



MANIC DEPRESSIVE PHASES

POTENTIAL AND LIMITATIONS OF QUANTUM COMPUTING

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Updated McKinsey analysis for the third annual *Quantum Technology Monitor* reveals that four sectors—chemicals, life sciences, finance, and mobility—are likely to see the earliest impact from quantum computing and could gain up to \$10 trillion by 2035 (see sidebar “What is quantum technology?”).

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Quantum Computing beschleunigt rasant alle Prozesse

Nach der Künstlichen Intelligenz sind Supercomputer die

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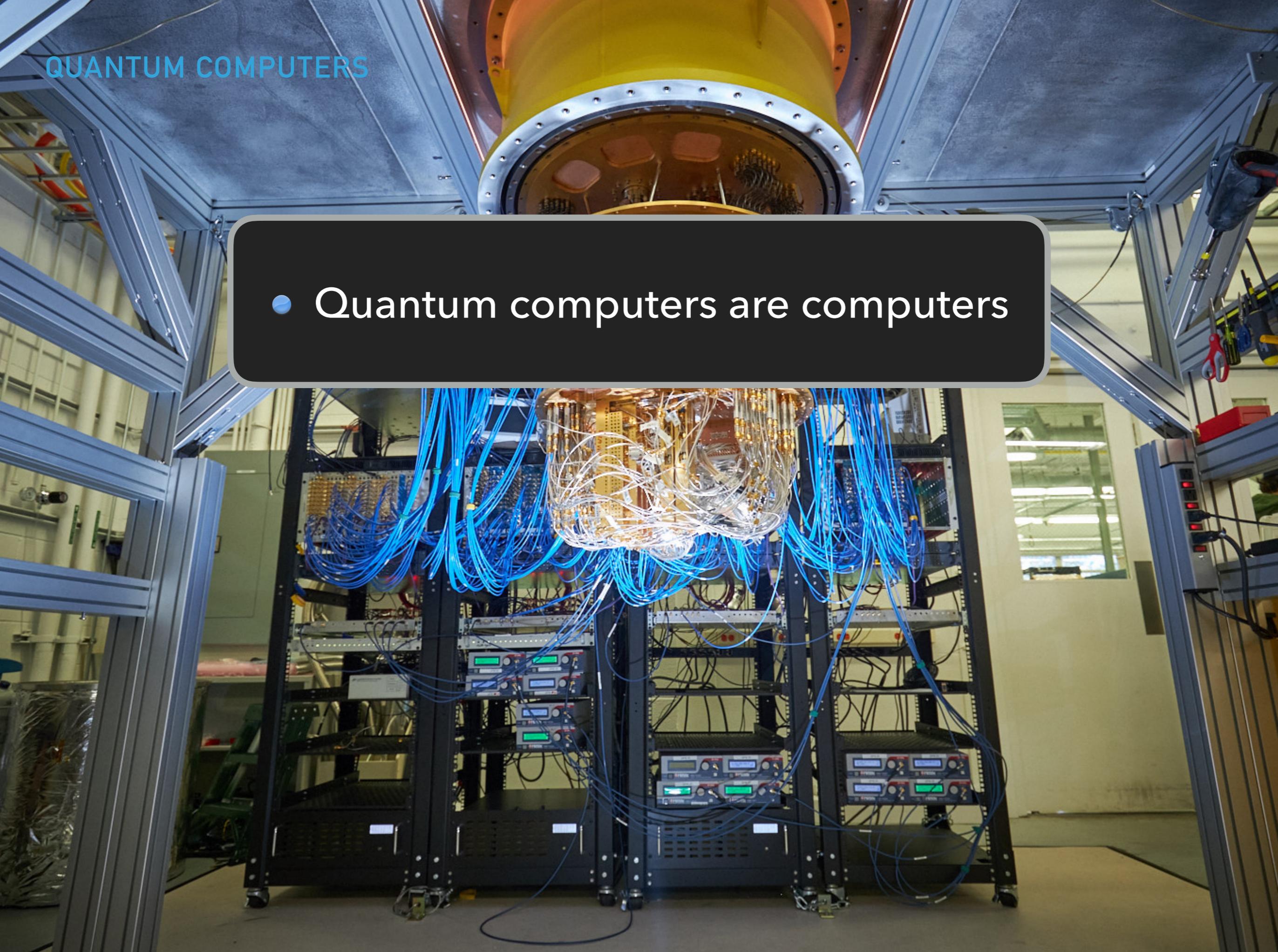
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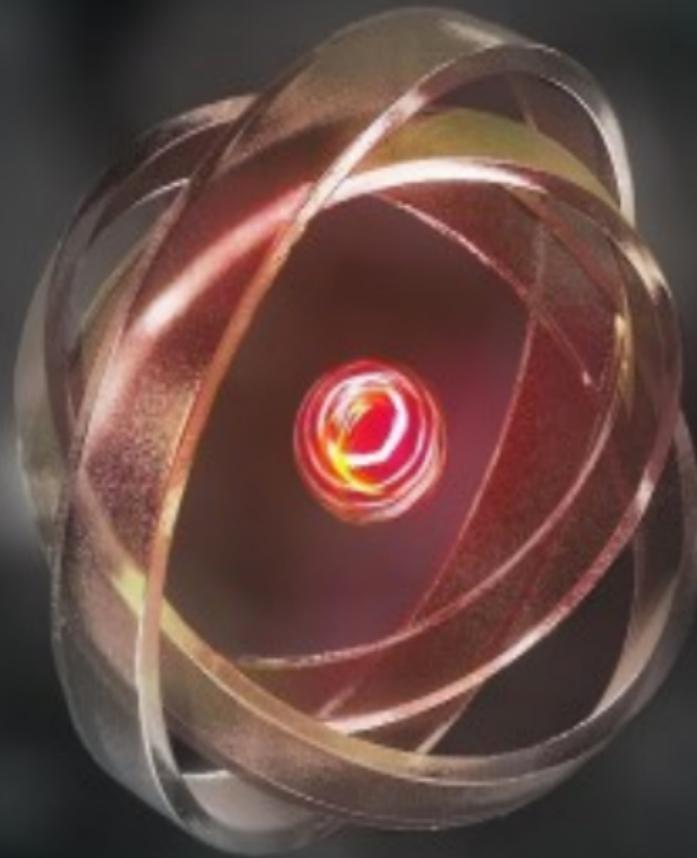
The background features a dark blue gradient with faint, overlapping circular and grid-like patterns, suggesting quantum mechanical concepts like wave functions or particle paths.

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- Theory of atoms, molecules and light quanta



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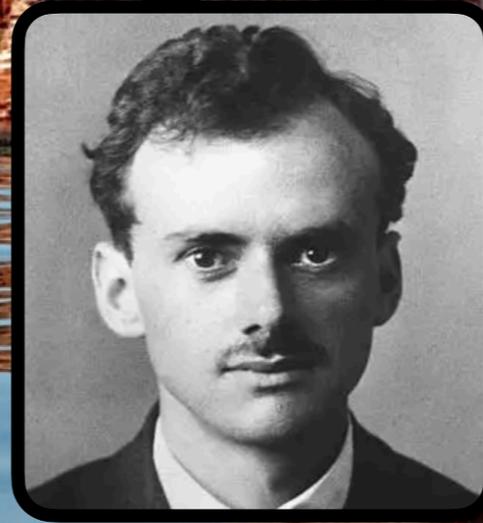


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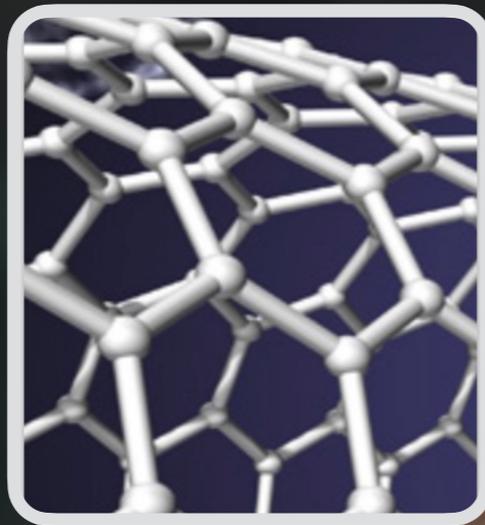
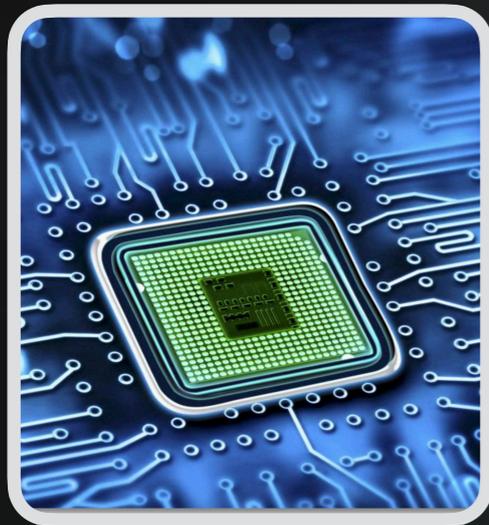
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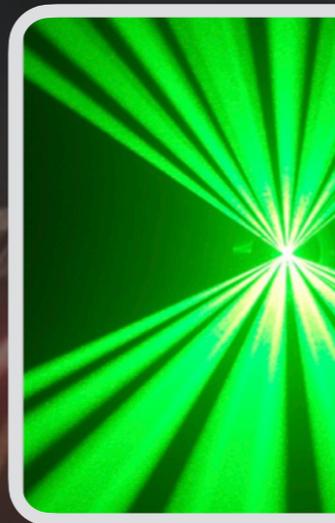
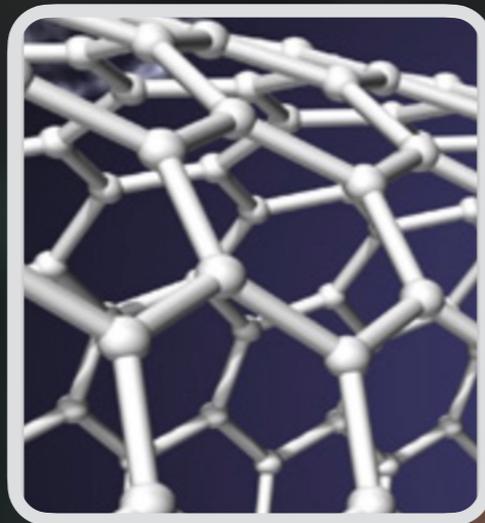
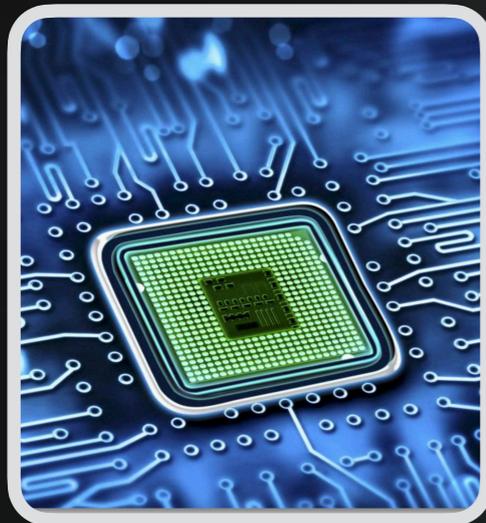
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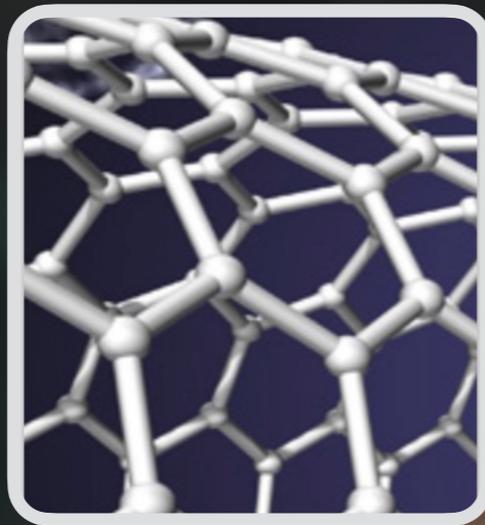
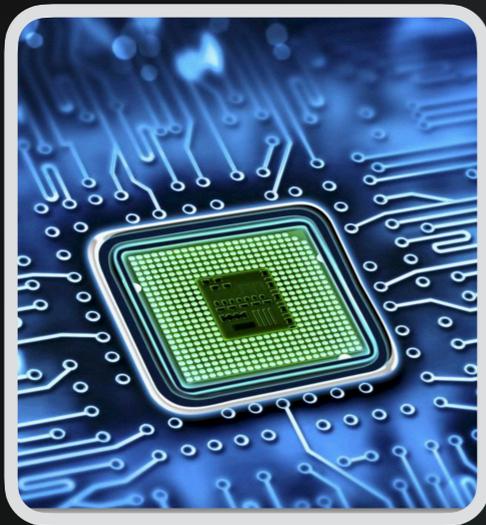
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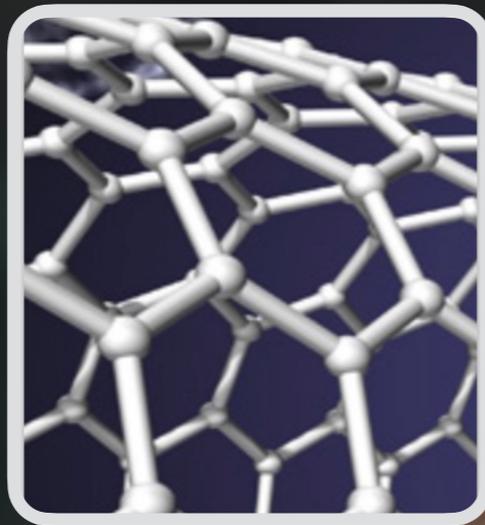
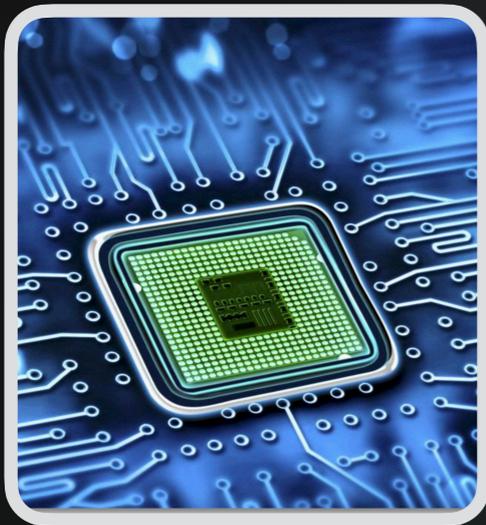
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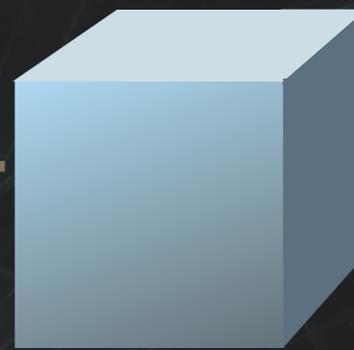
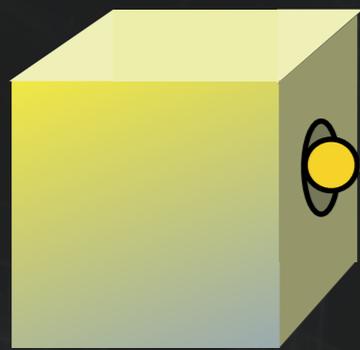
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- **Radically** different from classical physics

