Keeping up with the Quantashians

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Quantum Computing

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Part 2. The Industry:

What is the quantum industry and what is its trajectory?
What is the customer landscape?
How do I get involved as a
{scientist, programmer, entrepreneur, investor}?

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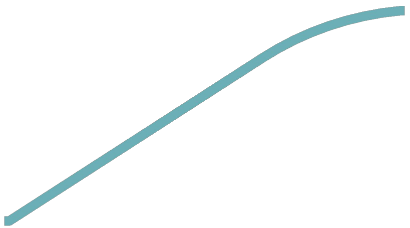
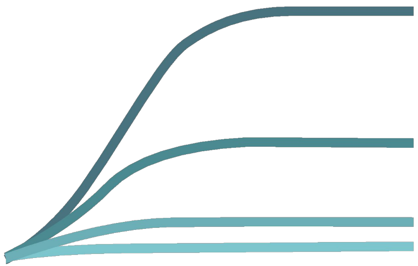
Classical computers have fundamental limits



Transistor scaling

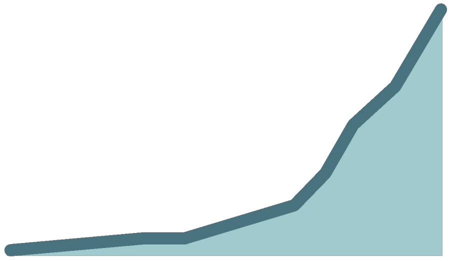
Economic limits with 10bn for next node fab

Ultimate single-atom limits



Returns to parallelization

Amdahl's law



Energy consumption

Exascale computing project has its own power plant

Power density can melt chips

And there's more we want to do

Simulation Driven Drug Design

Organic Batteries & Solar Cells

Artificial General Intelligence

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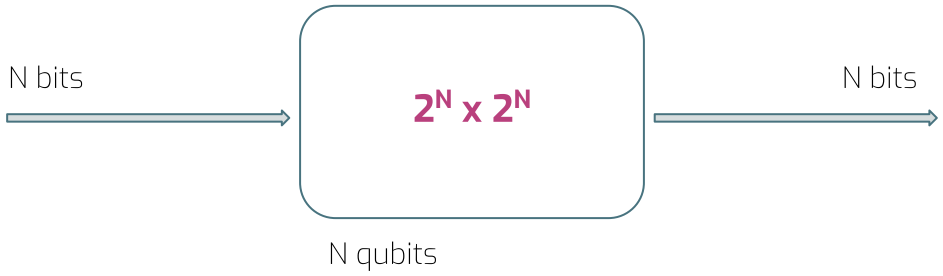
The "big-memory small pipe" mental model for quantum computing



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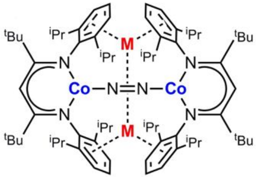

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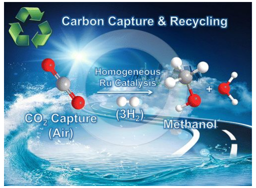

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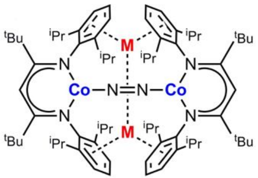

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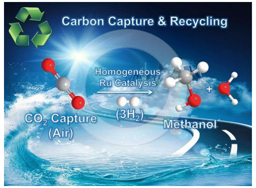

What isn't on here: breaking RSA with Shor's algorithm

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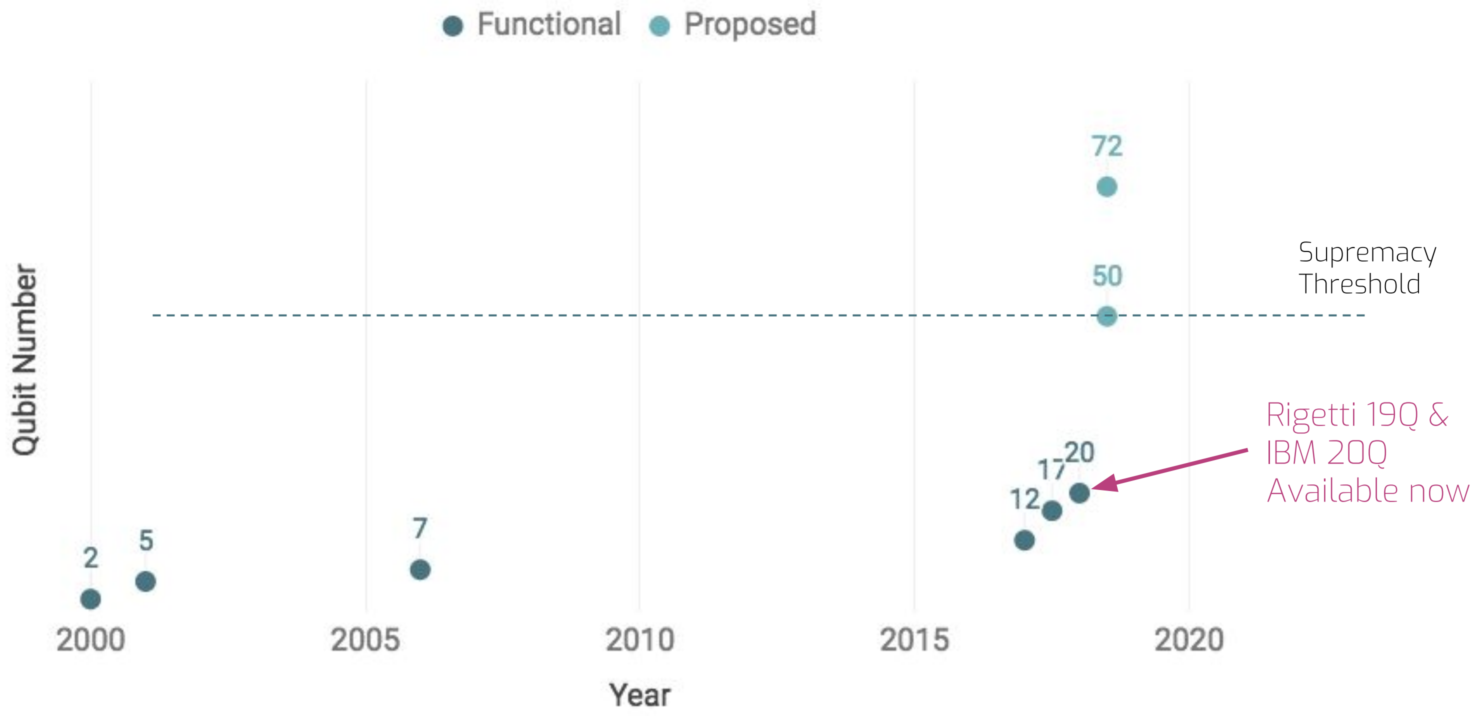

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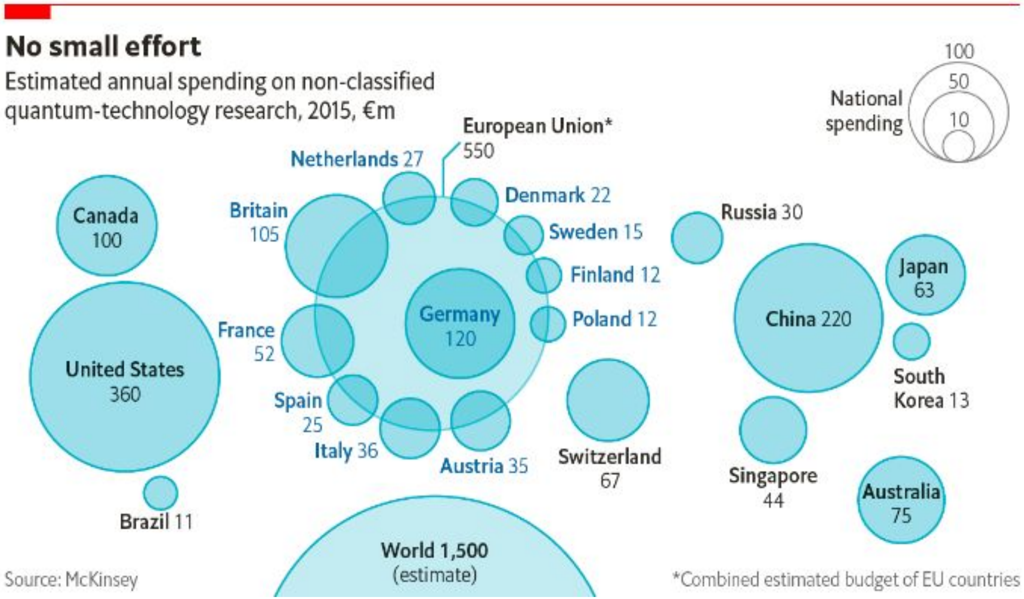

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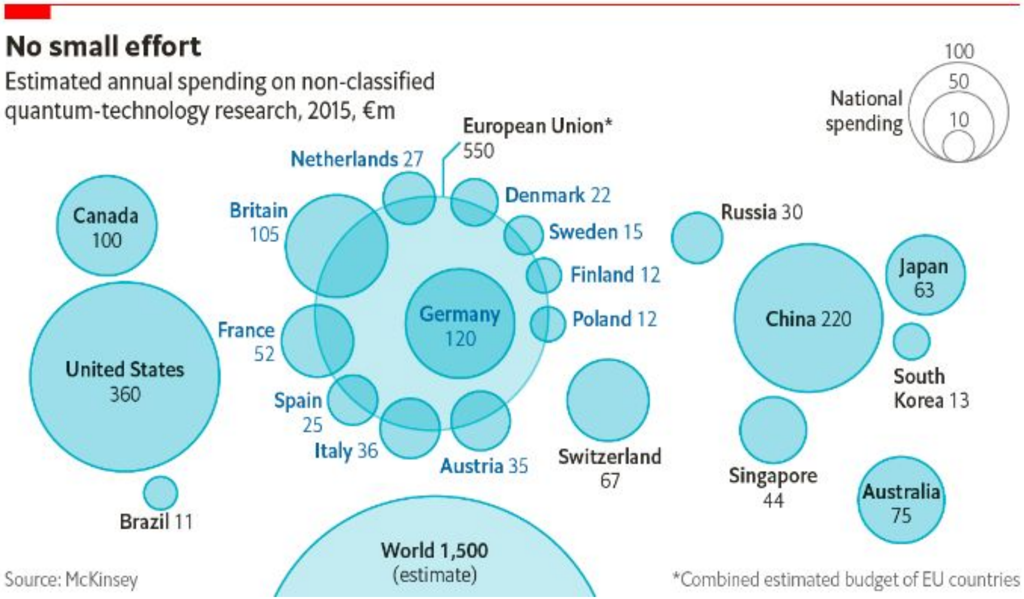

Plus approximately $300M in global VC investment

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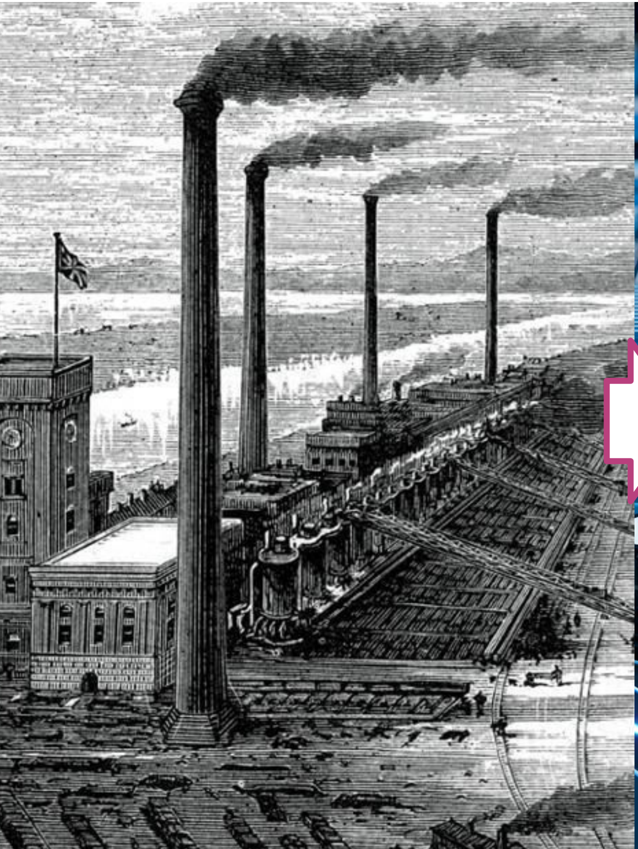

