

If only we could control them:

Challenges and Opportunities in Scaling-up Quantum Computers

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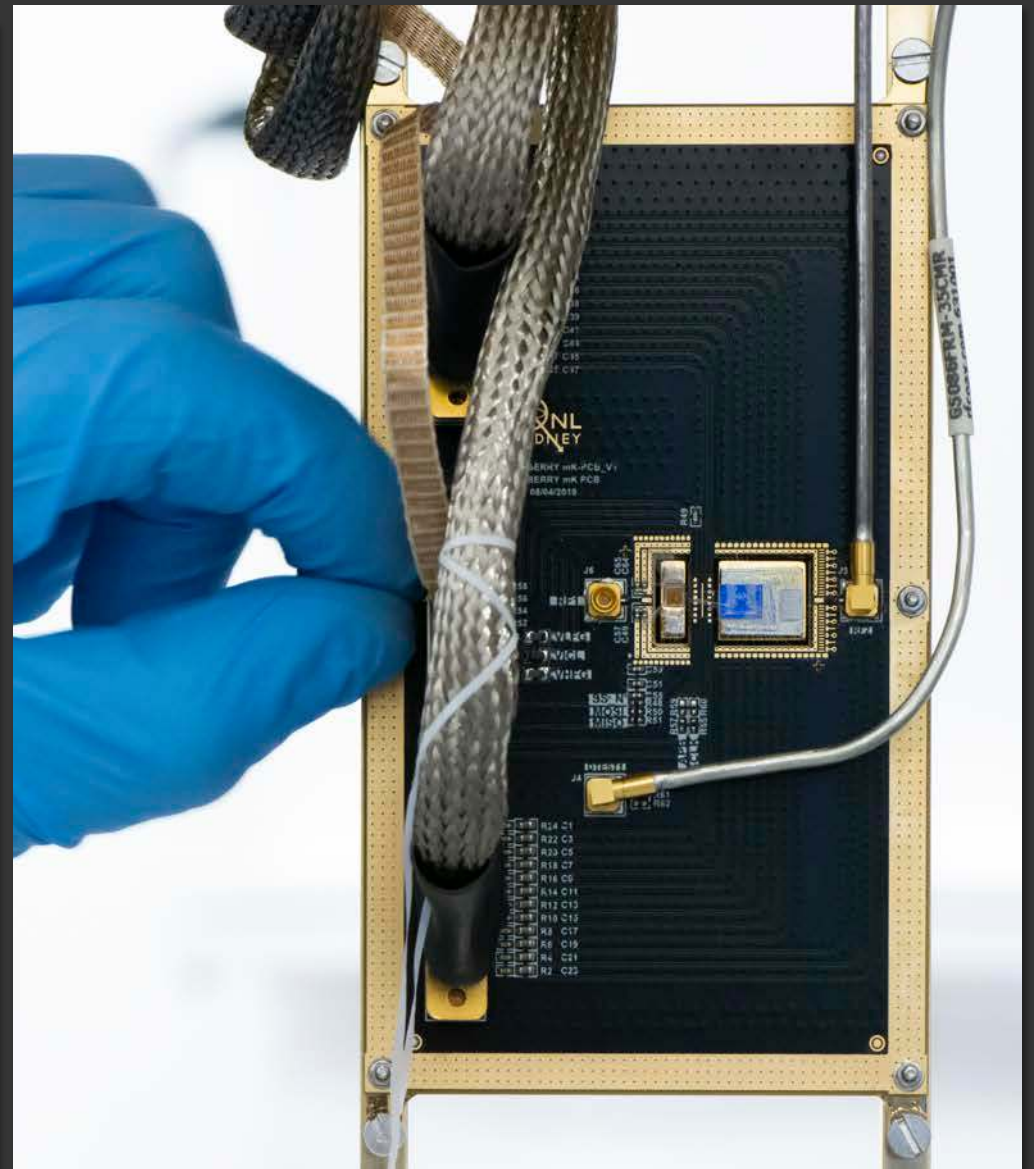
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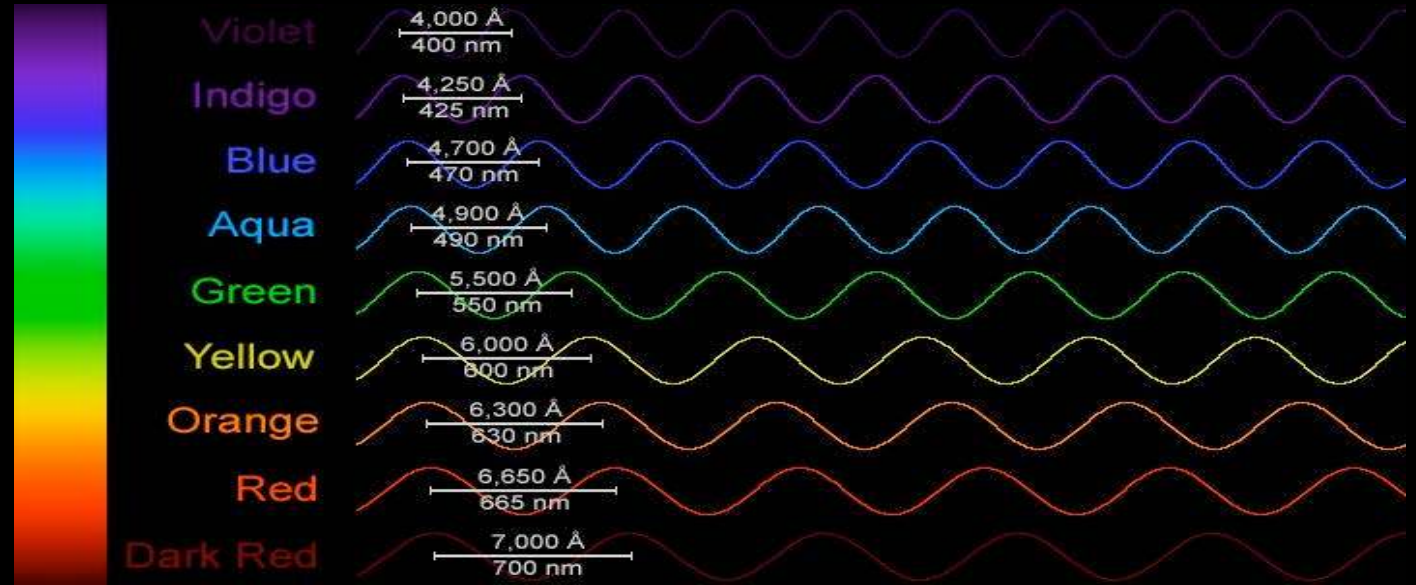
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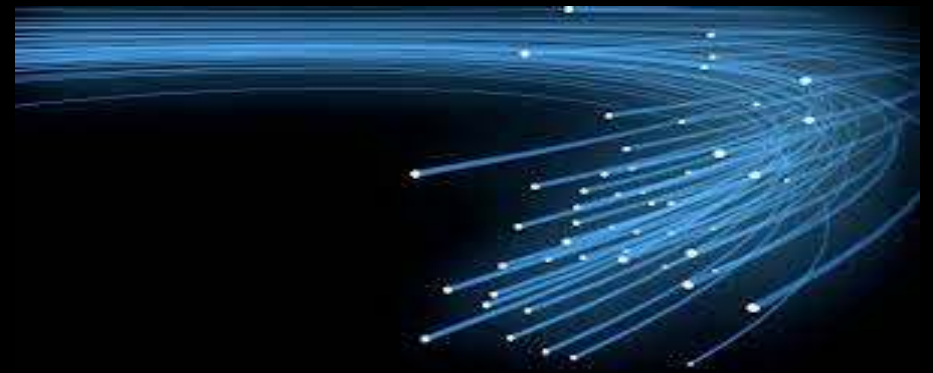
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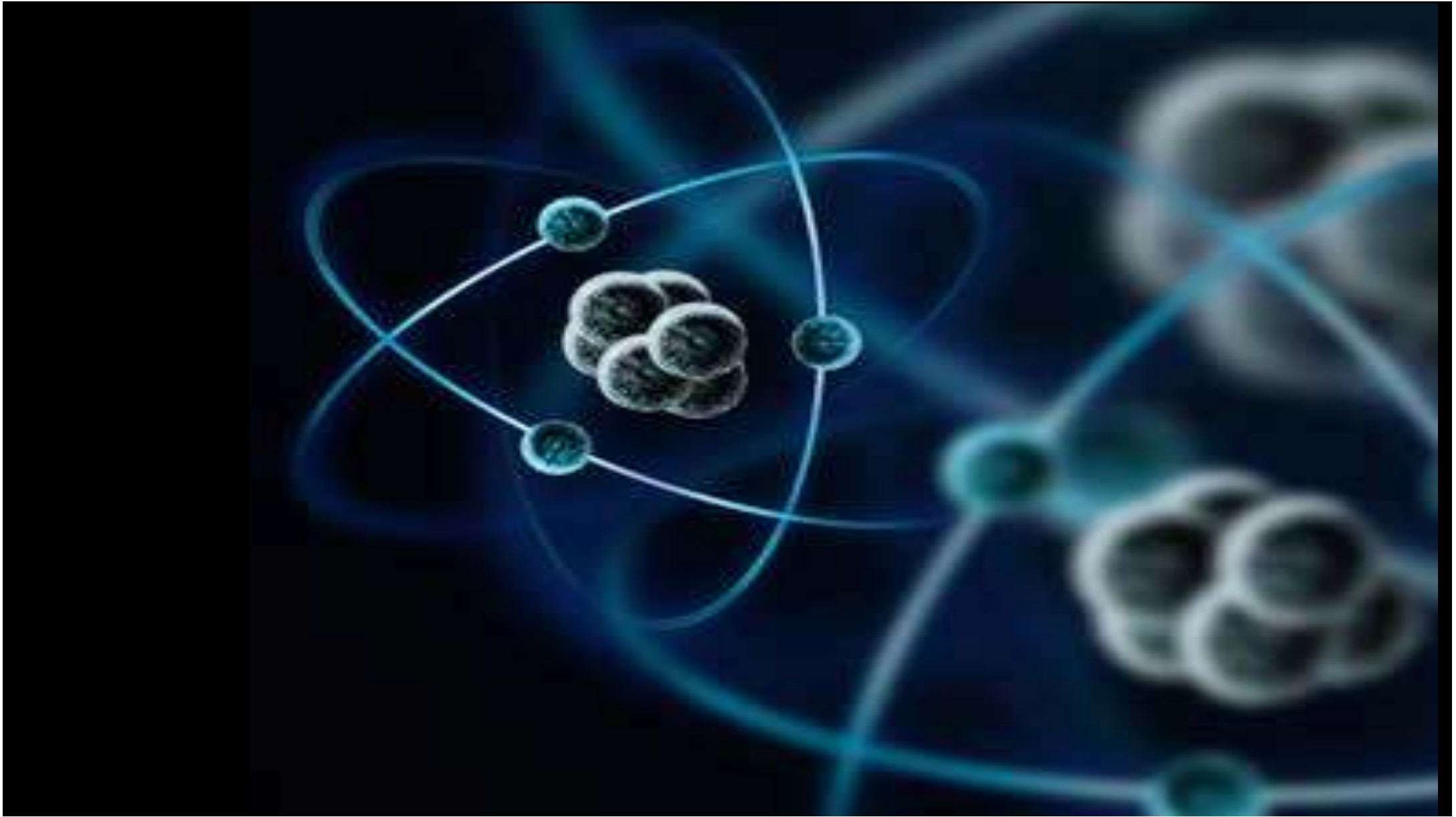


