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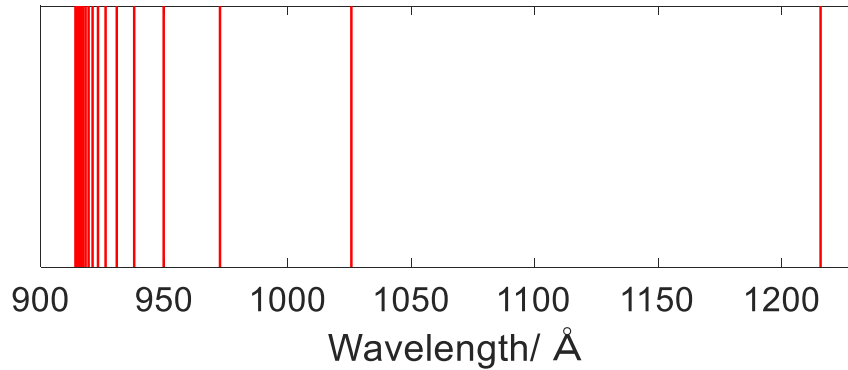
# **Fault-tolerant Quantum Computing with Photonically Interconnected Ion Traps**

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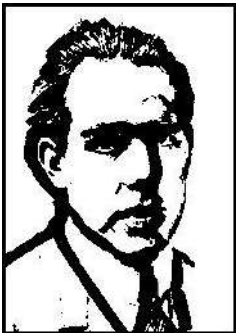
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# Quantum Mechanics and Atoms

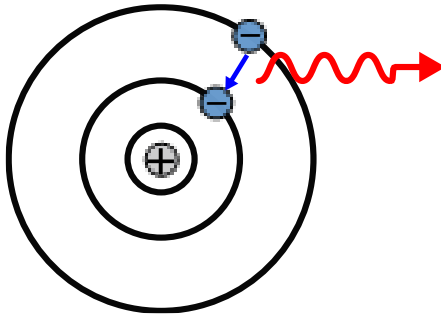
Lyman series



Quantum Mechanics started with studies of simple atoms (e.g. Hydrogen).



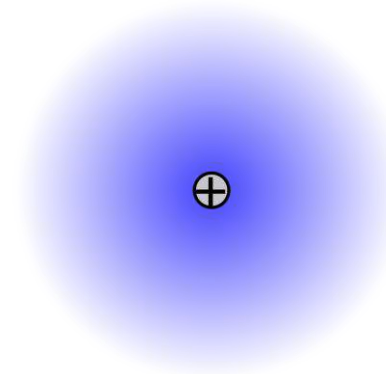
N.Bohr



Bohr model



E. Schrödinger



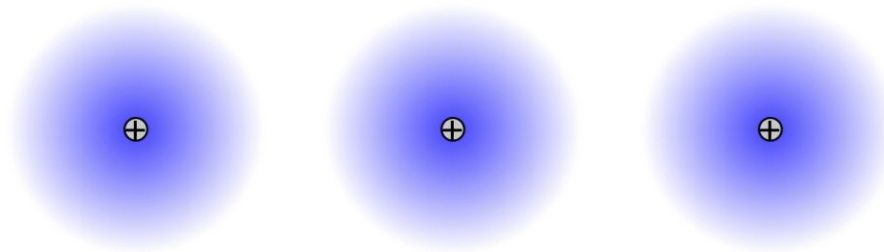
Wave function

$$\Psi(x)$$

- Physics of isolated atoms **well understood** and in domain of **precision science**.
- Quantum effects manifested in **isolated atoms**.

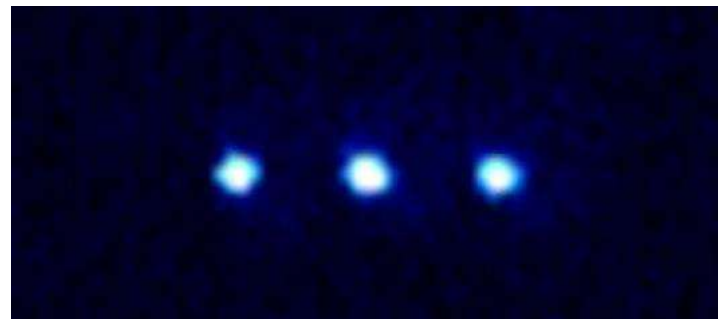
# A way to make a quantum computer ?

