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Nanoscience and Quantum Information Science in the Army

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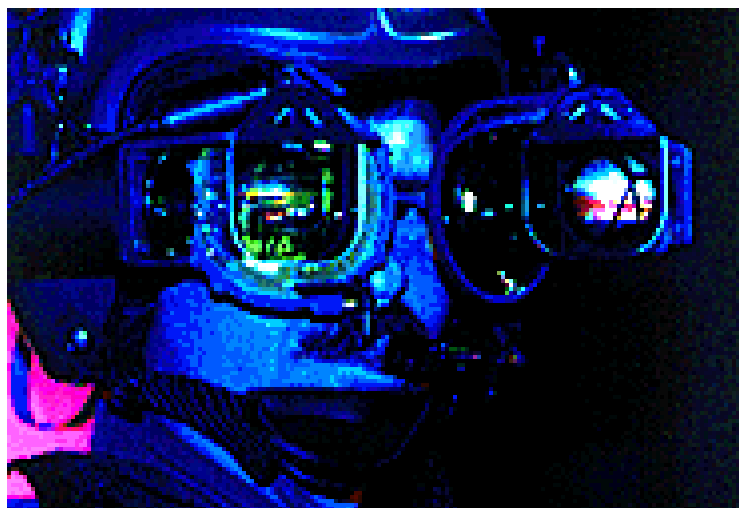


Outline



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- **Nanoscience**
 - Electronic and Photonic Band Engineering
 - Chemical and Biological Agent Detection
 - Nanoscience for the Soldier
- **Quantum Information Science**
 - Quantum Communication
 - Quantum Computing





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Electronic and Photonic Band Engineering

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IR Sensors and Sources

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Advanced Photodetectors

Quantum Well Infrared Photodetectors

- Use electronic band engineering and nanofabrication techniques
- Multispectral IR imaging

Uncooled Infrared Detectors

- Uses nanofabrication and advanced materials

Nanoparticle-Enhanced Detection

- Increase light detection by 20X

Quantum Cascade Lasers

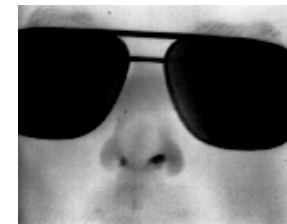
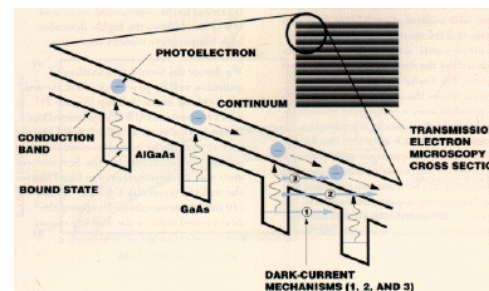
IR Lasers for Target Designation and Countermeasures

- Objective: Compact, pulsed, high power 300K IR lasers

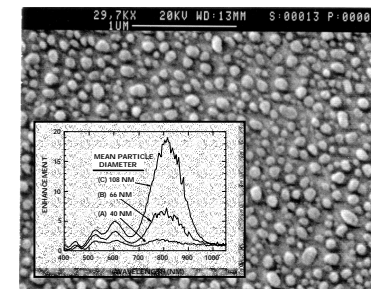
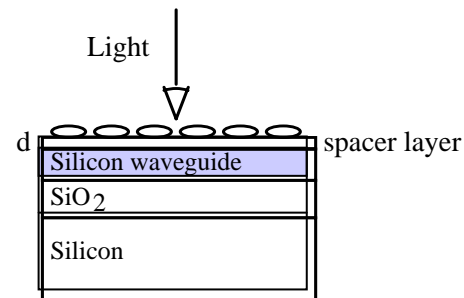
IR Lasers for Agent Detection

- Objective: Tunable or multi-wavelength, single mode IR lasers

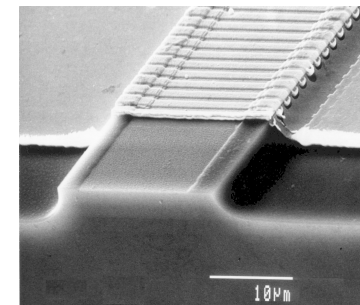
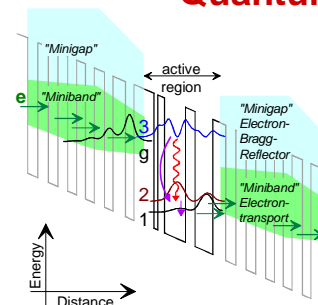
Quantum Well Infrared Photodetectors



Nanoparticle Enhanced Detection



Quantum Cascade Lasers





Photonic Crystals

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• Photonic Crystals

– “Designer Mirrors”

- Periodic arrangement of dielectrics and/or metals
- Reflect radiation
 - Over band of frequencies
 - Transparent otherwise

