

Control Hardware Interfaces for Quantum Information Systems

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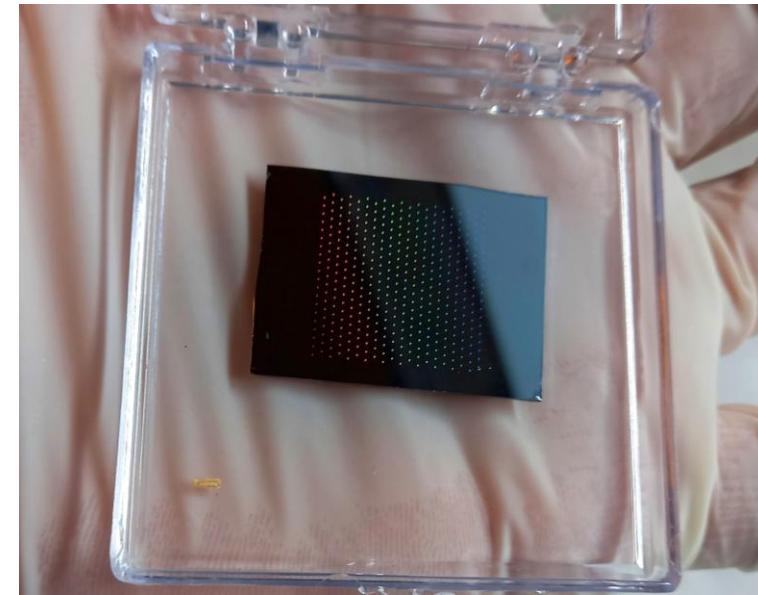


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Onri Jay Benally, 400-Qubit Quantum Chip (2023)

Deterministic vs. Probabilistic vs. Quantum Bits.

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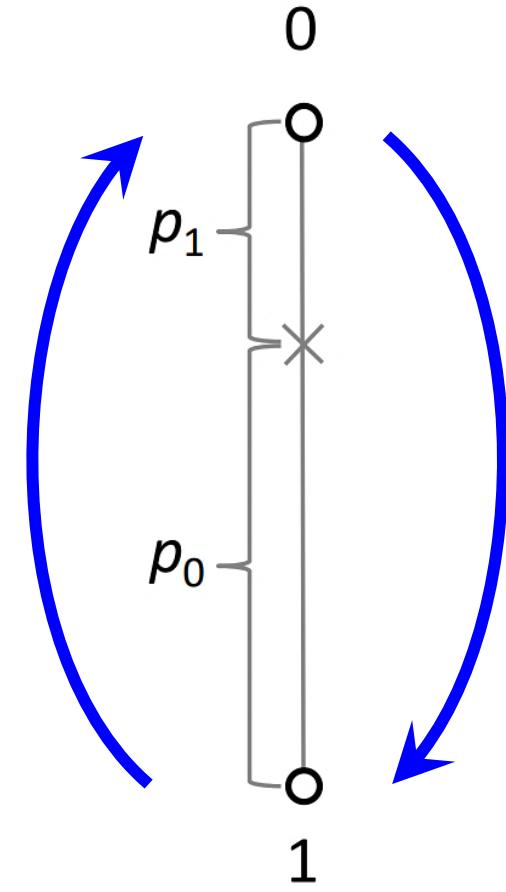
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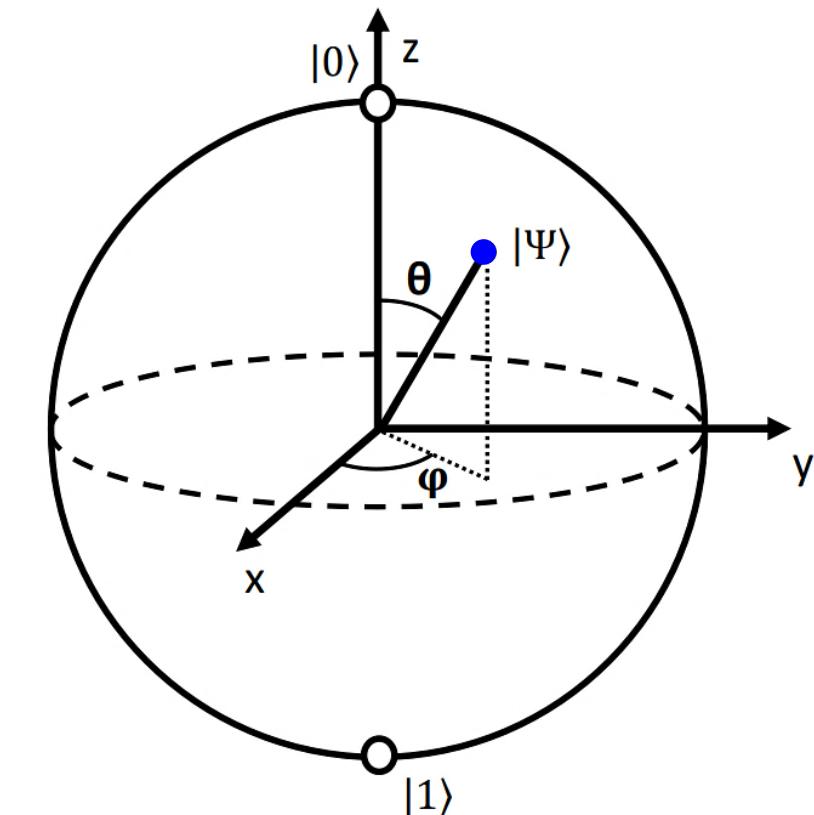
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quantum bit



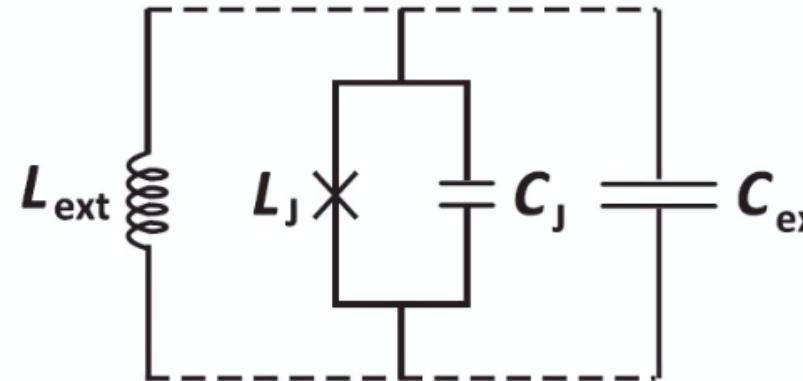
Background & Motivation

- In 1982, Richard Feynman described an idea of creating **quantum simulators**, which would need physical devices that use quantum mechanical effects, rather than logic alone.
- Qubit = matrix that can modify a vector (quantum state) = **anharmonic oscillator**.
- Physical qubits can consist of **artificial atoms** or be made of **natural atoms**.
- In quantum circuits, resonance frequencies (oscillator energy) = **computational bases**.



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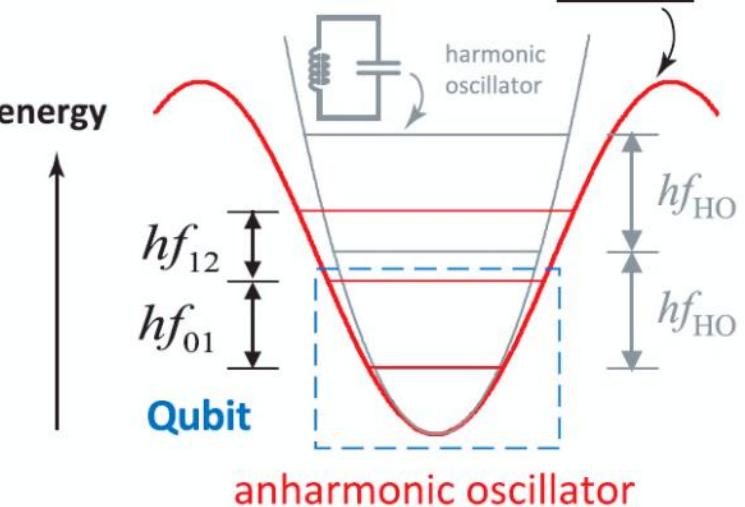
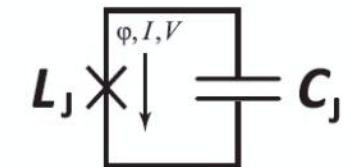
Basic qubit circuit elements



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Josephson junction: nonlinear inductance

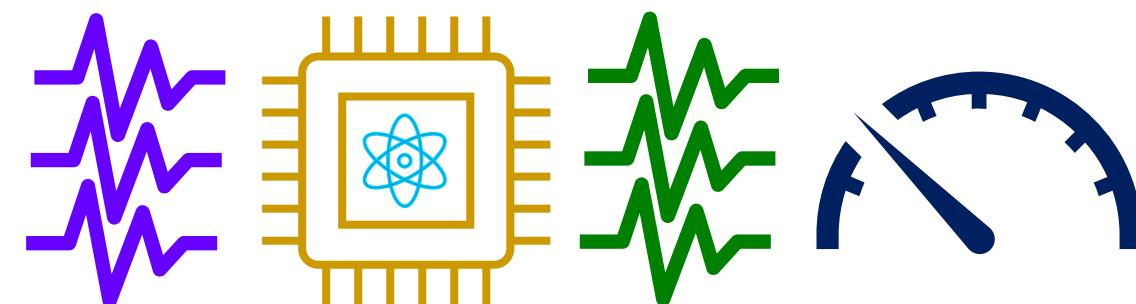
$$L_J = \frac{\Phi_0}{2\pi I_c \cos\varphi}$$



1. Feynman, *Int. J. Theor. Phys.* (1981)
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3. Wikimedia Commons

DiVincenzo Criteria (Standard for Quantum Computation)

- Well-characterized & **scalable** qubits.
- Qubit **initialization** (repeated & acceptable state preparation).
- Long **decoherence** times (retention of quantum properties).
- Universal set of **gates** (for arbitrary operations).
- **Measurement** capability of individual qubits (for readout of quantum algorithms).



Overall Stress on The Energy Grid



Exascale-class HPE Cray EX: (21 MW)

US exascale system upgrade to Aurora: **60 MW** in 2023.

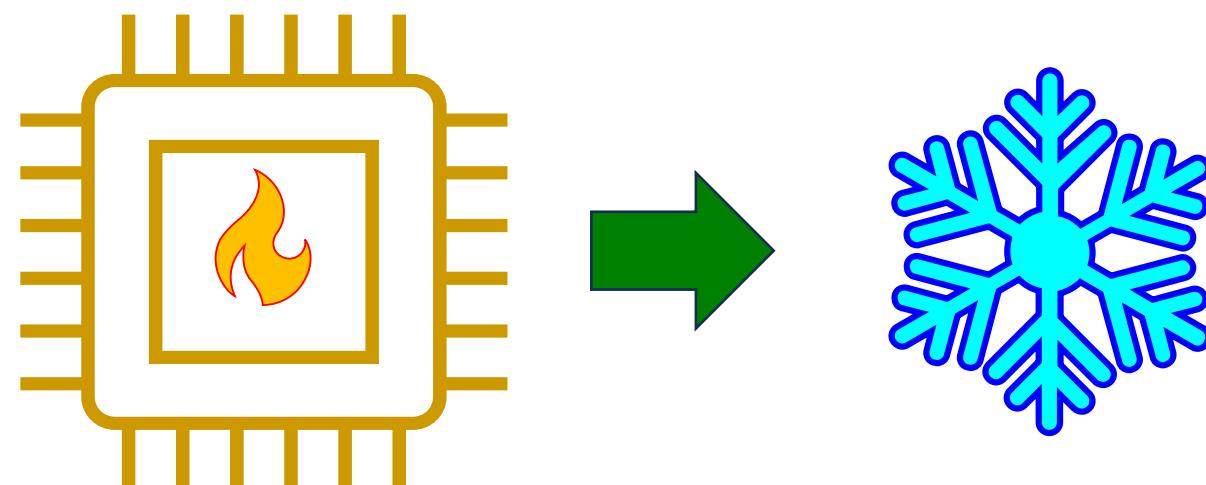


IBM Quantum System One: (<50 kW)

System Two upgrade: <**140 kW** in 2023

Big Idea

Heat Management



A Bigger Picture

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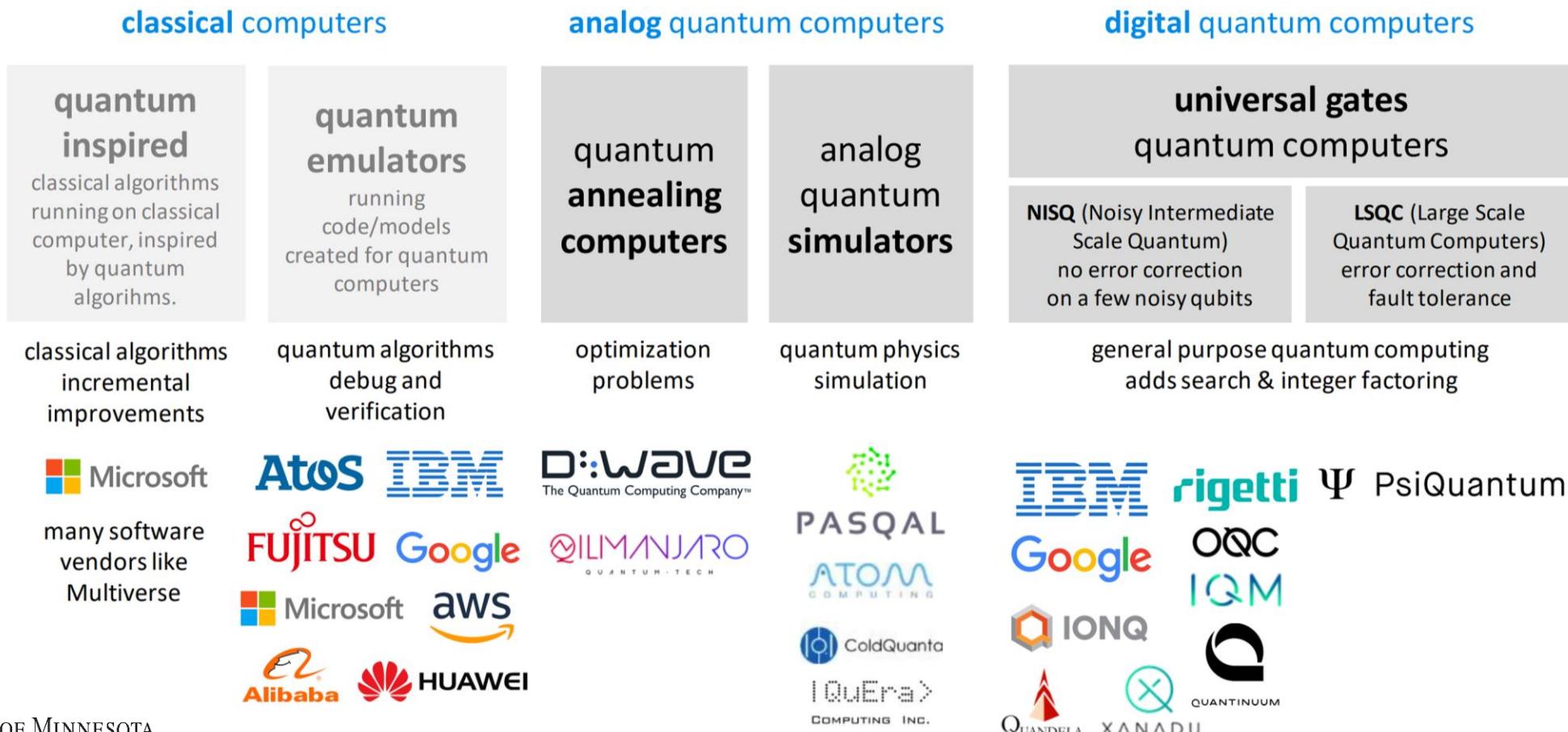


By combining both systems & allocating the specific application, the energy cost can be justified, leading to a new high-performance computation resource:

Quantum Supercomputing

Digital vs. Analog Quantum Computing

- **NISQ** = Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum.
 - (Tends to contain zero to little error correction, aka **1:1 ratio** of logical:physical qubits).
- **FTQC** = Fault-Tolerant Quantum Computing.
 - (Implements **passive** or **active** quantum error correction into architecture).

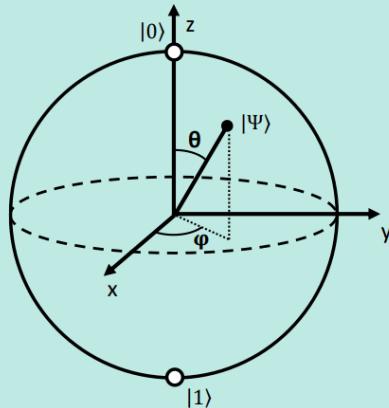


Key Ideas for Quantum Information Systems

- Analog (quantum) computing = Involves a varying signal between 2 states rather than switching of states.
- Digital (quantum) computing = Involves switching of 2 or more basis states.

Direct Variable vs Continuous Variable encoding of quantum information

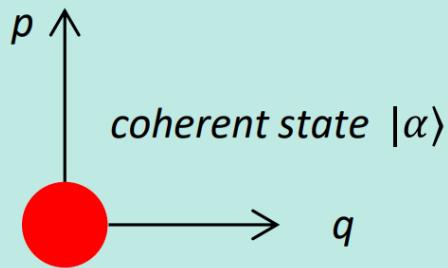
DV: encoding in qubits



Discrete basis : $|\Psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$

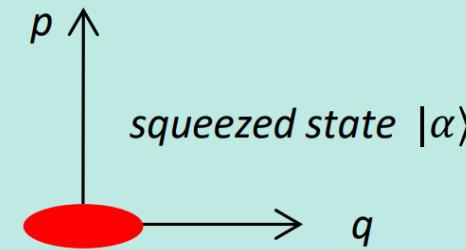
Finite-dimentional Hilbert space

CV: encoding in continuous states, e.g. eigenstates of electromagnetic field quadratures \hat{q}, \hat{p}



Continuous basis : $|\Psi\rangle \propto \int d^2\alpha \psi(\alpha)|\alpha\rangle$

Infinite-dimentional Hilbert space



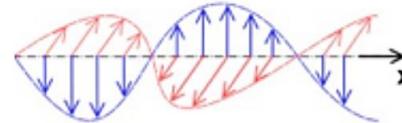
*abstract space of possibilities **reduced quantities exist as well

Discrete vs. Continuous Variable Quantum Computing

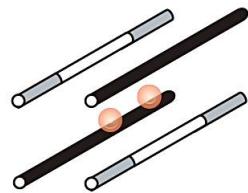
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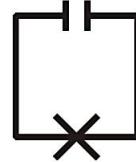
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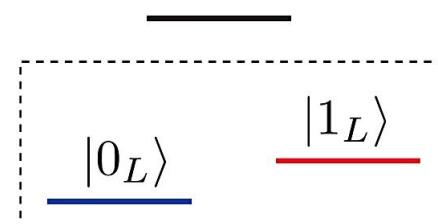
Photon Polarisation



Trapped Ion

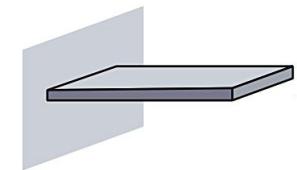


Superconducting Circuit

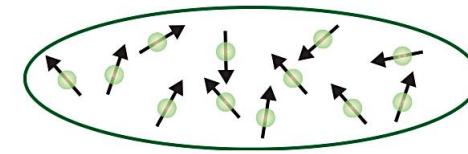


Finite individually
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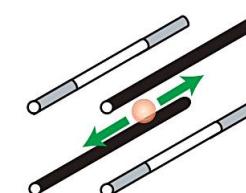
Continuous-Variable



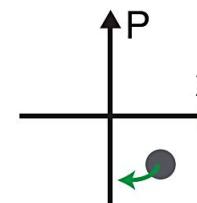
Mechanical Oscillator



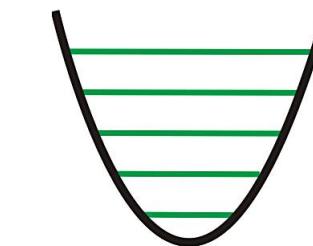
Spin Ensemble



Ion Motion



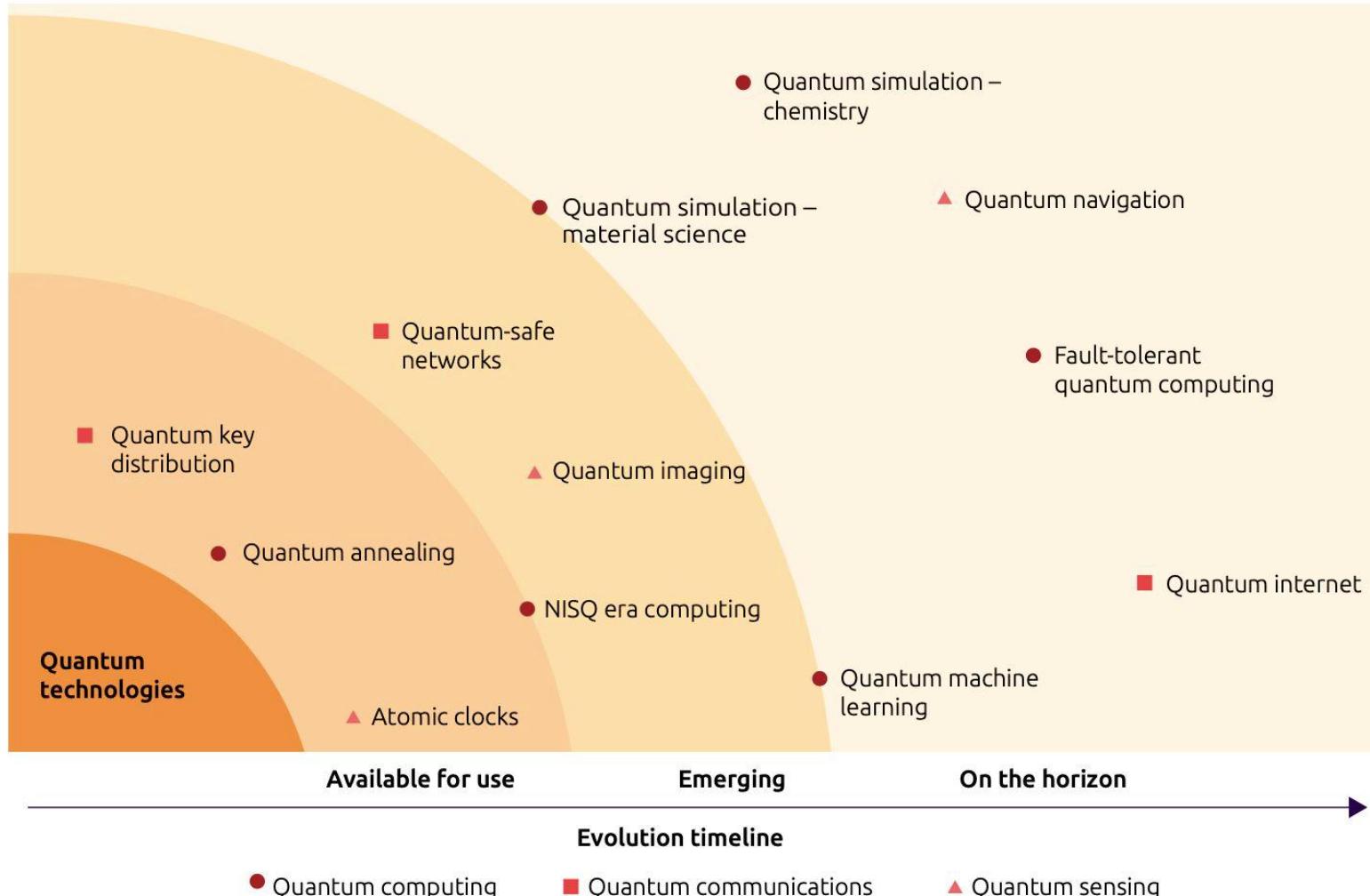
Optical Mode



Infinite non-individually
addressable states

$|0_L\rangle?$
 $|1_L\rangle?$

Examples of Problems Solvable by Quantum Processors



Source: Capgemini Research Institute analysis.

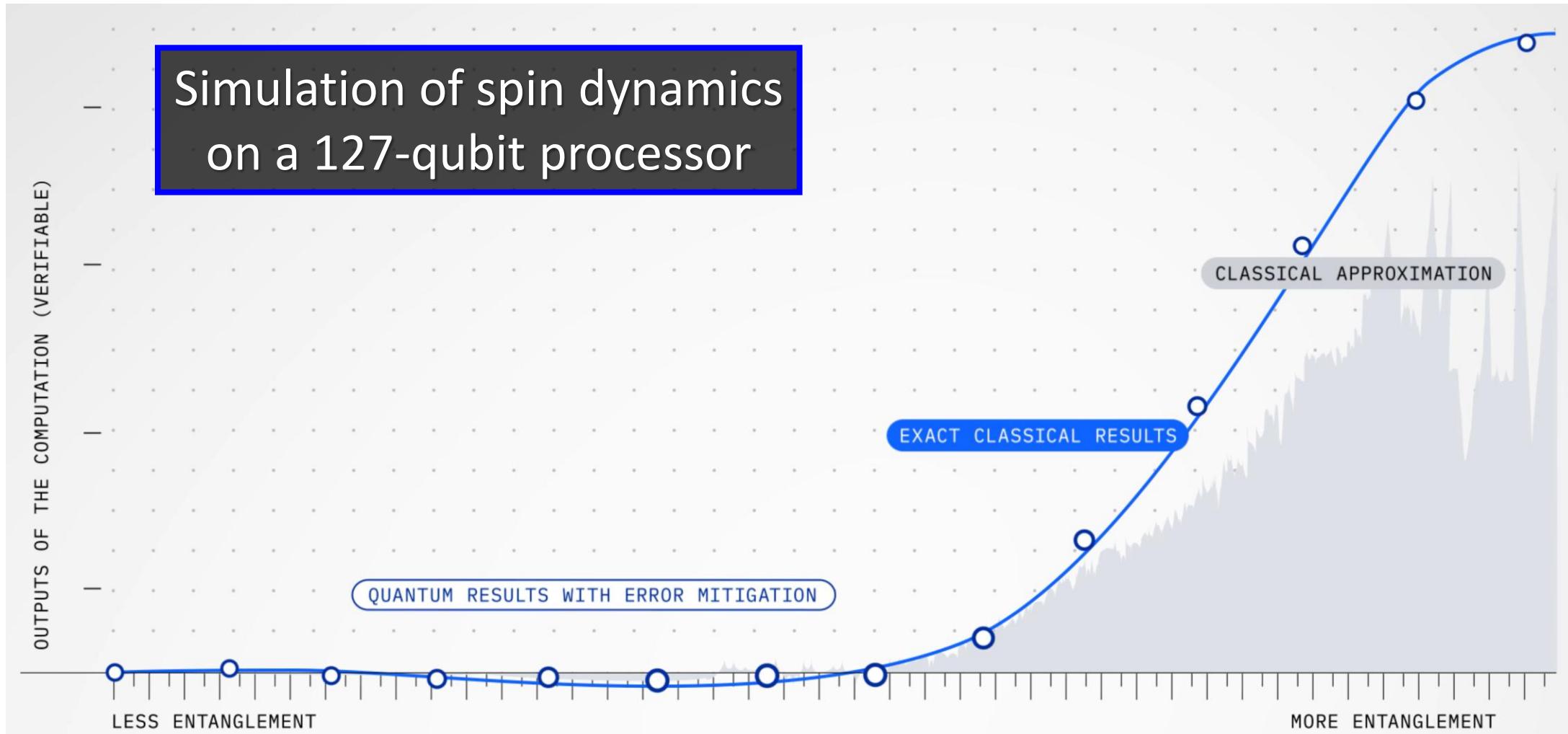
Definitions of stages:

Available for use: Ready to be deployed in a limited way to at least one commercial application.

Emerging: Several proofs of concept developed, but not ready for commercial deployment.

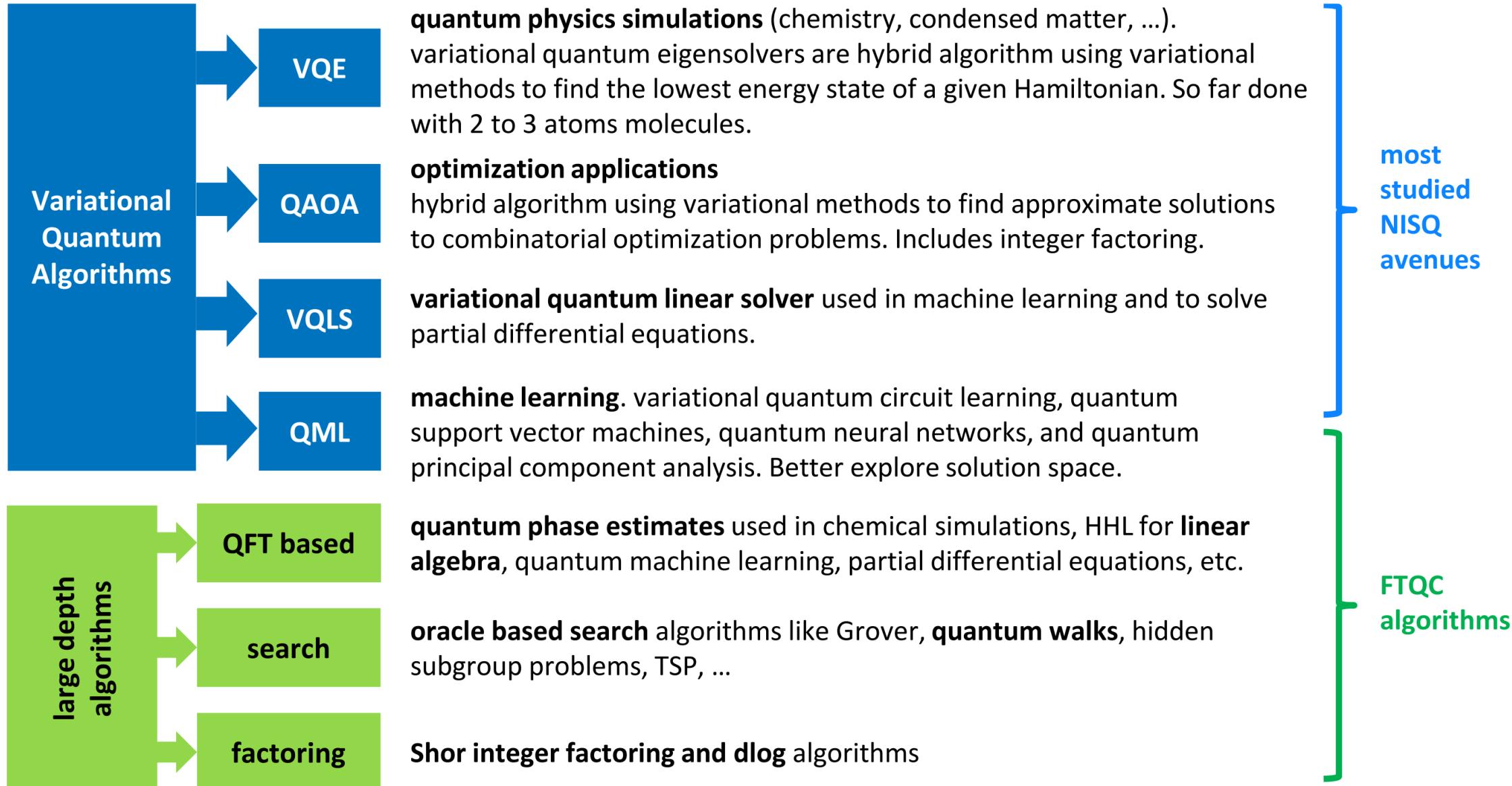
On the horizon: At proof-of-principle stage; requires several technical breakthroughs to advance to the next stage.

