



quantum technologies roadmaps perspective and challenges



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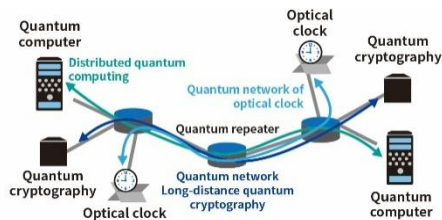
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second quantum revolution pillars



quantum
computing

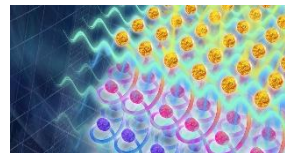


quantum
communications

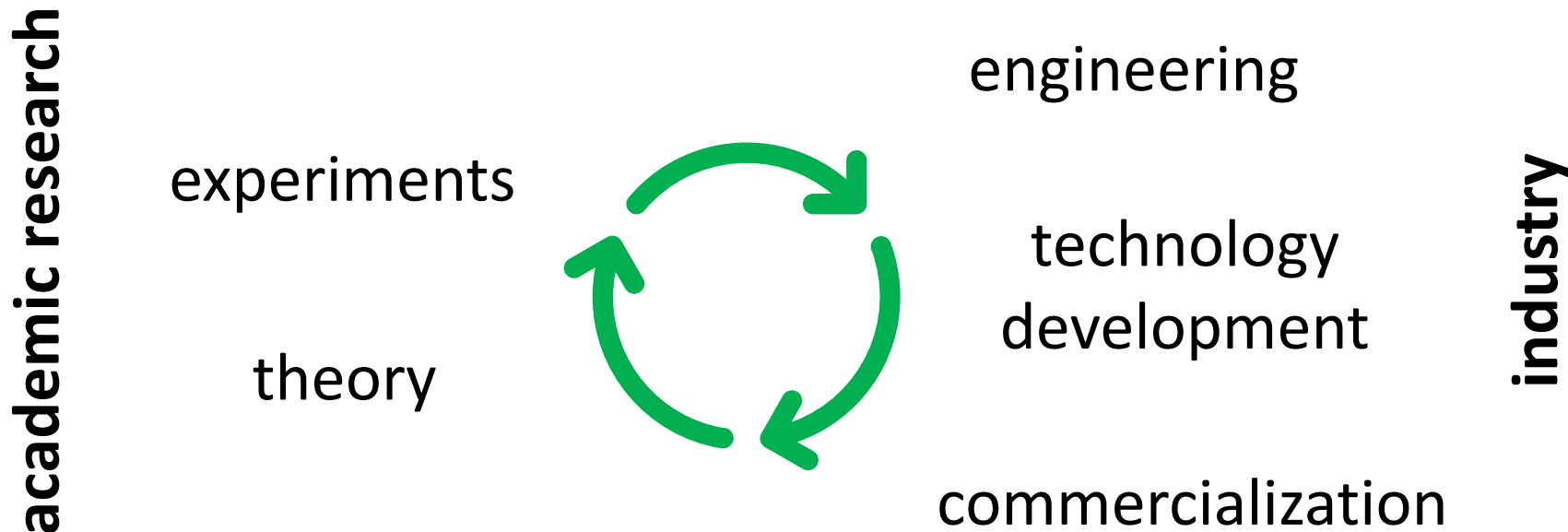


quantum
sensing

quantum
enabling technologies



a virtuous cycle at play



continuous advances in all fields

quantum computing

- reaching 99.9% qubit fidelities.
- qubit number >100 (IBM, QuEra, ...).
- efficient error correction codes.
- first logical qubits.
- non-local qubit connectivity.
- progress with all types of qubits.
- solving interesting physics problems.
- NISQ quantum utility (*still debated*).

quantum communications

- longer distance QKD.
- higher sat and terrestrial QKD keyrates.
- QPU interconnect trials.
- telecom-wavelength QKD.
- first memories for entanglement repeaters.

