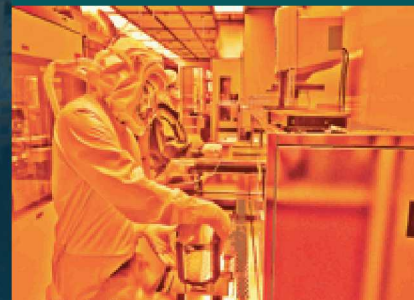


# Quantum Science and Engineering at Sandia National Laboratories: Overview and Opportunities



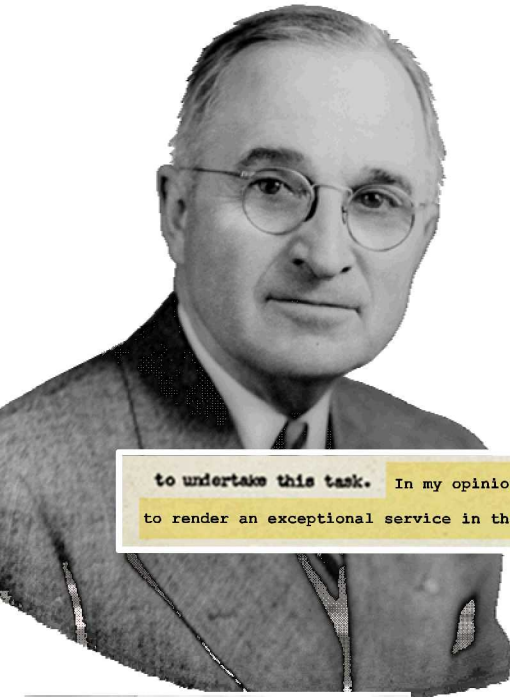
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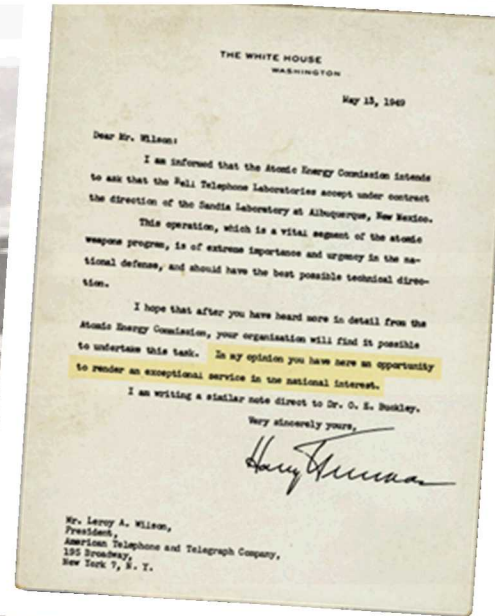
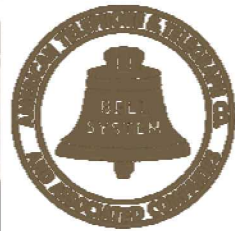
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# Who are Sandia National Laboratories?

*Exceptional service in the national interest*

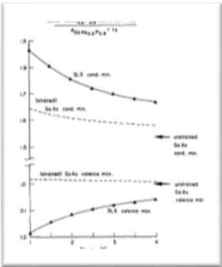


to undertake this task. In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.

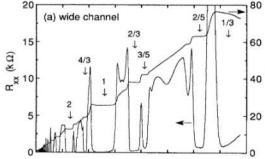


- **July 1945:** Los Alamos creates Z Division
- Nonnuclear component engineering
- **November 1, 1949:** Sandia Laboratory established
- Mission broadened to National Security

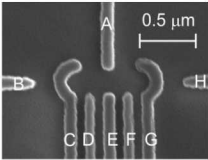




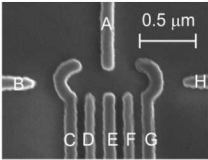
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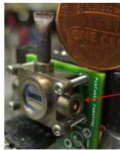
Functional single electron transistor, J.A. Simmons, T. Eiles (1997/98)




QIST Grand Challenge LDRD: Si quantum bits & logical qubits (2008-10)



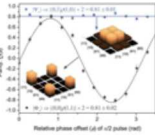
16th Electronic Properties of 2D Electronic Systems in Albuquerque (2005)




