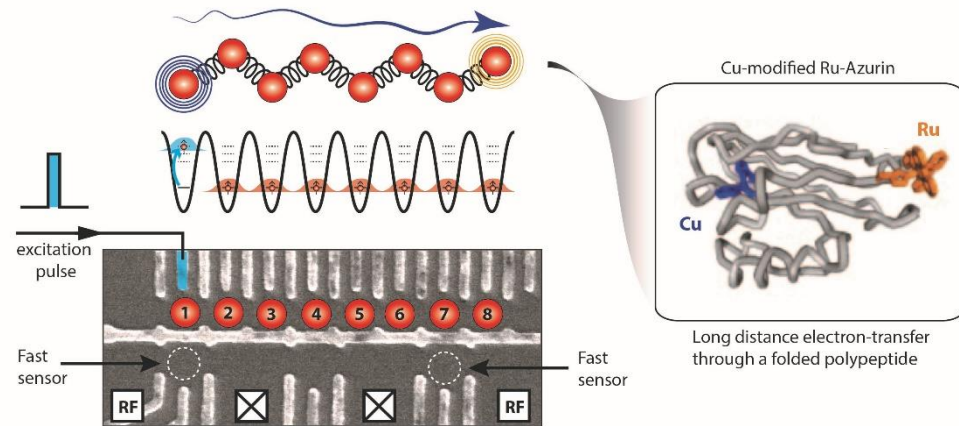
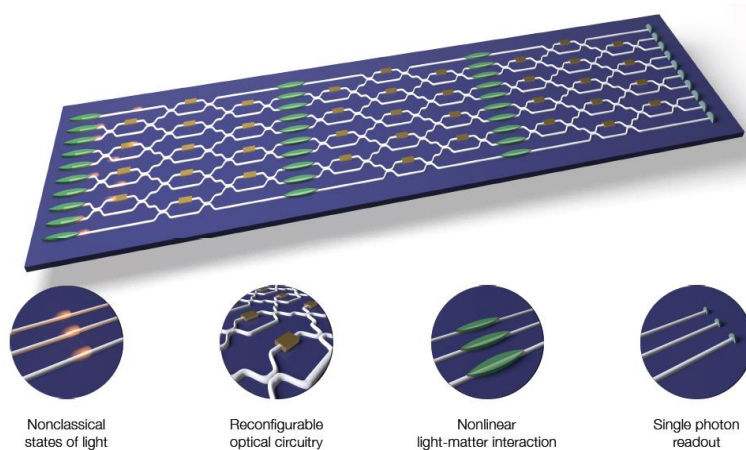


# Solid-Q: Solid-State Quantum Simulators for Biochemistry



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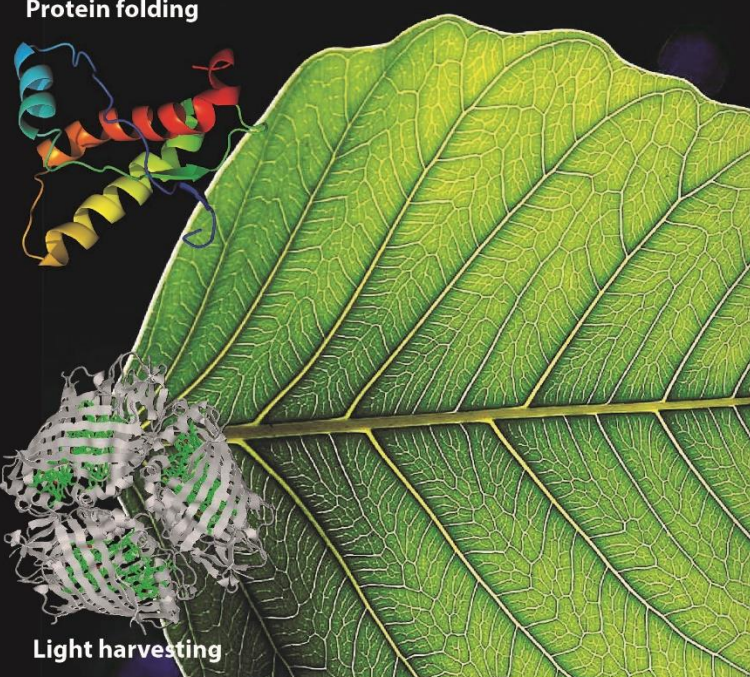
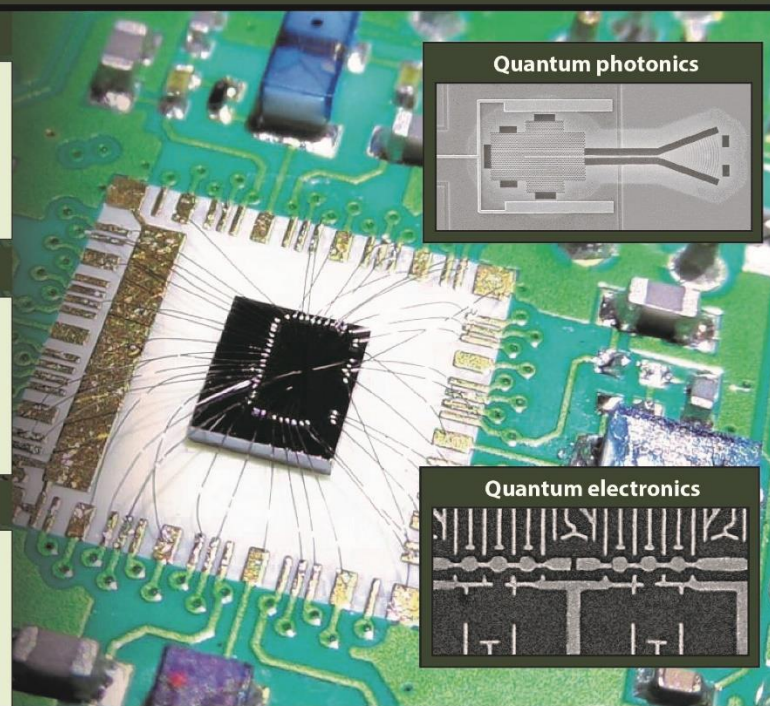