- What if we could line up individual atoms one by one ?



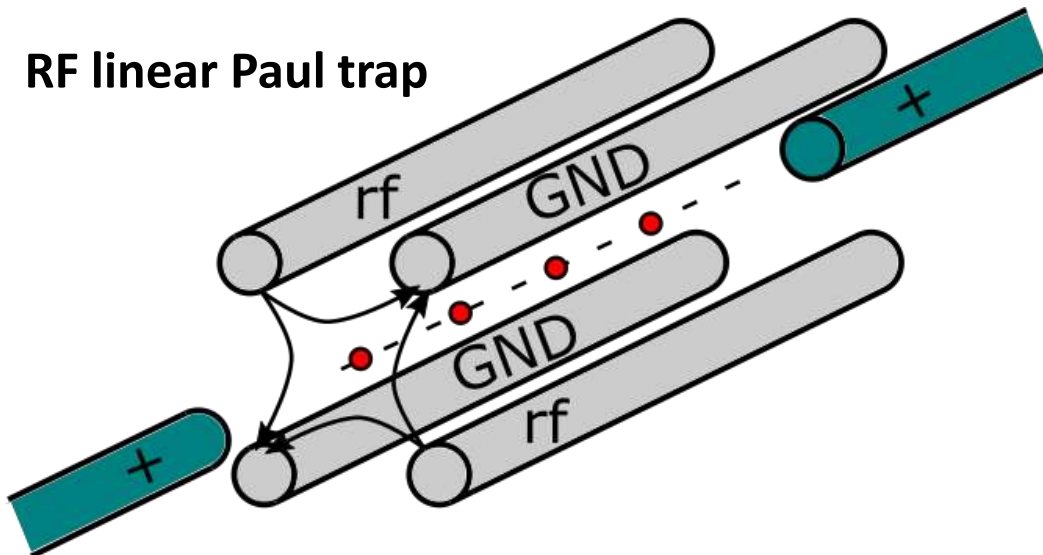
Each atom works as a qubit!

- Ion trapping just does that !

