

# Will Quantum Always Remain Basic Research or is it Ready to Power Great Products?

Optical Fiber Communication Conference

Rump Session

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8 March 2022



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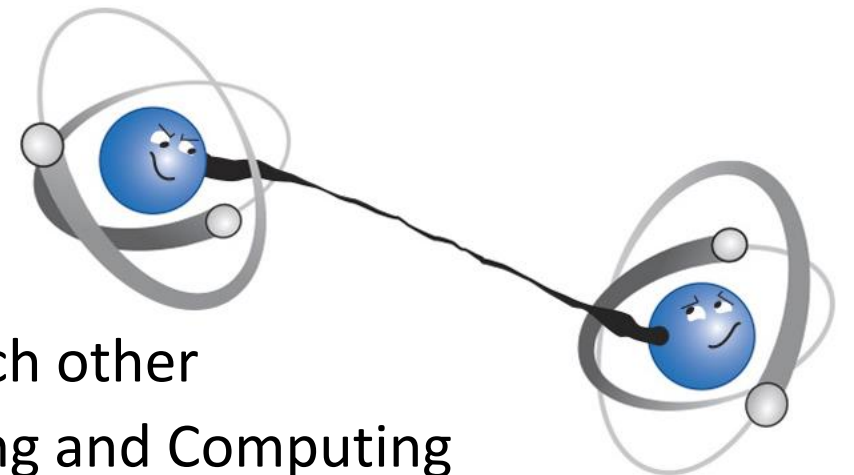
# Quantum Topics in Rump Session Presentations

In the Presentations	Not in the Presentations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Networking, for example:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Quantum Computing Platform (QCP) Networking</li><li>○ Quantum Information Processing (QIP) Networking</li></ul></li><li>• Cryptography, for example:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)</li><li>○ Quantum Error Correction (QEC)</li><li>○ Quantum Safe Cryptography (QSC)</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sensing, for example:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Superconducting Quantum Interference (SQUID) Magnetometer</li><li>○ Optical Lattice Clock (OLC)</li><li>○ Challenging, but not controversial</li></ul></li><li>• Computing, for example:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Qubits</li><li>○ Quantum Processing Unit (QPU)</li><li>○ Controversial, but not a great OFC fit</li></ul></li></ul>

- There is broad agreement about the science
- The debate is about feasibility, practicality, and timeliness of commercialization

# Quantum Enthusiasts vs. Sceptics Teams Debate Format

- Moderator, Chris Cole, and Co-Moderator, Emina Soljanin, introduce the Session
- Followed by alternating Quantum Enthusiasts vs. Sceptics Team Member debates
- Each Provocateur gets 5 mins to present
- The audience then gets 5 mins to give:
  - tough and provocative questions
  - insightful comments
  - different perspectives
  - short, concise and to the point remarks
  - challenge the Moderators, Provocateurs and each other
  - any topic is fair game, including Quantum Sensing and Computing
- May Quantum Entanglement (the Force) be with you



# Quantum Rump Session Schedule

PPT start	Q&A start	Name	Affiliation	Character	PPT start	Q&A start	Name	Affiliation	Character
Unentangles the Sides		Moderator			Balances the Force		Co-moderator		
7:35	n/a	Chris Cole	II-VI	Han Solo	7:40	7:45	Emina Soljanin	Rutgers University	Maz Kanata
Light Side Serves the Force		Quantum Enthusiasts Team Jedi Knight			Dark Side Opposes the Force		Quantum Sceptics Team Sith Lord		
7:50	7:55	Bruno Huttner	ID Quantique	Mace Windu	8:00	8:05	Peter Winzer	Nubis Comm.	Darth Sidious
8:10	8:15	Yong Zhao	Quantum CTek	Qui-Gon Jinn	8:20	8:25	Charles Clancy	MITRE	Darth Maul
8:30	8:35	Andrew Lord	British Telecom	Obi-Wan Kenobi	8:40	8:45	Glenn Wellbrock	Verizon	Darth Vader
8:50	8:55	Mekena Metcalf	Lawrence Berkeley Lab	Skywalker Ren	9:00	9:05	Takehisa Iwakoshi	Mie University	Kylo Ran
9:10	9:15	Inder Monga	ESnet	Yoda	9:20	9:25	Scott Hamilton	MIT Lincoln Laboratory	Count Dooku
9:30	9:35	Audience Poll			9:35	n/a	End		