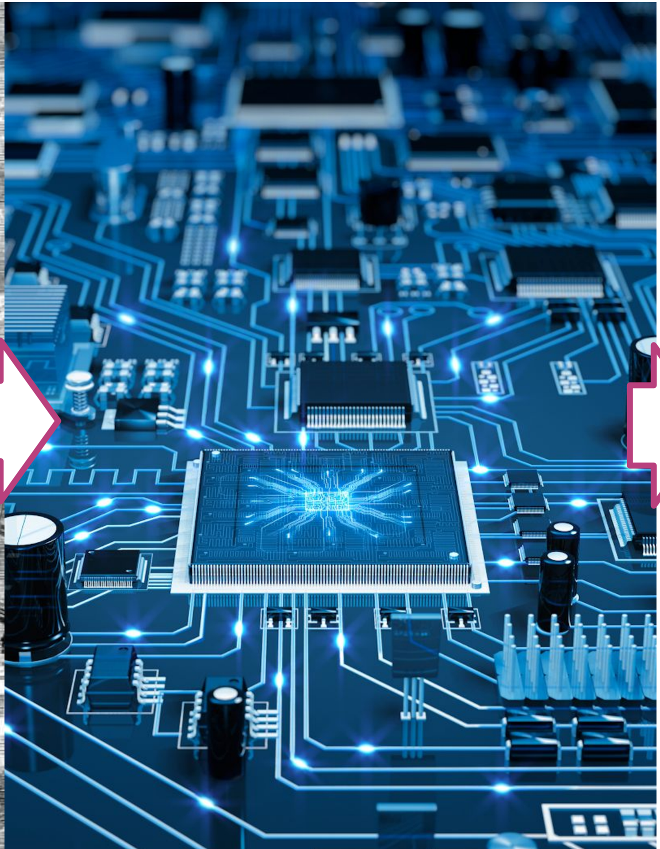

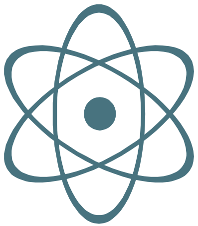

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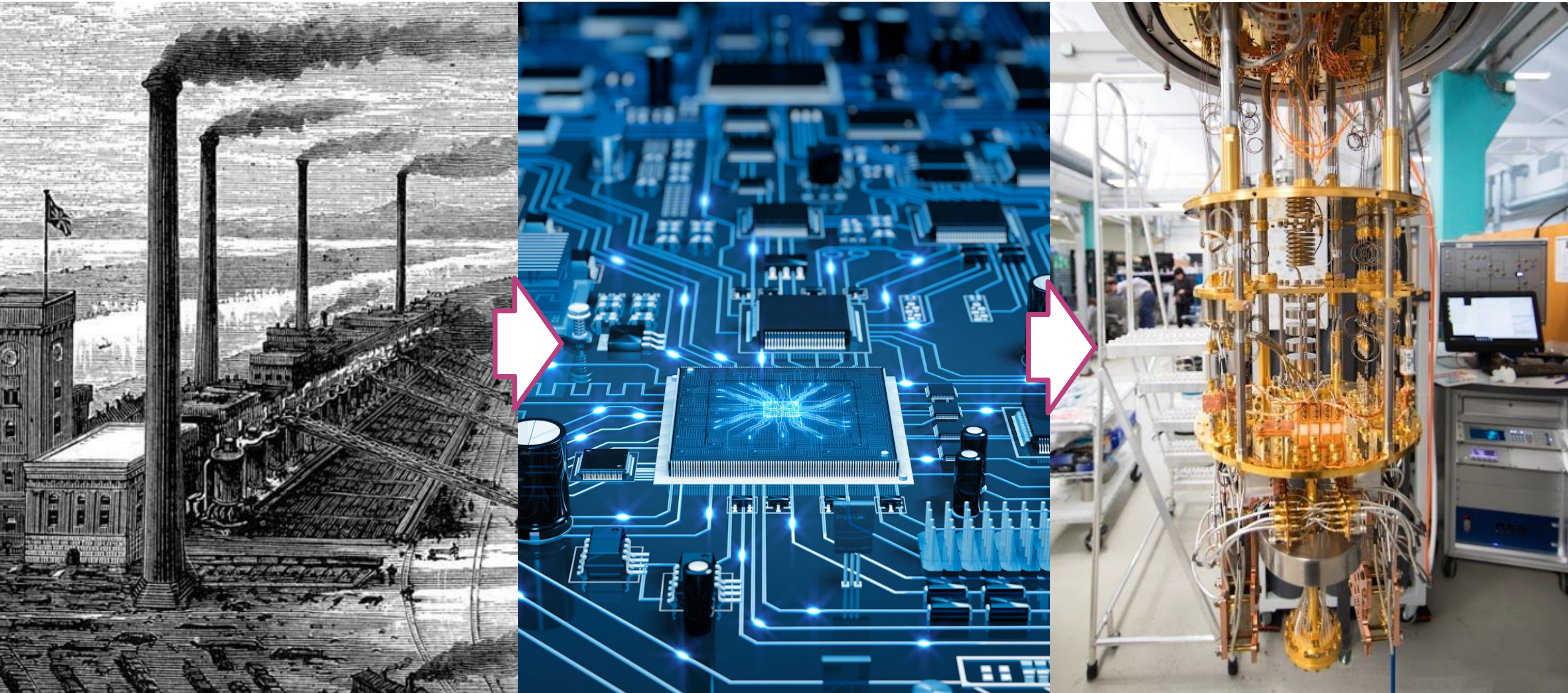

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Physical phenomenon apply to information and computation as well.

> Superposition

> No-cloning

> Teleportation

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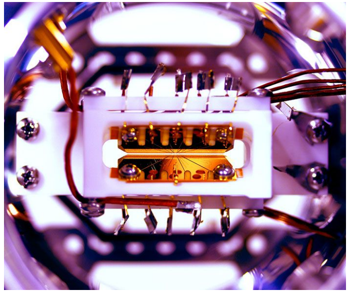

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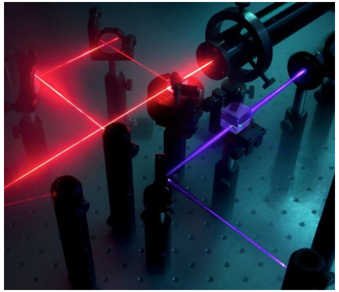
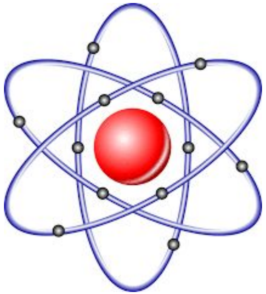
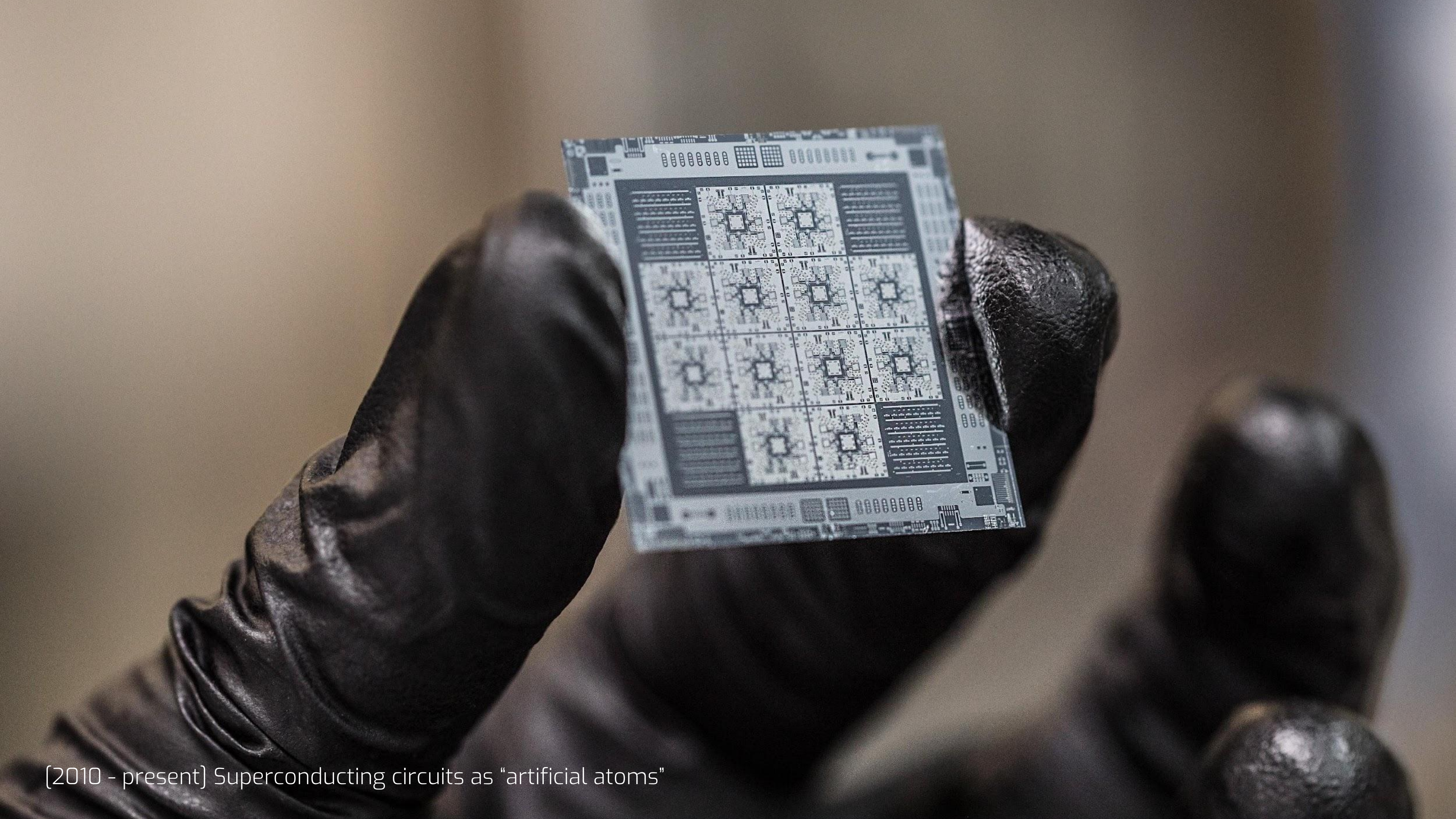


Photonic Networks



Nuclear Magnetic Resonance



(2010 - present) Superconducting circuits as “artificial atoms”

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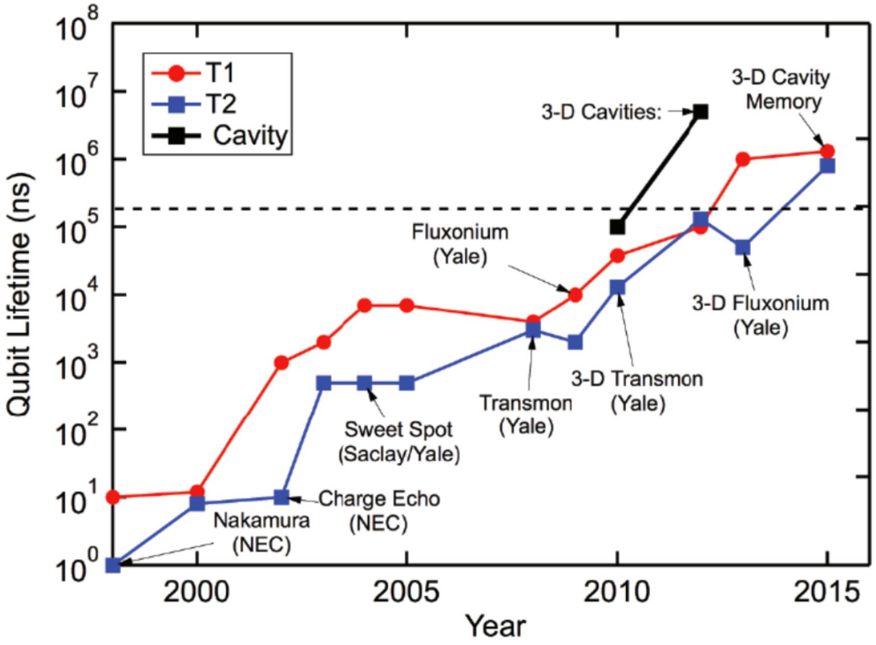
Superconducting qubit performance has increased by 10,000,000x in the last 15 years



