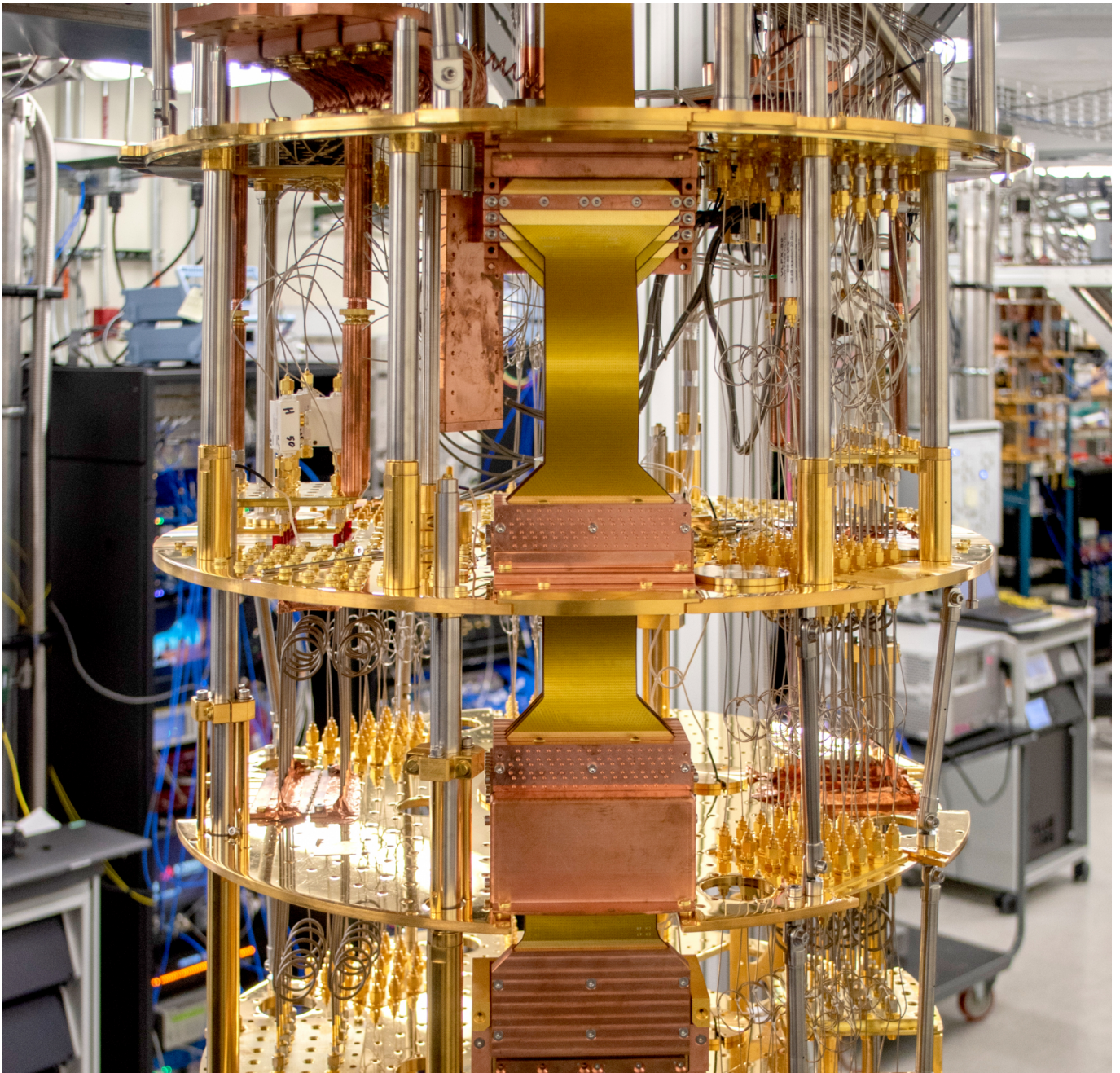


uptownBasel opens first quantum computer hub for commercial use in Switzerland



Press conference uptownBasel Infinity

Opening of the first quantum computer hub for commercial use in Switzerland

Organiser

uptownBasel Group

Date

Thursday, December 8th, 2022

Location

uptownBasel site, Schorenweg, 4144 Arlesheim

Today, the uptownBasel Group announced the opening of Switzerland's first quantum computer hub for commercial use. For this purpose, uptownBasel has founded uptownBasel Infinity Corp. - under the leadership of CEO Damir Bogdan and together with IBM, D-Wave and other national and international partners. uptownBasel Infinity operates "QuantumBasel", the Center of Competence for Quantum and Artificial Intelligence. Companies from the pharmaceutical, medical technology, industrial production and logistics sectors as well as start-ups, universities and universities of applied sciences will all benefit from this new centre. With this unique service, uptownBasel strengthens its international position as a sustainable development and production site.

Under the "QuantumBasel" brand, companies gain access to expertise and technologies that would be almost impossible for them to develop on their own. In workshops and training sessions, customers are first trained to use these technologies and are then provided with support throughout their projects. To ensure this high level of support, uptownBasel Infinity is currently building a team of around 20 quantum & AI specialists, data analysts, information systems specialists, technology experts and trainers.

Quantum as a service

Access to the technology is guaranteed via a dedicated hyperscaler at uptownBasel in Arlesheim (BL) which also offers a large data storage capacity on the campus. Among other things, QuantumBasel has access to an IBM computer with 433 qubits, and is therefore the first competence centre in Switzerland to offer companies such access to quantum technology.

Foundation for future innovations

