



# quantum computing roadmaps *and their energetics aspects*



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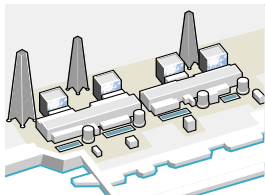
# what is this talk about?

1. refining the definition of an **energetic quantum advantage**.
2. integrating **economic concerns** and notions.
3. estimating **resources for industry relevant applications**.
4. identifying key **emerging scalability challenges**.
5. proposing new **QEI-related research avenues**.

asking questions

# refining energy advantage taxonomy

comparison with  
classical computing



energy advantage

computing  
accessible classically

mix of potential quantum  
**computing** and **energetic advantages**  
vs best-in-class HPCs (\*).

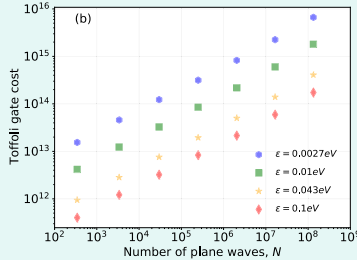
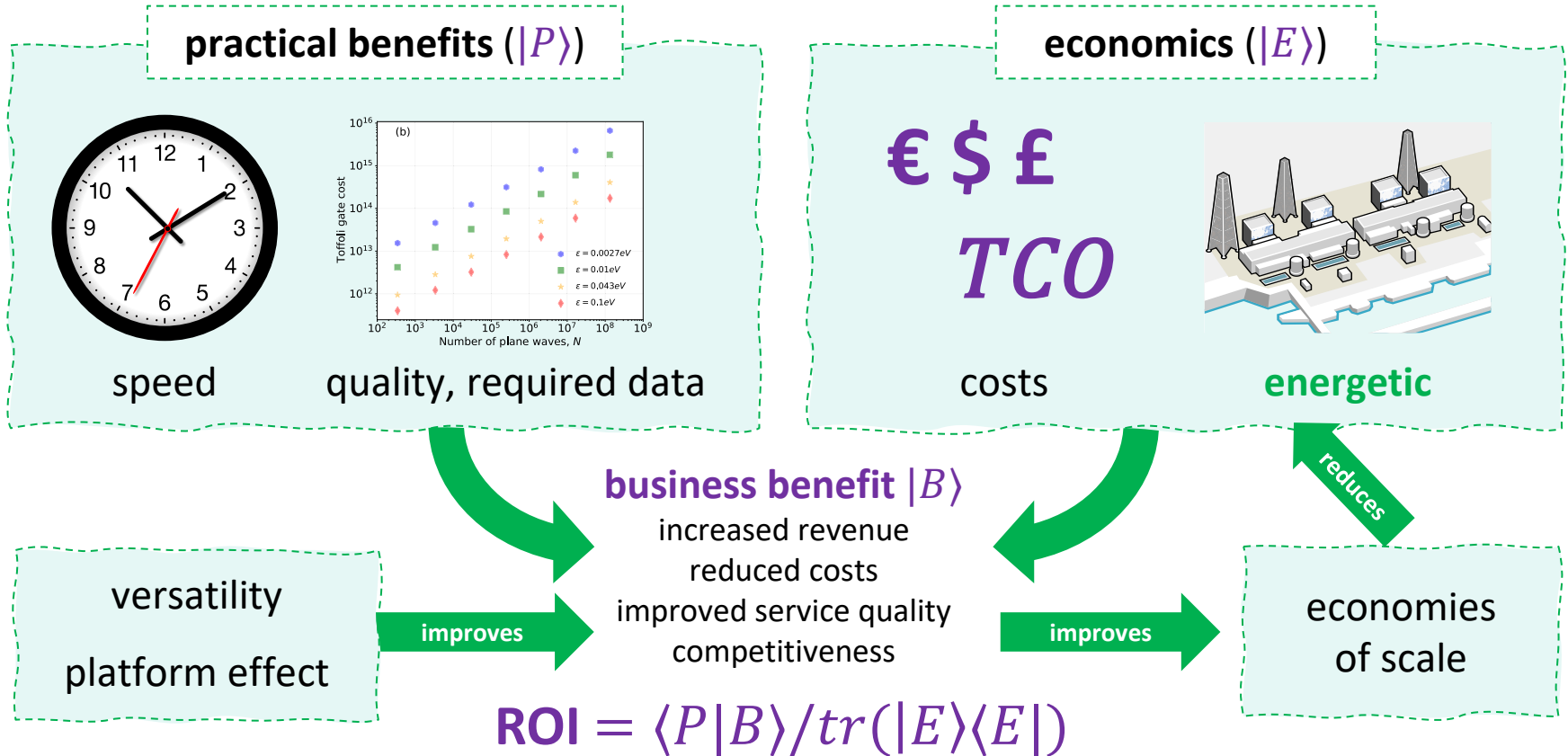
energy acceptability

computing  
not classically possible

need **reasonable** and **affordable**  
carbon footprint, resources and  
environmental impact vs added value  
and existing HPCs (\*).

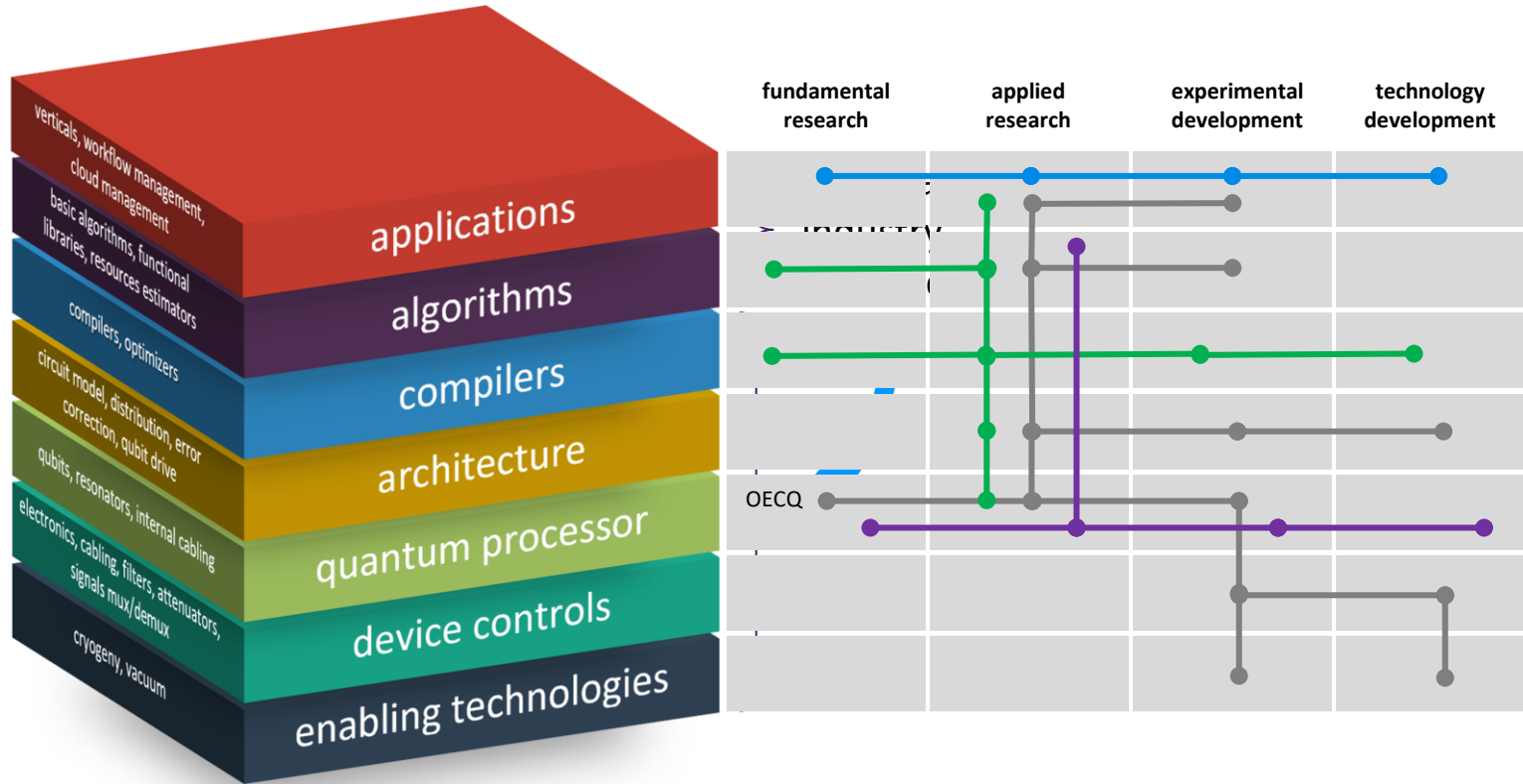
(\* ) including all classical costs.

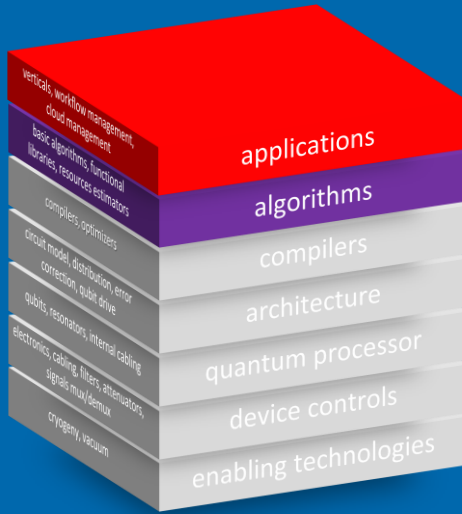
# quantum economics 101 for physicists



TCO: total cost of ownership - ROI: return on investment

# top-to-bottom approach

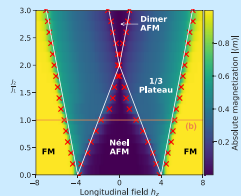




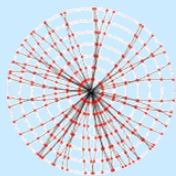
# applications and algorithms

# from science to industry applications

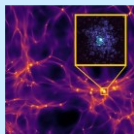
## fundamental research



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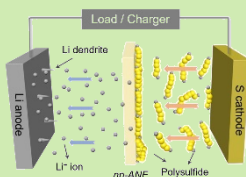


high-energy particle physics

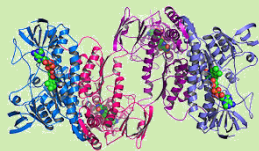


astrophysics

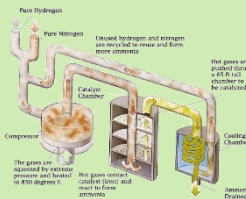
## applied research



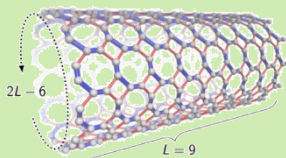
batteries



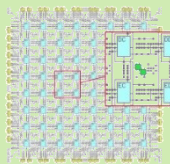
drugs



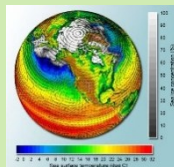
fertilizer production



material design



semiconductors



climate modeling

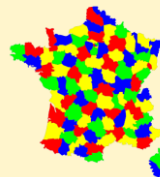
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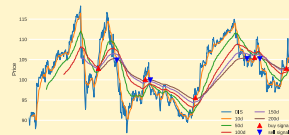
transportation



logistics and retail



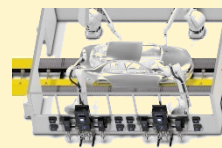
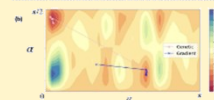
telecoms