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# Solid-State Quantum Simulators for Biochemistry

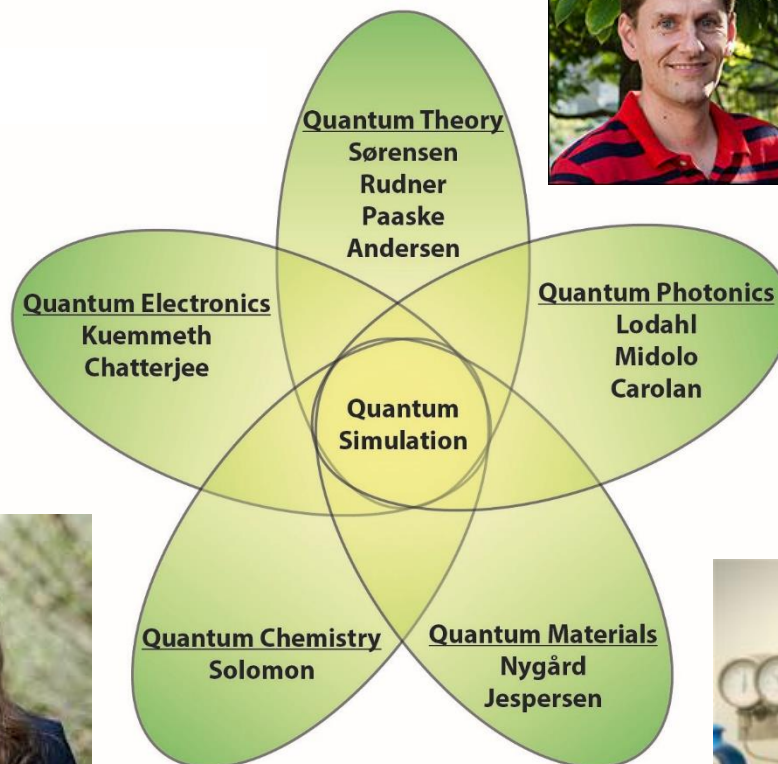
Mission of Solid-Q: apply **solid-state quantum hardware** in proof-of-concept quantum simulations of **protein folding** and **light harvesting** complexes towards the regime of **quantum advantage**

	Chemistry	Simulator	Photonic and electronic quantum circuitry
 <p><b>Protein folding</b></p> <p><b>Light harvesting</b></p>	<b>Vibrational</b>		 <p><b>Quantum photonics</b></p> <p><b>Quantum electronics</b></p>
	<b>IR-vibrons</b> $\omega \sim 10^3$ GHz	<b>Photons</b> visible & resonator	
	<b>Charge transfer</b>		
	<b>Electrons</b> $t \sim 1$ eV $U \sim 10$ eV	<b>Electrons</b> $t \sim 1$ meV $U \sim 10$ meV	
	<b>Environment</b>		
	<b>Biological systems;</b> $T \sim 300$ K	<b>Cryogenic</b> 0.04-4 K	





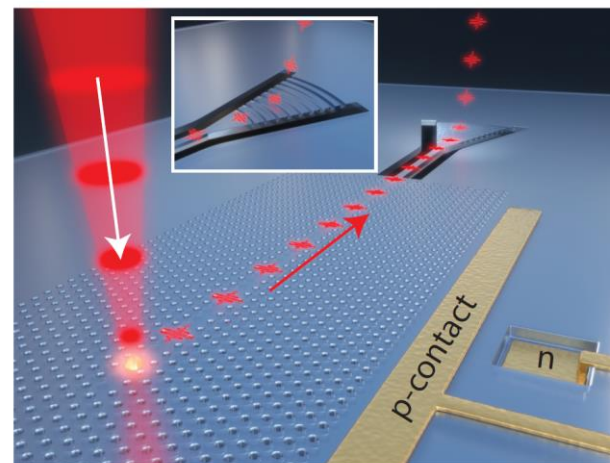
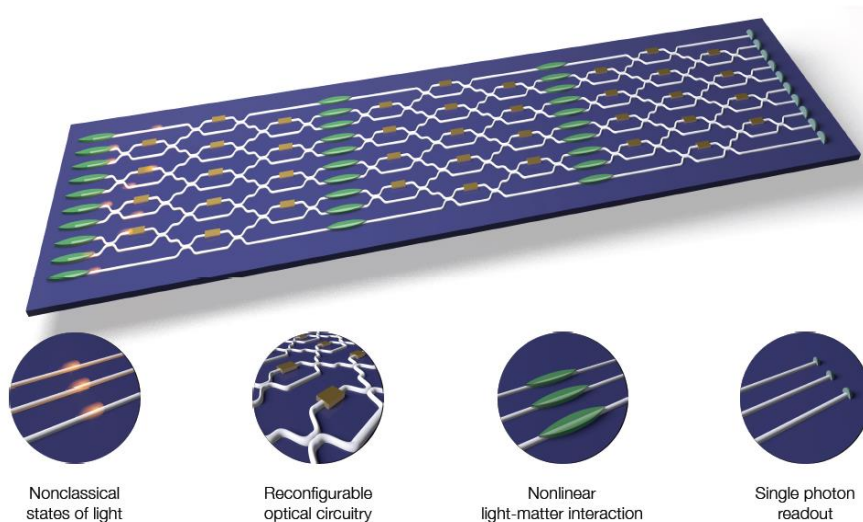
# The Solid-Q Team



Interdisciplinary research team with expertise in quantum photonics, electronics, chemistry, material science (theory & experiment)



