

# The Scope and Prospects of Application of Quantum Computing in Pakistan

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# Quantum Money



Stephen Wiesner (1942-2021)



# Quantum Key Distribution – BB84



Charles Bennett



Gilles Brassard

# Simulate Quantum Systems

Now I explicitly go to the question of how we can simulate with a computer

... ***the quantum mechanical effects*** ...

But the full description of quantum mechanics for a large system with  $R$  particles is given by a function which we call the amplitude to find the particles at  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_R$ , and therefore because it has too many variables,

***it cannot be simulated with a normal computer.***



Richard Feynman

# Simulate Quantum Systems

Can you do it with a new kind of computer  
— *a quantum computer?*

Now it turns out, as far as I can tell, that you  
can simulate this with a quantum system,  
with quantum computer elements.

*It's not a Turing machine, but a machine of  
a different kind.*



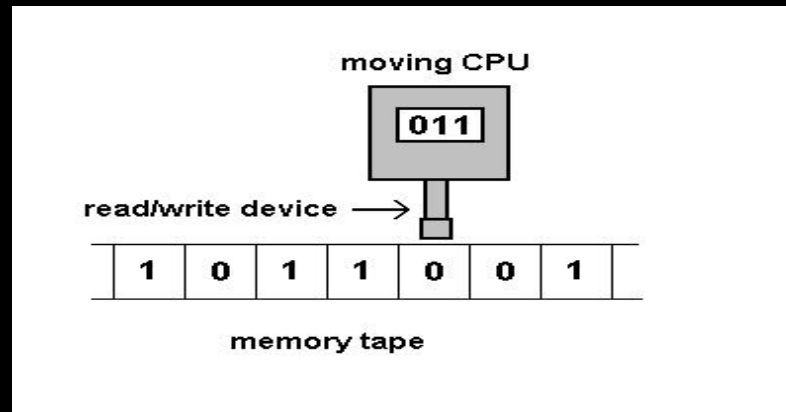
Richard Feynman

# The Church-Turing Thesis

“Computable” = Turing-Computable



Alan Turing



Alonzo Church

Fundamental principle linking Computer Science to the real world!

# Extended Church-Turing Thesis

**Feasibly computable in the physical world**  
**=**  
**Efficiently computable by a Turing machine**

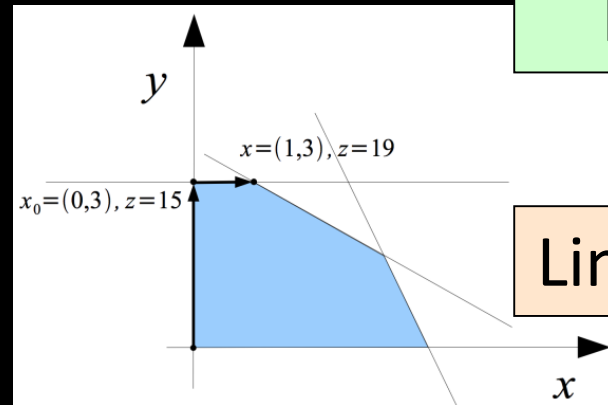


**Problem:** Modeled as a set of binary strings,  $L \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$ .  
Given an **input**  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$ , the task is to decide if  $x \in L$

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The class of problems for which there's an algorithm, for a deterministic digital computer, that always correctly decides if  $x \in L$ , after a number of steps upper-bounded by some polynomial in  $|x|$  (the length of  $x$ )

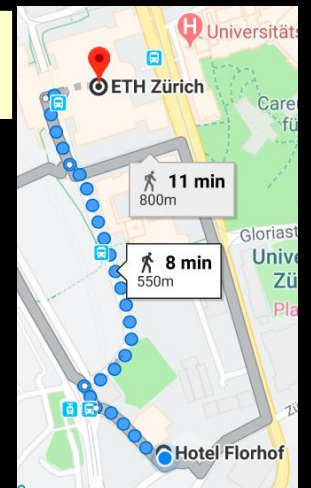
**Examples:**



Primality  
Testing

Linear Programming

Connectivity

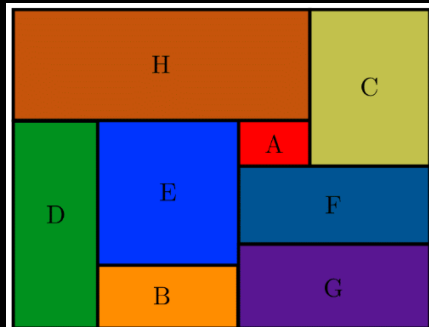




# NP (Nondeterministic Polynomial-Time)

Informally, the class of problems for which there's a polynomial-time algorithm to **recognize** valid solutions (but the solutions might be exponentially hard to **find**)