financial services

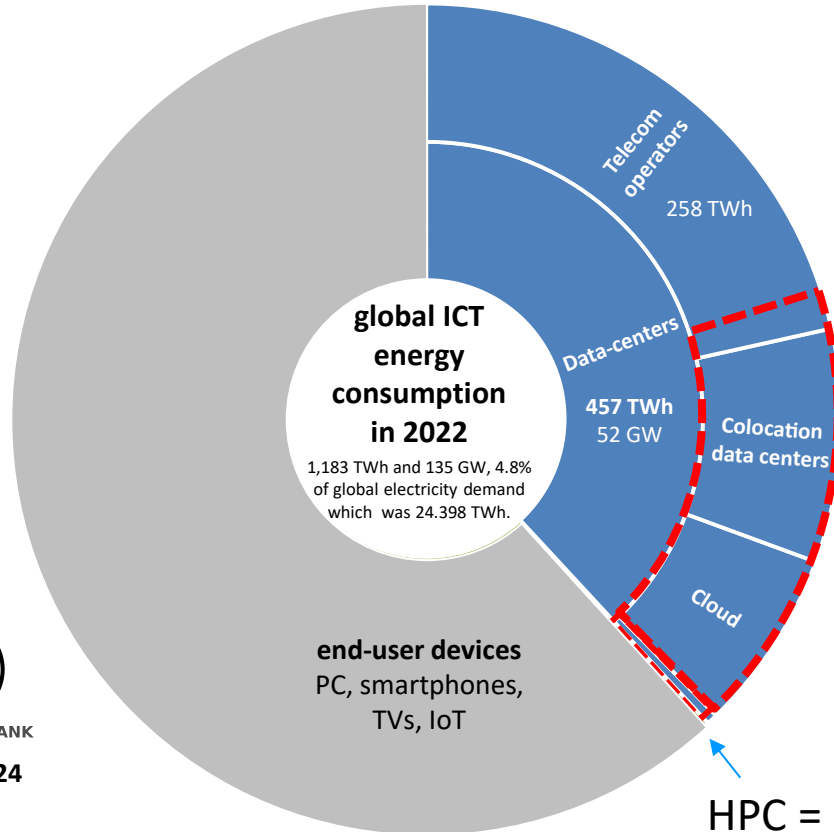


energy utilities



manufacturing

# sizing QPU's energetic impact...

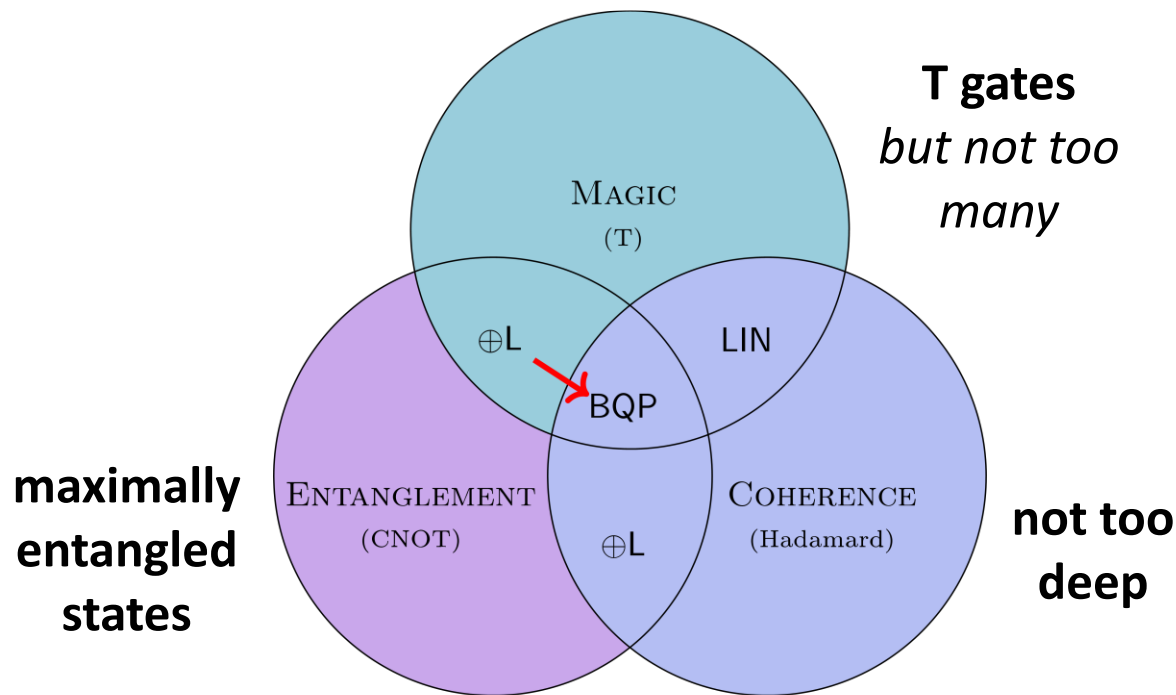


← 2 **or that?**  
with business operations applications

← 1 **will quantum computing reduce or increase this?**  
with scientific applications



# what is a valuable quantum algorithm?



and...

- **usefulness:** bringing some value and genericity.
- **speedup:** practical vs best-in-class classical algorithms on reasonable time scales.
- **quality:** better accuracy or heuristics.
- **data:** not too much data in, not too many samplings out, avoid use of classical oracle.

chart source: [On the role of coherence for quantum computational advantage](#) by Hugo Thomas, Pierre-Emmanuel Emeriau, Elham Kashefi, Harold Ollivier, and Ulysse Chabaud, Quandela, LIP6, Inria, University of Edinburgh, arXiv, October 2024 (20 pages).

# quantum algorithms interdependency clusters

analog  
QUBO

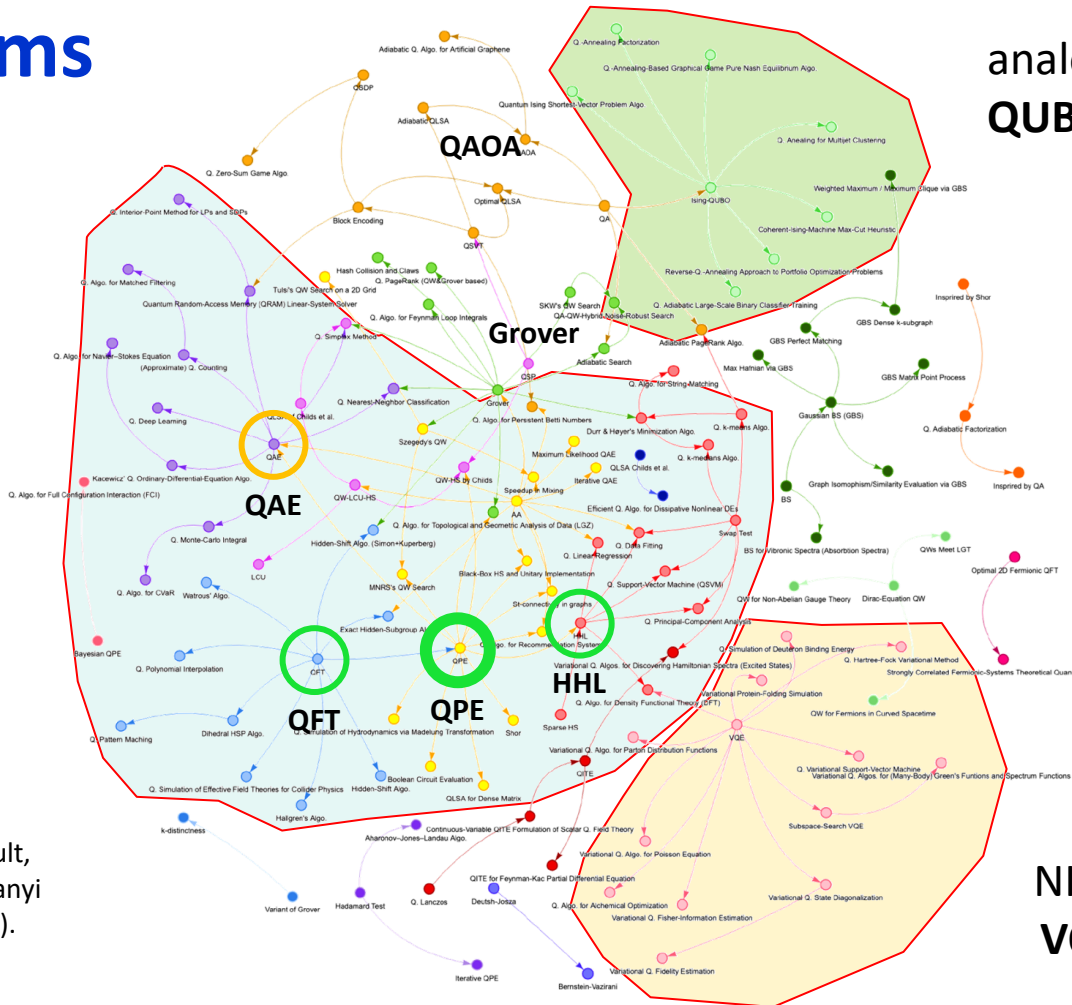
FTQC  
QPE & QFT based

Inria



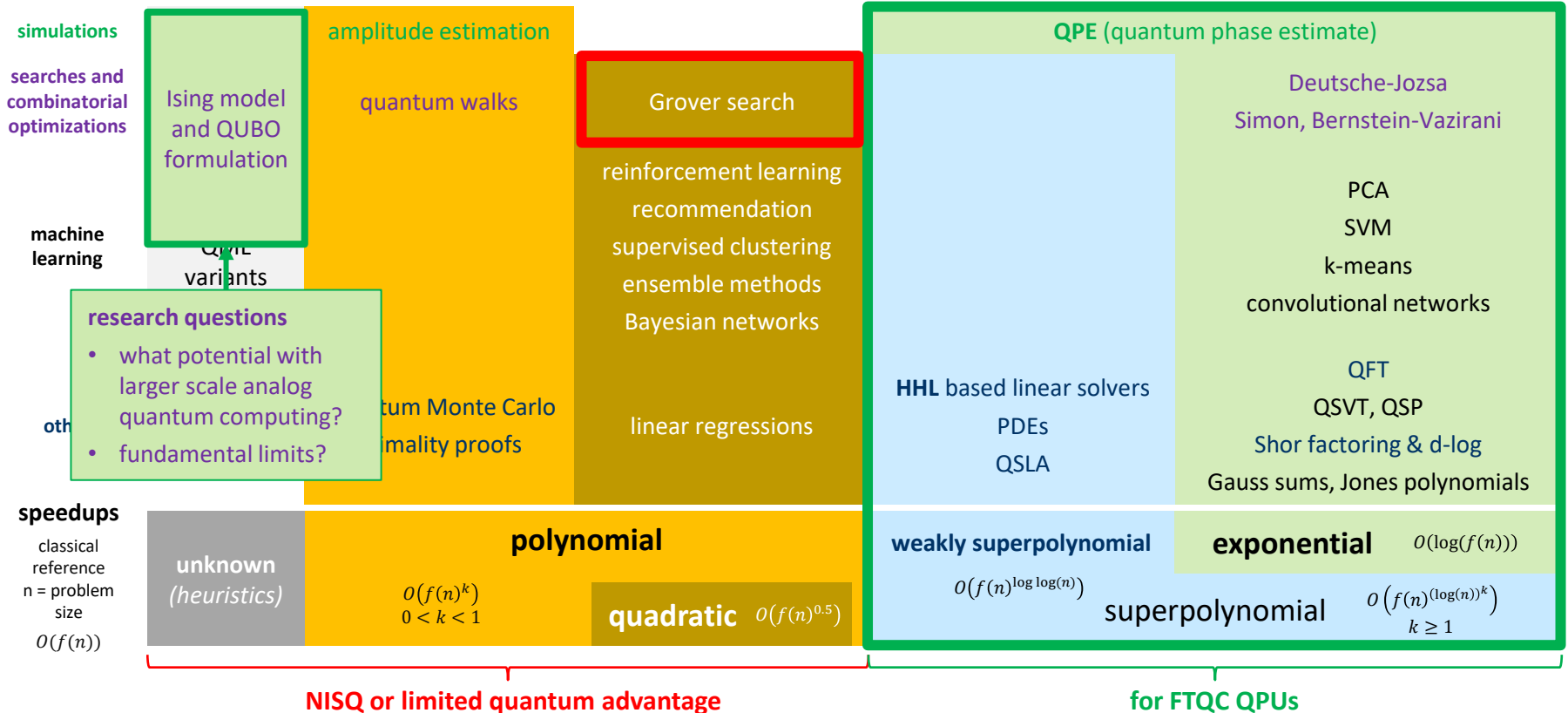
QUANTINUM

A [typology of quantum algorithms](#) by Pablo Arnault, Pablo Arrighi, Steven Herbert, Evi Kasnetsi, and Tianyi Li, Inria, Quantinum, arXiv, July 2024 (60 pages).