Recent News in High Performance vs. Quantum Computation



- Y-axis represents accuracy, both axes are in arbitrary units (A.U.)
- Exact classical results are analytical calculations (simplified model)
- Classical approximation results are numerical calculations performed on a supercomputer

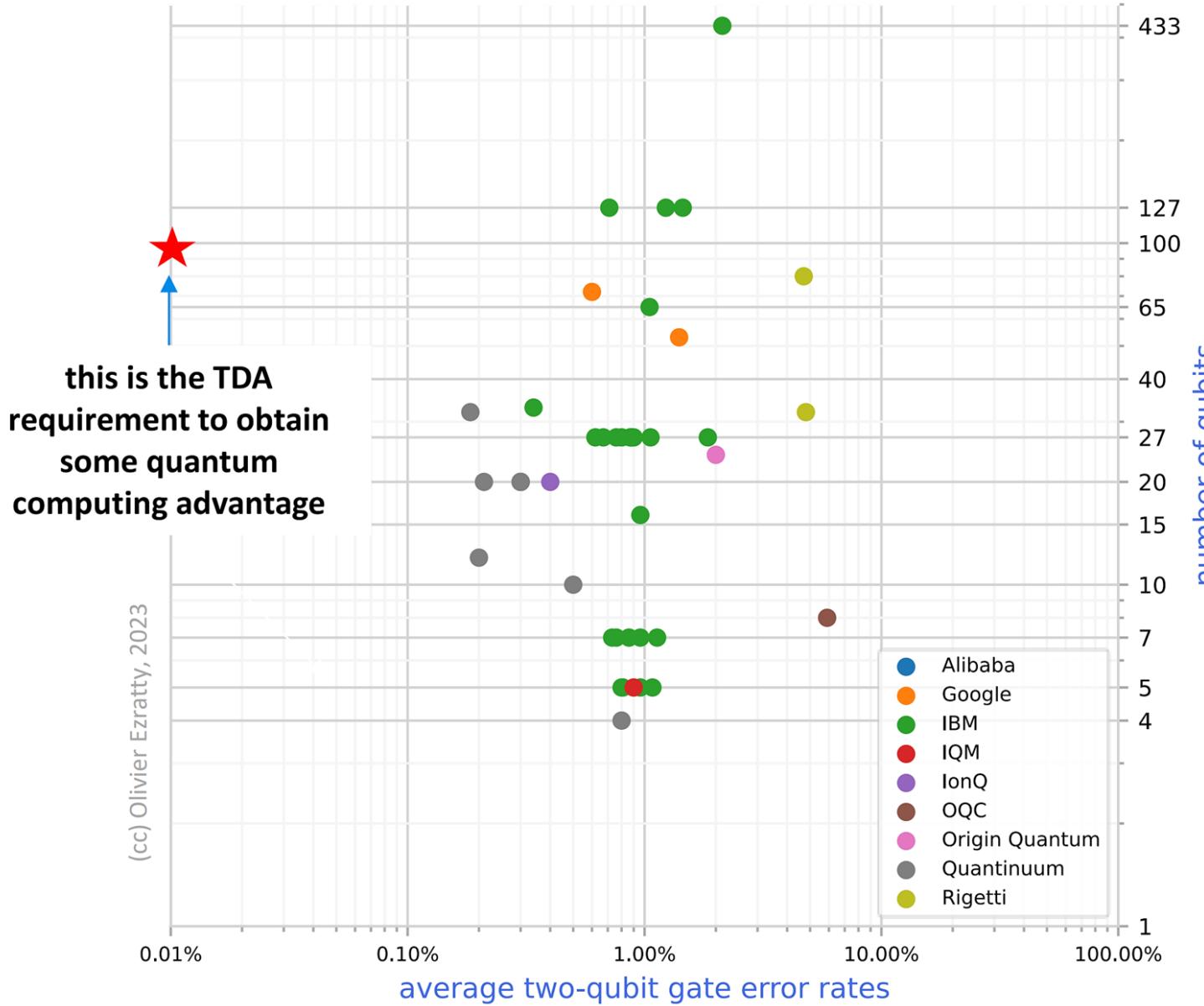
Quantum Algorithms to Target Problems



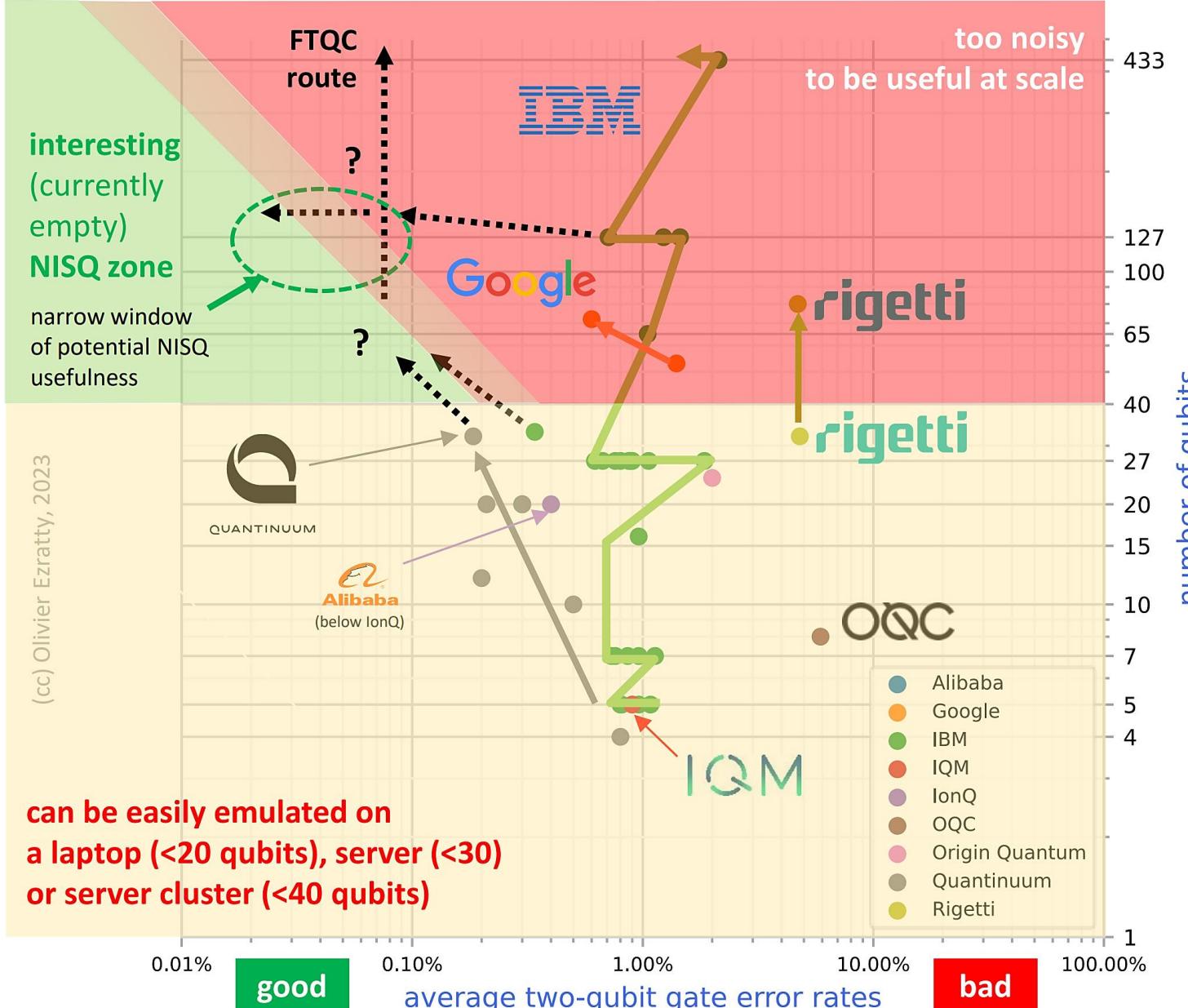
NISQ Gate-Based Hardware Resource Requirements

	NISQ	FTQC
Physical qubit numbers	50-1000s	9000-Millions
Algorithmic qubit error rates ϵ	$10^{-3} \leq \epsilon \leq 10^{-7}$	$10^{-5} \leq \epsilon \leq 10^{-15}$
Required physical qubit fidelities	99.9% to 99.99999%	\approx 99.9%
Error processing techniques	Quantum error suppression	
	Quantum error mitigation	Quantum error correction
Algorithms	VQE, QAOA, QML	Yes
	Oracle-based search	No
	QFT-based	No
Qubit challenges		Average # to create very high-fidelity qubits
Other challenges		Error mitigation scaling, # of Pauli strings, & shots w/ VQE
		Very large set of entangled qubits w/ good fidelities
		Quantum memory/ qRAM, error correction, & overhead energetics

Qubit Usefulness in the Current Stage



Qubit Usefulness in the Current Stage



Quantum Stack



Quantum
Algorithms

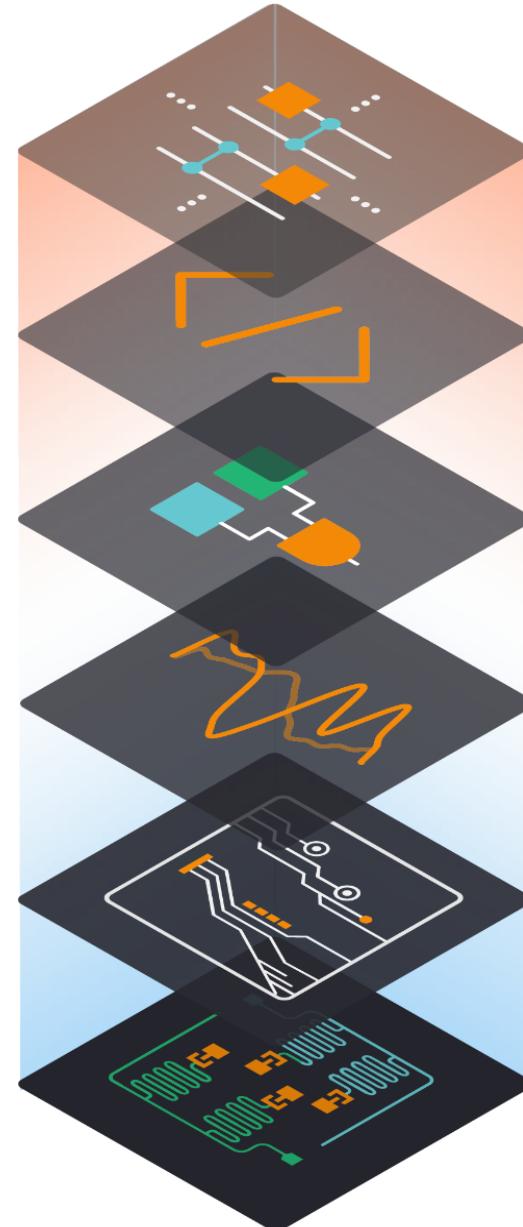
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Software

Control
Electronics

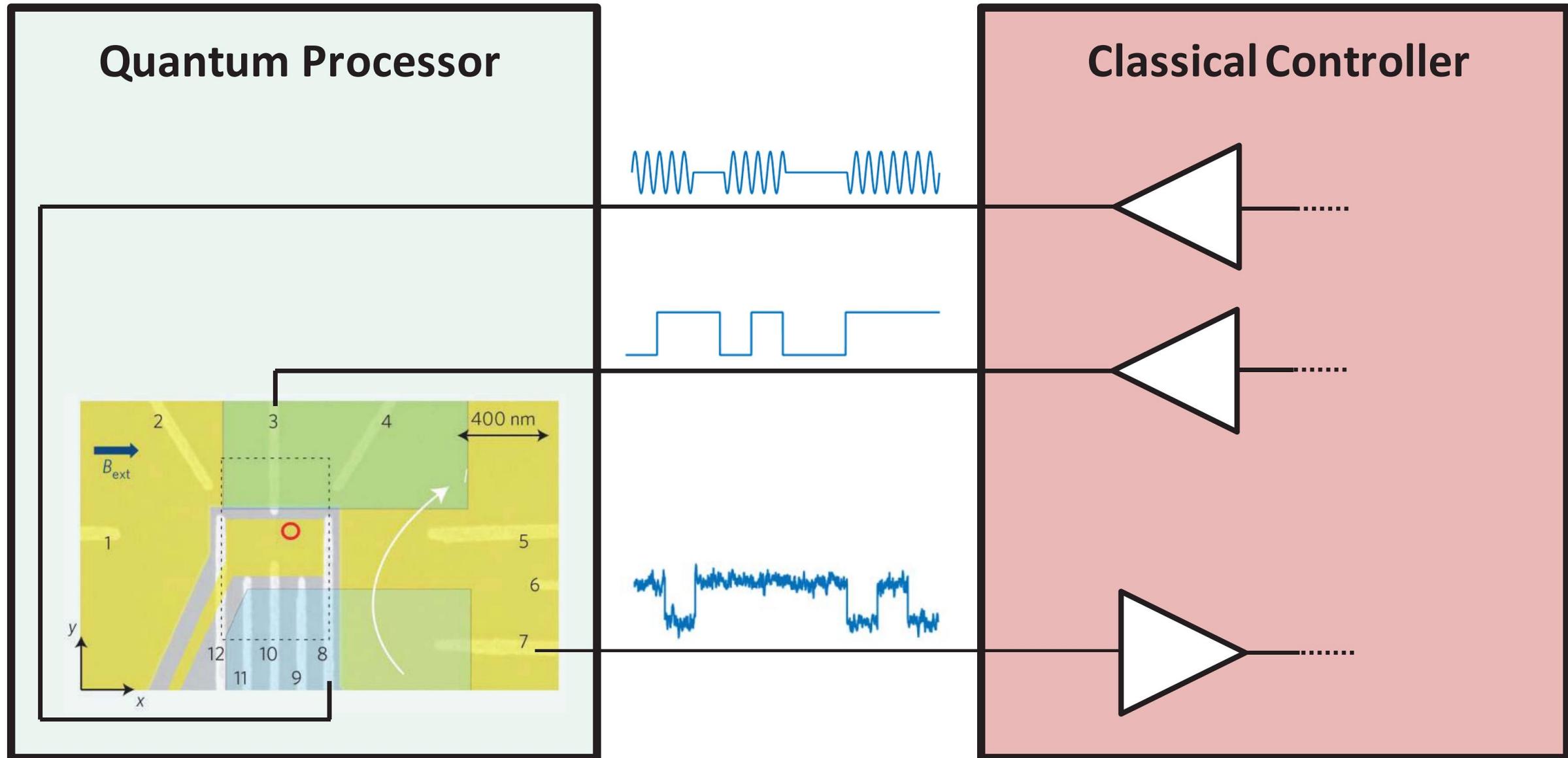
μ wave signal
processing

Cryogenics &
interconnects

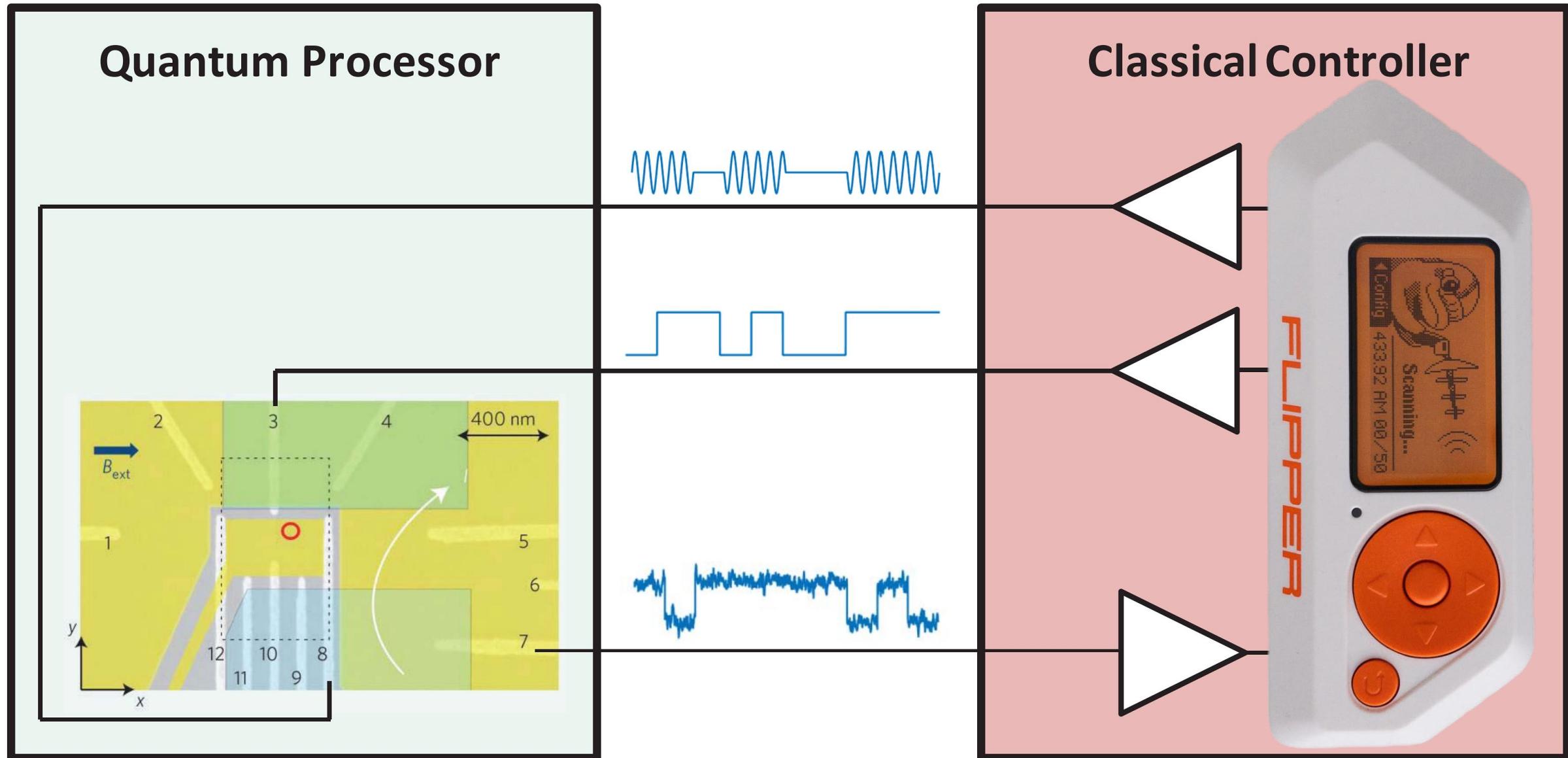
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Generic Qubit Control System Configuration

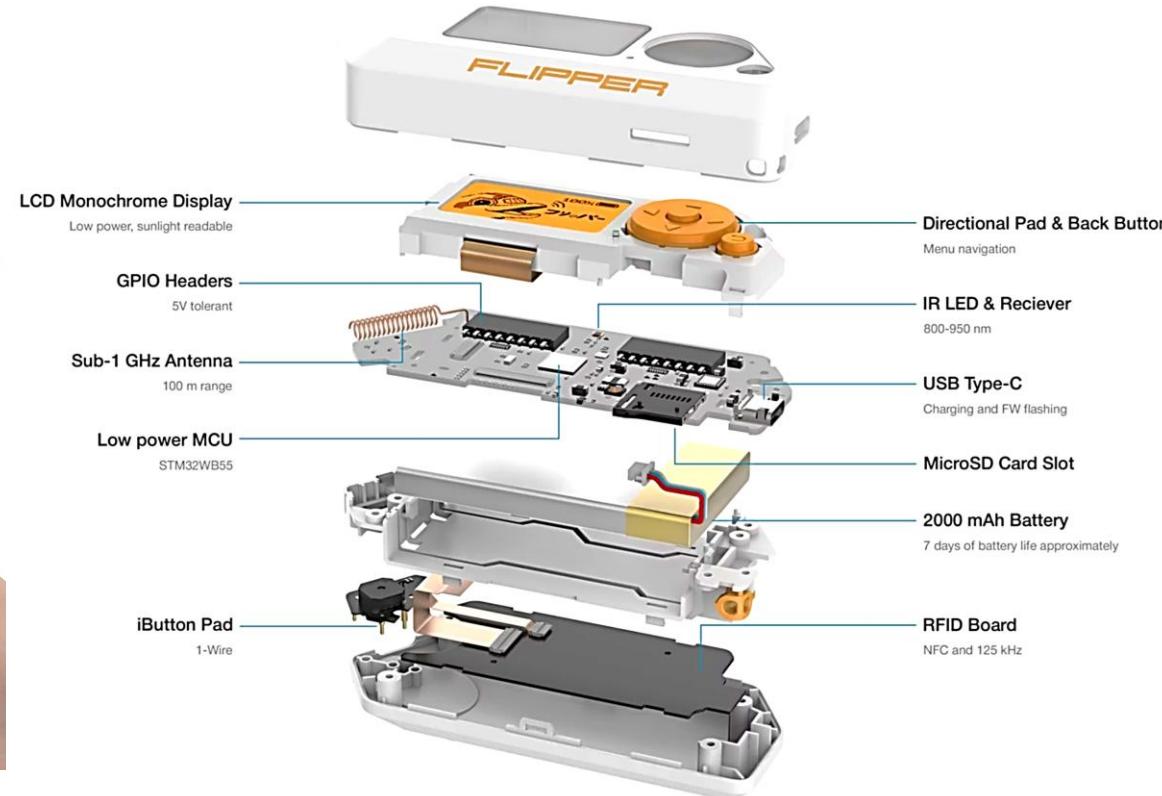


Generic Qubit Control System Configuration



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2. Wikimedia Commons

Analogy: Flipper Zero (Software-Defined Radio Transceiver)



Step 1

- Detect incoming code1
- Jam signal
- Record code1

Step 2

- Detect incoming code2
- Jam signal
- Record code2

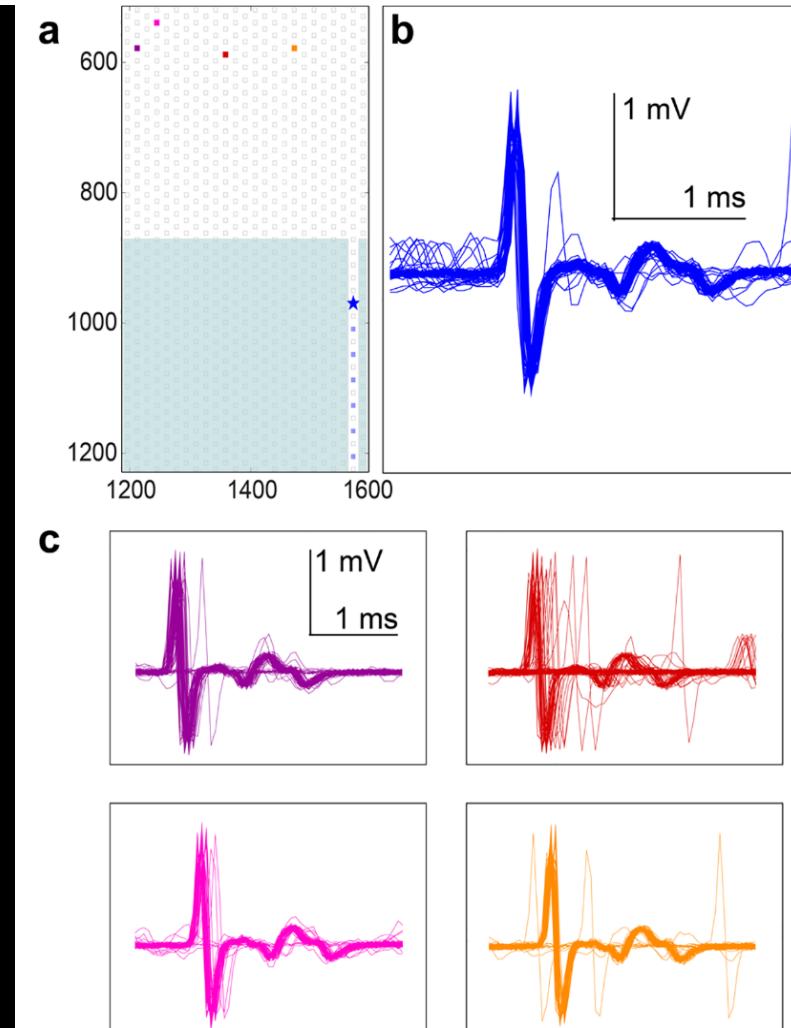
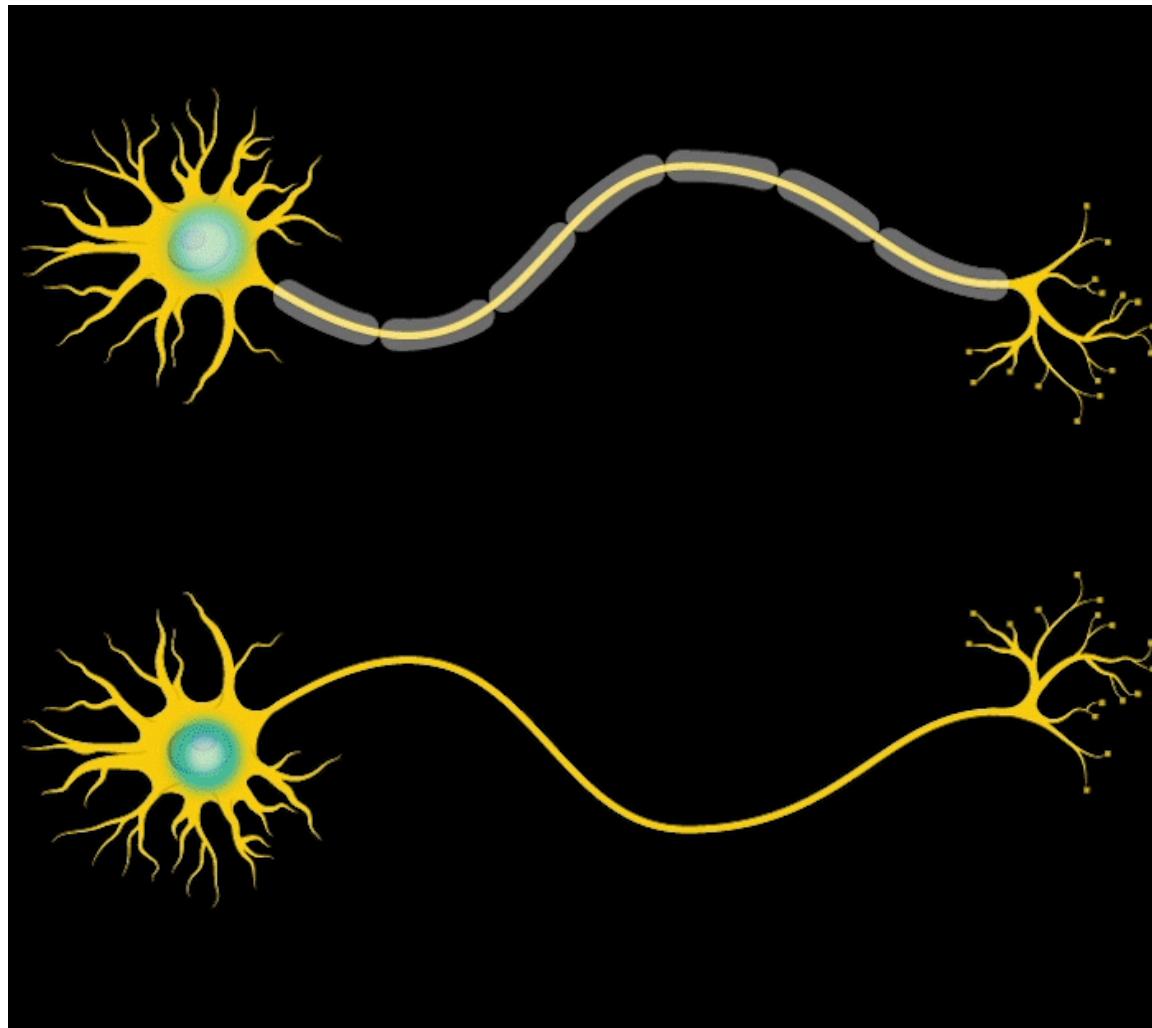
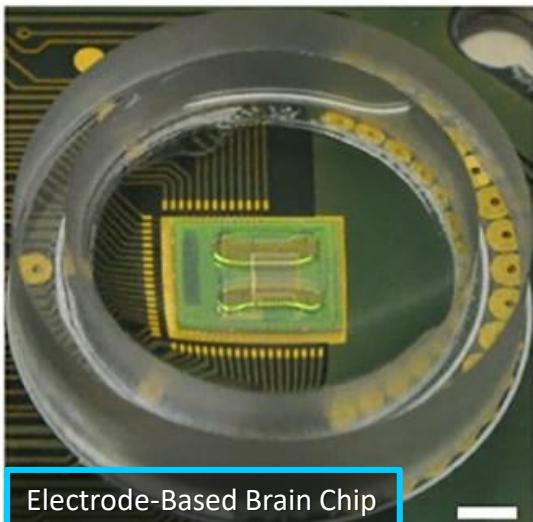
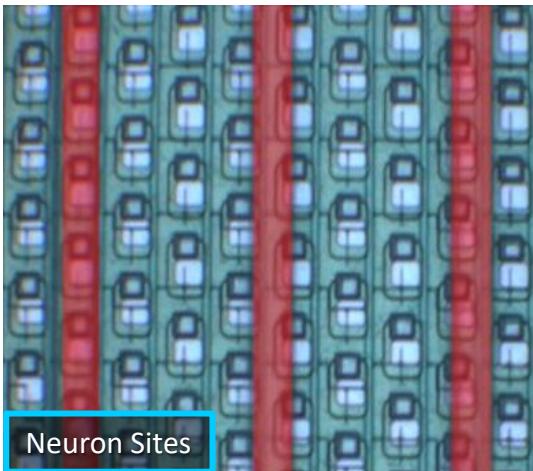
Step 3

- Replay code1
- Replay code2

- Used for wireless/ wired control of IoT systems, home appliances, RFID, NFC, & other access control systems.
- Relies on sequences of response signals from a target.
- Works with a wide range of frequencies (\approx 300-928 MHz), IR included.
- Banned in some countries.

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2. Muller, *This Toy Can Open Any Garage* (2018)

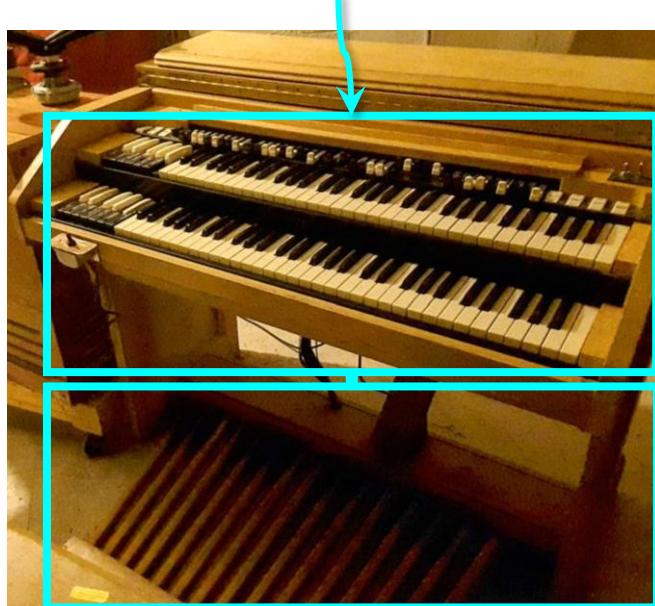
Analogy: Detection of Neuron Impulse & Stimulation Spikes



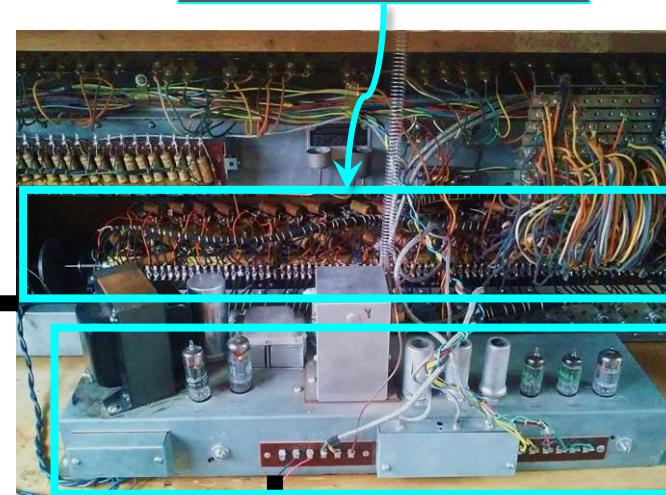
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Analogy: 1957 Hammond Organ Setup

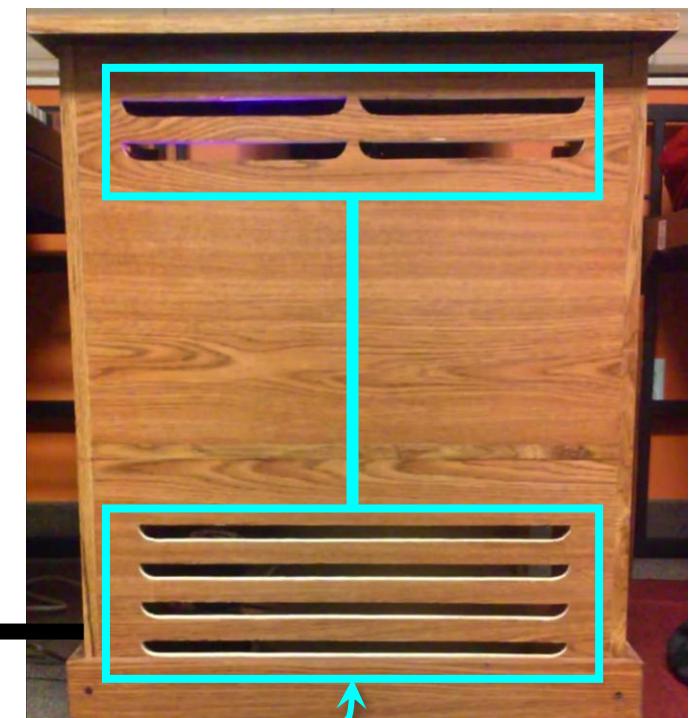
Instrument Interface/ Modulation



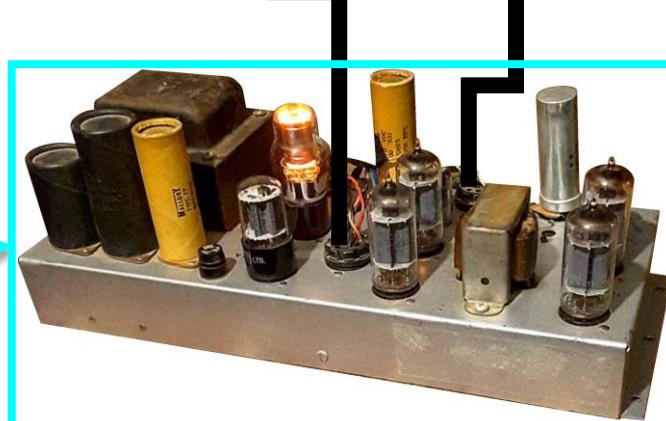
Electromechanical Tone Generator



Vacuum Tube Pre-amplifier & Power Supply



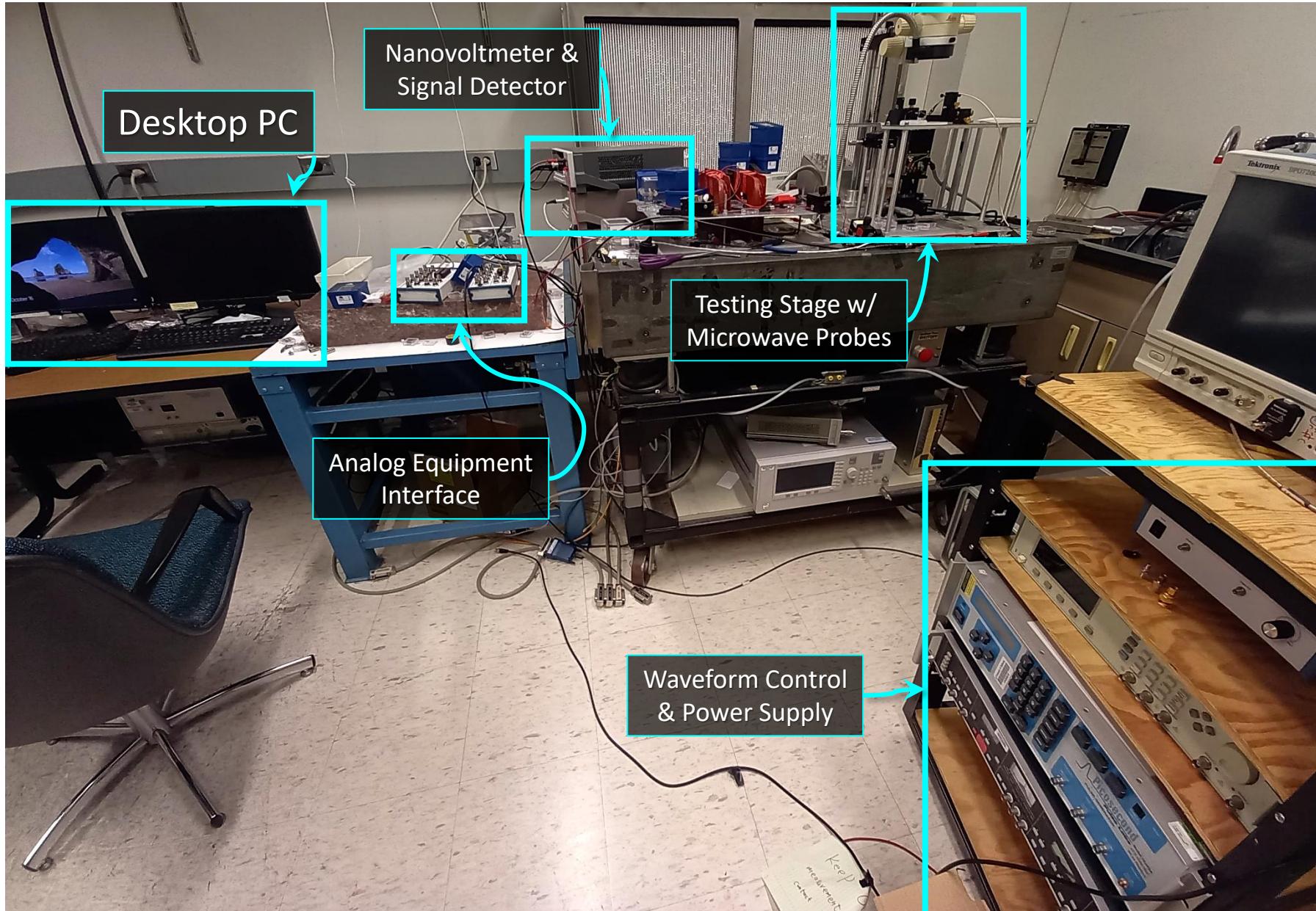
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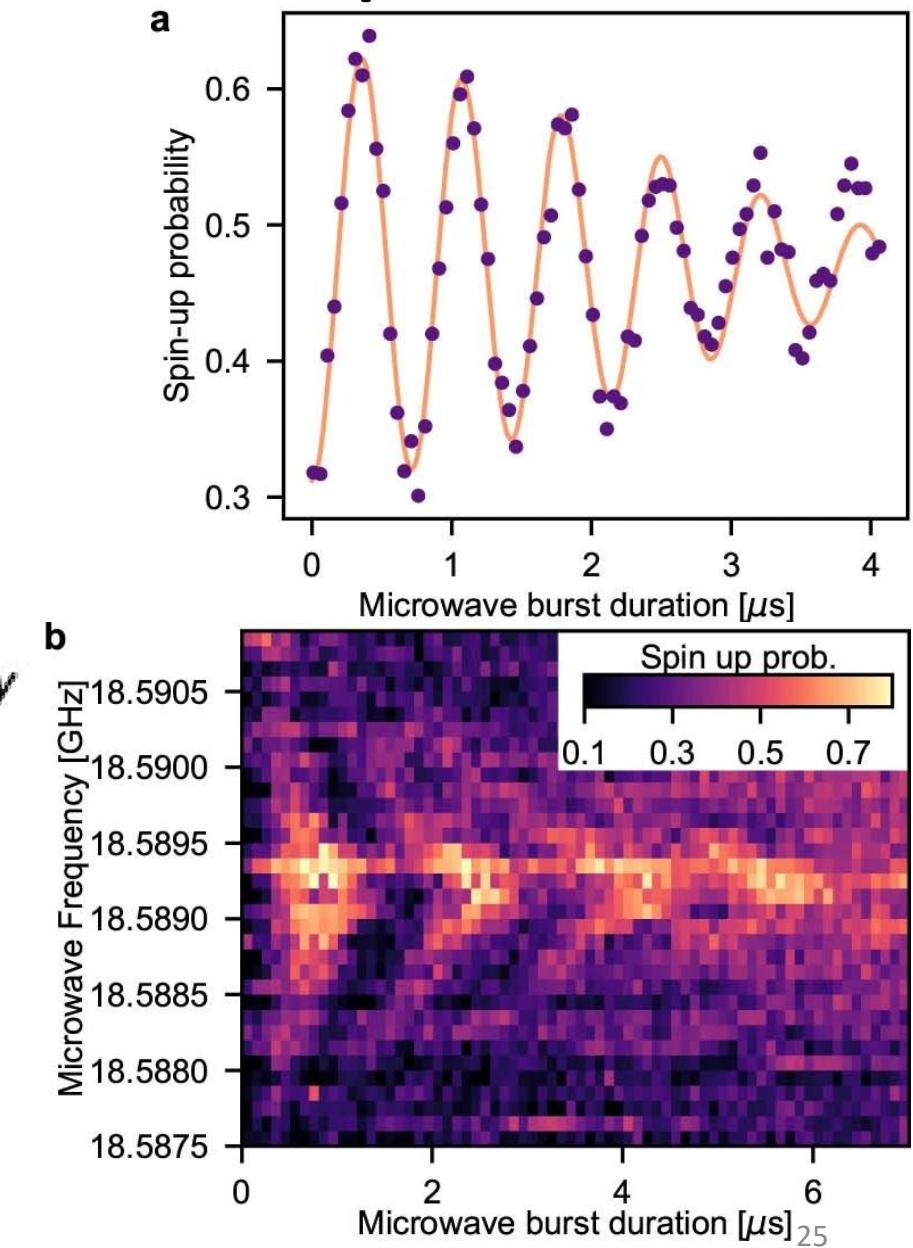
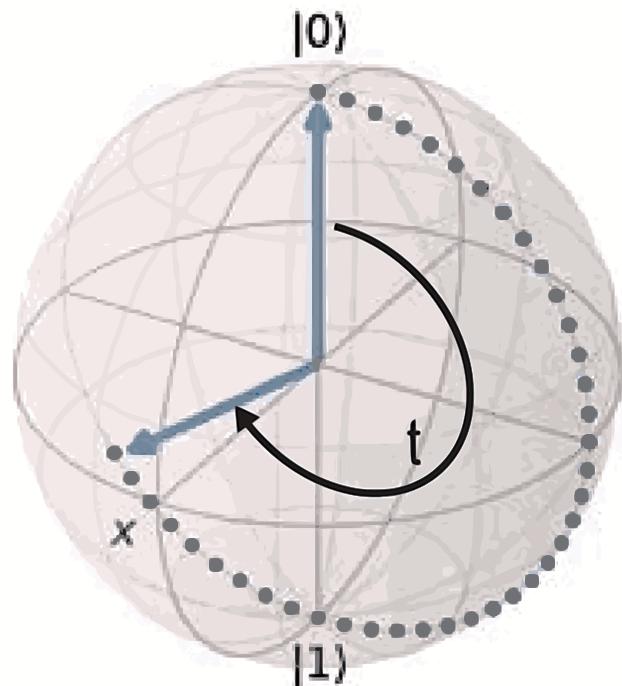
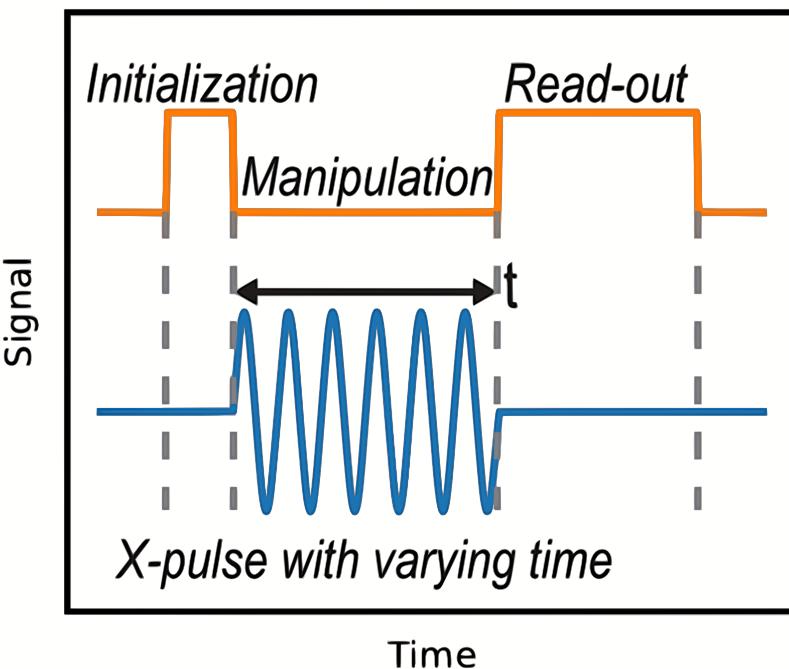
Audio Output

