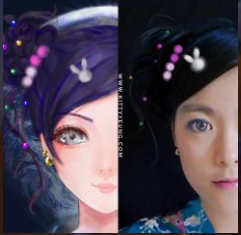


# Introduction to Quantum Computing



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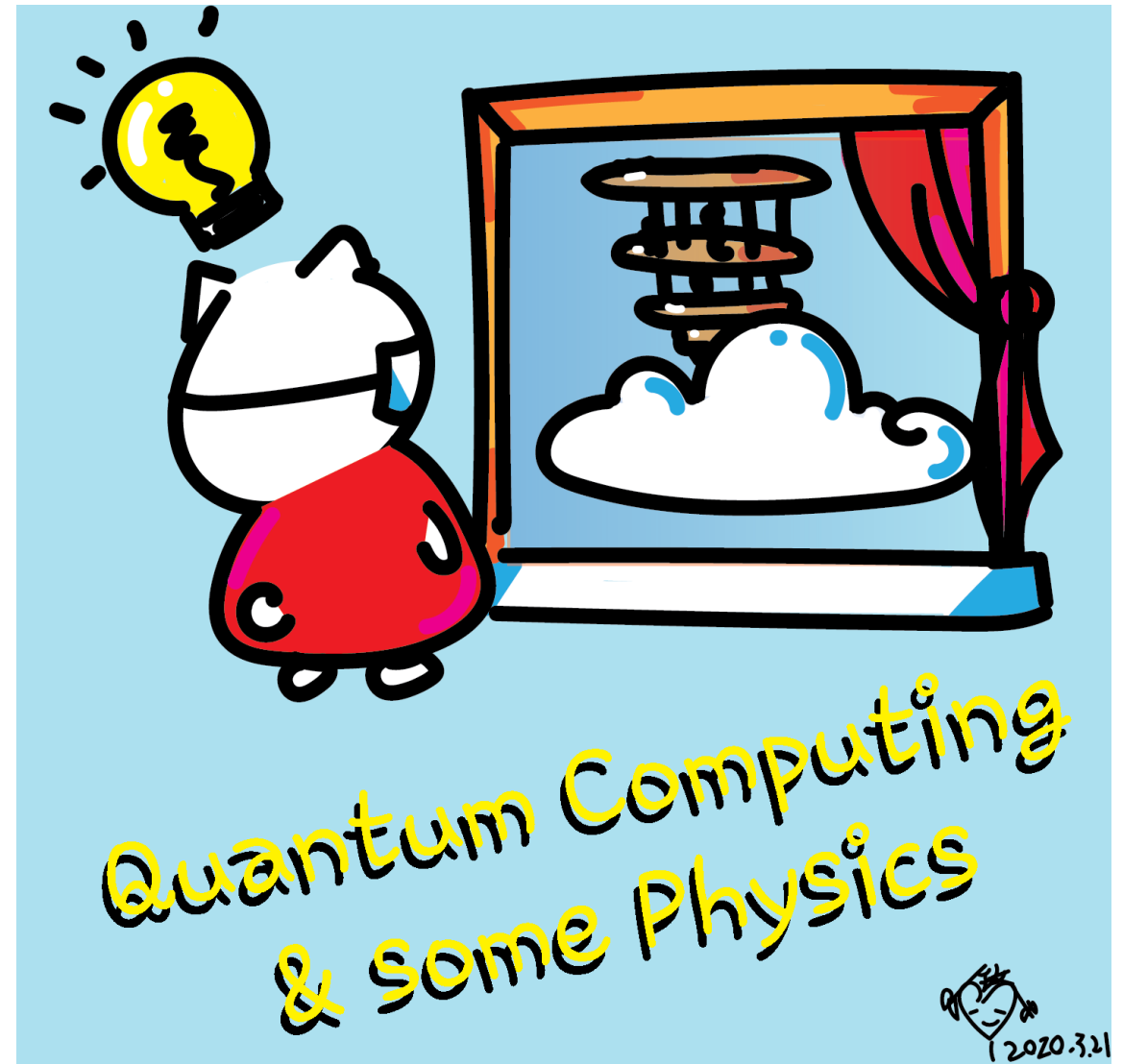
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Hackaday, session 9

Other communities, session 1

# Class structure

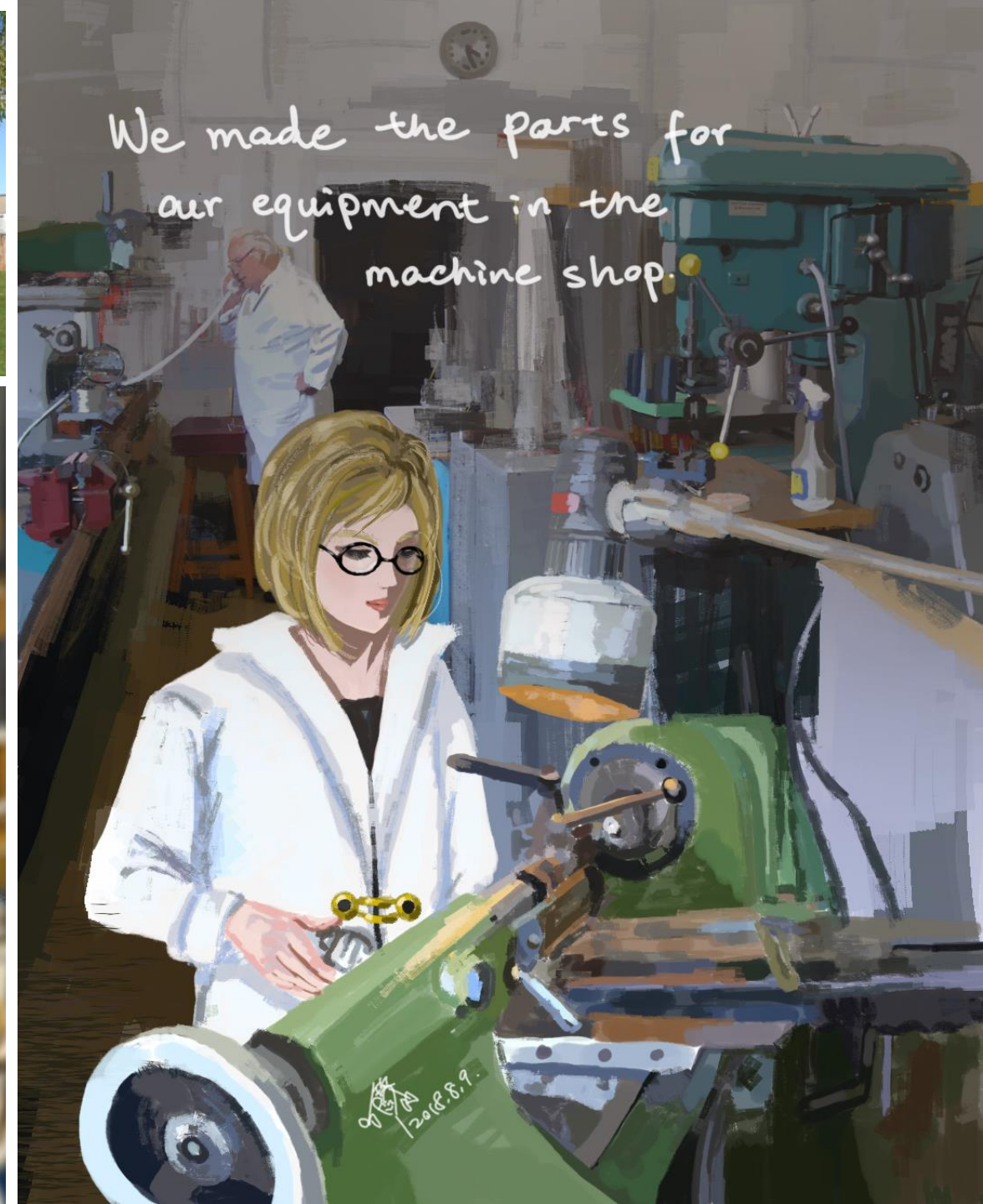
- [Comics on Hackaday – Introduction to Quantum Computing](#) every Sun
- 30 mins – 1 hour every Sun, one concept (theory, hardware, programming), Q&A
- Contribute to Q# documentation  
<http://docs.microsoft.com/quantum>
- Coding through Quantum Katas  
<https://github.com/Microsoft/QuantumKatas/>
- Discuss in Hackaday project comments throughout the week
- Take notes



# Welcome! & be safe

- Hackaday community
- Microsoft Reactor community
- Microsoft for Startups community
- Zen 4 Maker meetup group



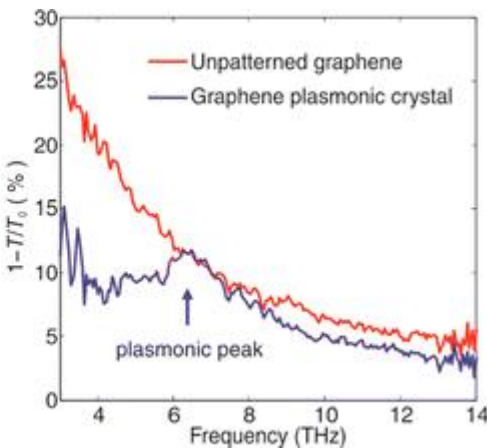
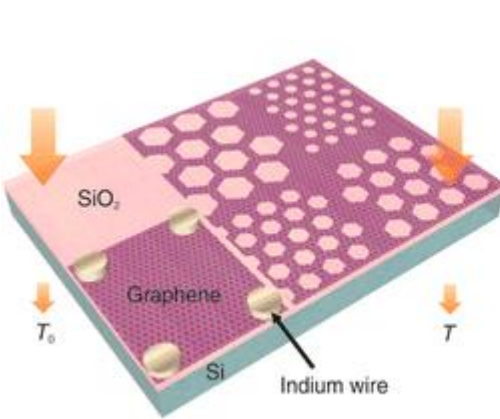
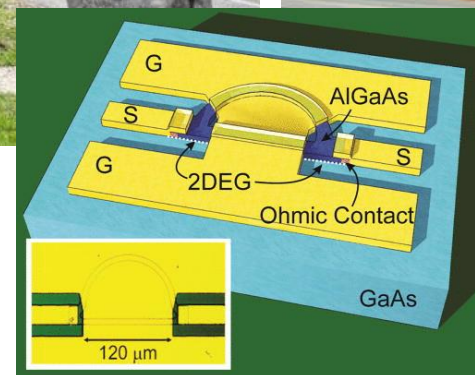
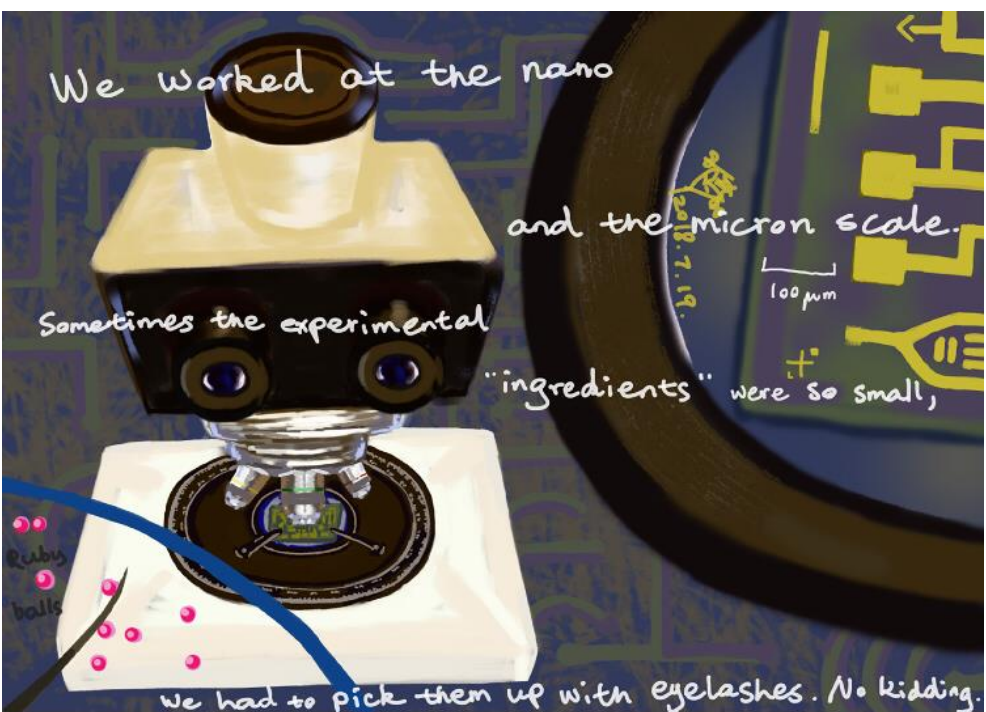


