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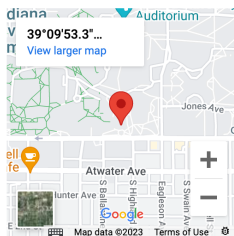
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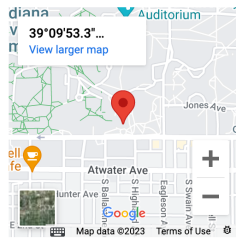
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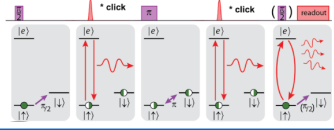
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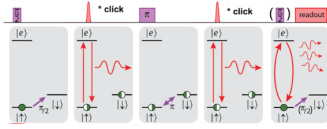
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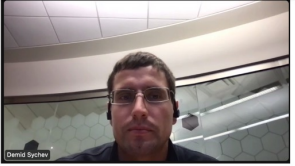


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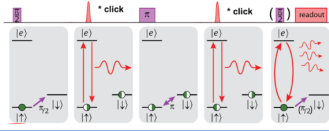


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Available in person and via Zoom

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07:10-07:40pm CQT and IUPUI Nanoscale Imaging Center Distinguished Speaker

Prof. Ricardo Decca, IUPUI School of Science  
Professor and Department Chair, Physics  
Co-Director of Nanoscale Imaging Center  
[Hardware for Quantum Sensing](#)



The talk will be followed by a Q&A session.

### Session 7 Agenda (Hopefully Tue, Mar 21, 2023)

In person and via Zoom

In talks with Prof. Peter Kogge for a talk to our club on this date.

07:10-07:40pm CQT and University of Notre Dame Distinguished Speaker

Prof. Peter M. Kogge, IBM Fellow, IEEE Fellow  
McCourtney Professor of Computer Science and Engineering  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
CQT Site Director for the University of Notre Dame  
[Quantum Computing Playbook](#)



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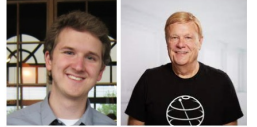
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This will be a [campus event](#) entitled Quantum Day (co-hosted with Jacobs School of Music for outreach and recruiting).



Full-Day Event IBM Quantum Distinguished Speaker  
[James Weaver](#), Quantum Developer Advocate at IBM and  
[Brian Ingmanson](#), Education Engagement Lead, IBM Quantum  
[Quantum Music Playground](#)  
Link to [chapter in new Springer](#) book, the  
[Qiskit Pocket Guide](#) and [Devoxx UK video](#).



Tentative location for this event is the most outstanding IU Jacobs School of Music's [MAC 070 \(panoramic view\)](#).

Our goal is for this event to be a full-day campus-wide event.



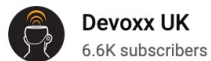
Goal remains increased collaboration between students at IU QSEc and the rest of the CQT.

Going back to Indiana National Lab Day (in October 2019) here's a video with [Jeff Zaleski](#) (IU) and [Yong Chen](#) (Purdue QSEI).

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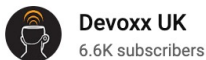


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FIG. 1. Musical score captured from the performance of a quantum musical composition [play]

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## History

On August 23, 2016, Indiana University welcomed its inaugural group of engineering students. The 25 undergraduate and 20 PhD students joined IU's intelligent systems engineering program, which is focused on the development of small scale, networked and mobile technology. This marked a turning point for IU as it launched the first engineering program in its history. In February, 2018, the Emerging Areas of Research (EAR) program, created as part of the Bicentennial Strategic Plan for IU Bloomington, selected for awards two of the 21 proposals submitted for that year's competition and representing nearly 250 faculty at IU Bloomington. One of them was the "Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering" initiative led by Gerardo Ortiz, along with David Baxter, Alexander Gumennik (Engineering), Roger Pynn, Phil Richerme, Amr Sabry (Computer Science), Mike Snow and Shixiong Zang among others. In addition to the grant from the EAR program in 2018 the center has received additional external funding (from NSF and DoE) and in January 2020 the center was rededicated. The new center will develop technologies and materials made possible by the 'second quantum revolution' while also offering several educational opportunities for IU students, including new undergraduate courses and possibly one of the country's first quantum engineering programs.

Two months earlier, in October 2019, IU's quantum expertise had been on display at Indiana National Lab Day held in Indianapolis. The event connected IU, IUPUI, the University of Notre Dame and Purdue University researchers with representatives from ten US National Laboratories to highlight unique research capabilities and opportunities as well as potential federal research collaborations. Though NSF had only recently established a foundation for the Big Ideas challenge through pioneering research and pilot activities (which includes the Quantum Leap challenge) Indiana has long had a standing commitment to innovation. Indiana University is still the home of mathematician Michael Larsen who in 2002 with co-authors Zhenghan Wang (at IU at the time), Alexei Kitaev (in Moscow then, now at Caltech and Microsoft) and Michael Freedman (at Microsoft Q Station in Santa Barbara) first introduced the world to topological quantum computation. In 2009 Zhenghan Wang (by now also at Microsoft and UC Santa Barbara) returned for a summer to host with logicians Michael Dunn and Larry Moss an international workshop on Quantum Logic Inspired by Quantum Computation.

Over the last 20 years Indiana University students have had the opportunity to take graduate seminars and classes in Quantum Information Science and Quantum Computation, mainly through the efforts of Amr Sabry (Computer Science) and Gerardo Ortiz (Physics). Recently, however, recognizing the national imperative of solving the talent shortage in the quantum computing industry the Indiana University QSEc, led by Mike Snow, has been working on establishing a unique educational opportunity, in Indiana and anywhere else in the nation, by setting the foundations of an intensive one-year, multi-disciplinary MS degree with tracks which thread as needed through physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, engineering, and business to bridge students with a broad distribution of previous training into QIS-related opportunities. There is no MS degree program in the US of this type, but the need for a program which does not assume previous BS-level training in physics is clear. Indiana University was also the catalyst for the first (and so far the only) ever symposium event at SIGCSE earlier this year (March 11, 2020, in Portland, Oregon) dedicated to quantum programming for undergraduates. This and other initiatives have accelerated collaboration with other higher-education institutions in Indiana (most notably Purdue, Notre Dame, IUPUI, but also with Rose-Hulman and others). As an example, at the exact same time with the SIGCSE 2020 symposium in Portland, IU QSEc researchers were hosting in Bloomington their colleagues from Purdue QSEI for a mini-symposium.

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## Topological Quantum Computation

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The theory of quantum computation can be constructed from the abstract study of anyonic systems. In mathematical terms, these are unitary topological modular functors. They underlie the Jones polynomial and arise in Witten-Chern-Simons theory. The braiding and fusion of anyonic excitations in quantum Hall electron liquids and 2D-magnets are modeled by modular functors, opening a new possibility for the realization of quantum computers. The chief advantage of anyonic computation would be physical error correction: An error rate scaling like  $e^{-\lambda/l}$ , where  $l$  is a length scale, and  $\alpha$  is some positive constant. In contrast, the "presumptive" qubit-model of quantum computation, which repairs errors combinatorially, requires a fantastically low initial error rate (about  $10^{-4}$ ) before computation can be stabilized.

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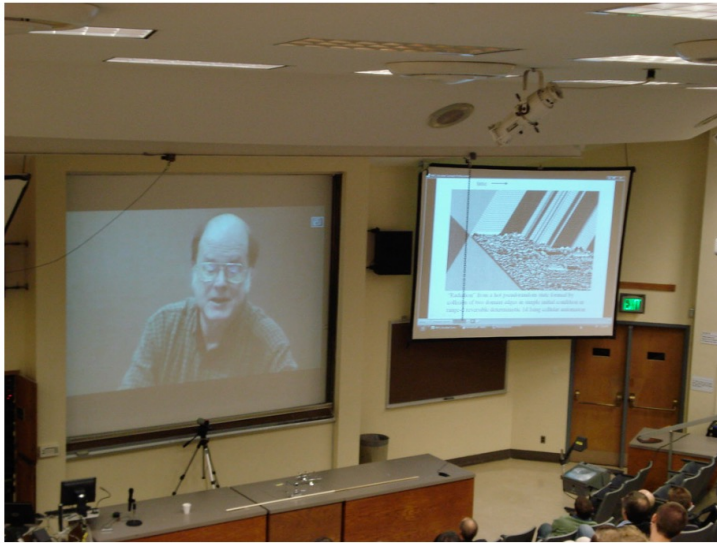


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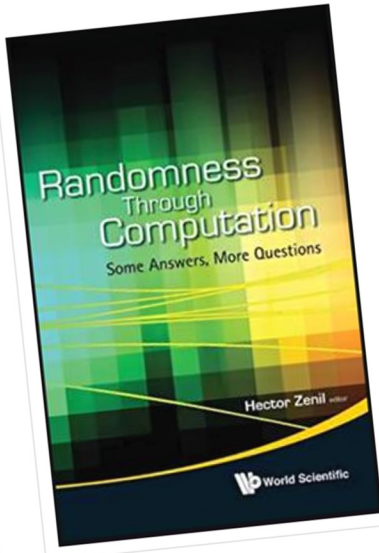
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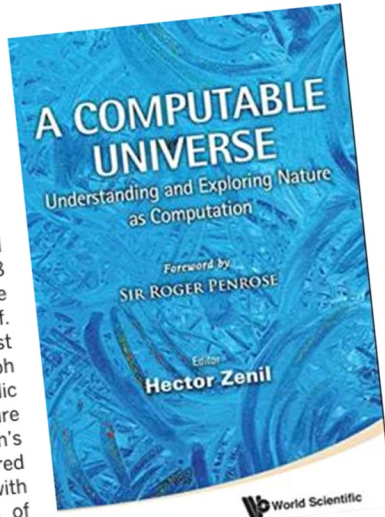
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"IU Physics should take more credit for inventing the professional MS degree idea before it was named in Shelia Tobias's book and funded for study/promotion by various foundations grants. I am referring to the US Particle Accelerator School (USPAS) MS degree program in accelerator physics which we (IU) have run for two decades in collaboration with Fermilab. This program is a successful example of a set of stakeholders (US national labs in this case, rather than QIS industry) getting together to support a sustained educational activity that has succeeded to efficiently educate not only MS students but also PhD students in accelerator physics as well who go on to positions in industry and national labs. The point is that this USPAS activity has both the MS and PhD aspects and it offers a counterexample to the "MS only" push that I can see from some quarters. We can state based on our own pioneering experience that doing something that serves both MS and existing/prospective PhD students is the right way to go to stay flexible. It is a crime that this program is not listed prominently in the "official" PSM degree program list because it was too far ahead of its time."

