

Quantum Information National Laboratory Of Hungary

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Quantum Mechanics

Physics at the scale of atoms

- *Quantum mechanics was born in the mid 1920*
- *Many Hungarians among the great fathers of QM*



Erwin Schrödinger



Werner Heisenberg



Eugene Wigner



John von Neumann



Edward Teller

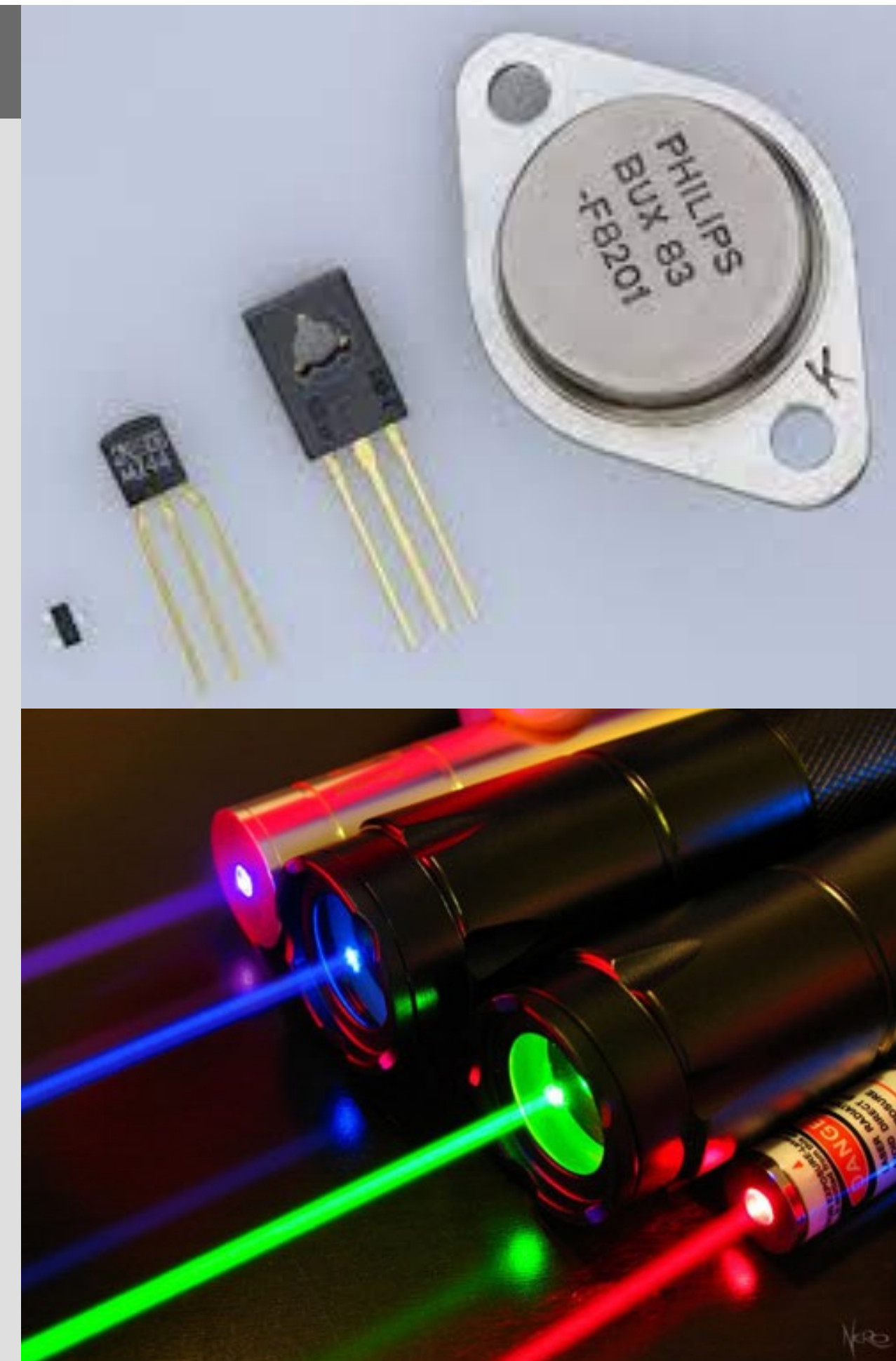


Niels Bohr

First quantum revolution (20th century)

Understanding quantum mechanics

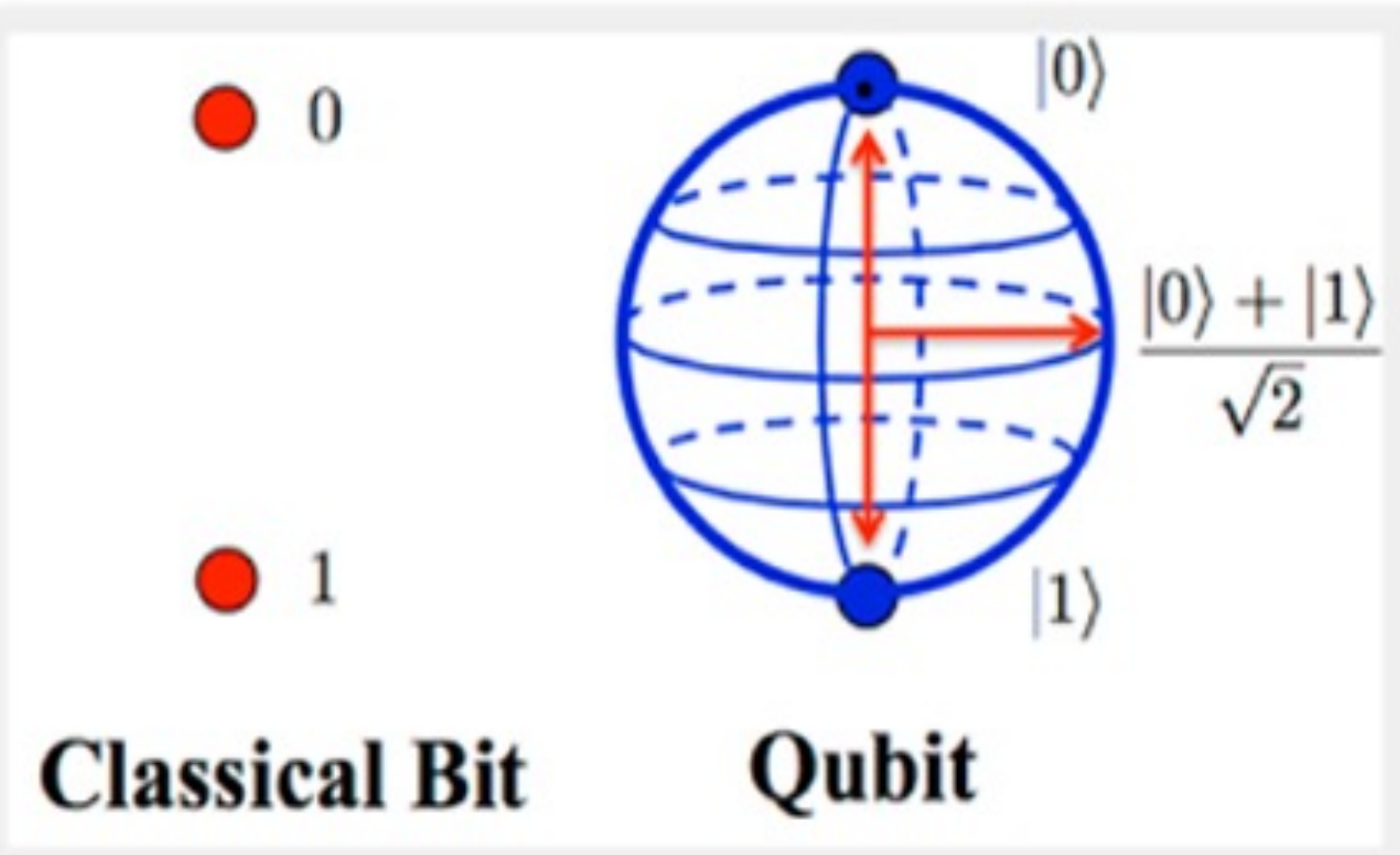
- *New devices (transistor, laser, ...)*
- *„Quantum mechanics is there, but we're not actually controlling all of the quantum systems at the individual level”*



Second quantum revolution (21th century)

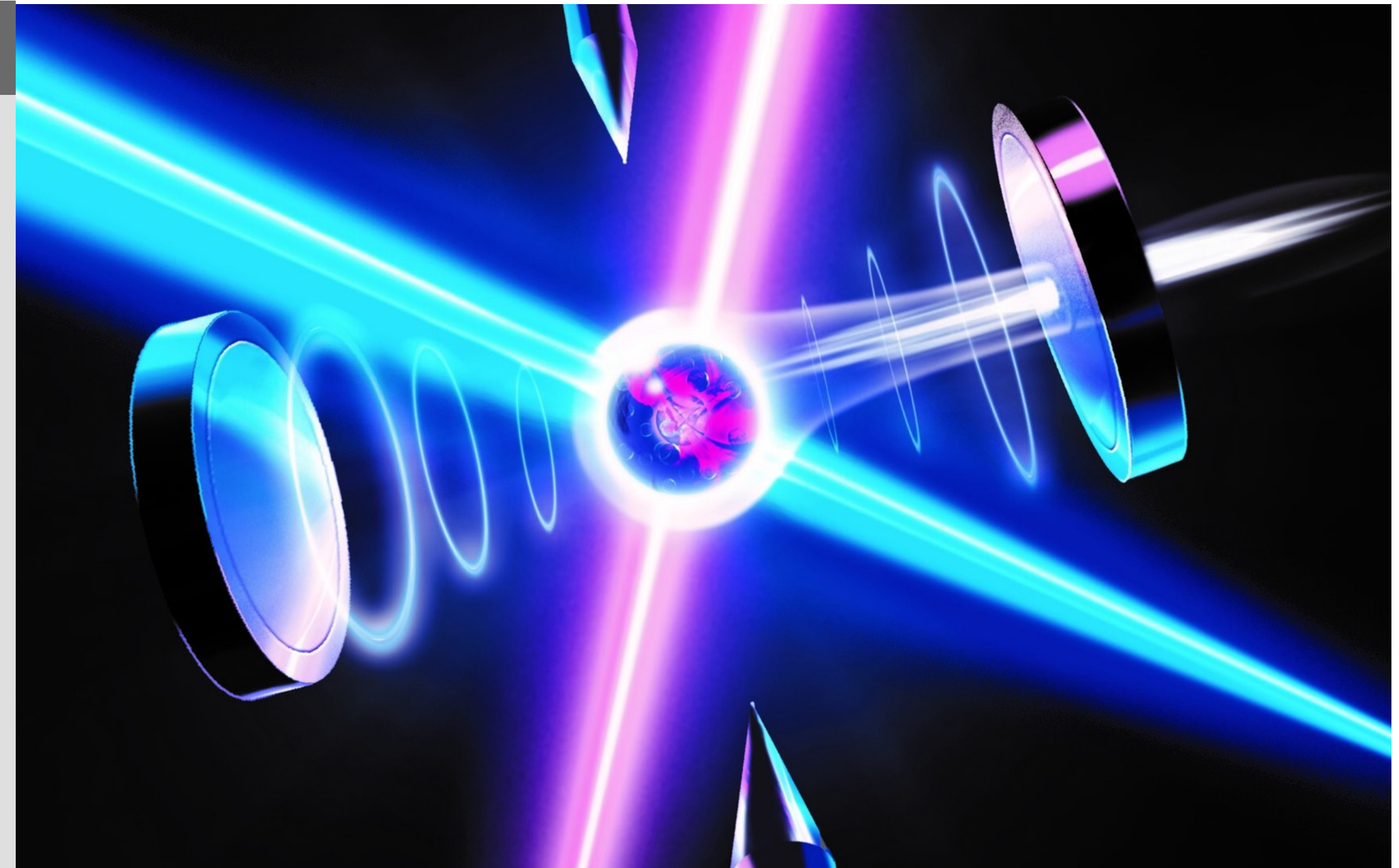
Controlling individual quantum systems

- *Isolation and manipulation of single quantum systems*
- *Superposition: ability of a quantum system to be in multiple states at the same time*



Applications

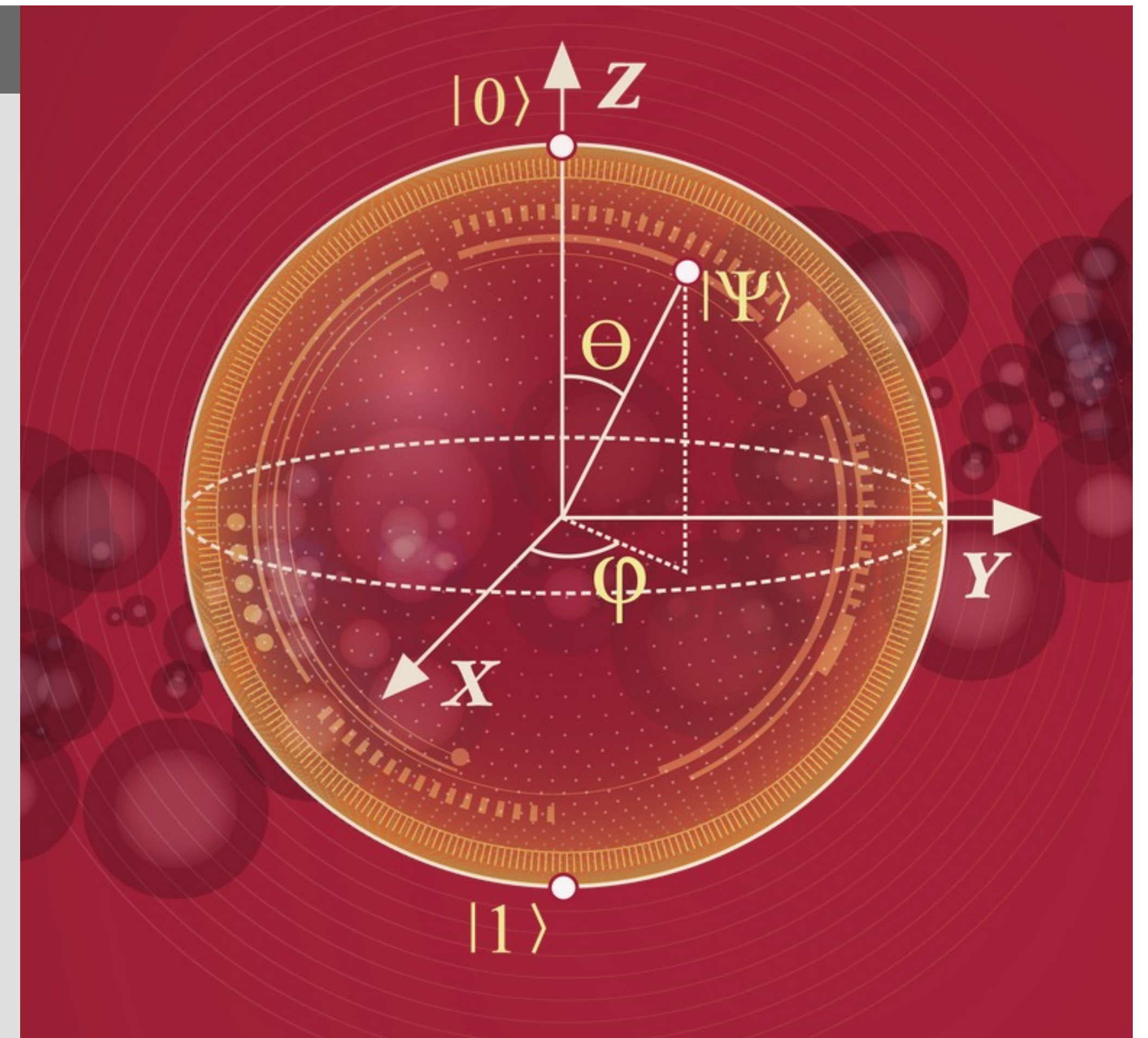
- *Quantum communication*
Safe information channels
- *Quantum computers*
Fast algorithms
Simulating quantum states
- *Quantum sensing*
Increasing measurement accuracy



Quantum Information National Laboratory of Hungary (2020)

