

We reimagine chipmaking with the power of atom optics

Reigniting Moore's Law by exploiting the quantum nature of atoms

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The incredible shrinking of transistors

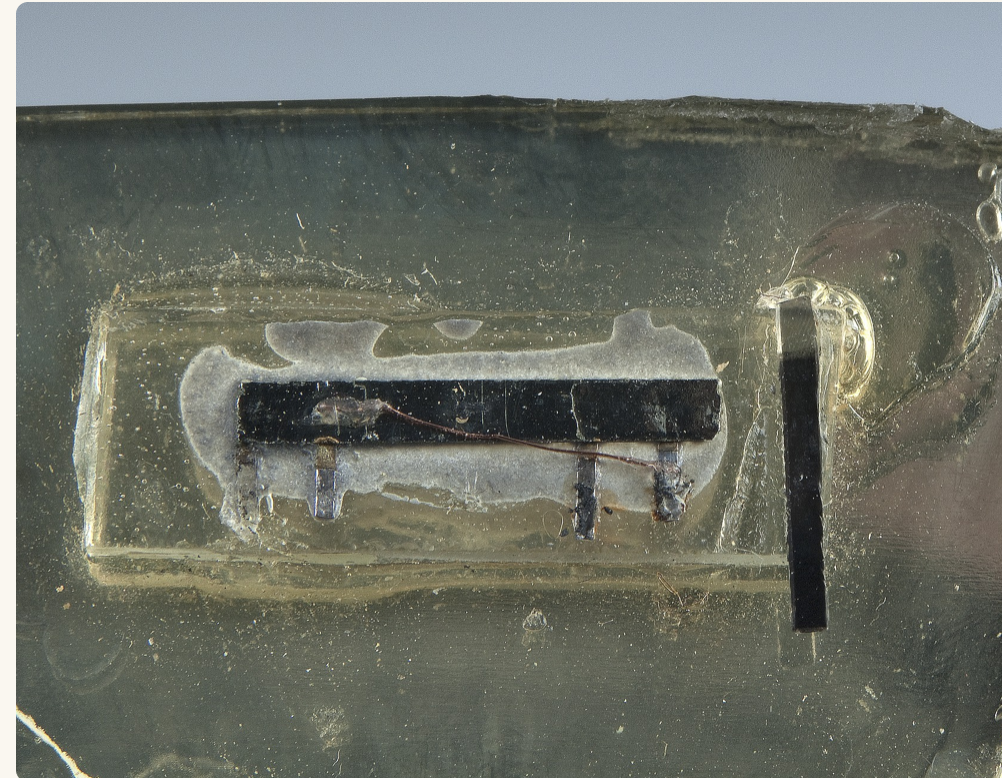
1947 · FIRST TRANSISTOR



≈ 13 mm

Point-contact germanium device, Bell Labs. About the size of a fingertip.

