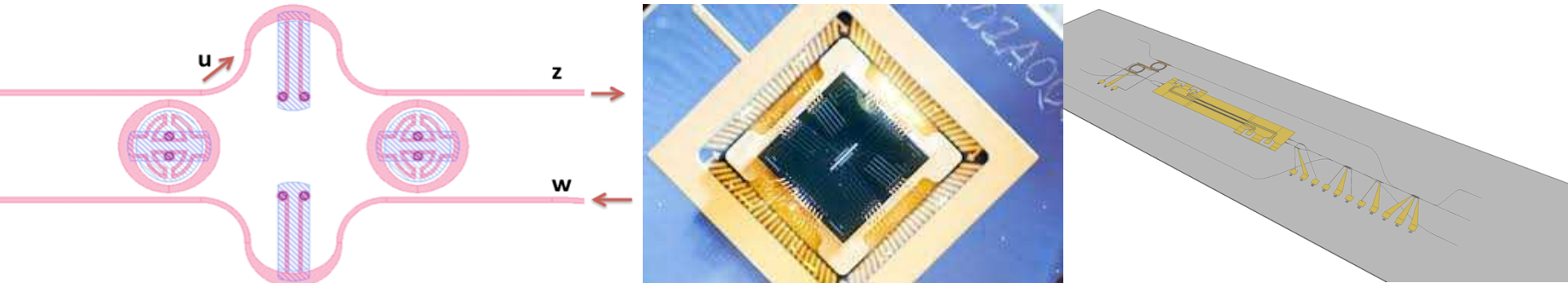


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# Maturing quantum technologies

## A National Lab perspective

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# The national lab perspective

- Between academia and industry
- Cannot compete with industry
- Some unique capabilities
  - Large scale fabrication, testing & computing facilities
  - Several areas of expertise in the same organization
  - Well suited to tackle system-level and scaling problems

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# SECANT QKD

## A Grand Challenge in Quantum Communications



PI: Ryan Camacho, Sandia National Labs

### Goals

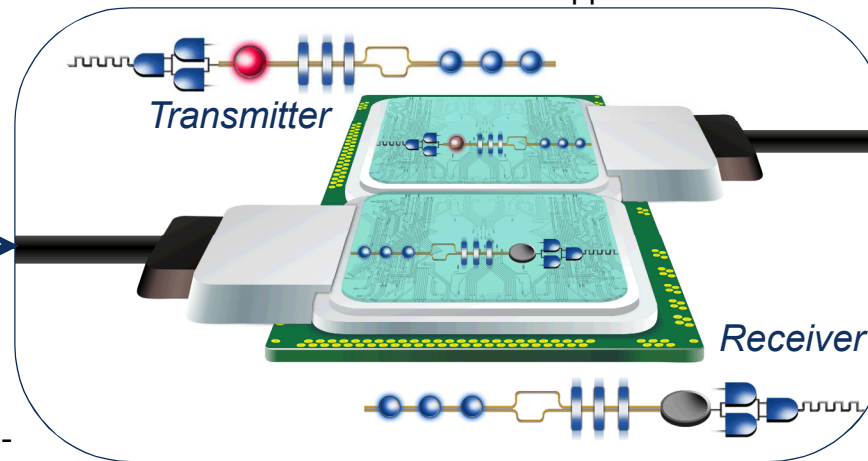
1. Construct chip-scale, handheld **quantum transceivers** that can implement DV, CV, free-space, and fiber based QKD.
2. Demonstrate hybrid QKD network with chip-scale transceiver nodes.

### Potential Impact

1. Quantum-based key generation for hybrid networks of mobile devices without central hub.
2. First step towards micro-fabricated low cost QKD for ground-to-plane, plane-to-plane, metro, satellite etc. applications.
3. Toolbox for other applications in photonic QIP.

### Challenges

1. Develop robust CMOS compatible room temp single-photon detectors.
2. Develop integrated quantum sources.
3. Low-loss quantum signal processing.
4. Combine all components onto one integrated chip.



### Capabilities

1. World class teams in integrated photonics, quantum theory, and systems.
2. MESA/CINT microfabrication facilities.

3 yr program, 10 months in...  
(FY 2014 – FY 2016)



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# The Current State of Quantum Communications Hardware

- Bulk Optics Based (>10g / component)
- Expensive (> \$50k per system)
- Slow or Short distance (Mbt/s or 10's of km)
- Secure?