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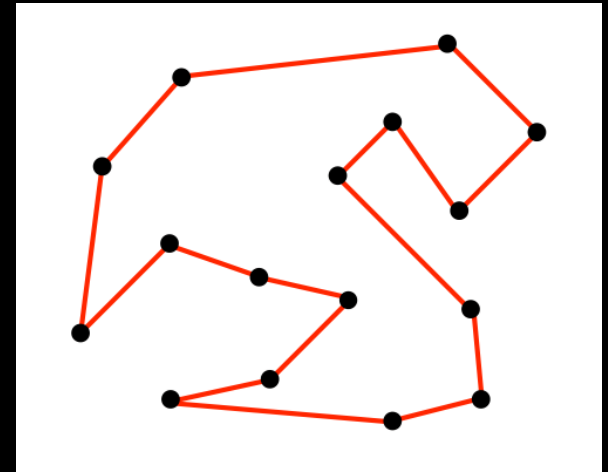


Bin Packing

Factoring

Step	Hyp	Ref	Expression
1		<a href="#">efipi 21825</a>	$\vdash (\exp(i \cdot \pi)) = -1$
2	1	<a href="#">oveqli 6095</a>	$\vdash ((\exp(i \cdot \pi)) + 1) = (-1 + 1)$
3		<a href="#">ax-1cn 9333</a>	$\vdash 1 \in \mathbb{C}$
4		<a href="#">neg1cn 10418</a>	$\vdash -1 \in \mathbb{C}$
5		<a href="#">lpnegle0 10423</a>	$\vdash (1 + -1) = 0$
6	3, 4, 5	<a href="#">addcomli 9554</a>	$\vdash (-1 + 1) = 0$
7	2, 6	<a href="#">eqtri 2458</a>	$\vdash ((\exp(i \cdot \pi)) + 1) = 0$

Theorem Proving



Traveling Salesperson

Hamilton cycle  
Steiner tree  
Graph 3-coloring  
Satisfiability  
Maximum clique  
...

Graph connectivity  
Primality testing  
Matrix determinant  
Linear programming  
...

**NP-hard**

**NP-  
complete**

**NP**

**Nondeterministic  
Polynomial Time**

**P**

**Polynomial  
Time**

Matrix permanent  
Halting problem  
...

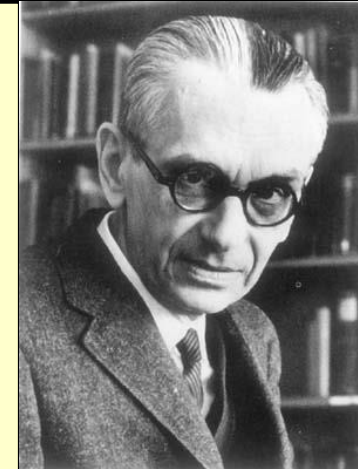
Graph isomorphism  
Factoring  
...

# P=NP?

The (literally) \$1,000,000 question

**If there actually were a machine with [running time]  $\sim Kn$  (or even only with  $\sim Kn^2$ ), this would have consequences of the greatest magnitude.**

**—Gödel to von Neumann, 1956**



# Integer Factorization is in BQP

**Given an integer  $N$ , find its prime factors.**

Consequently, we can break public-key cryptography systems such as RSA!



Peter Shor



# Why Is Building A Quantum Computer So Hard?

Researchers

**Scalable Quantum Computers  
Are Not Possible**



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# My Quantum Debate with Aram Harrow: Timeline, Non-technical Highlights, and Flashbacks I

Posted on [March 16, 2013](#) by [Gil Kalai](#)

## How the debate came about



### Gödel's Lost Letter and P=NP

a personal view of the Query of complexity

Home About P=NP and SAT About Us Conventional Wisdom and P=NP The Gödel Letter Cook's Paper Thank You's

#### Perpetual Motion of The 21st Century?

JANUARY 30, 2012

by Gil Kalai

tags: P=NP, Machine, quantum

*Are quantum errors incompressible? Discussion between Gil Kalai and Aram Harrow*

Gil Kalai and Aram Harrow are world experts on mathematical frameworks for quantum computation. They hold opposing opinions on whether or not quantum computers are possible.