# Platform 1: Photonic Quantum Simulators

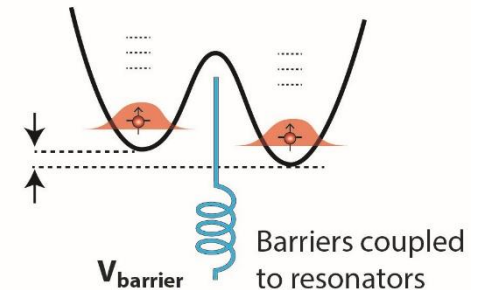
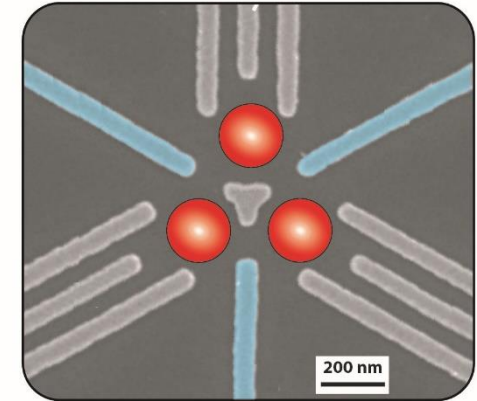
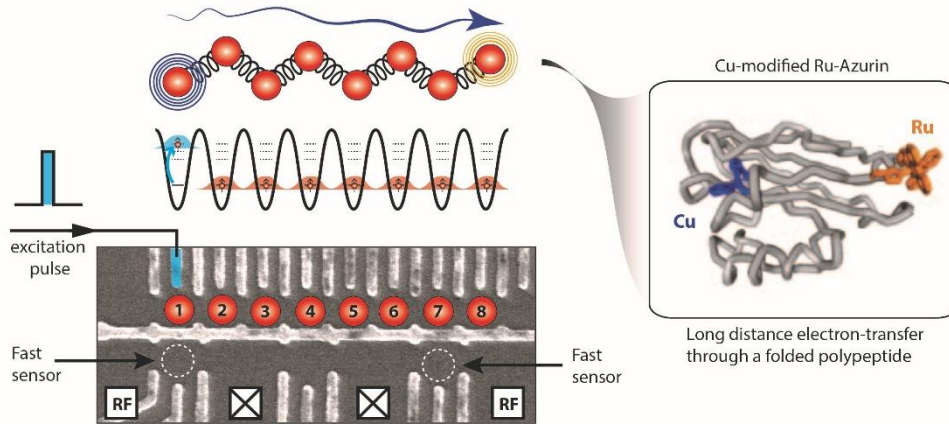


- Mature photonic integrated circuitry can be fully explored
- Scalable single-photon source enabling quantum advantage recently demonstrated\*
- Photons in circuits as analog quantum simulator of vibrational dynamics for protein folding problems

\* Uppu et al., submitted, ArXiv: 2003.08919



# Platform 2: Gate-Controlled Quantum Dots



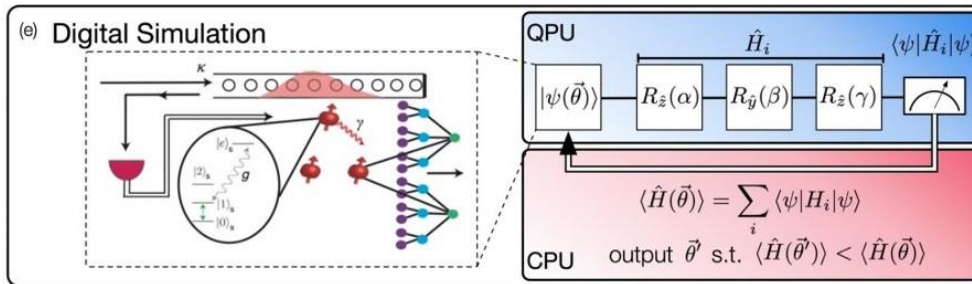
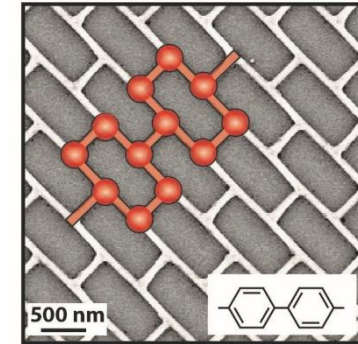
Electrons controlled in quantum dots as qubits

- Exquisite qubit control by in-situ gates
- Fundamental light-harvesting processes directly implementable on solid-state quantum hardware
- Vibrational dynamics simulations achievable by coupling to a superconducting resonator



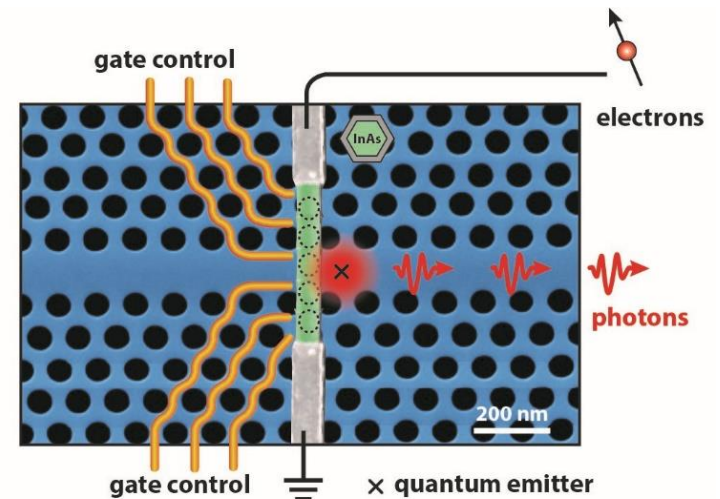
# Solid-Q Synergy

Growth of high-purity III-V semiconductor materials for electronics and photonics