M.Reagor thesis, 2015

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These algorithms require Big, Perfect Quantum Computers ™

> 10,000,000 qubits for Shor's algorithms
to factor a 2048 bit number

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Preskill 2018. Quantum Computing in the NISQ era and beyond (arXiv: 1801.00862)

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2013
Practical Quantum Chemistry Algorithms (VQE)

2016
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Simulations on Near-term Quantum Supremacy

Hybrid quantum/classical algs

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> Empirical speedups

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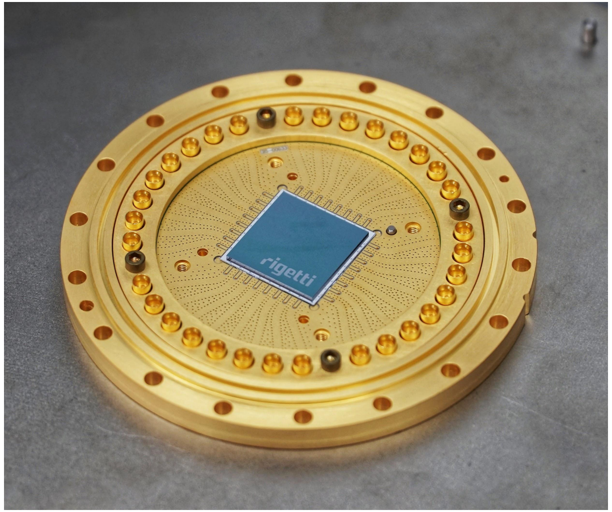
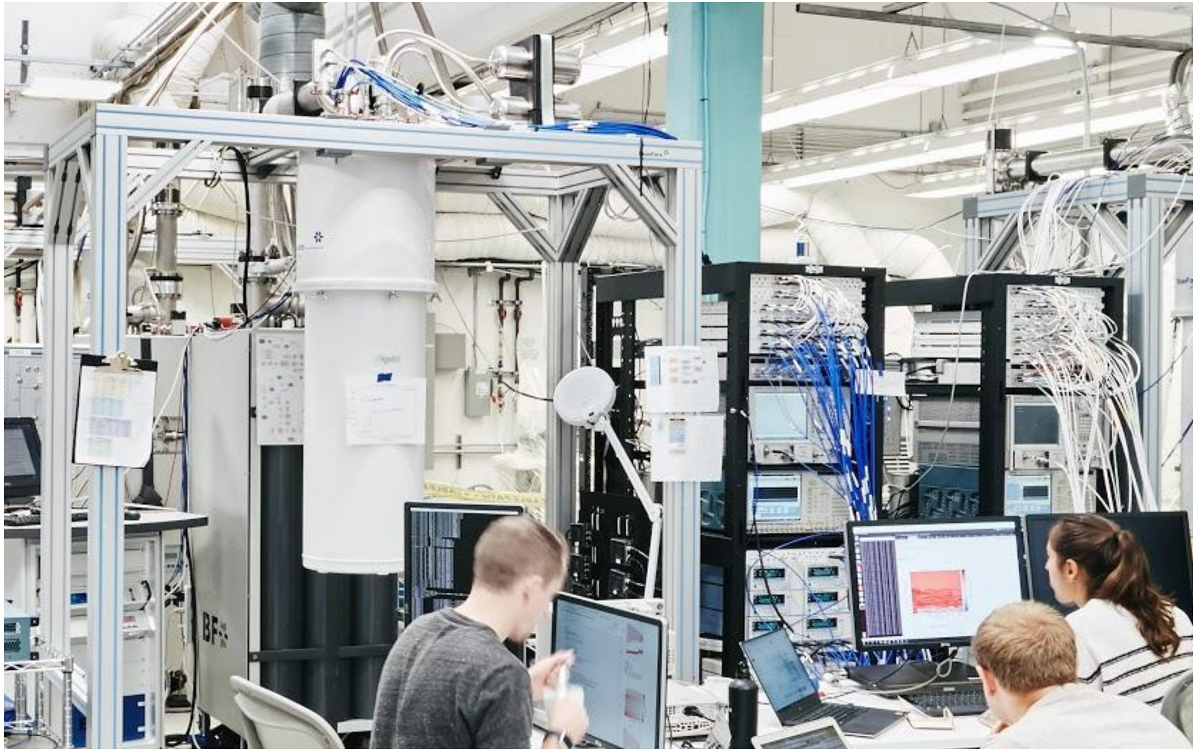


Quantum processor



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Otterbach et al. arXiv:1712.05771

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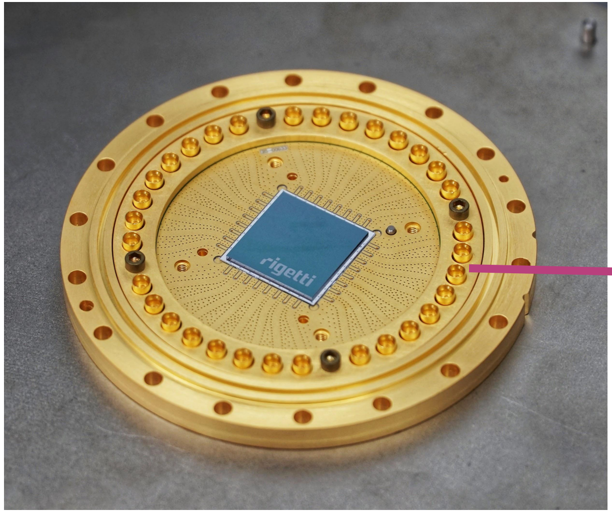

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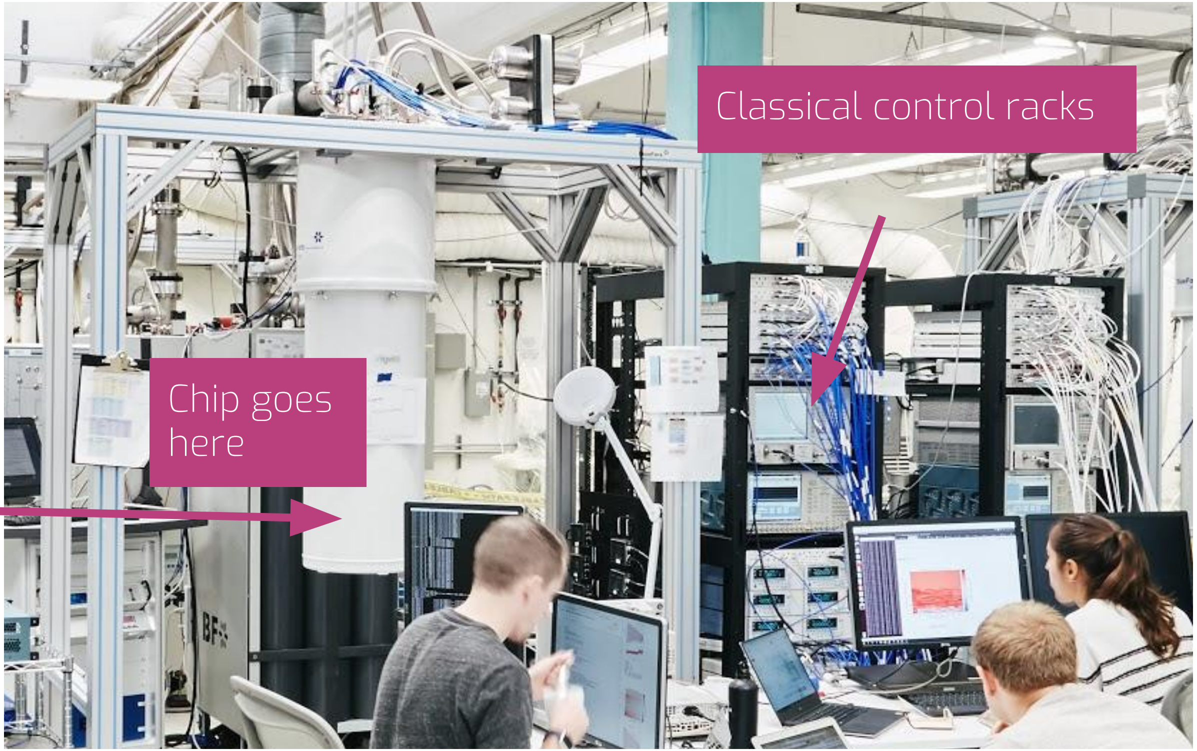

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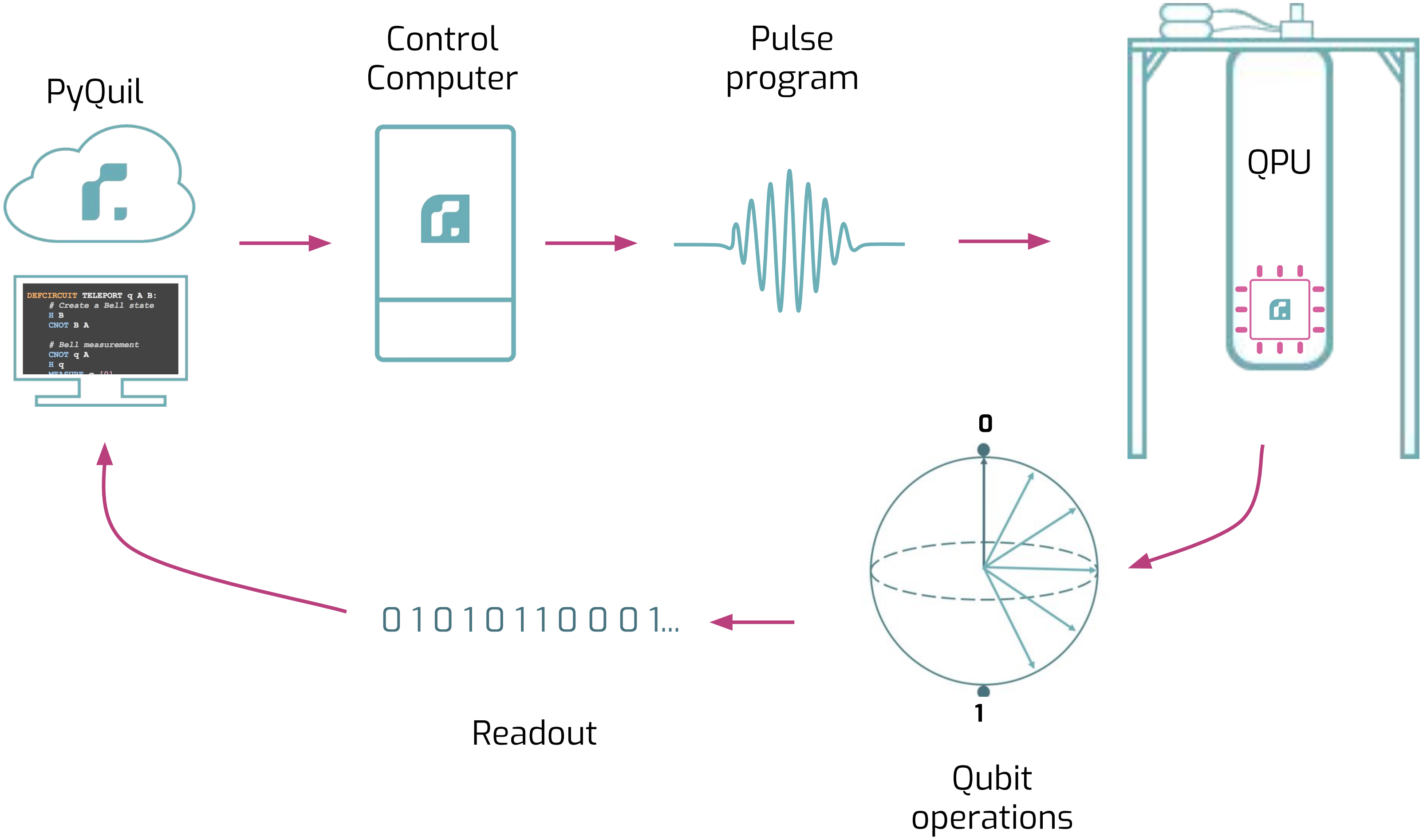
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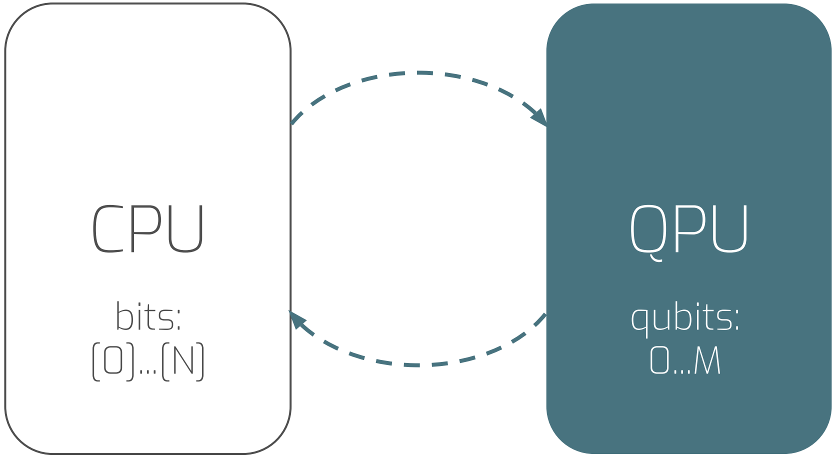