*These tone generators are also called “tone wheel generators”

Comparison to Magnetics Lab: RF Testing & Measurement Setup

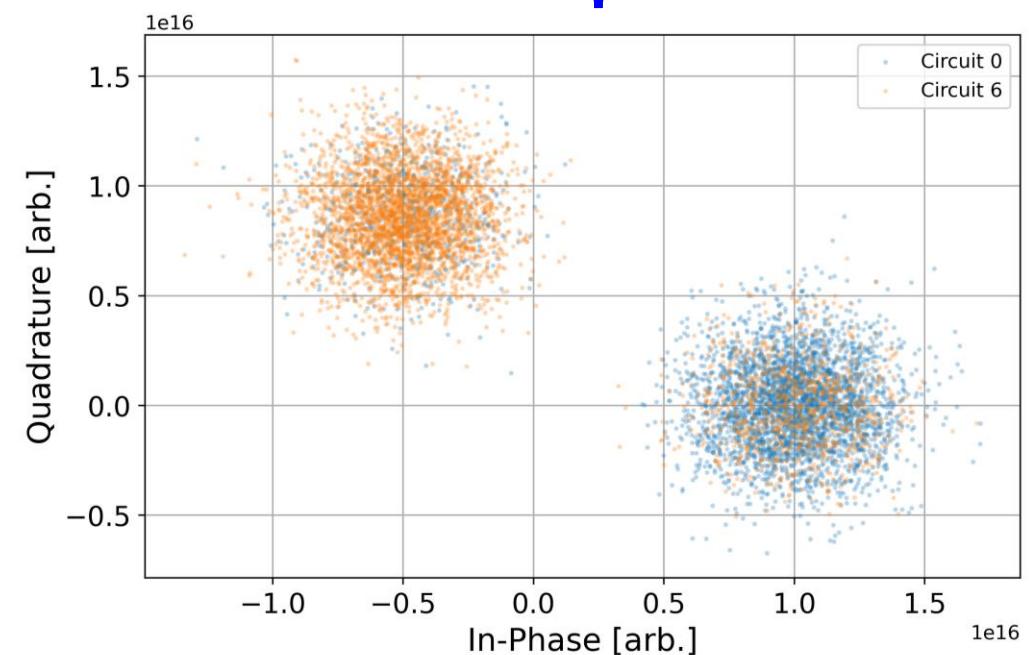
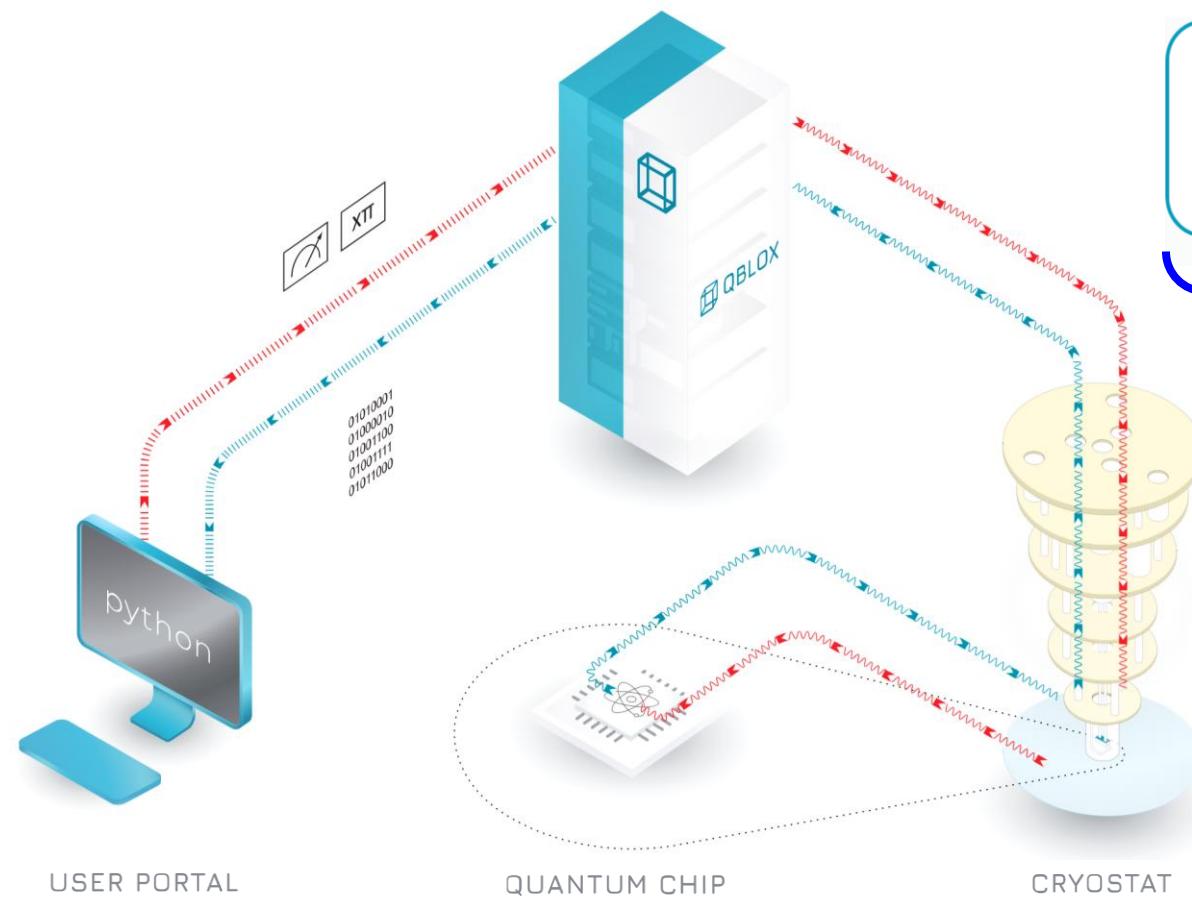


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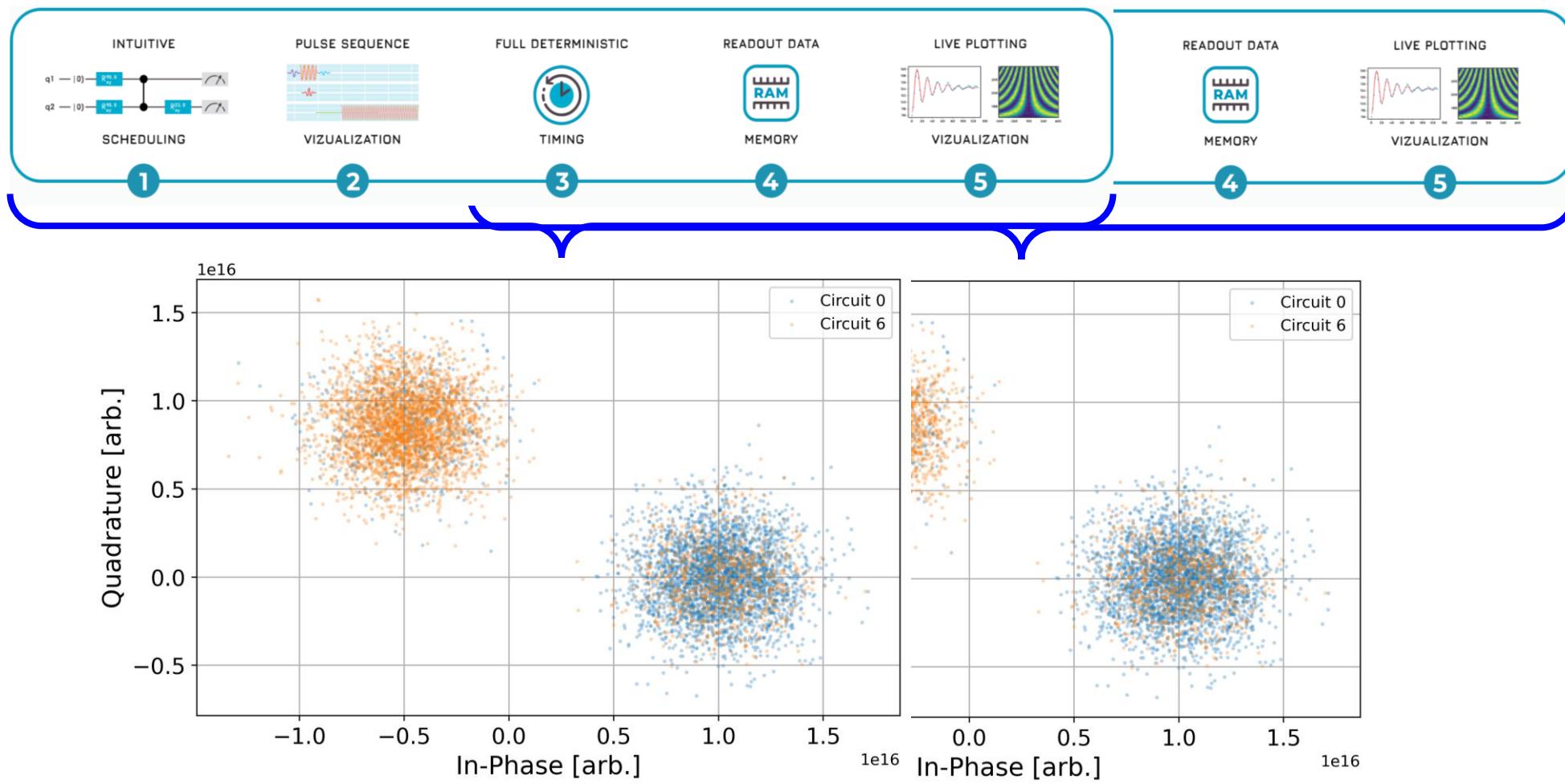


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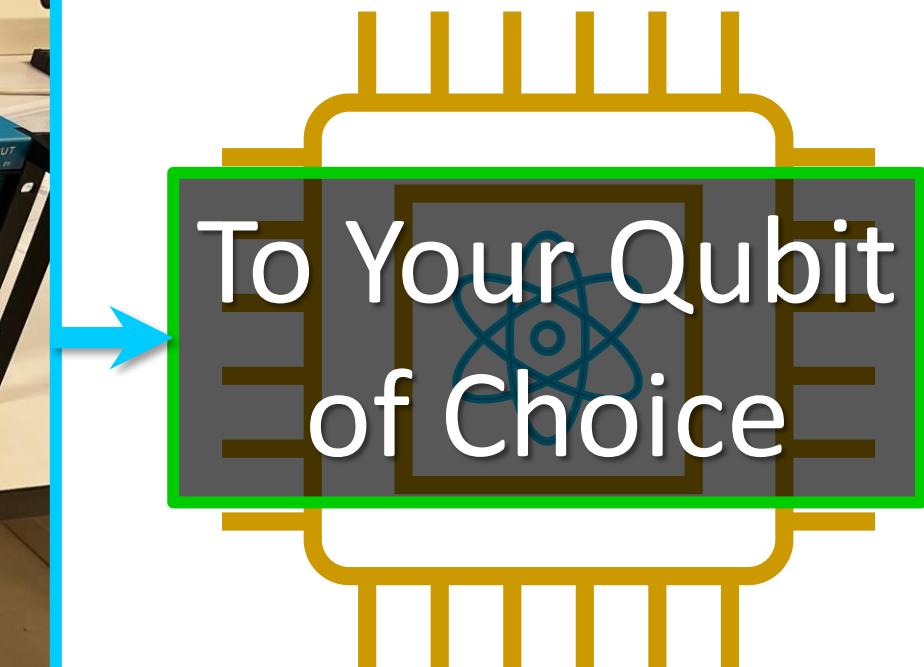
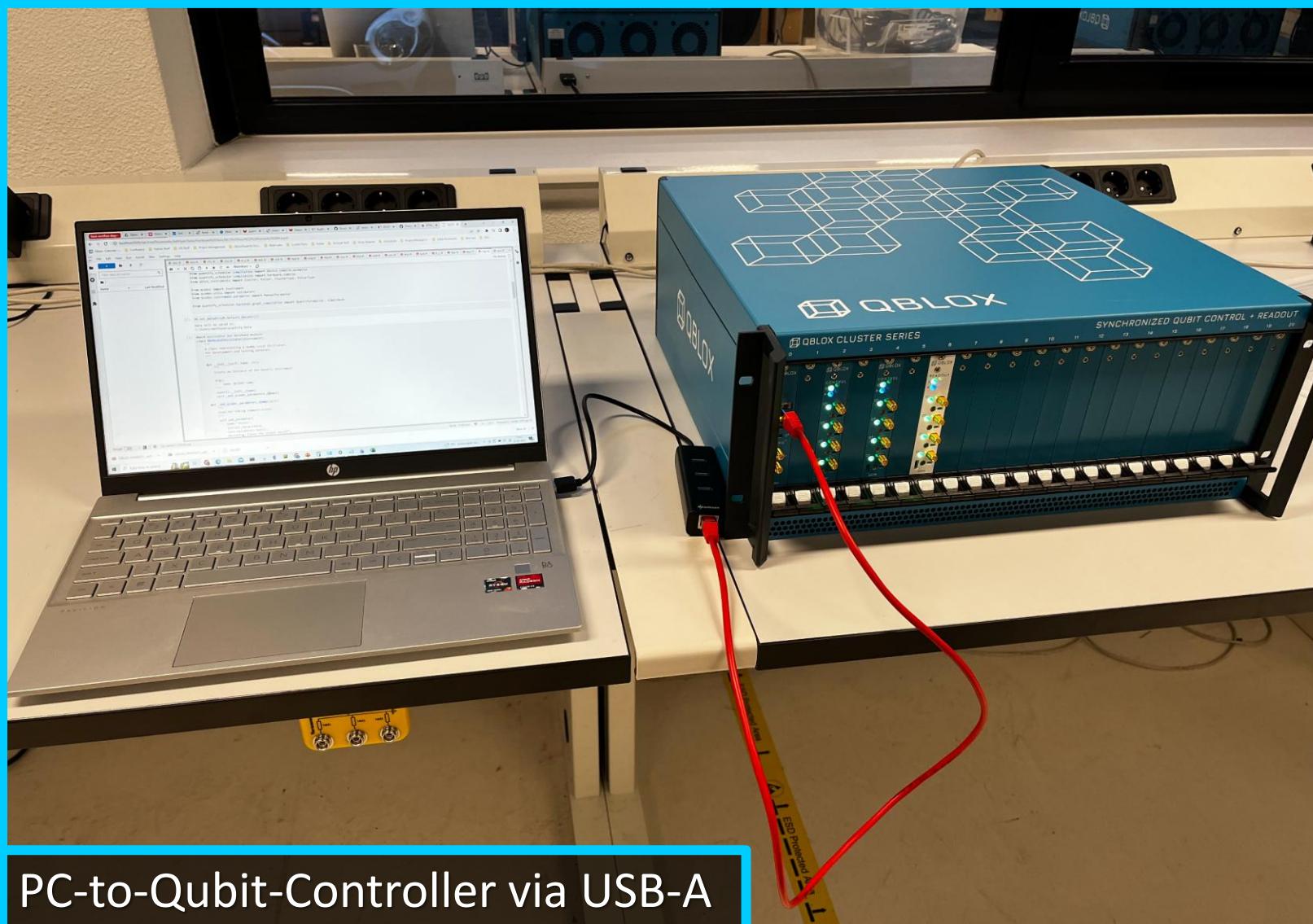
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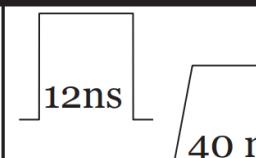
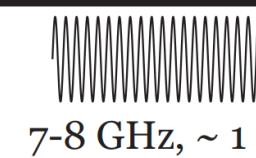
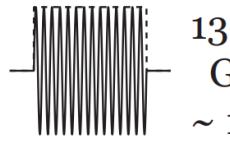
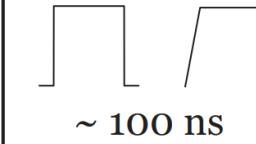
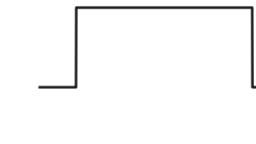
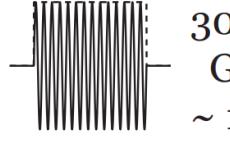
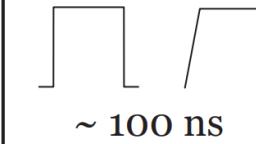
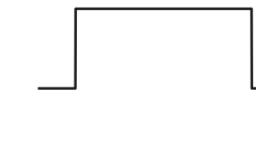
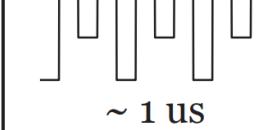
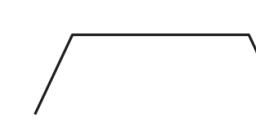
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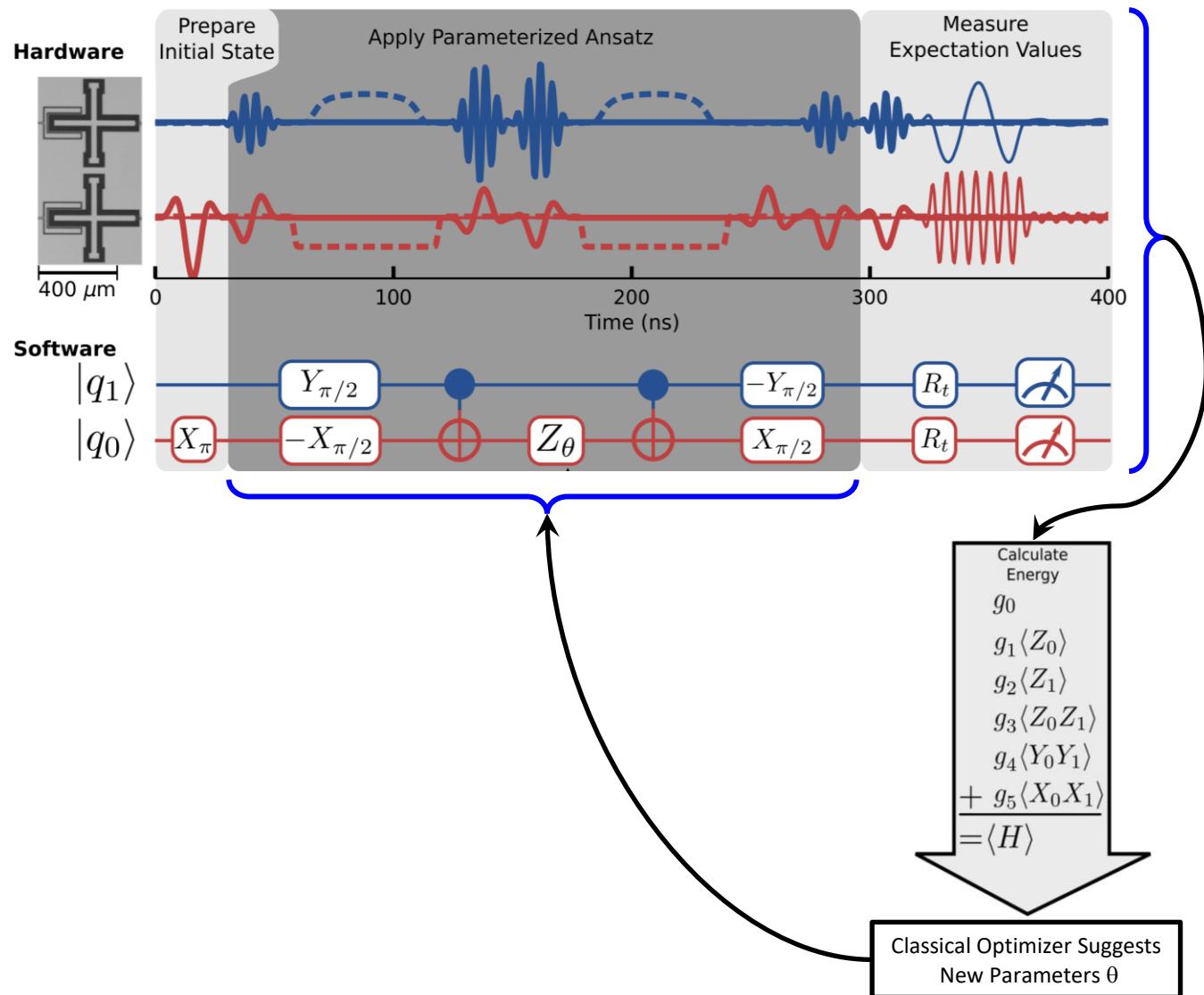
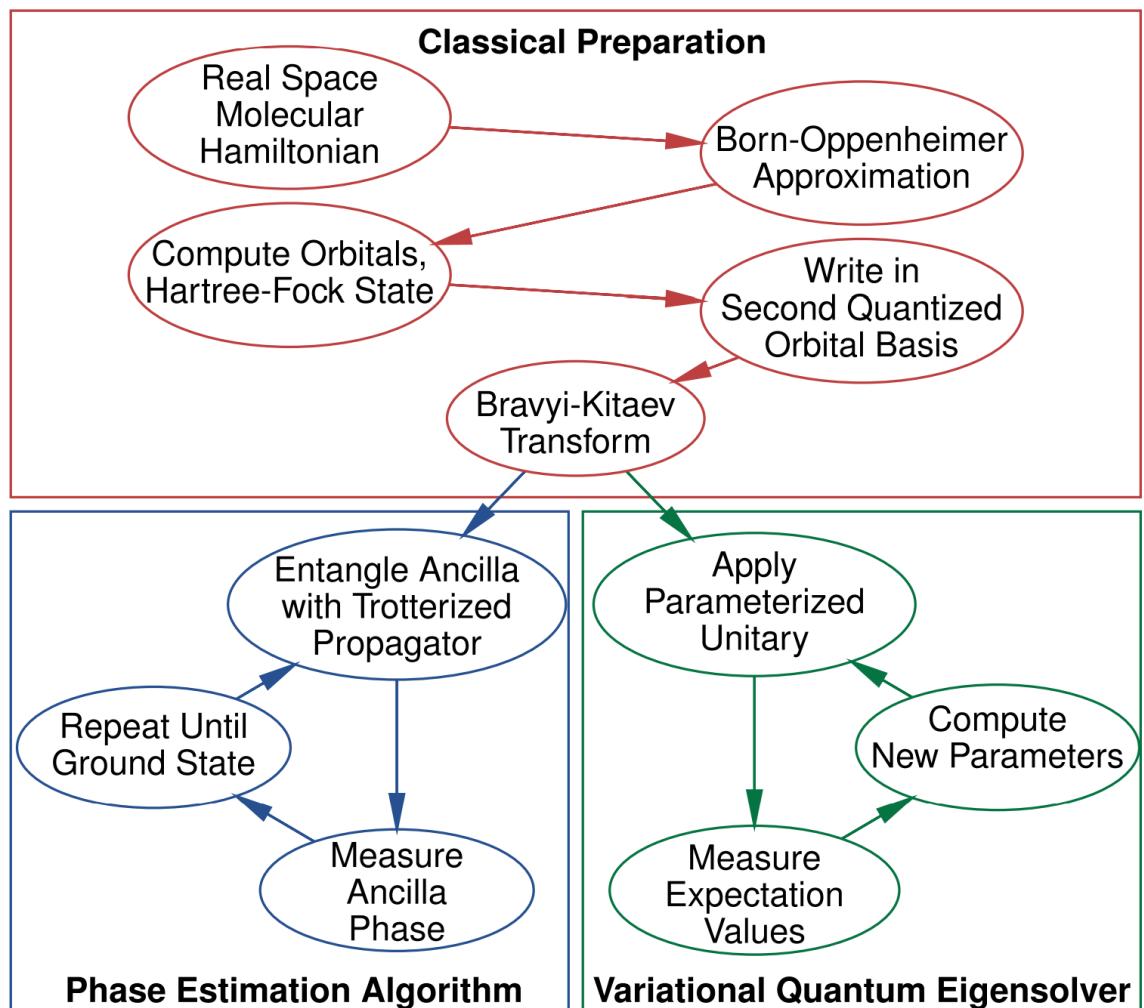
Compact Qubit Drive & Readout Pulse Setup



Waveforms for Qubit Gate Drive & Readout

Technology	T_2^*	1-Qubit gate	2-Qubit gate	Qubit read-out	DC-Biasing
Superconducting qubits (Transmons)	2.5 us	 ~ 6 GHz 20 ns	 12ns 40 ns	 7-8 GHz, ~ 1 us	flux-bias current
Single-electron spin qubits in a quantum dot	120 us	 13-40 GHz ~ 1 us	 ~ 100 ns		gate voltage
Single-electron spin qubits in a donor system	160 us	 30-50 GHz ~ 1 us	 ~ 100 ns		gate voltage
Singlet-triplet qubit	700 ns	 ~ 1 ns	 ~ 1 us		gate voltage
Exchange-only qubit	2.3 us	 10 ns ... 1 us	Sequence of pulses between different quantum dots		gate voltage
Hybrid qubit	< 10 ns	 ~ 100 ps	Sequence of pulses between different quantum dots		gate voltage

Example of Required Steps to Compute Molecular Energies



Quantum Systems Range in Size

- In configuring quantum machines, it is useful to know that **control components** have been made available in various sizes and formfactors.
- Control components for qubits can take up a **lot of space**.
 - However, an effort has been made to miniaturize them using cryo-compatible Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS) chips.



More Desktop-Like



*More Server-Farm-Like



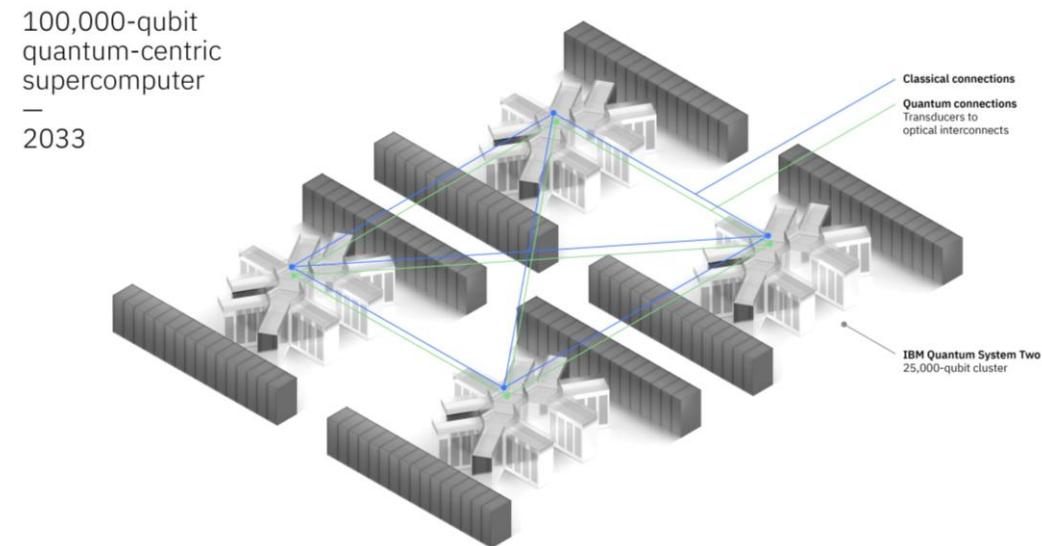
*Also called server-clusters

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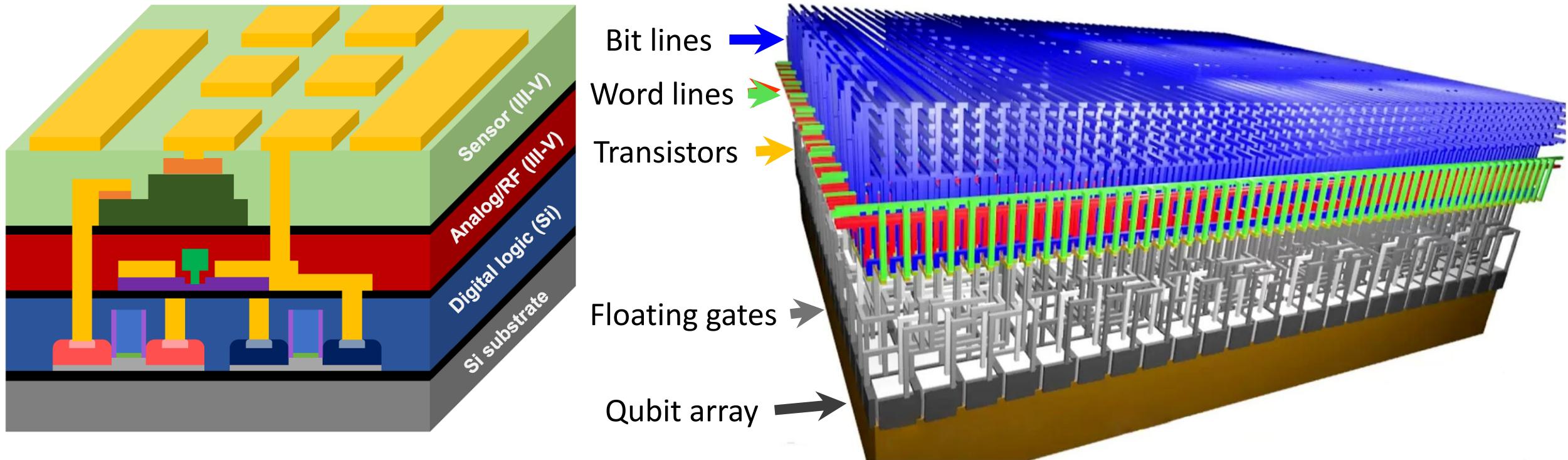
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Digital Integrated Chip vs. Quantum Integrated Chip

- Typically, in an integrated quantum circuit the **larger components** sit at the **top**, while the **smaller components** exist at the **bottom**.
 - Like conventional classical chips.