Quantum computers now make it possible to perform comprehensive simulations that far exceed the limits of conventional computers. With the help of machine learning and artificial intelligence, innovative solutions can be created for the future. "We are convinced that we are creating an accelerator for many research projects with QuantumBasel, thus strengthening Basel as a business location and Switzerland as a whole," says Damir Bogdan, CEO of uptownBasel Infinity, summing up the objective of the new competence centre.

Joint press release with IBM

To mark the occasion, uptownBasel and IBM are publishing a joint press release announcing the global agreement with IBM New York, which is the first of its kind in Switzerland. The partnership agreement with D-Wave in Canada was also announced today. Further partnerships are being established and will be publicised in the coming months.

Images of the press conference



Dr Thomas Staehelin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of uptownBasel, talks about the great importance of QuantumBasel for the economy and society.

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Damir Bogdan, CEO uptownBasel Infinity, introduces QuantumBasel.

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Damir Bogdan, CEO uptownBasel Infinity, gives insight into the various use cases that quantum computers can be used for today and in the future.

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Damir Bogdan, CEO uptownBasel Infinity, shows how the ecosystem around QuantumBasel is being developed.

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Hans-Jörg Fankhauser, area developer uptownBasel, shows his vision for uptownBasel.

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Signing of the partnership declaration between D-Wave and uptownBasel (from left to right): Karl Gun, Member of the Board uptownBasel, Dr. Thomas Staehelin, Chairman of the Board uptownBasel, Mark Snedeker, Senior Vice President D-Wave and Damir Bogdan, CEO uptownBasel Infinity

