Where are we going?

Quantum technology for future applications

1st and 2nd quantum revolution

Overview of quantum technologies

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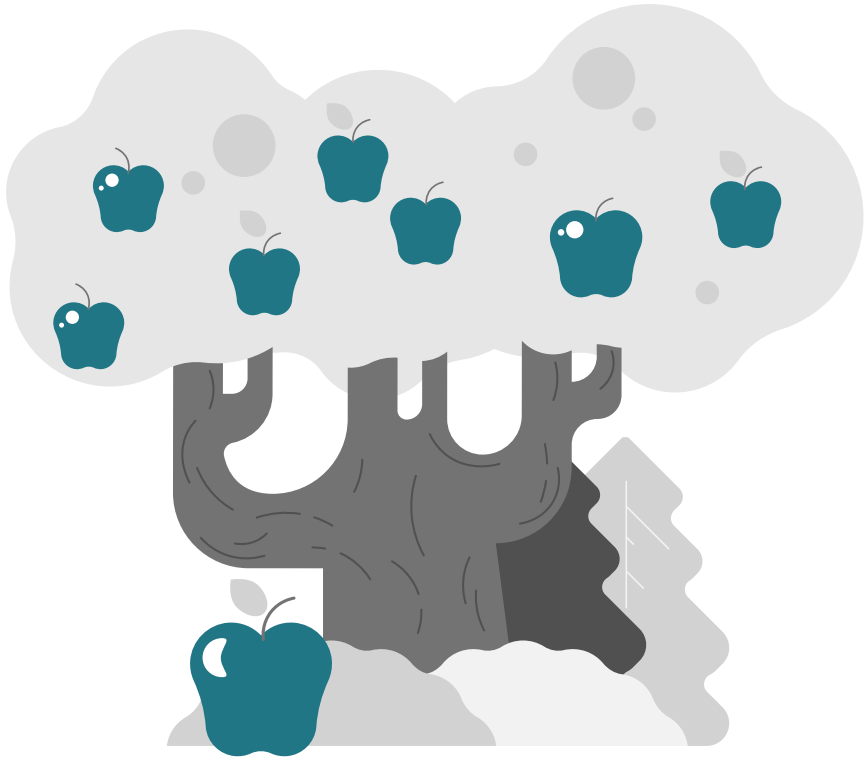
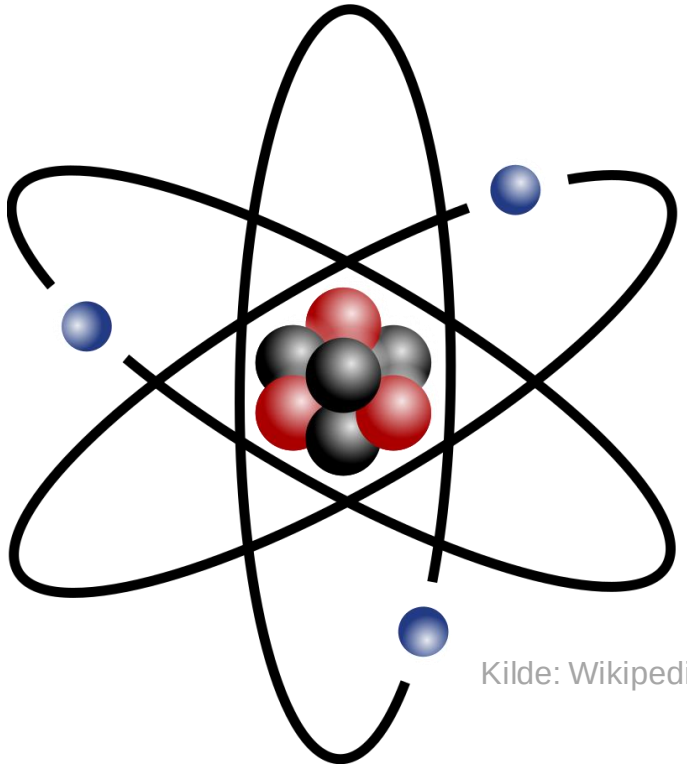
From classical to quantum physics





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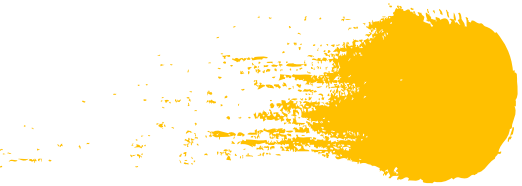
The 1st quantum revolution: Quantum physics experiments

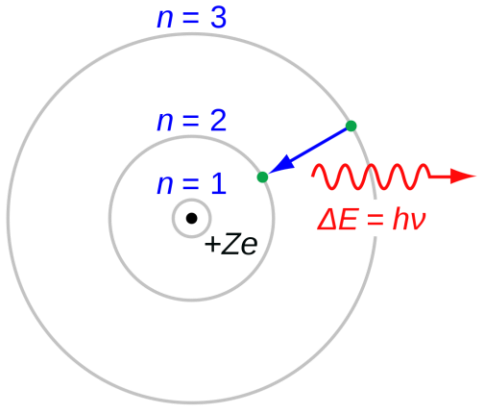
Max Planck, Albert Einstein, Arthur Compton



Light can behave like particles

Photons have momentum

Niels Bohr



Quantum systems have discrete (quantized) energy levels

Louis de Broglie

Particle-wave duality

Particles can exhibit wave-like properties

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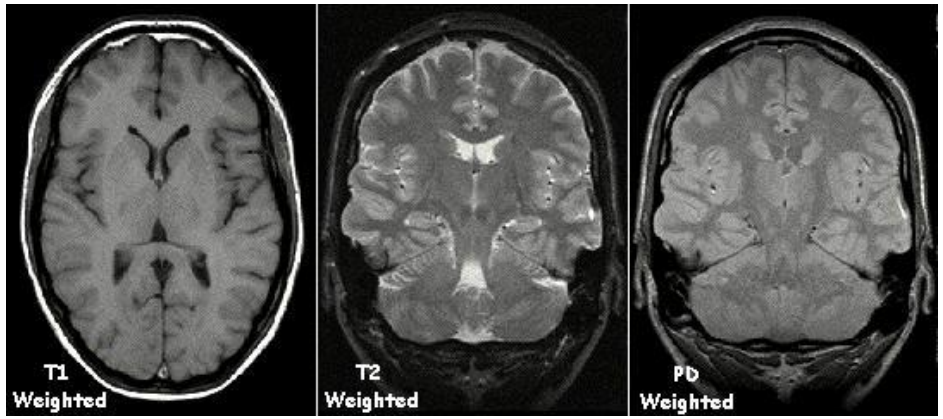
Quantum revolution 1.5: Macroscopic quantum properties



