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## Supporting Quantum Advantage from the Classical Side

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- Headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland
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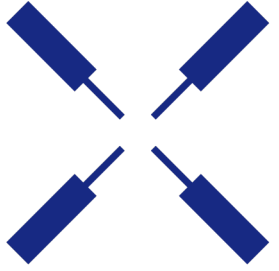
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## Quantum Mission

Help build the quantum computer and be the leading Quantum Computing Control System provider.



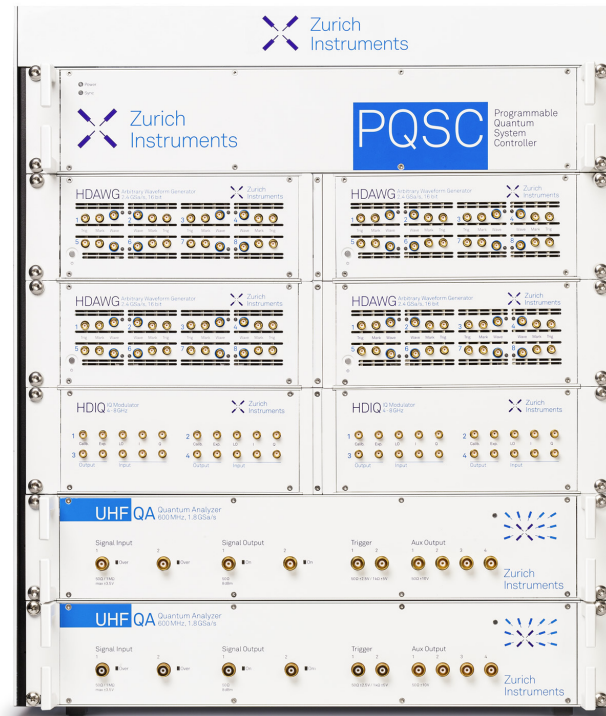
# Quantum Computing Control System (QCCS) Roadmap

Pre QCCS



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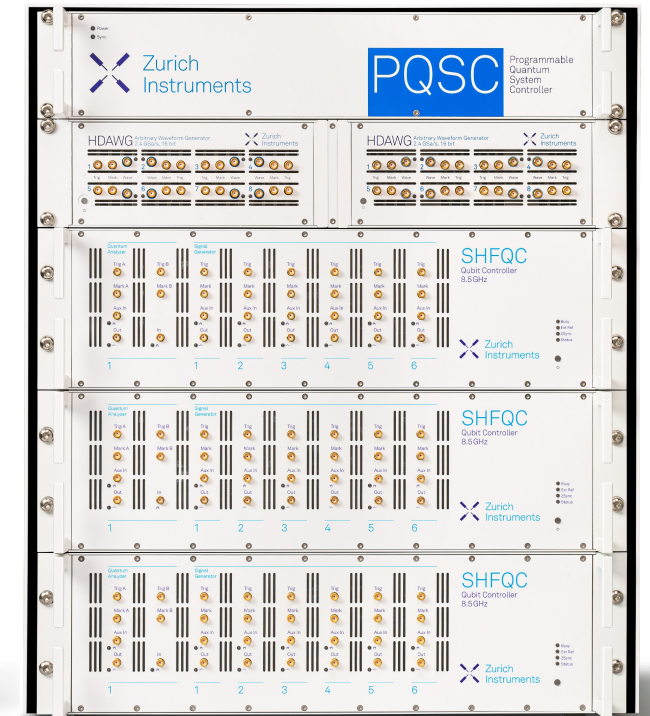
QCCS Gen 1



2018

2020

QCCS Gen 2



2022

2023

← Full compatibility and future-proof investment →

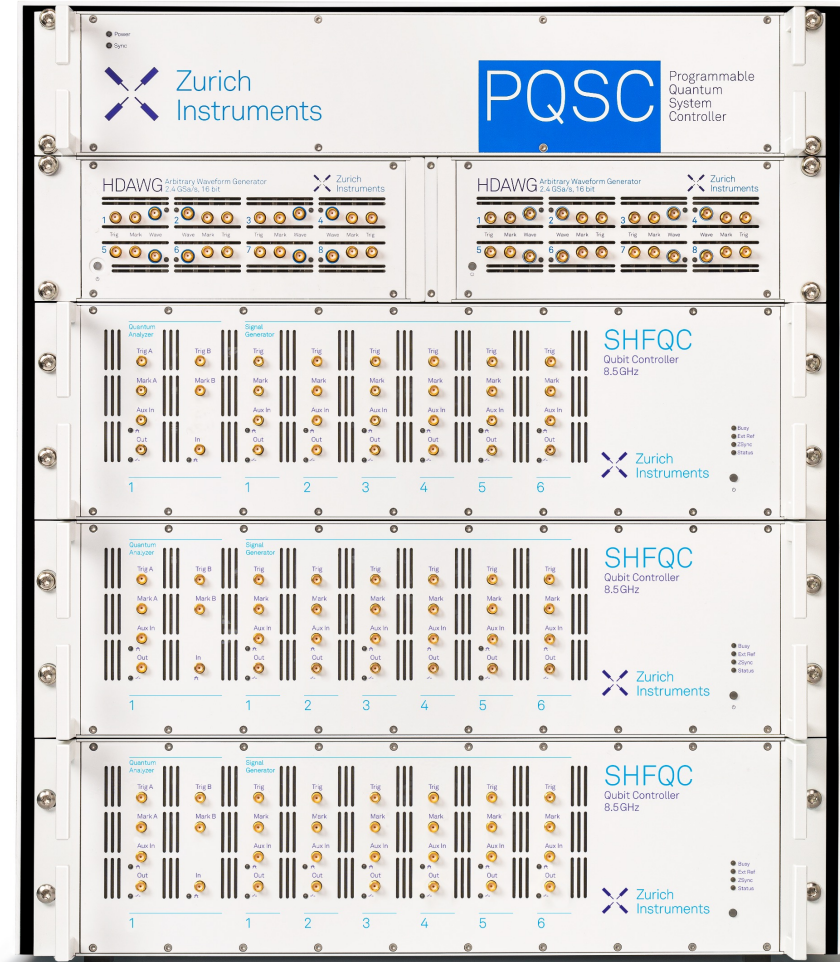
# Gen 2 Quantum Computing Control System (QCCS)

