



# SRF technology for Quantum Computing and Dark Matter Searches

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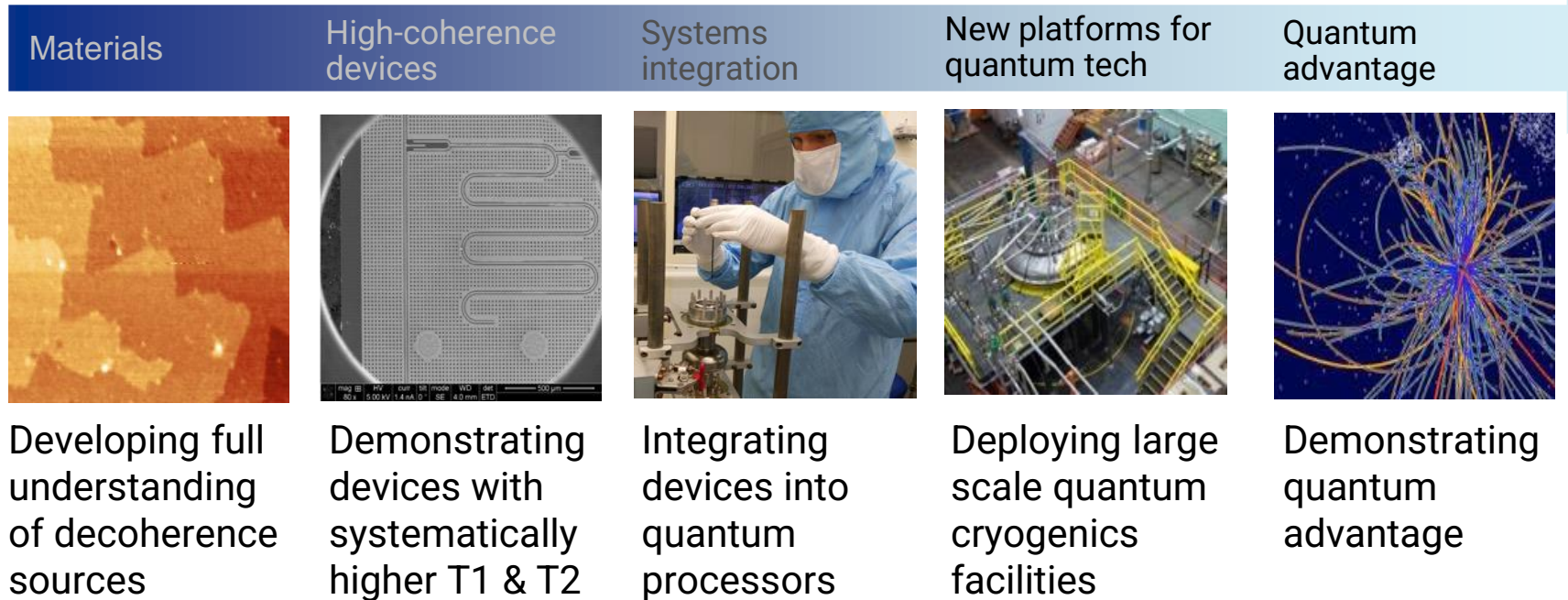
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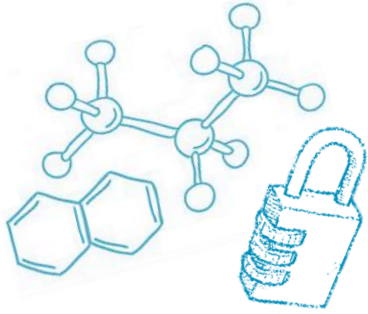


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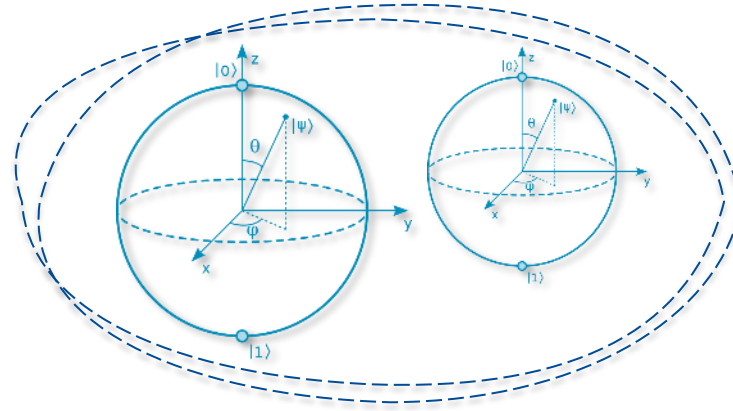
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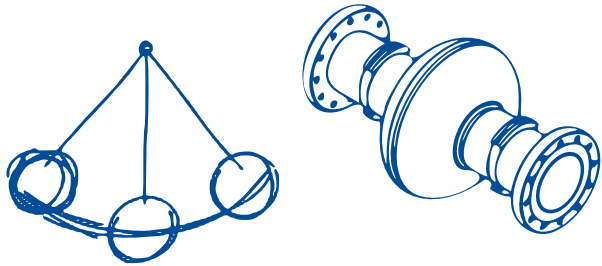
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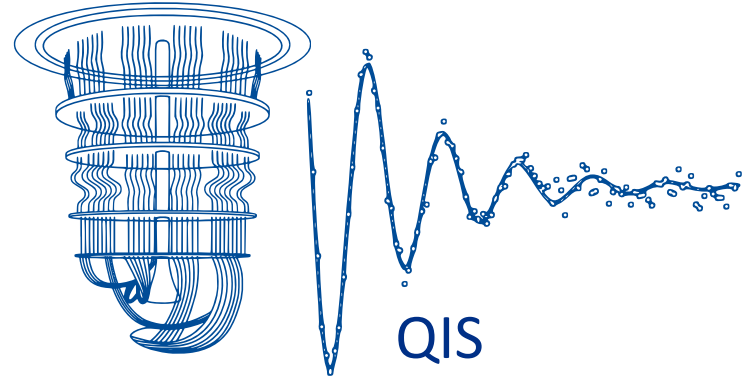
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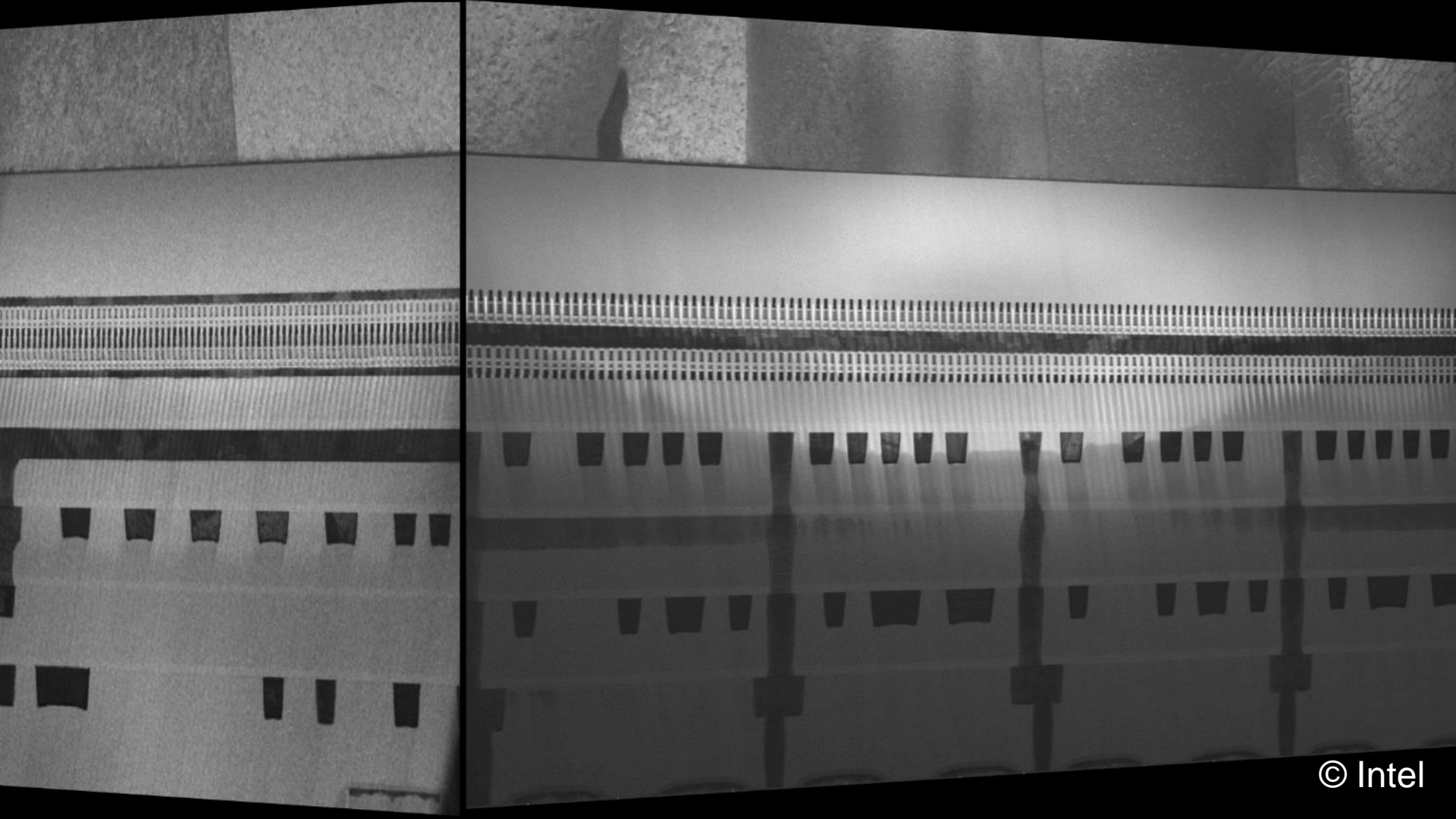
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## Quantum hardware

