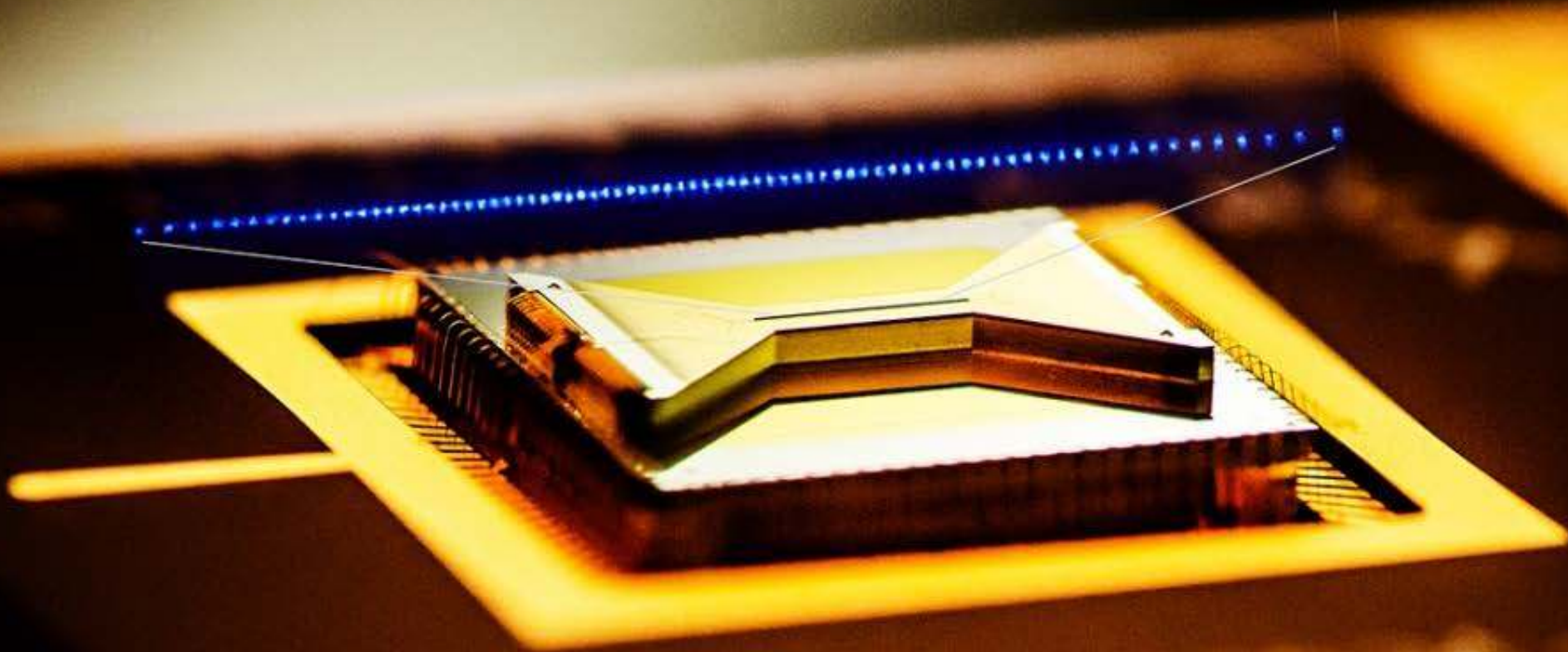


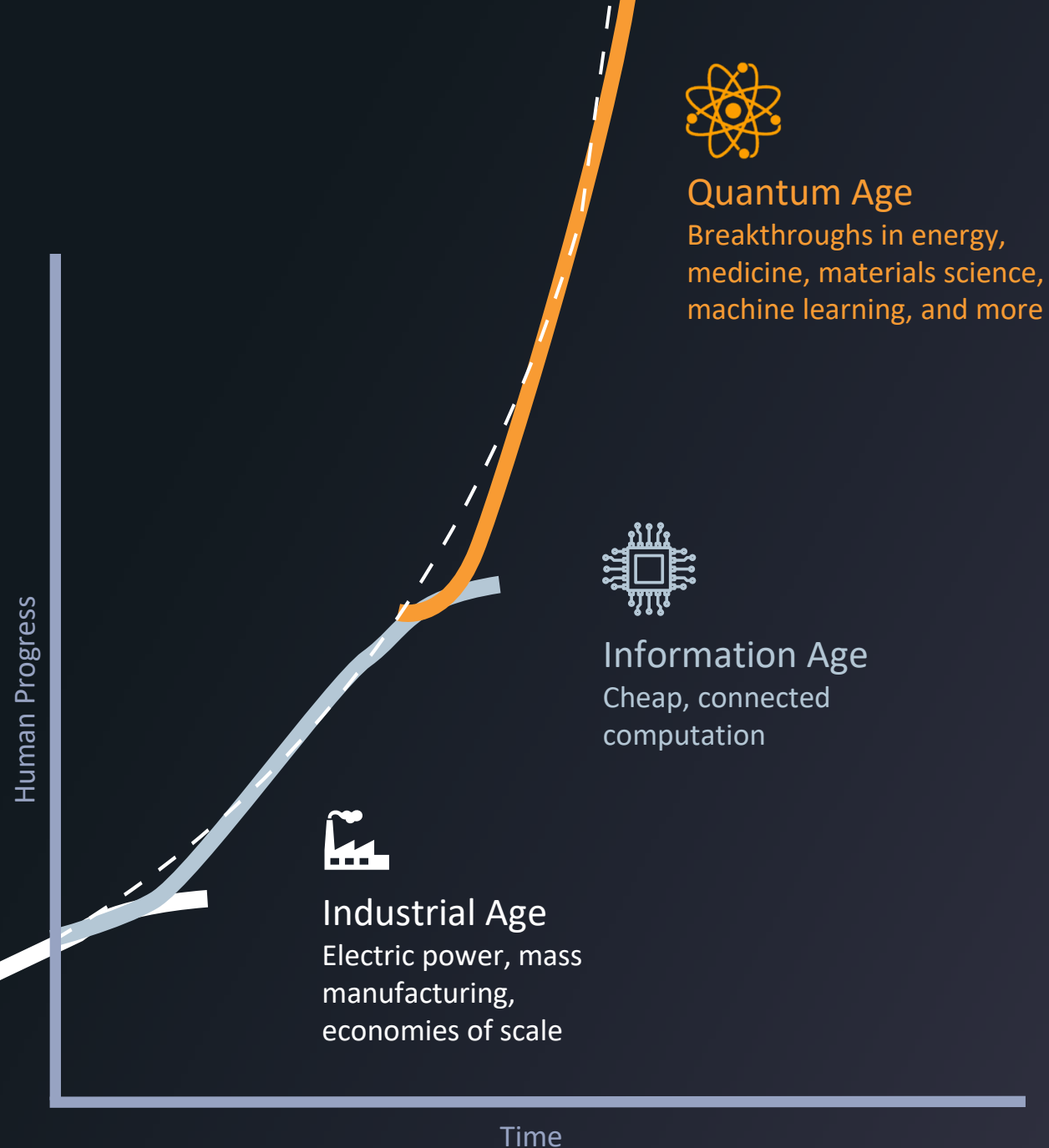
# Quantum Computing with Atoms



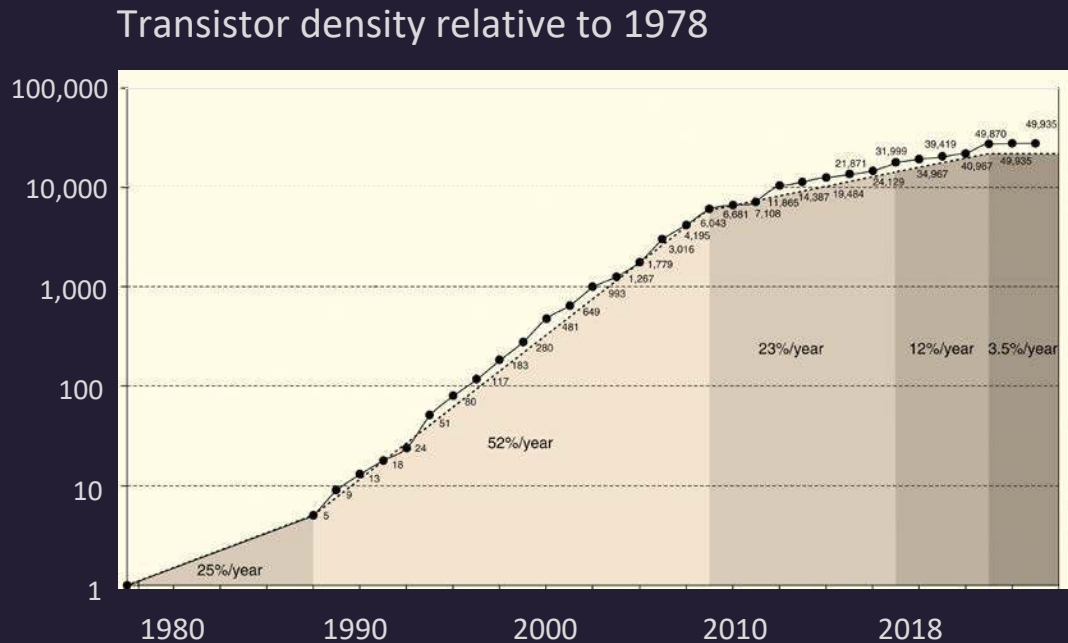
Christopher Monroe

# The Next Technological Revolution Is Quantum

Quantum Computers are poised to take over where conventional computers and Moore's Law leave off. This quantum revolution will touch every sector of the economy.



