

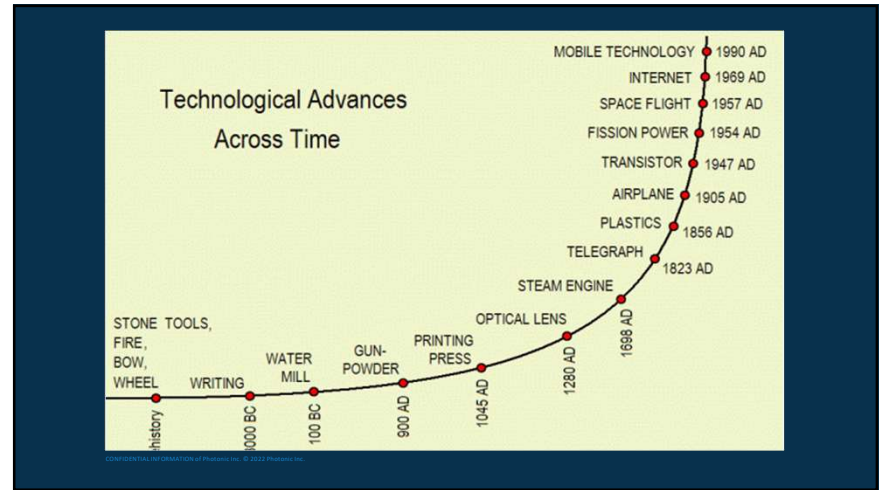
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The international race for a quantum computer

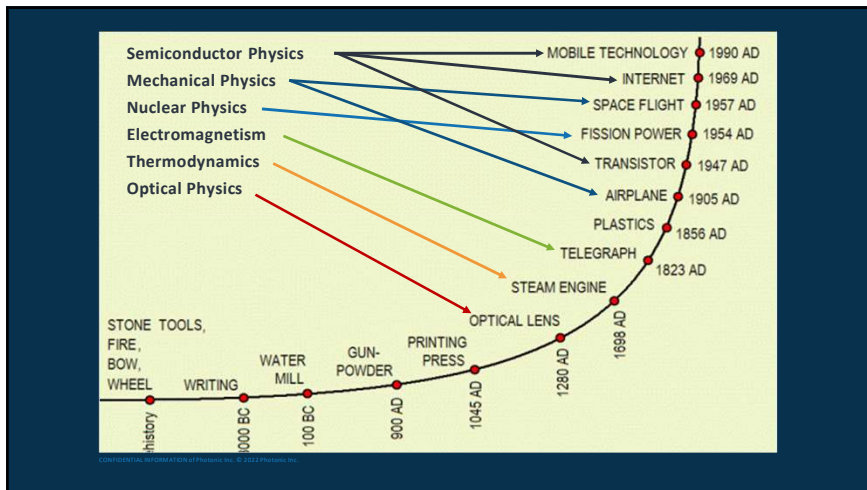
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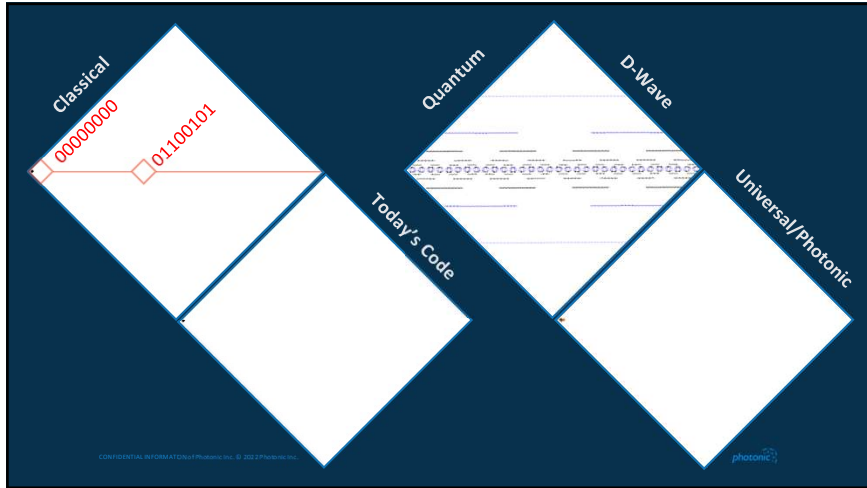
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What is a Qubit?

