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# General introduction to the Quantum Computing landscape

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6 novembre 2024

# *Ice breaker (Wooclap)*

# *Quantum hype*

# Buzz word or reality?

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## Quantum Computers Could Solve Countless Problems—And Create a Lot of New Ones

Feb. 2023



<https://time.com/6249784/quantum-computing-revolution>

**NEWS** IonQ's Most Powerful Quantum System, IonQ Forte, Now Available through the Amazon Braket Direct Program ▶

# The future is quantum.

Quantum computing has the potential to change the world, and IonQ is leading the way.

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## Better battery materials

With ~250 algorithmic qubits, [?](#) we could help extend the range and usefulness of electric vehicles.

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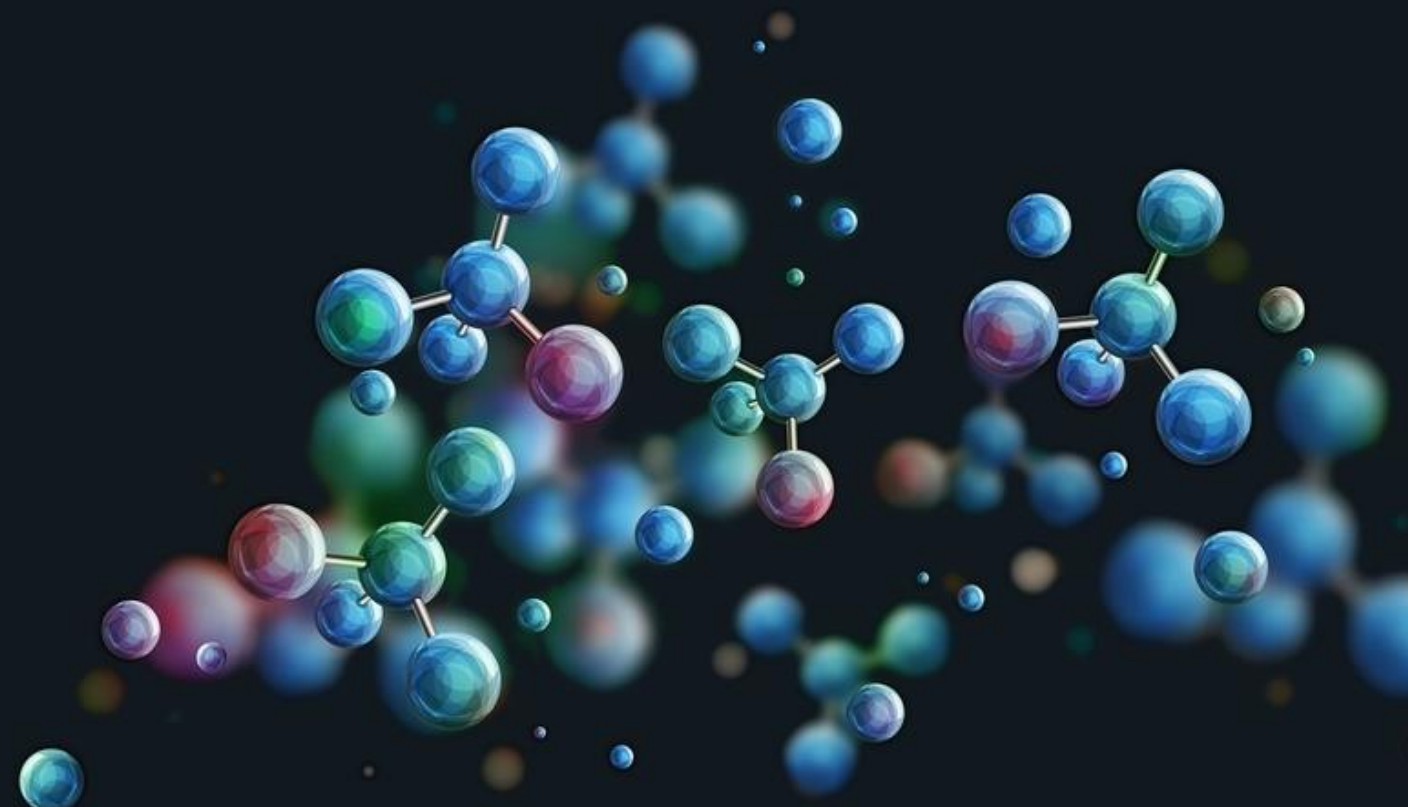
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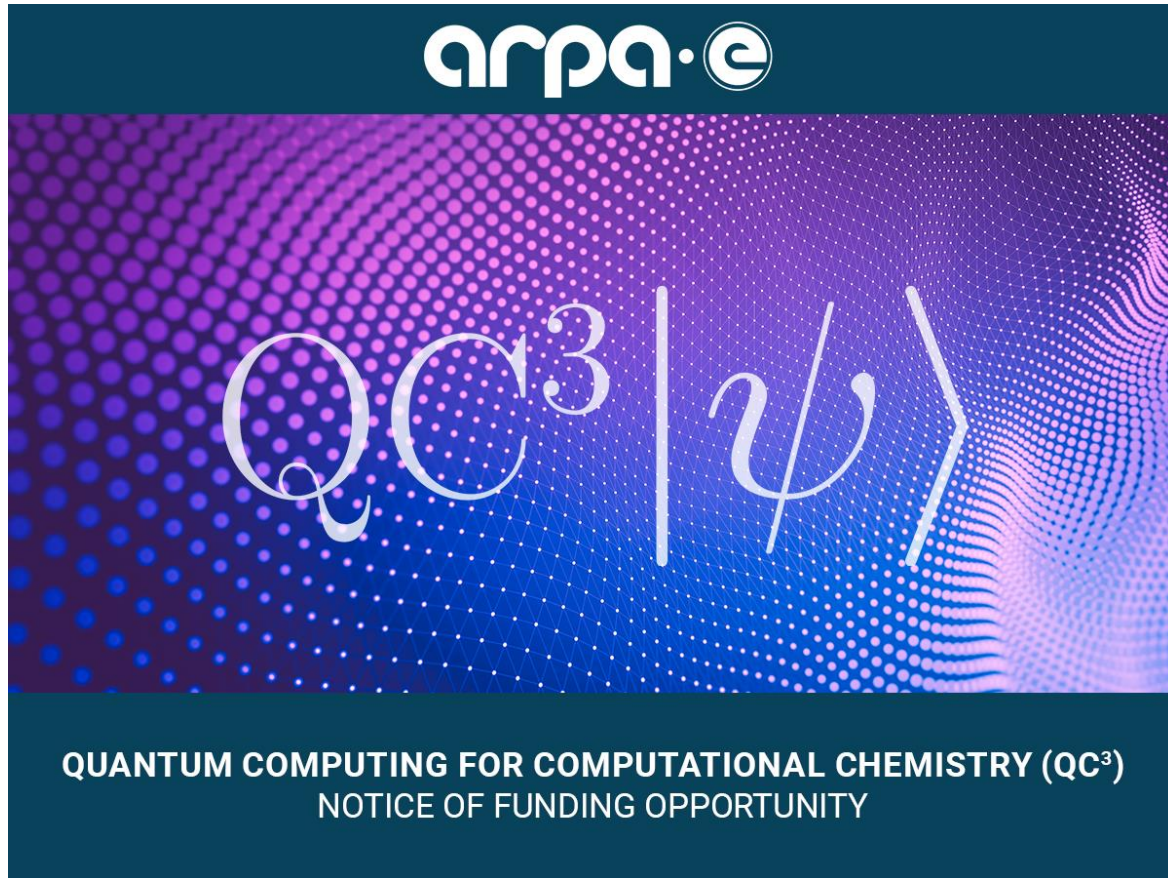
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# QC3 program

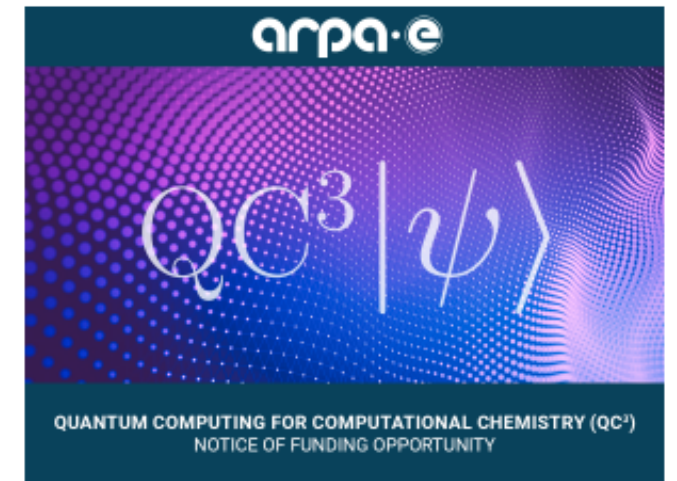


## DOE Announces \$30M to Use Quantum Computing for Chemistry and Materials Science Simulations

October 24, 2024

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24, 2024 — The U.S. Department of Energy Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) today announced funding to pioneer a new approach to studying chemistry and materials. The Quantum Computing for Computational Chemistry (QC<sup>3</sup>) program aims to develop quantum algorithms to advance diverse areas of energy research, such as designing new and sustainable industrial catalysts, discovering new superconductors for more efficient electricity transmission, and developing improved battery chemistries.

“Computer simulations of chemistry and materials drive energy R&D, but classical computing has limits on the complexity it can replicate,” said ARPA-E Director Evelyn N. Wang. “QC<sup>3</sup> projects will harness the power of quantum computing to exceed those limits and provide researchers with the tools to solve high-impact problems in energy.”



<https://www.hpcwire.com/off-the-wire/doe-announces-30m-to-use-quantum-computing-for-chemistry-and-materials-science-simulations/>



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# Buzz word or reality?

Here's how Taylor Swift may use cutting-edge quantum technology to plan her concerts.

## Taylor Swift Concert goes Quantum

Quantum computers aren't solely intended for tackling Nature's most intricate challenges.

When people hear the words "quantum computer" they imagine some sci-fi tech used by scientists to tackle Nature's most complex mysteries. While that's true, a quantum computer can also be used to solve real-world problems.

<https://medium.com/@gquinta/taylor-swift-concert-goes-quantum-43ec07438208>



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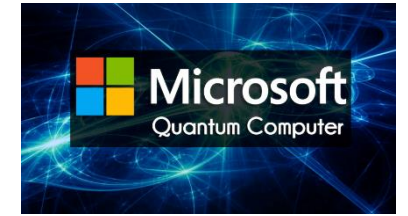
OPINION

## Quantum computing has a hype problem

Quantum computing startups are all the rage, but it's unclear if they'll be able to produce anything of use in the near future.

By Sankar Das Sarma

March 28, 2022



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La feuille de route d'Atos vers le calcul

quantique

# Science

NEWS | PHYSICS

## Ordinary computers can beat Google's quantum computer after all

Superfast algorithm put crimp in 2019 claim that Google's machine had achieved "quantum supremacy"

2 AUG 2022 • 5:05 PM • BY ADRIAN CHO



Georges-Olivier Reymond, PDG de Pasqal, start-up spécialisée dans l'informatique quantique.

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La feuille de rc

Lancé en 2016, le programme des futures. Le groupe préfère m... d'invest

What is the q  
should we be

By Frank Gardner  
BBC security correspondent  
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**Sécurité :** Les tentatives de l'IC communications résistant aux ont débuté en mars 2021. Les se période cruciale.  
<https://www.zdnet.fr/actualites/le-reseau-a-l-epreuve-des-quantas-338>

CHRONIQUE

# Ordinateur quantique, Godot de la Tech ?

Alors que le personnage de Samuel Beckett reste un héros fantomatique, le « quantum » commence à se matérialiser, souligne Sylvain Duranton.

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<https://www.lesechos.fr/idees-debats/editos-analyses/ordinateur-quantique-godot-de-la-tech-2101791>

Les Echos - Sylvain Duranton (directeur monde de BCG X) - Publié le 16 juin 2024

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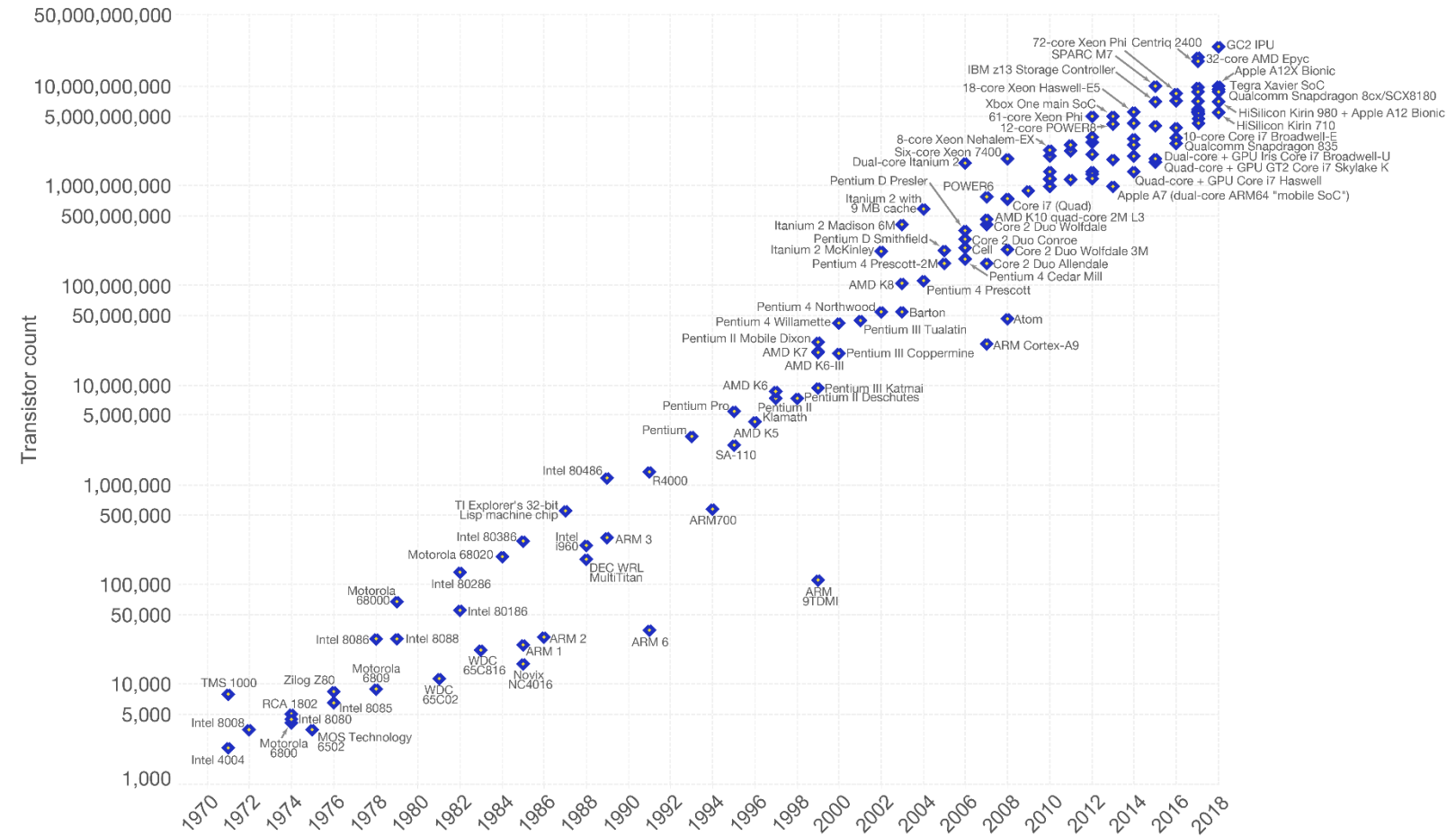


*Why such an interest?*

# End of Moore's law

## Moore's Law – The number of transistors on integrated circuit chips (1971-2018)

Moore's law describes the empirical regularity that the number of transistors on integrated circuits doubles approximately every two years. This advancement is important as other aspects of technological progress – such as processing speed or the price of electronic products – are linked to Moore's law.



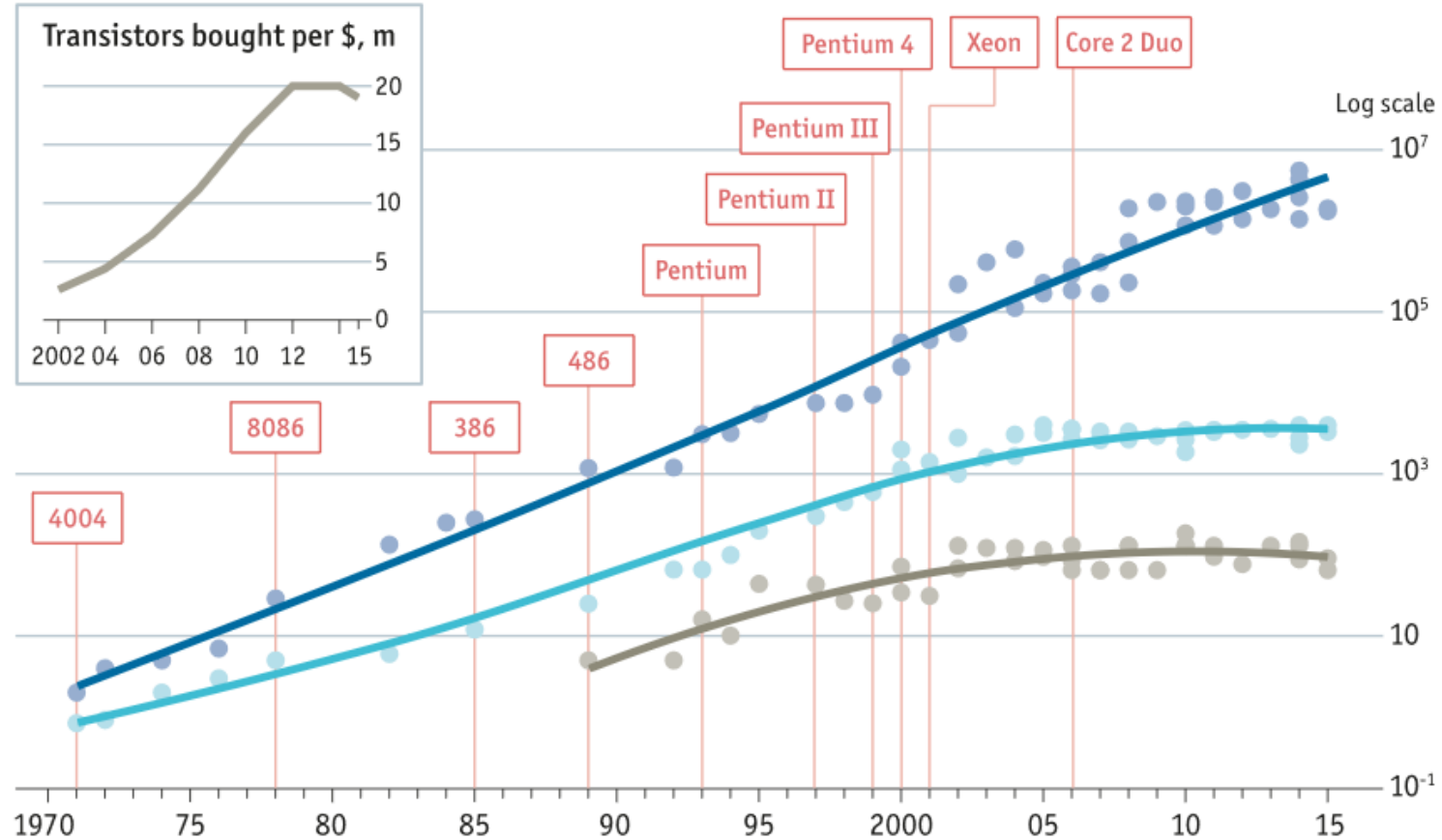
Data source: Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transistor\\_count](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transistor_count))  
 The data visualization is available at [OurWorldinData.org](https://ourworldindata.org). There you find more visualizations and research on this topic.

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# End of Moore's law

## Stuttering

● Transistors per chip, '000 ● Clock speed (max), MHz ● Thermal design power\*, w □ Chip introduction dates, selected



Sources: Intel; press reports; Bob Colwell; Linley Group; IB Consulting; *The Economist*

\*Maximum safe power consumption



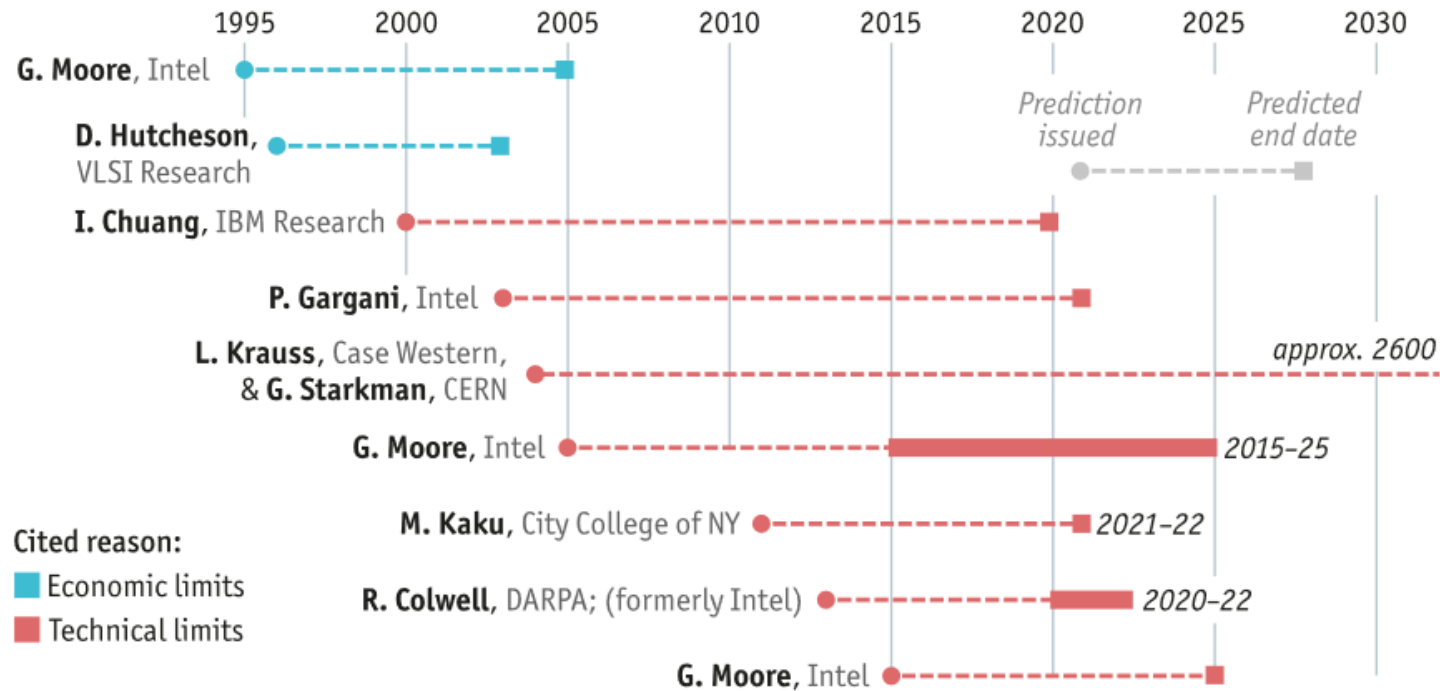
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# End of Moore's law

## Faith no Moore

Selected predictions for the end of Moore's law



Cited reason:

- Economic limits
- Technical limits

Sources: Intel; press reports; *The Economist*

## Post-silicon area ?

- neuromorphic;
- new materials (carbon based,...);
- biotech (data storage, computing);
- **quantum ????**

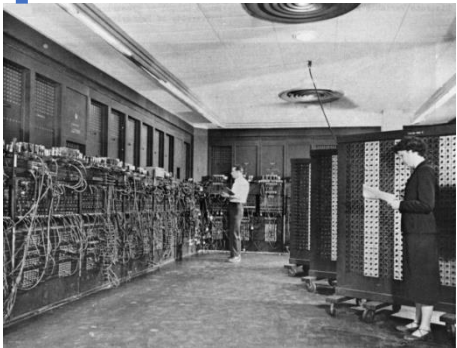
# *Toward a quantum market?*

# Knowing where we come from to know where we are going...



La Pascaline (1652)

1945



ENIAC  
(Electronic Numerical  
Integrator And Computer)  
Ballistic Research Laboratory



30 tons  
72m<sup>2</sup> ground surface  
140 kW  
\$500,000 (\$6,300,000 in today's dollars)

**5,000 cycles/s for operations  
on 10 digits numbers.**

**1 cycle:**

- **W register,**
- **R register,**
- **add/subtract numbers.**

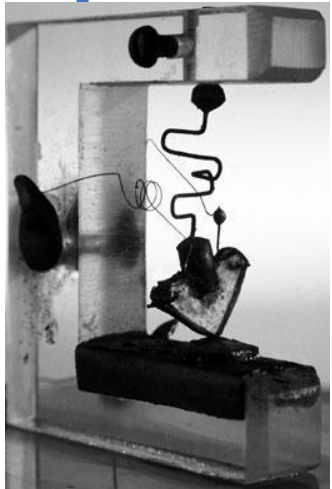


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First transistor !