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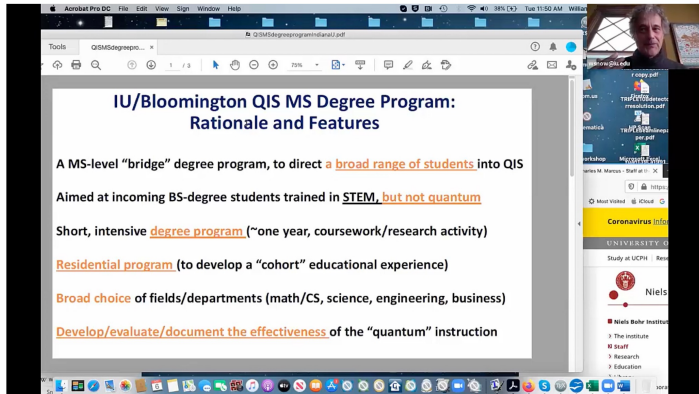
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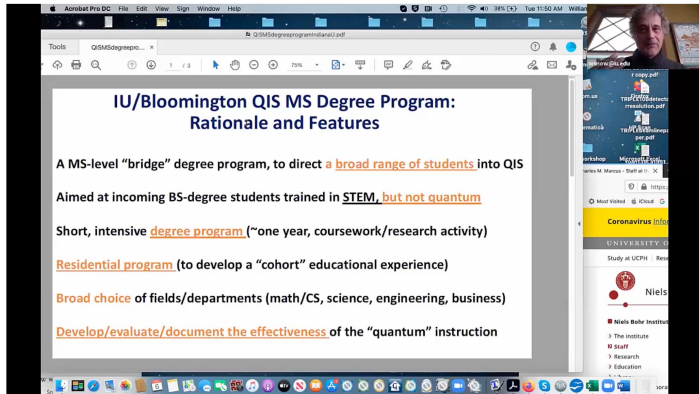
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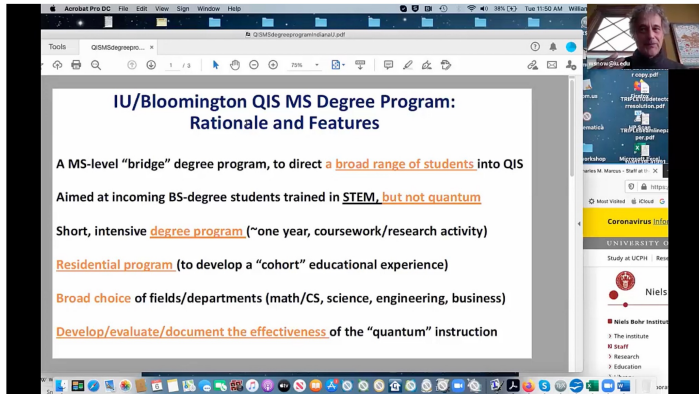


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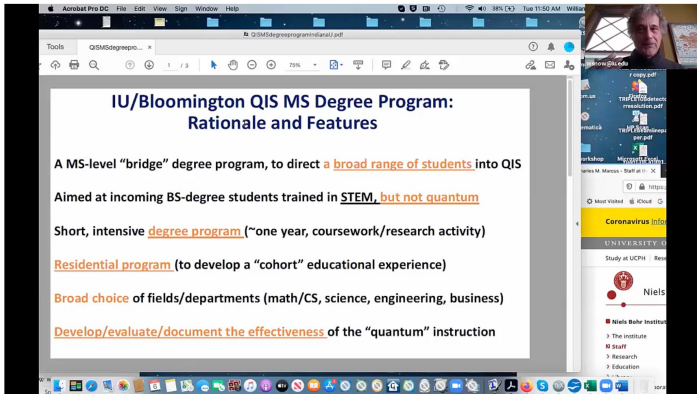
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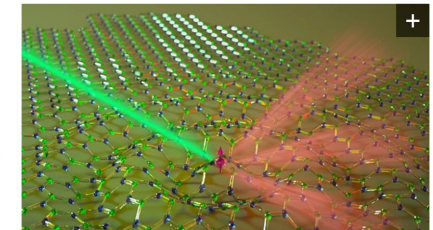
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"The Center for Quantum Technologies is based on the collaboration between world experts whose collective mission is to deliver frontier research addressing the quantum technological challenges facing industry and government agencies," said Gerardo Ortiz, Indiana University site director, scientific director of the IU Quantum Science and Engineering Center and professor of physics. "It represents a unique opportunity for the state of Indiana to become a national and international leader in technologies that can shape our future."

"This newly formed center is unique in many aspects," said Ricardo Decca, professor and chair of the Department of Physics at IUPUI. "It brings together experts in many scientific



The Center for Quantum Technologies will develop foundational knowledge into industry-friendly quantum devices, systems and algorithms and will train future quantum scientists and engineers to fill the need for a robust quantum workforce. Image courtesy of Second Bay Studios

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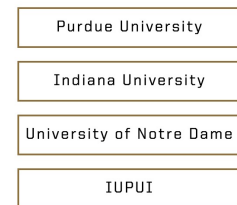


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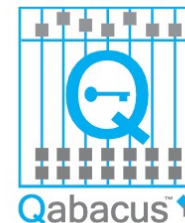
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# WORKSHOP ON QUANTUM EDUCATION FOR QUANTUM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The United States Government is concerned about the workforce needs for quantum information science and has been developing numerous programs to create opportunities to increase quantum education in the K-16 pipeline. Nevertheless, conventional quantum instruction within the disciplines remains deeply rooted in a pedagogy developed in the late 1940s with the emergence of Dirac's third edition of his quantum mechanics textbook and of Schiff's quantum text. Even though there are hundreds of quantum mechanics textbooks, most continue to follow a very similar pedagogy based on differential equation in position space (sometimes altering the ordering of topics to teach spins first). This is much less so in quantum computing and quantum communication education, where newer paradigms have been developed, primarily from the Computer Science realm (such as teaching quantum mechanics from the lens of a novel theory for probability). The NSF QLCI Conceptualization Grant team, centered at the University of Florida, is hosting a workshop on quantum education for quantum workforce development, exploring ideas for approaches to teach at the K-12 level, at the undergraduate level, and at the graduate level. We are interested in bringing in a diverse group of people interested in re-examining how we teach quantum mechanics and how we can improve on student learning, with a focus on preparing students for careers in quantum computing, quantum communication, and quantum sensing.

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“Quantum theory and Einstein’s general theory of relativity are the two great fundamental theories of contemporary physics. Between them they provide the conceptual framework and the mathematical language in which we express all other theories in physics, and they provide the basic principles to which all known laws of nature conform.” -- Lectures on Quantum Computation  
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“Sixteen years ago, Scott Aaronson remarked (in the presence of Ray Laflamme) that quantum mechanics (QM) resembles an operating system on which the rest of Physics is running its application software (except for general relativity “which has not yet been successfully ported to this particular OS”).



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"I like to say that, after all the forbidding-sounding verbiage you read in popular books, quantum mechanics is astonishingly simple—once you take the physics out of it! In fact, QM isn't even 'physics' in the usual sense: it's more like an operating system that the rest of physics runs on as application software."

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He then goes on to explain what he thinks is at the heart of it all:

“[QM i]s a certain generalization of the laws of probability. It says nothing directly about electrons, photons, or anything like that. It just talks about lists of complex numbers called amplitudes: how these amplitudes change as a physical system evolves, and how to convert them into the probability of seeing this or that result when you measure the system.”





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Such a pragmatic point of view has always been intrinsic to CSCI:

“And everything you’ve ever heard about the ‘weirdness of the quantum world,’ is simply different logical consequences of this one change to the rules of probability.

This makes QM, as a subject, possibly more computer-science friendly than any other part of physics.”



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For a theoretical computer scientist, he says, QM is a logical necessity: “In fact, even if our universe hadn’t been described by QM, I suspect theoretical computer scientists would have eventually needed to invent quantum computing anyway, just for internal mathematical reasons. Of course, the fact that our universe is [in fact, quantum mechanical] does heighten the interest!”



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the conflict is only superficial? It was then that we remembered a quote from Richard Feynman from the 1964 Messenger Lectures at Cornell, later published as the book "The Character of Physical Law":

"It always bothers me that, according to the laws as we understand them today, it takes a computing machine an infinite number of logical operations to figure out what goes on in no matter how tiny a region of space, and no matter how tiny a region of time. So I have often made the hypothesis that ultimately physics will not require a mathematical statement, that in the end the machinery will be revealed, and the laws will turn out to be simple, like the chequerboard with all its apparent complexities<sup>b</sup>."

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measurement and so on, which computers have stimulated us to think about anew, with new types of thinking. And all I was doing was hoping that the computer-type of thinking would give us some new ideas, if any are really needed. I don't know, maybe physics is absolutely OK the way it is. The program that Fredkin is always pushing, about trying to find a computer simulation of physics, seem to me to be an excellent program to follow out. He and I have had wonderful, intense, and interminable arguments, and my argument is always that the real use of it would be with quantum mechanics, and therefore full attention and acceptance of the quantum mechanical phenomena—the challenge of explaining quantum mechanical phenomena—has to be put into the argument, and therefore these phenomena have to be understood very well in analyzing the situation. And I'm not happy with all the analyses that go with just the classical theory, because nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem, because it doesn't look so easy. Thank you.

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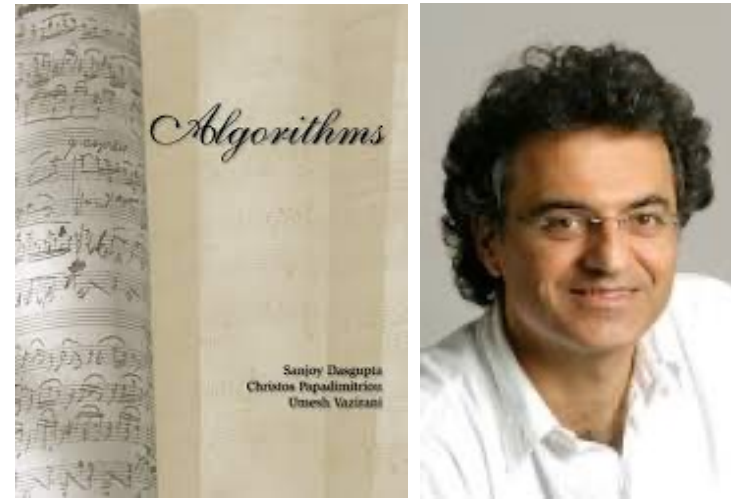
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### A different, more powerful way of computing

Quantum mechanics provides the basis for a new paradigm of computing. Since the 1940s, the rules of computing have not changed. Computers have continued to get smaller and faster year after year, but their fundamental operations remain the same. They still obey the laws of information processing, and process information by performing operations on bits.

Quantum computers manipulate qubits instead of bits. With superposition and entanglement, the states of multiple qubits become very complex. By harnessing these complex states, quantum computers will be able to solve many problems much faster than today's computers.





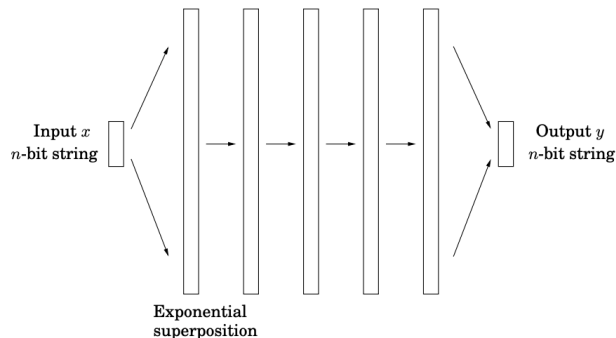
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**Figure 10.3** A quantum algorithm takes  $n$  “classical” bits as its input, manipulates them so as to create a superposition of their  $2^n$  possible states, manipulates this exponentially large superposition to obtain the final quantum result, and then measures the result to get (with the appropriate probability distribution) the  $n$  output bits. For the middle phase, there are elementary operations which count as one step and yet manipulate all the exponentially many amplitudes of the superposition.

