

QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY: PREPARING THE NEW EUROPEAN FLAGSHIP

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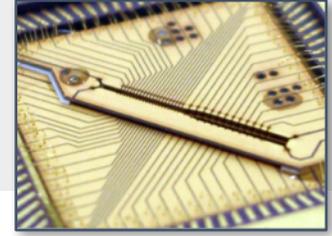
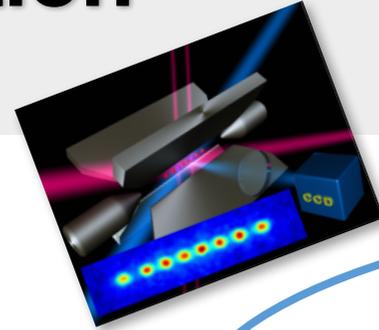
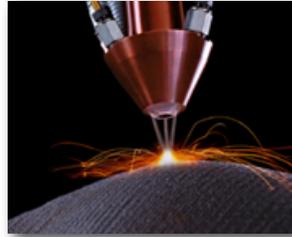
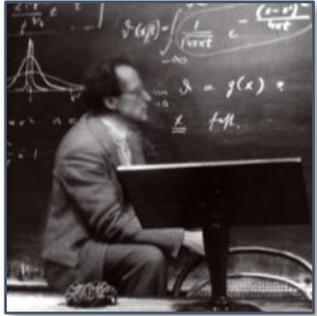
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„Quantum information is a radical departure in information technology, more fundamentally different from current technology than the digital computer is from the abacus.“

*W. D. Phillips
Nobel laureate 1997*



The second quantum revolution is unfolding globally...



First quantum revolution

- Discovery of fundamental laws of the microscopic realm
- Formulation of quantum mechanics

‘Bulk’ quantum technologies

- Based on bulk effects, where many quantum degrees of freedom are manipulated at once
- Development of ground-breaking technologies such as transistor and laser

Second quantum revolution

- Technologies based on the manipulation of individual quantum states
- Make use of “strange” quantum properties, such as superposition and entanglement
- Secure communications, ultimate computing power, ultraprecise sensors

