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# Quantum Cryptography QKD

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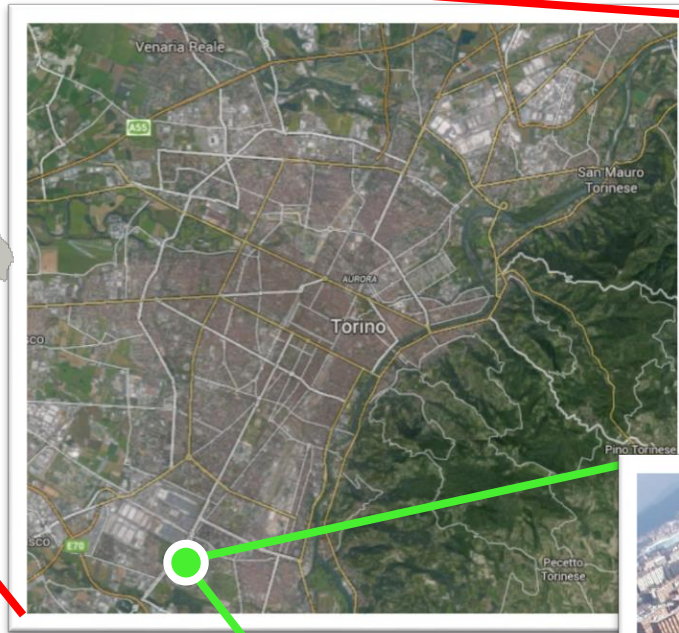
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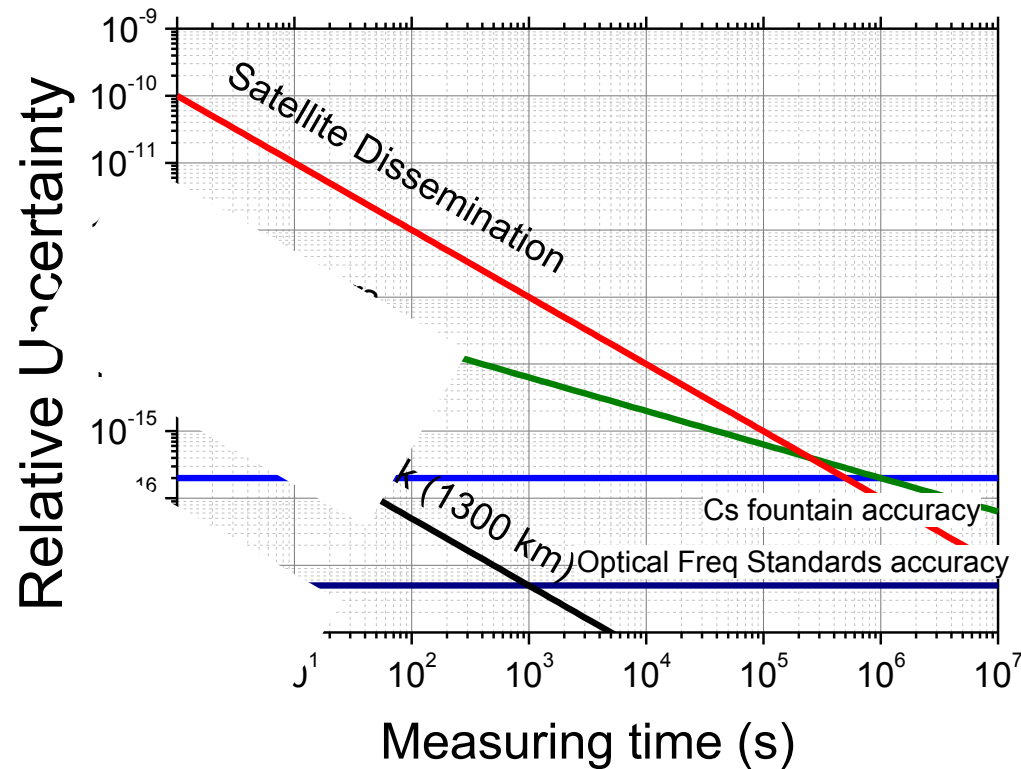
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# Quantum Clocks Network: the Italian Quantum Backbone

## Quantum Clocks comparisons



T/F over fibre ensures the distribution of the best standards otherwise limited by the transfer method

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# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

The increasing amount of data transmitted and stored raised the need of data security



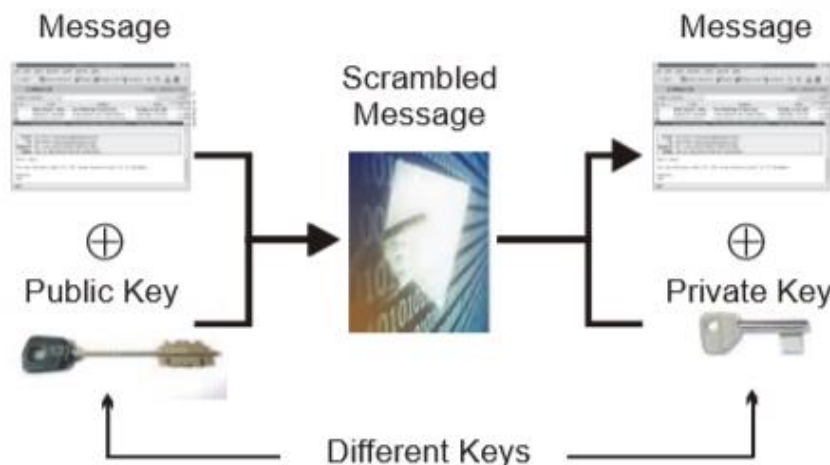


# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

Today, the most sensitive data are hidden exploiting the techniques of “classical” cryptography



Alice



Bob

E.g. Public-Key Cryptography

# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

Current Cryptography methods:

*Asymmetric (Public-Key)* – public Key for encrypting,  
private key for decrypting (RSA-Rivest, Shamir, Adleman)

*Symmetric* – encrypting and decrypting key are identical (AES-  
Encryption Standard)

# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

## Asymmetric (Public-Key) Cryptosystems



ALICE

**Ciphertext**



BOB



Public Key for encrypting

Private Key for decrypting



**TRUSTED AUTHORITY** *(to ensure the authenticity of the key)*

SECURITY LEVEL: Computational

Public-Key Cryptosystem (e.g. RSA-Rivest, Shamir, Adleman) relies on **one-way function** (easy to compute in one direction, (may be) "hard" its inversion)



# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

## Symmetric Cryptosystems

### ONE-TIME PAD

Same Key for encrypting and decrypting

Today is the only secure cryptosystem!

OTP allows **unconditionally** secure transmission over public channels once Alice and Bob share **unconditionally** secure secret Key (a random string of bits).