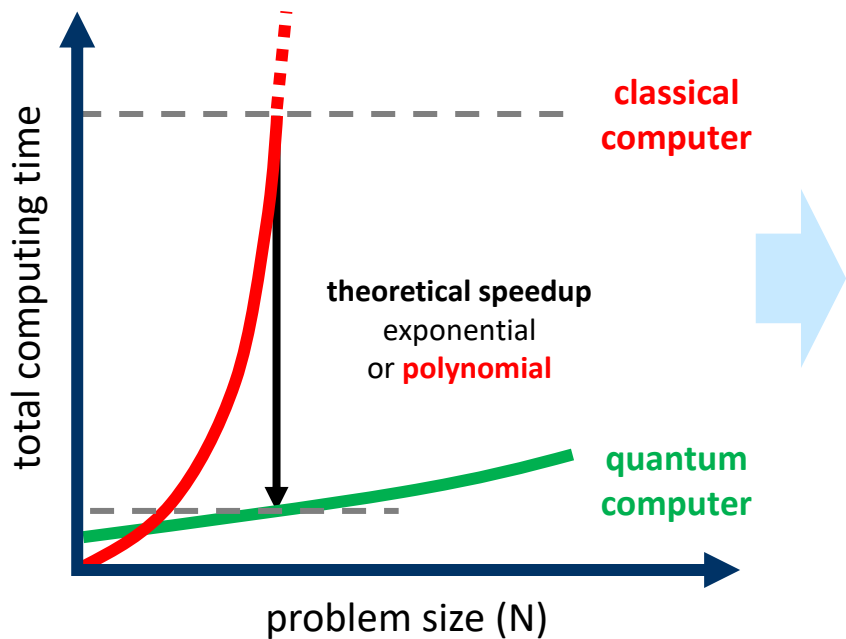


NISQ  
VQE

# potential quantum speedups



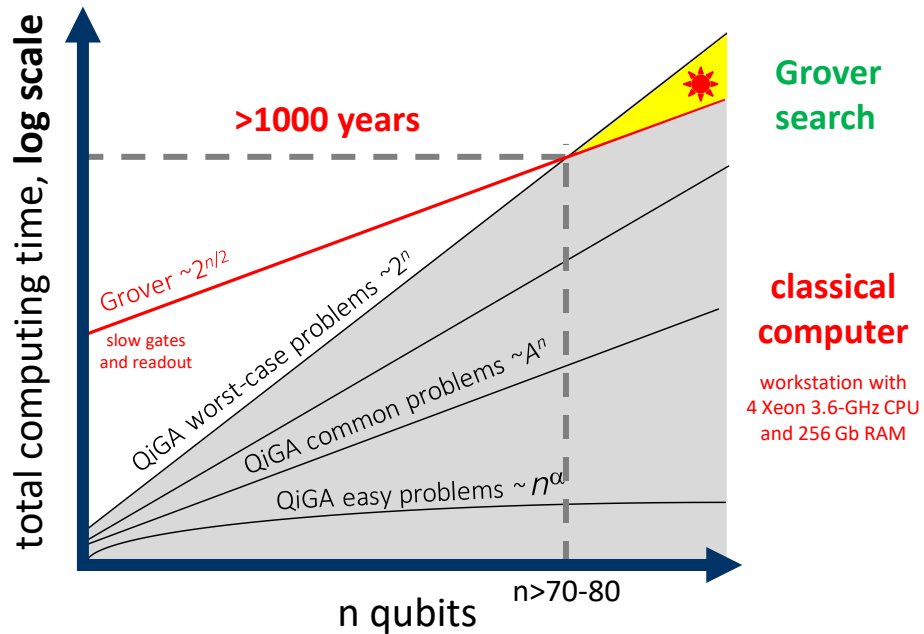
# Grover theoretical vs practical speedup



the typical way to illustrate quantum computing theoretical speedups.

## research question

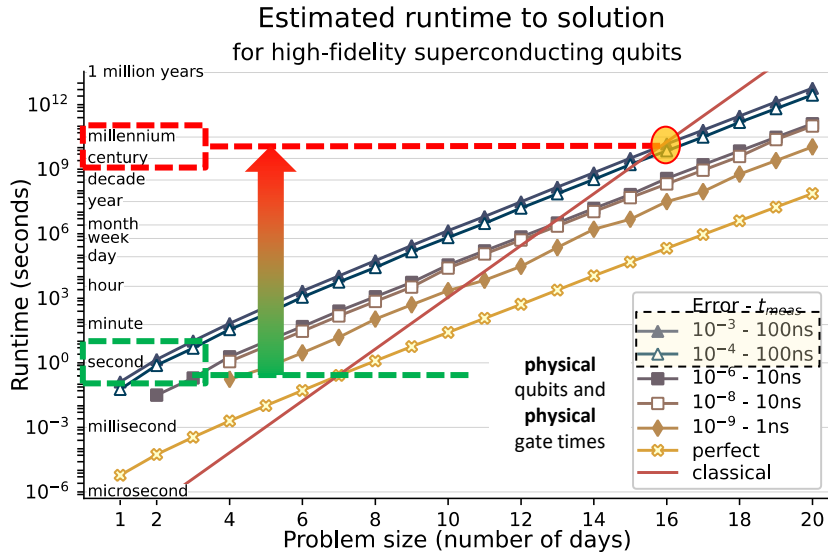
- could better qubit fidelities, faster gates or else make Grover bring some quantum advantage in reasonable time scales?



[Opening the Black Box inside Grover's Algorithm](#), E. Miles Stoudenmire and Xavier Waintal, PRX, November 2024.

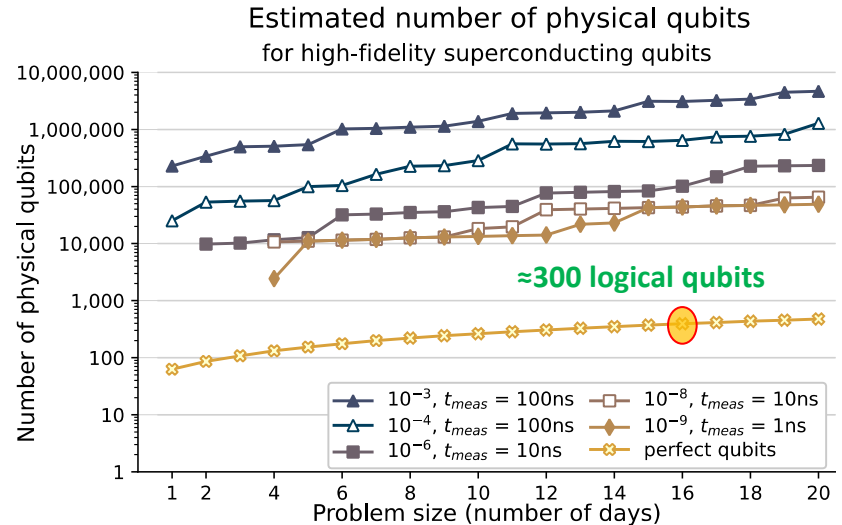
[Disentangling Hype from Practicality: On Realistically Achieving Quantum Advantage](#), Matthias Troyer et al, ACM, May 2023.

# Grover-based industrial shift scheduling



(a) Estimated runtime for arriving at the best solution.

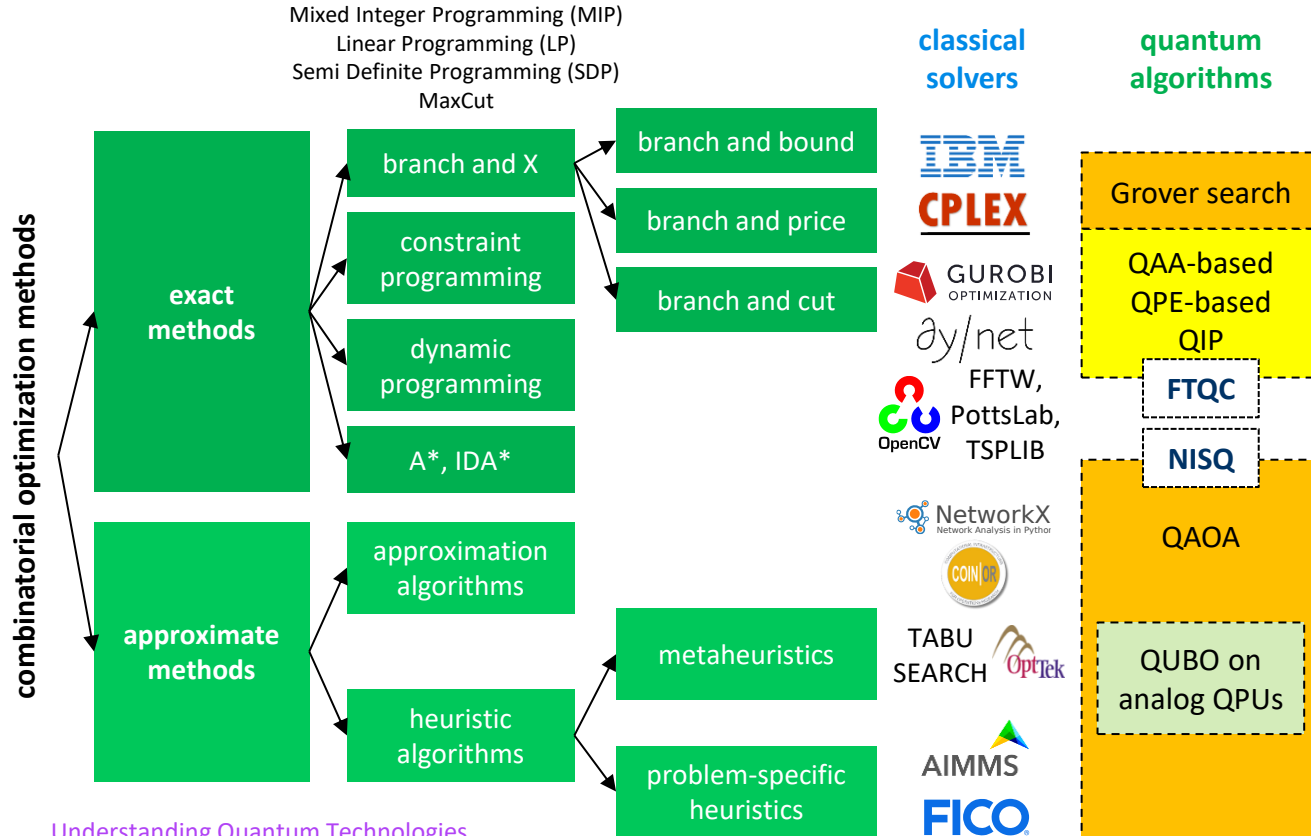
with **99.9% fidelities** and **100 ns readout time**, a quantum solution would be faster than the best classical ones after **several centuries of computing**. You'd need 99.9999% physical qubit fidelities and 10 ns readout times to reduce this threshold to months.



(b) Estimated number of qubits for arriving at the best solution.

physical qubit numbers are in the millions, which doesn't account for the cost and fidelities of interconnect solutions. However, the number of required logical qubits seems reasonable, sitting in the **300+ range** to obtain a quantum advantage regime.