# QKD Entangled in Noisy (Down) Time

Emina Soljanin, Co-moderator

Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Rutgers University

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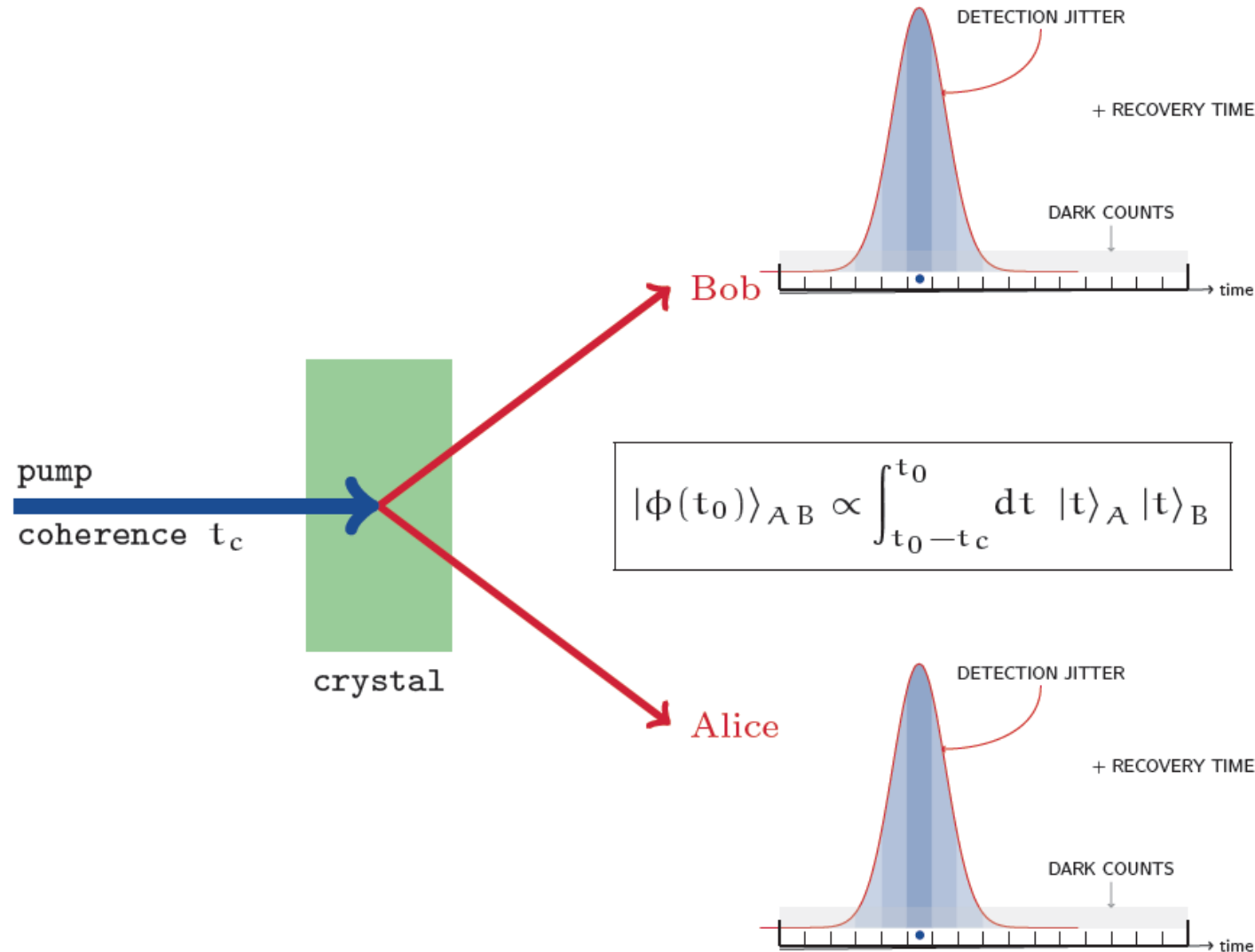


Maz  
Kanata

“Maz has felt the Force ebb and flow, seeking an elusive balance between darkness and light.”

