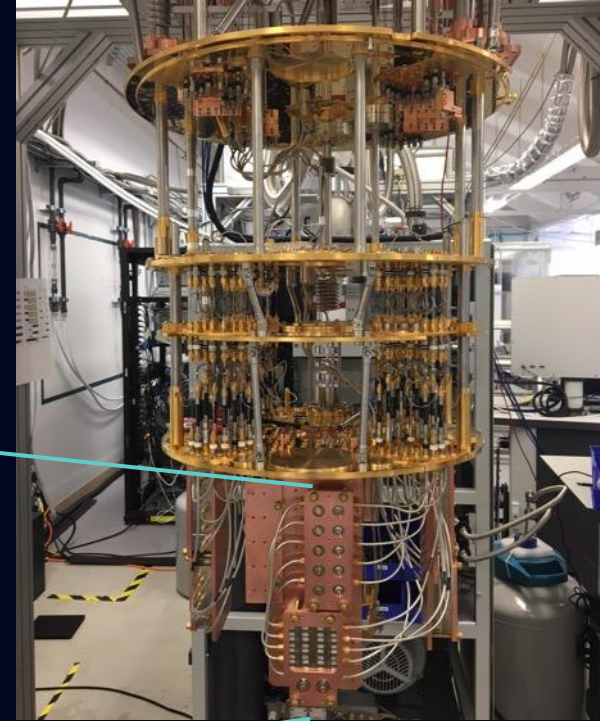


Flex reduces footprint 10x  
(from coax)

Integrated attenuators and filters



MX Plate Wiring and 32 I/O  
Quantum Processor Packaging



Cryogenic dilution  
refrigerator

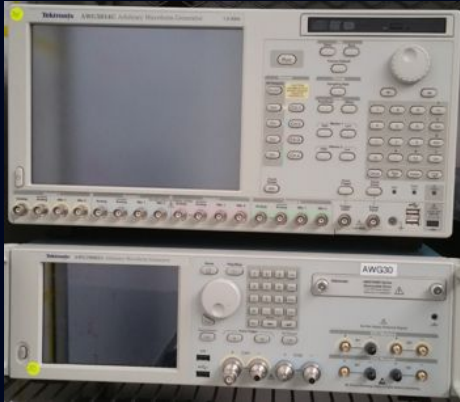


# SCALING UP: ELECTRONICS

2013-2015

General Test Equipment

AWG + Mixers  
Precision current sources VNA



2016-2017

Off-the-shelf customizable  
instrumentation

Software defined radio (USRP)  
Precision current source



2018-2019

Fully custom solution

Custom waveform generation; DC  
current source; processor

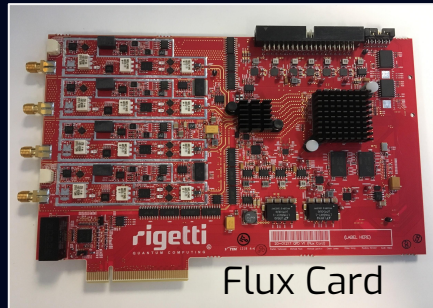
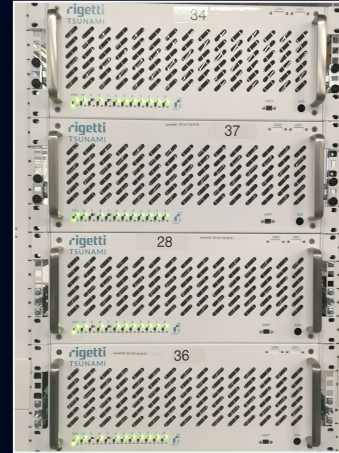
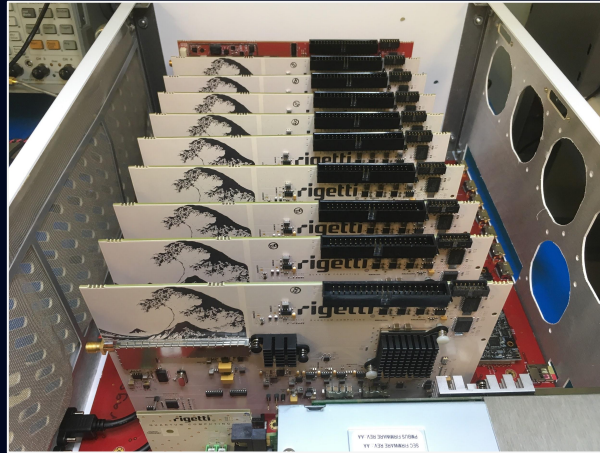


