

NISQ Computers, a chemist point of view

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Feynman's seminal ideas

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Simulating Physics with Computers

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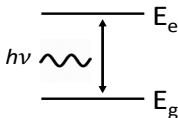
Feynman's seminal ideas

- “(...) with a suitable class of quantum machines you could imitate any quantum system,(...)” \rightsquigarrow idea of a quantum computer for quantum systems
- “What, (...), is the universal quantum simulator?” \rightsquigarrow idea of the equivalent of a Turing machine for quantum computing
- “If you had discrete quantum systems, what other discrete quantum systems are exact imitators of it, and is there a class against which everything can be matched?” \rightsquigarrow idea of quantum complexity classes
- “another system such that at each point in space-time this system has only two possible base states. Either that point is occupied, or unoccupied—those are the two states” \rightsquigarrow idea of qubits as a two-level systems

Qubits



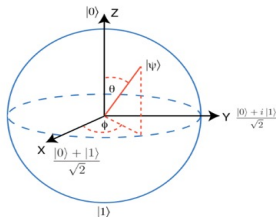
qubit : quantum bit



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

$$|e\rangle \sim |1\rangle$$

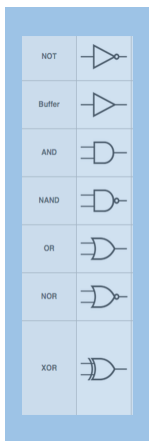
$$|g\rangle \sim |0\rangle$$



The Bloch sphere

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gates = unitary operators



Controlling a qubit

« PAULI » Operators

rotation around x axis \bigoplus $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ qc. x(qr[n]) **RX** $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

rotation around y axis **Y** $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ qc. y(qr[n]) **RY** $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

rotation around z axis **Z** $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ qc. z(qr[n]) **RZ** $\begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

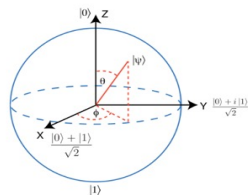
Identity **I** $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ qc. id(qr[n])

superposition (X+Z)
Hadamard gate **H** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ qc. h(qr[n])

More operators are available from qiskit (S, T, swap, cswap, ccx, cz, ...)

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Bloch Sphere
 $|\psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$



CNOT : flips target qubit according to control qubit state.



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

measurement measures quantum state in quantum register into classical register (0/1)



multi-qubit systems

- Register of n -qubits:

Hilbert space = tensor product of the Hilbert spaces of each qubits

- Notation:

$$|i_1 \cdots i_n\rangle := |i_1\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |i_n\rangle \quad i_1, \dots, i_n \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle := \sum_{i_1 \dots i_n} \alpha_{i_1 \dots i_n} |i_1 \cdots i_n\rangle, \quad \alpha_{i_1 \dots i_n} \in \mathbb{C}$$








- Ex. 2-qubits:

Simple product states, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |10\rangle) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes |0\rangle$

“Correlated” or “entangled” states such as Bell’s

$$|\Psi^{00}\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)$$

gates 2

NOT	
Buffer	
AND	
NAND	
OR	
NOR	
XOR	

classical operators

quantum operators :**H operator (Hadamard)**

$$|0\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{H}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

creates equal superposition of states $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ **Control-Not operation**

controler



target



target qubit state is flipped if
and only if the control qubit is
in state $|1\rangle$

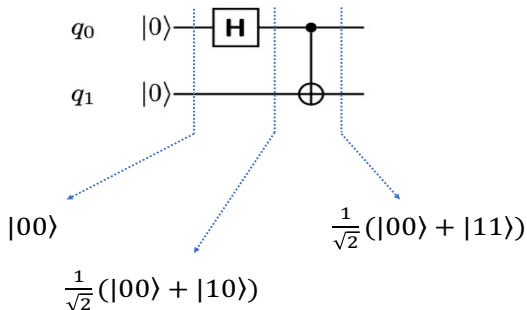
creates quantum entanglement of two qubits

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Quantum circuit

```
print('Hello World!')
```

Hello World!



