



QUANTUM FOR ENVIRONMENT

TQT Transformative
Quantum
Technologies

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Quantum for Environment Design Challenge

Launched in June 2023, design submissions due March 2024.

Open to all students and post-doctoral fellows at the University of Waterloo. Must apply as a team. Opportunity to receive mentorship.

Awards up to \$5,000 CAD.



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WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE

Transformative Quantum Technologies (TQT) presents a design challenge to search for opportunities where quantum technology can advance environment (monitoring, stewardship). This challenge is open to University of Waterloo undergraduate and graduate students, and postdocs.

WHY QUANTUM FOR ENVIRONMENT

Quantum technologies allow us to perform tasks with more efficiency and greater precision than is possible in the classical world. Quantum solutions can achieve what would otherwise be impossible. It is compelling to mate these exciting new technologies with the pressing need to advance environmental monitoring and stewardship. Through this challenge, TQT aims to uncover new ways that quantum technologies might have impact in both the near and long term.

- Quantum computing – select computational tasks may be exponentially faster.

- Quantum simulation – obtain new insights into nature.

- Quantum communications – absolute information security.

- Quantum sensing – more efficient, more sensitive, more versatile, more tailorable.

The focus is to bring forth ideas that expand the potential reach of quantum technologies, there is no need to reduce ideas to practise to participate in this challenge.

Quantum technology is rapidly emerging (as we will see with the case studies in a moment). The challenge asks that you assume that the quantum technology you need exists, including fault tolerant quantum computers, versatile quantum simulators, secure quantum communication systems, and quantum sensors capable of preparing and using entanglement.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN QUANTUM FOR ENVIRONMENT

The Q4Environment challenge is looking for well-motivated, quantum-based ideas that can lead to innovation.

The focus is on the impacts that new technologies can have.

In the design proposal, the technology side should be well founded, but the expectation is that it will not have been reduced to practise. No prototype is required, but the design document should be convincing that the proposed future is possible.

We take a broad view of the environment to include climate change, energy as well as oceans, and the north, for example.

Teams need not have deep knowledge in either the quantum or environment fields, but should have explored what is in general possible. TQT will run a series of short courses to provide introductions to both quantum concepts and environment needs.

All design submissions must be team based, with a minimum of two people (up to any number).

The proposal must demonstrate basic knowledge and creativity in environment and in quantum.

Speakers



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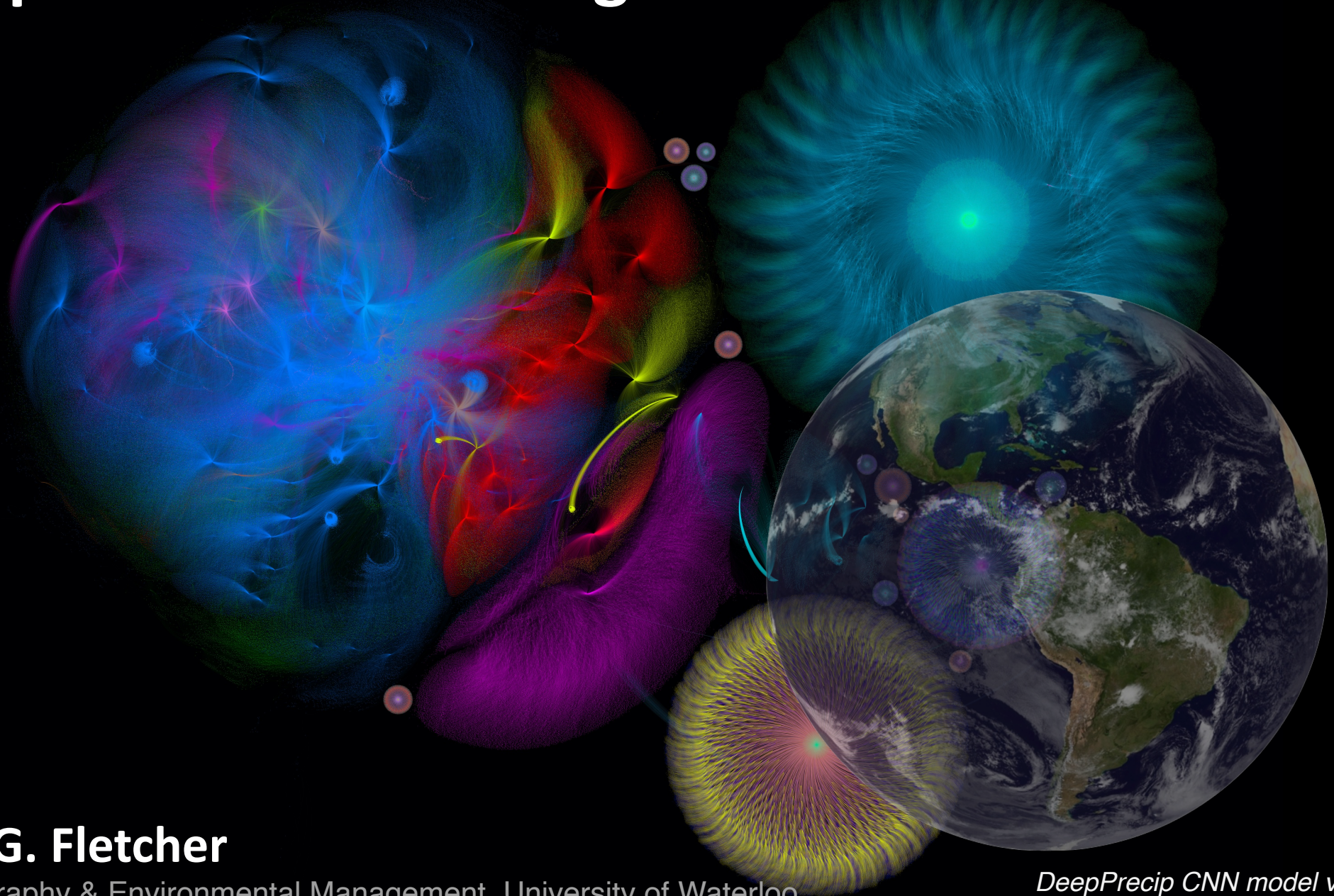
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Computational challenges for climate science



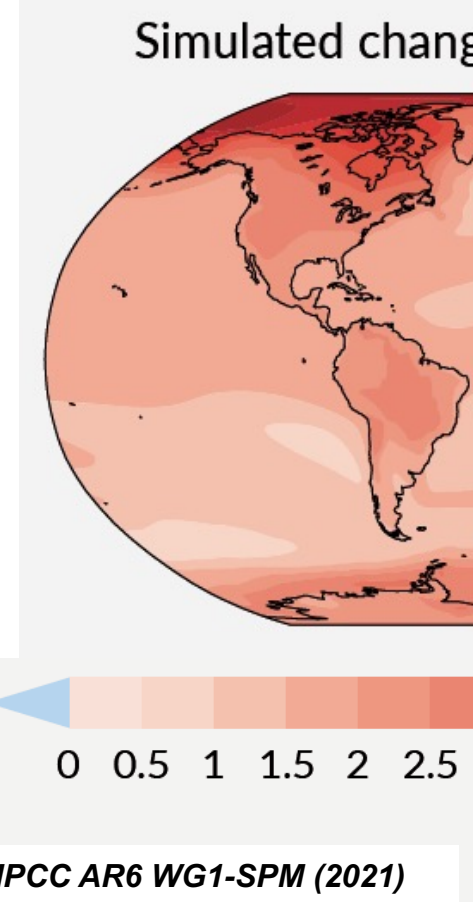
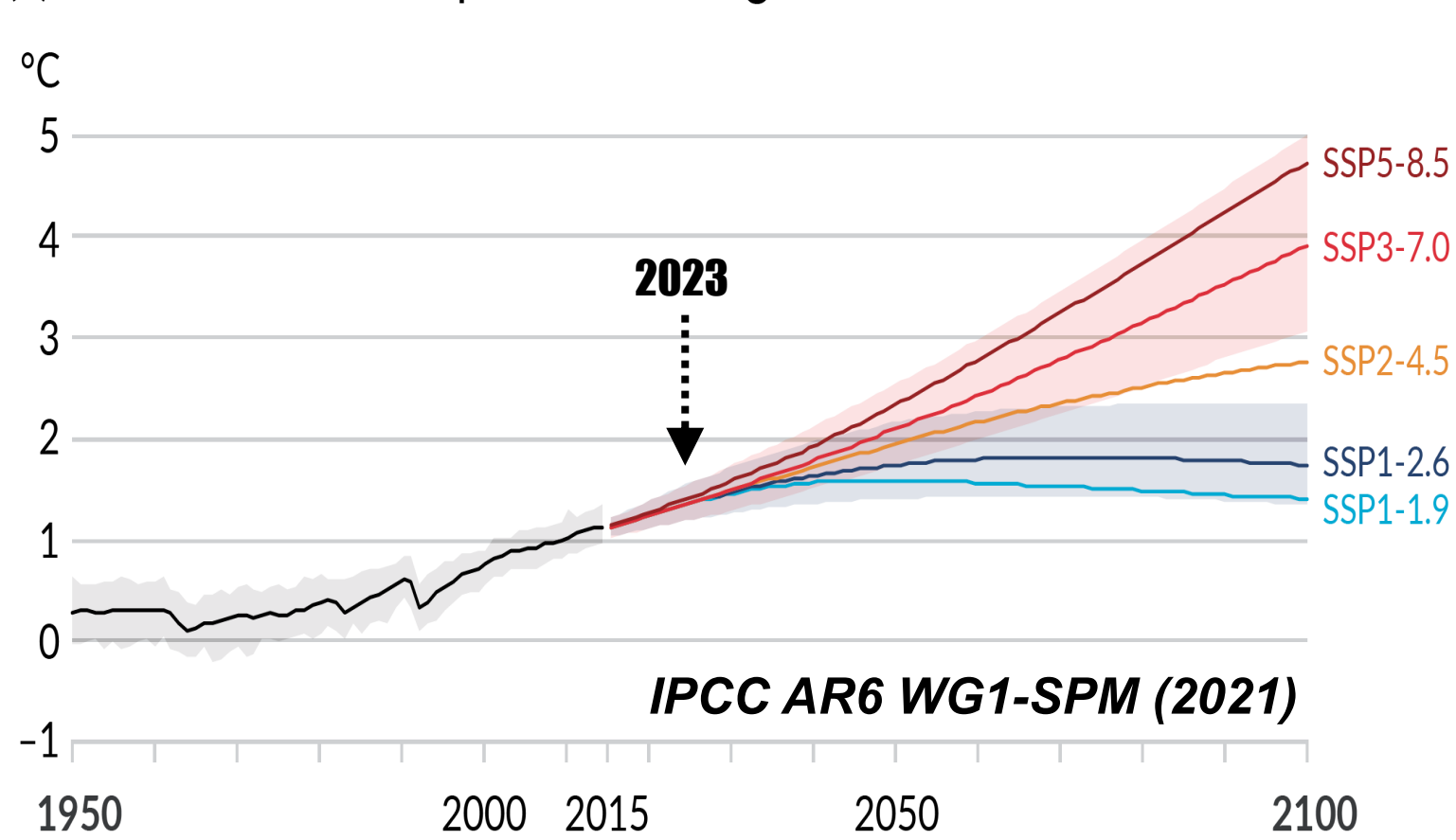
Christopher G. Fletcher

Department of Geography & Environmental Management, University of Waterloo.

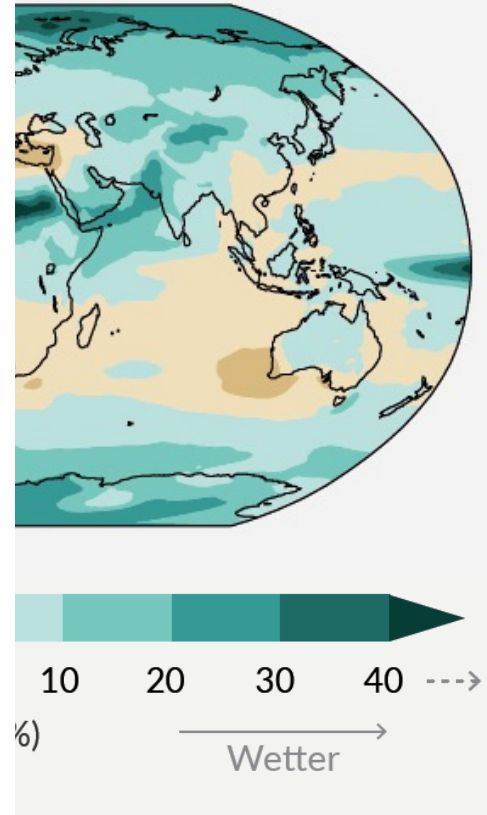
DeepPrecip CNN model visualization by Fraser King using Graphcore IPU.