Forest is optimized for this with the Quil [01⟩ instruction set.

http://forest.rigetti.com

Smith, Curtis, Zeng. "A Practical Quantum Instruction Set Architecture" arXiv:1608.03355

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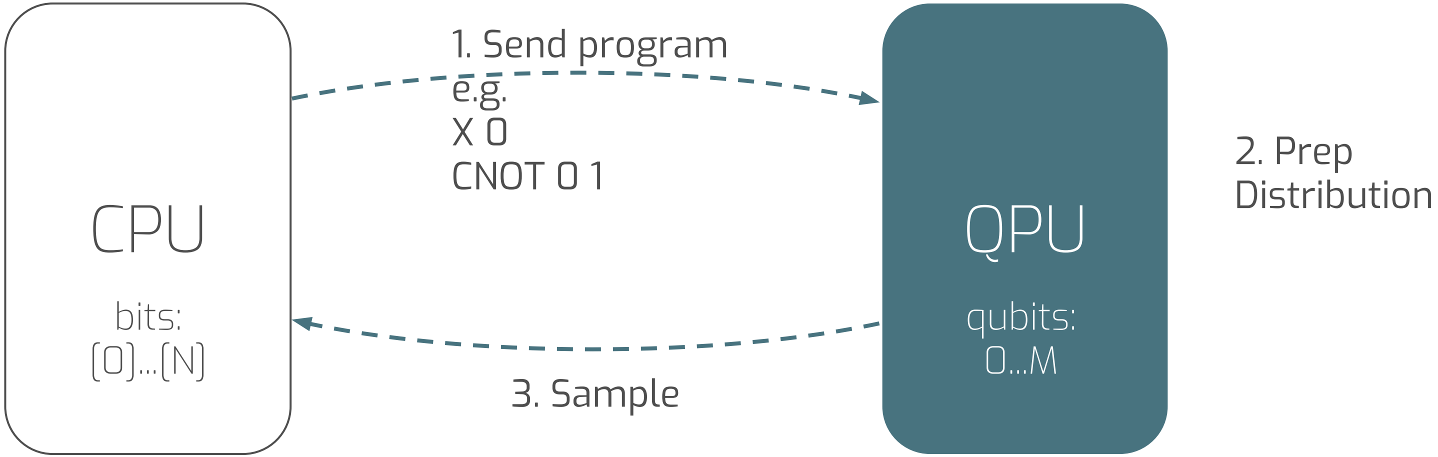
Quantum programming is preparing and sampling from complicated distributions



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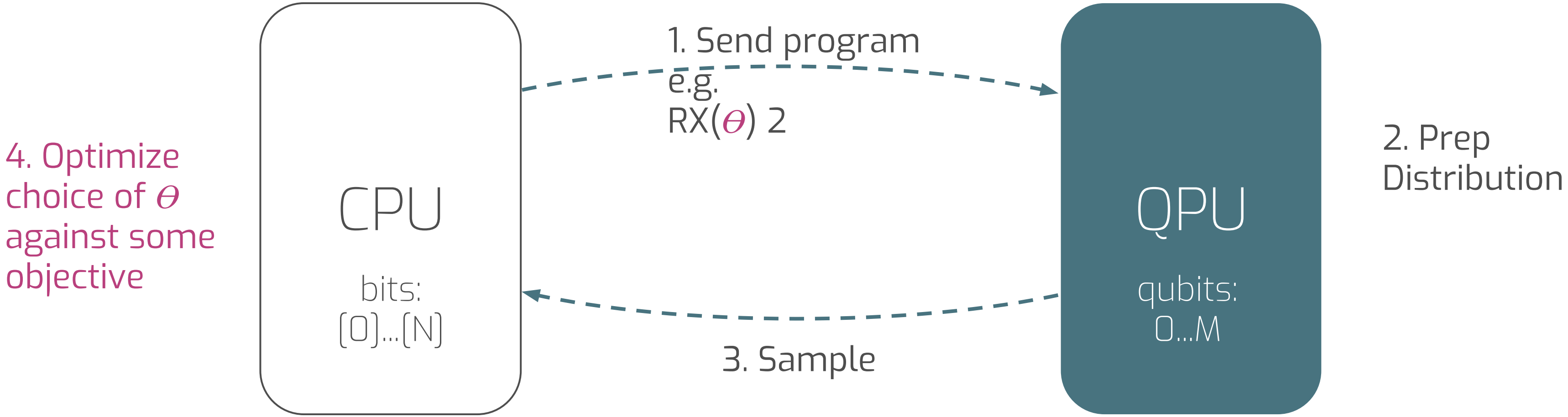
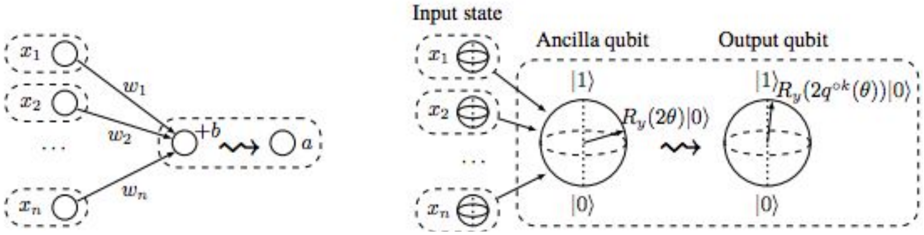
By parameterizing quantum programs we can train them to be robust to noise



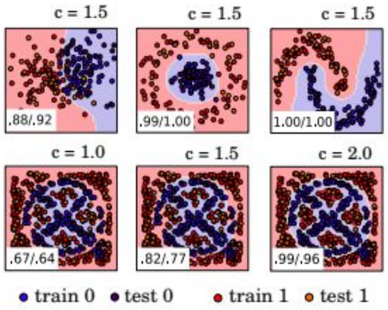
Quantum Machine Learning

> Quantum neuron: an elementary building block for machine learning on quantum computers. (Cao et al. 2017)

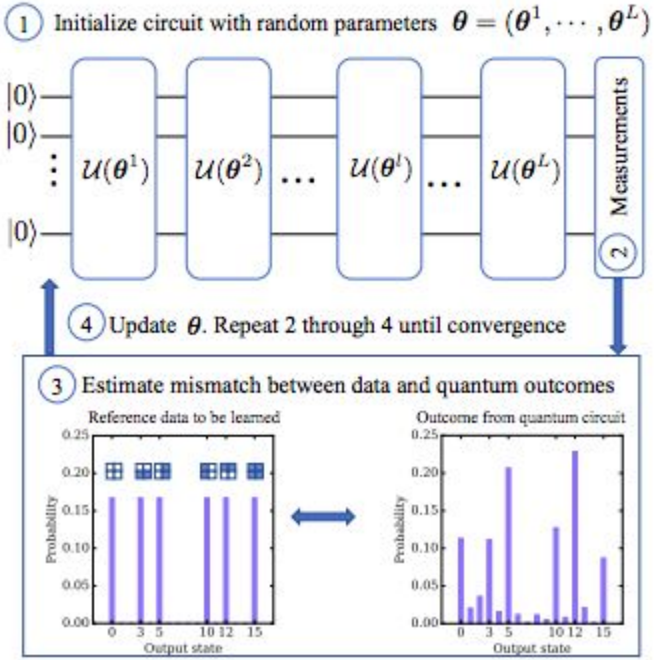


> Quantum circuit learning. (Mitarai et al. 2018)

> Quantum machine learning in feature Hilbert spaces. (Schuld and Killoran 2018)



A generative modeling approach for benchmarking and training shallow quantum circuits. (Benedetti et al. 2018)



The Variational Quantum Eigensolver

Used for the electronic structure problem in quantum chemistry

1. MOLECULAR DESCRIPTION

e.g. Electronic Structure Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i,j<i}^{N_n} \frac{Z_i Z_j}{|R_i - R_j|} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} \frac{-\nabla^2_{r_i}}{2} - \sum_{ij}^{N_n, N_e} \frac{Z_i}{|R_i - r_j|} + \sum_{i,j<i}^{N_e} \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|}.$$

2. MAP TO QUBIT REPRESENTATION

e.g. Bravyi-Kitaev or Jordan-Wigner Transform

e.g. DI-HYDROGEN

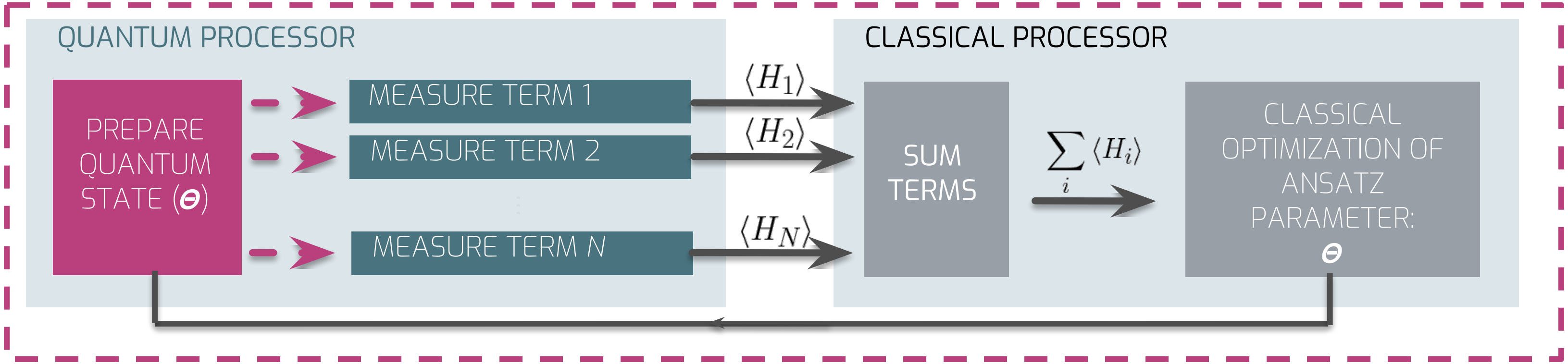
$$\begin{aligned} H = {} & f_0 \mathbb{1} + f_1 Z_0 + f_2 Z_1 + f_3 Z_2 + f_1 Z_0 Z_1 \\ & + f_4 Z_0 Z_2 + f_5 Z_1 Z_3 + f_6 X_0 Z_1 X_2 + f_6 Y_0 Z_1 Y_2 \\ & + f_7 Z_0 Z_1 Z_2 + f_4 Z_0 Z_2 Z_3 + f_3 Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \\ & + f_6 X_0 Z_1 X_2 Z_3 + f_6 Y_0 Z_1 Y_2 Z_3 + f_7 Z_0 Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 \end{aligned}$$