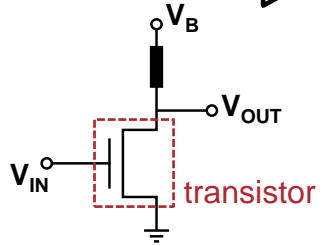
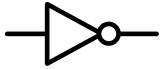


## QIS



# Classical computing

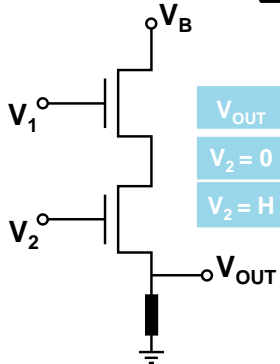
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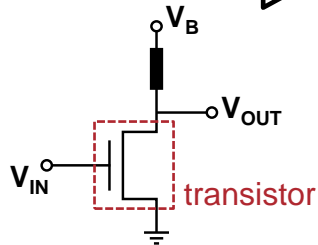
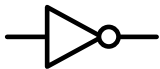


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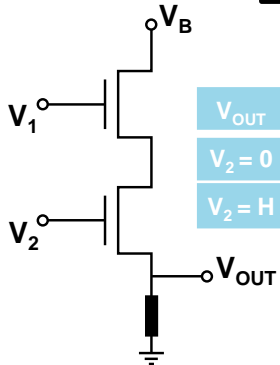
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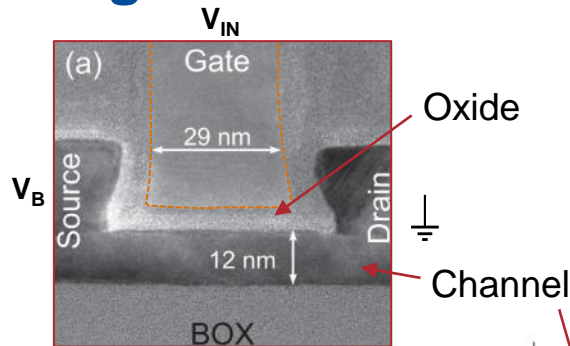
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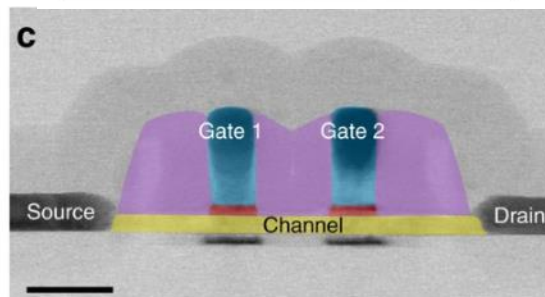
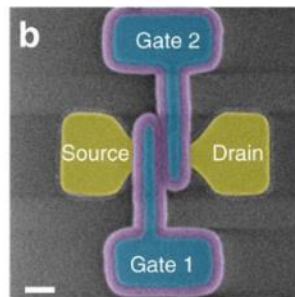
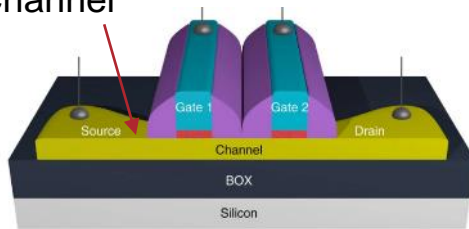
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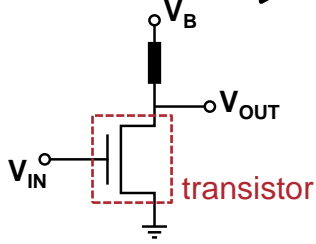
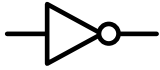
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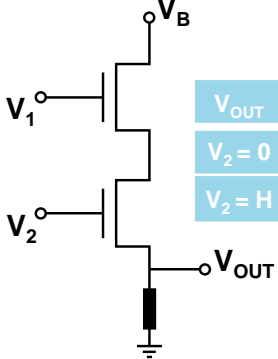
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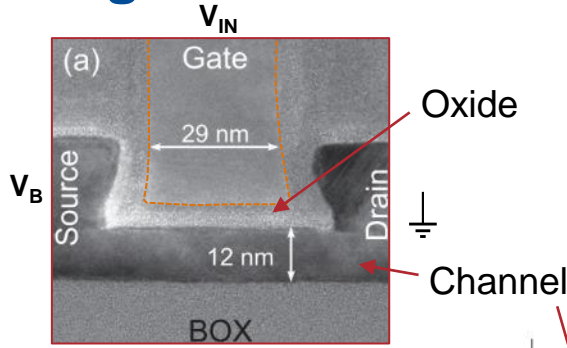
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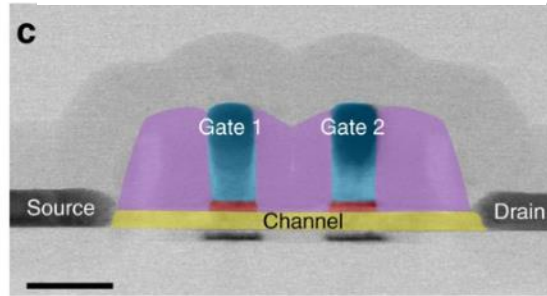
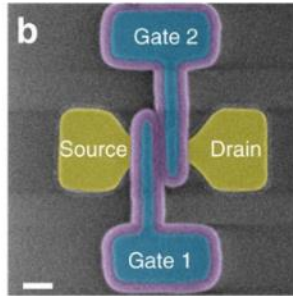
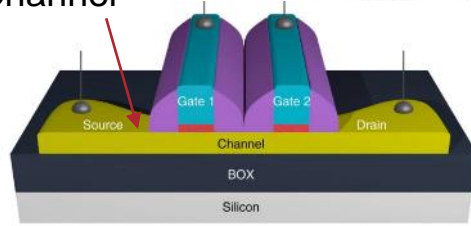
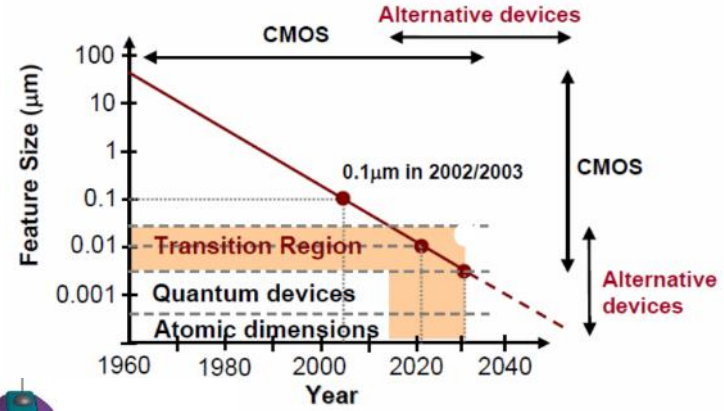
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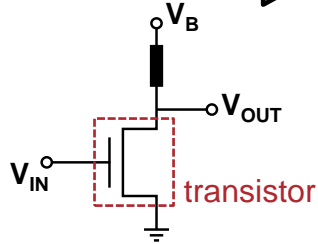
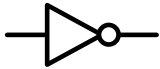