• Types

– 1 D Photonic Crystals

- “Quarter wave stacks”
- New omnidirectional reflectors
 - Omniguide

– 2 D Photonic Crystals

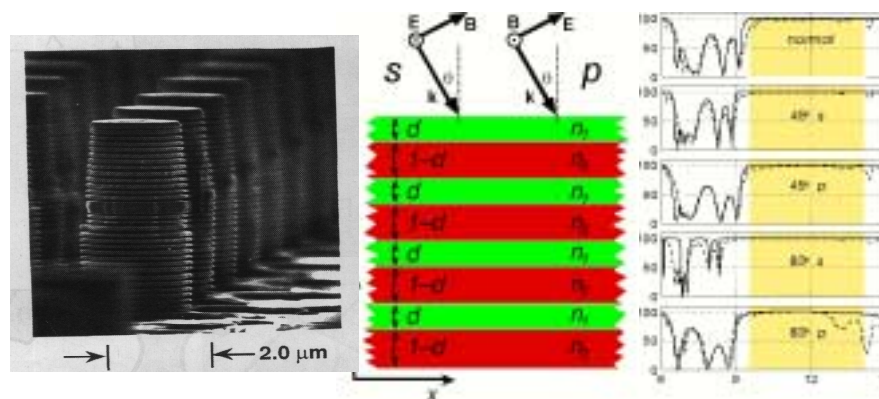
- Used in nanolasers, optical fiber

– 3 D Photonic Crystals

- Reflect radiation
 - From all directions
 - From all polarizations

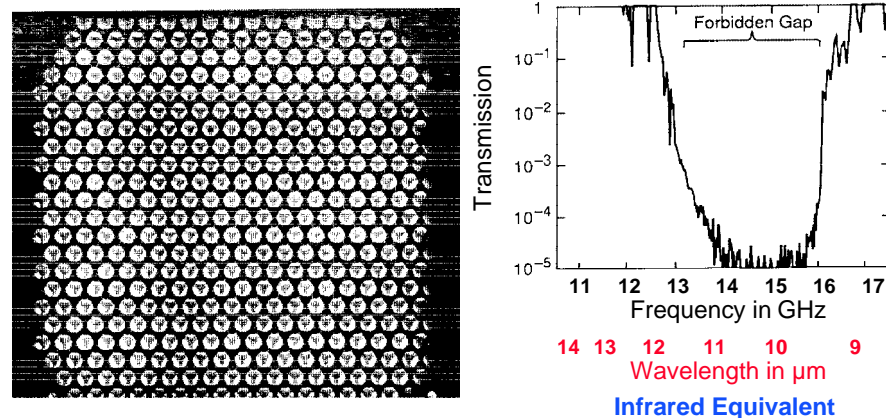
1D Photonic Crystals

John Joannopoulos, MIT



3D Photonic Crystal

Eli Yablonovitch, UCLA





Photonics



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Lasers

Smallest possible laser cavity

- Thin, 2D photonic crystal
- Low Threshold

Light Emitting Diodes

- Improved emission efficiency
- Improved collimation

Waveguide

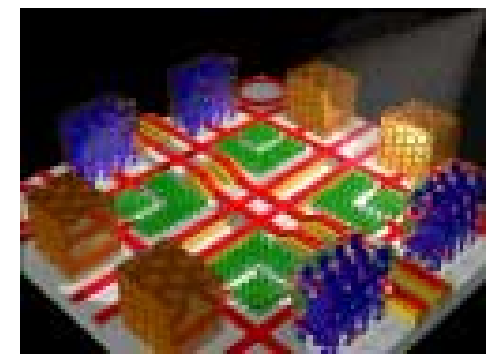
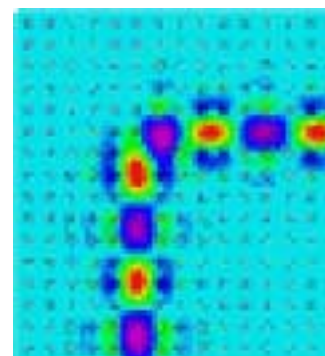
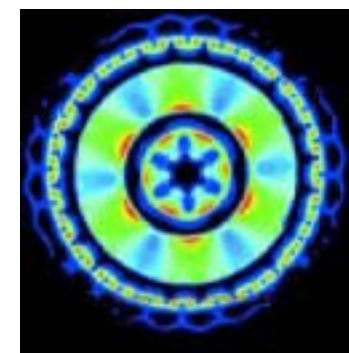
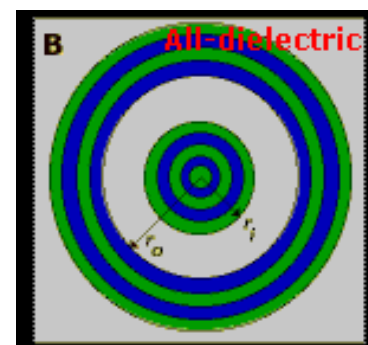
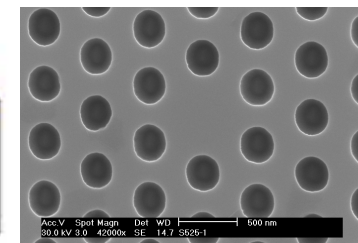
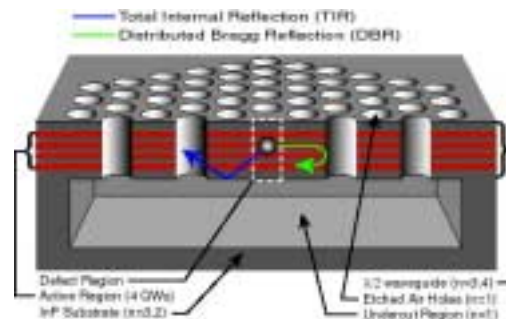
- Omniguide fiber and coax
- Photonic crystal fiber

