

Building a superconducting quantum computer

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Outline:

- **Quantum Logic Gates and Quantum Computers: an Introduction**
- **Realization of a Superconducting Quantum Computer**
- **The need for a tight quantum-classical integration**

Bloch sphere:

Visualization of qubit states

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

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

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$$

$$|East\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|0\rangle - i|1\rangle]$$

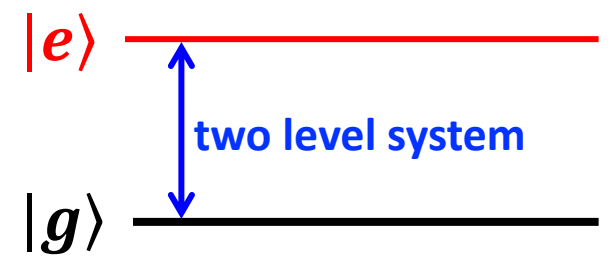
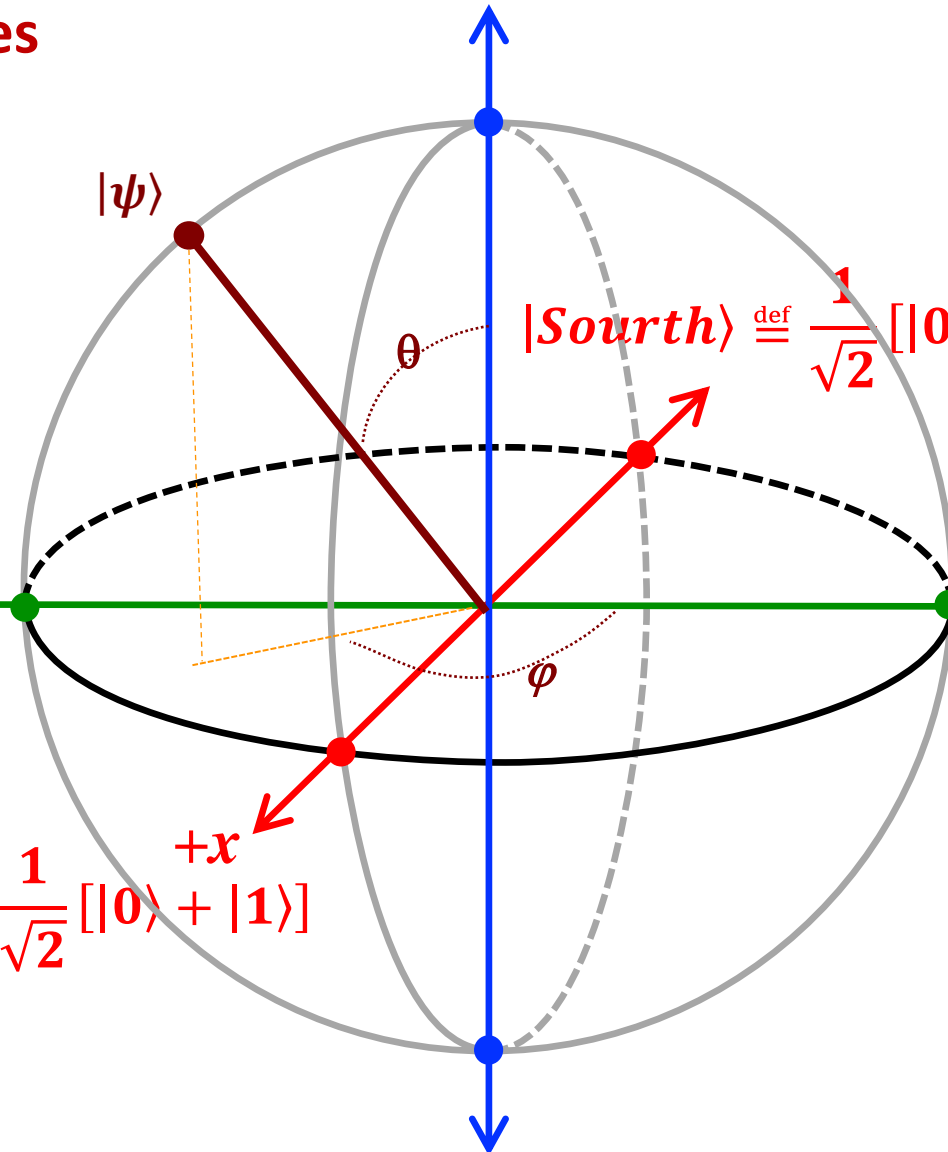
$$|West\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|0\rangle + i|1\rangle]$$

$$|North\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|0\rangle + |1\rangle]$$

$$|South\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|0\rangle - |1\rangle]$$

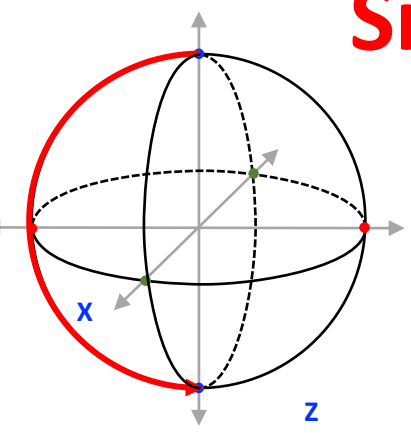
$$|g\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |0\rangle = |north\ pole\rangle$$

$$|e\rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |1\rangle = |south\ pole\rangle$$

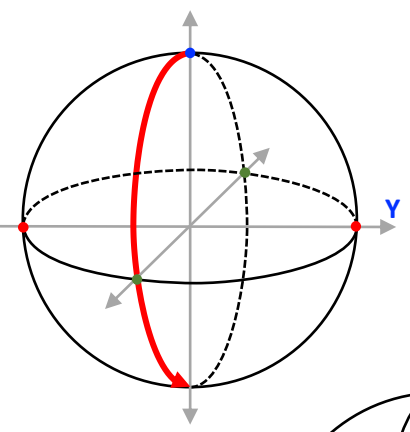


Single qubit gates

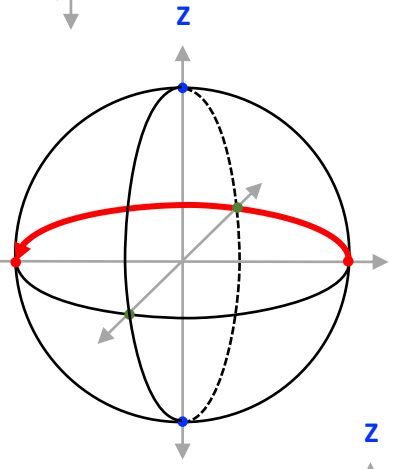
X Pauli-X



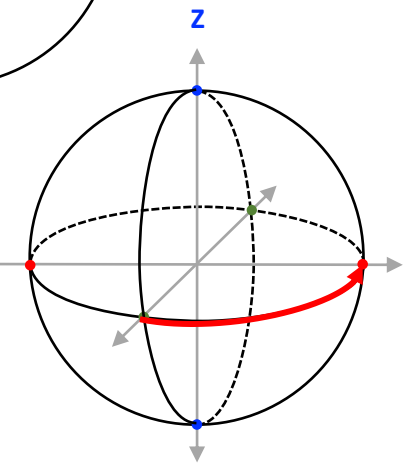
Y Pauli-Y



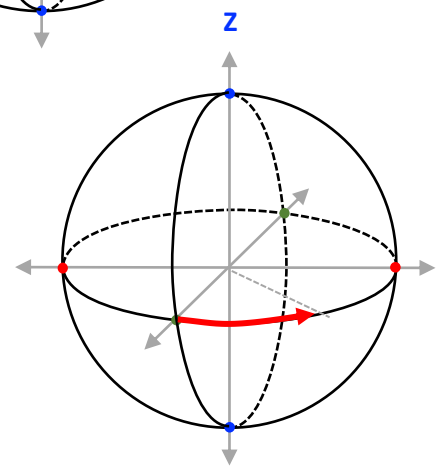
Z Pauli-Z



S Phase (S, P)



T $\pi/8$ (T)



the S-gate and T-gate are **not** their own inverse

Hadamard gate  to turn ON and OFF Superposition

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

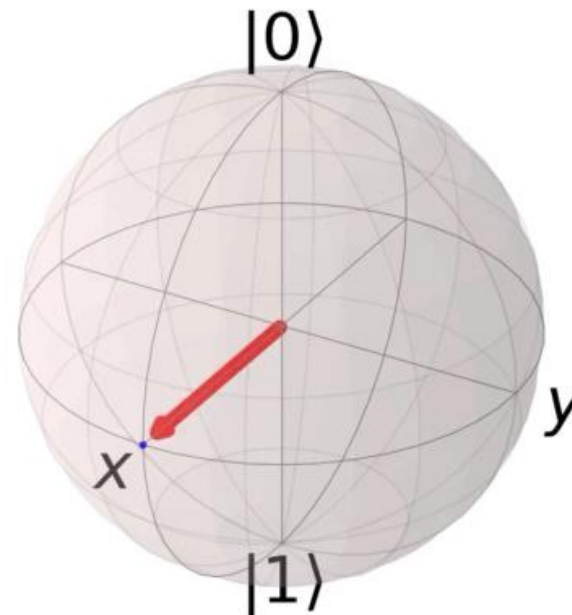
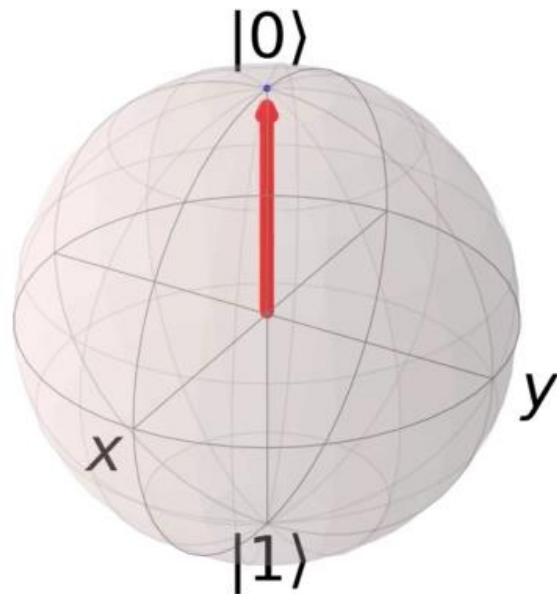
$$H|+\rangle = |0\rangle$$

$$H|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle$$

$$H|-\rangle = |1\rangle$$

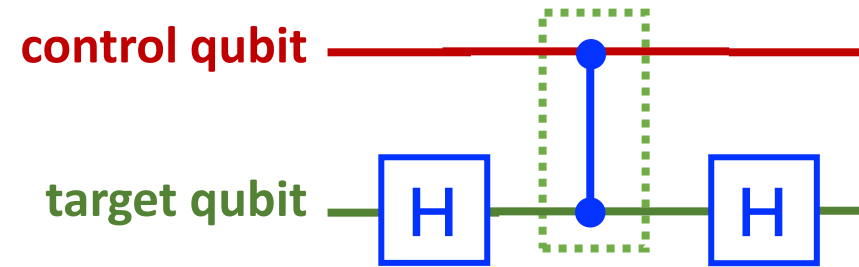
From $|0\rangle$ to superposition state

From superposition state back to $|0\rangle$



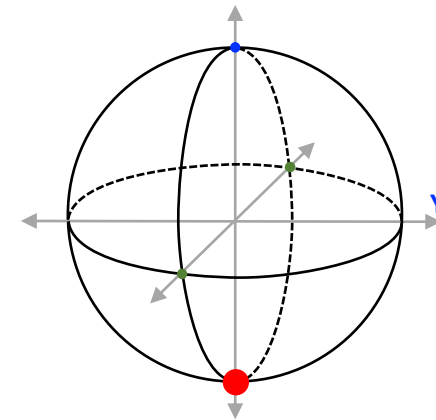
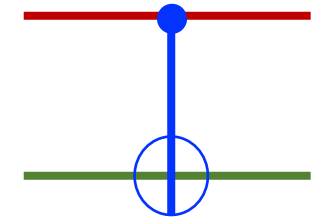
A basic conditional gate: Control Z gate

