

# Quantum Science and Engineering at Sandia National Laboratories: Overview and Opportunities

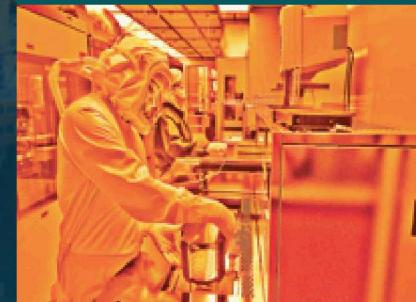


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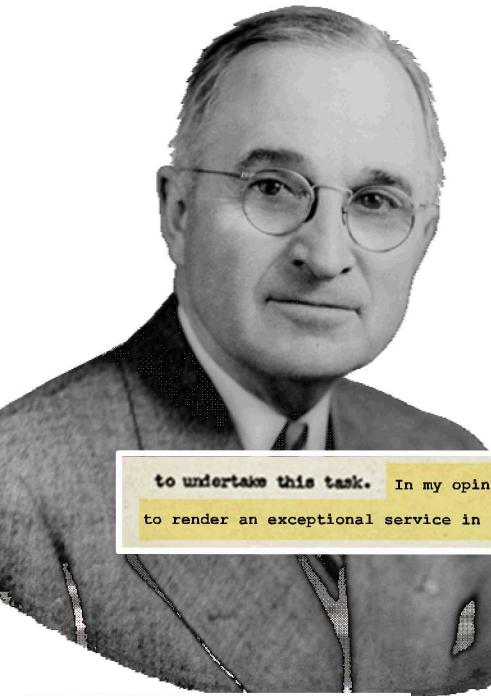


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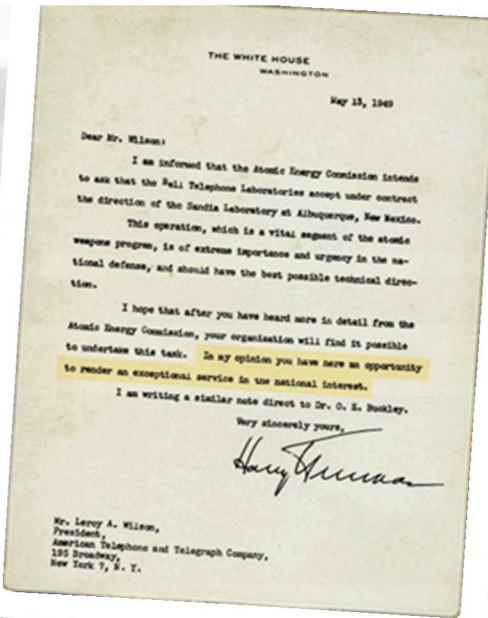
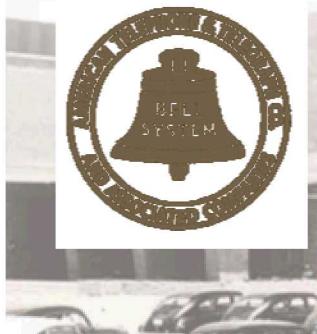
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# Who are Sandia National Laboratories?

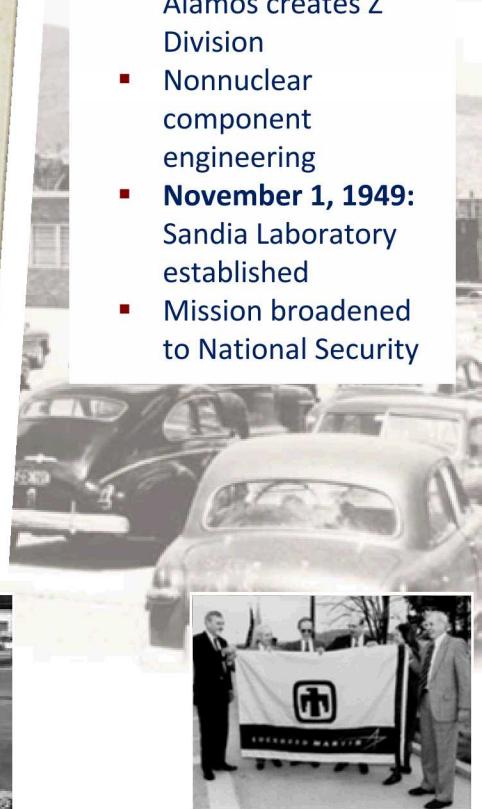


to undertake this task. In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.