Integrated Photonics

- Optical routing, filtering, and processing on a chip

Laser Eye/Sensor Protection

- Enhanced nonlinearities for optical limiting





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Chemical and Biological Agent Detection

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Chemical Agent Detection

Sanford Asher, Univ. of Pittsburgh



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● Point Detection

– Need

- Detect water-borne agent

– Problem

- Sensitivity & durability

● Solution

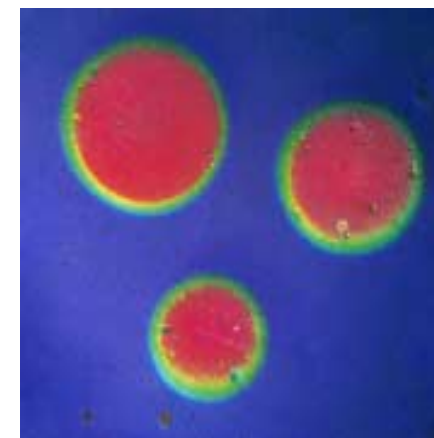
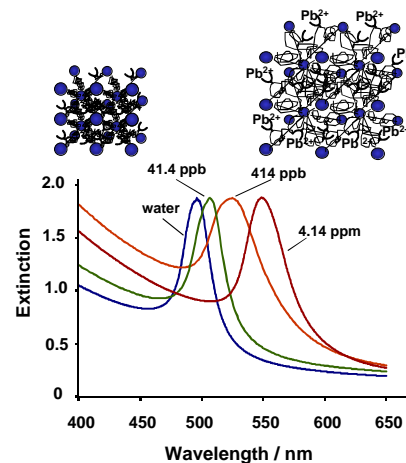
– Photonic crystal-based colorimetric detection

- Self-assembled colloidal crystalline array
- Attach receptors to colloids
 - Chelation recognition group
 - Enzymes
- Agent causes photonic crystal to change size/color

– Results

- Lead detector to 40 ppb
- In-vivo glucose monitor

Lead Detection



Glucose Detection



Fig. 1 Concept for glucose sensin for tear fluid and for implants. Tl diffracted defines the glucose con





Biological Agent Detection



Chad Mirkin, Northwestern Univ.

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● Point Detection

– Need

- Simple, fast, selective

– Problem

- Amplification requires PCR

● Solution

– Nanoparticle-based colorimetric detection

- Attach DNA to Au nanoparticles
 - Agent provides linking DNA
 - Ag amplification of signal

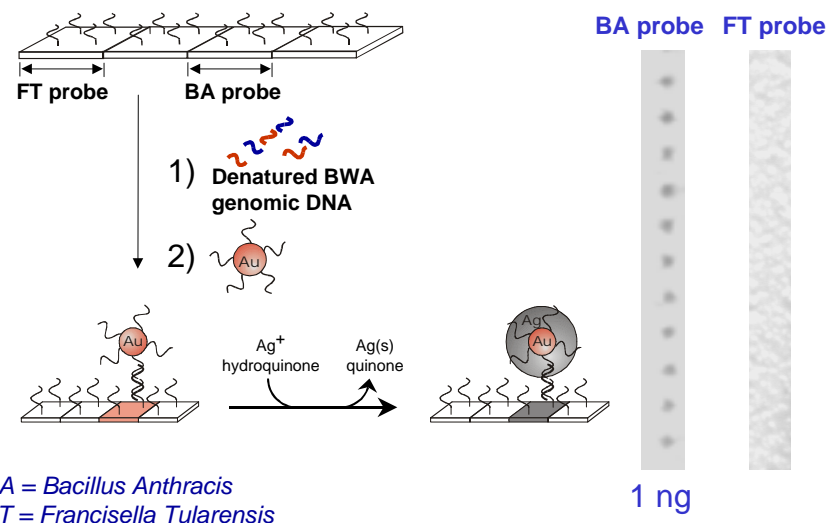
– Results

- Anthrax Detected
 - 30 nucleotide region of a 141-mer PCR product (*blue dot*)
- Sensitive and selective
 - <10 femtomole detected
 - Detect single mismatch
- Simpler and cheaper
 - DNA detection without PCR

