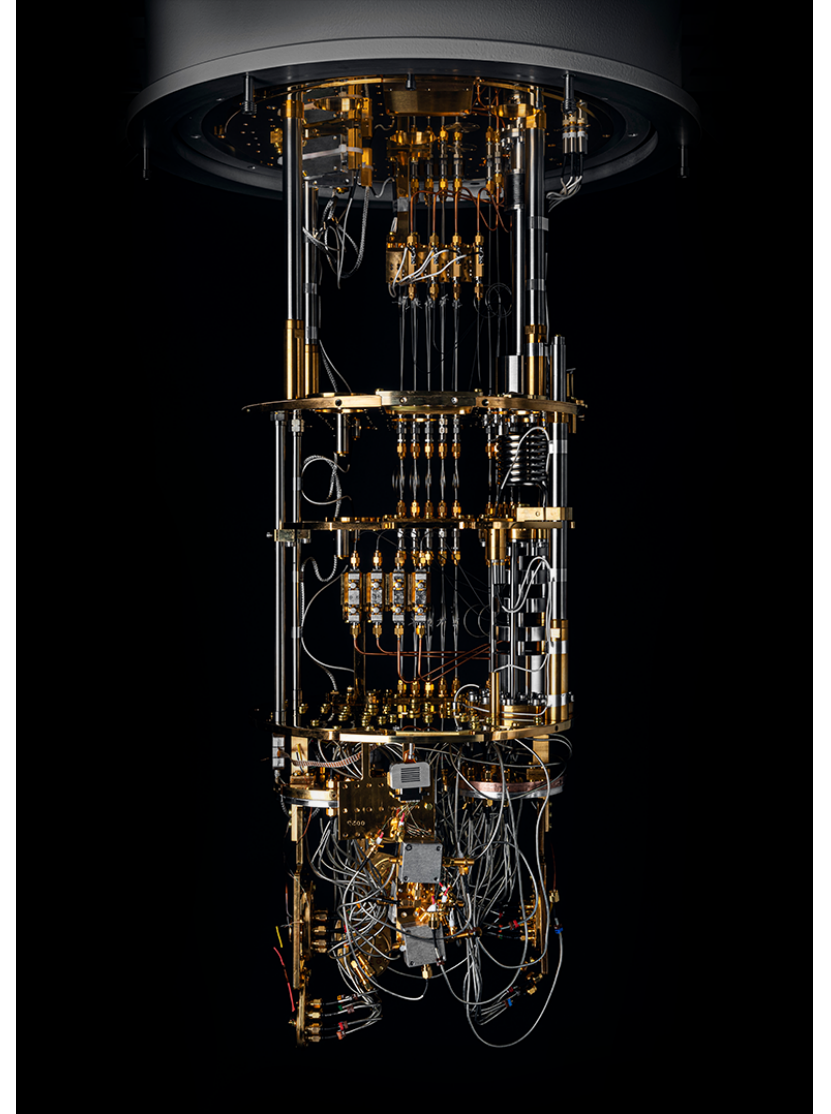


Co-Designing Quantum Computers @ IQM

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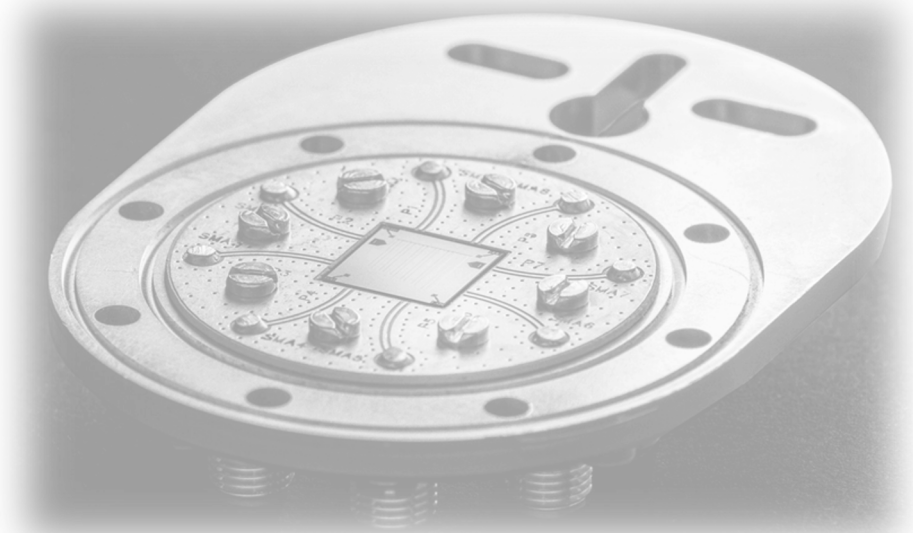
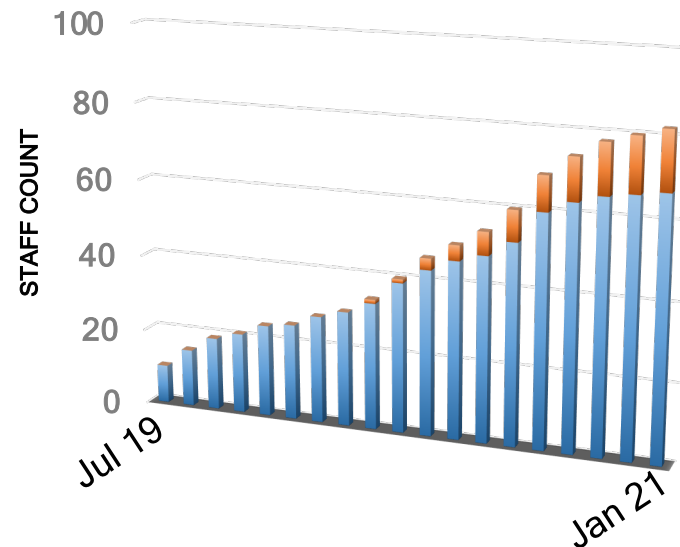
IQM in brief