Key bits cannot be **reused** without compromising security of the system (the length of the key should equal the length of the message)



0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0      Message  
 ← 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0      XOR Key to get  
 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0      Ciphertext



Key distributed secretly beforehand

Ciphertext transmitted on a public channel



1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0      Ciphertext  
 → 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0      XOR Key again to get  
 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0      Message

### PROBLEM: Key Distribution

**SOLUTION 1:**  
 Trusted Couriers  
 SECURITY LEVEL:??

**SOLUTION 2:**  
 Classical Asymmetric Cryptosys.  
 (e.g. RSA)  
 SECURITY LEVEL: **COMPUTATIONAL**

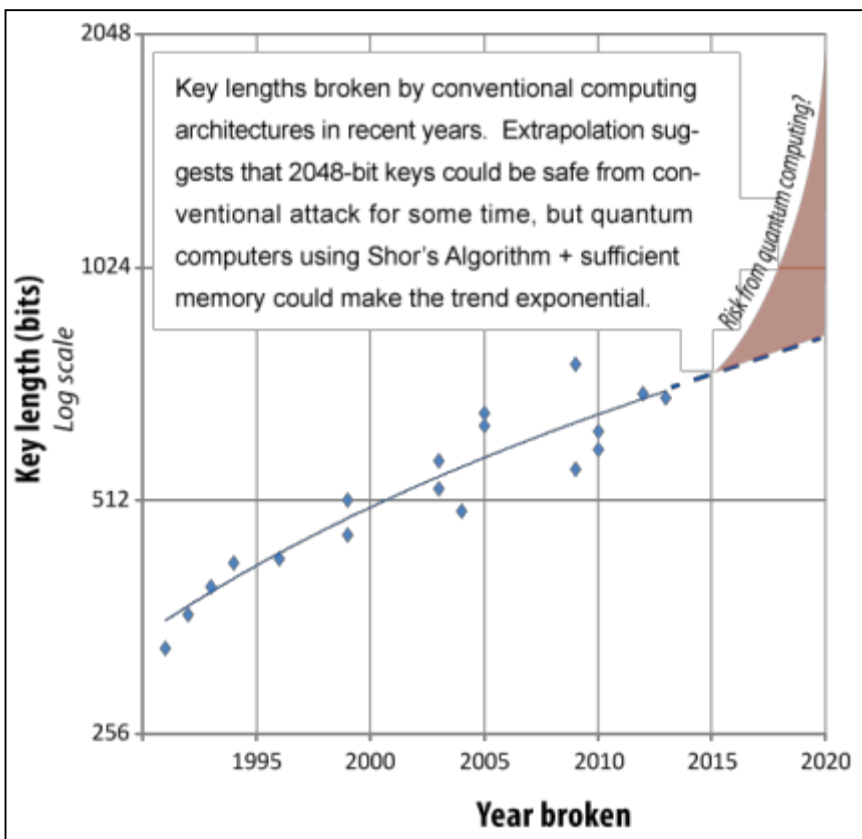
**SOLUTION 3: QKD**  
 SECURITY LEVEL: **UNCONDITIONAL**  
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# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

These techniques will become COMPLETELY NON-SECURE by more-powerful computer



or by the realisation of a QUANTUM COMPUTER, or new mathematical/algorithmical findings.



# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?



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In the current global environment, rapid and secure information sharing is important to protect our Nation, its citizens and its interests. Strong cryptographic algorithms and secure protocol standards are vital tools that contribute to our national security and help address the ubiquitous need for secure, interoperable communications.

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## QUANTUM COMPUTING IS A MAJOR THREAT TO CRYPTO, SAYS THE NSA

By Jonathan Keane — August 21, 2015

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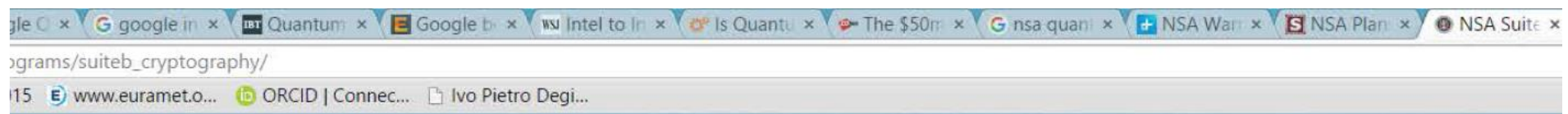
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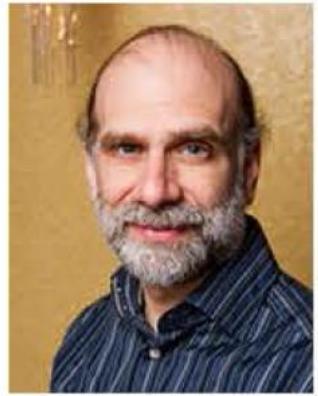


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## Schneier on Security

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### NSA Plans for a Post-Quantum World

[Quantum computing](#) is a novel way to build computers -- one that takes advantage of the quantum properties of particles to perform operations on data in a very different way than traditional computers. In some cases, the algorithm speedups are extraordinary.

Specifically, a quantum computer using something called Shor's algorithm can efficiently [factor numbers](#), breaking RSA. A variant can break Diffie-Hellman and other discrete log-based cryptosystems, including those that use elliptic curves. This could potentially render all modern public-key algorithms insecure. Before you panic, note that the largest number to date that has been factored by a quantum computer is [143](#). So while a practical quantum computer is still science fiction, it's not *stupid* science fiction.

I've been writing about security issues on my [blog](#) since 2004, and in my monthly [newsletter](#) since 1998. I write [books](#), [articles](#), and [academic papers](#). Currently, I'm the Chief Technology Officer of [Resilient Systems](#), a fellow at Harvard's [Berkman Center](#), and a board member of [EFF](#).

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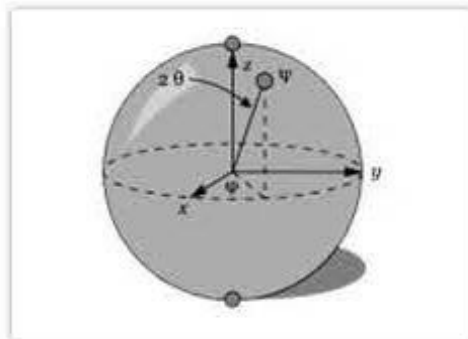
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## IS QUANTUM COMPUTING SET FOR AN INVESTMENT BOOM?

September 3, 2015 Timothy Prickett Morgan



Despite the woes heaped onto investors in the past couple of weeks, the future is still out there, waiting to be created. And that creation takes funding, and keen eyes or plain old luck – and maybe a little bit of both – to make the right bets on the technologies that will make it in the future and indeed comprise that future.

