



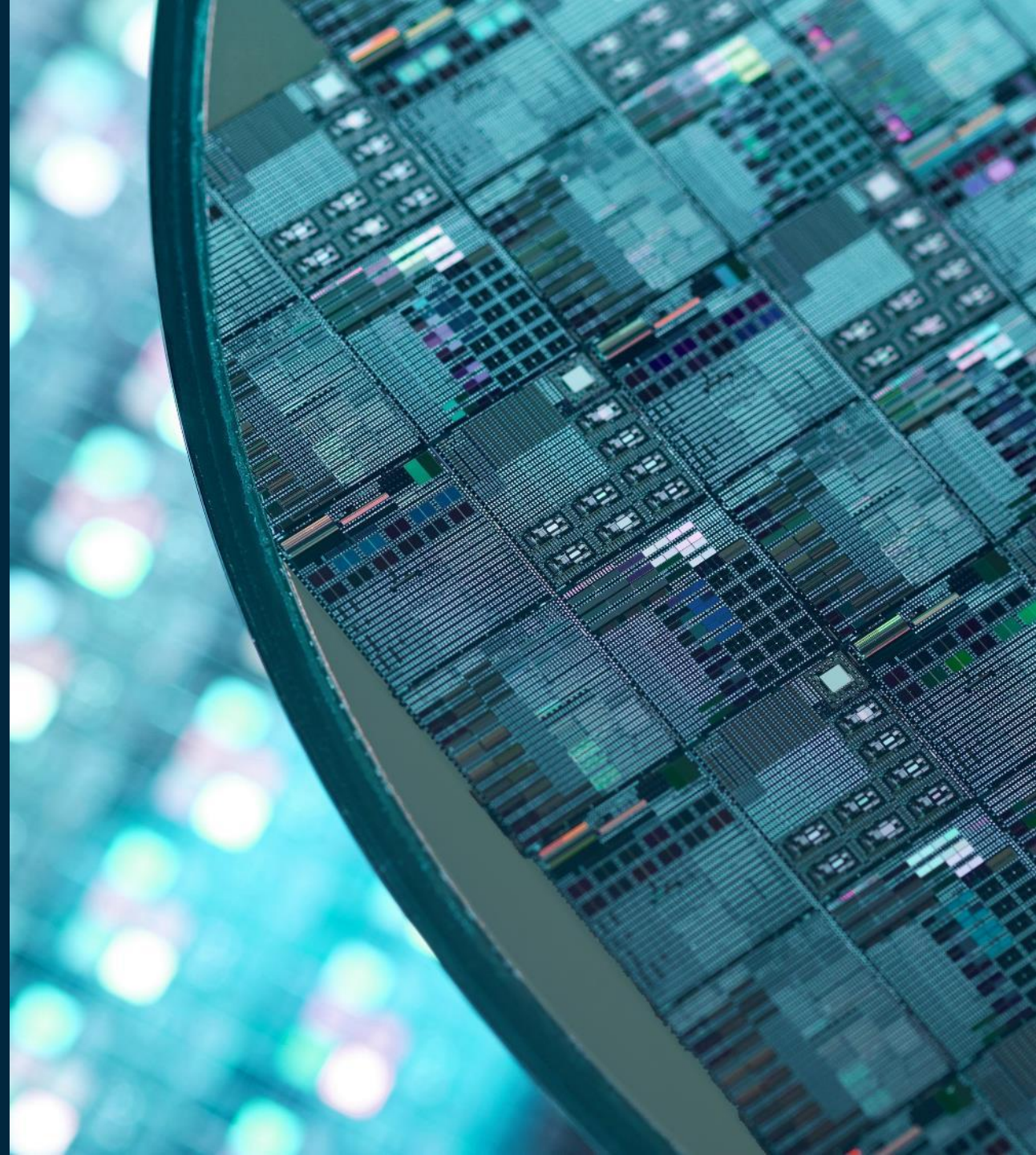
Accelerated Solid State Qubit Pre-Screening

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Solution Overview

Model 106 Cryostat + Quantum Control

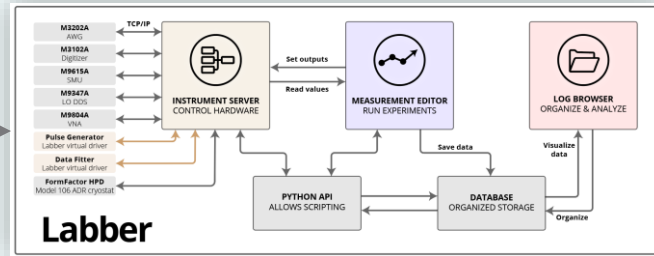


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Qubit control system

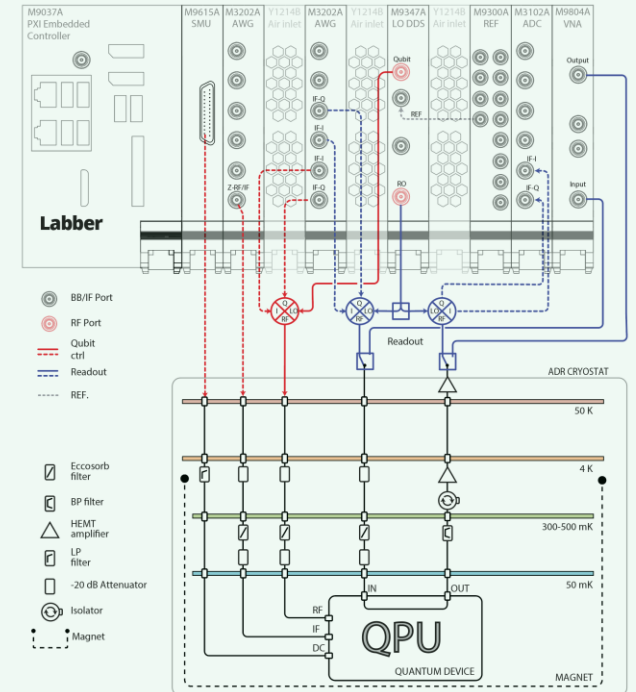


Labber Control SW



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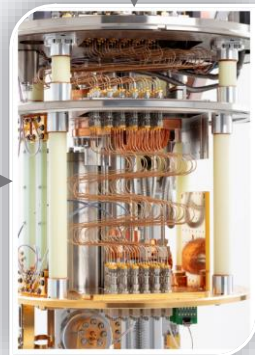
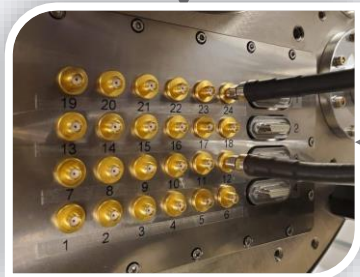
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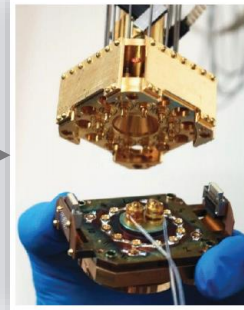
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ADR Cryostat



Probe socket



50mK

50 mK ADR Cryostat

Chip-Scale and Component Test Solution

Use Cases

Developers

Qubit & Resonator Pre-characterization

Process Control

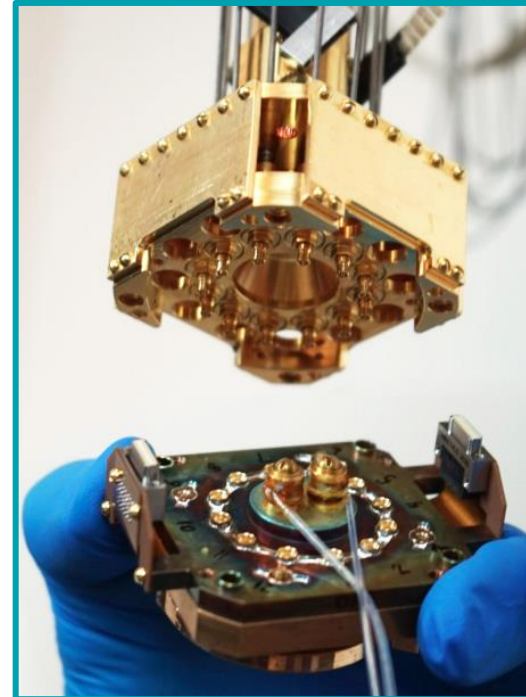
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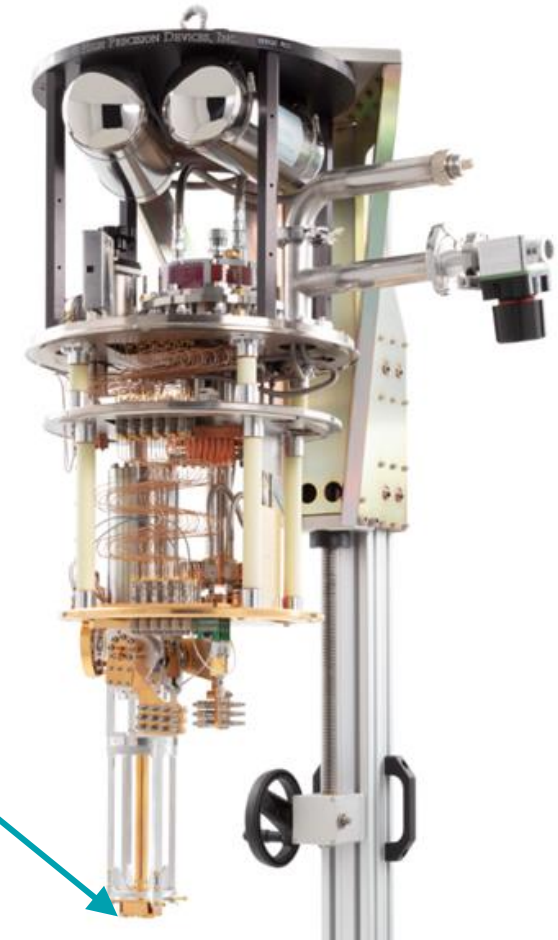
Component Qualification

Performance Validation

PQ500 Probe Socket



Model 106 ADR Cryostat



ADR versus DR | Why use an ADR?

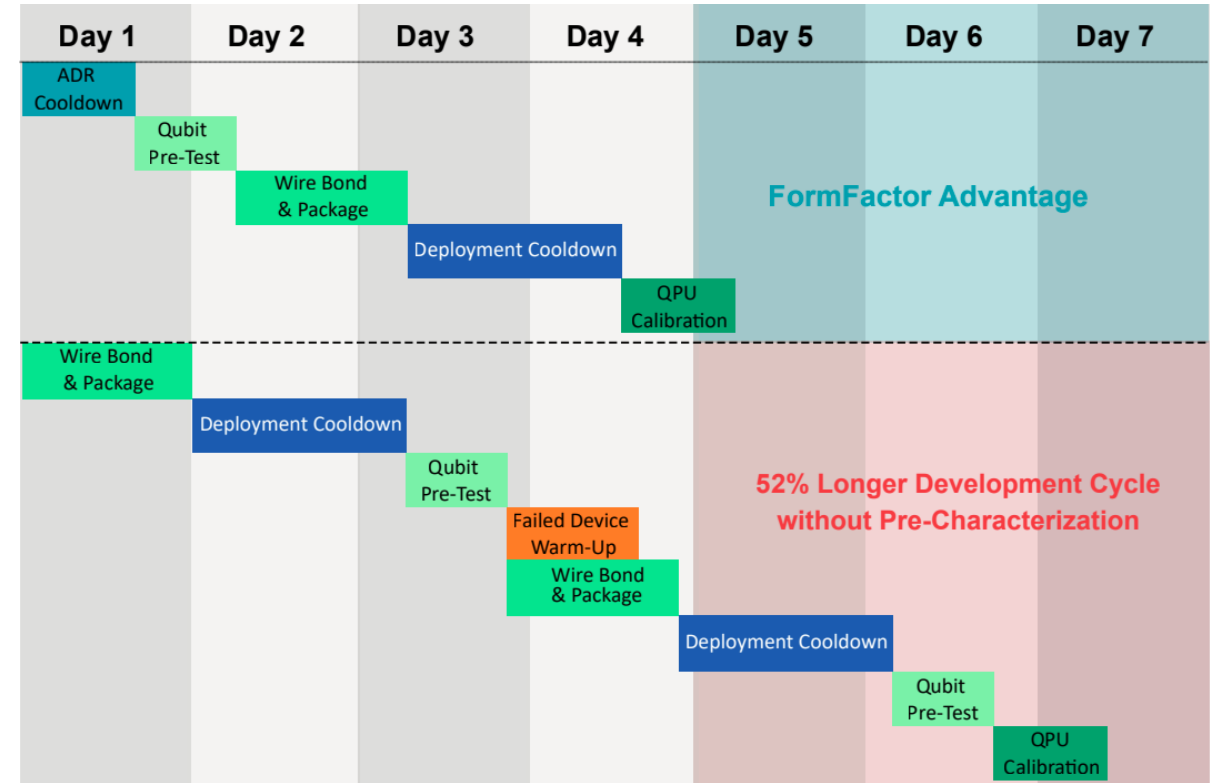
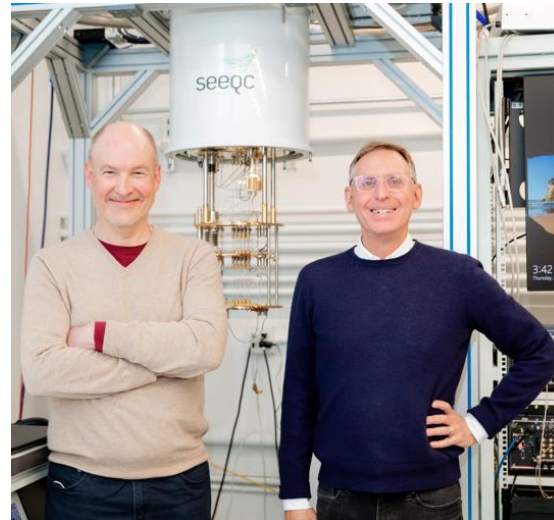


Model 106 ADR

- Qubit Pre-Screen
- Are qubits alive?
- Basic characteristics
- Save time on the DR!