# classical and quantum solver categories

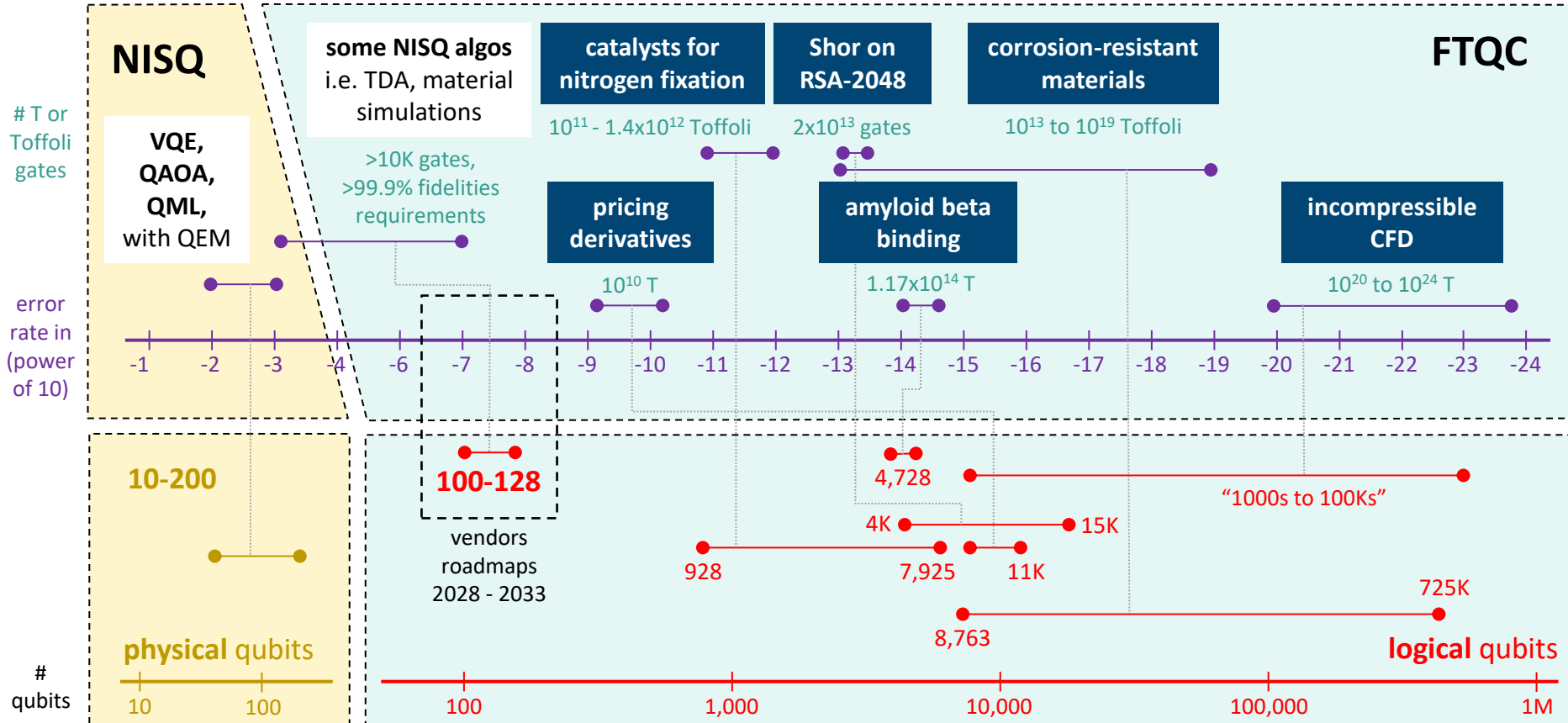


## research questions:

- how could **oracle-based** algorithms bring some practical speedup?
- which decision problem solving algorithms bring an **exponential speedup**? What are their structure?
- how about **large-scale analog** solutions (QUBO, Ising models)?

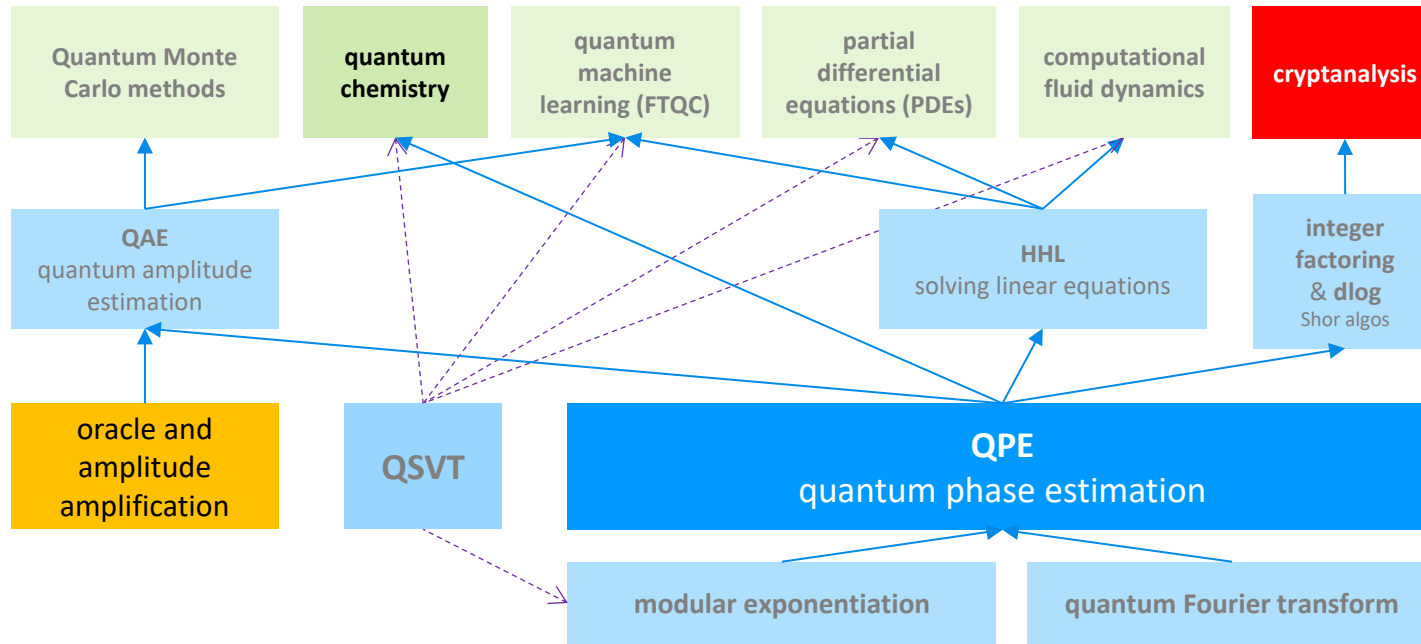


most of these solutions are based on variations of QPE



physical qubits and logical qubits are on a similar log scale. What determines the characteristics of logical qubits like the physical per logical qubit count is their target error rate itself dependent on the number of algorithms gates.

# key FTQC quantum algorithms food chain



[Why Haven't More Quantum Algorithms Been Found?](#) by Peter Shor, 2003 (4 pages).

[Quantum algorithms: A survey of applications and end-to-end complexities](#) by Alexander M. Dalzell, Fernando G. S. L. Brandão et al, AWS, RWTH Aachen University, Imperial College London, Caltech, October 2023 (337 pages).

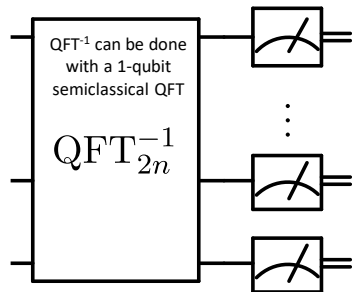
## research questions:

- are QPE and QSVT the **cornerstone algorithms** for obtaining exponential speedups? if so, **why is that?**
- what is the **relative energetic cost** of their key components: classical preparation, modular exponentiation, QFT?



# complexity scale: QFT and QFT<sup>-1</sup>

- QFT is a **low-cost part** of a Shor or QPE circuit.
- QFT can also be implemented as a **semi-classical QFT with a single qubit**, particularly if it is the last part of a quantum algorithm.



## factoring a 2048-bit RSA key

Shor part	gate scaling	gates	T gates
QFT <sup>-1</sup>	$\approx O(n^2/2)$	$\approx 8 \times 10^6$	$\approx 10^8$
period finding	$\approx O(n^3)$	$\approx 8.6 \times 10^9$	$\approx 10^{10}$

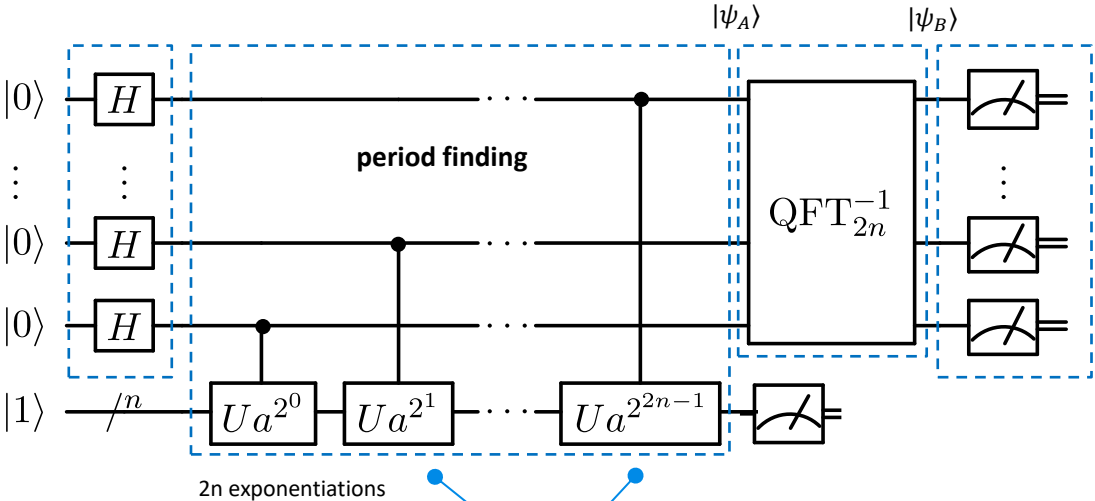
**QFT < 1% of Shor's cost**

and even less with a semi-classical QFT<sup>-1</sup> as in [Gidney-Ekerå's 2019 paper](#).

[How to factor 2048 bit RSA integers in 8 hours using 20 million noisy qubits](#) by Craig Gidney and Martin Ekerå, 2019 (25 pages).

# complexity scale: QFT < Shor

no data encoding at the beginning of the circuit.



2n exponentiations

$$f(x) = a^x \bmod N \longrightarrow U_f |x, 0^q\rangle = |x, f(x)\rangle$$

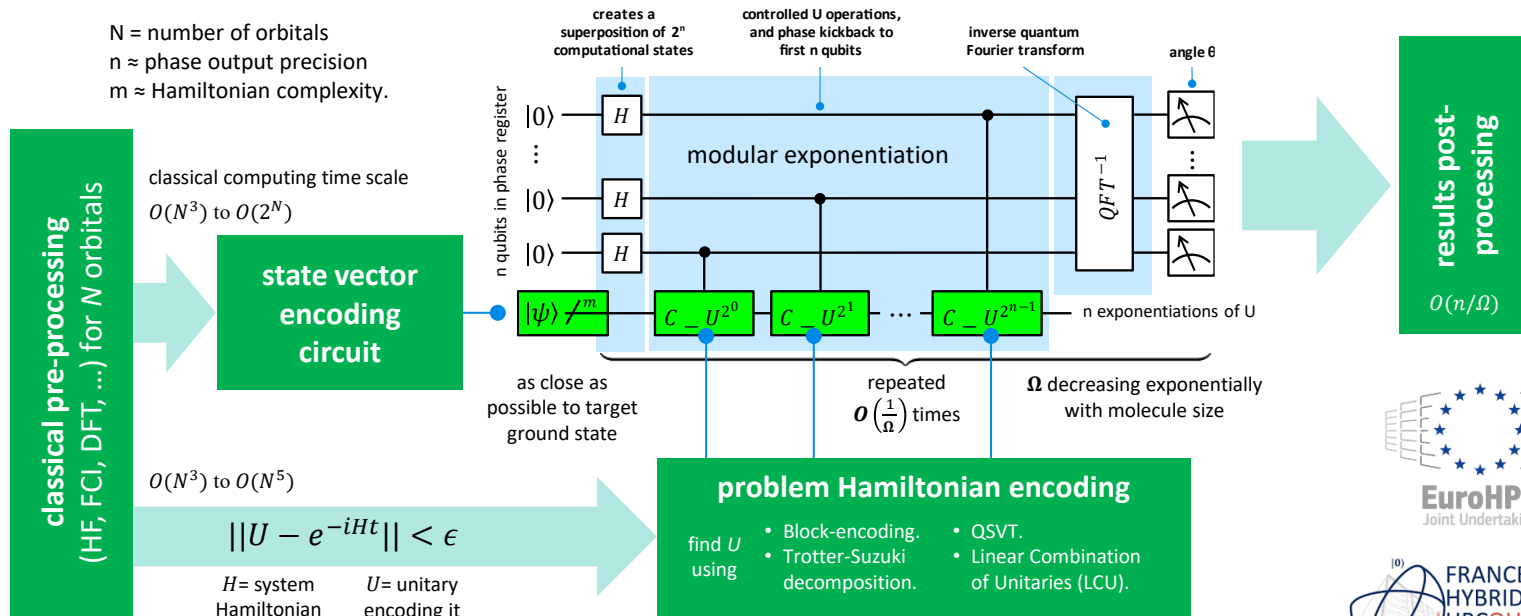
period finding based on complex reversible arithmetic.

lightweight classical post-processing.

