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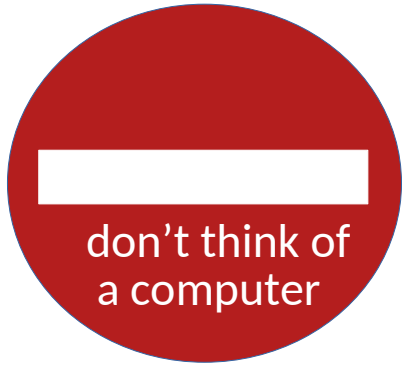
**#QEI**

**the quantum energy initiative**

Network of scientists & engineers launching *research* programs  
on *energy footprint* (& environmental footprint) of quantum technologies

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quantum computer

it's all about

*Noise*

versus

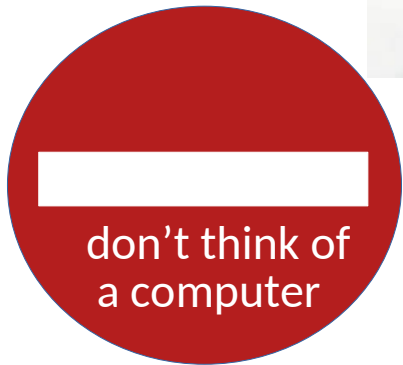
**RESOURCES**

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## quantum computer



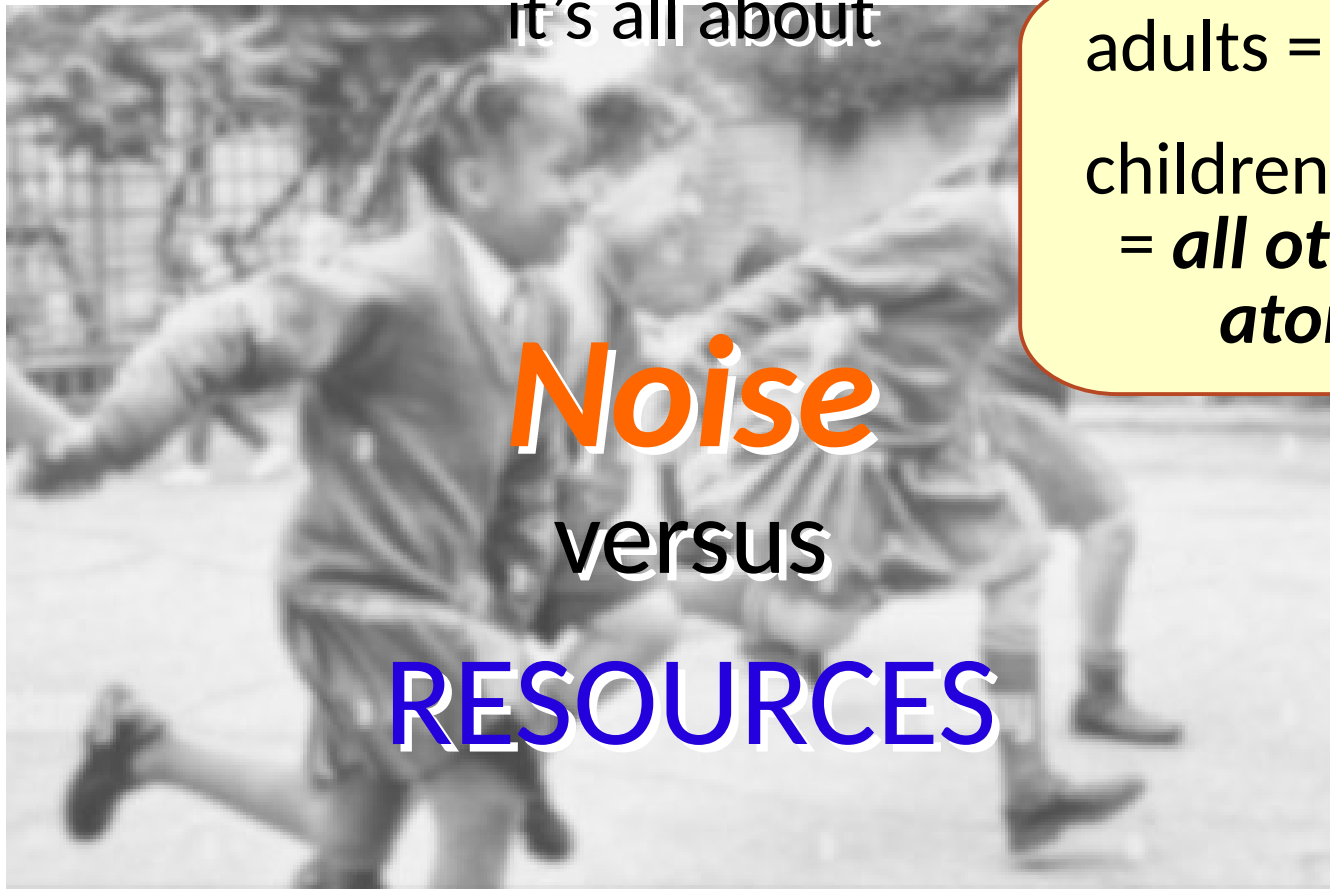
don't think of a computer

it's all about

adults = *qubits*  
children = *all other atoms, etc*



think of *serious discussion* between parents in a *childrens' play area*



# Noise

versus

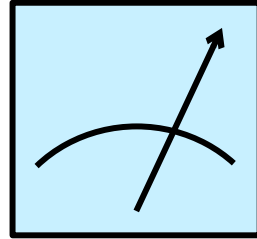
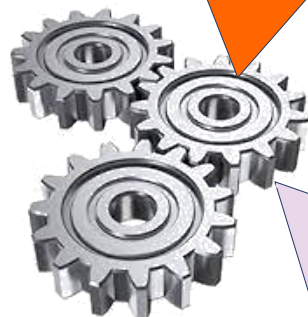
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## Noise/imperfections

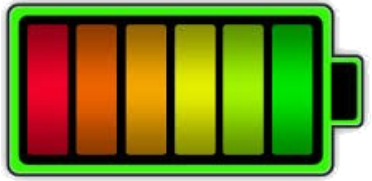
### Materials

### Machine



### Target performance

### Energy



### RESOURCES

Science → understand *noise & resources*

Technology → increase performance & reduce resources

Society → what applications for given resources

# Where are we now with quantum computing?

## An *analogy* with *flight*

**Noise**  
means 1 error  
every 200  
gate operations

For certain  
applications,  
if **noise** is  
eliminated

quantum  
computing



1-2 bad  
qubits



1000 bad qubits  
or 1-2 good qubits



???



1960-70s

2000s

2010s

now

future!

classical computing



quantum-inspired  
classical  
computing

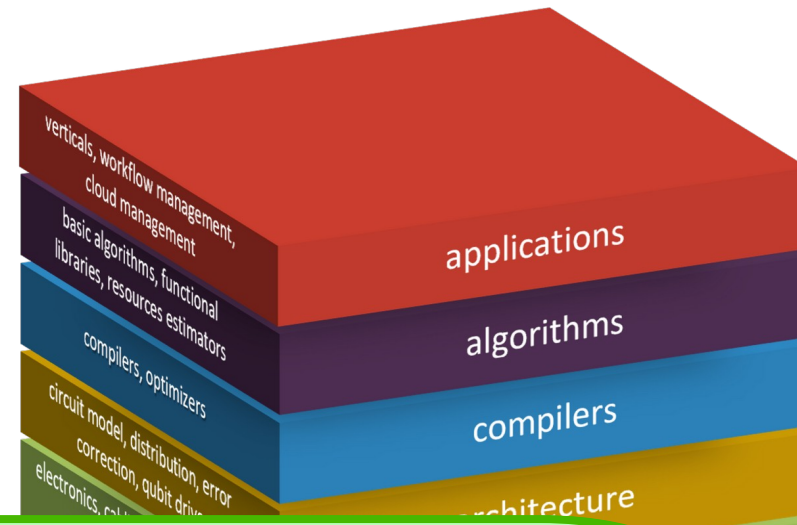
# Quantum technologies: energy hog or energy advantage?

*We do not know yet ... & quantum hype does not help!*

## Need for new methodologies

- understand & optimize the cost of "full-stack"
- objective figures of merit
- innovation with finite resources NOW!

**Need to build interdisciplinary community ...**  
develop common language & tools