Biological Integrated Detection System



Colorimetric Detection of Anthrax





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Nanoscience for the Soldier

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Materials and Textiles



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- **High Strength, Ultra-lightweight Materials**
 - Ballistic protection
 - Lighten carriage, shelters, packaging, small arms
 - *Nano ≠ lightweight*
- **Adaptive, Multi-function Materials**
 - Chameleon skin
 - Interactive clothing
 - Eye/sensor protection
 - Energy harvesting
 - Water recovery
 - Flexible, robust packaging

Reduce the Soldier's Load





Power and Cooling



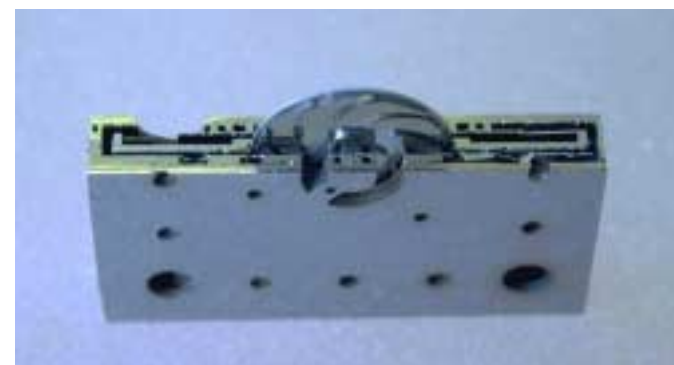
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- **Primary Power Sources**
 - Fuel Cells
 - Batteries
 - Micro-Turbines
- **Supplemental Power Sources**
 - Photovoltaics & Thermo-PVs
 - Thermoelectrics
 - Piezoelectrics for Energy Harvesting
- **Cooling**
 - Vapor Compression
 - Thermoelectrics
 - Evaporative

Fuel Cells



Micro-Turbines





Displays, Detectors, and Antennas



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- **Displays**

- Eye, Face, Sleeve, NV

- **Detectors**

- Sensor fusion at focal plane
- Wide angle and spectral coverage
- Polarization and coherence sensitivity

- **Antennas**

- Conformal, Low signature
- Broadband / Multiband
- Electronically reconfigurable
- Low power consumption



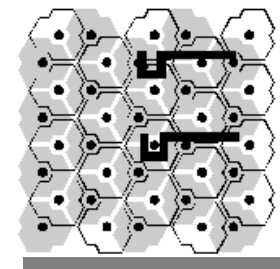
Uncooled Thermal,
Integrated Fire Control,
Target Tracker &
Laser Steering



Face-covering
Display



Miniature
Antennas
on High
Impedance
Ground Plane





Soldier Status Monitoring and Modeling



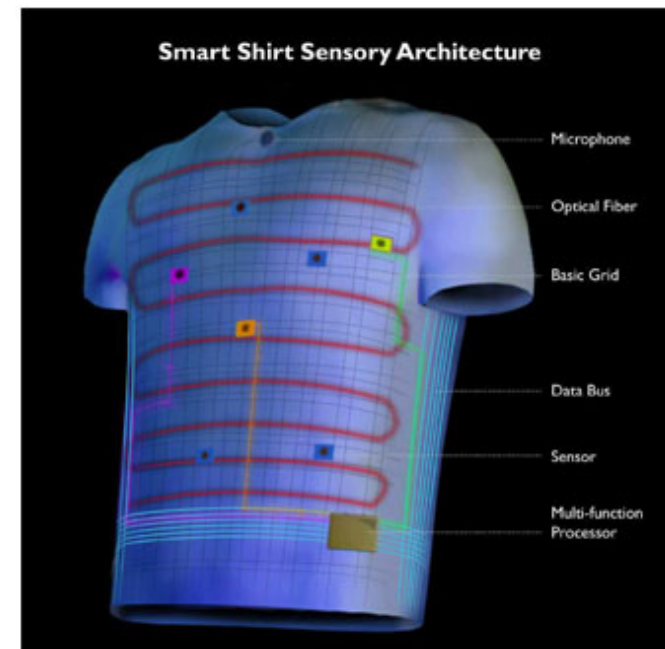
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- **Monitor Soldier Status**
- **Predict Performance**
- **Enhance Performance**
 - Molecular internal computer
 - Sensory and mechanical enhancement
 - Active water reclamation
- **Minimize Casualties**
 - Local area monitoring
 - Clinical lab and pharmacy on the soldier
 - Regeneration/self healing
- **Communications**

Vital Signs Monitoring



Smart T-Shirt





Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies



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● Technical

– Emphasis on nano-materials research for protection

- Soldier protection from
 - Ballistics
 - Sensory attack
 - Chem/bio agents
- Passively cool & insulate
- Environmental adaptability
- Biomedical monitoring

– Practical solutions

- Integrated solution suite
 - Rugged & synergistic
 - Compatible with sensors, comm, and power sources
- World-class foundry of nano-materials synthesis

● Programmatic

– Single university host

- A “Mecca” of innovation
 - \$10M/yr, 6.1 UARC, > 5 yrs
 - Dedicated facility
 - Cost & resource sharing

– Industrial partner(s)

- Integrate research solutions
 - Cost sharing required
 - Many commercial spin-offs
- Army 6.2 funding likely