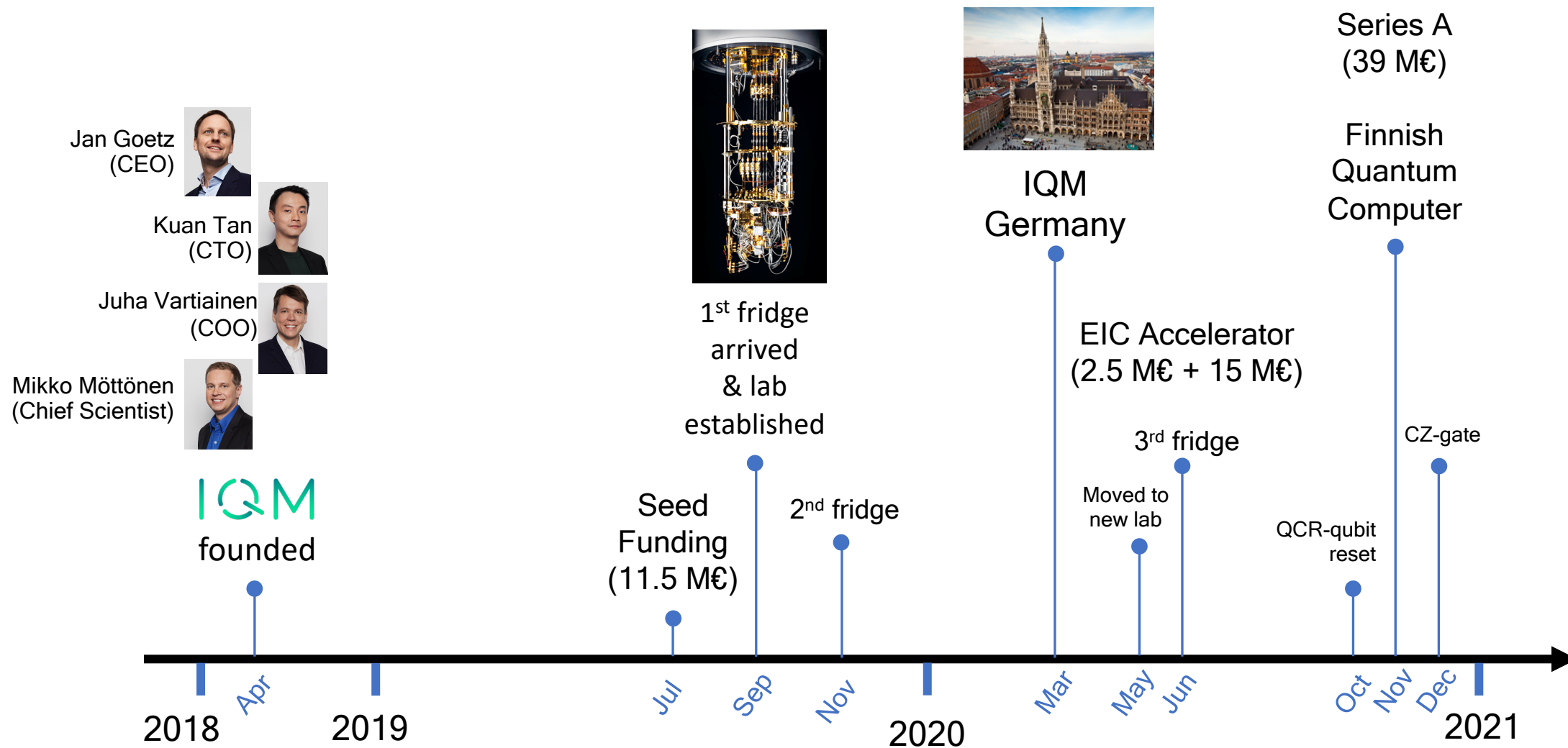
Quantum computing startup

- Spinout of Aalto University and VTT in July 2019
- Develop and sell quantum computers based on superconducting technology
- Hardware stack and co-design quantum computers
- Secured 2 rounds of private investment funding (Seed & A)

Employees (Jan. 2021)

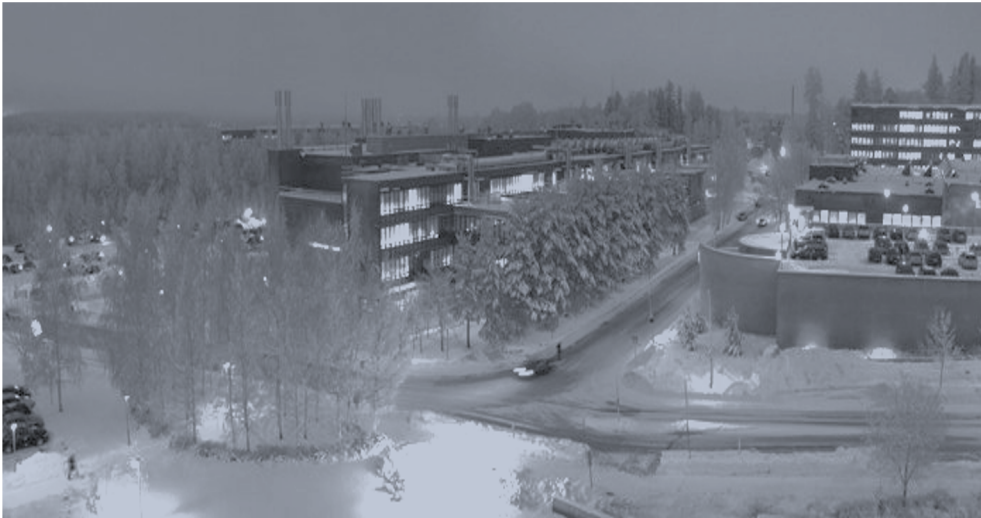
- IQM Finland 67 employees
- IQM Germany 15 employees



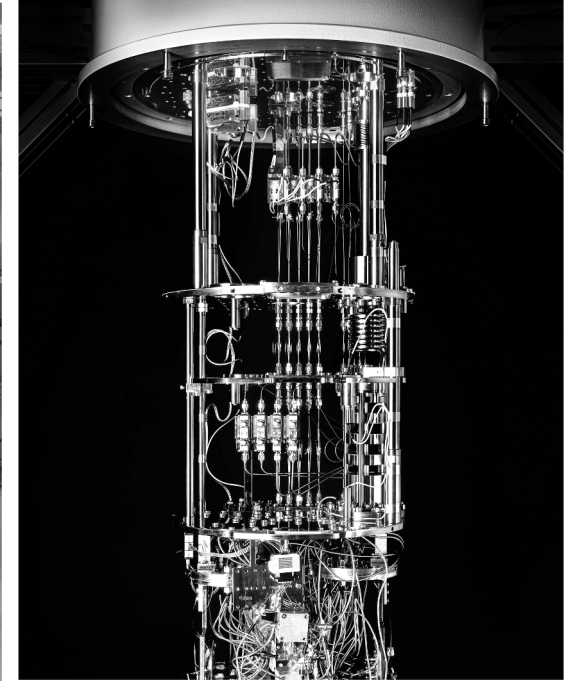


IQM's R&D infrastructure

- 3 dilution refrigerators installed, 5 more in H1 2021 in an EM shielded underground facility
- Clean room operations in Micronova, Espoo



Cleanroom: Micronova, Otaniemi



Experimental facilities: Keilaniemi, Espoo.

