

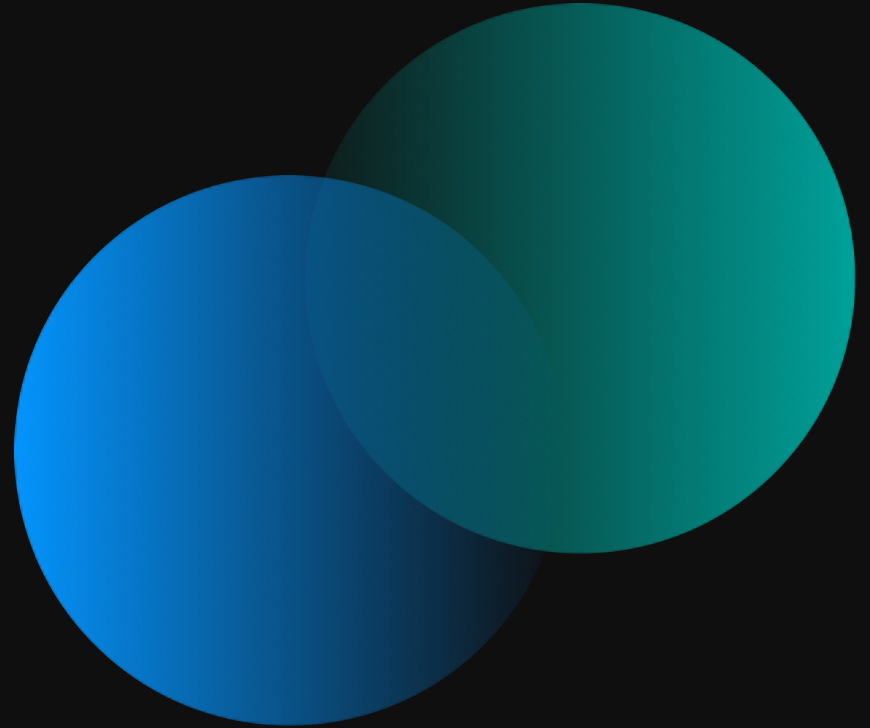
# Atos Quantum Learning Machine

Technical training

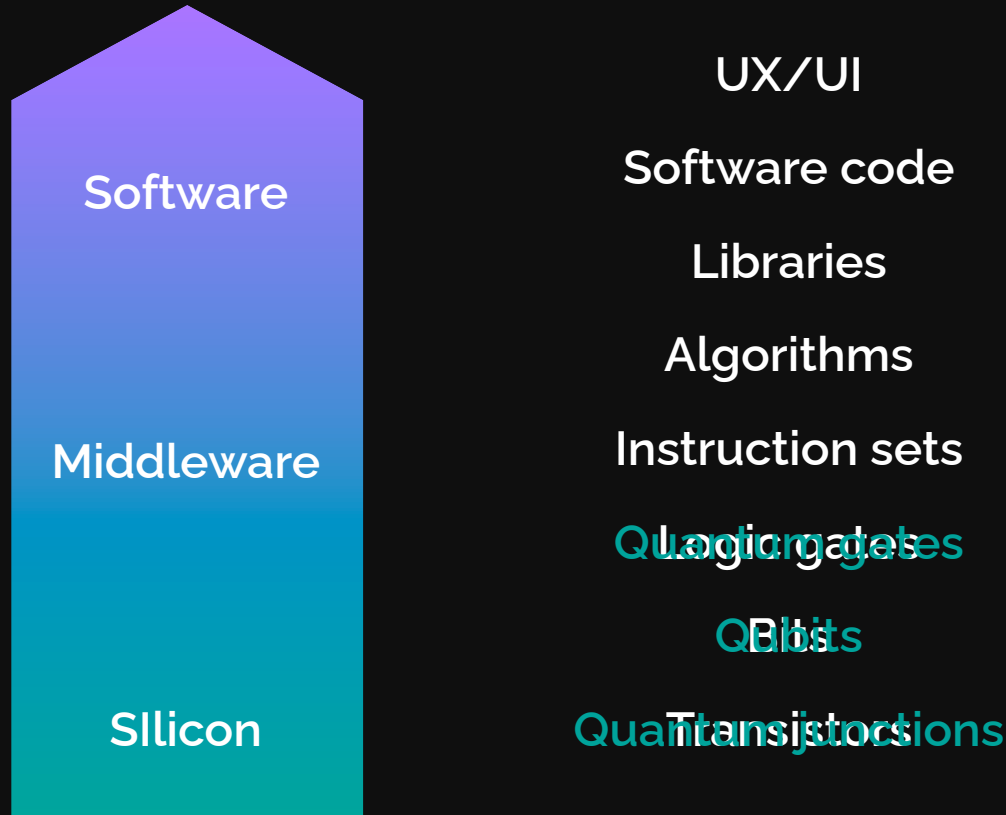
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# 01. Quantum computing basics



