

# Quantum Software @ Quantinuum



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Quantum Software

**Honeywell**

Quantum  
Solutions

Quantum Hardware

# Quantum Software?

## System Software

- Compiler / optimiser
- Programming system and runtime
- Online services
- Quantum Error Correction

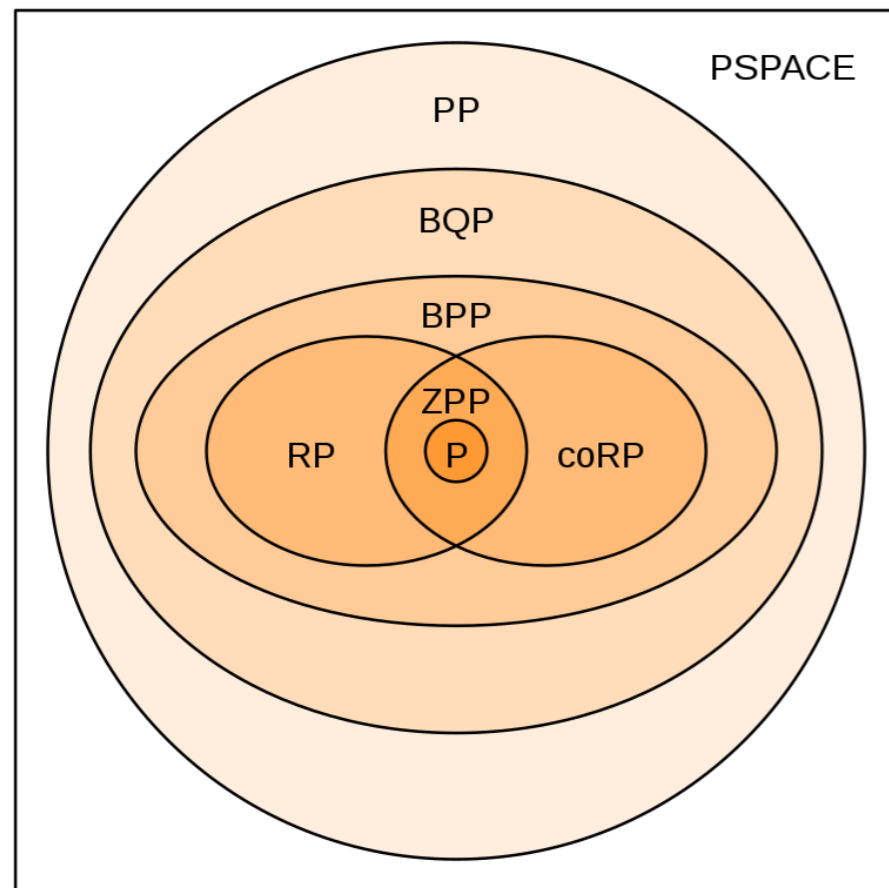
## Applications

- Computational chemistry and materials science
- Machine learning
- Monte Carlo methods
- Natural language processing

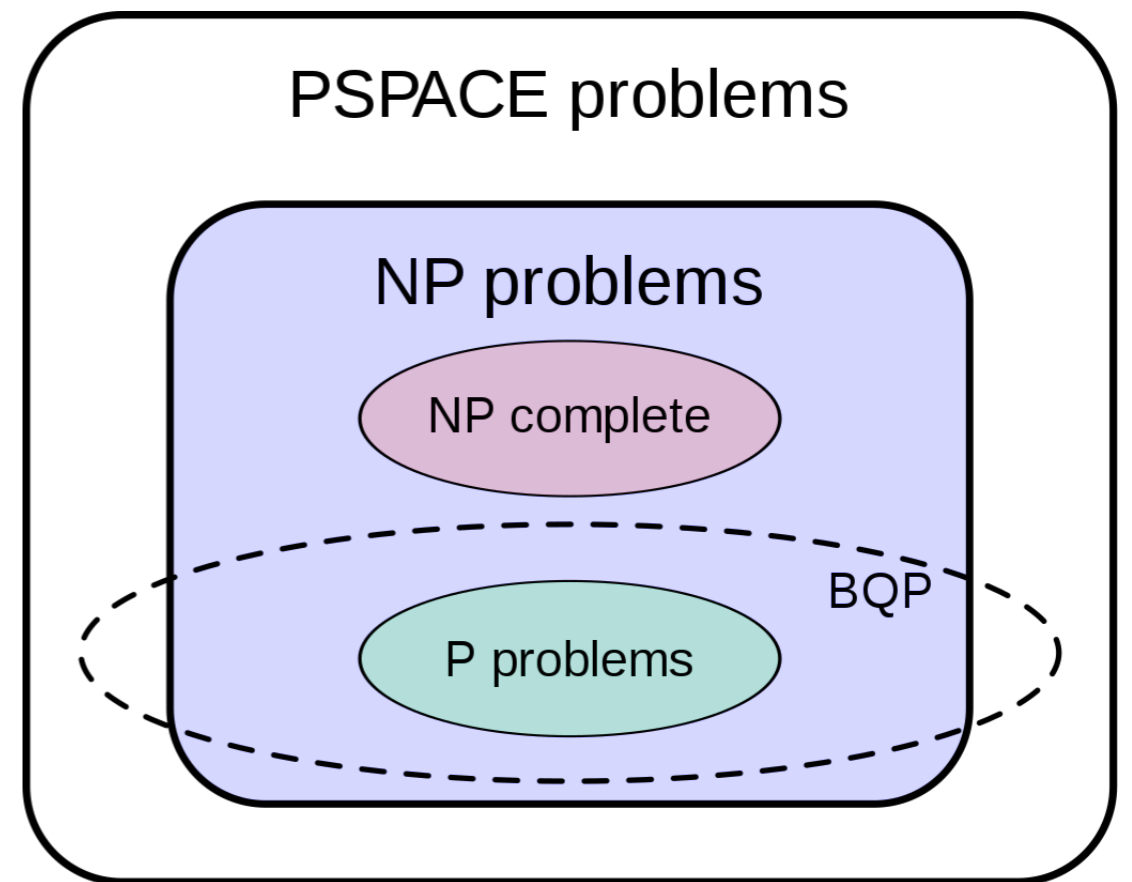
## Security / Crypto

Make a quantum  
computer do  
something  
**useful**

# The Complexity Theory



- Examples of quadratic speed up widespread
- Poly-time quantum vs best known classical exp-time



