

# Integrated photonics for trapped-ion quantum computing

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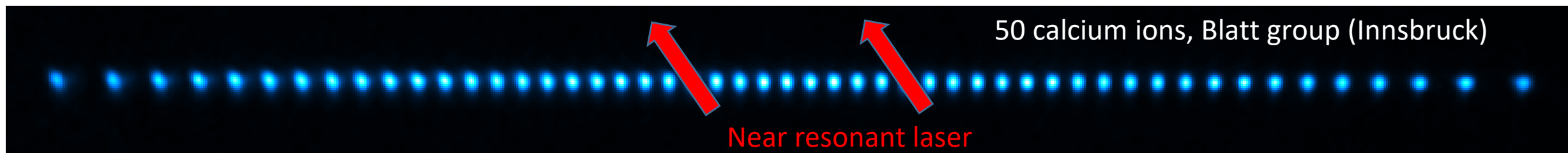
# “Linear chain” Trapped-Ion Quantum Computing

## Quantum computing:

- new paradigm taking advantage of structure of quantum mechanics (information is physical, the physics matters!)
- Promises speed up for a range of intractable computational problems
- Known use cases: chemistry, materials + cryptography

## Trapped Ion Quantum computing:

Every atom provides a quantum bit. Ion chain is semi-rigid: all ions can be coupled





# Modularity in Trapped-ion quantum computing

110 calcium ions

Marcus Reiher (ETHZ Chemistry) - "1000 *perfect logical qubits* is where you want to be"  
- requires  $\gg 10,000$  qubits (ions): not possible in a linear chain



## Quantum CCD: split + shuttle

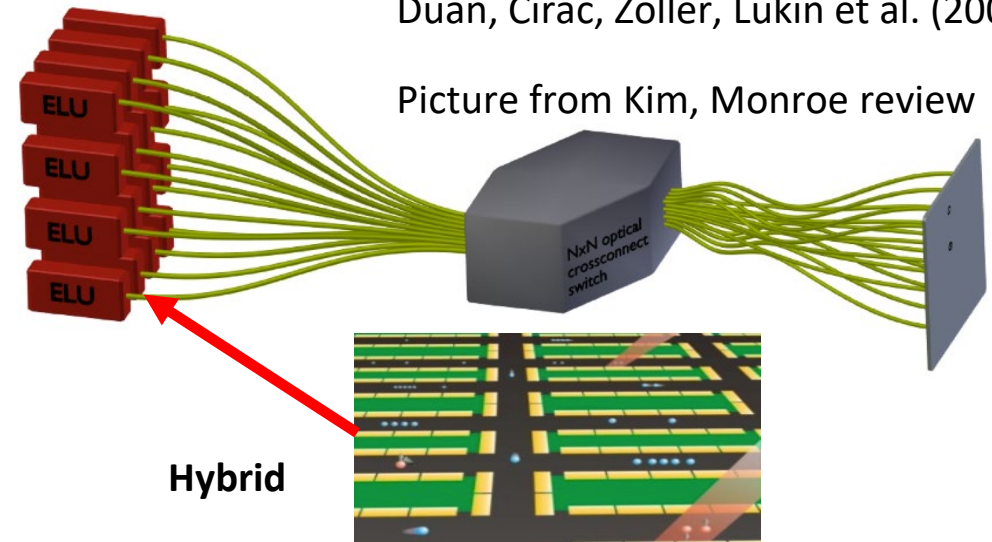
Wineland et al. 2000,  
NIST, ETH, Quantinuum, ZuriQ

## Photonic links:

*probabilistic* remote entanglement

Duan, Cirac, Zoller, Lukin et al. (2000)