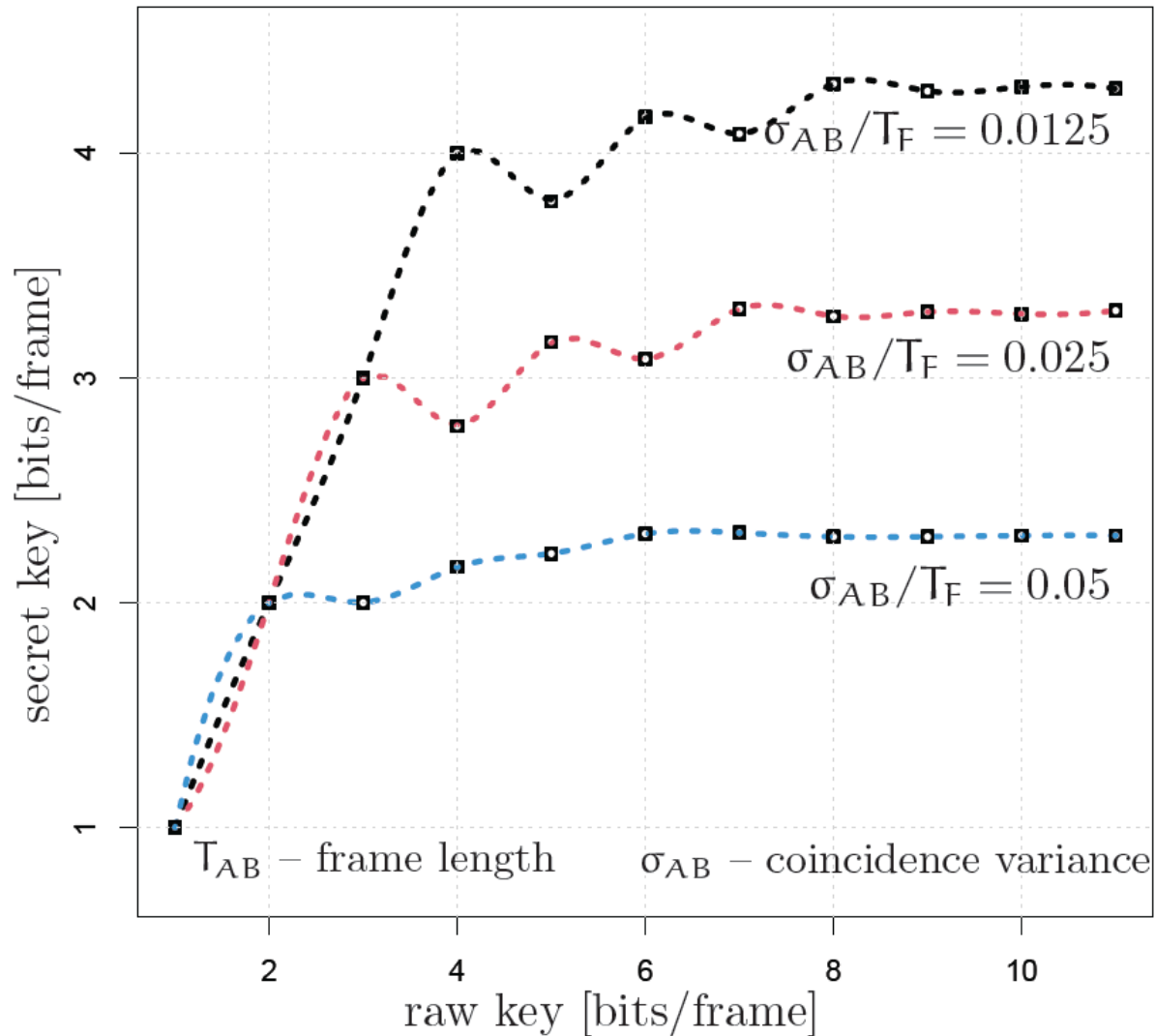


# Time Carries Many Bits but Detectors Cannot Tell



- A special source generates time-entangled photon pairs
- Entangled photons arrive to Alice & Bob simultaneously
- Alice & Bob detect photon arrivals by imperfect detectors
- The raw key is extracted from “coincidental” arrival times

# High Raw Key Rate Does not Mean High Secret Key Rate



Raw-key is extracted by time binning

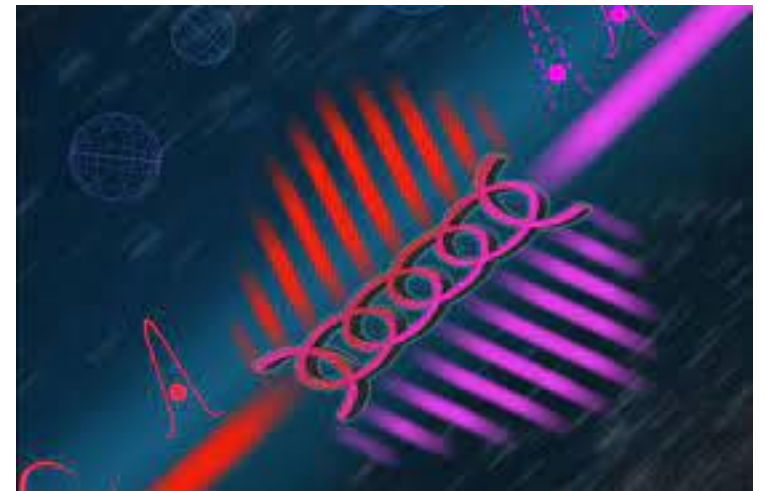
- the smaller the time bin
- the higher the raw key rate
- the more Alice & Bob disagree
- the more bits must be sent over the public channel for key reconciliation

The secret key rate becomes saturated

# Can time-entanglement QKD live up to its promise?



vs.





# Mace Windu vs. Darth Sidious





# Quantum is Already Powering Great Products

Bruno Huttner  
Director of Quantum  
Strategic Initiatives  
ID Quantique

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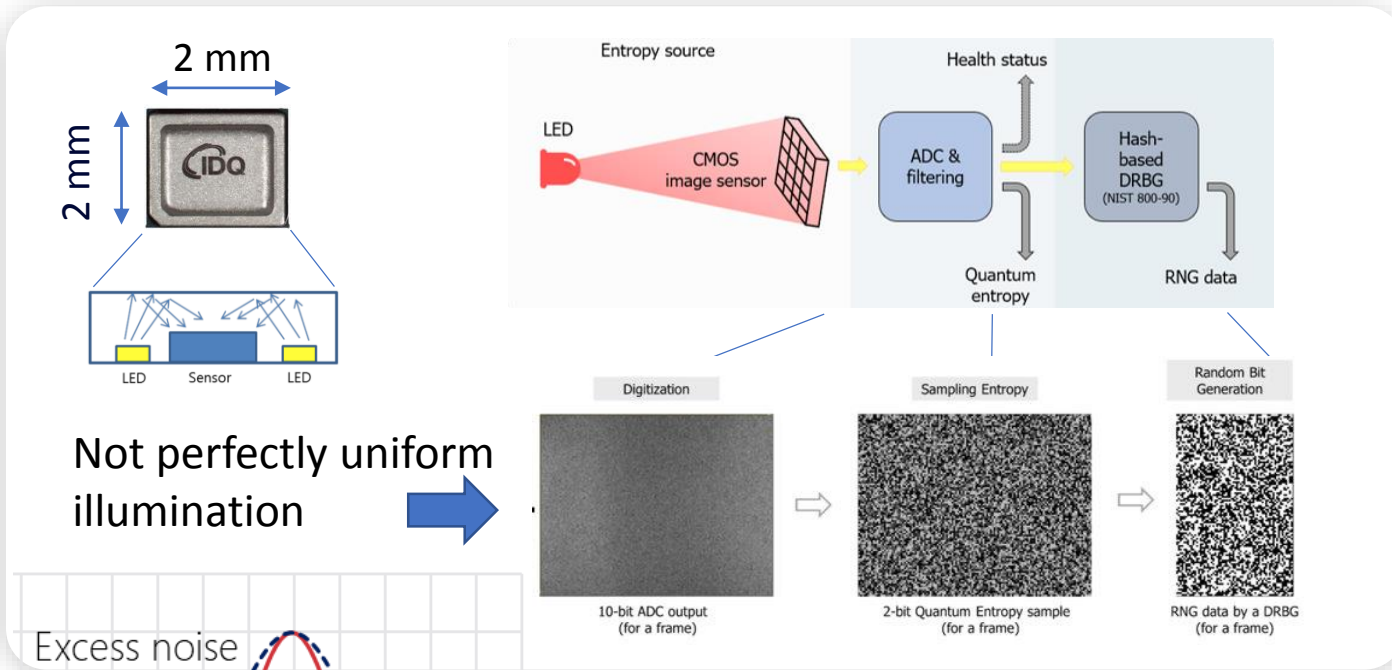