CZ gate



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CNOT Gate



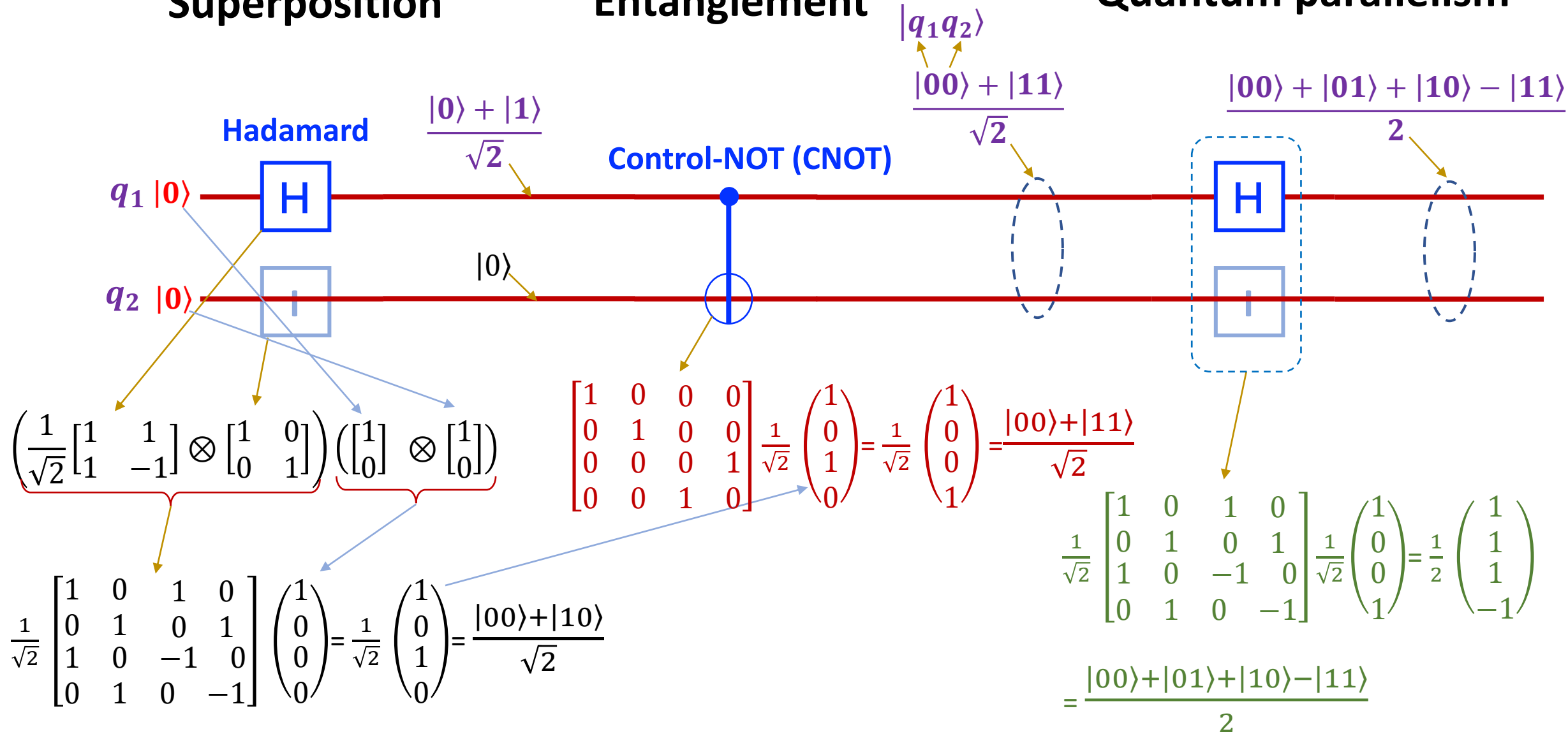
Control qubit = $|1\rangle$

Unveiling the Power of Quantum Logic Gates

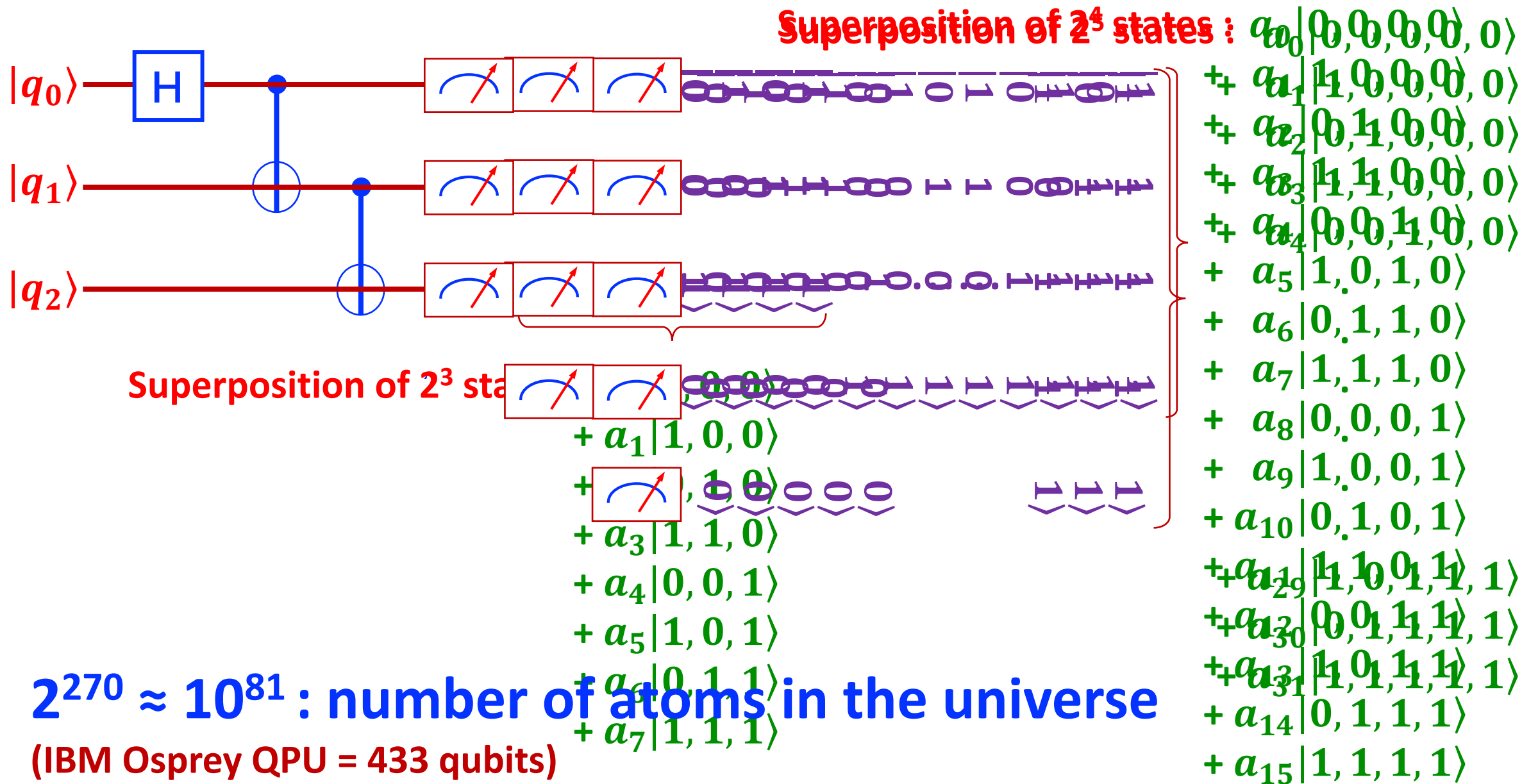
Superposition

Entanglement

Quantum parallelism



Harnessing the Power of Quantum Computers : Processing Superpositions of 2^n States



Building a Superconducting Quantum Computing :

Chip Design

Device Fabrication

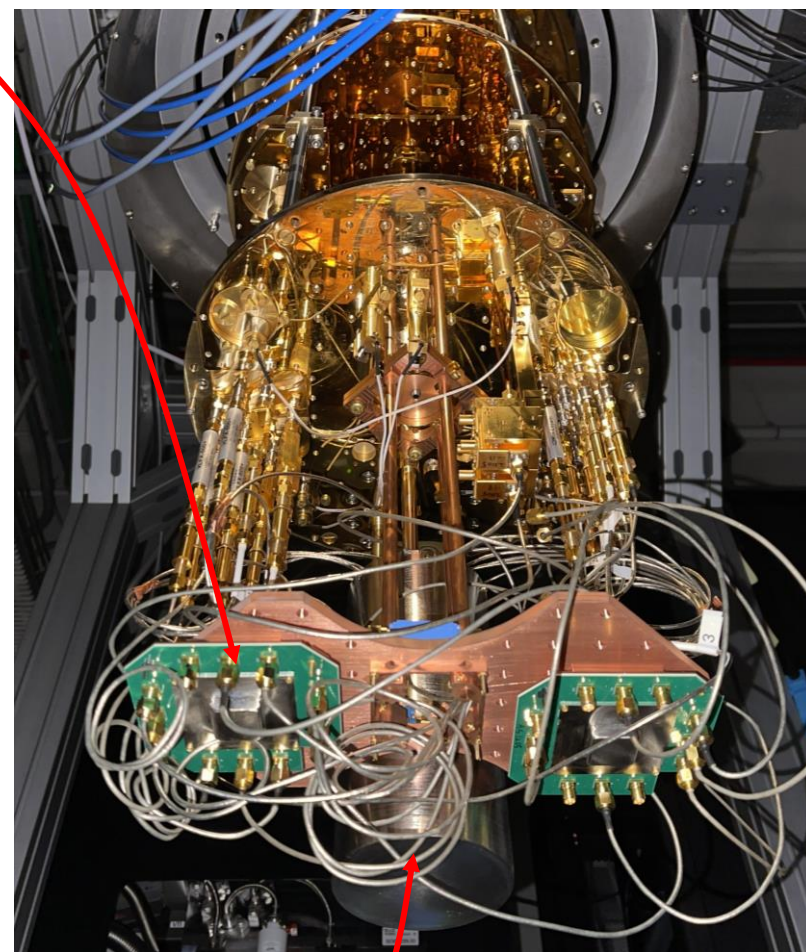
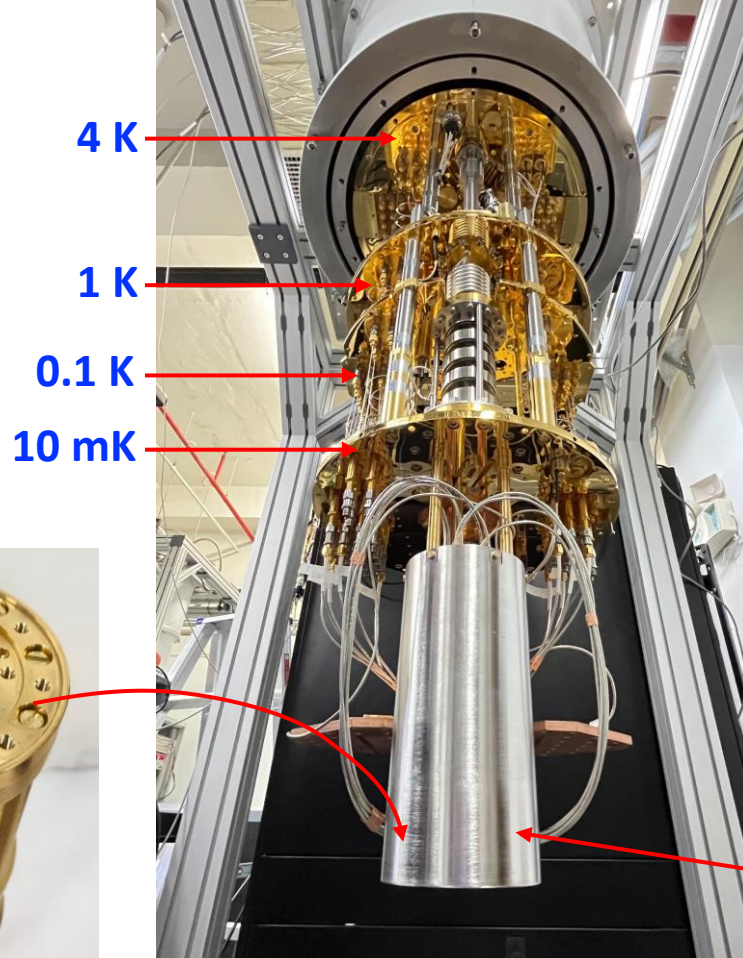
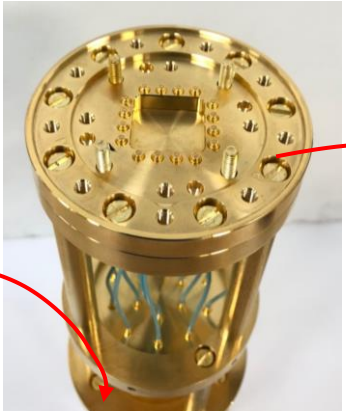
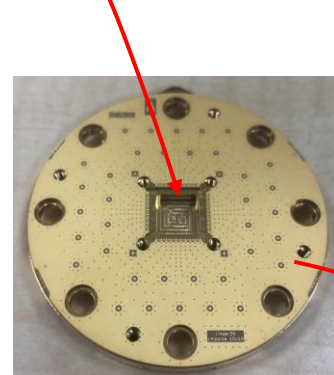
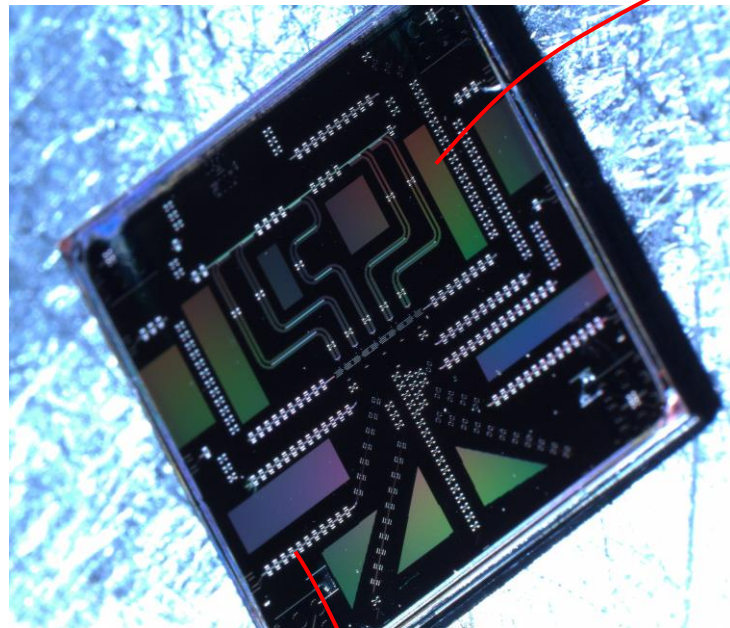
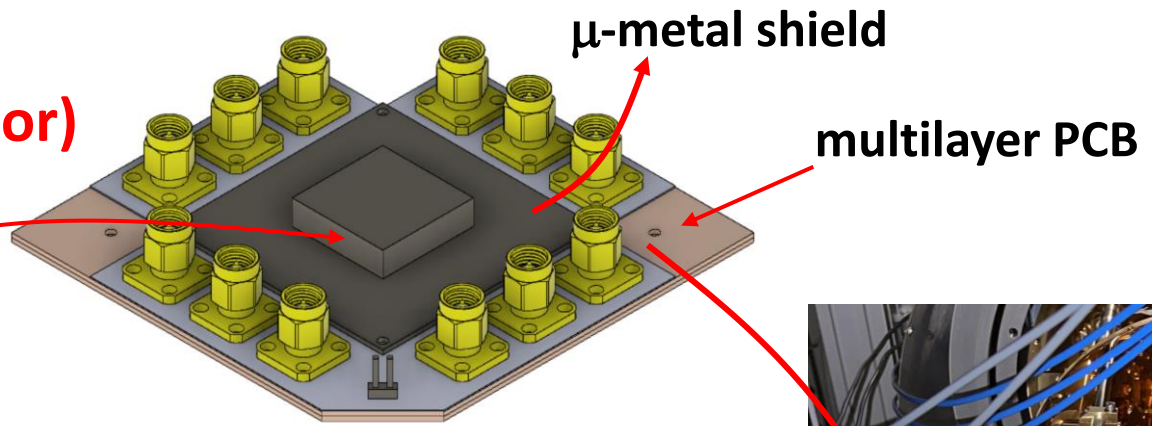
Packaging and Measurement Circuits

Readout and Control signals

Software Stack

QPU Packaging

(bonding, shielding, thermal anchor)



2x μ -metal shield

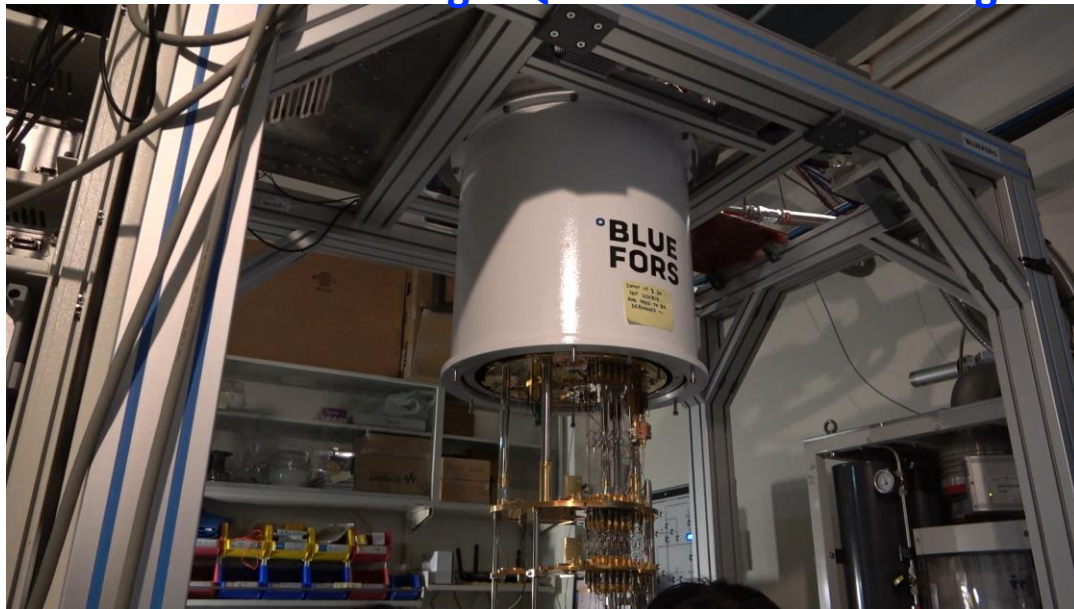
QPU fabrication : electron beam exposure



