



ICSC

Centro Nazionale HPC, Big Data e Quantum Computing



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ICSC Founding Members: a public private partnership

25

Universities

12

**Research
Institutions**

15

**Strategic private
partners**

Public Research Institutions Founding Members: a pervasive initiative throughout Italy



National Institutions

Logos of National Institutions: INFN (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), CINECA, ENEA, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, GARR (Consortium), INAF (Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica), and INGV.

Hub Only

Logos of Hub Only institutions: UNIMORE (Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia), UNIVERSITÀ DI PARMA, and OGS.

Private Founding Members: strategic players for digital transformation



fondazione innovazione urbana

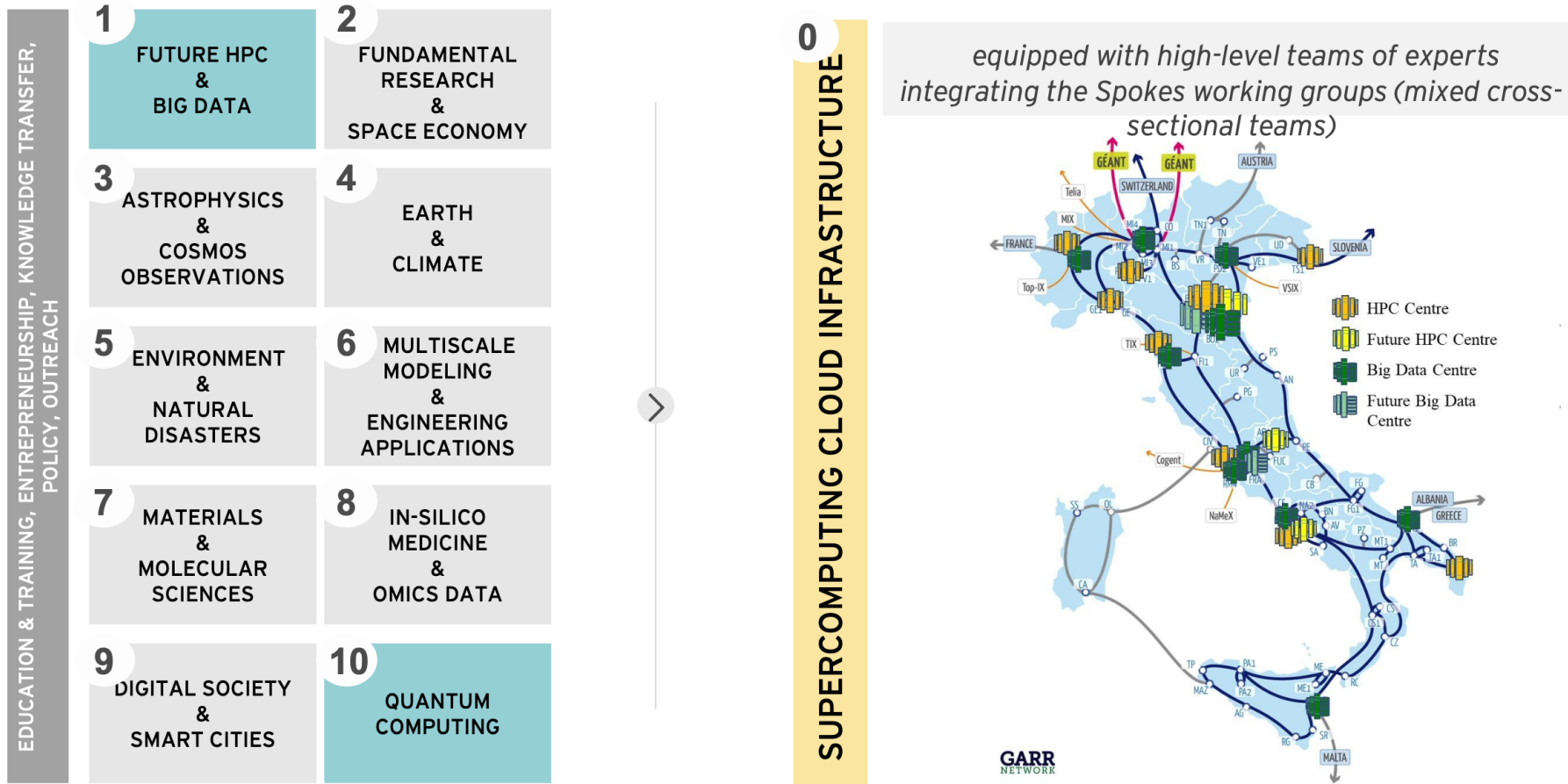
Strategic partner to implement and develop the digital twin pilot case of an urban complex system



