

Quantum Supercomputing

An HPC Center Perspective

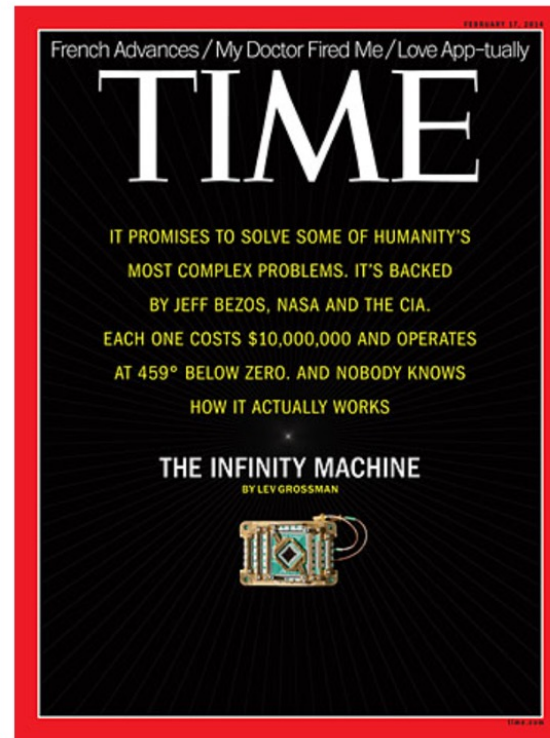
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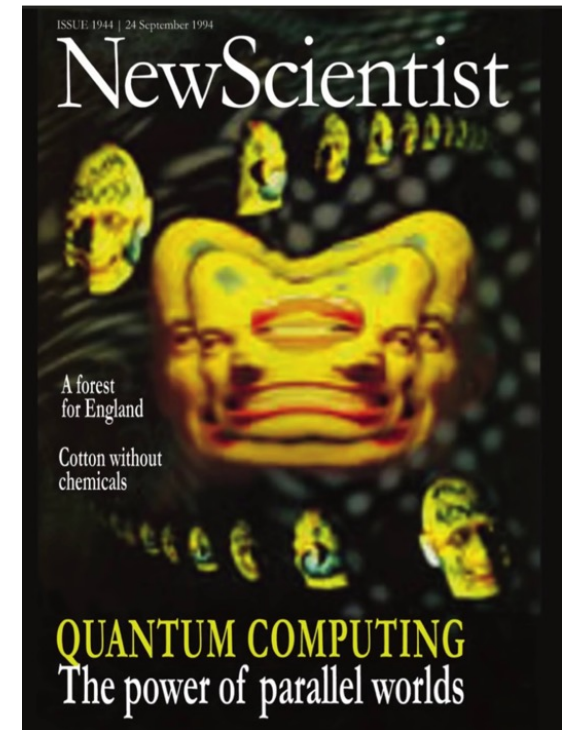
Quantum Computing “New” Technology



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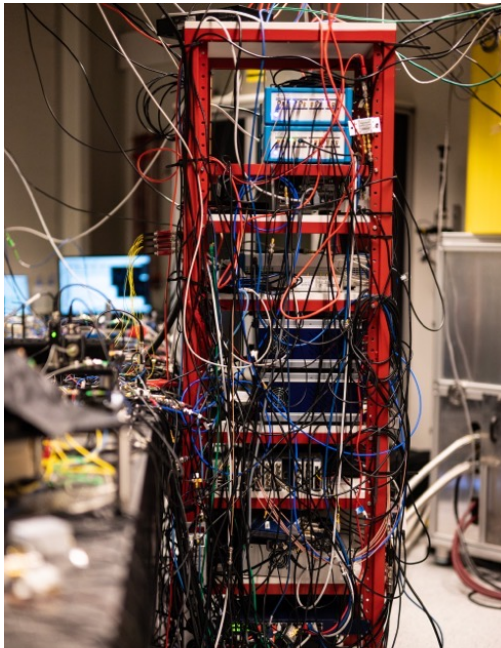
Landscape of Quantum Systems
Coming out of the Labs...

Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics

Source: <https://www.mpq.mpg.de/6547261/fermiqp>

The Landscape of Quantum Systems

Different development stages: From Lab to Compute Floor



“Oh sure, we have the system in a 19” rack.”
work in progress...



Typical dilution fridge with control electronics rack



HPC blade form factor



More commercially “production-ready” designs



Familiar HPC Form Factor and Operational Parameters

Different types of qubits, different characteristics and challenges



		Pros	Cons
Superconducting	Synthetic	High gate speeds and fidelities. Can leverage standard lithographic processes. Among first modalities so has a head start	Requires cryogenic cooling. Short coherence times. Microwave interconnect frequencies still not well understood
Trapped Ions	Natural	Extremely high gate fidelities and long coherence times. Extreme cryogenic cooling not required. Ions are perfect and consistent.	Slow gate times / operations are low connectivity between qubits. Lasers hard to align and scale. Ultra-high vacuum required. Ion charges may restrict scalability.
Photonics	Natural	Extremely fast gate speeds and promising fidelities. No cryogenics or vacuums required. Small overall footprint. Can leverage existing CMOS fabs.	Noise from photon loss. Each program requires its own chip. Photons don't naturally interact so 2Q gate challenges.
Neutral Atoms	Natural	Long coherence times. Atoms are perfect and consistent. Strong connectivity more than 2Q. External cryogenetics not required.	Requires ultra-high vacuums. Laser scaling is challenging.
Silicon Spin / Quantum Dots	Synthetic	Leverages existing semiconductor technology. Strong gate fidelities and speeds.	Requires cryogenics. Only a few entangled gates to date with low coherence time. Interference/cross talk
Nitrogen-vacancy in diamonds	Natural	Limited decoherence; room temperature; electron spin is easy to manipulate; many commodity laser components.	Diamonds not as easily produced as silicon – harder to etch. Scalability very low currently.



Quantum computers will not replace HPC.

Quantum *accelerators* **are** HPC.



Why HPCQC?

Quantum
Computing
=
High-Performance
Computing

New compute capability that adds to the supercomputing portfolio and ability to achieve breakthrough discovery.