SECANT program

Quantum Communications

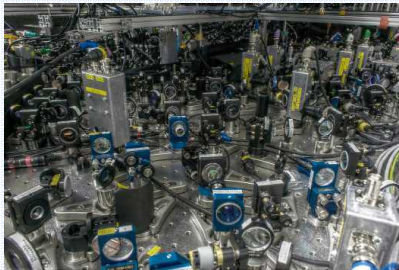


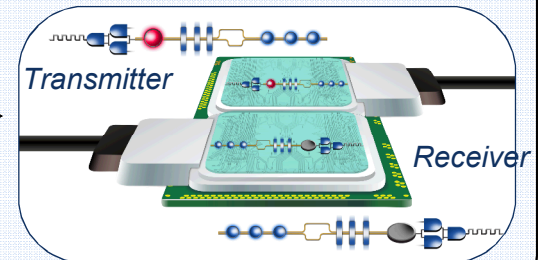
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Electronic Circuits

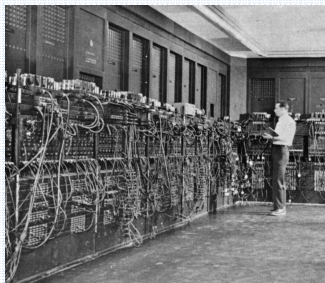


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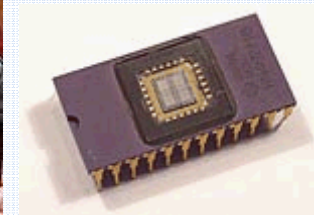
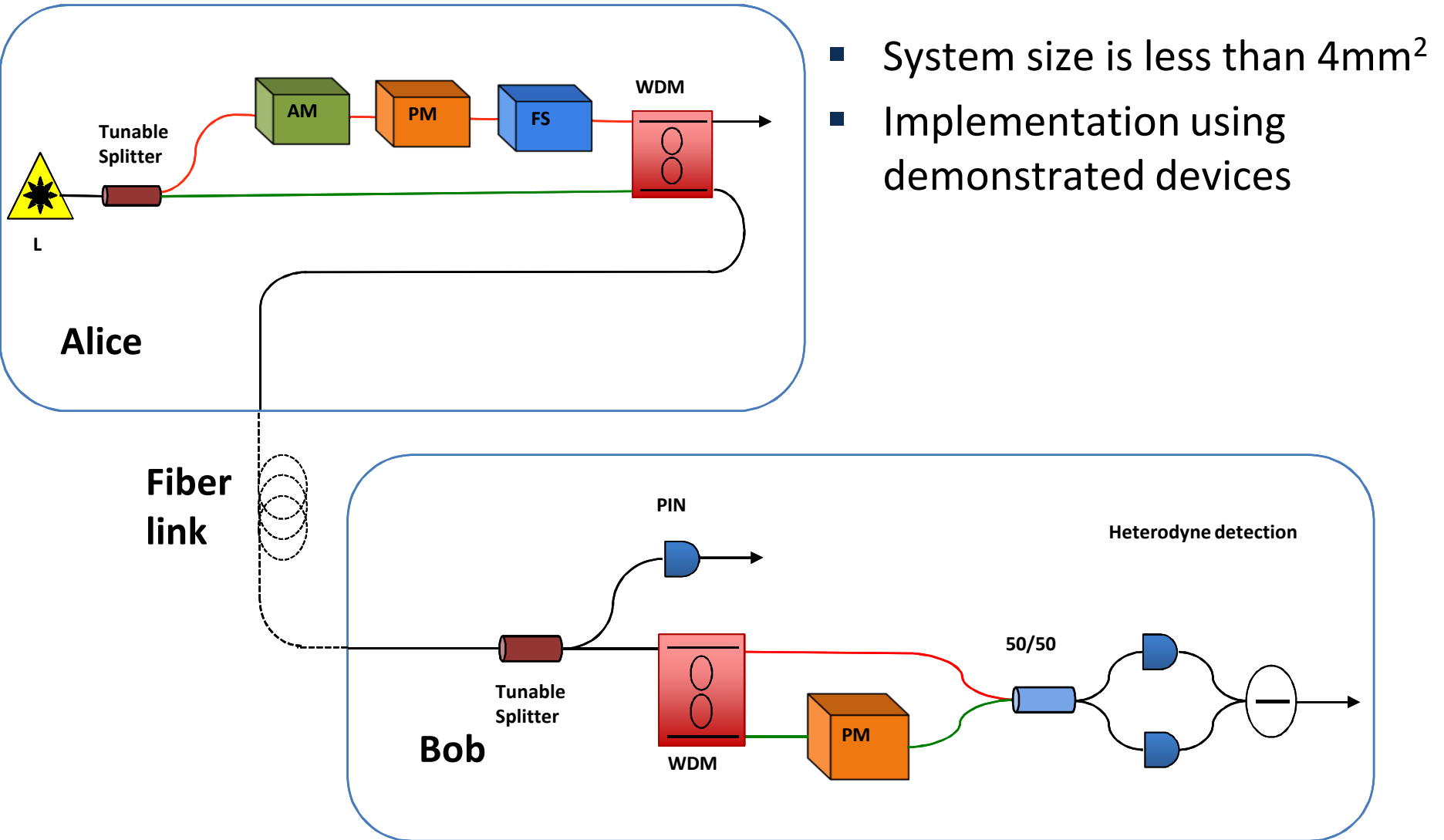


