

Quantum Engineering of Superconducting Qubits and Quantum Computers

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Quantum Information Science and Technology

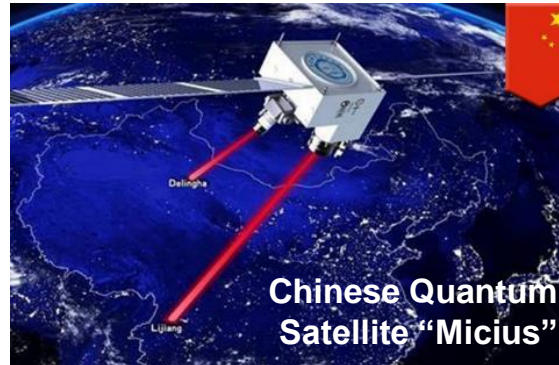


Quantum Sensing



Improves sensitivity, drift, & spatial resolution

Quantum Networks



Enables distributed quantum states

Quantum Computing



Solves select problems that are intractable with classical computing

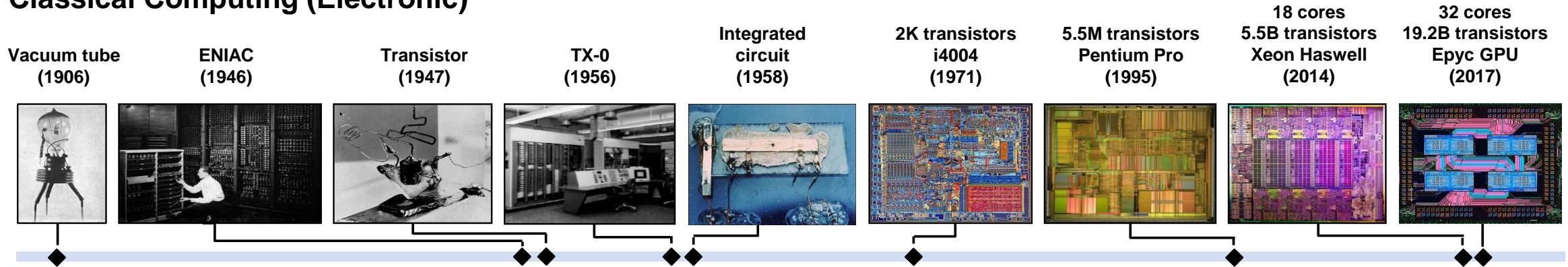
Quantum Information Science utilizes a quantum mechanical description of nature to sense, communicate, and process/compute information in ways unobtainable by means based on a classical description of nature



Computing Development Timeline



Classical Computing (Electronic)

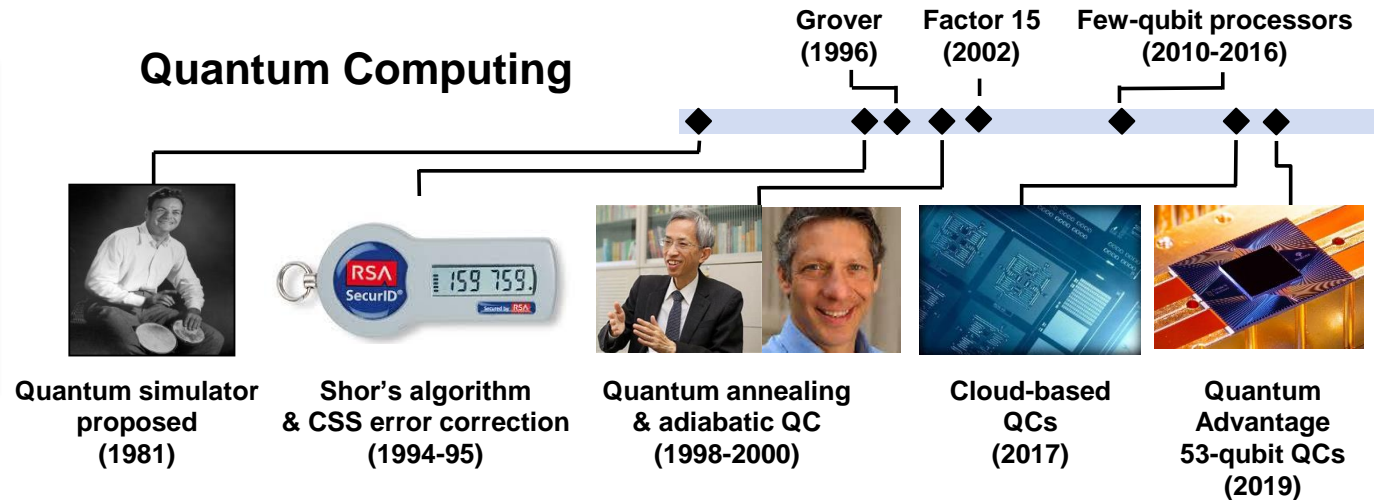


Quantum computing is transitioning from scientific curiosity to technical reality.

Advancing from discovery to useful machines takes time & engineering

You must be in the game to play

Quantum Computing



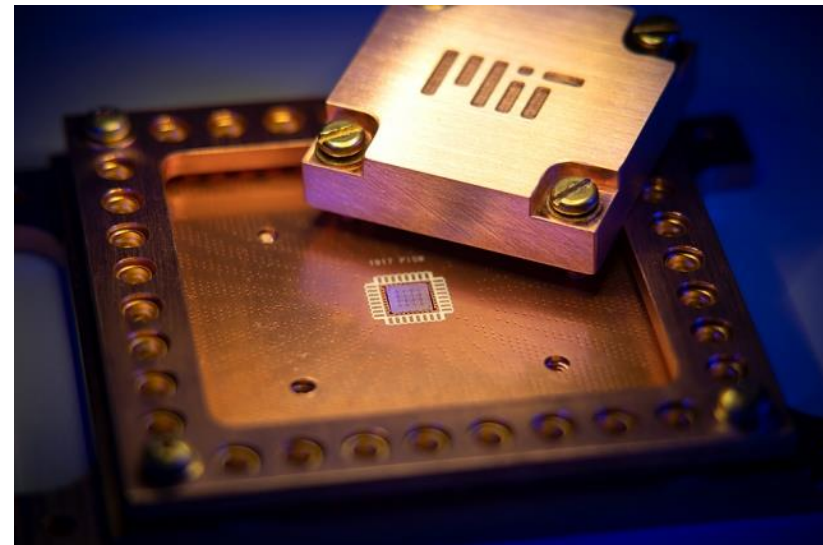


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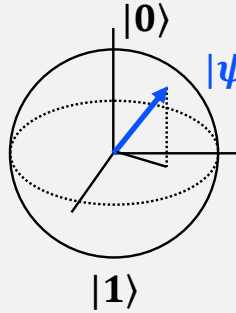


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How is a Quantum Computer Different?



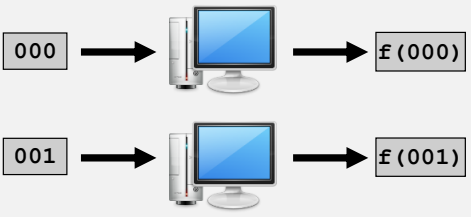
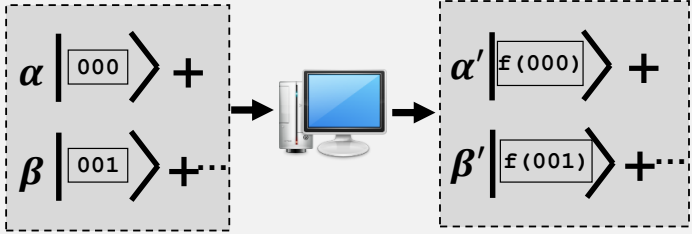
	Classical Computer	Quantum Computer
Fundamental logic element	“Bit” : classical bit (transistor, spin in magnetic memory, ...)	“Qubit” : quantum bit (any coherent two-level system)
State	0 “Or” 1	 <p>Superposition: $\alpha 0\rangle + \beta 1\rangle$ “And” $\psi\rangle = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$</p>
Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrete states • Deterministic measurement: Ex: Set as 1, measure as 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superposition states • Probabilistic measurement: Ex: If $\alpha = \beta$, 50% 0>, 50% 1>

Quantum computers rely on encoding information in a fundamentally different way than classical computers



How is a Quantum Computer Different?



Fundamental logic element	Classical Computer “Bit” : classical bit (transistor, spin in magnetic memory, ...)	Quantum Computer “Qubit” : quantum bit (any coherent two-level system)
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N bits: One N-bit state 000, 001, ..., 111 (N = 3) Change a bit: new calculation (classical parallelism) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N qubits: 2^N components to one state $\alpha 000\rangle + \beta 001\rangle + \dots + \gamma 111\rangle$ (N = 3) Quantum parallelism & interference 

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Classical and Quantum Gates



GATE	CIRCUIT REPRESENTATION	TRUTH TABLE	
NOT The output is 1 when the input is 0 and 0 when the input is 1.		Input	Output
		0	1
		1	0
AND The output is 1 only when both inputs are 1, otherwise the output is 0.		Input	Output
		0 0	0
		0 1	0
		1 0	0
		1 1	1
OR The output is 0 only when both inputs are 0, otherwise the output is 1.		Input	Output
		0 0	0
		0 1	1
		1 0	1
		1 1	1
NAND The output is 0 only when both inputs are 1, otherwise the output is 0.		Input	Output
		0 0	1
		0 1	1
		1 0	1
		1 1	0
NOR The output is 1 only when both inputs are 0, otherwise the output is 0.		Input	Output
		0 0	1
		0 1	0
		1 0	0
		1 1	0
XOR The output is 1 only when the two inputs have different value, otherwise the output is 0.		Input	Output
		0 0	0
		0 1	1
		1 0	1
		1 1	0
XNOR The output is 1 only when the two inputs have the same value, otherwise the output is 0.		Input	Output
		0 0	1
		0 1	0
		1 0	0
		1 1	1

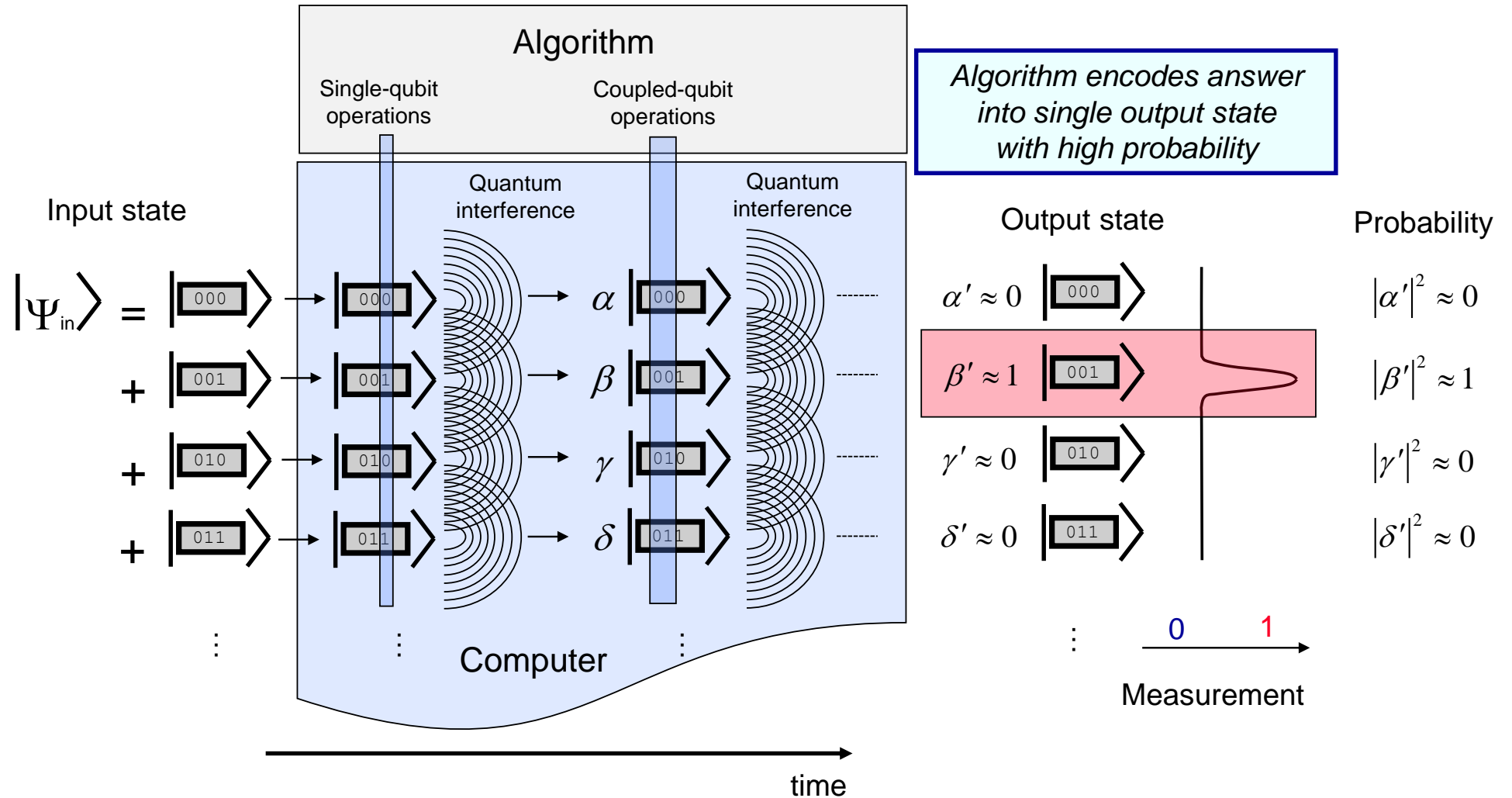
GATE	CIRCUIT REPRESENTATION	MATRIX REPRESENTATION	TRUTH TABLE	BLOCH SPHERE
I Identity-gate: no rotation is performed.		$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 0> 0> 1> 1>	
X gate: rotates the qubit state by π radians (180°) about the x-axis.		$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 0> 1> 1> 0>	
Y gate: rotates the qubit state by π radians (180°) about the y-axis.		$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 0> i 1> 1> -i 0>	
Z gate: rotates the qubit state by π radians (180°) about the z-axis.		$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 0> 0> 1> - 1>	
S gate: rotates the qubit state by $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians (90°) about the z-axis.		$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 0> 0> 1> $e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} 1>$	
T gate: rotates the qubit state by $\frac{\pi}{4}$ radians (45°) about the z-axis.		$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 0> 0> 1> $e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} 1>$	
H gate: rotates the qubit state by π radians (180°) about an axis diagonal in the x-z plane. This is equivalent to an X-gate followed by a $\frac{\pi}{2}$ rotation about the y-axis.		$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 0> $\frac{ 0> + 1>}{\sqrt{2}}$ 1> $\frac{ 0> - 1>}{\sqrt{2}}$	

GATE	CIRCUIT REPRESENTATION	MATRIX REPRESENTATION	TRUTH TABLE
Controlled-NOT gate: apply an X-gate to the target qubit if the control qubit is in state 1>		$CNOT = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 00> 00> 01> 01> 10> 11> 11> 10>
Controlled-phase gate: apply a Z-gate to the target qubit if the control qubit is in state 1>		$cZ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	Input Output 00> 00> 01> 01> 10> 10> 11> - 11>

- **Classical universal set**
 - NOT, AND
 - NAND
 - ...
- **Quantum universal set**
 - H, S, T, CNOT
 - ...



Quantum Algorithm (Universal)





Quantum Algorithms and Speed-Up



Algorithm	Classical Time	Quantum Time	Speedup	Limitation
Simulation¹ (quantum chemistry)	2^N (for N atoms)	N^c	Exp. in space, polynomial in time	Mapping problem to qubits
Factoring² (+ related number theoretic)	2^N (for N digits)	N^3	Exponential	Classical runtime limit unproven
Linear systems³ ($Ax=b$)	2^N (for N digits)	$\sim N$	Exponential	Strict conditions, e.g. sparse matrix
Optimization⁴	2^N	?	?	Empirical
Search⁵ (unsorted / unstructured data)	N	\sqrt{N}	Polynomial (\sqrt{N})	Data loading



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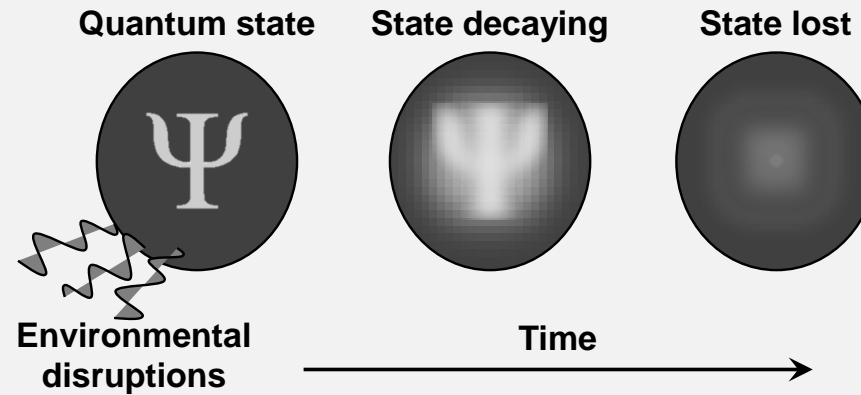