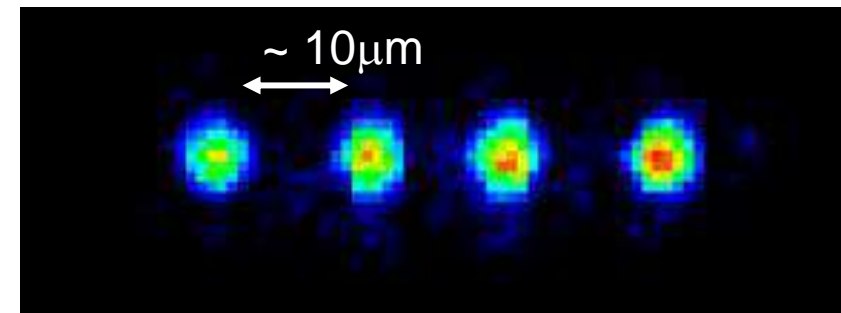


# What's ion trap?

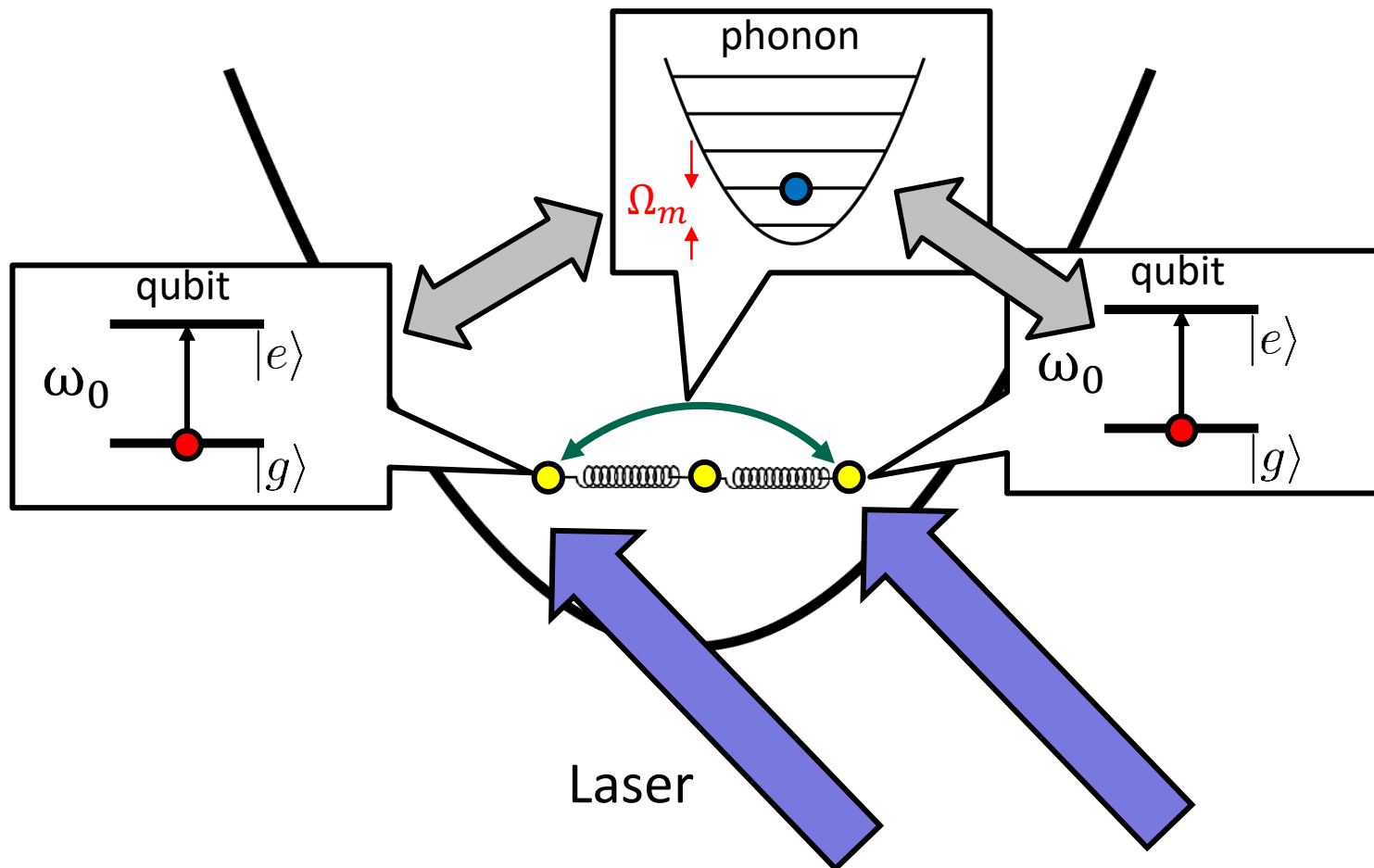
- **Ions** → Charged atomic particles.
- **Why ions?** → Motion can be controlled electrically.
- **Trapped in vacuum** → Isolated from environment.
- **Laser cooling** → Cooled down to  $\mu\text{K} \sim \text{mK}$ .



Applying **voltages** to electrodes, multiple ions are trapped and **linearly aligned** with almost **no residual motion**.



# Principles of ion trap QIP



- Qubit-qubit interaction via **collective phonons**.
- Two-qubit entangling gate:
  - Cirac-Zoller gate
  - **Mølmer-Sørensen gate**
- Entanglement between an arbitrary pair.  
→ **All-to-all connection.**

# State of the art

- **Basic elements demonstrated with high fidelities:**
  - Single qubit gate · · F=99.9999 %
  - Two qubit gate · · F= 99.9 %
  - SPAM · · F> 99.9 %
- **Long coherence times:**
  - $T_2 > 1\text{hr}$  (Nat Commun. 12, 233 (2021)).
- **Cloud-based services provided by IonQ and Honeywell.**
- **Current issue : How to increase # of qubits.**
  - 13 ions (arXiv: 2009.11482(2020)), 20 ions (PRX 8, 021012(2018)).
  - What's the bottleneck?