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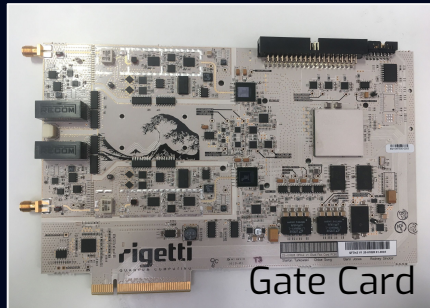
## Custom Hardware:

Direct digital microwave transmit and receive with FPGA logic:

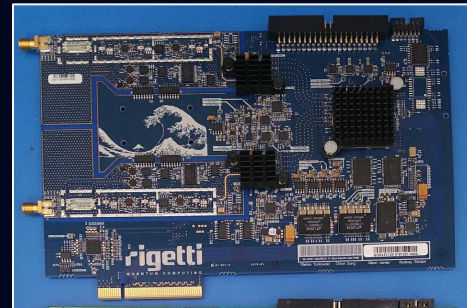
Built for high performance quantum algorithm implementation



Flux Card

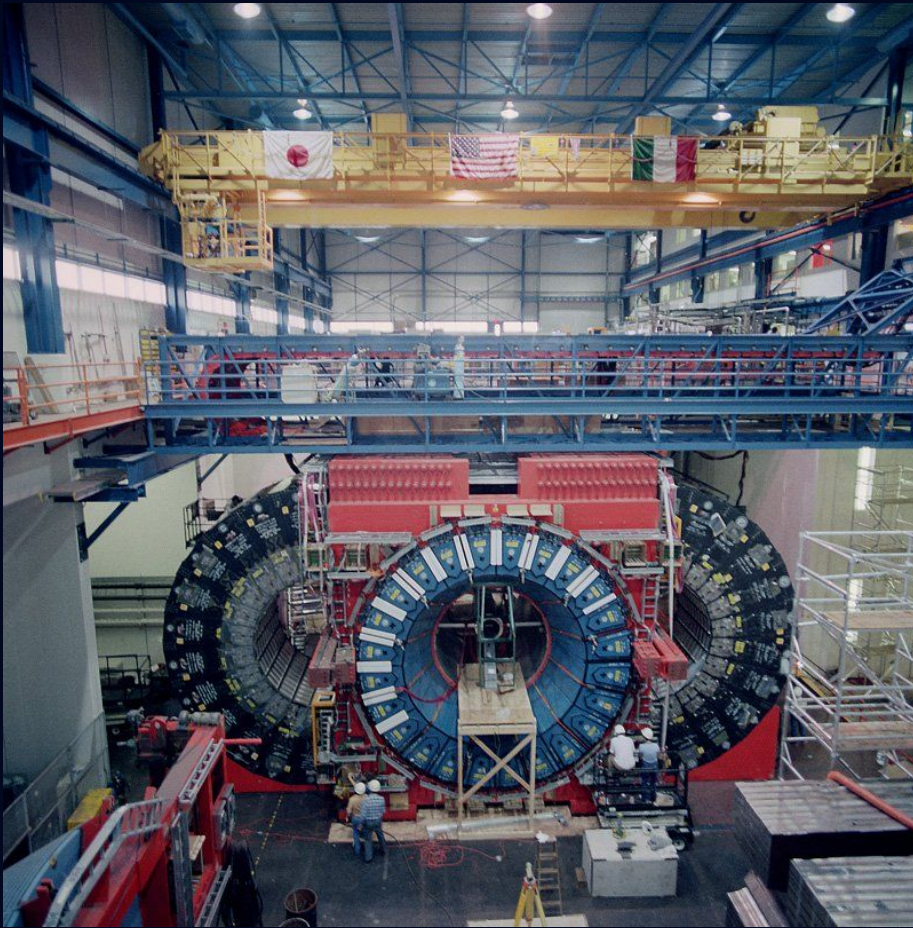


Gate Card



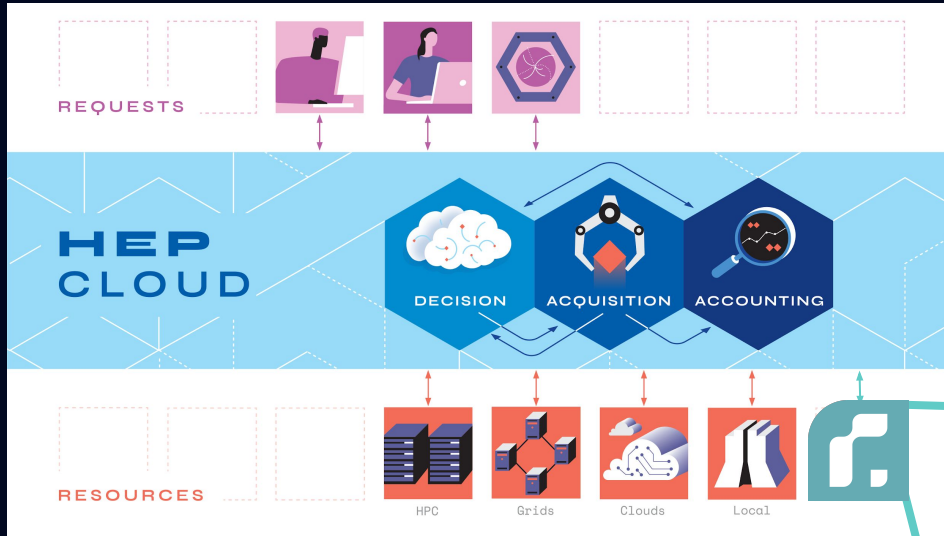
## Key challenges in building custom electronics solutions

- Low-latency architectures for hybrid q-c computing, FTQC etc
- Achieving high temperature stability and better calibration