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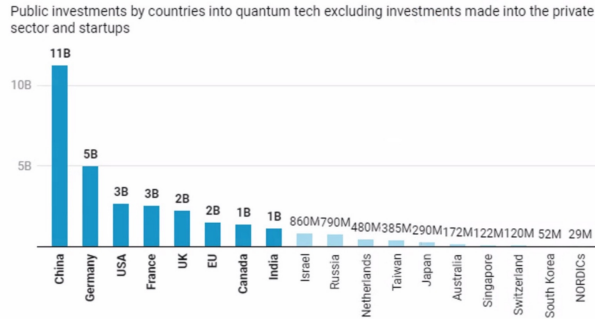
The input to a quantum algorithm consists of  $n$  classical bits, and the output also consists of  $n$  classical bits. It is while the quantum system is not being watched that the quantum effects take over and we have the benefit of Nature working exponentially hard on our behalf.

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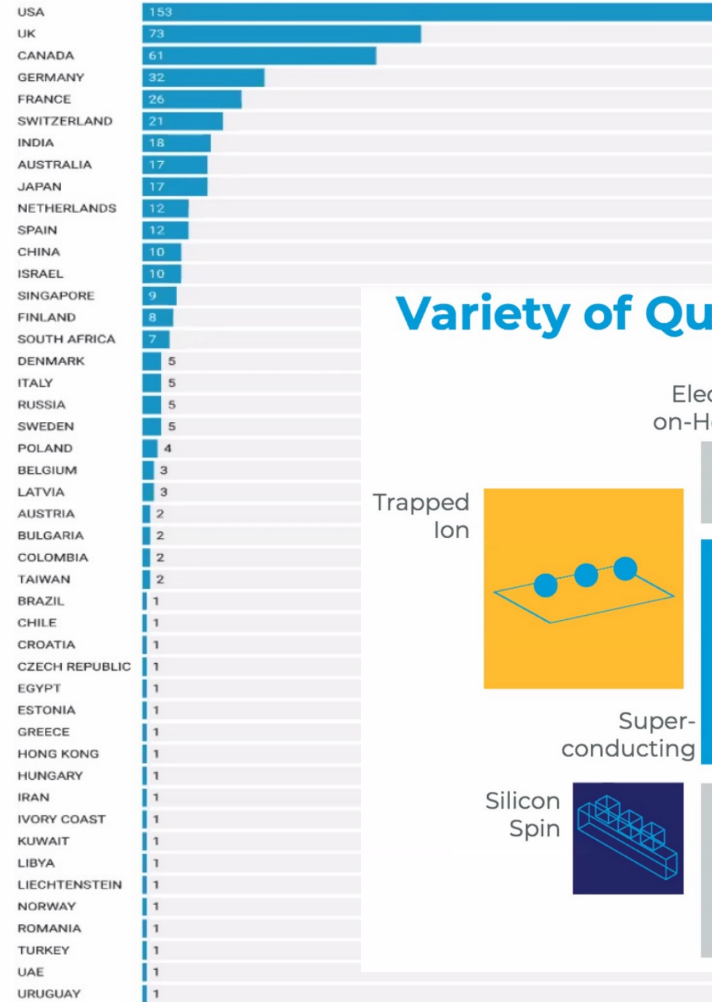
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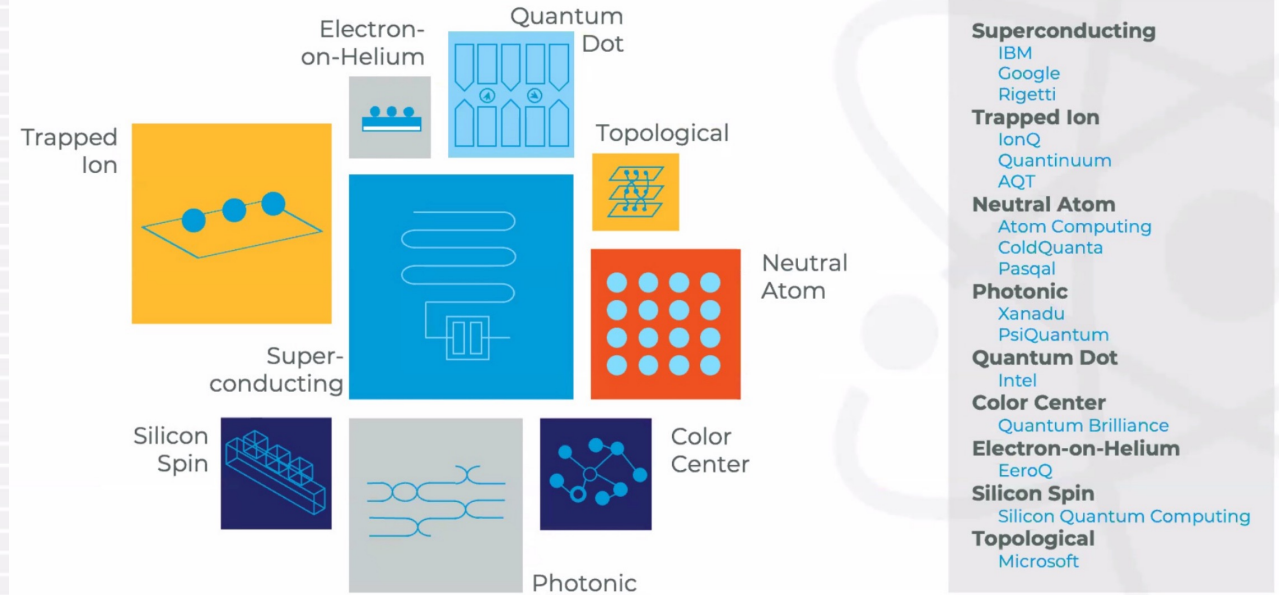
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### Variety of Quantum Hardware Technologies



Today, quantum computers exist, access to them via the cloud is affordable, university and industry developed education is increasing, and government funding was approved to further research and focus on needed workforce development. Worldwide, there is growing excitement, investment, and competition in the area of QIST. A technological ecosystem is being shaped by public and private investment in North America, Asia and Europe.





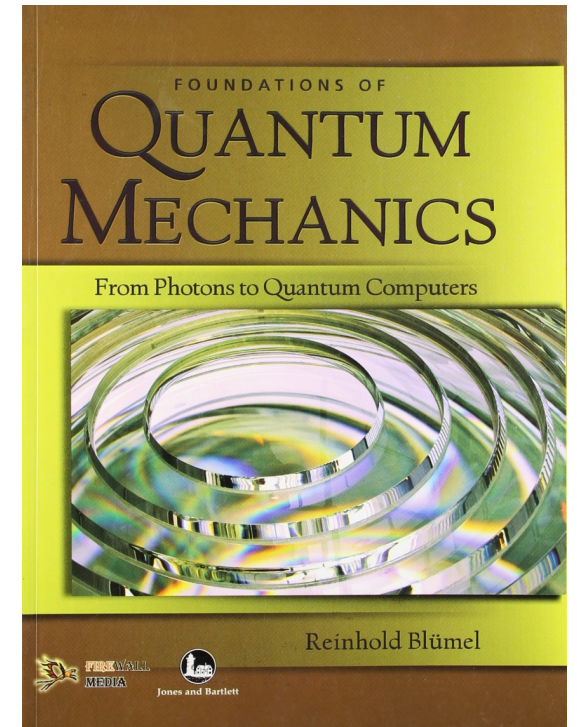
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The conceptual basis for the new quantum technology consists of

- (a) superposition,
- (b) entanglement, and
- (c) quantum measurement (i.e., the collapse of the wave function).

In connection with matter, these concepts simply do not exist in the classical description of our world and are not used in any of the “classical” machines and appliances around us. Thus, quantum technology is not just better, it is different.



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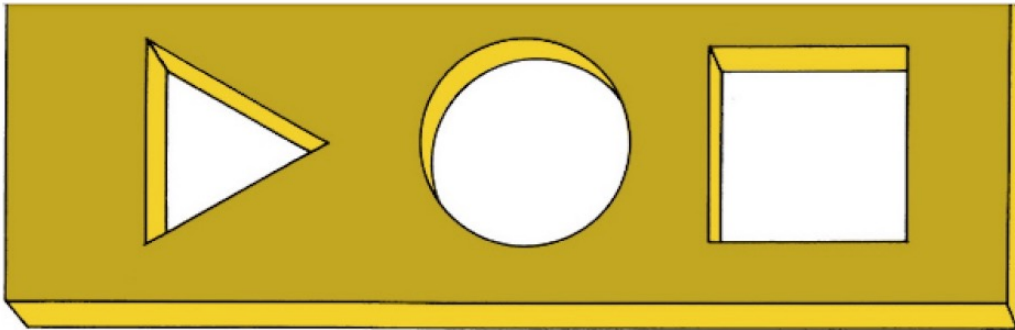
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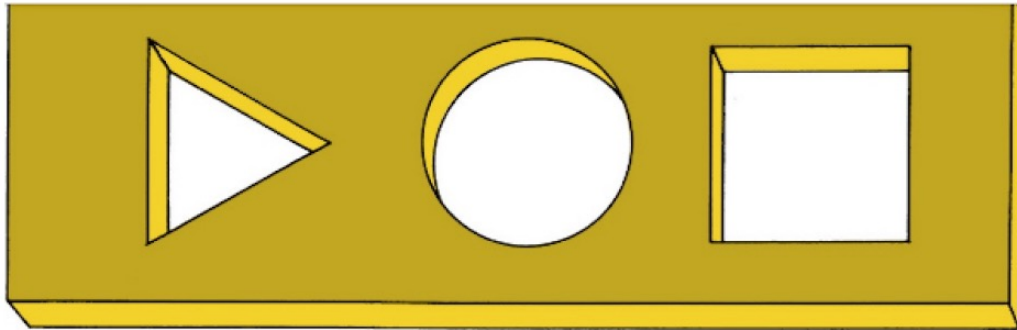