<https://physicsworld.com/a/ion-based-commercial-quantum-computer-is-a-first/>

Image credit: IonQ

# Can we scale up as it is?

<http://iontrap.umd.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/cropped-50ionsblur-3.jpg>

*TIQI Group, University of Maryland*

*Q. Can we increase the number of ions in a **single trap** indefinitely?*



**A. No. There's a practical limit.  
50-100 ions?**

## Issues with increasing number of ions:

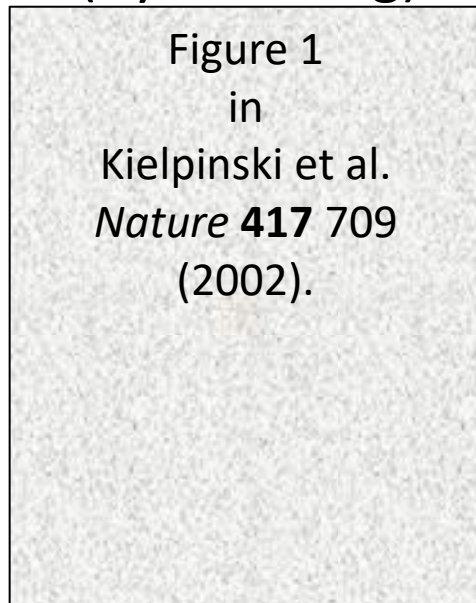
1. **Trap becomes shallower.**  
→ Decreasing trap freq.:  
 $\omega \approx 0.73 N^{-0.87}$   
→ Slow gates, motional heating, trap instability.
2. **Number of sidebands ( $=3N$ ) increases. Crowding in freq. space.**  
→ Erroneous cross talks between sidebands.

# Challenges

- Increasing ions in a single trap does not work in a long run.
- A technology to **connect multiple ion traps** is necessary.

## Quantum CCD

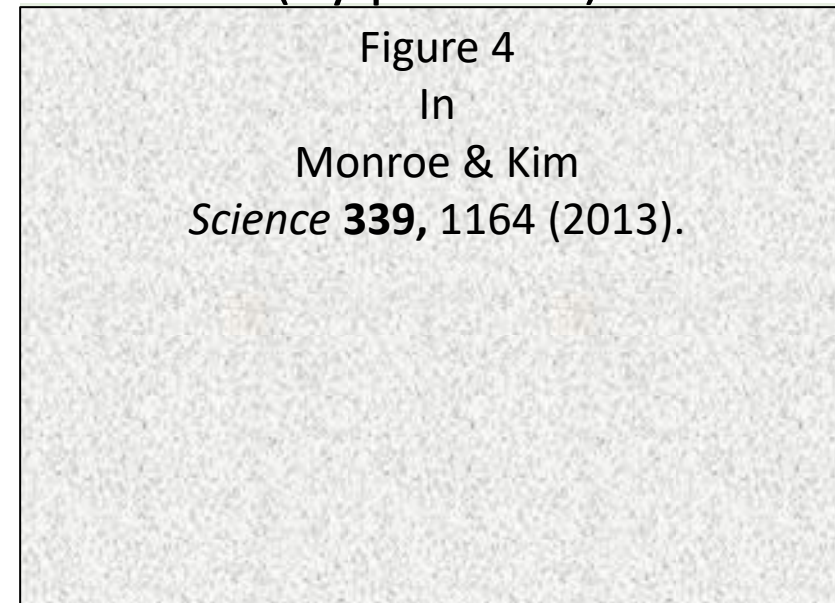
(By shuttling)



Kielpinski, Monroe & Wineland (2002)

## Photonic interconnects

(By photons)