# Moore's Law: exponential growth in computing power



**Richard  
Feynman**

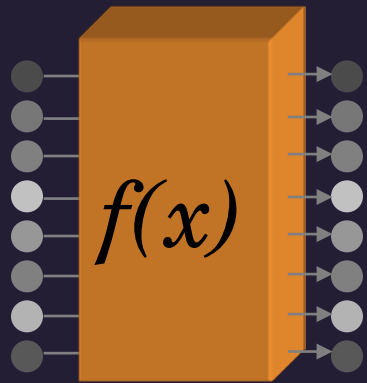
## *The re 's Plenty of Room at the Bottom (1959)*

*“When we get to the very, very small world – say circuits of seven atoms – we have a lot of new things that would happen that represent **completely new opportunities for design**. Atoms on a small scale behave like nothing on a large scale, for they satisfy the **laws of quantum mechanics**...”*

## Good News...

parallel processing  
on  $2^N$  inputs

e.g.,  $N=3$  qubits

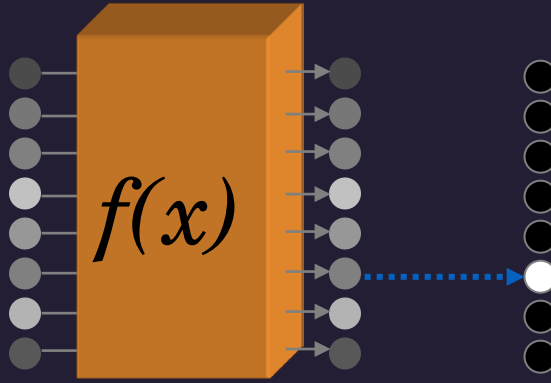


$$a_0|000\rangle + a_1|001\rangle + a_2|010\rangle + a_3|011\rangle \\ a_4|100\rangle + a_5|101\rangle + a_6|110\rangle + a_7|111\rangle$$

*$N=300$  qubits have more  
configurations than there are  
particles in the universe!*

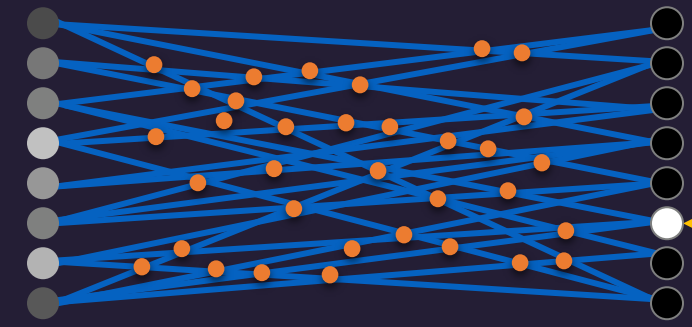
## ...Bad News...

measurement gives  
random result



## ...Good News!

quantum interference



**depends  
on *all* inputs**



David Deutsch  
(early 1990s)

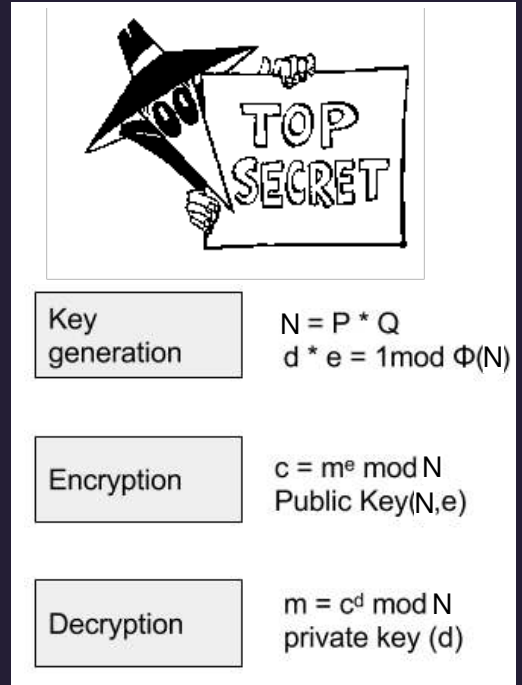
# Application: Factoring Numbers

A quantum computer can factor numbers  
exponentially faster than classical computers

P. Shor (1994)

$39 = 3 \times 13$  (...easy)

$38647884621009387621432325631 = ? \times ?$



Factor  $N$  ( $n$  bits)

Best classical algorithm:  $time \sim e^{n^{1/3}(\log n)^{2/3}}$

Shor's quantum algorithm:  $time \sim (\log \log n)(\log n)n^2$

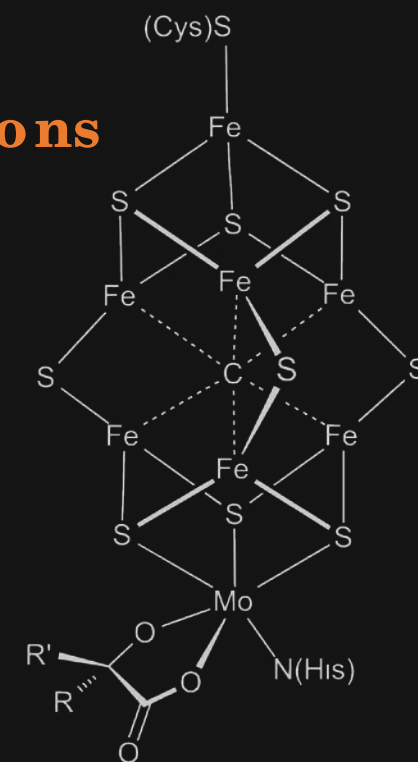
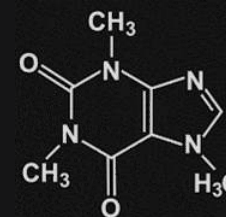


# Application: Optimization



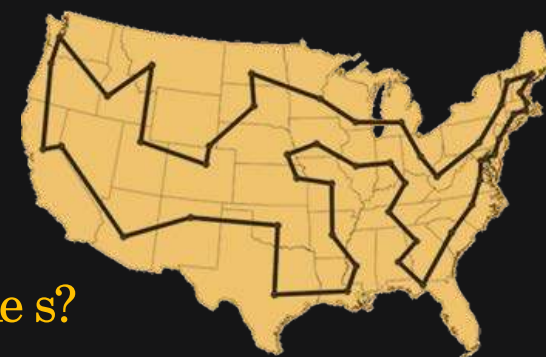
## Molecular Simulations

- designer materials
- new catalysts
- protein folding

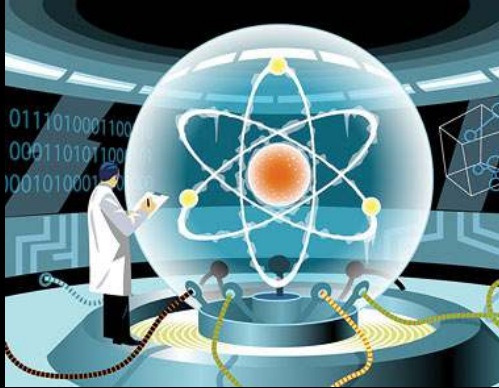


## Traveling Salesman problem

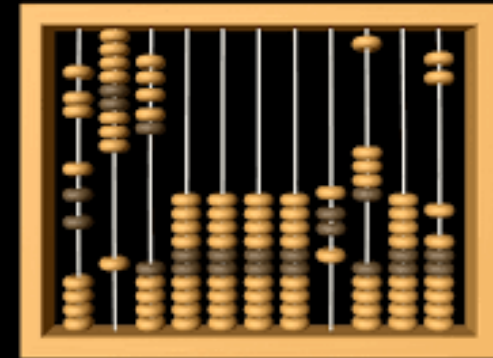
what is the  
shortest path  
through  $N$  cities?



A quantum computer differs more from a laptop...

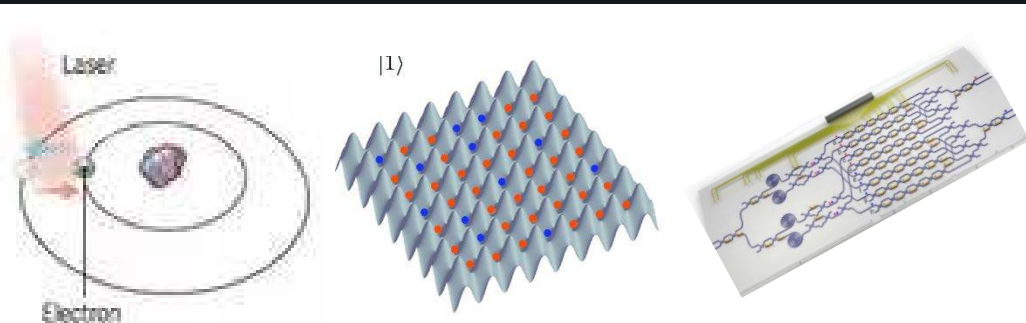


...than a laptop differs from an ABACUS”



# Quantum Computer Technologies

## Natural Qubits



### Trapped Ions

Electrically charged atoms, or ions, are held in place with electric fields. Qubits are stored in electronic states. Ions are pushed with laser beams to allow the qubits to interact.