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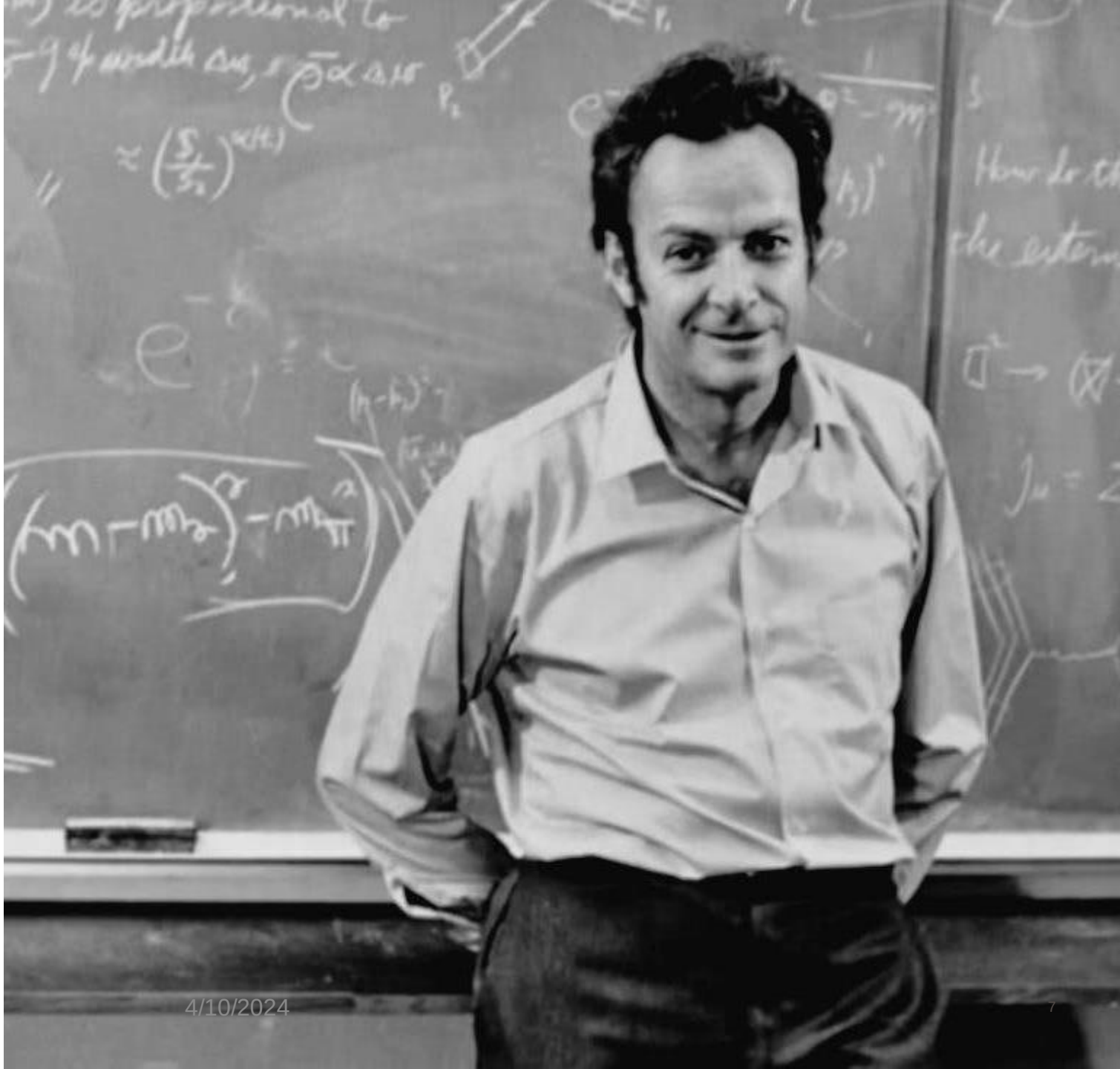
“nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical.”

Richard Feynman

Quantum technology exploits the unique and exotic properties of quantum mechanics

- Superposition
- Quantum entanglement
- Tunneling



The 2nd quantum revolution: Direct control over quantum systems

1. Computing

- Information processing
- Solve tasks not possible with classical computing

2. Sensing

- Nanoscale spatial resolution
- Fast response

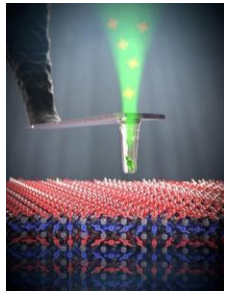
3. Communication

- Transmit information
- Quantum security

Quantum technology promises new opportunities

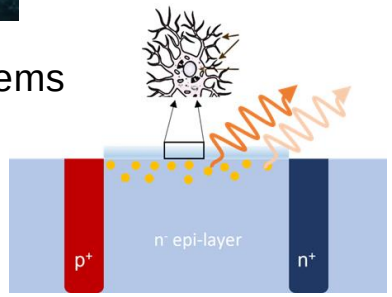
Extreme conditions

Nanoscale



Better control systems

Signals in cells



Quantum sensing

Quantum commu-nication

Quantum computing

Quantum internet

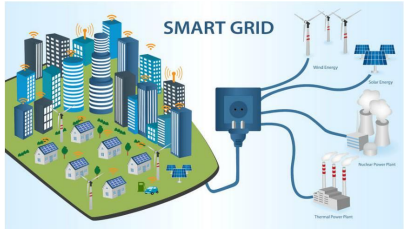
Quantum cryptography

Secure communication based on laws of quantum physics

Model finance market

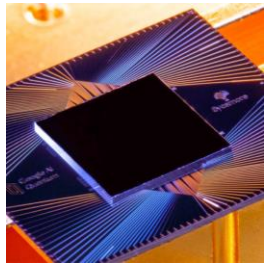
Better logistics

Model weather, climate



Optimized energy consumption

Energy efficient computation



Find new drugs and materials for green transition

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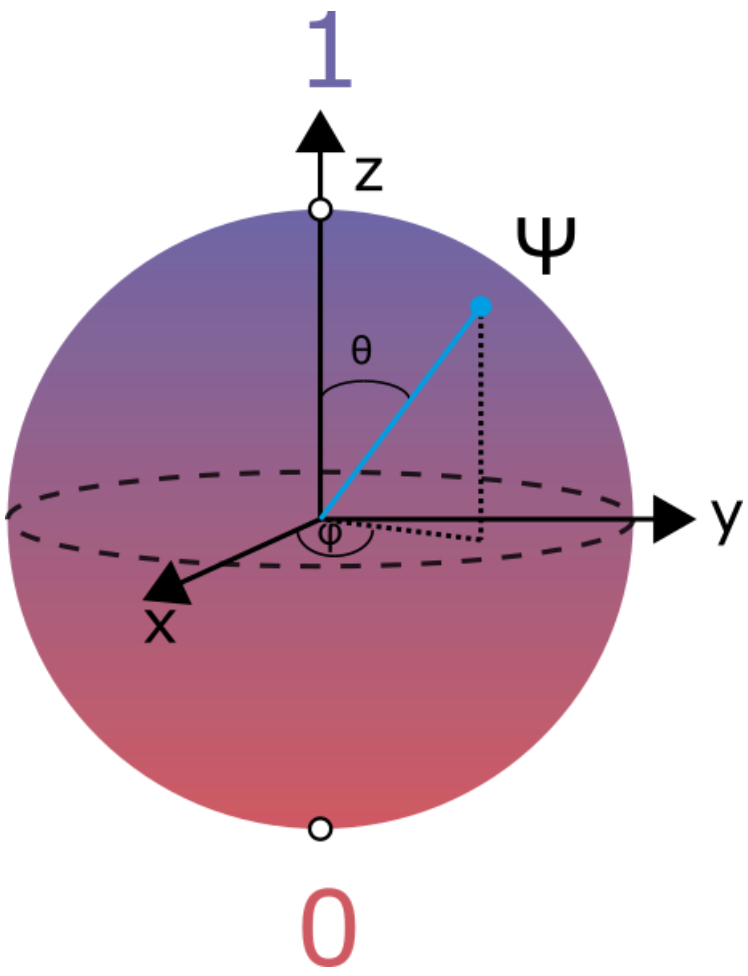
Quantum bits: the building block of quantum technology

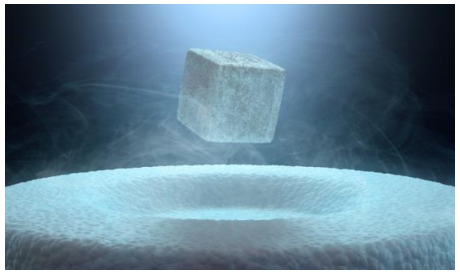
Qubit guidelines:

1. Stable, two-level quantum system
2. Communication path
3. Scalable
4. Energy efficient



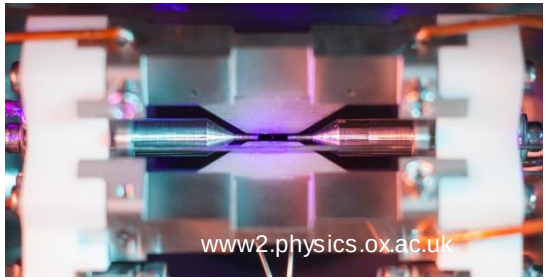
Choice of material platform depends on application