Dilution Refrigerator

- Deploy known good die
- Calibrate and fully characterize qubits



NEW Solution Brochure: [HPD Superconducting and Spin Qubit Pre-Screening](#)

Example Measurements in milli-Kelvin Test System

Qubit & Resonator Pre-characterization at 50mK

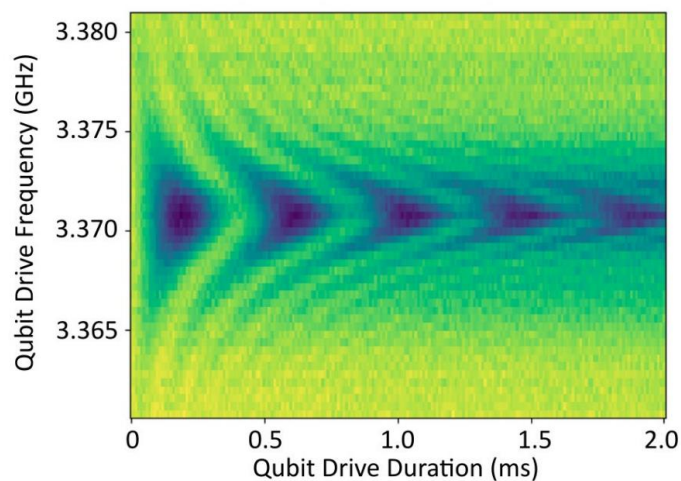
- Cavity resonance frequency
- Cavity dispersive shift
- Qubit transition frequency
- Rabi oscillations
- Qubit relaxation time (T_1)



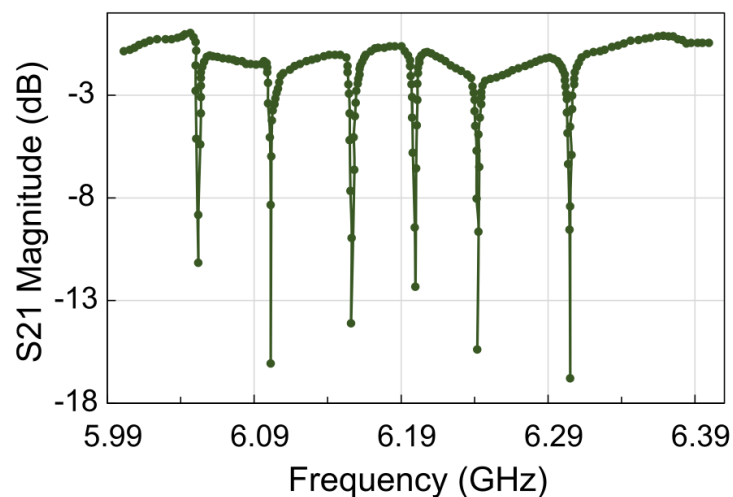
Reduce Device Sort by Days

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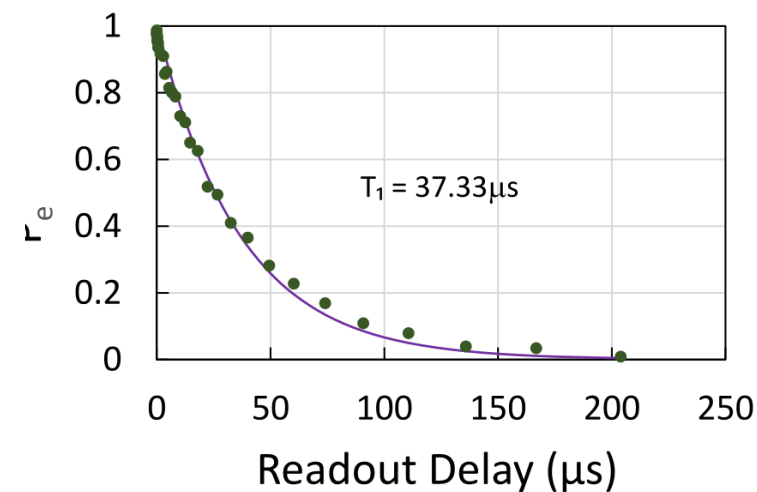
Rabi oscillations



Cavity resonance frequency



Relaxation time





Large I/O DUT Interface for mK Environments

PQ500 Probe Socket



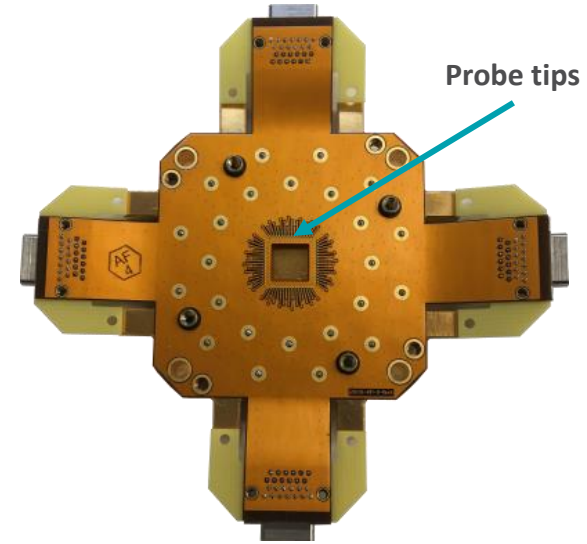
4K

300mK

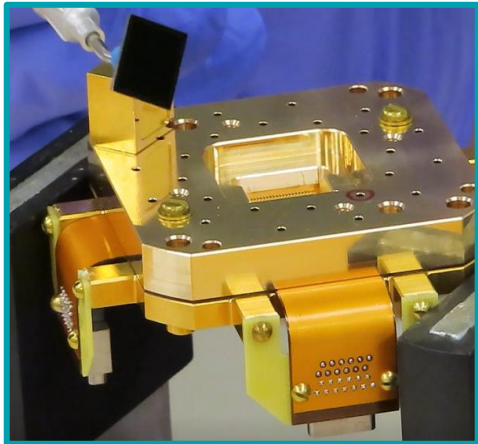
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PQ500 Probe Socket Detail

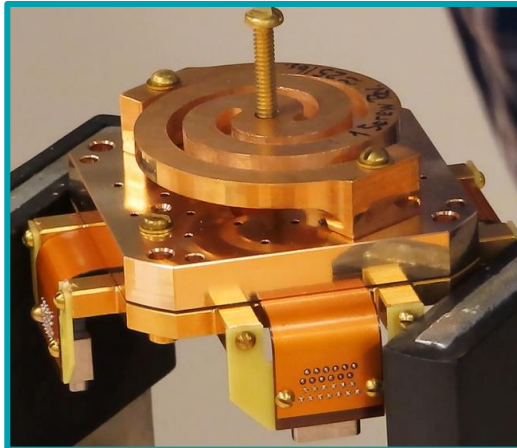
- Flex circuit with bump bonds as the DUT interface
- 24 RF contacts, 10 GHz bandwidth
- 48 shielded twisted pairs
- 10 x 10 mm² singulated die



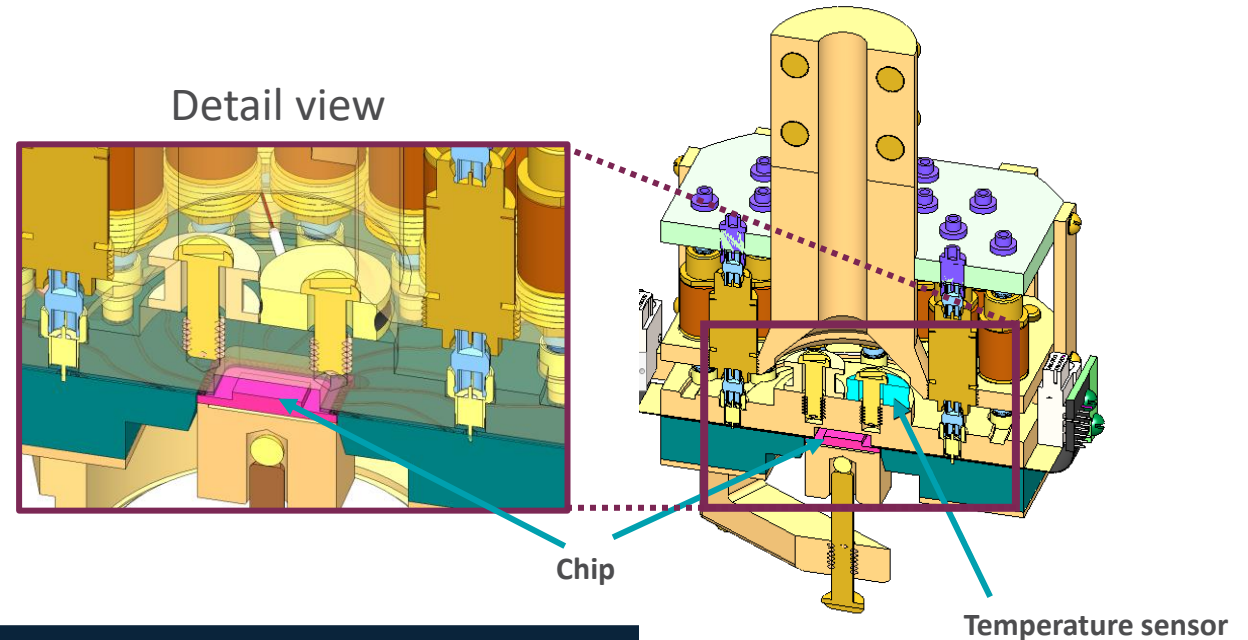
Chip loading



Thermal clamp



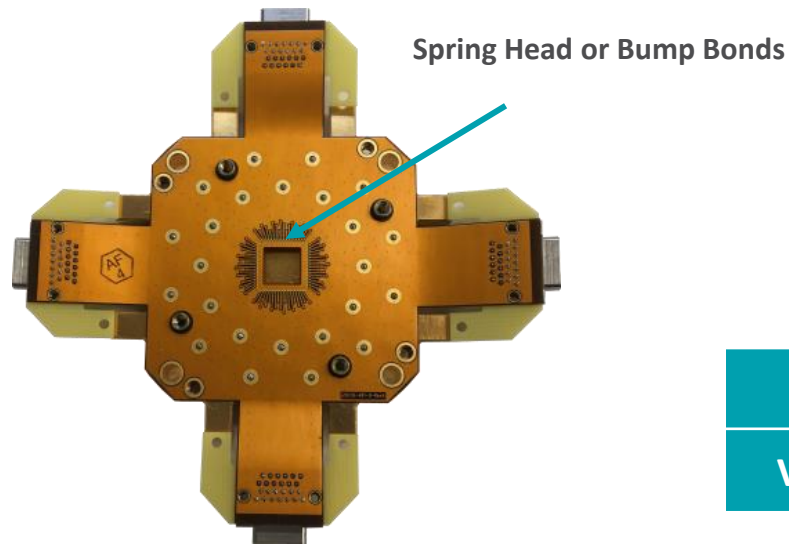
Detail view



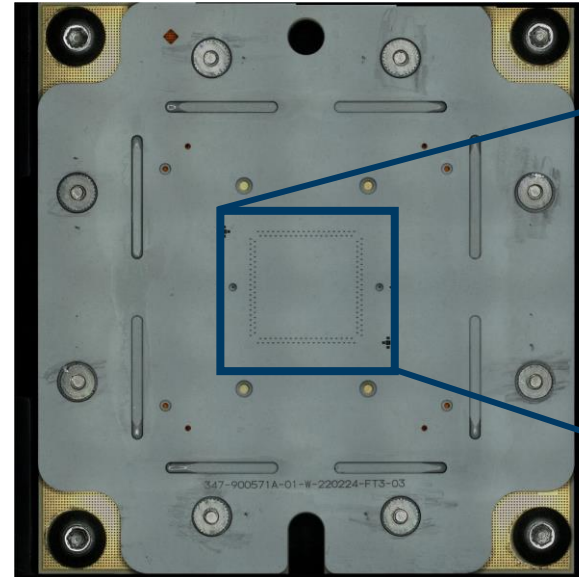
High Bandwidth Cryogenic Probe Head

- High bandwidth (>18 GHz) contact pins
- Customized to the desired layout
 - 150um pitch; 75um² pad size
- Accommodates large device areas

