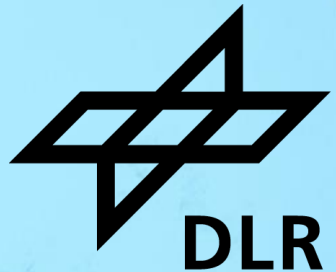


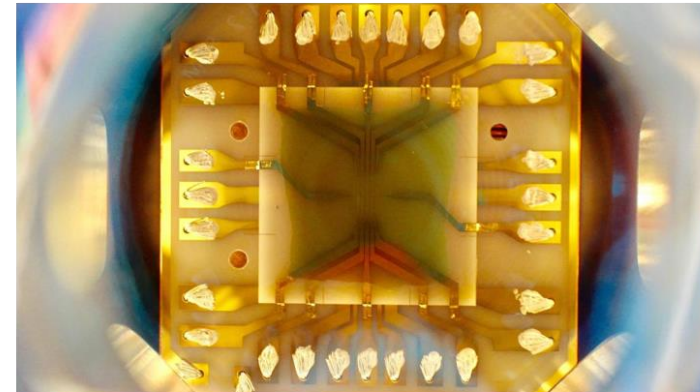
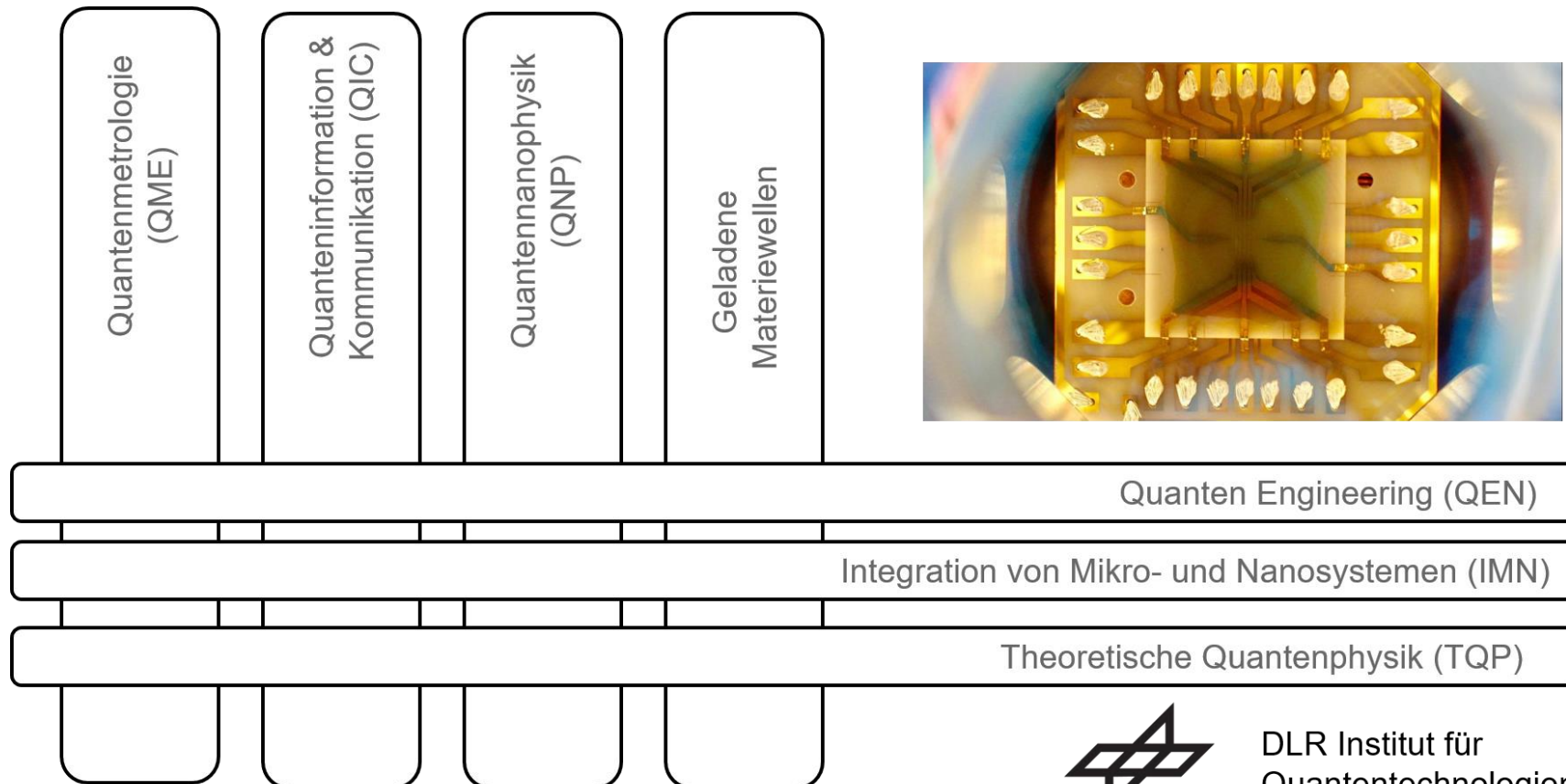
SUPPLY CHAIN QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES

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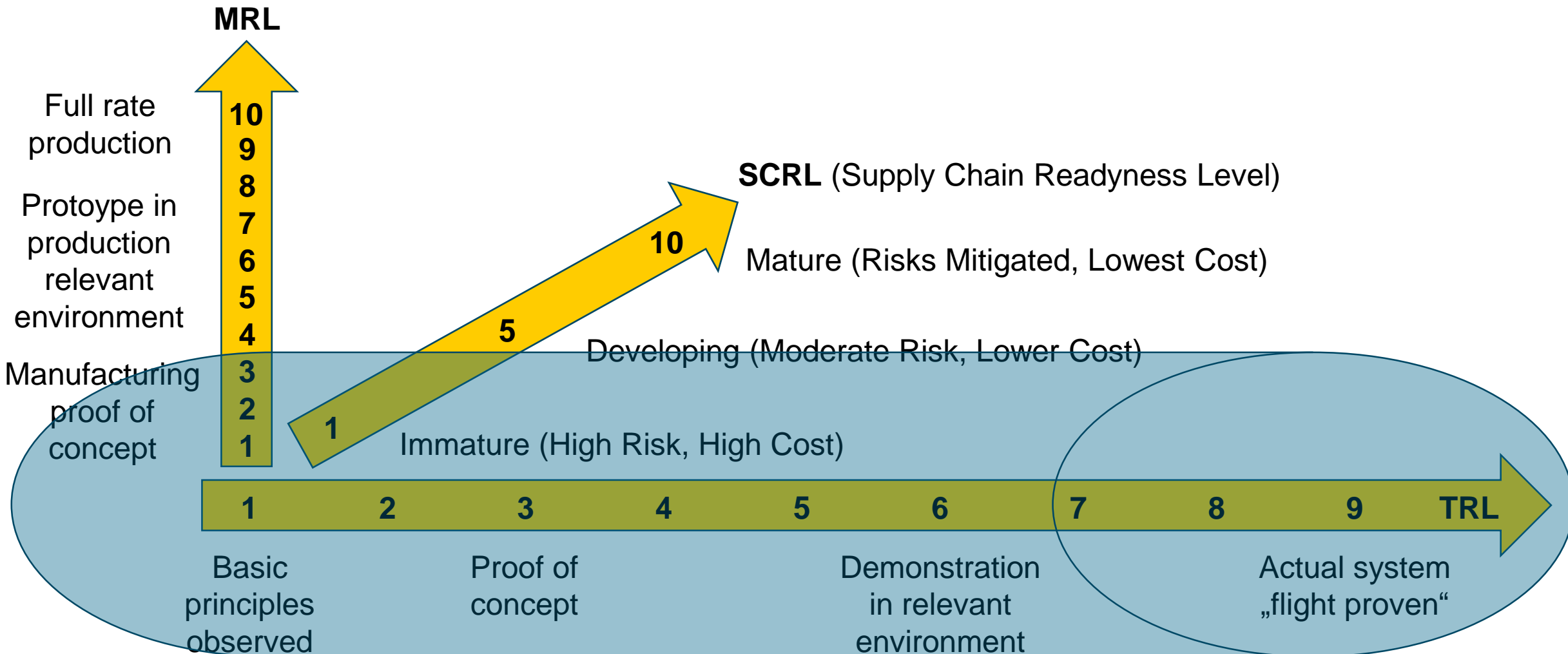
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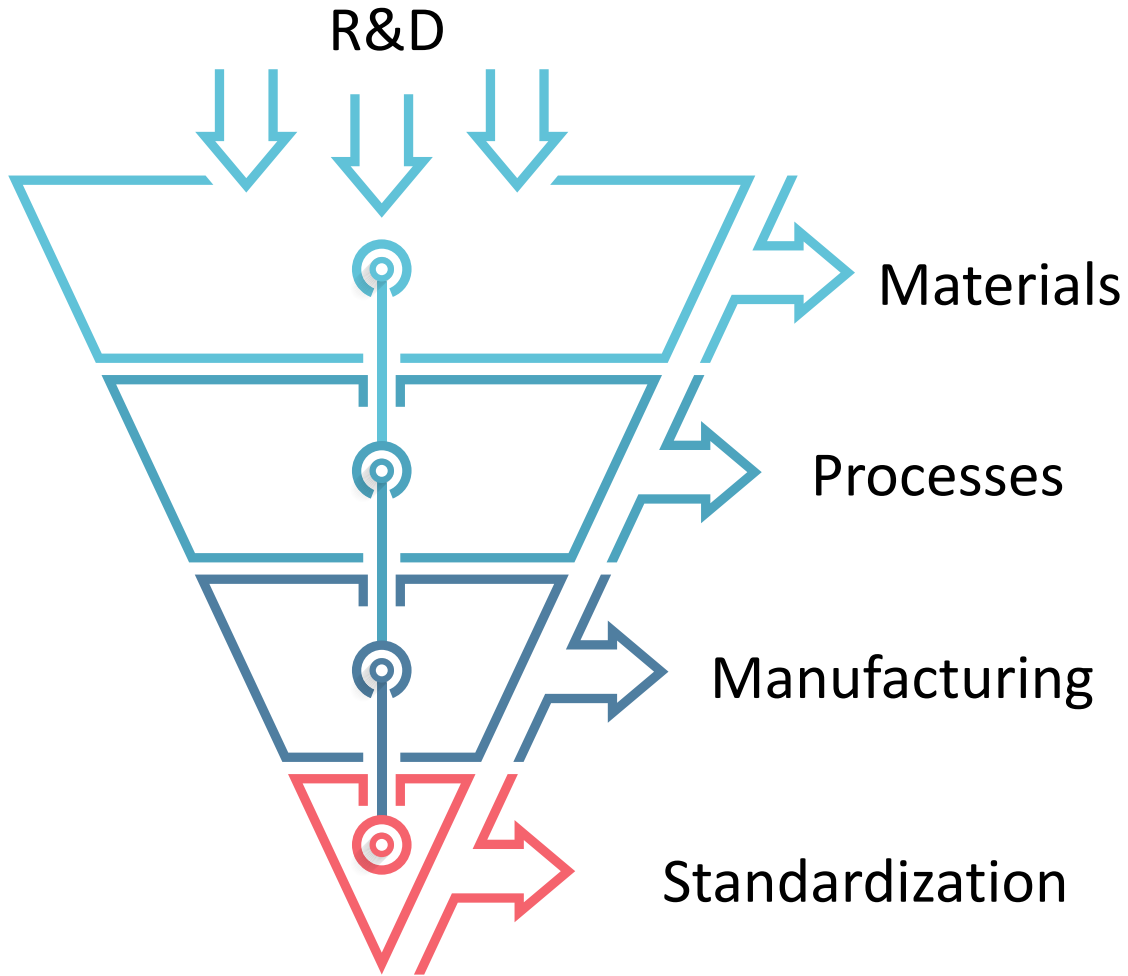
Quantum Technologies – Supporting Commercialisation