Industry-driven not-for-profit international organization aimed at: (1) aggregating companies, including SMEs, to engage with ICSC through a structured partnership, (2) funding research and innovation projects, (3) promoting the Big Data Technopole

Highly-qualified group of large leading companies covering most of the strategic industrial sectors involved by digital transformation at the national level

The ICSC will include ten thematic Spokes and one *Infrastructure* spoke



ICSC: Main figures over the next 3 years

1575

Personnel shared
by partners

250+

New researchers

300+

New PhDs

**40
ME**

Open calls

**Sustainable
&
Well balanced
(territory, gender,
age, size)**

**40
ME**

Innovation grants

SPOKE 10 QUANTUM COMPUTING

Istituzione leader



Istituzione co-leader



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Layer 1. Applications. High-level quantum applications for the solution of special-purpose research and industrial use cases (chemistry, biology, high energy and condensed matter physics, data-science, industrial optimization, etc.).

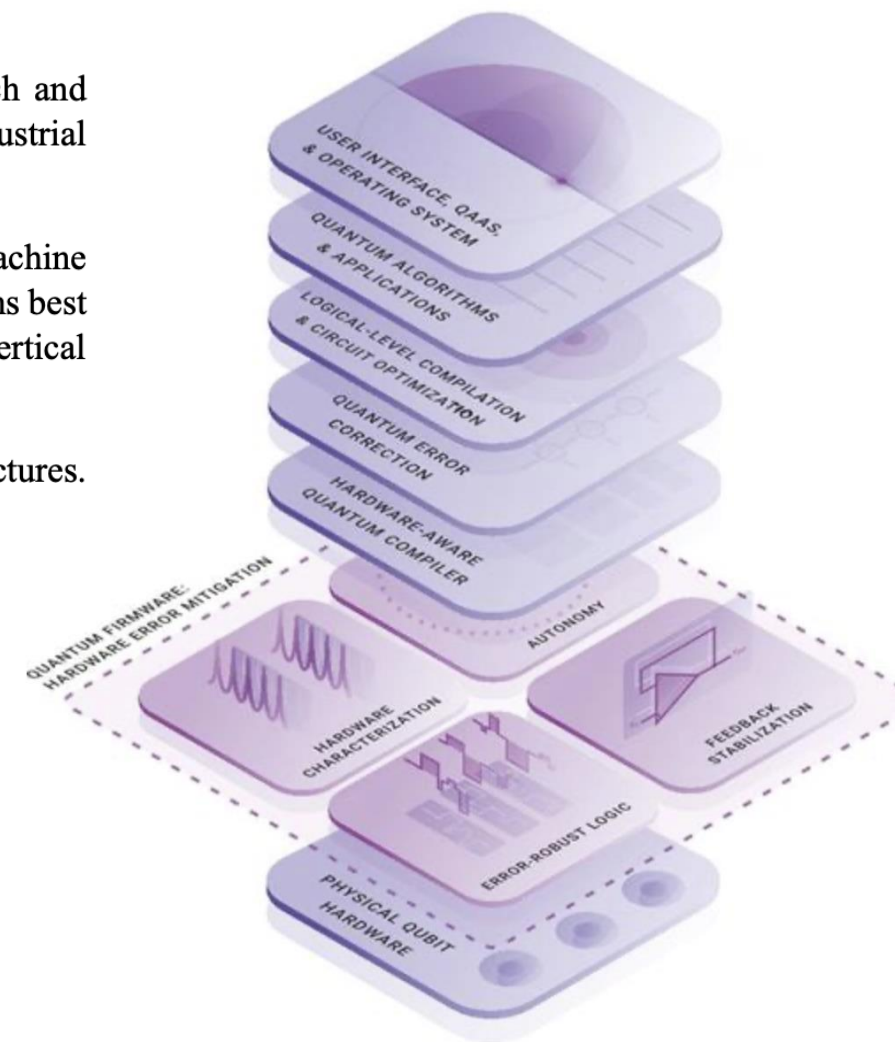
Layer 2. Algorithms. General purpose algorithms (e.g., linear algebra, variational eigensolvers, machine learning, hard optimization, etc.). The research challenge is to identify general-purpose library algorithms best suited to be accelerated on near-term quantum computers and that can be used as building blocks for vertical applications.

