

# MIT Industrial Liaison Program Faculty Knowledgebase Report

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## Quantum Computing: Opportunities and Challenges

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Introduction to Quantum Computing  
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Will received his PhD in Electrical Engineering from the Stanford University, the SM in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from MIT, and a BS in Electrical Engineering and BA in Japanese from the University of Rochester (NY).

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Government and Industry Perspectives

Government Policies:

Dr. Charles Tahan  
Assistant Director for Quantum Information Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Director, National Quantum Coordination Office

Quantum Computing:

Dr. Erik Lucero  
Quantum Engineering Hardware Lead and Site Lead Google Santa Barbara  
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Control Software and Hardware:

Ms. Liz Ruetsch

GM, Quantum Engineering Solutions (QES), Keysight Technologies, Inc.

Quantum Algorithms:

Dr. Christopher Savoie

CEO, Zapata Computing

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Panel Discussion and Q&A