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In the news

Hillary Clinton wants “Manhattan-like project” to break encryption

US should be able to bypass encryption—but only for terrorists, candidate says.

JON BRODKIN - 12/21/2015, 5:15 PM



Enlarge / Hillary Clinton's campaign acknowledged systems used by the campaign, hosted at the DNC, had been hacked, allegedly by a group tied to Russian intelligence agencies.

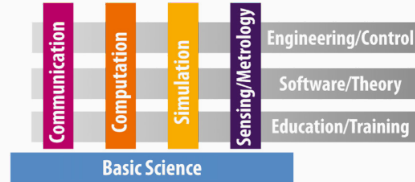
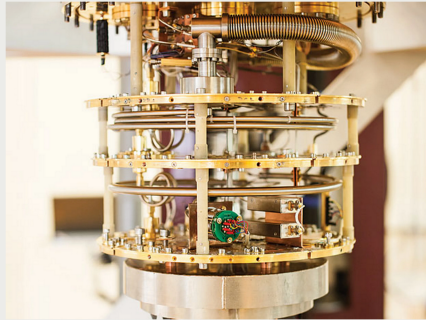
Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has called for a "Manhattan-like project" to help law enforcement break into encrypted communications. This is in reference to the [Manhattan Project](#), the top-secret concentrated research effort which resulted in the US developing nuclear weapons during World War II.

At Saturday's Democratic debate ([transcript here](#)), moderator Martha Raddatz asked Clinton about Apple CEO Tim Cook's statements that any effort to break encryption would harm law-abiding citizens.

Europe Will Spend €1 Billion to Turn Quantum Physics Into Quantum Technology

> A 10-year-long megaproject will go beyond quantum computing and cryptography to advance other emerging technologies

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China will open a \$10 billion quantum computer center and others also investing in quantum computing

October 10, 2017 by [Brian Wang](#)

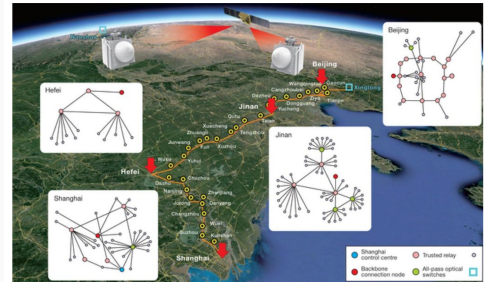
On 37 hectares (nearly 4 million square feet) in Hefei, Anhui Province, China is building a \$10 billion research center for quantum applications. This news comes on the heels of the world's first video call made via quantum-encrypted communications and the completion of a quantum-encrypted fiber optic trunk cable.

China Builds the World's First Integrated Quantum Communication Network

TOPICS: Popular Quantum Information Science Telecommunications

University Of Science And Technology Of China

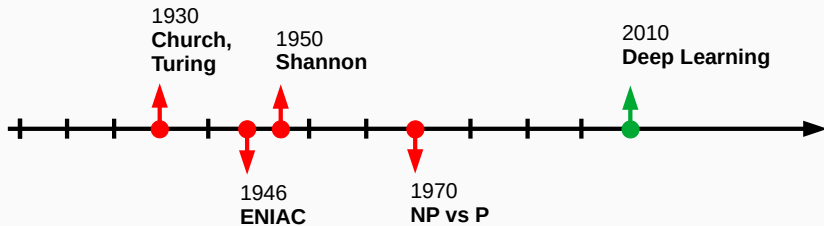
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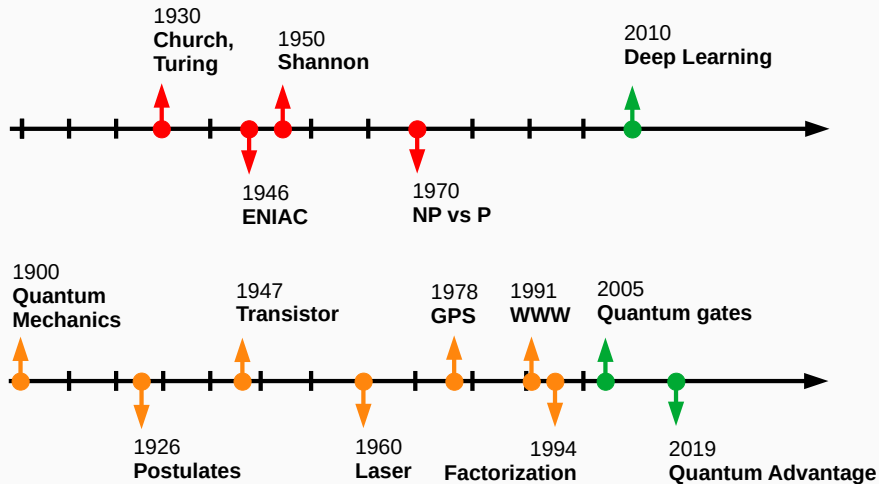
Chinese scientists have established the world's first integrated quantum communication network, combining over 700 optical fibers on the ground with two ground-to-satellite links to achieve quantum key distribution over a total distance of 4,600 kilometers for users across the country. Credit: University of Science and Technology of China