For HPC: Promising accelerator technology to scale past Moore's Law

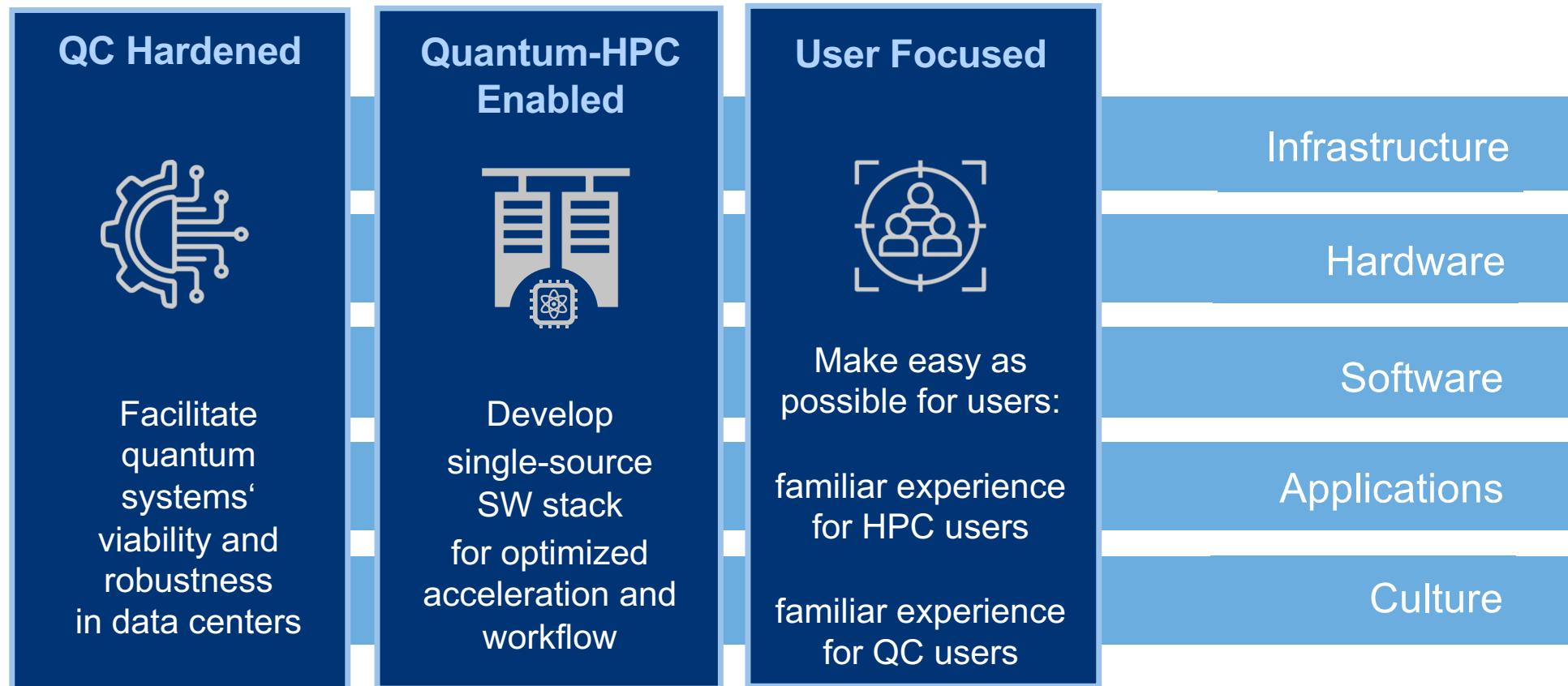
- Similar to other accelerators, on-node (like GPUs, FPGAs) or disaggregated (like AI HW), but still on transistor/CMOS technology
- Radically new computational paradigm if successful
- Targeted at specific workloads
- Intended for fine-grained kernels within larger applications or workloads

For QC: Quantum Computing requires HPC to scale

- Growing computational need for control of systems with growing number of qubits.
- Data staging and pre- and post-processing (trivial now, will be a topic with scale)
- Tight interactions needed for variational algorithms
- Complex compilation and runtime environment with high computational demands

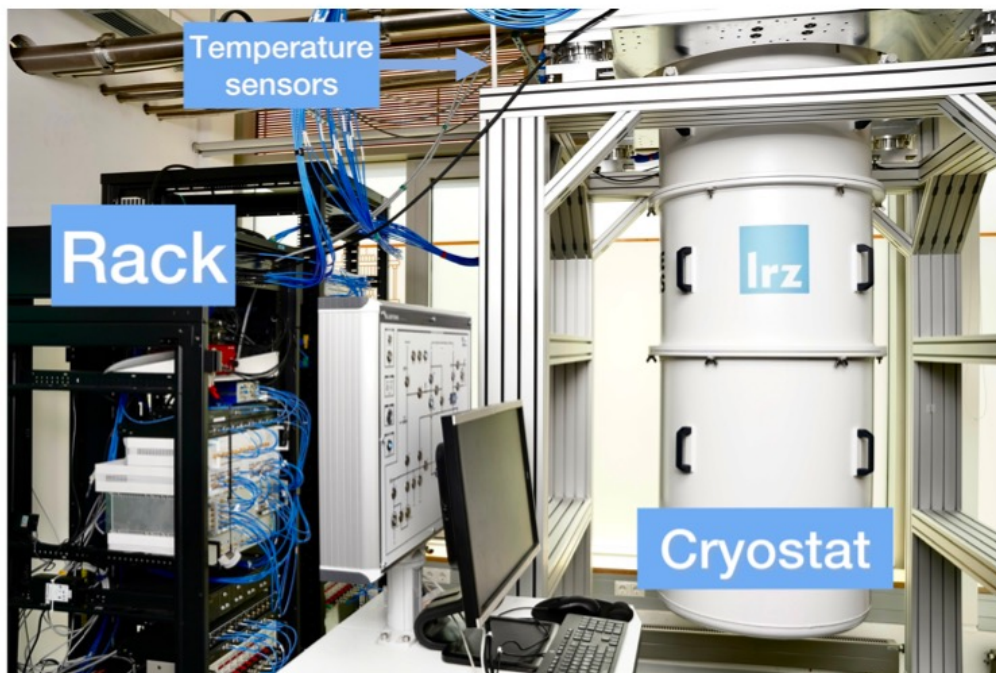
Consequences: HPC and QC as a single HPCQC system