Mission

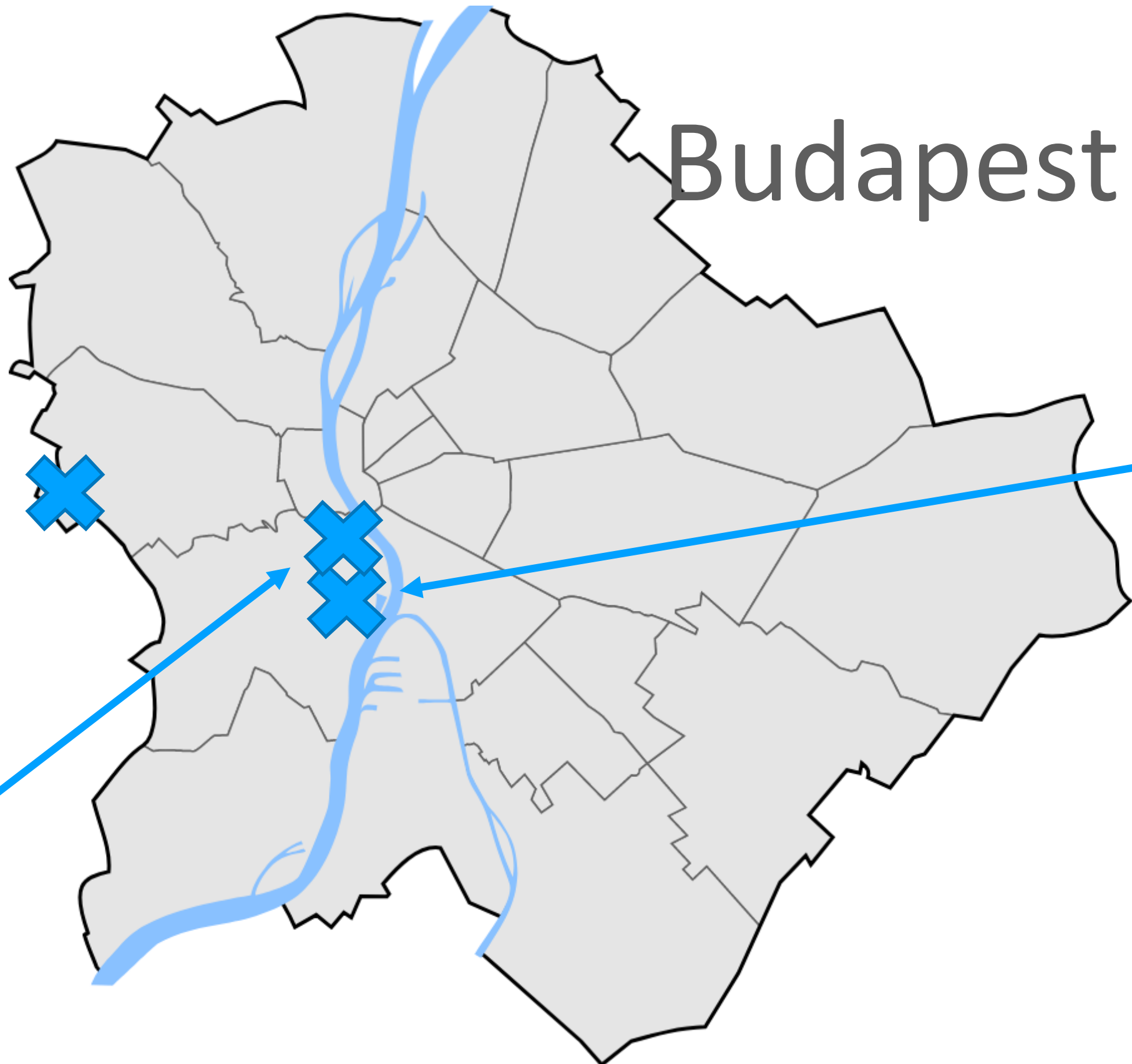
- *The Quantum Information National Laboratory boosts the research and development activity of the Hungarian scientific community within the unfolding second quantum revolution which aims at the exploitation of the enormous advancements in our ability to detect and manipulate single quanta for new kinds of applications.*



Consortium



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Budapest



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Budapest University of Technology
and Economics

National Excellence Program, Quantum Technology	2017-2021	11 million €	Enhance research capacity
Quantum Information National Laboratory	2020-2025	14 million €	Achieve strategic goals

Background

- *Quantum optics*
- *Photonics*
- *Computational material sciences*
- *Quantum information theory*
- *Nanocrystals*



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Background

- *Solid state physics*
- *Circuit quantum electronics*
- *Nanotechnology*
- *Telecommunication*
- *Networked systems and services*



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Background

- *Complex systems*
- *Quantum system modeling*
- *Computing science*
- *Software technology*
- *Code analysis tools*
- *Post-quantum cryptography*



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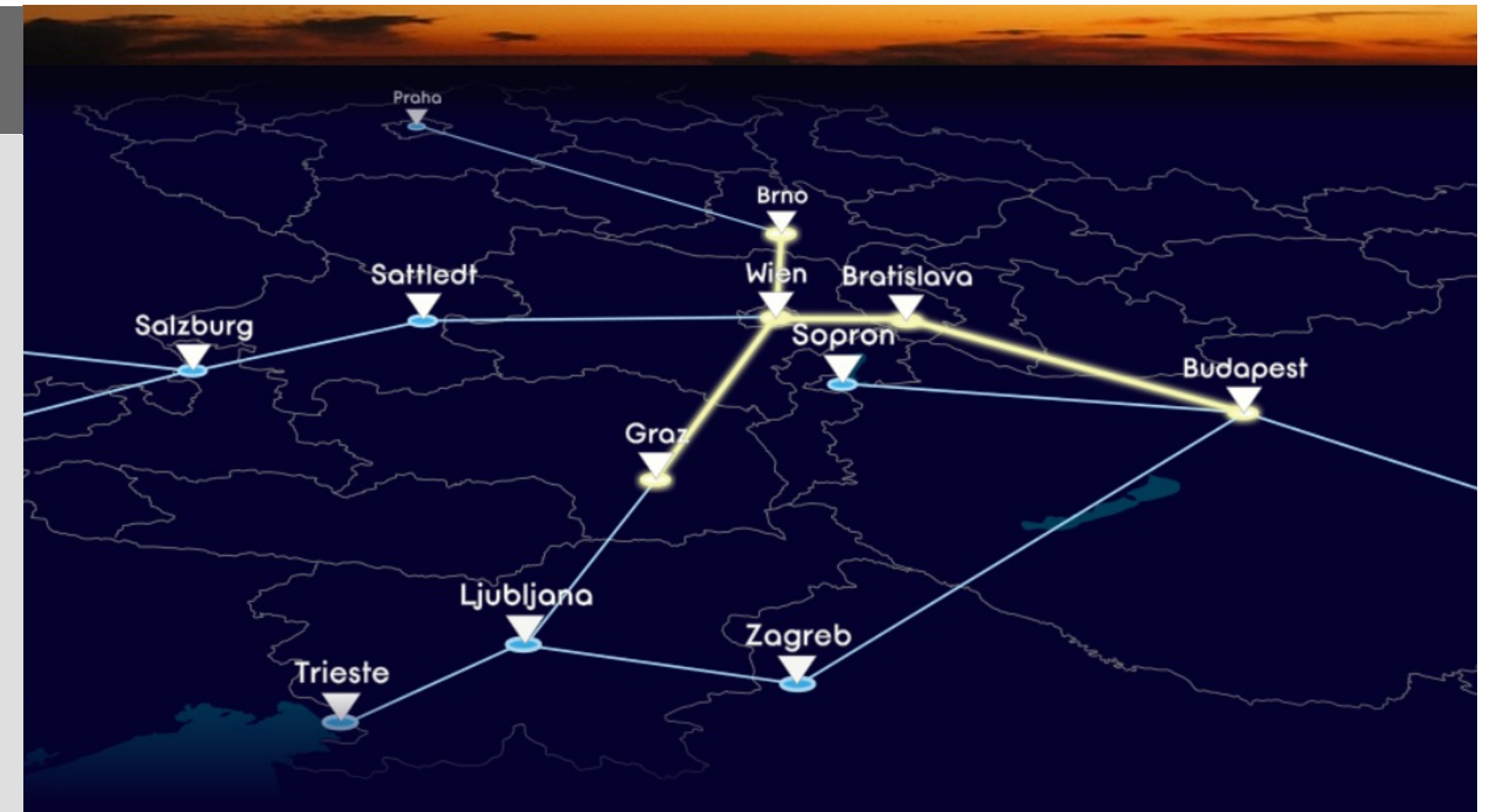


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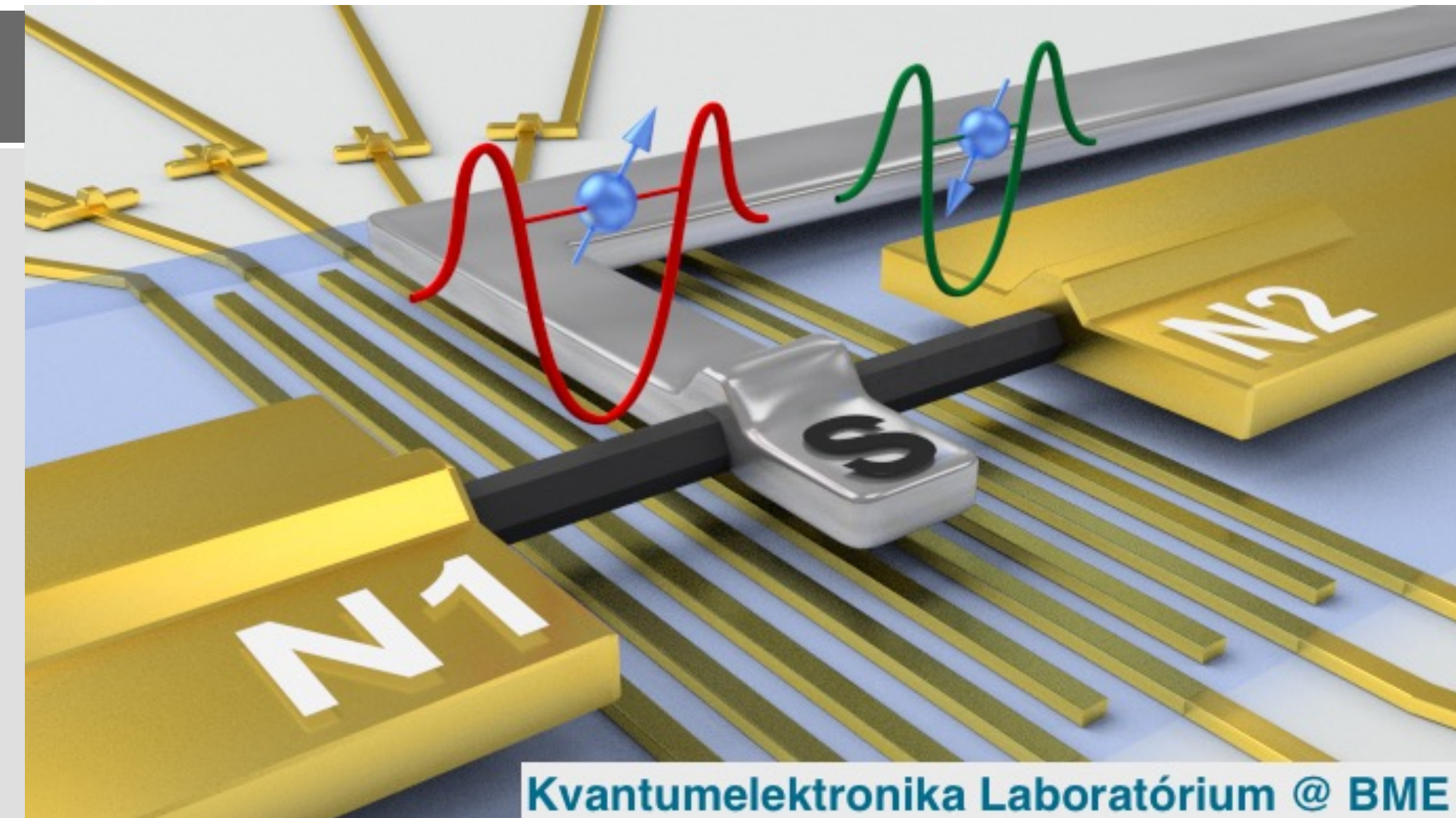
Strategic goal 1

- *Realisation of a regional quantum communication network which can be joined to the pan-European quantum internet.*



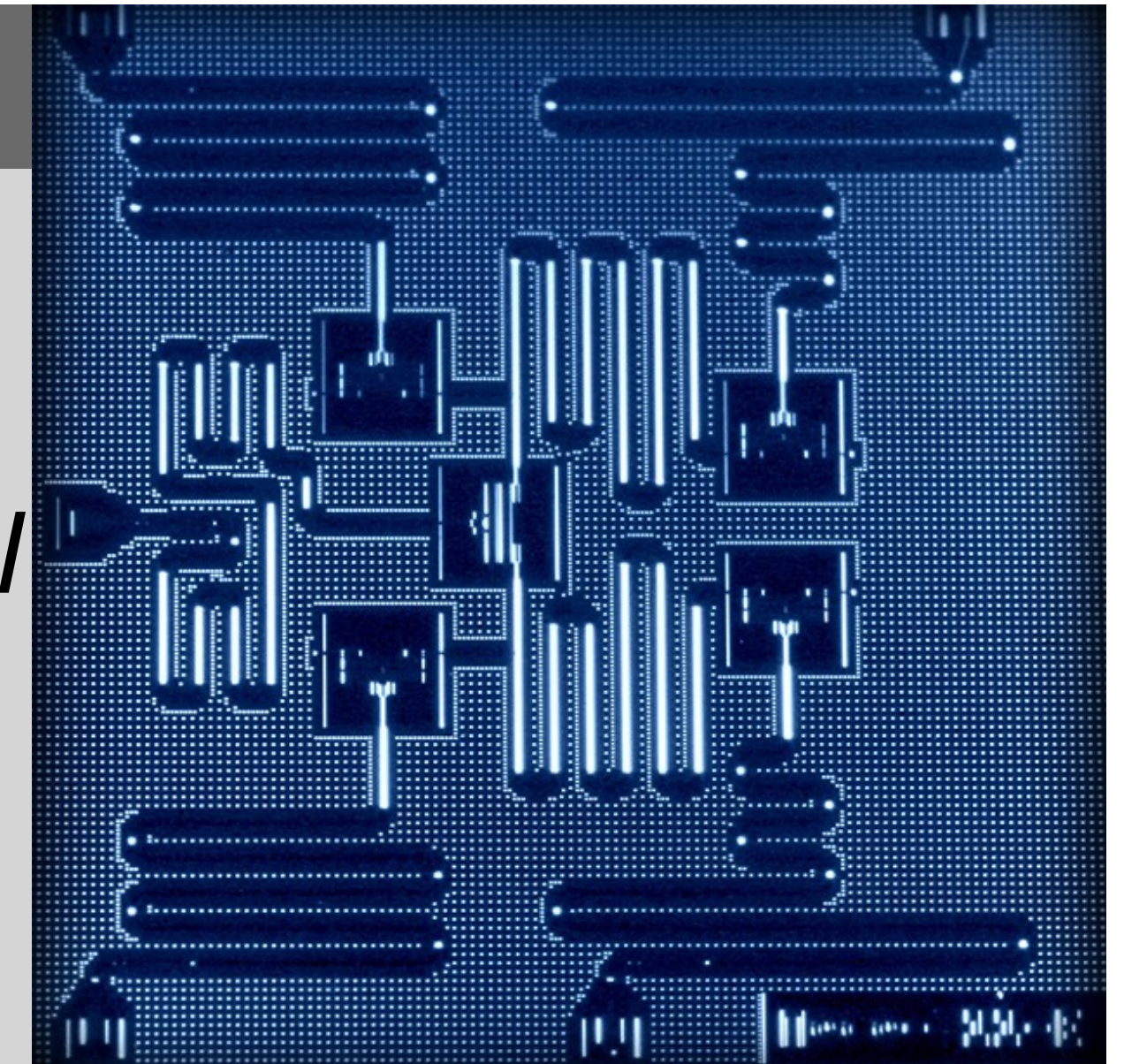
Strategic goal 2

- *Development of hardware components for quantum information processing based on atoms and artificial atoms, and sustain the necessary laboratory background at the international forefront level.*