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




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



AQUARIUS GC LDRD: Adiabatic QC (2011-13)



SECANT GC LDRD: QKD (2016-18)




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

1980s


1990s

2000s


2010s




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




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




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)




3 LDRD: Ion qubits; Si qubits; QC architecture (2007)




IARPA MQCO: Microfabricated surface traps for multiple qubits (2010-2015)



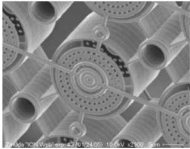
IARPA LOGIQ: Microfabricated traps for a logical qubit (2016-2021)



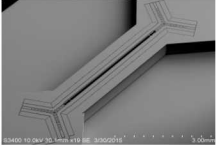
SIGMA GC LDRD: AI for inertial guidance (2018-20)



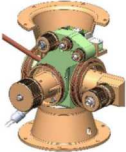
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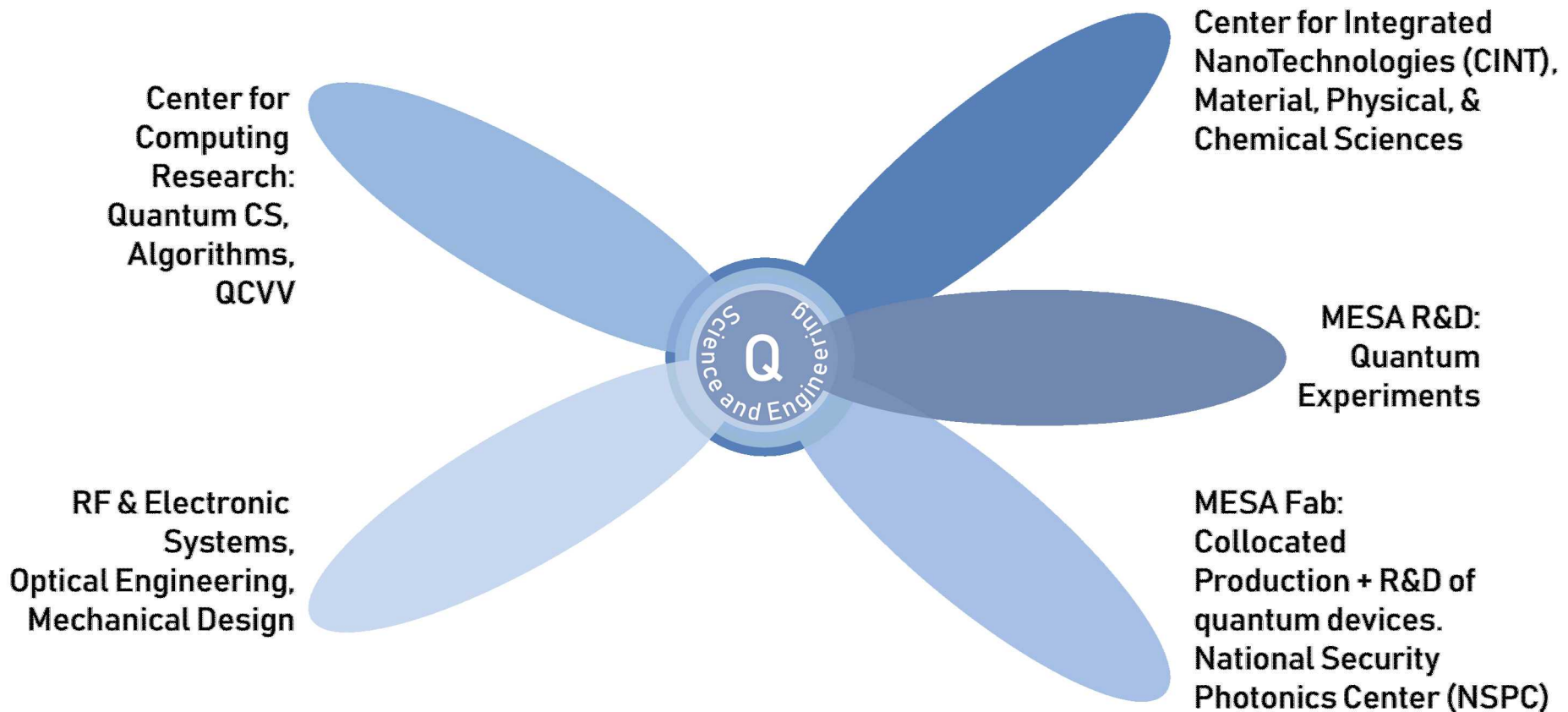
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# Sandia Quantum Information Science Organization Chart

