Upscaling component manufacture using standard semiconductor manufacturing techniques and addressing barriers to adoption of quantum systems:

#### Q-Manufacturability

- On-wafer and wafer-to-wafer process reproducibility
- Parametric design optimisation
- Testing/characterisation capability & protocols
- Upscaling of manufacturing capability

#### Q-Reliability

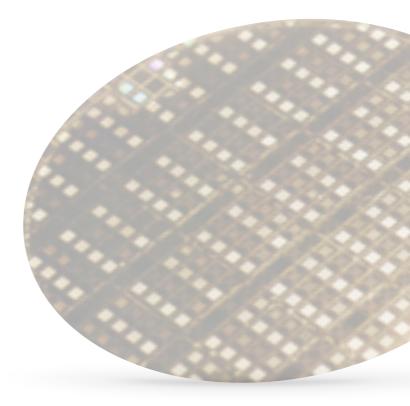
- Baselining devices against industry standards
- Understanding reliability drivers for quantum applications
- Defining new test protocols

## Q- Supply chains

- Customised quantum photonic components via foundry platforms
- Commercial viability through proven expertise and existing assets within established supply chains

# QFoundry

UK National Foundry for Quantum Components









## The Challenge

Lack of robust, reliable and volume supply of Quantum Photonic Components (QPCs) present a major barrier to commercialisation of quantum technologies in applications such as computing, communications, imaging, sensing, metrology and timing. There is a pressing need for proven foundry platform technologies due to:

- Cost of prototyping majority of new quantum technology applications need to include the development of highly customised semiconductor device, as off-the-shelf components often lack the performance suitable for quantum applications.
- Cost of upscaling significant R&D is required to improve reliability and reproducibility of quantum components. The upfront scale-up costs prevent market traction for QPCs.
- Lack of data there is insufficient data to carry out statistical analysis for understanding material and process related parameters that influence performance and reliability.

QFoundry brings together the UK's most established supply chains to address critical challenges in device manufacturing and deliver a National, and World's first Quantum Photonic Component Foundry. Developing key technology platforms for accelerating the uptake of quantum applications

#### Single-mode, high-stability Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Lasers (VCSELs)

The supply of single-mode VCSELs operating at the absorption transitions of Caesium (Cs) and Rubidium (Rb) is critical to realising a commercial grade supply chain for atomic clock, magnetometer, gas sensing and coherent LiDar markets. Key activities:

- Rapid prototyping of custom specifications such as polarization- and mode-stability enhancement, side-mode suppression, linewidth-reduction etc,
- Routes to VCSEL reliability improvement, temperature and current coefficient reduction and research into failure modes affecting yield.

## Single-photon emitters and detectors

Gallium Arsenide and Indium Phosphide-based Single Photon Avalanche Diode/ Quantum Dot/ Multiple Quantum Well platforms offer the potential for high-volume scale-up of discrete components, monolithic integration and a pathway for multi-functional Quantum Photonic Integrated Circuits (QPICs). Key activities:

- Source/detector matching (spectral bandwidth, pulse width, polarisation, modeprofile),
- Improving epitaxial material deposition, fabrication uniformity and reliability.

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