Quantum computing is, for many, a given for solving certain kinds of problems, and it is going to take a significant amount of funding to turn the ideas embodied in quantum computing into working machines. That was **the**

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solving than conventional binary machines. D-Wave raised \$23.1 million in January from unknown investors, and has received a total of \$139 million in funding from a variety of investors, including investment bank Goldman Sachs, In-Q-Tel (the investment arm of the US Central Intelligence Agency), Bezos Expeditions (the investment arm of Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos), and BDC Capital, Harris & Harris Group, and DEI. While D-Wave has recently shipped a quantum



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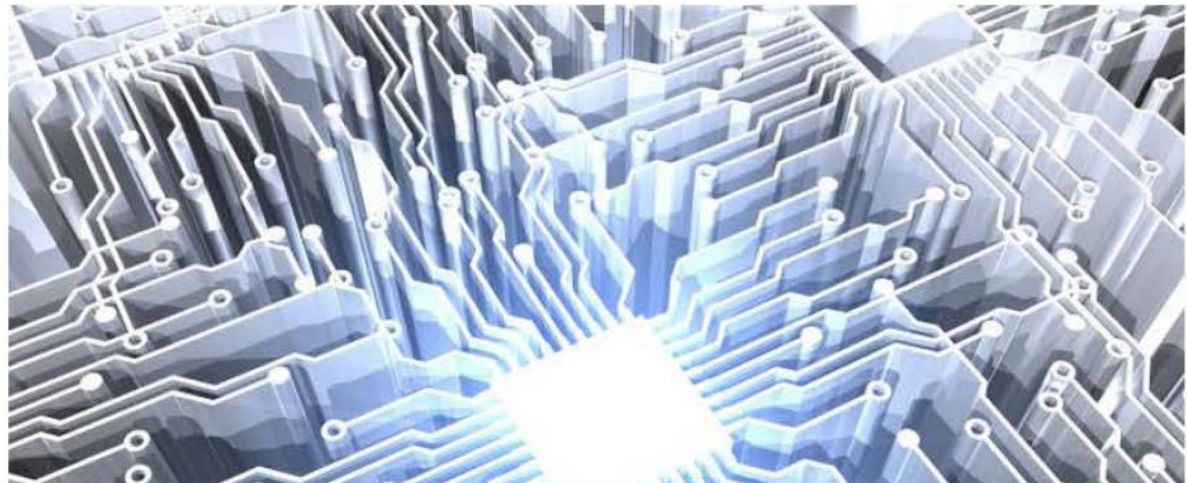
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### Quantum computing startup gets boost with \$50m investment from early Google investor



By Anthony Cuthbertson

August 26, 2015 18:07 BST



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### Intel to Invest \$50 Million in Quantum Computers

Chip giant joining effort to solve problems beyond reach of today's hardware

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By **DON CLARK**

Sept. 3, 2015 3:03 p.m. ET

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Intel Corp. is joining the race to develop quantum computers, a long-discussed break from conventional electronics aimed at solving problems that are far beyond the reach of today's hardware.

The chip giant said it is investing \$50 million as part of a 10-year collaboration with QuTech, an institute in the Netherlands formed in 2013 by Delft University of Technology and the Dutch Organization for Applied Research. Intel also plans to provide its own engineering resources to accelerate advancements in the field.



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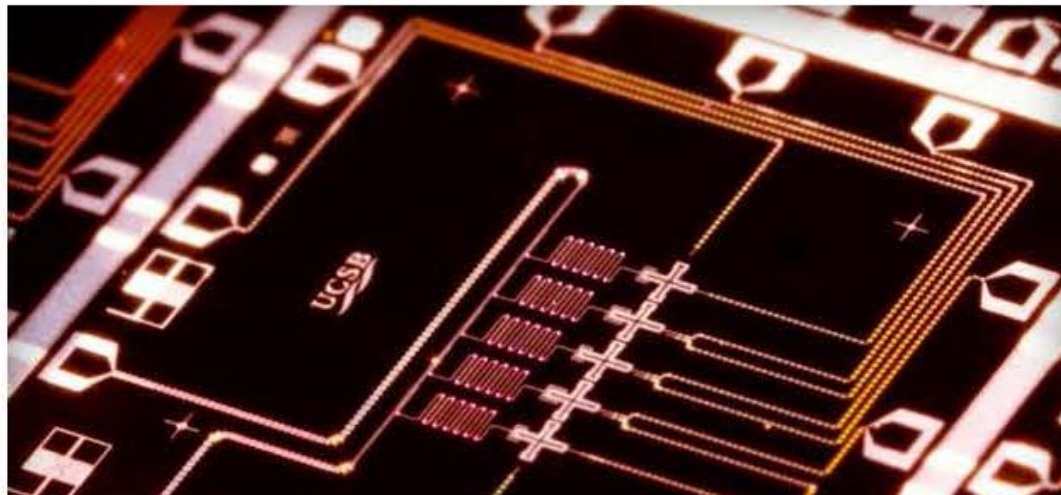
## Google begins developing its own quantum computer chips, to prepare for the future

By Sebastian Anthony on September 3, 2014 at 11:18 am | 28 Comments

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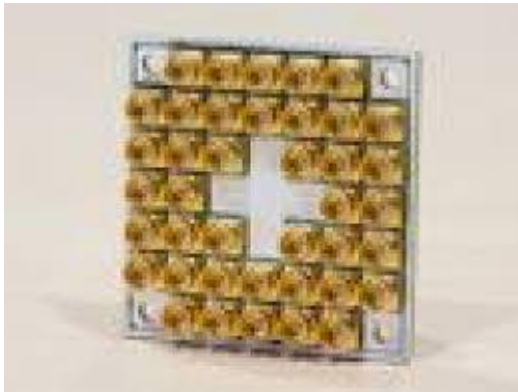
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# The Guardian