– More information

- <http://www.aro.army.mil>
- Solicitation open now
 - Proposals due Jan. 3
 - Winner announced Apr. '02



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Quantum Information Science

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Nanoelectronics



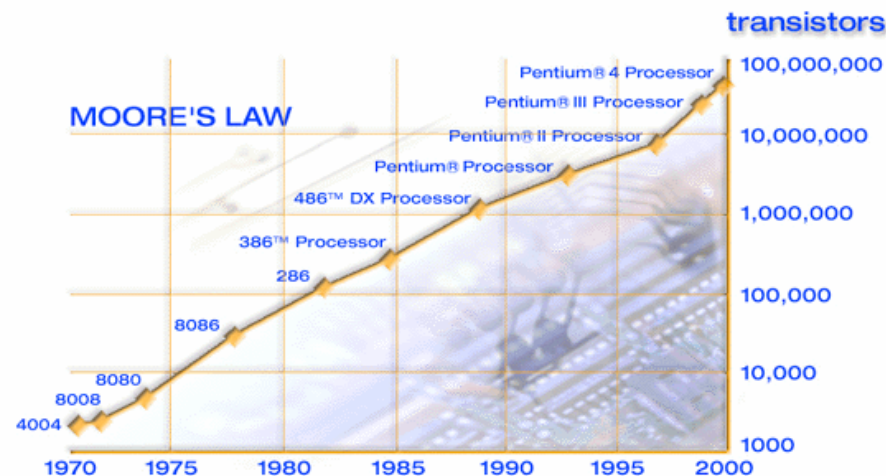
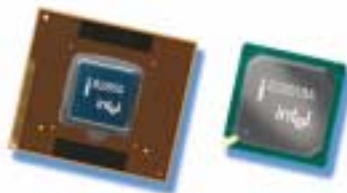
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● Moore's Law

- Device sizes halve every 3 years



- US technological advantage is due in part to Moore's law
- Pentium IV feature sizes 150 nm



● Problem for Army

- By Moore's law, devices should reach atomic scale by 2025
 - Quantum effects will end Moore's law in 10-15 years
- US will lose technological advantage over adversaries soon after Moore's law ends



Hawk
Technology from 50's



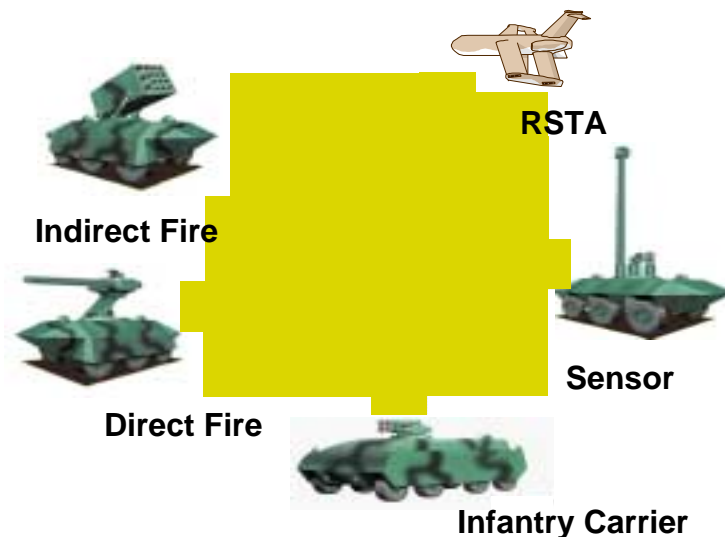
Patriot
Technology from 70's



Information Age

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- **Digitization of the Battlefield**
 - **Major emphasis of the Army**
 - Increase situational awareness
 - Coordinate fire
 - Exploit rapid bandwidth growth
- **Problems for the Army**
 - **Mobile platforms**
 - Moving “cells”
 - Co-site interference
 - Free space vs line-of-sight
 - **Vulnerability to attack**
 - Nodal nature very vulnerable
 - Virulent viruses and worms
 - **Public key encryption**
 - Very successful
 - Intercepted messages take a long time to decipher





Quantum Information Science



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• Quantum Mechanics

– ... is weird!

- Particles act like waves
- Particles tunnel through “impenetrable” barriers
- Particles can be in two states at once
- Entangled particles are correlated at all times