Mace Windu

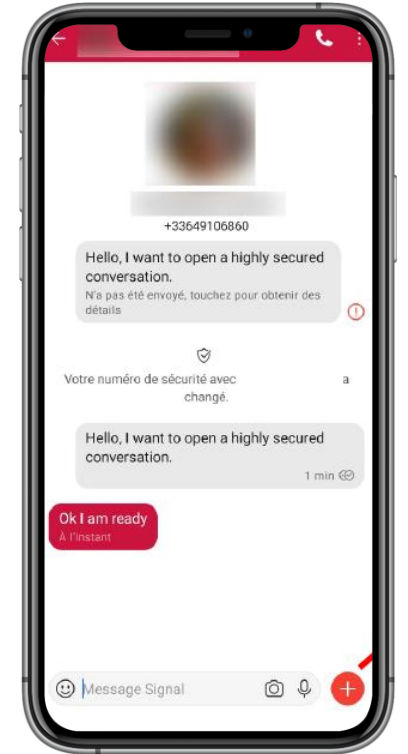
# Quantum at Small Scale



## Quantum-based Randomness for all Your Appliances



Application Example:  
Quantum-Safe  
Messaging with  
Quantum Random  
Number Generator  
(QRNG) and added  
PQC layer



The first products for mass  
applications are already available

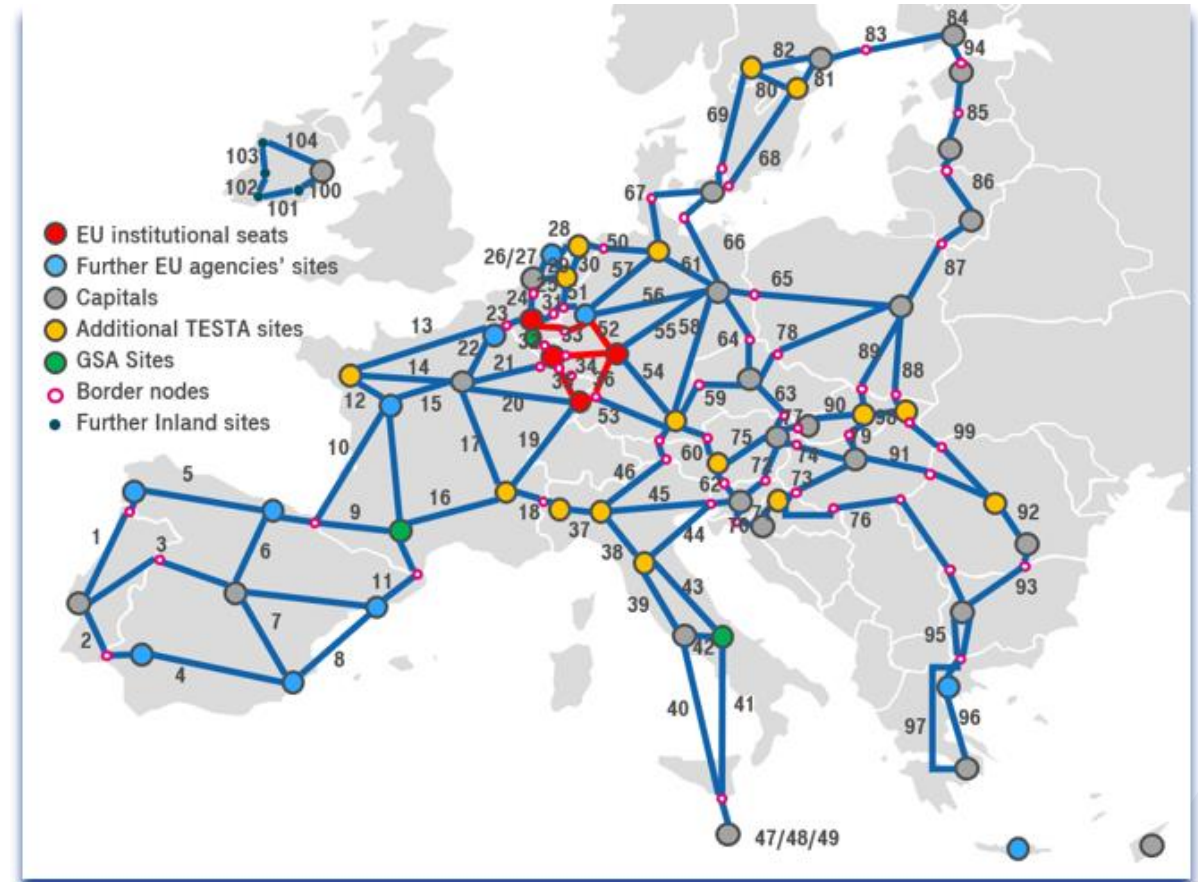
# Quantum at Large Scale

## EU Quantum Communication Infrastructure (QCI) Initiative

- Part of EU Cybersecurity Strategy
- Protects sensitive data and infrastructures
- Terrestrial and space components
- Integrates into existing infrastructure

### QCI Timeline

- Preliminary phase (2020-2022):  
OpenQKD consortium and QKD Testbeds
- 1<sup>st</sup> phase (2022-2023): National Phases
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (2024 and beyond): Roll out
- Fully operational by 2027



Pan-European quantum keys will be available for all

# Quantum to the Masses



The first products are already available...  
and it is only the beginning!



# Quantum Technologies: Fund-Raising Through Fear

Peter Winzer, Founder and CTO

8 March 2022



Darth Sidious

# A Brief History of Technology Adoption



Technology	Research	Large-Scale Commercial	Lag [Years]
Transistor	1947	1953	6