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Decoherence & Gate Time

Coherence time t_{coh} : The qubit's lifetime



Gate time t_{gate} : Time required for a single gate operation

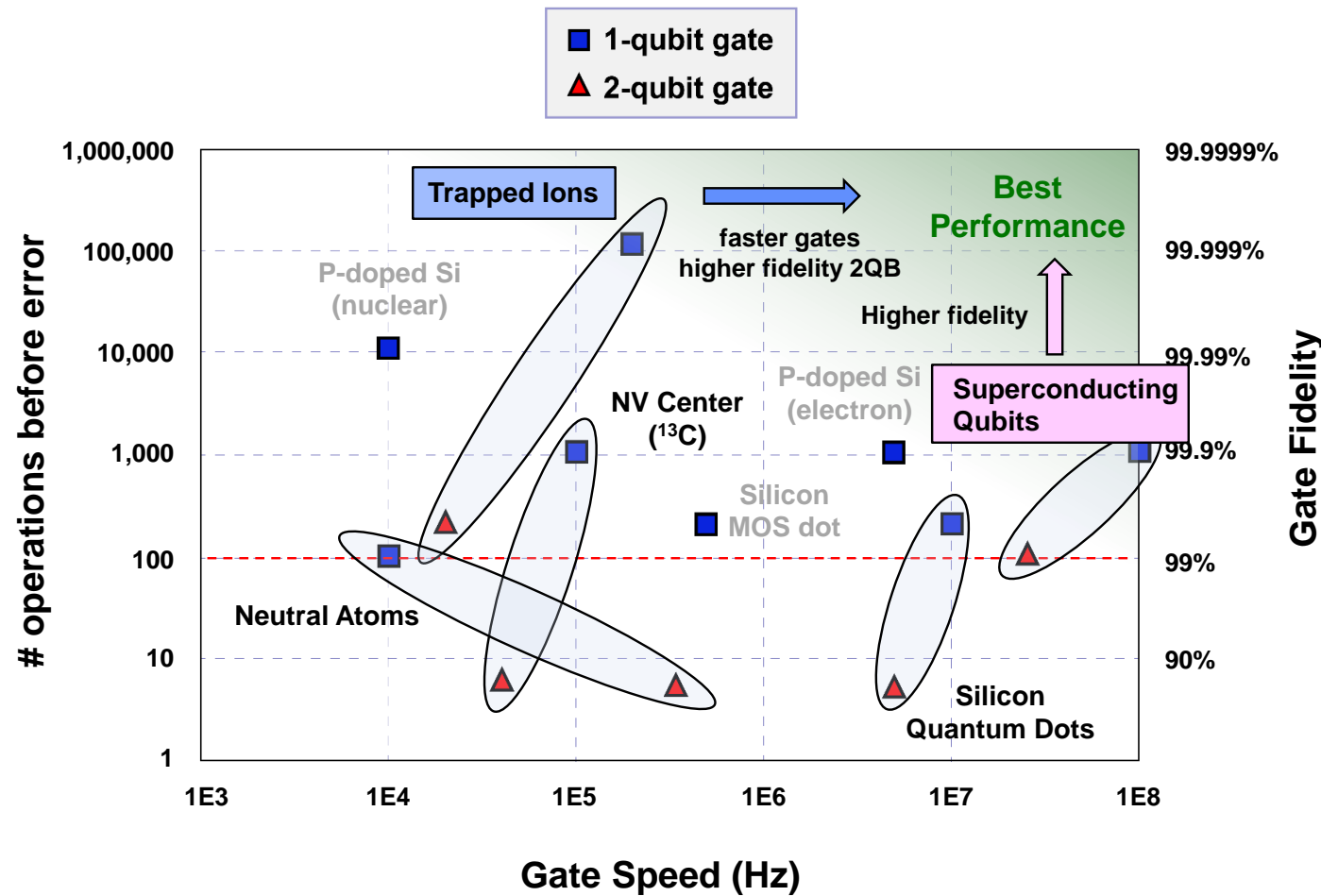
Figure of Merit * : # of gates per coherence time = $t_{\text{coh}}/t_{\text{gate}}$

(* Rigorous metric: gate & readout fidelity)

Long coherence times are not sufficient, it's the number of gates before an error



Qubit Modalities



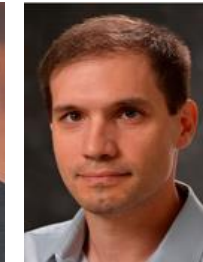
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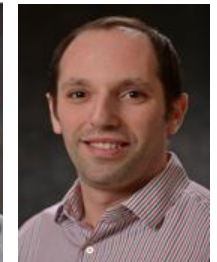
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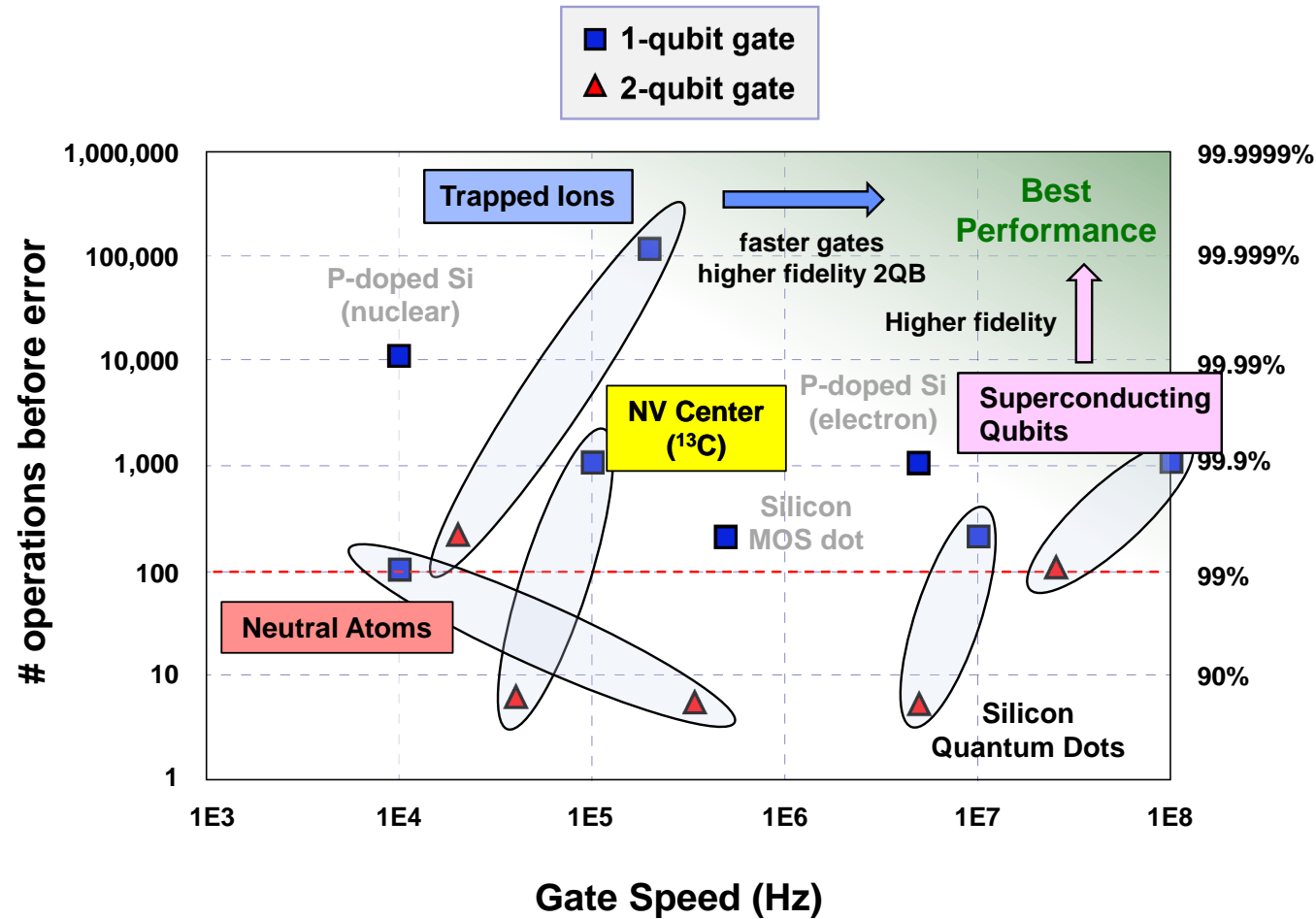


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Qubit Modalities



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Gate Fidelity

Many candidate technologies under development to realize the promise of quantum computation

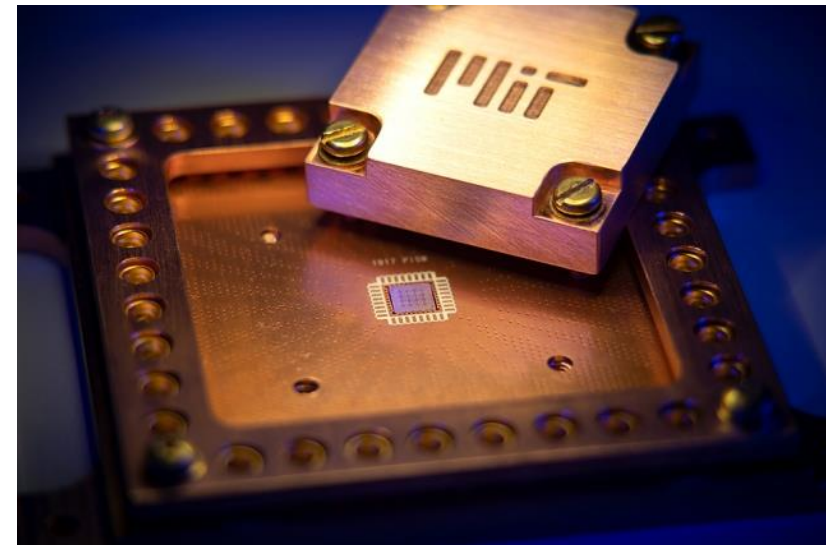


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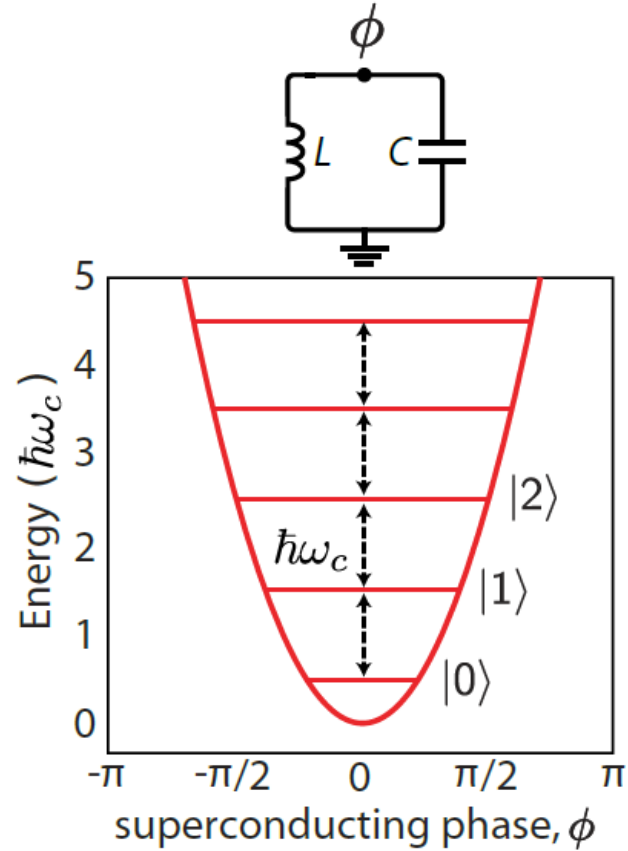
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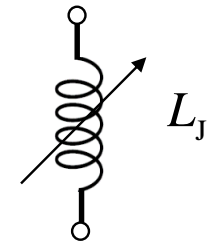
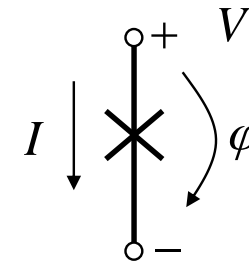
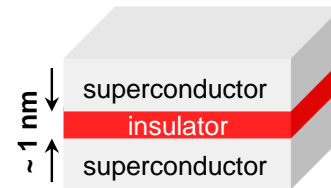
How to Build a Superconducting Qubit



quantum harmonic oscillator



Josephson Junction \rightarrow nonlinear inductor

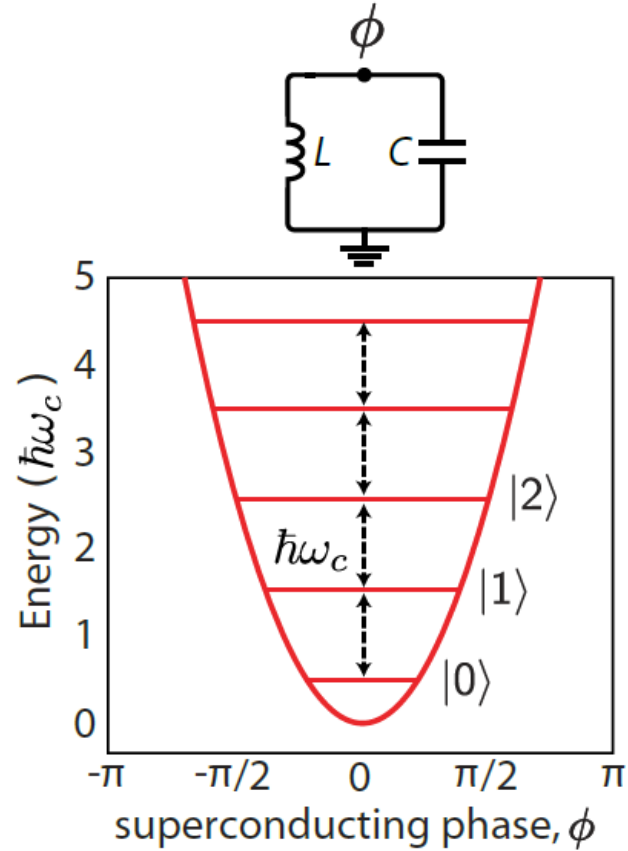




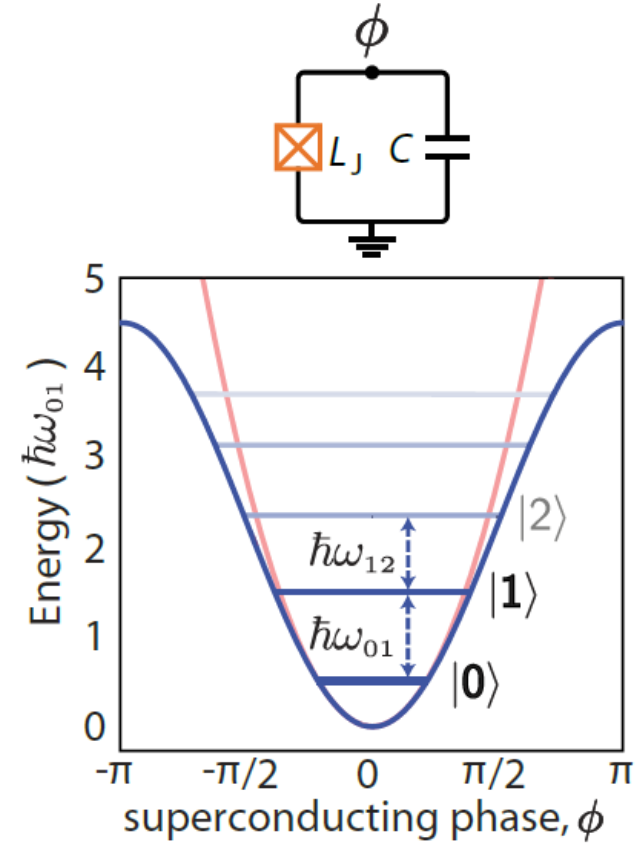
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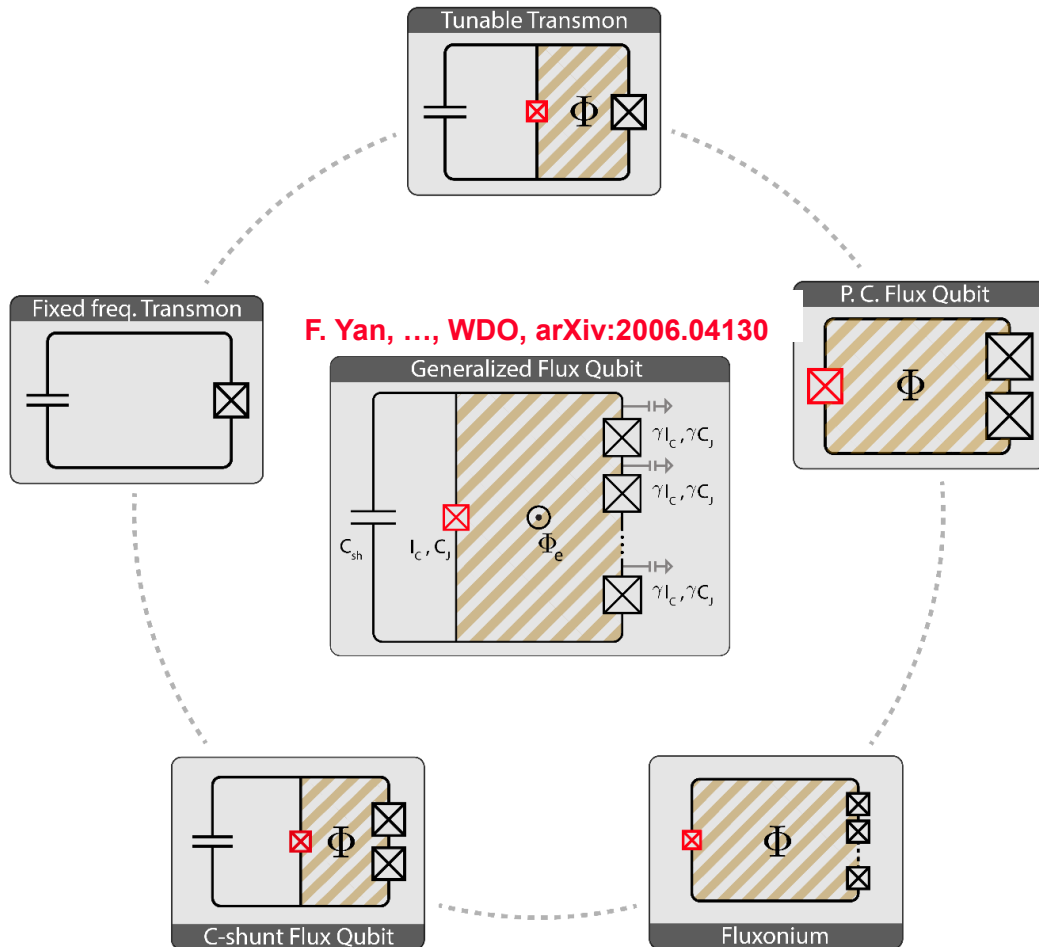


Transmon





Design Space for Superconducting Qubits



Design Parameters:

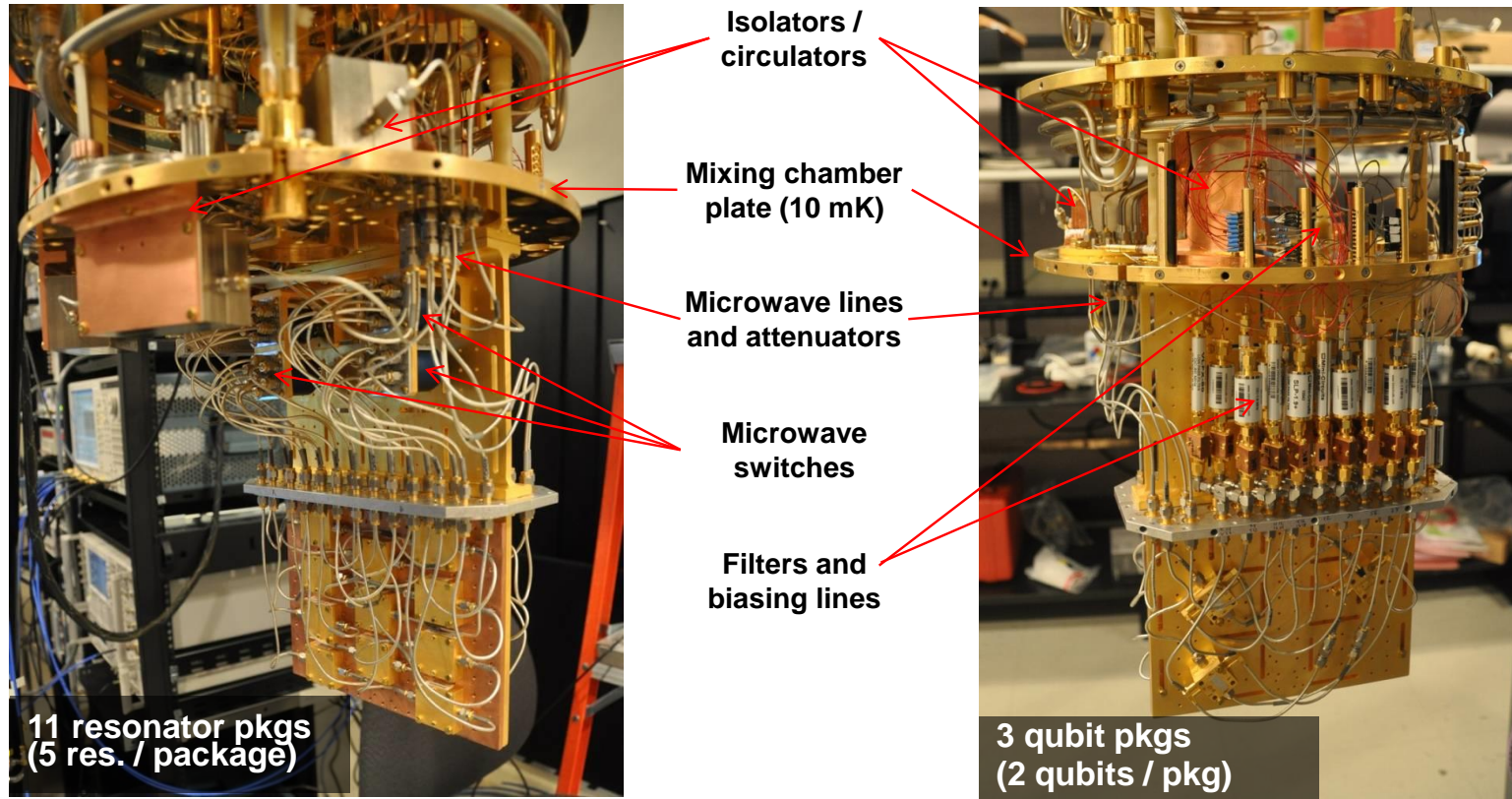
- I_c : critical current of small junction
- C_j : junction self-capacitance
- C_{sh} : shunt capacitance
- N : # of array junctions / shunt inductance
- γ : big/small JJ size ratio

Qubit Properties:

- E_{01} : Qubit frequency (3-6 GHz)
- A : Anharmonicity
- T^Φ : Sensitivity to flux-noise
- T^Q : Sensitivity to charge-noise
- T^K : Sensitivity to cavity-loss
- T^δ : Sensitivity to quasiparticles



Cryogenic Engineering



**5 GHz has a thermal energy of 250 mK → operate at 20 mK.
Commercially available, turn-key dilution refrigerators**

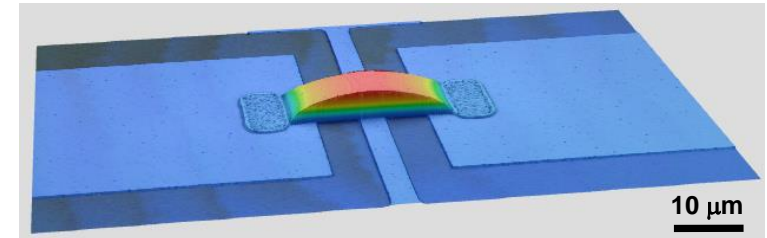
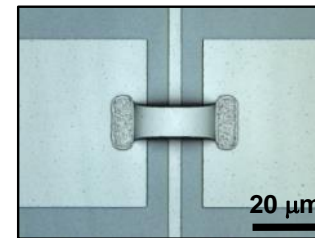


Fabrication Engineering

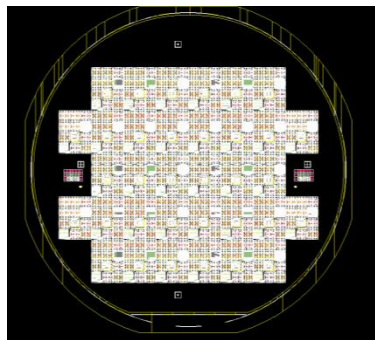


- Manufactured/designed qubits
- Lithographic scalability (silicon)

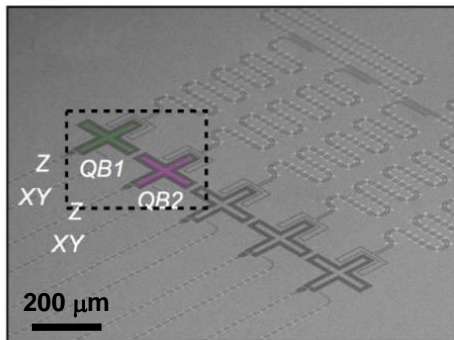
High-coherence air-gap cross-overs
(optical microscope and confocal images)



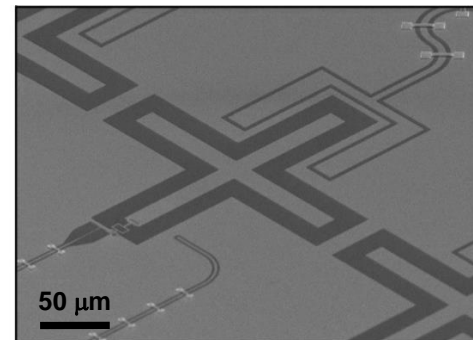
200-mm wafers
(49 Reticles × 16 chips)



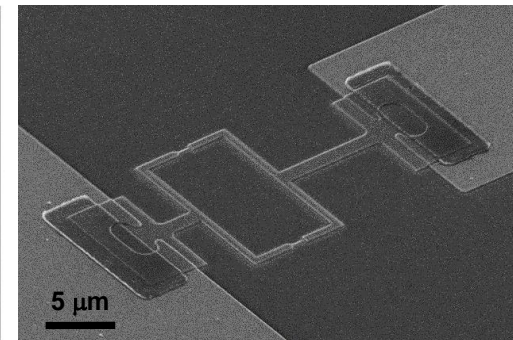
5-Transmon chip with
readout resonators



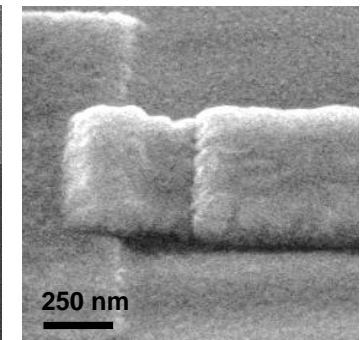
Transmon capacitor
and control lines



Tunable transmon qubit
loop with junctions



Josephson junctions
(aluminum)





Materials and Fabrication Engineering

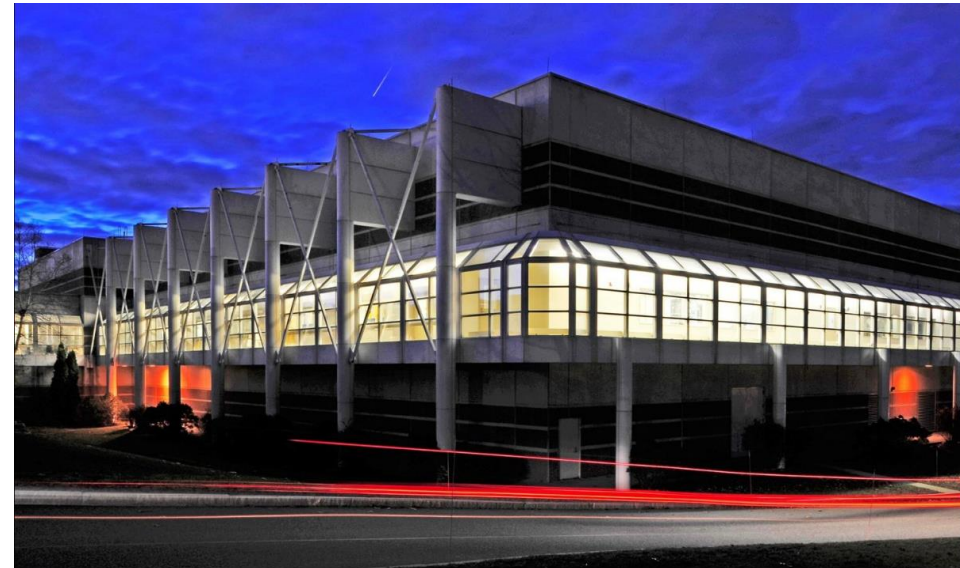


MIT.nano Laboratory
→ >2x larger than other US academic facilities



Novel, rapid-development processes:
→ exploratory research & prototypes
(50 mm, 200 mm wafers)

LL Microelectronics Laboratory (ML)
ISO-9001 Certified, DoD Trusted Foundry



High-yield, reproducible processes:
→ larger-scale development & testbeds
(200 mm wafers)



Microwave Engineering and Control

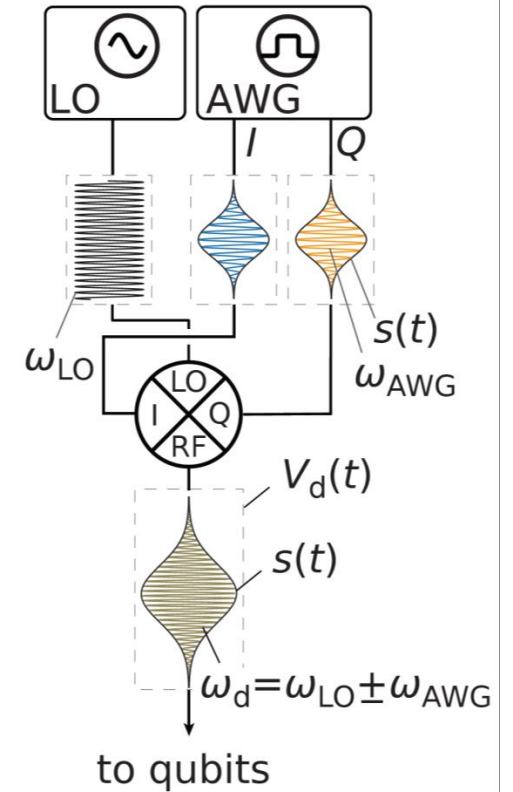


- Manufactured/designed qubits
- Lithographic scalability (silicon)
- RF and microwave control
- 100 MHz gate operations

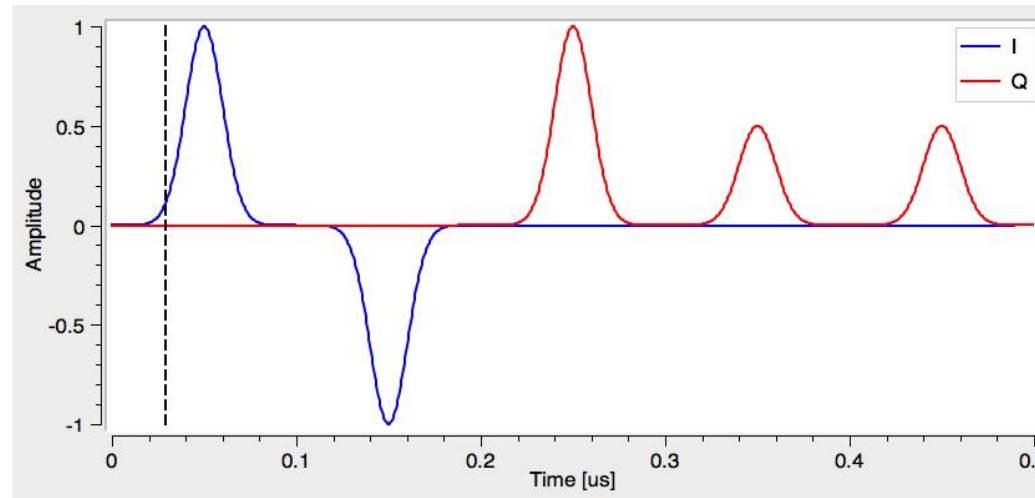
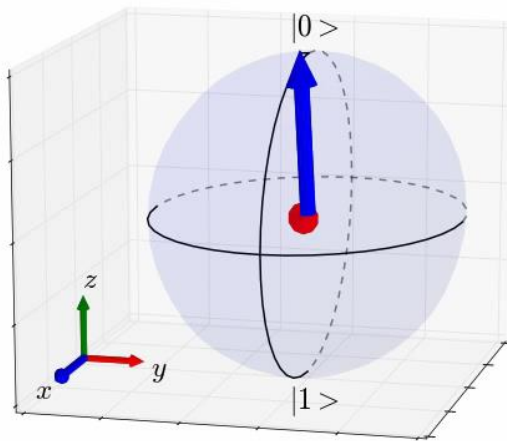
Dual-Channel, 2GS/s, 14-bit AWG



Qubit Control via Microwave Pulses



I: in-phase (0°) \rightarrow x axis
Q: quadrature (90°) \rightarrow y axis





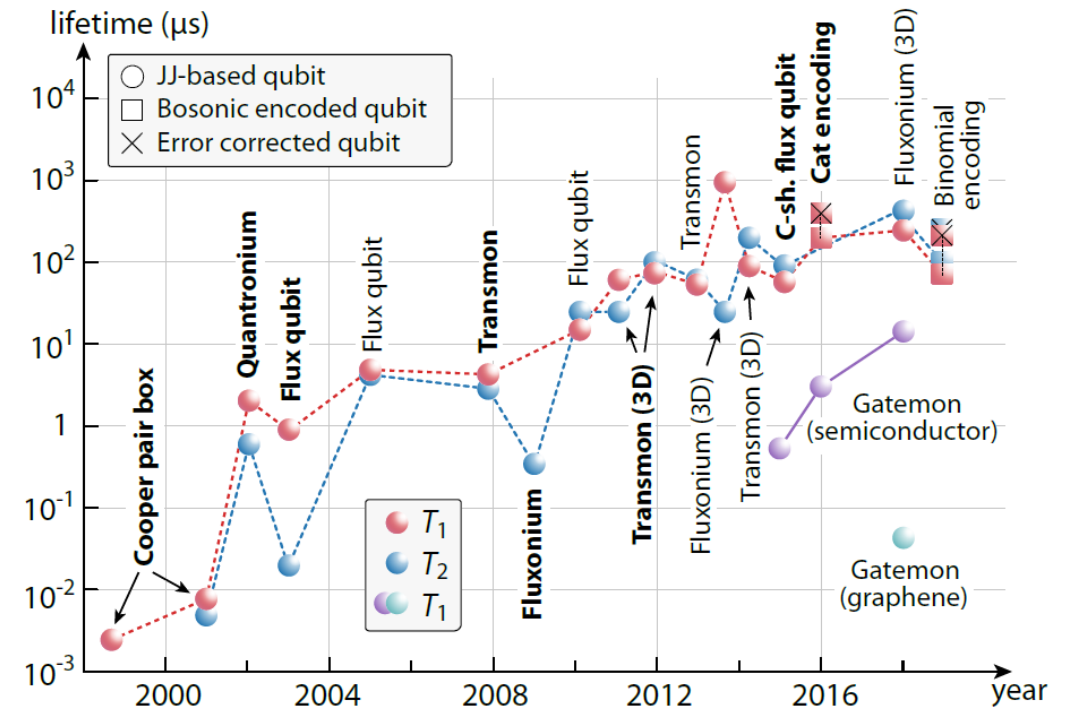
Engineering Improved Coherence



- Remarkable improvement in $T_{1,2}$
 - Materials
 - Fabrication
 - Design
- Major qubit types at MIT & LL
 - Flux qubit: $T_2 = 23 \text{ us}$
 - 2D transmon: $T_2 = 100 \text{ us}$
 - 3D transmon: $T_2 = 150 \text{ us}$
 - C-shunt flux qubit: $T_2 = 100 \text{ us}$
 - Gatemon (C): $T_2 = 50 \text{ ns}$

