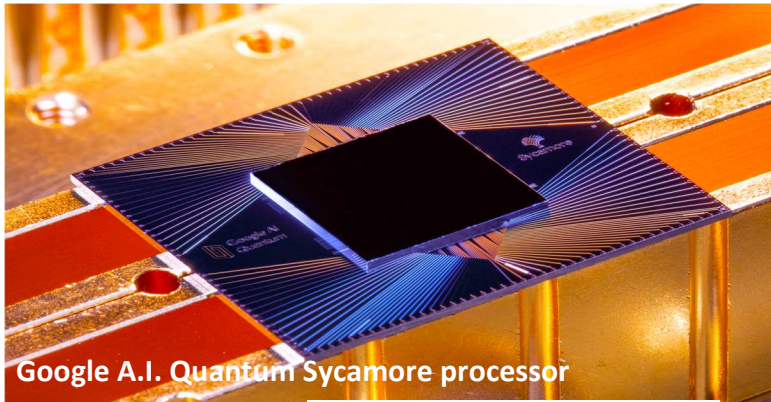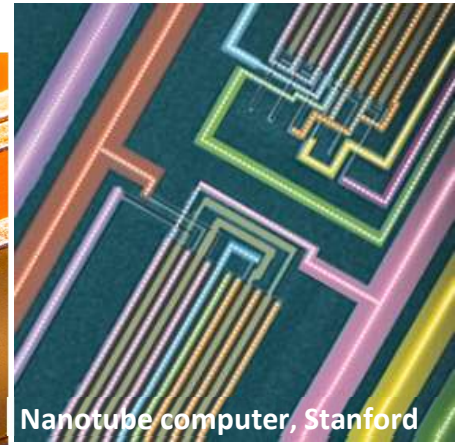# FOUNDATIONS OF QUANTUM MECHANICS & QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR ENGINEERS
EE P 521
Summer Quarter
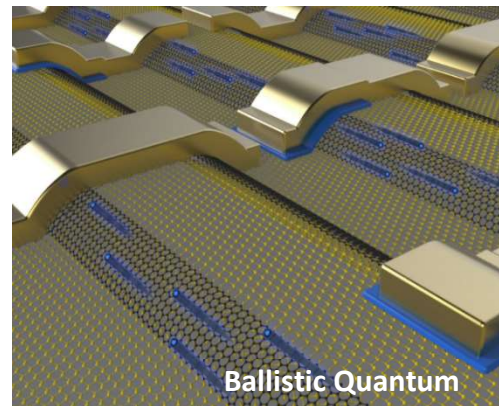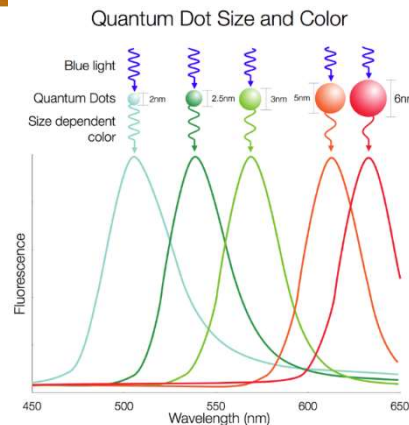
Google A.I. Quantum Sycamore processor

Nanotube computer, Stanford

IBM Quantum Computer

Quantum Dot Size and Color

Ballistic Quantum

- Qubit versus bit || Quantum Entanglement
- Problems that a quantum computer can solve?
- Bell's Theorem
- What is Quantum Supremacy?

- Grover's Algorithm for sorting
- Nanotubes, graphene
- Bloch's theorem
- Quantum of Conductance

This course is designed for students who are interested in applied quantum mechanics and quantum computing. Students will be introduced to the basic physical and mathematical aspects of quantum mechanics. The focus will be qubits, quantum gates, Grover's algorithm, principles of quantization superposition and entanglement. Students will learn the basics physics behind engineering light emitters, quantum dots, quantum wells, graphene, nanotubes, and qubit realizations.

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EE P 521: Foundations of Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Computing for Engineers

"Think quantum"

Format: The student can decide whether to attend in the lecture hall or via zoom.

Description

The course aims to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to quantum mechanics, quantum computing, and low-dimensional quantum materials. By the end of the course, students are expected to:

1. Develop a working knowledge of qubits, which are the fundamental units of quantum information processing and quantum computing.

2. Understand quantization in low-dimensional structures such as quantum dots, wells, and wires.

3. Explore applications of quantum concepts in nanodevices and nanomaterials.

4. Gain insight into the basics of quantum information, including its manipulation and processing.

Overall, the course provides students with a broad understanding of quantum mechanics and its practical applications, particularly in the context of emerging technologies. Through theoretical learning and projects, students will be equipped to engage with and contribute to advancements in quantum technology.

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Primary Learning Objectives:

1. **Think Quantum:** Develop a mindset conducive to understanding quantum concepts and reading relevant literature.

2. **Schrodinger's Wave Equation:** Interpret and utilize solutions of Schrodinger's wave equation.

3. **Quantum Calculations:** Perform simple quantum calculations and numerically solve Schrodinger's equation in one dimension.

4. **Quantum Tunneling:** Calculate quantum tunneling probabilities.

5. **Quantization in Technology:** Understand and calculate the role of quantization in technologically relevant examples such as quantum dots, nanowires, and quantum wells.

6. **Method of Separation of Variables:** Learn and apply the method of separation of variables in quantum problems.

7. **Basics of Spin:** Gain an understanding of the basics of spin in quantum mechanics.

8. **Basics of Qubits and Quantum Computing:** Learn fundamental concepts of qubits, quantum information, quantum computing, and algorithms.

9. **Software Usage:** Utilize software tools to reinforce concepts learned in the course.

Grading Criteria:

- **Homeworks/Mini Projects (70%):** Regular group assignments and group mini-projects, aimed at reinforcing understanding and application of course concepts.

- **Final Project (30%):** A culminating group project will allow students to demonstrate a deeper understanding of quantum mechanics and quantum computing concepts.

Detailed List of Topics:

1. Schrodinger Equation
2. Properties of Wavefunction
3. Operators and Expectation Values
4. Hilbert Space
5. Projection Operators and Uncertainty Principle
6. **Quantum Information and Computing** – this is the largest module of the course
7. Tunneling
8. Quantum Dots, Quantum Well, and Nanowires
9. Spins
10. Topics of current interest

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