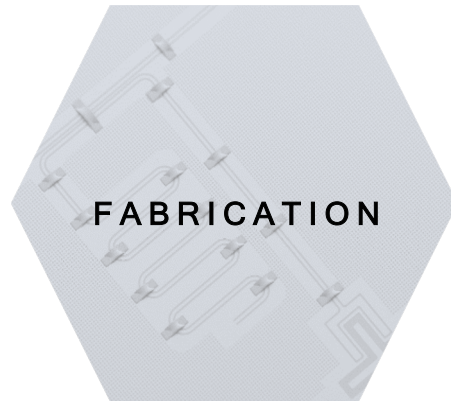
Finnish Quantum Computer



- Finland's first quantum computer
- IQM will build the computer with VTT, with partners from Aalto, ETH, and Jülich
- Co-development project to strengthen the Finnish quantum ecosystem
- Collaboration also with CSC and Atos
- 3 phases: 5-, 20- and 50-qubit processors deployed over the next ~3.5 years



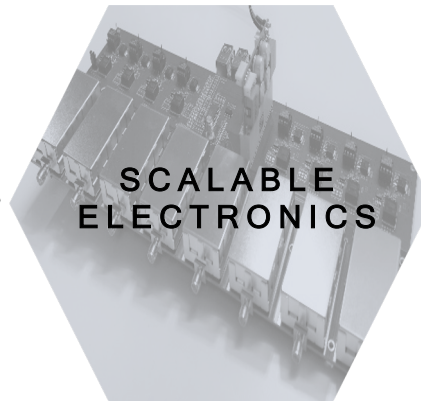
IQM's R&D team



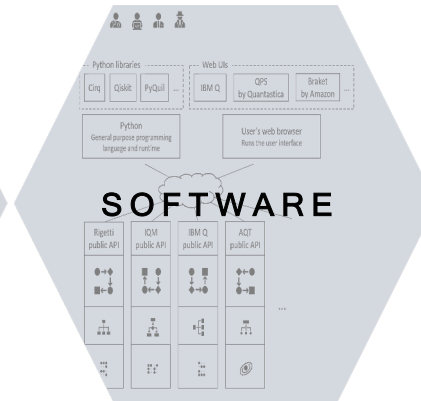
Manufactures IQM quantum processors in the largest cleanroom of the Nordics



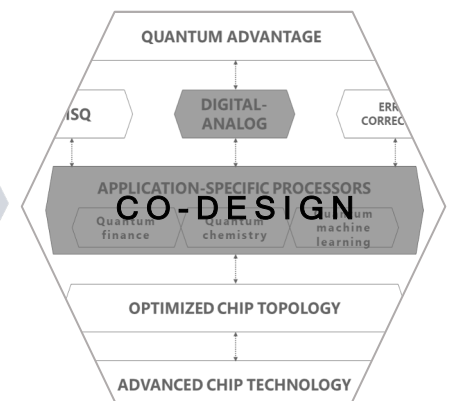
Takes IQM quantum processors into operation in weekly feedback cycles



Provides the control equipment for IQM quantum processors



Builds solutions to design and operate IQM quantum processors



Develops application-specific algorithms and co-design blueprints for QPUs

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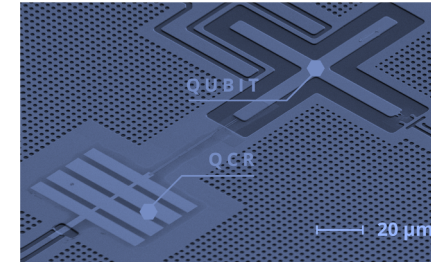
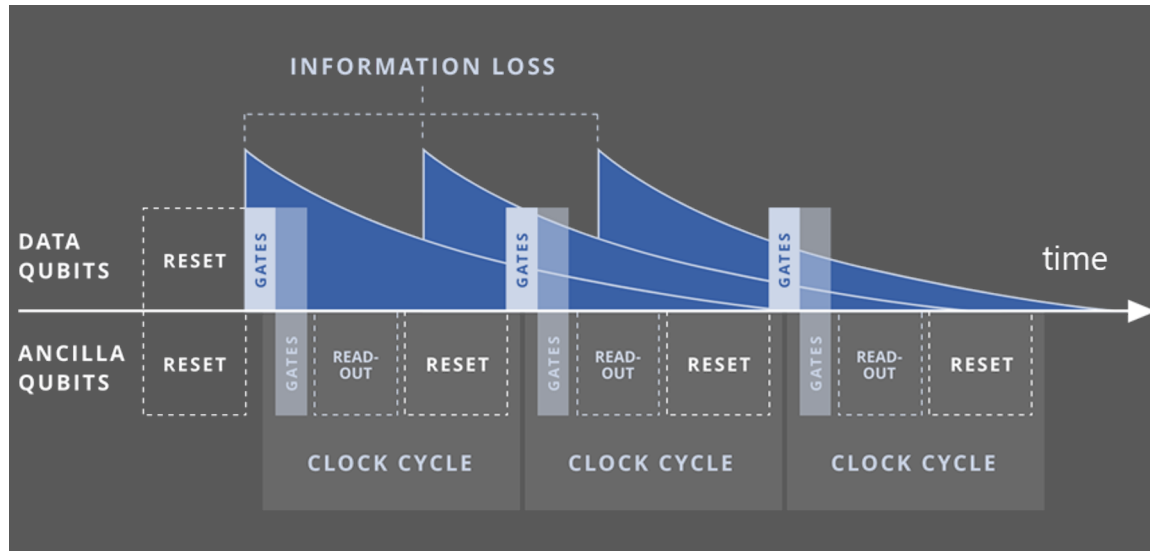
Unique chip technology

PROBLEM

Quantum operations too error prone for **quantum advantage** and too slow for **error correction**.

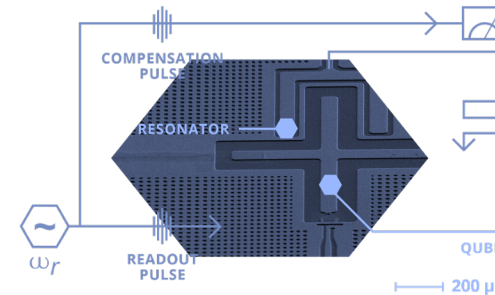
SOLUTION

IQM builds the most precise and fastest quantum processors by improving the three basic quantum operations: reset, gates, readout.