QPU fabrication : surface cleaning/thin film deposition



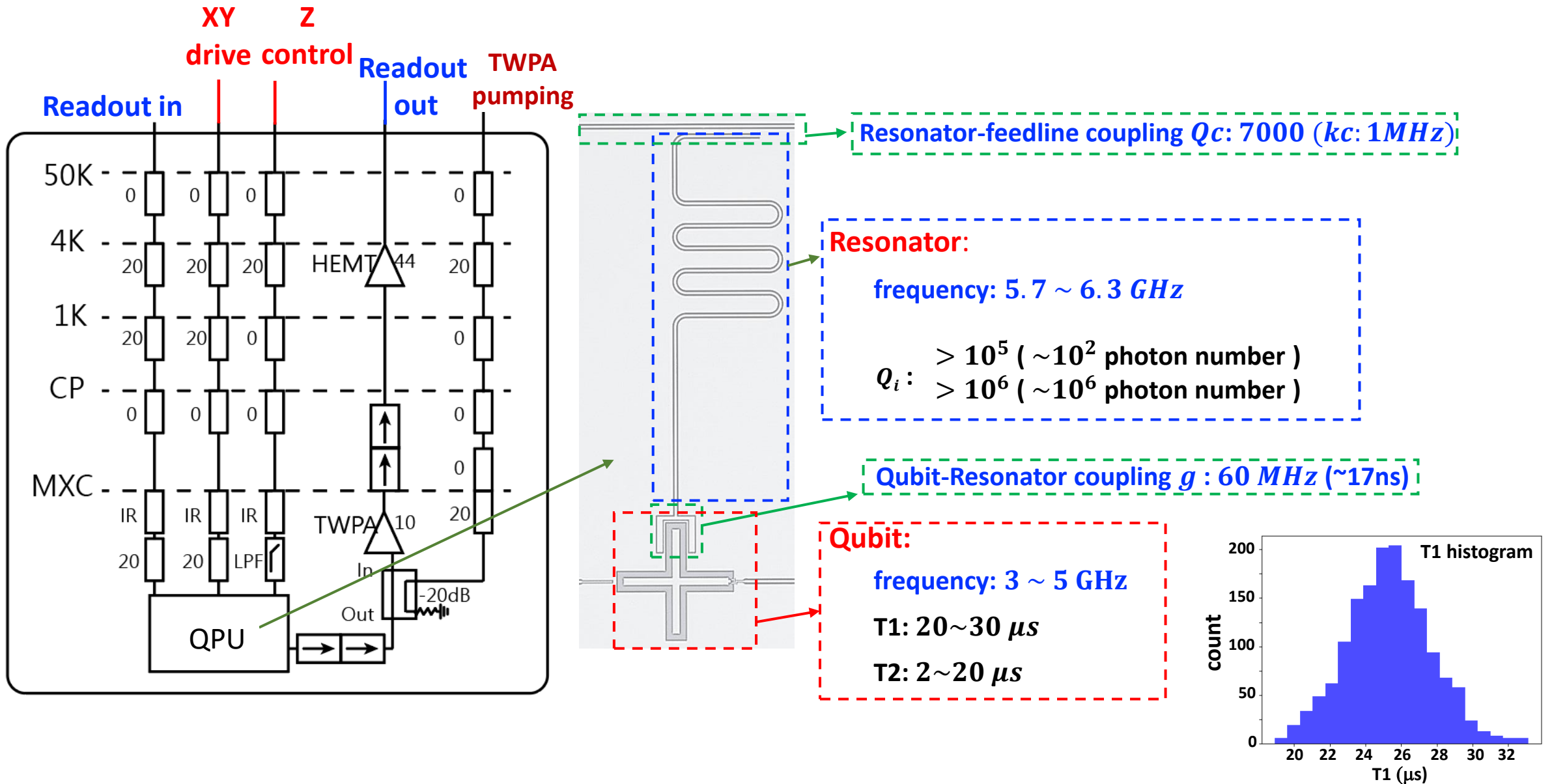
Measurement : loading a QPU into a dilution fridge

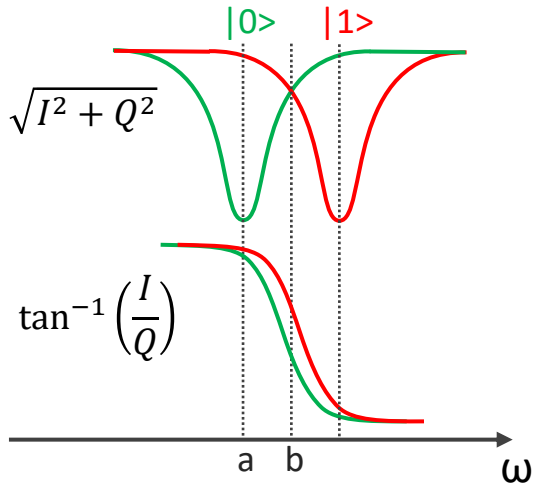
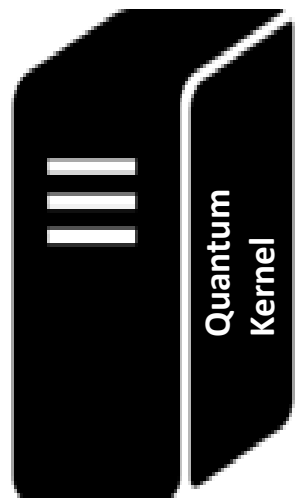


Measurement : control and readout of qubit states

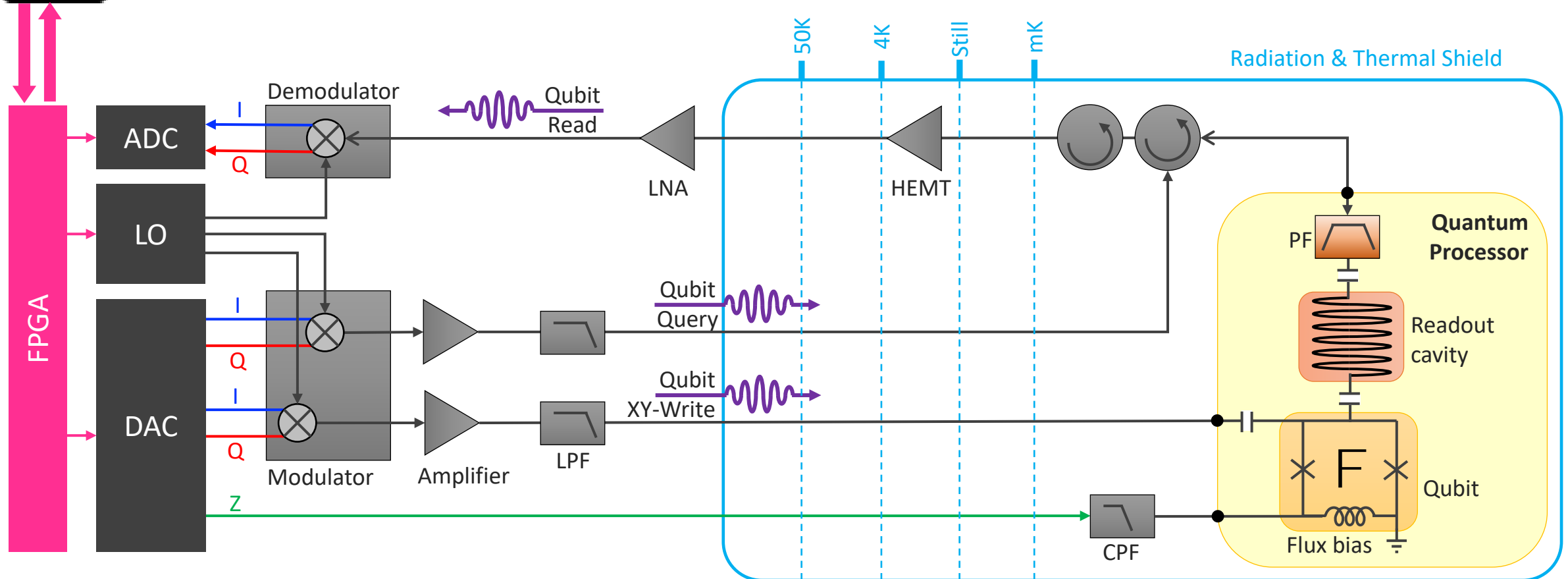
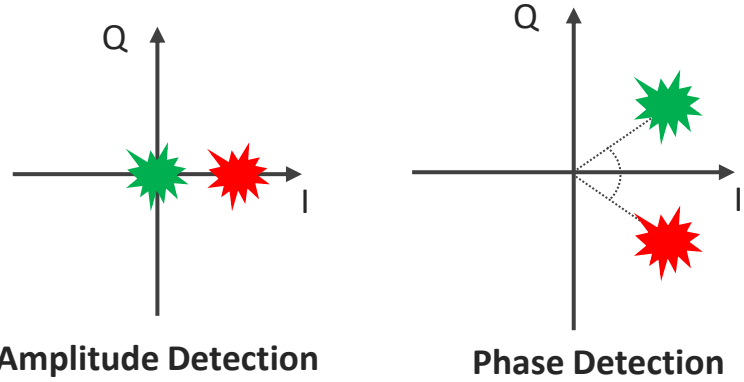


Measurement Circuit and QPU parameters

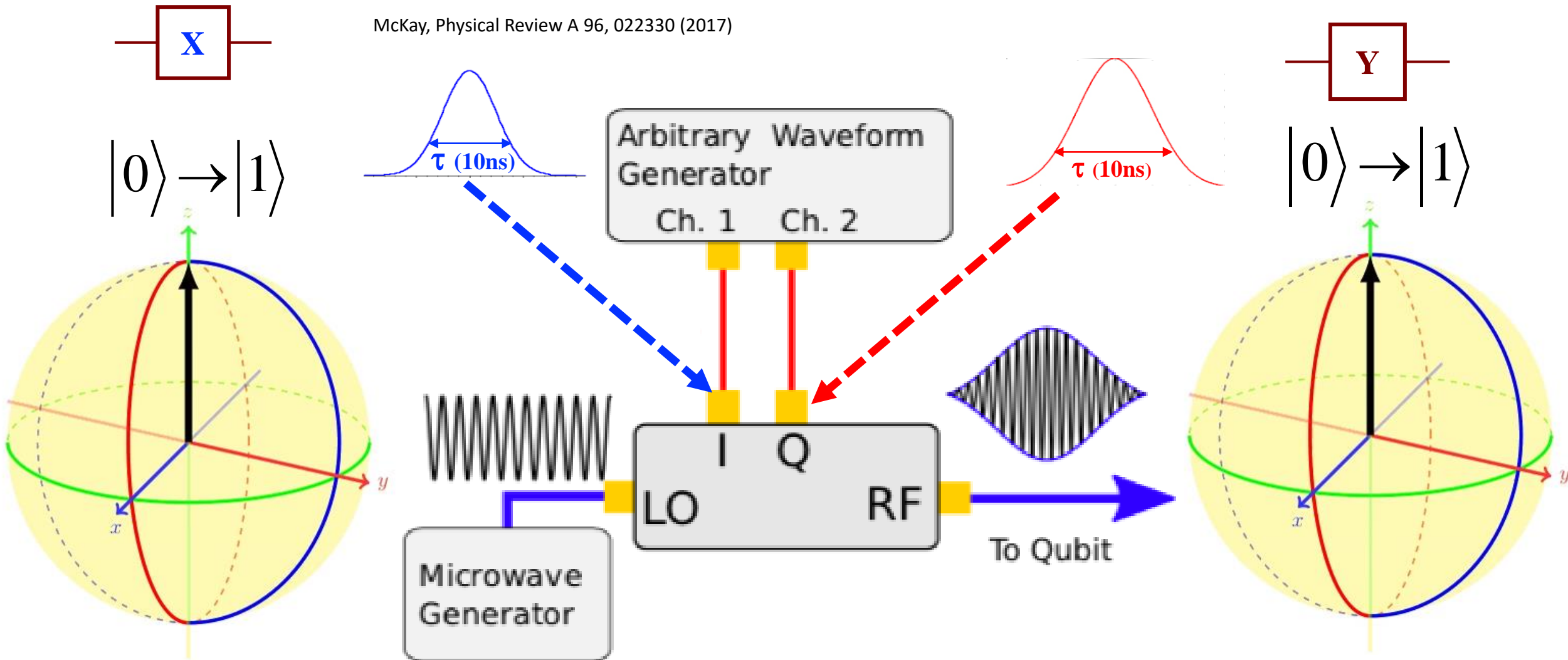




Complete Setup for Single Qubit Operation: Vector XY-Control Full Readout

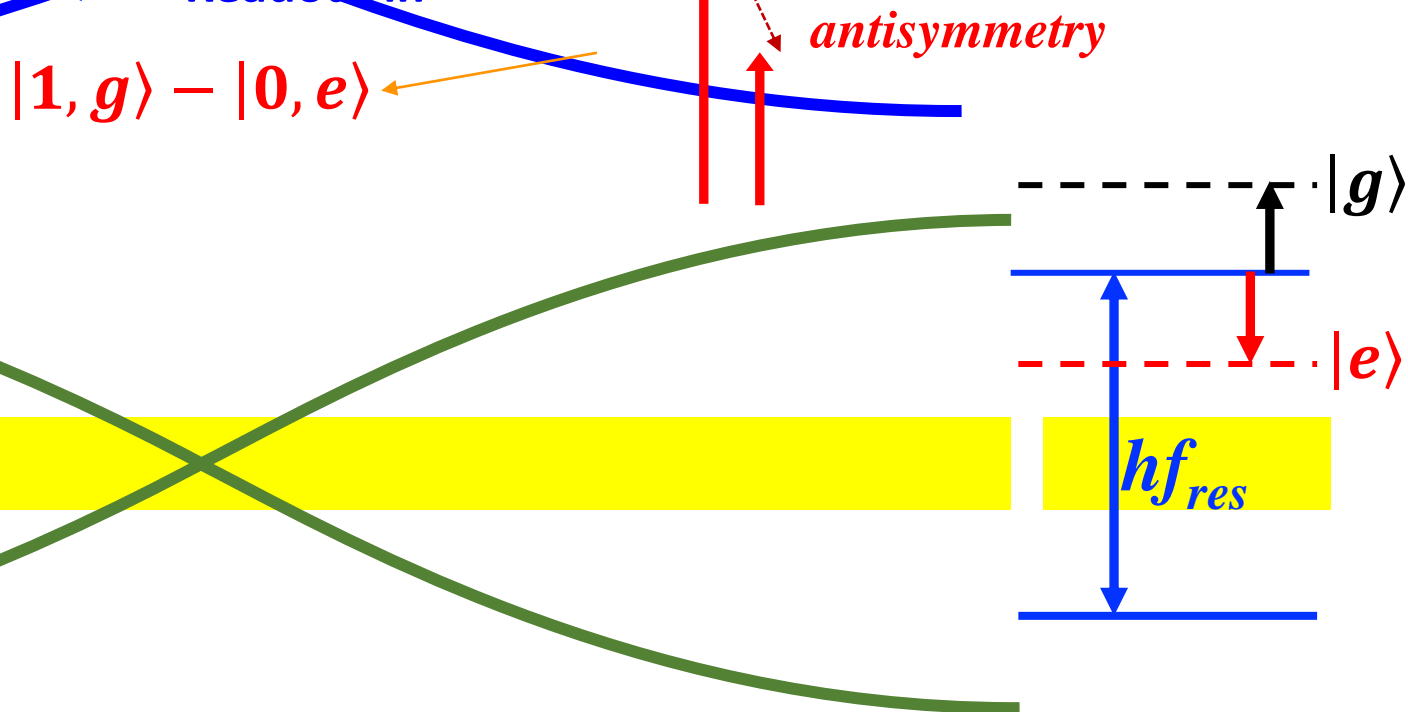
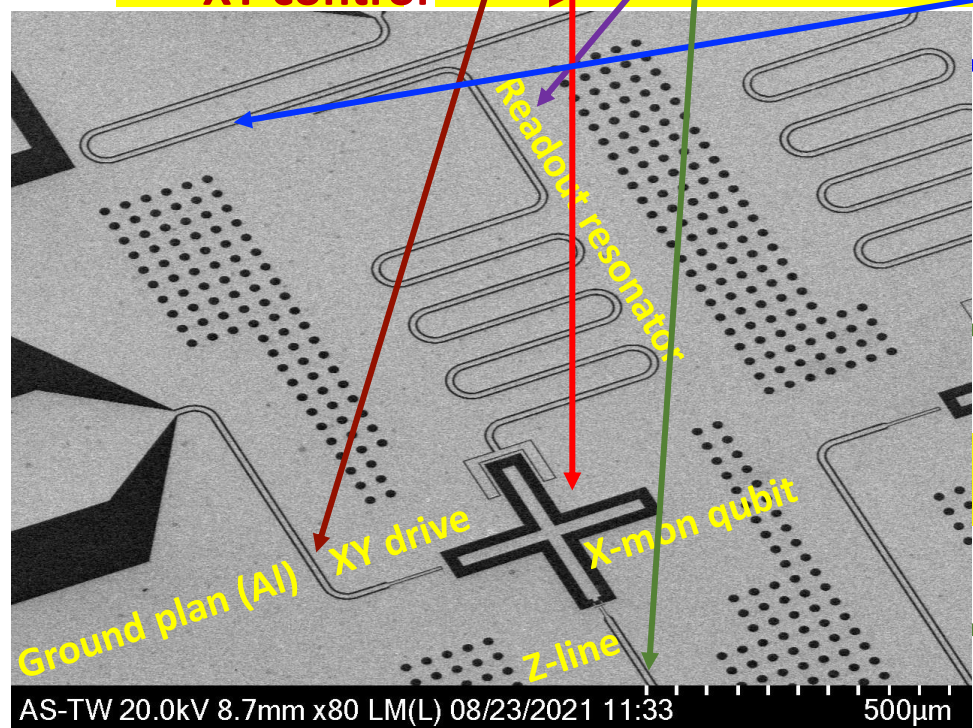
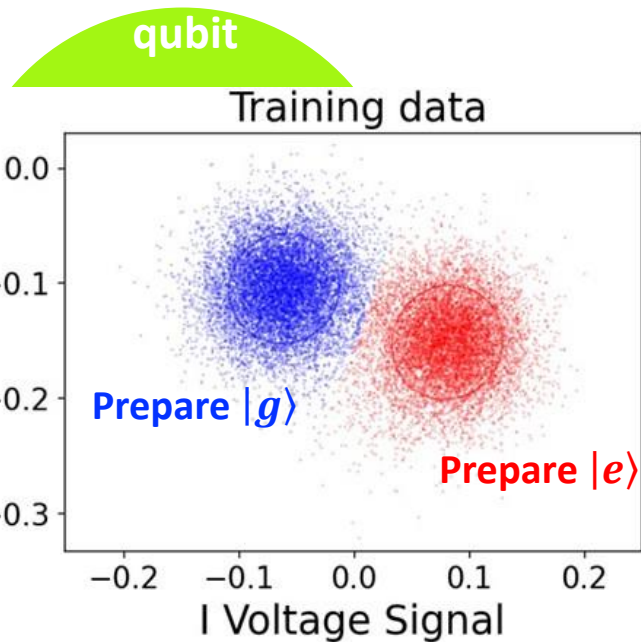
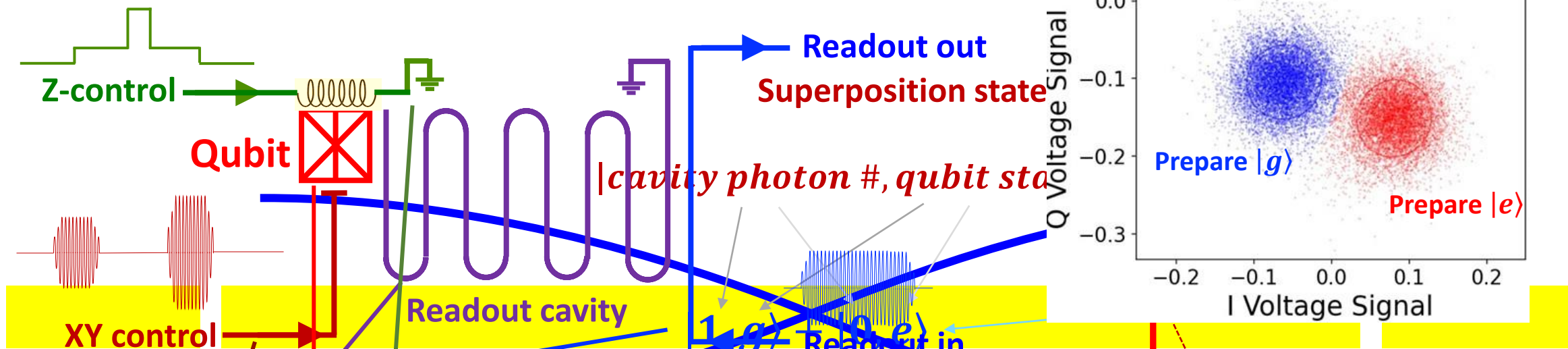