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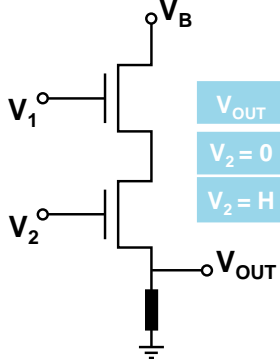
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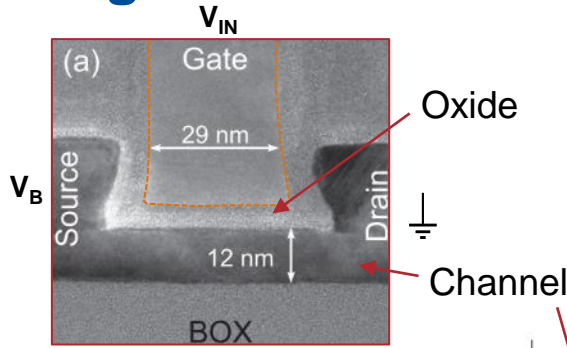
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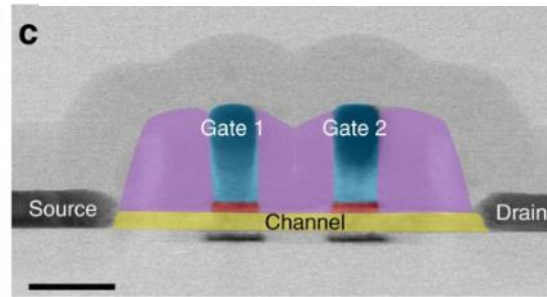
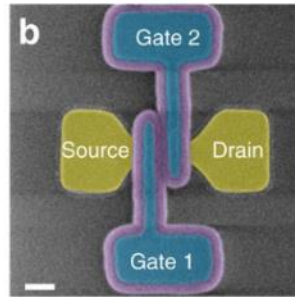
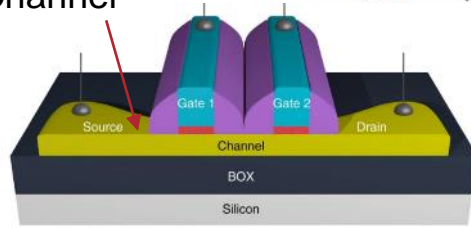
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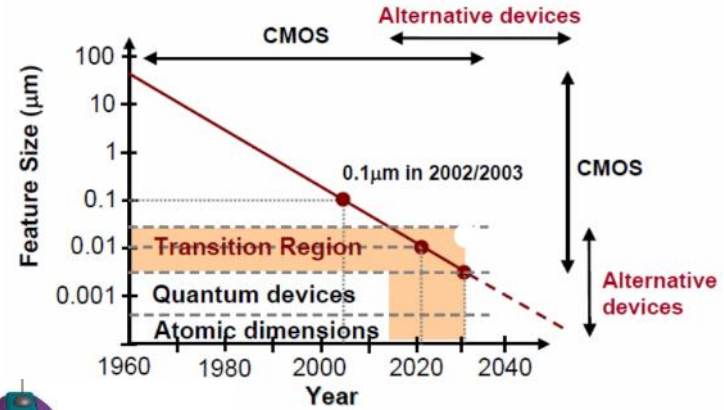
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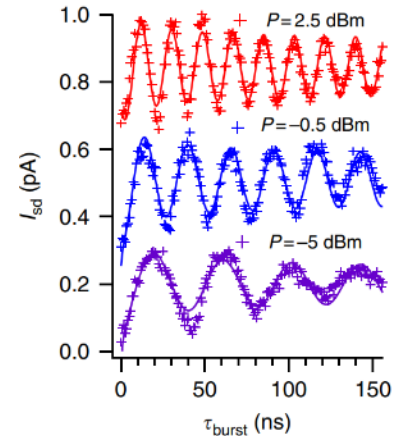
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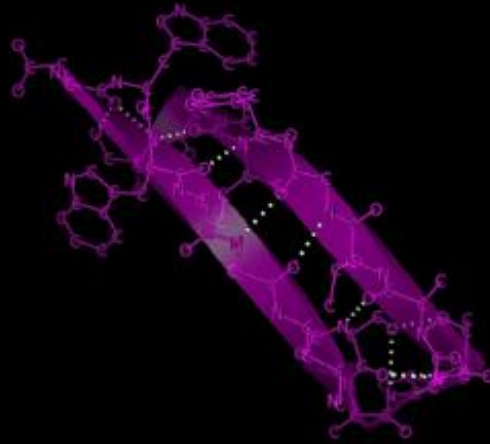
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## Quantum!

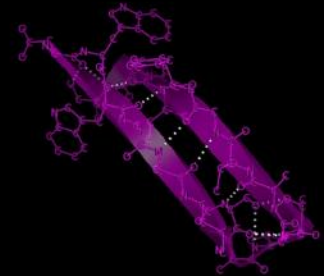
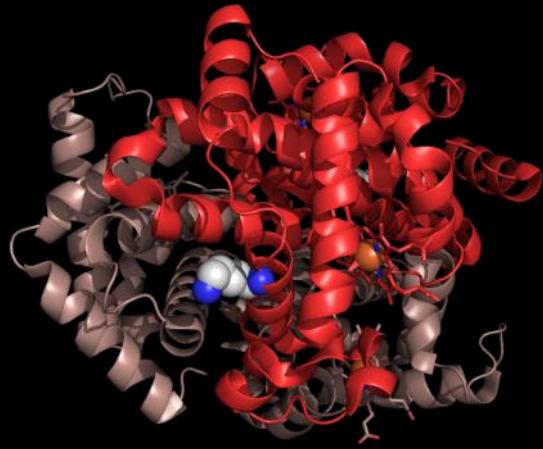


# Protein folding



$\beta$ -sheet

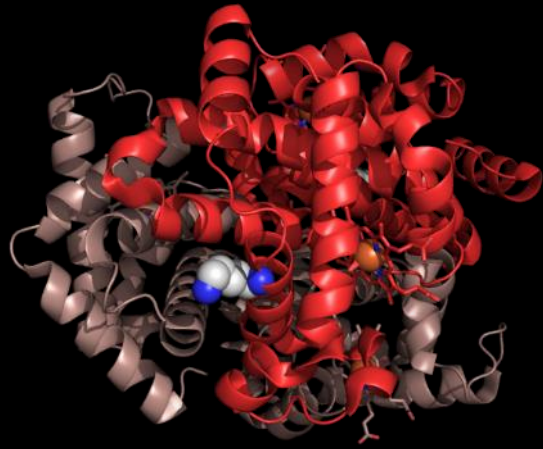
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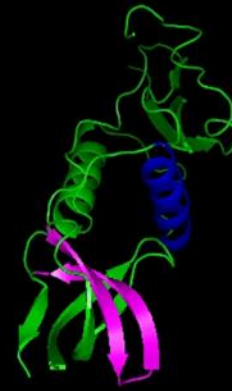
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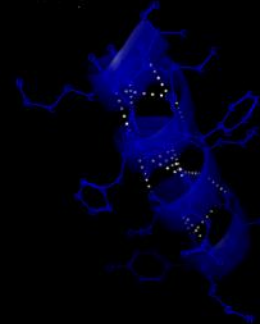
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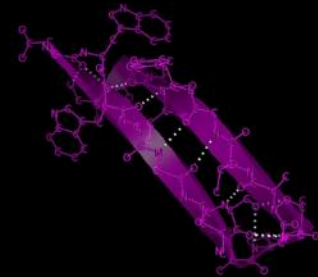
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secondary structure



