

# Quantum Disruption

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IN THE NEWS

(hype?)

# Google's D-Wave 2X Quantum Computer 100 Million Times Faster Than Regular Computer Chip

9 December 2015, 9:40 am EST By [Alyssa Navarro](#) Tech Times



Google and NASA engineers announced Tuesday that the D-Wave 2X quantum computer in Silicon Valley solved an optimization problem within mere seconds. With that, researchers want to enhance the calculations on the D-Wave 2X so the input into the machine can be easier. ( NASA/Quantum Artificial Intelligence Laboratory )

Tapping into the ostensibly "magical fount" of quantum mechanics could possibly result to an outpouring of new and ground-breaking advancements in material science.

A team of Google and NASA engineers is at the heart of an incredibly significant finding that may someday lead to precisely that.

Deep within the space agency's Advanced Supercomputing center in Silicon Valley is a huge black box called D-Wave 2X Quantum Computer. It is a machine acquired by Google and NASA in 2013 which can decipher complex problems that classical computers cannot handle.

"We have already encountered problems we would like to solve that are unfeasible with conventional computers," [said](#) Google Vice President for Engineering John Giannandrea. "We

# Hillary Clinton wants “Manhattan-like project” to break encryption

US should be able to bypass encryption—but only for terrorists, candidate says.

by Jon Brodtkin - Dec 21, 2015 5:15pm CET

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Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has called for a “Manhattan-like project” to help law enforcement break into encrypted communications. This is in reference to the [Manhattan Project](#), the top-secret concentrated research effort which resulted in the US developing nuclear weapons during World War II.

At Saturday’s Democratic debate ([transcript here](#)), moderator Martha Raddatz asked Clinton about Apple CEO Tim Cook’s statements that any effort to break encryption would harm law-abiding citizens.



Günther Oettinger, the European commissioner for digital economy, and Henk Kamp, the Dutch minister for economic affairs, visit the QuTech lab, a quantum technology laboratory in Delft, the Netherlands.

Quantum Manifesto

## Europe to bet up to €1 billion on quantum technology

By Kai Kupferschmidt | Apr. 22, 2016 , 4:15 PM

Aproved on May

The European Commission has picked a third research area where it hopes to have a major impact by spending a massive amount of cash. Research groups across the continent will receive up to €1 billion over the

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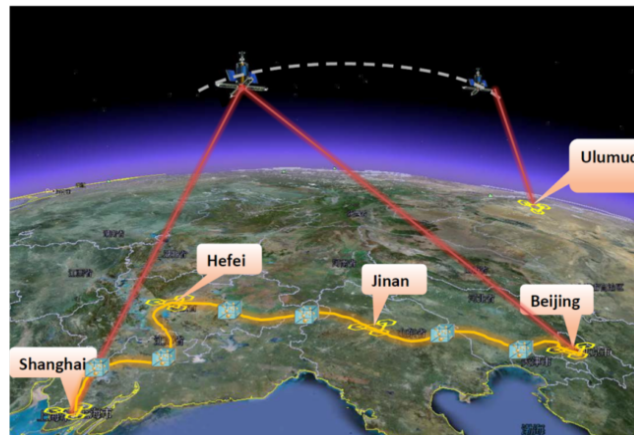
# China



## NATIONAL LABORATORY FOR QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCES

The \$10 billion National Laboratory for Quantum Information Sciences in Hefei will be the center of China's attempt to take the global lead in quantum computing and sensing.

*CNTV*



48 trusted nodes

Micius satellite  
Tibet, 1200 km apart  
Austria-China (9/2017)



# Research project successful: Volkswagen IT experts use quantum computing for traffic flow optimization

- **CeBIT 2017: Volkswagen announces cooperation with leading quantum computing company D-Wave Systems**
- **First research project successful: travel times of 10,000 taxis in mega-metropolis of Beijing significantly reduced**



Dr. Christian Seidel, Senior Data Scientist from Volkswagen Group IT's Data Lab in Munich, Robert „Bo“ Ewald, President D-Wave International, Dr. Martin Hofmann, CEO of Volkswagen Group of America, and

The Volkswagen Group is the world's first automaker to intensively test the use of quantum computers. Volkswagen is cooperating with leading quantum computing company specialist D-Wave Systems. At CeBIT 2017, the two companies today announced their cooperation. In a first research project, IT experts from Volkswagen have already successfully developed and tested a traffic flow optimization algorithm on a D-Wave quantum computer.

8.01625v2 [quant-ph] 9 Aug 2017

## Traffic flow optimization using a quantum annealer

Florian Neukart<sup>1</sup>, David Von Dollen<sup>1</sup>, Gabriele Compostella<sup>2</sup>, Christian Seidel<sup>2</sup>, Sheir Yarkoni<sup>3</sup>, and Bob Parney<sup>3</sup>

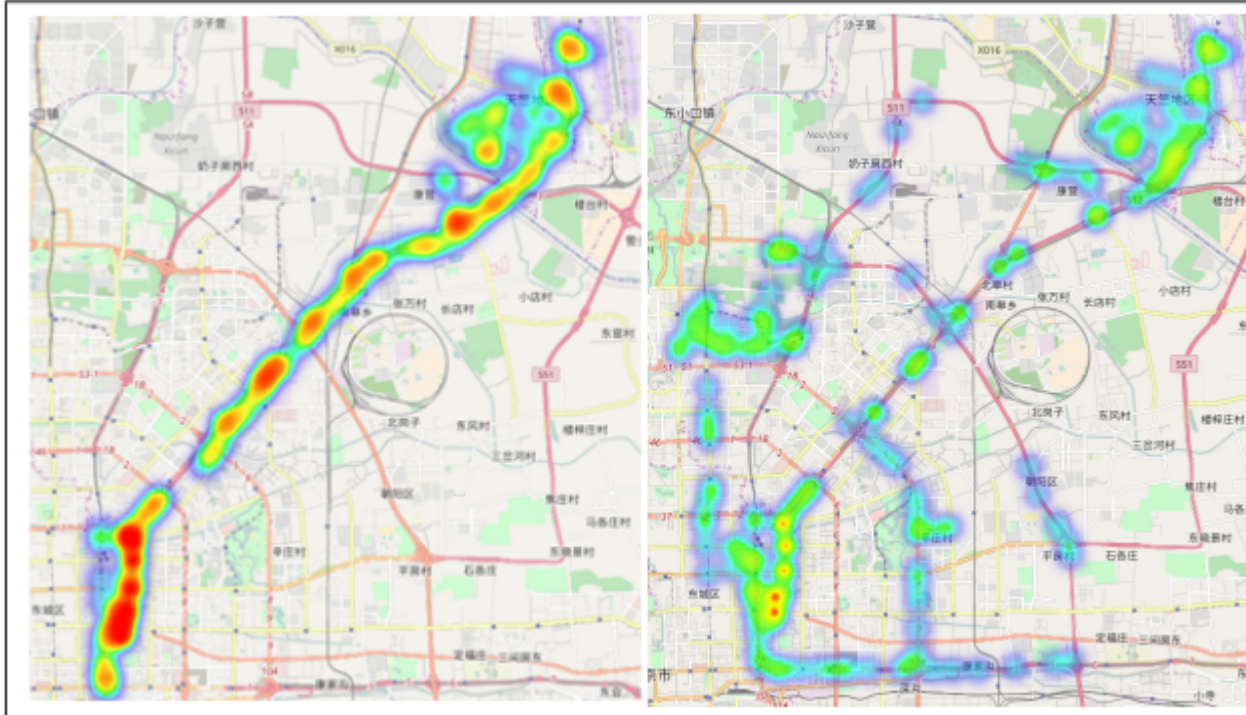
<sup>1</sup>Volkswagen Group of America, San Francisco, USA

<sup>2</sup>Volkswagen Data:Lab, Munich, Germany

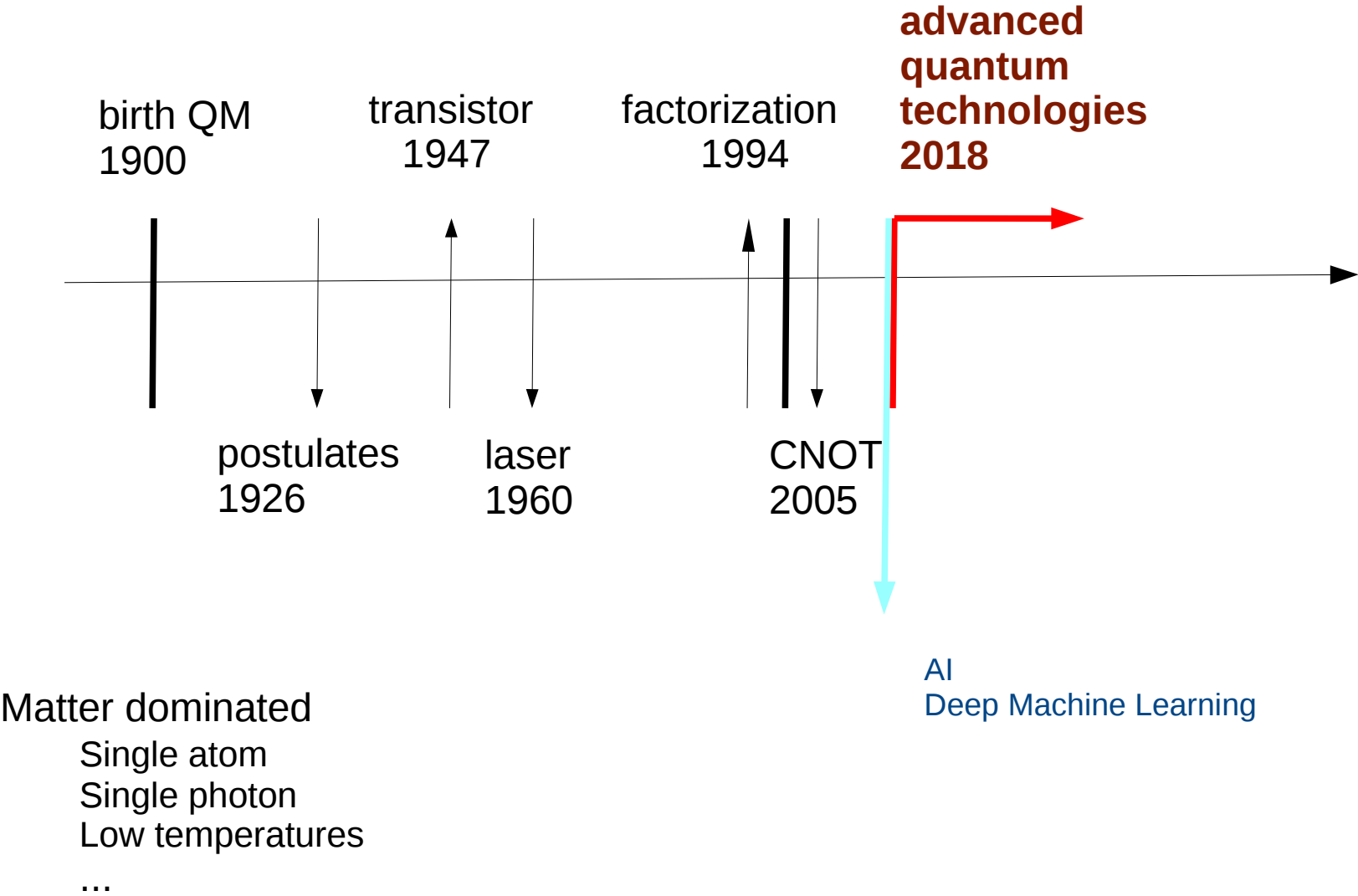
<sup>3</sup>D-Wave Systems, Inc., Burnaby, Canada

### Abstract

Quantum annealing algorithms belong to the class of meta-heuristic tools, applicable for solving binary optimization problems. Hardware implementations of quantum annealing, such as the quantum processing units (QPUs) produced by D-Wave Systems, have been subject to multiple analyses in research, with the aim of characterizing the technology's usefulness for optimization and sampling tasks. In this paper, we present a real-world application that uses quantum technologies. Specifically, we show how to map certain parts of a real-world traffic flow optimization problem to be suitable for quantum annealing. We show that time-critical optimization tasks, such as continuous redistribution of position data for cars in dense road networks, are suitable candidates for quantum computing. Due to the limited size and connectivity of current-generation D-Wave QPUs, we use a hybrid quantum and classical approach to solve the traffic flow problem.