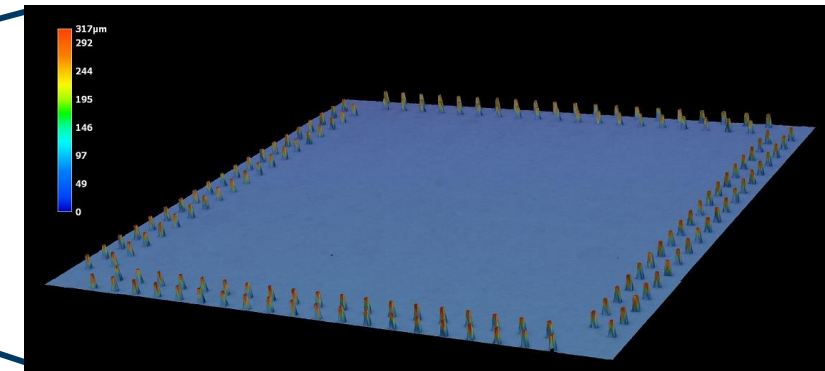
PQ500 Probe Socket



Vertical Probe Head

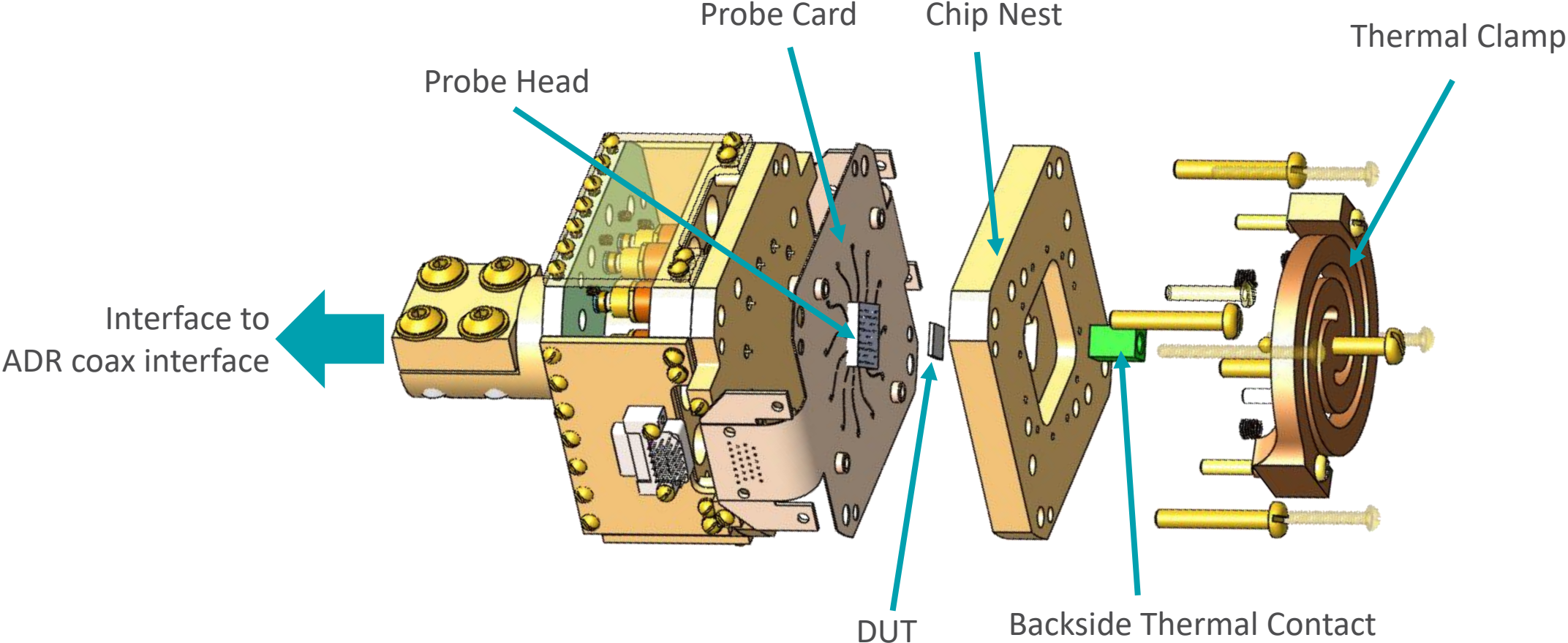


Optical Micrograph



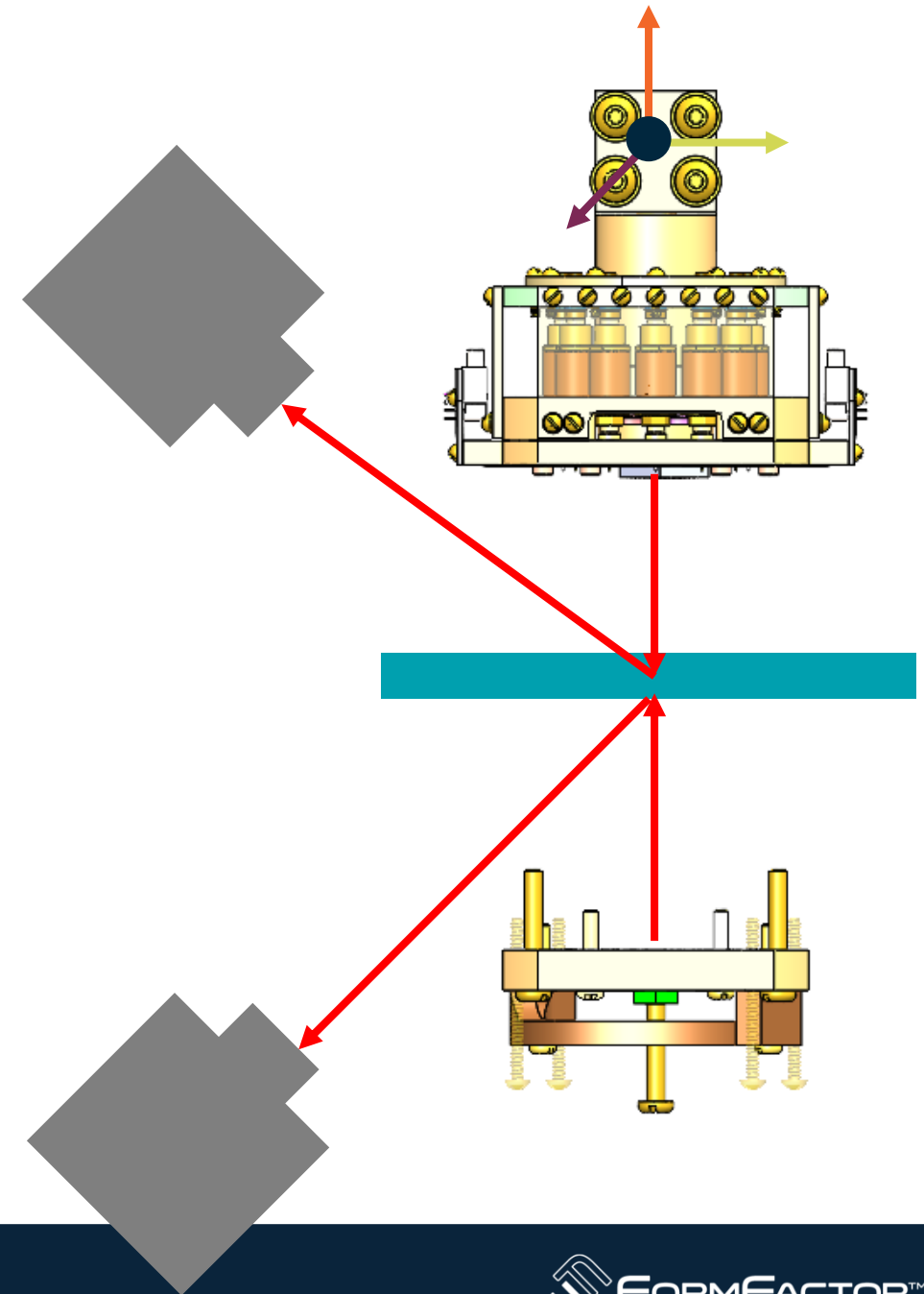
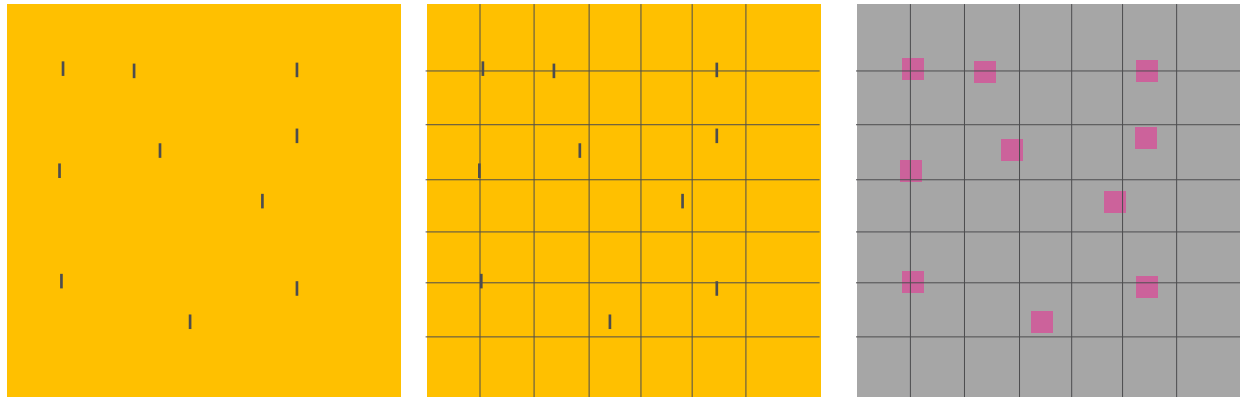
| | Number of Probes | Min. Pad Size and Pitch | Pad Materials | Max DC Current | Max Frequency |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bumps | 200 DC, 24 RF | 250 um ² / 400 um | Au, Cu | 500 mA | 8 GHz |
| Vertical* | 200 DC, 28 RF | 75 um ² /150 um | Al, Au, Cu, Nb* | 1.25 A | >18 GHz |

PQ500 Probe Head Detail



Active Probe Head Alignment

- Split optic system, BGA Aligners
- Witness Mark Alignment
- Top View Alignment with Fiducials





Configuring the Cryostat for Pre-Screening Model 106 Cryostat



Anatomy of an ADR Closed-Cycle Cryostat

1. Support stand

- Consider the facility and size of the cryostat

2. Vacuum enclosure

- Seals the system against atmosphere

3. Cryocooler

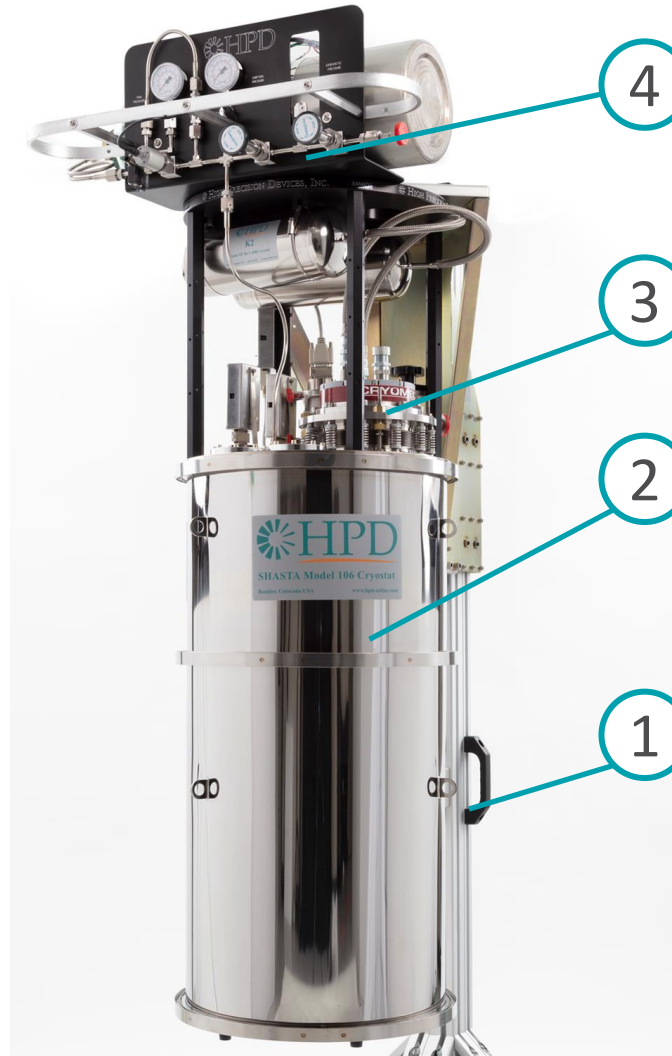
- Provides the refrigeration

4. Gas handling

- Functional valves and controls

5. System control and temperature monitors

- Diagnostic and operational controls



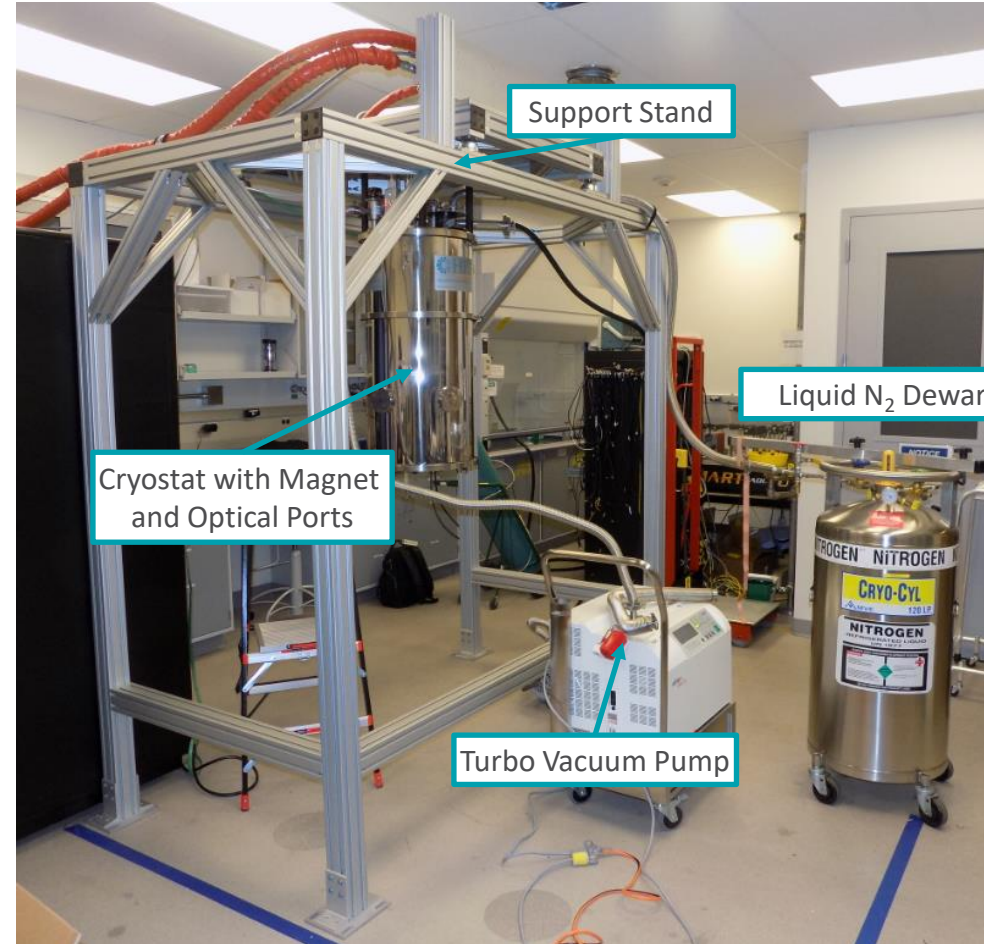
Peeling Back the Vacuum Enclosure

The diagram illustrates the internal structure of a cryostat, showing a vertical stack of components. On the left, a vertical color gradient bar indicates temperature levels: 300K (orange), 50K (yellow-green), 4K (cyan), and 50mK (dark blue). Callouts point to these levels: 300K, 50K, 4K, and 50mK. To the right, two cylindrical radiation shields are shown: the top one is labeled '50K Radiation Shield' and the bottom one is labeled '4K Radiation Shield'. Below these shields, a callout points to the 'ADR Stage < 50mK'. The central part of the diagram features the equation $P = \sigma \cdot A \cdot T^4$. On the far right, a full view of the cryostat is shown, labeled 'HPD SHASTA Model 106 Cryostat'.