The Guardian view on quantum computing: the new space race



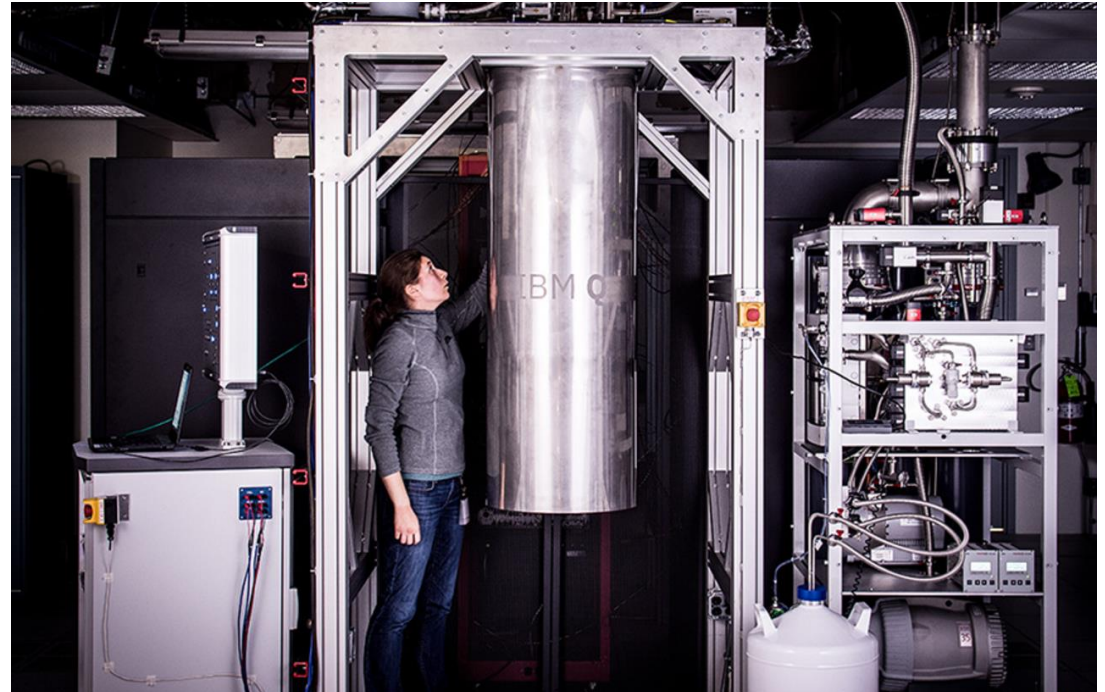
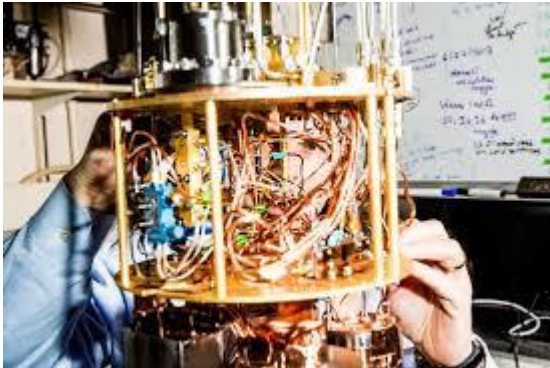
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The New York Times | <https://nyti.ms/2jmJPjB>

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## Yale Professors Race Google and IBM to the First Quantum Computer





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## **49-qubit quantum computer presented by Intel**

Japan unveils first quantum computer as race for faster machines heats up

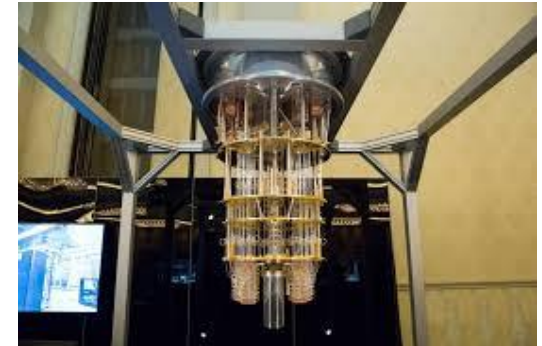
Russians Lead the Quantum Computer Race With 51-Qubit Machine

### **Baidu has entered the race to build quantum computers**

The Chinese tech giant lags its peers in quantum computing but hopes to incorporate the technology into its business in the next five years.



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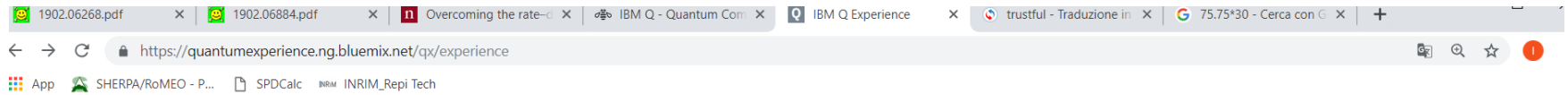
## Microsoft and Google prepare for big leaps in quantum computing

Companies set to give big boost to potentially revolutionary technology

## Google's New 72-Qubit Processor Could Help Quantum Computing Go Mainstream



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## IBM Q devices and simulators

IBM Q devices are named after IBM office locations around the globe.

### Client devices

#### 20 qubits

- IBM Q 20 Tokyo

### Public devices

#### 14 qubits

- IBM Q 14 Melbourne

### Simulators

#### 32 qubits

- IBM Q QASM 32 Q Simulator

#### 5 qubits

- IBM Q 5 Tenerife

#### 5 qubits

- IBM Q 5 Yorktown

### Retired devices

#### 20 qubits

- IBM Q 20 Austin

#### 16 qubits

- IBM Q 16 Rueschlikon





# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

## The UK National Quantum Technologies Programme



£270M

UK Government investment  
in quantum  
technologies research

- To exploit the potential of quantum science and develop a range of emerging technologies with the potential to benefit the UK.
- A multi-stakeholder, technology-focused initiative to last for an initial period of five years.

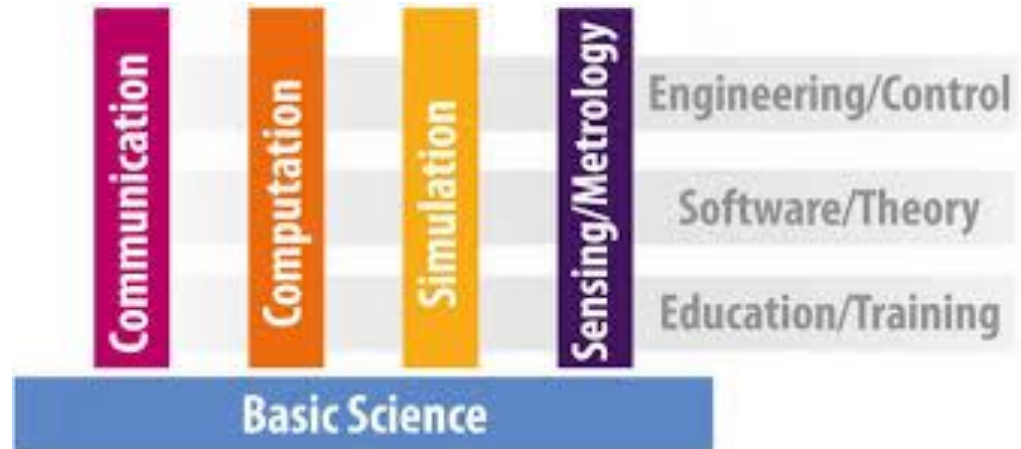


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Driving Innovation



# Why ... Quantum Cryptography is needed?

European Commission launched €1 billion quantum technologies flagship



## What ... is Quantum Cryptography?

**Cryptography** is the art of rendering a message unintelligible to any unauthorized party

An algorithm -a **Cipher**- combines the message with some additional information -the **Key**- producing a cyphertext. The system is **secure** if the cyphertext can be unlocked only by the **Key**

**Quantum Mechanics** is counterintuitive and bizarre

The **Non-Cloning Theorem** (Heisenberg Uncertainty principle) does **not** allow us to **clone** (discriminate) non-orthogonal states with certainty (and without disturbing the measured system).



