



# NMI-Q / BIPM Workshop:

Accelerating the  
Adoption of  
Quantum  
Technologies  
Through  
Measurements and  
Standards



Opening Remarks  
Tim Prior – NMI-Q



# National Metrology Institute (NMI) Summit on Developing Good Practice for Industry-Relevant Quantum Measurements and Standards

**Goal:** Leverage the combined expertise of the world's National Metrology Institutes to accelerate the development and adoption of quantum technologies through coordinated development and sharing of measurement “best practices” in support of future standardization.



## Organizing committee:

- NRC-Canada (Kevin Thomson)
- NPL-UK (Tim Prior)
- NIST-US (Barbara Goldstein)
- NMJJ-Japan (Nobu-Hisa Kaneko)
- NMIA-Australia (Jan Herrmann)
- PTB-Germany (Nicolas Spethmann)
- INRIM-Italy (Davide Calonico)

# Agenda – Day 1 - Morning Opportunities & Challenges

09:00 **Registration**

09:30 **Welcoming remarks**

NMI-Q – Tim Prior

BIPM – Martin Milton, Director

CIPM – JT Janssen

10:00 **Keynote: The emerging quantum economy - the promise & the barriers**

Sir Peter Knight

10:45 **Framing the workshop: motivation and goals - Barbara Goldstein**

11:15 **Break**

11:45 **Panel: Building a quantum economy - what will it take, and what are the challenges?**

12:45 **Lunch**



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Opening Remarks

Martin Milton

BIPM Director

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Opening Remarks

JT Janssen

CIPM and Conference Chair





10:00 – 10:45

**Keynote: the emerging quantum economy: the  
promise & the barriers – Sir Peter Knight**

# The Emerging Quantum Economy: promises and barriers a personal view

- Peter Knight
  - UK NQTP Scientific Advisory Board
  - And NPL Quantum Metrology Institute
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- Thanks to Qureca, McKinsey, and colleagues for slides



# Promises and Challenges



## Promises

Dynamic and creative research ecosystem

Strong governmental support

Active NMI leadership

International

Active investor community



## Challenges:

Quantum Tech = quantum computing

Hype

Export regulations inhibiting markets

Patient capital and the risk of early exit M&A

# The quantum technology ecosystem in 2023

Summary of Quantum Technology Monitor findings



## Quantum computing

**\$9B–\$93B**

estimated market size by 2040

**\$5.4B**  
invested  
as of Dec 2022

**223**  
start-ups  
as of Dec 2022

**\$106B**

potential quantum technology market  
size by 2040<sup>1</sup>

**350**

start-ups in the ecosystem<sup>2</sup>



**\$34B**

total government  
investment announced

## Potential economic value from quantum computing

**\$620B–\$1,270B**

across four industries by 2035: chemicals,  
life sciences, finance, and automotive<sup>3</sup>



**50**

QT master's degree  
programs



**180**

universities with  
QT research groups



**1,589**

QT-related patents  
granted in 2022



**44,155**

QT-related  
publications in 2022

## Quantum communications

**\$1B–\$7B**

estimated market size by 2040

**\$1.0B**  
invested  
as of Dec 2022

**72**  
start-ups  
as of Dec 2022



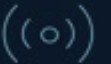
## Quantum sensing

**\$1B–\$6B**

estimated market size by 2040

**\$0.4B**  
invested  
as of Dec 2022

**23**  
start-ups  
as of Dec 2022





# UK NATIONAL QUANTUM PROGRAMME

## A Brief Timeline

Launch The UK National Quantum Technologies Programme (NQTP)



### PHASE 0:

Workshop at Chicheley Hall

### PHASE 1:

Focus on converting research and excellence into technology prototypes and plugging the skills deficit

£380m investment over 5 years.

### PHASE 2:

Focus on driving commercialisation and economic impact (investment, supply chain growth, international collaboration)

Additional £350m over 5 years plus £153m for industry-led activities.

National Quantum Computing Centre (NQCC) launched Sept 2020

### PHASE 3

Publication of UK Quantum Strategy affirms UK continued commitment to quantum technologies for the next 10 years. Strategy provides an additional investment of £2.5 billion, starting in 2024

So far, NQTP has provided awards to over 123 businesses and 38 universities and RTOs collaborating in over 95 projects

# THE UK NATIONAL QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAMME (NQTP): PARTNERS AND GOVERNANCE



Department for Science, Innovation & Technology



UK Quantum Strategy lead department

Parent department of UKRI and sponsor for NPL



Funds research and training in quantum, including:  
 (1) a national network of research hubs;  
 (2) centres for doctoral training;  
 (3)-domestic and international research grants;  
 (4)-fellowships.



Delivering a national challenge programme to develop new commercial quantum products involving academia, industry and Government



Delivering the Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics programme;  
 Home of the National Quantum Computing Centre



Home of the Quantum Metrology Institute (QMI)  
 Leads activities to test, validate and commercialise new quantum R&D



Government lead for defence applications of quantum technologies



Responsible for delivering MOD R&D programme in quantum technologies  
 Provides specialist technical support to national quantum programme partners



One of the UK's Intelligence and Security Agencies  
 Home of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC): conducts research and provides advice on 'post-quantum' security

## COORDINATING BODIES

**Programme Board**  
 Provides coordination and strategic direction for the programme with representation from each of the partner agencies.. Chaired by Dame Lynn Gladden, Executive Chair, EPSRC.



**Strategic Advisory Board**  
 Provides independent advice to help steer the strategic direction of the programme and policy on quantum technologies, and is made up of eminent figures from across industry, academia and Government. Chaired by Sir Peter Knight.

# In the UK: Quantum is critical area of emerging tech

## Government policy context

Government aim to make **UK a Science and Technology superpower by 2030**

Commitment to **increase R&D spend by 33% to £20bn per annum by 2024/25**

New **Cabinet Committee - National Science and Technology Council**



**Integrated Review**



**Innovation Strategy**



**Science & Technology Framework**

## Science & Technology Framework

### 5 Critical Technologies



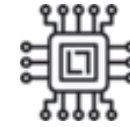
**Artificial Intelligence**



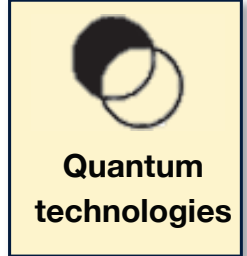
**Engineering biology**



**Future telecoms**



**Semi-conductors**



**Quantum technologies**

### 10 cross-cutting strands:

Identifying Critical Technologies

Procurement

Signaling UK Strengths and Ambitions

International Opportunities

Investment In R&D

Access to Physical & Digital Infra

Talent and Skills

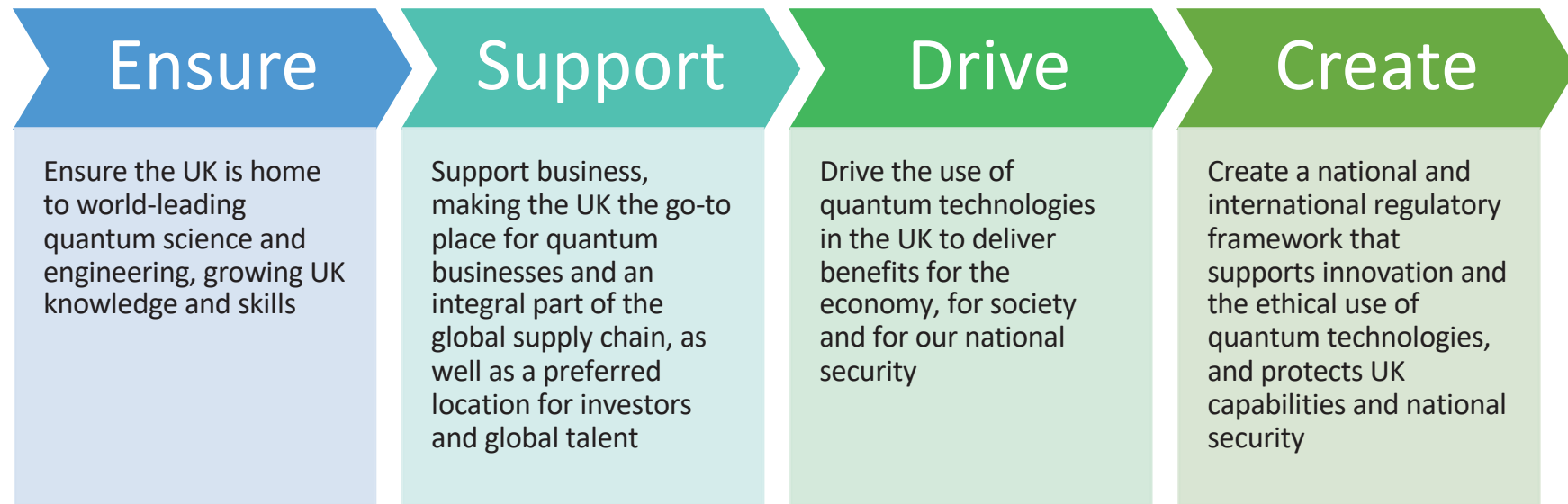
Regulations and Standards

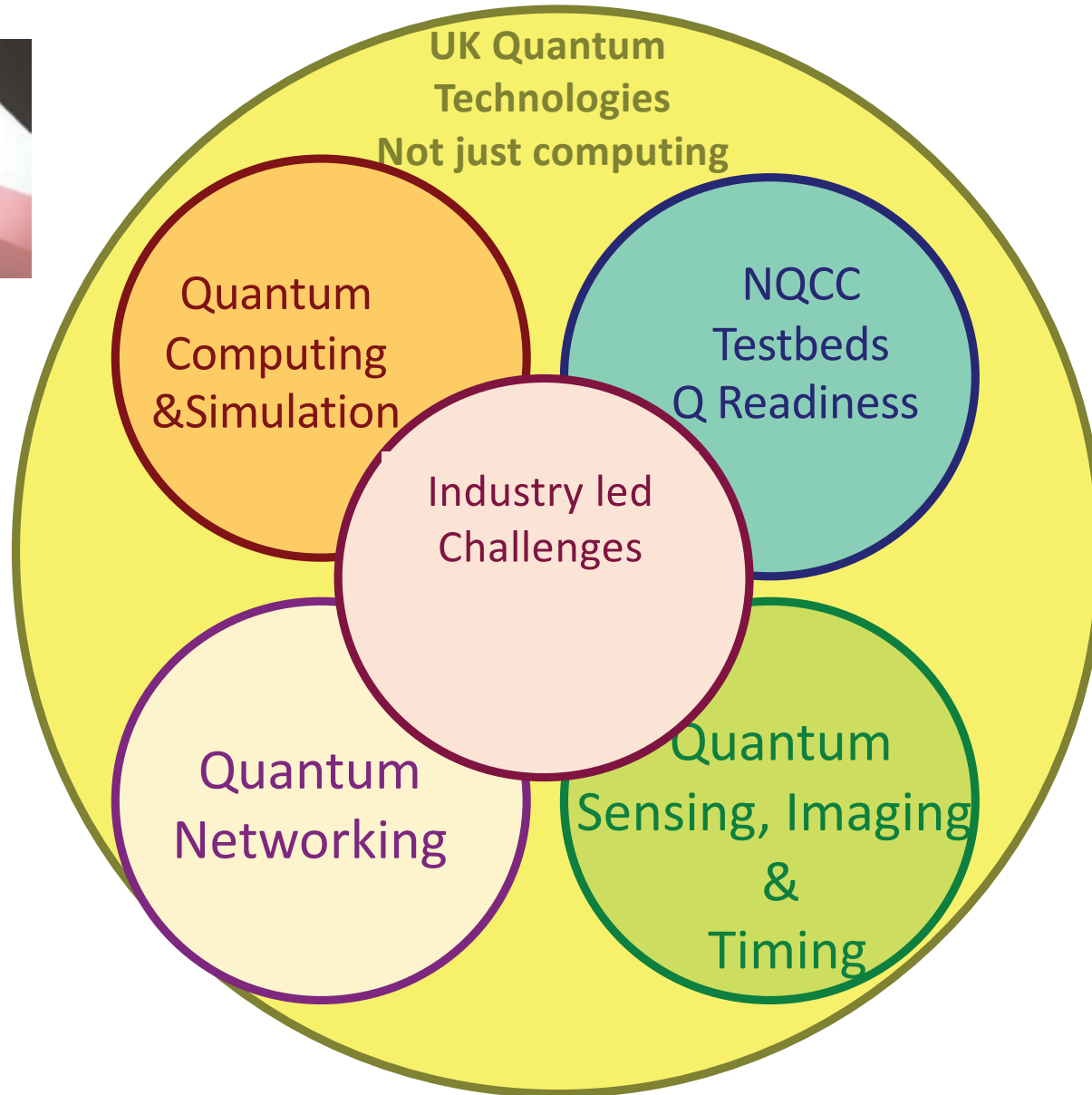
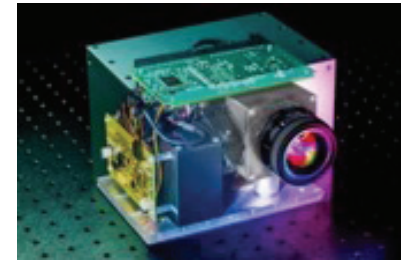
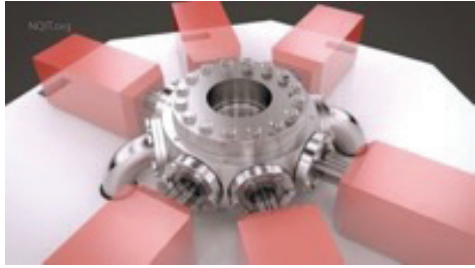
Financing Innovative S&T Companies

Innovative Public Sector



## UK Quantum strategy: 4 Main Goals





# UK Real world applications and products

Wearable brain scanner with better sensitivity and lower cost



Putting quantum technologies in space to secure future communications



Measuring emissions and greenhouse gases more accurately than ever before



First commercial trial of a quantum secured communications network in the world

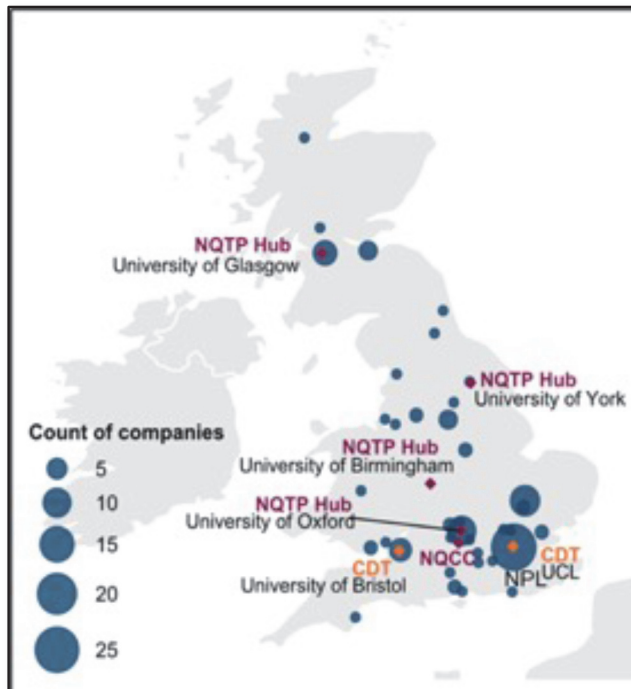


Gravity gradient sensor 'seeing' the invisible underground





## 10-year UK National Quantum Technologies Programme has resulted in a thriving Quantum sector...



**World leading research and skills:** 1<sup>st</sup> in Europe and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world for the quality and impact of quantum research. More than 470 PhDs, 125 MSc candidates, and 85 apprenticeships funded through the NQTP

**Thriving business community:** UK is second for the number of quantum companies (11% of the world's quantum companies)

**High-levels of private investment:** UK is second in attracting private equity investment (12% of global private investment)

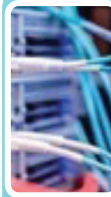
**Broad capabilities:** Quantum companies spanning computing, communications, sensing, timing, and imaging

**Highly collaborative community:** 180 quantum organisations working together through IUK challenges, and 140 Hub industry partners

# UK Quantum Missions: vision for 2024-2035



By 2035, there will be accessible, **UK-based quantum computers capable of running 1 trillion operations** and supporting applications that provide benefits well in excess of classical supercomputers across key sectors of the economy.



By 2035, the UK will have deployed the **world's most advanced quantum network at scale**, pioneering the future quantum internet.



By 2030, every **NHS Trust will benefit from quantum sensing-enabled solutions**, helping those with chronic illness live healthier, longer lives through early diagnosis and treatment.



By 2030, **quantum navigation systems, including clocks, will be deployed on aircraft**, providing next-generation accuracy for resilience that is independent of satellite signals.



By 2030, **mobile, networked quantum sensors will have unlocked new situational awareness** capabilities, exploited across critical infrastructure in the transport, telecoms, energy, and defence sectors.

# UK translation activity

The UK Quantum Technologies Challenge is delivered across a range of funding programmes to drive collaboration, catalyse private investment and build UK industrial leadership.

## **Collaborative Research & Development (CR&D) Projects.**

Up to 3 years and £10M grant. These are organised around the commercial advancement of a quantum product or service. Consortia are typically comprised of full technology chains, from research organisations to component manufacturers, systems integrators and end-users. Innovation progresses to system demonstration in end-user trials at the final stages of the project.

## **Technology Projects.**

Up to 3 years and £10M grant. These projects are primarily focused on the removal of technical barriers that are shared across the quantum industry to accelerate commercialisation. Consortia bring together a range of businesses with the support of research organisations to address these common challenges.

## **Feasibility studies.**

Up to 1.5 years and £0.5M. These are earlier stage innovation projects that focus on advancing user defined quantum products, services and devices, components or supply chain elements for the current or future quantum technologies market.

## **Investor partnership.**

Delivered in partnership with IP Group, this programme sees project grant funding aligned with direct equity investment to accelerate and de-risk private investment into quantum technology companies with high growth potential.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **UK-Canada programme.**

Projects up to 3 years and £0.5M. Building mutually beneficial international collaboration in commercial quantum technologies innovation, involving both industry and academia. These projects are laying the technical foundations for advancing commercial ties between UK and Canada, both nations with a deep and rich heritage in quantum science and technology. In partnership with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.



# Europe translation activity



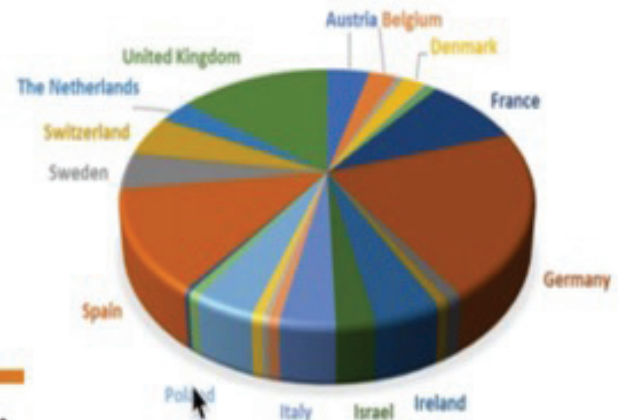
Telco "Towards a European Quantum Industry Consortium"  
June 24th 2020

Website of the event  
<https://qt.eu/engage/community/european-qt-industry-teleconference/>

273 participants, from 24 countries

- 212 (78%) company representatives (including 32 CEOs, 8 founders, 39 heads/directors, business developers, consultants senior researchers)
- 41 (15%) RTOs representatives
- 20 (7%) from public institutions

**Quantum Industry Consortium**  
...a private organization, asserting the common interests of the European QT Industry through advocacy...



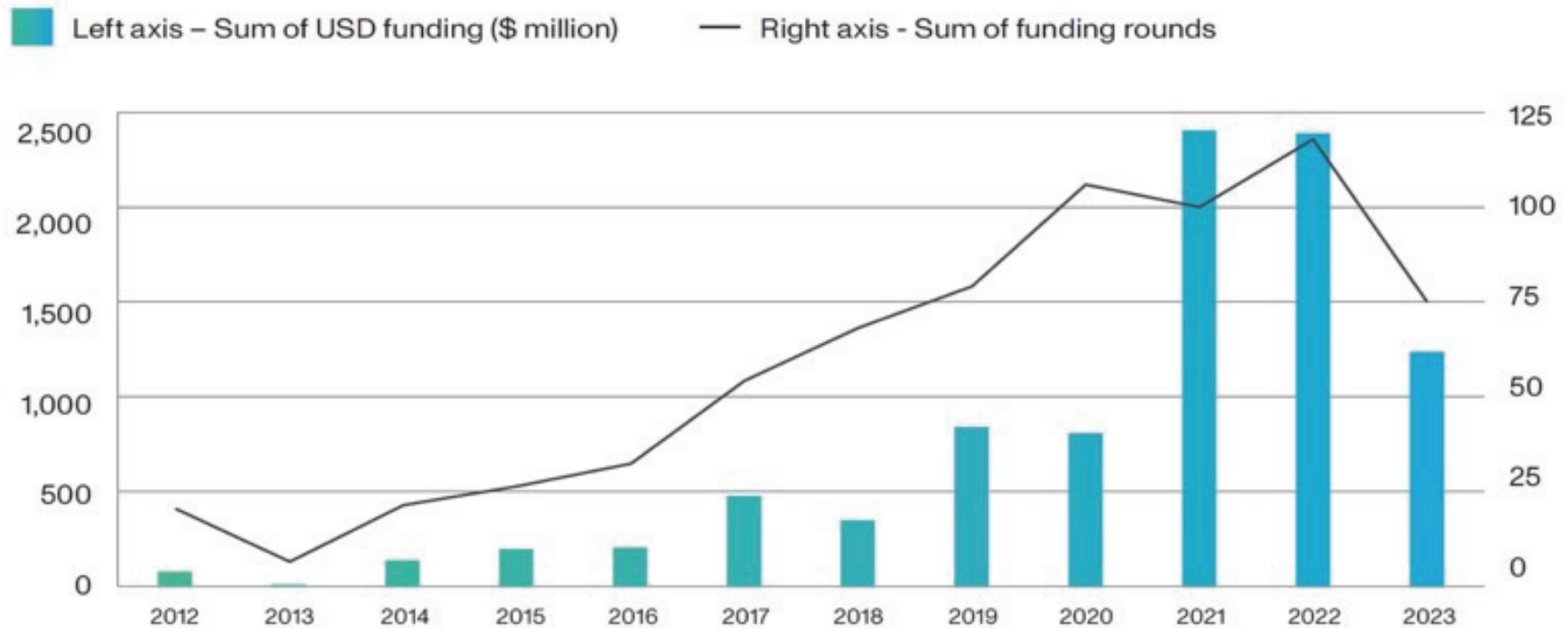
Germany	57	Israel	7
United Kingdom	39	Denmark	6
Spain	35	Greece	3
France	25	Czech Republic	2
Switzerland	14	Finland	2
Sweden	13	Hungary	2
Ireland	12	Luxembourg	2
Austria	11	Norway	2
Poland	11	Portugal	2
Italy	10	Estonia	1
The Netherlands	8	Malta	1
Belgium	7	Romania	1

And in the US: QEDC



# Are we seeing a quantum winter?

TOTAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY (\$ MILLION, ROUNDS)



Source: *The Quantum Insider*, Updated end of December 2023



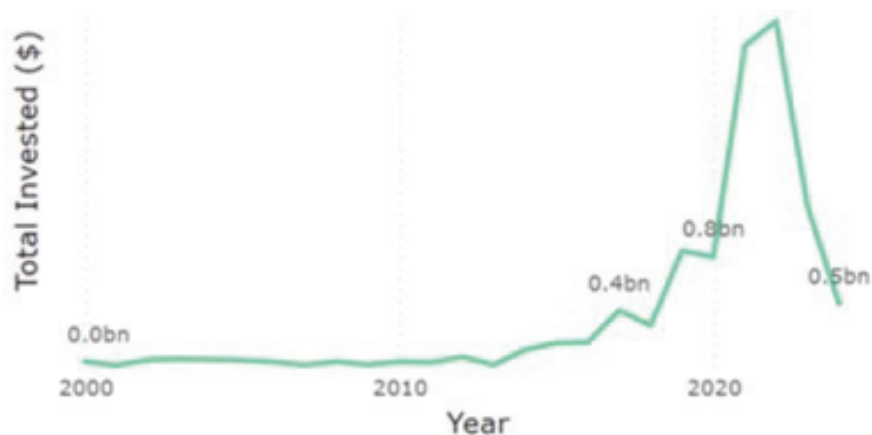


Figure 2a: Global trend of private investment (\$) 2012 - 2024

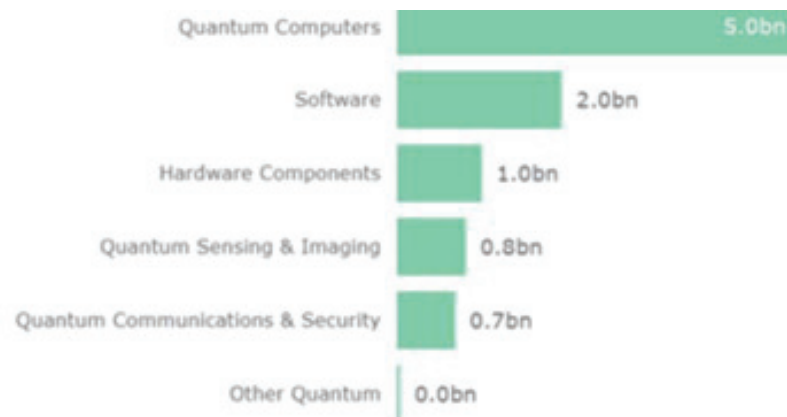


Figure 2b: Primary areas of investment (\$) globally 2012 - 2024

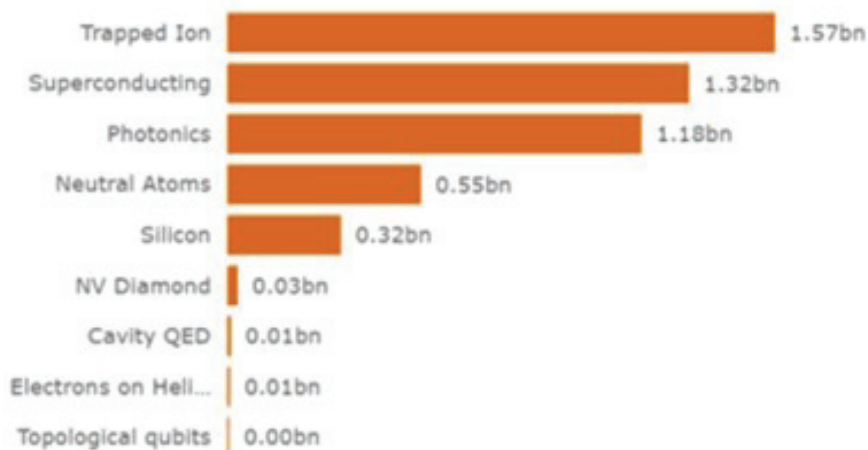


Figure 2c: Global investment (\$) in Quantum Computing Technologies 2012 - 2024

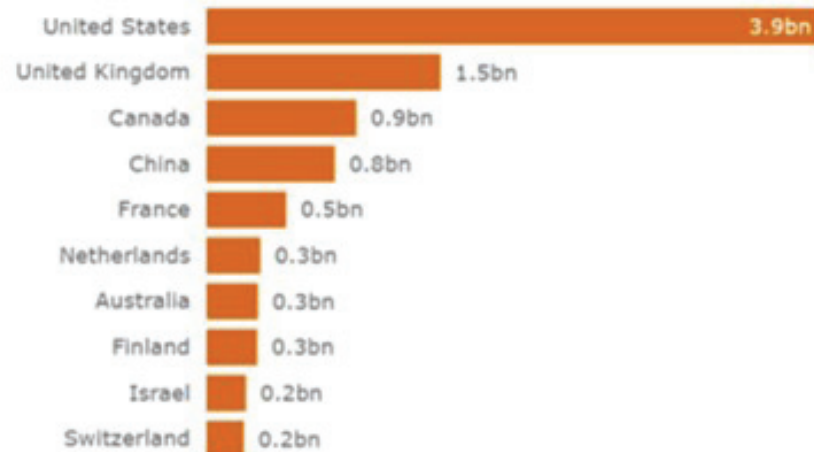


Figure 2d: Top 10 Ranking of Investment (\$) by Country 2012 - 2024

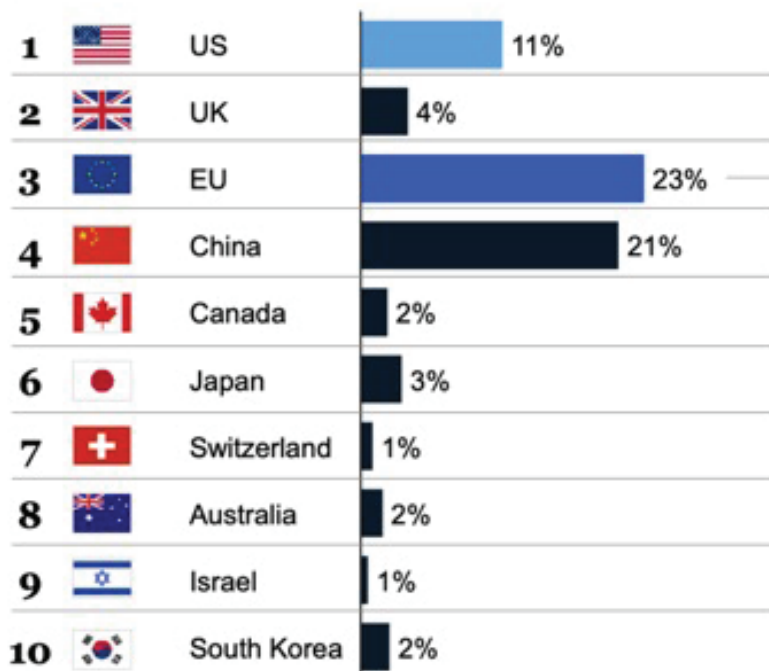
# The European Union leads in quantum-relevant publications, but the United States outcompetes in impact

As of 2020

XX Rank of country's h-index

## Top 10 countries worldwide 2020, by h-index

Share of articles and country's h-index<sup>2</sup> in quantum-relevant publications



## Top 5 EU countries

Share of articles and H index, 2020



1. Quantum relevant publications defined as publications in physics, mathematics, and statistics, and information and communications technology

2. The h-index is the number of articles (h) in a country that have been cited at least h times

Source: SCImago Journal & Country Rank; McKinsey analysis

## Key takeaways



US publications have the **highest impact** measured by h-index indicating a leading position in academic research



The EU is leading in terms of **published articles** in 2020 in quantum-relevant fields, followed by China and the US

# Majority of investments are in US companies, followed by the United Kingdom and Canada, driven primarily by private investors

Size of deals in QTs by primary investor type, 2001–21, \$ millions<sup>1</sup>

Not exhaustive

Private Corporate<sup>2</sup> Public<sup>3</sup>



1. Based on Pitchbook data; includes announced deals for IonQ, Arqit, Cambridge Quantum Computing, and PsiQuantum. Actual investment volume in QTs is likely higher.

2. Includes investments from corporations and corporate venture capital in external start-ups. Excludes corporate investments in internal QT programs.

3. Includes investments by governments, sovereign wealth funds and universities.

4. Includes European Union, Switzerland and Norway.

5. Data availability on start-up funding in China is limited. The overview includes all publicly available data on China. While actual investment is likely higher, we think that at this stage most funding awarded by China is to research institutions.

Source: PitchBook; McKinsey analysis

McKinsey & Company 11



# Standards?

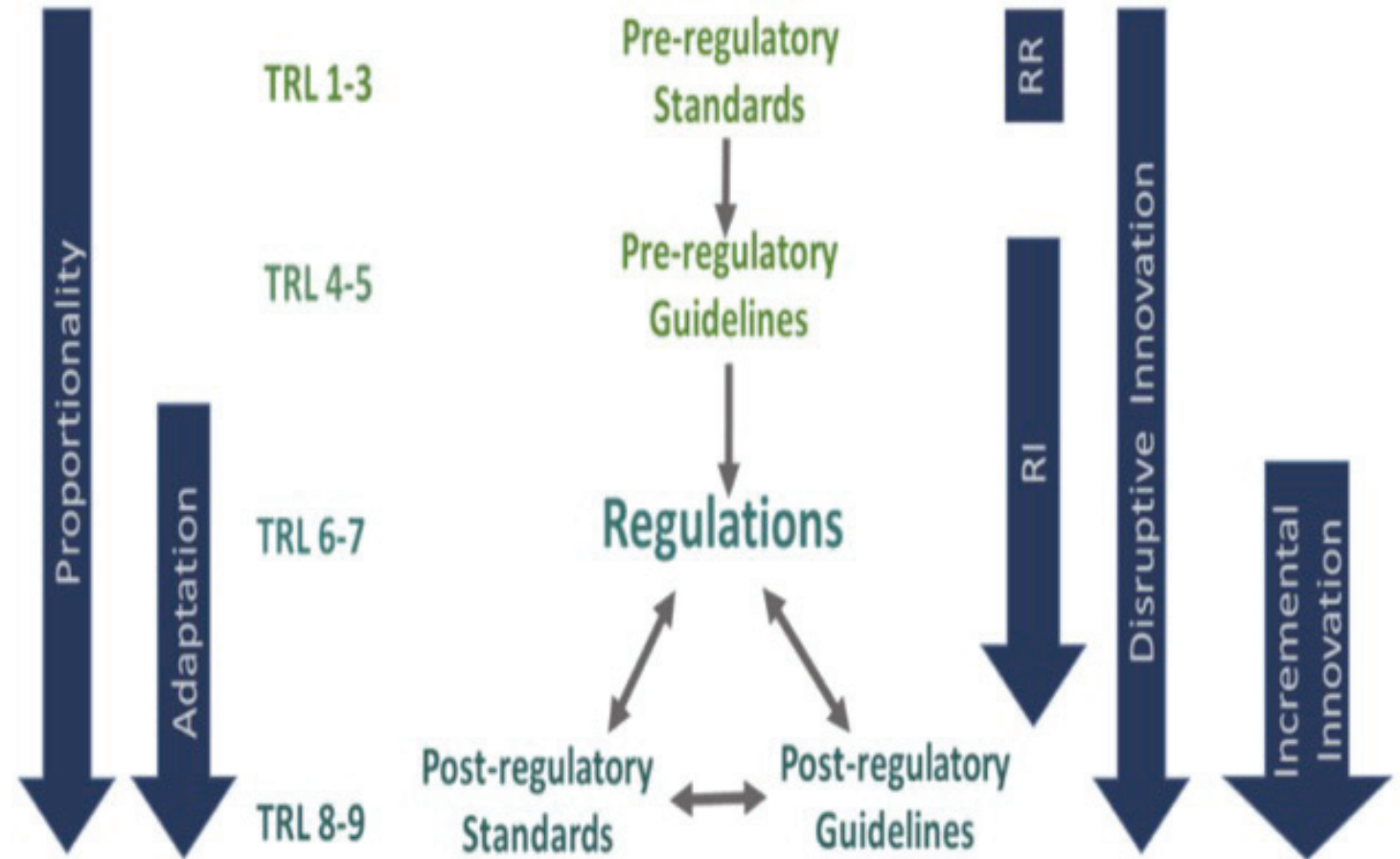
“The great thing about (international) standards is that there are so many to choose from!”

Andrew S Tannenbaum – Computer Scientist



Picture: Joachim Lonien  
Brussels, 2019-03-28

# Regulatory framework





**TRL 1-3 (Pre-regulatory Standards):** focus on consensus standards.



These standards can underpin an understanding of the quantum technology's properties, identifying potential benefits and risks and determining future optimal development and management strategies.



**TRL 4-5 (Pre-regulatory Guidelines):** Building upon the initial standards, more defined guidelines can emerge. These could subsequently lay the groundwork for a future regulatory system. Importantly, decision-makers should remain receptive to the idea that these guidelines alone might suffice in ensuring the safety, quality, and efficacy of the quantum product or process – rendering legally based regulations unnecessary.



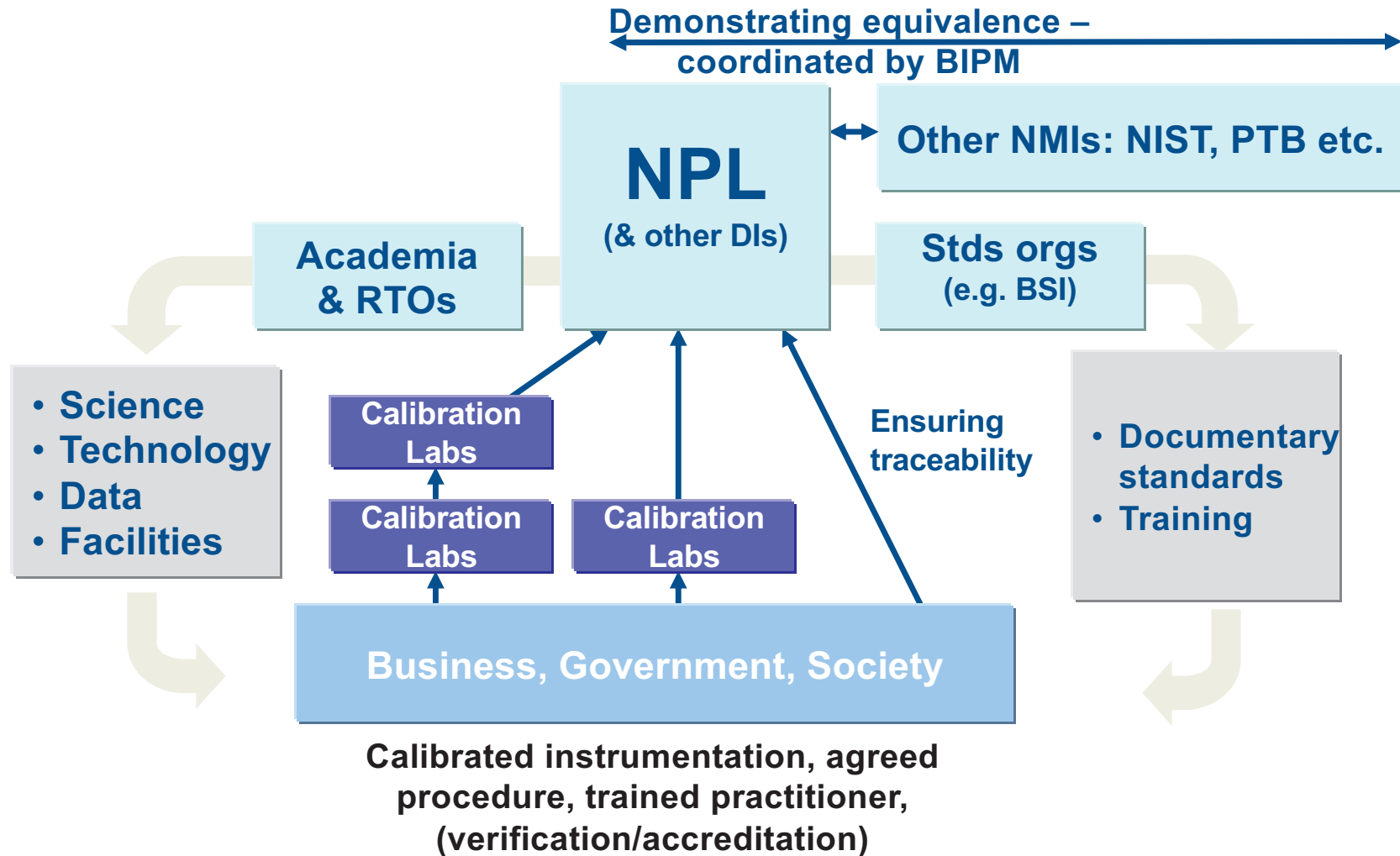
**TRL 6-7 (Regulations):** Decision points at this stage involve discerning the relevance of existing regulatory systems or, in the case of exceptionally transformative quantum innovations, contemplating a fresh regulatory approach. Legally based regulations should be articulated in broad terms, focusing on desired outcomes, and bolstered by subsequent standards and guidelines, ensuring proportionality towards quantum-related products and processes and adaptability in the face of future changes.



• **TRL 8-9 (Post-regulatory Standards and Guidelines):** Here, standards (including technology and interoperability standards, along with consensus standards) and guidelines can be crafted to facilitate compliance



# Providing confidence in measurement



# Quantum Sensors and Timing: Opportunities in PNT

## Map Matching for Positioning

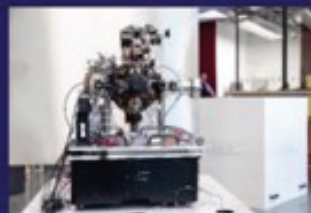
Gravity gradient    Magnetic Fields



- Providing absolute position without any communication (including under water)
- Collision alert (?)

## Inertial Sensors for Navigation

Acceleration and Rotation



- Low drift
- Low bias
- Ingredients for INS

## Clocks for Timing



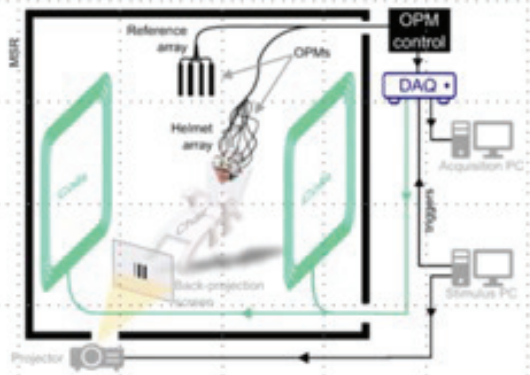
- On board holdover
- GNSS spoofing alert



- Time references
- Transportable time

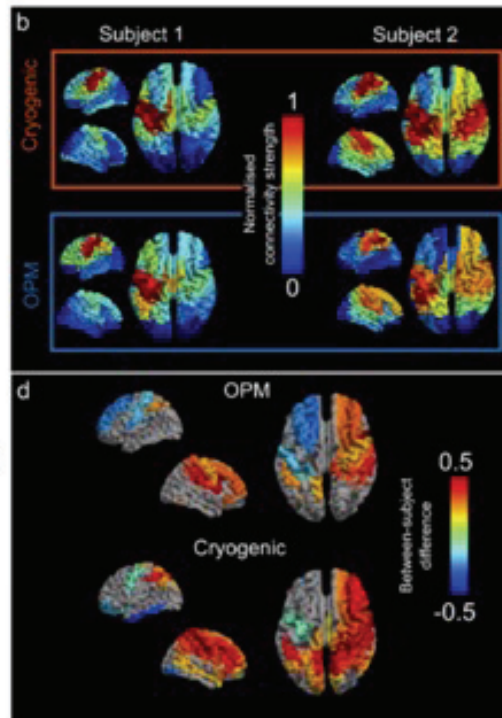
# What's in your head: MEG

Quantum-Magnetoencephalography – Spin off from QT



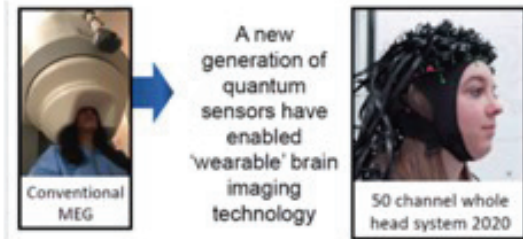
Cerca:  
Joint venture spin-off between Magnetic Shields and Nottingham University  
Founded in 2020

First systems delivered internationally  
£6M turnover in first year  
>£50M requests for quotations



**Impact Opportunities:**

- Epilepsy: 60M people worldwide
- Dementia: 1% GDP
- Schizophrenia: 1% of population
- Trauma: 100.000 / year in UK





# Now for timing?



# Financial regulation – EU requirements for time stamping of trades

- Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II

Traceability to UTC

HFT algo **100 $\mu$ s to UTC, 1 $\mu$ s resolution**

Electronic **1ms to UTC, 1ms resolution**

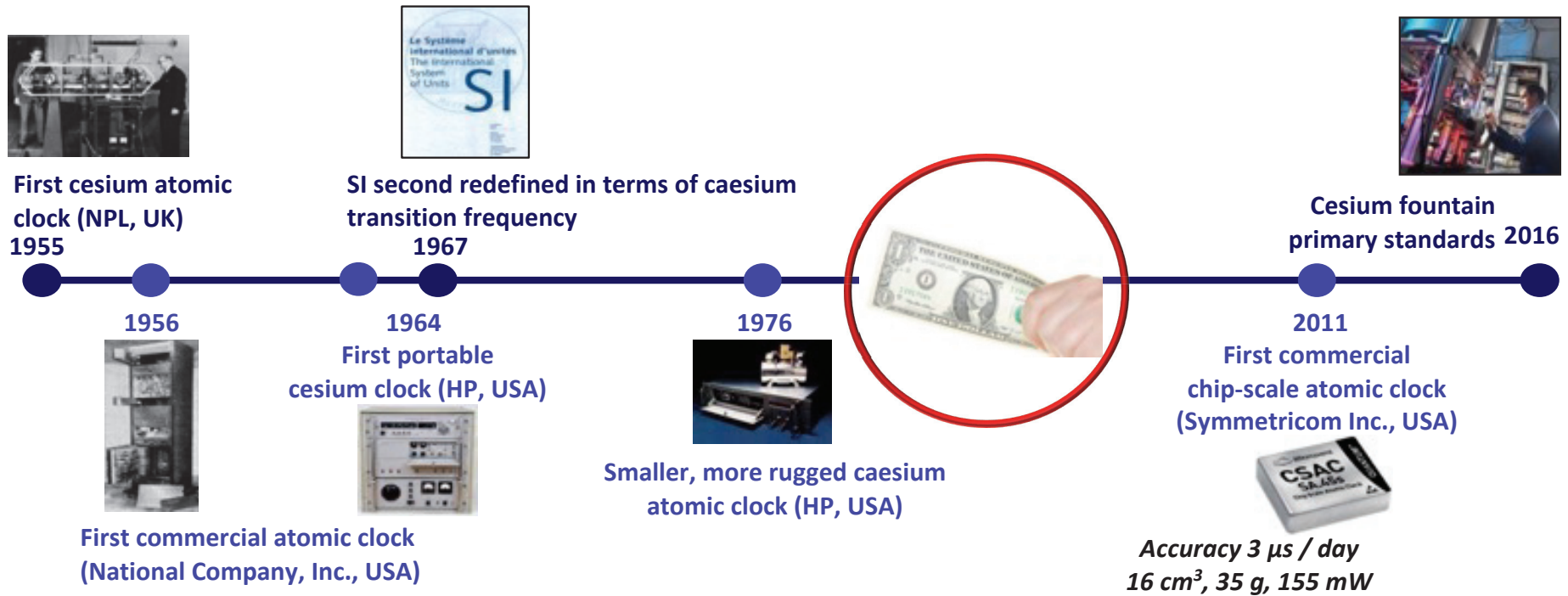


operators of trading venues and their members or participants are required to synchronise the clocks they use for any reportable events with UTC (Article 50 of Directive 2014/65/EU and Article 1 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/574)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018**


# Do not expect fast breakthroughs!

## Example: Cesium Atomic Clock Development



(Courtesy Peter Knight, ESA Meeting Dec 2016, modified)

From: W.Kaenders, FiO 2017 (Washington, DC) FW1B



**Satellite-derived  
Time and Position:  
A Study of Critical  
Dependencies**

# PNT

Peter Knight

Joint chair of the UK PNT Strategy Group

reporting to CO and DNSA

and one coauthor of the Government Office of Science report on  
GNSS

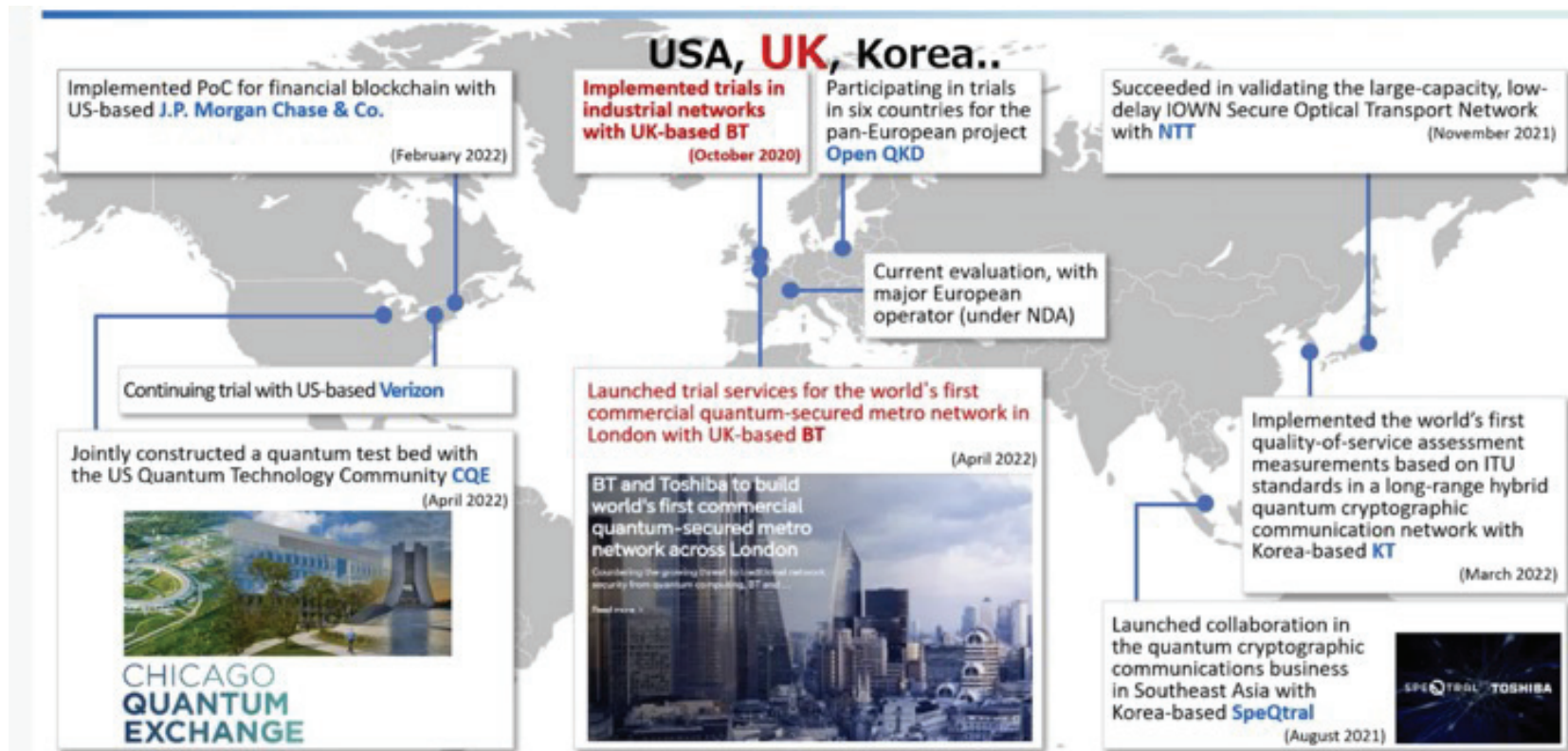
Timely: Wed 18th Nov, The Times: General Sir Patrick Sanders, commander of Strategic Command, focused on the importance of positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) signals provided by satellites. "The economy would be projected to lose £1 billion every day if we did not have access to these crucial timing signals,". A world without satellite-enabled navigation would be "incredibly challenging" because societies have lost skills like manual map-reading and navigating by the stars.



# Quanta and information in transit

- **We cannot make a measurement on a quantum state without perturbing the state**
- **We cannot measure a single photon, extract all the quantum information and transmit an exact copy of that photon**
- **Hence we can build ways to transfer quantum information that we can know if anyone (Eve) has tried to extract information**
- **Either we disregard keys when Eve is listening (BB84) or we can use entanglement QKD where each bit of the key is destroyed if Eve tries to measure that bit**
- **These issues also provide counter measures & weaknesses of quantum key distribution approaches**

# And for quantum communications: Toshiba experience





Quantum computing?