Layer 3. Emulation. Software for the emulation on classical computers of particular quantum architectures. Benchmarking and verification of quantum computations.

Layer 4. Compilation. Tools for compilation and optimization of algorithms. Toolchains for hw/sw codesign of special-purpose quantum accelerators.

Layer 5. Firmware. Low-level software for the physical operation of specific quantum computers: control of physical operations, optimization of the operations, measurement protocols, scheduling of the operations, automatic calibration, etc.

Layer 6. Hardware. Quantum computer hardware components. Here, the research challenge is to play a role in the international production chain.

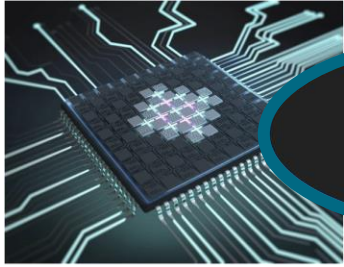


Spoke 10 – Quantum Computing

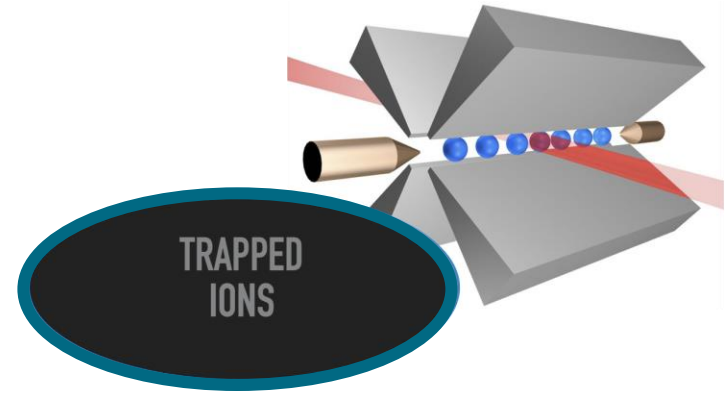
WP1. Software (Leader: INFN): Development and application of high-level quantum software for algorithms solving general purpose problems, scientific and industrial applications: T1.1 New algorithms (Pavia, Bologna, IIT, Catania, CINECA, CNR, Pisa, Sapienza, Bari, Polimi, Padova); T1.2 Applications and use cases (IIT, Bologna, CINECA, CNR, INAF, INFN, Pavia, Pisa, Bari, Bicocca, Polimi, Padova)

WP2. Mapping, compilation and quantum computing emulation (Leader: CINECA): Development of software toolchain for compilation, benchmarking, verification, emulation of quantum computers and algorithms: T2.1 Mapping and compilation (Bologna, CNR, Pisa, Polimi); T2.2 Emulation (CINECA, INAF, Bari, Padova)

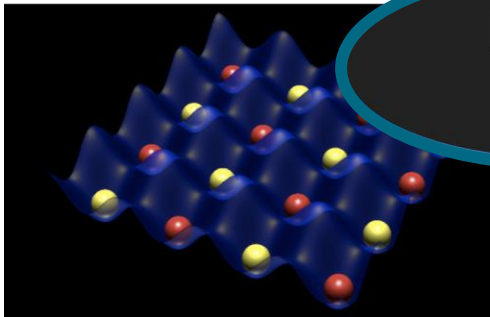
WP3. Firmware and hardware platforms (Leaders: CNR, Catania): Development of low-level software for the physical operation of quantum computers. Development and support of the quantum computer hardware chain: T3.1 Photonic (Sapienza, CNR, Bicocca, Pavia, Napoli); T3.2 Superconducting circuits (Napoli, INFN, Bicocca, CNR, Catania); T3.3 Atoms (CNR, Padova); T3.4 Ions (Padova, CNR); T3.5 Models and firmware (Catania, Polimi, Bari, Padova, Bicocca, CNR, Pisa)