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our equipment in the  
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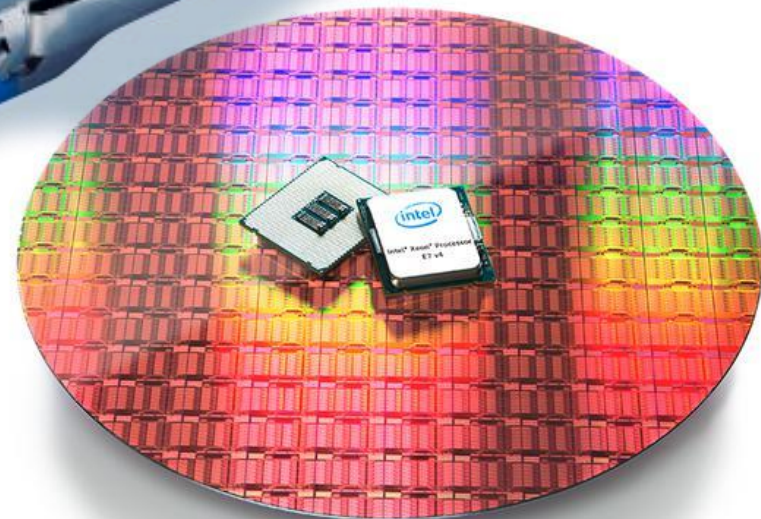
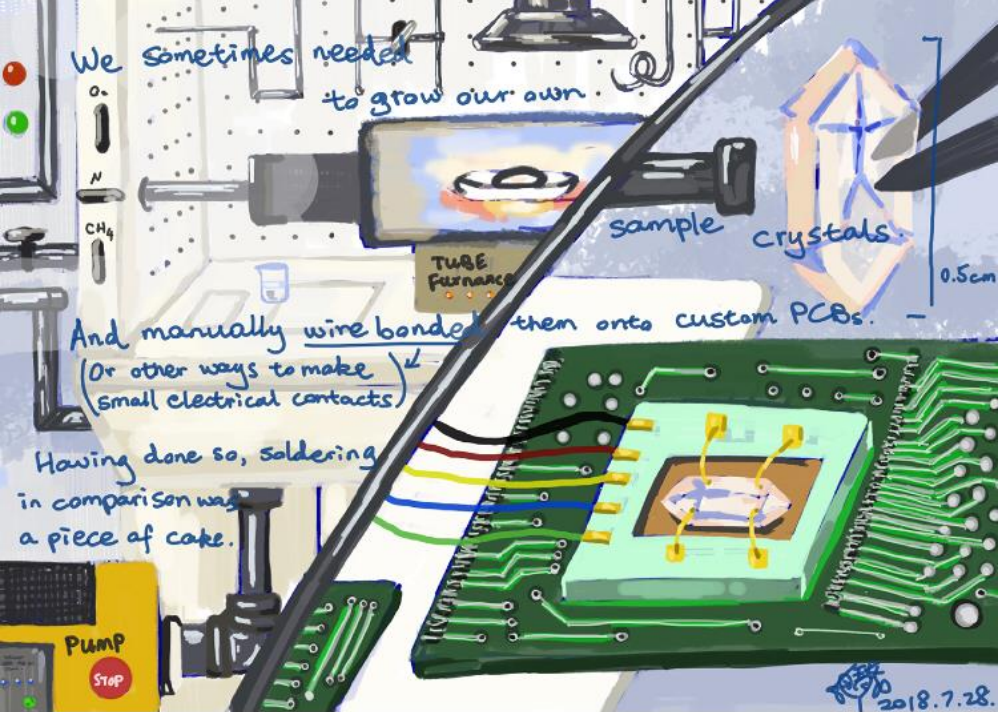
In my early career doing condensed matter experiments,  
in order to study the quantum properties  
of materials, we had to cool things down  
to sub-Kelvin temperatures,  
using  
dilution refrigerators

and  
liquid Helium.









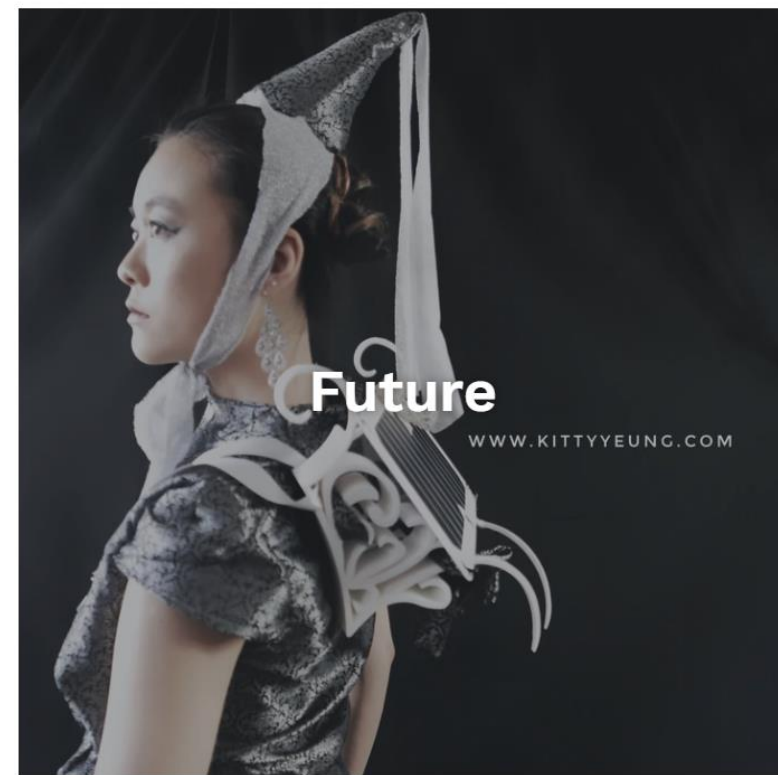
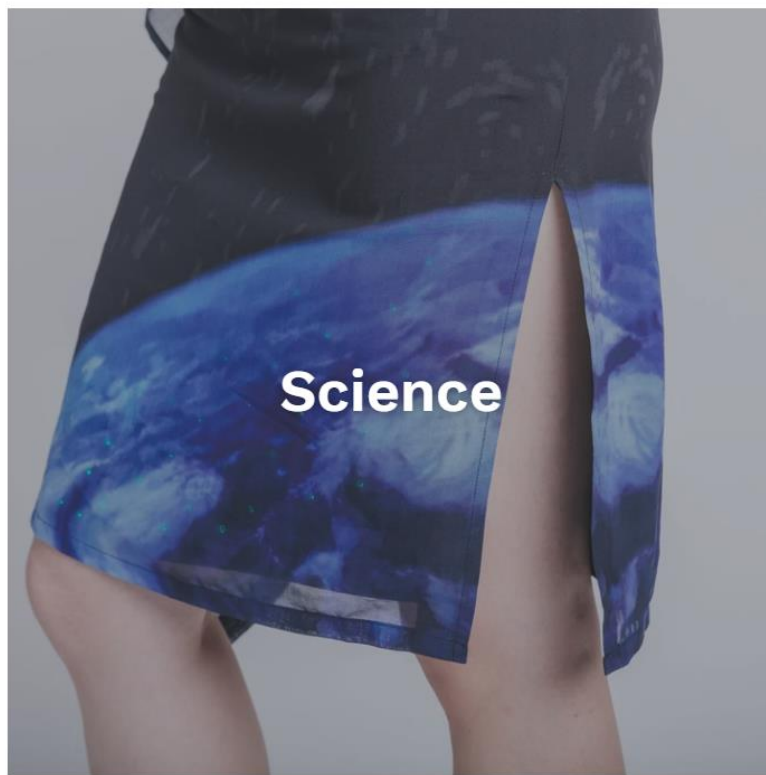
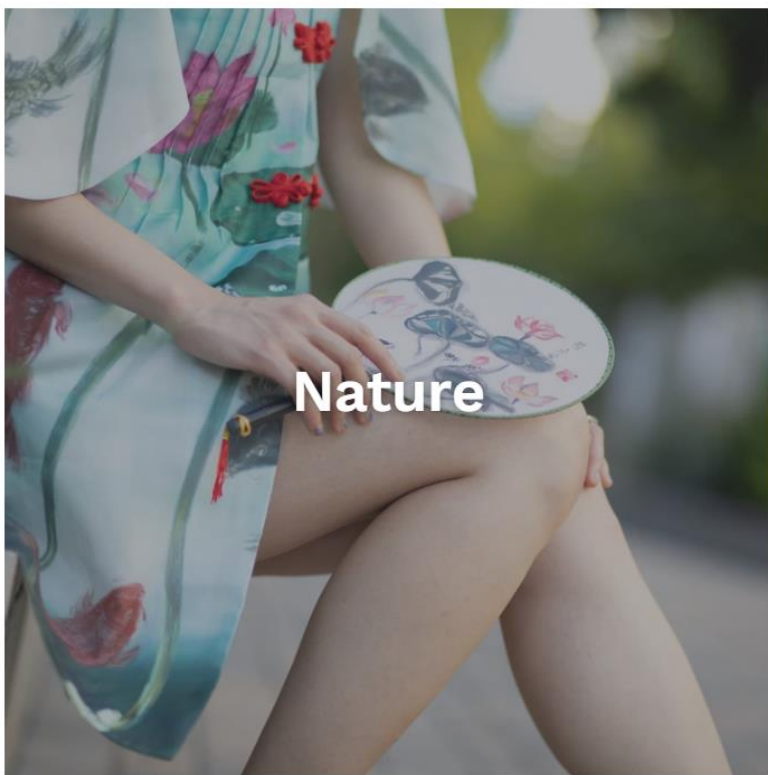
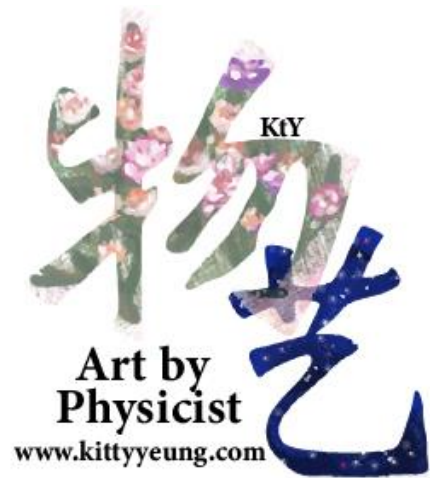