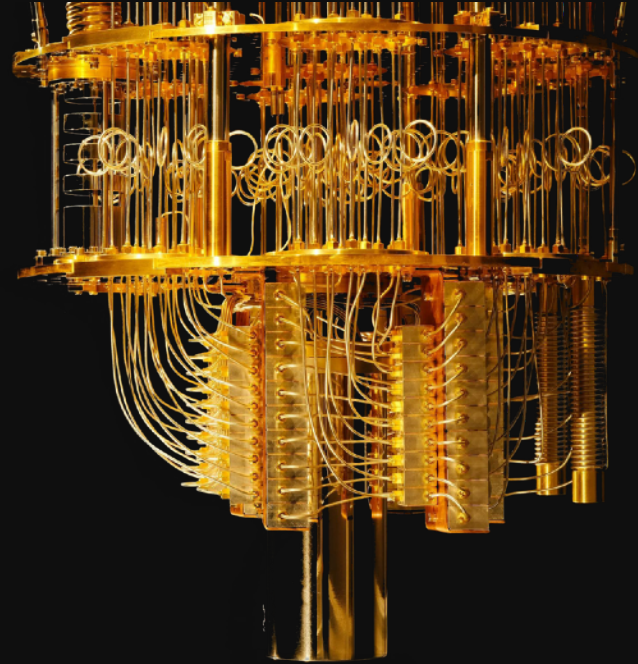
# Digital bits and qubits



# Quantum Processing Units

## Superconducting QPUs

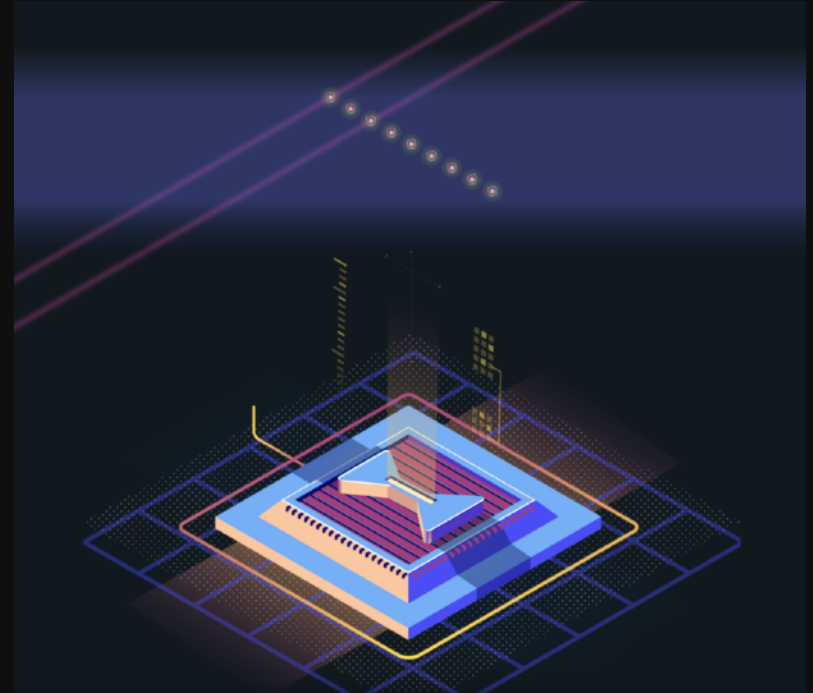
- Made of electronic-grade silicon
- Qubits are spin states of electron currents in superconducting regime
- Pattern of conducting lanes and control systems
- Refrigerated to few thousandth of a degree Kelvin
- Up to 127 qubits
- Very large choice of quantum gates
- Quick operation time
- Very cumbersome machinery
- Limited connectivity between qubits