*Exceptional service in the national interest*

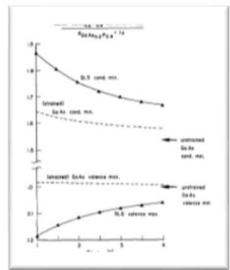


- **July 1945:** Los Alamos creates Z Division
- Nonnuclear component engineering
- **November 1, 1949:** Sandia Laboratory established
- Mission broadened to National Security

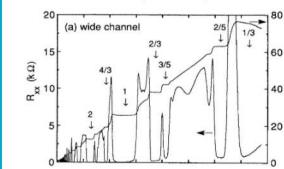


# Quantum R&D at Sandia

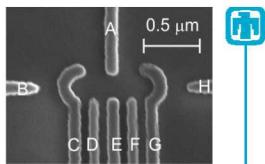
Strained-layer superlattices from lattice mismatched materials, *Journal of Applied Physics* 53, 1586 (1982)



Fractional quantum Hall effect, J.A. Simmons, et al., *Phys Rev B* 44 (1991).



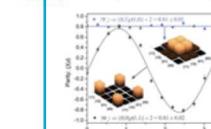
Functional single electron transistor, J.A. Simmons, T. Eiles (1997/98)



DARPA IMPACT: Ion microwave atomic clock (2009-14)



AQUARIUS GC LDRD: Adiabatic QC (2011-13)



SECANT GC LDRD: QKD (2016-18)

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

Simulating physics with computers, R.P. Feynman, *Int J Theo Phys* 21 (1982)

$$|0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)(|000\rangle + |111\rangle), \\ |1\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)(|000\rangle - |111\rangle)(|000\rangle - |111\rangle).$$

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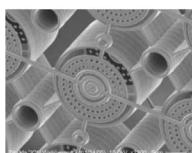
Simulating Physics with Computers

Richard P. Feynman

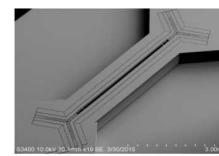
Quantum error correction, P.W. Shor, *Phys Rev A* 52 (1995)

LDRD: "Quantum Computing Accelerator I/O," C.P. Tigges, N. Modine (2003)

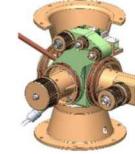
1<sup>st</sup> QIS presentation by Sandia: Microfabricated ion traps for QC architectures, M. Blain, et al. (2004)



1<sup>st</sup> external QIS funding at Sandia: Trap foundry, M. Blain, et al. (2005); LDRD: Traps for QC & Qsim (2005)



IARPA LOGIQ: Microfabricated traps for a logical qubit (2016-2021)



DARPA TICTOC: Ion optical clock (2019-21)

IBM Quantum Experience: 1<sup>st</sup> public access to QC (2016)

