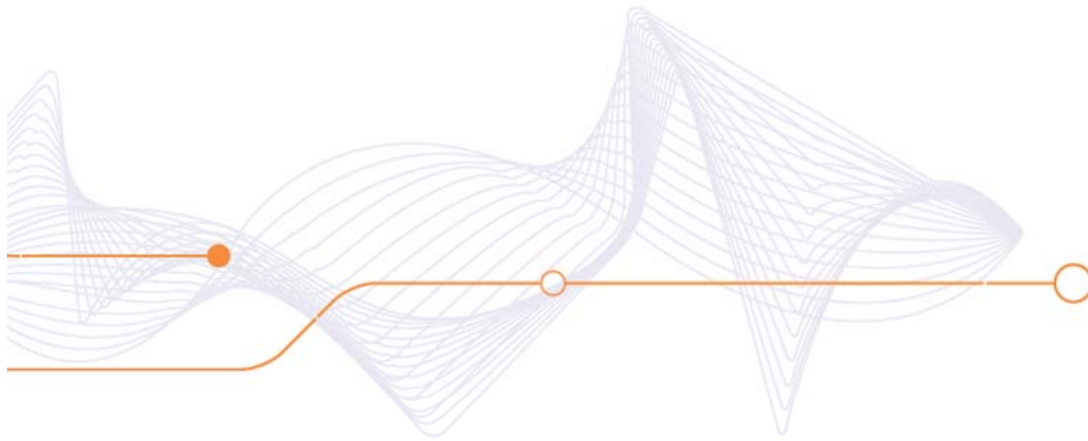


# Cryogenics at Oxford Instruments

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# Introduction

# Quantum and Nanoscience technologies impacting us in different ways

## Quantum 1.0



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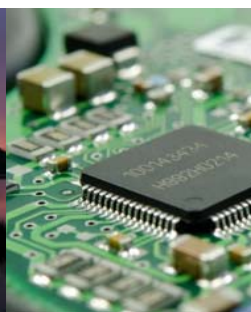
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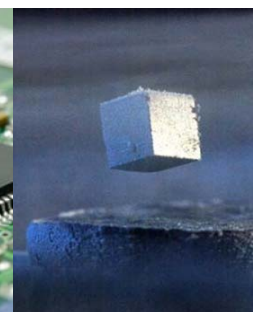
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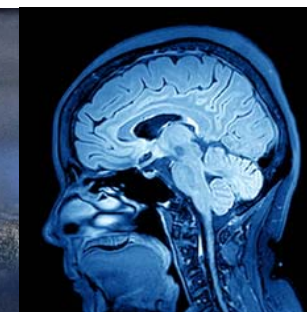
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Electronics &  
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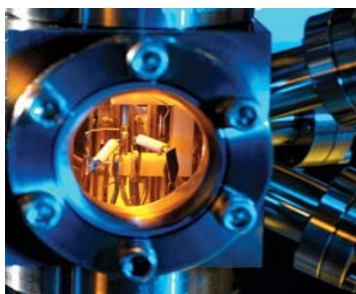
Superfluids &  
mK temperatures



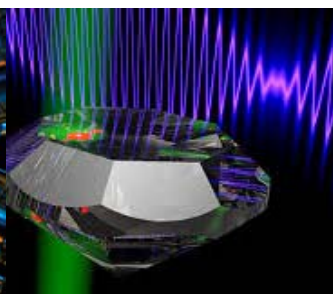
Superconductivity  
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*Much of the technology we now take for granted with underpinning theoretical description using quantum physics we now label **Quantum 1.0**. This technology typically relies on two fundamental characteristics of quantum mechanics **coherence** and **localisation***

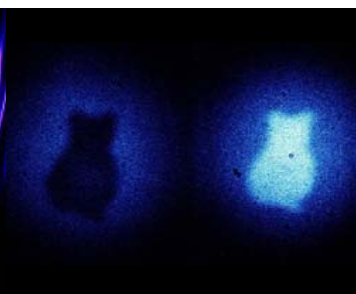
## Quantum 2.0



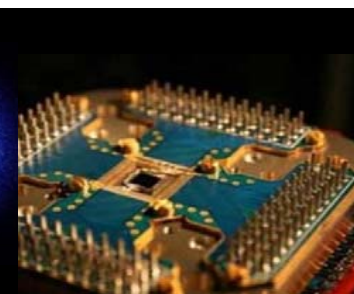
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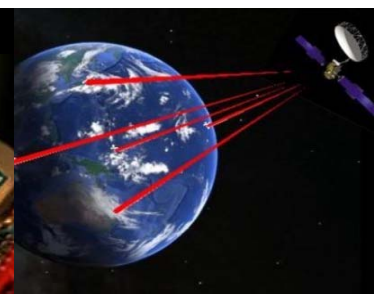
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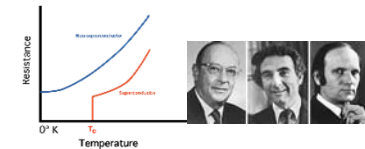
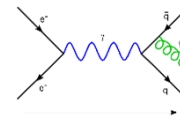
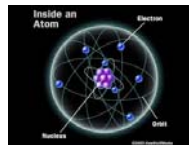
Computation &  
Simulation



Communications  
& Encryption

*There is a new technology revolution underway further exploiting the fundamental properties of quantum physics which will impact us we now label **Quantum 2.0**. This technology relies on two fundamental characteristics of quantum mechanics **superposition** & **entanglement***

# Brief history of Quantum and Superconductivity



**1911**

Onnes (and Holst) discover superconductivity in mercury. Onnes 1913

**1925**

Quantum Mechanics (Schrödinger, Heisenberg, Pauli, Dirac)

**1928**

The Quantum Theory of an electron in a solid: Band Structure (Bloch, Peierls, Brillouin, Van Vleck)

**1928**

The Quantum Theory of an electron in a solid: Magnetism (Pauli, Landau, Heisenberg, Bethe)

**1950**

Development of Quantum Field Theory (Feynman, etc)

**1950**

Ginzburg-Landau: phenomenological theory of superconductors

**1957**

Theory of superconductivity (B.C.S.)

1970 -Oxford Instruments delivers world's first MRI system



1981 Feynman 1<sup>st</sup> to talk about Quantum Computing

Oxford Instruments delivered:

- Over 10,000 magnets
- > 800 Ultra Low Temperature systems
- > 3000 cryogenic systems

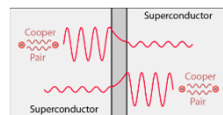
**1962**

First commercial superconducting magnet (Oxford Instruments)



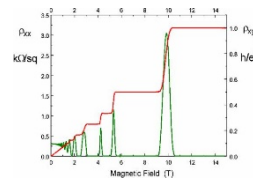
**1958**

Josephson Effect of electron tunnelling in superconductors



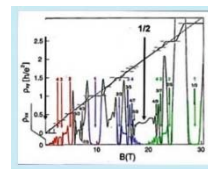
**1980**

The Integer Quantum Hall Effect



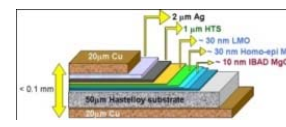
**1982** First

The Fractional Quantum Hall Effect



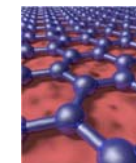
**1986**

Discovery of High Temperature Superconductivity



**2003**

Single Graphene sheets discovered (2D materials)



**2017**

32 Tesla All Superconducting magnet for research



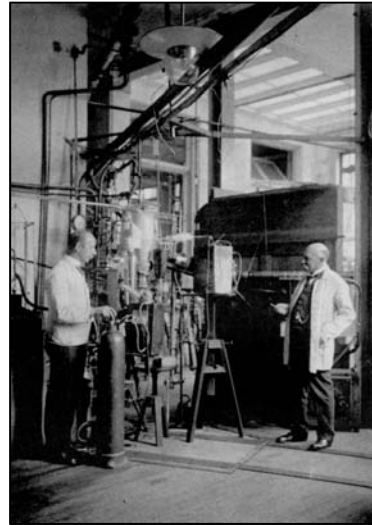


# Discovery *by accident* !

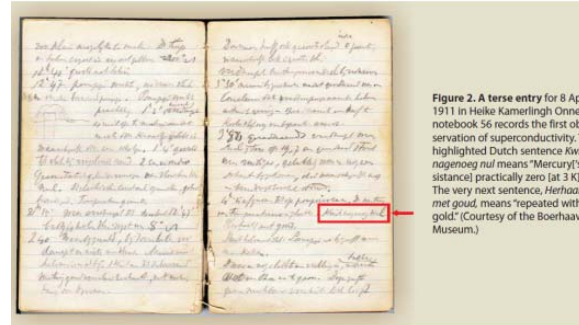


**Heike Kamerlingh Onnes  
(1853-1926)**

***“Door meten tot weten”  
 (“Through measurement  
 to knowledge”)***



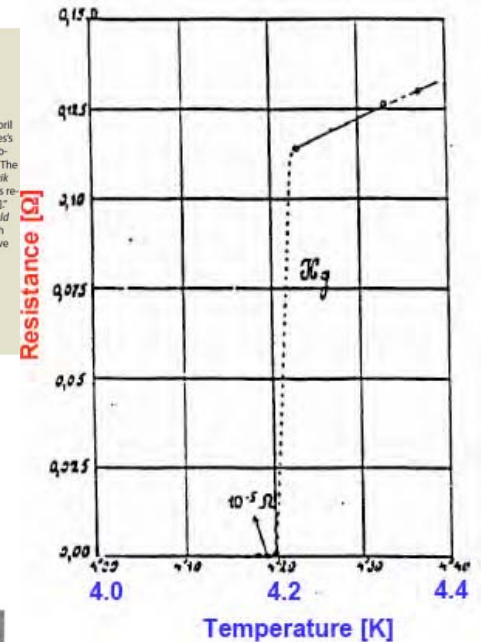
1908 Kamerlingh Onnes  
Liquefies Helium



8 April 1911

“The Resistance of Mercury at  
helium temperatures”

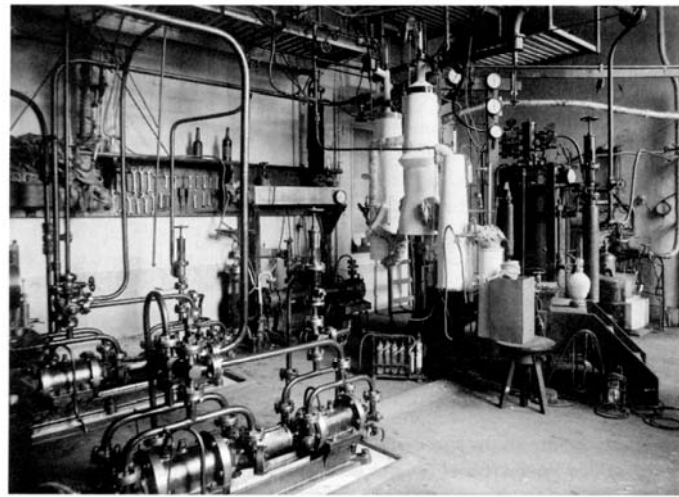
0.034  $\Omega$  at 13.9 K, 0.0013  $\Omega$  at  
4.3K and less than **0.0001  $\Omega$  at 3K**



October 1911 (Reported in  
November 1911)

**“On the sudden  
change in the rate at  
which the resistance of  
mercury disappears”**

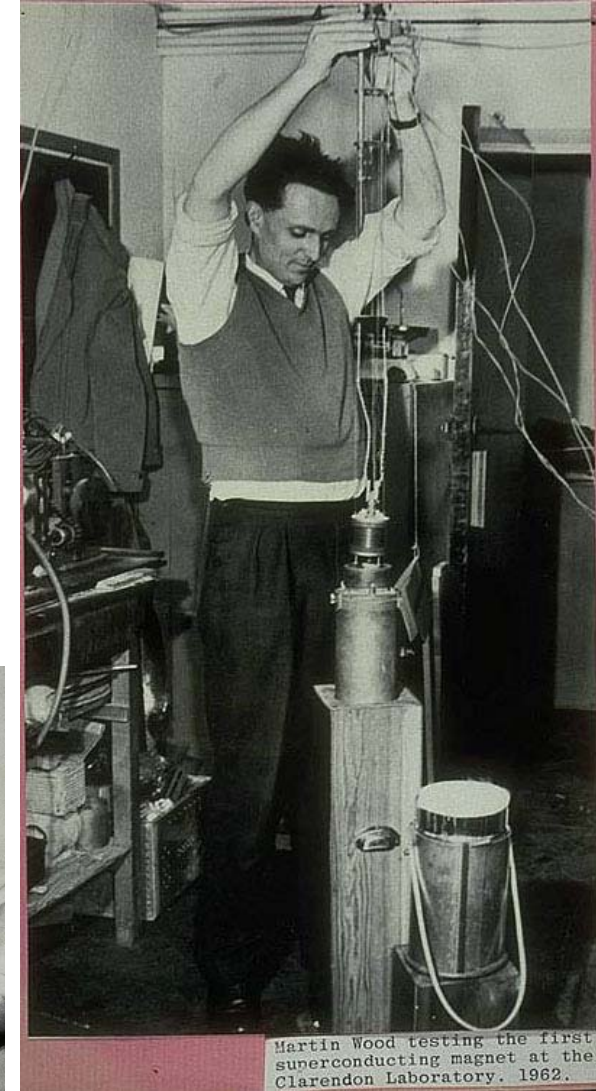
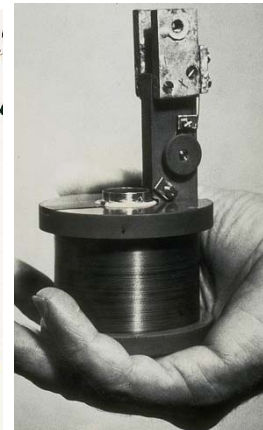
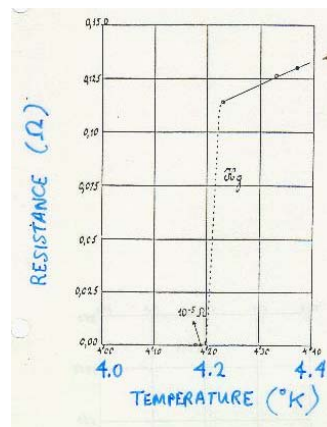
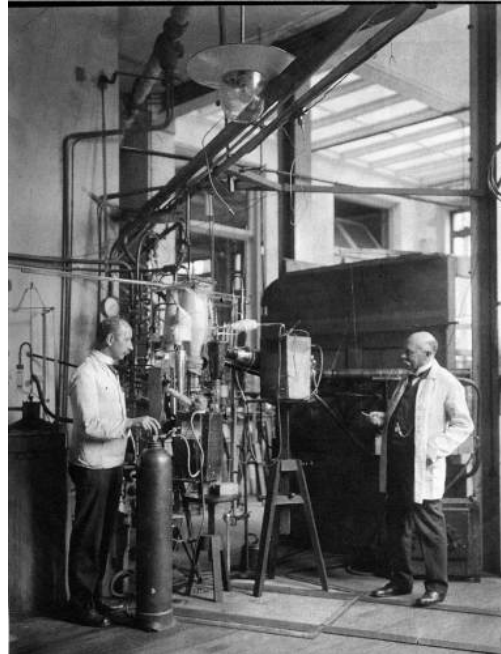
1892 James Dewar  
Invents ‘Dewar Flask’



# OI Born in “quantum 1.0” 1959



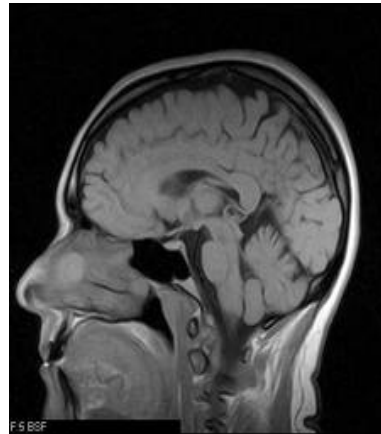
- Low temperature physics has been reliant on liquid cryogenics for over 100 years
- Liquefaction of Helium in 1908 was quickly followed by the discovery of superconductivity in pure mercury
- In 1962 Sir Martin Wood – founder of Oxford Instruments – made the world's 1<sup>st</sup> commercial superconducting coil



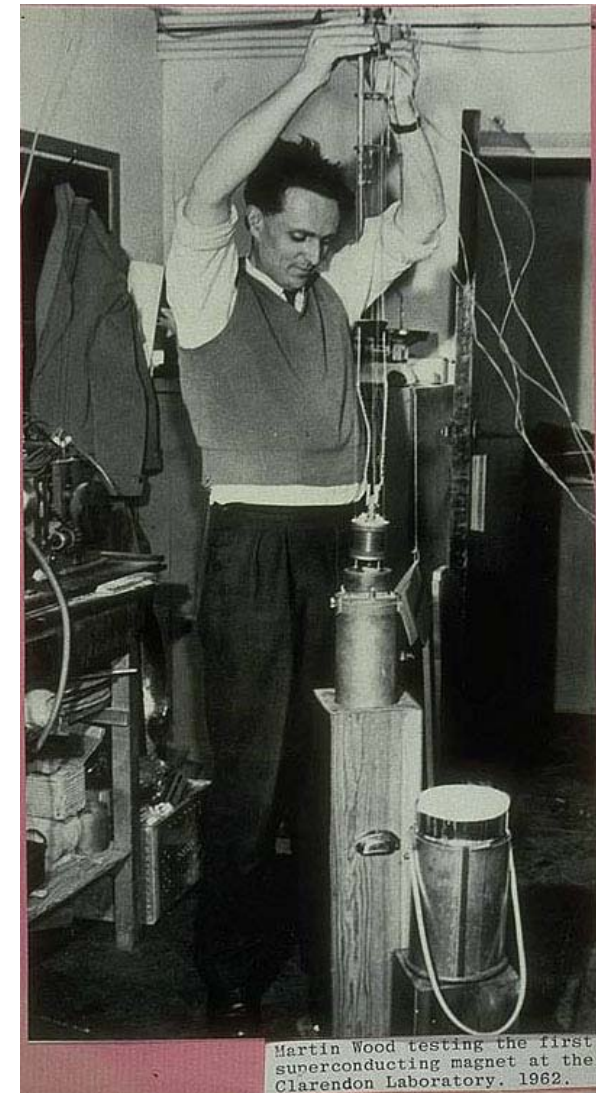
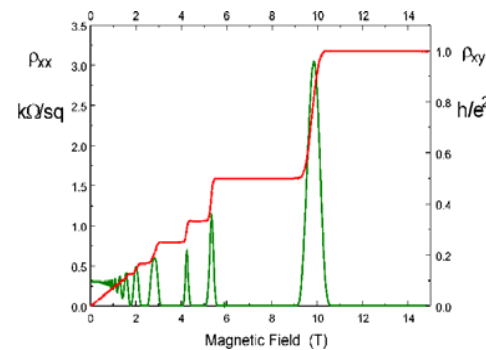


# OI Born in “quantum 1.0” 1959

Foundation in future vision and innovative thinking



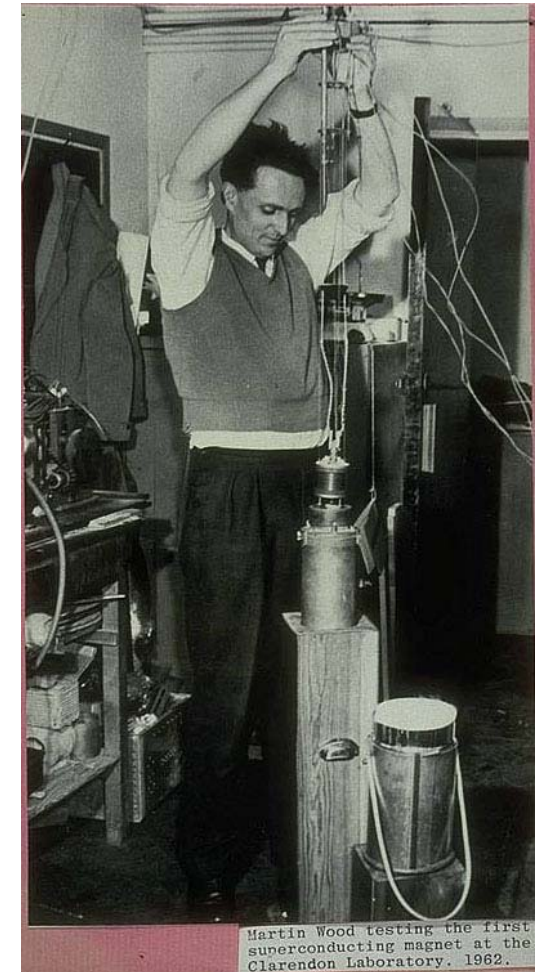
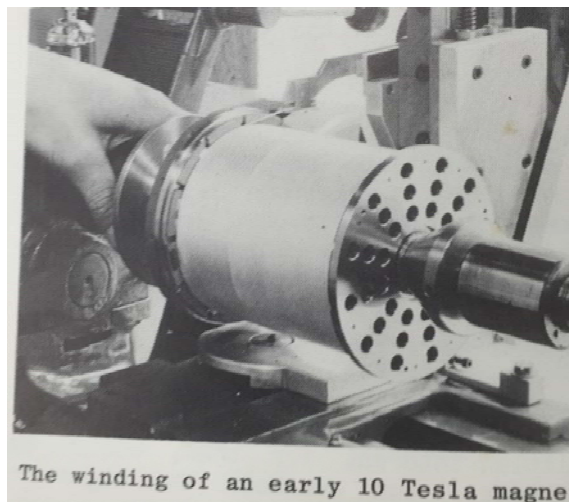
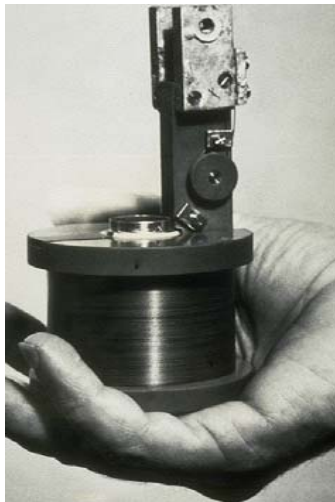
- Superconductivity has become an extensive technology across medicine, engineering and science
- In 1966 with Heinz London and Henry Hall, Sir Martin made the world's first commercial dilution refrigerator
- Dilution refrigerators generate temperatures down to a few mK. In these extreme conditions we can observe new physics



