

Center for  
Quantum Networks

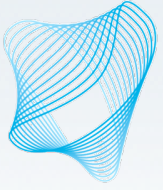
# CQN Innovation Ecosystem

**Stephen Fleming**

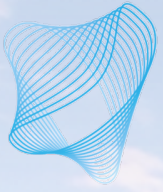
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**WHO AM I?**



# Who Am I?

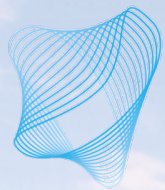
**3 years as Vice President,  
University of Arizona**

*Corporate engagement, Arizona Space  
Business Roundtable, and more...*

**11 years as Vice President,  
Georgia Institute of Technology.**

*Responsible for economic development,  
including commercialization, corporate  
engagement, manufacturing support, incubators,  
accelerators, ecosystem development, and more.  
Helped create and launch NSF I-Corps program.*





# What Did I Do Before?

**10 years VC experience at General Partner level:**

*18 investments as lead investor*

*12 profitable exits (including 4 IPOs, one \$650M acquisition); 47% annualized cash-on-cash IRR*

**15 years corporate operations:**

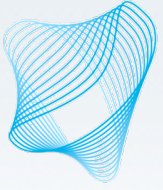
*AT&T Bell Labs*

*Nortel Networks*

*LICOM (venture-backed telecom equipment startup)*

**BS, Physics, Georgia Tech (*Highest Honors*)**

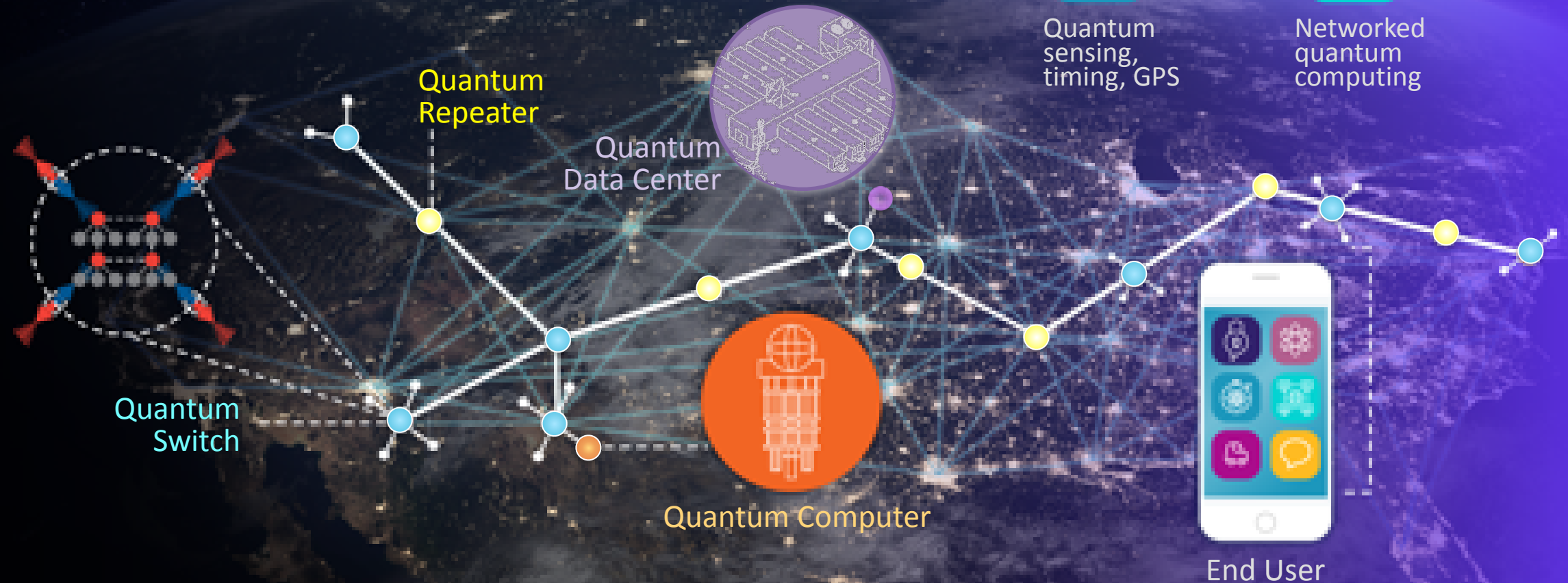


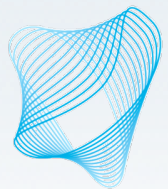


# WHY QUANTUM NETWORKS?

# The Quantum Internet

Fault-tolerant quantum memories are used to build quantum repeaters and switches for high-fidelity high-rate quantum communications over thousands of kilometers.



