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Simulating Electronic Structure on Noisy Quantum Hardware: From Gate to Annealing Models

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What We Do

Materials Discovery



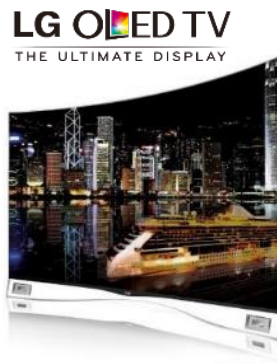
Developing advanced materials to solve large scale industrial problems for displays + lighting



Apple WATCH



iPhone X



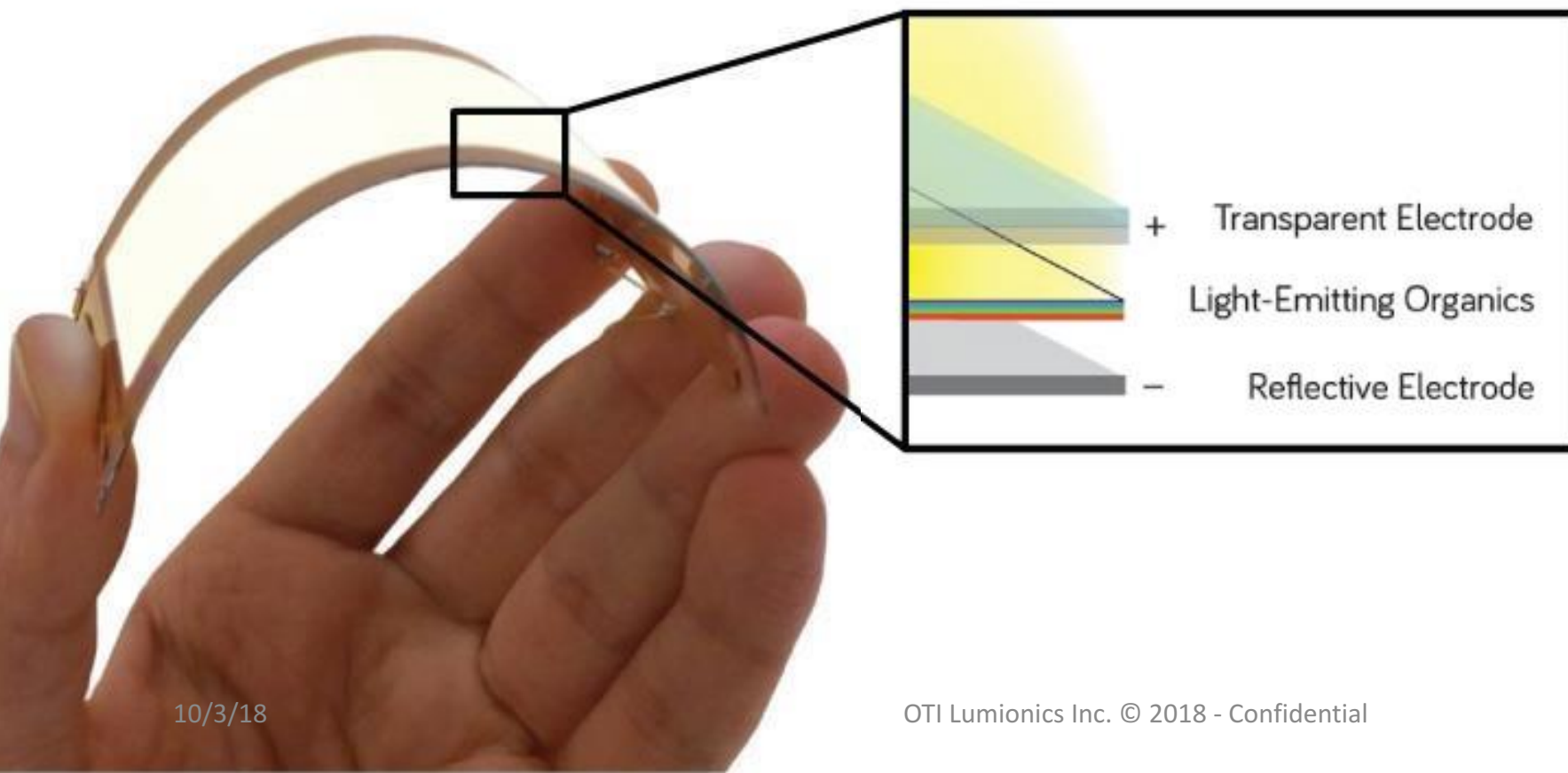
Oculus

Audi A8 



Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED)

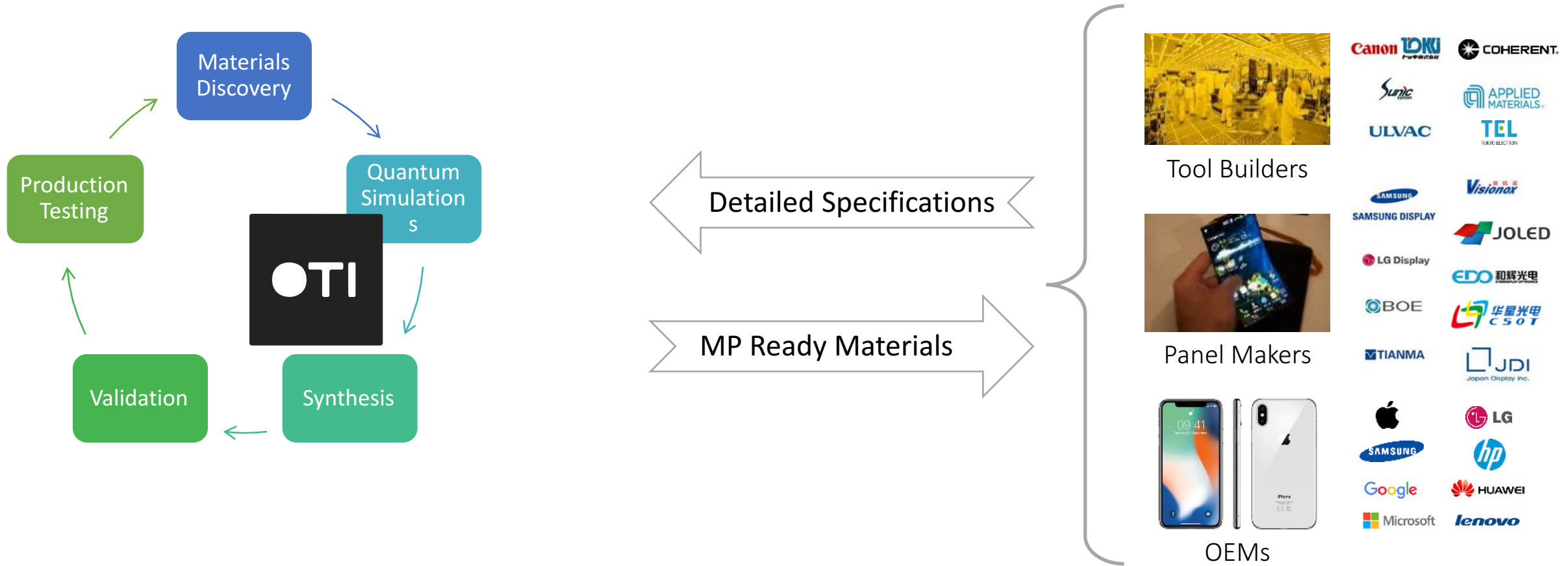
Light from organic pigments sandwiched between electrodes



