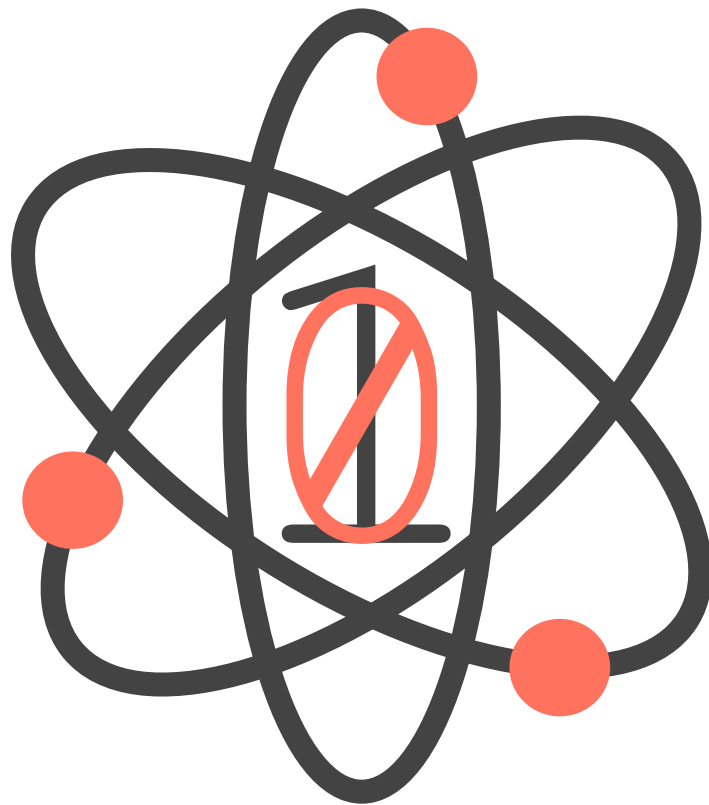


Quantum Computing

Quantum Day

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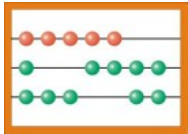


Computation

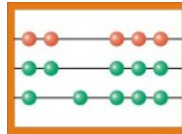
Classical computers compute using the laws of **classical physics**
Quantum computers compute using the laws of **quantum physics**

Physics

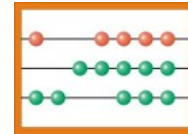
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Manipulate



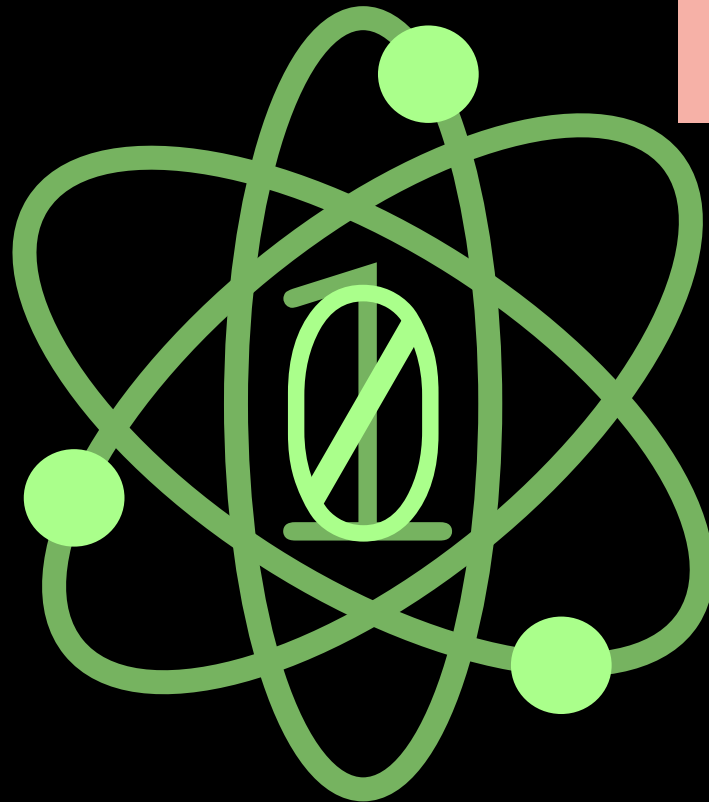
Read



Bits to Qubits

Information encoding

1 or 0



Bits to Qubits

Classical Bits

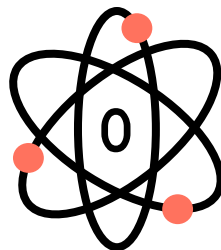
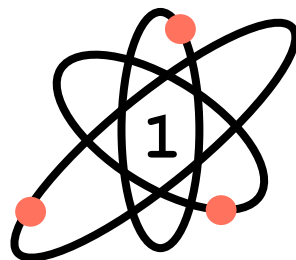
“on”