**Remarkable improvement in coherence
 from improvements to
 materials, fabrication, and design**

“Moore’s Law” for T_2



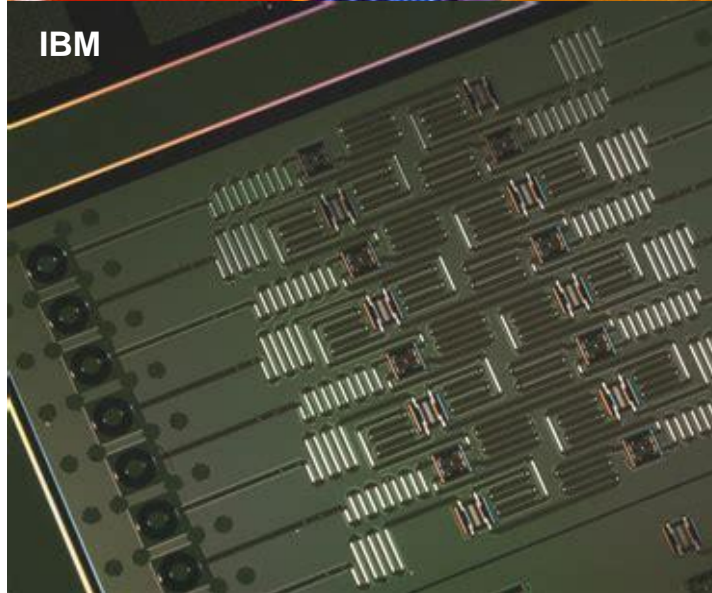
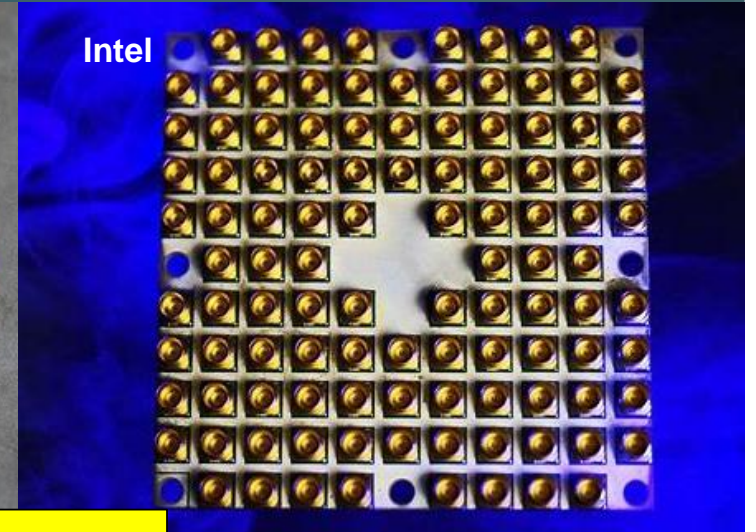
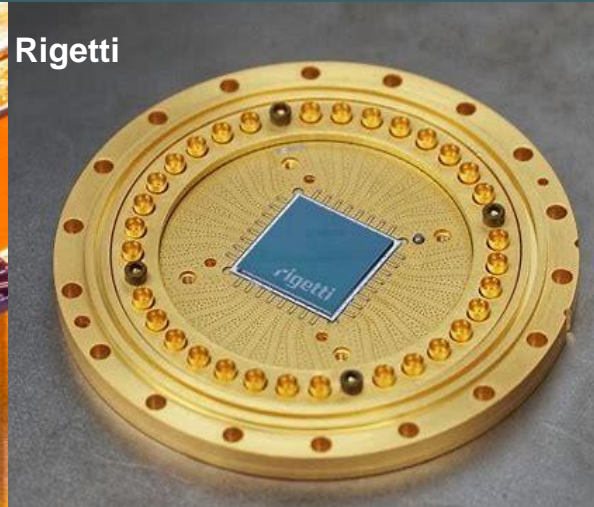
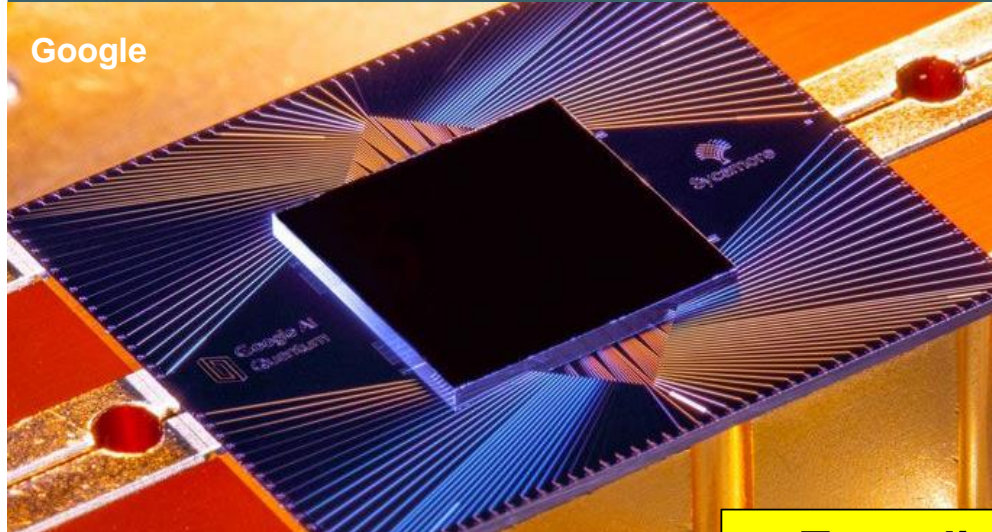
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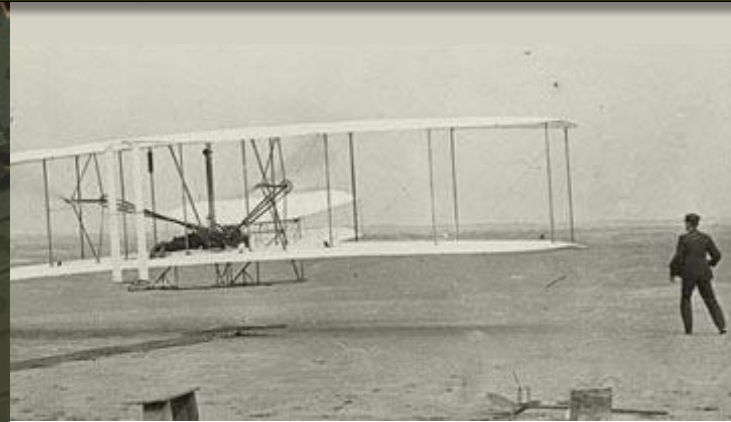
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Nascent Commercial Quantum Processors



To realize the promise of QC, we must engineer quantum systems that are robust, reproducible, and extensible.



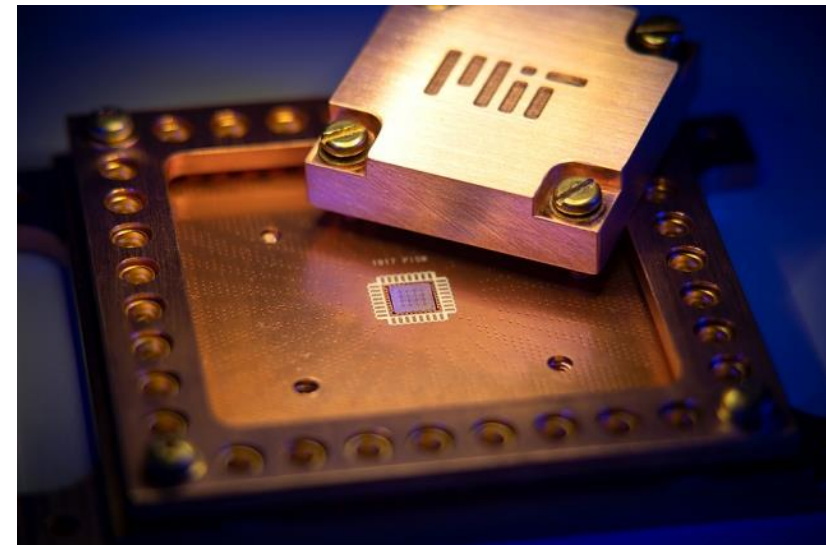


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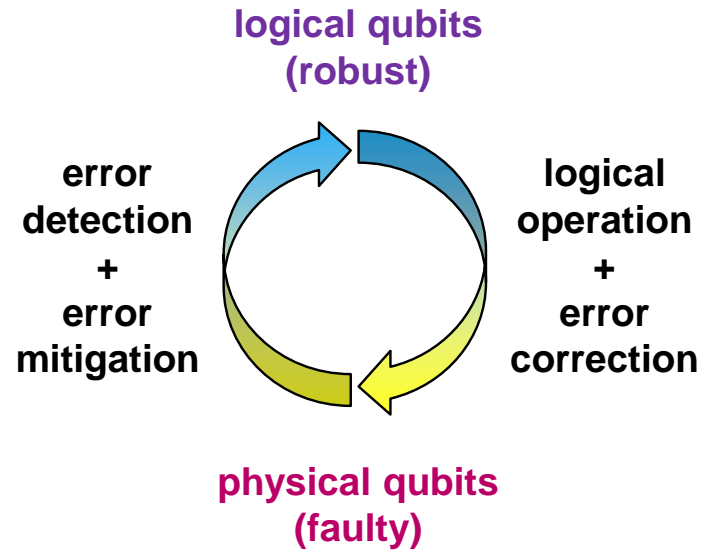
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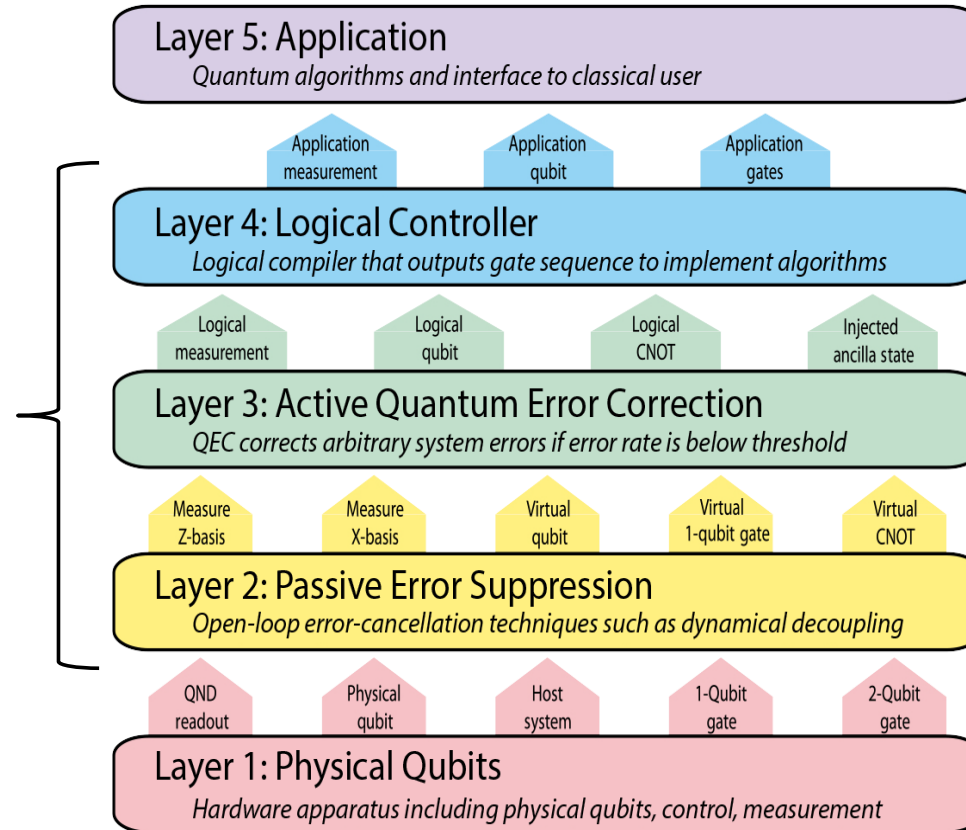
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Architectural Layers of a QIP



Layered Architecture



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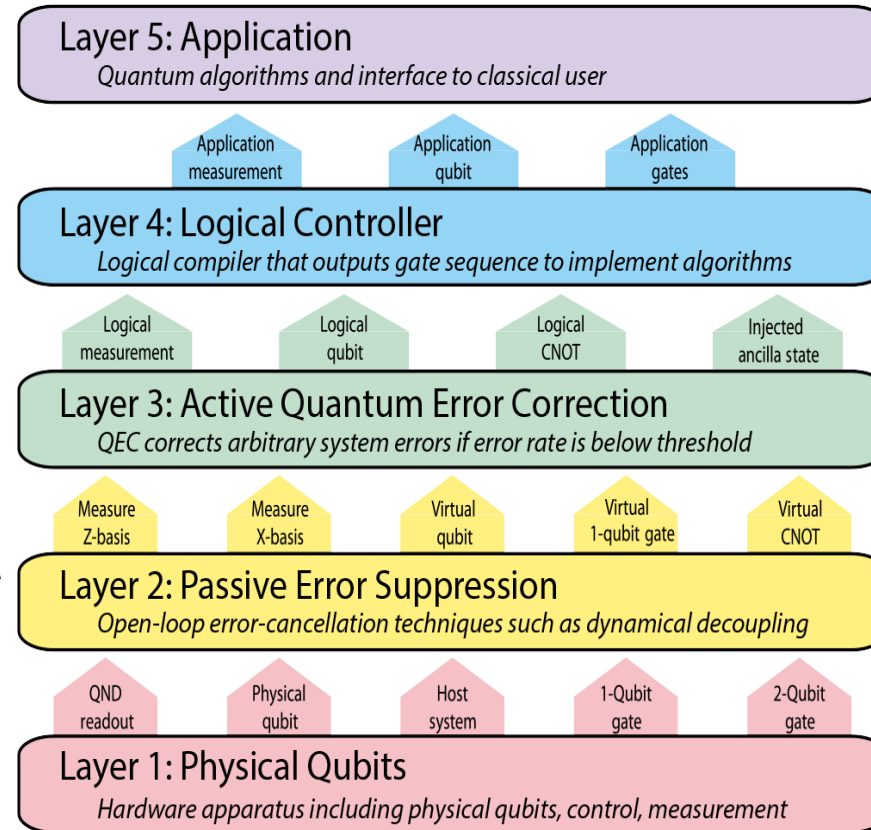
Architectural Layers of a QIP

Engineered Error Mitigation: Dynamical Decoupling

Eg. Lacrosse Cradling



Layered Architecture



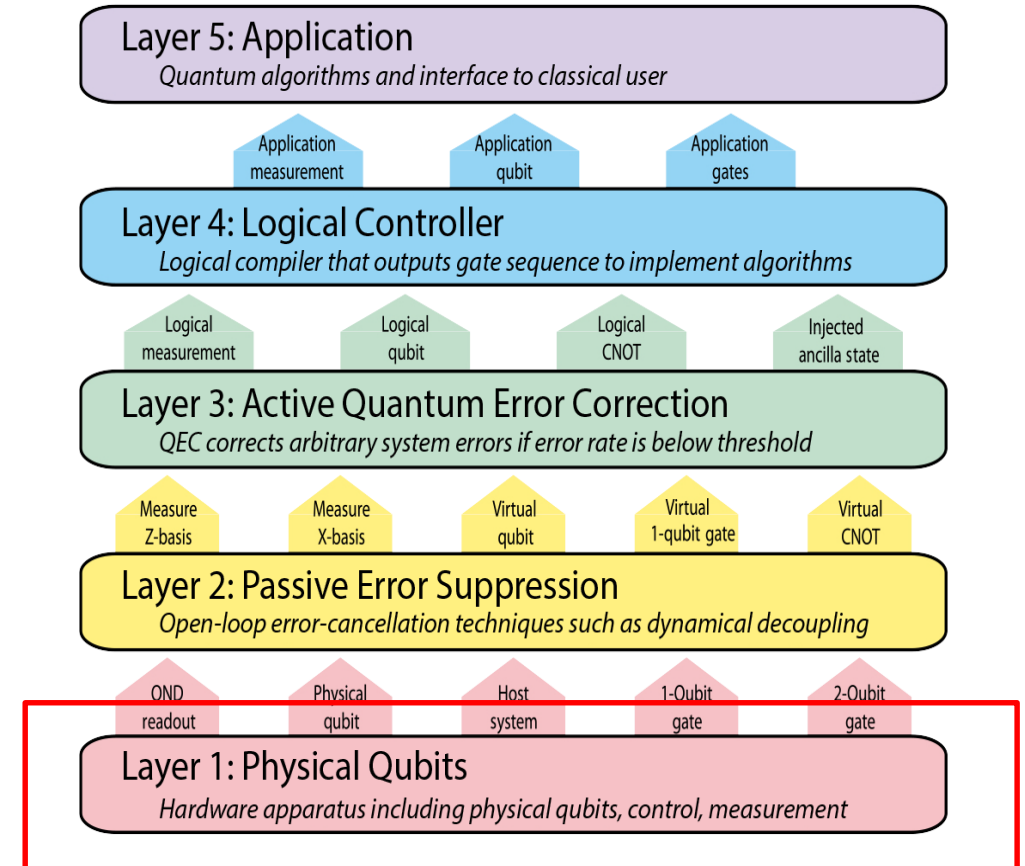
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Lacrosse in the Presence of Noise



Layered Architecture



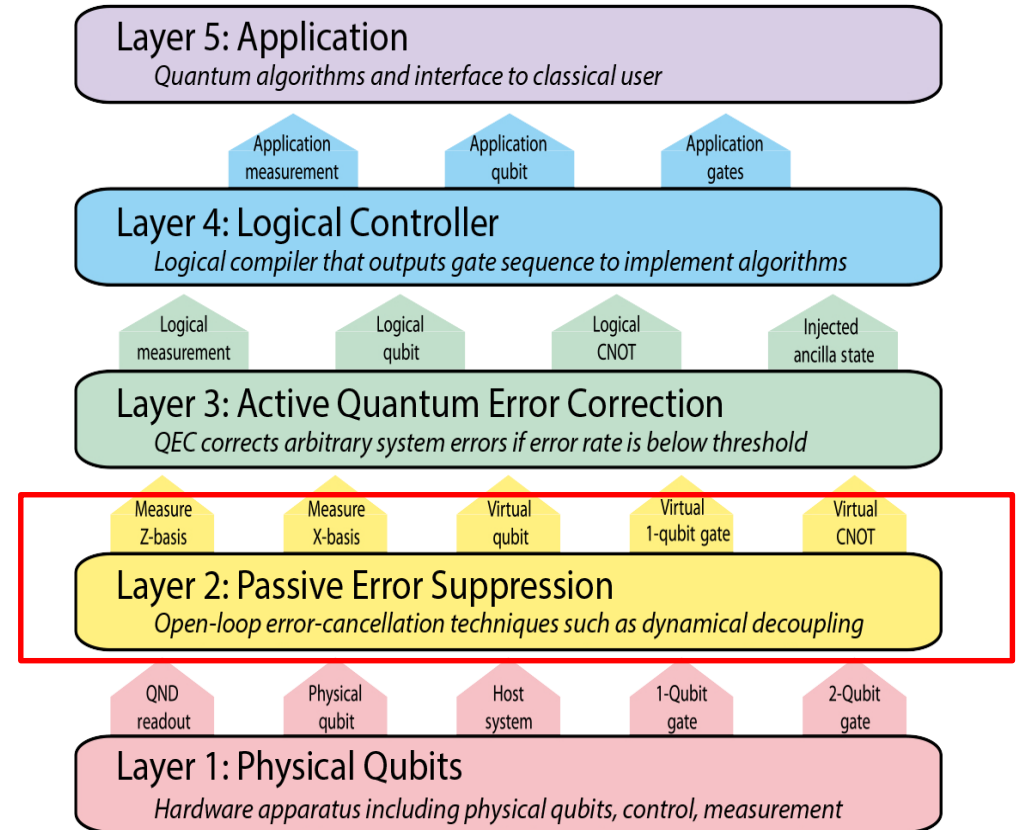
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Dynamical Decoupling from Running “Noise”