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*"I think there is a world market  
for about five computers."*

Thomas J. Watson, IBM's president  
(early 1940s)

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2008/feb/21/computing.supercomputers>

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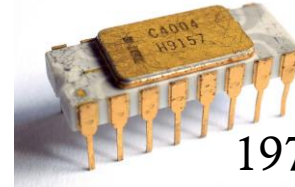
La Pascaline (1652)

1945 1947

1956

1966

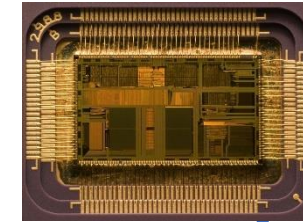
Intel 4004



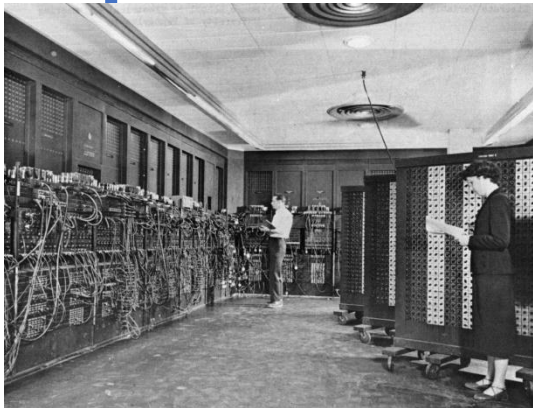
1971

1.2M-1.6M transistors (100 MHz)

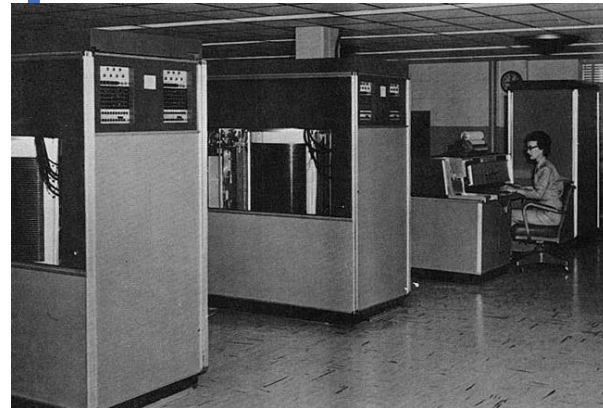
Intel i486



Qualcomm  
QSD8250  
1GHz  
2018

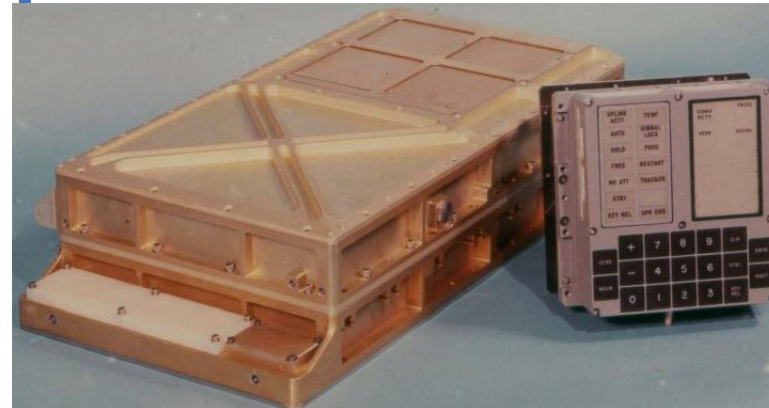


ENIAC



IBM 305 RAMAC

Magnetic memories



Apollo Guidance Computer and its DSKEY

Integrated circuits

1989



SCX8180

Transistors de 7nm

# 8,500,000,000

112m<sup>2</sup>



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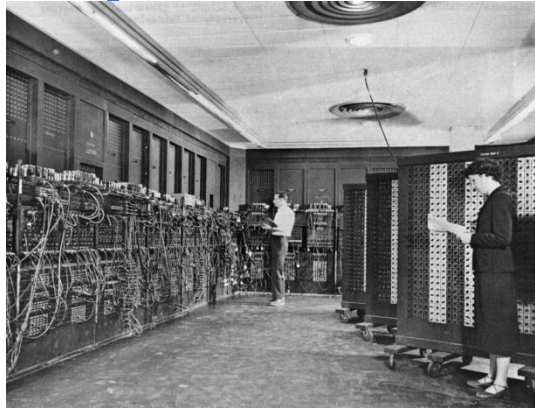


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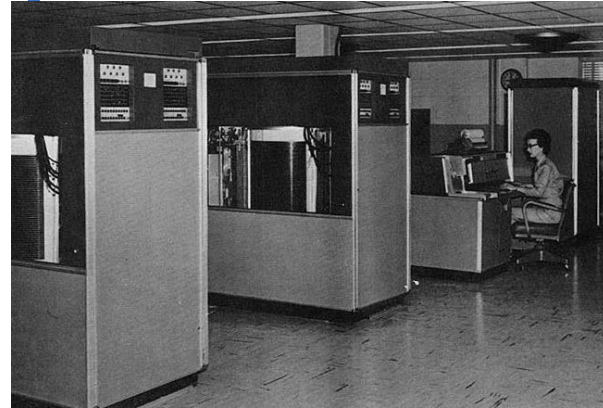
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**Transistor**

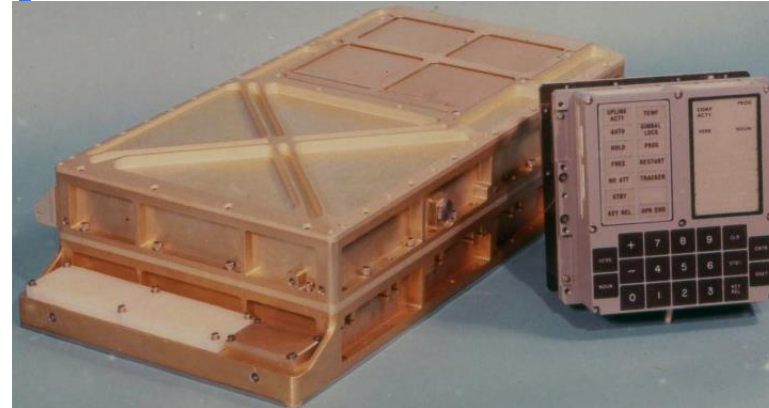
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IBM 305 RAMAC

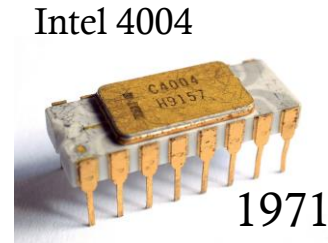
**Magnetic memories**

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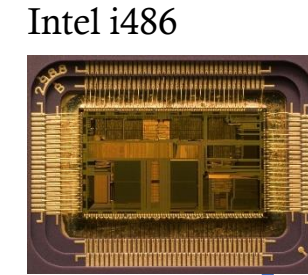
Apollo Guidance Computer and its DSKEY

**Integrated circuits**



Intel 4004

1971



Intel i486

1989



2018

**50 years**



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# Knowing where we come from to know where we are going...

**Classical computer**  
**48 years ago...**  
*(almost 50 years)*



Steve Wozniak's Apple I (1976).

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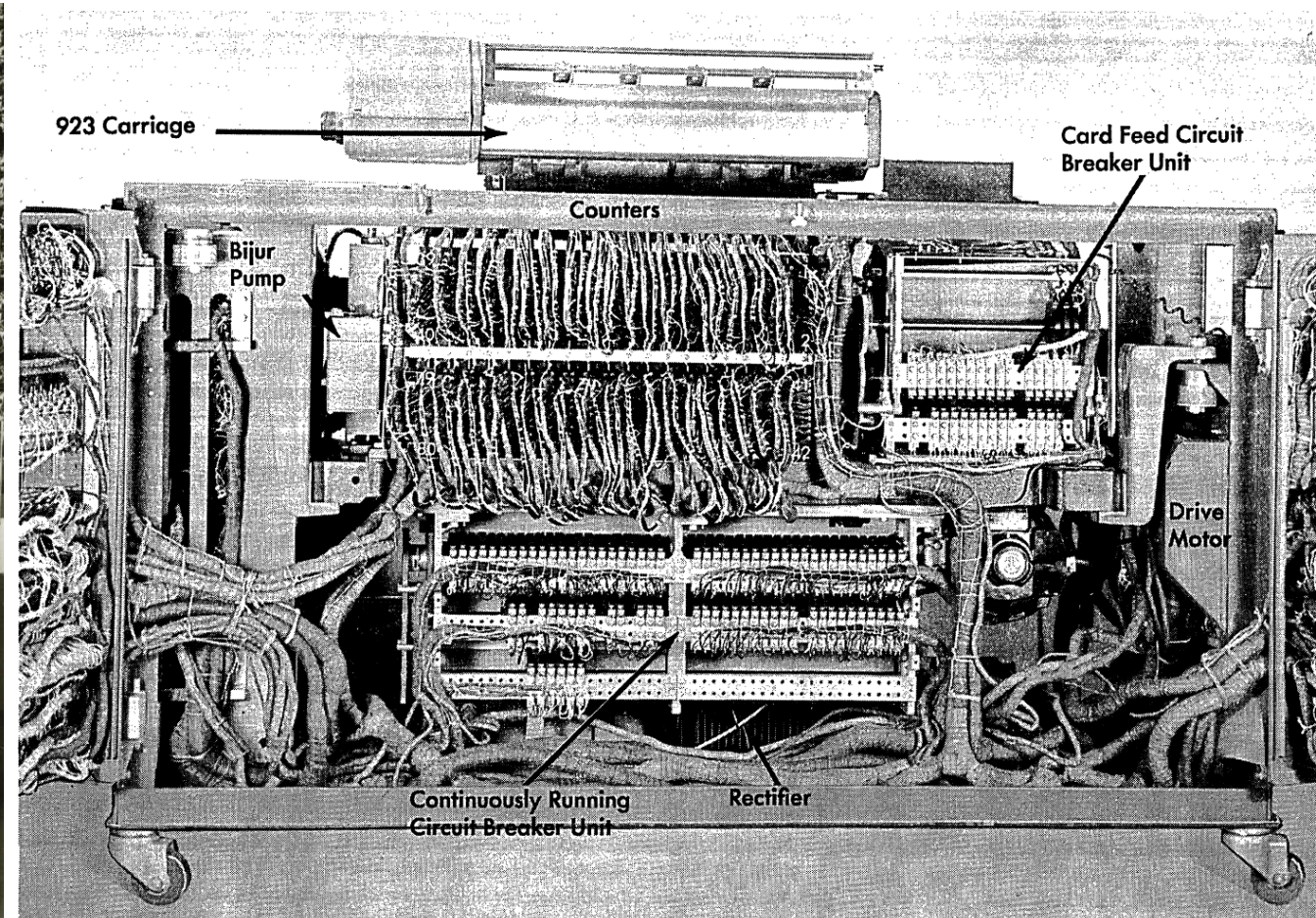
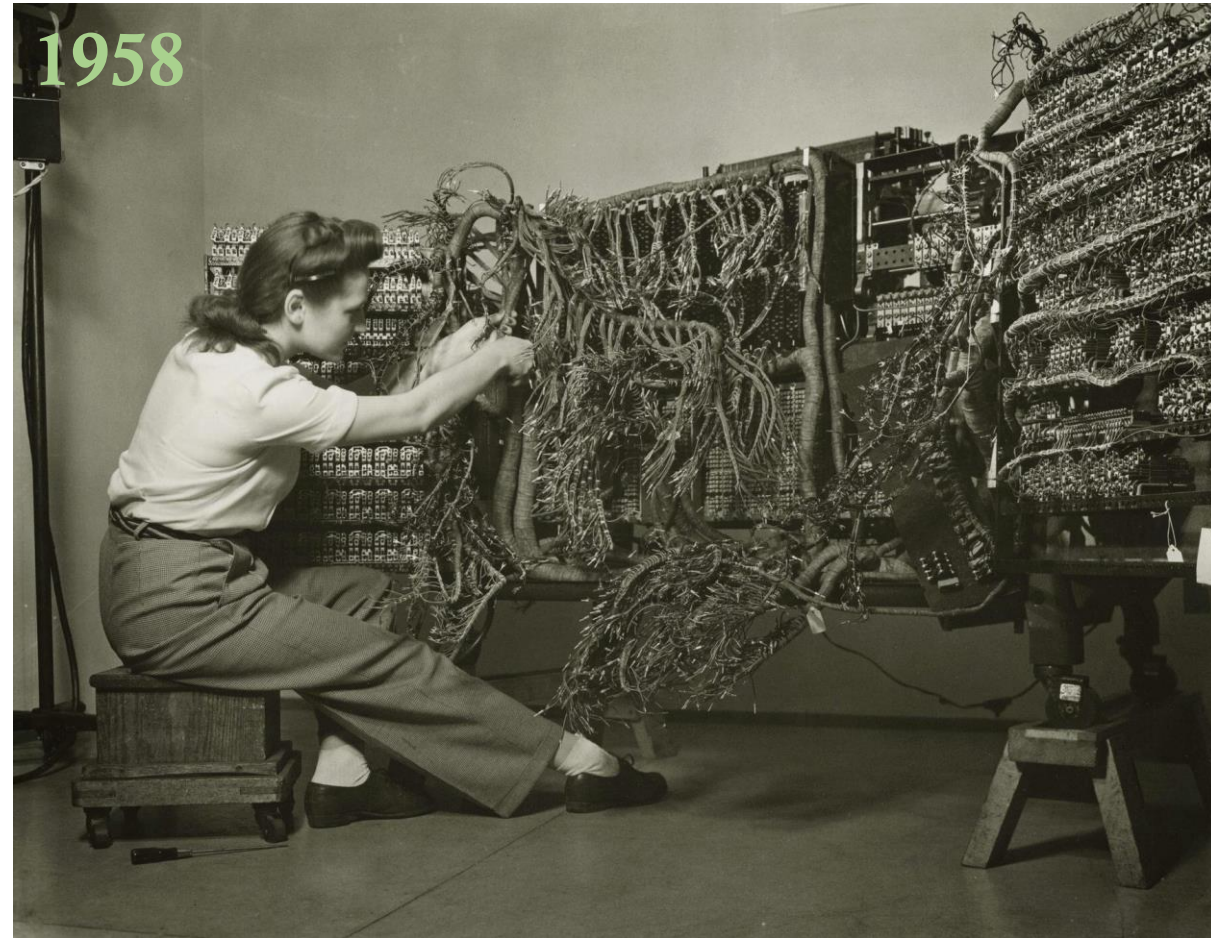


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1958



IBM 405



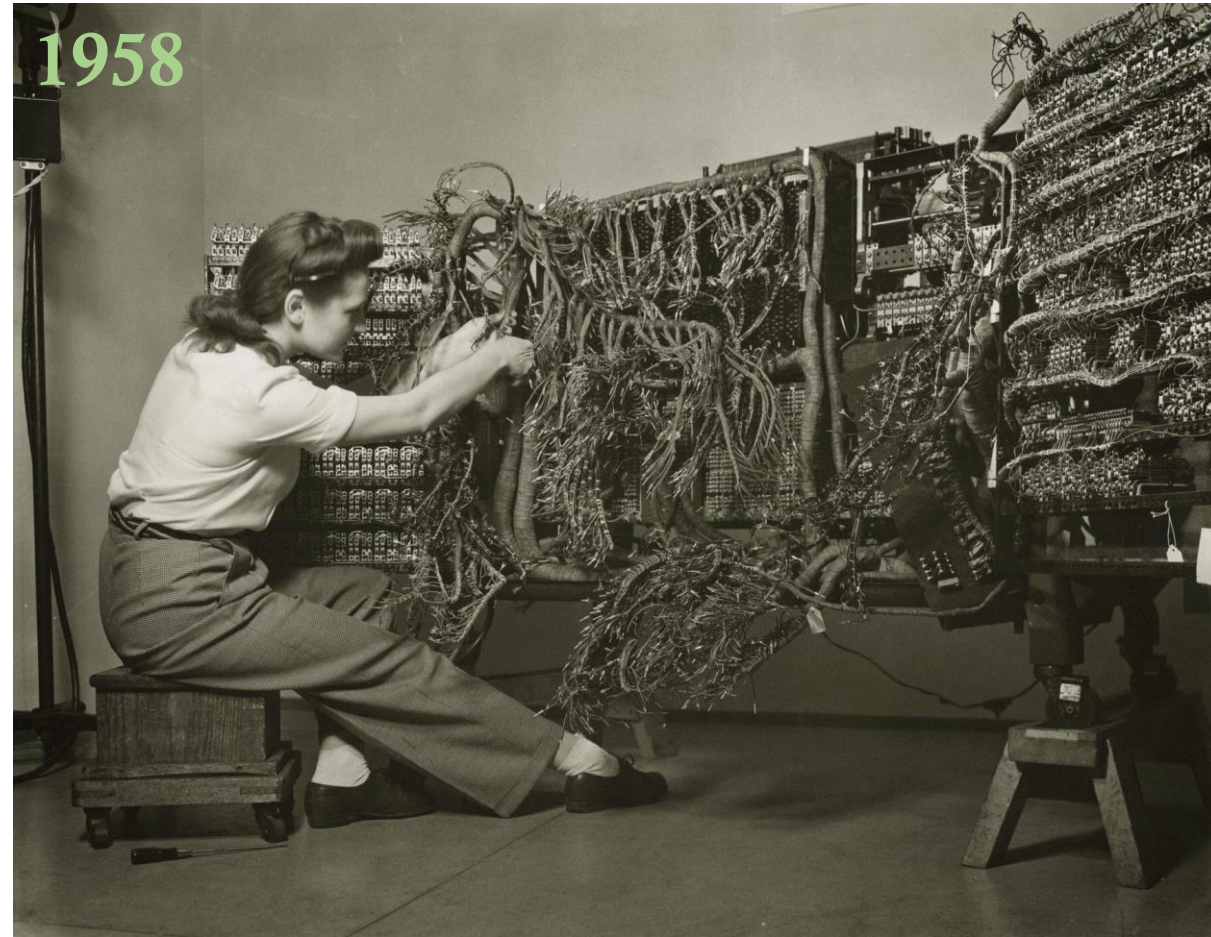
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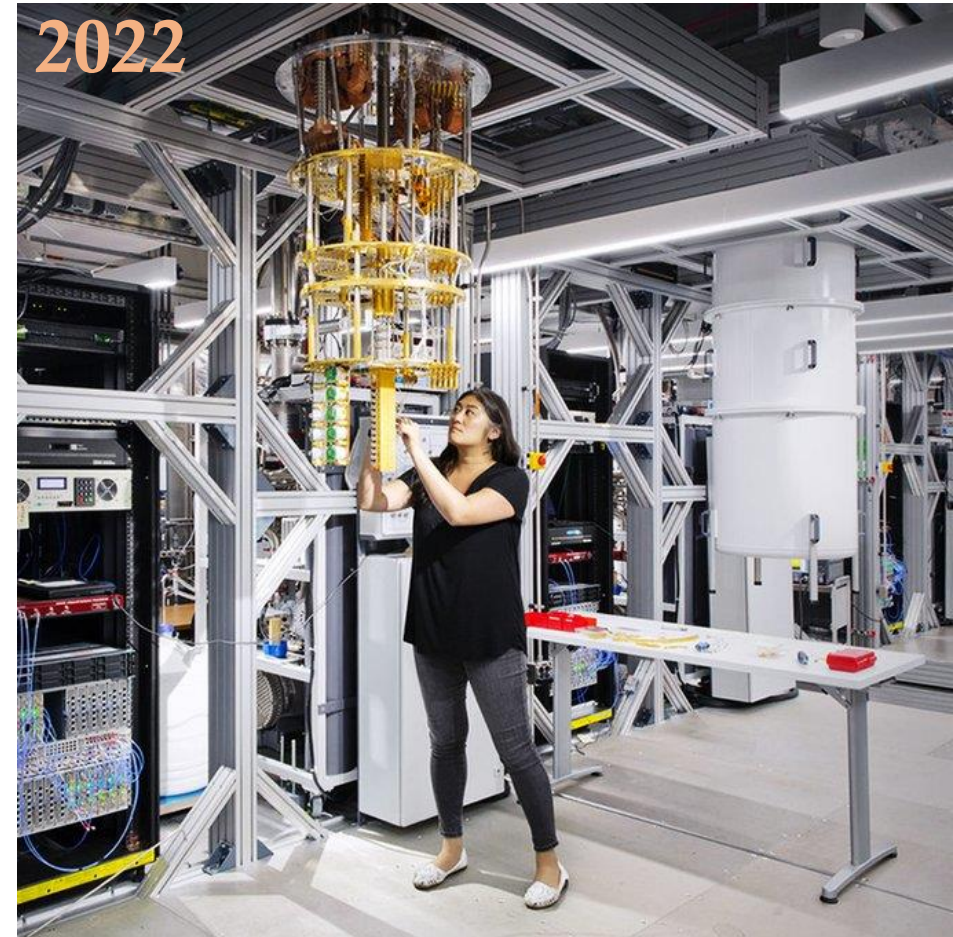
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IBM 405

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*Maika Takita, a Japanese IBMer and Research Staff Member based in Yorktown Heights, New York*