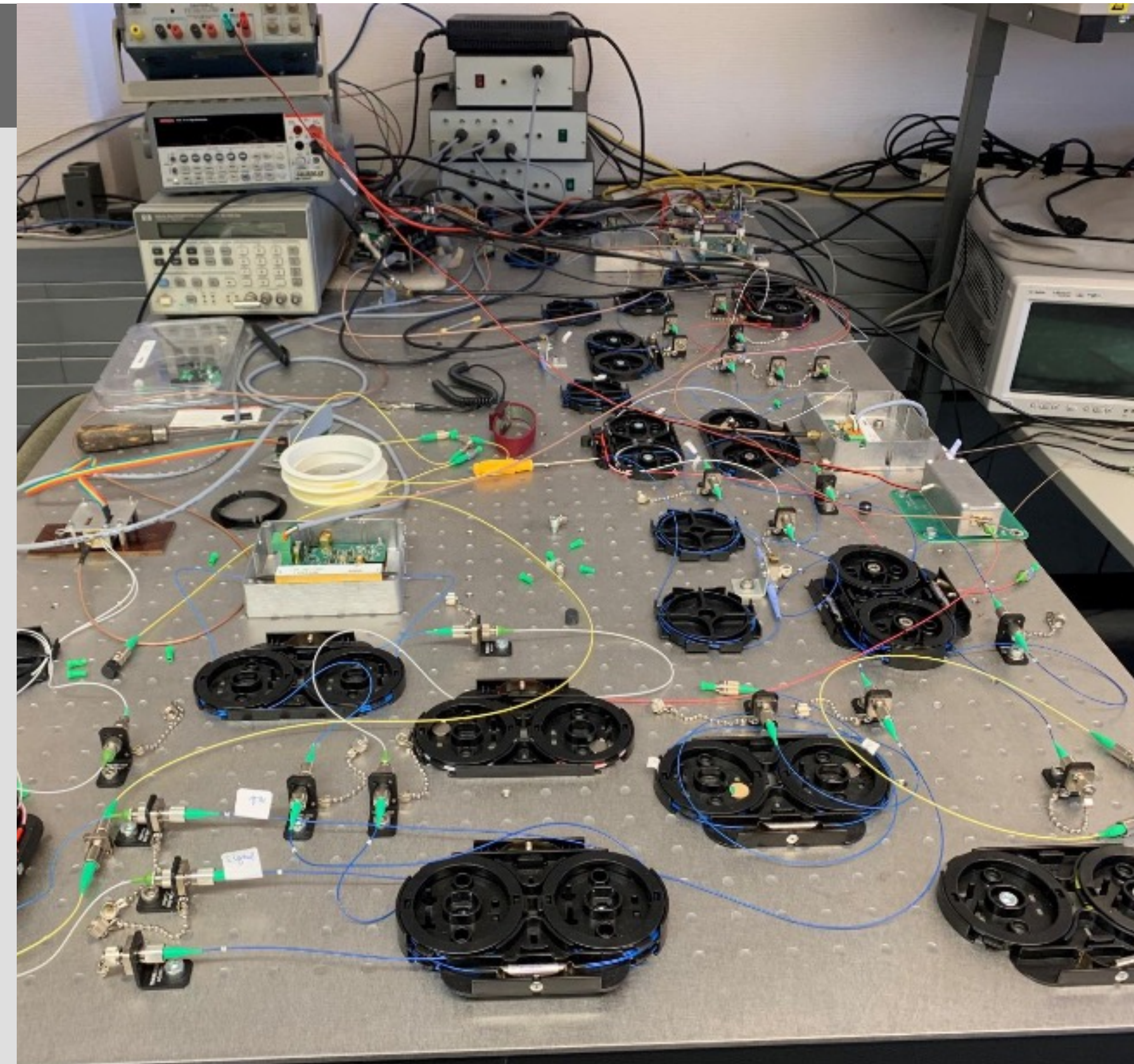
Strategic goal 3

- *Formation of the knowledge base and a pool of experts necessary to exploit the application potential of quantum computers operated as a remotely accessible large-scale infrastructure.*



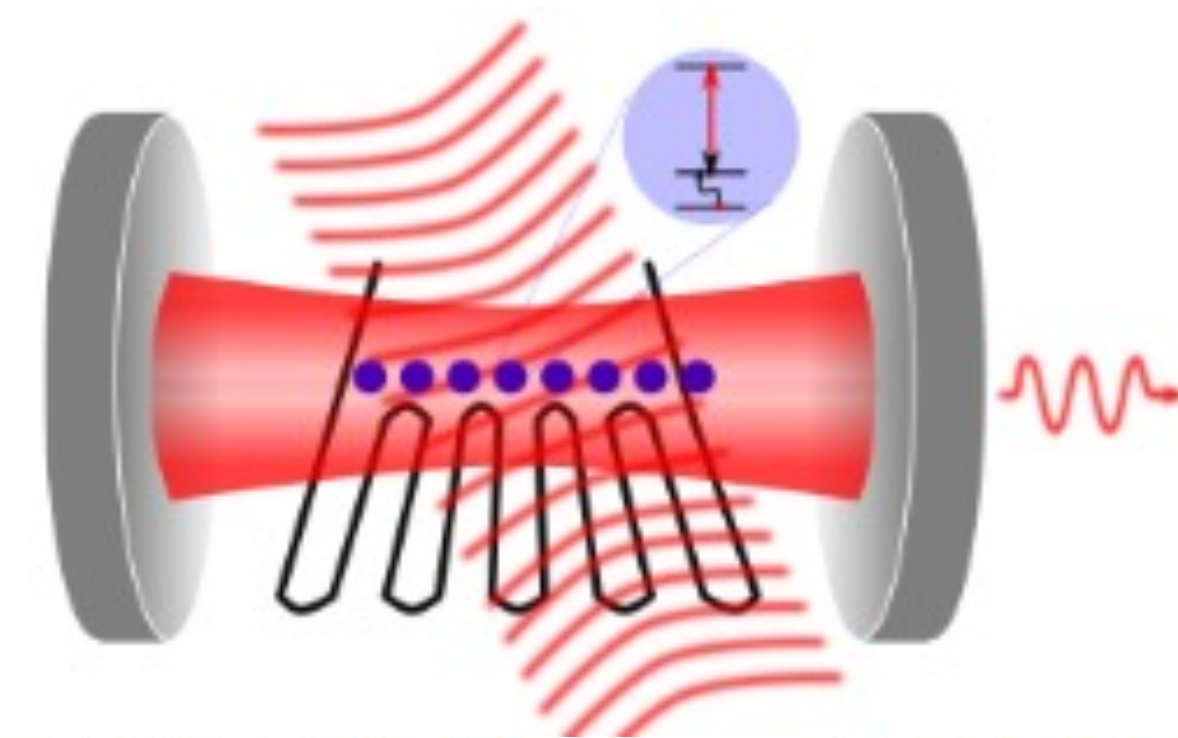
Regional quantum network

- *Quantum communication networks offer superior security compared to encryption algorithms we use to protect communication lines today.*
- *Free-space quantum network*
- *Optical-fibre quantum network*
intra-city quantum link
Hungary – Croatia (BB-84)
Budapest – Bratislava – Vienna (entanglement based)
- *Quantum Random Number Generator*



Hybrid quantum systems

- *Atom-photon interface: mixing optical and microwave radiation using the quantum resonances of rubidium atoms*
- *Spin-photon interface: manipulate the electron spin states in artificial atoms (point defects in diamond or silicon carbide) by laser beams and microwave field*

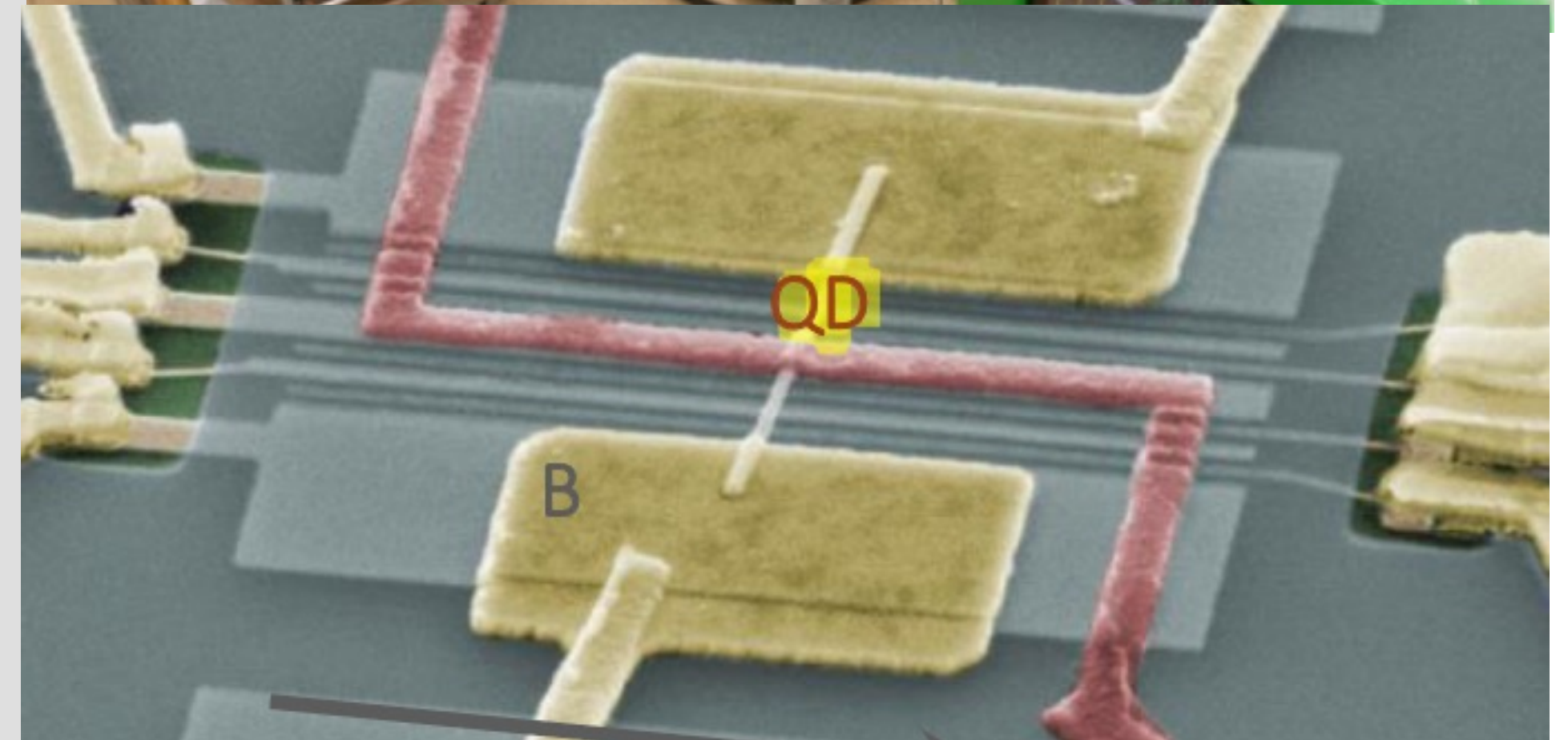
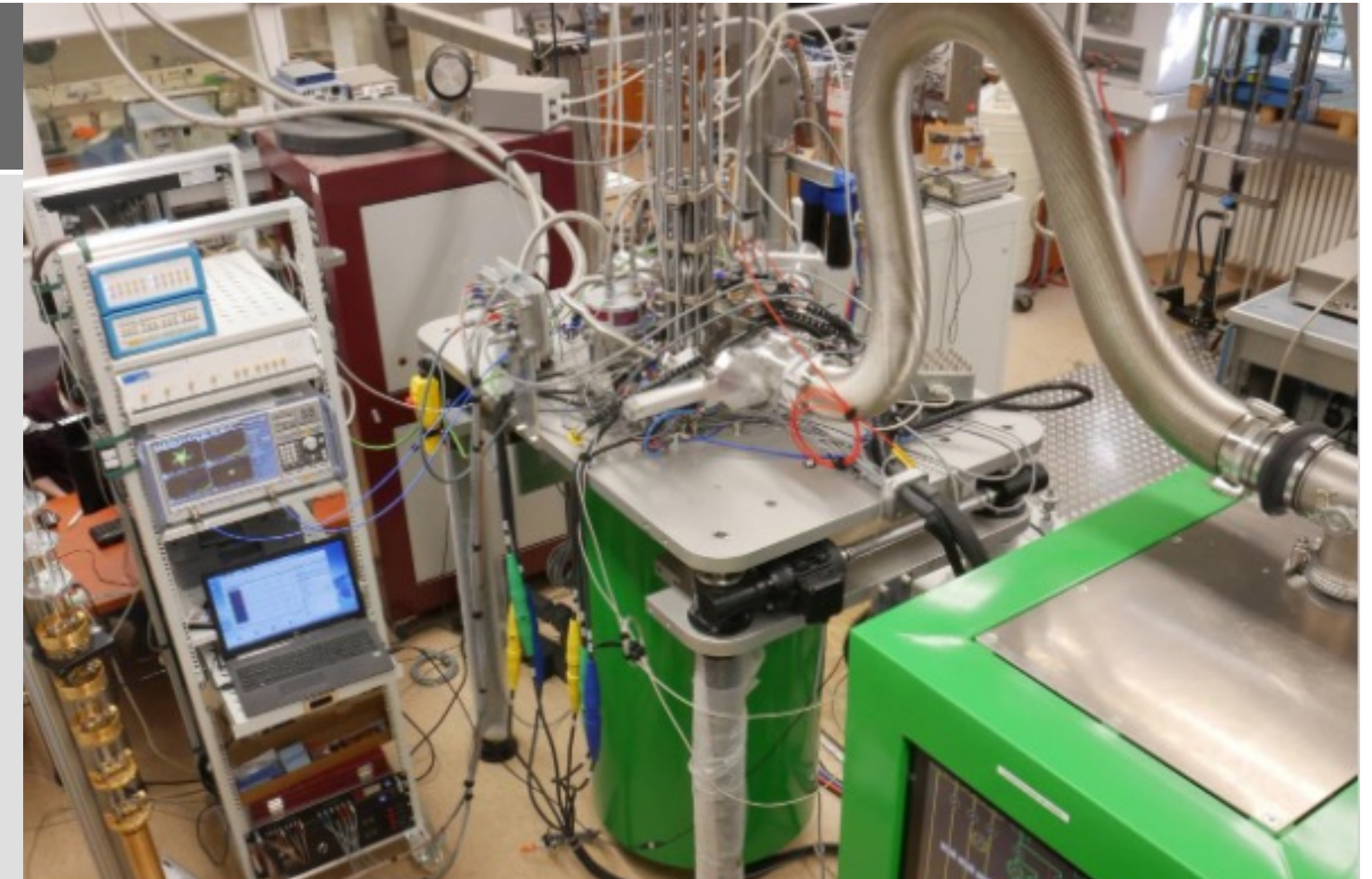


Solid-state quantum memories

WORK PACKAGE 3

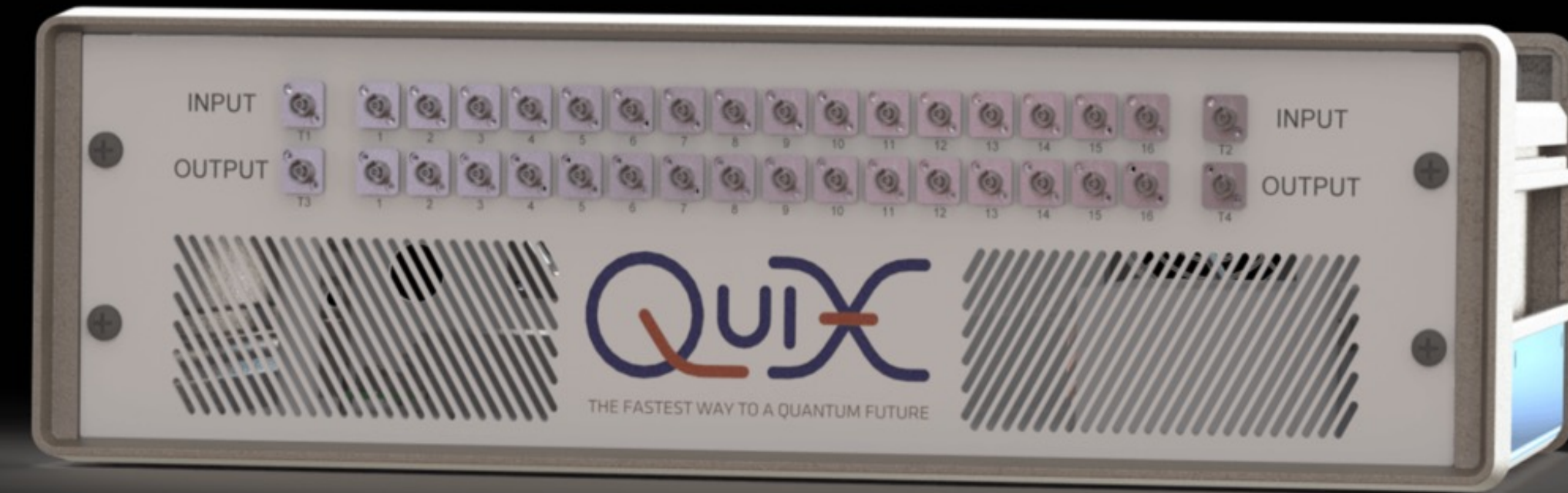
Quantum bit architectures

- *Semiconductor-superconductor hybrid qubits*
- *Topological spin structures in magnetic data storage*
- *Quantum-domain intelligent memory networks*
- *Implementing and manipulating telecom-wavelength-compatible quantum storage*