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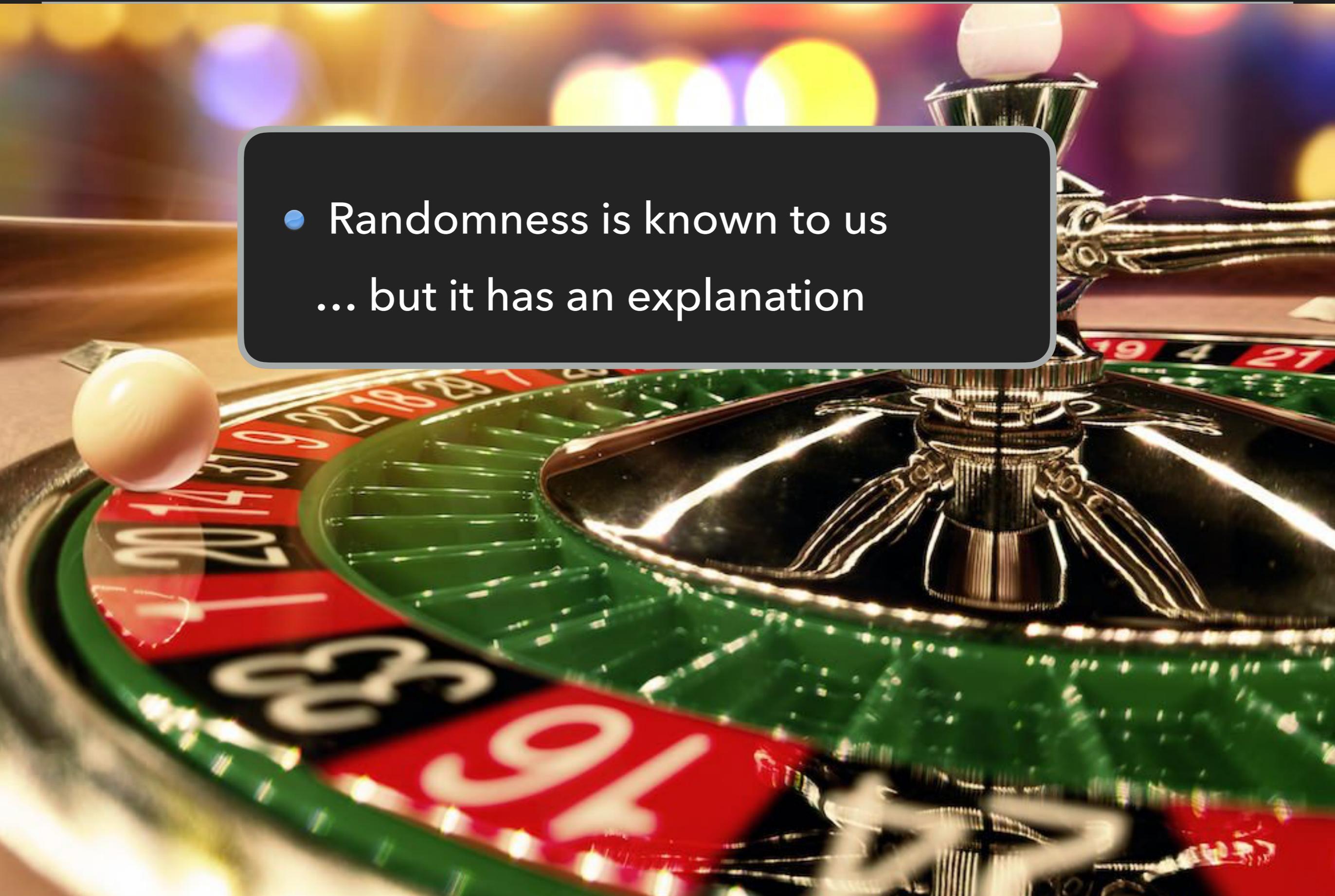
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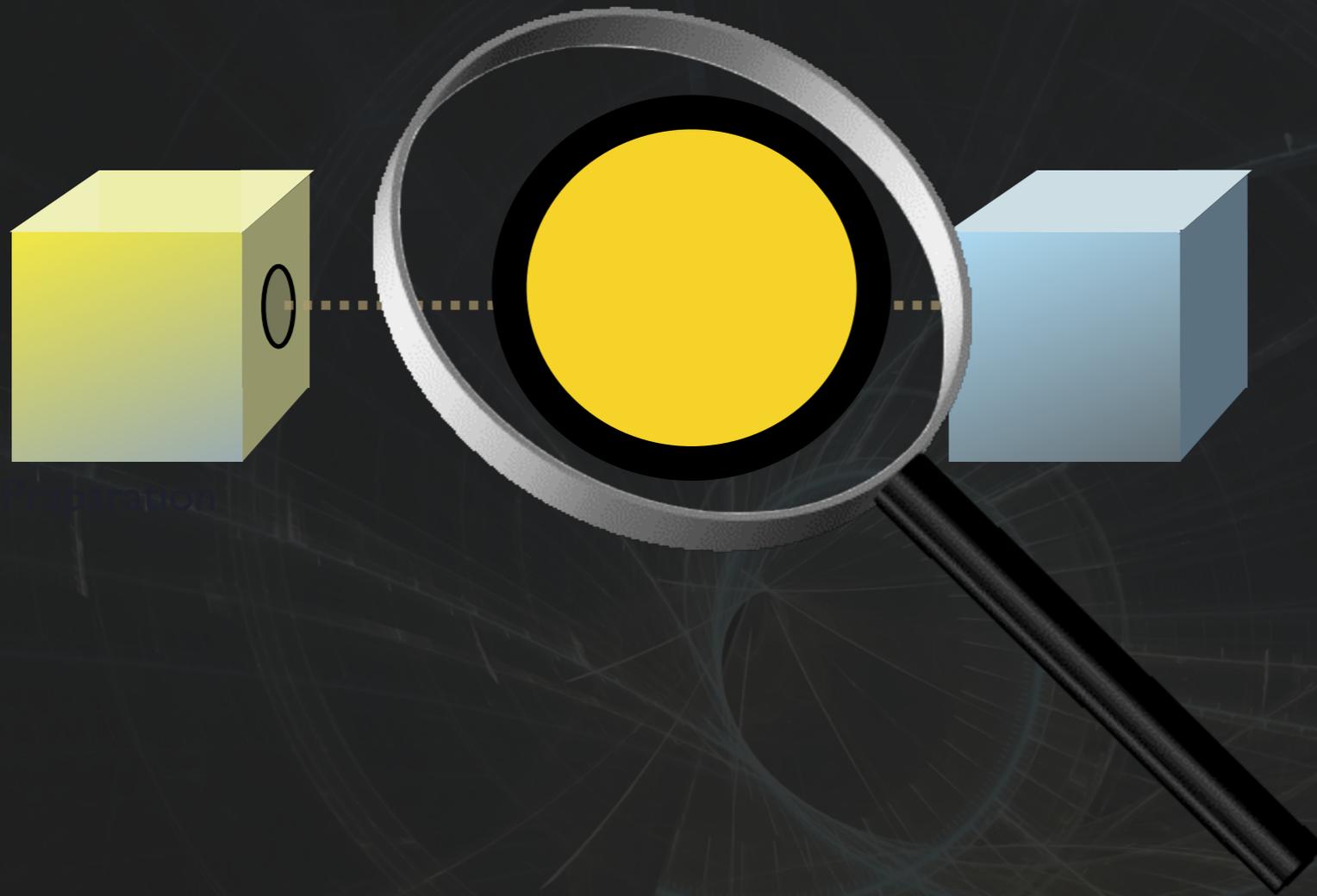
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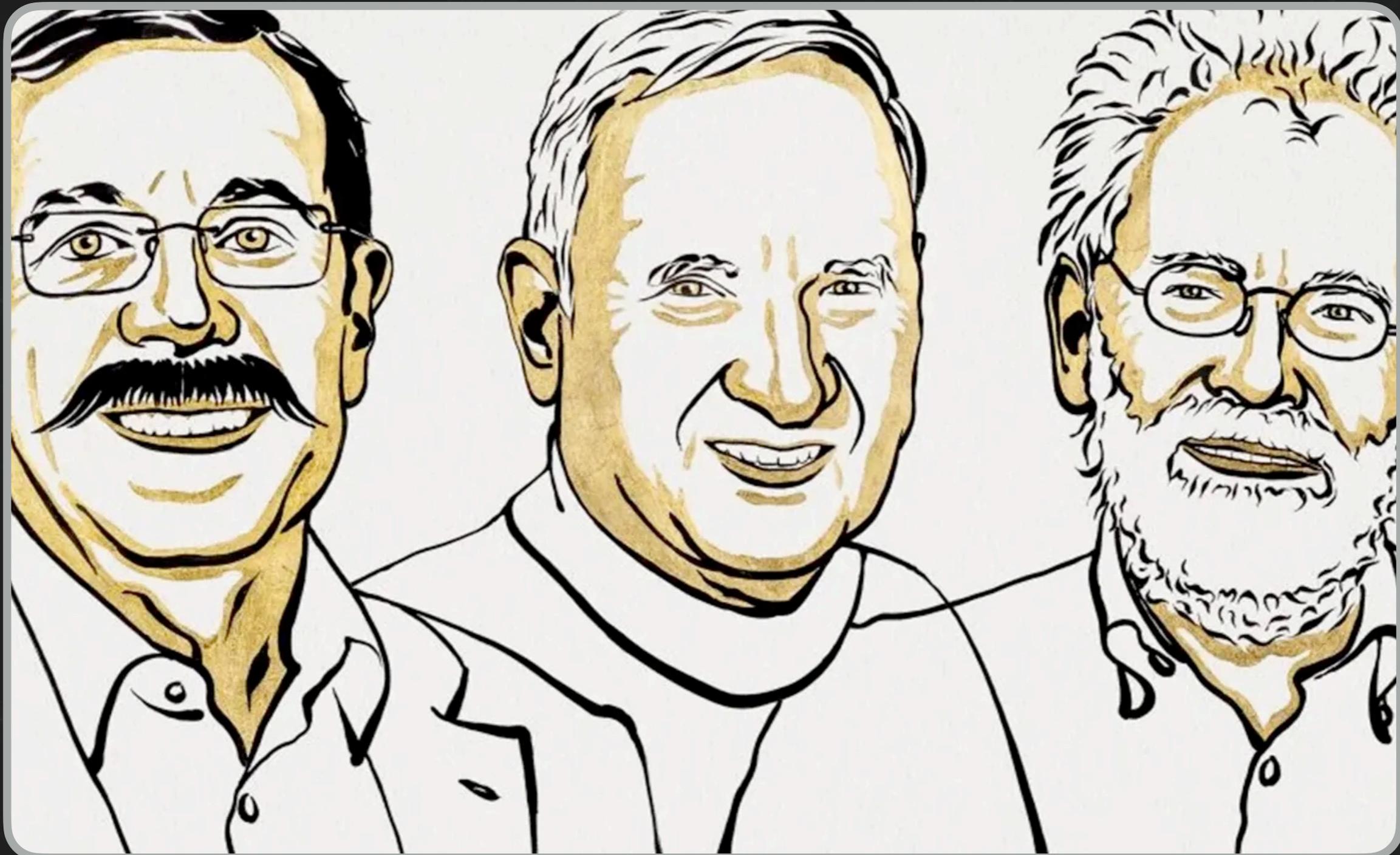


- Bell's inequality is violated (assumption of local hidden variables)

$$P(a, b|A, B) = \int d\lambda p(\lambda) \chi_A(a, \lambda) \chi_B(b, \lambda)$$

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- No measurements without disturbance