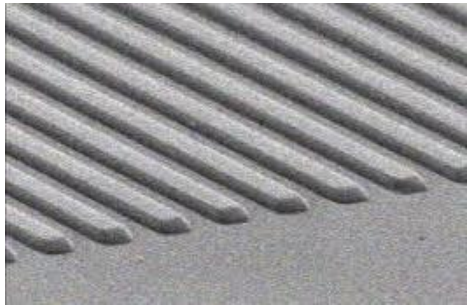
- Superconductors
- Trapped ions
- Optical gratings
- Quantum dots
- Defects in semiconductors
- …



Superconductors

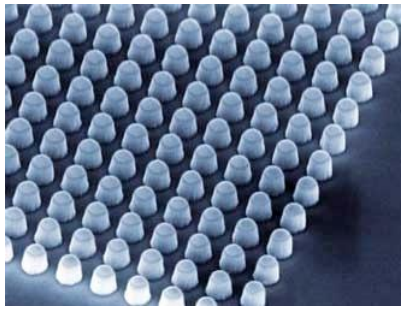
Trapped ions

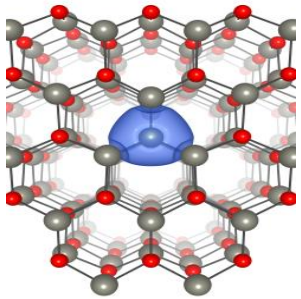




Optical gratings

Quantum dots





Semiconductor point defects

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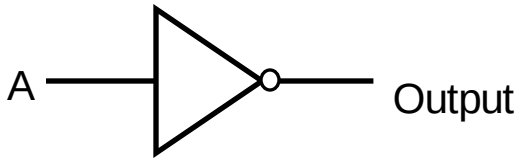
1. Gate model for quantum computing

Logic gates

- Classical circuits based on logic gates
- Gates perform logic operations
  - Rules for answering YES/NO questions
  - Input is 1 and 0 from transistors/bits

Example: NOT (inverter)

A	Output
0	1
1	0



Quantum logic gates

- Most popular architecture for QC
- Inspired by classical logic gates
- Manipulate qubits by gate operations
- Quantum circuits are formed by qubits and quantum gates

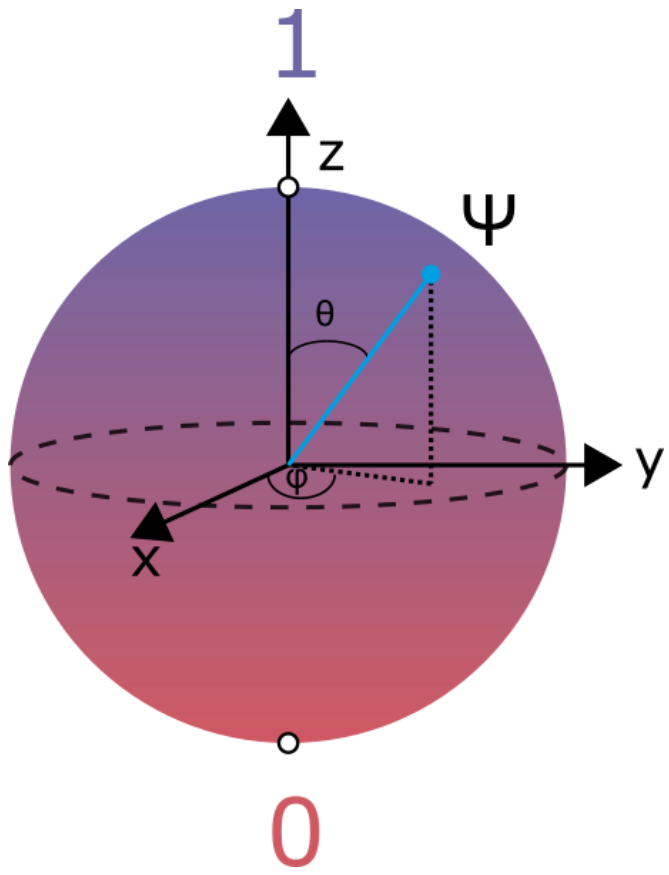
Quantum gate operations

- Quantum gates can operate on one, two or more qubits

- We represent quantum gates by unitary matrices (U*U=I)
  - 1-qubit gates are 2 × 2 matrices
  - 2-qubit gates have 16 matrix elements, etc.

- In practice; e.g. pulse of electromagnetic field

Represent qubits as a vector along a Bloch-sphere



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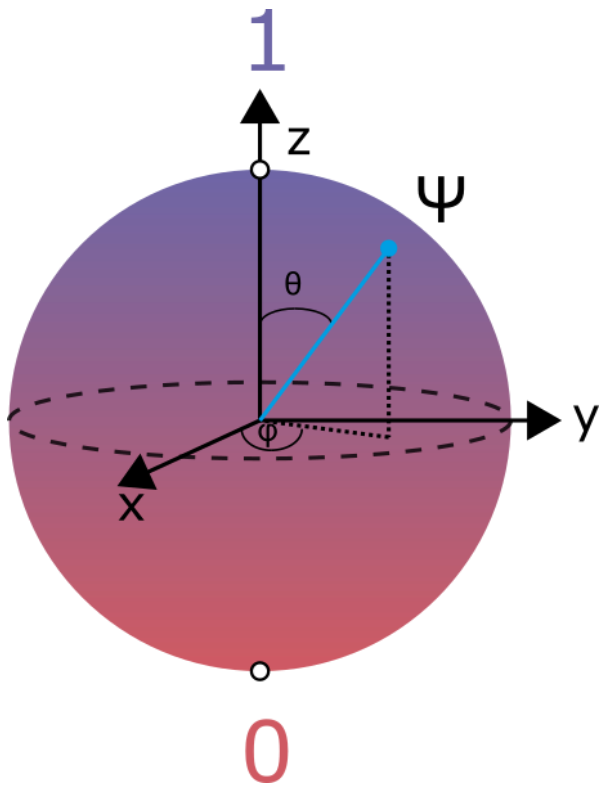
One-qubit quantum gates

X gate

- Quantum NOT
- Performs bit flip (0-to-1 and 1-to-0)

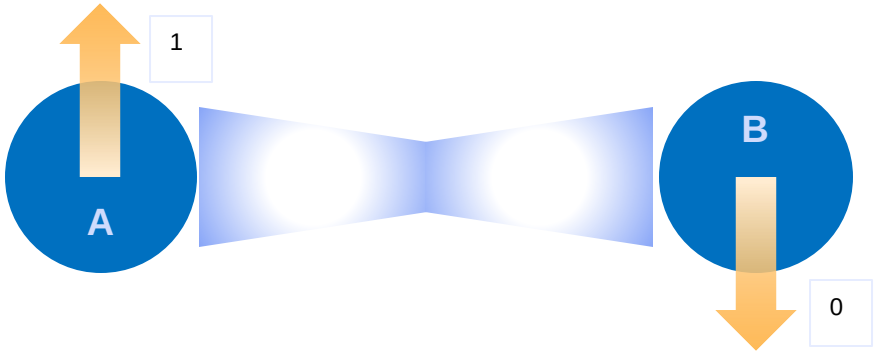
Hadamard gate

- Quantum analog to one-qubit Fourier transform
- Transforms a basis state (0 or 1) to a superposition of states



Controlled NOT (CNOT)

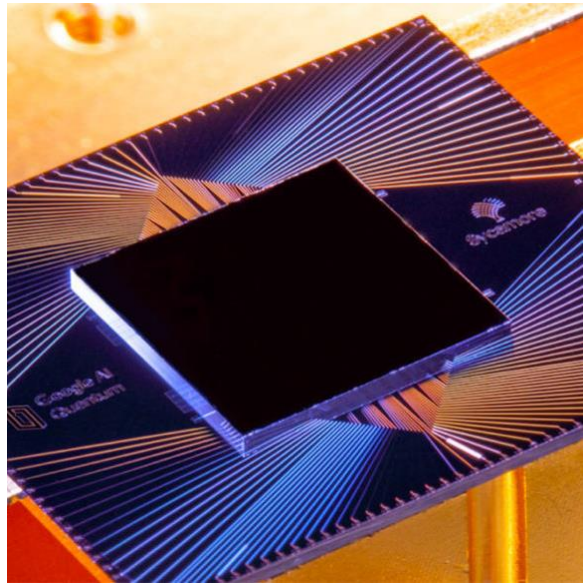
CNOT can generate a maximally entangled state between two qubits



Satus for quantum computing

Where are we now?

- Noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ)
- Superconducting qubits
- Quantum advantage is debatable



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- Ideal time to learn!

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2. Sensors are the foundation of the digital and green shifts

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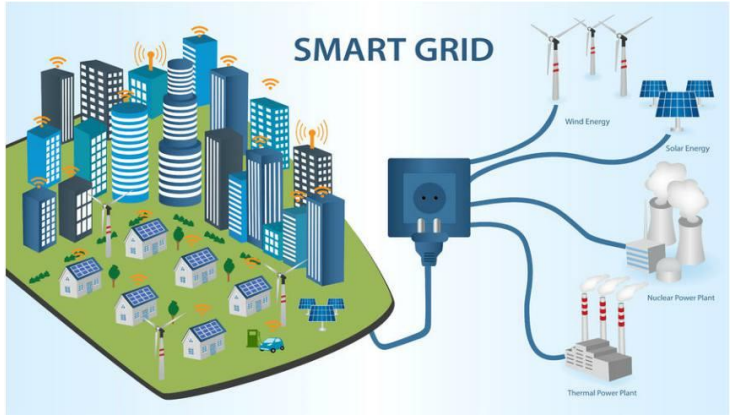
Better control systems

Improved safety

Input to AI



Optimized energy consumption

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

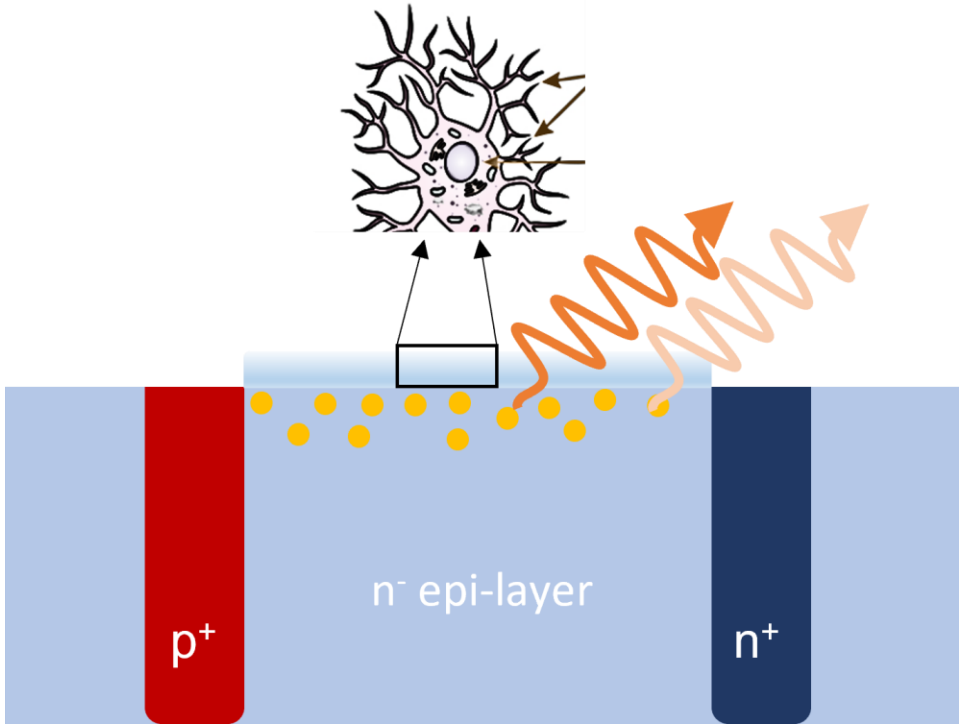
Need for quantum sensors

Limitations of today's technology

- Limitation in detection
  - Spatial resolution
  - Sensitivity
  - Extreme conditions
- Limitation in operation
  - Speed
  - Extreme conditions

Next generation: Quantum sensors

- Nanoscale spatial resolution, fast detection and extreme conditions possible
- Sensitivity beyond classical limit



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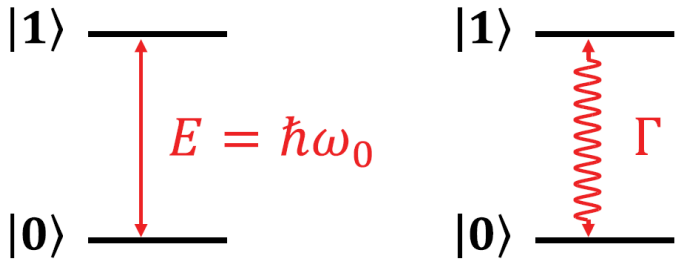
What is quantum sensing ?

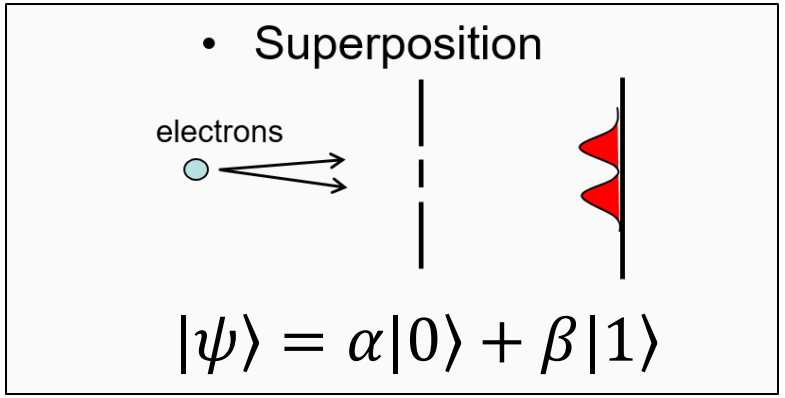
Definitions:

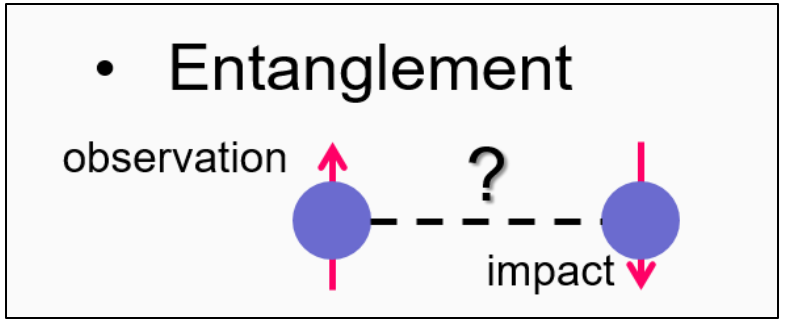
1. Use of quantum system with quantized energy levels to measure a physical quantity

2. Use of quantum coherence (i.e., wavelike spatial or temporal superposition states) to measure a physical quantity.

3. Use of quantum entanglement to improve the sensitivity or precision of a measurement, beyond what is possible classically







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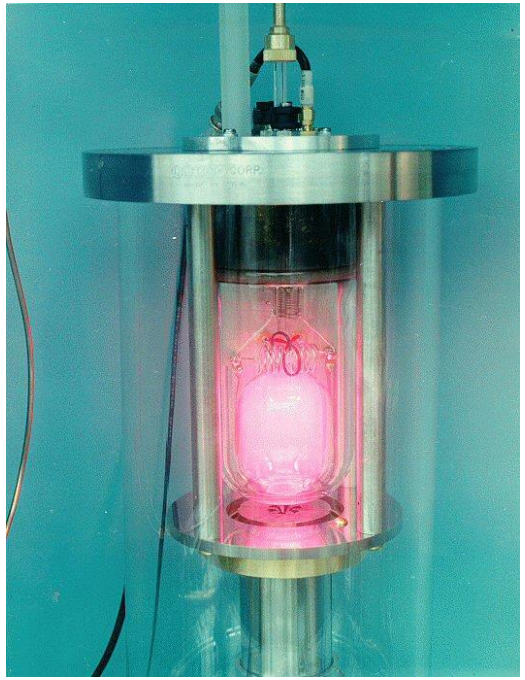
Early examples of quantum sensors