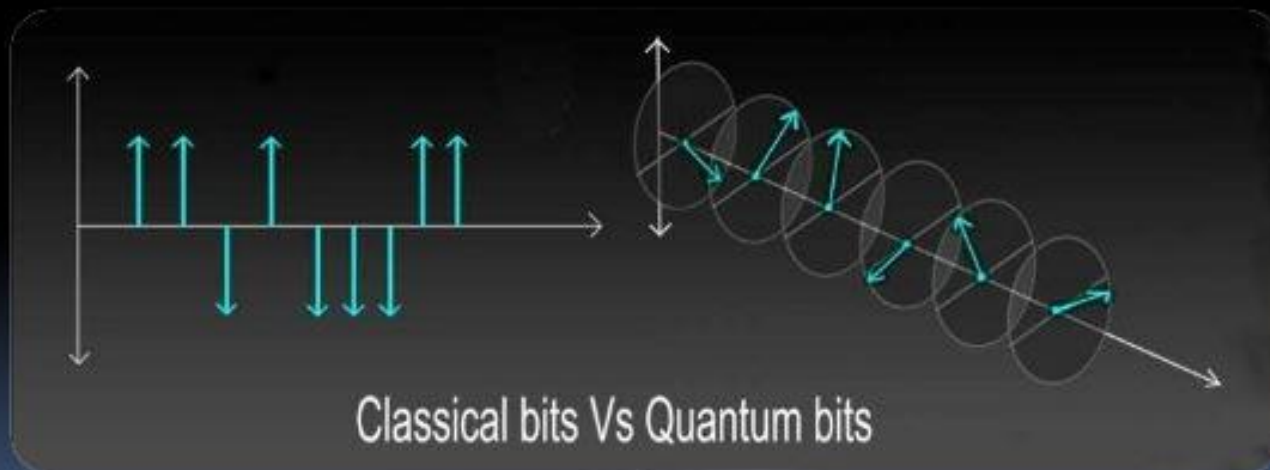
**Quantum Cryptography (QKD)** is able to distributed **unconditionally** secure Keys by means of single quantum systems

QM does **not prevent** eavesdropping, it only allows the **detection** of the presence of an **eavesdropper**, as this presence induces **differences** in the generated Keys. **Unconditional secure Keys** are established once **Alice** and **Bob** constantly monitor the security of the quantum communication channel

# What ... is Quantum Cryptography?

## Classical bit Vs Qubit:

- Classical bit: {0, 1}
- Qubit: {0, 1, superposed states of 0 and 1}





# What ... is Quantum Cryptography?

## No-Cloning theorem

**Schrodinger Eq.**  $\longrightarrow$  **Unitary Evolution**  $\hat{U}$   $\hat{U}\hat{U}^\dagger = I$

**Q-Cloner:**  $\hat{U}|\psi\rangle|b\rangle|M\rangle = |\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle|M_\psi\rangle$

**Case**  $|0\rangle$   $\hat{U}|0\rangle|b\rangle|M\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle|M_0\rangle$

**Case**  $|1\rangle$   $\hat{U}|1\rangle|b\rangle|M\rangle = |1\rangle|1\rangle|M_1\rangle$

**Case**  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$

$\hat{U}|\psi\rangle|b\rangle|M\rangle = \alpha\hat{U}|0\rangle|b\rangle|M\rangle + \beta\hat{U}|1\rangle|b\rangle|M\rangle = \alpha|0\rangle|0\rangle|M_0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle|1\rangle|M_1\rangle$

$\neq |\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle|M_\psi\rangle$

# How ... does Quantum Cryptography work?

**BB84 protocol** [Charles H. Bennett and Gilles Brassard (1984)]

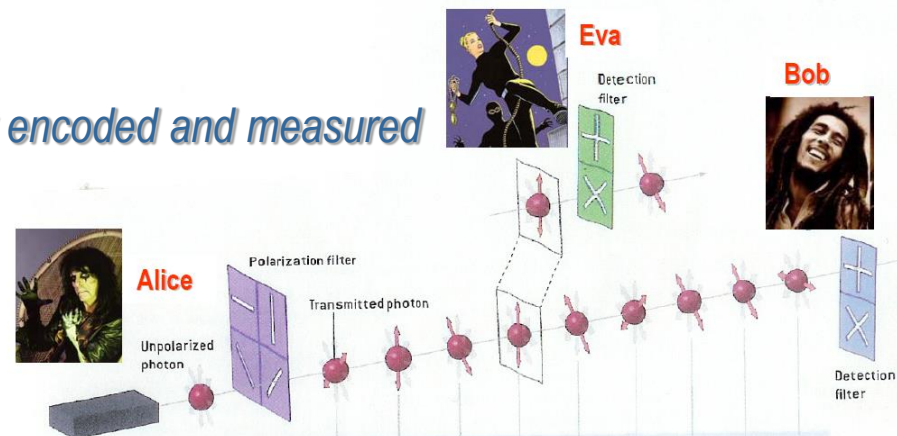
Basis	0	1
+	↑	→
×	↗	↘

**Step 1:** Alice sends Bob a string of polarization encoded photon

**Step 2:** Bob measures the string of encoded photons using random bases (rectilinear or diagonal).

**Step 3:** Alice and Bob publicly compare the bases they encoded and measured in, and discard all results where they do not match.