- Contrived/restricted problems with an exponential speed up
- Exponential speed-up conjectured for some quantum simulation problems

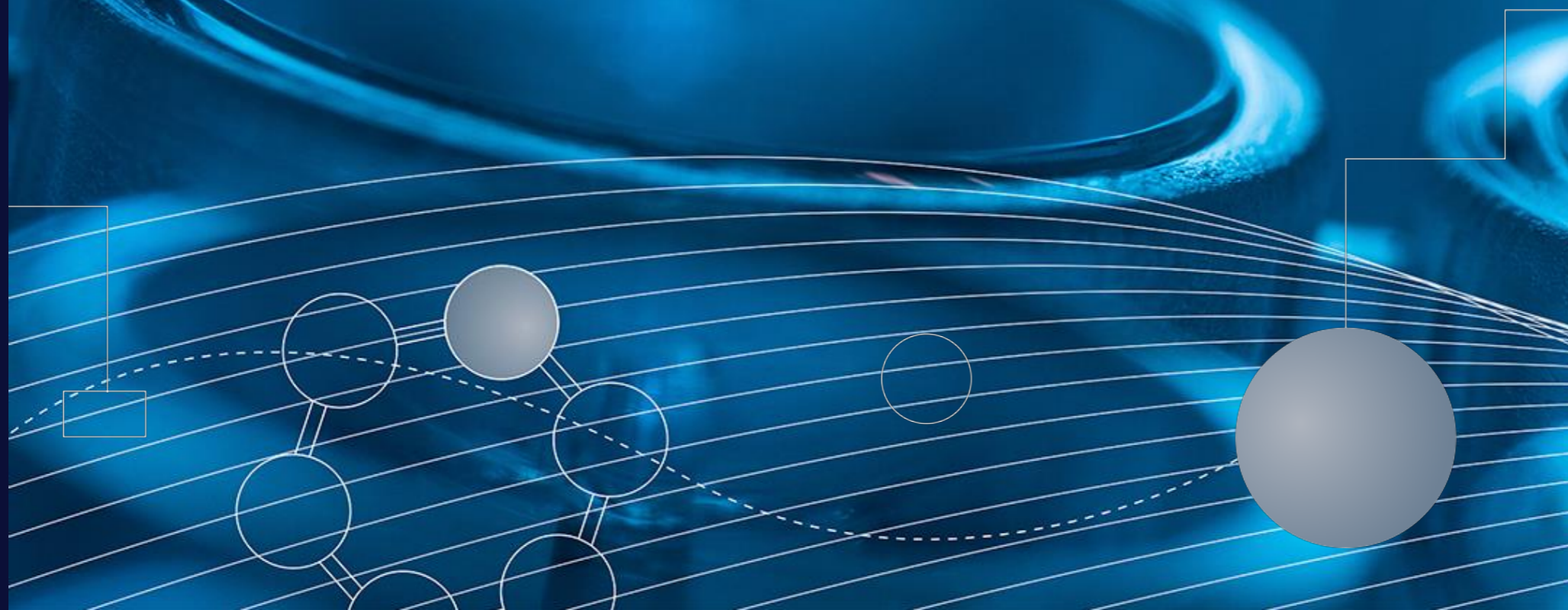


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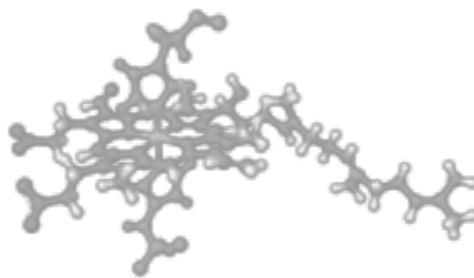
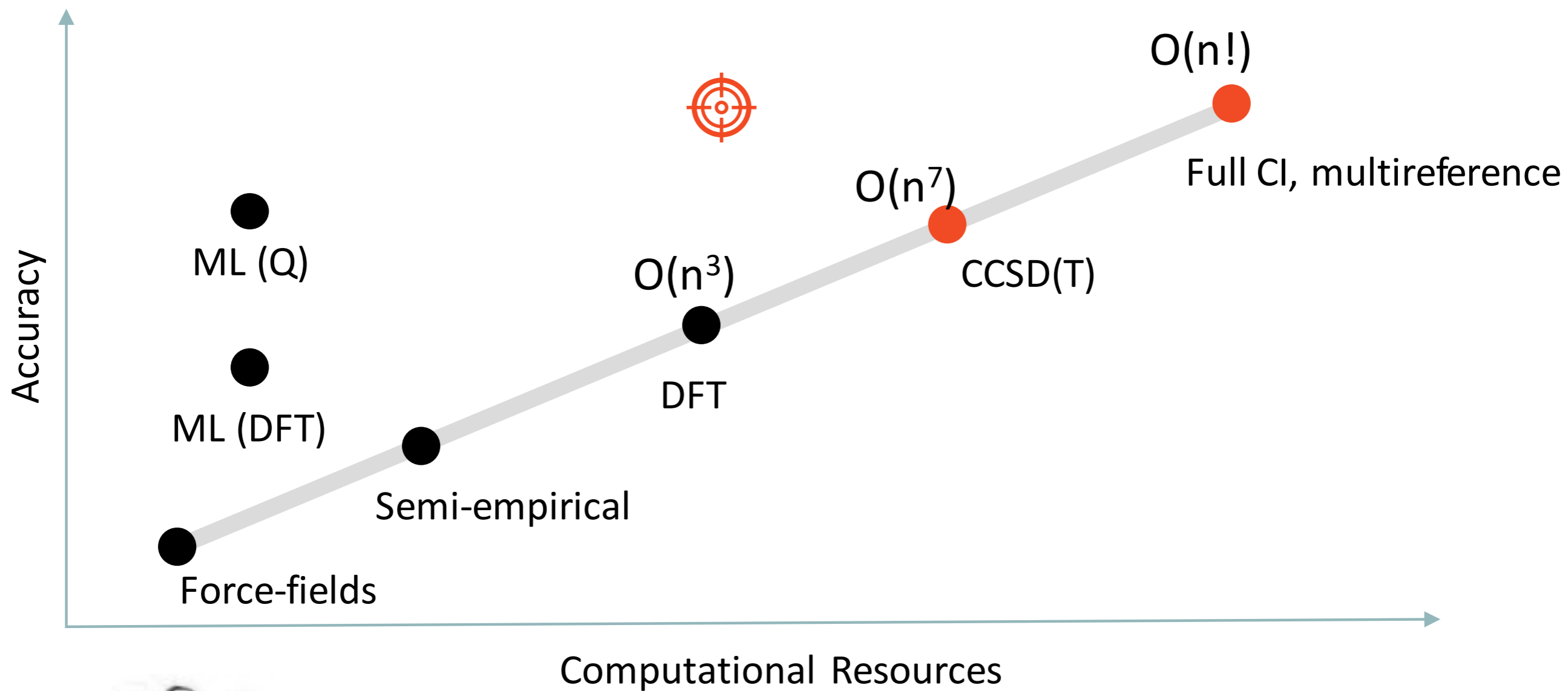


