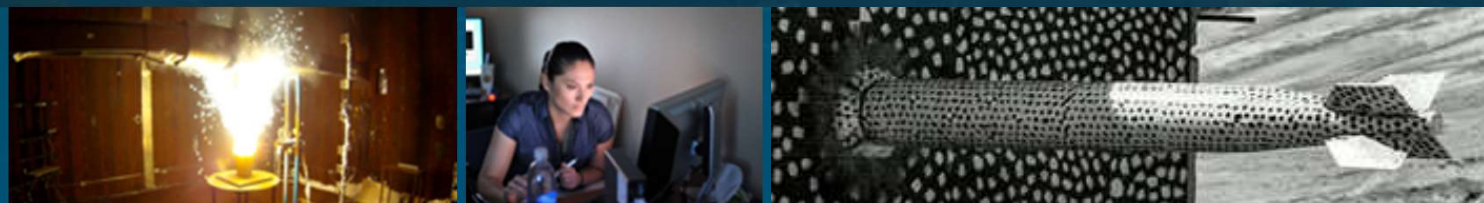


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Some historical roots:

See <https://tinyurl.com/MikePFrank-Sandia> for more

- Landauer's limit (1961) follows from the unitarity of QM, and it motivates reversible computing.
- Konstantin Likharev's reversible *parametric qantron* (PQ, 1977+) was one of the first efficient superconductive logic styles, and simultaneously one of the first concrete engineering implementation concepts for reversible computing.
- Richard Feynman's early ideas about quantum computing (1982, 1985) were inspired by his interactions with Ed Fredkin, who always urged him to think about physics in computational terms.
- David Deutsch's (1989) concept of quantum circuits was a direct generalization of Fredkin & Toffoli's early (~1980) work on classical reversible logic circuits.

Current noteworthy intersection points:

- Yokohama National University's adiabatic quantum flux parametron (AQFP) approach to superconducting logic can be viewed a modern successor to Likharev's early PQ work
 - Includes a logically reversible logic family called reversible quantum flux parametron (RQFP), shown capable of circumventing Landauer's limit in simulation. (And working test chips have been fabbed!)
- Recent work on *ballistic* models of superconducting reversible computing by groups at U. Maryland/LPS & at Sandia (& related theoretical studies by Jim Crutchfield @ UC Davis)
 - Heavily inspired by Fredkin & Toffoli's 1980 *billiard-ball model* of ballistic reversible computing.
- Semiconducting/superconducting adiabatic/reversible logic can permit more energy-efficient *control and readout* in real engineering implementations of quantum computers!
 - E.g., see recent work by Erik DeBenedictis, zettaflops.org. (Slide shown during panel)