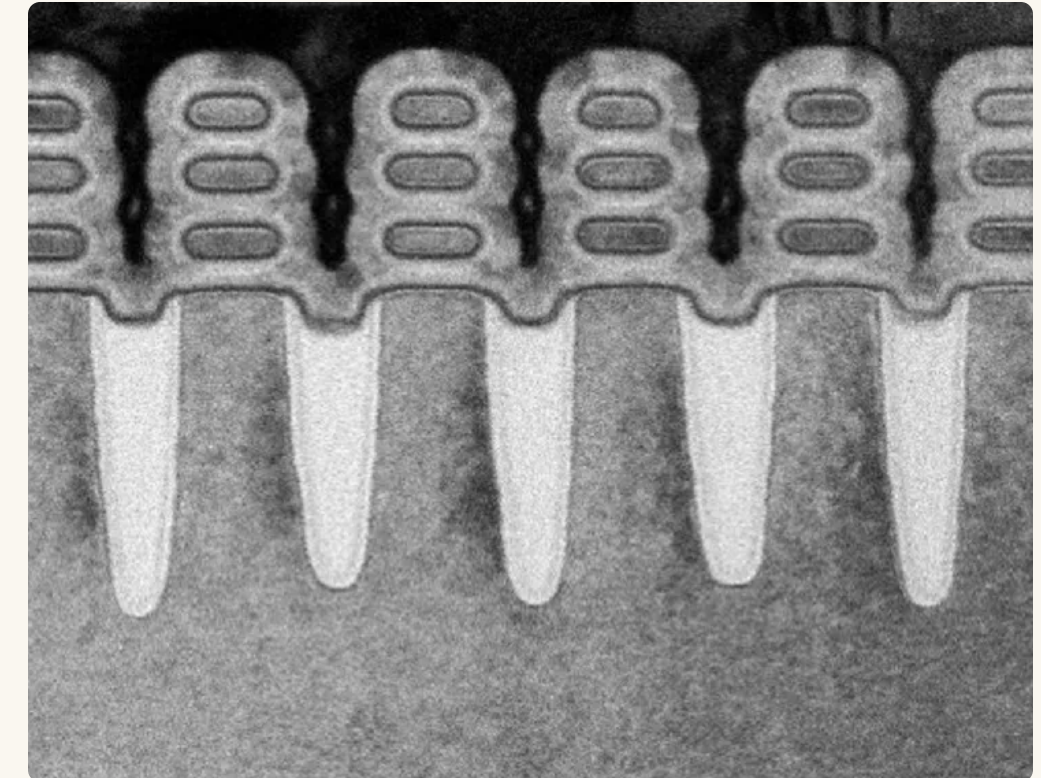
1958 · FIRST INTEGRATED CIRCUIT



≈ 1 mm

Jack Kilby's germanium chip — one transistor on an 11 × 1.6 mm bar.

2026 · GAA NANOSHEET

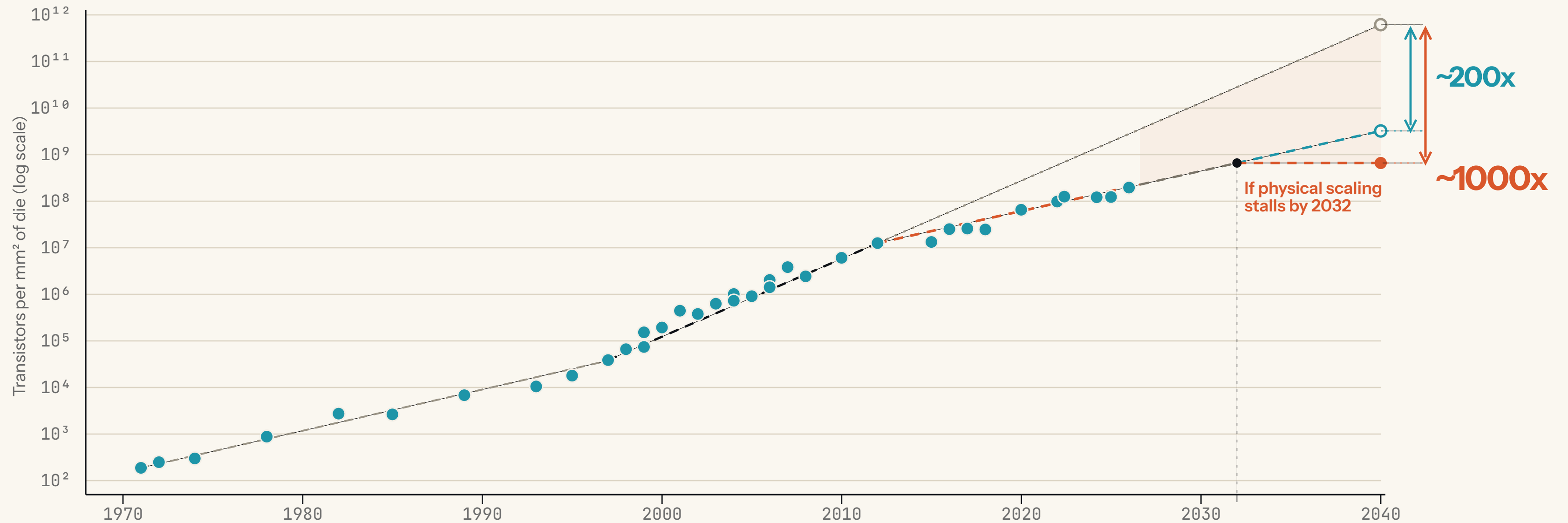


≈ 45 nm

Gate-all-around transistor at the 2 nm node — ~200 million transistors per mm².