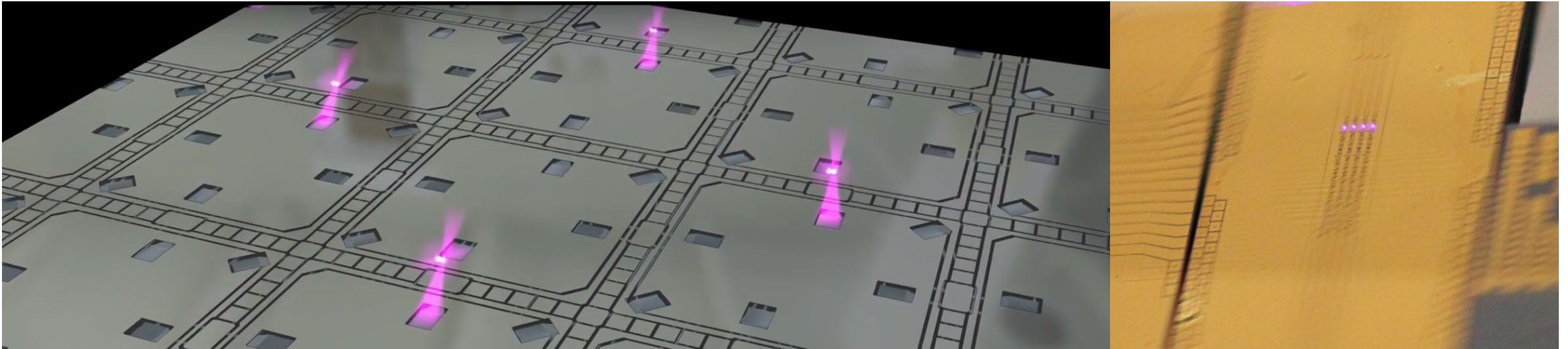
Picture from Kim, Monroe review



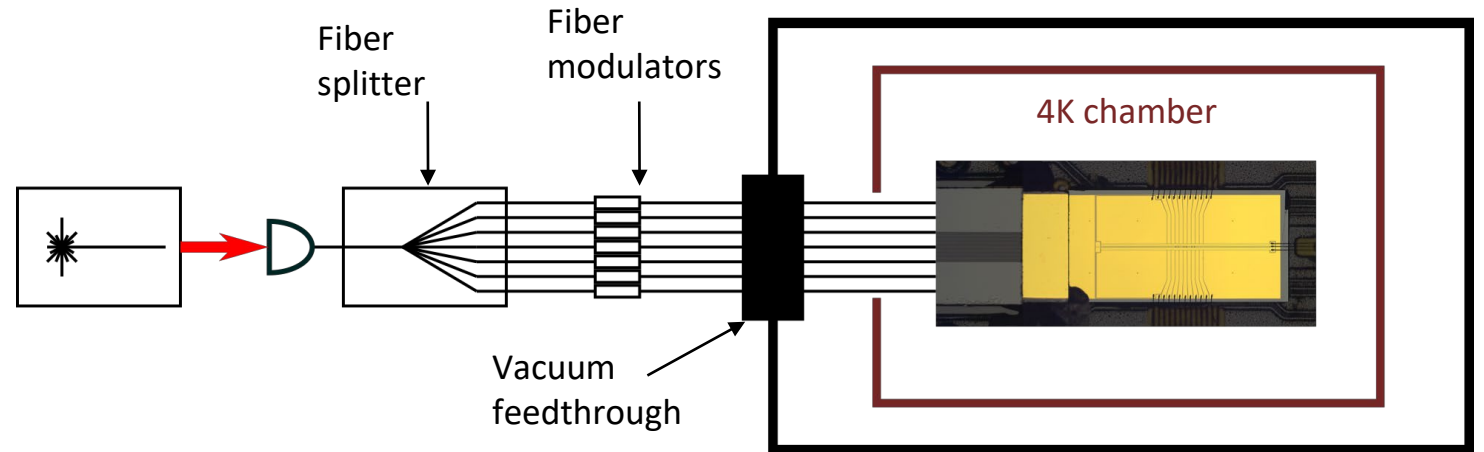
Hybrid

**Modularized approaches need modularized control + delivery (light + electronics)**

# Optical wiring of the quantum computer



Aim: a “optically wired” ion trap processor using integrated optics

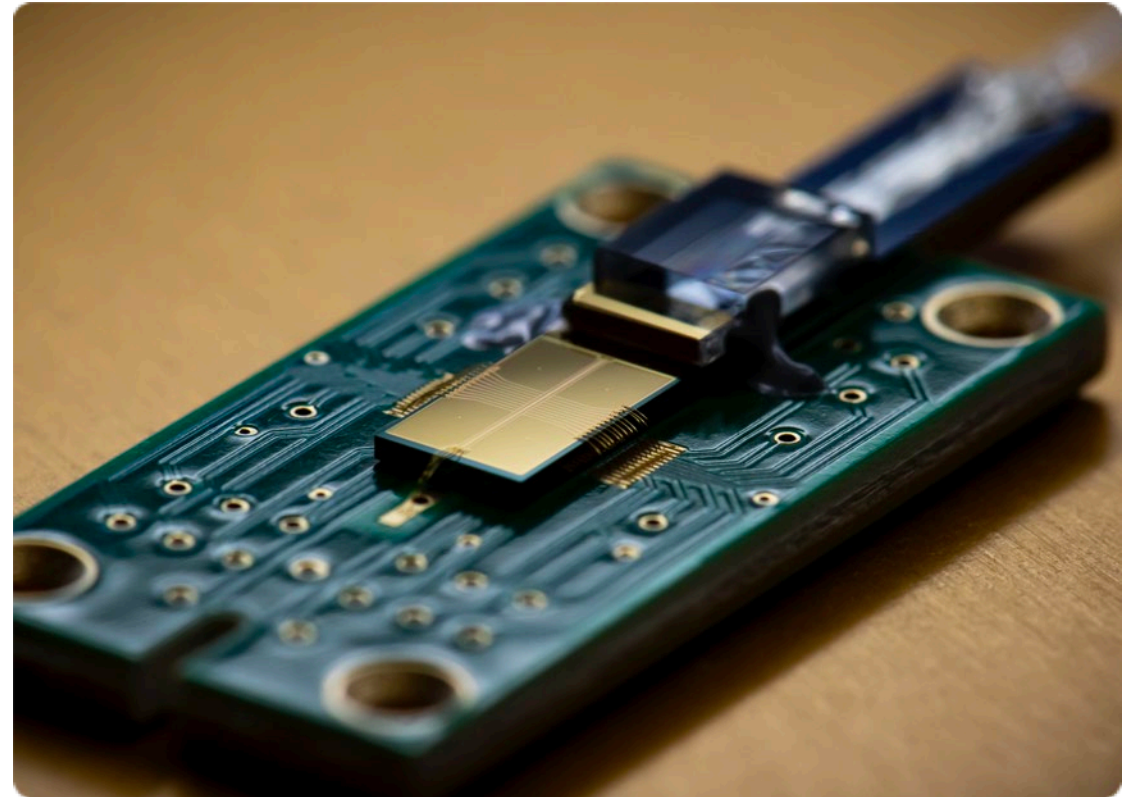