$\alpha$ -helix

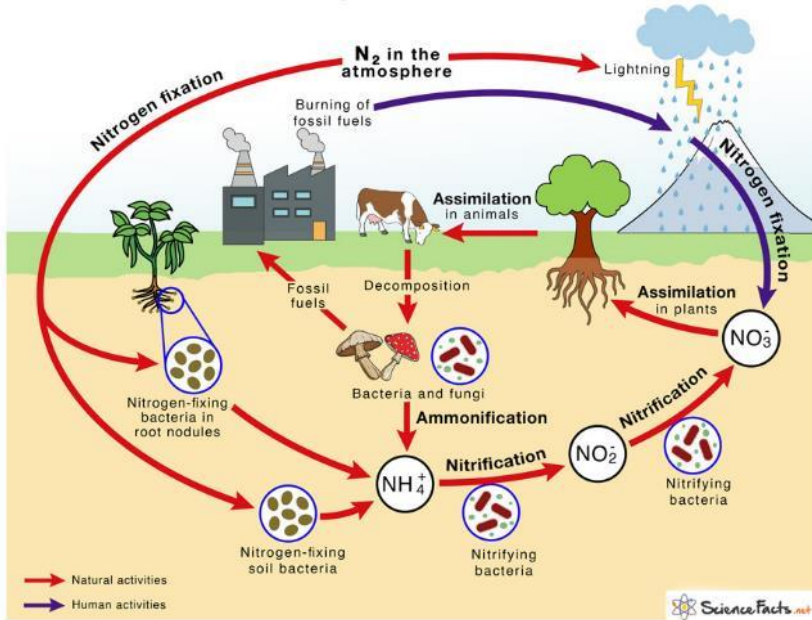


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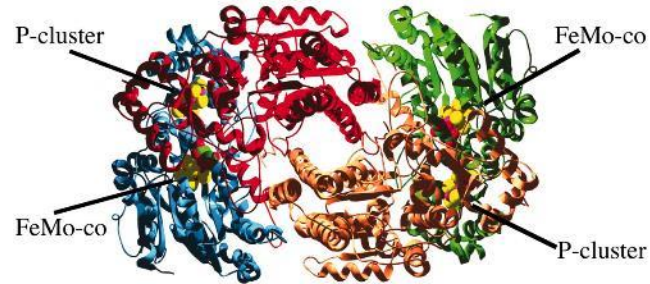
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# Nitrogenase (nitrogen fixation)



Binding of  $N_2$  into e.g. ammonia

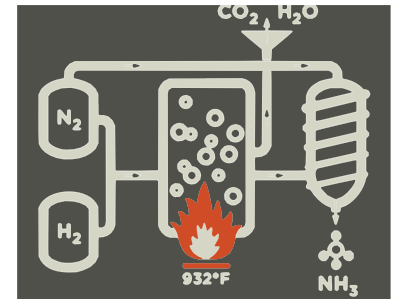
# Nitrogenase (enzyme)



Natural in bacteria

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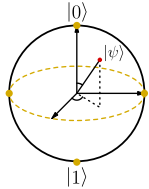
2% of world total energy consumption



Haber – Bosch process

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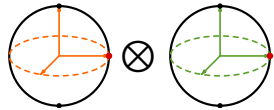
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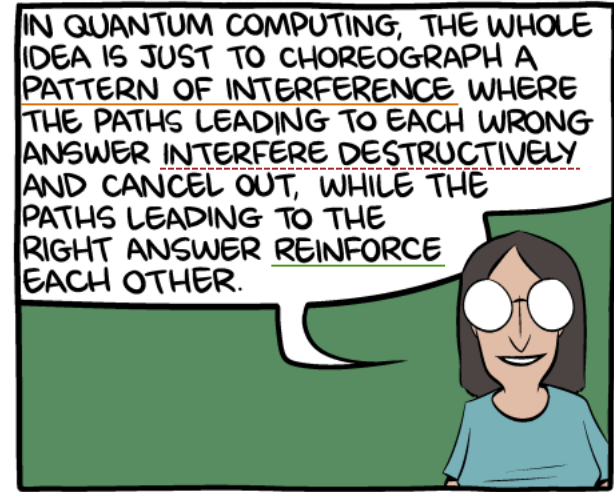
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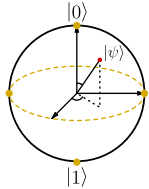


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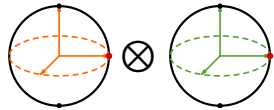


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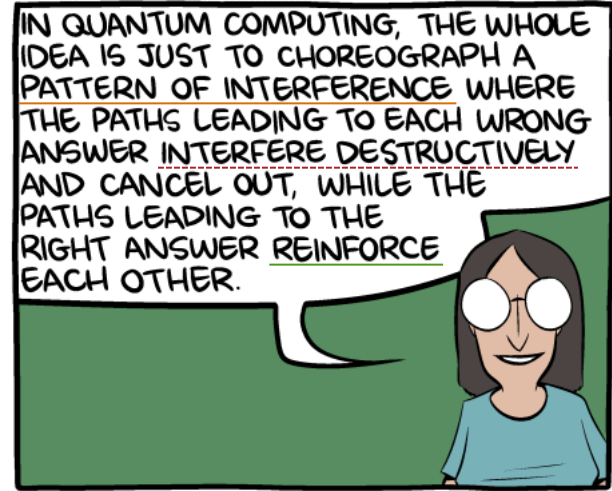
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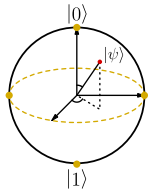
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Measurement yields either 'basis' state with probability:

$$P_{|i\rangle} = |c_i|^2$$

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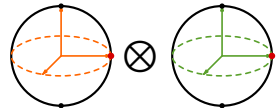


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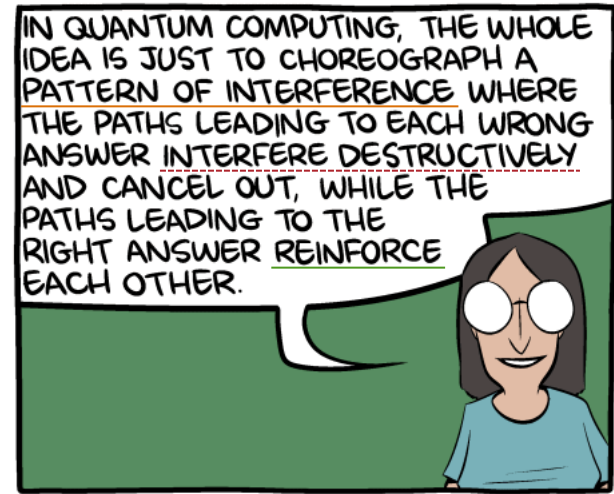
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Consider the superposition

$$|\Phi\rangle = c_1 |00\rangle + c_4 |11\rangle$$

Measurement of   $\rightarrow |0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$

collapses  to either  $|0\rangle$  or  $|1\rangle$

# Spooky action on a distance



# Quantum parallelism

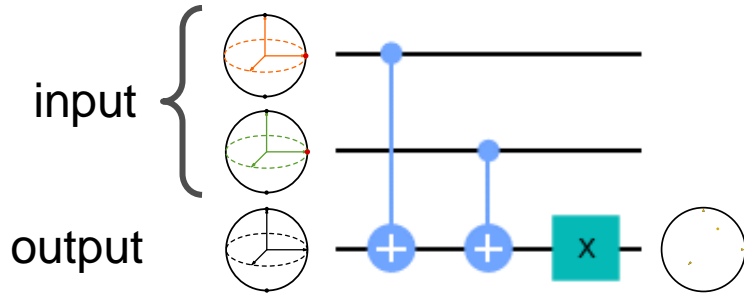
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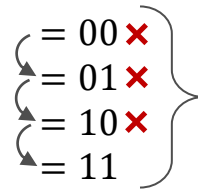
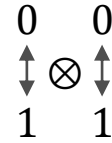
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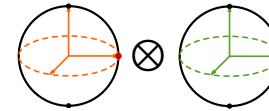
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$$|\psi\rangle_{OUT} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0] \quad \text{computation}$$