• Quantum Info. Science

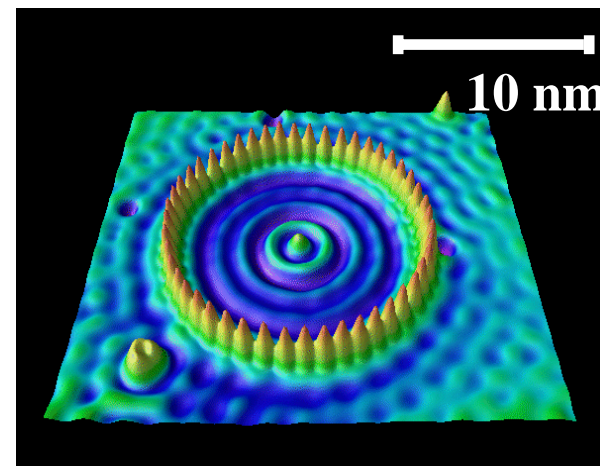
– Quantum computers

- Solve problems classical computers can't

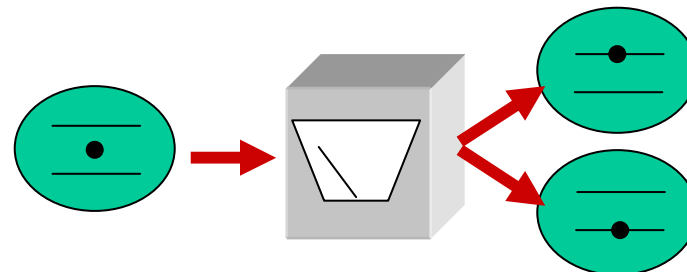
– Quantum communication

- Security guaranteed by quantum mechanics

Electron Waves



Superposition and Measurement





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Quantum Communications

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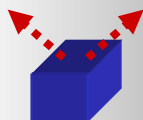
Quantum Cryptography

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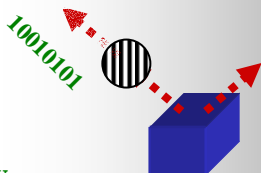
Quantum Key Generation

How it works

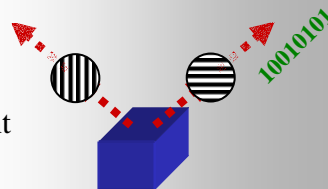
Step 1: Alice and Bob start.
Polarization entangled photon pairs are generated.



Step 2: Alice sets key.
Alice measures polarization of **one entangled photon**.
Result of measurement is **key**.



Step 3: Bob reads key.
Alice tells Bob what measurement she made. Bob gets **key**.



Step 4: Message sent.
Alice encodes message and sends it to Bob through open channels.
Bob decodes message.

- **Cryptographic keys**
 - Q entanglement allows random **key** to be shared by two users
 - Encoded message sent through open channels
 - **Working systems exist now**
 - >40 km in fiber
 - ~1 km in free space
 - Earth-to-satellite system being developed at LANL
- **Security**
 - QM:
 - **Key is unbreakable: it cannot be copied!**
 - Eavesdropper would destroy **key** by trying to read it.



Quantum Communication



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• Quantum Teleportation

- Quantum entanglement can be used to teleport message
- Quantum teleportation proven!
 - Demonstrated in 3 labs in '98.
 - Army/DARPA initiative to develop Q network underway.

• Security

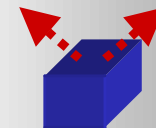
- Message never travels between Alice and Bob
 - A need not know where B is
- Alice sends activation signal to receiver (selected availability)
 - Alice's copy destroyed when teleported

Quantum Teleportation

How it works

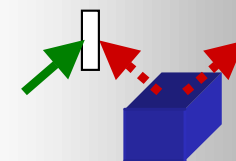
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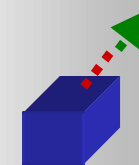
Step 2: Alice sends message.

Alice entangles **message photon** with **one entangled photon**.



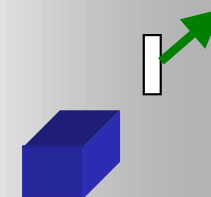
Step 3: Bob receives message.

Alice's **message** is destroyed as it is teleported to Bob on **second entangled photon**.



Step 4: Bob reads message

Alice tells Bob how to measure **second entangled photon** to read **message**.





Science Fiction vs Science Fact

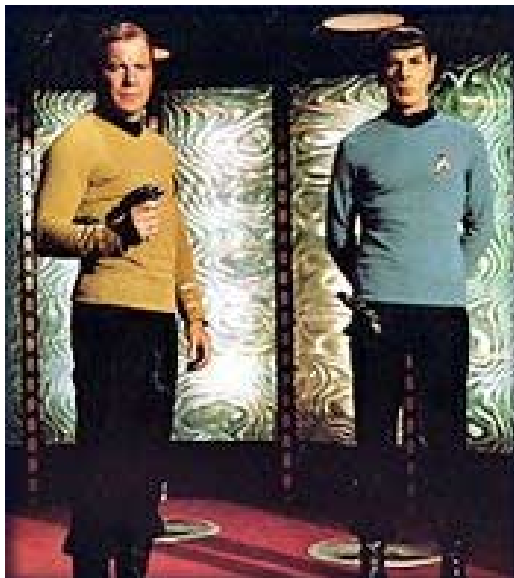


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Superluminal Effects



Matter Teleportation



Los Alamos Quantum Cryptography System



Quantum Teleportation Experiment





Quantum Memory



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● Coherence Transfer

- To store quantum information, it must be transformed from one form (**easily transmitted**) to another (**well isolated**)

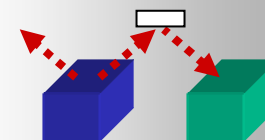
● Quantum Memory

- **Required for long range and random access Q comm.**
 - 100 km requires 1ms storage
 - Nuclear spin $T_2 \sim$ hours
 - Secure or long range comm requires 1 day - 1 yr storage
- **Enables tactical and strategic Q teleportation for secure comm.**

How it works

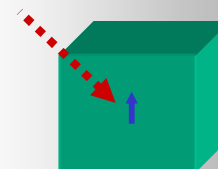
Step 1: Information received.