## 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)



### 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

### In-situ characterization & nanomechanics

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

### 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.

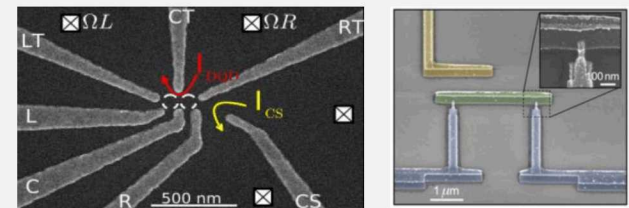
### Quantum material systems

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

### Quantum material systems details:

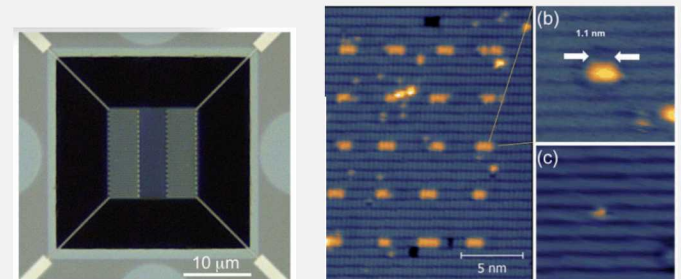
#### Quantum information science

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



#### 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

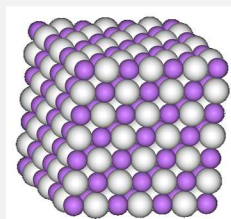
DOE/SC Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) **QSCOUT** (PI: P. Maunz)

- 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

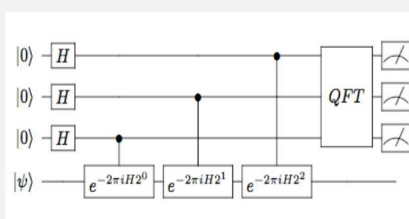
## Design approach

- 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:



Lithium hydride example

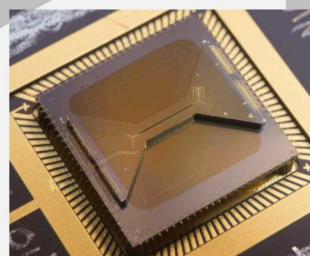


Textbook digital quantum simulation circuit

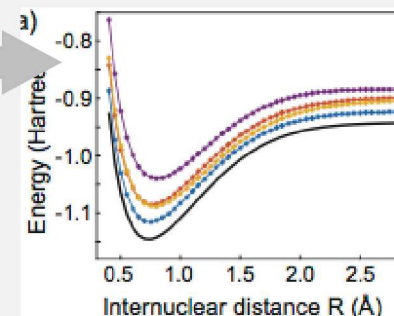
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In [8]: circuits = ['teleport']
        print(Q_program.get_name(circuits[0])

QPROGRAM 2.0;
include "qelib1.inc";
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creg c[3];
creg c[1];
creg c[2];
h q[1];
cx q[1],q[2];
ry(0.785398163397448) q[0];
cx q[0],q[1];
h q[0];
barrier q[0],q[1],q[2];
measure q[0] -> c[0];
measure q[1] -> c[1];
if(c[0]==1) x q[2];
if(c[0]==1) x q[2];
measure q[2] -> c[2];
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QSCOUT code/microcode