# Quantum Information

- **Classical**
  - Silicon (Ge, GaAs)
  - Encoded - electrical
  - Lifetime – 1bn operations per s for 1bn years
- **Quantum**
  - **trapped ions, neutral atoms, superconducting circuits**
  - semiconductors, photonic circuits, diamond, exotic metals
  - Encoded - electrical, microwave, optical
  - Lifetime ~1ms

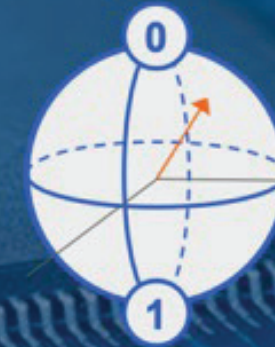
Classical  
Bit

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$n$  states

Quantum  
Qubit



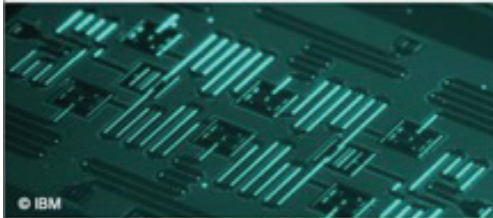
$2^n$  states

Qubits $N$	Memory in bits	Time for quantum gate operation
20	16 MB	milliseconds on smartphone
40	16 TB	minutes on supercomputer
60	16 EB	long long time
80	size of visible universe	age of the universe



# The Quantum Computing Platform Zoo

QuantumComputingReport.com Jan 2022  
Scorecards – Qubit Quality



## Superconducting Qubits

### COMMERCIAL PLAYERS

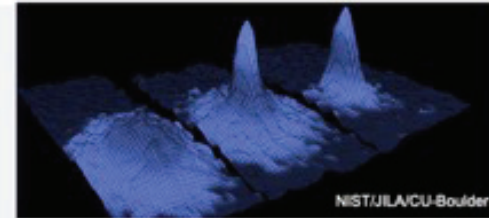
Google, Origin Quantum, IQM, SeeQC, IBM, OQC, Rigetti, Bleximo, Alibaba, Alice&Bob, Amazon, Intel, Quantum Circuits Inc, Raytheon BBN



## Trapped Ions

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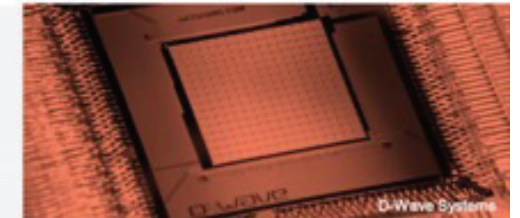
IonQ, Honeywell, Oxford Ionics, Universal Quantum, AQT, AQTION, NextGenQ, MicroQC, Alpine



## Neutral Atoms

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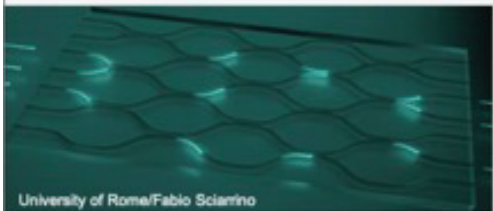
ColdQuanta, QuEra, Pasqal, Atom Computing, MSquared Lasers



## Annealers

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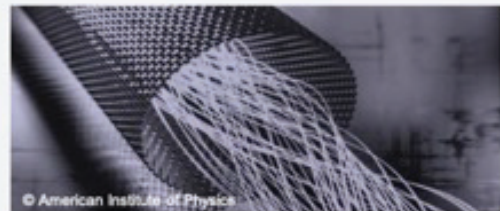
D-Wave Systems, Qilimanjaro, Northrop Grumman, NEC



## Photonic Circuits

### COMMERCIAL PLAYERS

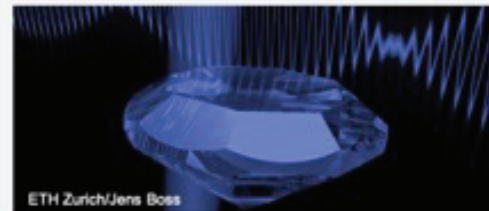
PsiQuantum, Xanadu, QuiX, ORCA Computing, Duality, Toshiba, Sparrow Quantum, Quandela, AegiQ, ID Quantique



## Topological States

### COMMERCIAL PLAYERS

Microsoft



## Colour Centres in Diamond

### COMMERCIAL PLAYERS

Quantum Brilliance, Element 6, SpinQ, Archer Materials



## Quantum Dots & Spins in Silicon

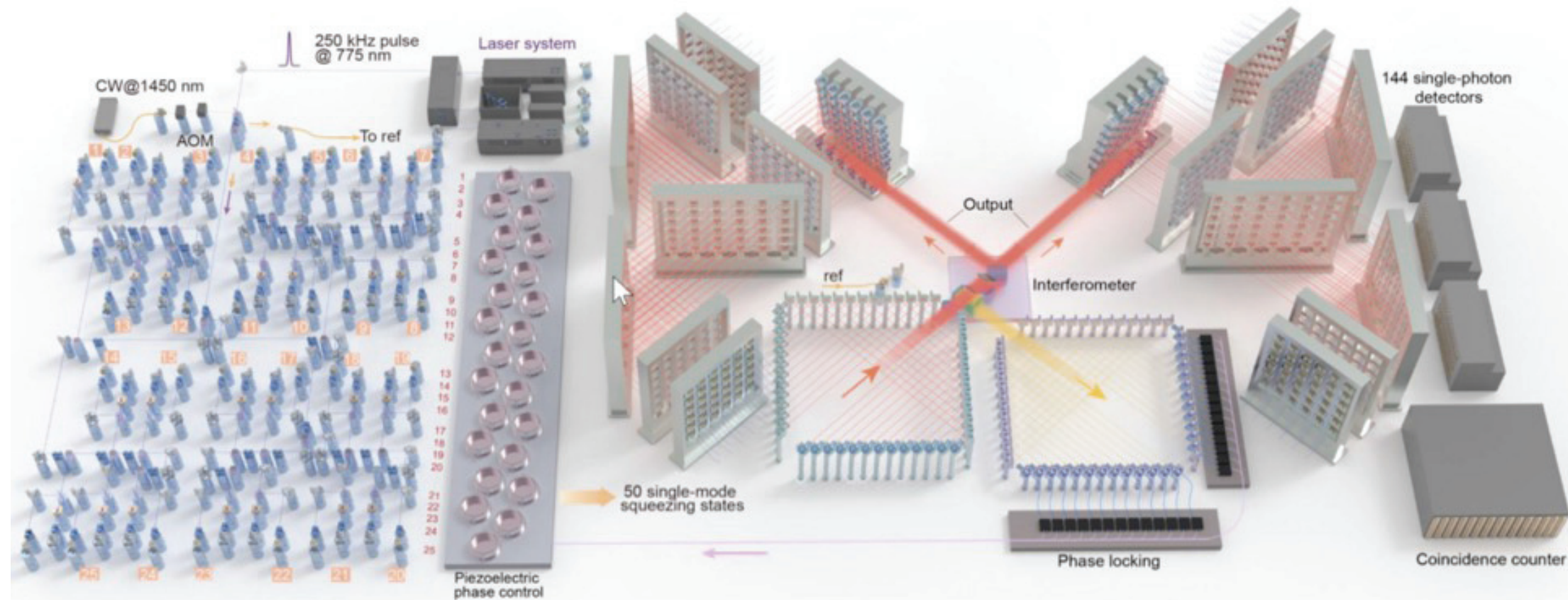
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Silicon QC, Quantum Motion, Photonic, Intel, InfinityQ, Infineon, Equal1, Dirac

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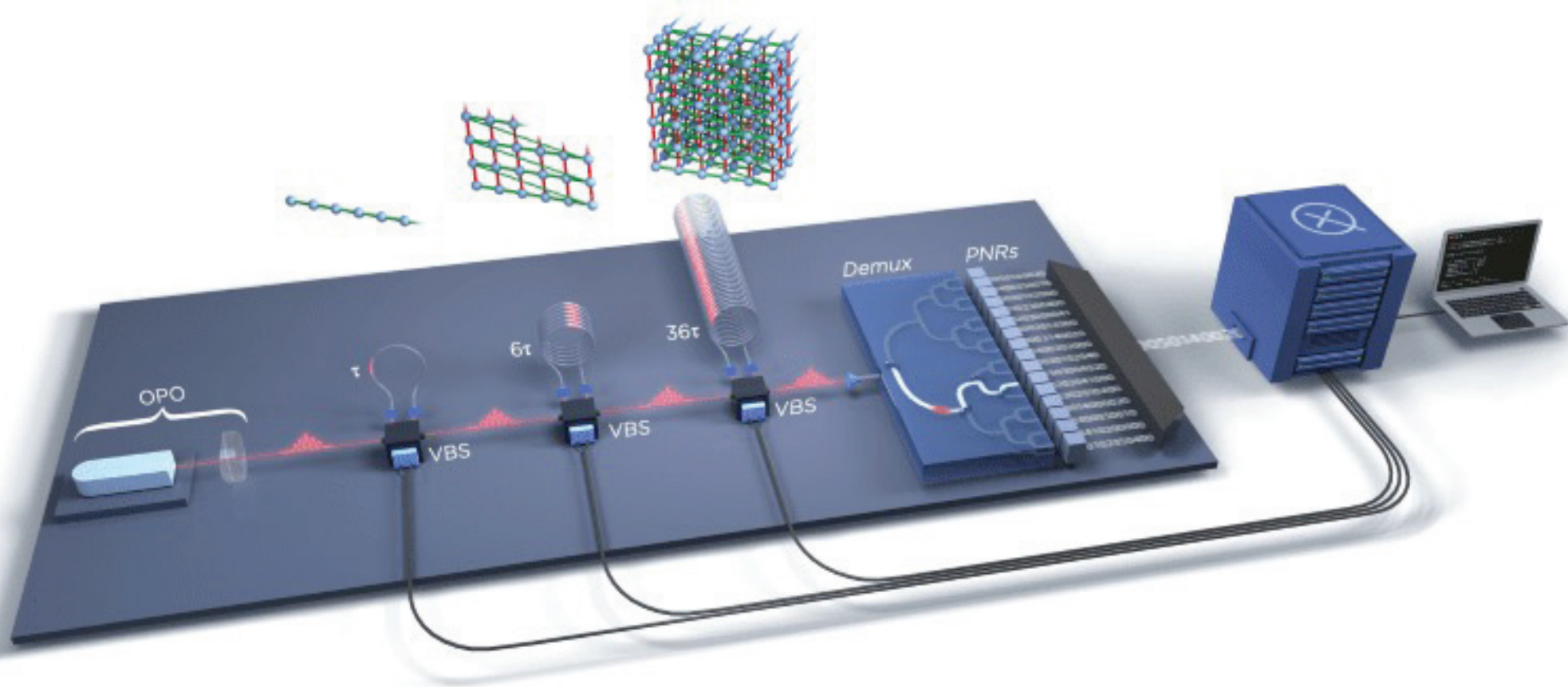
# Gaussian boson sampling

Jiuzhang 2.0





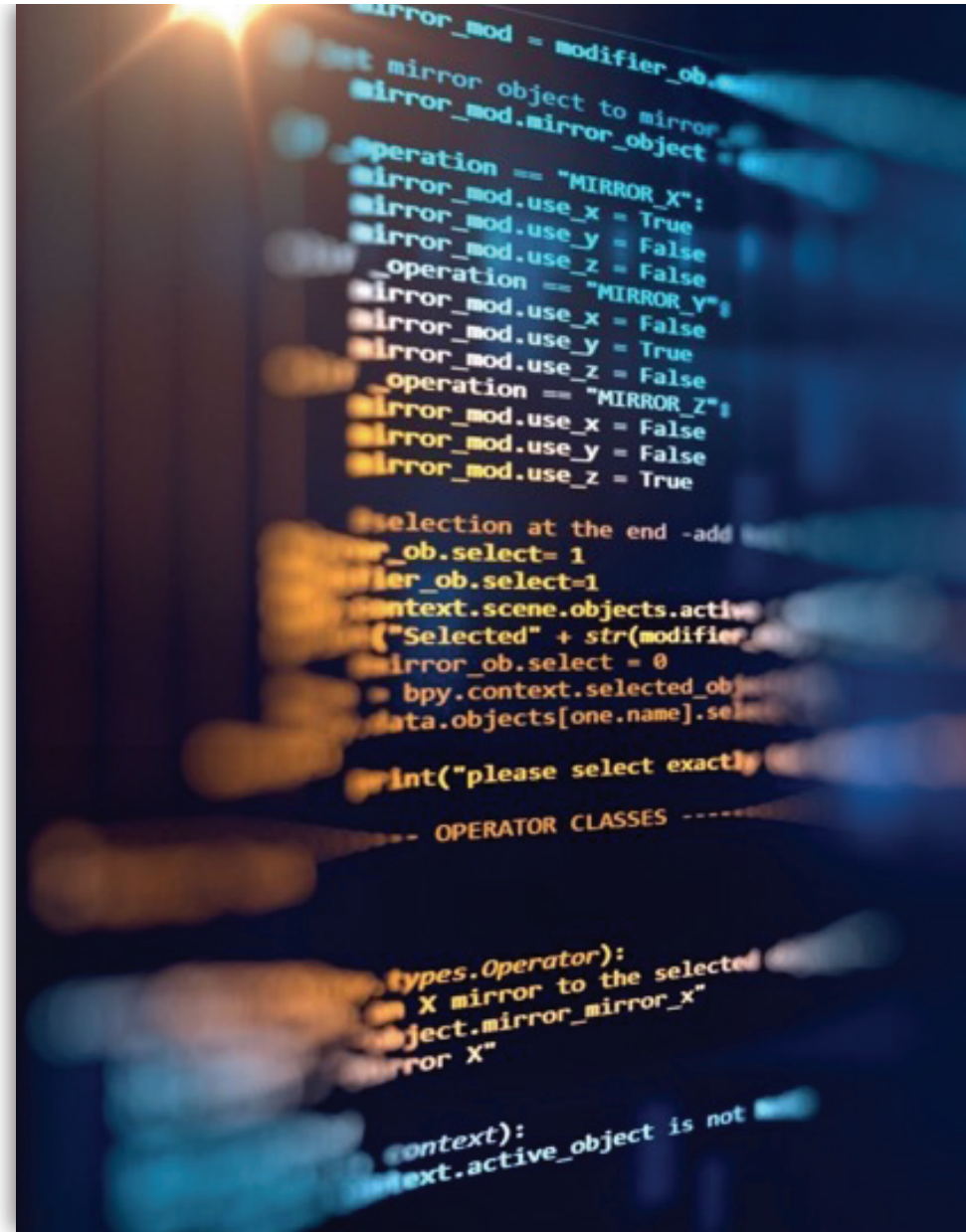
# Xanadu Borealis Gaussian boson sampling



Borealis differs from Jiuzhang - size: with 216 distinct modes compared w 144

# Drowning in data- error correction

- Running a program on an error-corrected quantum computer generates a very fast continuous stream of QEC data.
- A commercial-grade quantum computer would stream about 100 Terabytes of QEC data per second.
- That's the equivalent of Netflix's total global streaming rate.
- This flood of data must be processed in real-time by sophisticated algorithms, whose task is to identify the underlying errors and issue corrective measures.

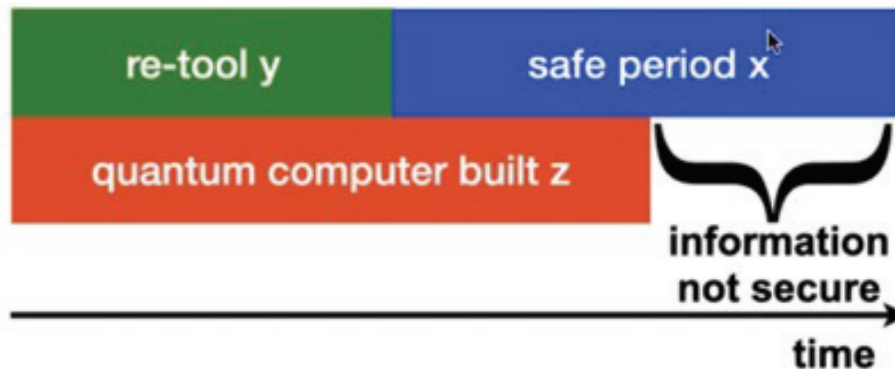




# Why worry: the Mosca equation

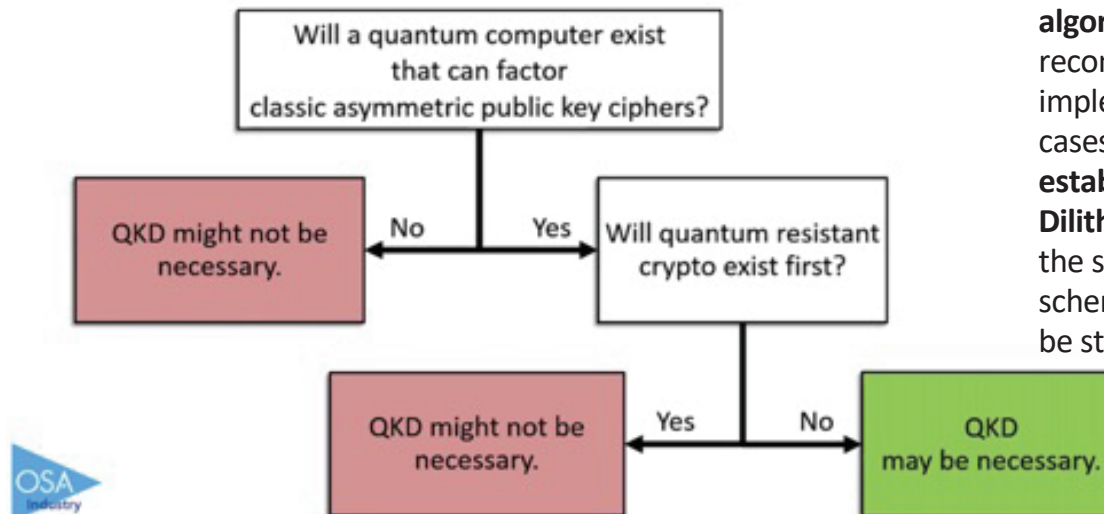
- How long does your information require to be secure (**x years**)?
- How long to re-tool existing infrastructure with quantum safe or resistant solutions (**y years**)?
- How long until a large-scale quantum computer is built (**z years**)?

Mosca's Theorem: If  $x + y > z$  then worry



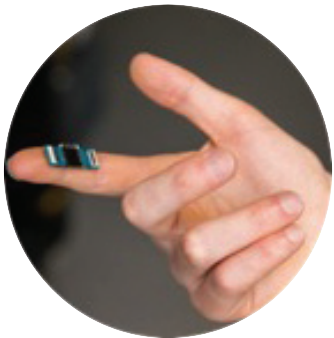
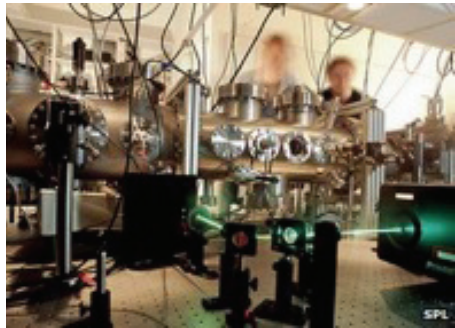
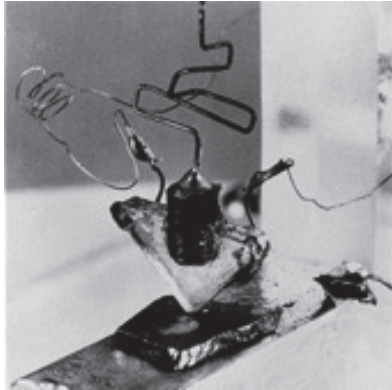
# NIST PQC: candidates now announced

## Logic for quantum key distribution



NIST has identified four candidate algorithms for standardization. NIST will recommend **two primary algorithms** to be implemented for most use cases: **CRYSTALS-KYBER (key-establishment)** and **CRYSTALS-Dilithium (digital signatures)**. In addition, the signature schemes **FALCON** and **SPHINCS+** will also be standardized.

Care- one candidate Rainbow broken...do we have confidence...



## The Transistor and the Integrated Circuit: lessons for quantum

- First transistor invented in 1947.
- Miniaturization of the technology, in line with Moore's Law, is astounding.
- Complexity of integrated circuits has increased more than a billion-fold since the 1960s.
- The price of an individual transistor is now less than one millionth of the cost in the late 1960s.
  - Had the cost of automobiles fallen at the same rate, a new car today would cost less than one pence
  - We are on a similar journey with Quantum Tech devices!



Summary: a quantum powerhouse

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Breadth

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Depth

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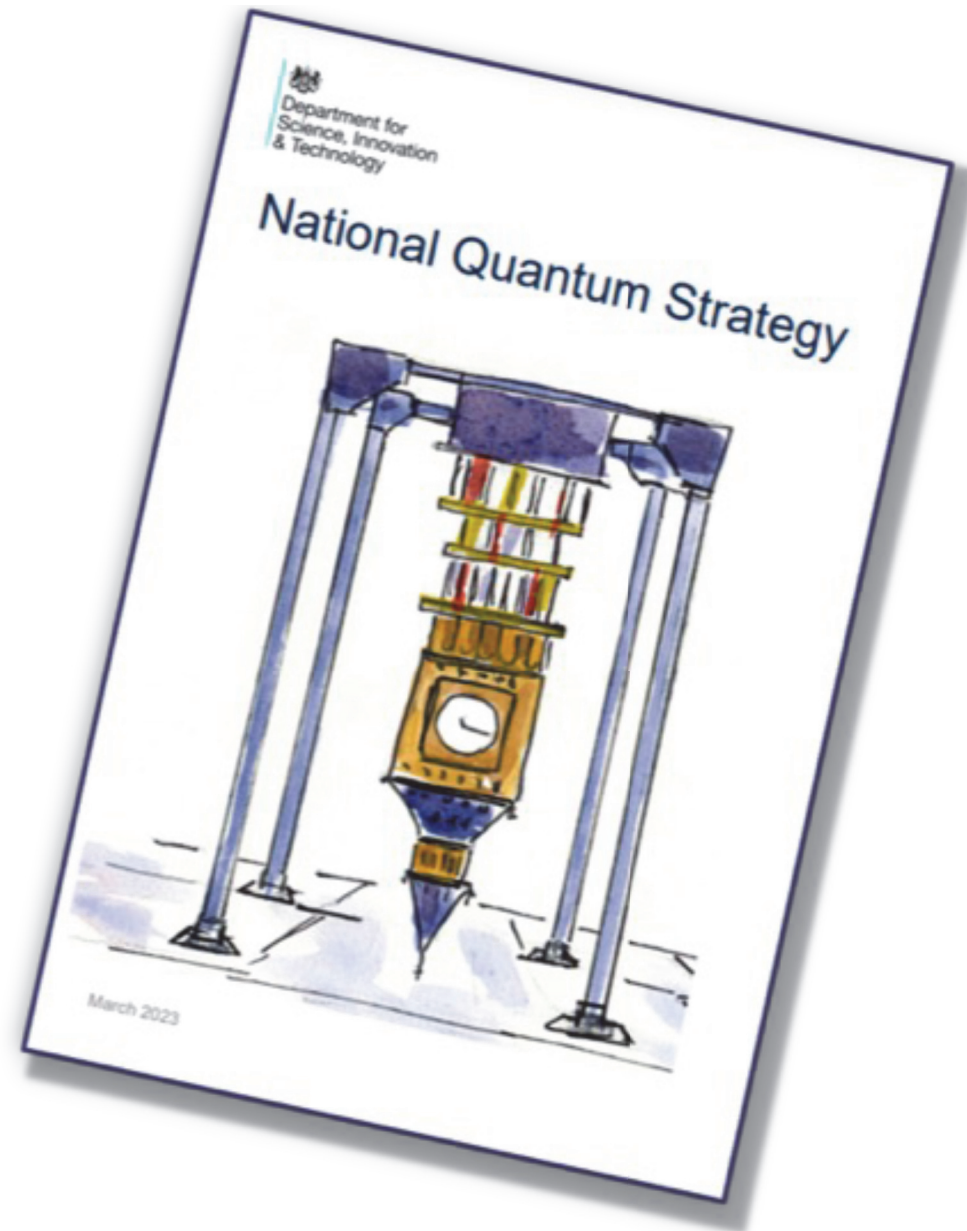
Community building

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Partnership

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Thank you for listening







10:45 – 11:15

## Framing the workshop: motivation and goals

Barbara Goldstein

With: Davide Calonico, Jan Herrmann, Nobu-Hisa Kaneko, Tim Prior,  
Nicolas Spethmann, Kevin Thomson

# Emerging technologies demand innovations in metrology

**Agility** to keep up with rapidly changing technical landscape

**Ability** to make a measurement at all

- traceability may lag if needed at all

**Comparability and interoperability**

across vendors, quickly, continuously

**Accelerated delivery**

formal standards may be obsolete by the time they're published

A gold medal with a textured, braided border and a scalloped outer edge. The text "Quantum For Metrology" is inscribed in the center in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

# Quantum For Metrology

## **NMIs**

- first to develop
- first to benefit

### Examples:

- Josephson junctions for voltage standards
- Ion traps for clocks





This is why  
we're here  
today

## Metrology For Quantum

**What does industry  
need from us to develop  
quantum technologies?**

Examples:

- Josephson junctions for voltage standards... and superconducting qubits
- Ion traps for clocks ... and computing

And these technologies need entirely new ways to measure & characterize



# Metrology Institutes are uniquely poised to accelerate the quantum economy

We bring:

- Measurement expertise
- Ties to industry, academia, standards development organizations
- Innovation
- **Objectivity, neutrality and long history of international collaboration**
  - Culture of rigor – the “metrology mindset”
  - Infrastructure for collaboration and mutual recognition

# Metrology Institutes are expanding their role to meet new demands

We are:

- Establishing consortia
- Launching incubators
- Contributing to national strategies
- Establishing testbeds
- Conducting pre-standard and standardization work

*But can we do more together?*



# The Standards Landscape

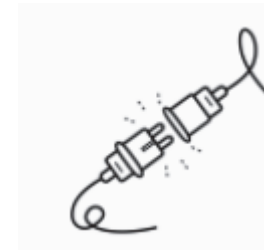
# Standards come in lots of flavors



Physical standards & measurement protocols



Architectures



Interoperability



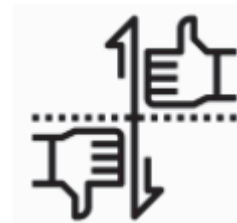
Procurement



Use Cases



Guidelines, Best practices



Benchmarks & metrics



Terminology



Certification & test protocols



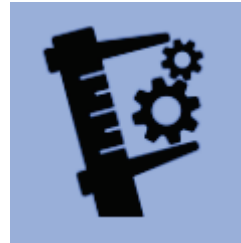
Regulatory standards



Software algorithms & languages



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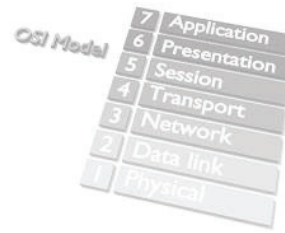
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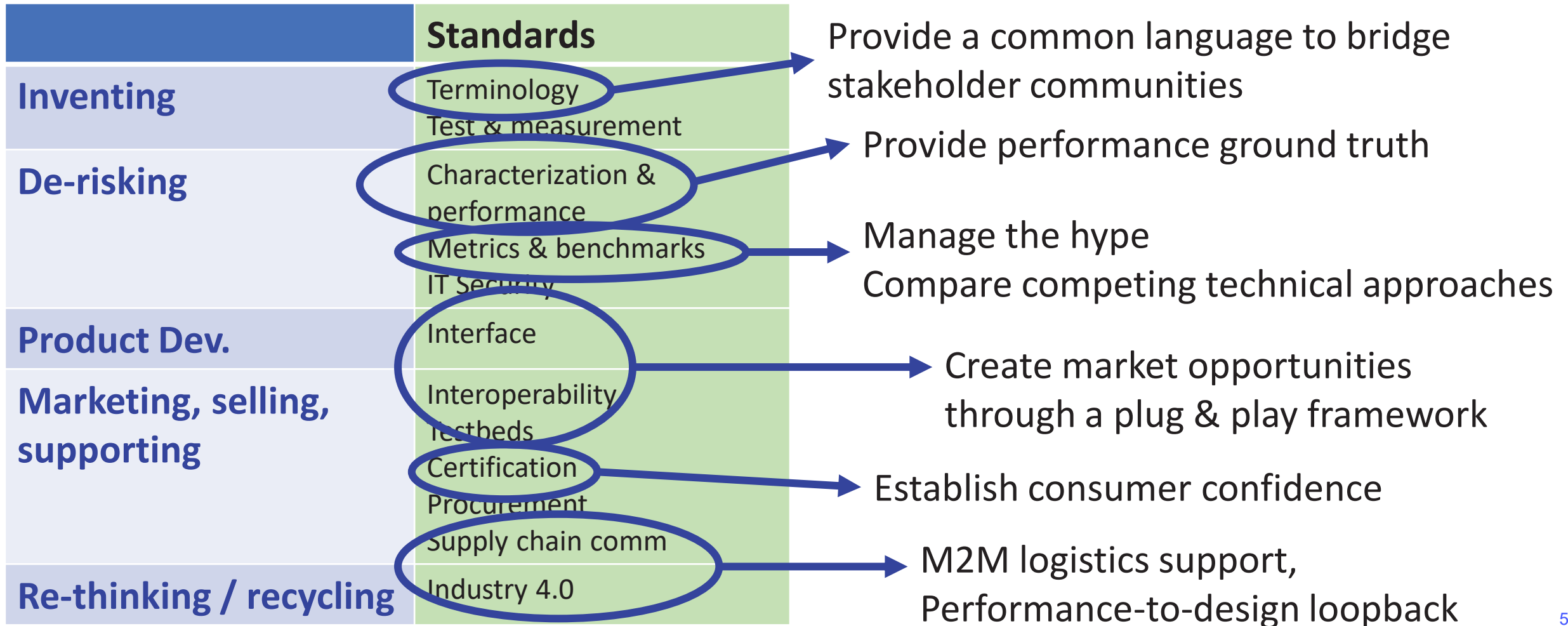
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# Standards fuel the technology lifecycle

Scientific revolutions don't require standards; industrial revolutions do



# When standards work, they...

- Create a common language
- Create fair & open, plug & play markets
- Enable protection of health, safety and environment
- Spur innovation
- Create business opportunities



# When standards don't work, they...

- **Multiply!**
- Give unfair advantage
- Create barriers to trade
- Entrench inferior technologies
- Stifle innovation
- Impede interoperability of products and systems

*Another mouth to feed!*



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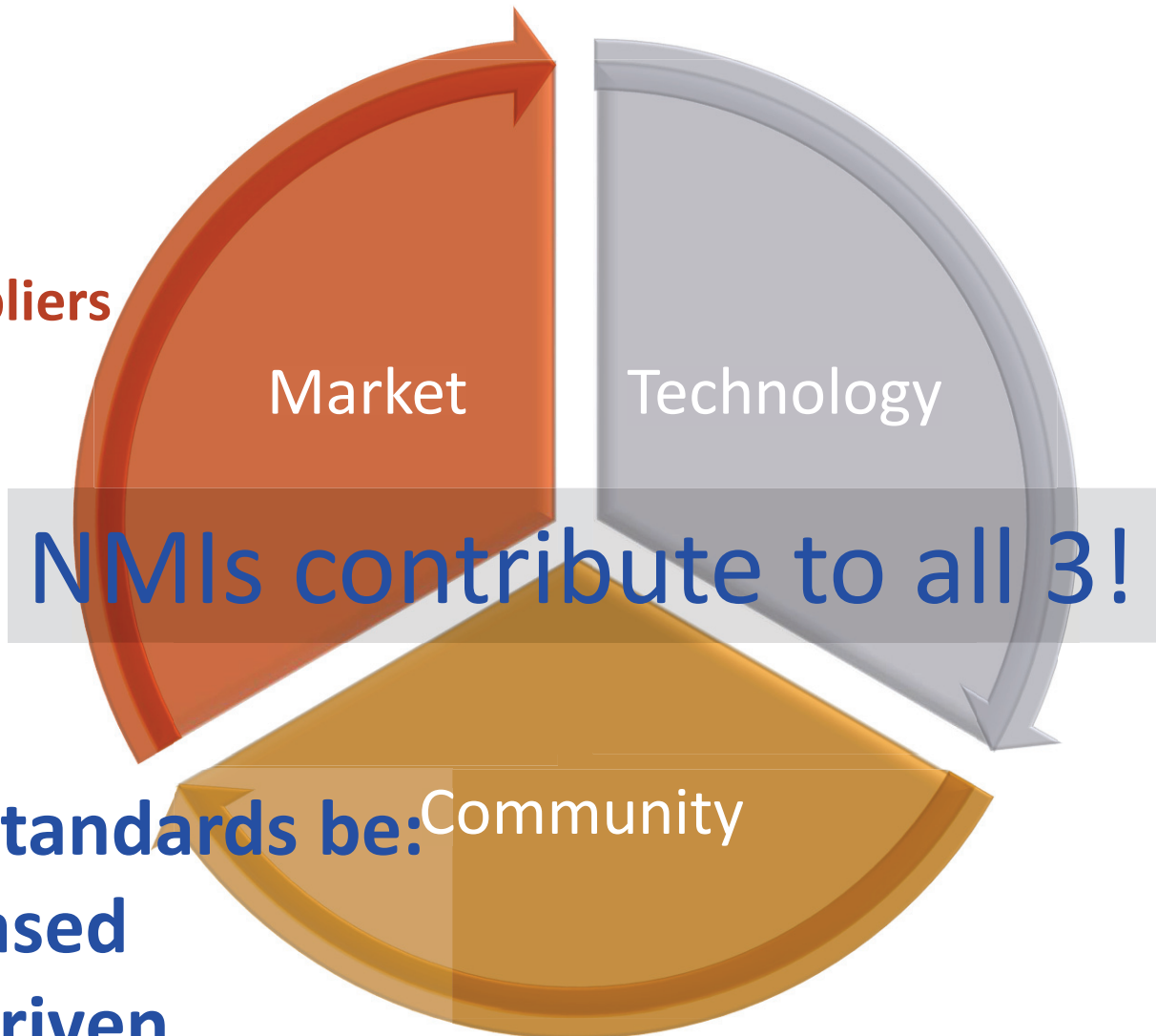
# Ingredients for success in standards

## Existence of:

- Companies, suppliers
- Products
- Use cases
- Roadmaps
- Testbeds

## We can help standards be:

- Science-based
- Industry-driven



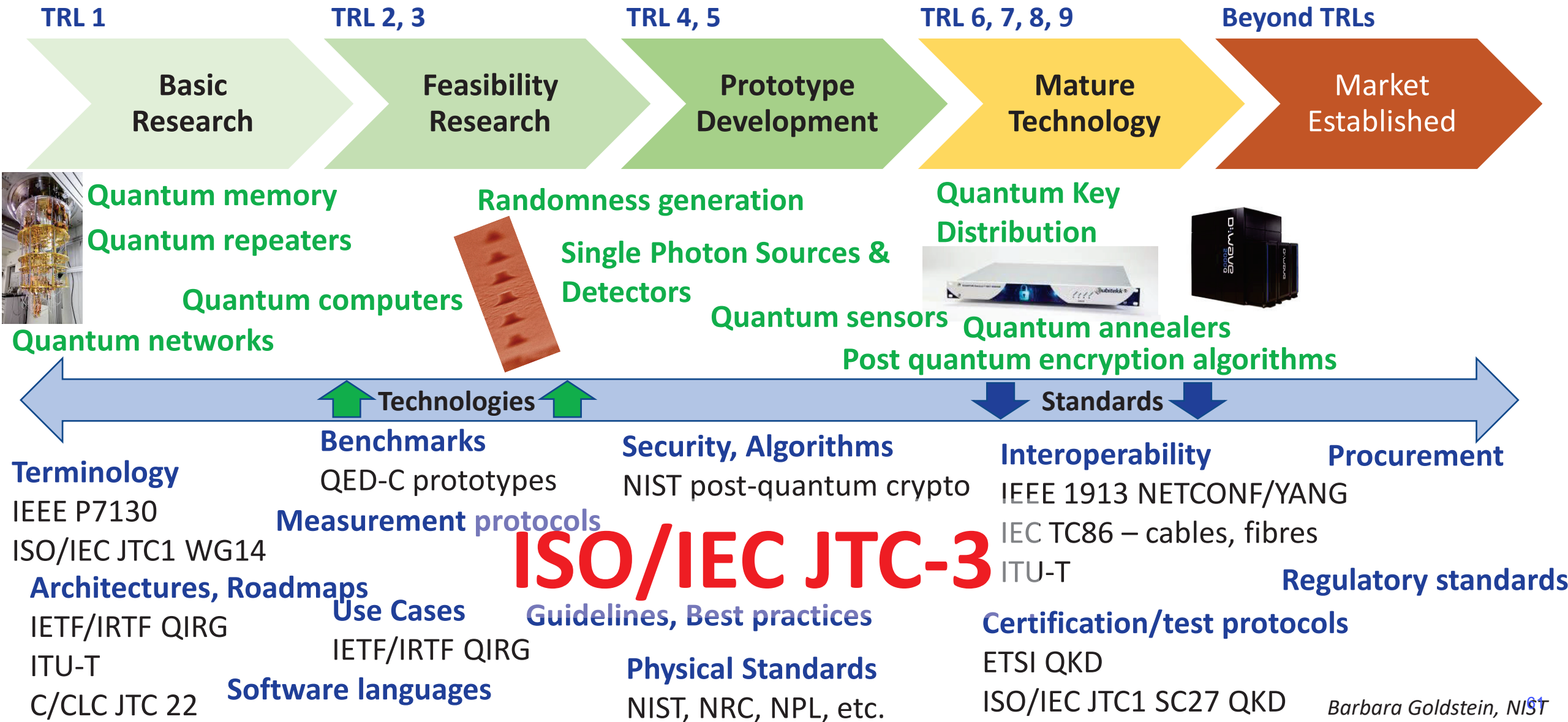
## Existence of:

- Proven science
- Metrology
- Adjacent standards

## Existence of:

- Balanced, global expert pool
- Standards Setting Organizations
- End users for standards

# The busy, evolving & de-centralized quantum standardization landscape



# Standards for quantum technologies

## - What will it take?

## Us! Working together

### To:

- **Inform standards activities** with vetted, sound science
  - i.e.: pre-standardization research
- **Explore new ways to characterize, measure and benchmark**
- **Establish testbeds** to test the viability of candidate standards
- **Leverage** our rich history of **objectivity** & infrastructure for **international collaboration**

**Introducing  
NMI-Q**

# During this workshop we'll...

- Hear from industry consortia
- Explore the relationship between measurements, standards and emerging technologies
- Share how our Institutes are already supporting emerging technologies
- Work together to answer:
  - What more should we work on together?
  - How should we work together?

**NMI-Q is ours to define**



11:15 – 11:45

Break



# Agenda – Day 1 - Morning Opportunities & Challenges

09:00 **Registration**

09:30 **Welcoming remarks**

NMI-Q – Tim Prior

BIPM – Martin Milton, Director

CIPM – JT Janssen

10:00 **Keynote: The emerging quantum economy - the promise & the barriers**

Sir Peter Knight

10:45 **Framing the workshop: motivation and goals - Barbara Goldstein**

11:15 **Break**

11:45 **Panel: Building a quantum economy - what will it take, and what are the challenges?**

12:45 **Lunch**



11:45 – 12:45

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Moderator – Nicolas Spethmann

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- Q-STAR – Taro Shimada (on-line)
- UK Quantum – Jonathan Legh-Smith
- QuIC – Thierry Botter
- QED-C – Celia Merzbacher (on-line)
- Quantum Industry Canada – Lisa Lambert







13:45 – 14:30 (After Lunch)

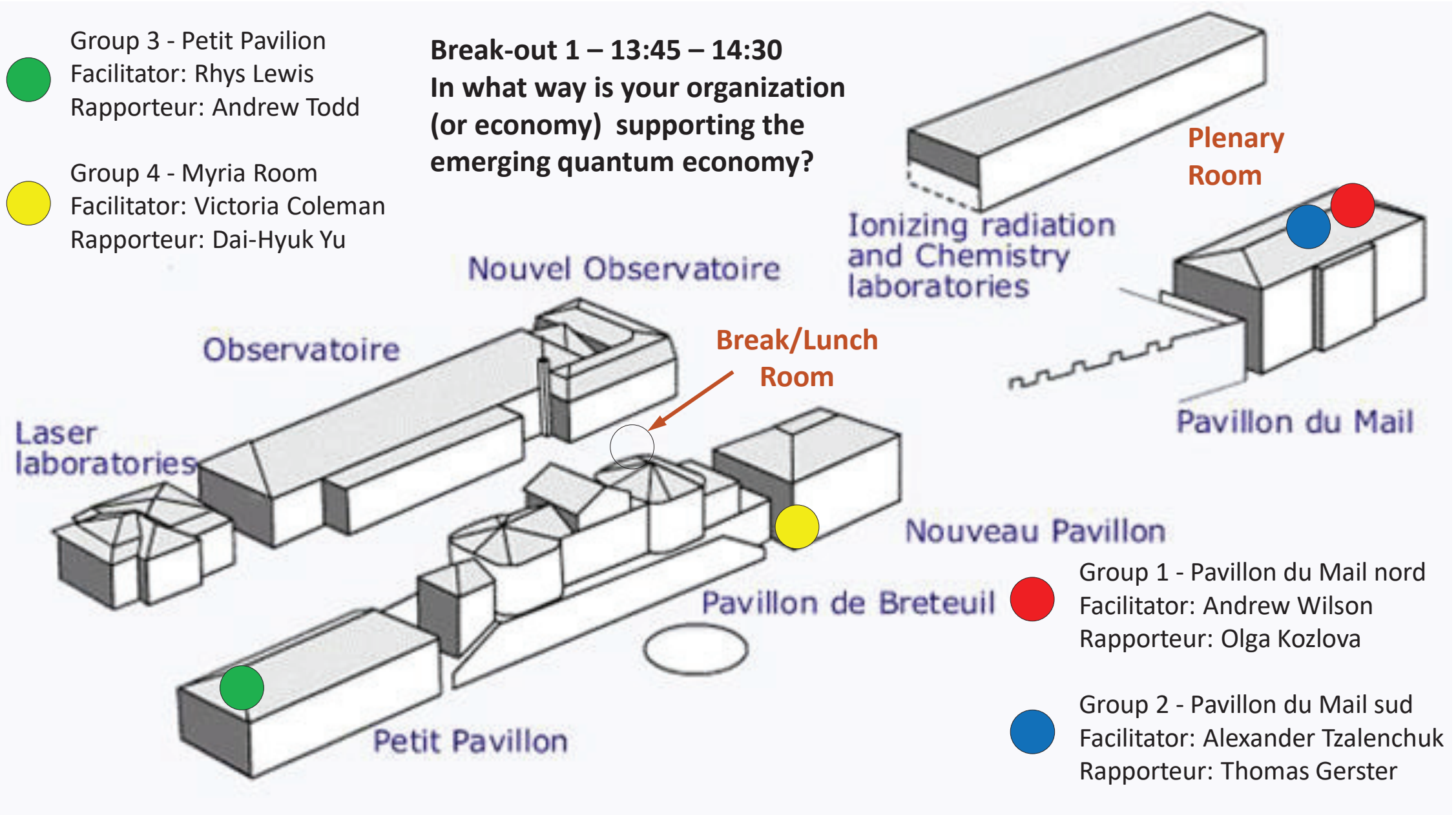
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**Moderator – Kevin Thomson**

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- . Direct funding to enable industry
- . Test beds
- . Role in standardization / standards
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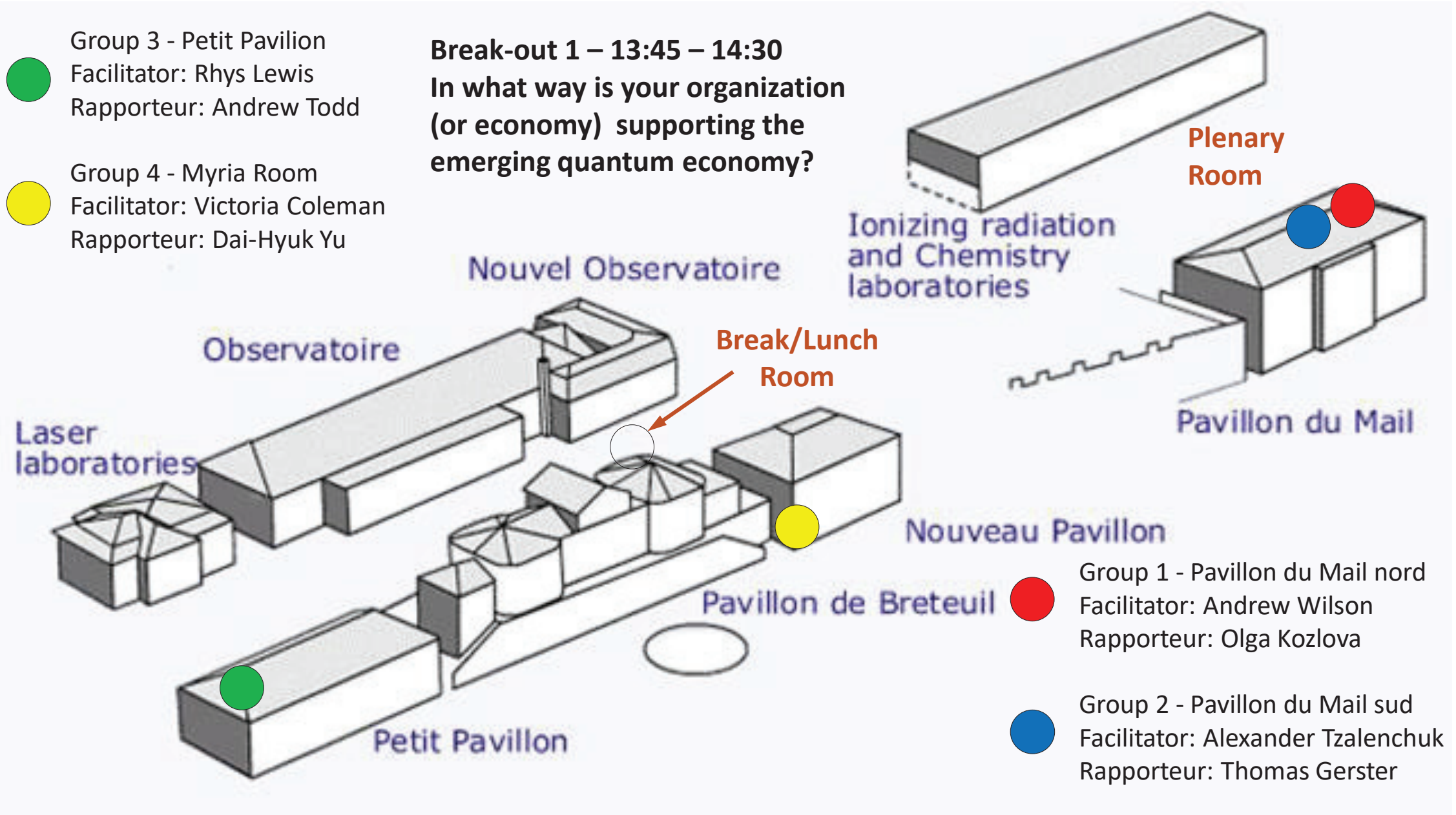




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14:30 – 14:45

Report out from Break-out 1: **In what ways is your organization supporting the emerging quantum economy?**





14:45 – 15:45

Panel: **International quantum standardization**

Moderator – Tim Prior

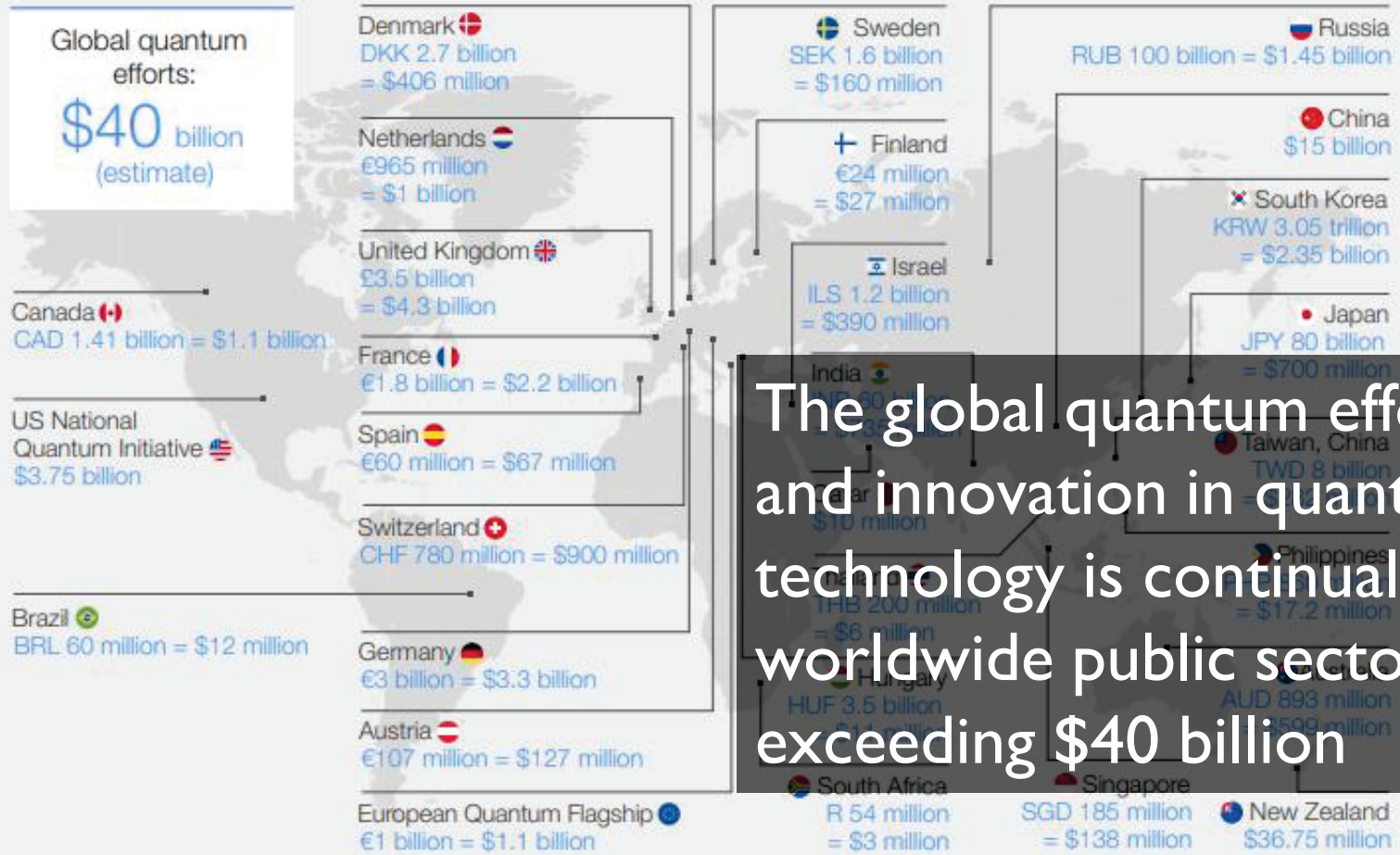


Overall, the global QT market is projected to reach \$106 billion by 2040

Potential economic value from quantum computing estimate to be > \$1 trillion



FIGURE 1 | Public sector investments in quantum technologies worldwide



The global quantum effort leading to research and innovation in quantum science and technology is continually rising, with current worldwide public sector investments exceeding \$40 billion

Note: Not exhaustive; timelines for funding vary by country.  
 Sources: "Overview of Quantum Initiatives Worldwide 2023", QURECA, 19 July 2023, <https://qureca.com/overview-of-quantum-initiatives-worldwide-2023/>;  
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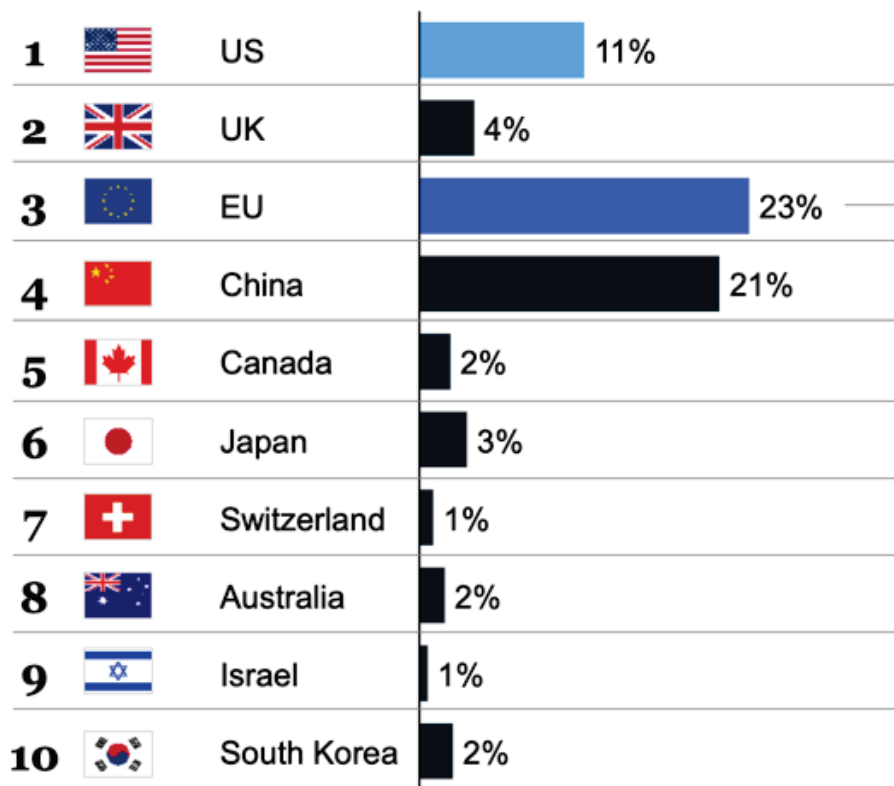
# The European Union leads in quantum-relevant publications, but the United States outcompetes in impact

As of 2020

XX Rank of country's h-index

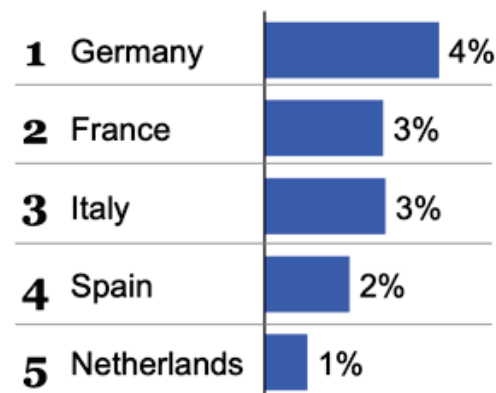
## Top 10 countries worldwide 2020, by h-index

Share of articles and country's h-index<sup>2</sup> in quantum-relevant publications



## Top 5 EU countries

Share of articles and H index, 2020



1. Quantum relevant publications defined as publications in physics, mathematics, and statistics, and information and communications technology

2. The h-index is the number of articles (h) in a country that have been cited at least h times

UK per capita in good leading position

## Key takeaways

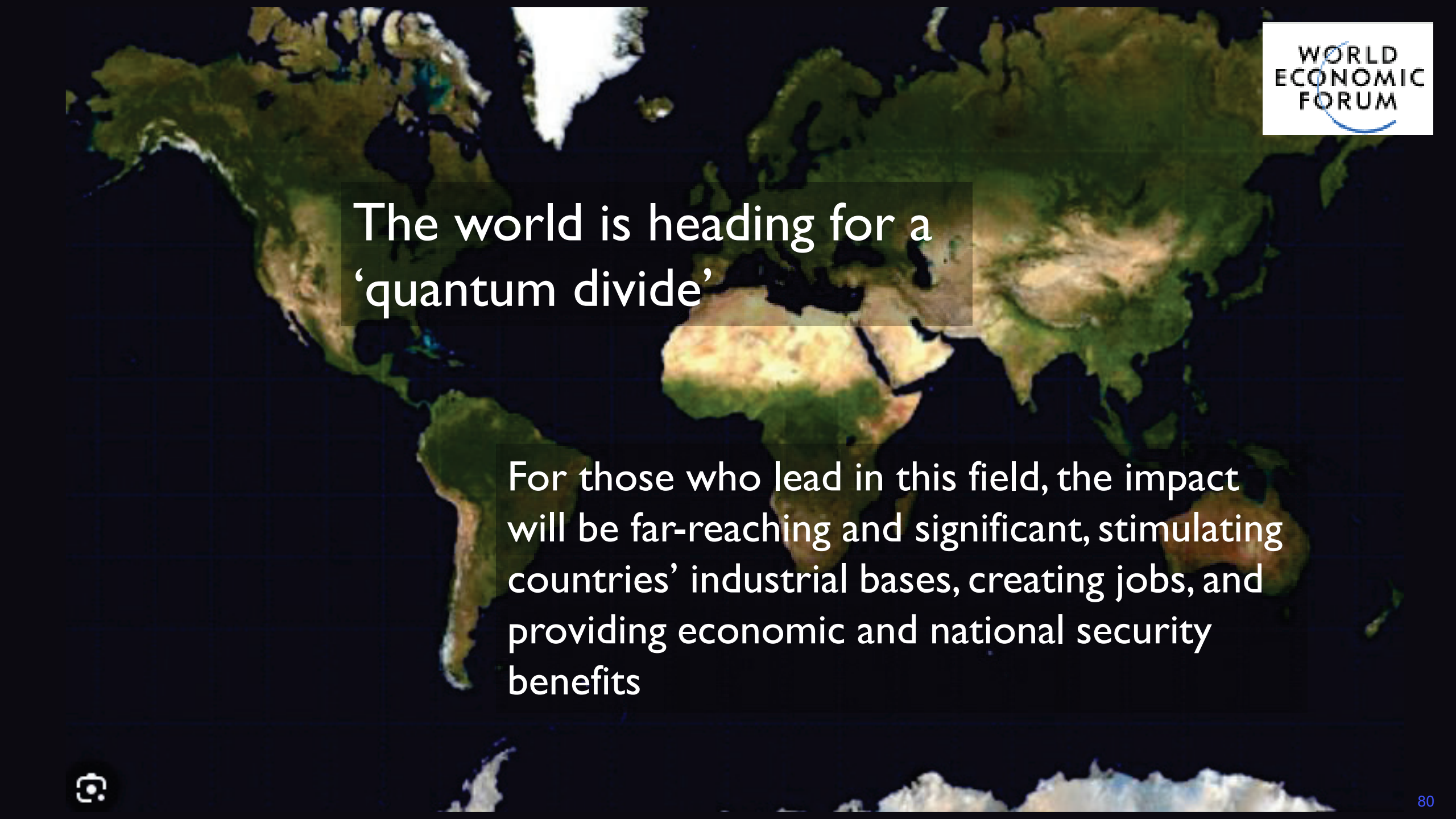


US publications have the **highest impact** measured by h-index indicating a leading position in academic research



The EU is leading in terms of **published articles** in 2020 in quantum-relevant fields, followed by China and the US





The world is heading for a  
'quantum divide'

For those who lead in this field, the impact will be far-reaching and significant, stimulating countries' industrial bases, creating jobs, and providing economic and national security benefits

# Quantum Economy Blueprint

INSIGHT REPORT  
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The Australian Government will be an active participant in global standards-setting bodies to promote the development of standards that support a thriving, accessible and safe quantum ecosystem; and ensure Australia's regulatory frameworks foster quantum-related research, support investment in quantum companies and support exports while protecting Australia's national interests."