QFT<sup>-1</sup> can be implemented with a 1-qubit semiclassical QFT

continuous fraction arithmetic post-processing the results to obtain the divider

# complexity scale: QFT < Shor < QPE



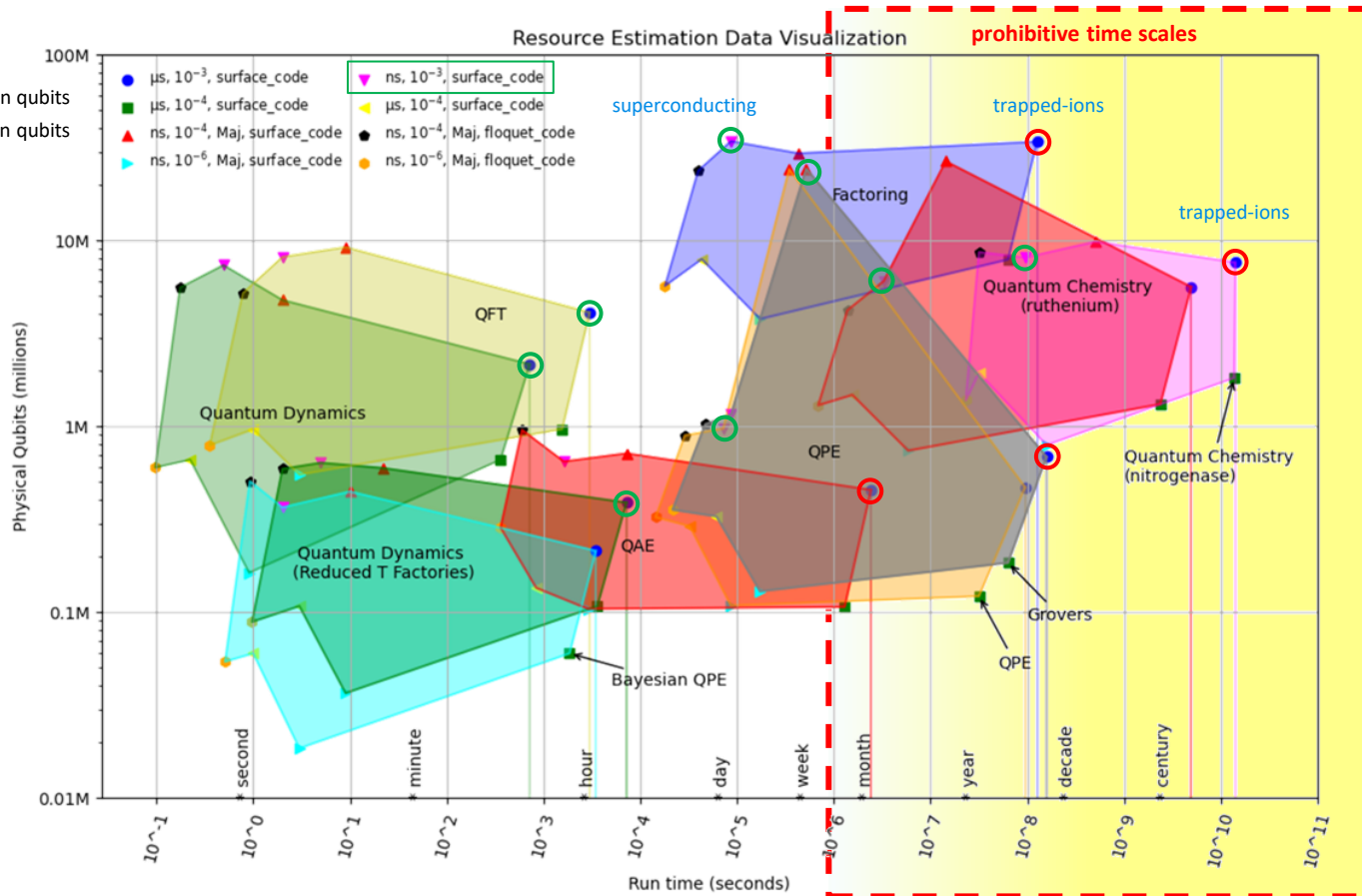
## research questions:

- as the many-body system size and logical qubits # grow, classical preparation cost can scale exponentially, but how much?
- use large QPEs for full-stack energy estimates, benchmarking, comparisons and optimization?

$\mu$ s gate times: trapped ion qubits  
 ns gate times: superconducting and silicon qubits

several scenarios are used with different physical qubit error rates and gate times. The realistic ones are with 99.9% fidelities and  $\mu$ s readout cycle times.

**one ultimate challenge will be actual computing times!**



The GQI Quantum Resource Estimator Playbook - Quantum Computing Report  
 by Doug Finke, Quantum Computing Report, August 2024.

# computing time optimization framework

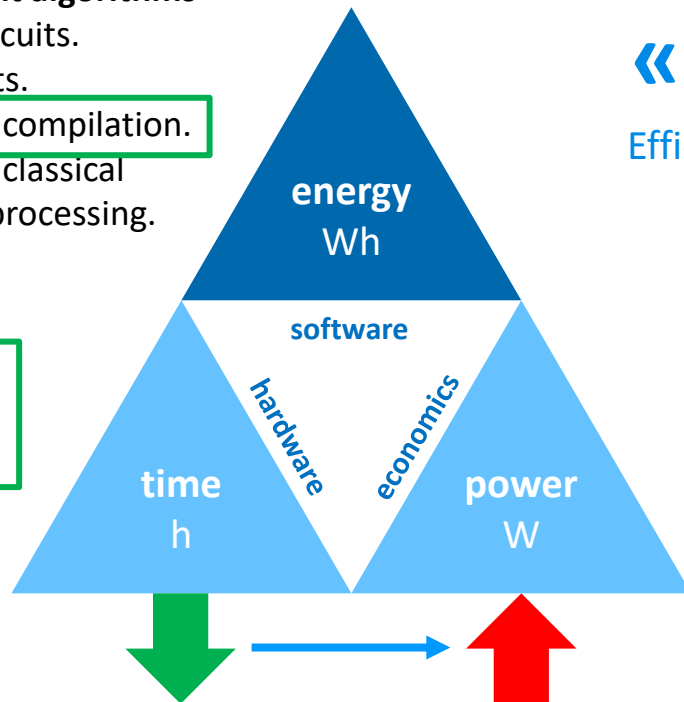
- 1 **more Efficient algorithms**
- smaller circuits.
  - fewer shots.
  - optimized compilation.
  - optimized classical pre/post-processing.

« EFP »

Efficient-Faster-Parallel

2 **Faster computing**

- faster gates and readout, constrained by various limitations.
- faster classical-quantum cycles, including QEC, classical-quantum drive efficiencies.



3 **Parallelizing circuit shots on multiple similar QPUs**

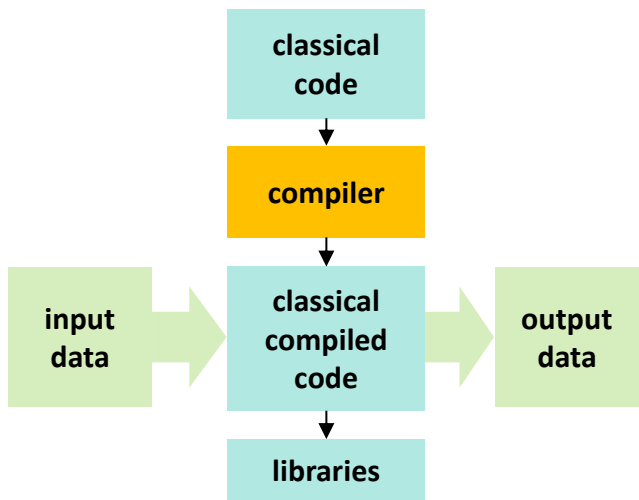
- affordable FTQC QPUs (cost and total carbon footprint).
- manage pressure on electricity grid.



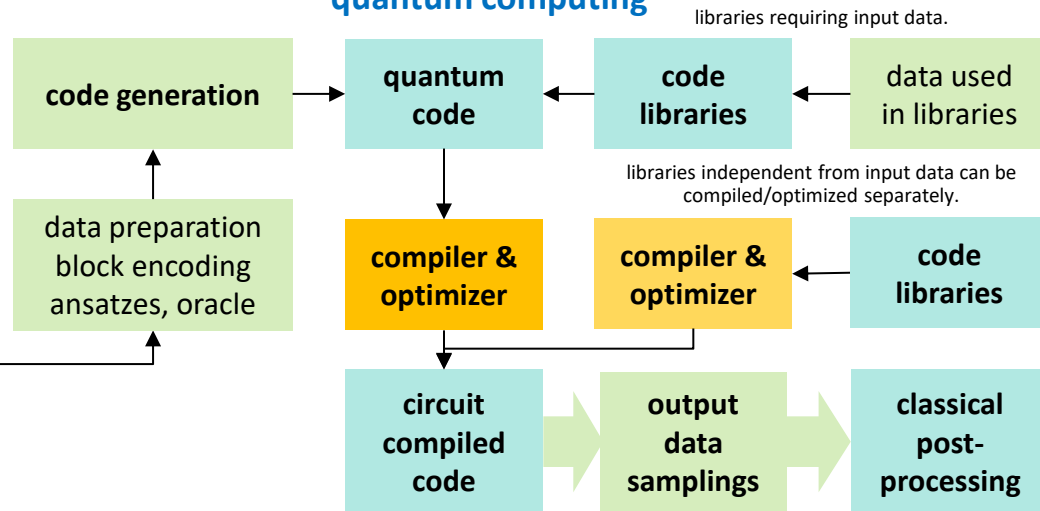
# quantum compilers

# compilation is usually a variable cost

## classical computing



## quantum computing



architecture	Von Neuman / Princeton	in-memory processing.
classical compilation cost	<b>fixed cost vs data.</b>	<b>variable cost vs data</b>
libraries & data	<b>used by the compiled code.</b>	<b>embedded in circuits/models.</b>
classical data-ingestion	<b>fast.</b>	<b>slow.</b>
compilation	done once.	<b>NP hard</b> circuit optimization.

### research & engineering questions:

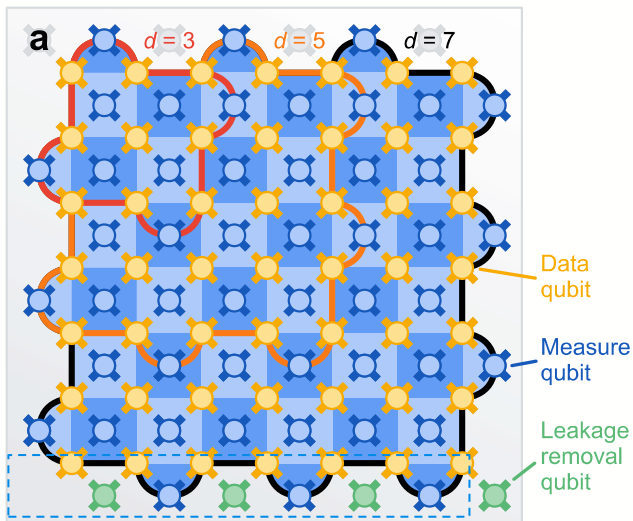
- compilation cost estimations with large-scale algorithms?
- practical optimization?
- impact on business operations applications with fast duty cycles?