# INQUANTO

Computational  
Chemistry

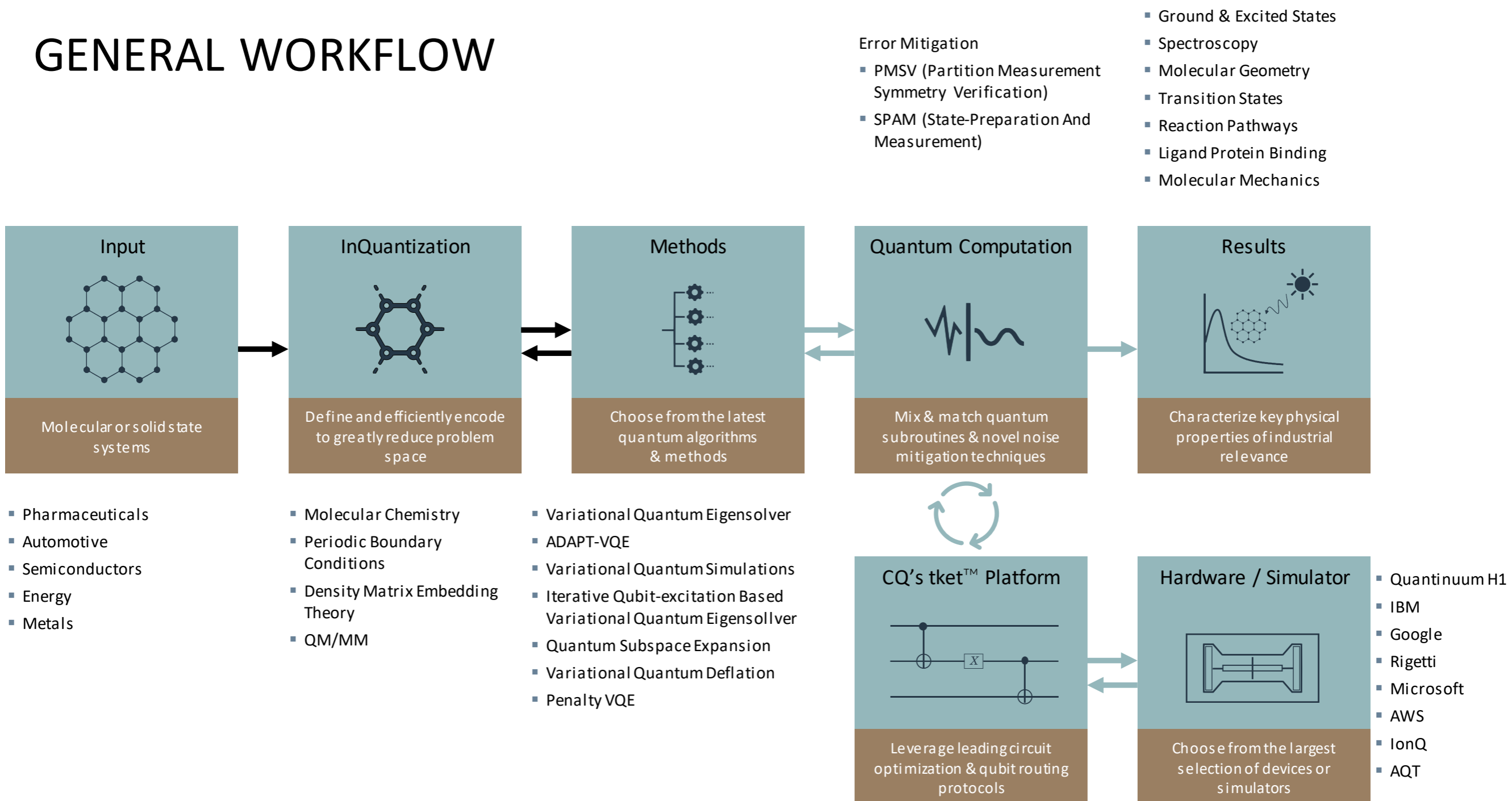








# GENERAL WORKFLOW



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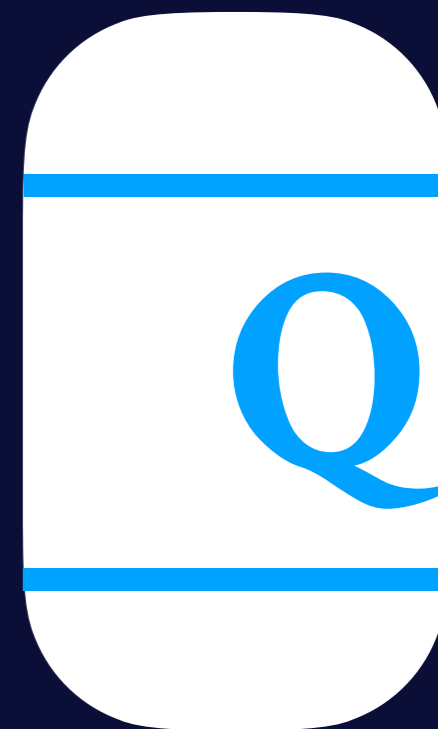
Research Software Engineer  
Quantum Chemistry

Molecules,  
Spin orbitals,  
Energy levels,

Circuits



Counts





**Hard Real Time**

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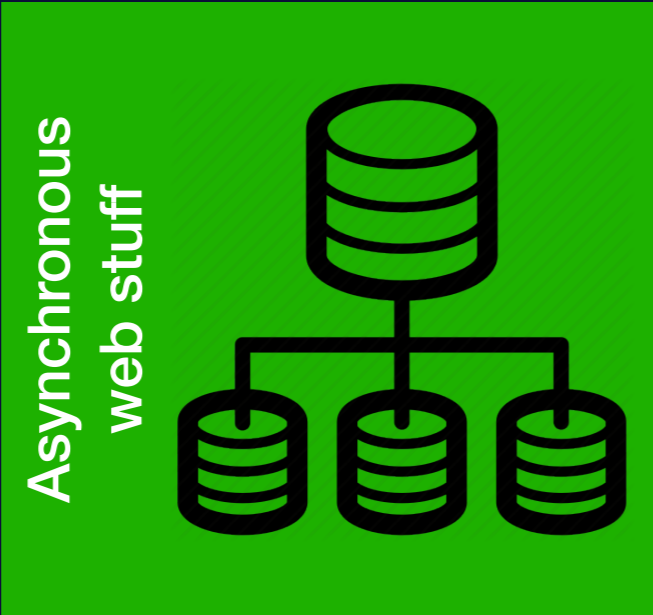


**Near Time**

**Hard Real Time**

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Slow runtime



Near Time



Hard Real Time

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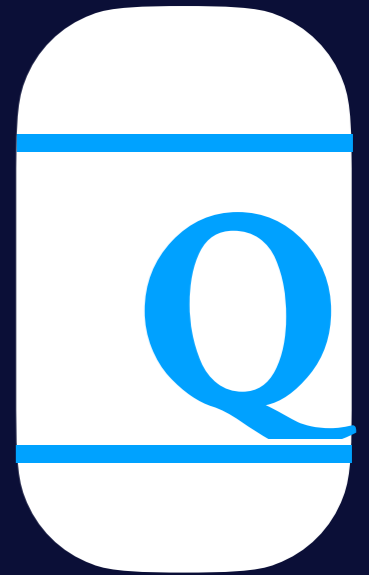
Compiler

Asynchronous  
web stuff



Low Latency

Realtime control



Compile time

Slow runtime

Near Time

Hard Real Time

Each box is :

- a different *time regime*
- a different set of *capabilities*
- a different *scope*