Australian Government Department of Industry, Science and Resources, *National Quantum Strategy*, 2023.



The supply chain that underpins the quantum sector – while still nascent – is already truly global. Based on a survey of 54 relevant UK companies, 85% are importing elements of their supply chain to develop quantum technologies. In the UK, 33 companies are a key part of this global supply chain.

UK Department for Science, Innovation & Technology, *National Quantum Strategy*, 2023.



There is a critical concern for Argentina, Brazil and other countries in the Global South related to the widening technology gap with developed countries, in spite of the fact that many countries in this region are scientifically and technologically mature. It is important to create awareness of this issue and to find ways to revert this trend.

Karen Hallberg, Professor of Physics, Balseiro Institute and Principal Researcher, National Council on Scientific and Technological Research (CONICET), Bariloche Atomic Center (CNEA), Argentina



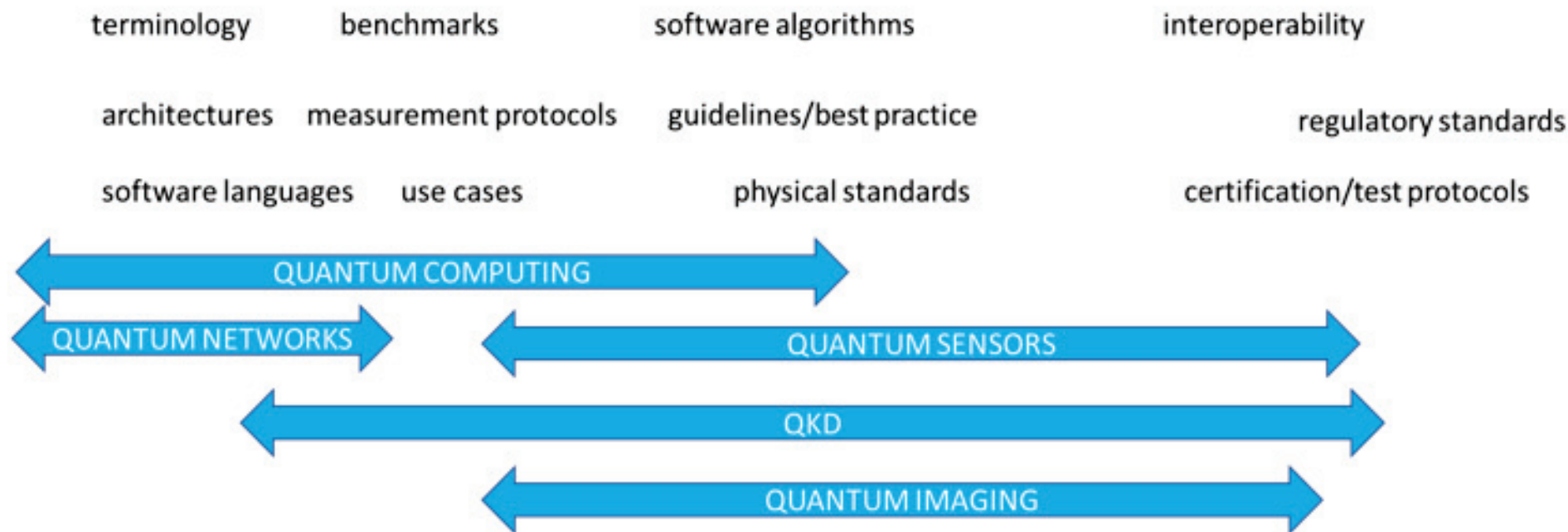
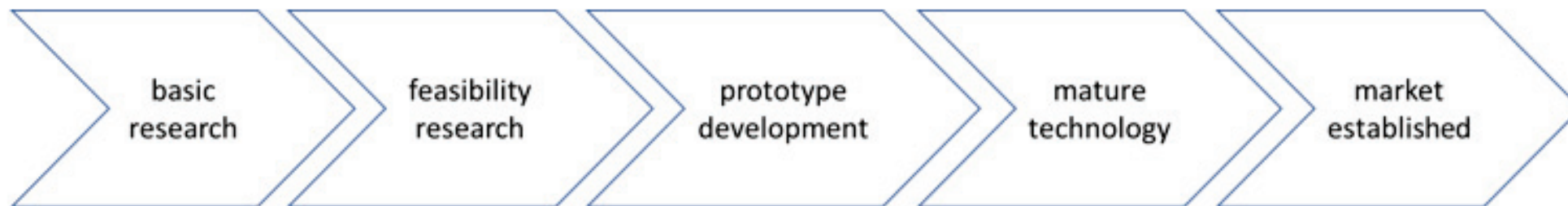
Promote quantum industry by training human resources and widely disseminating information. Promote quantum industrialization by developing a programme to recruit and train human resources in quantum and related fields; make clear in Japan and internationally that implementation of quantum technology is essential for future society.

QSTAR Japan





# Standardisation Readiness Level – A growing NMI Roadmap



Credit: Barbara Goldstein, NIST

## Panel: International quantum standardization

- NIST – Barbara Goldstein
- NPL – John Devaney
- PTB – Thomas Gerster
- Fujitsu – Kazutomo Hasegawa





15:45 – 16:15

Break





16:15 – 17:30

Panel: **The role of the metrology community in  
advancing emerging technologies**

Moderator – JT Janssen



Panel: The role of the metrology community in advancing emerging technologies

Talk: The expanding role of NMIs in the quantum era

Alexander Tzalenchuk

# The Expanding Role of National Metrology Institutes in the Quantum Era

Alexander Tzalenchuk, Nicolas Spethmann, Tim Prior, Jay H. Hendricks, Yijie Pan, Vladimir Bubanja, Guilherme P. Temporão, Dai-Hyuk Yu, Damir Ilić and Barbara L. Goldstein

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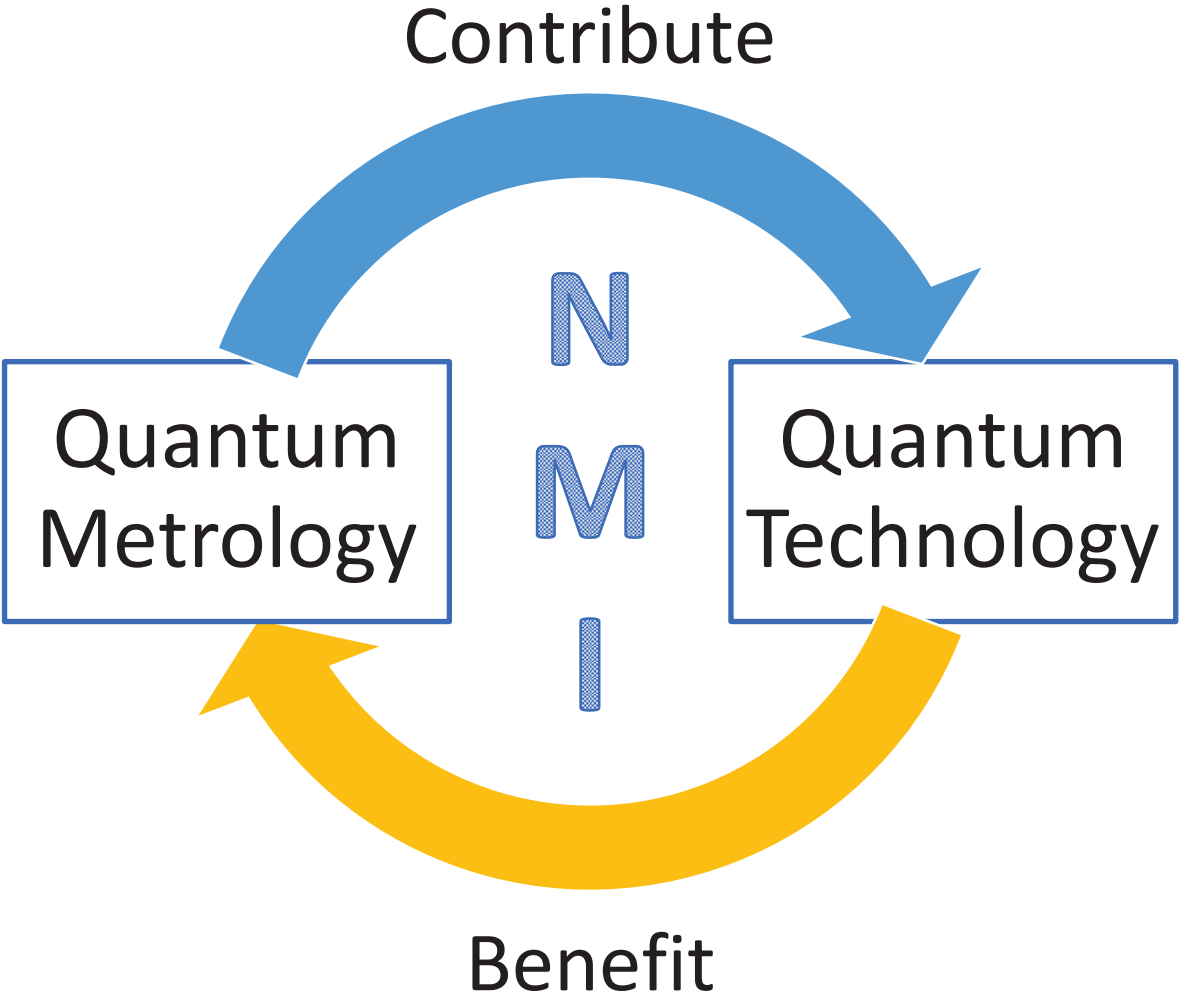
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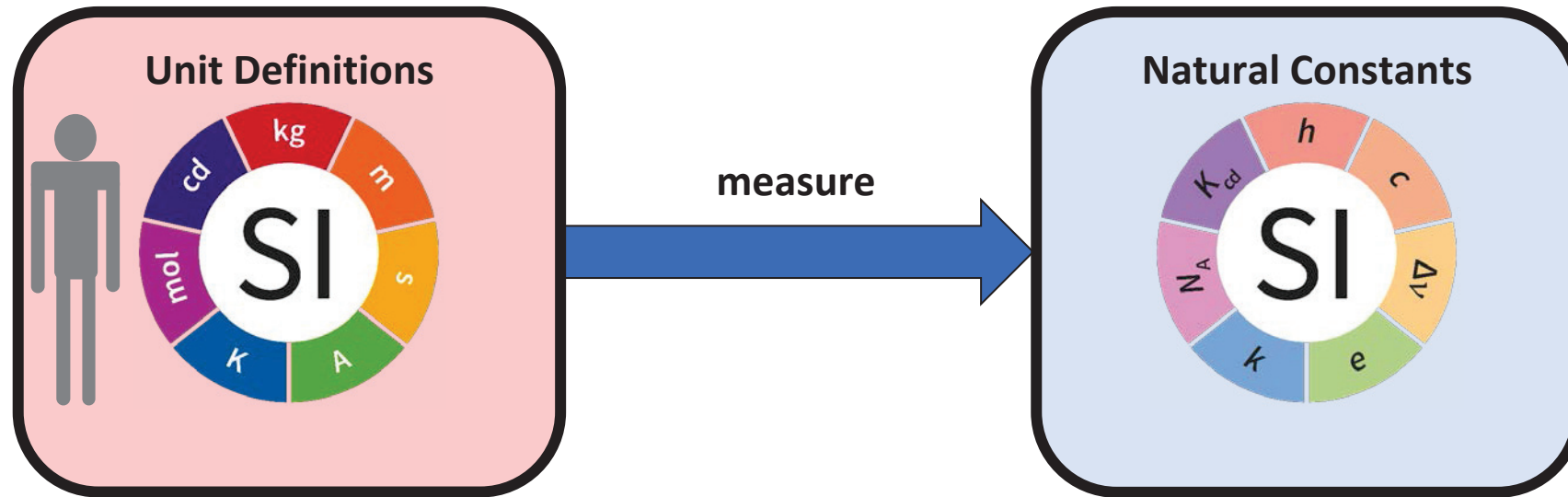
# Talk outline



# Discoveries and applications in metrology

- Time metrology. Masers and atomic clocks. [**1944** - Isidor Isaac Rabi , **1964** - Charles H. Townes, Nicolay G. Basov, Aleksandr M. Prokhorov]
- Frequency standards. Ion traps, laser cooling. BEC. [**1989** - Norman F. Ramsey, Hans G. Dehmelt, Wolfgang Paul, **1997** - Steven Chu, Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, William D. Phillips, **2001** - Eric A. Cornell, Wolfgang Ketterle, Carl E. Wieman]
- Lasers, interferometry and spectroscopy, frequency combing [**1907** - Albert Michelson, **2005** - Roy J. Glauber, John L. Hall, Theodor W. Hänsch]
- Dimensional and functional metrology on the nano-scale. Scanning probe microscopy [**1986** - Ernst Ruska, Gerd Binnig, Heinrich Rohrer]
- The Josephson effect and the volt [**1973** - Leo Esaki, Ivar Giaever, Brian D. Josephson]
- Quantum Hall effect and the ohm [**1985** - Klaus von Klitzing]
- Graphene [with the first application in resistance standard **2010** - Andre Geim & Konstantin Novoselov]
- Quantum control and clocks [**2012** – Serge Haroche & David Wineland]

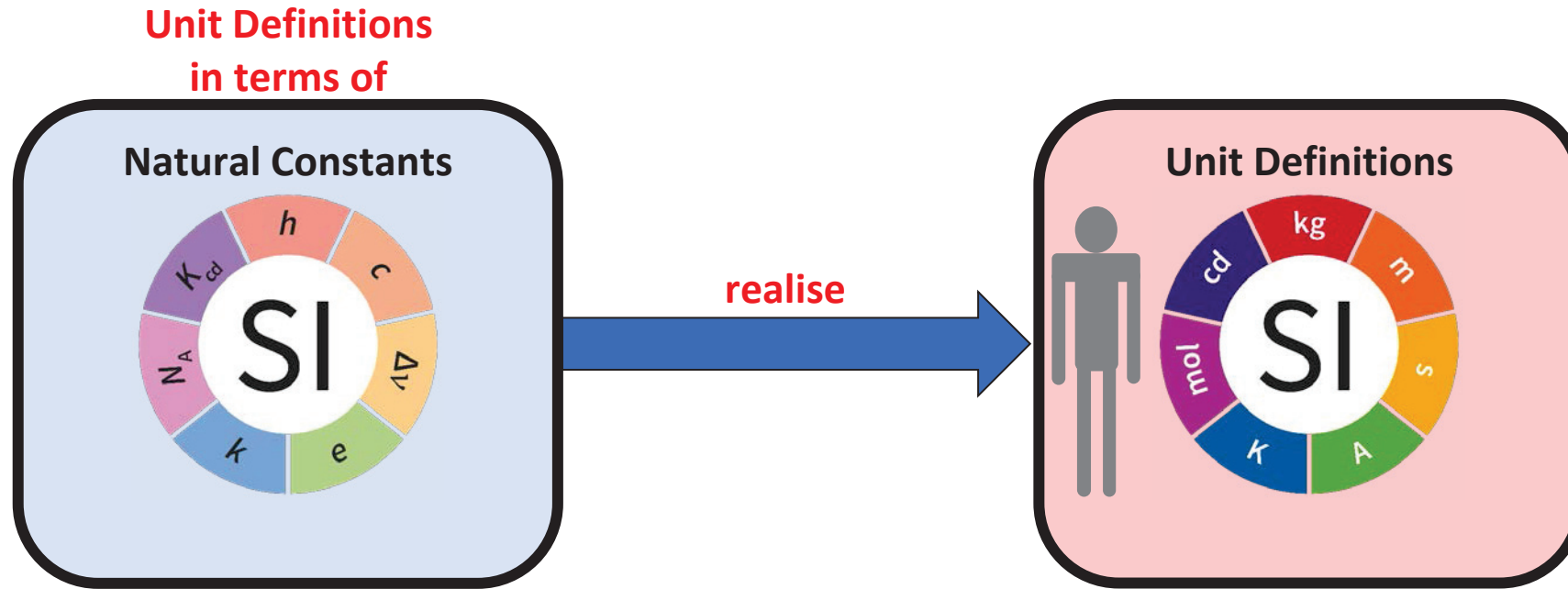
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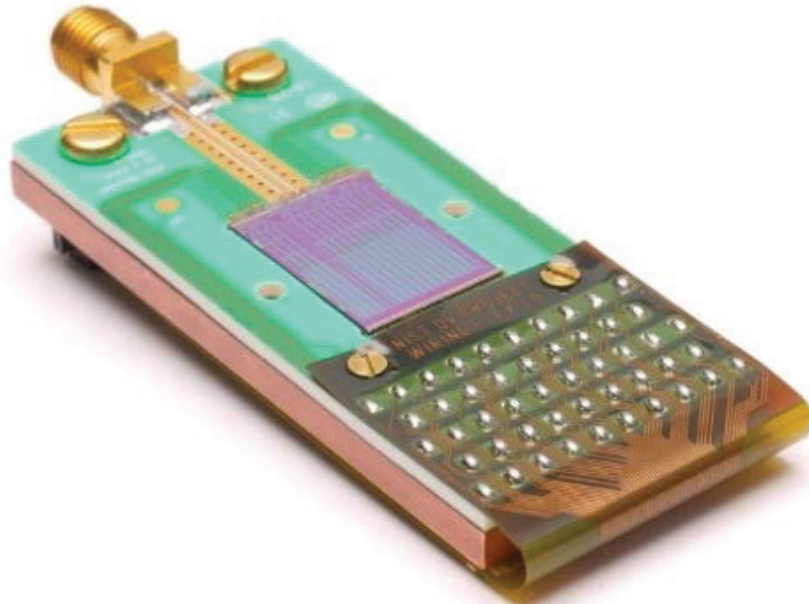
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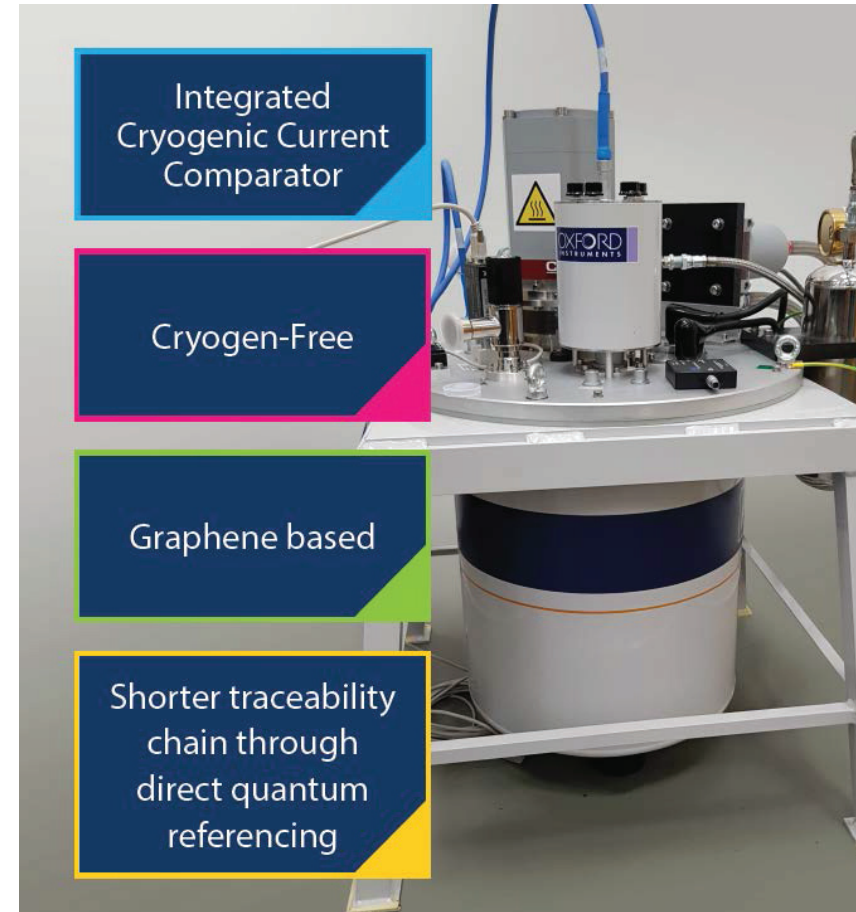
3. Fixed the numerical value of constants (e.g., the speed of light)
4. Realised the units in terms of the value of the constants



# We may and (often) we can realise units (almost) anywhere anytime

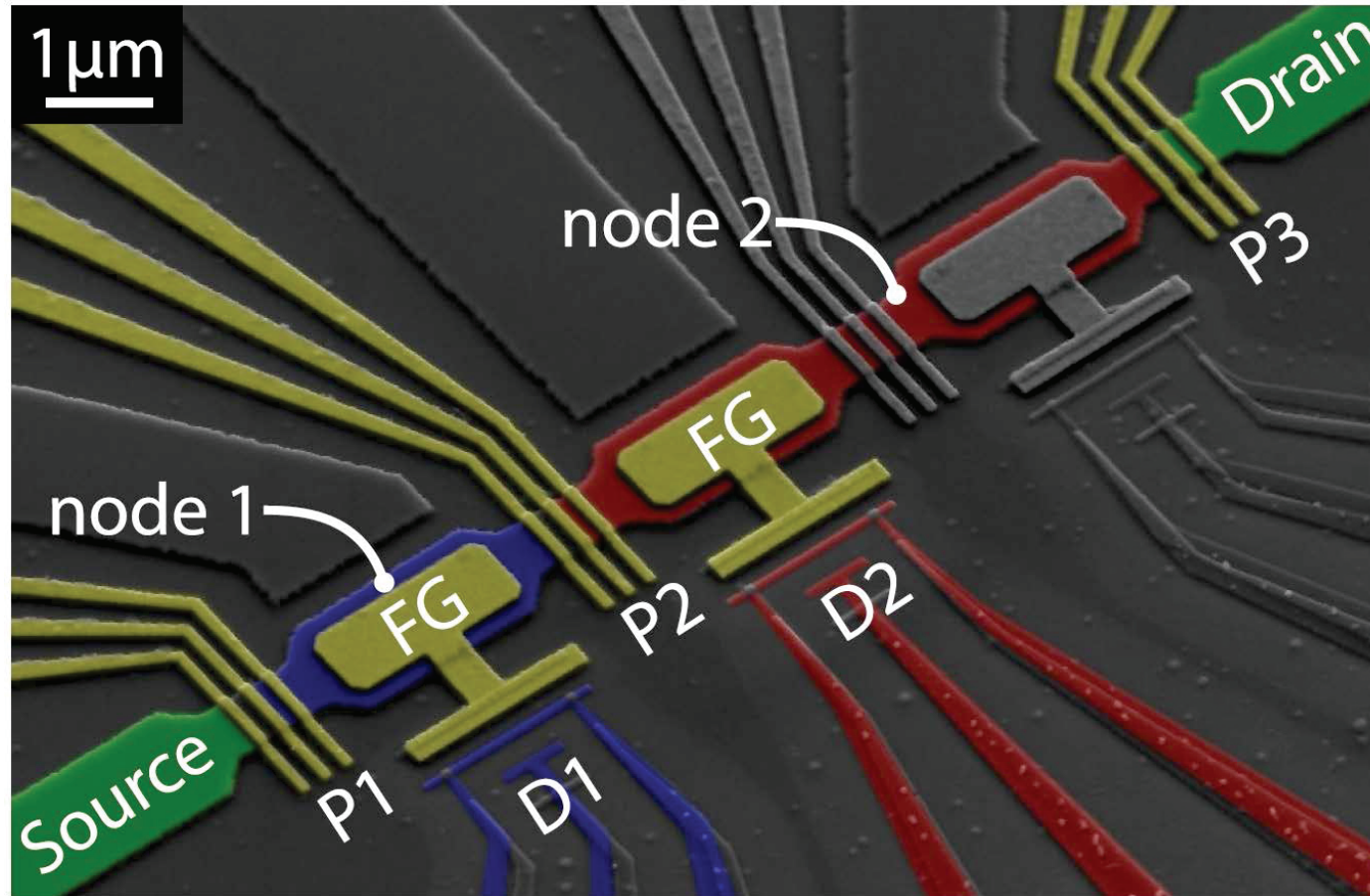


NIST: 10 V programmable Josephson voltage standard (PJVS)



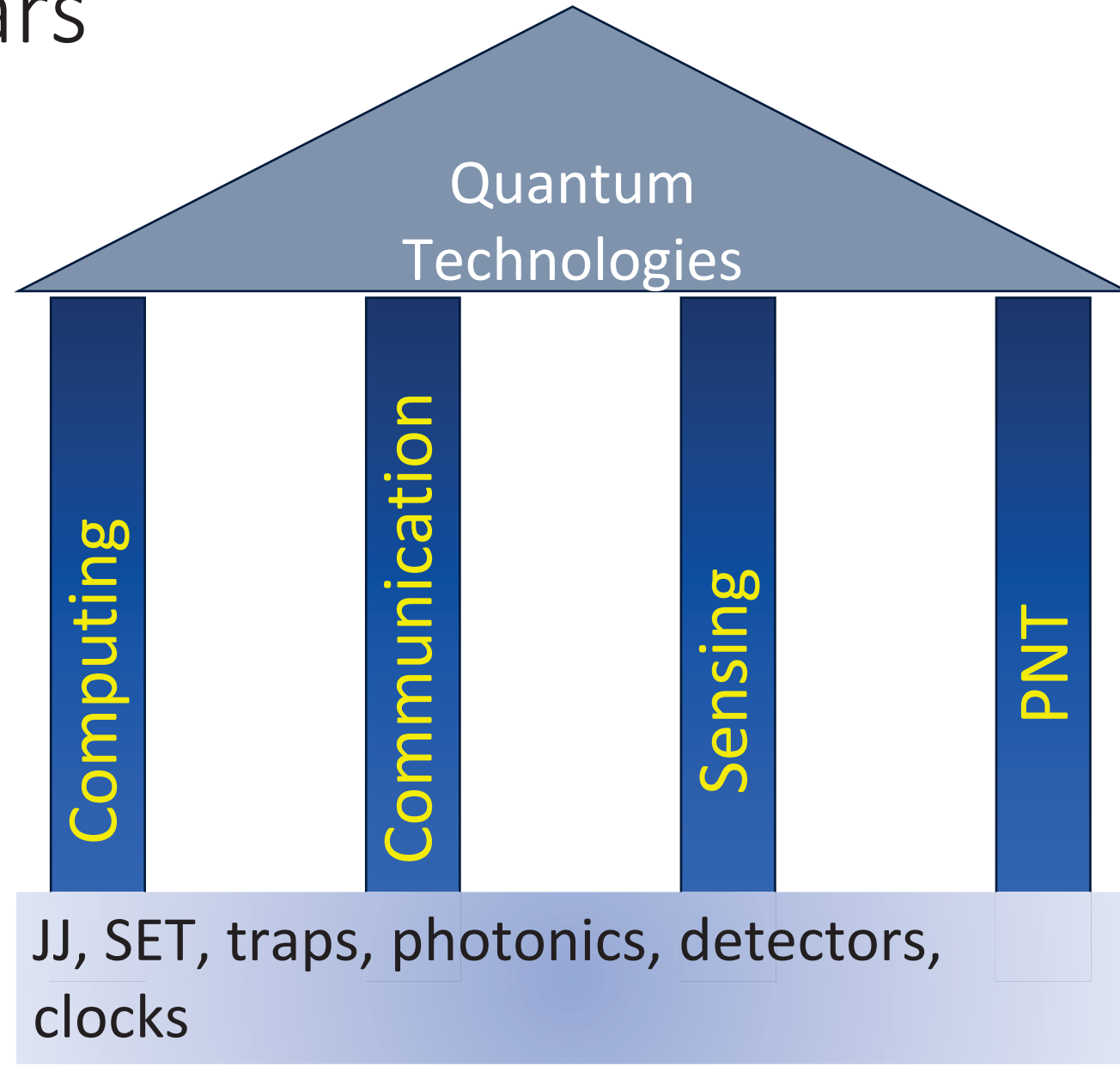
NPL: table-top quantum Hall system

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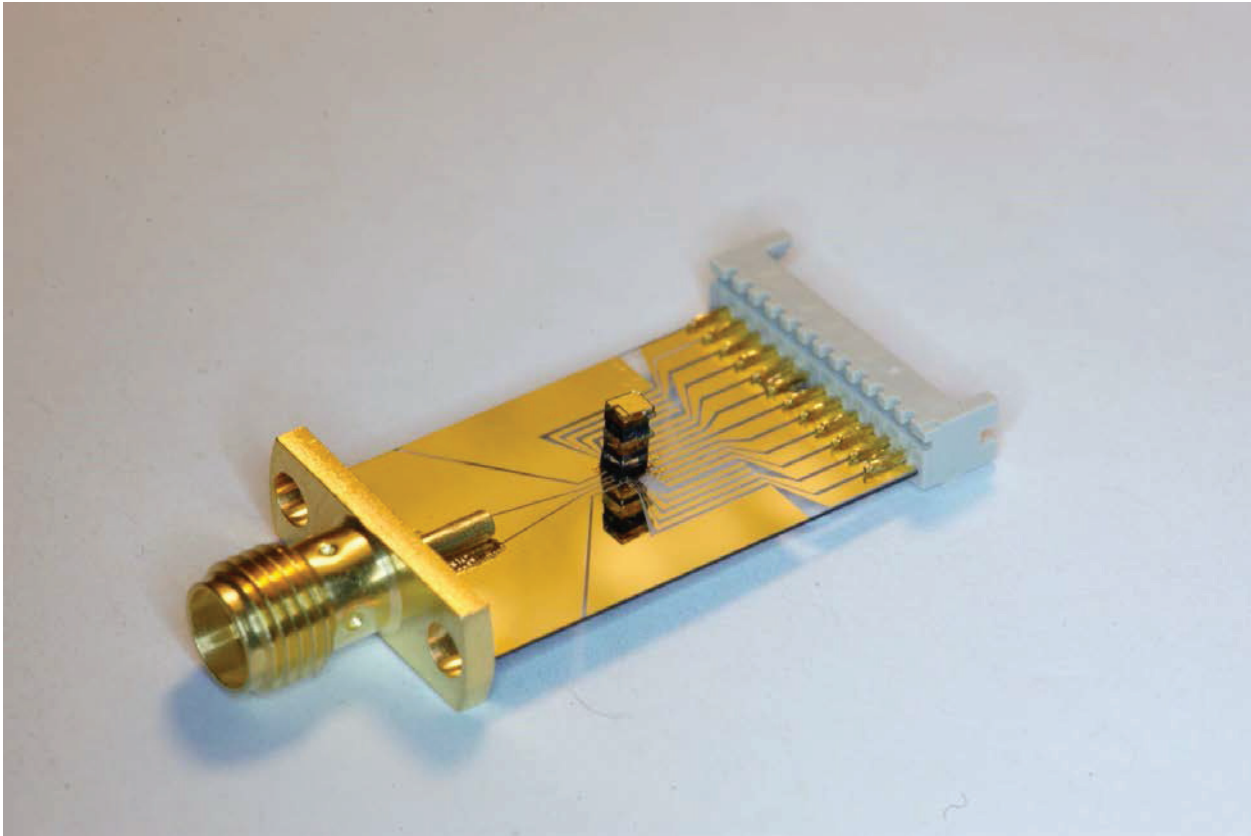


PTB: self-referenced single-electron quantized current source

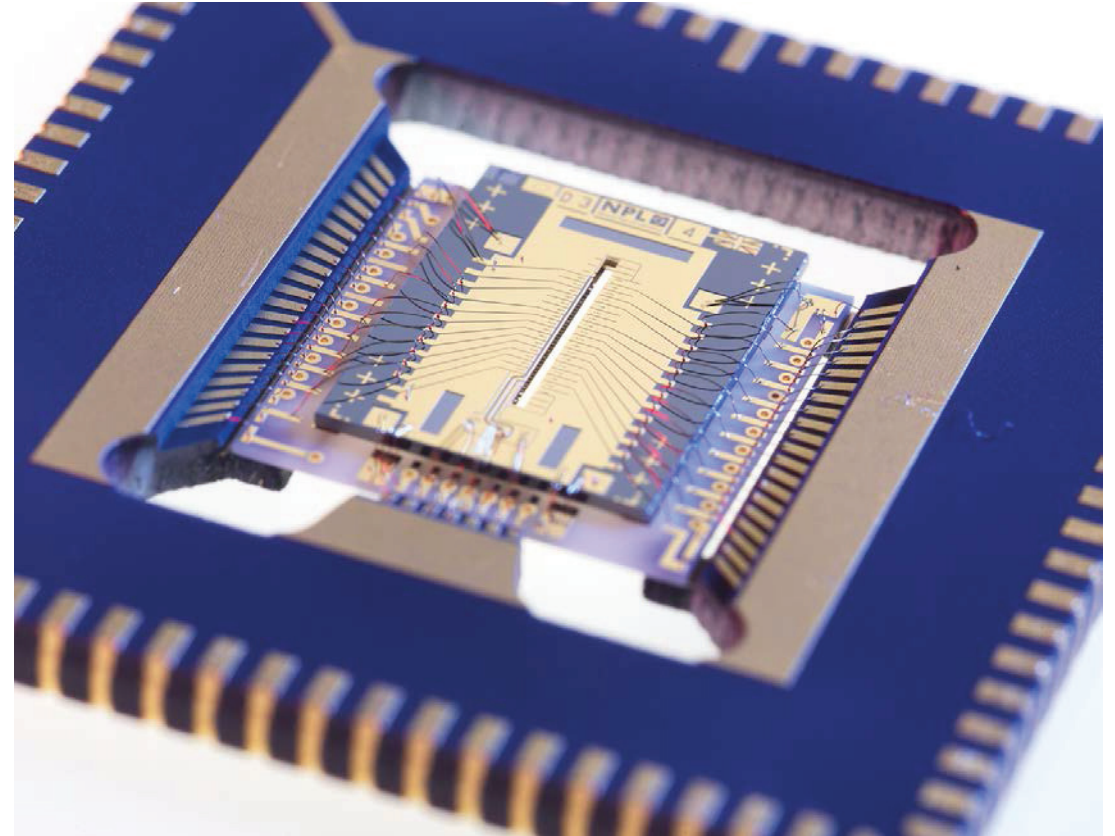
# Four pillars



# From quantum standards to quantum sensors



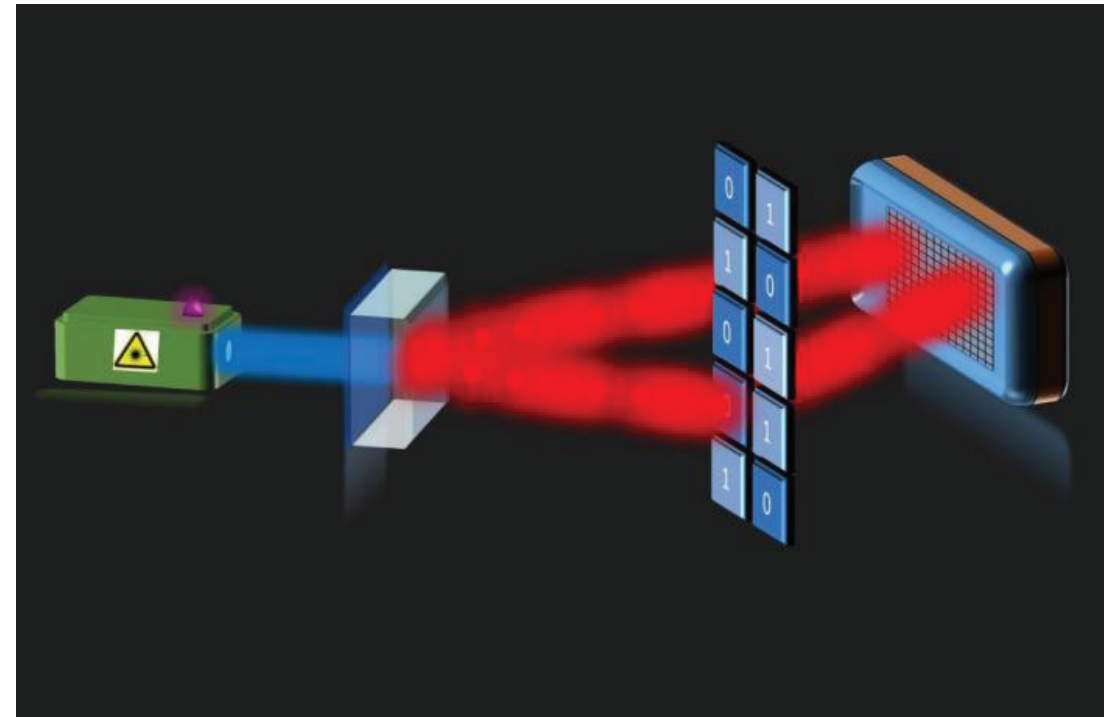
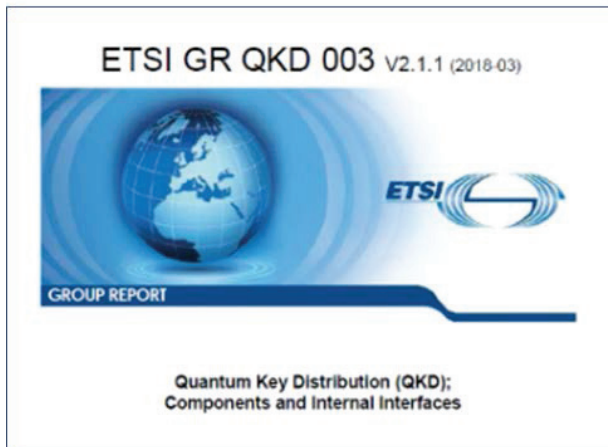
NIST's chip-scale atomic magnetometer



NPL's microfabricated 3D ion trap

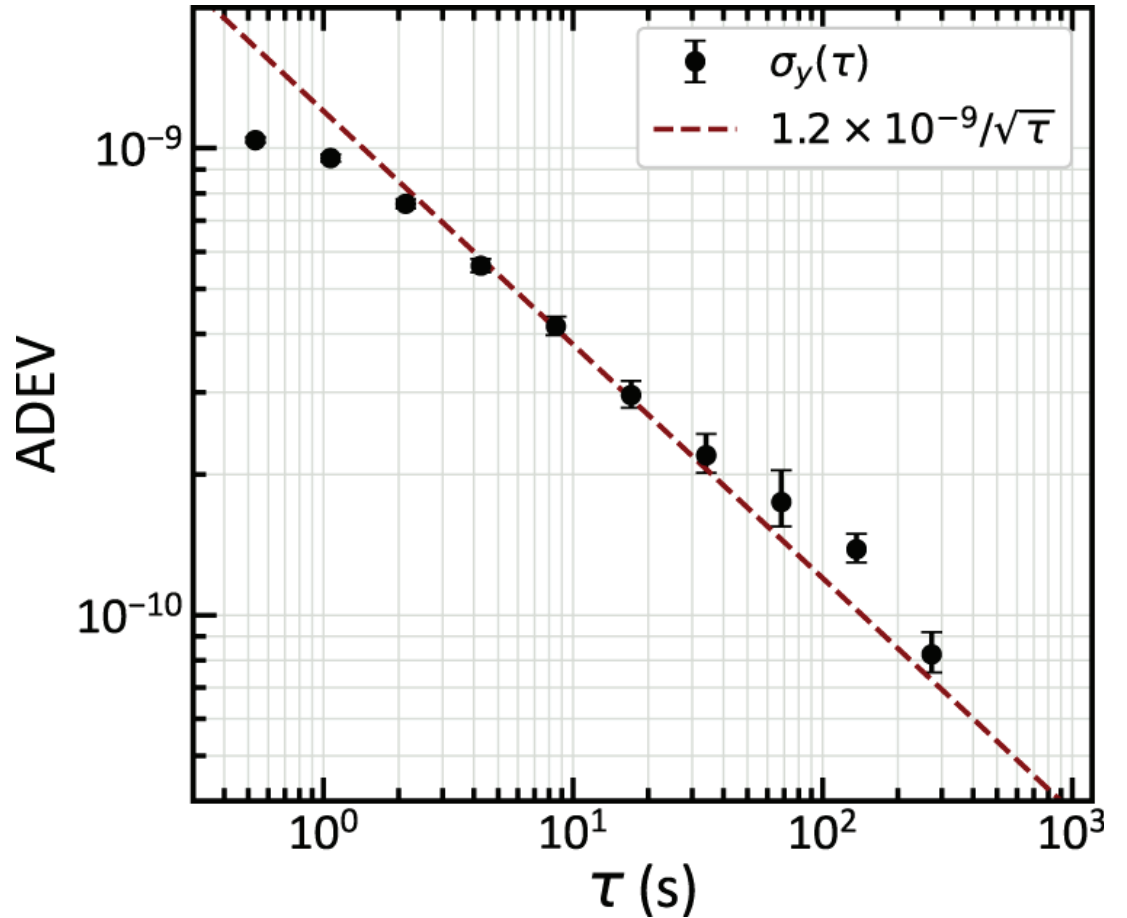
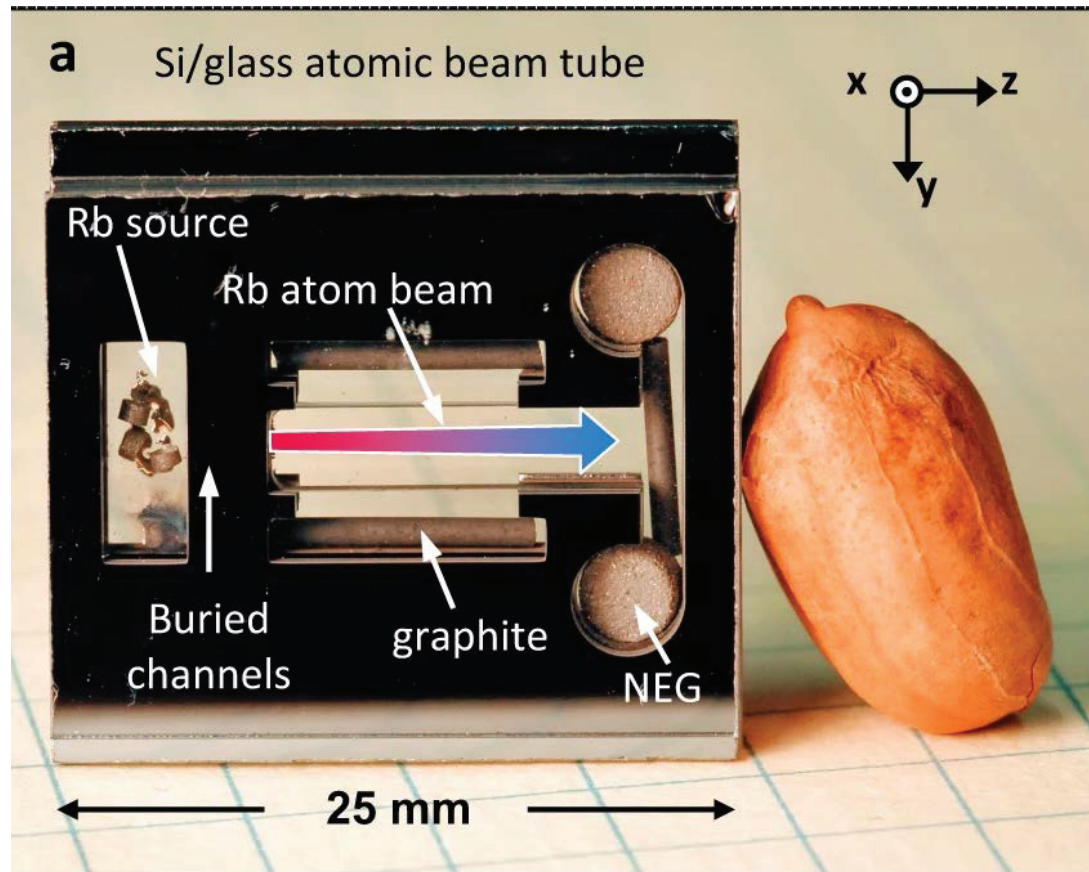


# Photonics and quantum communications



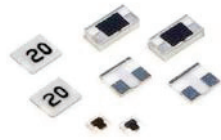
INRIM: Quantum imaging and quantum sensing

# Timing



NIST: chip-scale atomic beam clock  
from Martinez, G.D., Li, C., Staron, A. et al. Nat Commun 14, 3501 (2023).

# Computing and comms: component calibration



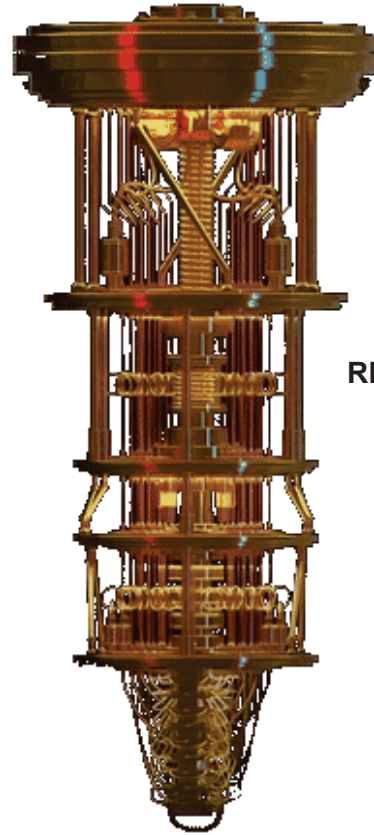
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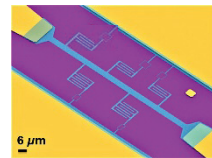
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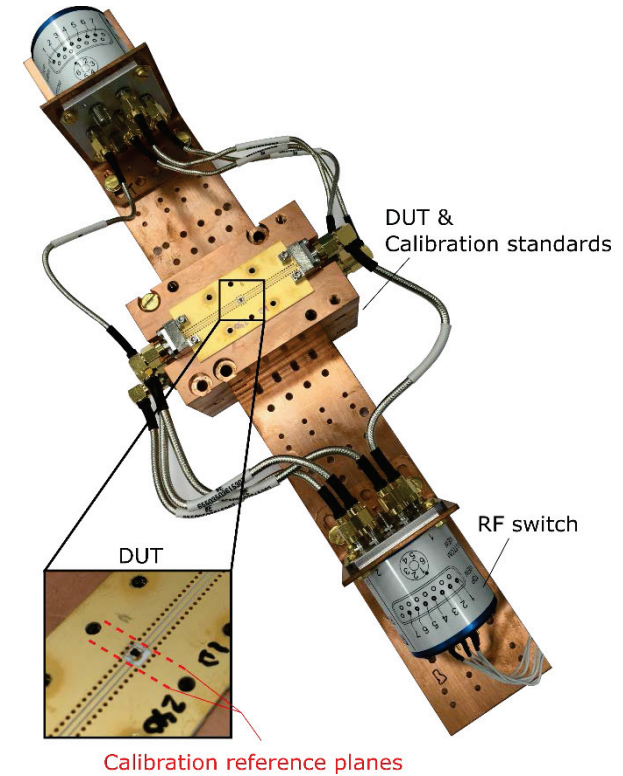
Coaxial Devices



RF Cables & Interconnects

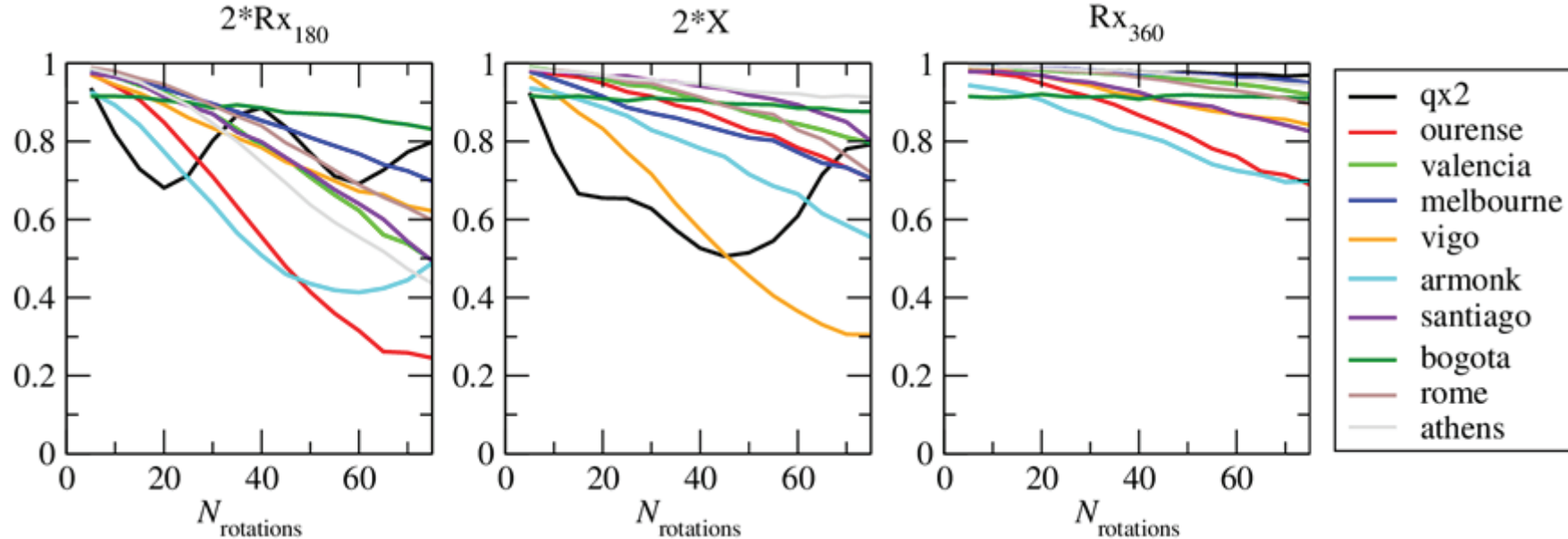


Quantum Integrated Circuits



# Difficult questions...

Such as: which quantum computing hardware is the best?  
Requires a well-defined approach that removes benchmarking ambiguity and tests properties relevant for real applications



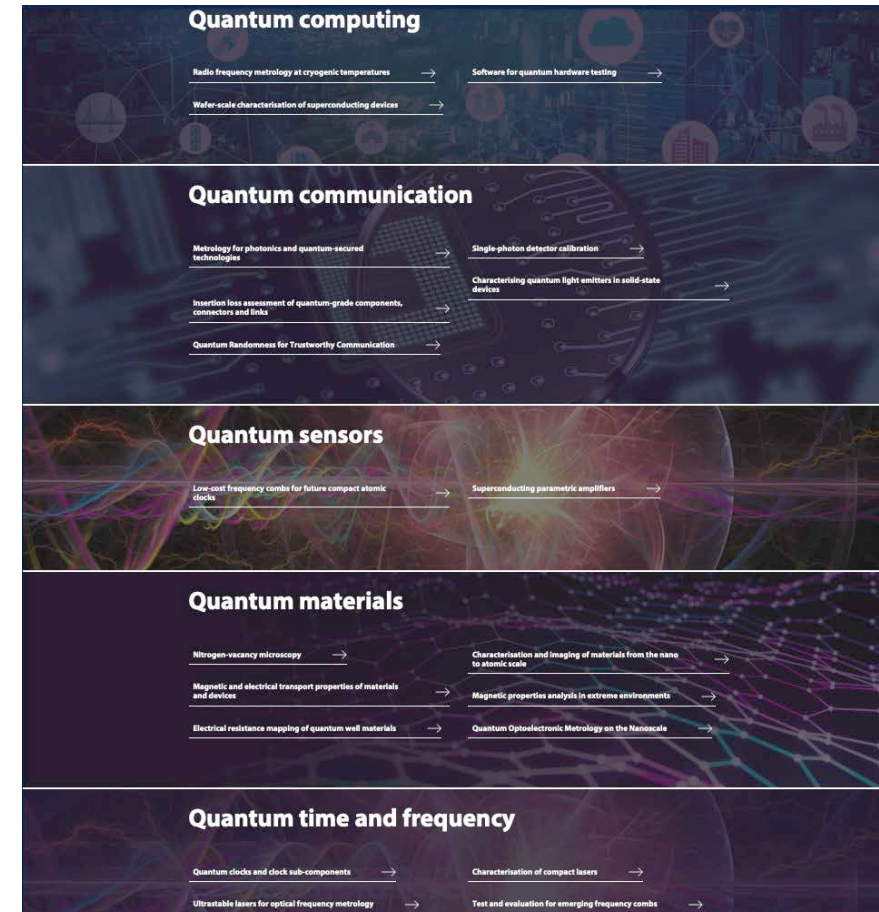
Example: three equivalent ways to repeatedly rotate a qubit by 360 degrees, different hardware is the apparent winner for each approach. Detailed examination helps identify and mitigate noise sources.