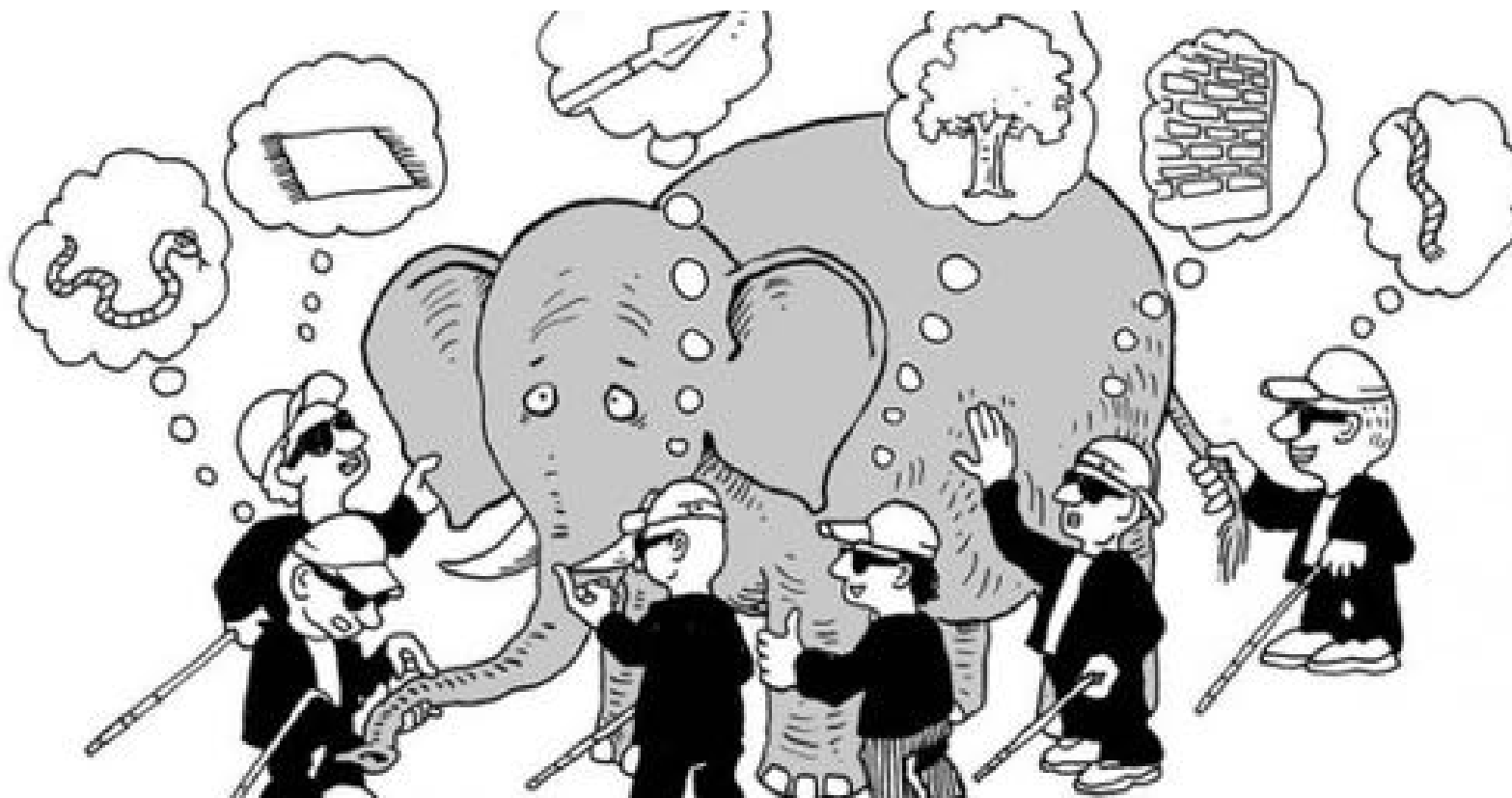


# What Will Quantum Networks Do?

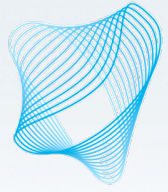
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Provably-secure  
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High-  
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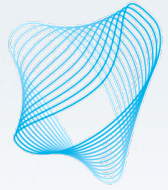
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# Fundamentally Powerful Computing

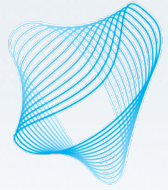






# Provably-Secure Communications





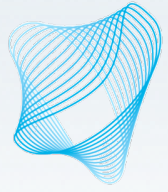
# High-Resolution Sensing



# What Will Quantum Networks Do?

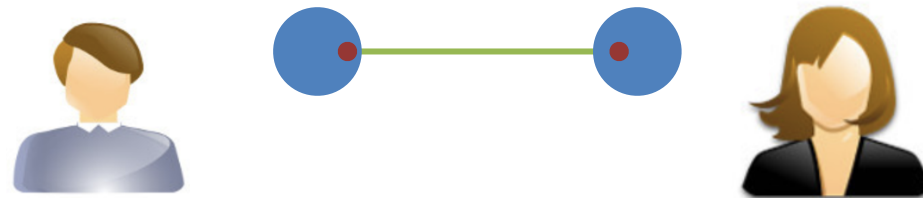
Quantum-enabled applications that we cannot **imagine** today!