Moore's Law has slowed down and is about to stall.

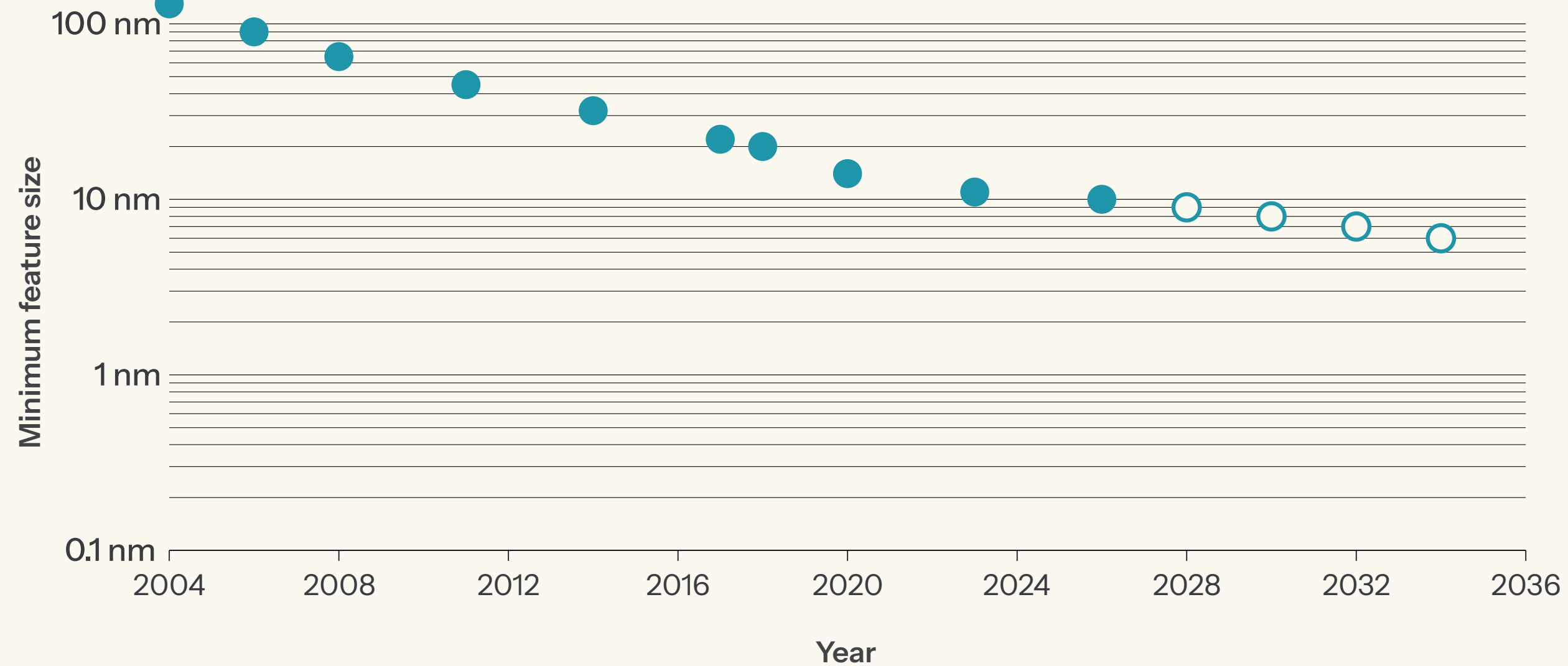
By 2040, matching the compute Moore's Law promised will take 1000x more silicon area — 20 years of missed progress.



Transistors per package = density × die area × dies per package

The global semiconductor market is set to pass \$1.5 trillion by 2030.