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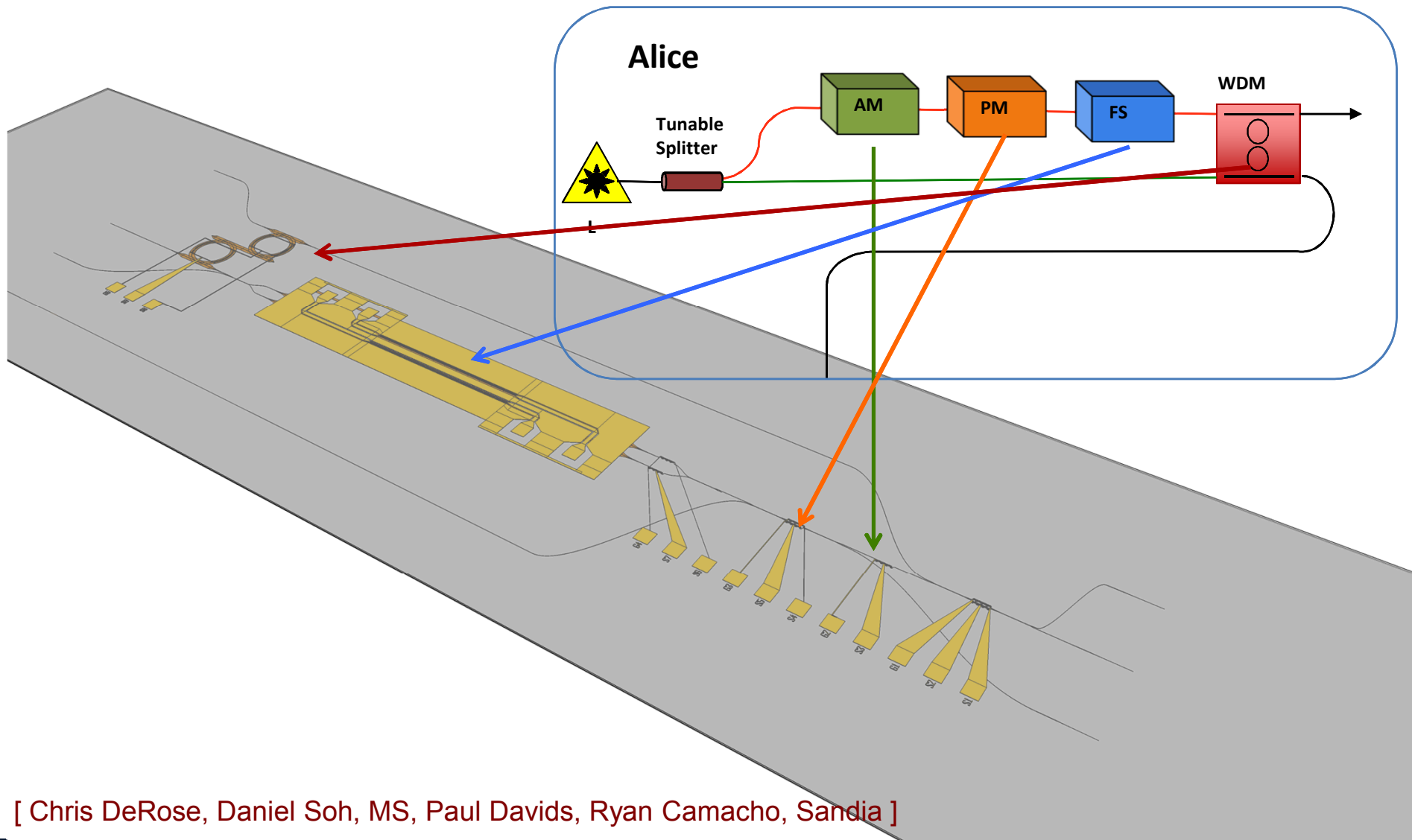
# Example: On-Chip CVQKD System