Optical Fiber	1965	1976	11
Distributed Feedback Laser	1972	1987	15
Ethernet	1973	1983	10
Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifier	1986	1990	4
Digital Coherent Detection	1991	2008	17
Fusion Reactors	1947	None	>75
Quantum Computing	1980	None	>41
Quantum Key Distribution	1984	None	>38



<https://www.apriorinetwork.com/>

Experimental demonstration of a 4,294,967,296-QAM-based Y-00 quantum stream cipher template carrying 160-Gb/s 16-QAM signals

XI CHEN,<sup>1,\*</sup> KEN TANIZAWA,<sup>2</sup> PETER WINZER,<sup>3</sup> PO DONG,<sup>3</sup> JUNHO CHO,<sup>1</sup> FUMIO FUTAMI,<sup>2</sup> KENTARO KATO,<sup>2</sup> ARGISHTI MELIKYAN,<sup>1</sup> AND K. W. KIM<sup>1</sup>

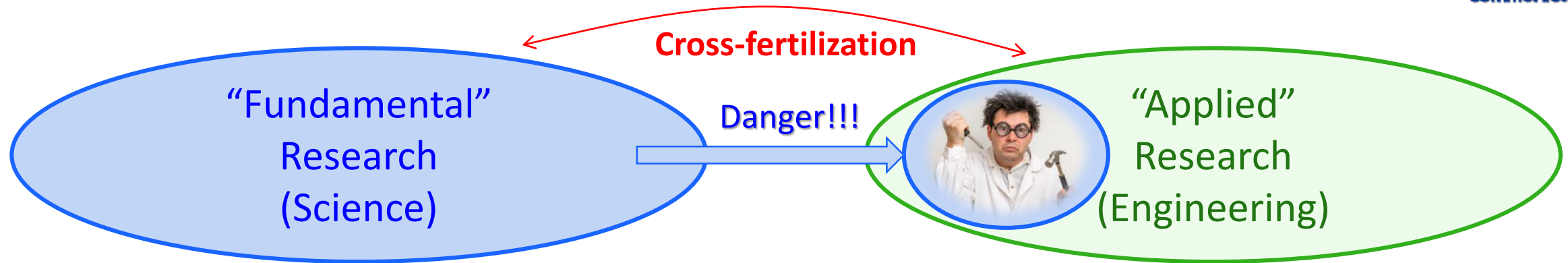
## Fundamental research vs. real-world solutions for real-world needs

- Research fund-raising based on public fear-raising
- Example QKD: **Security** = **Secure Key** + **Secure Encryption Algorithm**

Existing solutions are sufficient  
Alternative solutions exist

Not solved by QKD  
(only known secure algorithm is the One-Time Pad)

# Science vs. Engineering – And the Danger Zone



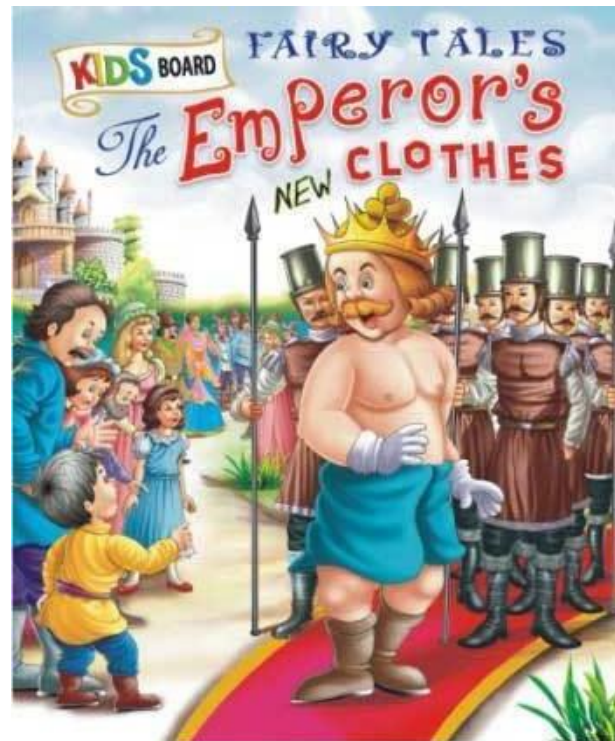
Ultimate goal:

Discovery:

understanding the world

Does not need any justification  
(particularly fear-raising!)