Today and in at least one preceding post, Gil



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**(Email from Aram Harrow, June 4, 2011)** Dear Gil Kalai, I am a quantum computing researcher, and was wondering about a few points in [your paper](#)...

(Aram's email was detailed and thoughtful and at the end he proposed to continue the discussion privately or as part of a public discussion.)

# A Win-Win Situation

**Scalable Quantum Computers Are Possible**

Quantum Simulation

Quantum Chemistry

Factorization

Optimization and Machine Learning

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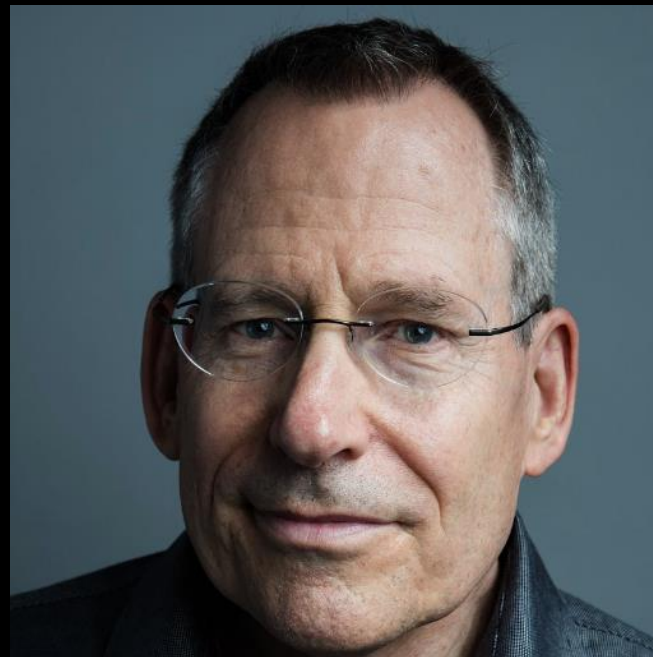
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**New Physics!**

# NISQ Era

**Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum:** ... size of quantum computers which will be available in the next few years, with a number of qubits ranging from **50** to a few hundred.


**“Noisy”** emphasizes that we’ll have imperfect control over those qubits; the noise will place serious limitations on what quantum devices can achieve in the near term.



John Preskill

# Quantum Computational Supremacy

Use of a quantum computer to solve **some** well-defined problem much faster than **any** available classical computer running **any** known algorithm



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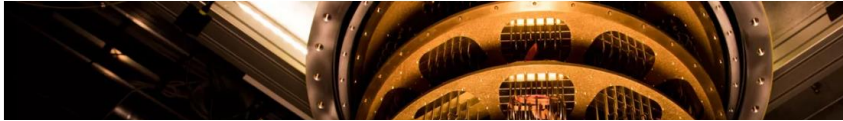
# Google claims to have reached quantum supremacy

## Google may have just ushered in an era of 'quantum supremacy'

'The first computation that can only be performed on a quantum processor'

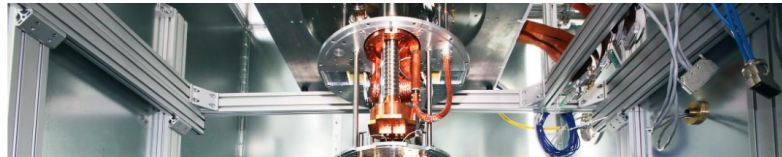
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## Google's 'Quantum Supremacy' Isn't the End of Encryption

Google said its quantum computer outperformed conventional models. But it will : anything practical.



## Google has reached quantum supremacy – here's what it should do next



TECHNOLOGY | ANALYSIS 26 September 2019

By Chelsea Whyte



NEWS QUANTUM PHYSICS

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## IBM's Response

Using Summit, the largest supercomputer currently on earth—which fills 2 basketball courts and has 250 petabytes of hard disk—it should be possible to simulate Google's 3-minute calculation in ~2.5 days, rather than the 10,000 years Google estimated

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The setup c **Quantum supremacy, now with BosonSampling** for even the

A group led by [Jianwei Pan](#) and [Chao-Yang Lu](#), based mainly at USTC in Hefei, China, announced today that it [achieved BosonSampling with 40-70 detected photons](#)—up to and beyond the limit where a classical supercomputer could feasibly verify the results. (Technically, they achieved a variant called [Gaussian](#)

# Quantum Manifesto

A New Era of Technology

May 2016



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The new National Quantum Initiative Act will give America a national master plan for advancing quantum technologies.