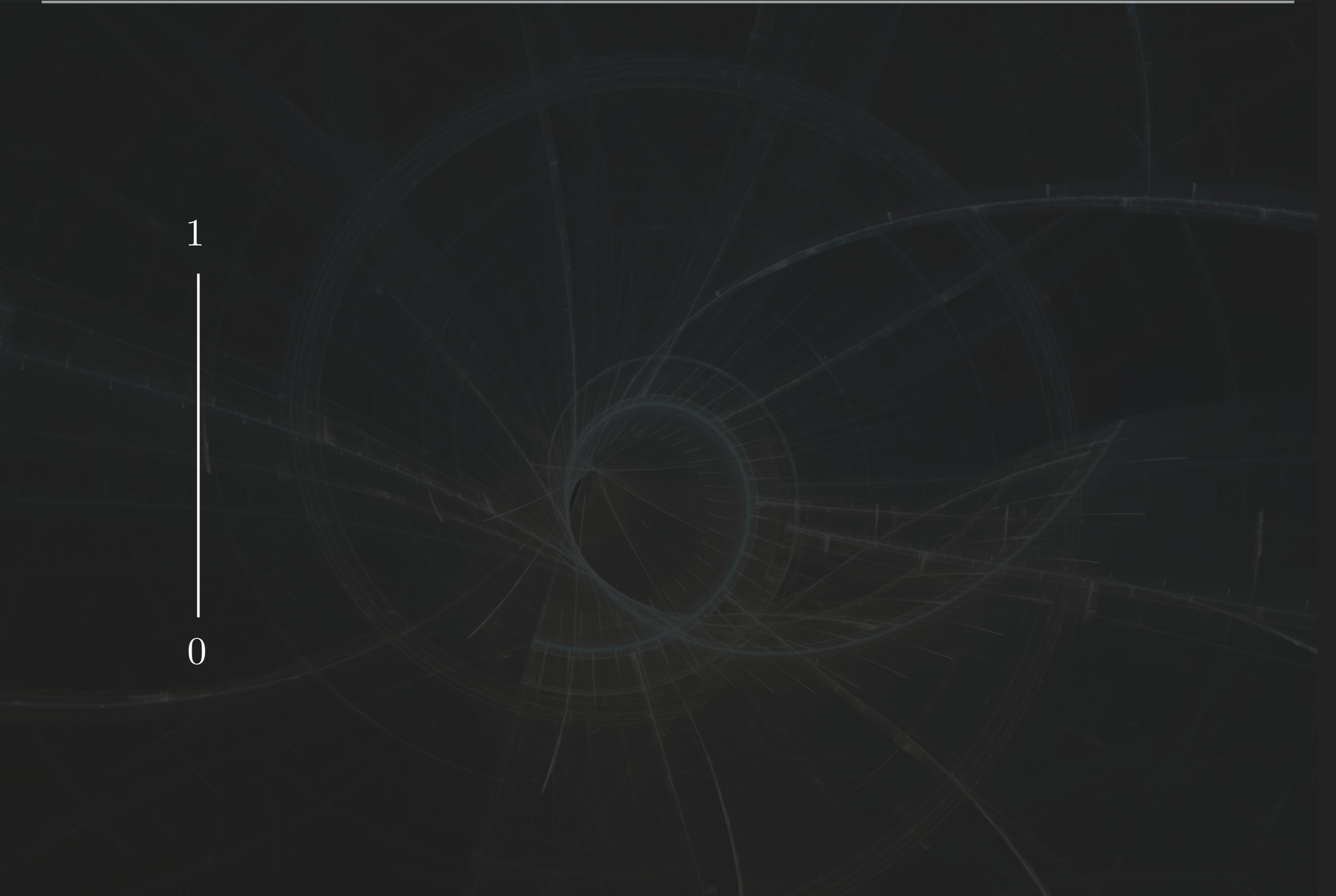
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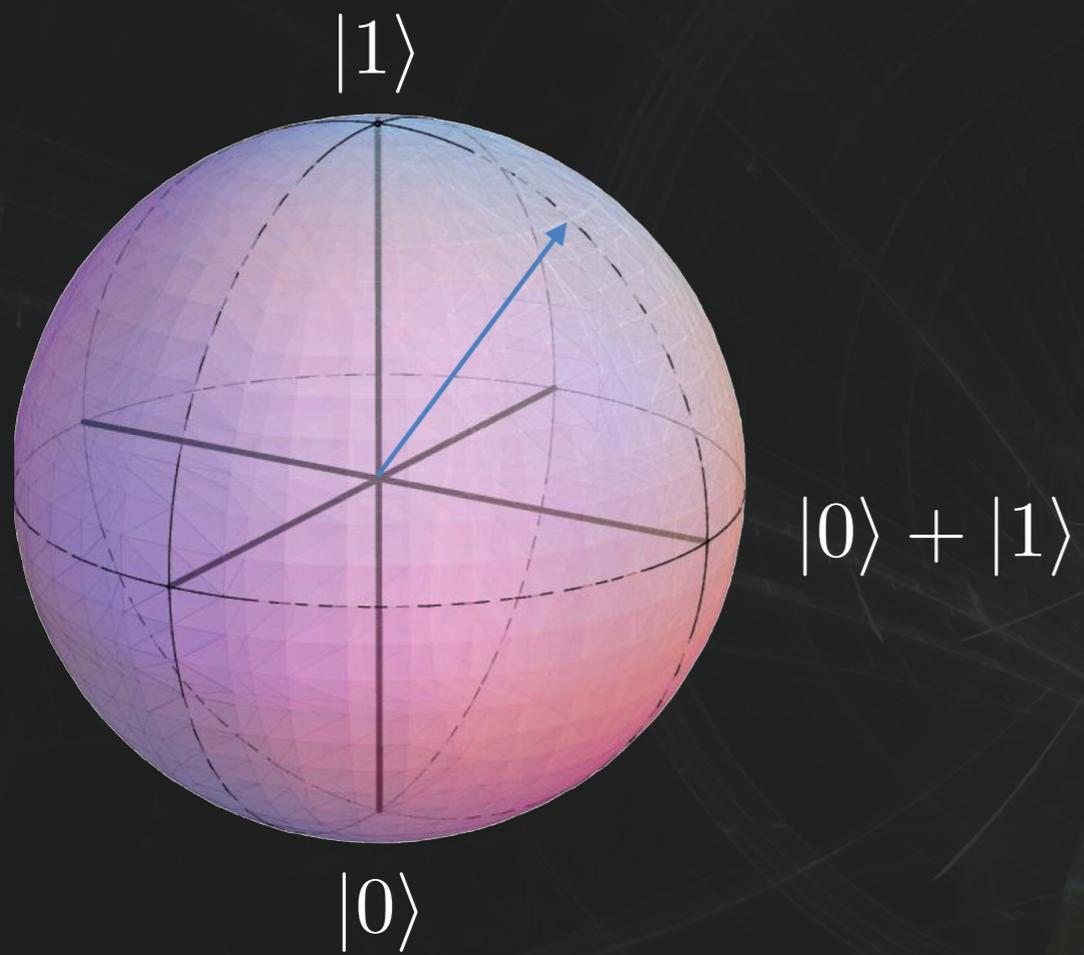
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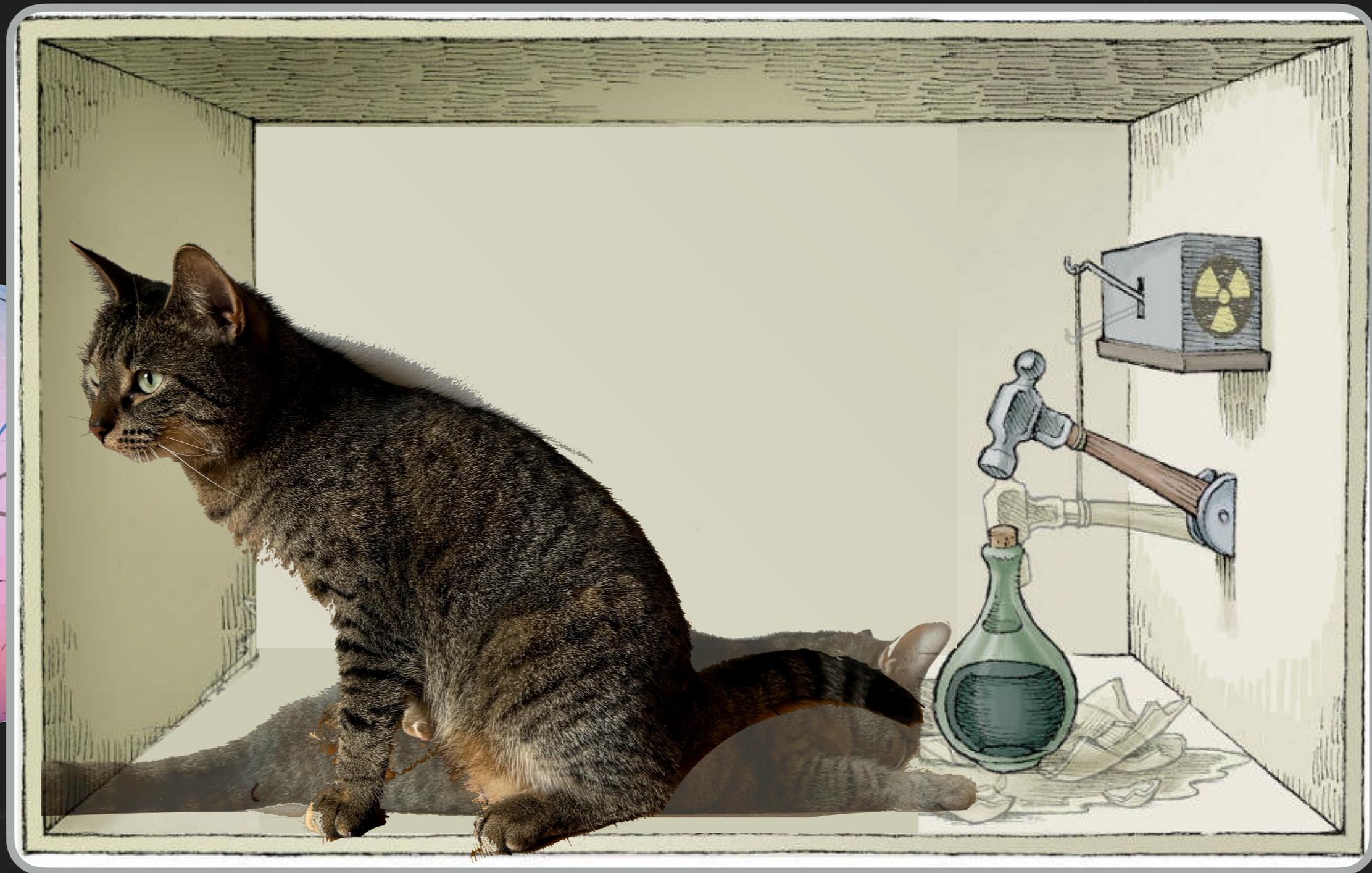
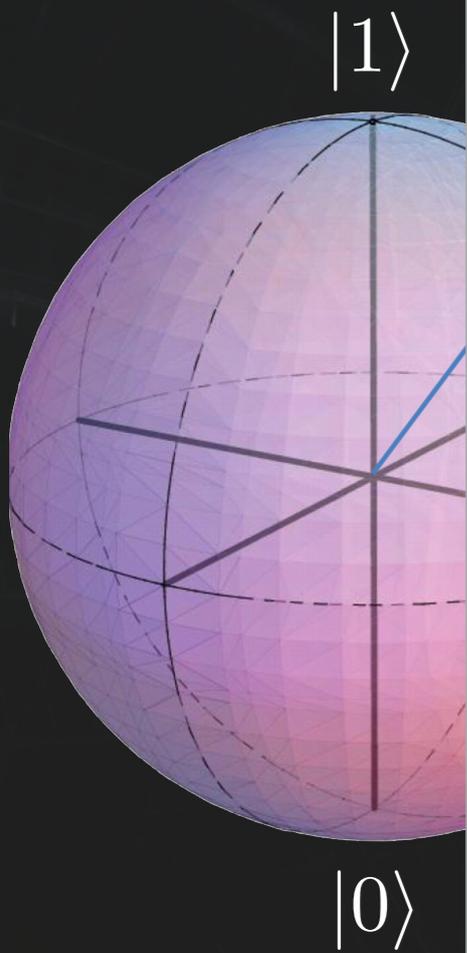
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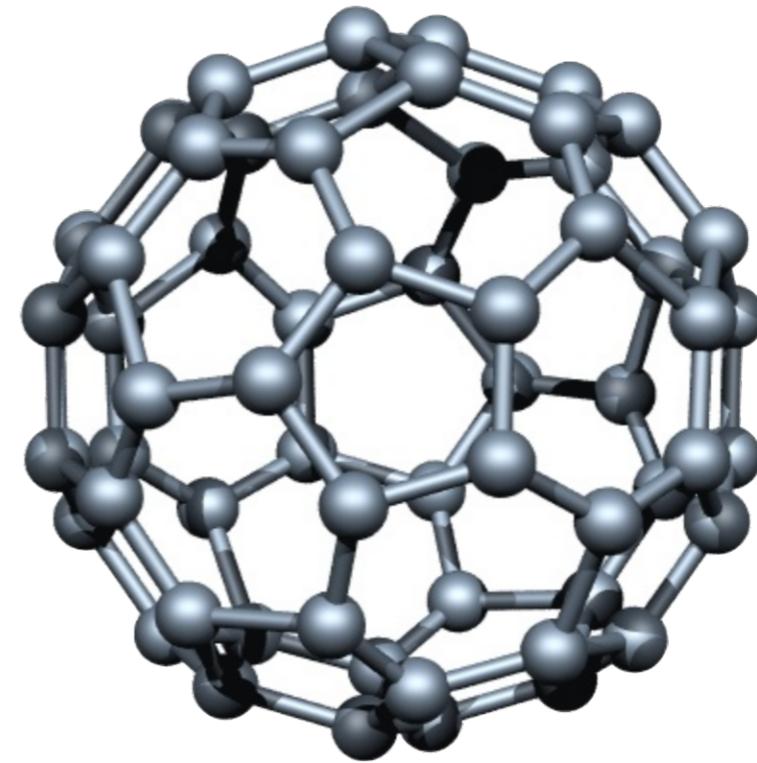
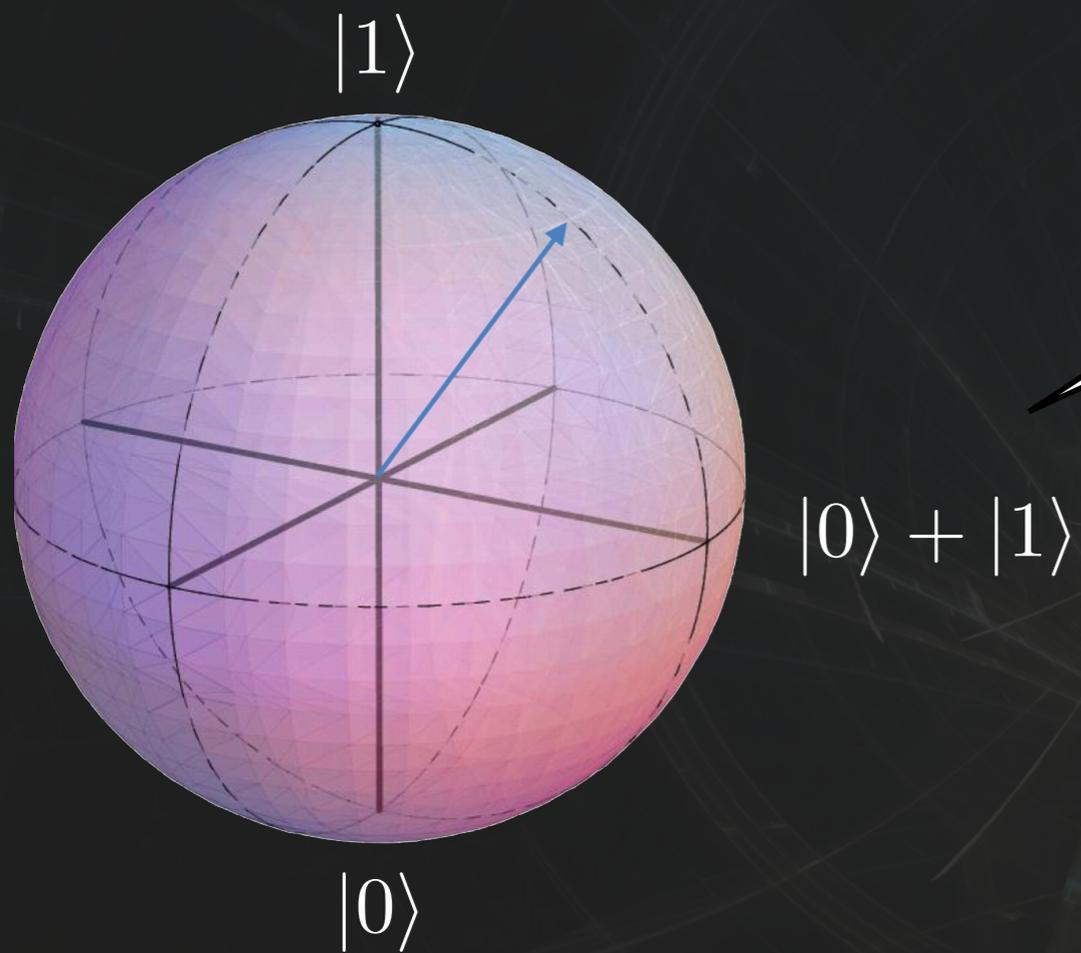