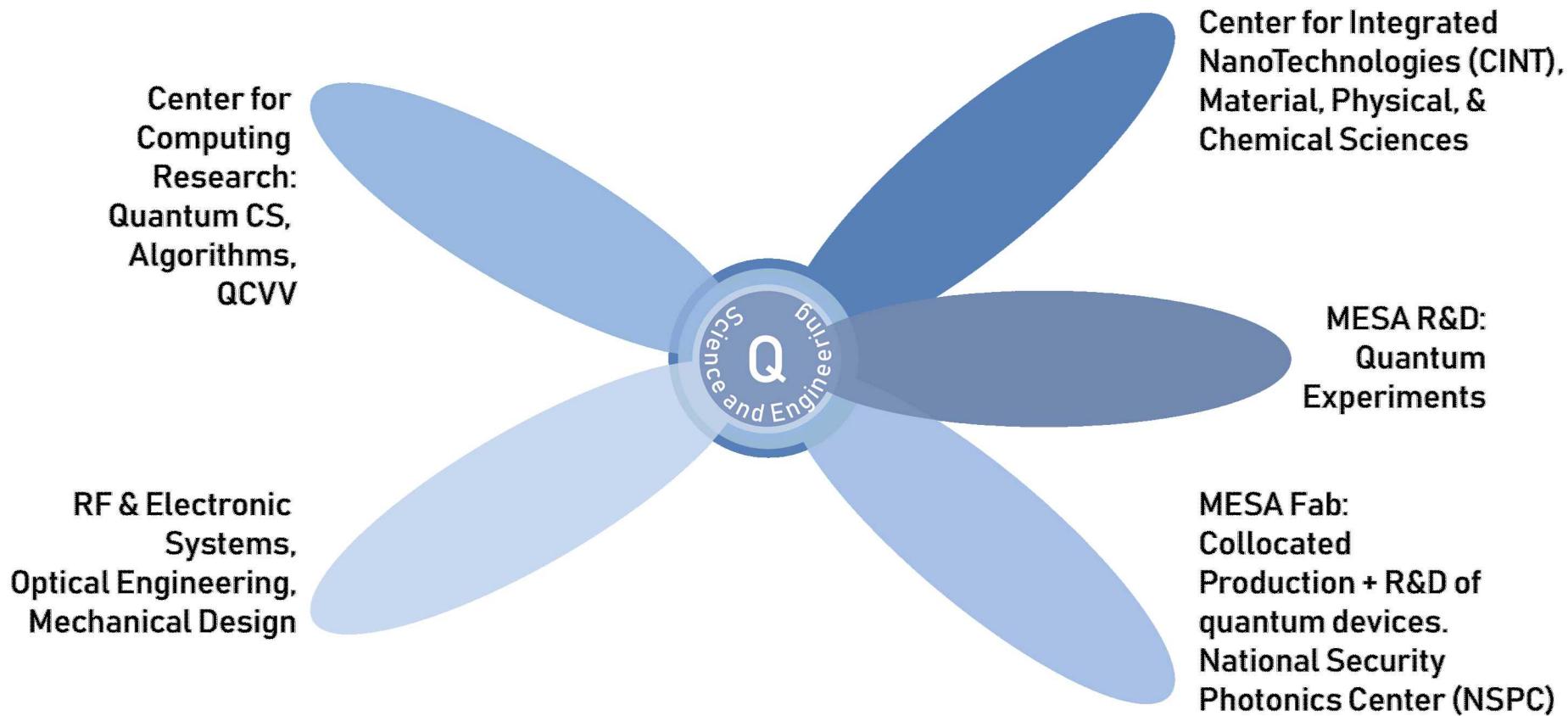
DOE/SC Quantum Science Open User Testbed (QSCOUT) (2018-22)



# Sandia Quantum Information Science Organization Chart

## QIS work at Sandia draws on skills and resources from across the Labs

- QIS is an exciting opportunity for Sandia's engineers and scientists
- QIS benefits from decades of collective experience in all relevant domains at Sandia
- Examples of results: QSCOUT, **SIGMA** (coming up later in talk)



# Center for Integrated NanoTechnologies (CINT)

## DOE funded nano-science user center

- **Free** access to staff expertise and equipment for open science
- Two proposal calls per year - short-term projects proposals accepted continuously

### CINT Research Areas

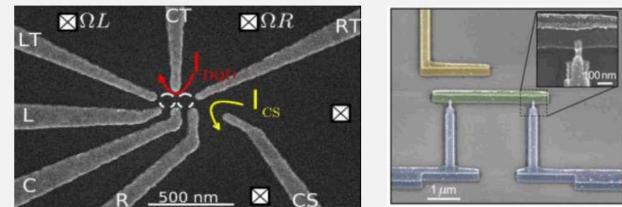
#### In-situ characterization & nanomechanics

- Dynamic response of materials and nanosystems to mechanical, electrical, or other stimuli.

#### Quantum material systems details:

##### Quantum information science

- Quantum transport & qubits
- Quantum sensing
- Focused ion implantation



#### Nanophotonics & optical nanomaterials

- Synthesis, excitation, and energy transformations of optically active nanomaterials and electromagnetic phenomena

#### Soft, biological & composite nanomaterials

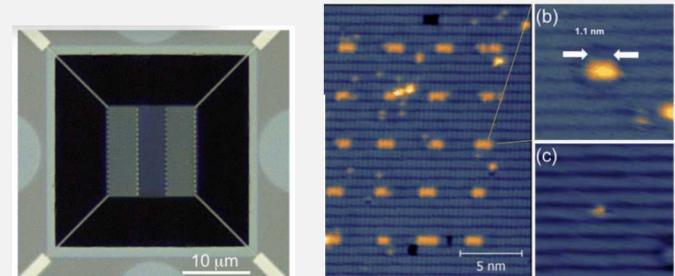
- Synthesis, assembly, and characterization of soft, biomolecular, and composite nanomaterials that display emergent functionality.

#### Quantum material systems

- Understanding and controlling quantum effects of nanoscale materials and their integration into systems spanning multiple length scales.