Organic Pigments

Closed Loop Development with Customer Feedback

In-house end-to-end testing from materials discovery up to production testing



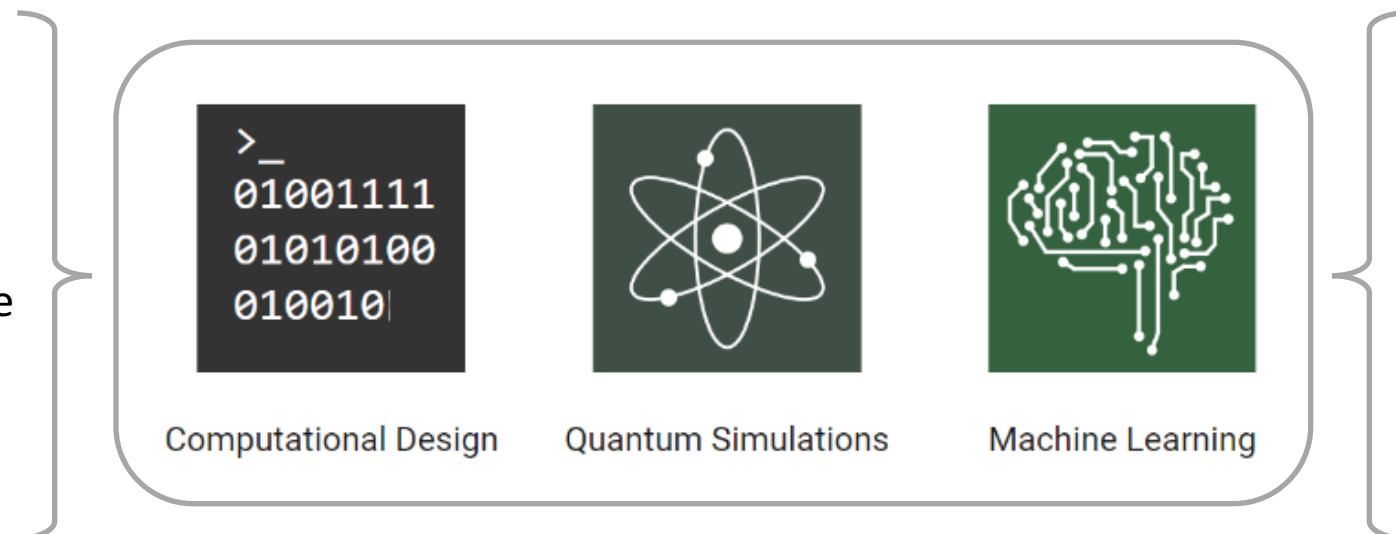
Our Materials Discovery Platform

Advanced computation + simulation + ML/AI

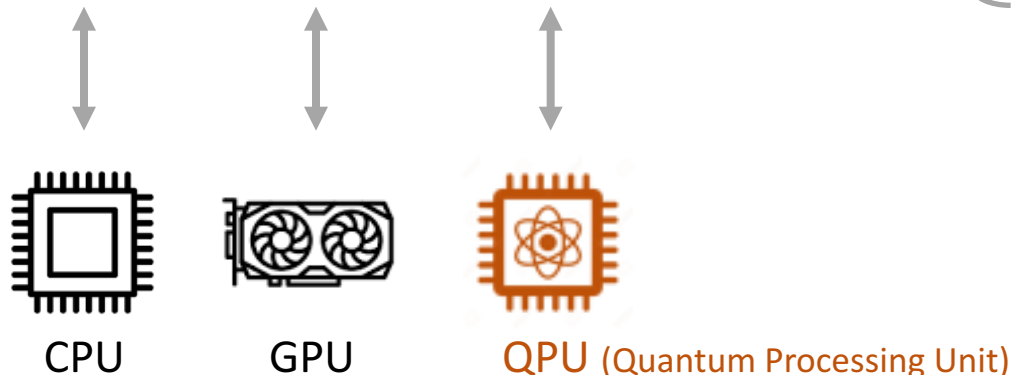
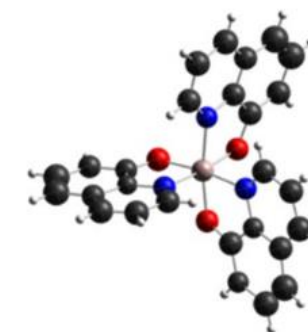


Properties

- Vapor pressure
- Optical constants
- Electronic structure
- Film forming
- Crystallinity
- Etc.

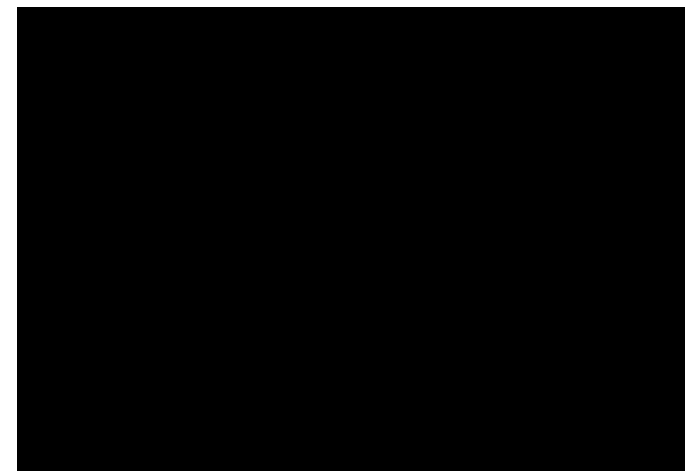
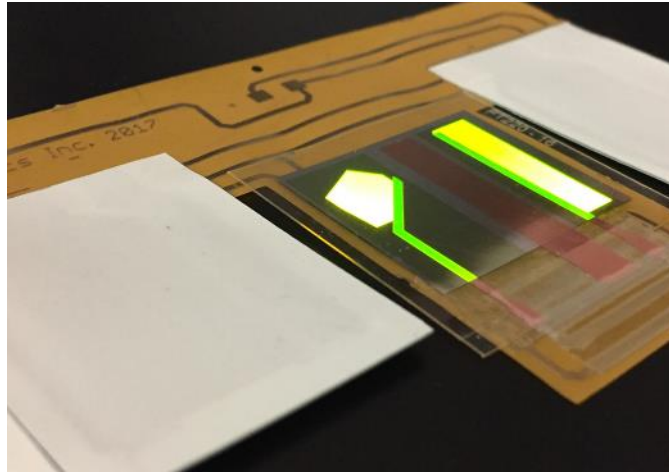
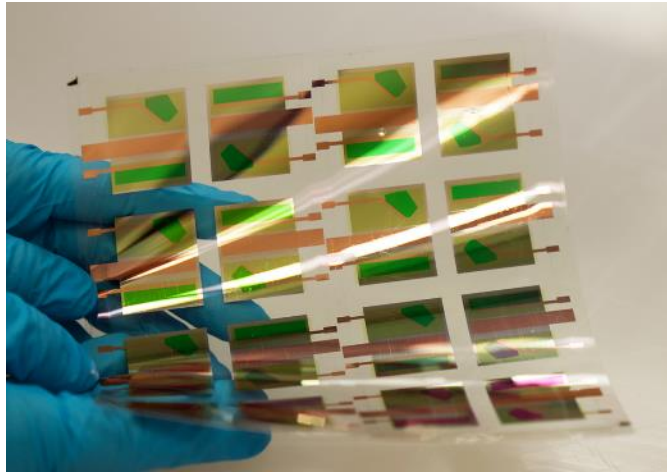