The nature of the problem: Global Climate Projections

(a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900



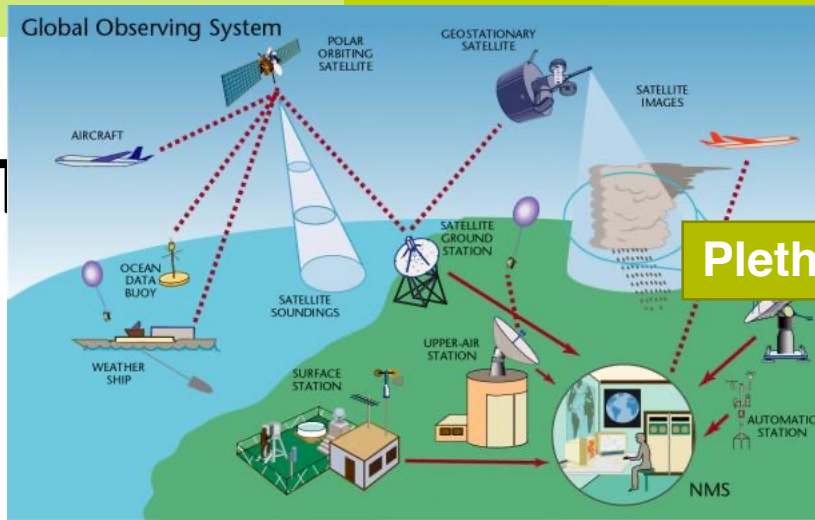
(c) global warming



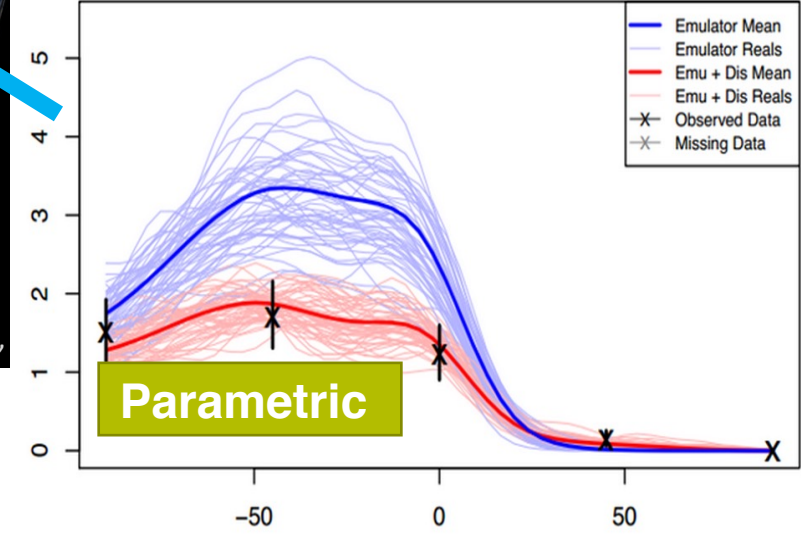
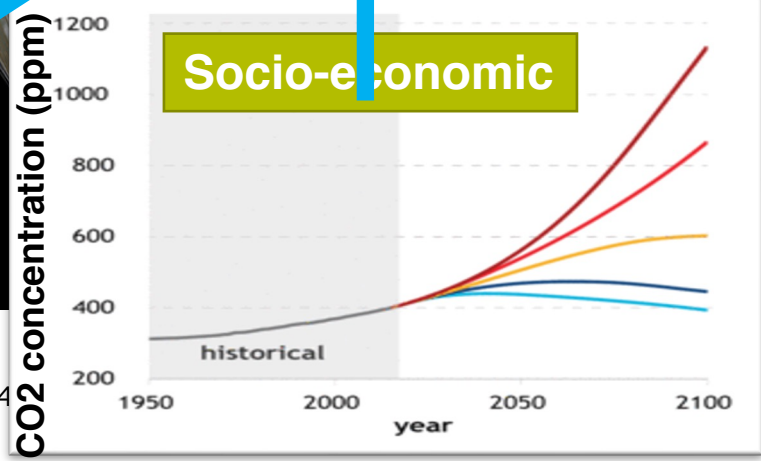
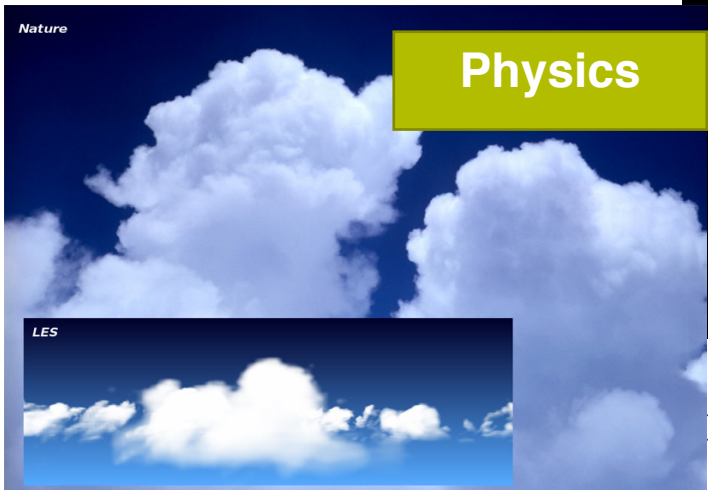
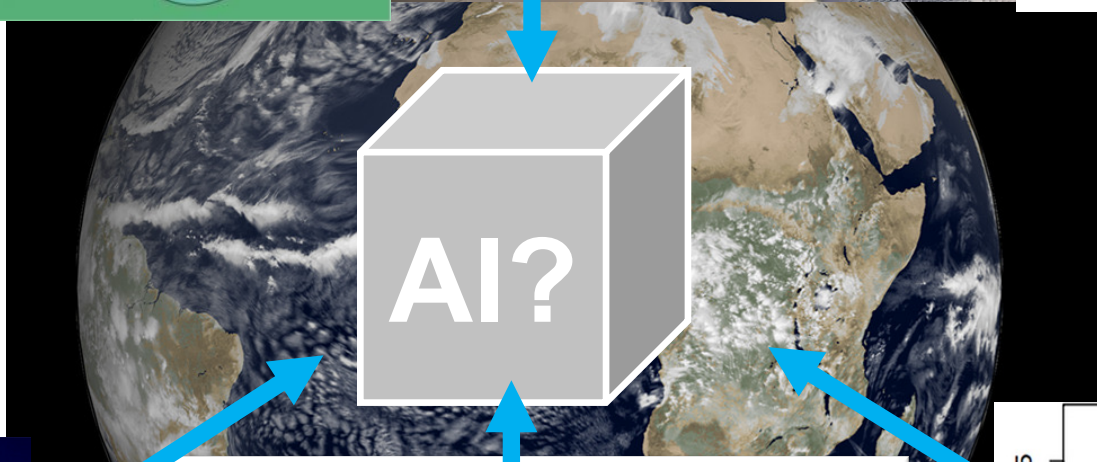
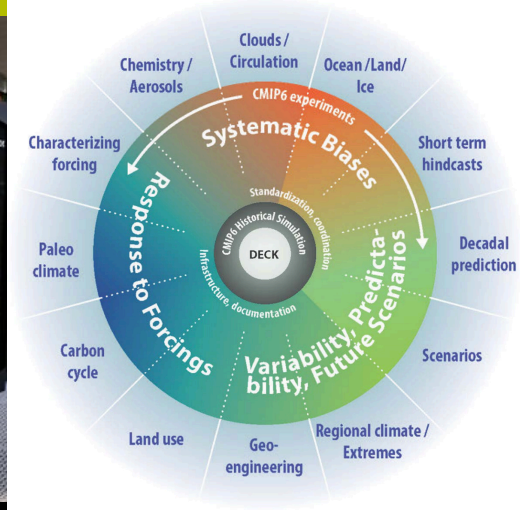


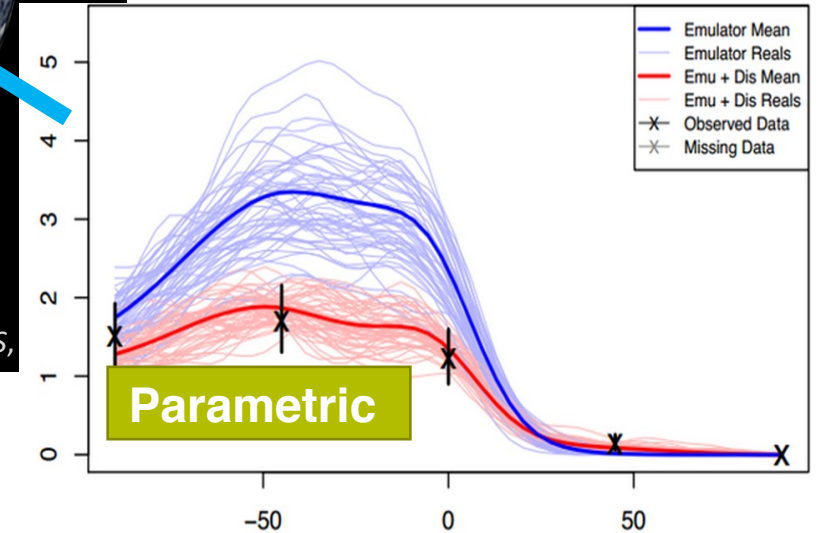
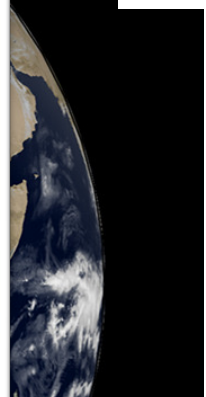
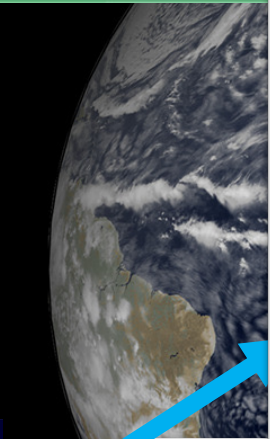
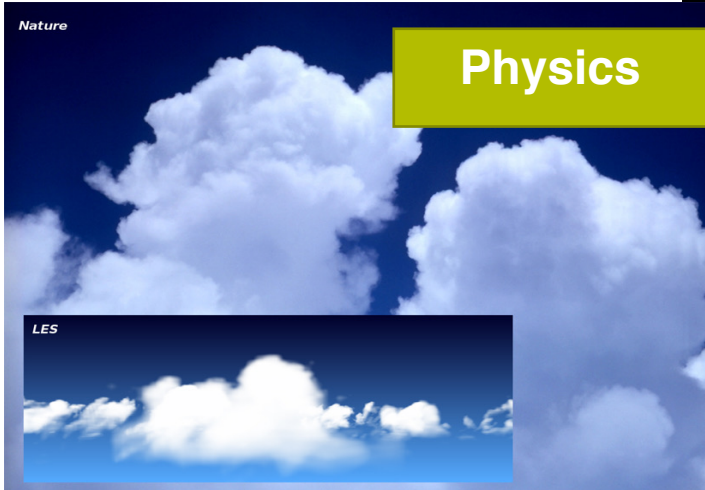
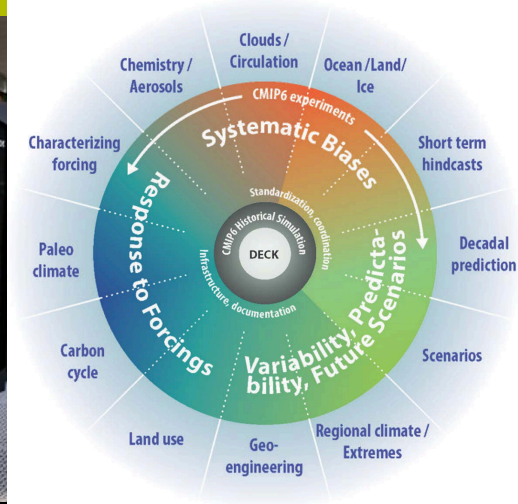
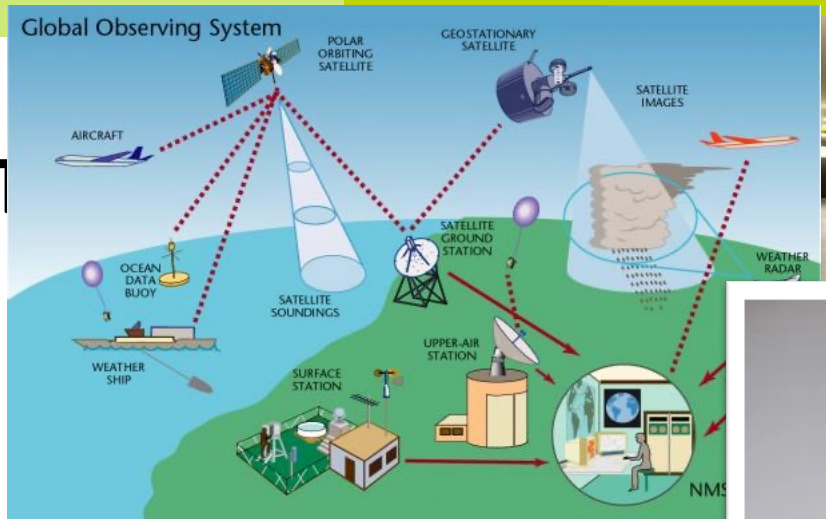
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Plethora of data streams