Layered Architecture



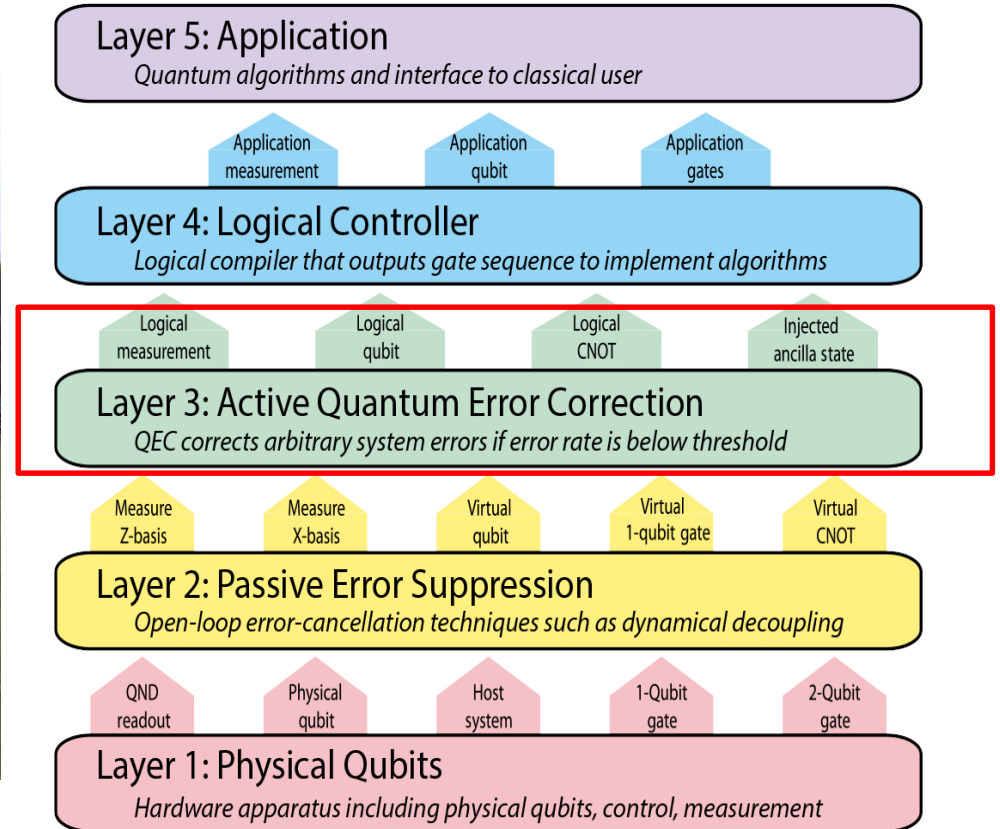
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“Active Error Correction” in Lacrosse



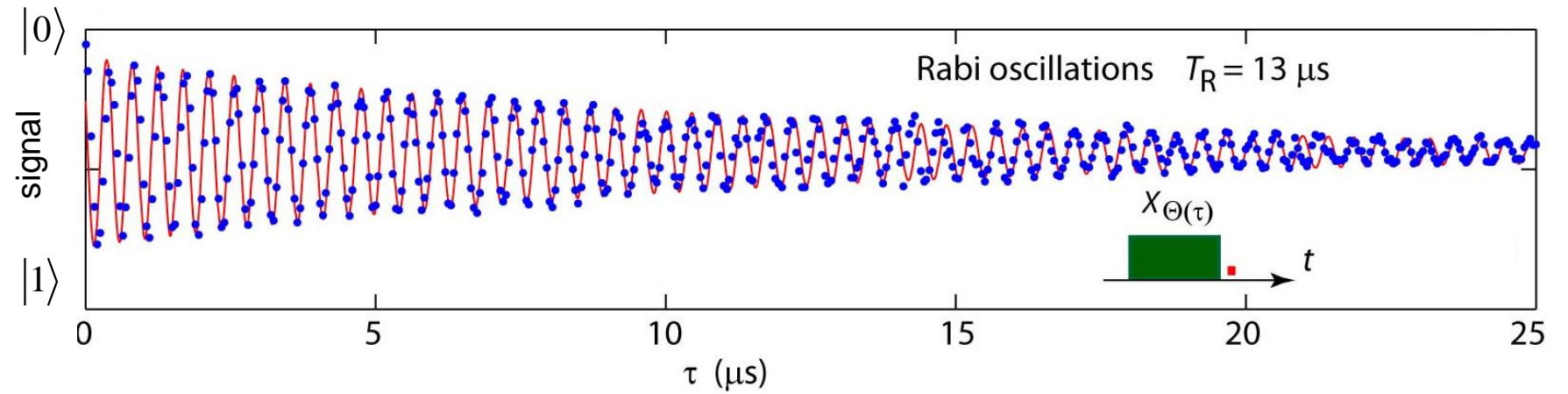
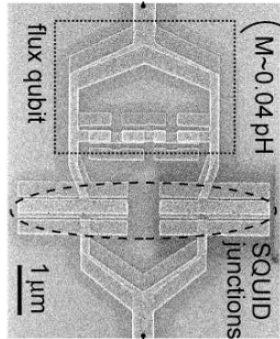
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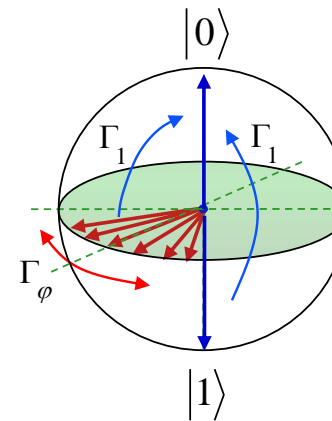
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Coherence Times



- **Relaxation rate:** $\Gamma_1 = 1/T_1$
- **Decoherence rate:** $\Gamma_2 = \frac{1}{T_2} = \frac{1}{2T_1} + \frac{1}{T_\varphi}$
- **Dephasing rate:** $\Gamma_\varphi = 1/T_\varphi$

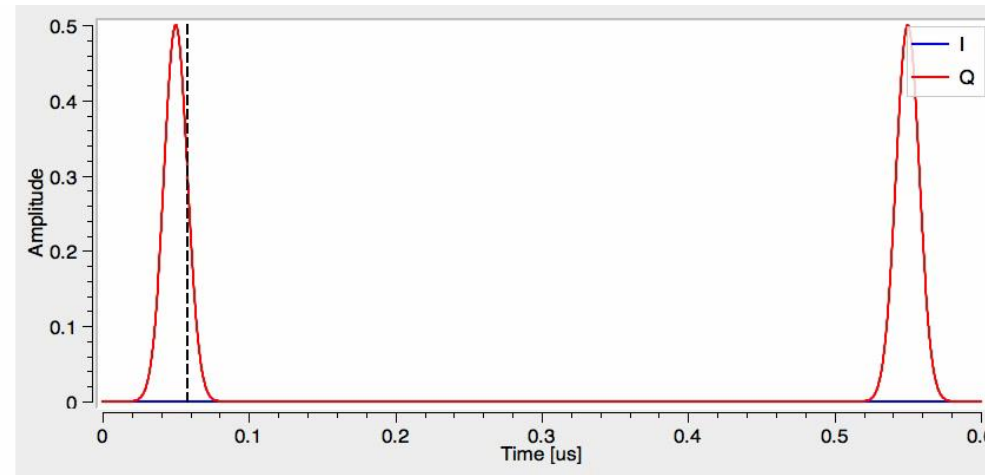
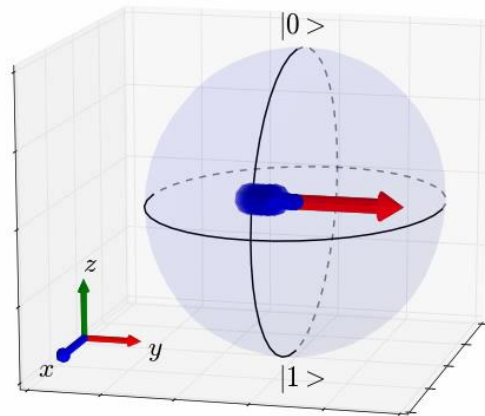
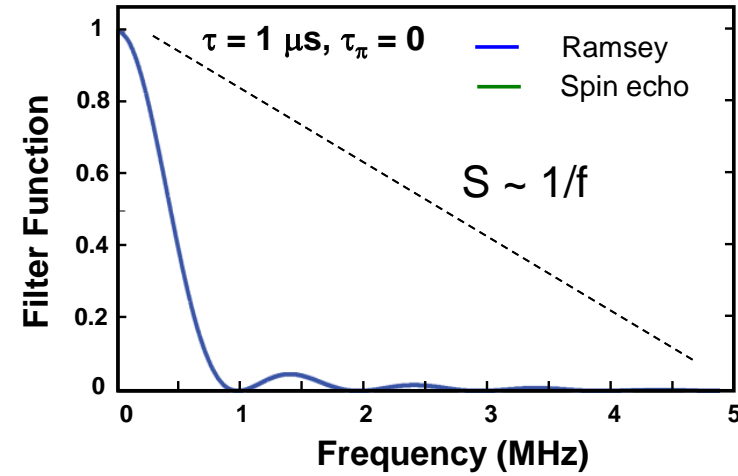
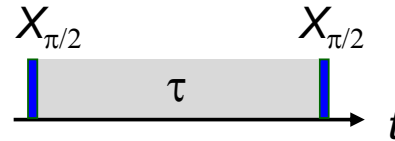


$T_1 = 12 \mu\text{s}$
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Can we improve the dephasing time?



Dynamical Decoupling: Noise Shaping Filters

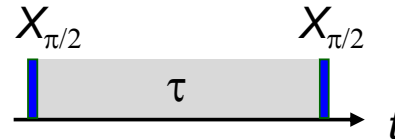
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 (Ramsey, N=0)



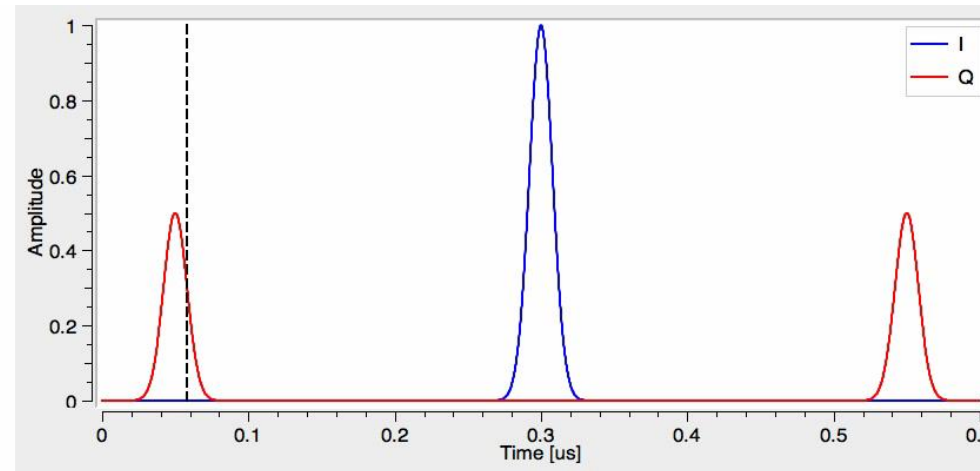
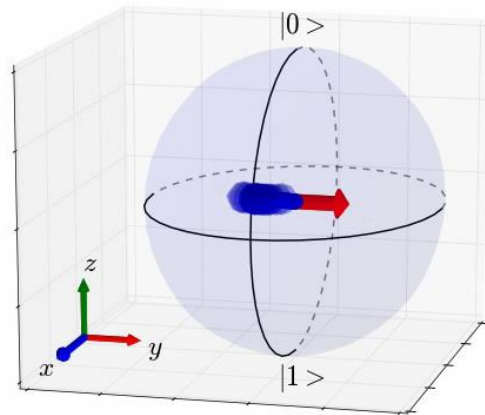
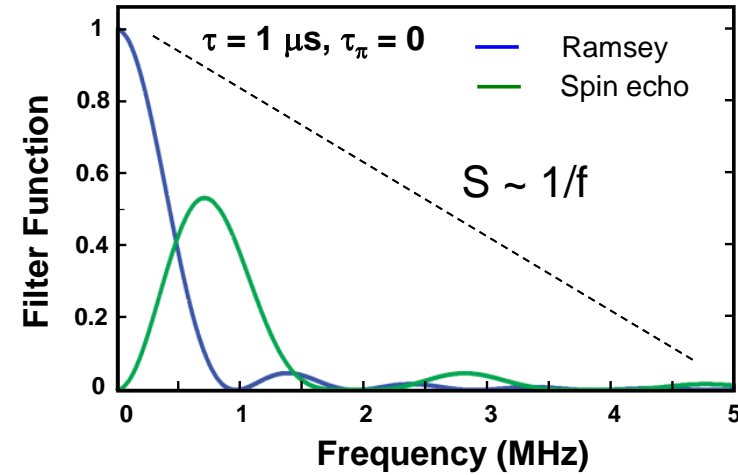
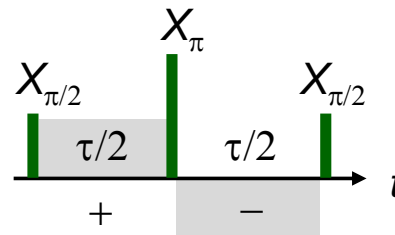


Dynamical Decoupling: Noise Shaping Filters with 1 π -pulse

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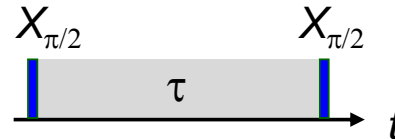
WITH Dynam. Decoup.
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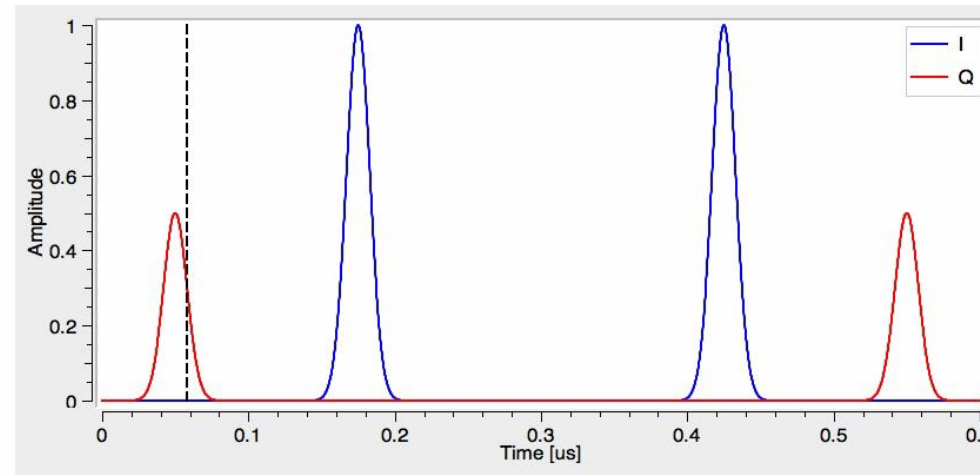
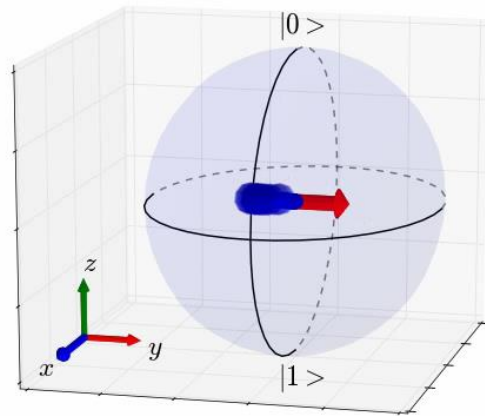
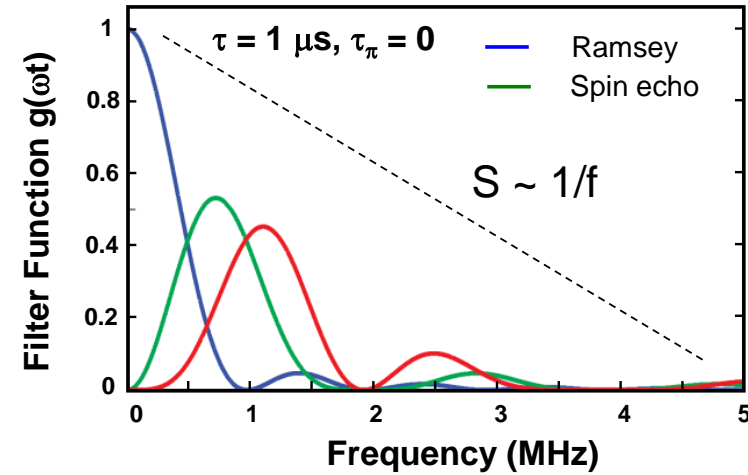
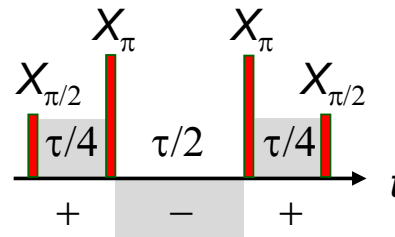


Dynamical Decoupling: Noise Shaping Filters with 2 π -pulses

NO Dynam. Decoup.
 (Ramsey, N=0)



WITH Dynam. Decoup.
 (CPMG, N=2)