- System size is less than 4mm<sup>2</sup>
- Implementation using demonstrated devices

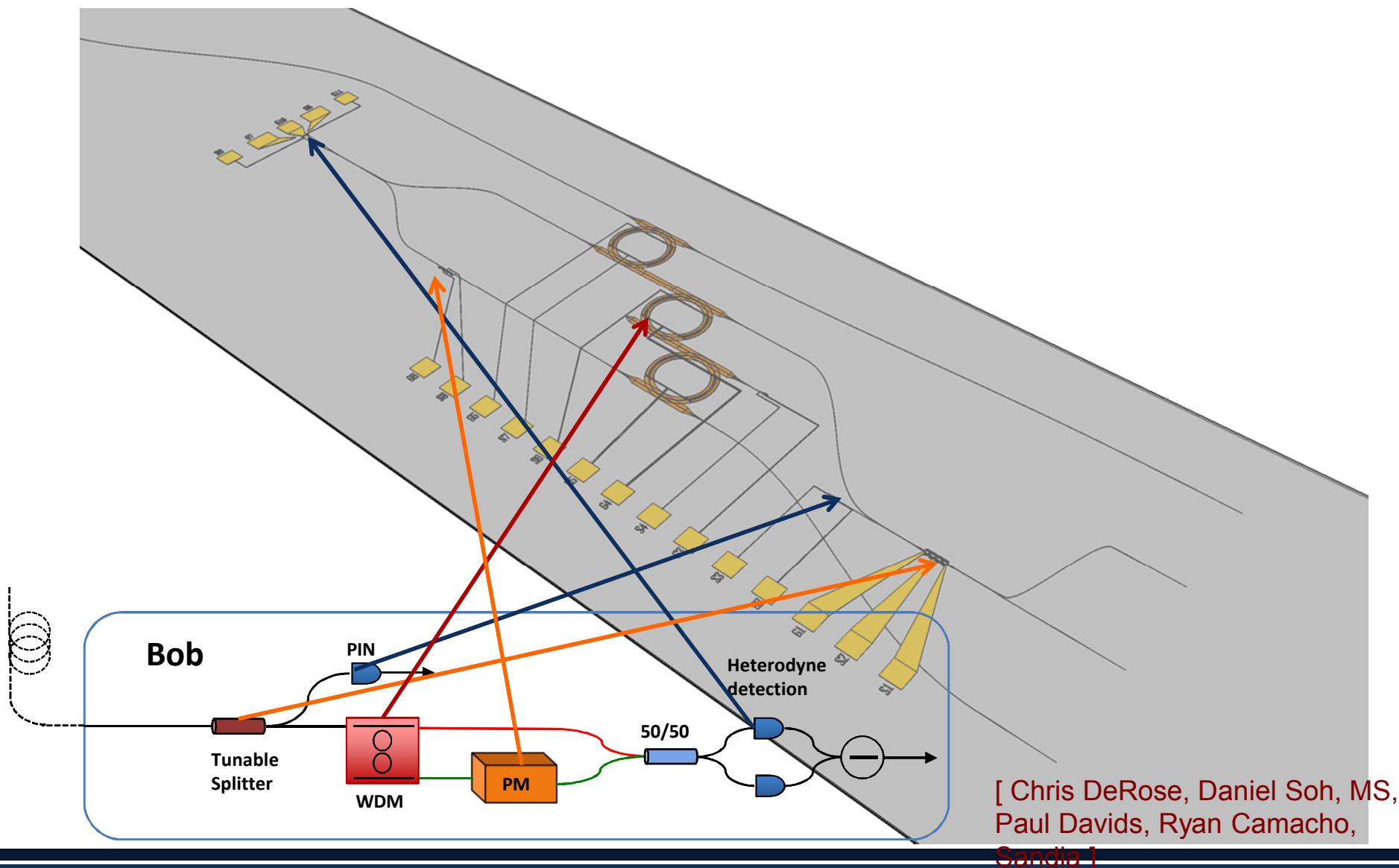
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# On-Chip CV-QKD Transmitter (Alice)