FASTER RESET: QCR WITHOUT FEEDBACK

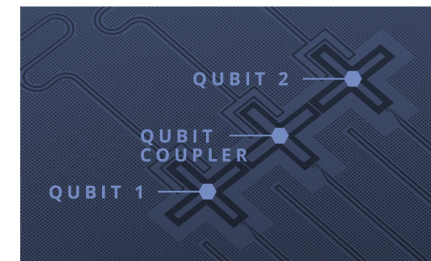
- Unconditional reset
- Resets also higher quantum states (leakage errors)
- No RF fields required (quasi-DC technology)
- Suitable for active on-chip cooling



FASTER READOUT: MULTICHANNEL INSTEAD OF SINGLE DRIVE

- Based on a multichannel driving scheme
- No on-chip overhead

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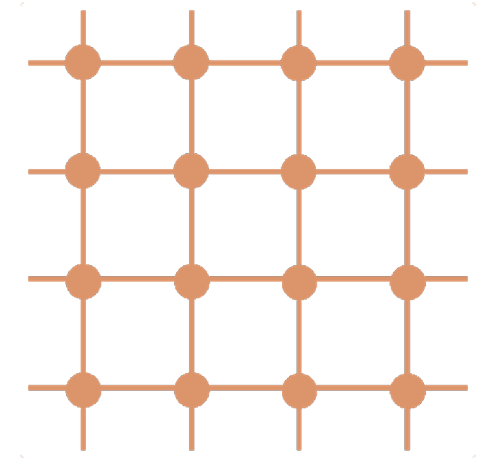
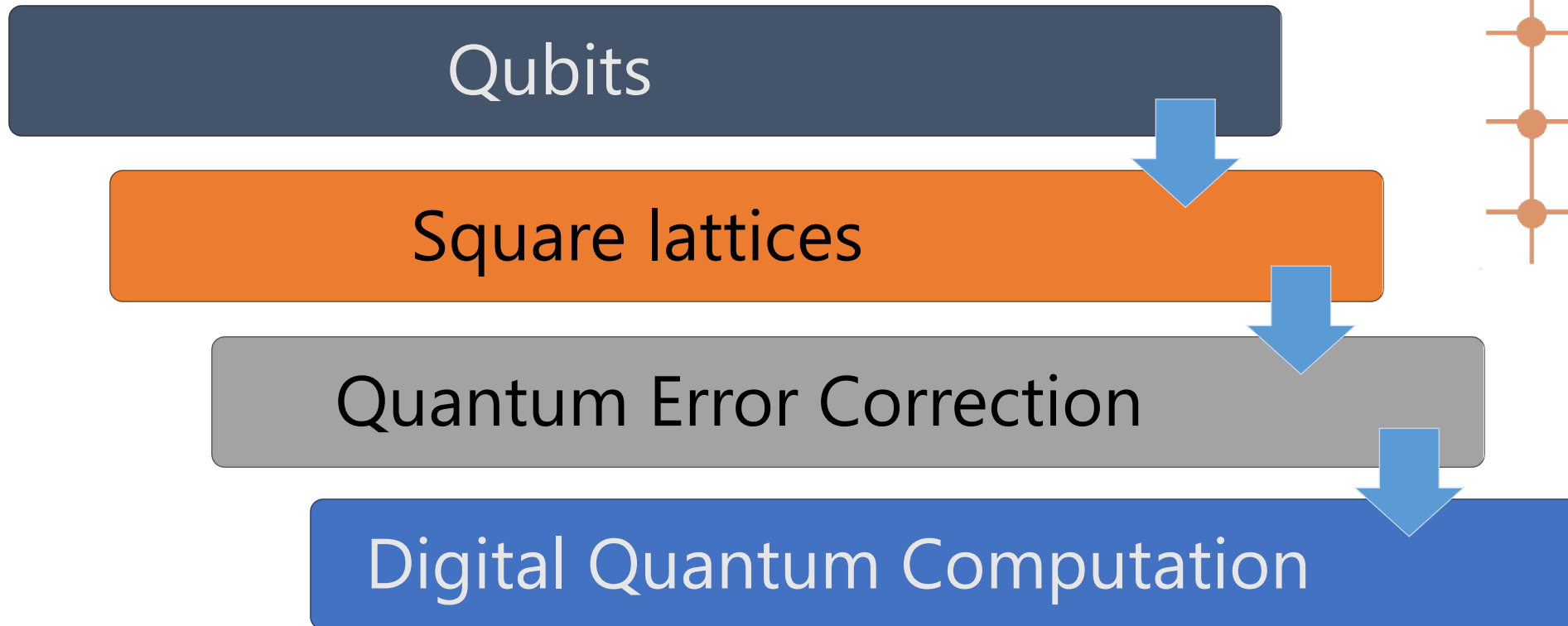


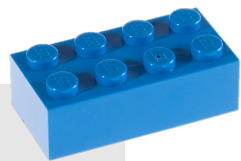
FASTER GATES: TUNABLE COUPLER & Λ -JUNCTION QUBITS

- Tunable coupler with ultrafast gate times
- Utilizing higher nonlinearity of novel qubit types