Atomic clock



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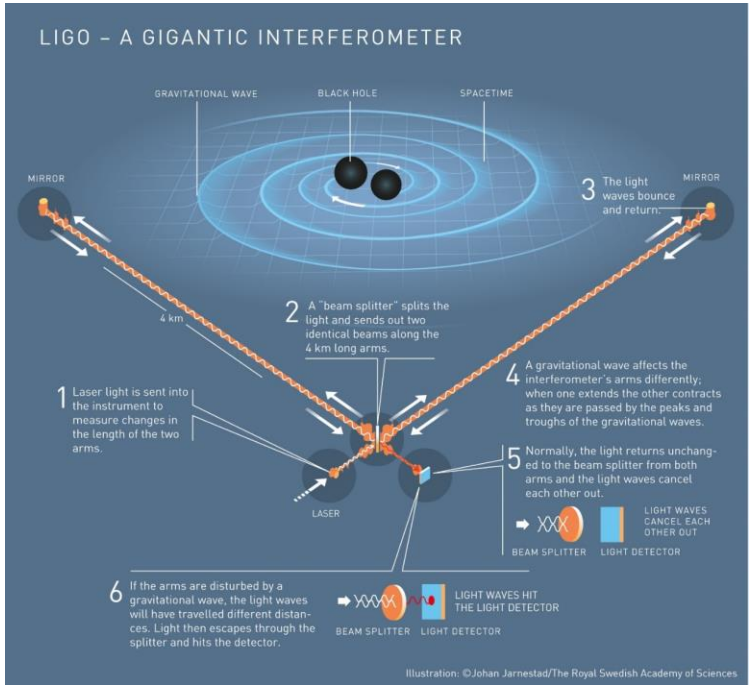
LIGO: Gravitational wafer



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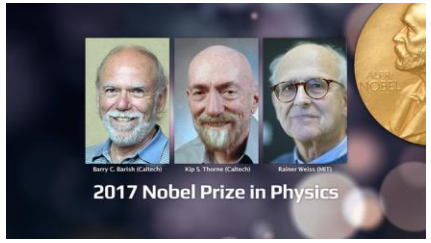

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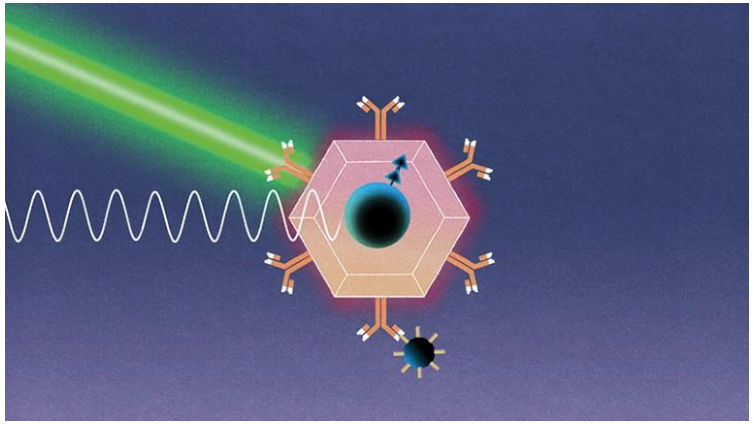

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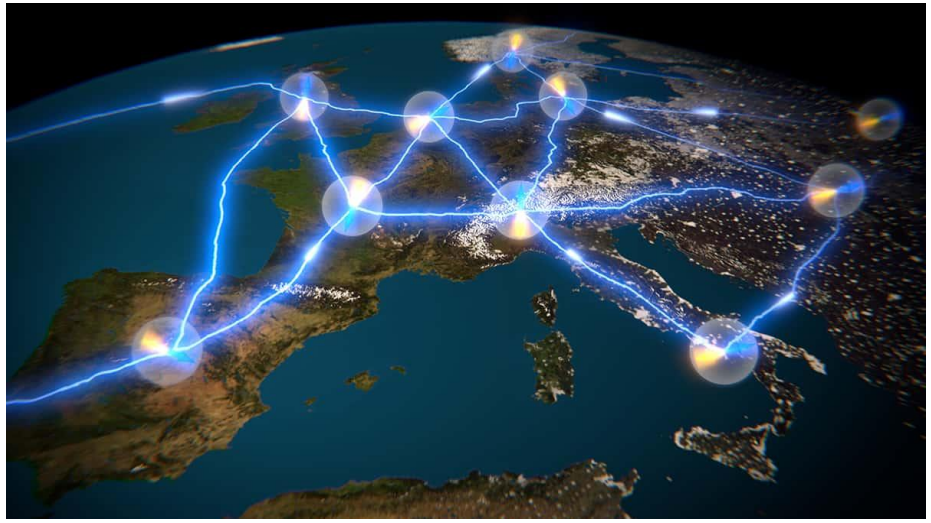
3. Quantum communication

Transferring a quantum state from one place to another

Application areas

- Provably secure communication
- Quantum networks
  - Optical fiber network
  - Free space network
  - Part of quantum computers
- Secure quantum internet



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Transmitting information
Flying qubits

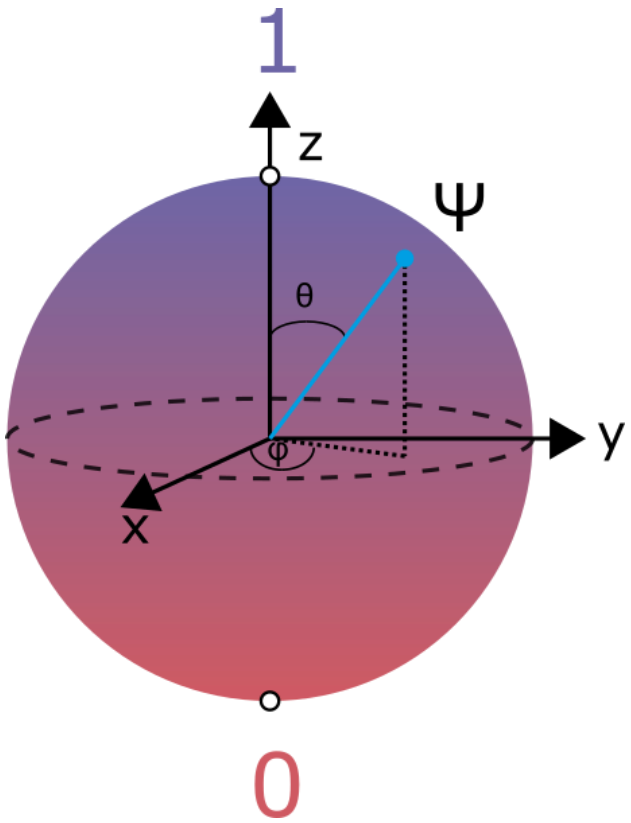
Individual or entangled photons are used to transmit data in a provably secure way

Degree of freedom to encode information in

- Spatially encoded qubits
- Temporal structure
- **State of polarization**

Advantage of photonic polarization qubits

- Easily generated and manipulated
- Photons interact little with the environment