X, Y-gates : rotating 180° with respect to X, Y-axis



Readout of qubit states :

Entanglement between qubit and cavity photons

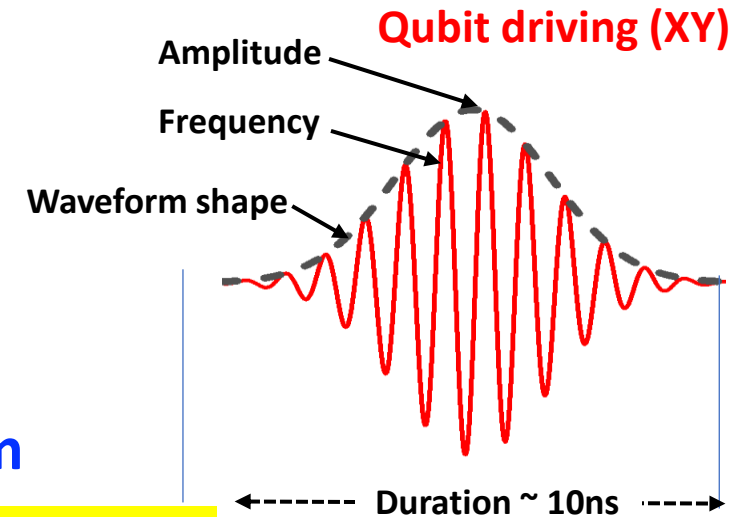


Qubit state control and readout

For single-qubit operation:

1. Optimizing **Readout Frequency** and **Readout Power**
2. Optimizing **Driving (XY) Frequency** and **Power**,
fine tuning the **Driving Waveform**

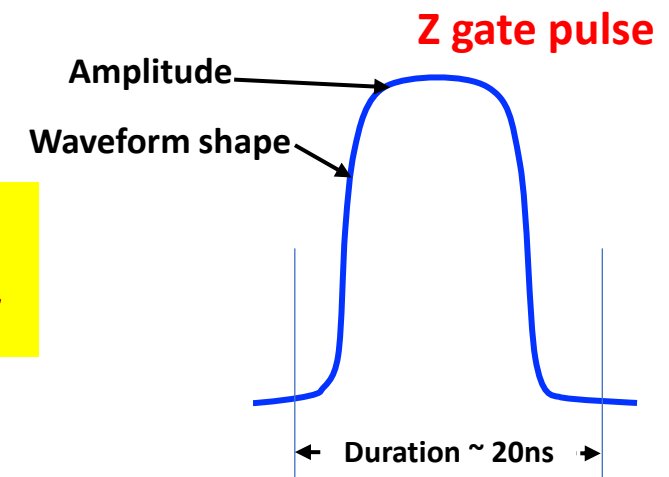
3. Auto-calibration: **Routine Optimization of Driving Signals**
for Sustaining High Gate Fidelity



For two-qubit operation:

1. Optimizing **frequency control (Z) pulse**,
fine tuning the **Driving Waveform**

2. Auto-calibration: **Routine Optimization of Z-pulse shapes**
for Sustaining High 2Q Gate Fidelity



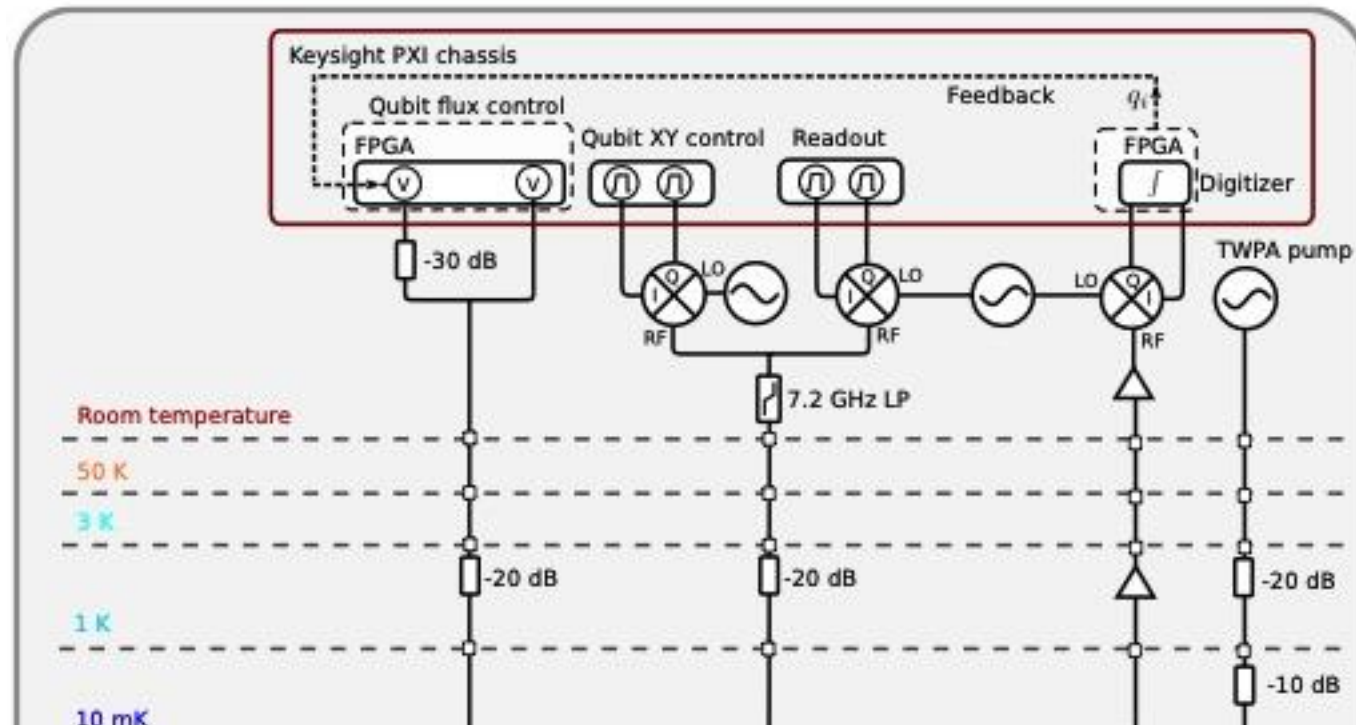
closed-loop feedback

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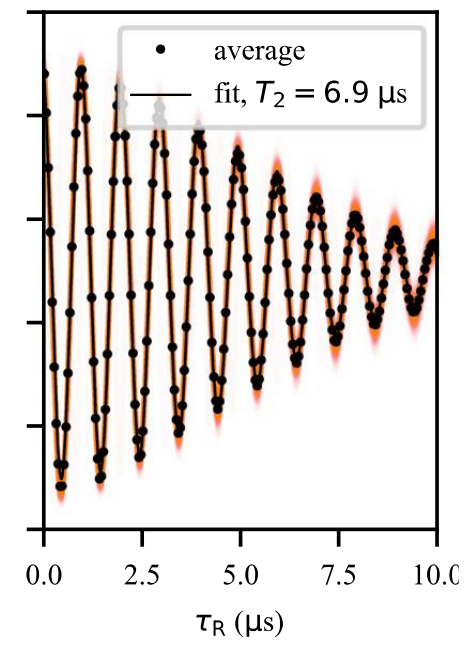
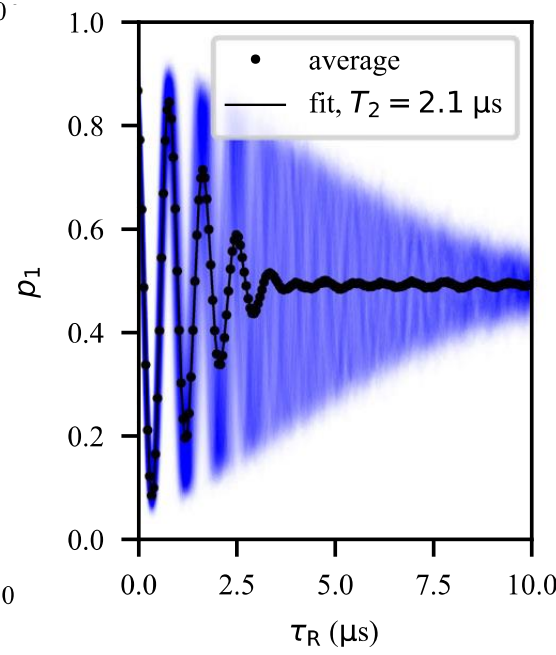
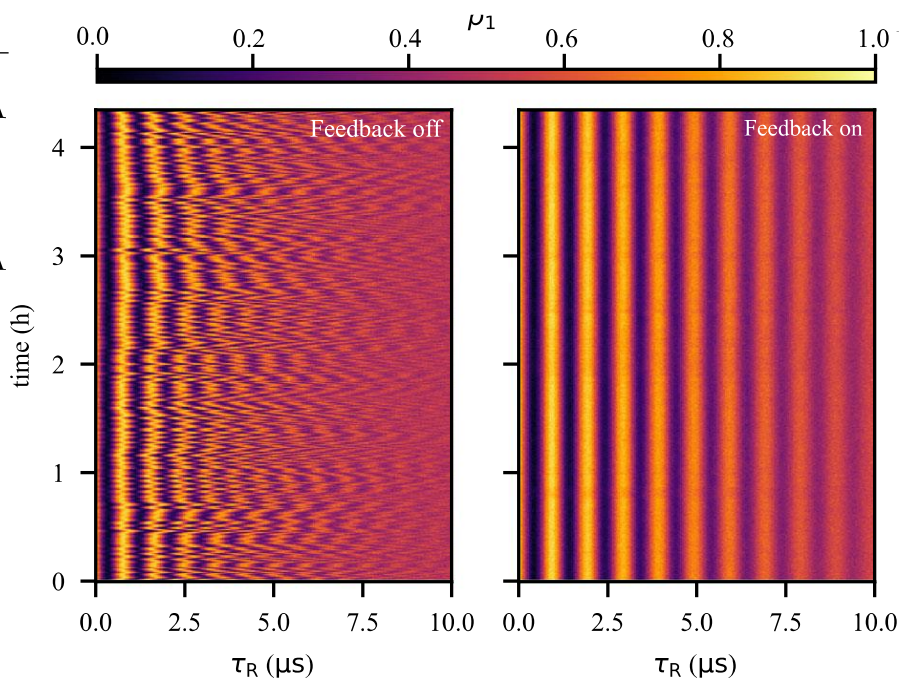
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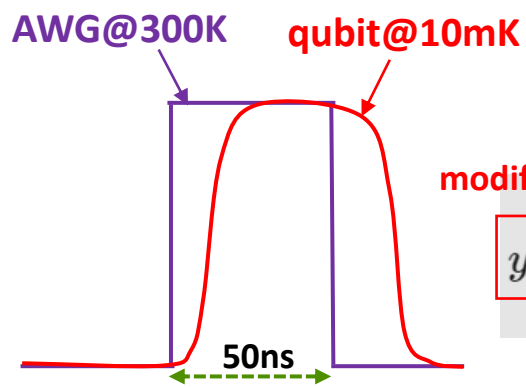
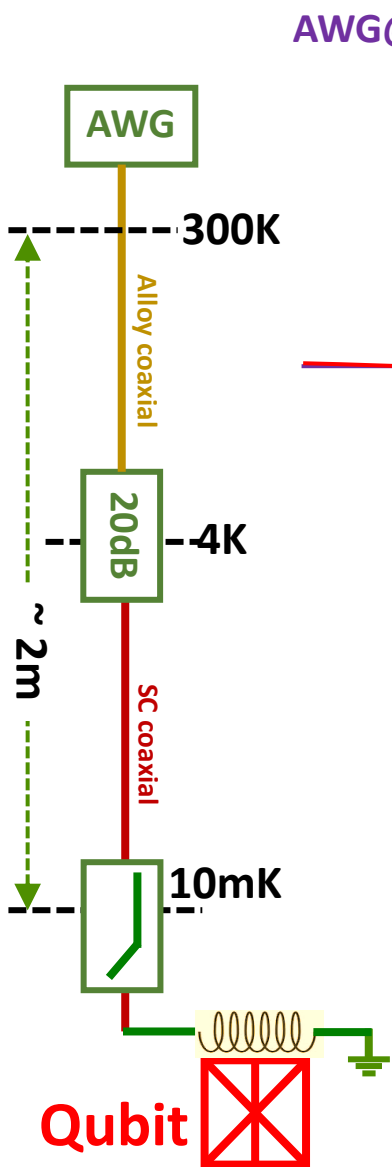
Note the
feedback circuit



| instrument | vendor | model |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| Electronics chassis | Keysight | M9019A |
| XY control LO source | R&S | SGS100A |
| XY control AWG | Keysight | M3202A |
| flux control AWG | Keysight | M3202A |
| DC flux bias | Yokogawa | GS200 |
| readout LO source | R&S | SGS100A |
| readout AWG | Keysight | M3202A |
| readout digitizer | Keysight | M3102A |
| TWPA pump | Keysight | E8267D |
| Control software | Keysight | Labber |