Structure



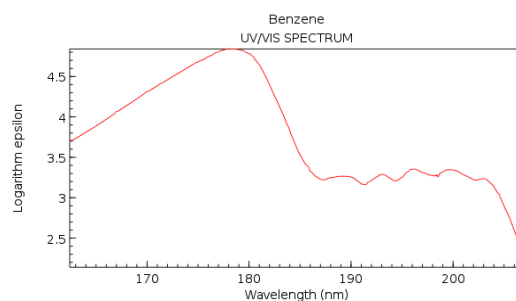
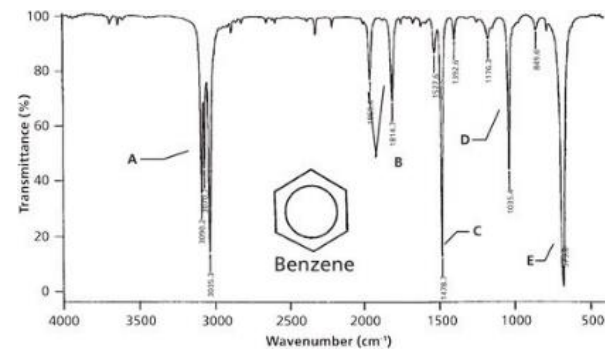
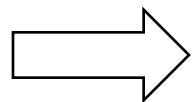
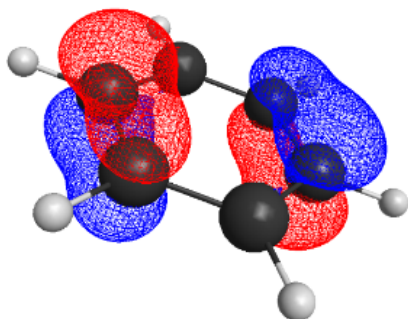
Example: Aerelight for Print™

Flexible OLED module for print + packaging

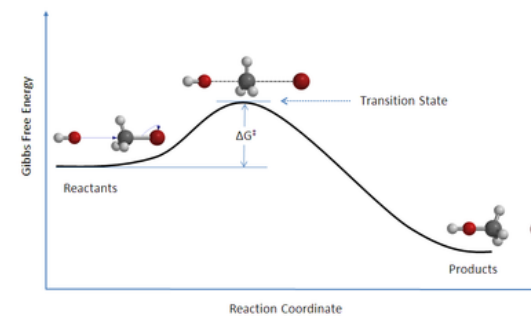
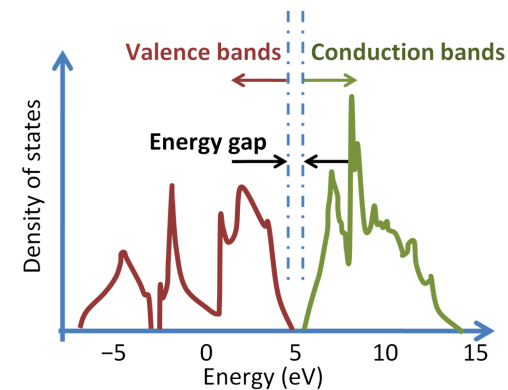


Quantum Chemistry

Why do we care?



NIST Chemistry WebBook (<https://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry>)

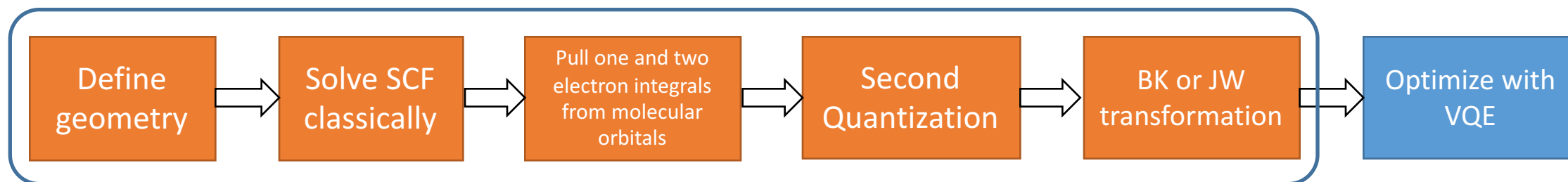


Understanding and prediction of the Structure -> Property relationship

Current Model of Quantum Chemistry on universal QPUs



Some not so good news



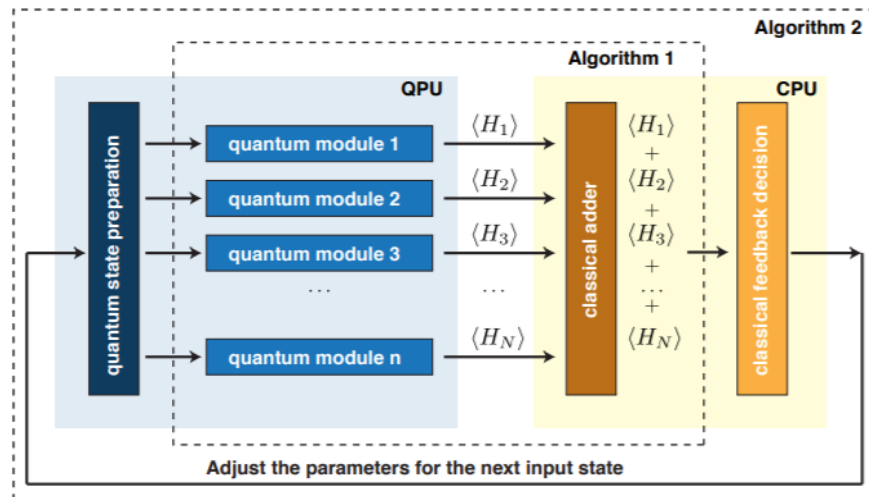
All of this done on a classical computer... lots of work