Why quantum communication?
Security in the quantum age

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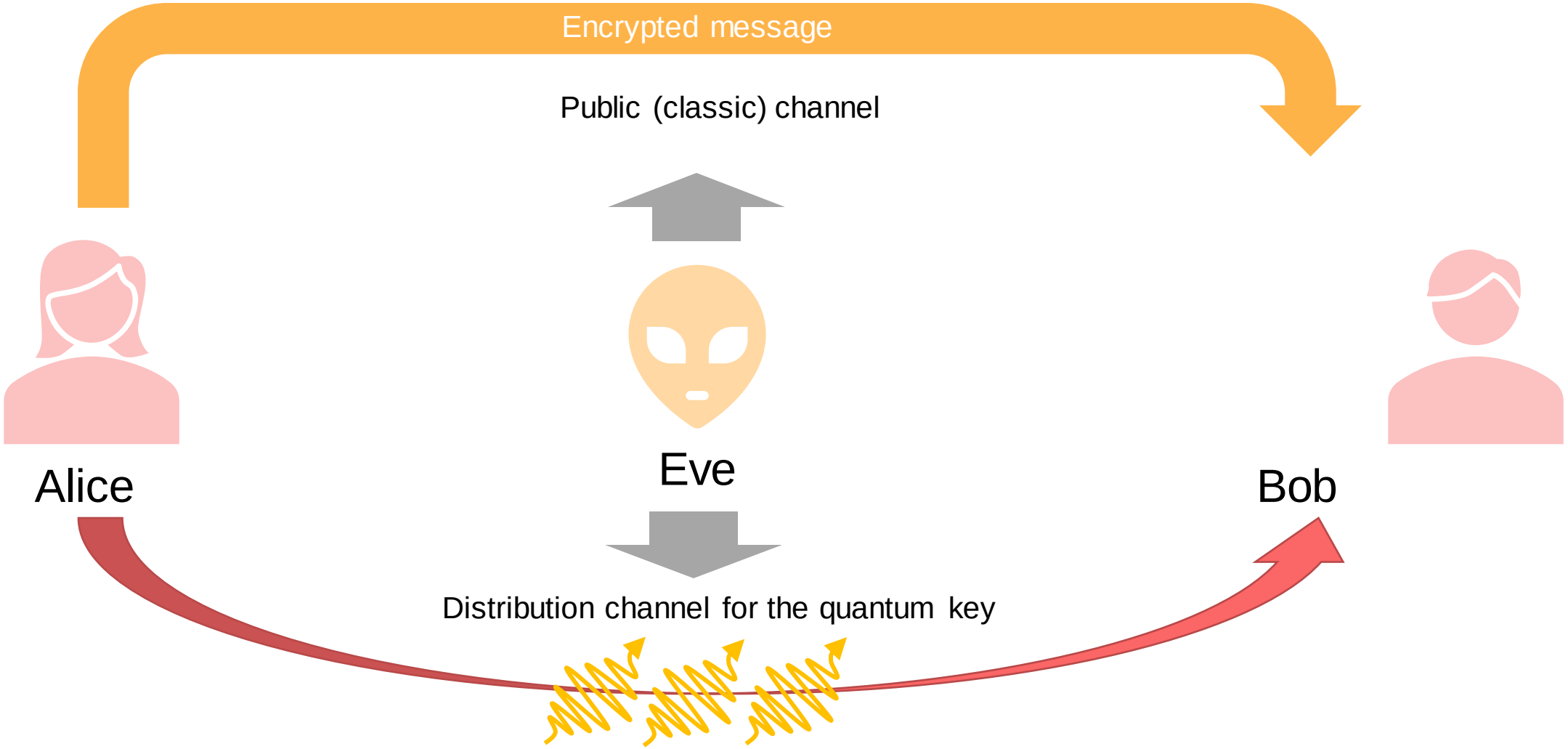
Security through quantum mechanics
Quantum key distribution (QKD)



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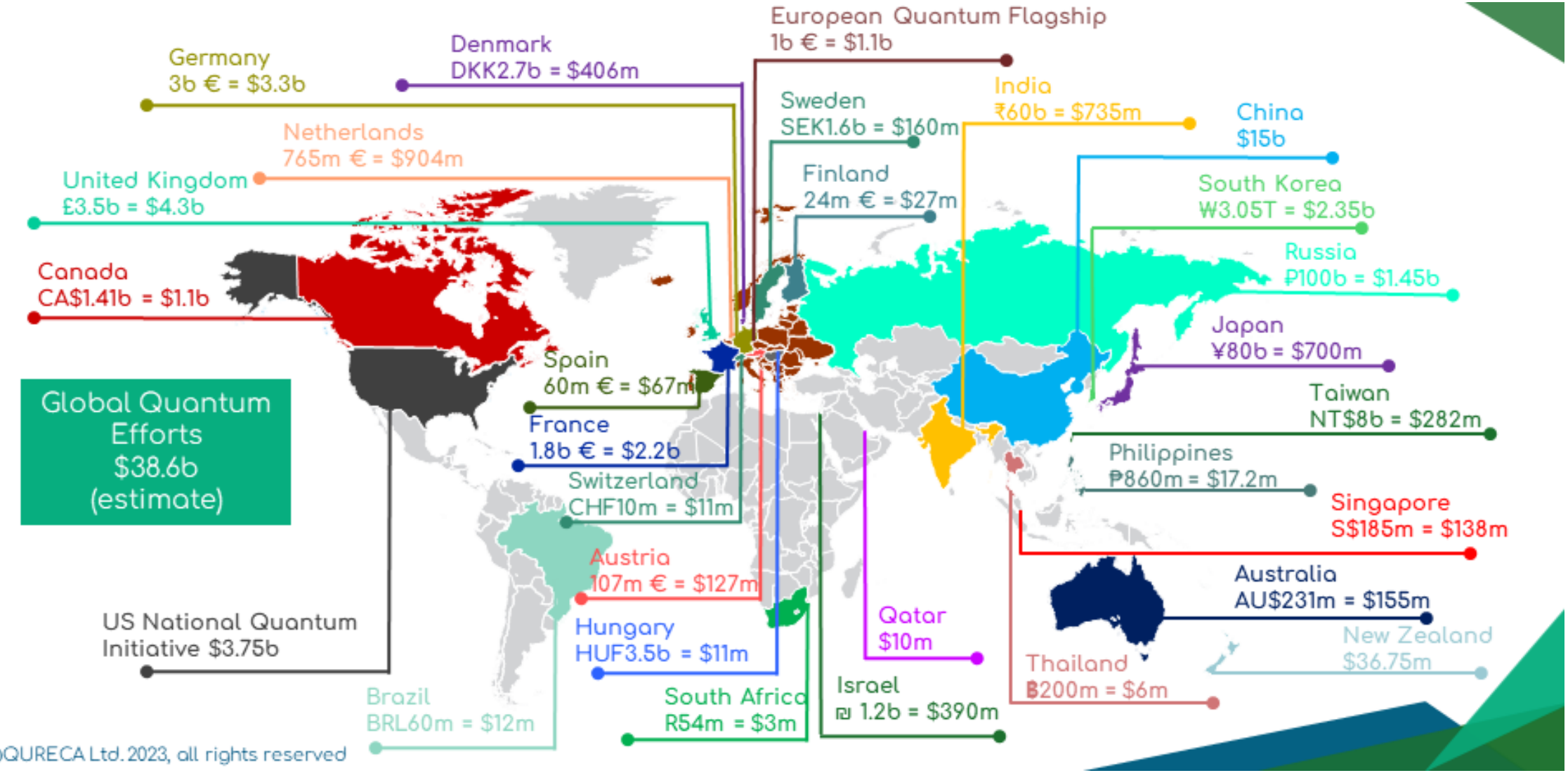