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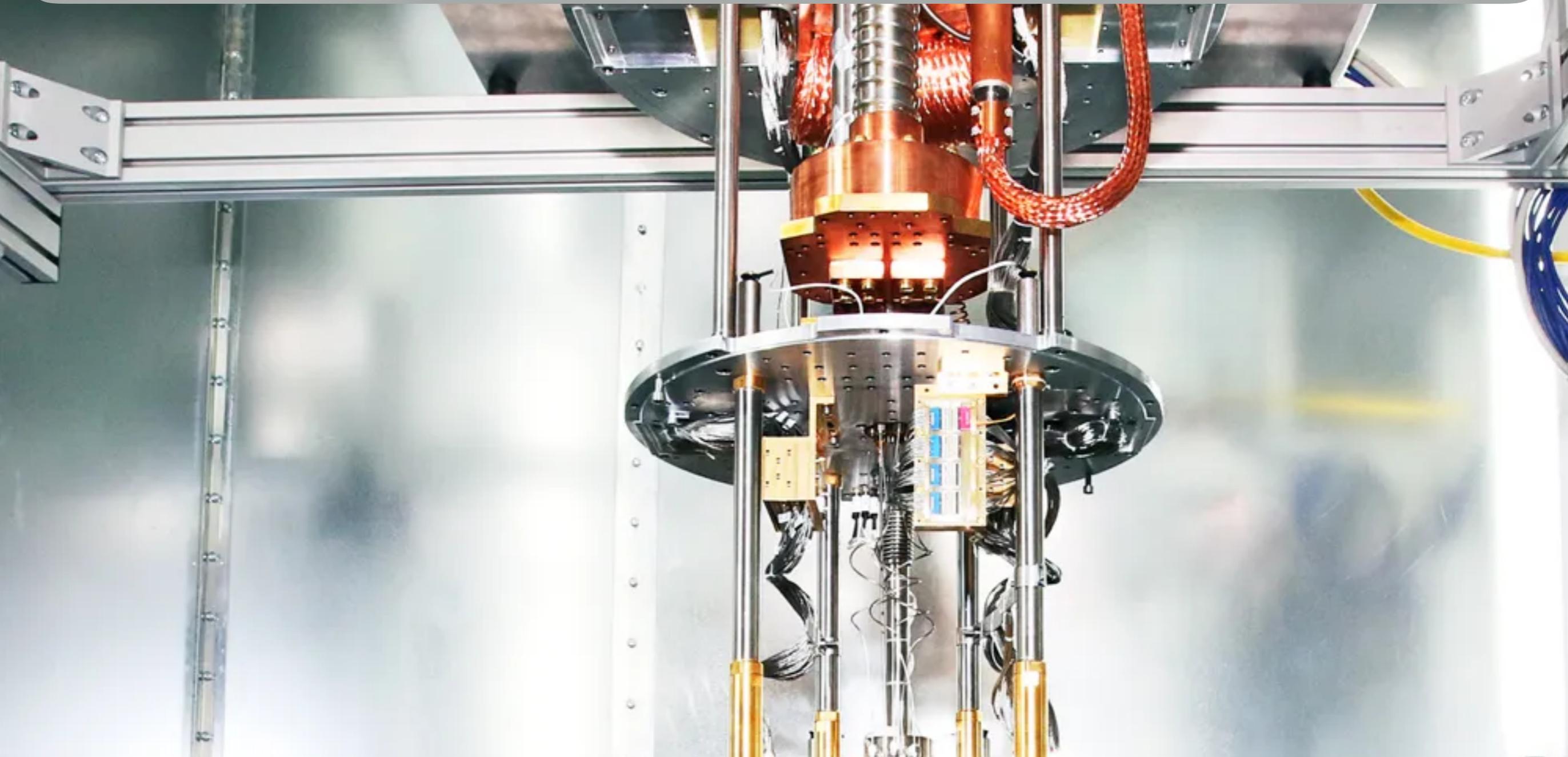


- Systems can be in 'many states at once'

DEVELOPMENT OF QUANTUM COMPUTING

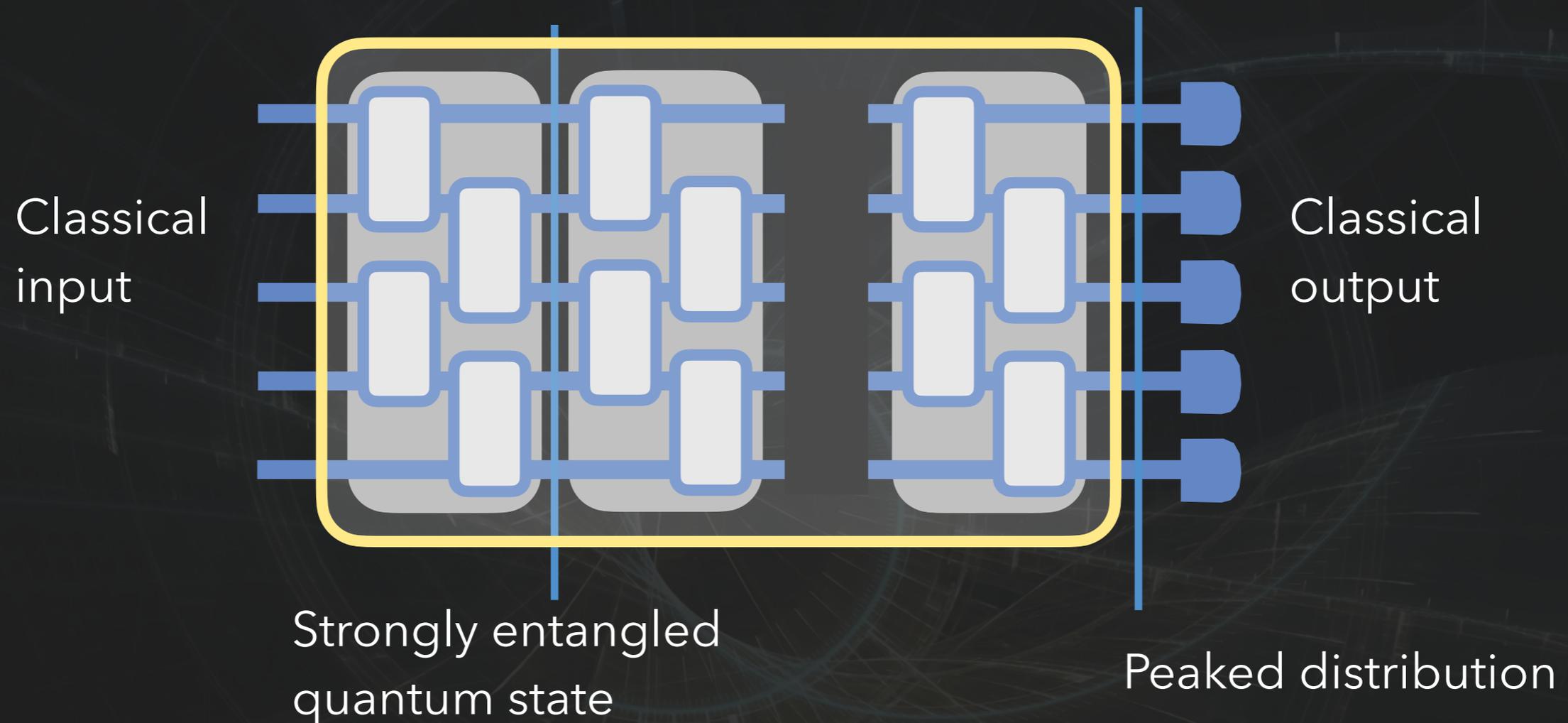
SECOND QUANTUM REVOLUTION

- Make use of quantum effects on the **level of single quantum systems** to generate novel technological applications in sensing, communication, simulation, computing



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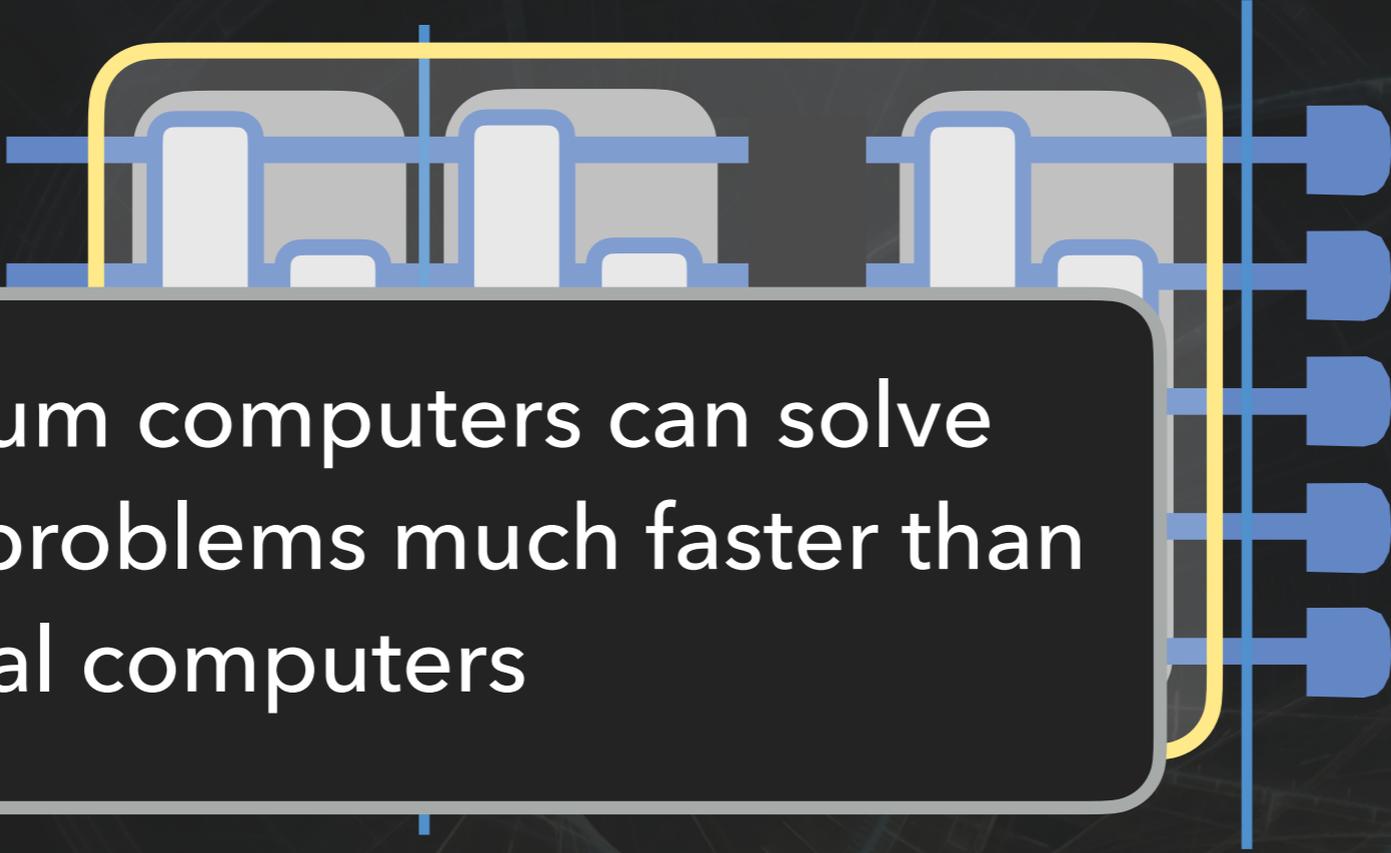
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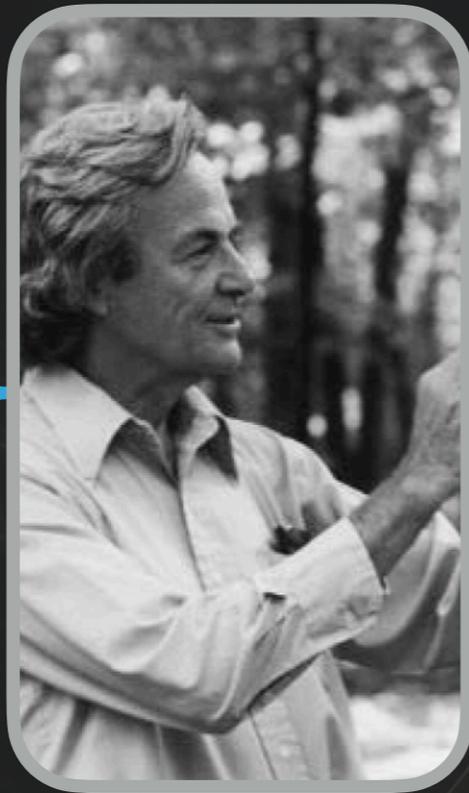
- Constituents can be in a **superposition** of classical alternatives
 $\alpha|0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1\rangle + \beta|1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0\rangle + \gamma|0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1\rangle + \dots$