What's going on?

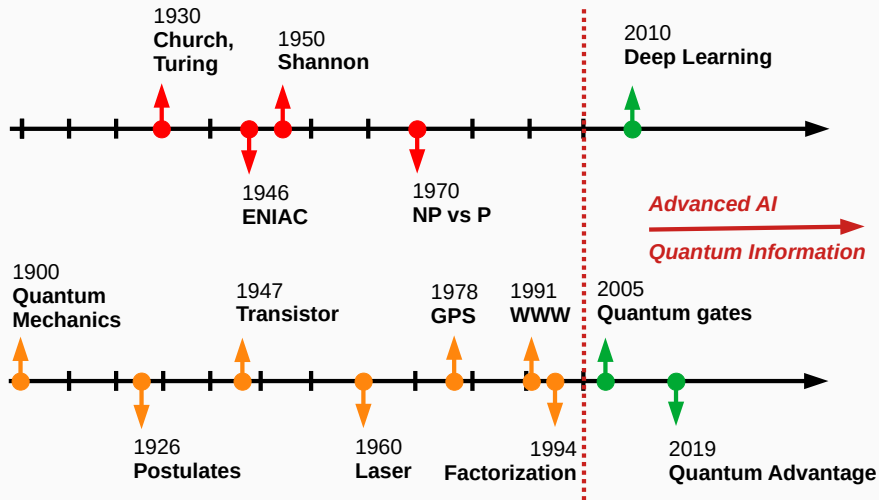
The Quantum Disruption



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Acquiring control of nature at quantum level

First Quantum Revolution

Postulates and first applications:

- Transistors, computers
- Laser, communication
- Atomic clocks, GPS
- MRI, healthcare

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Second Quantum Revolution

Quantum control of quantum elements

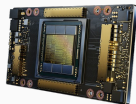
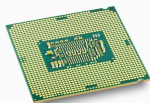
- Quantum computation
- Quantum communication
- Quantum sensing
- Quantum simulation

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Towards **Quantum Information** and Computing