The program *as a whole* must be correctly distributed between them

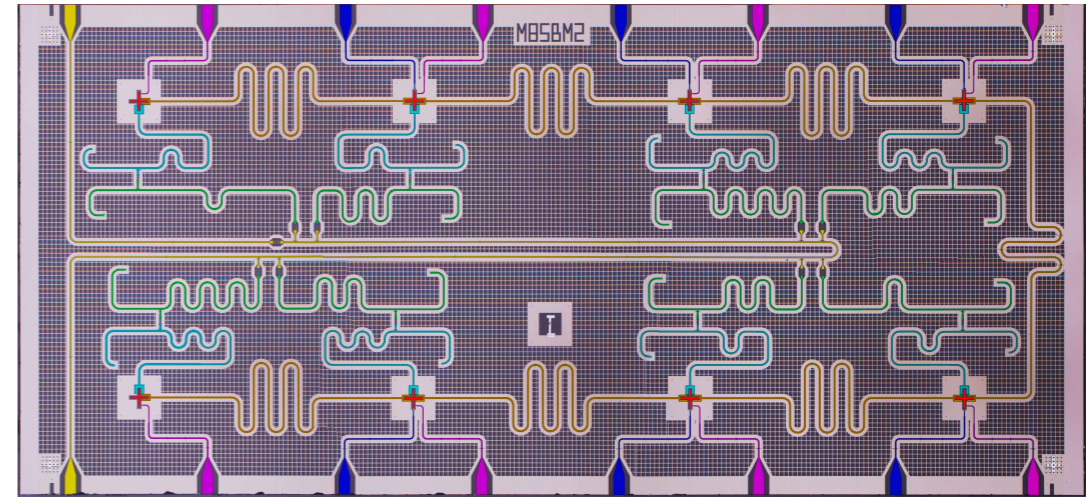
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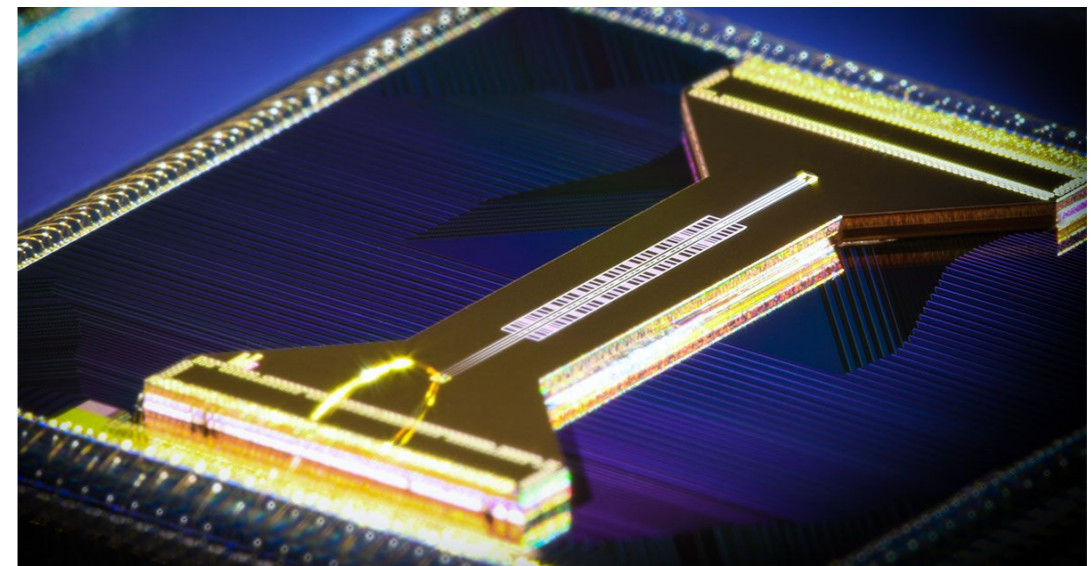


# Quantum Computers

- Superconducting  
IBM, Google, Rigetti, OQC...
- Ion traps  
Quantinuum, IonQ, AQT, ....
- Cold atoms  
Cold Quanta, Pasqal, ...
- Photonic  
Psi Quantum, Quandela, ORCA ..
- Semiconductors  
Intel, Quantum Motion, ...























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**“NISQ”**

Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum

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50—100 qubits

Enough to be hard to simulate

Not enough for error correction

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## Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum

Everything has a limited fidelity  
Qubits have finite coherence time  
Errors can vary across the machine  
Errors can vary across time  
Errors are correlated, non-markovian  
Errors are not always well understood

# “NISQ”

Noisy ~~Intermediate~~-Scale Quantum

- Noise implies scale limitations
- There will be errors
- Whole stack must actively work to manage noise
- Not all interesting algorithms are possible
- The quantities we are computing are statistical



# Quantum Compilation

Now Open Source!

# tket

A language and platform agnostic  
retargetable compiler for NISQ devices

```
pip install pytket
```