Minimum feature size written on a chip is fundamentally limited by the wavelength of light used for lithography



Minimum dimension $\propto k_1 \times \lambda / NA$

At the leading edge, $\lambda = 13.5 \text{ nm}$ (EUV)

Where will the next 1000x density increase come from?

Minimum feature size is limited by the wavelength of EUV photons (13.5 nm).

Higher-energy photons are harder to manage
(98% of brightness is lost while travelling from the source to a wafer)

Electron and ion beam tools are too slow and resolution is limited by Coulomb repulsion.

Leading-edge EUV systems cost >\$400M and each new fab build will cost ~\$50B by 2030.

A new paradigm is needed.

Implications: fit Colossus 1 into a single rack



COLOSSUS 1 5 million gallons of water per day to cool. ~ 250 MW power draw



a single rack

THE NEXT 1000X IN DENSITY INCREASE

Atom Optics is here.

THE NEXT 1000X IN DENSITY INCREASE USING QUANTUM NATURE OF METASTABLE NEUTRAL ATOM

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Neutral atom waves **write** → lithography

Neutral atom waves **measure** → metrology

FOR LIGHT

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

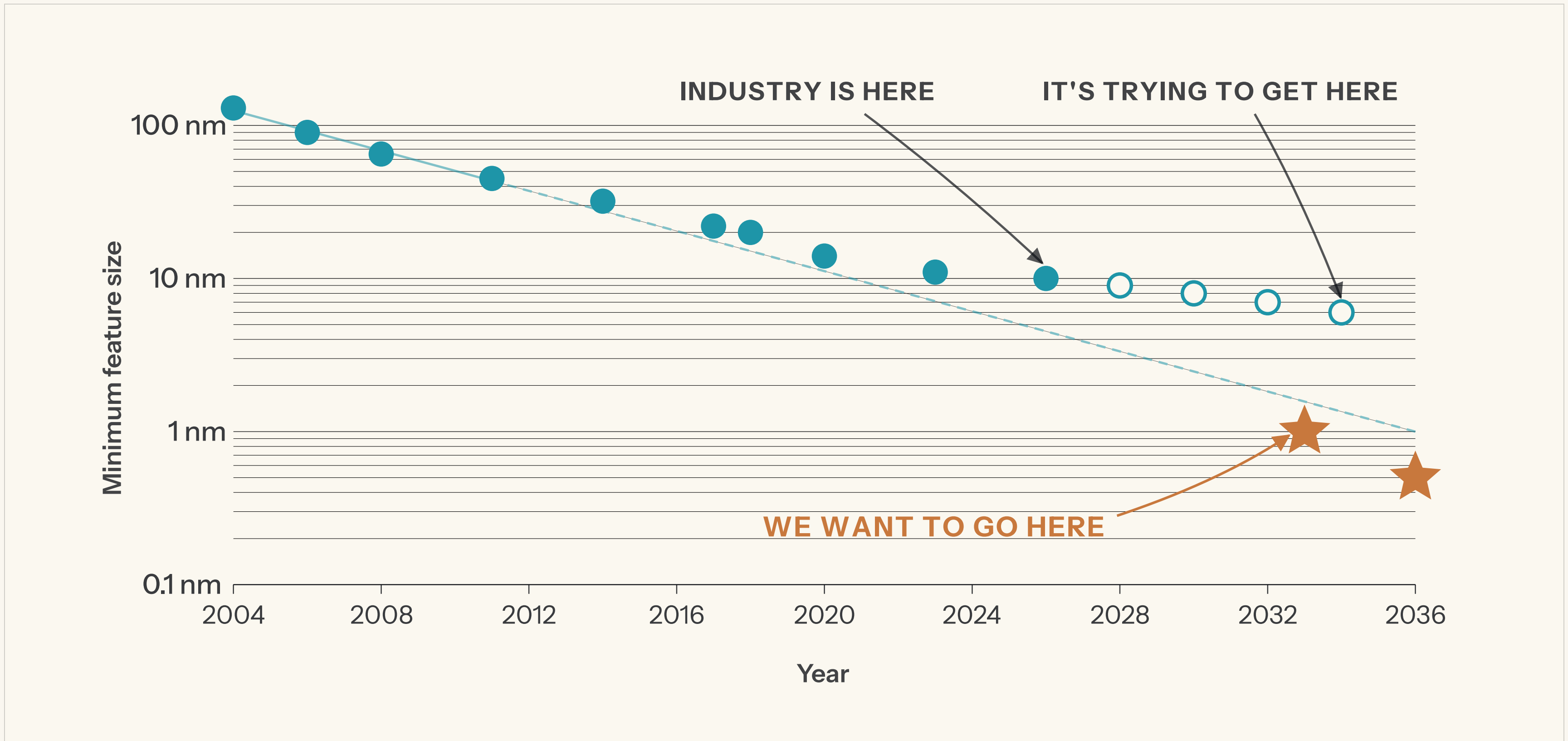
FOR ATOMS

$$KE = \frac{h^2}{2m\lambda^2}$$

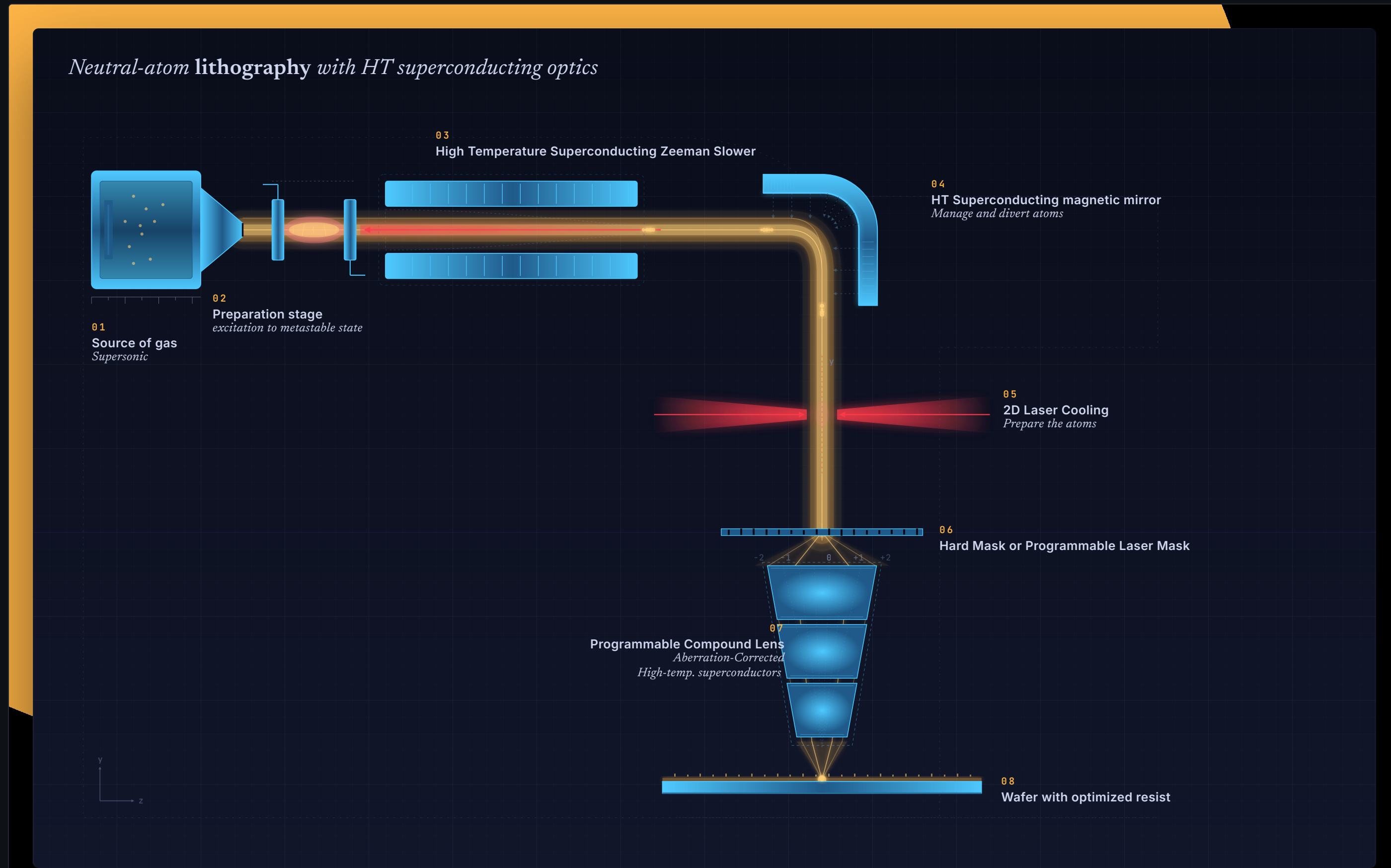
Atomic wavelengths are **200× shorter** than EUV light.