Quantum algorithms for bio-chemistry tailored to the developed hardware

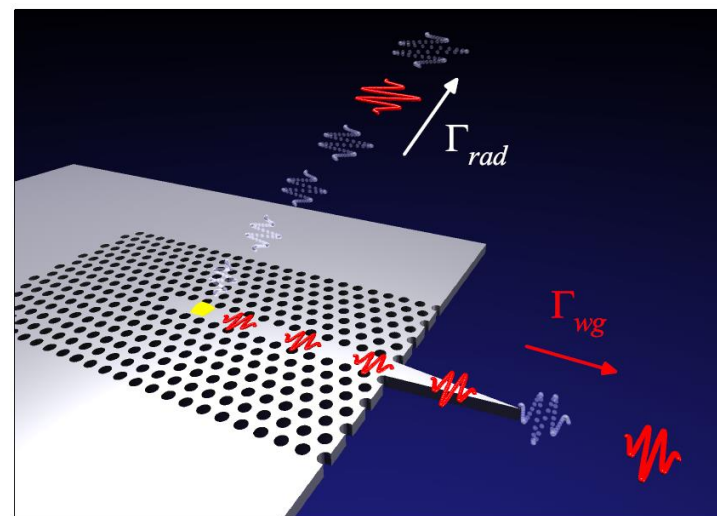
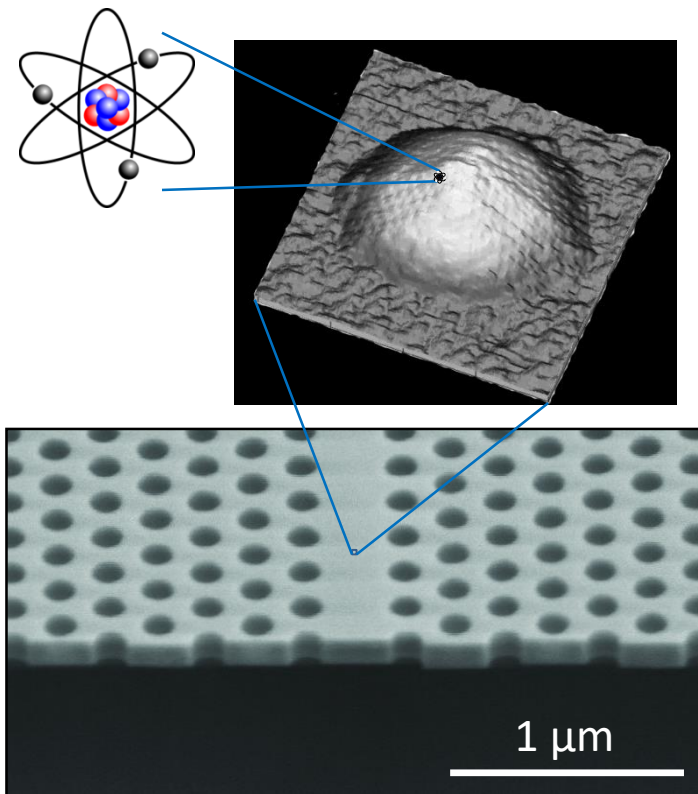
Couple gate-defined quantum dots to photons for scalable quantum computing







# The Deterministic Single-Photon Source

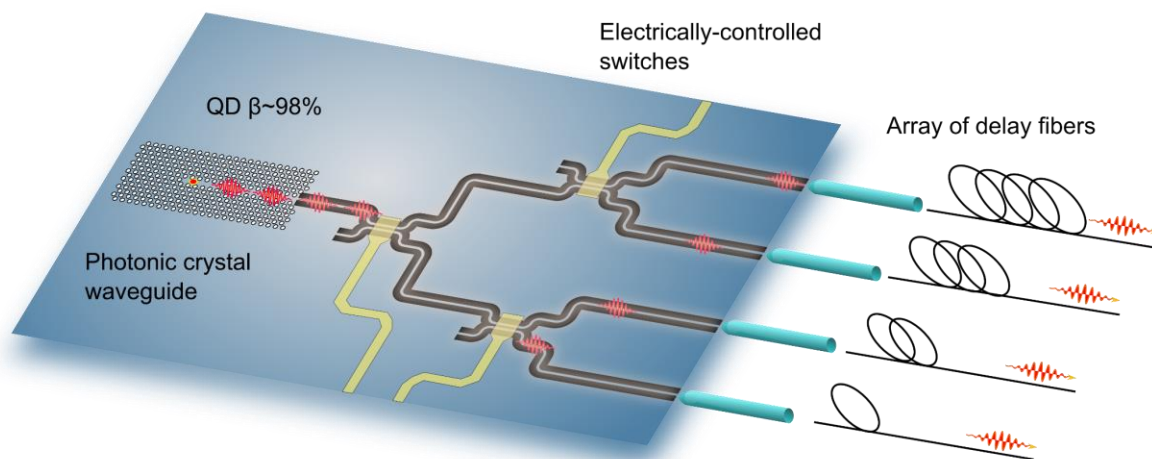


- Photon-emitter coupling efficiency **>98.4 %**
- Patented technology at NBI
- Commercialized in start-up



# Scalable Photonic Resource

A **deterministic** single-photon source harvested to produce N photonic qubits by highly efficient switching and coupling



$\eta$ : trans. efficiency

Generation prob.:  $P(N) = \eta^N$

Rep. rate:  $\sim 1$  GHz

$\eta = 90\% \rightarrow R(N=100) \sim 300$  Hz

'Quantum advantage'  
requires  $N \sim 50$  photons

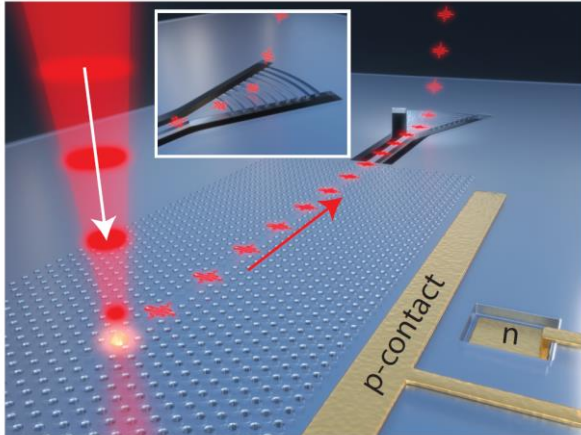
Alternative strategy of multiplexing **probabilistic** sources is followed by, e.g., Silicon Valley start-up PsiQuantum