quantum enabling technologies

- cryo-CMOS and SFQ electronics.
- flexible cables.
- qubit readout TWPAs.
- high-power cryogenics.
- fibre lasers.
- low-loss fibres and waveguides.
- higher efficiency SNSPDs and PNRDs.
- deterministic quantum dots photon sources.

quantum sensing

- commercial absolute gravimeters.
- quantum PNT experiments.
- quantum LiDARs.
- 10^{-19} s accuracy quantum clocks.
- broad spectrum analysis with cold atoms.

but it takes time



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2025:

84 qubits (Ankaa)

36 qubits (better fidelities)

2025:
36 qubits (Forte)

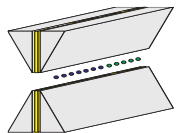


IonQ Has the Most Powerful Quantum Computers With 79 Trapped Ion Qubits and 160 Stored Qubits

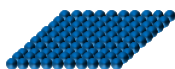
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an amazing technology diversity

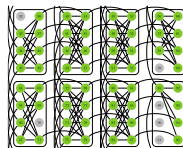
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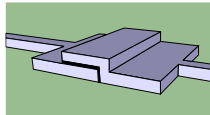
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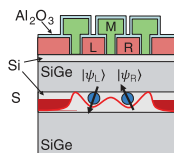
cold atoms



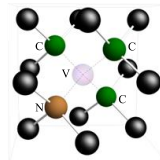
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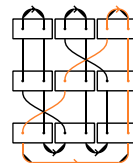
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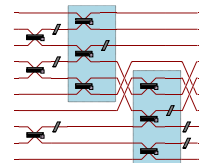
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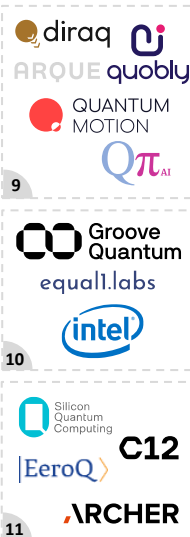
vacancies



topological



photons



what should we have in FTQC roadmaps?