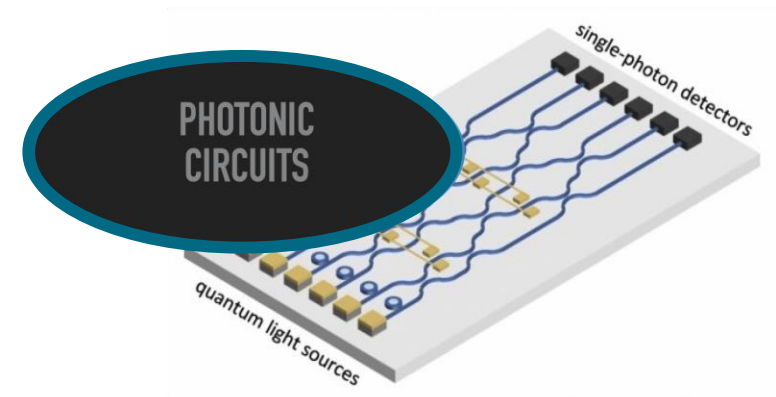
SUPERCONDUCTING
CIRCUITS



Physical systems



NEUTRAL
ATOMS





Earth Observation

looking for the minimum of a cost function

Combinatorial optimization problems

(QAOA, quantum annealing, ...)



Machine Learning



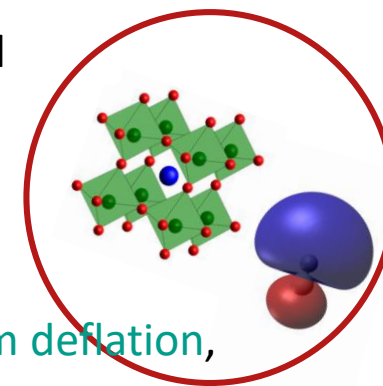
Traffic

Portfolio optimization



Molecules and Materials

(VQE, quantum deflation, ...)



Results WP1: Algorithms and Applications

- **Quantum Machine Learning**
- Quantum Applications in Science and Technology
- Quantum Simulation and Modeling
- Hybrid Quantum-Classical Systems and Applications
- Design and preliminary implementation of quantum machine learning algorithms (e.g., quantum neural networks, variational algorithms, and specific problem-solving algorithms)
 - (Bicocca, Catania, Cineca, Infn, Napoli, Pavia, Pisa, Polimi, Sapienza)

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- Quantum Simulation and Modeling
- Hybrid Quantum-Classical Systems and Applications
- Practical application of quantum computing in various specific fields such as image classification, particle tracking, bio-inspired optimization techniques, classical fluids, and N-body simulations, among others.
 - (Cineca , IIT, INAF, INFN, Napoli, Pavia, Sapienza)