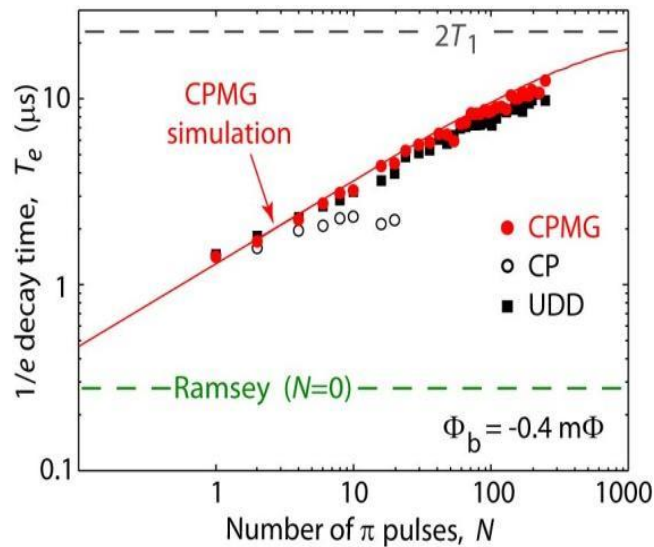




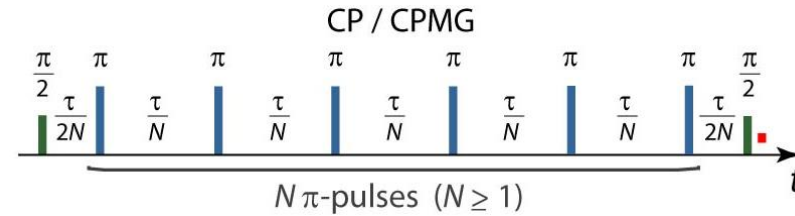
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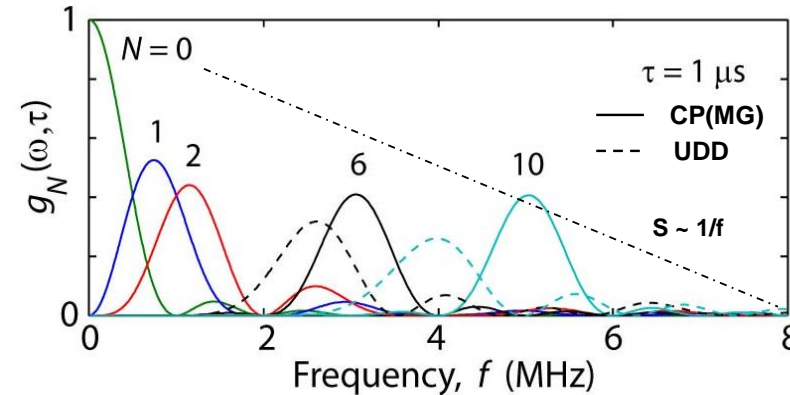
**Engineered Error Mitigation:
 Dynamical Decoupling**
 (improves the physical qubit error rate)



Carr – Purcell (– Meiboom – Gill) Sequence



Noise-Shaping Filter Functions

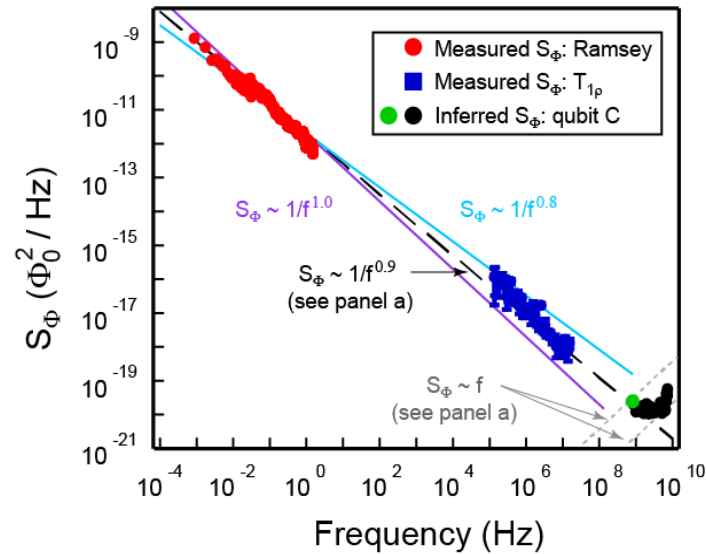




Noise Spectroscopy

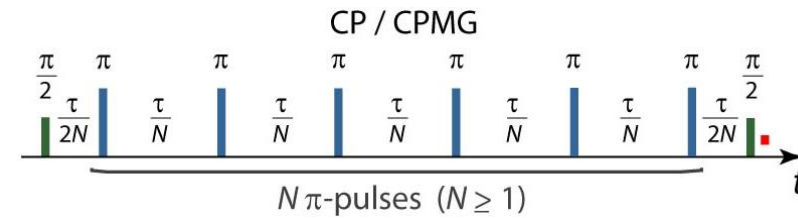


Qubit Noise Spectroscopy Filter Engineering & Optimal Control

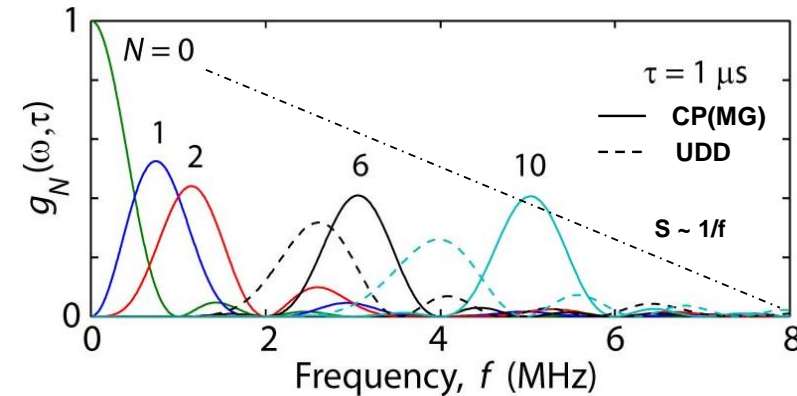


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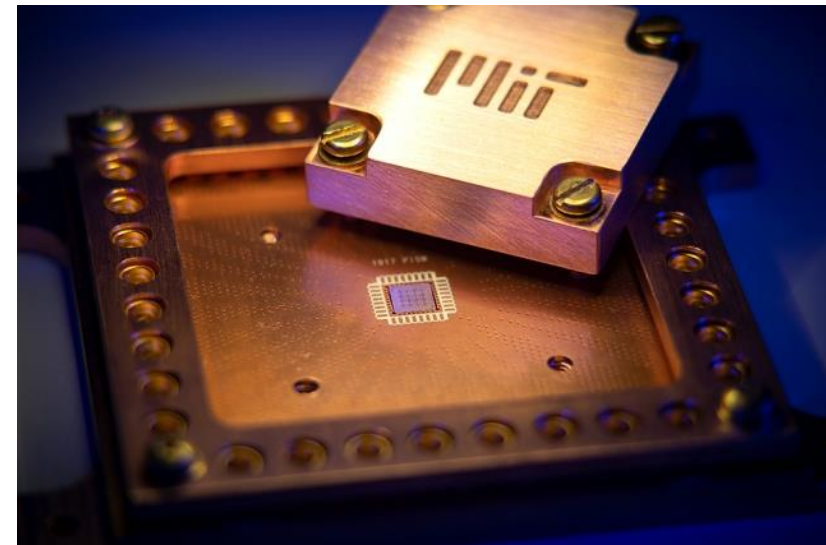


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32-pin Package
5x5 mm² silicon qubit chip



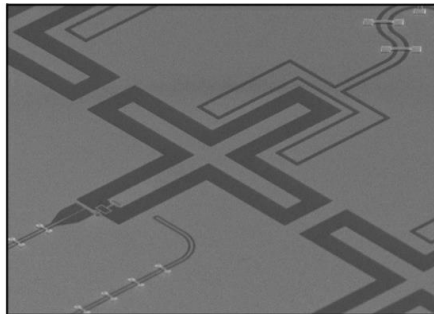
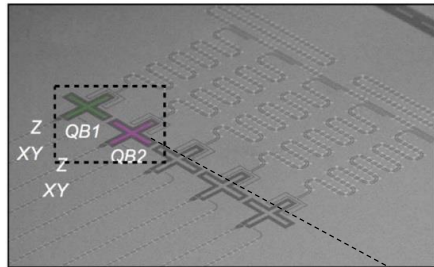
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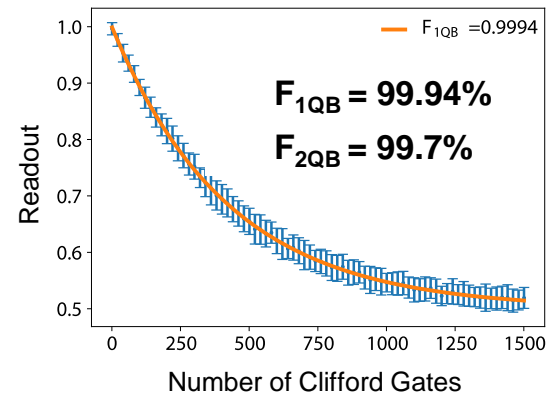
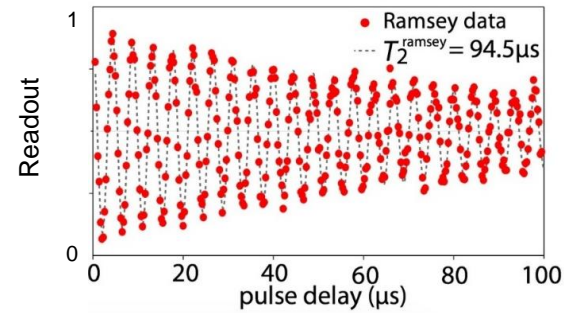
Gate Model Superconducting Qubits



Superconducting Qubits

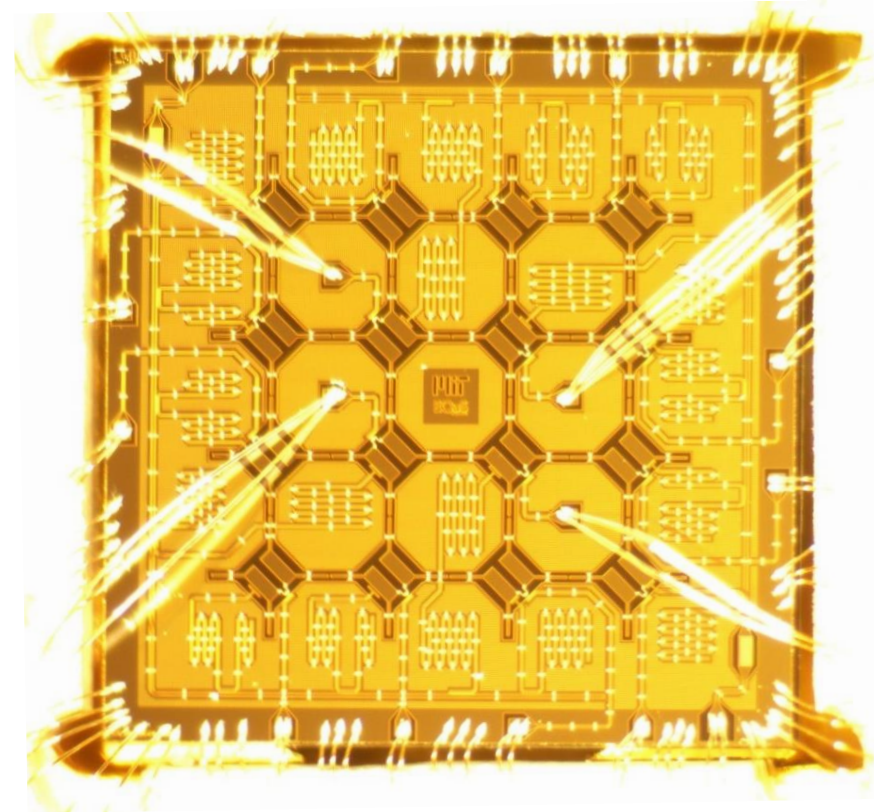


Coherence & Gate Fidelity



2D Arrays of Qubits

Lattices, Error Propagation, Coherent Errors, ...



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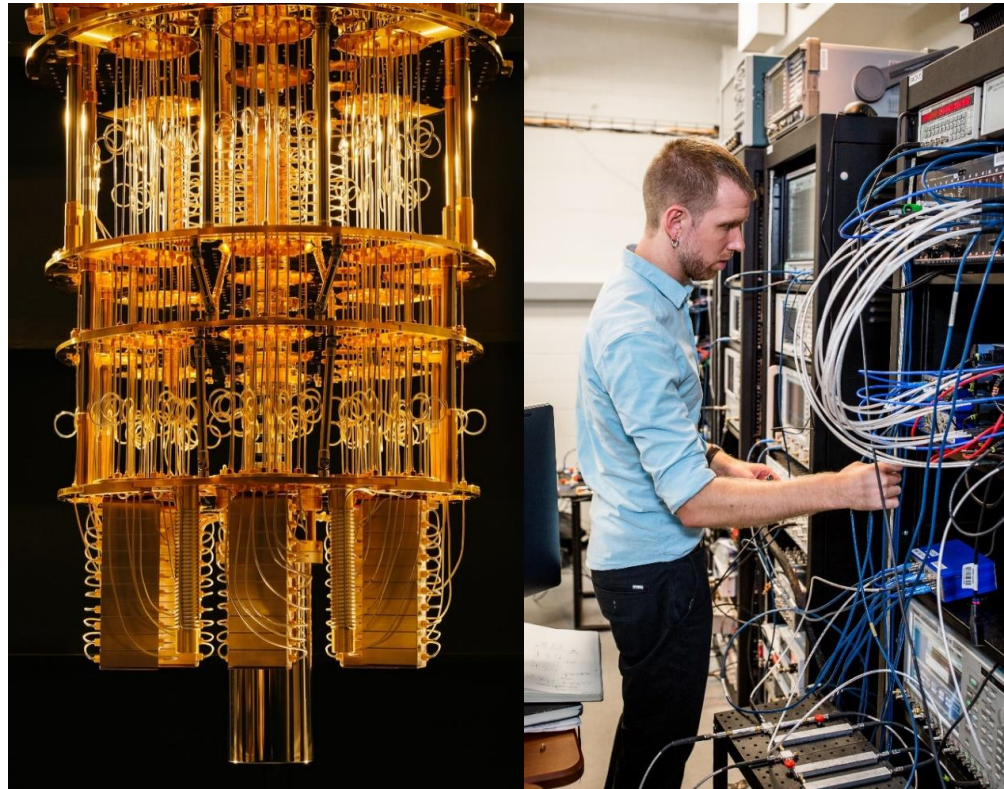
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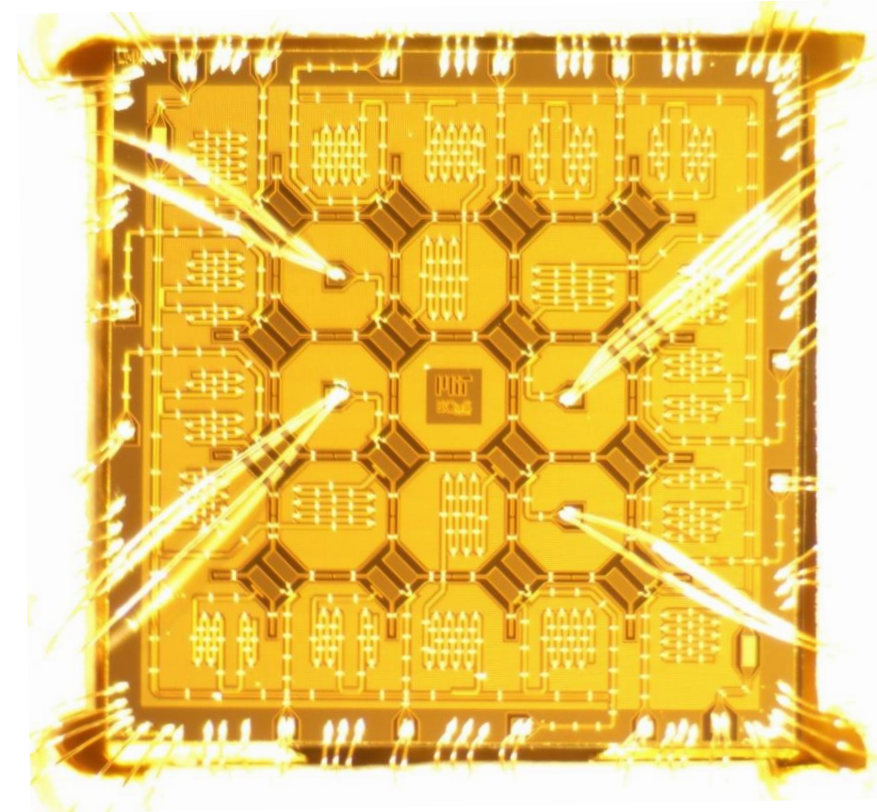
3D Integrated Superconducting Qubit Platform



64-Qubit Quantum Testbed Building in 2020



2D Arrays of Qubits Lattices, Error Propagation, Coherent Errors, ...