Implement on hardware/trapped ions



Results

## QSCOUT's main interdisciplinary tasks

Qubit hardware

Gate modeling

QCVV

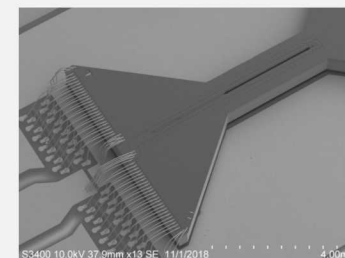
Hardware controllers

Software stack

Exemplar apps

## QSCOUT collaborations

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





# SIGMA Grand Challenge LDRD

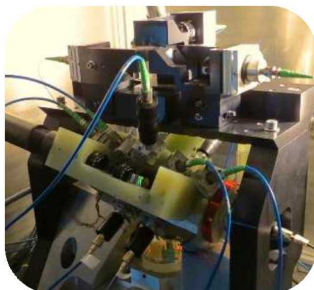
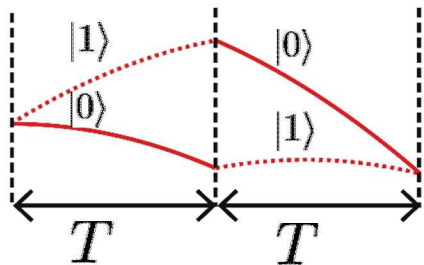
## Quantum Sensing GC LDRD **SIGMA** (PI: G. Biedermann)

- Miniaturized atom interferometer to enable **sub-100 ng sensing** performance in **1000× smaller package**

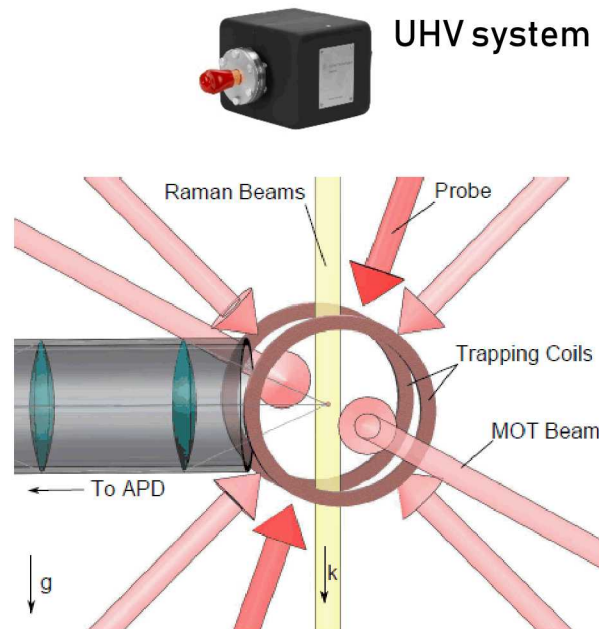
- Atom interferometers operate spectacularly well in laboratory environments
- Fielding is challenging in a compact form and in all but the most benign environments
- Result of: system reliability issues, system size, and dynamic range

### What will it take?

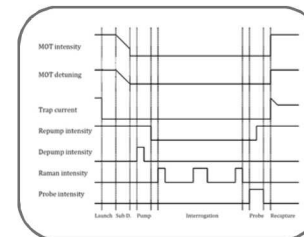
#### Atom interferometer physics



Custom optomechanics

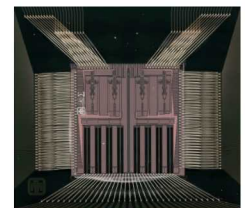


UHV system



Control electronics

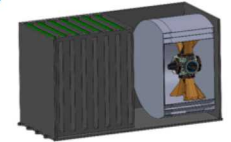
Photonics



Agile & stable laser system



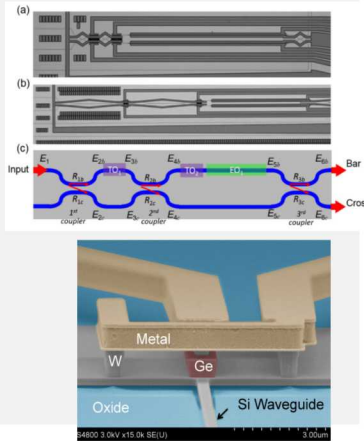
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# QIS and the Sandia National Security Photonics Center

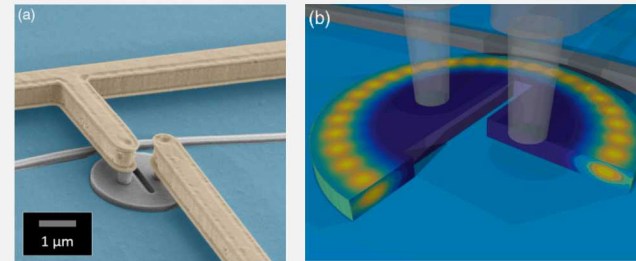
## Integrated photonics for quantum communications