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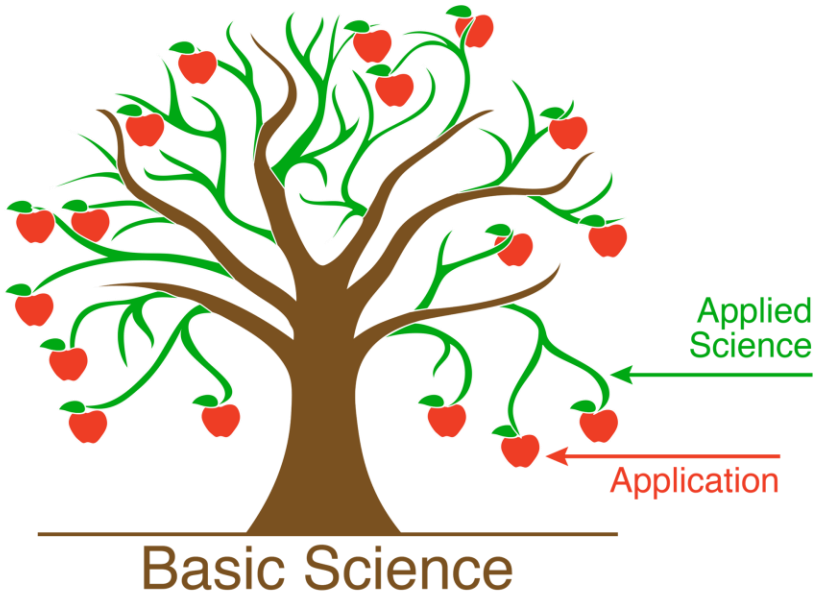

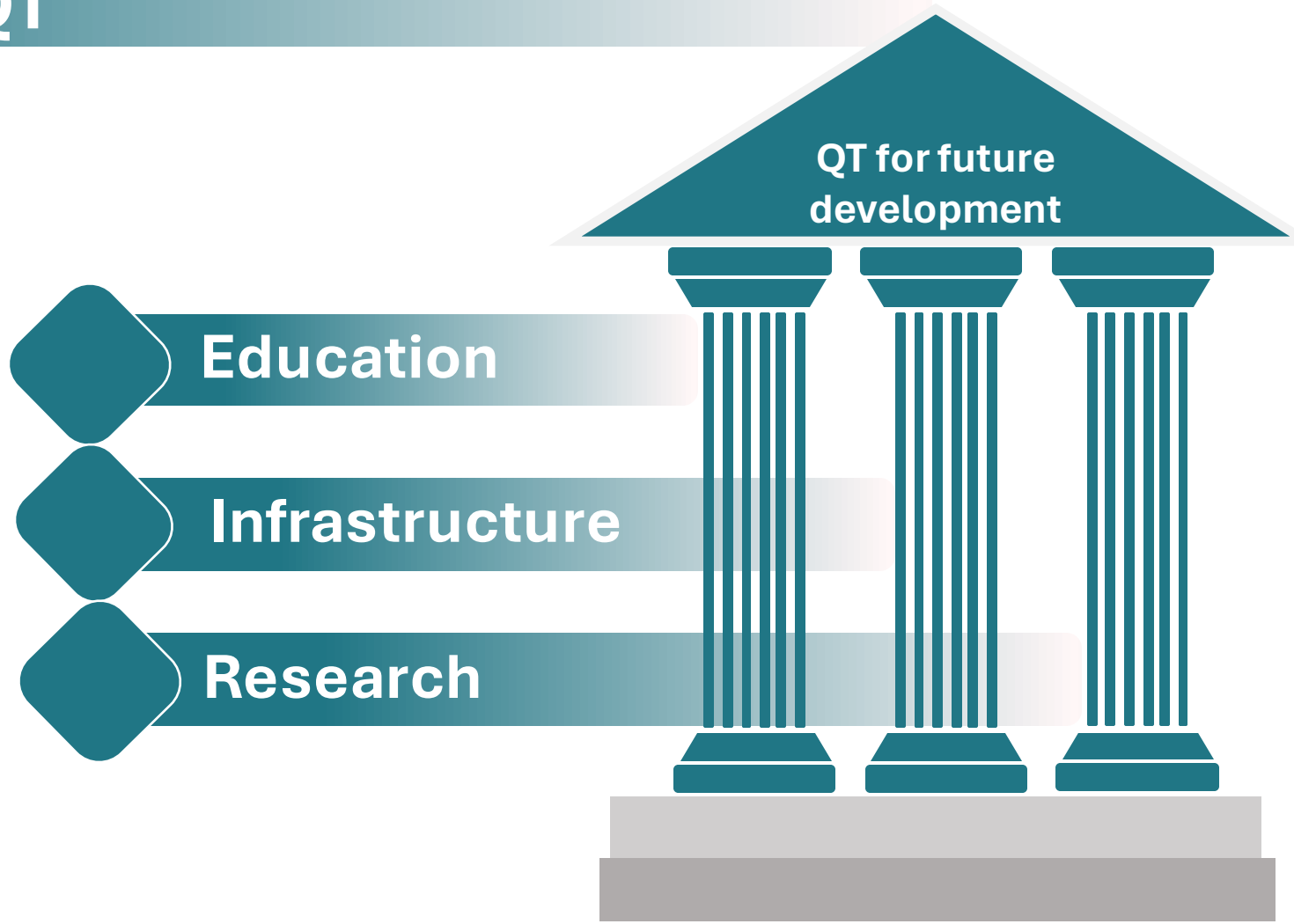

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Education

- Ny studieretning i kvanteteknologi (BSc)
  - Starter høsten 2024
  - Gir bred bakgrunn over hele feltet
  - Dette er det første BSc-programmet i Norge, og andre i Norden, med en slik mulighet
- Nye studieretninger på MSc-nivå ved FI
  - Studieretning for kvanteteknologi og maskinlæring innen beregningsorientert vitenskap
  - Studieretning i kvanteteknologi innen fysikk
- PhD (forskerutdanning)

Quantum literate workforce

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Infrastructure

UiO MiNaLab

- QT is an experimental field
- QT is a main strategic area in NorFab
- Norway needs competence building in practical QT

NorFab and UiO-MiNaLab provide open-access test arena for QT

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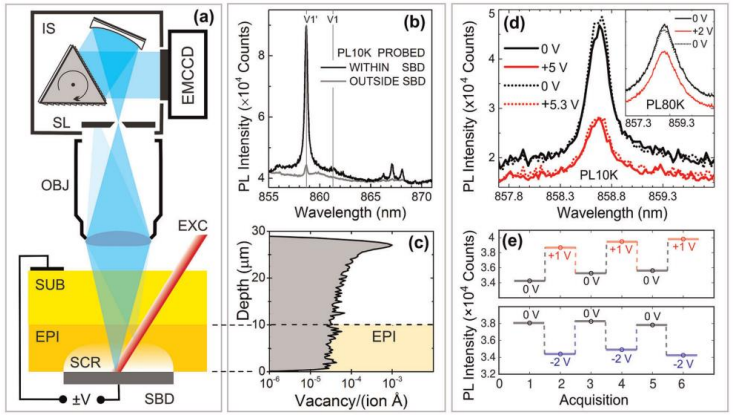
Research

- UiO has extensive theoretical, computational and experimental quantum science and technology
- Semiconductors for sustainable QT
- Quantum sensors will be strategically important for Norway



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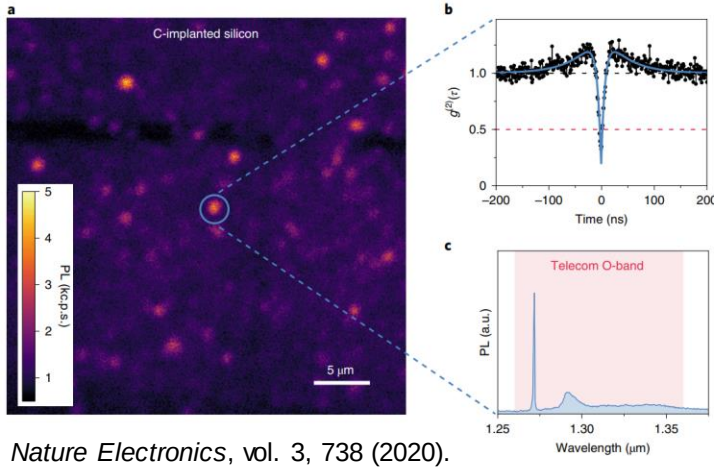