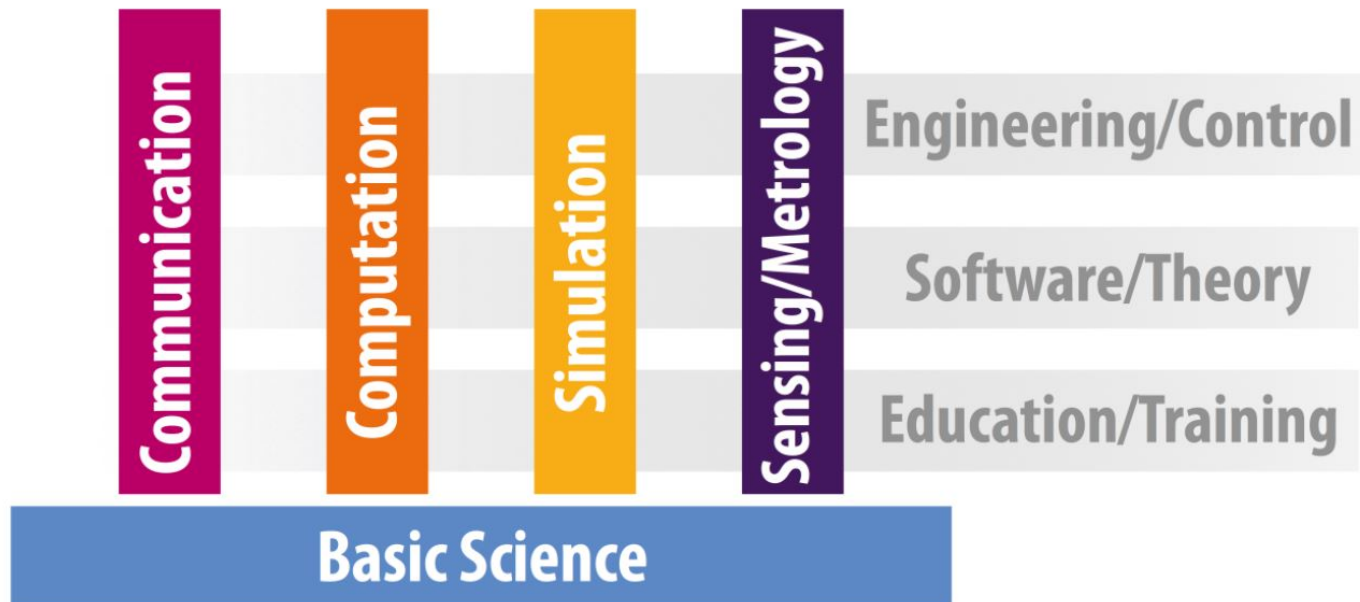


# Second Quantum Revolution





# ET Flagship Quantum Technologies



... back to physics

Computing  
with  
Quantum Mechanics

# QM → Information

## Von Neumann & Copenhagen interpretation

### *Postulate I*

Ket keeps all available information on a system

### *Postulate II*

Observables are related to operators acting on kets

### *Postulate III*

Measurement collapses information

Born rule dictates this probabilistic collapse

### *Postulate IV*

Evolution is unitary and deterministic, keeps probabilities

Information → QM

Classical Computation

Classical Physics

Church, Post, Turing,...: Computing = Physics

Information → QM

Classical Computation

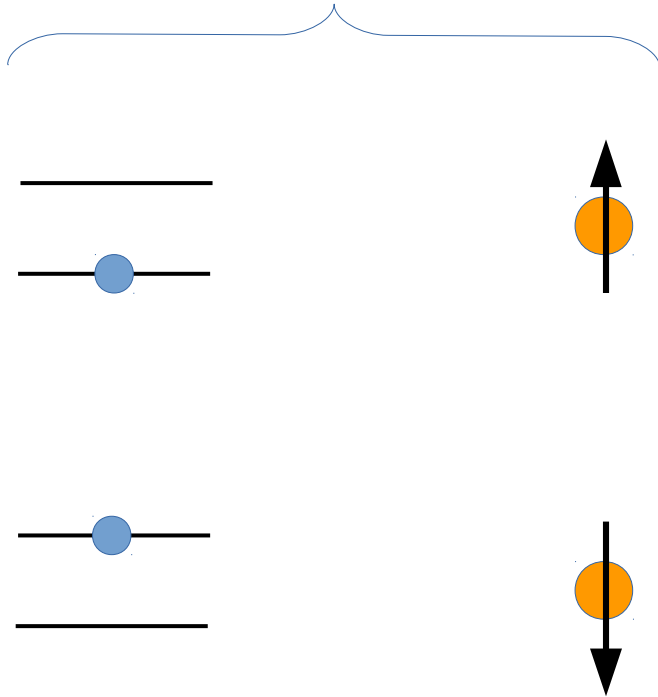
Classical Physics

Quantum Computation

Quantum Mechanics

Feynman: Computing with QM

Physics



Logical bit

$|0\rangle$

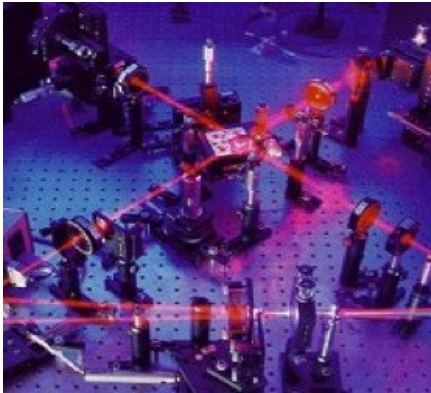
$|1\rangle$

**Superposition**

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

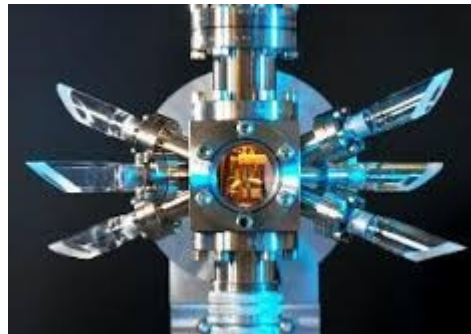
# Physical implementations

## Quantum Cryptography

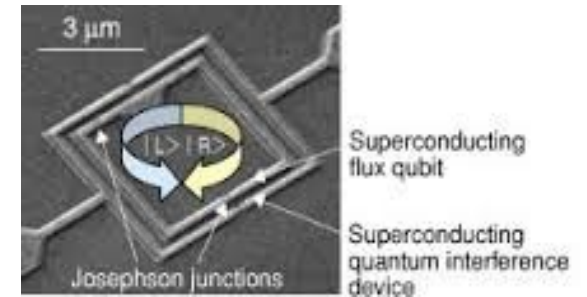


Photons:  
H-V polarization  
Time bins

## Quantum Computation



Trapped ions:  
ground-excited energy



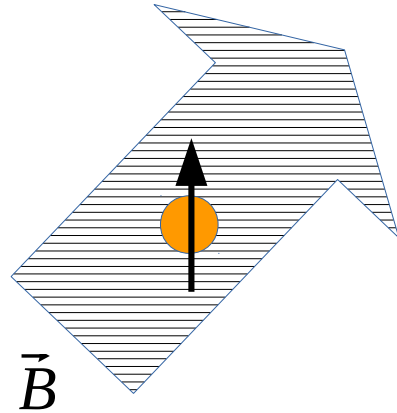
Superconducting currents:  
Left-right rotation



## QUBIT

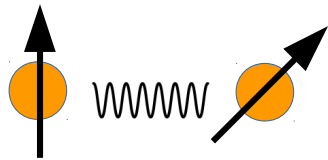
$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$$

# Unitary Evolution = Quantum Gates



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

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



$$U_{CNOT}|00\rangle = |00\rangle \quad U_{CNOT}|10\rangle = |11\rangle$$

$$U_{CNOT}|01\rangle = |01\rangle \quad U_{CNOT}|11\rangle = |10\rangle$$

**New Logical Gates**

**Interference**

# Quantum advantage

Massive superpositions for computation!

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} c_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\rangle$$

$2^n$  superpositions on  $n$  qubits

**1 register of 50 qubits contains more information than any classical computer**

Massive parallel computation!

$$U|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} c_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} U|i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\rangle$$