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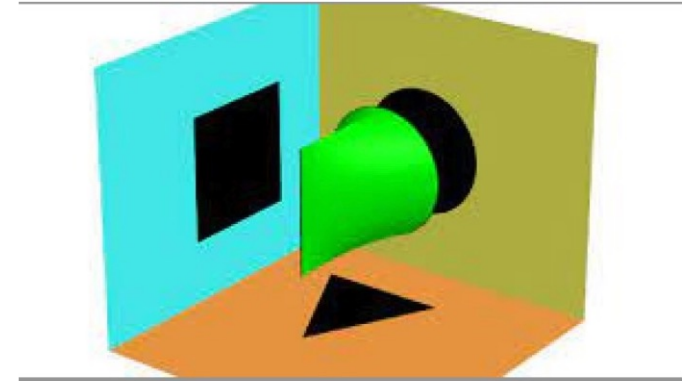
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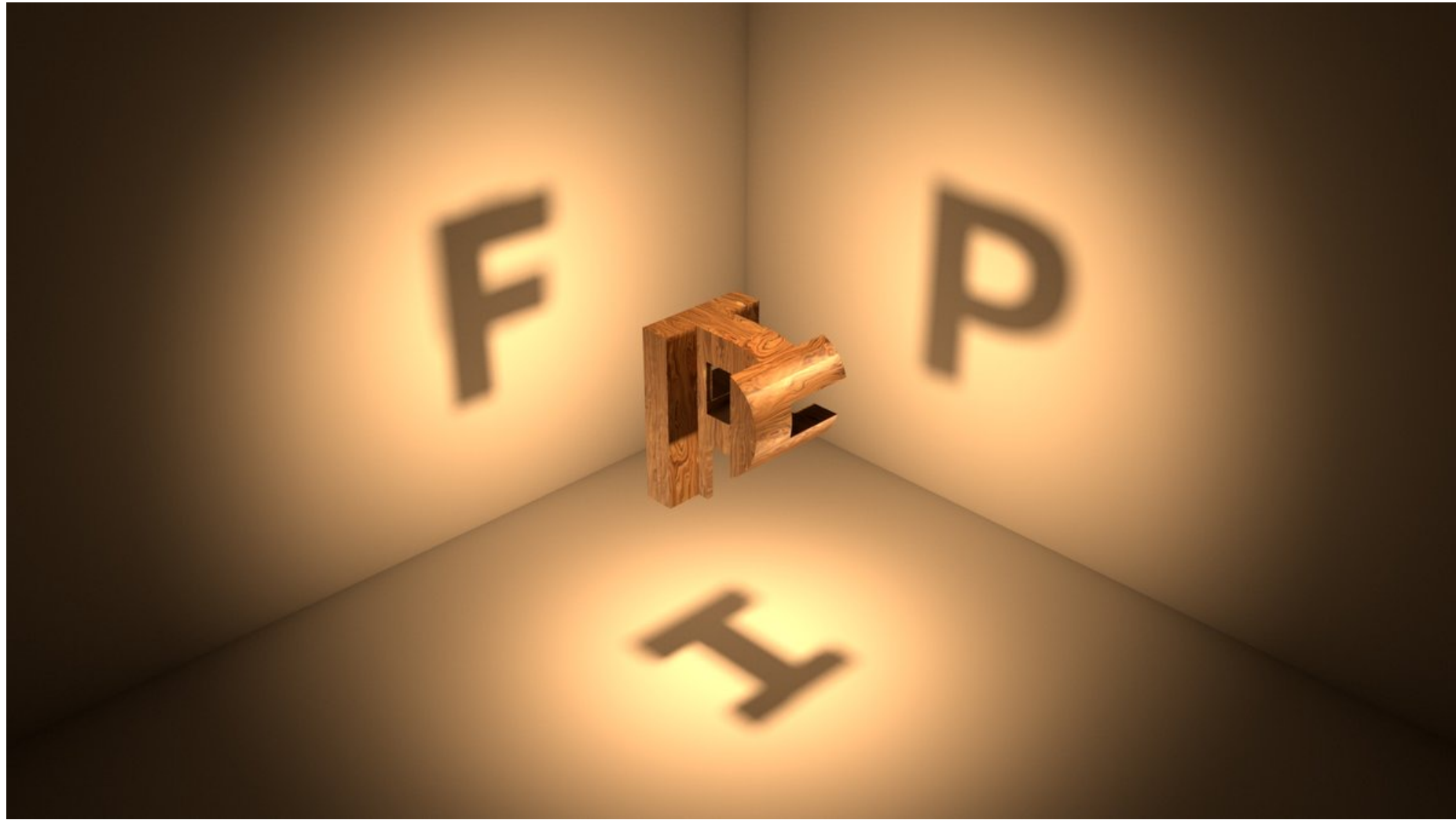
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Answer: yes.

This is called superposition.





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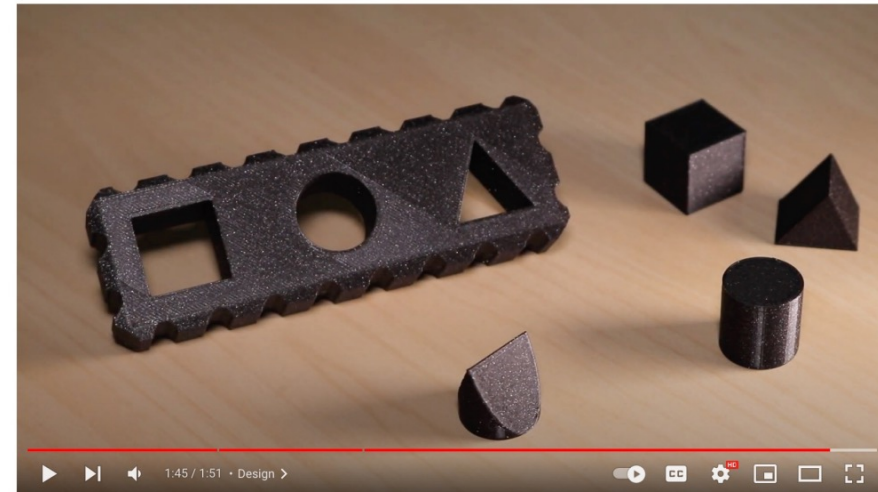
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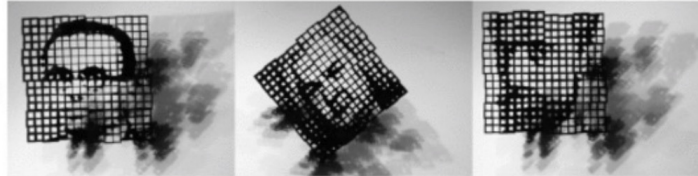


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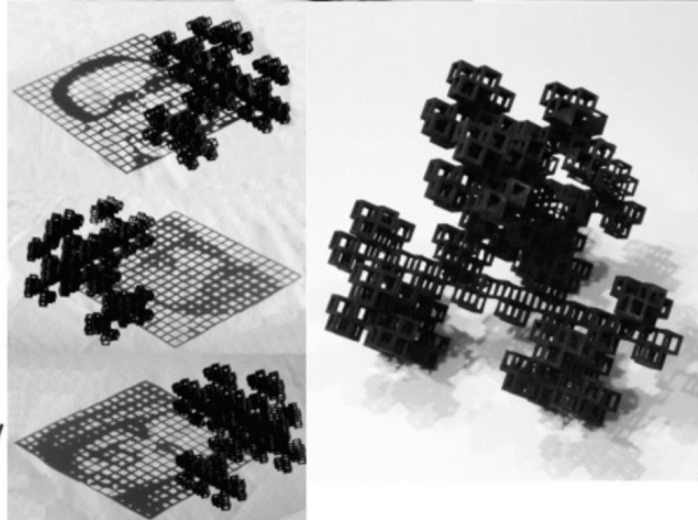
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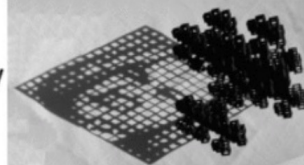
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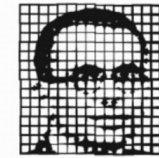


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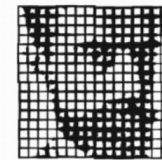
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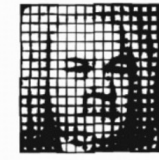
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

From the outset, we need to distinguish between Quantum Mechanics (QM) and Quantum Information Science and Technology (QIST). QM is the science describing the behavior of matter and light on the atomic and subatomic scale. QIST is an emerging interdisciplinary academic discipline concerned with studying the new possibilities QM offers for acquiring, transmitting, and processing information. Fields under QIST include quantum computing (QC), quantum sensing (ultrasensitive precision measurements), quantum communication, quantum cryptography, materials for quantum information and more. Specifically, quantum computing is a type of computation whose operations can harness quantum mechanical phenomena such as *superposition*, *interference* and *entanglement*.

Worldwide, there is growing excitement, investment, and competition in the area of QIST. A technological ecosystem is being shaped by public and private investment in North America, Asia and Europe. The potential implications of QIST are broad; quantum technology may eventually underlie a new technological infrastructure, much like the semiconductor revolution changed everything in the second half of the last century. With this growth, there has been a steady demand for QIST-trained professionals. Recognizing that the impact on the CS undergraduate curriculum is imminent, our paper aims to answer the following questions:

- (1) What is the minimum set of topics (knowledge unit - KU) that a CS undergraduate should be taught in a Quantum Architectures course?
- (2) What is the interface for this knowledge unit (where input: required skills, and output: learning outcomes)?
- (3) What is the tension between disciplines such as math, physics, engineering and computer science? How do we get a genuinely trans-disciplinary learning program off the ground?
- (4) What is the theoretical minimum that captures the essence without overwhelming details in physics and maths?
- (5) How can we ensure a 10-15 years horizon shelf life for this knowledge unit (including concrete recommendations for a CS undergraduate "quantum hardware lab")?

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Figure 1: Schematic overview of the three curricular plans with specific sample instantiations.



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## 2 QUANTUM MECHANICS (QM)

QIST has three pillars: quantum sensing, quantum networking and quantum computing (collectively known as quantum technology).

The learner should realize that we can address quantum technology only because of QM. And the reason for QM is Nature. Thus, from the start, the learner needs to develop a qualitative appreciation for the quantum nature of our world. Understanding what we

### 2.1 A Quantum Intuition

Dirac taught us that a minimum disturbance accompanies a measurement (inherent in the nature of things, and that cannot be overcome by improved experimental technique). If the minimum

### 5.3 Implementing Qubits

We acknowledge nine current modalities [36, 37]: superconducting, silicon spin, optical (photonics), quantum dots, trapped ions, color centers in diamond, neutral atoms in an optical tweezer array, topological and electron on helium.

## 3 QUANTUM COMPUTING

Classically, the time it takes to do specific computations can be decreased by using parallel processors. To achieve an exponential decrease in time requires an exponential increase in the number of processors and hence an exponential increase in the amount of physical space needed. In quantum systems, the amount of parallelism increases exponentially with the size of the system. Thus, an exponential increase in parallelism requires only a linear increase in the amount of physical space needed. This effect is called quantum parallelism [40, 41]. However, there is a catch: while a quantum system can perform massive parallel computation, access to the computation results is restricted. Accessing the results is equivalent to making a measurement, which disturbs the quantum state. This problem makes the situation seem even worse than the classical situation; we can only read the result of one parallel thread, and because the measurement is probabilistic, we cannot even choose which one we get. But in the past few years, a few researchers have found efficient ways of finessing the measurement problem to exploit the power of quantum parallelism. This type of manipulation has no classical analog, and requires non-traditional programming techniques.