# Quantum testbeds, innovation and T&E programmes

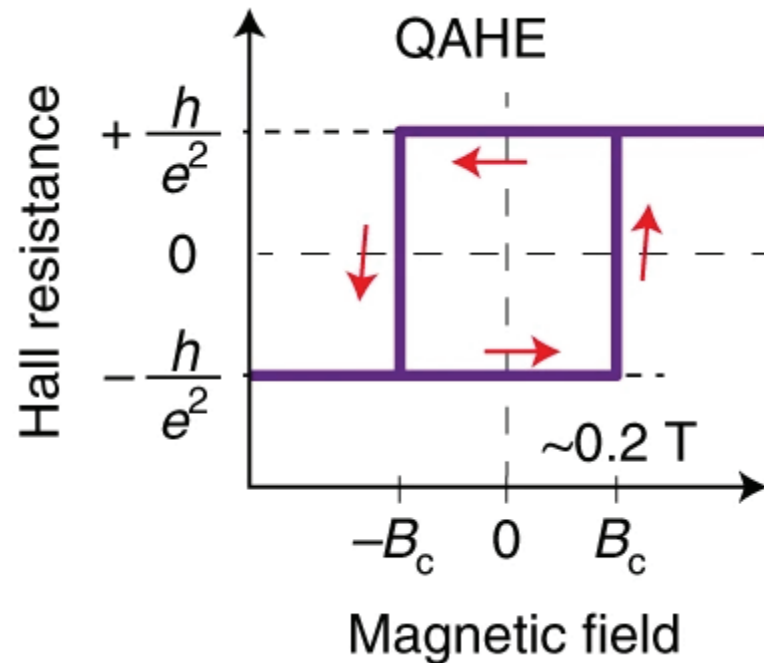
addressing the barriers to innovation and accelerating the commercialisation of quantum technologies.

- NMIJ
- NIST
- PTB
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- KRISS
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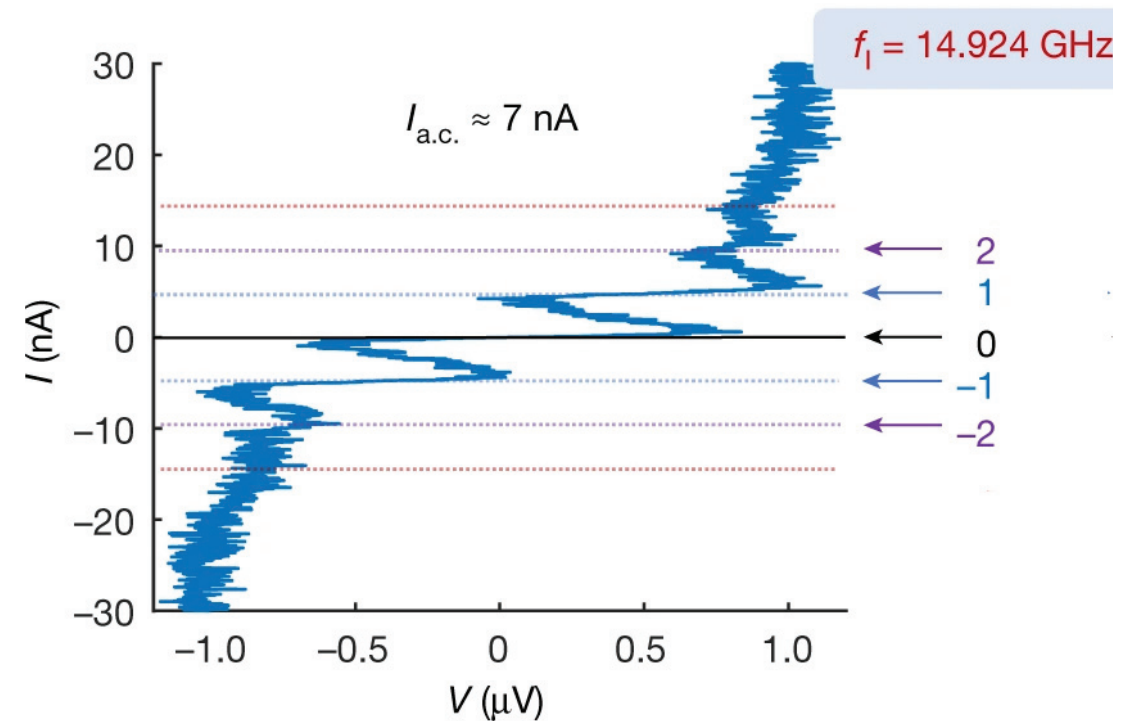
# More is coming

QAHE - an alternative way to realise the ohm?



Okazaki, Y., *et al. Nat. Phys.* **18**, 25–29 (2022).

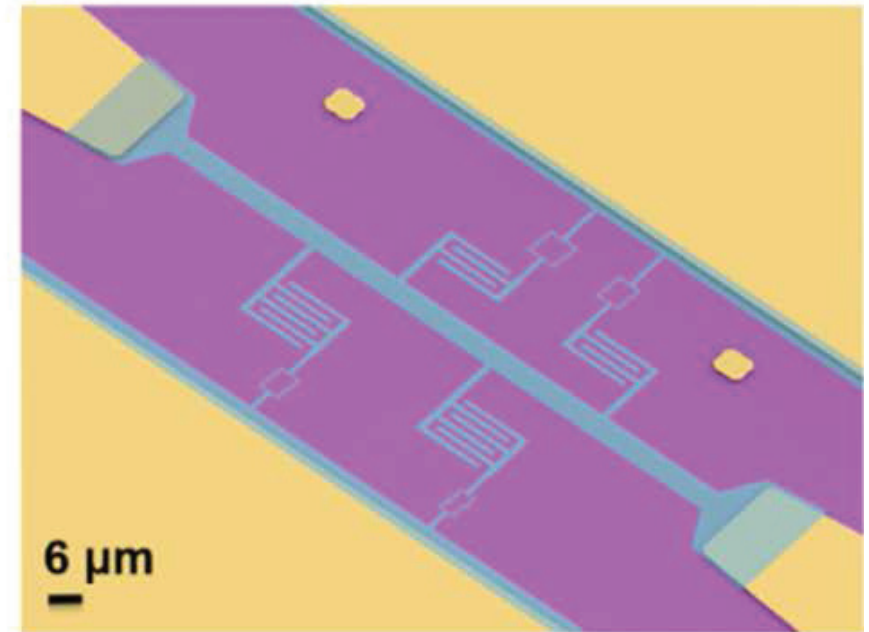
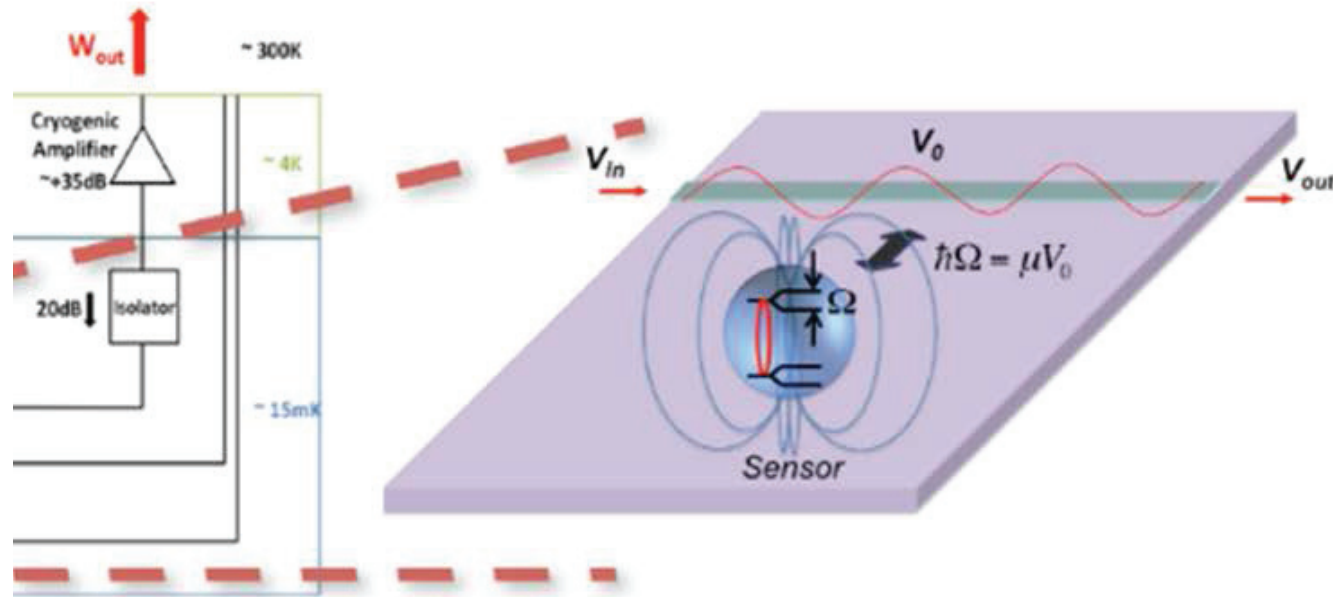
QPS - an alternative way to realise the ampere?



R. Shaikhaidarov, *et al. Nature* **608**, 45–49 (2022).

# Beyond SI base units

qubit as an absolute sensor of microwave power



# Future SI: Towards redefinition of the second

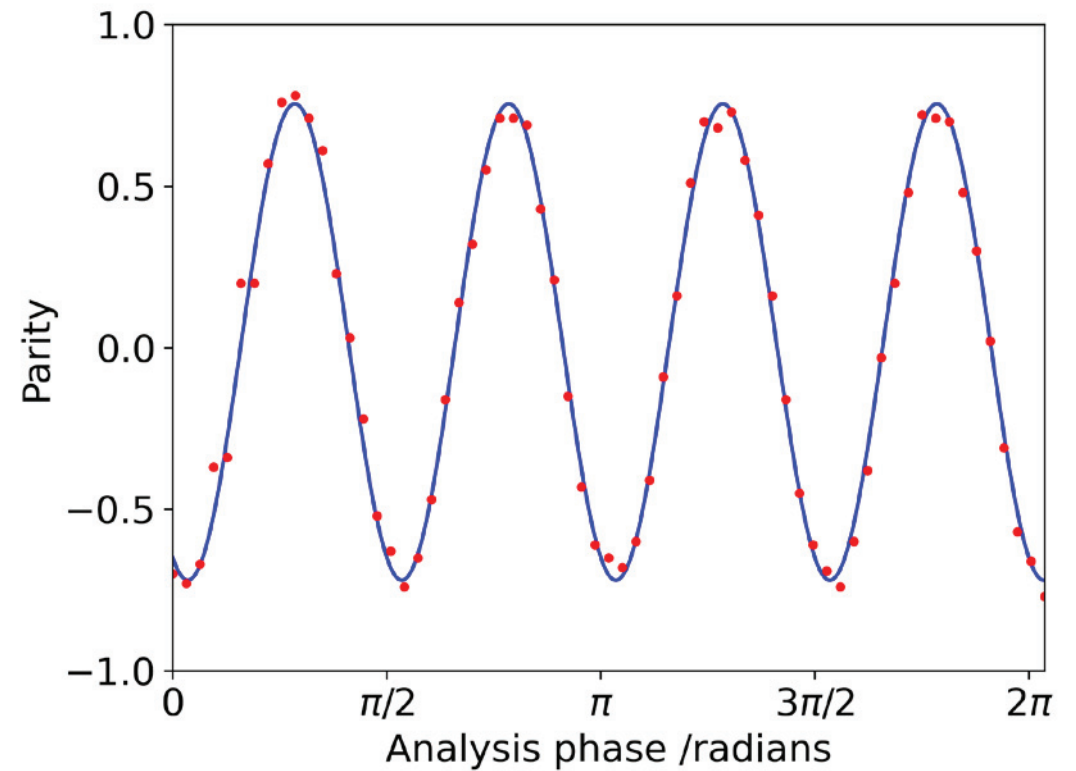


PTB: Yb multi-ion optical clock



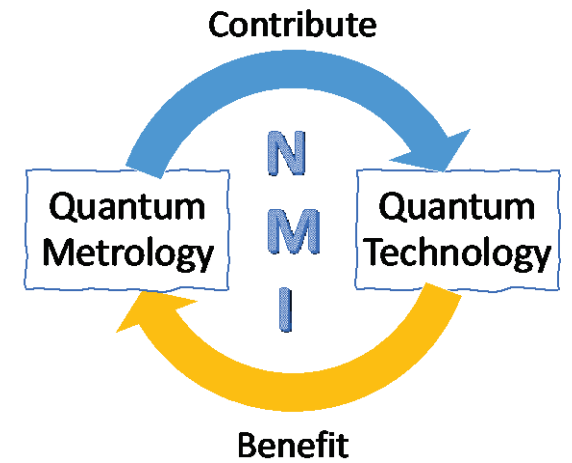
# Quantum advantage

- Can entanglement be usefully scaled?
- Can sensors be quantum-networked?



A 'parity scan' graph, used to determine the fidelity of generating the 4-ion entangled state (akin to a Ramsey fringe)

# Conclusions:



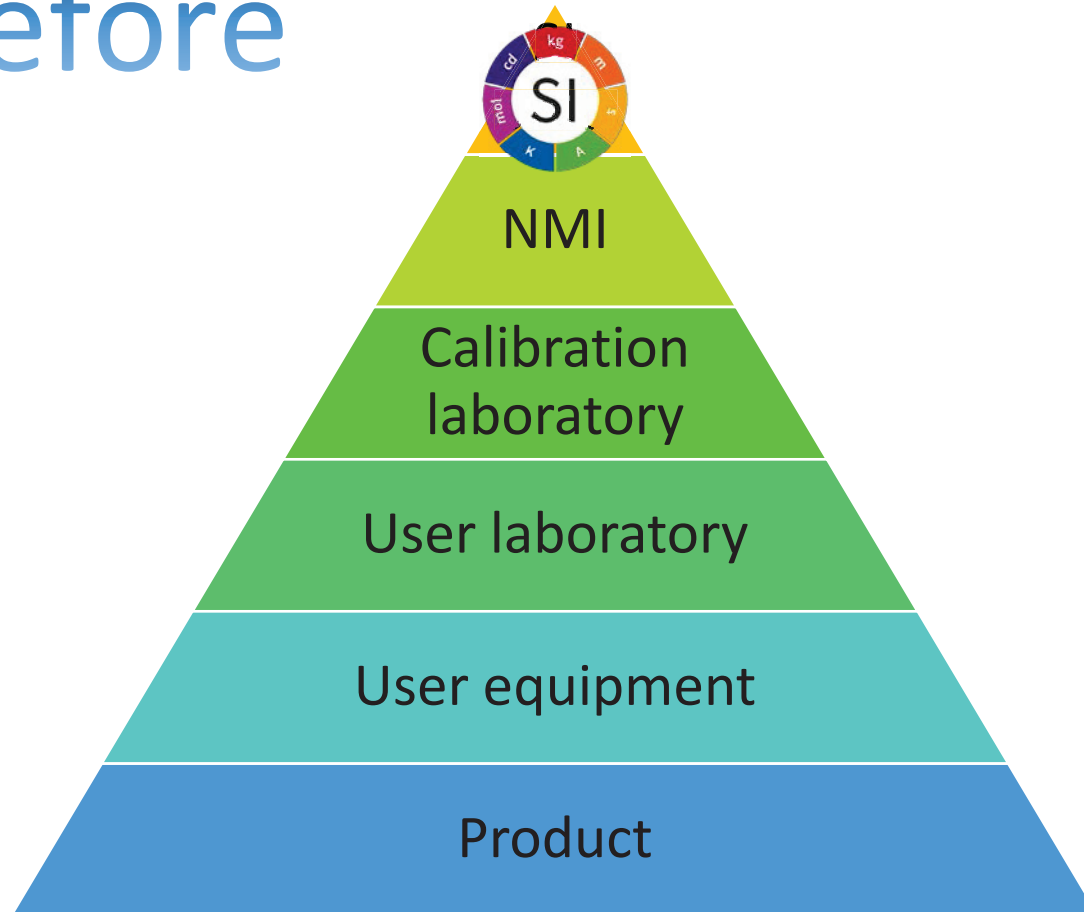
NMIs' expertise in quantum metrology can be beneficially applied to advance emerging quantum technologies and support industry.

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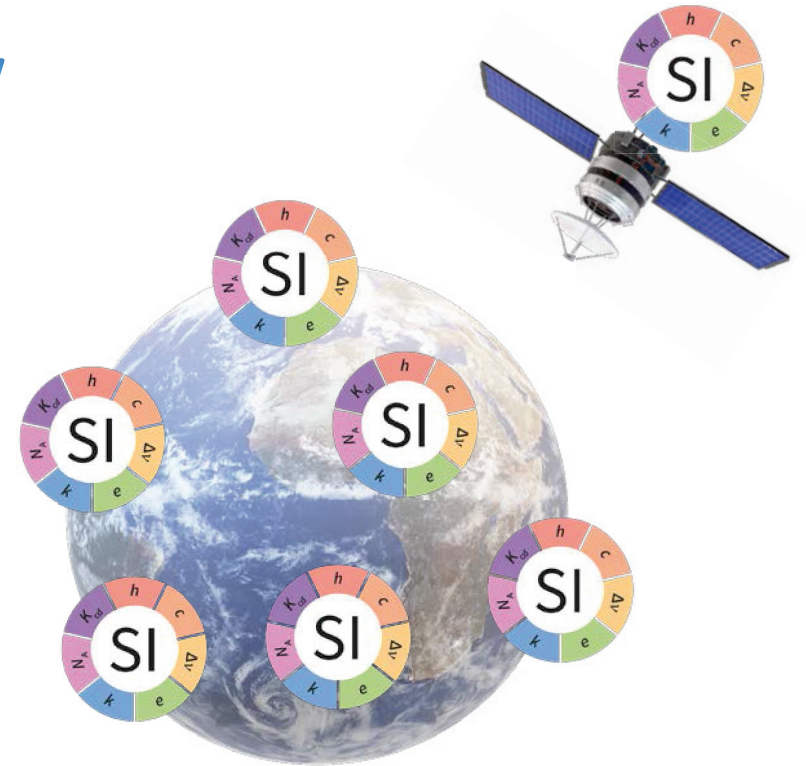
By nature of metrology and good will NMIs have a long history of collaboration. Let's do quantum together!

# Democratized traceability

Before



Now



Question to the panel:  
Who owns traceability?

## Panel: The role of the metrology community in advancing emerging technologies

- AIST/NMIJ – Takashi Usuda
- NMIA – Victoria Coleman
- NIST – Jim Kushmerick
- NRC – Georgette Macdonald
- PTB – Cornelia Denz







G-QuAT of AIST and quantum hardware components  
evaluation  
Takashi Usuda

# G-QuAT of AIST and Quantum Hardware Components Evaluation

-Resilient Supply Chain of Quantum Hardware Components-

NMIJ AIST  
Takashi Usuda

21 March 2024

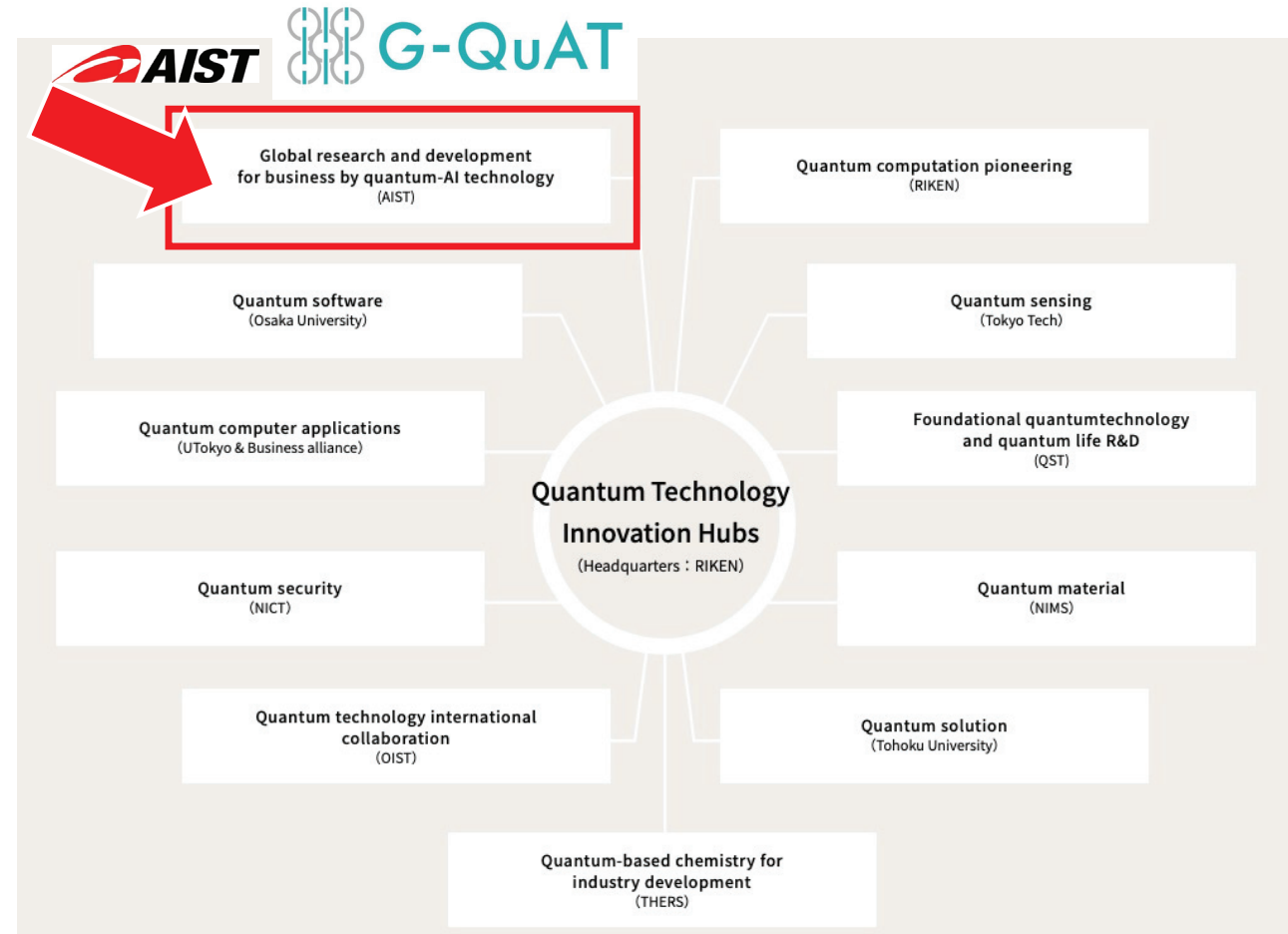
# Quantum Technology Innovation Hubs (QIH)

## Vision of Quantum Future Society

-Future Society to be Realized through Quantum Technology and Strategies for Its Realization- April 2022

Global Research and Development Center for  
Business by Quantum-AI technology  
(G-QuAT)

- Quantum-AI Cloud Research Team
- Quantum Application Team
- **Quantum Hardware Components R&D Team**
- Quantum Device Measurement Team
- Quantum Device Research Team
- Quantum Sensing Research Team

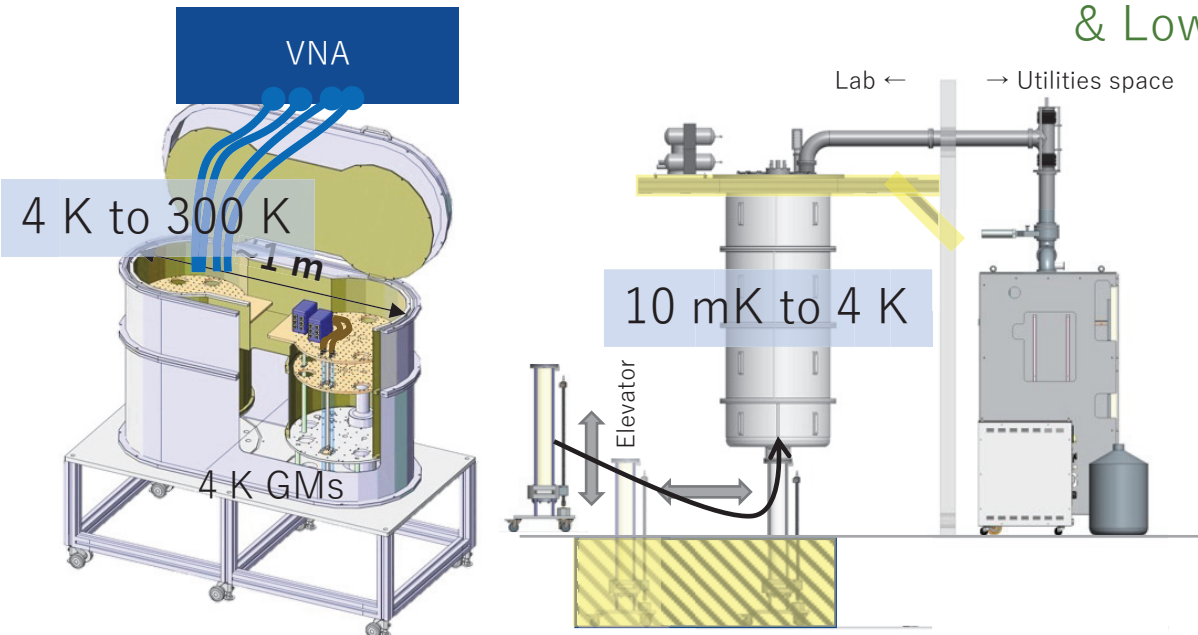


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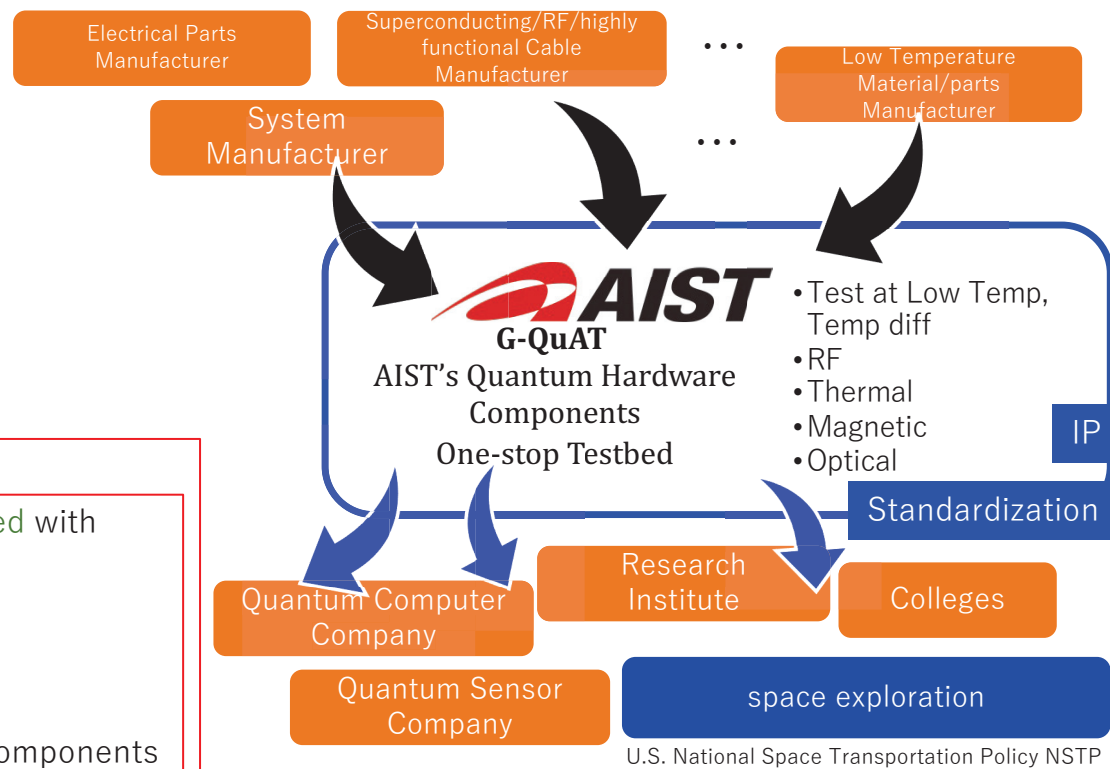
# Hardware Testbed for Cryogenic Quantum Computer/Sensor Components

## -Supply Chain of Quantum Components/parts-

### G-QuAT One-stop Testbed for Traceable Testing/Calibrations & Low temperature annealing



- Two tandem GMs (4 K)
- One single GM (4 K)
- Eleven dilution fridges (10 mK to 4 K (maximize throughput by bottom-load system))
- 4 K prober



- Active parts (AMPs)
- Passive parts
- Chip carriers (RF), Chip elements
- Cables (superconducting, resistive)
- Connectors (high density)
- Cryo-CMOS
- Superconducting circuits (AQFP, RSFQ)
- Other electrical compartments/parts
- Screening of qubits (dilution fridge)
- Thermal, optical, electrical properties of various devices

### Components/parts Carriers

Low temp testing/calibration and annealing testbed with dedicated

- Cryocoolers
- Components carriers (several types)
- scanners/switches/probe heads/probe cards
- VNAs and Impedance meters

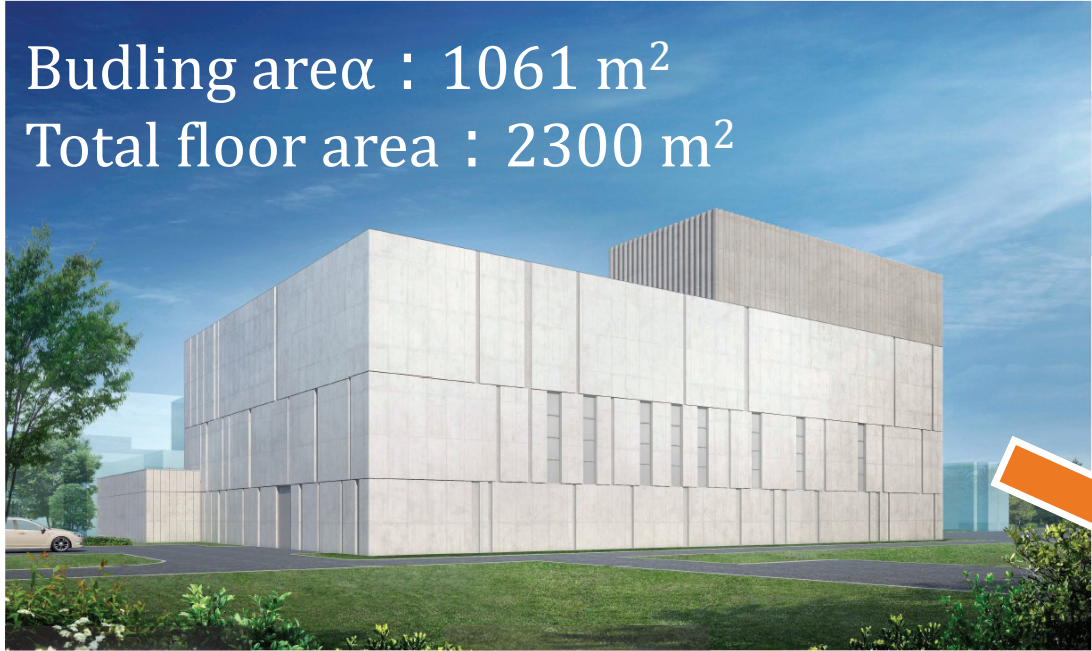
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U.S. National Space Transportation Policy NSTP

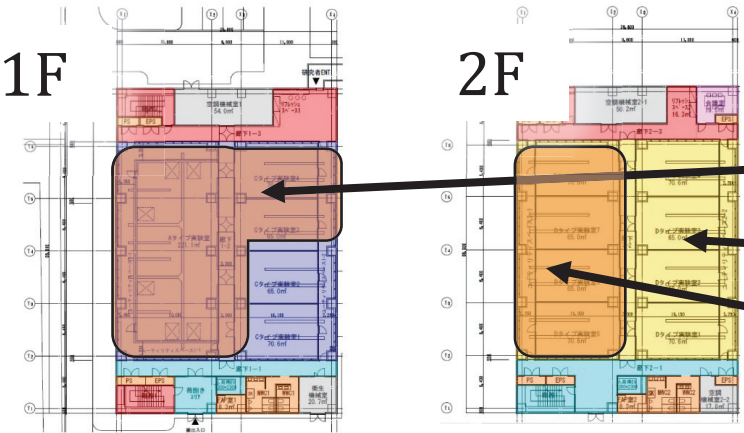
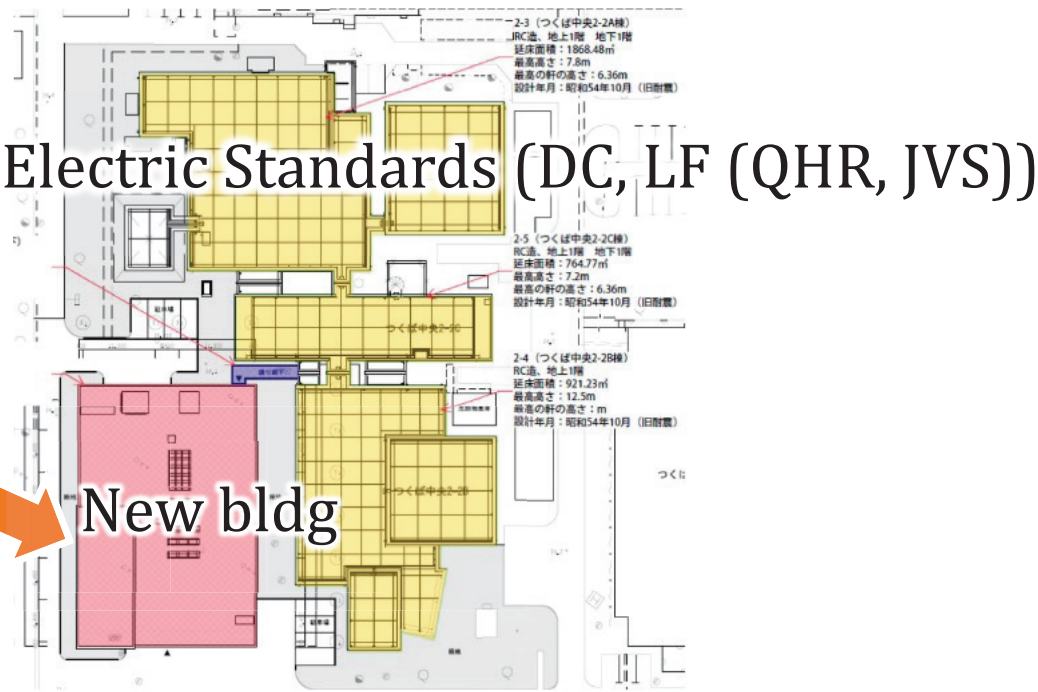


# New Quantum Hardware Components Testbed Bldg

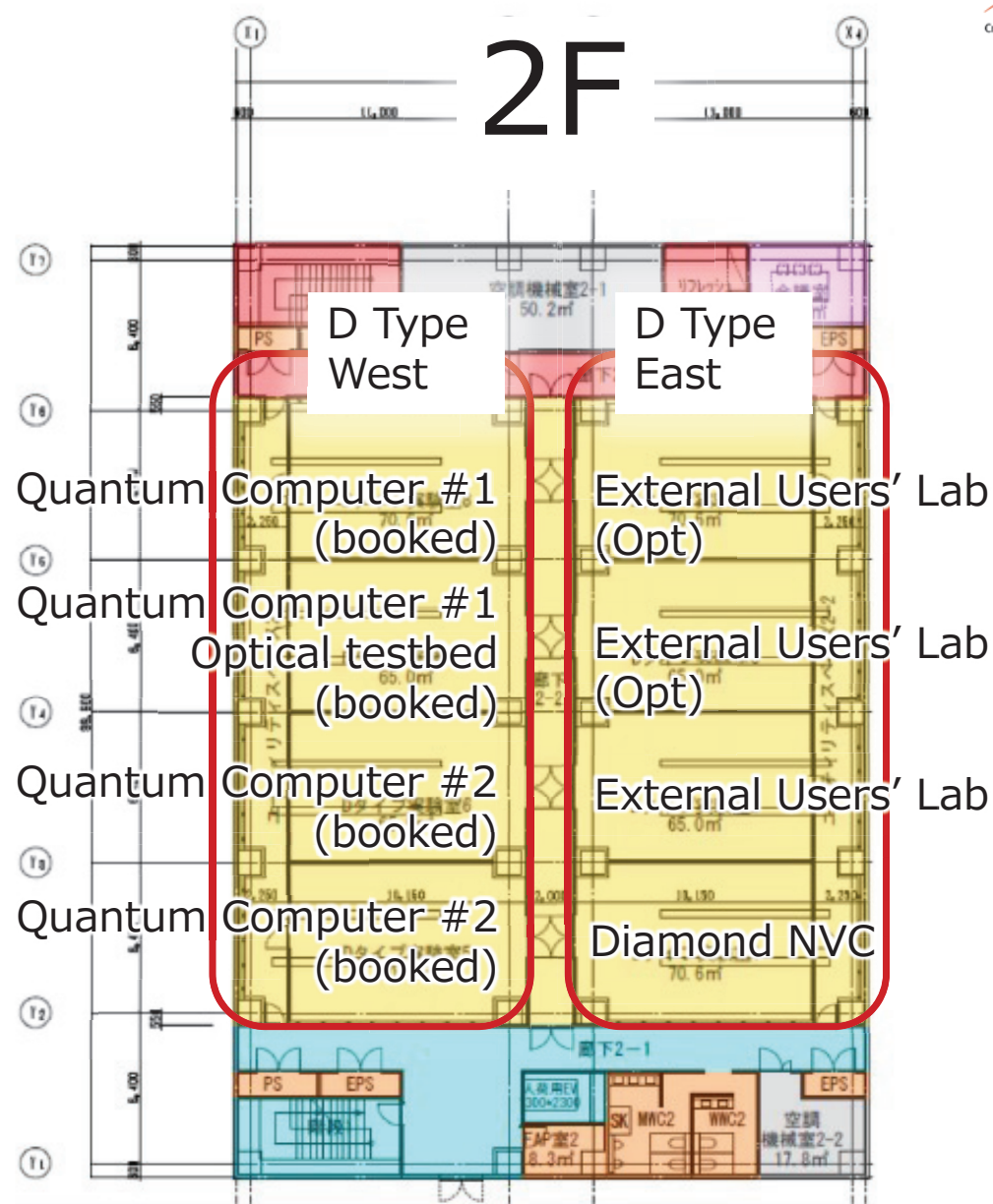
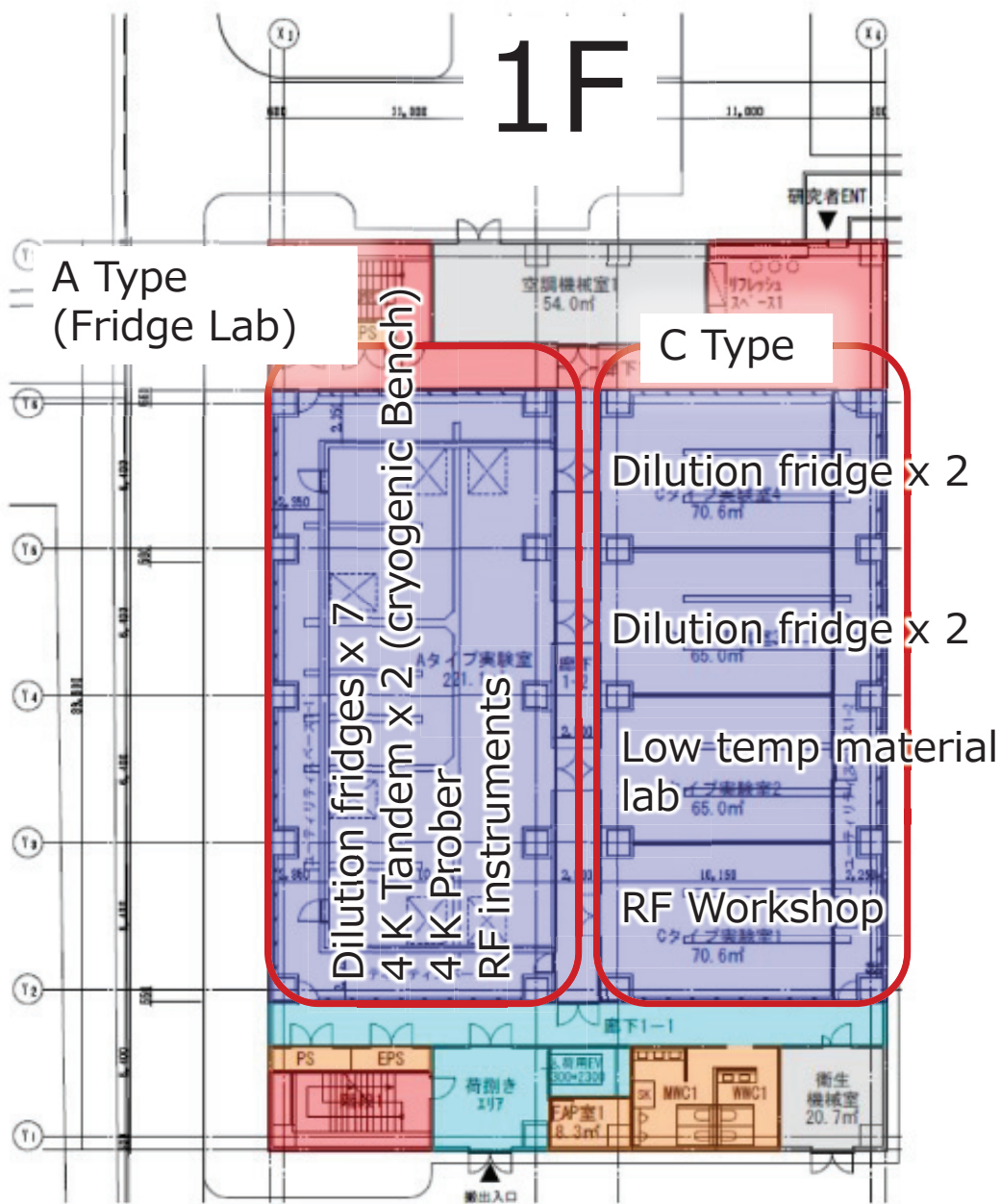
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 Total floor area : 2300 m<sup>2</sup>

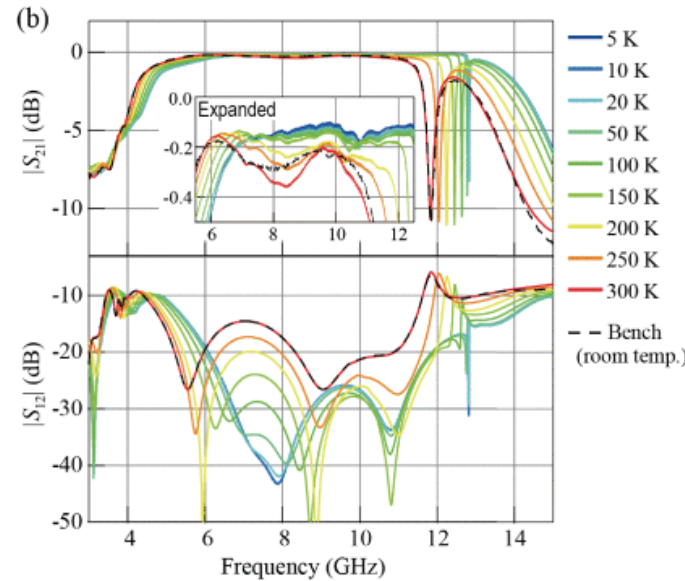
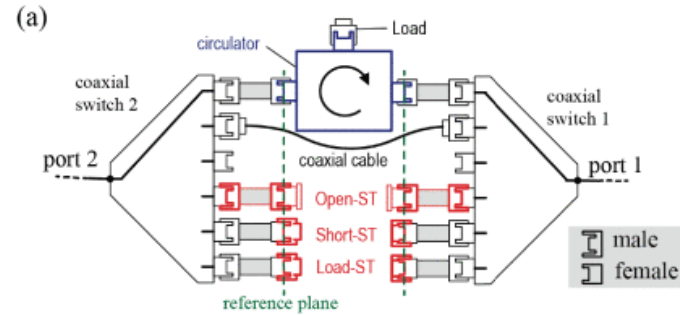
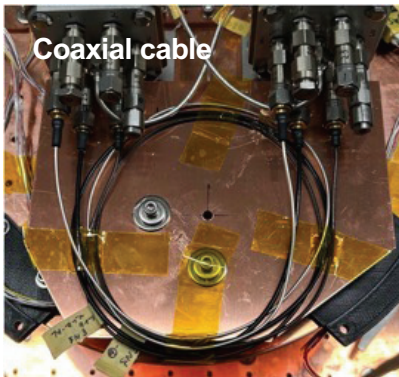
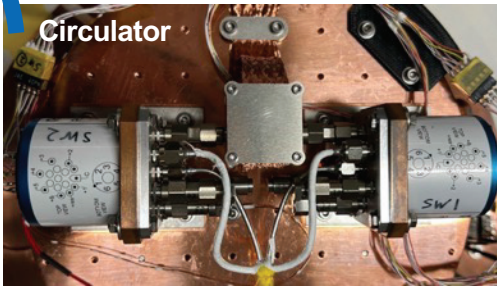
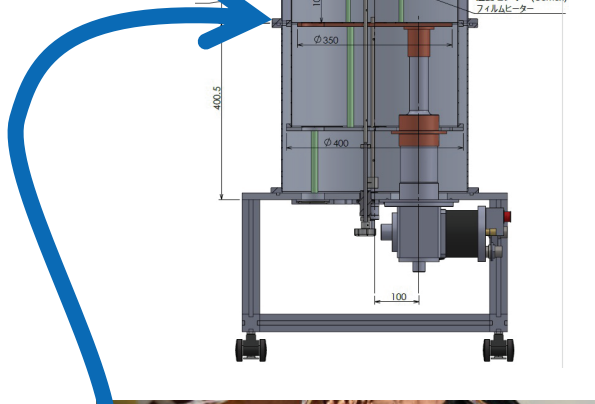
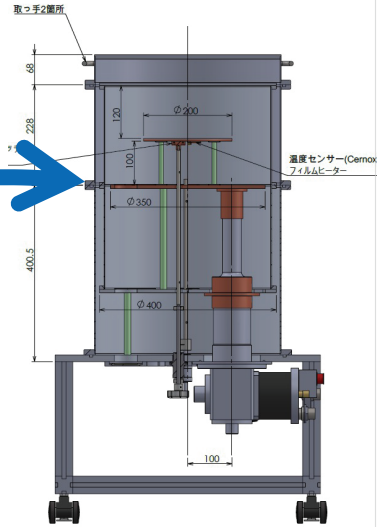


- Testbed (Low temp, RF, thermal)
- Collaboration rooms
- Quantum computers (optical), Testbed (RT, optical)

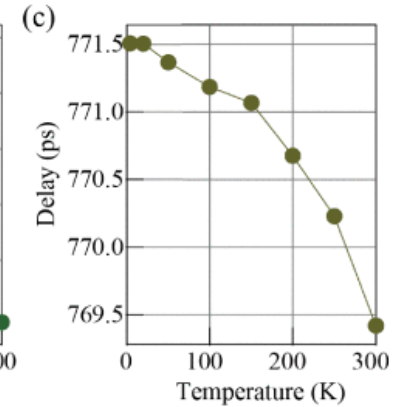
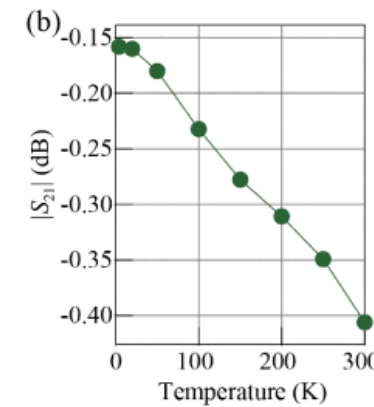
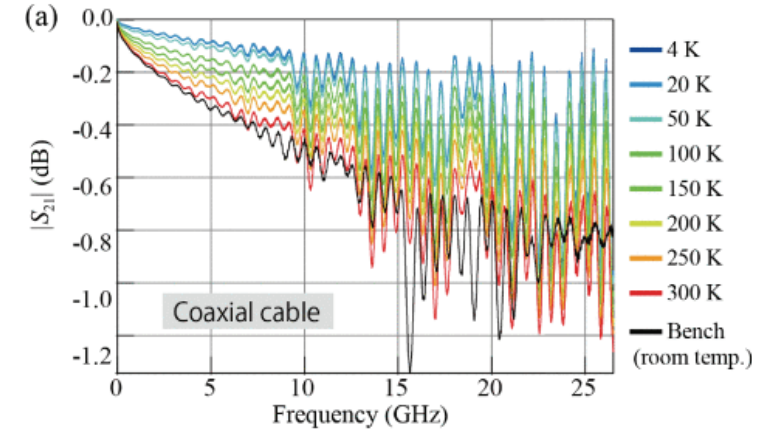




# Measurement results of actual components



※bench: conventional method without RF switch at RT



T. Arakawa and S. Kon, *IEEE TIM* 2023  
DOI: 10.1109/TIM.2023.3315393

# Summary

## What we do

- List low temperature components/parts/materials w/ their specs that are necessities in the quantum computer development (→ **roadmap**)
- Evaluate/measure/calibrate them in the adequately **real conditions** (4 K, 10 mK or with temperature gradient (10 mK to 60 K)) with **common traceability (standards)**
- All are “**low temperature annealed**” simultaneously
- **Simulations** with low-temperature electronic/thermal and measurements, **those for combinations of components** and consistency check
- Measurements of **combined sets of typical existing components**, those of developed components with various typical existing components
- Establishment of a **reference model of evaluation of quantum computers components**

## What the industry benefits

- All components can **be combined without extra/additional measurements/treatments (good matching)**
- **Feed-back to manufacturers**→Better components
- **Engineers/Researchers** (of quantum computer manufacturers) are supplied with **calibrated/tested components**
- **No hassle on trial-and-error** measurements/selection/matching of components
- **One-stop testing** based on **standards and international standardization** (e.g., IEC)
- **Collaboration platform** between companies/institutes
- **Solution business to all low temperature fields**
  - Including: **space exploration** (宇宙基本計画 (内閣府, Basic Plan for Space, Cabinet Office) , Starlink (Space X), 国家宇宙輸送計画(U.S. National Space Transportation Policy NSTP, NASA戦略的宇宙技術投資計画 (Strategic Space Technology Investment Plan SSTIP), and **basic research** (physics (elementary particle and solid-state physics), chemistry, geophysics).
- The project is planned to include the activities towards “**Standardizations**”





Experiences in advancing standardisation for emerging technologies – nanotechnologies  
Victoria Coleman



# Quantum information science at NIST

James Kushmerick



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*Dr. James Kushmerick*

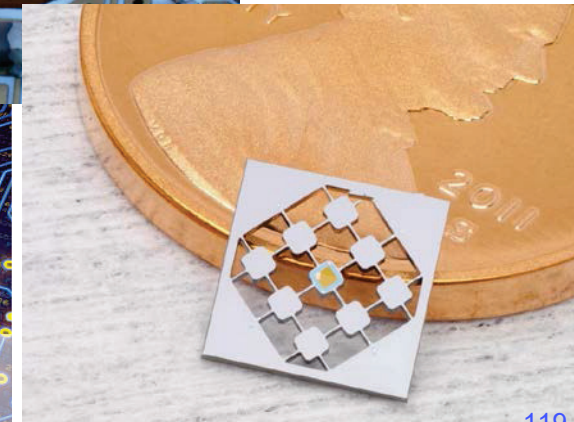
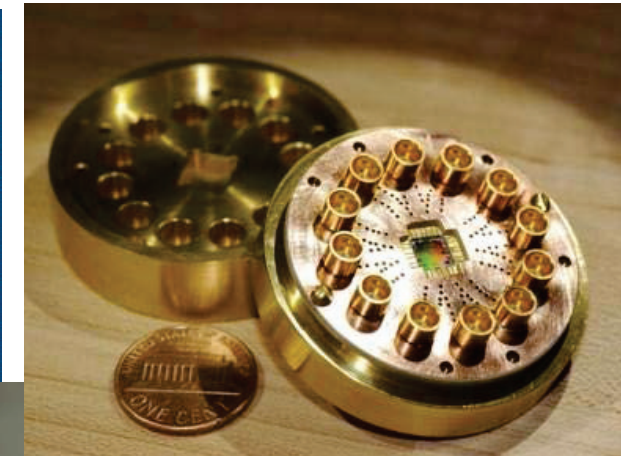
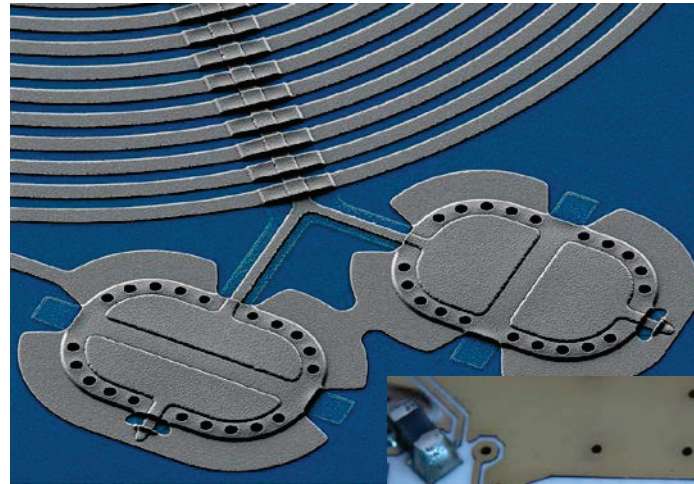
*Physical Measurement Laboratory Director*



# QIST Research @ NIST

## NIST QIST R&D activities span the full NQI Program:

- **Quantum Sensing and Precision Measurement** e.g. optical atomic clocks (compact and high-performance) for time keeping and navigation, nano-mechanical and opto-mechanical devices, atomic magnetometers, chemical and biological systems.
- **Quantum Networking** e.g. quantum repeater, quantum transduction, optical networks (both quantum and classical, fiber and free-space), single photon sources and detectors.
- **Quantum Computing** e.g. improving qubit performance across all major platforms, benchmarking, error correction, new technologies for scaling.
- **Fundamental Quantum Science** e.g. quantum simulation, understanding complex quantum systems, searches for 'beyond Standard Model' physics e.g. dark matter, tests of gravity and quantum mechanics.
- **Enabling Technologies** e.g. integrated photonics, meta-materials, optical frequency combs, and control electronics.
- **Risk Mitigation** e.g. post-quantum cryptography.