Light waves



Light particles (photons)







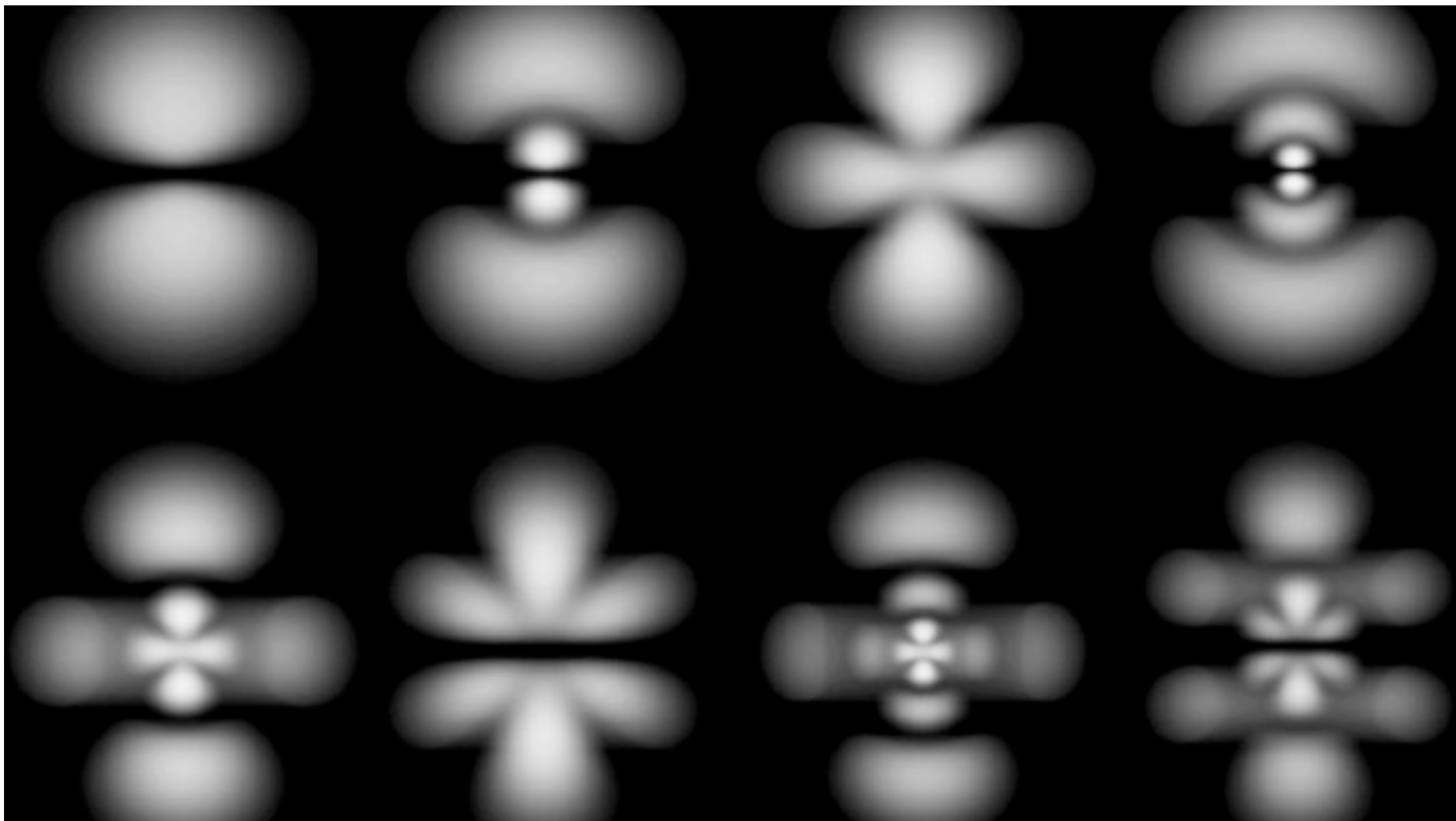
*Louis-Victor-Pierre-Raymond,
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"He has lifted a corner of the veil that shrouds the Old One." –Einstein (Thesis Report).

Ph.D Awarded 1924.

Experimentally demonstrated in 1927. Nobel Prize for Physics 1929.

	particle	wave
Light	✓	✓
Matter	✓	?