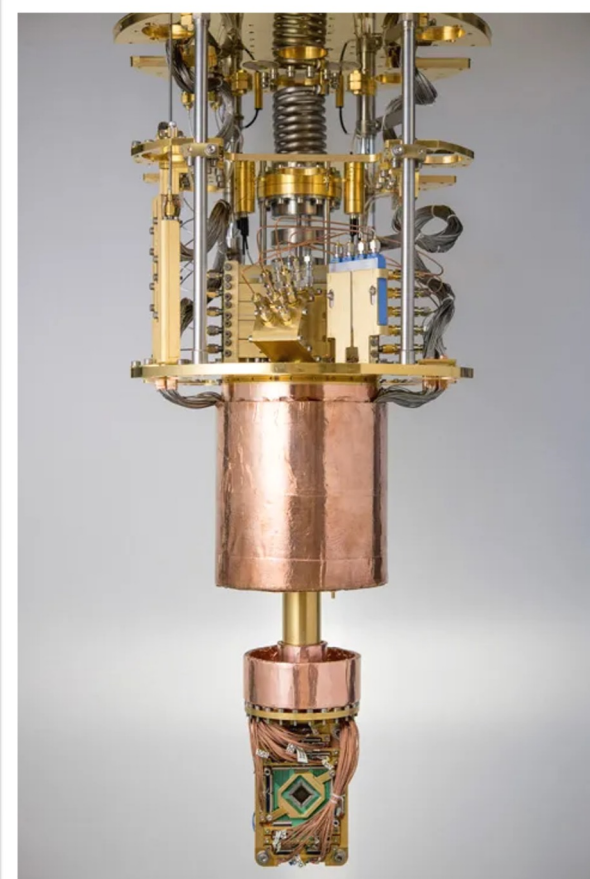
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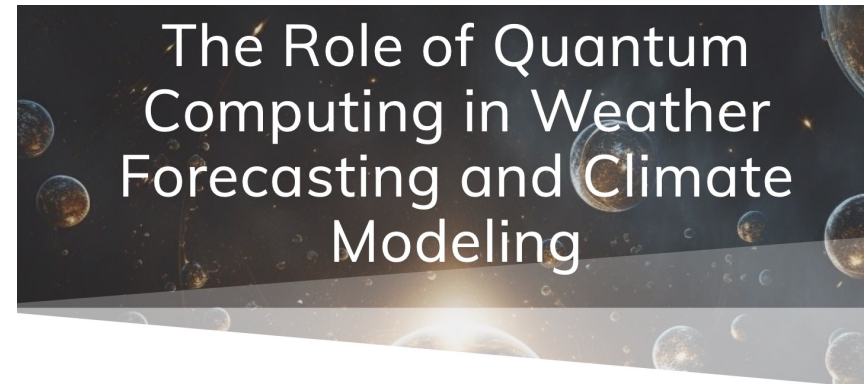
How Quantum Computing Can Tackle Climate and Energy Challenges

The day is coming when quantum computers, once the stuff of science fiction, will help scientists solve complex, real-world problems that are proving intractable to classical computing.

By Annarita Giani and Zachary Goff-Eldredge 21 October 2022



Steampunk Chandelier?



The Role of Quantum Computing in Weather Forecasting and Climate Modeling

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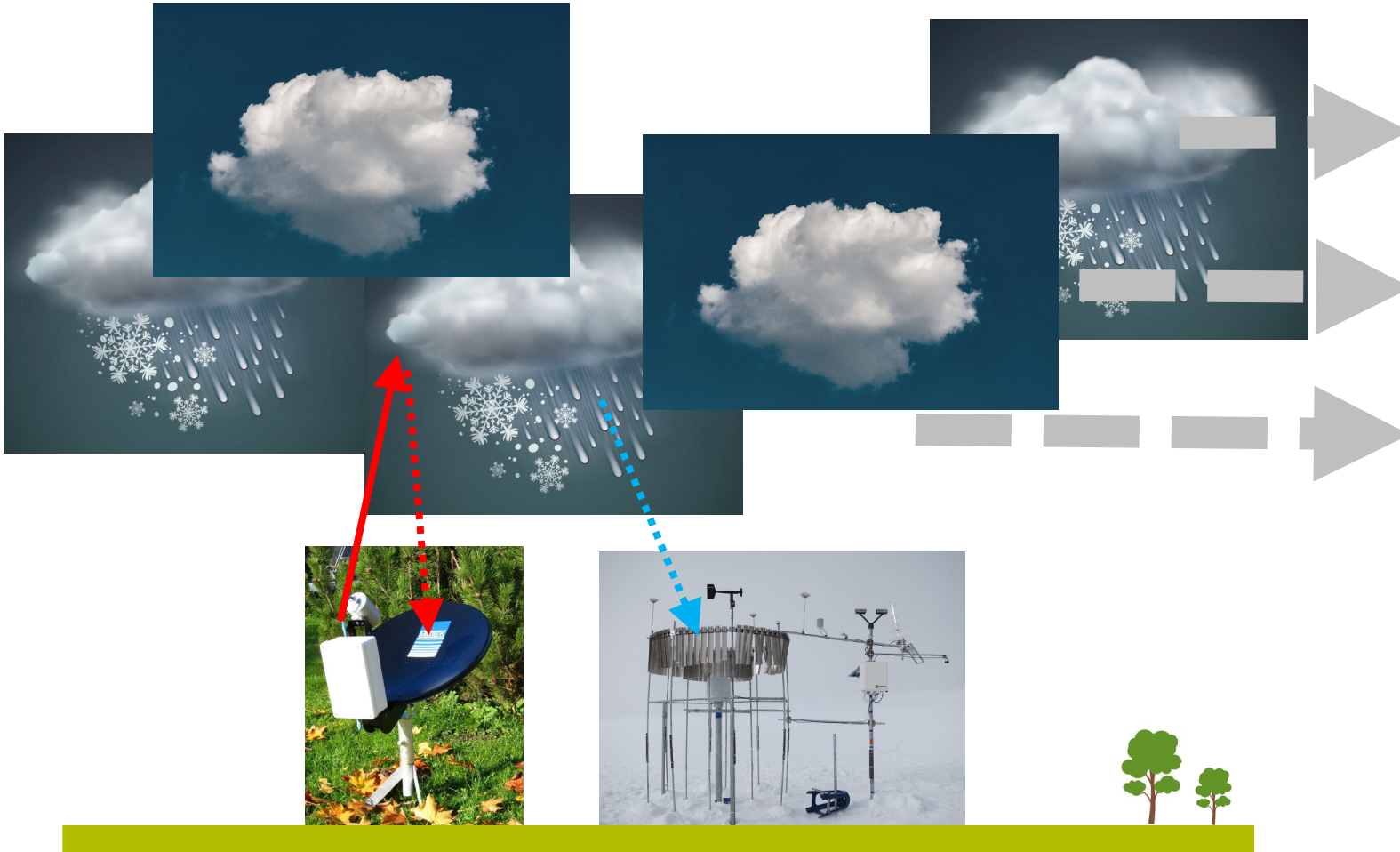
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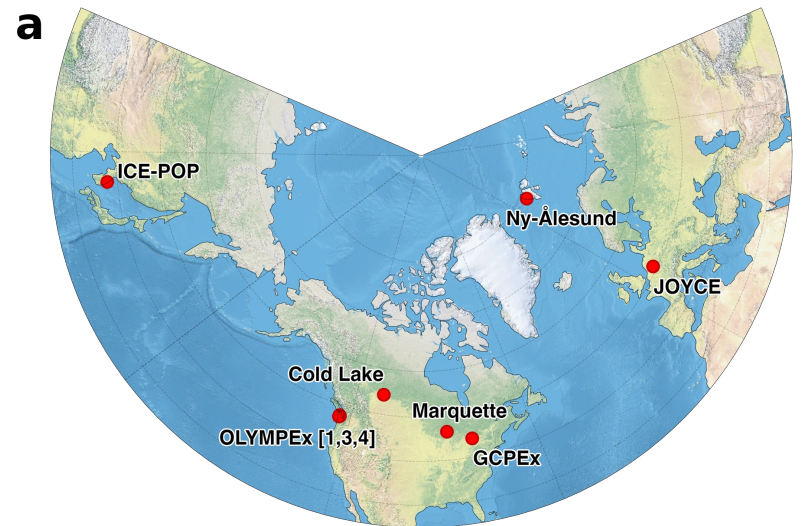
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EXTRA SLIDES

Training data: use **reflectivity** to predict **accumulation**



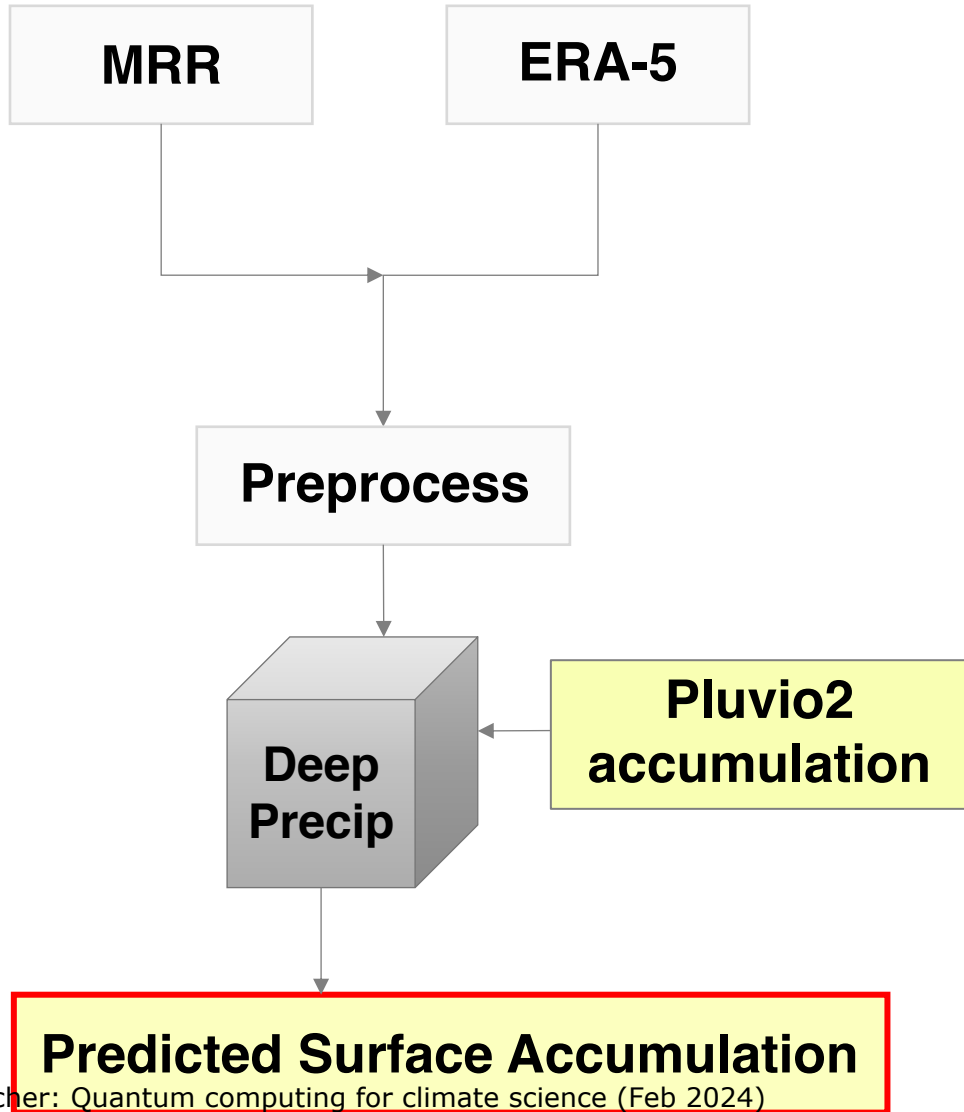
- Nine sites across the northern hemisphere with Micro Rain Radar (MRR) and Pluvio2 gauge (2012-2021).
- All data aggregated to 20-min temporal resolution.