“off”



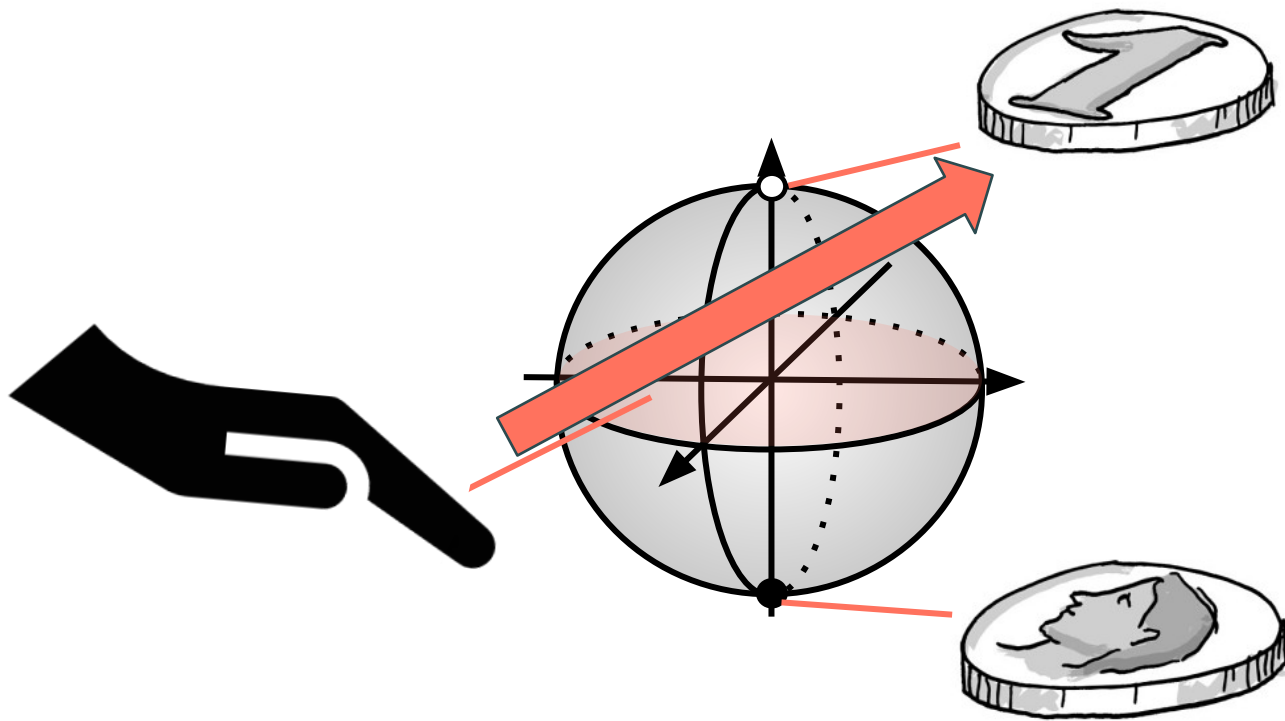
Quantum Bits



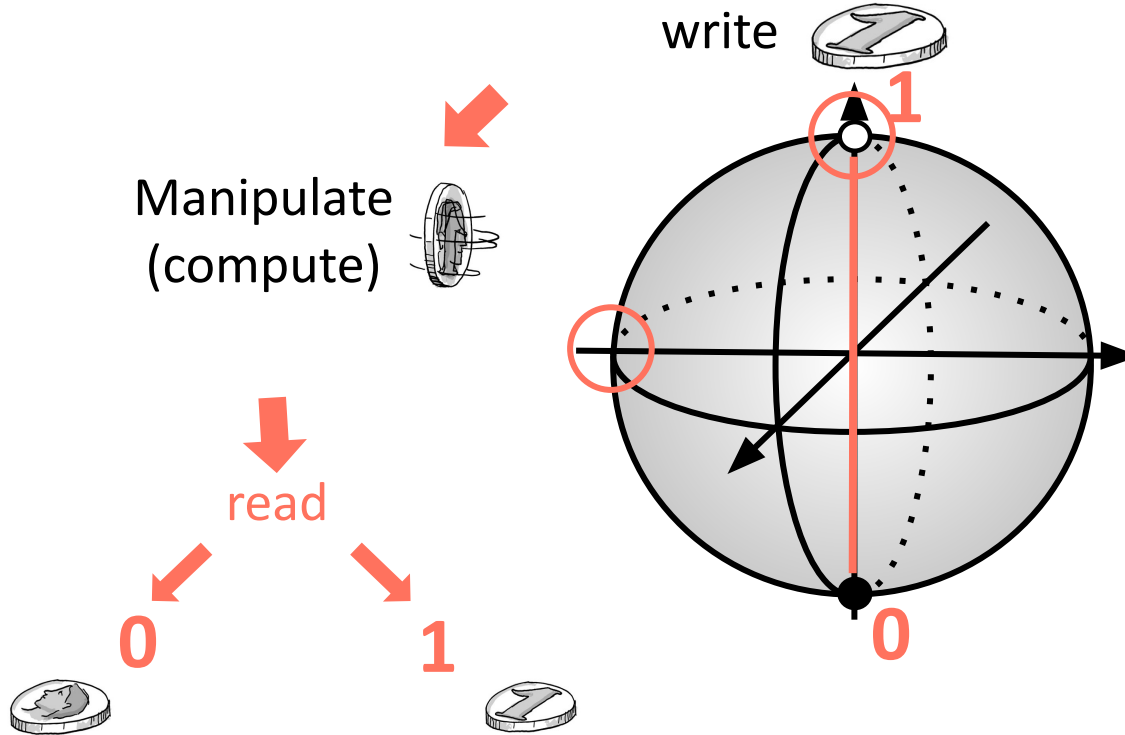
Our Analogy



Superposition



Superposition



Problem but also
opportunity:
exponentially large
space in # of qubits

Exponential Space

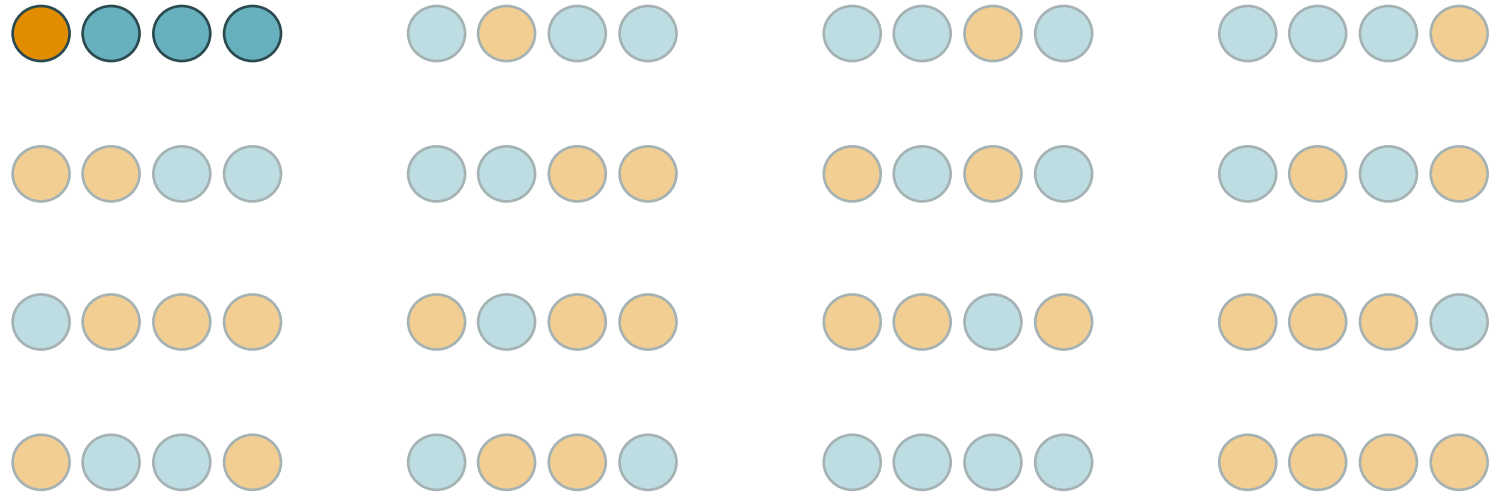
2^n combinations: $n = 4$



Classical register: Occupies 1 out of 16
states