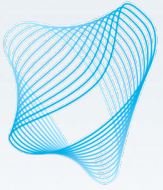




# What We Can Do Now

Two-party entanglement across a single point-to-point, loss-limited connection

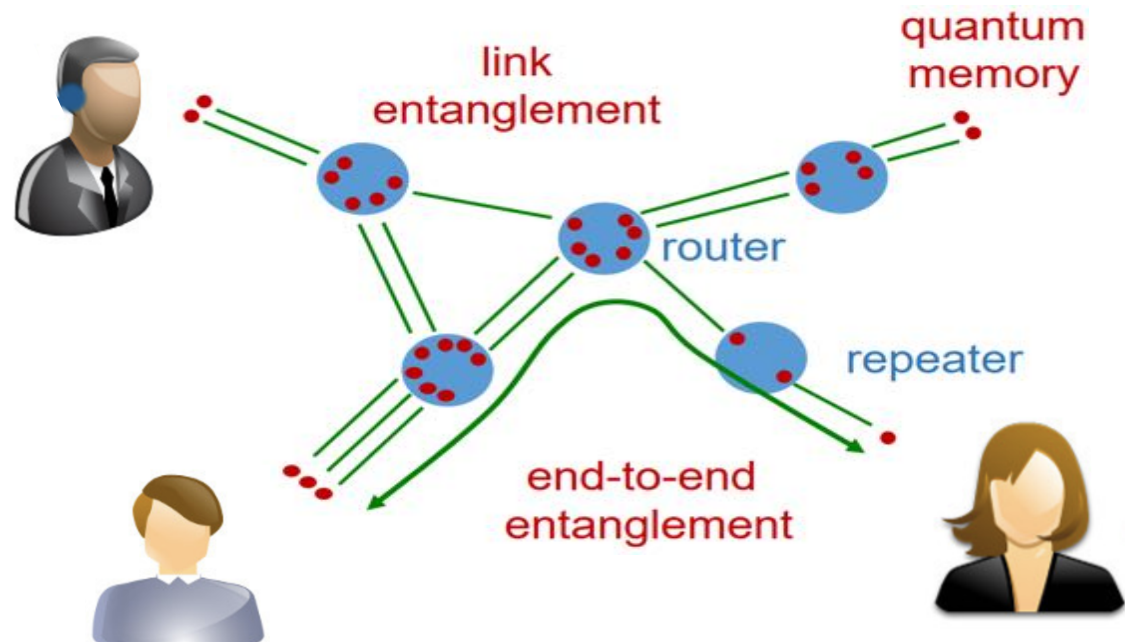


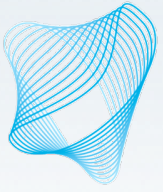


# Quantum Networks We Will Build

Quantum networks that provide shared entanglement over long distances

Quantum information transfers among many users that are robust to noise, workload dynamics, eavesdroppers, and failures



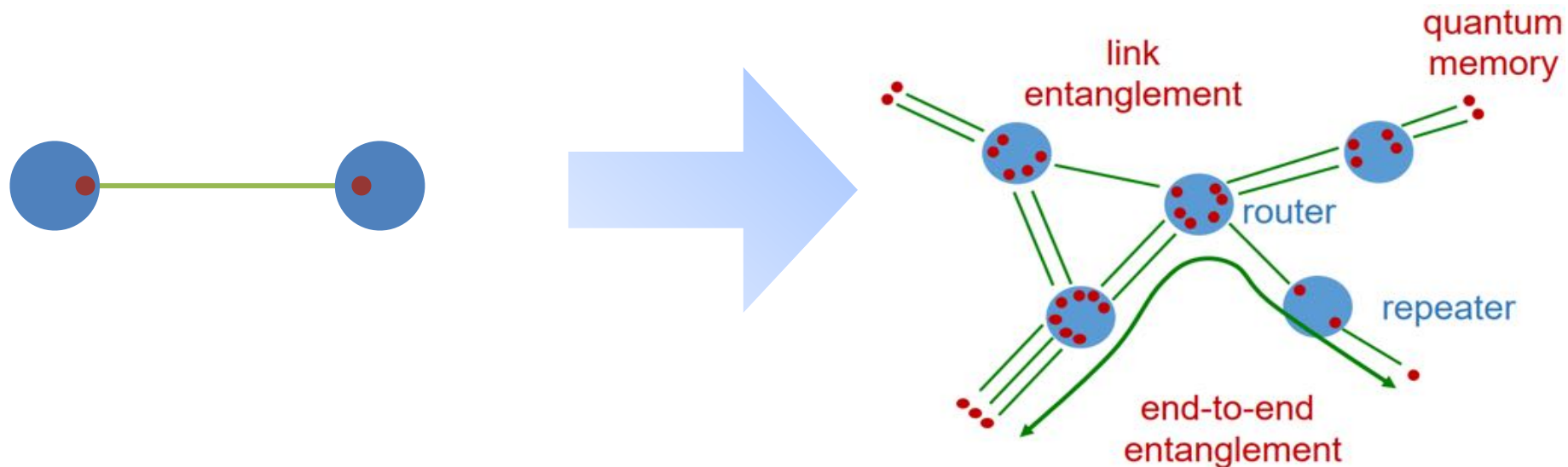


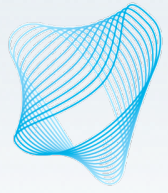
# Challenges

Quantum network design is entirely different from classical counterpart

Loss & noise kill quantum entanglement

Single photons with no equivalent to an amplifier in quantum networks





# Why Quantum Repeaters?

Qubit transmission rate in fiber decays **exponentially** with distance.

