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Quantum Computers



PHOTONICS AS A KET FOR QUANTUM COMPUTING : AN INTRODUCTION

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Statement



Optics and photonics are a core enabling element of quantum technologies, as many of the systems require very precise control of light



Quantum technology presents various innovation opportunities for the optics and photonics community, and there is a large ecosystem of component, system, and service players with various requirements for their respective architectures...

Who could be the key players of this QT European Ecosystem?

What is the true market of QT for photonics actors?

How to build together a pereign & mature Quantum Photonics Market



Quantum Computing

There are classes of problems that are exponentially difficult to deal with depending on the number of particles with a classical computer but which can be solved in polynomial time with a quantum computer.

Shor factorization algorithm for example.
Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm.

Considerable potential applications in materials science and condensed matter, chemistry, protected communications, etc.
Optimization problems, the traveling salesman,...

The power of the quantum computer comes from entanglement but its weakness comes from the fragility of superpositions of states with N particles



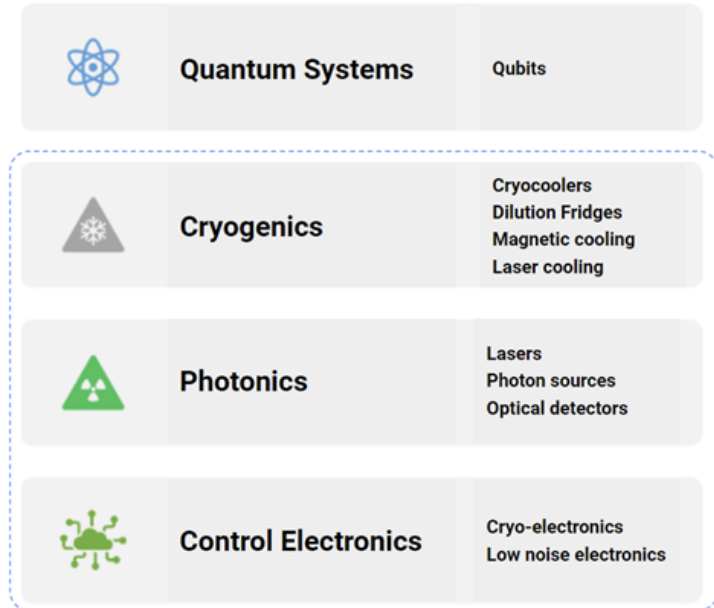
Quantum Technology

Quantum Systems

- Atoms & Ions
- Superconducting & Semiconductors
- Hybrid
- Topological
- Molecular
- Color Centers
- Photonic

Essential Enabling Technologies

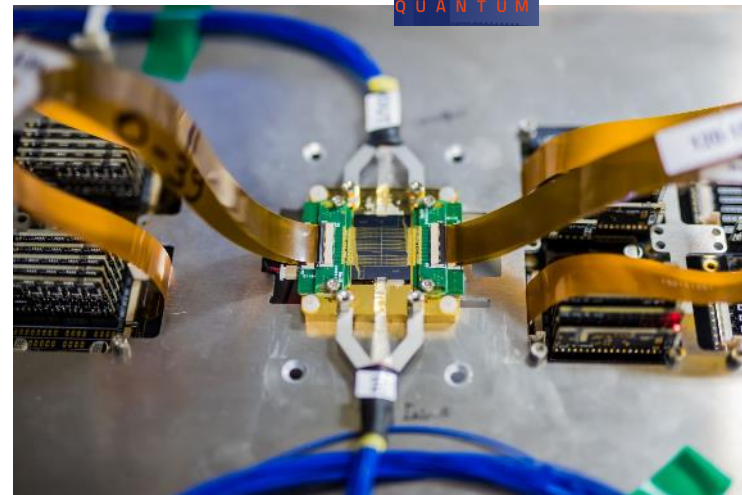
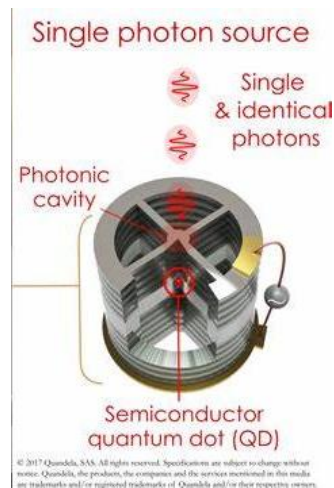
- Cryogenics
- Photonics
- Control Electronics