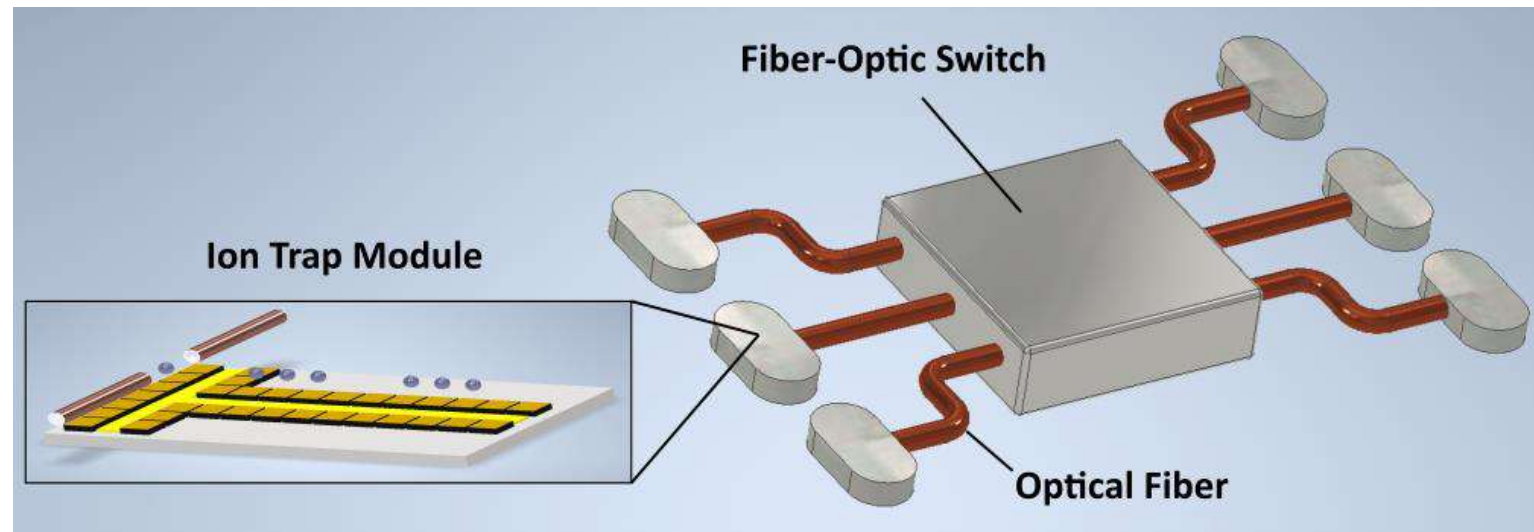


Monroe & Kim, *Science* **339**, 1164 (2013).



# Design concept

## Photonicallly interconnected ion trap modules



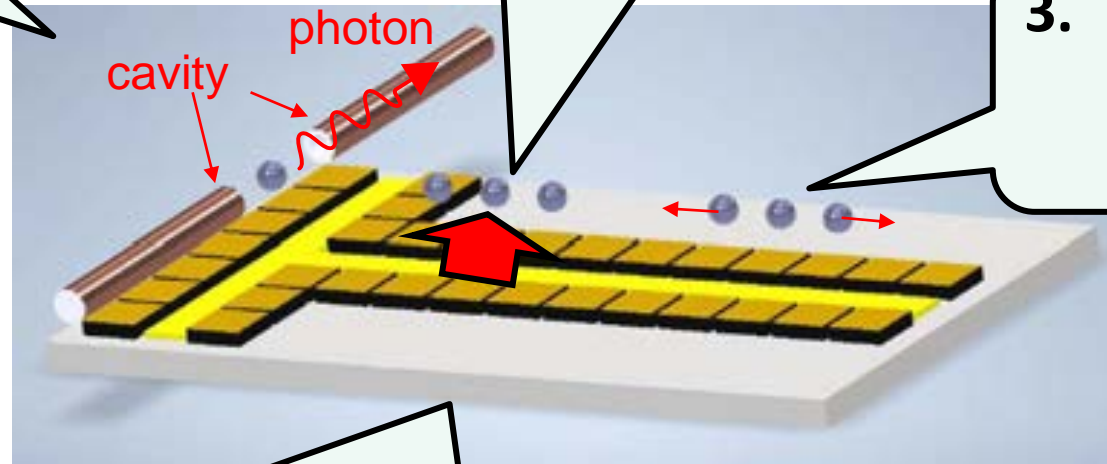
1. Interconnecting **ion trap modules** with photons.  
→ Scalability **beyond a single trap**.
2. Ion trap modules with **novel functionalities**.  
→ Exploiting **optical, MW, phononic** DoF of ions.