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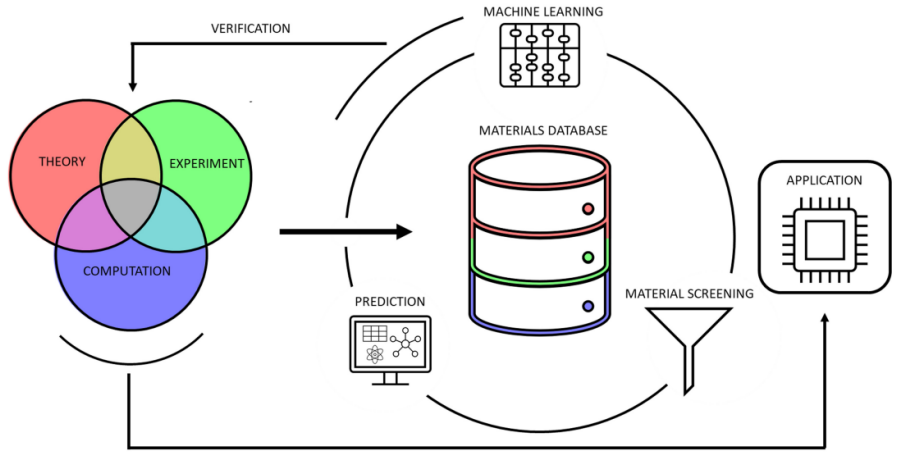
Collaboration between research, start-ups, industry and public sector is needed



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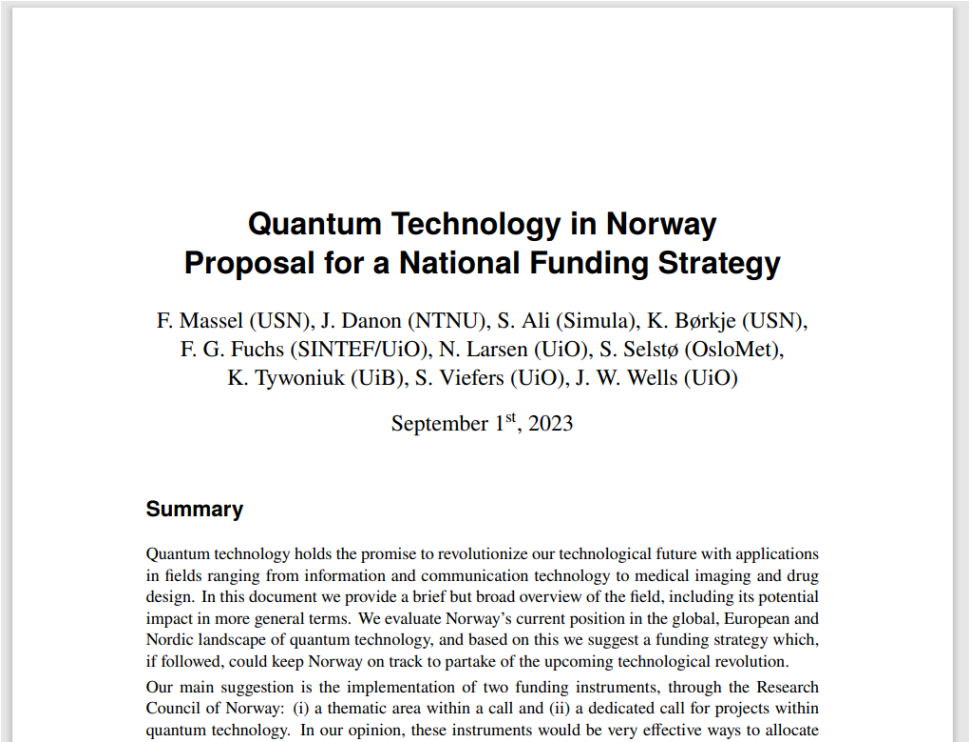

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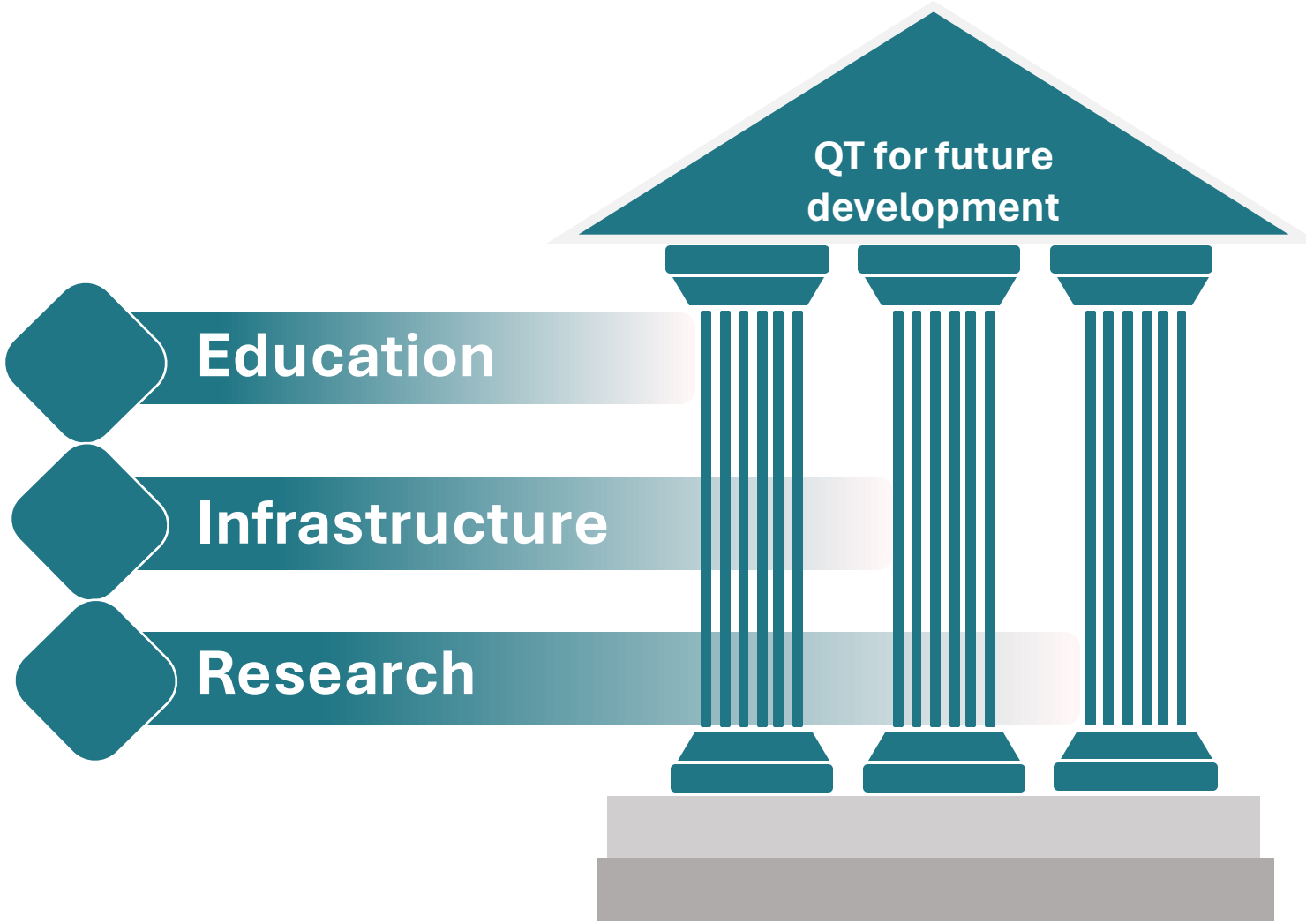
Summary

Quantum technology holds the promise to revolutionize our technological future with applications in fields ranging from information and communication technology to medical imaging and drug design. In this document we provide a brief but broad overview of the field, including its potential impact in more general terms. We evaluate Norway's current position in the global, European and Nordic landscape of quantum technology, and based on this we suggest a funding strategy which, if followed, could keep Norway on track to partake of the upcoming technological revolution.

Our main suggestion is the implementation of two funding instruments, through the Research Council of Norway: (i) a thematic area within a call and (ii) a dedicated call for projects within quantum technology. In our opinion, these instruments would be very effective ways to allocate



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