

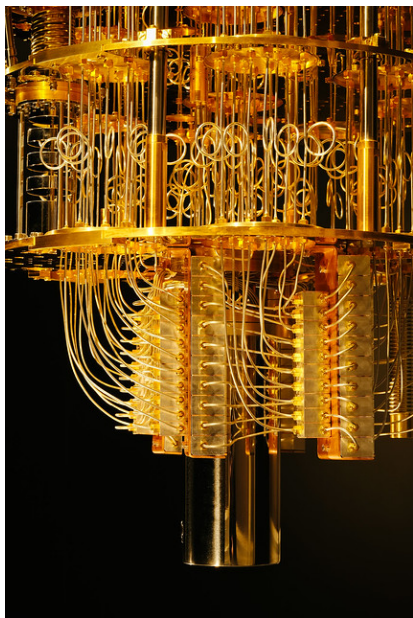
# An Artificial Spiking Quantum Neuron

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## The big promise

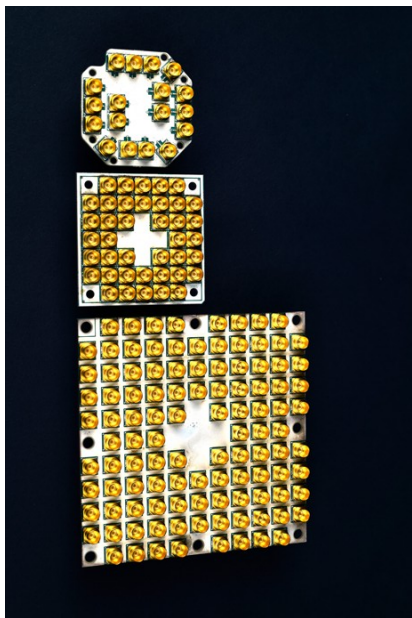
Universal quantum computers can do anything classical computers can do and more...

## Speedups

Algorithms with proven speedup

- Shor's factoring
- Grover search
- Boson Sampling





## The disappointment

You need

- very large
  - perfectly performing
  - well-programmed
- quantum computers.

## In the meantime

Do what they are good at

- discrete optimization
- quantum chemistry
- **machine learning**



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		<i>classical</i>	<i>quantum</i>
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	<i>quantum</i>	QC	QQ

# QC

- Quantum phase transition identification by adversarial autoencoders
- Machine learning for tensor networks
- Learning of density functionals
- Recurrent neural networks learning parameters for quantum circuits
- Materials design in the group



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CQ

- Quantum enabled sampling  
e.g. Xanadu's Gaussian Boson Sampling
- Quantum Support Vector Machines
- Quantum Boltzman Machines  
e.g. D-Wave's samplers



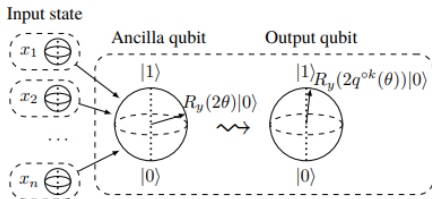
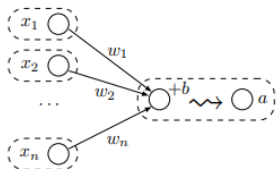
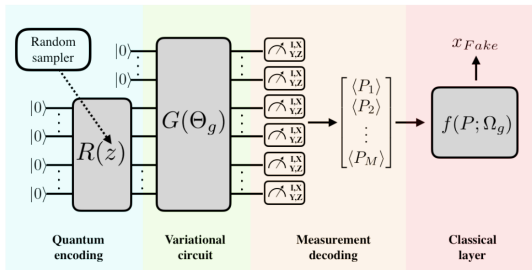
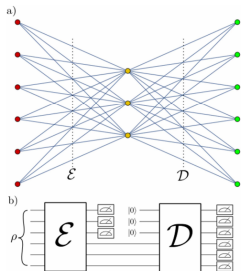
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- Quantum Generative Adversarial Networks
- Quantum Variational Autoencoder
- Quantum Classifiers
- Quantum Neurons