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



## Cryogenic optical interconnects

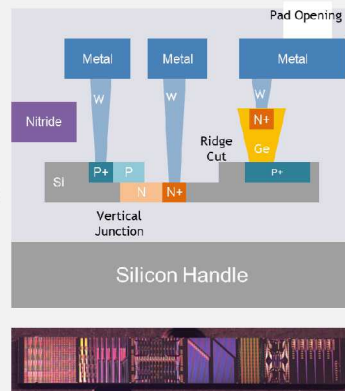
High-speed low-power resonant modulator operating at cryogenic temperatures ( $\leq 4$  K)



*Optica* 4,  
374-382 (2017)

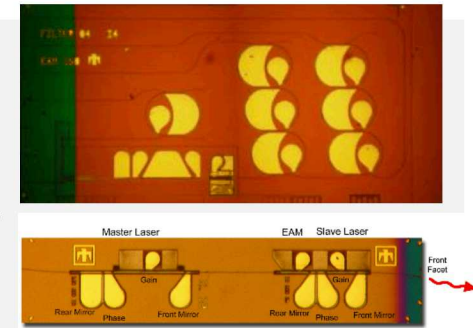
## Silicon photonics integrated circuits

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



## 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 [photonics@sandia.gov](mailto:photonics@sandia.gov)

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# 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**:

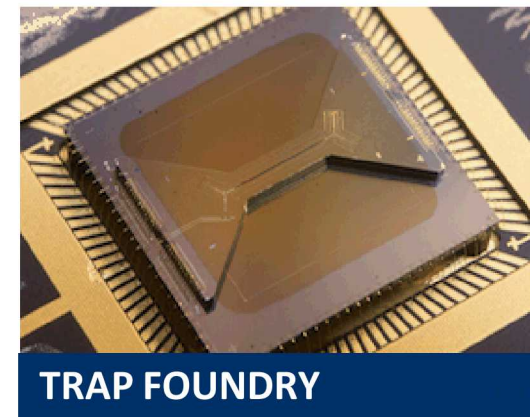
- How do we simultaneously increase qubit capacity and fidelity?
- Can we integrate multiple qubit technologies to reap the benefits of hybrid quantum devices?
- How do we create, distribute, and maintain quantum resources?
- Opportunities with integrated quantum computing & sensing?

### 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:*

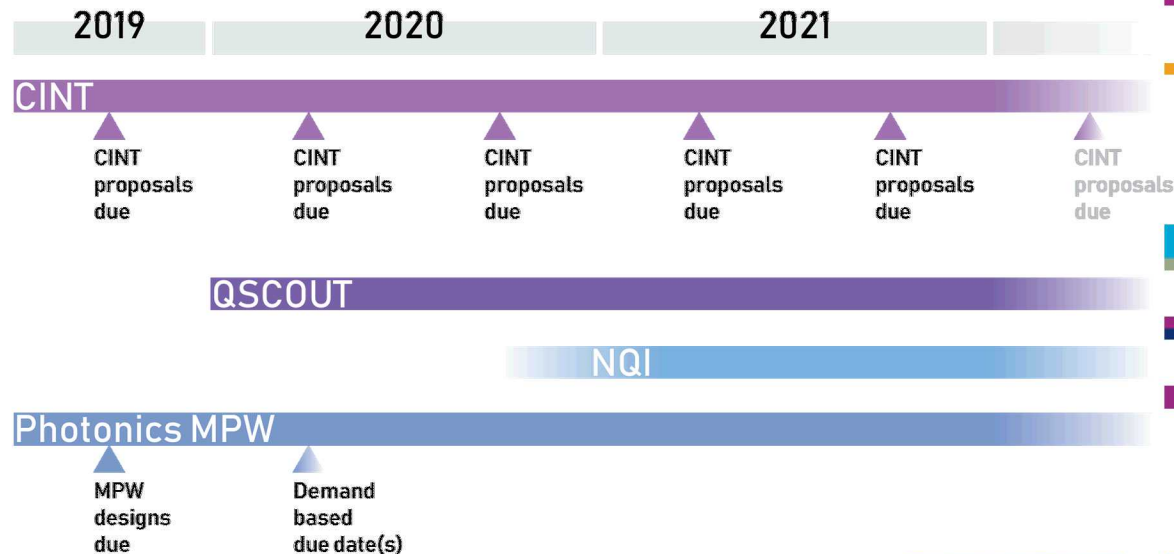
- Extend capabilities to heterogeneously integrate multiple complementary quantum technologies
- Develop and demonstrate an agile platform for chiplets representing different computing, communications, and sensing capabilities
- Address national needs with more capable quantum devices