BUT

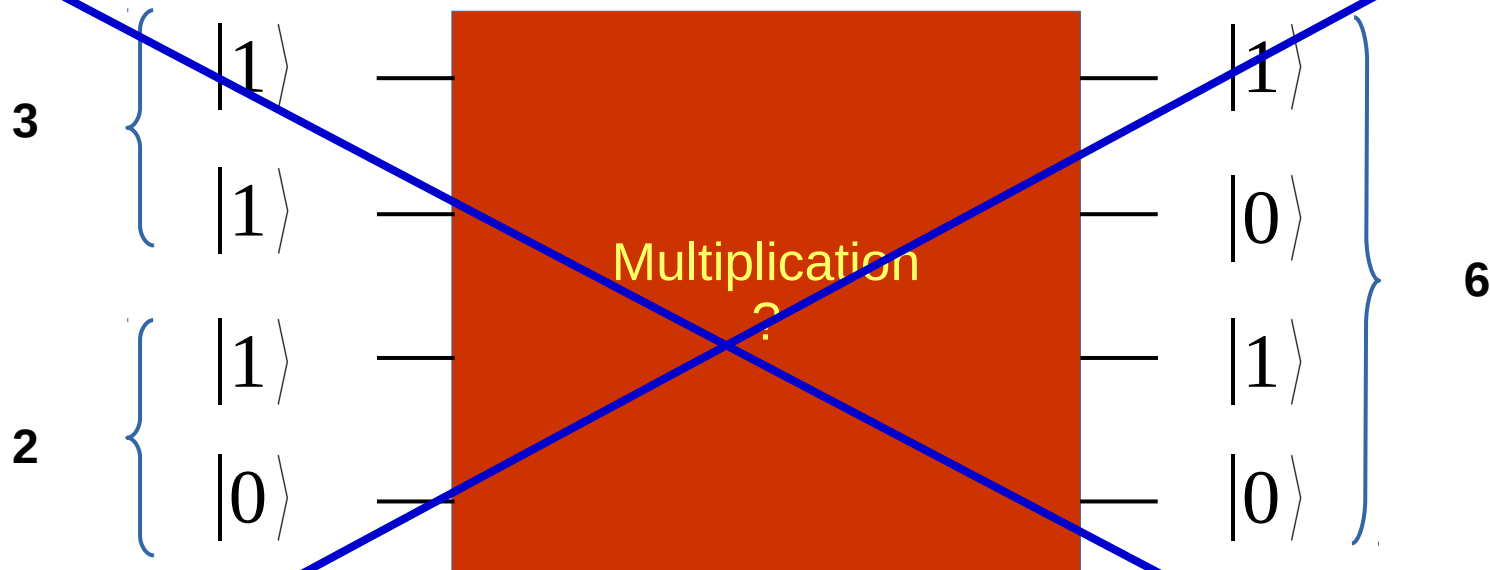
Quantum Mechanics follows its own laws

## Multiplication



$$U_x |2\rangle |3\rangle = |6\rangle$$

# Multiplication

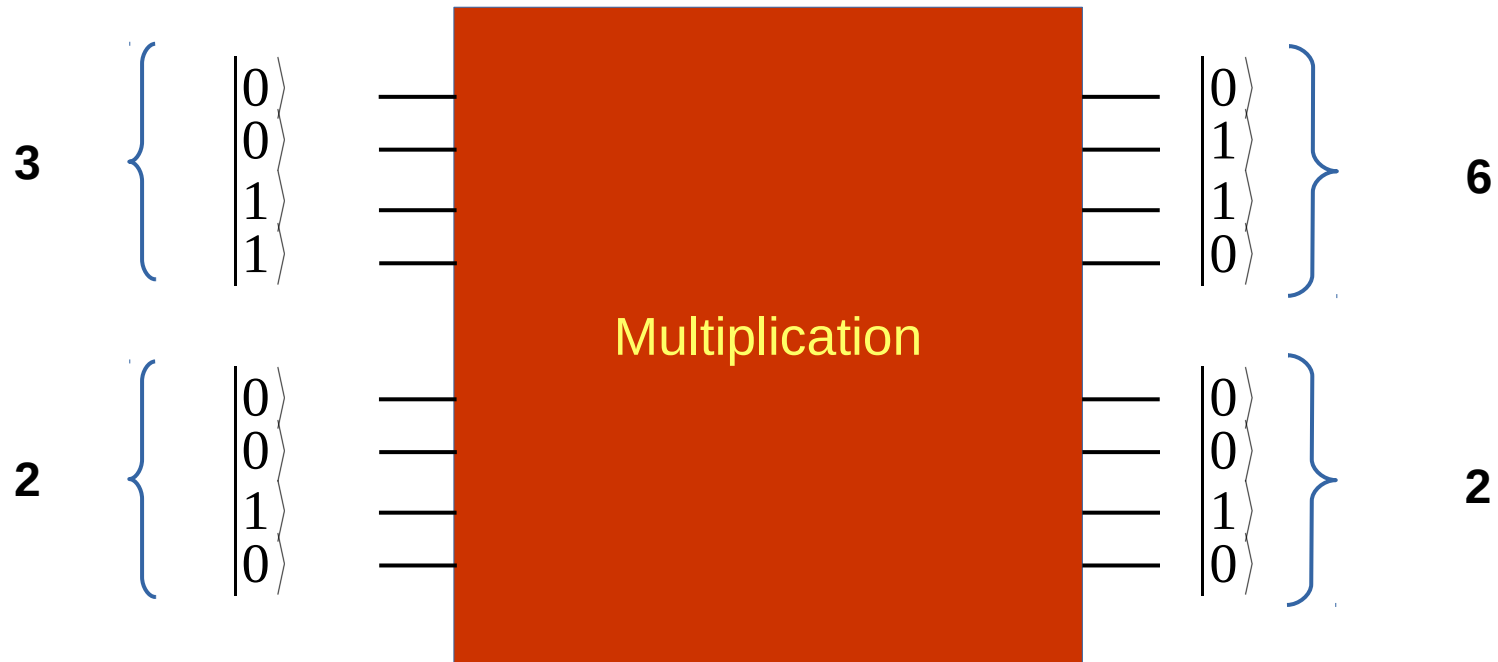


$$U_x |2\rangle |3\rangle = |6\rangle$$

$$U_x^+ |6\rangle = ?$$

**NOT UNITARY**

# Unitarity = Reversible Computation



$$U_x |2\rangle |3\rangle = |2\rangle |6\rangle$$

$$U_x |x\rangle |y\rangle = |x\rangle |f(x, y)\rangle$$

input



output

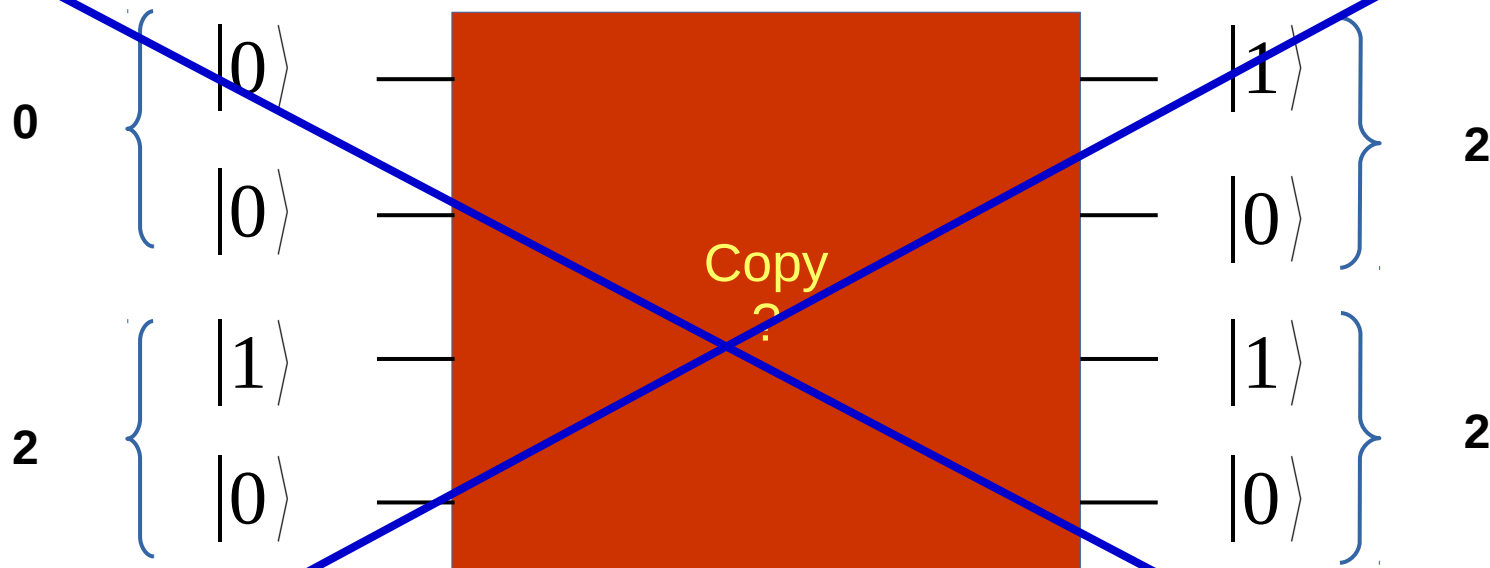


Copy



$$U_{cloning} |2\rangle |0\rangle = |2\rangle |2\rangle$$

Copy



$$U_{cloning} |2\rangle |0\rangle = |2\rangle |2\rangle$$

**NO CLONING**

## No cloning theorem

$$U_{cloning} |0\rangle |a\rangle = |0\rangle |0\rangle$$

$$U_{cloning} |1\rangle |a\rangle = |1\rangle |1\rangle$$

$$U_{cloning} (c_0 |0\rangle + c_1 |1\rangle) |a\rangle = c_0 |0\rangle |0\rangle + c_1 |1\rangle |1\rangle$$

$$\neq (c_0 |0\rangle + c_1 |1\rangle)(c_0 |0\rangle + c_1 |1\rangle)$$

No cloning underlies

no inference for the exact result of a measurement

no violation of causality

no breaking quantum cryptography,....

## Measurement

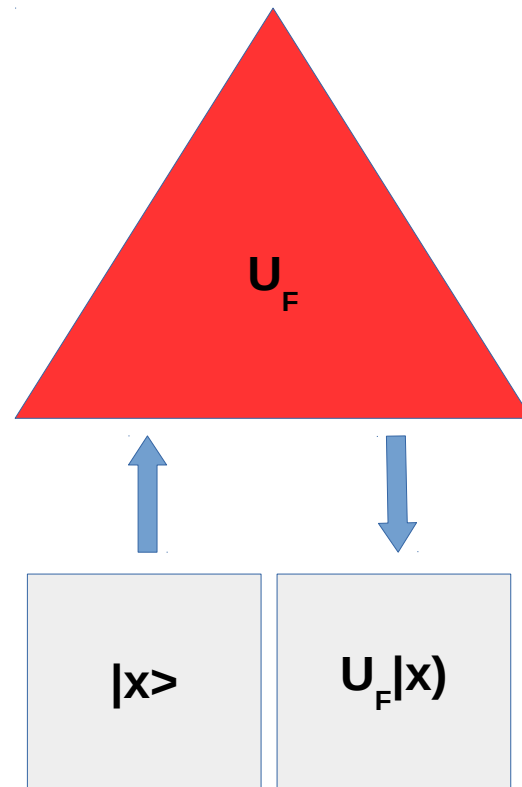
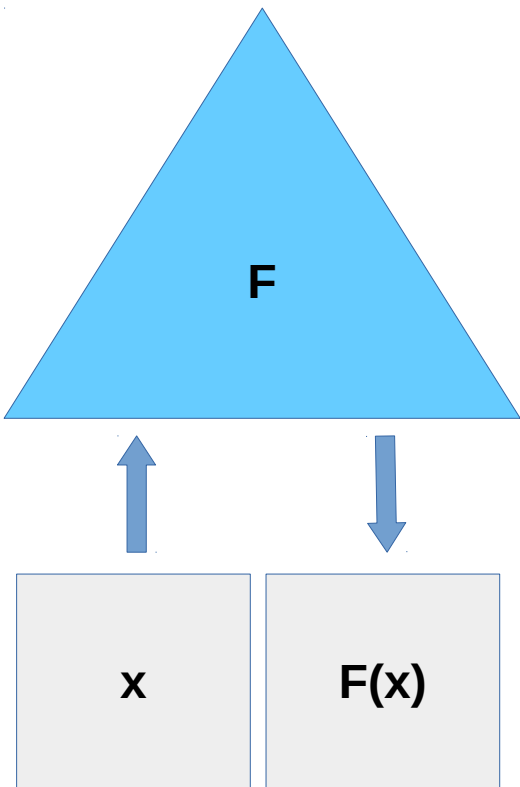
Inherent quantum randomness

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} c_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} |i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\rangle$$

$$P(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) = |c_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n}|^2$$

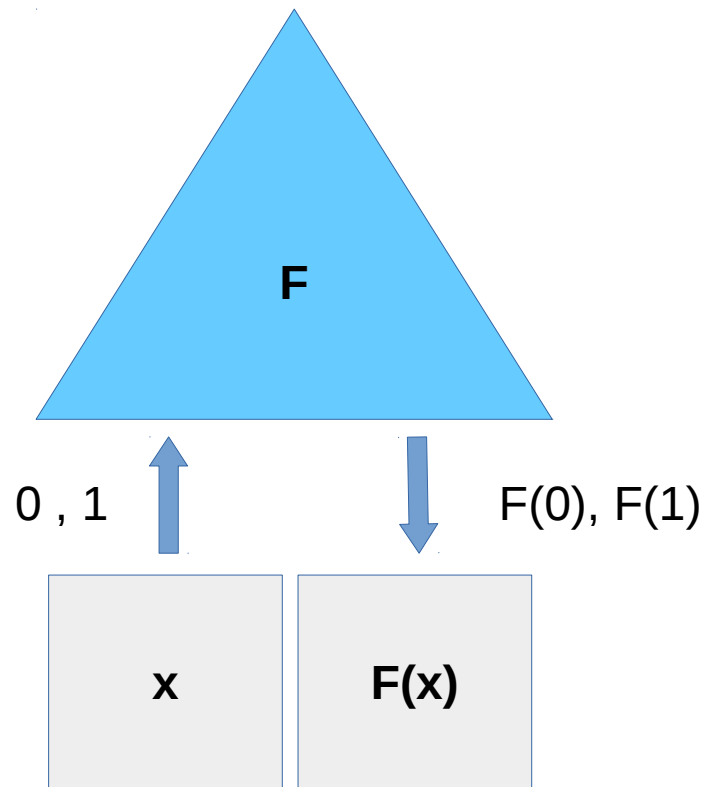
The magic of  
Quantum Algorithms

## Queries to an **oracle**



Can QM reduce the number of calls to an oracle?

## Queries to an **oracle**



Simplest example: is  $F$  constant?