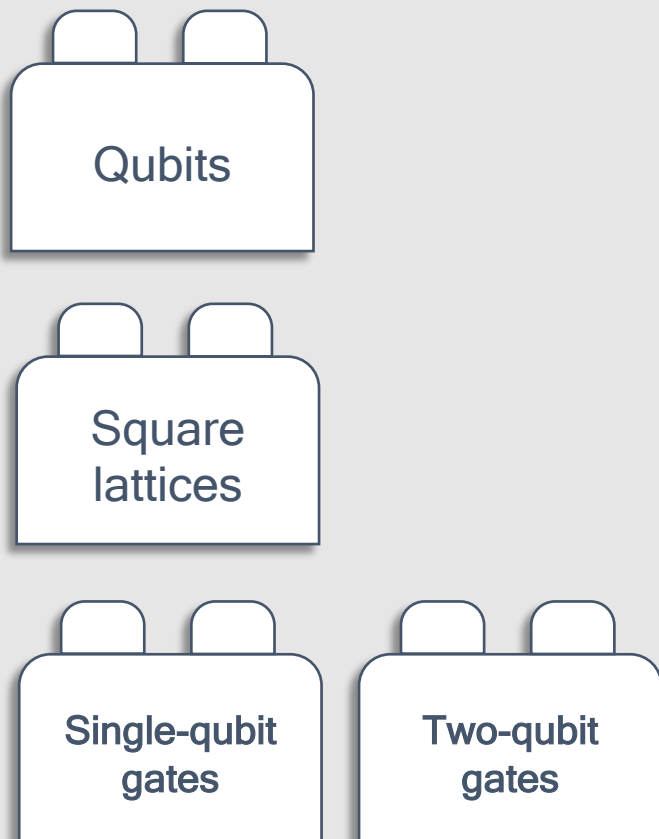
Standard Digital QC

BUILDING A UNIVERSAL QC

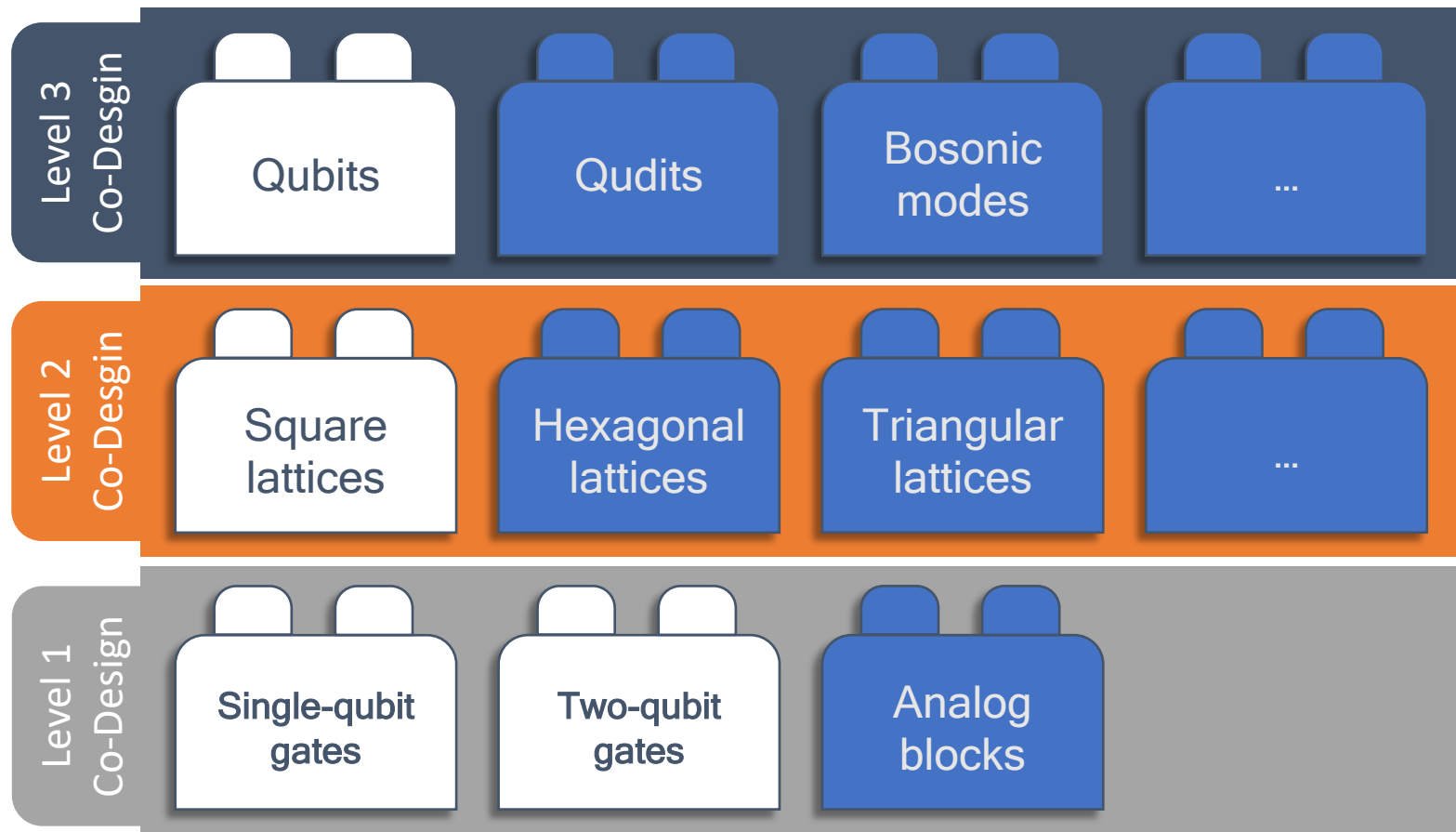




Standard Digital QC



Co-Design QC



Application-specific processors

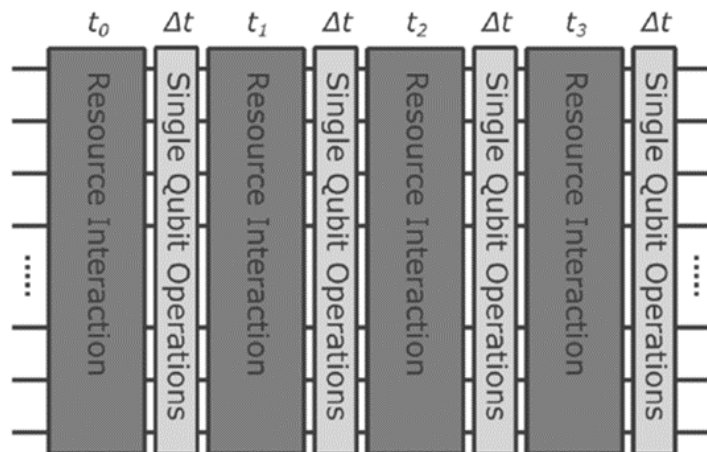
PROBLEM

Universal quantum computers require millions of qubits, which are not expected soon.

SOLUTION

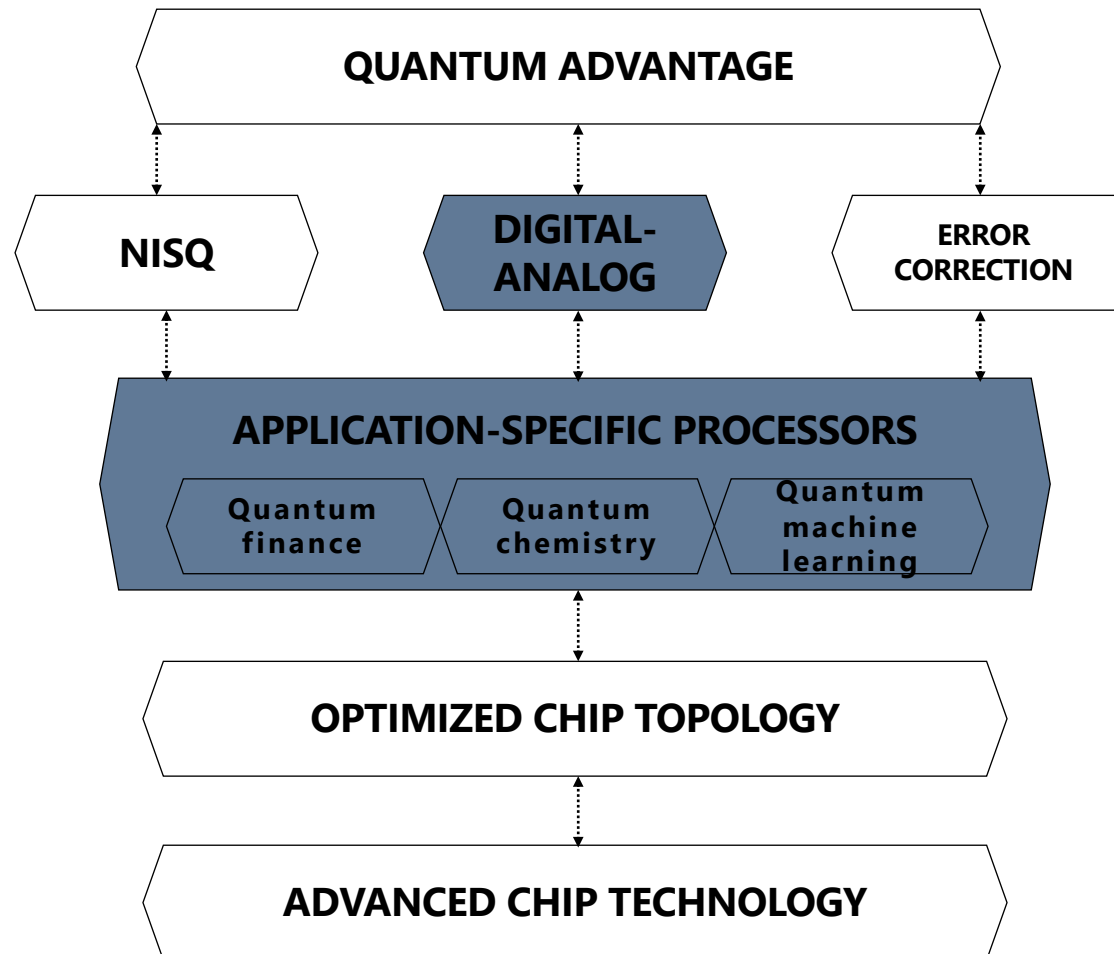
IQM uses a hardware-software co-design approach for unique QuASICs based on digital-analog quantum computing. We are creating a shortcut to **quantum advantage**.