# Quantum Processing Units

## Trapped ions

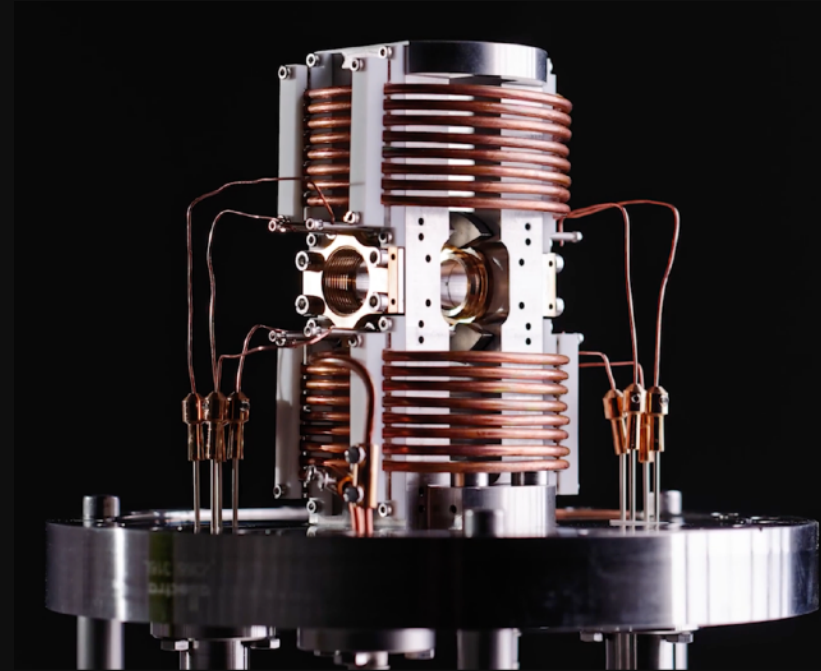
- Made by dispersing certain rare-earth atoms into a matrix
- Qubits are spin states of electrons in ionised atoms
- Ions are in a linear chain
- Pattern of ionising electrodes and control systems
- Refrigerated to few thousandth of a degree Kelvin
- Very high vacuum
- Up to 100 qubits
- Limited choice of quantum gates
- Very stable
- Full connectivity between qubits



# Quantum Processing Units

## Neutral atoms

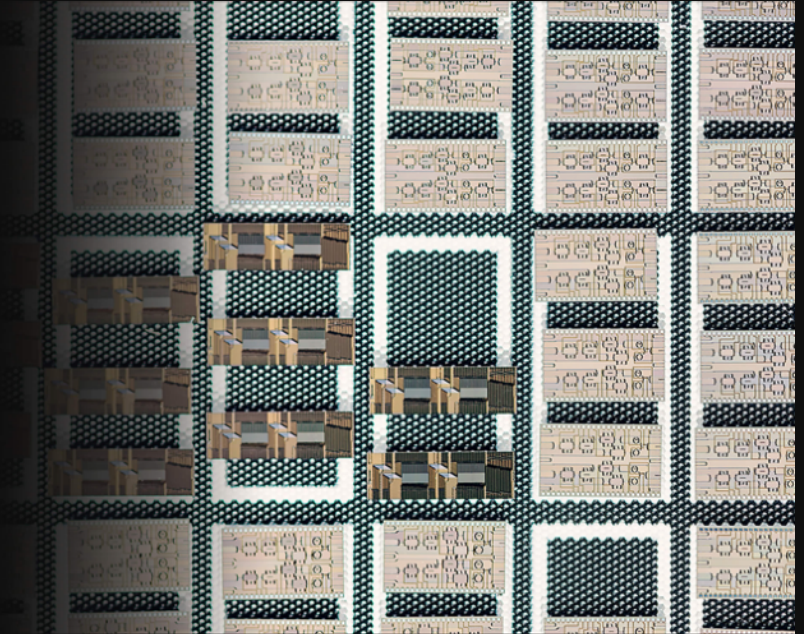
- Made by aligning certain rare-earth atoms into traps
- Qubits are excited states of electrons within atoms
- Ions are in a 1D, 2D or 3D array
- Pattern of lasers and control systems
- Refrigerated to few thousandth of a degree Kelvin
- Up to tens of qubits
- Analog and digital computing paradigm (see later)