The hope is to surpass the HF wavefunction/orbitals on a quantum computer

Variational Quantum Eigensolver

$$\hat{H} = \sum \hat{P}_i \quad \text{Where } \hat{P}_i = \prod \sigma_j^n, n = \{x,y,z\} \text{ \& } j = \text{qubit index}$$

$$E_0 \leq \sum \langle \Psi_i | \hat{P}_i | \Psi_i \rangle \quad \text{Where } \Psi \text{ is wavefunction}$$



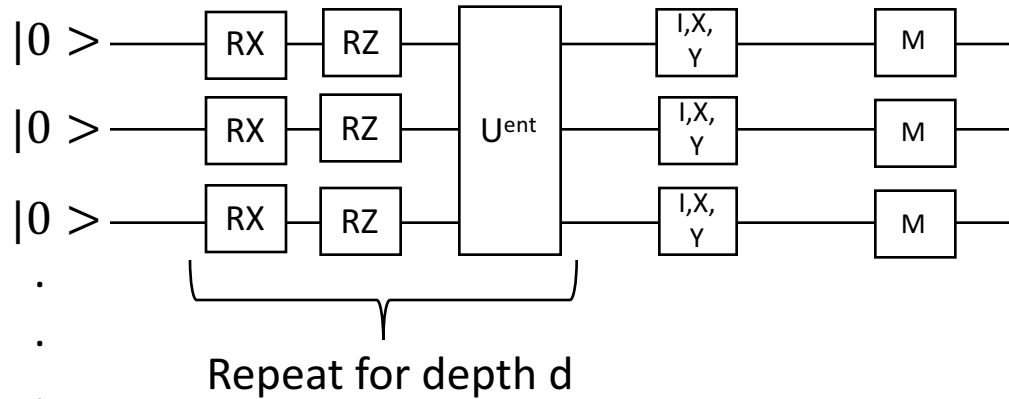
*Peruzzo *et al.* Nat. Comm. 5 (2014)

With serial processing, time scales linearly with number of Pauli words

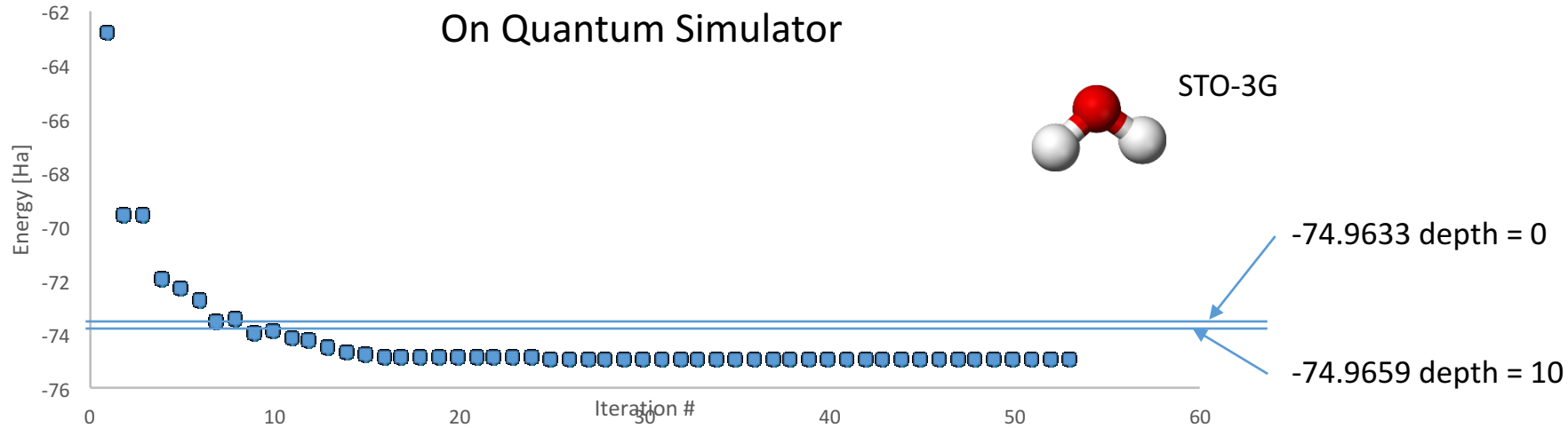
BK transformation generates $O(N^4)$ Pauli words

Ansatz Construction – Conventional Wisdom

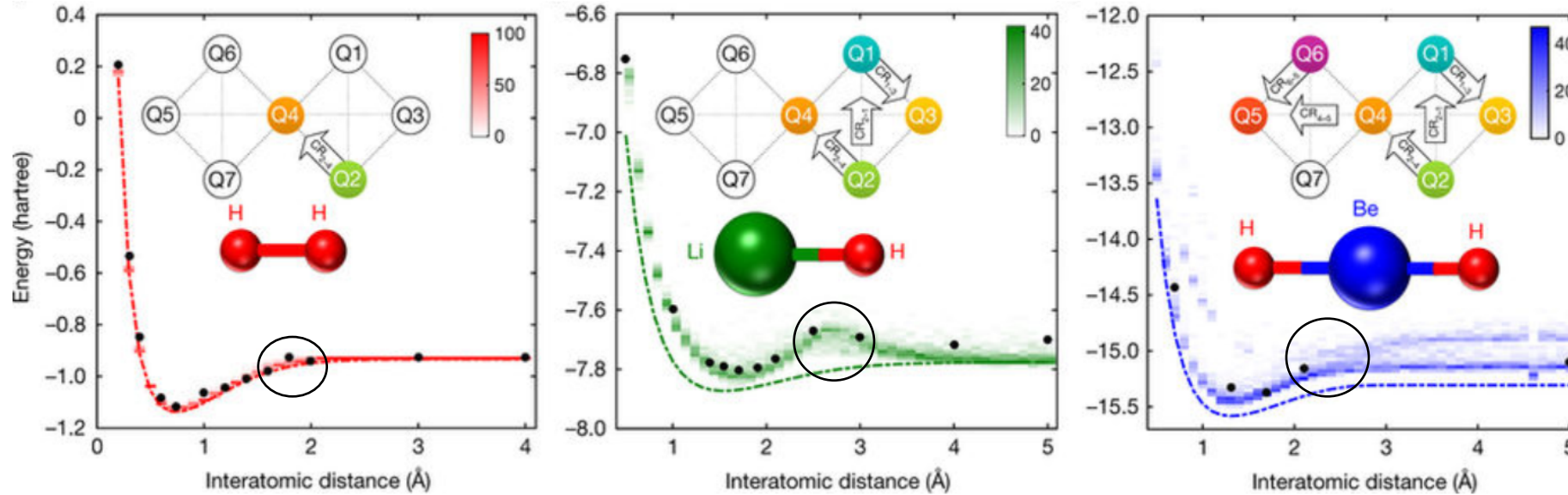
UCC and Variational



- To get close to FCI, often depth >30
- 2-qubit operators > 10 = too much error on QPU (19Q-Acorn)
- UCC is not rigorous solution of ES, but a problem that is difficult for a classical computer to solve