Digital-Analog algorithm (arXiv:2002.12215):



Refs:

- arXiv:2002.12215 (2020)
- PRX Quantum 1, 110304 (2020)



Chemistry and pharma applications



WHY QUANTUM?

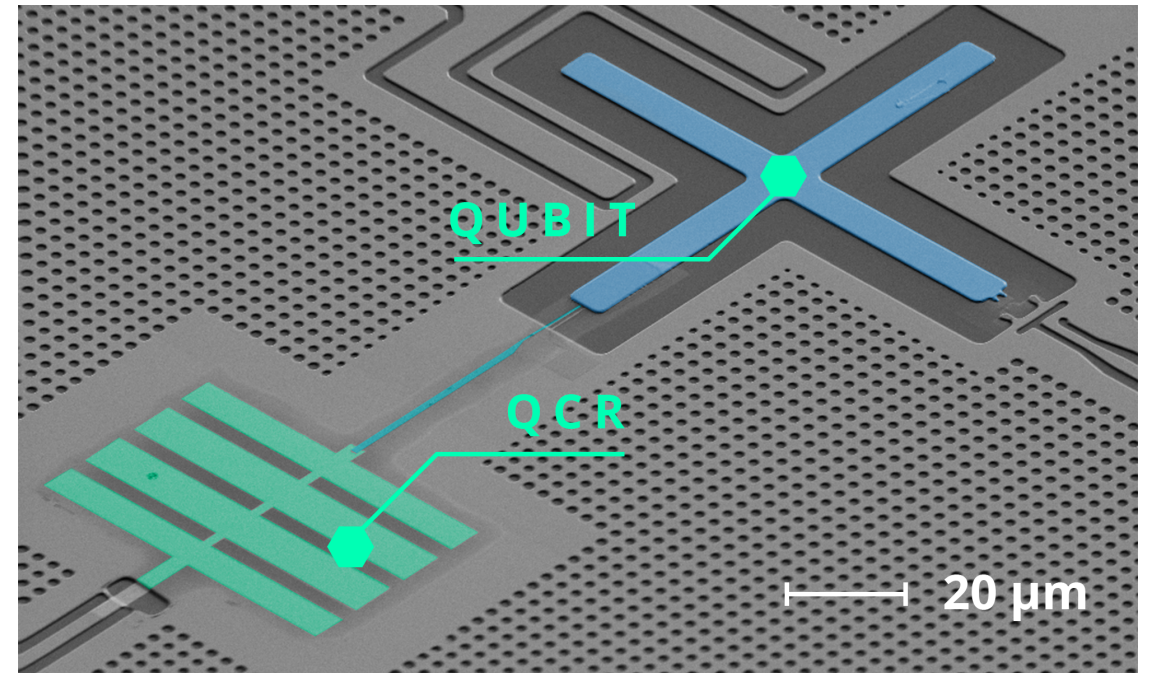
- Inherent exponential complexity
- Original systems often quantum.

APPLICATIONS

- Dynamics and static properties of complex materials and molecules
- Electron transport and transfer processes
- Quantum sensing

CO-DESIGN APPROACH

- Problem encoding in non-qubit units



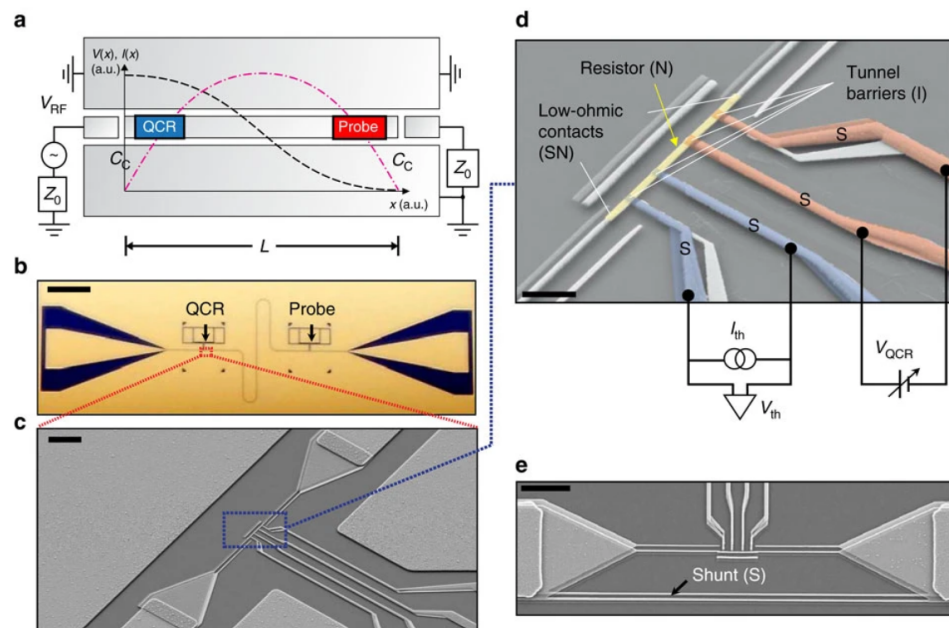
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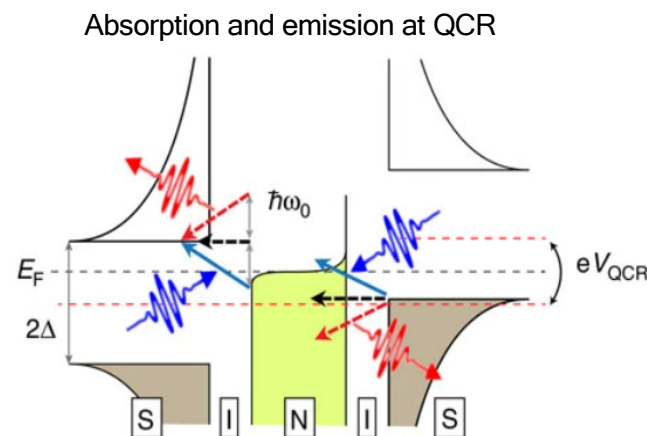