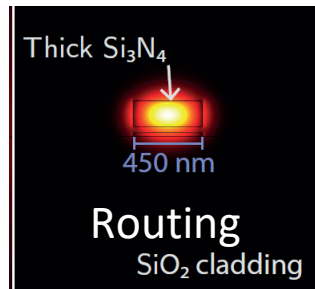
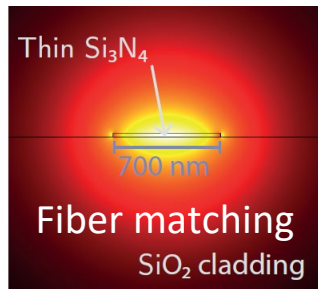
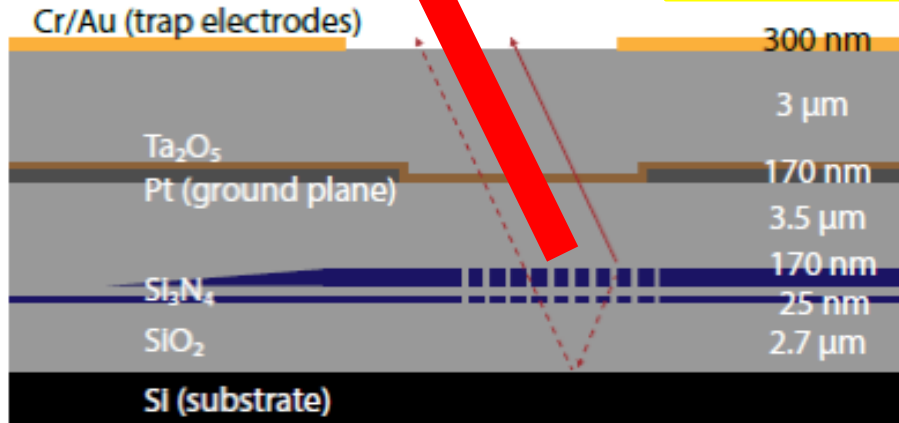
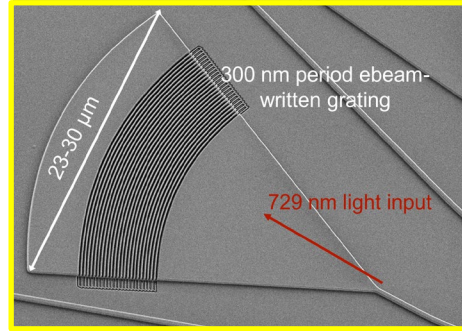


- MIT + Lincoln labs: K. Mehta et al. Nature Nano 11 1066 (2016), Challenge: 33 dB loss from input to ion
- R. J. Niffenegger *et al*, Nature 586, 538 (2020): Delivery of near-UV and visible light to ions but also high loss