## Power Consumption

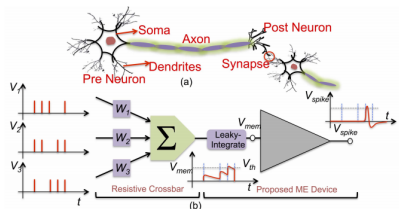
Game	Computer	Human
Chess	900W	20W
Go	1000W	20W
StarCraft II	2000W	20W

## How is this possible?

- sparse connectivity
- info transfer through spikes
- thresholding
- temporal character  
(firing rate, relative timing)







## Requirements

- Integrate and fire
- synaptic plasticity
- only feed-forward

Name	System overview		On-chip learning	Network type	Inference of deep SNNs				
	Type of hardware	Neuron and synapse count	Plasticity rules		Network size	Dataset	Test accuracy	Throughput (in img/s)	Energy consumption (per image)
TrueNorth (Merolla et al., 2014)	digital	single chip: 4096 cores, 1M neurons, 256M synapses; up to 8 chips	None	Deep CNNs: (a, b) Esser et al. (2015) (c) Esser et al. (2016)	(a) 1920 cores (b) 5 cores (c) 8 chips	(a, b) MNIST (c) CIFAR10 and many more	(a) 99.4% (b) 92.7% (c) 89.3%	(a, b) 1000 (c) 1249	(a) 108 $\mu$ J (b) 0.268 $\mu$ J (c) 164 $\mu$ J
Spinnaker (Furber et al., 2013)	digital	single chip: 18 ARM cores, approx. 1k neurons and 1k synapses per core for real-time simulations; up to 576 chips	flexible, e.g., unsupervised (Lin et al., 2010) and supervised (Mikailis et al., 2018) STDP	DBN: 2 hidden layers with 500 neurons each (Stromatis et al., 2015)	1 chip	MNIST	96%	91	3.3 mJ
BrainScaleS (Schemmel et al., 2010; Brüderle et al., 2011)	mixed-signal	wafer with 384 cores, 200k neurons, 45M synapses	STDP (Schemmel et al., 2006; Pfeil et al., 2013b)	MLP: 2 hidden layers with 15 neurons each (Schmitt et al., 2017)	14 cores	downscaled MNIST	95%	10000	7.3 mJ

Spike communication in all of these systems is asynchronous. The Spinnaker system is the only system listed in this table that allows events with payload (see section 1). Note that none of these systems natively support batching of inputs as commonly used in conventional deep learning.





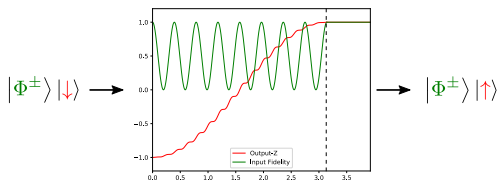
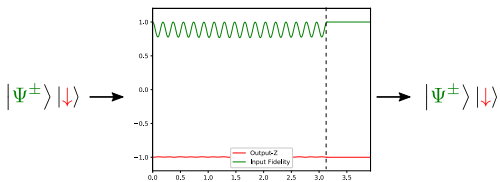
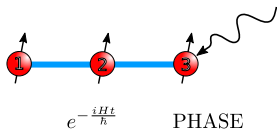
## Functions

- measure excitations
- measure relative phases

## Requirements

- have distinct temporal character
- no specific hardware paradigm
- low qubit overhead
- leave input unchanged





## Hamiltonian

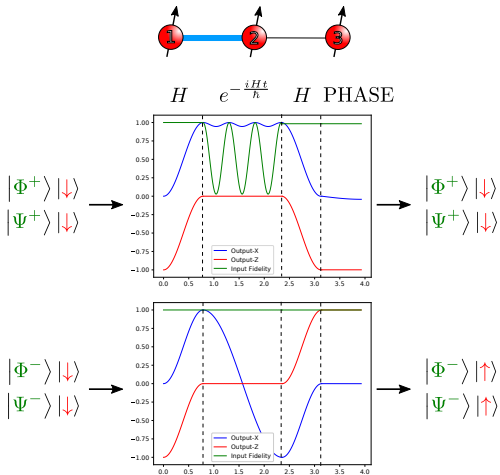
$$H = \frac{J}{2} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 + \beta \sigma_2^z \sigma_3^z + A \cos\left(\frac{2\beta}{\hbar} t\right) \sigma_3^x$$