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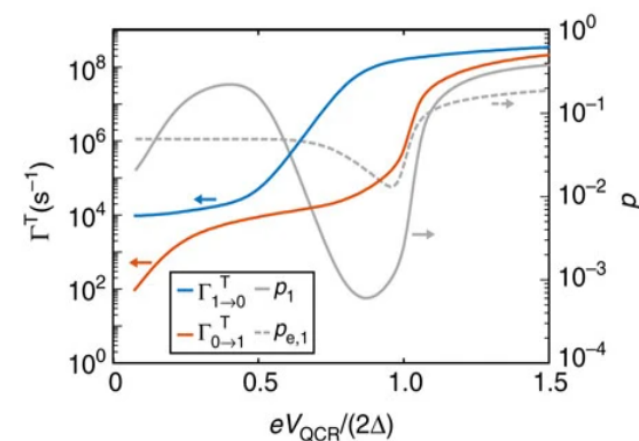
Background



Quantum-circuit Refrigerator



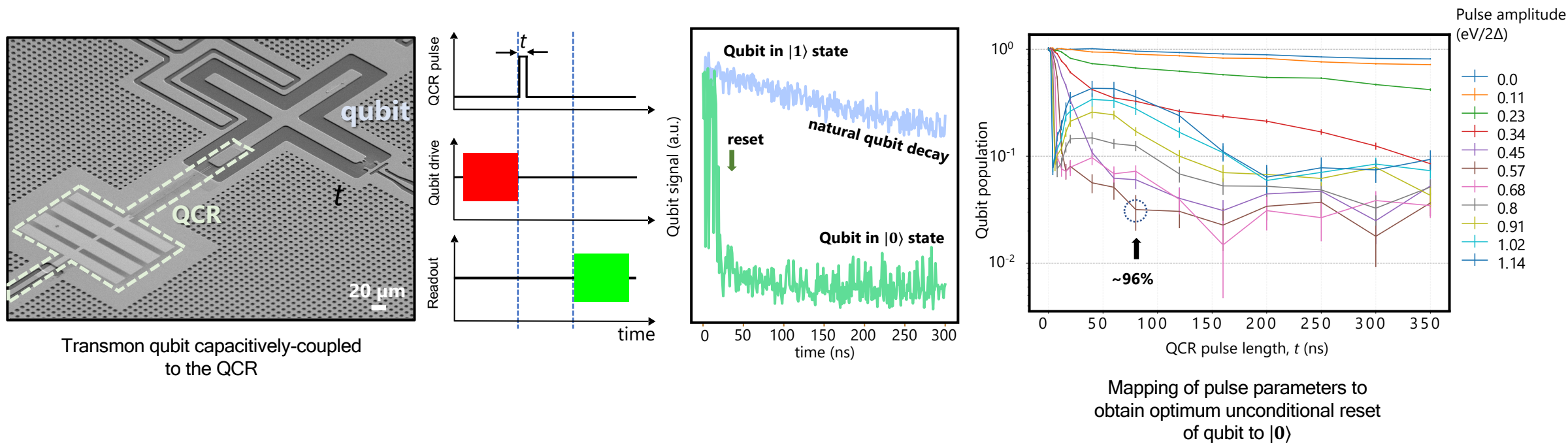
Photon assisted tunneling across normal-metal-insulator-superconductor (NIS) junctions



Bias 'sweet-spots' in which absorption over emission rates are highest, enabling optimum cooling of photonic modes of the resonator

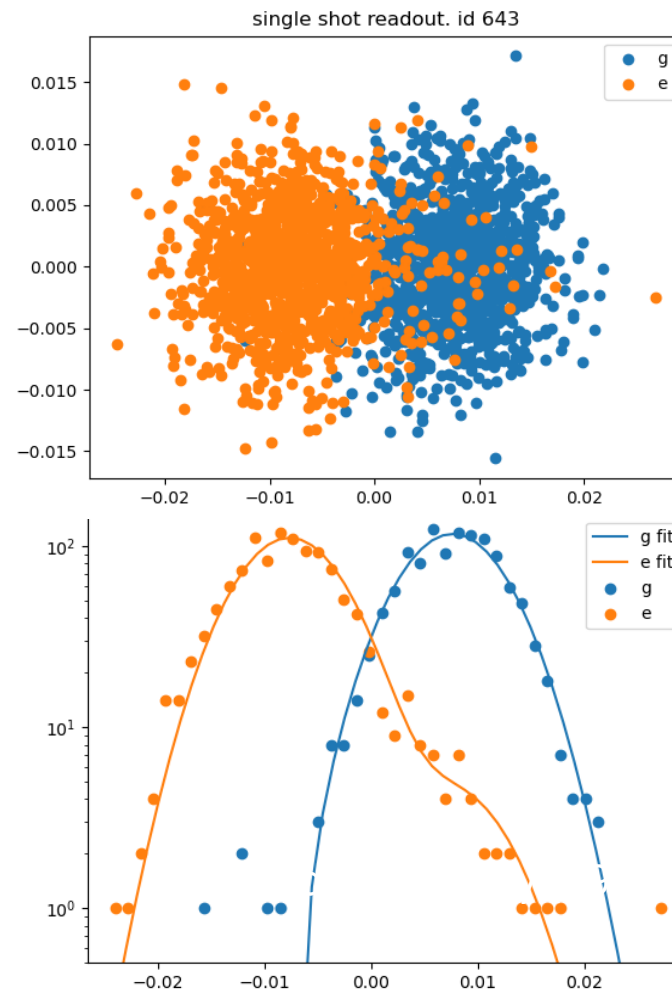
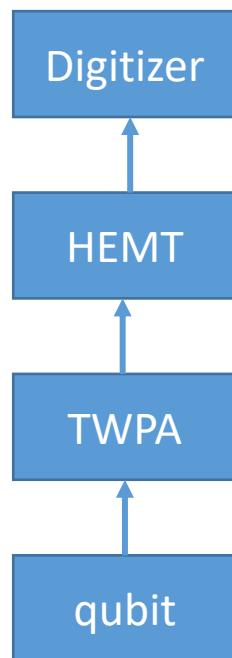
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QCR-qubit