# Development of the ion trap module

1. Efficient ion-photon quantum interface

2. High fidelity fast quantum logic

3. Quantum control of phonons towards error correction



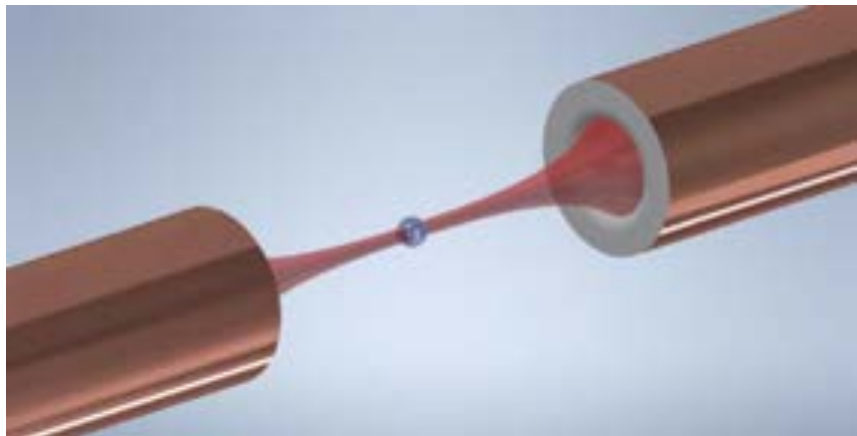
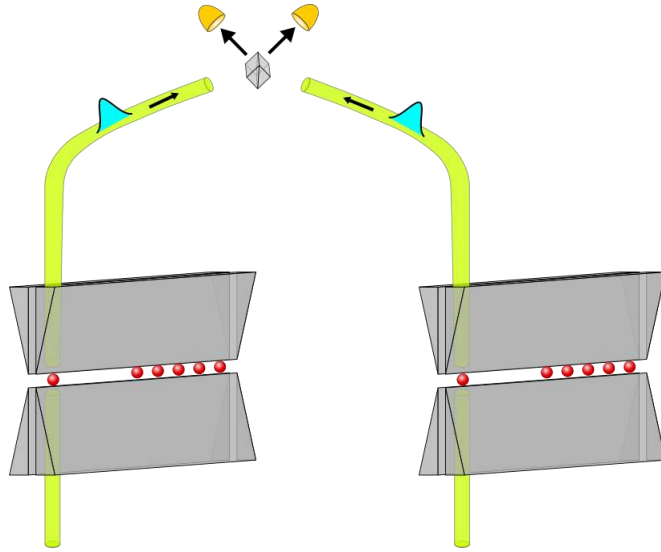
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4-2. R&D for cloud quantum computing

# 1: Photonic interconnects of ion traps



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(OIST)

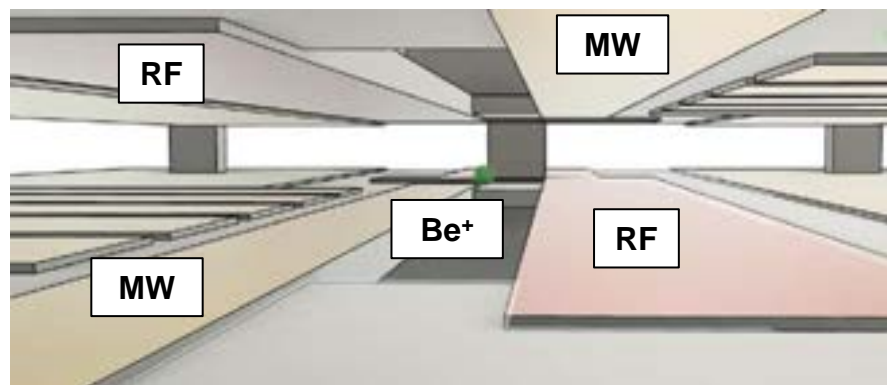
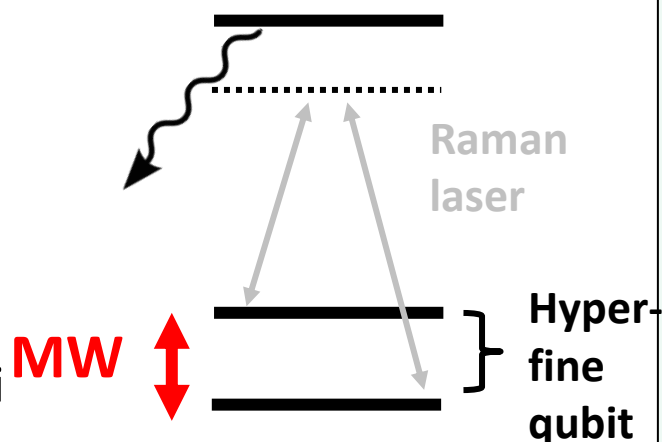