$$\left| 2\beta \pm 2\sqrt{J^2 + \beta^2} \right| \gg A$$

$$\beta = kA$$

$$J = \pm \sqrt{l^2 - k^2} A$$





## Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{J}{2} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 + \delta \sigma_2^x \sigma_3^x + B \sigma_3^z$$

$$2\delta \gg B$$

$$\delta = 2m$$

$$J = 2n$$

$$n \gg m$$



## 4 maximally entangled 2 qubit states

$$|\Phi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

$$|\Phi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle - |11\rangle)$$

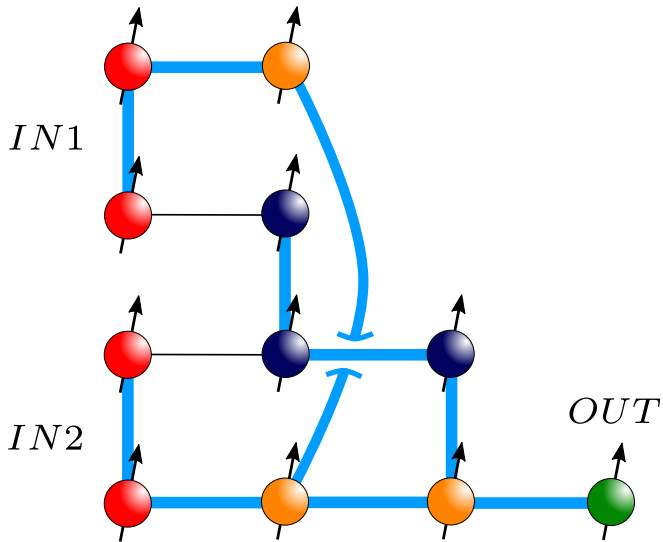
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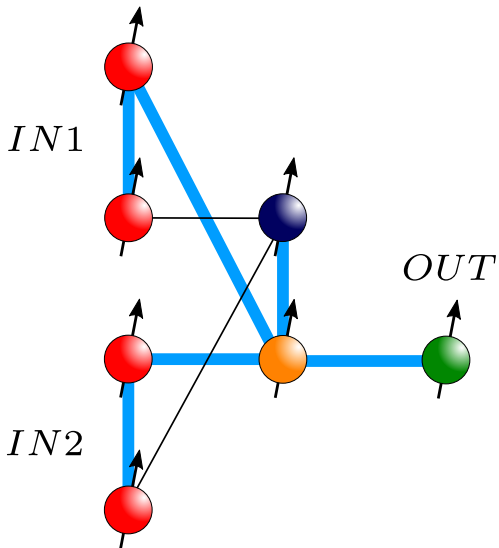
$$|\Psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$$

## Why are they special?

- correlations beyond classical
- used in quantum communication  
e.g. teleportation, superdense coding
- quantum cryptography







## Differences

- Reduction of #qubit
- No longer strictly feed forward
- Complication for last layer



Measurement back-action:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Comparator } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\Psi_1^+\rangle + |\Phi_1^-\rangle) |\Psi_2^+\rangle |\downarrow\rangle \\ = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\Psi_1^+\rangle |\Psi_2^+\rangle |\uparrow\rangle + |\Phi_1^-\rangle |\Psi_2^+\rangle |\downarrow\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Defines an expected likelihood kernel:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{|\uparrow\rangle} &= \sum_0^3 |a_i|^2 |b_i|^2 \\ k(p, p') &= \int p(x)p'(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

Can be used for quantum kernel learning methods





Thank you for your  
attention!



Questions are welcome

**Further reading and  
self-promotion:**

An Artificial Spiking Quantum  
Neuron

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.06269>

**Slides:**

<https://mfdgroot.github.io/>  
Slack #group\_meeting