Society chooses to afford it



Ultimate goal:

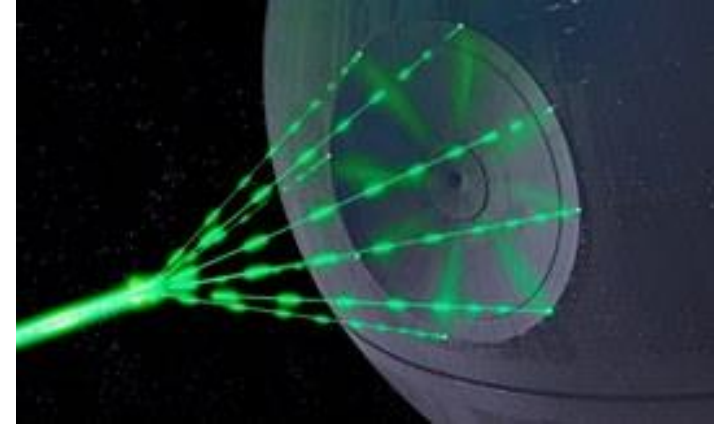
Invention:

changing the world

Must have a practical  
justification

Paid for by technical innovations





**Thank You !**

# Qui-Gon Jinn vs. Darth Maul



# Quantum is Powering Great Products!

**Dr. Yong Zhao**  
**Vice Chairman of the Board**  
**QuantumCTek Co., Ltd.**

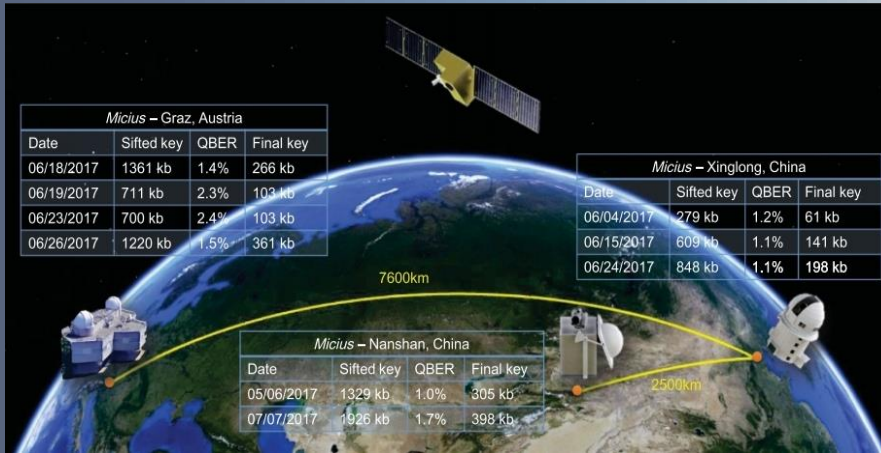
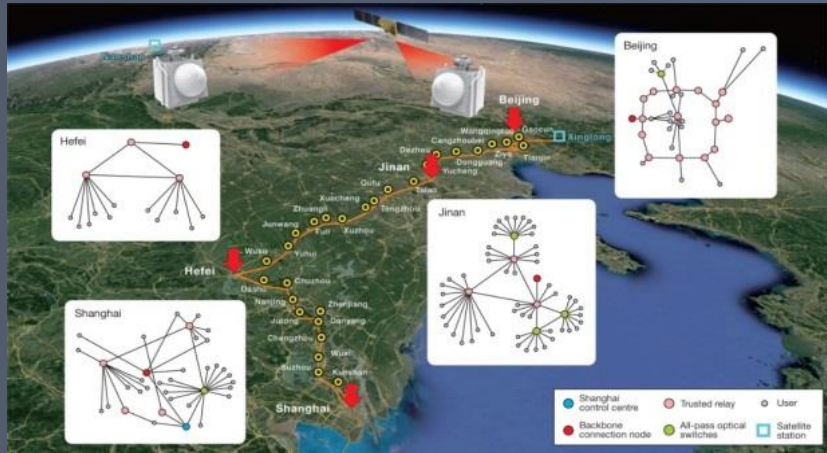
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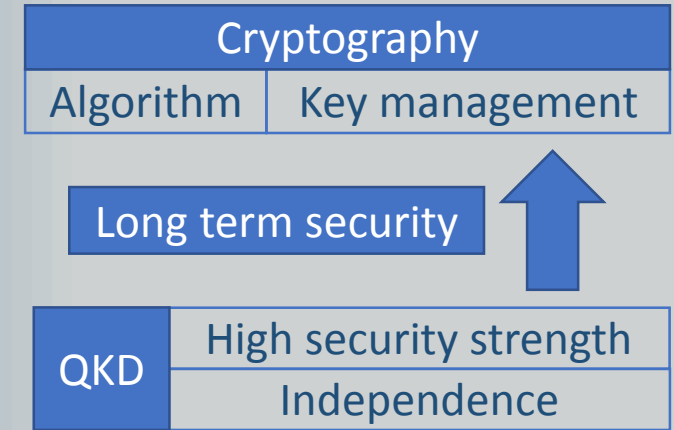
Qin-Gon Jinn