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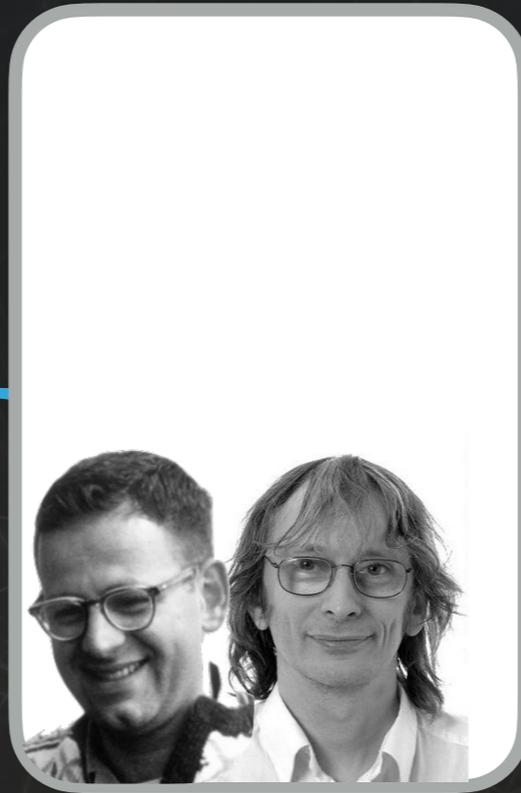
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- The diagram shows a quantum circuit with three qubits. A yellow line represents a multi-controlled operation (likely a Toffoli gate) that acts on the third qubit when the first two qubits are in the state |1>. The circuit includes several Hadamard gates and CNOT gates. A text box is overlaid on the circuit, containing a bullet point.
- Quantum computers can solve some problems much faster than classical computers

- Initially a conceptual idea



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Feynman, *Int J Th Phys* 21, 467 (1982)
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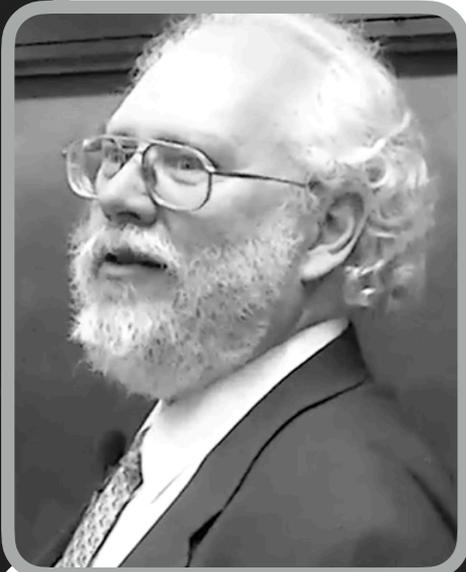
- A factor of a number N can be found if one knows a period p of

$$f(x) = a^x \bmod N$$

- Periods can be found with the quantum Fourier transform

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i |i\rangle \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y_i |i\rangle \text{ with } y_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j e^{2\pi i j k / n}$$

Shor, SIAM J Comp 26, 148 (1997)



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- Solves factoring in $O((\log N)^3)$ time
- Best classical

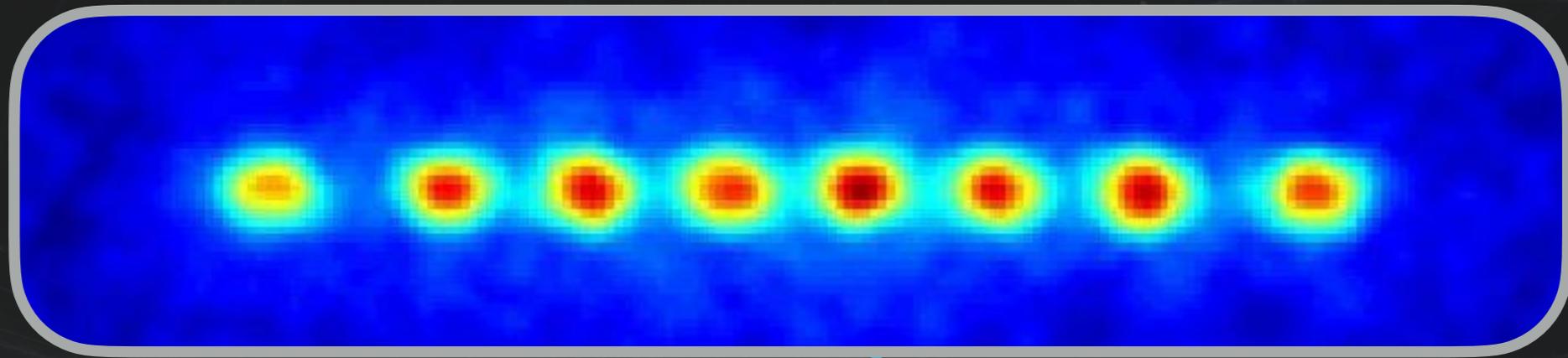
$$\exp(O((\log N)^{1/3} (\log \log N)^{2/3}))$$

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QUANTUM COMPUTERS

- Experimental progress harder to come by



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- Some quantum algorithms known

- **Linear systems of equations**

Harrow, Hassidim, Lloyd, Phys Rev Lett 15, 150502 (2009)

- **Semi-definite programming**

Brandão, Kalev, Li, Lin, Svore, Wu, arXiv:1710.02581 (2017)

- **Harmonic oscillators**

Babbusch, Berry, Kothari, Somma, Wiebe, Phys Rev X 13, 041041 (2023)

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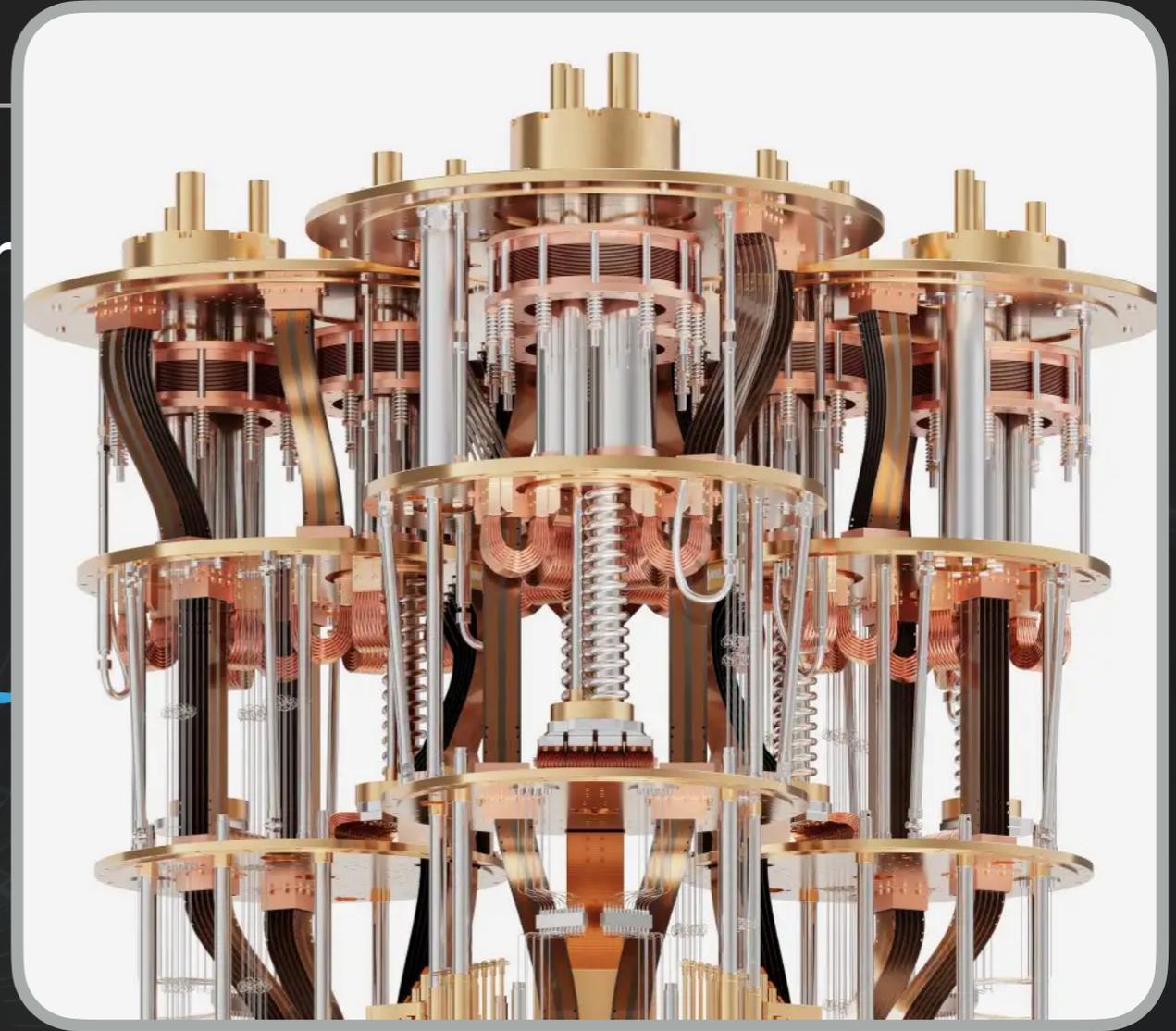
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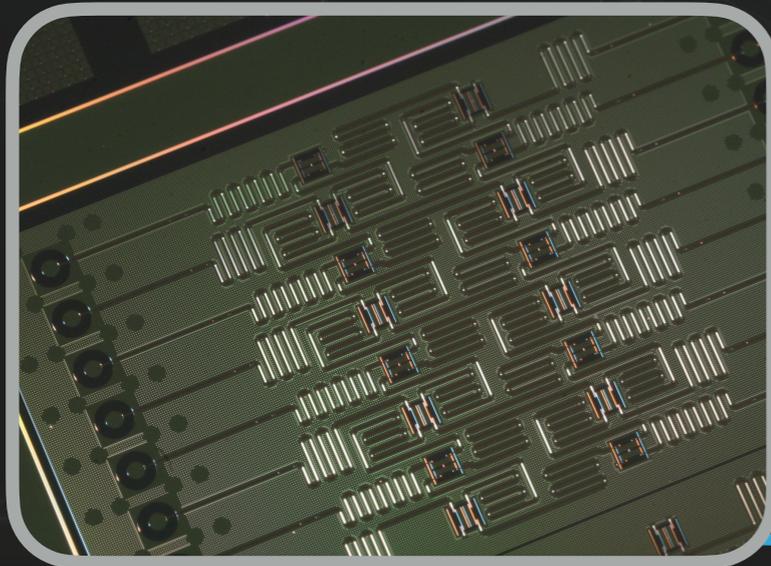
GOOGLE 128 QUBIT BRIZZLECONE



IBM 1221 QUBITS



IBM 50 QUBITS



IBM 16 SUPERCONDUCTING QUBITS

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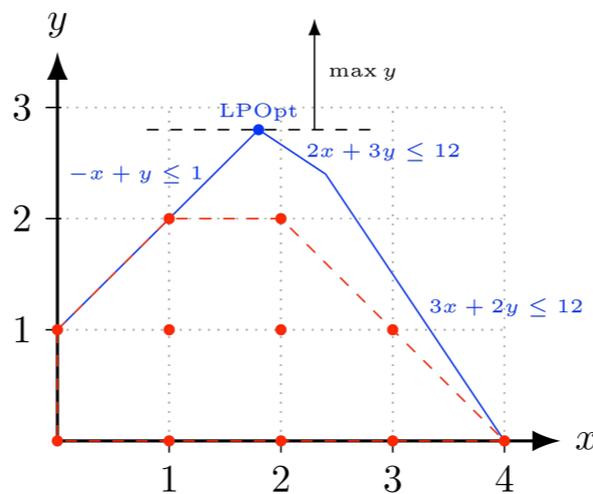
INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS?

- Are there quantum advantages in optimization and machine-learning?