# TKET



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pytket-qiskit

Qiskit

IBM-Q, Aer

pytket-cirq

Cirq

pytket-pyquil

pyquil

QCS, QVM

pytket-qsharp

Azure  
Quantum

pytket-  
quantinum

Quantinum  
H-series

pytket

Compiler

C++ Library

# Quantum Compiler Phases

“Language” dependent

*Parsing*  
*Lexing*  
*Type checking*

**Circuit Synthesis**

**Circuit Optimisation**

**Gate Conversion**

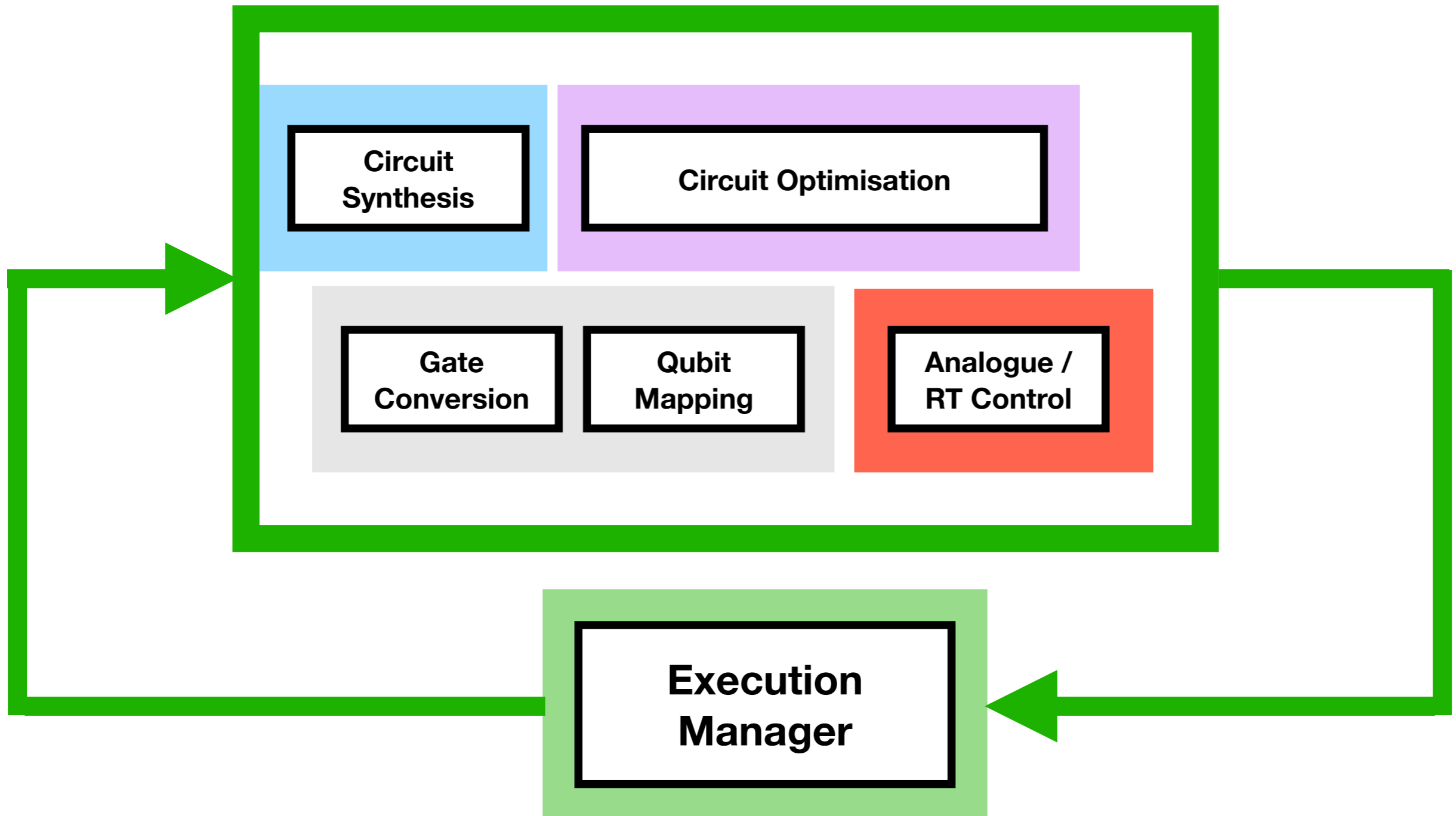
**Noise Shaping**

**Qubit Mapping**

**Analogue / RT Control**

Machine dependent

# Quantum Compiler Phases



# Compiler Passes

- Synthesise many qubit operations to 1-, 2-qubit gates
- Symbolic expression optimisation
- Resynthesise sub-circuits via special representations
  - ZX-terms, Clifford tableaux, Phase-polynomials
- Exact and approximate synthesis of unitaries
- Architecture aware synthesis
- Mapping to chosen gate basis
- Allocating “virtual” qubits to physical qubits
- Mapping and routing circuits to fixed architectures
- .... more!

# Composable Error Mitigation



# Mitigation vs Correction

## Error Correction

- Map “logical” qubits into a larger code space of many physical qubits and perform encoded operations on code space
- Frequently measure ancillary qubits to detect errors
- Intervene in circuit to correct observed errors
- Every circuit evaluation is “correct”
- Terrifyingly high resource overheads (x10000s of qubits)

## Error Mitigation

- Accept the statistical nature of the results and try to improve the accuracy of the final output.
- Generally aim to extract more signal from noise
- Typically involves computing many variations of the desired circuit and combining them with classical side processing
- Can intervene at almost any point of the overall computation
- Can also involve high overheads in terms of circuit executions