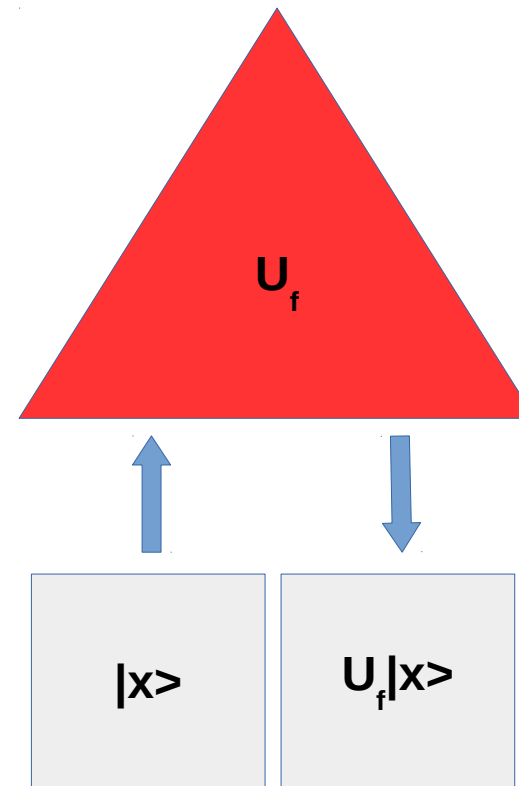
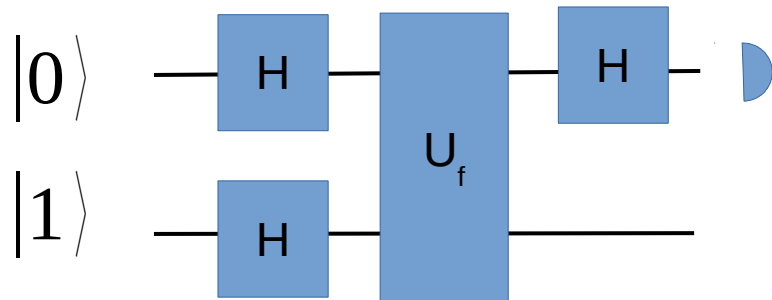
$$F : \{0,1\} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

$$F(0) = F(1) ?$$

$$F(0) \neq F(1) ?$$

Classically, we need two calls to know if  $F$  is balanced

## Queries to an **oracle**



$$|0\rangle|1\rangle$$

$$(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

$$|0\rangle(|0+f(0)\rangle - |1+f(0)\rangle) + |1\rangle(|0+f(1)\rangle - |1+f(1)\rangle)$$

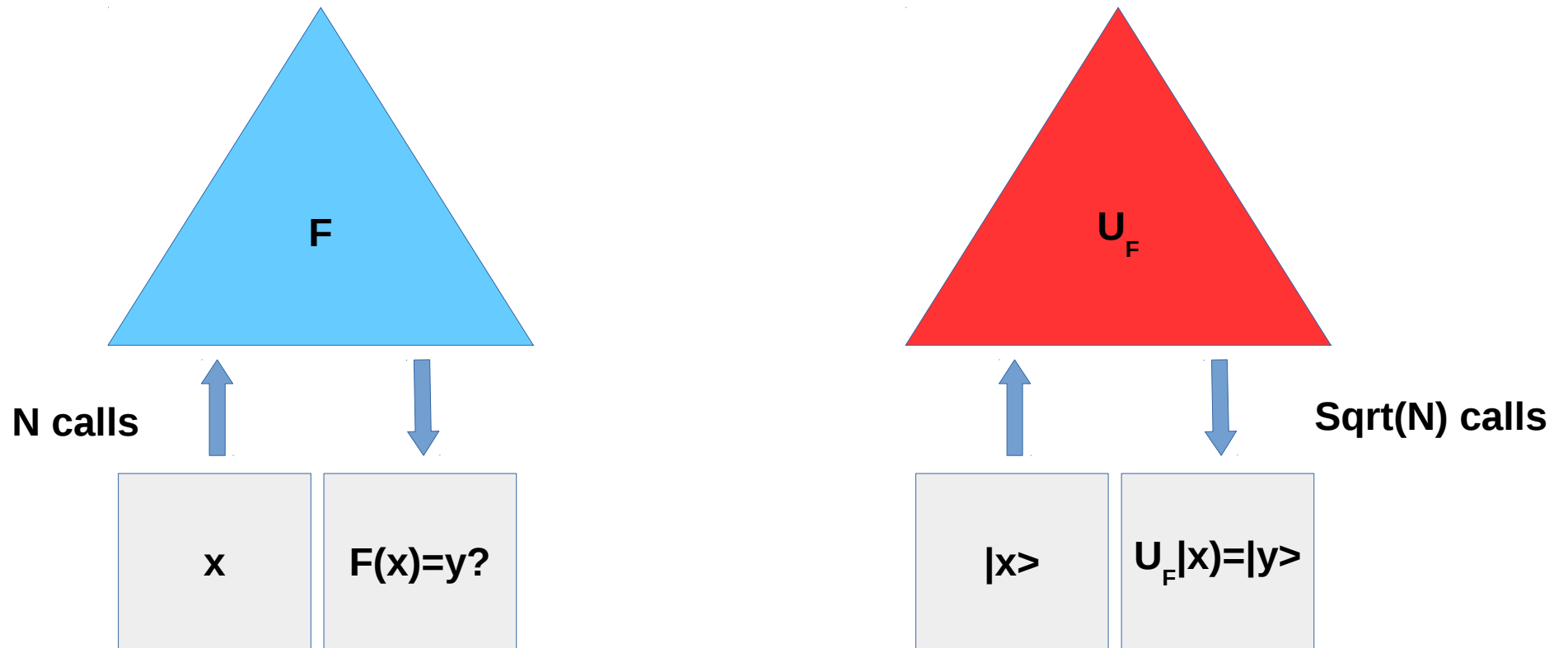
$$(|0\rangle + (-1)^{f(0)+f(1)}|1\rangle)(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

$$(1 + (-1)^{f(0)+f(1)})|0\rangle + (1 - (-1)^{f(0)+f(1)})|1\rangle$$

QM needs a single call to the oracle!!



## Queries to an oracle: **search an unstructured database**



Grover's algorithm

Solve a hash, bitcoin!

## Factorization

$$N = p q$$

Choose  $a$  and find  $r$  such that  $a^r = 1 \pmod{N}$

- i)  $r$  is not even
- ii)  $r$  is even and  $a^{r/2} = -1 \pmod{N}$
- iii)  $r$  is even and  $a^{r/2} \neq -1 \pmod{N}$

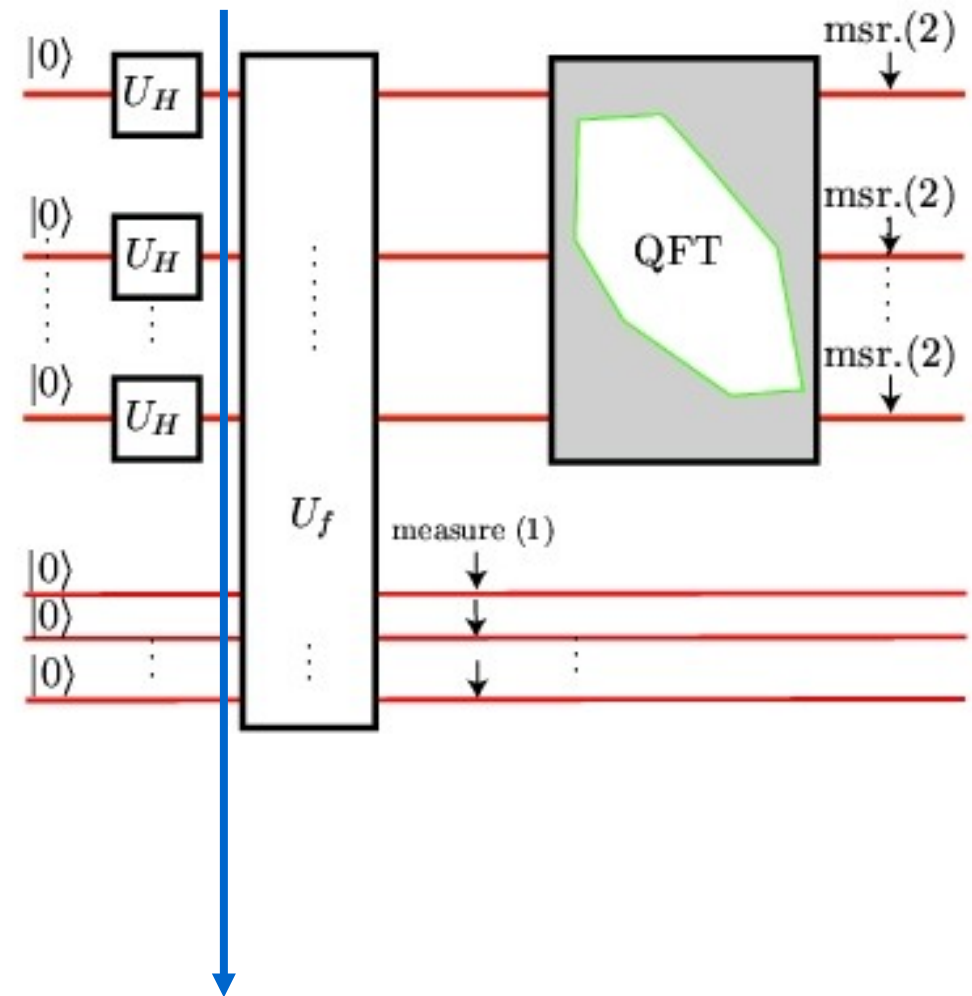
If iii)  $p = \gcd(N, a^{r/2} + 1)$        $q = \gcd(N, a^{r/2} - 1)$

Factoring = Finding a hidden period

# Shor's algorithm

1. Initialize register and ancillae

$$|\psi\rangle = |00 \dots 0\rangle_{\text{target}} |00 \dots 0\rangle_{\text{ancillae}}$$

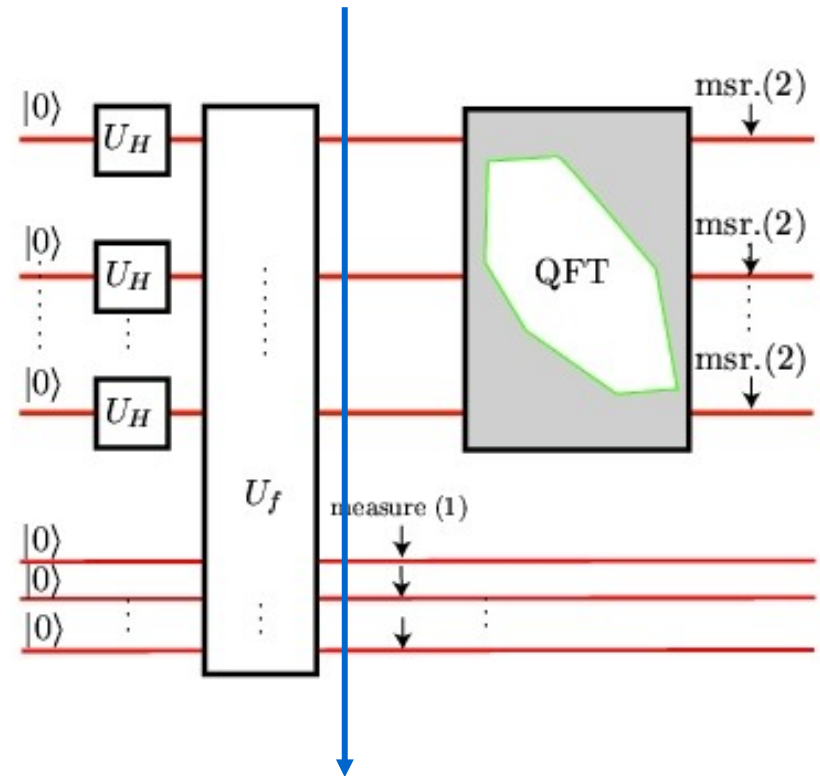


2. Create superposition of all solutions

$$U_H^{(1)} \otimes U_H^{(2)} \dots \otimes U_H^{(n)} |\psi\rangle = \sum_{x=0, \dots, 2^n - 1} |x\rangle_{\text{target}} |00 \dots 0\rangle_{\text{ancillae}}$$

### 3. Apply modular exponentiation

$$\sum_{x=0, \dots, 2^n-1} |x\rangle_{target} |a^x \bmod(N)\rangle_{ancillae}$$



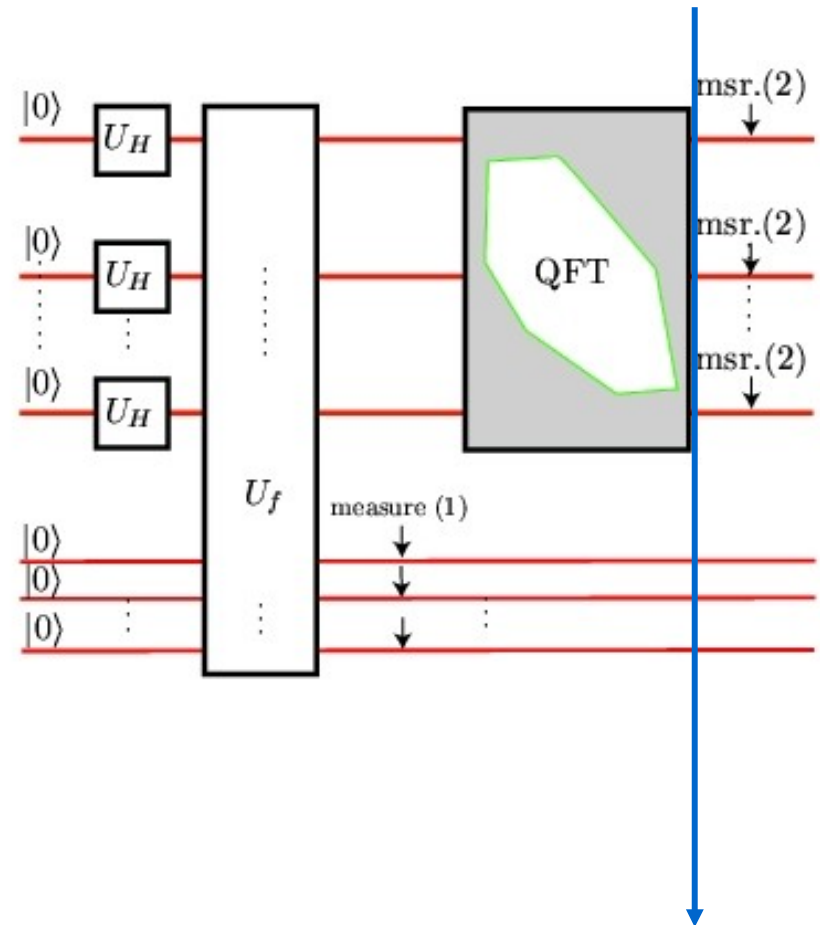
### 4. Measure ancillae

$$\sum_k |d_b + k r\rangle_{target} |b\rangle_{ancillae}$$

A period has been created!!!