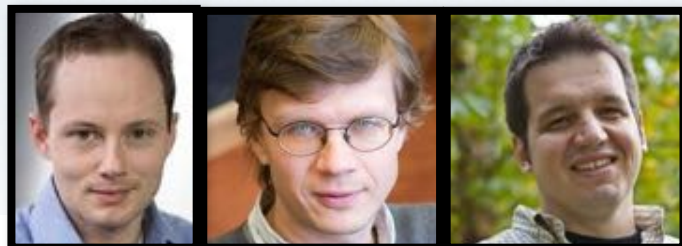
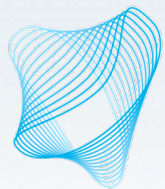
Cannot be extended by measure-and-repeat without compromising security.

Quantum repeaters:

Intermediate quantum memory nodes

Quantum error correction





## Experimental demonstration of memory-enhanced quantum communication

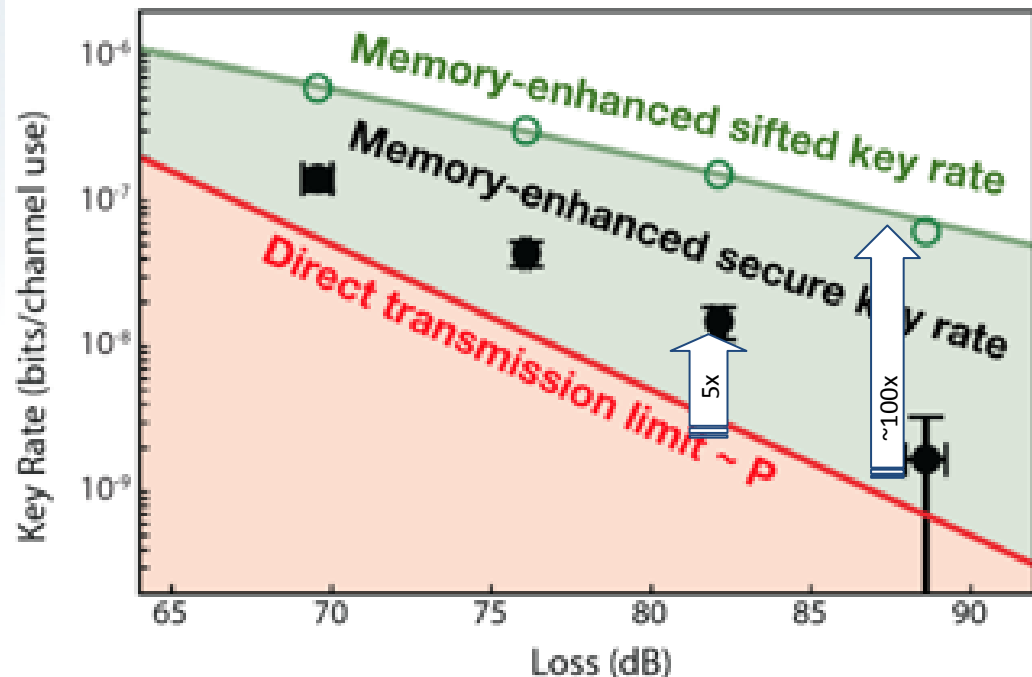
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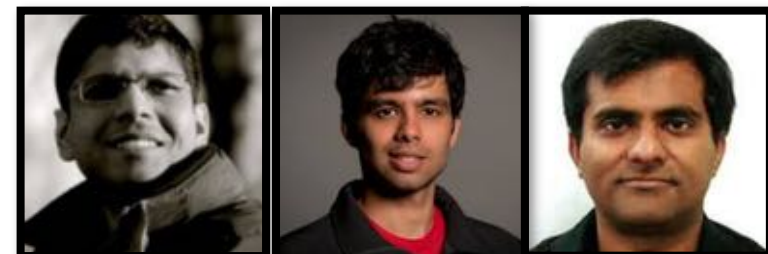
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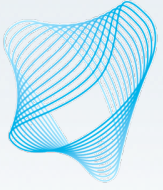
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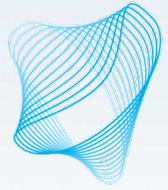
# Routing entanglement in the quantum internet

Mihir Pant<sup>1,2</sup>, Hari Krovi<sup>2</sup>, Don Towsley<sup>3</sup>, Leandros Tassioulas<sup>4</sup>, Liang Jiang<sup>5,6</sup>, Prithwish Basu<sup>7</sup>, Dirk Englund<sup>8</sup> and Saikat Guha<sup>2,8</sup>





# WHY QUANTUM NETWORKS... NOW?



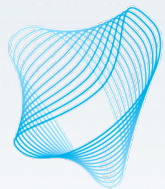
# 2017: “Sputnik Moment” for USA



“Trusted node” repeaters



16 June 2017



# Goal: Reaffirm US Supremacy

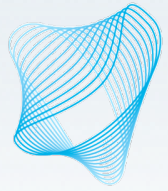
## Full Spectrum of Research Interests

Computer Science  
Mathematics  
Electrical Eng'rg  
Materials Science  
Physics  
Optical Sciences  
Law  
Economics  
Social & Behavioral  
Sciences  
Public Policy  
Business

## Highly transdisciplinary and convergent research, spanning:

Quantum memory development	<i>Harvard, MIT</i>
Quantum transduction	<i>Yale</i>
Scalable programmable integrated photonics	<i>UArizona, MIT</i>
Integrated single photon detectors	<i>MIT</i>
Quantum error correction theory	<i>UArizona, Yale</i>
Spin-photon interfaces	<i>Harvard</i>
Quantum material research and discovery	<i>Harvard, NAU, Howard</i>
Computer network theory	<i>UMass</i>
Societal impacts of the quantum internet	<i>UArizona, MIT, Yale</i>

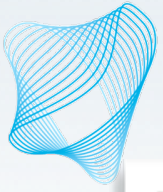
... and more!