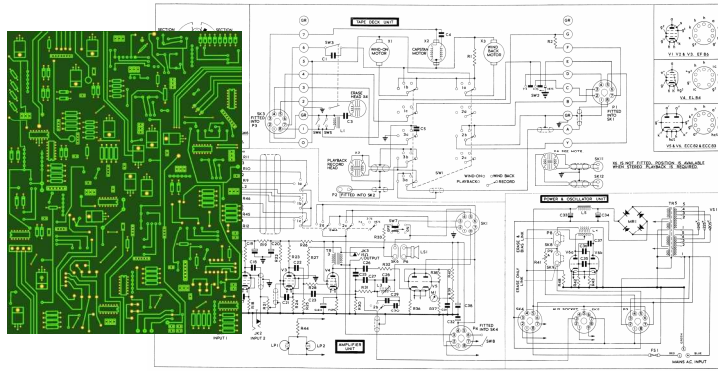
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# On-Chip CV-QKD Receiver (Bob)



# CQFC and integrated optics

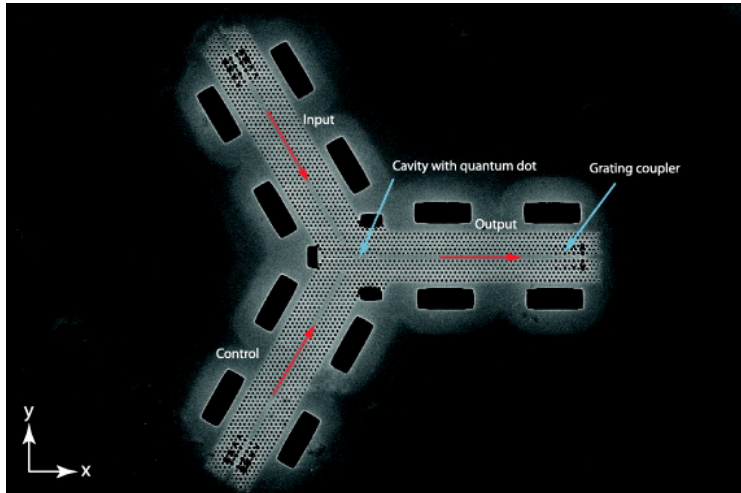
CQFC = lumped element circuit analysis for quantum optics



## Electrical circuits

Basic elements: capacitors, inductors, resistors, op-amps, etc.

Tools: VHDL, SPICE, Electronics Workbench



## Optical circuits in low power or quantum regimes

Basic elements: beam splitters, cavities, waveplates, mirrors, etc.

Tools: QHDL, SLH formalism

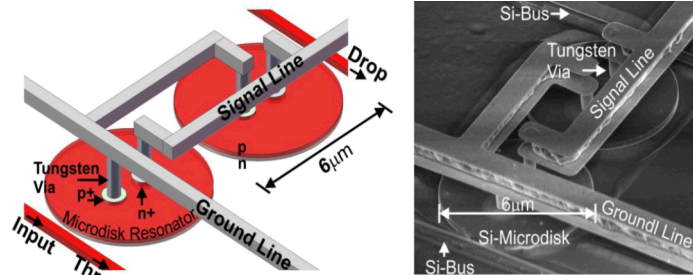
Applications:

- Low power all-optical switching
- Producing engineered states of light
- Optical signal processing

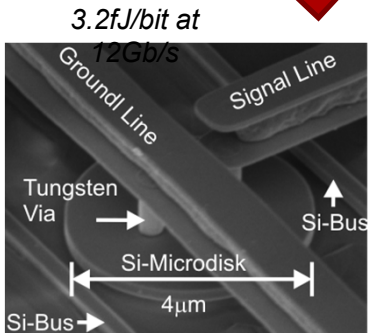
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# Silicon Photonics

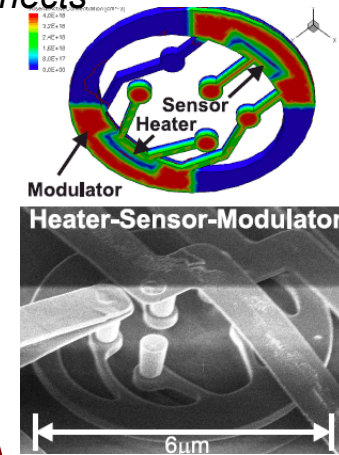
Free-carrier Effect (high-speed)