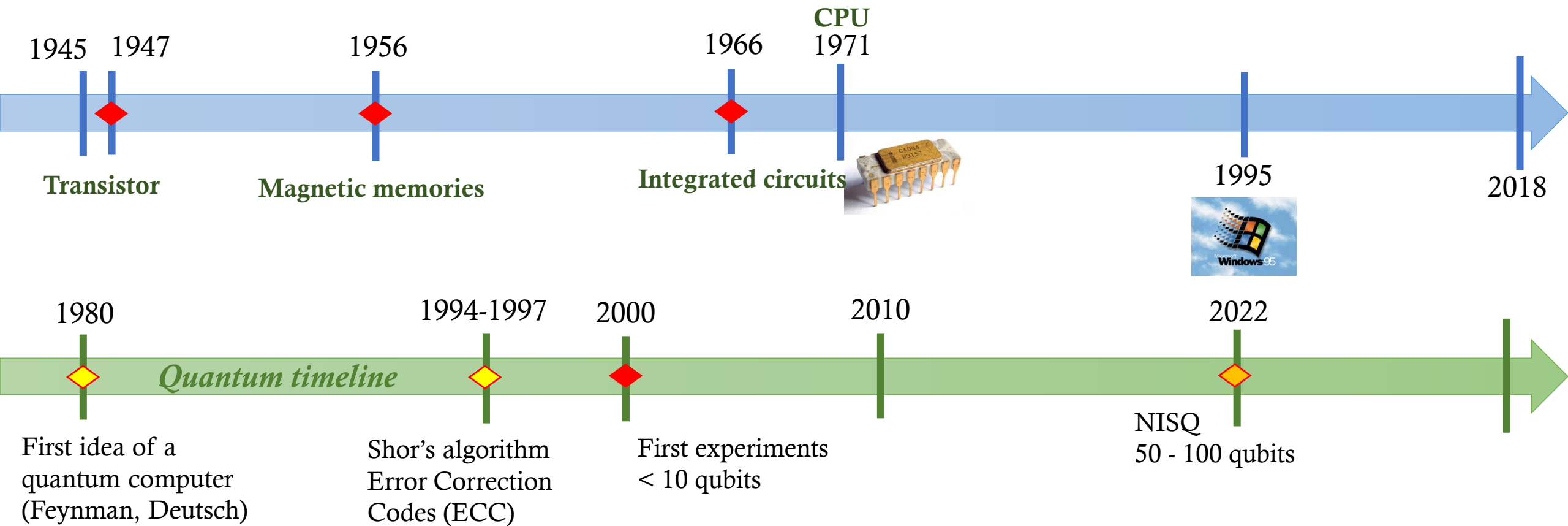
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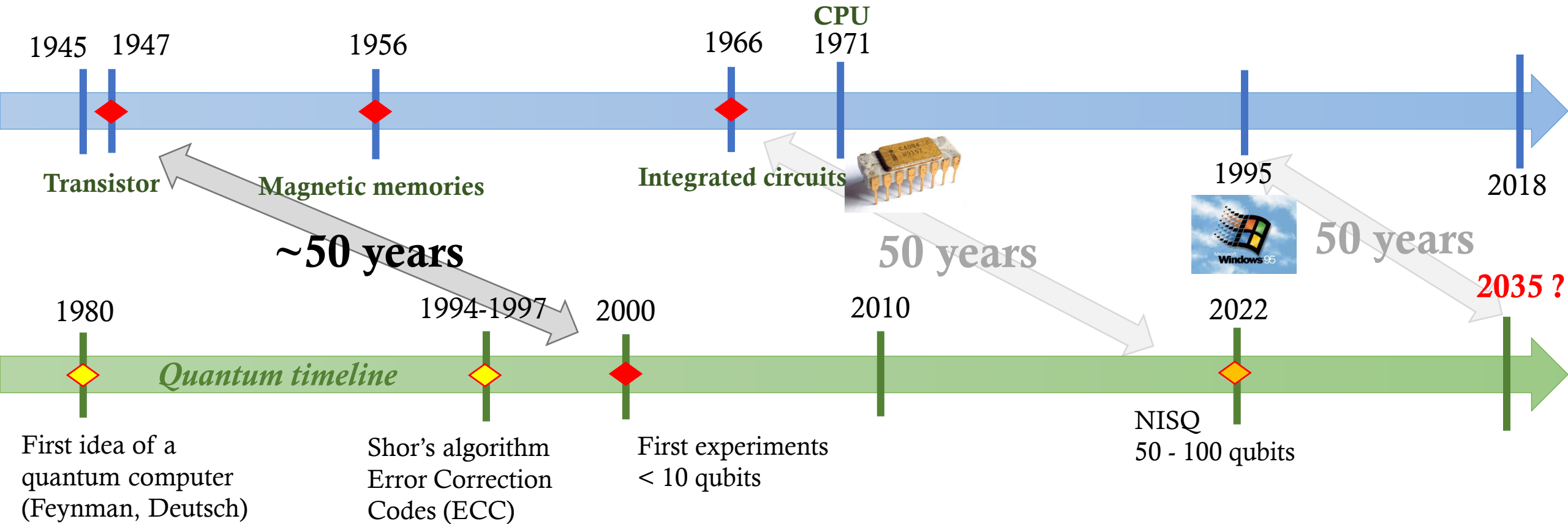


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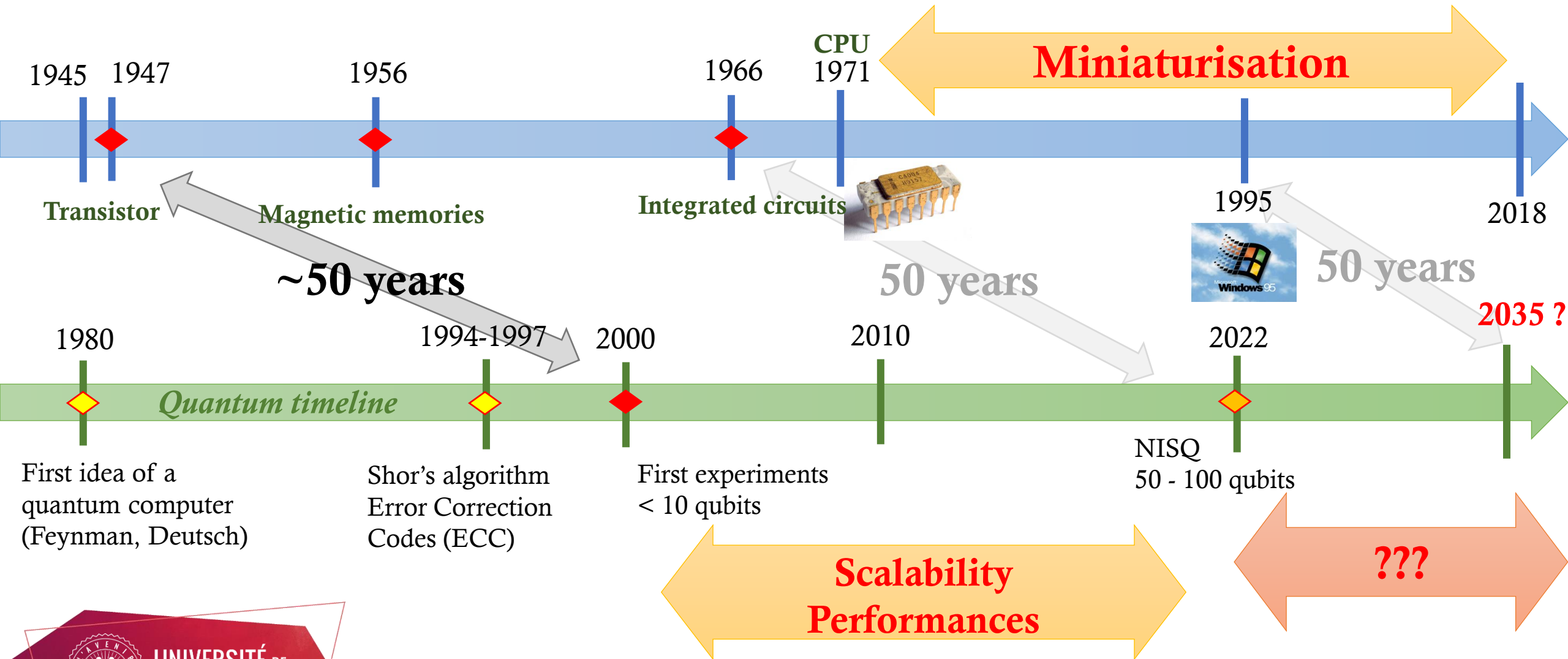




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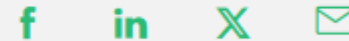
# Always Look on the Bright Side of Life



QUANTUM COMPUTING / ARTICLE

## The Long-Term Forecast for Quantum Computing Still Looks Bright

JULY 18, 2024



By Jean-François Bobier, Matt Langione, Cassia Naudet-Baulieu, Zheng Cui, and Eitoku Watanabe

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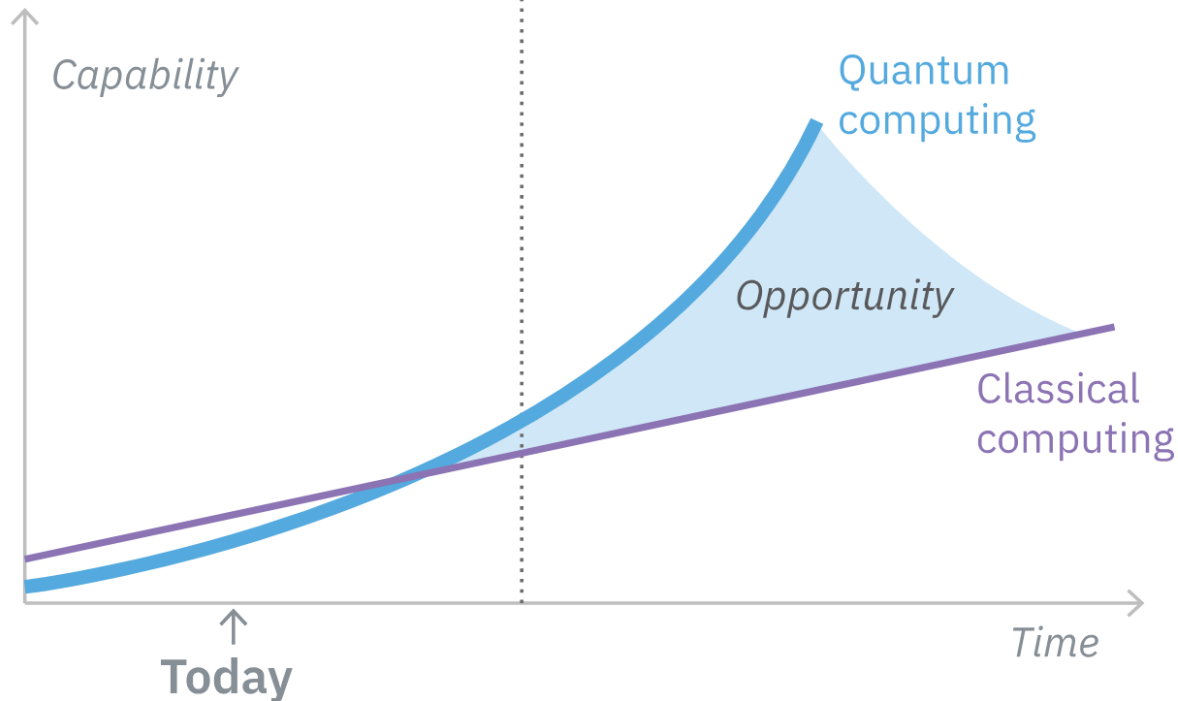
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**Quantum ready**  
Use case development

**Quantum advantage**  
Use case commercialization



<https://www.ibm.com/thought-leadership/institute-business-value/public/static/images/Quantum-Report/Figure3.svg>

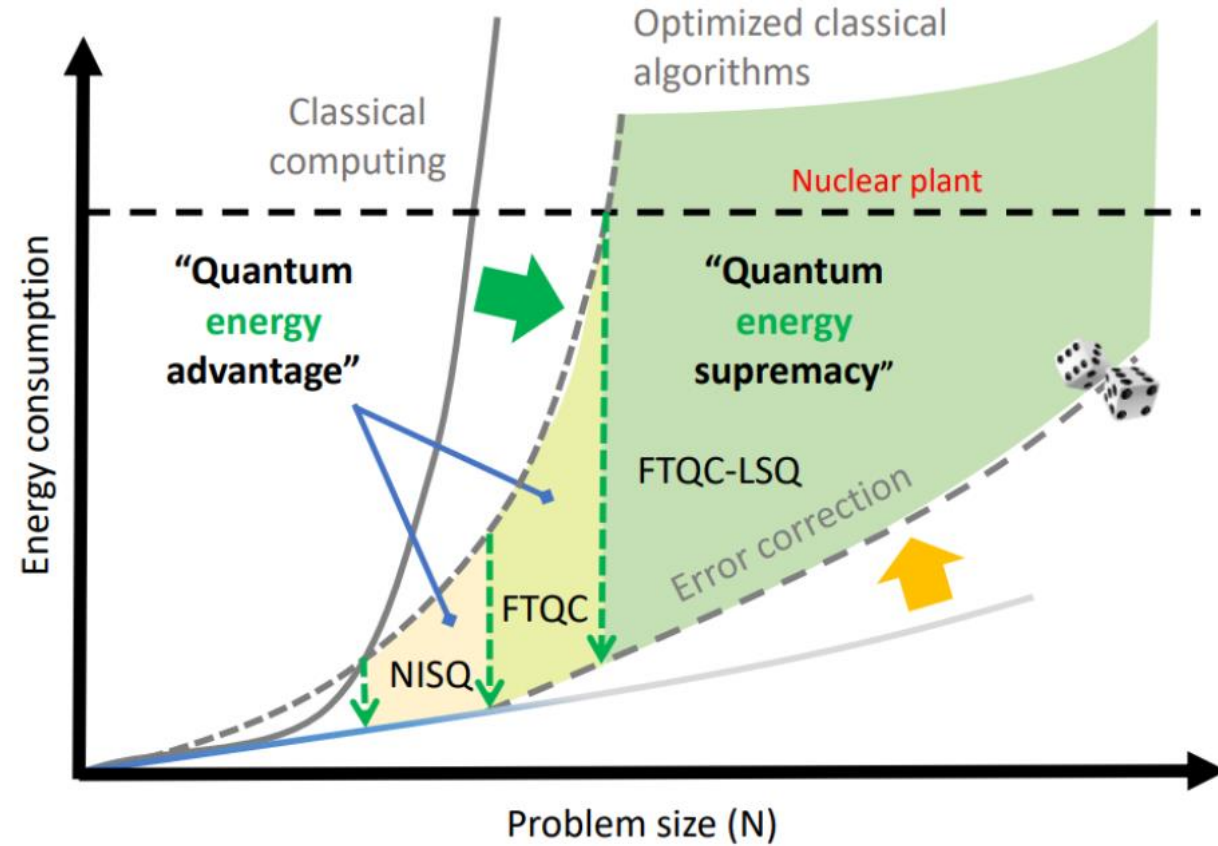
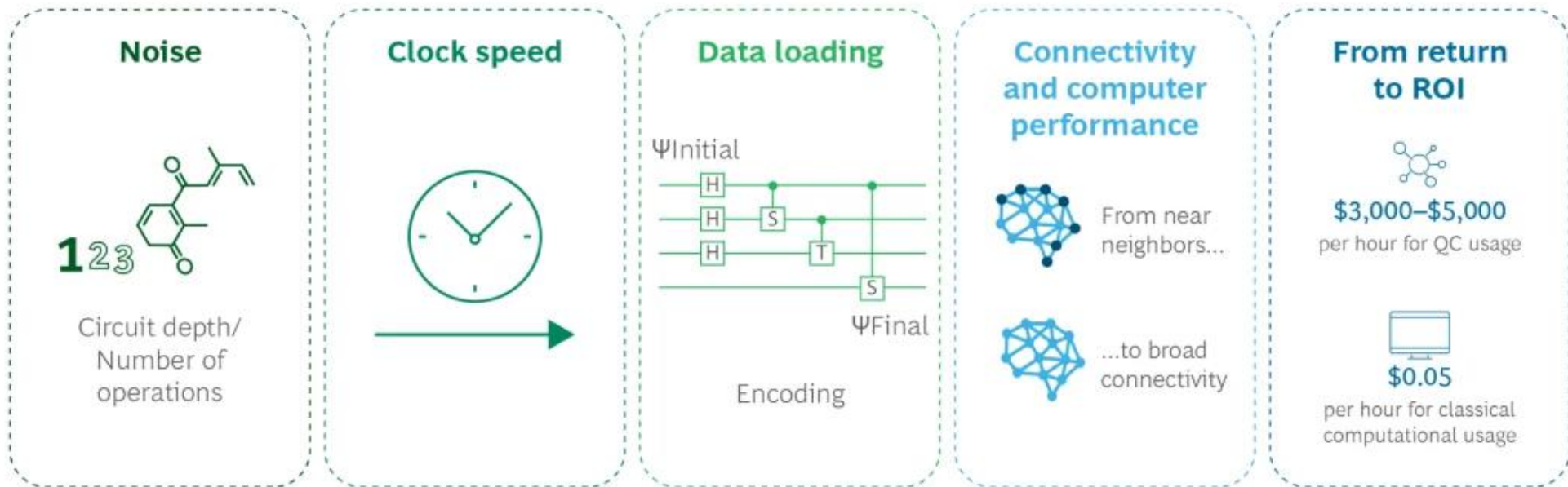


Image by Alexia Auffèves and Olivier Ezratty, CC 2022.

<https://www.pasqal.com/news/quantum-computing-rethinking-energy-consumption/>

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## Exhibit 5 - Developers' Focus Will Broaden to Include Factors in Addition to Qubit Count

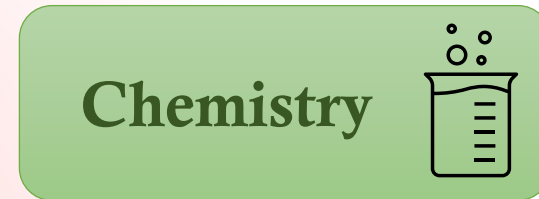


Source: BCG analysis.

Note: QC = qubit count.

# *What promises? Which end-users?*

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*Quantum  
computing*



# Los Alamos National Laboratory

## Potential Applications of Quantum Computing at Los Alamos National Laboratory

v0.1.0

Andreas Bärtzchi, Francesco Caravelli, Carleton Coffrin<sup>1</sup>, Jonhas Colina, Stephan Eidenbenz, Abhijith Jayakumar, Scott Lawrence, Minseong Lee, Andrey Y. Lokhov, Avanish Mishra, Sidhant Misra, Zachary Morrell, Zain Mughal, Duff Neill, Andrei Piryatinski, Allen Scheie, Marc Vuffray, Yu Zhang

LA-UR-24-24966  
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ArXiv:2406.06625



### E.g.: Computational catalysis for artificial photosynthesis

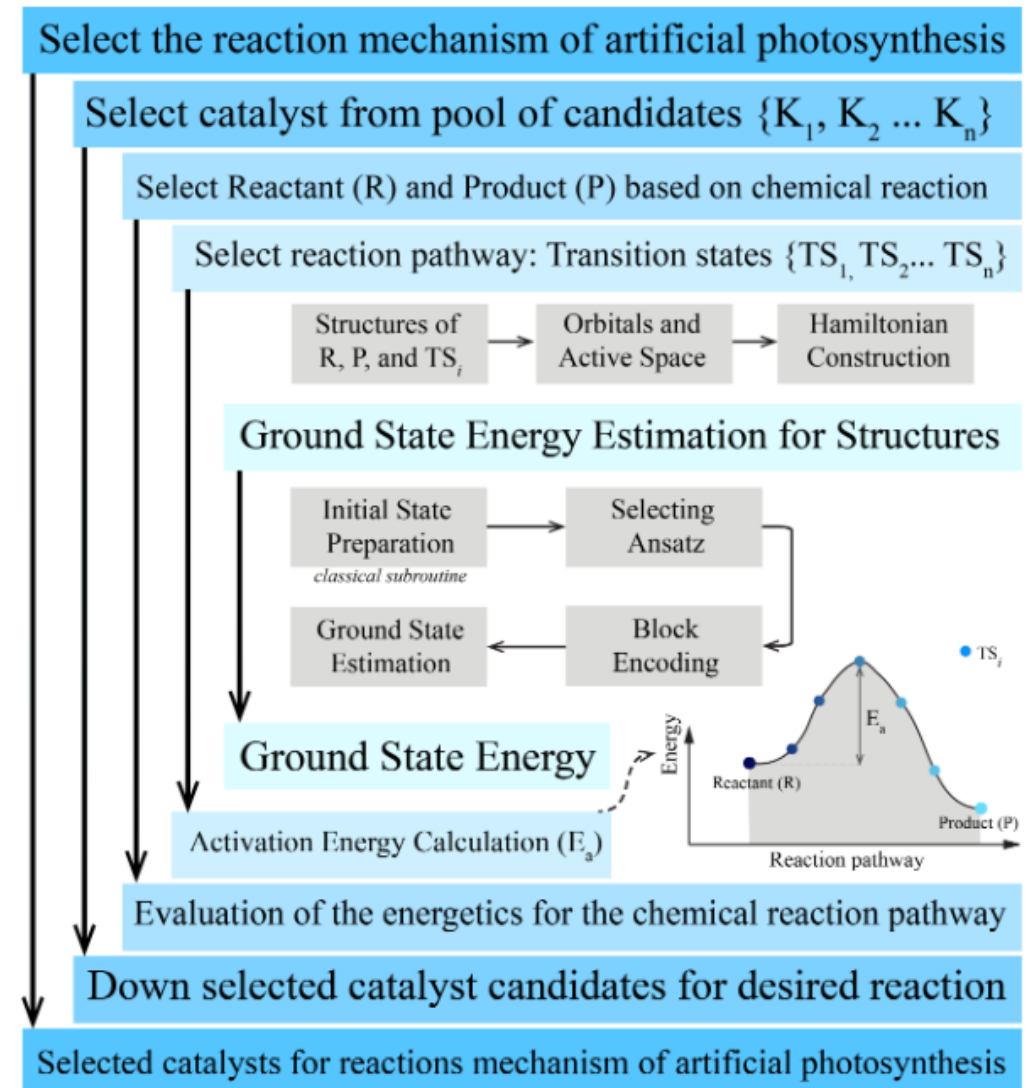
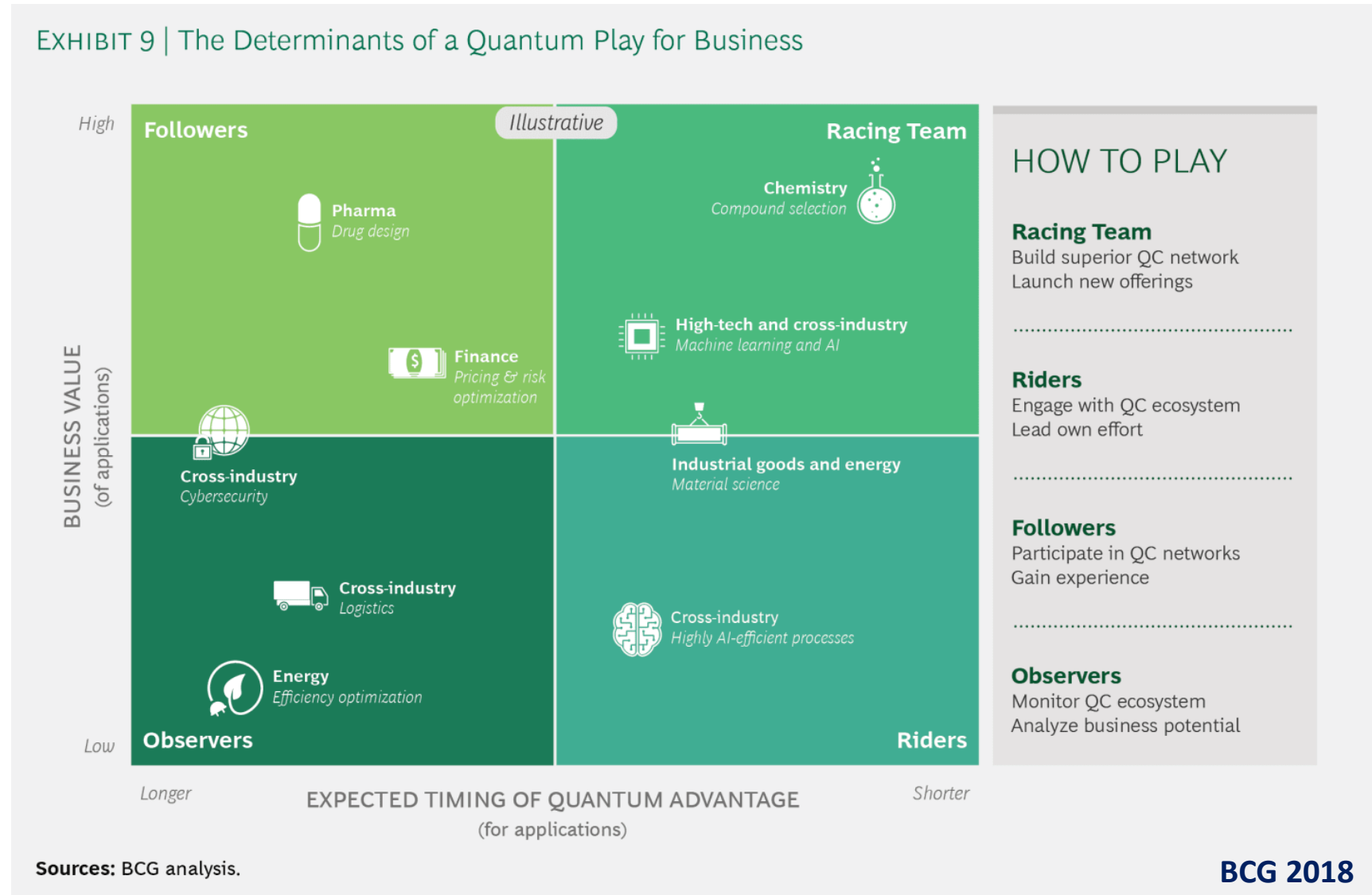


Figure 6-1: Flowchart of selecting catalysts for different reaction mechanisms of artificial photosynthesis using computational modeling.