Quantum optical processor

- *First optical chip in Central and Eastern Europe*
- *QuiX Quantum*
- *Goal: carry out boson sampling experiments*



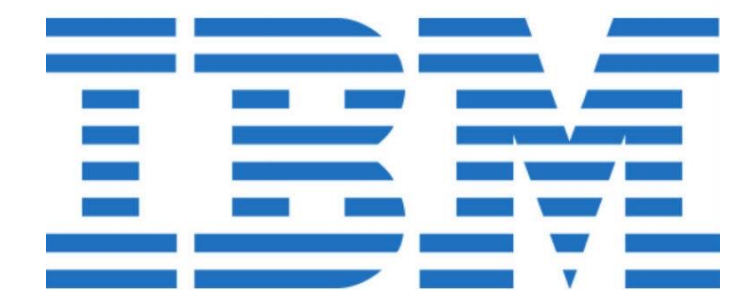
Quantum computation and simulation of quantum systems

WORK PACKAGE 5



Benchmarking NISQ quantum computers

- *Optimization problems (DWave)*
- *Non-linear protocols (IBM, Rigetti)*
- *Quantum approximate optimization algorithms (IBM, Rigetti)*
- *Validation of quantum superiority*



NISQ: Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum Computers

Software technology for quantum computing

WORK PACKAGE 6

Software technology

- *Quantum computer emulator*
high-performance target hardware (FPGA)
quantum Fourier transformation realized
- *Fast simulator of Photonic Quantum Computers*
PIQUASSO
open source Python package
<https://piquasso.com/>
- *Post-quantum cryptography*
resistant protocols for different cryptography problems

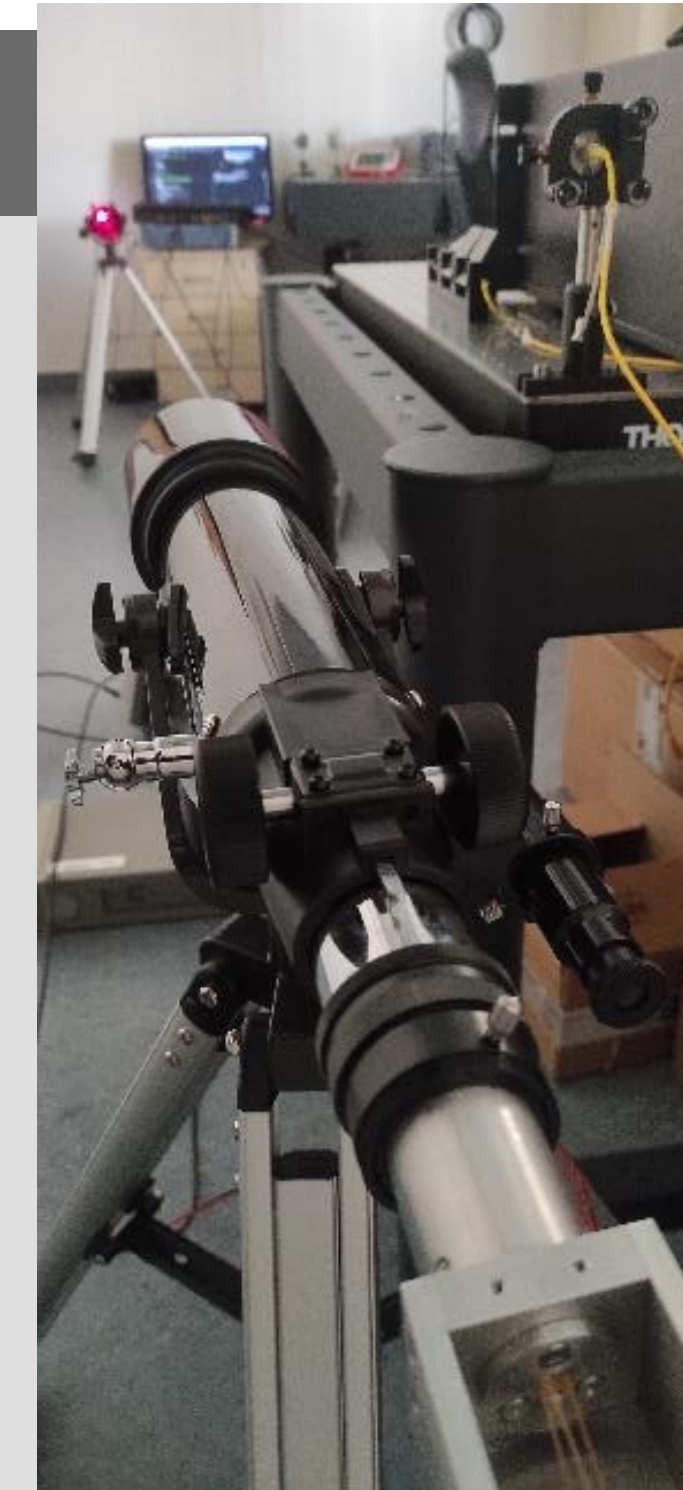


Quantum communication network

RESULTS

Quantum Key Distribution

- *Fiber-based QKD demonstrated (BME – Wigner)*
- *Entanglement-based free-space QKD*
- *Entangled photon source developed, Bell-test*
- *Clock Transmission System developed (ESA, Relcom Ltd)*
- *Symmetric keys generated QBER = 7 %
at very low SNR*
- *Actual quantum channel distance = 14 m
16 dB channel attenuation can be withstood*
- *Successful sync tests over the Danube
~ 700 m of clock transfer (BME - Vodafone)*



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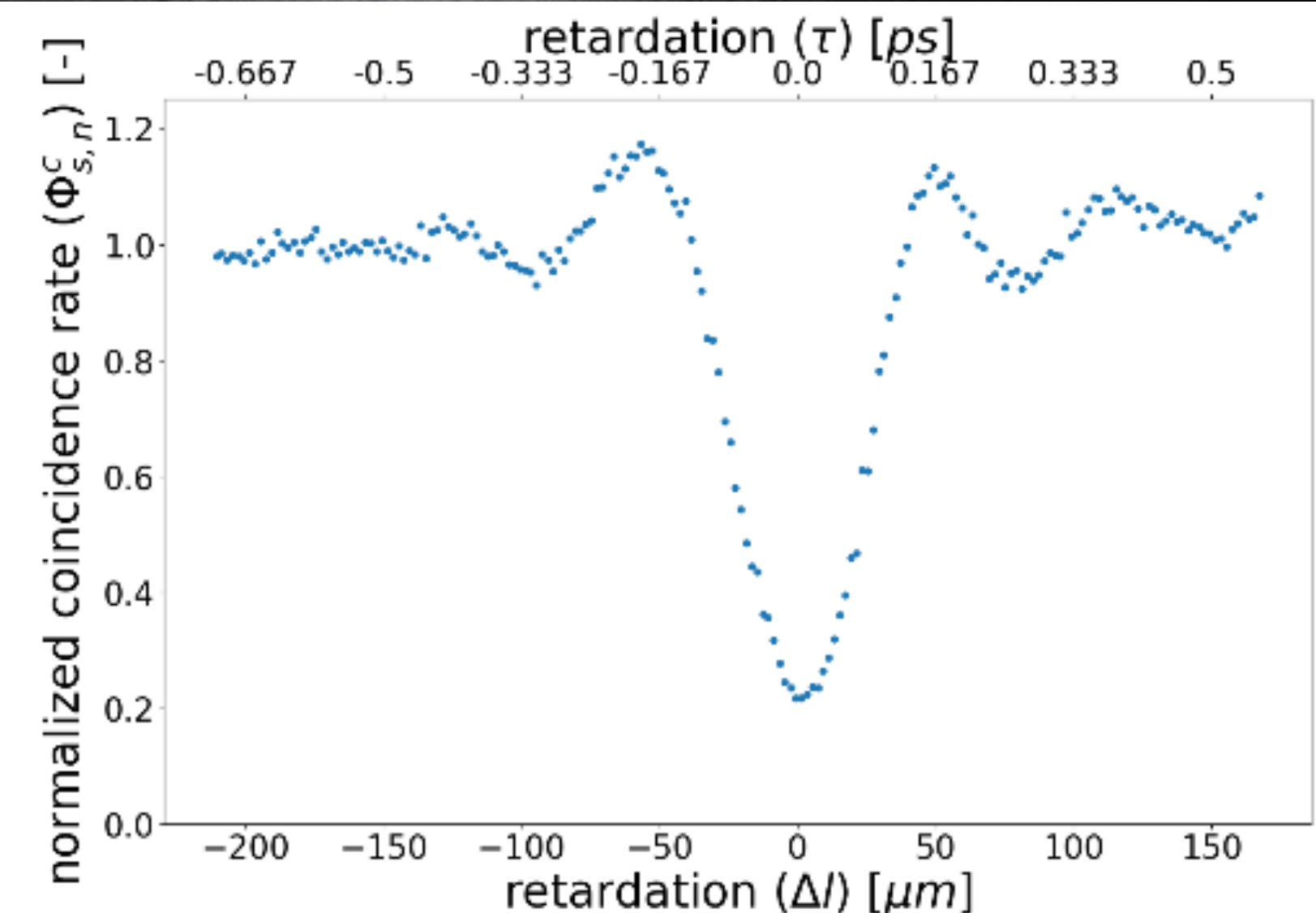
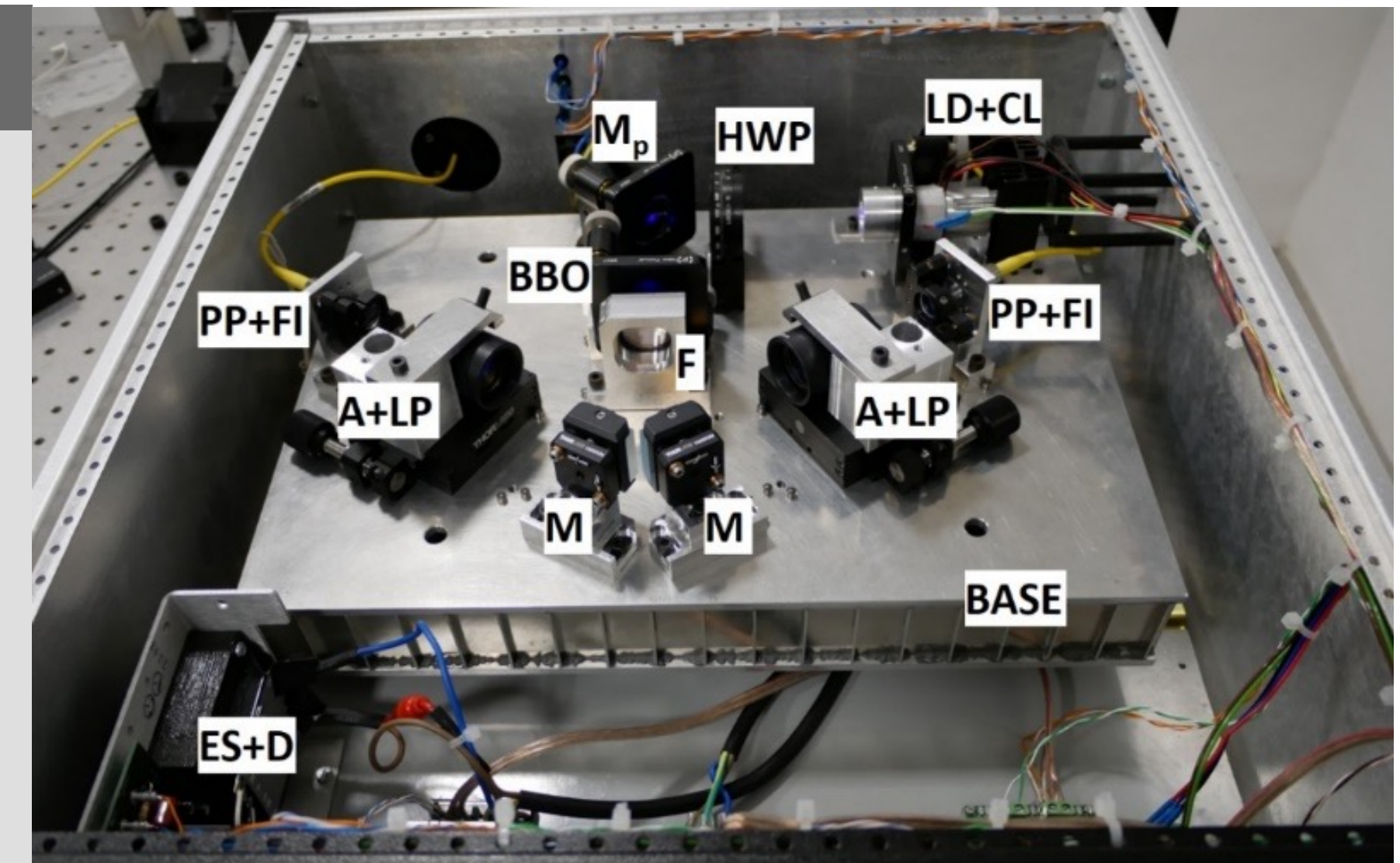
Entangled photon pair source

- Stabilized compact source @ 810 nm
- Optical parametric down-conversion

Filter configuration		Long-pass from 600 nm	Band-pass at 810 nm
Signal flux	Φ_s	636 ± 95 kcps/mW	17.3 ± 2.6 kcps/mW
Coincidence flux	Φ_s^c	130 ± 39 kcps/mW	6.8 ± 1.1 kcps/mW
Heralding ratio	\mathbb{P}_h	20 ± 3 %	39 ± 6 %
Bandwidth (FWHM)	-	202 nm	10 nm

- Single photon source operation: Hong-Ou-Mandel interference

Cs. T. Holló et al, Optical Engineering (2022)



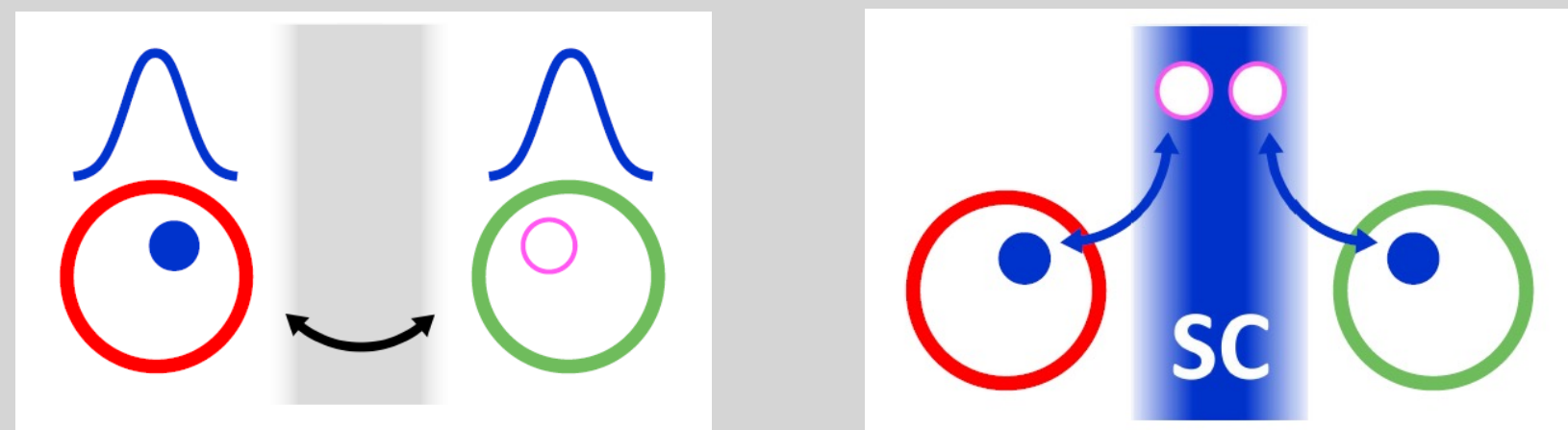
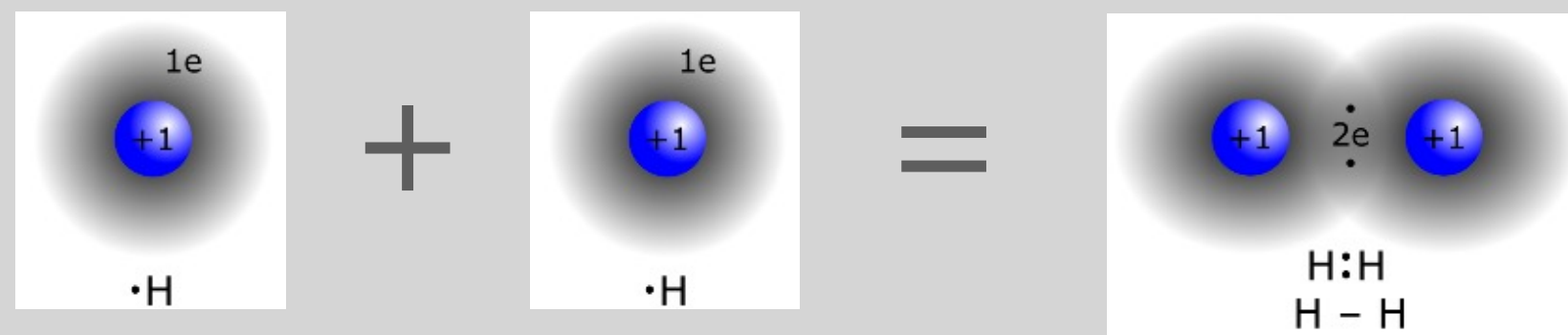
Towards topological quantum bits