**The result is the Shared Secret Key**



Alice's random bit	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Alice's random sending basis	+	+	×	+	×	×	×	+
Photon polarization Alice sends	↑	→	↘	↑	↘	↗	↗	→
Bob's random measuring basis	+	×	×	×	+	×	+	+
Photon polarization Bob measures	↑	↗	↘	↗	→	↗	→	→
<b>PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF BASIS</b>								
Shared secret key	0		1			0		1

# How ... does Quantum Cryptography work?

## Eavesdropping Detection

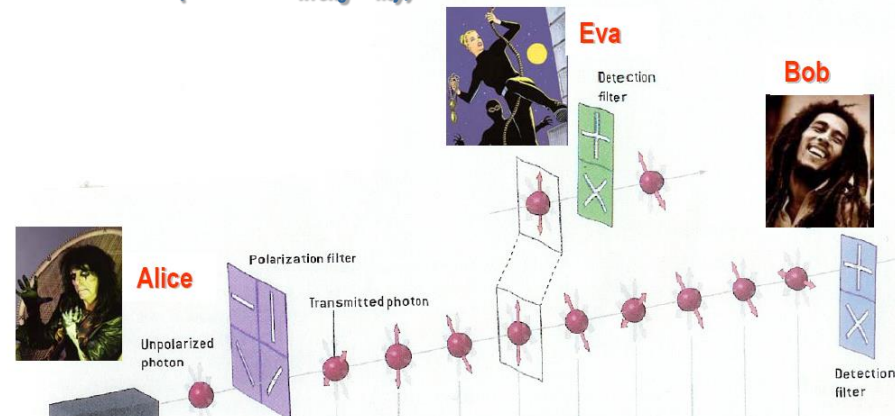
If **Eva** tries to gain information about the photons polarization, the laws of quantum physics dictates that the quantum state of the photons are **altered**, thus causing **errors in Bob's measurements**.

Alice and Bob compare a **subset** of the shared **Key**. If the **QBER** ( $QBER = N_{wrong} / N_{key}$ ) violates a certain threshold, the Key distribution process is **aborted** and **repeated**.

### Example: **Intercept – Resend Attack**

*Eva duplicates the Bob measurement system*

- *Eva receives Alice's encoded photon. If she guesses the base **correctly**, then she just has to encode a new photon and send it on to Bob.*
- *If **Eve** guesses **incorrectly**, she will just generate a new **randomly encoded** photon to send to Bob.*
- *Therefore, the probability an **intercepted** photon generates an **error** in the key string is  $0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$*



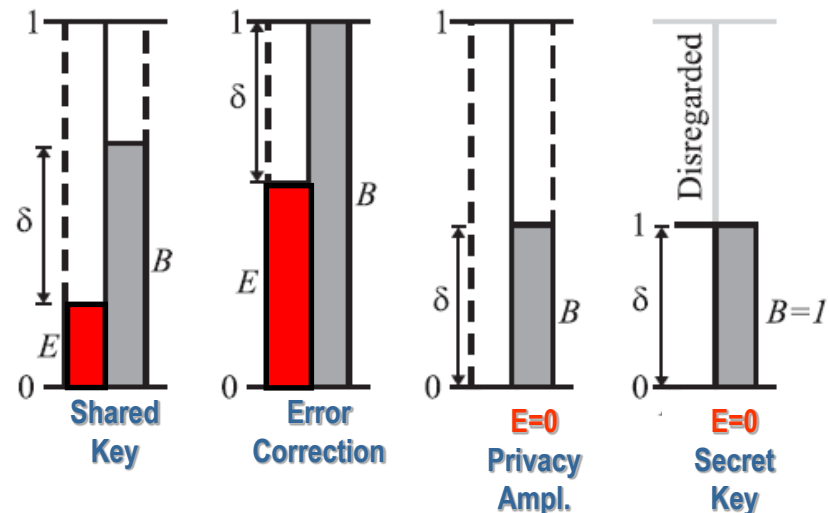
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Eve's random measuring basis	+	×	+	+	×	+	×	+
Polarization Eve measures and sends	↑	↗	→	↑	↘	→	↗	→
Bob's random measuring basis	+	×	×	×	+	×	+	+
Photon polarization Bob measures	↑	↗	↗	↘	→	↗	↑	→
<b>PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF BASIS</b>								
Shared secret key	0		0			0		1
Errors in key	✓		□			✓		✓

# How ... does Quantum Cryptography work?

## Eavesdropping Detection

**PROBLEM:** *shared Key contains Errors due to:*

- *Eva*
- *Real-world devices imperfections*



*It is necessary to:*

- *Correct errors in the key*  $\longrightarrow$  *Error Correction Protocols*
- *Nullify Eva's information on the Key*  $\longrightarrow$  *Privacy Amplification, Advantage Distillation ...*

$QBER < 0.12$   $\longrightarrow$  Alice and Bob can distill a **unconditionally** secure Key



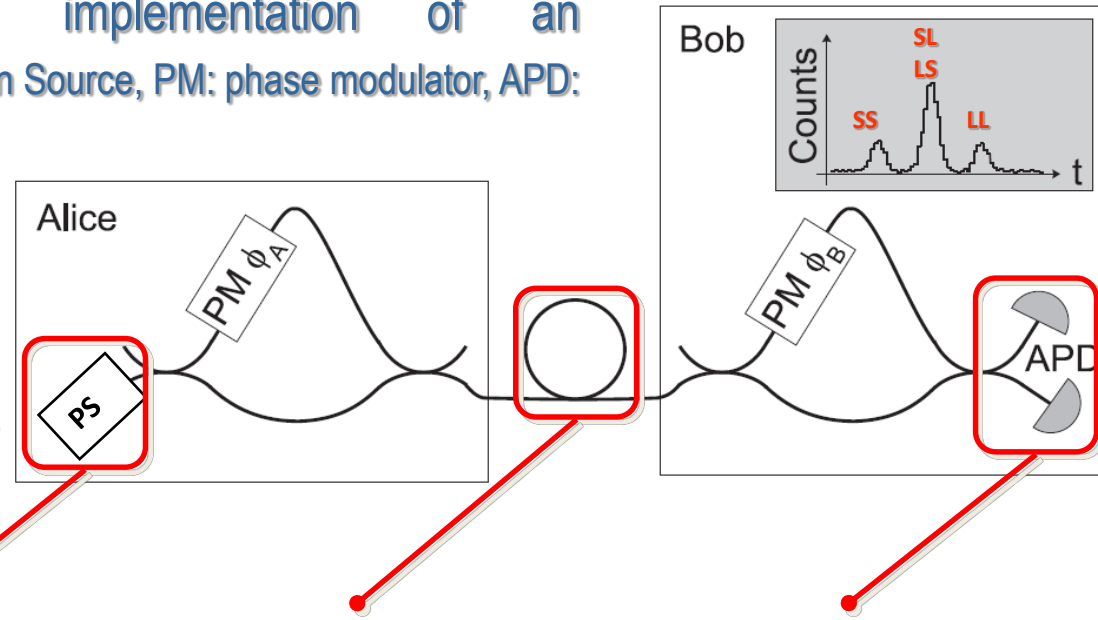
# How ... does Quantum Cryptography work?

## Real World Implementations

- *Open-Air QKD* (aiming to: Ground-Satellite, Satellite-Satellite QKD)
- *Optical Fiber-based QKD*

Double asymmetric Mach-Zehnder implementation of an interferometric system for QKD (PS: photon Source, PM: phase modulator, APD: avalanche photodiode).

