



Introduction to Quantum Computing

Project Showcase & Graduation

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Life & lessons as a scientist
in “real life”



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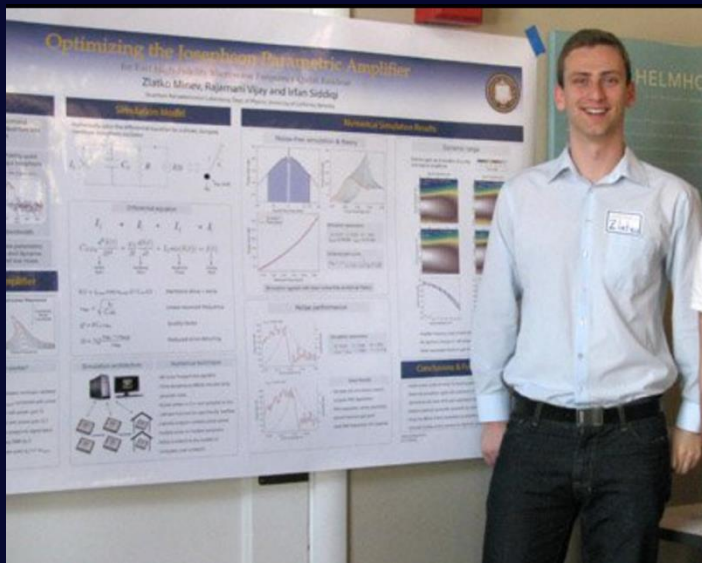


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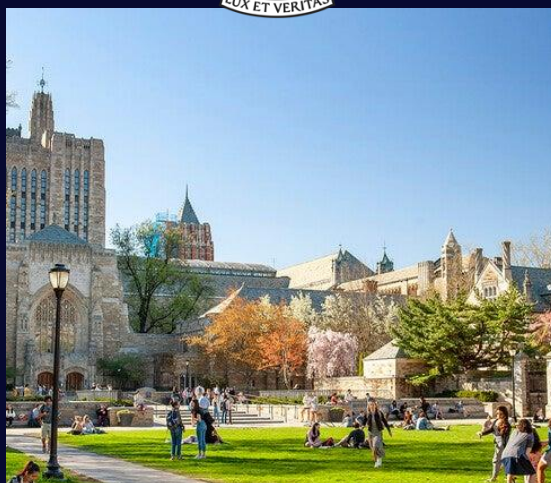
From time $t \approx 0 \rightarrow$ Now

B.A. Physics - 4 years



UC Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. Applied Physics - Yale - 7 years



Yale University, CT

IBM Quantum - 7 years



IBM Quantum

Google Quantum AI



Google Quantum AI



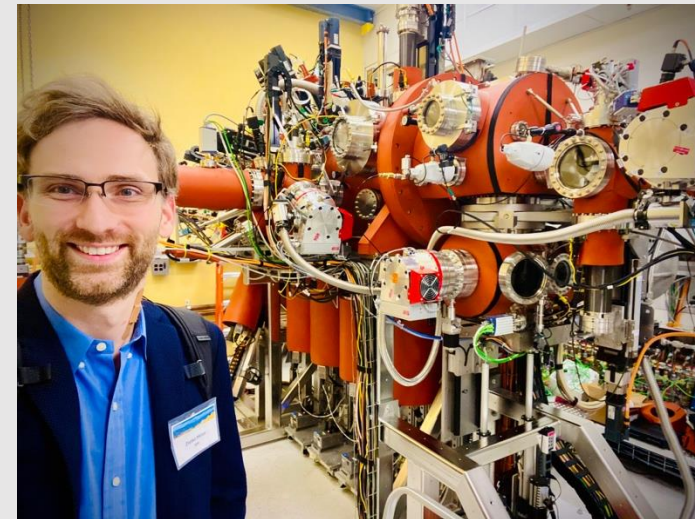
Some roles since then

IBM Quantum

- **Technical Lead and Manager**
for 2 teams and missions I founded:
 - **Qiskit Leap Research**
advanced collaborative quantum computing research
 - **Qiskit Metal**
quantum processor design and analysis