**We offer a new and potentially better approach to photonic quantum computing**

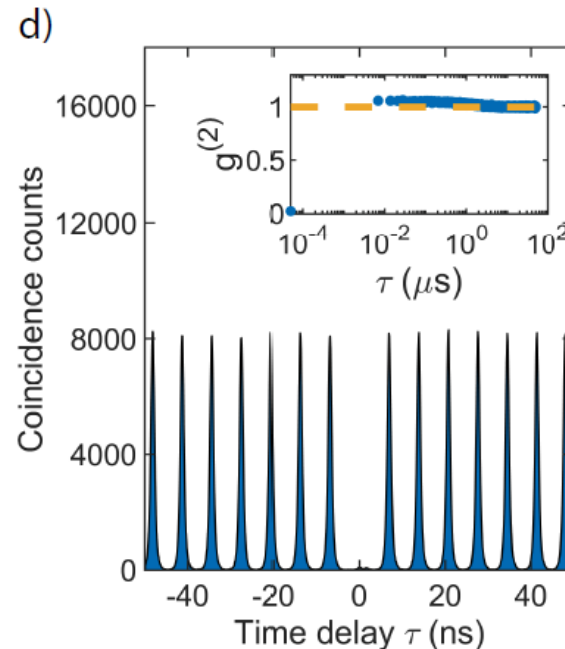
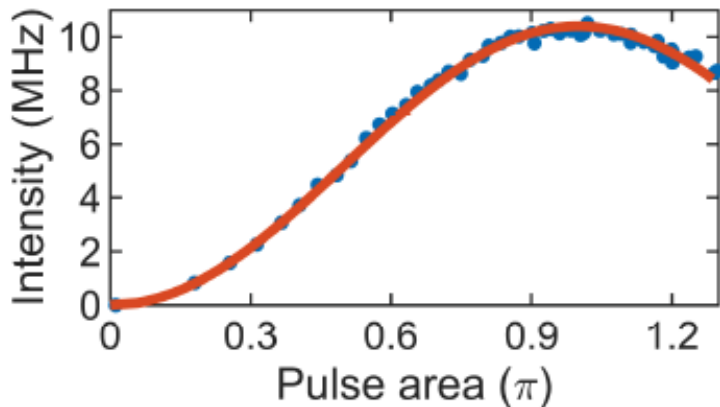




# Pulsed Resonant Operation of Single-Photon Source

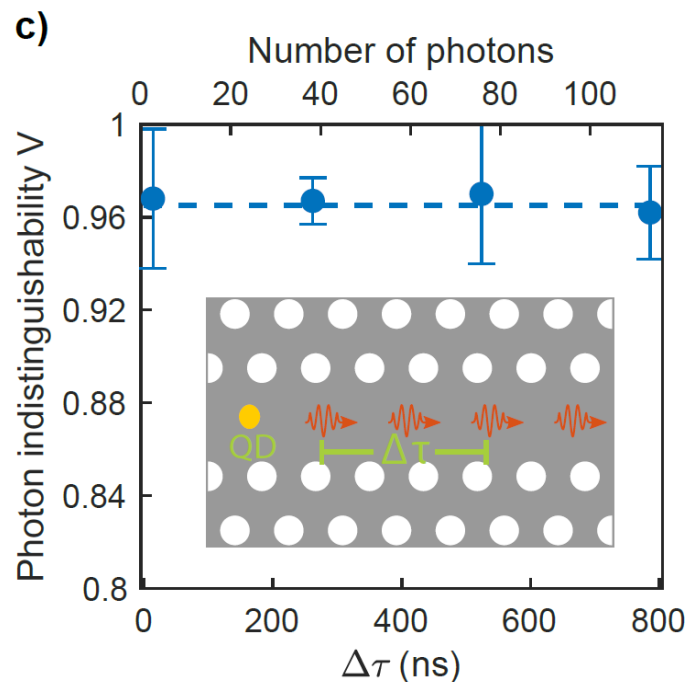
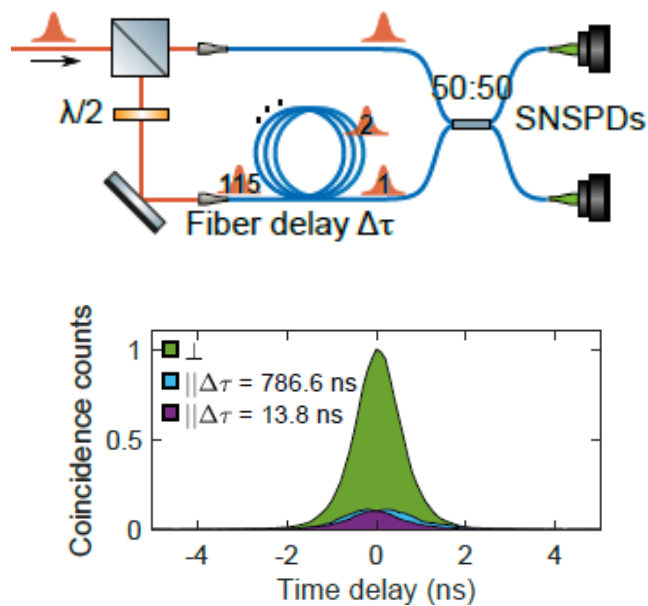


- 122 million photons/second generated on-chip (84% efficiency) for  $\pi$ -pulse excitation
- Strongly suppressed multi-photon contributions ( $g^{(2)}(0) < 1.5\%$ )
- Overcome blinking of emission





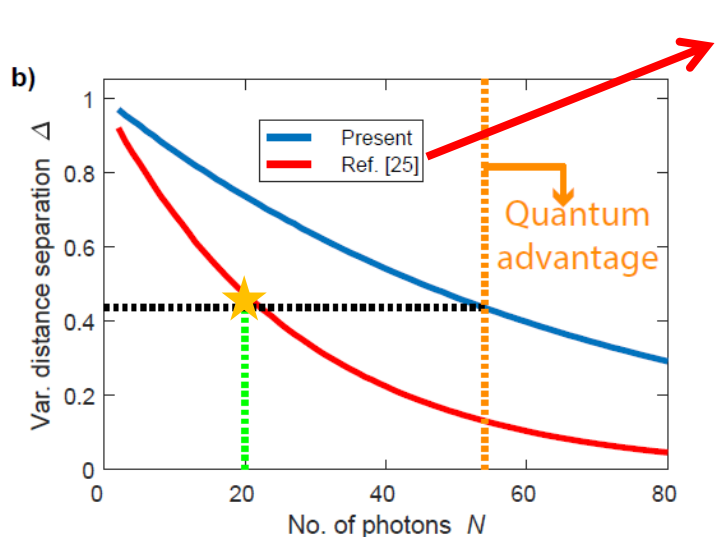
# Photon indistinguishability



- $>96\%$  photon indistinguishability of subsequently emitted photons
- Photon indistinguishability remains unchanged with photon time delay as tested out to strings of 115 photons
- Fundamental limit: phonon decoherence