How to support the Supply Chain?

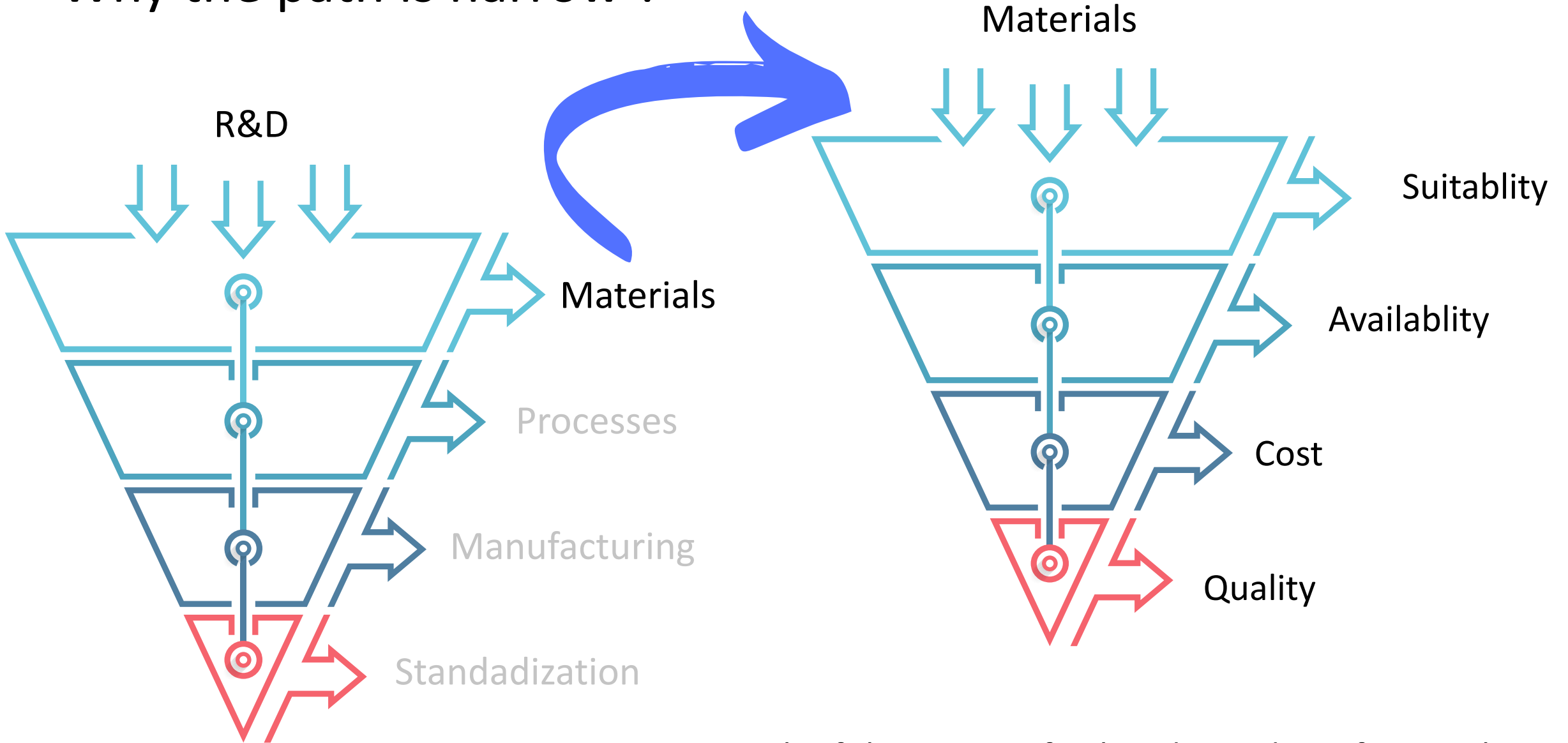


An SME view on challenges in building a supply chain



This funnel diagram shows the quick narrow-down of viable technologies that can deliver commercial quantum computers.

Why the path is narrow ?



Slide courtesy of Gopi Balasubramanian, Xeedq

Each of these areas further depends on factors that impose constraints on the usability

Sourcing for QC

Example

Microwave electronics, high-frequency components, cables, assemblies and optical elements.

main supplier USA and the current export licensing time is 60 months minimum.

Example

High frequency synthesizers, Lasers, Timing and Radio-frequency ,