Science + Engineering + Design + Art





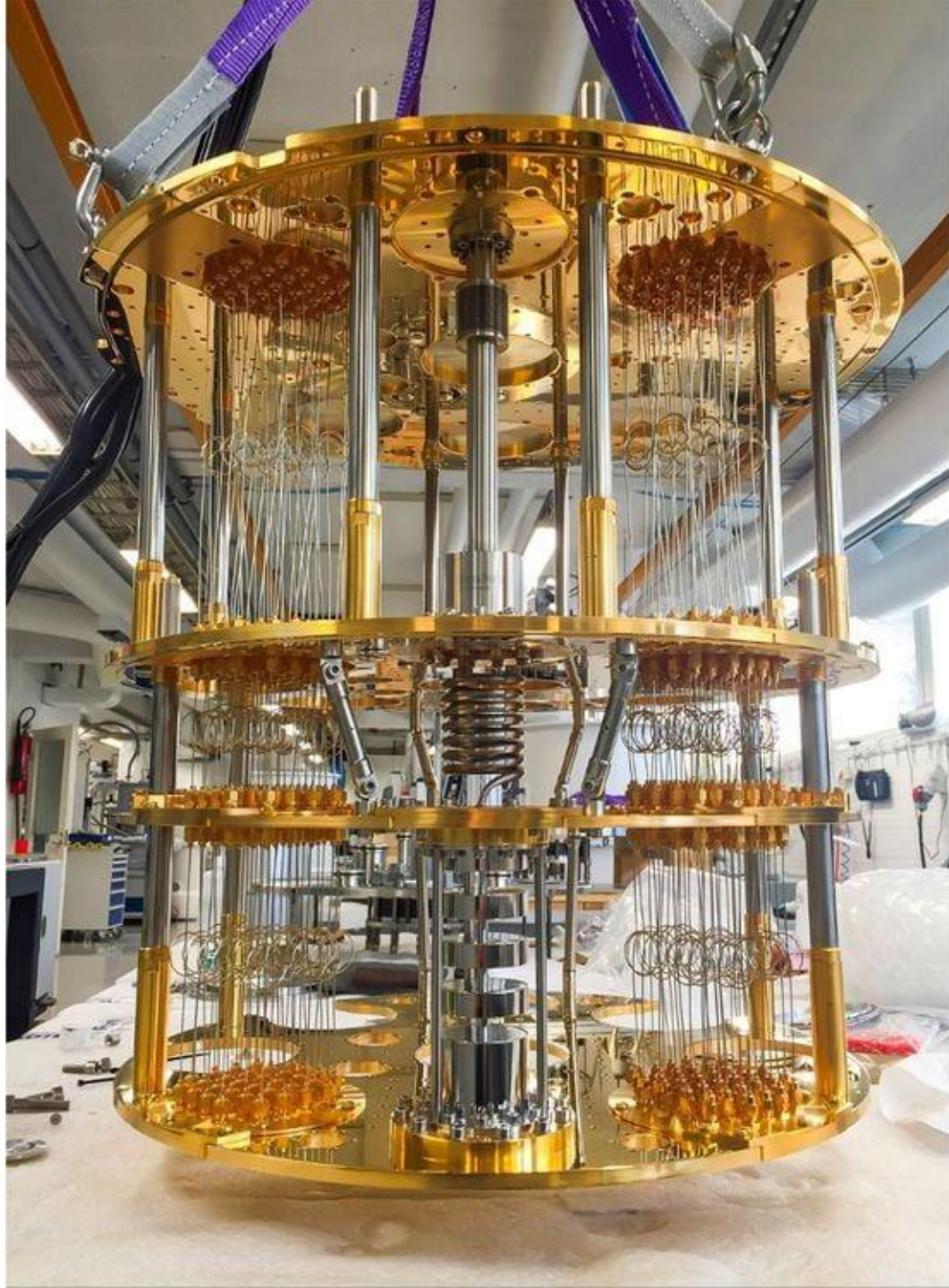




# THE 17 GOALS

In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 goals for a better world by 2030. These goals have the power to end poverty, fight inequality and stop climate change. Guided by the goals, it is now up to all of us, governments, businesses, civil society and the general public to work together to build a better future for everyone.

<p><b>1 NO POVERTY</b></p>	<p><b>2 ZERO HUNGER</b></p>	<p><b>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</b></p>	<p><b>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</b></p>	<p><b>5 GENDER EQUALITY</b></p>	<p><b>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</b></p>
<p><b>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</b></p>	<p><b>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</b></p>	<p><b>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p>	<p><b>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</b></p> <p>Reduce inequality within and among countries.</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW GOAL</a></p>		
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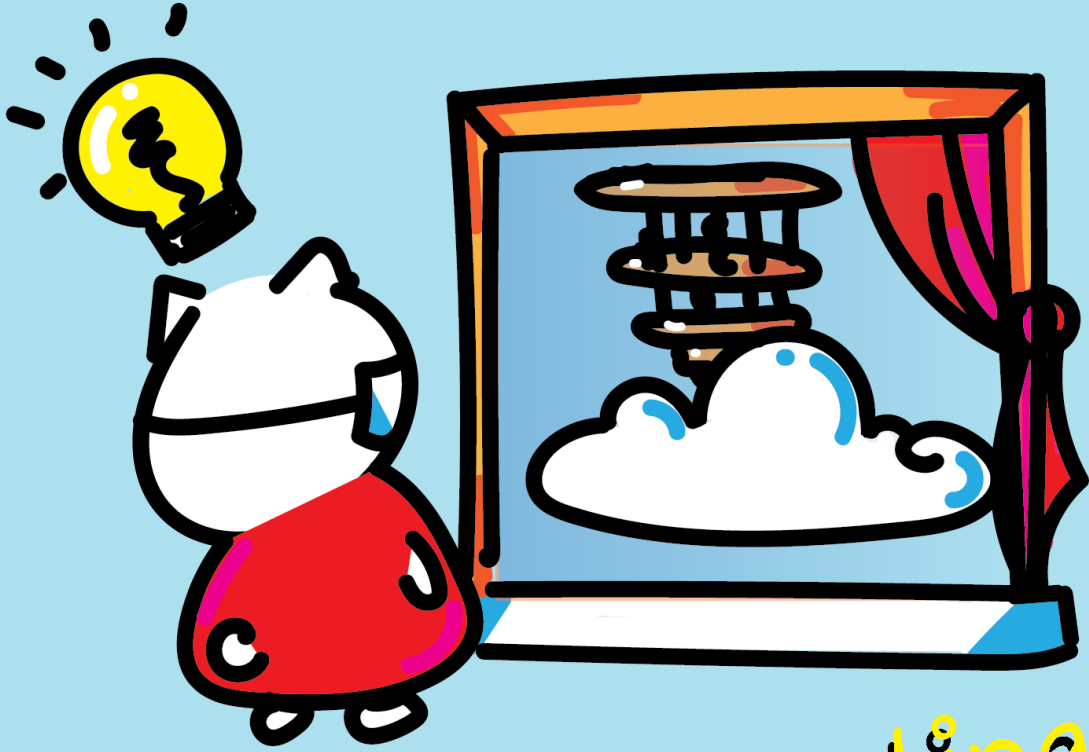
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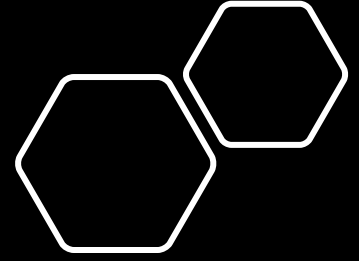




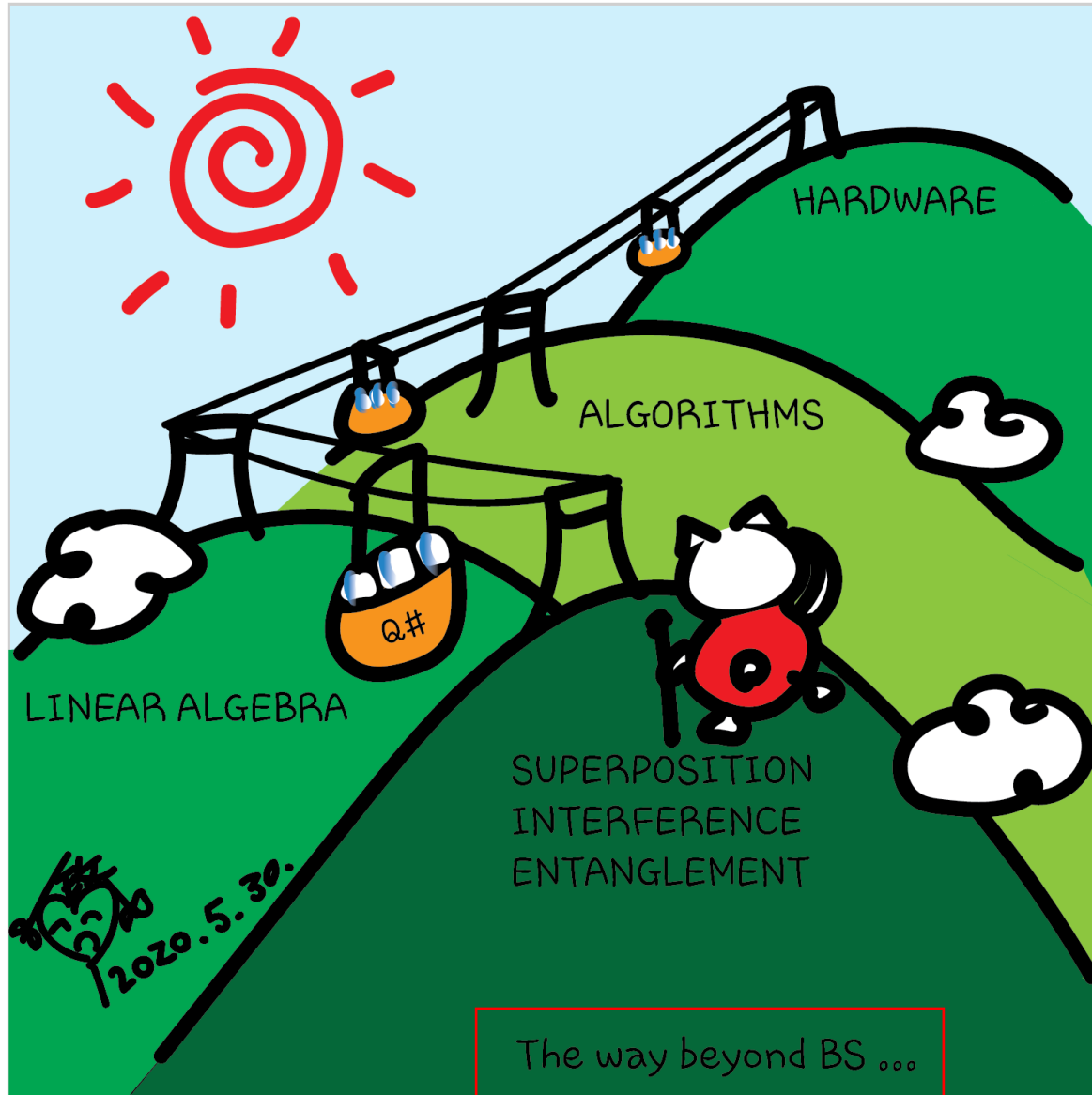


Quantum Computing  
& some Physics

  
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The way beyond BS ...

# Quantum algorithms

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A classical algorithm takes inputs and produces an output. This algorithm is a function,  $f(x)$ .

(This construction is not possible for a quantum algorithm, as  $f(x)$  can not guarantee to be a reversible.)

In many quantum algorithms, we put both the inputs and the output through a black box – a quantum oracle. The classical function  $f(x)$  is used to construct the black box.

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What the Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm does is to find out if  $f(x)$  is CONSTANT ( $f(x)=0$  or 1 for any  $x$ ) or BALANCED (half of the time  $f(x)=0$ , half of the time  $f(x)=1$ ).