- Designing stable architecture to maintain phase coherence across all channels
- Bandwidth, dynamic range, noise etc



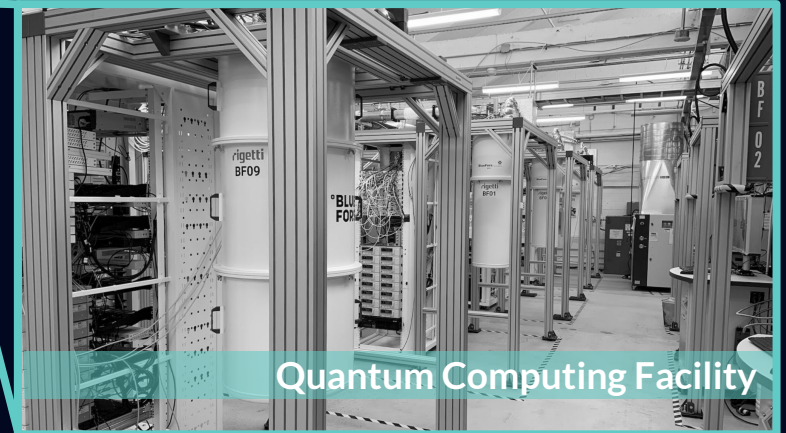
# DISTRIBUTIONS AND INTEGRATIONS

## Accelerating Quantum Sciences with Quantum Computing



Integrate quantum processors into the HEP cloud in order to expand the understanding of our universe.

Discover hybrid quantum-classical methods for HEP, ML, and data processing that can be made available to a broad community of researchers through HEP cloud



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