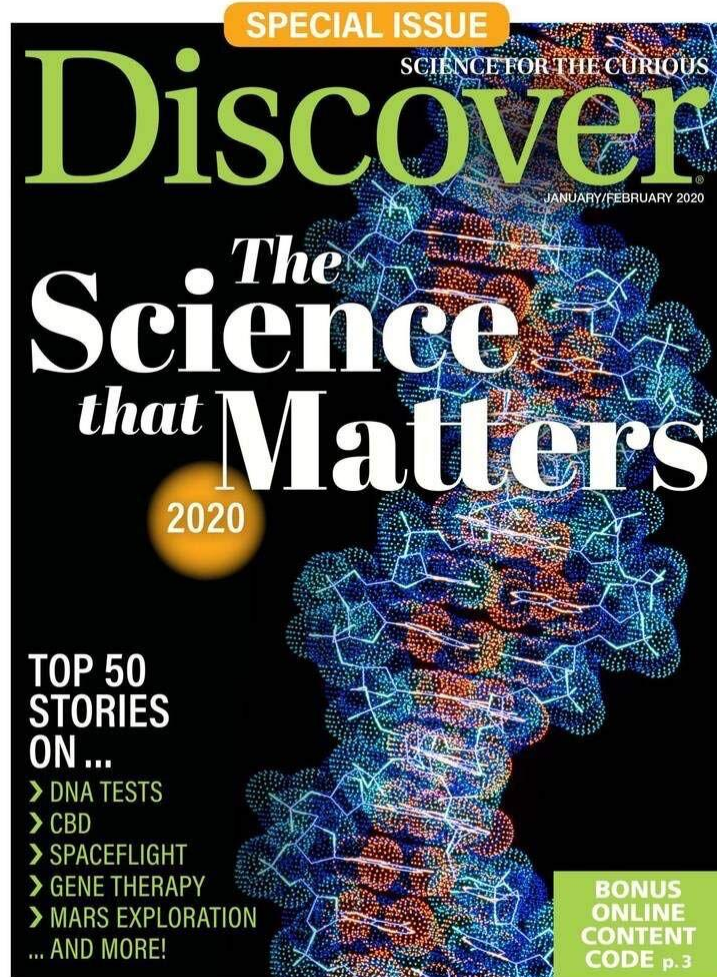
ADDITIONAL ROLES

- **Associate Fellow,**
Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (**CIFAR**)
- **Member of the Board,**
Yale University, Graduate School Alumni Association
- **Board of Governors,**
Yale Alumni Association
- **Lead and Host,**
IBM Quantum, YouTube Seminar
- **Chairman,**
Open Labs Science Outreach



Quantum
Information Science
Seminar Series

Some highlights





INNOVATORS UNDER 35



Zlatko Minev
AGE: 30
AFFILIATION: IBM QUANTUM RESEARCH, TJ WATSON
COUNTRY OF BIRTH: BULGARIA
His discovery could reduce errors in quantum computing.

In chaotic times it can be reassuring to see so many people working toward a better world. That's true for medical professionals fighting a pandemic and for ordinary citizens fighting for social justice. And it's true for those among us striving to employ technology to address those problems and many others.

Zlatko Minev overturned a mainstay of quantum physics that had troubled Niels Bohr and Albert Einstein alike. For most of the 20th century, it was assumed that atoms change from one energy level to another in abrupt, unpredictable, discrete quantum jumps. Minev proved otherwise.