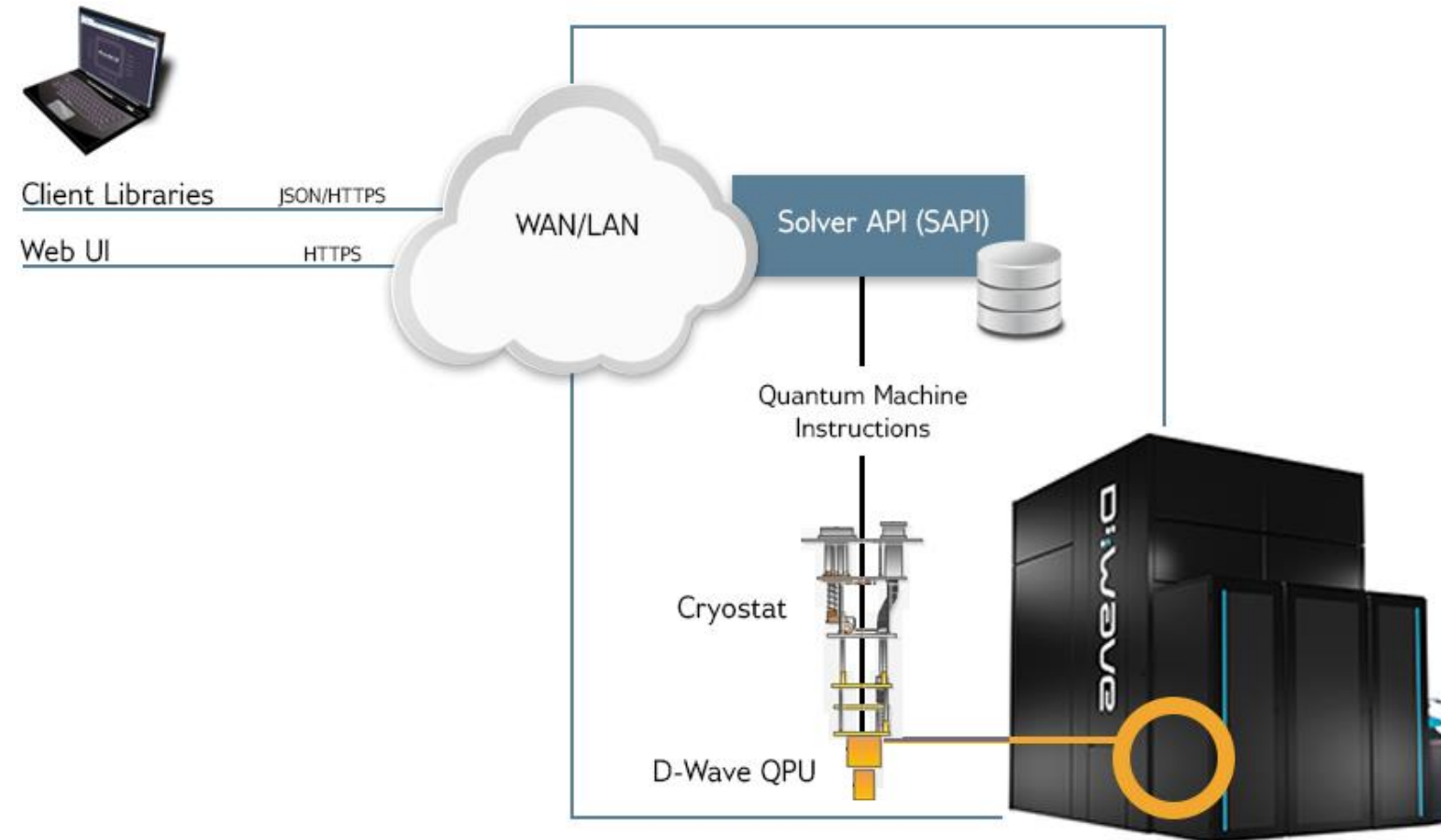


# What promises? Which end-users?

EXHIBIT 9 | The Determinants of a Quantum Play for Business



# Quantum computing **is not** a quantum version of a computer



- Hybrid approach CPU/QPU
- SaaS economic model
- No quantum OS
- Algorithms: **everything has to be constructed (by « quantum thinking »)**

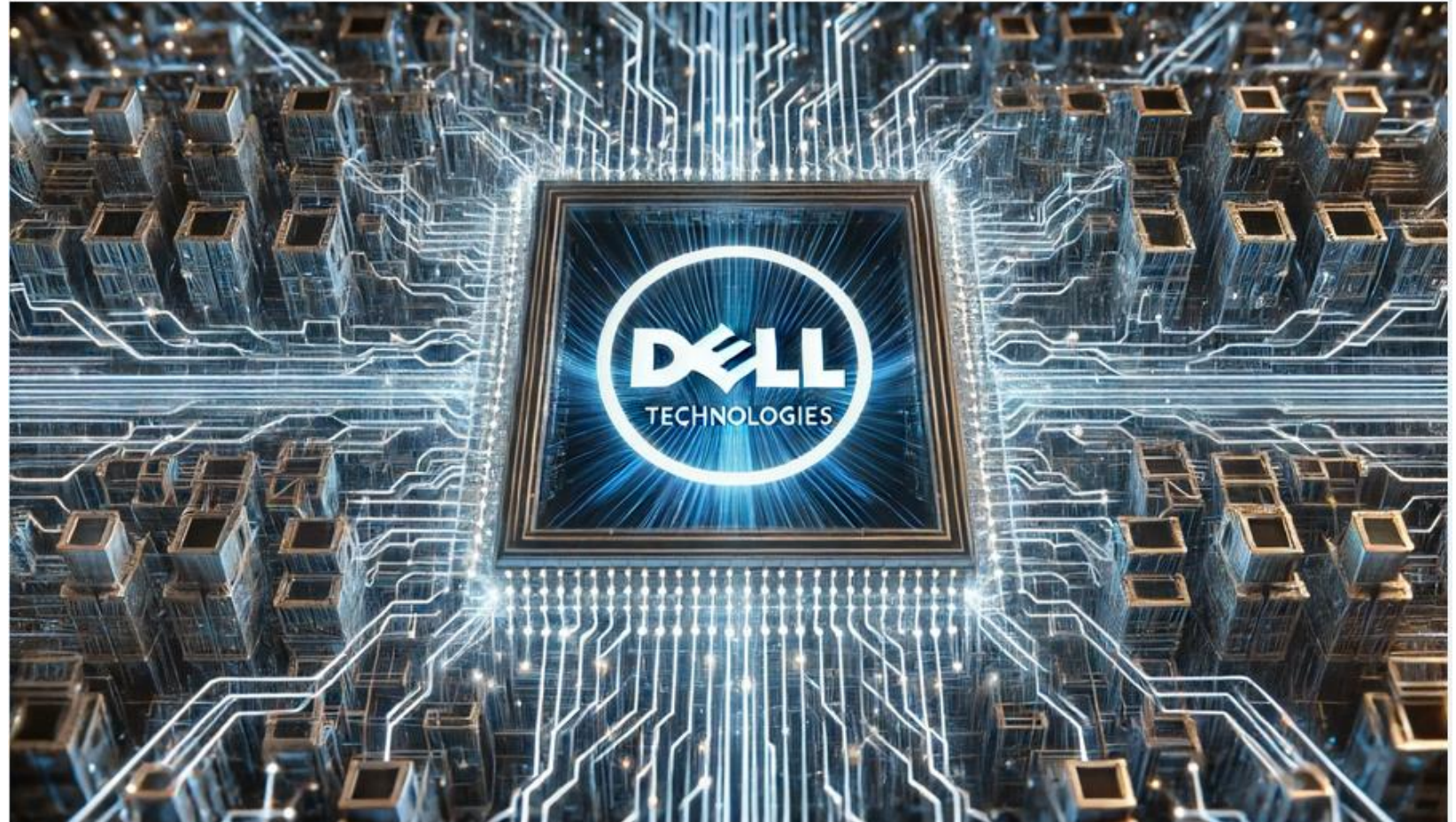
<https://www.dwavesys.com/>

# Hybrid computing

- Dell Technologies has recently announced initiatives that involved quantum computing.
- The company has developed a **strategic collaboration with Aramco** to explore the use of advanced computing in the energy sector.
- Dell also released information about its hybrid classical/quantum platform with IonQ.

## Dell Technologies Continues To Make Progress With Quantum Computing Initiatives

Quantum Computing Business • Matt Swayne • June 17, 2024



<https://thequantuminsider.com/2024/06/17/dell-technologies-continues-to-make-progress-with-quantum-computing-initiatives/>

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# Hybrid computing

- A 20-qubit quantum computer has been integrated into a supercomputer, SuperMUC-NG in Germany.
- The installation was part of a collaboration with the Leibniz Supercomputing Centre (LRZ) of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Q-Exa consortium, led by IQM Quantum Computers (IQM).
- The IQM quantum processor unit, based on superconducting circuits, has been combined with conventional computer technology to create the new system.

## Germany Launches First Hybrid Quantum Computer At Leibniz Supercomputing Centre

Quantum Computing Business

Matt Swayne • June 19, 2024



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<https://thequantuminsider.com/2024/06/19/germany-launches-first-hybrid-quantum-computer-at-leibniz-supercomputing-centre/>

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*How many qubits?*

# Qubit(s)

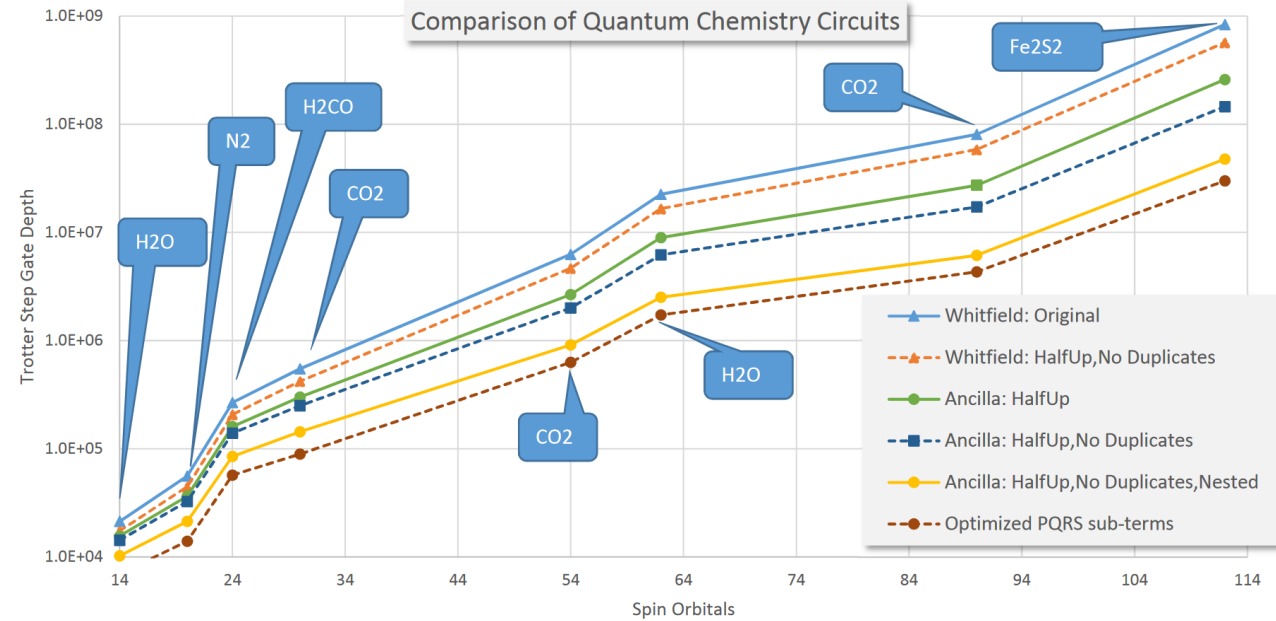
Is a single qubit useful?

How many qubits are required?

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Is a single qubit useful?

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ArXiv:1403.1539

Molecule	Formula	Bits needed	Qubits needed
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	10 <sup>4</sup>	14
Ethanol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	10 <sup>12</sup>	42
Caffeine	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>48</sup>	160
Sucrose	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	10 <sup>82</sup>	274
Penicillin	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NaO <sub>4</sub> S	10 <sup>86</sup>	286

*Typ. few hundreds of qubits*

→ *Number of qubits*

→ « *Depth* » of quantum circuit

Number of classical bits and qubits in order to represent energy states of molecules.

# Qubit(s)

Is a single qubit useful?

How many qubits are required?

RSA encryption algorithm – 2048 bits key.

- Better known algorithm: 1 billions of years.
- Shor's algorithm (**4096 perfect qubits**) :
  - <1 second (QC @ 1 GHz)
  - 120 seconds (QC @ 1 MHz)
  - 15 days (QC @ 1 kHz)
  - 10 years (QC @1 Hz)



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Commercial National Security Algorithm Suite  
and Quantum Computing FAQ

NSA (2016)

A compare between Shor's quantum factoring algorithm and general Number Field Sieve, Hamdi *et al.* (2014)



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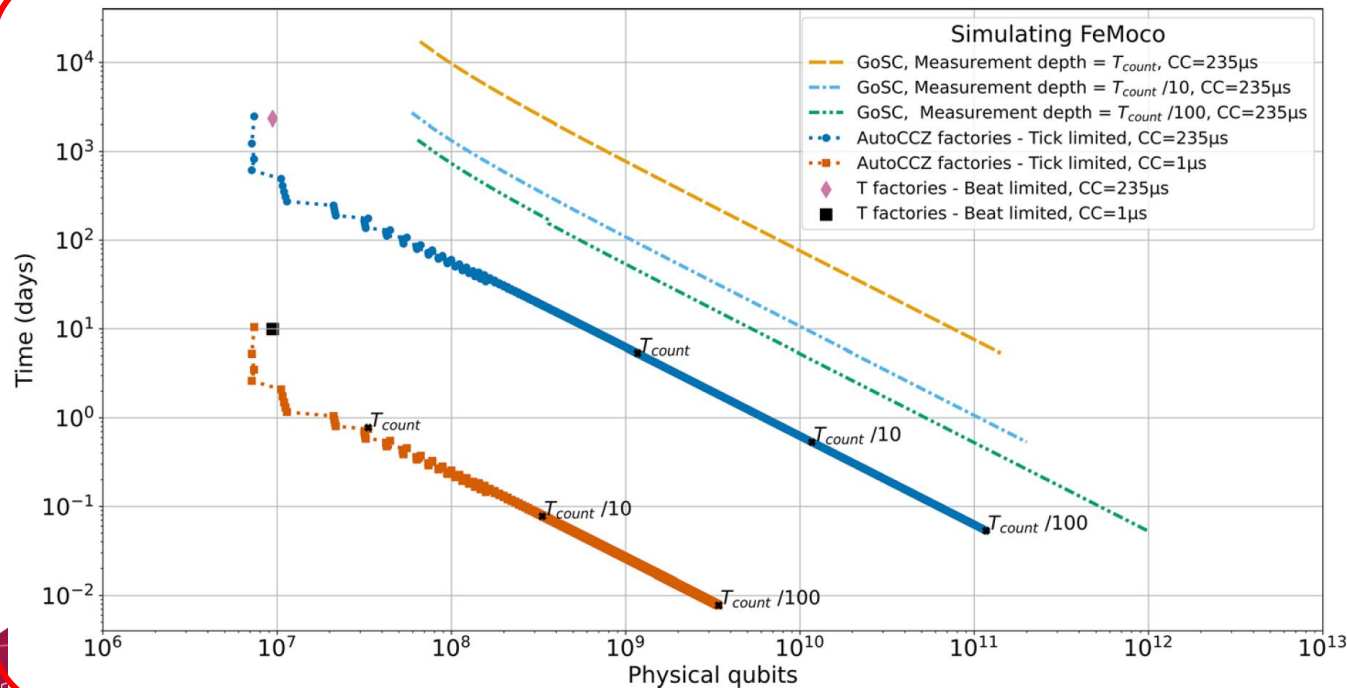
How to factor 2048 bit RSA integers in 8 hours using 20 million noisy qubits

Craig Gidney<sup>1</sup> and Martin Ekerå<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Google Inc., Santa Barbara, California 93117, USA

<sup>2</sup>KTH Royal Institute of Technology, SE-100 44 Stockholm, Sweden  
Swedish NCSA, Swedish Armed Forces, SE-107 85 Stockholm, Sweden

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.09749>



## B. Breaking Bitcoin's EC encryption

Breaking encryption has received a lot of attention in the quantum computing community since Shor's breakthrough algorithm,<sup>74</sup> which provides a near exponential speedup for prime factoring that has direct implications for breaking RSA encryption. Gidney and Ekerå provide algorithmic improvements in addition to the surface code strategies for breaking RSA encryption, and they estimate that  $20 \times 10^6$  qubits running for 8 h could break it with a code cycle time of 1  $\mu$ s.<sup>31</sup> In a blueprint for a shuttling-based trapped ion device, which

The impact of hardware specifications on reaching quantum advantage in the fault tolerant regime

Cite as: AVS Quantum Sci. 4, 013801 (2022); doi: 10.1116/5.0073075  
Submitted: 27 September 2021 · Accepted: 7 December 2021 ·  
Published Online: 25 January 2022



Mark Webber,<sup>1,2,a)</sup> Vincent Elfving,<sup>3</sup> Sebastian Weidt,<sup>1,2</sup> and Winfried K. Hensinger<sup>1,2</sup>

# What is a « good » qubit?

Quantum state preservation (coherence)

→ *weak coupling with environment, cryogenic temperatures*

Individual qubit manipulation

Individual qubit detection

Quantum gates

→ *coupling strength controllable with other qubits*

Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum - NISQ (John Preskill)

→ physical qubit / logical qubit

*characterized by  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_2^*$ , C-not error rate, single gate error rate, ...*

*The number of qubits is not, intrinsically, a relevant metric !*

$T_1, T_2$  ????

**Density matrix:**  $\hat{\rho} \in \left\{ \frac{\mathbb{I} + \vec{n} \cdot \hat{\sigma}}{2}, \|\vec{n}\| \leq 1 \right\}$

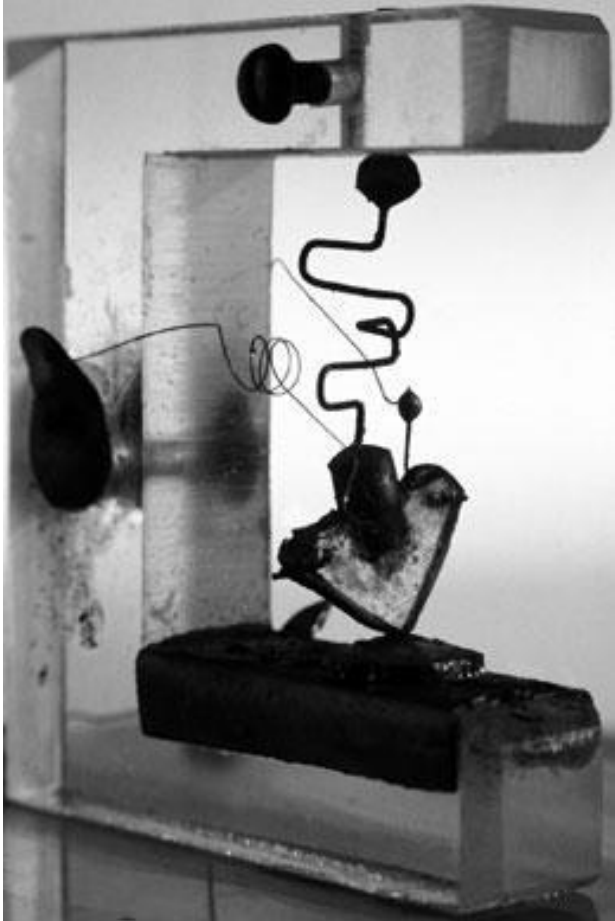
pure state vs thermal state  $\hat{\rho} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$   $\hat{\rho} = \frac{e^{-\beta\hat{H}}}{\text{Tr}(e^{-\beta\hat{H}})}$

*Basic model of decoherence*

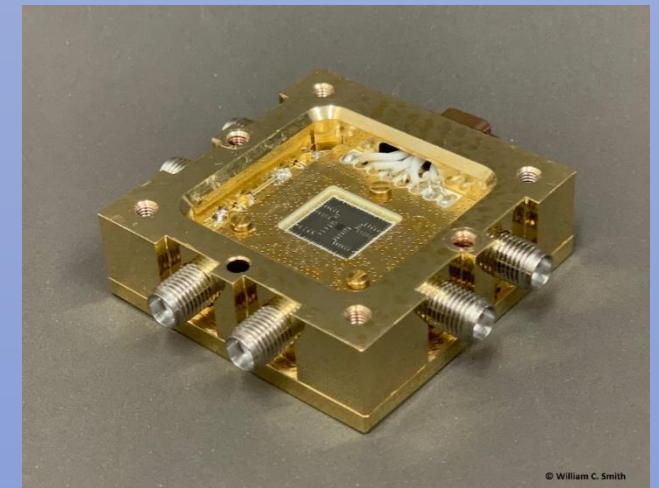
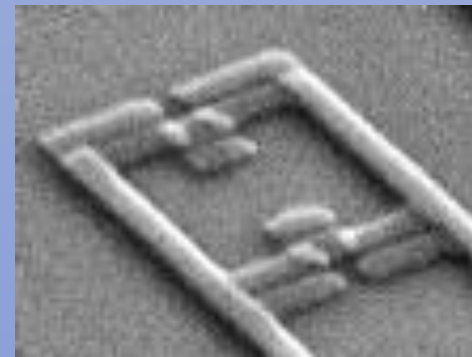
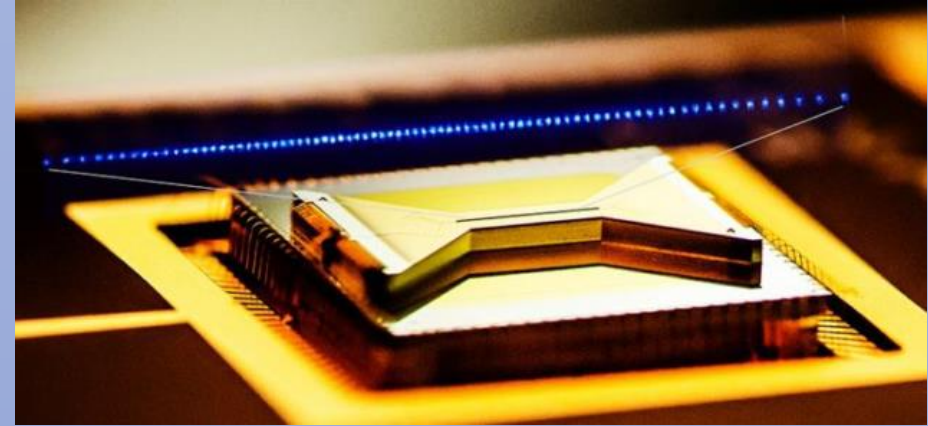
$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] - \frac{1}{T_1} (\hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho}_{\text{thermal}}) - \frac{1}{T_2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \rho_{10} \\ \rho_{01} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# *Qubits and QPU experimental achievement*

# Qubit VS transistor



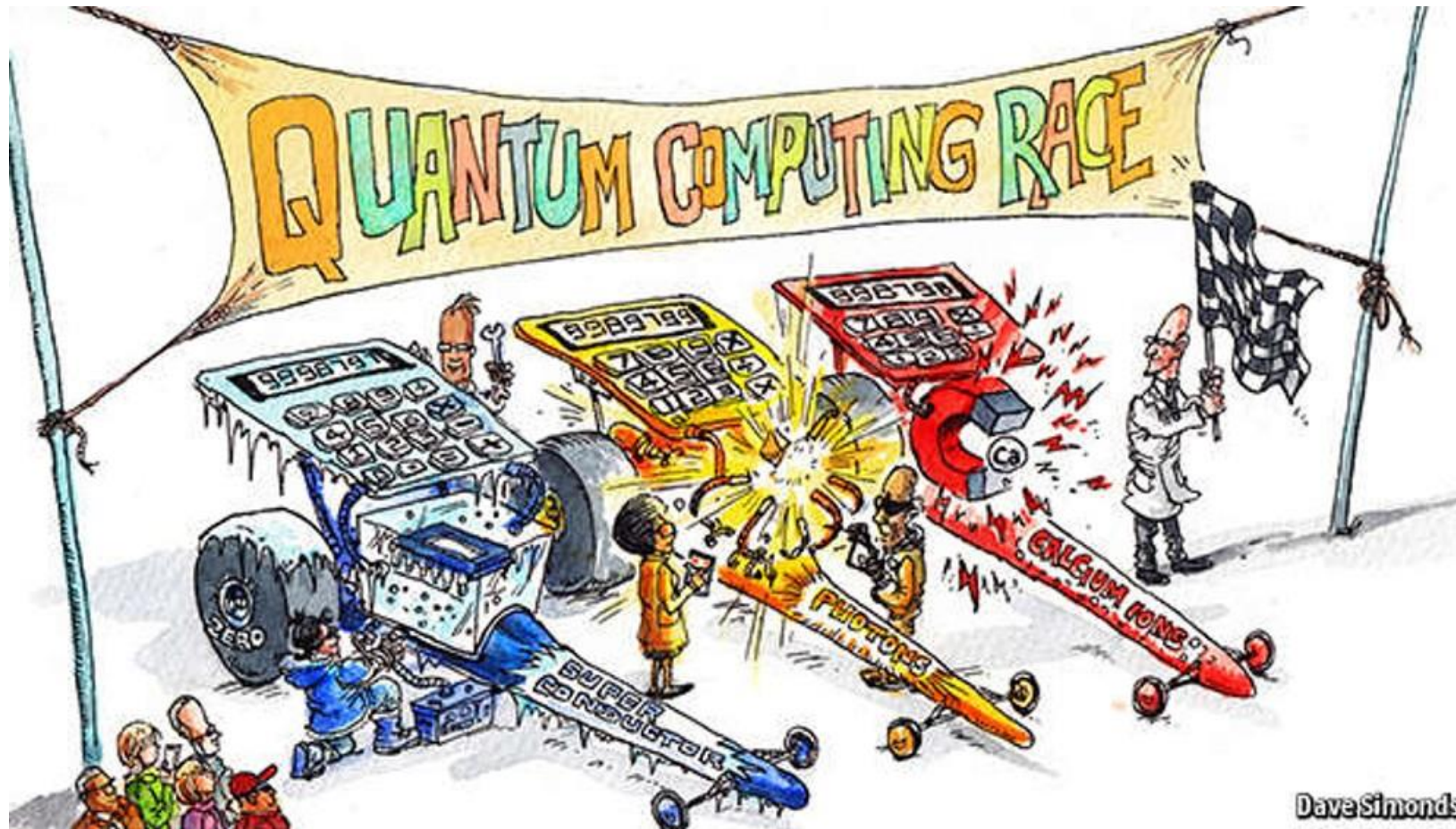
A qubit is a single atom or a single meta-atom (individual quantum system)



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# The quantum race



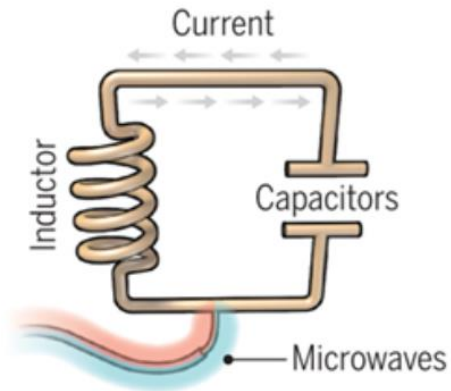
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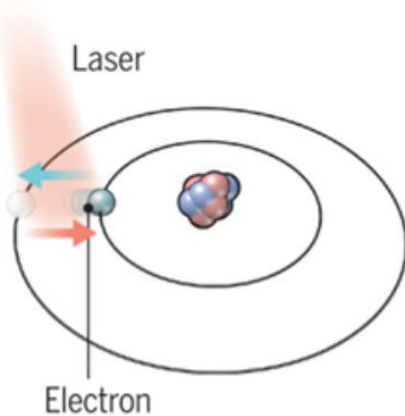


## Superconducting loops

A resistance-free current oscillates back and forth around a circuit loop. An injected microwave signal excites the current into superposition states.