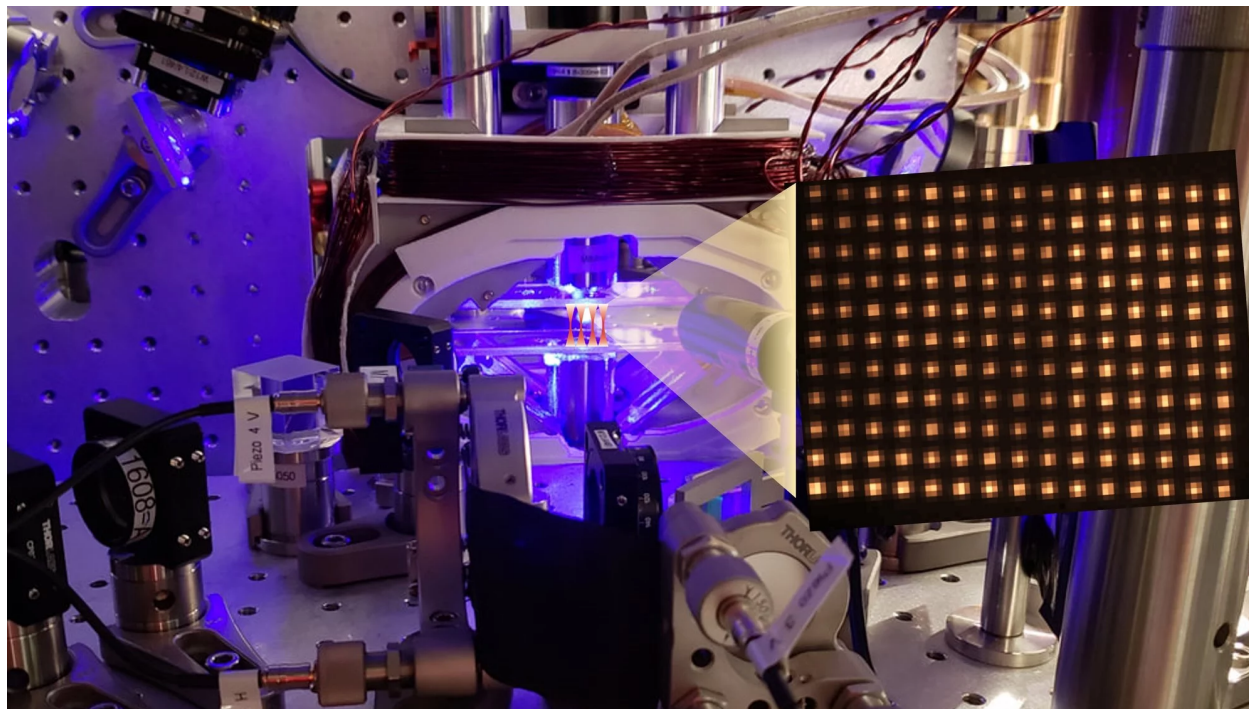
Quantum computing with photons

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Quantum computing with atoms





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Control ions for quantum computing and sensing via on-chip fiber optics