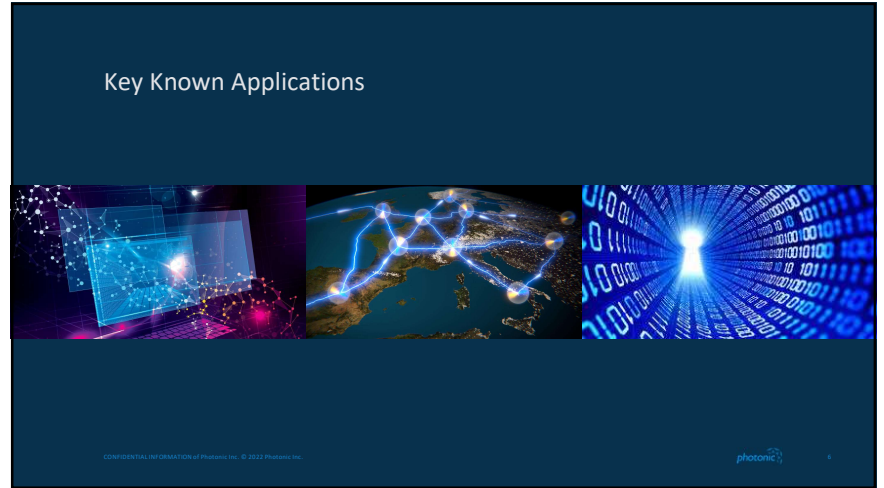
The left diagram shows a classical bit with two possible states: 0 (represented by a circle) and 1 (represented by a vertical bar). The right diagram shows a qubit, which can be in a superposition of both states, represented by a circle and a vertical bar, each with a colored arc indicating probability.