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To catch and reverse a quantum jump mid-flight



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You Don't Have To Be A Rocket (Or Quantum) Scientist To Design A Quantum Computer Chip Using IBM's New Tool Called Qiskit Metal

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Lessons

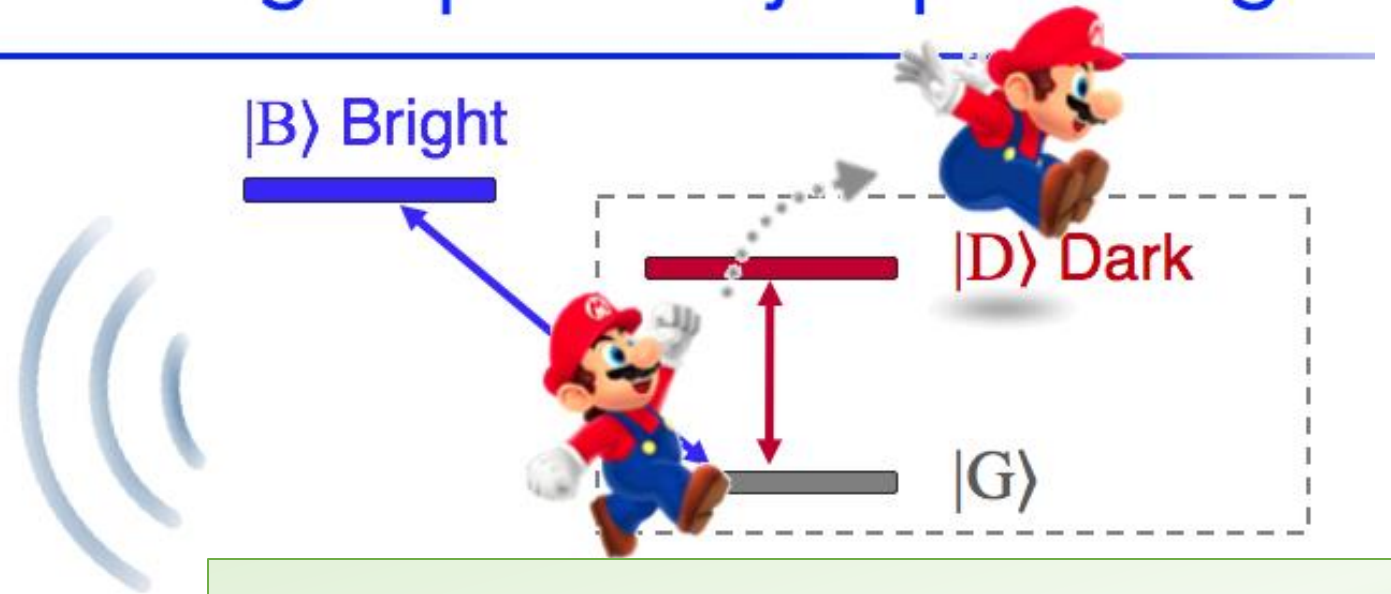


Believe in your ideas

Hear criticism,
then make a quantum leap



Catching a quantum jump mid-flight



Have fun & misbehave a bit

(John Cohn)



H.J. Carmichael



If I knew what I was doing, it
wouldn't be called research.

Albert Einstein
See Hawken *et al.* (2010)

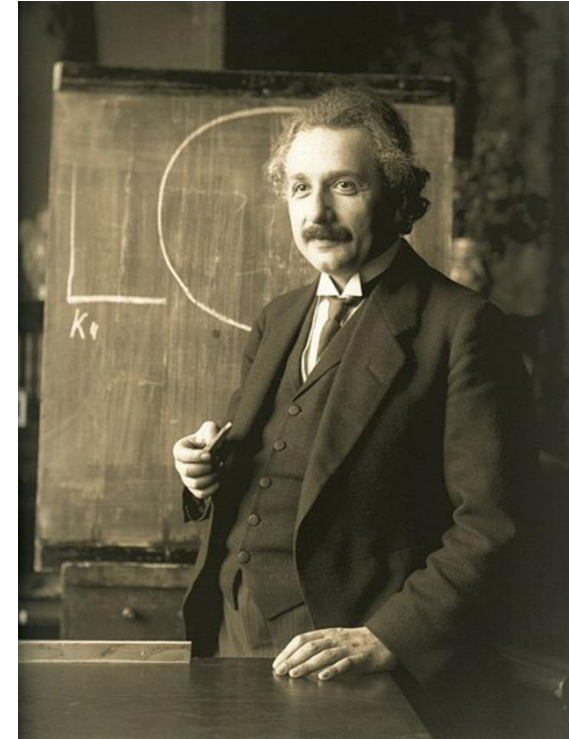





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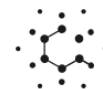
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Catching and Reversing a Quantum Jump
Mid-Flight