# Quantum Processing Units

## Photonic QPUs

- Made of electronic-grade silicon
- Qubits are polarisation states of guided light beams
- Pattern of wave guides and control systems
- Operates at room temperature
- Up to ~30 qubits
- Limited choice of quantum gates
- Slow operation time
- All-to-all connectivity between qubits



# Programming paradigms

## Digital computing (gate-based computing)

- Programming flow
  1. Decompose the algorithm into a qubit register and quantum gates
  2. Instruct the qubit register as quantum states of the qubits
  3. Apply the sequence of gates
  4. Readout the final state of the qubits
  5. Build the qubit register upon the qubit states
- Advantages
  - Physics grants that any algorithm can be written as a sequence of quantum gates (under certain conditions)
  - Clear, reusable and maintainable programming code
- Disadvantages
  - Building the gate sequence can be extremely complicated
  - Low scalability to high qubit count



# Programming paradigms

## Analog computing

- Programming flow
  1. Encode your model into a quantum Hamiltonian
  2. Encode such Hamiltonian into the quantum processing unit
  3. Prepare the initial state of the qubits
  4. Readout the final state of the qubits
  5. Deduce the answer to your problem from the answer you got
- Advantages
  - If you have to understand how a quantum system reacts in a certain environment, this is very easy
  - Reliable result
- Disadvantages
  - Use-case specific

# Programming paradigms

## Quantum annealing

- Programming flow
  1. Convert your optimisation problem into a specific quantum Hamiltonian
  2. Take a quantum annealer and let it find the minimum energy of an easy Hamiltonian
  3. Slowly change your Hamiltonian to make it look like the one you want to minimise
  4. Readout the final state of the qubits, it will be the optimisation solution
- Advantages
  - Quantum speedup is a tangible reality
  - Automated tools to convert real problems into quantum Hamiltonians
- Disadvantages
  - It works only on numerical optimisation problems

# Quantum speedup and quantum supremacy

## Introduction

- What do quantum computer do very well
  - Mathematical operations with vectors and matrices
  - Discrete Fourier Transform
  - Modelling quantum physics
  - Amplifying amplitudes of quantum states
- Examples of speedup
  - Research in unstructured database - quadratic speedup
  - Integer number factoring - exponential speedup
  - Quantum Fourier Transform - exponential speedup
  - Quantum generative neural networks - exponential speedup
  - Selected natural language processing tasks - exponential speedup