#### Forefront lithography

- Atomic-precision lithography
- Nanoscale devices



#### Materials synthesis

- Ultra-high mobility MBE
- Complex oxide PLD
- CVD nanowire growth

#### Correlated systems

- Mean-field modeling for quantum materials
- Many-body approaches

# QSCOUT: An open quantum testbed at Sandia

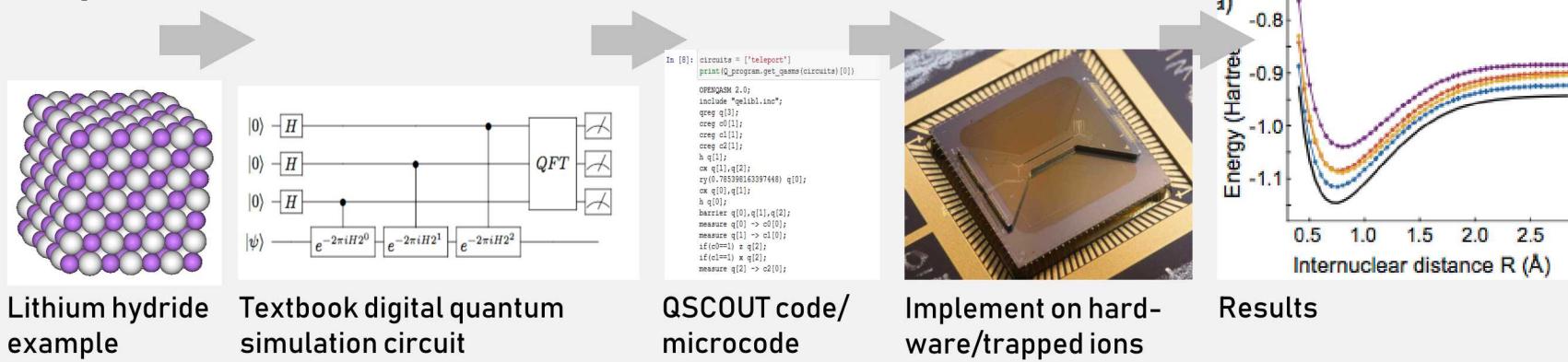
DOE/SC Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) **QSCOUT** (PI: P. Maunz)

- Quantum processor with **5-15 trapped-ion qubits**
- Goal: **Available to the DOE/SC computing community** in 2020
  - Access to quantum processor with high-fidelity operations
  - Low-level access to gate & quantum circuit implementations
  - Full information on implementation of quantum operations
  - Ability to run any testing circuits

## Design approach

- Build on established qubits ( $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$ )
- Use Sandia microfabricated traps
- Use established qubit manipulation tools (e.g. pulsed laser as demonstrated at UMD, Duke, Sandia)

## Example QSCOUT workflow:



## QSCOUT's main interdisciplinary tasks

Qubit hardware

Gate modeling

QCVV

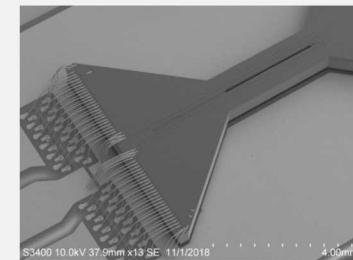
Hardware controllers

Software stack

Exemplar apps

## QSCOUT collaborations

- Duke University (K. Brown)
- Tufts University (P. Love)
- LBNL
- Open to others...

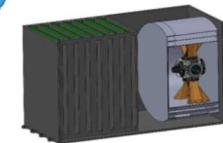


# SIGMA Grand Challenge LDRD



## Quantum Sensing GC LDRD **SIGMA** (PI: G. Biedermann)

- Miniaturized atom interferometer to enable **sub-100 ng sensing** performance in **1000× smaller package**
- Atom interferometers operate spectacularly well in laboratory environments
- Fielding is challenging in a compact form and in all but the most benign environments
- Result of: system reliability issues, system size, and dynamic range

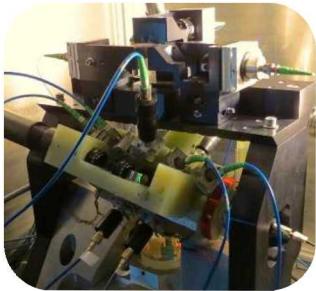
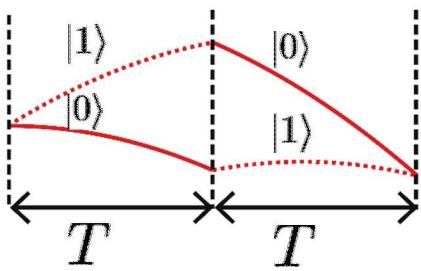