Fast Reconfigurable Interconnects



Resonant Optical Modulator/Filter

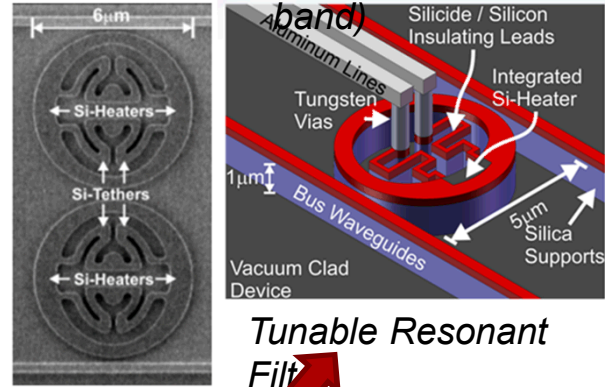


Thermally stabilized modulator

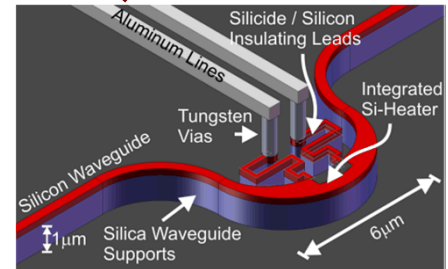
Broadband Mach-Zehnder Filter/Switch < 1V-cm at 10 Gb/s



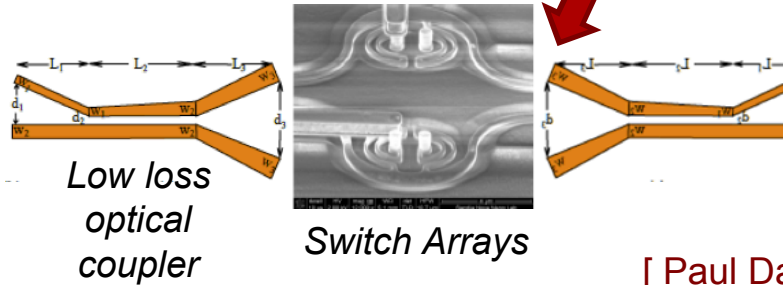
Thermal Optic Effect (wide-band)



Tunable Resonant Filter



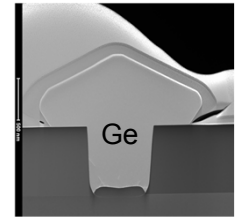
Thermo-optic Phase Shifter



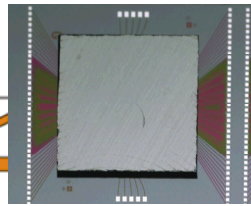
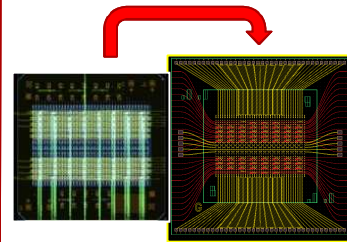
Low loss optical coupler