# QPU architecture

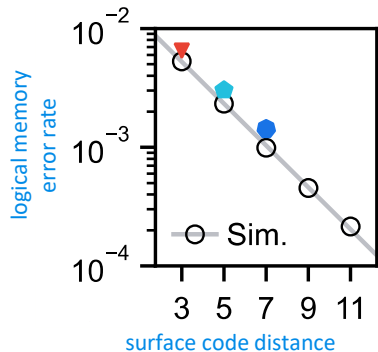


# Google first breakeven logical qubits



105 qubit chip with a distance-7 single logical qubit

[Quantum error correction below the surface code threshold](#) by Rajeev Acharya, Frank Arute, Michel Devoret, Edward Farhi, Craig Gidney, William D. Oliver, Pedram Roushan et al, Google, arXiv, August 2024.



**$10^{-6}$  logical error rates would require 1,457 physical qubits per logical qubits and a distance-27 surface code with existing qubit fidelities.**

+

**plan for 10K qubits chips**



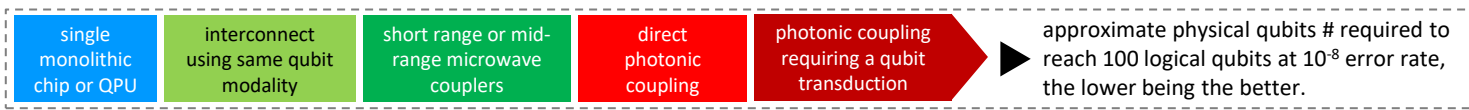
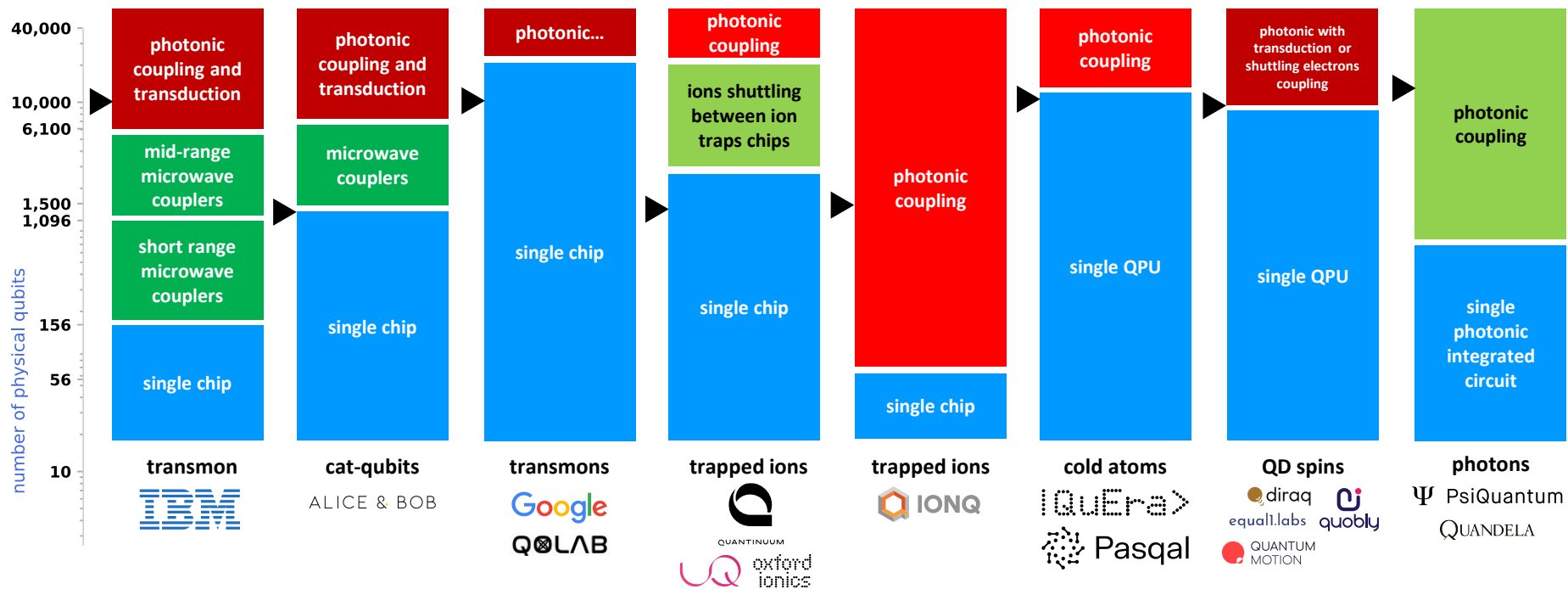
**QPU interconnect**

**research & engineering questions:**

- scaling with keeping good qubit fidelities?
- impact of chips manufacturing quality re qubit variability?
- fundamental and practical limits for scaling monolithic QPUs?
- connection with other stacks (quantum control, quantum thermodynamics, ...)?
- lower overhead impact of non-local connectivity and autonomous error correction (cats, GKP).
- energetic cost and scale of machine-learning based syndrome detection techniques?

[Learning high-accuracy error decoding for quantum processors](#) by Johannes Bausch, Craig Gidney, Demis Hassabis, Hartmut Neven, Pushmeet Kohli et al, Google, Nature, November 2024 (28 pages).

# multiple QPUs interconnect options



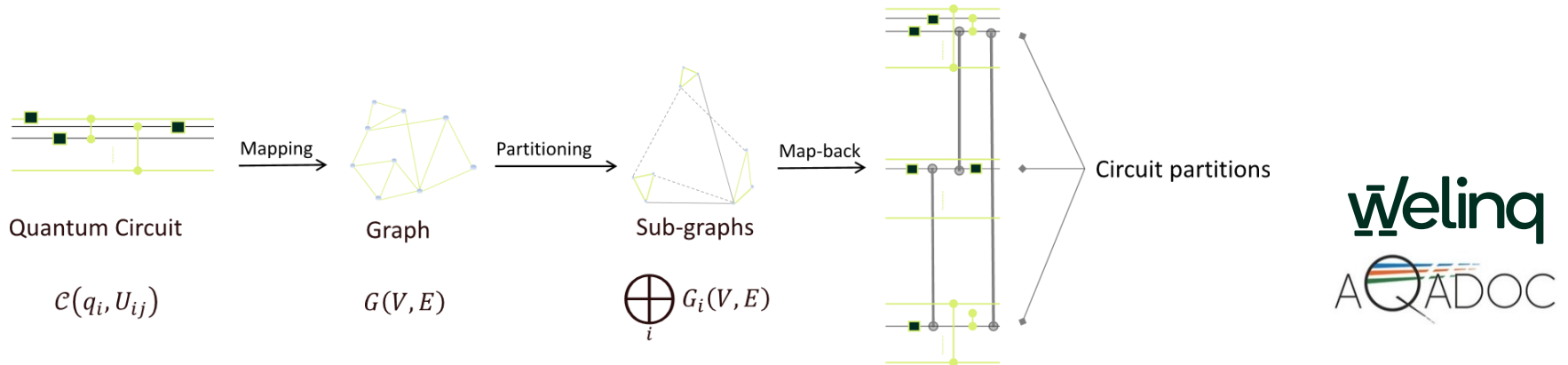
growing complexity with rough estimates thresholds requiring these techniques

[Understanding Quantum Technologies](#)  
by Olivier Ezratty, as of November 2024.

# Distributed Quantum Computing

## research questions

- what are the key figures of merit of entanglement sharing in interconnect (efficiencies, entanglement heralding, fidelities)?
- how can QEC be distributed on multiple interconnect QPUs with minimum losses?
- what is the additional compilation and optimization cost for DQC architectures?
- how far can circuit knitting be efficient in multiple QPU computing and what is its classical cost scaling?



[Scalability enhancement of quantum computing under limited connectivity through distributed quantum computing](#) by Shao-Hua Hu, et al, Tamkang University, Taiwan, arXiv, May 2024 (18 pages).

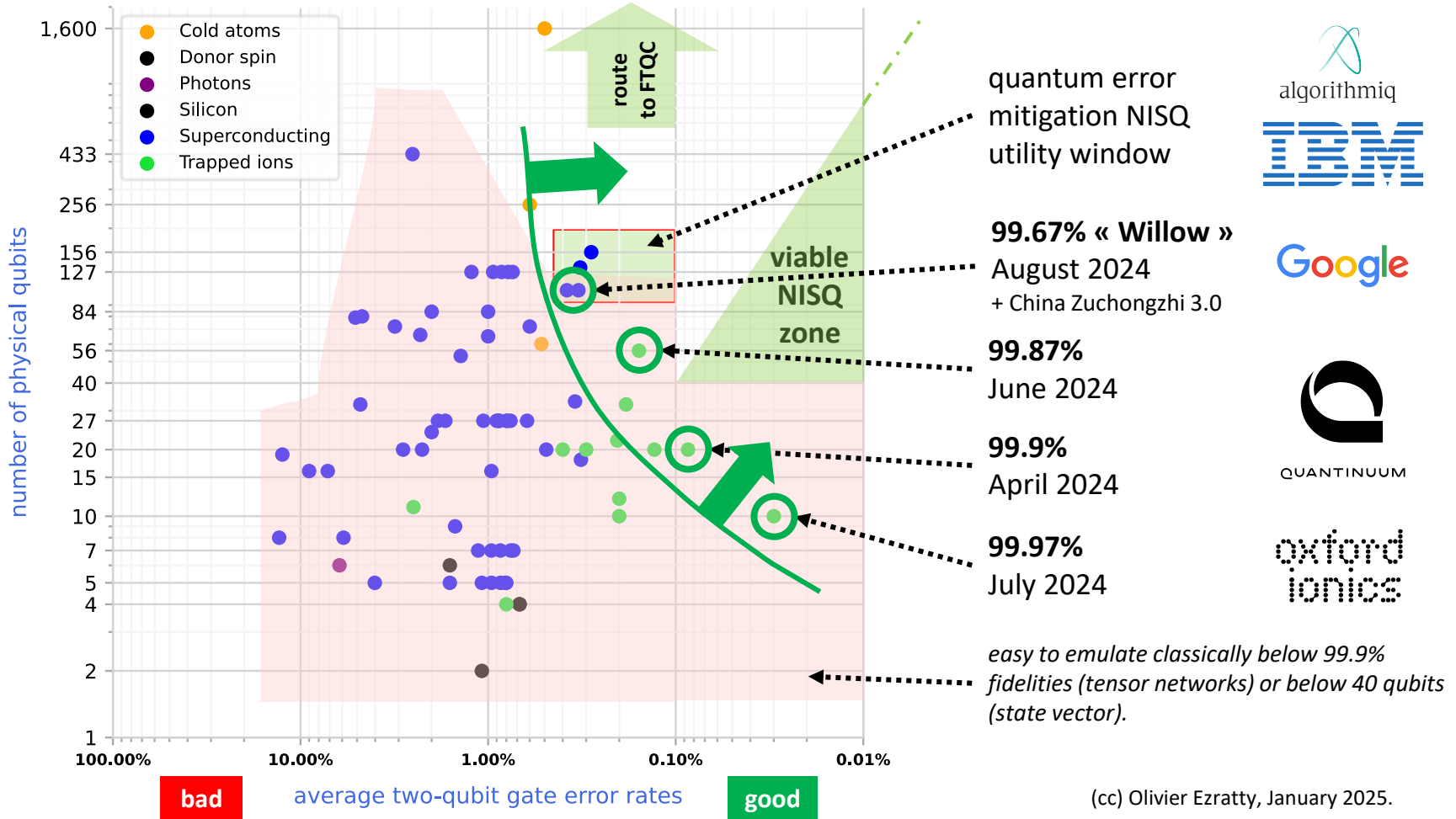
[Distributed Quantum Computation via Entanglement Forging and Teleportation](#) by Tian-Ren Jin, Kai Xu et al, Hefei National Laboratory, CAS, arXiv, September 2024 (8 pages).