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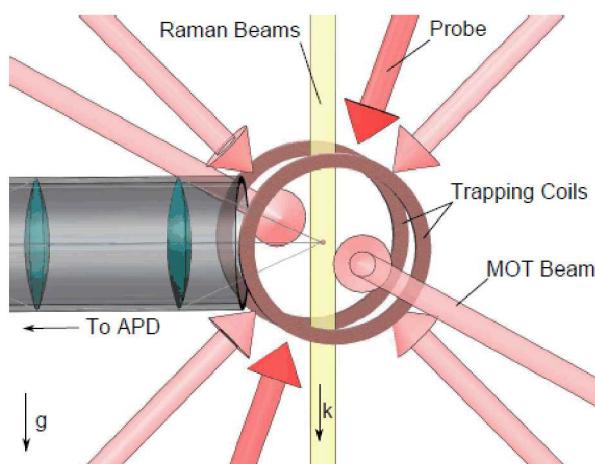
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## What will it take?

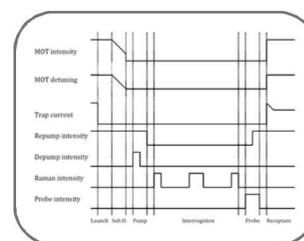
### Atom interferometer physics



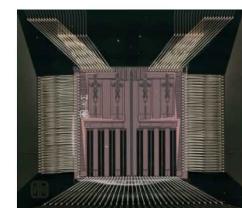
### UHV system



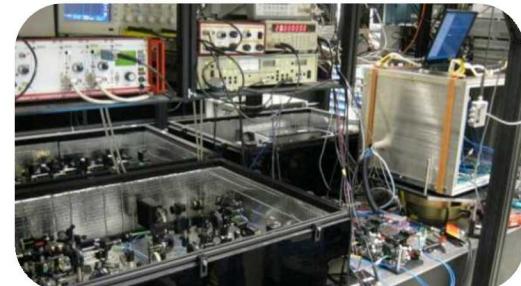
Custom optomechanics



### Control electronics



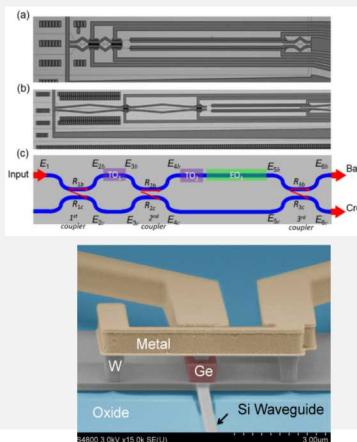
### Photonics



### Agile & stable laser system

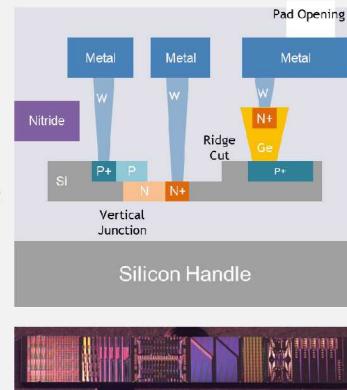
# Integrated photonics for quantum communications

Sandia's silicon, III-V, alumina, lithium niobate heterogeneously integrated photonic platforms: compact microsystems for telecom and visible wavelengths



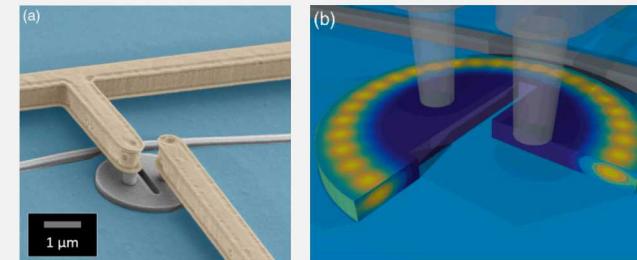
# Silicon photonics integrated circuits

- Leverage CMOS (200 mm SOI)
- 22 passive devices, 20 active devices, design guide and library
- **MPW runs available**, up to passive+active+Ge devices



## Cryogenic optical interconnects

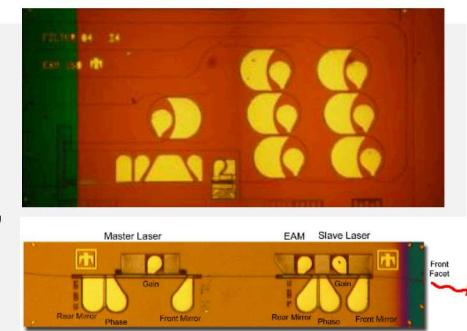
## High-speed low-power resonant modulator operating at cryogenic temperatures ( $\leq 4$ K)