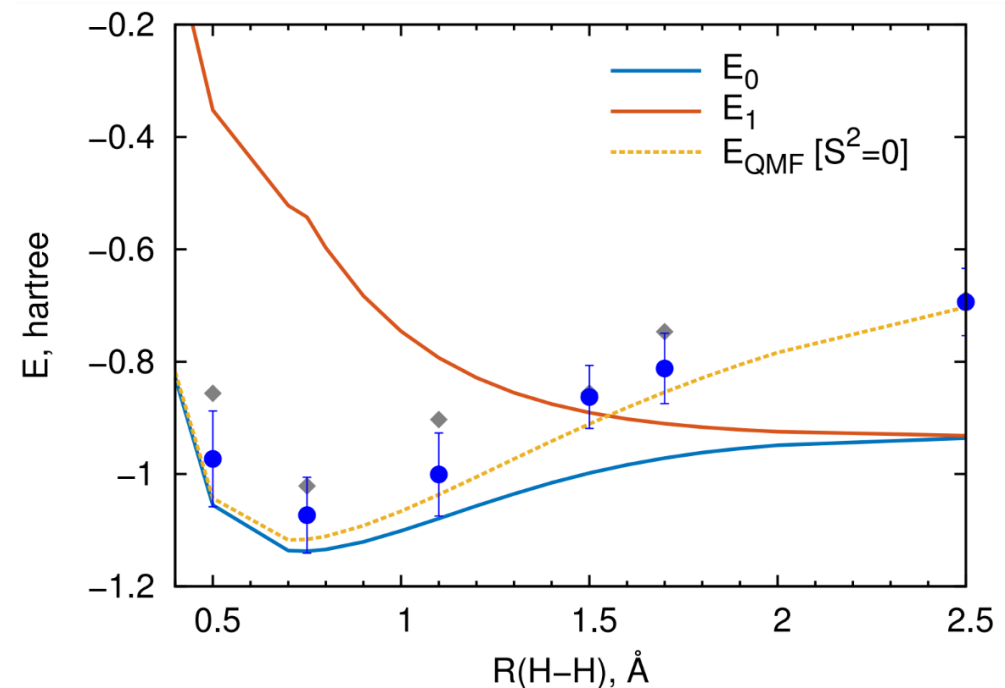
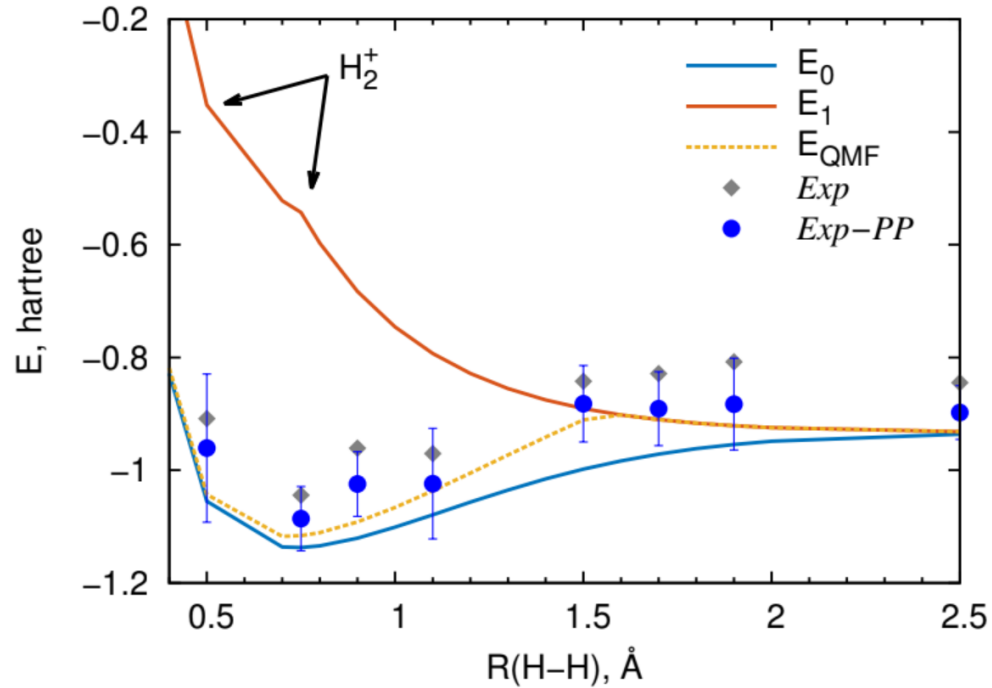
Hidden Consequences



Is this “kink” a hardware problem or theory problem?

Kandala *et al.* (2017) Nature 549, 242-246

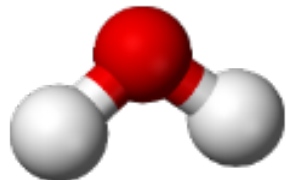
Broken Symmetry Transition – H₂ on QPU



Broken symmetry GHF between 1.5 Å – 1.6 Å, as it transitions from singlet to triplet

Our Innovation: Error Correction

Reduces error in finale solution by reducing noise



Water Simulated on QPU arXiv:[1806.00461](https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.00461)

Noisie filter removes random bit flips based on incorrect electron numbers and spin

UCC vs. QCC



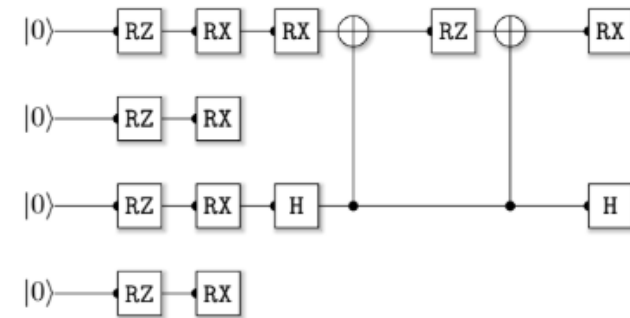
$$\Psi(\tau, \omega) = \hat{U}(\tau)|\omega\rangle$$

General form of CC methods

$$\hat{U}(\tau) = \prod_k^N \exp\left(\frac{i\tau_k \hat{P}_k}{2}\right) \quad \hat{P} \text{ is Pauli word entanglers}$$