## 5. Perform Quantum Fourier Transform

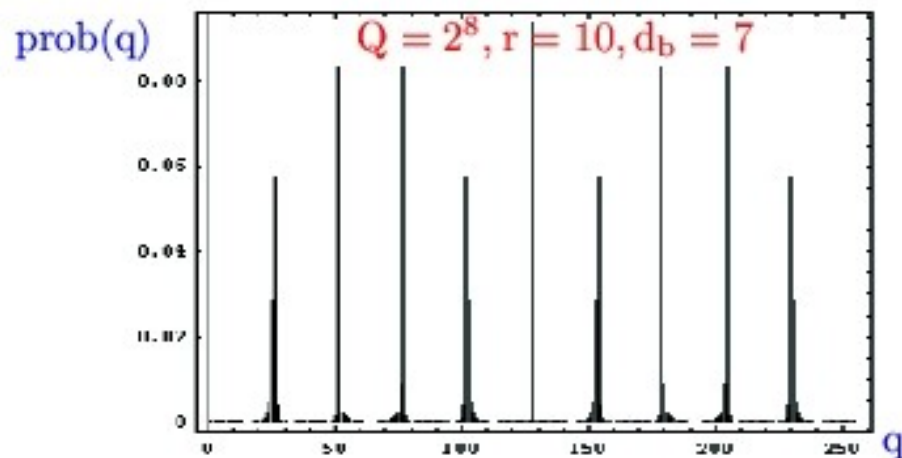
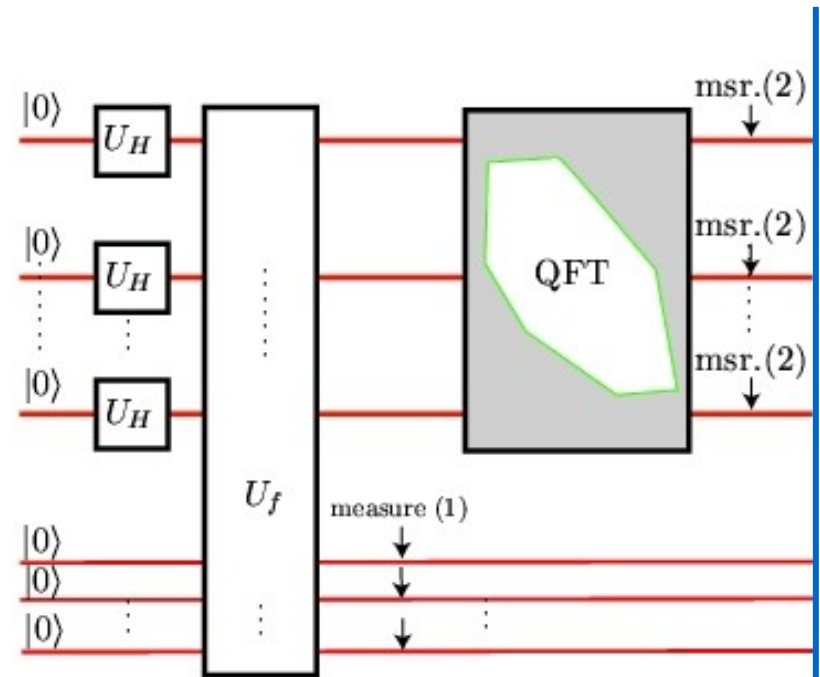
QFT is efficient!!!!  
 Polynomial in QM  
 Exponential in Classical



$$\sum_q \sum_k e^{iq2\pi(d_b+kr)} |q\rangle_{target} |b\rangle_{ancillae}$$

## 6. Measure the target

$$P(q) = \frac{1}{QB} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{B-1} e^{iqr 2\pi / Q} \right|^2$$



Periods at  $q = m Q/r$

**read r**

## Factorization (Quantum Fourier Transform)

**Classical Computer**

$$e^{\left(\frac{64}{9}\right)^{1/3}} n^{1/3} (\log n)^{2/3}$$

**Quantum Computer**

$$n^3 (\log n) (\log (\log n))$$

Quantum exponential speedup

**Sooner than later**

A Quantum Computer will factor larger numbers efficiently!!!

**RSA/DSA/ECC classical cryptography will be broken**

Are we ready for that?



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**Connectivity**

# **NSA Says It “Must Act Now” Against the Quantum Computing Threat**

The National Security Agency is worried that quantum computers will neutralize our best encryption – but doesn't yet know what to do about that problem.

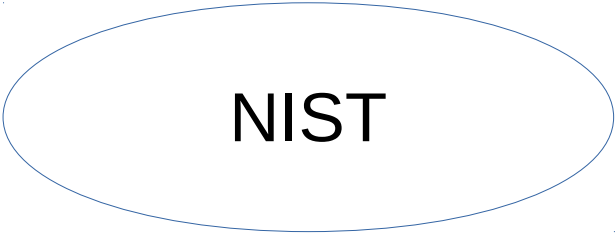
The NSA remarked that “The AES-256 and SHA-384 algorithms are symmetric, and believed to be safe from attack by a large quantum computer.”

According to the NSA, the following isn't safe to use:

- ECDH and ECDSA with NIST P-256
- SHA-256
- AES-128
- RSA with 2048-bit keys
- Diffie-Hellman with 2048-bit keys

What provoked this switch was the ever-growing threat of quantum computers breaking encryption.

“... quantum computers will use “qubits” that behave in surprising ways, efficiently performing selected mathematical algorithms exponentially faster than a classical computer.” The NSA went on to say “A sufficiently large quantum computer, if built, would be capable of undermining all widely-deployed public key algorithms used for key establishment and digital signatures.”



**Competition**  
Quantum Resistant Algorithms  
November 2017

A cyan-colored rectangular box containing the text "Competition", "Quantum Resistant Algorithms", and "November 2017" in black font.

# Quantum Resistant (Post-Quantum) Algorithms

- Lattice-based  
Ring-LWE (Ring Learn with Errors)
- Code-based  
McEliece
- Hash-based  
Merkel signature
- ....

Somewhat based on NP-hard problems

All add structure to NP-hard to make easy-encryption&hard-decryption

They may all be broken by a quantum computer, but there is no evidence

**No provable security**

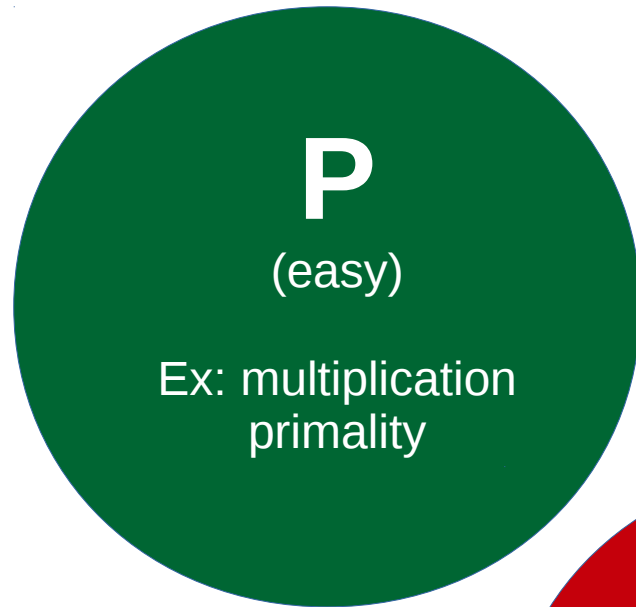
# Quantum Computation

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graph TD; A([Quantum Computation]) --- B([Quantum Resistant Cryptography]); A --- C([Quantum Cryptography]); B --- C;
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**Quantum Resistant  
Cryptography**

**Quantum  
Cryptography**

Which problems can be solved with a Classical Computer?



**P**  
(easy)  
Ex: multiplication  
primality



**NP**  
(hard)  
Ex: 3-SAT  
Travelling salesman



**?**  
(hard)  
Ex: **Factorization**  
Hidden subgroup

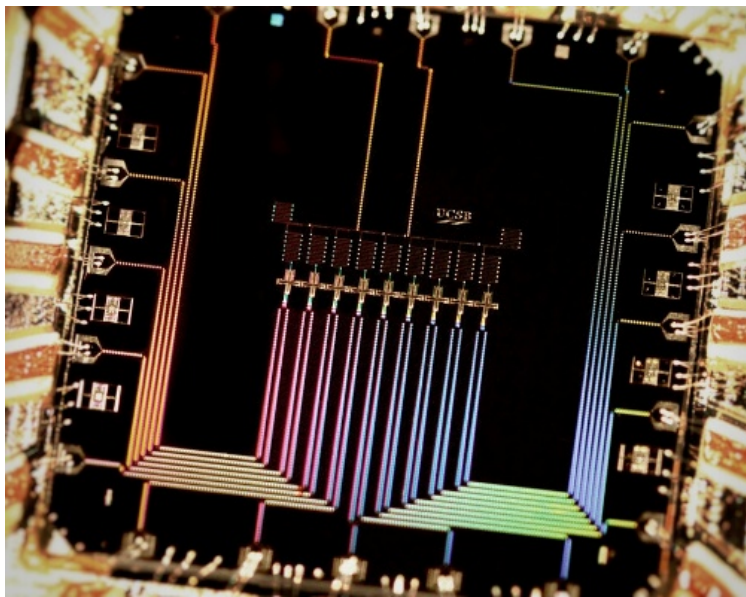
Which problems can be solved with a Quantum Computer?

**BQP**  
(easy)

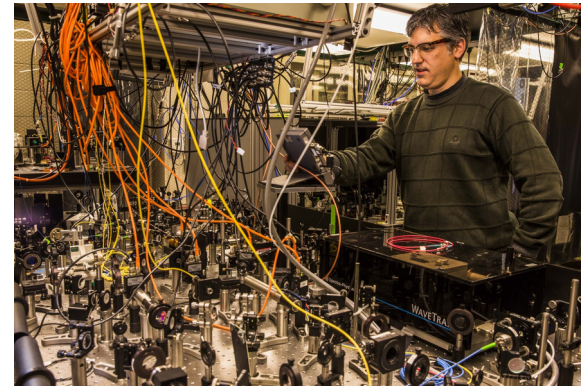
multiplication  
Primality  
**Factorization**  
Hidden subgroup

**QMA**  
(hard)

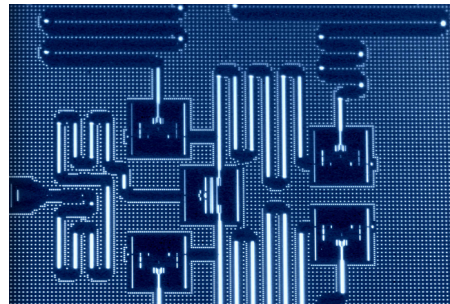
3-SAT  
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Martinis (Google)