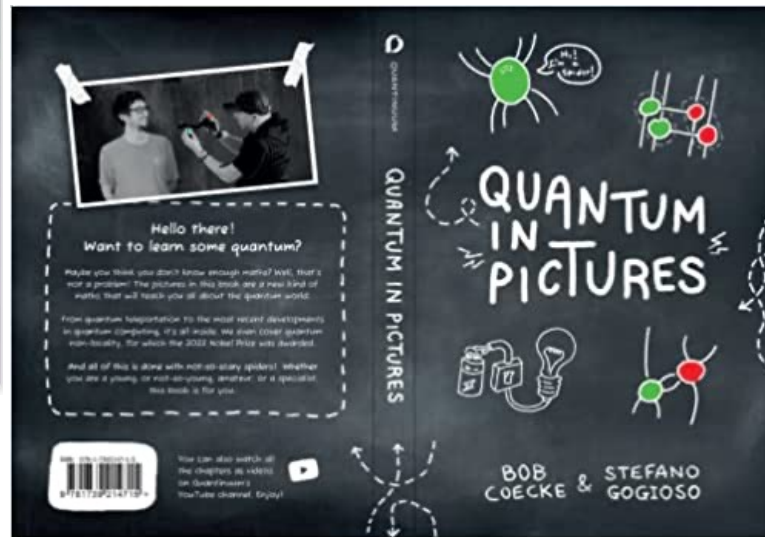
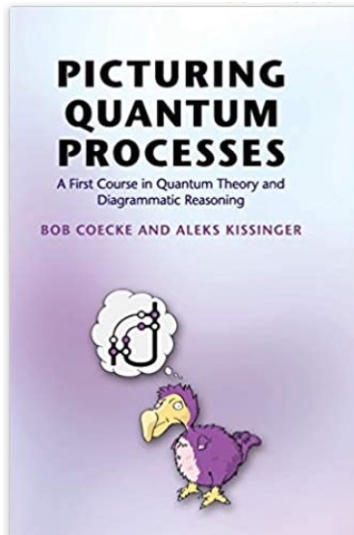
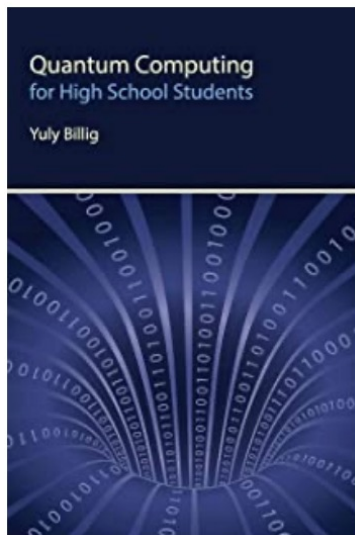
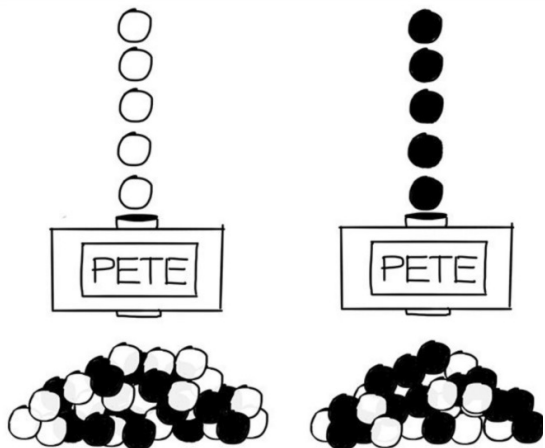
## 5.4 Error Mitigation and Control

The complexity of noise is a crucial issue. Quantum error correction protects quantum information from errors due to decoherence and other quantum noise. Quantum error correction is theorised as essential to achieving fault-tolerant quantum computation that can reduce the effects of noise on stored quantum information, faulty quantum gates, faulty quantum preparation, and inaccurate measurements.

Classical error correction employs redundancy. The simplest albeit inefficient approach is the repetition code. The idea is to store the information multiple times, and—if these copies are later found to disagree—take a majority vote; e.g. suppose we copy a bit in the one state three times, etc. However, copying quantum information is impossible due to the no-cloning theorem. This theorem seems to present an obstacle to formulating a theory of quantum error correction. But it is possible to spread the (logical) information of one qubit onto a highly entangled state of several (physical) qubits. Peter Shor first discovered this method of formulating a quantum error correcting code by storing the information of one qubit onto a highly entangled state of nine qubits.

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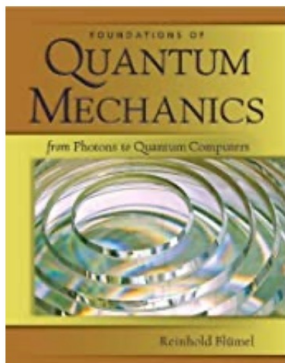
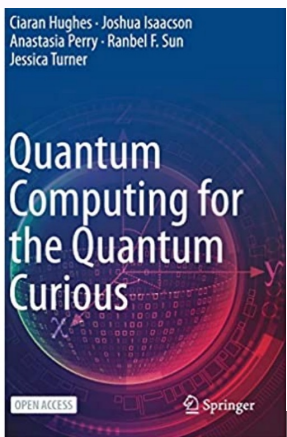
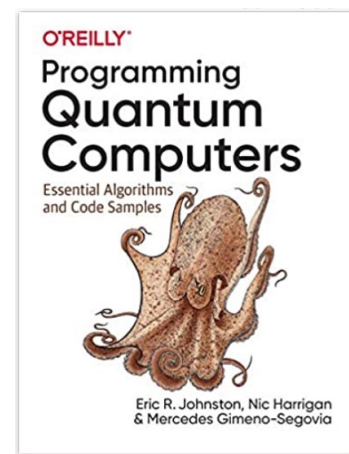
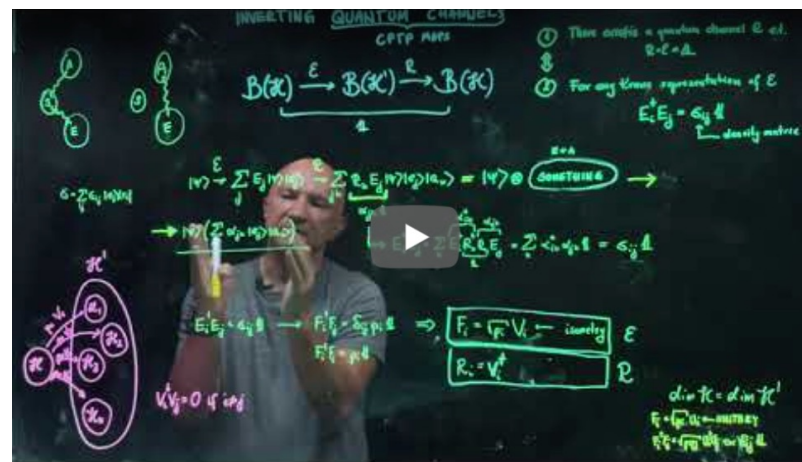
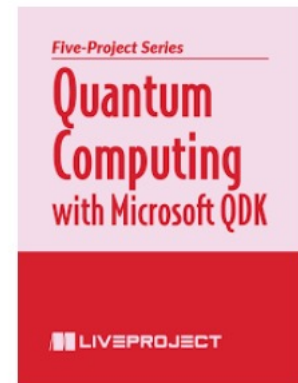
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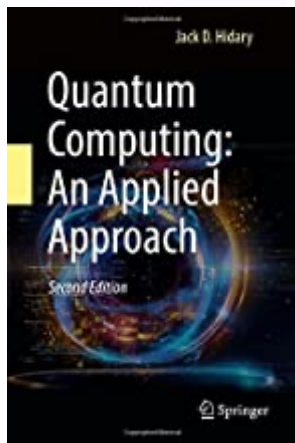
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# Kindergarten Quantum Mechanics

— lecture notes —

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**Abstract.** These lecture notes survey some joint work with Samson Abramsky as it was presented by me at several conferences in the summer of 2005. It concerns ‘doing quantum mechanics using only pictures of lines, squares, triangles and diamonds’. This picture calculus can be seen as a very substantial extension of Dirac’s notation, and has a purely algebraic counterpart in terms of so-called Strongly Compact Closed Categories (introduced by Abramsky and I in [3, 4]) which subsumes my Logic of Entanglement [11]. For a survey on the ‘what’, the ‘why’ and the ‘hows’ I refer to a previous set of lecture notes [12, 13]. In a last section we provide some pointers to the body of technical literature on the subject.

**Keywords:** quantum formalism, graphical calculus, Dirac notation, category theory, logic

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The aim of this sequel paper is to say ‘here’s the beef!’, and highlight some of the major results of the approach advocated in Kindergarten Quantum Mechanics, and how they are being applied to tackle practical problems on real quantum computers. Toward that end, we will focus mainly on what has become the Swiss army knife of the pictorial formalism: the *ZX-calculus*, a graphical tool for representing and manipulating complex linear maps on  $2^N$  dimensional space. First we look at some of the ideas behind the ZX-calculus,

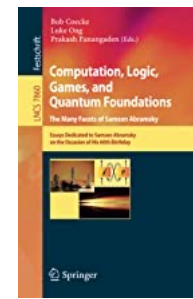
## 1. THE CHALLENGE

Why did discovering quantum teleportation take 60 year? We claim that this is due to a ‘bad quantum formalism’ (bad  $\neq$  wrong) and this badness is in particular due to the fact that the formalism is ‘too low level’ cf.

$$\frac{\text{“GOOD QM”}}{\text{von Neumann QM}} \simeq \frac{\text{HIGH-LEVEL language}}{\text{low-level language}}$$

Interestingly enough during one of my talks Gilles Brassard (one of the fathers of teleportation) disputed my claim on why teleportation was only discovered in the 1990’s. He argued that the reason ‘they’ only came up with teleportation when they did was due to the fact that the question had never been asked before [15] — and he added that once the question was asked the answer came quite easily (in a couple of hours). But that exactly confirms my claim: the badness of the quantum formalism causes the question not to be asked! Moreover, what is a more compelling argument for the badness of a formalism than having its creator on your side? While von Neumann designed Hilbert space quantum mechanics in 1932 [34] he renounced it 3 years later [10, 31]: “I would like to make a confession which may seem immoral: I do not believe absolutely in Hilbert space no more.” (sic.)

- So, wouldn’t it be nice to have a ‘good’ formalism, in which discovering teleportation would be trivial?
- I claim that such a formalism already exist! That’s what these notes are all about!
- So you think it must be absurdly abstract coming from guys like us?
- Not at all! In fact, it could be taught in kindergarten!



Spiders are all that the language of ZX-calculus consists of. Why can ZX-calculus get away with only these? Since we can now build the CNOT-gate from these spiders as follows:



That this is indeed the case is something that can be easily checked using matrices. So in particular, the CNOT-gate doesn’t have to be treated as a primitive anymore, but breaks down in two smaller pieces. Once we have phase gates and the CNOT-gate, we know that we can reproduce any quantum circuit made up of any gates.

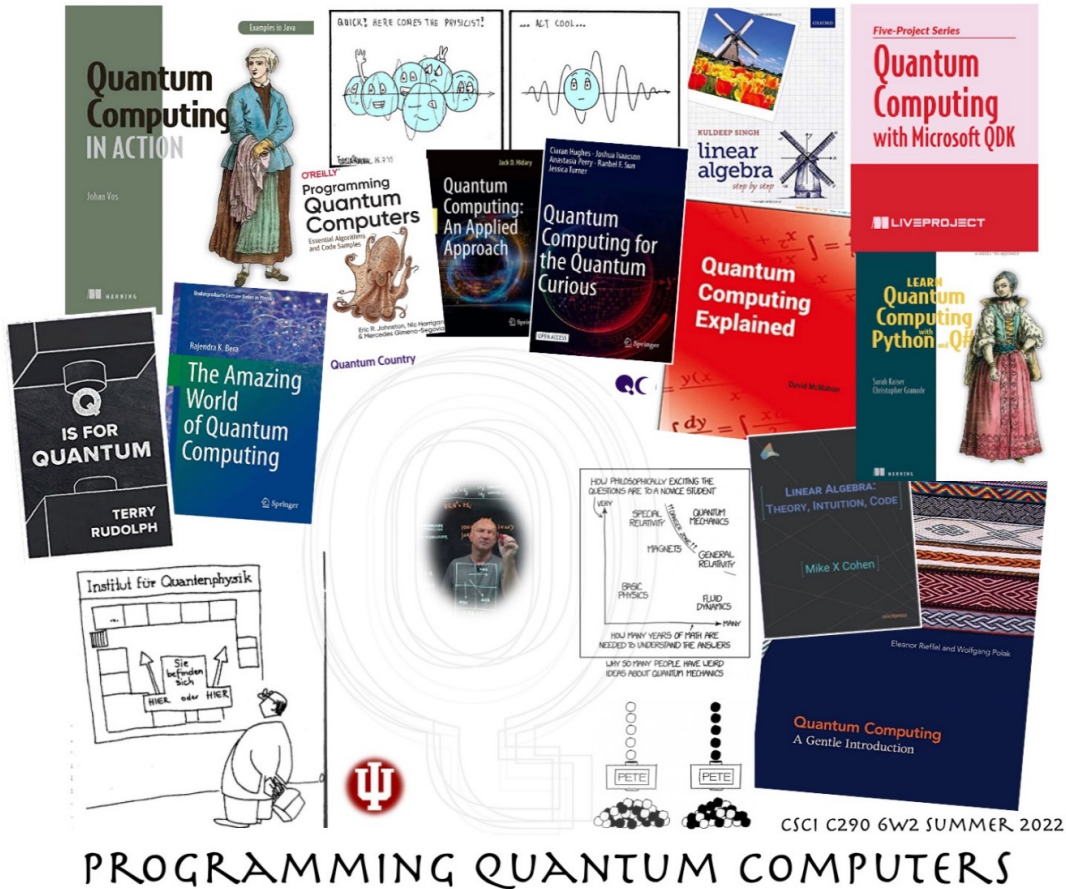
What is the upshot of doing this? More specifically, why is this better than using standard circuits? The true power of ZX-calculus arises from the fact that these smaller pieces in (3) are very easy to work with, in the sense that the rules that govern them are easy to figure out, remember, and do calculations with. Also, there aren’t many of them. In contrast, coming up with all the rules that govern fixed sets of quantum gates is really hard, and little is known beyond the case of very limited gate sets [2] or small fixed numbers of qubits.