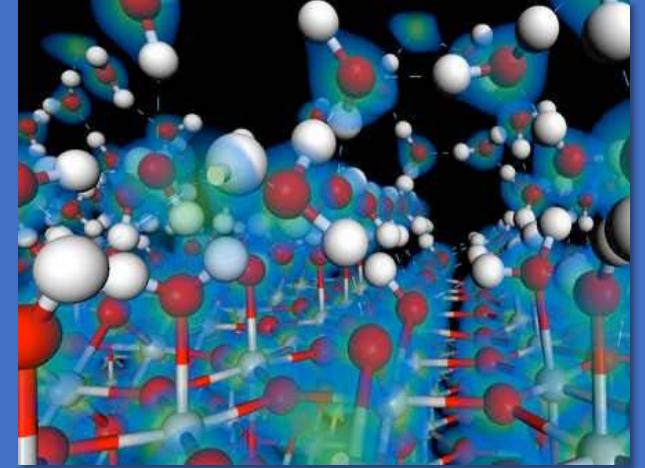
Quantum Technologies



Sensing & Imaging



Computing



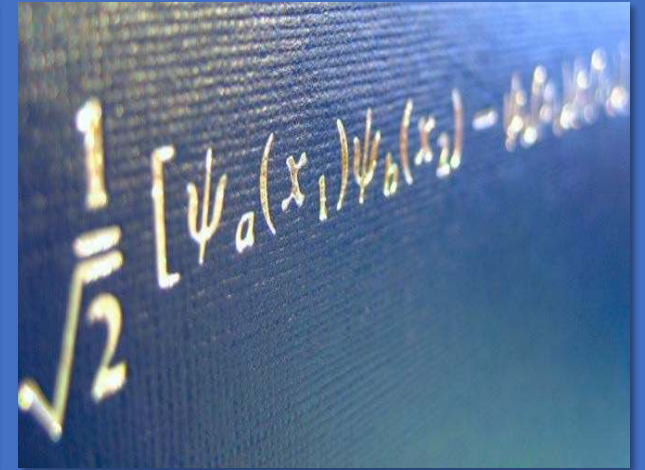
Simulation



Metrology

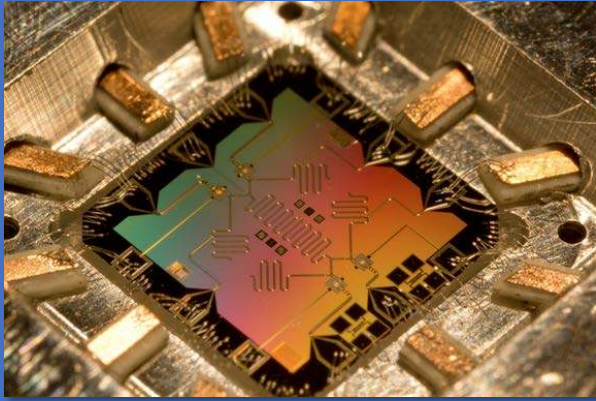


Secure communication

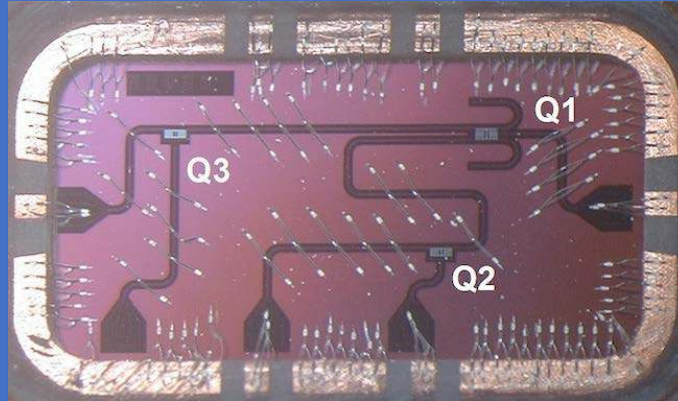


New Physics

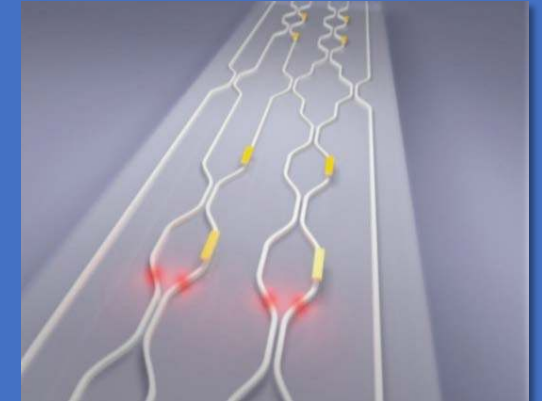
Convergence of Qubit Platforms



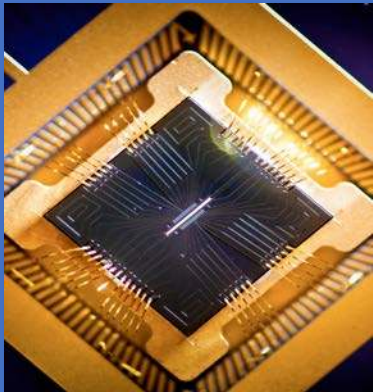
Superconducting qubits



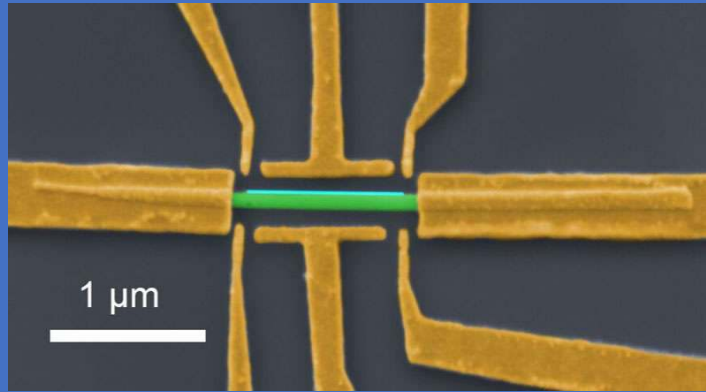
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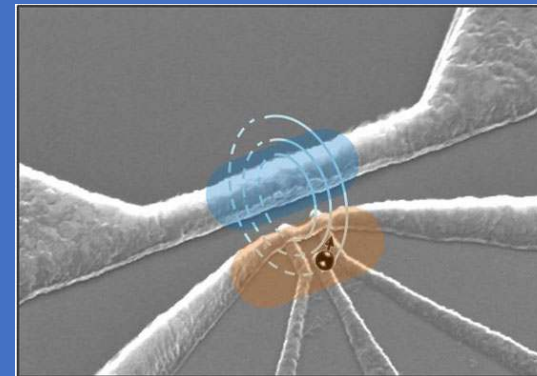
Photonic Qubits



Surface Ion Trap



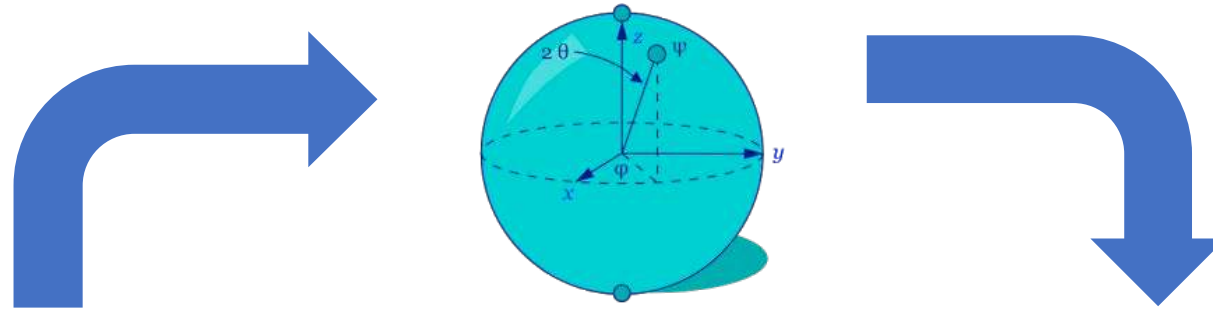
Topological Qubits



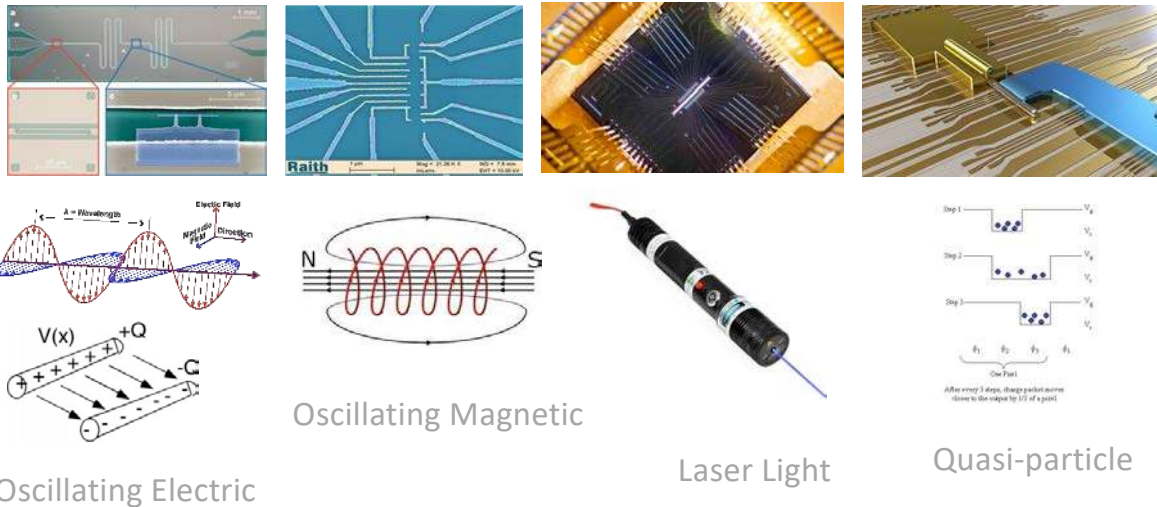
Spin Qubits

- Control via microwave pulses.
- Readout via detection of amplitude / phase of microwaves.
- Cryogenic operation.

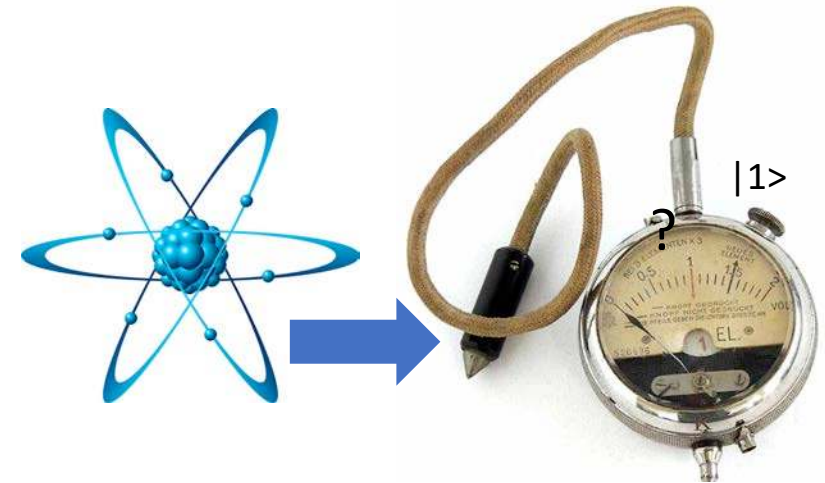
Quantum-Classical Interface



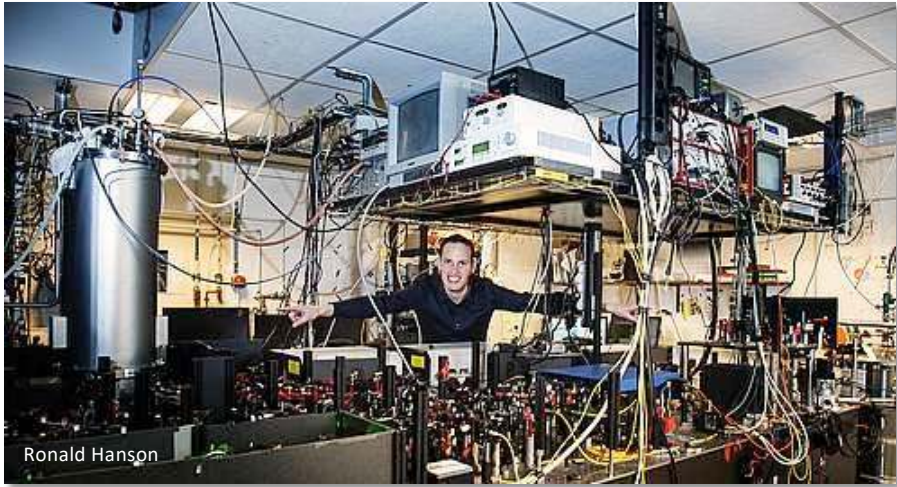
Control



Readout



See: *Engineering the Quantum-Classical Interface of Solid-State Qubits* DJR, Nature Quantum Information, 1, (2015).