## Gen 2 Hardware improvements

- No mixer calibration
- Lower drift & latency
- Higher fidelities
- Accelerated execution

## LabOne Q

- Intuitive programming that abstracts away control hardware
- Supports full power of the underlying control hardware



# Latest addition: SHFPPC Parametric Pump Controller

## What is it

- Operates up to 4 parametric amplifiers
- The world's first off-the-shelf solution

## Benefits

- Higher readout fidelity and speed: keep amps in optimal working point
  - Stability: Automatic monitoring and tuning
  - UX: Fast automatic tune-up and re-optimization
- An innovation that accelerates progress in quantum advantage



# Support Quantum Advantage from the Classical Side

## Capabilities

- Bring-up and characterization performance + flexibility

Few qubits

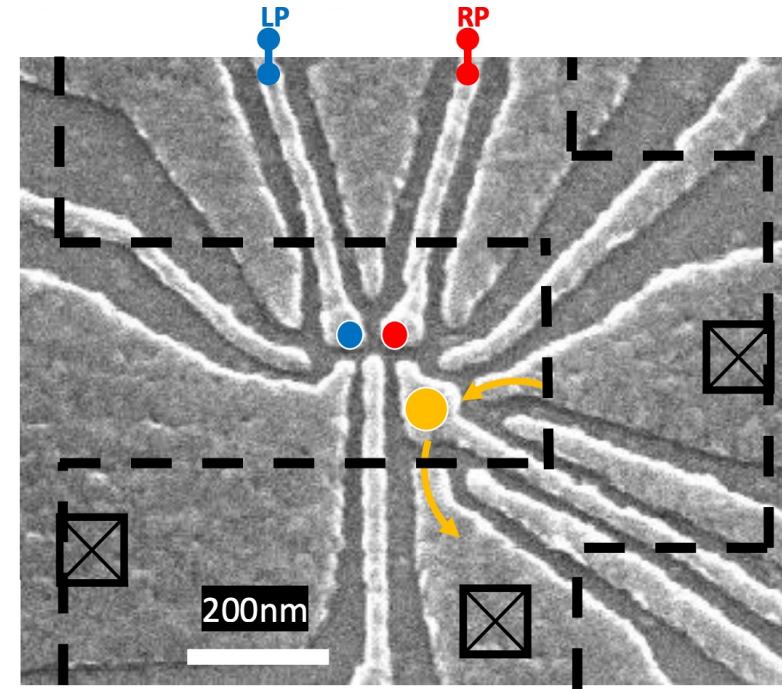


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Qubits made by advanced semiconductor manufacturing

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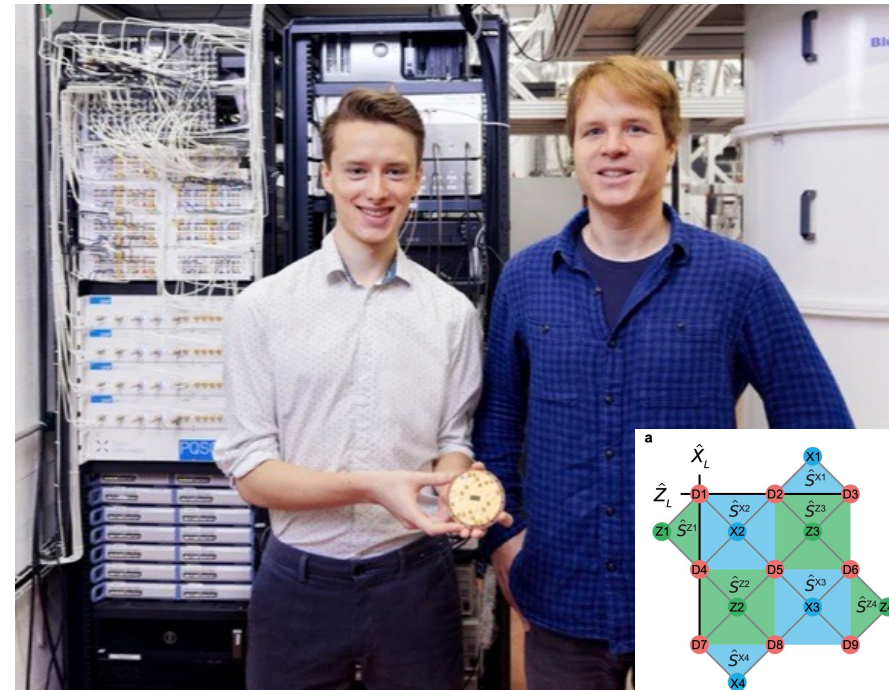
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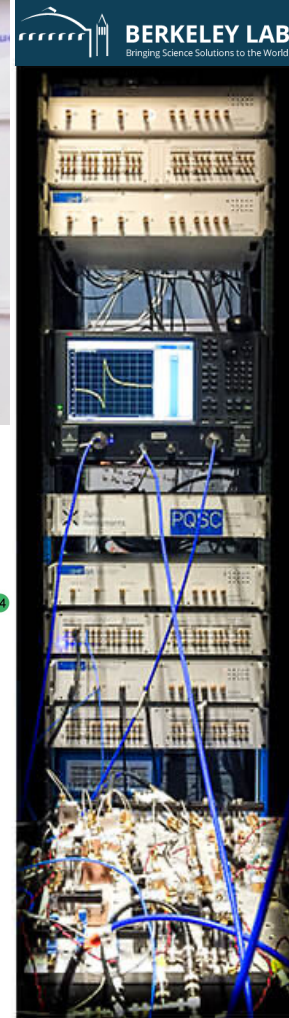
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Few qubits