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Lecture 14: Spin

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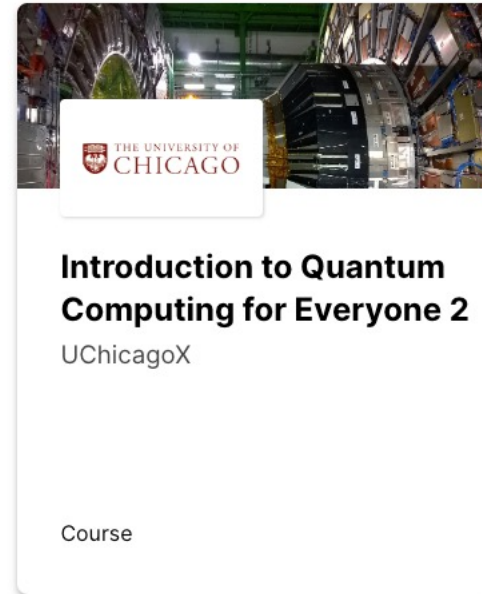
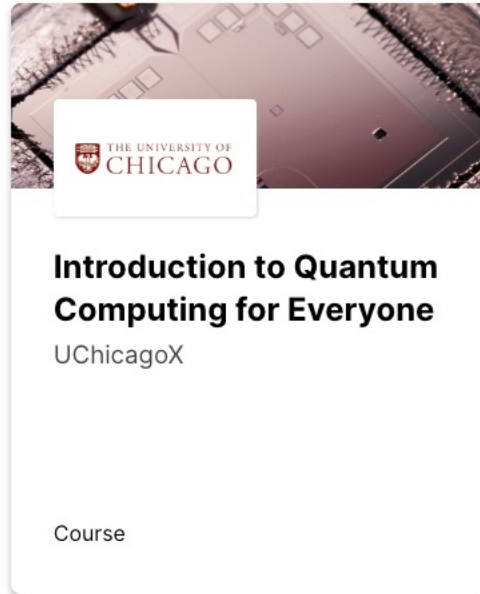
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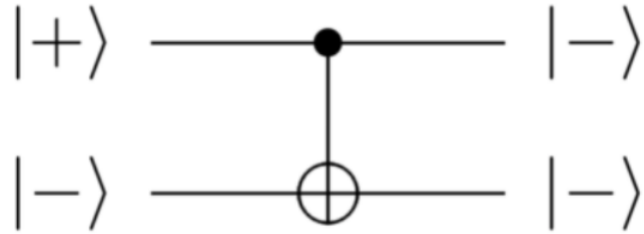


# a quantum abacus

It's time to prove our theorem:

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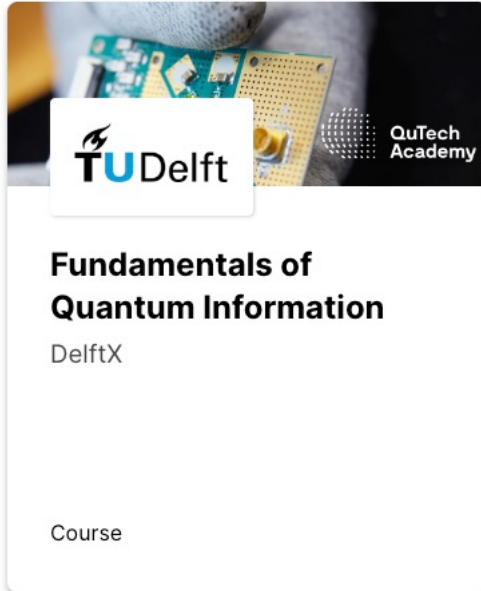
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"... [and] in the end the machinery will be revealed ..."

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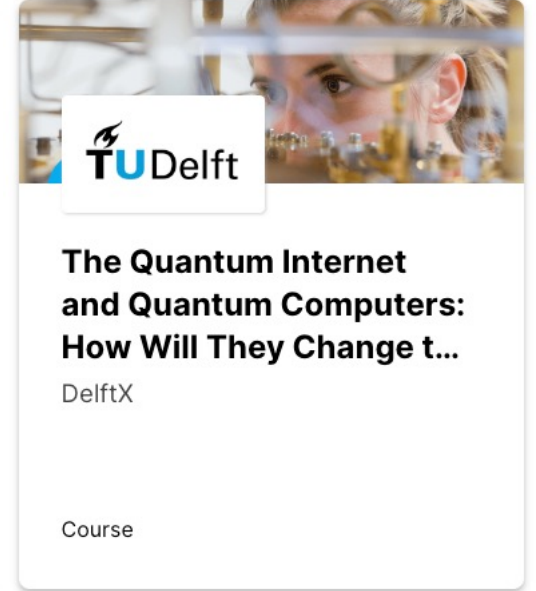
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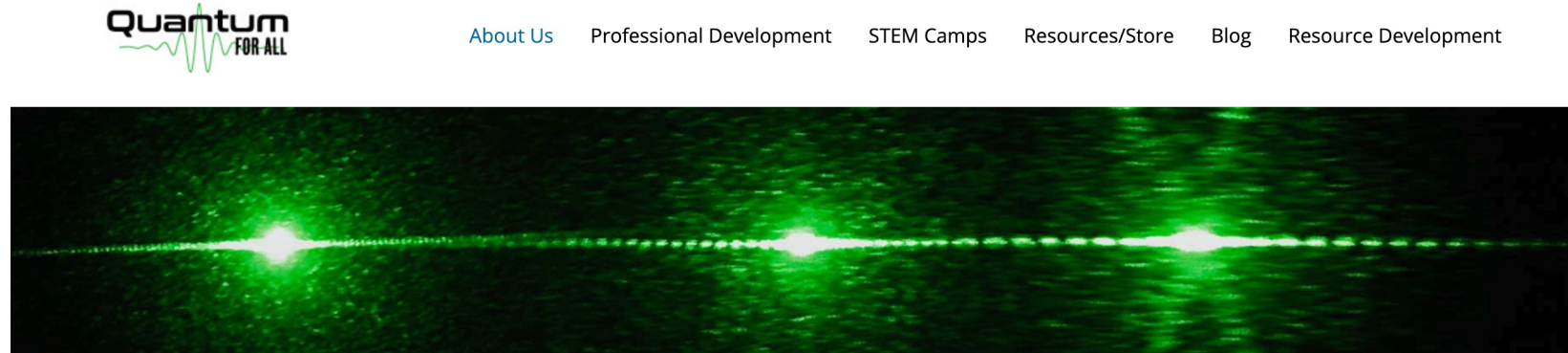
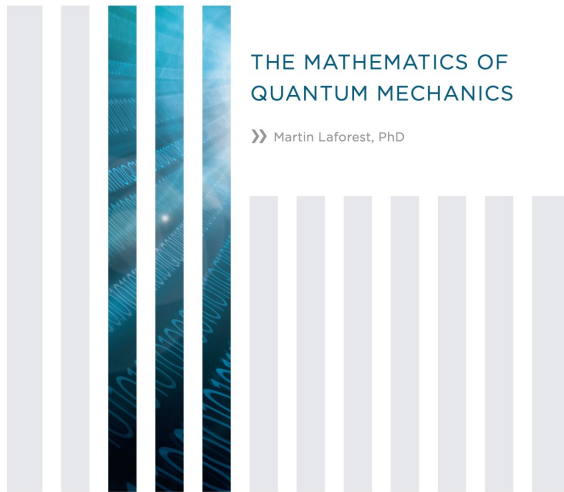
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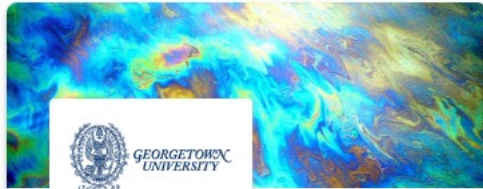
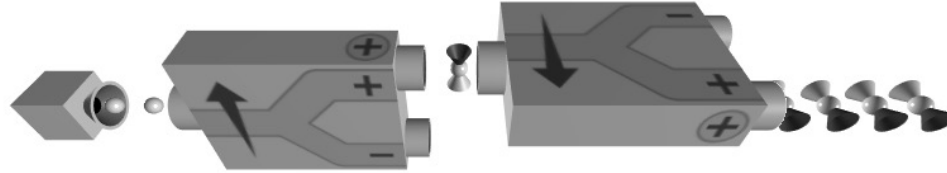
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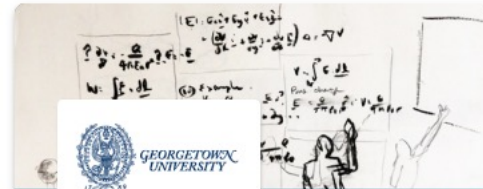
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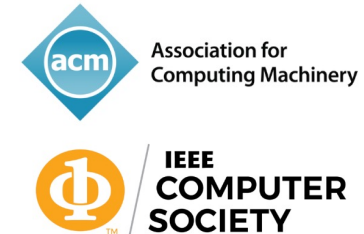


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**The why and what of CS202X Curricular Guidelines.** Continuing a process that began 50+ years ago with the publication<sup>1</sup> of Curriculum 68 (computing in 1968 was perhaps ahead<sup>2</sup> of where quantum computing is today) the three major professional societies in computing (ACM and IEEE—Computer Society, now joined by AAI) have sponsored 5 efforts to establish international curricular guidelines for undergraduate programs in computing on a roughly 10-year cycle. The last report came out<sup>3</sup> in 2013. Last year (2021) the QED-C Workforce Development TAC has contacted the ACM/IEEE Boards of Education offering to assist in the proper, accurate inclusion of Quantum Computing (QC) topics and learning outcomes in the CS202X Curricular Guidelines.