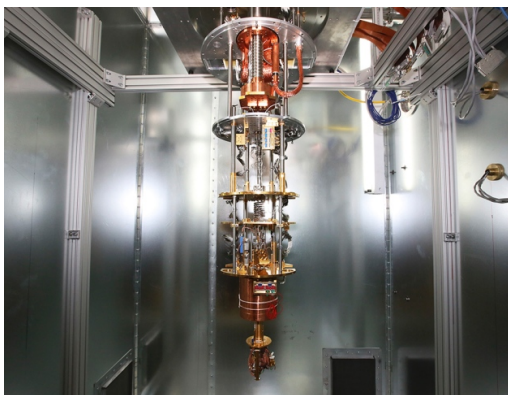


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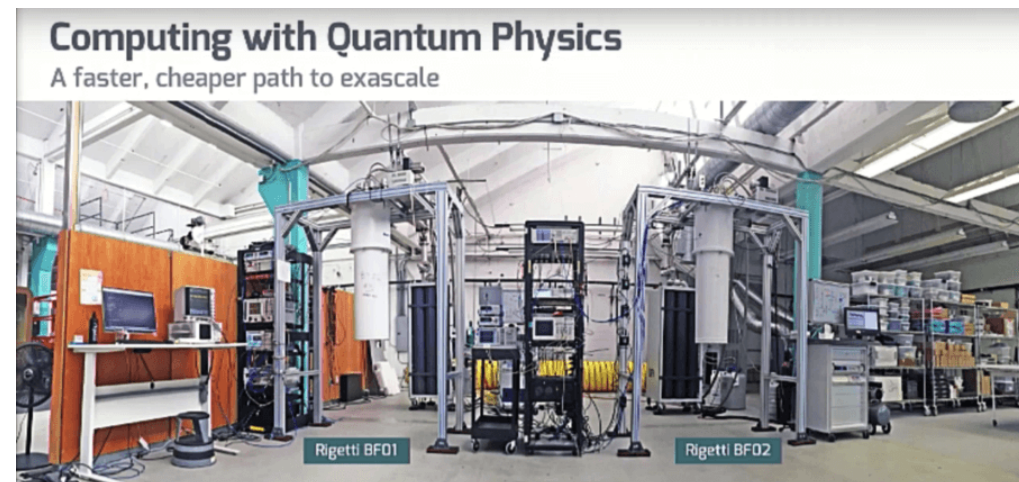


IBM cloud computer

— STATION **Q** —  
Microsoft



DWAVE2



Rigetti

+LABS all over the world



## Recent Progress

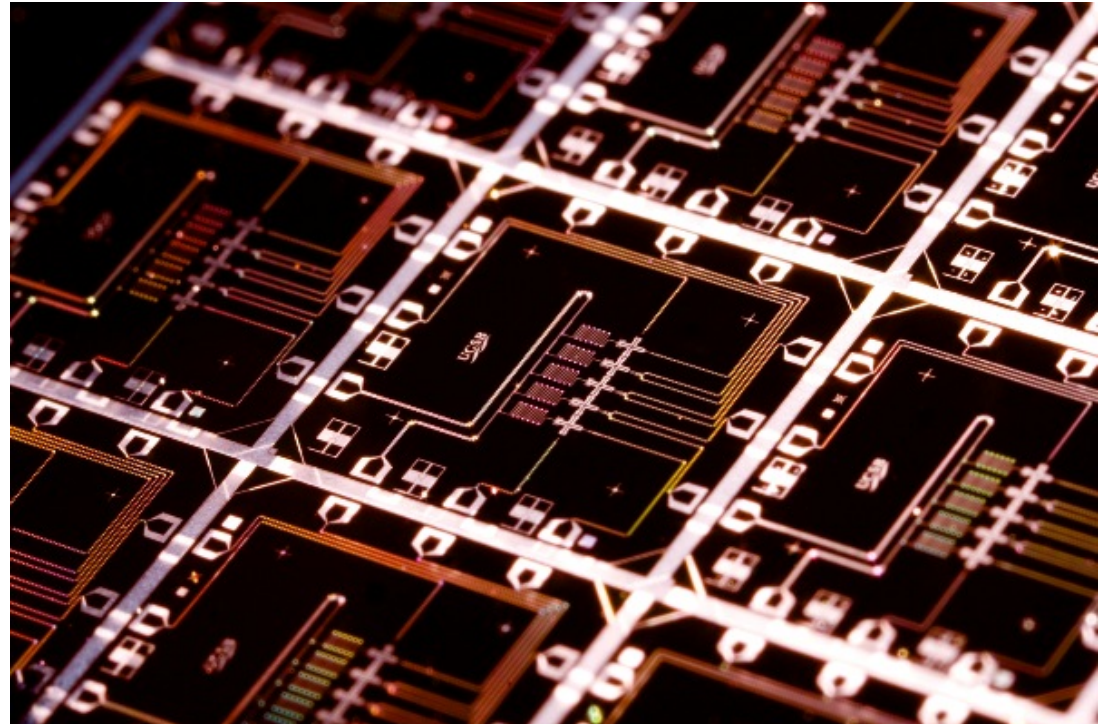
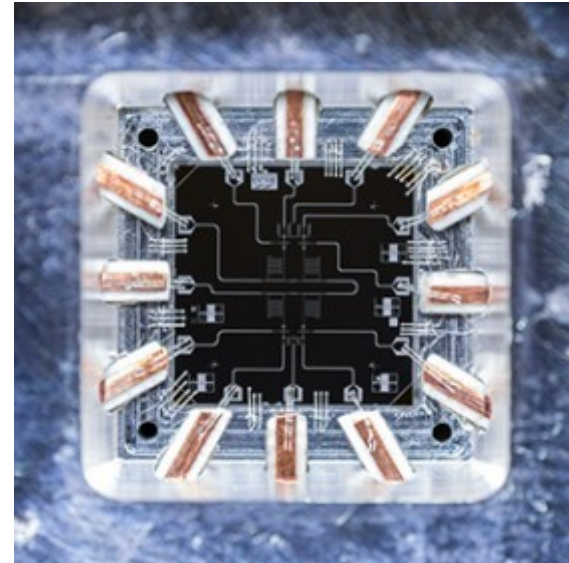
Google 9, 22 qubit experiment

Rigetti 19 qubit

IBM commercial 20 qubit

Microsoft ?? qubit

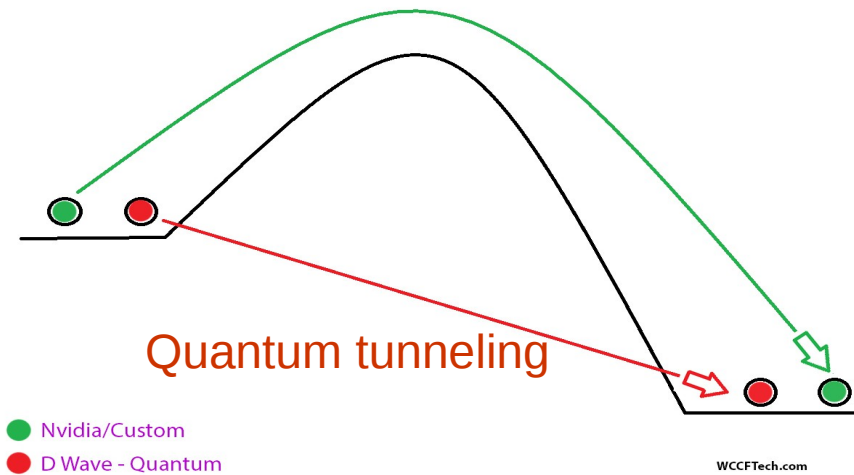
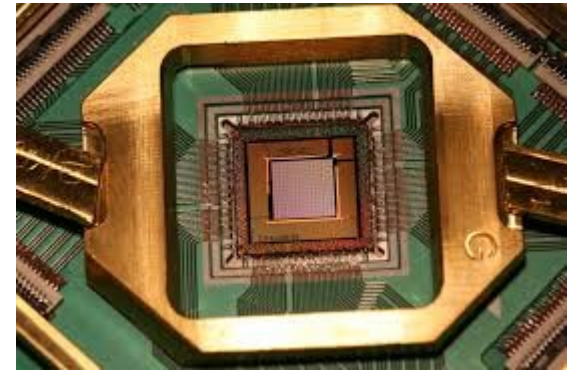
Google: **Quantum Supremacy**  
50 qubits  
Bosonic sampling



# Annealing

DWAVE-2 2048 qubits  
Optimization problems, no error correction

Tunnel across the barrier!!



# Quantum Computing for

- **Breaking classical crypto**
- **Interplay with AI**
- **Optimization problems**
  - Traffic flow
  - **Quantum chemistry**
  - Scheduling
  - ...

**BIG QUESTION**

# WHEN?

Quantum Supremacy: Martinis 2018



WHEN?

WHO?

Who will have the tool to break classical cryptography?

Which nation?

Which corporation?

Open research / Proprietary research

Which laws will be passed?

What political agenda will develop in the near future?

**“Who?” includes us?**



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A first qubit in the South of Europe is here!!

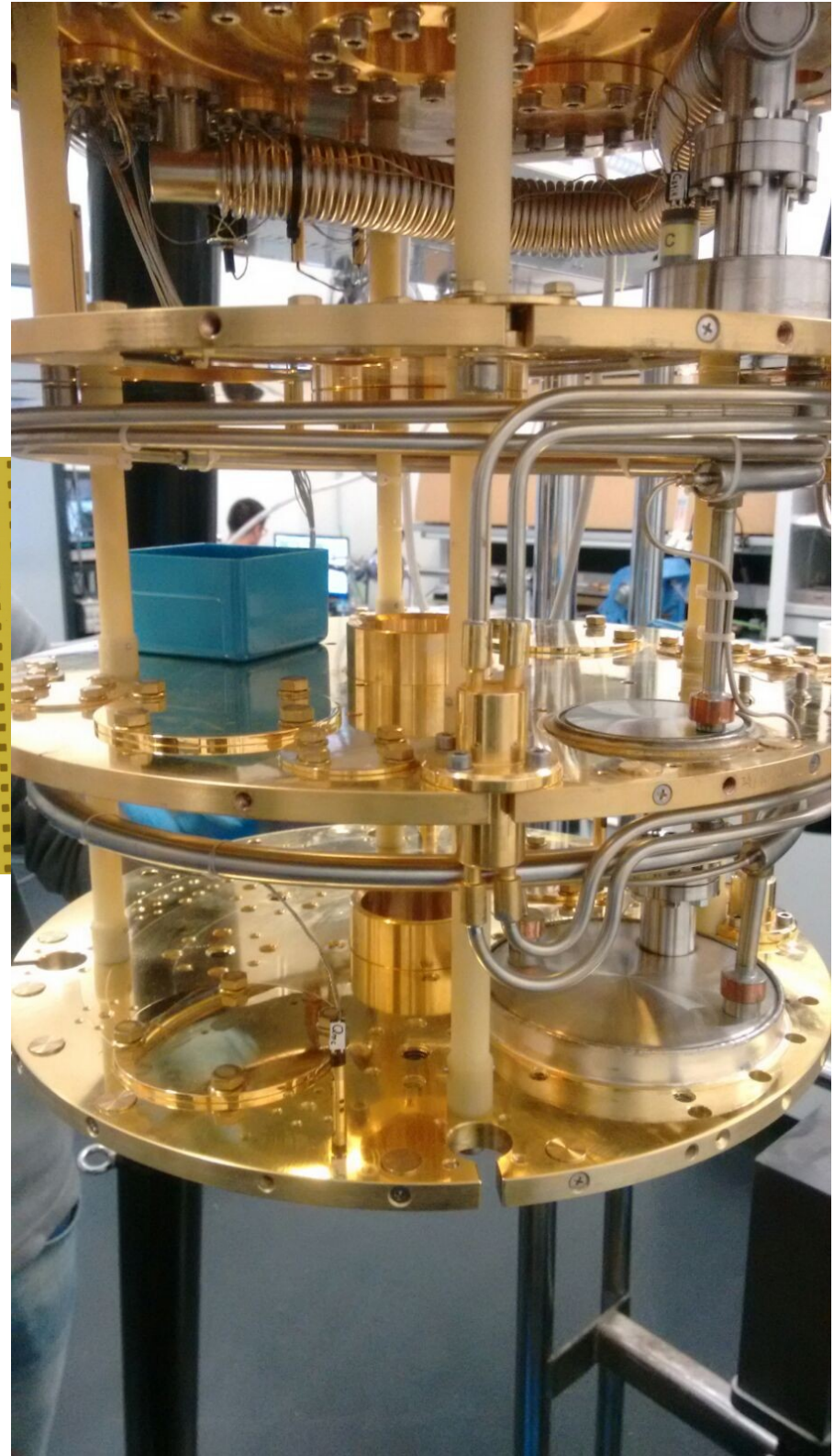
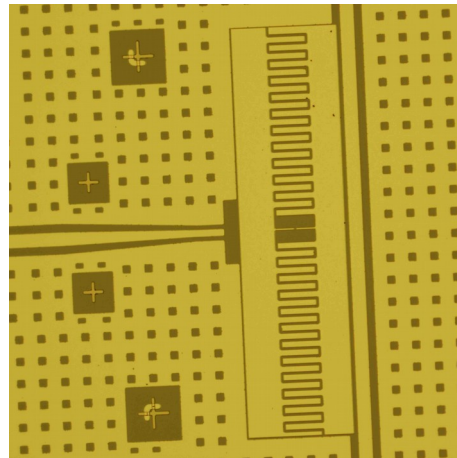
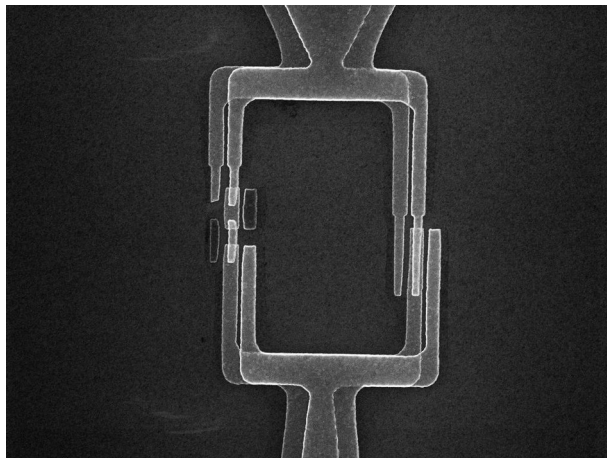
### Quantum Hub