Switch Arrays

High-speed Ge Detector in



Si Photonics-CMOS Integration

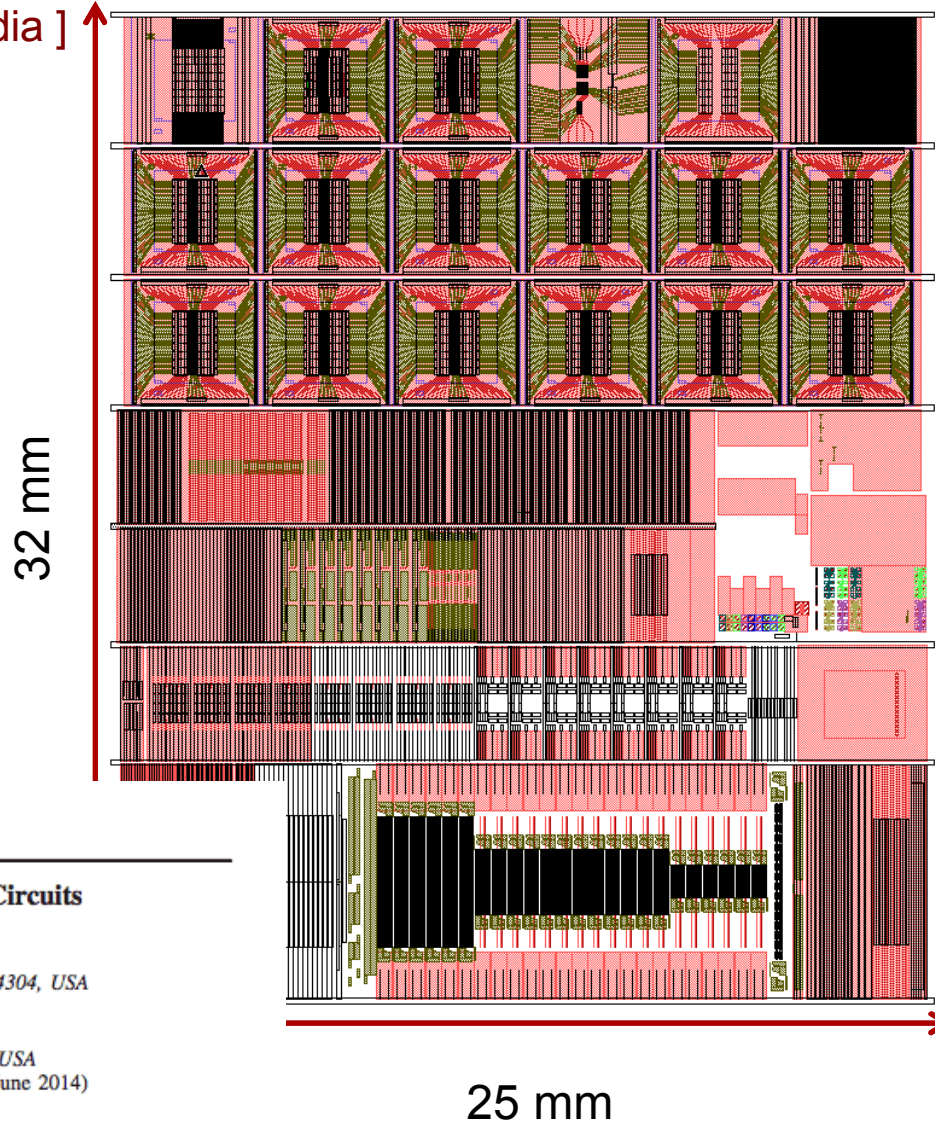


[ Paul Davids, Sandia ]

# Integration enables large scale CQFC

## Optical Transceiver for Exascale

[ Paul Davids, Sandia ]



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### Quantum Noise in Large-Scale Coherent Nonlinear Photonic Circuits

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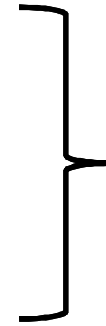
# Guiding light in silicon

- Dispersion
- Linear loss
  - Surface scattering
  - Raman/Brillouin scattering
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- Free carrier generation, heating

At low power/intensity most of these do not matter.  
But field concentration can be significant in certain integrated structures.

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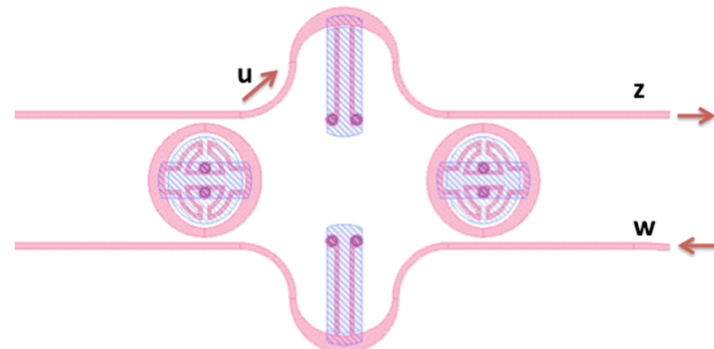
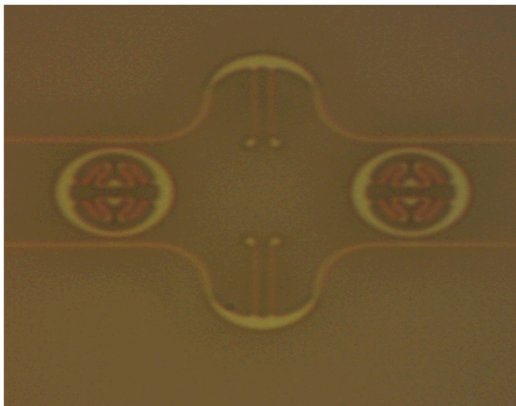
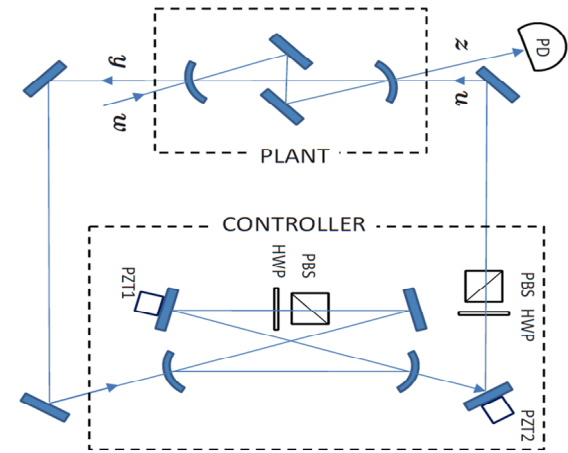
Does not impact SLH, Hudson-Parthasarathy treatment