# Great Products are Happening

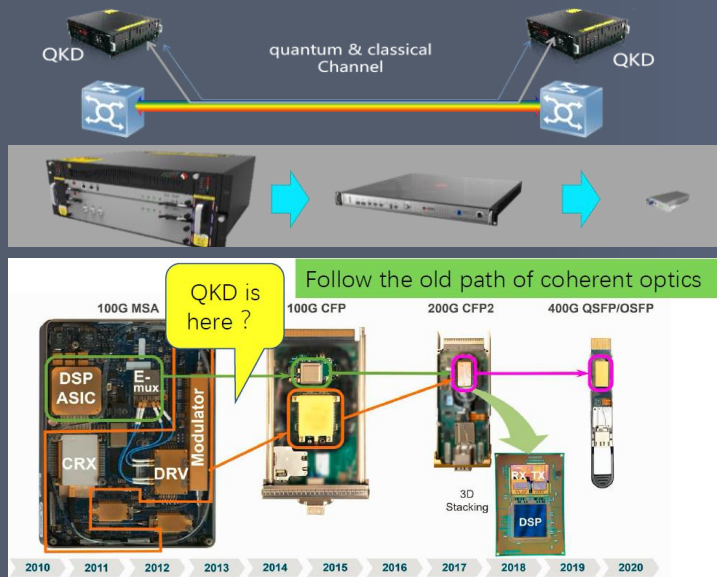
## Quantum Secured Infrastructure — Q-Crypto Networks



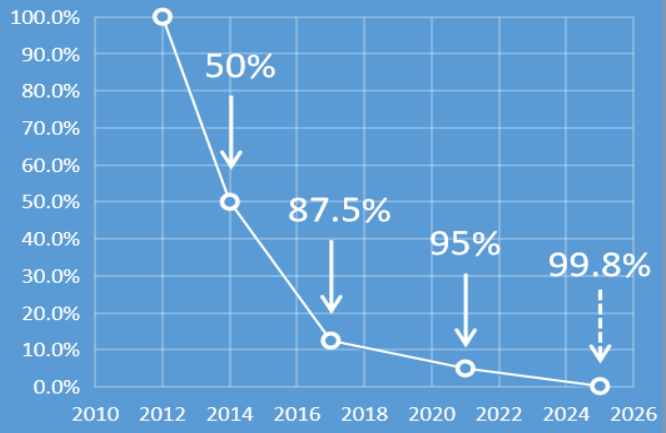
The first stage — QKDN



## Integrated & Cost-effective



Relative cost per kbps(50km key rate)



## Standardized, Certified & Reliable



# No Single Technology can Defeat All Security Threats

QKD security is theoretically clear

**VS**

PQC security is theatrically uncertain:  
security  $\neq$  mathematical problem complexity

Both QKD and PQC need more testing and analysis, and both improve with the back and forth of attack and defense

*PQC*  
(Math)

*QC*  
(Physics)

**May the Quantum  
Be With You**



# Security: E2E with PQC

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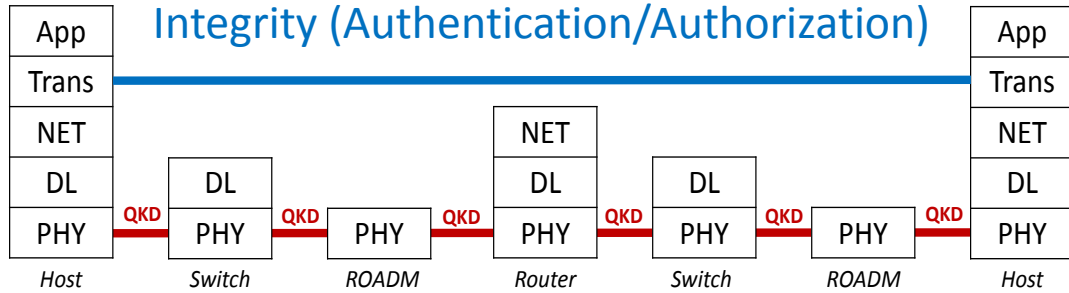
**MITRE**



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# Security Must be End to End

Transport Layer Security (TLS) + PQC - E2E - Confidentiality,



Hop-by-Hop Only, Confidentiality Only

- QKD:**
- Forward Secrecy
  - Unconditional Security
  - Requires Independent Unconditionally Secure Authentication
  - Vulnerable to MITM
- TLS + PQC:**
- Authentication and Key Agreement
  - Forward Secrecy (for most ciphers)
  - Security conditioned on  $P \neq NP$
  - TLS itself has history of vulnerabilities

Survey of TLS vulnerabilities, July 2021, *Wikipedia*

Attacks	Security			
	Insecure	Depends	Secure	Other
<b>Renegotiation attack</b>	0.1% support insecure renegotiation	<0.1% support both	99.2% support secure renegotiation	0.7% no support
<b>RC4 attacks</b>	0.4% support RC4 suites w/ modern browsers	6.5% support some RC4 suites	93.1% no support	N/A
<b>TLS Compression (CRIME attack)</b>	>0.0% vulnerable	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Heartbleed</b>	>0.0% vulnerable	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>ChangeCipherSpec injection attack</b>	0.1% vulnerable and exploitable	0.2% vulnerable, not exploitable	98.5% not vulnerable	1.2% unknown
<b>POODLE attack against TLS</b> (against SSL 3.0 not included)	0.1% vulnerable and exploitable	0.1% vulnerable, not exploitable	99.8% not vulnerable	0.2% unknown
<b>Protocol downgrade</b>	6.6% Downgrade defence not supported	N/A	72.3% Downgrade defence support	21.0% unknown