Quantum-Accelerated Supercomputing An HPC Center's Role



Software: Hardening & Operations Stability

Integration into HPC Center Telemetry / Monitoring



HPC Center Monitoring

System and Infrastructure Health
Application Performance

Inclusion of QC

From Cryostat to Control Electronics
IoT Infrastructure needed
Plus: Key metrics like fidelity

Operational Data Analytics

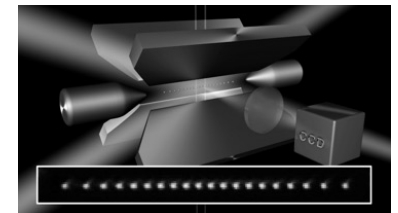
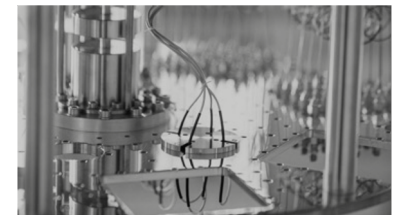
Towards predictive / hands-off maintenance

Wide User
Communities



**Comprehensive
Software Stack
for Accelerators**

**integrated into
HPC Environments
accessible from
HPC codes**

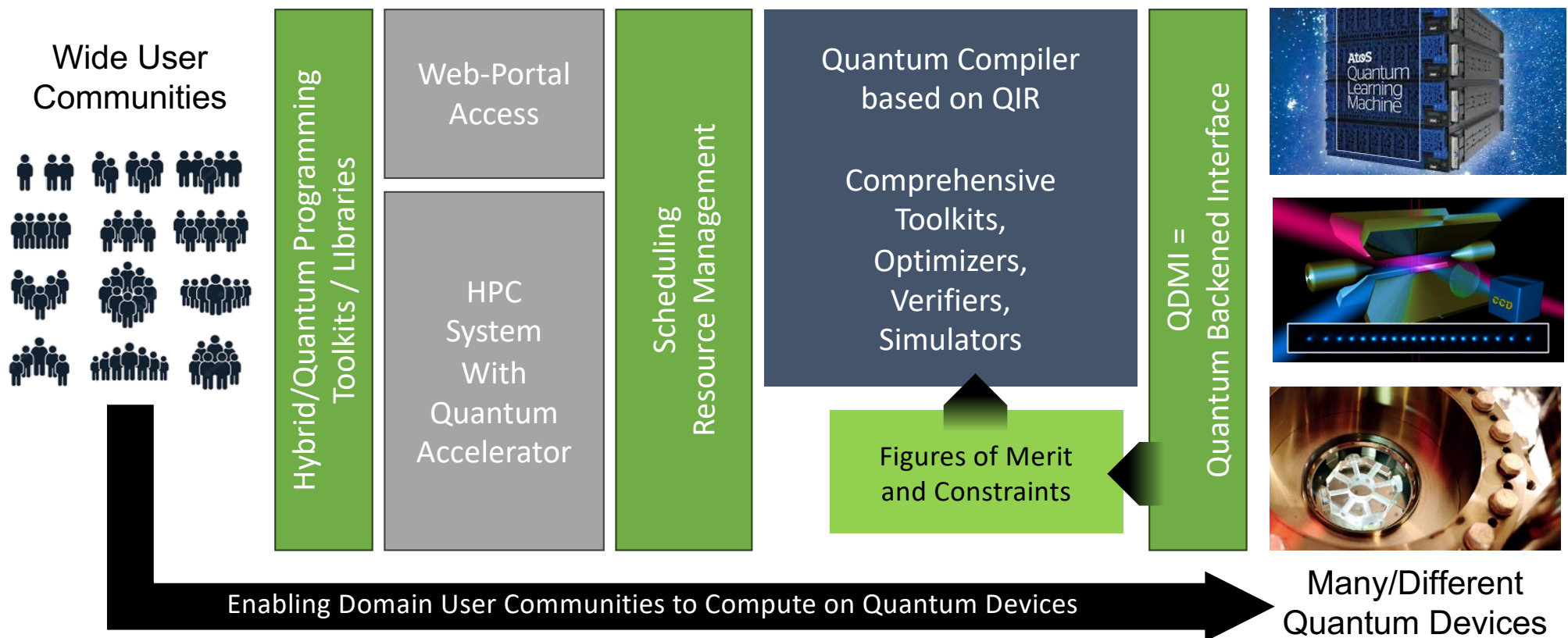


Quantum
Devices

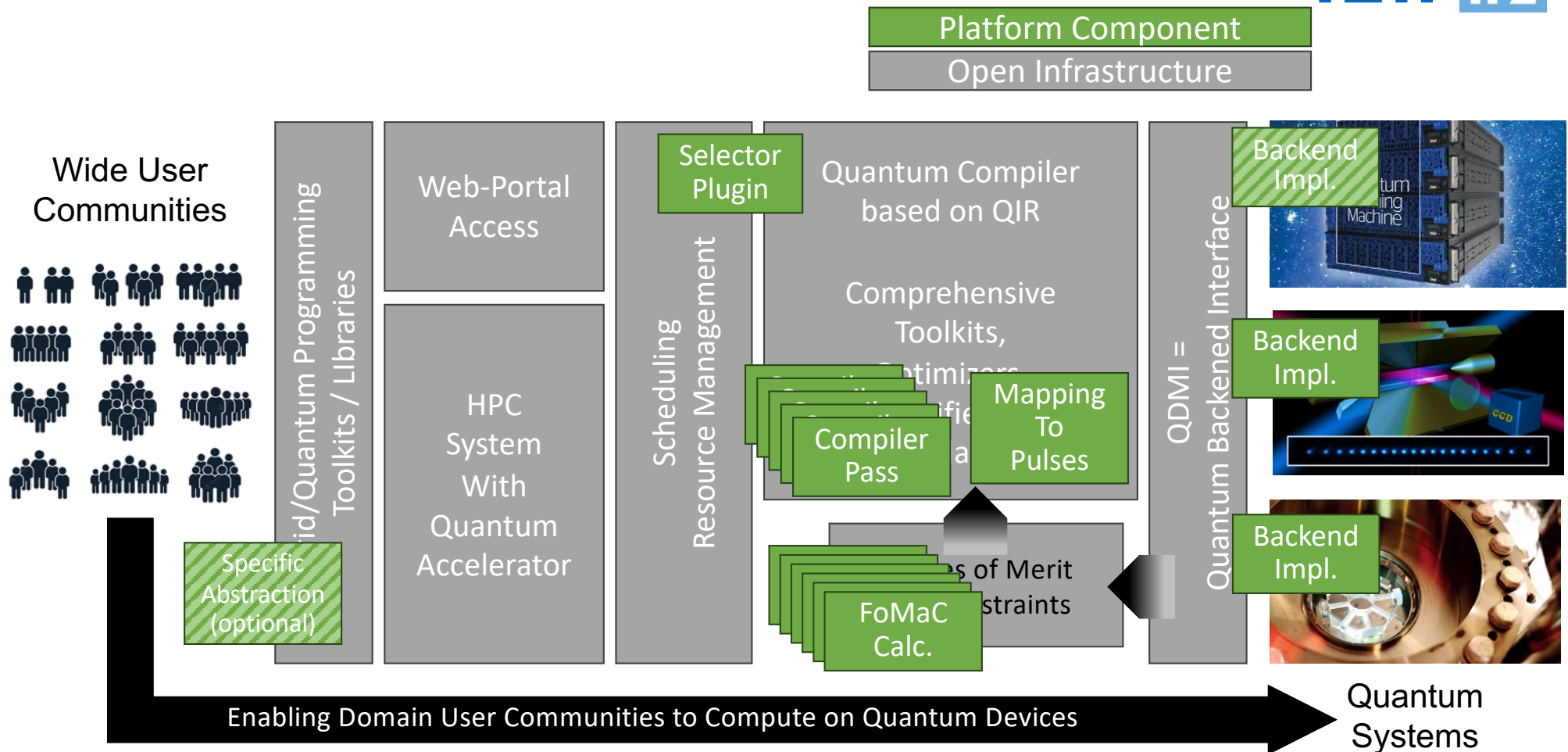