### Neutral Atoms

Neutral atoms, like ions, store qubits within electronic states. Laser activates the electrons to create interaction between qubits.

### Photonics

Photonic qubits (light particles) are sent through a maze of optical channels on a chip to interact. At the end of the maze, the distribution of photons is measured as an output.

### Qubit Coherence Time (sec)

>1000

1

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0.00005

0.03

N/A

10

### Fidelity

99.9%

97%

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99.4%

~99%

N/A

99.2%

### Qubits Connected

High

Very high; low individual control

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High

Very Low

N/A

Low

### Company Support

 IONQ, AQT, Honeywell, Oxford Ionics

Atom Computing, ColdQuanta, QuEra

Psiquantum, Xanadu

Google, IBM, QCI, Rigetti

HRL, Intel, SQC

Microsoft

Quantum Diamond Technologies

### Pros

Very stable. Highest achieved gate fidelities.

Many qubits, 2D and maybe 3D.

Linear optical gates, integrated on-chip.

Can lay out physical circuits on chip.

Borrows from existing semiconductor industry.

Greatly reduce errors.

Can operate at room temperature.

### Cons

Slow operation. Many lasers are needed.

Hard to program and control individual qubits; prone to noise.

Each program requires its own chip with unique optical channels. No memory.

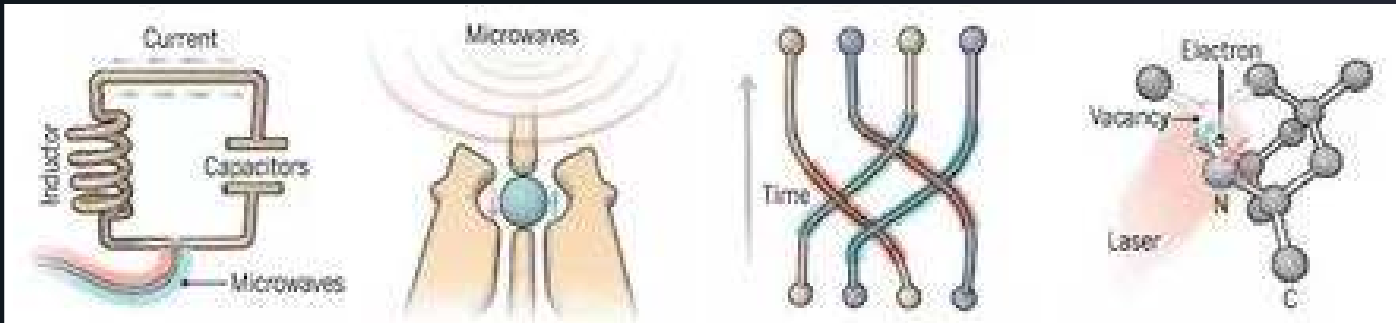
Must be cooled to near absolute zero. High variability in fabrication. Lots of noise.

Only a few connected. Must be cooled to near absolute zero. High variability in fabrication.

Existence not yet confirmed.

Difficult to create high numbers of qubits, limiting compute capacity.

## Synthetic Qubits



### Superconducting Loops

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

### 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.

### Topological Qubits

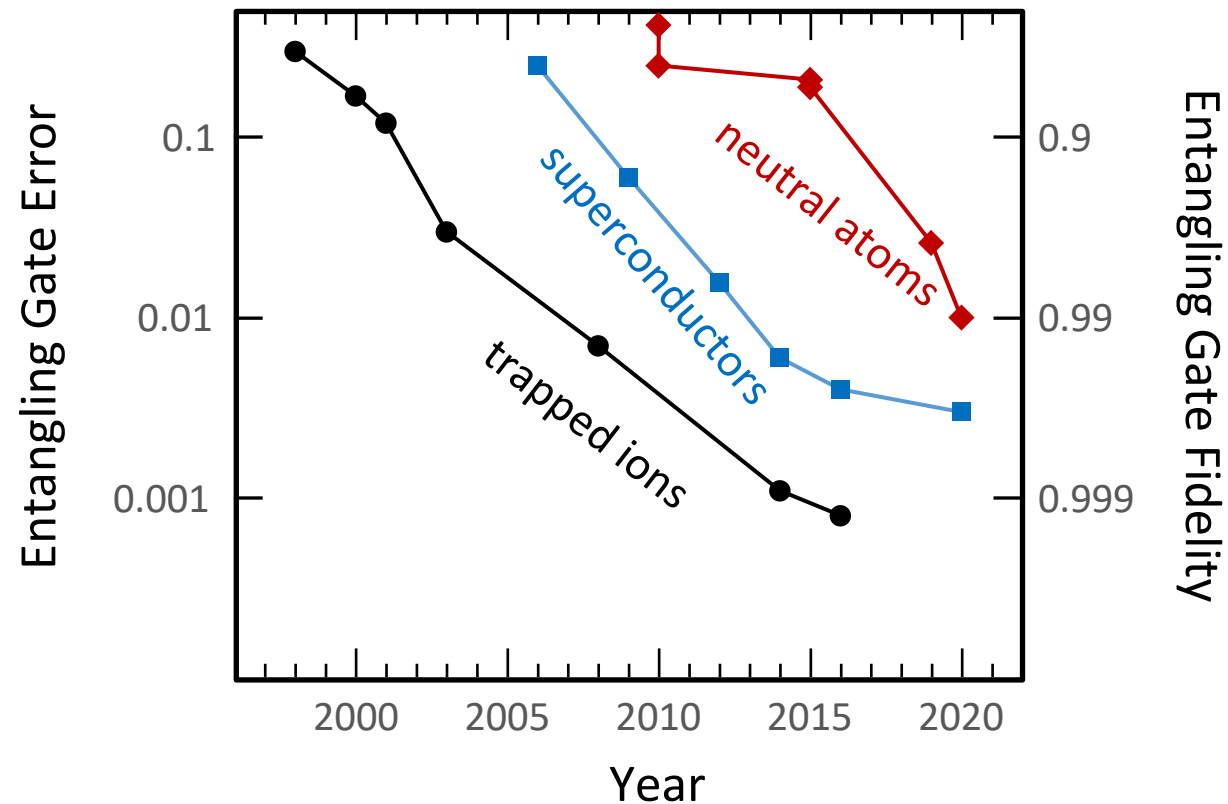
Quasiparticles can be seen in the behavior of electrons channeled through semi-conductor structures. Their braided paths can encode quantum information.

### 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.



# Two-Qubit (Entangling) Gate Performance



*Note: All data performed on exactly 2 qubits*

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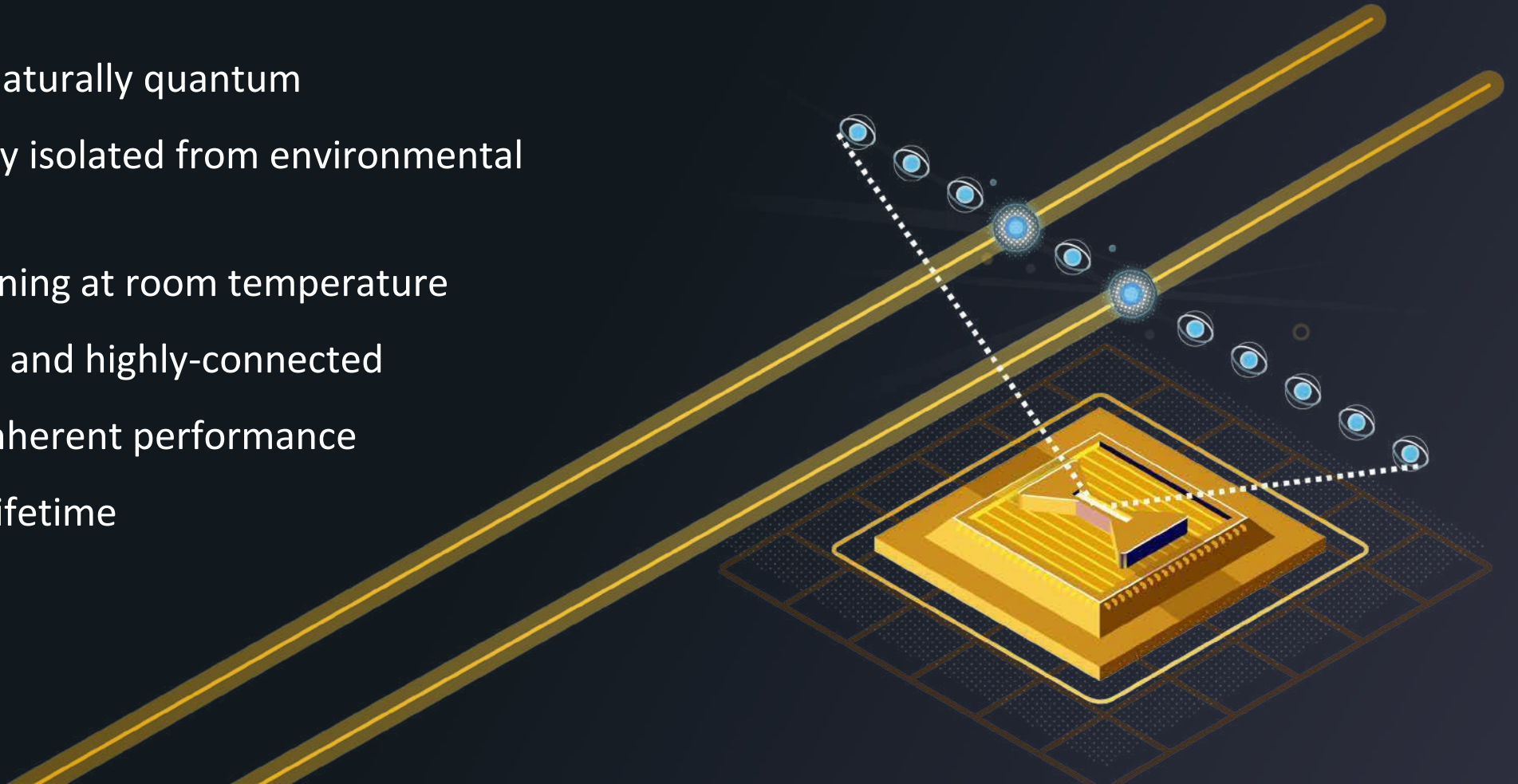
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# Trapped Atomic Ion Quantum Computer