20-200 qubits,  
Surface 17, 49



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- Tileable and distributed control
- HPC connectivity

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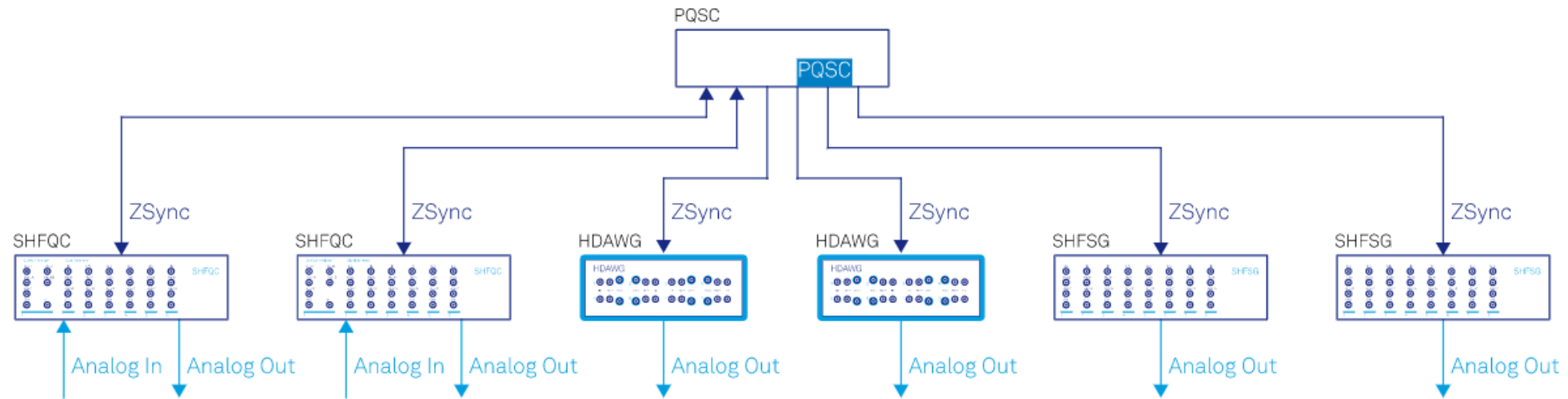
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1000 qubits



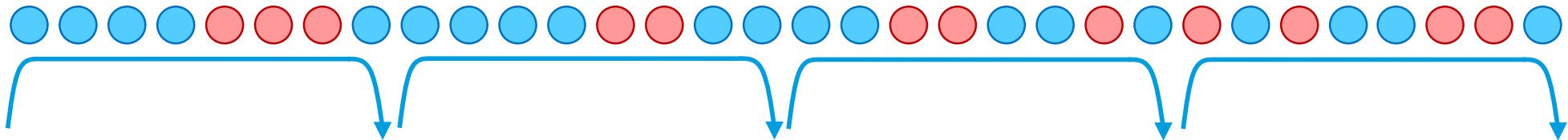
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# QCCS Architecture