$$|000\rangle \rightarrow |100\rangle$$

output ←      → input

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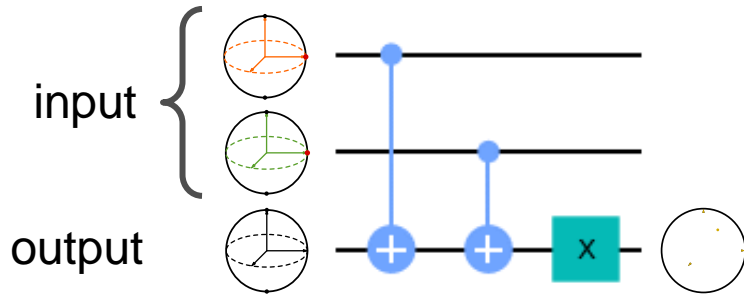
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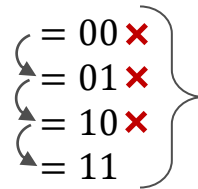
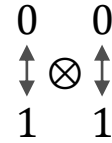
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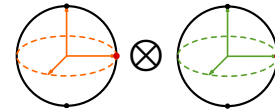
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computation

$$|001\rangle \rightarrow |000\rangle$$

output      input

Result contains  
both input &  
output

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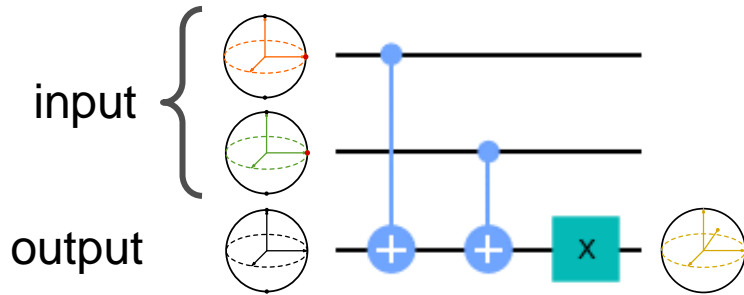
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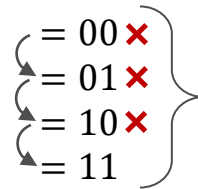
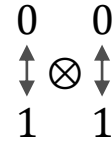
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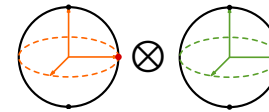
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parallel  
computation!







# Quantum measurements

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Classical operation:

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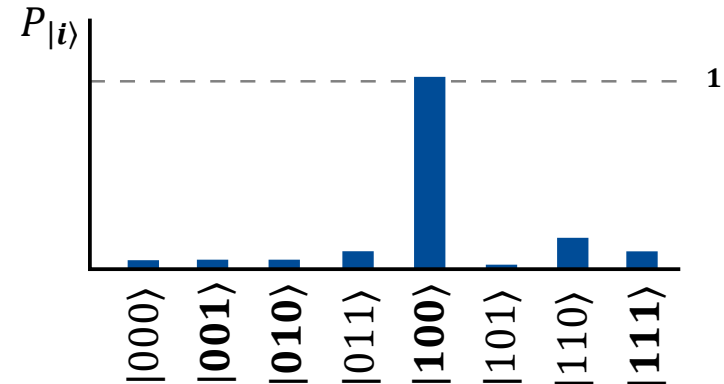
Quantum operation:

apply  $f(|\psi\rangle)$  and **measure**

**Measurements** return single state with probability

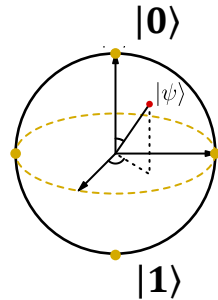
$$P_{|i\rangle} = |c_i|^2$$

Quantum algorithms need to be **repeated** to collect **measurement statistics!**



# Quantum challenges

## State decoherence



$$|\psi\rangle = \cos(\theta) |0\rangle + e^{i\varphi} \sin(\theta) |1\rangle$$

**Relaxation:**  $\theta \xrightarrow{\text{time}} 0$

determined by  
'environment'

Metric:  $T_1$

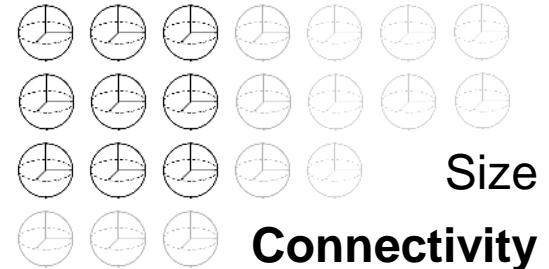
**Dephasing:**  $\varphi \xrightarrow{\text{time}} \text{random}$

determined by  
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Metric:  $T_\varphi$

$$\frac{1}{T_2} = \frac{1}{2T_1} + \frac{1}{T_\varphi}$$

## Scaling

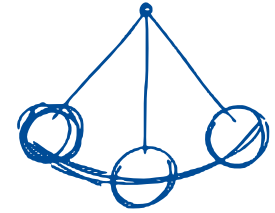
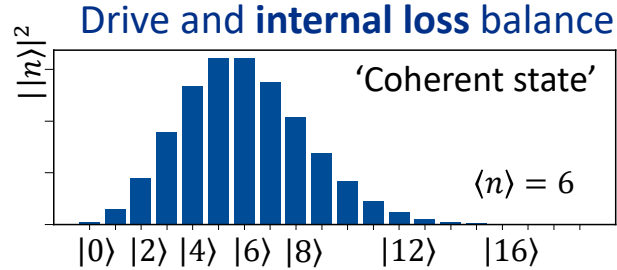
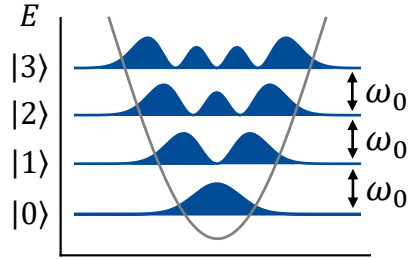


**Connectivity**  
Entanglement  
Reproducibility

Preparation-time of  
entangled state  
cannot exceed qubit  
coherence

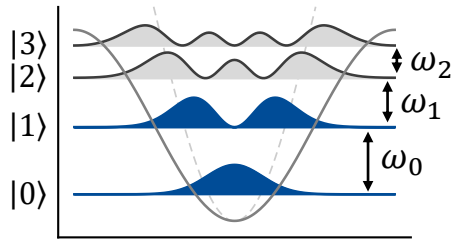
# What are qubit actually?

For any harmonic oscillator (LC circuit, 3D cavity, ...)