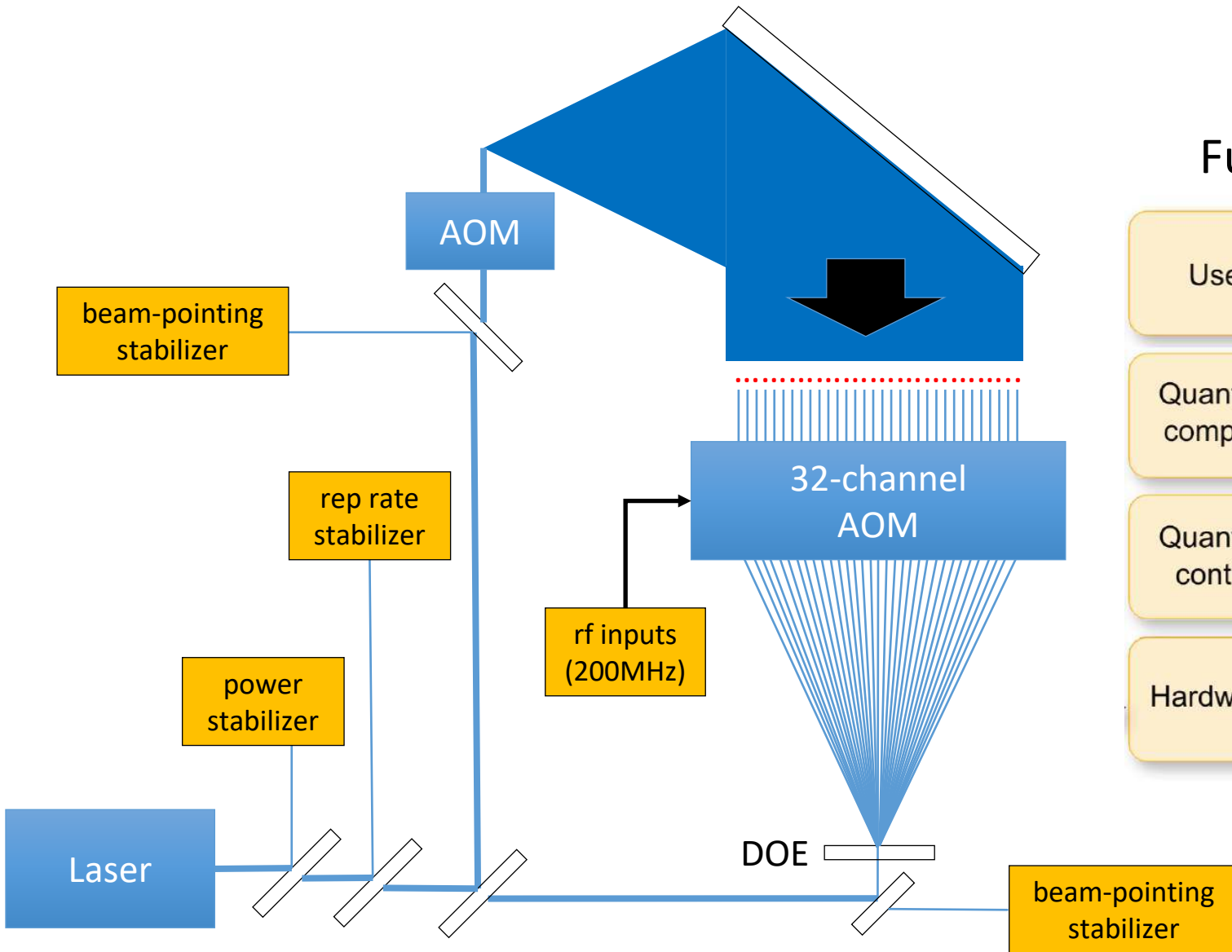
Individual **atomic ion qubits** in an electromagnetic trap are well-isolated, allowing for nearly perfect idle qubit performance

- identical and naturally quantum
- nearly perfectly isolated from environmental influences
- capable of running at room temperature
- reconfigurable and highly-connected
- unparalleled inherent performance
- longest qubit lifetime





# Quantum Computer Optical Controller



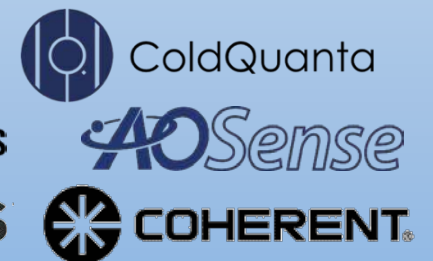
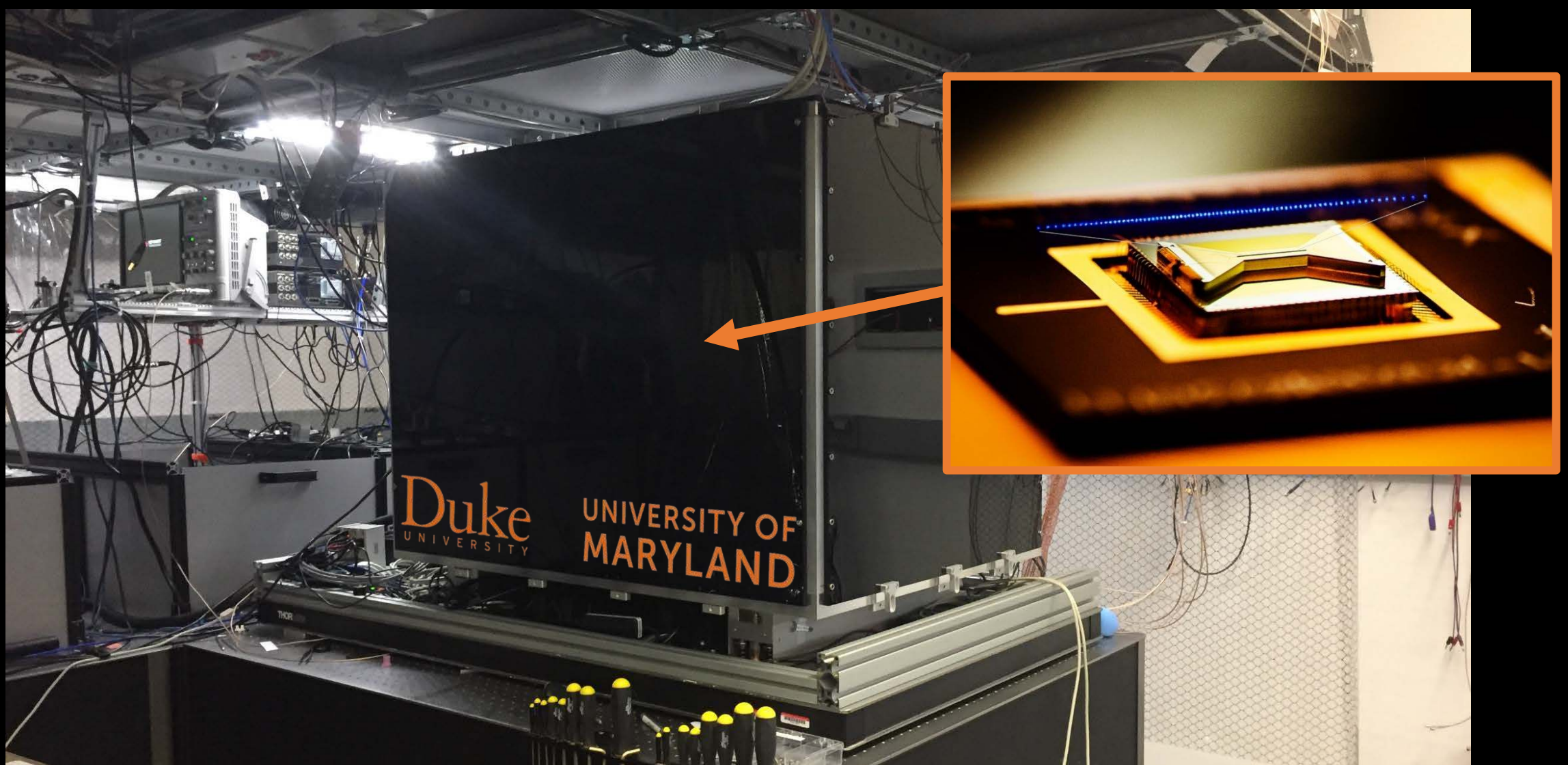
## Full “Quantum Stack” architecture