# 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)
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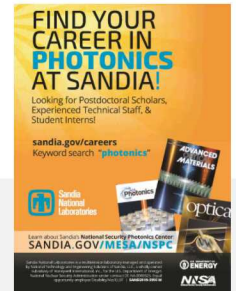


## Recruiting (IDs):

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

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



Questions?

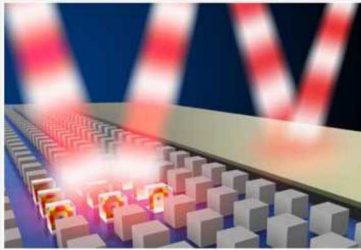


# DOE/Office of Science (SC) Project (CINT & MESA)

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

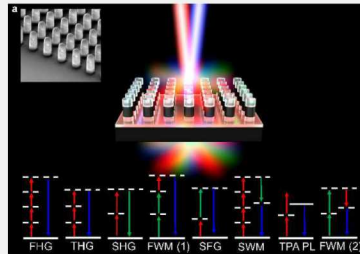
*Approach: Combining nanostructures and metamaterials with state-of-the-art compound semiconductors to achieve new behaviors*

## Optical Magnetic Mirror

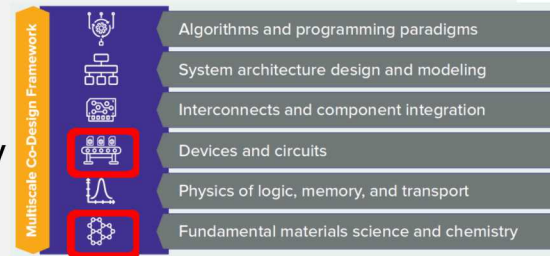


Enhances light field interactions at the mirror surface for absorbers & emitters

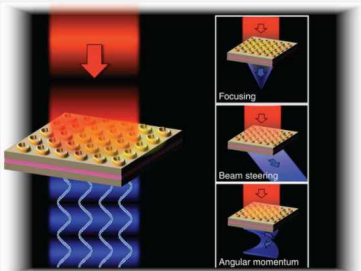
## Optical Nonlinear Mixer



Eleven new frequencies (colors) simultaneously generated

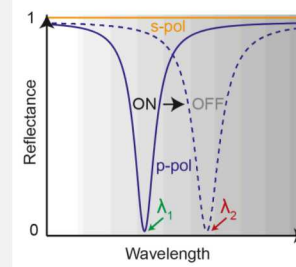
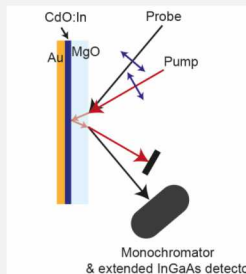


## Phased Array Nonlinear Source



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

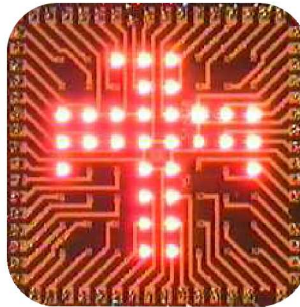
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Clean Room