# Quantum speedup and quantum supremacy

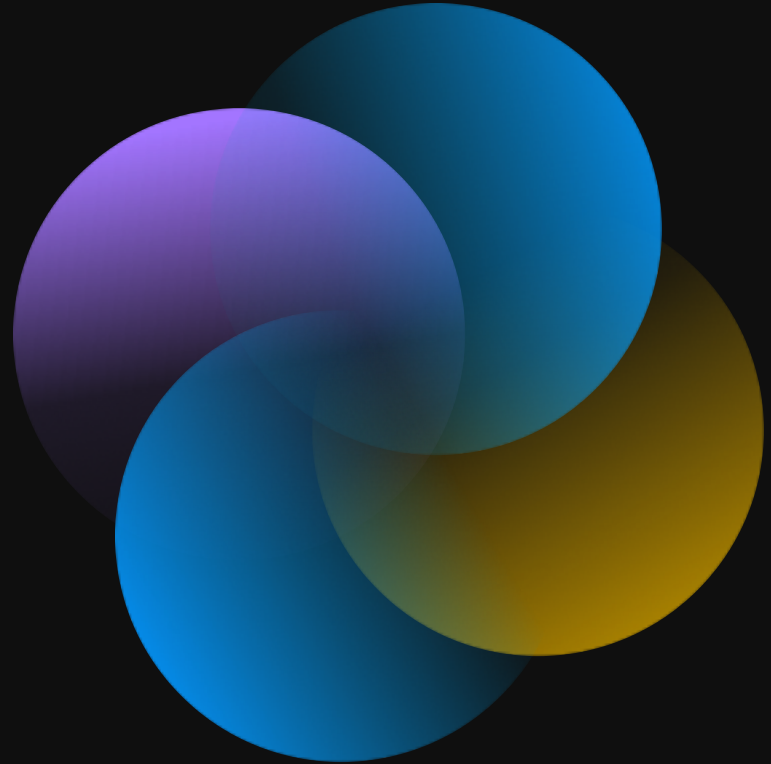
## Limitations

Data loading

State preparation

Interconnect and data transport

## 02. Technology landscape



# Hardware technologies

Quantum annealing

Super conducting

Trapped ions

Topological qubits

Photons

Silicon qubits

Other technologies

**D:WAVE**  
The Quantum Computing Company™

**IBM** **intel**

**IONQ**

**Microsoft**

**Hewlett Packard Enterprise**

**intel**

**QDTI** Quantum  
Discrete  
Technologies

**Google**  
**UCSB**

**AQT**

**NOKIA**

**XANADU**

**cea**

**PASQAL**

**rigetti**

**universität innsbruck**

**QuTech**

**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

**NOKIA**

**IQM** QuTech

**OQC**

**Honeywell**



**ORCA Computing**

**NTT**

**Atos**

Quantum computing emulation

# Supeconductive QPUs

- IBM
  - Up to 127 qubits
  - 100 nanoseconds gate application time
  - 5% error rate in gate application
- Rigetti
  - Up to 80 qubits
  - 150 nanoseconds gate application time
  - 4% error in gate application
- Google
  - Up to 54 qubits
  - 35 nanoseconds ion gate application time
  - 3% error in gate application

# Quantum annealers

- D-Wave quantum annealer
  - Up to 5,000 qubits
  - 15 nearest-neighbours connectivity
  - Up to 1,000,000 variables problems
  - Up to 100,000 constrains problems



# Trapped-ion technology

- IonQ
  - Up to 79 qubits for single-qubit operation
  - Up to 32 qubits for multiple-qubit operation
  - $<2\%$  gate application error rate
  - Full topology
- Alpine Quantum Technology
  - Up to 20 qubits for multiple-gate operation
  - $<1\%$  gate application error rate
  - Rack-mount QPU
- Quantinuum
  - Up to 12 qubits for multiple-gate operation
  - $<0.5\%$  gate application error rate
  - Full topology

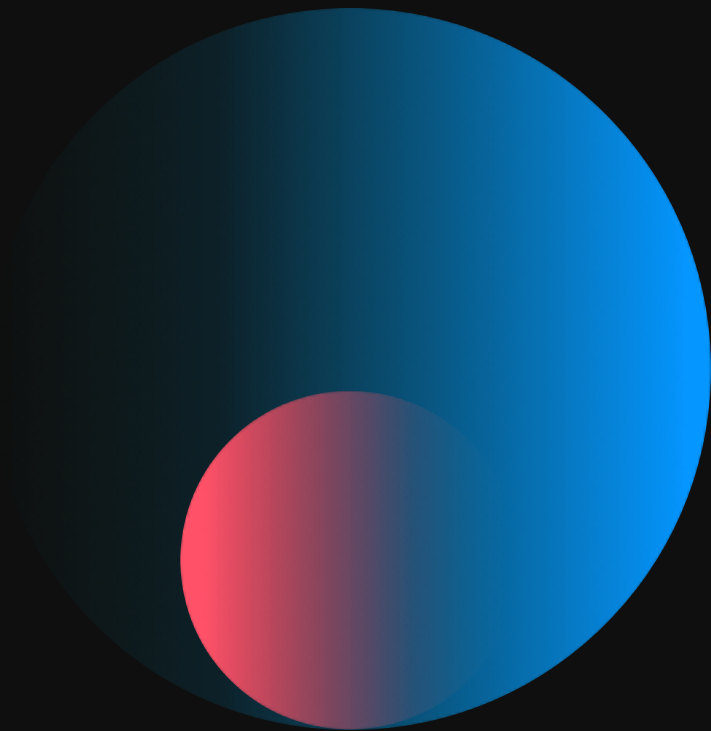
# Photonic QPUs

- Xanadu
  - Up to 24 qubits
  - Full connectivity
  - 1 % error rate
- PsiQuantum
  - Currently under construction
  - Up to 1,000,000 qubits

# Neutral atoms

- Pasqal
  - 196 neutral atoms array
  - 14 operational qubits
  - 200 atoms simulators
- ColdQuanta
  - 100 neutral atoms array
  - <1% multiple-qubit gate application error rate
  - Large readout error

## 03. Atos Software



# Atos Quantum solutions

Desktop solution

## myQLM

- Freeware
- Entry-level simulation
- Open-source plugins
- Scalability: ~20 qubits