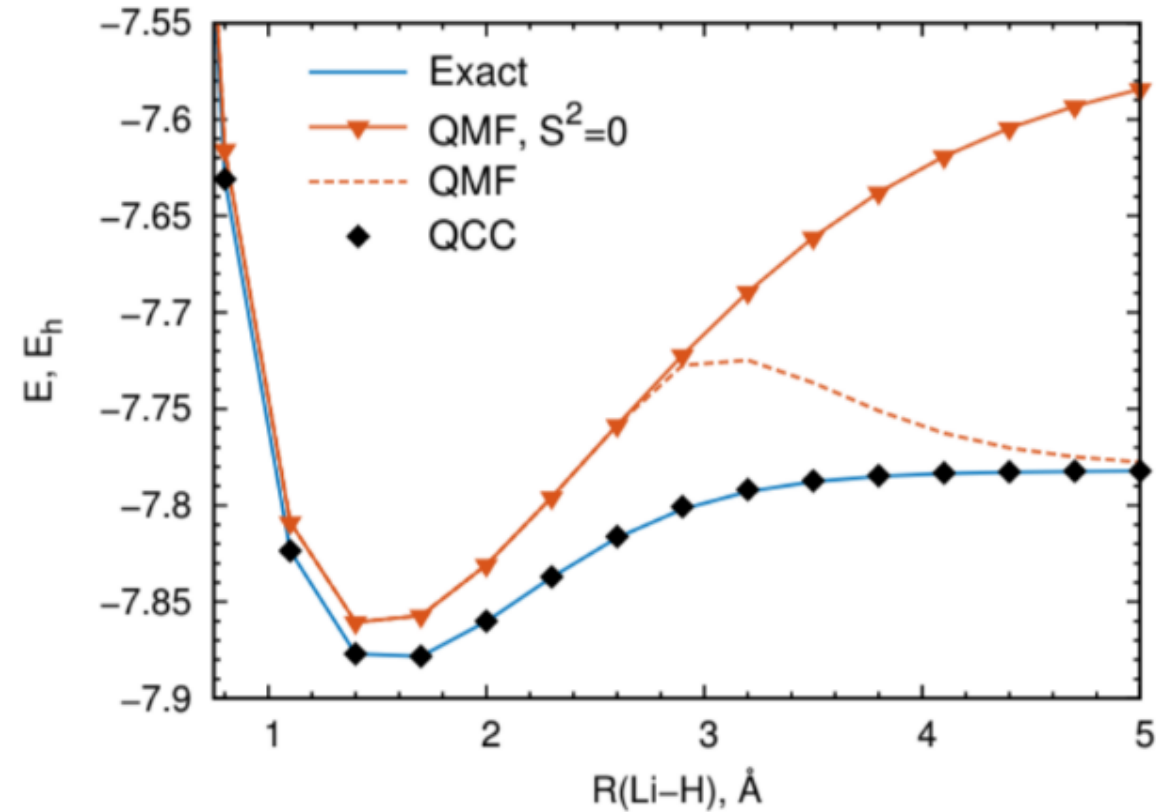
$$E(\tau, \omega) = \langle \omega | U(\tau)^\dagger \hat{H} U(\tau) | \omega \rangle$$

QCC is closed form opposed to UCC which is not



Example Ansatz for QCC

PES Curve for LiH



Our Innovation: Quantum Adiabatic Solver

Enables quantum chemistry to be run on annealer



Universal Gate



IBM Q (20 qubits)

Quantum Annealer

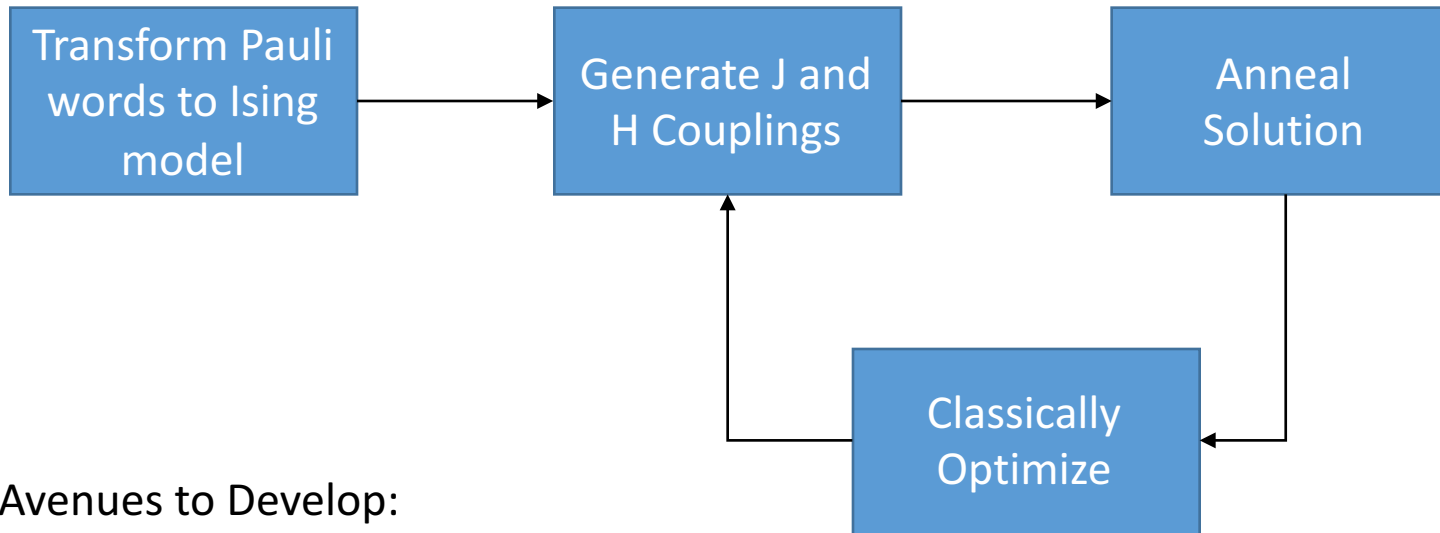


D-Wave 2000Q (2048 qubits)

← Annealer is suitable for solving binary optimization problems (not applicable for quantum chemistry)