# On-chip delivery of light

K. Mehta et al. Nature 586, 7830 (2020)

Light to ion  
50 micron above surface

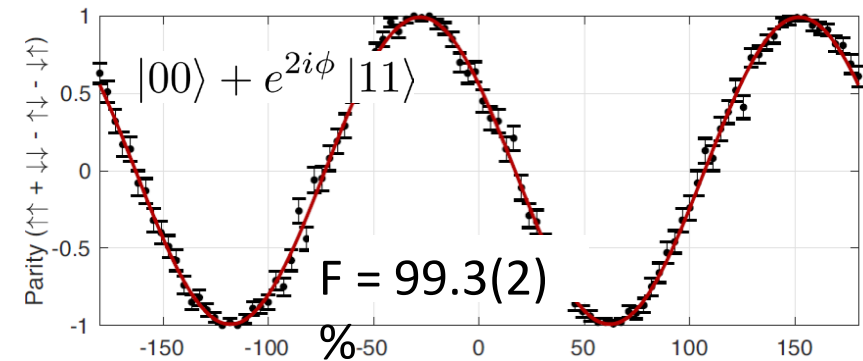
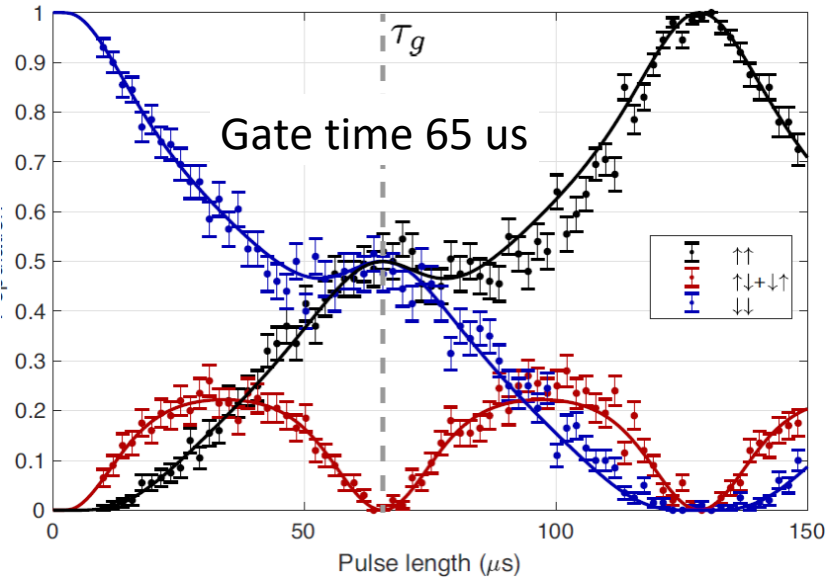


1.5 dB level fibre-chip coupling loss at 300 K and 7K



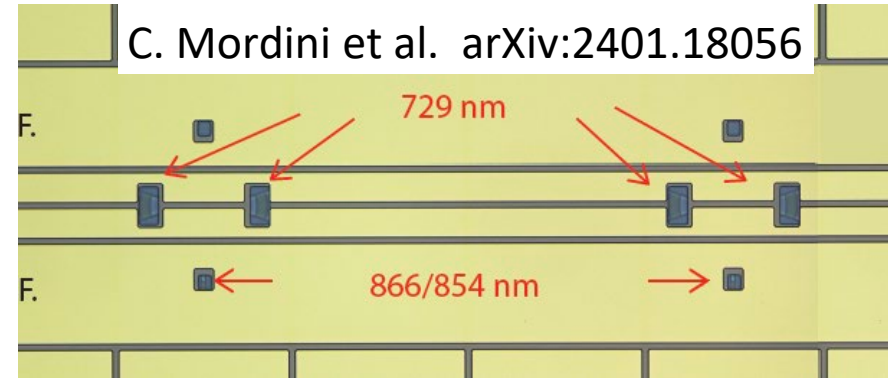
# ETH chip 7: Multi-qubit gates using integrated photonics

## 2-qubit gates + entanglement



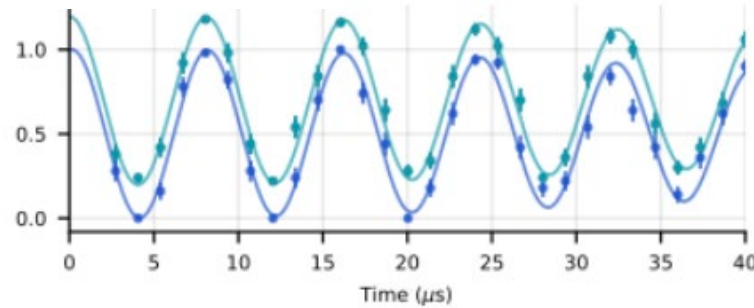
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## Multi-zone operations



