

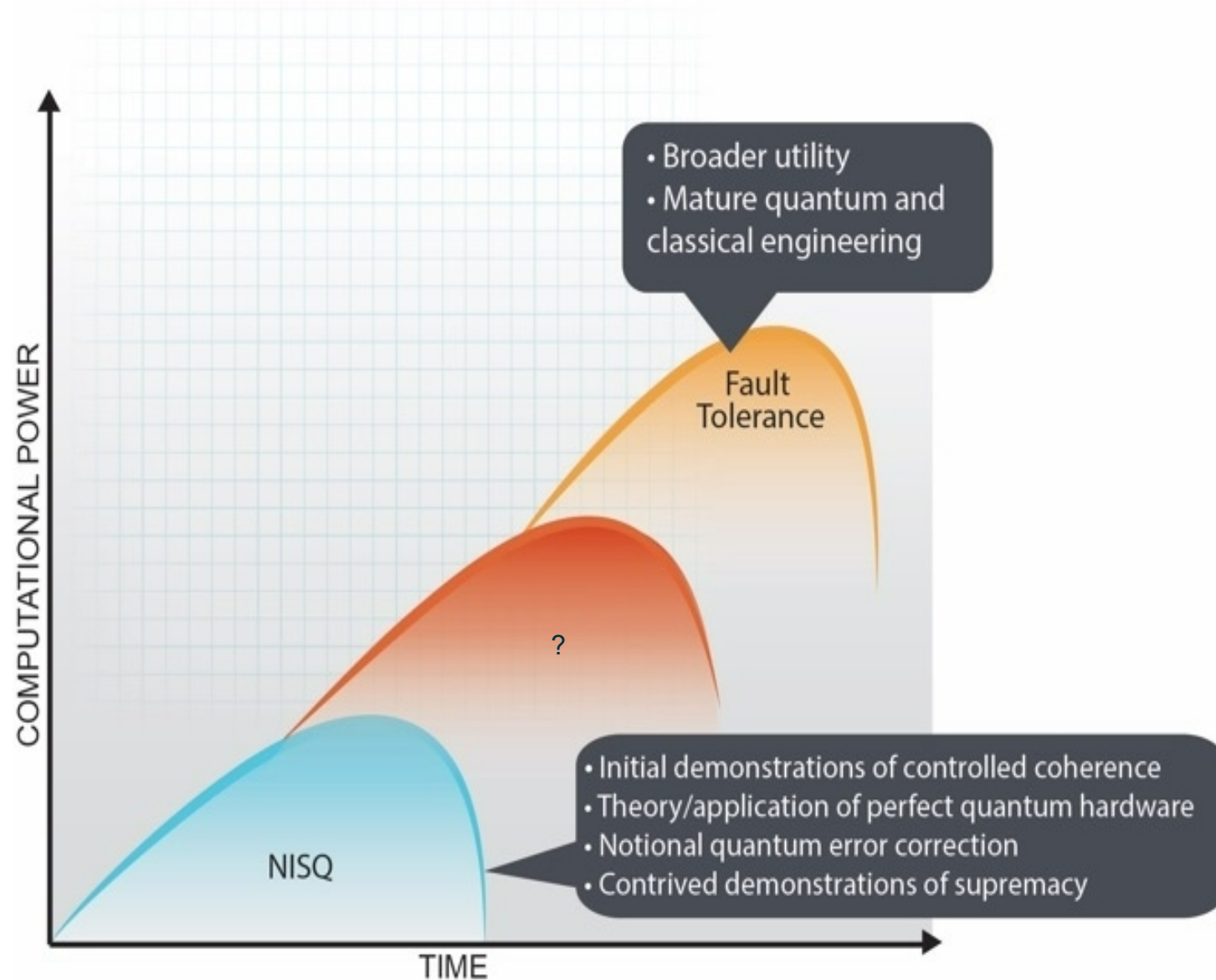


# Quantum Systems Accelerator

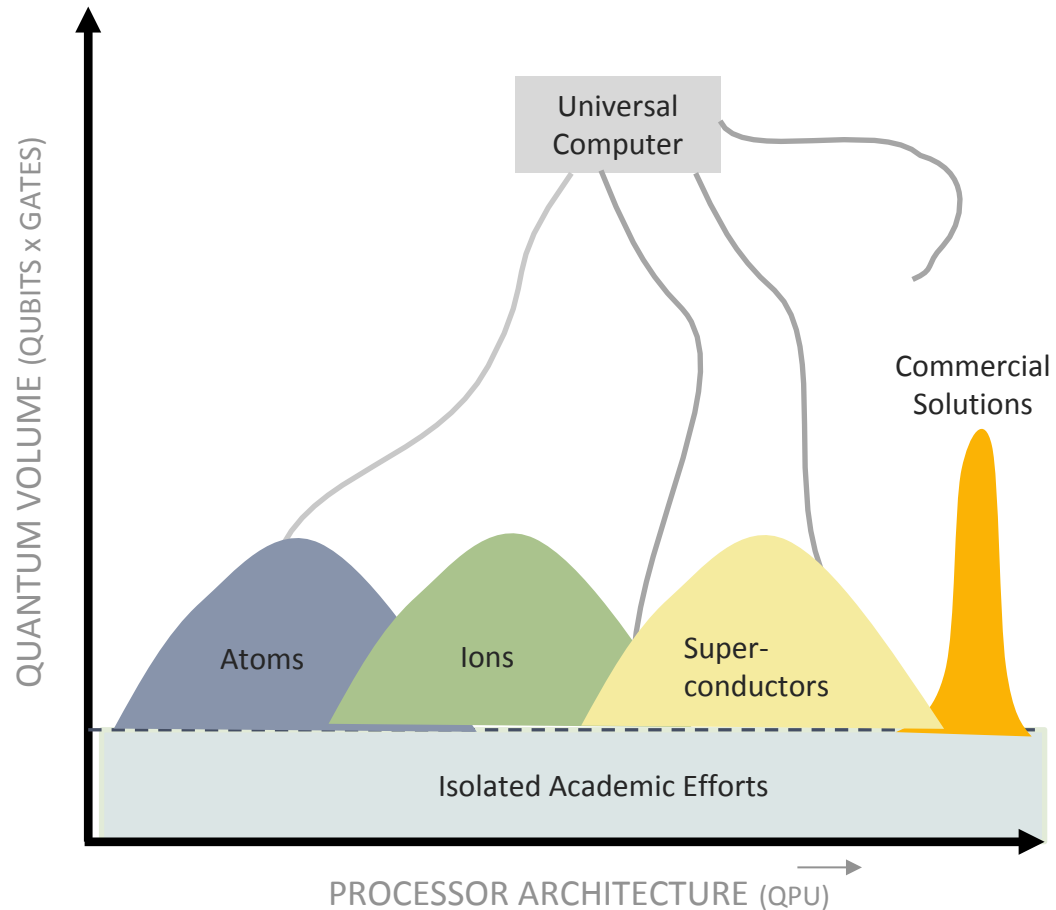
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# Where are we in QIS? Where are we going?



# Quantum Systems Address Major Challenges in QIS



Open/closed q. system

Graph coordination

Algorithm type

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## QSA Approach

### Obstacle 1: Errors and coherence issues.

- Systems-level materials optimization
- Noise resilient encodings & Active error suppression

### Obstacle 2: Non-extensible controls

- Integrated optical/microwave control: CW & pulsed
- Cost-effective modularization

### Obstacle 3: Unexplored domain of meaningful applications

- Platform-aware simulation/emulation/optimization
- Robust vs. complexity tradeoffs

### Obstacle 4: Lack of benchmarking protocols for NISQ

- Scalable quantum benchmarks / supremacy
- Comparison of algorithm type for exact models