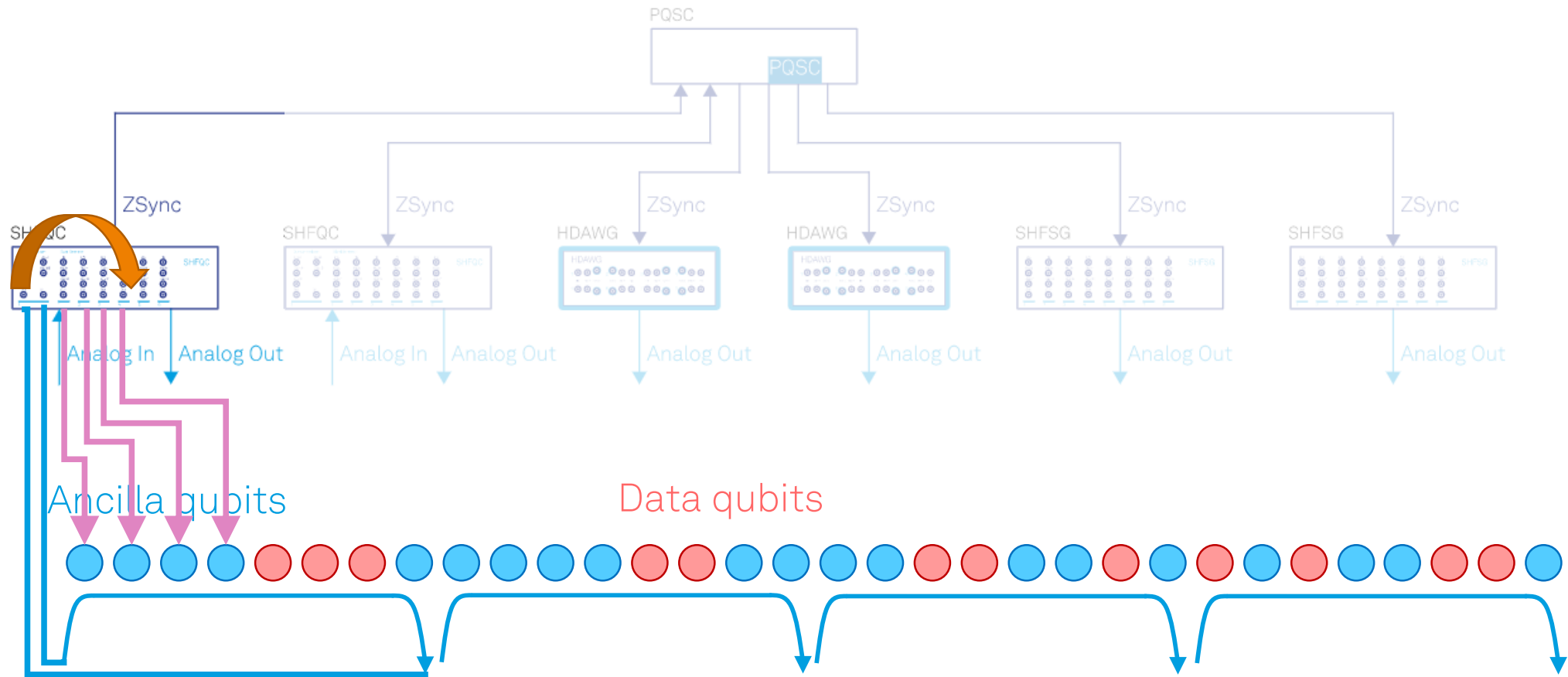
Ancilla qubits

Data qubits



# QCCS Architecture

Local feedback on the fastest path: <300 ns





# People make the Difference

## Support with Outstanding Application Know-How



More than 25 PhD-level physicists in M&S!  
A company by scientists for scientists



# Zurich Instruments Collaboration Projects

USA



→ Build a stabilized qubit  
(Andreas Wallraff,  
Leo diCarlo)

Switzerland

Innosuisse

→ Quantum error correction  
(Andreas Wallraff)