**Longevity** (seconds)

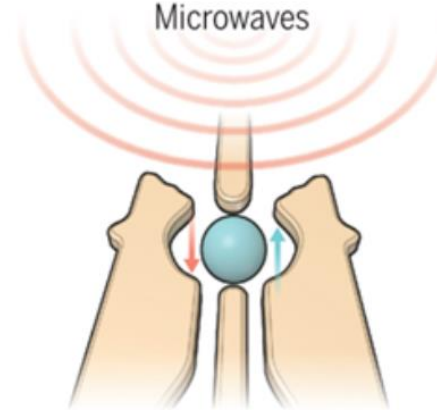
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## Trapped ions

Electrically charged atoms, or ions, have quantum energies that depend on the location of electrons. Tuned lasers cool and trap the ions, and put them in superposition states.

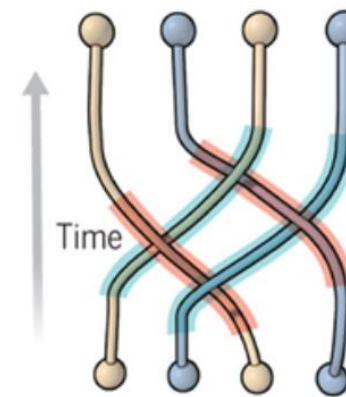
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## Silicon quantum dots

These "artificial atoms" are made by adding an electron to a small piece of pure silicon. Microwaves control the electron's quantum state.

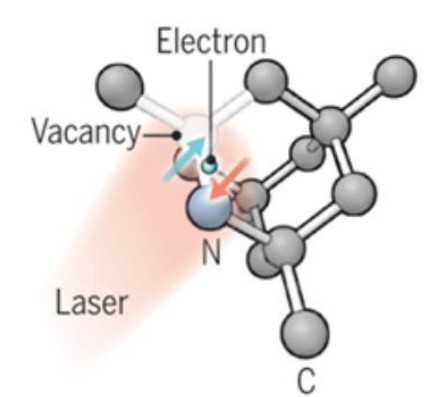
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## Topological qubits

Quasiparticles can be seen in the behavior of electrons channeled through semiconductor structures. Their braided paths can encode quantum information.

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## Diamond vacancies

A nitrogen atom and a vacancy add an electron to a diamond lattice. Its quantum spin state, along with those of nearby carbon nuclei, can be controlled with light.

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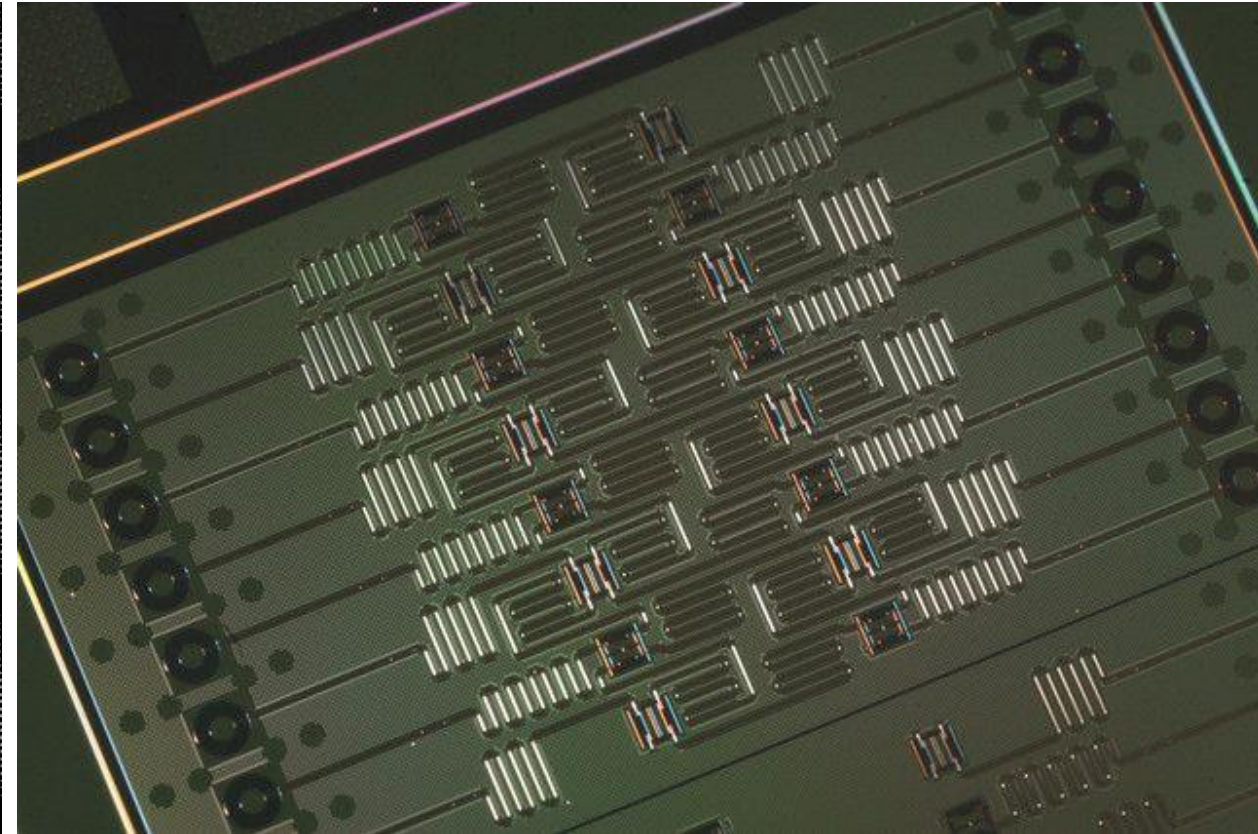
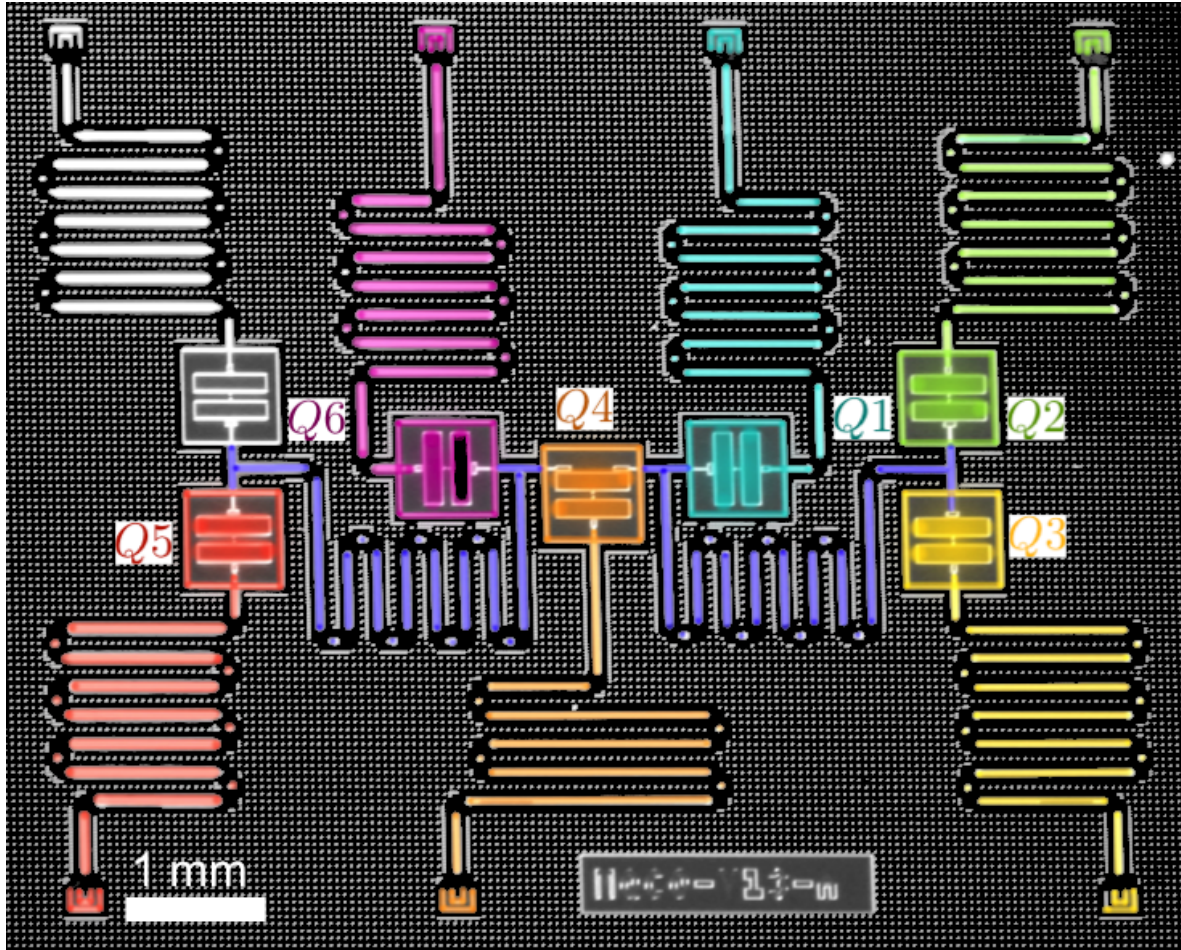
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# *1 – Supraconductor qubits*



# Supraconductor qubits



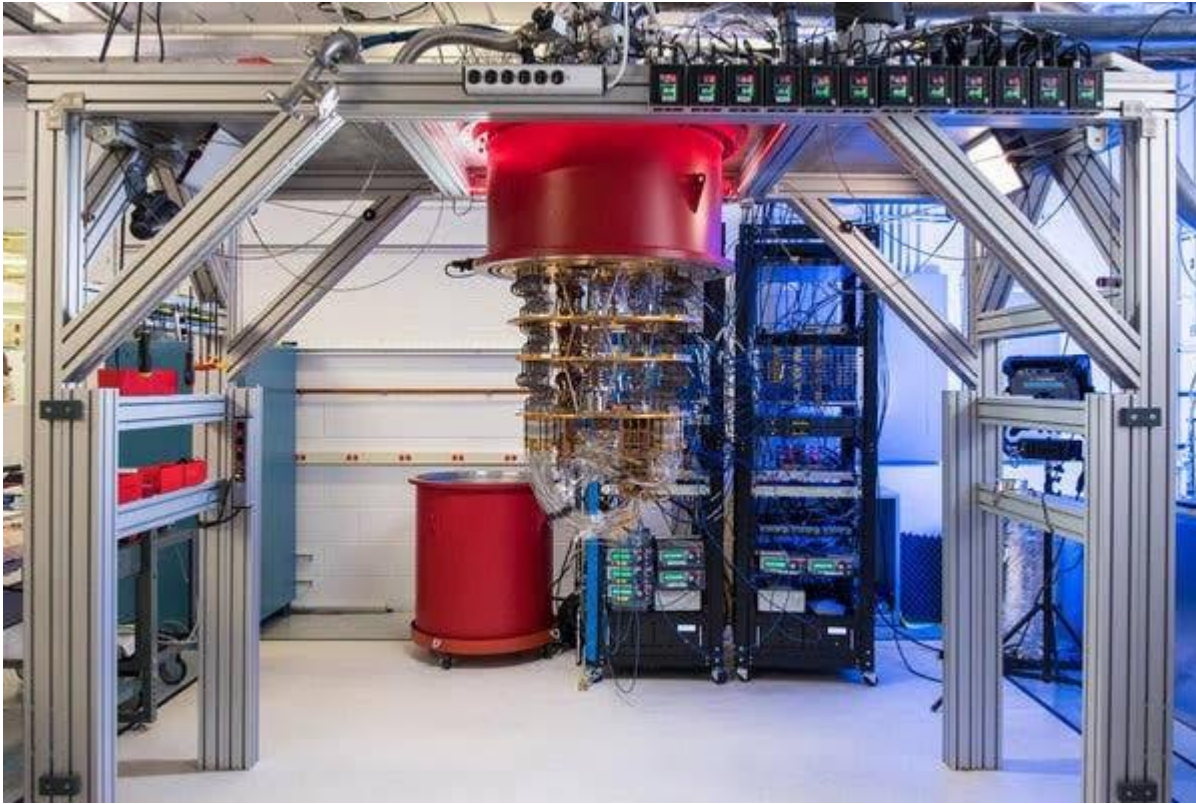
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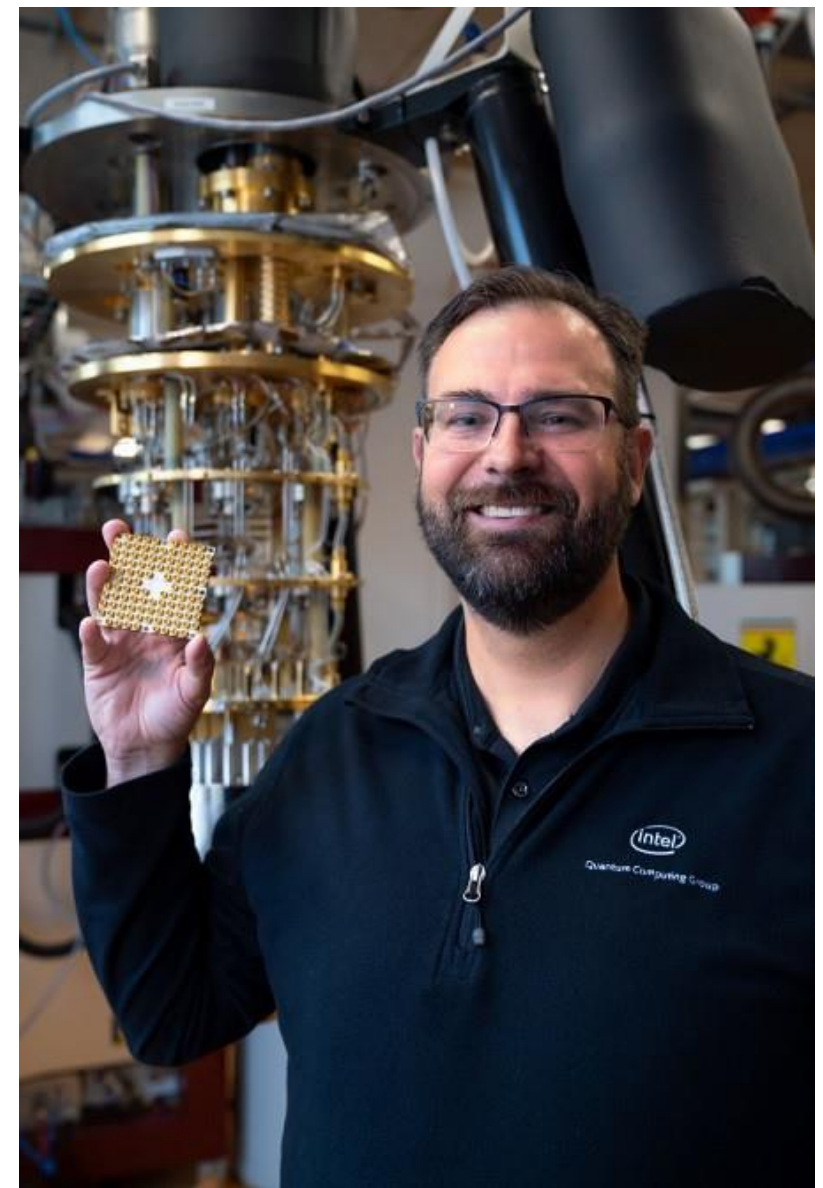
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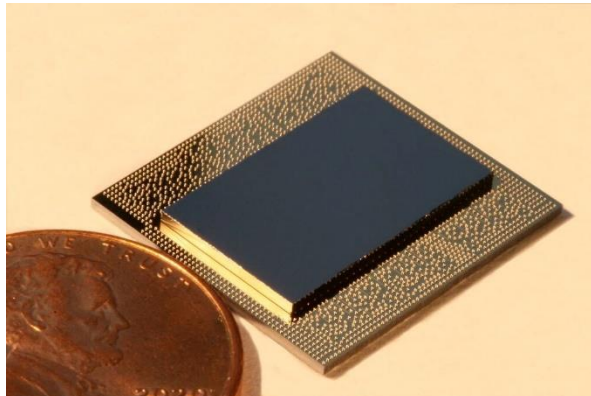
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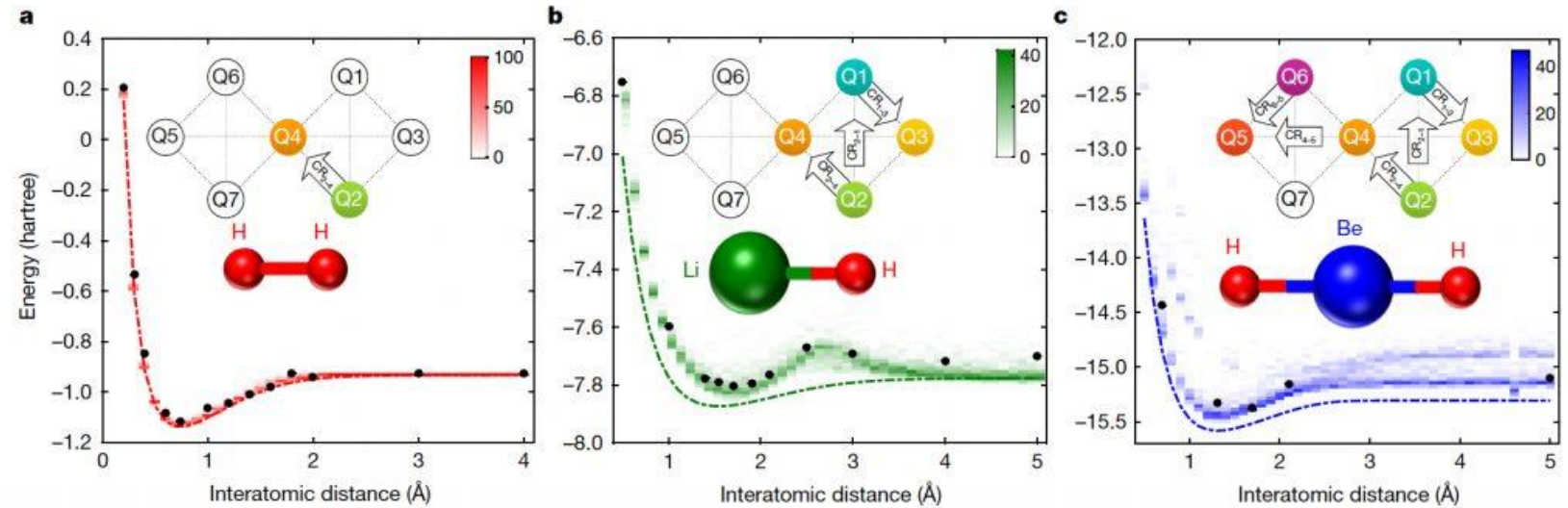
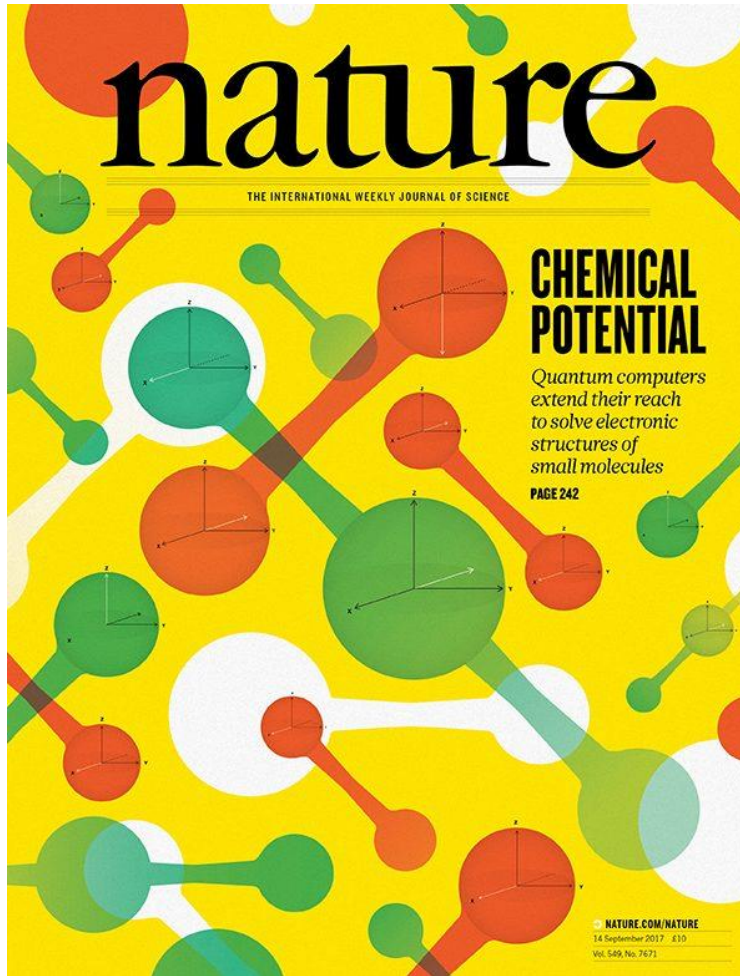
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# Supraconductor qubits



