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Rob is an experimental physicist hell bent on developing practical applications of quantum technologies. The last decade saw the beginning of a new technological revolution, which is underpinned by the quantum nature of devices. This technology will have a huge impact on our lives in many ways; the first being to enable truly secure communications. Rob's contribution in this exciting field was seeded by a Master's degree from Oxford University (2002), before moving to Cambridge to complete a PhD in experimental quantum information processing.

In 2009 he joined Lancaster University before winning a prestigious Royal Society Research Fellowship and starting an eponymous group in 2012. In 2016 he became an Adjunct Professor at IFFS (UESTC, Chengdu) and gained a Chair in Quantum Technology at Lancaster in 2017. Since 2016 he has also led Lancaster's half of the doctoral training centre, Graphene-Nownano, which is run jointly with the University of Manchester.

Rob has published around 100 research papers and he is an inventor on 9 granted patents with many more pending. He is the Director of Lancaster's Quantum Technology Centre and the co-founder of Quantum Base, which commercialises results from his research group.