# Humble beginnings ...

in Superconducting magnet technology – 4 Tesla

- Breakthrough in superconductivity with the discovery of new materials for winding high field magnets – Niobium Zirconium and Niobium Tin
- Oxford Instruments develops the world's first superconducting magnet
- Receives the Queen's Award for Technical Innovation for developing the 10T magnet and dilution refrigerator





# Humble beginnings ...

in ultra Low Temperature 1<sup>st</sup> commercial 200mK fridge



The first commercial dilution refrigerator developed in collaboration with Fritz London at Osney Mead

the 200mK base temp proved dilution cooling beyond known  $^3\text{He}$  temperatures

# Different locations in Oxford area



The shed



Middle Way



The offices on their way from  
Middle Way to Osney Mead



The old boat house where prod  
continued while the new factory grew  
overhead

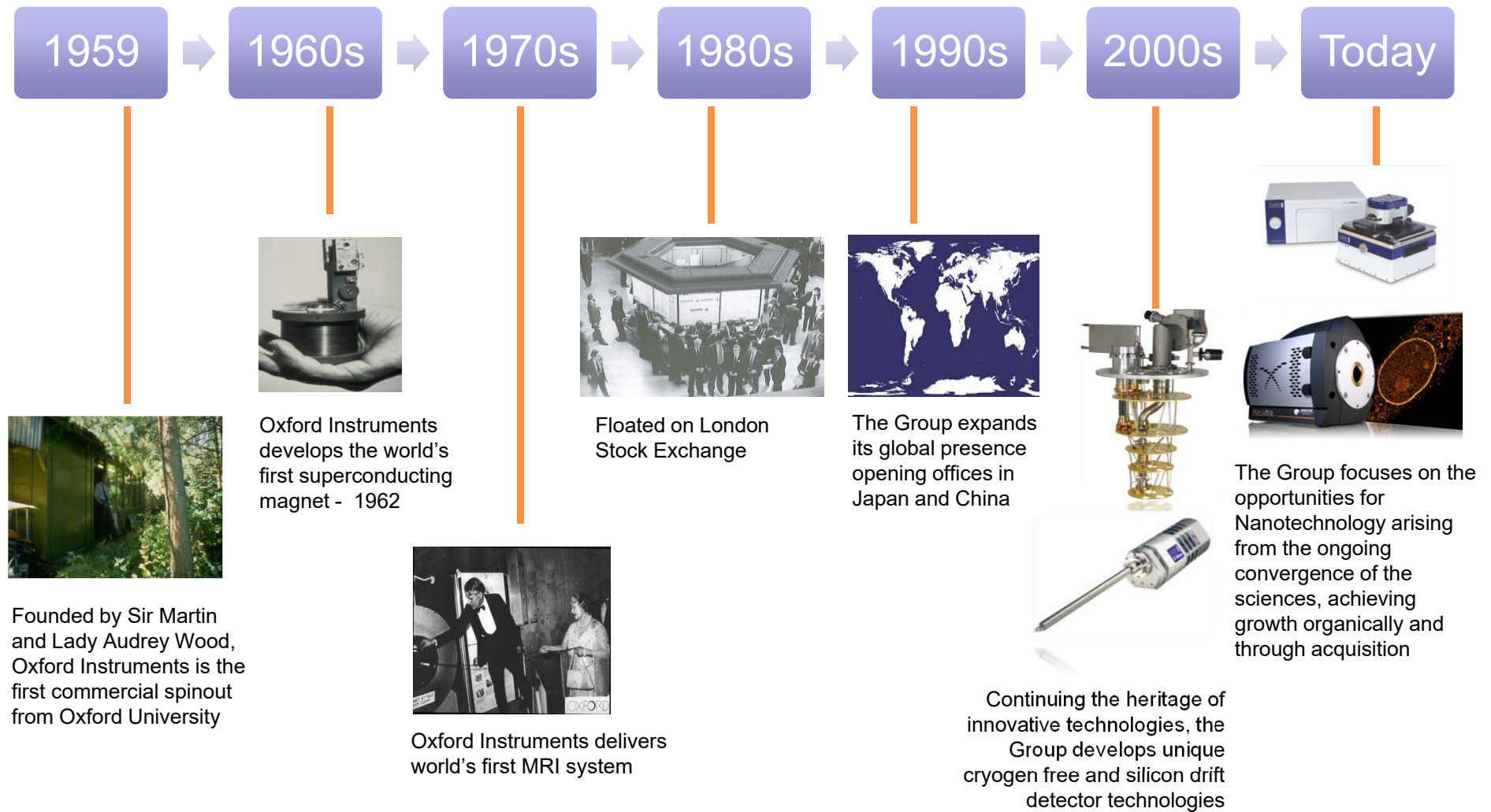


Osney Mead ( MRI and NMR)

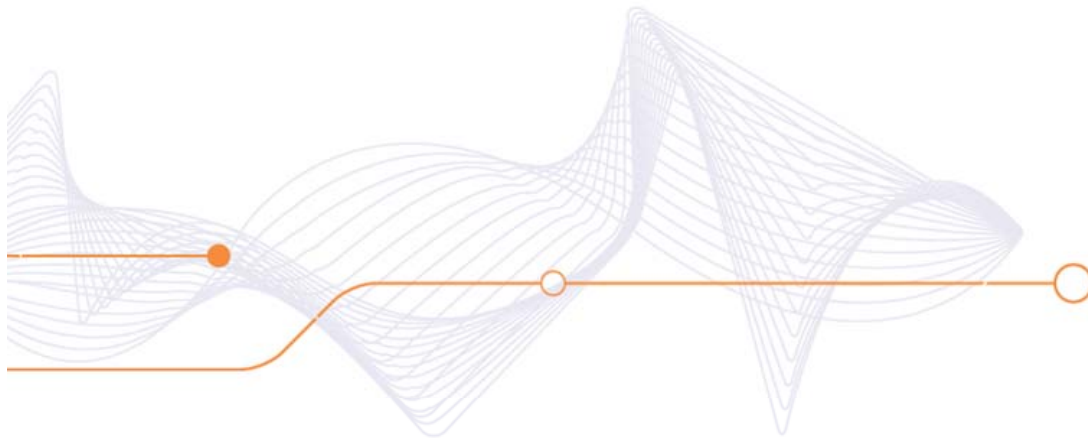


Tubney Woods- Oxfordshire

# Our History





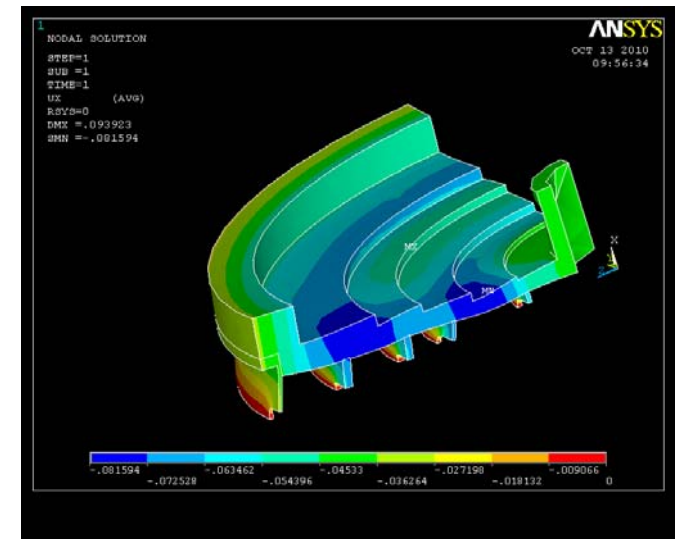
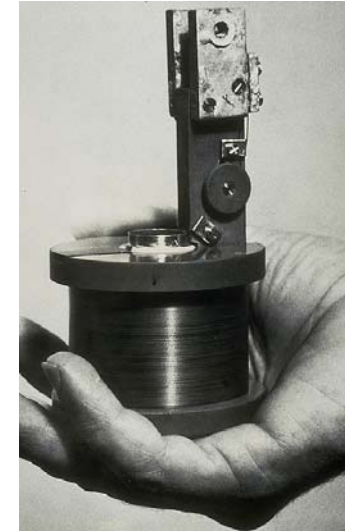


# NanoScience Overview



# Our core technologies

- Superconducting magnet design and manufacture
- Cryogenics
- Ultra-low temperature design and manufacture
- Instrumentation & measurements
- Realised by:
  - Cryogenic system integration
  - “Wet” (liquid helium) to “dry” (Cryofree®) technology shift
  - Project management
  - Design for manufacture
  - System integration

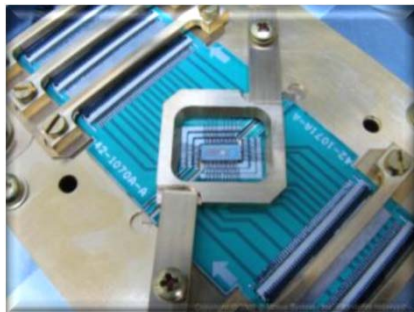
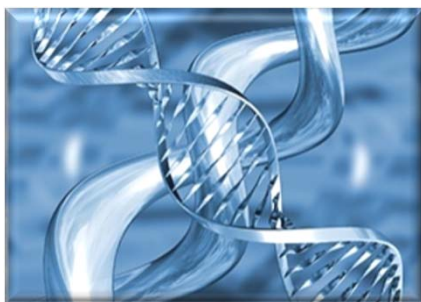


# Our Markets - Diverse End Markets with growing demand for “better” (time, quality, accurate) measurement/fabrication

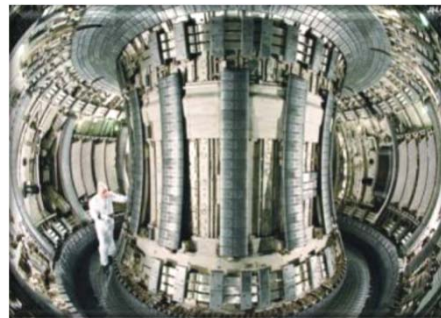


## Quantum Computing

Image courtesy of D-Wave Systems Inc



## Life Sciences



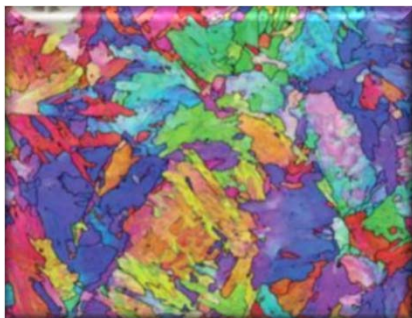
## Energy Generation



## Health Care



## Materials Discovery/Characterisation

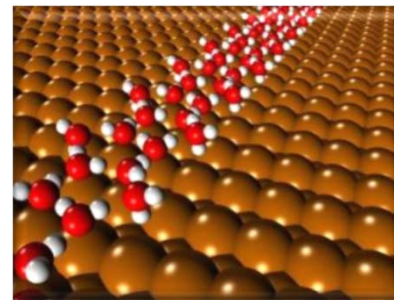
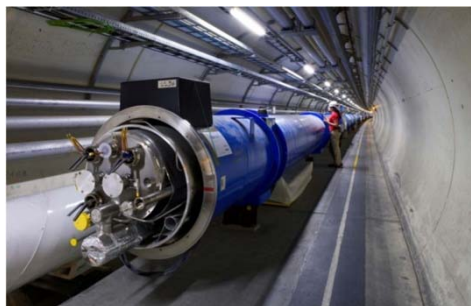


## Semiconductor Research



## HEP/Particle Discoveries

LHC magnet (Courtesy of CERN)



## Nanotechnology/ Mesoscience



# Primary technology components required for QT and NanoScience

- Superconducting magnets



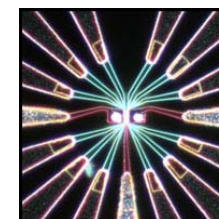
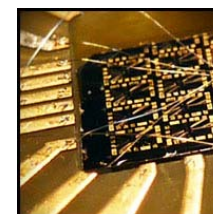
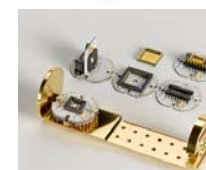
- Cryogenic platforms