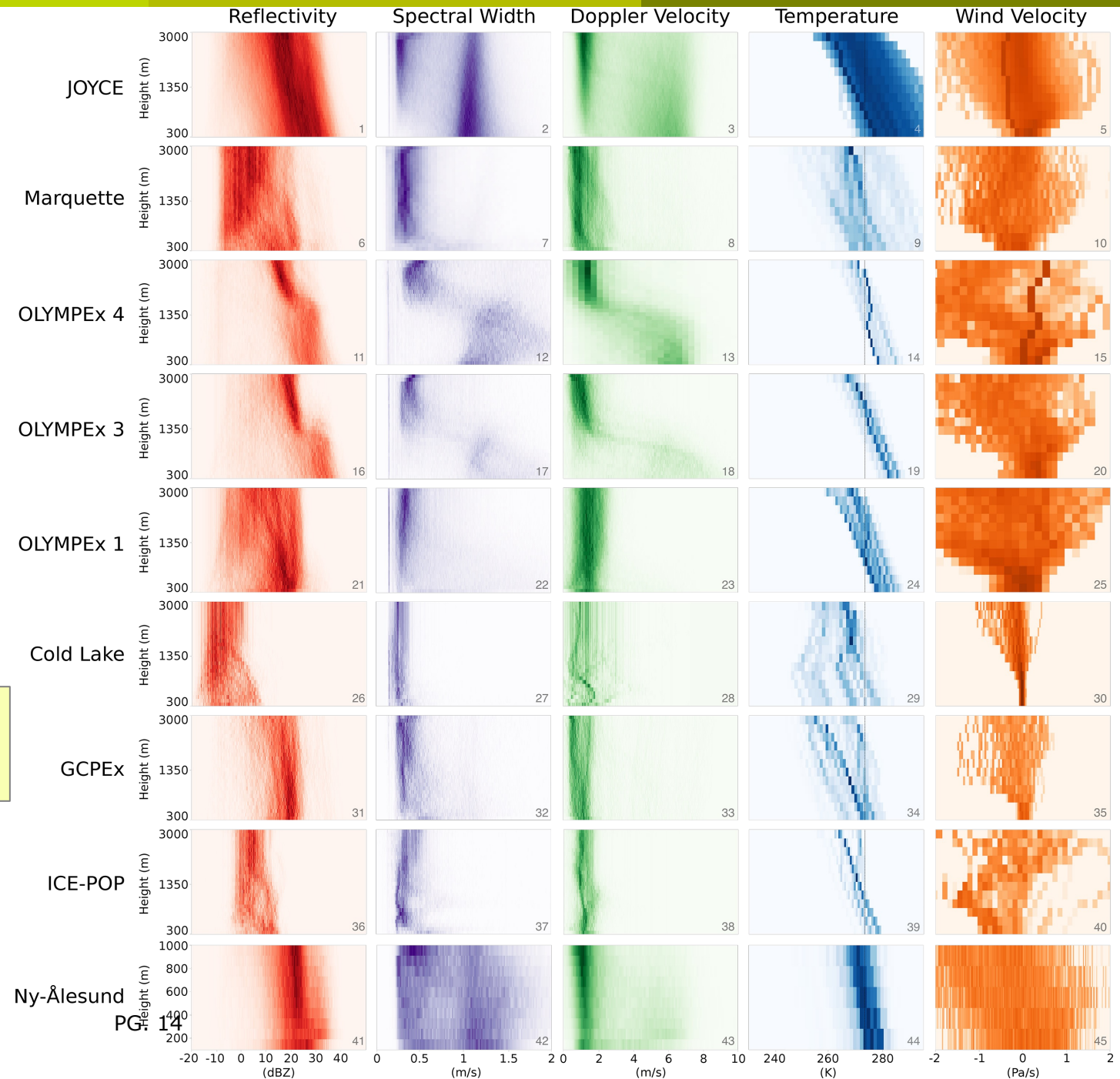
- Traditional methods make assumptions about cloud properties and relate Z-R through strict, location-specific statistical relationships.



Data Pipeline

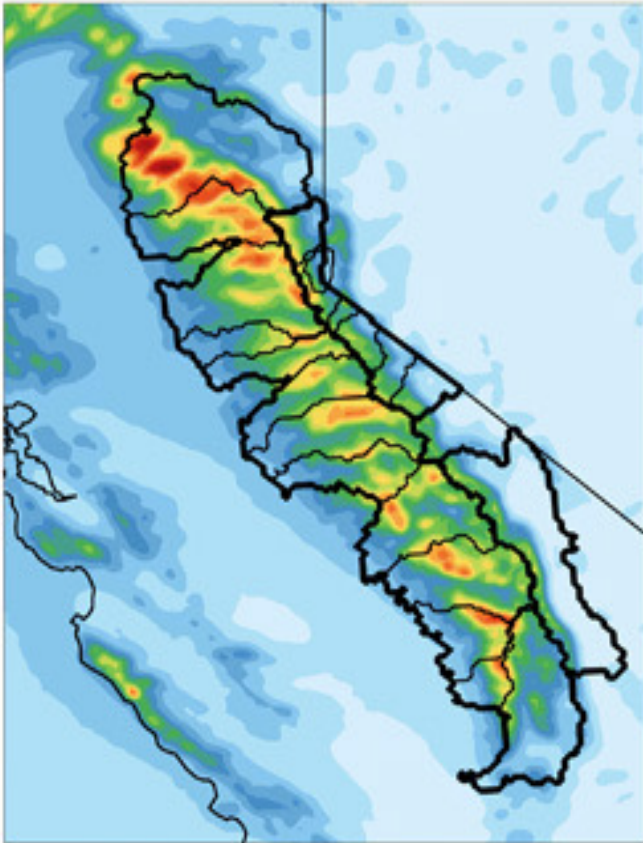


Fletcher: Quantum computing for climate science (Feb 2024)

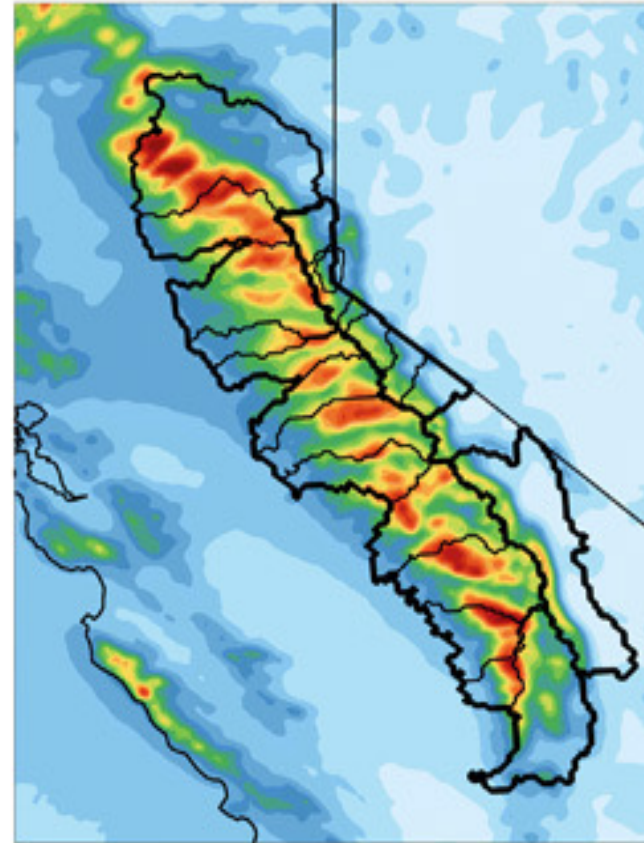


The nature of the problem: Regional Climate Projections

A Historical



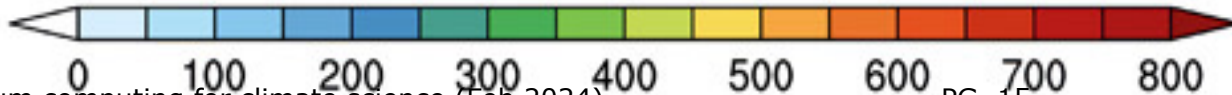
B Future



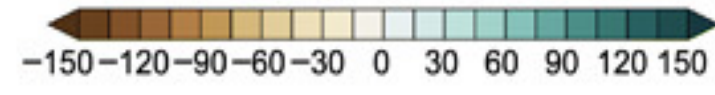
C Absolute change



mm/event




mm/event



Geophysical models of the climate system

ESMs solve a system of PDEs to track “stuff” moving between towers of boxes:



Navier–Stokes Equations

3 - dimensional - unsteady

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Coordinates: (x,y,z)	Time: t	Pressure: p	Heat Flux: q
Velocity Components: (u,v,w)	Density: ρ	Stress: τ	Reynolds Number: Re
	Total Energy: Et	Prandtl Number: Pr	

Continuity: $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} = 0$

X - Momentum: $\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho uw)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} \right]$