# QSA Addresses the Scientific Foundations for Quantum<sup>4</sup> Computation



QUANTUM SYSTEMS ACCELERATOR

Catalyzing the Quantum Ecosystem



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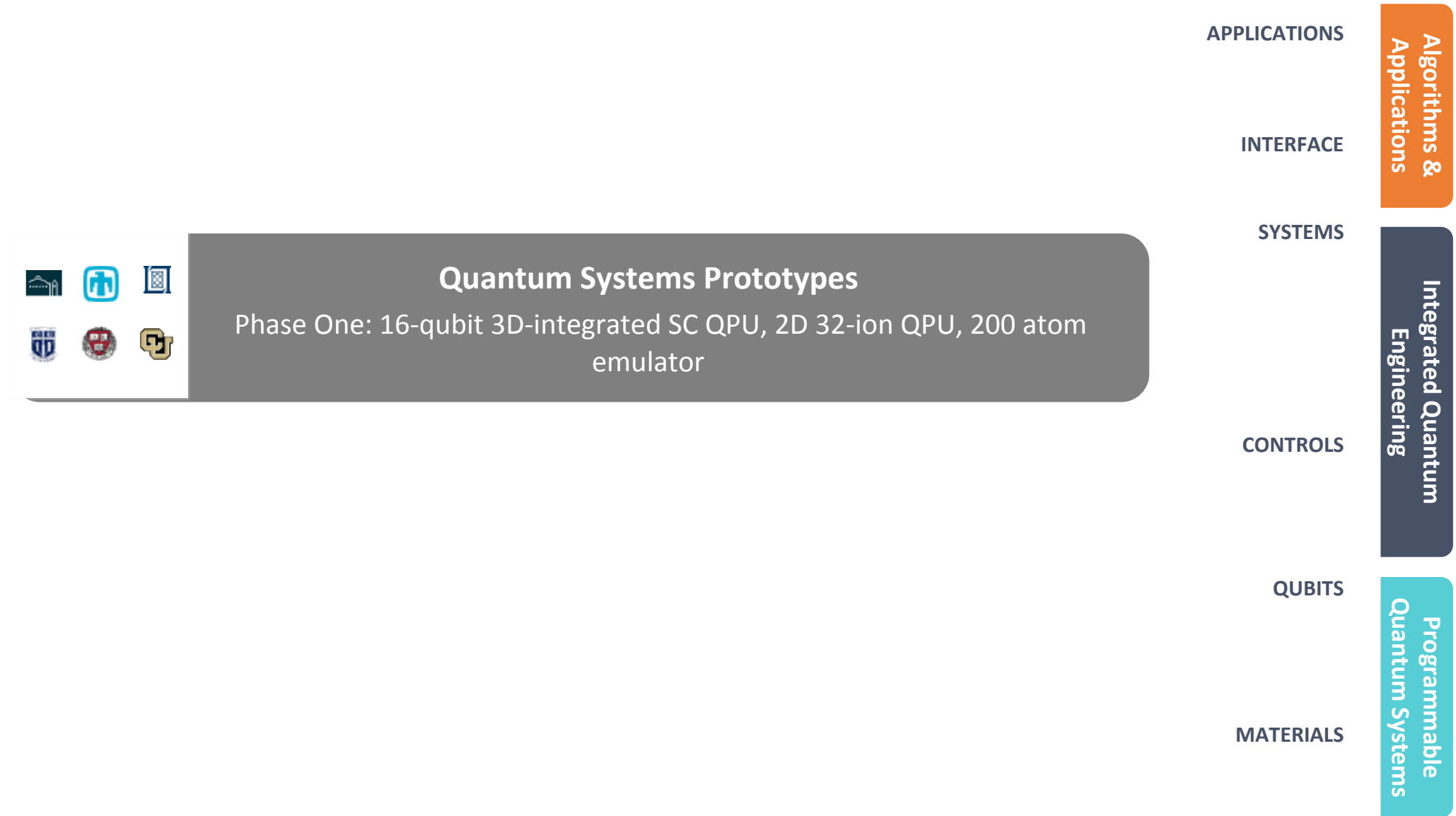