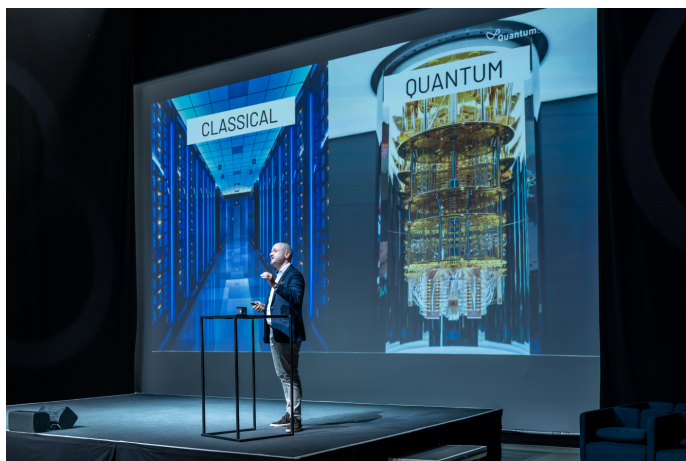
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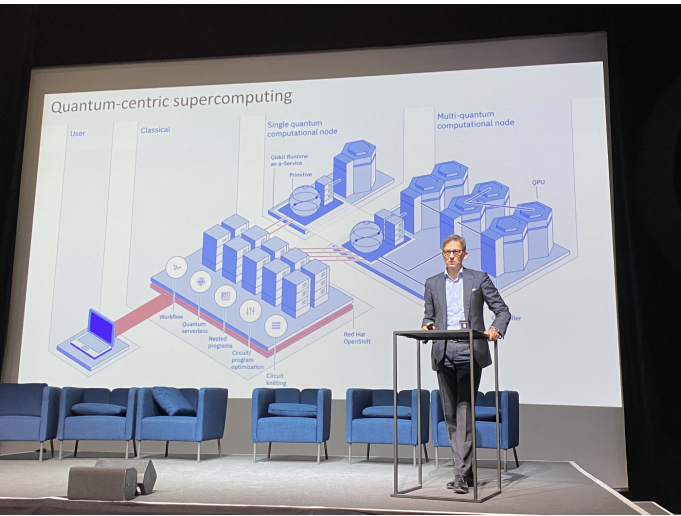
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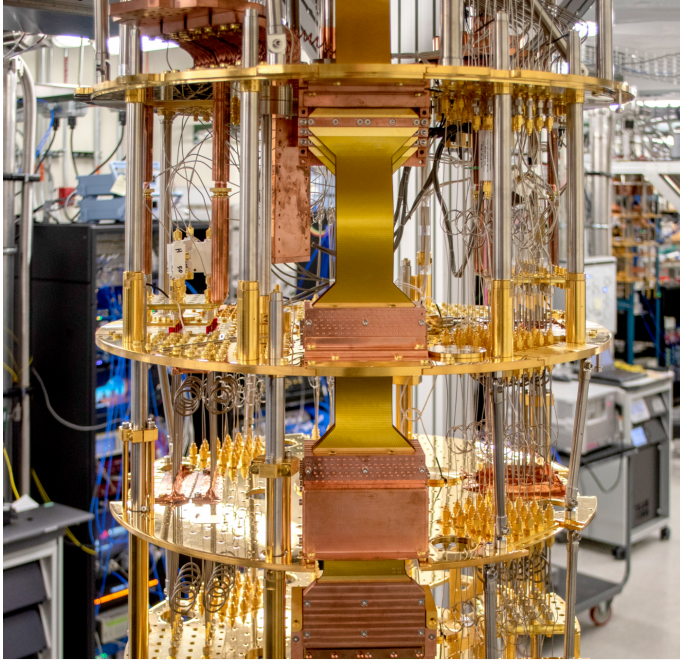


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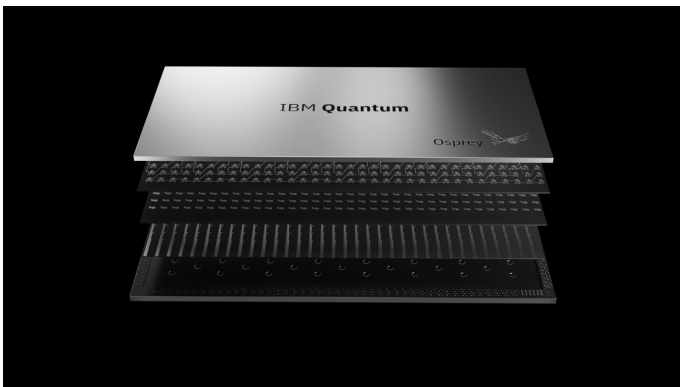
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Detailed view of the IBM quantum computer. As of January 2023, QuantumBasel will have access to the IBM quantum computer with 433 qubits.