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Complexity classes: hope is that $BQP \cap NP \neq \emptyset$

Table 1 Polynomial time complexity classes are separated by the resources the computer has access to while the non-deterministic polynomial time complexity classes are characterized by the resources of polynomial time computational verifiers

Class	Name	Computer type taking only poly. time
P	Polynomial time	Turing machine
BPP	Bounded error probabilistic polynomial time	Turing machine with access to random number generator
BQP	Bounded error quantum polynomial time	Turing machine with access to quantum resources
Class	Name	Verifier's computer type taking only poly. time
NP	Non-deterministic polynomial time	Turing machine
MA	Merlin-Arthur	Turing machine with access to random number generator
QMA	Quantum Merlin-Arthur	Turing machine with access to quantum resources

Quantum advantage

- Quantum supremacy (Preskill 2011)

Task not achievable classically but not necessarily useful (Google AI Quantum 2019)

- Quantum advantage:

Useful task where QC performs better than the best classical computer with the best classical algorithm in a broad sense, could be better approximate solution to an optimization pb under constraints, less power consumption, lower manufacturing cost, but in general:

- Quantum speedup:

does not necessarily implies a complexity class lowering, can be just a decrease in polynomial power within P, but the holy grail is going from exponential to polynomial cost \rightsquigarrow Quantum Chemistry

Quantum computer classification

- Fault tolerant QC

circuit based + error correction method

- Adiabatic QC

based on the adiabatic theorem; polynomially equivalent to FTQC

- Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum Computers:

circuit based; noise = errors depending on gate type; limited nb of qubits

- Quantum annealer:

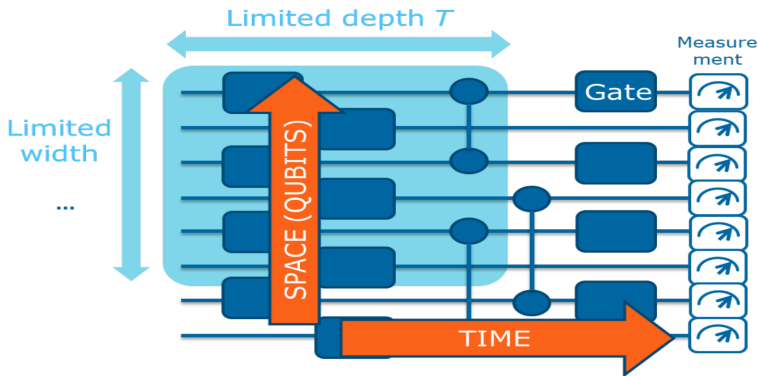
Adiabatic QC + noise; D-WAVE many qubits but low connectivity

(connectivity limits the NP pbs you can treat on a given hardware, Aida Todri-Sanial)

NISQ Limitations \rightsquigarrow importance of the transpiler

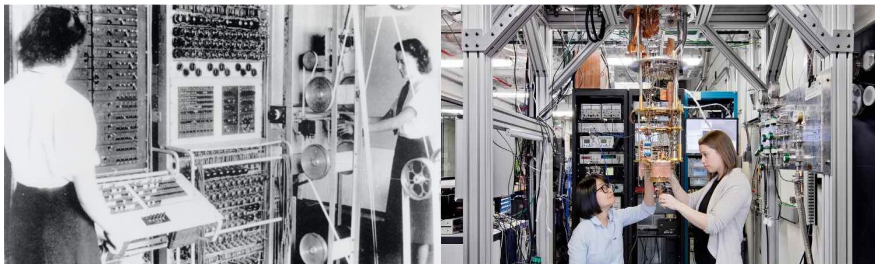
Limitations:

- ▶ **Few qubits + Short coherence times**



Historical perspective

We are in the early stages of a rapidly advancing new computing technology

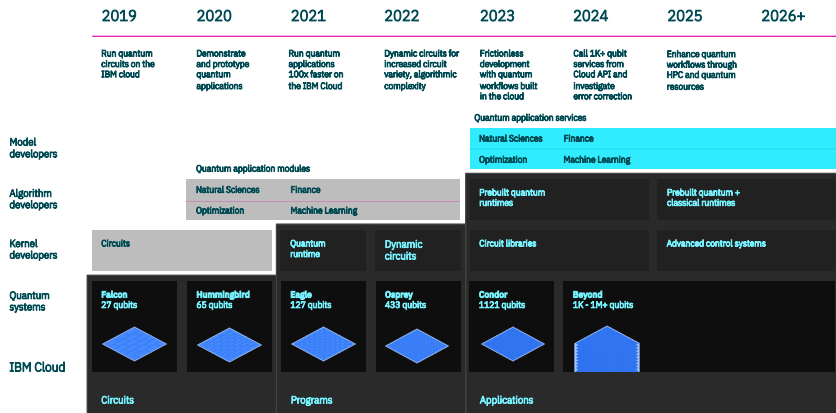


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Quantum Computer 2019

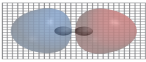
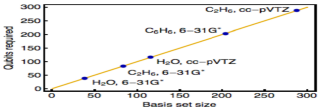
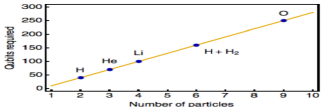
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IBM Quantum Development Roadmap



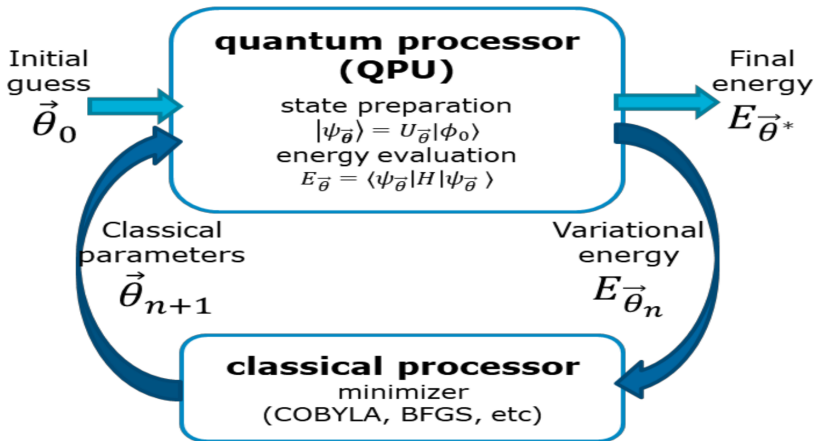
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wave function encoding

	Second quantized	First quantized
wave function encoding	Fock state in a given basis: $\frac{\quad}{x_1} \quad \frac{\quad}{x_2} \quad \frac{\quad}{x_3} \quad \frac{\quad}{x_4}$ $ \psi\rangle = 0100\rangle$	On a grid of 2^n sites per dimension: $ \psi\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} a_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{x}\rangle$ 
Qubits required to represent the wave function	One per basis state (spin-orbitals) 	$3n$ per particle (nuclei & electrons) 
Molecular Hamiltonian	$\sum_{pq} h_{pq} a_p^\dagger a_q + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{pqrs} h_{pqrs} a_p^\dagger a_q^\dagger a_r a_s$ Coefficients pre-computed classically	$\sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$ Interaction calculated on the fly
Quantum gates required for simulation	$O(M^5)$ with number of basis states	$O(B^2)$ with number of particles
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compact wave function representation (requires fewer qubits) • Takes advantage of classical electronic-structure theory to improve performance • Already experimentally implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better asymptotic scaling (requires fewer gates) • Treats dynamics better • Can be used for computing reaction rates or state-to-state transition amplitudes