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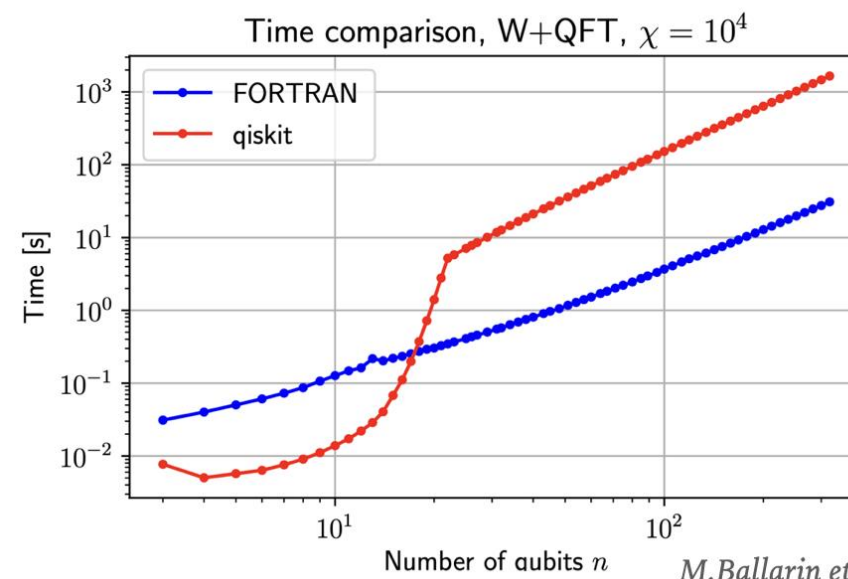
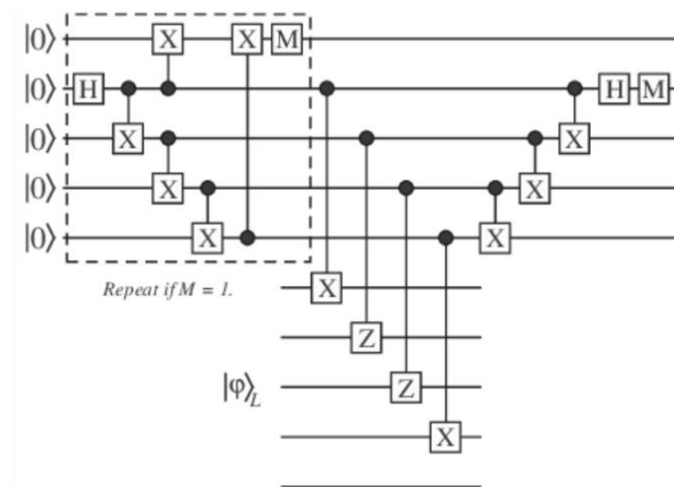
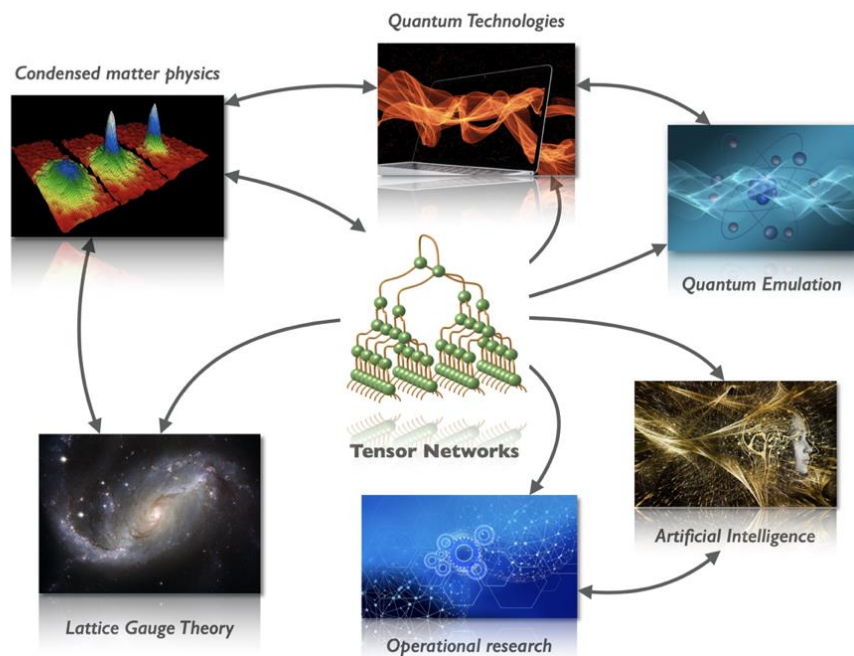
- Quantum Machine Learning
- Quantum Applications in Science and Technology
- **Quantum Simulation and Modeling**
- Hybrid Quantum-Classical Systems and Applications
- Preliminary application of quantum computing for simulations of quantum electrodynamics, quantum thermodynamics and other quantum systems.
 - (Bari, Catania, Pisa)

Results WP1: Algorithms and Applications

- Quantum Machine Learning
- Quantum Applications in Science and Technology
- Quantum Simulation and Modeling
- **Hybrid Quantum-Classical Systems and Applications**
- Integration of quantum and classical computing systems. This includes the development of hybrid infrastructures, benchmarking, and comparative studies of quantum and classical algorithms, and the exploration of hybrid quantum-classical algorithms for specific problem-solving
 - (Cineca, Catania)

Results WP2: Compilers, Emulators and Benchmarks

- Quantum Simulations and Emulation
- Quantum Benchmarks





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Un binomio sempre più concreto



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The Quantum Tensor network Emulator Applications