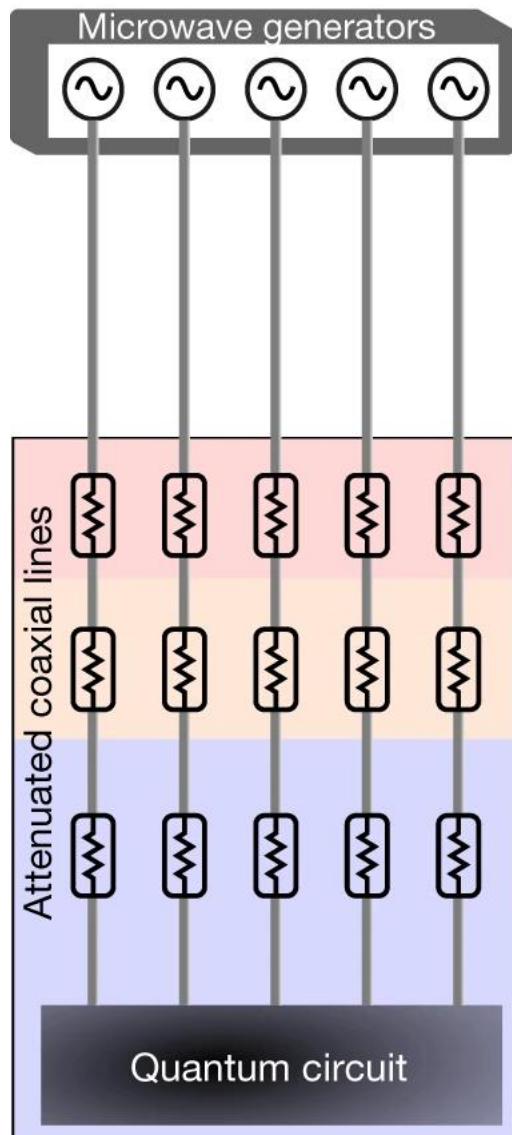


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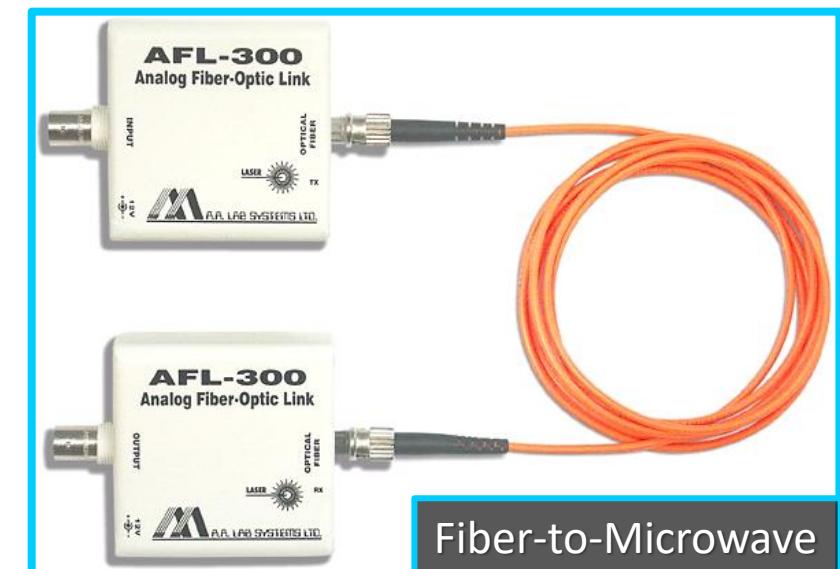
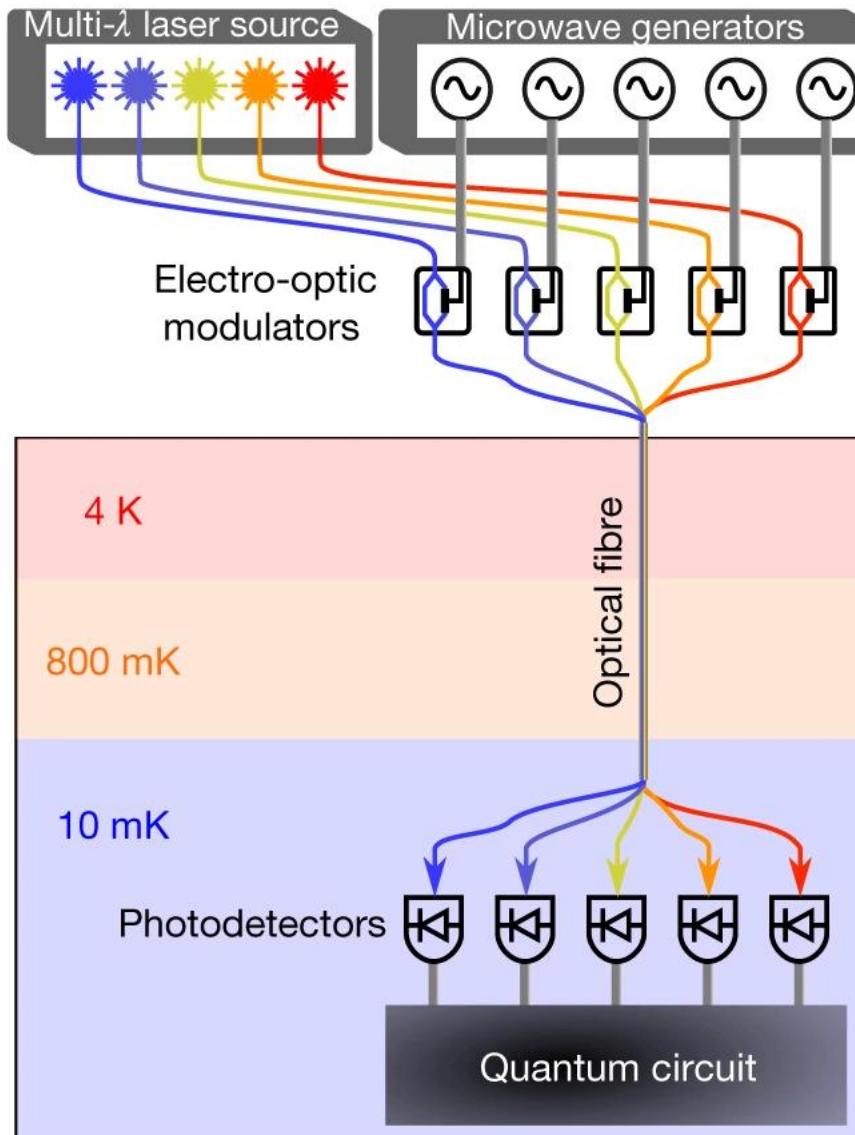
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Qubit Control System: From Co-Axial to Optical Fiber

a Standard coaxial approach



b Photonic link approach



Fiber-to-Microwave

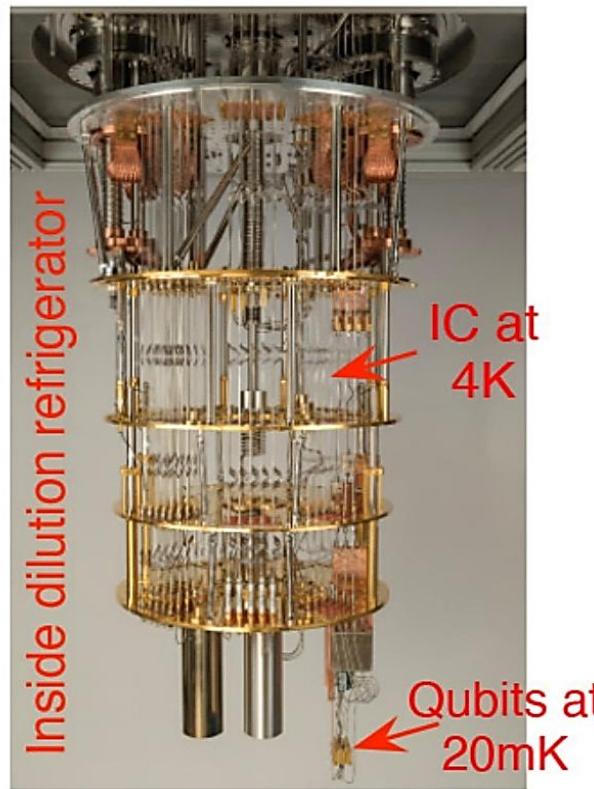
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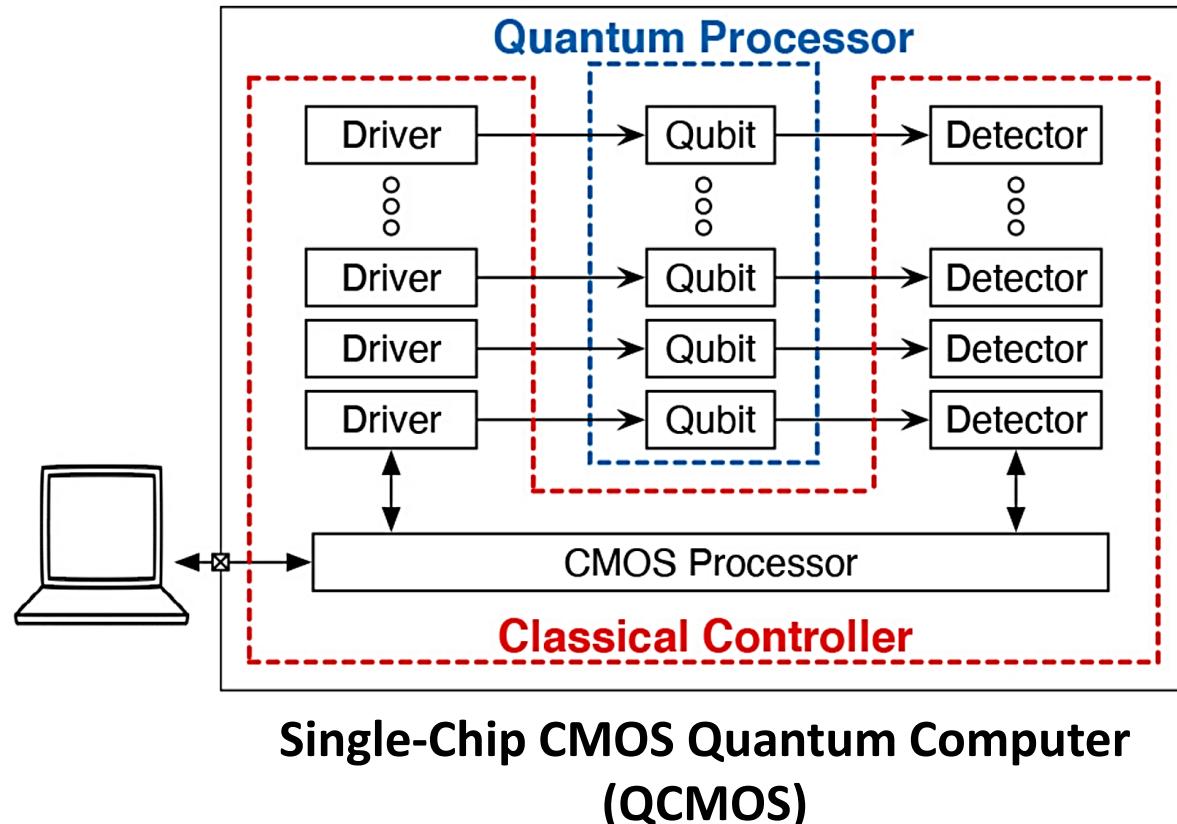
Fiber-to-Radio Frequency



Intermediate Qubit Control System

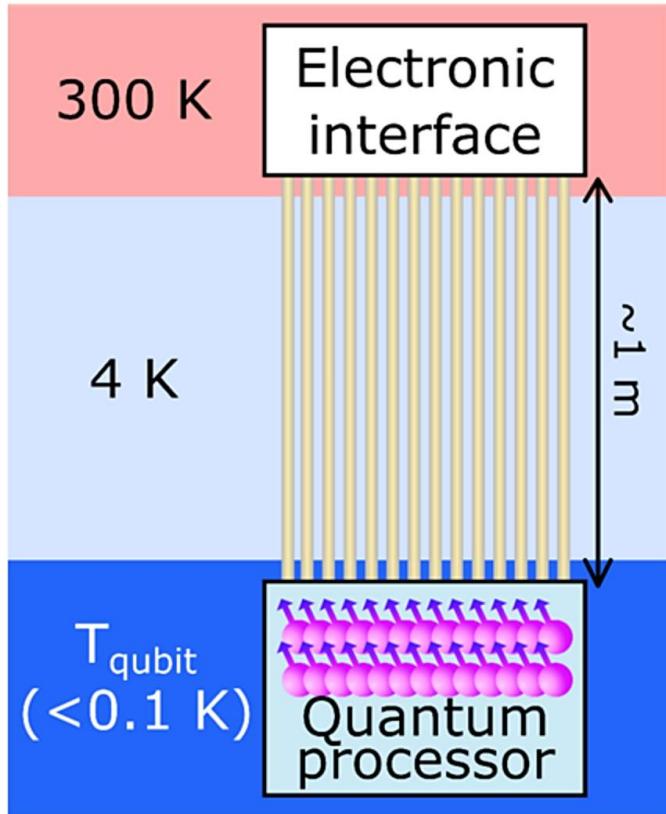


Current state-of-the-art
(controller + qubits =
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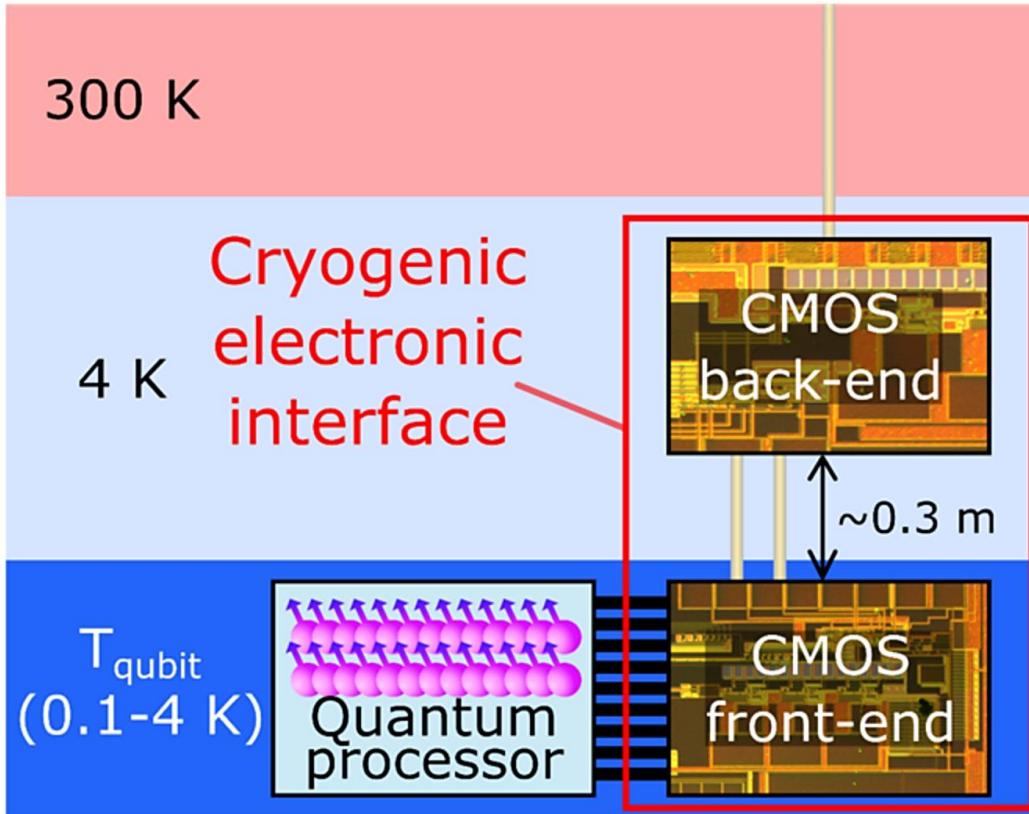


Qubit Control System: Towards Co-Integration

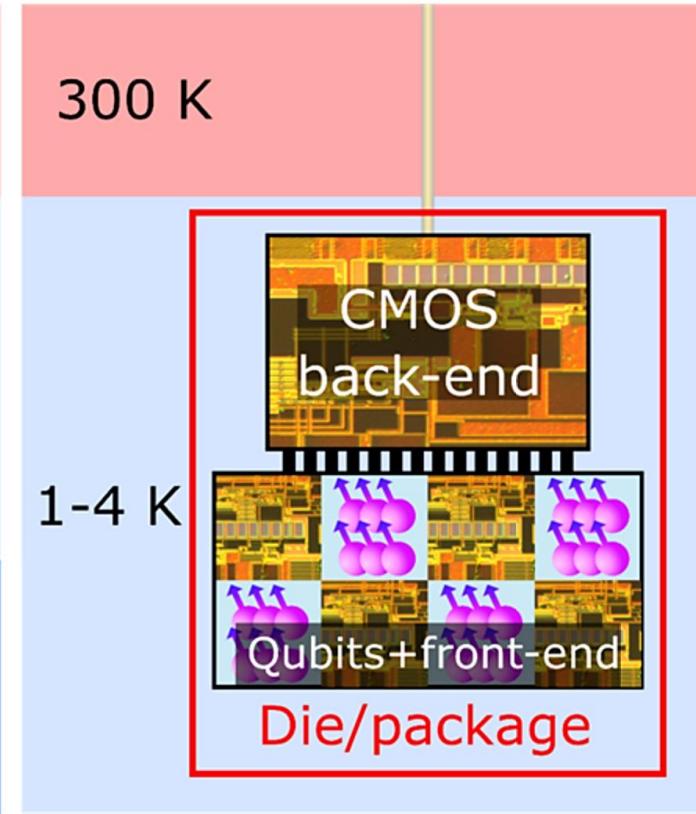
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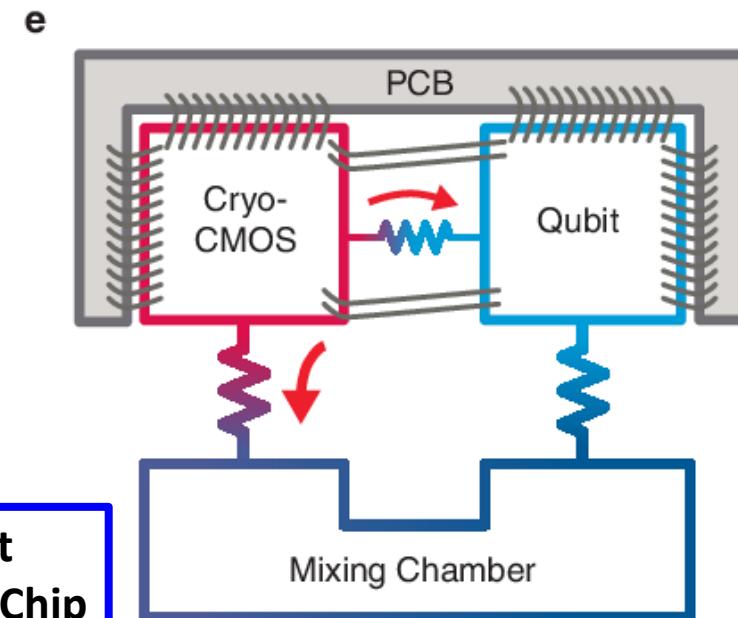
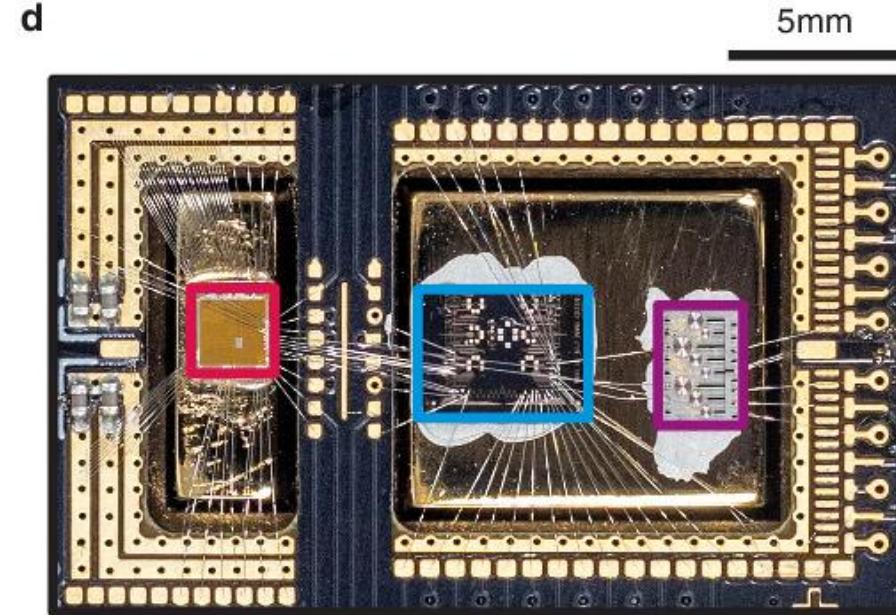
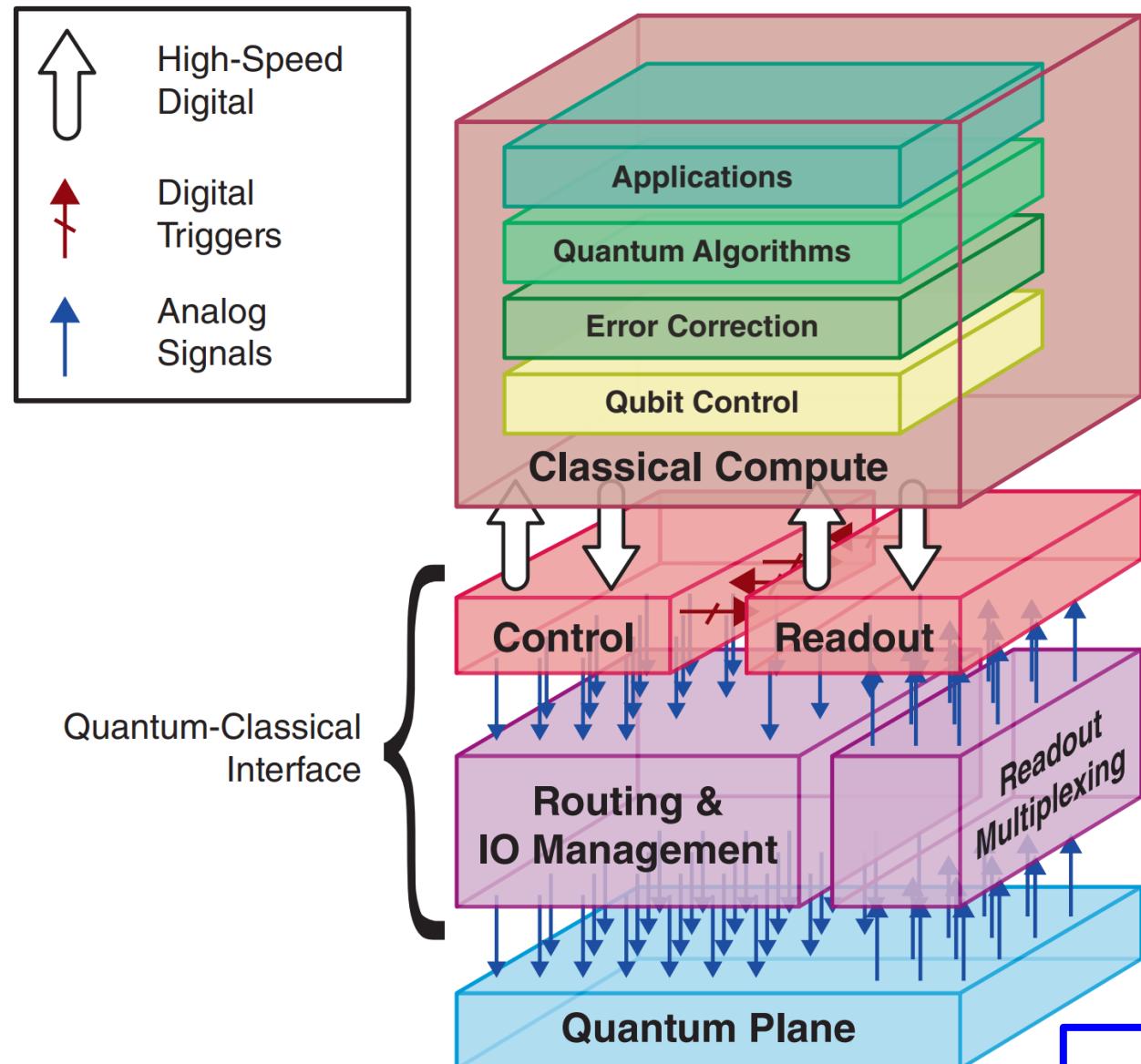
b) Current goal



c) Future perspective



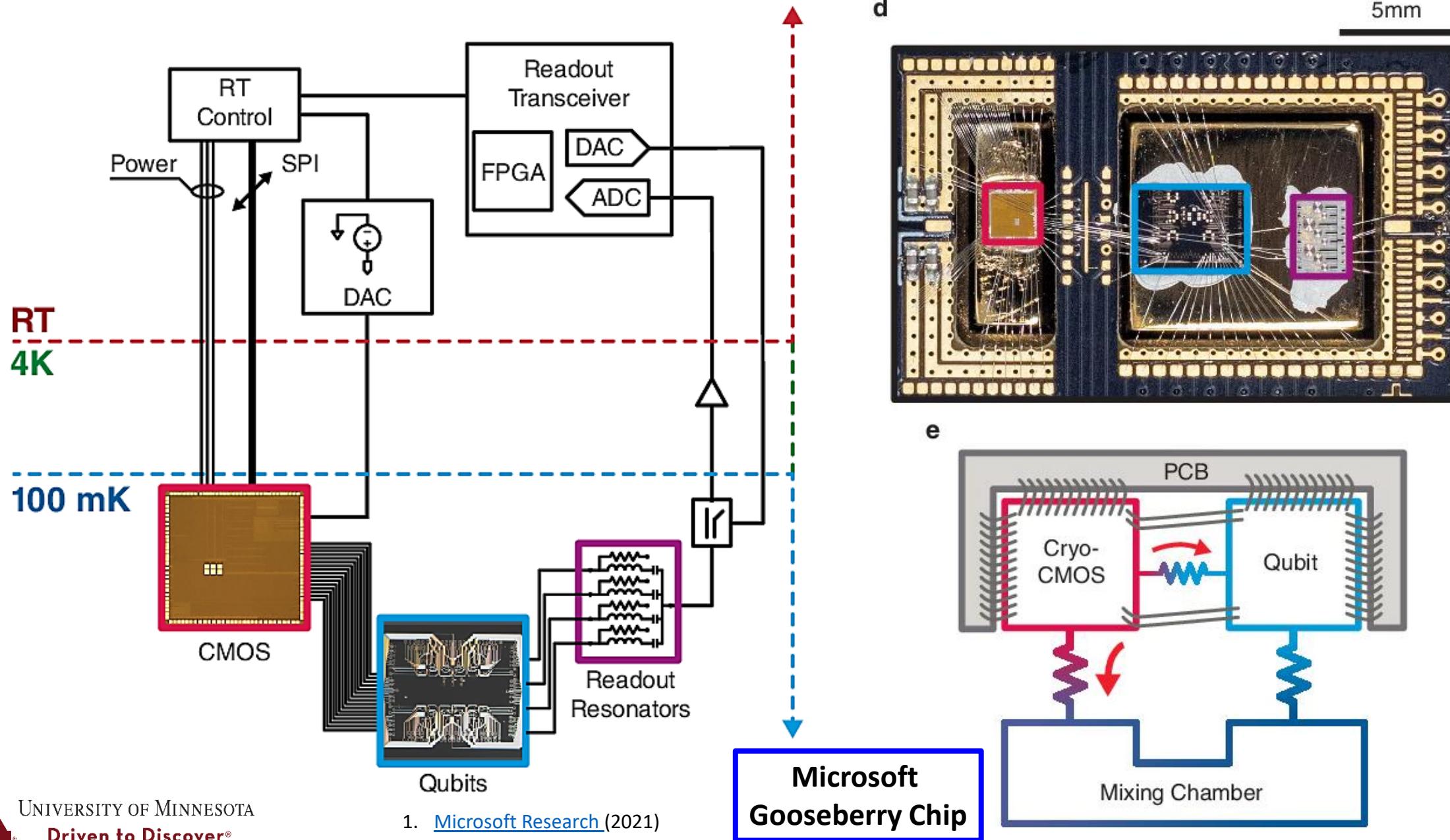
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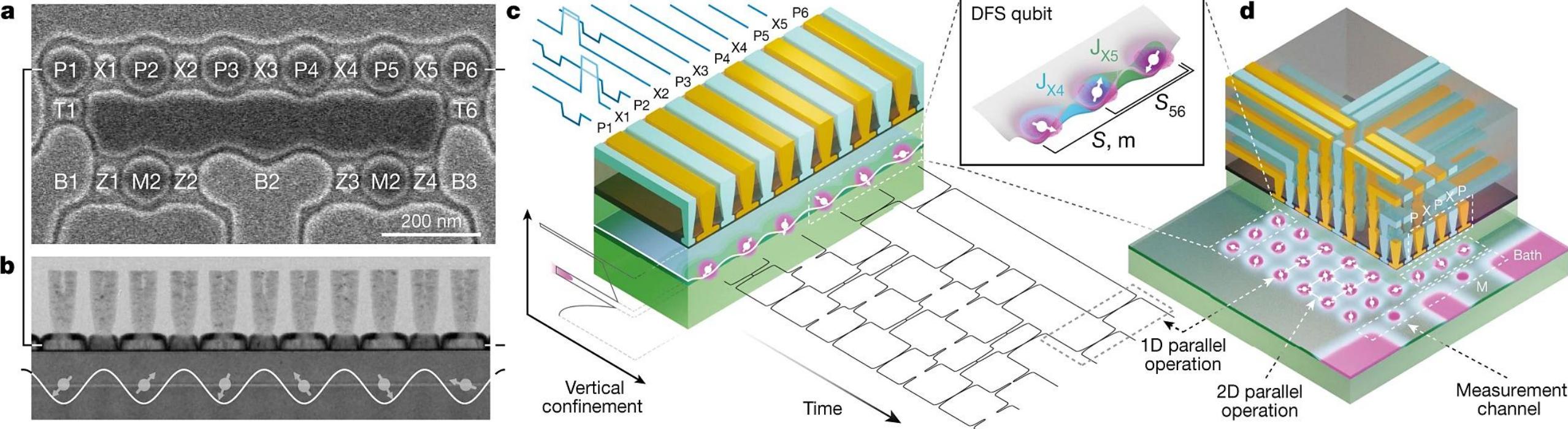
**Microsoft
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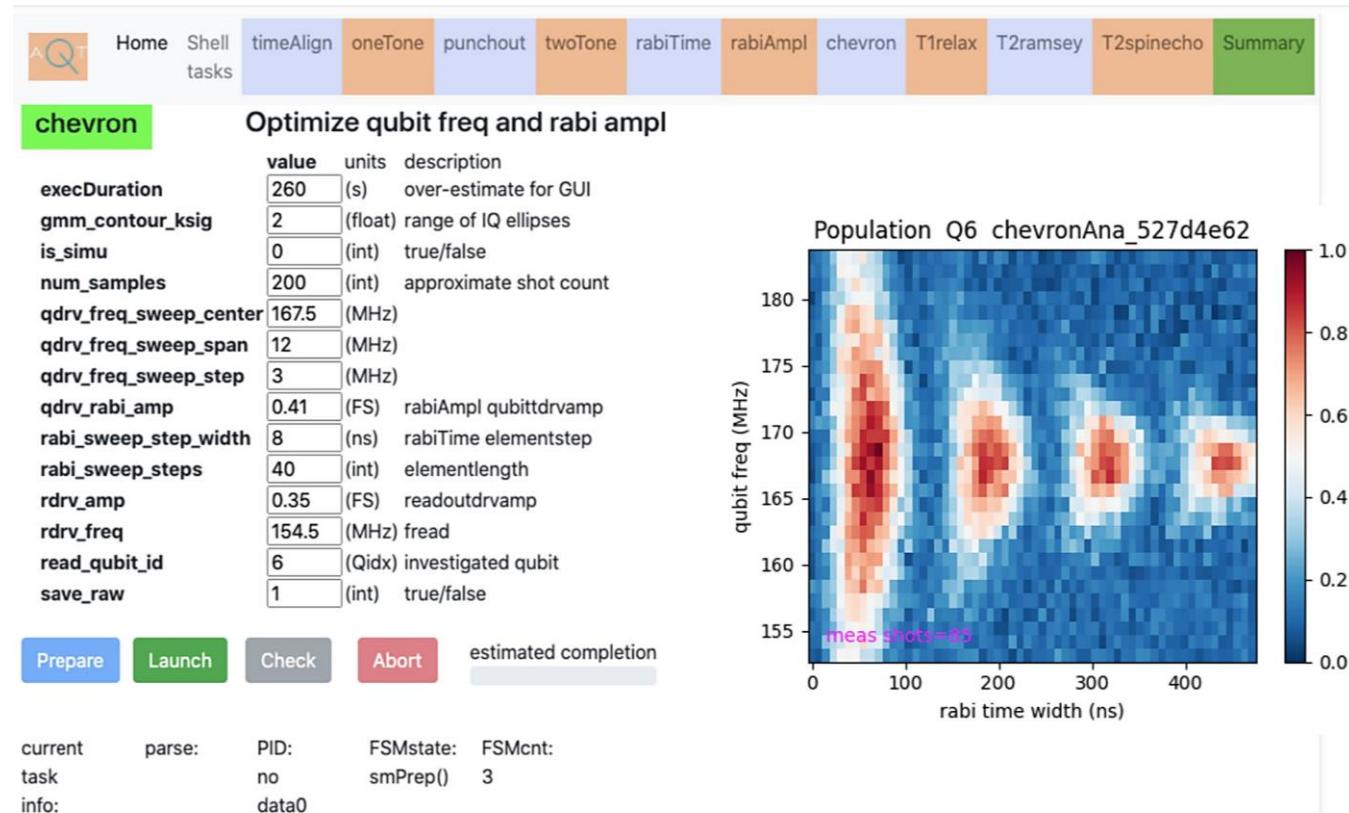
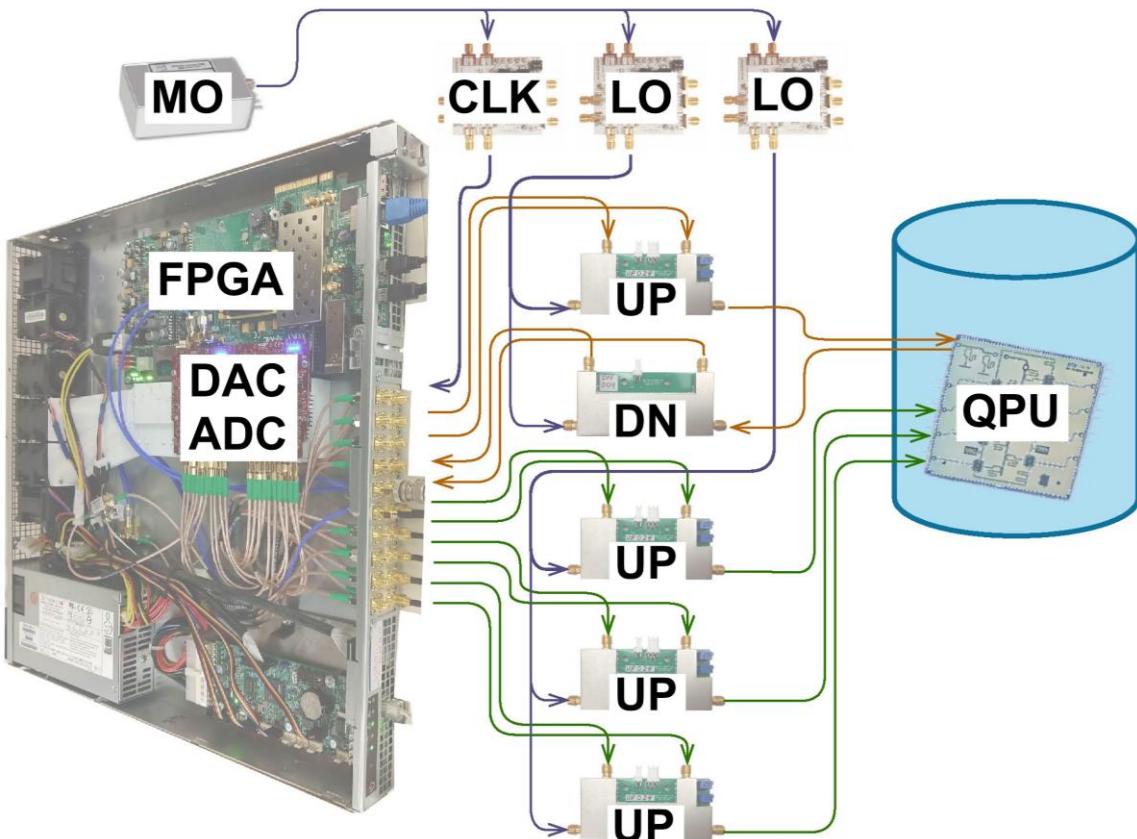
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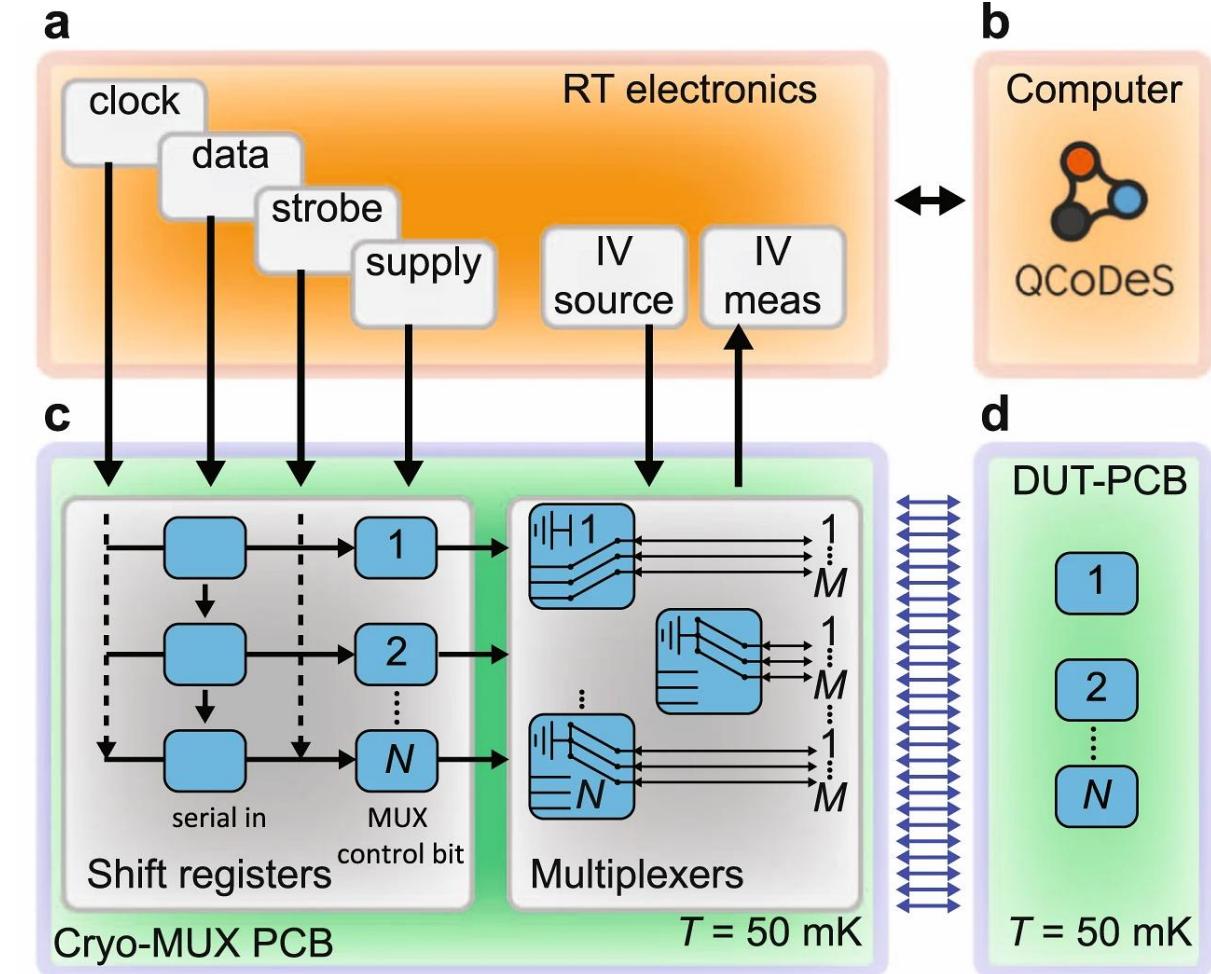
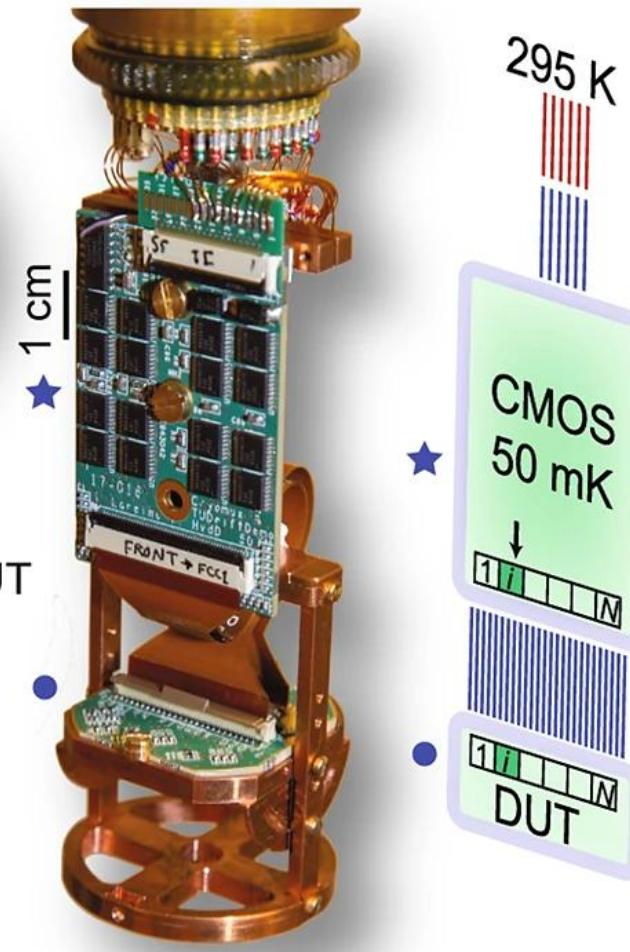
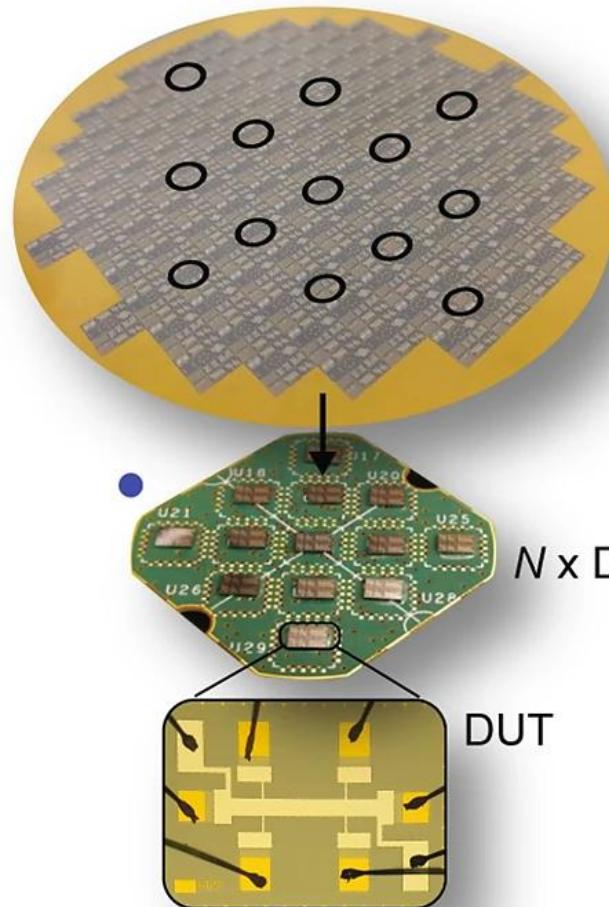
Example of Encoded Spin Qubits with 6 Quantum Dots