[Distributed Quantum Computation with Minimum Circuit Execution Time over Quantum Networks](#) by Ranjani G Sundaram et al, Stony Brook University, arXiv, May 2024 (11 pages).

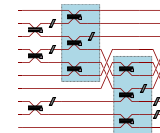
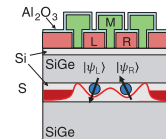
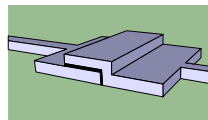
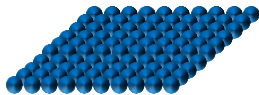
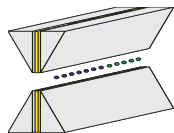
[Towards Distributed Quantum Error Correction for Distributed Quantum Computing](#) by Shahram Babaie et al, University at Buffalo, arXiv, September 2024 (12 pages).



# quantum processors



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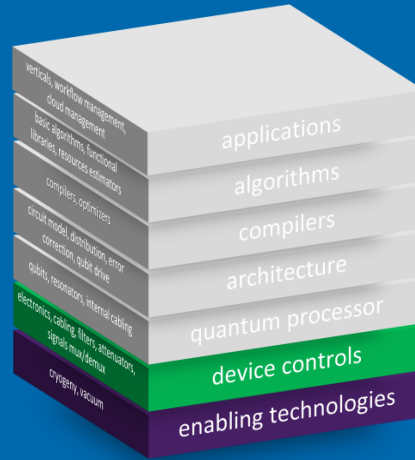


	trapped ions	cold atoms	superconducting	silicon spin	photons
<b>existing duration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 qubit gate</li> <li>2 qubit gate</li> <li>readout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 → 100 μs</li> <li>10 → 100 μs</li> <li>10 → 50 μs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 → 30 ns</li> <li>x0 → 500 ns</li> <li>100 → 500 ns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 → 30 ns</li> <li>x0 → to 100 ns</li> <li>10 → 100 ns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>photon sources</li> <li>clock rate, can reach ≈1 GHz</li> <li>800 ps 2QBG.</li> </ul>
<b>optimistic duration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 qubit gate</li> <li>2 qubit gate</li> <li>readout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 ns</li> <li>a few μs</li> <li>5 μs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 ns</li> <li>30 ns</li> <li>50 ns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 ns</li> <li>10 ns</li> <li>10 → 50 ns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ns</li> <li>10s ns</li> <li>10s ps (SNSPD)</li> </ul>
<b>gate time limitations explanations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>motional modes and frequencies.</li> <li>laser stability.</li> <li>ions heating.</li> <li>crossstalk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QSL and Rabi frequency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QSL and Rabi frequency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QSL: maximum achievable Rabi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>photon travel time through optical guides.</li> <li>weakness of photon-photon interactions.</li> </ul>
<b>qubit readout time limitations explanations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fluorescence photocount.</li> <li>shot noise &amp; SNR.</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coincidence detection overhead.</li> <li>backaction (for MBQC).</li> </ul>

**fundamental questions:**

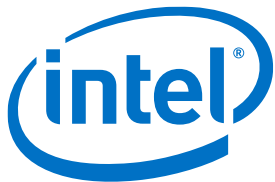
- gate times and readout lower bounds?
- role of quantum speed limits?
- energetic vs speed trade-offs?
- impact on control cost?
- is all-to-all connectivity offsetting slow gates?

• qubit relaxation time.



# device control and enabling technologies

# cryo-control chain from 4K to mK stage



Pando Tree

June 2024

[Intel's Millikelvin Quantum Research Control Chip Provides Denser Integration with Qubits](#), Intel, June 2024.

## engineering questions:

- trade-offs between simplifying cabling and passive electronics and cryo-CMOS dissipation cooling cost.

Intel's Millikelvin Quantum Research Control Chip, code-named Pando Tree

4 Kelvin

Millikelvin

Horse Ridge II Control Chip

Pando Tree Millikelvin Control Chip

Tunnel Falls Spin Qubit Chip

Tunnel Falls

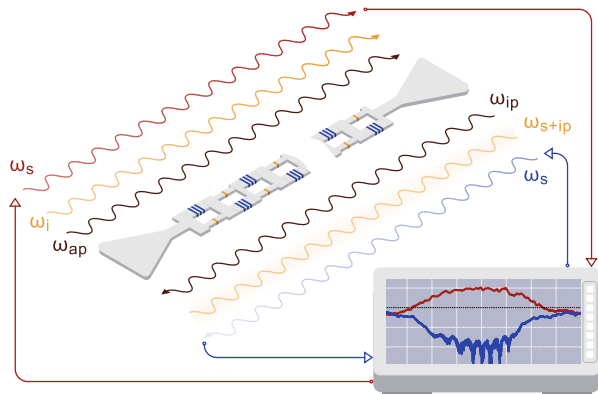
Pando Tree

- Addresses wiring bottleneck between the 4 Kelvin control chip and the spin qubit chip
- First Intel CMOS circuits operating at millikelvin
- Paves the way to scaling with tighter control/qubit integration

[Optimizing resource efficiencies for scalable full-stack quantum computers](#) by Marco Fellous-Asiani, Jing Hao Chai, Yvain Thonnart, Hui Khoon Ng, Robert S. Whitney and Alexia Auffèves, PRX Quantum, October 2023 (40 pages).

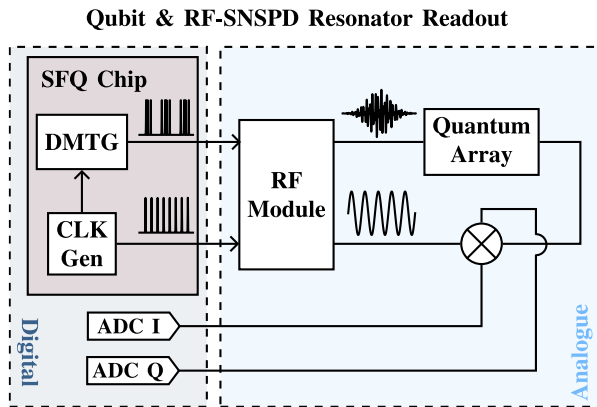


# qubit control recent advances



[A Traveling Wave Parametric Amplifier Isolator](#) by Arpit Ranadive, Luca Planat, Nicolas Roch et al, Silent Waves, CNRS Institut Néel, KIT, University of Strasbourg, arXiv, June 2024.

**TWPAs and solid-state isolator**  
(Silent Waves)

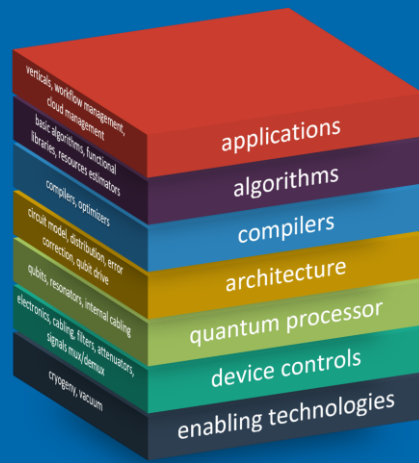


[RSFQ All-Digital Programmable Multi-Tone Generator For Quantum Applications](#) by João Barbosa, Oleg Mukhanov, Martin Weides et al, SEEQC, QuantWare, University of Glasgow, arXiv, November 2024.

**SFQ progress for qubit drive**  
**and readout (SEEQC)**

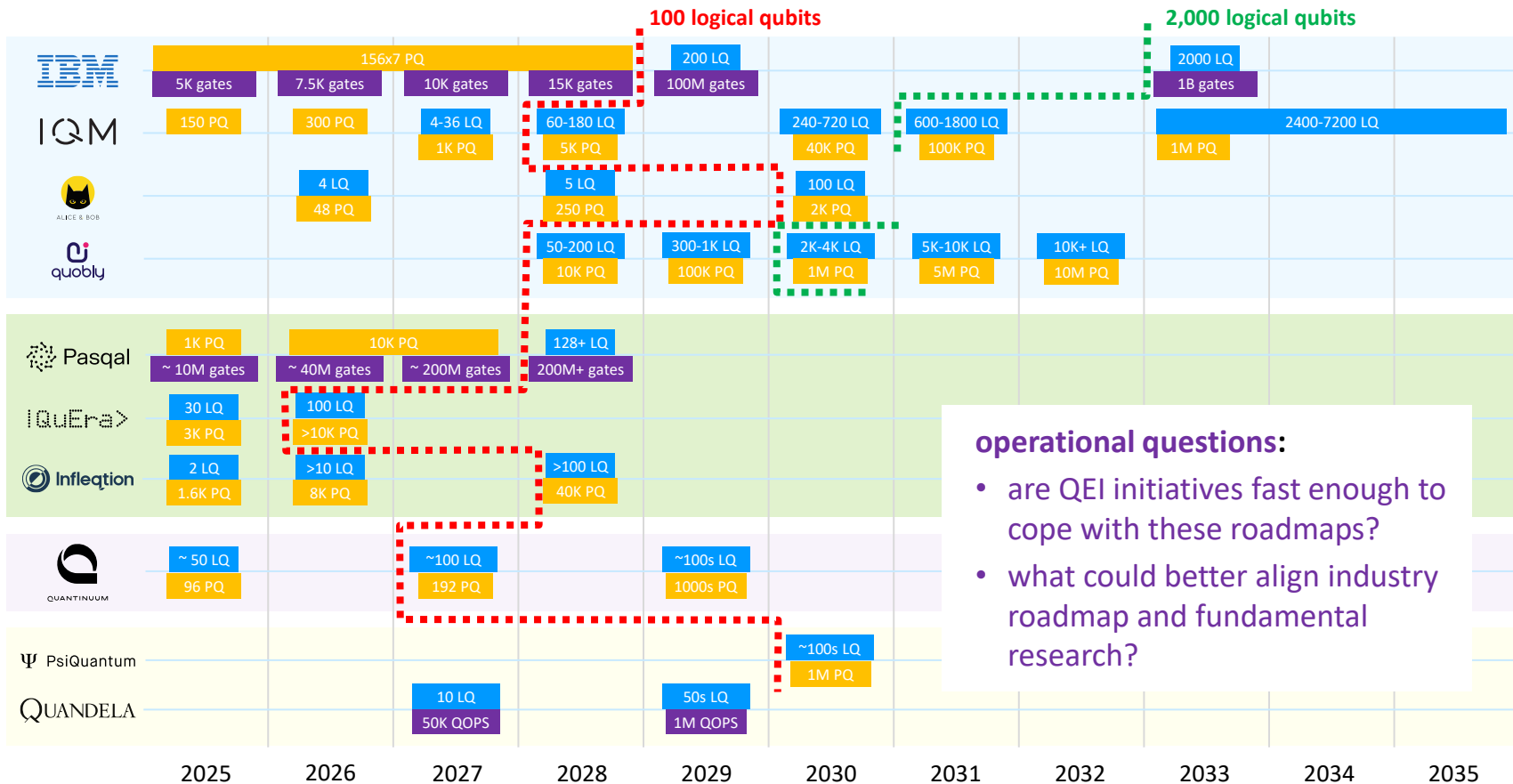
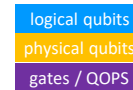
research and engineering questions:

- how and where cryo-CMOS makes sense from an energetic standpoint?
- what prevents SFQ from working? What could make it operational?
- how to implement solid-state qubit readout in a simpler manner?
- progress with cabling and signals time and frequency domains multiplexing?