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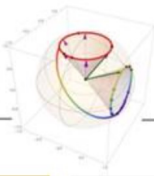
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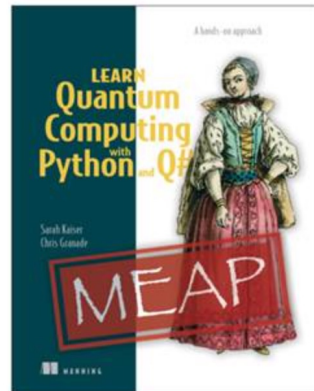
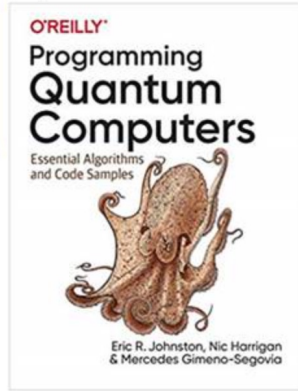
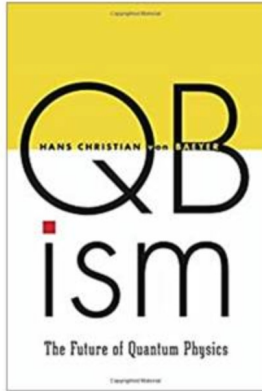
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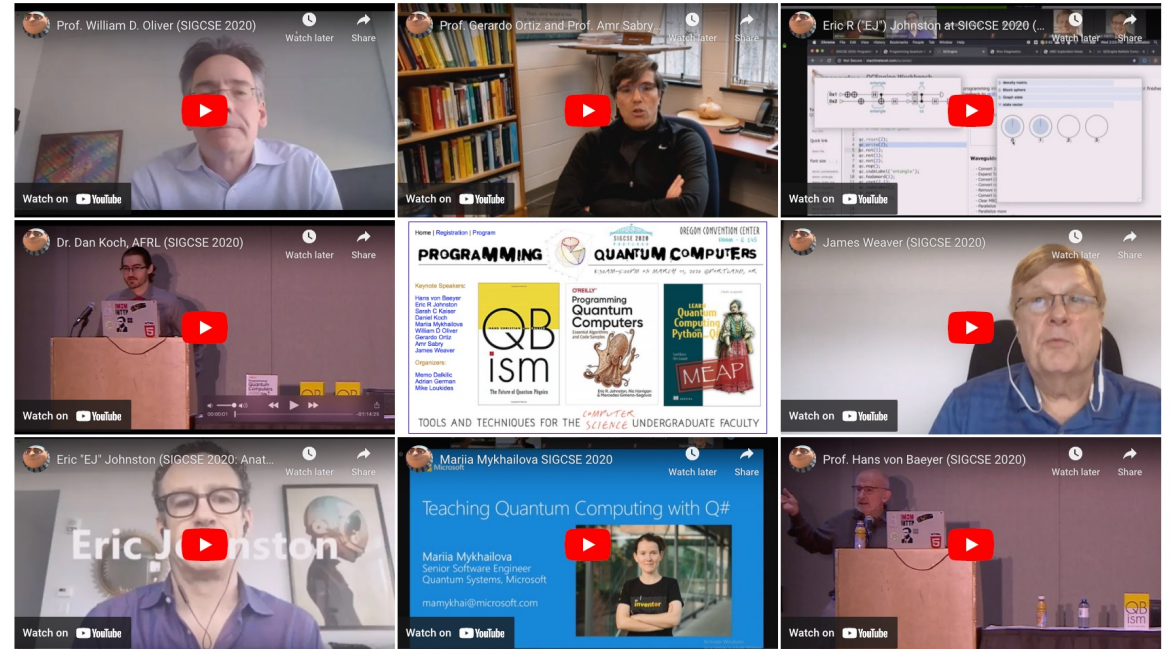
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*5.1.1 List of Topics.* This is the list of topics we propose for a one semester class that could be extended to a two-semester sequence if supported by an adequate number of lab sessions:

- The Wave-Particle Duality Principle.
- The Uncertainty Principle in the Double-Slit Experiment.
- Qubits. Superposition. Measurement. Photons as qubits.
- Basic probability, trigonometry, simple vector spaces.
- Supporting formalisms: complex numbers, Euler's formula.
- Systems of two qubits. Entanglement. Bell states.
- The No-Signaling theorem.
- Axioms of QM: the superposition principle, the measurement axiom, and the unitary evolution of quantum states.
- Single qubit gates: X, Z, H, etc.
- Two qubit gates and tensor products. Working with matrices.
- The No-Cloning Theorem.
- The Quantum Teleportation protocol.
- Early quantum algorithms: Deutsch-Josza, Bernstein-Vazirani.
- Simon's algorithm (as a precursor to Shor's algorithm)
- Deutsch-Josza with Mach-Zehnder Interferometers.
- Quantum Factoring (Shor's Algorithm)
- Quantum Search (Grover's Algorithm)
- Physical implementation of qubits.
- The nine qubit modalities currently in use.
- Classical control of a Quantum Processing Unit (QPU)
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5.1.2 *Illustrative Learning Outcomes.* With this list of topics in mind, at the end of the course we would want students to Understand that:

- a quantum object (a) is produced as a particle, (b) propagates like a wave, and (c) is detected as a particle with a probability distribution that corresponds to a wave
- at the quantum level nature is inherently probabilistic.
- entanglement can be used to create non-classical correlations, but there is no way to use quantum entanglement to send messages faster than the speed of light.
- nature is inconsistent with any local hidden variable theory.
- quantum gates implement time evolution of a quantum state.

Become aware of the following:

- the power and idiosyncrasies of quantum communication
- the power of quantum parallelism and the role of constructive vs destructive interference in quantum algorithms given the probabilistic nature of measurement(s).

Understand that:

- quantum computation breaks the extended Church-Turing thesis but does not violate the original Church-Turing thesis and what the difference is
- quantum computation already occurs in nature. We are just trying to get better at harnessing it

Understand:

- the role of quantum Fourier sampling and quantum Fourier transform (QFT) in Shor's algorithm
- the classical components/aspects in Shor's algorithm
- the mechanisms of phase inversion and inversion around the mean in Grover's algorithm

Be able to:

- enumerate, compare and contrast the implementation-level specifics of each qubit modality (e.g., trapped ion, superconducting, silicon spin, photonic, quantum dot, neutral atom, topological, color center, electron-on-helium, etc.)
- pinpoint differences between adiabatic quantum computing (AQC, QA) and the gate model of quantum computation and which kind of problems each is better suited to solve

Understand that:

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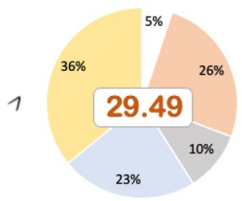


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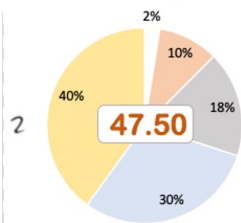
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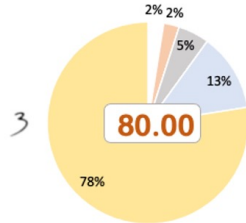
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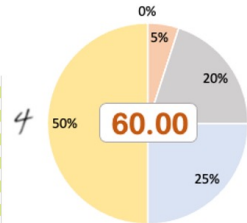
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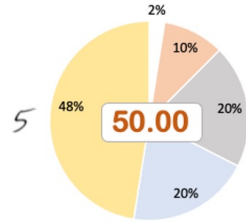
What is a Qubit? Superposition and Measurement. Photons as qubits.



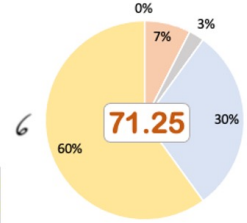
Supporting formalisms: basic probability, trigonometry, simple vector spaces.



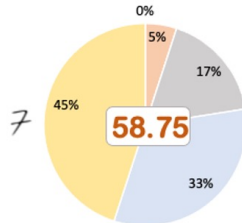
Supporting formalisms: complex numbers, Euler's formula.



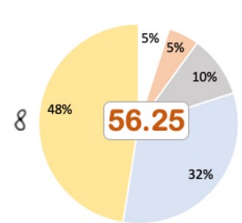
Systems of two qubits. Entanglement. Bell states. The No-Signaling theorem.



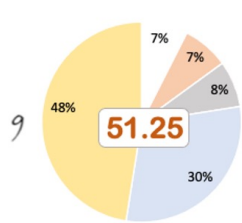
Axioms of QM: superposition principle, measurement axiom, unitary evolution.



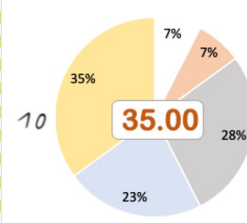
Single qubit gates for the circuit model of quantum computation (e.g., X, Z, H).



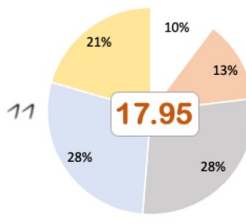
Two qubit gates and tensor products. Working with matrices.



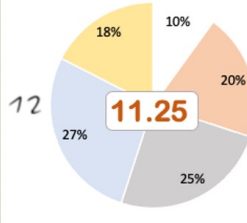
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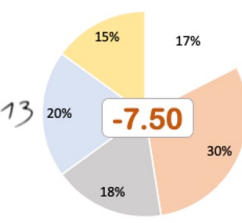
Early quantum algorithms: Deutsch-Josza, Bernstein-Vazirani.



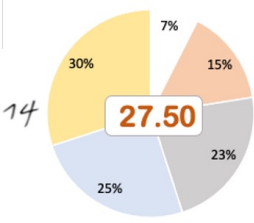
Simon's algorithm (as a precursor to Shor's algorithm).



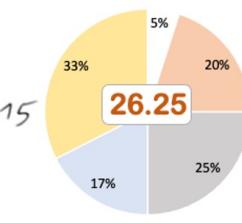
Implementing Deutsch-Josza with Mach-Zehnder Interferometers.



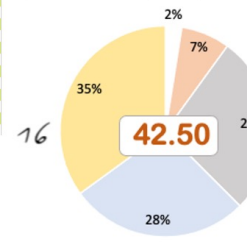
Quantum Factoring (Shor's Algorithm).



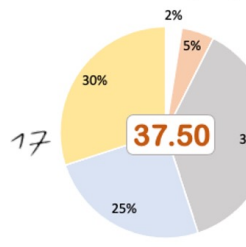
Quantum Search (Grover's Algorithm).



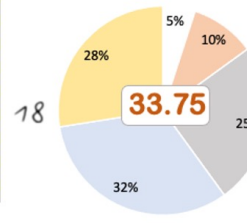
Physical implementation of qubits (there are currently nine qubit modalities).



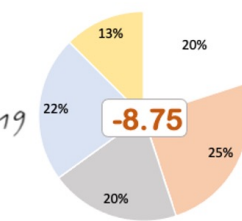
Classical control of a Quantum Processing Unit (QPU).



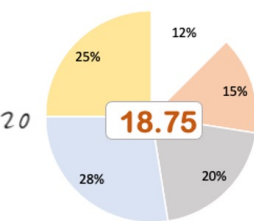
Error mitigation and control. NISQ and beyond.



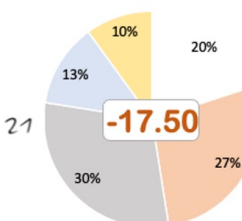
Post-quantum encryption.



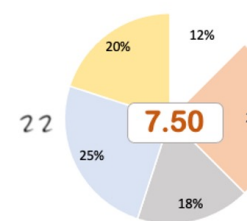
QKD. The Quantum Internet.



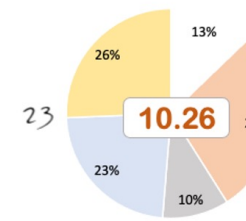
Adiabatic Quantum Computation (AQC) and Quantum Annealing.



A hardware lab to design and implement a 3-5 qubit quantum processor.



A hardware lab to design/implement qubits and quantum gates (but not a full processor).