External FPGA-Based Control of Qubits



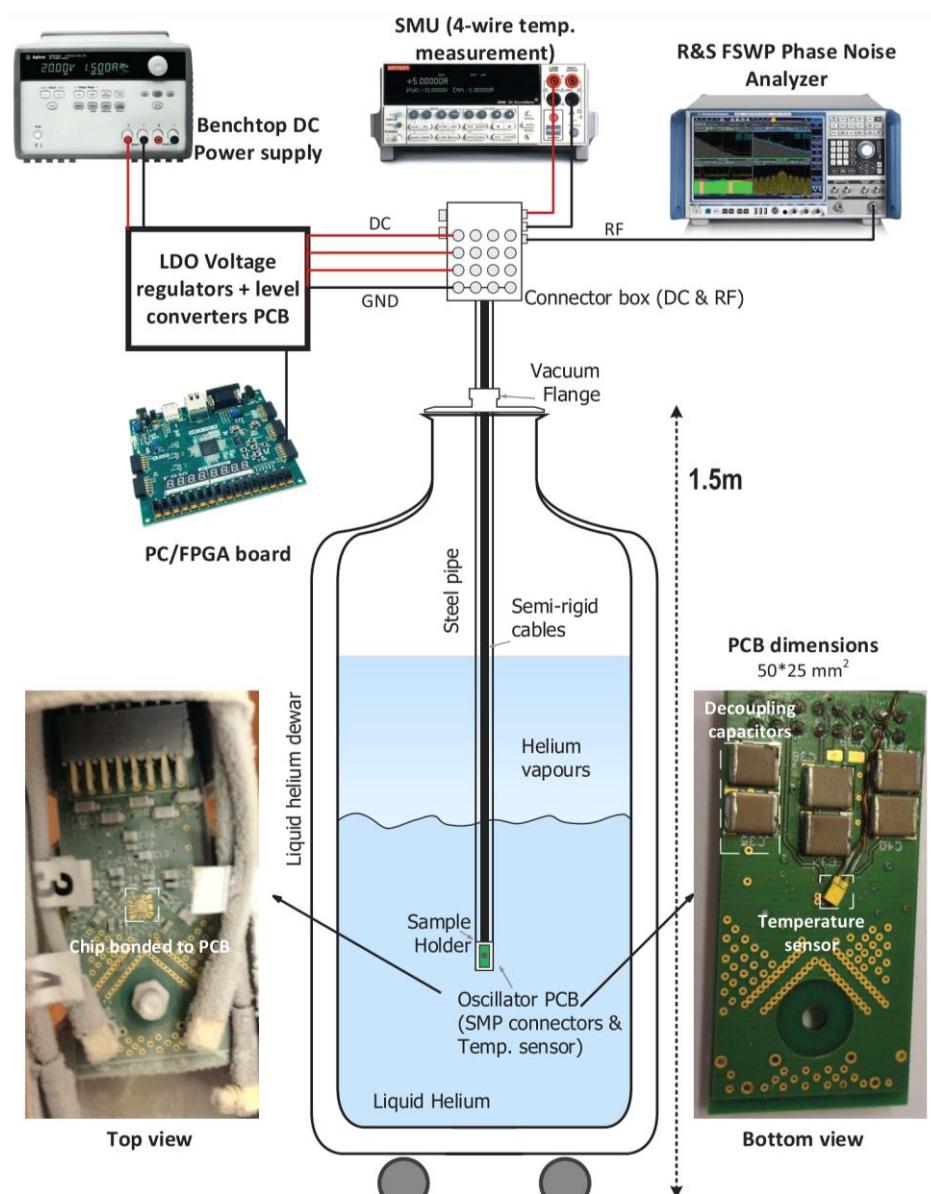
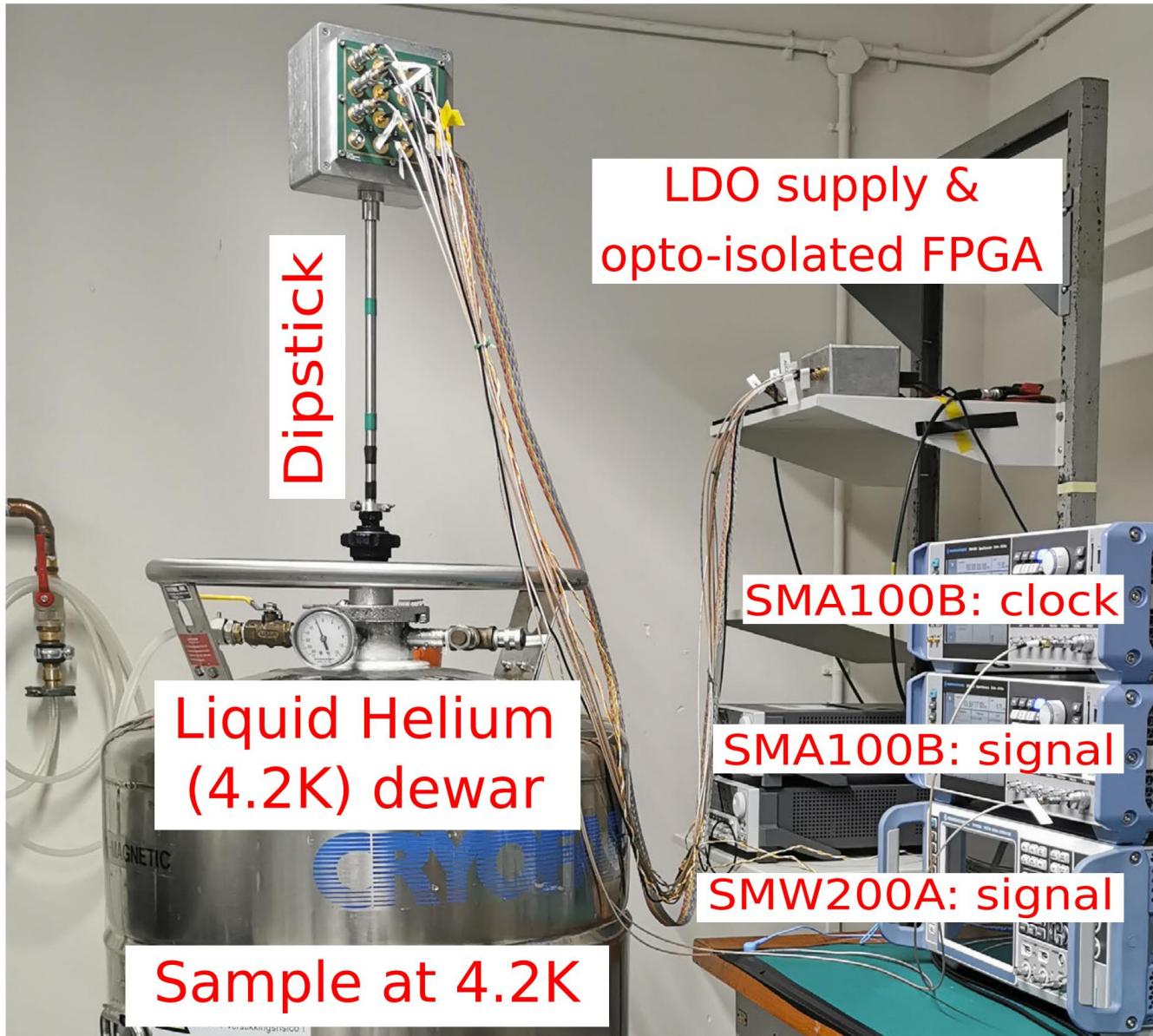
Commercial Cryo-CMOS Multiplexer Control of Qubits



*DUT: Device Under Test

- "dumb" electronics at 300 K
- "smart" electronics at 50 mK

External FPGA & Cryo-CMOS Control/Readout of Qubits

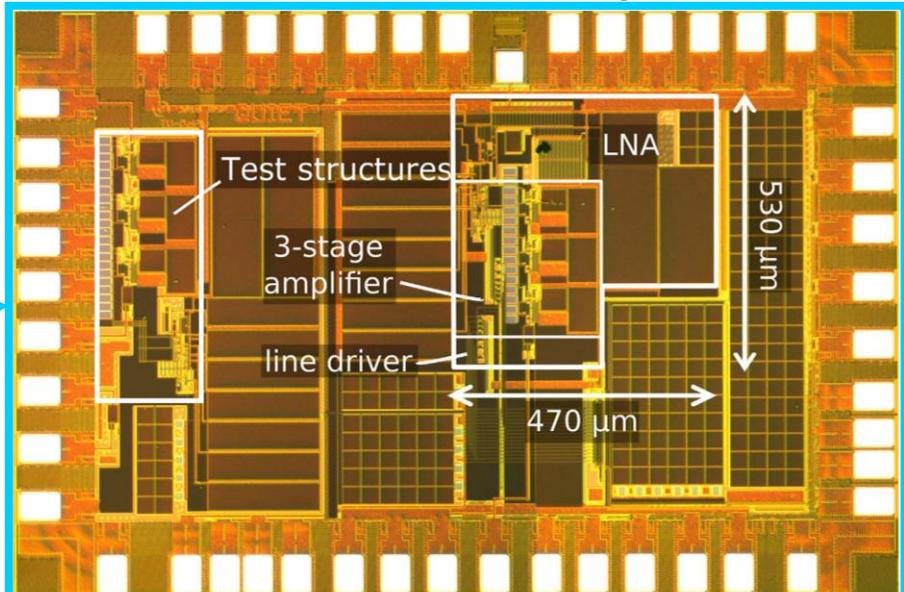


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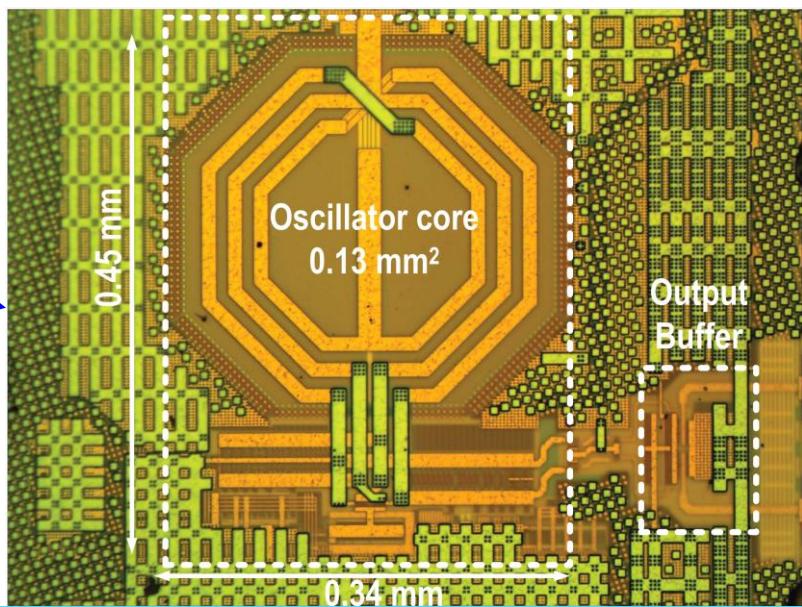
*LNA: Low Noise Amplifier

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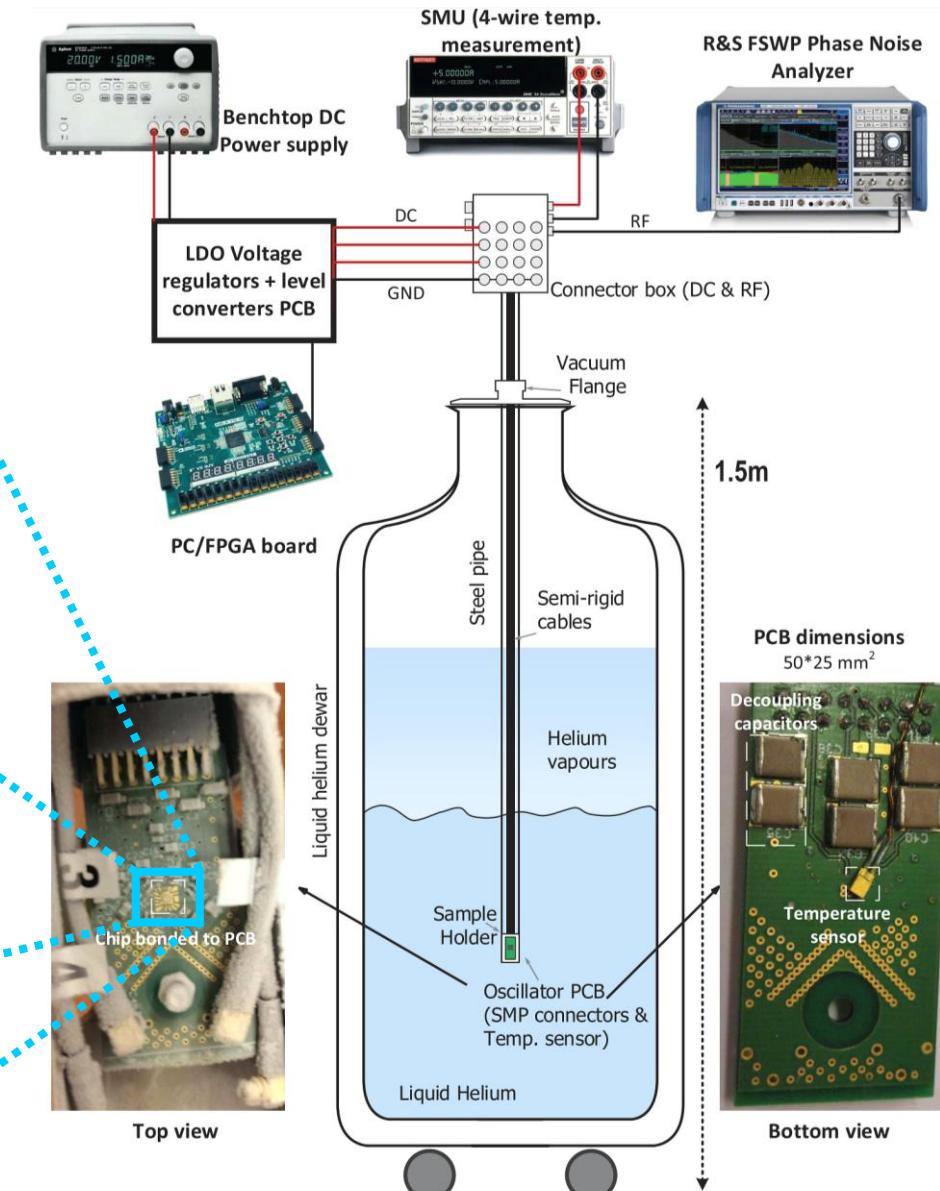
CMOS Amplifier



CMOS Oscillator

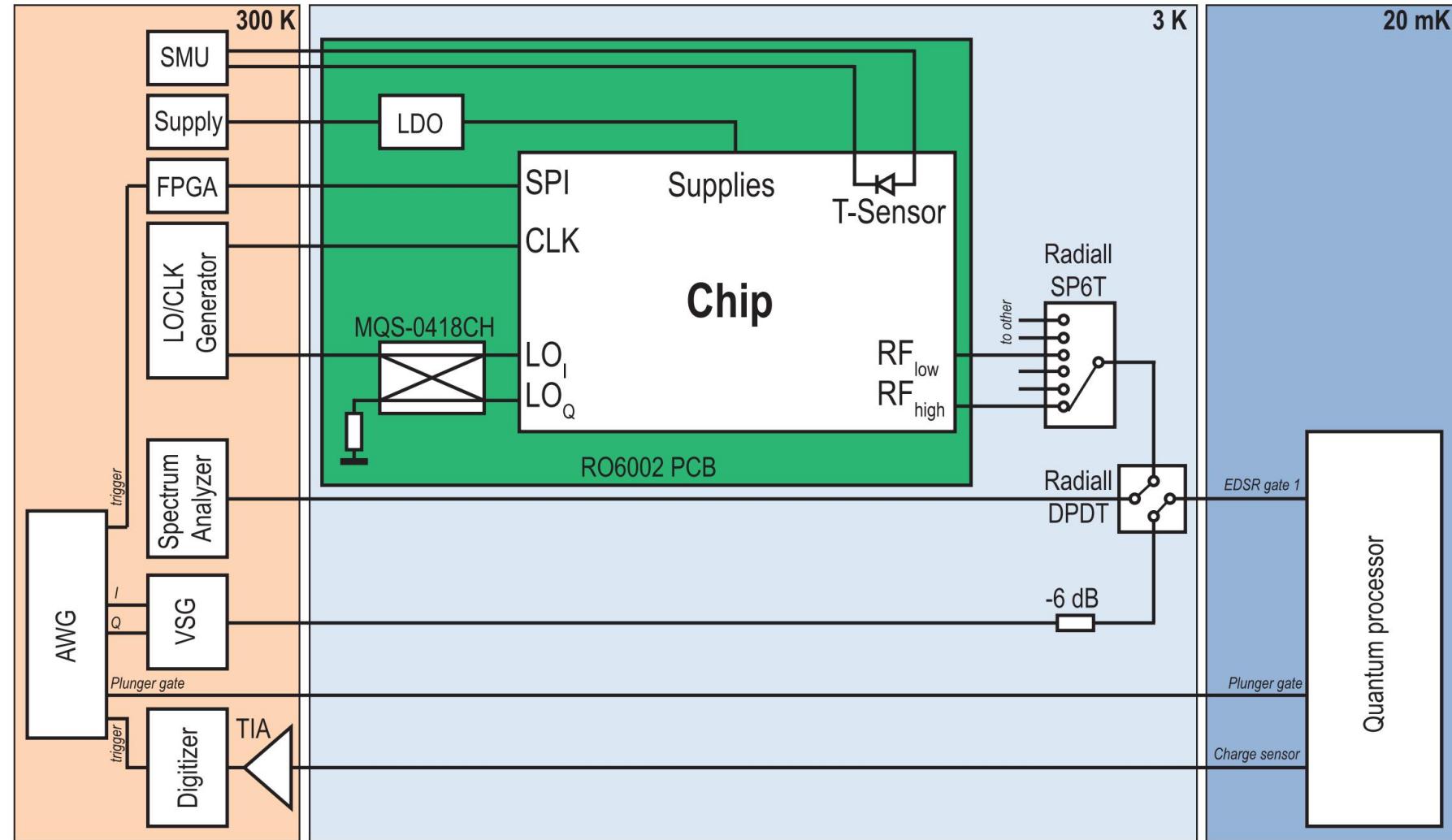
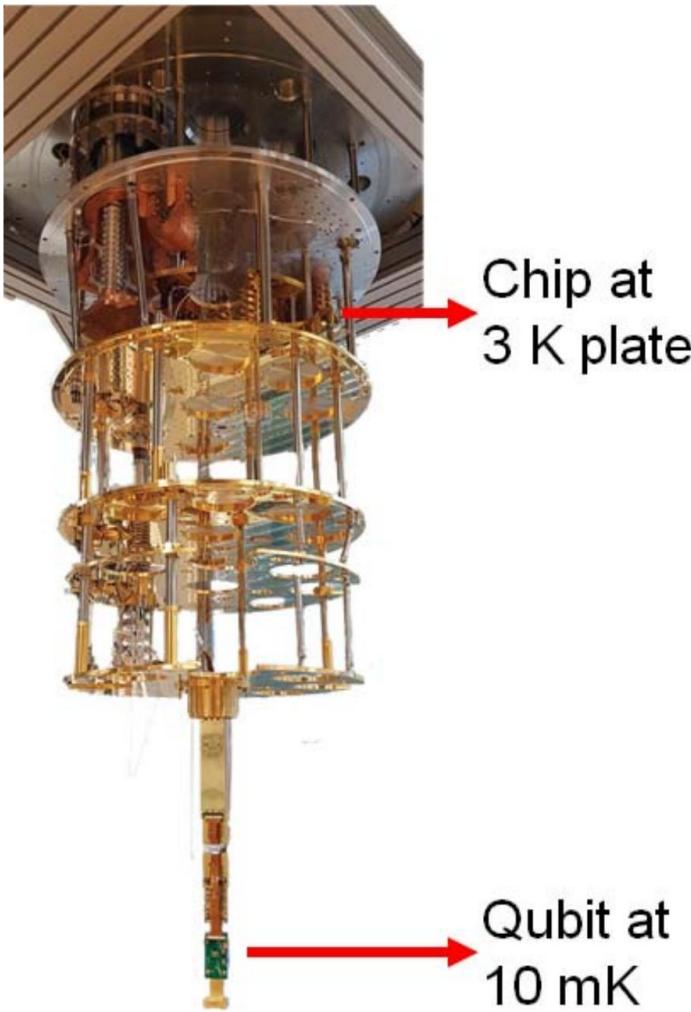


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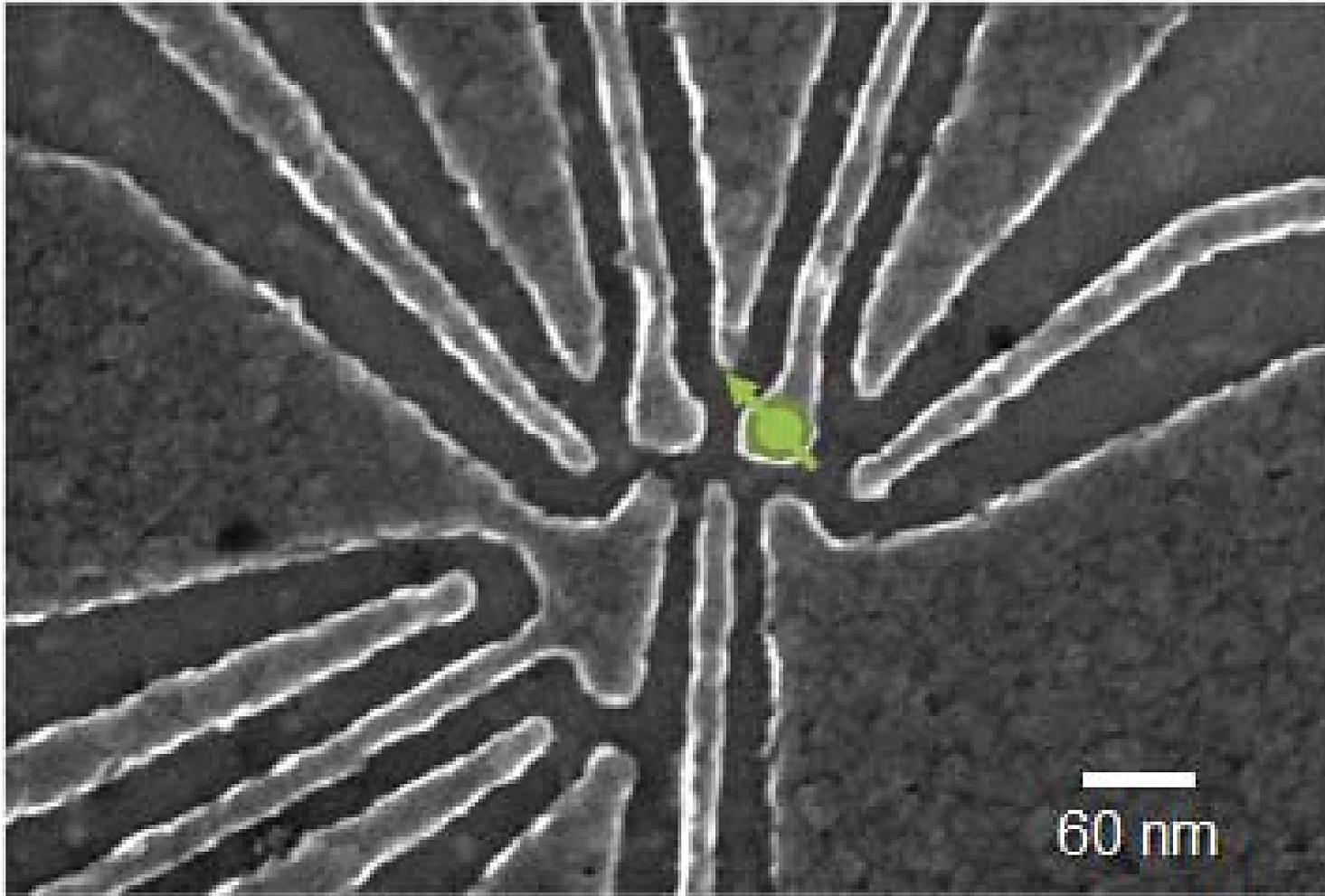


- LNA: Low Noise Amplifier = spin qubit RF reflectometry **readout**
- Oscillator (Digitally Controlled) = spin qubit state **manipulation**

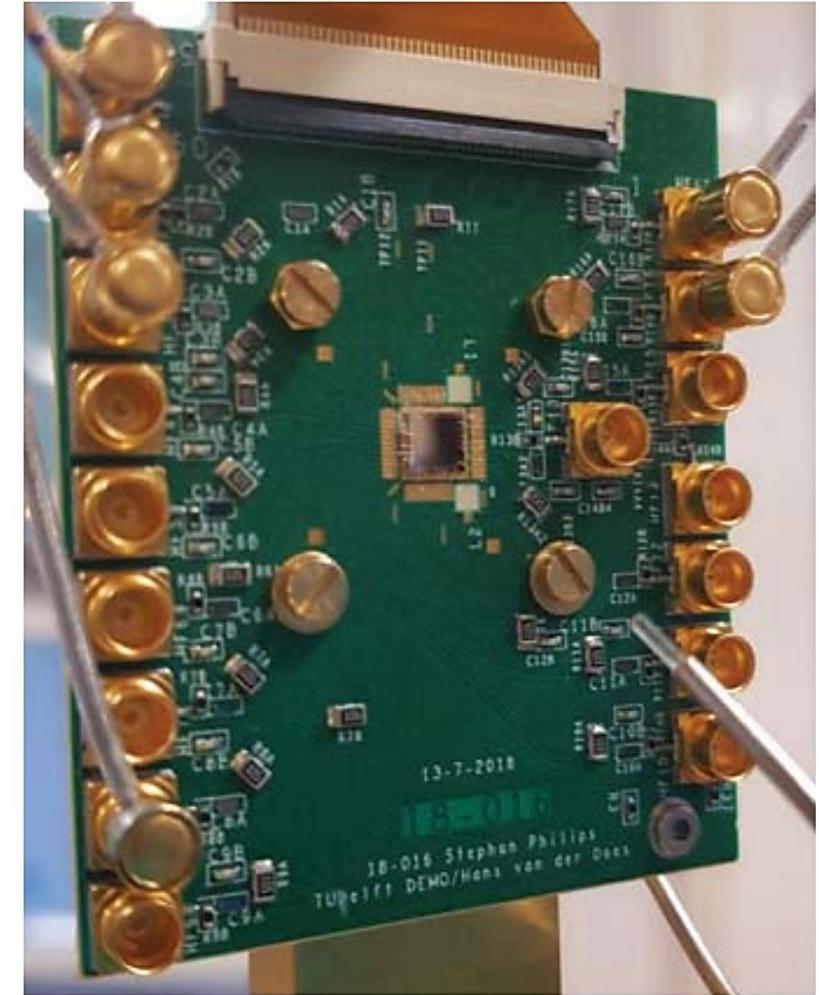
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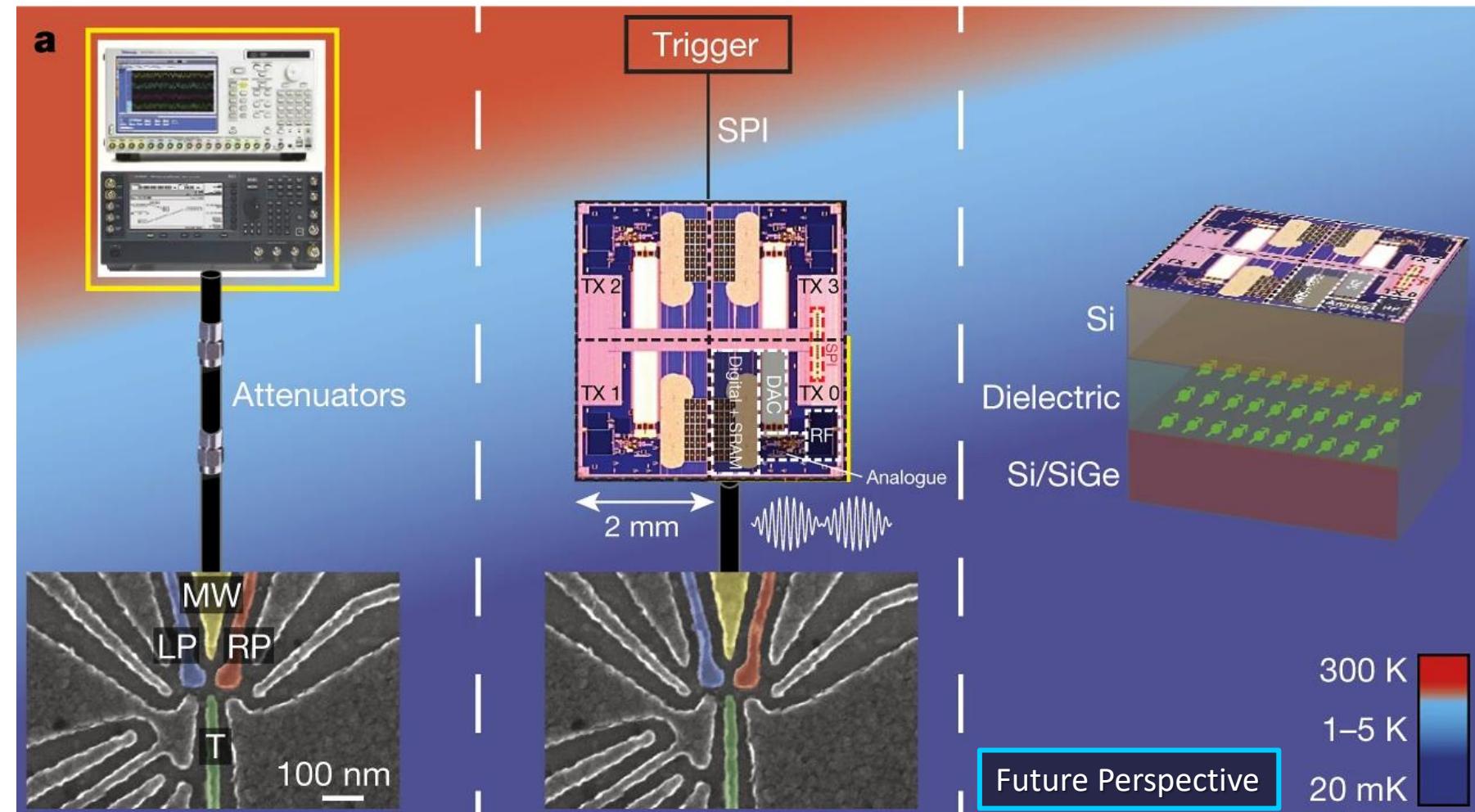
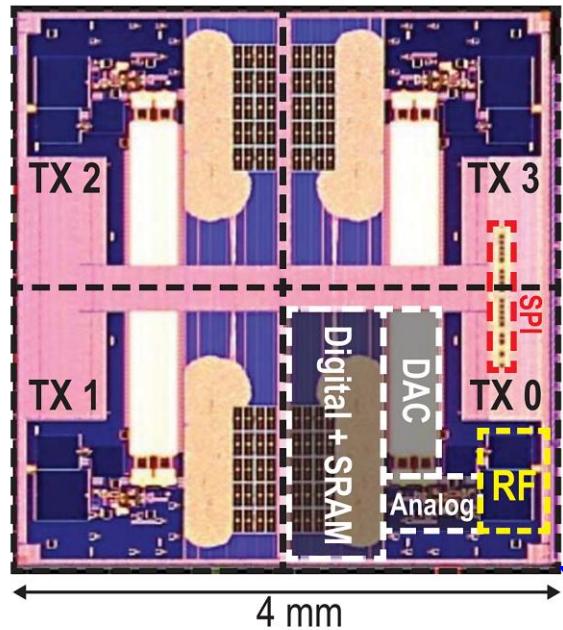
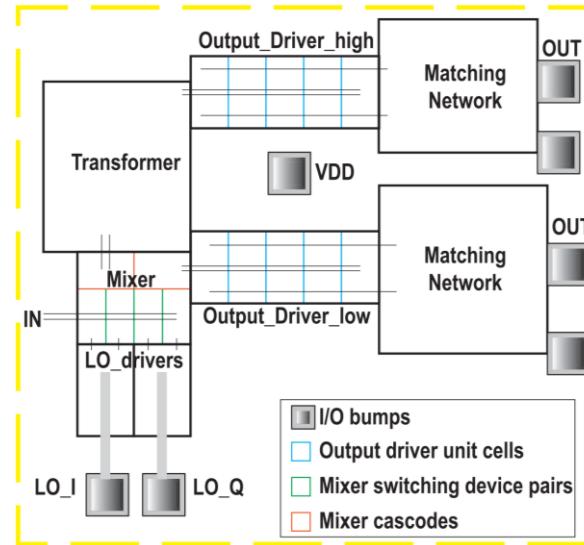