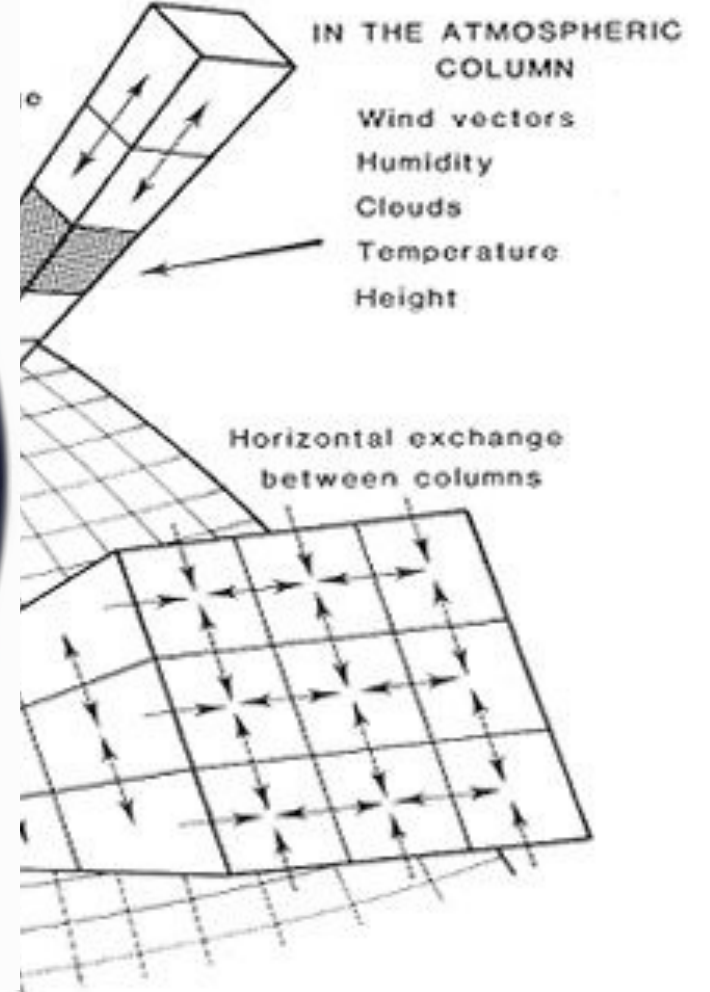
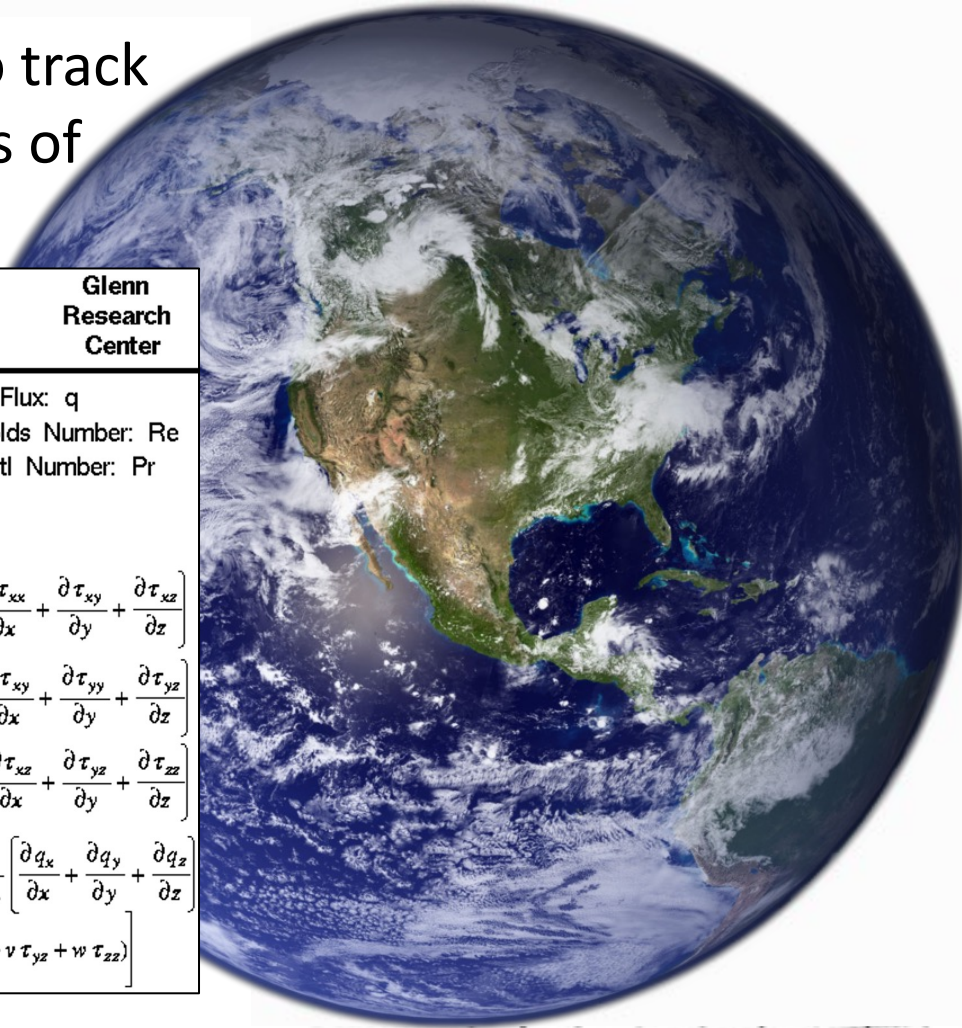
Y - Momentum: $\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v^2)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho vw)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} \right]$

Z - Momentum: $\frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho uw)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho vw)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w^2)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} \right]$

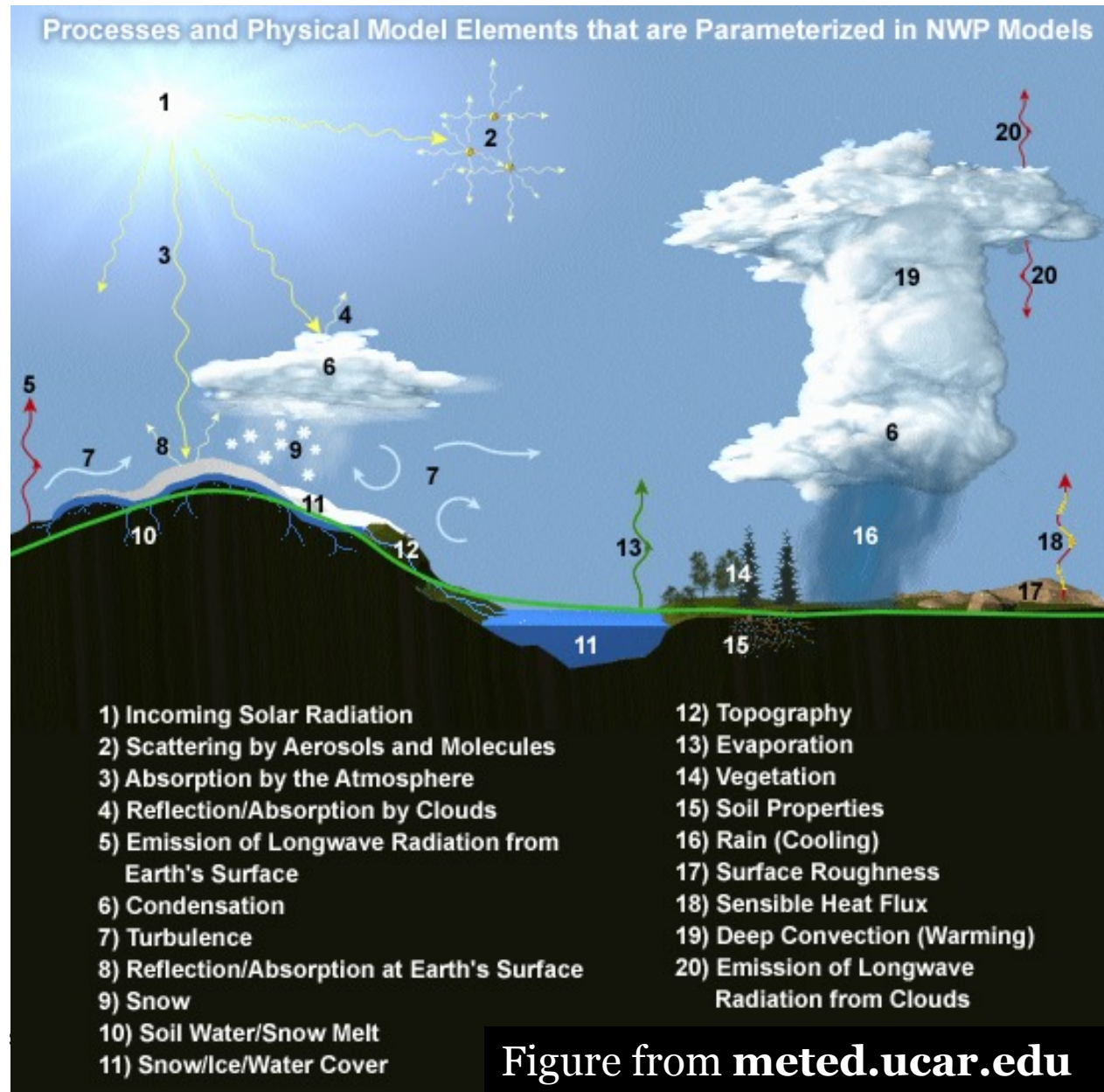
Energy:

$$\frac{\partial(E_T)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(uE_T)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(vE_T)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(wE_T)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial(up)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(vp)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(wp)}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{Re_r Pr_r} \left[\frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial q_z}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u \tau_{xx} + v \tau_{xy} + w \tau_{xz}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u \tau_{xy} + v \tau_{yy} + w \tau_{yz}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (u \tau_{xz} + v \tau_{yz} + w \tau_{zz}) \right]$$



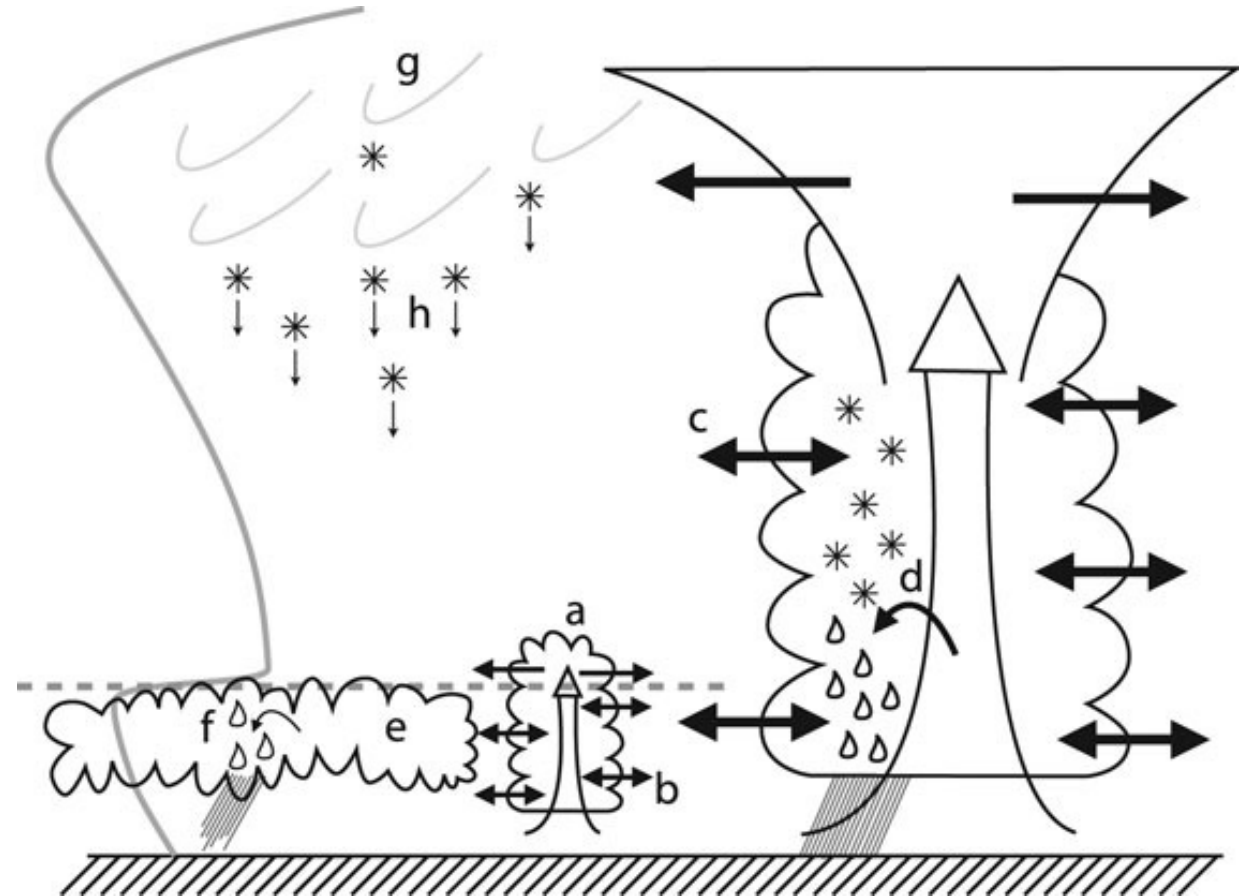
Unresolved processes: parameterization



Model calibration (aka Tuning)



- Unresolved (sub-grid scale) processes involve poorly constrained parameters
- E.g., clouds, precipitation, radiation.