Germany

**MUNIQC-SC**  
Quantum Computing Demonstrator  
Superconducting Qubits



→ Control 100 qubits



→ Scaling and HPC

Europe



→ Entangle 2 fridges over 30 m



**OpenSuperQPlus**

→ Scaling of superconducting QCs

**ModQC**

→ Multi-QPU quantum computers

Netherlands



→ A quantum computer on the web

# Quantum Economy: Accelerating quantum startups

IQM



## European Startup

- Roadmap to ~150 qubits
- HPC connectivity
- Error correction

Image reference: <https://www.meetiqm.com>



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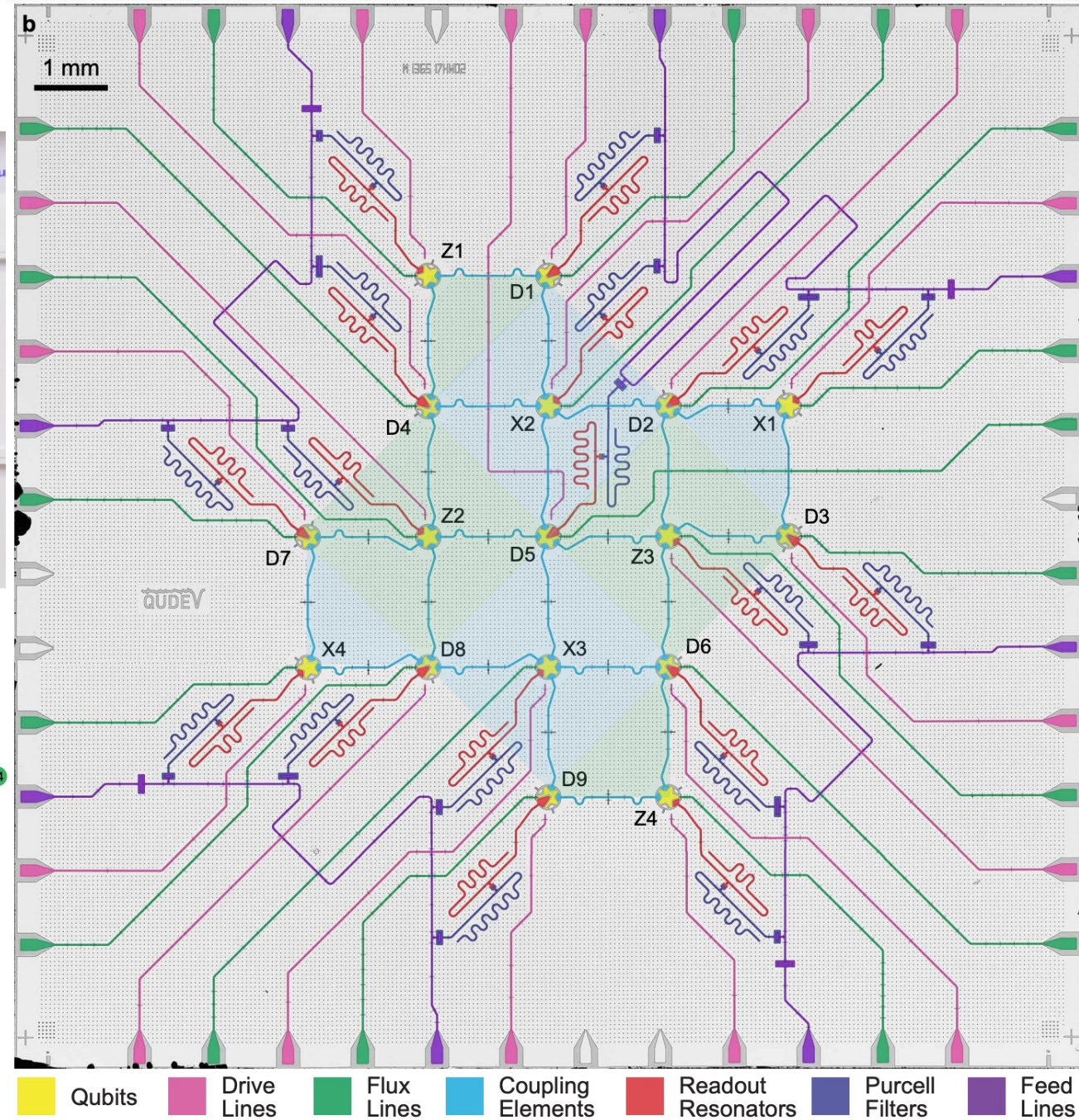
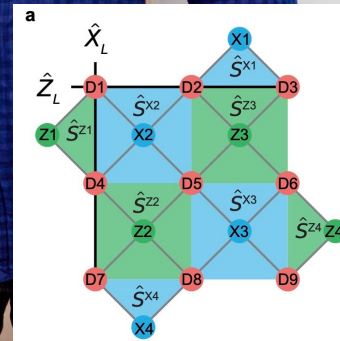
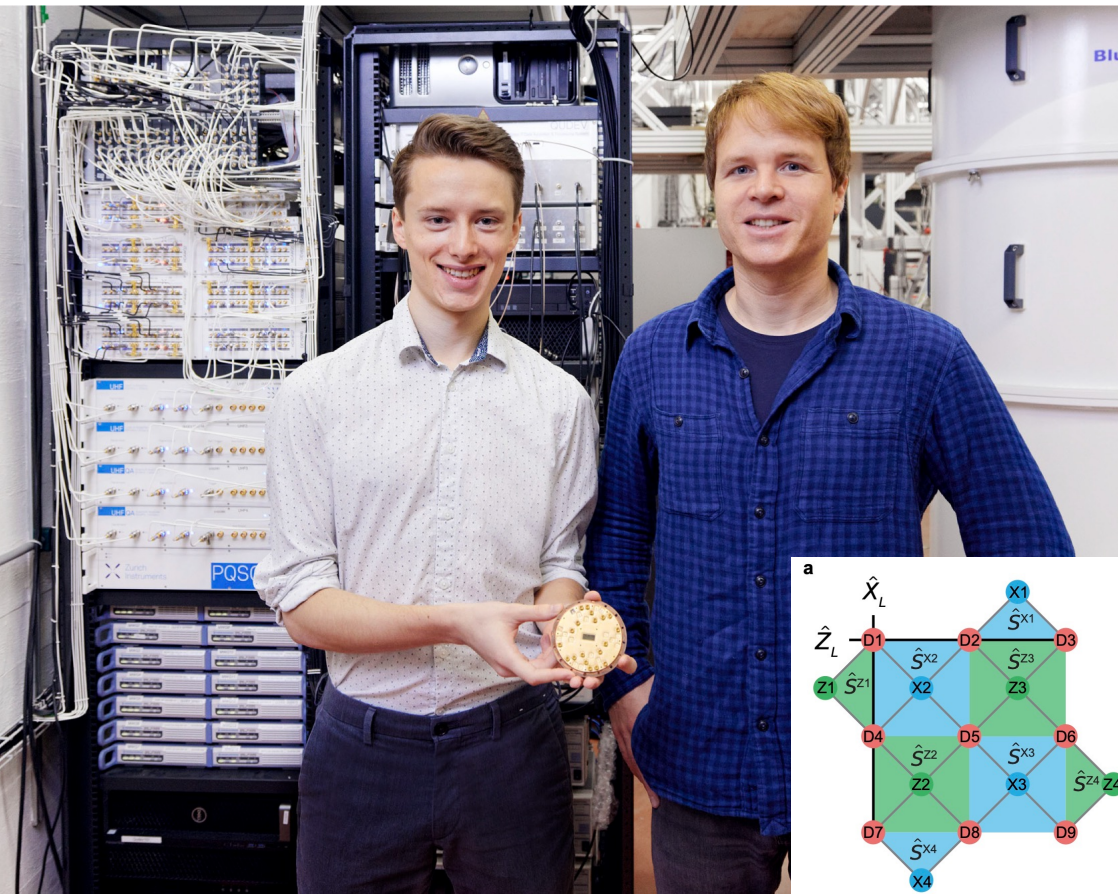
## US Startup