main supplier USA, UK and one or two large manufacturers.

Example

Materials, modification, packaging and standardization.

multiple locations, but the quality needs to be inferred.

A UK view on some Quantum Computing Supply Chain Challenges

Still needed: integrated laser systems, low loss&fast optical switches/AOMs, and miniaturised vacuum systems

US dominated: FPGAs/ASICs

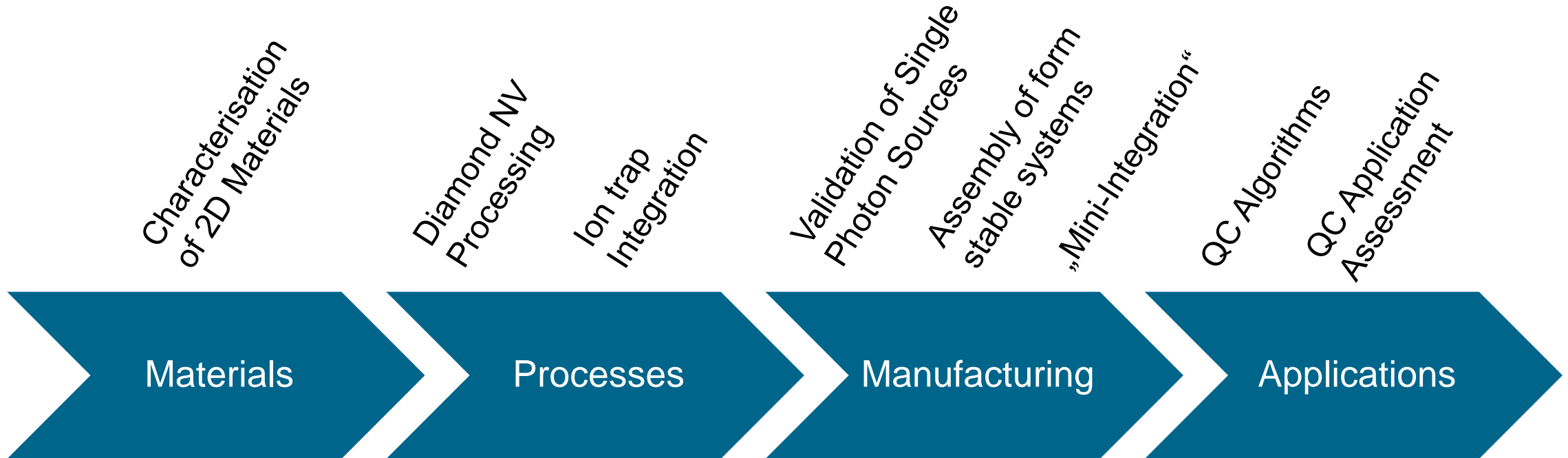
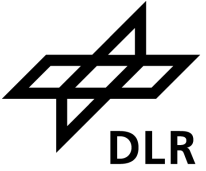
- For superconducting qubits, cryoelectronics is of increasing interest.
- chip fabrication for, e.g. ion traps and superconducting circuits, as well as PIC for photonics-based systems.