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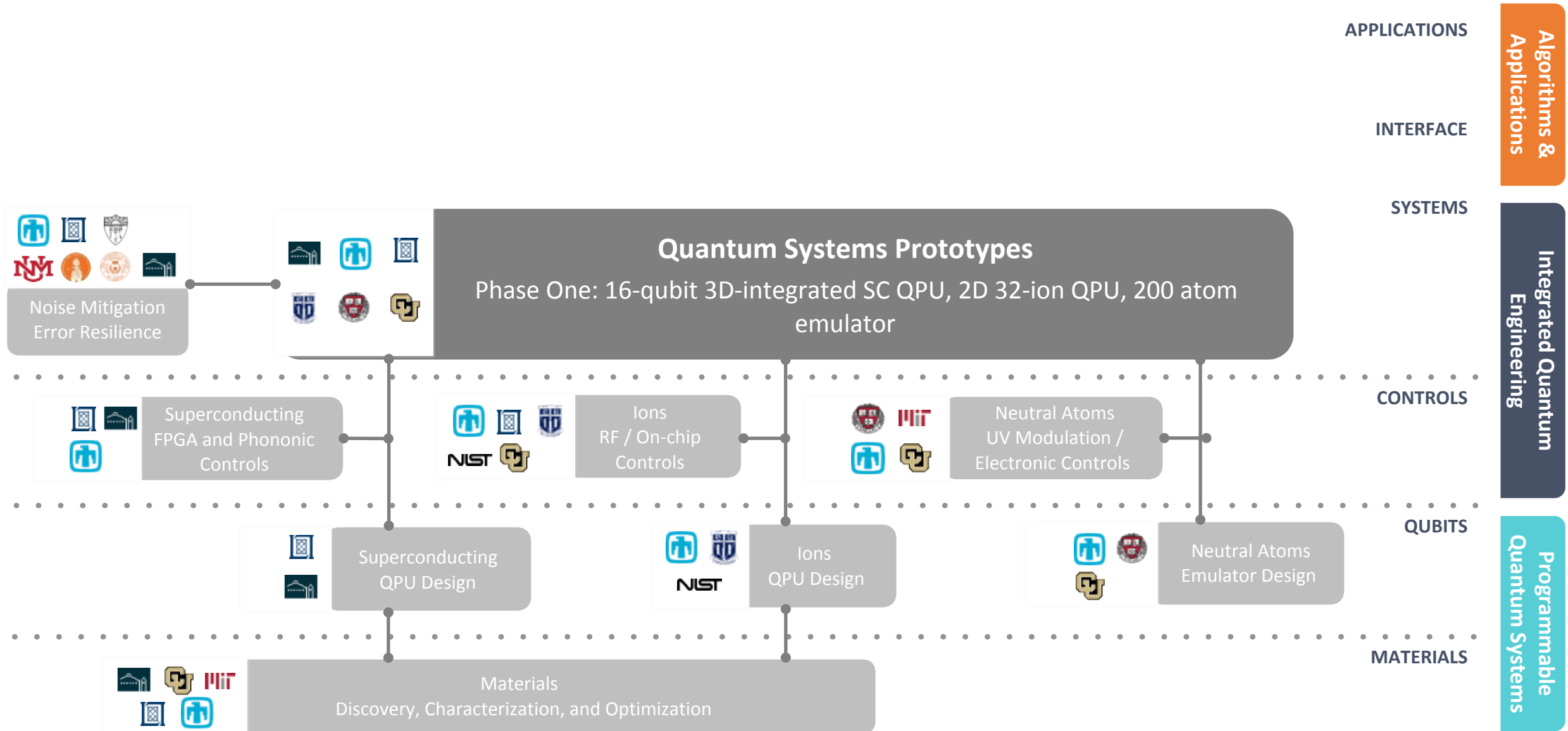
Catalyzing **national leadership** in quantum information science to co-design the algorithms, quantum devices, and engineering solutions needed to deliver certified quantum advantage in Department of Energy scientific applications.