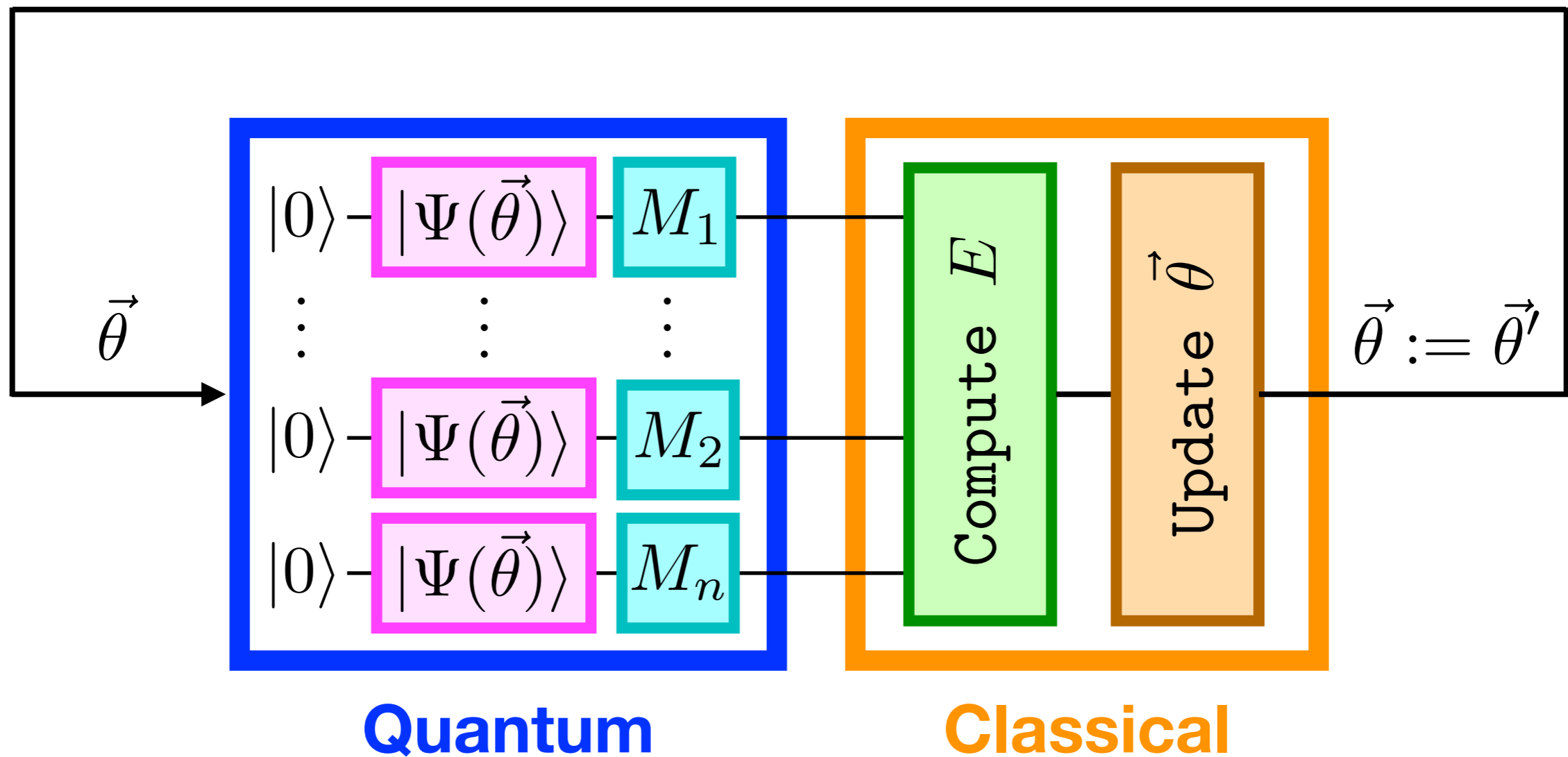
Introducing...

# QERMiT

- Fully compositional Quantum Error Mitigation toolkit
- Extensible and open source
- Many error mitigation methods implemented and benchmarked

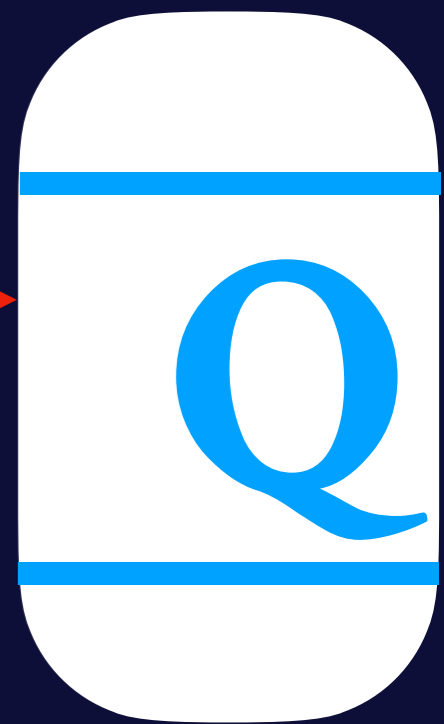
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pip install qermiT
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# Variational Quantum Algorithms