- Ubiquitous in industrial applications - but usually NP-hard

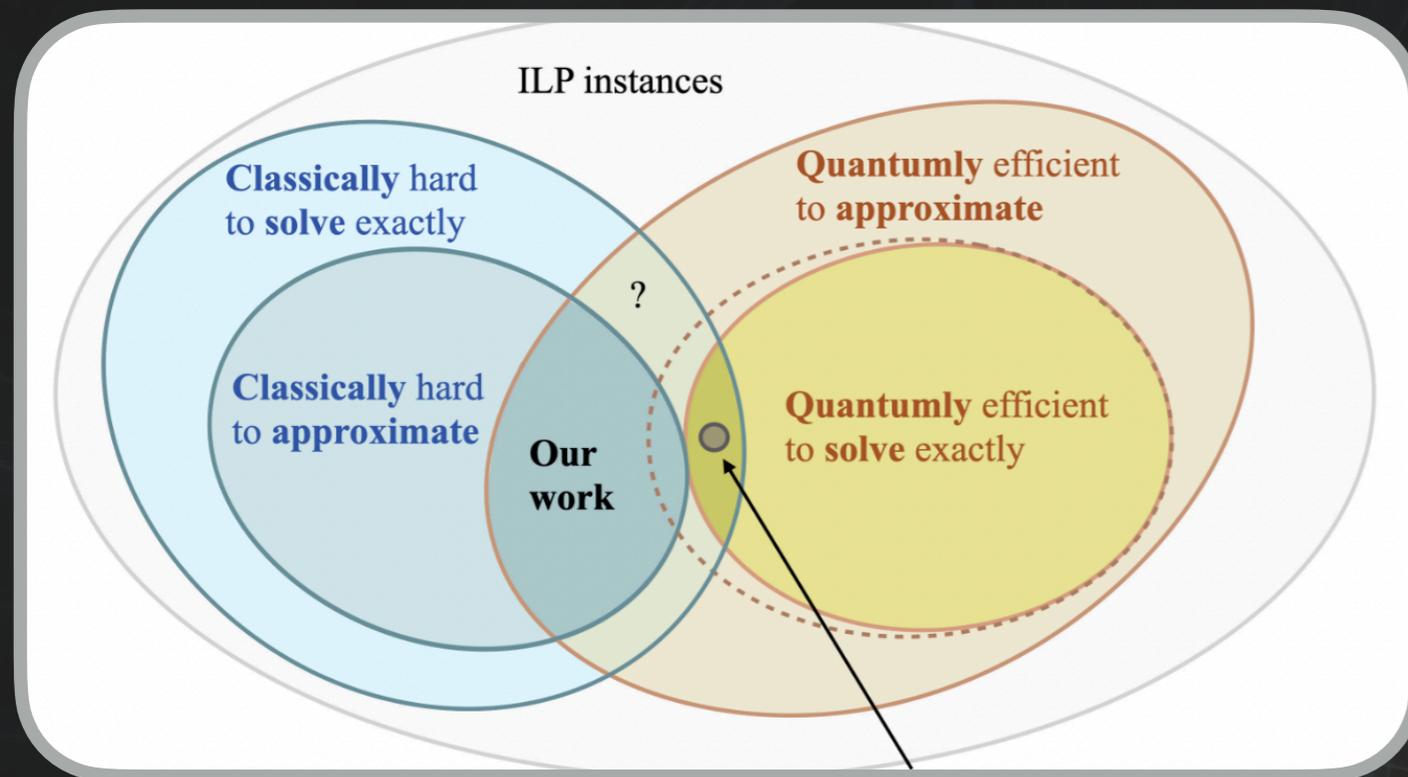
maximize
subject to
and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ & A\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{b}, \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{0}, \\ & \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \end{aligned}$$



- Can we hope for quantum advantages?

- In principle, yes



Pirnay, Ulitzsch, Wilde, Eisert, Seifert, arXiv:2212.08678, Science Advances (2024)
Szegedy, arXiv:2212.12572 (2022)

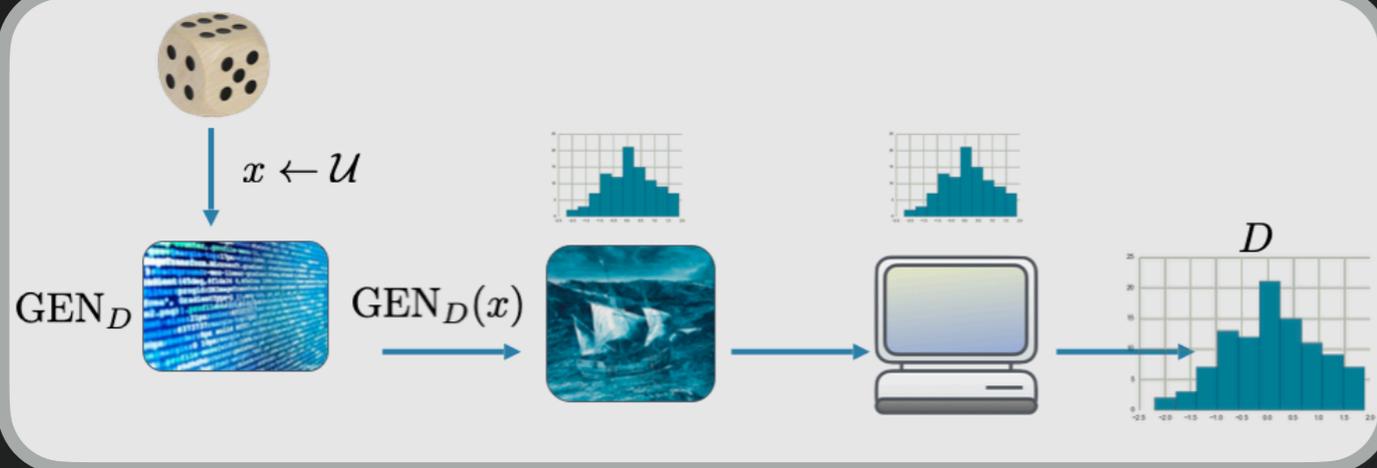
- Quantum computers can efficiently approximate instances of integer programming that are classically hard to approximate
- Race for variational algorithms open

Farhi, Goldstone, Gutmann, Zhou, Quantum 6, 759 (2022)
Zhou, Wang, Choi, Pichler, Lukin, Phys Rev X 10, 021067 (2020)

- How about machine learning?



- Again, yes



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- Quantum computers can learn structured distributions superpolynomially better

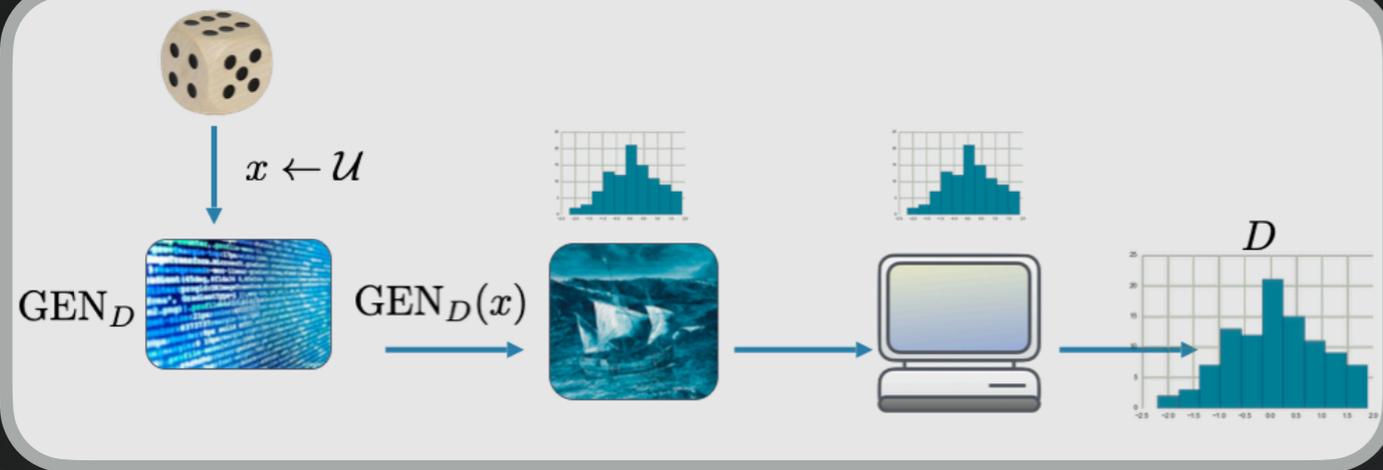
- **"Probably approximately correct" learning of distribution classes**
- A distribution class \mathcal{C} is efficiently PAC learnable w.r.t. distance d if there is an algorithm \mathcal{A} which for every $D \in \mathcal{C}$ and every $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ given access to an oracle $O(D)$, outputs in time $\text{poly}(|D|, 1/\epsilon, 1/\delta)$
- with probability at least $1 - \delta$ ("probably") a generator $\text{GEN}_{D'}$ of a distribution D' such that

$$d(D, D') < \epsilon$$

("approximately correct")

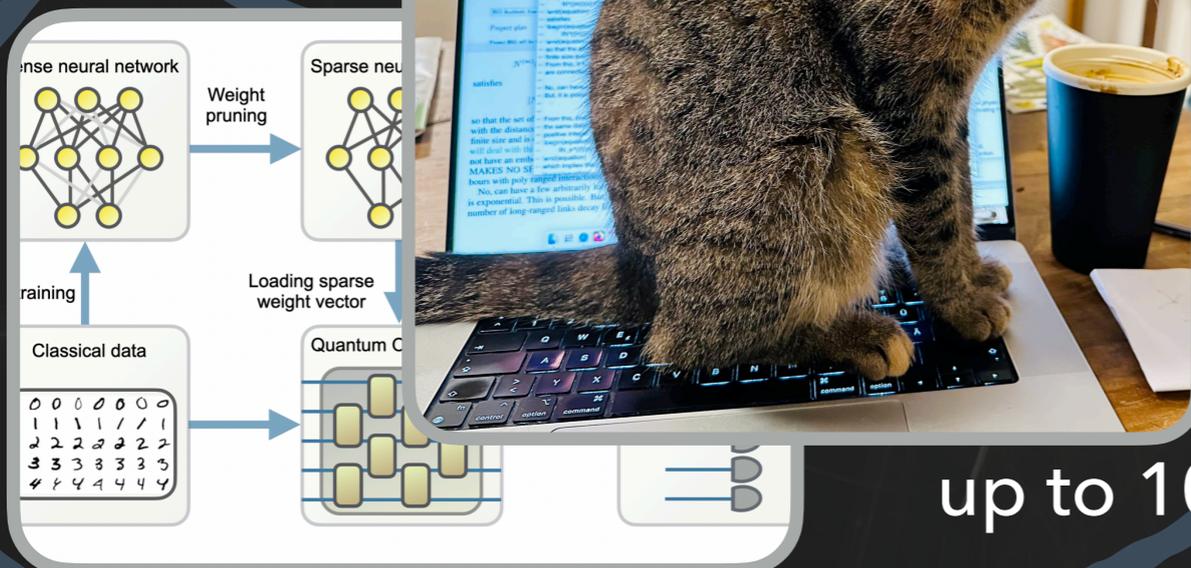
MACHINE LEARNING

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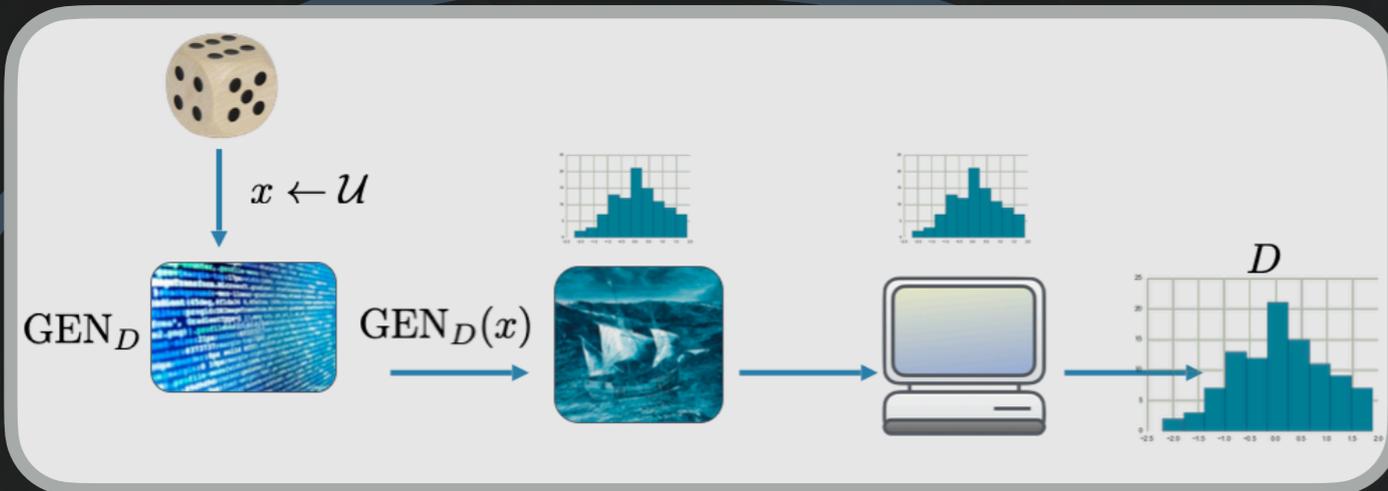
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Industrial applications, can train classical sparse networks

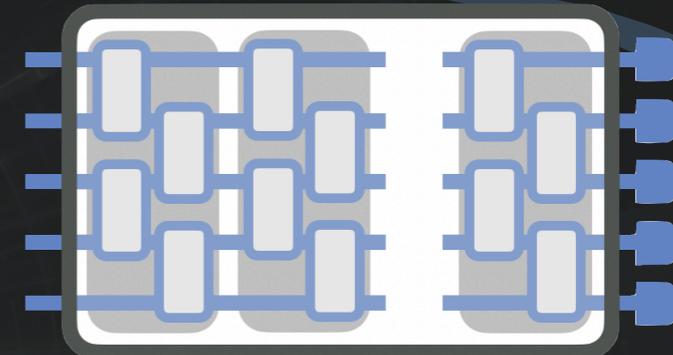
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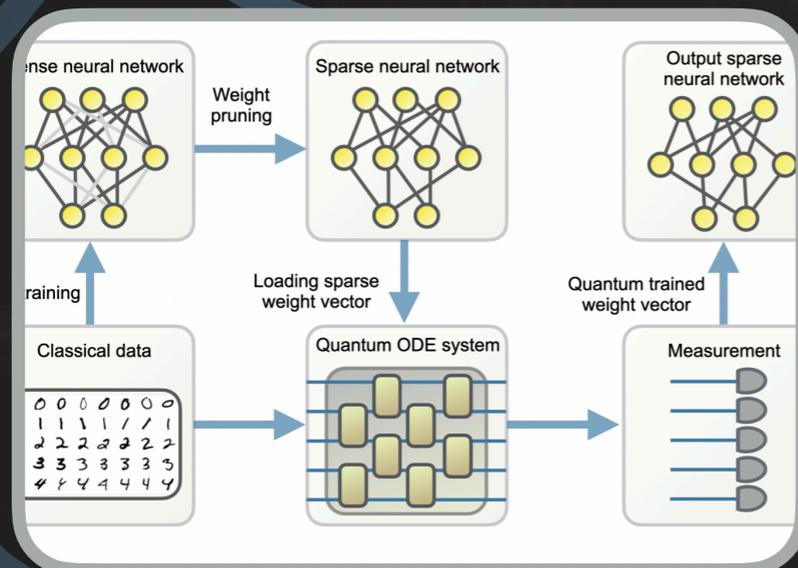