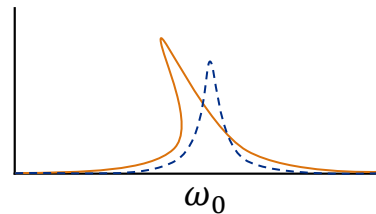


No control of superposition state :/

Slightly anharmonic oscillator (Duffing oscillator)



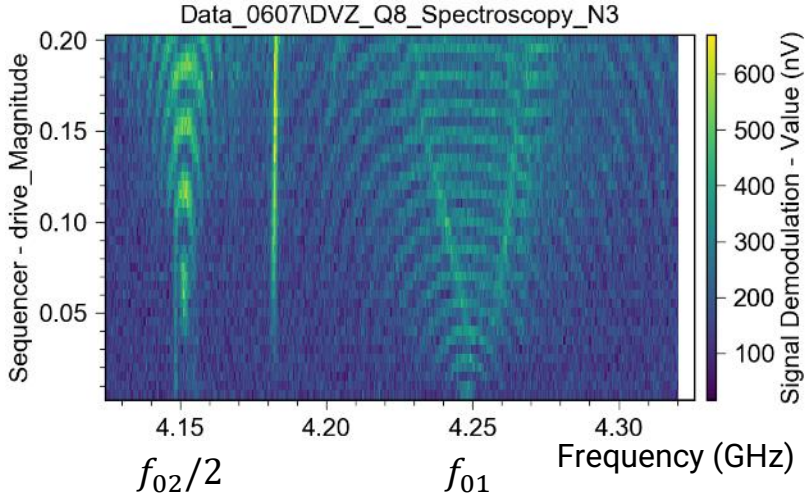
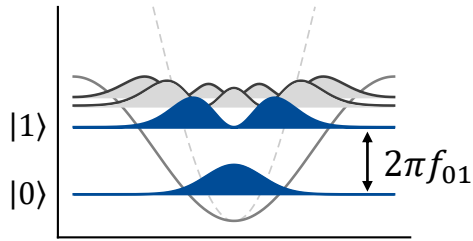
Frequency 'pull' with power



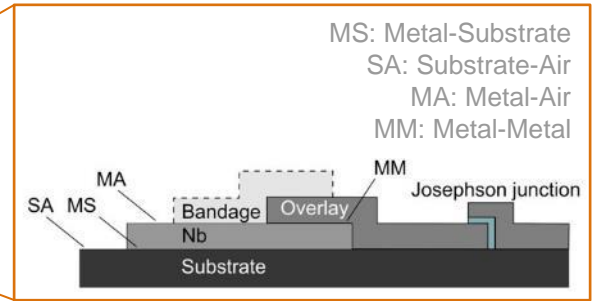
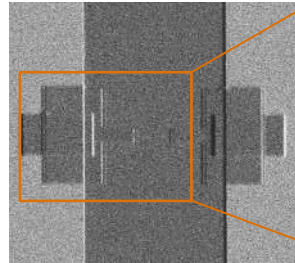
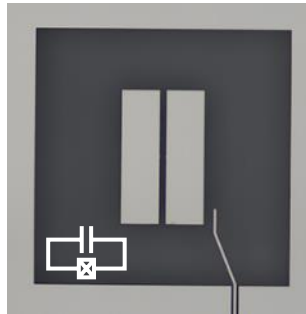
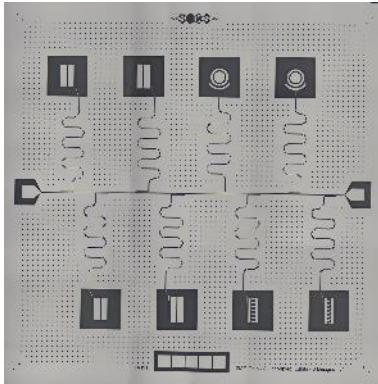
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# State control of a qubit?

Strongly anharmonic oscillator (qubit)



Single qubit control using Rabi-osc. 😊



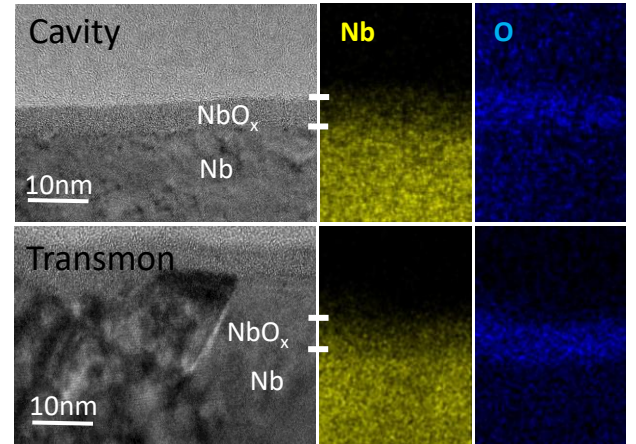
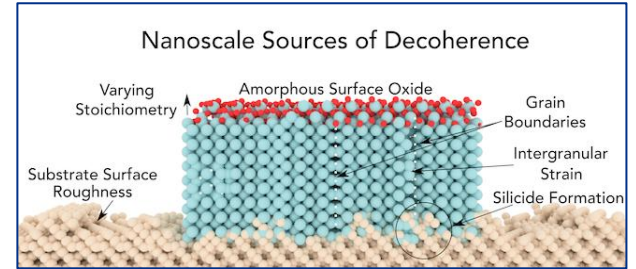
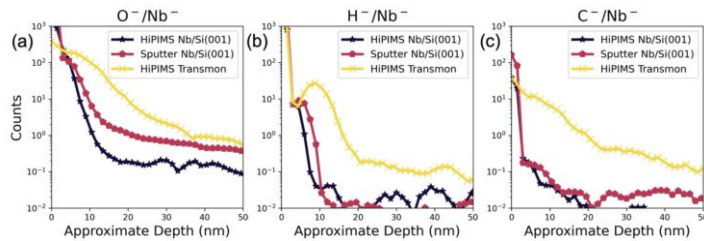
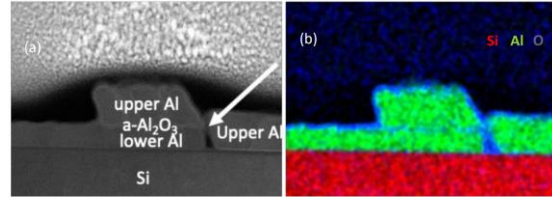
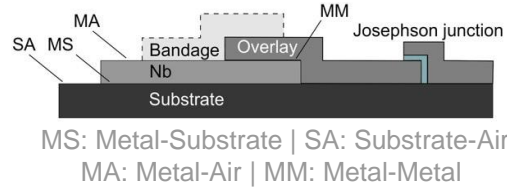


# Understanding and improving 2D qubit coherence

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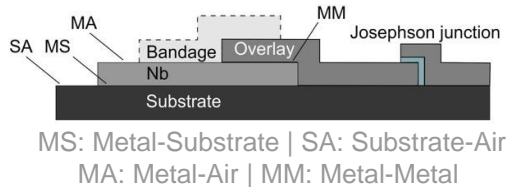
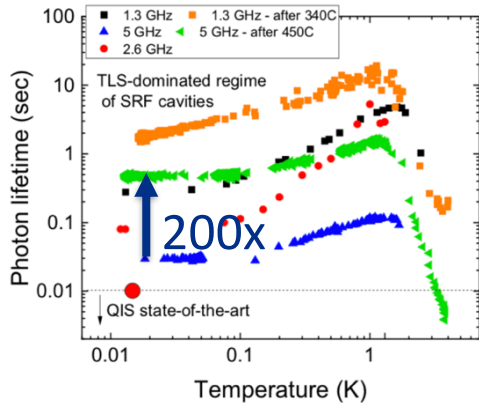
Study the 'good vs bad' performing qubits

- Cryogenic TEM, AFM, MFM
- Cryogenic XRD, XRR
- Cryogenic TOF-SIMS
- XPS
- Raman
- AP tomography
- THz spectroscopy
- Magnetic-optical img.
- $\beta$ -NMR,  $\mu$ SR