Mauritsen et al., JAMES, (2012)



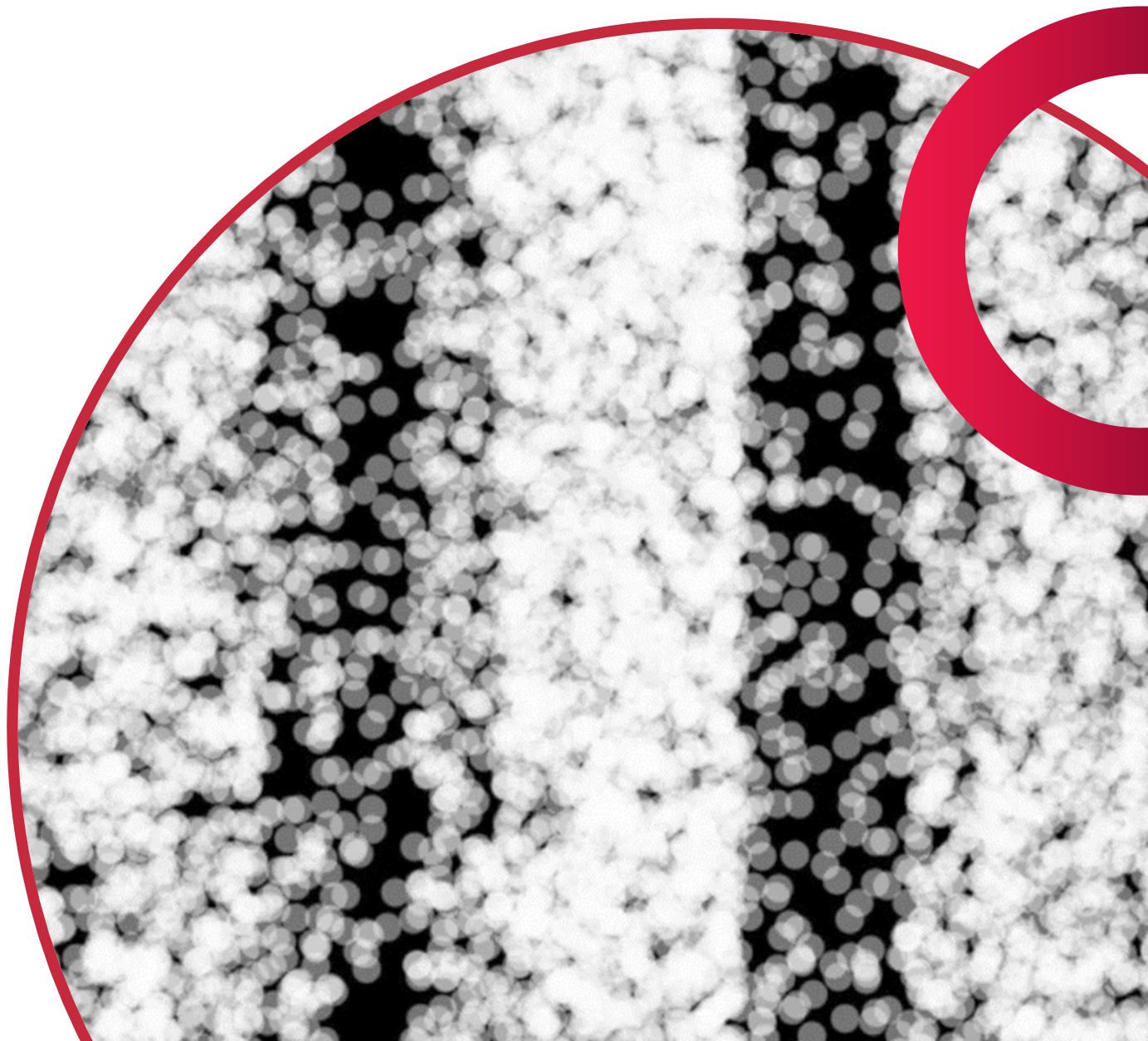
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A QUICK QUANTUM LANDSCAPE

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What is quantum?

What is quantum?

It's not magic

Quantum mechanics is the rulebook of the sub-microscopic universe

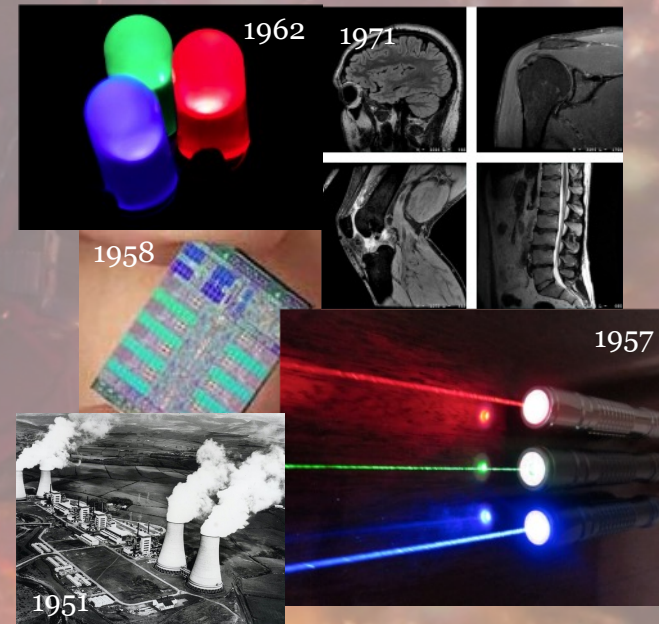
Energy is quantized, not continuous

Objects obey certain rules like the uncertainty principle and the Schrödinger equation

We must be careful about classical concepts like locality and determinism

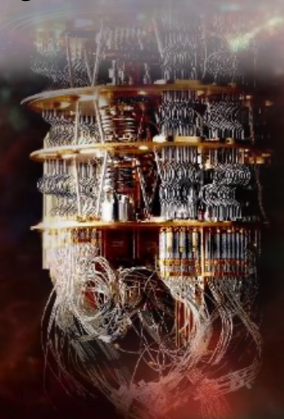
It's not new

Understanding quantum has enabled many important modern technologies



It's still evolving

Popular modern research has focused on quantum information

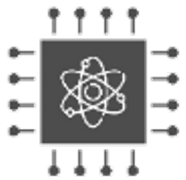


QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE

A field that uses principles like superposition to transform information in new ways, with elements of:

- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Cryptography
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Engineering and more!

Applications include...



Computing



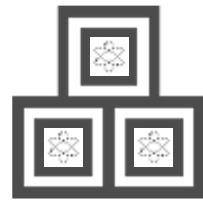
Communication



Sensors

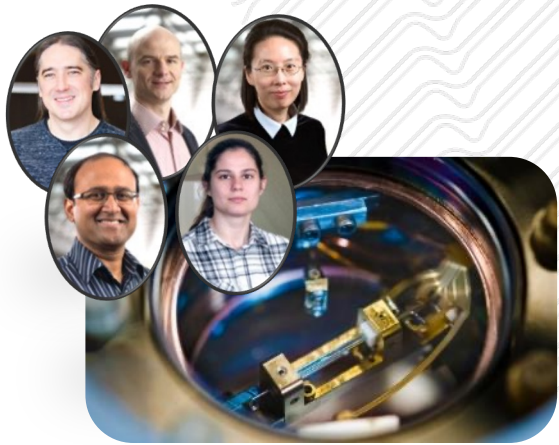


Materials



Foundations

Pick your system

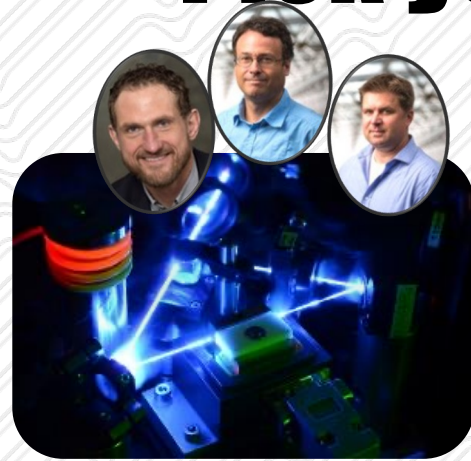


Atoms & Ions

Isolate a atoms and use their electron energy to encode information.

Applications

Atomic clocks, gravitational sensors, quantum simulators, memories



Photons

Create photons and encode information in polarization, color, etc.

Applications

Quantum communication, bosonic QC, imaging, networks, interferometers

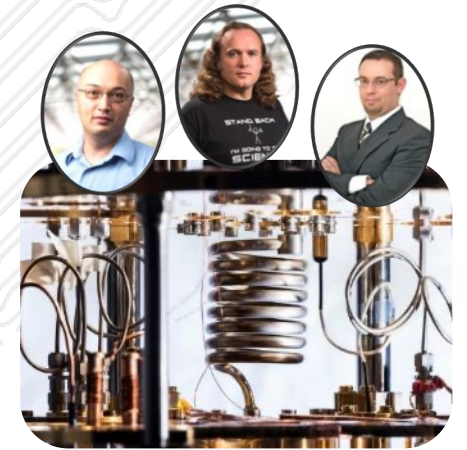


Spin

Use the magnetic properties of electrons and molecules and address with EM fields.

Applications

NMR spectrometry, imaging, QC, spintronics, magnetometry

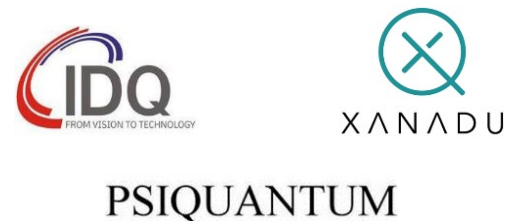


Superconducting Circuits

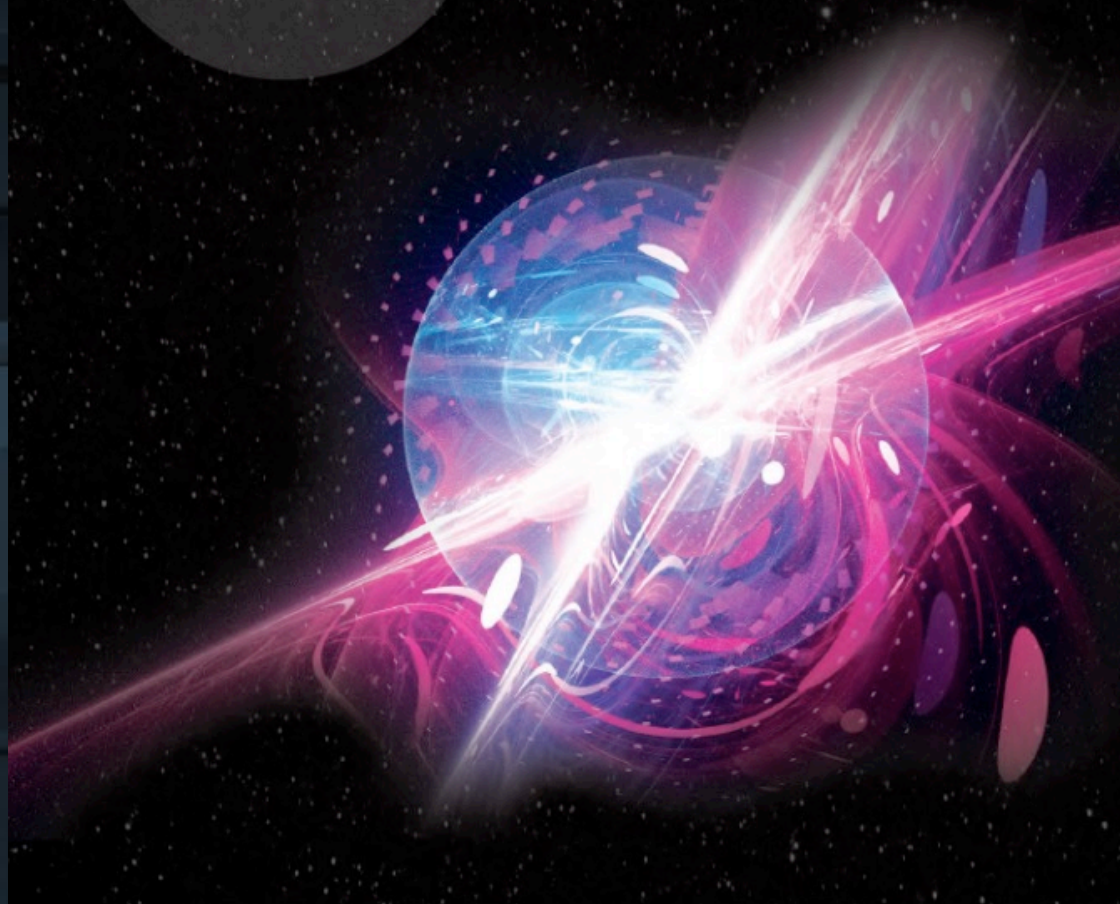
Cool circuits to near absolute zero and measure wave properties of electrons.