Classically, we would have to test every output given an input. Here, we only need to run the oracle once and measure the resulting qubits to find out what the nature of  $f(x)$  is.

But intuitively, what is this algorithm really doing?

1. The H gates make the input qubits into superpositions.

2. The last qubit comes in, introducing a negative sign in half of the amplitudes.

3. If  $f(x)$  is constant, the oracle does nothing to the input qubits. If it is balanced, it entangles the last qubit to one of the input qubits.

4(a). If nothing happens to the input qubits, they come out unchanged. The H gates put the superpositions back to  $|000\rangle$ . Hence, if  $|000\rangle$  is the state measured after the oracle,  $f(x)$  must be constant.

4(b). If entanglement happens the negative sign gets carried over. Half of the time there's  $|000\rangle$ , half of the time there's  $|100\rangle$ . They destructively interfere. Thus, if we measure a  $|1\rangle$  for any qubit at all,  $f(x)$  must be balanced, since there's zero probability of getting  $|000\rangle$  after the oracle.

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Deutsch's algorithm is a simpler version of the Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm with only two qubits.

for  $f(x)$  = balanced, entangles the two qubits

The "-" sign gets introduced to half of the amplitudes.

The  $|-\rangle$  states cancel each other out.

The  $|-\rangle$  states get carried over and turned back to  $|1\rangle$  by the last H gate.

Now that we've seen how negative amplitudes can be used to destructively interfere, we can also use negative amplitudes to enhance signals we wish to find – next up – Grover's algorithm.

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1. Let  $N=3$ , and initialize the input qubits. The amplitude of  $|000\rangle$  is 1.

2. The H gates put all input qubits into a superposition. There are eight possible states with equal amplitudes.

3. The last qubit  $|y\rangle$  introduces a "-" sign. What the black box then does is to give that "-" sign to the amplitude of the state that's being searched for.

4. We can also flip the amplitudes over the mean value of all the amplitudes. This is what the next box does. Now the amplitude of  $|101\rangle$  is enhanced.

5. Repeat step 3, making the amplitude of  $|101\rangle$  negative.

6. Repeat step 4. The amplitude of  $|101\rangle$  is even more enhanced.

7. Now the measurement result is dominated by  $|101\rangle$ .

Repeat  $\sim\sqrt{2^N}$  times with  $N$  input qubits.

In this case,  $|101\rangle$  is the state we are searching for. Its amplitude is flipped over the horizontal axis.

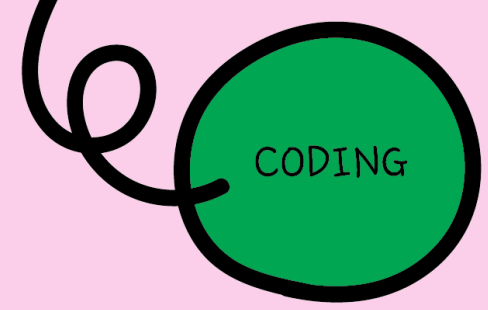
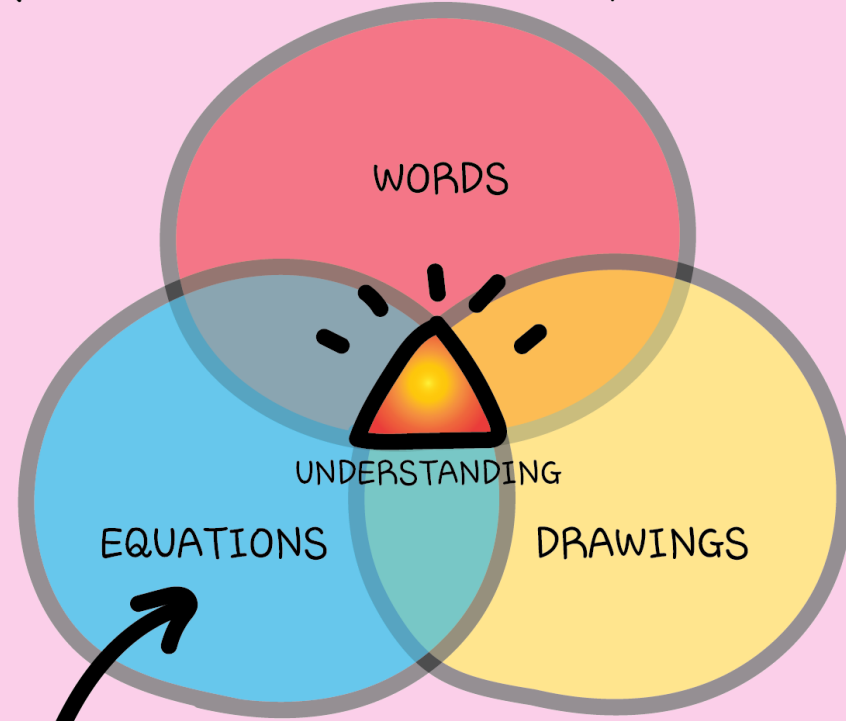
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- Shor's algorithm
- Chemistry simulations
- Quantum machine learning
- Quantum-inspired optimization
- Program on hardware

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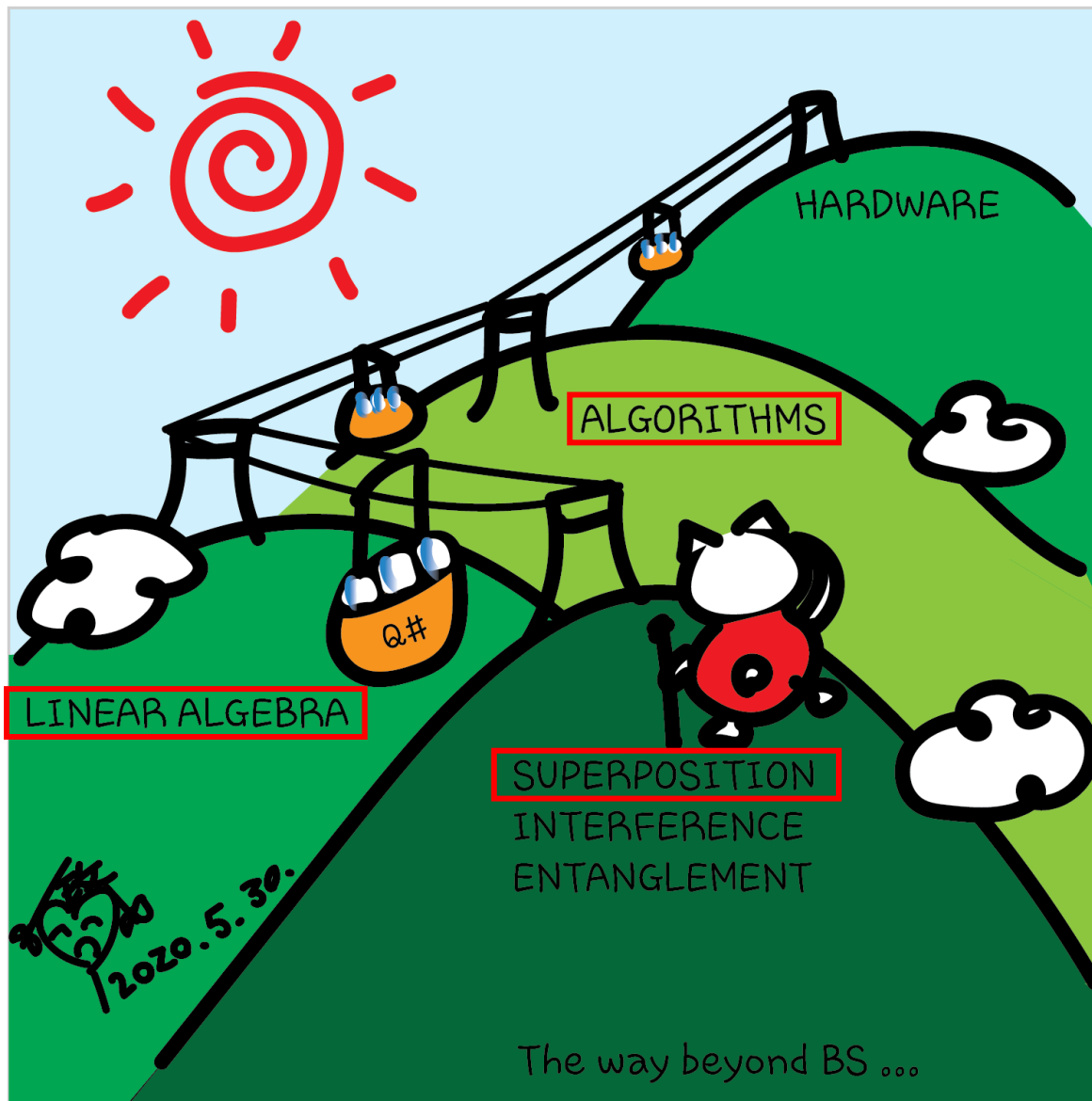


THE TRINITY OF LEARNING  
(PHYSICS-RELATED SUBJECTS, ESPECIALLY)



Let's make it even  
more practical!

  
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LINEAR ALGEBRA

ALGORITHMS

HARDWARE

SUPERPOSITION  
INTERFERENCE  
ENTANGLEMENT

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The way beyond BS ...



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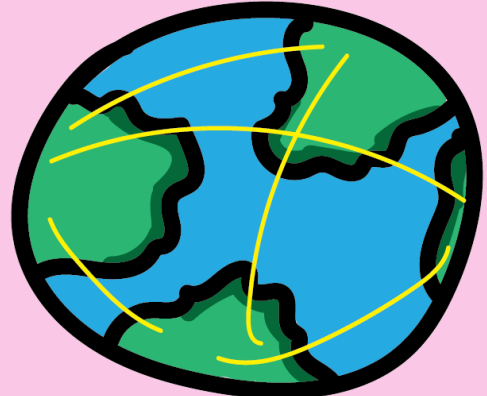
# Our world now runs on computers



- they are machines we task to carry out work more efficiently than we ever do manually.



DATA CENTER SERVERS



People and things are connected through the internet.



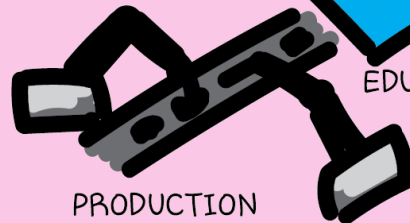
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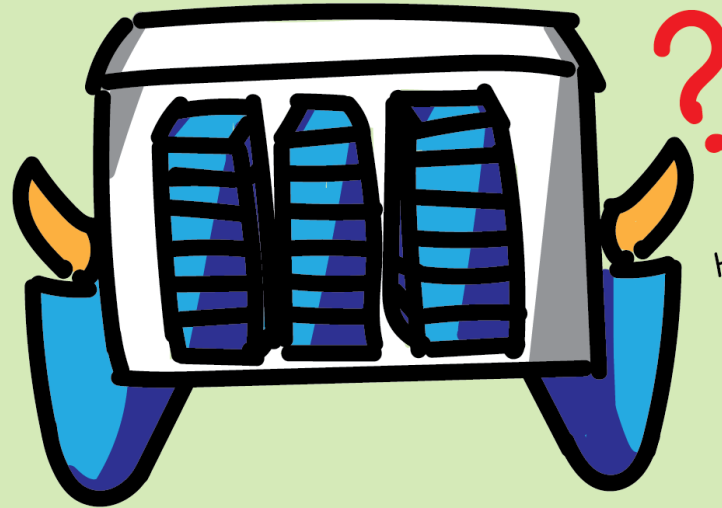
MOBILITY



EDUCATION



PRODUCTION



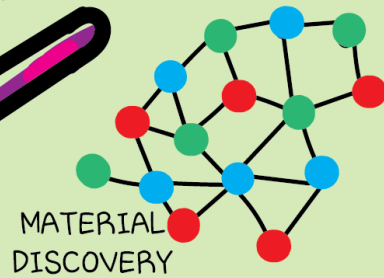
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SUPERCOMPUTER  
OR  
HIGH-PERFORMANCE  
COMPUTING (HPC)  
CLUSTER

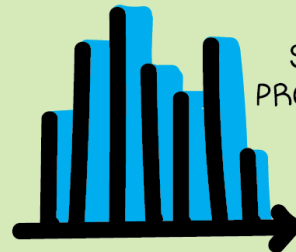
Still, for certain tasks, our most powerful computers run into fundamental limitations.