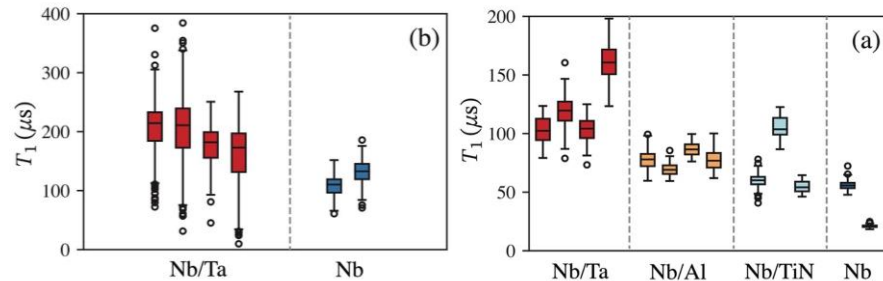
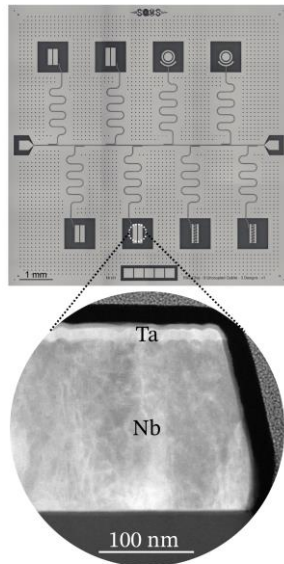
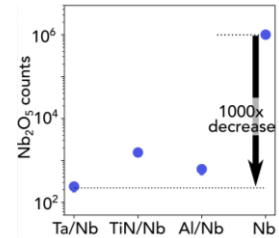


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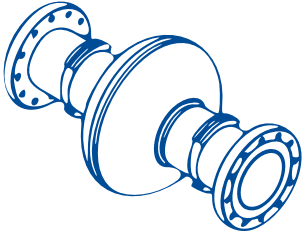
A. Romanenko et al, Phys. Rev. Applied **13**, 034032, 2020



Compare coherence improvements using identical chip-design across the team.



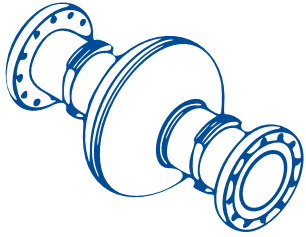
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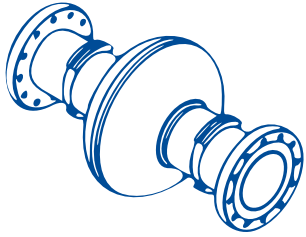
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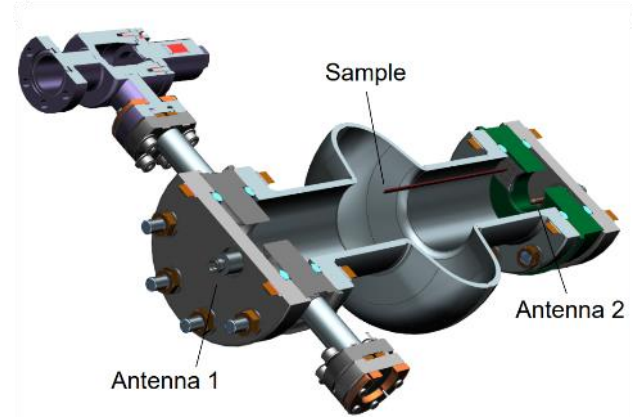
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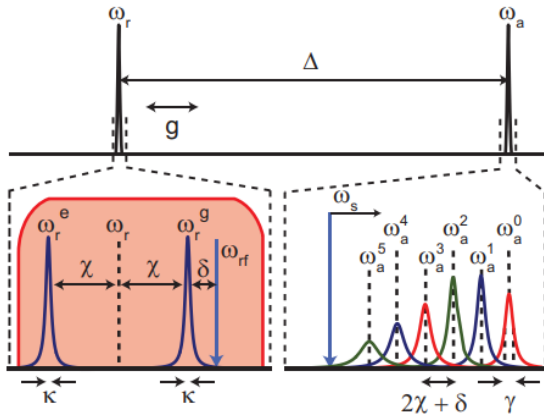
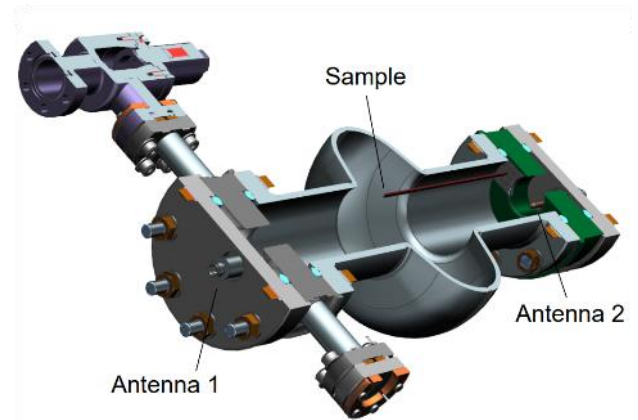
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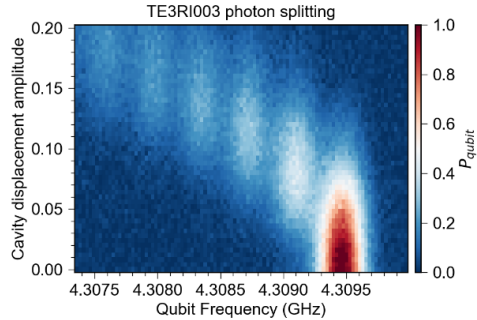