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Patterned Single Spin Qubit Device

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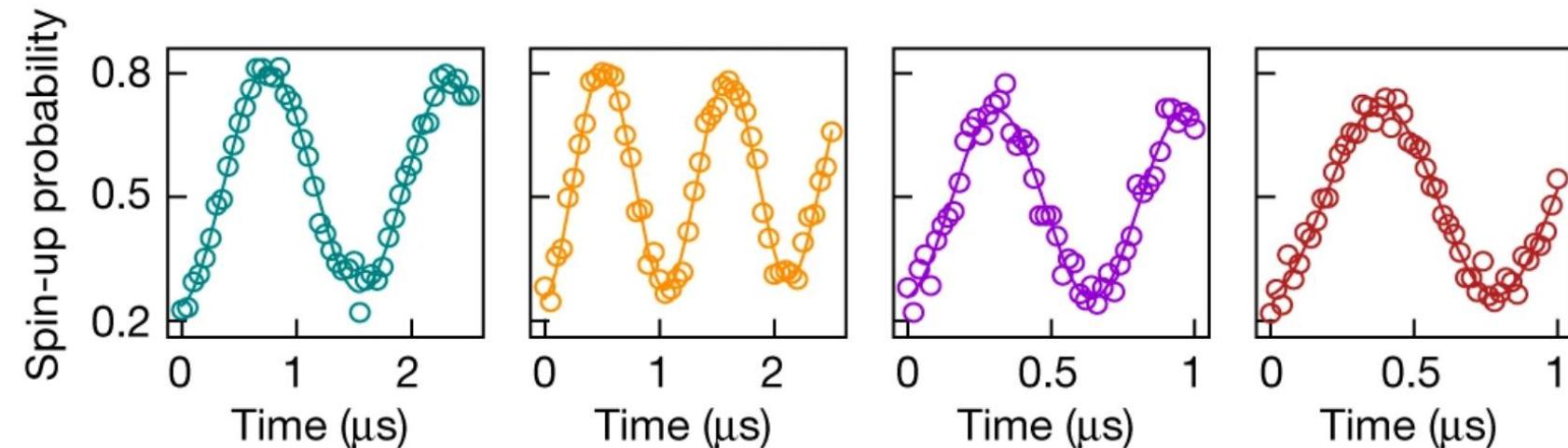
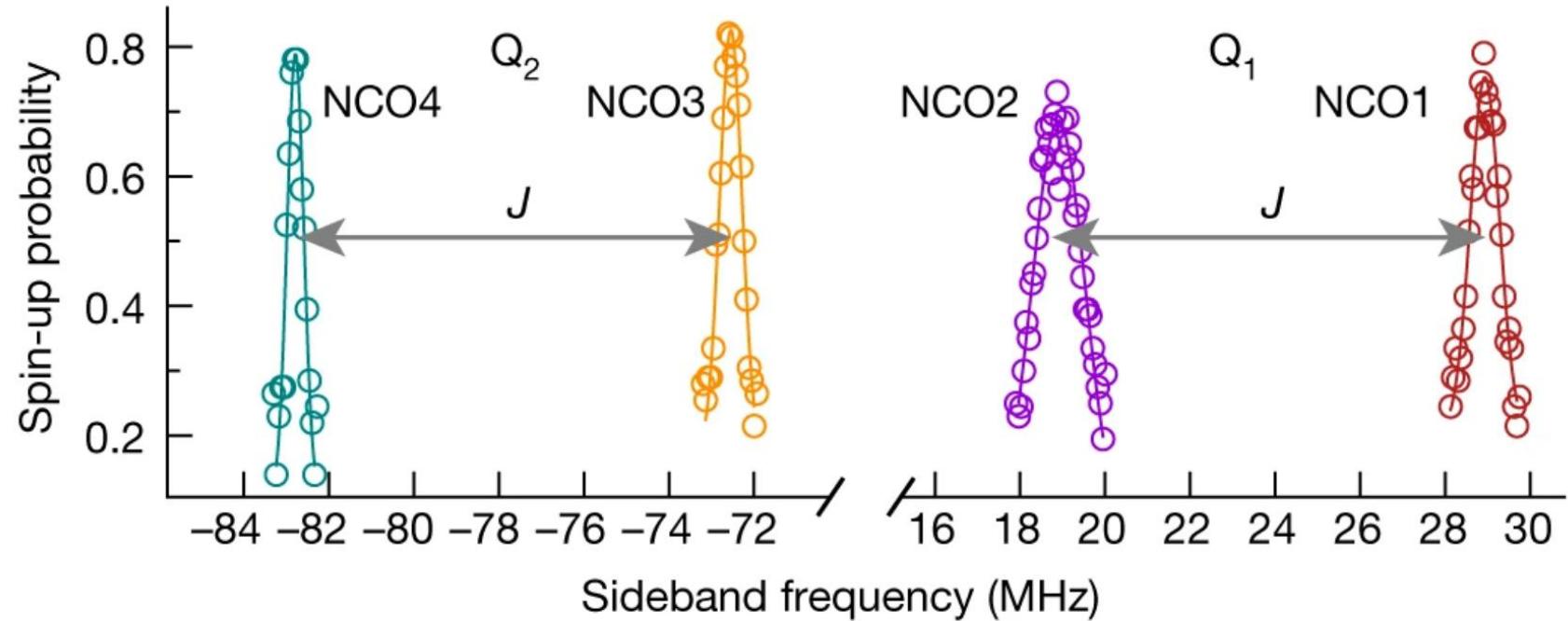
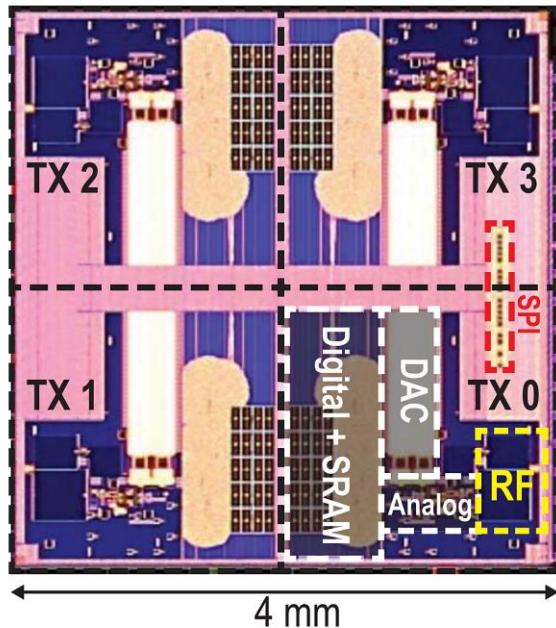
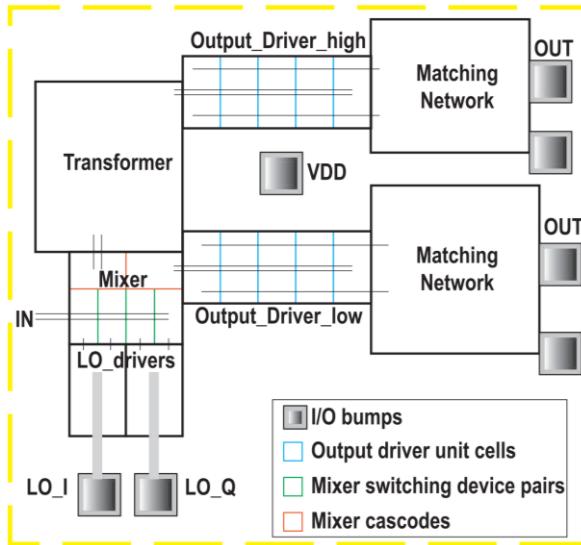
Example of Qubit Control Using Cryo-CMOS



Intel Horse Ridge Chip

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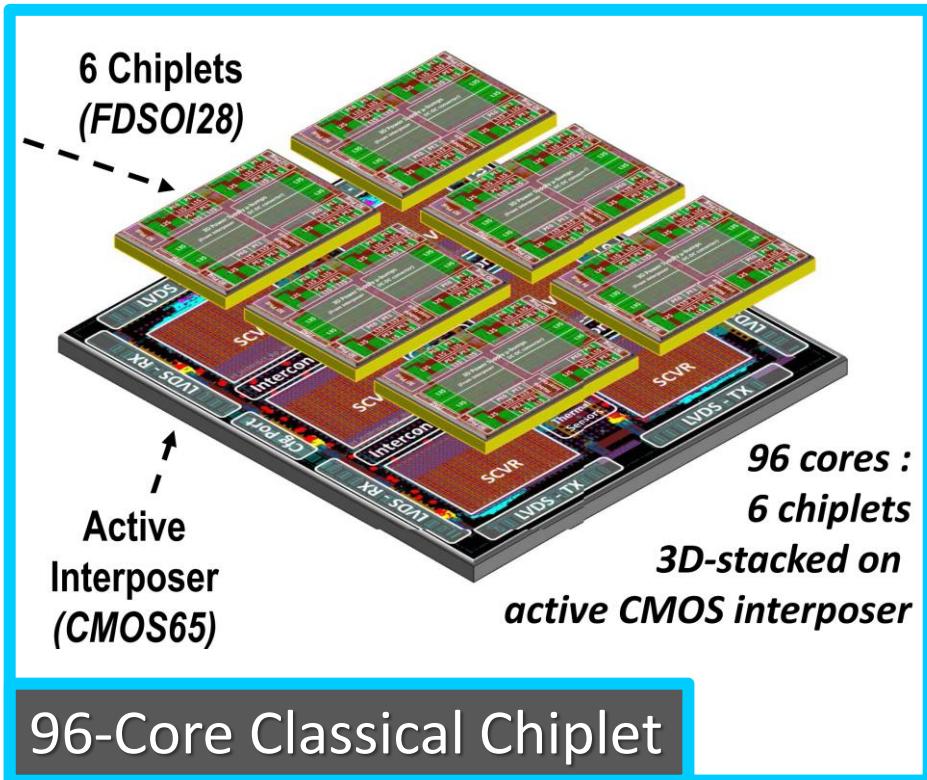
Example of Qubit Readout Using Cryo-CMOS



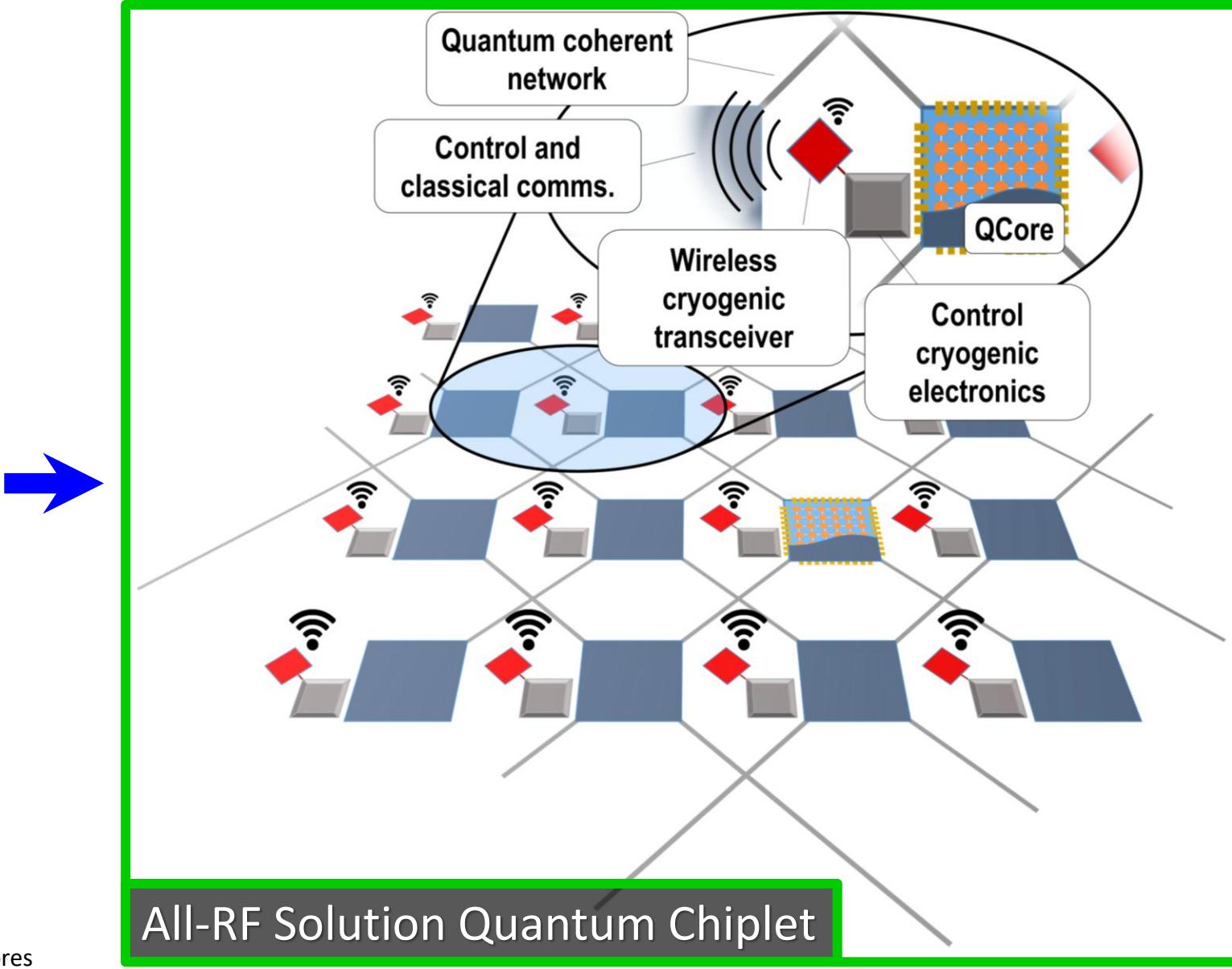
Comparison of Cryogenic Interface Electronics

	This Work	ISSCC'22 [24]	ISSCC'21 [16]	VLSI'21 [23]	ISSCC'20 [17]	JSSC'19 [8]
Operating Temperature	3.5 K	3 K	4 K	77 K	3 K	3 K
Qubit Platform	Transmons	Transmons	Spin Qubits	Transmons	Spin Qubits	Transmons
Target fidelity	99.99% (expected)	N/A	99.99%	N/A	99.99%	99.99%
Power	Analog	Modulator: 8.3 mW ^a Readout: 20 mW/channel	Modulator: 11.4 mW ^a	Modulator: 40.1 mW ^a Readout: 10.6 mW/qubit	Modulator: 5.5 mW ^a	Modulator: 28.5 mW ^a
	Digital	3.8 mW @1.25 GHz	11.6 mW @1 GHz	10-140 mW ^b @1.6 GHz	2.6 mW @1 GHz	330 mW @1 GHz
Freq. Range	4.6–8.1 GHz @>-17 dBm	4.5–5.5 GHz @>-19 dBm	11-17 GHz @ >-10 dBm	2–7 GHz @>-28 dBm	2-20 GHz @ >-45 dBm	4-8 GHz
Multiplexing	Driver: 1 qubit Read: 8 qubits ^d	Driver: 1 qubit	Drive: 16 qubits ^{c,d} Read: 6 qubits ^d	Drive: 1 qubit	Drive: 32 qubits ^{c,d}	Driver: 1 qubit
LO Generation	Yes, PLL x 2	No, Off-Chip	No, Off-Chip	No, Off-Chip	No, Off-Chip	No, Off-Chip
Sampling Rate	Up to 1.5 GS/s	Up to 1 GS/s	Up to 2.5 GS/s	Up to 2 GS/s	Up to 1 GS/s	Up to 1 GS/s
DRAG pulse	No	YES	YES	No	YES	No
Driver Integrated Jitter	< 140 fs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chip Area	5.3 mm ²	1.6 mm ² /channel	16 mm ²	0.39 mm ² /channel	4 mm ² /channel	1.6 mm ²
Technology	40 nm Bulk CMOS	14 nm FinFET	22 nm FinFET CMOS	40 nm Bulk CMOS	22 nm FinFET CMOS	22 nm Bulk CMOS

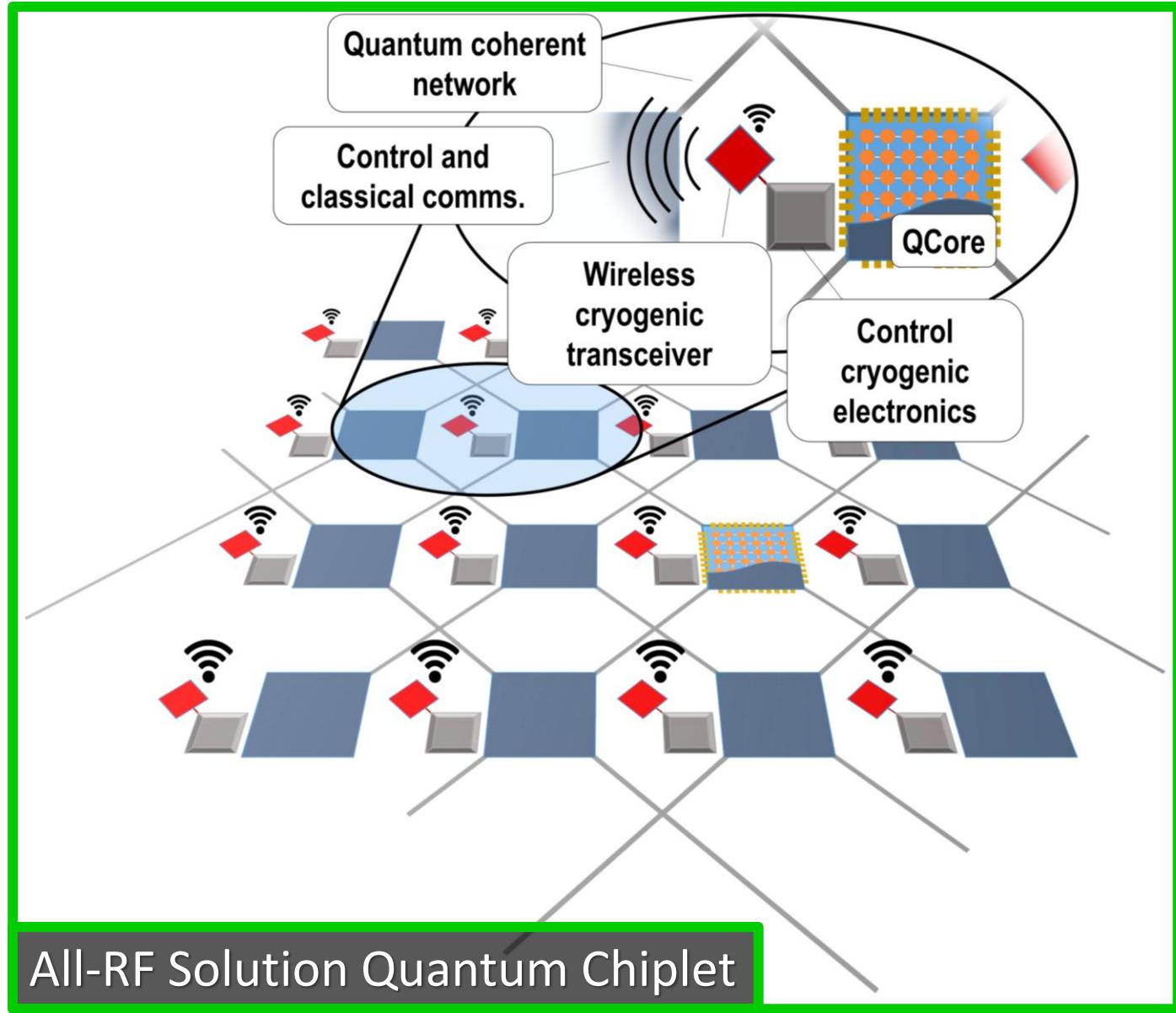
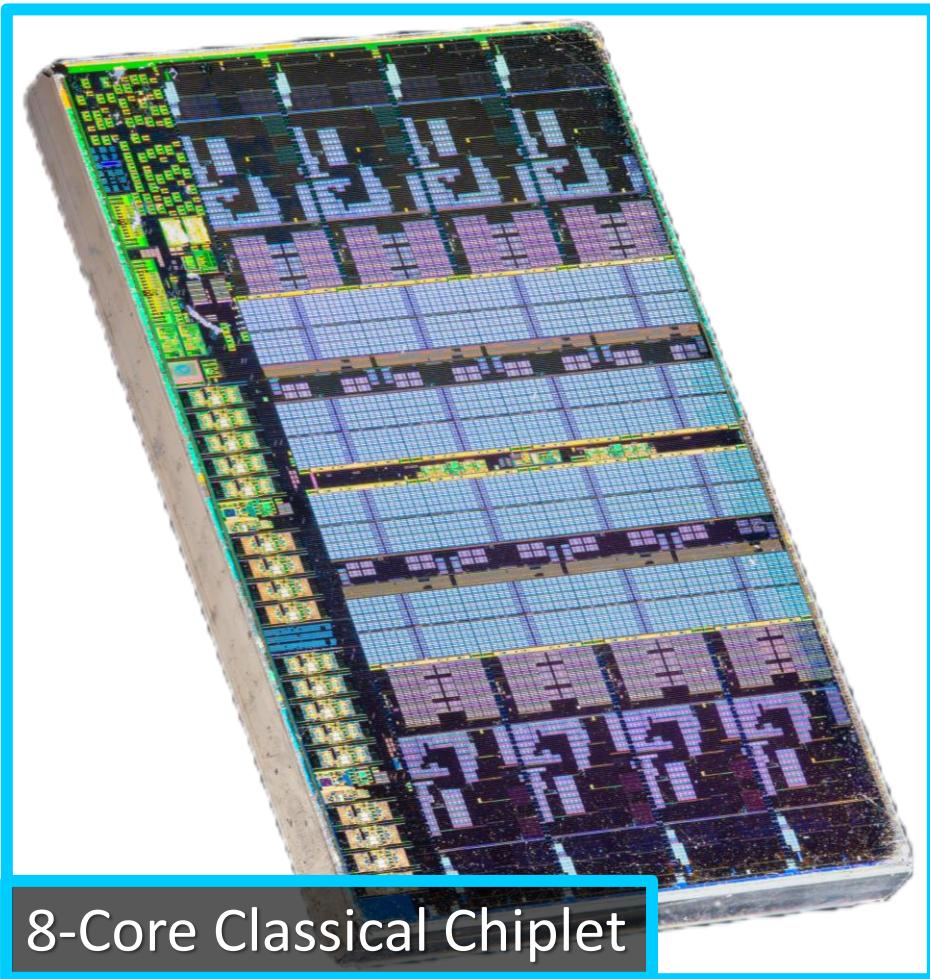
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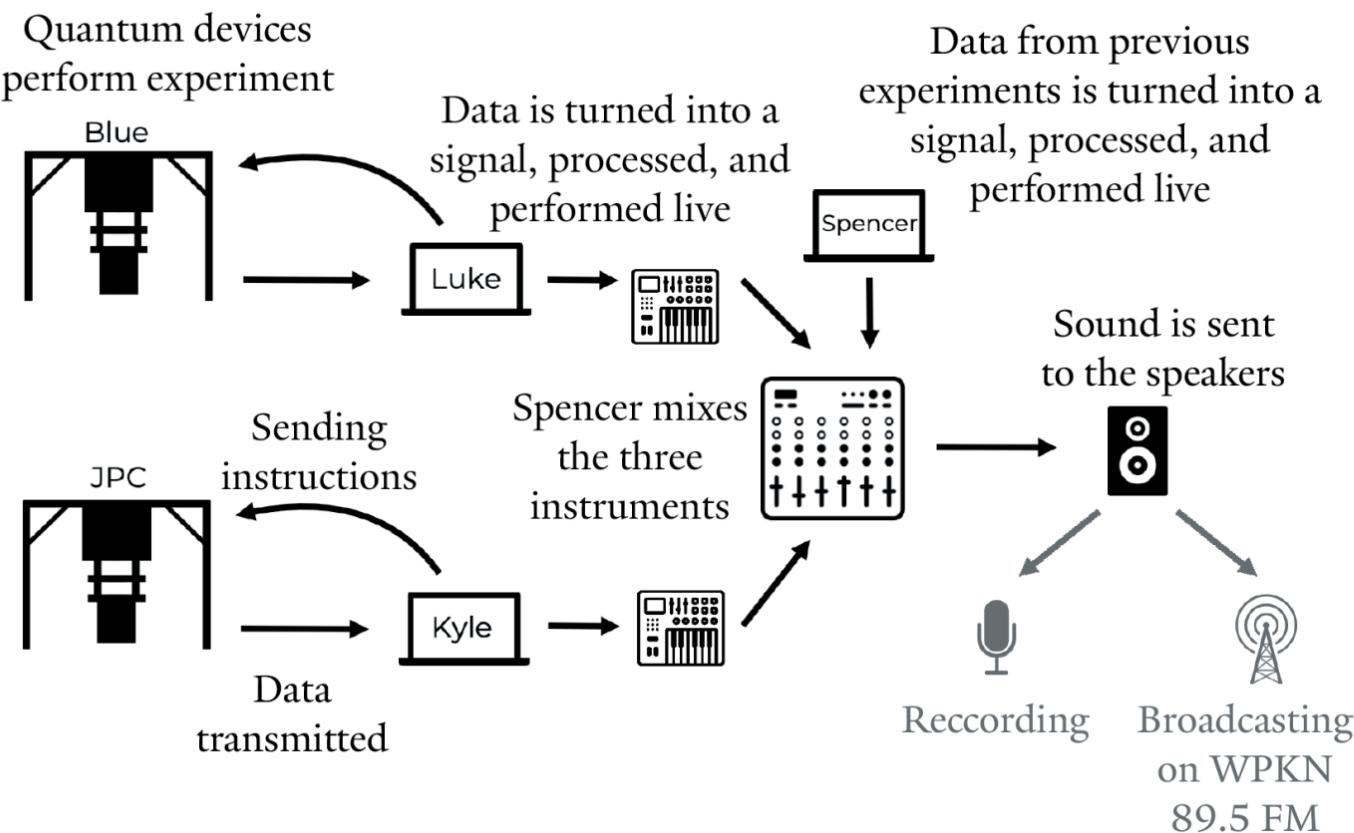
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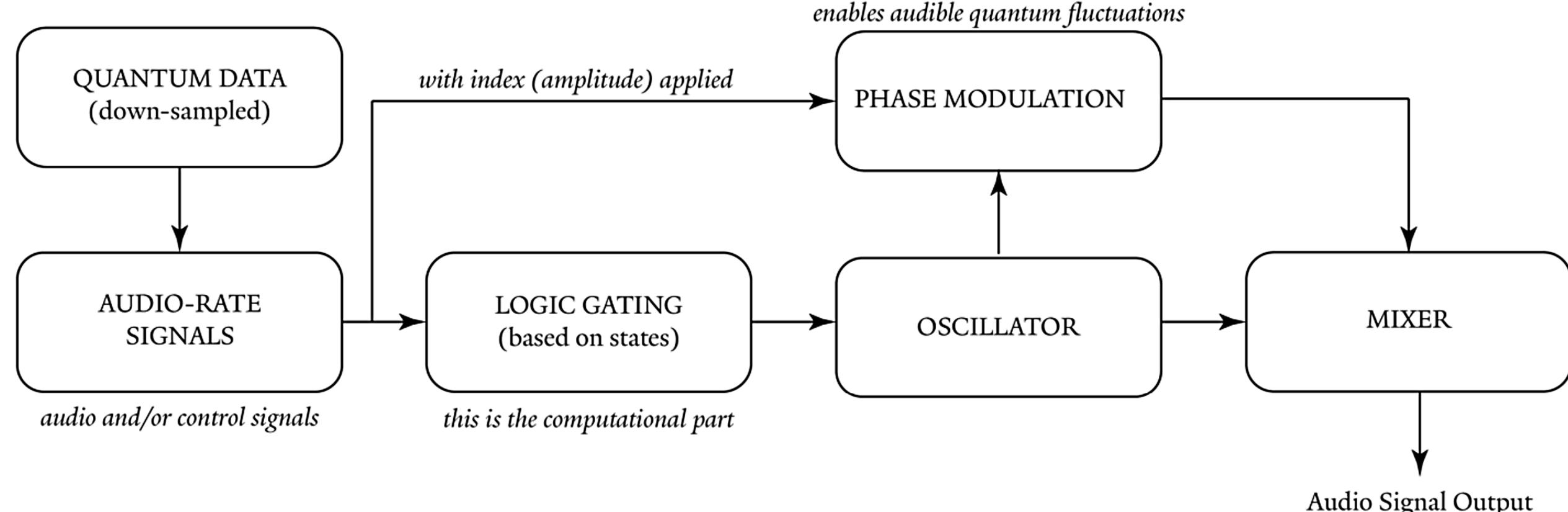
2. Alarcon et al., arXiv (2023)

Example of Qubit Waveforms Converted to Music

Quantum Sound premiered on June 14, 2019, at Firehouse 12, a jazz concert hall and recording studio during the 24th International Festival of Arts and Ideas of New Haven, CT (USA). Spencer, Kyle, and Luke performed two back-to-back 35-minute musical sets, preceded by a 15-minute introduction to the quantum physics behind the performance, and followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session between the audience and the artists.