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SIMULATION



MATERIAL  
DISCOVERY



SIGNAL  
PROCESSING

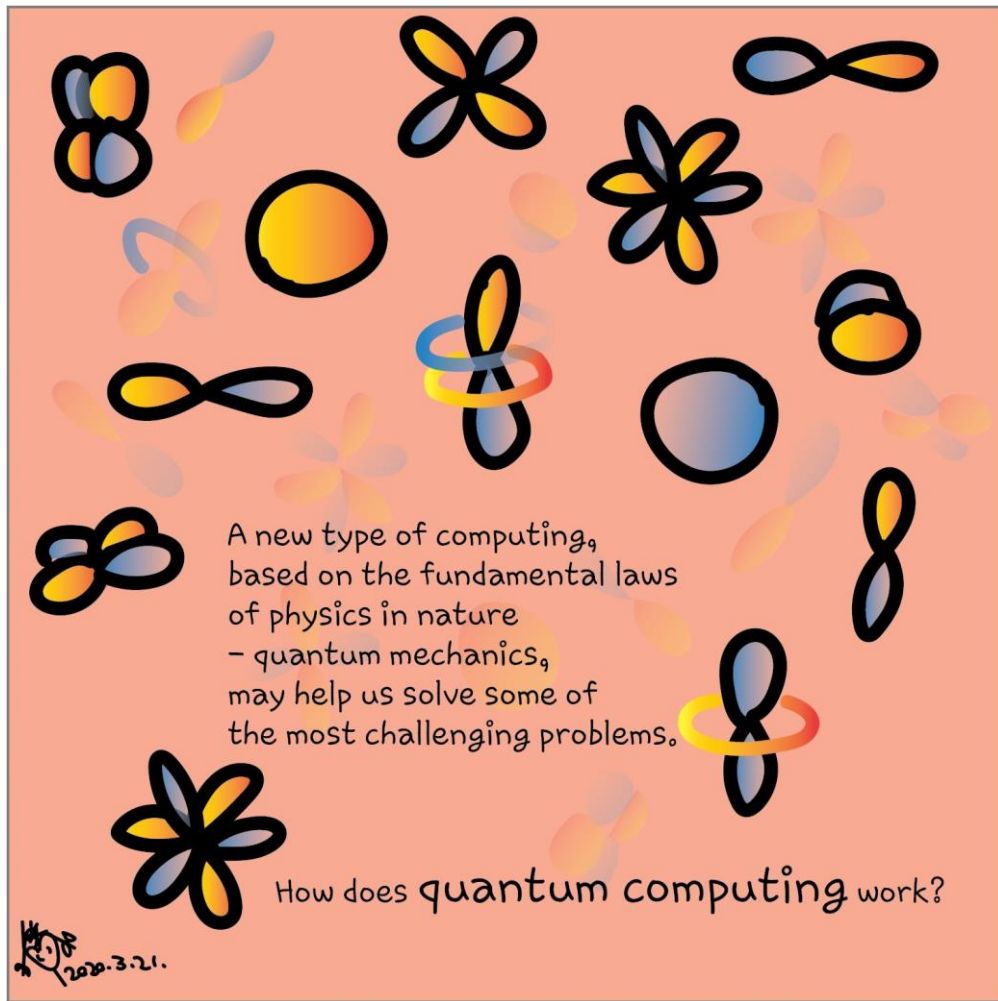


LOGISTICS  
OPTIMIZATION



INFORMATION  
SECURITY

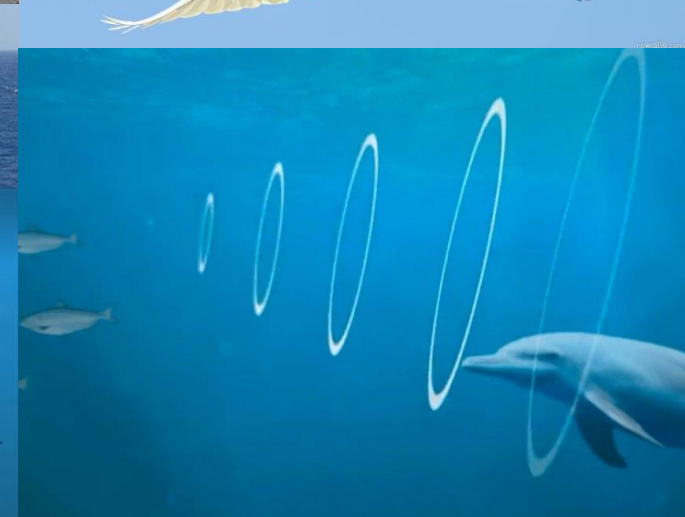
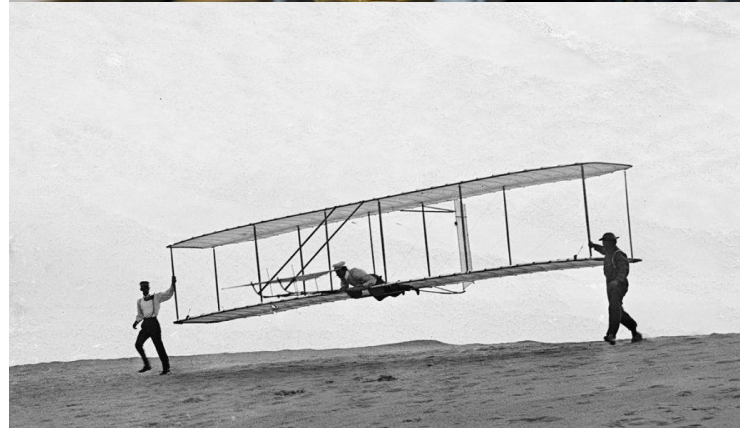
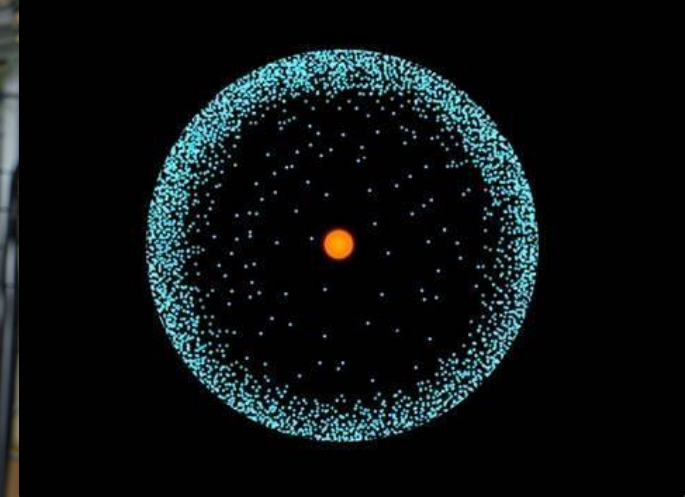
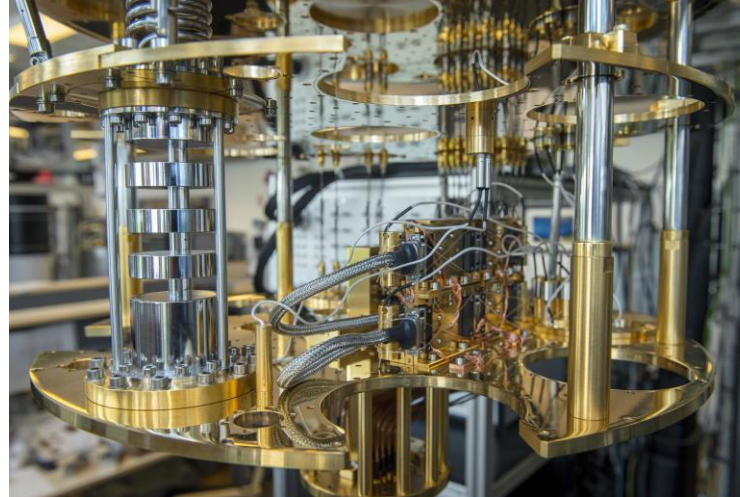


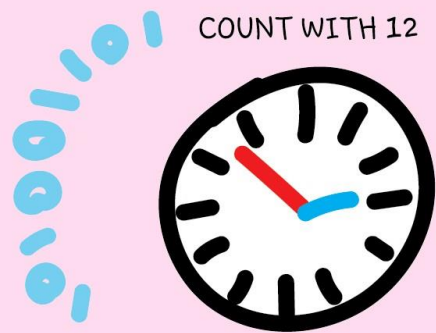


A new type of computing,  
based on the fundamental laws  
of physics in nature  
- quantum mechanics,  
may help us solve some of  
the most challenging problems.

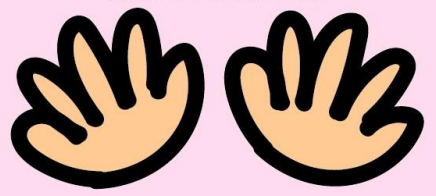
How does quantum computing work?

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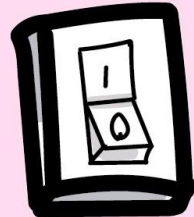




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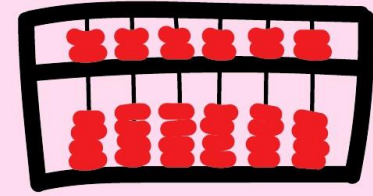
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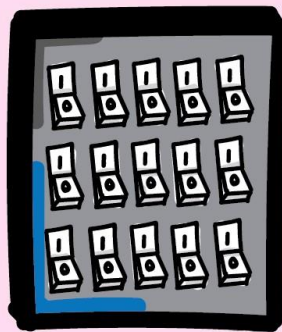
COUNT WITH 2 : WE CALL THEM A BINARY SYSTEM

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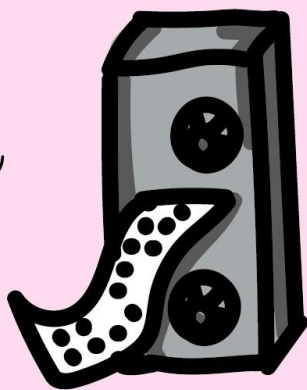
ABACUS: AN ANCIENT CALCULATOR



Computers are made using binary systems. We represent information with "0"s and "1"s.