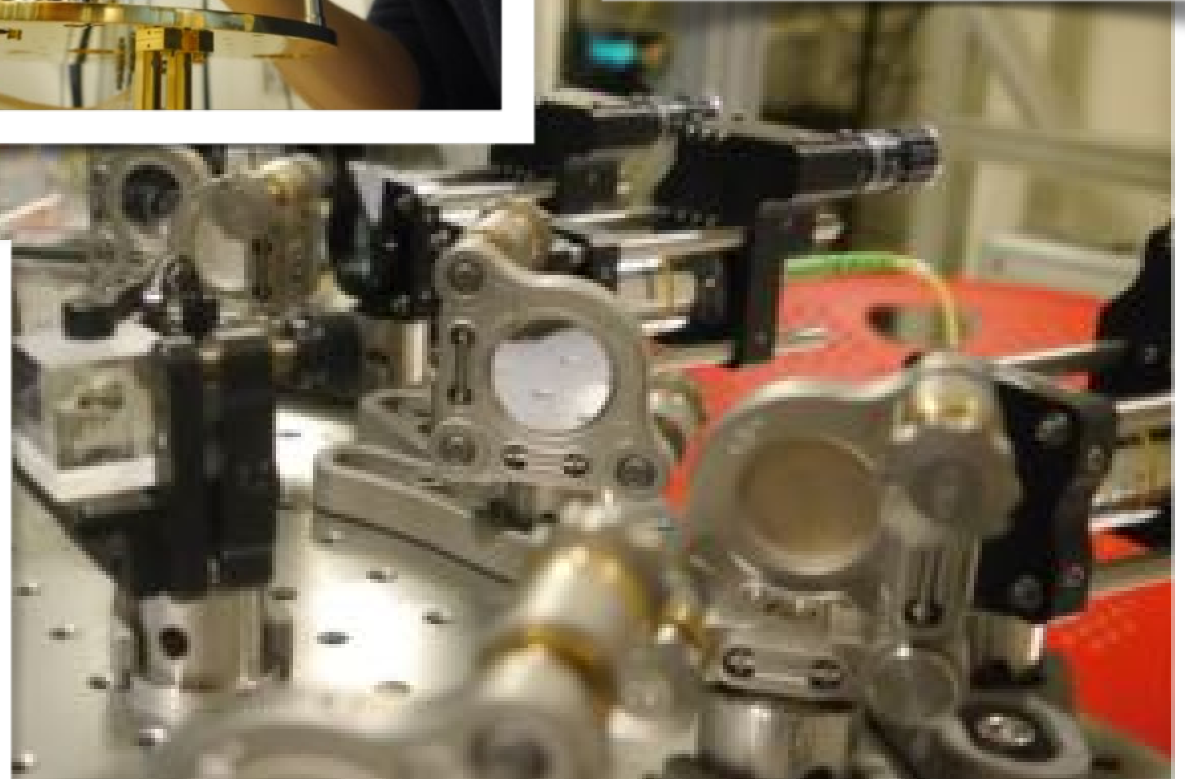
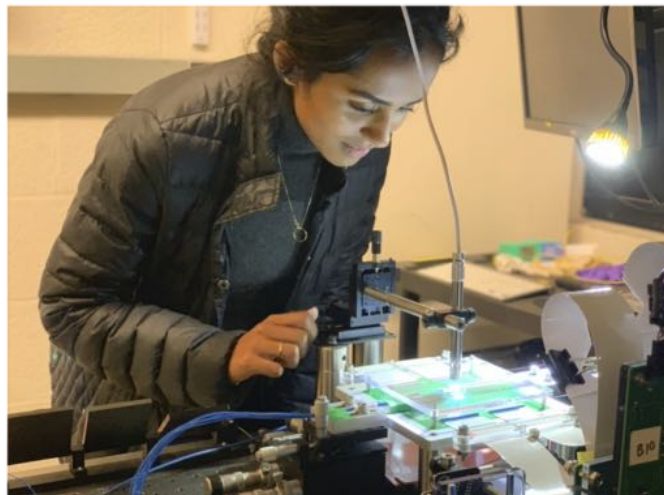
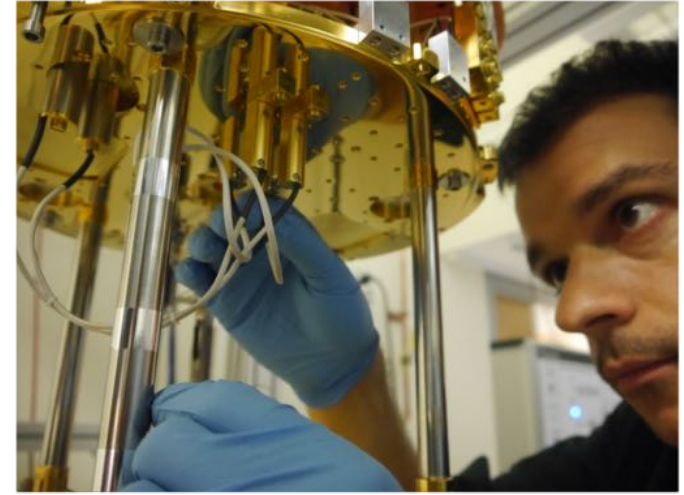
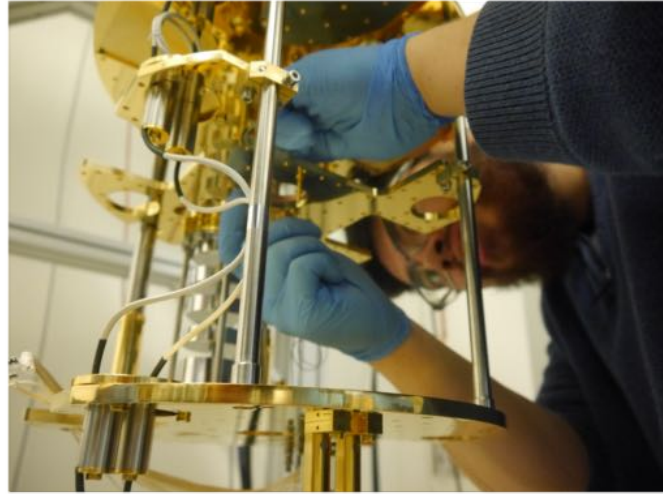
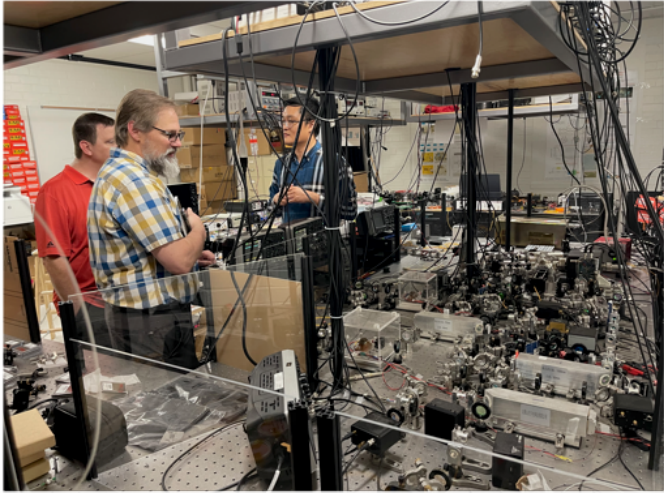
# The Timing is Perfect for Quantum Networks