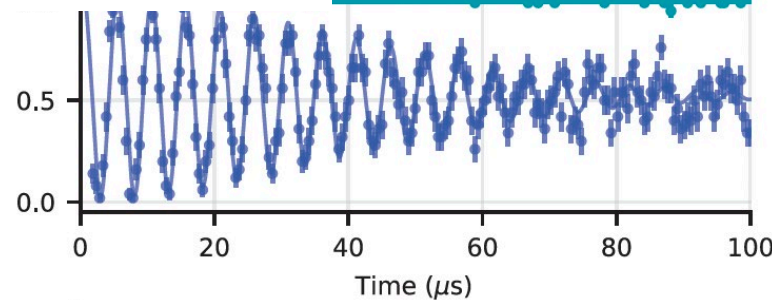
C. Mordini et al. arXiv:2401.18056

## Both zones illuminated



$$\Omega_1/\Omega_2 = 0.992(6)$$

## One zone illuminated

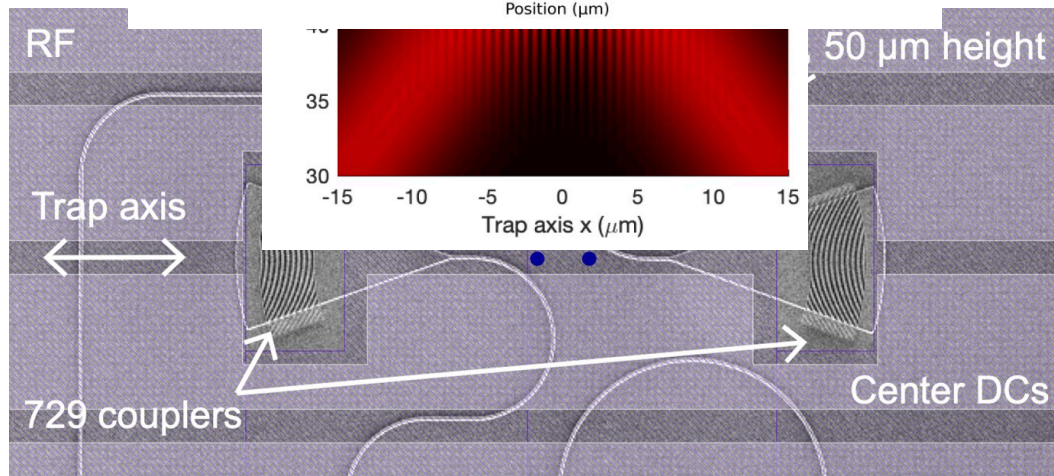
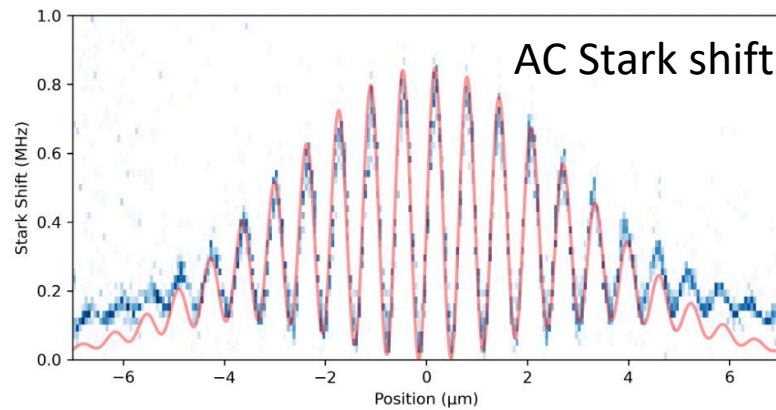


$$\Omega_1/\Omega_2 = 0.0014$$

# Opportunities in beam design

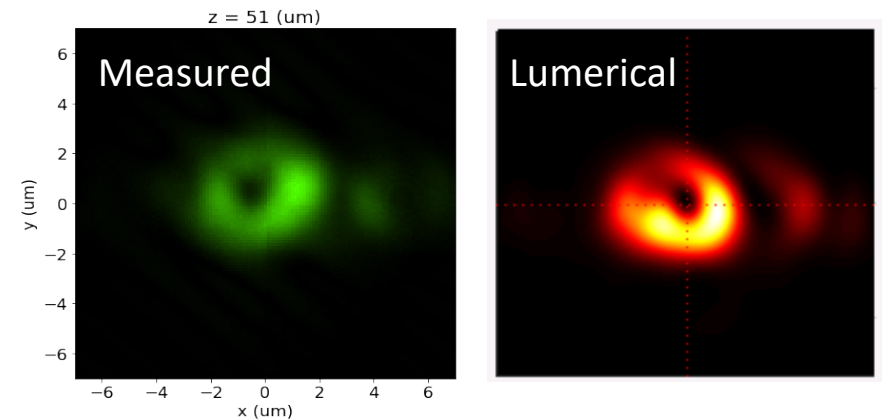
Idea: K. Mehta et al. SPIE OPTO (2019), expts: A. Ricci et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **130**, 133201 (2023)

Phase stable standing wave formed on-chip  
(Propagates away from surface)