# wrap-up

# QPUs roadmaps consolidation

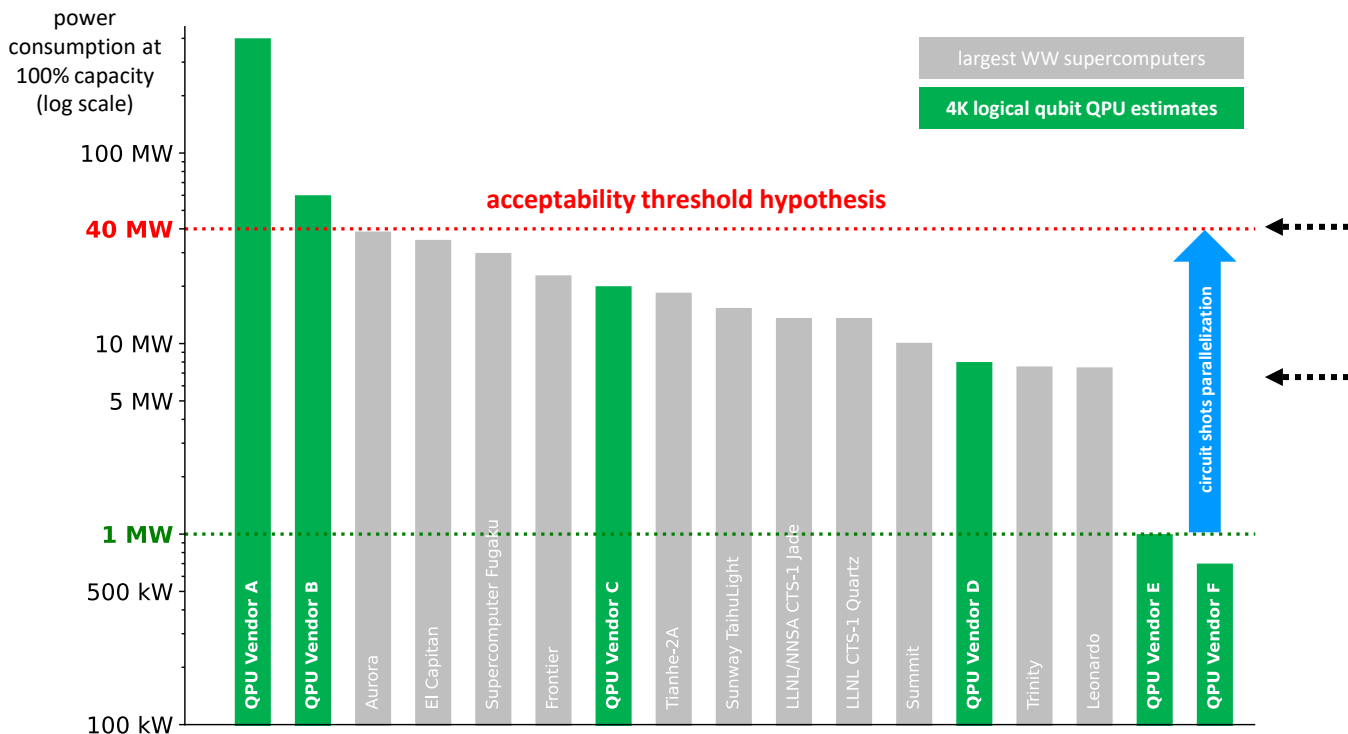


**operational questions:**

- are QEI initiatives fast enough to cope with these roadmaps?
- what could better align industry roadmap and fundamental research?

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# QPU vs HPC power scale guesstimates

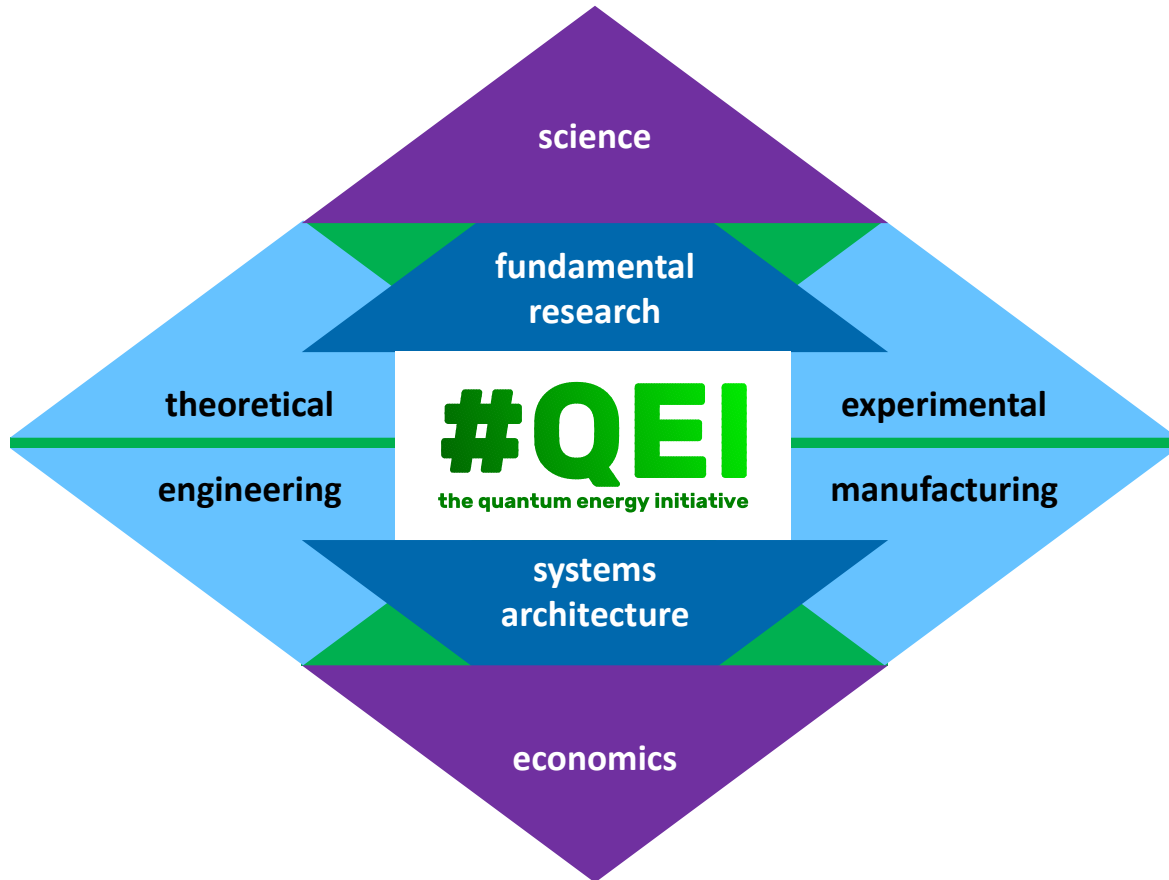


estimate prospective base power for various QPUs and actual for existing largest HPCs WW.

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

technology, economic and societal questions:

- what level of power consumption is acceptable vs QPUs added value?
- how many QPUs or quantum cores may be required for circuit shots parallelization?



Applications related research questions and suggestions	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
What level of power consumption is acceptable vs QP's added value?	x	x	x	x	x
How many QP's can be required for circuit state parallelization and impact the cost of the first quantum computing solution?					
What are the interdependencies between quantum computing device capabilities and its market dynamics and accuracy of scale effects?			x	x	x
How will the quantum computing market be structured between closed vendors, open-source camp and neutral - federate beyond QP's computing content?			x	x	x
<b>Quantum algorithms related research questions and suggestions</b>	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
Are there domains or combinatorial optimization problems which algorithms delivering theoretical and practical exponential speedups, with good heuristics or meta-heuristics?	x	x	x	x	x
Are QP's and QVIT the convergence quantum algorithms for changing exponential speedups? Is it 'Shor's case'? What are the consequences - their relative benefit across problems?	x	x	x	x	x
What is the relative energetic cost of the key components of a QP to solve a defined combinatorial problem, classical preparation, module representation, QP's pre-processing?			x	x	
As the number of logical qubits and many-body system complexity grows, classical preparation is scale-inefficiently, how low scale?	x	x	x	x	x
What is the complexity of the output state vector, in relation with post-processing cost?	x	x			
How could analog-based algorithms bring some practical speedup?	x	x			
Could better qubit fidelities and faster gate-wide CNOTs bring some quantum advantage in reasonable time scales?	x	x	x	x	x
How far can large-scale analog quantum QP/QVAs bring models, QVAs?	x	x	x	x	x
What are QP's reference problems should be used for full-stack energy estimates, benchmarking, comparison and optimization?	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Complexity related research questions and suggestions</b>	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
How quantum complexities and optimizers can save energy?	x	x			
How can QP's be optimized at run-time? With static compiling or dynamic execution or with specific hardware, optimized from the highest-level compiler?	x	x			
What is the cost of real-time error detection depending on the error correction code, AQEC or PEA's implementation, machine learning based or not. How has also an economic aspect?	x	x	x	x	x
What is the role of the whole software tool-chain in energy savings with large-scale quantum algorithms?	x	x			
<b>Architecture related research questions and suggestions</b>	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
What are the fundamental and practical limits for scaling reconfigurable QP's for each qubit modality?	x	x	x	x	x
How to scale qubit numbers with keeping good qubit fidelities in manufacturing approaches?	x	x	x	x	x
What is the impact of chips manufacturing quality for scaling?	x	x	x	x	x
What is the relationship with other state-of-art quantum technologies...?	x	x			
What is the energetic cost and scale of machine-learning based systems detection challenges?	x	x	x	x	x
What are the key figures of merit of entanglement sharing in interconnect efficiency, communication handling, fidelities?	x	x			
How can QP's be distributed or multiple processors (QP's) with minimum losses?	x	x			
What is the additional complexity cost for DQC architectures?	x	x			
How far can circuit knitting be efficient in multiple QP's computing and what is its classical cost-savings?	x	x			
<b>Processors related research questions and suggestions</b>	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
What are the lower bounds for gate and readout times per qubit modality?	x				
What is the role of quantum speed limits?					
How can we modulate energetic, control costs in speed trade-offs?	x				
<b>Device control related research questions and suggestions</b>	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
How and where cryo-CMOS makes sense from an energetic standpoint?	x	x	x	x	x
What are the cryo-CMOS trade-offs? What could make it competitive?	x	x	x	x	x
How to implement cold-digital qubit modality in simple manner?	x	x			
What is the progress with cabling and signals time and frequency domains multiplexing?	x	x			
What are the lower bounds for control electronics energetic costs, signals paths and speed?	x	x			
What are the lower bounds for heat-phase noise and their impact on scaling the control of cold atoms and ions?	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Enabling technologies related research questions and suggestions</b>	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
What are the best practical efficiency-possible at each stage of cooling systems?	x	x			
What are the key energetic-scale and challenges at 1K, 4K, and 40K?	x	x			
<b>QEI observables questions and suggestions</b>	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia	Industry academia
How to branch from theoretical academic research?	x	x			
What are the best project formats and calls?	x	x			
What are the respective roles of industry vendors and academic research?	x	x	x	x	x
How to involve leading technology vendors in the QEI?	x	x			
How to track benchmarking techniques over time?	x	x			
What is the role of the quantum-design and software engineering in the energetic optimization of quantum computing?	x	x	x	x	x
Should the QEI establish its own code of ethics?	x	x			
How to concept and resource consumption affecting the R&D strategy of quantum vendors and users?	x	x	x	x	x
What are multi-technology, multi-vendor, multi-institutional, multi-academic research should be created?	x	x	x	x	x
What research areas should be investigated both in the commercial and academic worlds?	x	x			
What research work could be internalized between industry vendors competitors?	x	x			
What is the compatibility between industry roadmaps and low academic research traditionally sponsored?	x	x			



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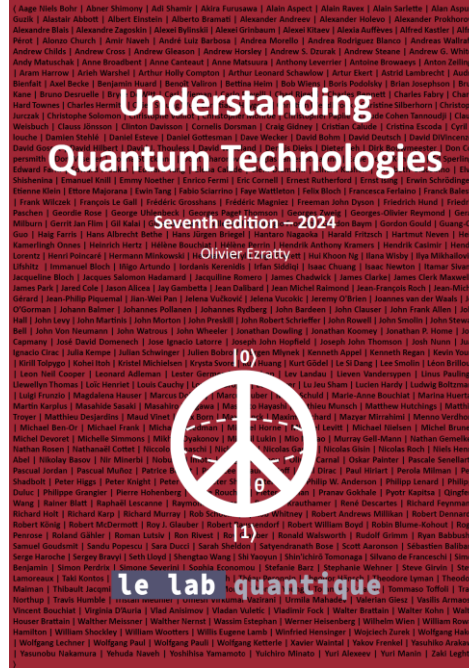


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