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Pirnay, Seifert, Eisert, Jerbi (2024)

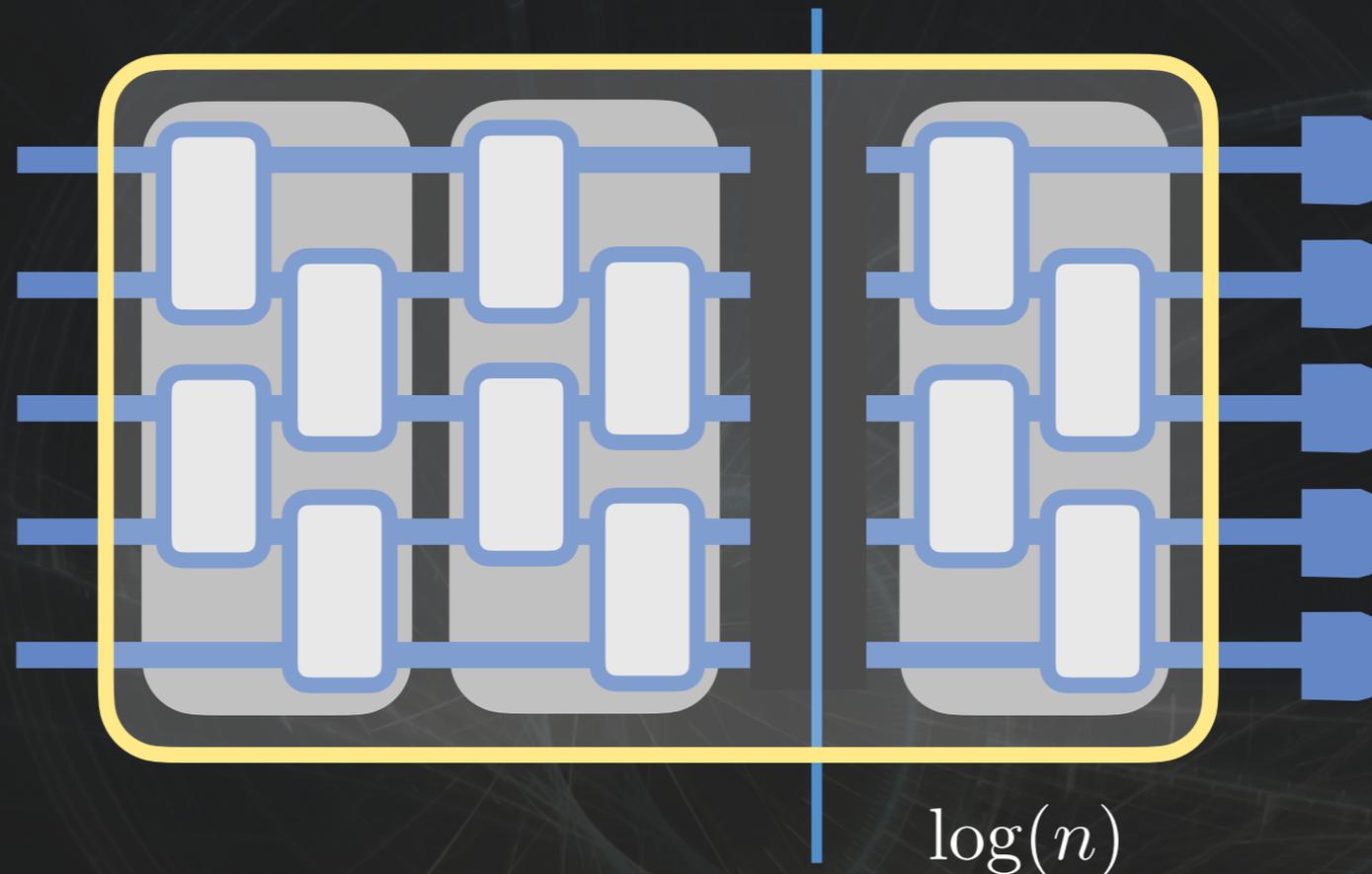


- For industrial applications, can train better classical sparse networks
- Benchmarks of models with 7 up to 103 million parameters

Liu, Liu, Liu, Ye, Wang, Alexeev, Eisert, Jiang, Nature Comm 15, 434 (2024)

LIMITATIONS OF ERROR UNCORRECTED CIRCUITS

- Short circuits do not seem to offer advantages



Quek, Stilck França, Khatri, Meyer, Eisert, Nature Phys (2024)

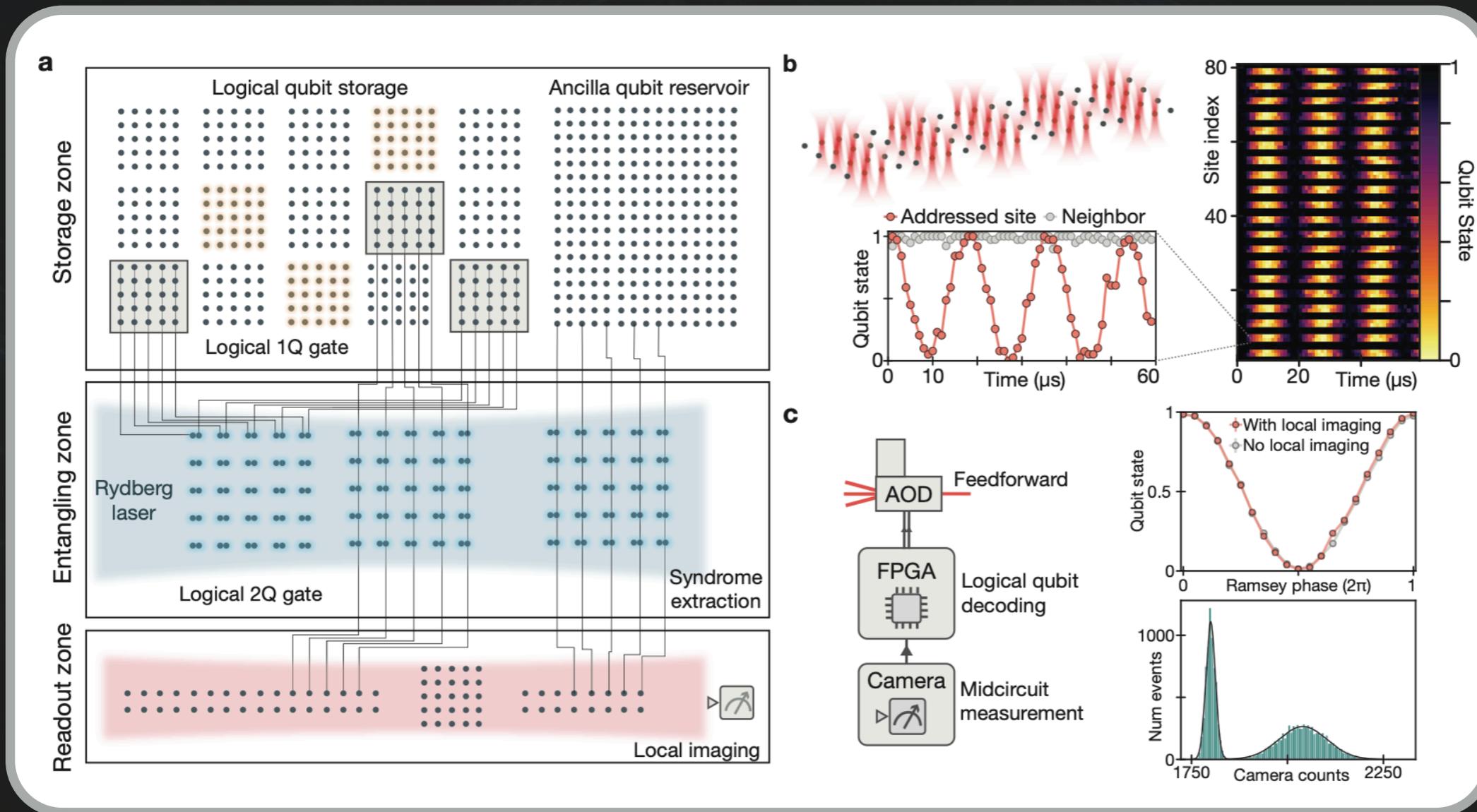
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Mele, Angrisani, Ghosh, Khatri, Eisert, Stilck Franca, Quek, arXiv:2403.13927 (2024)

FAULT TOLERANT CIRCUITS

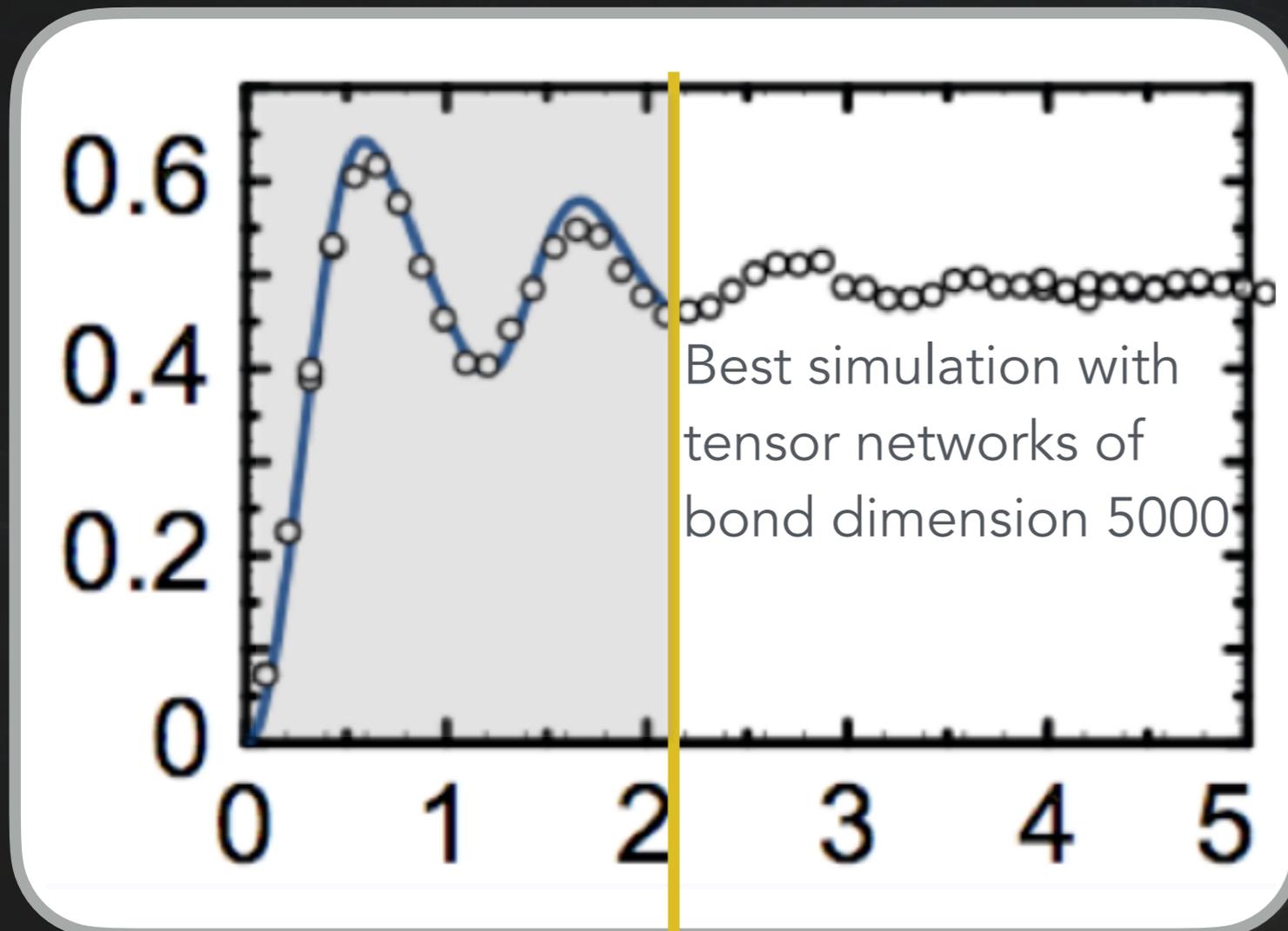
- But there have been huge breakthroughs in error correction



Bluvstein, Evered, Geim, Li, Zhou, Manovitz, Ebadi, Cain, Kalinowski, Hangleiter, Bonilla Ataides, Maskara, Cong, Gao, Rodriguez, Karolyshyn, Semeghini, Gullans, Greiner, Vuletic, Lukin, Nature 626, 58 (2024)