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Presented to the Faculty of the Graduate School
of
Yale University
in Candidacy for the Degree of
Doctor of Philosophy



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“It is by *logic* that we prove,
but by *intuition* that we discover.”

Henri Poincaré

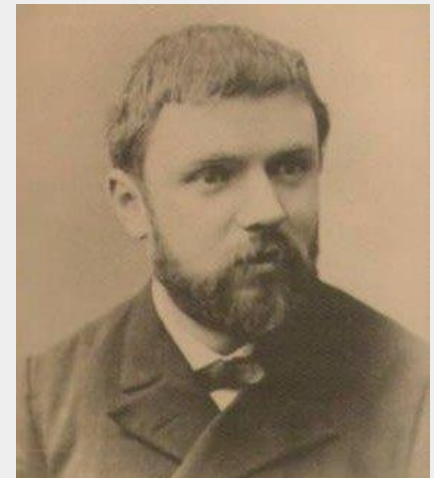
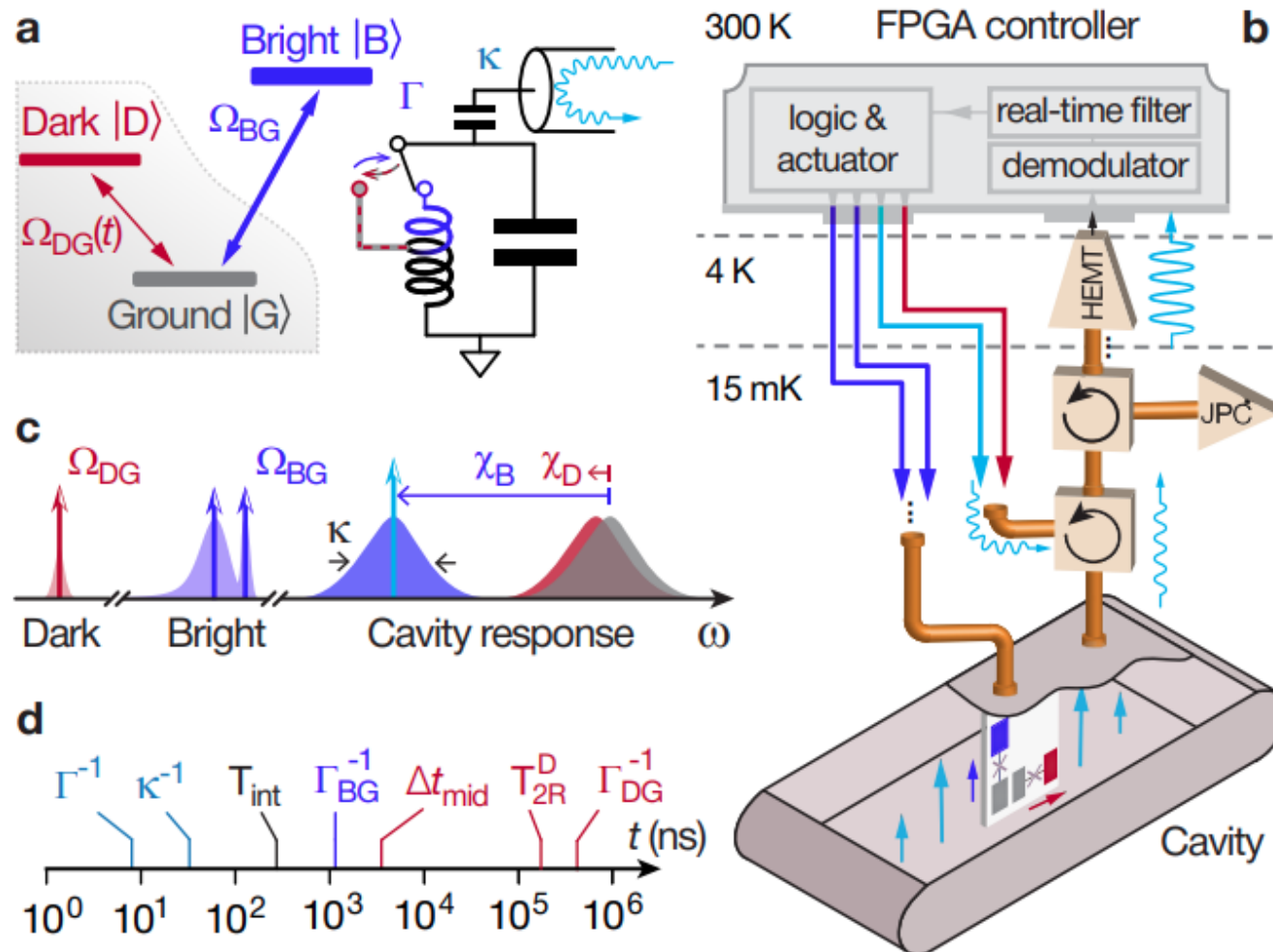