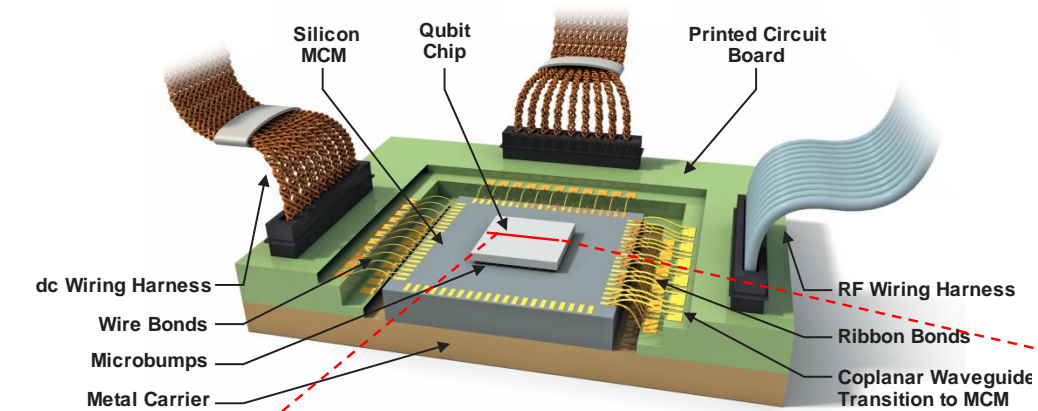


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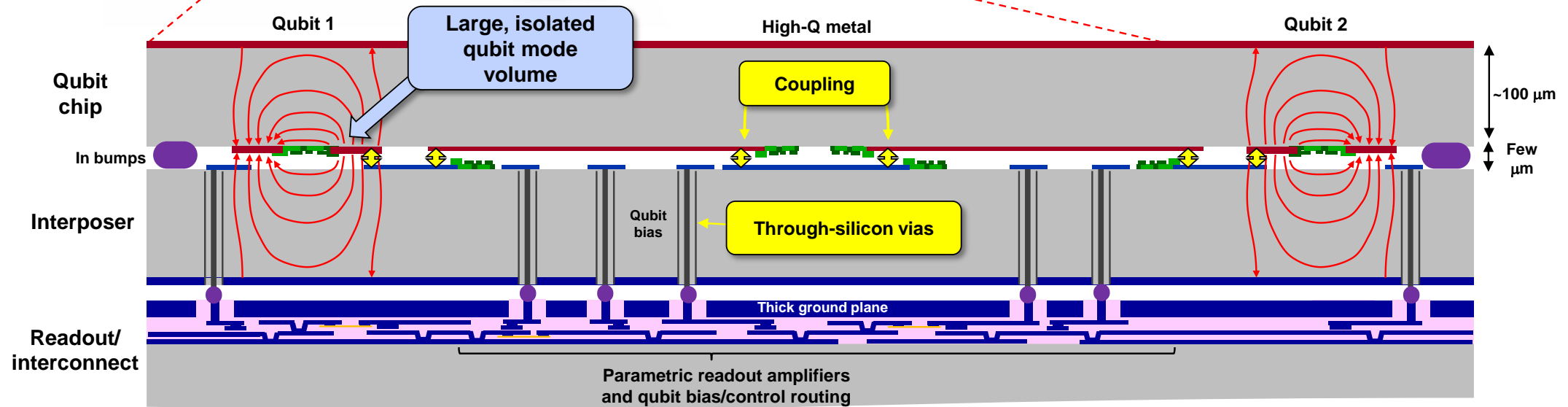


3D Integration for Quantum Processors

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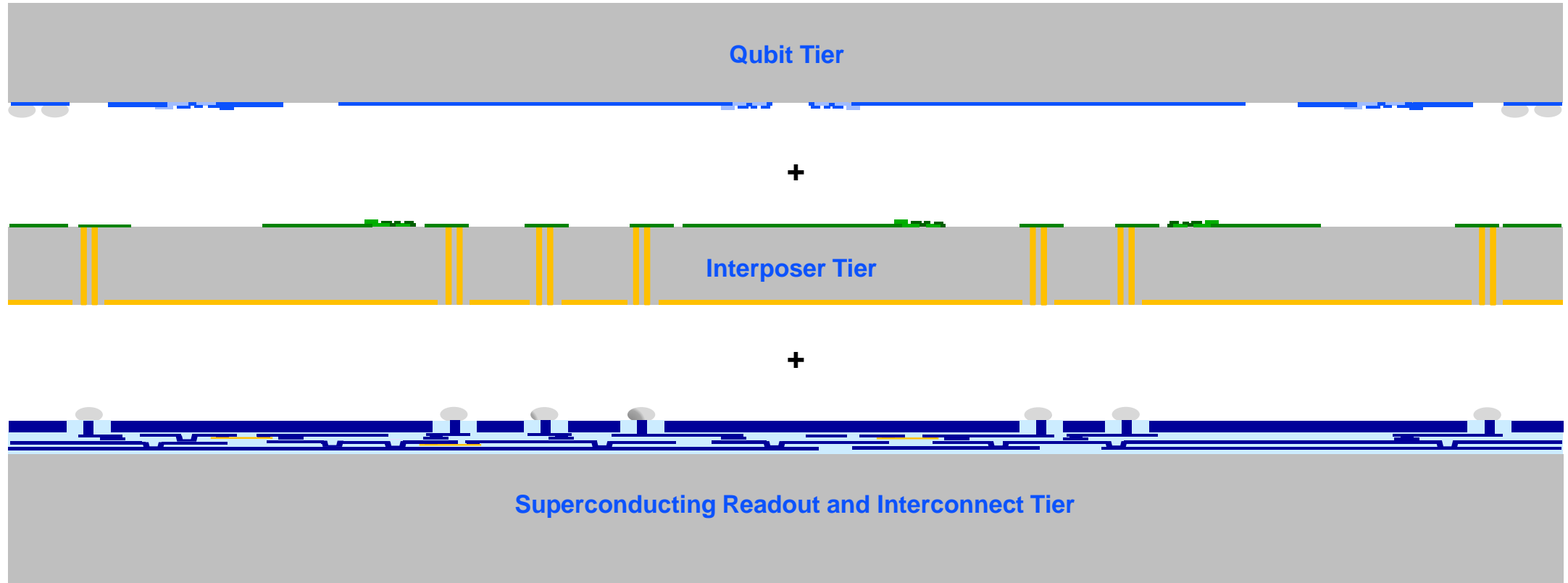


3-Stack enables high connectivity while maintaining high qubit coherence





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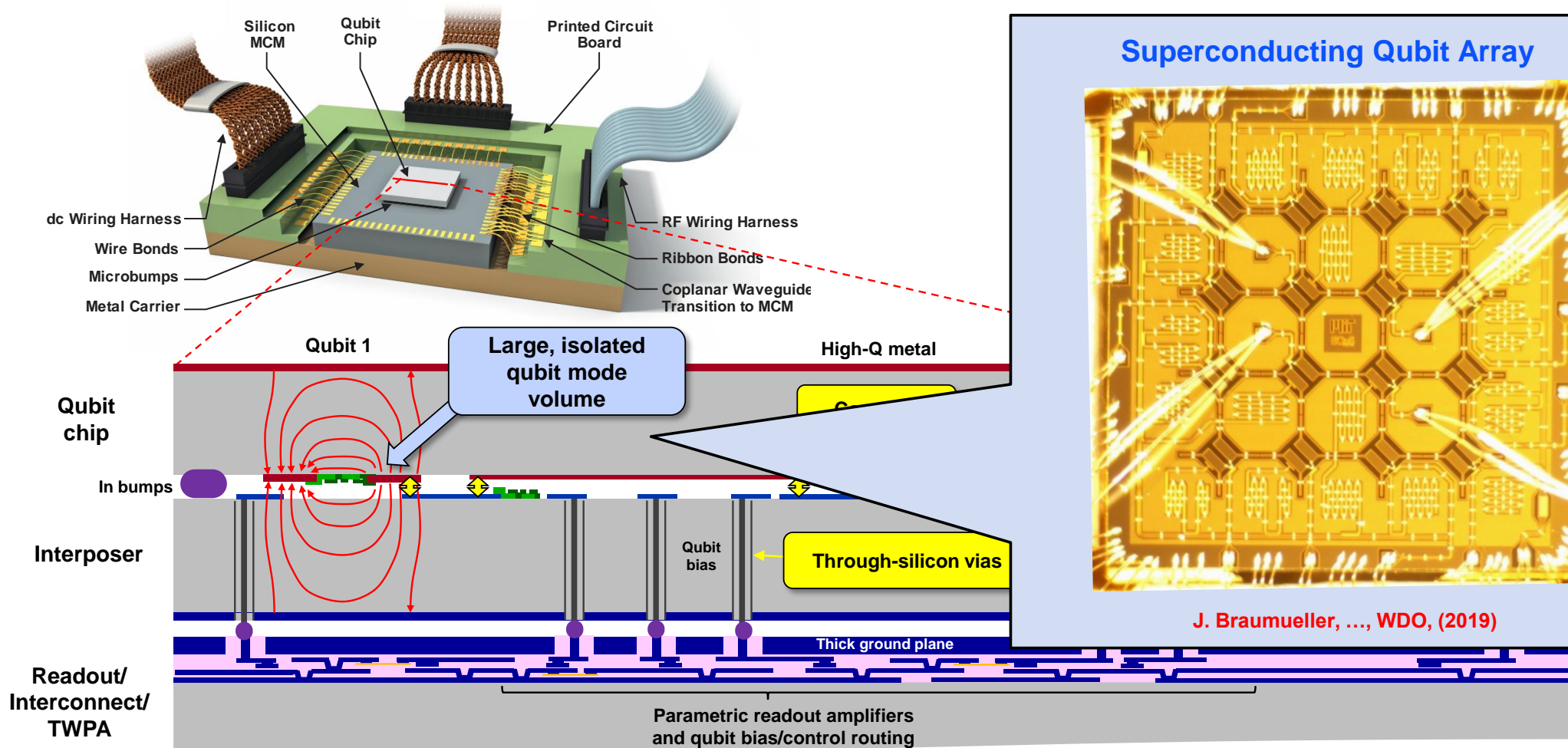


**Maintaining process independence for each wafer / layer
enables separate optimization and retains focus on high-coherence qubits**



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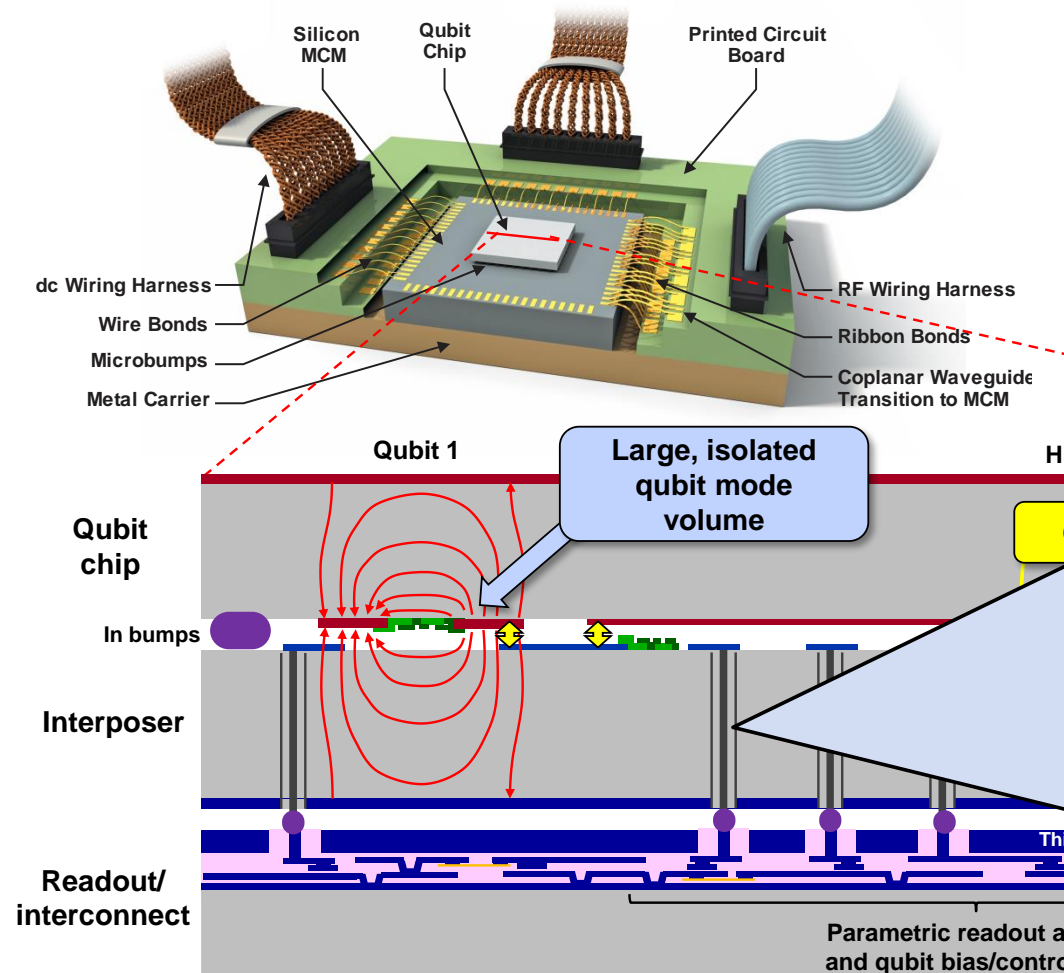
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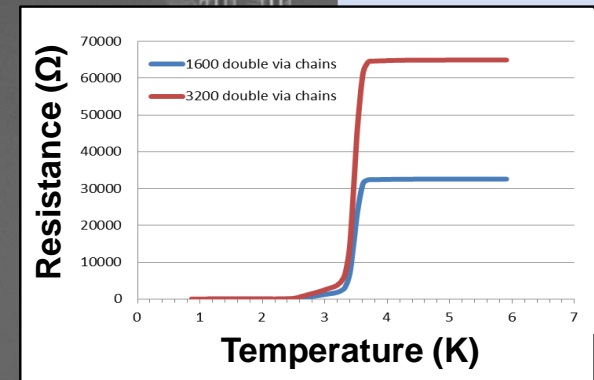
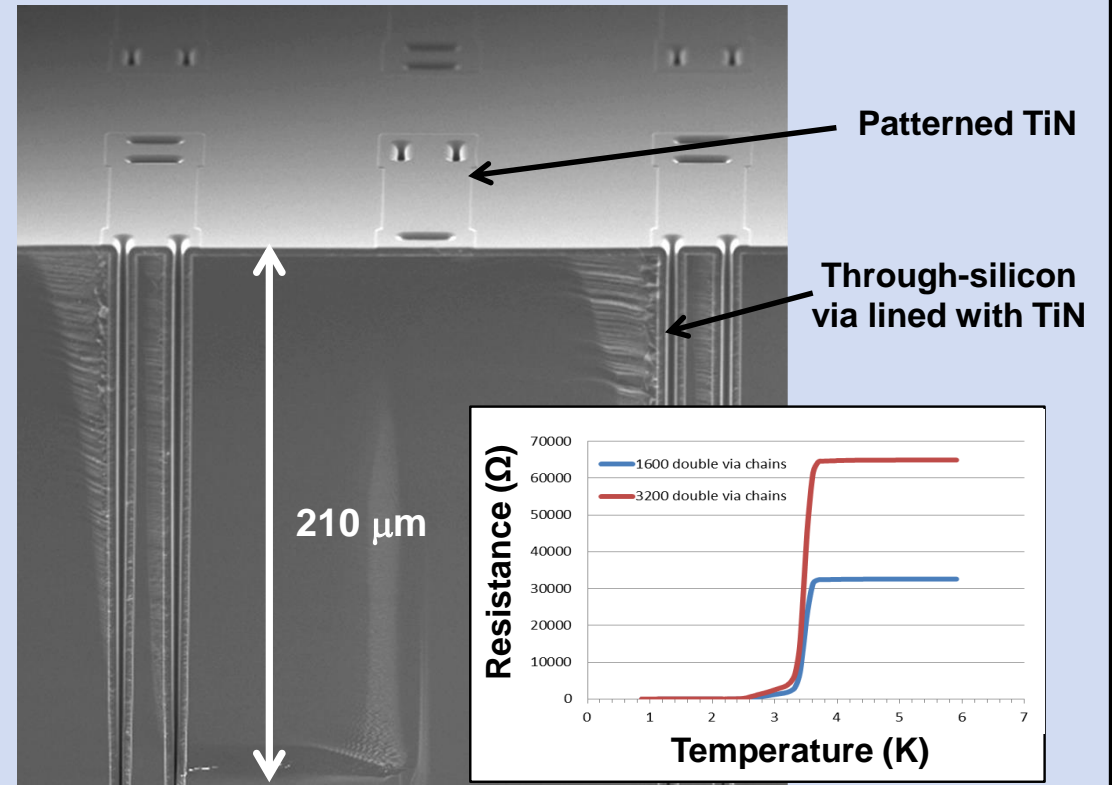


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Interposer isolates qubit from readout/interconnect layer. Superconducting through-silicon vias provide connectivity.