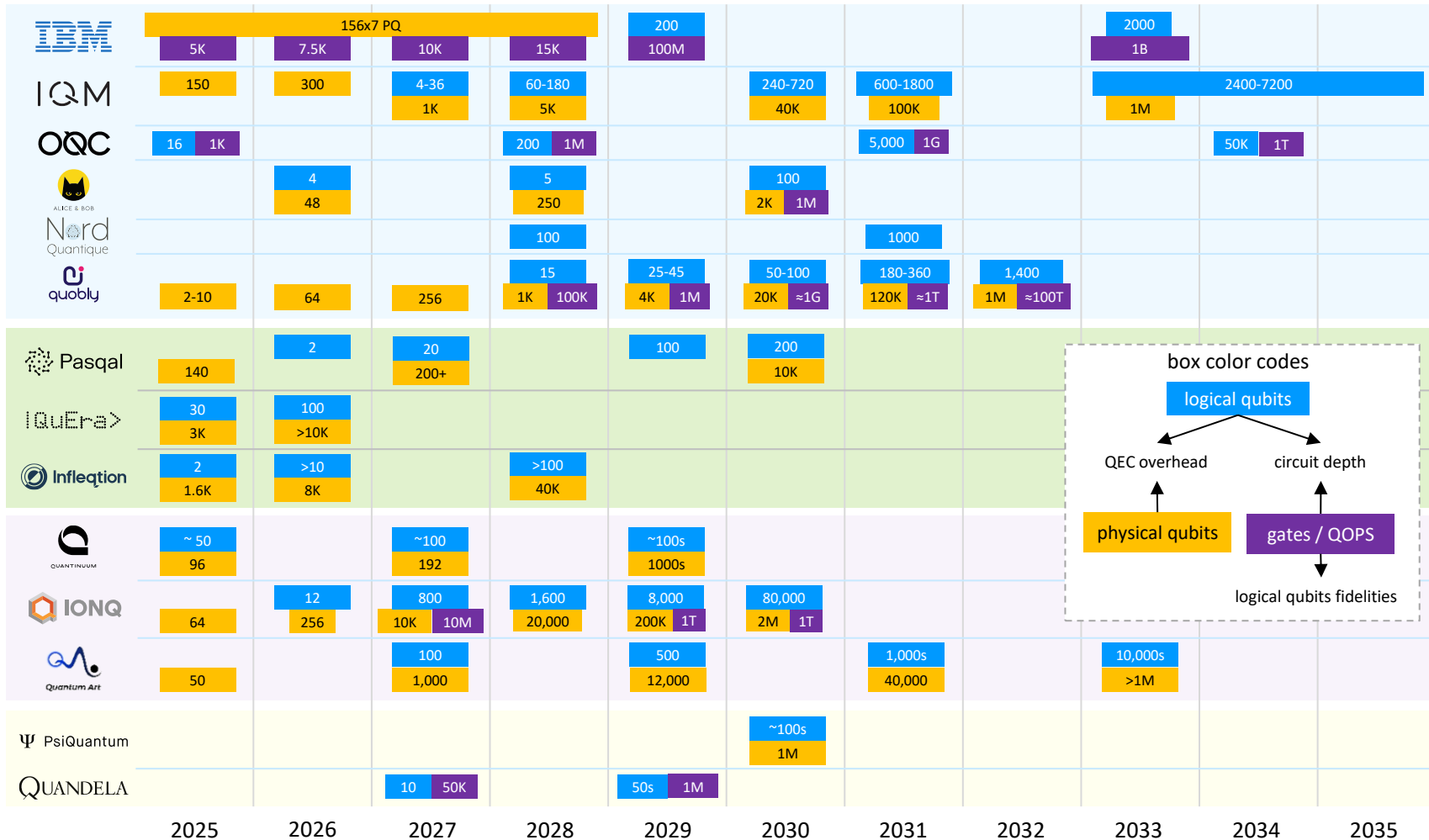
bare minimum

- # logical qubits.
- supported circuit size / logical error rates.
- # physical qubits.