One photon of **entanglement** pair is received and ready for storage.



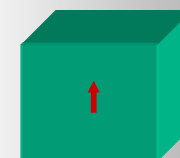
Step 2: Information stored.

Entanglement transferred from photon to, say, a **nuclear spin**.



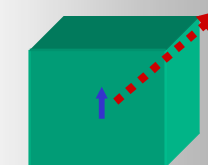
Step 3: Information saved.

Coherence maintained naturally and/or through Q error correction.



Step 4: Information retrieved.

Entanglement transferred from spin to photon for immediate use.





Quantum Error Correction



● Q Measurement

- Q states are fragile, error prone
- Measuring a Q state destroys the Q information

● Q Error Correction

- Errors can be corrected without looking at Q state
 - Errors detected using redundant storage and comparative measurement
 - Errors corrected using conditional logic and flips
- **Error correction proven, but not enough to extend T_2 yet**

How it works

Vulnerable storage

Quantum state represented simply as **superposition**.
Bit flip creates **error**.

$$a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$$

$$a|1\rangle + b|0\rangle$$

Step 1: Redundant storage

Encode **Qbit** in state of **3 Qbits**

$$a|000\rangle + b|111\rangle$$

Step 2: Bit flip error occurs.

$$a|100\rangle + b|011\rangle$$

Step 3: Error detected.

Qbits compared to each other, 2 at a time, for discrepancies.

$$a|100\rangle + b|011\rangle$$

Step 4: Error corrected.

Comparative measurements reveal **error** on **Qbit 1**; **Qbit** flipped.

$$a|000\rangle + b|111\rangle$$



Quantum Error Correction



● Quantum Logic

- Whether target bit is flipped depends on control bit
 - Control:0, Target: unflipped
 - Control:1, Target: flipped
- “Controlled-NOT”
 - For comparison or conditional manipulation of Qbits
 - Universal Q gate
- Quantum logic demonstrated in atoms
 - Solid state demos in < 3 yrs
 - Used for quantum repeaters
 - Key to quantum computation

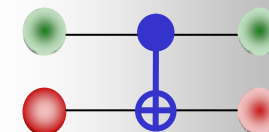
How it works

Controlled Not

Target Qbit not flipped if control Qbit is 0.

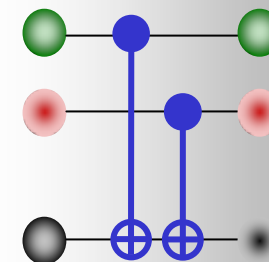
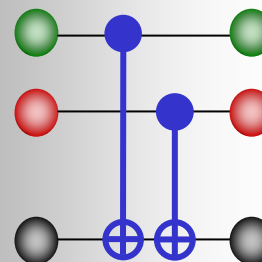


Target Qbit flipped if control Qbit is 1.



Collective Measurement

Qbits **A** and **B** are compared using two C-NOTs and a third “ancilla” bit





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Quantum Computing

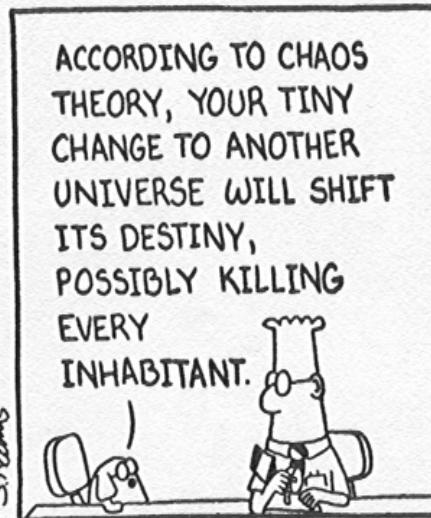
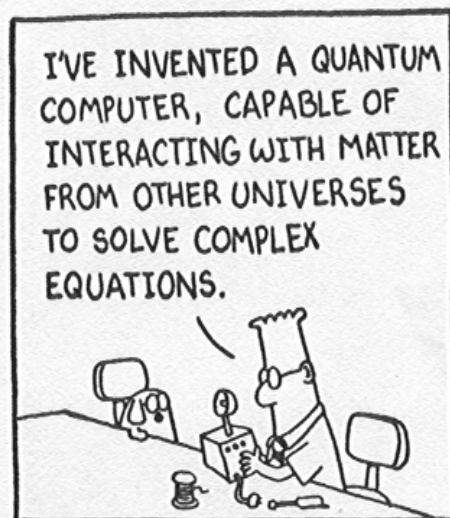
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Why should we build a Quantum Computer?