Temporal count distribution recorded as a function of the time passed since the emission of the pulse by Alice. Interference is observed in the central peak (LS-SL) when the phase modulations are properly selected.



Technological Challenges:

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**QUANTUM CHANNELS**

**SINGLE-PHOTON DETECTORS**

# How ... does Quantum Cryptography work?

QUANTUM CHANNELS: Single-Mode fibers @ Telecom Wavelength

Adv.s: Lower attenuation

Disv.s: Decoherence (*Geometric phase, Birefringence, PMD, Chromatic Dispersion*)

PHOTON SOURCES: Faint Laser Pulses

Adv.s: Coupling Efficiency, Bandwidth, Costs

Disv.s: Poissonian Statistics (*Nonzero probability of having more than one photon per pulse*)

(Alternatives: *Heralded Single-PS based on PDC, Quantum Dots, Impurities in Diamond, ...*)

PHOTON DETECTORS: APD operating in Geiger mode

Adv.s: , Room Temperature Operation

Disv.s: Dark counts (*Gated mode*), On/Off Detection

(Alternatives: *Superconducting Detectors: TES, SSPD, ...*)

## Real World QKD



The two interfering paths



# QKD in the Real World

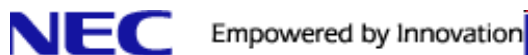
## Who ... is selling QKD devices?



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## Who ... has research program on QKD?



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# Who ... is using QKD devices?

**2004 - World's first bank transfer using QKD**

**2004 - DARPA QKD Network in Massachusetts**

**2006 - QKD used in Geneva for Swiss elections**

**2008 - World's first computer network protected by QKD in Vienna**

**“Some Computer System Officer are convinced by QKD. ... QKD already protects well established banks and industries!!!” (N. Gisin, ETSI Workshop, 22/6/2010)**



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Geneva, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2007

***Geneva is counting on Quantum Cryptography as it counts its Votes***

The Swiss national elections on October 21 will mark a world first for Geneva as the canton employs quantum cryptography to protect the dedicated line used for counting its ballots. This unbreakable data code was conceived by the University of Geneva and developed industrially by its spin-off, *id Quantique*. With this



# Who ... is using QKD devices?

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### World Cup Uses Quantum Cryptography to Guarantee Secure Communications



Durban's Moses Mabhida Stadium in South Africa is employing quantum cryptography to protect data networks at the World Cup. With the quantum system, videos, e-mails and phone calls from the stadium and a nearby operations center for police, firefighters and military personnel is theoretically impenetrable.

Quantum cryptography involves encoding information in photons, and enables two parties to produce a shared random bit string known only to them. When a third party attempts to hack the key, anomalies are easily detected.

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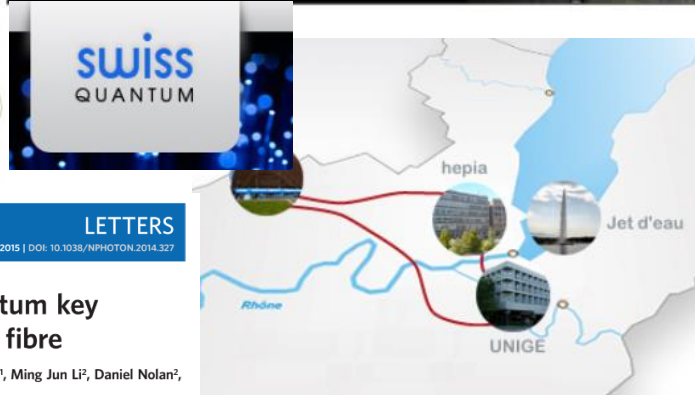
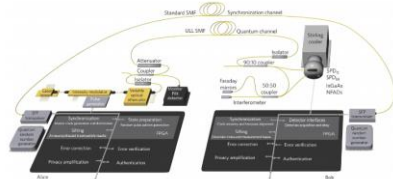
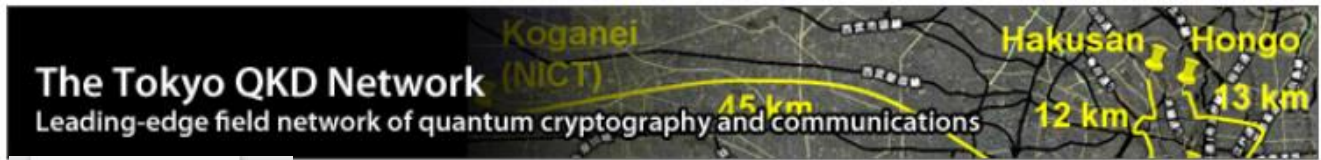
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# Who ... is building QKD infrastructures?



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## Provably secure and practical quantum key distribution over 307 km of optical fibre

Boris Korzh<sup>1\*</sup>, Charles Ci Wen Lim<sup>1\*</sup>, Raphael Houlmann<sup>1</sup>, Nicolas Gisin<sup>1</sup>, Ming Jun Li<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Nolan<sup>2</sup>, Bruno Sanguinetti<sup>1</sup>, Rob Thew<sup>1</sup> and Hugo Zbinden<sup>1</sup>

## Quantum Backbone

- Total Length 2000 km
- 2013.6-2016.12
- 32 trustable relay nodes
- 31 fiber links
- Metropolitan networks
- Existing: Hefei, Jinan
- New: Beijing, Shanghai
- Customer: China Industrial & Commercial Bank; Xinhua News Agency; CBRC