- Improve the efficiency of photonic interconnects via **cavity QED**.
- **Strong coupling** between an ion and a photon (PRL 124 013602).
- Integrating **micro-optical cavities** in a **linear trap**.
- Remote entanglement rate  $>10\text{kHz}$  (2 orders of mag. improvement)

## 2: Ion traps using superconducting MW circuits



Atsushi Noguchi  
(U. Tokyo)

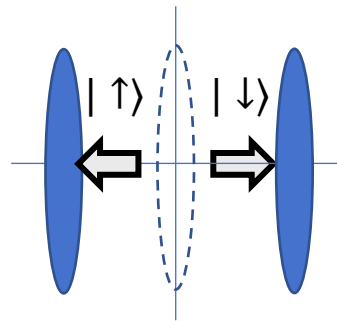
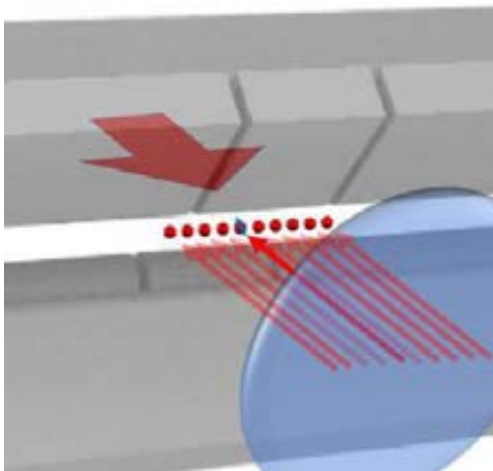
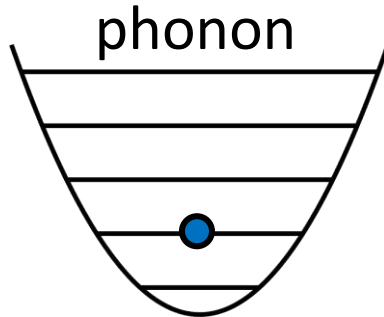


- Direct MW drive of hyperfine qubits, **eliminating spontaneous emissions.**
- **Superconducting MW resonators** generates strong fields with low input.  
→ **High-fidelity fast quantum logic**  
10 times faster w/ 1/1000 input power.
- **High frequency phonons**  
→ Speed up cooling and shuttling
- **Ultra-low vibration cryostat.**
- High freq. + Cryo → **Low heating rate**

# 3: Quantum error correction using the phononic DoF



Kenji Toyoda  
(Osaka U.)



- Utilizing continuous variables in harmonic oscillators for error correction.  
→ **Bosonic encoding**
- **Quantum control of multiple collective phonon modes**
  - **Beam splitter interaction** between the modes.
  - **Nonlinearity** by two-level system.
  - **Squeezed states + BS → cluster states.**
  - **Superposition of squeezed states → GKP states.**

# 4-1: Fabrication & characterization of high-performance ion traps



Kazuhiro Hayasaka  
(NICT)

- Fabrication, testing and supply of high-performance ion traps .
- **Planar as well as 3D ion traps** by microfabrication.
- Supplying ion traps specific for each sub-projects:
  - Ion traps for photonic interconnects (OIST)
  - Superconducting ion traps (U. Tokyo)
  - Ion traps for phonon engineering (Osaka U.)
- **Supplying ion traps to the community.**
- International collaboration:
  - Planar traps: C. Ospelkaus (Hannover)
  - 3D traps: T. Mehlstaebler (PTB)



## 4-2: R&D for cloud quantum computing



Kenji Toyoda  
(Osaka U.)

### Specs for ion trap cloud computing prototype

- $^{171}\text{Yb}^+$
- Hyperfine qubits (infinite  $T_1$ )
- Long coherence times w/ Zeeman insensitive qubits
- 4-10 ions
- micro- 3D trap by NICT
- Middleware/Software (Fast optimal pulse modulation, cloud connection)
- Fidelity target: 0.99 – 0.995