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# Development Roadmap

	2016–2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2033+
	Run quantum circuits on the IBM Quantum Platform	Release multi-dimensional roadmap publicly with initial aim focused on scaling	Enhancing quantum execution speed by 100x with Qiskit Runtime	Bring dynamic circuits to unlock more computations	Enhancing quantum execution speed by 5x with quantum serverless and Execution modes	Improving quantum circuit quality and speed to allow 5K gates with parametric circuits	Enhancing quantum execution speed and parallelization with partitioning and quantum modularity	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 7.5K gates	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 10K gates	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 15K gates	Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 100M gates	Beyond 2033, quantum-centric supercomputers will include 1000's of logical qubits unlocking the full power of quantum computing
Data Scientist						Platform						
						Code assistant	Functions	Mapping Collection	Specific Libraries			General purpose QC libraries
Researchers						Middleware						
						Quantum Serverless	Transpiler Service	Resource Management	Circuit Knitting x P	Intelligent Orchestration		Circuit libraries
Quantum Physicist			Qiskit Runtime									
	IBM Quantum Experience	QASM3	Dynamic circuits	Execution Modes	Heron (5K)	Flamingo (5K)	Flamingo (7.5K)	Flamingo (10K)	Flamingo (15K)	Starling (100M)	Blue Jay (1B)	
	Early	Falcon	Eagle		Error Mitigation	Error Mitigation	Error Mitigation	Error Mitigation	Error Mitigation	Error correction	Error correction	
	Canary 5 qubits, Albatross 16 qubits, Penguin 20 qubits, Prototype 53 qubits	Benchmarking 27 qubits	Benchmarking 127 qubits		5k gates 133 qubits, Classical modular 133x3 = 399 qubits	5k gates 156 qubits, Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	7.5k gates 156 qubits, Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	10k gates 156 qubits, Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	15k gates 156 qubits, Quantum modular 156x7 = 1092 qubits	100M gates 200 qubits, Error corrected modularity	1B gates 2000 qubits, Error corrected modularity	

2016-19 : 5 – 53 qubits    2020-21 : 27 qubits    2022-23 : 127 qubits    **end 2023 : 133 qubits (Heron)**    **2024-2029 : No more than 1092 qubits**

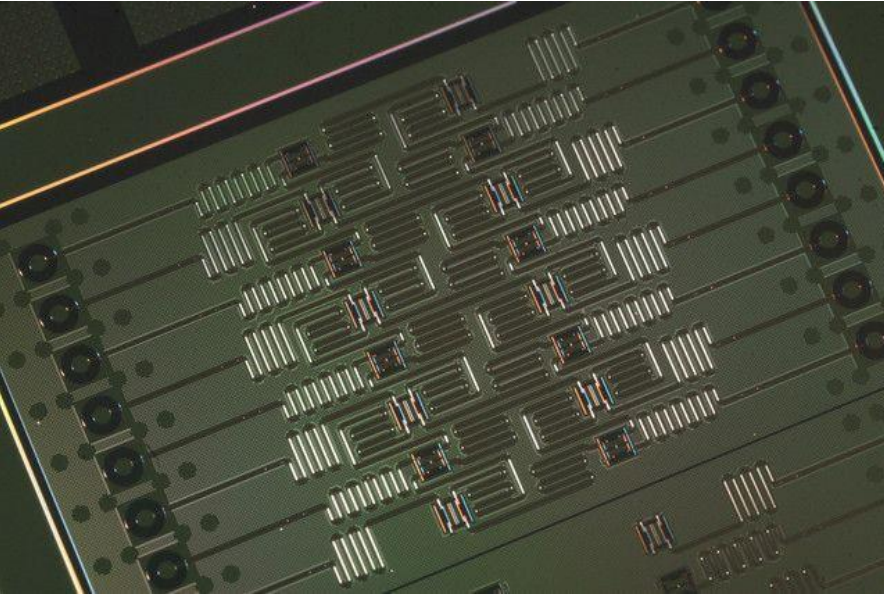
# Innovation Roadmap

Software Innovation	IBM Quantum Experience	Qiskit	Application modules	Qiskit Runtime	Serverless	AI enhanced quantum	Resource management	Scalable circuit knitting	Error correction decoder				
	Circuit and operator API with compilation to multiple targets	Modules for domain specific application and algorithm workflows	Performance and abstract through Primitives	Demonstrate concepts of quantum centric-supercomputing	Prototype demonstrations of AI enhanced circuit transpilation	System partitioning to enable parallel execution	Circuit partitioning with classical reconstruction at HPC scale	Demonstration of a quantum system with real-time error correction decoder					
Hardware Innovation	Early	Falcon	Hummingbird	Eagle	Osprey	Condor	Flamingo	Kookaburra	Cockatoo	Starling			
	Canary 5 qubits, Penguin 20 qubits, Albatross 16 qubits, Prototype 53 qubits	Demonstrate scaling with I/O routing with Bump bonds	Demonstrate scaling with multiplexing readout	Demonstrate scaling with MLW and TSV	Enabling scaling with high density signal delivery	Single system scaling and fridge capacity	Demonstrate scaling with modular connectors	Demonstrate scaling with nonlocal c-coupler	Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical memory	Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical communication	Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical gates		
						Heron Architecture based on tunable-couplers	Crossbill m-coupler						

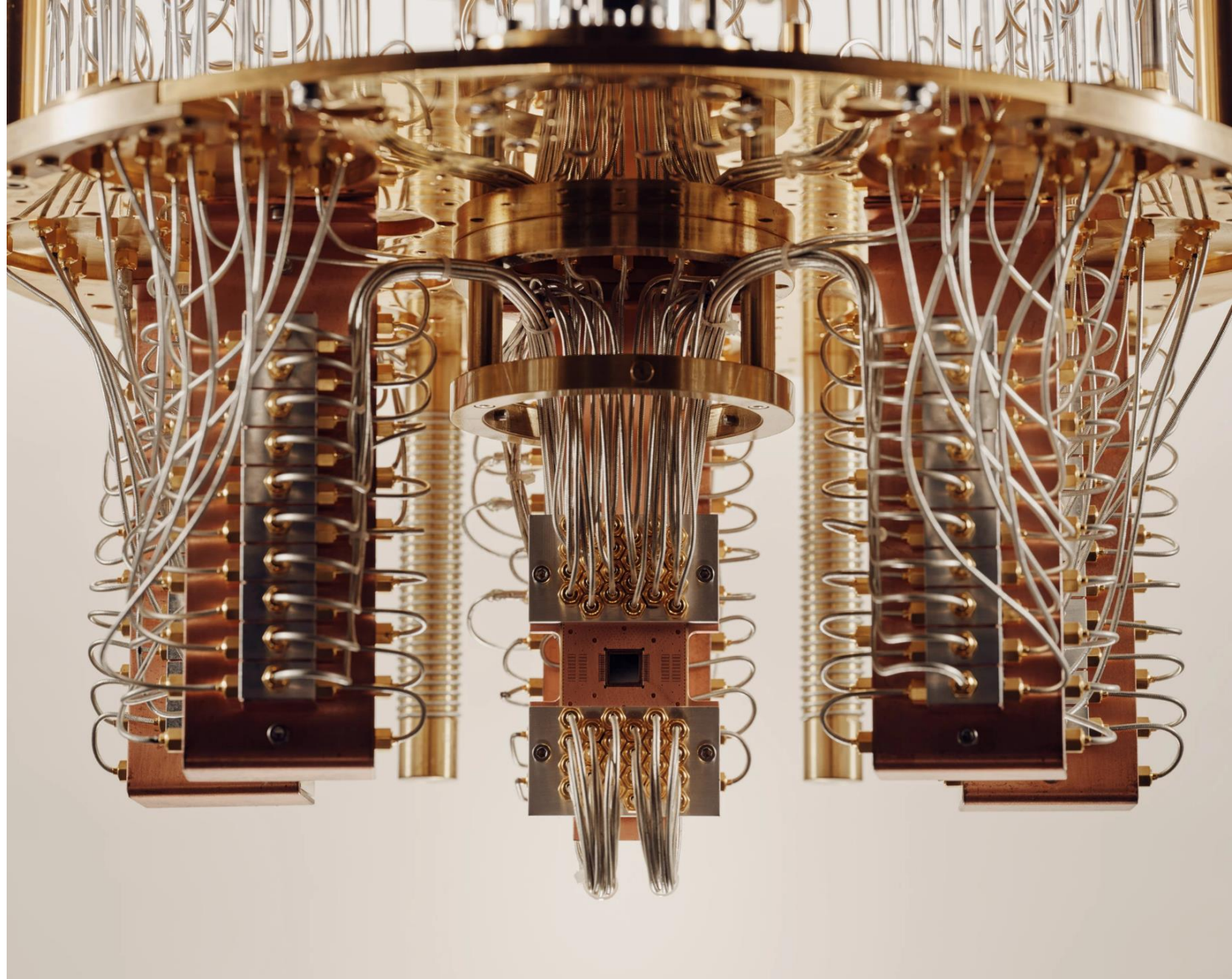
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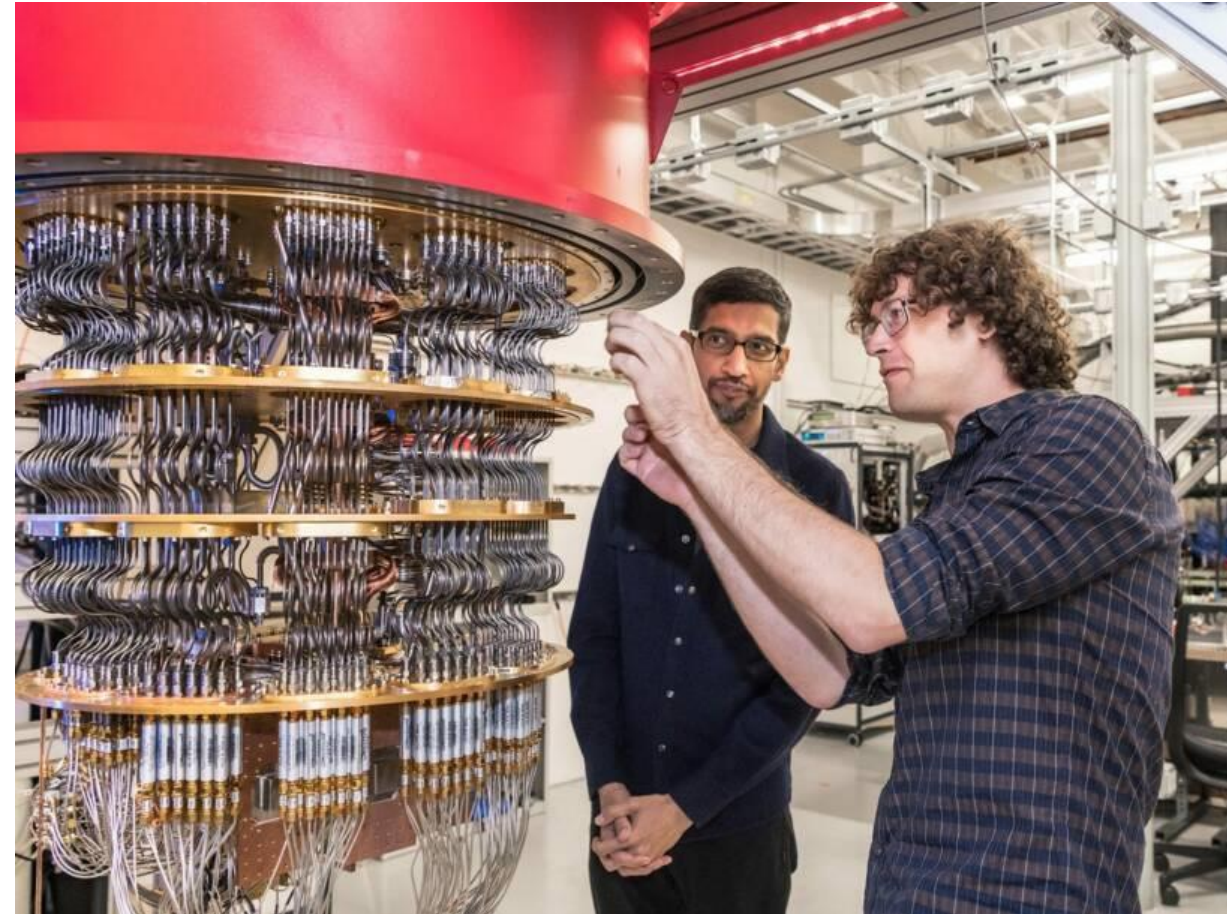
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# Reality



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# *2 – Photonic qubits*

# Photonic qubits

## Encoding a qubit on single photons

### Quantum light

- Particule of light: single photons
- Continuous variables and squeezed light.

**Encoding in:** polarisation, spatial modes, wavelength, temporal modes (« time-bin », suited for propagation over long distances).

## Technological challenge: single photon sources

### Ideal source

- High purity (~~multi-photon~~)
- High emission rate
- Telecom wavelength
- Deterministic



# Photonic qubits

**Basic elements for quantum calculation with photons : beam splitter and phase-shifter.**

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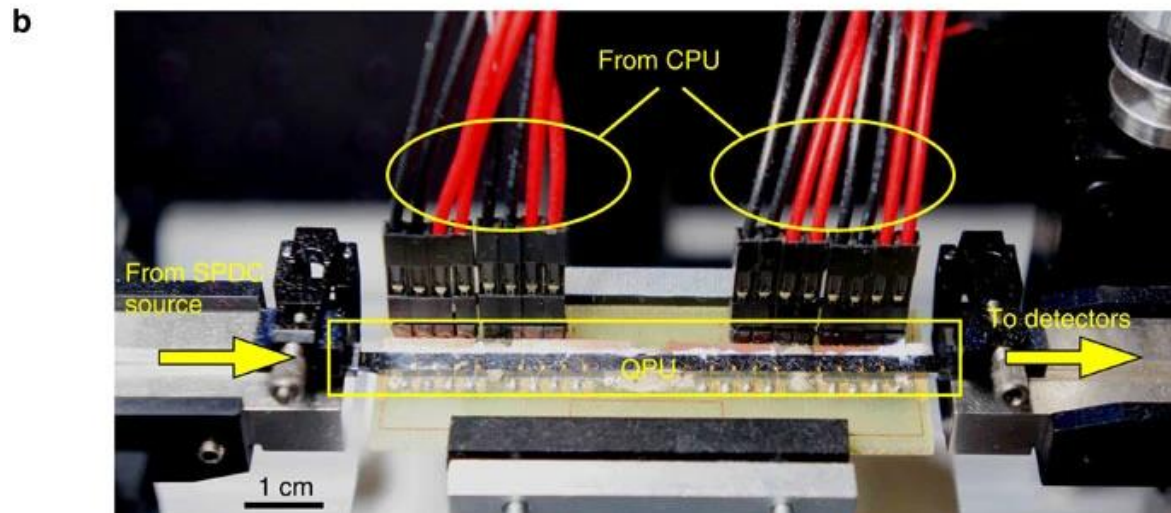
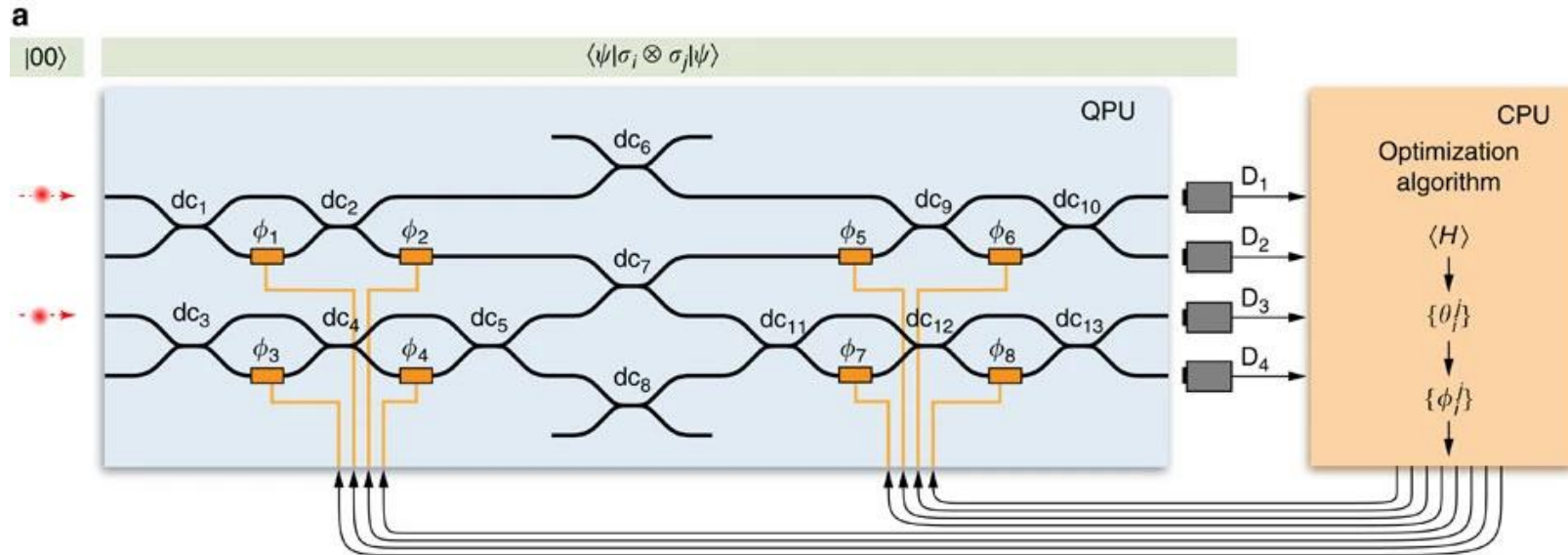
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# Photonic qubits



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# Photonic qubits

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ABOUT

## BUILDING A SUPER COMPUTER ON A SINGLE CHIP

Quantum computing with light can solve in hours or days what would otherwise take billions of years with existing chips.



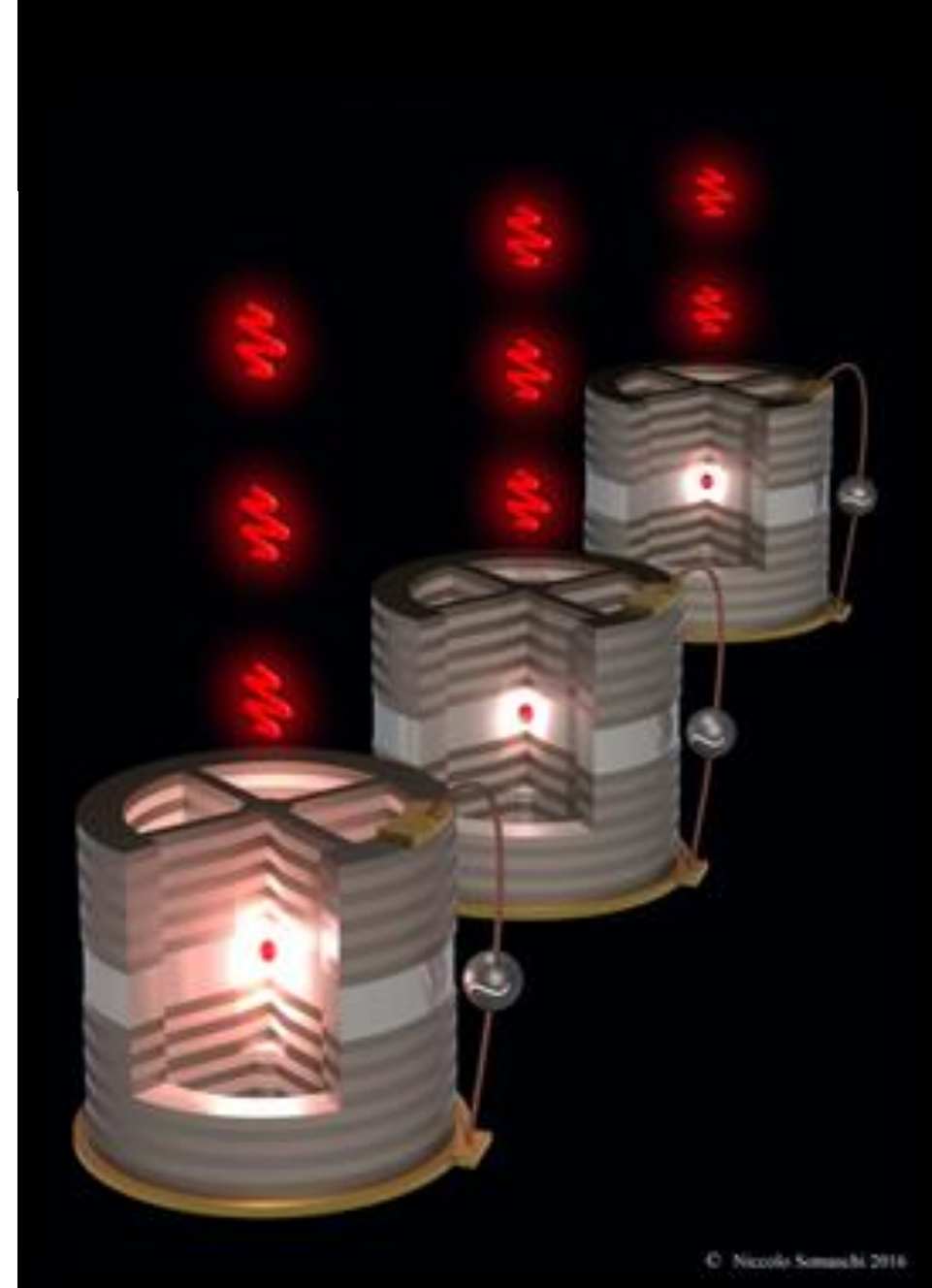
# Photonic qubits

## La start-up française Quandela lève 50 millions d'euros pour fabriquer des ordinateurs quantiques

Ce financement, qui a lieu moins d'un an après les 100 millions levés par son concurrent Pasqal, illustre les avancées de cette technologie.