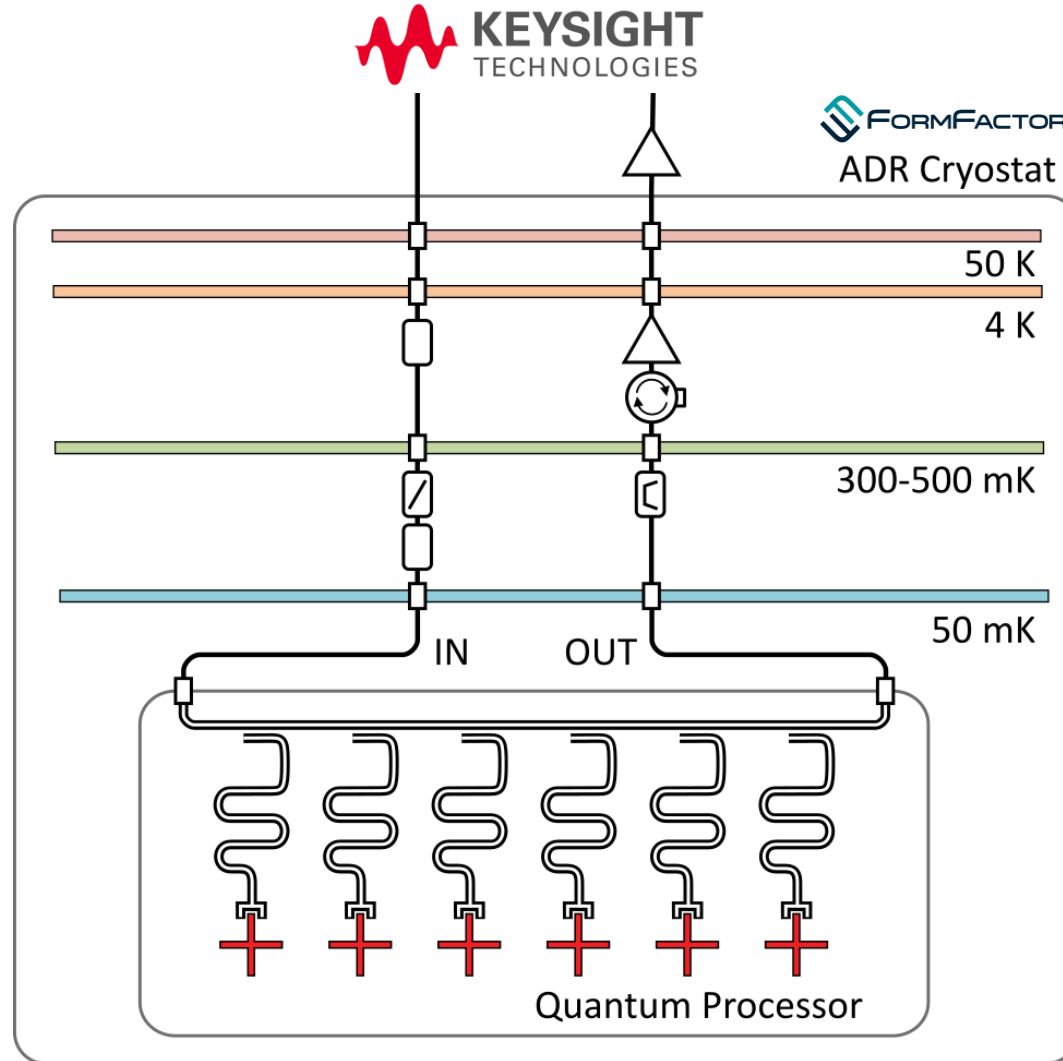
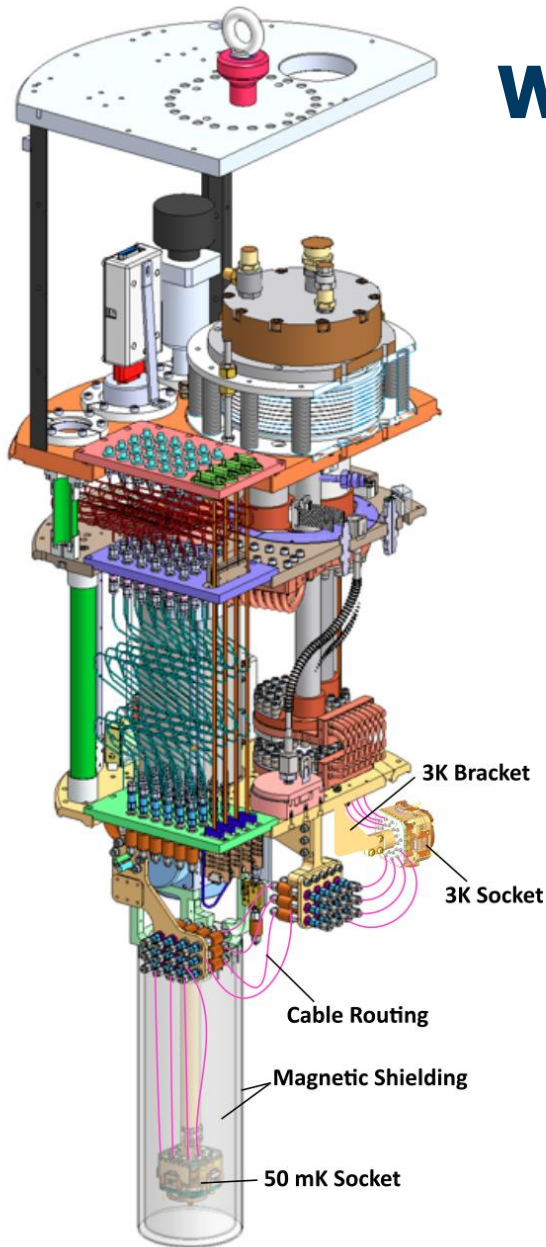
Example Cryostat Setup in the Lab

ADR Cryostat with superconducting magnet

- ADR closed-cycle system
- 5T magnet, optical ports, and electrical feedthroughs
- Liquid N₂ provides rapid cooldown
- Turbo vacuum pumping system
- Support stand and facility integration



Wiring Details – Setting Up the RF Chain



- Cables are thermally anchored at each intermediate temperature stage
- Attenuators at 50K, 3K, 1K, 50mK thermalize electrons before approaching the QPU

- ⊗ Circulator/Isolator
- △ HEMT Amplifier
- -20 dB Attenuator
- Ⓛ BP Filter
- Ⓛ Eccosorb Filter

Cabling a Cryogenic Environment for Quantum Applications

300K feedthrough with SMA connectors

50K temperature intercept with attenuators

Serpentine shape of semi-rigid coaxial cable

$$Q = \frac{A}{L} \int_{T_0}^{T_L} \lambda dT$$

3K temperature intercept

mK temperature intercept with RF filtering elements

50mK sample space with chip carrier for DUT

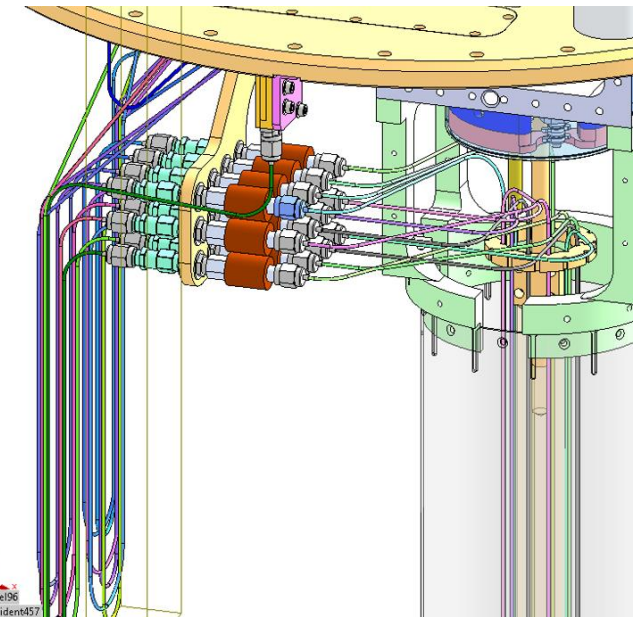
Example Attenuator Setup

- 6dB at 50K
- 20dB at 3K
- 10dB at 1K
- 20dB at 50mK

Types of Cables

- 300K to 3K = BeCu
- 3K to mK = NbTi

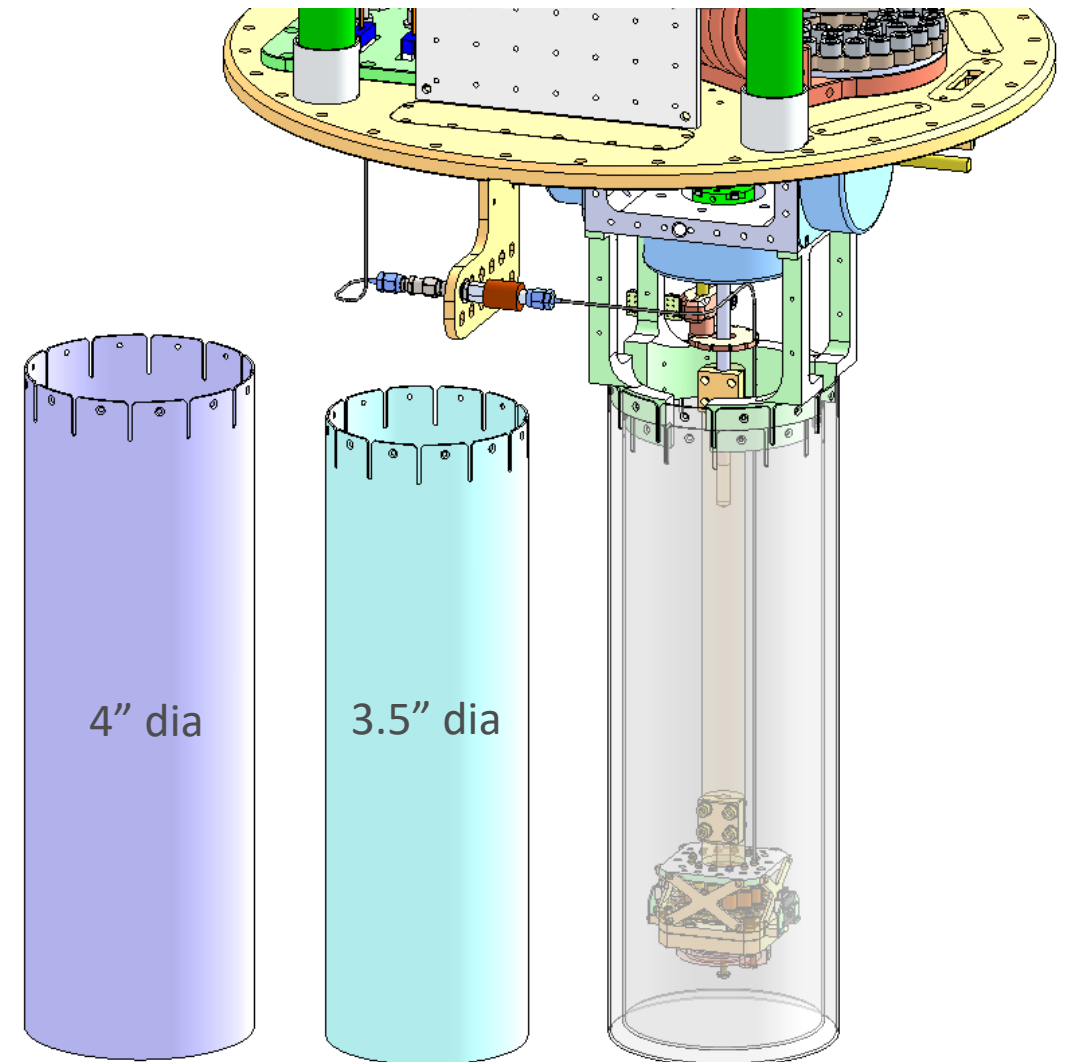
Coax routing from 3K to mK



Magnetic Shielding Configuration

Superconducting Qubits

- Ensure minimal disturbance to qubit environment
- Typically require 3:1 length to diameter ratio
- Double-layer shielding
 - 100X reduction in earth's magnetic field
- Passive mumetal is common

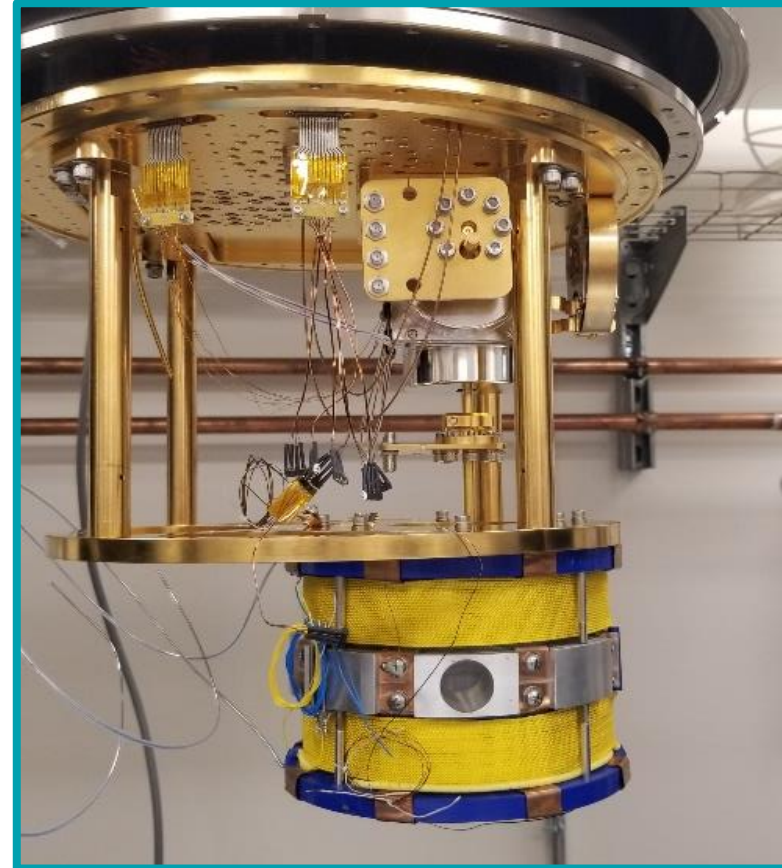


50mK

Applied Magnetic Field Configuration

Spin Qubits

- 5T solenoid superconducting magnet
- Compatible with ADR cryostats
- Provides out-of-plane magnetic field for sample at $< 50\text{mK}$ temperatures