3. PARAMETERIZED ANSATZ

e.g. Unitary Coupled Cluster
Variational Adiabatic Ansatz

$$\frac{\langle \varphi(\vec{\theta}) | \, H \, | \varphi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle}{\langle \varphi(\vec{\theta}) | \varphi(\vec{\theta}) \rangle} \geq E_0$$

4. RUN Q.V.E. QUANTUM-CLASSICAL HYBRID ALGORITHM



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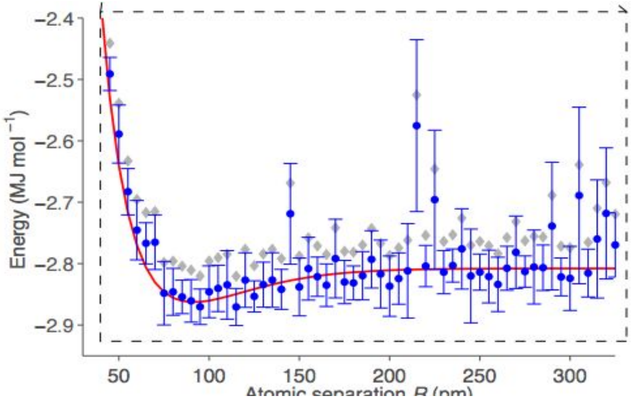
VQE Simulations on Quantum Hardware



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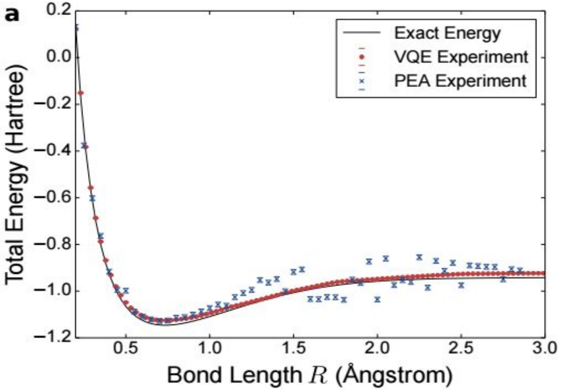

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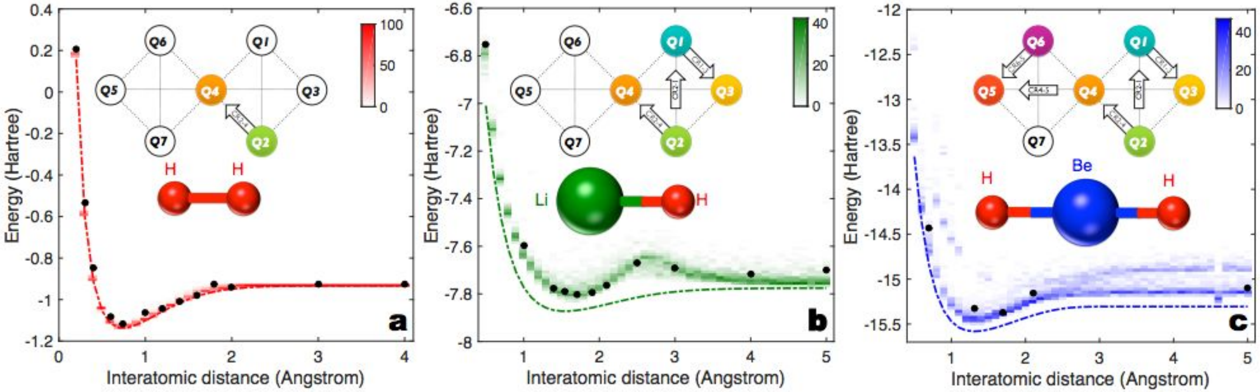

Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm

(QAOA) Hybrid algorithm used for constraint satisfaction problems

Given binary constraints:

$$z \in \{0,1\}^n$$

$$C_a(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \text{ satisfies the constraint } a \\ 0 & \text{if } z \text{ does not .} \end{cases}$$

MAXIMIZE

$$C(z) = \sum_{a=1}^{m} C_a(z)$$

<u>Traveling Salesperson</u> <u>Scheduling</u> | <u>K-means clustering</u> | <u>Boltzmann Machine Training</u>

Hadfield et al. 2017 (1709.03489)

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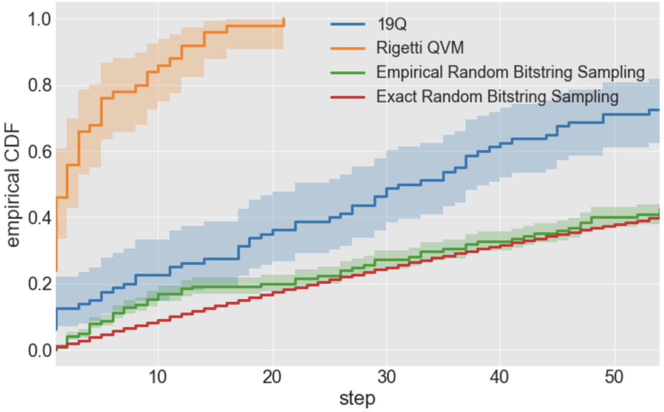