- MIT spin-off on Fluxoniums
- Reduced capital requirement + speed-up
- Compatibility to global software ecosystem

Image reference: <https://www.atlantic-quantum.com>



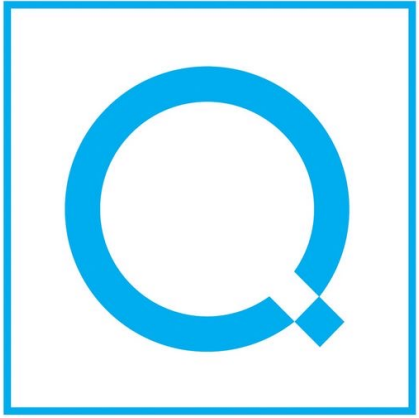
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LabOne Q

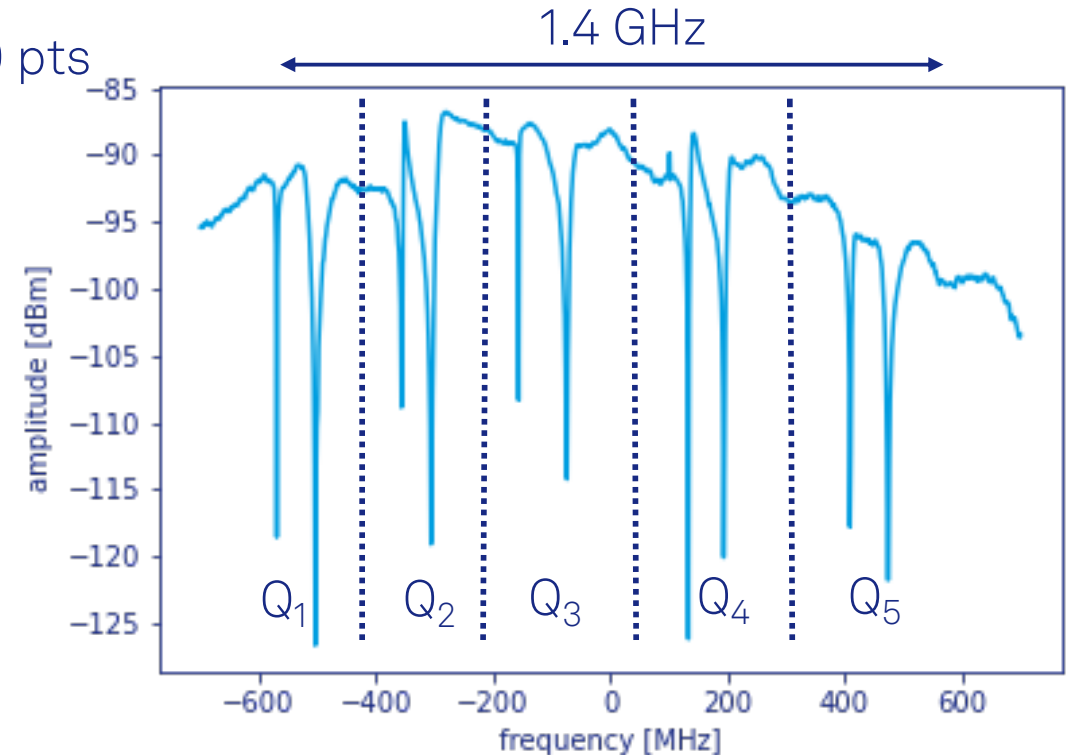
# Reality Check: Resonator Spectroscopy in Seconds

## Measurements at the speed limit

```
frequency_sweep = LinearSweepParameter(  
    start=-0.7e9, stop=0.7e9, count=1000  
)  
with exp.acquire_loop_rt(  
    acquisition_type=spectroscopy, count=1,  
)  
    with exp.sweep(parameter=frequency_sweep):  
        exp.acquire(signal="acquire",  
                    handle="res_spec",  
                    length=10e-3  
        )
```