Exponential Space

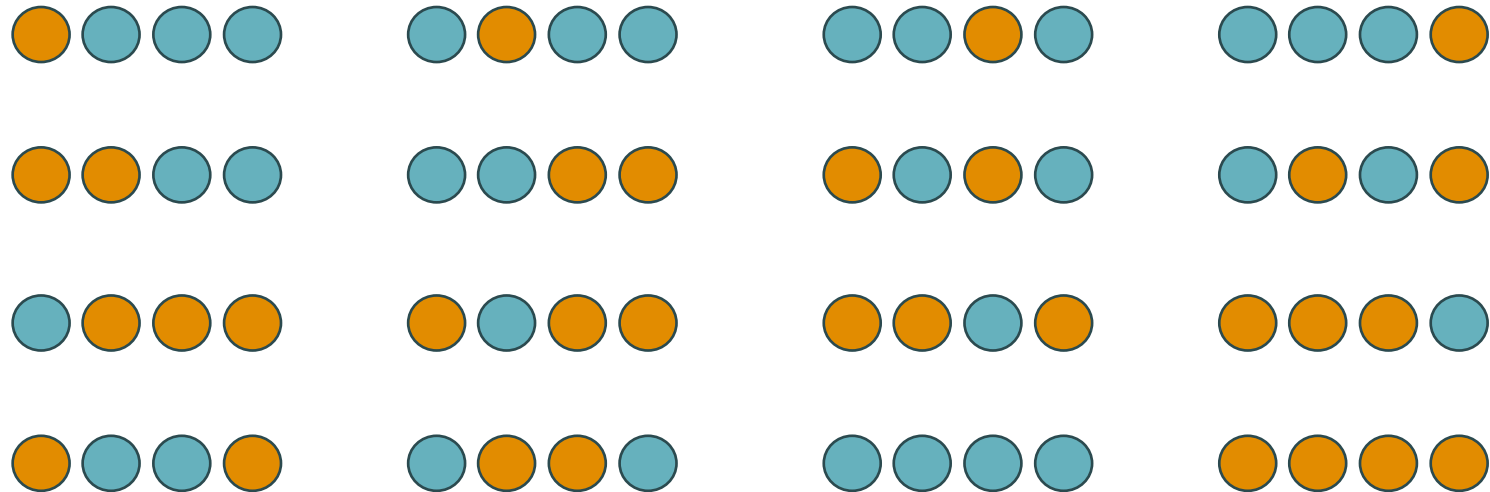
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Classical register : Occupies 1 out of 16 states

Exponential Space

2^n combinations: $n = 4$



Quantum register: May occupy **any superposition** of 16 states

Exponential Space

2^n combinations: $n = 4$

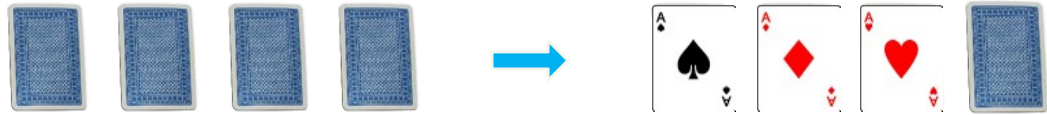


BUT measurements will collapse it – hence repetitions are needed for reconstruction

What can Quantum Computers do (better)?

- (unstructured) **search** (Grover)

Find Ace of Hearts



- **Factoring (Shor):** Find x and y such that $N = x \cdot y$

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Quantum Simulation

Very Quantum Systems

Drug Design

Material Science (superconductors)