QAOA in **Forest**

In ***14*** lines of code

```
from pyquil.quil import Program
from pyquil.gates import H
from pyquil.paulis import sI, sX, sZ, exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum
from pyquil.api import QPUConnection

graph = [(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3)]
nodes = range(4)

init_state_prog = sum([H(i) for i in nodes], Program())
h_cost = -0.5 * sum(sI(nodes[0]) - sZ(i) * sZ(j) for i, j in graph)
h_driver = -1. * sum(sX(i) for i in nodes)

def qaoa_ansatz(betas, gammas):
    return sum([exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_cost)(g) +
exponentiate_commuting_pauli_sum(h_driver)(b) \
        for g, b in zip(gammas, betas)], Program())

program = init_state_prog + qaoa_ansatz([0., 0.5], [0.75, 1.])

qvm = QPUConnection()
qvm.run_and_measure(program, qubits=nodes, trials=10)
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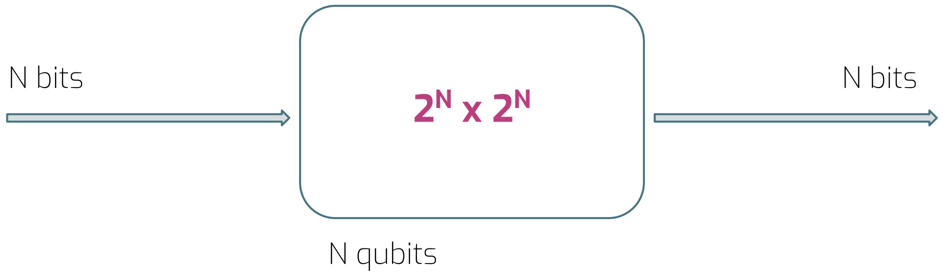

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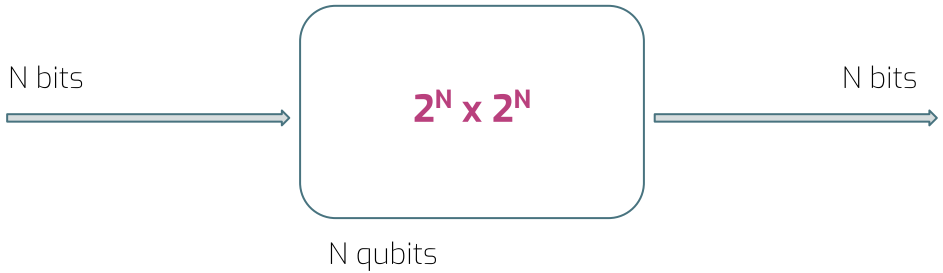


CRITERIA:

- Complex models (esp. If represented in a high dimensional vector space)
- Small data (QC has limited I/O)
- NOT real-time applications (again due to limited I/O)
- Approximate solutions are useful (indicates robustness to noise in early quantum processors)

Major Technology Challenges for Quantum Computing

> Existence of valuable robust applications with hundreds to thousands of qubits

> Reducing noise

> Integrating chip design, fabrication, control systems, software

> Implementing quantum error correction

Upcoming technology milestones

1. Quantum computers exist (Today)

2. Quantum supremacy (18-24 mos)
   not as big a deal as it sounds, but still a bit deal

3. Limited quantum advantage (3-5 years)

4. Broad quantum advantage (5+ years)

Rampant Discussion #1

Part 2. The Industry

What is the quantum industry and what is its trajectory?

What is the customer landscape?

How do I get involved as a

{scientist, programmer, entrepreneur, investor}?

The emerging quantum landscape has a taxonomy

General-purpose ("Gate-based") quantum computing

Superconducting circuits