Possible solutions:

- (1) Nonlinear input-output theory
- (2) Model nonlinearities as sequence of SLH elements

# A simple example

- Explore simple quantum coherent quantum feedback control circuit.
  - H. Mabuchi. Coherent-feedback quantum control with a dynamic compensator. *Physical Review A*, 78(3):032323, 2008.



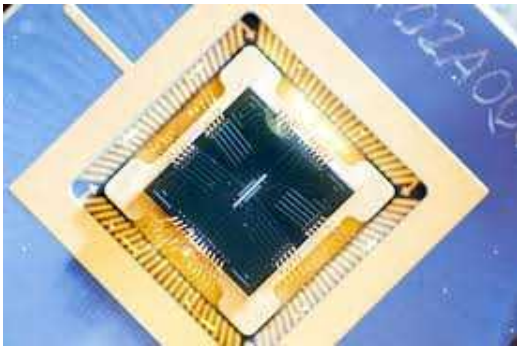
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# Fault detection in quantum systems

Building quantum computing platforms to scale



Sandia on-chip ion trap

Assembling well characterized qubits and applying well characterized one and two-qubit gates.

Fault tolerance theorem should be sufficient to guarantee correct operation of device.

BUT...

# Fault detection in quantum systems

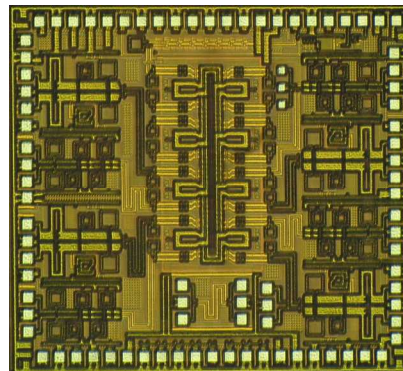
- Things that could violate the usual error models:
  1. Cross talk in control lines
  2. Unintentional effects of control fields
  3. Persistent faults – dead qubits or links due to fabrication imperfection
  4. ...

“Emergent faults” that arise due to connectivity and scale of system

- Tomography would reveal these, but unfeasible at medium-to-large scale
- Randomized benchmarking scales, but does not yield the fine grained information necessary to identify faults
- Especially problematic for near-term implementations where error in each element will be close to threshold

# Fault detection in quantum systems

- **Some ideas**
  - Use information from error correction cycles to diagnose device in “online”
    - 1405.0964
  - Statistical inference based on calibration sequences
  - Adapt techniques from classical fault detection and isolation



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# Robust quantum simulation

- When can we trust a ground state preparation device?

$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_i \hat{h}_i$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{real}} = \sum_i \hat{h}_i + \sum_i \delta \hat{h}_i$$

- The actual ground state  $|\Psi_0\rangle$  is NOT robust in general
  - Quantum phase transitions and ground state fidelity [Zanardi et al.]
  - Anderson orthogonality catastrophe
- But how robust are the observables we might care about?

# Robust quantum simulation

- Given an ideal Hamiltonian and perturbation/error model:

$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_i \hat{h}_i$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{real}} = \sum_i \hat{h}_i + \sum_i \delta \hat{h}_i$$

- What are the robust observables?
  - At  $T=0$  and  $T \neq 0$ .

# Conclusion

- Many interesting problems *en route* to scaling and maturing quantum information technologies
- Many of these problems have similarities to problems faced when scaling classical technologies