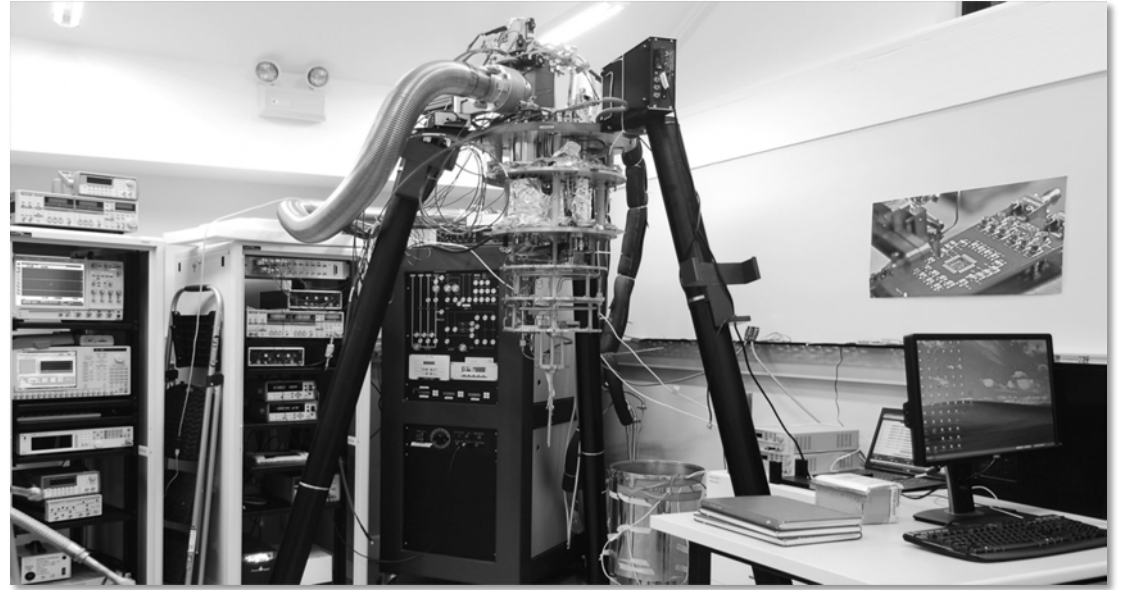
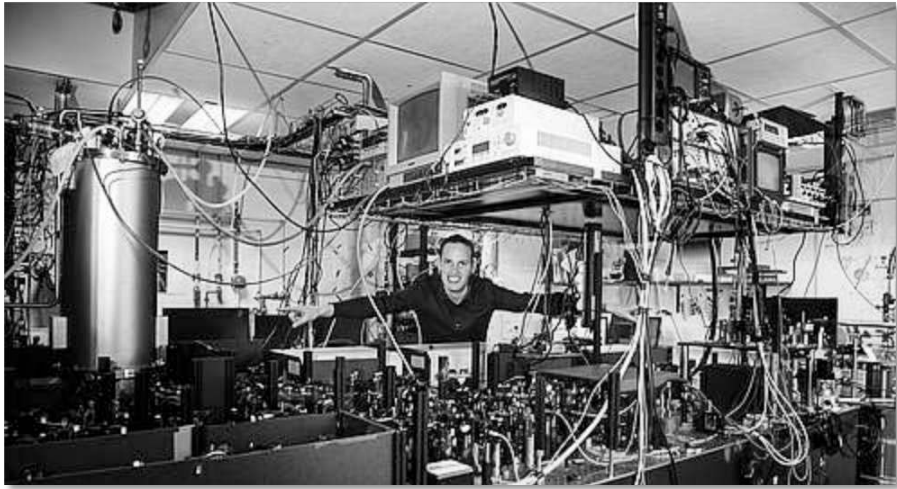


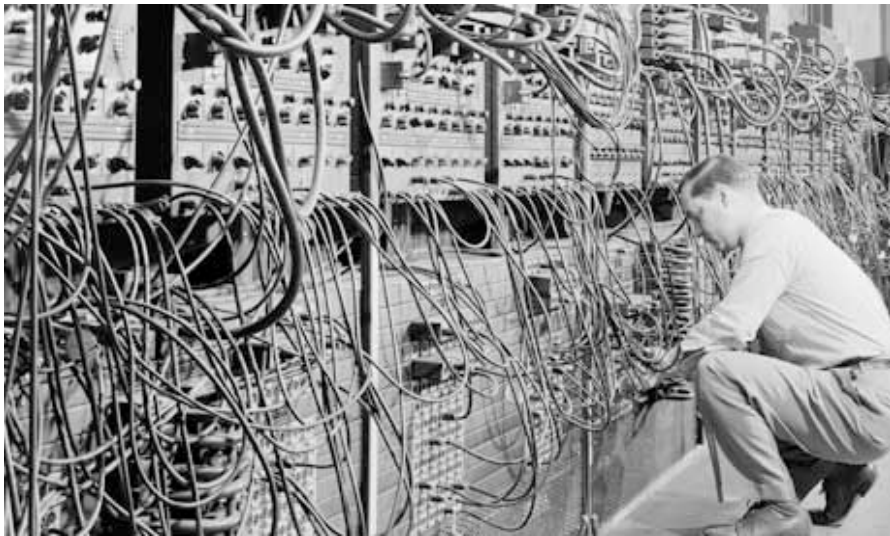
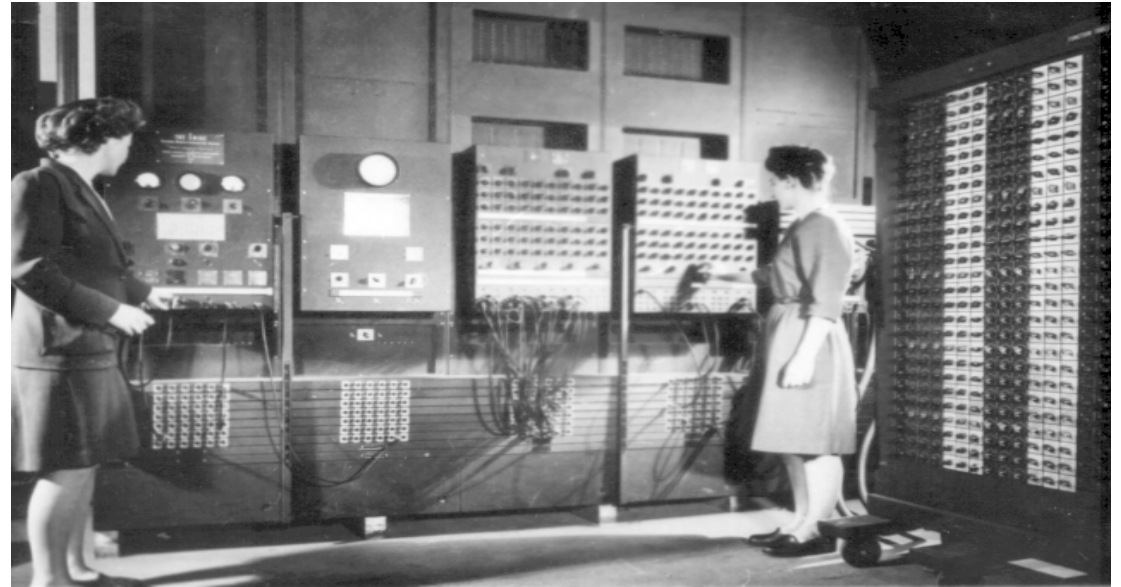
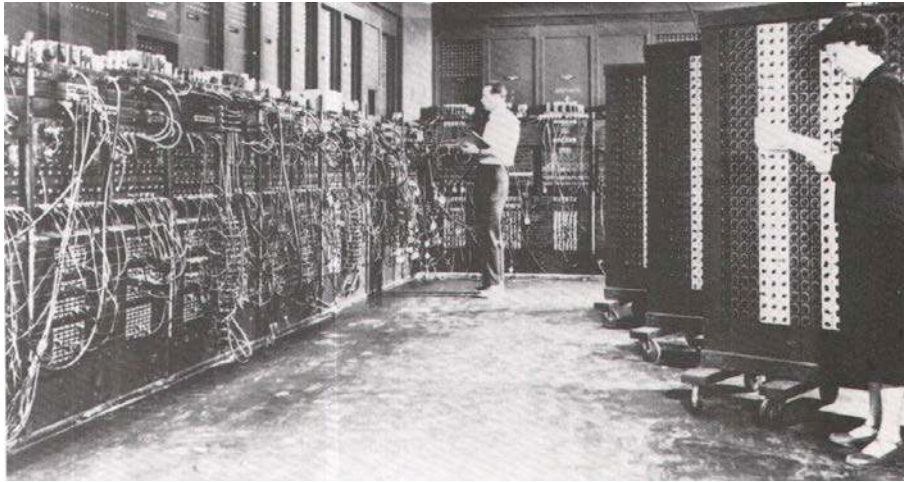
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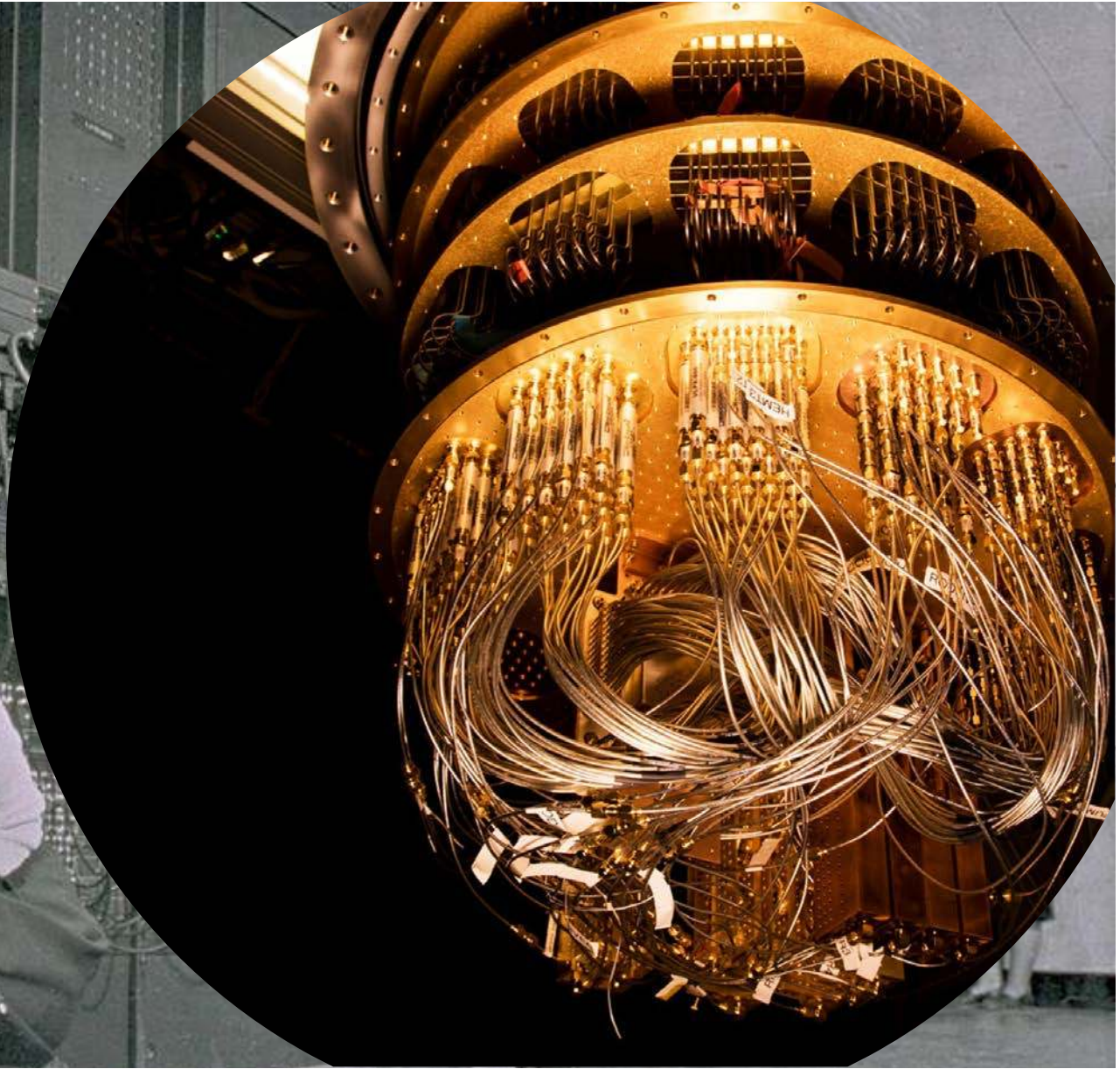
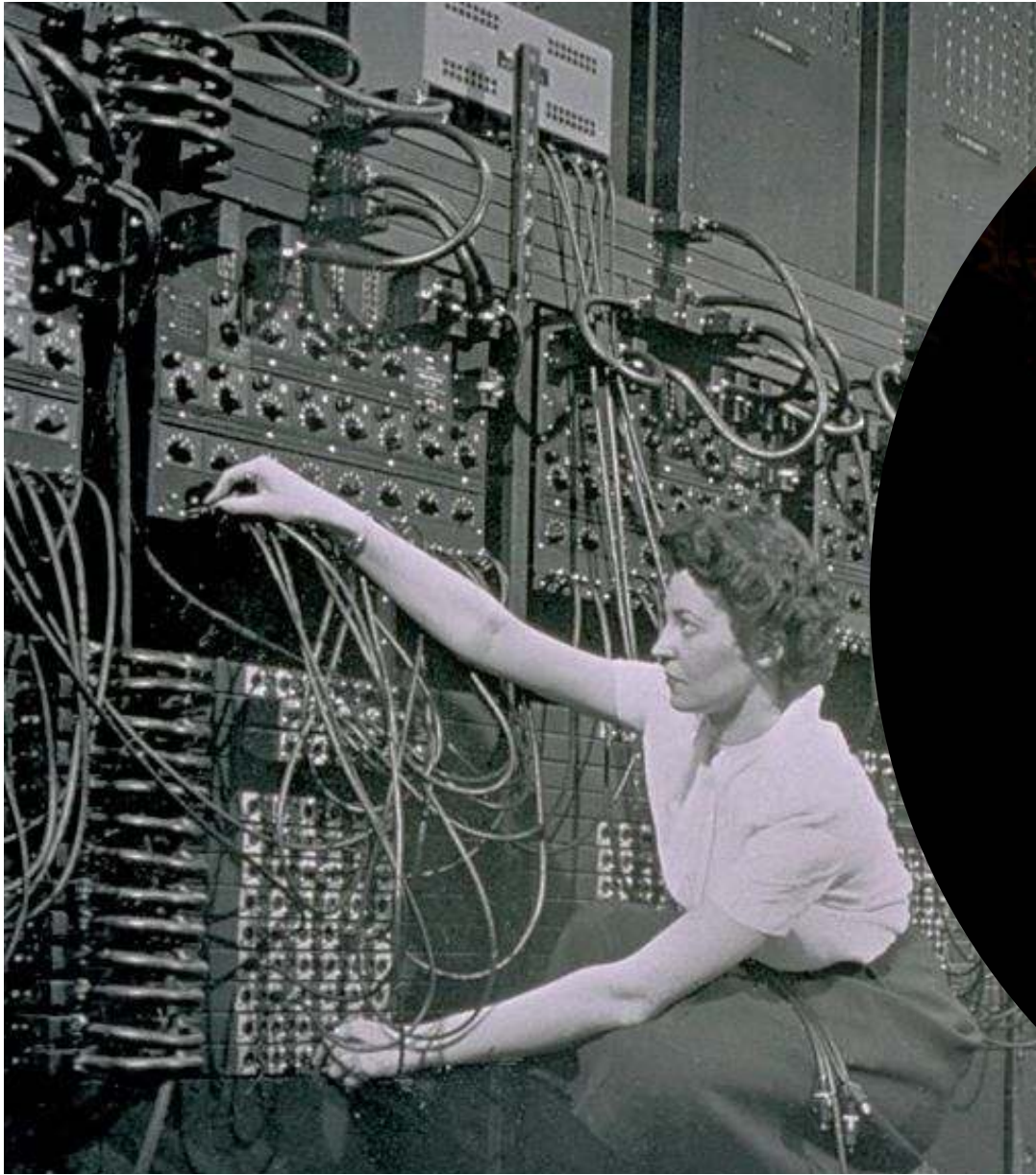