Metastable atoms carry energy in their internal quantum states and deliver that energy to a precise location of a wafer.

Reigniting Moore's law with **atom optics**



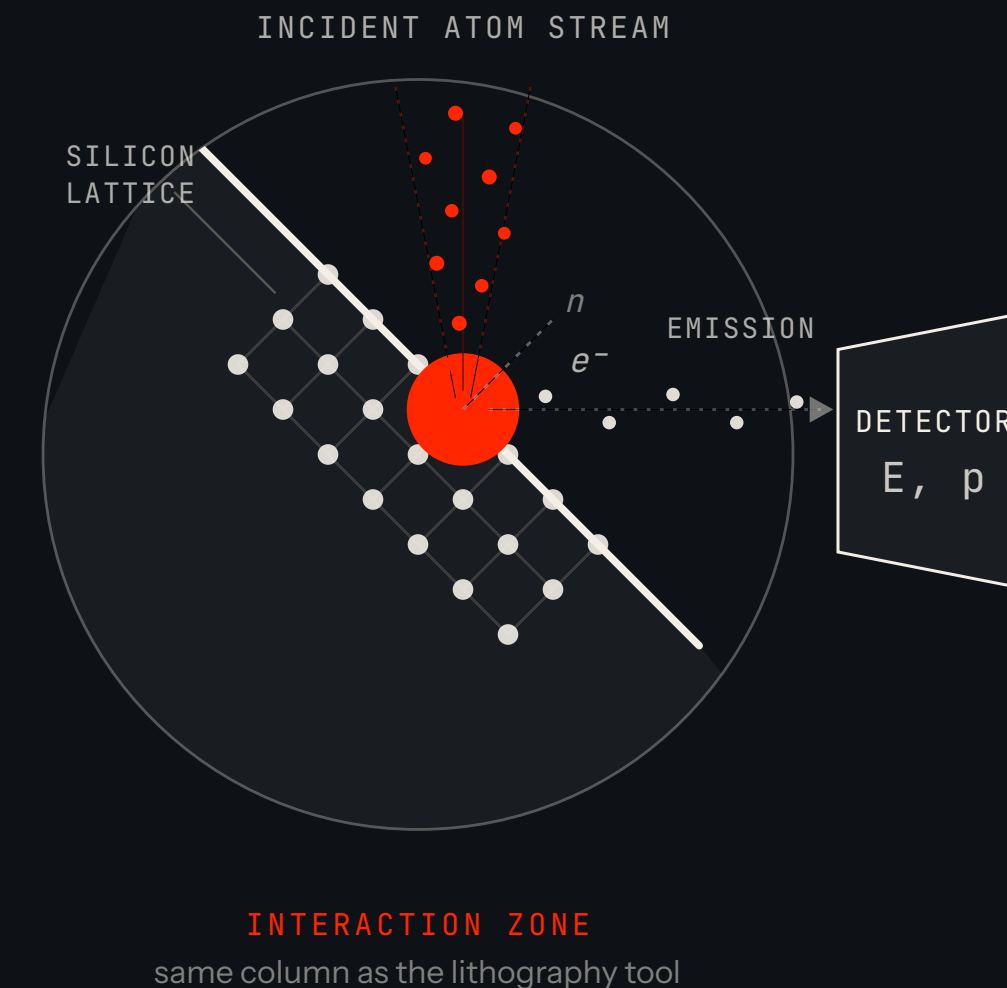
Product 1: 20 years of our breakthroughs make **metastable atom lithography** possible.