Applications

QC, microwave quantum radar, magnetometry, photon detection



Canada's National **Quantum Strategy**



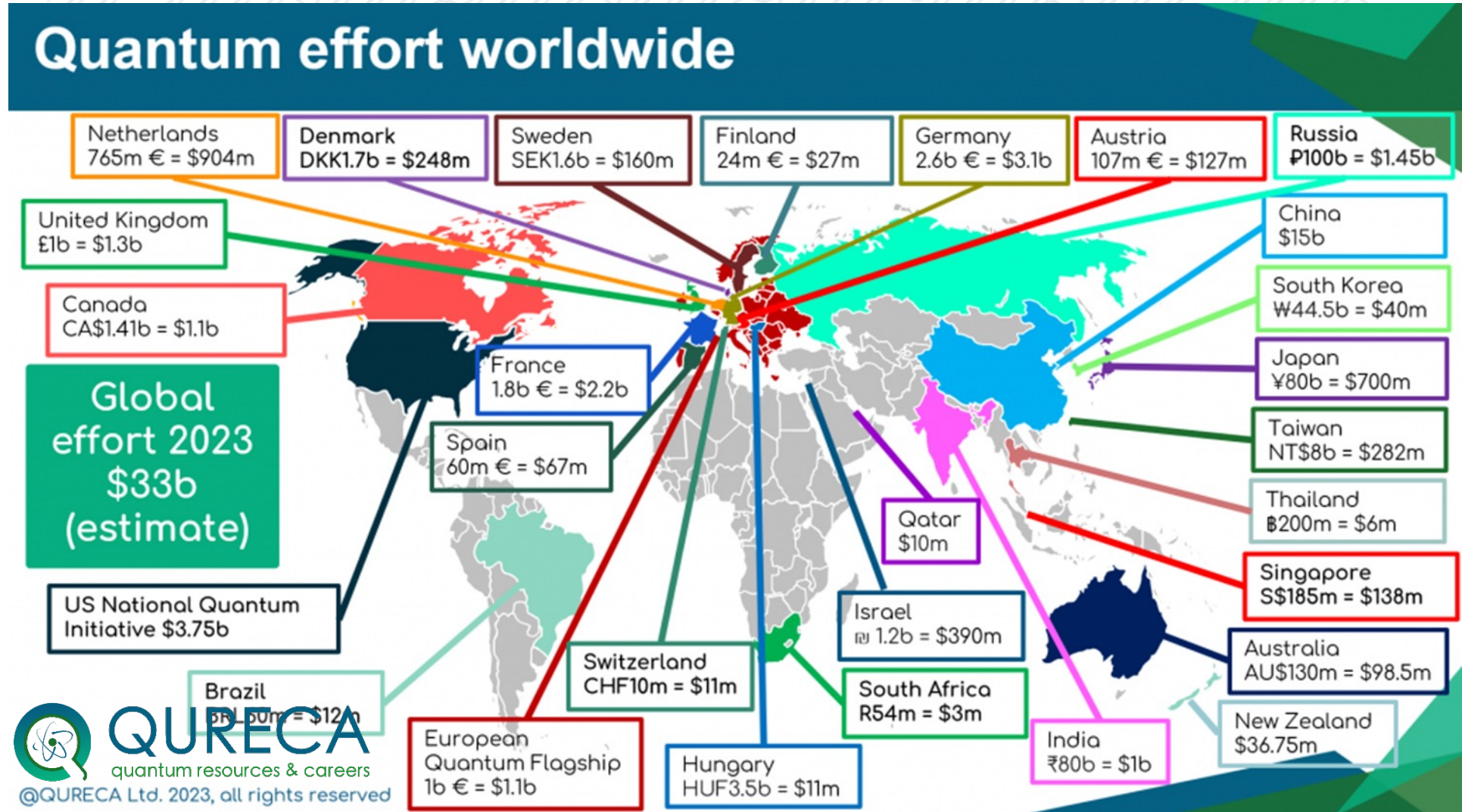
Quantum in Canada



Canada announced a \$360M national quantum strategy in January 2023, supporting:

- Research
- Talent
- Commercialization

Global Investments in Quantum Research



What can quantum do for you?

Quantum for environment

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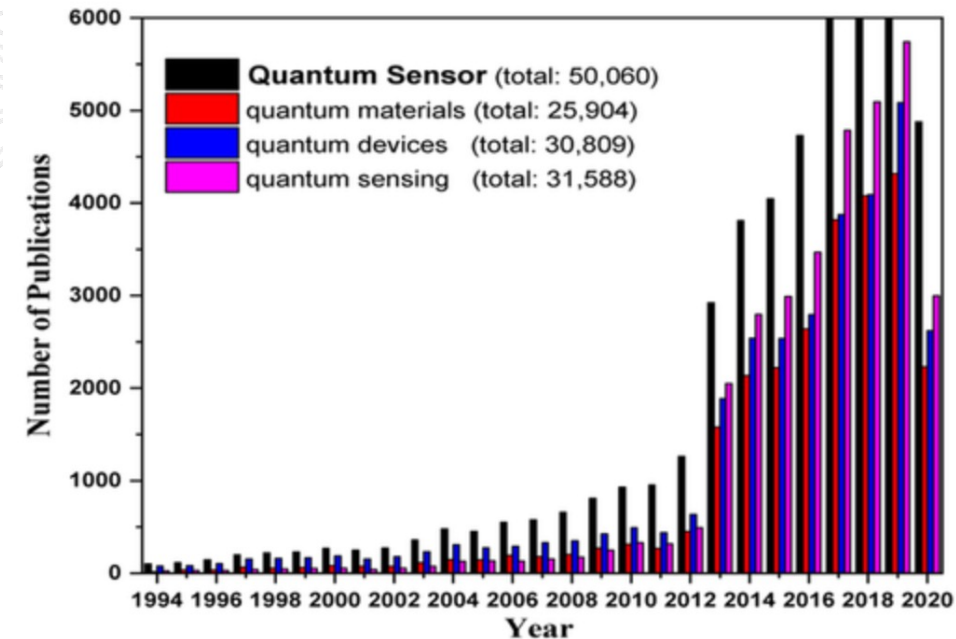
Quantum Exploration Space

Supported Activities

- **3 core experimental courses for the MSc in Quantum Technologies program**
 - Emphasis on hands-on learning using industry relevant quantum devices
- **Undergraduate School for Experimental Quantum Information Processing (USEQIP)**
 - Two week-long summer school including lectures and hands-on experiments designed for undergraduate students
- **Quantum School for Young Scientists (QSYS)**
 - Two week-long summer school aimed at high-school students for gaining hands on experience in QIP
- **Undergraduate Co-op opportunities**
- **Training**
 - Quantum sensing with nitrogen vacancy centers

Why choose quantum?

- **Quantum sensors offer improved accuracy/sensitivity for measuring:**
 - Changes in Motion
 - Strength of, and changes in electric and magnetic fields
 - Identifying trace levels of contaminants in materials
- **Quantum entanglement is a resource for:**
 - Enhanced computation & simulation
 - Improving the capacity, speed, and security of communication networks
 - Achieving finer sensitivity in measurements (entanglement enhanced sensing)
- **Photonic quantum systems offer:**
 - Improved imaging capabilities
 - Advantages for light detection and ranging systems (LIDAR)
- **And much more...**



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What quantum could do for you

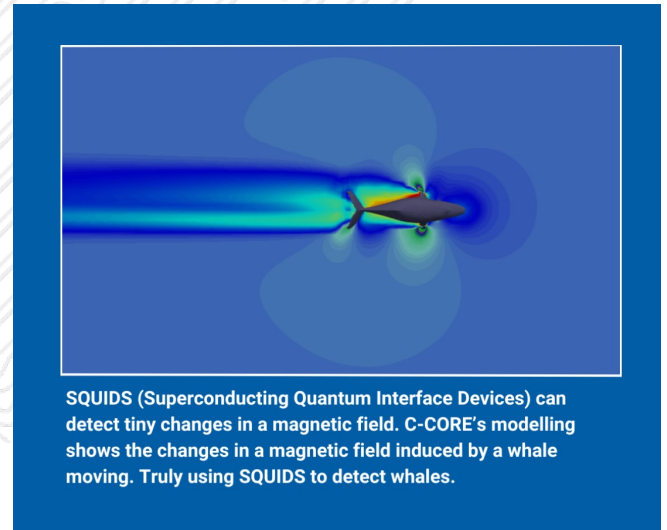
Models from C-Core.ca

- **Quantum technologies for energy applications**

- Quantum batteries
- Improved energy production utilizing novel photovoltaic cells.

- **Quantum sensing for environmental monitoring**

- Marine gravimetry (changes in ocean temperature, salinity, ice melt rates etc.)
- Water quality, identifying contaminants
- Changes in magnetic fields with sensitive magnetometers (Earth's field for climate monitoring, migration patterns of marine mammals)



Much of this work is in its infancy, which is why we need ideation challenges such as Q4E!

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An environmental monitoring network for quantum gas experiments and devices

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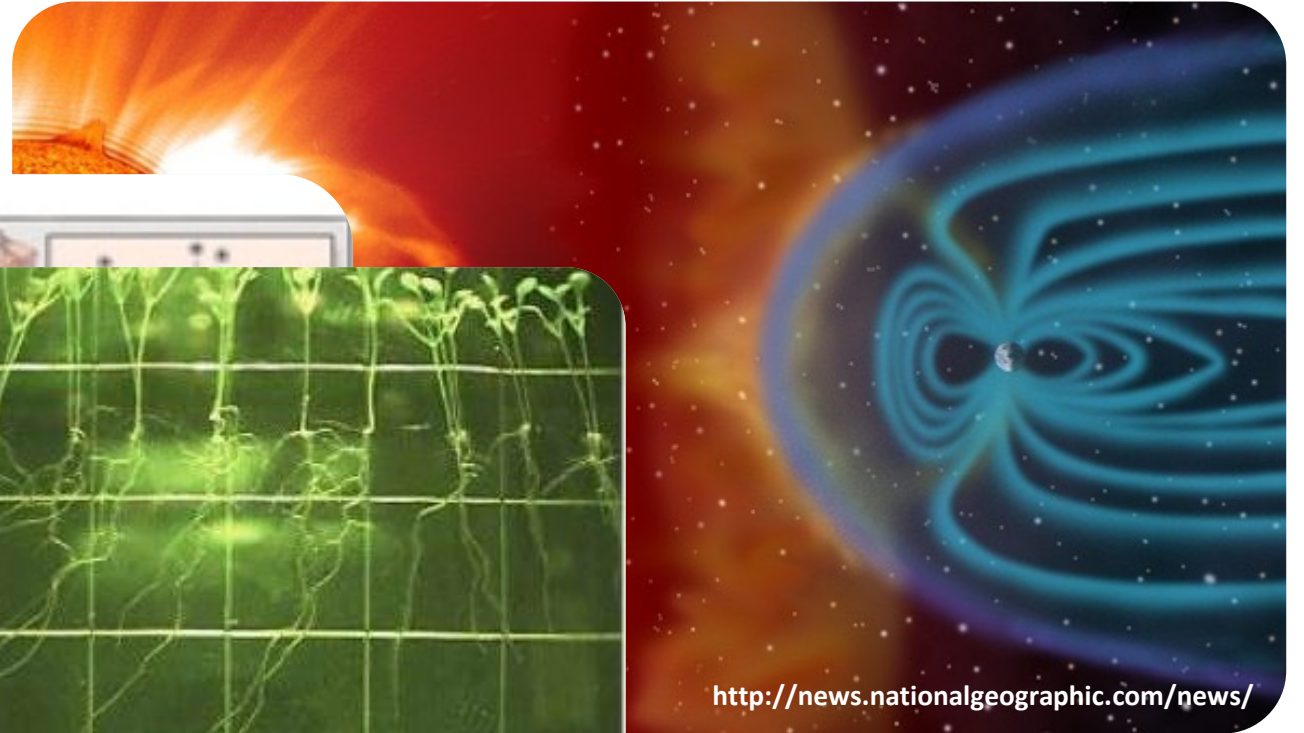
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Magnetism; a sense of mystery

- Perplexing phenomena related to magnetic interactions...