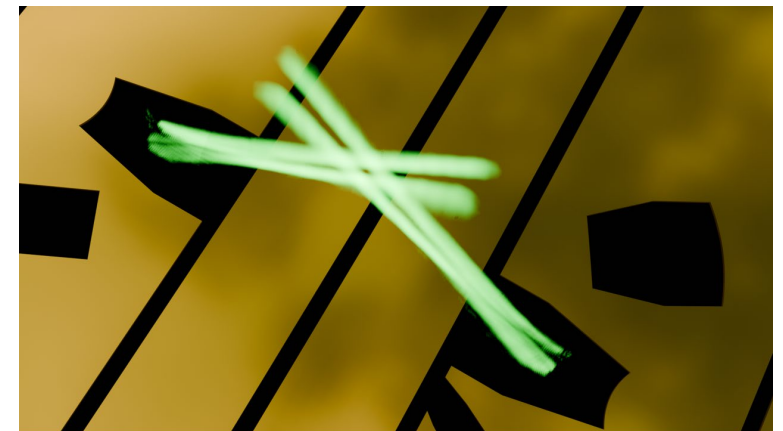


Diffraction limited 1.5 micron spots  
Beck et al arXiv:2306.09220 (2023)

Laguerre-Gaussian  
beams



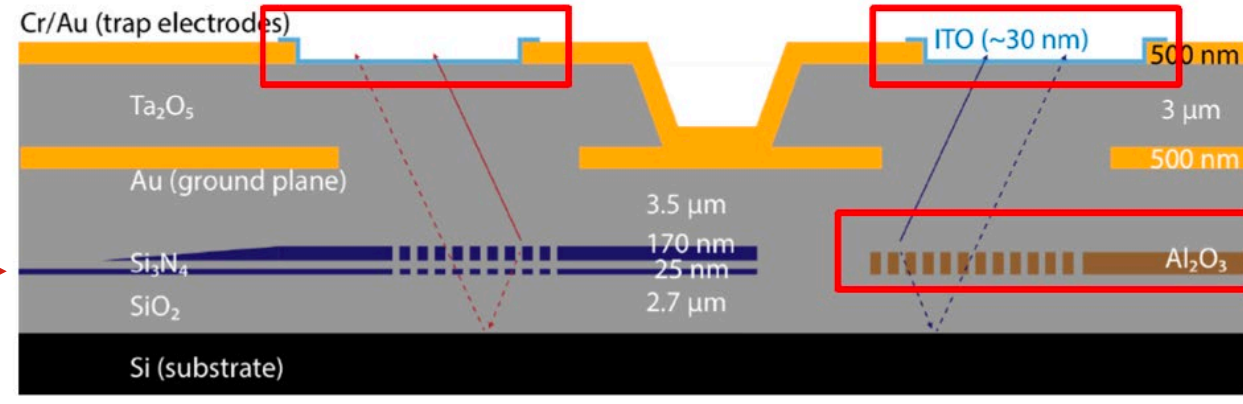
Interfering focused  
beam arrays