Modern computers use many many tiny switches called transistors.  
"ON" = "1"  
"OFF" = "0"



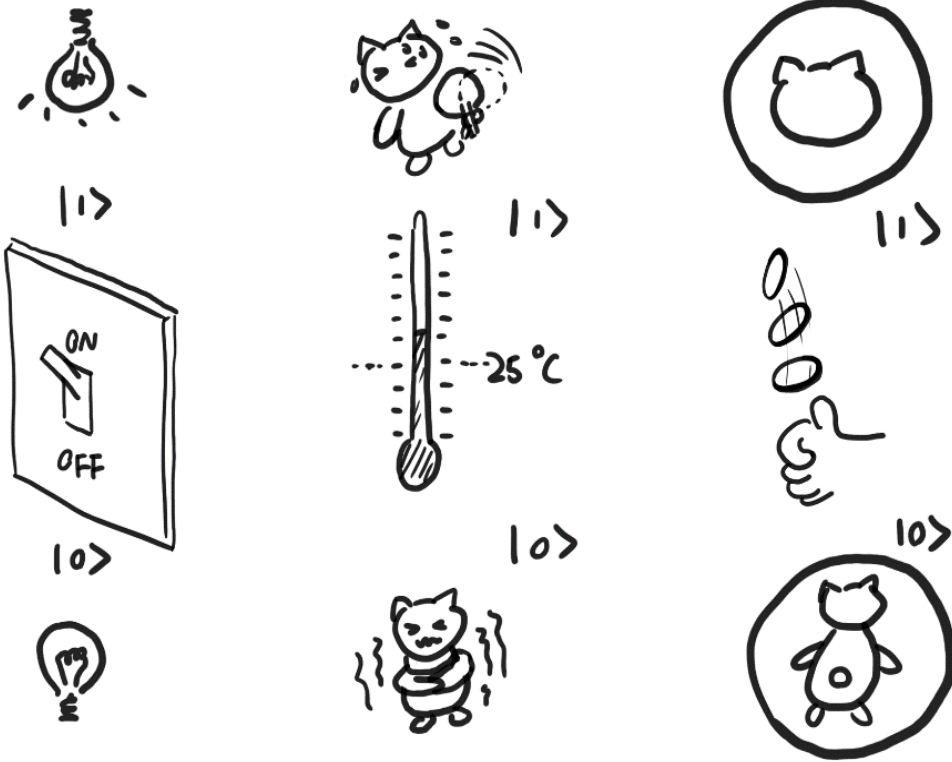
THE FIRST COMPUTERS USED PUNCH CARDS FOR PROGRAMMING

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# States – classical bits

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$





MULTIPLE CLASSICAL BITS OF "0"s & "1"s.

$$|00\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

$$|01\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ,$$

$$|10\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ,$$

$$|11\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} .$$

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Math insert - Tensor product-----

How does tensor product  $\otimes$  work?

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 y_0 \\ x_0 y_1 \\ x_1 y_0 \\ x_1 y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 y_0 z_0 \\ x_0 y_0 z_1 \\ x_0 y_1 z_0 \\ x_0 y_1 z_1 \\ x_1 y_0 z_0 \\ x_1 y_0 z_1 \\ x_1 y_1 z_0 \\ x_1 y_1 z_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and so on.

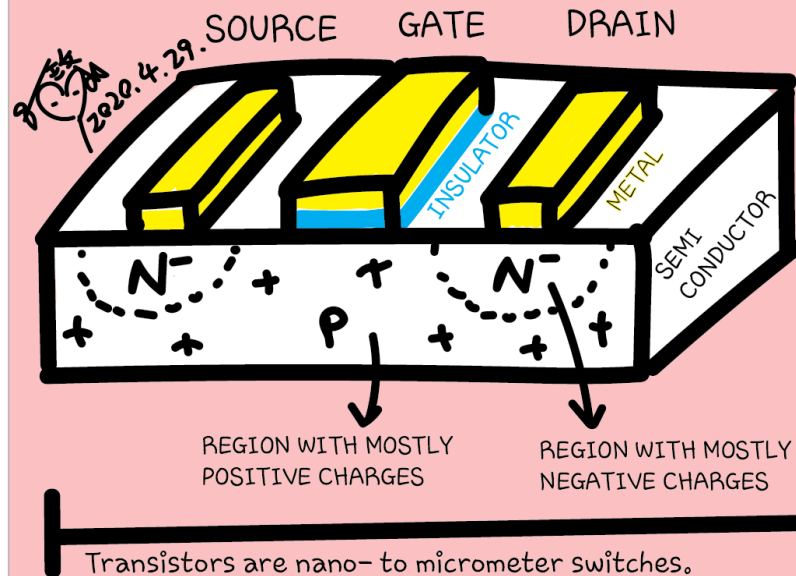
For example, the number 4 can be represented with a three-bit string 100.  
We can write

$$|4\rangle = |100\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} .$$

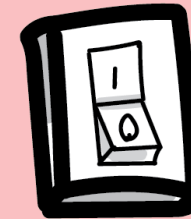


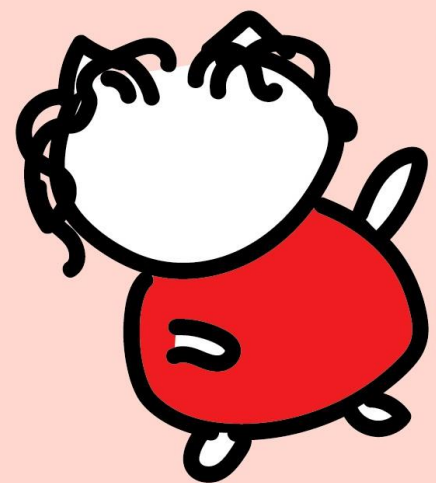
We leverage various properties of materials to make computing hardware.

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The gate applies voltage to control the electron flow from source to drain of a transistor. At a certain gate voltage level, electrons flow. This is the "on" state which we call "1". When there's no electron flow, we say the transistor is "off", or "0".





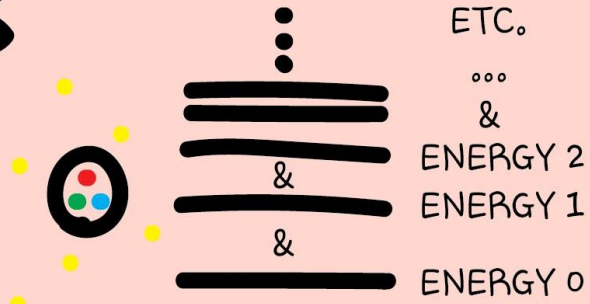
$\partial A_\mu = m^2 \phi$

Well, it doesn't have to be this way!

$\partial_r = m^2 \int \phi$



A switch-like binary building block, in a **state** either "0" OR "1" is a much simplified version of how nature behaves.



Matter in nature is made of building blocks like atoms, electrons, photons, etc. with their(energy) states in **superposition**.

Quantum computing makes use of supersposition, while classical computing doesn't. What is it?

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Discrete energy state:  
Quanta



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a bit is a unit for measuring information

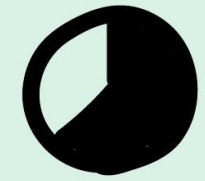
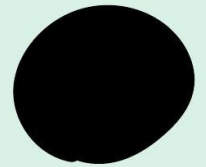
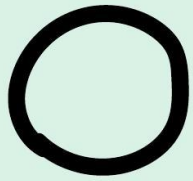
CLASSICAL BITS

QUANTUM BITS (QUBITS)

BIT 1

BIT 2

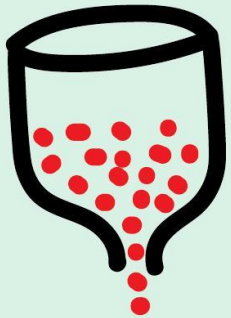
QUBIT 1



empty = "0"

filled = "1"

1/3 of "0" & 2/3 of "1"



20 red beads = "0"

20 blue beads = "1"

8/20 of "0" & 12/20 of "1"



head = "0"

tail = "1"

50% chance of landing on "0"  
50% chance of landing on "1"

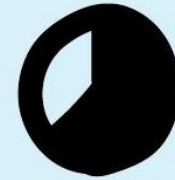
# Quantum bits – qubits



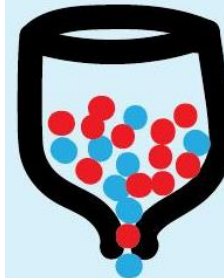
A SPINNING COIN IS LIKE A QUBIT.  
EITHER LANDING ON "HEADS" OR  
"TAILS" IS POSSIBLE  
— "HEADS" AND "TAILS"  
ARE IN SUPERPOSITION.

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$$

$$|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$



$$a^2 = 1/3$$
$$b^2 = 2/3$$



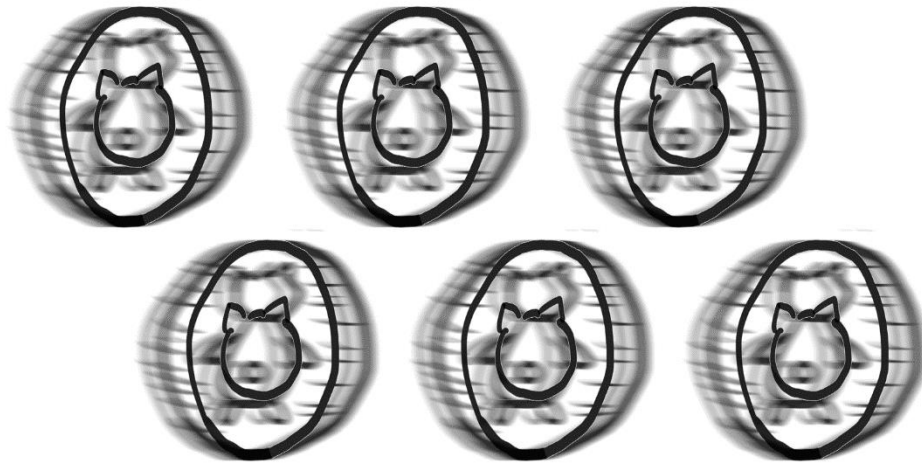
$$a^2 = 8/20$$
$$b^2 = 12/20$$



$$a^2 = 50\%$$
$$b^2 = 50\%$$



# Quantum bits – qubits



**MULTIPLE QUBITS.**

Two qubits:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ac \\ ad \\ bc \\ bd \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= ac|00\rangle + ad|01\rangle + bc|10\rangle + bd|11\rangle$$

$$|ac|^2 + |ad|^2 + |bc|^2 + |bd|^2 = 1$$

If we can represent the ideas with pictures, we can also represent them with numbers and symbols, i.e. MATHS!

CLASSICAL BITS

BIT 1      BIT 2  
**|0>**    **|1>**

(This |...> symbol is called a Dirac notation. It means a state in ... We mentioned "state" in page 5.)

QUANTUM BITS

QUBIT 1  
**a|0> + b|1>**

a and b indicate how much of |0> and |1> are in the system

In our previous scenarios:

In other words, a and b are **amplitudes** of states |0> and |1>. Their squares,  $a^2$  and  $b^2$ , are the **probabilities** of finding the system in the state |0> and |1>, respectively.

The qubit,  $a|0> + b|1>$ , is represented as a linear combination of states |0> and |1>, equivalent of saying |0> and |1> are in superposition.



$a^2 = 1/3$   
 $b^2 = 2/3$



$a^2 = 8/20$   
 $b^2 = 12/20$



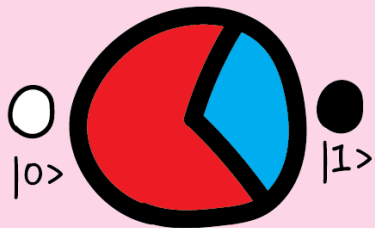
$a^2 = 50\%$   
 $b^2 = 50\%$

What do these lead to?

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A qubit system is all the possible configurations in superposition.