### Aims

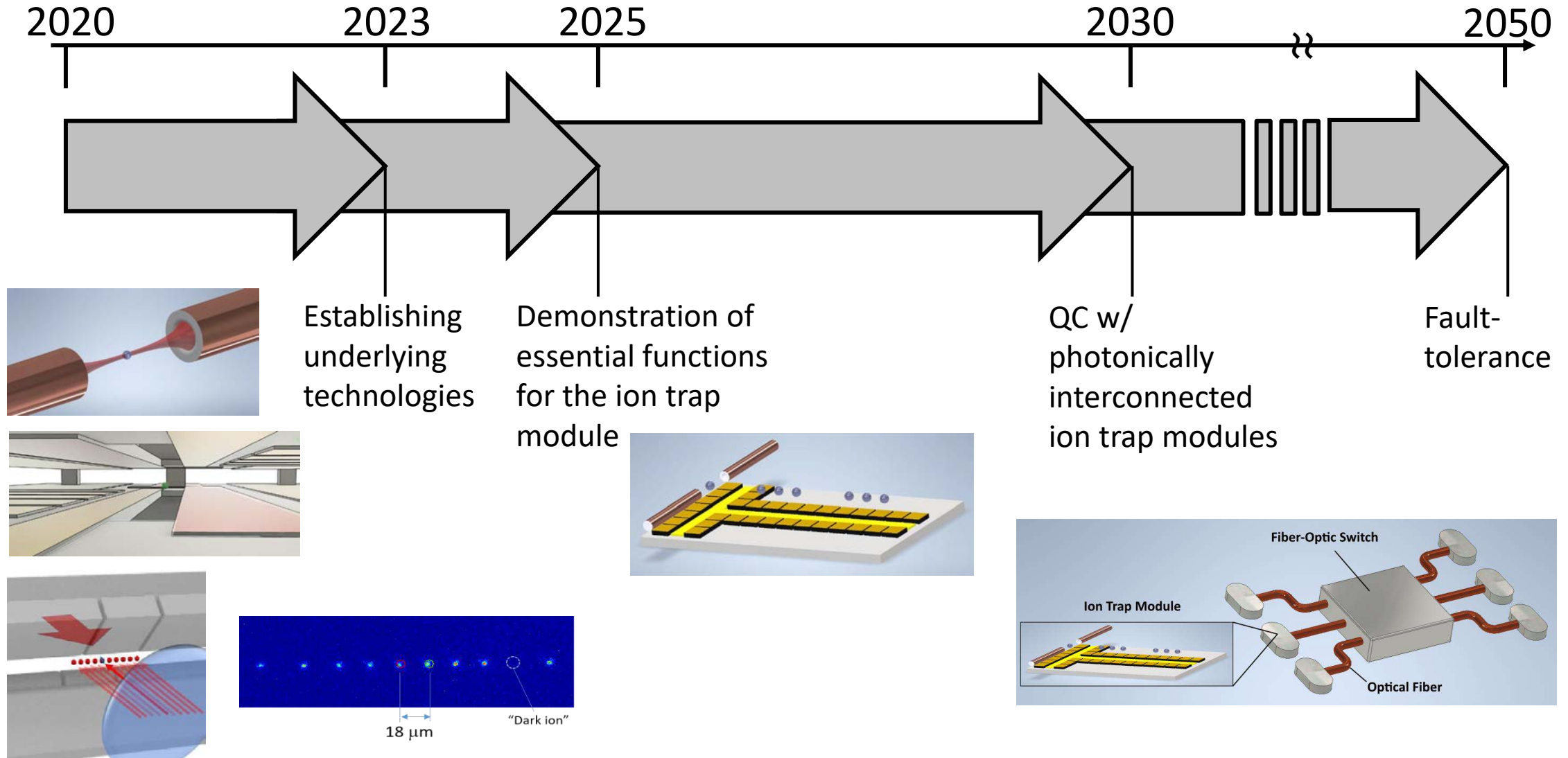
- Preparation for the future social/commercial implementation.
- Education use: “**Remote lab**”

### Underlying technologies @Osaka

Ca+ 4-qubit collective gate  $F=0.96$  [1]  
Ca+ 2-qubit individual access, analog sim.[2]  
Ca+ 4-qubit individual access, analog sim.[3]  
Ca+ 10-qubit trapping [unpublished]

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[2] K. Toyoda, R. Hiji, A. Noguchi and S. Urabe, *Nature* **527**, 74 (2015).  
[3] M. Tamura, T. Mukaiyama and K. Toyoda, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **124**, 200501 (2020).

# Timeline





Thank you!