On-premise solution

## Atos QLM

- Advanced simulation
  - Noise modelling
  - Optimization
  - Quantum annealing
- Multi-tenancy
- Scalability: 40 qubits
- Optional GPU acceleration



Any  
quantum  
computing  
hardware

Connection to proprietary  
frameworks via Interop

Product trainings  
Atos Quantum Academy  
Atos CEPP

# What is Atos Quantum Learning Machine?

A complete programming environment and a quantum processor emulator

## Programming

### AQASM

Assembly language to build quantum circuits

### pyAQASM

Python extension to AQASM

### CIRC

Binary format of quantum circuits

### QLIB

AQASM & pyAQASM libraries

### CO problems class

Describe any Combinatorial Optimization problem

### INTEROP (open-source)

Connectors with other frameworks

ProjectQ



Qiskit

## Optimization

### PBO

Pattern based optimizer

### NNIZER

Topology constraint solver

### Circuit Optimizer

Generic circuit optimizer

## Simulation

### Simulators

Digital QC Simulators  
Quantum-Inspired  
Simulators

### Physics

Physical Noise models

# myQLM

## Included functionalities

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### Simulation

#### Noiseless

Open-source simulation engine, fully customizable

# myQLM Power Access

## Design principles

Simplify the connection between user and remote QPUs

Asynchronous job execution

Better integration with HPC resources with Advanced Edition

One platform for local and remote program runs



# myQLM Power Access

## User workflow

### Without myQLM Power Access

Write and test your code on a local machine

Open a network session with a remote QLM

Write the code adding advanced QLM features

Transfer the code sheet to the QLM

Run the code and download the output

### With myQLM Power Access

Write and test your code on a local machine

Add the required advanced features in the QLM

Run the code and get the output on the local machine

# myQLM Power Access

## System administrator workflow

### Without myQLM Power Access

Configure the system to be made available in the customer's network

Manually add users and SSH keys

Hardware usage and job reporting via external tools

### With myQLM Power Access

Configure the system to be made available in the customer's network

Add users manually or automatically via Django portal

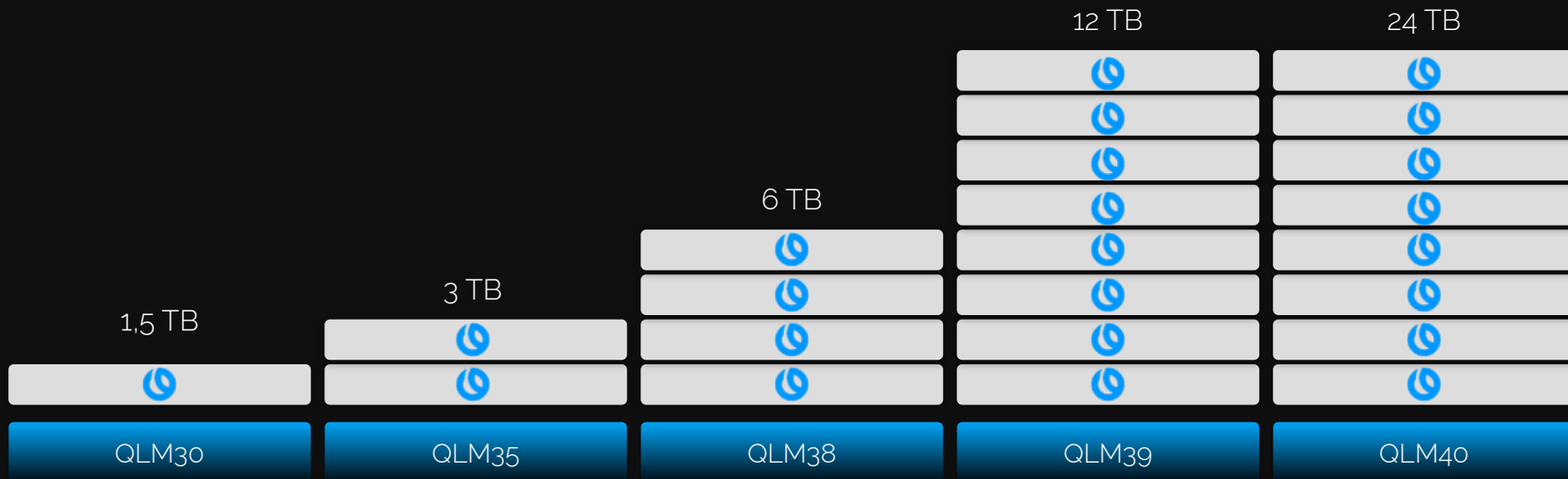
Monitor and manage the machine using the same tools as the rest of the datacenter