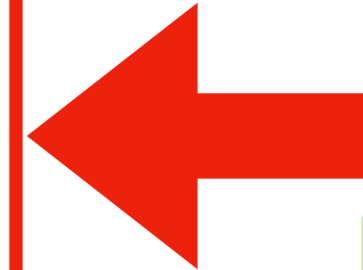
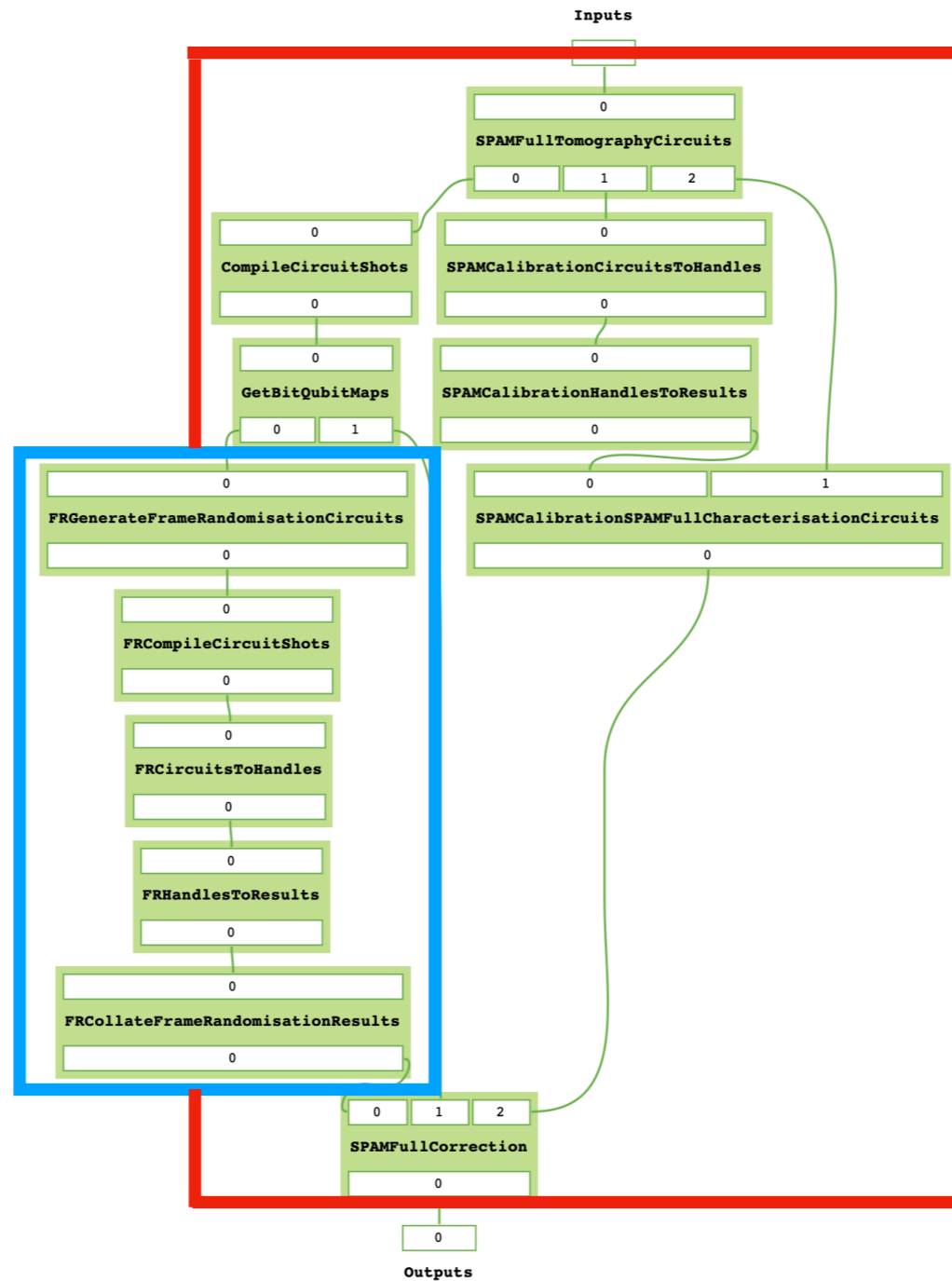
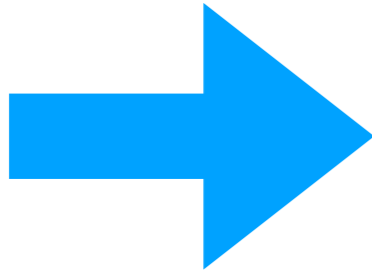
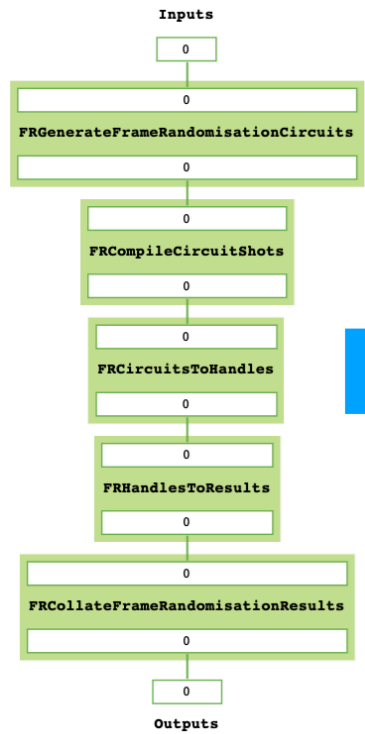


# Kinds of Mitigation

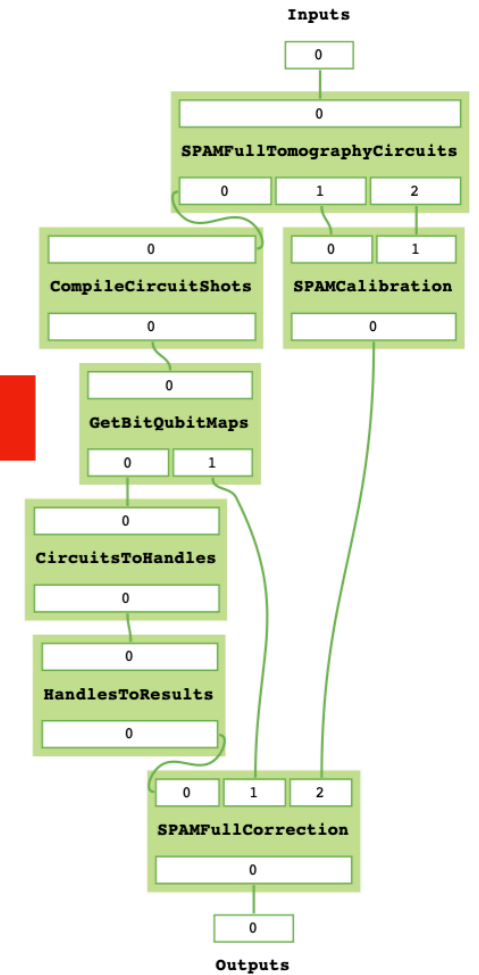
- “MitRes” :  
transform the **distribution** of **results** of a circuit
- “MitEx” :  
transform the **expectation** of some computed **quantity**



# Frame Randomisation



# SPAM Correction



# Academic Collaborations

## Chalmers

Resources for Quantum Chemistry

## Tokyo

Distributed QC

## UCL

MBQC



## ULB

Device Independent Crypto

## Cambridge

Quantum Chemistry Algorithms

## Edinburgh / NPL

Noise at large scale

## Strathclyde

Quantum PL

## NPL

Noise-resilient algorithms

## MPQ / TUM

Condensed Matter Simulations

# Thanks!

If you are looking for a job or an internship email  
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