

Quantum Computers & Quantum Threat









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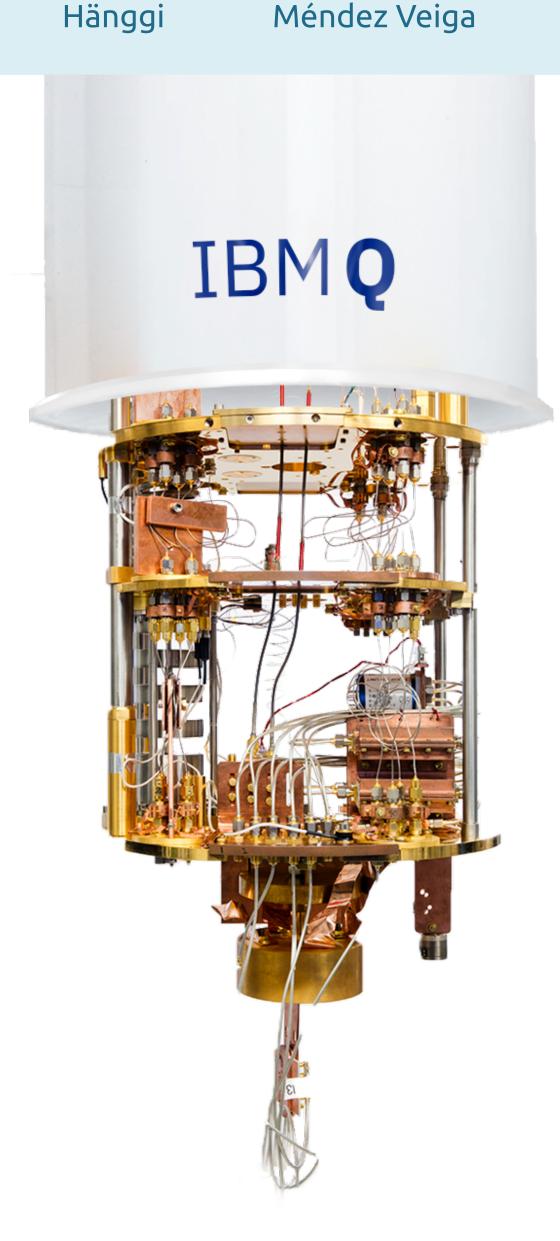






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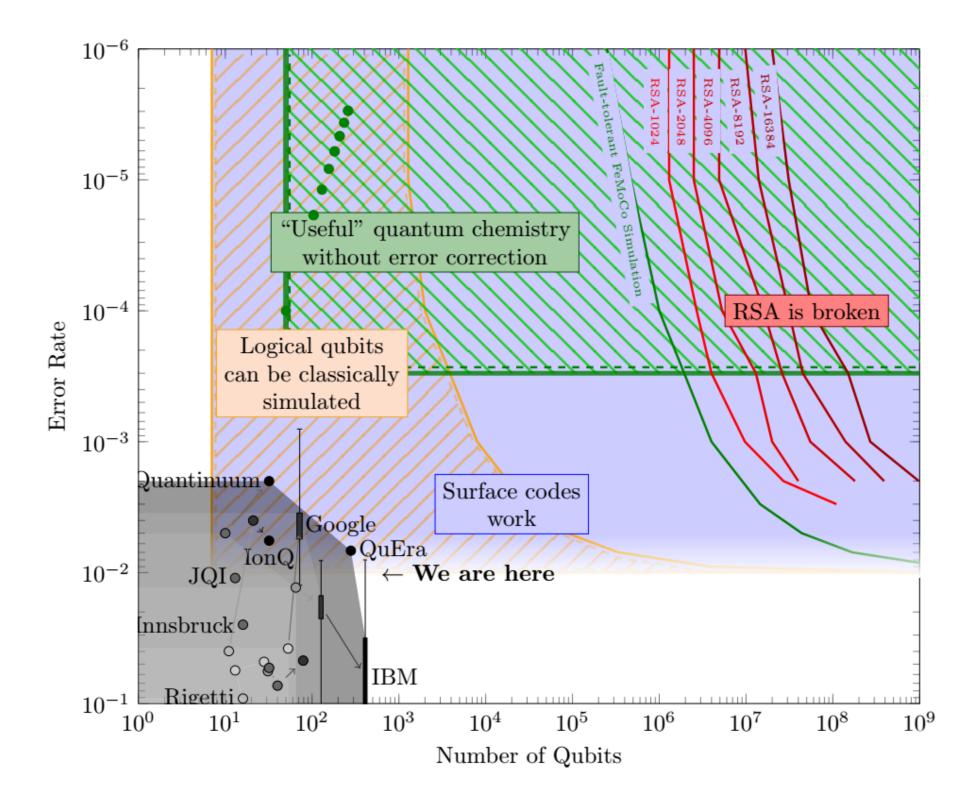
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We are still far from having quantum computers that can run Grover's or Shor's algorithms to break current cryptography, but some people think these computeres could be a reality by 2030.

Quantum Computers use quantum bits (or qubits) to perform faster computations

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Summary plot by Samuel Jaques (University of Waterloo)

Grover's Algorithm

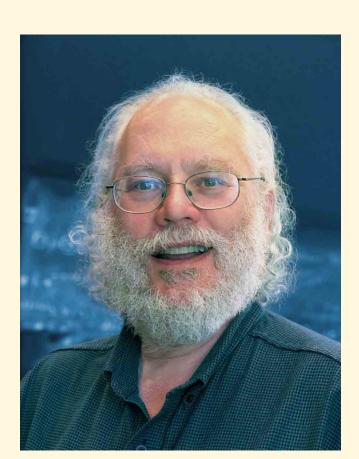
This quantum algorithm provides a quadratic speedup when searching on a unstructured database. It could be use to brute force a 128-bit symmetric cryptographic key in roughly 2^{64} iterations.



Lov Grover

Shor's Algorithm

This quantum algorithm provides an exponential speedup to factor numbers and computes discrete logarithms. It could be use to break all current public-key cryptography (RSA, DH, ECC).



Peter Shor

The Quantum Algorithm Zoo

Since the original algorithms by Peter Shor and Lov Grover, many other quantum algorithms have been found with different speedups compared to the best known classical counterparts. A a comprehensive catalog of quantum algorithms can be found here: https://quantumalgorithmzoo.org/

Mosca's law



Migration time



Shelf-life time



Quantum threat timeline





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