## 04. Atos Hardware



# Atos QLM

## Hardware range



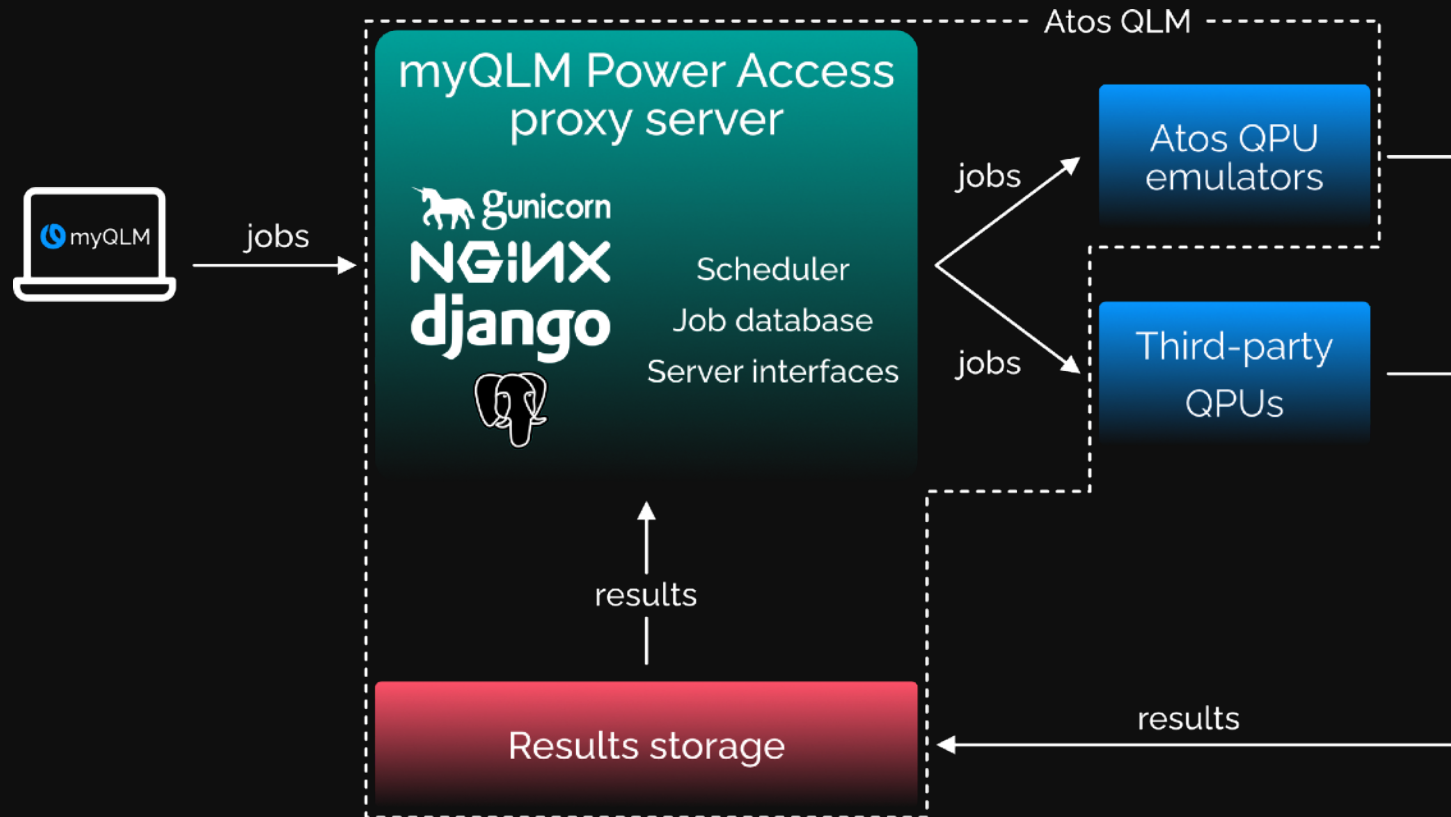
# Atos QLM hardware

## Configuration details

- 19" rackmount server - from 2 to 16 rack units
- Shared-memory machines based on custom NUMA switch implementation
- Intel Cascade Lake CPU - from 2 to 16
- DDR4 RAM - from 1.5 to 24 TB (from 64GB to 128GB DIMMs)
- 10Gb/s dual-port board SFP+
- 1 Gb/s dual-port board RJ45
- SSDs and HDDs for OS boot and data storage