1000 pts

10 ms



Optimal operation of instruments

LabOne Q exploits real-time loops for optimal duty cycle

Duty cycle 95%

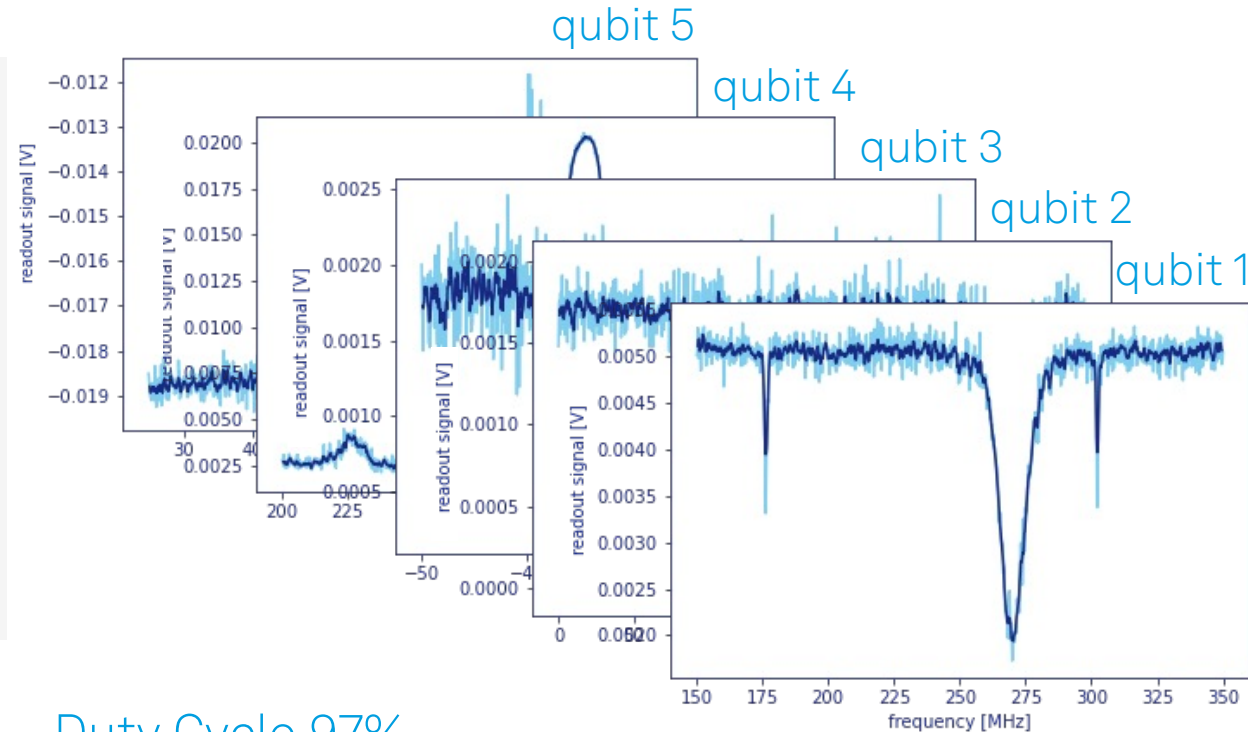
Completed < 10.5s including data download  
→ Minimal overhead



# Reality Check: Parallel Qubit Spectroscopy in Seconds

## Parallel qubit spectroscopy of 5 qubits

```
# Loop over qubit signal lines
for qubit in range(qubit_number):
    with exp.sweep(parameter=f_drive[qubit]):
        with exp.section(uid=f"qubit_excitation_{qubit}"):
            exp.play(signal=drive[qubit], pulse=spectroscopy_pulse)
        with exp.section(play_after=f"qubit_excitation_{qubit}"):
            exp.play(
                signal=measure[qubit],
                pulse=read_pulse[qubit],
            )
            exp.acquire(
                signal=acquire[qubit],
                handle="qubit_spec",
                kernel=read_kernel[qubit],
            )
```



Build parallel experiments by a loop

- Loop activates channels on different instruments

Duty Cycle 97%

1,000 points, 20 ms integration per point

→ Theoretical limit: 20 sec

→ Measurement time: <20.5 sec

One-time setup time for 5 qubits ~ 6 sec

Measurements done at ETHZ-PSI Quantum Computing Hub 20

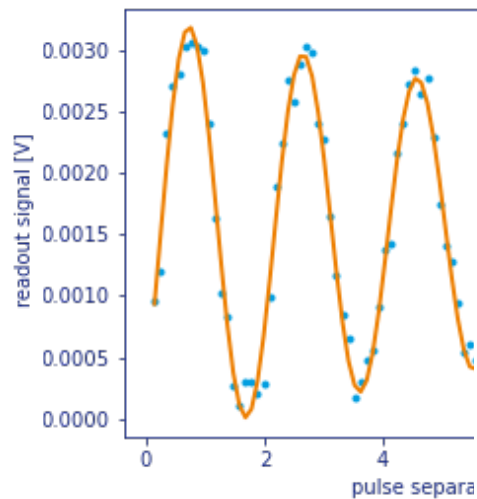
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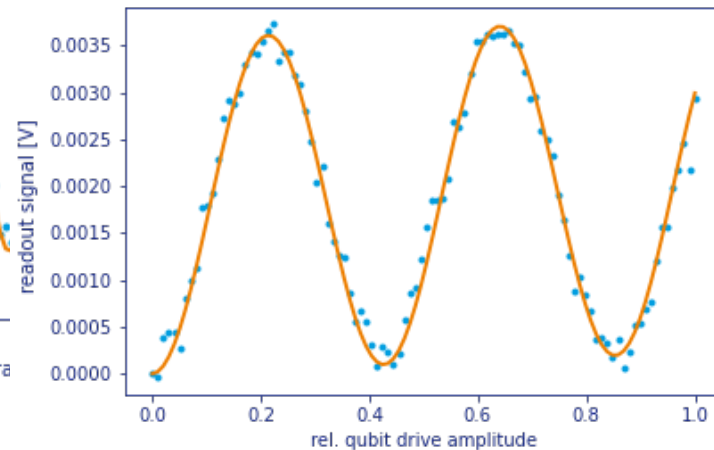
```
with exp_ramsey.acquire_loop_rt(uid="ramsey_shots",
    count=n_average, averaging_mode=cyclic,
):
    with exp_ramsey.sweep(parameter=ramsey_sweep):
        with exp_ramsey.section( alignment=right,
            length=2*x90.length+ramsey_max
        ):
            exp_ramsey.play(signal="drive", pulse=x90)
            exp_ramsey.delay(signal="drive", time=ramsey_sweep)
            exp_ramsey.play(signal="drive", pulse=x90)

    readoutQubit(exp_ramsey, qubit="q0")
```