Commercial ← → *Academic*

- Semi-conductor tech
- Near "supremacy" scale

Topological systems

Photonic systems

Ion traps

- Good individual qubits
- Scalability not proven

Quantum software & consulting

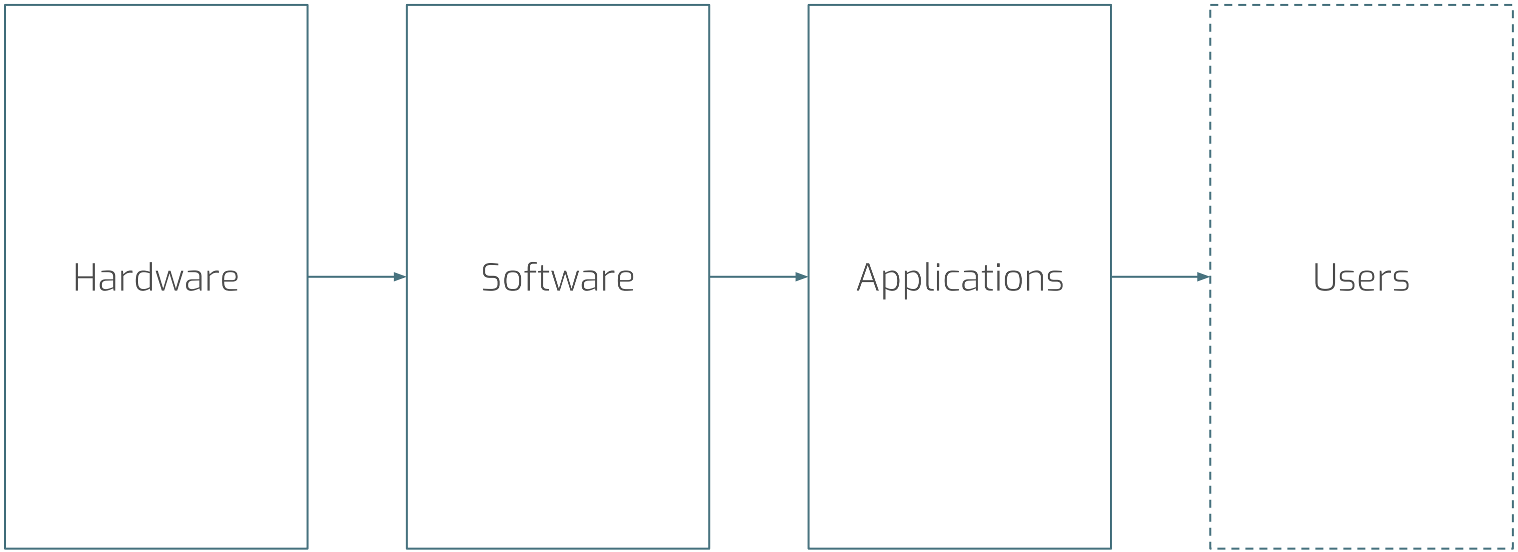
- Hardware agnostic
- Long-term apps
- Consulting / benchmarking services

Quantum annealing

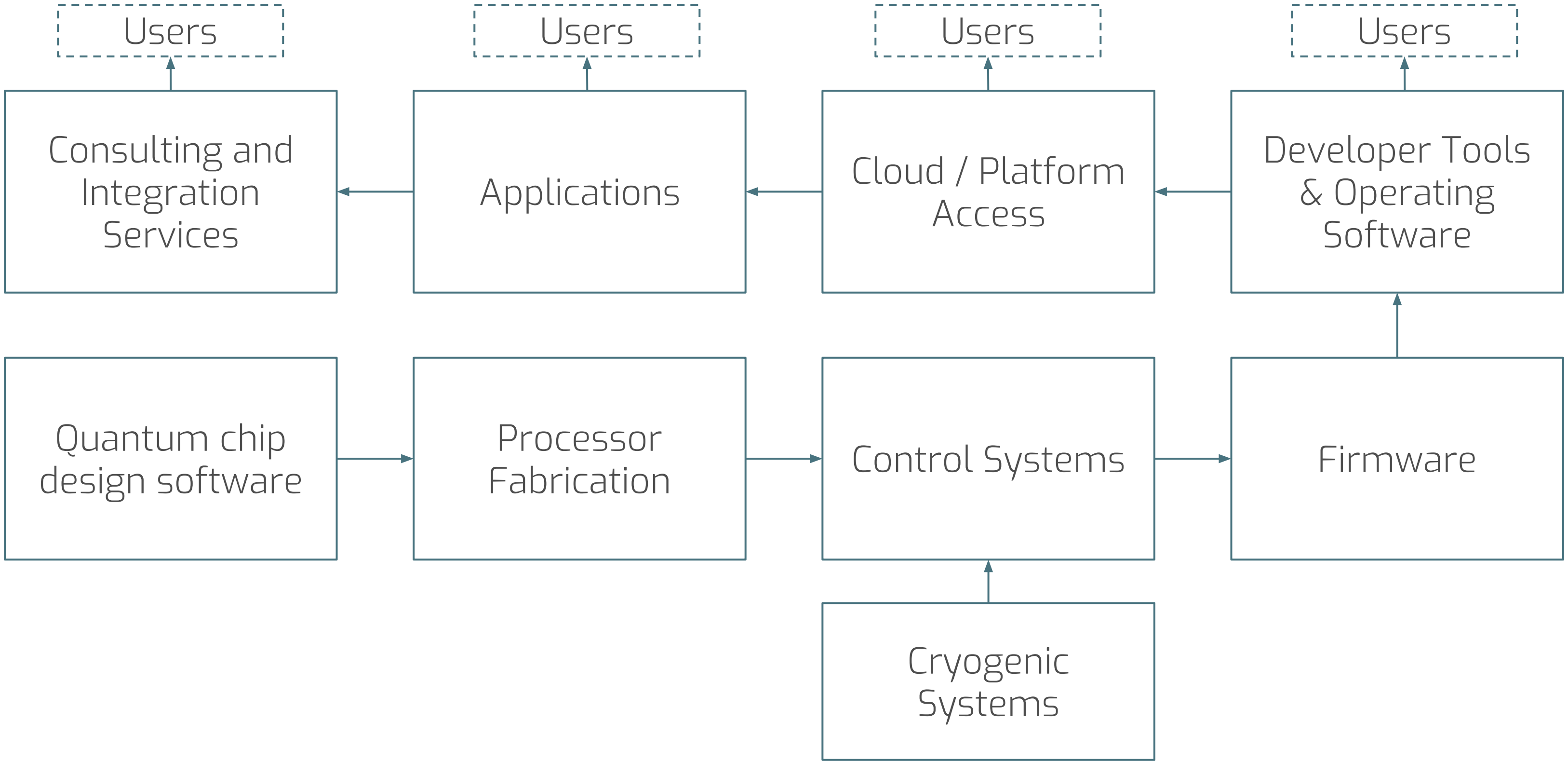
- Limited programmability
- Narrow applications

A full supply and demand side industry is emerging

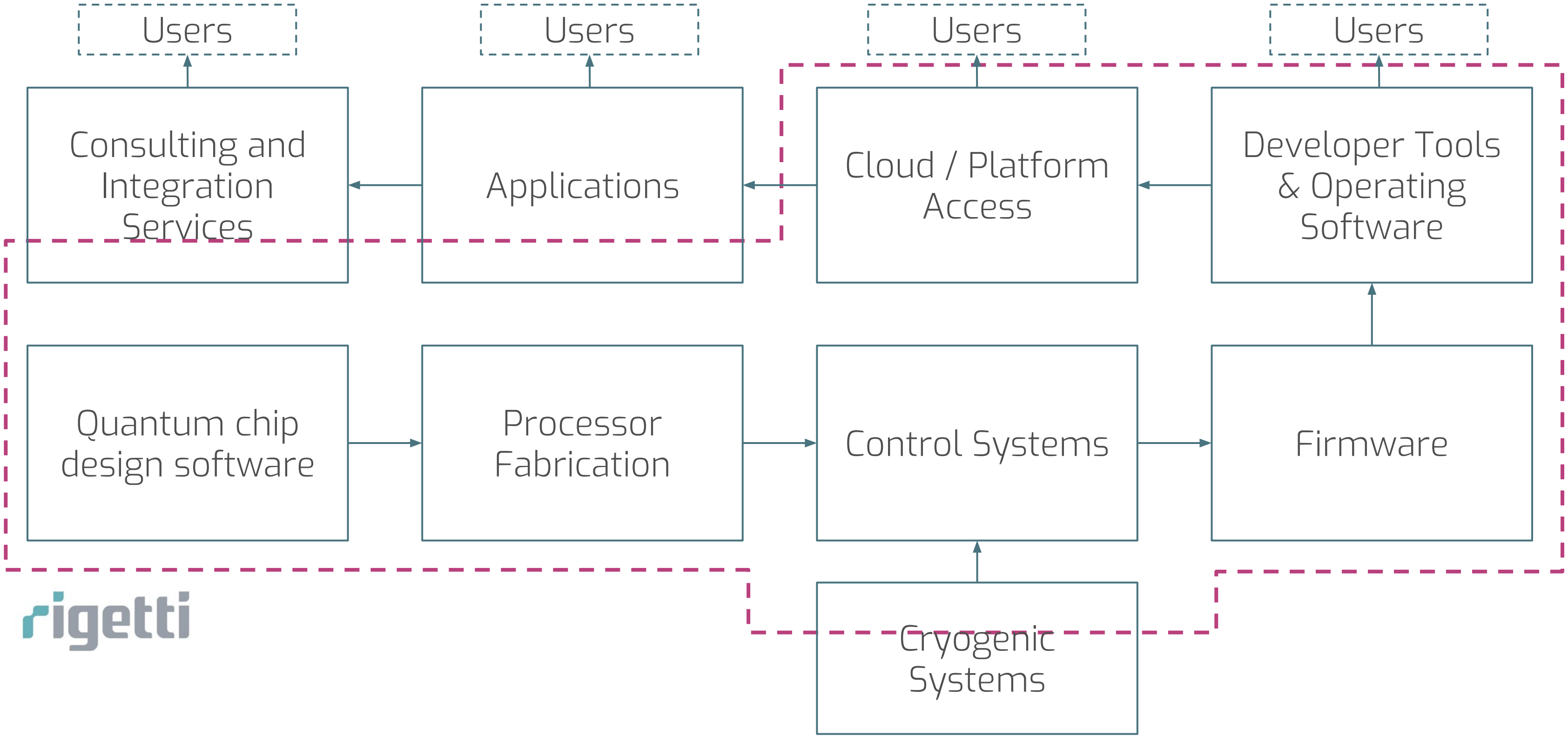
Lots of people have this unsophisticated and limited view:



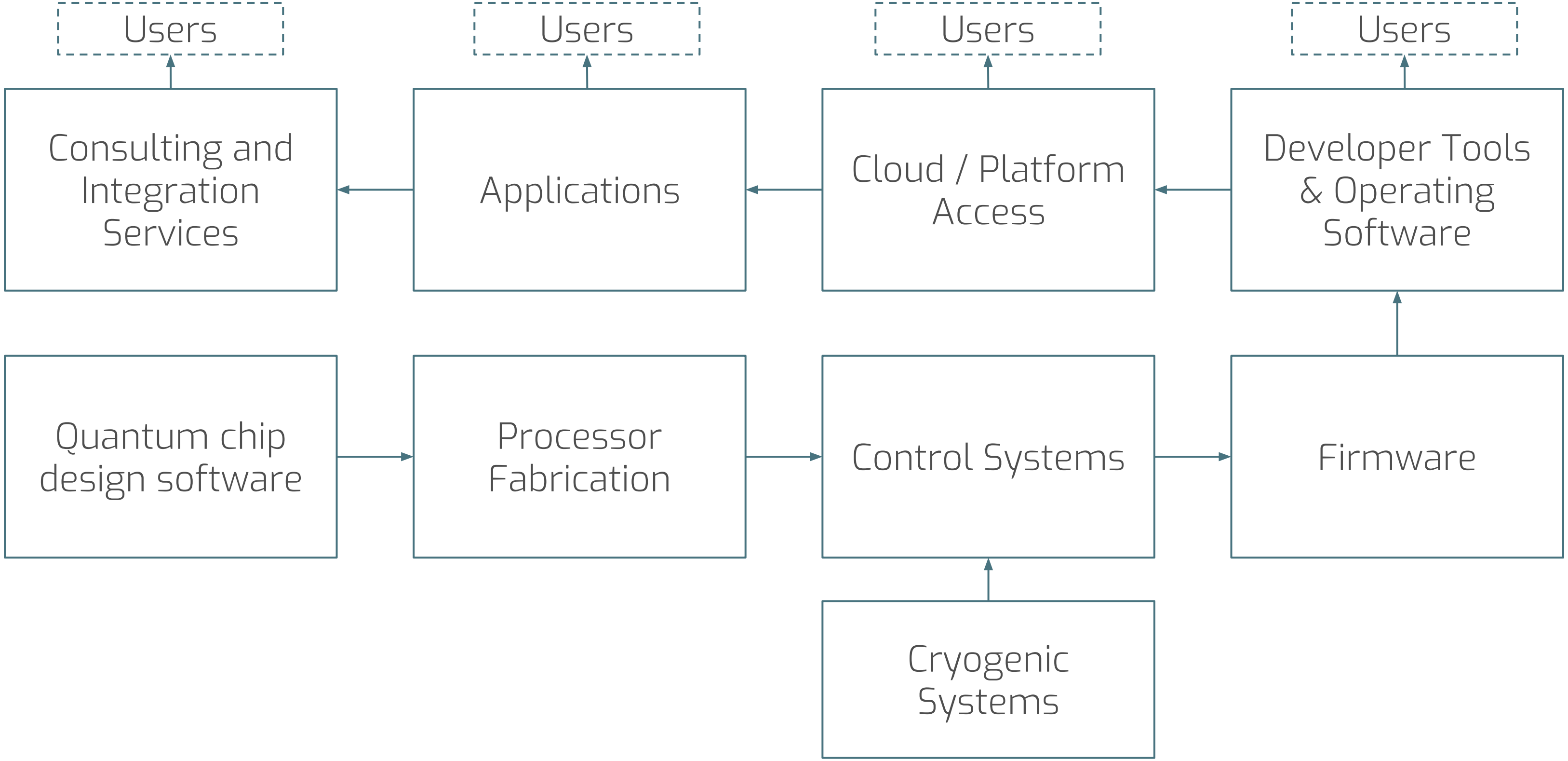
The real picture ~~is~~ will eventually be a rich ecosystem



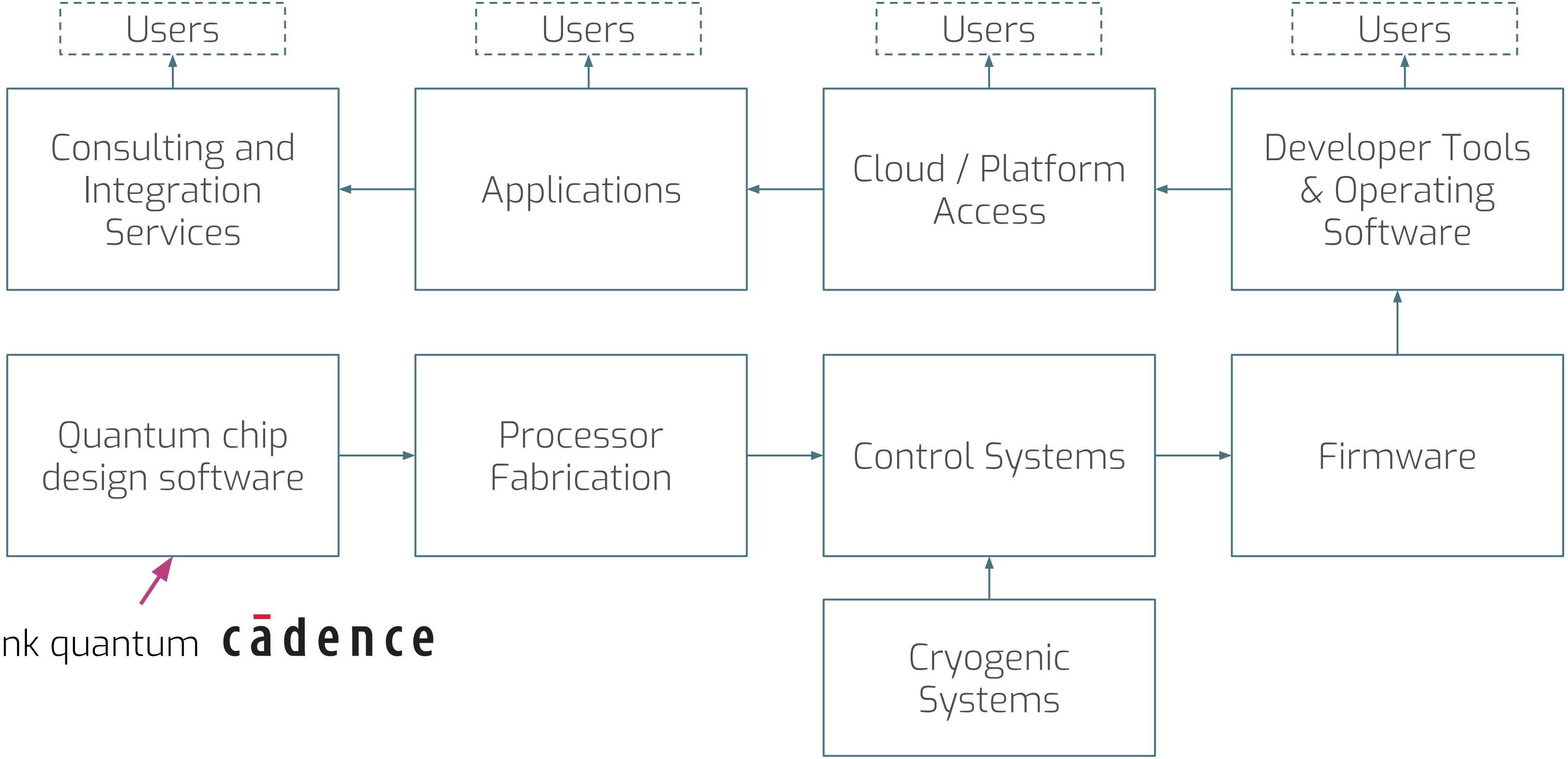
Rigetti has chosen to vertically integrate a lot in house



There are startups and companies in every niche today

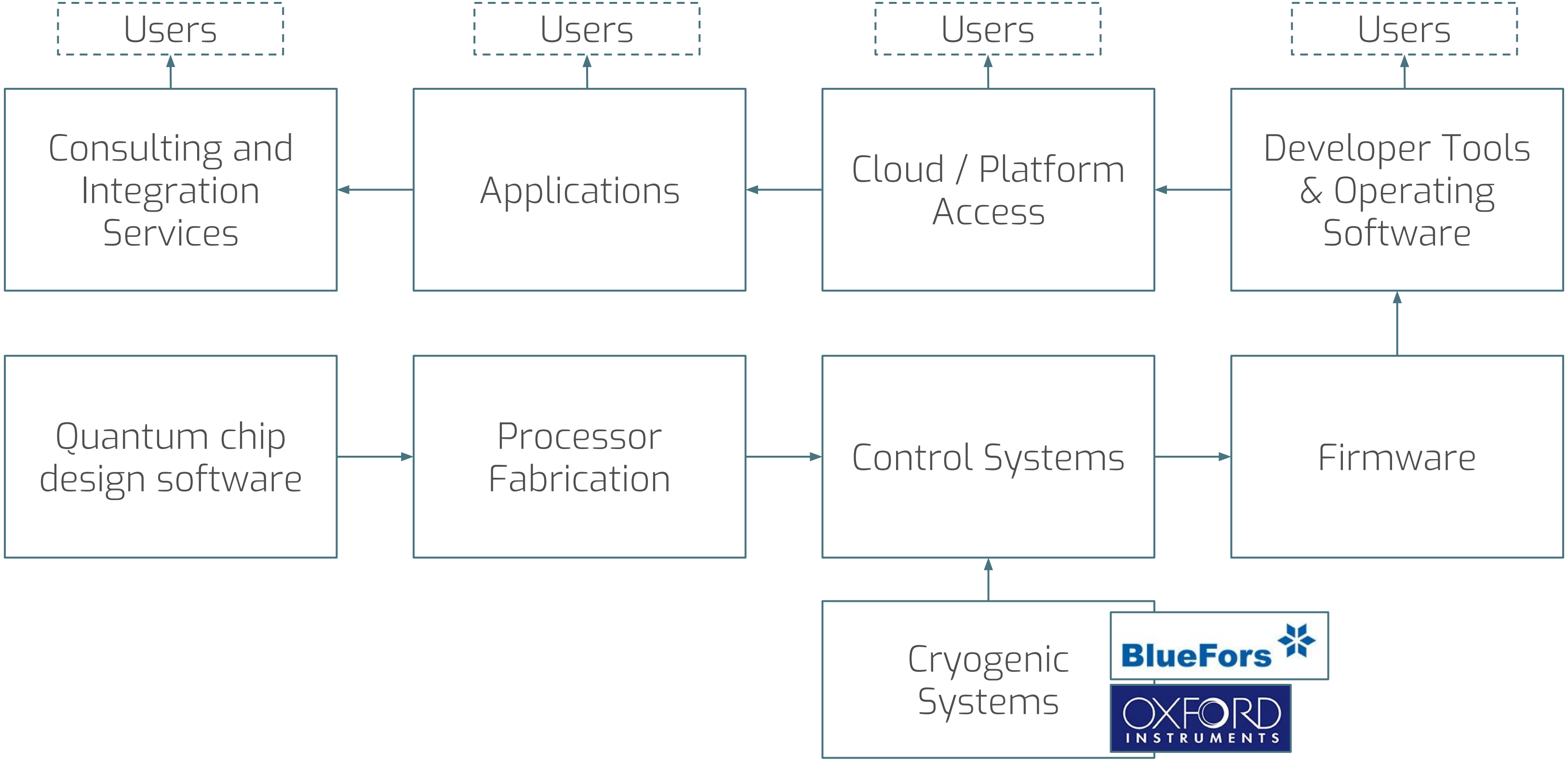


The classical analogs of each of these are massive



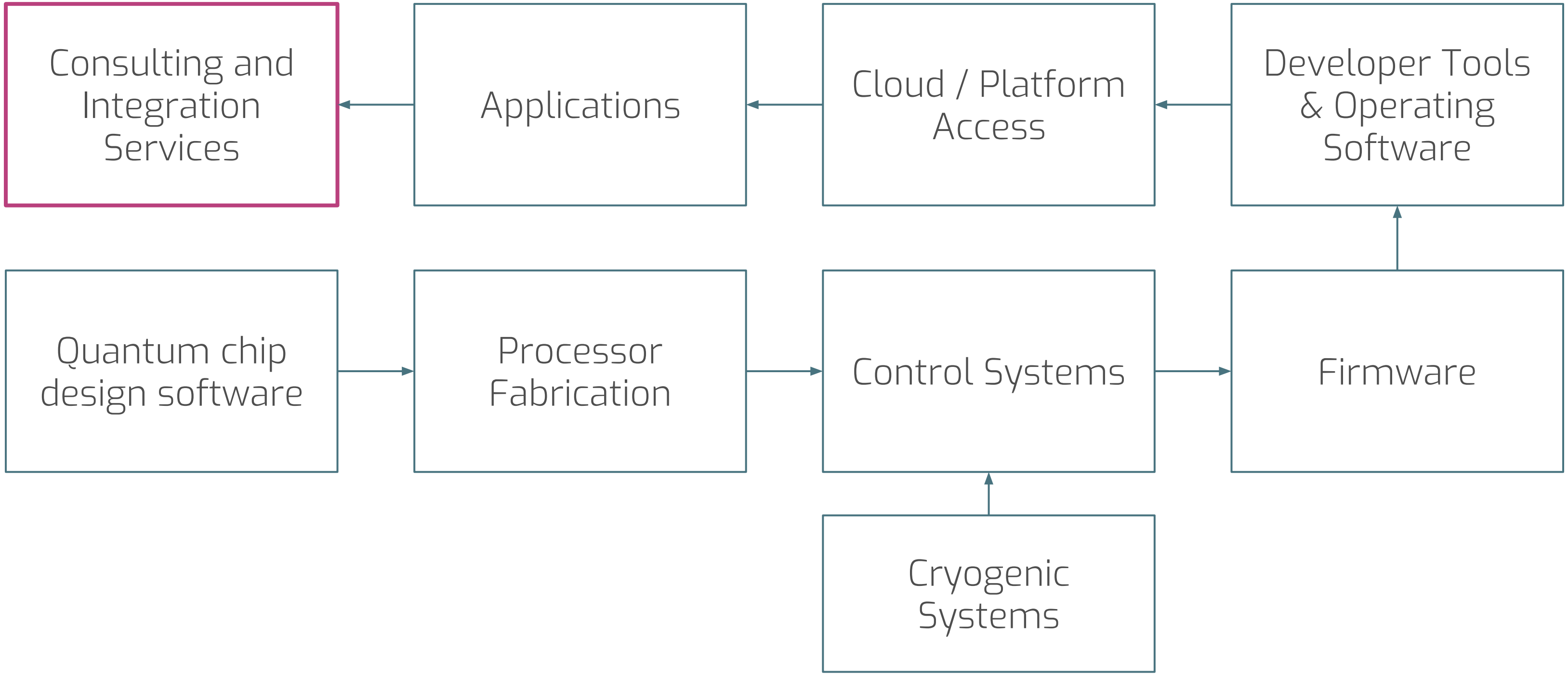
Think quantum cadence

Access to cryogenic systems is an exogenic risk to the field

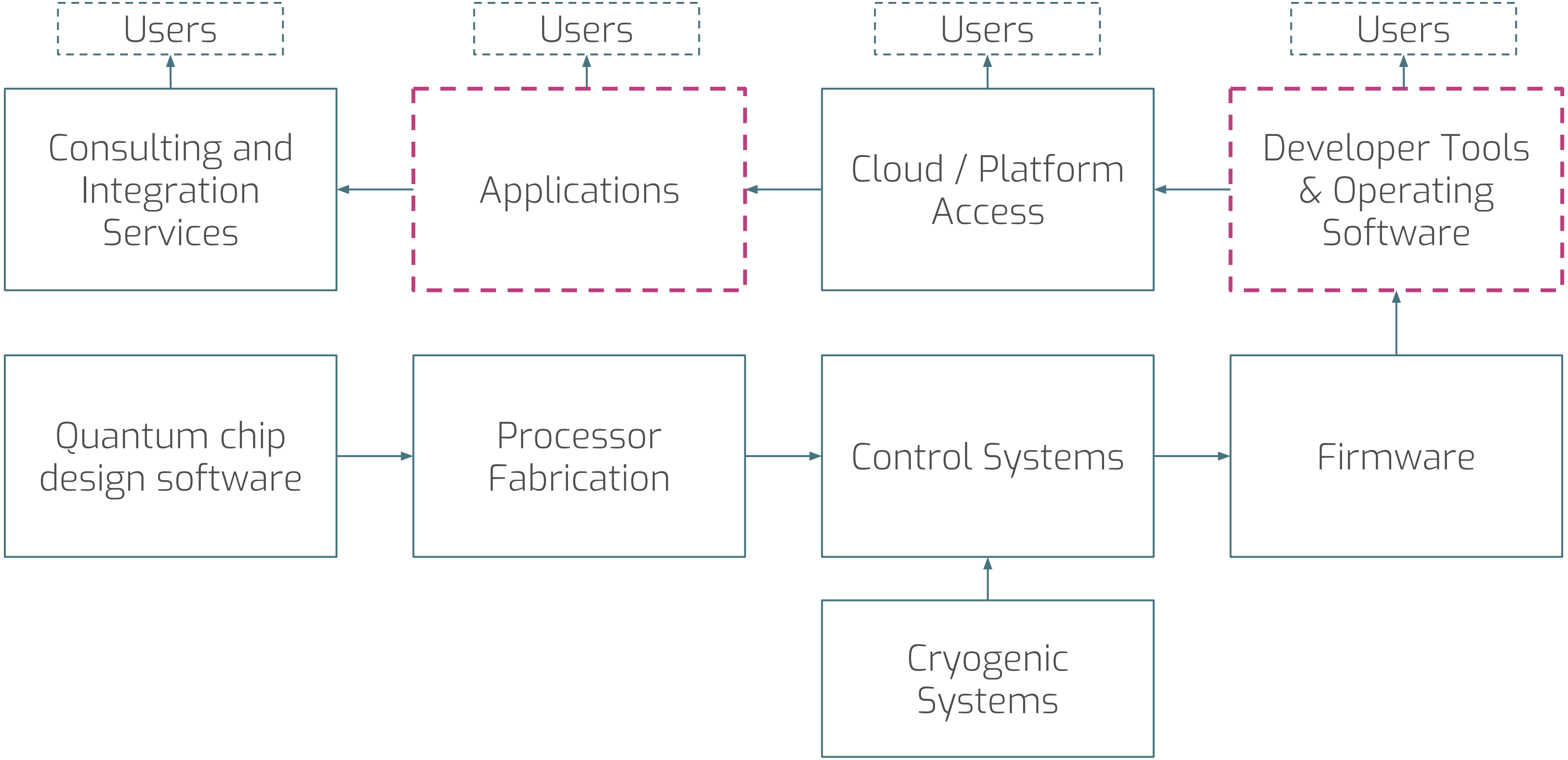


There is undifferentiated abundance & fragmentation at this part of the market

There are low barriers to entry



While nobody is seriously tackling other areas



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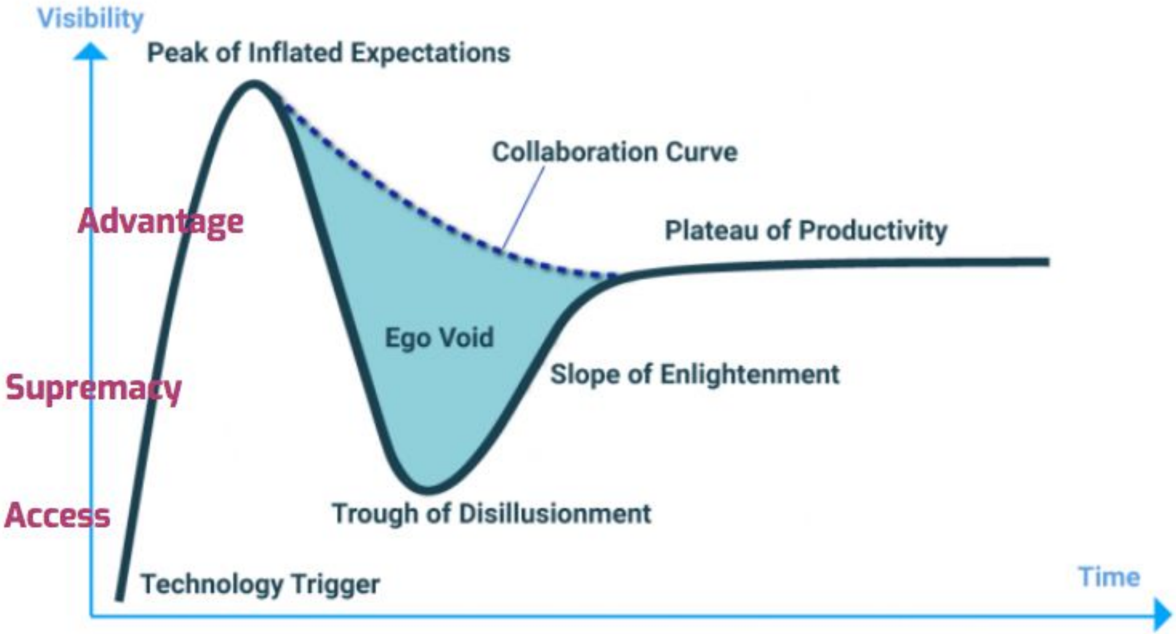

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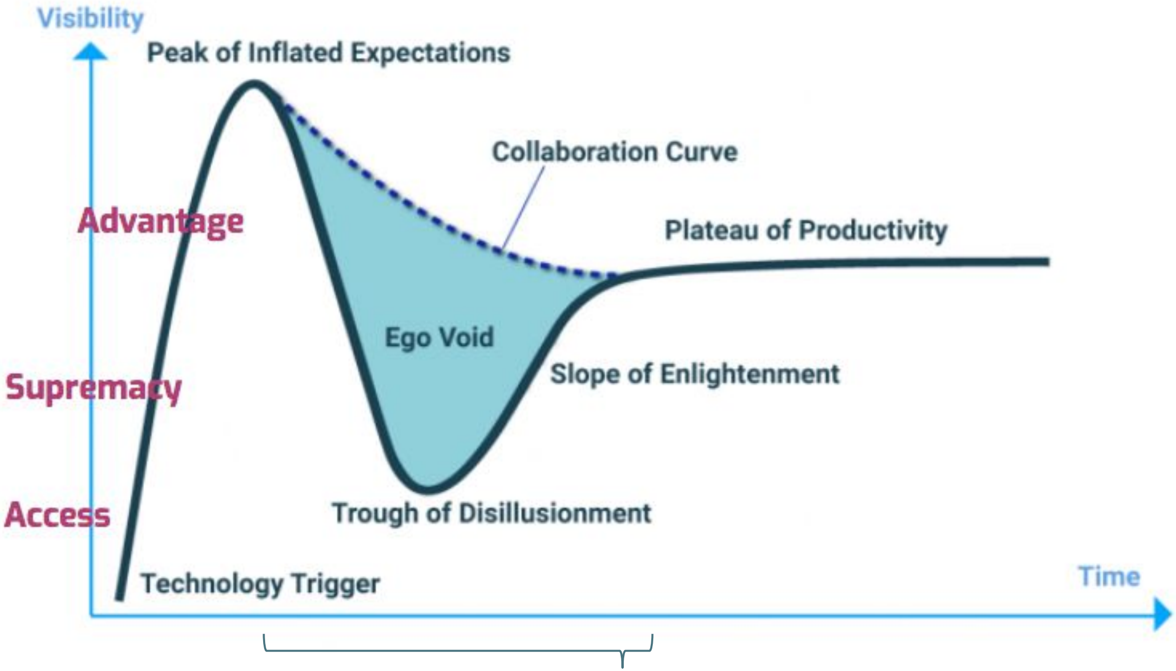

A combination of hardware, software, and applications are needed to cross this

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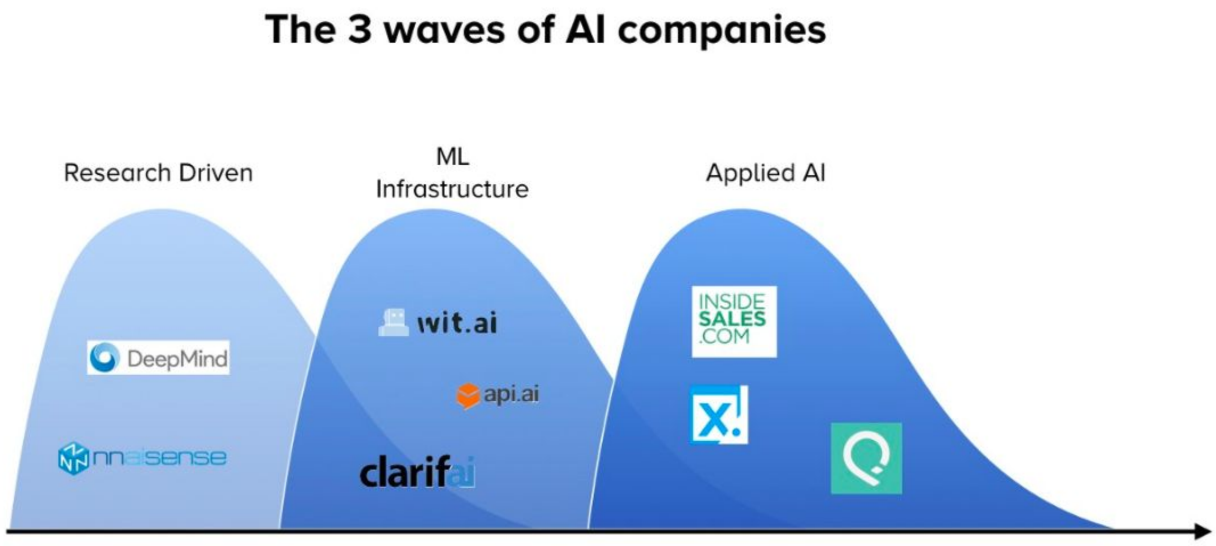
Will Quantum Software evolve analogously to AI? (acquisition heavy, no new great AI company)



Graphic from https://machinelearnings.co/winning-strategies-for-applied-ai-companies-f02cac0a6ad8

Government investment for chasm-crossing

Foreign governments have led the way with direct funding

- Australia Center of Excellence at UNSW
- Funded at **$25M** over 5yrs, 2016-2021

- Europe **€1B** over 5 years
- Individual countries also have initiatives,
  - Germany QUTEGA initiative likely **€300M** over 10yrs