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A cross-section of the Osprey processor, the most powerful quantum computer to date. It has a computing power of 433 qubits, to which QuantumBasel will have access.

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On 29th September 2022, Dr. Thomas Staehelin signed the cooperation agreement with IBM New York at the IBM Research Zurich Lab in Rüschlikon. uptownBasel becomes Switzerland's first quantum computer hub for commercial use.

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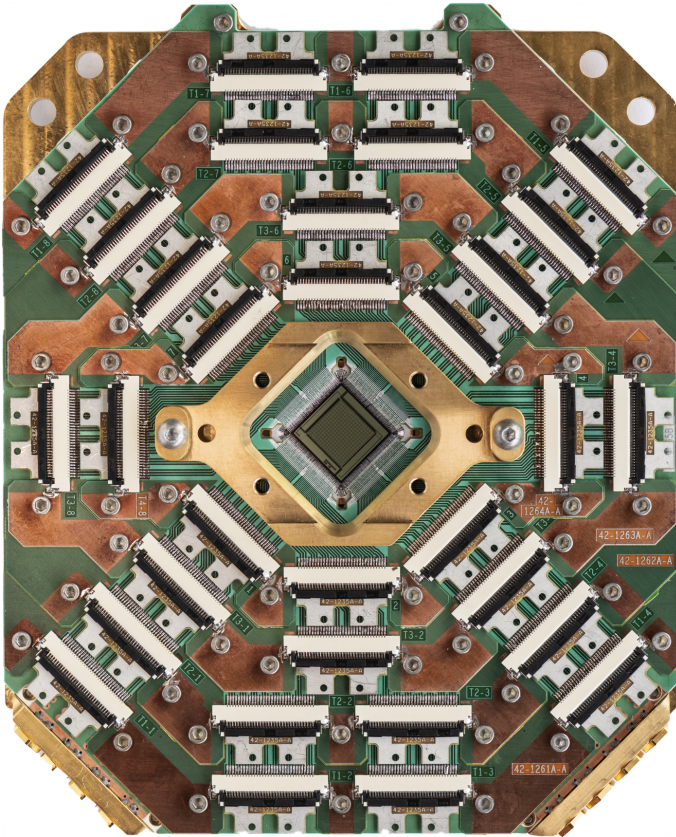
In 2016, the idea for the uptownBasel site was born, which is to become a quantum technology hub known throughout Europe by 2026.

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- **Christian Keller**
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- **Mark Snedeker**
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- **Phil Arnold**
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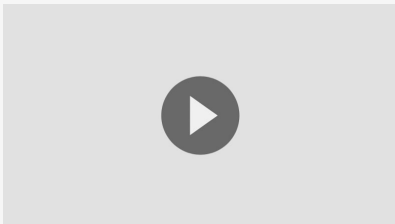
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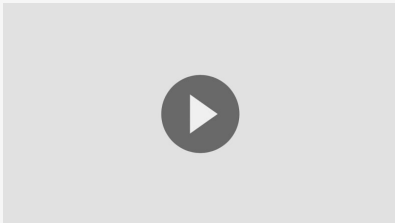
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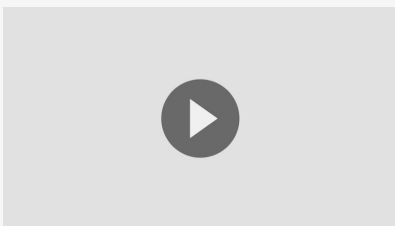
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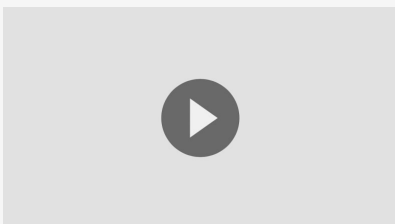
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