User	<b>Quantum Algorithms:</b> <i>Deutsch-Jozsa, QFT, etc.</i>
Quantum compiler	<b>Universal gates:</b> <i>Hadamard, C-NOT, C-Phase, etc.</i> <b>Native gates:</b> <i>XX-Gates, R-gates</i>
Quantum control	<b>Pulse shaping:</b> <i>Optimization of XX- and R-Gates</i>
Hardware	<b>Optical addressing:</b> <i>Qubit manipulation/ detection</i> <b>Ion trap:</b> <i>Linear ion-chain, optical access, etc.</i>

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# Recent Quantum Computer Collaborations

Year	Application	Reference	Collaborator	Institute
2013	Frustration and AFM order	Science 340, 583	J. Freericks	Georgetown
2014	Lieb-Robinson propagation	Nature 511, 198	A. Gorshkov	NIST
2015	Spin-1 Dynamics	Phys. Rev. X 5, 021026	A. Retzker	Hebrew University
2016	Manybody Localization	Nat. Physics 12, 907	D. Huse, P. Hauke	Princeton, Innsbruck
2017	Hidden Shift, Toffoli-3 Gate	PNAS 114, 13	M. Roetteler	Microsoft, Inc.
	Grover	Nat. Comm. 8, 1918	D. Maslov	NSF
	Toffoli-4 Gate	Thesis, Debnath	D. Maslov	NSF
	Prethermalization	Science Adv. 3, e1700672	Z. Gong, A. Gorshkov	NIST
	Time Crystalline Order	Nature 543, 217	N. Yao	Berkeley
	Dynamical Phase Transition	Nature 551, 601	A. Gorshkov	NIST
	[[4,2,2]] Error Detection	Science Adv. 3, e1701074	K. Brown	Duke
2018	Fredkin Gate, Fermi-Hubbard	PRA 98, 052334	S. Johri	Intel Corp.
	Bayesian Game	QST 3, 045002	N. Solmeyer	ARL
	Qubit Detection ML	J. Phys. B 51 174006	M. Hafezi	JQI
2019	Full Adder, Parallel CNOTs	Nature 567, 61	D. Maslov	NSF
	Generative Modeling ML	Science Adv. 5, eaaw9918	A. Perdomo-Ortiz	NASA
	Deuteron VQE Simulation	PRA 100, 62319	R. Pooser, O. Shehab	ORNL, IonQ
	Validating stabilizer states	Phys. Rev. A 99, 042337	Amir Kalev	QuICS UMD
	Quantum Scrambling	Nature 567, 61	B. Yoshida, N. Yao	Perimeter, Berkeley
	Circuit QAOA	arXiv:1906.02699	T. Hsieh, S. Johri	Perimeter, Intel Corp.
	Benchmarks and Comparison	arXiv: 1905.11349	M. Martonosi	Princeton
	Analog QAOA	arXiv:1906.02700	A. Gorshkov, S. Jordan	NIST, Microsoft Inc.
	Quasiparticle Confinement	arXiv: 1912.11117	A. Gorshkov	NIST
	Efficient QAOA (Max-Cut, Deuteron)	arXiv:1906.00476	Isaac Kim, Omar Shehab	Stanford, IonQ
	Dynamical mean field theory	arxiv: 1910.04735	Ross Duncan, Ivan Rungger	Cambridge QC, NPL

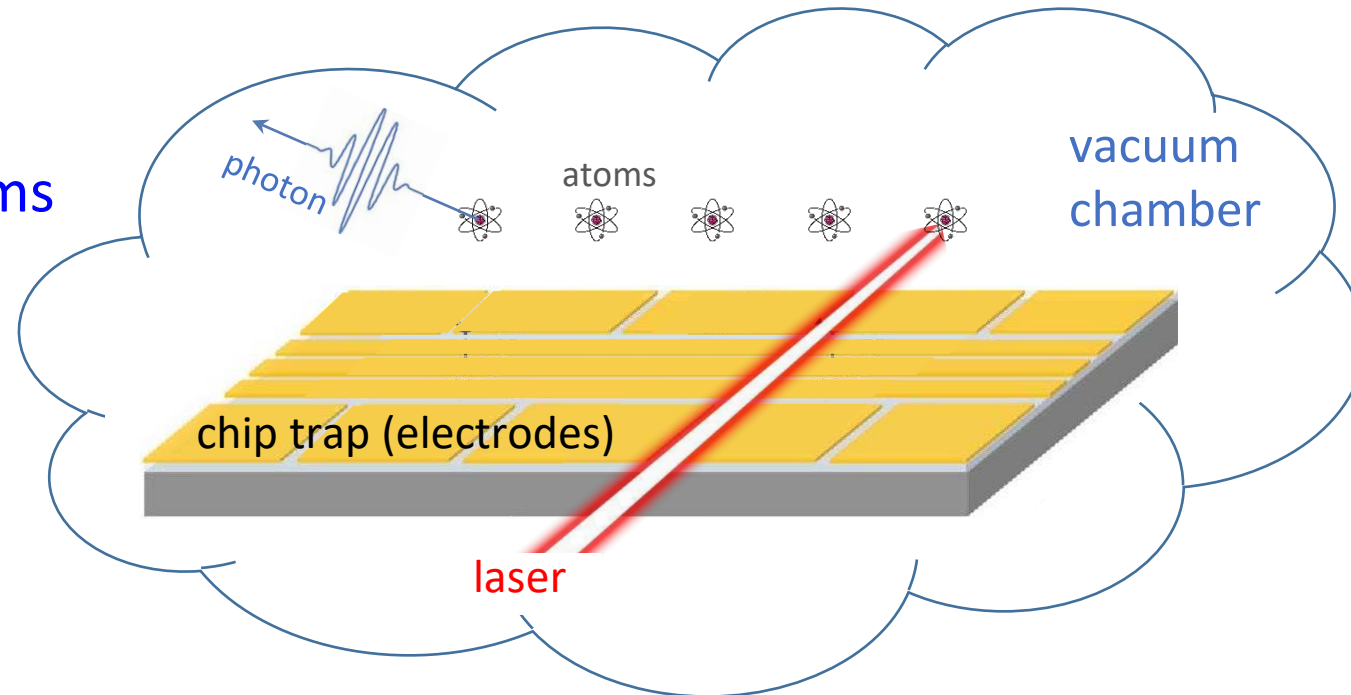
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	Quantum walks theory	arXiv:2001.11197	B. Radhakrishnan, C. Chandrashekar	ARL, Chennai
	Quantum walks, cellular automaton	arXiv:2002.02537	B. Radhakrishnan, C. Chandrashekar	ARL, Chennai
	[[9,1,3]] Bacon/Shor code	arXiv:2009.11482	K. Brown	Duke
	NMR Deconvolution	in progress	E. Demler	Harvard
	Measurement-induced phase transition	in progress	M. Gullens, D. Huse, N. Yao	NIST, Princeton, Berkeley
	Classical Verification of QC	in progress	U. Vazarani, N. Yao, T. Vidick	Berkeley, CalTech
	Cross platform benchmarking	in progress	Peter Zoller	Innsbruck
	Lattice Gauge Theory	in progress	Z. Davoudi	UMD
	Ising Scattering	in progress	Yannick Meurice	U. Iowa
	Circuit-based MBL	in progress	Sonika Johri	Intel Corp.
	Schwinger model simulation	in progress	Zohreh Davoudi	UMD
	Envariance measures	in progress	Wojciech Zurek	Los Alamos
	Para-particle simulations	in progress	C. M. Alderete, Blas R. Lara	UMD, INAOE
	Edge-cover problem QAOA	in progress	B. Sundar, K. Hazzard	Innsbruck, Rice
	Lee-Yang Zeros	in progress	Lex Kemper	NCSU
	Triangle game	in progress	Akimasa Miyake	UNM
	Molecular Cluster simulations	in progress	Nicolas Sawaya	Intel Corp.
	Ring-molecule dynamics Q-Sim	in progress	Rob Parrish	QCWare
	Chaos-QAOA	in progress	Gregory Quiroz, O. Shehab	APL, IonQ
	GAN-compression of circuits	in progress	Xiaodi Wu	QuICS UMD
	QFT- based benchmarking	in progress	Yannick Meurice	U. Iowa
	Block-diagonalization via Grover	in progress	Sonika Johri	Intel Corp.
	term-ordered VQE	in progress	M. Martonosi	Princeton
	Cluster state generation	in progress	Robert Raussendorf, Vito Scarola	UBC, VaTech
	Block-optimized VQE	in progress	Peter Zoller	Innsbruck

# Quantum Tech: Science or Engineering?

## Natural platforms

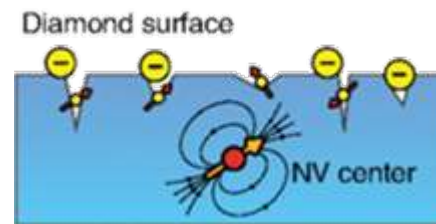
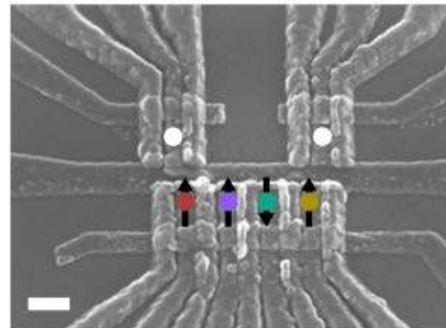
atomic ions  
neutral atoms  
molecules  
photons