Munich Quantum Software Stack

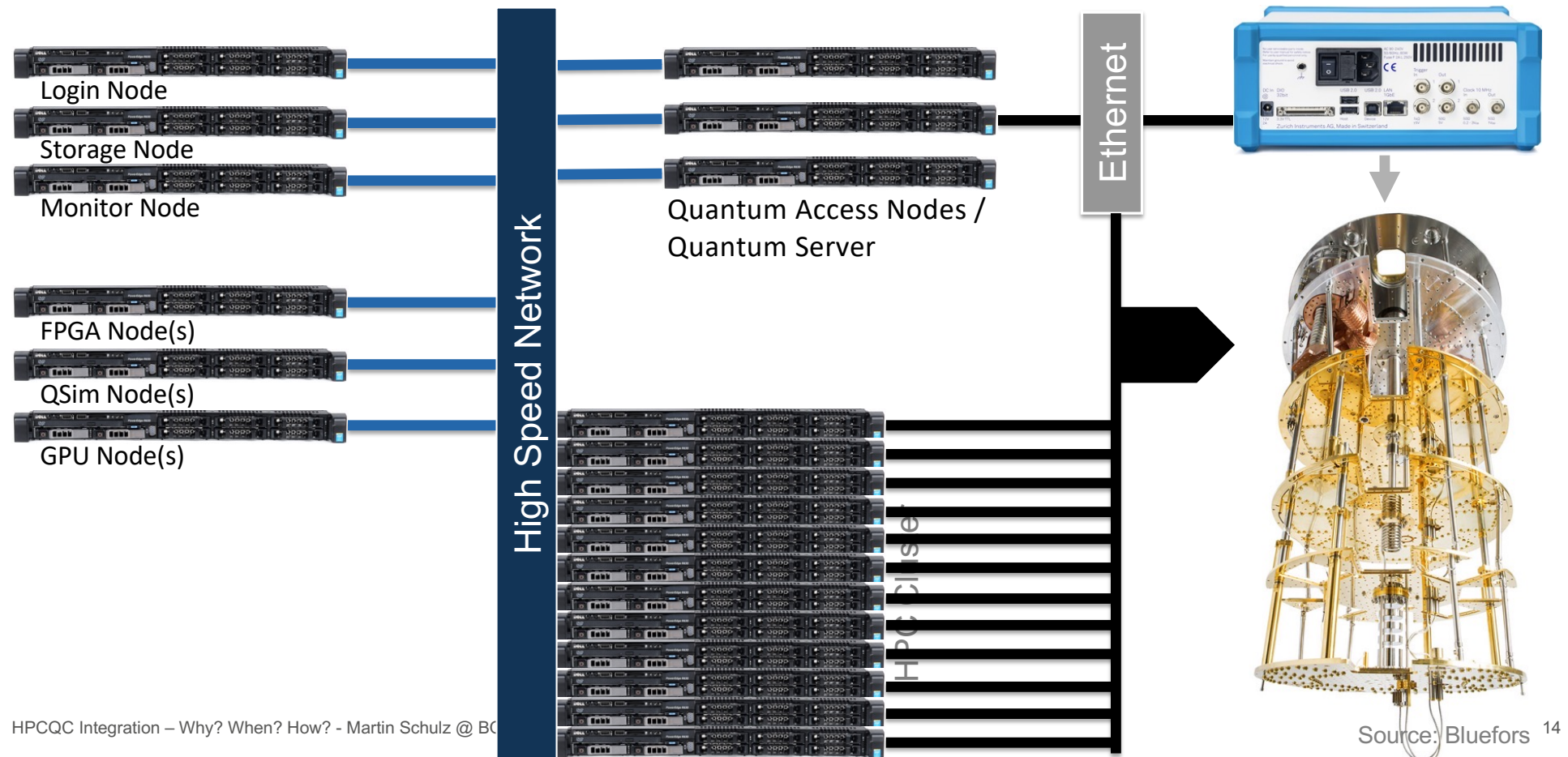


- Forming the Bridge between Application Users and Novel Platforms



Separation of Concerns





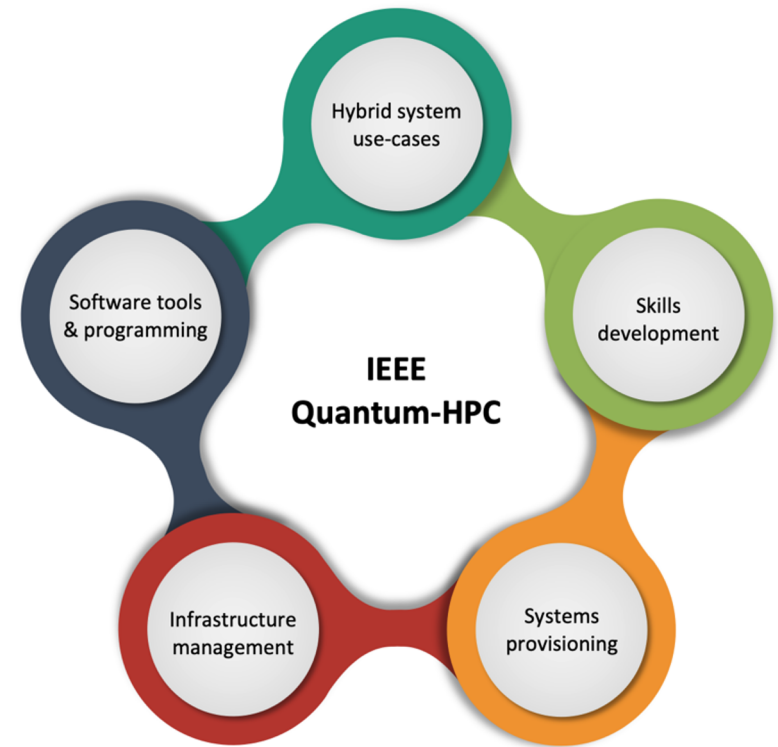


Quantum-HPC Working Group

Building a global community for sustained, structured engagements

Developing community-driven best practices for deploying, operating and using hybrid HPC-QCS systems, tools and applications

- Launched at IEEE QCE23 (September 2023)
- SC23 BOF Session: Tue, Nov 14, 2023, 17:15 - 18:45 (MST)
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Read more at
quantum.ieee.org/working-groups

or grab the QR code

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