Par Olivier Pinaud

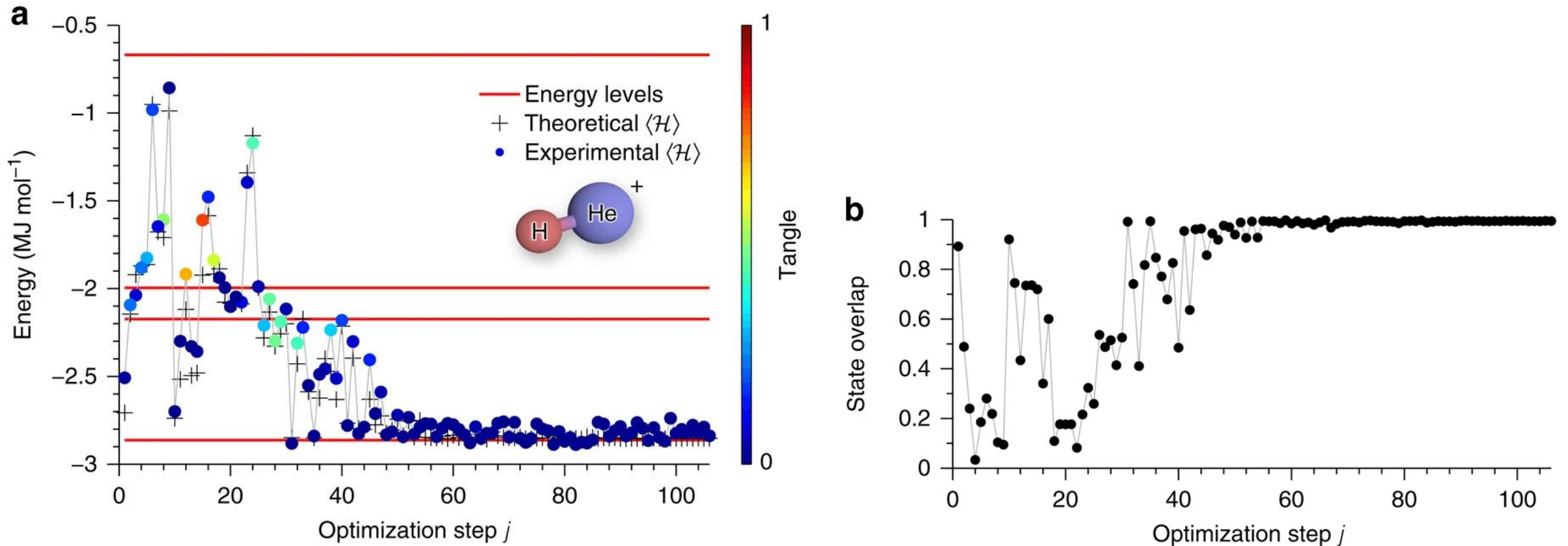
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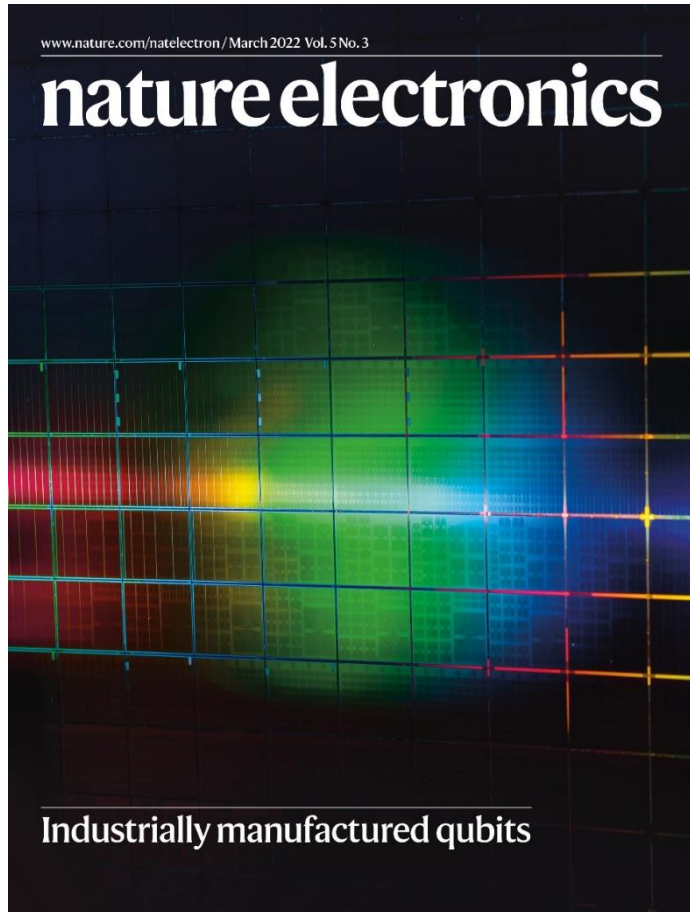
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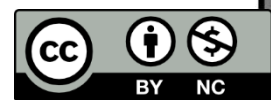
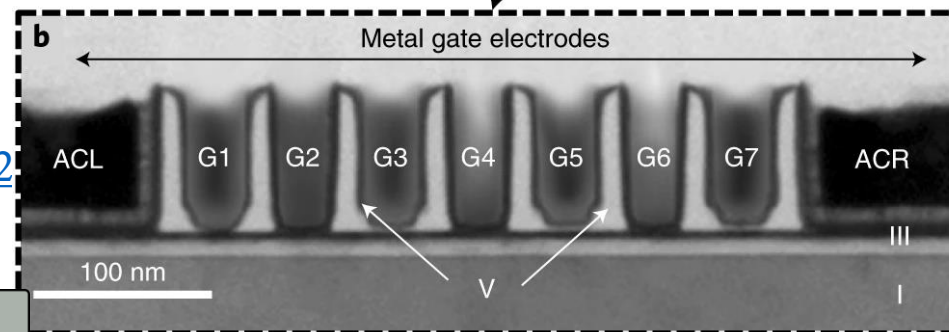
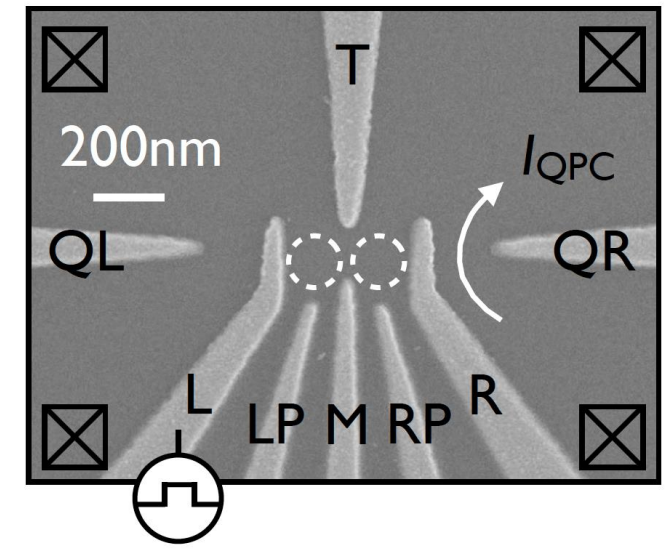
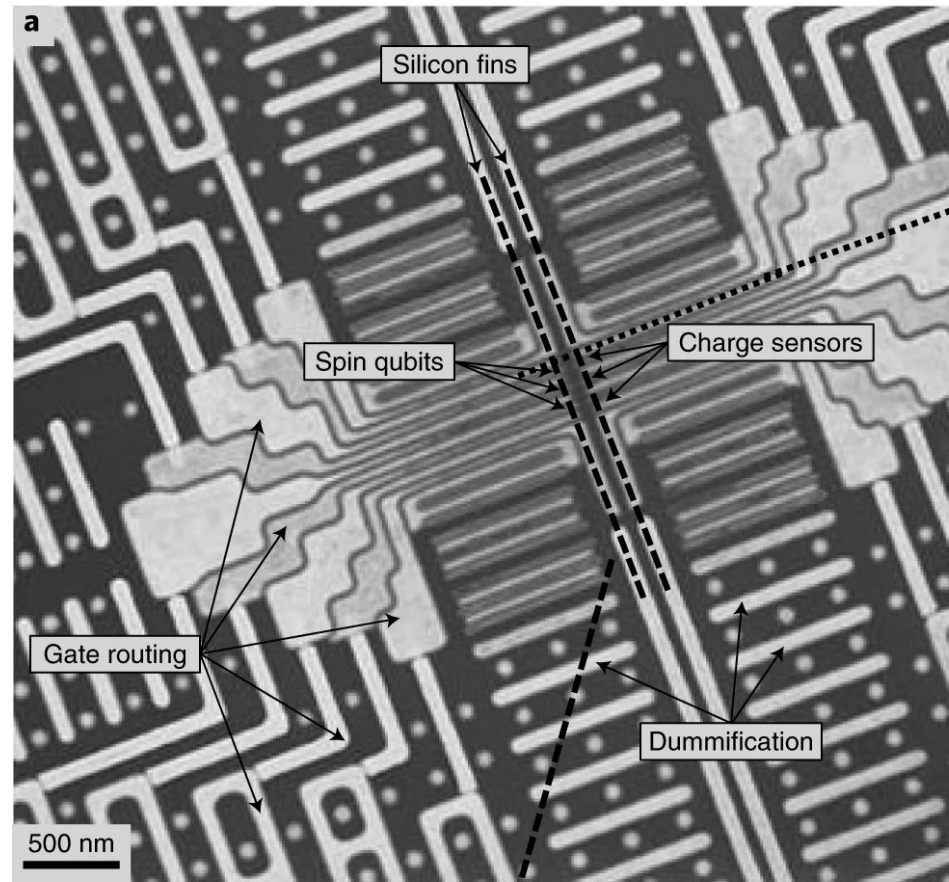


# *3 – Spin qubits*

# Spin qubits



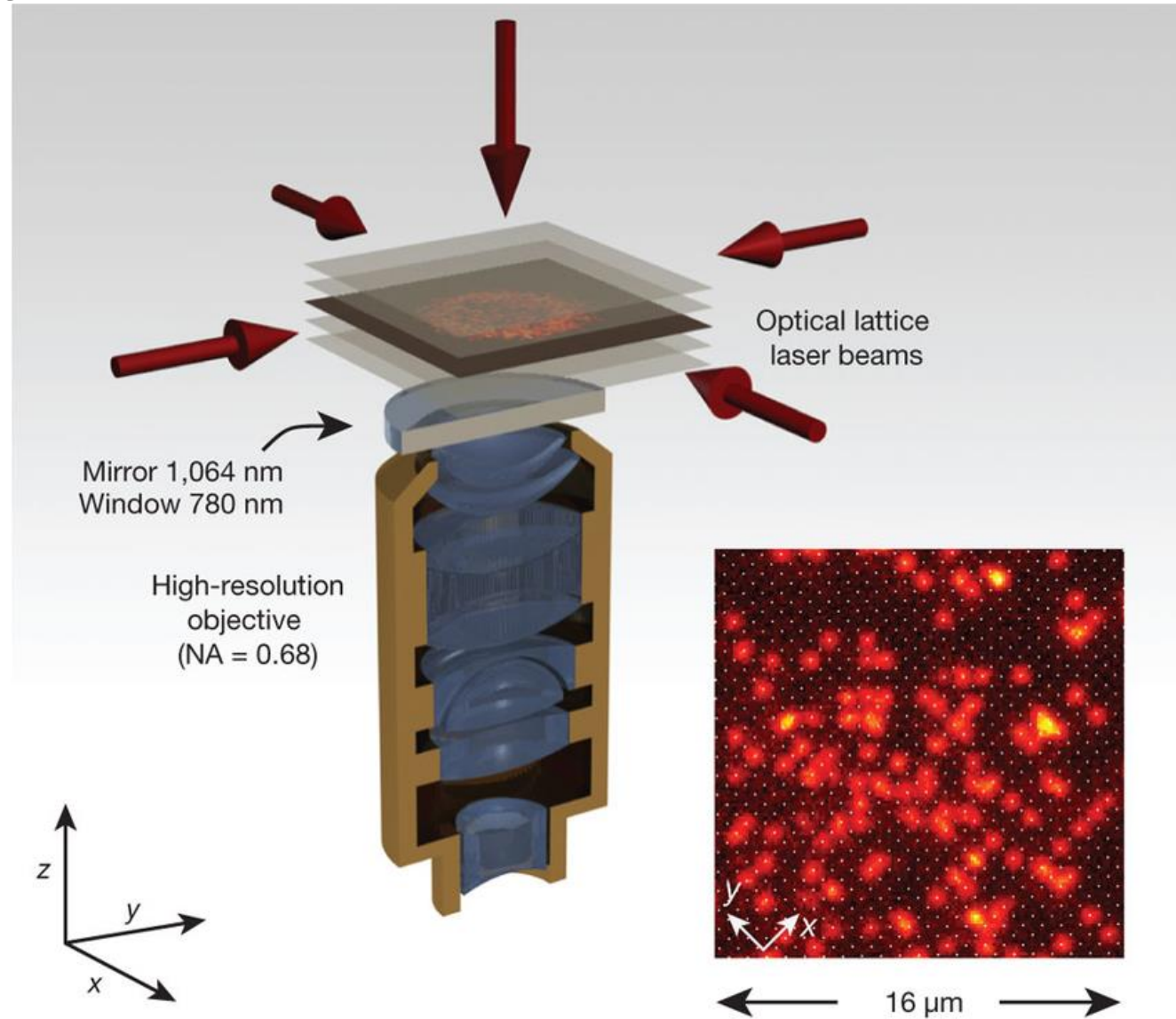
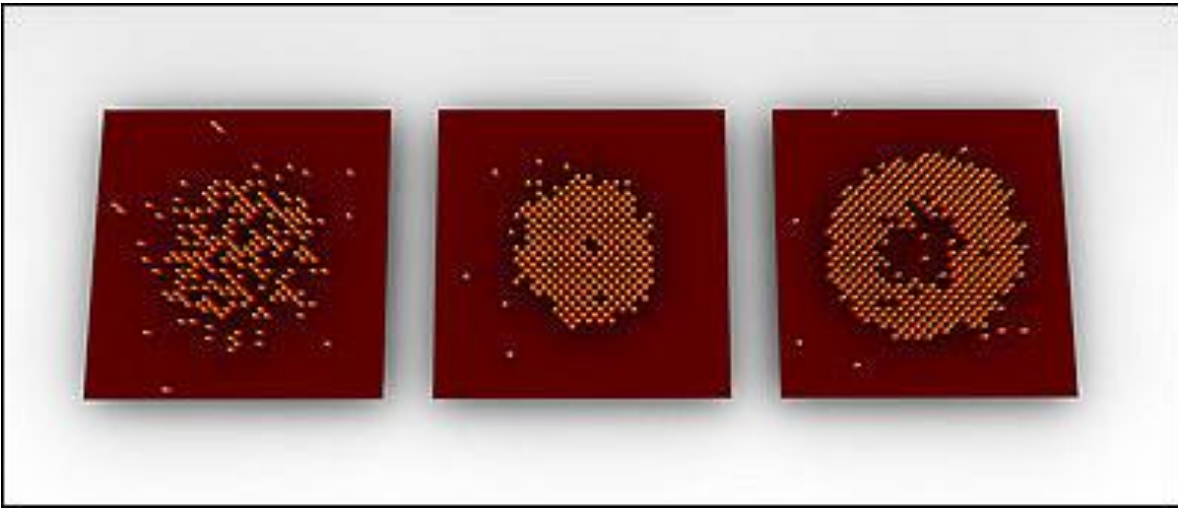
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# *4 – Ultracold (neutral) atoms qubits*



# Ultracold (neutral) atoms qubits



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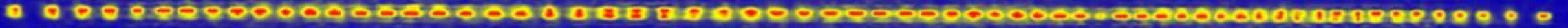


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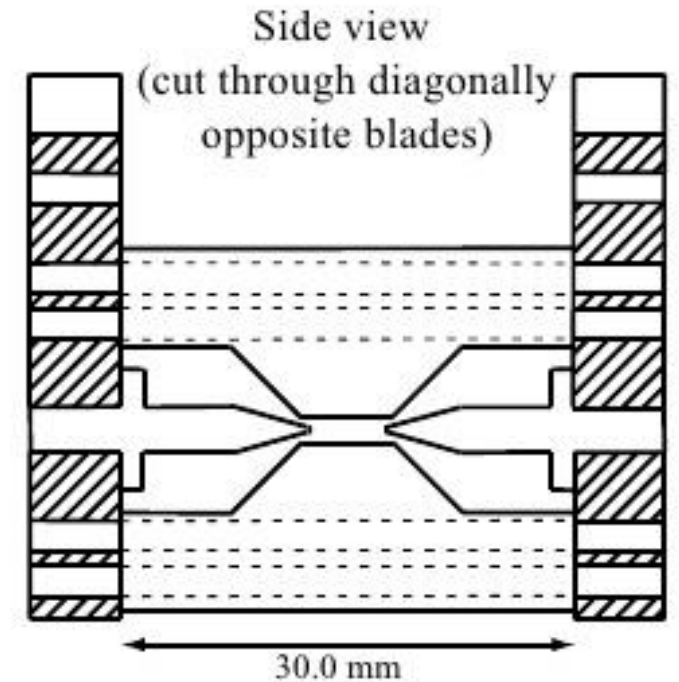
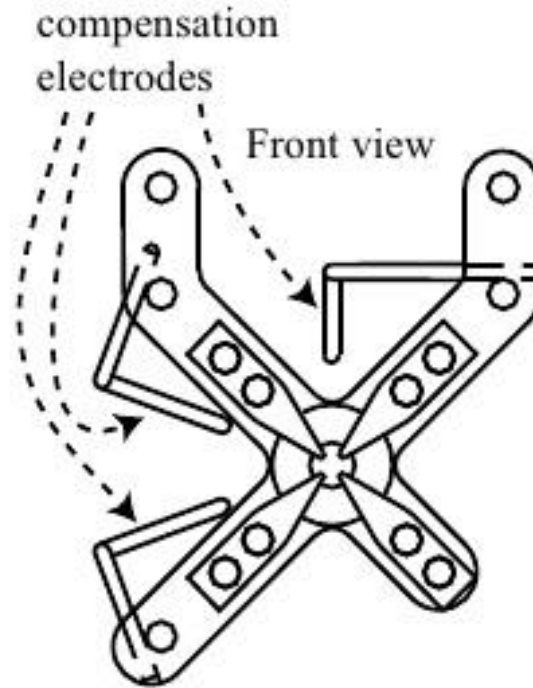
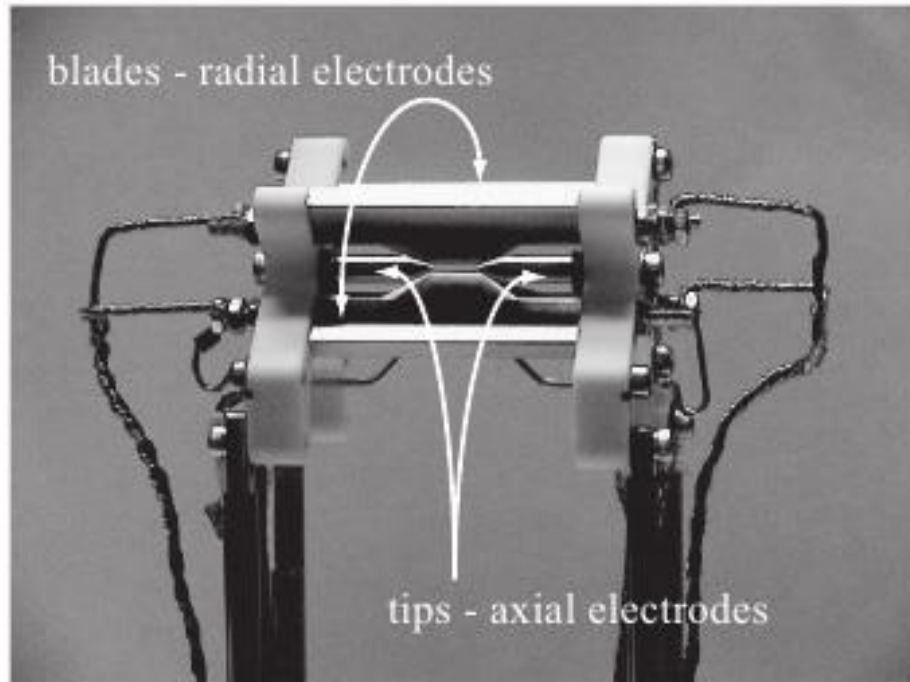


# *5 – Trapped ions qubits*

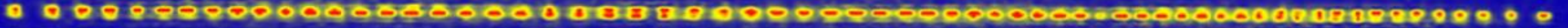
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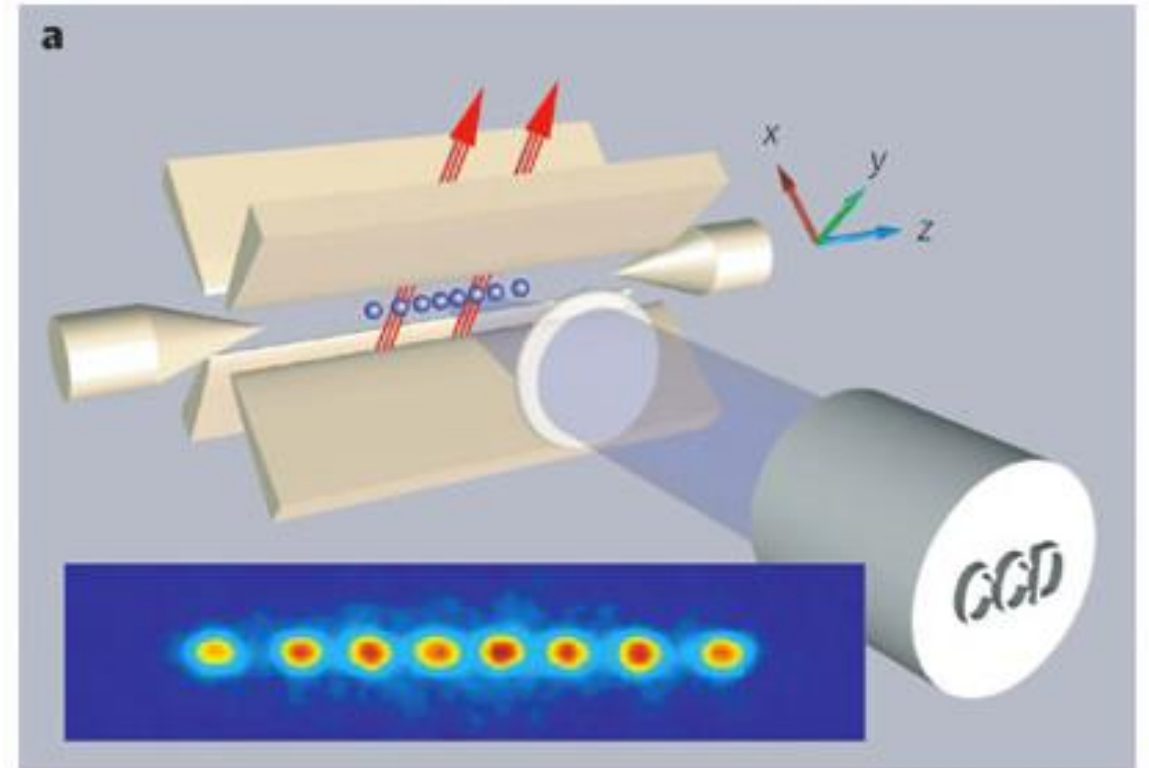
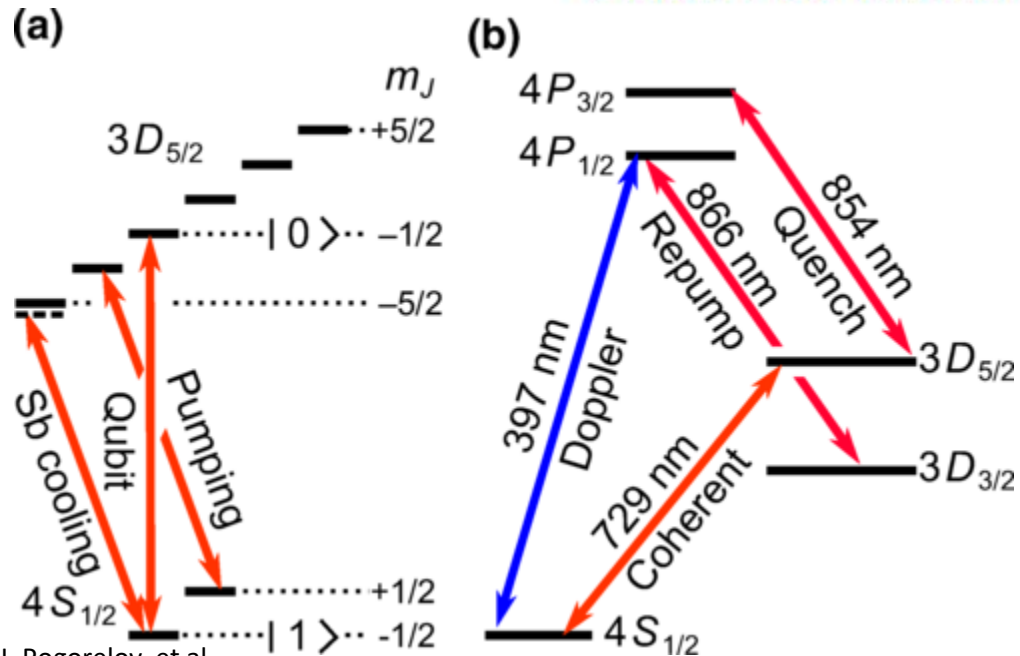
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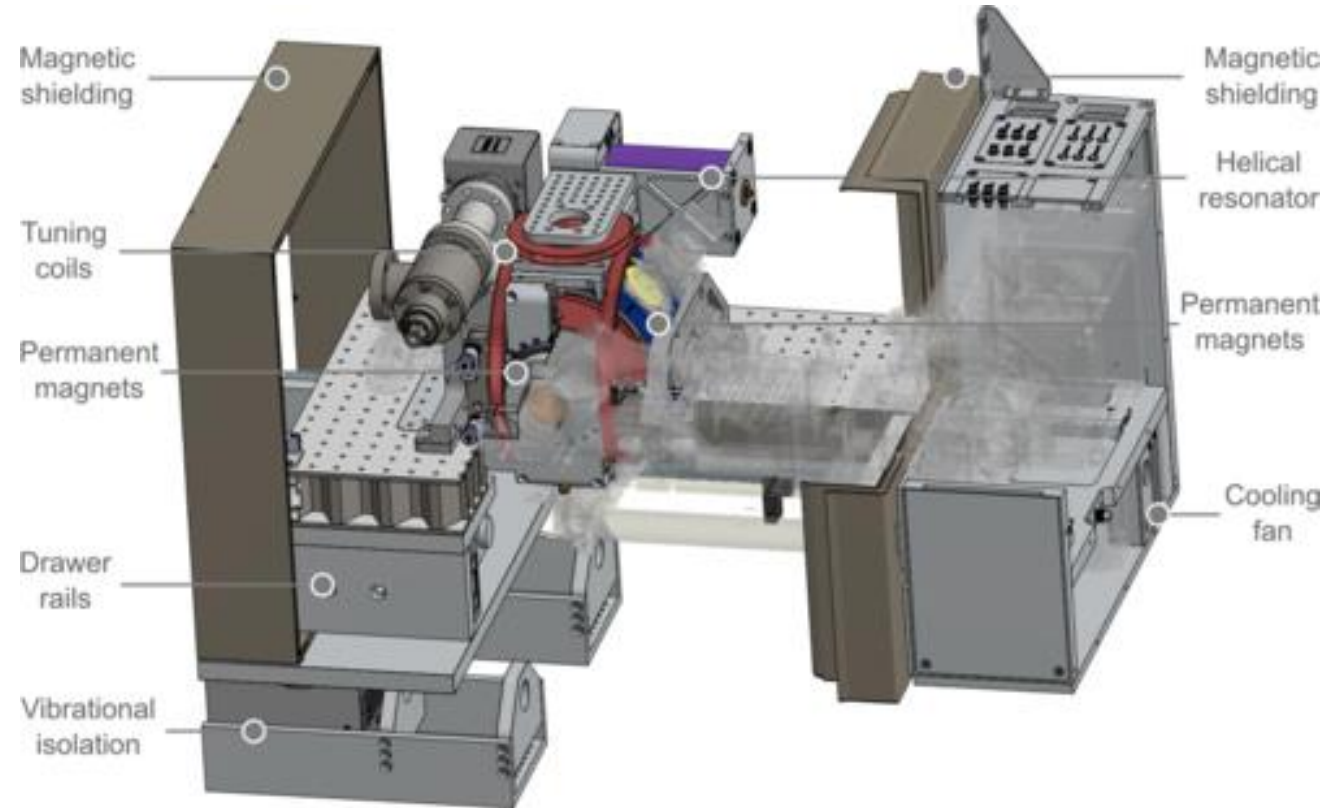
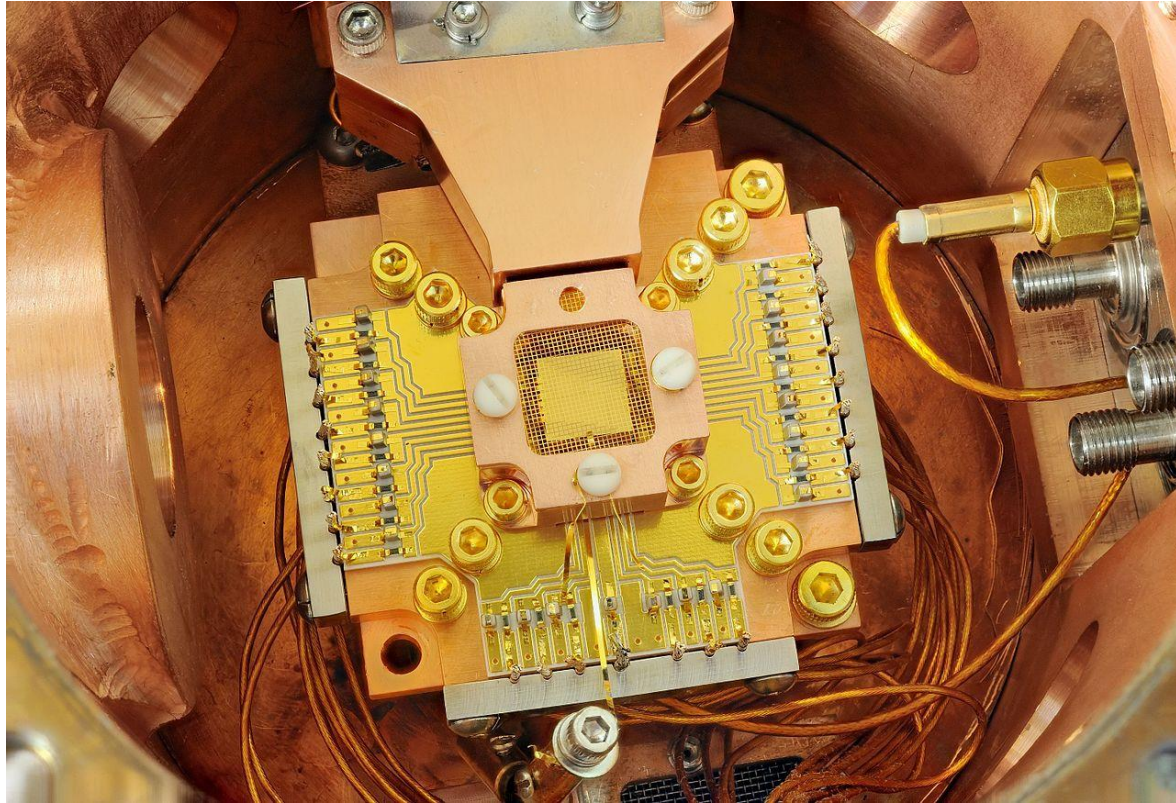