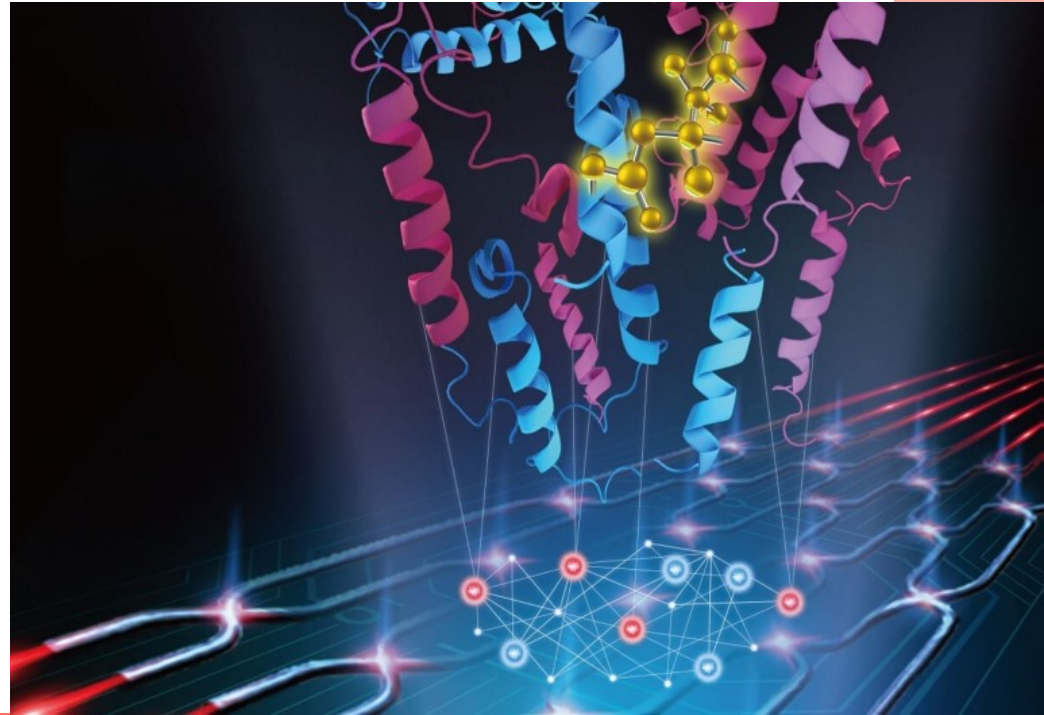
Fertiliser Design

Analog Systems

Chip Layout

Logistics

Maybe: New routes
for machine learning



What **can't** Quantum Computers do?

Transfer information faster than the speed of light

measurement cannot transfer information

and manipulation breaks the entanglement

Replace Gaming PCs

Quantum Processing Units (QPUs) might add new computing capabilities but won't replace everything

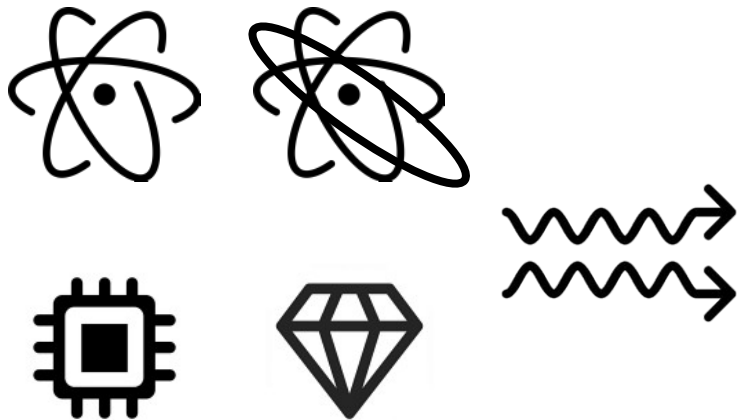
Improve Logistics **Today**

Be wary of big claims

What differentiates QCs?

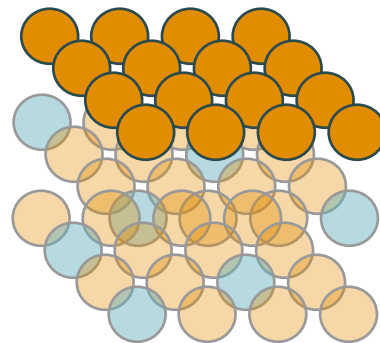
The Race for Fault Tolerance

Different Physical Qubits



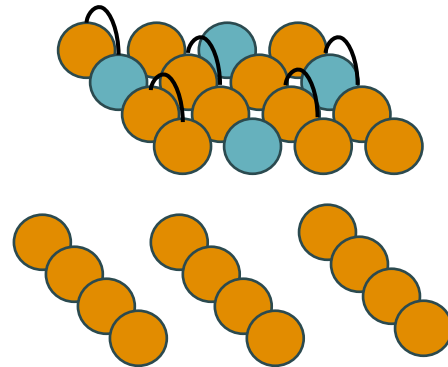
The Stats

Number of qubits

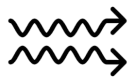


Number of qubits in a
usefully entangled state

Number of operations



Number of error
corrected qubits



Summary

There is a number of interesting **applications** for quantum computers
e.g. in Cryptography, drug development



Quantum computers will **not replace** classical computers



A lot of **research still needs to be done** to reveal the true potential of quantum computers!