- Sample management

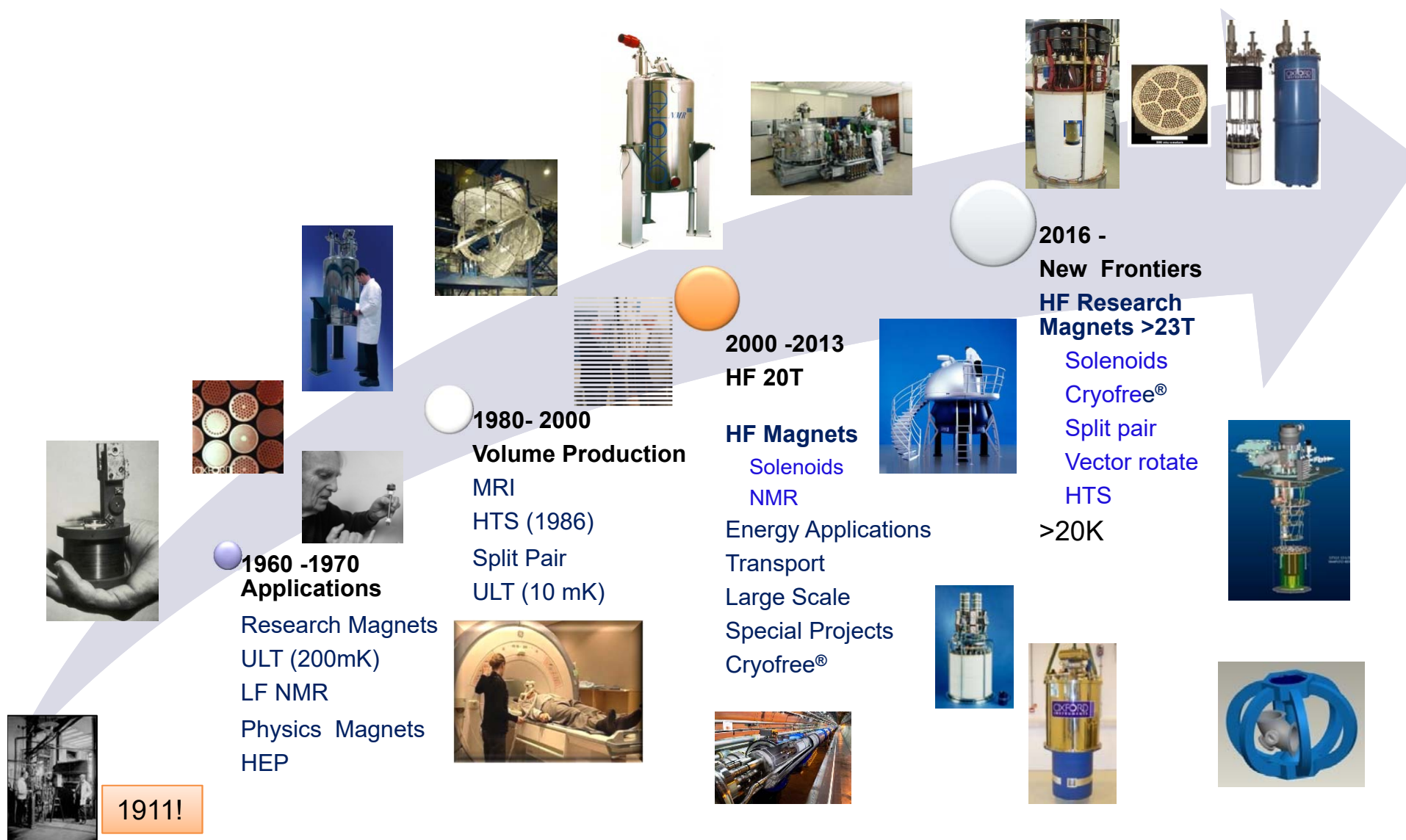


- Instrumentation



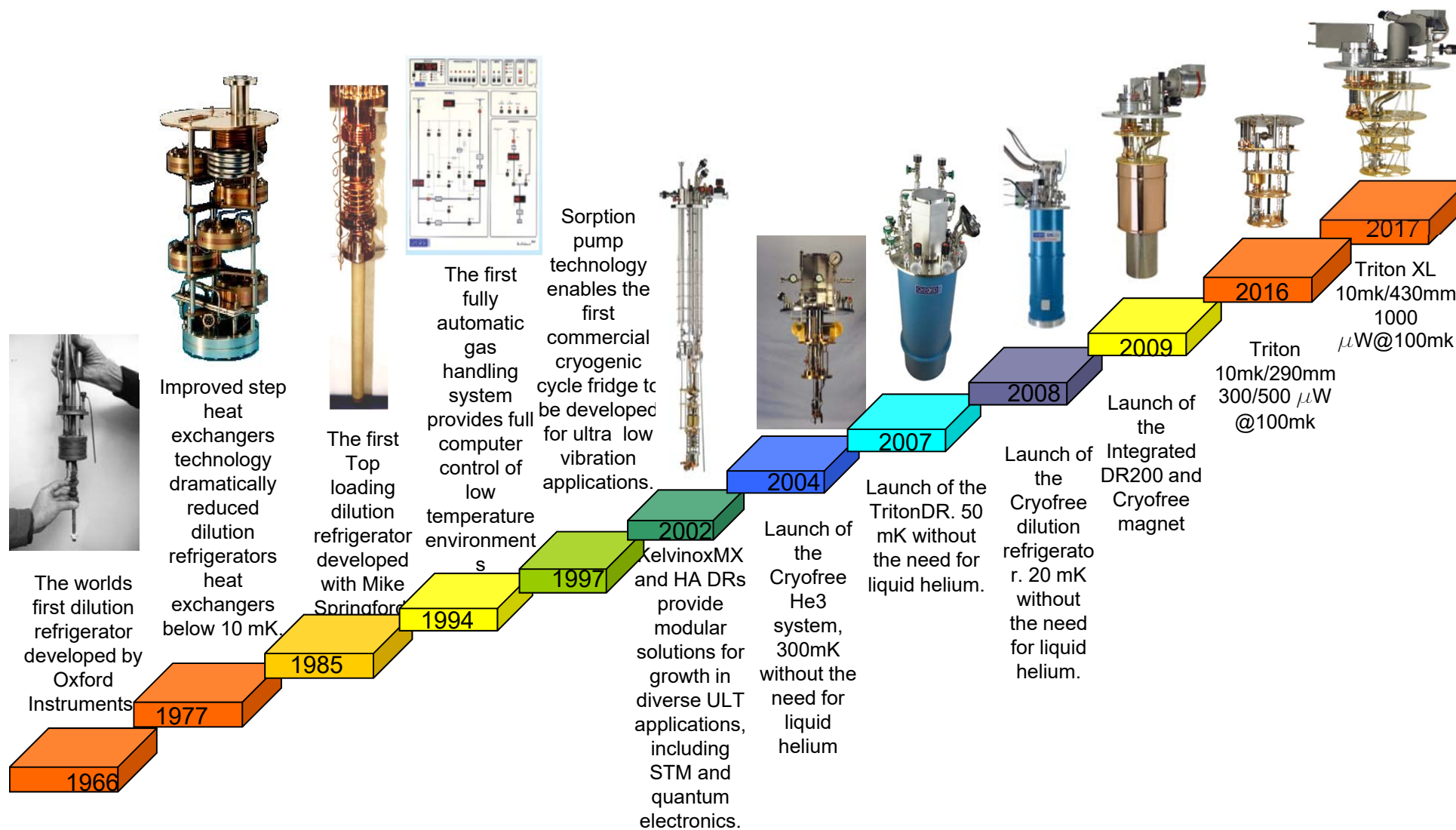


# Timeline of Innovations in Superconducting and cryogenic applications !



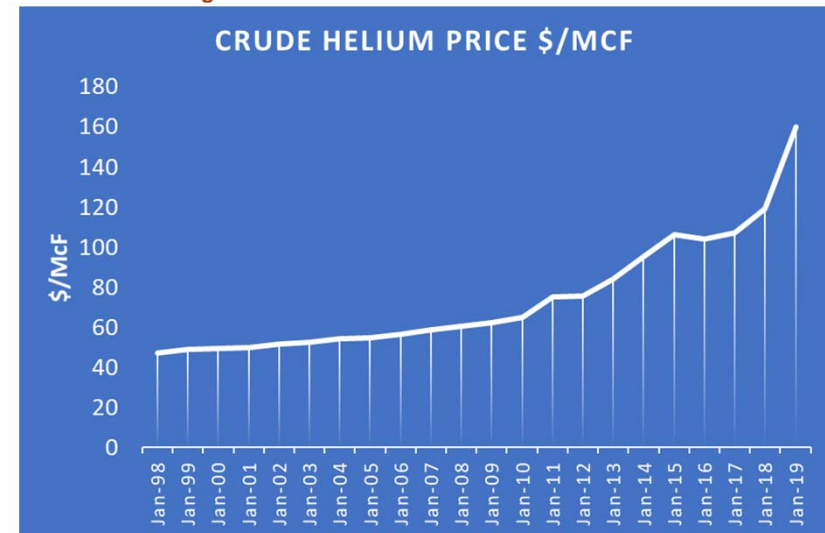
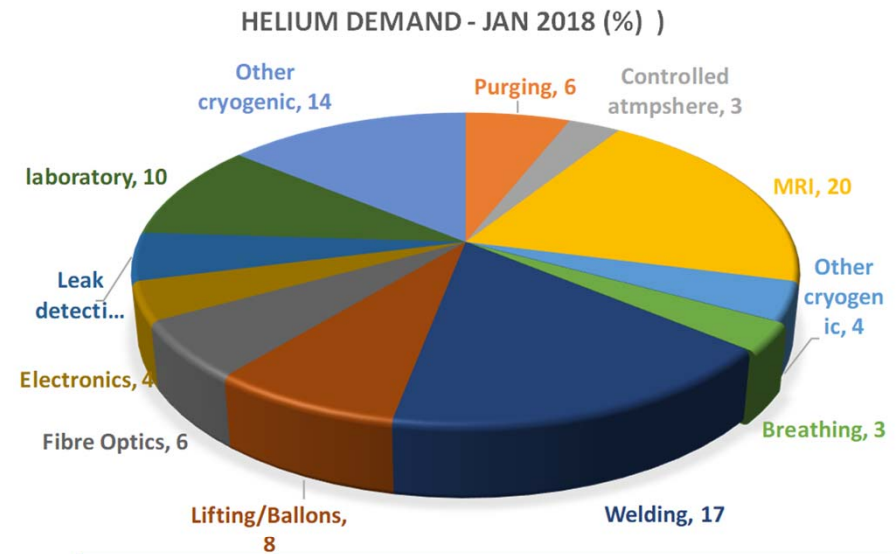
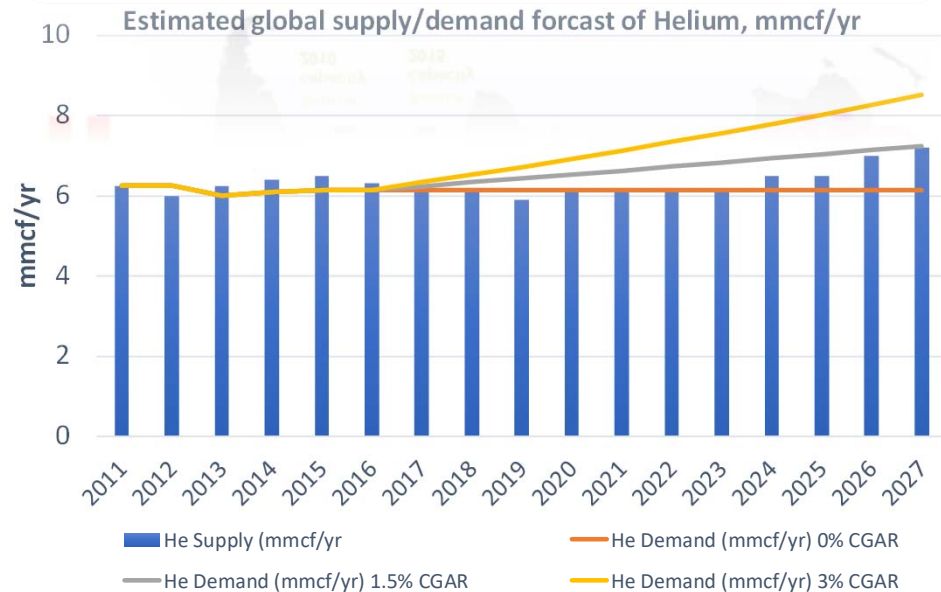
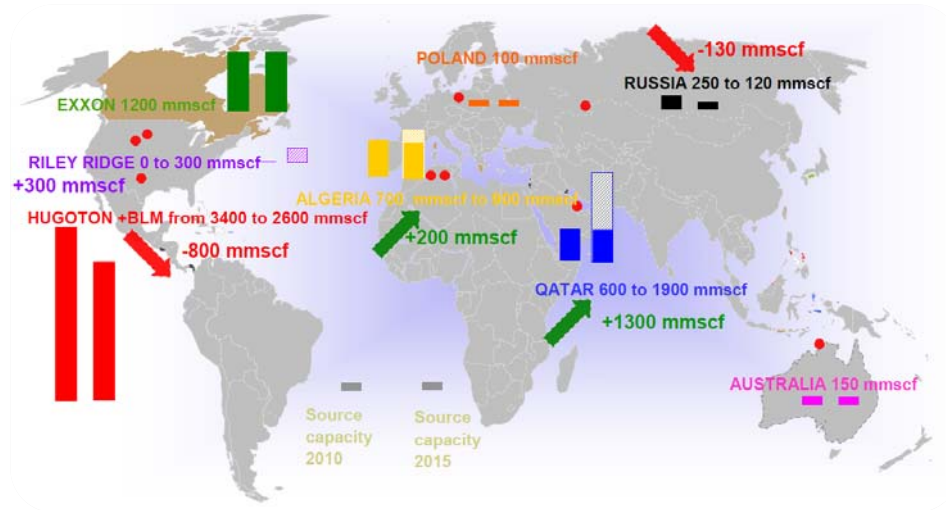


# 53 years of innovation at low temperatures

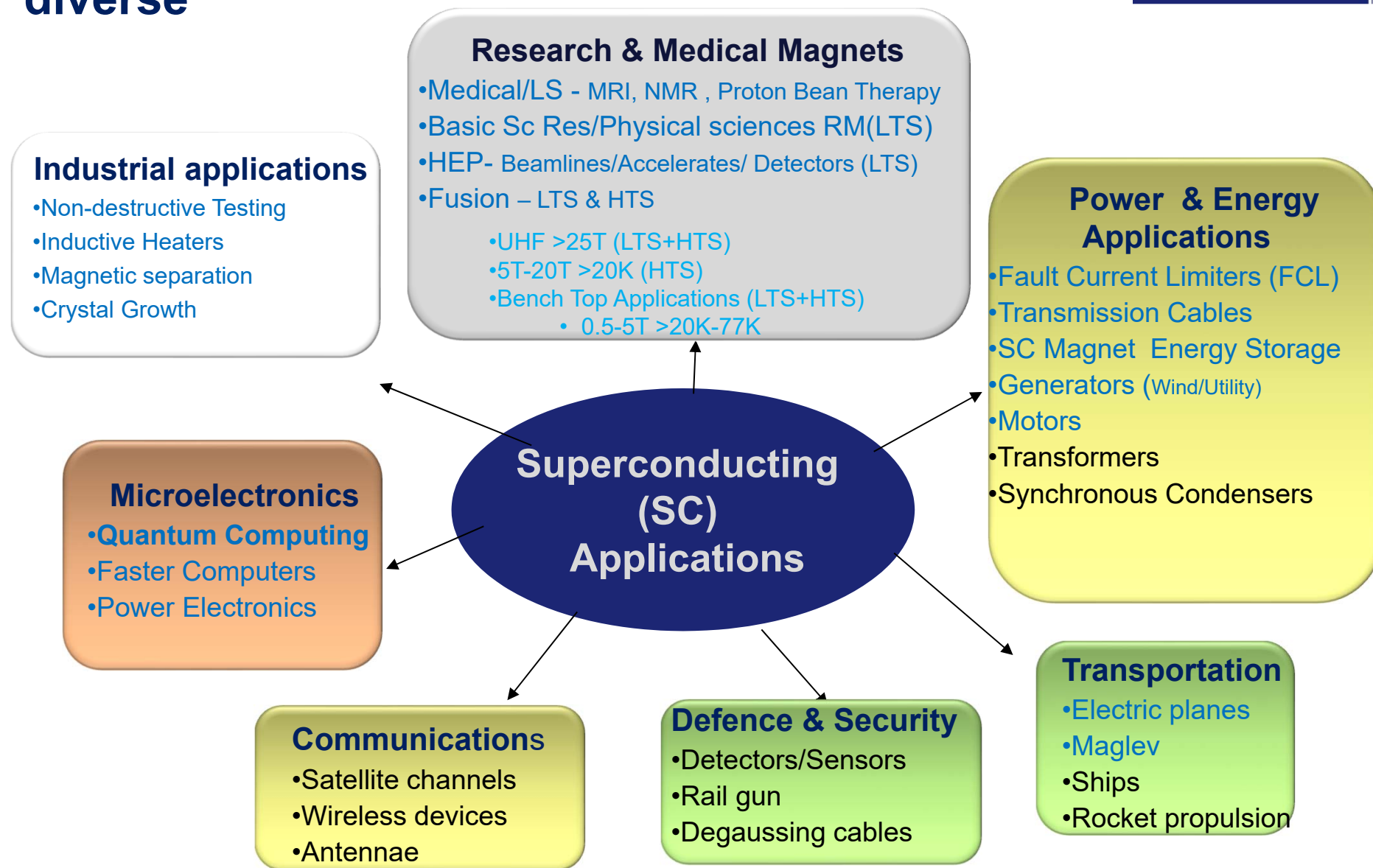


# Major and Global Helium shortage

## ... Need new thinking on cryogenics (Oct 2019)

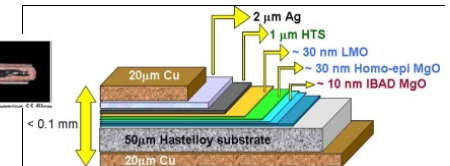
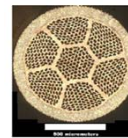
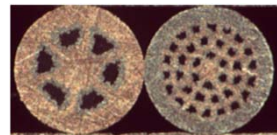
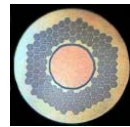
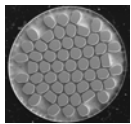


# Superconducting magnet applications are very diverse



# Practical Superconductors for Industrial Applications

NbTi LTS	Nb <sub>3</sub> Sn LTS	MgB <sub>2</sub> MTS	Bi-2212/Bi-2223 HTS	YBCO HTS
T <sub>c</sub> = 9.8 K B <sub>max</sub> (4.2K) 9.5T (2.2K) 11.5T	T <sub>c</sub> = 18.1 K B <sub>max</sub> (4.2K) 20T (2.2K) 23.5T	T <sub>c</sub> =39K B <sub>max</sub> (4k) 10T-20T ?	T <sub>c</sub> = 90-110K B <sub>max</sub> is > 40T @4.2K; 8T @20K 4T @65K	T <sub>c</sub> = 90-135K B <sub>max</sub> is > 40T @4.2K 12T @20K 8T @65K

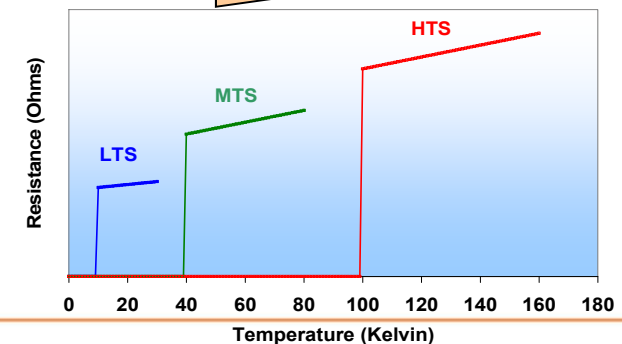


Difficulty of use

Cost of use

Critical Current Performance

LTS: Low Temperature Superconductors (10-20K)  
 MTS: Medium Temperature Superconductors (20-40K)  
 HTS: High Temperature Superconductors (90-130K)  
 T<sub>c</sub>: Critical temperature  
 B<sub>max</sub>: Maximum Field Flux





# Typical Superconducting magnets <23 T

- **New compact HF products**

(Nanotechnology, quantum technology, condensed matter, material research, RM, beam lines, etc...)

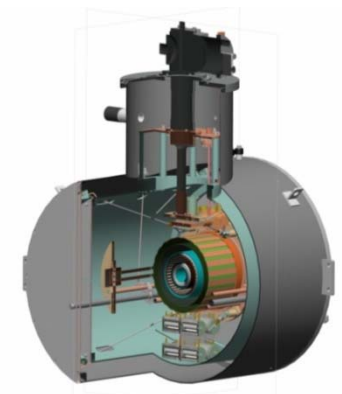
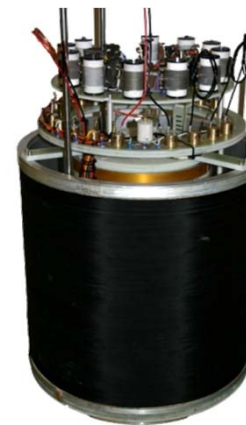
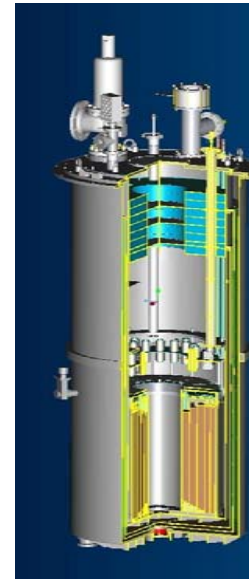
- Solenoid magnets up to 20 T and, with HTS insert coils, 22.5 T at 4.2K (24T @2.2K)
- Split pair magnets
- Vector rotate magnets
- Integrated with ULT- **sample environment solution**

- **Specific properties for applications**

- High homogeneity, high stability
- Cancellation, modulation, gradient coils
- Active shielding

- **Cooling technologies**

- Liquid helium ('wet') - **22T**
- Recondensing - **20T**
- Cryofree® - **18T**
  - 'Stand alone' cryofree magnets
  - Cryofree magnets with shared cooling



# NanoScience Products

## Cryogenics



- A range of 1.5K and 4K cryostats
- Optical access
- Integrated superconducting magnets

## Ultra Low Temperature



- Temperatures 5 mK
- More than 300 Cryofree Triton systems installed
- A full range of integrated magnets
- Integrated wiring for "measurement ready"
- Environments for QIP applications

## Superconducting Magnets



- Wet magnet up to 22T
- Cryofree Teslatron<sup>PT</sup> magnets up to 18T
- Custom magnets for a wide range of applications
- Vector rotate magnets

## Instrumentation



- Mercury Electronics
- Cryogenic temperature control
- Magnet Power supplies
- Development kit software
- Sample Protect
- Measurement Probes

# Superconducting magnets for NS Research and Industry



Cryofree

Wet



3-400 K

1.5-300 K

< 10 mK

2-4K mK

7 T

8-18 T

Up to 16 T

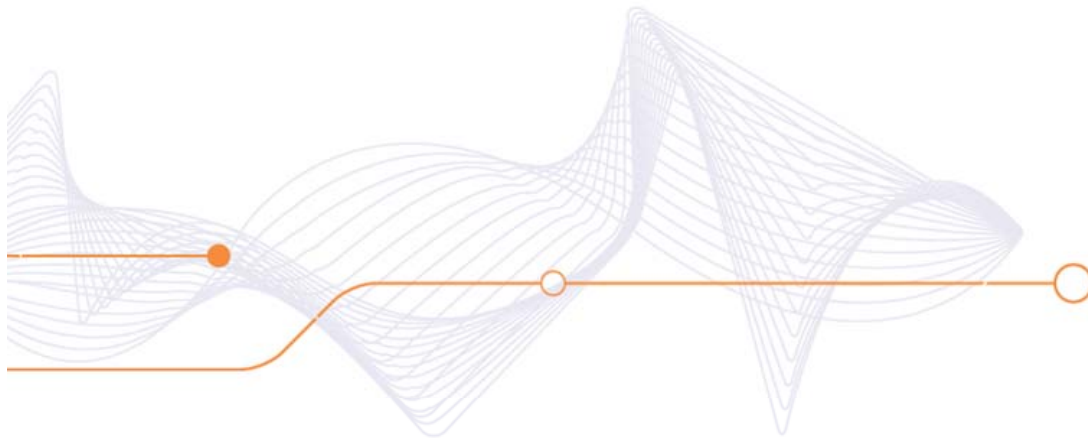
Up to 22.5 T

Optics

Optics/RF

New materials  
and Science





# Why Cryogenics

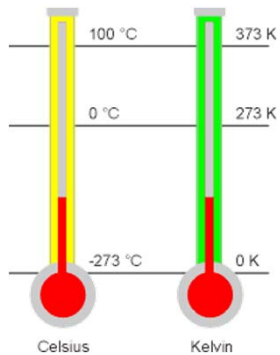
# Superconducting need Cryogenics (Wet and dry)

- Cryogenics – science of production and effects of very low temperatures
  - Limit to lowest temp—absolute zero (0K)
  - Cryogenic region → below 120K (-153°C)
  - Cryogenic Liquids → super-freezing permanent gases to liquid states, ex: oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, and helium
    - Liquid Nitrogen: most easily available
    - Liquid Helium: lowest temp. <2.17K
- For Cryogen free need Cryo-coolers Types:
  - Joule-Thomson
  - Brayton
  - Stirling
  - Pulse Tube
  - Gifford-McMahon
- Two stage pulse tube coolers to provide the cold environment for dilution refrigerators.
  - Typically ~ 1 W cooling power @ 4.2 K  
~ 40 W cooling power at 45 K
  - Removes the need for liquid cryogenics.

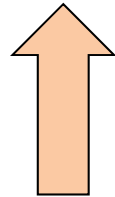
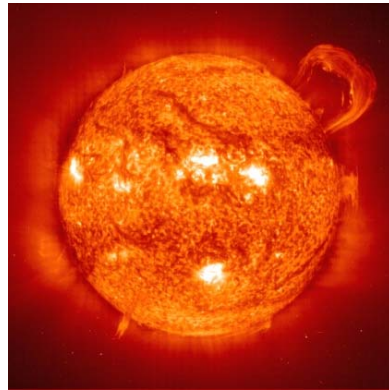
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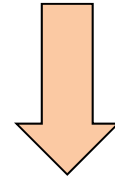
# Cryogen free technologies → new ultra low temperature (ULT) dilution fridge (10mk)



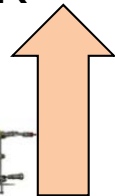
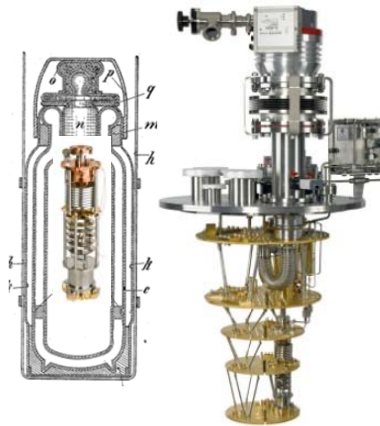
Sun~ 6,000 K



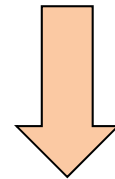
X 20



Room temp ~ 300K



X 30,000



D/R system~10mk

- Quantum behaviour require very low temperature to manage noise
- Space is only 2.7K
- Man can only beat nature at 'Ultra low temperatures' (ULT)

*Lowest achieved in  
the world at OI Tubney  
3.3 mK  
Cryofree*





# What do we mean by 'wet' & 'dry' Dilution refrigerators ?



**Wet  
systems  
use liquid  
helium**

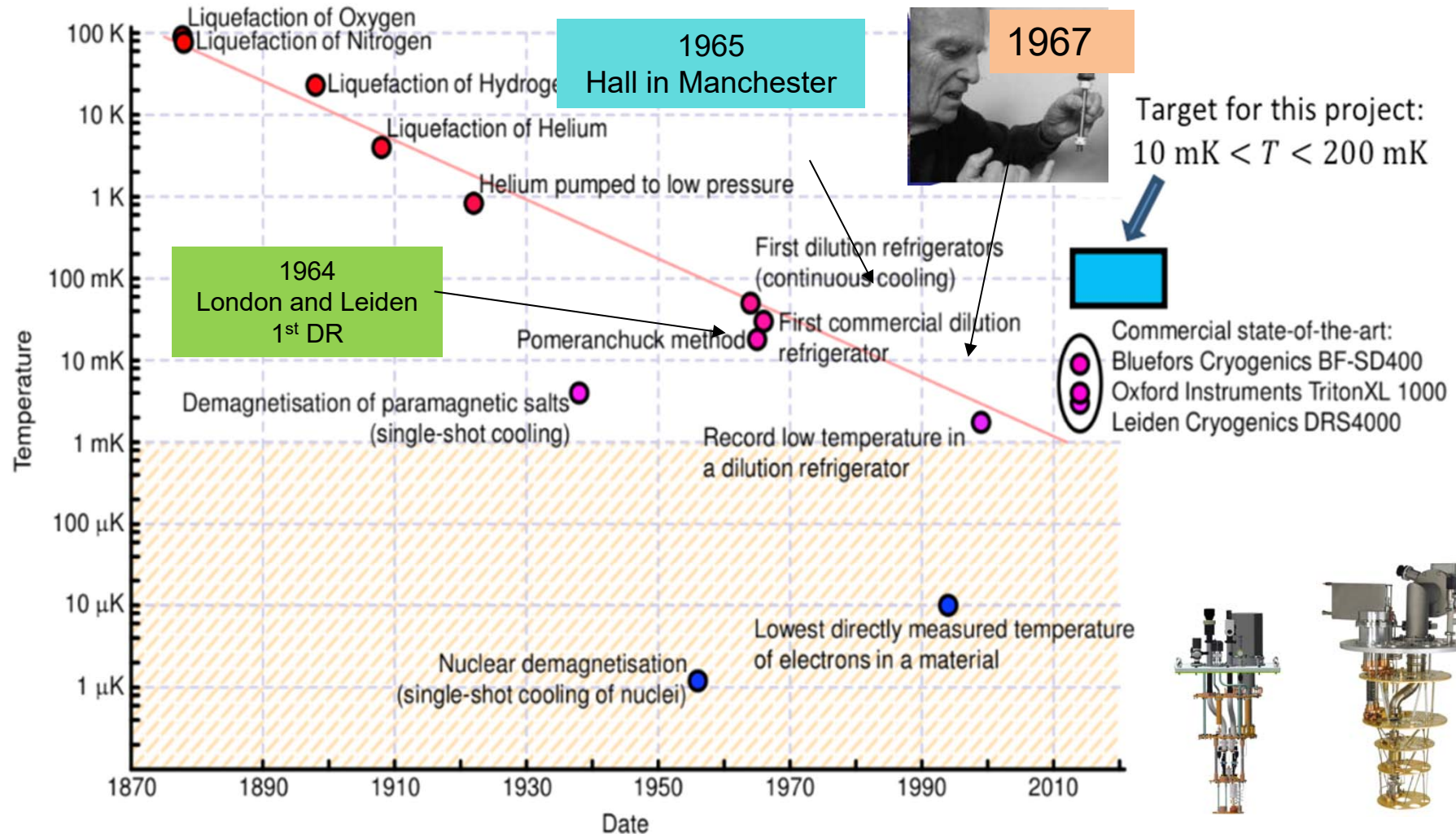


**Dry  
systems  
use pulse  
tube cooler**

- All dilution refrigerators rely on a stable  $\sim 4\text{K}$  cold surrounding.
  - Until recently this has meant a liquid helium bath (boiling point of  $4.2\text{K}$  at atmospheric pressure).
- Nowadays it is more common to use a pulse-tube cooler
  - greatly simplifies operation
- Dry systems (no liquid helium) avoid capital expenditure of  $\sim \text{£}1\text{M}$  for liquefier, helium gas recovery system & liquid handling facilities
- 'Wet' dilution refrigerators (using liquid helium) now account for only  $\sim 10\%$  of all systems sold and are mainly only used when extremely low vibrations are required.
- A two-stage pulse-tube cooler provides typically  $50\text{W}$  of cooling power at  $70\text{K}$  on its first stage and  $1\text{W}$  at  $4\text{K}$  on its second stage. The electrical power consumption is typically  $9\text{kW}$ .