RESULTS

Realisation of Andreev molecules

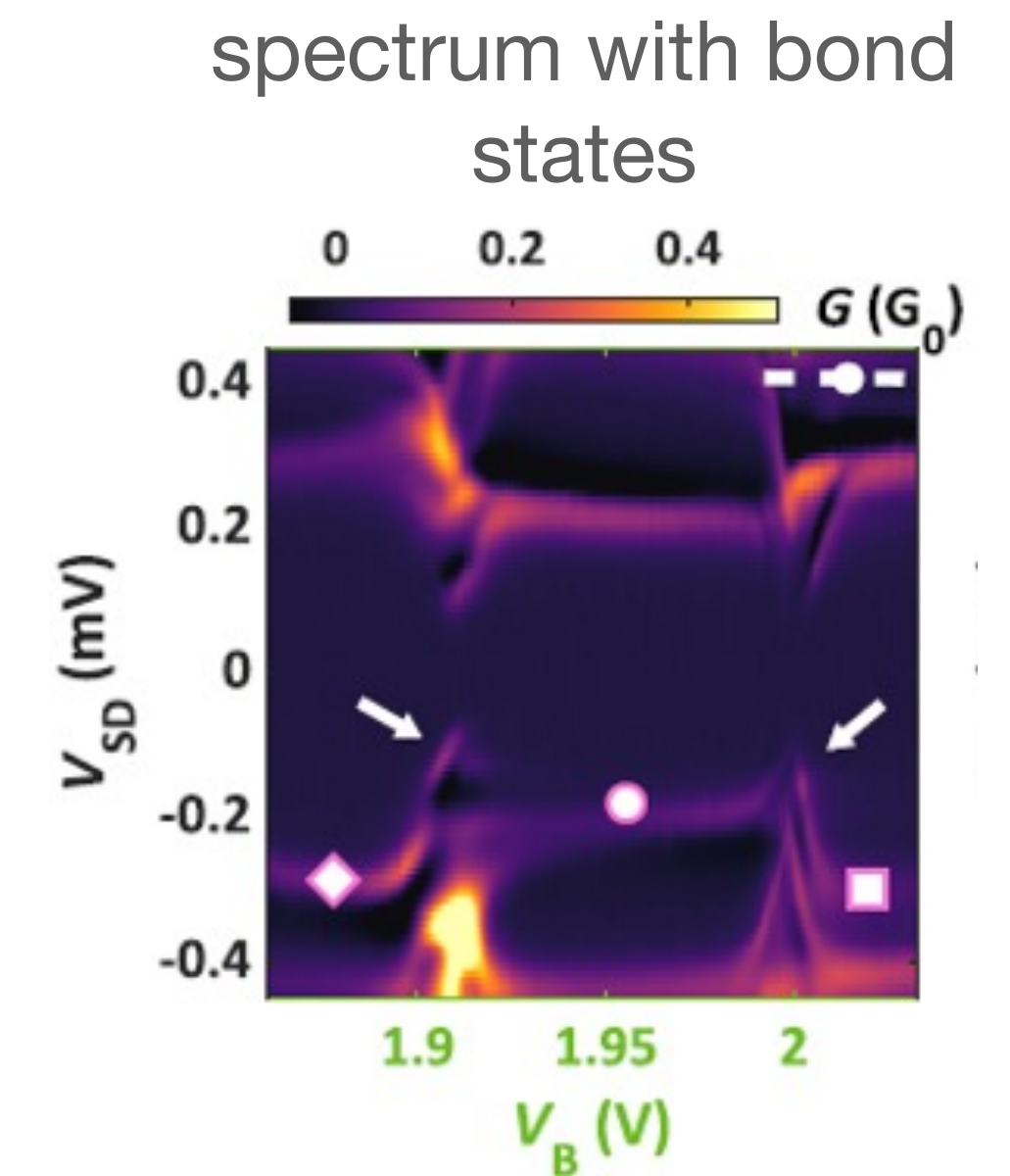
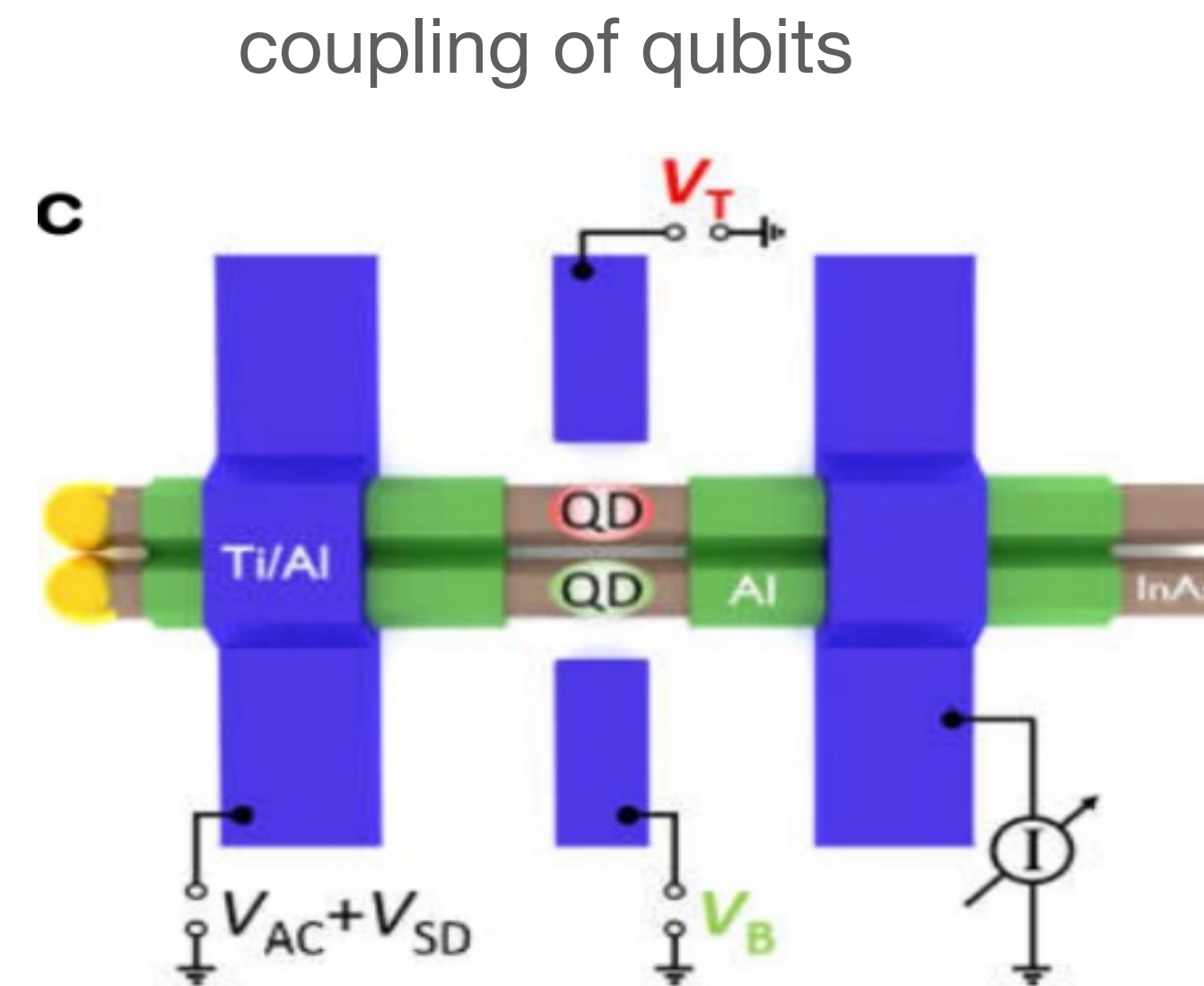
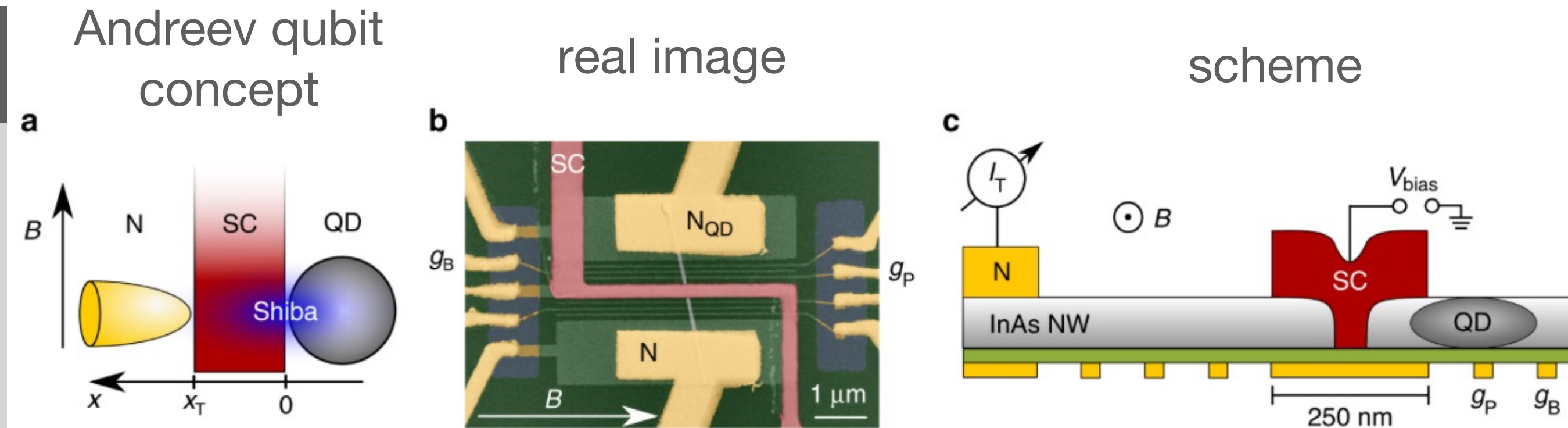
- Large spatial extension of the zero-energy states in a magnetic field Scherübl et al, Nature Communications (2020)

- Interacting quantum bits



Kürtössy et al, Nanoletters (2021)

- Kitaev chain \rightarrow Majorana fermions

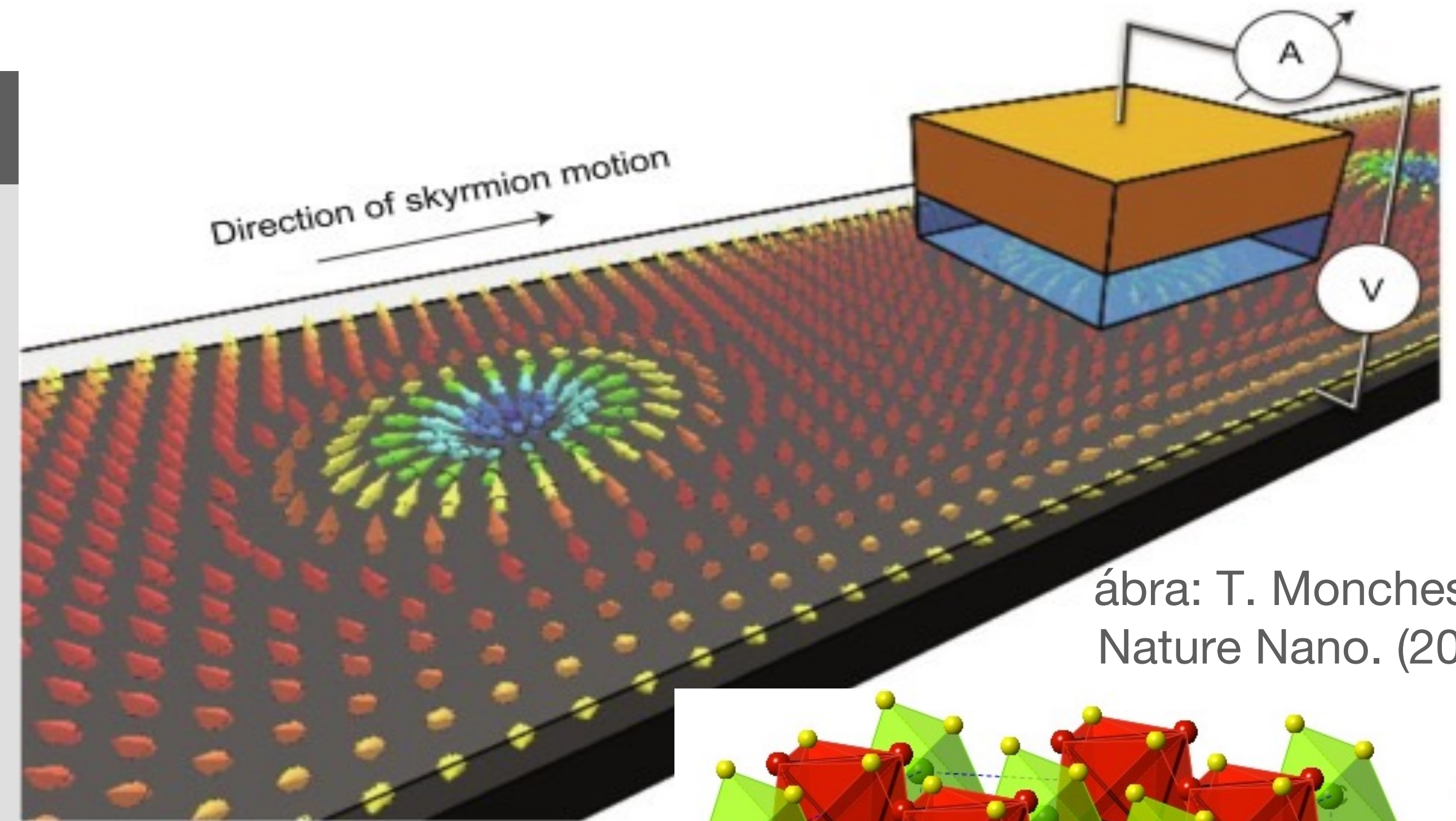


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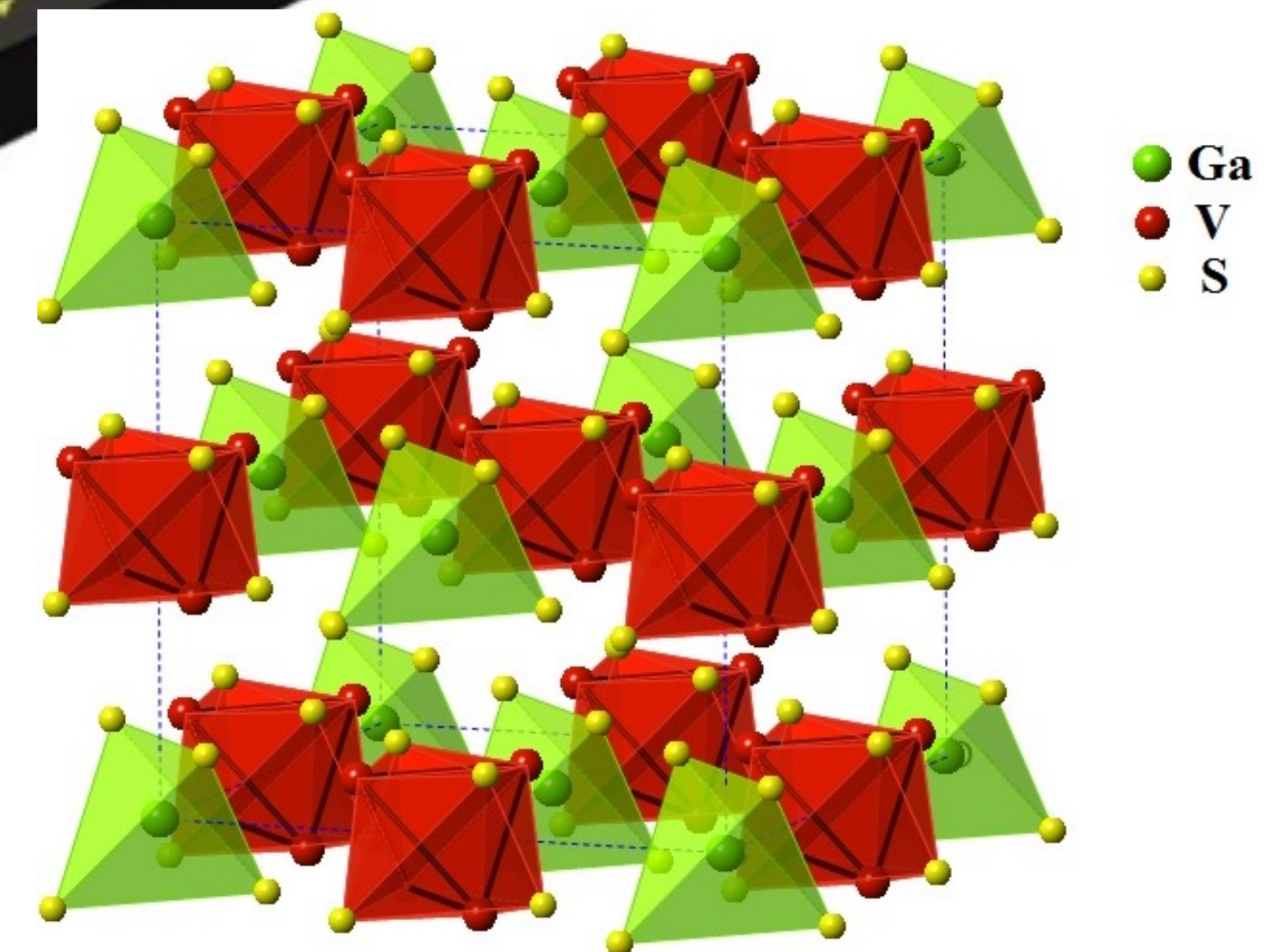
Magnetic skyrmions

- *Stable, localised, topologically protected spin patterns*
- *Mobility due to current drive*
- $\text{GaV}_4\text{S}_8 \rightarrow \text{GaMo}_4\text{S}_8$
- *Size: 18 nm \rightarrow 9.8 nm*
- *Electric polarization accompanies the skyrmions*
- *Manipulation of skyrmions by electric field*

Á. Butykai, et al., npj Quantum Materials 7, 26 (2022)



ábra: T. Monchesky,
Nature Nano. (2015).