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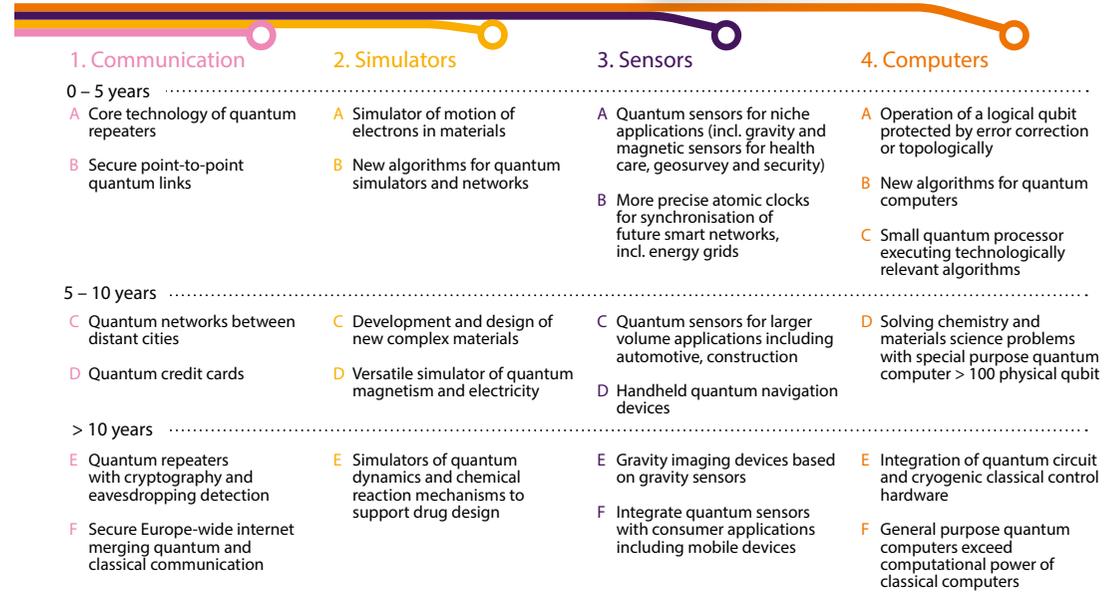
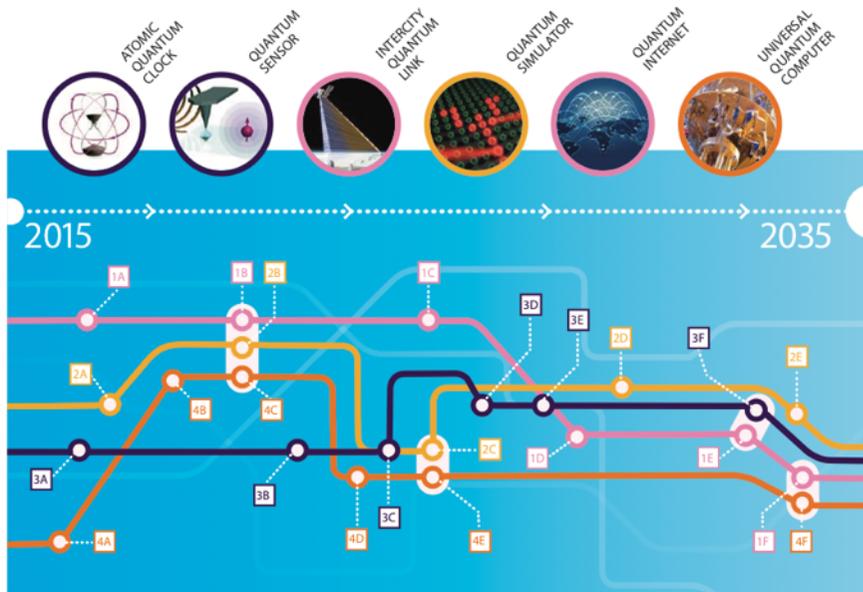
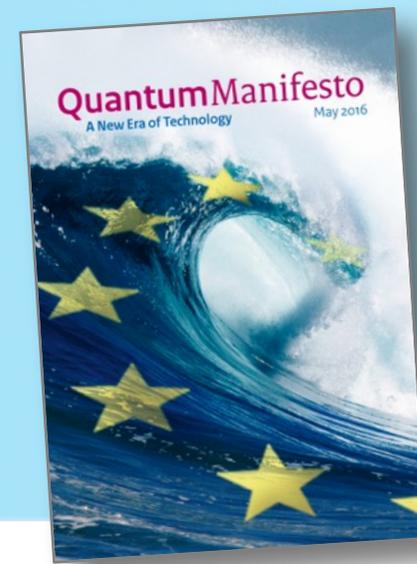
Europe's position in the world



- Europe is the global leader in QT, roughly half of the world's publications in the field come from EU-based groups
- EU Roadmap already in place: constant progress, milestones reached, gaps and challenges identified
- Europe's competitors around the world (USA, China, Japan, Russia, Singapore, Australia) are developing their own quantum research programs
- overall many branches of QT have gone past the proof-of-principle phase, but further progress can only be achieved through the leap in resources and the long-term commitments coming with it
- strong QT Community: Quantum Manifesto with overwhelming support

Quantum Manifesto

- an initiative of the European Quantum Community
- published in May 2016, supported by over 3500 scientists, research institutions and companies
- main goal: aid the selection of QT as the new European flagship project



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the new European Flagship Project



Timeframe

- May 2016: Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger announces the project
- Sept-Oct 2016: High-Level Steering Committee appointed with a 1-year mandate
- flagship project cycle: ramp-up phase from 2019, full project phase from 2021

Goals

- Europe has to become the leading force of the second quantum revolution
- consolidate and expand European scientific leadership and excellence in quantum research, including training the relevant skills
- kick-start a competitive European quantum industry to position Europe as a leader in the future global industrial landscape
- make Europe a dynamic and attractive region for innovative business and investments in quantum technologies, thus accelerating their development and take-up by the market
- make the transformative technologies accessible for the entire society