Dr Simon R. Plant, Deputy Director – Innovation, **National Quantum Computing Centre (NQCC)**

- Lithium Niobate for photonics work needs to be sourced from Taiwan at the moment.
- Ion/atom traps – UK needs an established fabrication path (US has Sandia and Lincoln Labs)
- Superconducting – The best fabs we know of are in the US, and they are also a major source of state-of-the-art superconducting amplifiers for signal recovery etc.
- Diamond – still early stage, but eventually we will need standardised facilities to build at scale
- Photonics – needs test facilities

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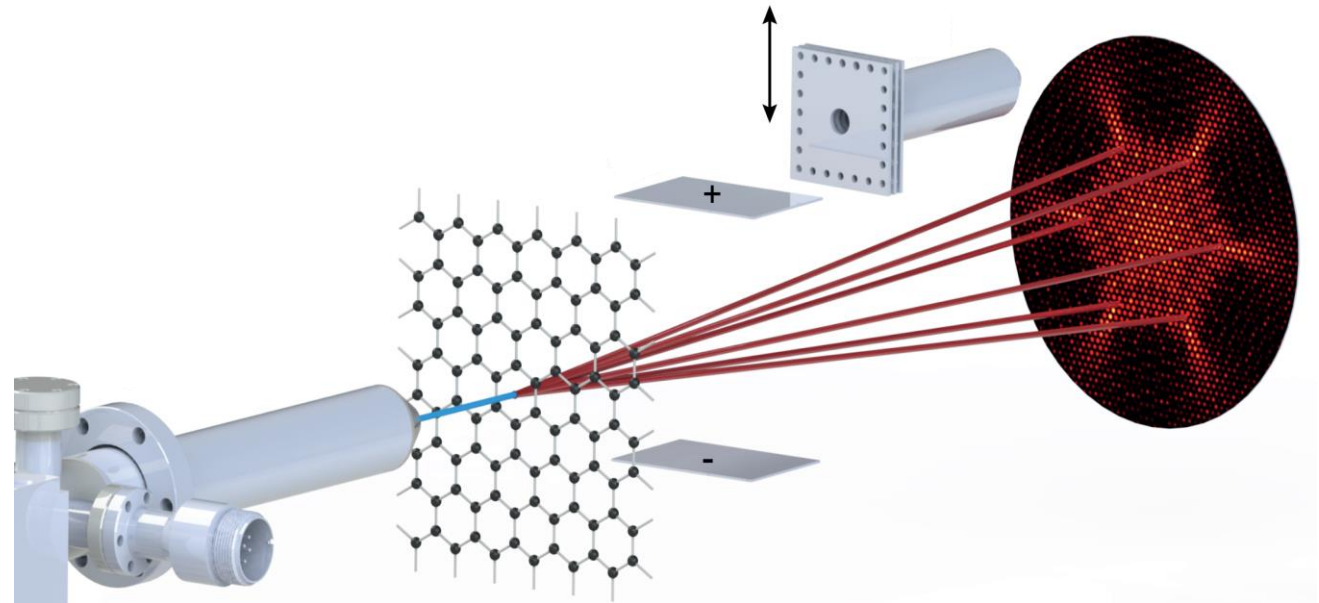
DLR-QT: Where can we help?



Materials: Characterization of 2D Materials

Aims

- Non-destructive
- Targeted introduction of defects
- Investigation and optimisation of ion beam based doping
- Thinning of 2D materials to 1 atomic layer

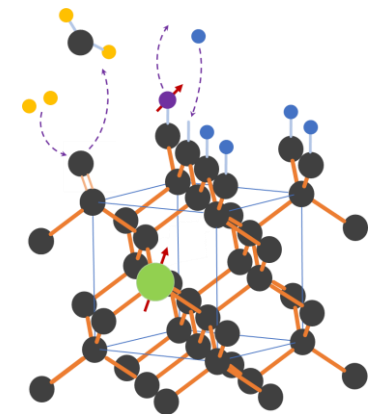


Processes: NV Surface treatment at atomic resolution

- NV-centers must be decoupled from unintended influences by their surrounding
- A major challenge is the control over the surface