Keysight Quantum Control System

Scalable, flexible and user-friendly quantum control

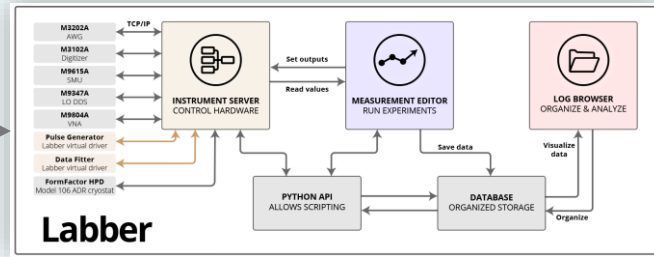


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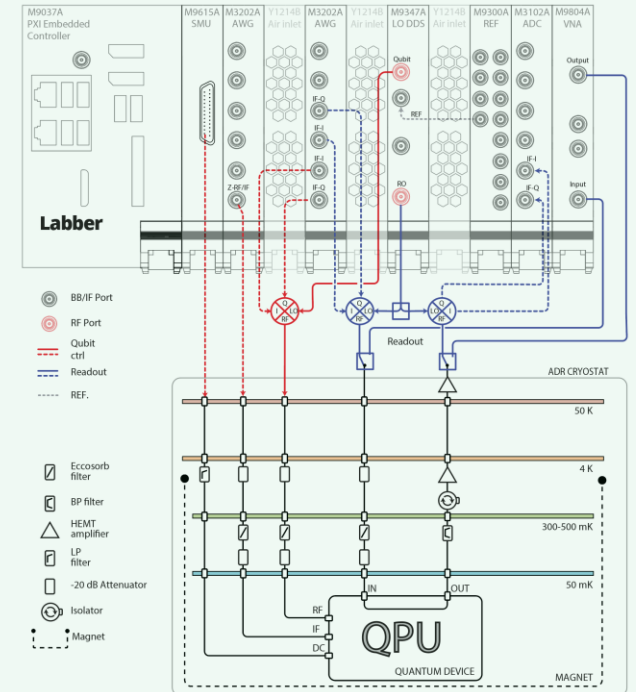


Labber Control SW



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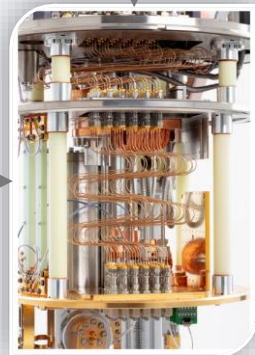
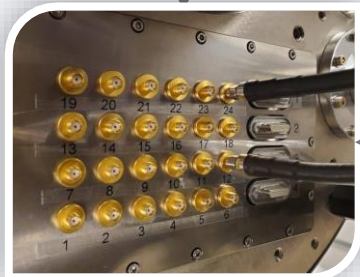
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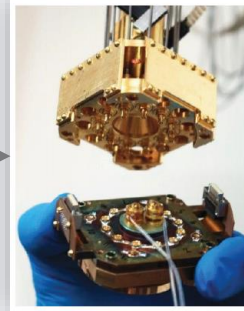
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Part I: Qubit tune-up protocol

What measurements do we need to characterize a qubit?

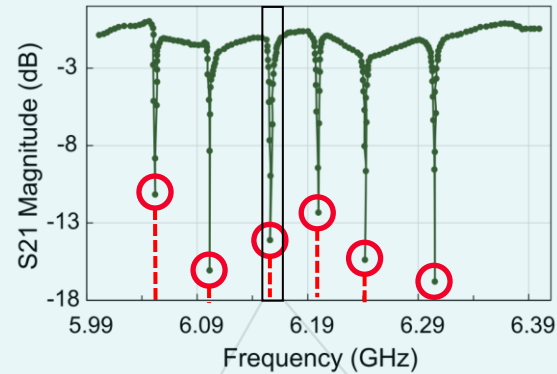


Qubit tune-up protocol: Readout calibration using VNA

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Readout resonator frequencies:

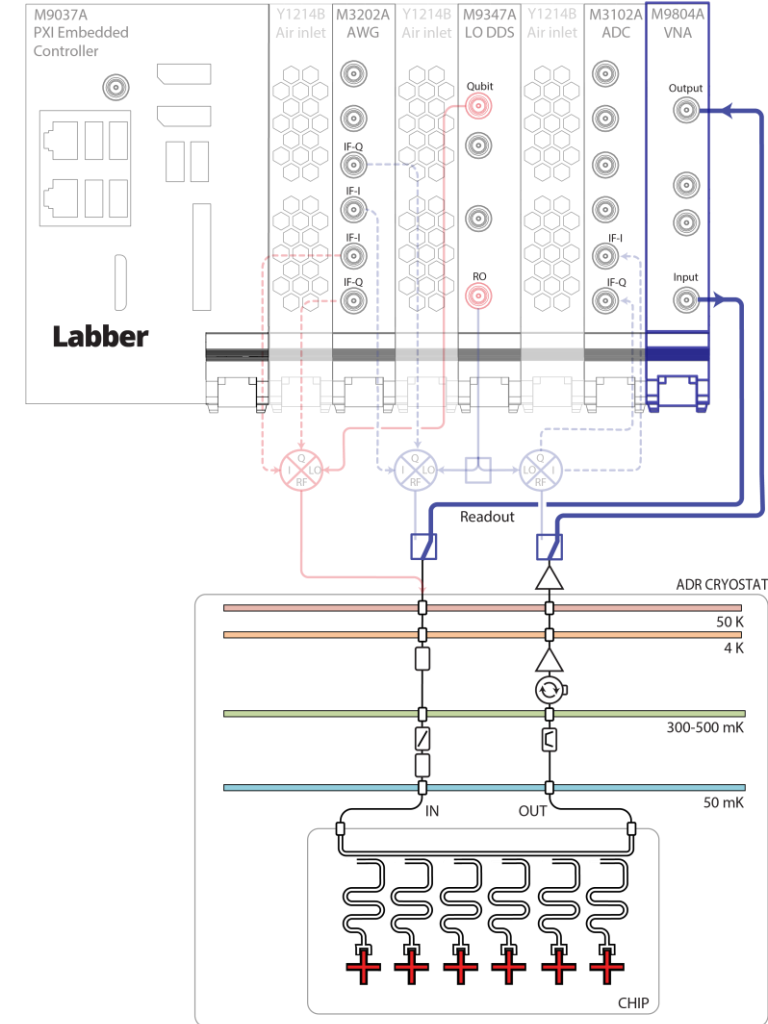
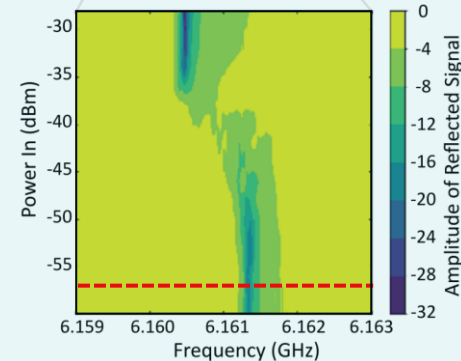
- S_{21} measurement using VNA
- Scan frequency for low power
- Extract: **Readout resonator freqs.**



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Resonator shift vs. power:

- S_{21} measurement using VNA
- Sweep from low to high power
- Extract: **Readout frequency bias**

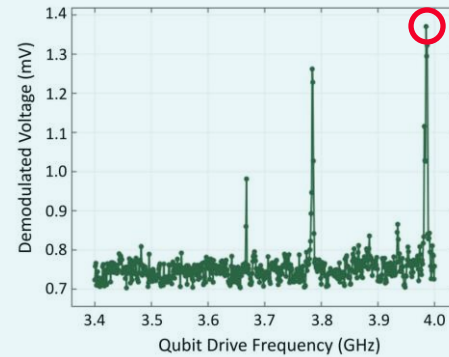


Qubit tune-up protocol: Calibrate qubit drive using AWG/Digitizer

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Qubit spectroscopy:

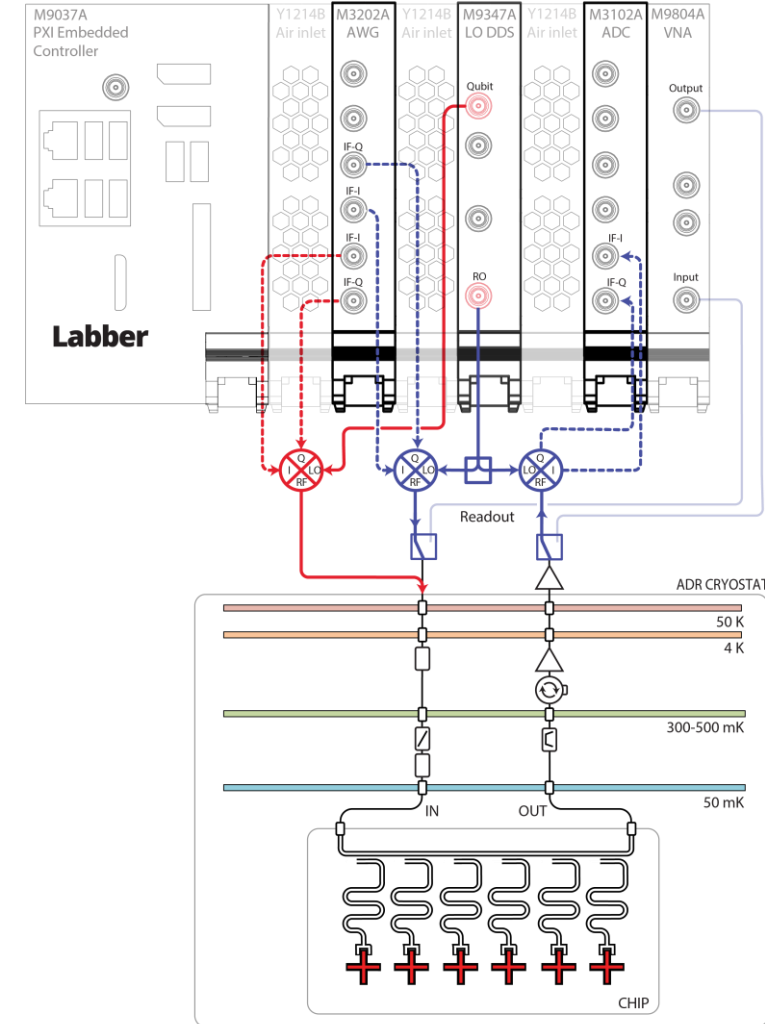
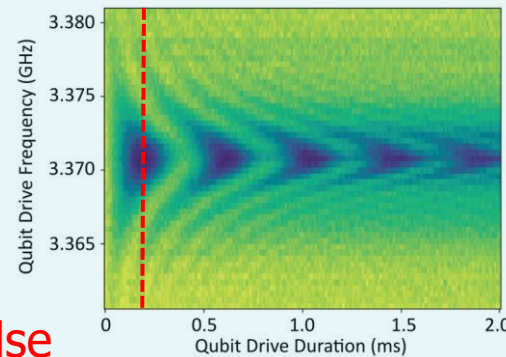
- Fix resonator drive frequency
- Sweep qubit-drive frequency
- Measure resonator using digitizer
- Extract: **Qubit-drive frequency**



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Calibrate pi-pulse:

- Fix qubit drive frequency
- Sweep qubit-drive pulse duration
- Measure resonator response
- Extract: **Pulse duration needed for pi-pulse**

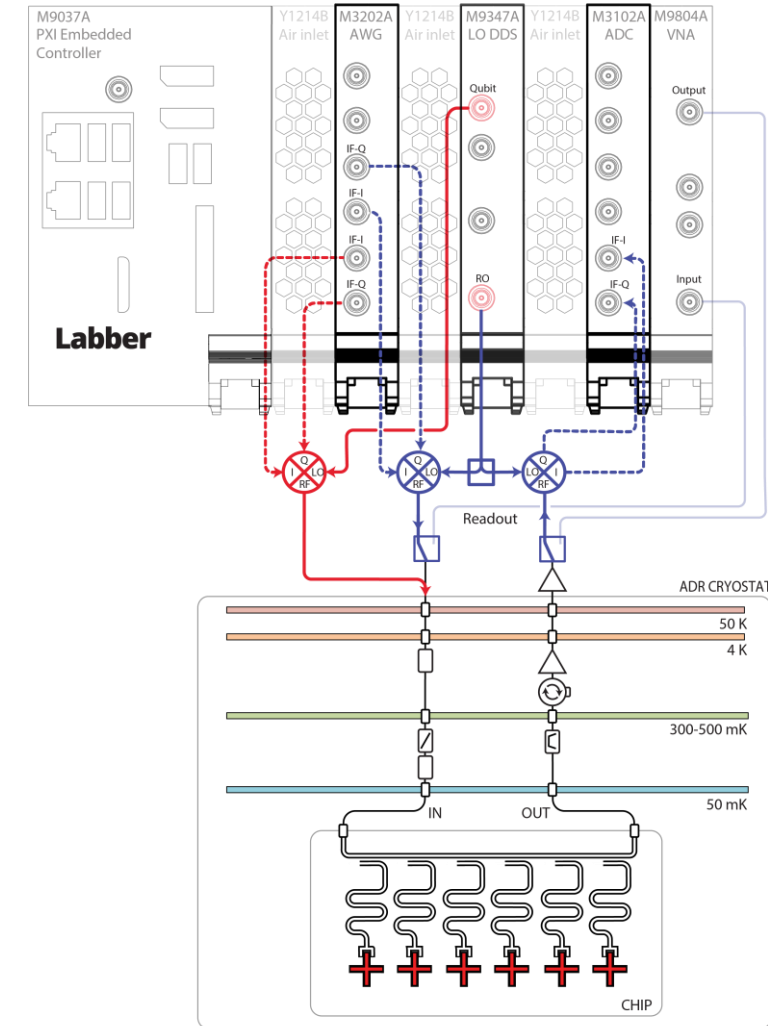
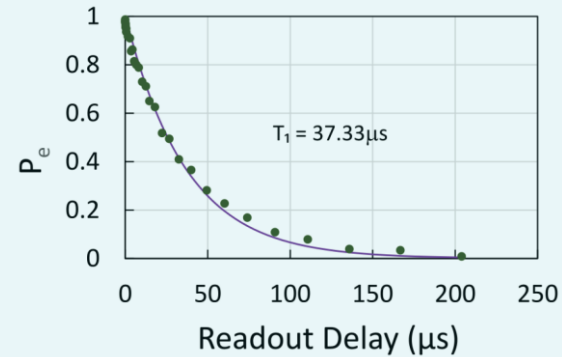


Qubit tune-up protocol: Extract Coherence Times

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Qubit relaxation time, T_1 :

- Fix qubit-pulse duration at t_{π}
- Sweep readout delay
- Extract: **Qubit relaxation time, T_1**