### Topics



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It seems very challenging (maybe impossible?) to design and implement qubits and quantum gates in a semester-long early undergraduate lab. Though getting this kind of hands-on experience is very important. The skills needed will also be highly depending on the technical job. (I am assuming technical job means a job in quantum computing that would require a bachelor degree.) For example, experimental work will place more emphasis on hardware, while theory work will require more understanding of various algorithms.

Topics to be added (may be as an advanced materials):  
Quantum Computer Simulators, Quantum Compiling

knowledge of classical computers is also important

AQC and Quantum Annealing are extremely under-represented in academia, compared to the volume of research publications using this alternative approach to quantum computation. I believe the problem is not enough university and graduate-level introductory materials. Faculty are unfamiliar with the subject and don't have anything to teach from.

Programming skills to interface with hardware, such as FPGs, and other instruments

Nonlinear Phenomena for the generation and detection of quantum phenomena. Material and fabrication for quantum platforms.

Quantum Cryptography, and Post Quantum Cryptographic Algorithm implementation are necessary from a software development perspective.

Regulatory issues

Don't waste time going through algorithms that were invented merely to prove that there exist classes of problems for which quantum computation is fast - e.g. Deutsch-Josza. These are much too theoretical given the declared target students. The fundamental theory is all done and this course is not aimed at creating future quantum mechanics math professors. Instead, pick an economically interesting application and show how to map it to a quantum computer. The emerging business need is how to map useful work to a quantum computer. Pick something in quantum chemistry or social media map searching. Don't bother with a decryption example - there is no money to be made. Don't bother with quantum internet - there is no money to be made. I think that probability, trigonometry, simple vector spaces, complex numbers and Euler's formula need to be in pre-requisite courses. Anyone who comes to this course not knowing those has no hope of completing the course materials.

Electromagnetic Theory, Quantum Physics, Quantum Chemistry, Python, Qiskit.

Quantum Internet concepts



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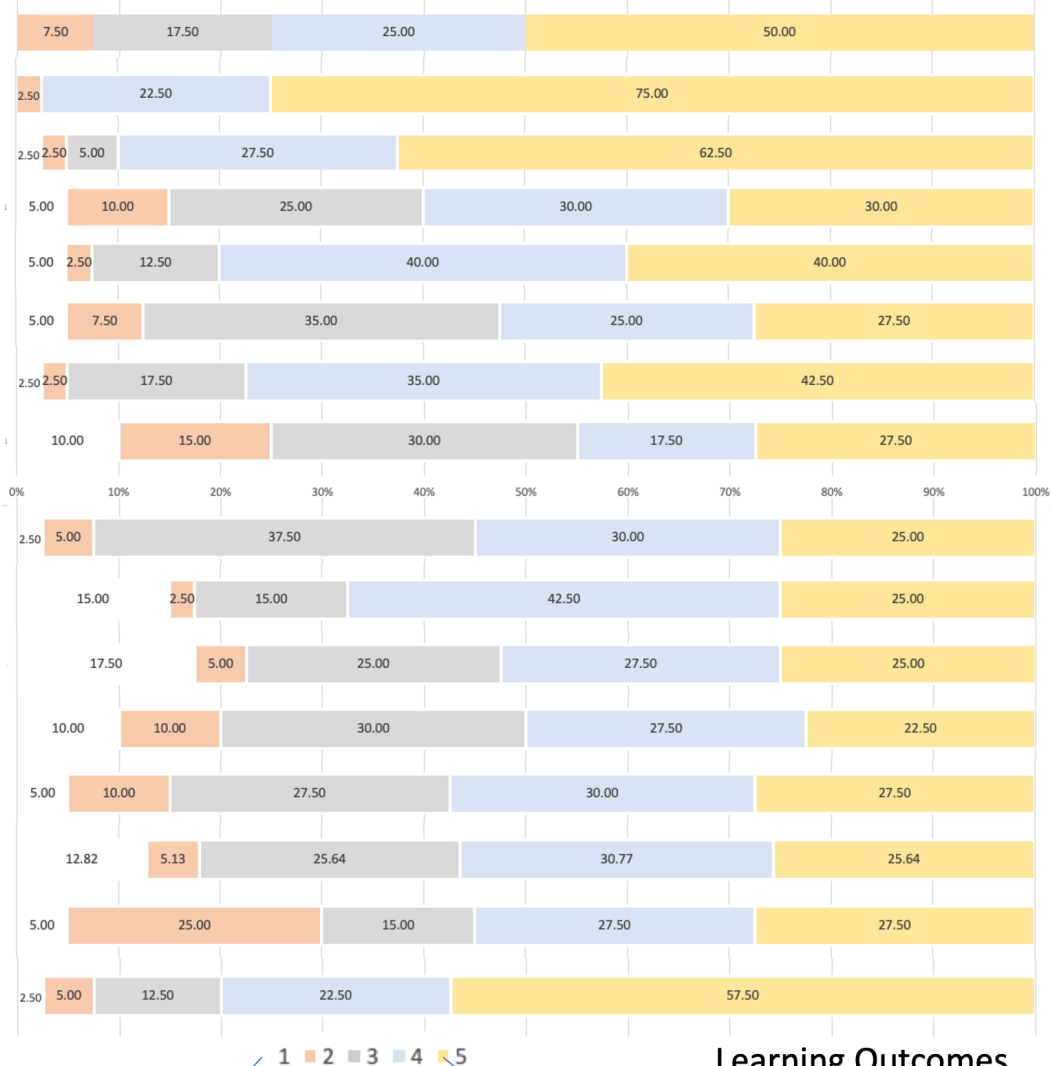
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Scores are in the range [-100, 100]

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Why are you assuming there is a "quantum chip" vs a trap or atom array?

Platforms and costs for diverse materials. Waste management. Philosophical questions about the meaning of entanglement. Ethical consequences and implications of quantum generation of devices and networks.

Quantum Internet (Nitrogen Vacancy Centers or other transportation techniques)

The last learning outcome is not quite accurate. In Measurement Based Quantum Computing, there is no single "quantum chip" that contains qubits. Also it is arguable whether ion traps, cold atoms, diamond centres, etc, are in chips, or just housed in some other kind of packaging.

An important concept is that qubits are described by amplitudes, and that we interfere amplitudes that are indistinguishable. If they are distinguishable, nothing interesting normally can be done, you simply have classical probability. The fact the amplitudes are complex gives rise to the interesting quantum effects

Helping students develop an intuitive feel for Quantum Mechanics' non-intuitive idiosyncrasies is very important. Only then will students understand how to fully leverage Quantum Mechanical principles to solve problems not solvable by classical computers today. Some level of complexity theory is necessary as well. To fully grasp this concept.

Native quantum language fluency.

That last statement about components of a quantum computer does not fit AQC/Quantum Annealing. [Yet a]n[other] example of how this topic is under-represented.



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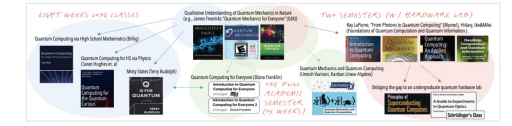


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1. Why do we need such a knowledge unit?
2. What does it look like?
3. How do we know it's what we need?



## 6 CONCLUSIONS

Interest in incorporating quantum architecture topics in the traditional CS curriculum remains high [38]. In this paper, we have argued that there is more than one way to achieve that goal, and we reviewed many available resources. And while none of our questions admits a clear-cut answer, we can try to summarize here our position as follows:

- (1) the CS undergraduate should have a proper appreciation for the quantum mechanical nature of our world. They should know that there is more than one way to implement a qubit, that we are currently in the NISQ era, and there is a gate model as well as an alternative, adiabatic model of quantum computation.
- (2) there are many entry points in such a program and consequently an equal number of associated prerequisites. The main prerequisite should be a certain intellectual versatility, manifested in a willingness to be exposed to information from more than one domain/discipline.
- (3) in quantum computation labs will be quintessential, and they will rely on computer-assisted mathematics (e.g., Wolfram Alpha, numpy, Qiskit, matplotlib, etc.) software emulation (Qiskit Metal) traditional maths (Google Colab and  $\LaTeX$ ) access to actual quantum computers via various cloud platforms (Amazon Braket, IBM Q, Xanadu Borealis, etc.) and occasionally access to a physics lab, fab or foundry.
- (4) a genuine interdisciplinary program can only be built if faculty has wide general support towards such a goal. Cross-campus, inter-departmental communication and cooperation may not be trivial, and faculty need to know that they might have to make a concerted effort to achieve such a beneficial desiderate.
- (5) incorporating material about all qubit modalities in the curriculum will ensure the material will remain relevant over a reasonably long period. Some qubit modalities (e.g., photons via bulk optics) might allow more accessible experimental setups than others (trapped ions or superconducting qubits). But the widespread opinion is that students should be exposed to more than one qubit modality, including the design and implementation of qubits (e.g., via Qiskit Metal) and error mitigation and (classical) control.

We live in an era of great promise and consequently a proportionate amount of confusion. More than 60 companies worldwide are building quantum computers at this writing. And while some companies have already started announcing publicly their goals of reaching a million qubits [49] by the end of the decade, one needs to keep in mind that it is normal for a company to have different positions when talking to investors and customers. There is clearly no doubt that there has been significant progress, and with that comes a certain amount of overhype.

But there is also a certain amount of underhype that goes unreported. Witness for example the following interview [13] with David Deutsch in The Economist:

“Last year I saw their ion-trap experiment, where they were experimenting on a single calcium atom. The idea of not just accessing but manipulating it, in incredibly subtle ways, is something I totally assumed would never happen. Now they do it routinely. [And it] works in a completely different way that cannot be expressed classically. This is a fundamentally new way of harnessing nature. To me, it’s secondary how fast it is.”

We need to keep an open mind and prepare our students for all their possible futures [44].

The Economist



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### David Deutsch, father of quantum computing

A fundamentally new way of harnessing nature

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"I OCCASIONALLY go down and look at the experiments being done in the basement of the Clarendon Lab, and it's incredible." David Deutsch, of the University of Oxford, is the sort of theoretical physicist who comes up with ideas that shock and confound his experimentalist colleagues—and then seems rather endearingly shocked and confounded by what they are doing. "Last year I saw their ion-trap experiment, where they were experimenting on a single calcium atom," he says. "The idea of not just accessing but manipulating it, in incredibly subtle ways, is something I totally assumed would never happen. Now they do it routinely."

Such trapped ions are candidates for the innards of eventual powerful quantum computers. These will be the crowning glory of the quantum theory of computation, a field founded on a 1985 paper by Dr Deutsch. He thinks the widely predicted "quantum supremacy" that eventually puts a quantum computation incontrovertibly ahead of a classical one will be momentous for scientists and laymen alike. He brushes off the fervent debate about whether the commercially available D-Wave computer offers a speed advantage. "If it works, it works in a completely different way that cannot be expressed classically. This is a fundamentally new way of harnessing nature. To me, it's secondary how fast it is."



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We hold these truths to be self-evident: (a) That all students are intrinsically motivated to learn but learn to be unmotivated if they repeatedly fail; (b) That every student has the basic needs to belong, to be competent and to influence what happens to them; motivation to learn only exists when these three conditions are satisfied; (c) Learning is hard, expensive (in terms of effort) and involves taking risks, so it is imperative that students need to perceive the classroom as a safe environment both from a physical and psychological perspective. Finally, and this is in fact the crux of the matter here and in the rest of higher-education, high self-esteem should not be a goal, but rather a result (or a consequence), that comes with the mastery of challenging tasks.

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