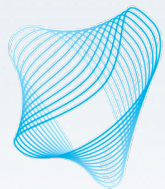
- Right now we have . . .
  - Quantum computers
  - Quantum sensing
  - A very wide range of quantum devices
- Fascinating frontiers in the engineering use of entanglement (e.g. precision timekeeping)
- But we have ***no way*** to interconnect these technologies
- ***We need*** quantum networks!
- Intellectual merit
  - Extremely exciting field
  - Many significant discoveries will occur in the next 5-10 years
    - Ranging from fundamental research to experimental systems
- Broader impact
  - Opens the door to engineering devices and systems we can't imagine today
  - American industry stands to gain tremendously from close collaboration with the CQN team
  - **Important area for workforce development**

*Slide courtesy of Chip Elliott, Raytheon BBN*



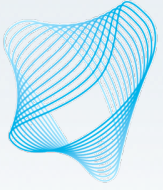
# In the Lab Now...



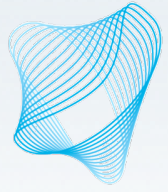


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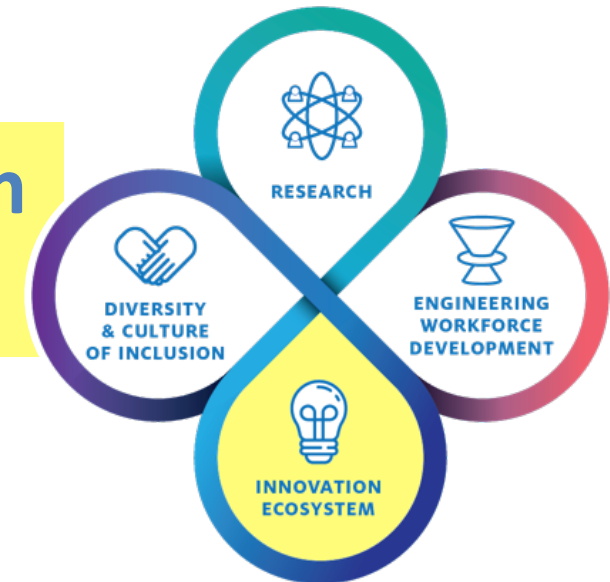
# CQN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM



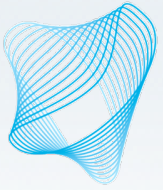
# NSF 4th Generation ERCs

*The Engineering Research Center program supports **convergent research** that will lead to strong societal impact, including*

- **engineering workforce development** at all participant stages,
- a culture of **diversity and inclusion** where all participants gain mutual benefit, and
- value creation within an **innovation ecosystem** that will outlast the lifetime of the ERC.