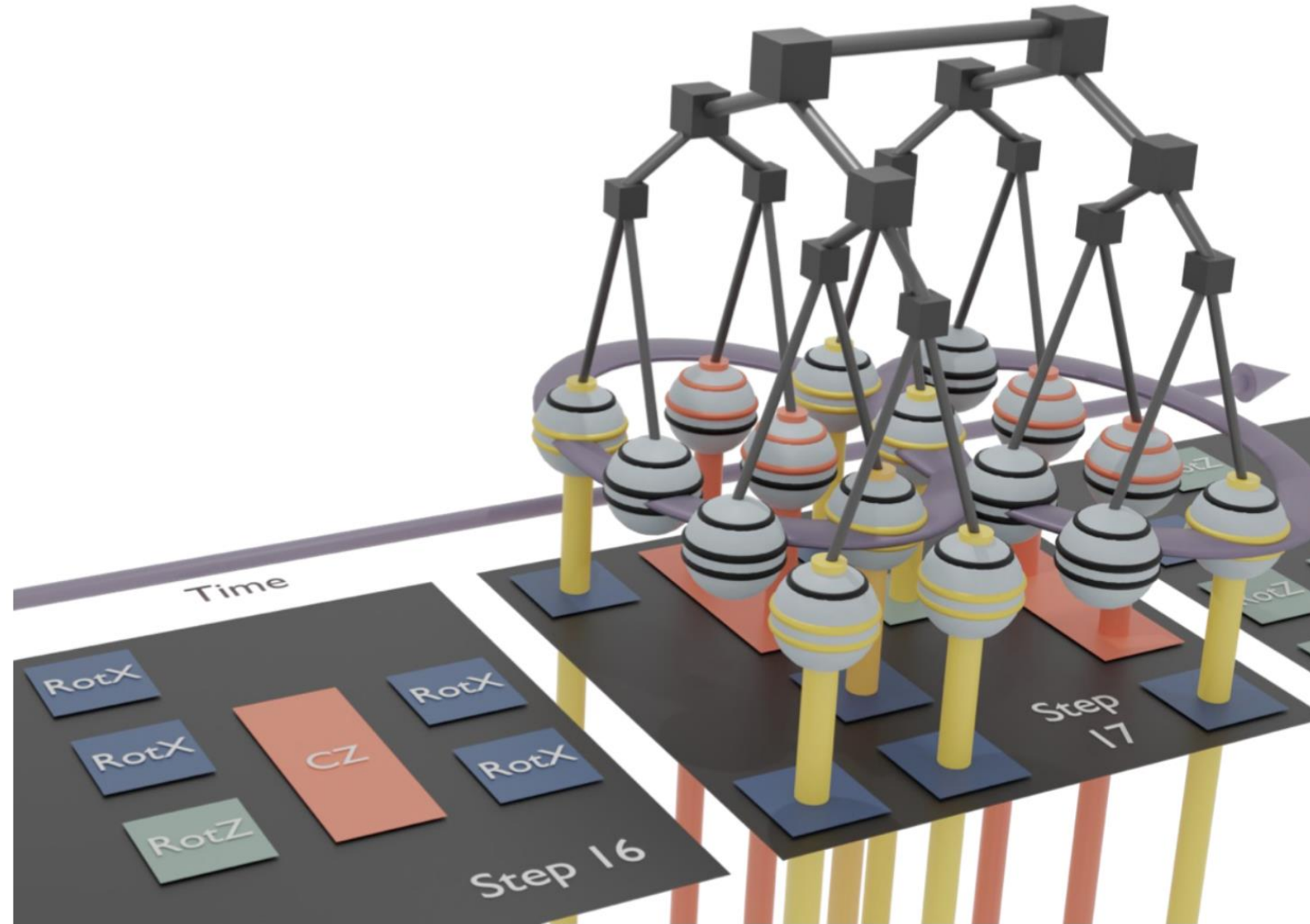
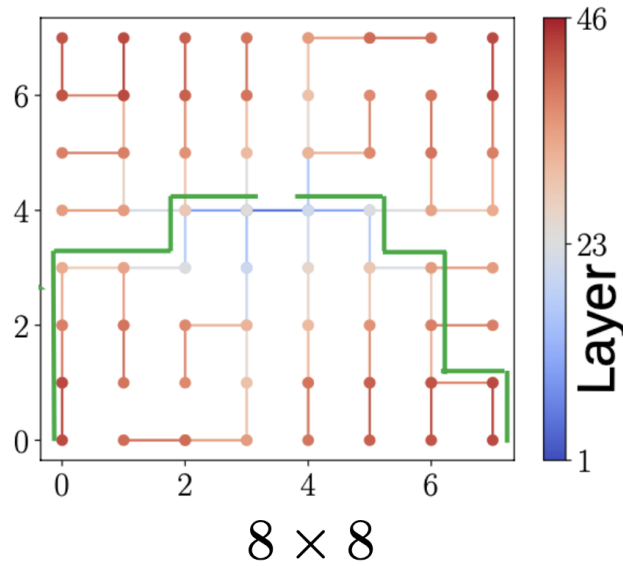


About

The Quantum TEA combines a suite of applications using tensor network methods to simulate quantum systems and solve machine learning tasks.