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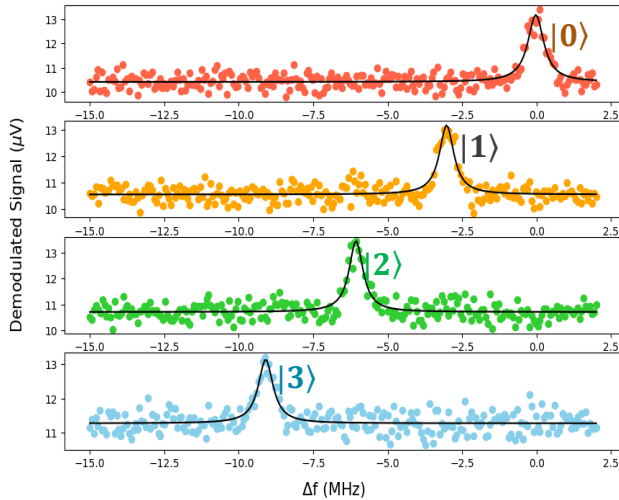
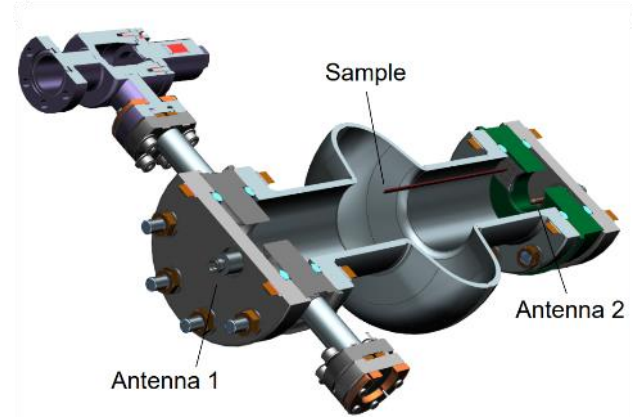
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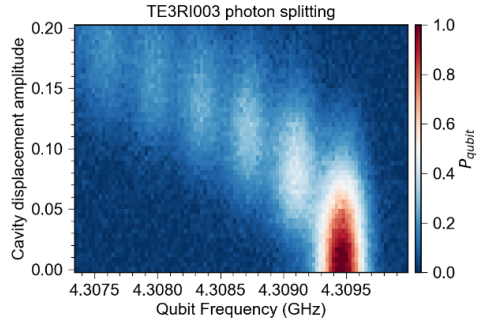
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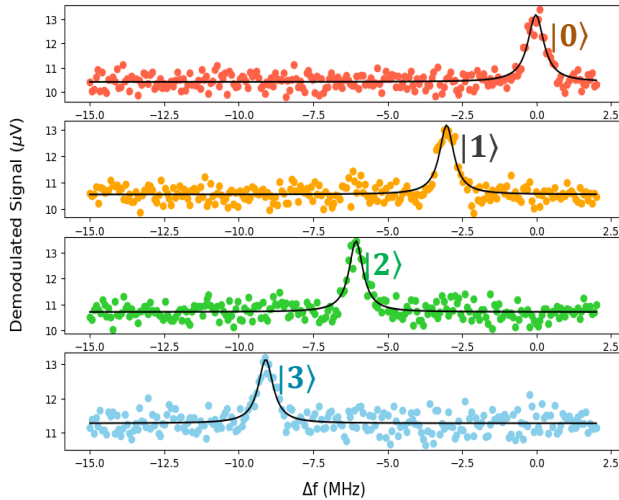
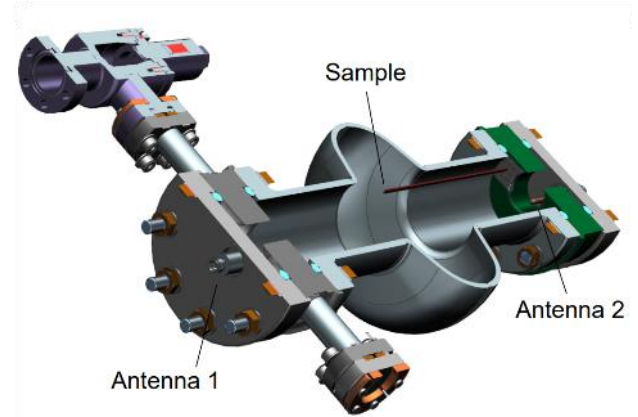
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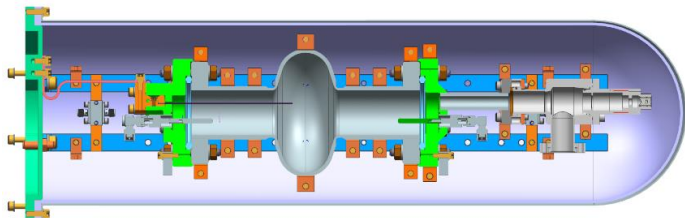
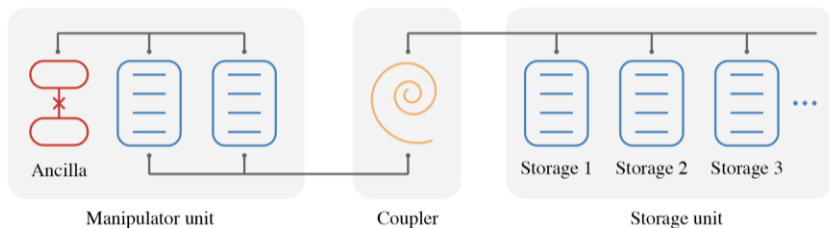
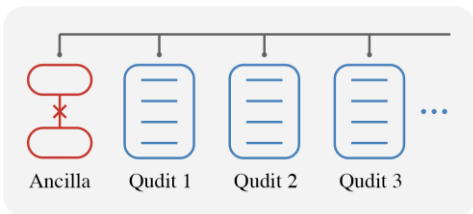
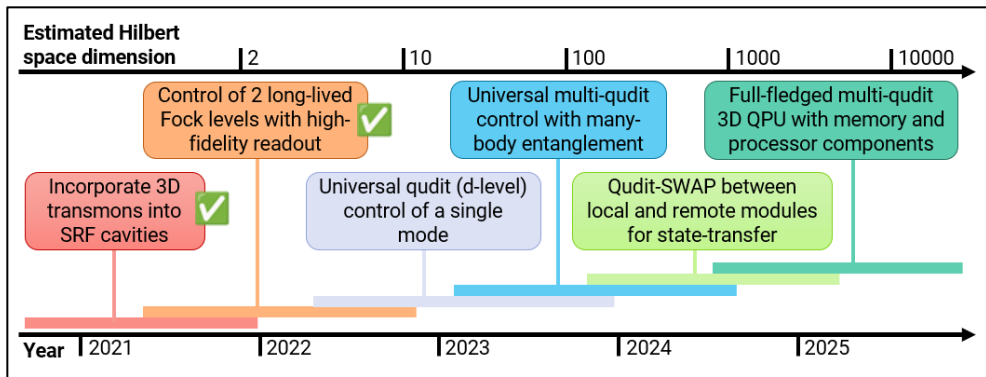
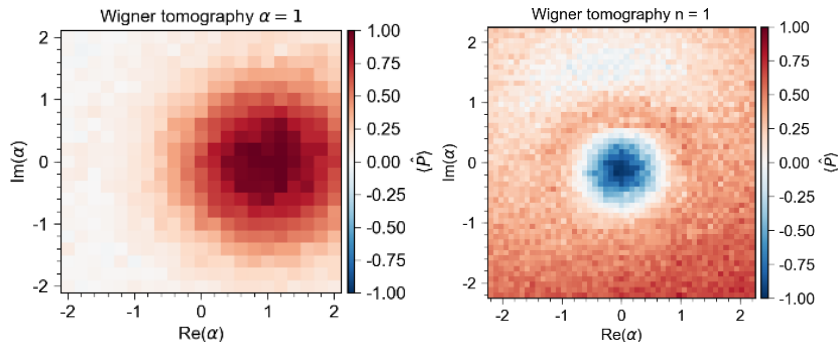


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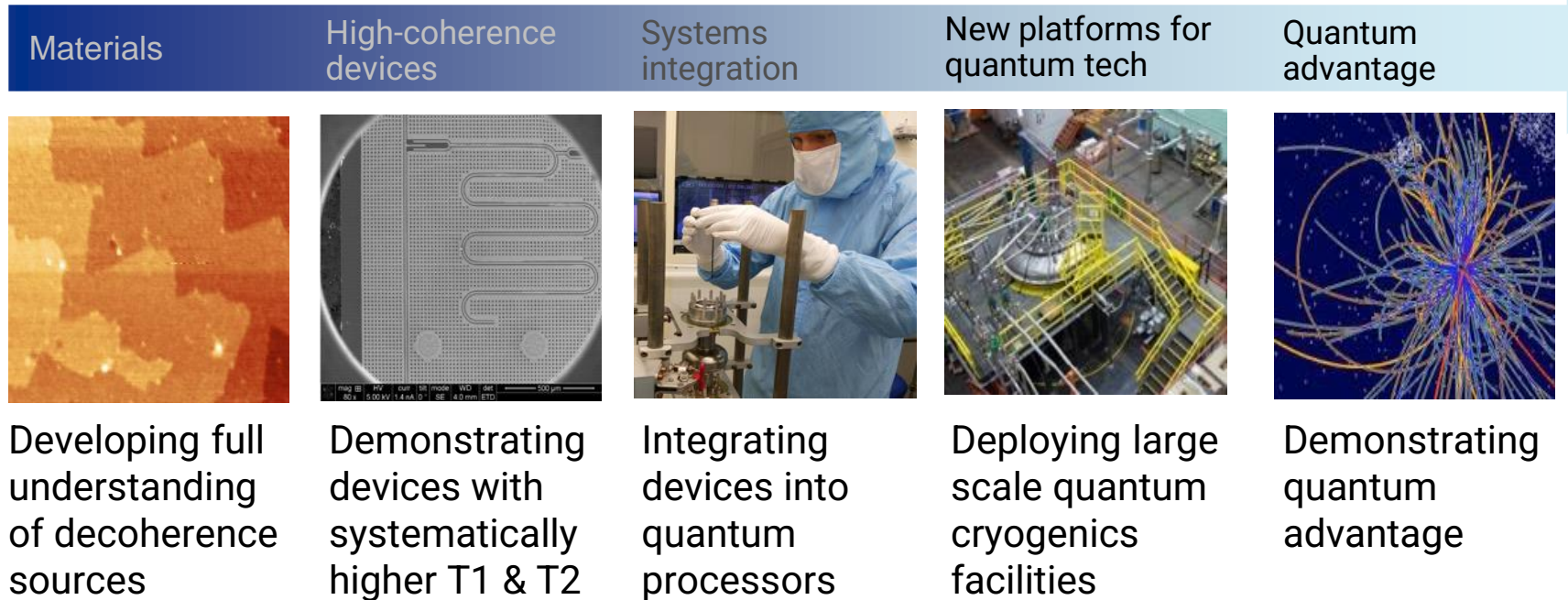
my view

Requires large-scale systematic research into materials, fabrication, design and operation, similar to the SQMS effort or even bigger.

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Devices must be T1 - limited!

# SQMS Science & Technology Innovation Chain



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