Ramsey



Rabi



LabOne Q compiles hardware-efficient

- Optimal pulse-level sequencing automatically generated for each channel
- Minimal computer-to-QCCS data transfer

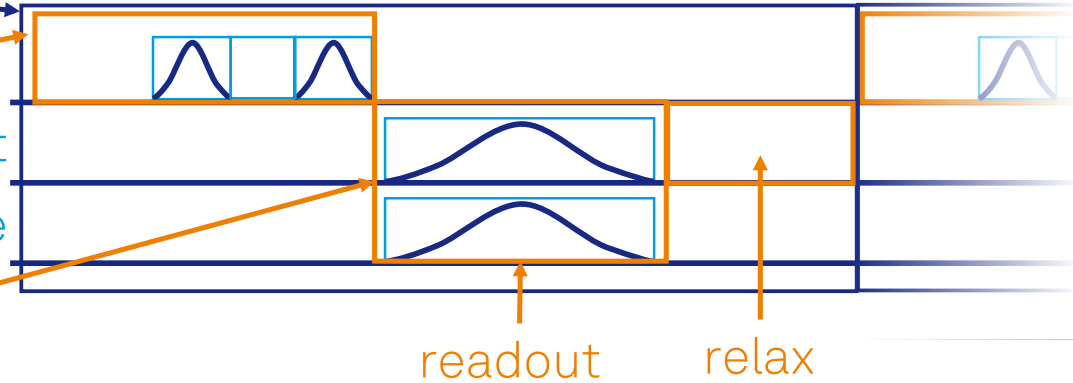
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q0\_drive  
q0\_readout  
q0\_acquire



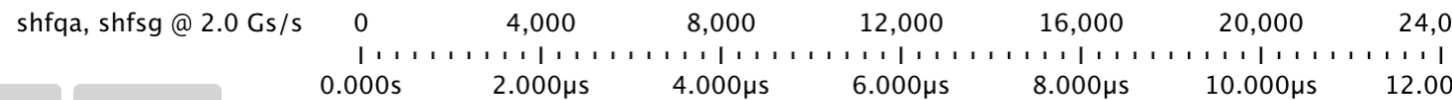
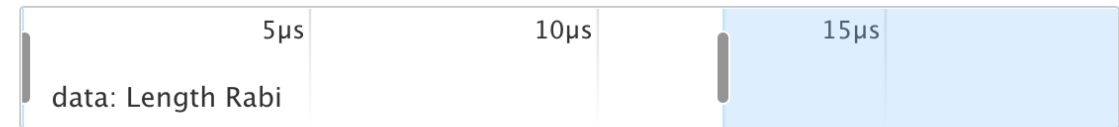
### LabOne Q Sections

- Intuitively align pulses in a scalable fashion
- Single-sample accuracy guarantee
- Code easily applied to different qubits

# Reality Check: User experience and rapid programming

## Rabi in Pulse Sheet Viewer

```
# inner loop - real-time sweep of qubit drive pulse amplitude
with exp.sweep(
    uid="sweep", parameter=length_sweep, alignment=SectionAlignment.RIGHT
):
    # qubit excitation - pulse length will be swept
    with exp.section(uid="qubit excitation", alignment=SectionAlignment.RIGHT):
        exp.play(signal="drive", pulse=x90, length=length_sweep)
    # qubit readout pulse and data acquisition
    with exp.section(uid="qubit_readout", play_after="qubit_excitation"):
        # play readout pulse
        exp.play(signal="measure", pulse=readout_pulse)
        # signal data acquisition
        exp.acquire(
            signal="acquire",
            handle="ac_0",
            kernel=readout_weighting_function,
        )
```



Filter Events

# What do we focus on today?

## Support research groups and QC companies

- Projects with leading groups world-wide (ETH, Berkeley, KRISS, ...)
- Grow Zurich Instruments' quantum team in Asia (open positions on [www.zhinst.com](http://www.zhinst.com))

## Reduce setup size, complexity and price per qubit

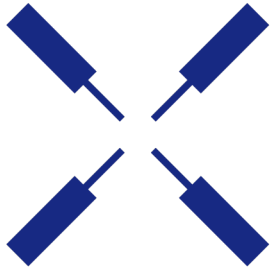
- More QC-specific hardware products
- More automatic bring-up, characterization and benchmarking methods

## Add features

- Extend support for Qiskit, PycQED, Q-Ctrl, ...
- Speed-up run-time performance
- Extend support for Quantum Error Correction







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