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We're in the business of challenging

There are no unsolvable problems, only paths which do not lead to their solution



Learn beyond apparent boundaries

“We are not students of some subject matter, but students of problems. And problems may cut right across the borders of any subject matter or discipline.”

Karl Popper



"I'M ON THE VERGE OF A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH, BUT I'M ALSO AT THAT POINT WHERE CHEMISTRY LEAVES OFF AND PHYSICS BEGINS, SO I'LL HAVE TO DROP THE WHOLE THING!"

"Having fun can smooth the ride" (John Cohn, IBM Fellow)



Lessons from the quantum jumps story

Question-driven research

You can only have great answers
if you start with great questions

Believe in your ideas

Hear criticism,
then make a quantum leap

We're in the business of challenging

There are no unsolvable problems, only paths
which do not lead to their solution

Learn, learn, learn

Learn widely; learn always; do not limit self;
Can't just keep doing what you've been doing

Periods of intense single-minded focus

Alternate with learning widely

Have fun & misbehave a bit

The science of success & the art of fulfillment



Teach to learn

**Find the way,
Go the way,
Show the way**

i.e., give back

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence.

One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality.

It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day.

Albert Einstein

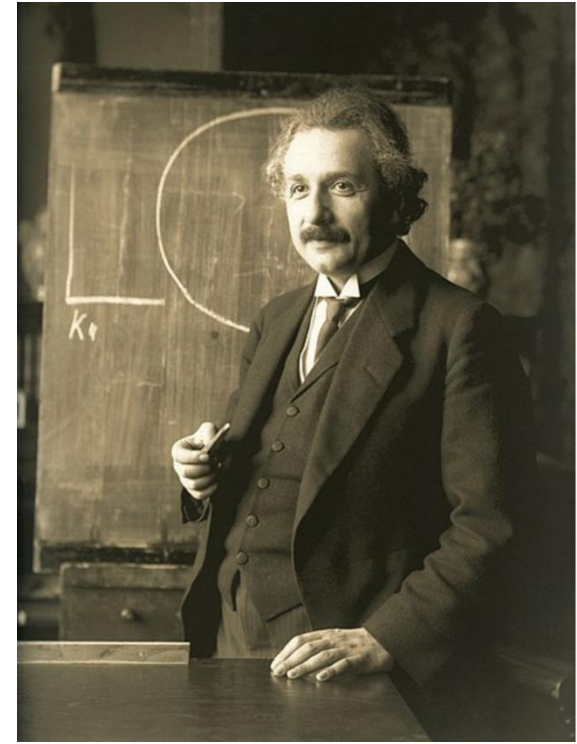


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