We have developed a quantum solver for quantum chemistry on a quantum annealer

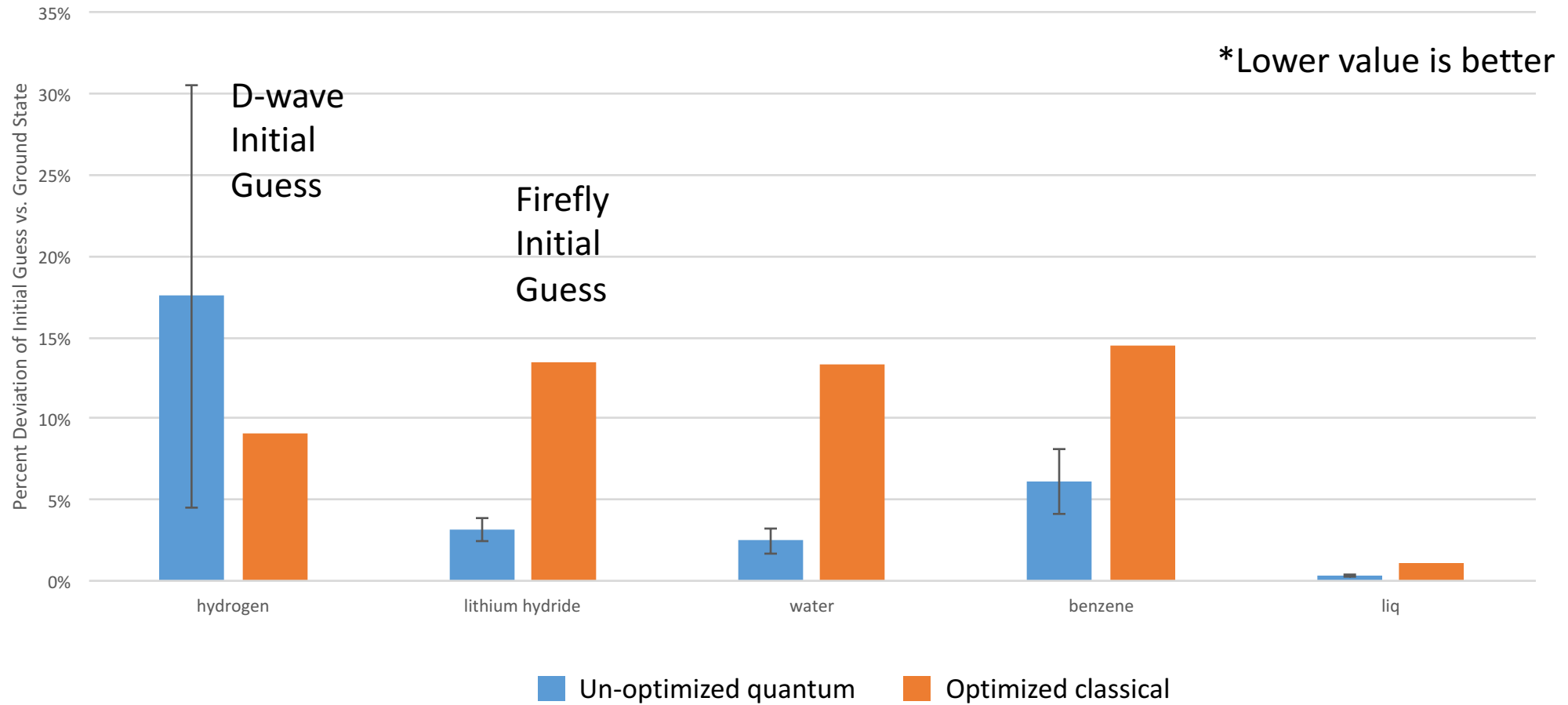
Solution on Quantum Annealer



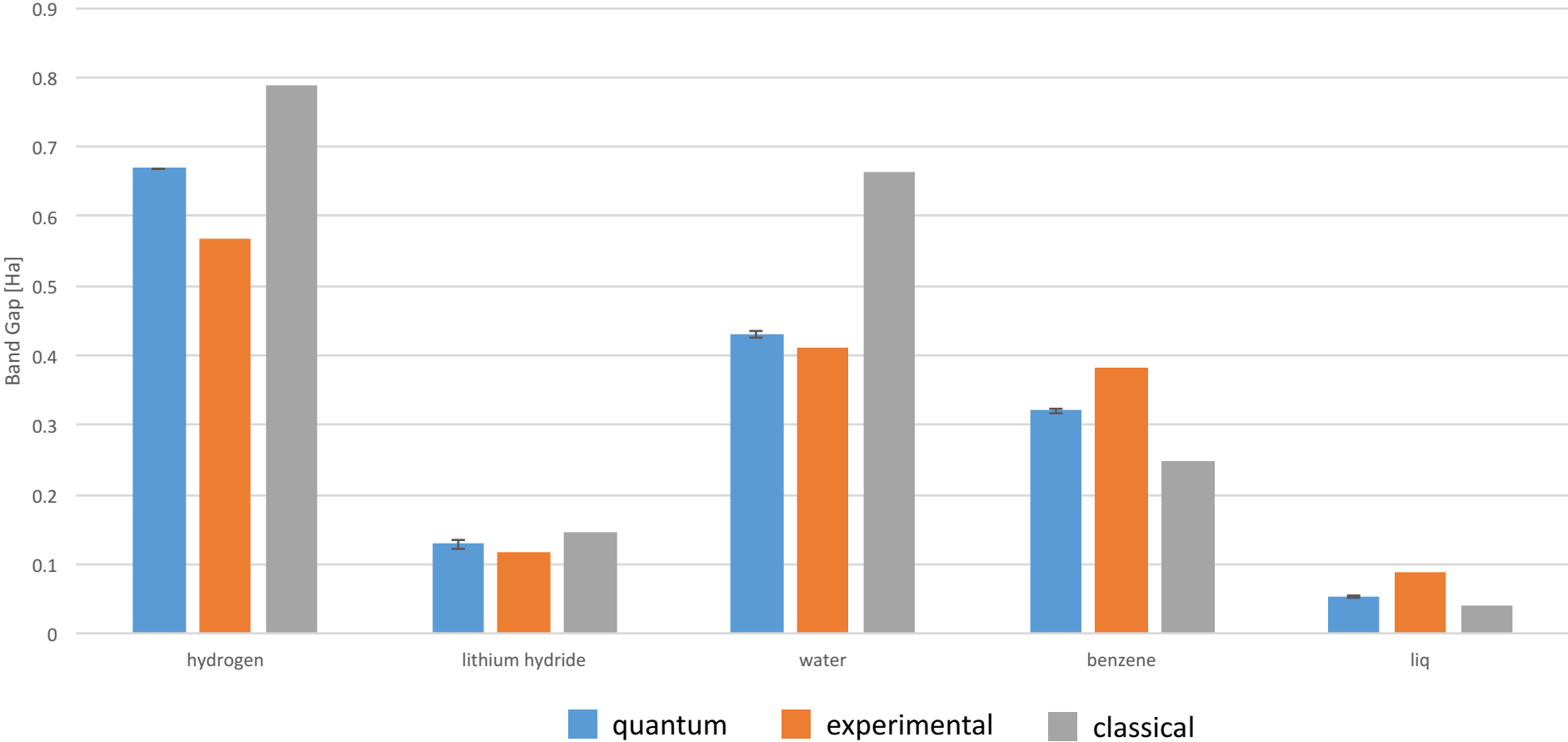
Avenues to Develop:

- Connection between classical and quantum optimization
- Frequency when to queue the D-wave