VQE based algo

Variational Quantum Eigensolving, Peruzzo '14



ATOS simulator

myQLM documentation



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BASIC USAGE

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- Executing quantum circuits
- Running variational algorithms
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- Interoperability with myQLM

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- Source code documentation

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Quantum Application Toolset

Welcome to the myQLM documentation

myQLM is a quantum software stack for writing, simulating, optimizing, and executing quantum programs. Through a Python interface, it provides

- **powerful semantics** for [manipulating](#) quantum circuits, with support for universal as well as custom gate sets, abstract parameters, advanced linking options, etc.;
- a **versatile execution stack** for [running quantum jobs](#), including an easy handling of observables, special plugins for carrying out NISQ-oriented [variational methods](#) (such as VQE, QAOA), and easy API for [writing customized plugins](#) (e.g for compilation or error mitigation), as well as for connecting to any Quantum Processing Unit (QPU);
- a **seamless interface** to available quantum processors and major [quantum programming frameworks](#).

Basic usage

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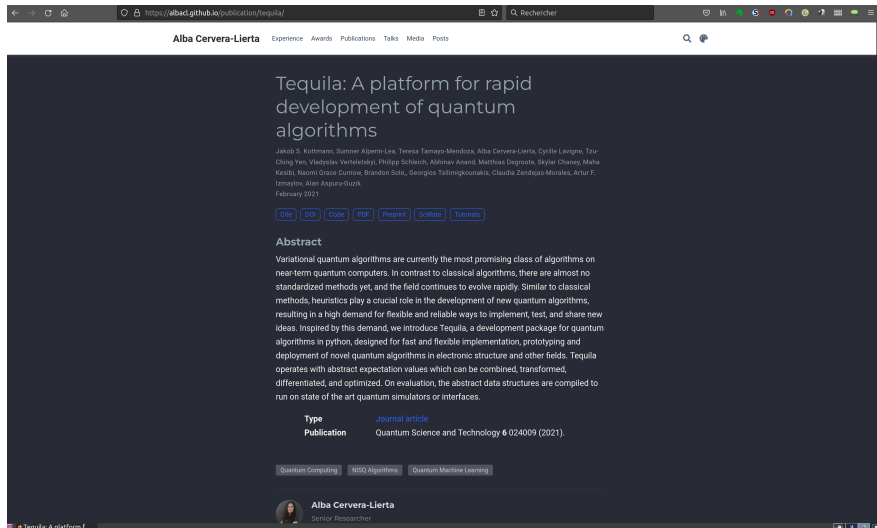
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Tequila



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for Tequila. The page title is "Tequila: A platform for rapid development of quantum algorithms". The author is Alba Cervera-Lierta. The page includes a list of authors, a date of February 2021, and several download links (Cite, DOI, Code, PDF, Preprint, ScRate, Tutorials). The abstract describes Tequila as a development package for quantum algorithms in Python, designed for fast and flexible implementation, prototyping, and deployment of novel quantum algorithms in electronic structure and other fields. The page also features a metadata section with "Type: Journal article" and "Publication: Quantum Science and Technology 6 024009 (2021)". There are tags for "Quantum Computing", "NISQ Algorithms", and "Quantum Machine Learning". At the bottom, there is a profile picture and name for Alba Cervera-Lierta, Senior Researcher.

Alba Cervera-Lierta Experience Awards Publications Talks Media Posts

Tequila: A platform for rapid development of quantum algorithms

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Abstract

Variational quantum algorithms are currently the most promising class of algorithms on near-term quantum computers. In contrast to classical algorithms, there are almost no standardized methods yet, and the field continues to evolve rapidly. Similar to classical methods, heuristics play a crucial role in the development of new quantum algorithms, resulting in a high demand for flexible and reliable ways to implement, test, and share new ideas. Inspired by this demand, we introduce Tequila, a development package for quantum algorithms in python, designed for fast and flexible implementation, prototyping and deployment of novel quantum algorithms in electronic structure and other fields. Tequila operates with abstract expectation values which can be combined, transformed, differentiated, and optimized. On evaluation, the abstract data structures are compiled to run on state of the art quantum simulators or interfaces.