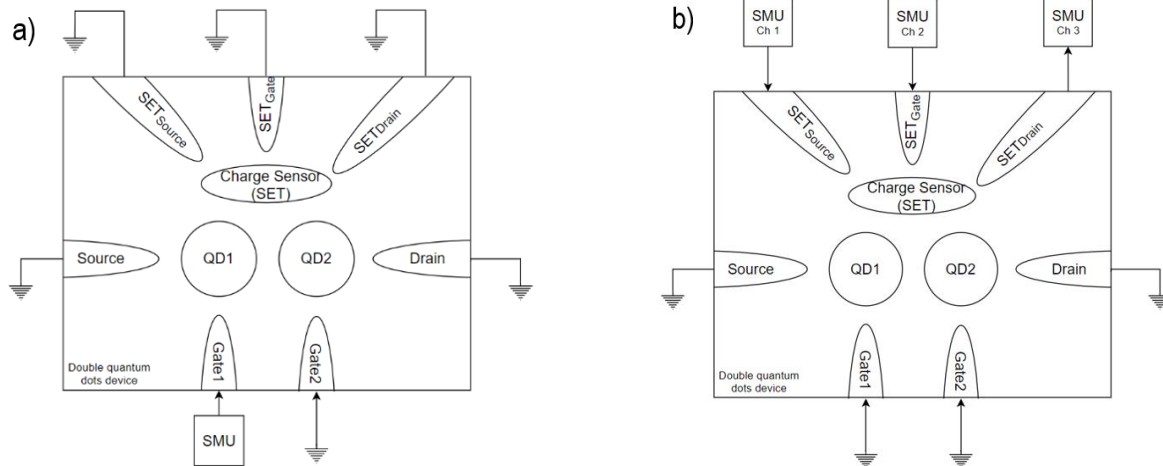


Qubit tune-up: Spin Qubit example

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Device Viability:

- DC leakage current of all electrostatic gates and ohmic contacts
- Threshold voltage for enhancement mode devices, pinch point, depletion point and charge sensors

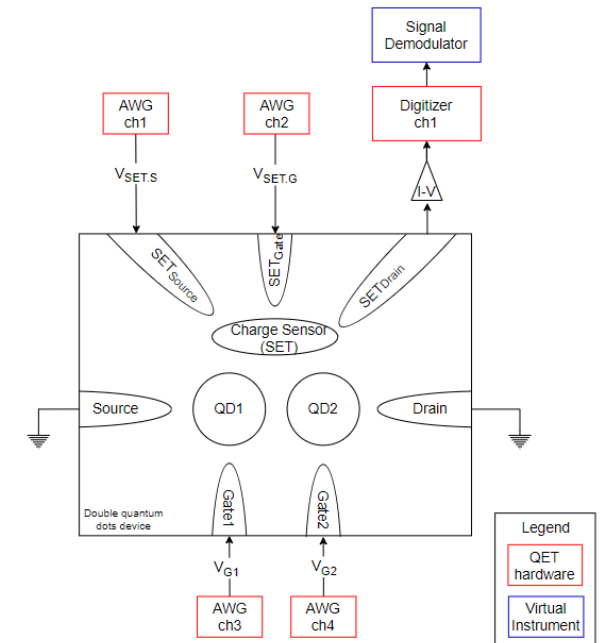
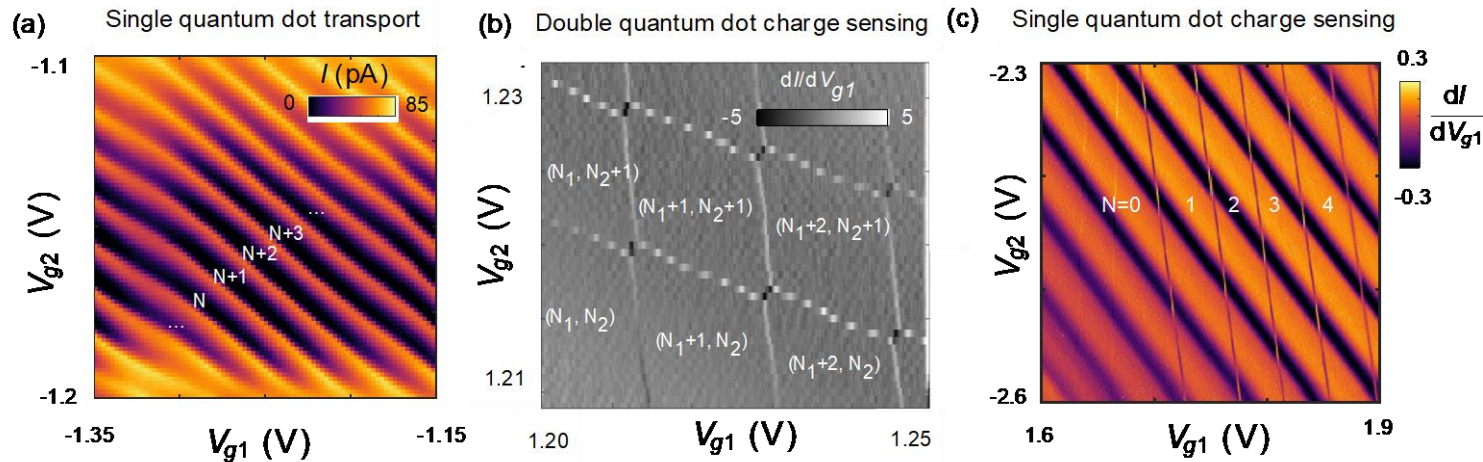


Qubit tune-up: Spin Qubit example

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Qubit regime via charge-stability diagram:

- Sweep V_{G1} and V_{G2} voltages
- Stimulate SET source with small AC signal measure

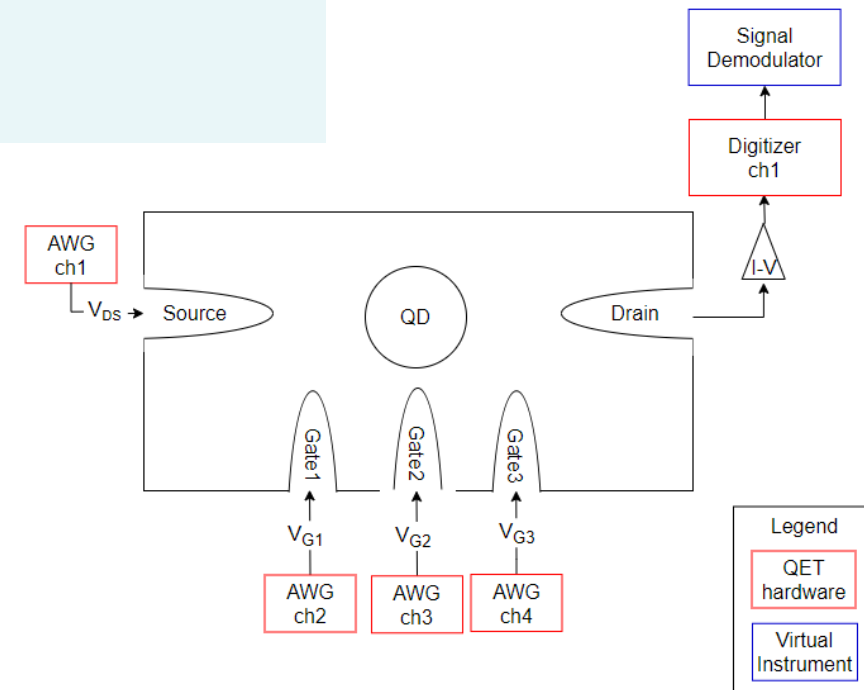
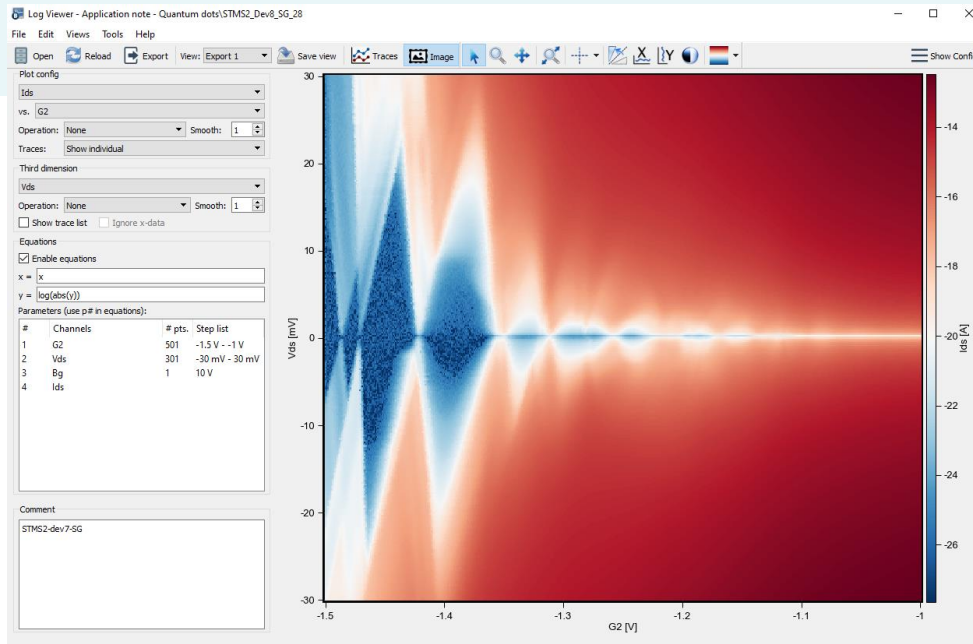


Qubit tune-up: Spin Qubit example

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Energy Landscape via DC Spectroscopy

- Determine the relative energy separation between ground and excited states

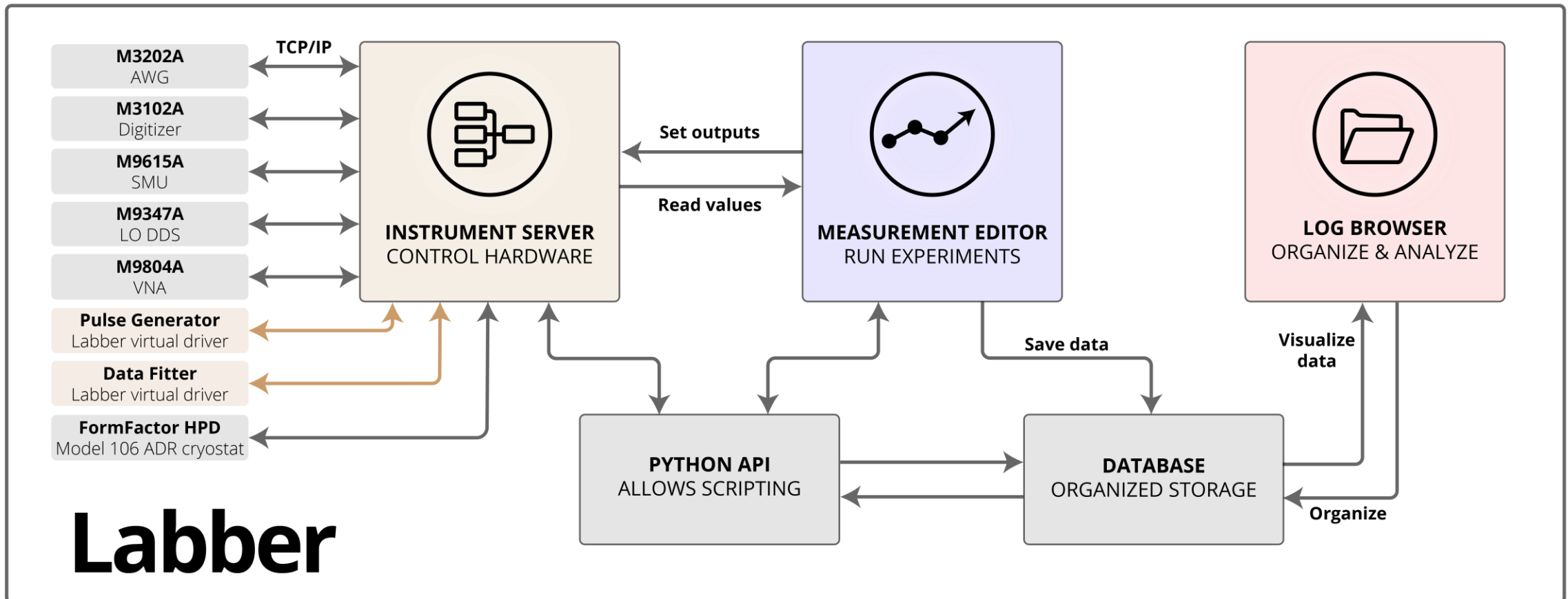


Part II: Labber Control Software

How can we automate the measurements using Labber?