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QUANTUM COMPUTING

# China Is Pulling Ahead in Global Quantum Race, New Studies Suggest

The competition between the U.S. and China over development of quantum technology has implications for both the future of science and the two countries' political relations

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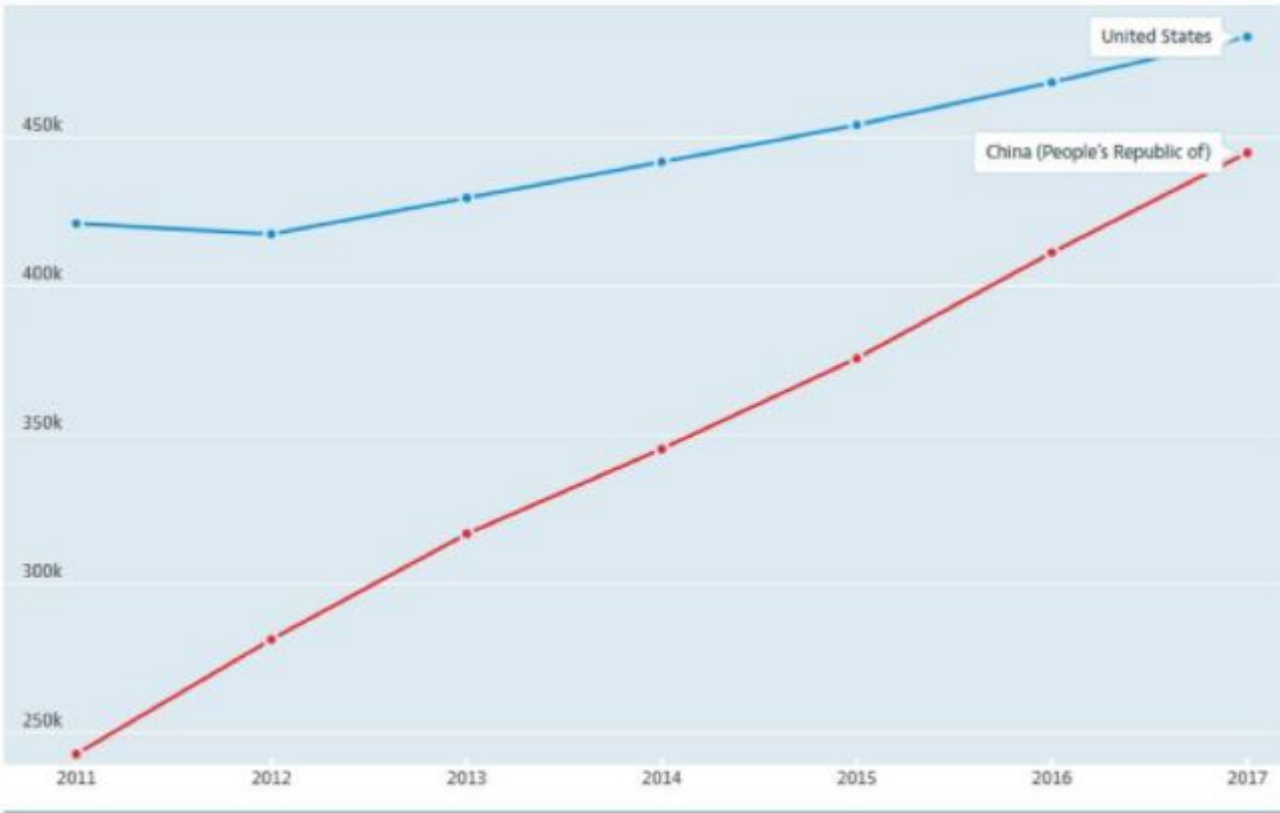
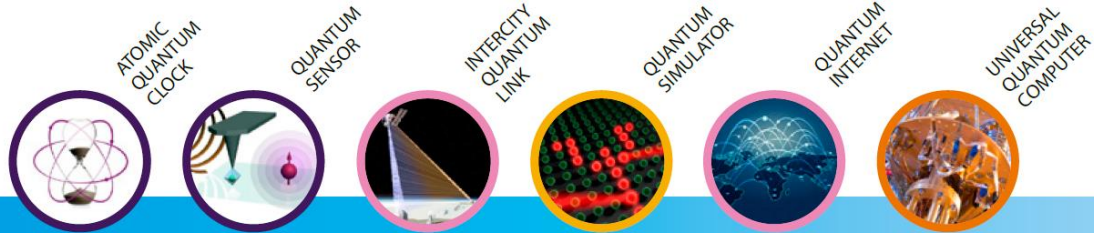