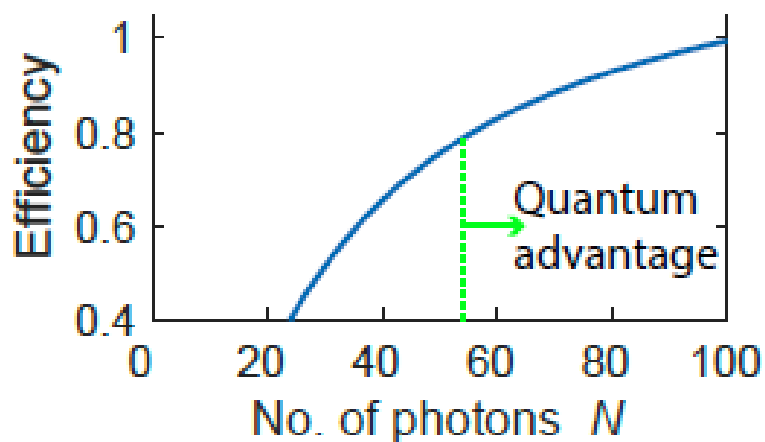


# A Resource for Boson Sampling with a Quantum Advantage



★ Previous state-of-the-art BS experiment

Variational separation of real boson sampler from ideal case ( $\Delta=0$  corresponds to distinguishable photons)



Required source efficiency for running  $N$ -photon boson sampler in a fixed runtime of 30 days when accounting for all loss in state-of-the-art boson sampling experiment [Wang et al., PRL 123, 250503 (2019)]

Quantum Advantage ( $N > 54$ ) requires  $\eta > 78\%$





# Fundamental Building Block of Photonic Quantum Computer

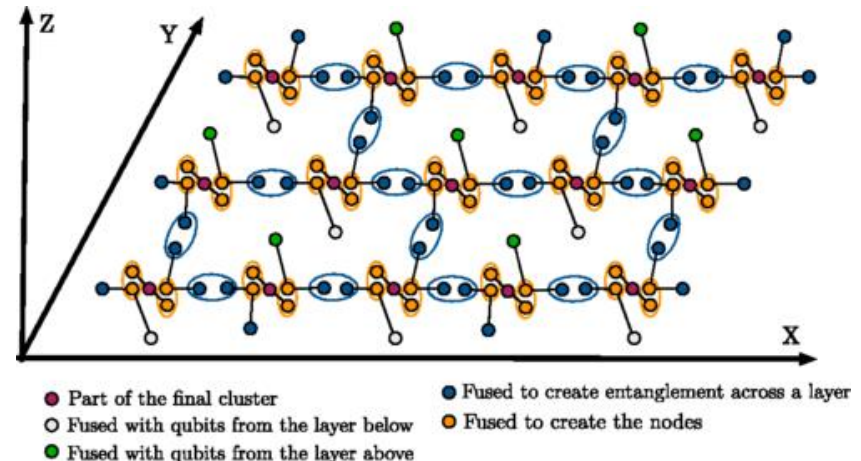
3-photon  
entanglement



Main challenge: synthesize 3-photon entanglement on-demand  
Scaling-up makes use of advanced photonic chips  
→ Major 'raison d'être' for photonics!

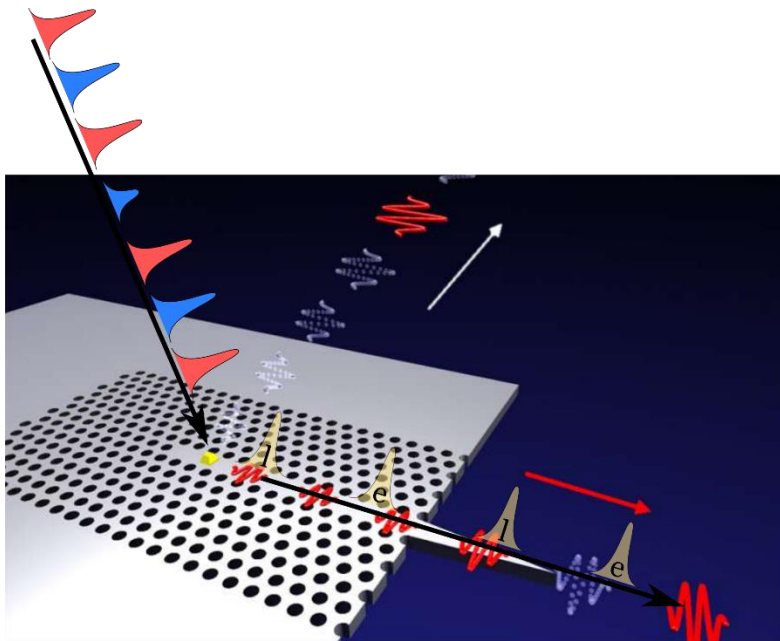
Q-computing can be performed based on ballistic scattering of high-fidelity 3-photon entangled states

[Gimeno-Segovia, Shadbolt, Browne and Rudolph, Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 020502 (2015)]