# QSA Approach: Co-Design Across the Stack

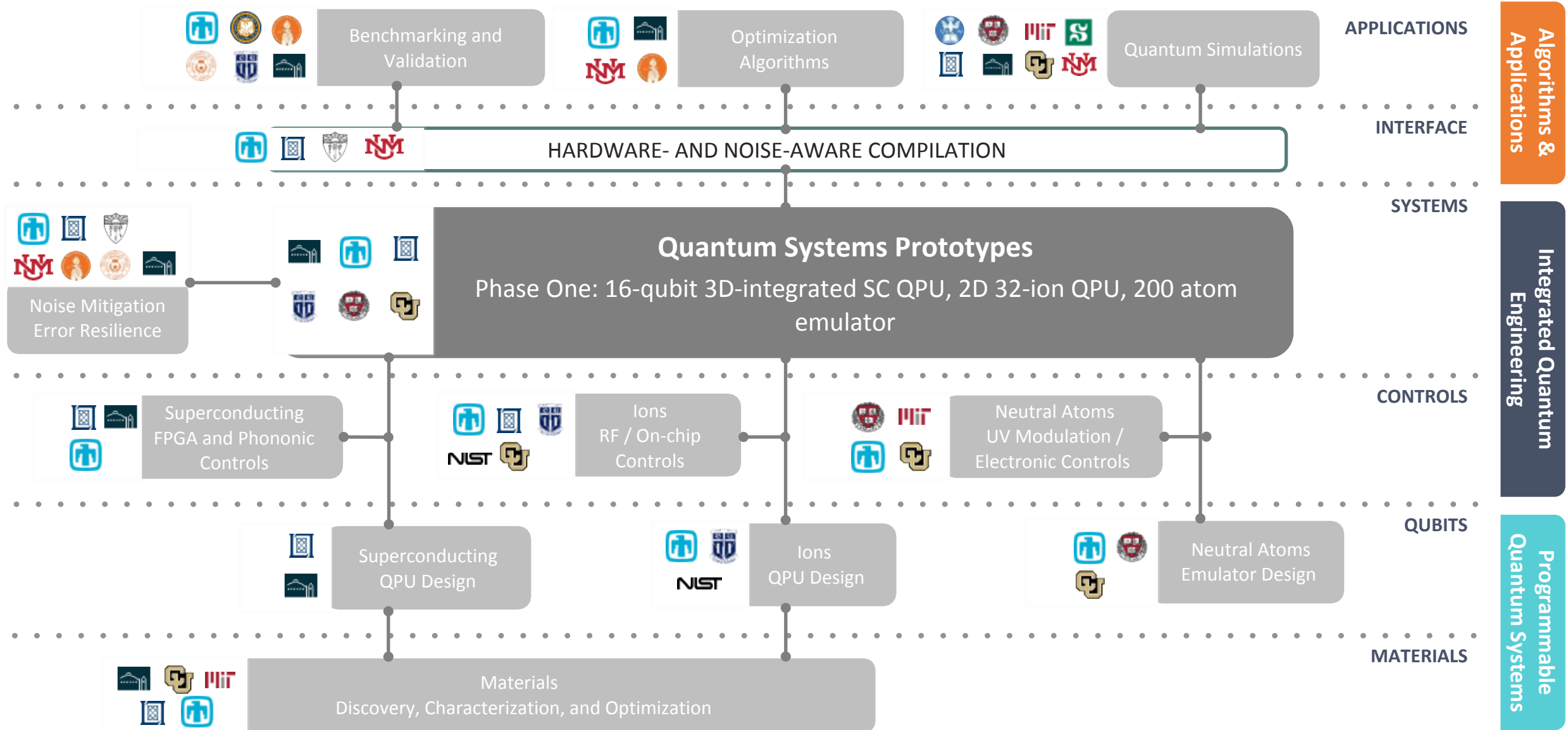


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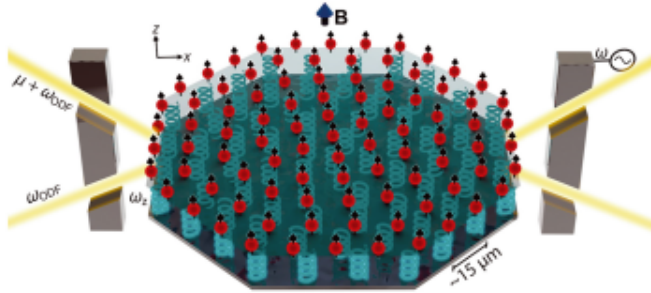