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# NIST's Joint Research Institutes



29 research groups with  
~250 postdocs & students

<https://jila.colorado.edu/>

Established in 1962 as a Joint Institute of NIST  
and the University of Colorado



University of Colorado **Boulder**



35 research groups with  
~180 postdocs & students

<https://jqj.umd.edu/>

Established in 2006 as a Joint Institute of NIST  
and the University of Maryland



JOINT CENTER FOR  
QUANTUM INFORMATION  
AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

16 research groups with  
~80 postdocs & students

<https://quics.umd.edu/>

Established in 2014 as a Joint Institute of NIST and the University of Maryland



# Quantum Economic Development Consortium

**Enable and grow a robust U.S. quantum industry and supply chain**

Identify and develop strategies to address gaps in the following

- Enabling technologies (cryogenics, electronics, lasers, etc.)
- Standards, benchmarks and performance metrics
- Workforce

Identify economically important applications and use cases

Facilitate industry coordination and interaction with government

Provide government with a collective industry voice, e.g., to guide R&D investments, inform regulatory policy, and develop a quantum-ready workforce

**Established by NIST, managed by *SRI International*,  
and led by the US quantum industry.**

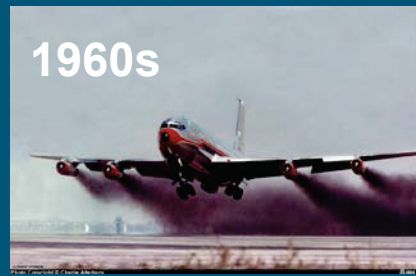
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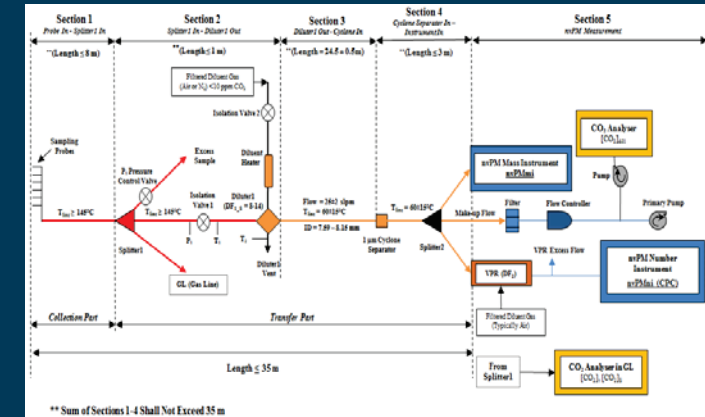


Experiences in advancing standardisation for emerging technologies  
Georgette Macdonald

# ICAO/SAE-E31 Civil Aviation Emissions



- *Particulate emissions regulated by opacity measurement (visibility) from 1960s to 2010s*
- *Better engine design and awareness of Black Carbon (nano particles) drove new measurement and emission standards*
- *National regulations require international standards*
- *International Civil Aviation Organization developed standards policy, Society for Automotive Engineering managed technical standards development*
- *Development through collaboration of government labs, industry and universities over ~20 years*
- *ARP6320A published in 2021*







# Metrology for the emerging quantum industry

Cornelia Denz



Panel: The role of the metrology community in advancing emerging technologies

## **Metrology for the emerging quantum industry**



Cornelia Denz, PTB



# Grand challenges & innovation | Transformative fields

- Emerging fields need basic research for innovations ▶ **Science-oriented approach**
- Innovations in turn need interdisciplinary expertise ▶ **Project-oriented approach**
- Traceability & uncertainty definitions are lacking ▶ **New frontiers in metrology**



Environment & Climate



Medicine & Health



Energy & Mobility



Quantum Technologies



Digitalization & AI



System's Metrology

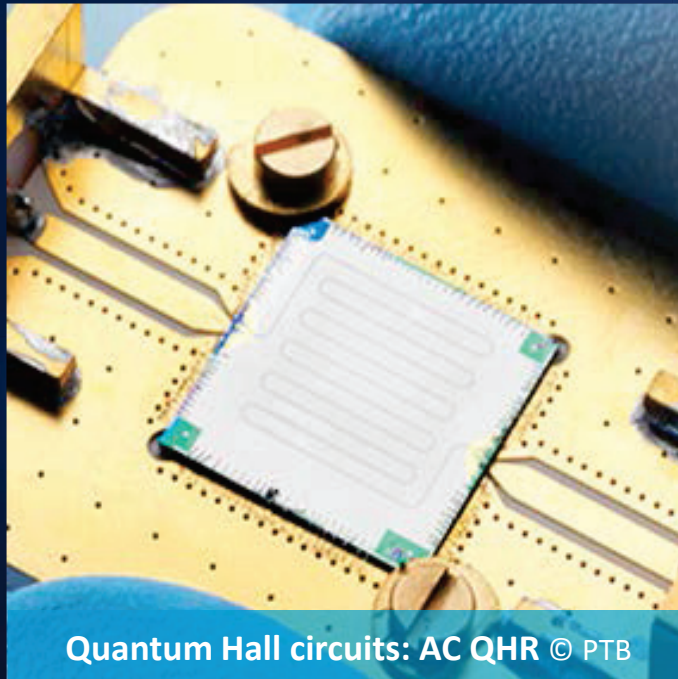
Emerging needs in metrology require also innovations with respect to industry services, legal metrology & societal trust in metrology



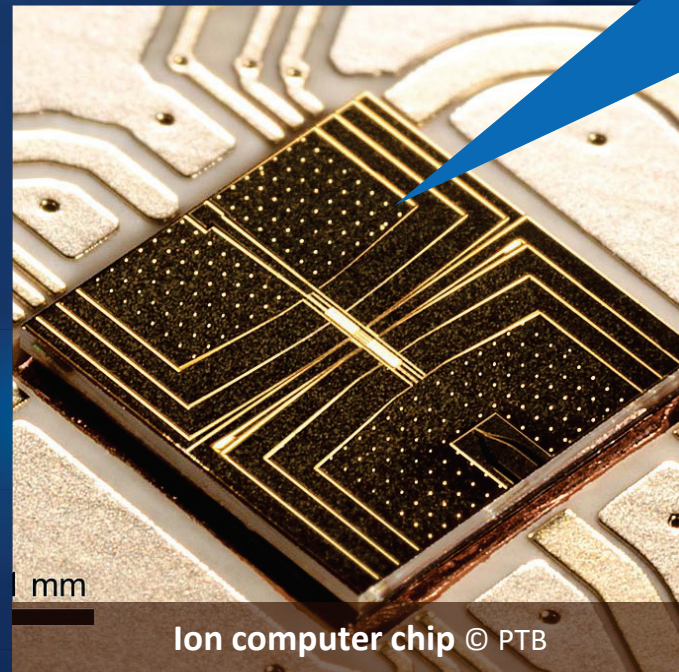
# Grand challenges & innovation | Example QT

- QT has many metrological themes ▶ **Quantum standards**
  - ▶ Objective **tests & characterizations** to support
  - ▶ **Quantum innovations in precision metrology**

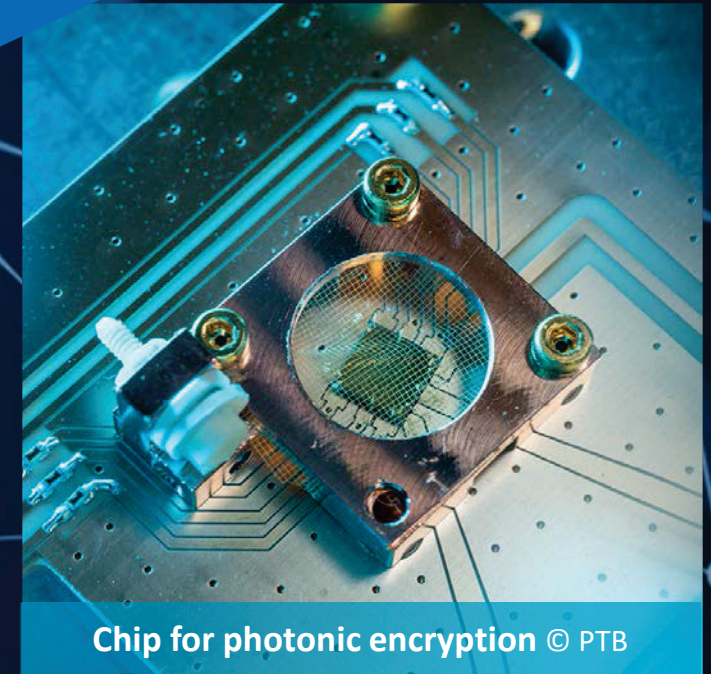
Developing quantum technologies for industrial needs as e.g. miniaturization & robust operation also initiates novel scientific approaches



Quantum Hall circuits: AC QHR © PTB



Ion computer chip © PTB



Chip for photonic encryption © PTB



# Industry-related QT innovations | Technology centers

- **Example I: Quantum Technology Competence Center (QTZ)** ▶ A PTB center to allow partners from industry & academia to access QT expertise & infrastructure
  - ▶ **Support of QT areas with economic potential and standardization needs**
  - ▶ **Transfer of basic research to applied QT with potential future commercial use**
  - ▶ **Cooperation with SMEs & startups**

In QTZ, cutting-edge approaches interface scientific and industrial needs

Local centers as QTZ allow international networking by scientific, legal and regulatory sandboxes as e.g. with CIPM, IMEKO, Cen-Cenelec, ...





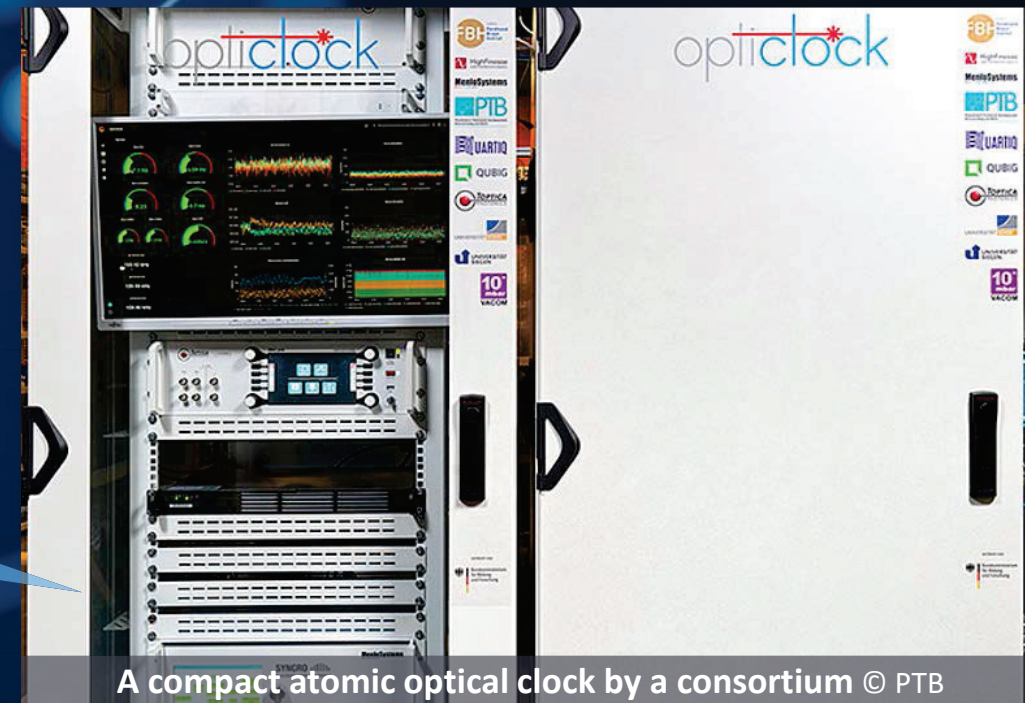
# Industry-related QT innovations | Testbed examples

- Metrology Testbed I: Ion traps
  - ▶ Key metrological technology that supports development of **optical atomic clocks, quantum computers, quantum simulation**



- Goals of QTZ in ion trap applications
  - ▶ **Compact & robust test facilities**
  - ▶ **Qualification & certification for industry**
  - ▶ **Reliable and reproducible specifications**
  - ▶ **Development of standards**

Opticlock: user-friendly and reliable optical atomic clock system by a mixed metrology-industry consortium

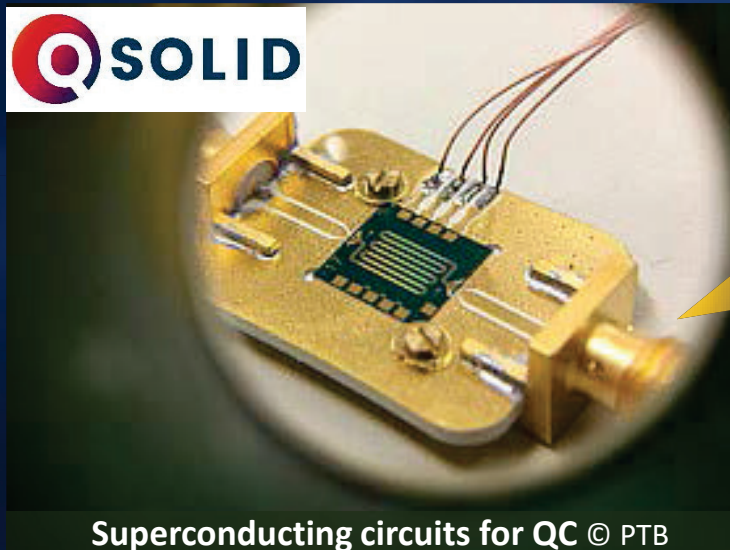


A compact atomic optical clock by a consortium © PTB

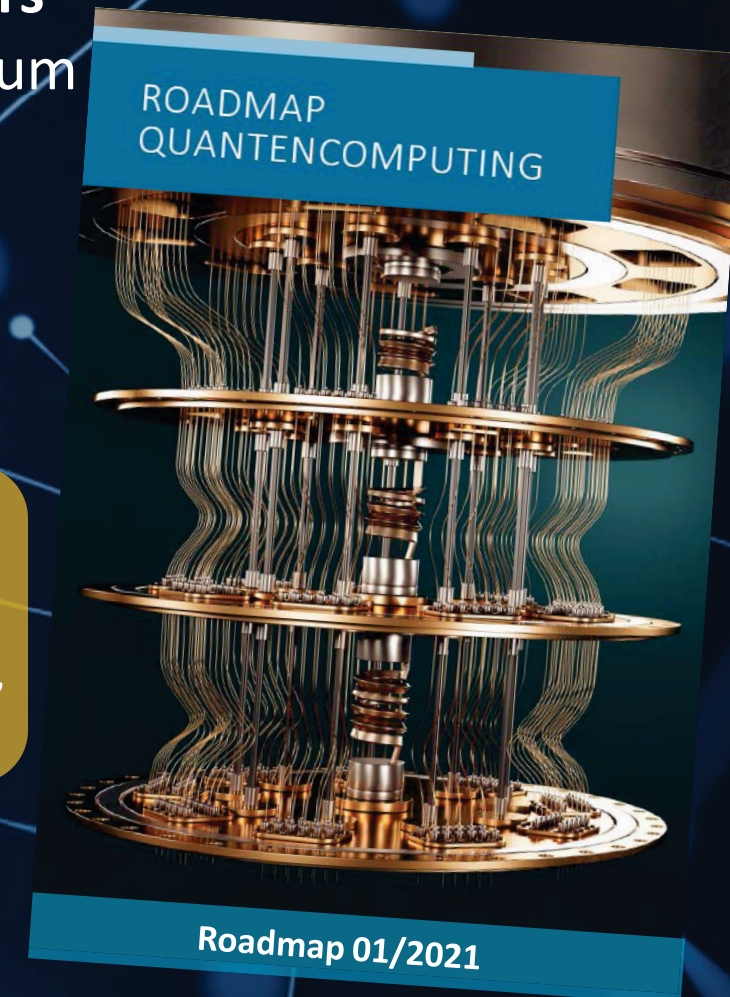


# Industry-related QT innovations | Testbed examples

- **Metrology Testbed II: (Superconducting) quantum computers**
  - ▶ Independent research & development of different quantum computer realizations is key for future digitalization
  - ▶ **Collaborative project QSolid for quantum computers**
  - ▶ **Test facility for enhanced error correction**
  - ▶ **Further fields: SQUIDs & op magnetometers**



Testbeds enable metrology NMIs to advance industry-relevant quantum technologies in different areas: information, measurement industry, medicine, circular economy





# Industry-related QT innovations | Testbed examples

## Metrology Testbed III: Quantum Communication

- ▶ A testbed for radiometry and fibre applications
- ▶ **(Non classical) light sources, detectors, fibre links**
- ▶ **Sandbox & testing facility for QKD components**

Quantum communication testbed established in the region connecting technology centers





# Industry-related QT innovations | Incubator example

## PTB Quantum Technology Center | A PTB incubator

QT expertise and infrastructure for academia and industry

- ▶ **Demonstrators & testbeds, education & training, start-ups & industry support**

## Quantum valley lower saxony | A regional incubator

Construction of an ion quantum computer (QVLS Q1)

- ▶ **QC testbed: 50 Qubits till 2025**

Innovation cluster (QVLS-iLabs) & pre-standards

- ▶ **Regional QT industry with > 20 companies**

QVLS High Tech Incubator (QVLS-HTI)

- ▶ **Promotion of 12 startups**



Ecosystem for breakthroughs in quantum technologies: Research institutions, companies, and startups are joining forces to efficiently coordinate developments from the research lab to commercialization



Niedersächsisches Ministerium  
für Wissenschaft und Kultur



Quantum Valley  
Lower Saxony

# Emerging quantum industry | Joint leverage for standards

## International metrological expertise is indispensable for standards

- ▶ Metrological support for an internationally emerging quantum ecosystem
  - ▶ Common development of secure, reliable, traceable quantum technologies
    - ▶ **Network of local high tech incubators create a common understanding**
    - ▶ **Clusters of regional user facilities connect metrology to industrial needs**
    - ▶ **Interconnection of national tech transfer in direct cooperation with industry**
    - ▶ **Global reference measurements in applied testbeds**
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- ▶ **Continuous quantum innovations by fundamental research**
  - ▶ **Establishing metrological services for the quantum ecosystem**
  - ▶ **Developing standards for the emerging quantum industry**





17:30

Day 1 wrap-up, adjourn – Jan Herrmann



# Day 1 Recap:

- Industry needs application-driven quantum standardisation, and it needs it fast.
- Quantum standardisation needs collaboration.
- NMIs are uniquely positioned to contribute to, to drive and to facilitate such standardisation.
- We have a track record of being quantum ‘pushers’ and ‘pullers’.
- We are seen as being independent.
- We have an established culture and framework of collaboration, but we need to think about how we can be agile and responsive in the context of a very dynamic technology landscape.
- So tomorrow, let’s look at what we can do together, and how we can work together.

# Reception Sponsored by NPL



# Agenda – Day 2 – Morning (updated)

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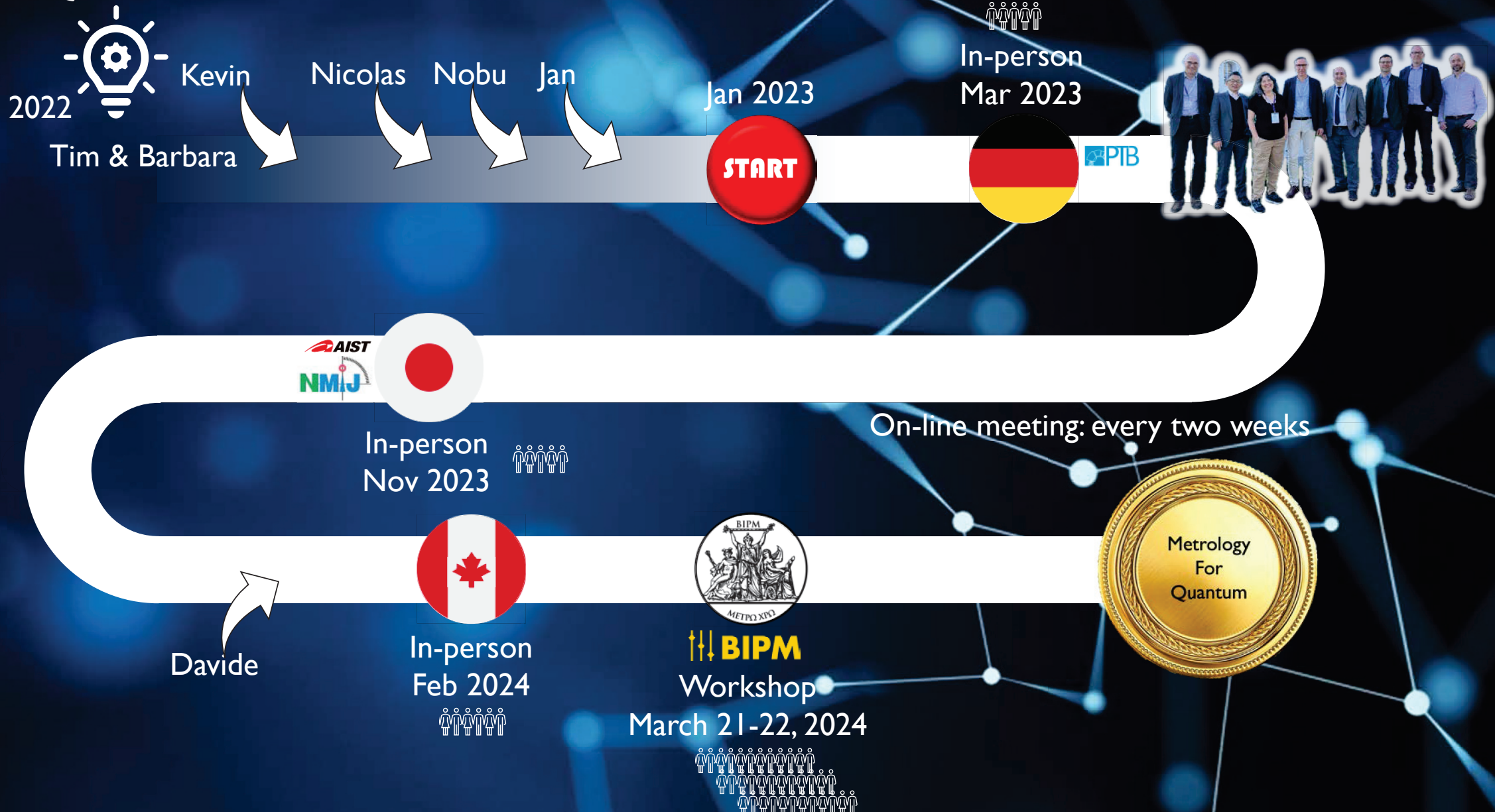




08:45 – 09:00

Day 1 recap, framing Day 2 – Nobu Kaneko

# NMI-Q





# Day 1 recap

Welcome remarks, keynote, & framing talk

→ Guide all of us toward the same “goal”

Goal: Leverage the combined expertise of the world’s NMIs to accelerate the development and adoption of quantum technologies through coordinated development and sharing of “best practices” in support of future standardization.

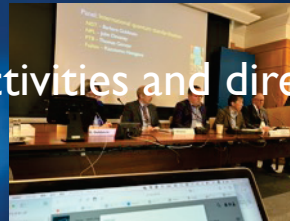
→ Ready to be on the same page and develop consensus on how to move forward as a community

## Panels

I: industry consortia: needs application-driven quantum standardization and test cases

II: standardization: needs collaboration and benchmark. NMIs are independent, uniquely positioned, have track record of being quantum ‘pushers’ and ‘pullers,’ have established culture and framework of collaboration, but we need to think about how we can be agile and responsive in the context of a very dynamic technology landscape

III: NMIs’ directors: showed NMI quantum activities and directors’ positions



## Break-out I

Active discussion: economies’ quantum programs - ice breaker

→NEEDS MORE TIME!



# TODAY: What and how we can do together



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09:00 – 09:10

## European Metrology Network for Quantum Technologies (EMN-Q) and the Qu-Test Project

Ivo Pietro Degiovanni



# European Metrology Network for Quantum Technologies (EMN-Q) and the Qu-Test Project

**Ivo Pietro DEGIOVANNI**

EMN-Q Chair & INRIM

*BIPM Workshop on  
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BIPM – March 21-22, 2024*

# Outline

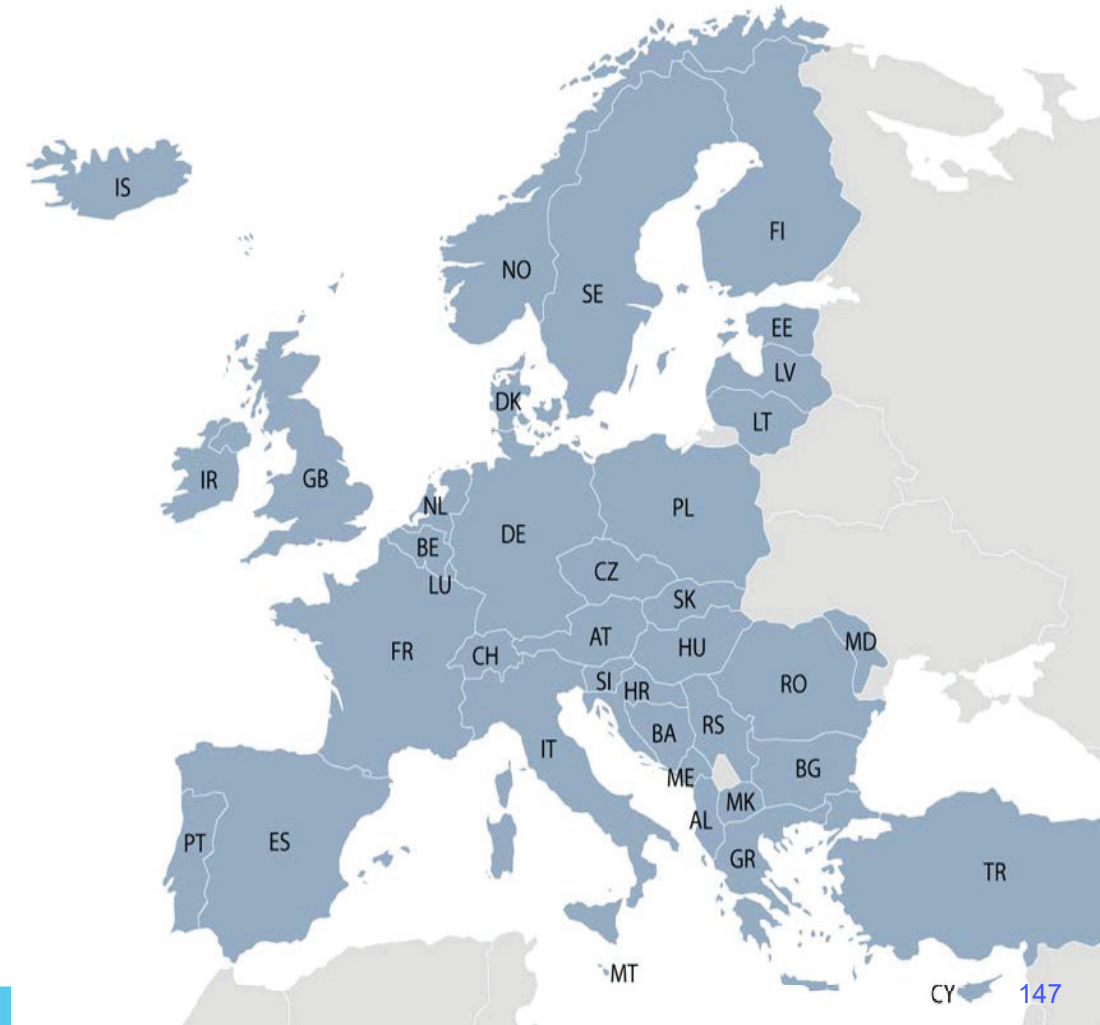


- EMN-Q
- QU-TEST project



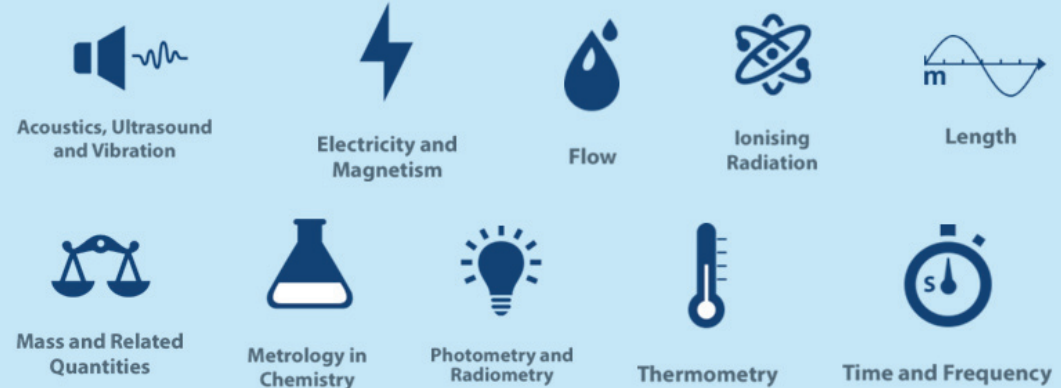
## EURAMET, the Regional Metrology Organisation (RMO) of Europe

- **38 National Metrology Institutes (Members)**
- **77 Designated Institutes (Associates)**
- **16 international Liaison Organisations** (e.g. IAEA, BIPM, WMO, EA, Eurachem, Eurolab)
- Providing stakeholders with **world-leading measurement solutions and standards**
- Securing **world-wide trust and acceptance** of measurements, for all aspects of business and society
- Implementing **Metrology Research Programmes**



## EURAMET, the Regional Metrology Organisation (RMO) of Europe

- Technical/scientific collaboration in EURAMET is organised within **ten Technical Committees.**



- In addition, **two Committees deal with 'horizontal' topics.**



As new structural backbones, EURAMET recently establishes **European Metrology Networks (EMNs)**

- to strengthen stakeholder interaction and to work towards a sustainable, coordinated European metrology landscape.
- **Strong emphasis on interactions with stakeholders!**
- 15 EMNs are already existing or proposed.



# EMN for Quantum Technologies: EMN-Q

EMN-Q Strategic Agenda (22 Oct. 2020)

## Rationale

- To align with industrial requirements, those of the **EC Quantum Technologies Flagship**, national and inter-governmental quantum technology (QT) programmes, and of any **relevant stakeholders**;
- to contribute to QT developments through NMI's and DI's research and innovation activities;
- to give input into the **standardisation & certification** of QT;
- to promote of the **benefits of metrology** to the stakeholders.



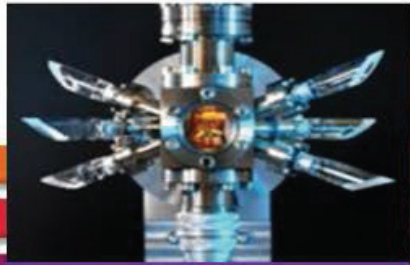
## Vision

EMN-Q aims at being the recognised European unique reference point representing European metrology for Quantum Technologies.

Today, EMN-Q has **18 EURAMET Members and Partners** from 15 countries.



# EMN-Q Structure and Organisation



**Quantum Clocks & Atomic Sensors**



**Quantum Electronics**

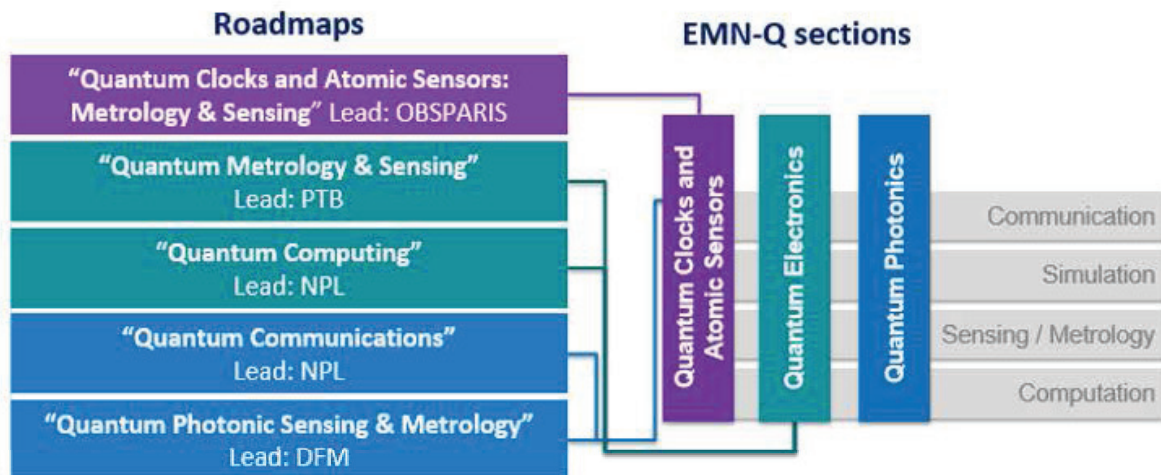


**Quantum Photonics**

- EMN-Q has drafted 5 strategic roadmaps in the 3 sections, related to the Quantum Flagship pillars.
- Roadmap drafts were circulated among the EMN-Q community and EURAMET TCs, and feedback was collected.



EMN-Q Strategic Research Agenda



download and provide your feedback!

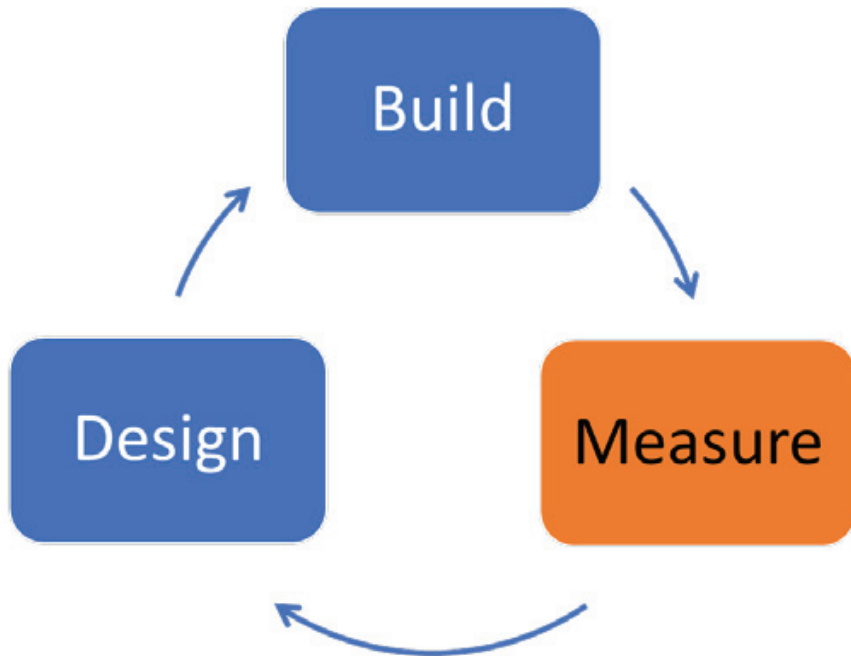
# QU-TEST

SUPPORTING OPEN TESTING  
AND EXPERIMENTATION FOR QUANTUM  
TECHNOLOGIES IN EUROPE



# Why is testing important?

Reliable testing is crucial to move from hardware R&D to commercialization both for supplier and purchaser of quantum technologies.



## Our goals with Qu-Test

- **Improving** test facilities for quantum devices
- **Harmonization** of procedures and methodologies
- **Cooperation** with quantum industry
- **Providing access** to testing capabilities



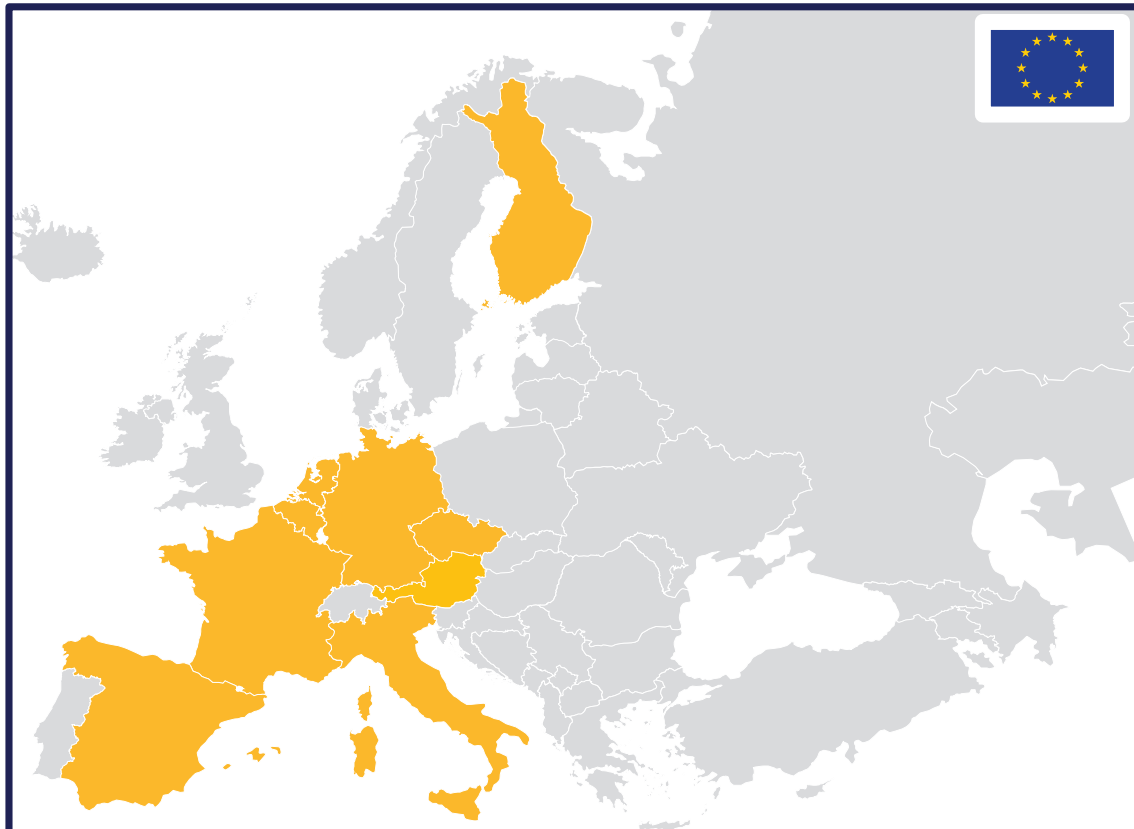
# The consortium

Service providers (RTOs and NMIs):



*kick-off in April 2023*  
*3.5 years*

QU-TEST



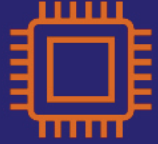
Business services: **AMIRÈS**



Use case companies:



# The consortium



Computing

- Solid-state cryogenic computing components and devices
- Photonics quantum computing components and devices
- Characterization of ion traps



Comms

- Characterisation of light generation and light detection on device level
- Evaluation of components and system on QRNG and QKD protocol level
- Experimentation and Prototyping for quantum communication



Sensing

- Metrology Applications of Q-Clocks
- Neutral atoms: Hot & Cold
- Non-classical light for quantum-enhanced imaging and sensing
- Solid State Spins (e.g., NV centers in diamond)



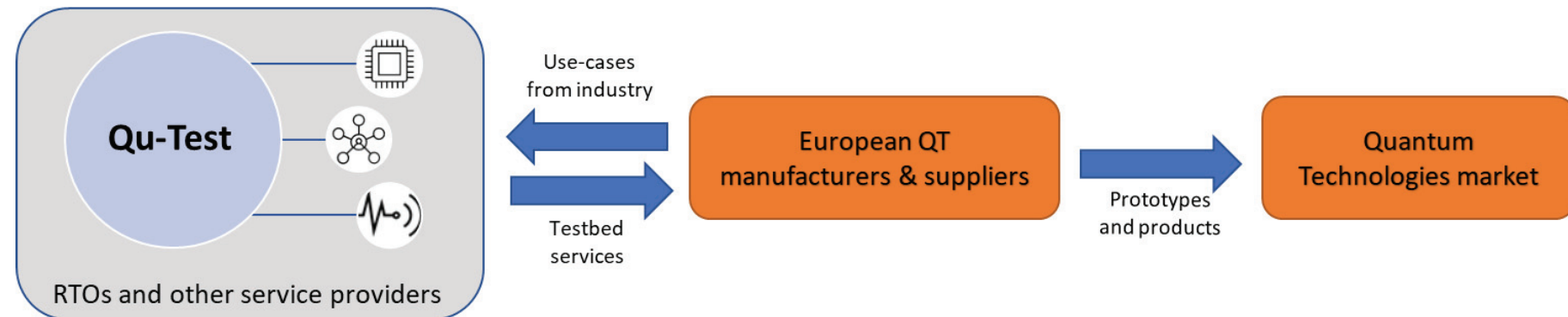
# Objectives

**Objective 1:** To create a federalized network of **testing and experimentation** services answering the needs of the industry.

**Objective 2:** To upgrade, upscale and integrate the **testing and experimentation** infrastructures and associated processes

**Objective 3:** To set-up an open-access distributed **testing and experimentation** infrastructure to make services available to clients in all 27 EU countries.

**Objective 4:** To validate the relevance of the service offering and robustness of the Single-Entry-Point network.



**QU-TEST**







Thanks for your attention!



09:10 – 09:20

**Metrology gaps for superconducting quantum devices**

Florent Lecocq



# Metrology gaps for superconducting quantum devices



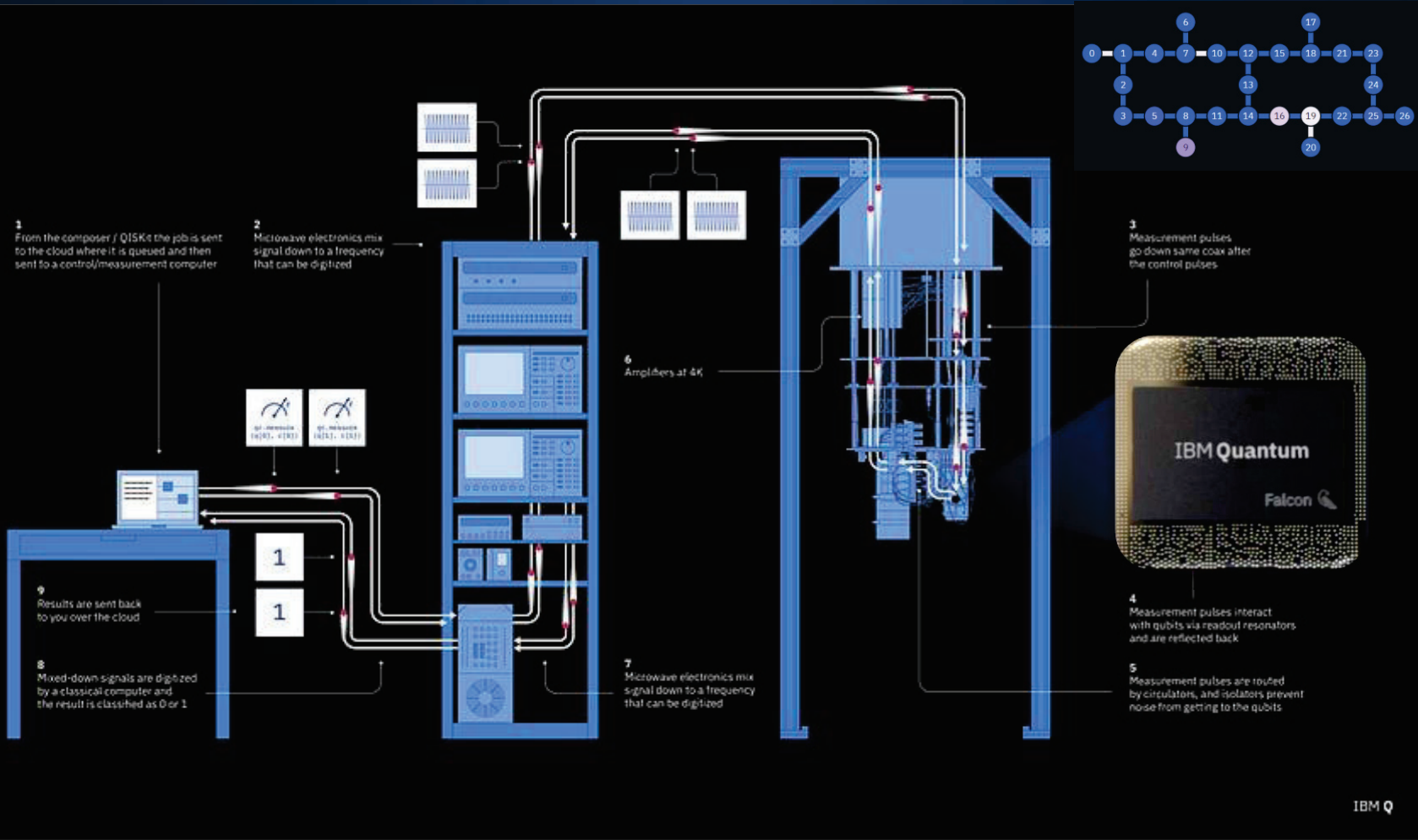
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03/13/2024



# Benchmarking quantum computers

A difficult task!