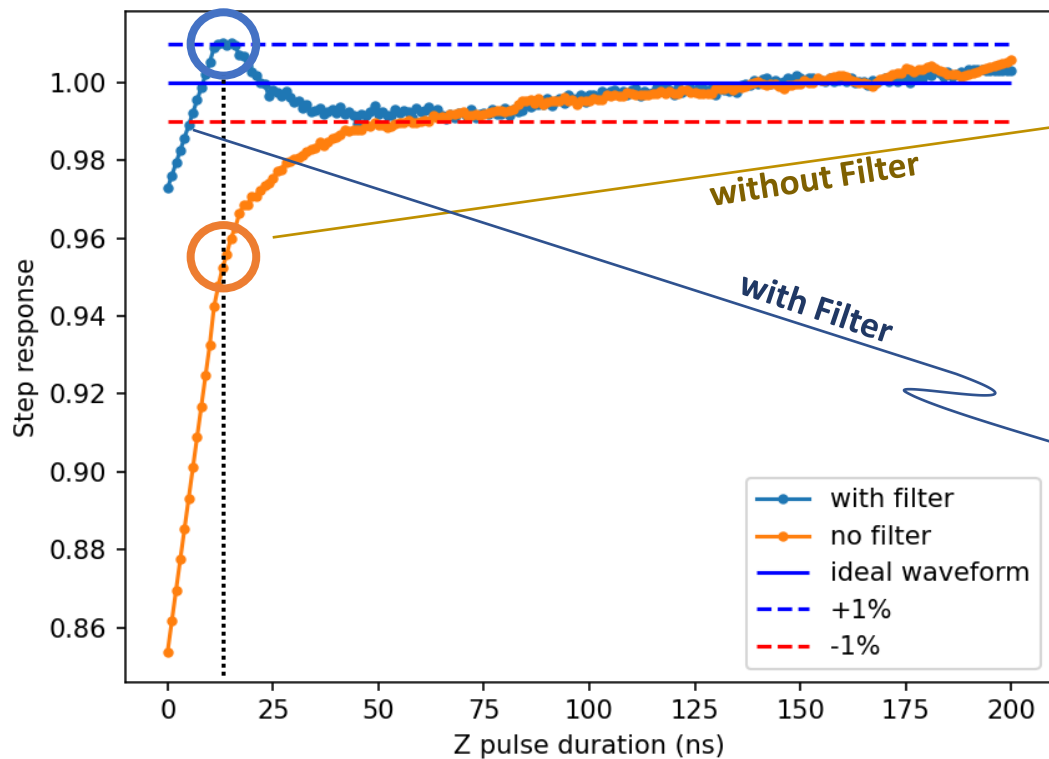


Digital Filter for Z-pulse shaping (cryoscope)

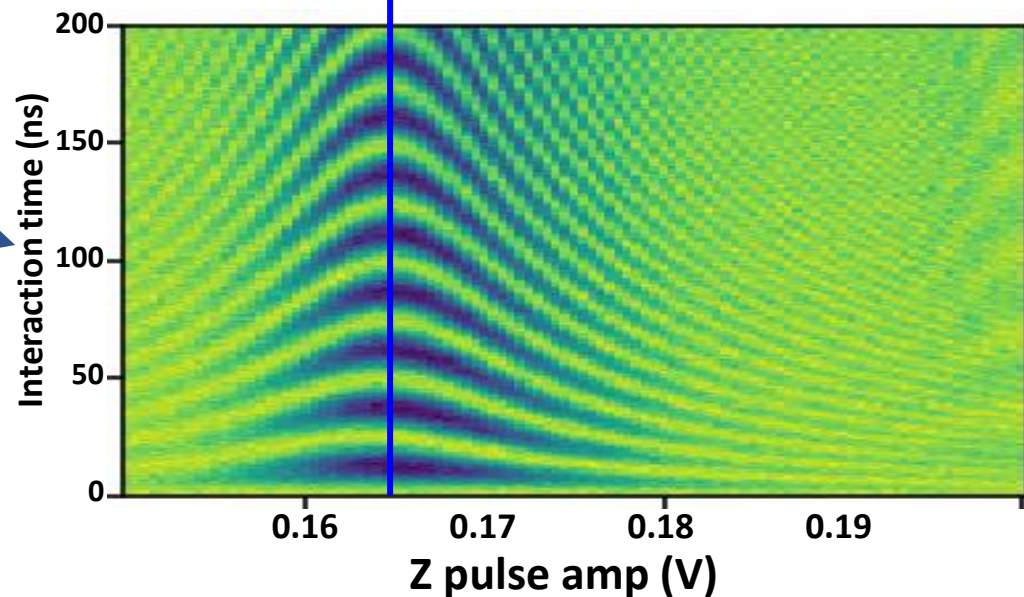
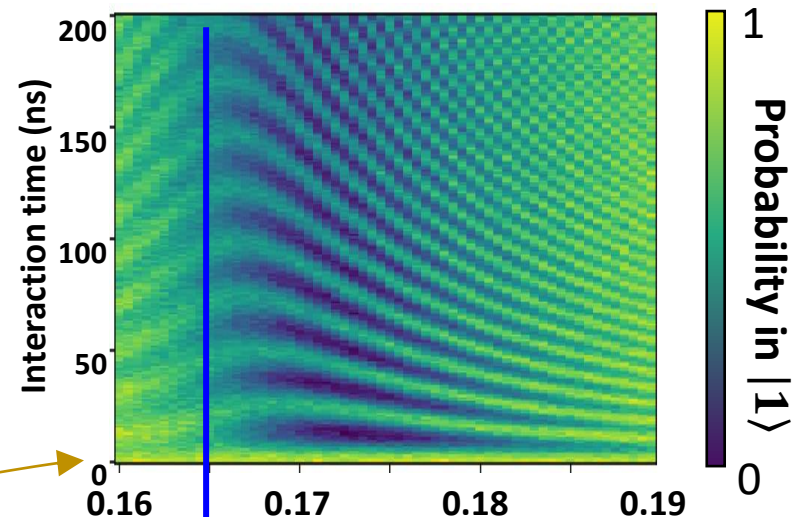


modified n : evolution ideal

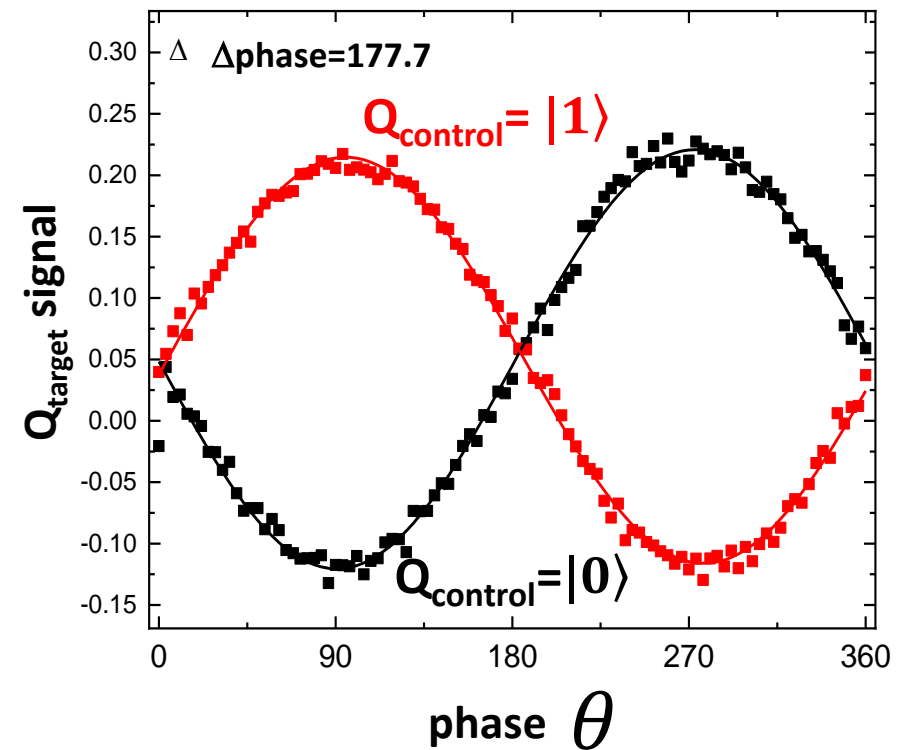
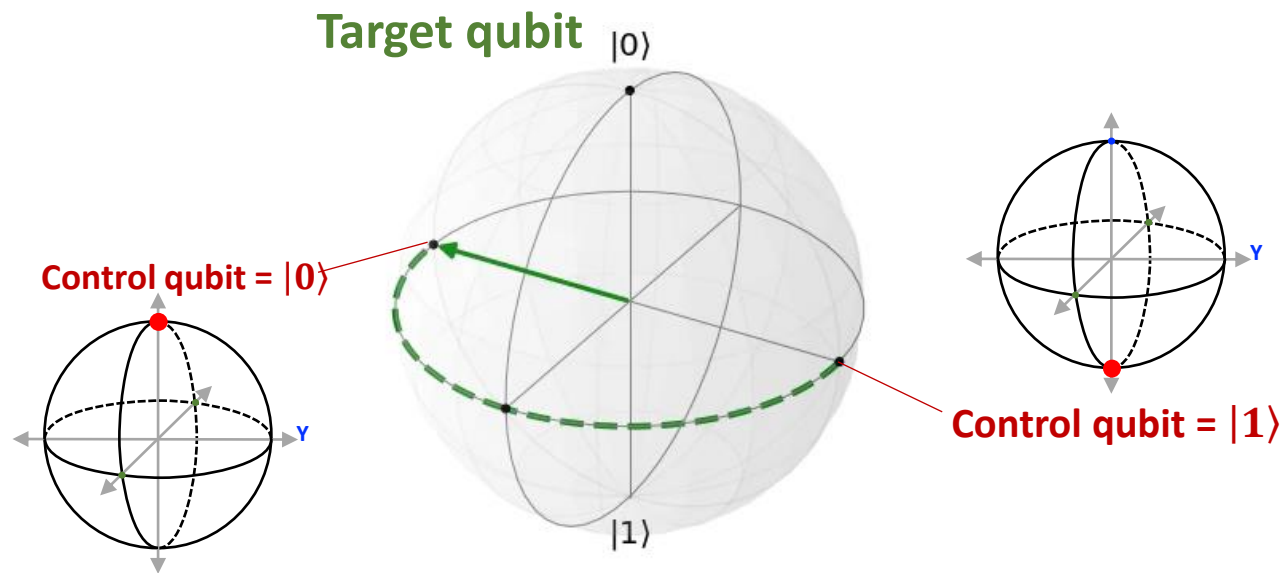
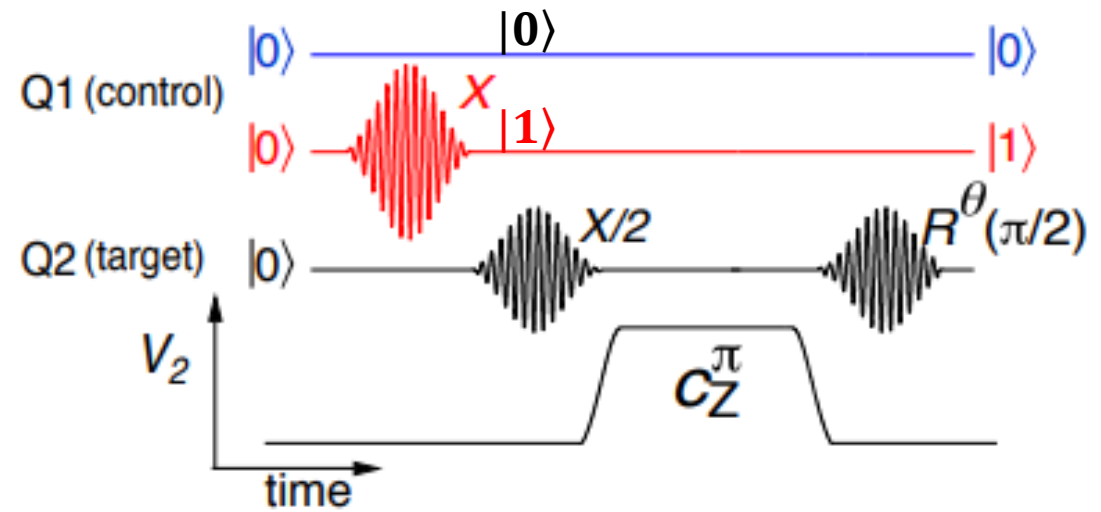
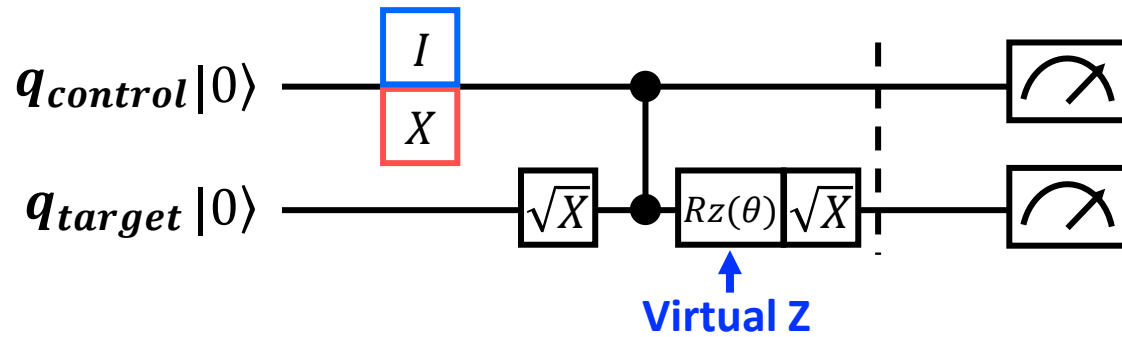
$$y[n] = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m y[n-m] + \sum_{k=0}^K b_k x[n-k]$$



CZ chevron plot



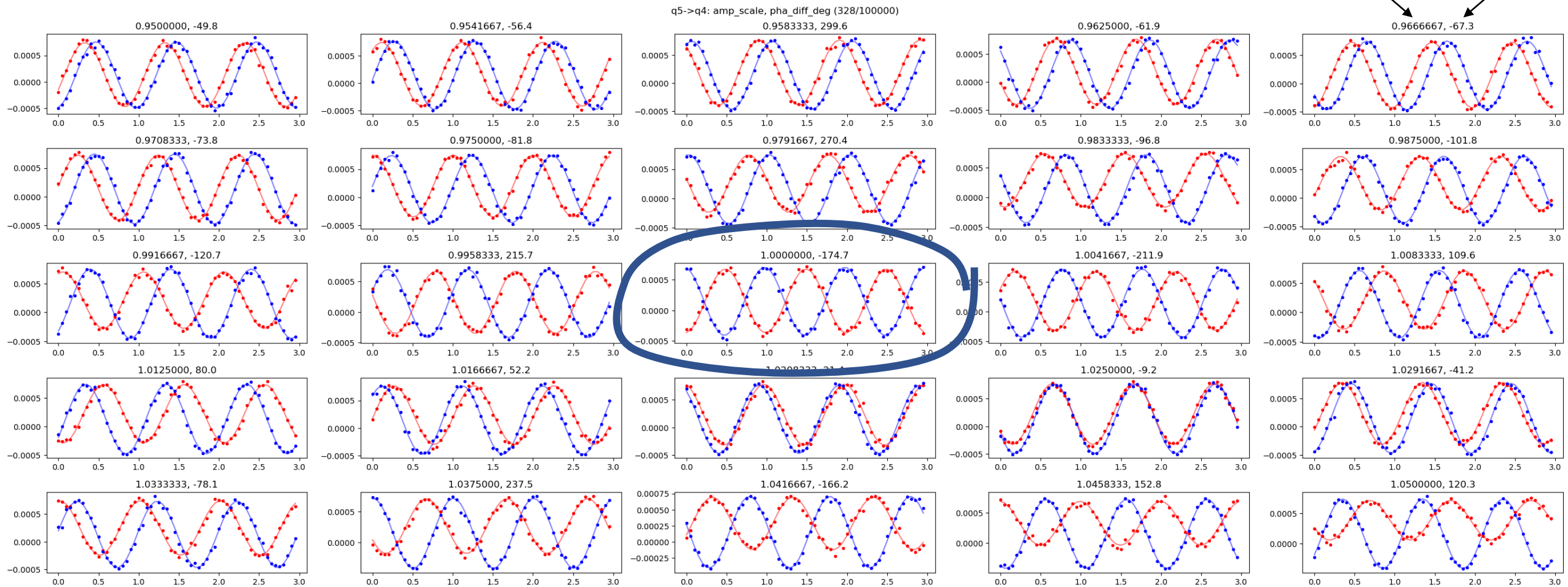
CZ Gate :