Product 2: Atom microscope and elemental analysis at **true single-atomic-layer** resolution.

Build an atom microscope to image the true surface — no other system can do that — and identify atomic defects, inclusions, atomic arrangements, topography.

Co-develop with the lithography system. Shares optical elements, source, beam manipulation techniques with the lithography machine.



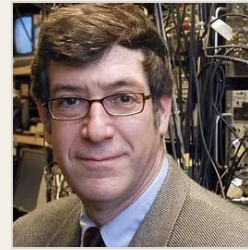
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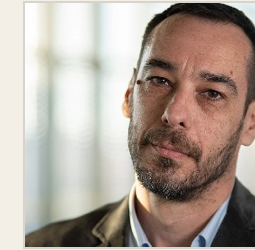
Previously in the Office of the CTO at KLA, building next-generation DUV optical inspection tools for semiconductor metrology. Made pioneering contributions in nonlinear optics and nonlinear optical metamaterials. 70+ peer-reviewed articles, including in the Science and many Nature family journals.



CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER

Mark Raizen, PhD

Sid W. Richardson Chair Professor of physics at UT Austin. Experimental atomic physicist and expert in atom optics and the control of atoms. His group pioneered magnetic atom optics over the past 20 years — now ripe for commercialization in atom lithography and inspection.



HEAD OF ATOM OPTICS

Edvardas Narevicius, PhD

Alexander von Humboldt Professor of physics at TU Dortmund. Recently relocated his group from the Weizmann Institute. Expert in supersonic beams and the magnetic and laser control of atoms and molecules; pioneered cold collisions and atom diffraction with merged, decelerated supersonic beams.

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Ex-faculty, Washington University in St. Louis. Senior nanofab engineer at Photonic Inc., Vancouver. 15 years in nanofabrication.



HIGH-ENERGY LASER SYSTEMS

Ahmed Helal, PhD

One of the world's handful of experts in high-energy lasers. Lead scientist managing the Texas Petawatt — the most powerful laser in the US at the time — for four years.

A TEAM THAT HAS DONE WHAT OTHERS CALL SCIENCE FICTION

We measured the instantaneous velocity of a Brownian particle — Einstein said it couldn't be done. We were the first to demonstrate atom lithography. We built a molecular collider to watch quantum mechanics steer chemistry at one thousandth of a degree above absolute zero. We created the first vortex beams of atoms and molecules by twisting matter waves. We routinely bring molecules travelling at 1000 mph to a complete stop. We flew an atom interferometer to the ISS with NASA to test Einstein's relativity in microgravity. We pioneered scalable neutral-atom qubits. We ran one of the most powerful lasers in the United States. We invented the most nonlinear optical material known to human. We made light cast a shadow. We built a system to separate isotopes to better than 99.95% purity.

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TECHNOLOGY LICENSING · QUANTUM HARDWARE

Infleqtion (NYSE: INFOQ)

LETTER OF SUPPORT · NON-BINDING

Letter of support from Infleqtion's CTO covering licensing and co-development of our atom-optics stack for neutral-atom quantum technologies, including quantum computing.

LITHOGRAPHY · EVALUATION & TESTING

Texas Instruments IN DISCUSSION

Company-level technical discussions with a TI Fellow and lithography experts, working toward a letter of intent to develop R&D partnership and use around our early prototypes.

THE ASK

\$20M

seed round · deployed over 18 months

TO BUILD

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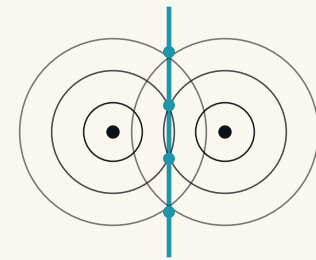
The first **lithography** prototype

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The **atom microscope** prototype

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AI-native physics models for engineering and lithography



Thank you.

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