Quantum Experimental Lab: quantum annealer  
Quantum Software Services

(Qilimanjaro cryptocurrency QBIT)

Experimental Lab  
Quantum annealer based on fluxons

**Pol Forn-Díaz**  
Christopher Warren

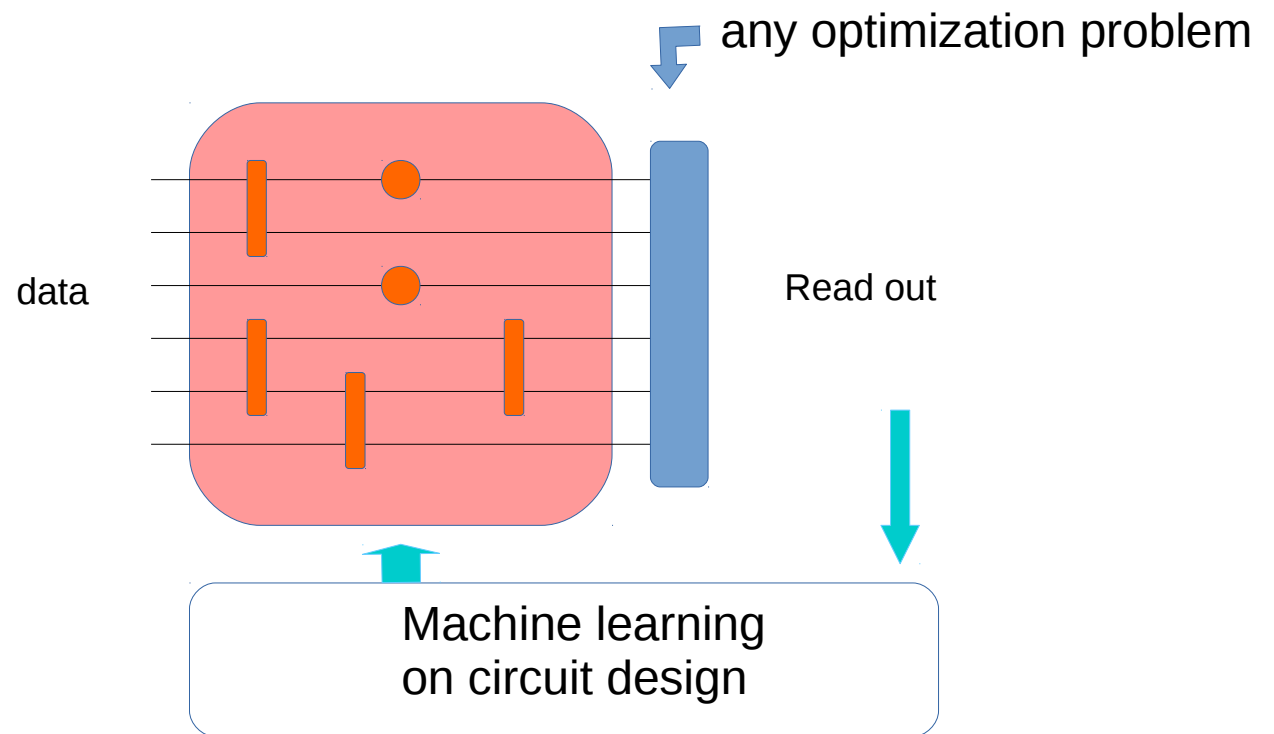


13 Partners  
Glasgow, Karlsruhe, Grenoble, Munich, ETH, CSIC, EHU, UB  
Metempsy, Keysight,  
Repsol, Volkswagen, Google, D-Wave

No need for error correction  
10 qubits in 3 y  
100 qubits in 6 y

# Software Lab: Adiabatically Assisted Variational Quantum Eigensolvers

**Artur García-Sáez**  
Alba Cervera-Lierta



Collaborations  
IBM (BSC HUB)  
Repsol  
Internship program

# CONCLUSION

Quantum computation  
Quantum Engineering

Quantum advantage  
Speed, Size, Energy

New research strategies  
Partnerships with corporations  
New figures of merit (publications??)

Quantum Race  
Quantum supremacy  
Factorization  
(post)Quantum cryptography  
Quantum sensors

q-THANKS !!!!

# QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

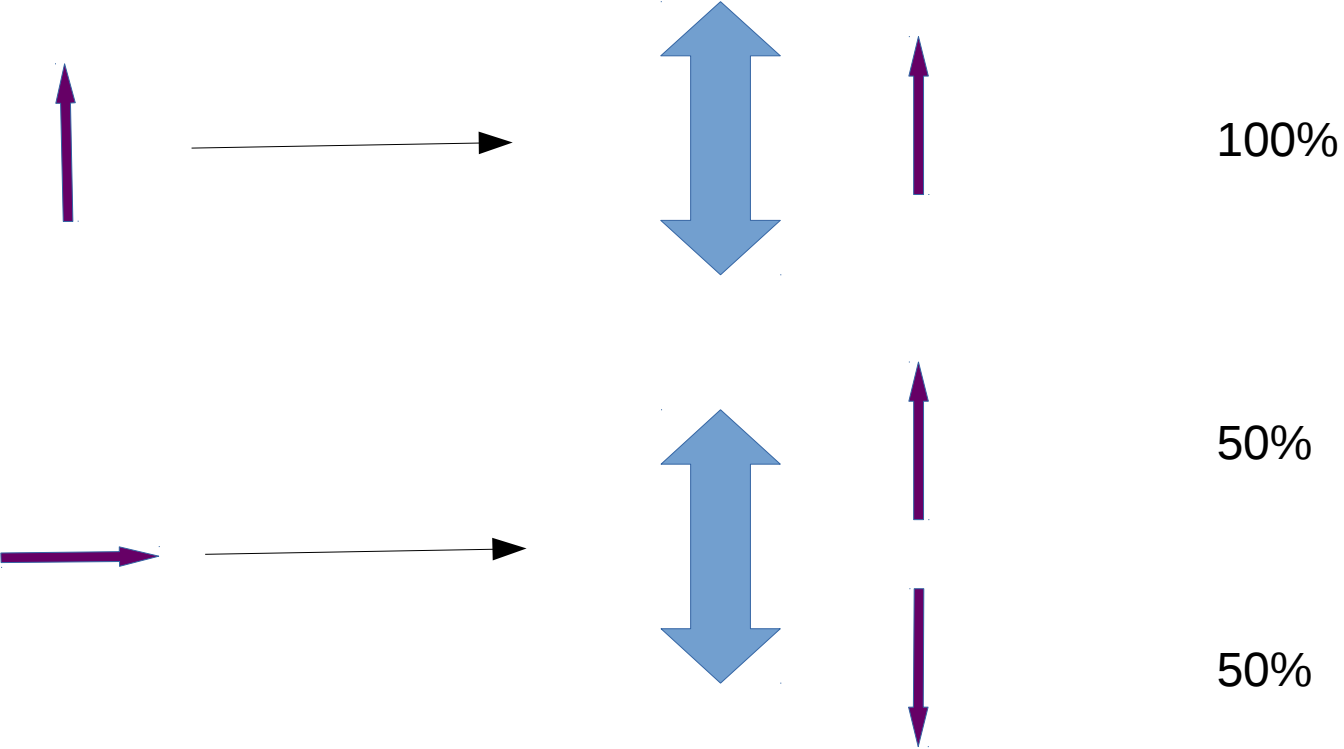
## Key idea

When we measure a state, we **alter** it

The process of observing a state **modifies** it in an uncontrollable way

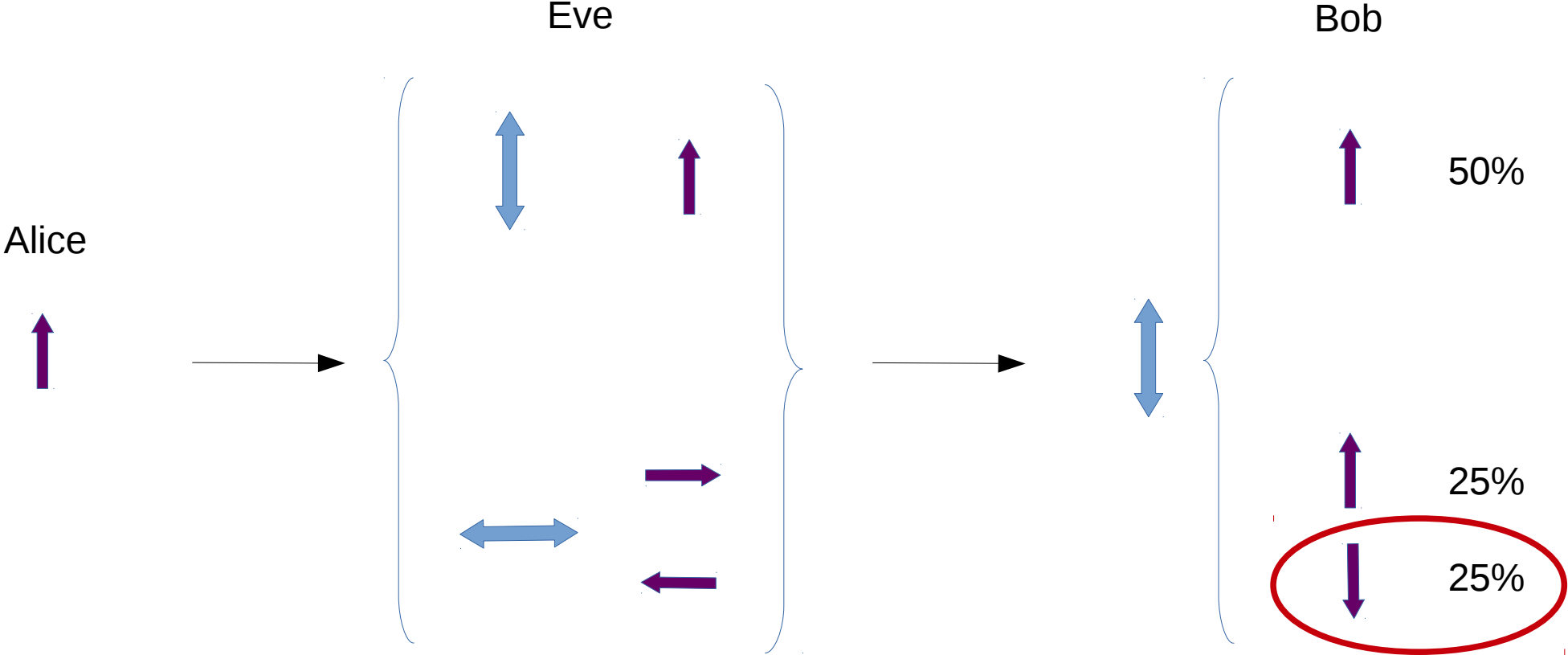
The presence of Eve can be uncovered!