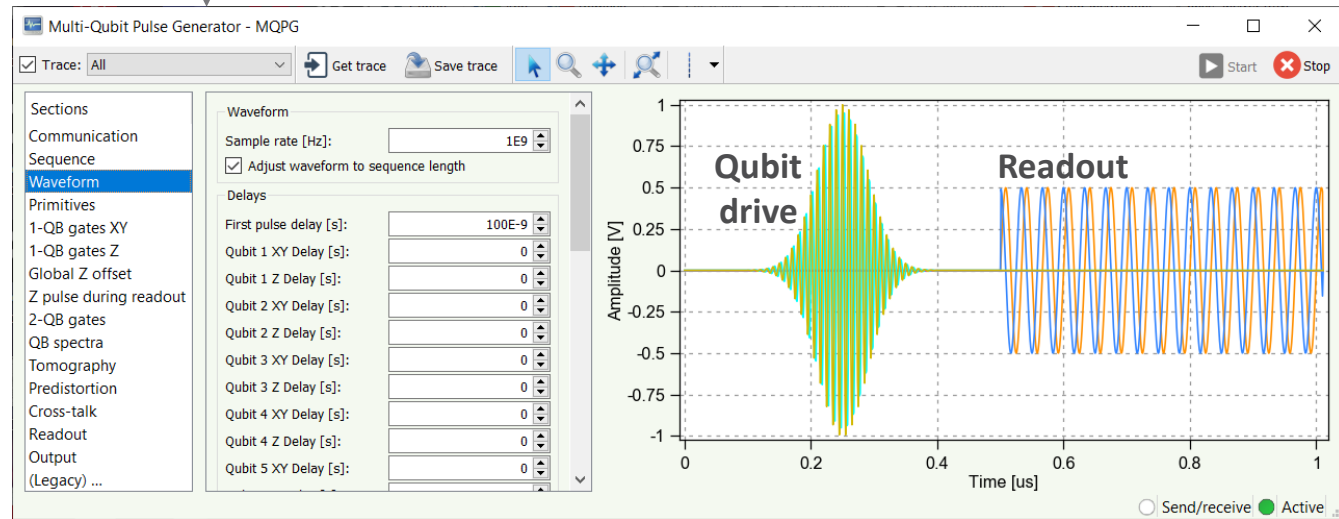
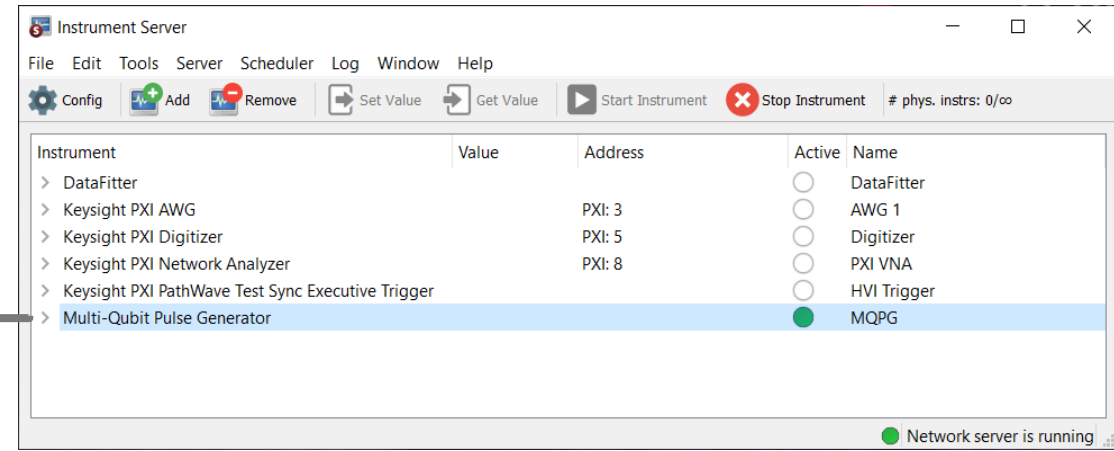


Labber – Lab Control and Automation Software



Instrument Server – Connect Instruments

- Server handles instrument **communication**
- Supports communication via **multiple interfaces**: e.g. TCP/IP, USB, serial, GPIB
- **Independent** processes allow **parallel** execution
- **Open-source instrument and virtual drivers** in our GitHub repository:
www.github.com/labber-software



Measurement Editor – Run Experiments

- Measurement **scenarios** configured via **drag-and-drop** interface
- Provides **synchronization**
- Accommodates **multiple servers** and **virtual instruments**
- Fully **programmable** using Python API
- Real-time visualization of **progress** and **acquired data**

The screenshot shows the Measurement Editor interface with the following components and callouts:

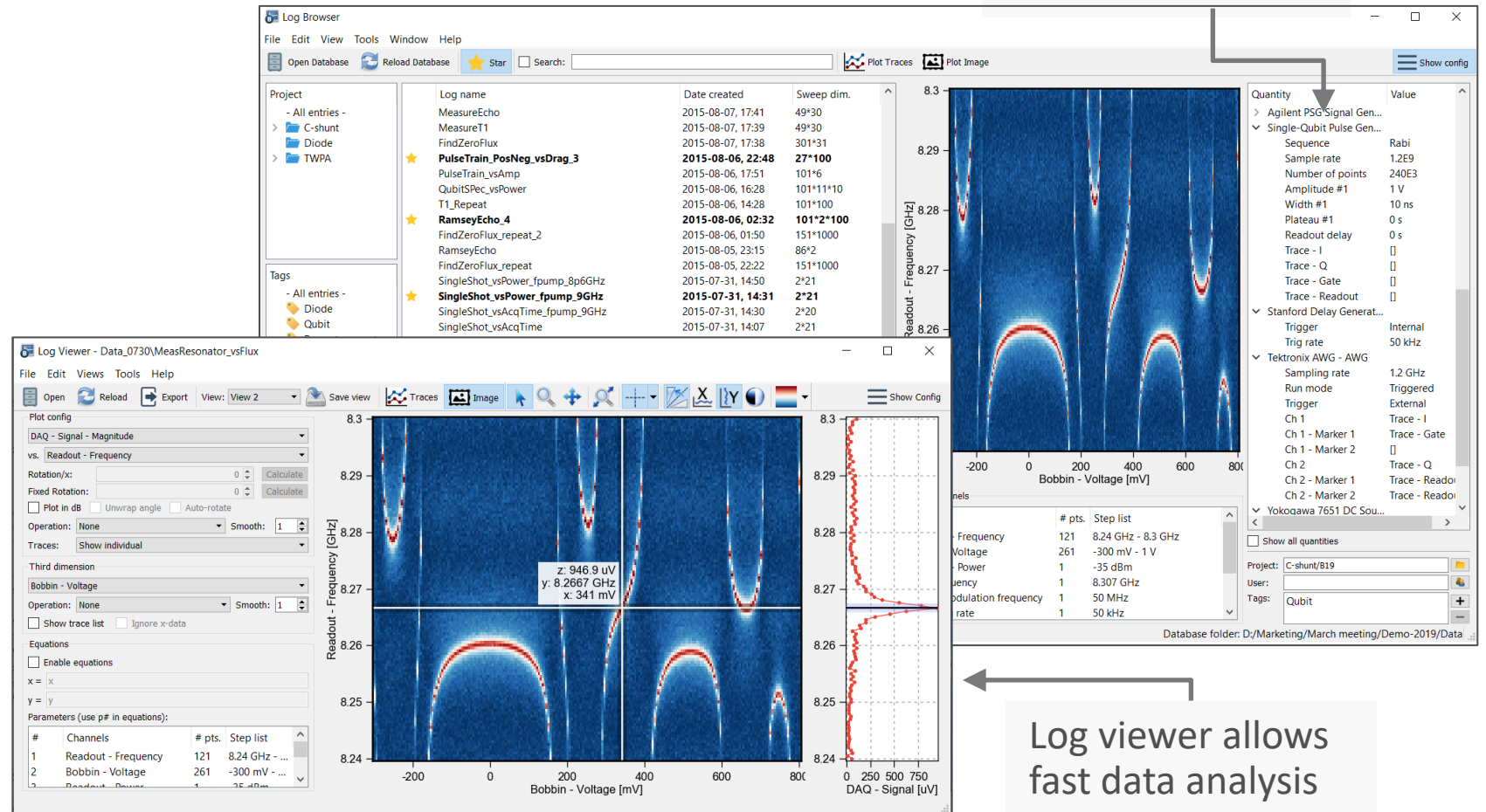
- 1 Add instruments from server:** Points to the 'Channels' list on the left, which includes instruments like DataFitter, Keysight PXI AWG, Keysight PXI Digitizer, and Multi-Qubit Pulse Generator (MQPG).
- 2 Drag & drop settings to configure step seq.:** Points to the 'Step sequence' table in the center, which lists channels, points, and step lists.
- 3 Set log channel:** Points to the 'Log channels' section at the bottom, which lists channels and instruments to be logged.
- 4 Name and click start:** Points to the 'Log Name' field and the 'Start' button in the top right corner.

Additional visualizations include a 'Measuring...' window showing a progress bar and a graph of Step number vs. Drive frequency [GHz], a 'Live Trace' window showing a waveform plot of Polarization vs. Drive frequency [GHz], and a 'Live Image Map' window showing a 2D heatmap of Drive amplitude [MHz] vs. Drive frequency [GHz].

Log Browser – Organize & Analyze data

- Sort measurements using **projects, tags, users, and date**
- **Preview of data**
- **Configurations stored for recalling scenarios**
- **Export plots and data**

Stores both data and configuration



Log viewer allows fast data analysis

Labber Python API – For Measurement Automation

- Import the **Labber API toolkit**
- Define a **scenario file**
- **Configure** measurement steps and relations
- **Save** the measurement template and **run the experiment**
- Easy access to the hdf5 **log file** for e.g. plotting or data analysis