Manipulate **information** with quantum mechanics

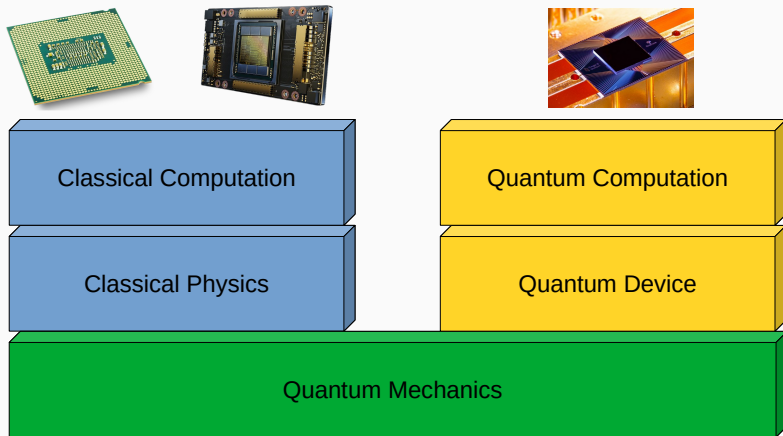


Classical Computation

Classical Physics

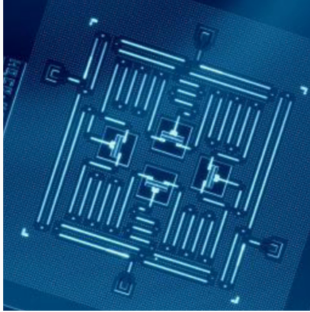
Computing = Physics: Church, Turing, ...

Information and Quantum Mechanics

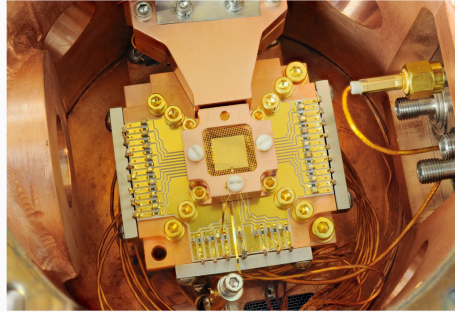


Feynman: Computing with Quantum Mechanics

Physical implementation



(a) Superconducting device assembled by IBM



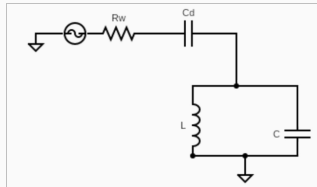
(b) Chip based on trapped ions technology

Physical implementation

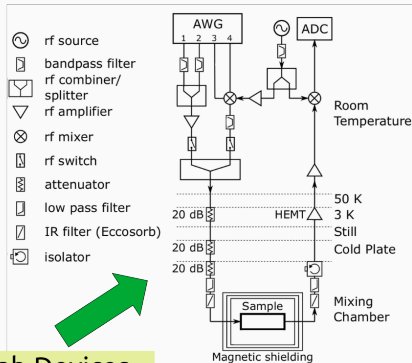


Physical implementation

Transmon (qubit)



Platform design



Lab Devices

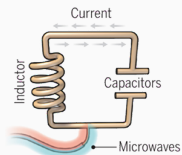
Cryostat (Fridge)



QRC@TII Labs

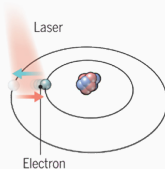
The big players

Quantum Technologies



Superconducting loops

A resistance-free current oscillates back and forth around a circuit loop. An injected microwave signal excites the current into superposition states.



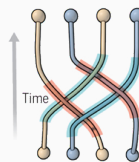
Trapped ions

Electrically charged atoms, or ions, have quantum energies that depend on the location of electrons. Tuned lasers cool and trap the ions, and put them in superposition states.



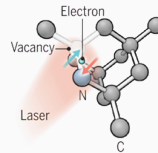
Silicon quantum dots

These “artificial atoms” are made by adding an electron to a small piece of pure silicon. Microwaves control the electron’s quantum state.



Topological qubits

Quasiparticles can be seen in the behavior of electrons channeled through semiconductor structures. Their braided paths can encode quantum information.



Diamond vacancies

A nitrogen atom and a vacancy add an electron to a diamond lattice. Its quantum spin state, along with those of nearby carbon nuclei, can be controlled with light.

Number entangled

9

14

2

N/A

6

Company support

Google, IBM, Quantum Circuits

ionQ

Intel

Microsoft, Bell Labs

Quantum Diamond Technologies

Pros

Fast working. Build on existing semiconductor industry.

Very stable. Highest achieved gate fidelities.

Stable. Build on existing semiconductor industry.

Greatly reduce errors.

Can operate at room temperature.

Cons

Collapse easily and must be kept cold.

Slow operation. Many lasers are needed.