→ *The approach*: Development of surface treatments at an atomic level:

- surface cleaning & termination
- surface coating at atomic level (Atomic Layer Deposition)
- surface etching at atomic level (Atomic Layer Etching)

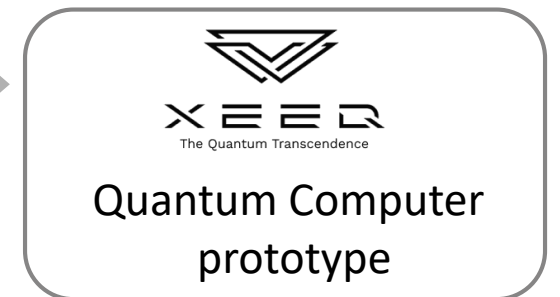
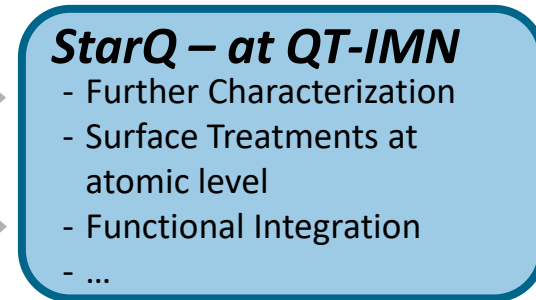
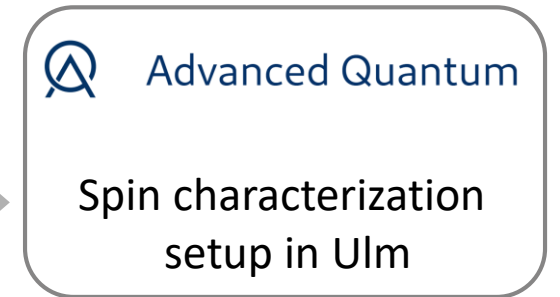
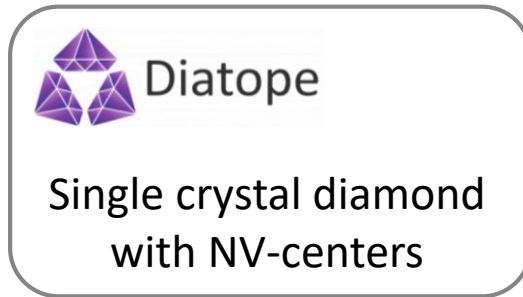


StarQ

Surface treatment at atomic resolution for Quantum Computing



Single crystal diamond

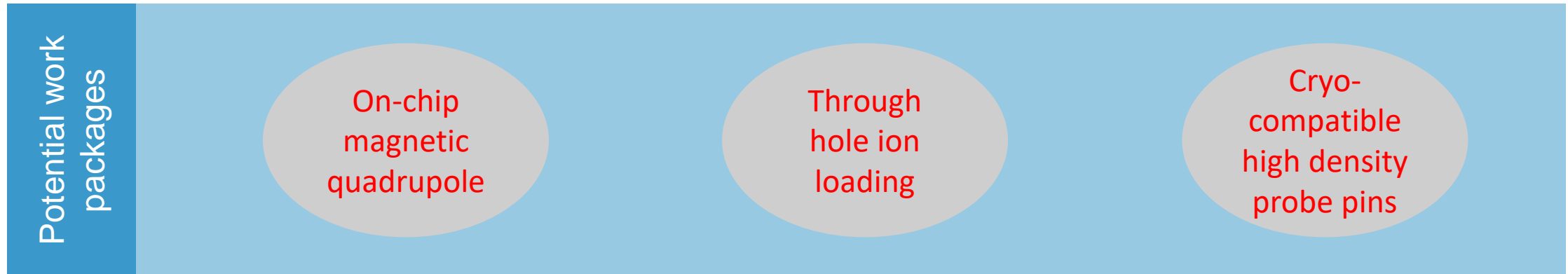


- Project lead at QT-IMN

Dr. Markus Mohr



Processes: Technology development for Ion-Trap QC (TeufiQ)



Cooperation project lead by QT-IMN for and with support by:

- Companies located at IZHH



- Project lead at QT-IMN

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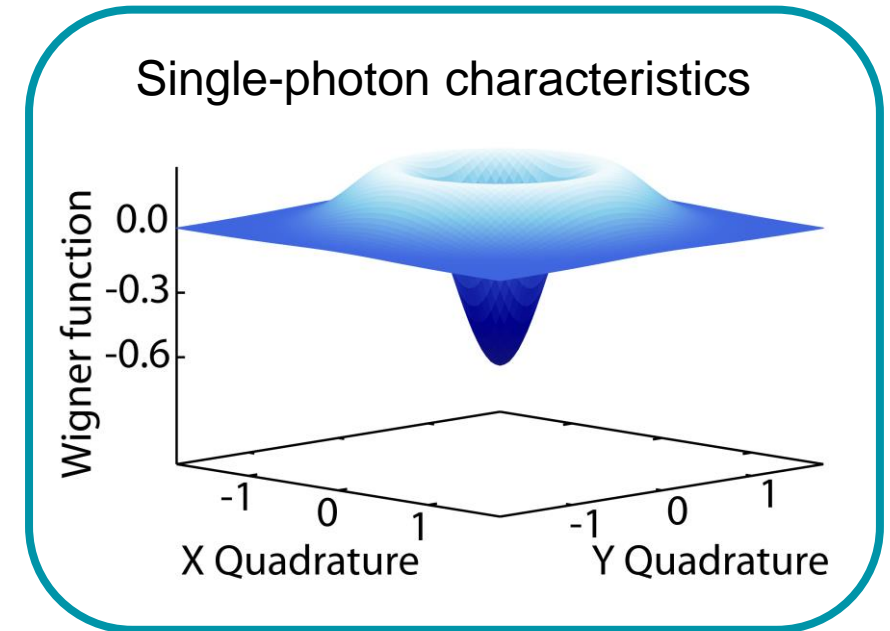


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Manufacturing: Single-photon validation

Our goals:

- Measure phase-space characteristics in the photon-number basis to *directly probe*
 - photon statistics, overlap with reference mode or complete state tomography.
- Probes all modes (vs. homodyning that measures only overlap with local oscillator).
- Does not require heavy mathematical back-transformations (vs. homodyning).

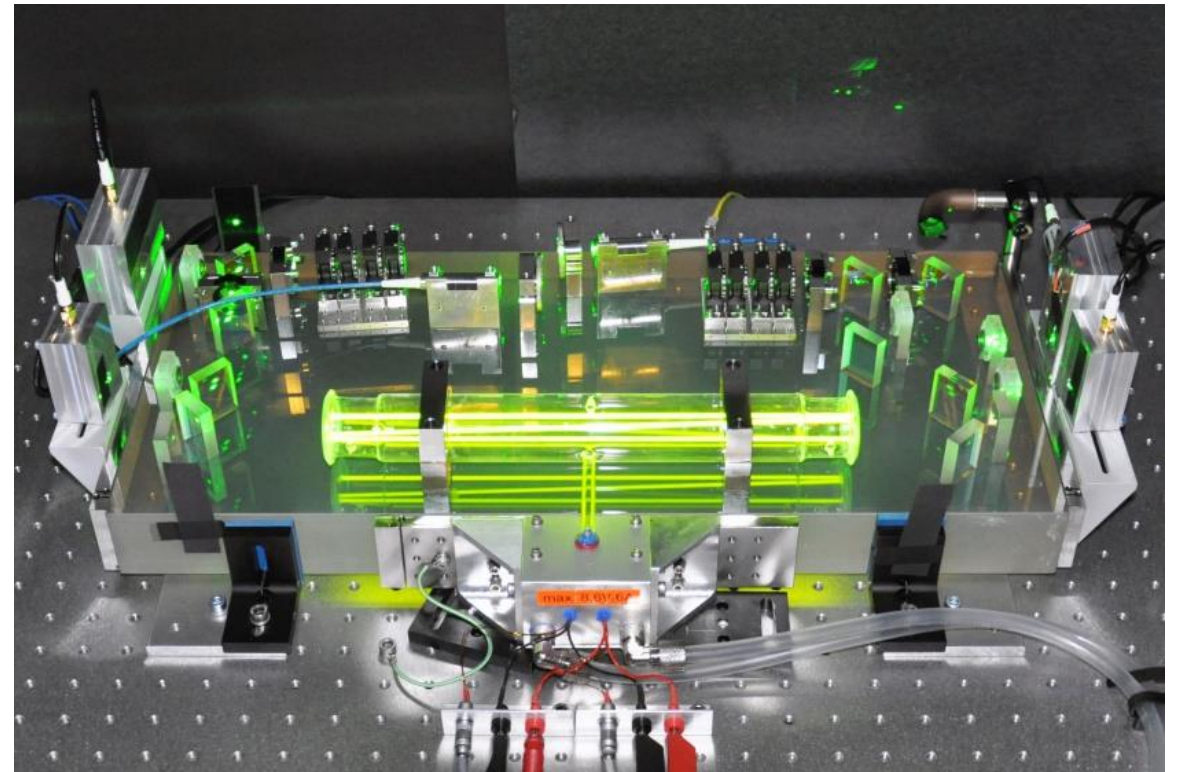


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Manufacturing: Form Stable System Assembly

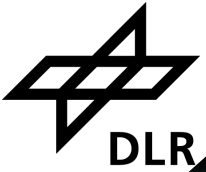
Example: Optical Clock

- Based on low expansion ceramics
- Outstanding thermal stability
- High mechanical stability
- Long-term stability proven



Schuldt et al: Development of a compact optical absolute frequency reference for space with 10^{-15} instability, Appl. Optics 56, No 4 (2017).