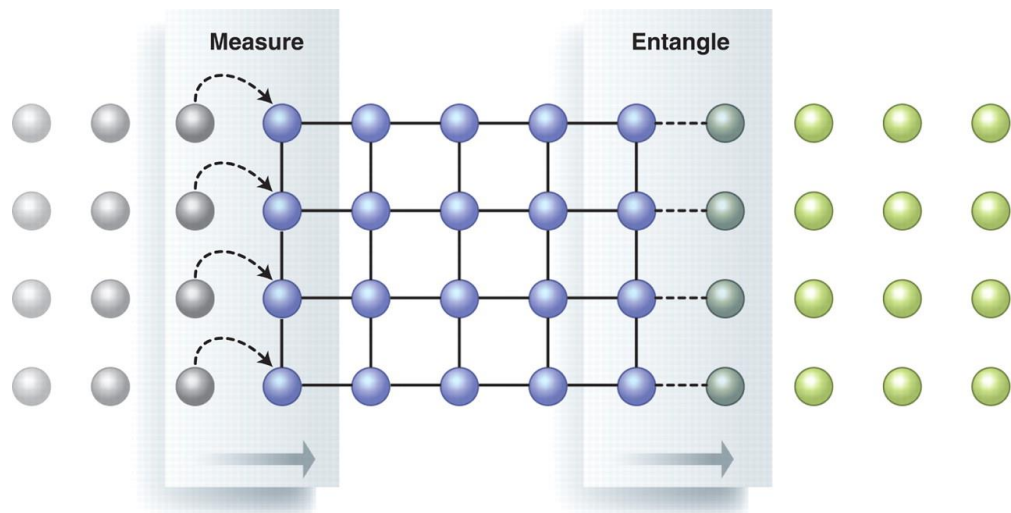


# Multi-photon Entanglement for Quantum Simulations



Quantum computing proceeds by measuring on photons in the entanglement cluster

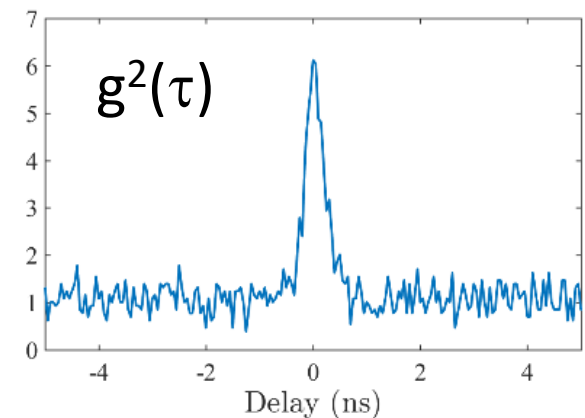
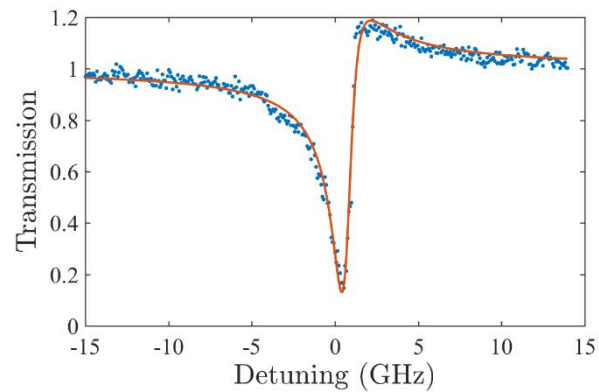
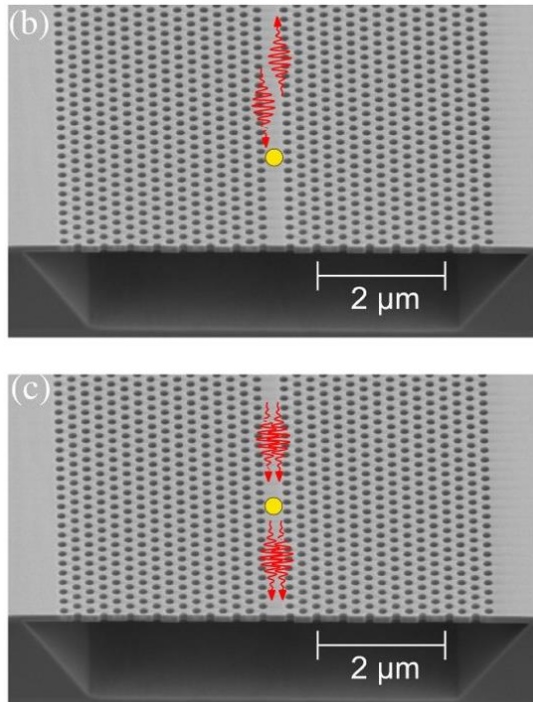
On-demand generation of multi-photon entangled cluster state





# A Single-Photon Nonlinearity

Single quantum dot deterministically coupled to a photonic-crystal waveguide as a nonlinear medium that is saturated by one photon.