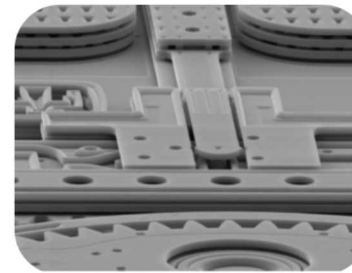
Design/Build  
Galileo ICs



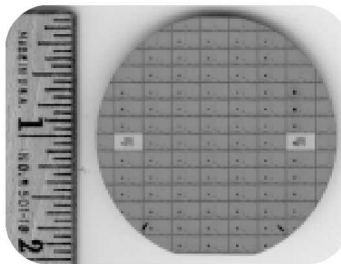
High Efficiency  
VCSEL



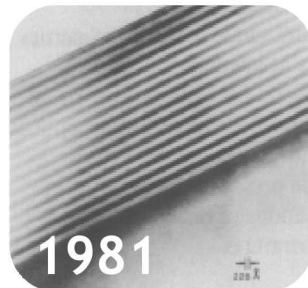
5-Level Surface  
Micromachining



Microsystems-Enabled  
Photovoltaics

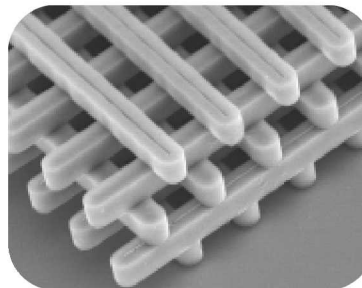


Radiation-Hardened  
CMOS

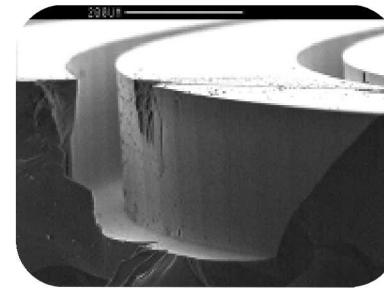


1981

Strained-layer  
Superlattices



Photonic  
Lattice



MicroChemLab



Si Double  
Quantum Dot

Quantum  
Computing

1980s

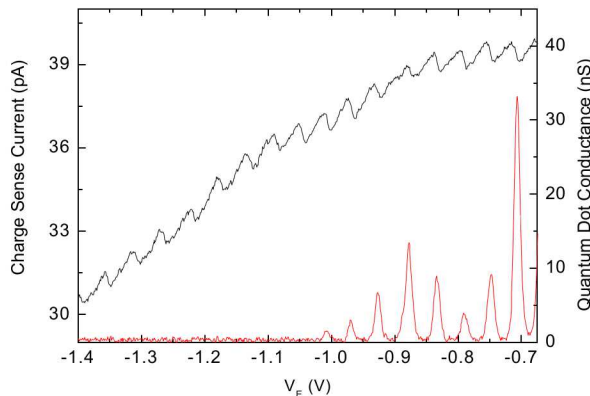
Quantum Engineering

Present



## Project accomplishments:

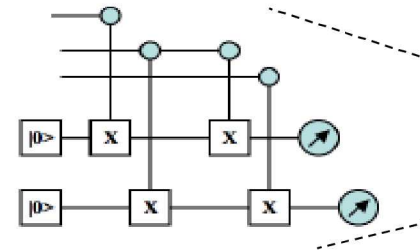
- **Fabrication and measurement techniques for silicon quantum bit (qubit) using double quantum dots**
- **End-to-end design (qubits to quantum circuit) for error corrected logical qubit** with Si double quantum dot hardware
- **Modeling tools to guide the fabrication, measurement, and assessment of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



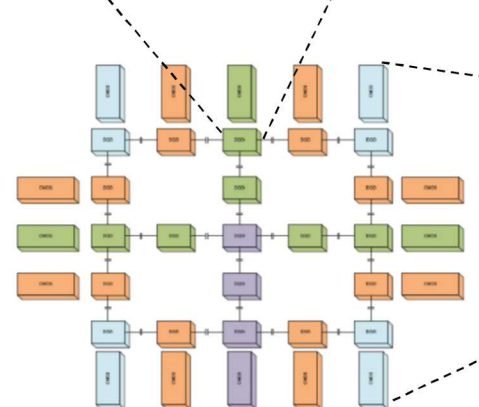
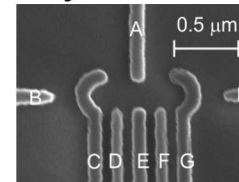
*World's first single electron charge sensing in Si MOS system*



*Quantum Circuit*



*Physical Qubit*



*Logical Qubit*

*Classical Interface*