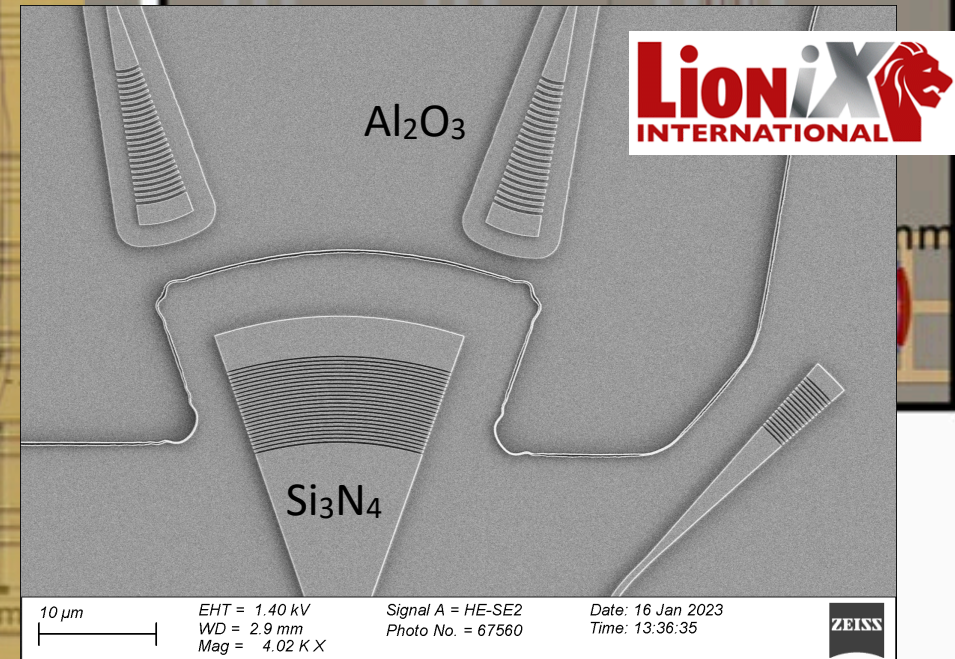
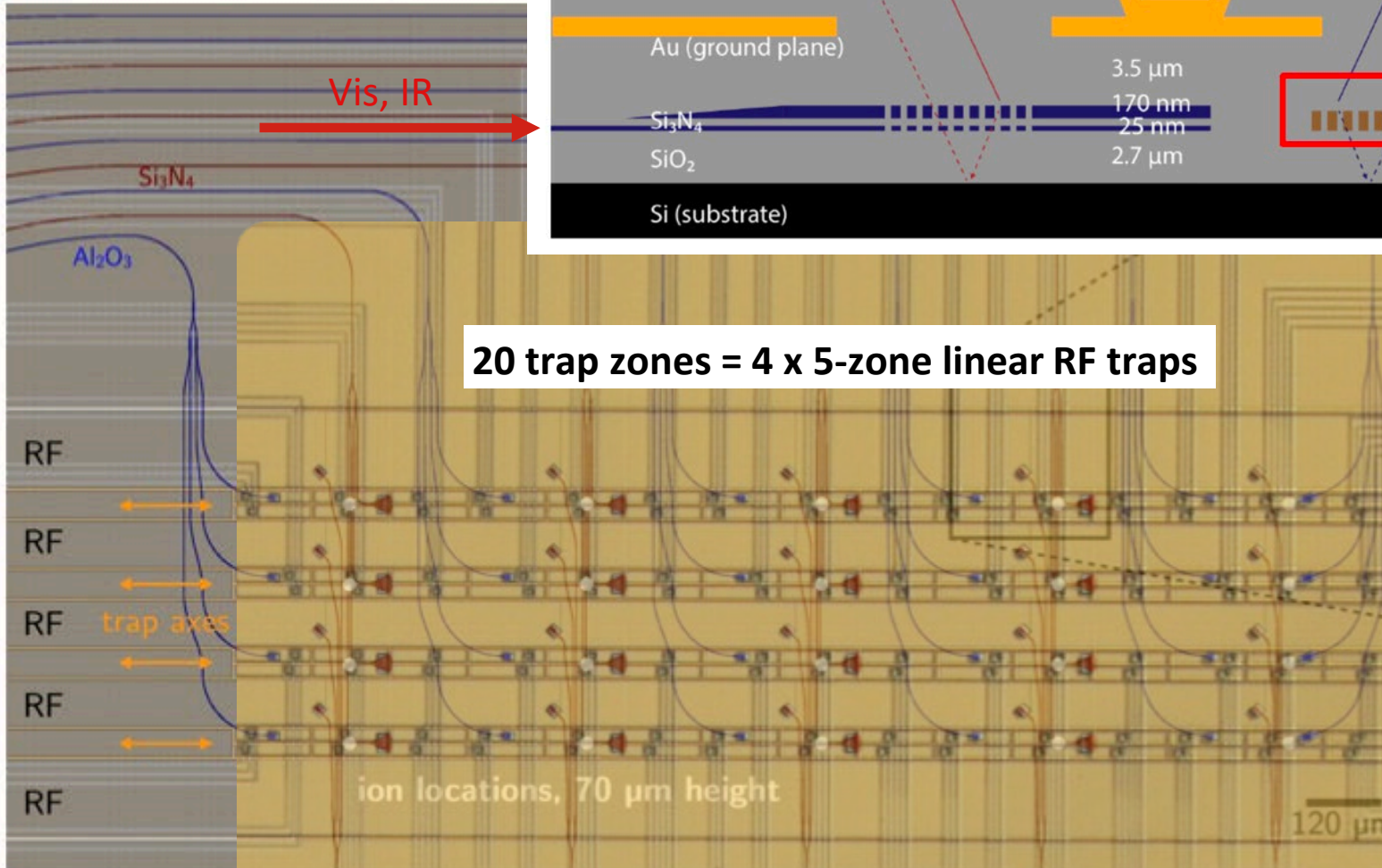


# Next: multi-colour integration and scaling

Designs: Gillenhaal Beck, Karan Mehta, Grating design: arXiv:2306.09220 (2023)