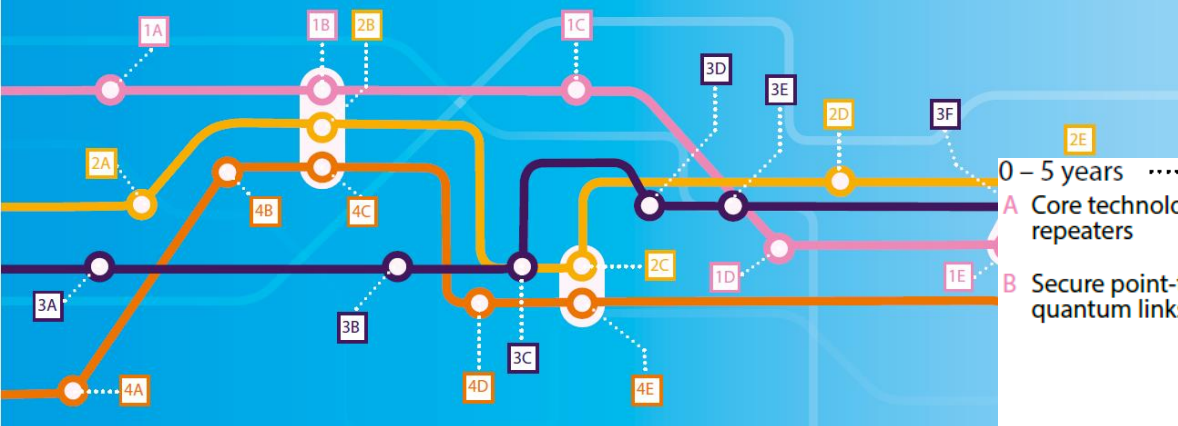
Figure 1: USA vs. China total annual R&D expenditure (millions of dollars) OECD SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & R&D STATISTICS

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2015 2035



0 – 5 years

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| <p><b>A</b> Core technology of quantum repeaters</p> <p><b>B</b> Secure point-to-point quantum links</p> | <p><b>A</b> Simulator of motion of electrons in materials</p> <p><b>B</b> New algorithms for quantum simulators and networks</p> | <p><b>A</b> Quantum sensors for niche applications (incl. gravity and magnetic sensors for health care, geosurvey and security)</p> <p><b>B</b> More precise atomic clocks for synchronisation of future smart networks, incl. energy grids</p> | <p><b>A</b> Operation of a logical qubit protected by error correction or topologically</p> <p><b>B</b> New algorithms for quantum computers</p> <p><b>C</b> Small quantum processor executing technologically relevant algorithms</p> |
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5 – 10 years

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| <p><b>C</b> Quantum networks between distant cities</p> <p><b>D</b> Quantum credit cards</p> | <p><b>C</b> Development and design of new complex materials</p> <p><b>D</b> Versatile simulator of quantum magnetism and electricity</p> | <p><b>C</b> Quantum sensors for larger volume applications including automotive, construction</p> <p><b>D</b> Handheld quantum navigation devices</p> | <p><b>D</b> Solving chemistry and materials science problems with special purpose quantum computer &gt; 100 physical qubit</p> |
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> 10 years

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| <p><b>E</b> Quantum repeaters with cryptography and eavesdropping detection</p> <p><b>F</b> Secure Europe-wide internet merging quantum and classical communication</p> | <p><b>E</b> Simulators of quantum dynamics and chemical reaction mechanisms to support drug design</p> | <p><b>E</b> Gravity imaging devices based on gravity sensors</p> <p><b>F</b> Integrate quantum sensors with consumer applications including mobile devices</p> | <p><b>E</b> Integration of quantum circuit and cryogenic classical control hardware</p> <p><b>F</b> General purpose quantum computers exceed computational power of classical computers</p> |
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Join us in the second quantum revolution!



## Q NUMBERS



18

QCOUSINS



22

COUNTRIES VISITED



72

NUMBER OF EVENTS



2,664

DIPLOMAS HANDED OUT

## ENTANGLING QCOUSINS

We are now eighteen QCousins looking for entangling with new ones.



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