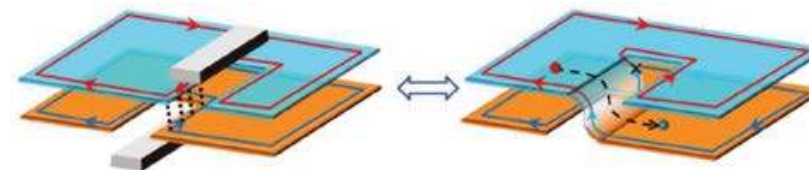
*Control  
Engineering  
Needed*

## Synthetic platforms

superconductors  
spins in solids  
quantum dots  
optical defects



*Science  
Needed*



topological qubit: *self-correcting*

# Expected Phases of Quantum Computing Maturity

Boston Consulting Group Analysis

## Phase I

Estimated Timeline:

3-5 Years

Estimated Impact (Operating Income):

\$2-5 Billion

Technical Barrier To Entry

Error Reduction



Phase I: 3-5 Years



Phase II: 10+ Years



Phase III: 20+ Years

## Phase II

Estimated Timeline:

10+ Years

Estimated Impact (Operating Income):

\$25-50 Billion

Technical Barrier To Entry

Error Correction

## Phase III

Estimated Timeline:

20+ Years

Estimated Impact (Operating Income):

\$450-850 Billion

Technical Barrier To Entry

Modular Architecture

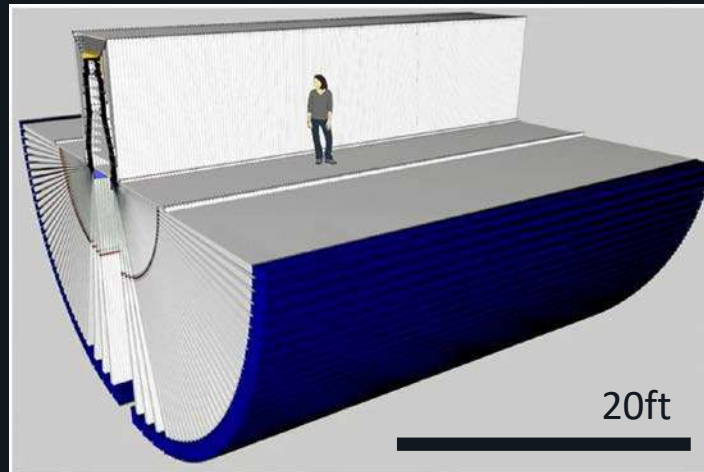
# Scaling will require SWAP-C (size/weight/power/cost)

IBM



An IBM engineer working on the custom-built dilution refrigerator casing for a single QPU

Google



Google rendering of a planned million-physical-qubit system

IONQ



IonQ ion trap and vacuum chamber in a single, minuscule package.

Superconductor Error Correction overhead:  
1,000 – 100,000

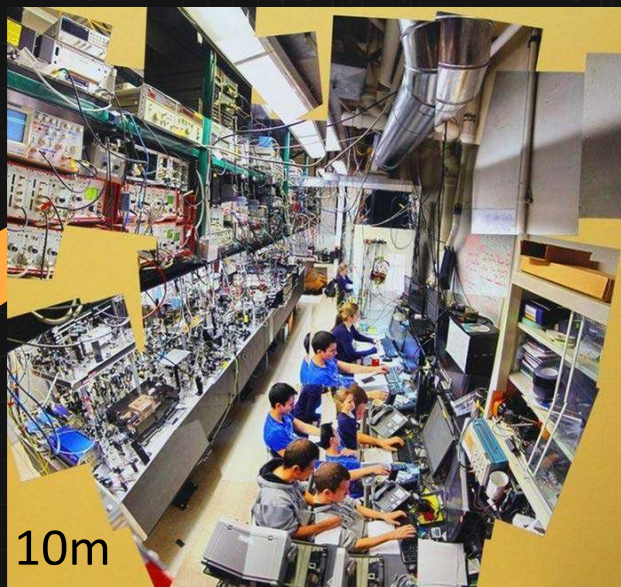
Ion Trap Error Correction overhead:  
10 – 100



# Ion Trap QC path to scale

2016

Lab  
scale

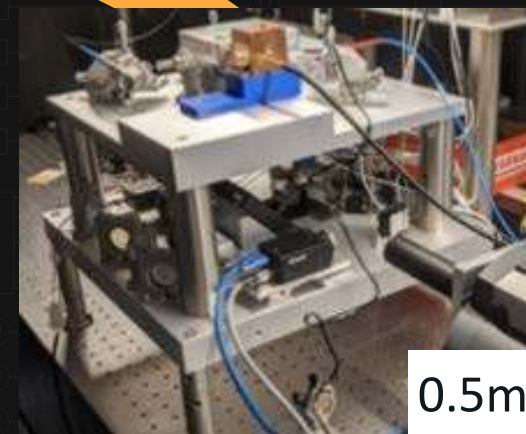


2018

Bench  
scale



2020

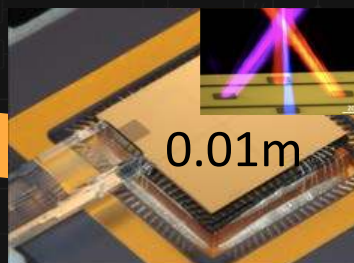


2021

Rackmount  
scale

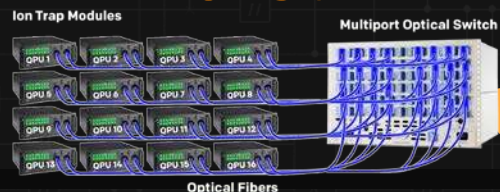


2023?



2025?

Chip  
scale





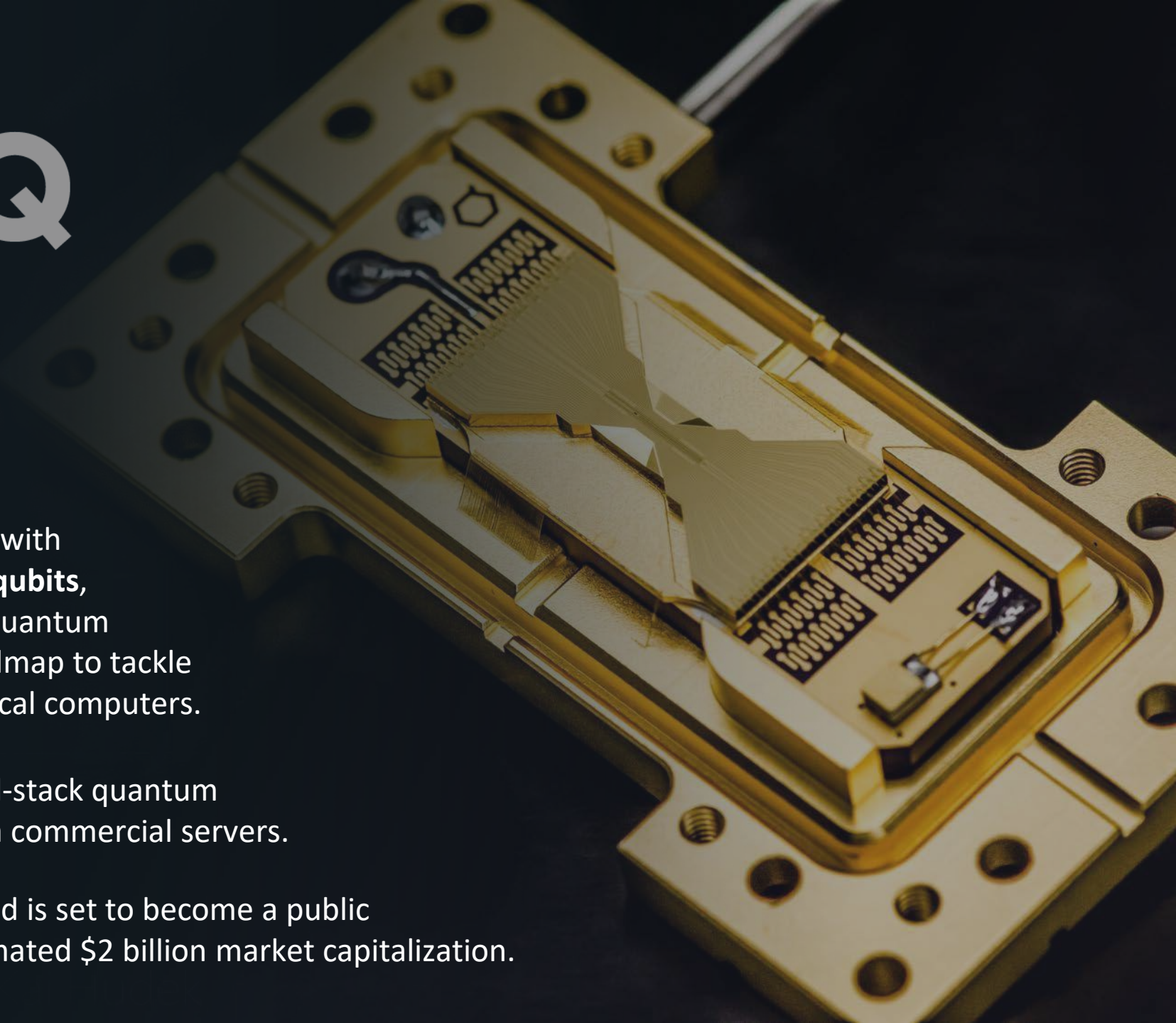
# IONQ

IonQ was founded in 2015 by Jungsang Kim and Chris Monroe, headquartered in College Park, MD

IonQ is a leader in quantum computing, with technology based on **individual atomic qubits**, having high quality and reconfigurable quantum operations. We have a clear scaling roadmap to tackle problems that are impossible with classical computers.