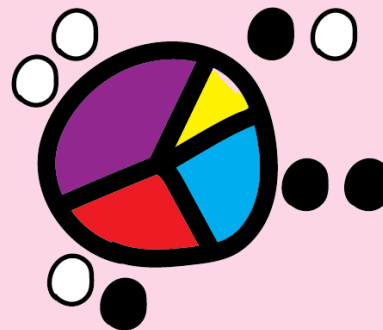
PIE CHART DENOTING PROBABILITY OF EACH CONFIGURATION



ONE QUBIT, TWO CONFIGURATIONS:

$$a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$$

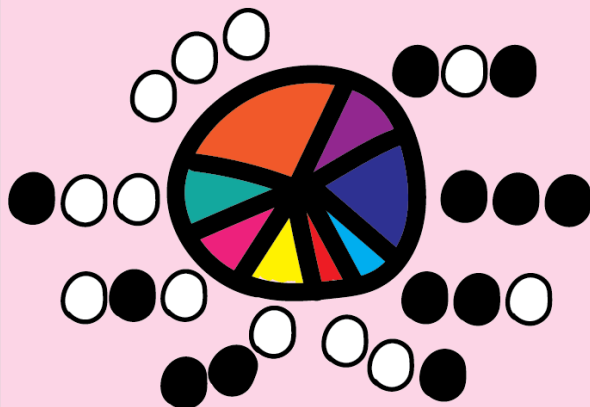
$$a^2 + b^2 = 1 \text{ (total probability adds up to 1)}$$



TWO QUBITS, FOUR CONFIGURATIONS:

$$a|00\rangle + b|01\rangle + c|10\rangle + d|11\rangle$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$$



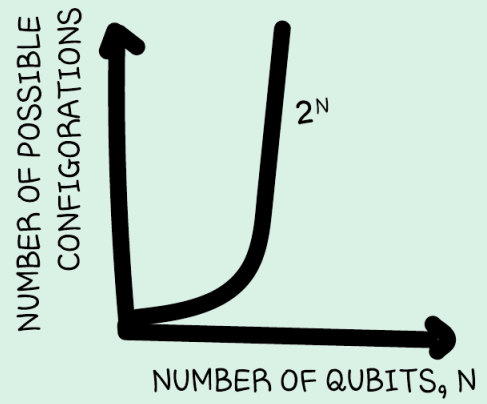
THREE QUBITS, EIGHT CONFIGURATIONS:

$$a|000\rangle + b|001\rangle + c|010\rangle + d|100\rangle + e|110\rangle + f|101\rangle + g|011\rangle + h|111\rangle$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2 = 1$$

...  
N qubits will have  $2^N$  possible configurations in superposition!





Not only does the number of possible configurations grow exponentially with the number of qubits as  $2^N$ , the number of possible combinations of amplitudes is infinite, as long as their squares – the probabilities – add up to 1.

$$a|000\rangle + b|001\rangle + c|010\rangle + d|100\rangle + e|110\rangle + f|101\rangle + g|011\rangle + h|111\rangle$$

THIS SYMBOL MEANS SUMMING ALL N TERMS FROM 1

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i |\psi_i\rangle$$

EACH POSSIBLE CONFIGURATION

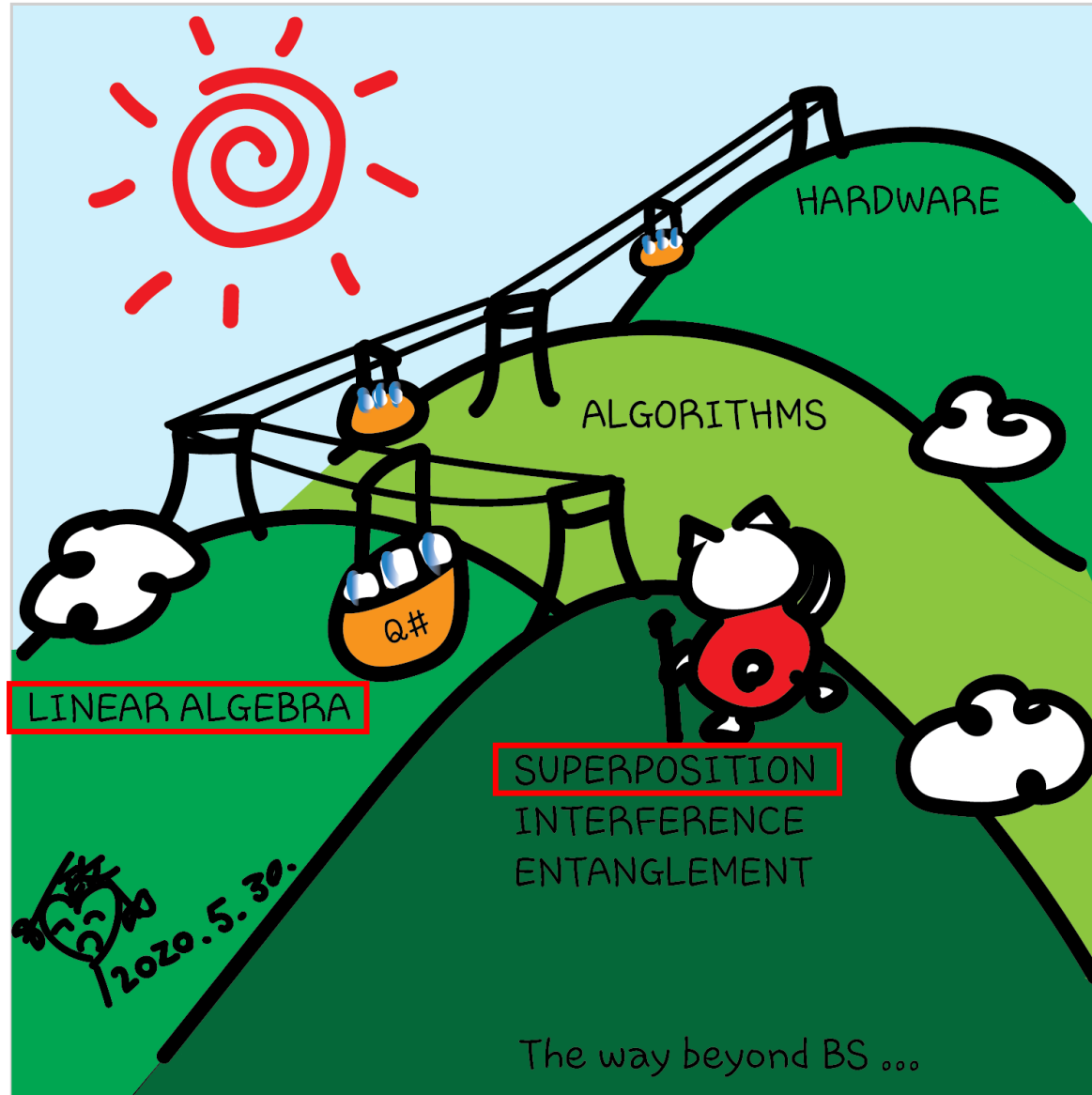
AN N-QUBIT STATE

**NATURE DOES PLAY DICE!!!**



The amplitude  $c_i = a, b, c, d \dots n$  can be positive numbers  $1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 \dots n$  or negative numbers  $-1, -1/2, -1/3, -1/4 \dots n$  (these are real numbers) or imaginary numbers  $(+/-) i, 1/2i, 1/3i, 1/4i \dots ni$  or 0. In general they can be complex numbers (with real and imaginary parts with positive or negative signs)!

What's the consequence?



# Quantum bits – qubits

$$|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$$

$$|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$

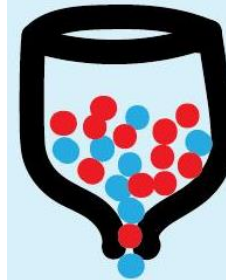
$$H|0\rangle = |+\rangle = (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$$

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

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$a^2 = 1/3$$
$$b^2 = 2/3$$



$$a^2 = 8/20$$
$$b^2 = 12/20$$



$$a^2 = 50\%$$
$$b^2 = 50\%$$

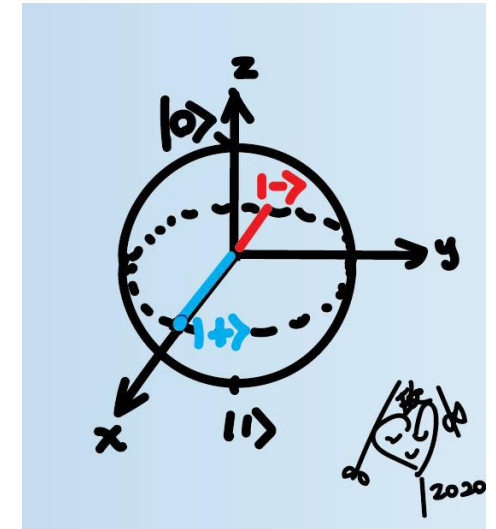


# Hadamard H

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H|0\rangle &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \equiv |+\rangle \end{aligned}$$

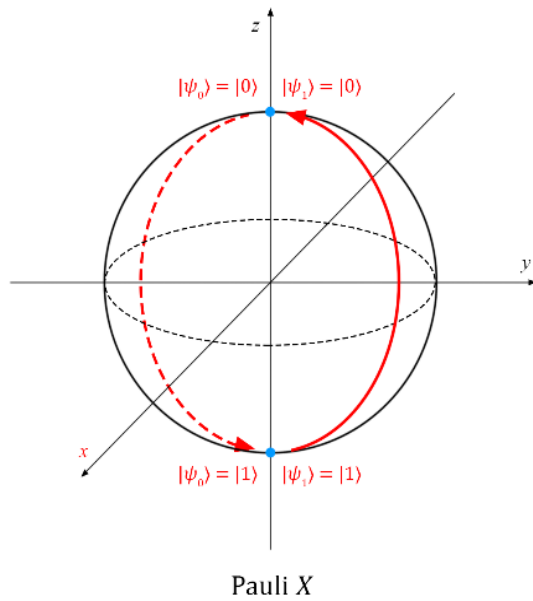
$$\begin{aligned} H|1\rangle &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \equiv |-\rangle. \end{aligned}$$



# Pauli gates

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$



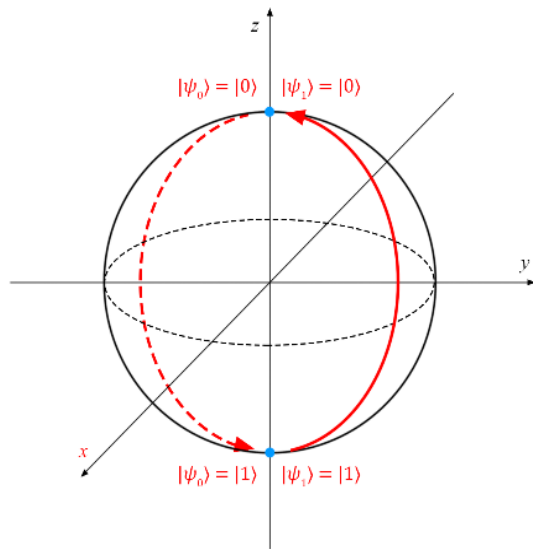
# Pauli gates

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

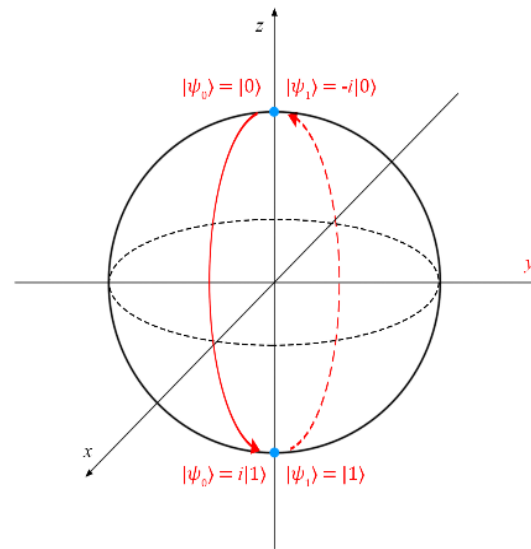
$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = i \begin{pmatrix} -\beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$