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
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QISKIT composer

The screenshot displays the IBM Quantum Composer interface. The main workspace shows a quantum circuit titled "My first circuit" with a Bell state target. The circuit consists of three qubits (q[0], q[1], and c[2]). Qubit q[0] starts in the $|0\rangle$ state, followed by an H gate. Qubit q[1] starts in the $|0\rangle$ state, followed by an H gate and a CNOT gate with q[0] as the control. A CNOT gate with q[1] as the control and q[0] as the target is applied. Finally, both q[0] and q[1] are measured. The circuit is visualized with a probability distribution and a Bloch sphere.

Probabilities

Computational basis states	Probability (N of 1024 shots)
00	50
01	0
10	0
11	50

Q-sphere

The Bloch sphere visualization shows the state of the qubit. The state is represented by a blue dot on the sphere, indicating a state with equal probabilities for $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$. The phase angle is 0.0.

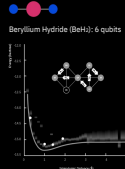
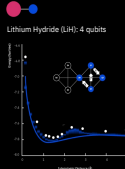
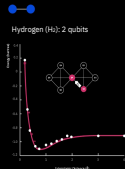
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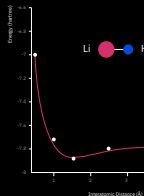
1 OPENQASM 2.0;
2 include "qelib1.inc";
3
4 qreg q[2];
5 creg c[2];
6
7 h q[0];
8 cx q[0],q[1];
9 measure q[0] -> c[0];
10 measure q[1] -> c[1];

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Chemical applications



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Theoretical chemists have proposed:

① Chemical systems as candidates for making quantum devices.

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Qi Wei, Sabre Kais, Bretislav Friedrich, and Dudley Herschbach, J Chem. Phys. 135, 154102 (2011) [Entanglement of polar symmetric top molecules as candidate qubits](#)

Theoretical chemists have designed quantum algorithms to:

- 1 determine molecular structures (by finding global minima with a modified Grover's algorithm)

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- 2 Calculate molecular energies (by solving Schrödinger equation for electrons, nuclei or both)

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Quantum computing hardware in the cloud: Should a computational chemist care?

TABLE 1 Quantum computing hardware in the cloud (a non-exhaustive selection)

Manufacturer	Platform	Cloud access	Max # qubits	Gate fidelity (1-qubit, 2-qubit)	Max QV	Simulated molecules
IBM	Superconducting	IBM Quantum Experience (Open access)	15 (Melbourne)	99.97%, 99.16% (Santiago)	32 (Santiago)	H ₂ , LiH, BeH ₂ , NaH, KH, RbH
IonQ	Trapped ions	Microsoft Azure or Amazon Bracket	11	99.50%, 97.50%	Not published	H ₂ O
QuTech	Silicon	Quantum Inspire	2 (Spin2-QPU)	≈ 99%, ≈ 90%	Not published	none
Google	Superconducting	Google Quantum AI	53 (Sycamore)	99.85%, 99.35%	Not published	H ₂ N ₂ , H ₆ , H ₈ , H ₁₀ , H ₁₂
Rigetti	Superconducting	Rigetti Quantum Cloud	31 (Aspen-8)	99.8%, 95.9%	8 (Aspen-4)	NaH, H ₂
Honeywell	Trapped ions	Microsoft Azure or Amazon Bracket	10 (H1)	99.97%, 99.5%	128	None

Note: Wherever more than one QPU is available, the relevant machine is indicated within brackets. Simulated molecules column denotes experiments run with any quantum machine from the relevant manufacturer, not necessarily one of those listed. IBM hardware considered is limited to open access services. Google cloud services are limited to emulators at present, although the reported chemical simulations have been performed with proprietary physical hardware.

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