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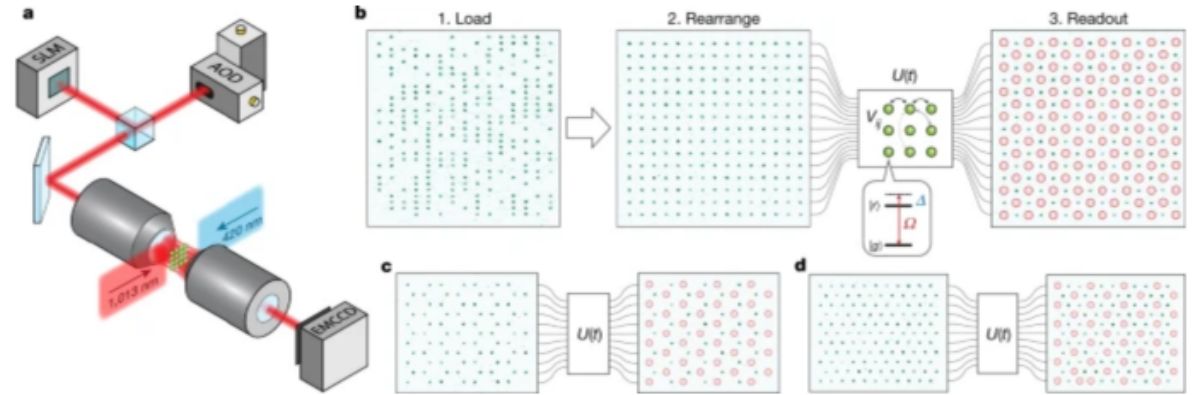
# Science Emerging from the QSA

Quantum-enhanced sensing of displacements and electric fields with two-dimensional trapped-ion crystals



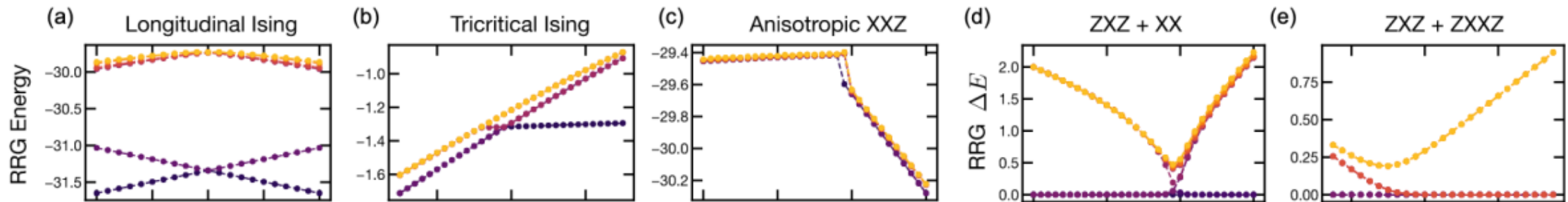
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Quantum phases of matter on a 256-atom programmable quantum simulator



Ebadi *et al.*, *Nature* 595, 227–232

Performance of the rigorous renormalization group for first-order phase transitions and topological phases



Block *et al.*, [Phys. Rev. B 103, 195122](#)



# This is a photonics meeting. How Does Photonics Fit In?

- Obviously
  - Optical control for AMO systems
  - Ryan Camacho's "Optical Backplane"
  - Quantum networks of heterogeneous hardware
- Less obviously
  - Photonic quantum computing and its implications:
  - If we're going to use photonics technology to network heterogeneous hardware together, why not integrate photonic computation as well?
  - If photonic quantum computing is integrated into a heterogeneous quantum environment, what is the proper role for it to play?