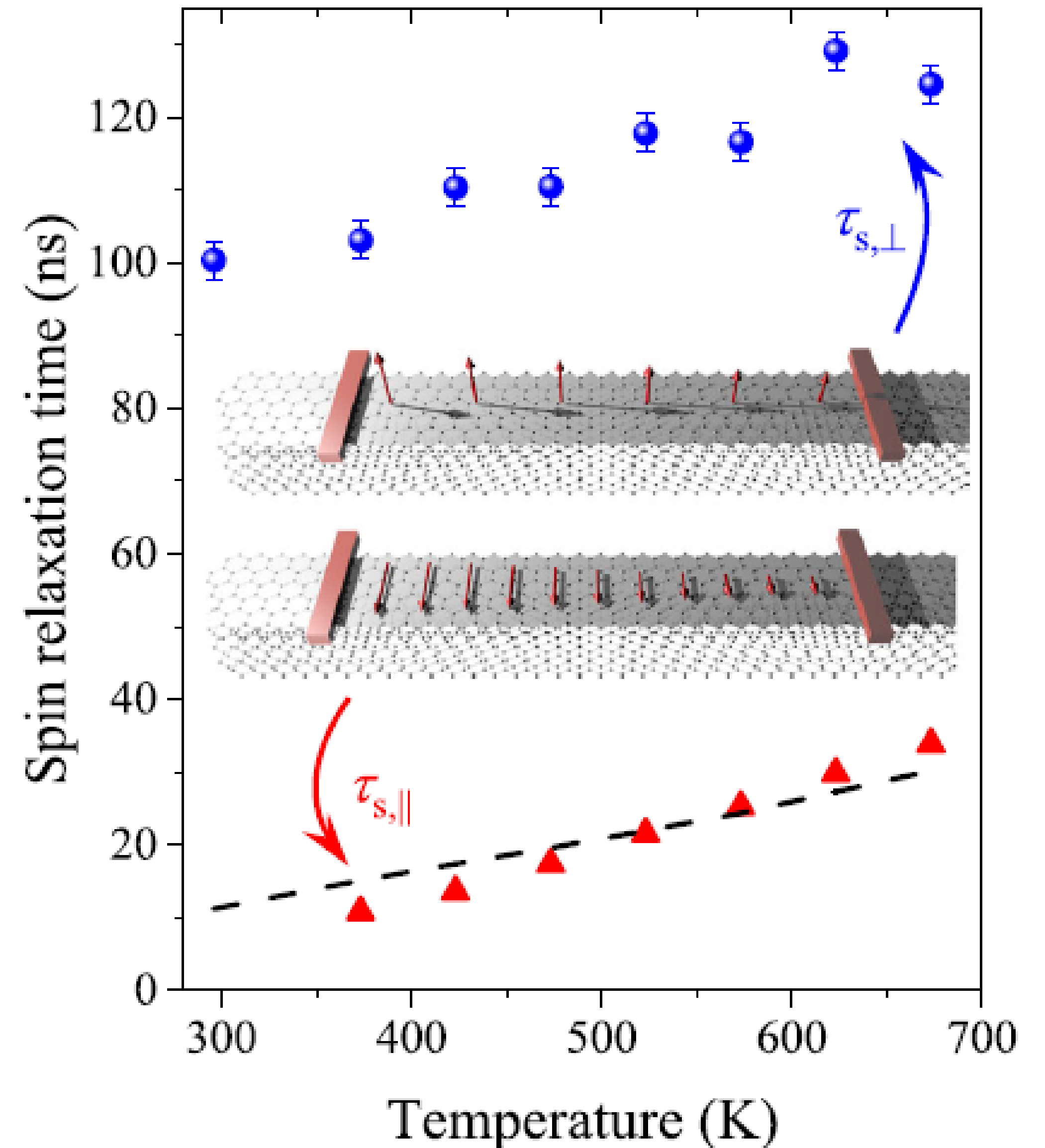
Ultralong spin-lifetime in graphite

RESULTS

Spintronics

- Graphene is conventionally thought to revolutionize spintronics, however, it has too many adatoms, impurities, surface area
- Graphite: an old material, archetype of semimetals
- Spins injected with perpendicular/parallel polarization to the plane
- Spin relaxation lifetime can be as long as 100 ns

B. Márkus *et al.*, Nat. Comm. **14**, 2831 (2023).



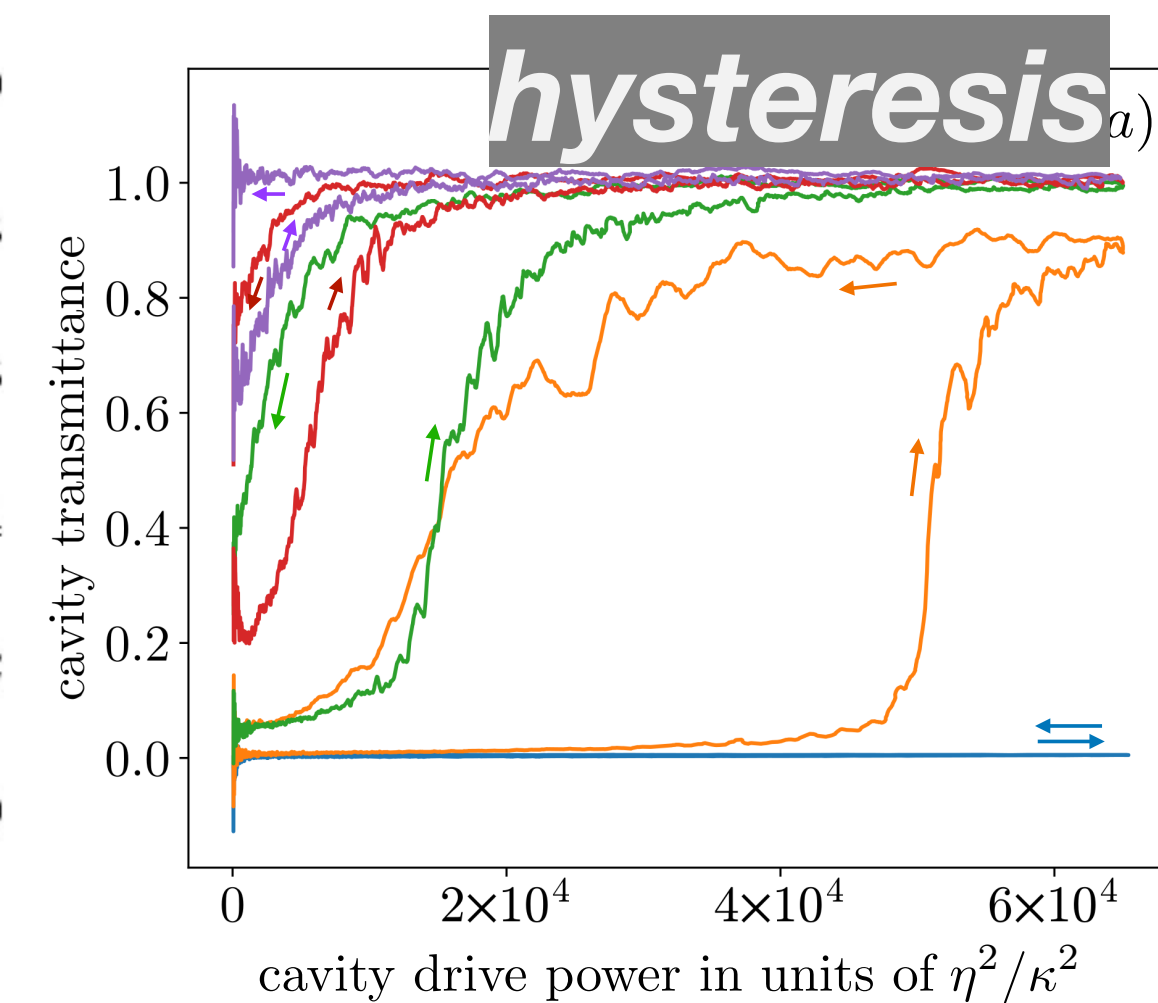
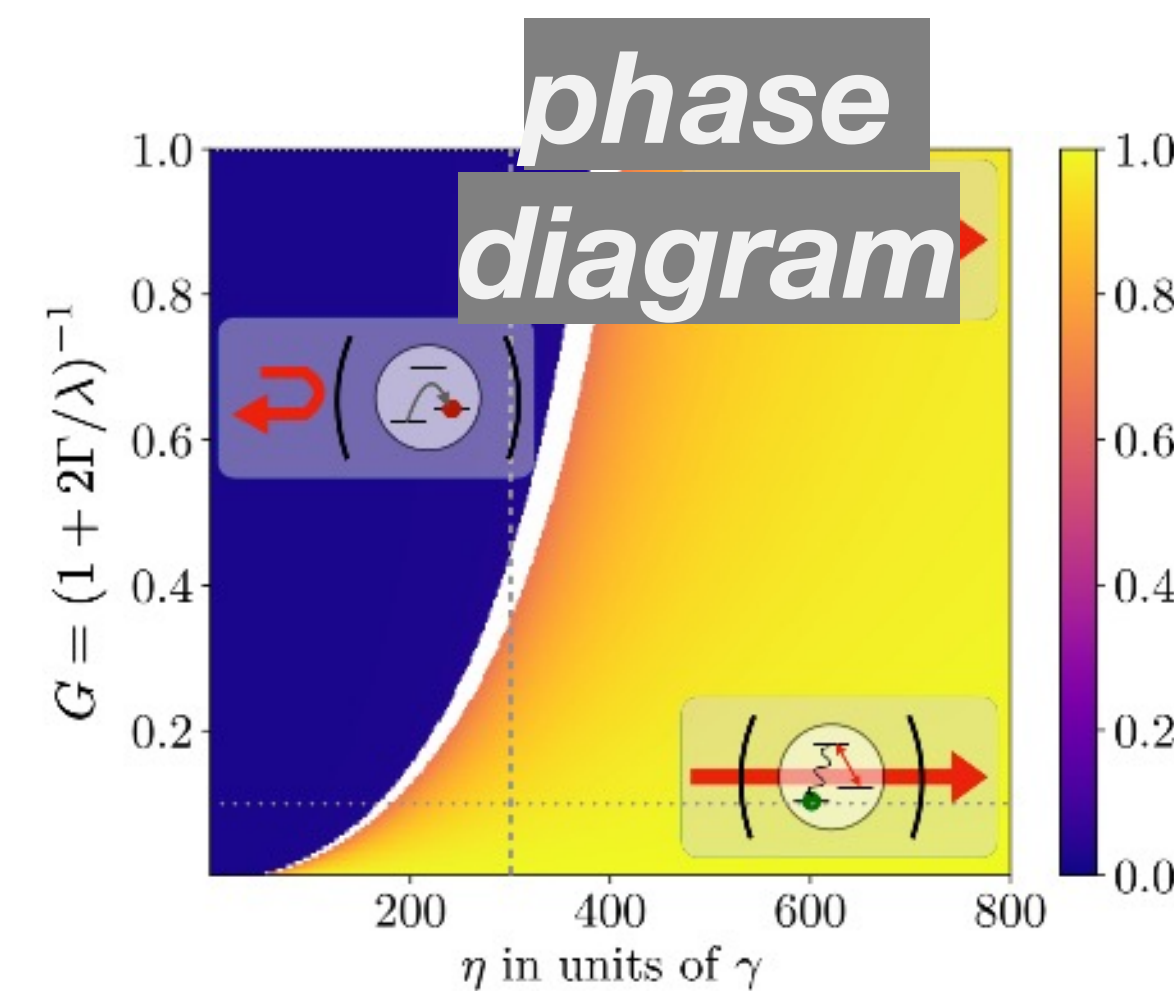
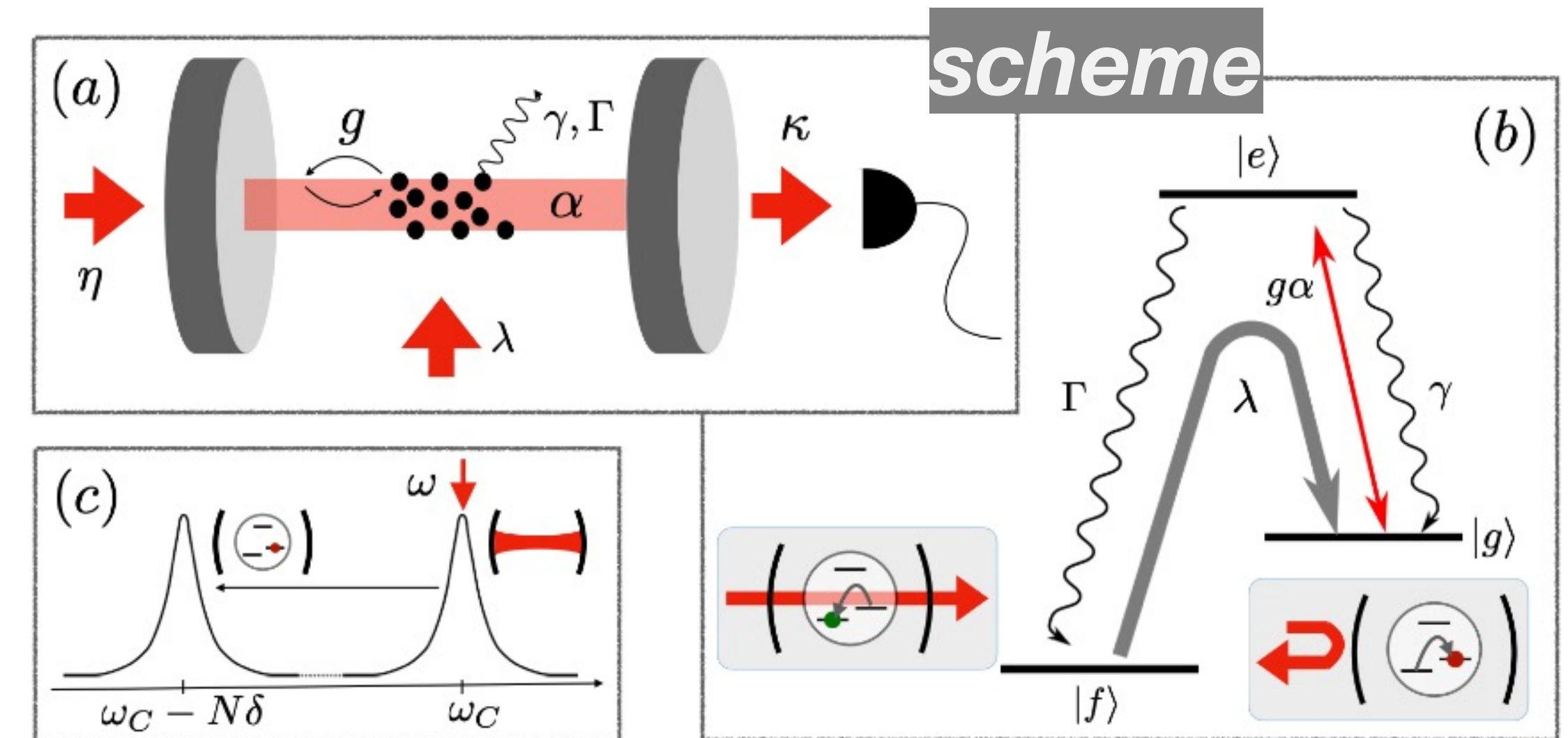
Atom-photon interface