# Cryofree Ultra low temperature Environment for Quantum technologies

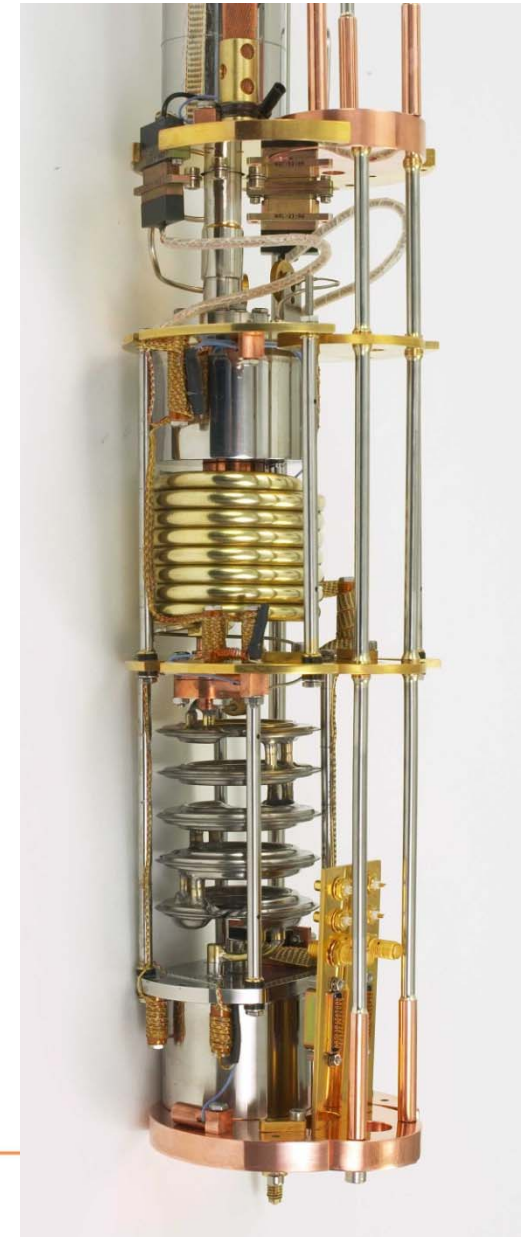
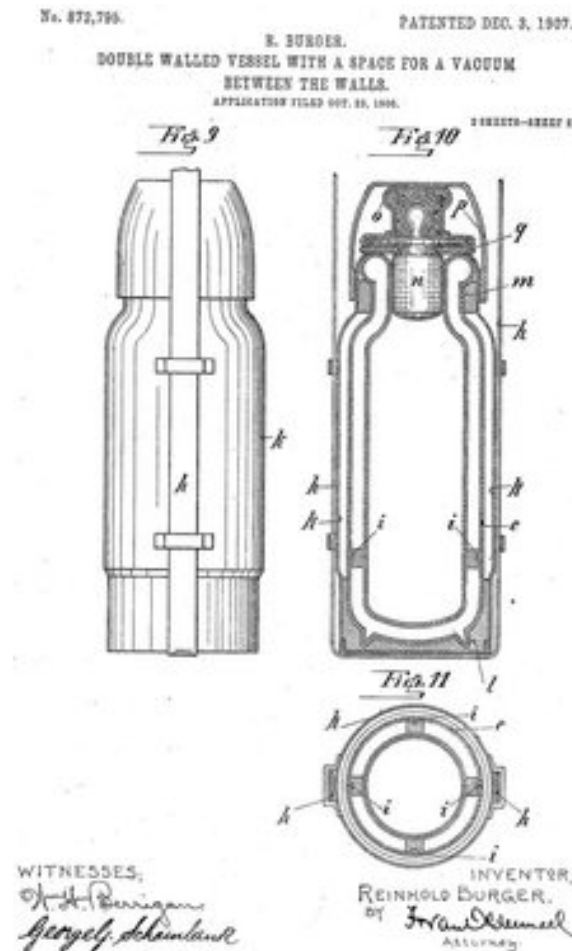
## *“Moore’s Law” for low temperatures*



# The Cryofree Revolution



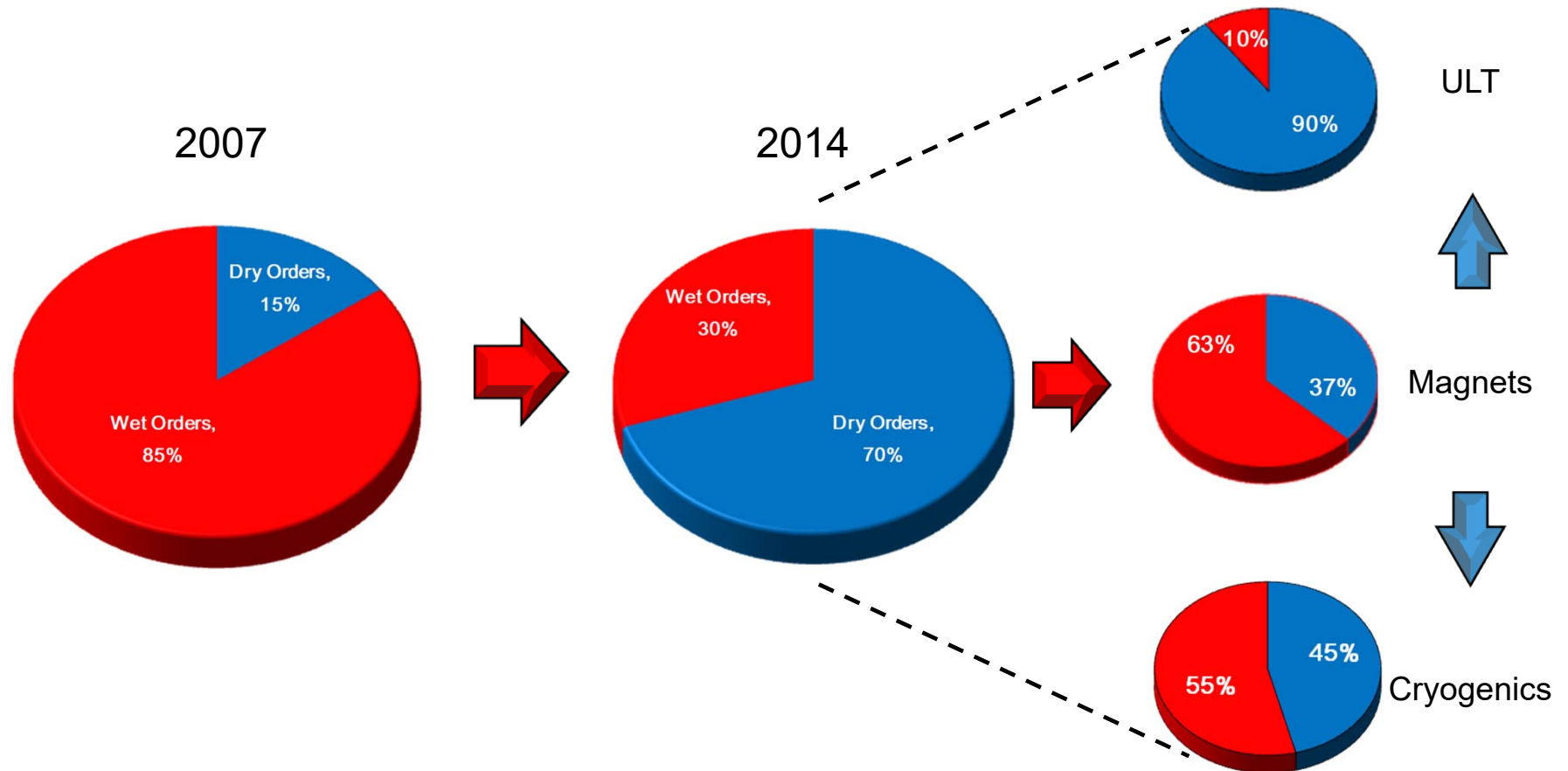
- Cryogenic liquids are costly, difficult to handle, pose safety concerns, and require support infrastructure
- To limit the liquid rate of boiling the cryostat must be tall and have a narrow neck into the liquid
- This narrow neck limits the sample environment available
  - Sample space
  - Magnetic field
  - Experimental services



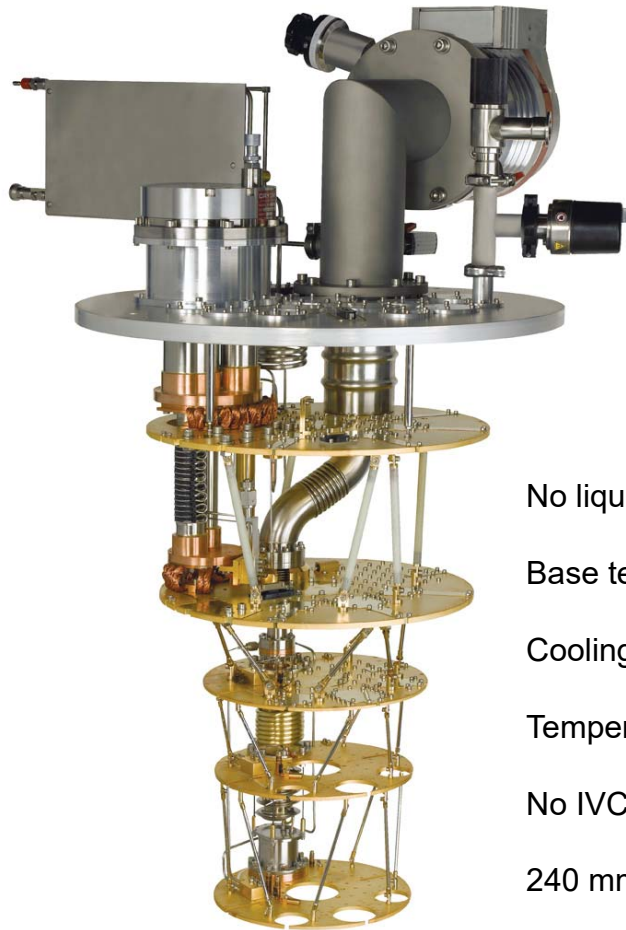


# The Cryofree Revolution

The critical element of our strategy over the past few years has been transitioning the business from 'wet' to 'dry'



# Integration with super conducting magnets



- Developed 1960's
- Continuous operation
- Temperature ~5-10mK

No liquid cryogenes

Base temperature <10 mK

Cooling power 400 uW at 100 mK

Temperature control possible > 30 K

No IVC (only room temperature o-ring)

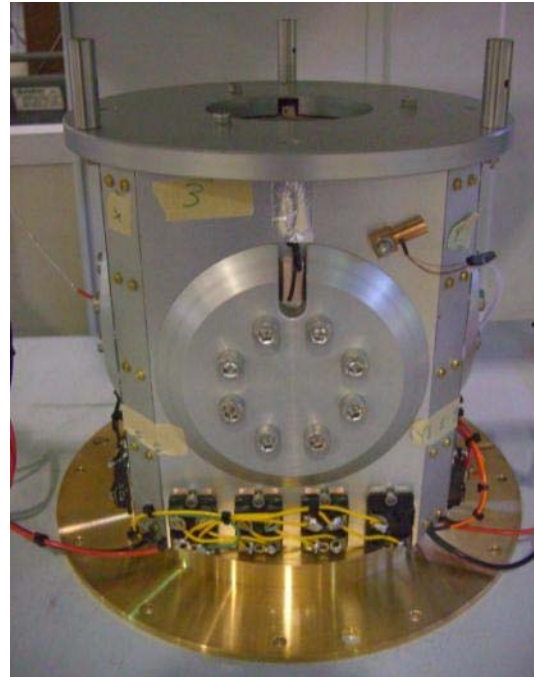
240 mm diameter mixing chamber plate

Open structure for easy experimental access

Fully automated cool down from room temperature in < 24 hours



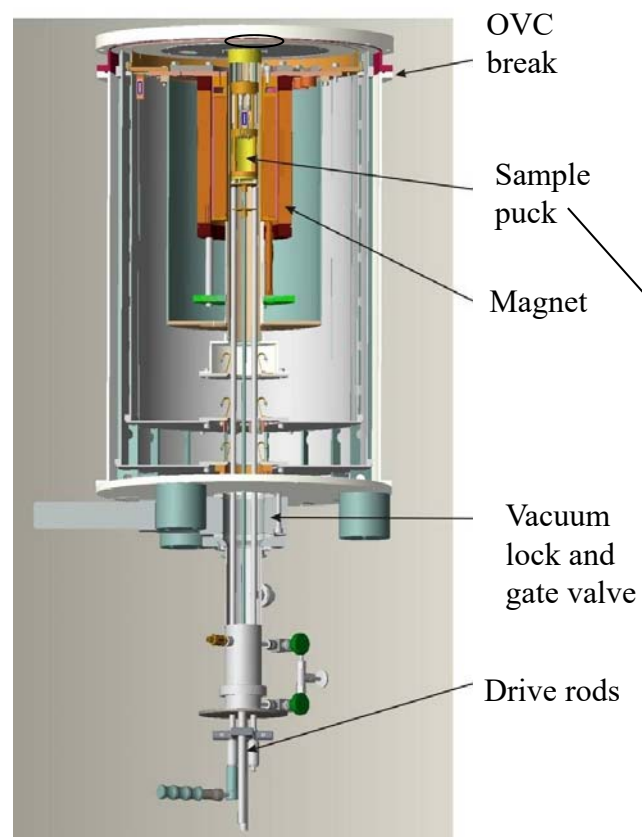
# Integrated B/T 10mK & 3 axis magnets



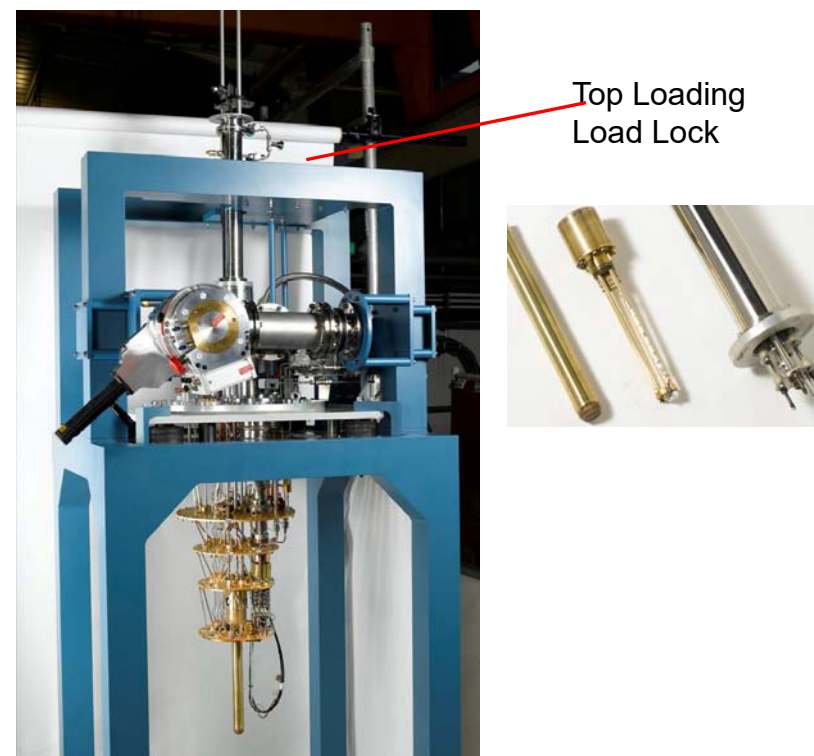


# Sample management in ULT systems

'Bottom load' sample holder into cryostat



'Top load' sample holder into cryostat



# Cryofree products (1.5-4.2 K)

## Low temperature/magnet integrated systems (1.5K – 4.2 K)

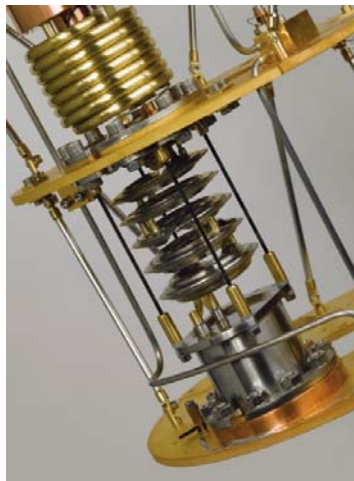
- Wide-ranging, flexible and upgradable systems
  - Range of magnetic field, typically 8-18 T
  - Variable temperature inserts down to 1.5 K
  - Additional ultra-low temperature inserts
  - Introducing measurement capability
  - A “Swiss Army knife” tool for multiple applications



# Cryofree products (5mK-1.5K)

## Ultra-low temperature/magnet integrated systems 5 mK -1.5 K)

- World-leading **Triton Cryofree®** dilution refrigerator systems
  - New opportunities via Cryofree technology – large sample spaces at < 10 mK
  - Ease-of-use and experimental throughput focus via sample loading innovation
  - Complete magnet integration
  - Key enabler in QIP research and device development



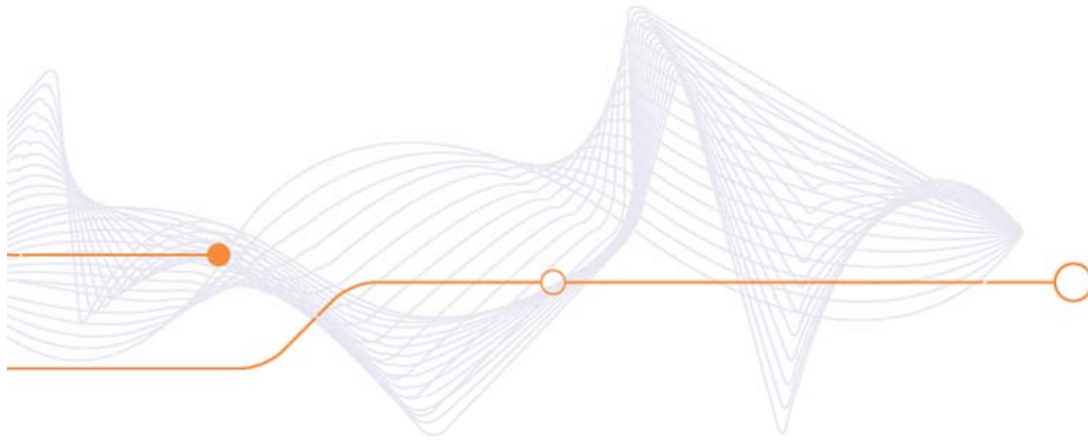


# Custom products

## Custom-engineered systems

- Application-centric system design
  - Neutron and X-ray scattering, XMCD, particle and ion traps, nuclear demagnetisation, ...
  - Multiple cryogenic solutions including Cryofree®
- Close customer collaboration in system definition





# Re-condensing

# Why re-condensing ?

Recondensing – helium + refrigerator (PTR)

- Nitrogen pre-cool allows faster system set up
- Liquid helium, so stable, essentially isothermal environment
- Positive pressure maintained via PID control
  - protect against air ingress
- Helium provides system “ride through”, against power outages etc.
  - maintains experimental environment/preventing system warm up
- Excess condensation capacity
  - allows condensing of helium flows for example through variable temperature inserts, dilution refrigerators etc.
- Allows trade off between cryogen consumption and speed of operation ie faster magnet sweeps and rapid sample cool down (often significant criteria where beam time is expensive and set up times need to be minimised)



Diamond Light Source Ltd  
Diamond House  
Harwell Science & Innovation Campus

*(“Operation of superconducting magnet with dilution refrigerator insert in zero boil-off regime”, Cryogenics 50 (2010) 666-669)*



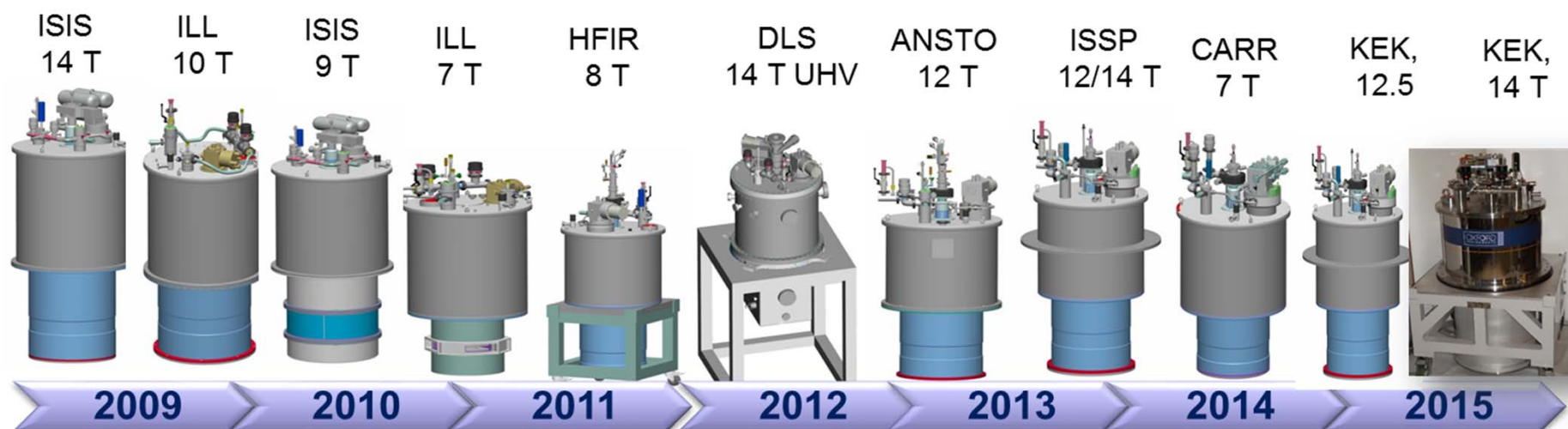
# Split pair magnets for Neutron scattering studies