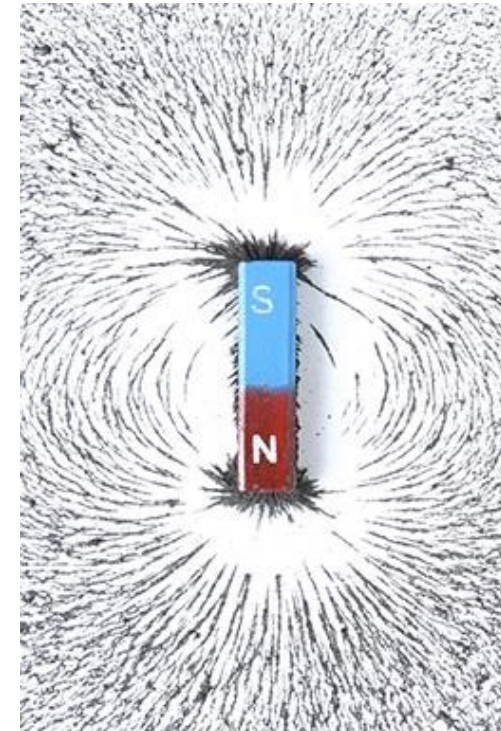
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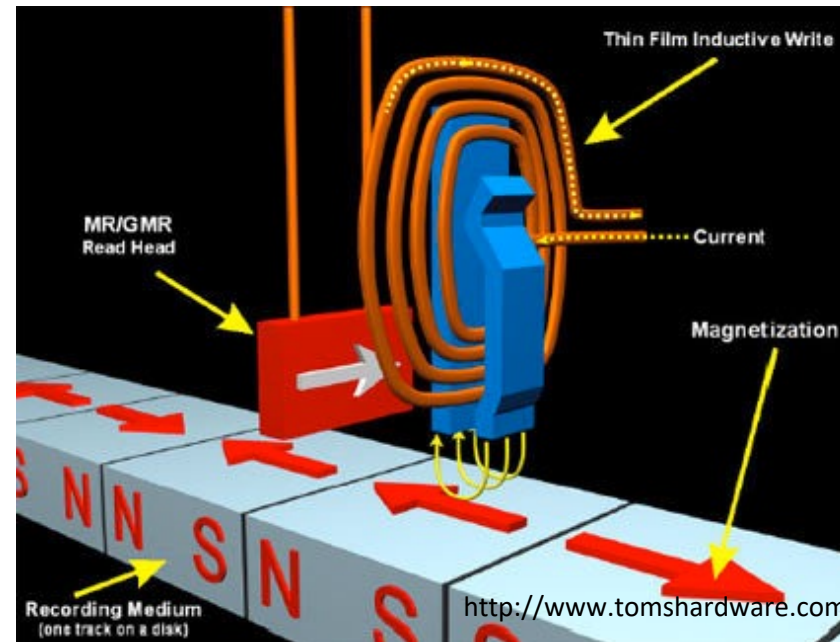
First magnetometer



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Magnetism; human technologies

- Sound projectors; microphone
- Data reading and recording; memory
- Detection; MRI

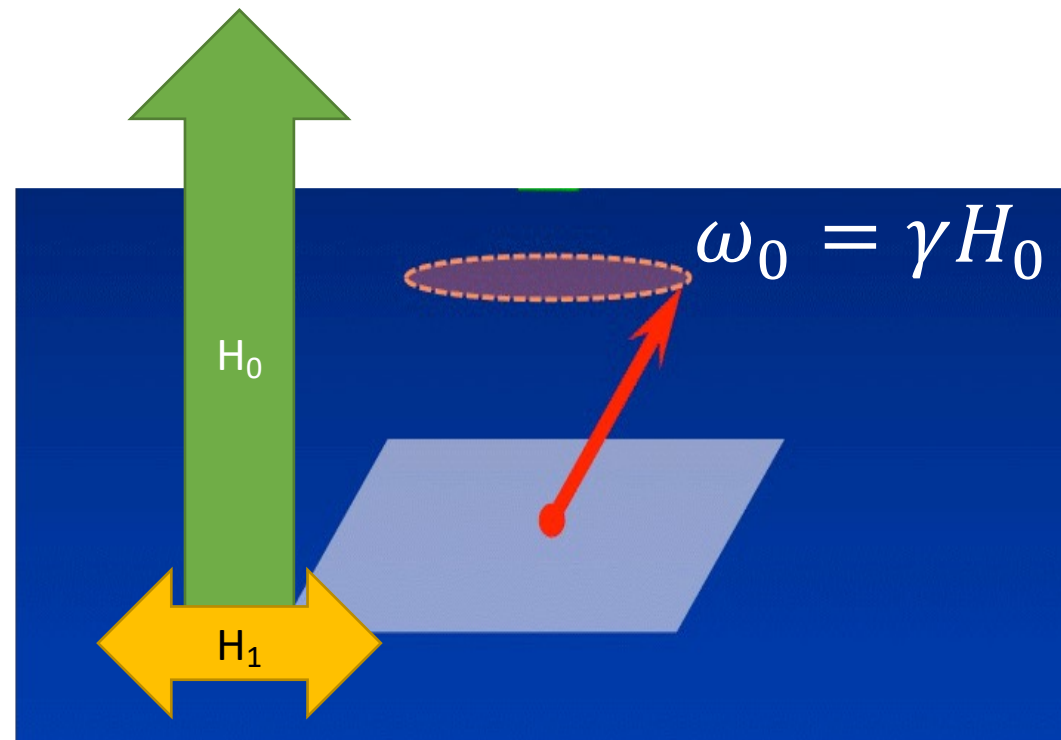


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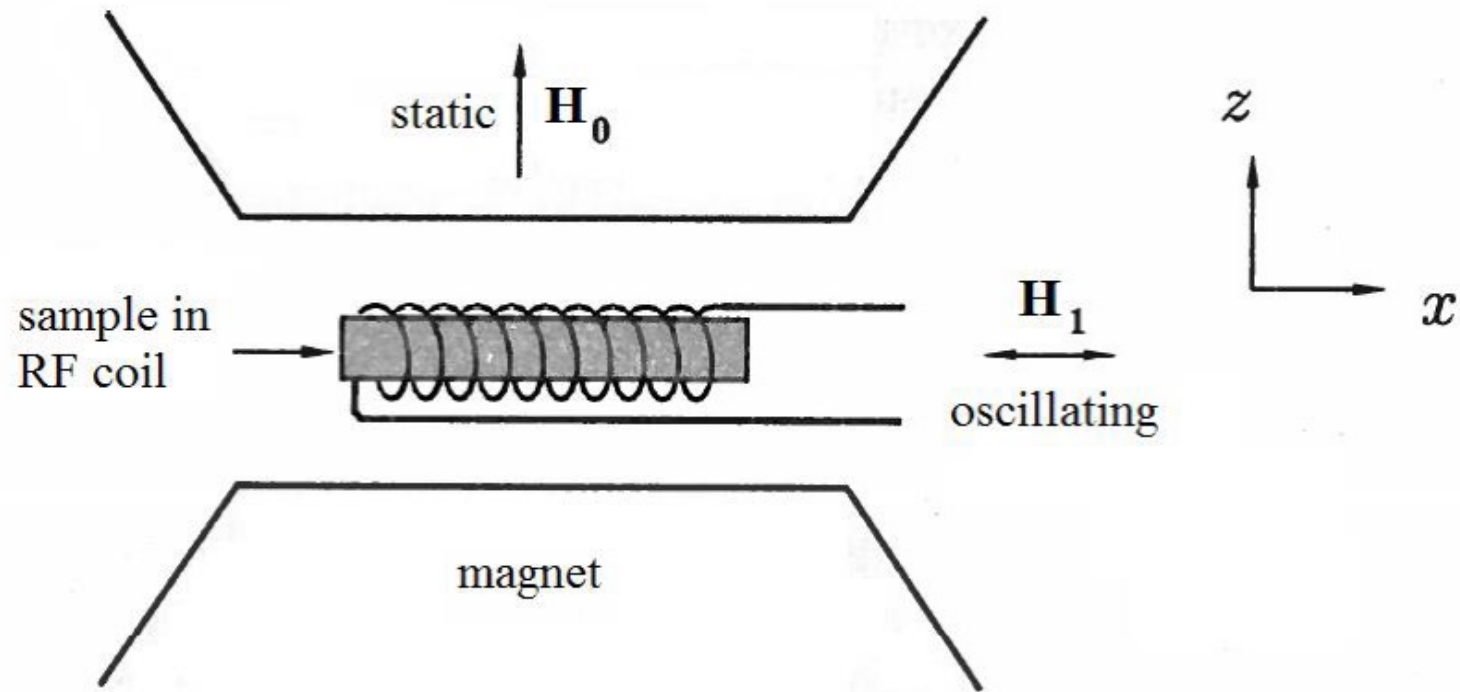


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Magnetic resonance



Magnetic resonance



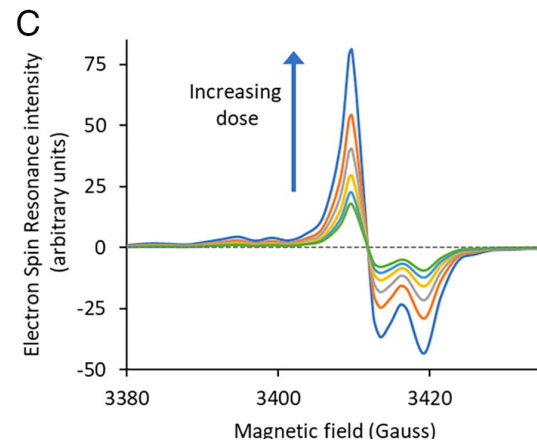
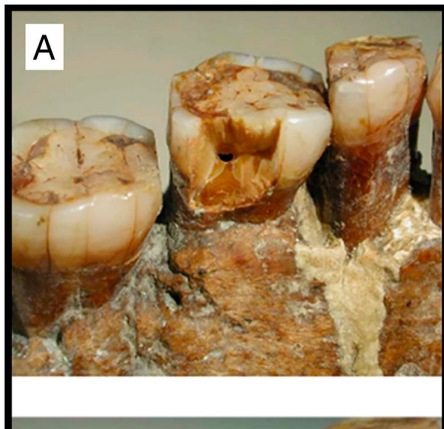
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Environmental Application of ESR

- Air and Water Quality Monitoring
- Understanding Climate Change
- Soil Health Assessment
- Monitoring Pollutant Degradation
- Dating of Paleolithic site



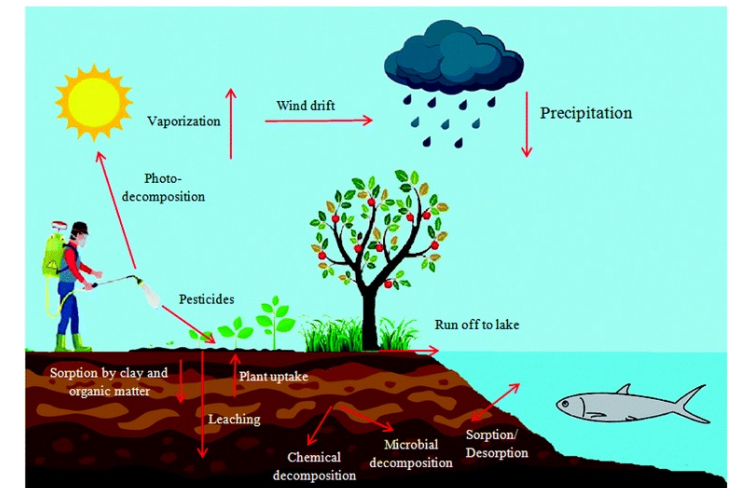
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Thank you!

If you would like to tour or discuss any of the quantum devices in this room, don't hesitate to reach out during the discussion session.

Important Dates

- Q4Environment Design Submissions Due: **March 4, 2024**
- Q4Environment Awards Announced: **April, 2024**



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Each team will submit a design document describing the form, operation, application and proposed impact of their idea.

Submissions will be judged on:

- the problem being addressed and its significance;
- team composition that reflects the expertise required to deliver on the interdisciplinary nature of the solution and best practices in equity, diversity and inclusion;
- impact of the proposed solution;
- market potential and economic feasibility.

A prototype is not required, but evidence of technical feasibility and manufacturability would be viewed favourably. Technical feasibility may refer to existing science and the novel application thereof in environment. References are not required but advantageous when describing a narrow aspect of science that may not be well known.

The design document shall be roughly five (5) pages in length and speak to both the quantum and environment communities (there will be reviewers drawn from both communities). The inclusion of at least one figure is desirable. The structure should follow the criteria bulleted above.



Q&A/Discussion