Bad metrics on their own:

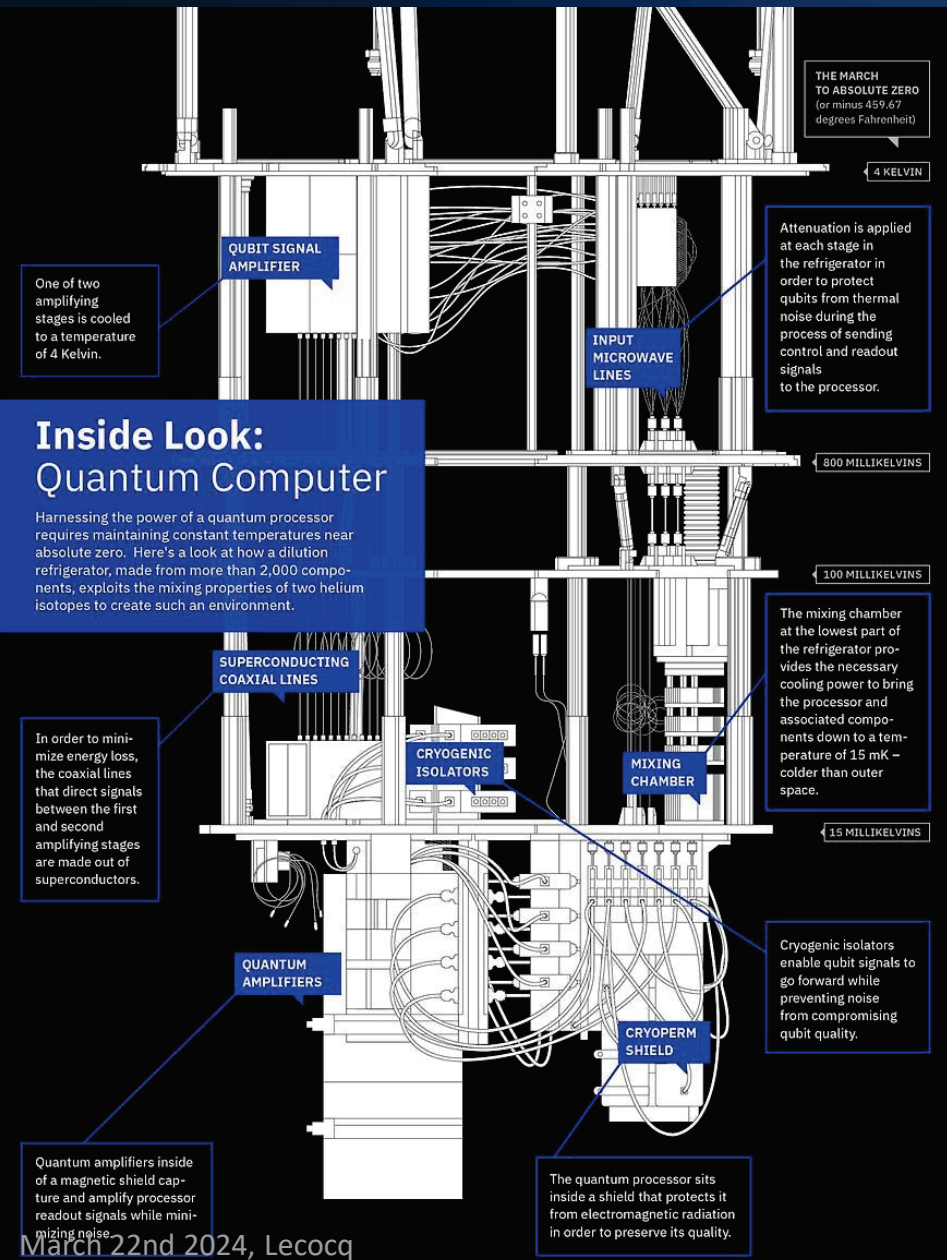
- # of qubits
- Coherence times
- Gate fidelity

Better metrics:

- Quantum volume
- Specific algo benchmarking

Eventually impossible if classical comparison needed

# Metrology for hardware at ultracryogenic temperatures



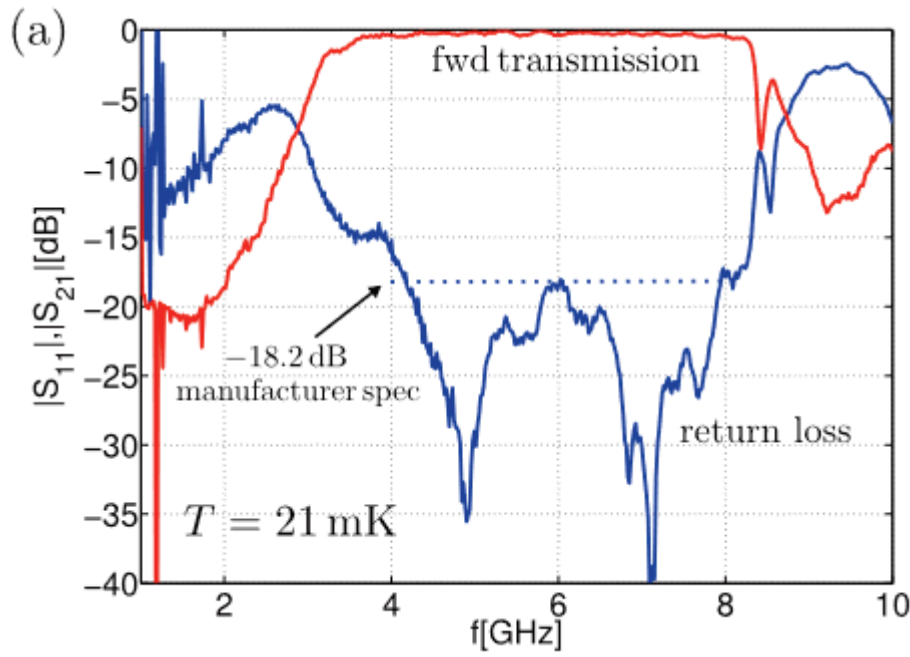
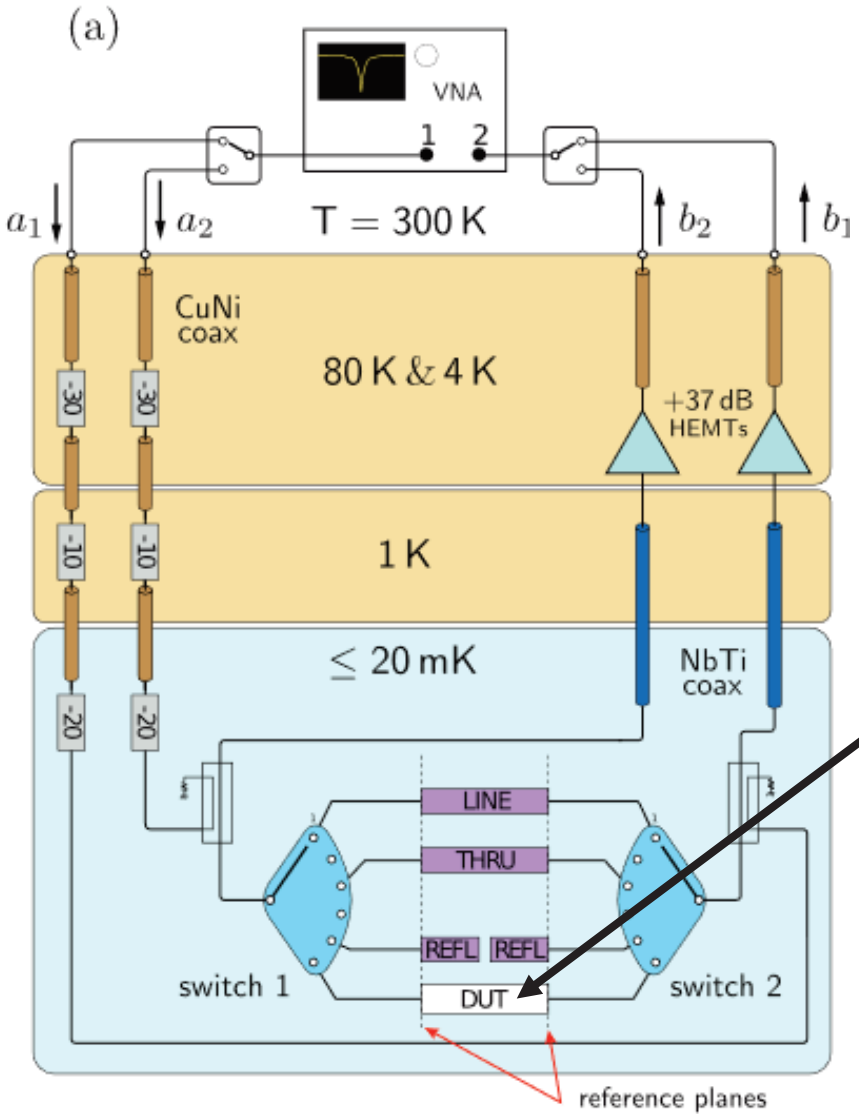
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Non-exhaustive list

REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS 84, 034704 (2013)

## Two-port microwave calibration at millikelvin temperatures

Leonardo Ranzani,<sup>1,a)</sup> Lafe Spietz,<sup>1</sup> Zoya Popovic,<sup>2</sup> and José Aumentado<sup>1,b)</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado 80305, USA  
<sup>2</sup>University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, Colorado 80309, USA





JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS **121**, 224501 (2017)



## Microwave attenuators for use with quantum devices below 100 mK

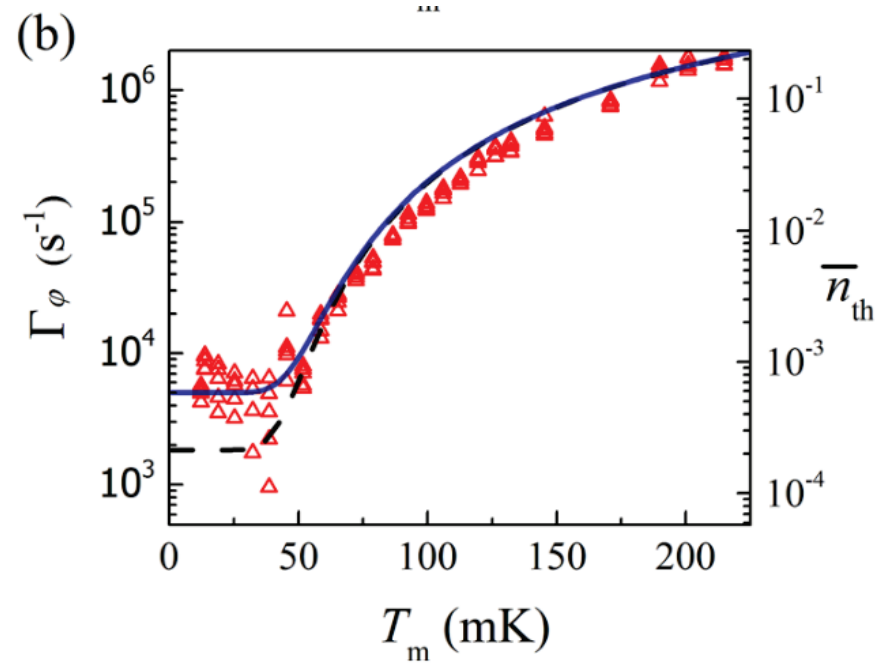
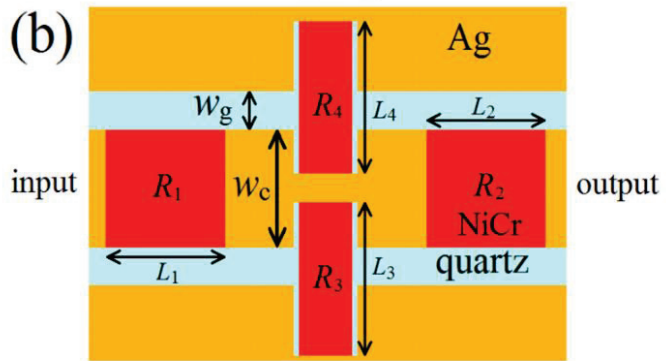
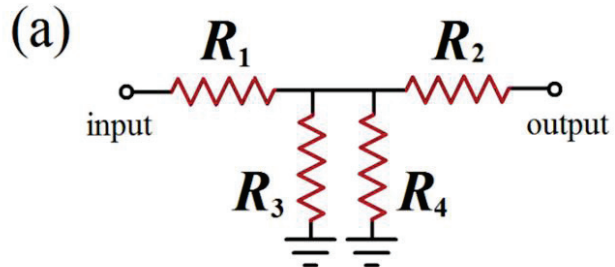
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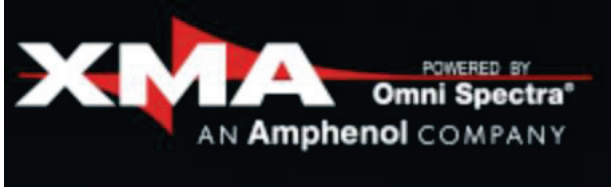
<sup>2</sup>Department of Physics, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742, USA

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Using qubit coherence to measure attenuator thermalization and power handling



New Partnership between XMA/QED-C/NIST:



Typically companies do not have access to mK temperatures

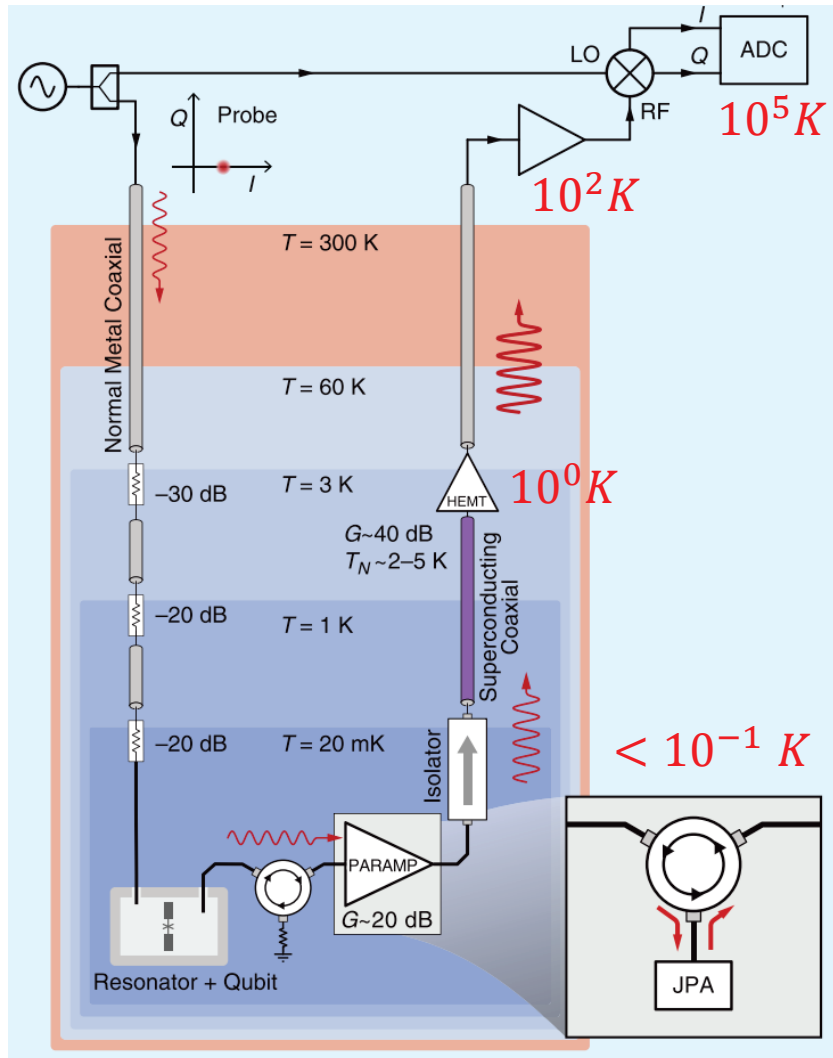


Partnership with NMIs can help!  
(e.g. QED-C)



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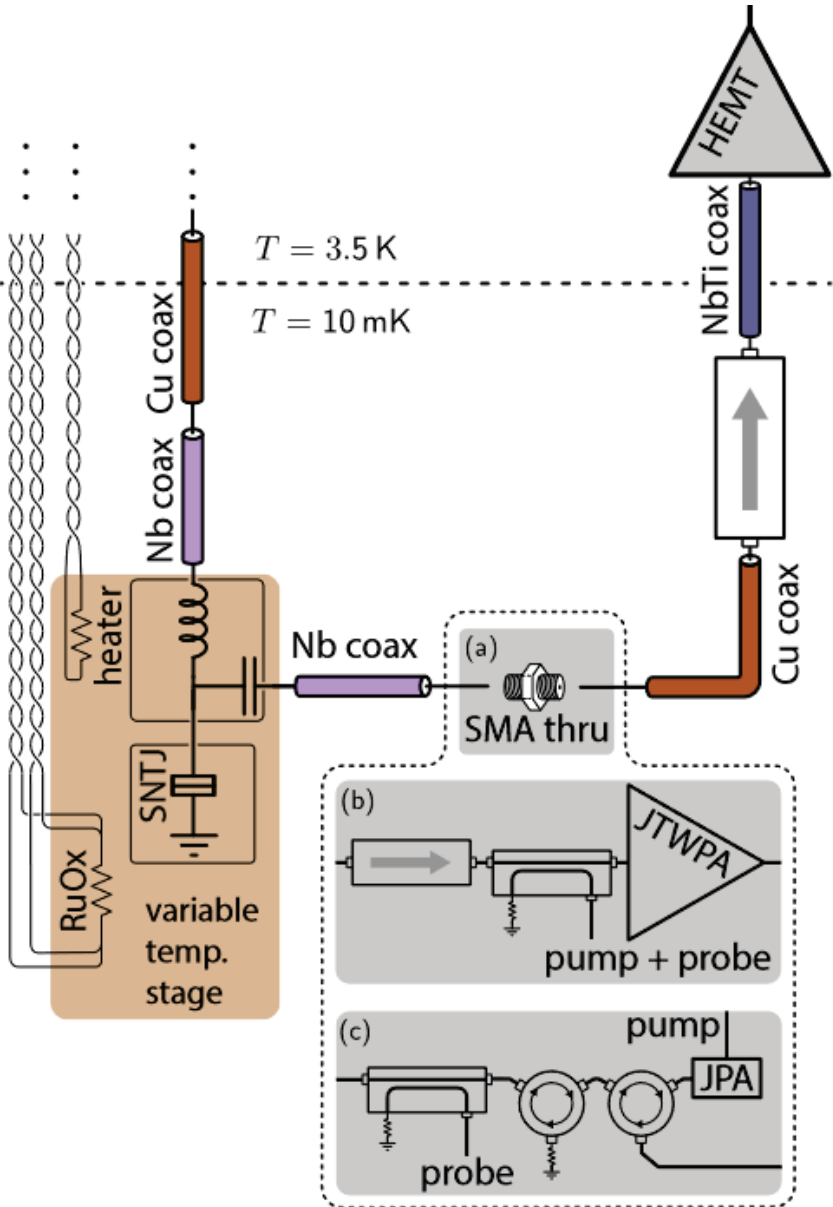
Ultralow noise parametric amplifiers are a cornerstone of quantum computers

Field is plagued by calibration error  
(no one can ever have a “quantum limited” amplifier)

Nascent industry

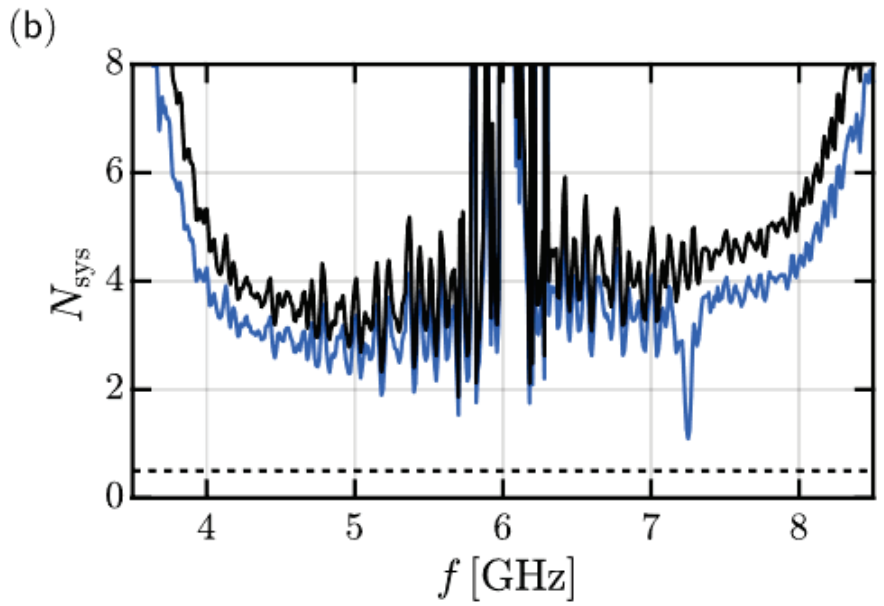
J. Aumentado, *IEEE MW magazine* 21 (2020)





NMIs can define the best practices and metrics

Review of Scientific Instruments ARTICLE  
**Low-noise cryogenic microwave amplifier characterization with a calibrated noise source**  
 Published Online: 7 March 2024 View  
 M. Malnou,<sup>1,2,a</sup> T. F. Q. Larson,<sup>1,2</sup> J. D. Teufel,<sup>1</sup> F. Lecocq,<sup>1</sup> and J. Aumentado<sup>1</sup>



Qubit coherence remains a critical metric

How do we report decoherence times?

How do we identify the sources of decoherence?

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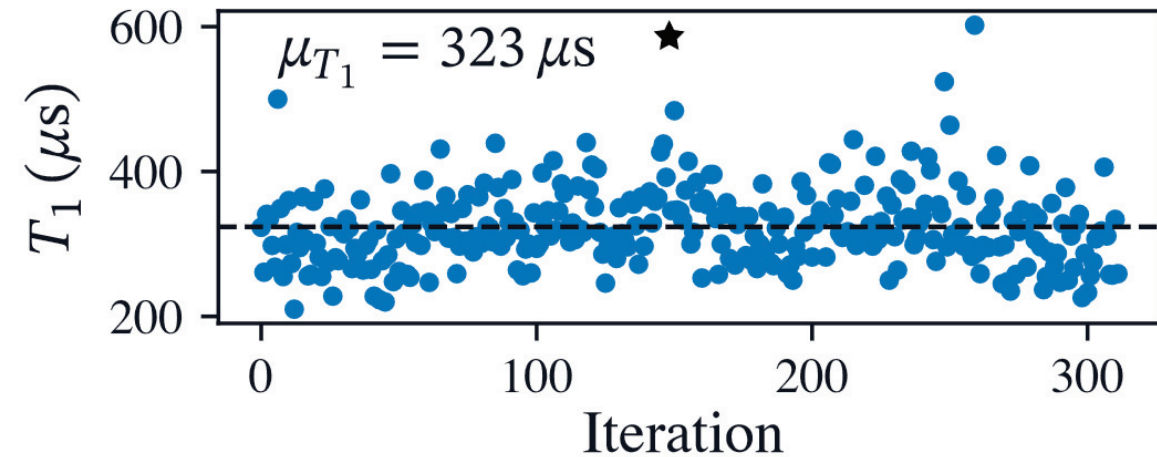
# Measuring and reporting qubit coherence

Coherence fluctuates over time

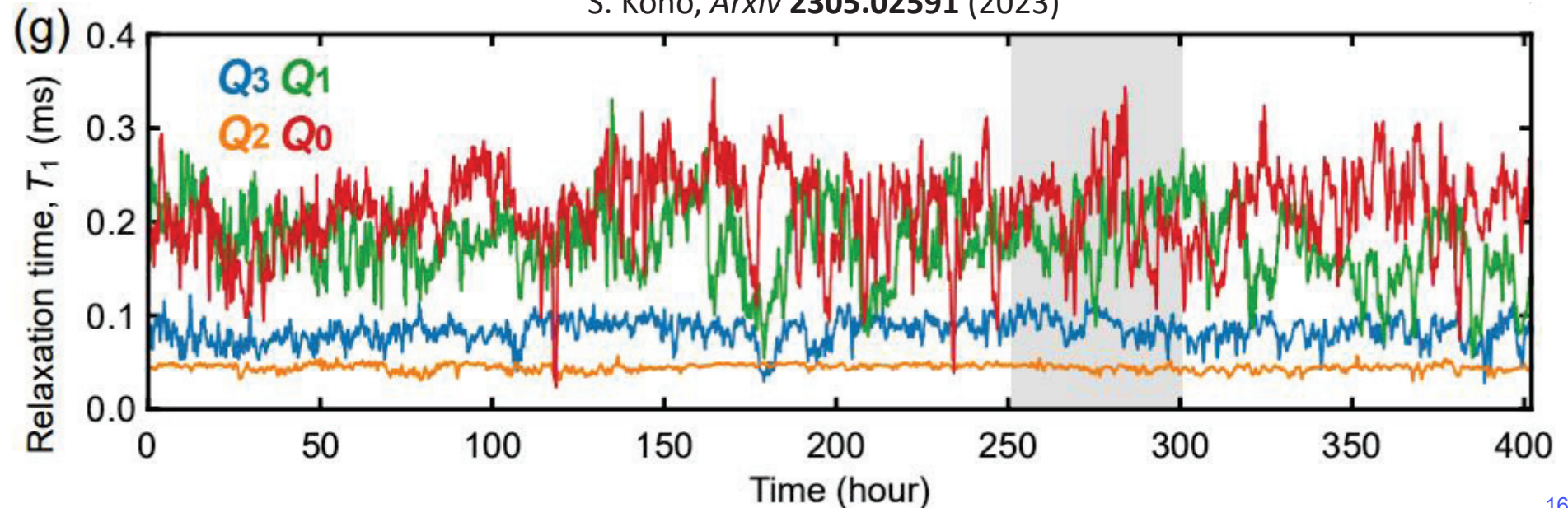
Reporting max/mean  $T_1$  is usually not enough

Histogram/Time traces are better

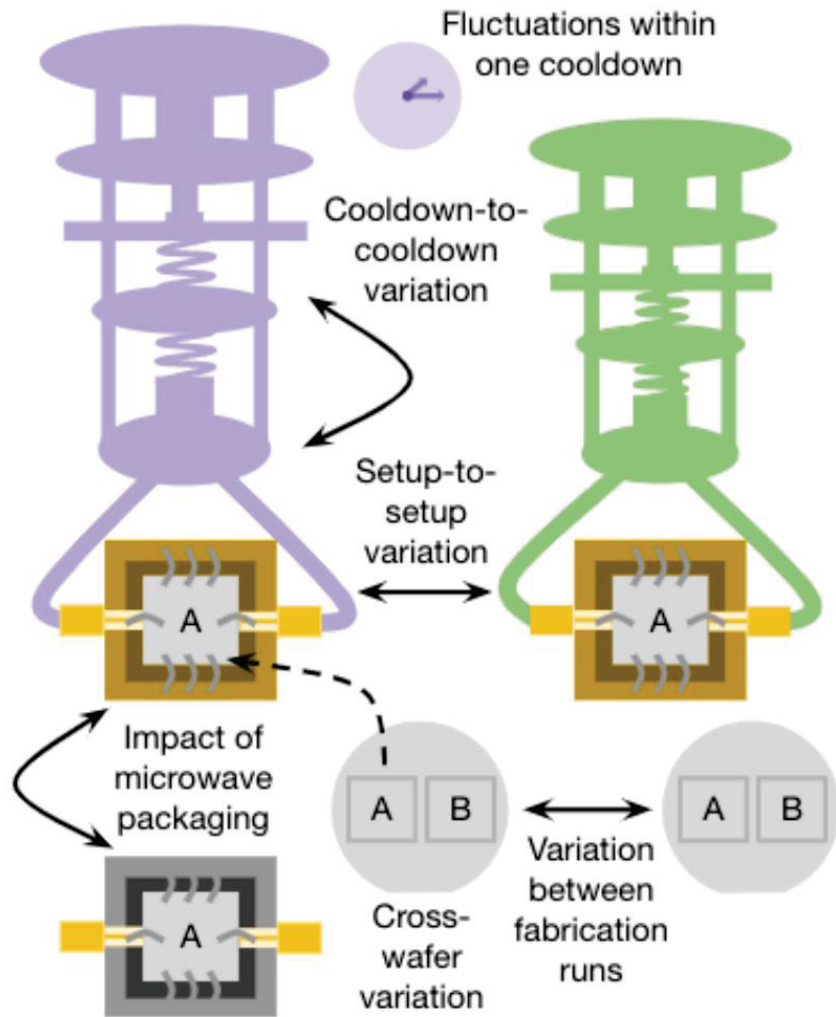
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S. Kono, *Arxiv 2305.02591* (2023)

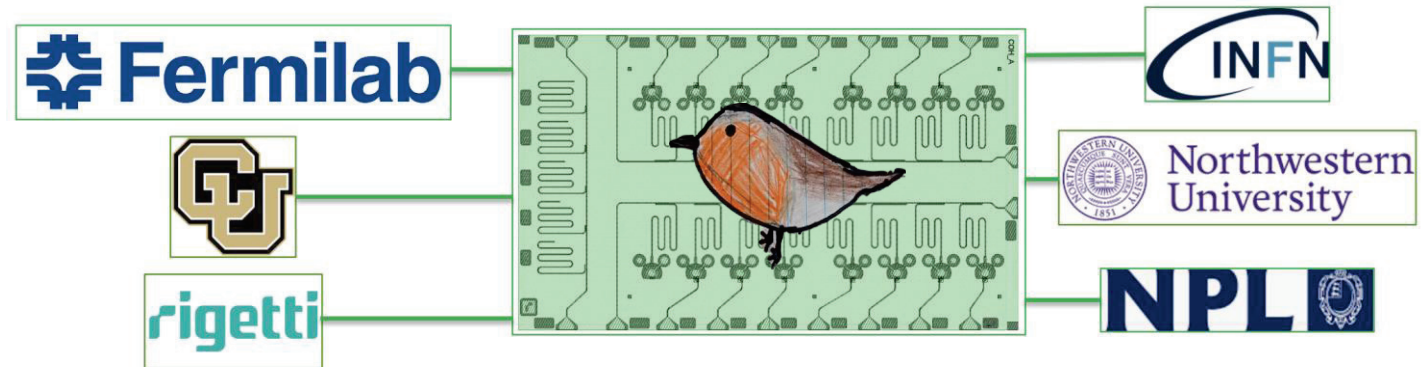






McRae *et al*, Appl. Phys. Lett. **119**, 100501 (2021)

Disentangle some sources of loss by sending an identical device at multiple location within the SQMS center



Goal is to standardize:

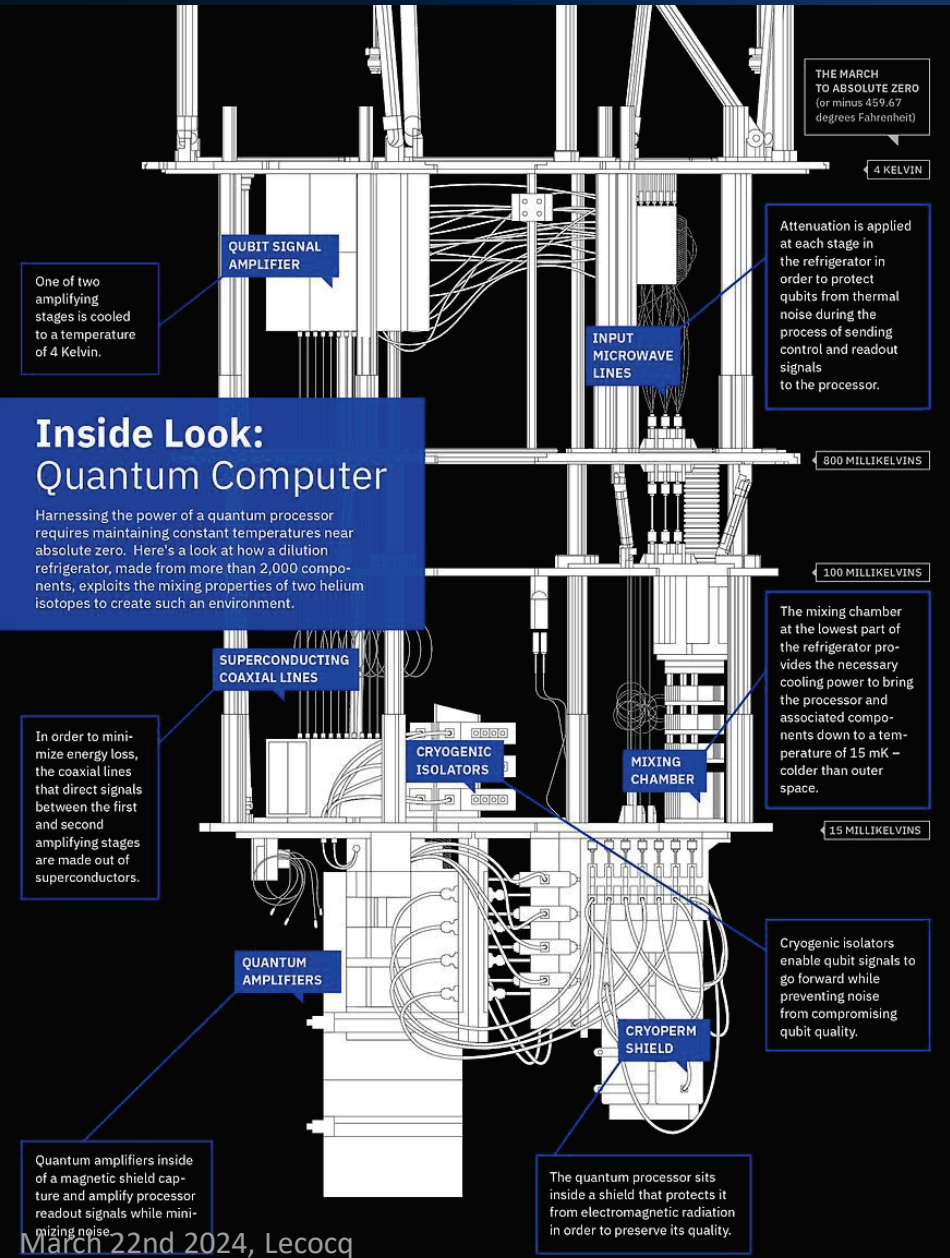
- Measurement protocol
- Measurement electronics
- Measurement code
- Data analysis

Quantum computing is not mature enough for standardization yet

But NMIs and other government agencies could/should help:

- define the right metrics
- define good practices
- support nascent quantum industry

# Metrology at ultracryogenic temperatures



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09:20 – 09:30

**Metrology gaps for quantum - benchmarking**

Félicien Schopfer



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# MetriQs-France

Measurement, evaluation and standardization  
of quantum technologies

Félicien Schopfer

LNE

22 March 2024



BIPM Workshop “Accelerating the Adoption of Quantum Technologies  
through Measurements and Standards”



National Program for  
Measurement, Evaluation, and Standardization  
of Quantum Technologies

- Independent and trusted third party
- Expert in quantum
- Expert in metrology, testing, standardization, certification...

Develop, exploit, and promote **measurement capabilities of reference** - *validated, harmonized, widely recognized* -

→ Characterization and performance assessment of quantum technologies

→ **Reliability, impartiality and comparability**

⇒ Metrology, Test & Evaluation, International Standardization...

⇒ **Innovation + Establishment of the quantum industry**

⇒ **Trust in QT**  
⇒ **Adoption of QT**

## ➤ Collaborative R&D Projects

- **R&D on metrology gaps** [QC Benchmarks, Characterization of quantum components and enabling technologies...]
- **Standardization** [AFNOR, CEN-CENELEC, ISO/IEC, IEEE...]
- **Collaborations** EU and International
- ...

## ➤ Measurement & Testing Infrastructure



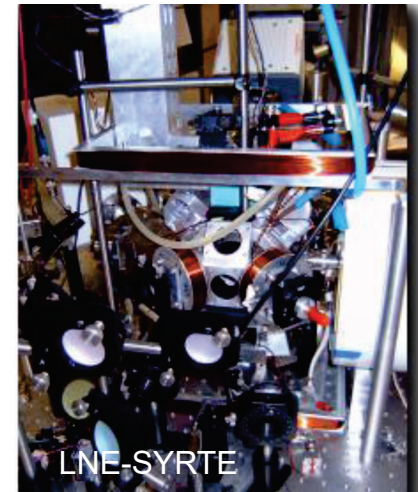
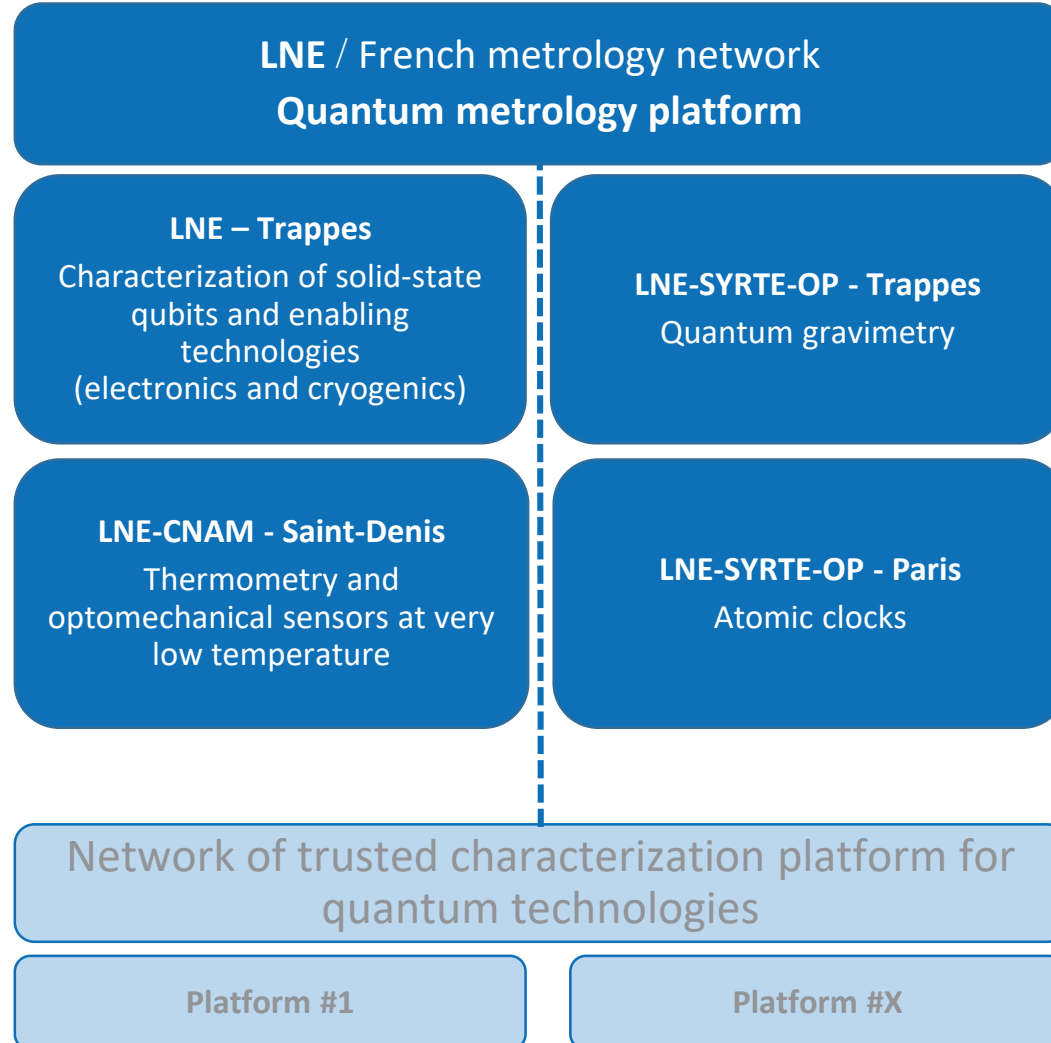
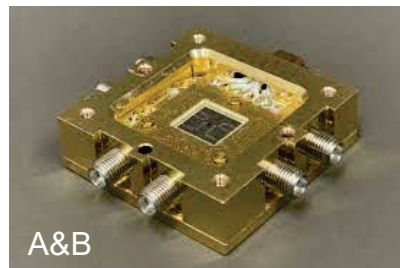
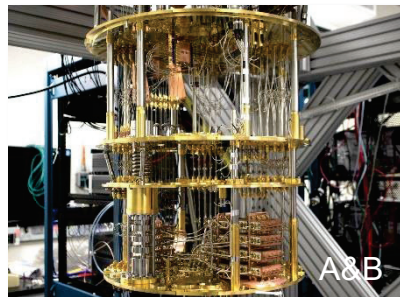
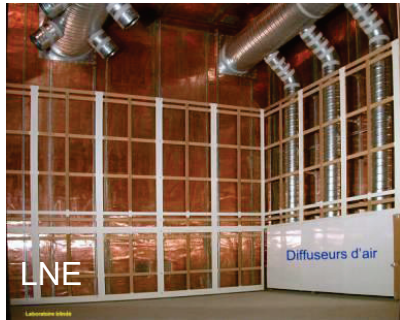
- **Quantum metrology platform** at LNE/French Metrology Network
- Network of **trusted platforms for characterization and testing**



# Measurement & testing infrastructure

- State-of-the-art equipment (Investment program)
- Controlled experimental conditions
- Expert & skilled metrology staff

Infrastructure of reference, expert, independent, and open  
**Metrology R&D et Services for Quantum Technologies**



+ Additional services to be deployed resulting from **R&D projects**

# BACQ Project: Application-oriented benchmarks for quantum computers



⇒ Developing a **measuring instrument** for the **quantum computing practical performance**.

*Unbiased, “universal”, long-lasting, widely-used and recognized, to serve as common reference.*

## Purposes

- ⇒ **Comparing classical vs. quantum** [Analog, gate-based, NISQ to FTQC]
- ⇒ Measuring the **progress towards a practical quantum advantage**
- ⇒ Supporting the **development of useful QC technologies**

## Scientific approach to the challenge

- **A set of benchmarks** based on the resolution of reference problems:  
*Optimization; Linear systems solving; Quantum physics simulation; Factorization*
- **Aggregation of technical metrics** (computational – *pb size, time, fidelity, accuracy...* - and energetic) and **multicriteria notation** related to a quality of service

## Key figures

- ✓ **3 years:** Sept. 2023 – Aug. 2026  
+ FastTrack action Q-score/MaxCut
- ✓ **6 partners** → **7.2 FTE / year**
- ✓ **3.9 M€ budget**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.12205>

## ➤ Dialogue and collaborations

### ➤ With QPU providers

- Quandela, IQM, Quantinuum, Pasqal, Alice&Bob, QuEra, Quantum brilliance, IBM, ... (~20)
- Superconducting circuits, spins, photons, neutral atoms, trapped ions, NV...

### ➤ With benchmarking initiatives

- R&D teams and projects: Fraunhofer IKS (DE), TNO (NL), TUDelft (NL), Qilimanjaro (ES), QuIC (EU), QED-C (US), Hamiltonian Library Project (US), UF/Metriq...

### ➤ With end-users (*more to come*)...

- HPC centres, multiple industries, etc

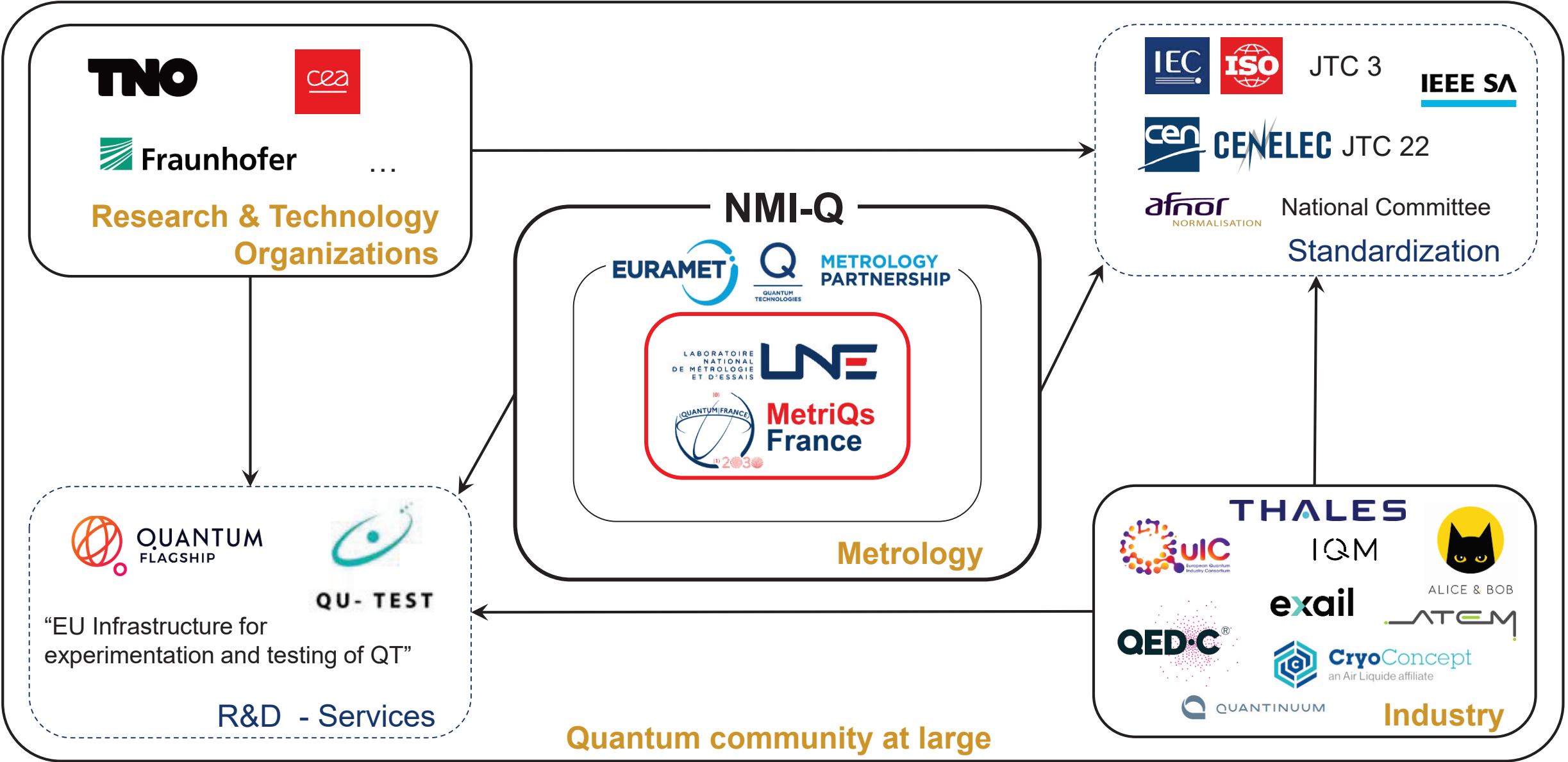


Annual International Seminar on QC Benchmarks

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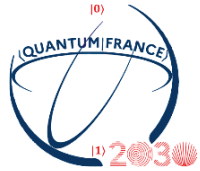
# EU and international collaborations

*“For widely-shared and recognized measurement capabilities to serve quantum technologies industry”*

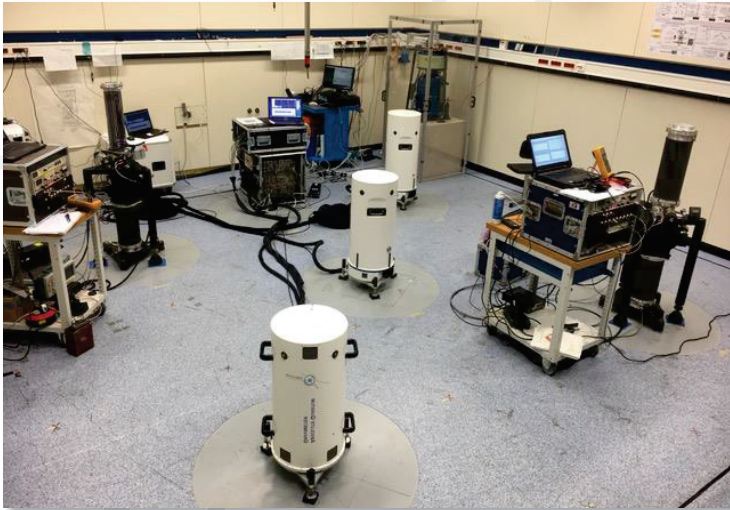


**Quantum community at large**





**MetriQs  
France**



Characterization of gravimeters, including cold atom quantum devices, at LNE-Trappes (2022)

## Main takeaway

➤ Let's build on the national quantum metrology initiatives, like **MetriQs-France**, to develop **collaborations** between **NMIs, Research Organizations and Industry**

To progress towards **internationally harmonized & recognized measurement capabilities, benchmarks and standards** for quantum technologies.

⇒ To establish **trust in quantum technologies** and accelerate their worldwide **adoption by industry, market and society.**

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09:30 – 09:50

**NMI Collaborations in Quantum Photonics Standards Development**

Angela Gamouras & John Lehman

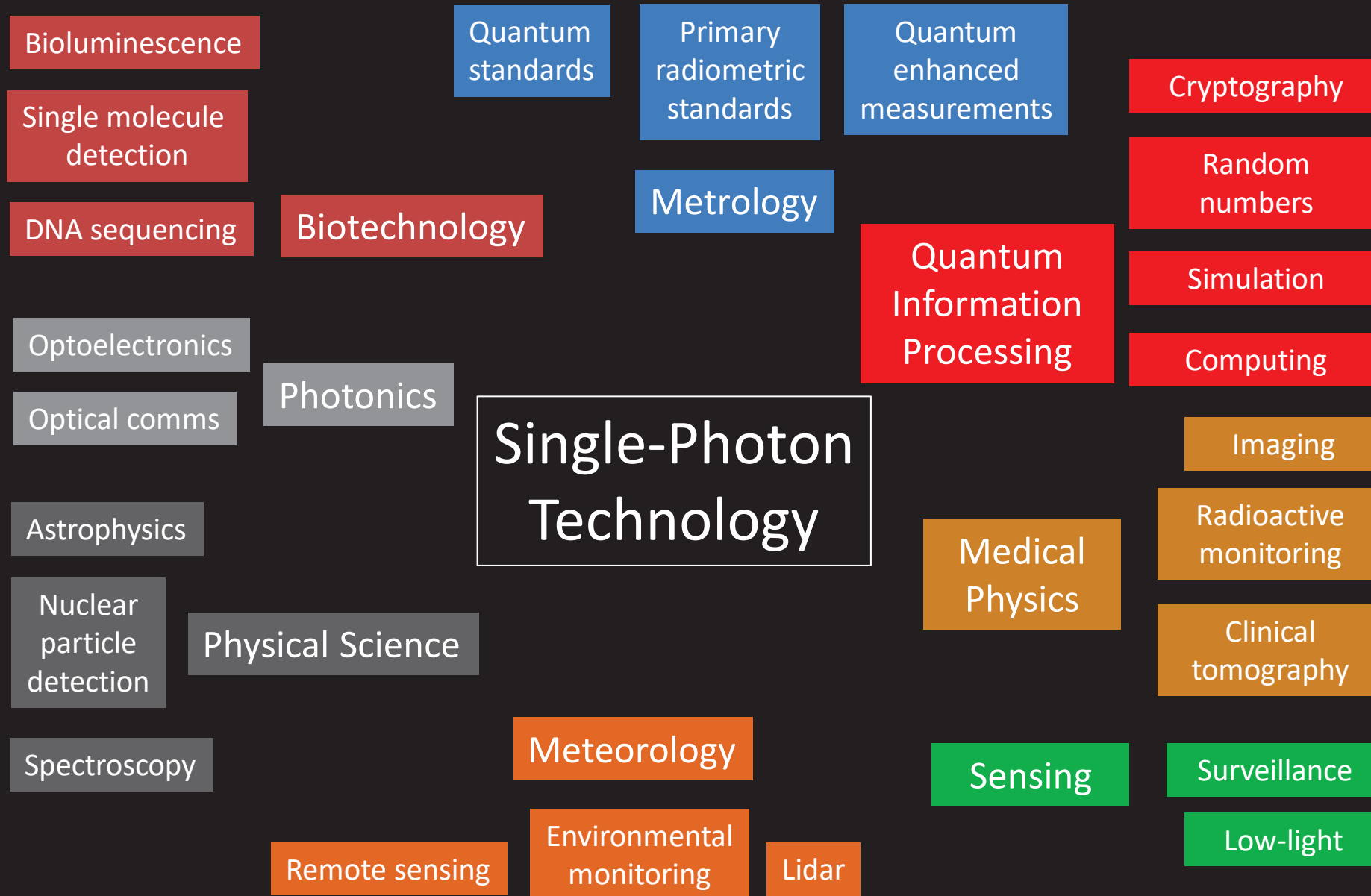


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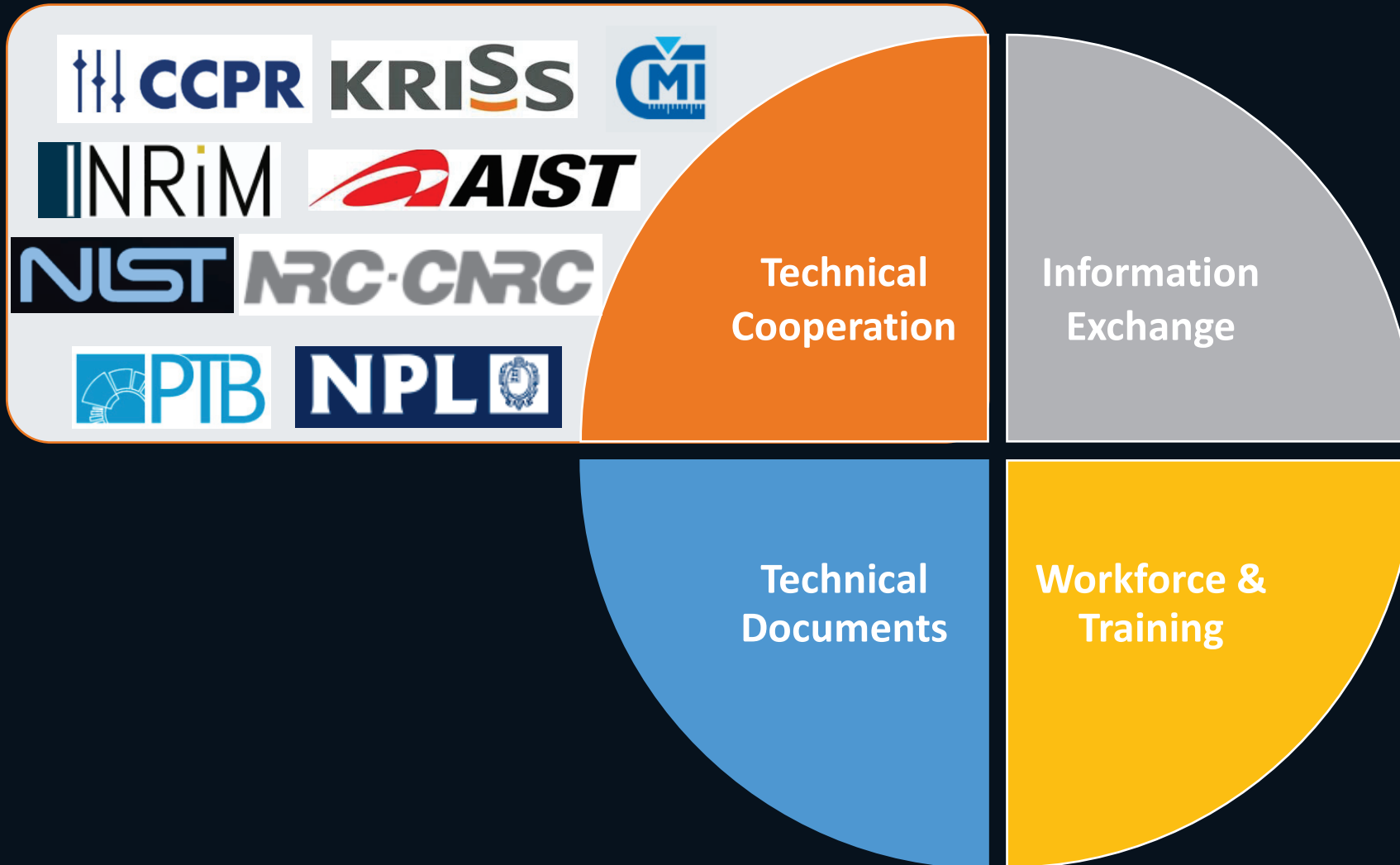
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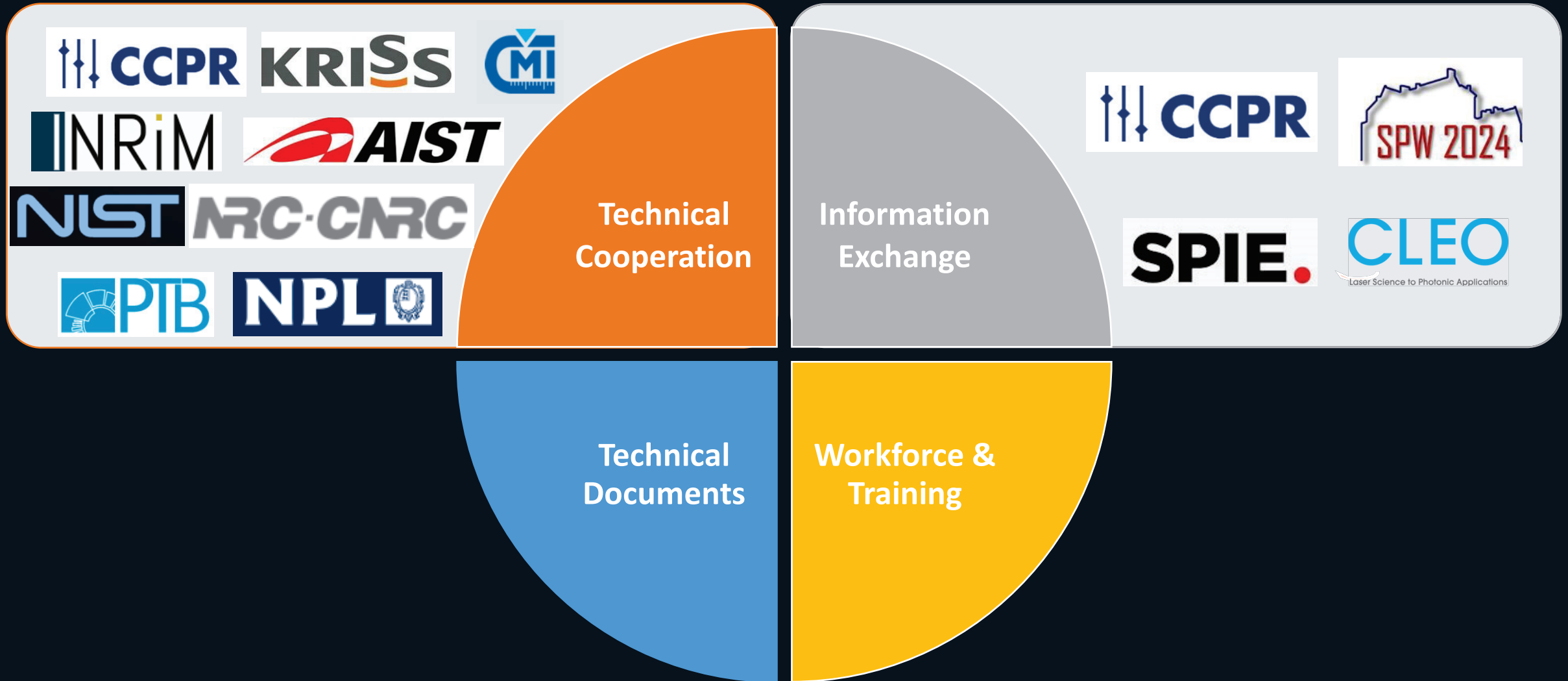
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Technical Cooperation

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Information Exchange

Logos: CCPR, SPW 2024, SPIE, CLEO (Laser Science to Photonic Applications)



Technical Documents



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# Timeline 2003 - 2018



2003 Single Photon Workshop (Alan Migdall et al.)

2006 The “last” Symposium on Optical Fiber Measurements (SOFM)

2015 CCPR TG-7 questionnaire & pilot study single-photon detector (SPD) detection efficiency

2016 CCPR TG-7 pilot study, 11 participants, free space SPD (ongoing)

2016 NIST/PTB synchrotron based single photon detector calibration

2017 NIST/PTB Verification of calibration methods

2017 NIST special test SPD calibration

2018 NRC/NIST free space SPD comparison began



# Timeline 2019 - 2021



< NIST | NRC >



2017 BIPM Workshop "The Quantum Revolution in Metrology" 28-29 September 2017

2018 NPL/NRC/NIST Quantum Standards Meeting NIST Gaithersburg

2019 NPL/NRC/NIST Quantum SI Workshop NIST Boulder

2019 NIST/PTB MOU for faint light radiometry/radiometers (Beyer/Lehman)

2019 3rd Germany-USA-DE Joint Meeting, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Berlin

2021 QED-C Workshop Single-photon measurement infrastructure: Needs and priorities

2021 National Quantum Initiative Funding to NIST

2021 New Developments and Applications in Optical Radiometry (NEWRAD)



# Timeline 2022 - 2024



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2022 NIST/NRC/CU Quantum dot source & faint light radiometry

2022 NIST/NRC Calibration and comparison of detection efficiency

2023 NIST Detector Calibration for Customers ISO17025

2023 NIST/NPL single photon detector comparison (APD)

2023 NIST Single Photon Dictionary

2023 NEWRAD Teddington

2023 Single Photon Short Course (INRIM, NIST, NRC, NPL)

2024 Single Photonics Short Course

2024 Single Photon Workshop







## Quantum SI workshop for single-photon metrology

NIST, Boulder, Colorado  
February 28, March 1, 2019

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the workshop is to bring together subject matter experts in single photon science and engineering from the national metrology institutes, NPL, NRC, and NIST, to engage in development, metrology, standardization, and dissemination of scales.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Germany – United States Science and Technology Joint Meeting Commission**

**November 5 & 6, 2019, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Berlin**

Workshop on Quantum Information Sciences

Highlighted the longstanding cooperation with PTB



Additional State Dept meetings were planned before Covid

# Directions: Workforce Development

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### <Q|School Single Photonics Short Course: Sources, Detectors and Measurements


August 6–9, 2024

University of Colorado Boulder

  
**Getting to  
Class**

  
**Teachers &  
Speakers**

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

  
**Course  
Program**

  
**Sponsorship  
Levels**

In cooperation with researchers and metrologists from around the world, the University of Colorado Boulder will present a short course consisting of lectures and hands-on lab interaction. Demonstrations and labs will be provided by industrial partners active in the field.