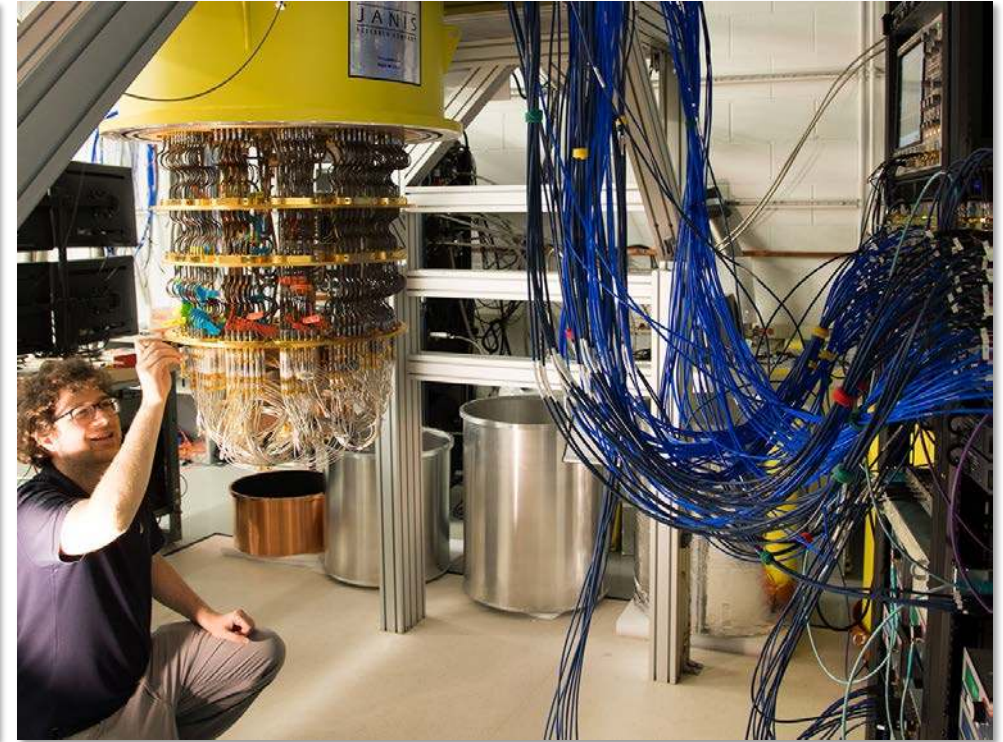


However, all these functions suffer from what has been called 'the tyranny of numbers.' Such systems, because of their complex digital nature, require hundreds, thousands, and sometimes tens of thousands of electron devices.

— Jack Morton, VP Bell Labs (June 1958).