20 trap zones = 4 x 5-zone linear RF traps





# Summary

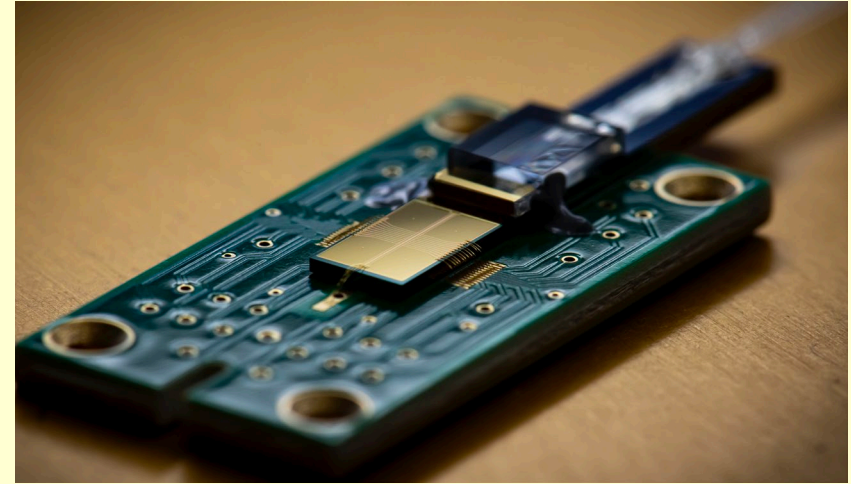
Integrated optics for quantum control

- High-fidelity multi-qubit gates

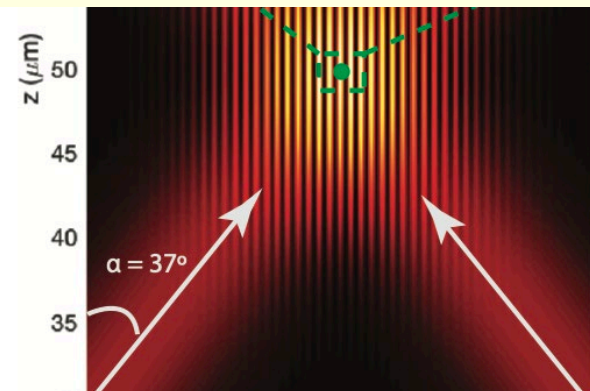
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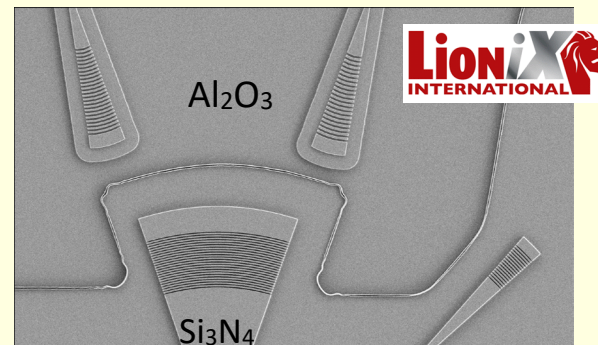


### New optical fields



A. Ricci et al. PRL **130**, 133201 (2023)

### Full optical integration + scaling



Beck et al arXiv:2306.09220 (2023)

### Still much to do...

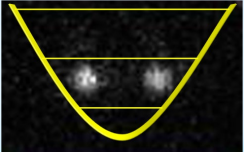
Integrated electronics,  
Integrated detection  
On chip modulation + multiplexing  
(MHz bandwidths, >40 dB extinction)





# Trapped Ion Quantum Information Group

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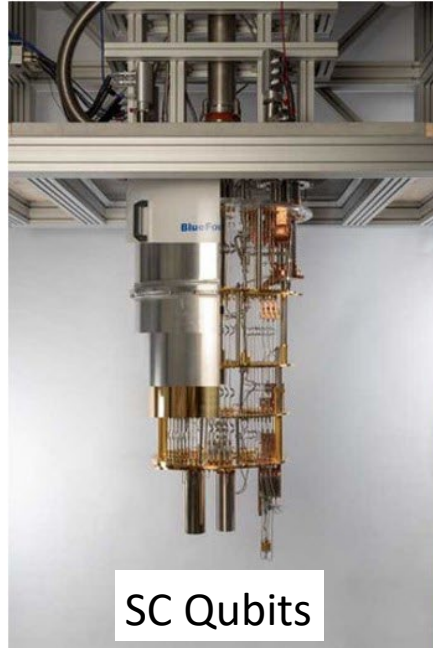




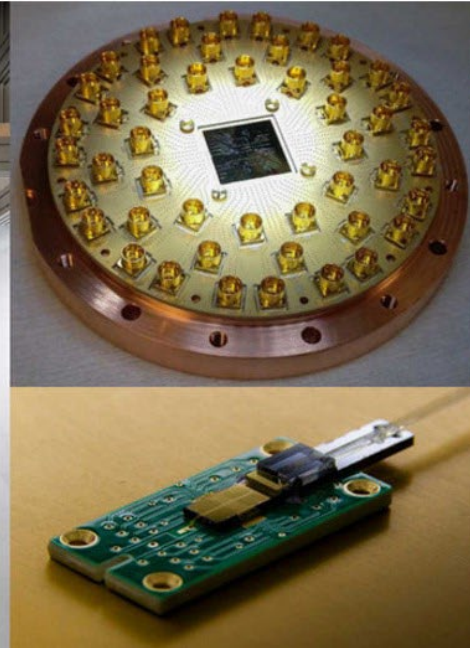
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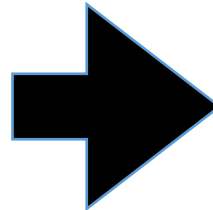
Ions



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Labs occupied since 07.2021