First Iteration Deviation: Quantum vs. Classical

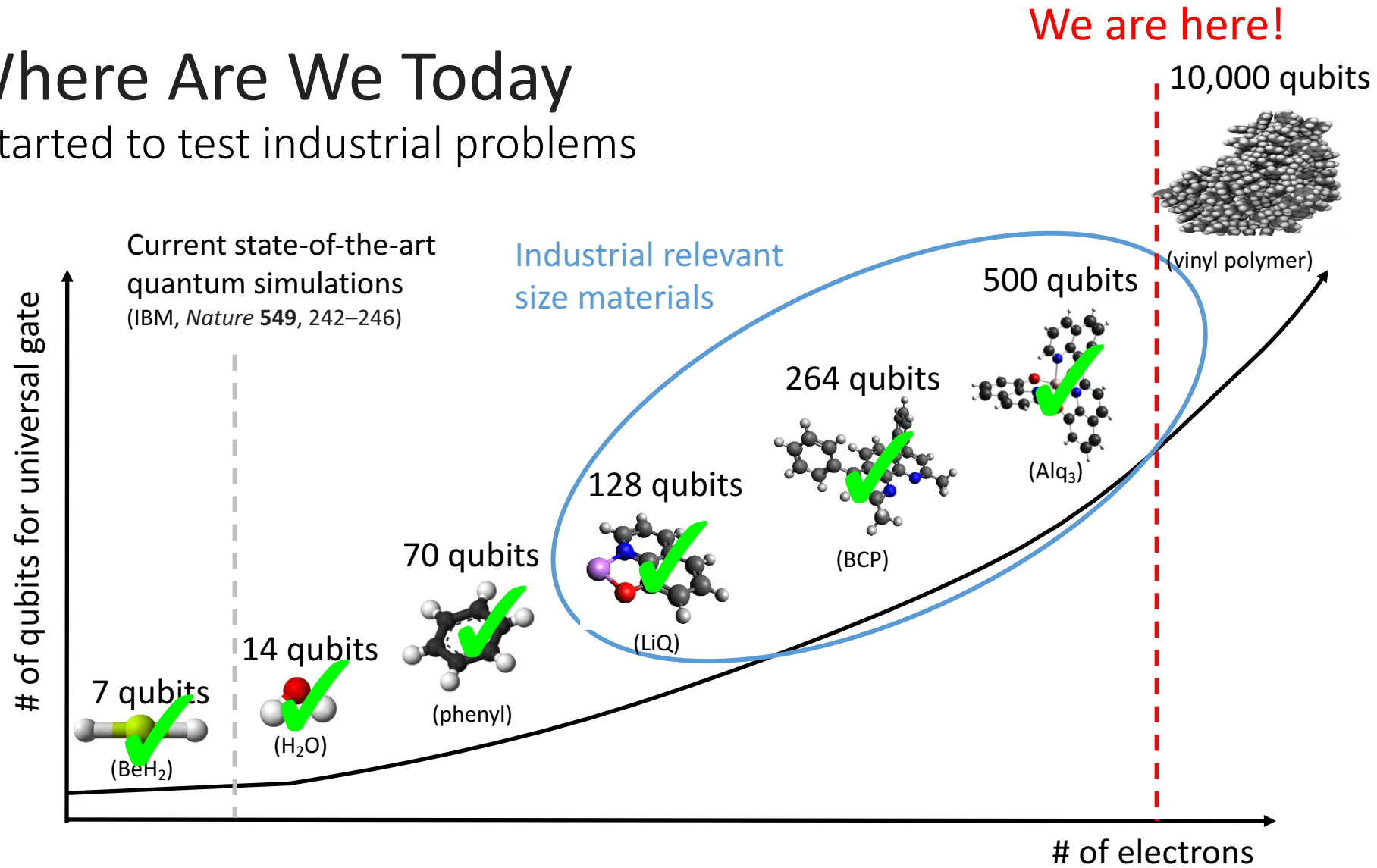


Simulation of Band Gap: Quantum vs Classical



Where Are We Today

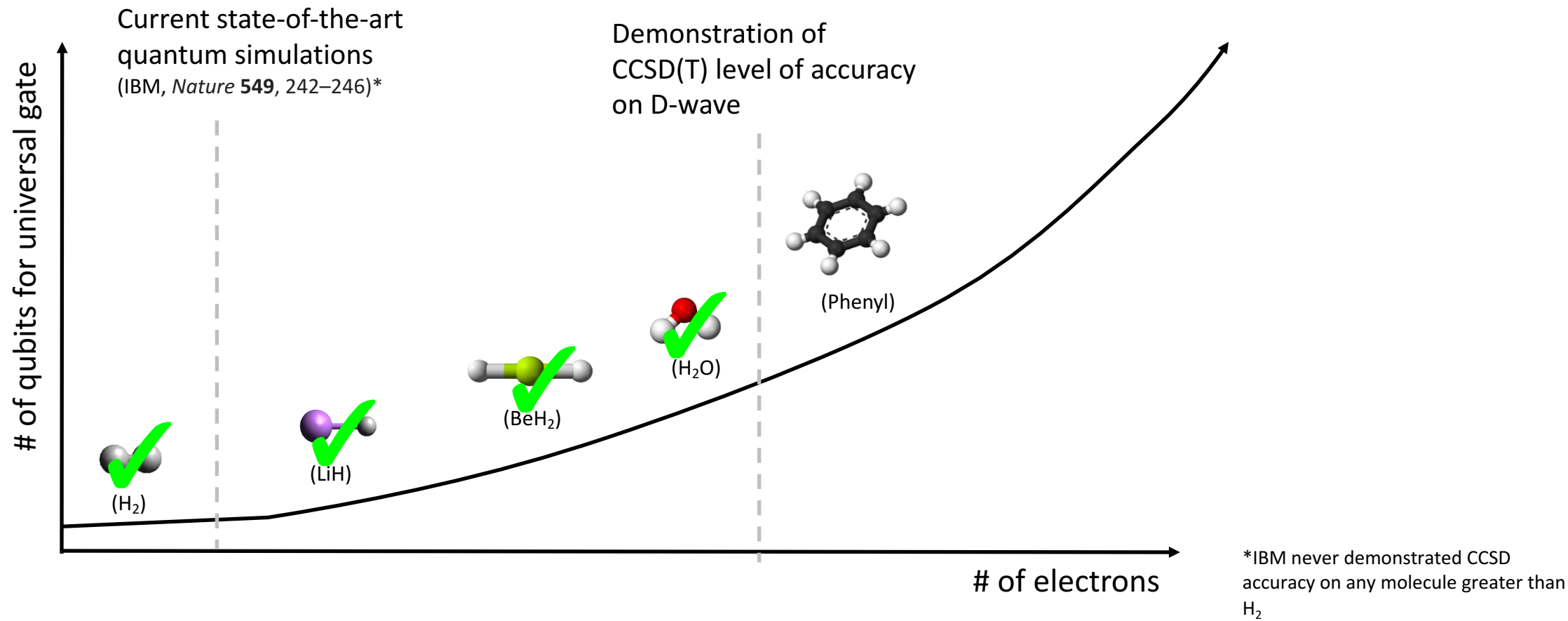
Started to test industrial problems



We have demonstrated industrial relevant size simulations on quantum hardware

Quantum Computing R&D

CCSD Demonstrated on Quantum Hardware



Energies obtained for small molecules on hardware higher in accuracy than IBM