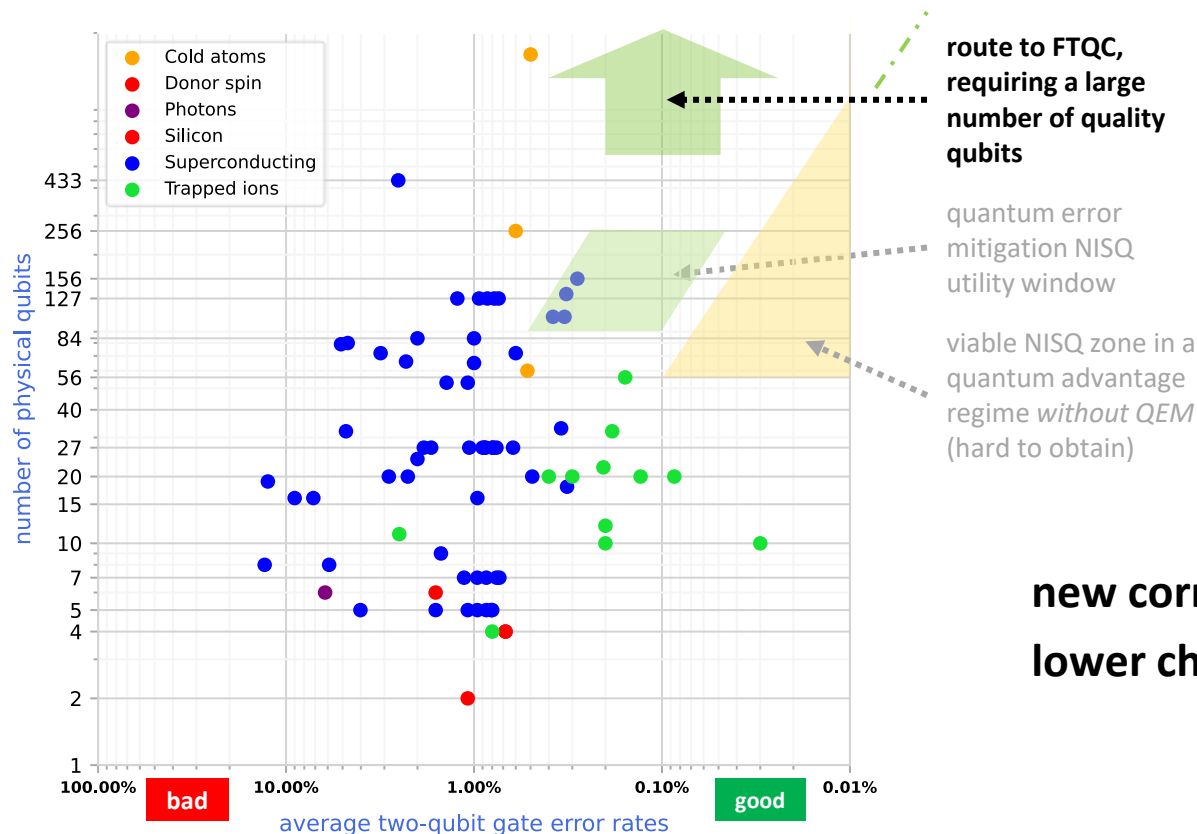
**operational
metrics**

nicer to have

- clock speed and QLOPs/s.
- planned QEC codes and methods.
- processor size & reliance on QPU interconnect.
- peak power consumption in W.
- components operating temperature.
- QPU weight and size.
- operational constraints like temperature variability.
- components MTBF.
- capex/opex cost structure.