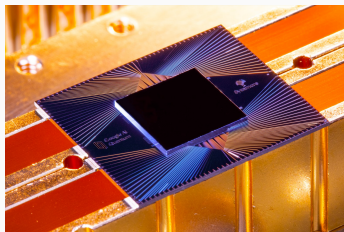
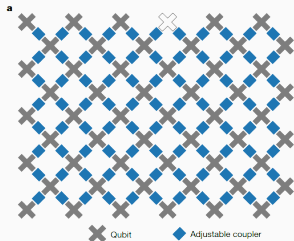
Only a few entangled. Must be kept cold.

Existence not yet confirmed.

Difficult to entangle.

Quantum advantage

First quantum computation that can not be reproduced on a classical supercomputer from Google, [Nature 574, 505-510\(2019\)](#):

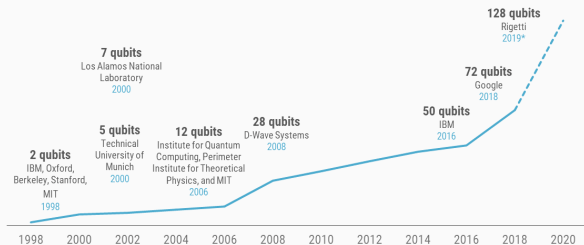


53 qubits (86 qubit-couplers) → Task of sampling the output of a pseudo-random quantum circuit (extract probability distribution).

Classically the probability distribution is **exponentially more difficult**.

Quantum computers are getting more powerful

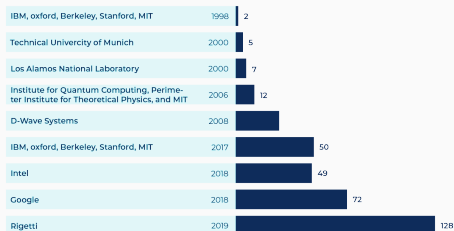
Number of qubits achieved by date and organization 1998 – 2020*



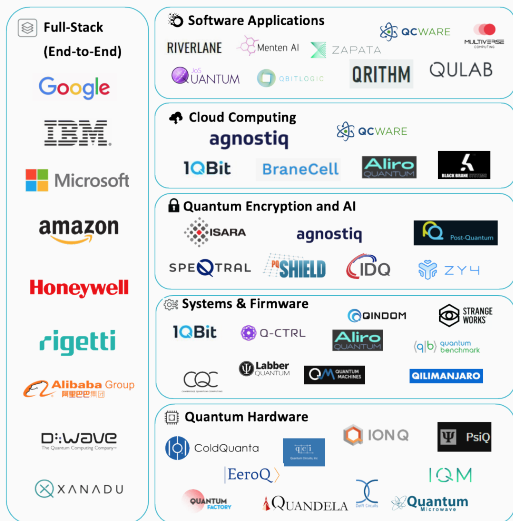
Source: MIT, Qubit Counter. *Rigetti quantum computer expected by late 2019.

CBINSIGHTS

20 Years of Quantum Computing Growth

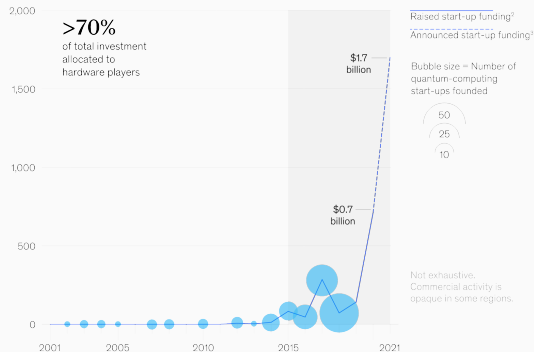


The big players



Start-up activity and investments in quantum computing have skyrocketed since 2015.

Volume¹ of raised funding, \$ millions



¹Based on public investment data recorded in PitchBook; actual investment is likely higher.

²Public announcements of major deals; actual investment is likely higher.

