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Law and Policy for the Quantum Age has been a fascinating and challenging book to research and write. We went long on the history of technology, as we believe that experience with the introduction of previous game-changing technologies offers important context for making decisions about such technologies today. We believe that good technology policy can only be made with a rough-and-accurate understanding of the underlying technology. We are determined to correct much of the misinformation that is present in the popular literature of quantum information science today.

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