Pauli X



Pauli Y



# Pauli gates

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

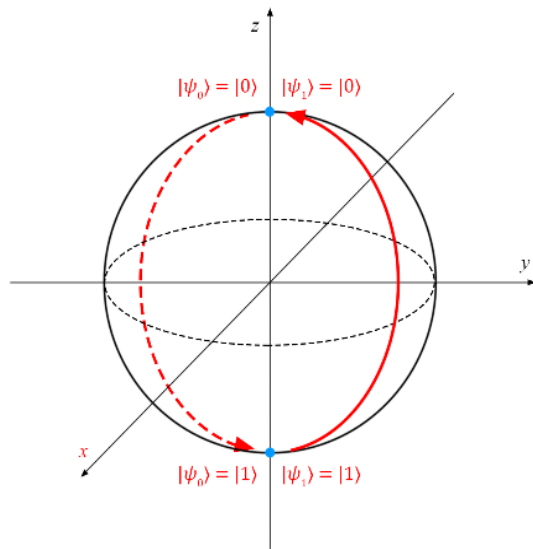
$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

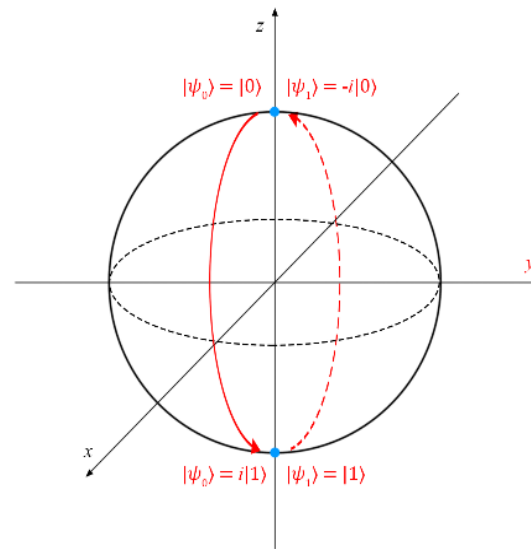
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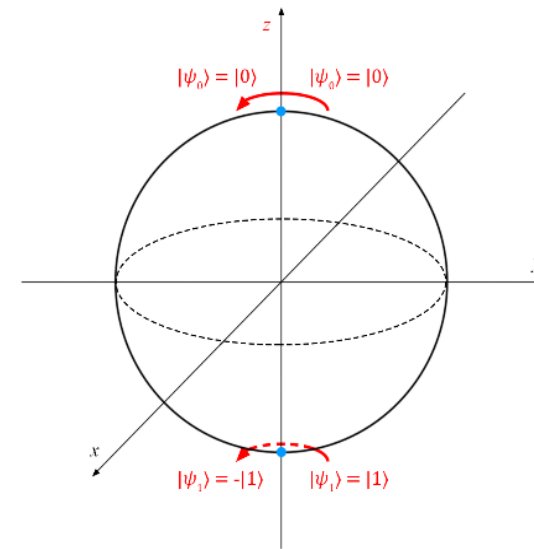
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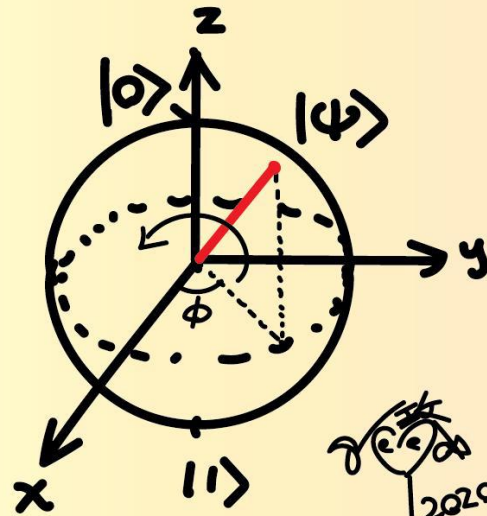
Pauli X



Pauli Y



Pauli Z



To change the phase  $\varphi$ , we have a commonly used gate,  $Z$ , which rotates about the  $z$ -axis by  $180^\circ$ .

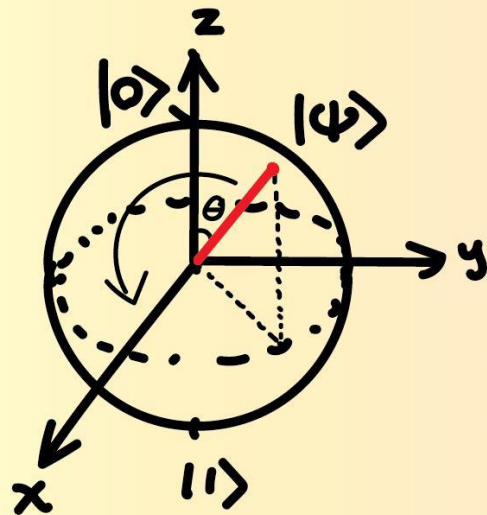
$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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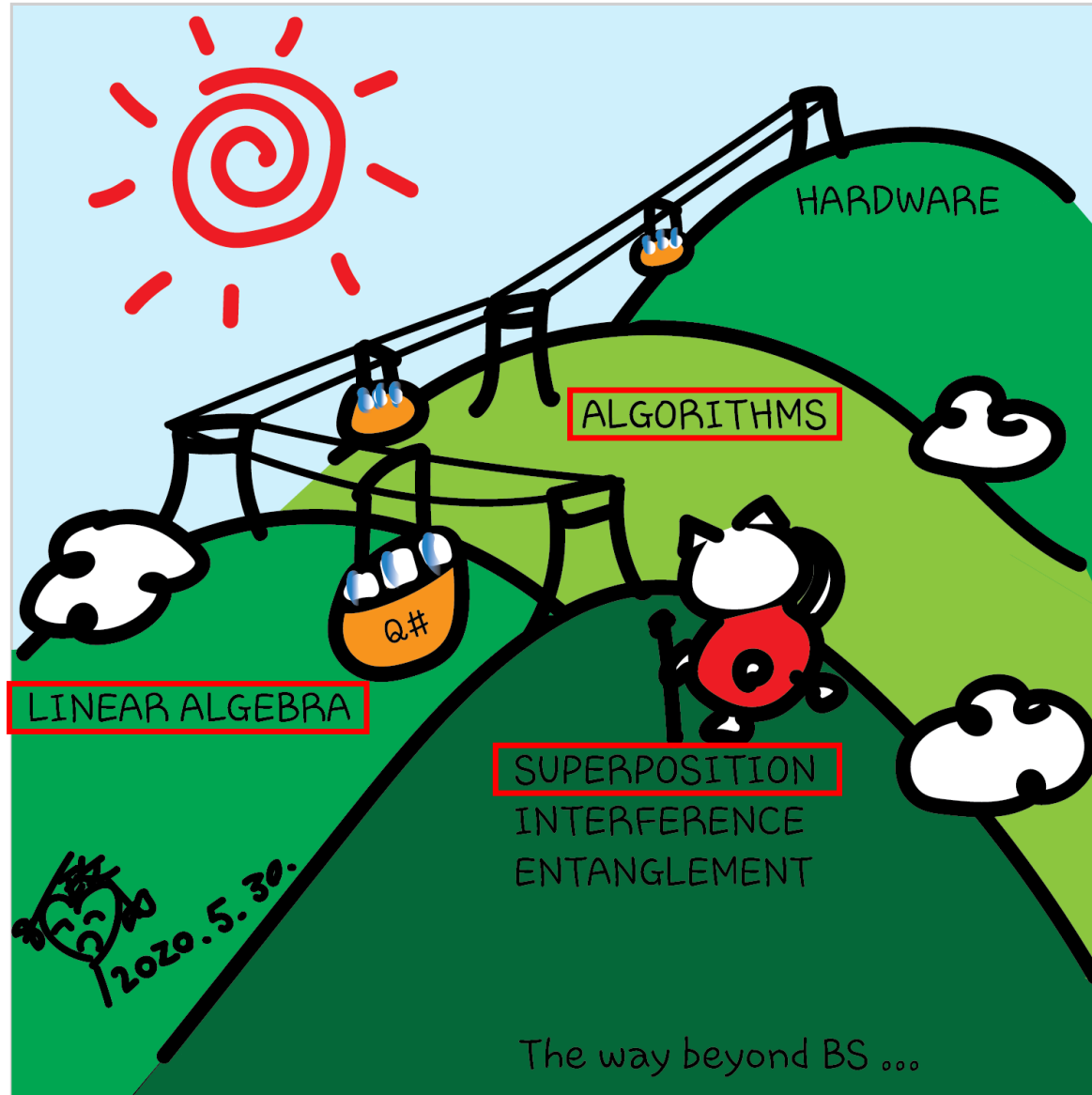
TRY THE MATH!

Similarly, the  $X$  gate rotates about the  $x$ -axis by  $180^\circ$ , rotating the angle  $\theta$  e.g.  $X|0\rangle = |1\rangle$ ,  $X|1\rangle = |0\rangle$ .



$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have seen in page 18 the two matrices for changing  $\varphi$  and  $\theta$  in arbitrary amounts. They form a universal gate set - they can put a state anywhere on the Bloch Sphere. The gates  $Z$  and  $X$  are special cases of them.



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The way beyond BS ...



# Q# exercise: option 1

## **No installation, web-based Jupyter Notebooks**

- The Quantum Katas project (tutorials and exercises for learning quantum computing) <https://github.com/Microsoft/QuantumKatas>
- Superposition
- Tasks 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4?

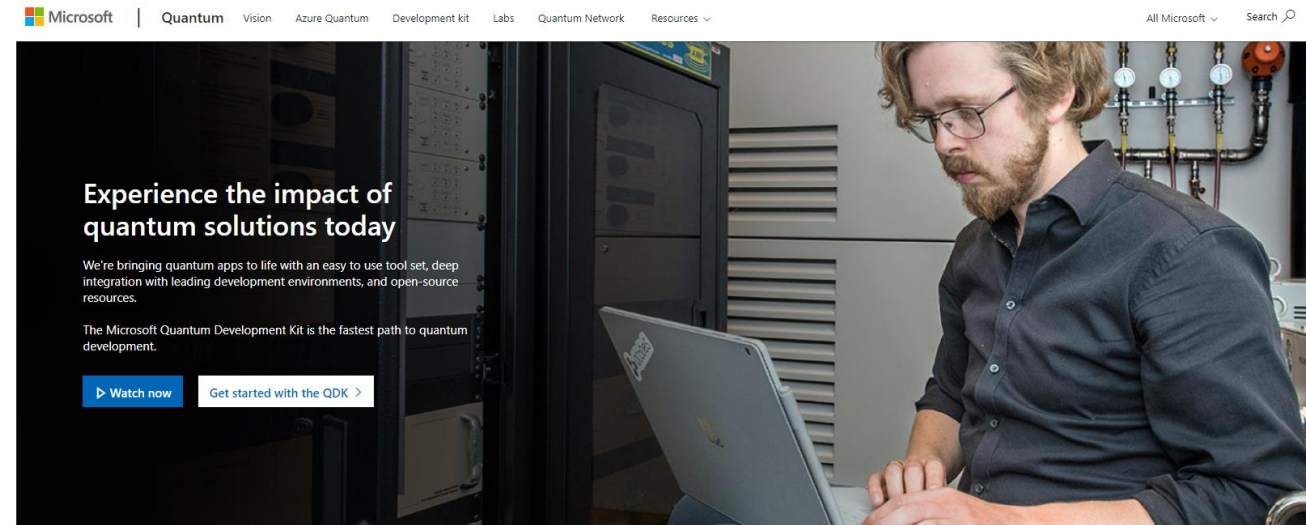
# Questions

- Post in chat or on Hackaday project  
<https://hackaday.io/project/168554-introduction-to-quantum-computing>
- Past Recordings on Hackaday project or my YouTube  
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