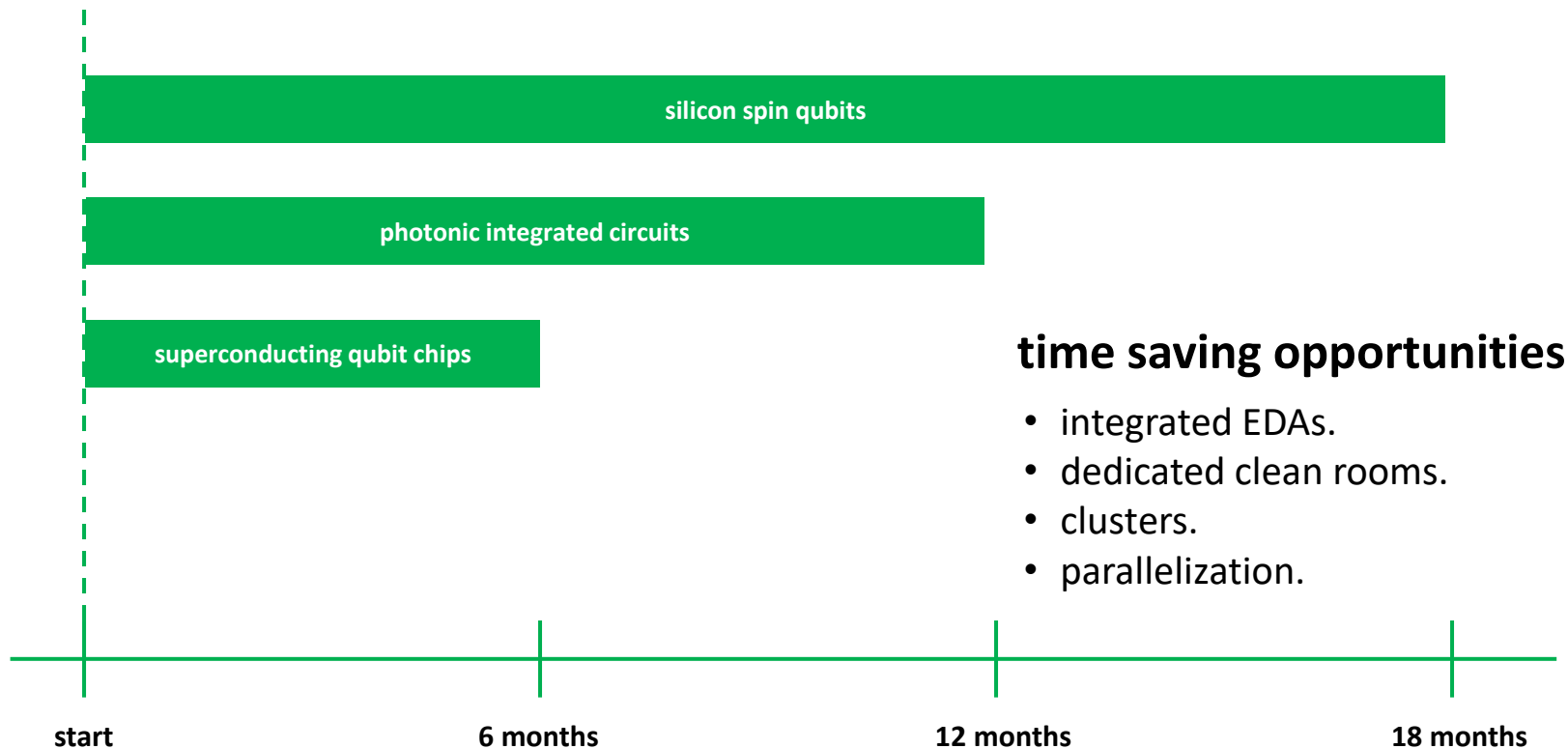


challenge 1: qubit *infidelities* at scale

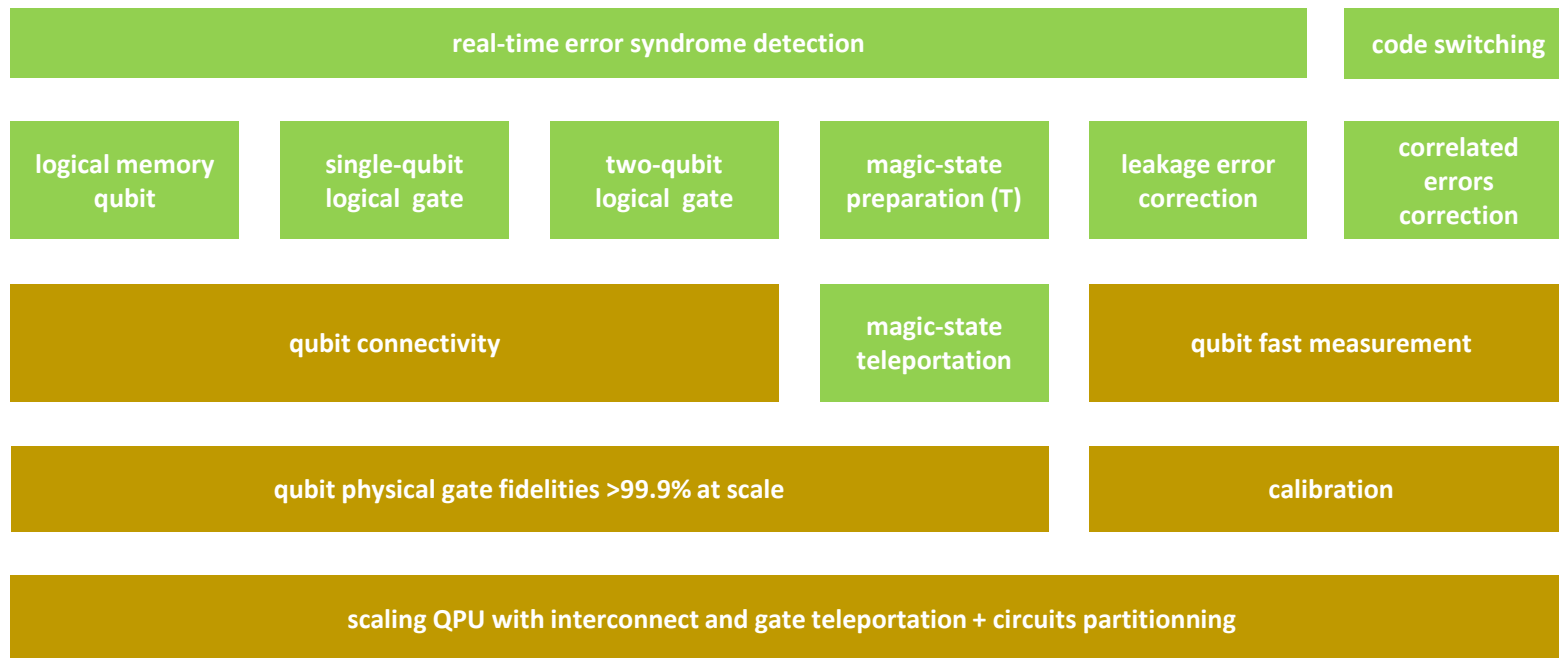


new correlated noise sources?
lower chips variability?