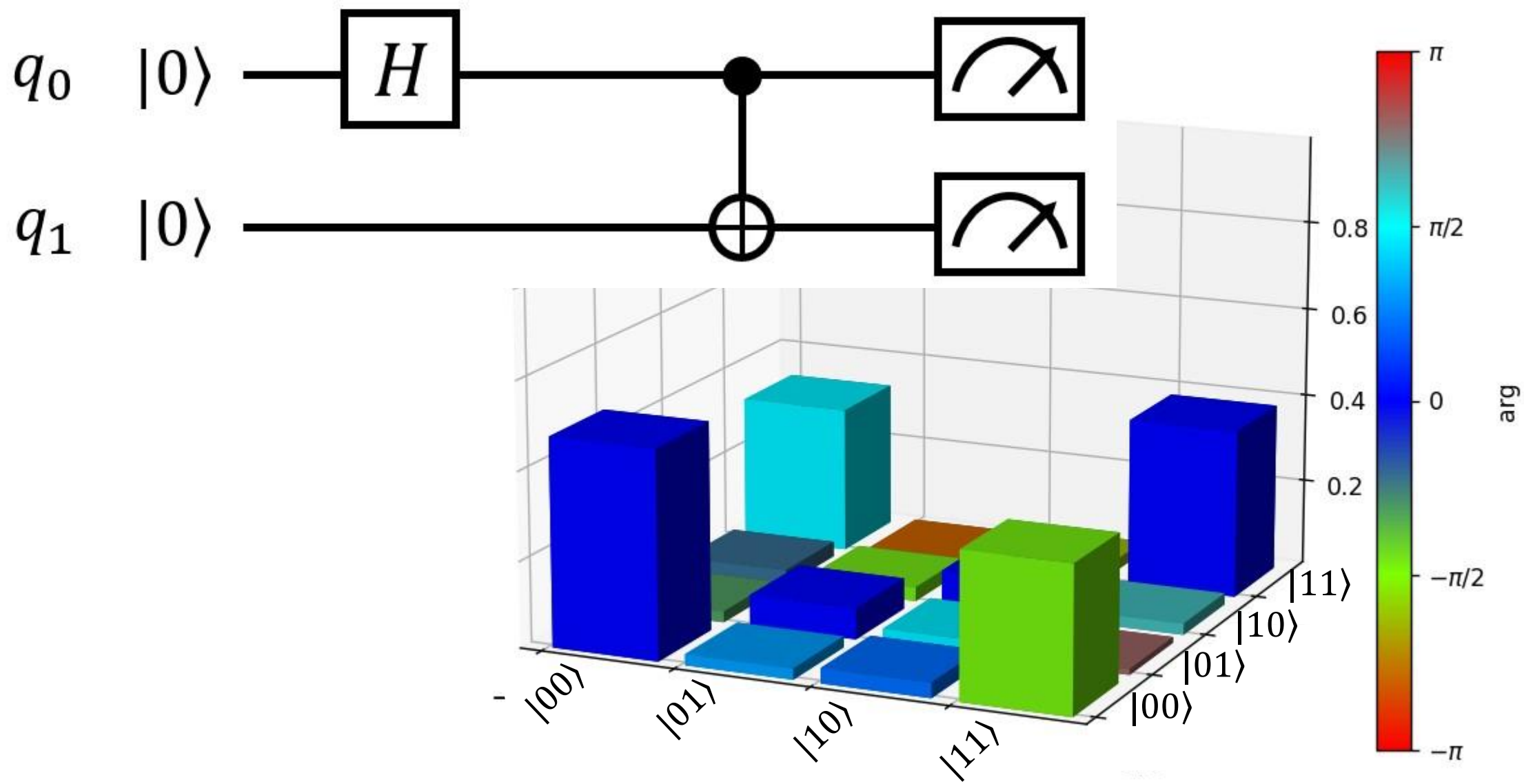
Searching for optimal z-gate height

Blue = Control $|0\rangle$ Red = Control $|1\rangle$

amplitude ratio, phase difference (deg)



BELL state



USER interface

The screenshot displays the AS Quantum user interface. At the top left, the title bar reads "AS Quantum". Below it is a toolbar with a list icon, a plus sign, a minus sign, and a "RESET" button. The main area is a quantum circuit composer with five qubit lines labeled q[0] through q[4]. A red box highlights a grid of logic gates including H, CZ, CNOT, +, Y, Z, RX, RY, RZ, P, S, T, I, \sqrt{x} , and R^z . An H gate is placed on the q[0] line. A red box on the right contains the execution settings: "Backend" set to "AS_5q_dr2a", "Shots" set to "1024", and a "RUN" button. Below the circuit is a "Probabilities" histogram showing the distribution of computational basis states. The y-axis is labeled "% of 1024 shots" and ranges from 0 to 100. The x-axis is labeled "Computational basis states" and lists 32 binary strings from 00000 to 11111. The first two bars, representing states 00000 and 00001, are significantly higher than the others. A red box highlights the 00000 state. A red bracket above the histogram indicates that there are $2^5 = 32$ states in total. Red arrows point from text labels to various elements in the interface.

AS Quantum

Backend: AS_5q_dr2a

Shots: 1024

RUN

1: OPENQASM 2.0;
2: include "qelib1.inc";
3:
4: qreg q[5];
5: creg c[5];
6: h q[0];

Quantum circuit composer

logic gates

5 qubits

QPU name

of shots

execution

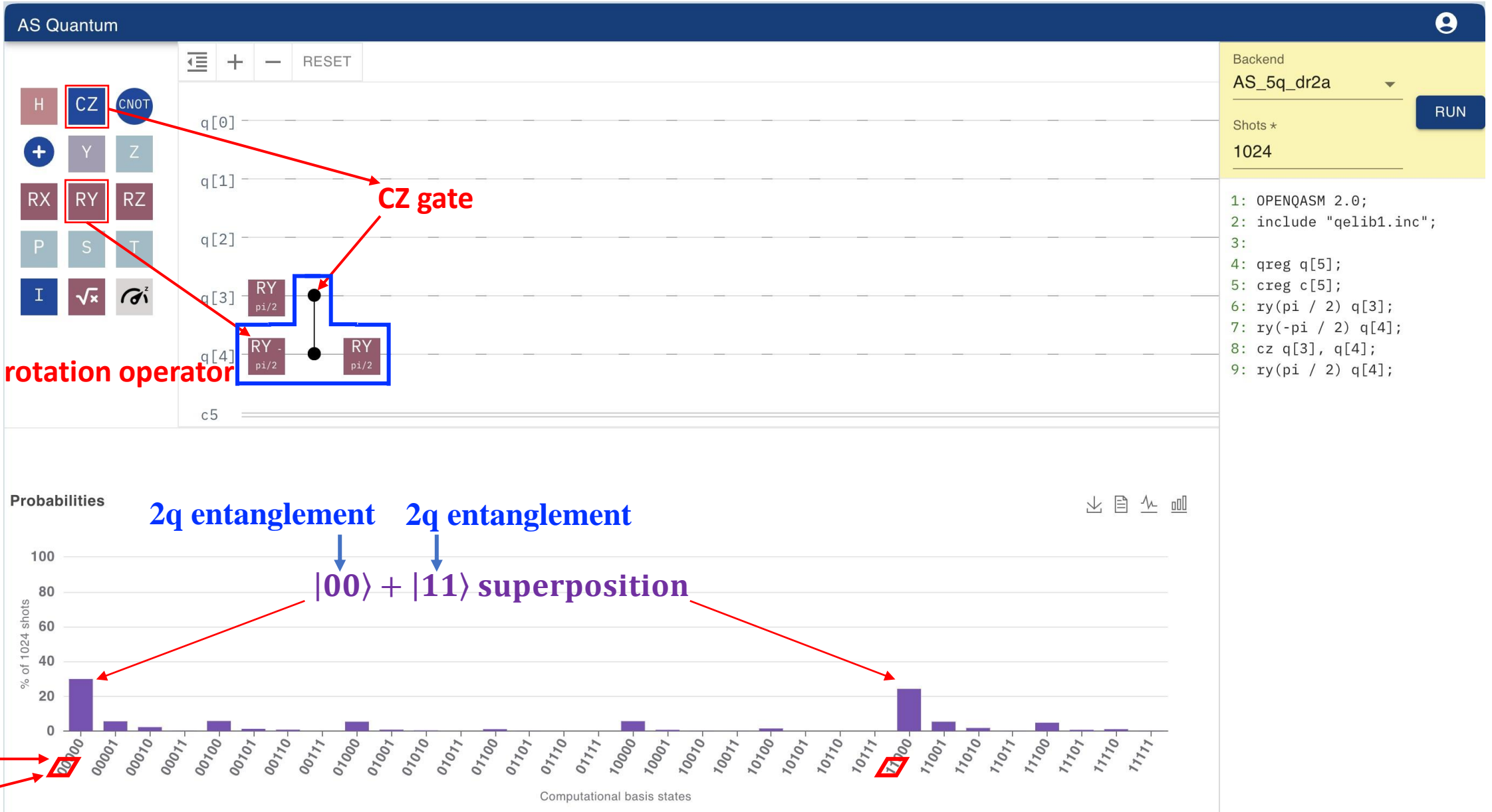
State Probability

$2^5 = 32$ states

Computational basis states

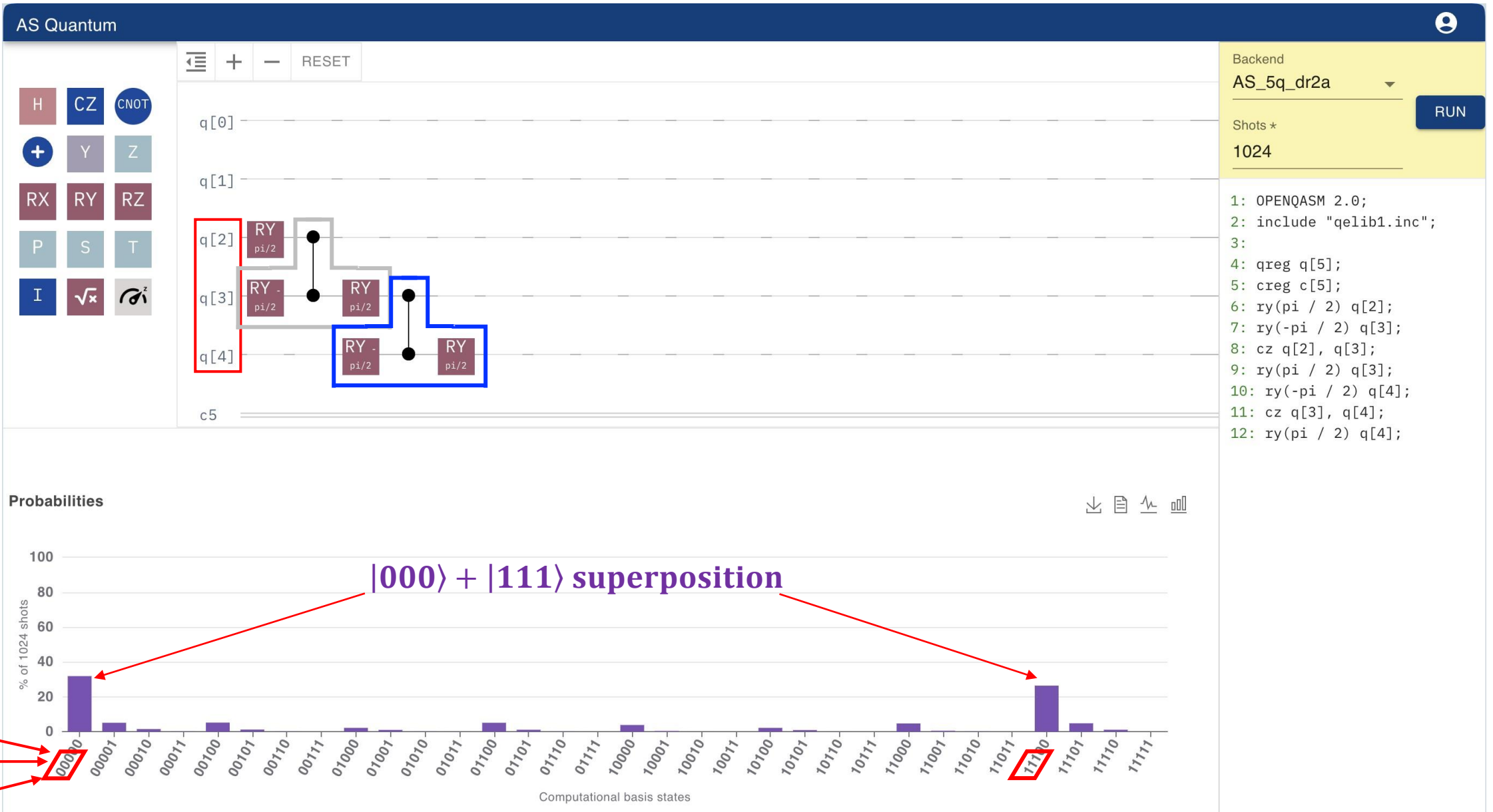
q[0]
q[1]
q[2]
q[3]
q[4]

q[3], q[4] entanglement



q[0]
q[1]
q[2]
q[3]
q[4]

q[2], q[3], q[4] entanglement



q[2], q[3], q[4], q[1] entanglement

AS Quantum

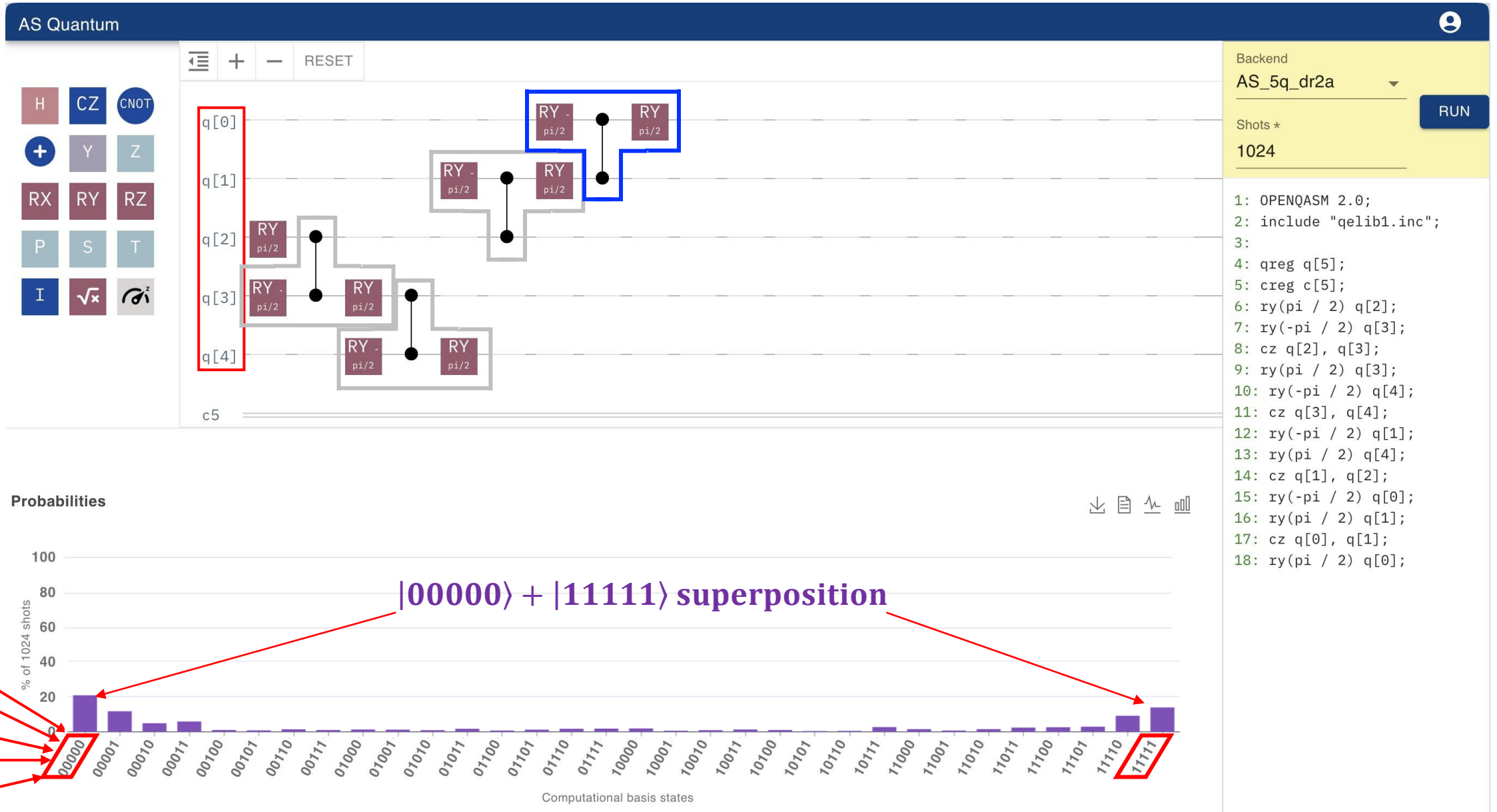
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Shots: 1024
RUN