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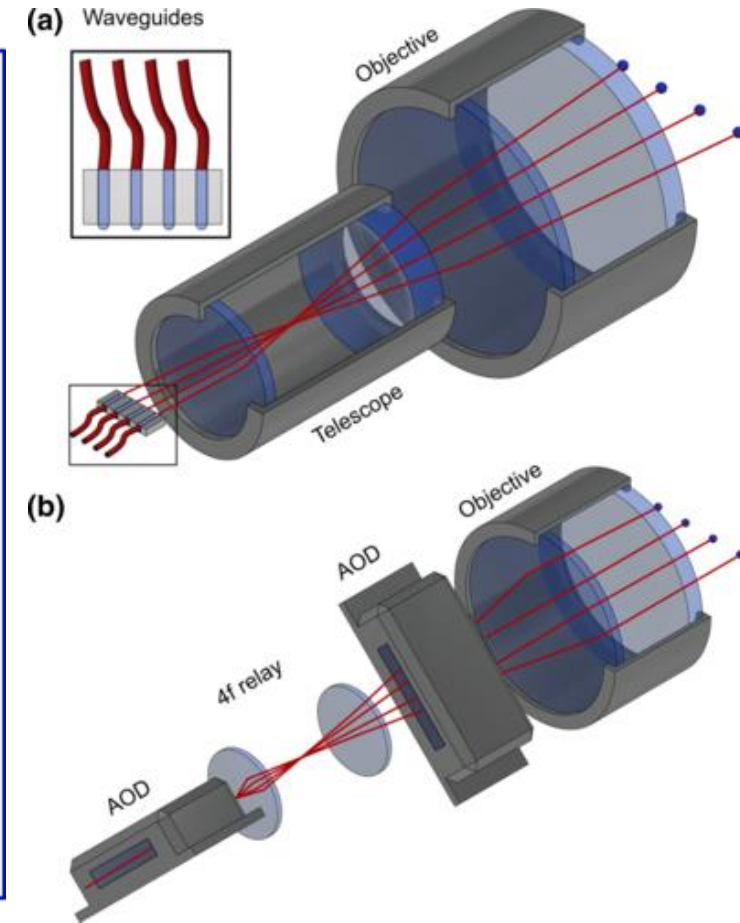
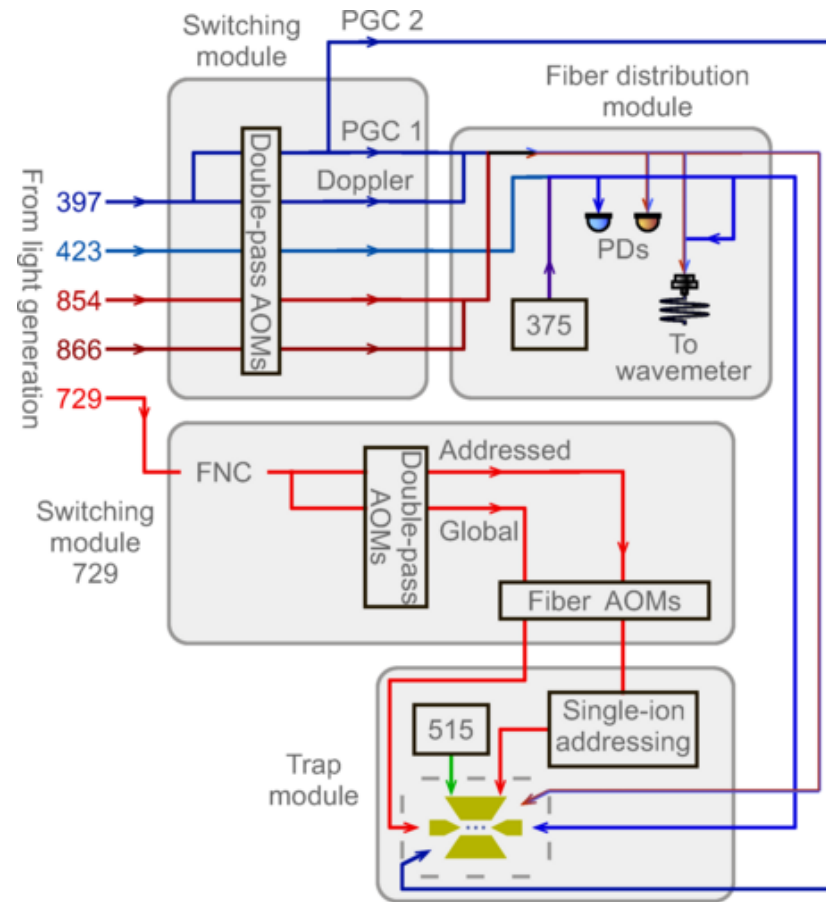
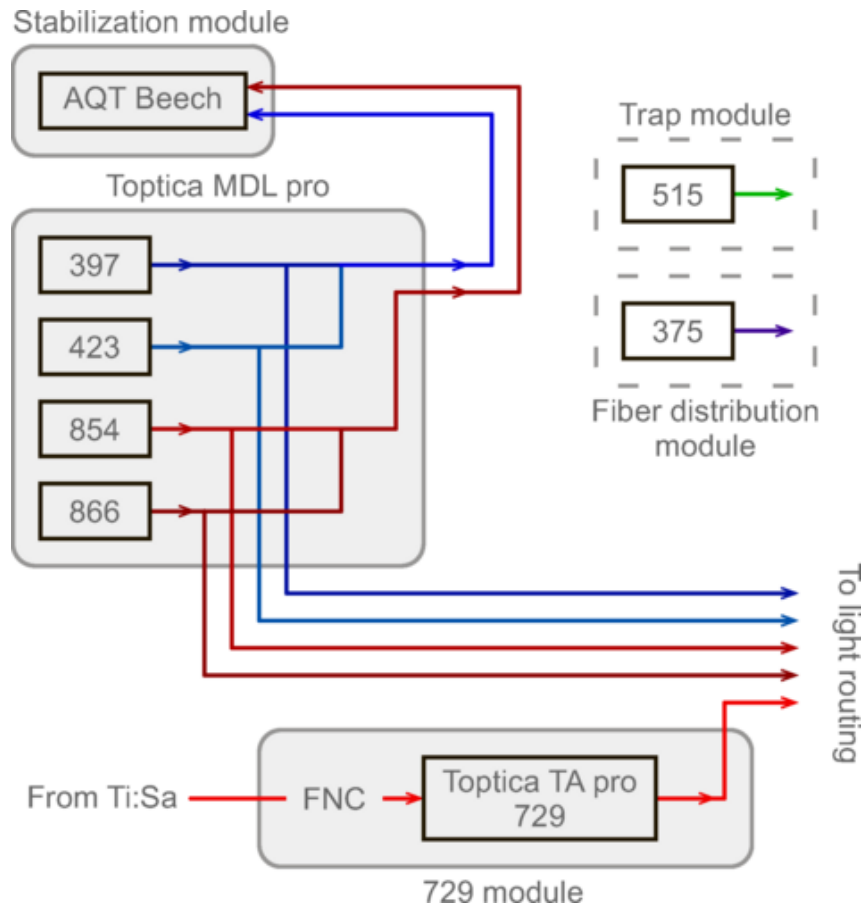
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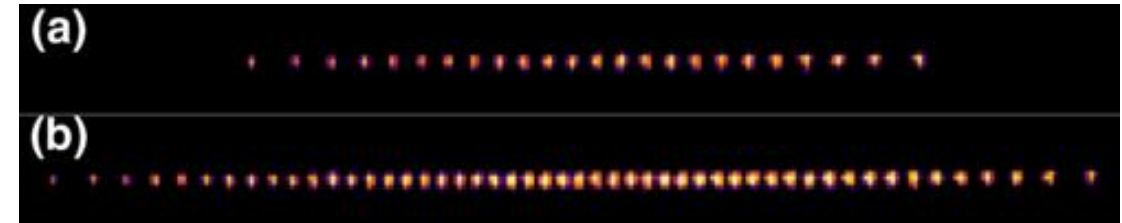
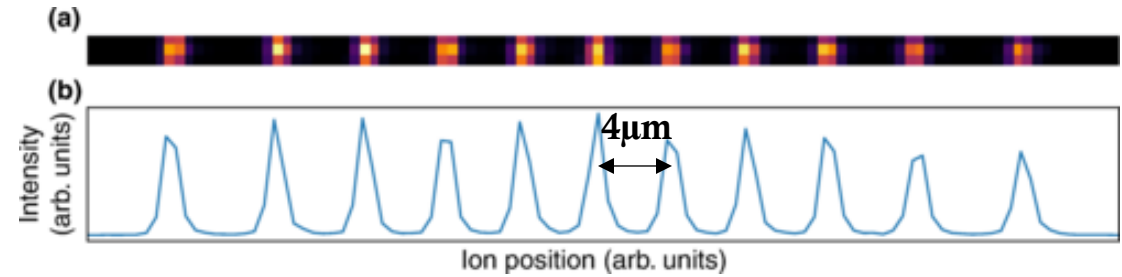
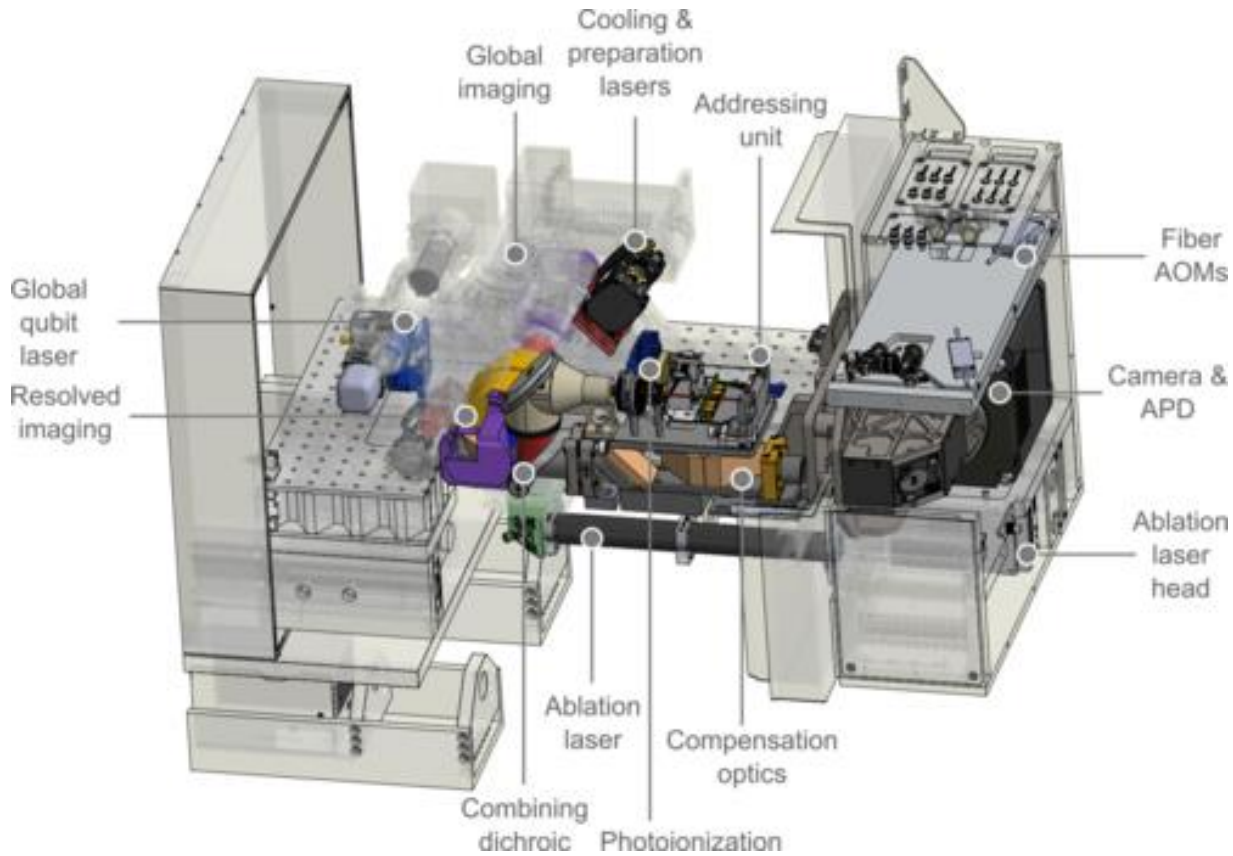


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# *5 – Topological qubits*

## InAs-Al hybrid devices passing the topological gap protocol

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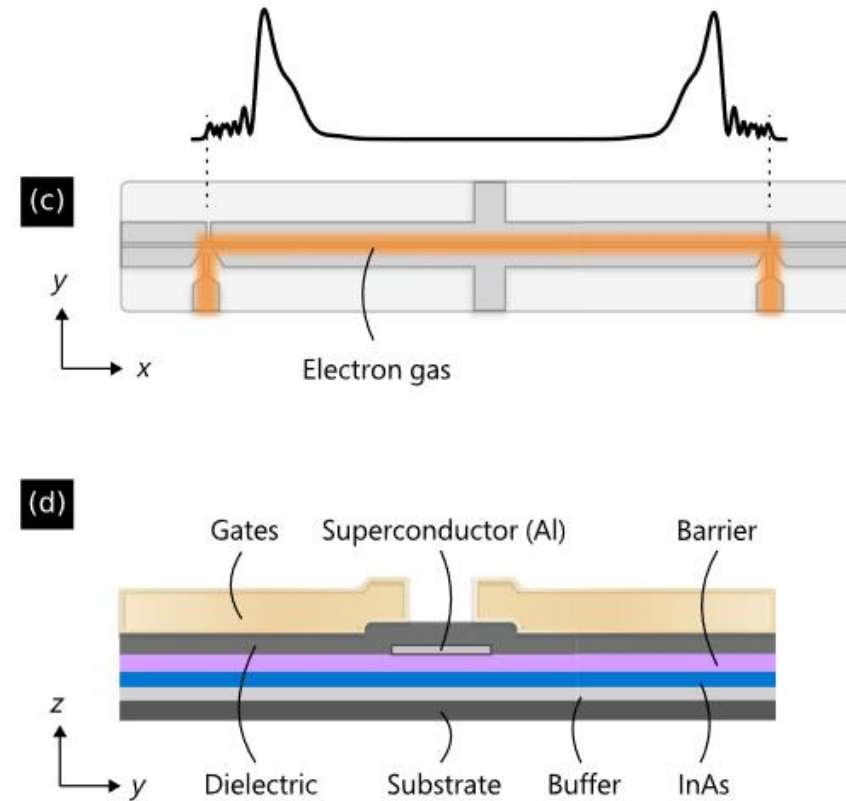
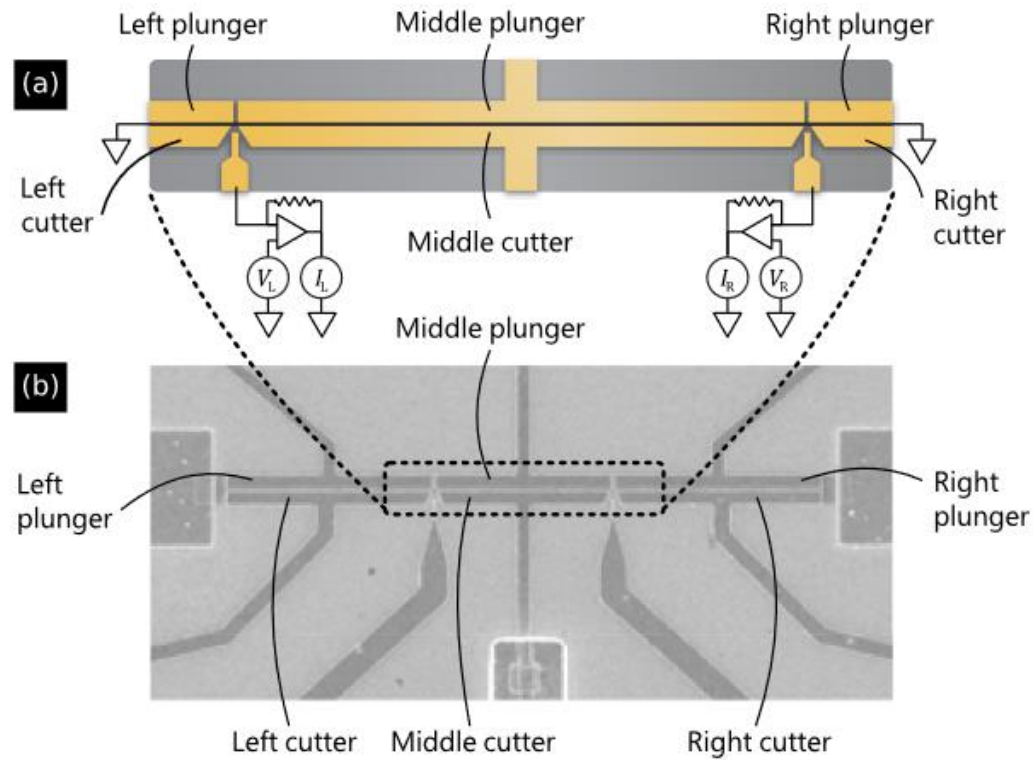
We present measurements and simulations of semiconductor-superconductor heterostructure devices that are consistent with the observation of topological superconductivity and Majorana zero modes. The devices are fabricated from high-mobility two-dimensional electron gases in which quasi-one-dimensional wires are defined by electrostatic gates. These devices enable measurements of local and nonlocal transport properties and have been optimized via extensive simulations to ensure robustness against nonuniformity and disorder. Our main result is that several devices, fabricated according to the design's engineering specifications, have passed the topological gap protocol defined in Pikulin *et al.* ([arXiv:2103.12217](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.12217)). This protocol is a stringent test composed of a sequence of three-terminal local and nonlocal transport measurements performed while varying the magnetic field, semiconductor electron density, and junction transparencies. Passing the protocol indicates a high probability of detection of a topological phase hosting Majorana zero modes as determined by large-scale disorder simulations. Our experimental results are consistent with a quantum phase transition into a topological superconducting phase that extends over several hundred millitesla in magnetic field and several millivolts in gate voltage, corresponding to approximately one hundred microelectronvolts in Zeeman energy and chemical potential in the semiconducting wire. These regions feature a closing and reopening of the bulk gap, with simultaneous zero-bias conductance peaks at *both* ends of the devices that withstand changes in the junction transparencies. The extracted maximum topological gaps in our devices are 20–60  $\mu\text{eV}$ . This demonstration is a prerequisite for experiments involving fusion and braiding of Majorana zero modes.

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# Quantum race

Technology	Pros	Cons	Entreprises
Supraconductors	# qubits ~100, $T_1 \sim 100\mu\text{s}$ , gate fidelity >99%, Gate operation time ~10-50ns, TRL5, silicon technology	Requires sub-K temperatures	IBM, Google, Rigetti, D-waves, Alice et Bob, Intel,...
Trapped ions	$T_1 \sim 50\text{s}$ , gate fidelity >99%, room temperature, TRL4, # qubits ~32	1D geometry, Gate operation time ~3-50 $\mu\text{s}$ ,	IonQ
Ultracold atoms	Room temperature	Quantum simulators	Pasqal
Electronic spin	Electrical read-out of qubit state	# qubits ~2, TRL 2-3	C12
Topological insulators	Topological protection	Relies on Majorana zero mode, not observed yet... Initially expected in 2018	Microsoft
Photons	Flying qubit, room temperature, fast gating, modular design, quantum internet compatible	Connectivity	Quandela, QuiX quantum, Xanadu,...