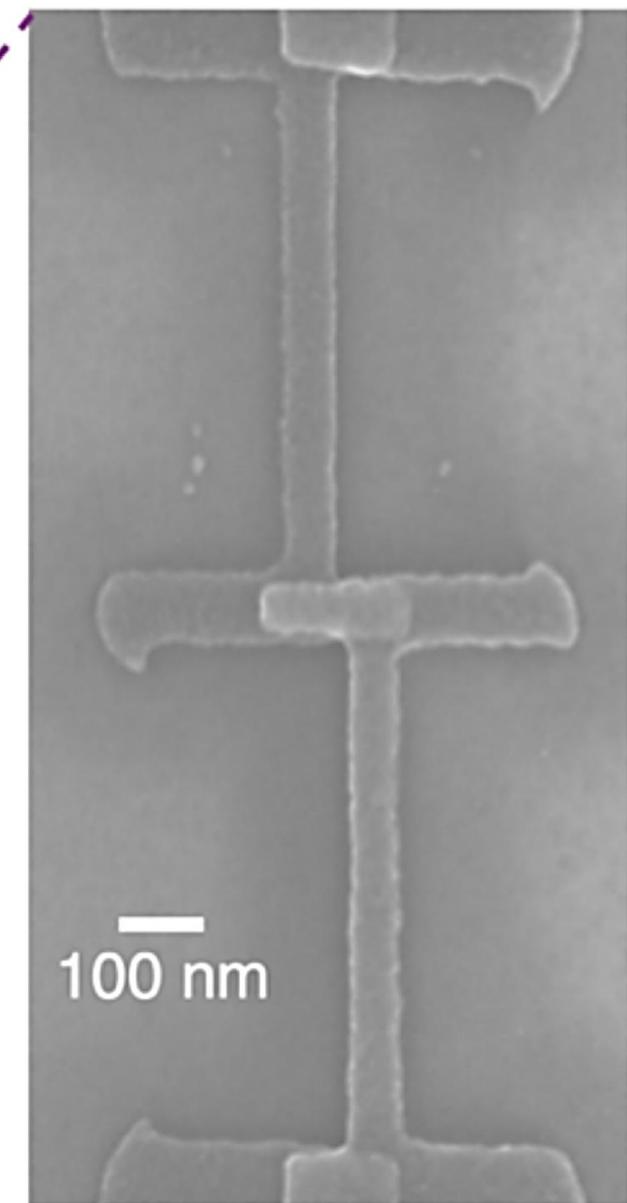
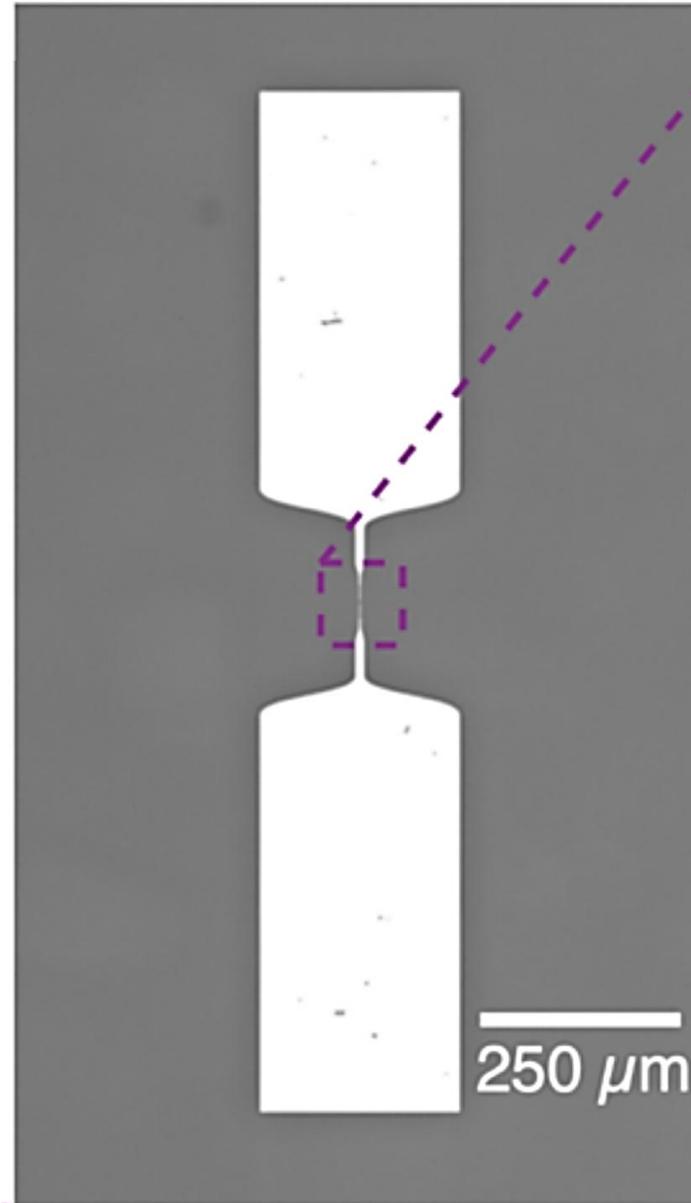
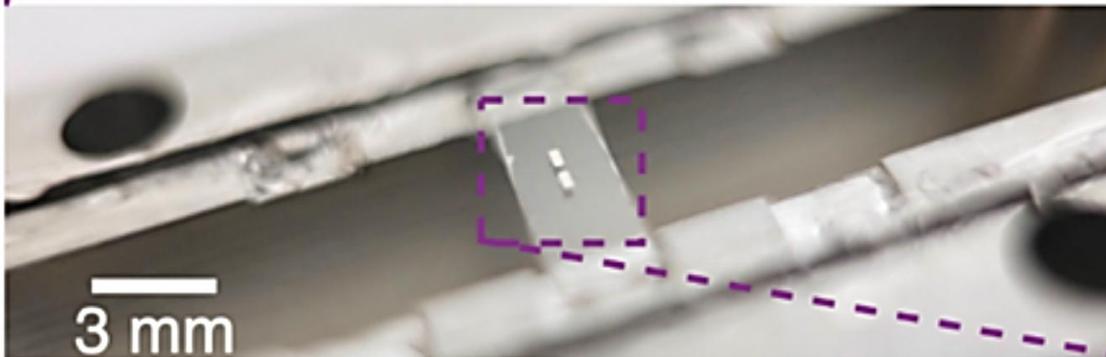
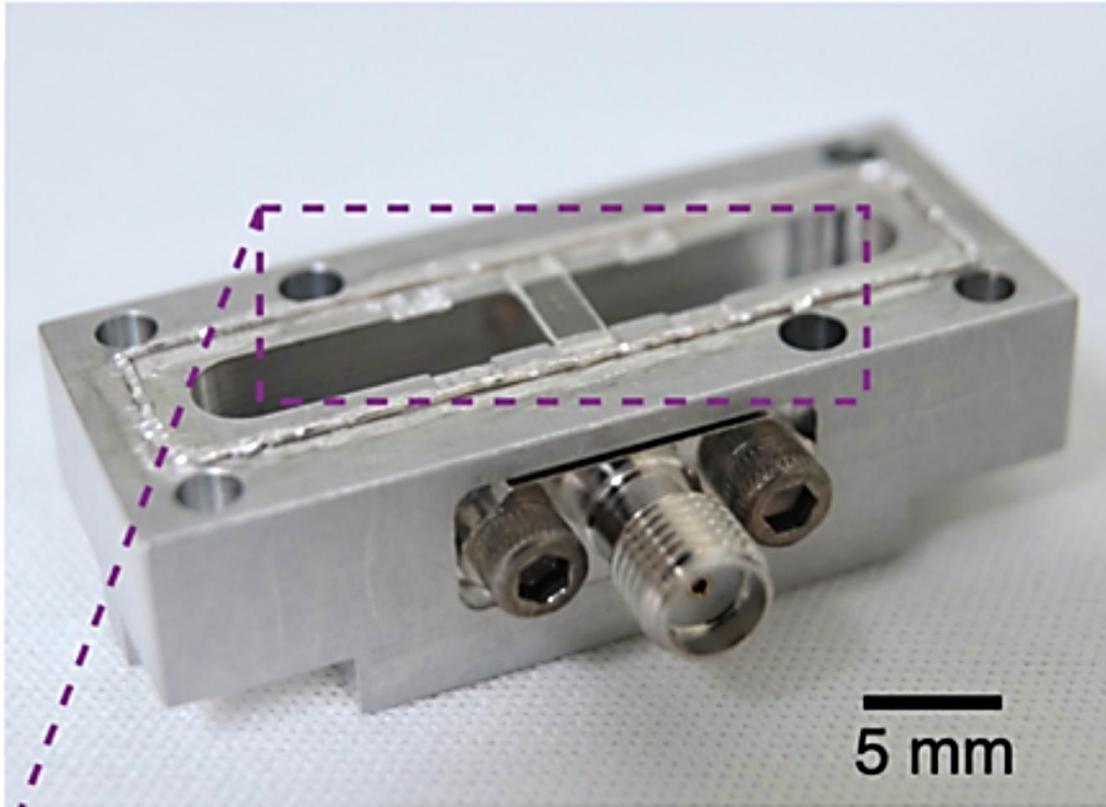


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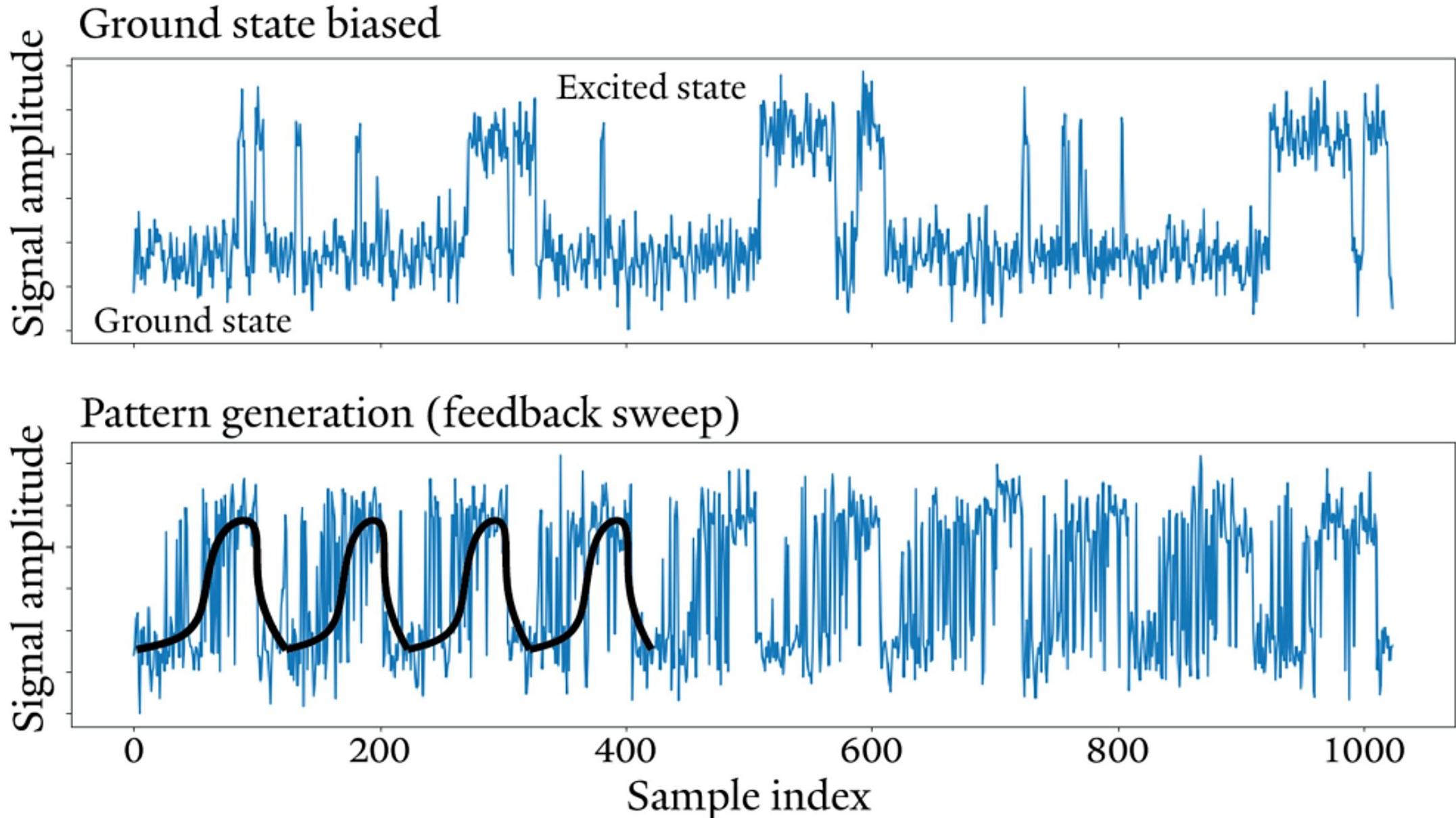


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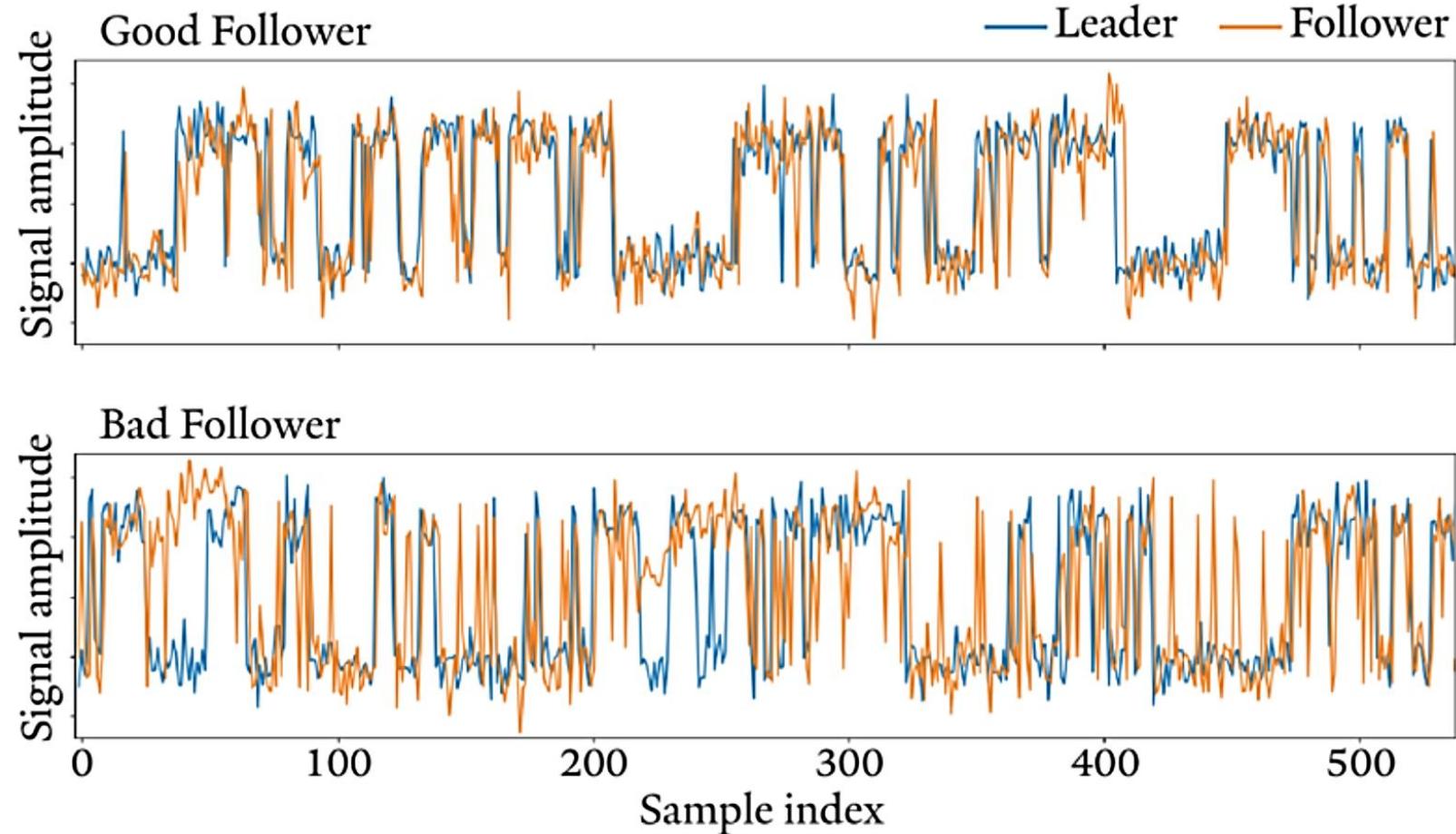
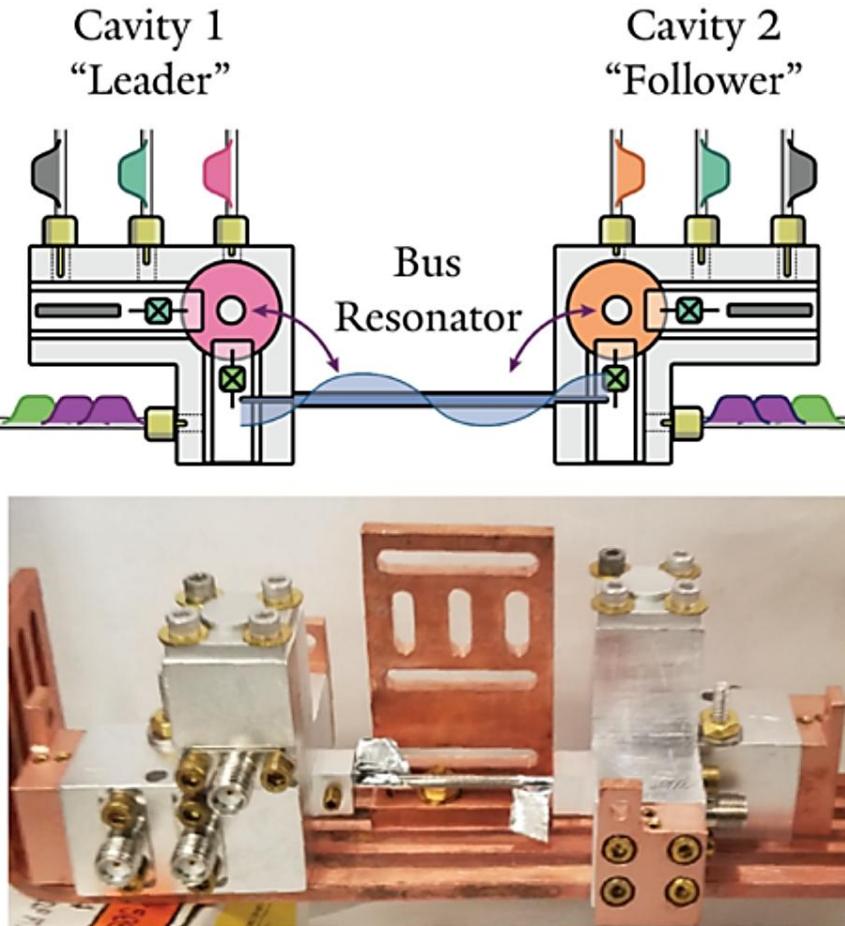
Example of Audio Frequency Qubits Used in Music



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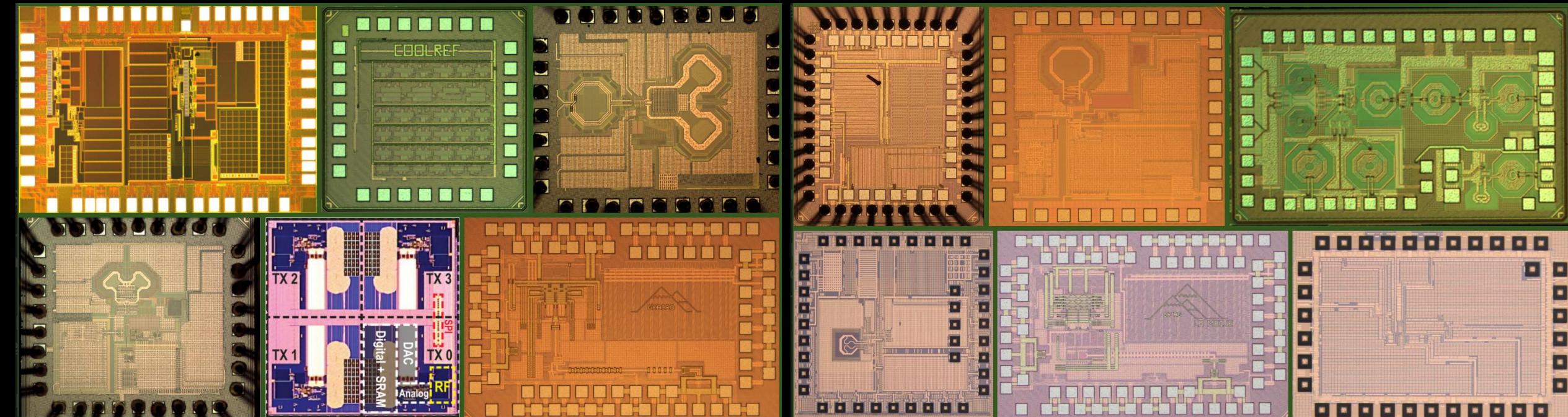
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Summary

- Qubits can be made of natural atoms or artificial atoms, controllable by **signal pulses**.
- The physical machine setup can be compared with **audio** or **neuron stimulation** technologies.
 - More or less.
- Operation of quantum systems can be **automated** with interfaces.
- Control hardware ranges from large **analog cable** to **chip-based** configurations.
 - This can be leveraged to **miniaturize** a quantum system.
 - There are many configuration options available.

Bonus: Quantum Integrated Circuits (Control/ Readout)

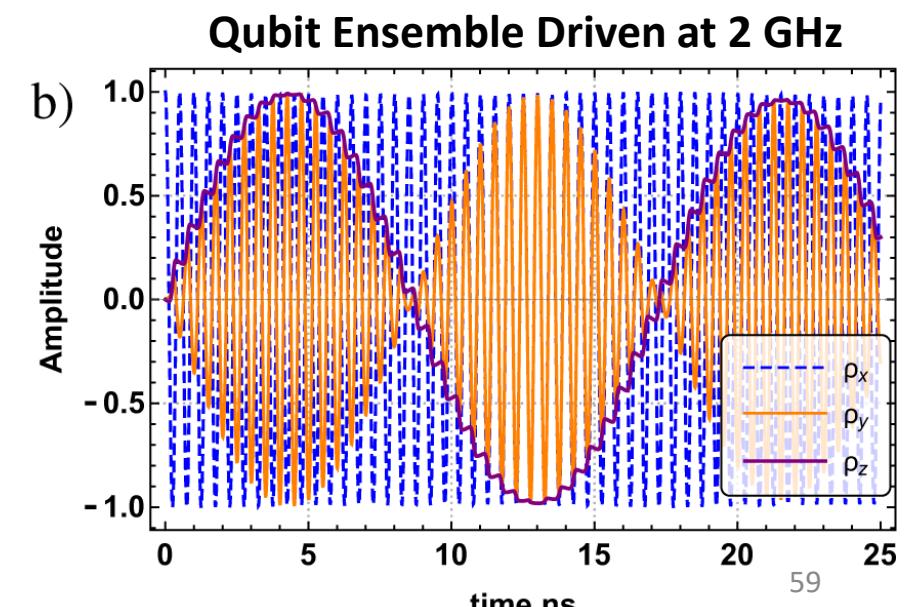
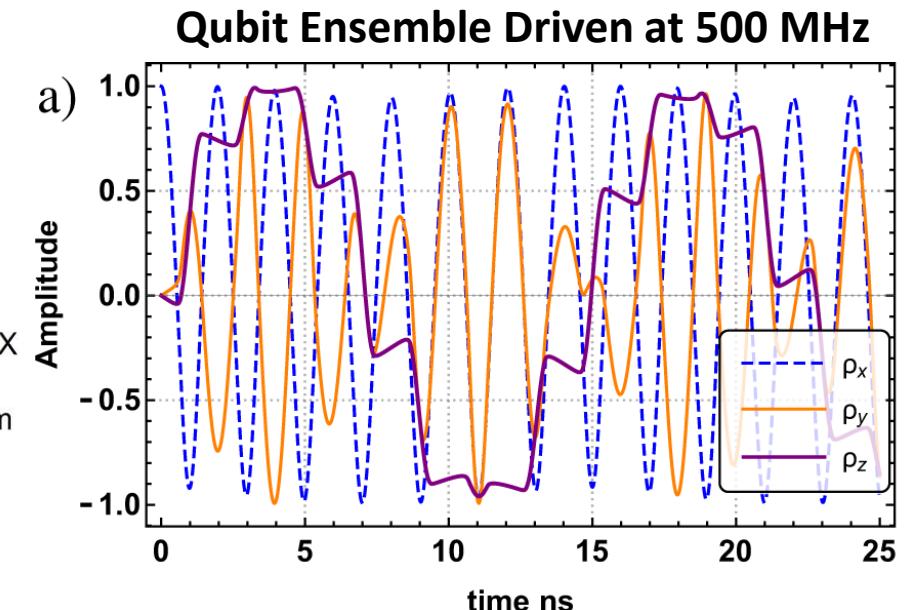
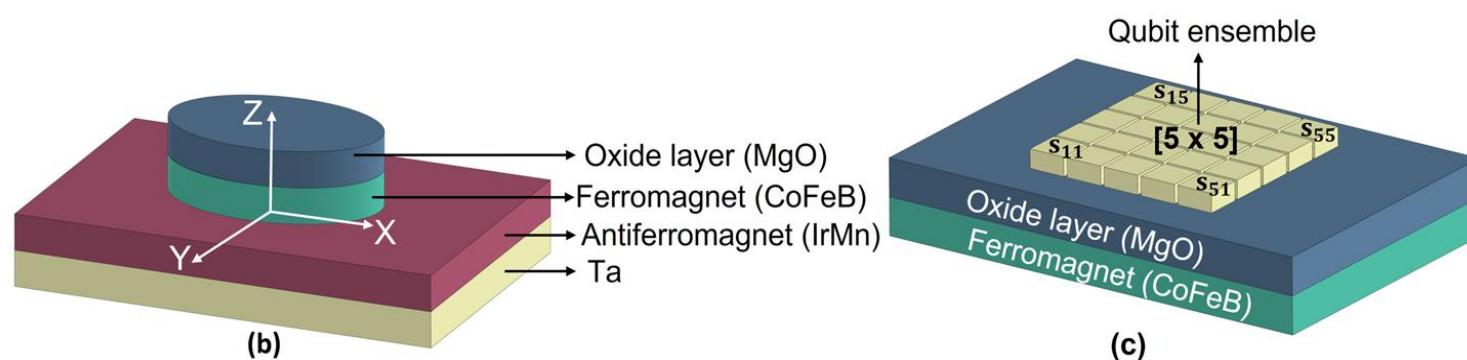
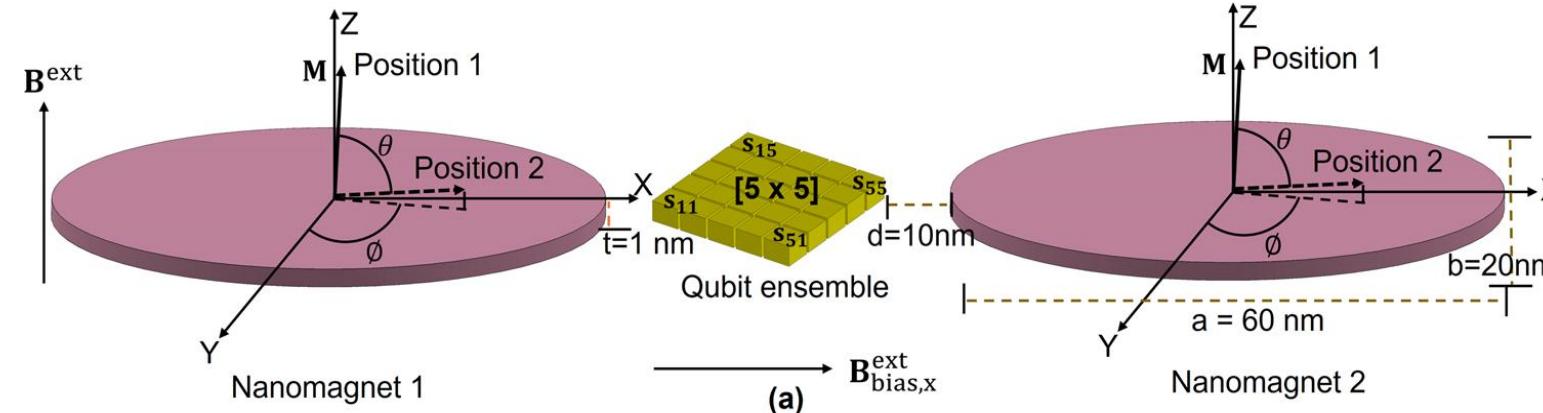


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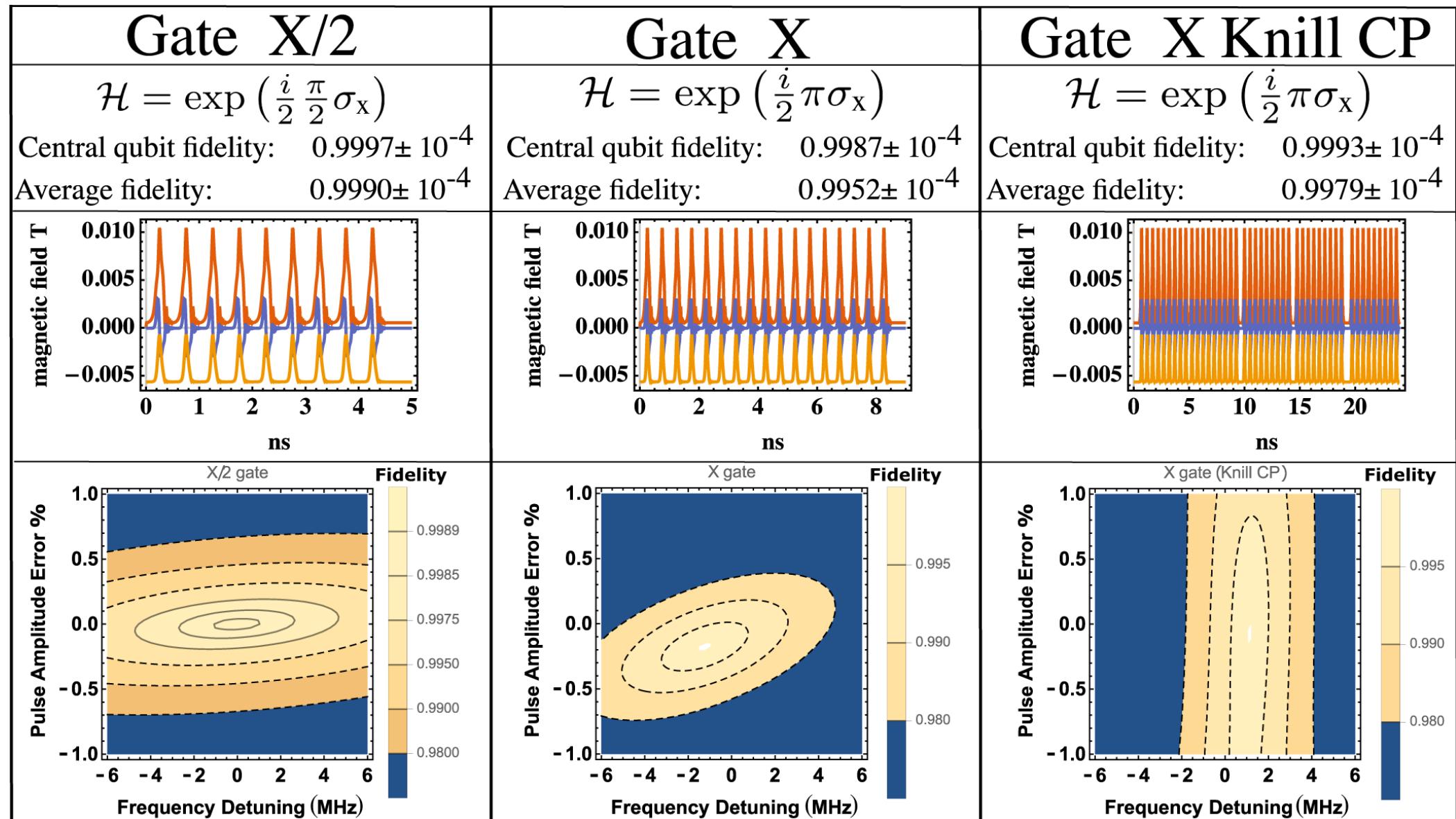
Bonus: Documented Spin Qubit Approaches

The following slides are based on the use of micromagnetic computation tools such as **MuMax** & finite element simulation platforms such as **QTCAD** for spin qubits & their readout mechanisms.