RESULTS

Ground state bistability

- *Trapped cloud of cold atoms strongly coupled to a single mode of a cavity*
- *Hyperfine ground states of Rb represent long-lived quantum memory*
- *Two laser drives acting on the memory states: pump λ and probe η*
- *Cavity transmittance recorded: order parameter of the memory state*
- *Bistable switching generated*

B. Gábor et al, Phys. Rev. A 107, 023713 (2023)



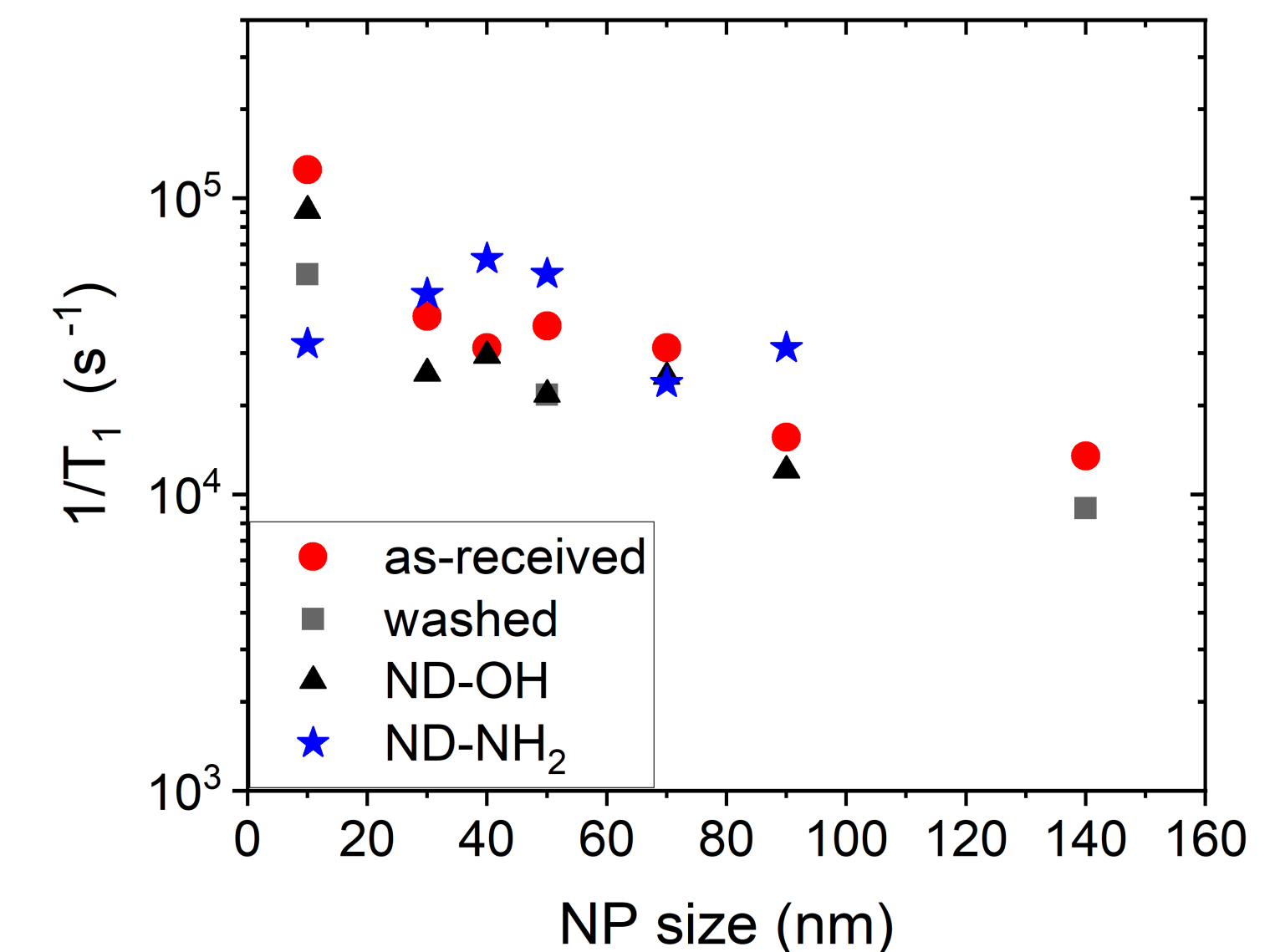
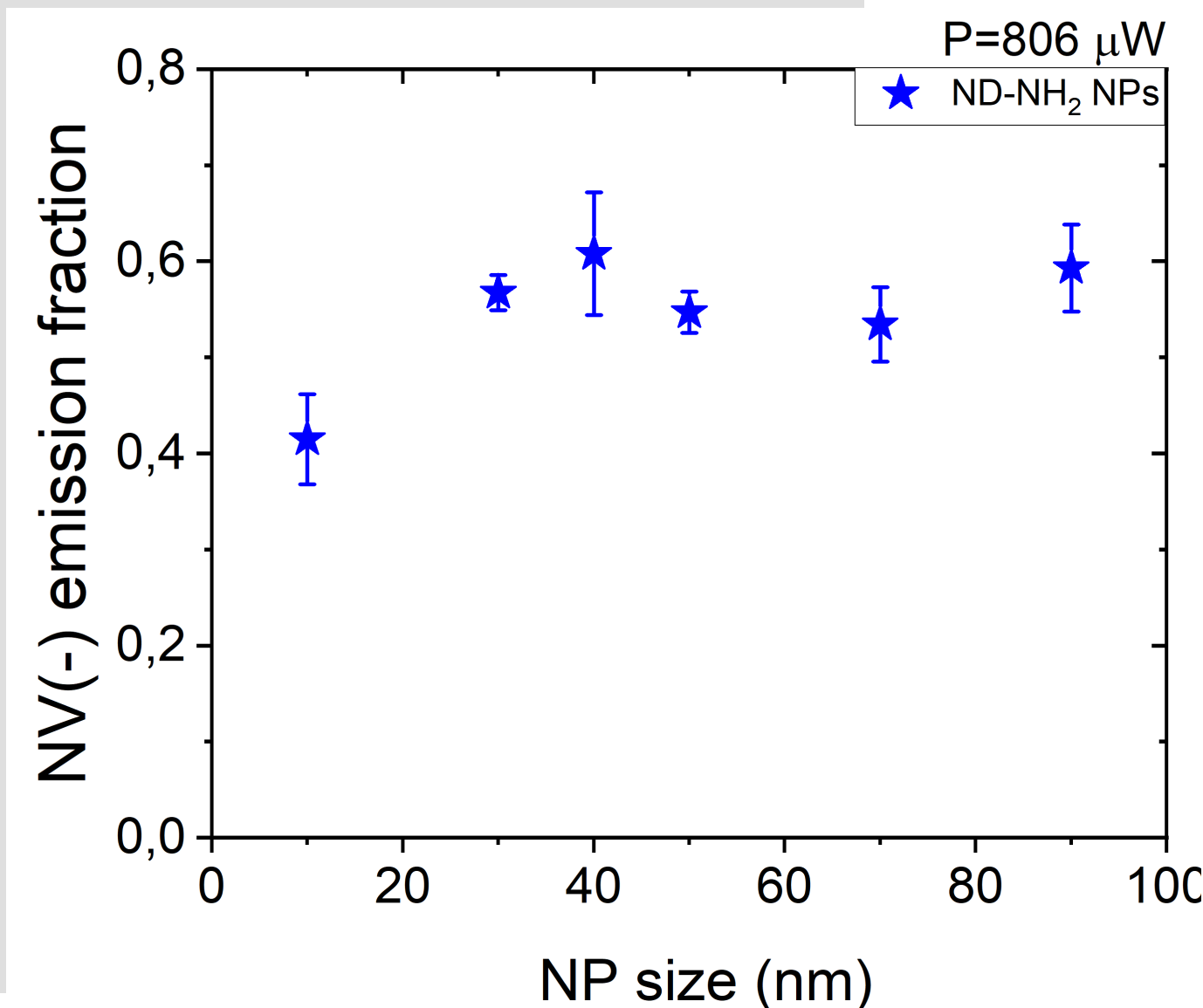
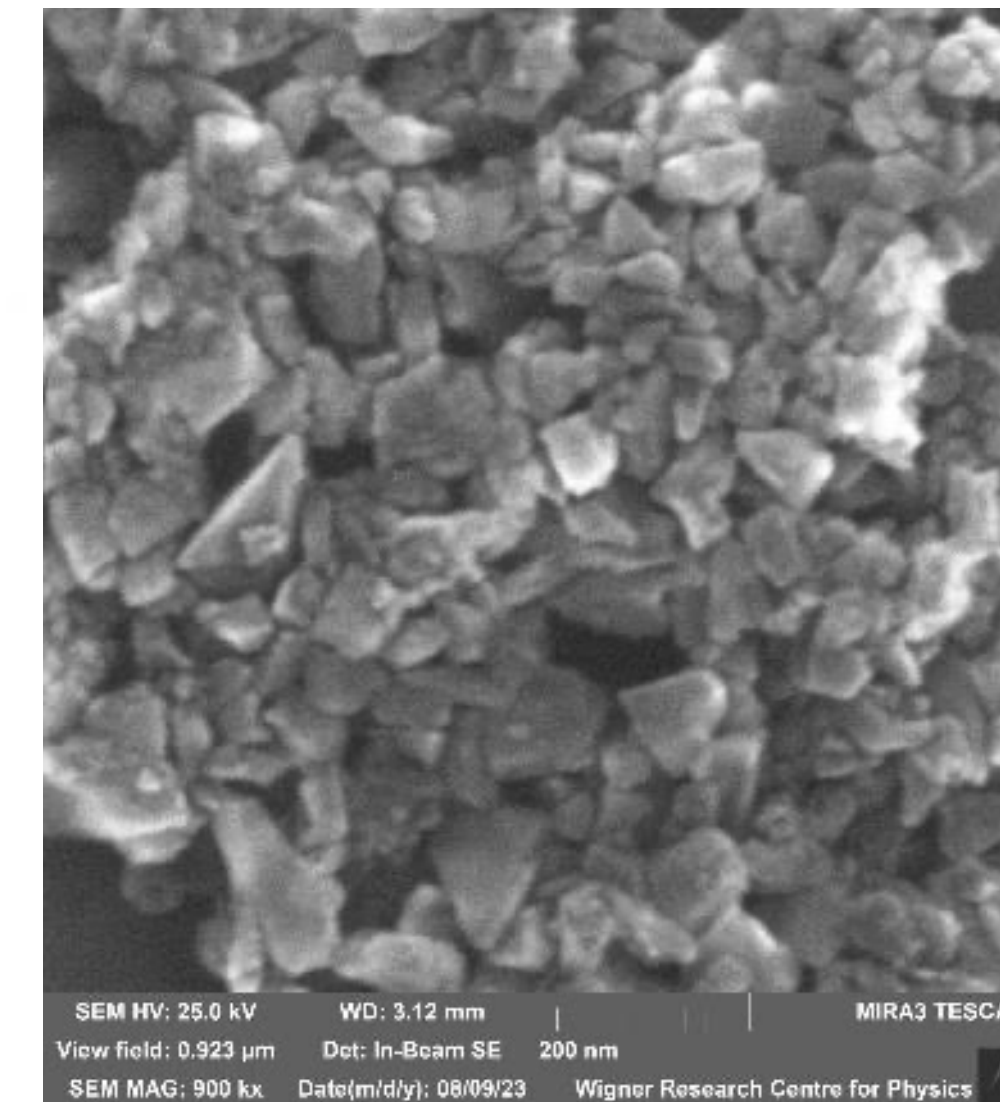
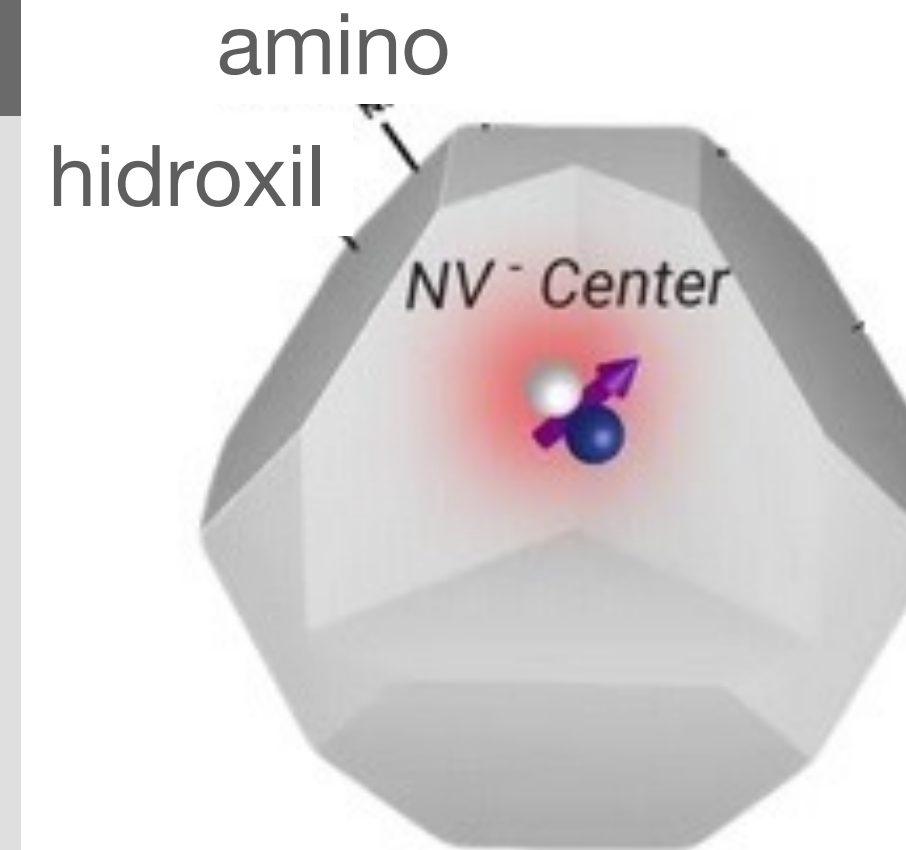
Spin-photon interface

RESULTS

NV centre in nanodiamond

- *The fluorescence nanodiamond (FND) is a highly stable photon source that does not photo-bleach*
- *The spin of the negatively charged Nitrogen-vacancy (NV) center can be read out optically*
- *Manipulation of NV-center population by the termination of the FND, the laser power, and the size of FND*
- *Stabilisation of NV qubit state by using NH_2 termination*
- *Manipulation of the relaxation time by surface termination*