by Kylie Foy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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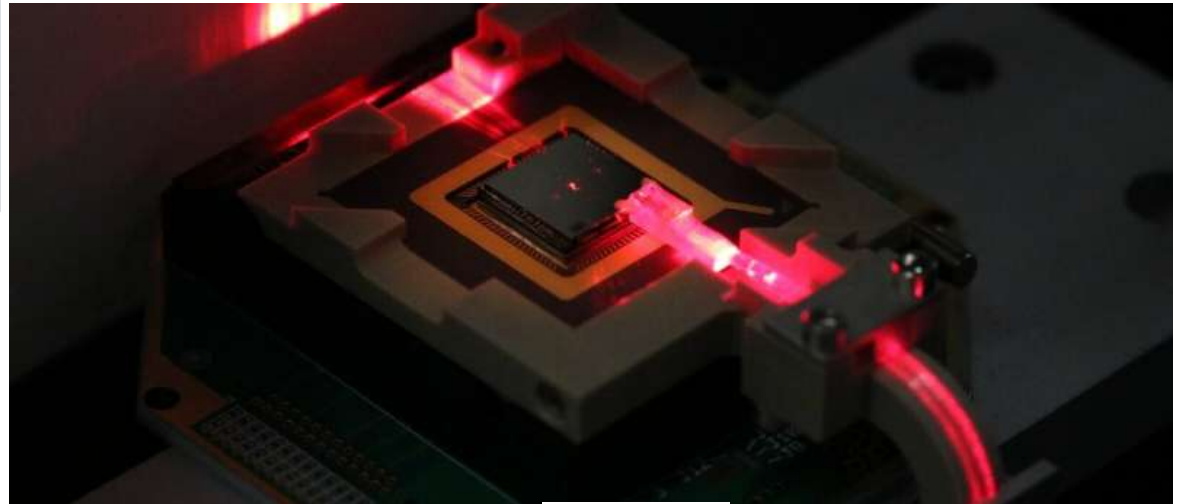
Integrated multi-wavelength control of an ion qubit

[R. J. Niffenegger](#) ✉, [J. Stuart](#), [C. Sorace-Agaskar](#), [D. Kharas](#), [S. Bramhavar](#), [C. D. Bruzewicz](#), [W. Loh](#), [R. T. Maxson](#), [R. McConnell](#), [D. Reens](#), [G. N. West](#), [J. M. Sage](#) ✉ & [J. Chiaverini](#) ✉

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Photonics as KET : lasers

37 85.468

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Rubidium

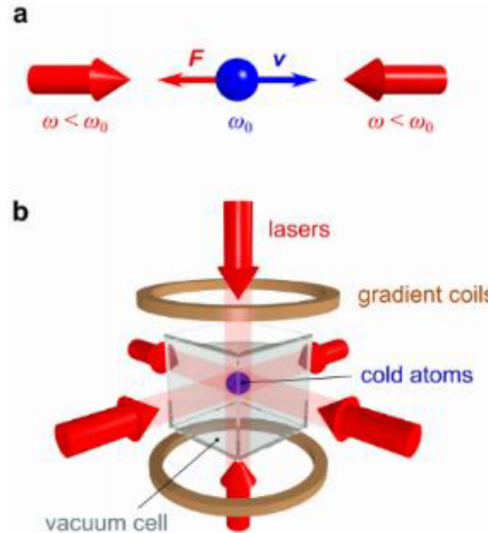
	Longueur d'onde (nm)	Accordabilité (nm)	Puissance (Watts)
Refroidissement, Piège, Capteur, Détection	780	± 0.1	1 - 2
	815-850	Non	2 - 10
	1560	Non	5 - 15
Rydberg	420	Non	1 - 2
	1013	± 2	50 - 100
	1013	± 2	0.2
Qbit	795	± 1	3 - 10
	795	Modulé	1
	1590	± 0.5	0.1
Refroidissement, Piège	461	± 0.01	1 - 3
	813	± 0.5	5
Capteur	689	± 0.01	1
Rydberg	317 - 320		1
Qbit	707	± 0.1	1
	679	± 0.1	1
Détection	408	± 0.01	1
Refroidissement	399		1-5
	556		0.5-1
	649		<0.1
	770		<0.1
Alternative	1388		<0.1
Capteur	578		<0.1
Piège	759		1-10

38 87.620

Sr
Strontium

70 173.04

Yb
Ytterbium



The laser quality and performance are very important:

- Wavelength is related to the atomic transition used
- Laser power
- Laser stability and linewidth
- Agility
- Tunability
- ...

→ LiNbO₃ modulators and special fibers are used...