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1: OPENQASM 2.0;  
2: include "qelib1.inc";  
3:  
4: qreg q[5];  
5: creg c[5];  
6: ry(pi / 2) q[2];  
7: ry(-pi / 2) q[3];  
8: cz q[2], q[3];  
9: ry(pi / 2) q[3];  
10: ry(-pi / 2) q[4];  
11: cz q[3], q[4];  
12: ry(-pi / 2) q[1];  
13: ry(pi / 2) q[4];  
14: cz q[1], q[2];  
15: ry(pi / 2) q[1];
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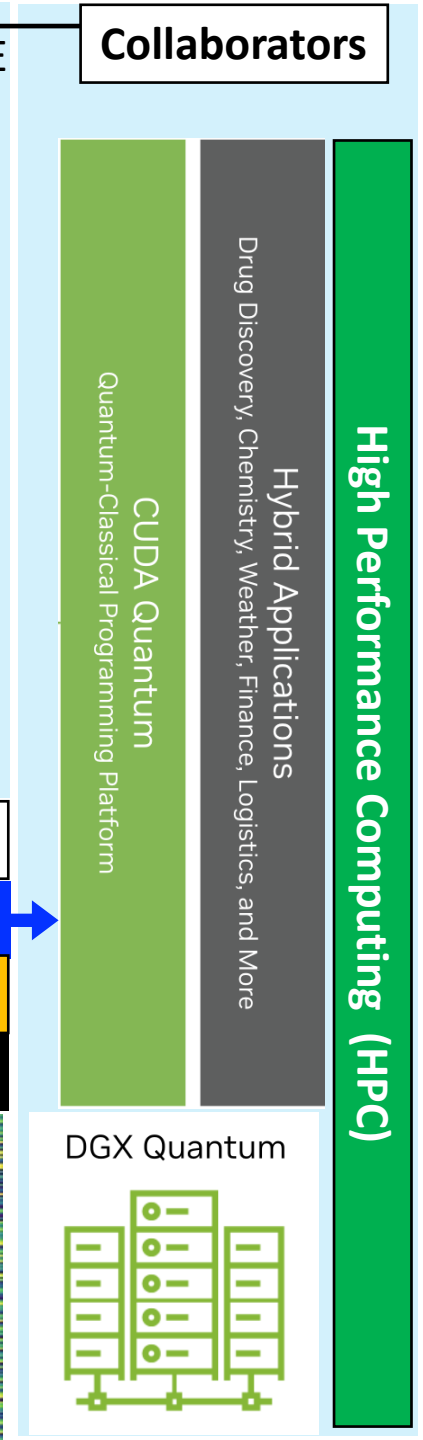
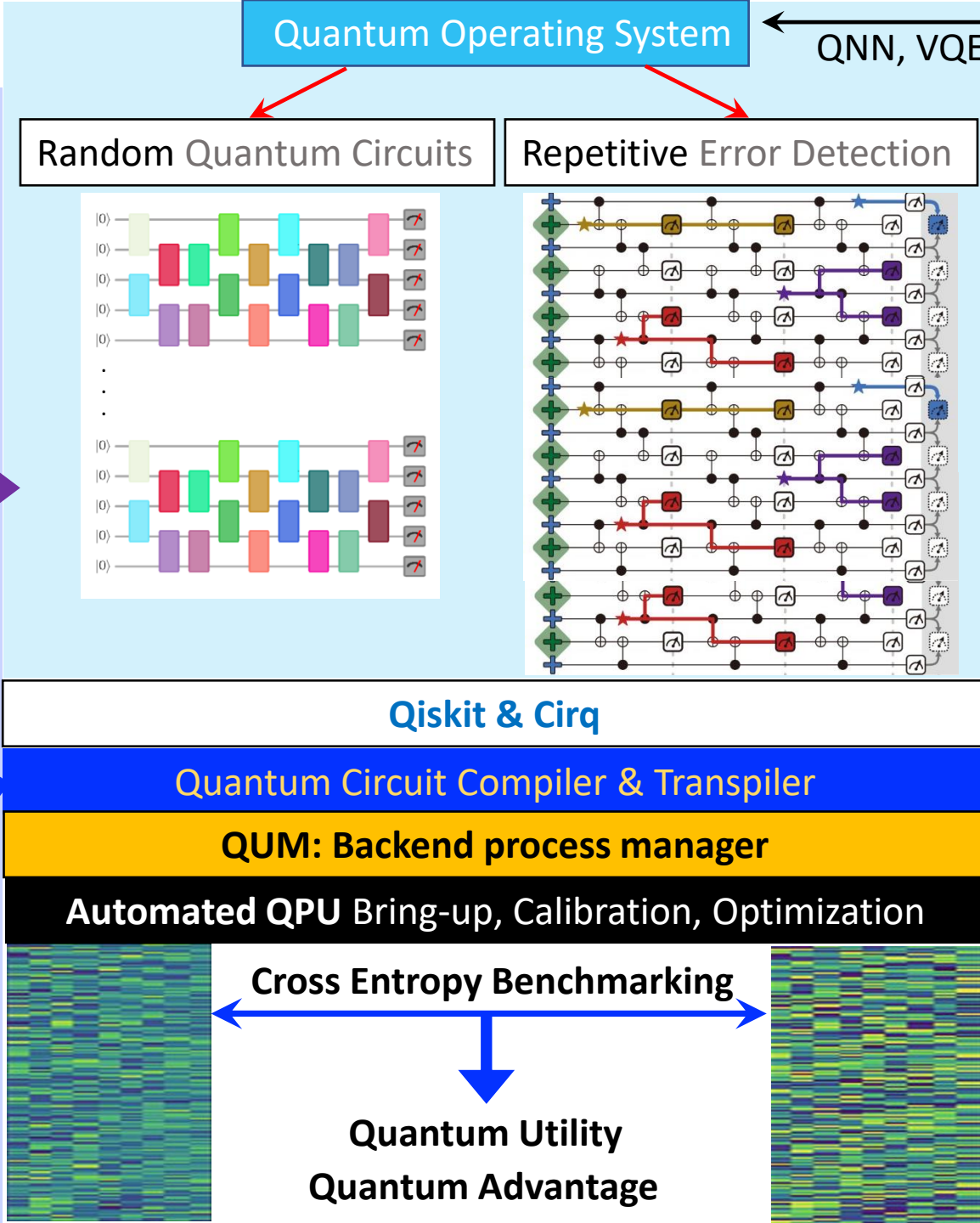
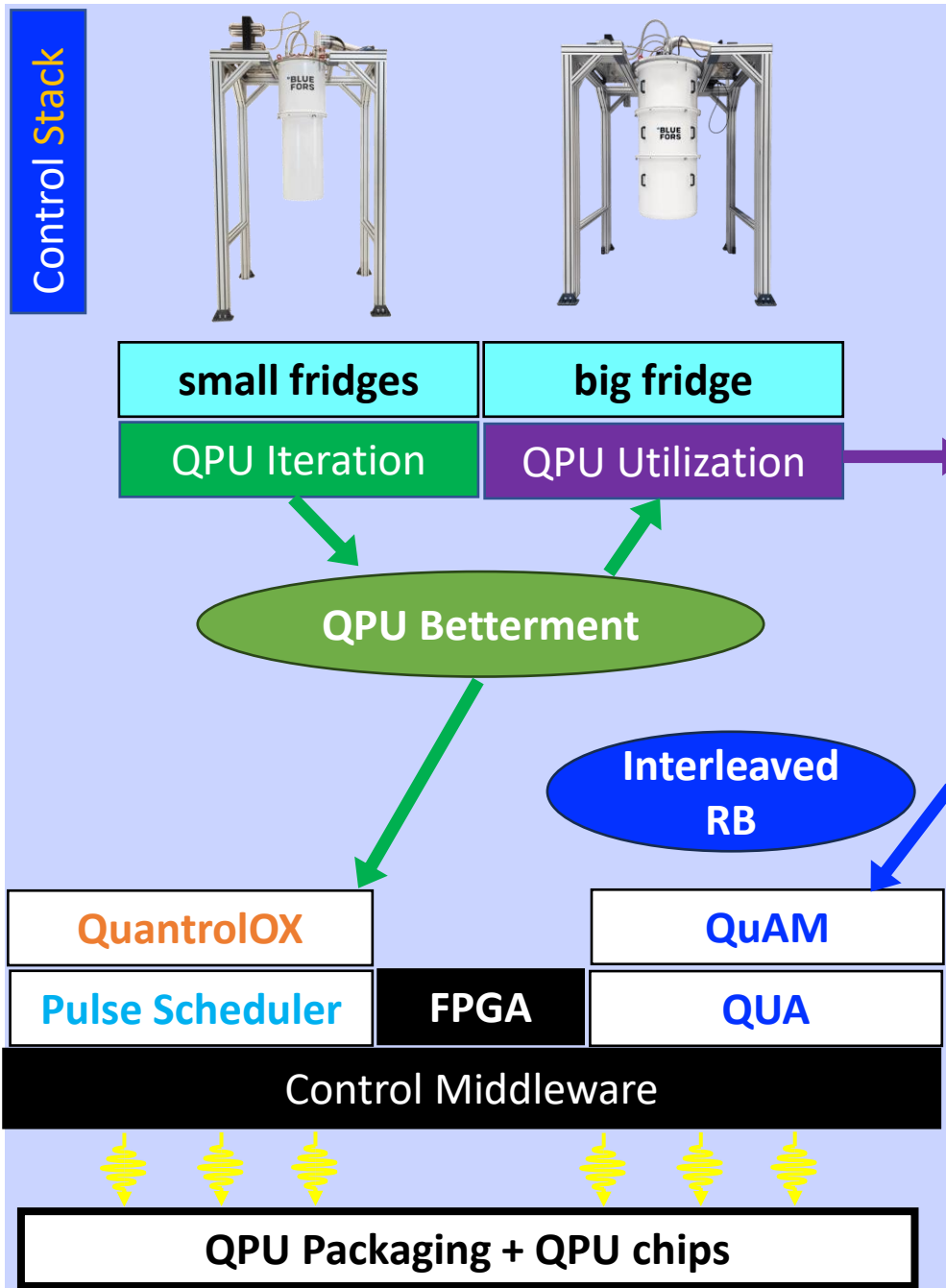
Probabilities

| Computational basis state | % of 1024 shots |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 00000 | 25 |
| 00001 | 5 |
| 00010 | 10 |
| 00011 | 5 |
| 00100 | 5 |
| 00101 | 5 |
| 00110 | 5 |
| 00111 | 5 |
| 01000 | 5 |
| 01001 | 5 |
| 01010 | 5 |
| 01011 | 5 |
| 01100 | 5 |
| 01101 | 5 |
| 01110 | 5 |
| 01111 | 5 |
| 10000 | 5 |
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| 10100 | 5 |
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| 10110 | 5 |
| 10111 | 5 |
| 11000 | 5 |
| 11001 | 5 |
| 11010 | 5 |
| 11011 | 5 |
| 11100 | 5 |
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| 11110 | 5 |
| 11111 | 25 |

q[2], q[3], q[4], q[1], q[0] entanglement



Building a Quantum Computer



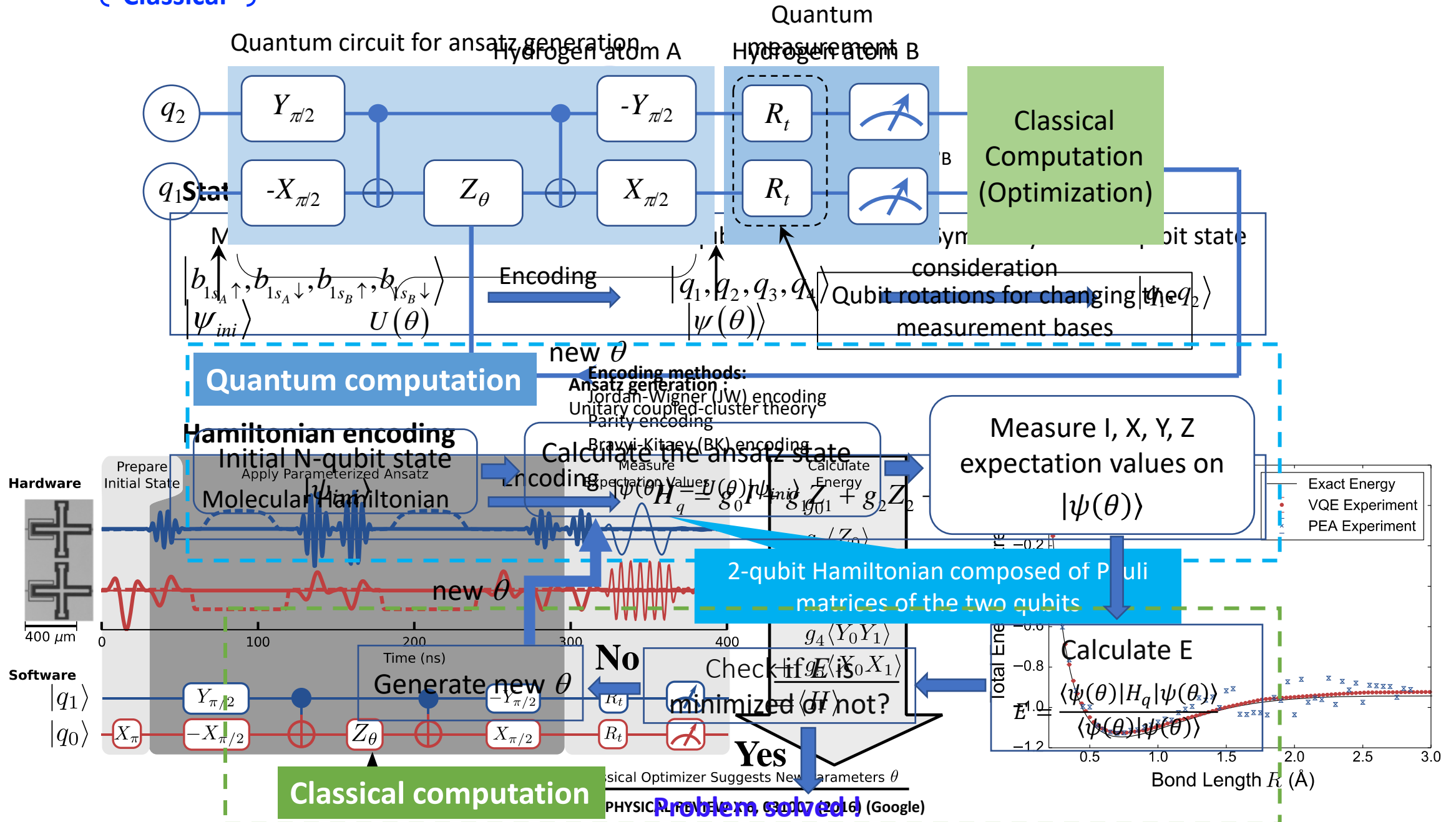
An example of

Classical-Assisted Quantum Computing:

Variational Quantum Eigensolver (VQE)

Hybrid { Quantum Classical } computation

Variational quantum eigensolver for E_{ground} of the H^2 molecules



HPC will always be QC incubator:

Calibrations: improve fidelities and uptime with advanced reinforcement learning optimizers