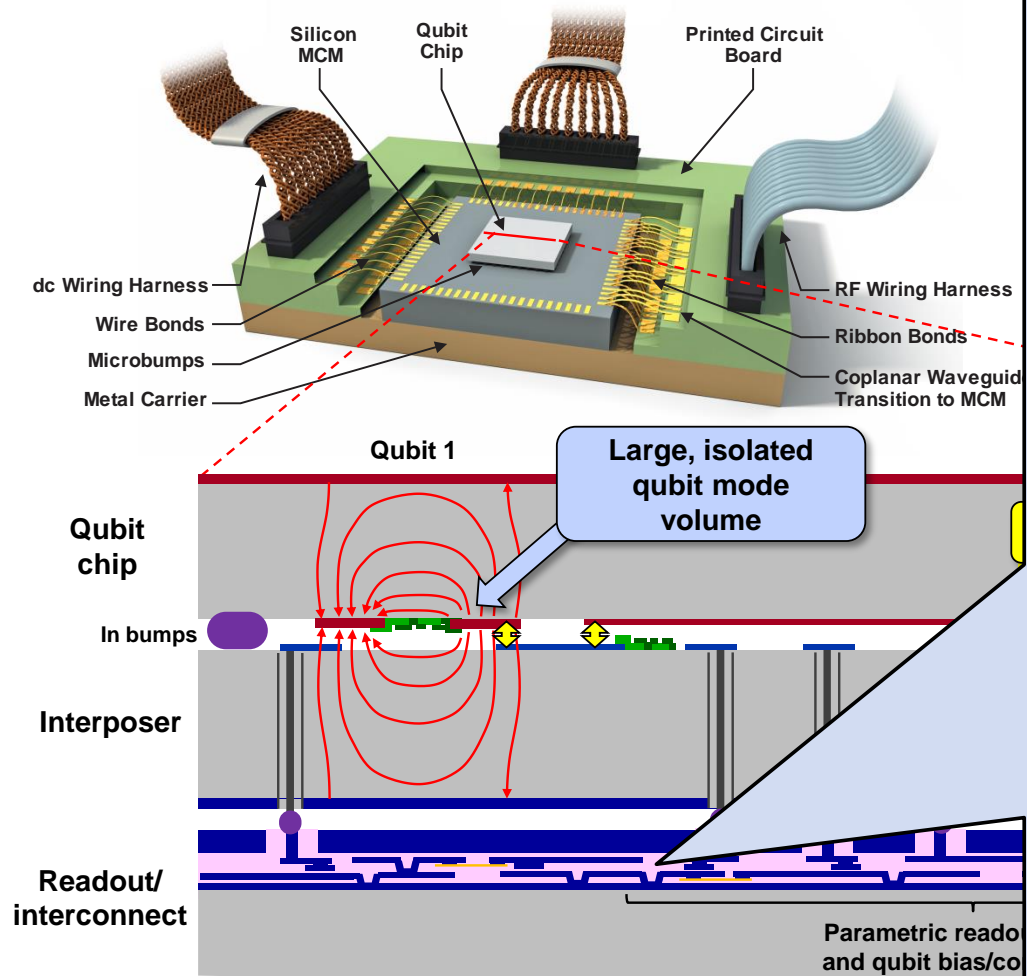


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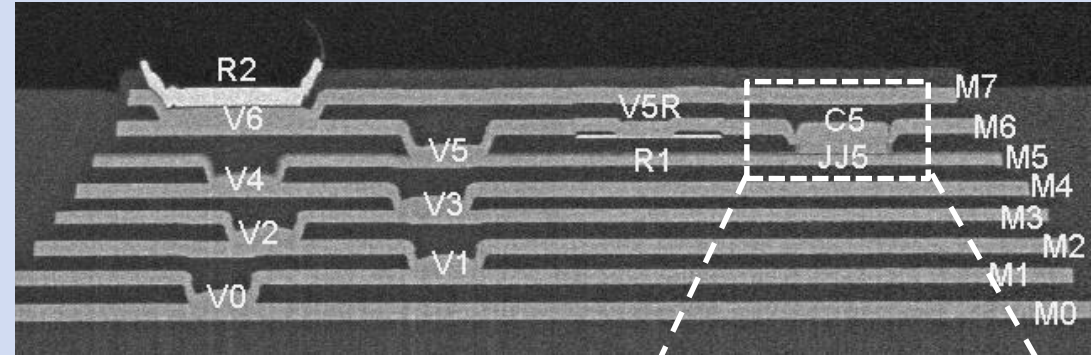
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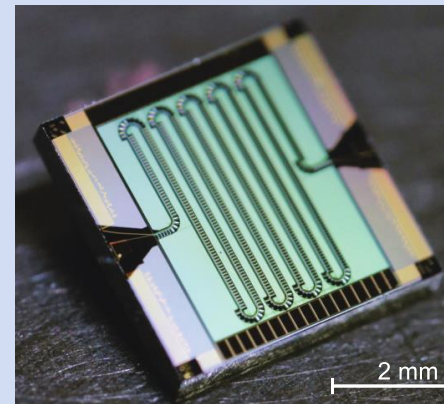


Readout/interconnect layer routes wires and amplifies signals

8-layer planar Niobium process for efficient wire routing

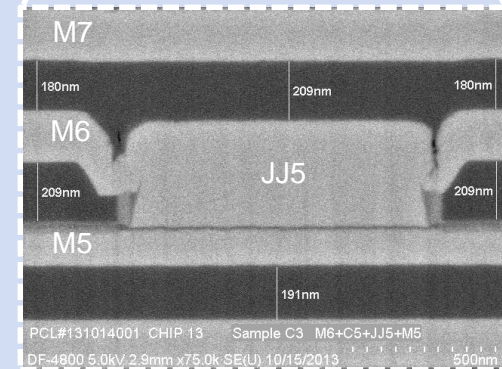


Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifier



Macklin, WDO, et al., Science 350, 307 (2015)

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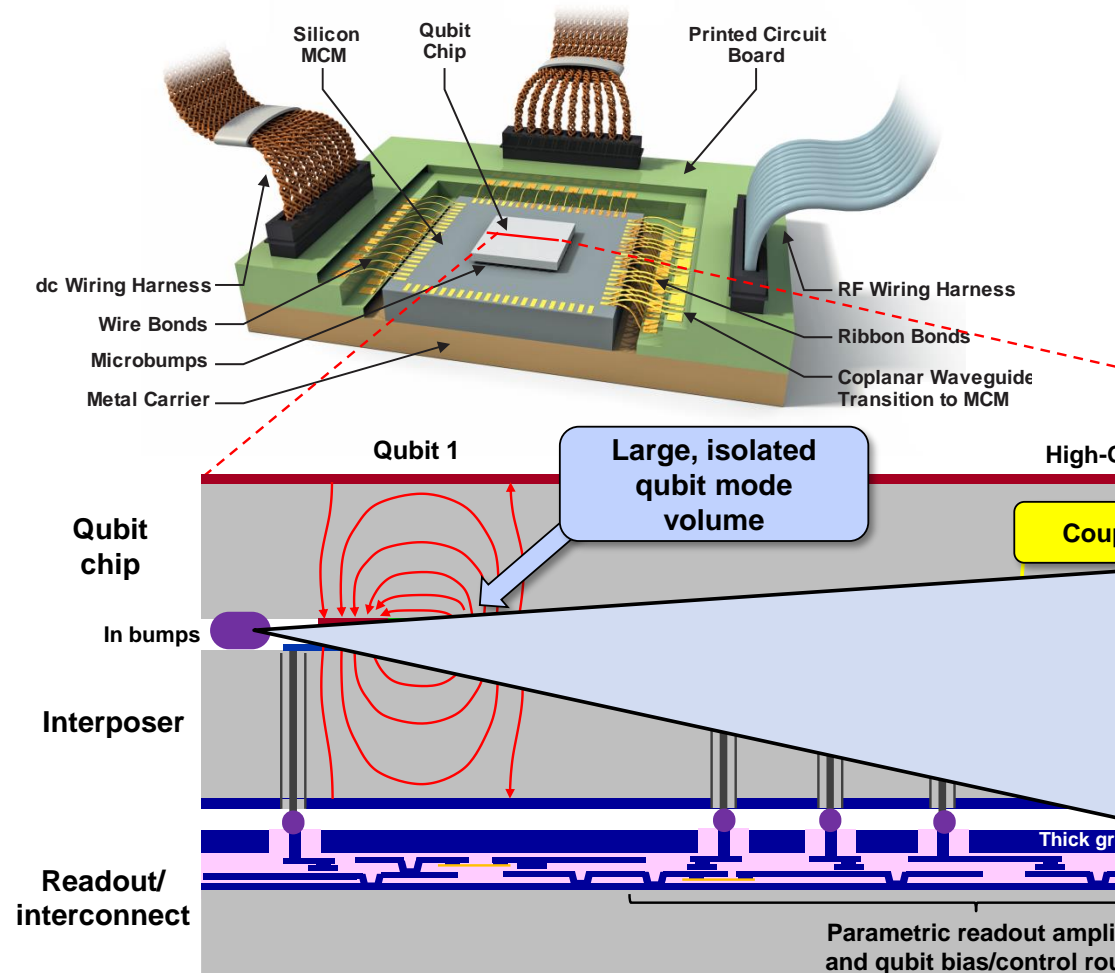


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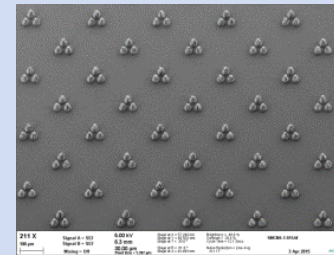
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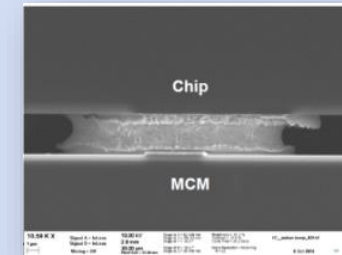


Indium bumps provide electromechanical joining without impacting coherence times

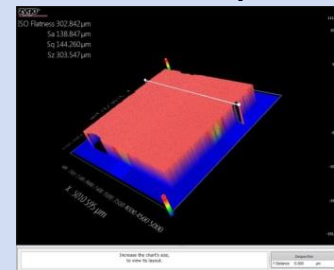
Fabricated In bumps



Cross-section of bump-bonded chips



3D image of bump-bonded chips



IR image of bump-bonded chips



Tilt < 0.25 mrad

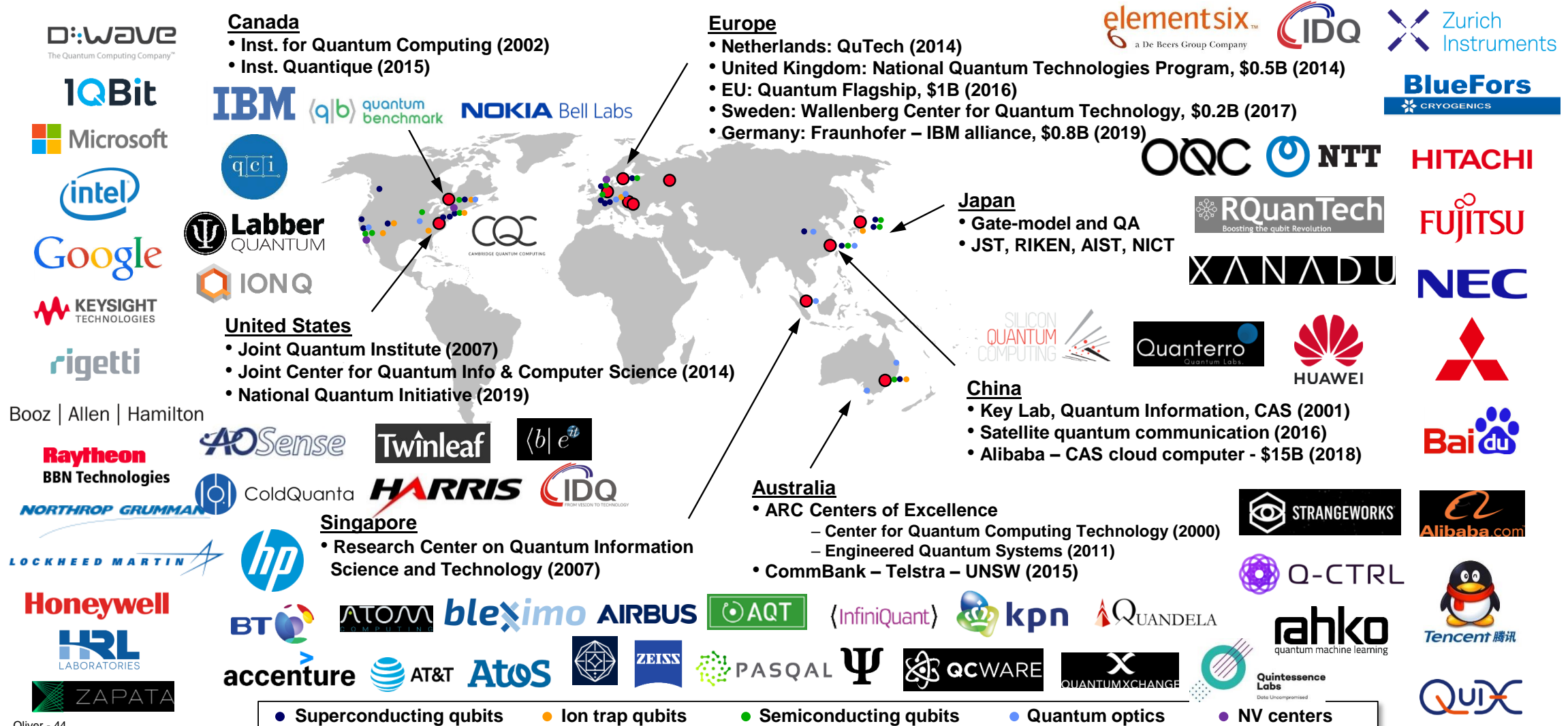
Alignment ~1 μm

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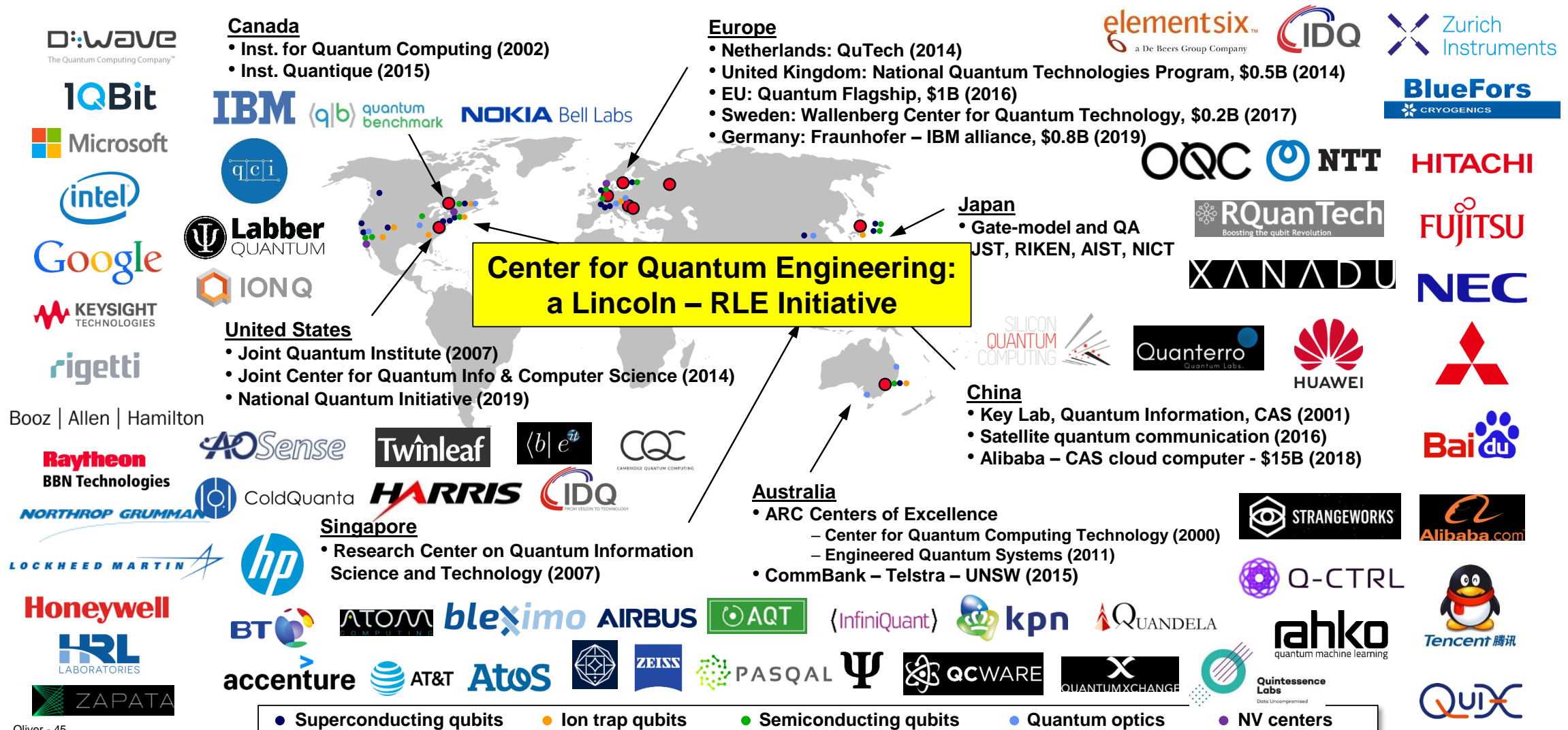
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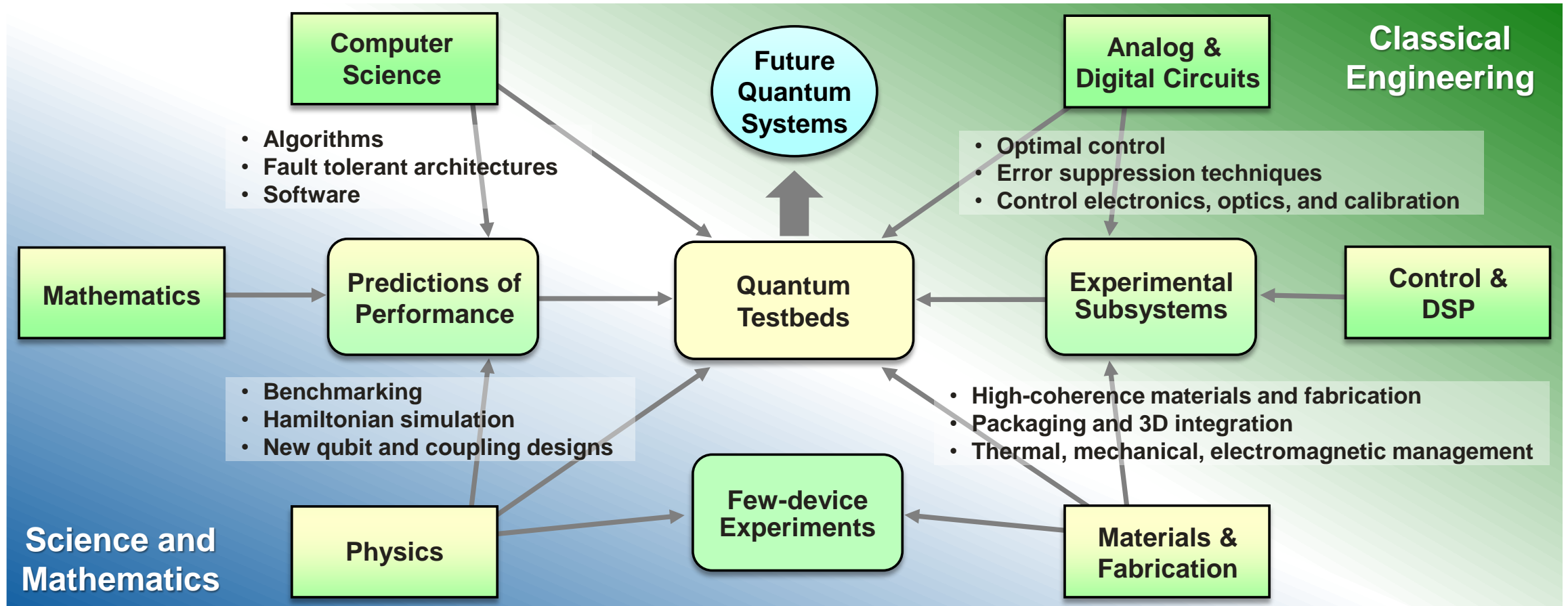
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- Advance quantum science and engineering



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