*Optica* 4,  
374-382 (2017)

## III-V photonic integrated circuits (PICs)

- InP, GaAs, GaN
- Elements: Waveguides  
lasers, amplifiers,  
modulators, detectors,  
phase shifters
- **MPW runs available**



## More information on photonics MPW opportunities:

- National Security Photonics Center: [sandia.gov/mesa/nspc](http://sandia.gov/mesa/nspc)
- Contact [photronics@sandia.gov](mailto:photronics@sandia.gov)



# National Quantum Initiative (NQI)

## Sandia Center for Integrated Quantum Sciences

The critical bottleneck to achieving quantum goals is **integration**. CIQS attacks this obstacle by addressing an array of **critical S&T challenges**:

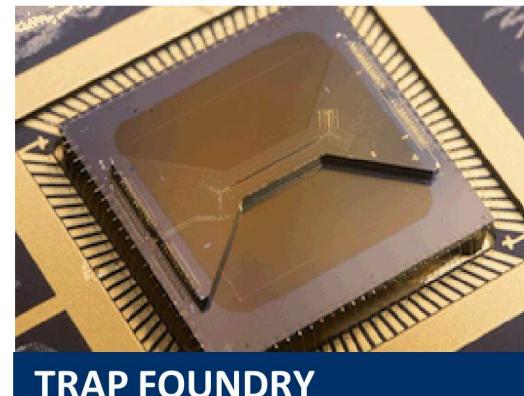
- How do we simultaneously increase qubit capacity and fidelity?
- Can we integrate multiple qubit technologies to reap the benefits of hybrid quantum devices?
- How do we create, distribute, and maintain quantum resources?
- Opportunities with integrated quantum computing & sensing?

### 5 Year Vision: Integrating Ions and Photons for Science Impact

- Build on the high fidelity and full connectivity available with trapped ions
- Integrate chip-based photonic elements and electronics with existing physics devices
- Develop algorithms and protocols to deal with connectivity limitations
- Extend to other AMO systems such as quantum sensing with trapped atoms
- ***Driven-by and impacting key science applications***

Beyond 5 years:

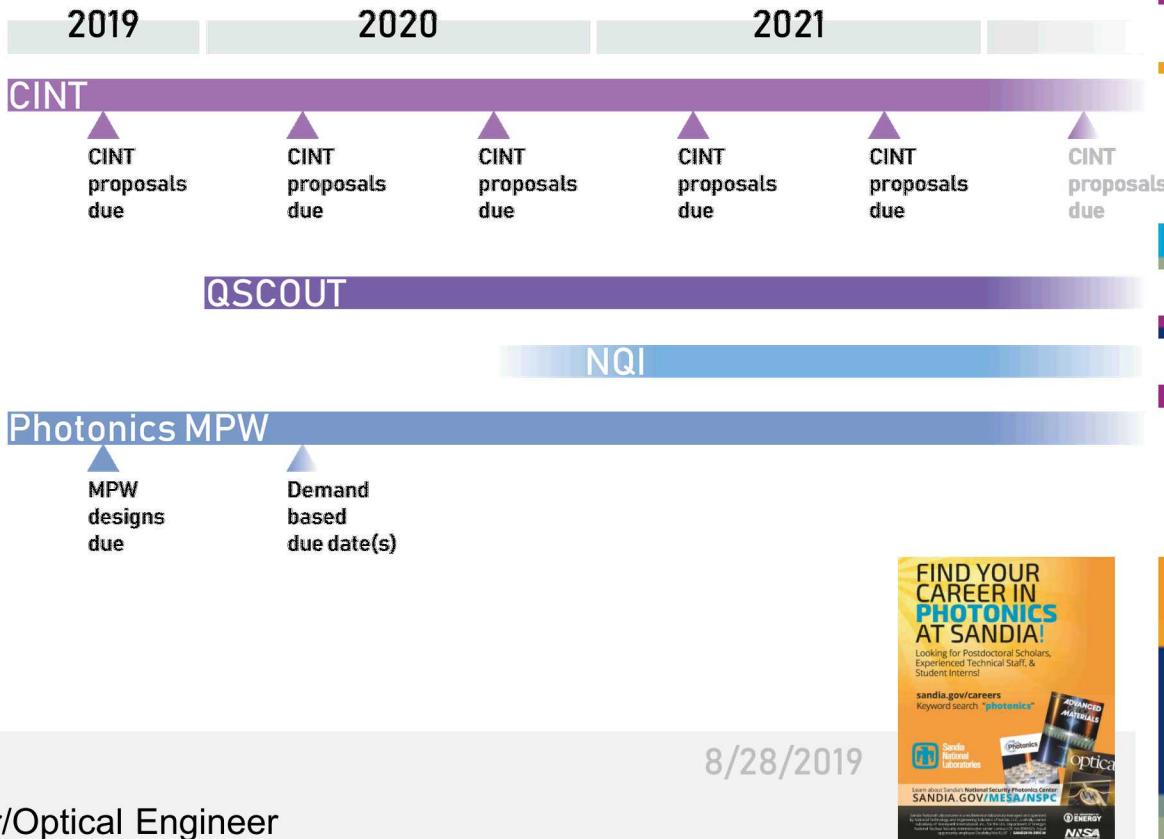
- Extend capabilities to heterogeneously integrate multiple complementary quantum technologies
- Develop and demonstrate an agile platform for chiplets representing different computing, communications, and sensing capabilities
- Address national needs with more capable quantum devices



