These people push for large investment on their ventures. Countless startups have made a bet on quantum. Some even invest on multiple startups to make sure no matter what will happen for quantum, they will get something from it.

Lilly

I agree with everything you said earlier, and Matt has noted that China is working hard on this. To me it is a lot of extra technology and engineering that isn't really all that useful that current methods can do effectively.

Tim

Ps. On QC and AI we are in a marathon doesn't really matter with China-as we are in the first 3 miles of a 26 mile race.

From MIT Technology Review:

China is beating the US when it comes to quantum security "It's a lot like the space race. We really can't afford to come into second place."

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