challenge 2: chips iteration cycles



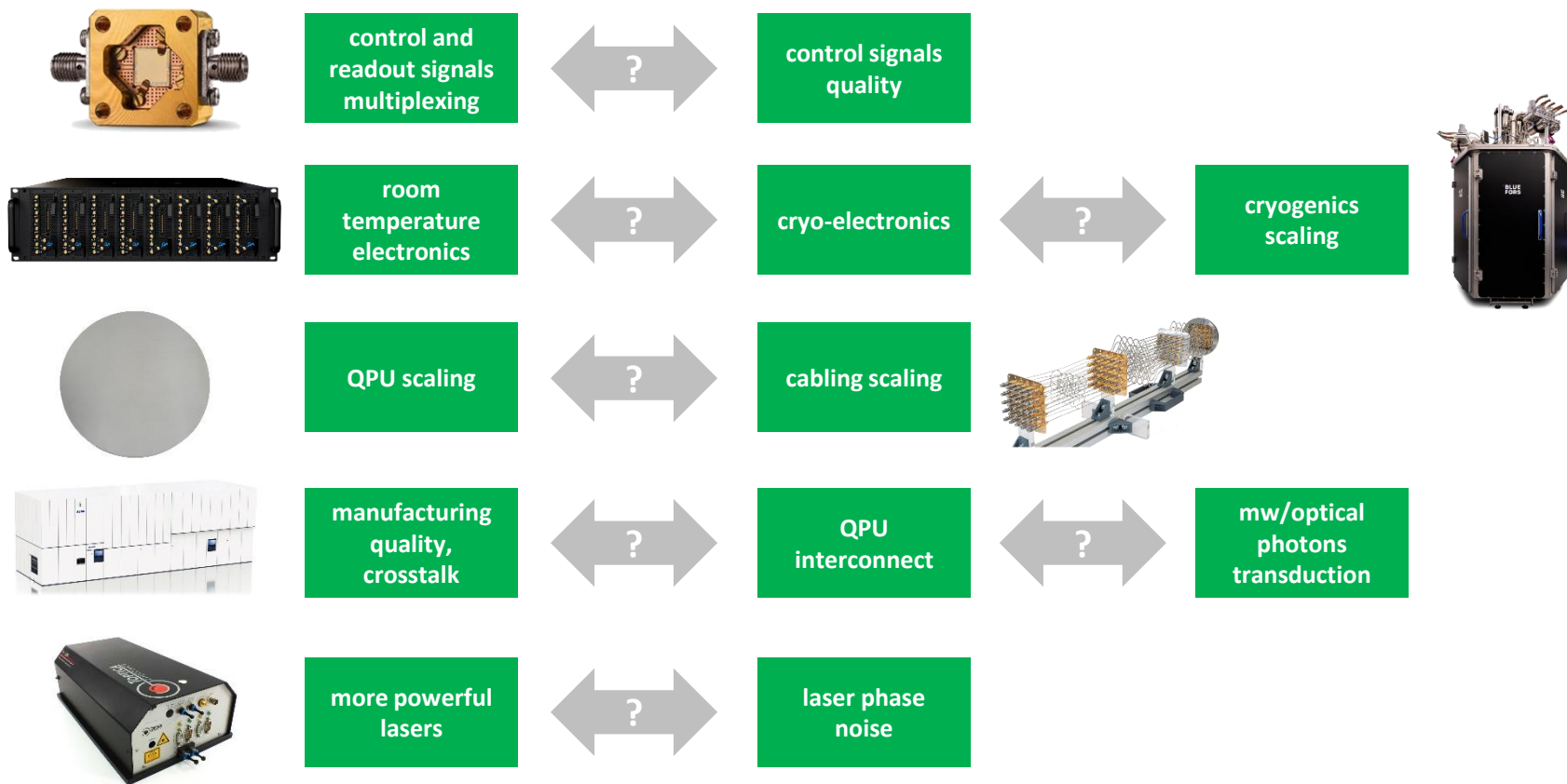