# How to work and partner with Sandia

Numerous technical **partnerships** in place today:

- Academic institutions, industry, & Government
- **CINT**: semi-annual proposals cadence: [cint.lanl.gov](http://cint.lanl.gov)
- **QSCOUT**: coming in 2020
- **NQI**: in progress
- Contact [quantum@sandia.gov](mailto:quantum@sandia.gov)
- **National Security Photonics Center**: [sandia.gov/mesa/nspc](http://sandia.gov/mesa/nspc)
- Contact [photonics@sandia.gov](mailto:photonics@sandia.gov)



## Recruiting (IDs):

- 668518 – Integrated Photonic Researcher/Optical Engineer
- 667985 – Post-doc/Atomic Physics
- 668468 – R&D Laboratory Support Technologist
- ...and 10 more related post-doc postings

- contact [quantumjobs@sandia.gov](mailto:quantumjobs@sandia.gov)
- check out [sandia.gov/careers](http://sandia.gov/careers), "photonics"



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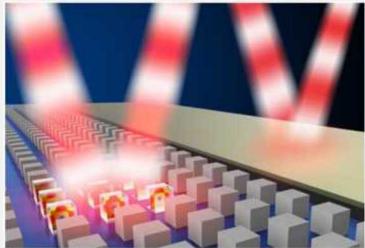
Questions?

# DOE/Office of Science (SC) Project (CINT & MESA)

Light-matter interaction phenomena using subwavelength engineering of material properties (PI: Igal Brener, Sr. Scientist, MESA; DOE/SC BES)

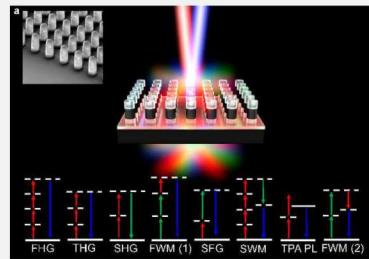
**Approach:** Combining *nanostructures* and *metamaterials* with *state-of-the-art compound semiconductors* to achieve new behaviors