Takashi Kamiyama, KEK Institute, Japan

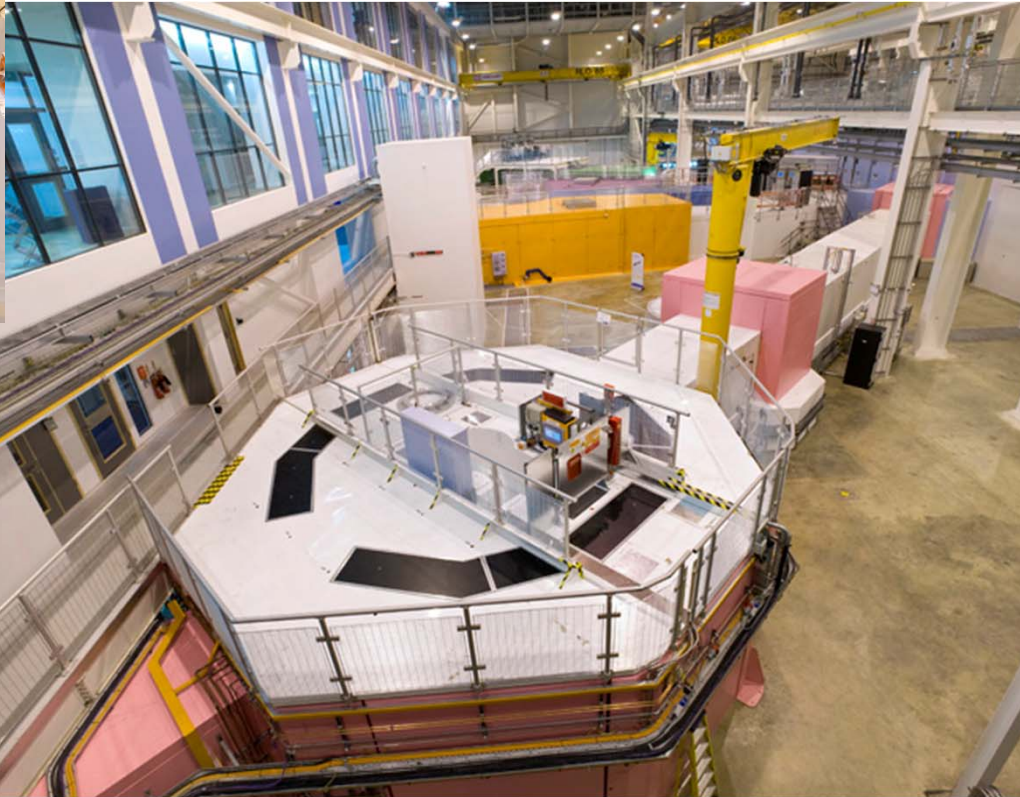
- Split pair for Neutron scattering studies

- 14 T symmetric mode
- 11.5 T in asymmetric mode
- Re-condensing system

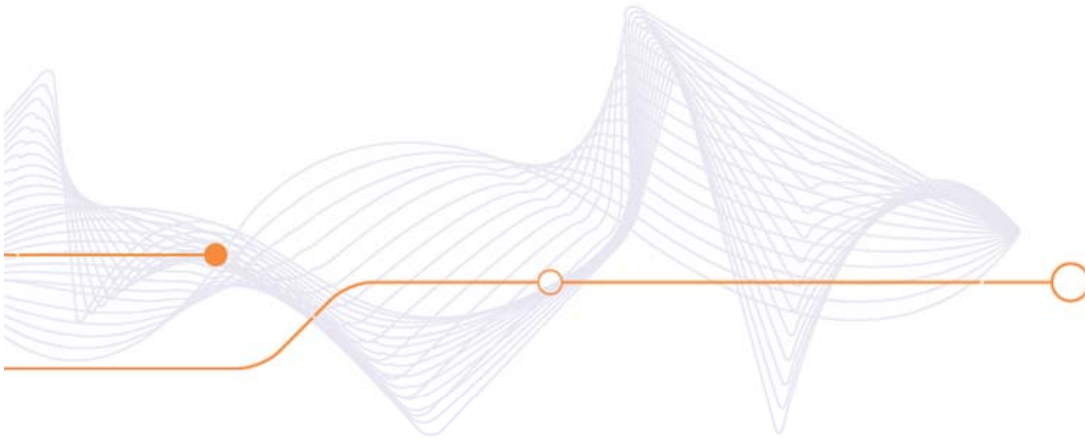
Central magnetic field homogeneity	< 1.05% on 20 mm x15 mm symmetric mode (< 1.85% in asymmetric mode)
Temporal stability in the persistent mode	< $1 \times 10^{-4}$ relative $\text{hr}^{-1}$
Maximum sweep rate	0.25 Tesla $\text{min}^{-1}$



# Summary– Re condensing beamline systems



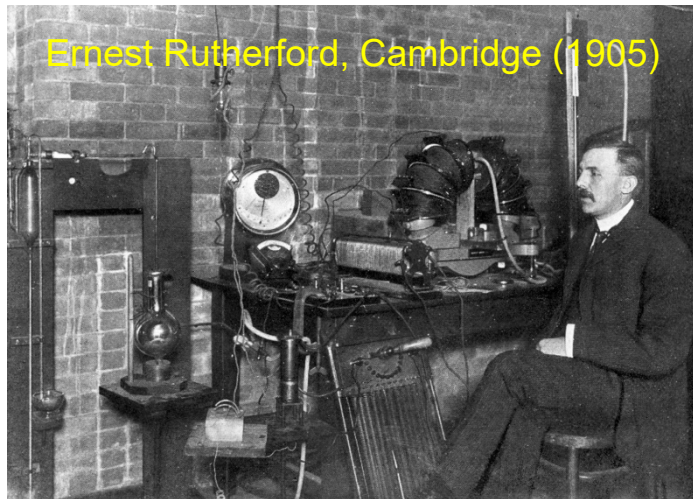
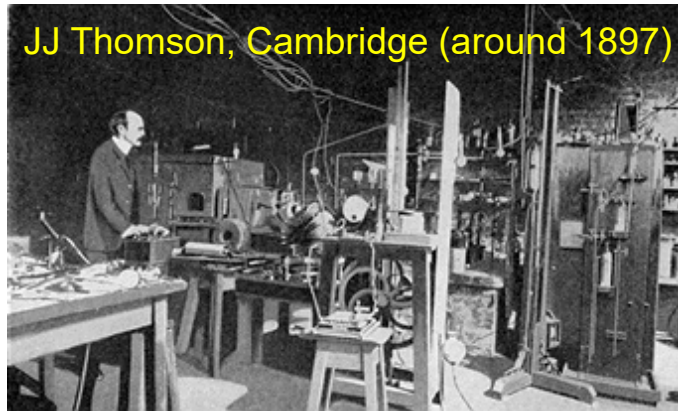
Enabling cost effective, low (and high!)  
temperature, high access, high magnetic field  
beam line environments



# New thinking about customers needs

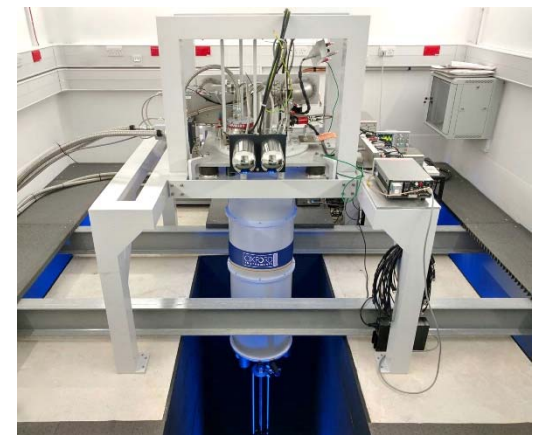


# New thinking about the lab environment & tools



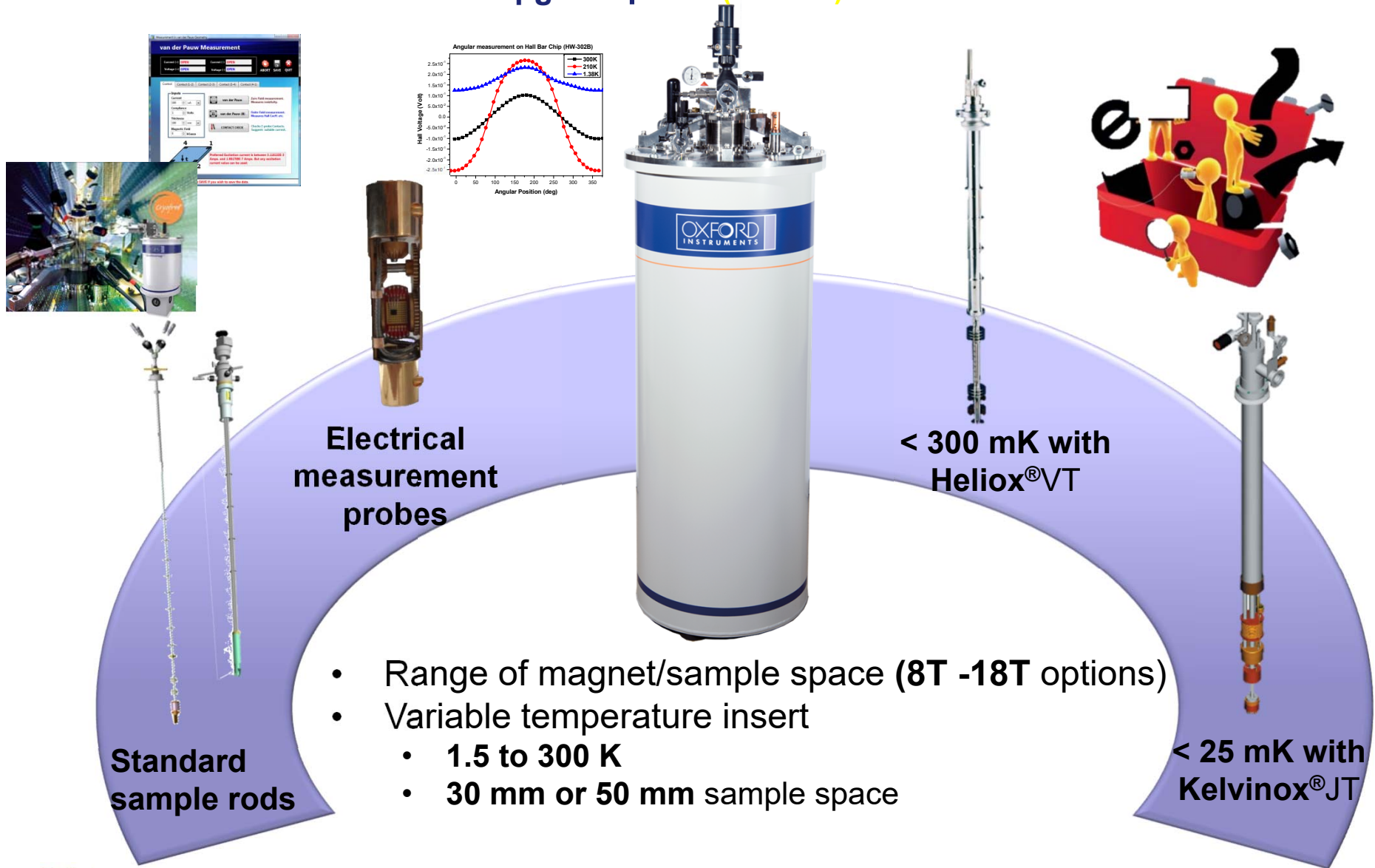
Neil's Bohr Inst – Copenhagen Univ (2015)

Lancaster Univ IsoLab (2017)

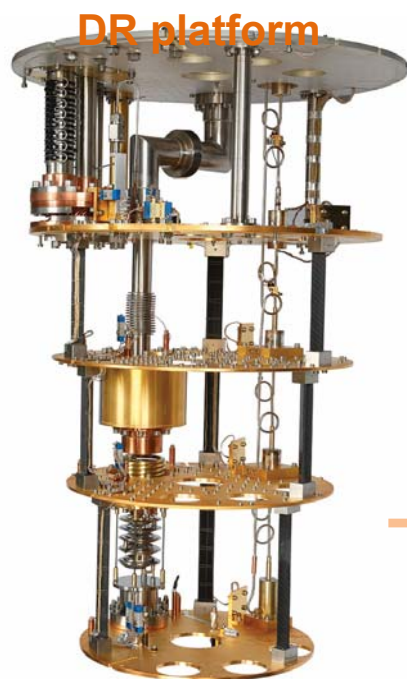


# Solutions for nanoscale research — for research

## TeslatronPT measurement and upgrade paths (8T-18T)



# Selected low temperature applications

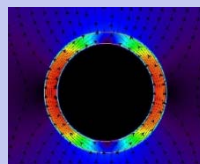


DR platform

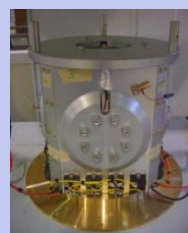
## Experimental options



RF wiring



Mu-metal  
shielding



Integrated  
Magnet

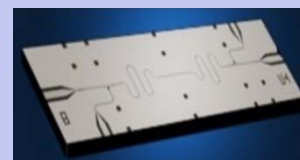


Sample  
loading

+

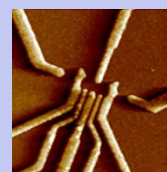
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## Superconducting quantum computing



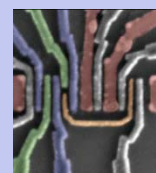
- Large sample space
- High cooling power
- Magnetic shielding

## Quantum Hall effects



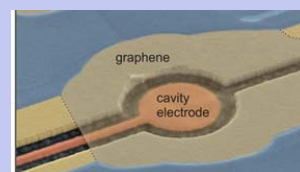
- High-field solenoid magnet
- Low eddy-current holder
- High-temperature control

## Spin qubits and topological QC



- 3-axis vector magnet
- Sample loading mechanism
- Low noise wiring

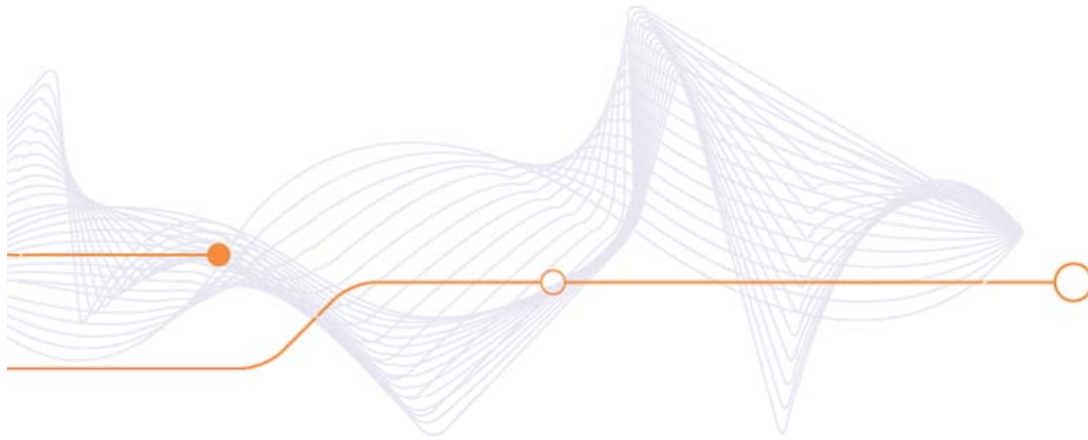
## Quantum opto-mechanics



- Ultra-low vibrations
- Fast cool-down
- Low-noise wiring

- **Mixing Chamber**
  - 150mm
  - 290 mm
  - 450 mm

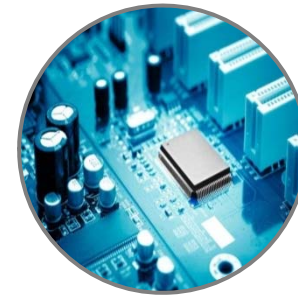




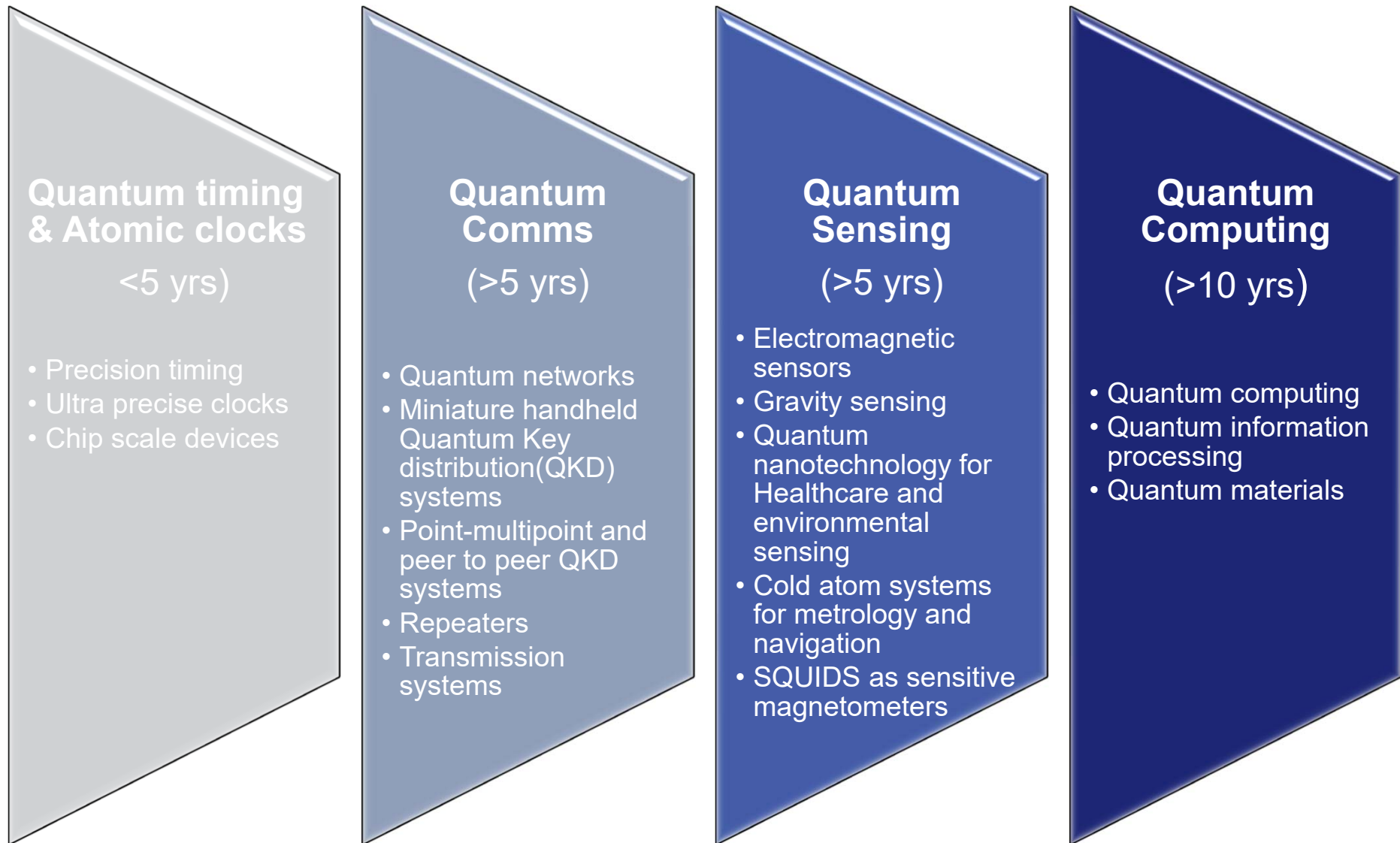
# Quantum Technologies

# Quantum technologies impact society

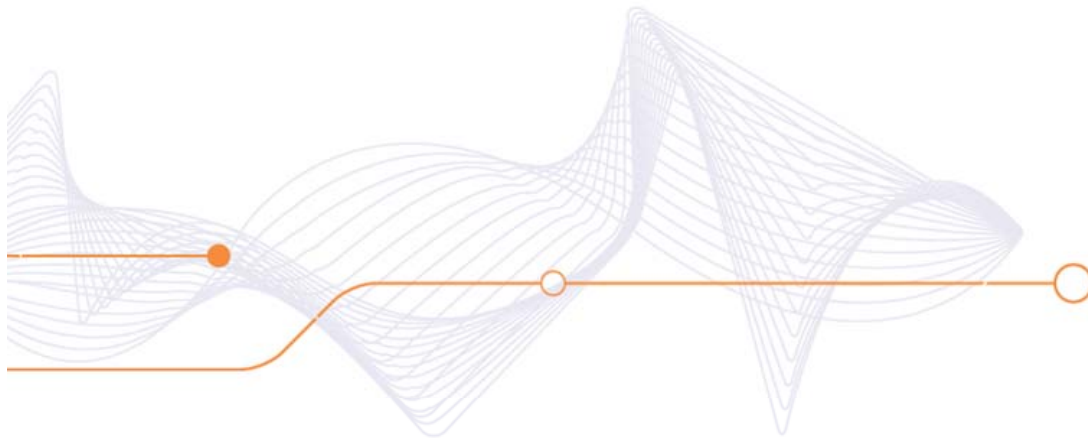
- Arguably the most defining technologies of the twentieth century were underpinned by our understanding of quantum mechanics.
  - **The semiconductor** and the **laser** have become under-pinning 'platform' technologies that have enabled innumerable systems and products that have changed our lives.
  - The next generation of twenty-first century 'quantum technologies' will exploit and harness our understanding and control of subtle quantum mechanical effects, enabling brand new capabilities and leading to
    - Next manufacturing revolution at the nanoscale