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Priorities

- national programs and commitments have to become part of the agenda, but there has to be an overarching added European value
- inclusiveness should be rooted in excellence, not necessarily the broadest reach
- education, young innovators and innovators need to be a prime focus of the programs, in great part building on Europe's world-leading academic background

Added value

- combine the strength and flexibility of a broad, decentralized programme with the clustering and coordination of focused initiatives
- promote cross-border collaboration and networking of people and information between different centres across academia and industry, foster mobility and knowledge exchange
- integrate and enhance collaboration between education, science, engineering and innovation

High-Level Steering Committee of the QT Flagship Project



collectively represents the diversity of stakeholders in Europe:

12 Academic and 12 Industry Members, appointed by the European Commission

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Prof. Dr. Rainer Blatt, University of Innsbruck

Prof. Dr. Vladimír Bužek, Slovak Academy of Sciences Bratislava

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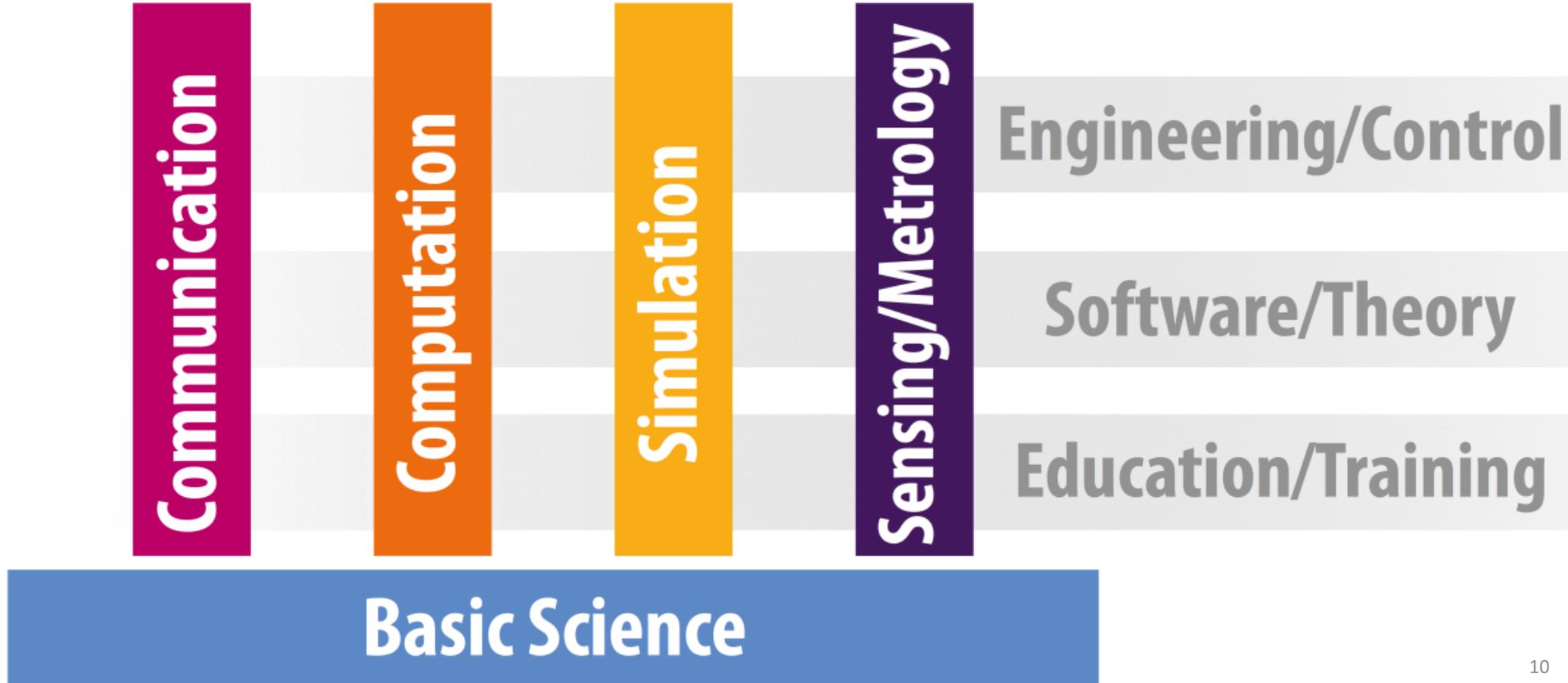