Quantum computing with supra

- chip @ 50 mK, wire @ 300K...
- RF can be

Article | [Published: 24 March 2021](#)

Control and readout of a superconducting qubit using a photonic link

[F. Lecocq](#) ✉, [F. Quinlan](#) ✉, [K. Cicak](#), [J. Aumentado](#), [S. A. Diddams](#) & [J. D. Teufel](#) ✉

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A ROAD TO QUANTUM INTERNET?

Quantum communications leverages the properties of quantum state preparation and measurement as well as intrinsic quantum phenomena such as entanglement and squeezing to create secure communications networks...

How to overcome propagation losses

- > Major challenge : propagation loss in optical fibers : 0.2 dB/km \rightarrow 99% loss for 100 km
- > No signal reamplification possible in contrast with the classical Internet ...

> 1st approach : intermediate trusted nodes

- > Decryption / Re-encryption with another key



Ex. of 2000 km Chinese quantum communication network with 32 trusted nodes

> 2nd approach: intermediate untrusted quantum relays

- > Requires photon entanglement





Road to 2035: Near-Term (2025 – 2029)

Lasers

- Power, wavelength range, low noise etc
- SWAP reduction
- Higher TRL

Single-photon sources

- Higher efficiency sources

Photonics / Optics

- EU sovereignty for components (free space, fiber, crystals, diodes etc)

Advanced optical detectors

- Higher efficiency telecom detectors
- Larger detectors for space

Integrated Photonics

- New production facilities
- Cryogenic compatibility
- Loss reduction
- Source, detector, and modulator integration
- On-chip single photons and squeezed light



Road to 2035: Long-Term (2030 – 2035)

Lasers

- Further SWaP Reduction of lasers, stabilized lasers, optical frequency combs etc
- Cost reduction
- Reduce necessary user interaction

Single-photon sources

- Improve miniaturisation

Advanced optical detectors

- Real photon-number-resolving detectors;
- Higher count rates
- Ultralow time jitter

Integrated Photonics

- High-end foundry fabrication
- Assembly lines photonic integrated circuits



European Commission - Press release



Commission recommends carrying out risk assessments on four critical technology areas: advanced semiconductors, artificial intelligence, quantum, biotechnologies

Strasbourg, 3 October 2023

Today, the Commission adopted a [Recommendation on critical technology areas for the EU's economic security](#), for further risk assessment with Member States. This Recommendation stems from the Joint Communication on a [European Economic Security Strategy](#) that put in place a comprehensive strategic approach to economic security in the EU.

This Recommendation relates to the assessment of one of four types of risks in that comprehensive approach, namely technology risk and technology leakage. The risk assessment will be objective in character, and neither its results nor any follow-up measures can be anticipated at this stage. In the Recommendation, the Commission puts forward a list of ten critical technology areas. These technology areas were selected based on the following criteria:

- Enabling and transformative nature of the technology: the technologies' potential and relevance for driving significant increases of performance and efficiency and/or radical changes for sectors, capabilities, etc.;
- The risk of civil and military fusion: the technologies' relevance for both the civil and military sectors and its potential to advance both domains, as well as risk of uses of certain technologies to undermine peace and security;
- The risk the technology could be used in violation of human rights: the technologies' potential misuse in violation of human rights, including restricting fundamental freedoms.

QT enabling industry needs worldwide market



- Not a **fundamental lack of supply** -> Europe is the home for the best suited laser sources & photonics systems for QT and serves maybe 60 to 80% of the current global market demand for quantum.
- On the other hand, there can be a **fundamental discrepancy between the expectation of the not-laser-savvy quantum customers and their SWaPc requirements** on one side and the existing photonics companies in the field on the other side.
- **Lack of realism on the market size** as far as the transition effort to bridge such discrepancy is concerned.
- Mastering the demand **in small volume today by testing the quality in limited series** is a tricky thing...
- **From small volume and high cost to largest volume and low cost we need a consistent longterm market** (not funding alone with its wavy political uncertainties), **in non-European markets**, that we cannot address due to understandable European sovereignty concerns.
- **Capital investment** is needed.
- **Government / European contracts** (compare to USA)