# UK Quantum Technology Landscape



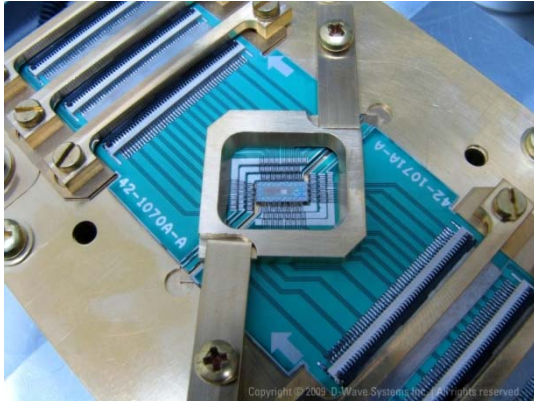




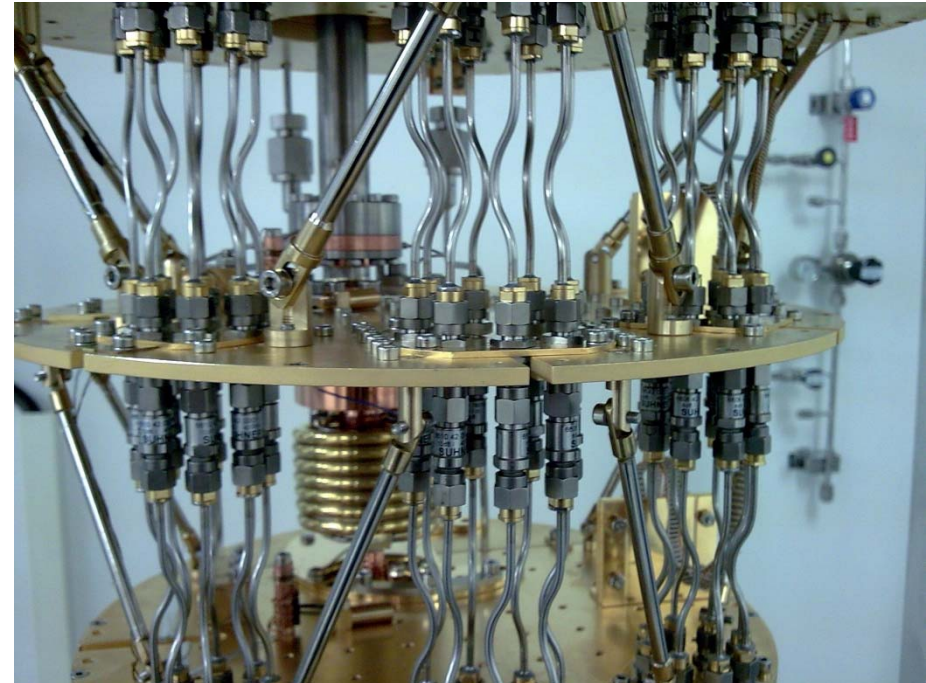
# Quantum Computing

# Superconducting Qubits

*Yasunobu Nakamura, University of Tokyo*



- Freedom from cryogens and freedom on sample volume has revolutionised low temperature applications
- Quantum Computing and security applications are growing rapidly
- New users are developing low temperature capability without the need for liquid cryogen infrastructure
- New applications characterising devices instead of materials

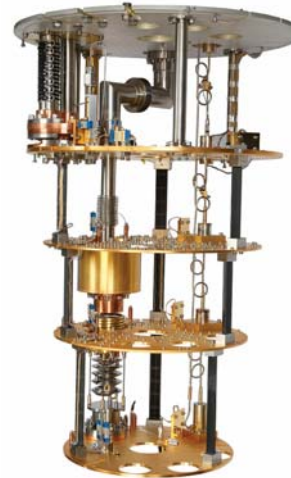


# Configured environments for Quantum

**Triton: 290 mm @ < 10 mK –  
Qubit Developments**

**Triton XL: 430 mm @ < 5 mK  
Qubit Scale up**

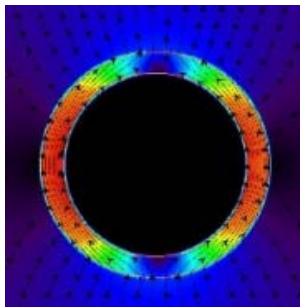
- ❑ Open access cooling platform
- ❑ High cooling capacity – 4K & mK
- ❑ Large payload > 10<sup>5</sup> cc
- ❑ High RF line-count
- ❑ Integrated magnets
- ❑ Rapid sample exchange



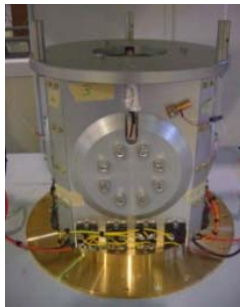
- ❖ < 10mK base temp
- ❖ > 12  $\mu$ W @ 20 mK
- ❖ 500  $\mu$ W @ 100 mK



- ❖ < 5mK base temp
- ❖ > 25  $\mu$ W @ 20 mK
- ❖ 1000  $\mu$ W @ 100



Mu-metal  
shielding



Integrated  
Magnets



Rapid sample  
exchange



High power  
cooling capacity



Integrated  
Optics



High density  
RF line-count



# Cryogenic systems for QT & NS

- Q sensors <1 K (e.g. magnetic sensing for MRI, MEG, Geosurveys, environmental)
- New devices such as SQUIPTs, HyQUID offer Nb SQUID performance (or better) with lower noise, power dissipation.
- 2D materials characterisation



4 K



1.5 K



5 mK  
290 mm



5 mK  
440 mm



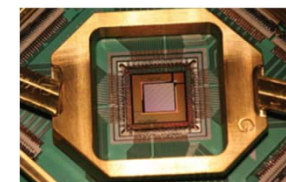
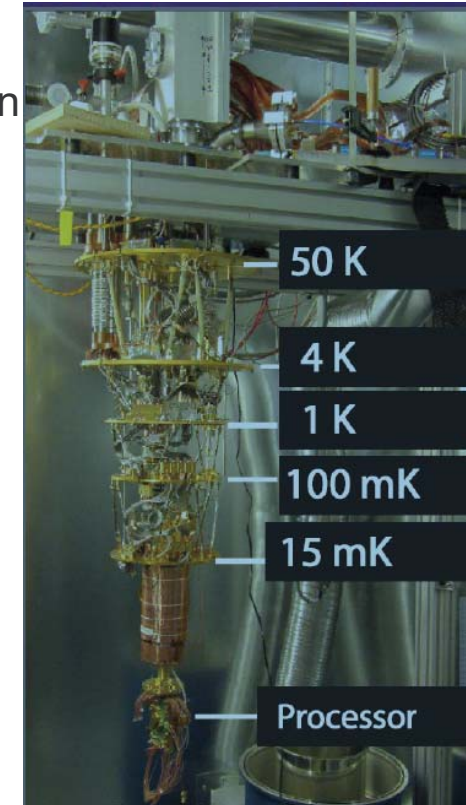
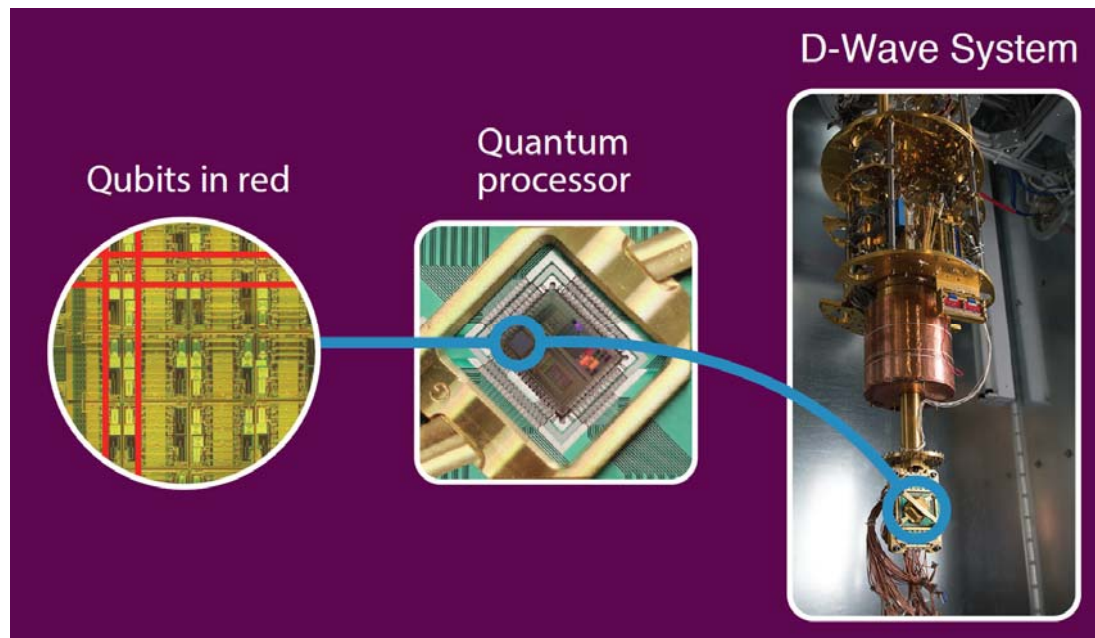
5 mK  
550 mm

# D-Wave Quantum Computers

## Founded 1999 – 1<sup>st</sup> QC company



- The D-Wave 2X system implements a *quantum annealing* algorithm,
  - solves problems by searching for the global minimum of a function
  - relevant in many high value problems such as
    - minimizing error in a voice recognition system,
    - controlling risk in a financial portfolio,
    - or reducing energy loss in an electrical grid.
- D-Wave systems are being used, for example, by
  - Lockheed Martin, Google, NASA, and the University of Southern California.



With 1000 qubits, the D-Wave 2X system can search through  $2^{1000}$  possible solutions

# Quantum computing research labs today



*Courtesy of D-Wave systems Inc*

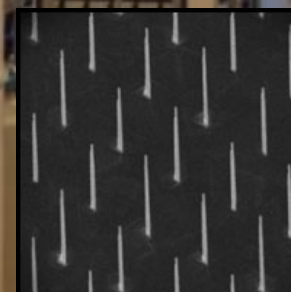
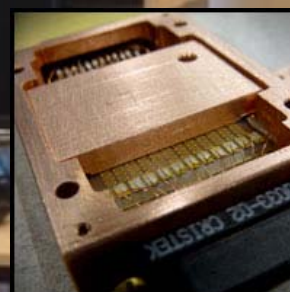
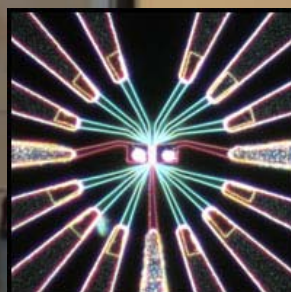
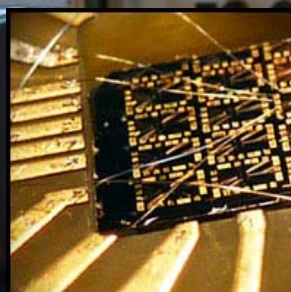
The combination of Cryofree® technology and the intense interest in quantum information processing bring a new level of multi-system laboratories (Niels Bohr Institute), and the first commercial quantum computers

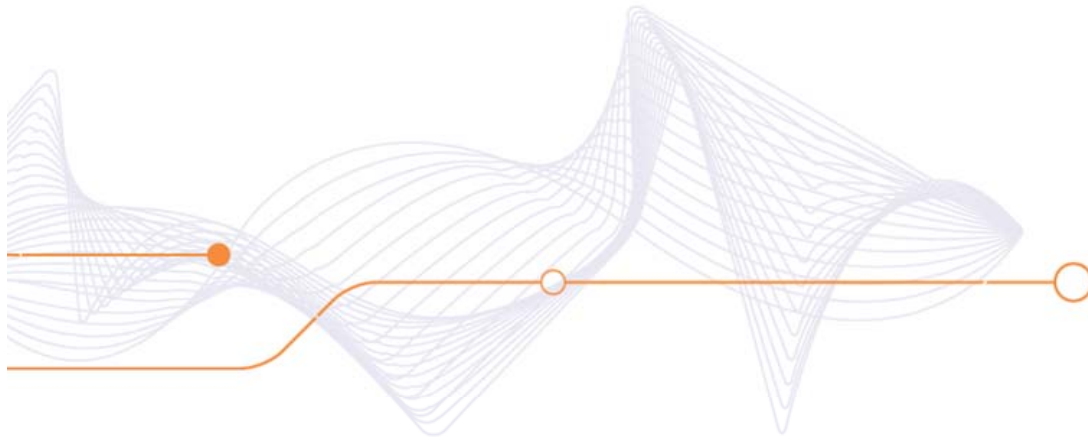


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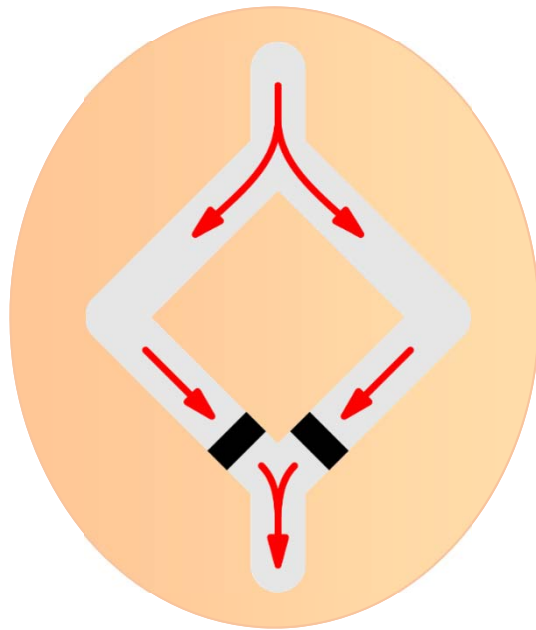




# Quantum Sensors & Metrology

# Cryofree Ultra low temperature Environment for Quantum Sensors - MEG

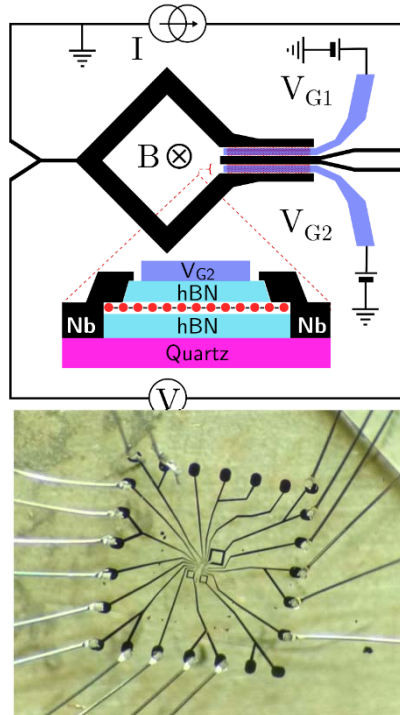
**Sensor challenge: exploit new platform of 100 mk to outperform traditional magnetometers**



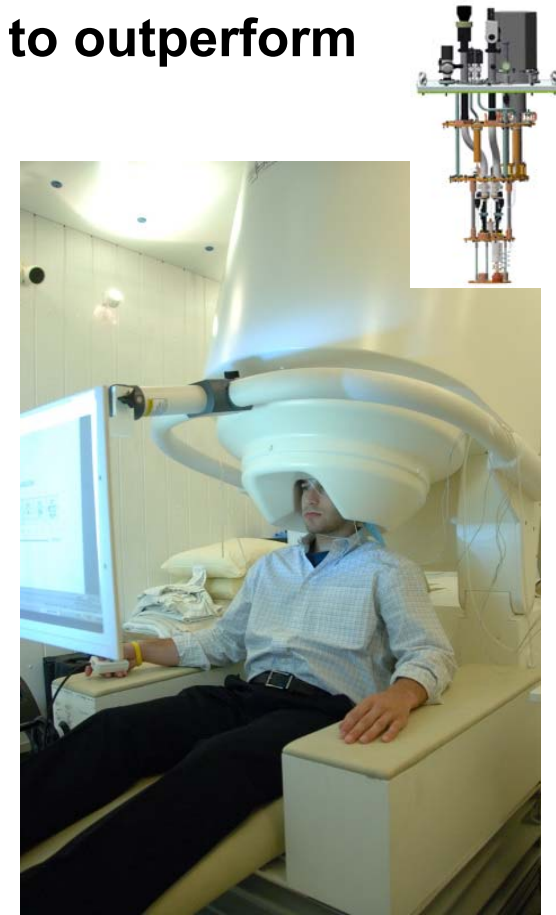
**SQUID  
@4k**



Graphene-based tunable SQUIDs  
APL: 10.1063/1.4981904



**G-SQUID  
@100mk**



Sensors for medical imaging  
Magnetoencephalography  
(MEG) scanners:



## Cryofree ultra low temperature environment for quantum sensor: CUE-QS

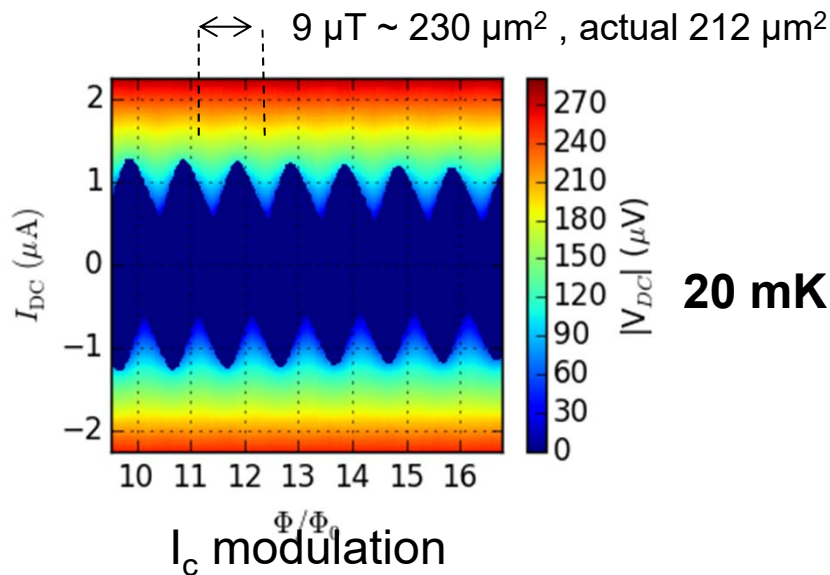
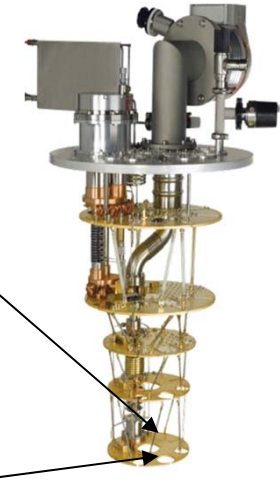
*R. Haley, Y. Pashkin, J. Prance, M. Thomson*

### 1. Concept designs for 100 mK platform

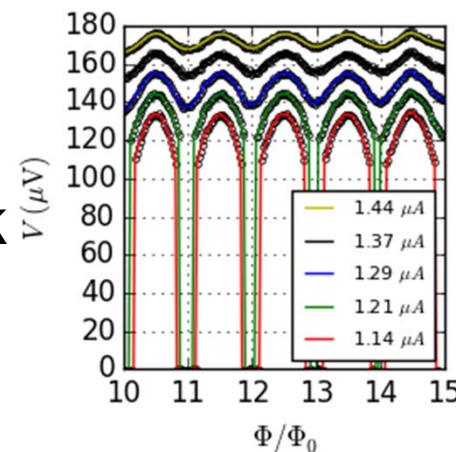
### 2. Demonstrated Graphene (SQUID) sensor

- Square loop  $\sim 12.5 \mu\text{m} \times 12.5 \mu\text{m}$
- Gated SGS Josephson junctions - monolayer graphene

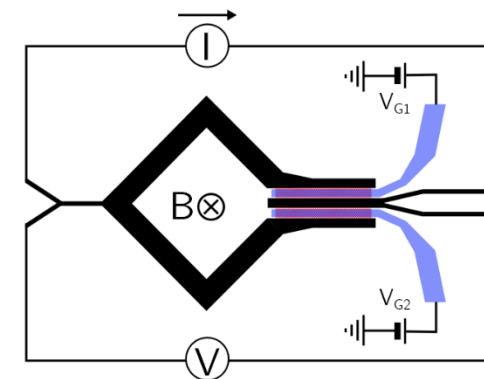
### 3. Studied flux modulation of $I_c$ and voltage