## Optical Magnetic Mirror

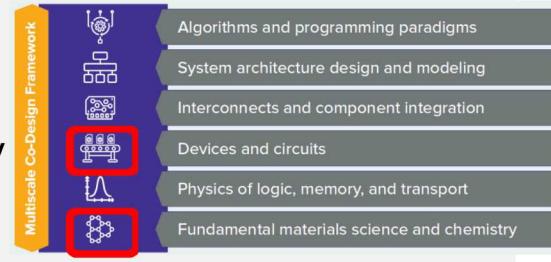


Enhances light field interactions at the mirror surface for absorbers & emitters

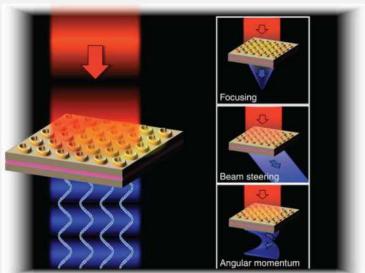
## Optical Nonlinear Mixer



Eleven new frequencies (colors) simultaneously generated

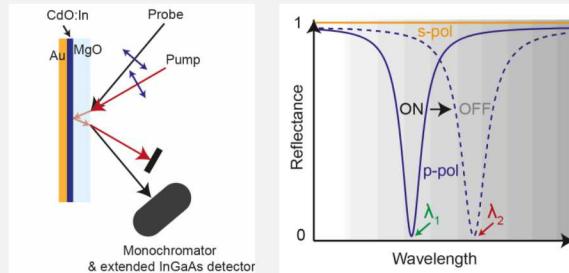


## Phased Array Nonlinear Source



Directional Control of Nonlinear ( $2\omega$ ) beams

## Terahertz-Speed Optical Switch Using Epsilon-Near-Zero Materials



Near-complete beam switching with femtosecond speed

Enabling III-V growth, sample processing, and subject matter expertise from MESA

# Sandia has a long history in Microelectronics and Microsystems

1960s

Microelectronics and Microsystems

Present

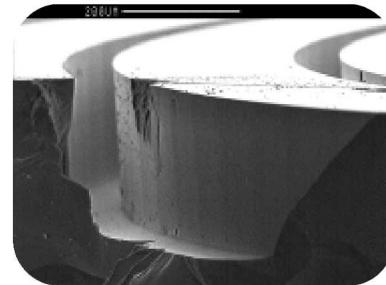
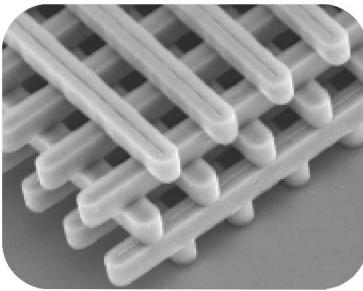
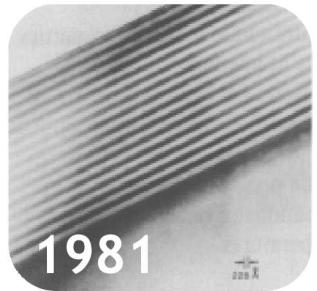
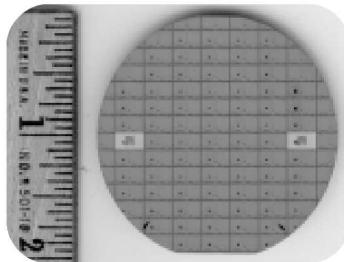
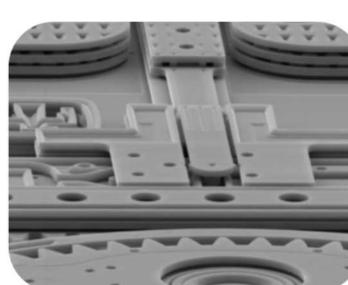
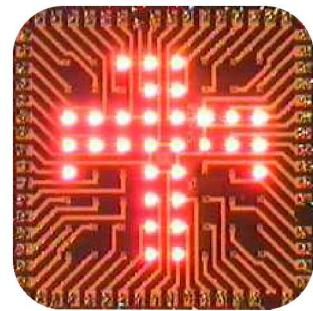
Laminar Flow  
Clean Room

Design/Build  
Galileo ICs

High Efficiency  
VCSEL

5-Level Surface  
Micromachining

Microsystems-Enabled  
Photovoltaics



Radiation-Hardened  
CMOS

Strained-layer  
Superlattices

Photonic  
Lattice

MicroChemLab

Quantum  
Computing

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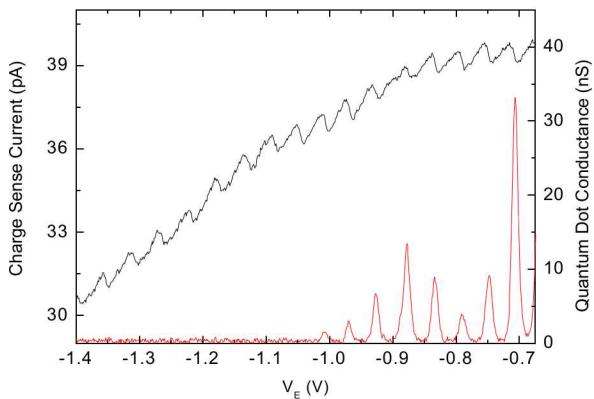
Quantum Engineering

Present



## Project accomplishments:

- **Fabrication and measurement techniques for silicon quantum bit (qubit) using double quantum dots**
- **End-to-end design (qubits to quantum circuit) for error corrected logical qubit with Si double quantum dot hardware**
- **Modeling tools to guide the fabrication, measurement, and assessment of Si qubit and circuits.**



*World's first  
single  
electron  
charge  
sensing in Si  
MOS system*