  - UK made **£270M** investment in 2013

China has announced a **$10B**, four million square foot national quantum laboratory in Heifi devoted to quantum information sciences

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The US has led basic research and is starting to catch up on industry support

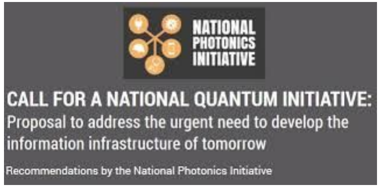
2019 DOE budget allocates **$105M** to quantum information science

- National Labs = primary recipients of this spend
- Exascale Computing Initiative $1.8 billion, some small portion of which will go to quantum

NSF's "Quantum Leap" initiative allocates **$30M** to quantum computing research initiatives, and another $30M to innovative HPC research

- Possible compute distribution to researchers via NSF grants

DARPA and the Army Research Lab have known spending of around **$30M** in quantum initiatives



Proposal requiring legislative action by Congress

- **$800M** over 5ys for civilian work + more on defense
- 3-6 QILabs to be built out, focused on hardware innovation
- QCAP (QC Access Program) is envisioned to allow gov't purchase of commercial quantum compute resources → at least **$100m** over 5ys

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github.com/rigetticomputing

[IBM] github.com/QISKit

http://forest.rigetti.com

http://www.qiskit.org

Bay Area Quantum Computing Meetup

meetup.com/Bay-Area-Quantum-Computing-Meetup

Quantum programming discussions

slack.rigetti.com

StackExchange Quantum Computing

quantumcomputing.stackexchange.com

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> Developer tools including optimizing compilers

> Application specific algorithms and software

> Other areas of the quantum industry stack

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How to find & get focused teams out of academia and other fields and in position to invent the technologies that will take quantum through the chasm?

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Have an idea? Come talk to me. I want to help.

Rampant Discussion #2

How can we help this new industry change the world?

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