We have built several generations of full-stack quantum computer systems, with cloud access via commercial servers.

IonQ has raised \$84 million privately, and is set to become a public company in summer 2021, with an estimated \$2 billion market capitalization.



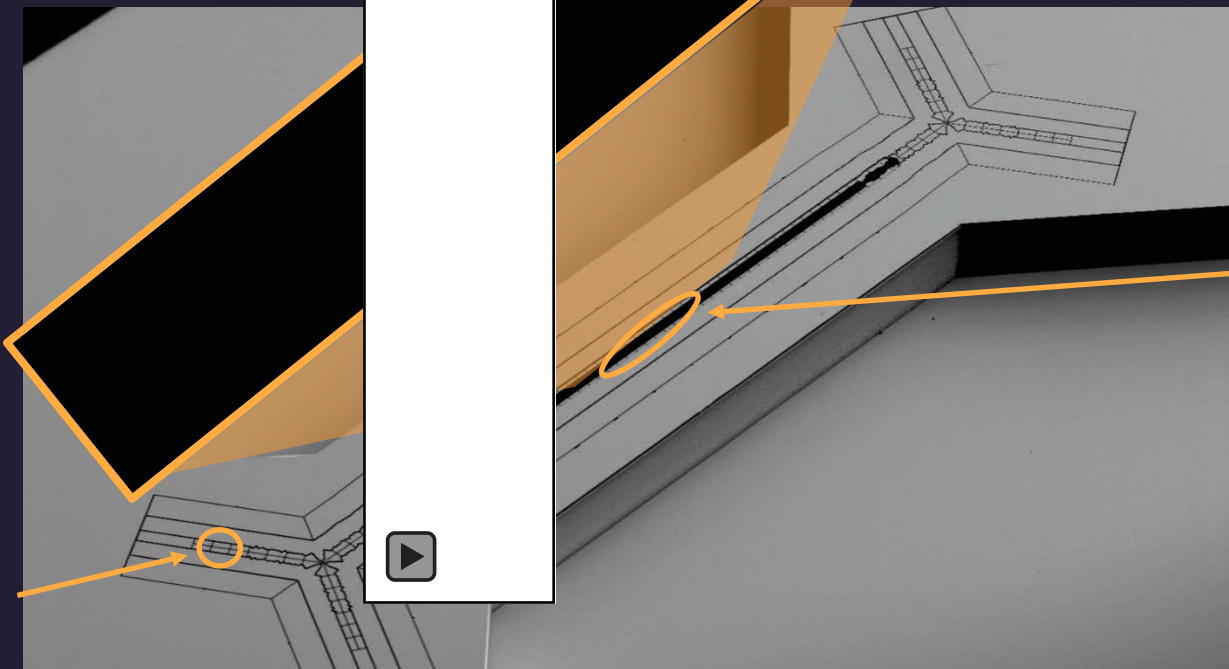




# IONQ autoloading register

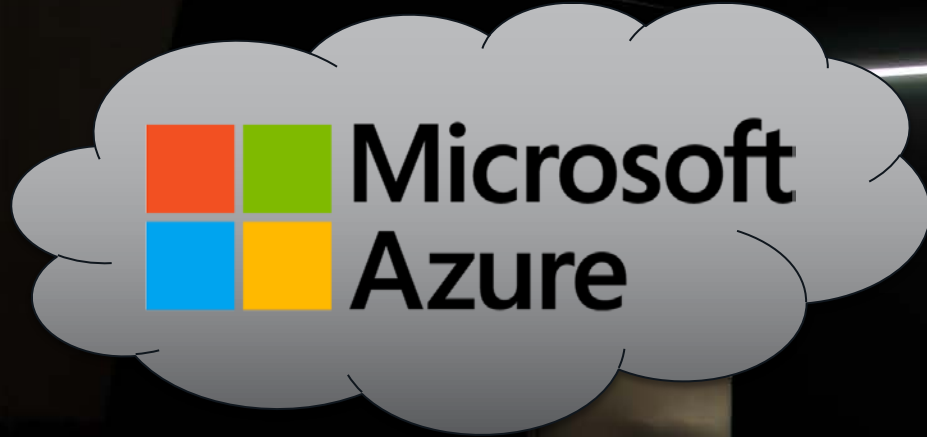
N=24 qubits preprogrammed

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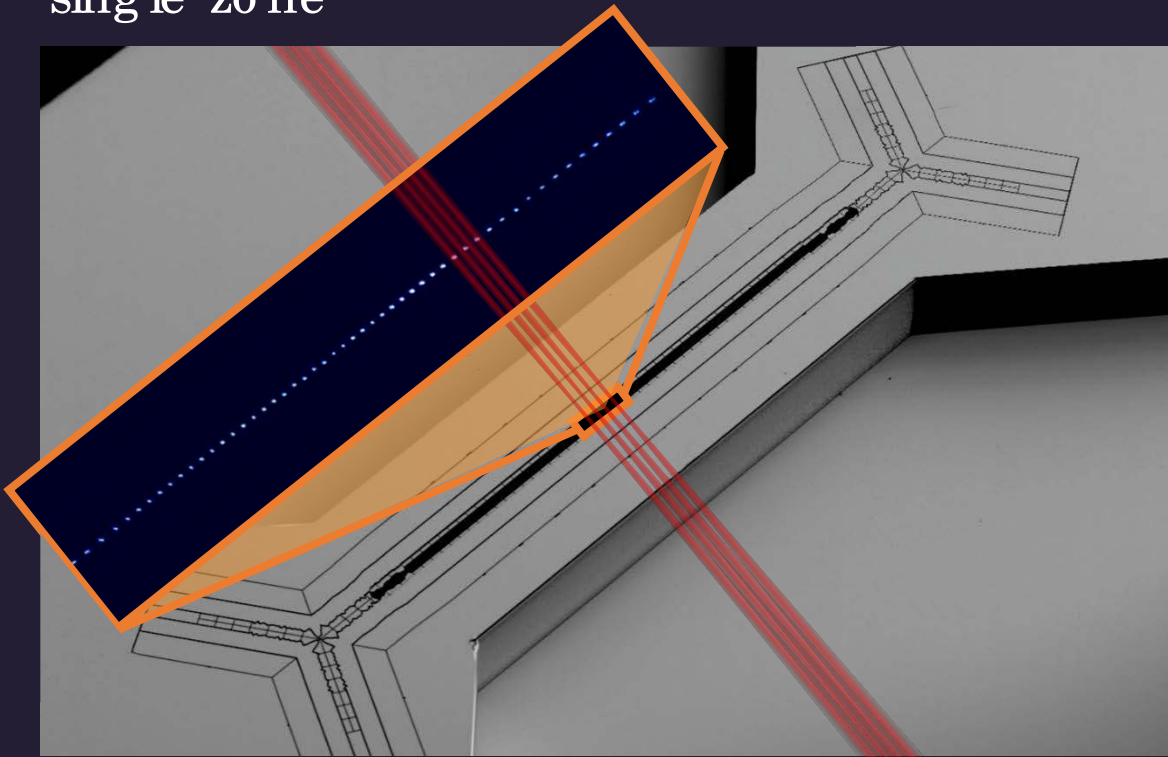
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# IonQ Systems on the cloud