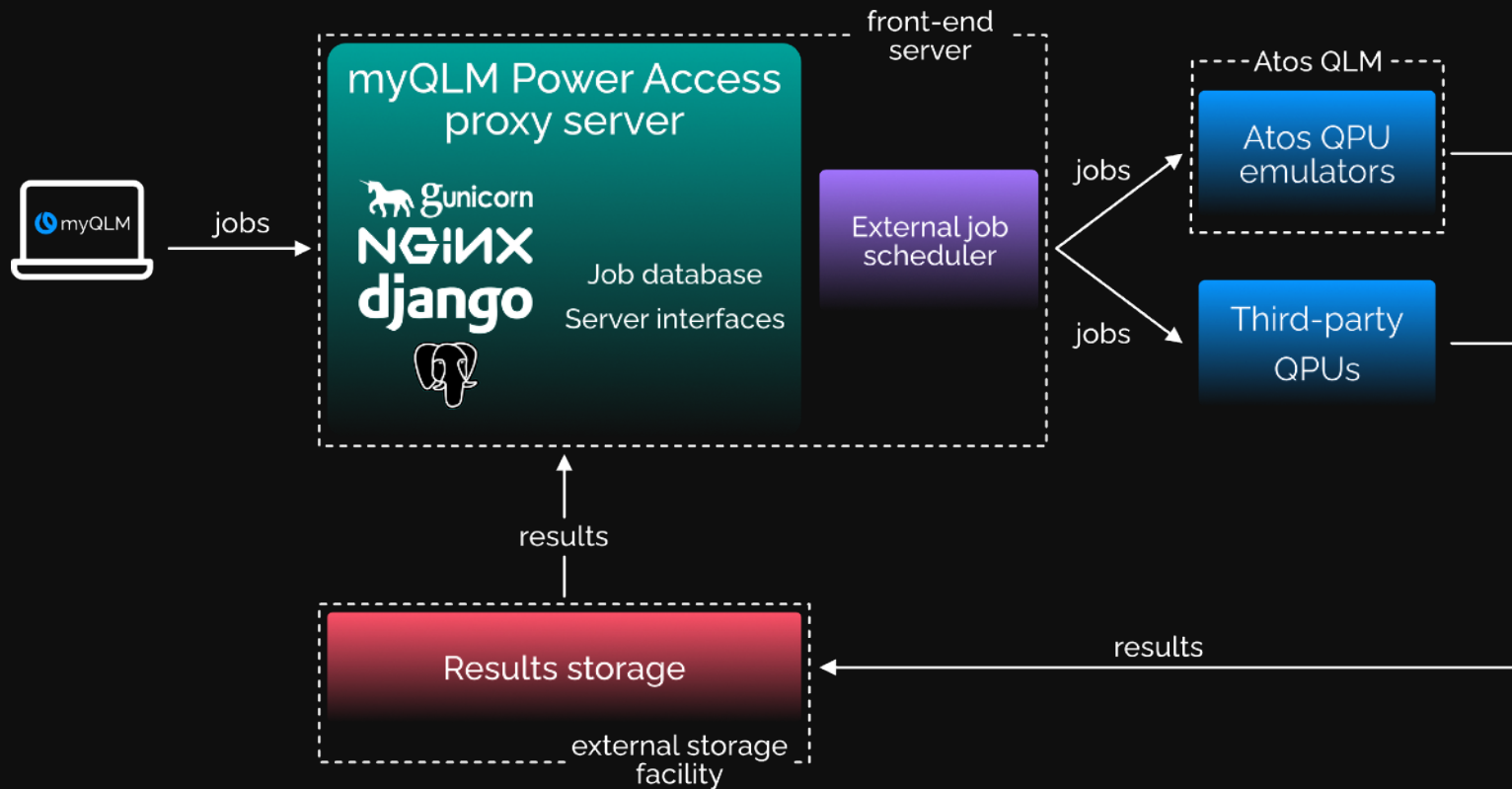
# myQLM Power Access

Free edition



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## Power edition



Questions?



# Thank you

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