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Digital twin of a Rydberg atom quantum computer



T. Felser, S. Notarnicola, S. Montangero PRL (2021)
D. Jaschke et al arxiv:2210.03763

Results WP2: Compilers, Emulators and Benchmarks

- Quantum Simulations and Emulation
- **Quantum Benchmarks**
- Design of an evaluation infrastructure for the comparative benchmarking of quantum algorithms against classical ones
 - (Padova, Polimi)

Results WP3: Firmware and Hardware

- Superconducting Systems
- Photonic Systems



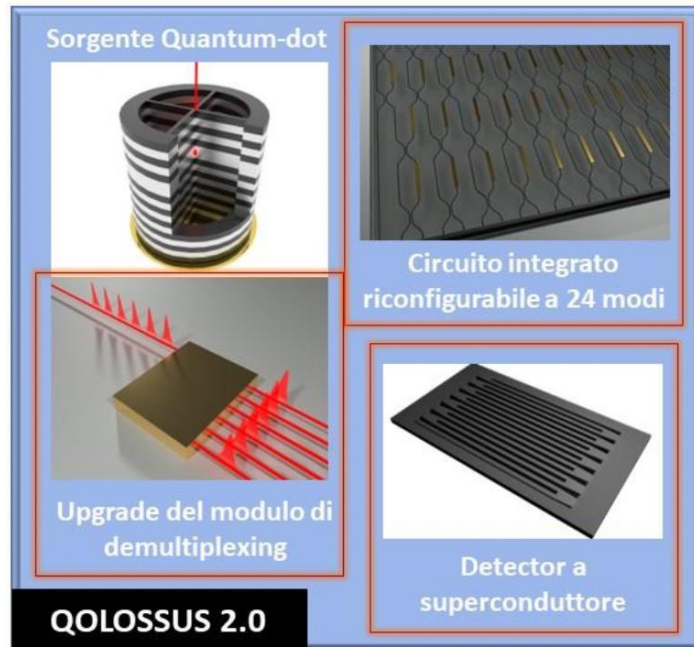
Results WP3: Firmware and Hardware

- **Superconducting Systems**
- Photonic Systems
- Design and simulation of 2D and 3D superconducting qubits, fabrication techniques, control and readout mechanisms using advanced technologies like FPGA boards, and development of prototype quantum processors. Characterization of multi-qubit arrangements and development of innovative read-out devices.
 - (Bicocca, INFN, Napoli)



Results WP3: Firmware and Hardware

- Superconducting Systems
- **Photonic Systems**



- Development of photonic quantum sampling architectures, and creation of software tools for simulating photonic systems while considering real-world imperfections.
 - (Bicocca, Sapienza)

Y1 key results

WP1: Algorithms and Applications

- Identification of target application domains and design of the necessary quantum algorithms

WP2: Compilers, Emulators and Benchmarking

- Tensor network emulator for 100+ qubits
- Design of a benchmarking methodology and platform for the comparative evaluation of quantum algorithms

WP3: Firmware and Hardware

- Implementation of a platform with 5+ qubits
- Design of a photonic sampling machine with 5+ photons and 24+ modes

Innovation Projects: overview

- 1,7/1,8 M€ funding (2,2 M€ cost)
- 8 projects
 - 5 internal
 - 2 in cooperation with other Spokes (2, 3 and 5)
 - 1 coordinated by Spoke 3

Innovation Projects: partners

Public partners (9)

- IFAB
- INFN
- Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia
- Politecnico di Milano
- Roma Sapienza
- Università di Bari
- Università di Bologna
- Università di Milano Bicocca
- Università di Padova

Private partners (8)

- ENI
- IFAB
- Intesa Sanpaolo
- Leonardo
- Società Autostrade
- SOGEI
- Thales Alenia Space
- UnipolSai

Innovation Projects: list

- Molecular Energy Landscapes with Quantum Computing
- Fraud Detections
- Quantum Credit Scoring
- Quantum Algorithms for the Solution of Differential Equations
- Cybersecurity and Combinatorial Optimization
- Scale up Quantum Optimization Algorithms for Aerospace & Telco Applications
- Quantum algorithm for the Detection of the Optimal Maximal Clique
- Serial Code Porting on HPC & Quantum Architectures



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Thank you!

Open calls for projects with partners outside the center in January 2024!