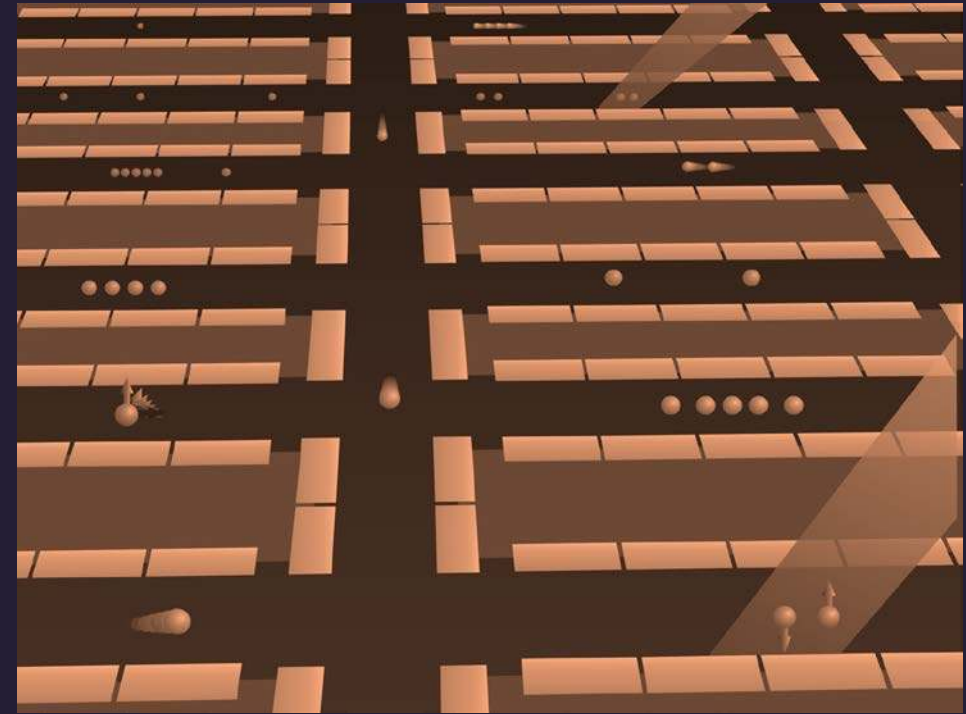


# Atomic Quantum Computer Scaling I >100 qubits

Linear shuttling through  
single zone



Shuttling between  
multiple zones



NIST-Boulder  
Univ. Mainz

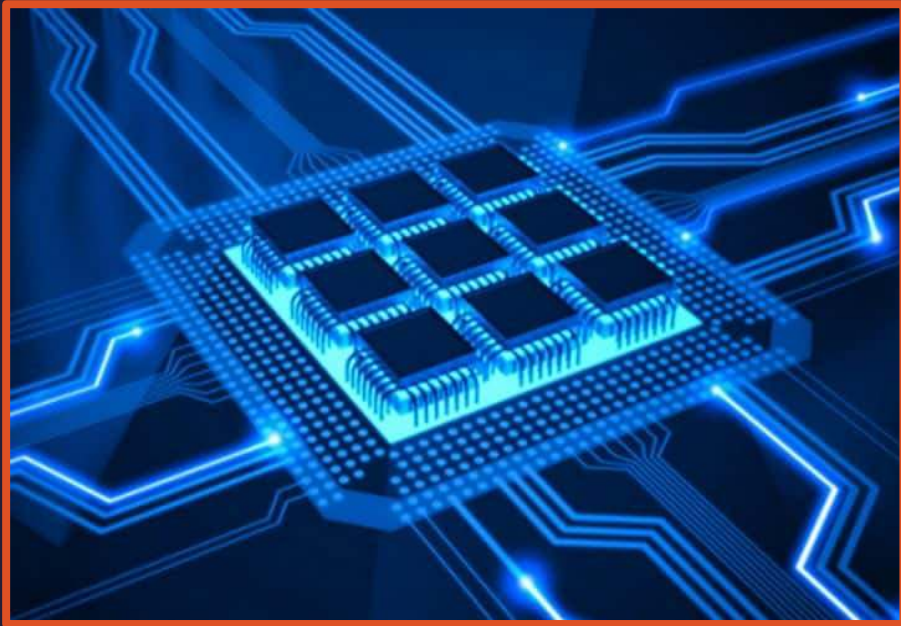
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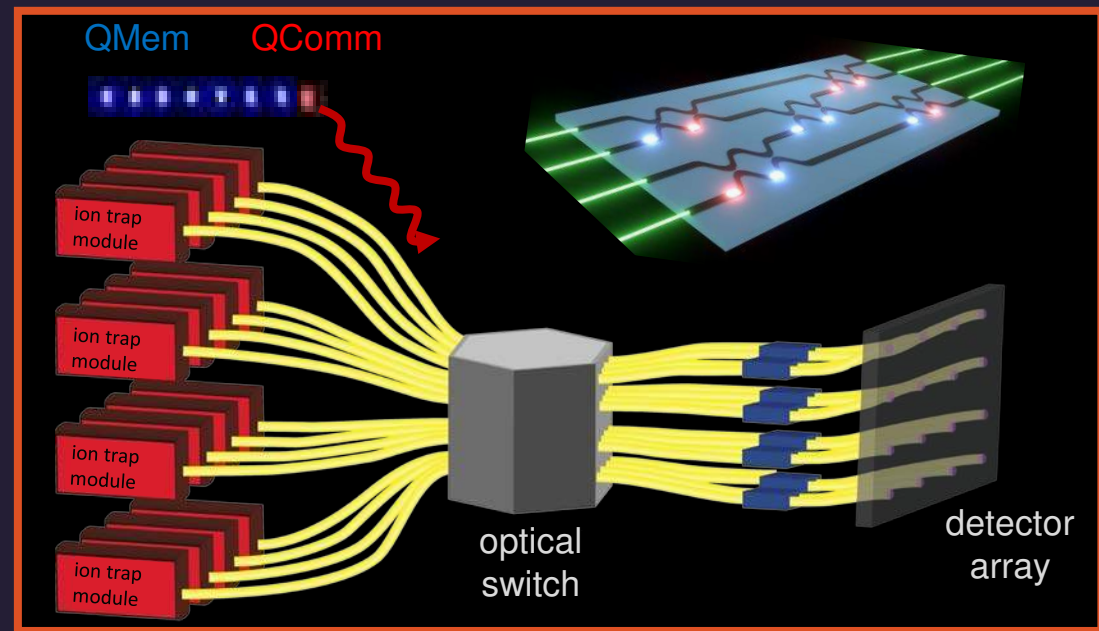


# Atomic Quantum Computer Scaling II >1000 qubits

**Plan:** Multicore quantum processing



**Technology:** Integrated photonics and switches, SNSPD detector array



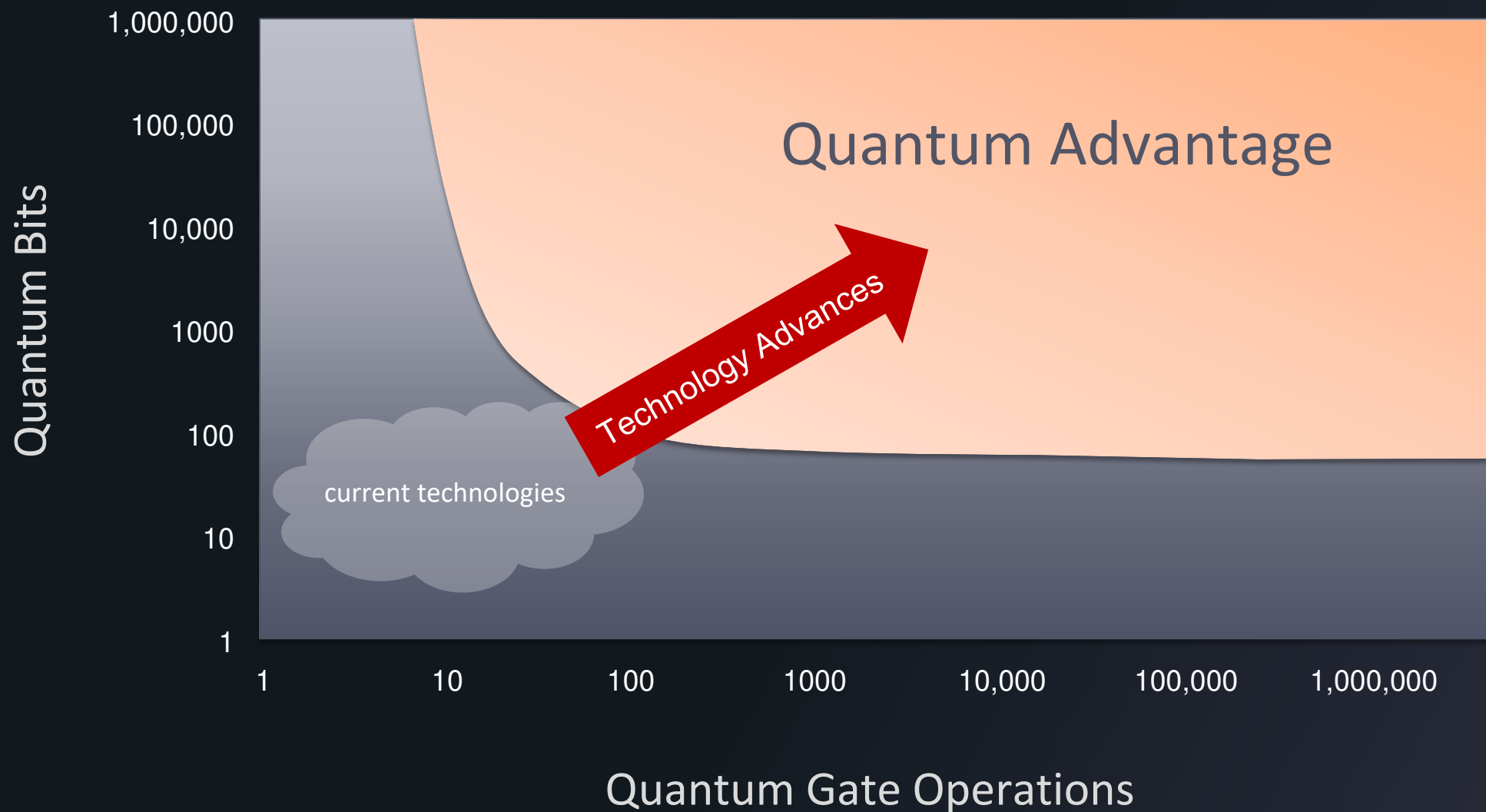
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# Qubits vs. Gate Operations

RSA  
decryption



# Hype Cycle of Emerging Technologies