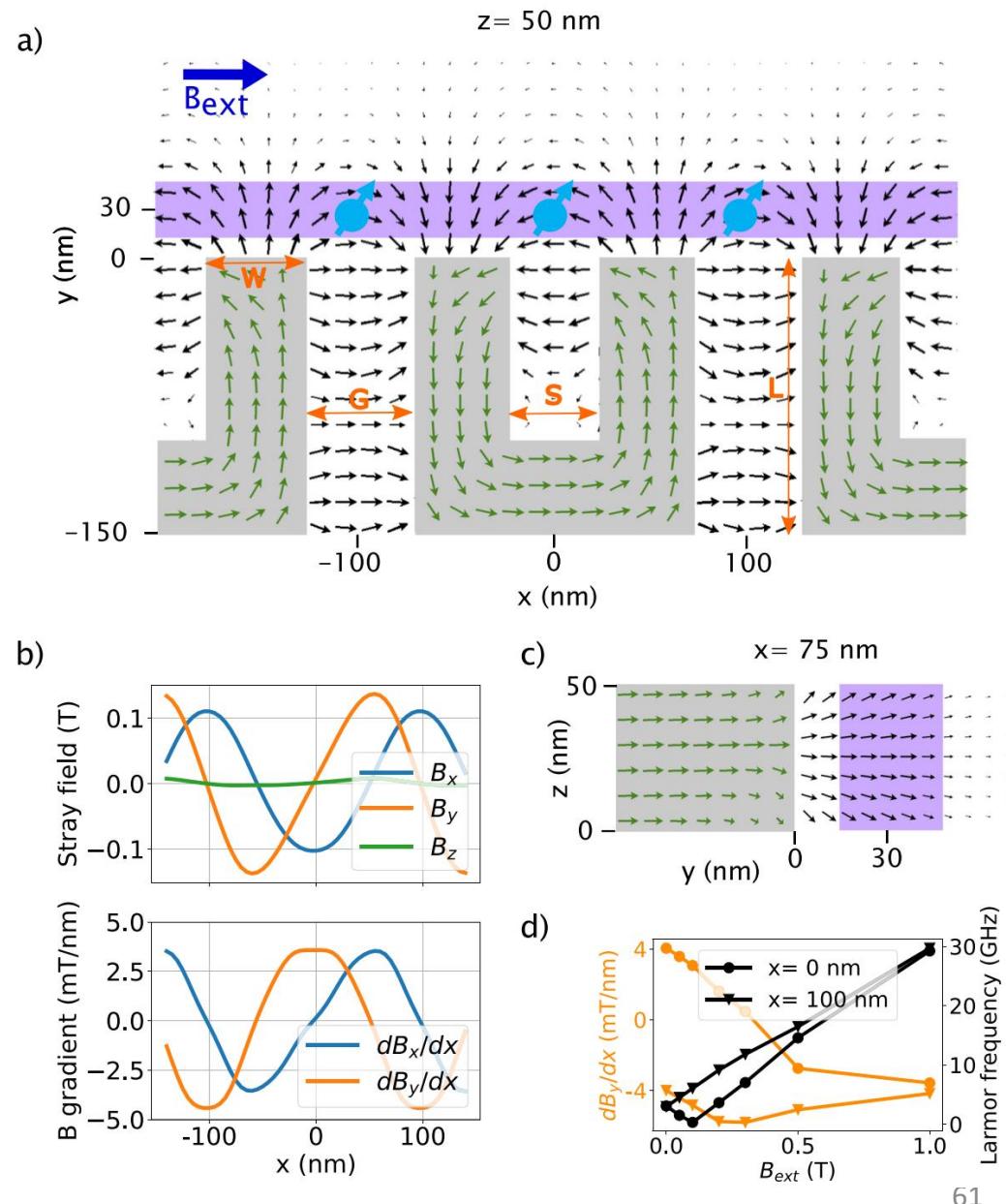
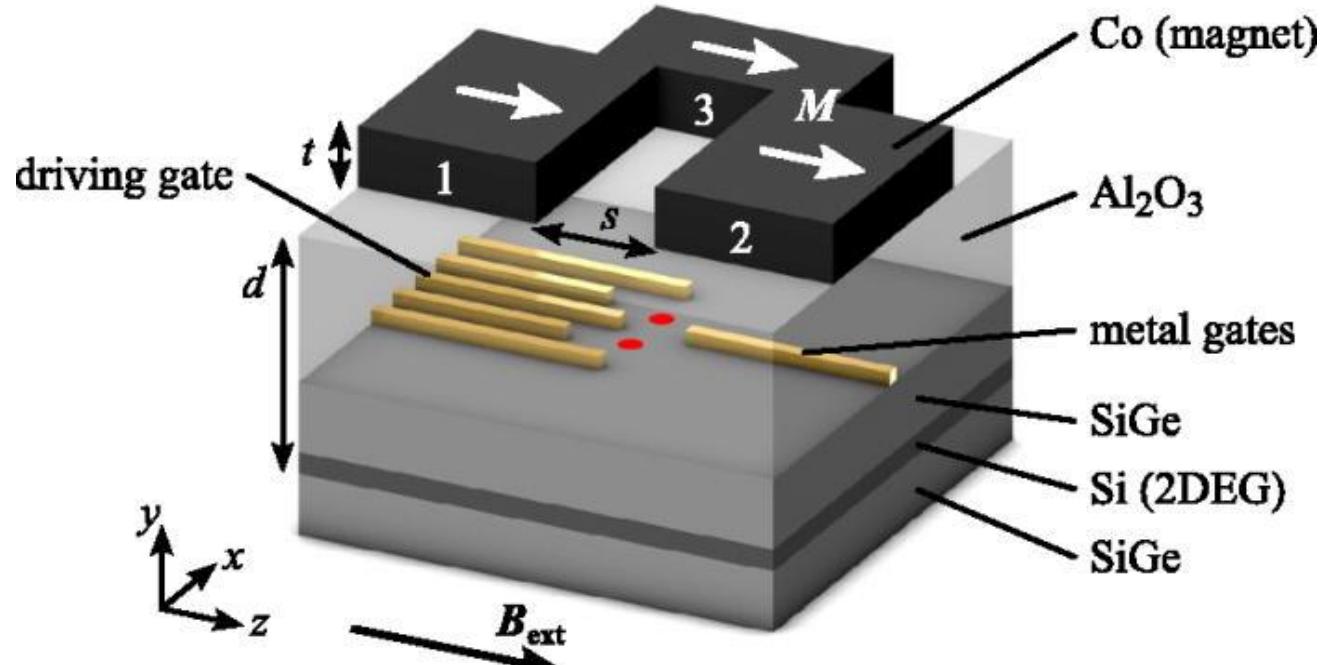
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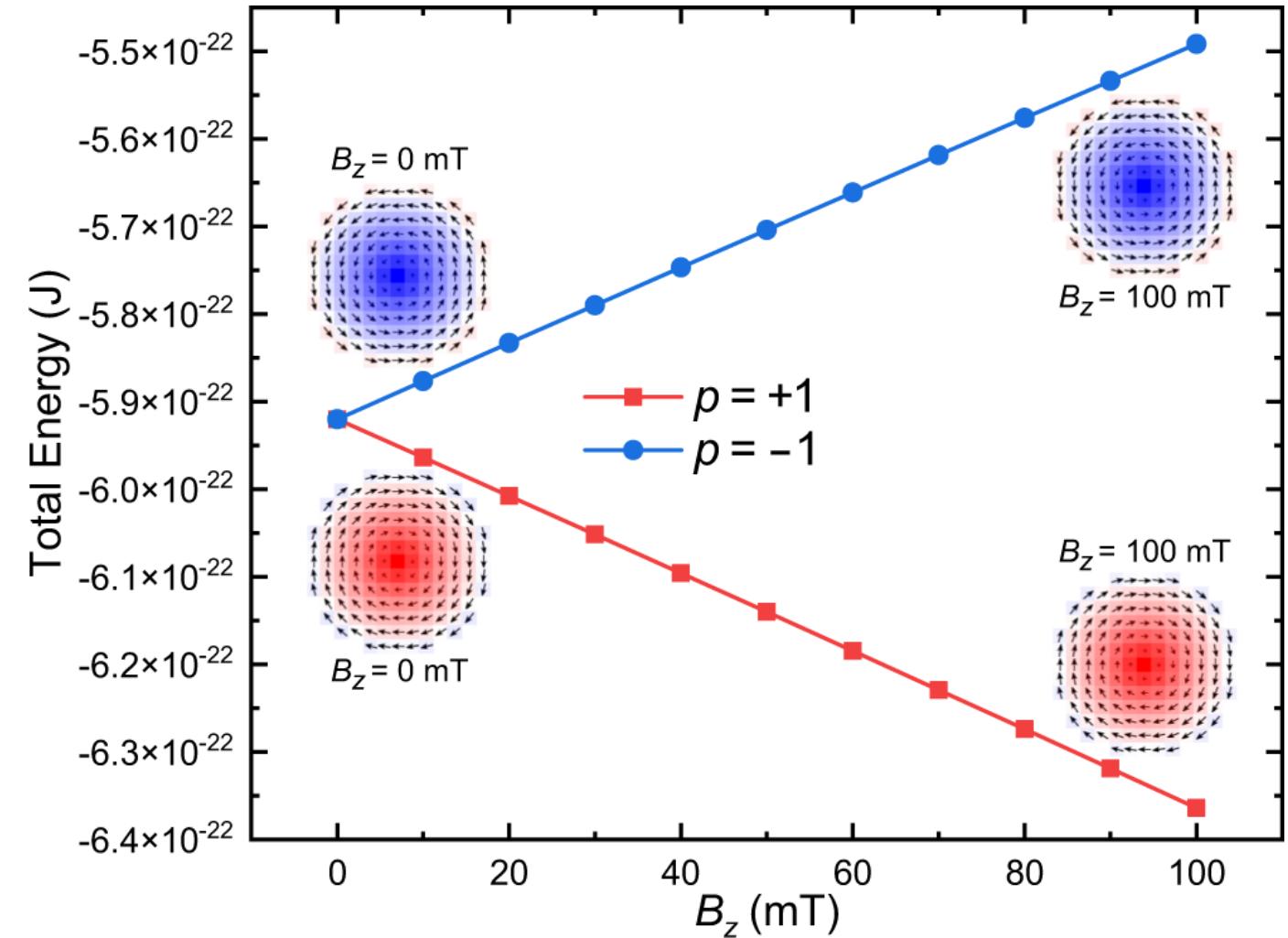
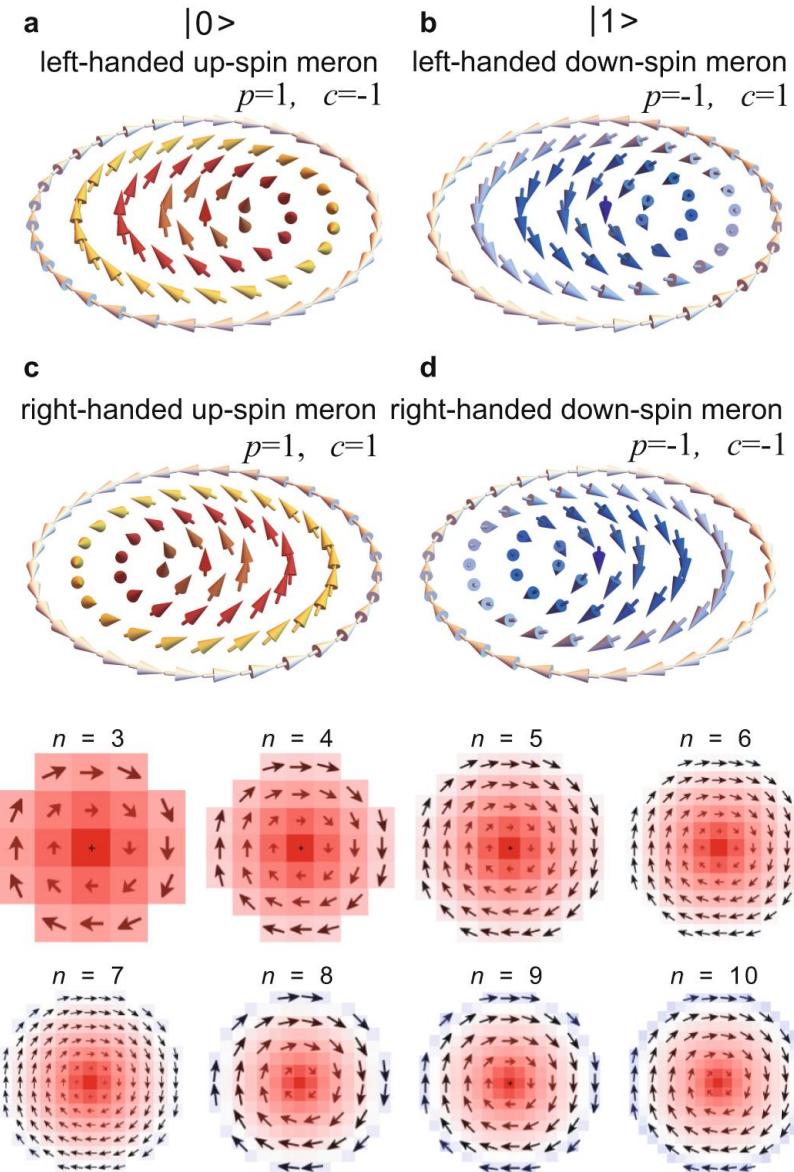
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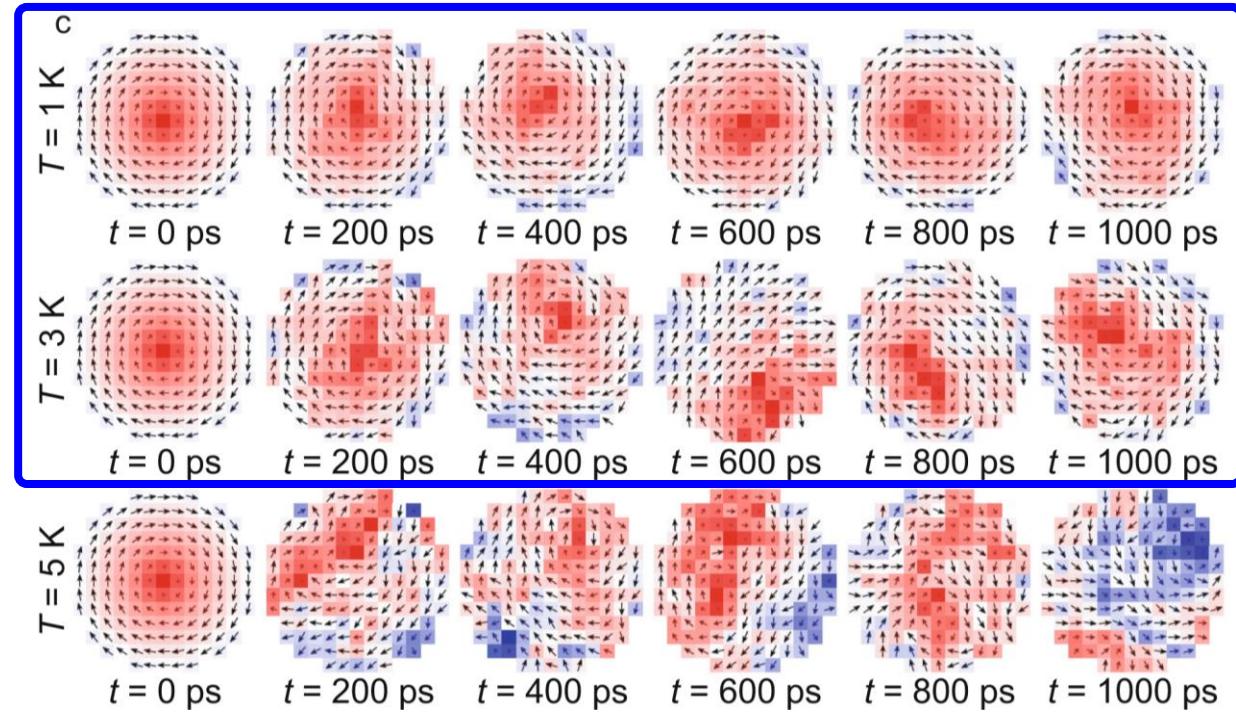
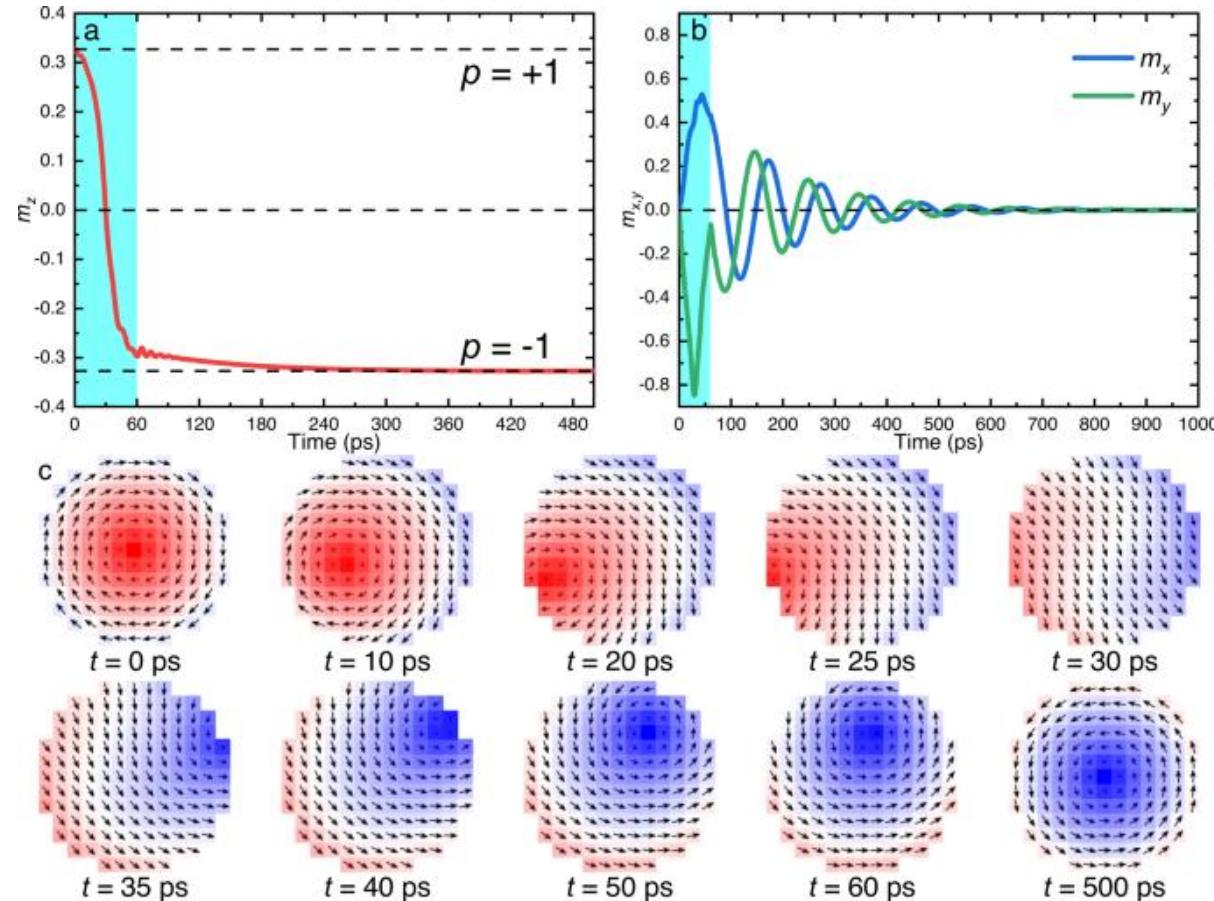
Bonus: Spin Qubit Manipulation Simulation



Bonus: Magnetic Nanodisk Spin Qubit Simulation



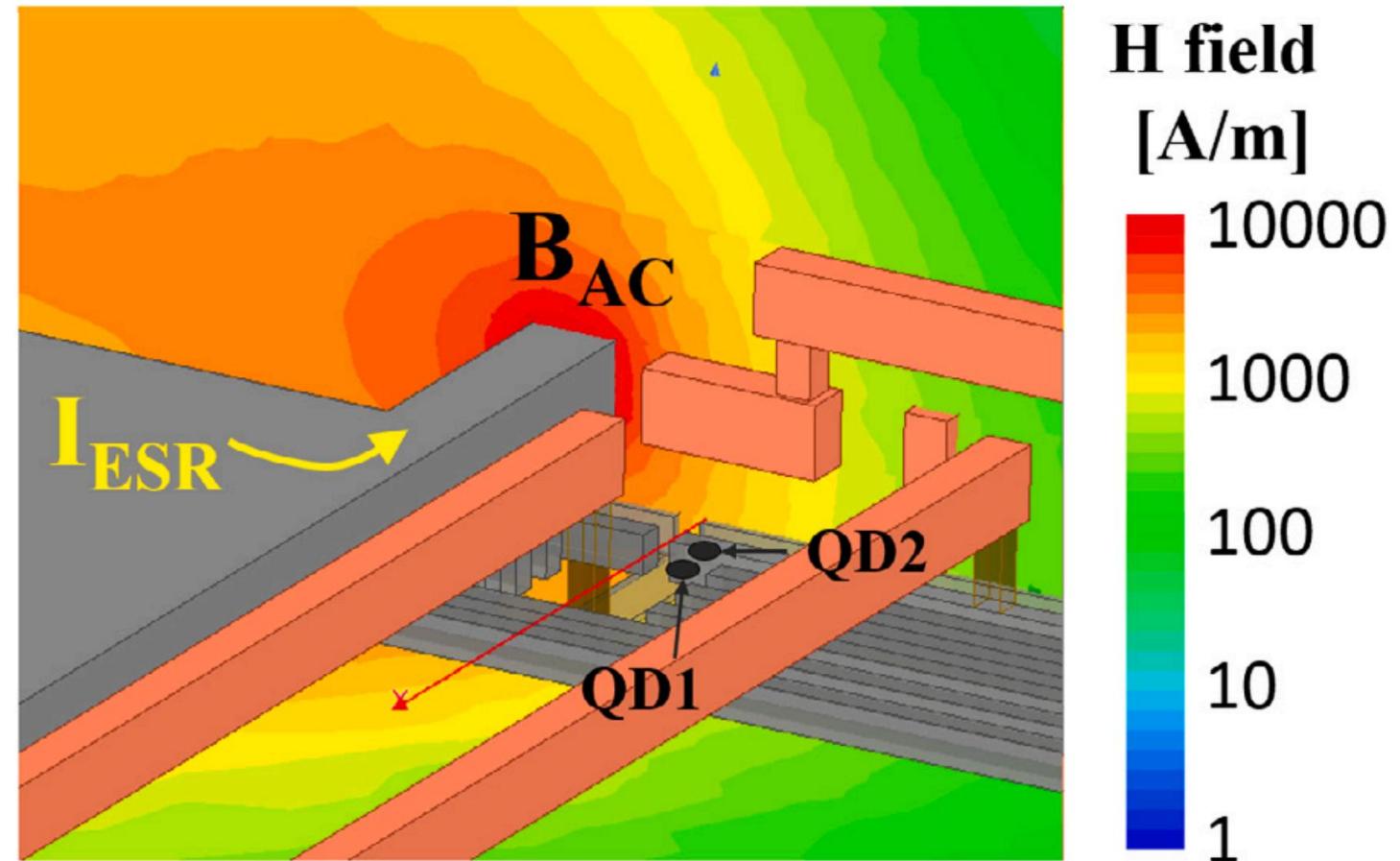
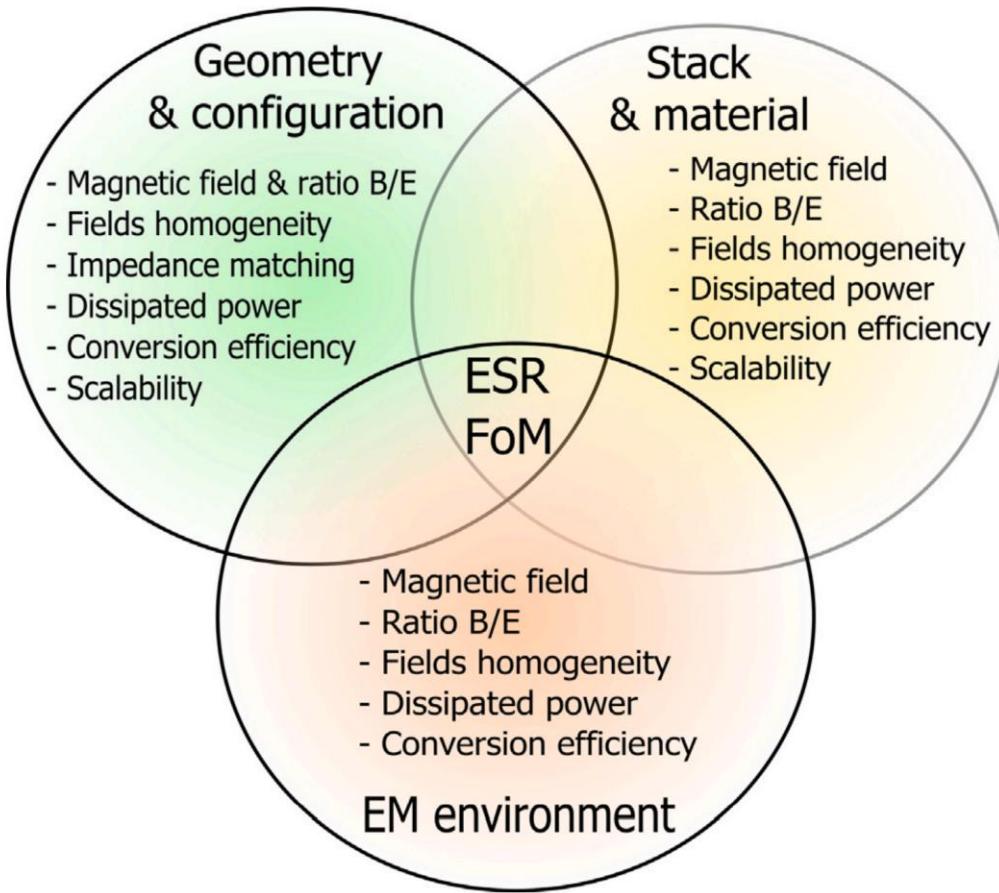
Bonus: Nanodisk Qubit Switching vs. Thermal Stability



Read out

The polarity can be observed by the full-field soft X-ray transmission microscopy^{30,31}, magnetic force microscopy^{24,43}, or **magnetic tunneling junction**⁴⁴. The polarity is fixed to be up or down by the observation. Hence, the quantum state is fixed to be $|s_1 s_2 \cdots s_N\rangle$ with $s_j = 0, 1$ as in the standard quantum computation.

Bonus: Spin Qubit & Electron Spin Resonance Simulation

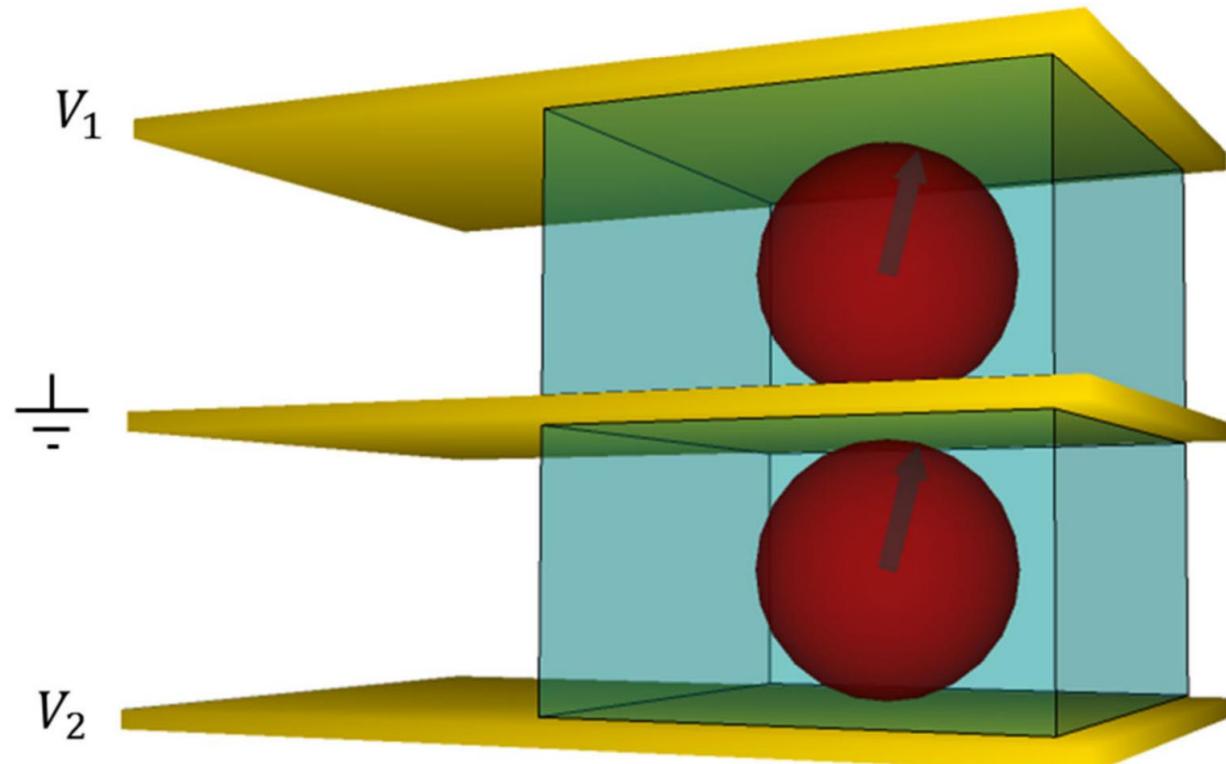


Bonus: Magnetic Cluster Qubit Energy Calculation

The Hamiltonian for a multiqubit system can be written as

$$H = - \sum_i \hbar w_0^i S_z^i + \sum_i \hbar w_1^i S_x^i \cos(w_{mf}^i t - \phi^i) - \sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^c \mathbf{S}^i \cdot \mathbf{S}^j \quad (19)$$

where J_{ij}^c is the coupling strength between the i th and j th qubit. The coupling strength J_{ij}^c may decay quickly with distance separating qubits, which makes it difficult to directly entangle two nonadjacent qubits. However, one can still entangle any two qubits by a series of operations on subsequent neighboring qubits.



Bonus: Spin Qubit Simulation (QTCAD Models)

Device geometry

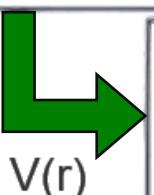
- Gate geometry from layout file
- Heterojunction & design rules from
- Python API
- More complex 3D geometries from Gmsh



Electrostatics

- Define boundary conditions (Ohmic, Schottky, etc.) and applied potentials
- Define doping densities
- Solve non-linear Poisson equation
- Get carrier confinement potential

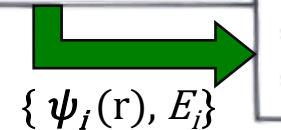
Mesh file



Schrödinger solver

- Solve single-body Schrödinger's equation within k-p theory
 - Effective mass (electrons)
 - Luttinger-Kohn (holes)
- Get envelope function eigenbasis
- Get gate lever arms

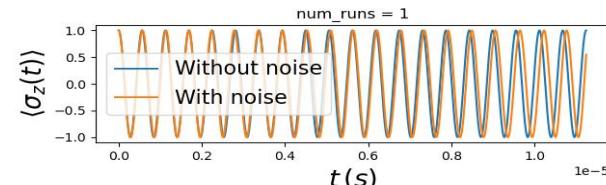
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From device layout to qubit performance metrics.

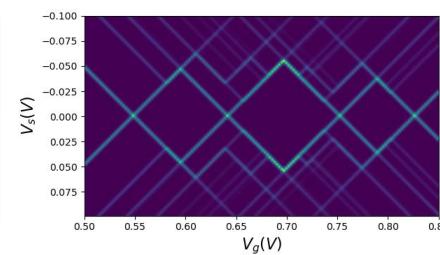
Quantum dynamics feature

- Get the Hamiltonian corresponding to a realistic device geometry
- Find matrix elements of perturbations due to control fields or noise
- Interface with QuTiP to calculate quantum dynamics and calculate
 - Rabi oscillations (e.g. micromagnet or spin-orbit EDSR)
 - Gate fidelity



Transport feature

- Master equation solver in sequential tunneling regime
- Get transport peaks and charge stability diagram including Coulomb blockade

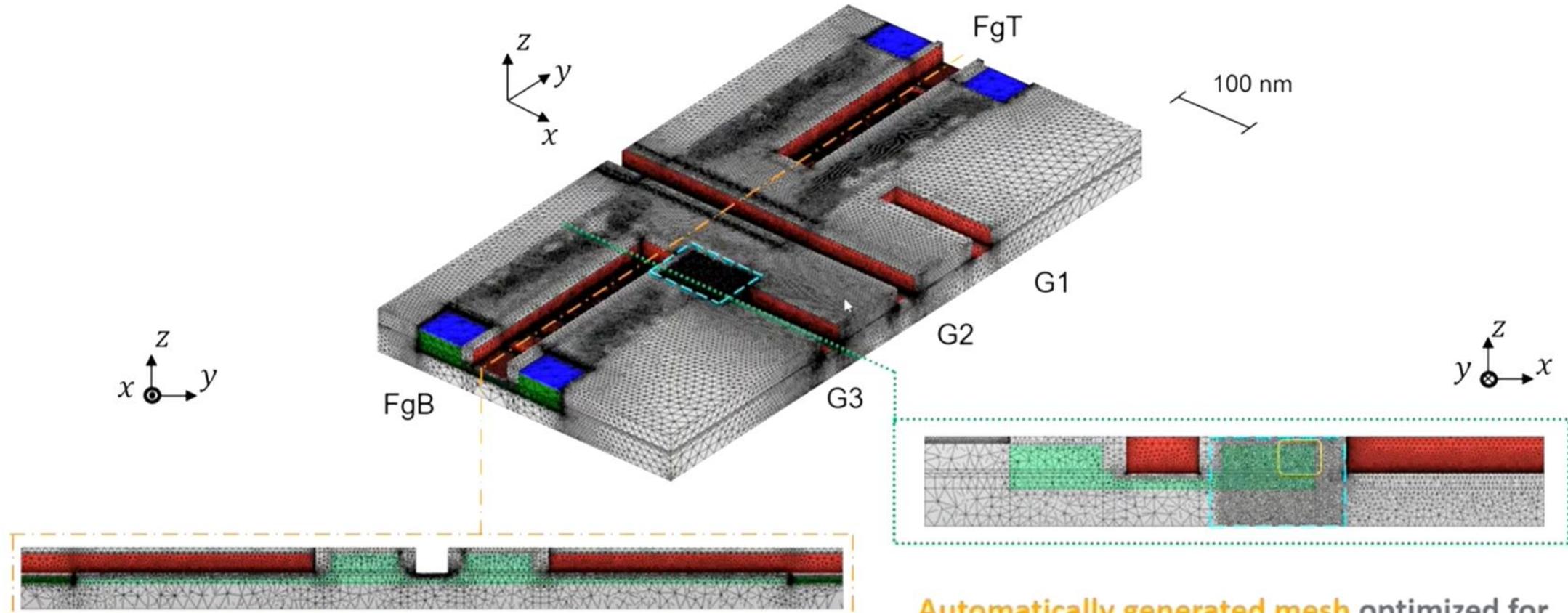


*QTCAD: Quantum Technology Computer Aided Design

1. Adapted from: nanoacademic.com/solutions/qtcad
2. Beaudoin et al. *App. Phys. Lett.* (2022)

Bonus: Spin Qubit Simulation

QTCAD demonstration: Adaptive meshing for robust convergence at sub-K temperature



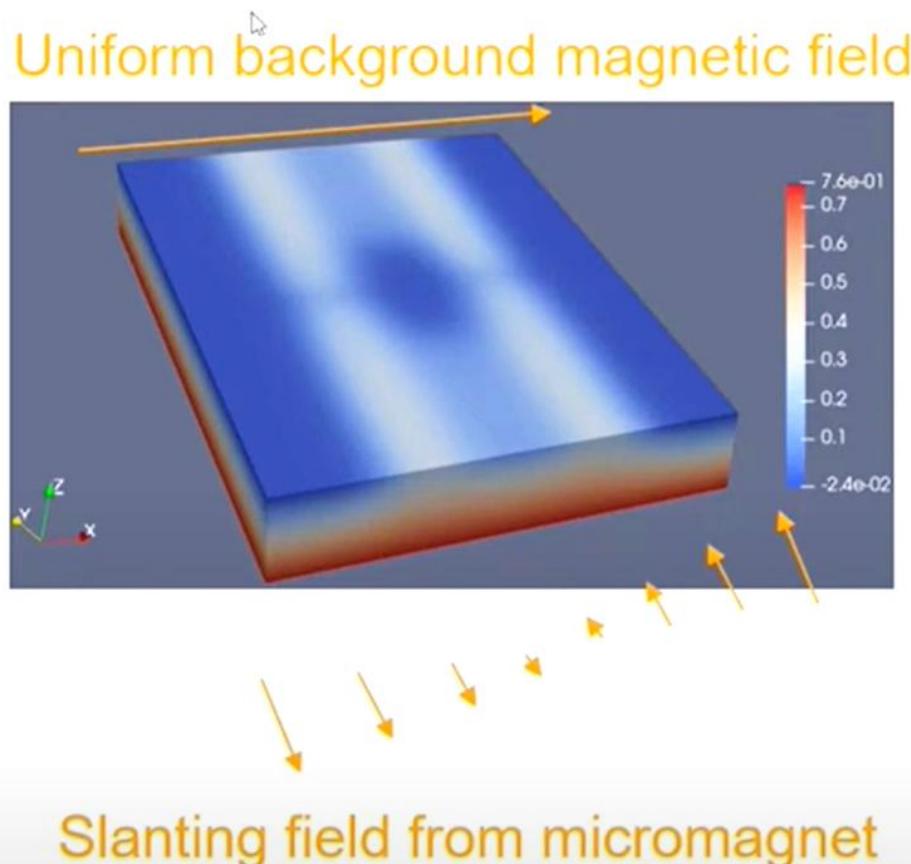
Automatically generated mesh optimized for robust convergence of QTCAD's non-linear Poisson solver (Thomas-Fermi approximation)

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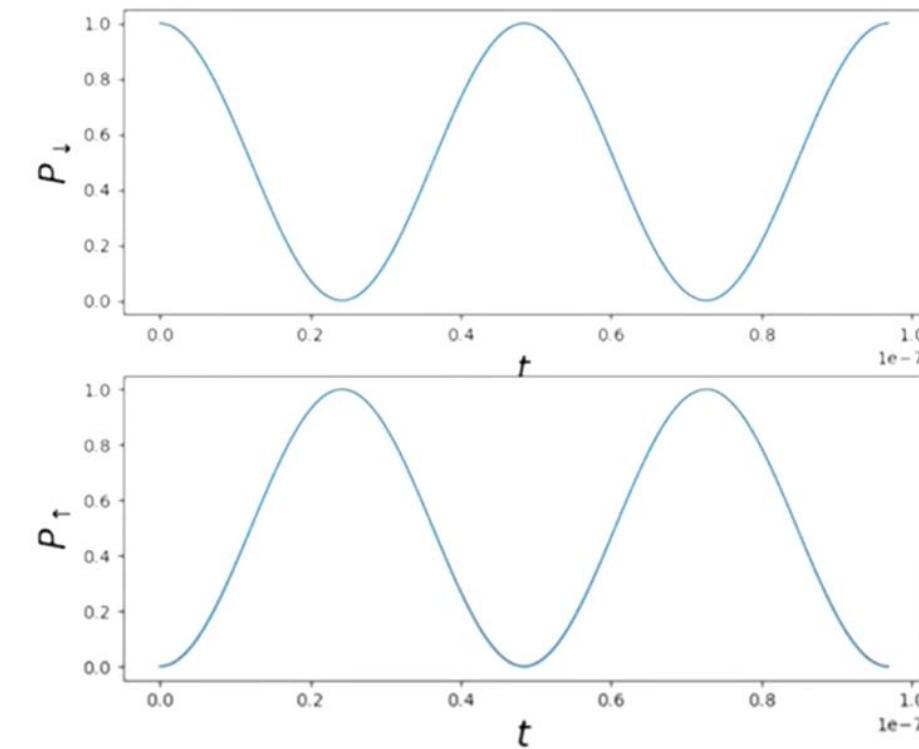
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Computer Modeling

- Both spin-orbit coupling based or micromagnet EDSR



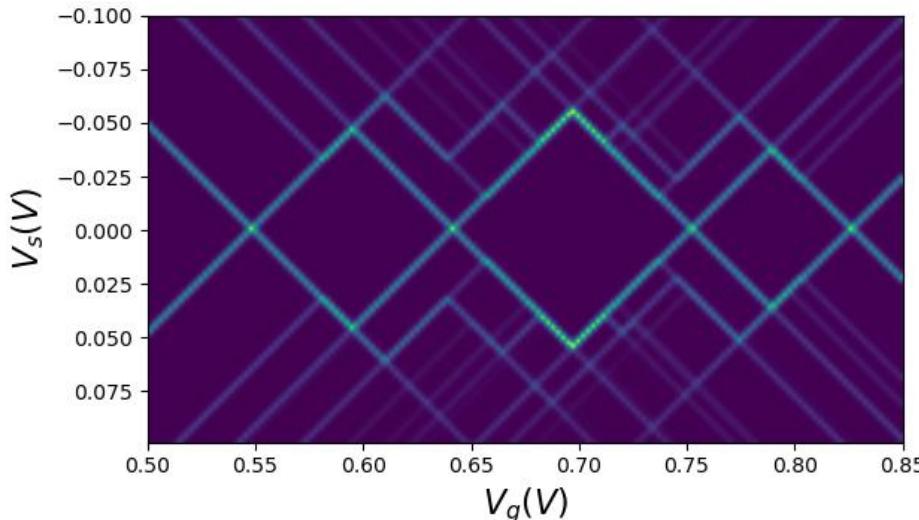
Rabi oscillations under modulations of top-right gate



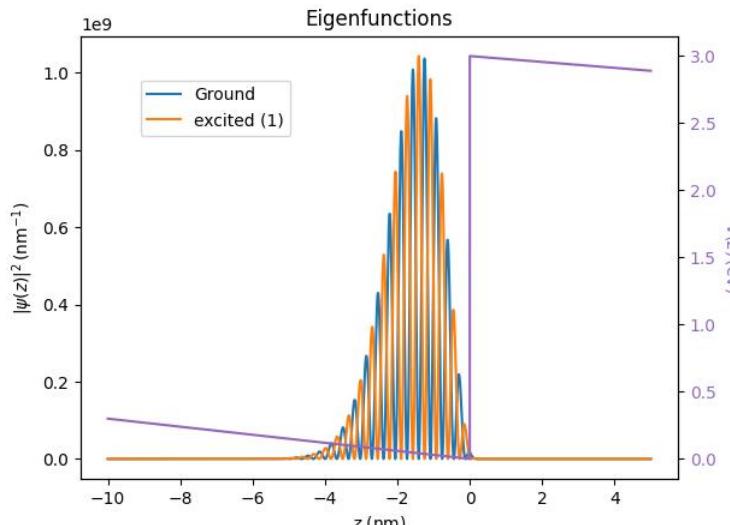
We can go all the way from device layout to single-qubit control.

Bonus: Spin Qubit Simulation

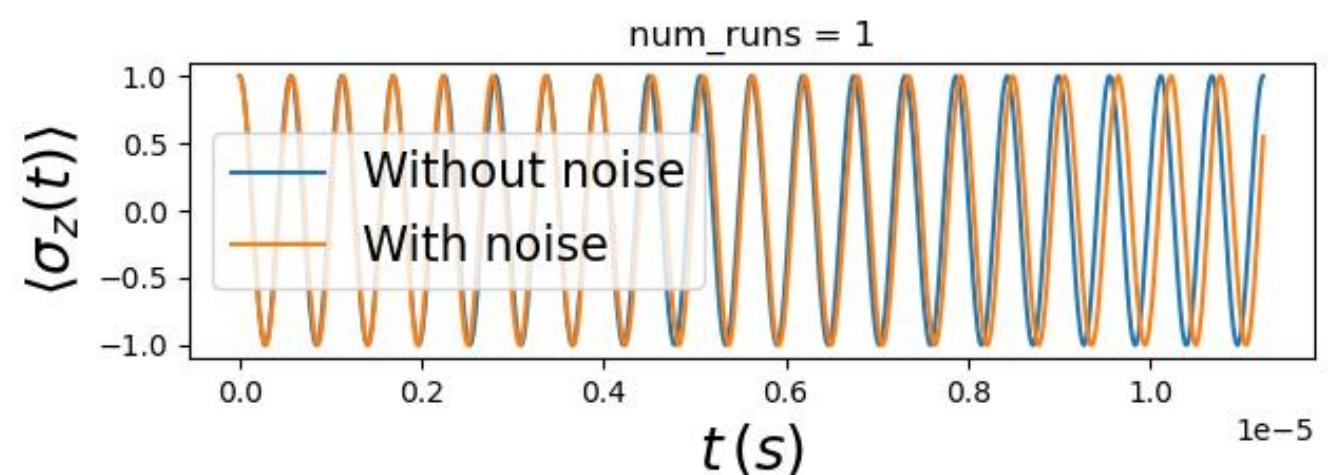
Charge Stability Diagrams



Spin Valley Coupling



Electric Dipole Spin Resonance



$\text{num_runs} = 100$