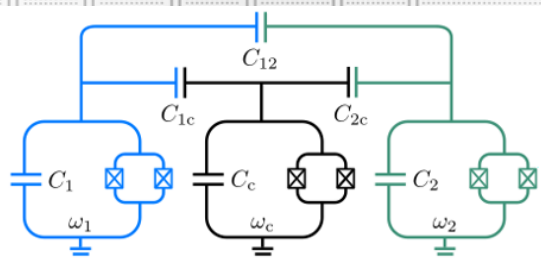
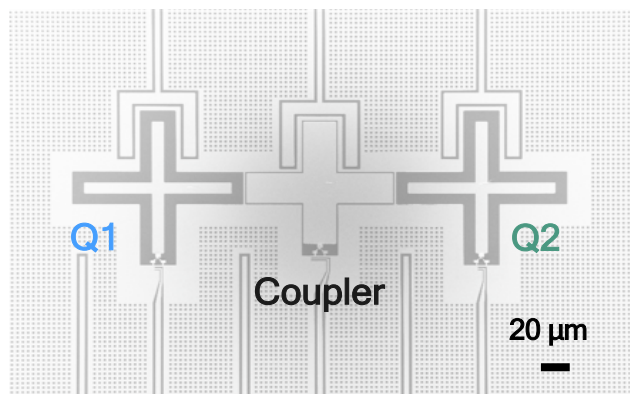
Example 2: Readout optimization

- Ongoing work
- Single-shot readout using VTT TWPAs
- Currently limited by TWPA gain / SNR and unoptimized readout circuit

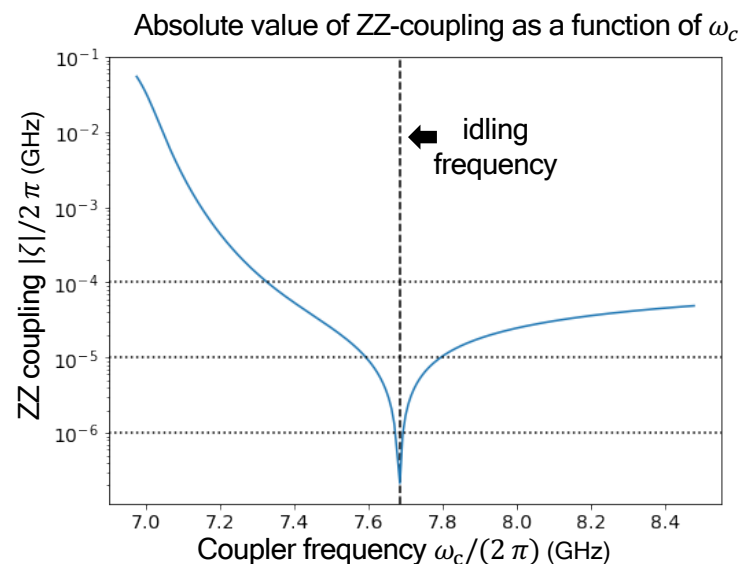


Readout fidelity ($\sim 94\%$)

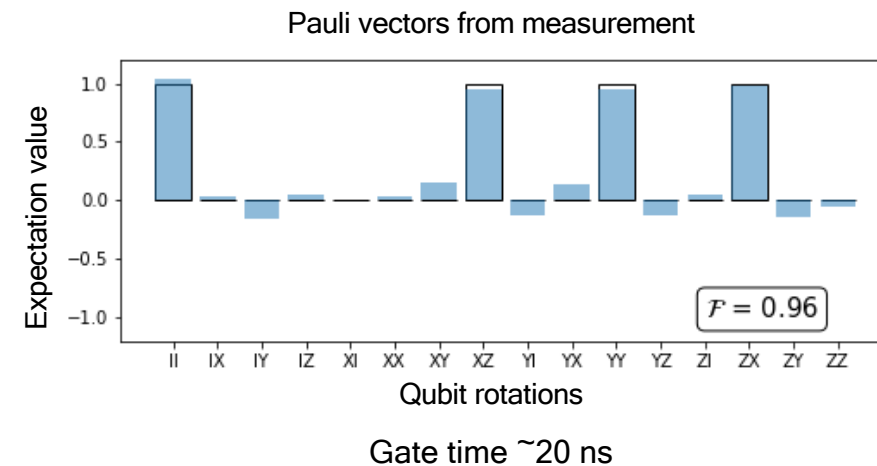
Example 3: CZ-gate



Two-qubit gate with a flux-tunable coupler



Adiabatic sweep of coupler to operating point and back to $|\zeta| \sim 0$ for CZ gating



	Qubit 1	Coupler	Qubit 2
Frequency	6.893 GHz	7.79 GHz	6.977 GHz
T1	4 μ s	5 μ s	10 μ s
T2*	7 μ s	1 μ s	7 μ s

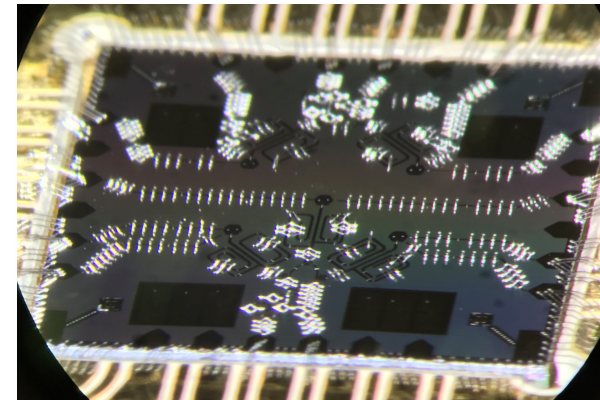
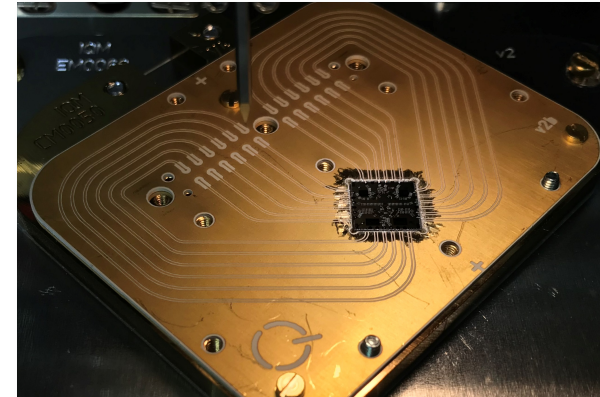
Qubit anharmonicity ~ 270 MHz

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Next steps

- IQM is taking into operation a 5-qubit QPUs
- Delivery of VTT Finnish quantum computer
- Execution of digital-analog quantum algorithms on the QPU



Thank you for tuning in

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