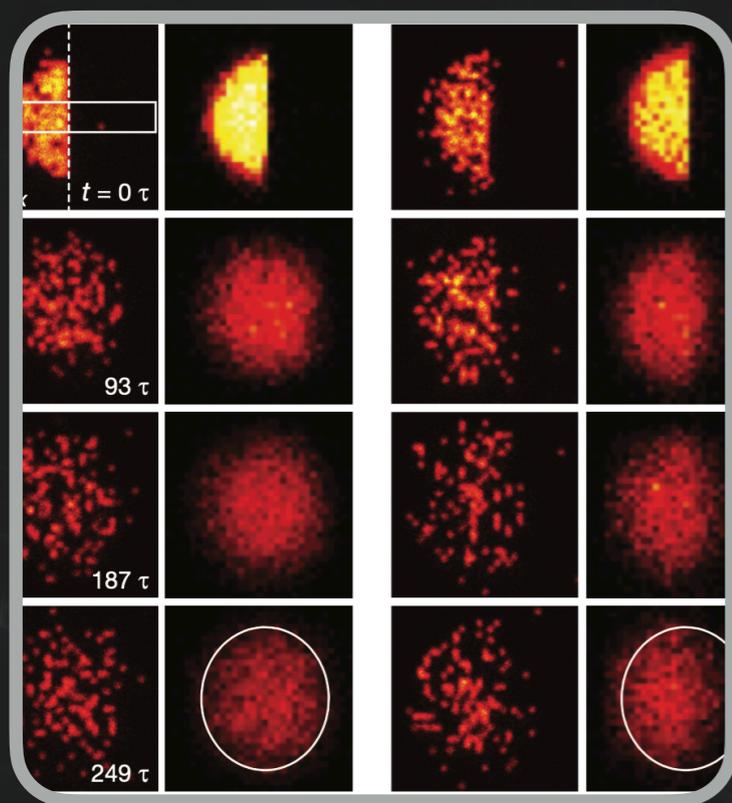
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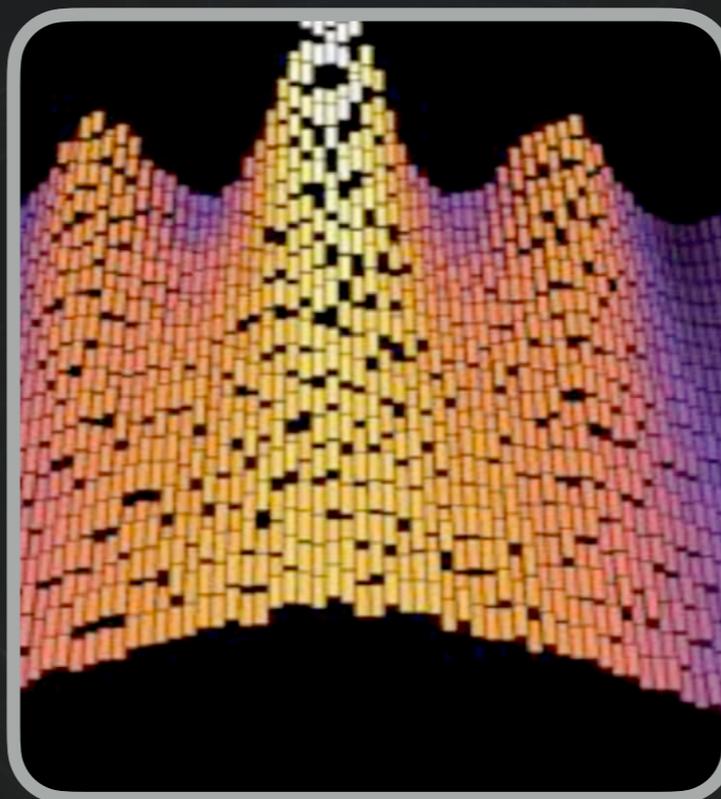
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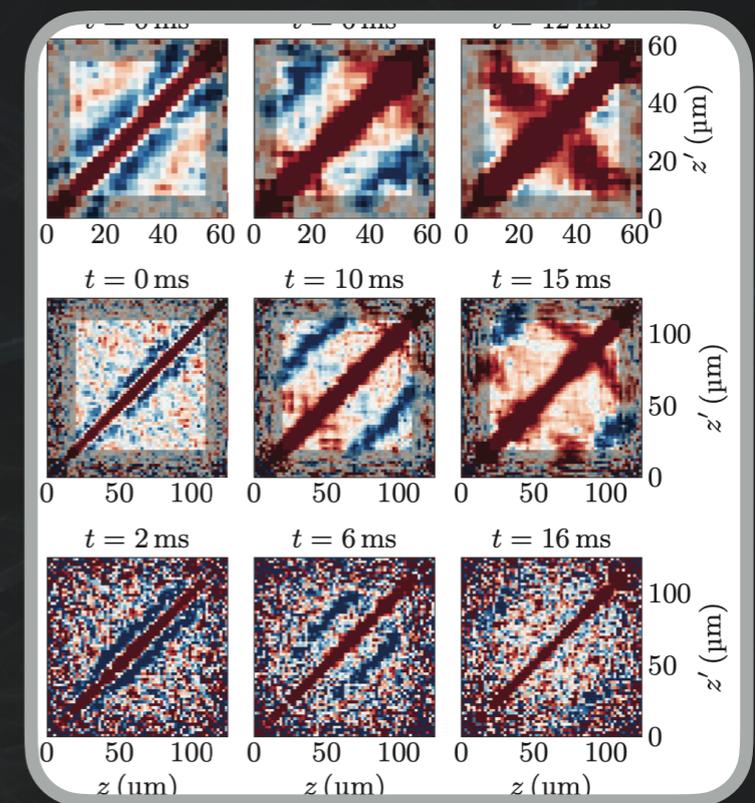
MANY-BODY LOCALIZATION

Choi, Hild, Zeiher, Schauss, Rubio-Abadal, Yefsah, Khemani, Huse, Bloch, Gross, Science 352, 1547 (2016)



STATISTICAL PHYSICS

Schweigler, Gluza, Tajik, Sotiriadis, Cataldini, Ji, Møller, Sabino, Rauer, Eisert, Schmiedmayer, Nature Phys 17, 559 (2021)

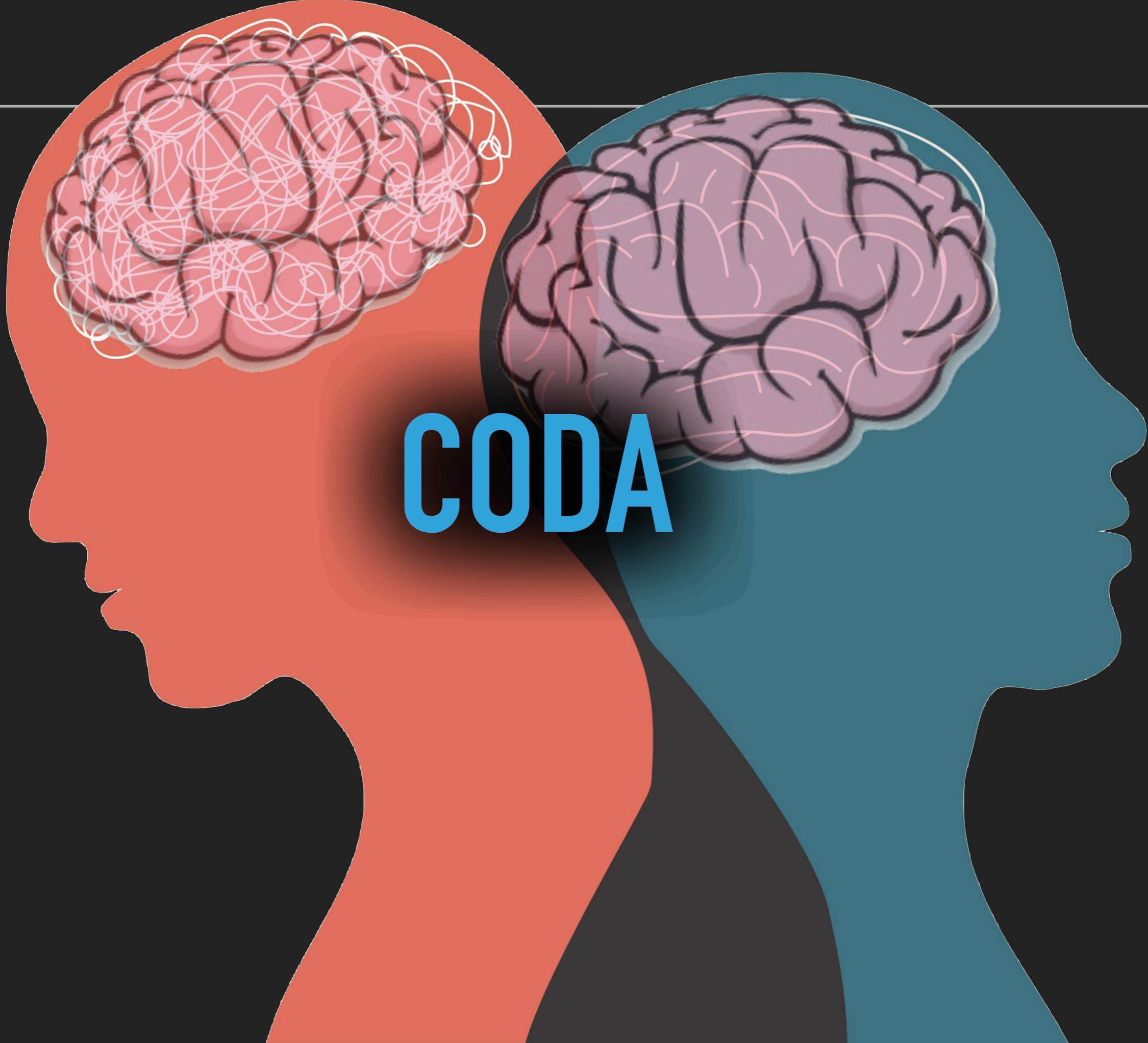


CURVED SPACETIMES

Tajik, Gluza, Sebe, Schüttelkopf, Cataldini, Sabino, Møller, Ji, Erne, Guarnieri, Sotiriadis, Eisert, Schmiedmayer, PNAS 120, e2301287120 (2023)

SMALL QUANTUM COMPUTERS AND SIMULATORS

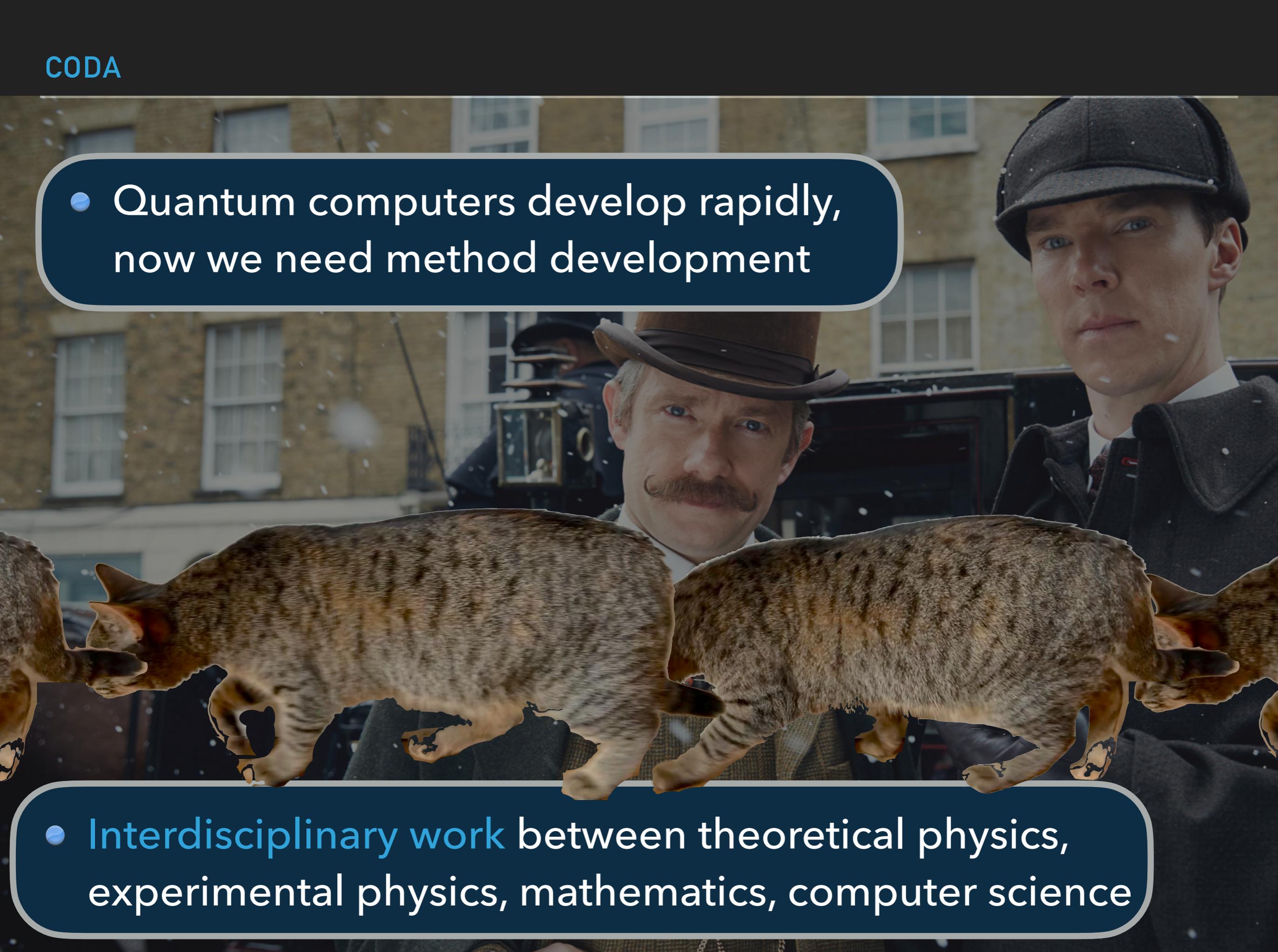
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- A vintage BMW race car, likely a BMW 303, is shown from a front-three-quarter view. Two drivers are seated in the open cockpit, both wearing helmets and goggles. The car features a prominent front grille with the BMW roundel logo on the hood. The background is a blurred race track with spectators.
- Quantum simulators can beat the best supercomputers, but it remains a race



CODA

- Quantum computers develop rapidly, now we need method development

- Interdisciplinary work between theoretical physics, experimental physics, mathematics, computer science



- Quantum computers will disrupt supercomputing
- Applications in simulation, materials science, machine learning, optimization

- Quantum flagship of EU supports with 1 Mrd Euros
- German government (BMBF, BMWK) with 2 Mrd Euros
- Bavaria (Munich Quantum Valley)
- Berlin (Berlin Quantum) with 26 Mio Euros



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- Quantum computing is exciting even if one resorts to saying things that are true

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