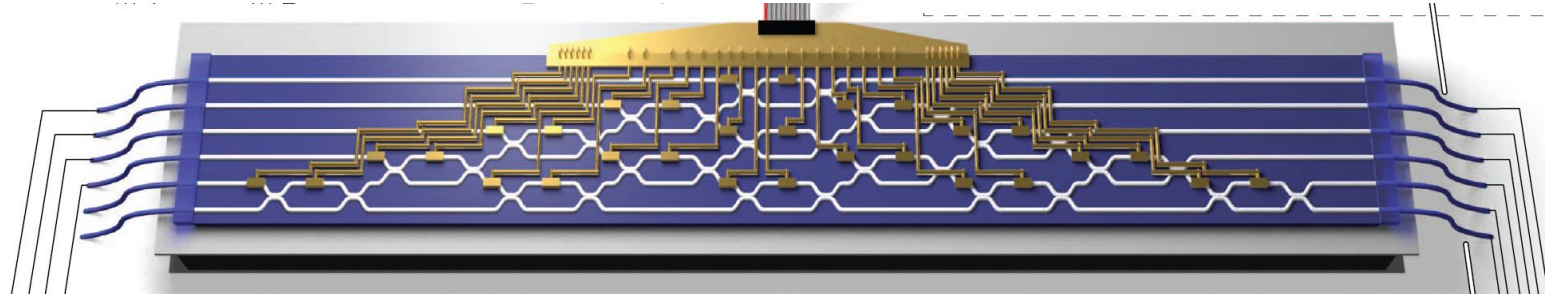






# Advanced Photonic Quantum Circuitry

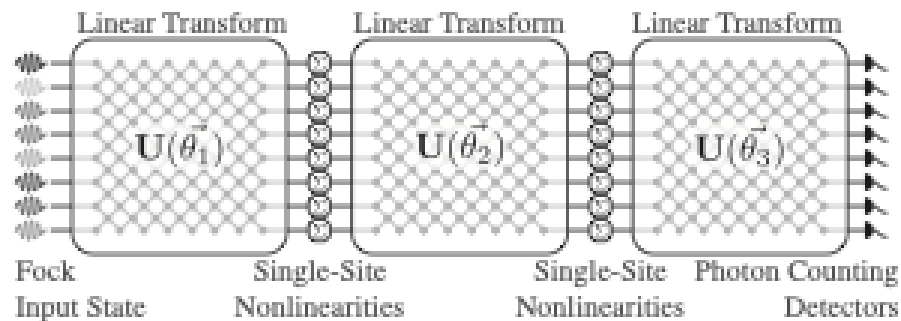
Reprogrammable universal quantum operations  
[Carolan et al., Science 349, 711 (2015)]



Quantum optical neural networks including nonlinear elements  
[Steinbrecher, Olson, Englund, Carolan, arXiv: 1808.10047]

(b) A Quantum Optical Neural Network

$$\Sigma(\phi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{i\phi(n-1)\theta/2} |n\rangle \langle n|$$





# Simulating Molecular Vibrations

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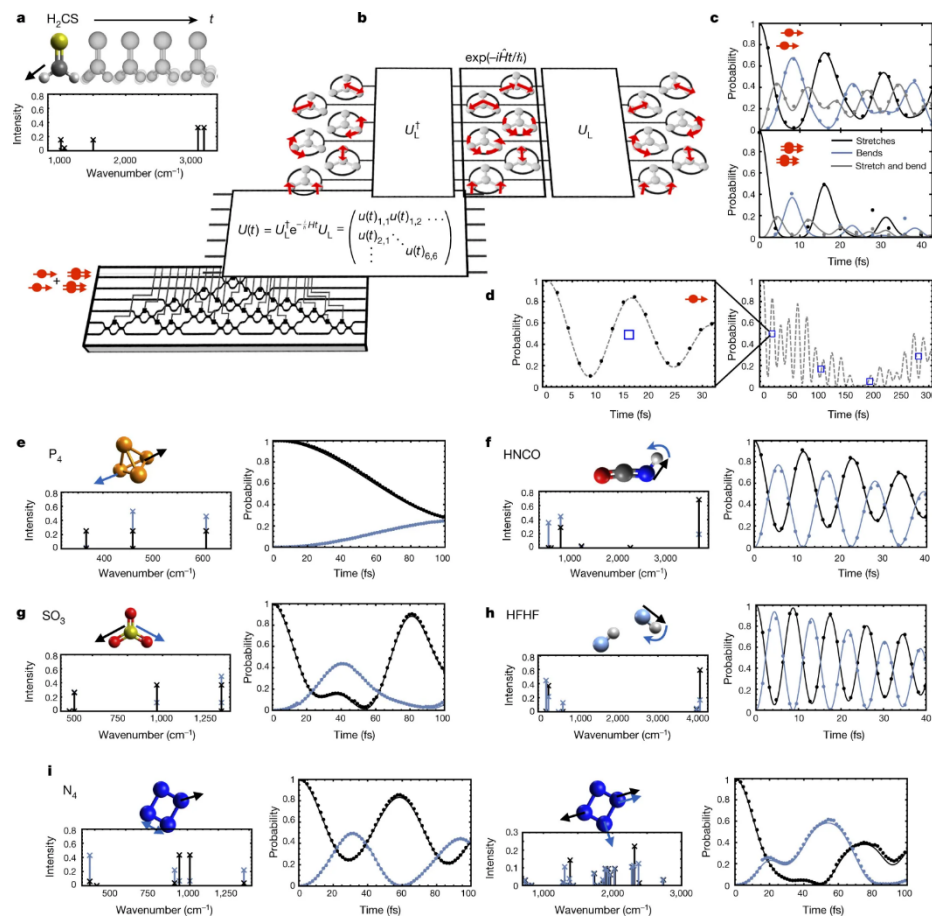
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## Simulating the vibrational quantum dynamics of molecules using photonics

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Proof-of-concept simulation of small molecules (~ 10 atoms)

Next: scaling up by implementing advanced photonic hardware and optimized algorithms



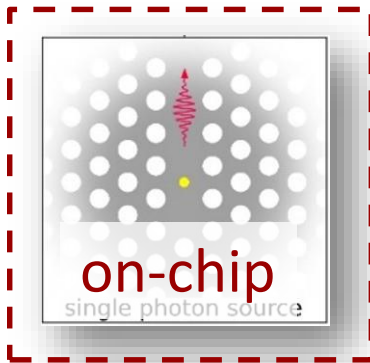


# Quantum Lego

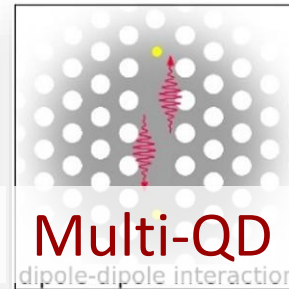
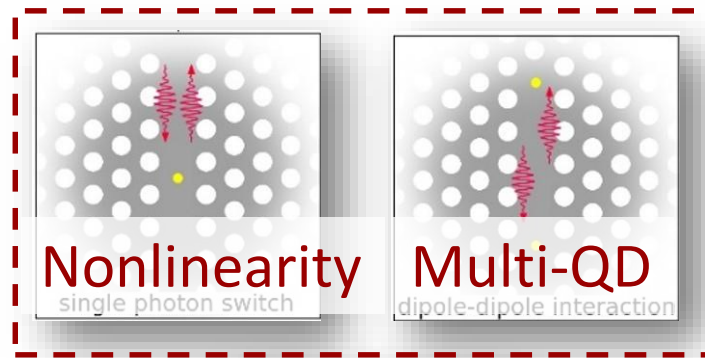


New devices in the Quantum Photonics /  
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## Source



## Processing



## Out-coupling