challenge 3: quantum error correction



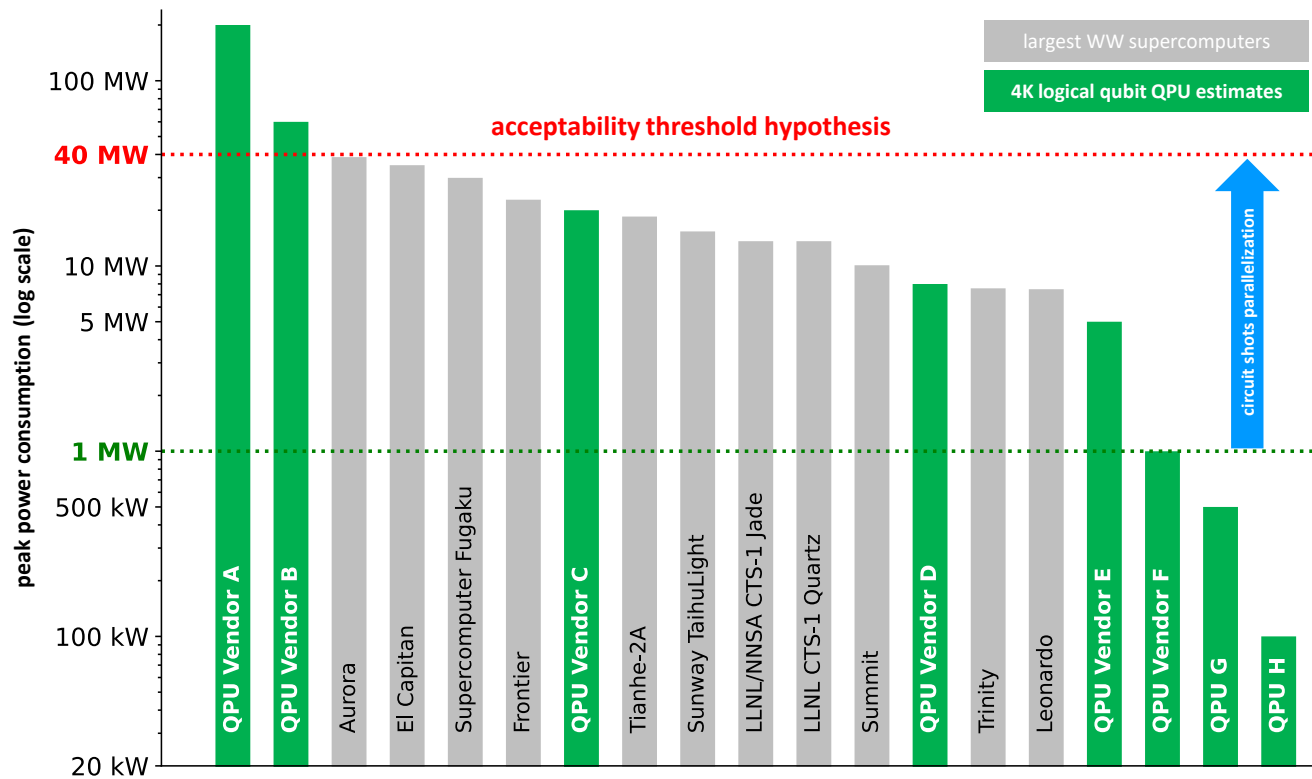
green: QEC components.