Error mitigation: supercharge classical optimization of control signals

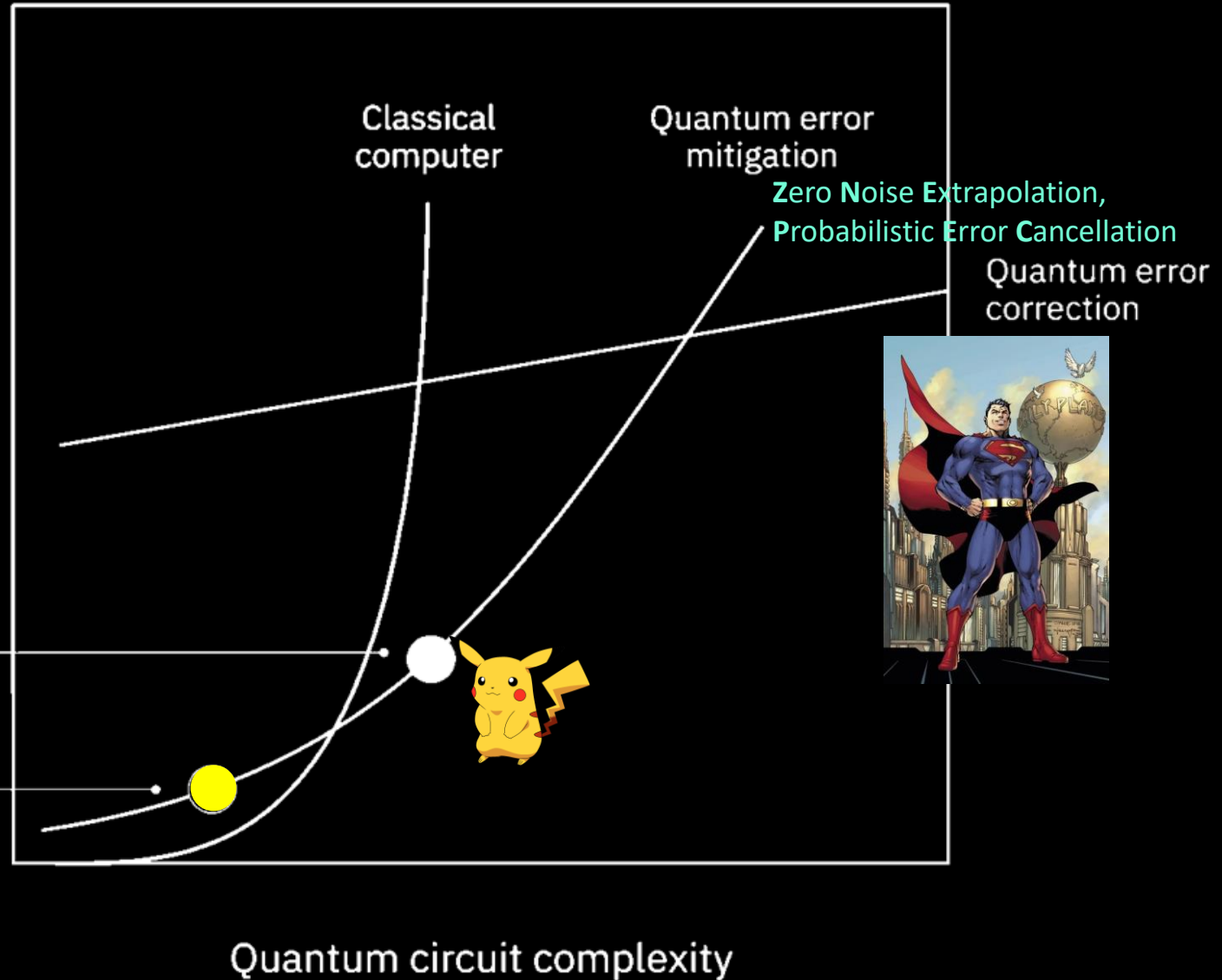
Error correction: implement powerful decoders in the GPU accessible in <4 usec

Hybrid applications: Make it easier to leverage the QPU as an accelerator for subroutines in larger workflows – cut down QPU-CPU latency

We want to get here

Today we are here

Simulation cost



Take home message

Data Center

CPU

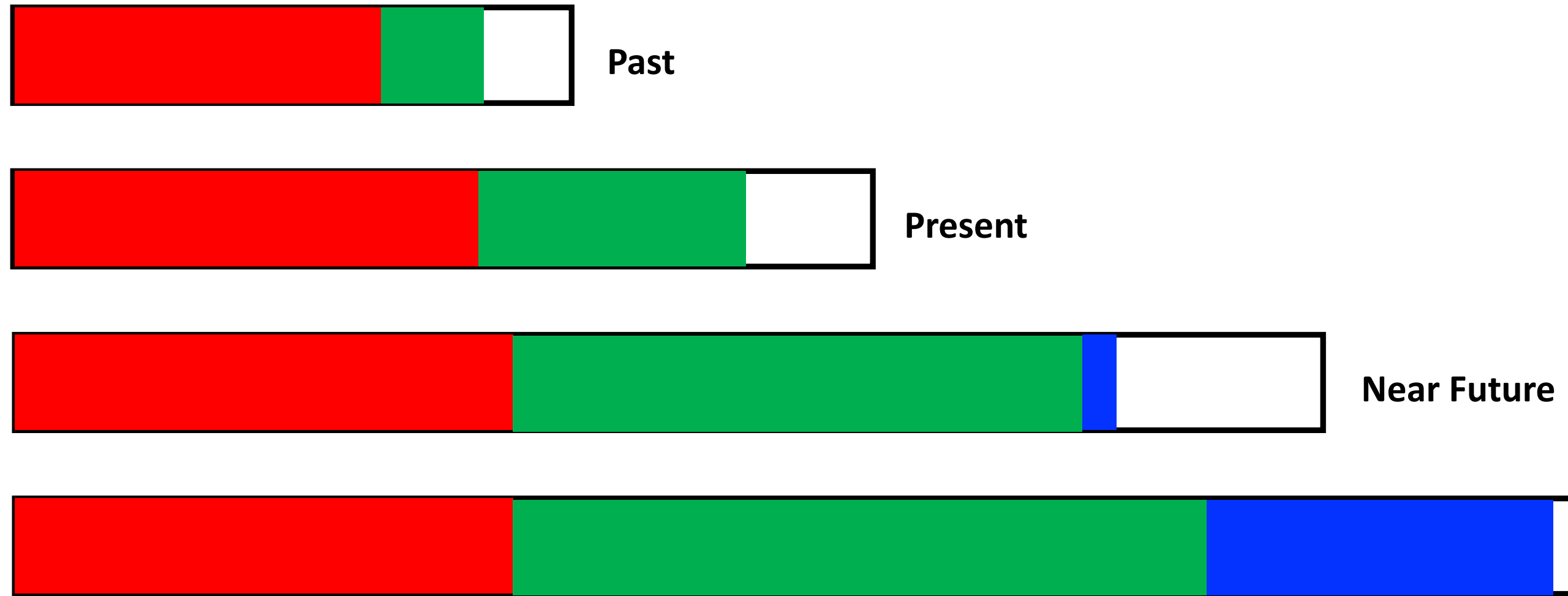
GPU

QPU

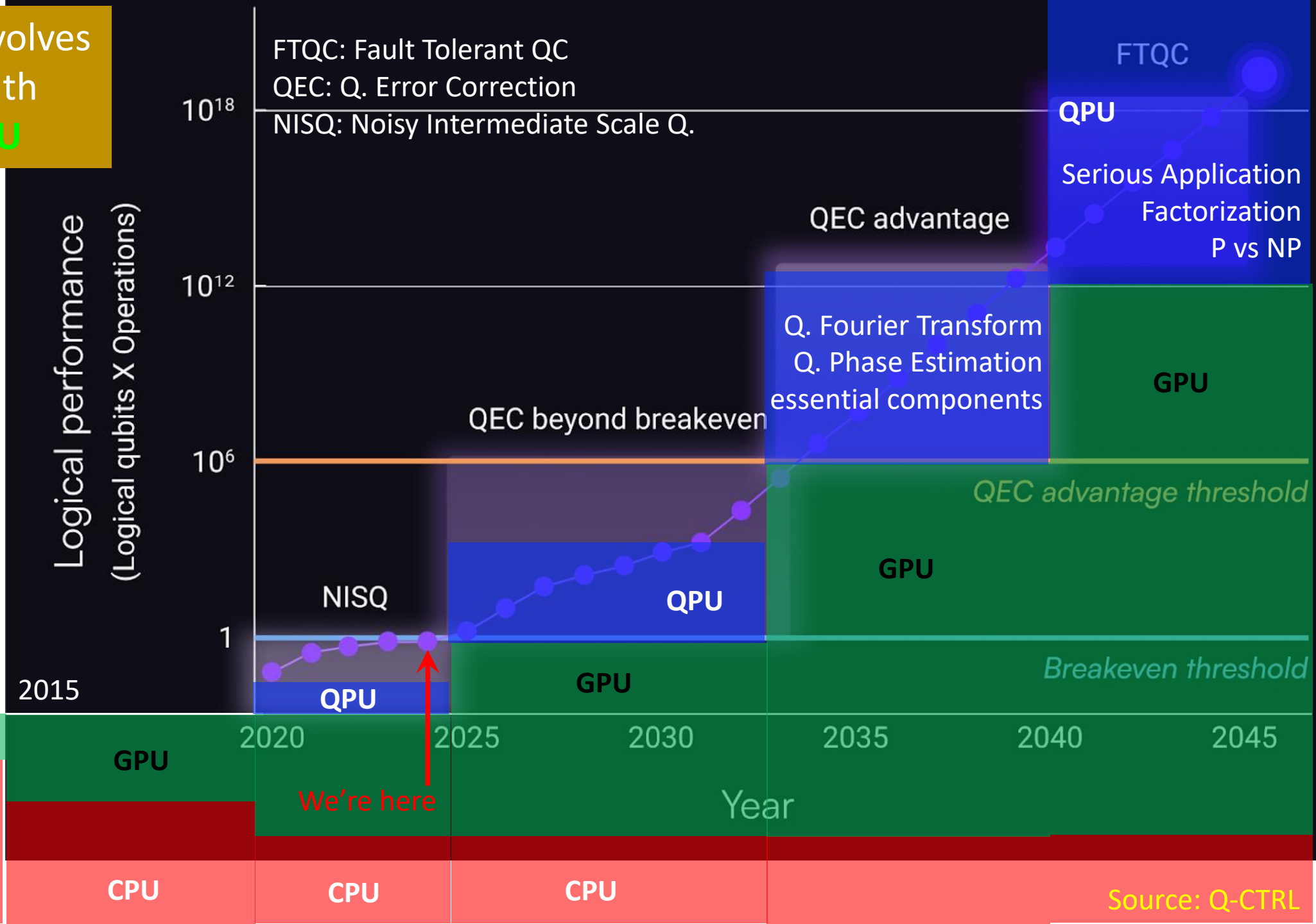
Past

Present

Near Future



How QPU evolves alongside with CPU and GPU



Google Launches \$5 Million XPRIZE to Find Real World Uses for Quantum Computers

March 5, 2024

We expect that competitive submissions will make at least one of the following types of contributions (we also give a few examples from the last five years; however, note that these examples are not in any way an expression of preferred areas of focus):

1. A new quantum algorithm for solving a new class of problems with quantum advantage.

Example: quartic quantum speedup for tensor principal component analysis (arXiv: 1907.12724). Submission would be incomplete without suggesting a target real-world application and submission would be much stronger with some estimated resources for quantum advantage. Still, significant points for novelty.

2. Work showing how existing quantum algorithms can be used to solve previously unknown applications with a quantum advantage.⁵

Example 1: using quantum linear system solvers or Hamiltonian simulation to give super-quadratic speedup in simulating classical waves (arXiv:1711.05394) or coupled harmonic systems (arXiv:2303.13012). Submissions would be stronger with some estimated resources for quantum advantage in real-world applications.

Example 2: using quantum simulation to better design fusion reactors (arXiv:2308.12352). Weakness is that quantum simulation applications are not especially hard to find and resources required for advantage are still fairly high.

3. Work significantly reducing the resources required for a quantum computer to reach quantum advantage for an already established algorithm/application.

Example 1: improved chemistry algorithms (arXiv:2011.03494) with application to simulating the FeMoCo nitrogen fixation catalyst. Submission would be stronger if the magnitude of the resource reduction and thought delta were larger.

Example 2: improved algorithms for topological data analysis (arXiv:2209.13581 and arXiv:2209.12887). A significant weakness is that neither paper identifies real-world occurrences of the problem where quantum advantage is viable.

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It is a common misconception that QPUs will accelerate any sort of computation. This will probably not be the case, as QPUs are well-suited for very specific tasks. One of the primary weaknesses of a quantum computer is the fact that information can only be extracted via nondeterministic measurements of the N qubits to produce a bitstring of length N . Therefore, it is important to understand the types of problems that are either theoretically proven or expected to have efficient implementations on a QPU, as listed below.

- Simulating quantum systems:** QPUs, quantum systems themselves, are naturally good at simulating other quantum systems. This could enable all sorts of fundamental science ranging from the exploration of new chemical reactions and materials to unlocking the mysteries of high-energy physics.
- Optimization:** The exponential amount of information held in a QPU could allow for new methods aimed at finding better solutions to large combinatorial optimization problems, benefitting diverse use cases including route planning, grid optimization, genetics, and portfolio selection.
- AI and machine learning:** The properties of QPUs make them amenable for building and sampling from complex distributions and deploying novel methods for finding patterns in high-dimensional data sets. These techniques could be highly portable and benefit almost any domain of science and industry.
- Monte Carlo estimation:** QPUs can obtain a theoretical quadratic speedup for Monte Carlo estimation, which would improve the accuracy and speed of obtaining risk metrics and financial predictions critical for getting an edge in the markets.
- Fluid dynamics:** Aerodynamic, weather, and reservoir simulations are examples of multiscale problems where systems of differential equations need to be solved with extreme precision using a large grid. QPUs are being explored as tools for solving systems of differential equations that enable far more precise fluid dynamic simulations.

The high-performance platform for hybrid quantum-classical computing

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Key Benefits



Productive

Streamlines hybrid quantum-classical development with a unified programming model, improving productivity and scalability in quantum algorithm research.



Flexible Platform

Connects to partner QPUs and GPU simulators, easy toolchain integration, and interoperates with modern GPU-accelerated applications.



High Performing

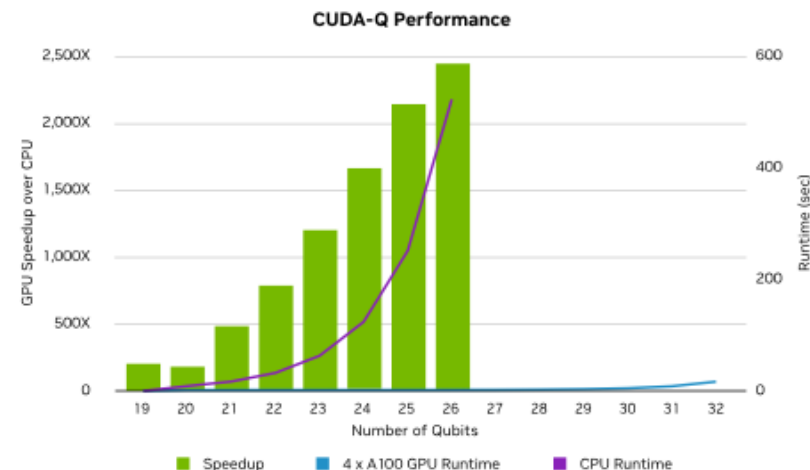
2500X simulation speedup on a four A100 GPU for up to 26 qubits, and scaling to 40 qubits by distributing the simulation across 128 GPU nodes.

Built for Performance

NVIDIA CUDA-Q enables straightforward execution of hybrid code on many different types of quantum processors, simulated or physical. Researchers can leverage the cuQuantum-accelerated simulation backends as well as QPUs from our partners or connect their own simulator or quantum processor.

NVIDIA CUDA-Q can significantly speed up quantum algorithms, compared to other quantum frameworks. Quantum algorithms can achieve a speedup of up to 2500X over CPU, scaling number of qubits using multiple GPUs.

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Typical QML workflow in CUDA-Q using multi-threaded CPU versus multiple NVIDIA A100 Tensor Core GPUs.

q[2], q[3], q[4], q[1], q[0] entanglement