*N. Jegenyés, V. Verkhovlyuk et al.,
to be submitted*



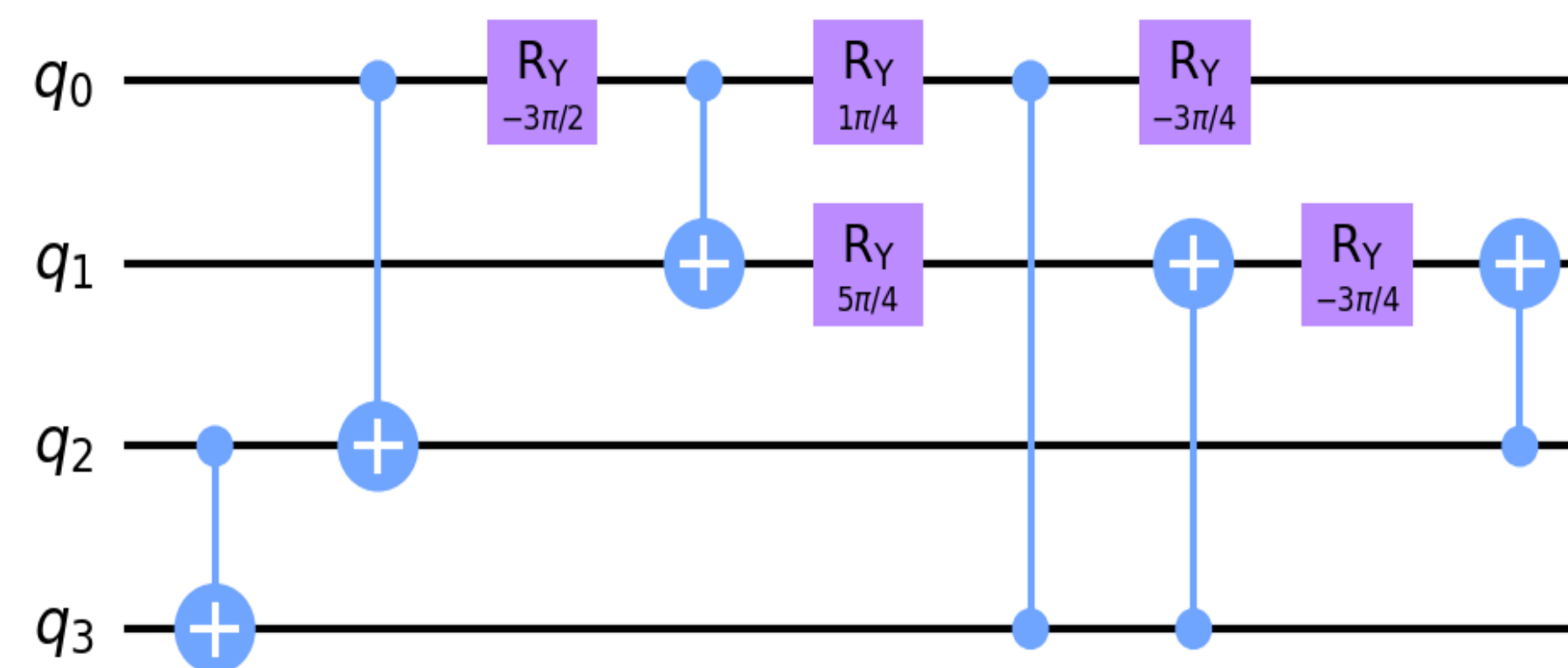
Sequential Quantum Gate Decomposer (SQUANDER)

RESULTS

Optimization based quantum gate synthesis

- Quantum circuit optimization through iterations of adaptive compression
- FPGA based data-flow engines speed up the optimization process by (10-100)x
- (7-220)x less gates compared to QISKIT

Zimborás et al, Quantum 6, 710 (2022)



CNOT gate counts in several quantum circuits:

Circuit name	Qubits	QISKIT CNOT	SQUANDER CNOT
ex2_227	7	2852	133
majority_239	7	4024	143
rd53_131	7	6538	93
cm82a_208	8	11246	51

Photonic Quantum Computer Simulation

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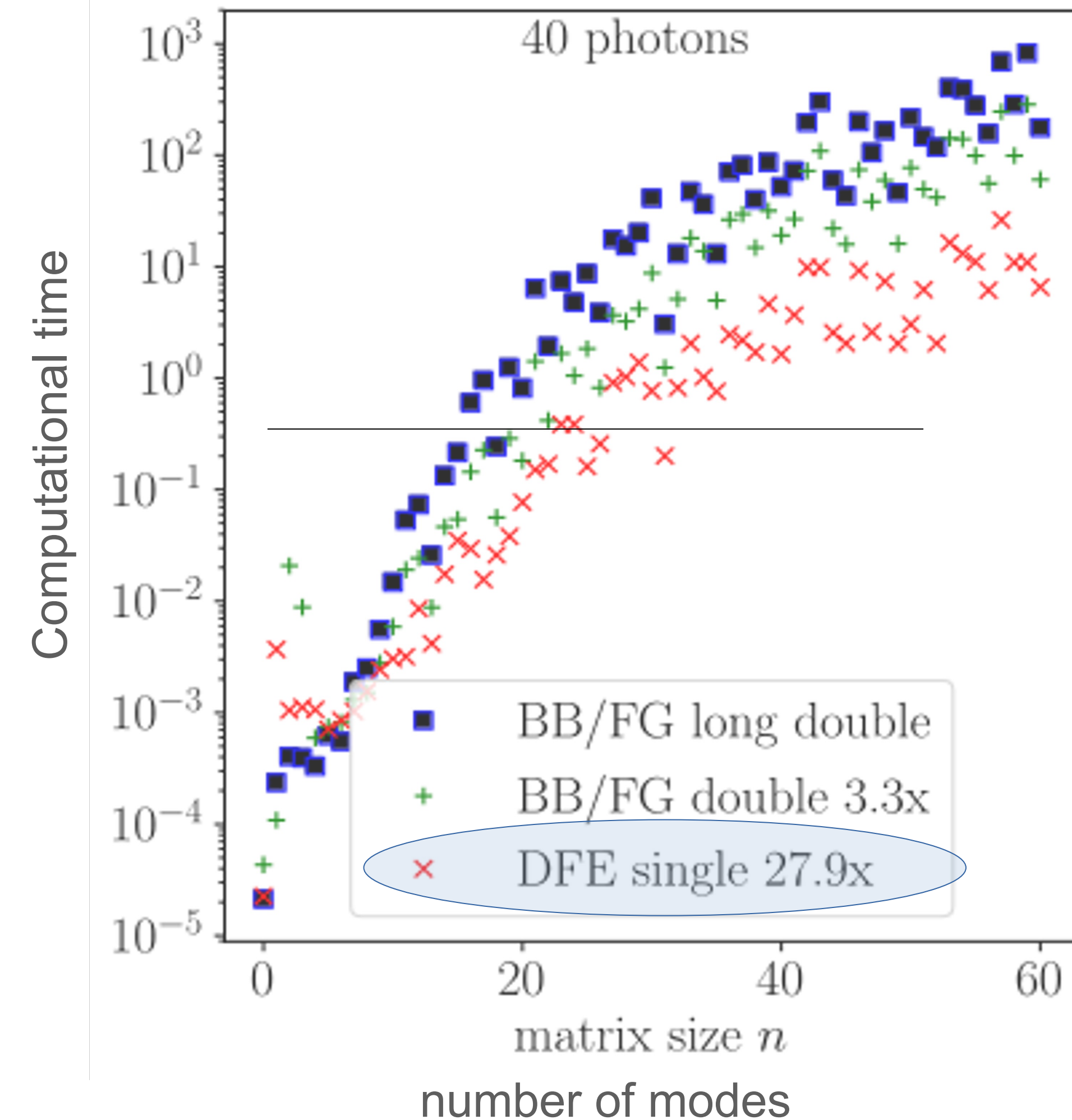
Simulation speedup by FPGA

- Exact boson sampling simulation up to 48 photons with single FPGA chip

20 photons: ~0.01 sec/sample
30 photons: ~1 sec/sample
40 photons: ~40 sec/sample

- Approximate boson sampling simulation up to 80 photons with single FPGA chip
- ERCIM News 128

Permanent computation benchmarks



Traveling salesman problem

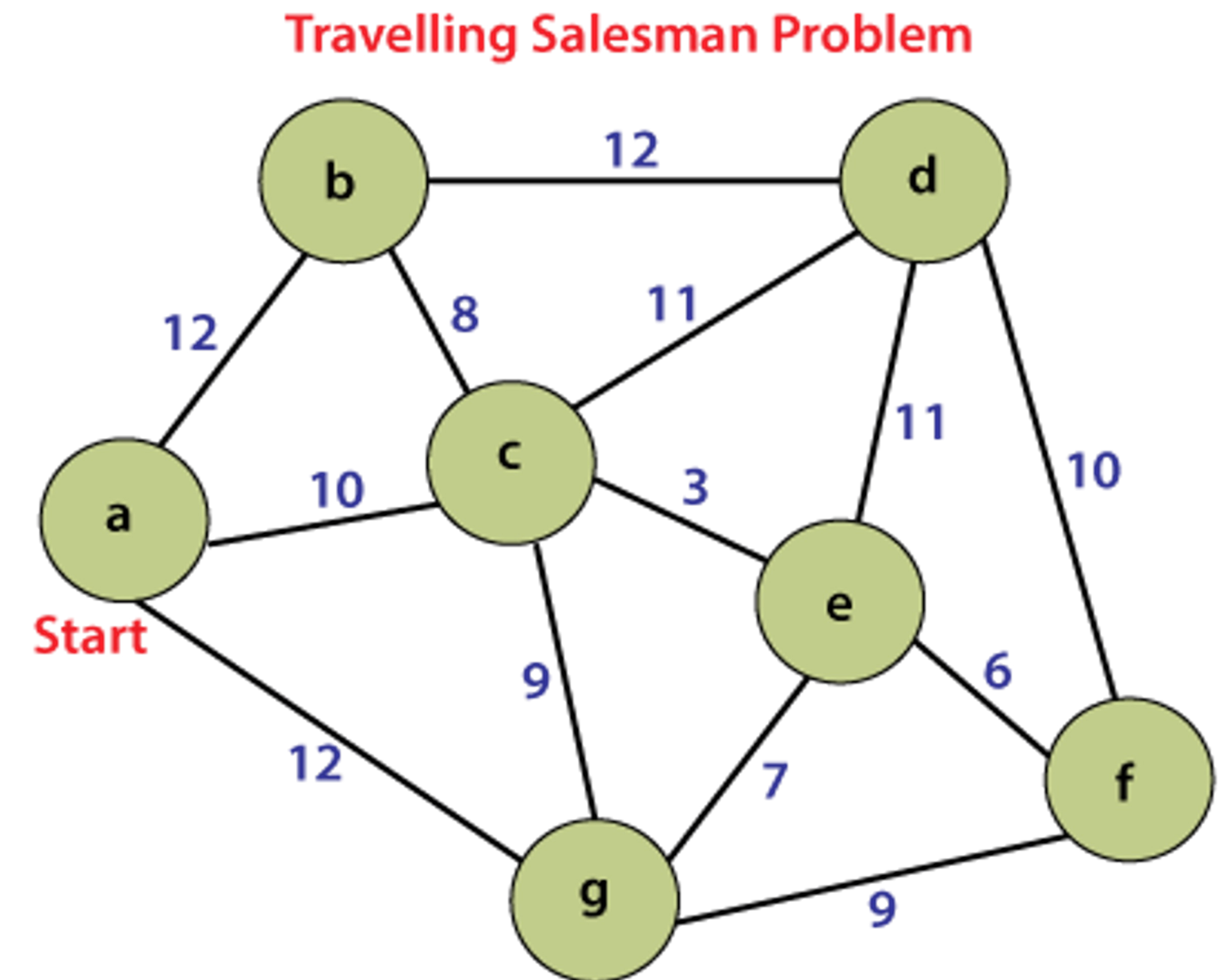
RESULTS

Optimal Quantum Circuit Design

- Combinatorial optimization problems
- Task: Find the shortest path that goes through all the cities and returns to the start
- HOBO technique \rightarrow variational quantum circuit (FUNC-QAOA) that surpasses all the other prior circuit designs in all the circuits metrics simultaneously and matches the theoretical optima

npj Quantum Information 8, 39 (2022)
arXiv:2209.03386

2 talks @ QIP 2022 & 2023



	optimal	X-QAOA	XY-QAOA	MTZ ILP	HOBO	FUNC-QAOA
qubits	$n \log n$	n^2	n^2	$n^2 \log n$	$n \log n$	$n \log n$
gates	n^2	n^3	n^3	n^3	n^3	n^2
depth	n	n	n	$n \log n$	n^2	$n \log n$
depth (LNN)	n	n^2	n^2	$n^2 \log n$	$n^2 \log n$	$n \log n$
energy span	n	n^3	n^2	n^4	n^2	n
param.gates	n^2	n^3	n^3	n^3	n^3	n^2
eff.space	$n \log n$	n^2	$n \log n$	$n^2 \log n$	$n \log n$	$n \log n$

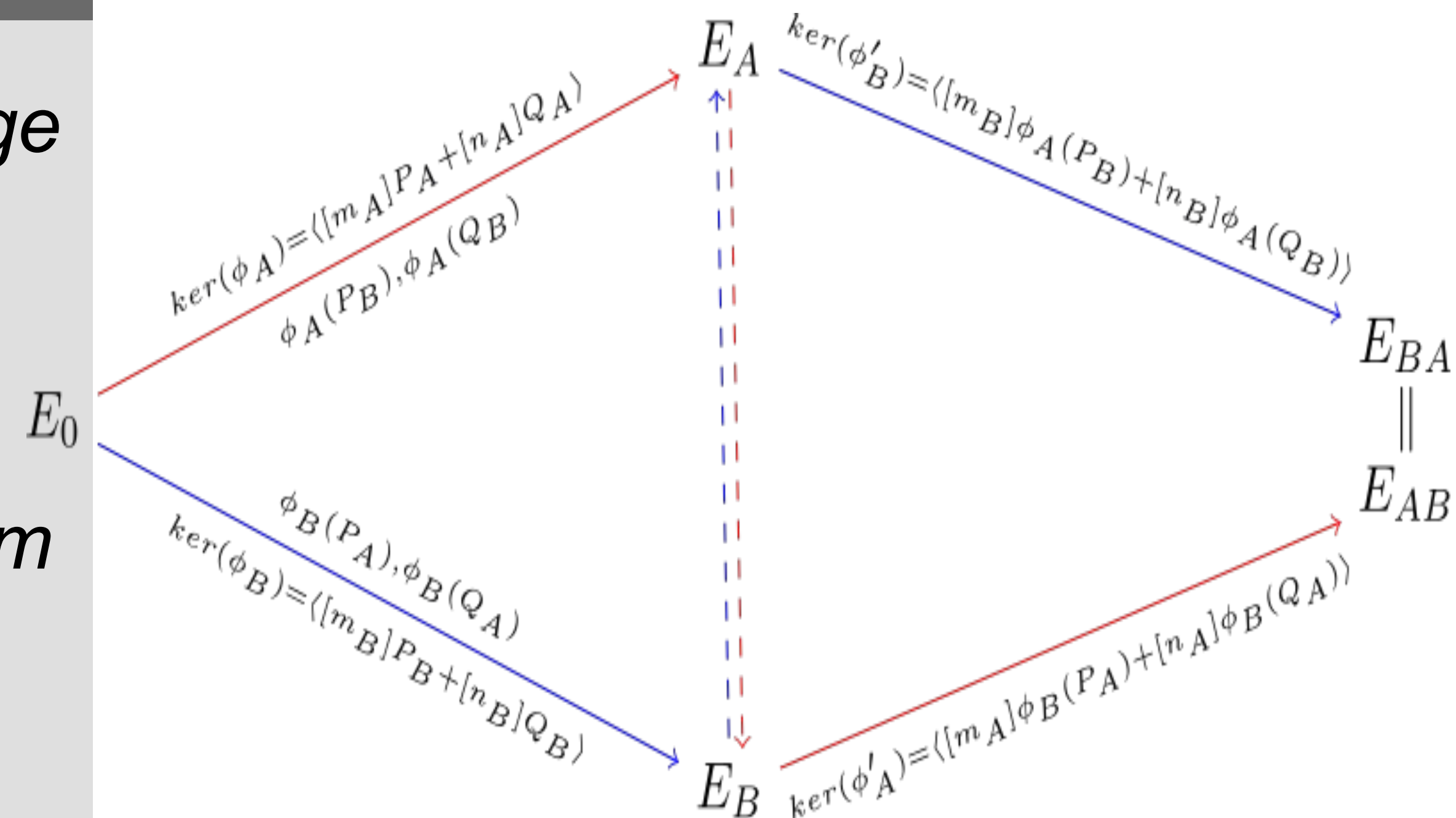
Post-quantum cryptography

RESULTS

Cryptanalysis of pSIDH

- *pSIDH is a recently proposed key exchange supposedly resistant to quantum attacks*
- *Hardness relies on the so-called IsERP problem for prime degree isogenies*
- *We showed how to break it with a quantum computer*
- *First application of non-abelian hidden subgroup problems to completely break a cryptosystem*

Mingjie Chen, Muhammad Imran, Gábor Ivanyos, Péter Kutas, Antonin Leroux, Christophe Petit, *Accepted to Asiacrypt 2023 (one of the three top cryptography venues)*



Asiacrypt 2023
December 4-8,
2023
Guangzhou, China



Research and development

QNL

- *1 mission*
- *3 strategic goals*
- *6 work packages*
- *18 projects*
- *15 research groups*
- *82 PhD student*
- *35 young researchers*

Figures of merits

- *50 Q1 publication / year*
- *90 conference talks / year*
- *15 domestic industrial partners*
- *8 international industrial partners*
- *90 international academic partners*
- *12 EU-s consortial projects*
- *4.5 billion HUF grant*

Industrial cooperations



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