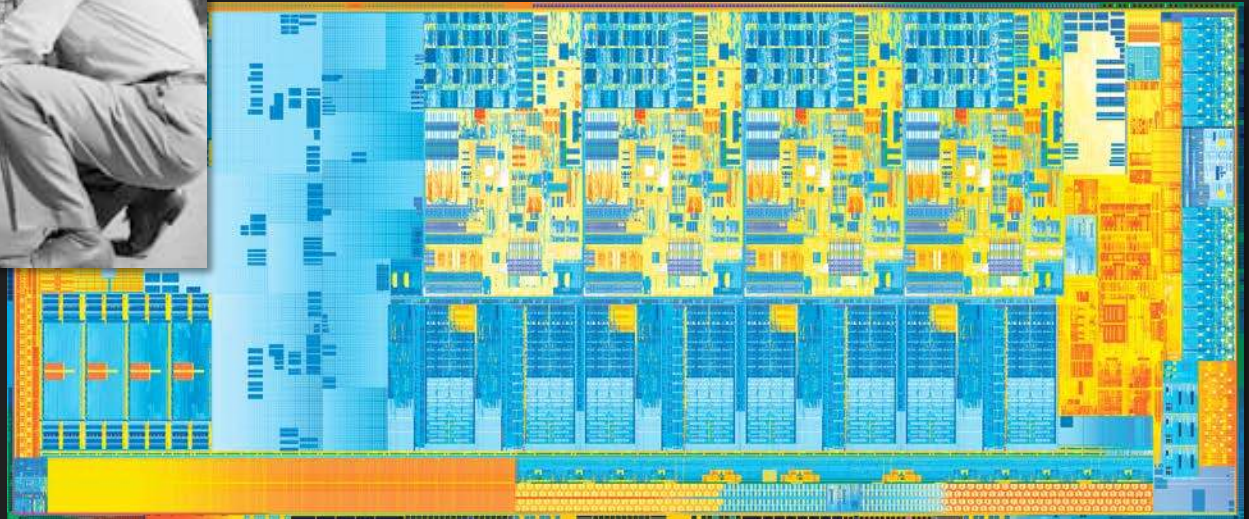
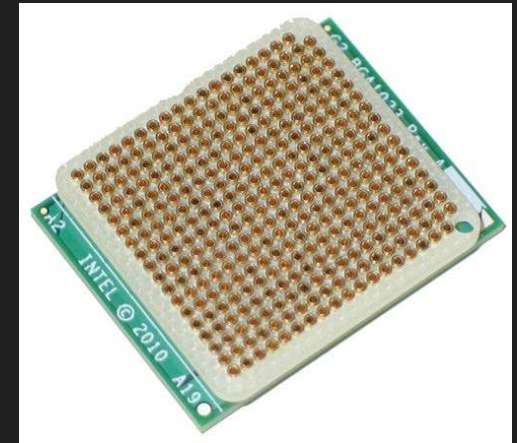
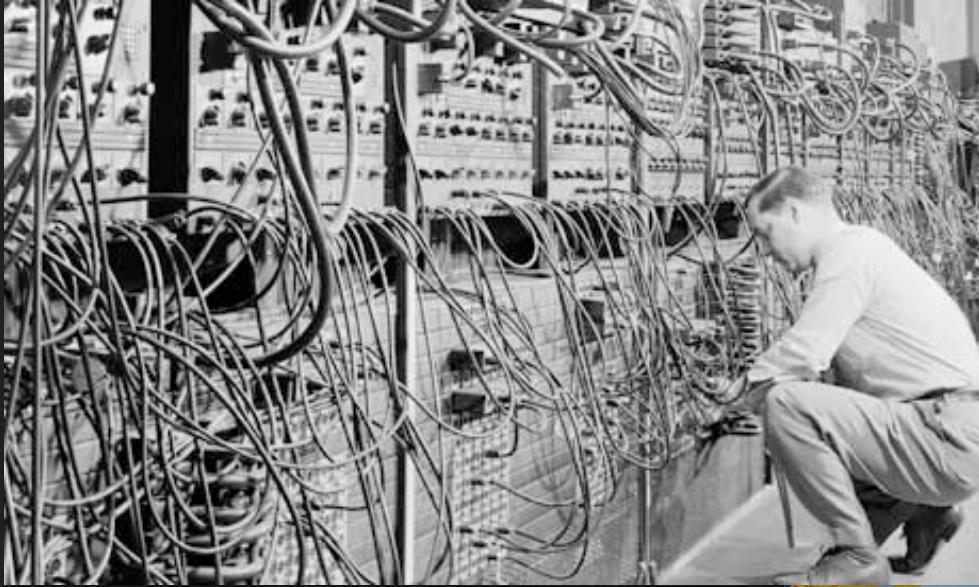
Brute force scaling...



Google's Bristlecone 72 Qubits, 2 control lines per qubit... Impressive!

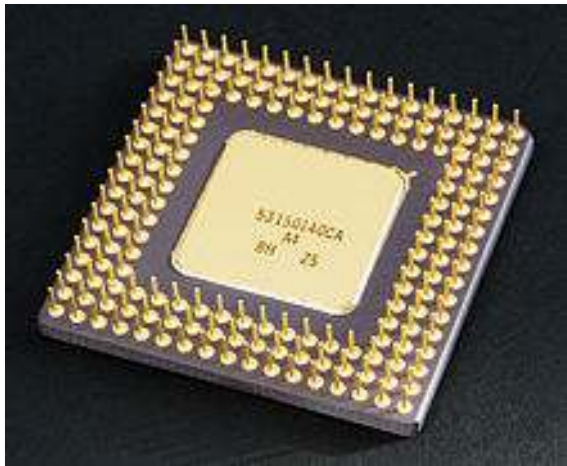


Integration and Abstraction are Essential

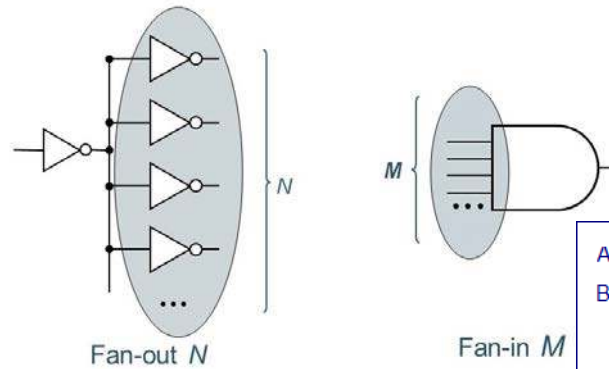


Intel Ivy-Bridge: 2 billion transistors. 340 wires on a BGA

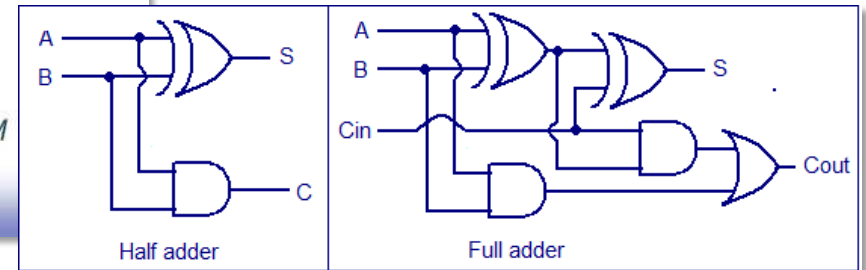
IO Management in Classical VLSI



Fan-in and Fan-out



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Rent's Rule: $T = t g^a$

T = number of IOs

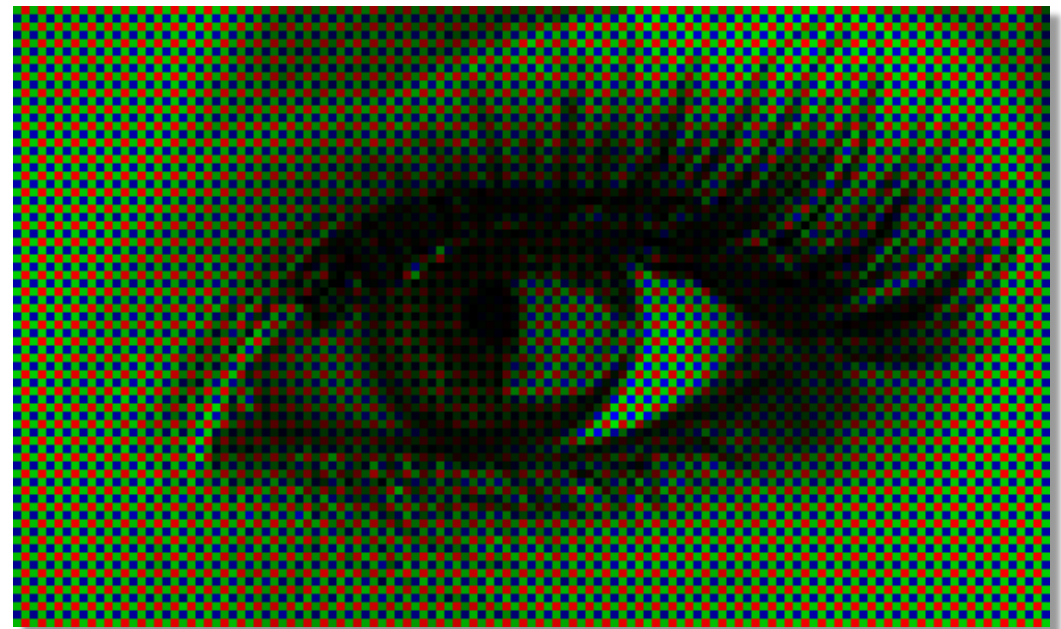
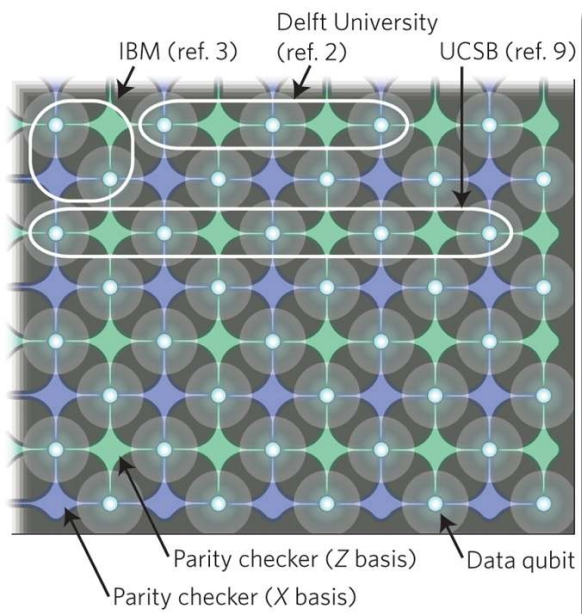
g = number of gates

t, a are constants

Fan-out: "Output of one gate feeds the input of another"

Quantum Circuits are Different!

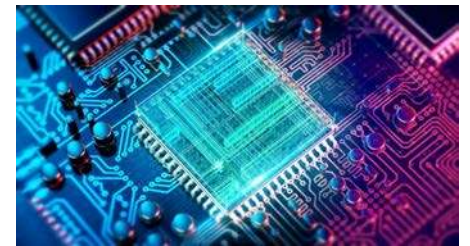
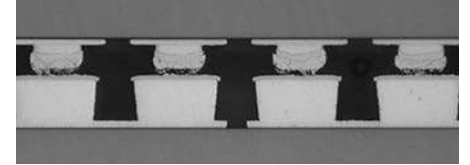
Each qubit requires a unique, independent set of IO channels...