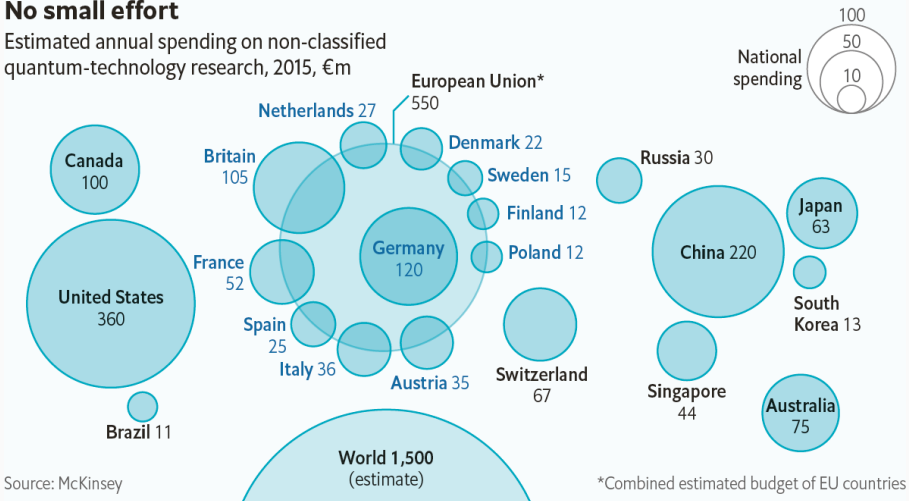
³Start-ups from 2019 and later are likely still in stealth mode or are not yet recognized as quantum-computing companies by relevant platforms and experts.

Source: PitchBook, McKinsey analysis

Annual spending on quantum technology

No small effort

Estimated annual spending on non-classified quantum-technology research, 2015, €m



Excited states

Patent applications to 2015, in:

Quantum computing



Quantum cryptography

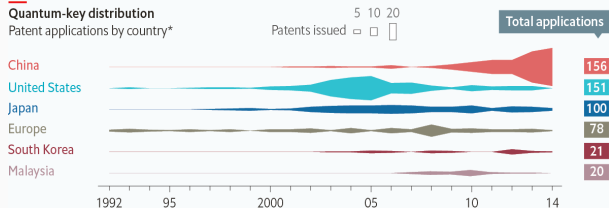


Quantum sensors



Quantum-key distribution

Patent applications by country*



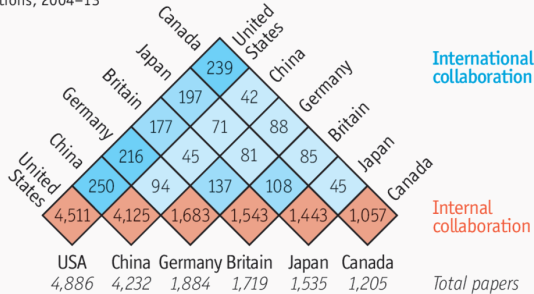
Sources: UK Intellectual Property Office; European Commission

*By location of corporate headquarters

The big players

Foreign entanglements

Authorship of papers on quantum computing by nationality of authors*
Top 6 nations, 2004–13

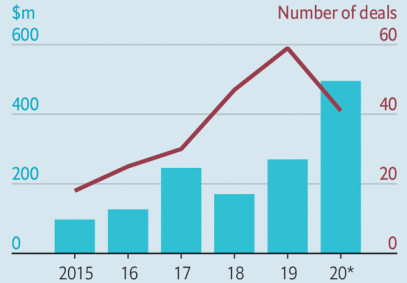


*Collaborations between more than two countries may be counted multiple times

Sources: Digital Science; Clarivate
Economist.com

Excited state

Venture-capital deals in quantum computing
Worldwide



Source: PitchBook

*To September 4th

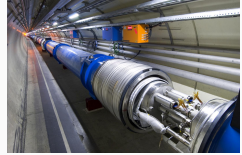
The Economist

Summary

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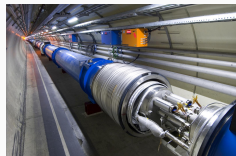
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Open questions:

- Which development model is the most **sustainable** for future technological research?
- How to measure its **cost-benefit**?
- What's the **impact** in our society?