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Code Breaking



Resource Optimization



Wargaming, Logistics

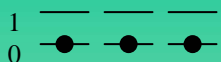




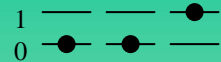
How a Quantum Computer Works



“0”



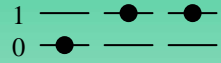
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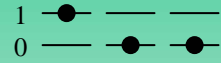
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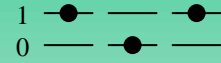
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“4”



“5”



“6”



“7”



• Classical Computer

- Classical bits must be either 0 or 1.
- N bits represent any number $[0, 2^N-1]$.
- Loop over all numbers in 2^N operations.

“0-7”



• Quantum Computer

- Superposition allows Qbits to be between 0 and 1.
- N Qbits represent all of $[0, 2^N-1]$ *simultaneously*.
- Loop over all numbers in 1 operation.



Quantum Computation



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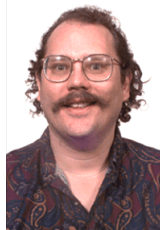
- **Shor's Code-breaking Algorithm**

- **How fast can you factor a number?**

- Difficulty grows exponentially with number of digits

- **Q computer advantage**

- Code-breaking can be done in minutes, not millennia



- **Grover's Search Algorithm**

- **How quickly can you find a needle in a haystack?**

- Difficulty grows exponentially with number of items (N)

- **Q computer advantage**

- Search 10^6 items 500X faster



- **How public key cryptography works**

- **Multiplying two prime numbers is easy**

- $23 \times 47 = ?$

- **Factoring a number into its two prime cofactors is hard**

- $1961 = ? \times ?$

- **If N-digit key can be factored, increase N to increase security**

- **Classical Search**

- **Sequentially try all N possibilities**

- **Average search takes**

- $N/2$ steps

- **Quantum Search**

- **Simultaneously try all N possibilities**

- **Refining process reveals answer**

- **Average search takes**

- $N^{1/2}$ steps



Why is it hard to build a quantum computer?

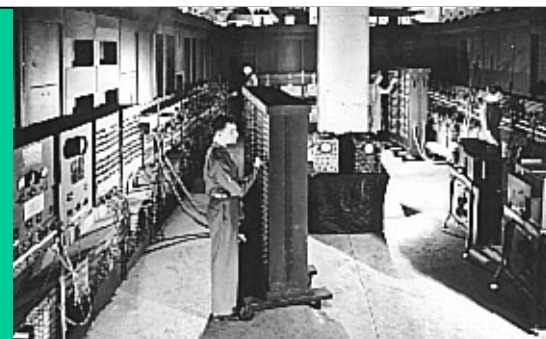


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- **Quantum states are fragile.**
 - Noise causes errors, and state preparation is imprecise.
 - Quantum error correction will help.
- **Few algorithms exist.**
 - Readout of quantum states yields probabilistic answer.
- **Seven qubit quantum computers are operating now.**
 - Researchers may need 20 years to build a QC that will solve important problems (>1000 qubits).

"Where a calculator on the Eniac is equipped with 18000 vacuum tubes and weighs 30 tons, computers in the future may have only 1000 tubes and weigh only 1 1/2 tons"

- Popular Mechanics, March 1949



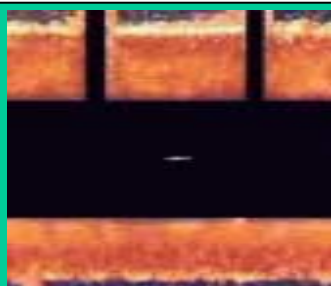


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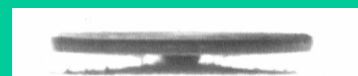


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Ion Traps



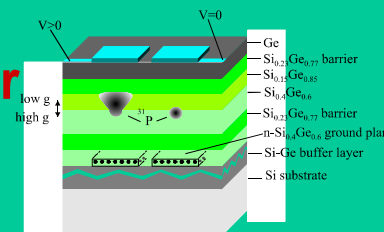
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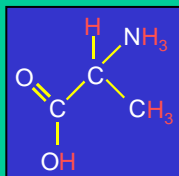
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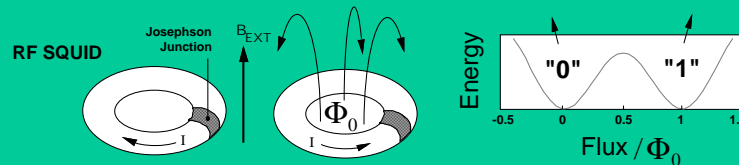
Semiconductor Spins



NMR



Superconductors





Summary



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● Nanotechnology

– Photonic Band Engineering

- Compact photonics
- Efficient antennas

– Chemical and Biological Agent Detection

– Soldier Nanoscience

- Advanced Uniform & Devices
- Survivability & Sustainability

● Quantum Information

– Quantum Communication

- Secure communication

– Quantum Computing

- Computing after Moore's law
- Code breaking