Manufacturing: Optical Laser Metrology Systems on Space Level ...



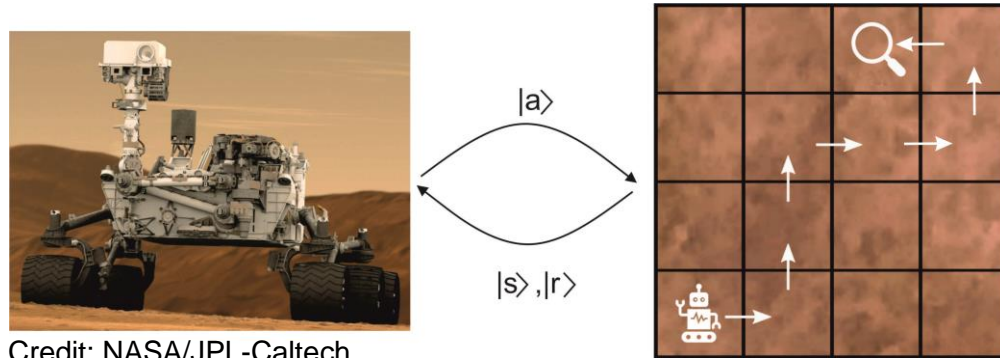
- **Adhesive Bonding**
- Space-qualified two-component Epoxy
- Adhesive layer: few μm
- Settling time: up to hours control by heat and UV

- **Environmental Tests (ECSS)**
- Shock and Vibration tests
- TV-Tests
- Performance Tests

- **Results before/after environmental tests (ECSS):**
- Displacement: $<1\text{pm}$ at 1s
- Tilt: $<1\text{nrad}$ at 1s

Quantum algorithms

e.g. quantum reinforcement learning

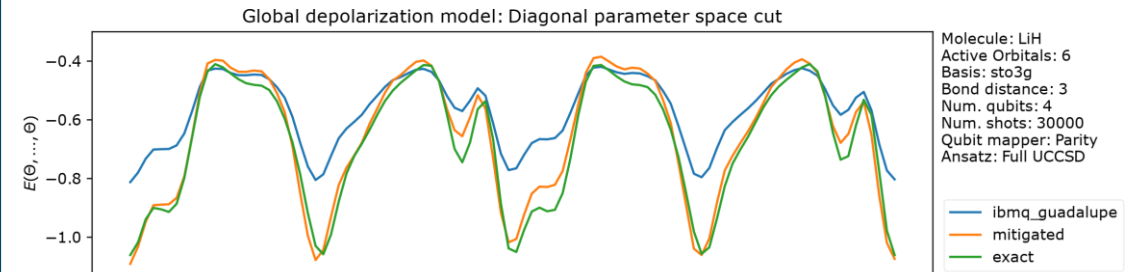


Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

A classical agent interacting with a problem environment can be accelerated by combining it with quantum algorithms

Implementation on NISQ Computer

e.g. transpilation/error mitigation



Quantum calculations on NISQ computer can be improved by using error models and error mitigation

Simulations and theoretical analysis of quantum systems for quantum computing

QCI-Projects:

- QLearning
- R-QIP

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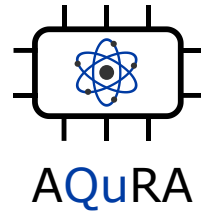
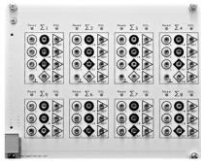
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Quantum simulations and applications

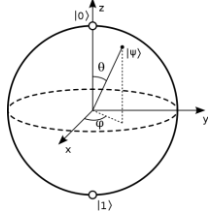
Quantum computing

- Investigate the potential of **continuous quantum systems** for **quantum computation**

Classical analog computing



Digital quantum computing



Industry cooperation


Quantum applications

- Investigate the potential of **quantum computers** for **mobility applications**
- Areas of application:



Aviation



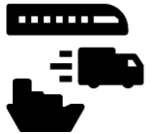
Road transport



Rail transport



Maritime transport



Intermodal transport

- Joined efforts of QT, LV, VF, TS and SE

Public tenders for industry partners

Quantum simulations

- Development and implementation of **tensor network methods** for **artificial intelligence** and efficient **quantum simulations**
- Joined efforts of QT, KI and SC

Public tenders for industry partners

QCI-Projects

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- QuTeNet
- QCMobility

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