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QIS and DOD





Adam Schultz, Official White House Photo

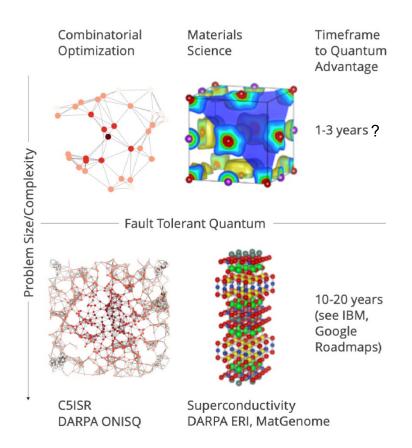
The future lies in who can, in fact, own the future as it relates to technology, [for example] quantum computing...

- President Biden, March 2021

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Research, & Engineering (OUSD R&E): SEI to provide research and analysis to "develop and annually update a list of technical problems and research challenges which are likely to be addressable by quantum computers."

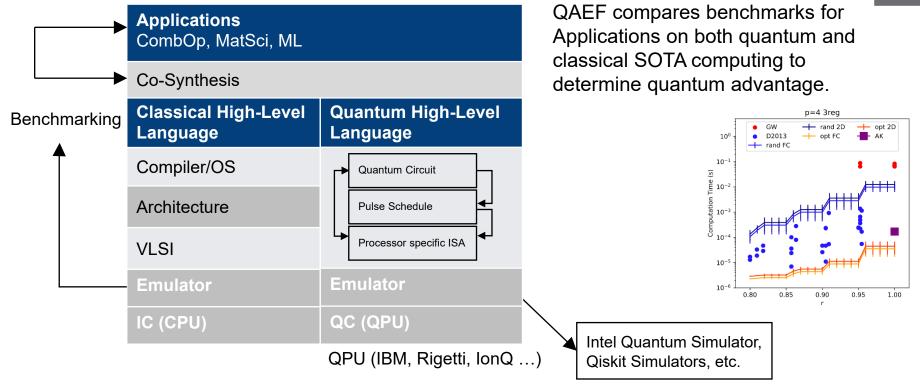
When/where quantum advantage (QA) is to be found = solving some practical DOD problem faster/to higher quality than any other alternatives (e.g., classical State of the Art (SOTA)).

DOD Applications for Quantum Computing

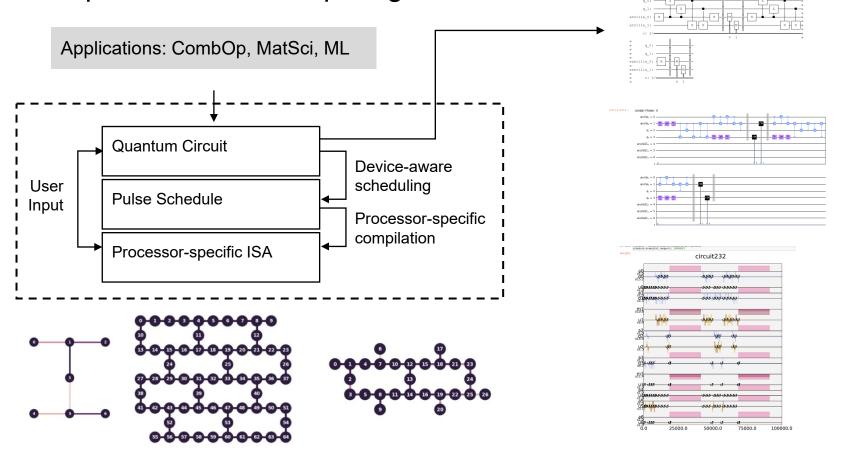


For these **applications**, what are the quantum computing resources necessary for **quantum advantage**?

Quantum Advantage Evaluation Framework (QAEF)

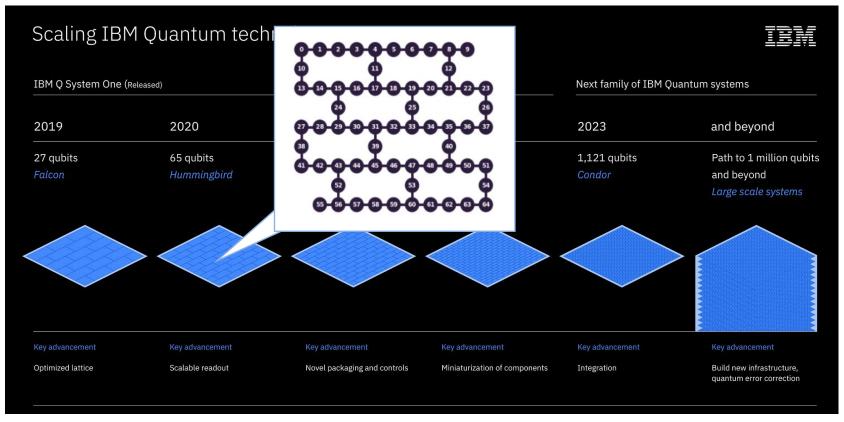


Example Quantum Computing Full Stack



IBMQ Hardware: Right Now

Quantum Error Correction?



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IBMQ Roadmap

Quantum Systems **Falcon** 27 qubits

Hummingbird 65 qubits

Eagle 127 qubits

Osprey 433 qubits **Condor** 1121 qubits

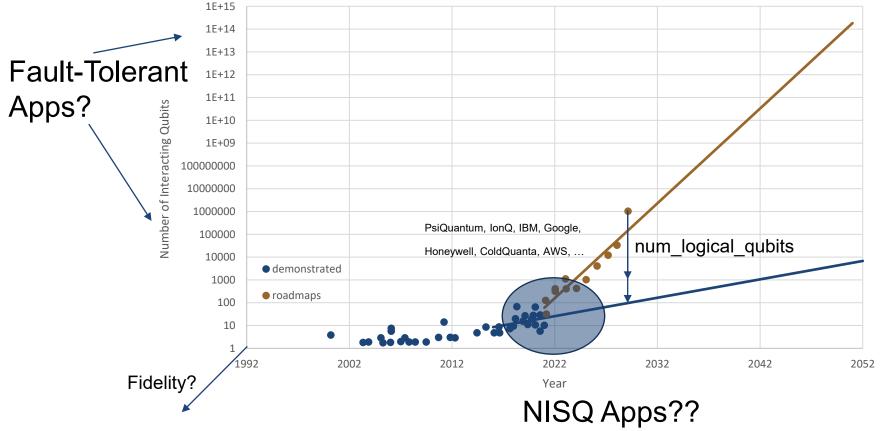
Beyond 1K – 1M+ qubits





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Summary

Goal: Our Goal is quantum advantage (QA); we want to solve practical DOD problems faster and to higher quality than any other alternatives (e.g., classical SOTA).

Actions: Determine which applications have the best chance of developing QA and when in order to become "quantum ready."

Collaboration: We are working on QuantumHub at CMU where we have access to quantum software and simulation tools, and a workspace for researchers (contact me for more info).

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