20 mK

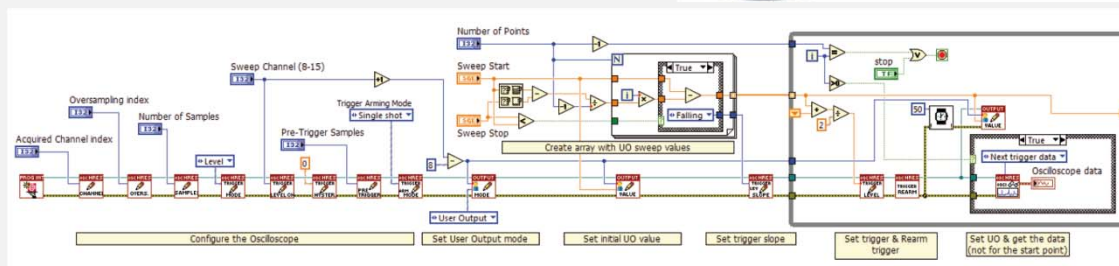
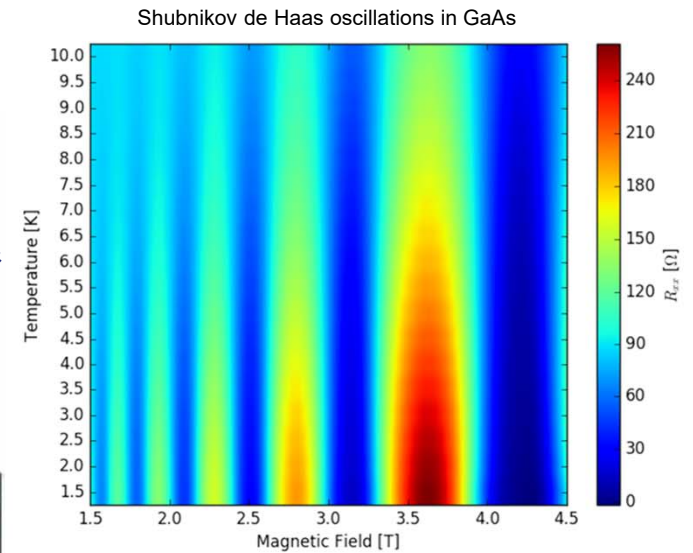
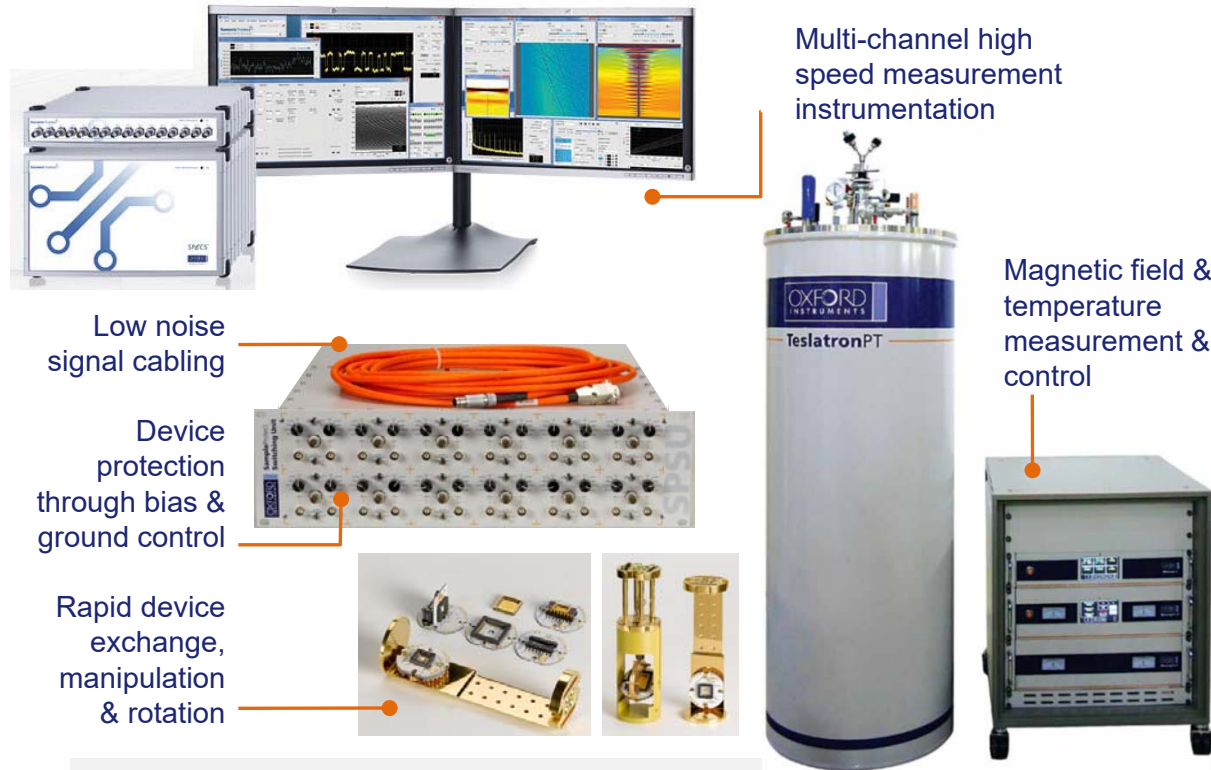


Voltage modulation

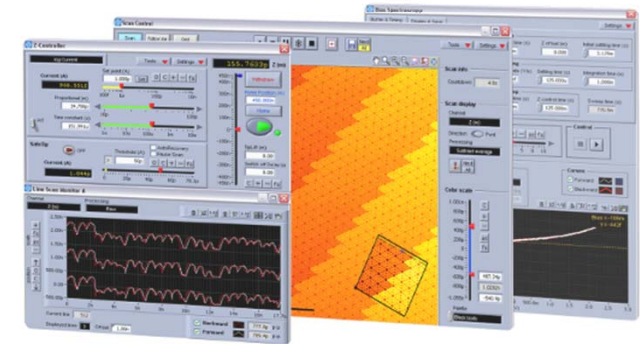


InnovateUK Grant

# 2D Materials - Quantum Transport



Data flow: Example of a measurement routine programmed with the programming interface. The routine controls a measurement by setting a gate voltage, triggering the HR oscilloscope, acquiring and storing a trace, before moving to the next gate voltage.



# Quantum Standard Measurements

## Quantum resistance measurements

### Graphene for Standard Measurements and 2D Materials characterisations

*OI: Ziad Melhem, Rod Bateman, Roman VIZNICHENKO*

*NPL: JT Jansen, A Tzalenchuk, S Rozhko ,*

*NGI: V Falko*



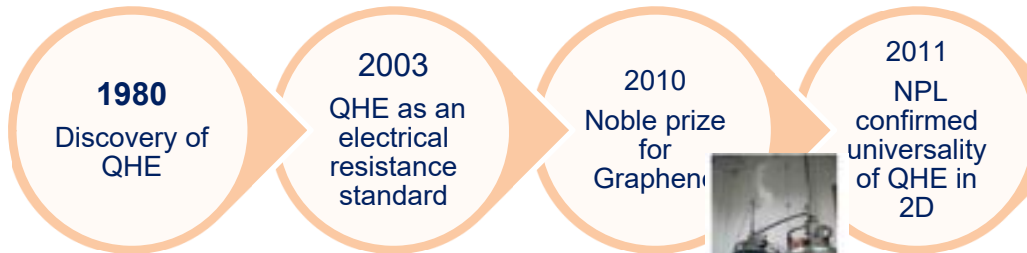
- *InnovateUK Grant*
- *Graphene Flagship Grant (EU) - ongoing*



# Cryofree enabling Smart science to applications



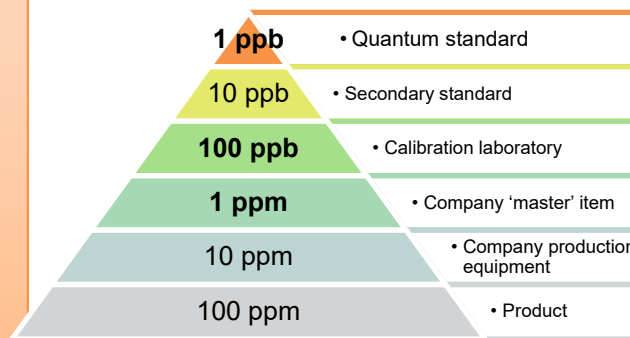
## Smart science (Wet systems)



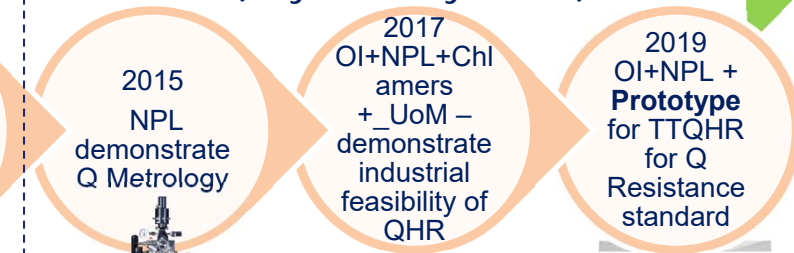
### The primary standard for resistance is based on the quantum Hall effect (QHE)

- Existing platforms use liquid Helium sub 1 Kelvin and require high field > 14 Tesla.
  - Expensive-National facilities
  - Large footprint
  - Require extensive additional services to operate.
- Setup ideal for research

- Moving primary metrology from the metrology labs closer to the factory floor.
- Shorter traceability chain



## Technology demonstration (Cryofree systems)

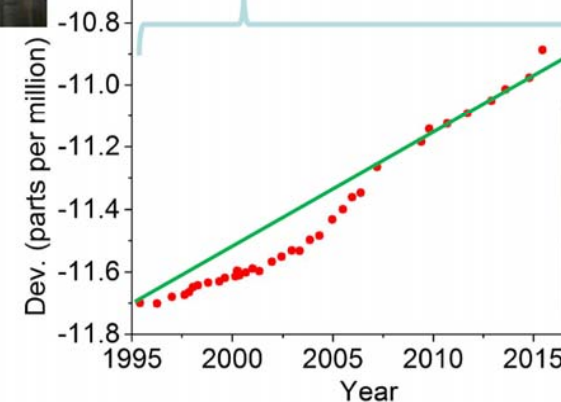


23 years of resistance traceability: The history of one artefact resistor



GaAs QHR sample  
10000 litres liquid helium  
3000 hours staff time  
(average 2 weeks per measurement)

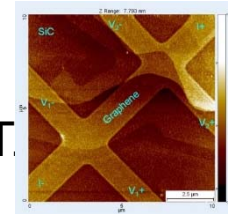
Graphene QHR  
0 litres liquid helium  
3 days staff time



# Solution: Graphene enabled platform for QHE measurements (Std R & 2D characterisation !)



- A cryogen-free QHE system based on graphene,
- Compact/Turnkey cryogen-free environment which operates at 4k and 5T,
- Characterise the measurement system in an industrial environment.
- Magneto transport testing to determine the breakdown current at the factory



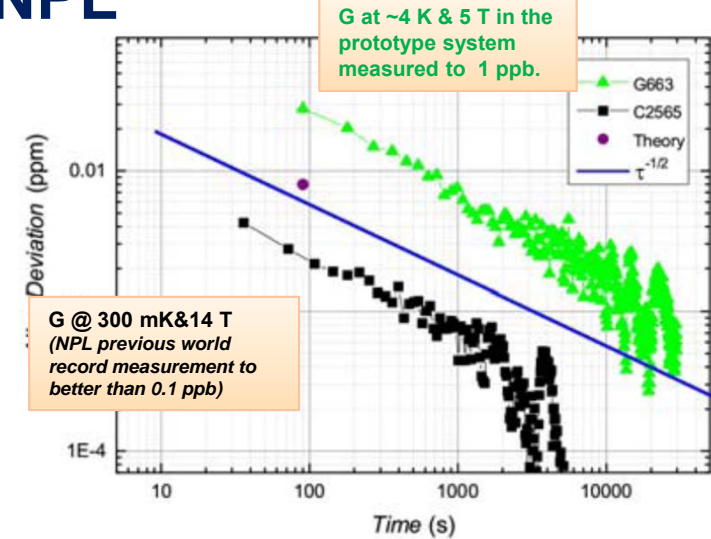
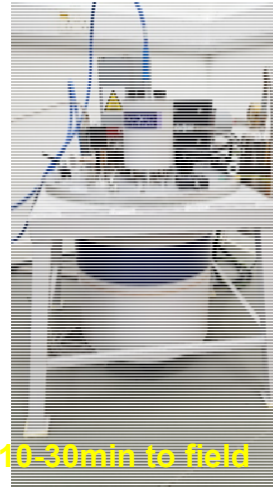
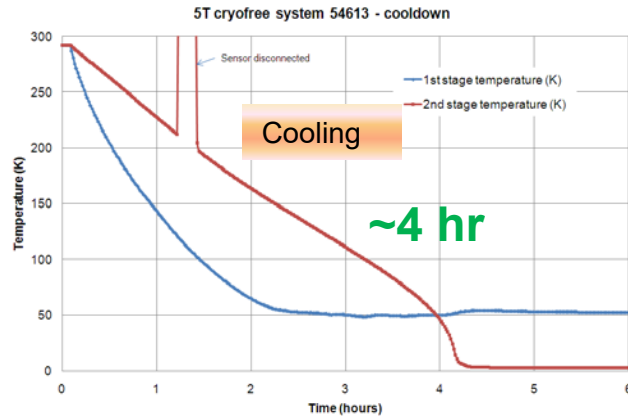
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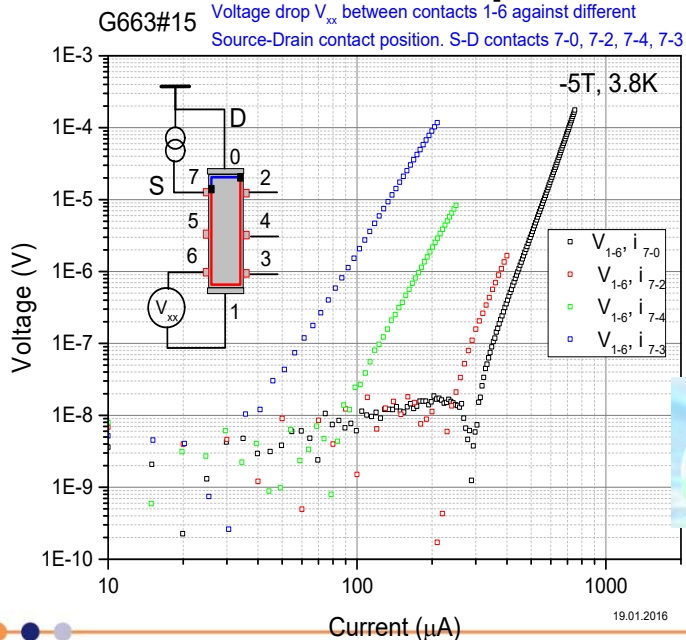
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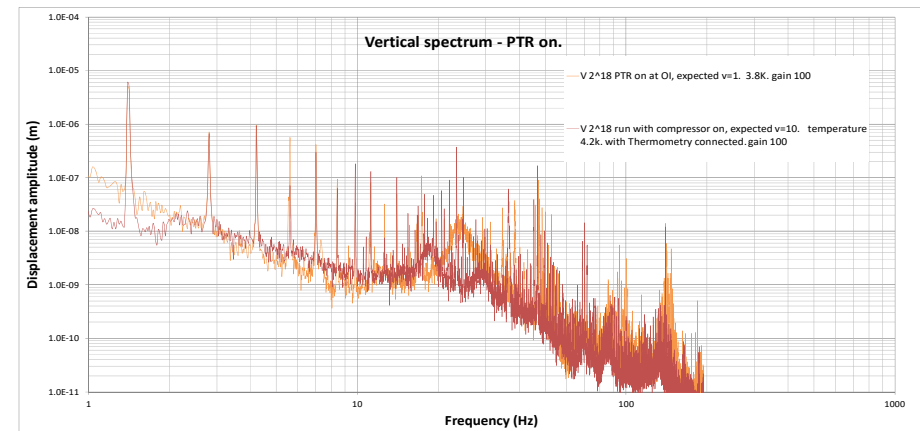
# Results from a 5T Cryofree SC Magnet for table top Quantum Hall System at NPL



## Breakdown current optimisation

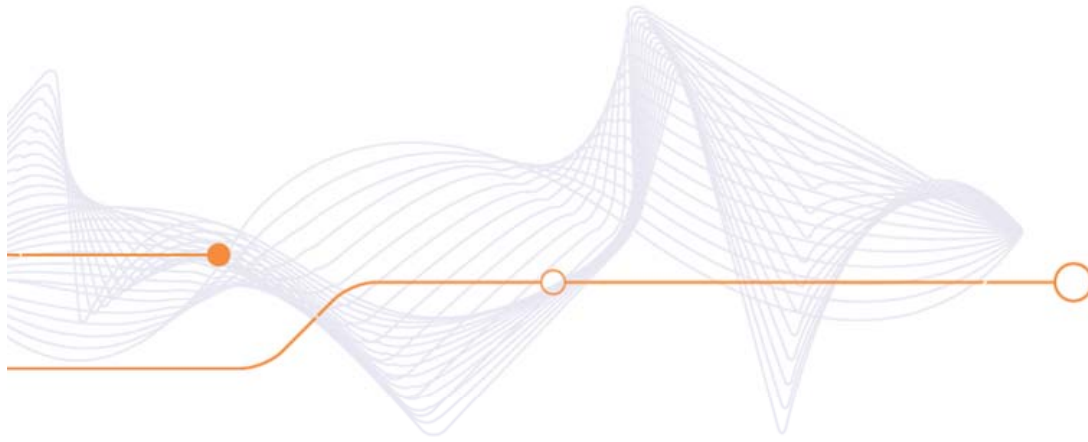


## PTR on, cold – vertical displacement spectrum



Spectrum dominated by PTR fundamental at 1.4Hz





# Science and industrial Applications

# Graphene and 2D materials Teslatron®PT now with HF options



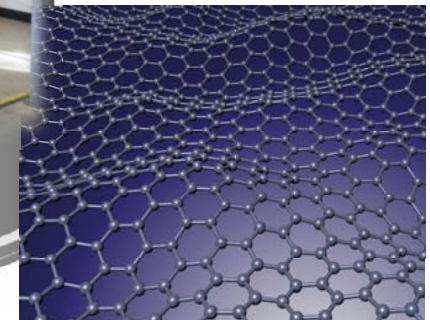
- 18 Tesla system developed, optimised, tested and installed at University of Manchester

*(Understanding the Quantum Hall Effect in Graphene shed light on its unique structure and properties)*

- Fast cool-down (**32 hrs**)
  - Patented “heat pipe” technology
- Low vibrations
  - Using Cu braids at critical links
- Fast magnet running- (**66 min**)
  - Advanced SC wire selection
  - Magnet construction optimised
  - Power supply optimised

*in the lab of Prof Sir Kostya Novoselov*

- Winner of Oxford prize 2007
- Noble prize winner for 2010 for Graphene with Geim



# Graphene and Low- dim materials

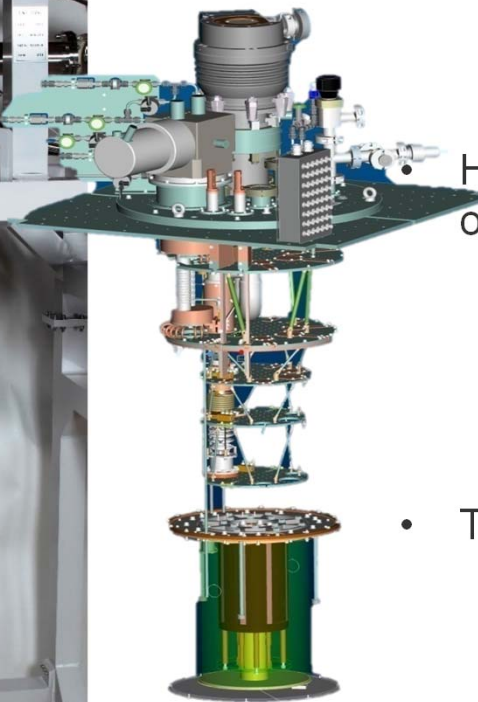
## New cooling platform the Triton XL400/XL1000 with 16T integrated magnet



Prof Aavek Bid, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE BANGALORE- research on Graphene and other low-dim materials



Triton XL 400 with an integrated  
**16T** bottom loading

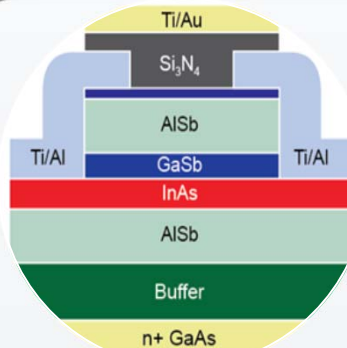
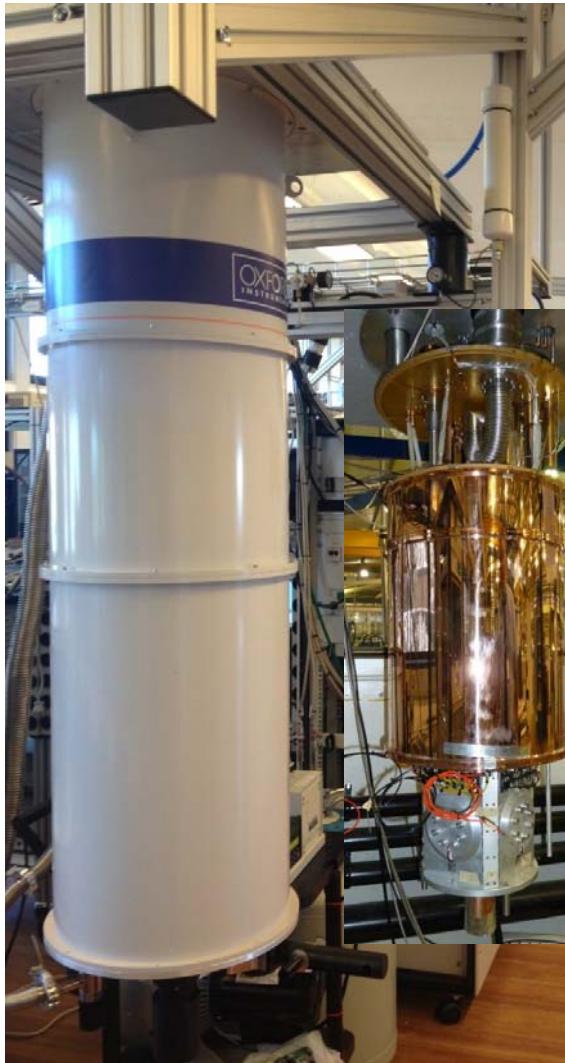


- A Triton XL 400 with
  - An integrated 16T magnet
  - Bottom sample loading.
- Highest field cryofree magnet ever integrated on a cryofree dilution fridge.
  - Achieved <6mK on the mixing chamber.
  - Samples can be cooled to <10mK in less than 8 hrs 14 high-frequency (up to 40GHz) connections plus 50 DC connections.
- The system is used for:
  - Quantum Hall Effect in novel materials - **Graphene** and 2DEG at oxide interfaces
  - Conductance fluctuations in low dimensional systems - metal nanowires and quantum dots
  - Mesoscopic Physics - charge and statistics in the fractional Quantum Hall regime
  - Other materials research



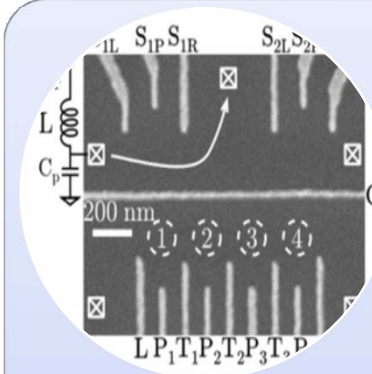
# Spin qubits & topological insulators

## Integrated 3-axis 90mm bore 6/1/1 magnet



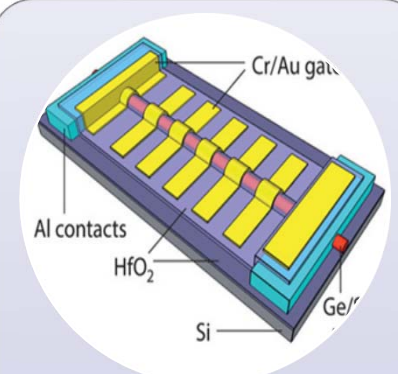
**Topological quantum computing** is based on the unique properties of Majorana fermions.