Leads to an IO - Bottleneck at the Quantum-Classical Interface

Challenges at the Quantum-Classical Interface

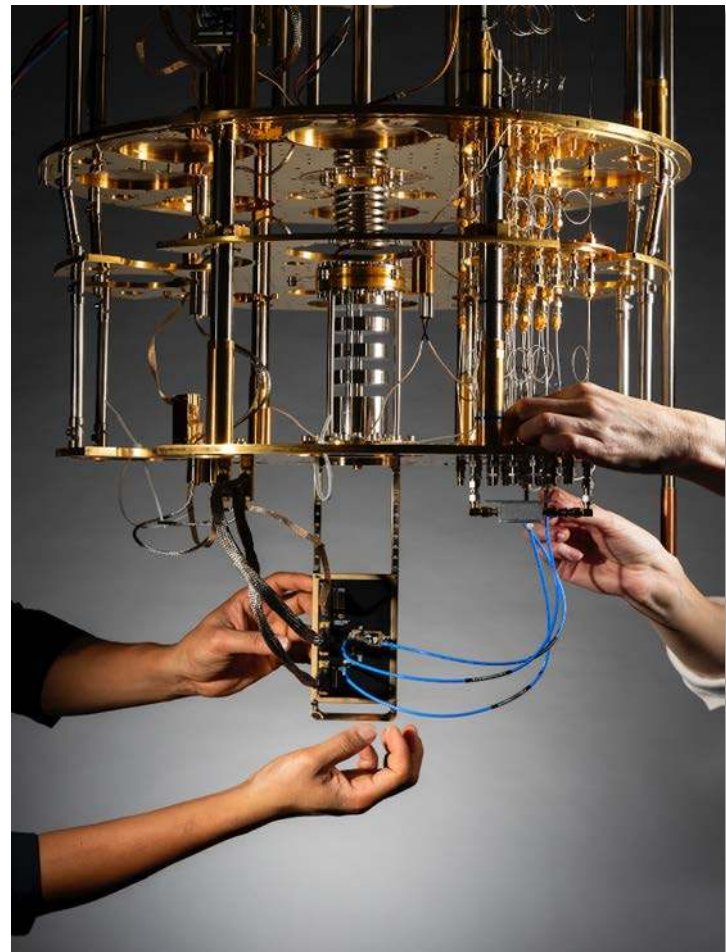
- IO Management
- Footprint / interconnect density
- Heat and Power
- Distributed versus integrated systems
(synchronicity, latency, wavelength effects..).
- Noise, crosstalk, interference
- Bandwidth / rise-time



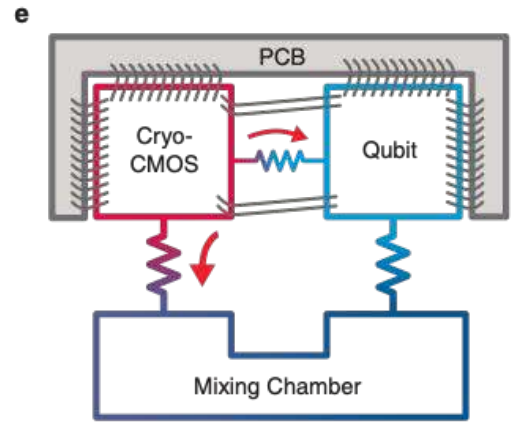
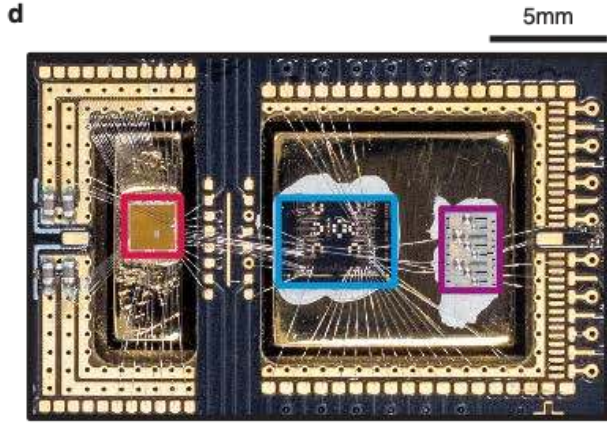
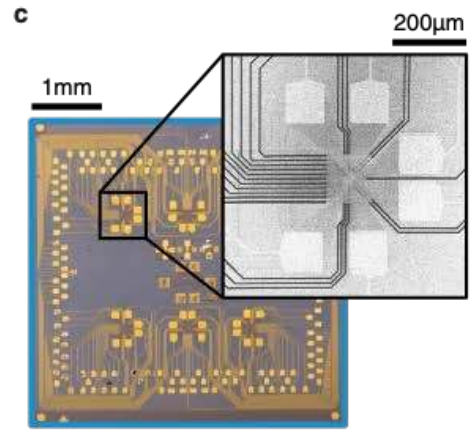
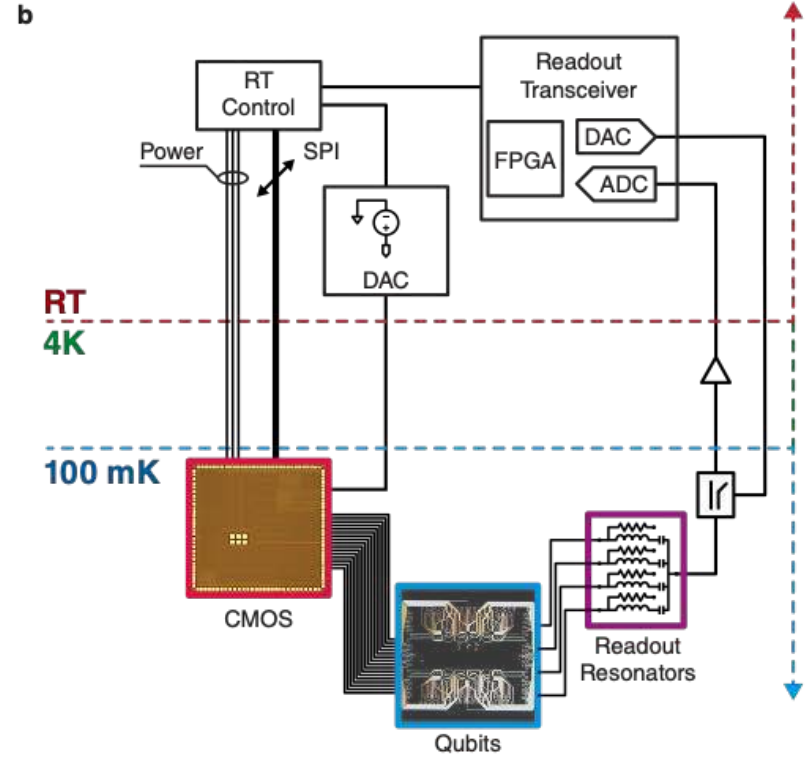
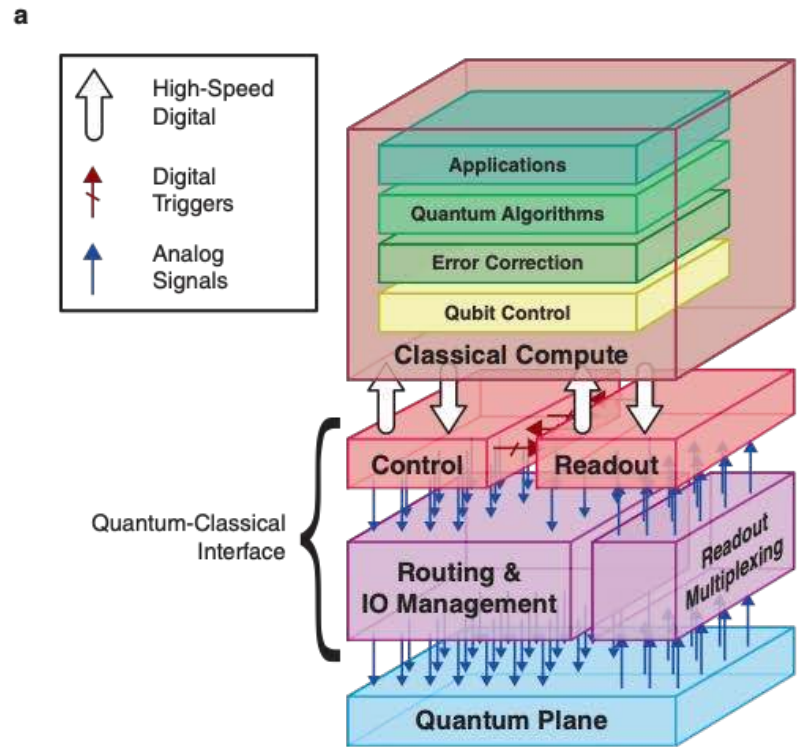
All aspects can be addressed by moving the interface electronics into the cold

See: [Challenges in Scaling up the Control Interface of a Quantum Computer](#), DJR, arXiv:2965871 (2019).

100,000 transistors, operating at 100 mK



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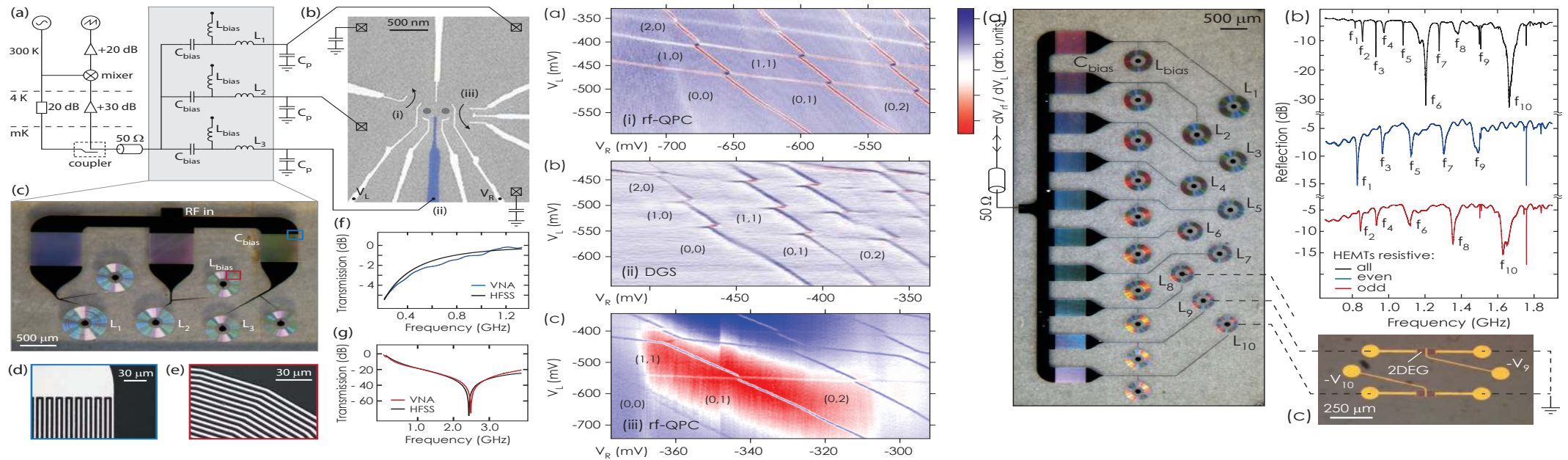
Frequency multiplexing for readout of spin qubits