Mandate

- work in an open and transparent way, together with the wider community of stakeholders from academia and industry, in close collaboration with the EC and Member States
- deliver an Intermediate Report by February 2017, and a Final Report by Q3 2017, preparing the framework of the flagship initiative
- advise the European Commission in the launch of the QT Flagship by delivering
 - a **Strategic Research Agenda**, taking into account industrial aspects. It should include a long-term roadmap for the flagship as well as a more detailed agenda for the H2020 ramp-up phase that should start with the first projects in Q1 2019
 - an **Implementation Model**, proposing a concrete implementation approach both for the ramp-up phase within H2020 as well as for the longer term beyond H2020
 - a **Governance Structure**, including the internal governance of the flagship as well as the relations with the EC, the Member States and the relevant funding agencies

Strategic Research Agenda: Structure

outlined in the Intermediate Report of the QT Flagship Project



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Vertical domains

The flagship program should be structured into five domains, of which four vertical domains address vital application areas of a future knowledge-driven industry:

- **Communication:** guarantee secure data transmission and long-term security for the information society by using quantum resources for communication protocols
- **Computation:** solve problems beyond the reach of current or conceivable classical processors by using programmable quantum machines
- **Simulation:** understand and solve important problems, by mapping them onto controlled quantum systems in an analogue or digital way
- **Sensing and metrology:** achieve unprecedented sensitivity, accuracy and resolution in measurement and diagnostics, by coherently manipulating quantum objects

Strategic Research Agenda

outlined in the Intermediate Report of the QT Flagship Project



Horizontal domain: Basic science

The aim of the fifth domain is to develop novel ideas and concepts that can have a major impact on the vertical domains, ranging from theoretical and experimental science to proof-of-principle experiments, capable of delivering concepts, tools, materials and processes.

Cross-cutting activities

Support the domains' mission-driven objectives and provide a structure to identify common concepts, capabilities and opportunities:

- **Engineering and Control:** advance the understanding, design, control, construction and use of new technologies and driving their transition from concepts, theories, one-off and proof-of-principle experiments to high-yield and scalable devices and systems
- **Software and Theory:** develop quantum algorithms, protocols, and applications, and connect to tools for control and certification and understanding the quantum advantage
- **Education and Training:** tutor a new generation of skilled technicians, engineers, scientists and application developers in QT and foster ecosystems for them to work on shared mission-driven technologies and to develop tools and software

Implementation model

outlined in the Final Report of the QT Flagship Project



HOW?

- realize the highest level of transparency in the development process
- show openness to involving emerging actors and attract the best talent
- fair evaluation of proposals with top priority to excellence and impact
- sustainability over a timescale also beyond the 10-year flagship program
- align national efforts with the overarching EU-level flagship goals

WHAT?

- aim at societal impact and commercial exploitation
- set demanding but achievable goals, measurable KPIs and project milestones
- include high-risk/high-reward research and developments

WHO?

- include academic and industrial partners from different European countries
- focus on the impact and strategic benefit in the global race for QT leadership

WHEN?

- Member States are expected to start national support as early as possible
- Q1 2019: start of the first flagship projects in the ramp-up phase

Governance model

outlined in the Final Report of the QT Flagship Project



Principles

- to be based on the priorities of the Strategic Research Agenda
- set up governing bodies and implement productive workflows on the stakeholder, executive and program management levels
- simple and effective structures on all program levels, including efficient feedback loops
- ensure that the overall strategy will have the broadest scientific, industrial and societal impact
- provide strong links to the European Commission and the Member States

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Innovation Mindset

in the QT Flagship Project

the project shouldn't only support the next European generation in science, it should prove to be appealing on a global talent level

subsidies for science-based startups, high-risk/high-gain investments and young researchers

aim: turn scientific discoveries into industrial innovation

The European QT industry



SIEMENS

THALES

Alcatel·Lucent 

IBM



BOSCH



ASML

Microsoft

 **AIRBUS**
DEFENCE & SPACE

e2v *Bringing life
to technology*

 **imec**


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