Computer science  
error correction,  
algorithmics  
compilers...

Quantum energetics,  
thermodynamics,  
control

*It is about doing more with less.*

... good subject for small teams  
with less equipment.

Enabling technologies:  
cryogenics, lasers,  
microwaves...

Join the QEI community!



QEI Seminar - Yasser Omar  
32 vues • il y a 1 jour



QEI Seminar - Marco Fellous-Asiani  
203 vues • il y a 4 mois

- **Bottom up** initiative
- Building a community for open science, research & development
- Community mapping and self-organizing

## \_The people who do the work ! \_

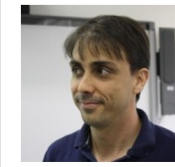
The governance of the Quantum Energy Initiative is built around the **QEI board**. It is representative of the diversity of the QEI topics, skills and countries. It was created in January 2023 and contains also the co-founders who launched the QEI in August 2022.



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## First industrial partners

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producing

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## **DECISIONS for SOCIETY** (*stakeholders, social scientists, etc*)

- How do we judge when something is worth the resources / environmental cost?
- Balancing security argument versus open knowledge for quantum technologies ?
- New rules (laws, voluntary codes, etc) to avoid abuse of quantum technology?
- **Blind spots of quantum scientists/engineers** (things we have not even considered) ?

Currently this community's political role is limited to saying these issues are important

- with individual members obviously having individual political roles as citizens

Is this right or wrong for long term?

- Should quantum scientists/engineers decide?  
*No, definitely not us alone!*
- Should market economics decide?
- Should military decide?
- Should governments decide? *HOW?*