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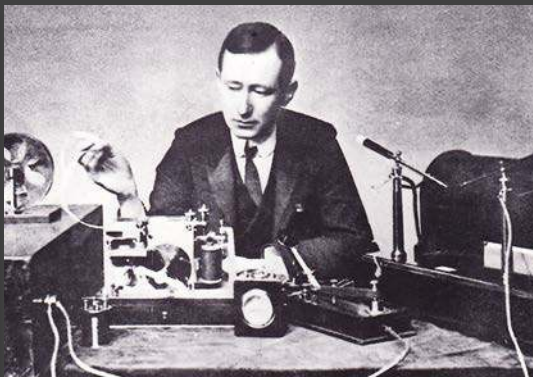


New physics leads to new technologies

$$dS = \delta Q$$
$$\bar{T}$$
$$dS \geq 0$$



$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \vec{j} + \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$
$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$



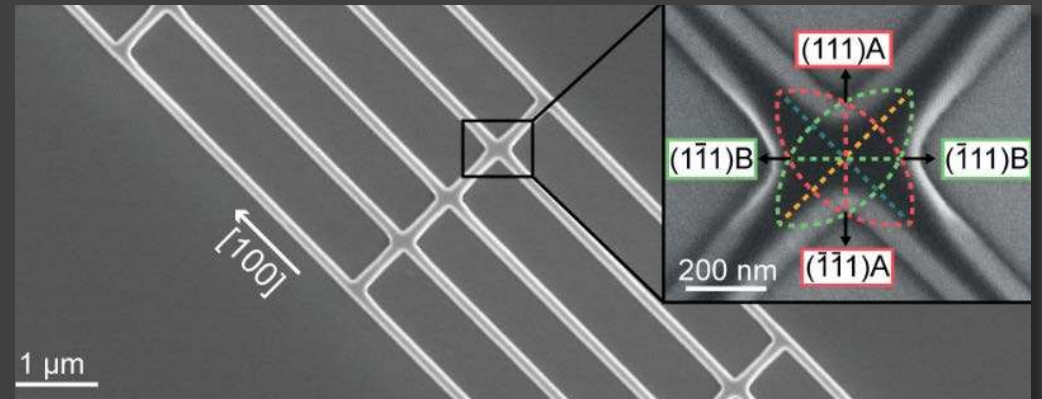
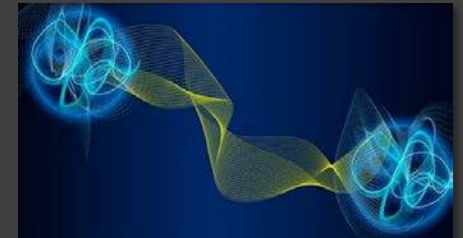
Superposition



Quantum Measurement



Entanglement

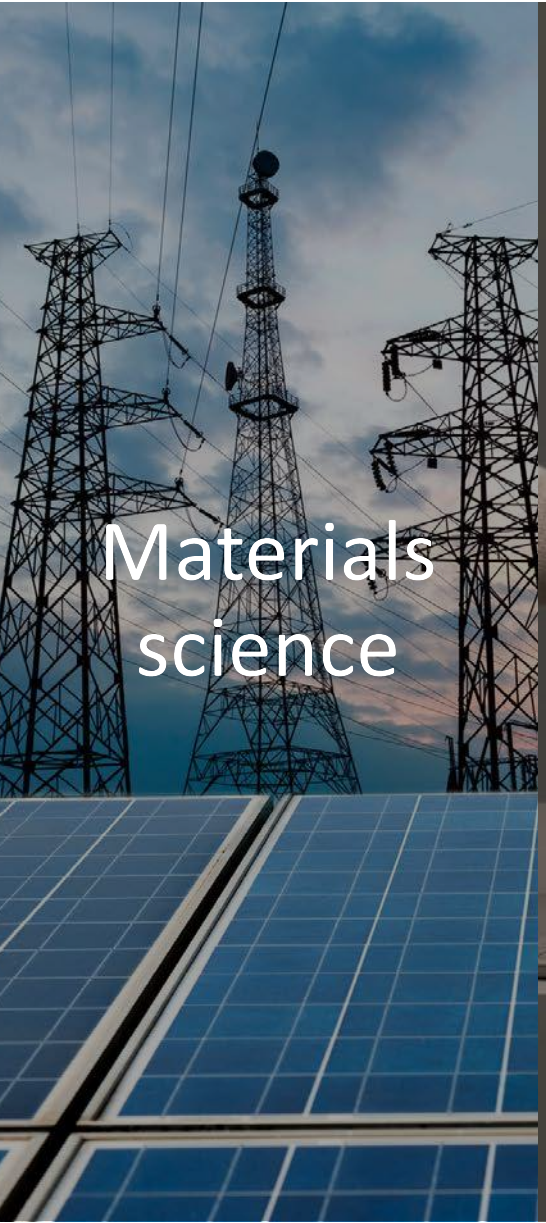




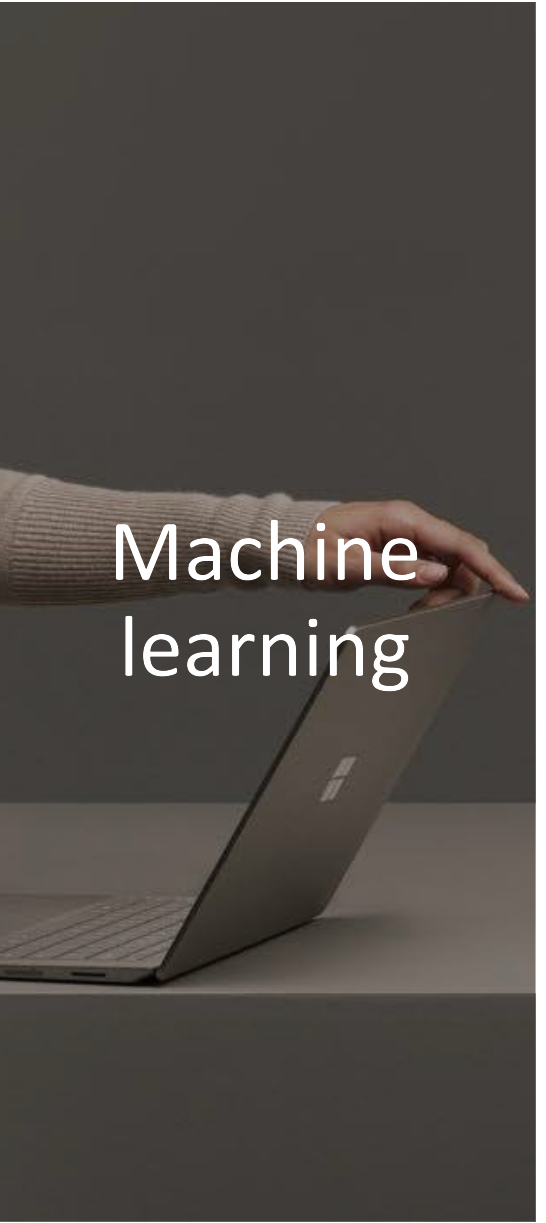
Nitrogen
fixation



Carbon
capture

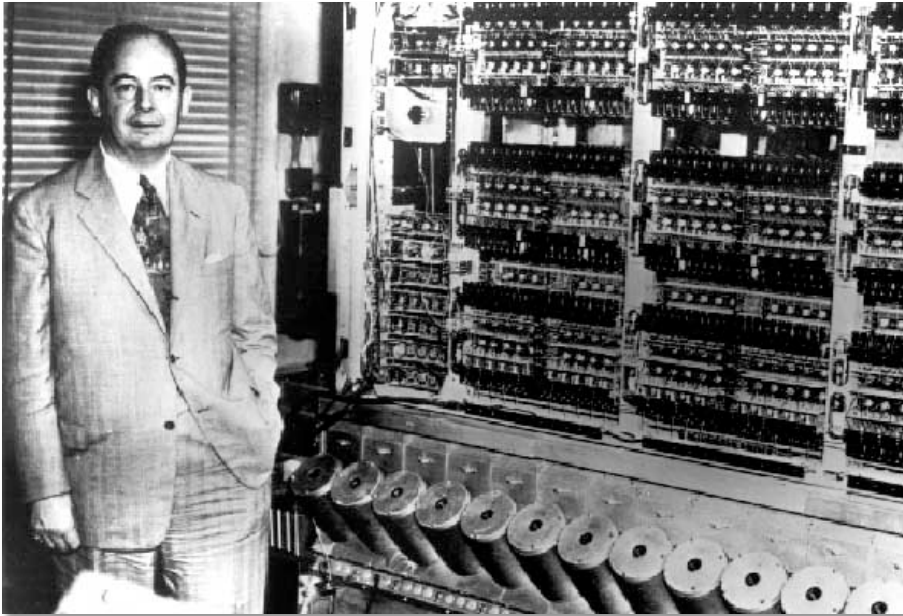


Materials
science



Machine
learning

Taming the complexity: John von Neumann



“The projected device, or rather the species of devices of which it is to be the first representative, is so radically new that many of its uses will become clear only after it has been put into operation,”

“These uses which are not, or not easily, predictable now, are likely to be the most important ones. Indeed they are by definition those which we do not recognize at present because they are farthest removed from... our present sphere.”

- John von Neumann to Lewis L. Strauss, 1945.

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