**Presented by:** CU Boulder and NIST

<https://www.colorado.edu/initiative/cubit/single-photonics-and-quantum-radiometry-short-course>



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# Directions and Opportunities



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# SPIE.

SPIE Photonics west 2024 (893 presentations)  
SPIE Photonics Europe (300 presentations)



# CLEO

Laser Science to Photonic Applications



## NEWRAD 2023





1986 -2006

“The first transatlantic telephone cable to use optical fiber was TAT-8, which went into operation in 1988”

**NIST Special Publication 1055**

## **Technical Digest: SOFM 2006**

*A NIST Symposium for Photonic  
and Fiber Measurements*


Sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology  
in cooperation with the IEEE Lasers and Electro-Optics Society  
and the Optical Society of America



Industry & academic engagement to monitor advances and demands in quantum photonics

- Consortia
- Collaborative discussion forums



 Discussion Forum on Few-Photon Metrology (CCPR-WG-SP-TG7)  
→ NMI, industry and academic members



# Terminology Documentation



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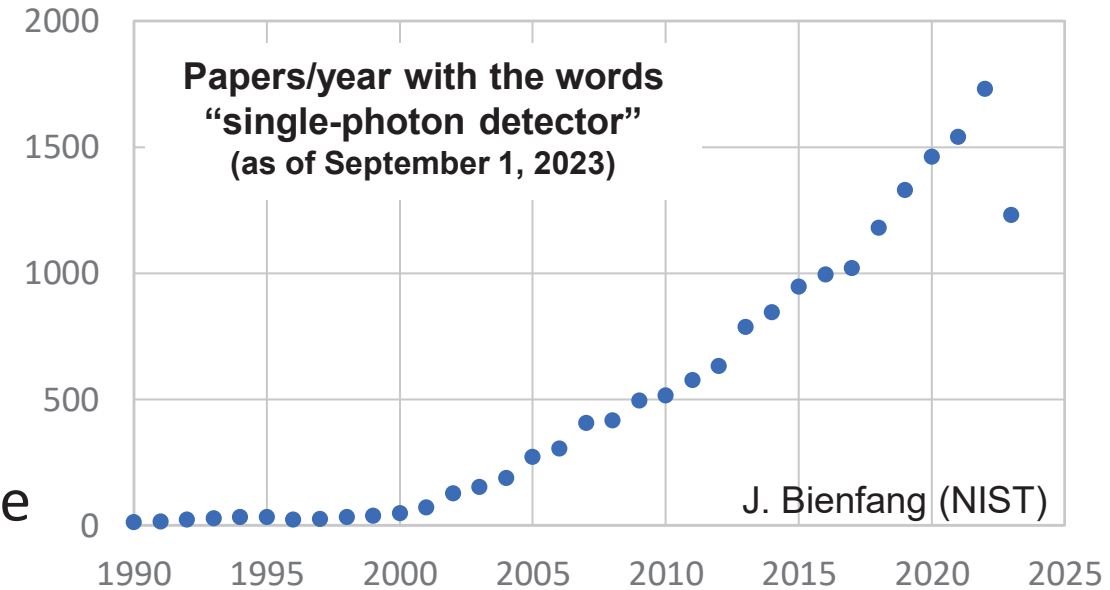


**Inconsistencies in terminology:**

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**Context:** different meanings in different fields

**Clarity:** Incomplete, comparisons difficult or impossible



CIE Reportership DR 2-87 Terminology in single/few photon metrology  
12 contributors from 7 NMIs and research institutes



NIST Single-Photon Sources & Detectors Dictionary  
<https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2023/NIST.IR.8486.pdf>

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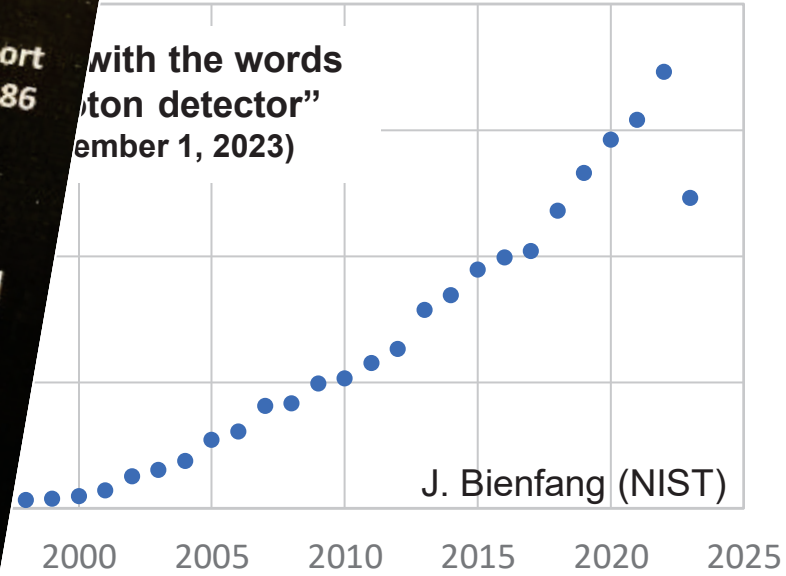


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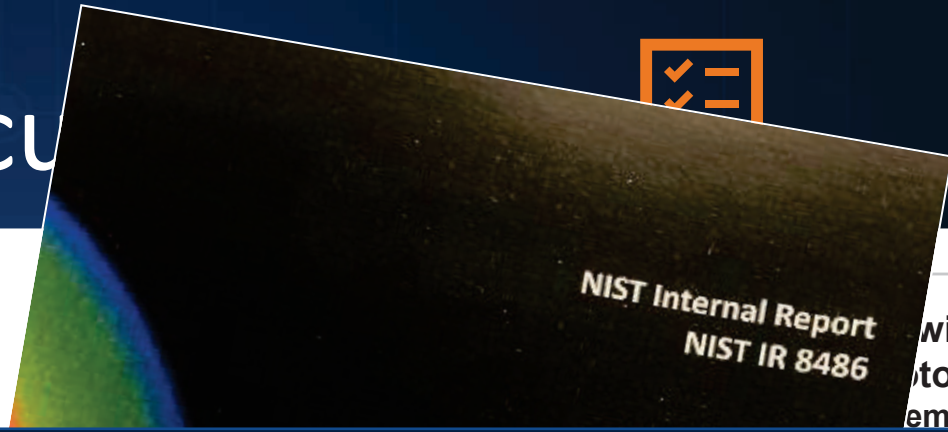


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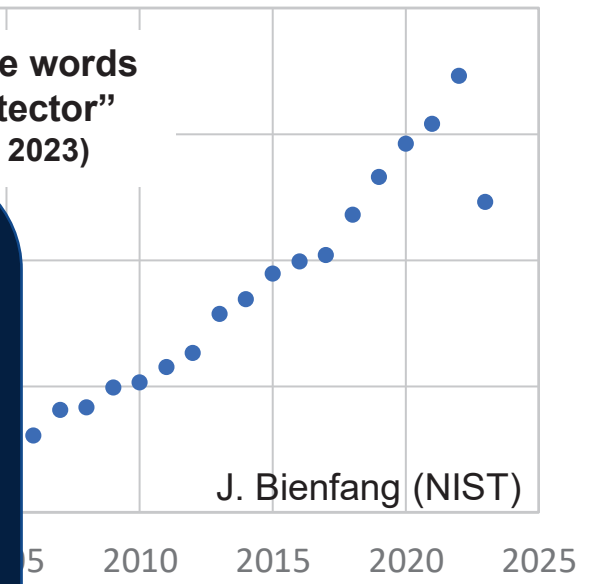
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(September 1, 2023)



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# Direction: Documentary standards



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## NMIs have contributed to:

- Revision of ISO/IEC 18031 – Random Bit Generators [approved]
- ISO/IEC 23837:2023 Security requirements, test and evaluation methods for QKD
- ETSI GS QKD 016:2023-04 Common Criteria Protection Profile – Pair of Prepare and Measure QKD Modules
- ETSI GR QKD 007 V1.1.1 (2018-12) QKD: Vocabulary
- ETSI GR QKD 003 V2.1.1 (2018-03) QKD: Components and Interfaces
- ETSI GS QKD 011 V1.1.1 (2016-05) QKD: Component characterization: characterizing optical components for QKD systems





# Direction: Documentary standards



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Recent standards development activities:

June 2020



ISO/IEC JTC 1/WG 14  
Quantum Information Technology: standardization program on Quantum Computing

March 2023



**Standardization Roadmap on Quantum Technologies**

Support deployment of quantum technologies in European industry

February 2024

**IEC/ISO JTC 3** Quantum technologies

Quantum information, metrology, sources, detectors, communications and fundamental technologies

Information exchange: Discussion Forum on Few-Photon Metrology




# Direction: NMI Cooperation



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Outcome of CCPR-WG-SP-TG7 Discussion Forum on Few-Photon Metrology

- Single-Photon Radiometry TG (CCPR-WG-SP-TG11) 
- Pilot study on detection efficiency of single-photon detectors (11 participants)

## What next?

### Documentation

- Recommended measurement practices
- Pitfalls to avoid

### Technology

- Required uncertainties (per application)
- Develop shorter SI-traceability path

# SI-Traceability: Quantum Photonics



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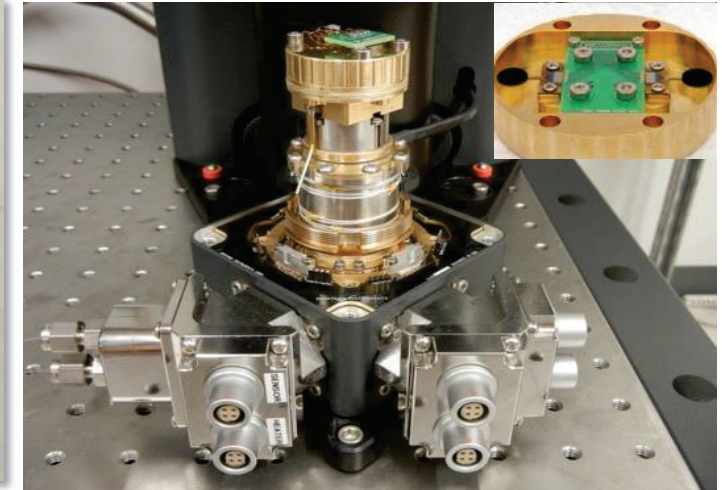
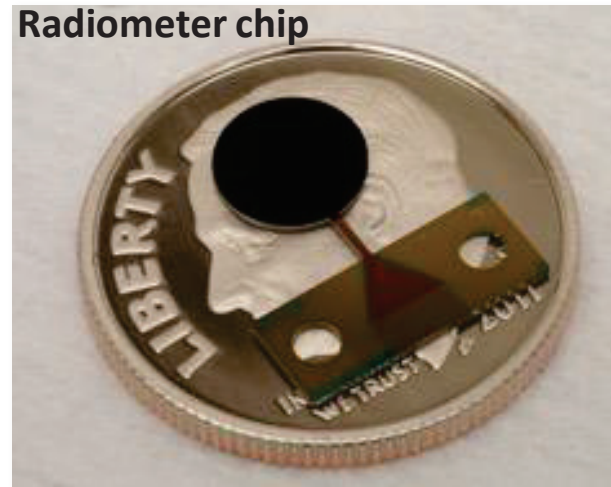
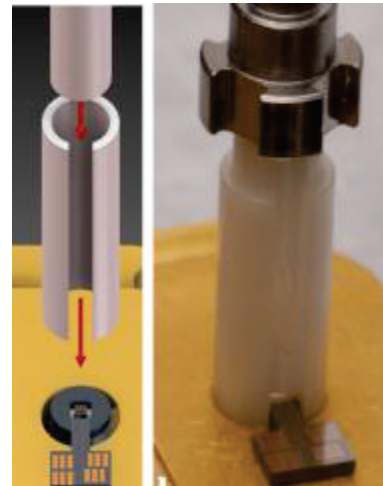
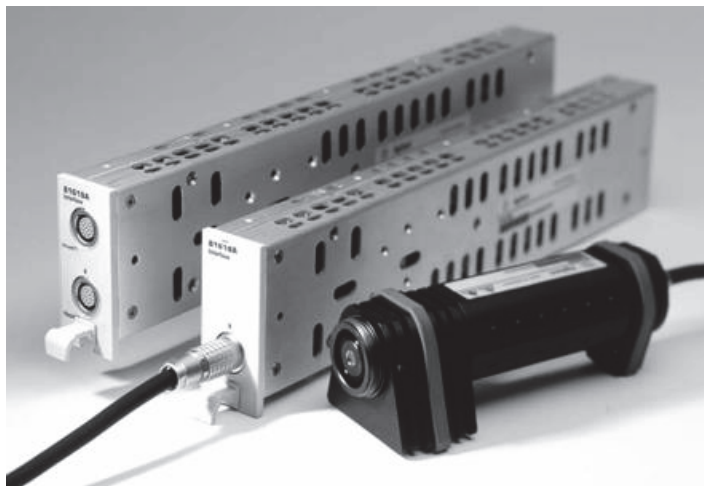


Underpinned by radiometry: optical power (cryogenic radiometer)

**Example: Technology ↔ Metrology**

→ Shorter traceability chain for fibre-coupled photodetectors

**Impact:** telecommunications and information technology sectors



# SI-Traceability: Quantum Photonics



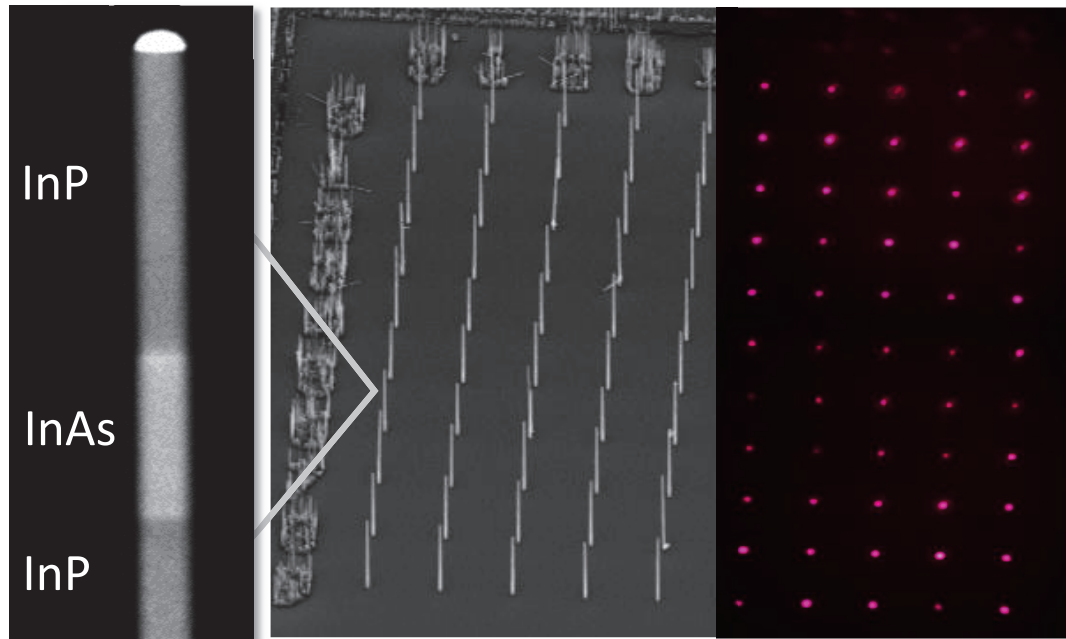
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**What next?** Metrology solutions for future quantum photonics infrastructure

Quantum photonics ↔ Metrology

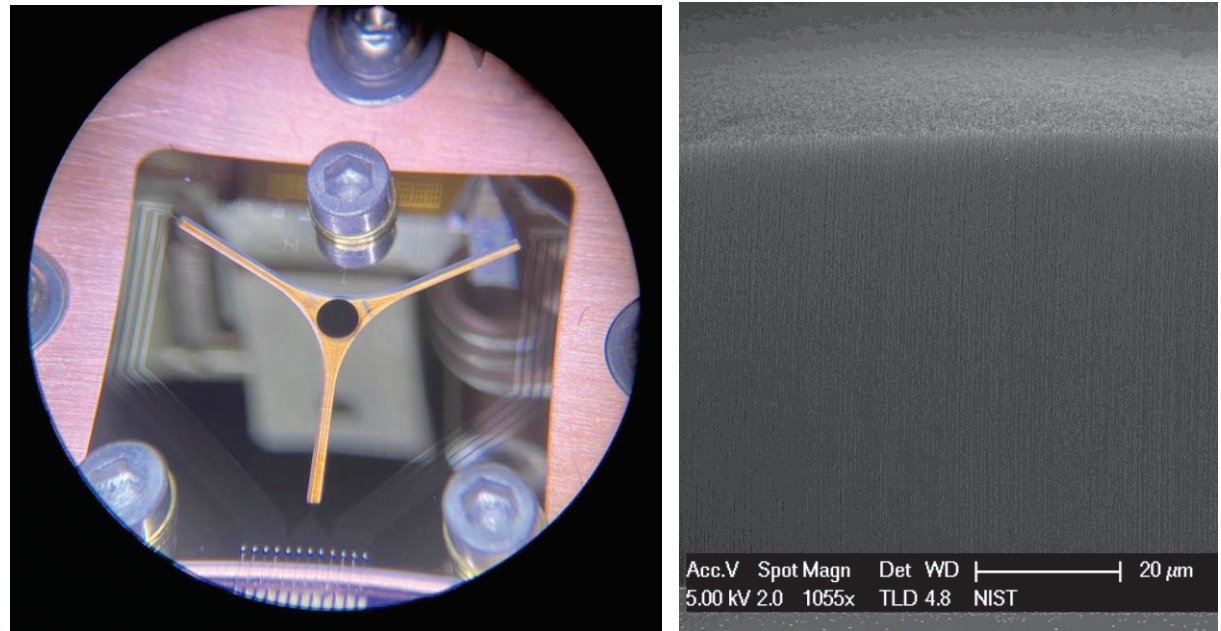
**NRC quantum dot emitters**



Sci. Rep. 12, 6376 (2022)

**NRC-CMRC**

**NIST faint-light radiometer**



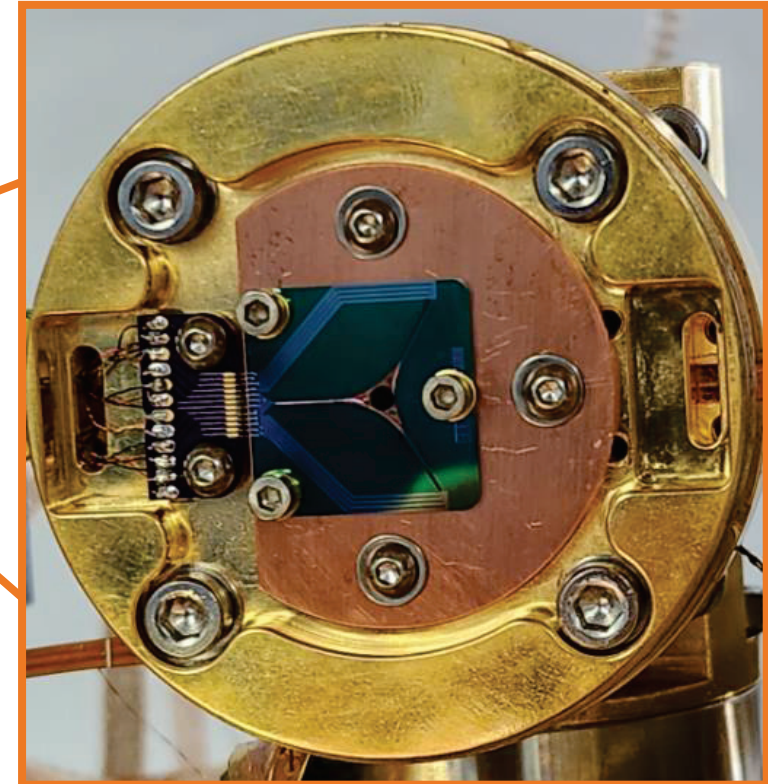
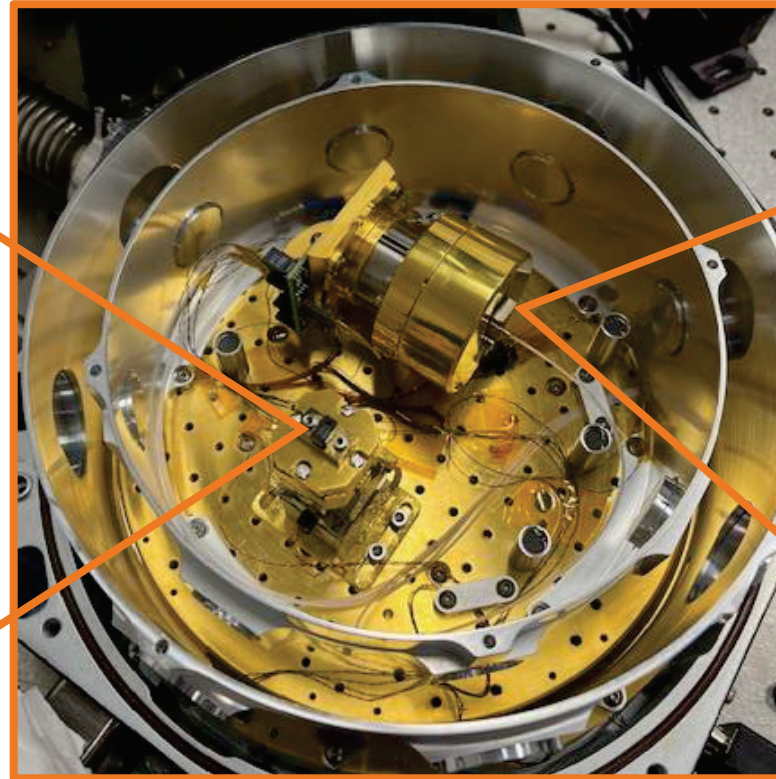
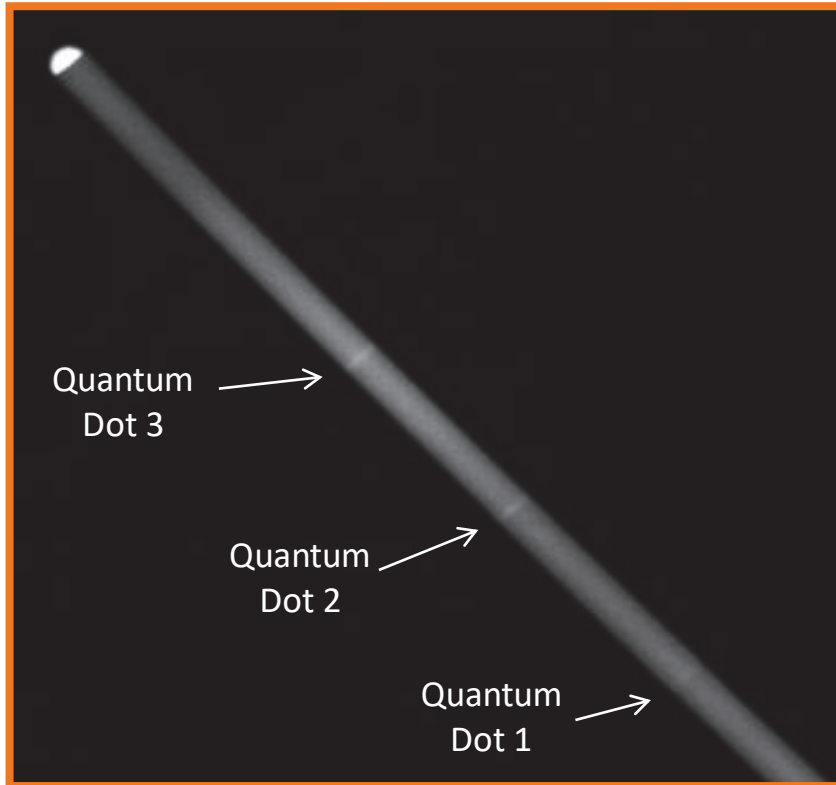
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## NMI collaboration: Combining technologies

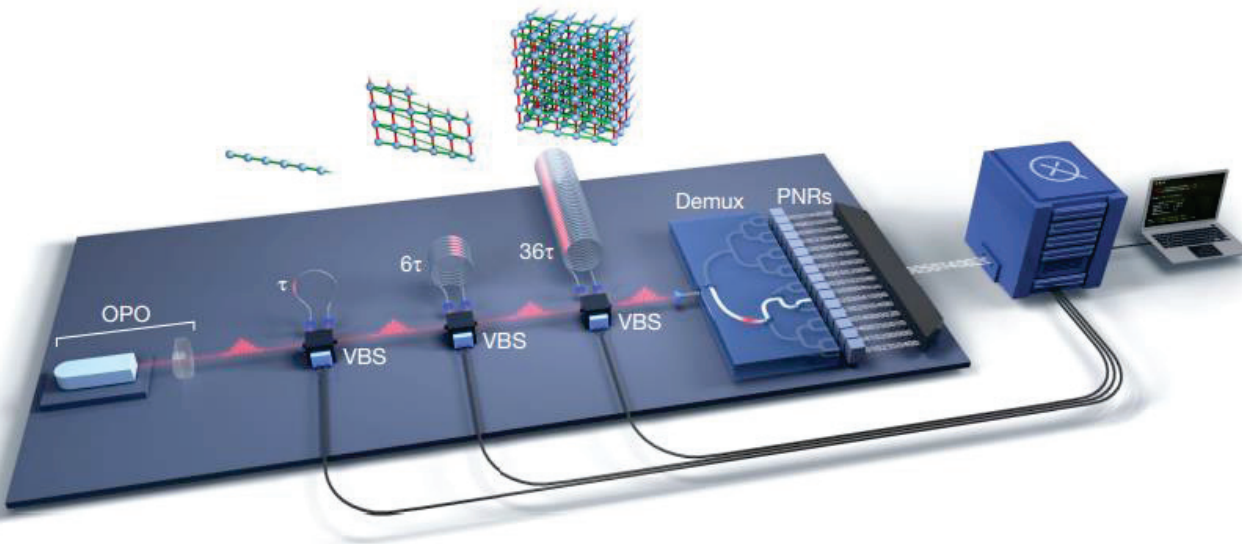


First measurements of NRC quantum dot emitters with a specialized faint-light sensor

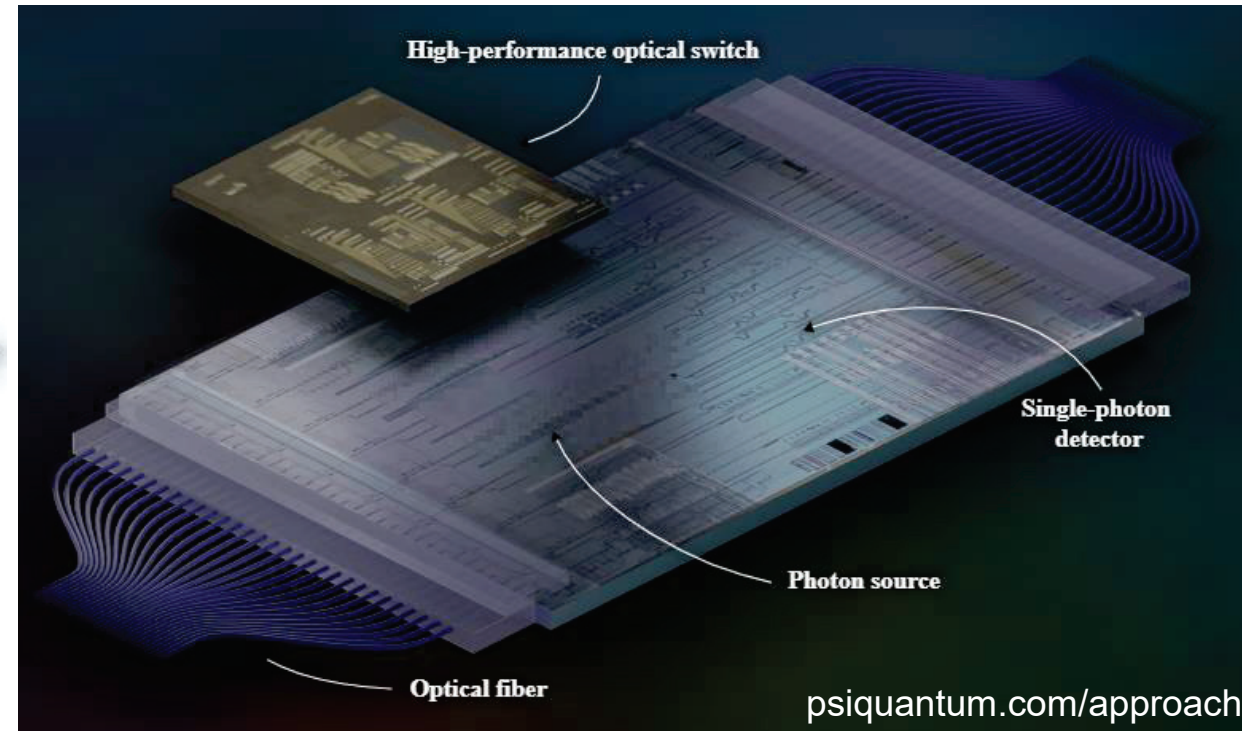


## What next?

Metrology for photonic quantum computing, communications & networks  
→ Mass testing of quantum photonic integrated circuits



Madsen et. al. Nature 606, 75 (2022)



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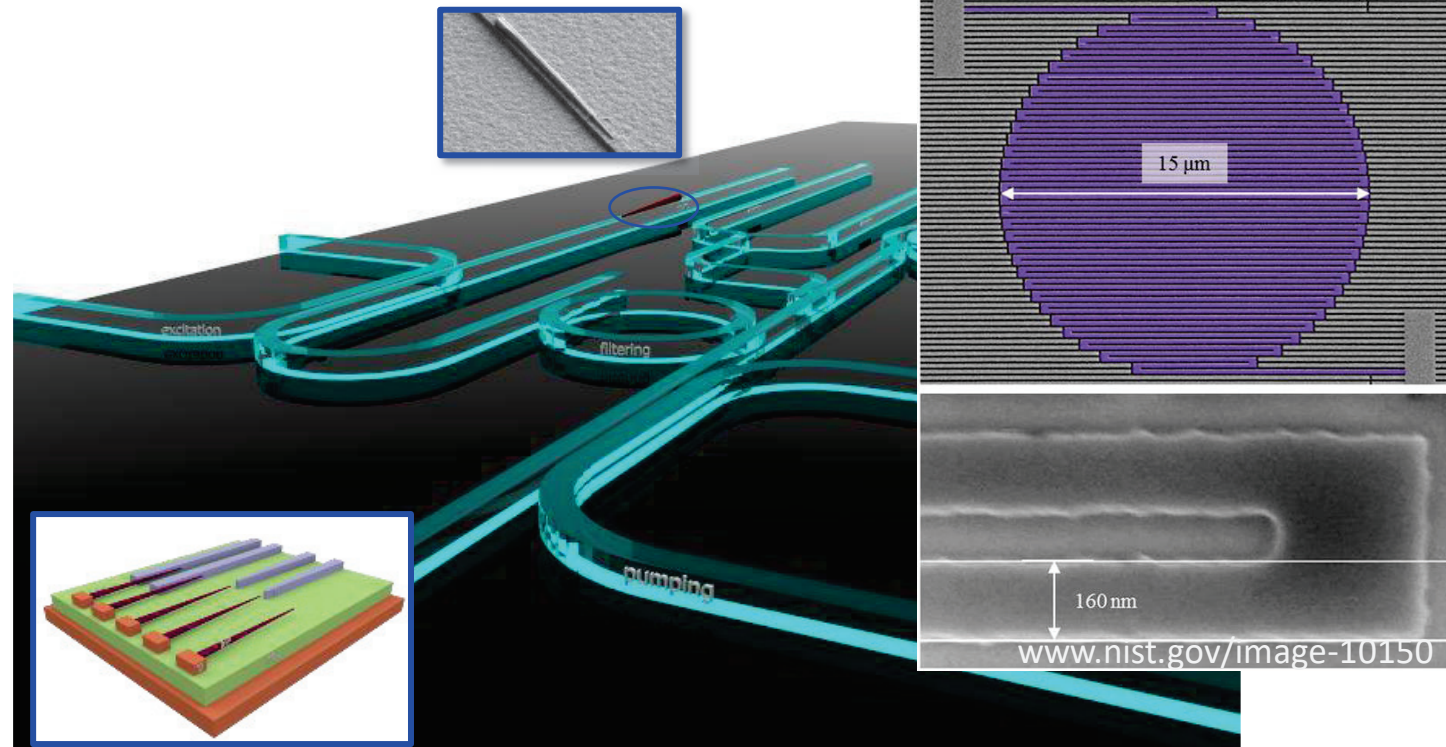
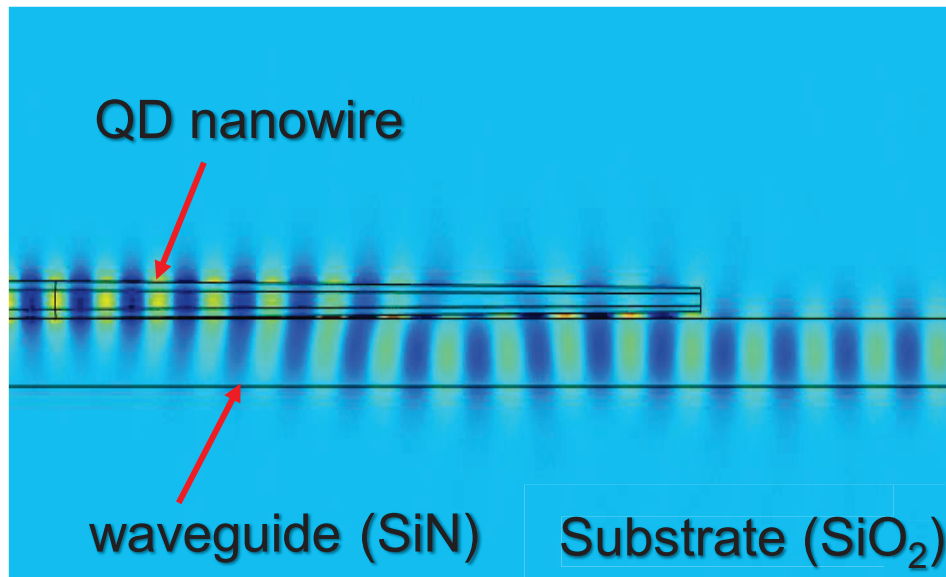
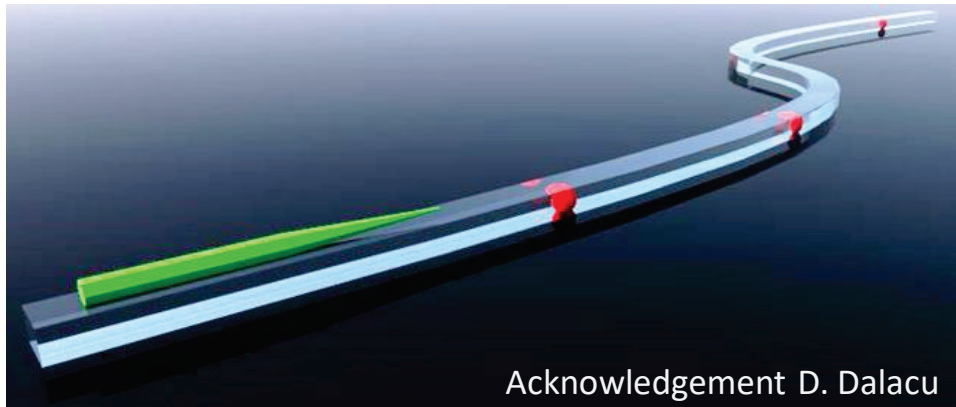
# SI-Traceability: Quantum Photonics



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NMI collaboration: combining technologies **On-chip integration**

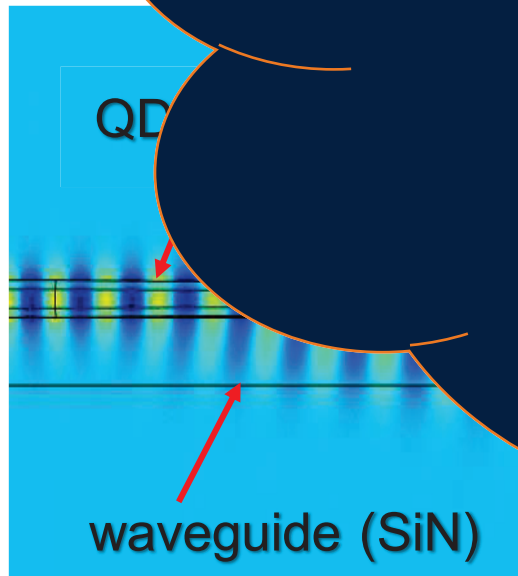
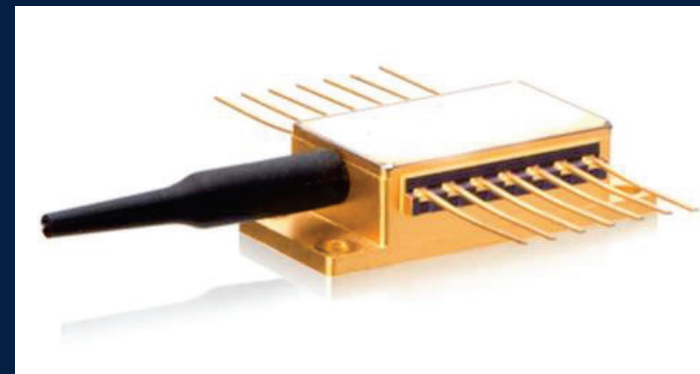
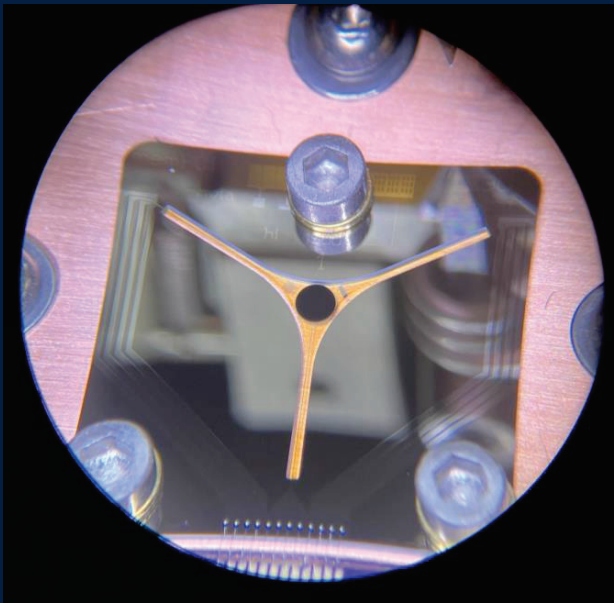


Quantum photonic integrated circuit development  
→ NRC quantum emitters & NIST single photon detectors



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## Future SI-traceable QPIC calibrations



Integrated circuit development

emitters & NIST single photon detectors





## Short Term Goals:



Common language

- Terminology – make the single-photon dictionary a standard

Understanding of measurements

- Publish recommended measurement practice/pitfalls technical notes

## Long Term: Support quantum photonics measurements & future infrastructure

- Identifying comparison activities (detectors, sources, etc.)
- Practical calibrations and SI-Traceability





## Progress in quantum photonics standards activities

✓ **Communication**

✓ **Collaboration**

→ **Discussion Forums & Networks**



→ **Motivation**



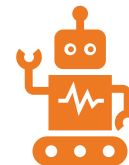
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→ **Terminology documentation**



→ **Technology Integration**



# Questions





10:00 – 10:15

## Survey results

Nicolas Spethmann, Analysis by Pierre Gournay



## Questionnaire: Accelerating the Adoption of Quantum Technologies through Measurements and Standards

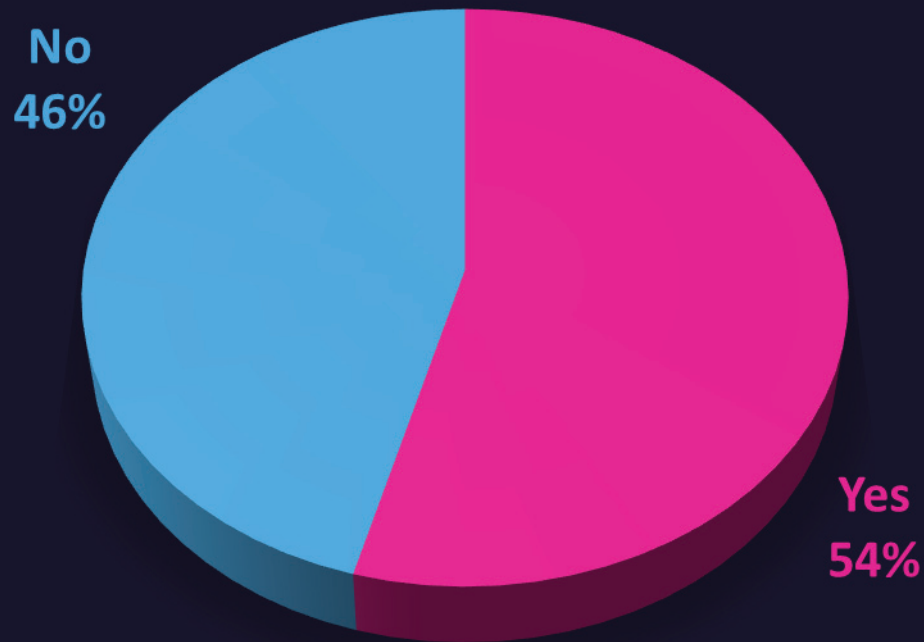
- 38 NMIs/DIs represented at the workshop
- of those, 92 % responded to the questionnaire

Survey goal was to get an overview of:

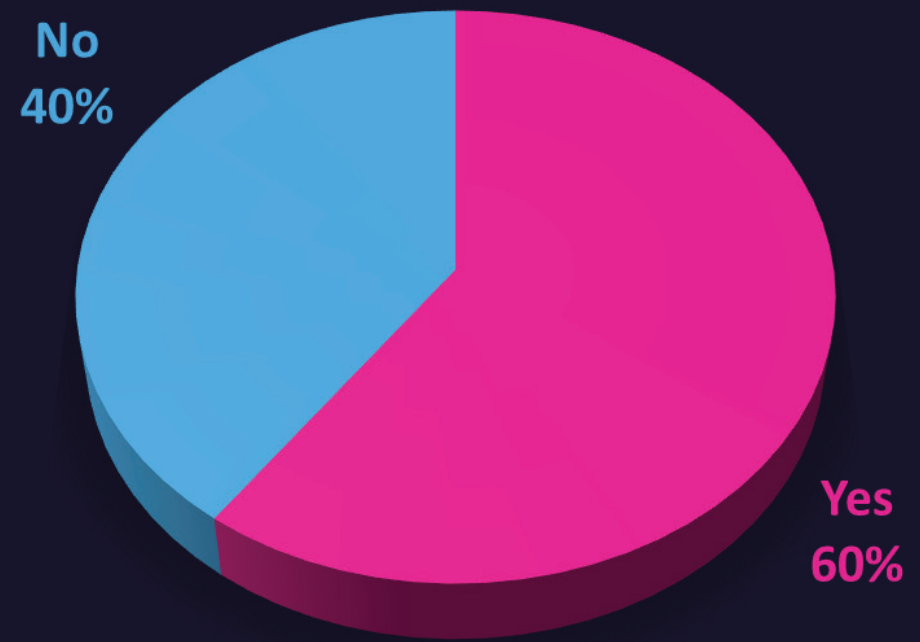
- existing activities of respective economies in quantum,
- topics and fields of quantum that are actively pursued,

to inform the discussion of the workshop.

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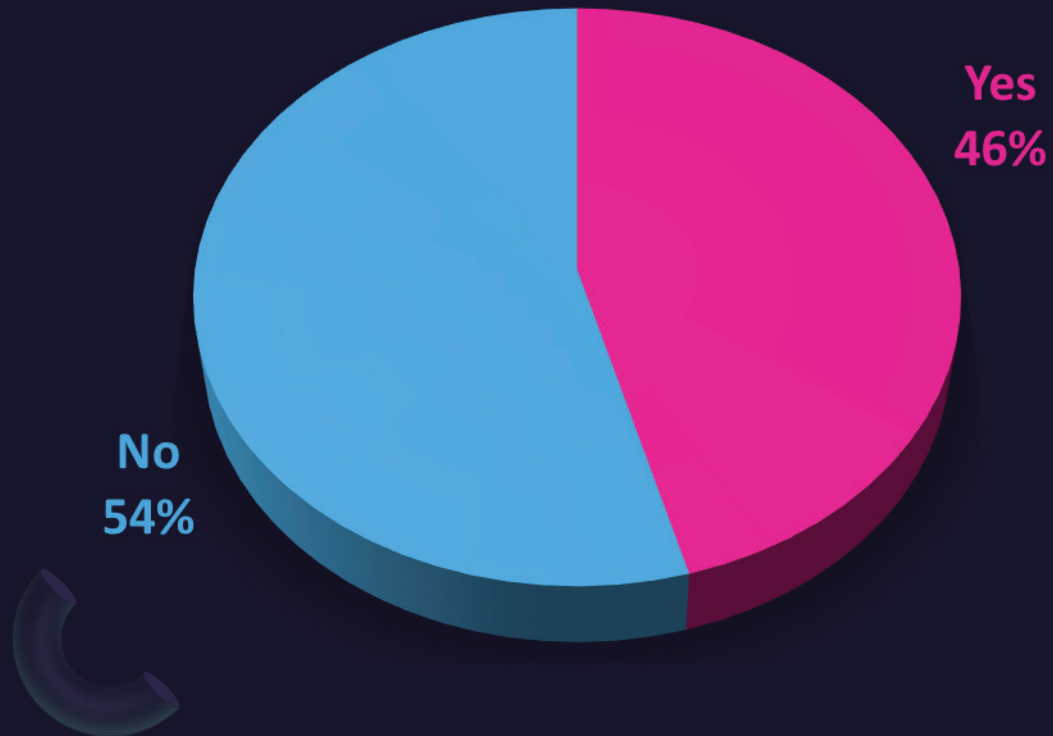


In your economy, do you have a suite of domestic/regional/local quantum programs?



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In your economy, do you have Quantum-relevant roadmaps?