**Leo Kouwenhoven's** group in **Delft – Holland** study edge-mode superconductivity in InAs/GaSb quantum wells



**Tarucha's group** at **RIKEN, Japan** work on AlGaAs/GaAs quantum dots.

They demonstrated control and read-out of 4 tunnel coupled quantum dots – *scalable solid state spin qubit architecture.*



**Charlie Marcus's - Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen** study quantum dot spin-qubits using Ge/Si nanowires.

This material benefits from zero nuclear spin which reduces the spin-orbit coupling and *improve decoherence time.*

Vector rotate magnets

# Integrated cooling with magnet for spintronics - New platform the Triton XL1000

Ensslin 's group of nanophysics at ETH Zurich



Triton XL 1000 with  
cancelled 12T and bottom  
loading

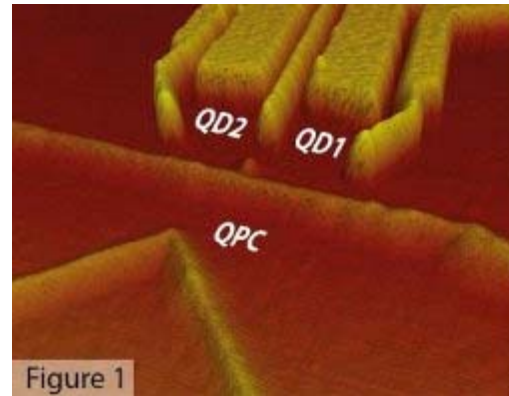


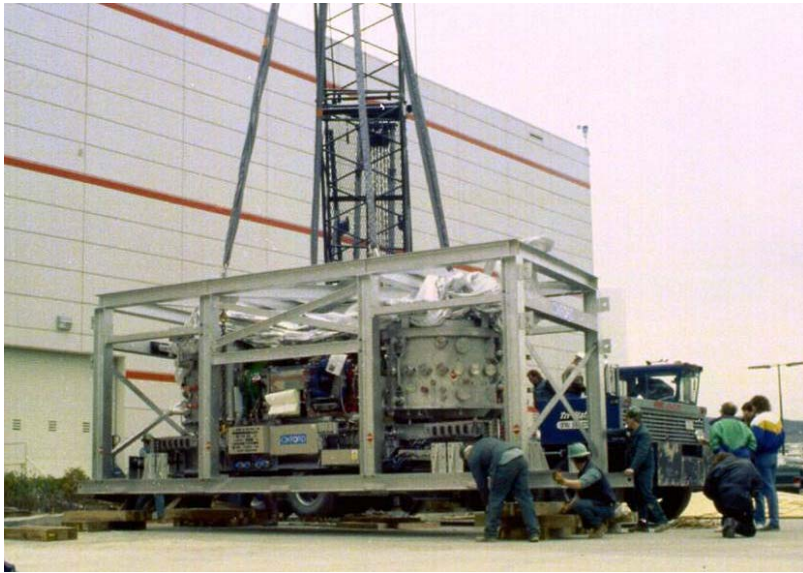
Figure 1



Figure 2

- Figure 1: typical set-up for studying single-electrons confined in quantum dots based on GaAs/AlGaAs heterostructures.
- These techniques are now being transferred to high mobility devices (Figure 2) for the study of fragile quantum states such as quasiparticles of the fractional quantum Hall effect.
  - Control over these quasiparticles allows for the investigation of edge states, an important step towards the realization of a topological qubit*

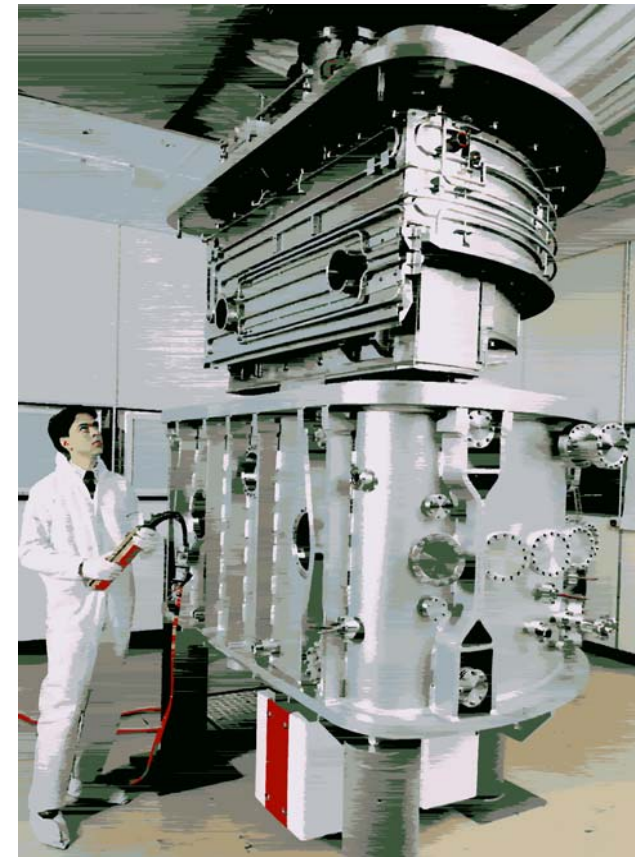




*Helios: compact synchrotron  
X-ray source for  
microchip lithography*



photos courtesy of





# Industrial Magnets

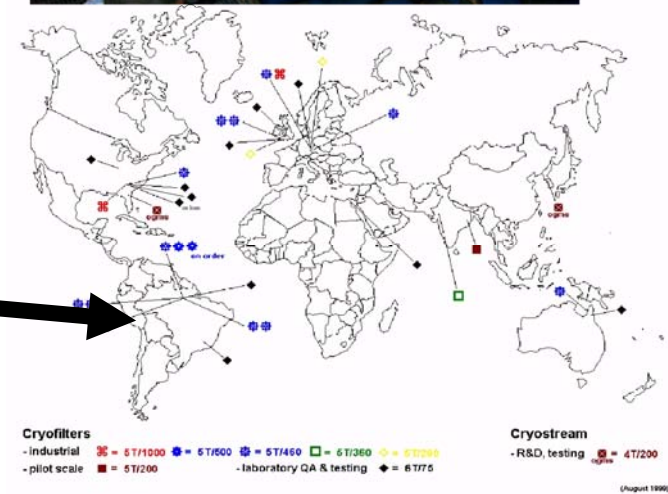
## Magnetic separation - Carpco

- High gradient magnetic separation (HGMS)
- Primarily for kaolin processing
  - removing weakly magnetic impurities to improve whiteness (and therefore economic value)
- 5 T magnets, 360 mm to 1000 mm bore

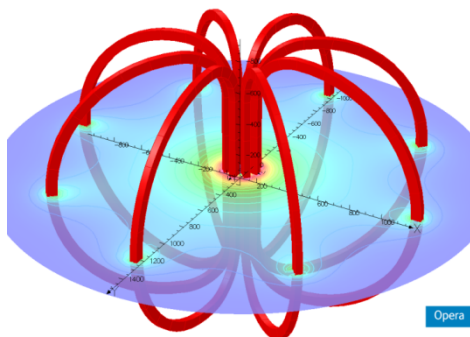


operate at the mining source

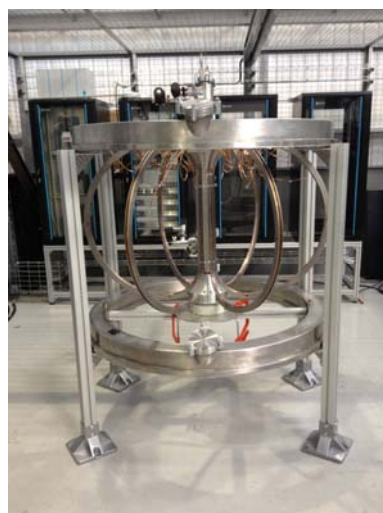
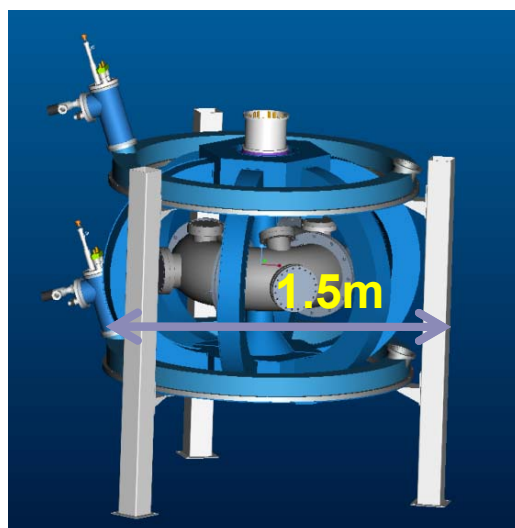
- Amazon rainforest, Brazil
- Queensland, Australia
- Cornwall, UK



# HTS Coil Technology Development– Start with Low Field !



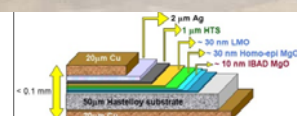
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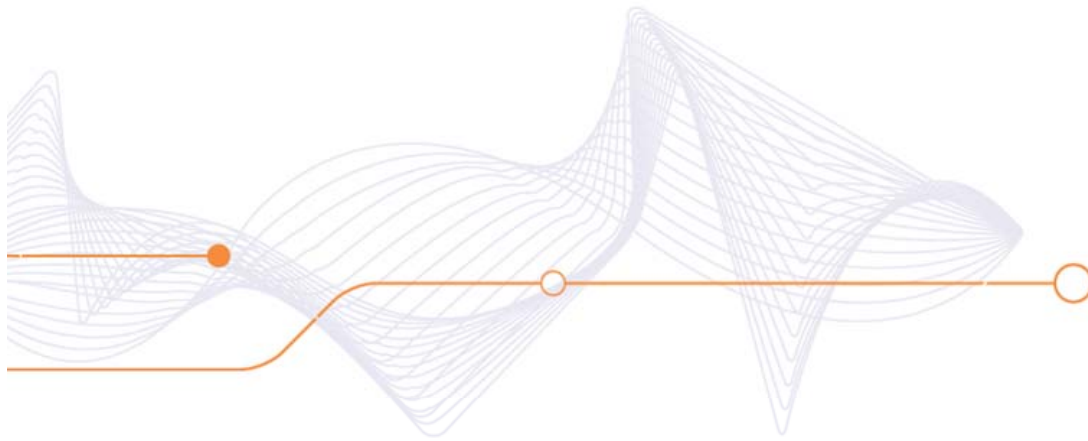
PF coils tested to ~450A – Solo test  
TF coils tested to ~450A - Solo test  
TF coils tested to ~ 170A - system tests



R/a	25/12.5cm
B <sub>t</sub>	0.4T
900m HTS	12mm YBCO



Courtesy of SuperPower Inc



# MRI Superconducting magnets



# MRI Magnets Development Health Sector



- All using LTS Materials
- >4000/yr production
- >4 Billion Euro/yr market



1<sup>st</sup>  
MRI

AS  
1.5T

AS  
3T

1.5T  
Small  
I

9.4T

1980  
2011

1986

1989

1994

1997

2000

2001

2005

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1<sup>st</sup>  
Active  
shield (AS)

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MRI  
Magnet

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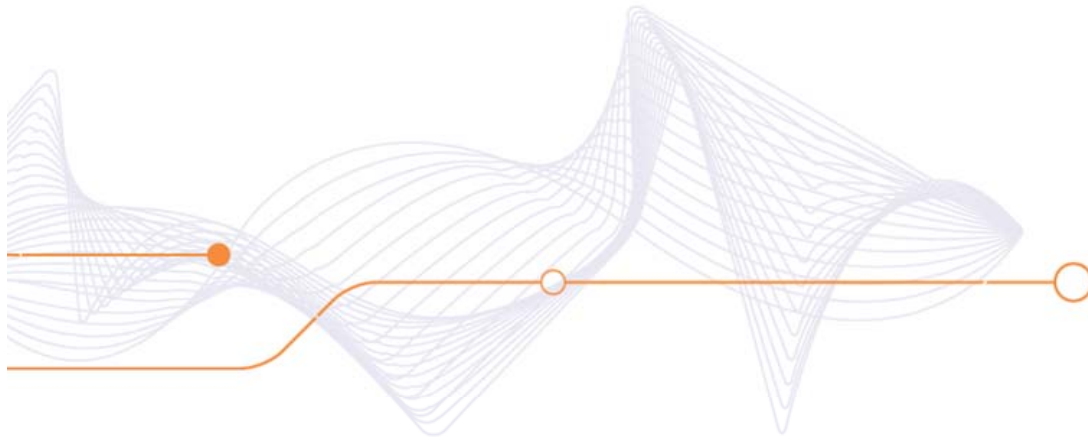
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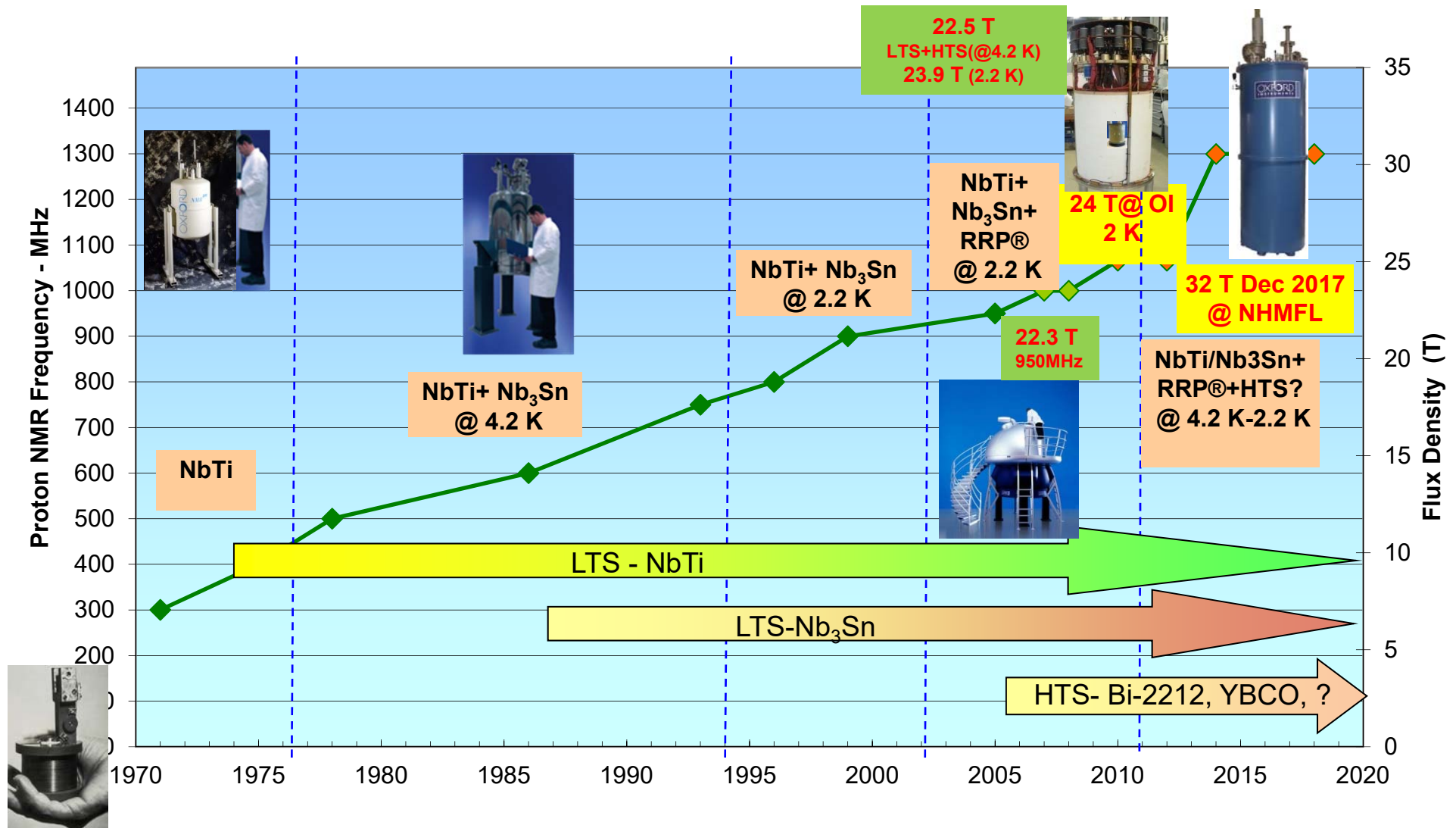
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# High Field Superconducting magnets

# Timeline for Superconducting Magnet (Solenoids) Development



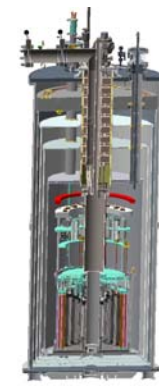
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# New class of **COMPACT** LTS outserts for HF applications >20 Tesla



22 T / 54 mm (NMR @ 2.2 K) [2000]	15 T / 160 mm (Driven @ 4.2 K) [2014]	19 T / 150 mm (Driven @ 4.2 K) [2015]	15 T / 250 mm (Driven @ 4.2 K) [2015]	18 T / 150 mm (Persistence @ 4.2 K) [2017]	12 T / 320 mm (Persistence @ 4.2 K) [2018-2020]	20T / 100 mm (Persistence @ 4.2K) [2019-2021]
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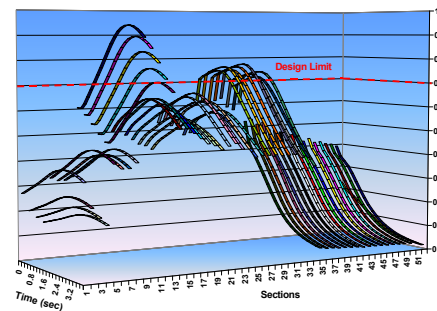


**Mack Truck**  
8.6 Tonnes, 60 Mph  
3.05 MJ

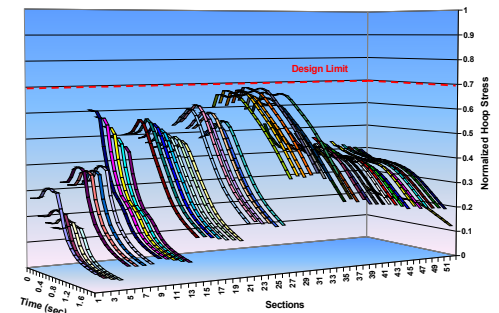


**22.1T Magnet**  
5000 H  
30 MJ

Dynamic em Hoop Stresses (Normalized) on Wire from a Quench at Full field without Quench Management



Dynamic em Hoop Stresses (Normalized) on Wire from a Quench at Full field with Quench Management



**Key takeaway – Future HF magnets need to be compact ...**  
**Opportunities for NF to verify use of new materials and diagnostics**

# HTS & LTS for >25 T RM – Collaboration with HLD-Dresden : 2017 - Active

HTS- Bi2212  
Coil#1 fabrication



Coil#1 ready  
for test at  
Low B

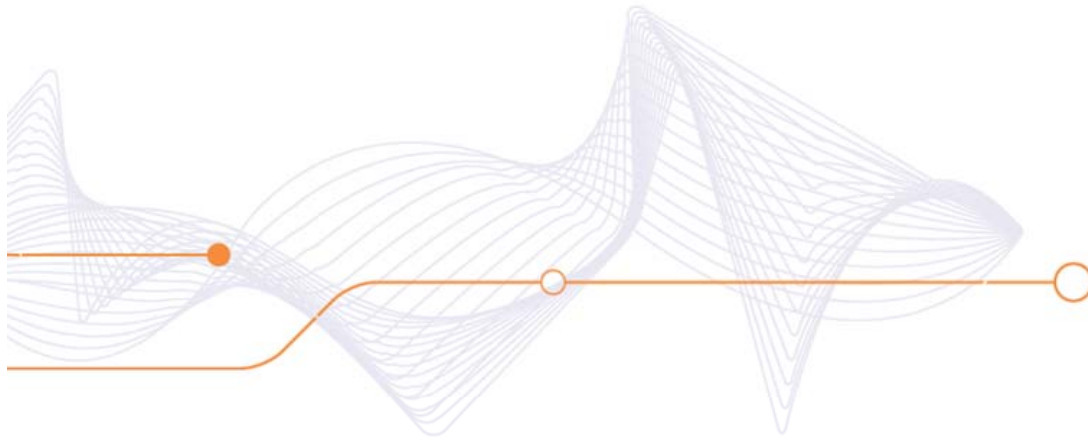


Coil#1 ready for  
test at 19T/150



19 T ready for test





# Summary



# Summary

- **Cryofree<sup>®</sup>** systems are now the default offering for diverse applications across
  - Optics, electrical measurement and magnetic characterisation
    - except where exceptional B or T demands liquid helium
  - New class of Quantum and Nanotechnology applications
- Wide range of temperature and field is complemented by
  - Optical access
  - Sample wiring and handling
  - Dedicated instrumentation
- Time to first experiment and time between experiments is reduced via
  - Tool design
- We are increasing the measurement capabilities through strategic partnerships
  - with a focus on open and researcher-configurable measurement techniques
- ✓ Significant industries have grown from the low temperature physics community

# Quantum Eco-system Engagement



- Industrial partnerships
- Advisory Board memberships
- PhD Studentships
- Equipment prototyping
- Collaborative R&D
- Doctoral Training engagement
- Innovate UK, NGI & NPL project partners
  - Graphene Flagship
  - Graphene QHR Standards
  - Cryofree ULT Quantum Enhanced Sensors (CUEQS)
- IEEE Cryo-electronics IRDS partner
- EU Quantum Flagship
  - Quantum Microwave Communication & Sensing (QMICS) – mK off chip teleportation