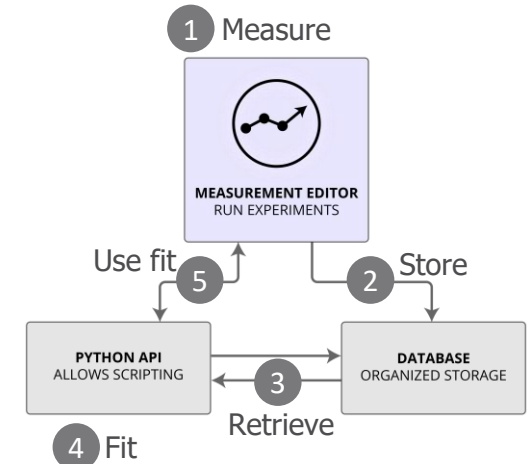
```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import Labber

5 #Open the measurement template
6 scenario_file = r'C:\Users\Demo\Labber\Scenario\DC_Spectroscopy_0.json'
7 s = Labber.Scenario(scenario_file)

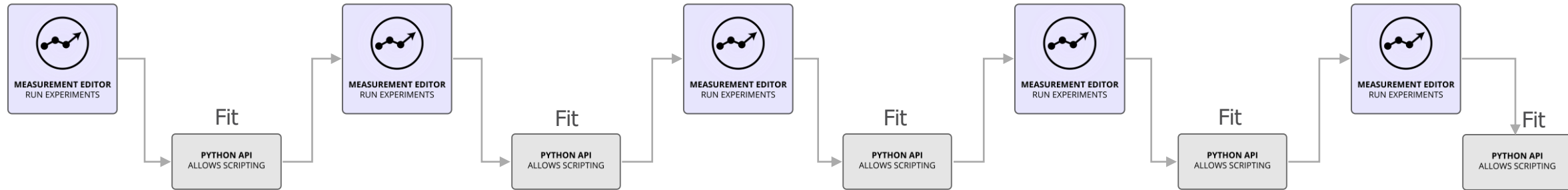
9 # Retrieve the instruments
10 AWG = s.get_instruments('AWG')
11
12 # Edit the values of the Channels section
13 AWG.values['AWG - Vds AC'] = 0.5e-3
14
15 # Remove step from the Step Sequence section and re-add the updated ones
16 s.remove_step('AWG - Vg1')
17 s.add_step('AWG - Vg1', index=1, start=0, stop=0.5, n_pts=26)
18
19 s.remove_step('AWG - Vg2')
20 step = s.add_step('AWG - Vg2', index=2)
21 step.set_config_from_dict({
22     'use_relations': True,
23     'equation': 'Vg1 * 2'
24 })
25
26 # Add Vg1 as a variable to create relations between the step sequences
27 relation = step.relation_parameters[0]
28 relation.set_config_from_dict({
29     'variable': 'Vg1',
30     'channel_name': 'AWG - Vg1'
31 })

33 # Save the measurement template
34 s.save(scenario_file)
35
36 # Run the experiment
37 st = Labber.ScriptTools.MeasurementObject(scenario_file, scenario_file)
38 st.performMeasurement()

40 # Open the log file
41 filename = r'C:\Users\Demo\Labber\Scenario\DC_Spectroscopy_0.hdf5'
42
43 # Retrieve Vg1, Vg2 and lock-in data
44 Vds = f.getData('AWG - Vds DC')[0]
45 Vg1 = f.getData('AWG - Vg1')[0]
46 lock_in = np.abs(f.getData())
47
48 # Plot the data
49 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
50 ax.pcolor(Vds, Vg1, lock_in)
51 plt.show()
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Qubit tune-up protocol: Summary



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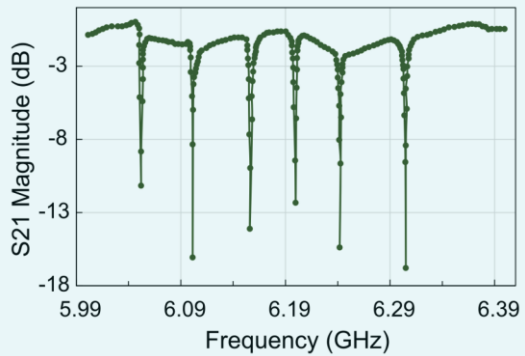
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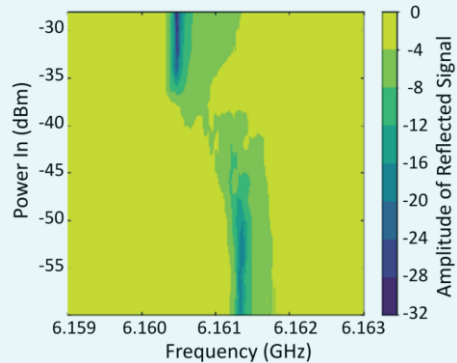
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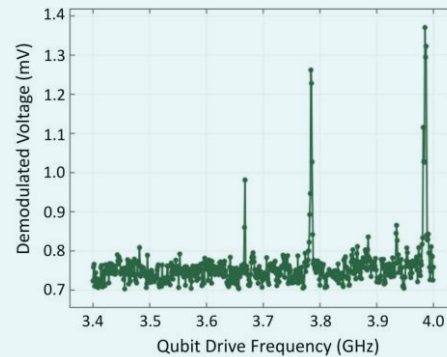
Resonator Frequency



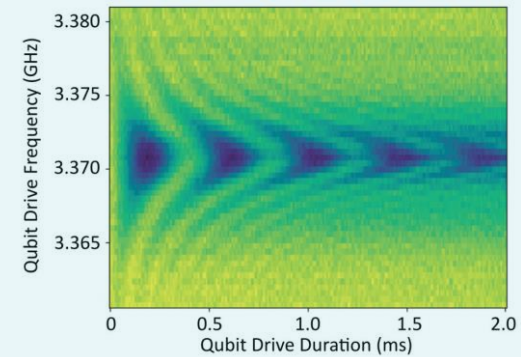
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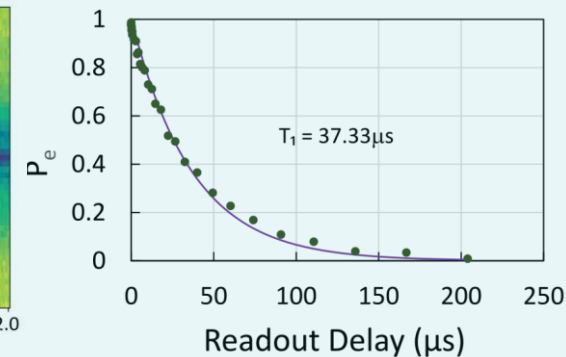
Qubit Frequency



Qubit Power



Coherence



What We Hope That You Have Learned Today...

- Reduce development cycle times with qubit pre-screening system
 - Eliminate wasted cooldowns on the dilution refrigerator
- DUT interface for high density RF and DC testing
 - Test qubits without packaging, wire bonding
- Configure a rapid cooldown ADR cryostat for your program

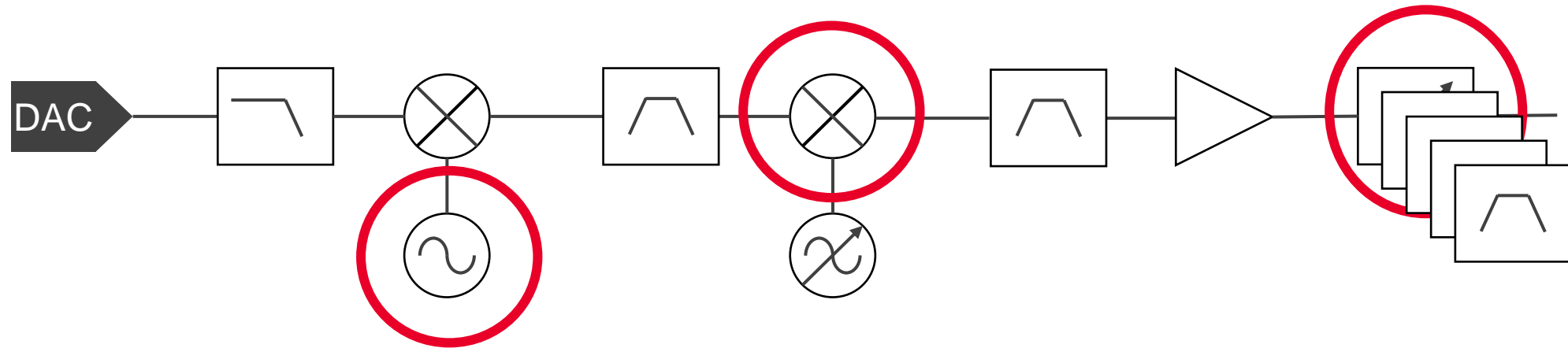
- PXI Based Quantum Control + Labber to streamline qubit characterization
 - Qubit tune-up protocol
 - Labber control and automation software

Part III: Quantum Control System

How can we improve our quality of measurement?



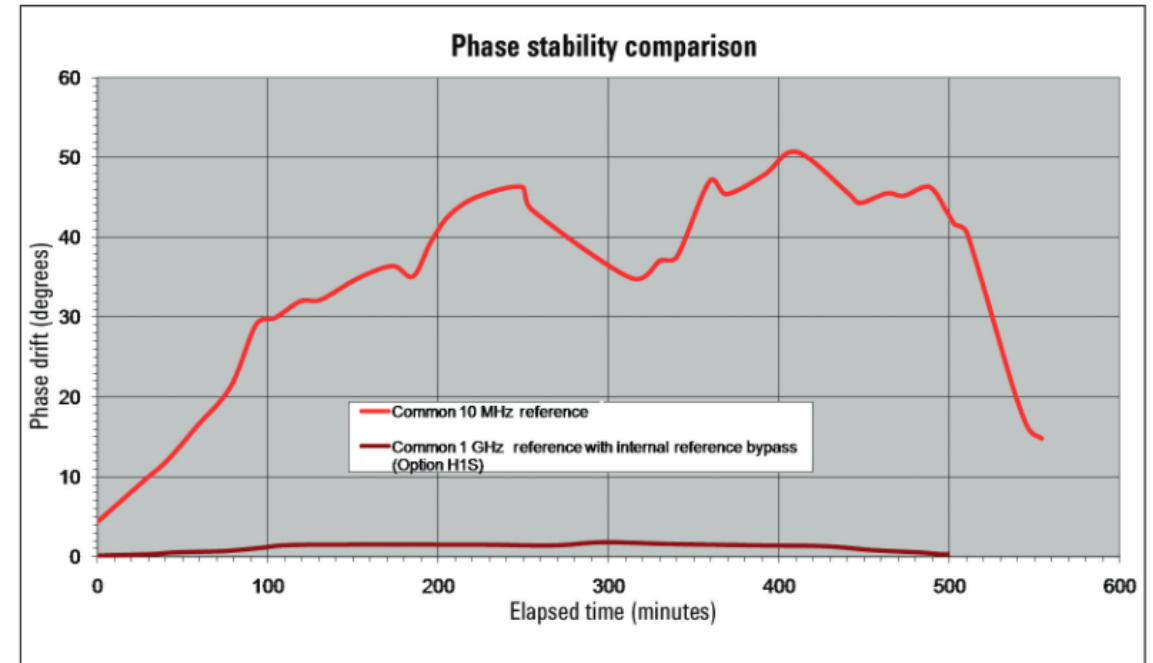
Superheterodyne Control Architecture



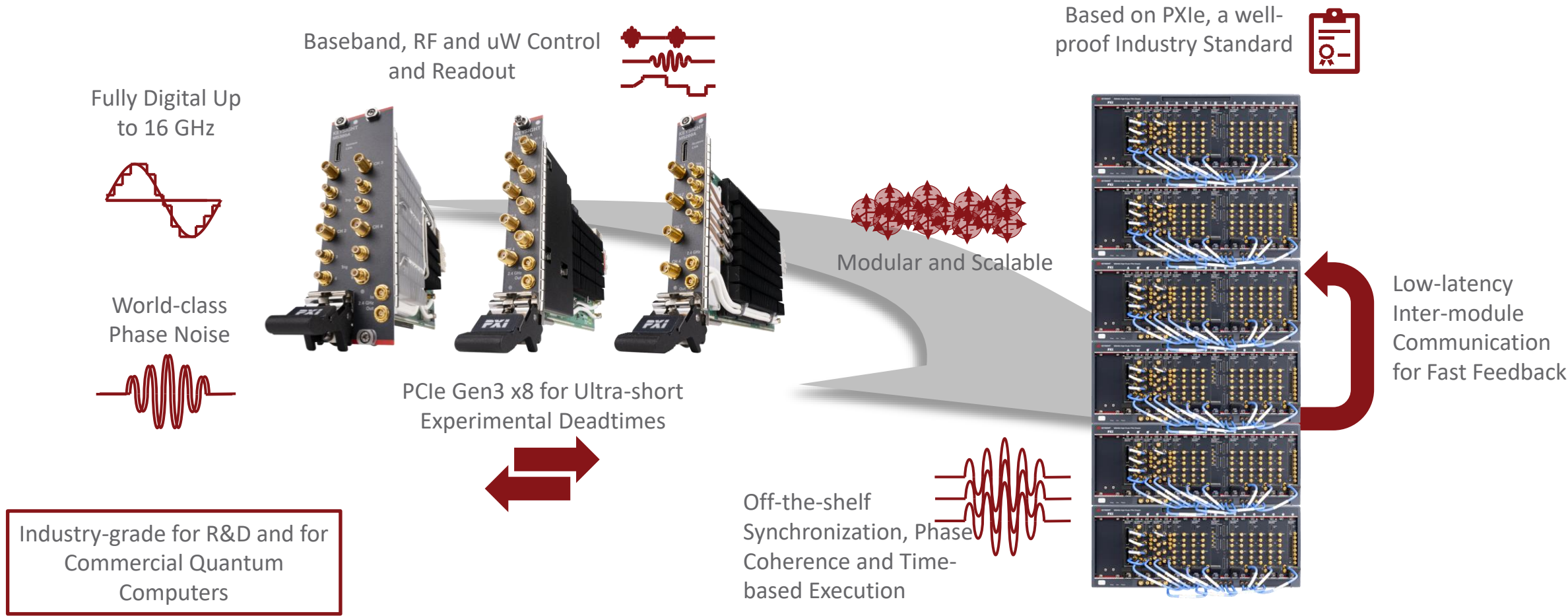
- + Easier to remove image and no LO feedthrough
- Requires many filter banks
- Multi-channel phase coordination is complex
- Mixer loss can lead to elevated generator temperature

Achieving System Phase Coherence

- Achieving phase coherence for analog architectures is complex
- Full digital architecture eliminates issues caused by PLL and synthesizer drift
- Coordinated phase updates across an entire system can be easily achieved



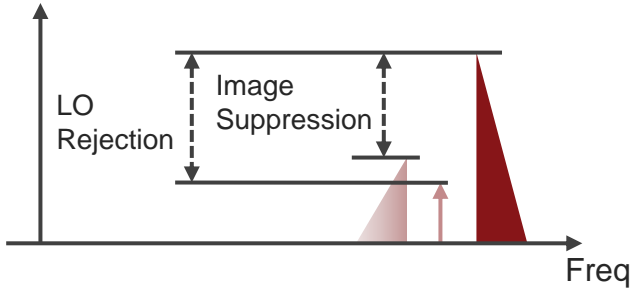
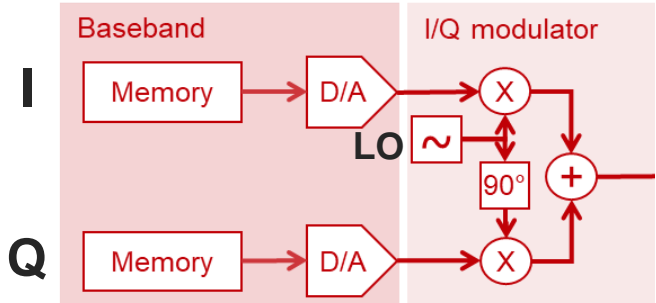
Unveiling Keysight's new control system - Hardware



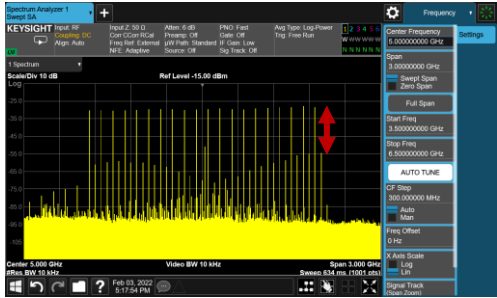
Direct digital signal generation provides cleaner signals

Digital Analog

Traditional baseband architecture



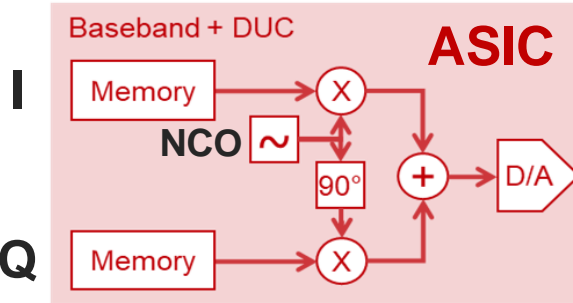
LO rejection and image suppression require IQ imbalance calibration which drifts over time



Improved SFDR (Spurious-Free Dynamic Range)

Digital

Baseband with DUC architecture

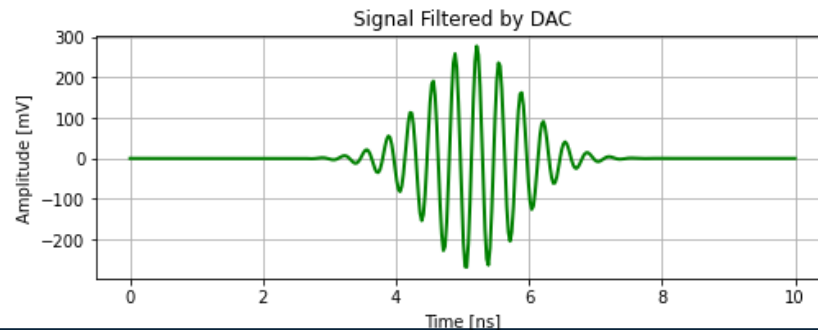
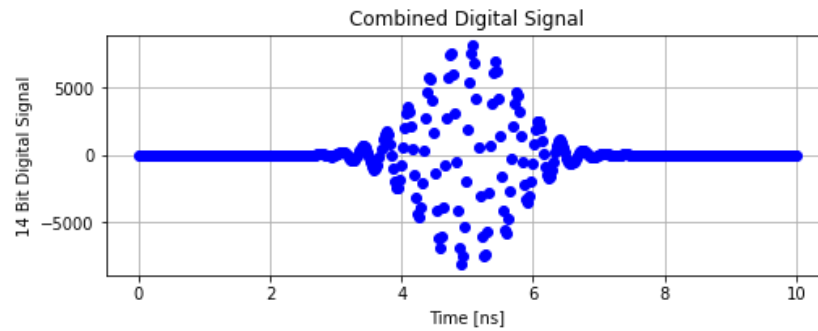
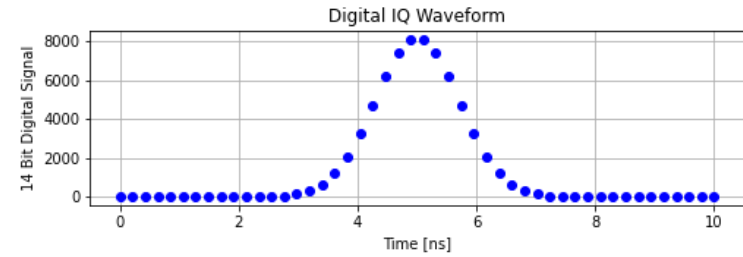
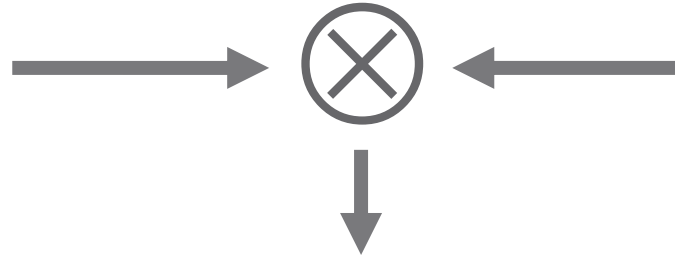
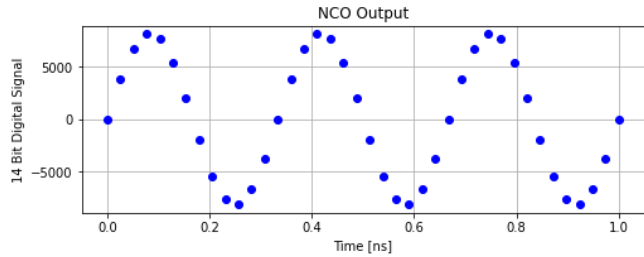


Fully digital generation does not have LO or image, and it does not require any calibration



Digital Up-Conversion Example

3 GHz Gaussian Pulse



Low pass filtering and interpolating by highspeed DAC



Questions?