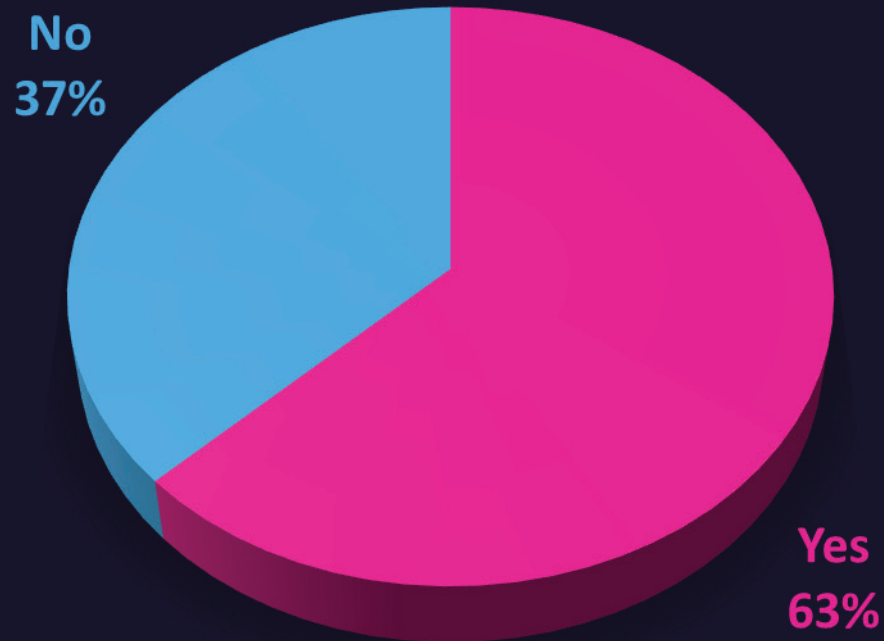


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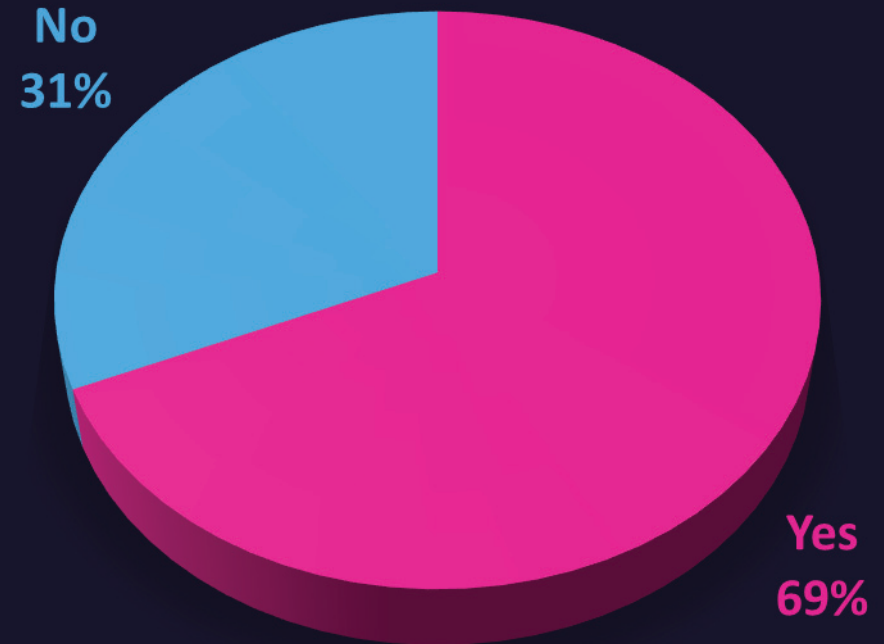


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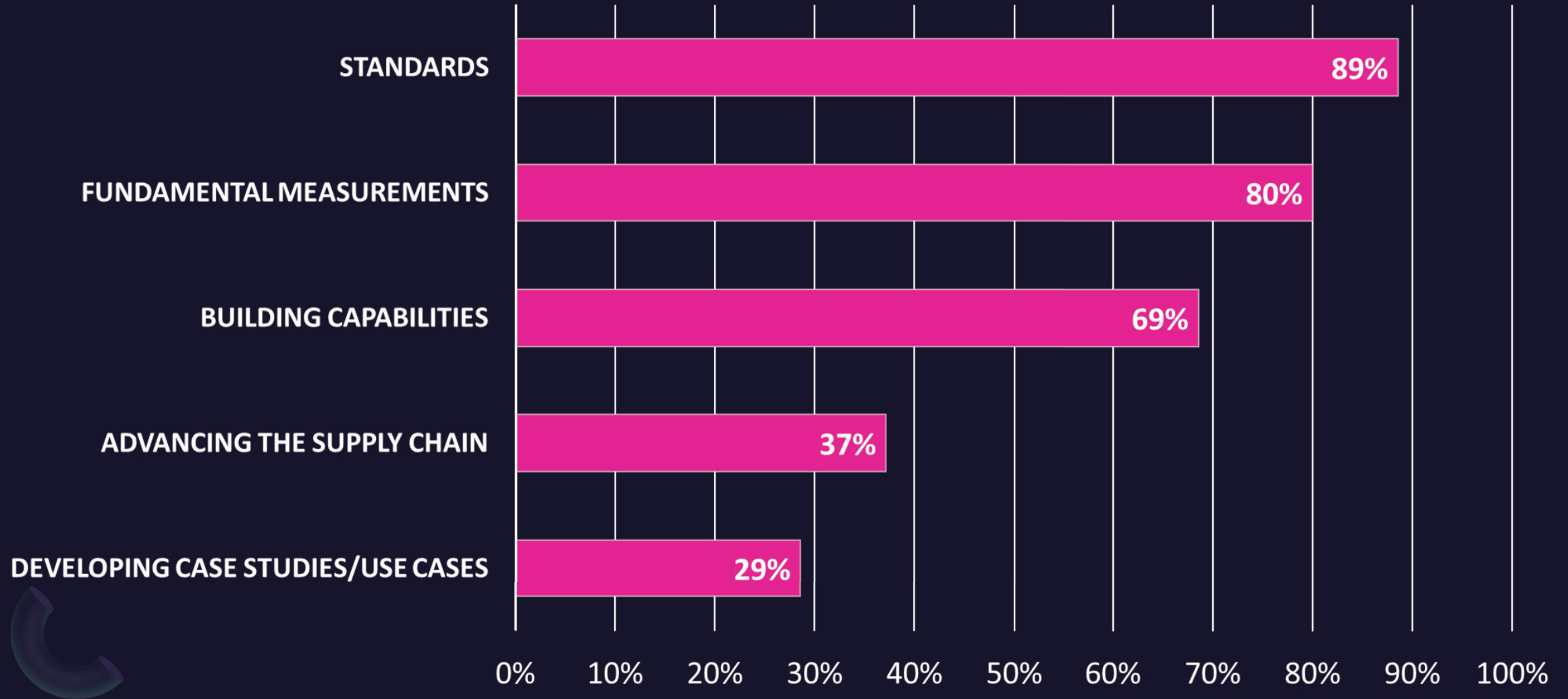
Do you have current collaborations with other NMIs related to quantum?



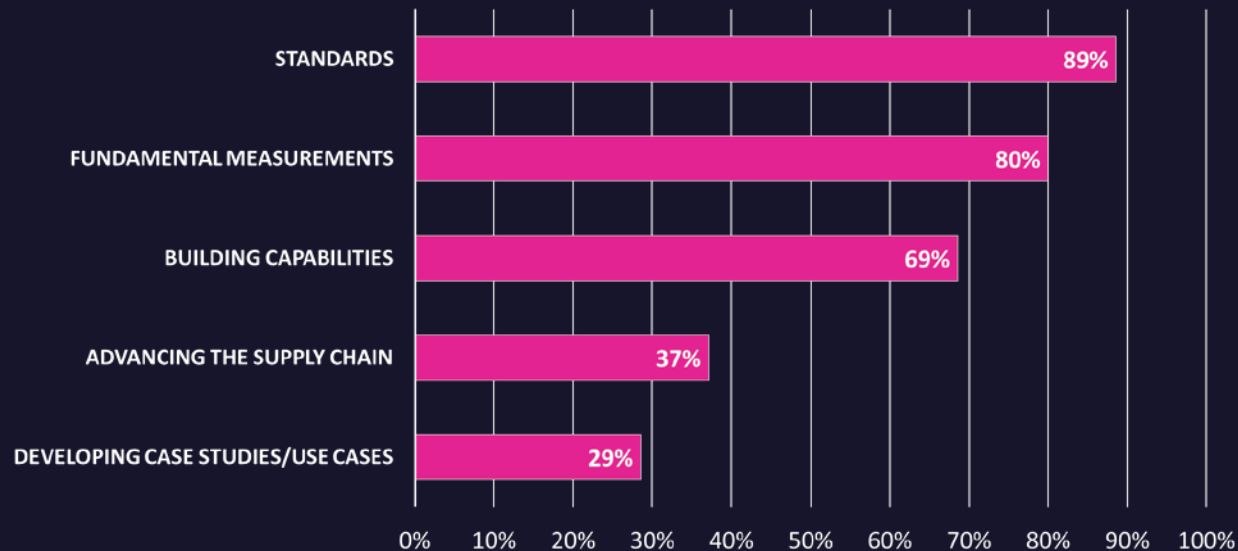
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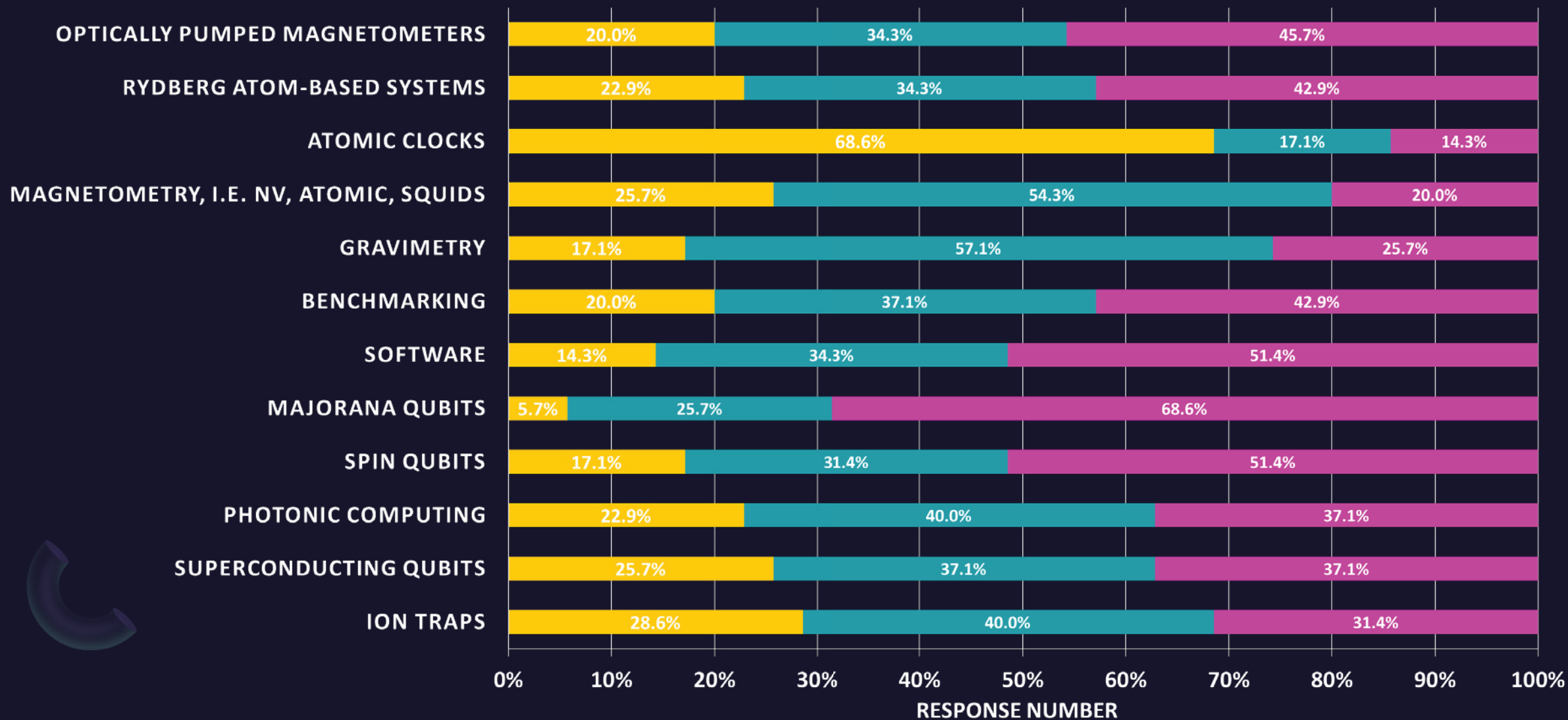
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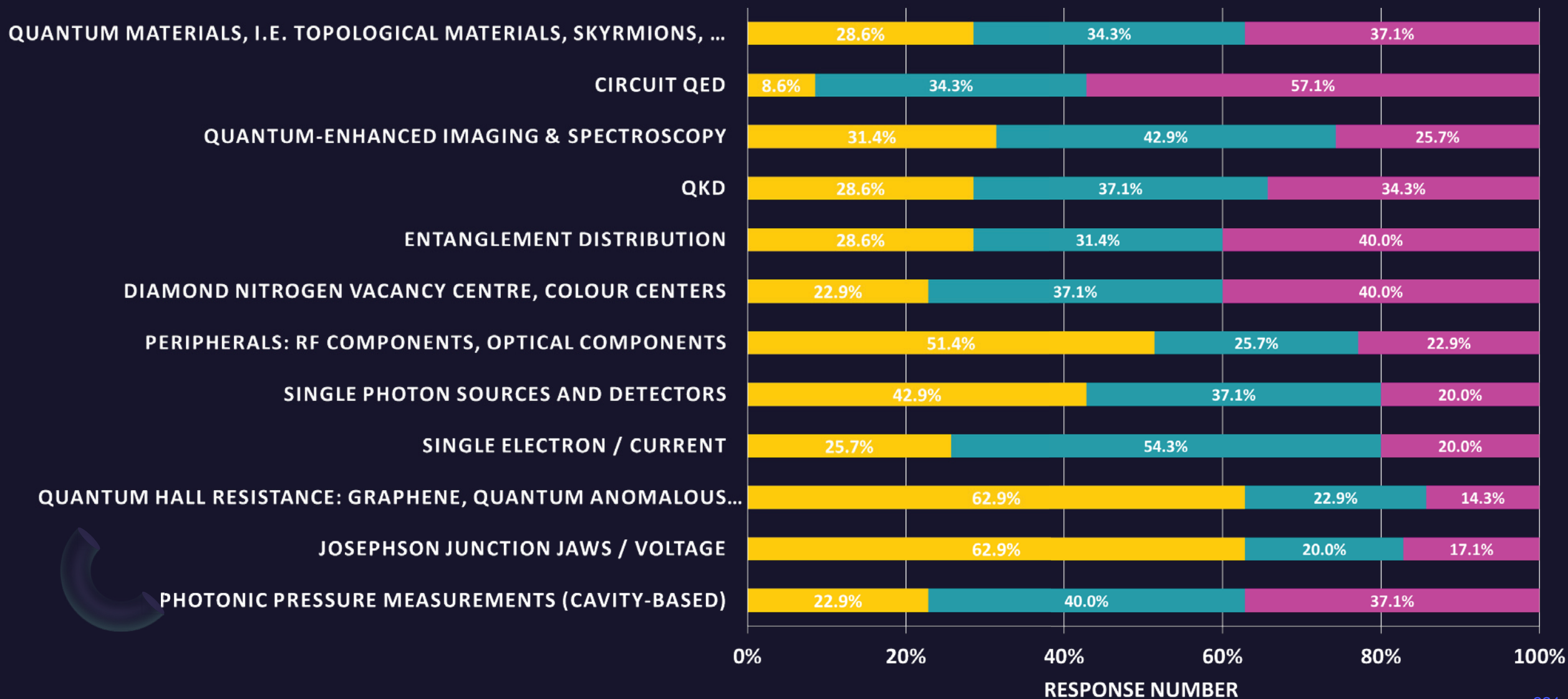


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# How do you support & engage quantum industry?

**80 % NMIs/DIs responded with activities, including the following:**

- Collaborative research with industry and academia
- Testbeds, services and sharing facilities, characterization of components, traceability
- Proof-of-principle and novel measurement capabilities, evaluation of components
- Training (together with academia), awareness, communicate opportunities and challenges
- Participation in standardization
- “Creating critical mass” and synergies for industry’s use of quantum

# Anything else you would like to share with the community?

- *“... open for collaboration with both scientific quantum community and quantum industry...”*
- *“...eager to offer the available standards and know-how for the quantum research and industry...”*
- *“...looking forward to development of the novel traceable tools and measurement techniques...”*
- *“...it is very challenging for small NMIs in developing economy to keep up with speed of research and technology development. Only through strategic capacity building and research collaborations that the gap between advanced NMIs and developing NMIs will not be wider at higher speeds...”*



# Observations from the questionnaire

- In the quantum technology application areas, there are
  - broadly established fields with significant activity and interest (clocks, Josephson junctions, quantum Hall, ...)
  - less established fields with limited activity (Majorana qubits, ...)
  - less established fields with high level of interest (gravimetry, magnetometry, ...)
- Diversity of approaches and intensity of “quantum activities” across metrology community
- Engagement with quantum industry covers a spectrum of activities beyond ‘core’ metrology







10:45 – 11:45

Break-out 2: **What should NMIs/DIs do together?**

Moderator – Davide Calonico

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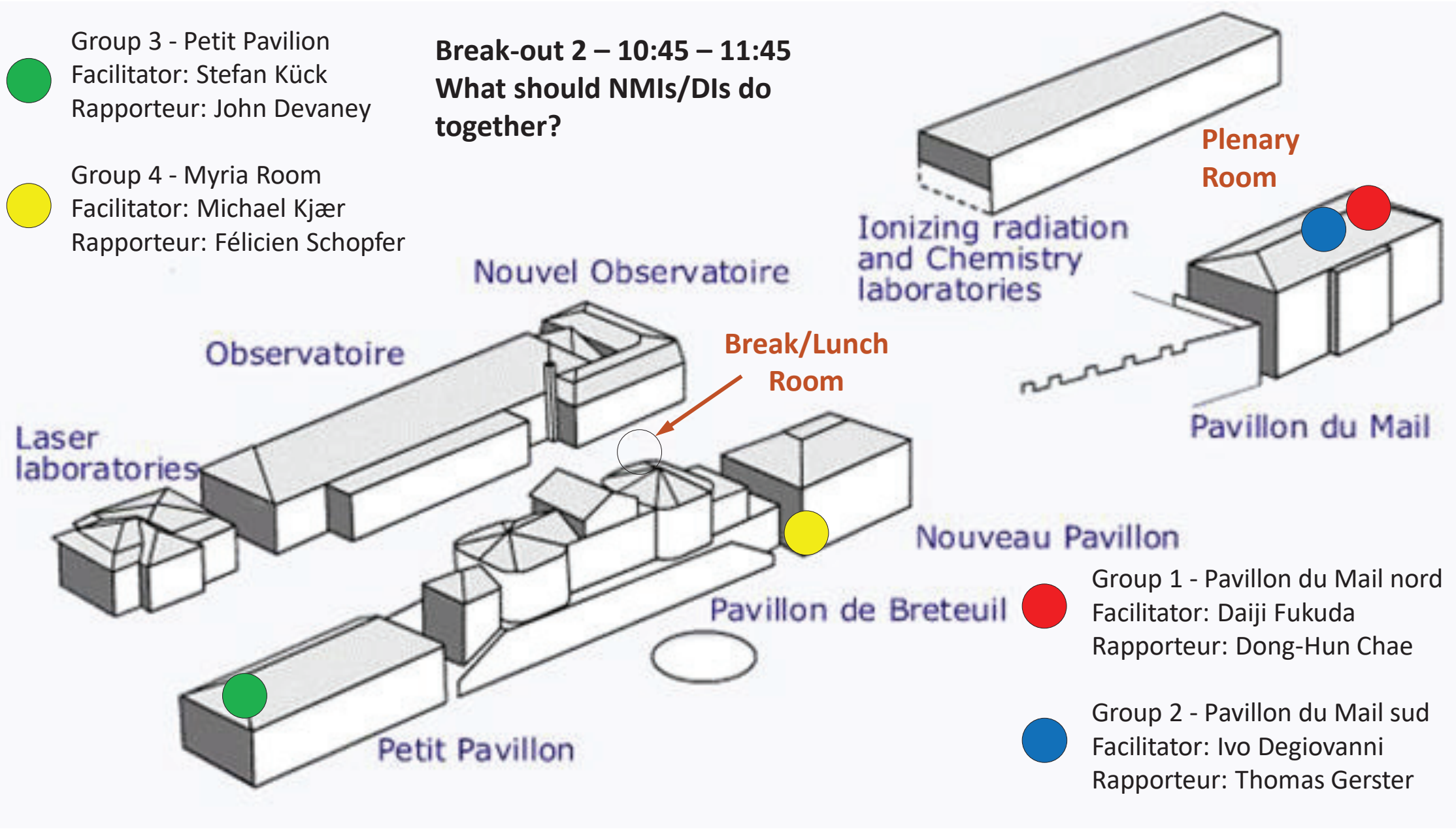
- What technologies and applications can we advance through cross-NMI collaboration?
- What activities and outputs should we produce?
- How can outputs be used?



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10:15 – 10:45

Group Photo  
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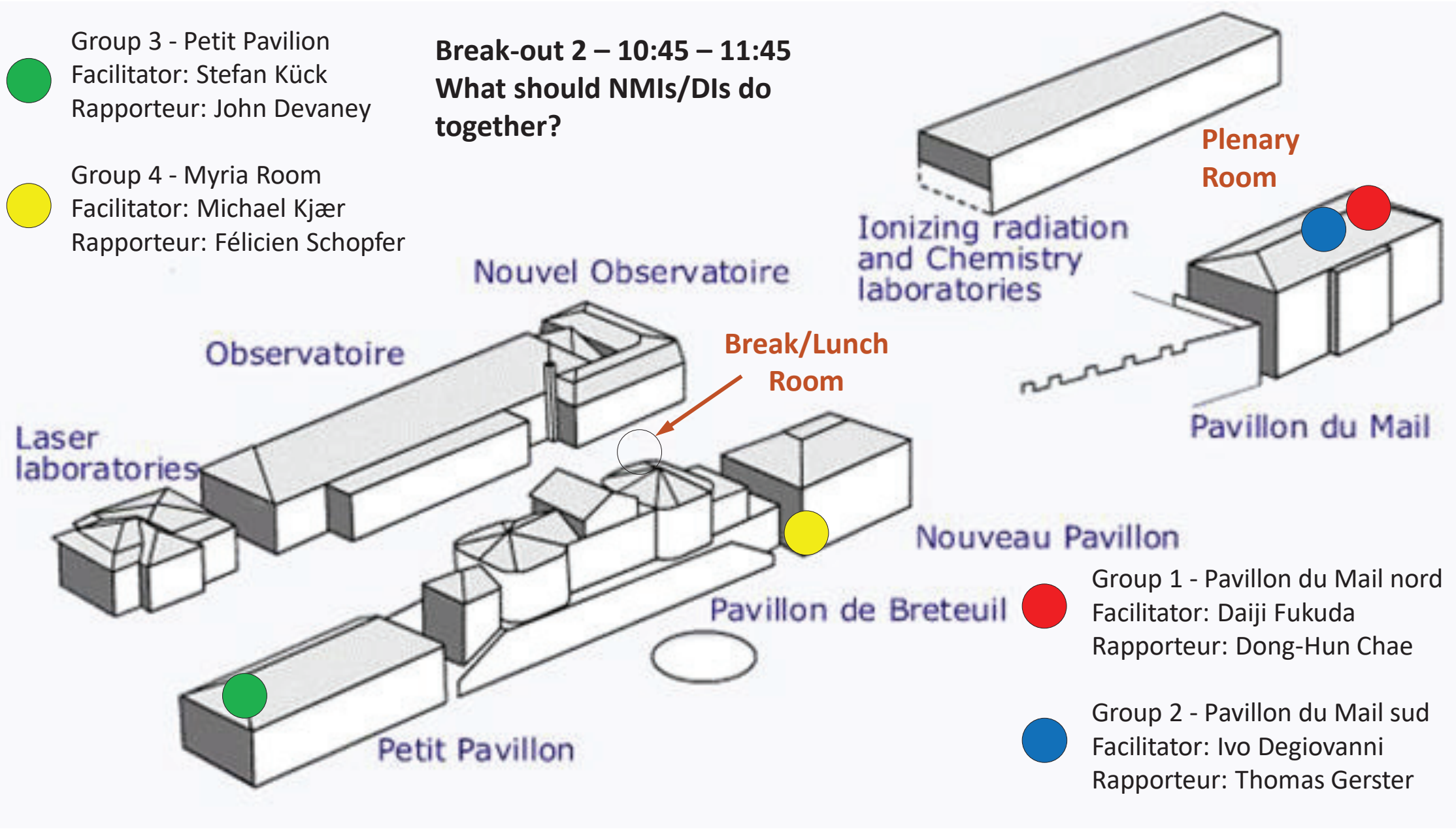




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11:45 – 12:00

Report out from Break-out 2: **What should NMI/DIs do together?**





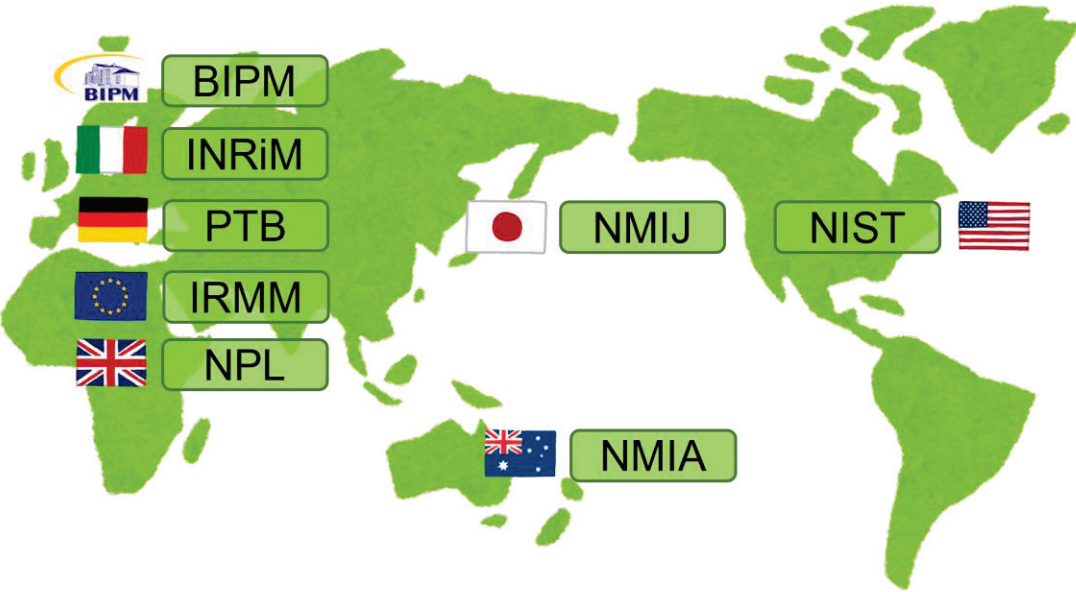
12:00 – 12:15

Presentation **Examples of frameworks for NMI collaboration** – Jan Herrmann

# How can we work together?

## Examples of frameworks for NMI collaboration

### International Avogadro Coordination Project



### Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards (VAMAS)



Canada . France . Germany . Italy . Japan . UK . USA . EC . Brazil . Mexico . Chinese Taipei . South Africa . Australia . Korea . India . China  
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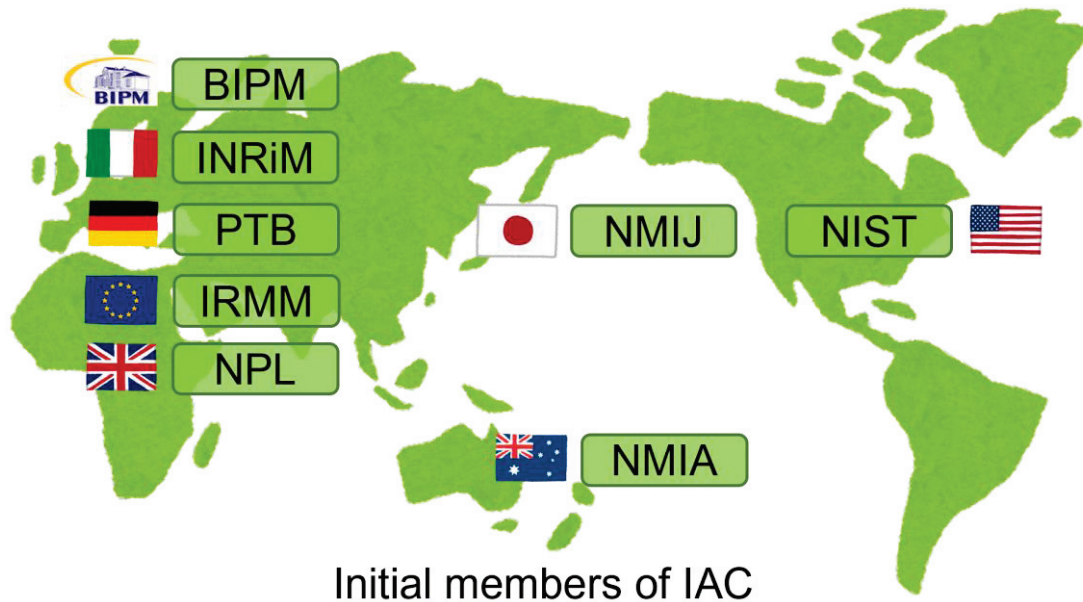
# Example 1: International Avogadro Coordination project for the re-definition of the kilogram

Naoki KURAMOTO, Prime Senior Researcher, Leader of Mass Standards Group, NMIJ

## Background of the collaboration

- Resolution 7 of the 21<sup>st</sup> CGPM (1999)
  - NMIs were recommended to continue their efforts to refine experiments that link the unit of mass to fundamental or atomic constants with a view to a future redefinition of the kilogram.
- The Avogadro constant  $N_A$ : link the kilogram to atomic mass
  - X-ray crystal density method using Si crystal
  - The target of  $u_r(N_A) = 2 \times 10^{-8}$
  - NMIJ-IRMM using <sup>nat</sup>Si crystal in 2003 :  $u_r(N_A) = 2 \times 10^{-7}$ 
    - International cooperation among NMIs for the significant reduction of the uncertainty using <sup>28</sup>Si-enriched crystal

- Start : 2004
- Target : Accurate  $N_A$  measurement using  $^{28}\text{Si}$ -enriched crystal



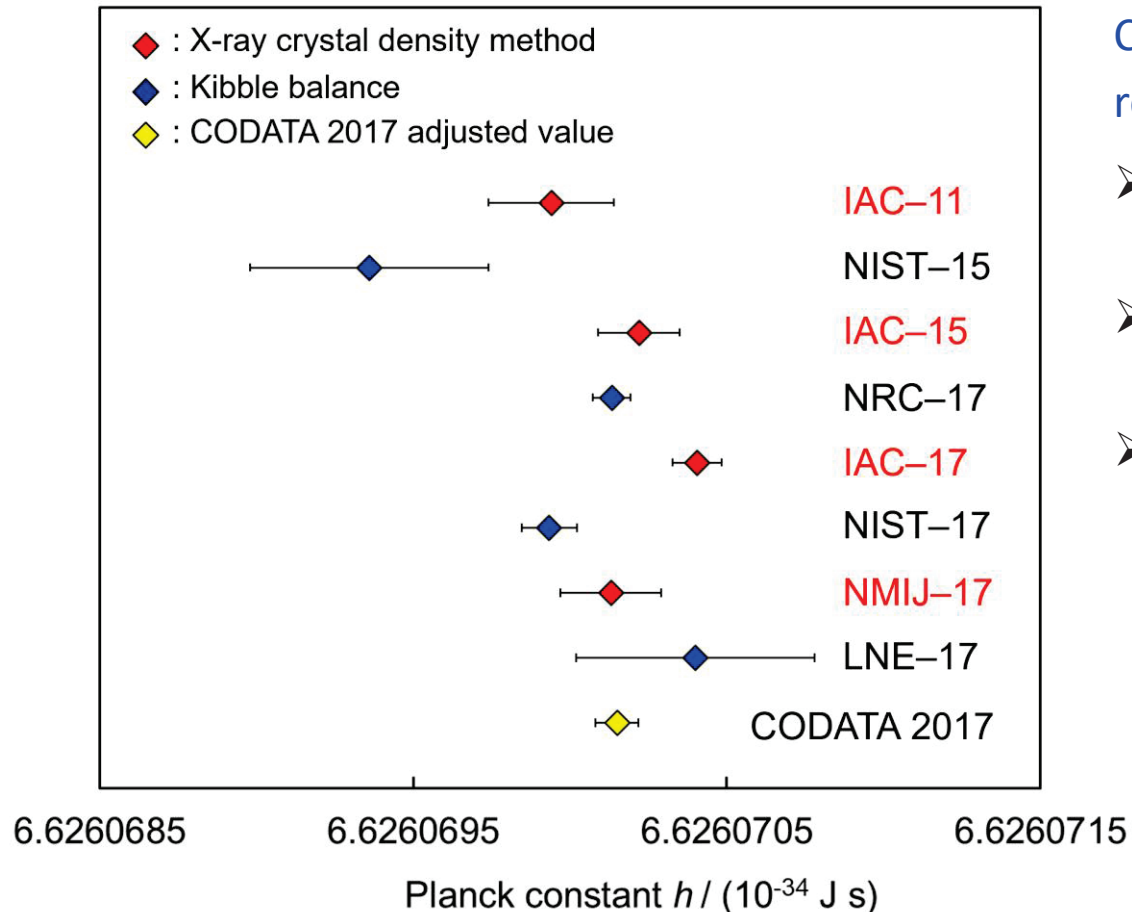
## Many independent papers from the members (extract)

- Sphere volume
  - NMIJ : N. Kuramoto et al. Metrologia, **54**, 193 (2017)
  - PTB : A. Nicolaus et al. Metrologia, **54**, 693 (2017)
- Lattice constant
  - INRIM : E. Massa et al., J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data, **44**, 031208 (2015)
  - NMIJ : A. Waseda et al., IEEE Trans. Instrum. Meas., **66**, 1304 (2017)
- Molar mass
  - PTB : A. Pramann et al., Int. J. Mass Spectrom., **299**, 78 (2011)
  - NMIJ : T. Narukawa et al., Metrologia, **51**, 161 (2014)

## Many joint papers from the IAC (extract)

- Sphere diameter comparison among NMIJ, PTB and NMIA :  
N. Kuramoto, IEEE Trans. Instrum. Meas., **60**, 2615 (2011)
- Sphere mass comparison among BIPM, NMIA, PTB, NPL and NMIJ :  
A. Picard et al., Metrologia, **46**, 1 (2009)
- $N_A$  determination by PTB, NMIJ, NMIA, METAS, NIST, INRIM, BIPM and IRMM:  
B. Andreas et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., **106**, 030801 (2011)

# Determination of the Planck constant for the new definition of the kilogram



Collaboration by the IAC project played a decisive role in the redefinition of the kilogram.

- IAC-11, IAC-15
  - Y. Azuma et al., Metrologia, **52**, 360 (2015)
- IAC-17
  - G. Bartl et al., Metrologia, **54**, 693 (2017)
- NMIJ-17
  - N. Kuramoto et al., Metrologia, **54**, 716 (2017)

## Example 2: VAMAS



The Versailles Project on Advanced Materials and Standards (VAMAS) was established as one of 18 cooperative projects at the 1982 Economic Summit of the GATT 7 to stimulate trade in new technologies. Its membership has expanded over the years.

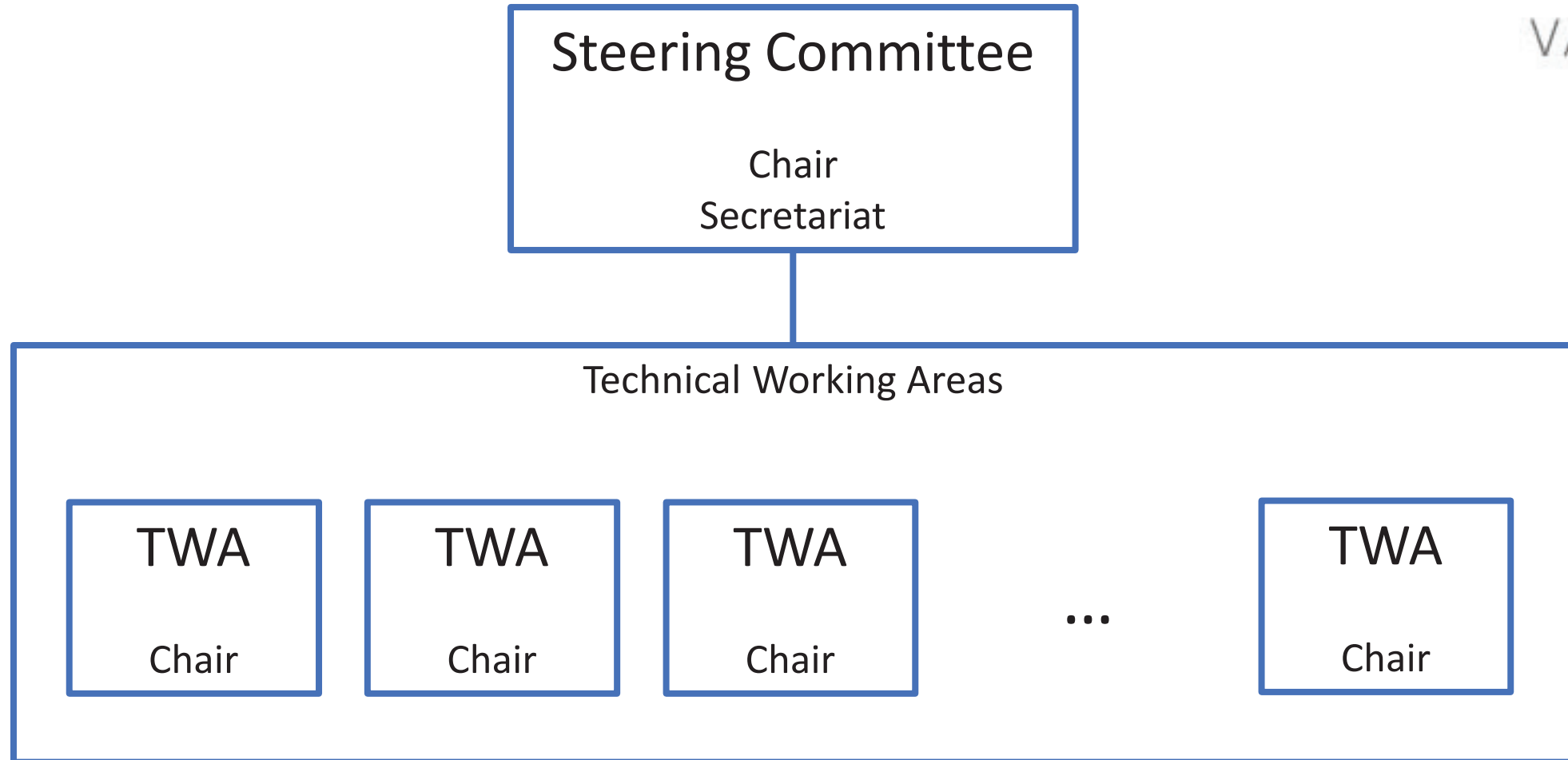
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“ To support world trade in products dependent on advanced materials technologies by providing the technical basis for harmonized measurements, testing, specifications, and standards. ”



# VAMAS – Structure



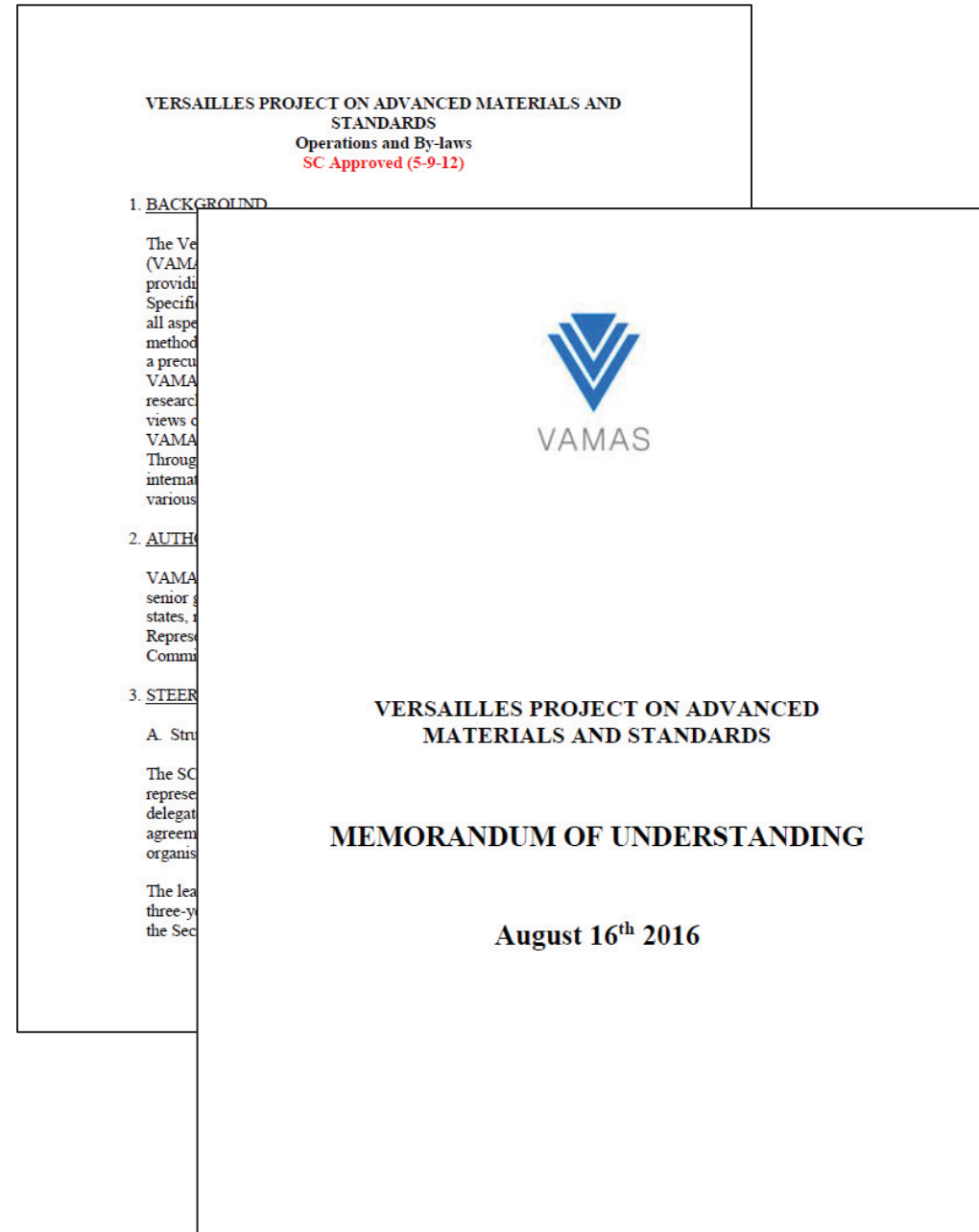
# VAMAS – Governance

## Membership

Economies/institutions may enter into this collaboration as parties through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs). Such economies/institutions should make an application to the Steering Committee describing their proposed contribution to the purpose of VAMAS and their technical capabilities in the relevant fields.

## Steering Committee

Overall management of VAMAS is through a Steering Committee with up to three representatives from each of the member economies. The Chair and Secretariat of VAMAS alternate on a three-year cycle.



# VAMAS – Technical Working Areas



46 TWAs established; 17 currently active

## VAMAS – Active Technical Working Areas

2 – Surface Chemical Analysis	37 – Quantitative Microstructural Analysis
5 – Polymer Composites	39 – Solid Sorbents
16 – Superconducting Materials	40 – Synthetic Biomaterials
24 – Performance Related Properties of Electroceramics	41 – Graphene and Related 2D Materials
31 – Creep, Crack and Fatigue Growth in Weldments	42 – Raman Spectroscopy and Microscopy
33 – Polymer Nanocomposites	43 – Thermal Properties
34 – Nanoparticle Populations	44 – Self Healing Ceramics
36 – Printed, flexible and stretchable Electronics	45 – Micro and Nano Plastics in the Environment

TWA 0 – Strategy and Impact

# VAMAS – Effective pre-normative research



## Nanoparticle Populations

Technical Work Area 34

**Project 15**  
Measurement of particle size and shape distribution of bipyramidal titania including deposition from liquid suspension

**Objectives**

- Determine and compare the particle size and shape distribution of bipyramidal titania.

In this project the primary objective is to quantify the additional uncertainty in particle size and shape distribution of bipyramidal titania.

## Nanoparticle Populations

Technical Work Area 34

**Project 16**  
Measurement of (relative) number concentration of bimodal silica nanoparticles including deposition from liquid suspension

**Objectives**

- Measurement of (relative) number concentration of bimodal silica nanoparticles including deposition from liquid suspension.

## Graphene and related 2D materials

Technical Work Area 41

**Project 14**  
Measurement of spatial homogeneity in two-dimensional semiconductors

**Objectives**

This interlaboratory comparison project will assess the performance of a method for measuring the spatial homogeneity of two-dimensional semiconductors using photoluminescence (PL) spectroscopy. The proposed method is applied to monolayer 2D semiconducting transition metal dichalcogenide (TMD) samples.

and suggest that the method proposed is suitable.

**Standardisation Needs**

There are no existing standards for this type of measurement. The most closely related existing standard is ISO/TS 21356-1 'Structural characterisation of graphene from powders and liquid dispersions' developed by ISO TC229 'Nanotechnologies', jointly with IEC. This suggests performing Raman spectroscopy at a "minimum of three different areas of the sample to understand the local variation across the sample" but is not designed to consider ways to quantify local variations nor how the degree of variation relates to sample quality. To understand this, the proposed interlaboratory comparisons will help to develop best practice and understand

**Background**

2D TMDs contain defect populations that limit the material properties and performance of devices made from them. Point-spectroscopy taken from representative locations on the sample can be misleading due to the limited spatial resolution and sampling. Spatially mapped spectroscopy can

## Graphene and related 2D materials

Technical Work Area 41

**Project 12**  
Distribution of lateral size and thickness of few-layer graphene flakes using SEM and AFM

**Objectives**

The aim of this international interlaboratory comparison is to determine the lateral flake size distribution of graphene nanoplatelets (GNPs) using scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and correlate these to measurements of lateral flake size and thickness, using atomic force microscopy (AFM).

However, many suppliers (and buyers) are hindered due to uncharacterised or poorly characterised material that can be more often graphite rather than GNPs or have large batch-to-batch variations. Products and applications suffer as a result. The aim is to produce validated measurement methods of GNPs.

**Standardisation Needs**

The recently published ISO/TS 21356-1 'Structural characterisation of graphene from powders and liquid dispersions' details protocols to characterise the lateral size and thickness of graphene and few-layer graphene flakes. However, these sections remain informative, until the typical variation in values obtained by different users/equipment can be validated through a VAMAS study.

Issues addressed by this standard

## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION




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PL map of monolayer WS<sub>2</sub> showing two locations with different spectral characteristics.



Histogram of the spectral weighting of trions associated with defects in WS<sub>2</sub>, extracted from four repeated measurements of PL maps. The variance of this distribution represents the spatial homogeneity.

## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

**International Participation**

Current participants represent the UK, Brazil, China and the USA, wider regional participation would be greatly welcomed.

**Duration**

Two years beginning June 2022.

**Deliverables and Dissemination**

Report will evaluate the suitability of

**For more information on participation, please contact:**



# VAMAS – Connections



## BIPM (2008)

This MoU facilitates collaboration to identify key metrological traceability issues affecting the comparability and accuracy of the measurement of materials .

## ISO (2013) and IEC (2014)

These MoUs enable joint publications based upon the work of VAMAS to accelerate the development of documentary standards in advanced materials.

## World Material Research Institute Forum (2008)

This MoU encourages information exchange and possible joint work items between the two organisations.

## APMP (2020)

This MoU aims to foster the collaboration and lay the framework for cooperative activities to promote the development of metrology infrastructure in the Asia Pacific region with a key focus on the comparability and accuracy of the measurement of materials properties.

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Break-out 3: **How can we work together?**

Moderator – Jan Herrmann



## Break-out 3: How should we work together?

- . How do we organize ourselves?
- . What constrains us from collaborating?
- . How do we engage industry?
- . Which other organizations do we need to include?
- . How do we share our outputs?
- . What is the role of CIPM/BIPM?



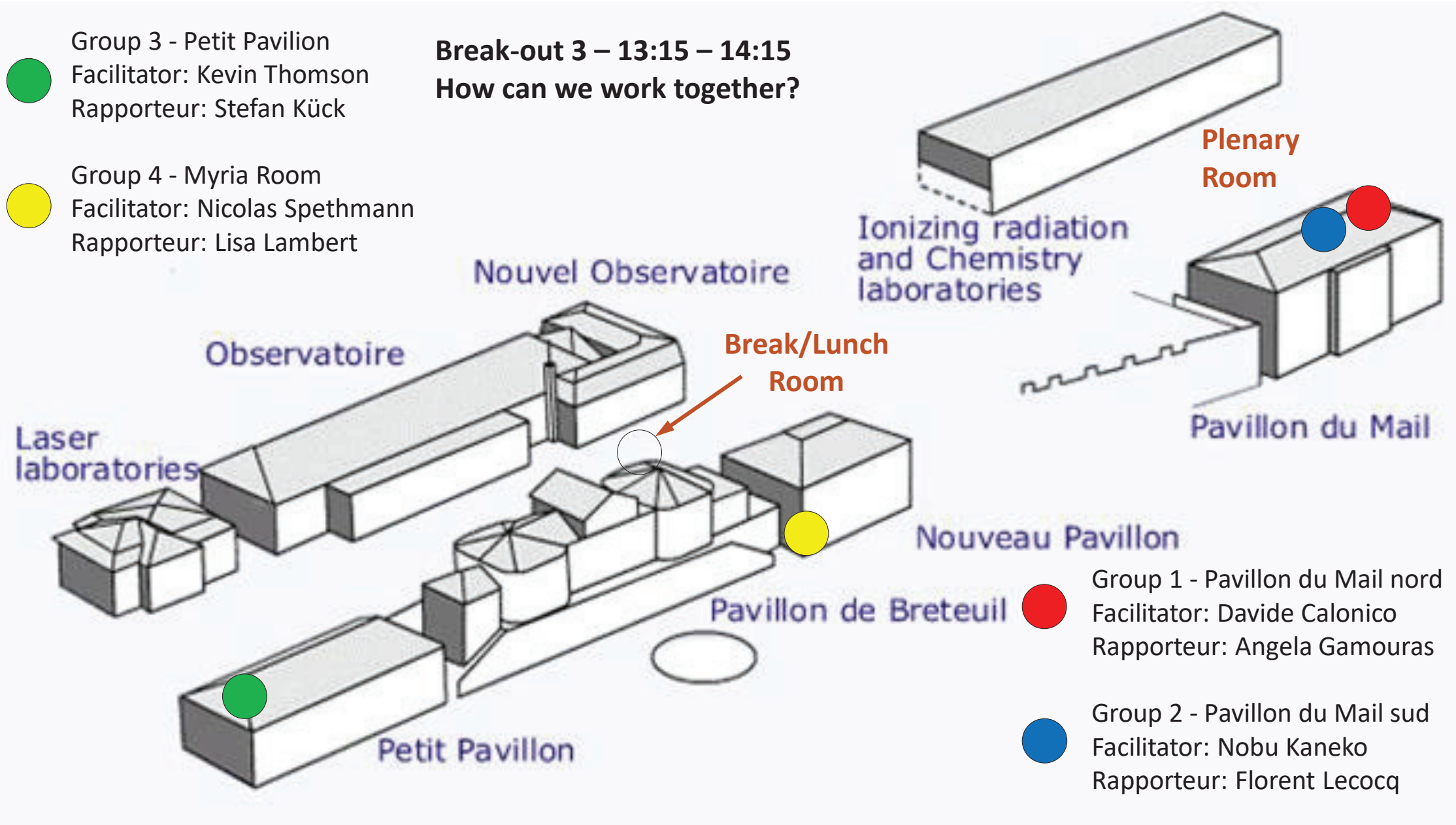


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Lunch





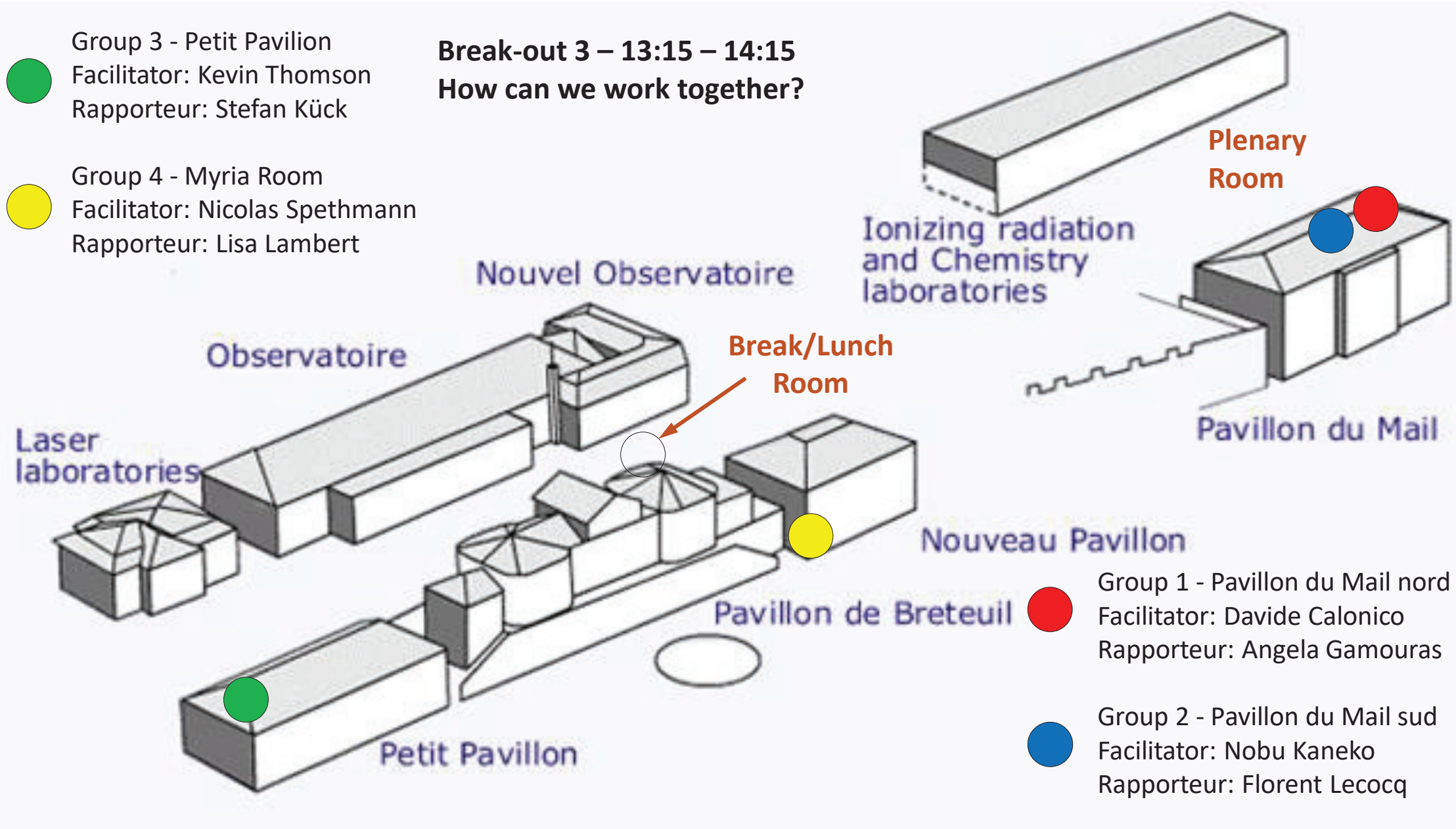


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## Panel: Workshop wrap-up – Main take-aways and suggestions for next steps

- NIST – James Olthoff
- CEM – Dolores del Campo Maldonado
- NRC – Andrew Todd
- INRiM – Ivo Degiovanni
- CIPM – Wynand Louw





14:45 – 15:00

## Closing Remarks

JT Janssen, Tim Prior and Barbara Goldstein

15:00

Adjourn

Martin Milton

