The germanium quantum information route

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Abstract: The semiconductor industry knows how to make and integrate billions of excellent transistors. What are the materials requirement that will enable the integration of excellent qubits for the quantum information age of tomorrow? Today I will make a case for the germanium quantum information route [1]. Germanium is emerging as a versatile material to realize devices capable of encoding, processing and transmitting quantum information. I will examine the materials science progress underpinning germanium-based planar heterostructures [2], review our most significant experimental results demonstrating key building blocks for quantum technology [3,4], and  identify the most promising avenues toward scalable quantum information processing in germanium-based systems.

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