BB84



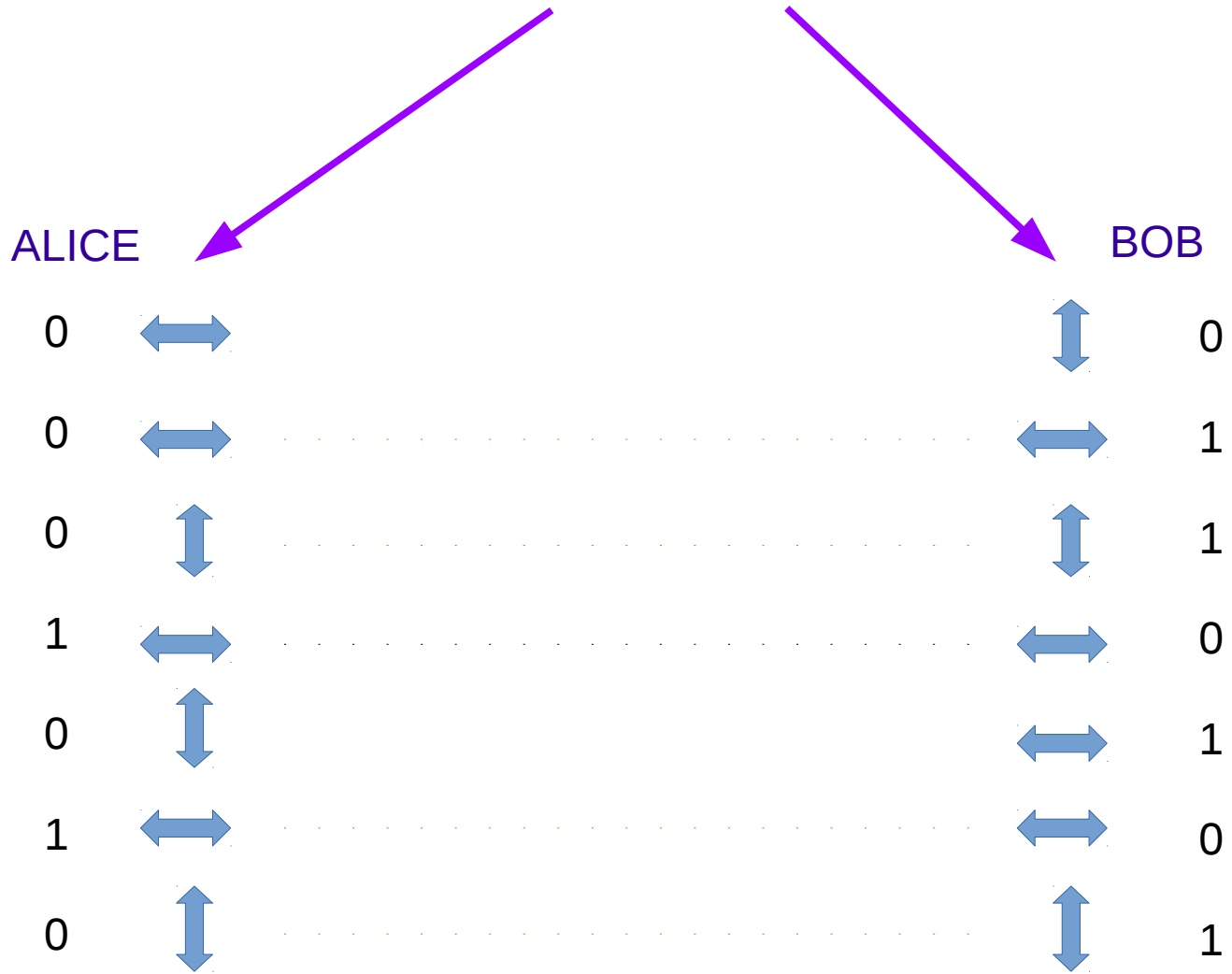


# BB84: man in the middle attack



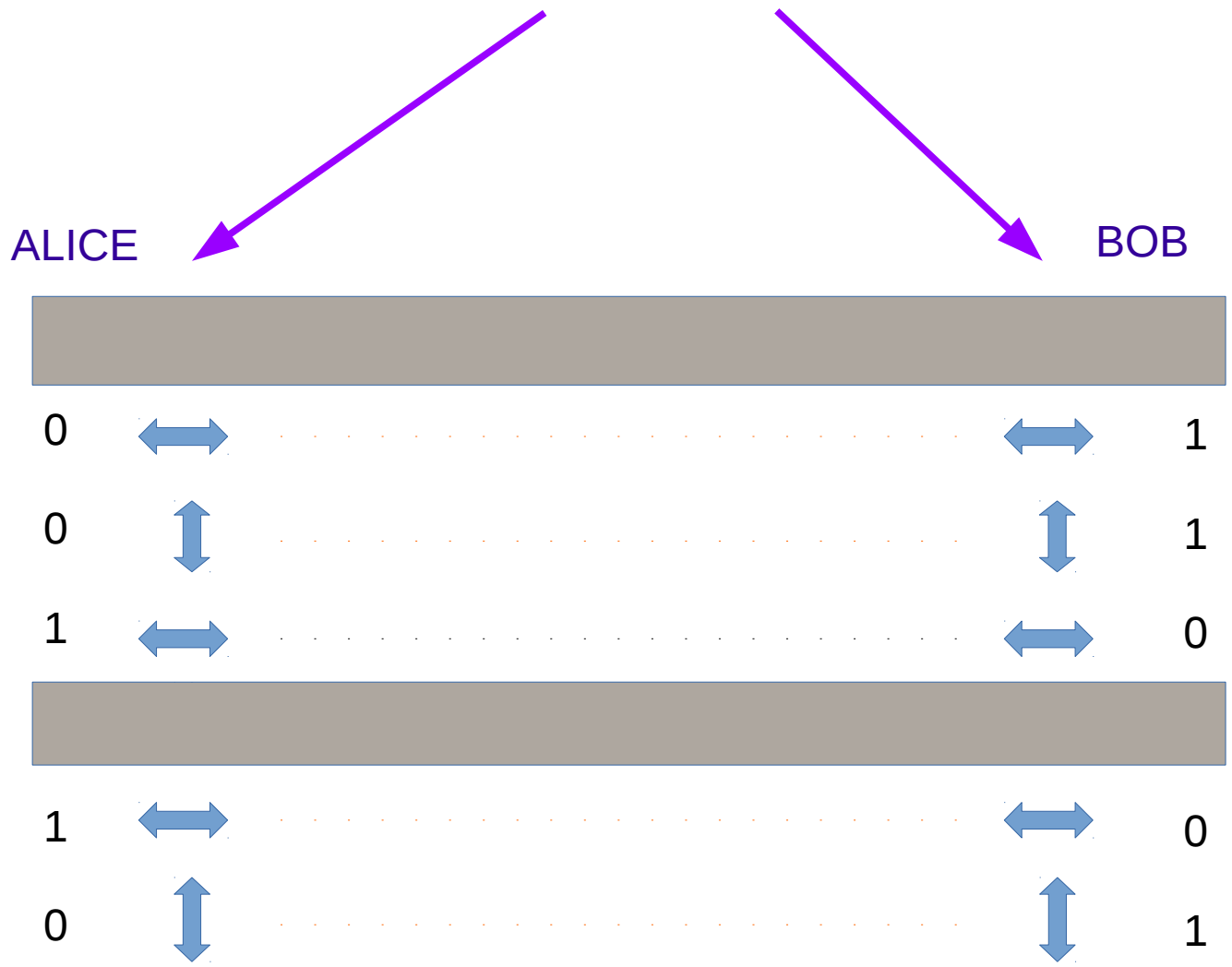
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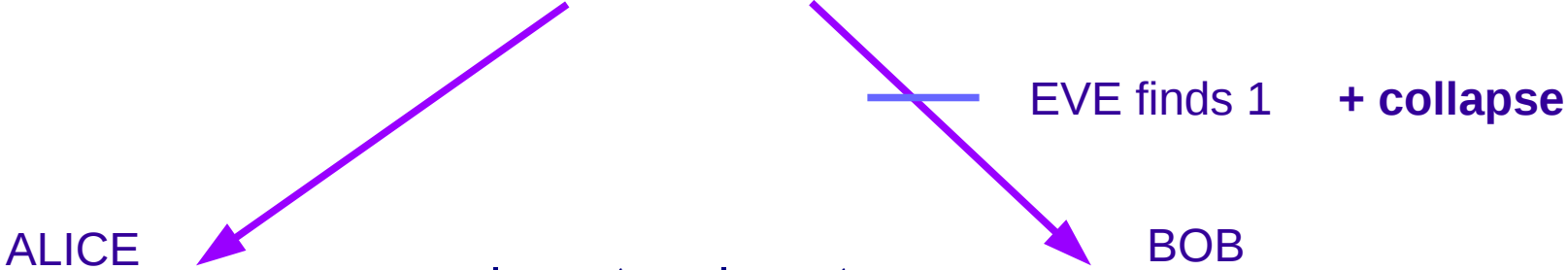
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ALICE and BOB share a secret key

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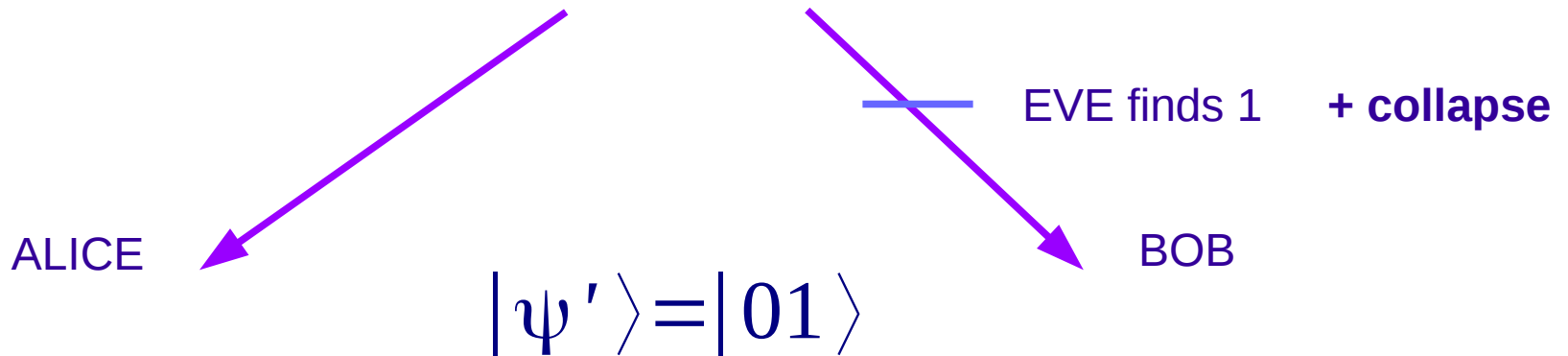


$$|\psi'\rangle = |01\rangle$$

How to detect EVE?

EKERT91

$$|\psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |01 - 10\rangle$$



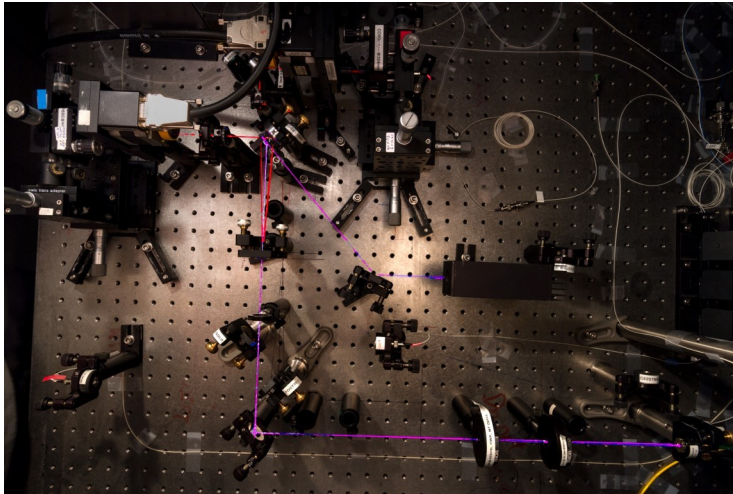
Alice and Bob measure Bell inequalities

$$\langle ab + ab' + a'b - a'b' \rangle_{|\psi^-\rangle} \sim 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\langle ab + ab' + a'b - a'b' \rangle_{|\psi'\rangle} \leq 2$$

Violation of Bell Inequalities are no longer a proof of QM  
but an instrument for cryptography  
Entanglement is a resource for Ekert 91

## Best check of quantum weirdness (2015)



$2\sqrt{2} \sim 2.82843$

Hou Shun et al. 2015 experiment (NUS):  $2.82759 \pm 0.00051$