orange: QEC enablers.

challenge 4: enabling technologies



challenge 5: energetics



estimate base power for various QPUs and actual for existing largest HPCs WW.

HPC source: <https://www.top500.org/lists/top500/2024/06/>.

#QEI
the quantum energy initiative



IEEE P3329 Quantum Energy
Initiative (QEI) Working Group

challenge 6: software stacks

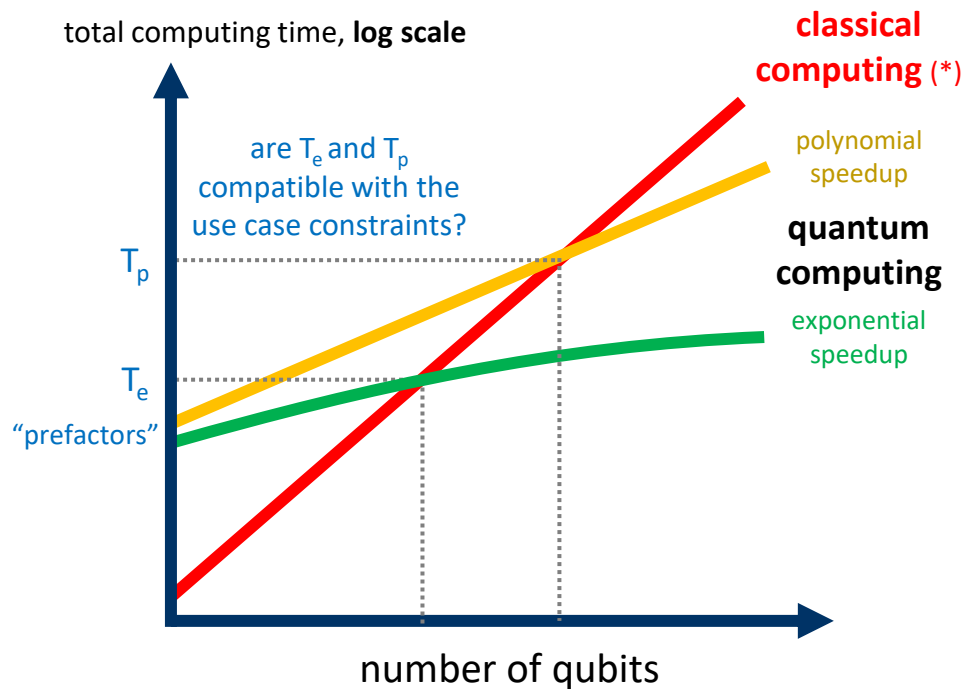
practical vs theoretical speedups

compiler & optimizers scalability

classical pre- and post-processing costs (chemistry)

verification, certification, benchmarking.

classical computing progress (MPS, DMRG).



inspired by [Opening the Black Box inside Grover's Algorithm](#)

by E. Miles Stoudenmire and Xavier Waintal, PRX, November 2024.

(*) for a fair comparison, the classical computer can be as expensive and/or energy hungry as the QPU.

Europe early adopters - evaluators





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bonus challenge: geopolitics

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(September 6, 2024) A new rule regarding export controls for advanced technologies, including quantum technologies, has been published in the Federal Register. A brief summary of the key items of interest for quantum technologies is captured below. The controls are effective September 6, 2024, though there is a 60-day delay for some quantum related controls; see the links below for details.

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