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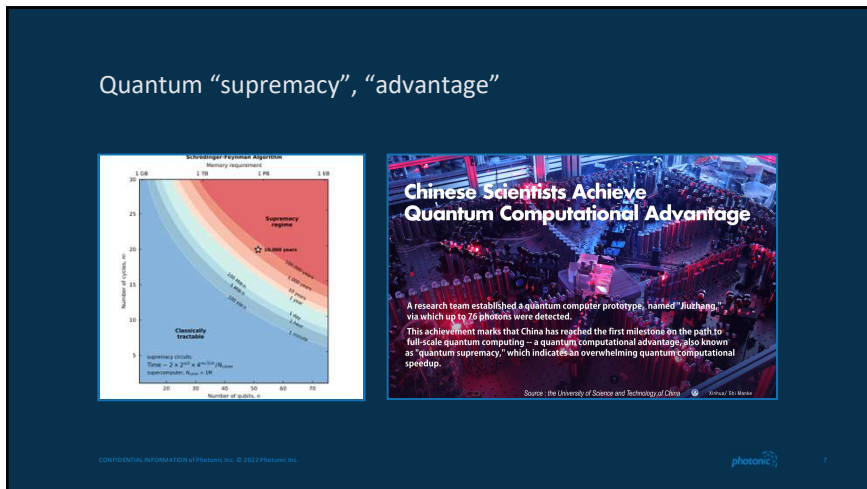
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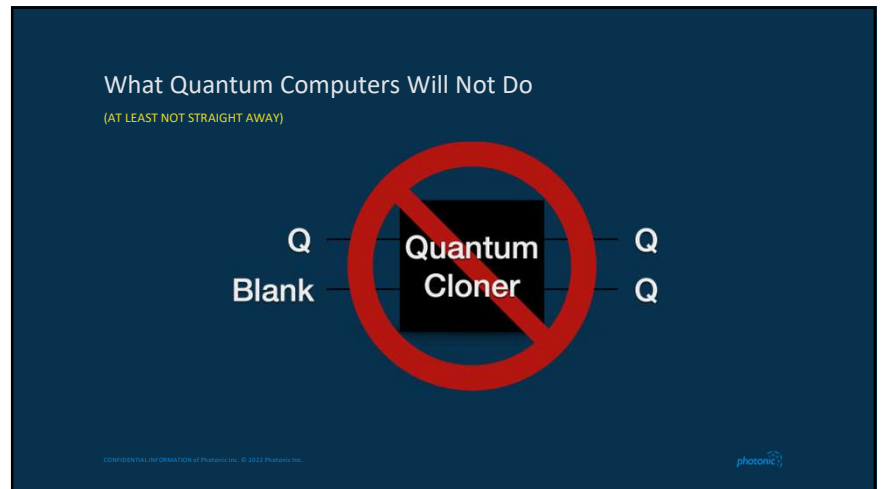
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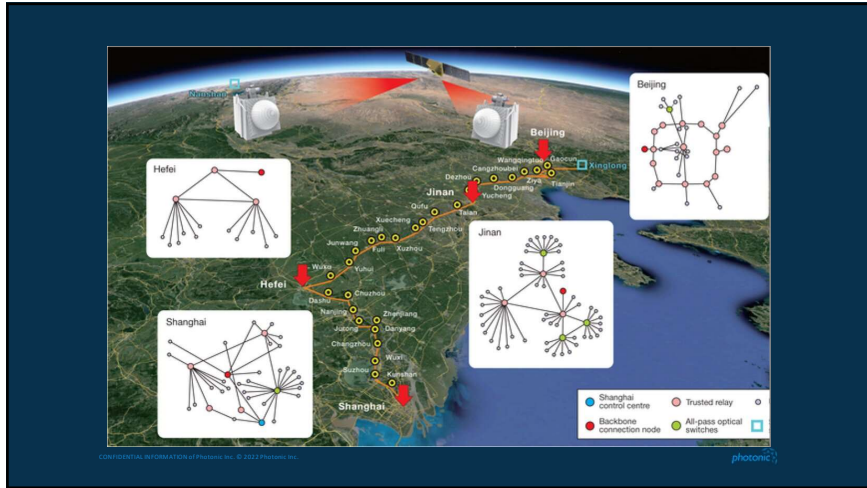
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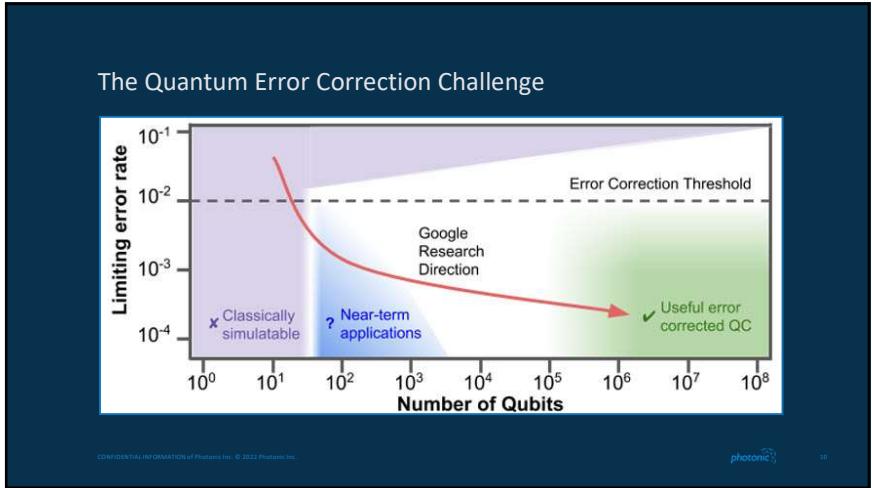
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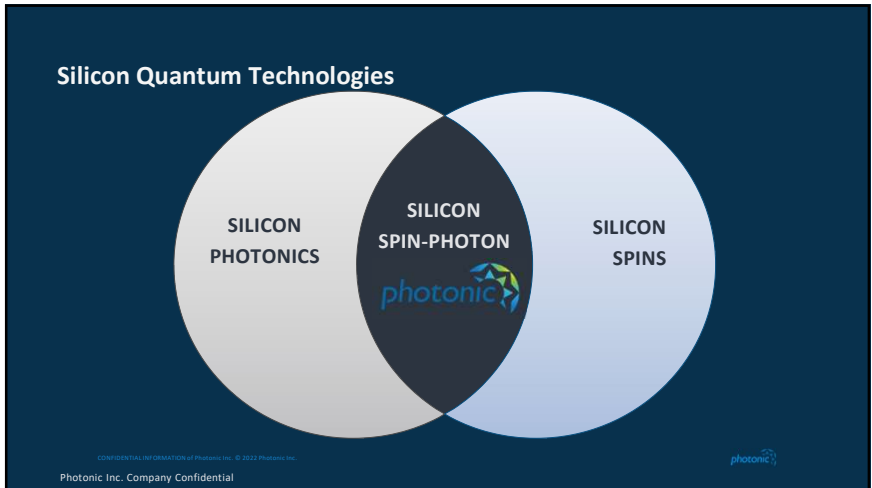
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Quantum computing: hardware

Technology	Best Argument For	Best Argument Against	Companies Involved
Majorana	Fundamentally protected from errors	Hard to engineer	Microsoft
Solid-state spins (D-Si, NV centers, etc.)	Small footprint	Heterogeneous, hard to scale	Turing, CQC2T
Quantum dots	Small footprint, scalable fabrication	Connectivity	HLR, Intel
Neutral atoms	Homogeneous, long-range gates	Lack of demonstrated good 2-qubit gates	Atom Computing, Inc.
Linear optics ⁵⁰	Scalable fabrication	Lack of key components (single photon sources)	PsiCorp, Xanadu
Superconductors	Demonstrated programmability, lithographically definable	Large footprint, 10 mK	Google, IBM, Rigetti, Intel, QCI
Ions ⁵¹	Demonstrated programmability, long coherence, homogeneous	Microsecond gate speeds, lasers	IonQ, Honeywell

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