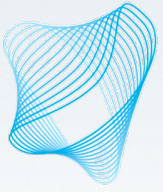




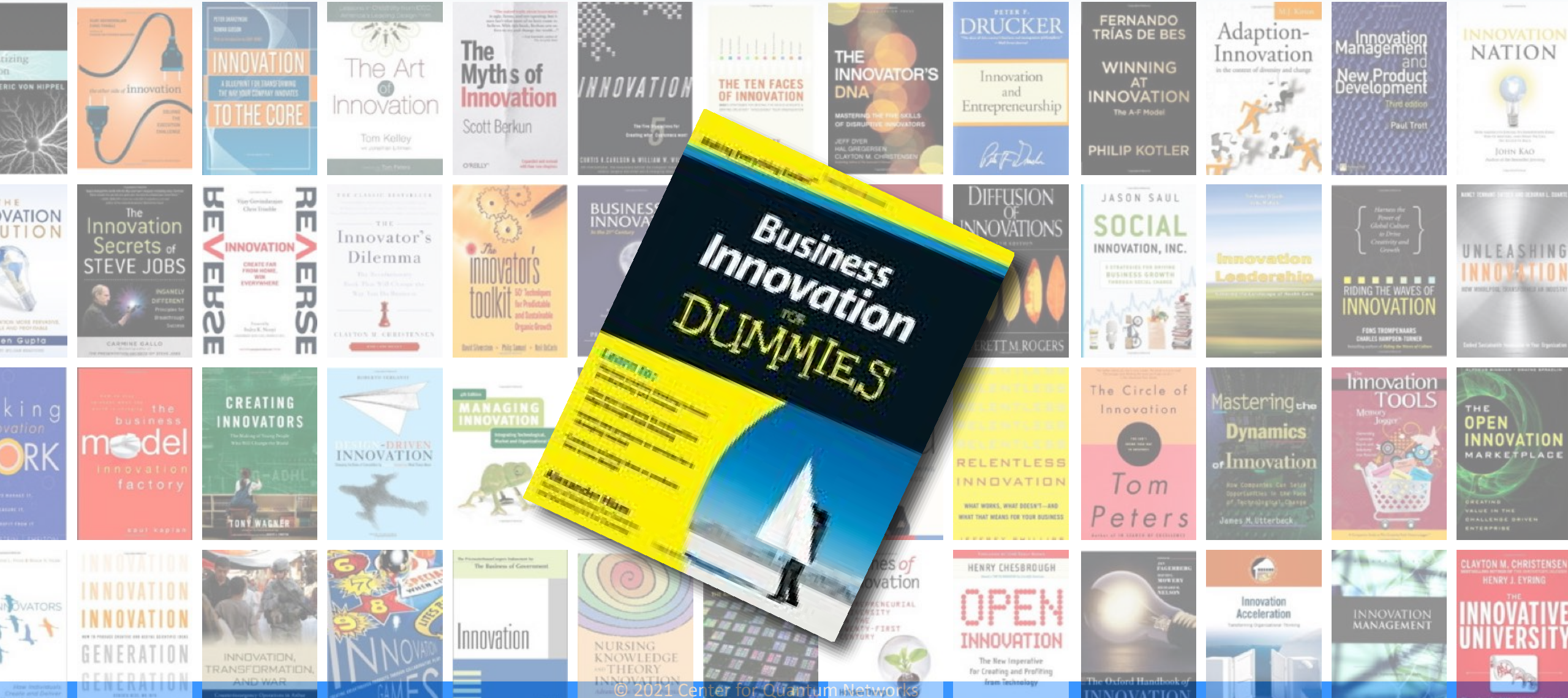


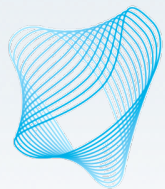
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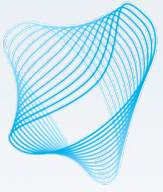


# What is Innovation?

*Research is the transformation  
of money into knowledge.*

*Innovation is the transformation  
of knowledge into money.*

*—Dr. Geoffrey Nicholson, 3M  
(inventor of the Post-it note)*



# CQN as an Innovation Hub

**Core Academic Partners**



**Spinout / Startup Companies**

**Venture Capital Investors**

**Incubators**

**US Industry**

**CQN**

**FFRDCs /  
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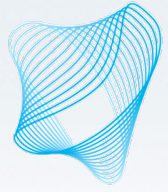


**Other Academic Partners**

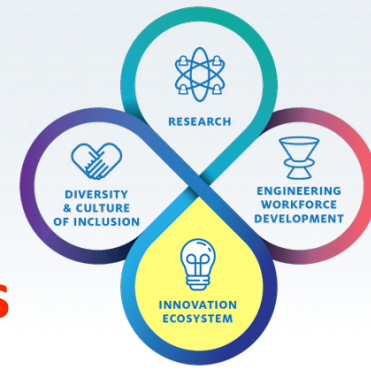


**International  
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# CQN Industrial Partners Program



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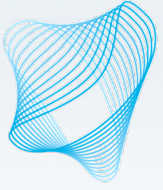
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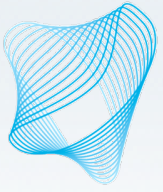
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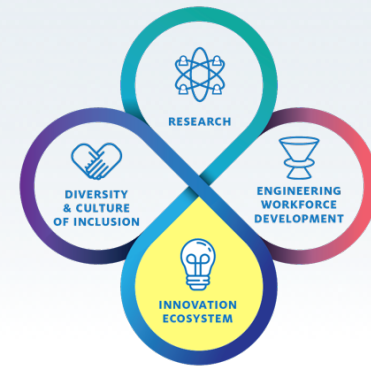




# INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS PROGRAM

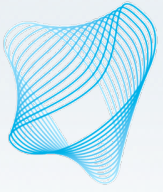


# Industrial Partners Program (IPP)



IPP Membership Level	Associate	Collaborator	Partner
Annual Contribution ‡	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$150,000
Early Access to Research Results	✓	✓	✓
Technical Collaboration		✓	✓
Industry Advisory Board (IAB)		1 seat	2 seats
Access to Facilities, Seminars, Recruiting of Students & Postdocs		✓	✓
Ability to Sponsor Research		✓	✓
Customized Research Opportunities			✓
Early Access to Intellectual Property			✓
Partial Patent Costs Reimbursement			✓
Priority Option for IP Licensing			✓

‡ All Members may adjust cash, in-kind, and IP license credits with the approval of the Center Director.

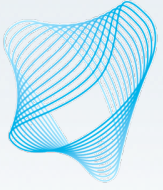


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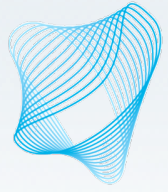
## *Special cases:*

- Founding Members (pre-award support) receive 20% discount
- Small Business Concerns (by NSF definition: < 500 employees) receive 75% discount
  - *Discounts may be concatenated*
- Spinouts based on CQN University research get Partner-Level Membership (*nonvoting*) benefits for any level of Membership
- Up to \$10,000/year of CQN University licensing fees may be applied to Membership annual contribution





# INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD

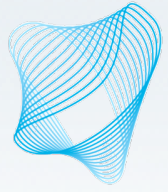


# Industry Advisory Board



*The IAB advises CQN on research directions, industry engagements, and strategic investments from the perspectives of corporate partners, entrepreneurs, and venture capital.*

- Provides **guidance** to CQN executive leadership.
- Participates in NSF annual **site visit**.
- Assists in development and maintenance of a comprehensive **application roadmap** for quantum information science and technology.

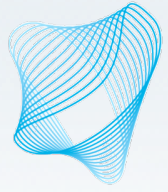


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## Guidance in four areas:

- Creating and demonstrating the scientific and technological **feasibility** of innovative methodologies and systems governing quantum communication networks,
- Assisting in the **transfer** of research discoveries and observations from university to industry and vice versa,
- Developing an interdisciplinary **education** program for quantum information science and technology, including workshops, short courses, certificates, and accredited degrees, including QISE Masters program, and
- Navigating **regulatory** issues, **public policy** challenges, and ensuring **diversity** and a culture of **inclusion** in the U.S. and abroad.

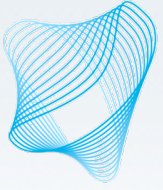


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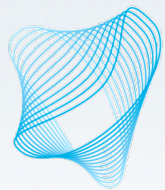


## IAB membership and voting:

- Partner-Level Members have two voting seats.
- Collaborator-Level Members have one voting seat.
- Under certain circumstances, venture capital firms and university spinout companies may have non-voting observation rights.
- IAB Chair to be elected from voting membership for a two-year term.
- Two IAB meetings per year, one as part of NSF site visit.
  - *Each full IAB meeting is expected to include a recruiting event.*
  - *Interim conference-call meetings as required.*



# **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATION**



# Industrial Partners Program (IPP)

## Corporate Partners



GENERAL DYNAMICS

CORNING



LOCKHEED MARTIN

JUNIPER NETWORKS



CISCO

## FFRDCs / Federal Agencies

NIST



## Startups / Small Companies



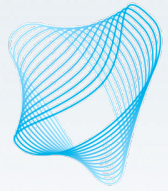
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## Venture Affiliates



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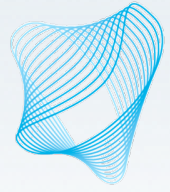
# Protection of Complex Center Relationships

An Intellectual Property Management Plan has been negotiated between UArizona, Harvard, MIT, and Yale.

Led by UArizona, core partner institutions will coordinate to develop:

- IP protection plan
- IP licensing process
- Patent prosecution
- Ownership
- Startup candidates
- Fees for membership
- Rights in research results

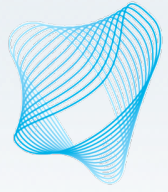




# Activities and Milestones

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Milestone Based
Trade Show Recruiting	COVID	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Annual Innovation Meeting	Virtual	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Advisory Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Entrepreneurship Training	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
S&T Roadmap / Refresh	✓		✓		✓	
Invention Disclosures						✓
Technology Licenses						✓
Startup Formation						✓





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**QUESTIONS?**

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