# The Italian Quantum Backbone: QKD



**First tests of coexistence in the same I-QB fibre infrastructure of QTD and QKD.**

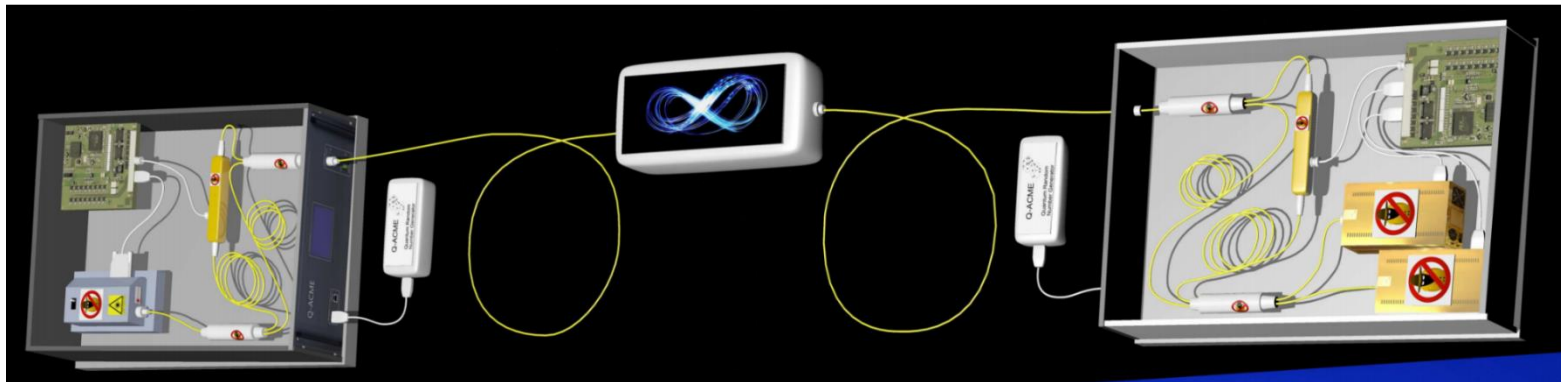


# Quantum Metrology for Q-Techies

An Industry Specification Group (ISG) of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) has been installed from October 2008 to address **standardization** issues in **QKD**, to support the **commercialization** of QKD devices on various levels and stages.

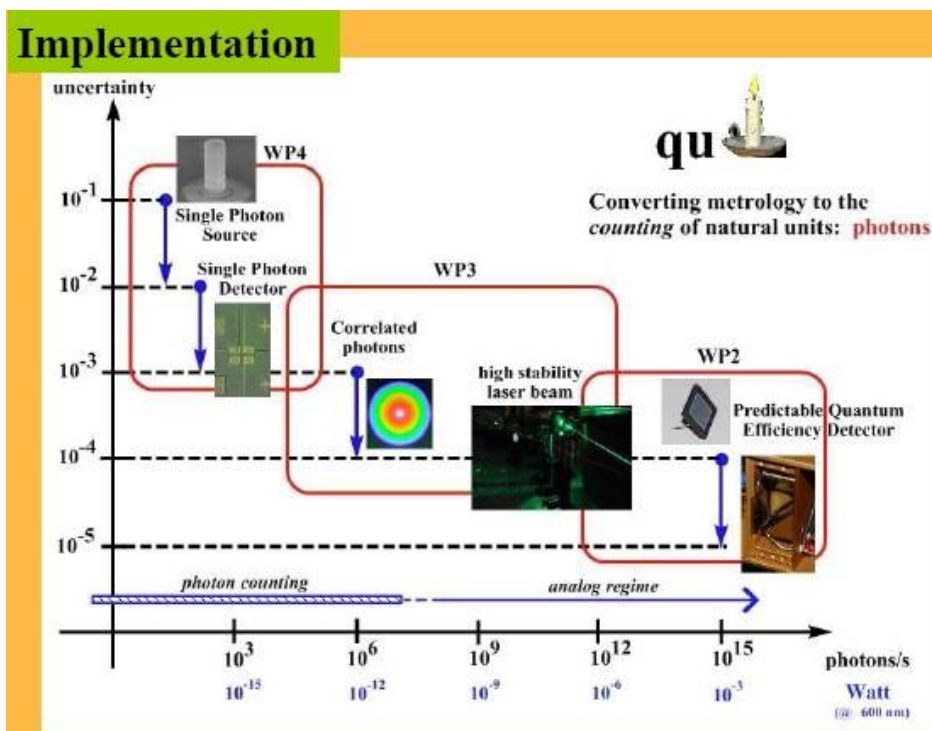


**Quantum Radiometry** is **necessary** to the standardization framework for providing **traceable** characterization techniques at **single-photon** level.



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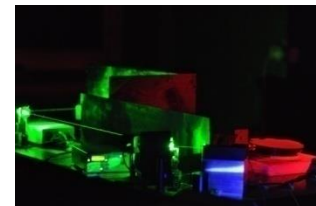
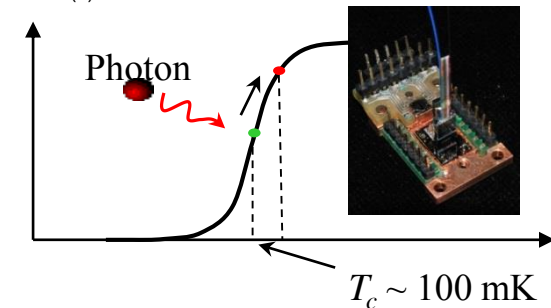
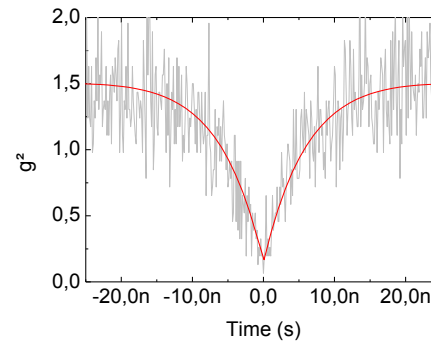
**Quantum Radiometry:** Effort to create a linkage between the typical optical power measurement regime of conventional radiometry and the single-photon counting regime



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## QUANTUM RADIOMETRY TARGETS

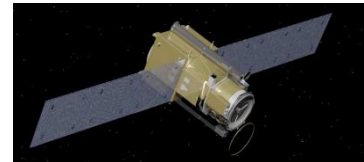
- Develop suitable metrics for
  - single photon sources
  - photon counting detectors
- Develop methods and measurement facilities for characterising non-classical properties of light:
  - antibunching
  - indistinguishability
  - entanglement
  - quantumness





# Quantum Metrology for Q-Techies

## Projects on single-photon metrology



Project Coordinator: **INRIM**

Quantum Candela: radiometric measurements in the natural units, the number of photons

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Deterministic and efficient single-photon sources for quantum metrology



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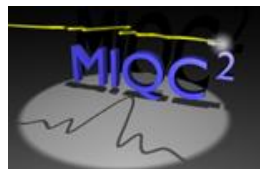
Metrology for Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) in fiber

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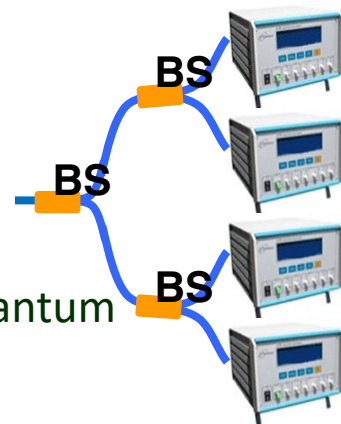
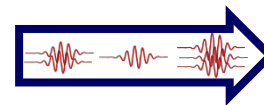
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Project Coordinator: **INRIM**

Metrology for free-space QKD and Anti-"Quantum-Hacking"



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Project Coordinator: **PTB**

Efficient single-photon sources for quantum technologies and quantum metrology



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