# Focus on PQC for Quantum Safe Cryptography

- QKD does not actually address the Internet threat model
- PQC does, and should be the focus for building quantum-safe security for the Internet
- Bruce Schneier, **WIRED** Security, Oct. 15, 2008:

## Quantum Cryptography: As Awesome As It Is Pointless



... as awesome and pointless as a double-bladed light saber.

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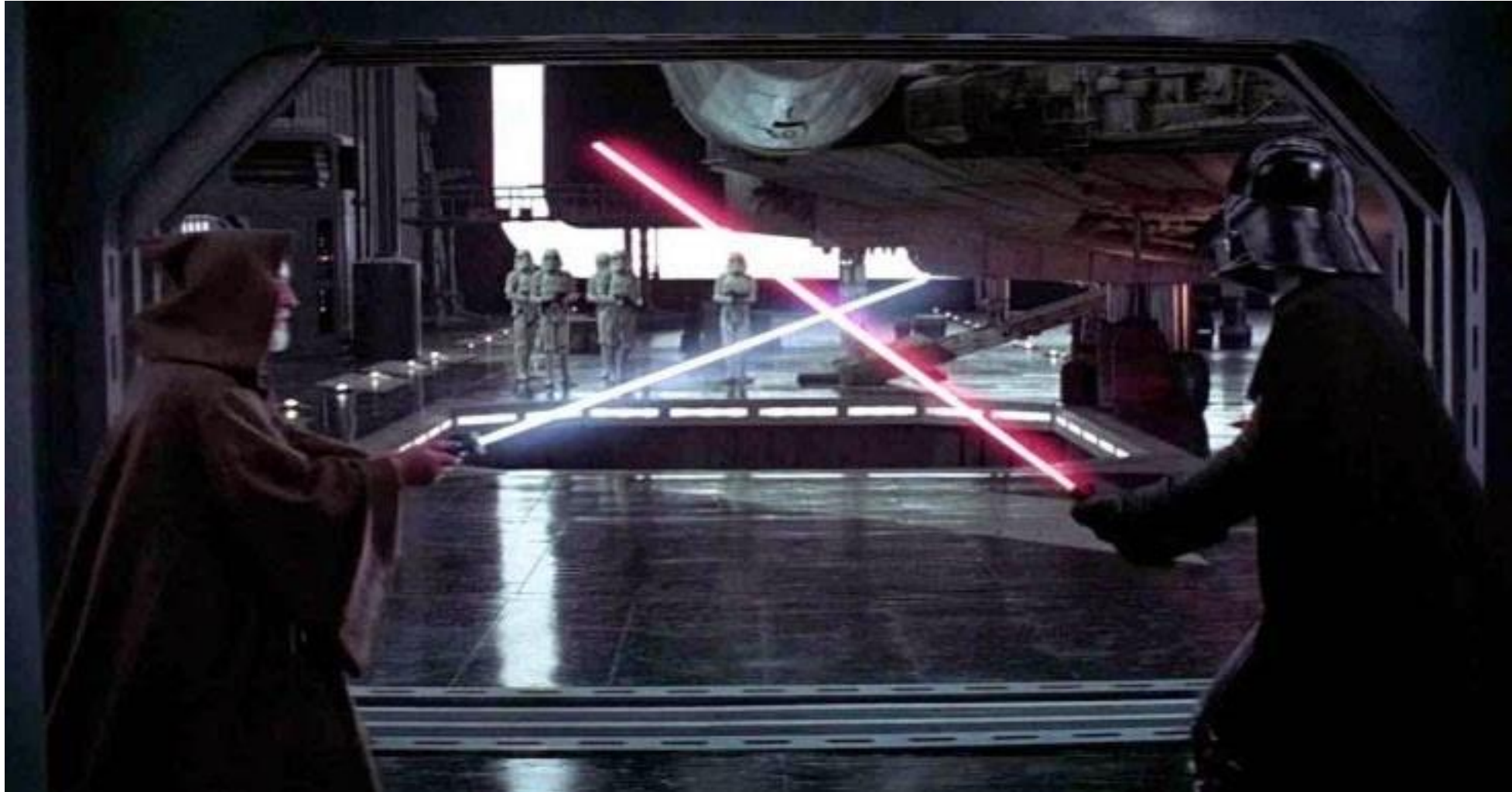
### Quantum Cryptography: As Awesome As It Is Pointless

Quantum cryptography is back in the news, and the basic idea is still unbelievably cool, in theory, and nearly useless in real life. The idea behind quantum crypto is that two people communicating using a quantum channel can be absolutely sure no one is eavesdropping. Heisenberg's uncertainty principle requires anyone measuring a quantum system to [...]

# MITRE



# Obi-Wan Kenobi vs. Darth Vader



# QKD is a Steppingstone to a Quantum Internet

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Sr. Manager of Optical Research, BT  
Visiting Professor, Essex University

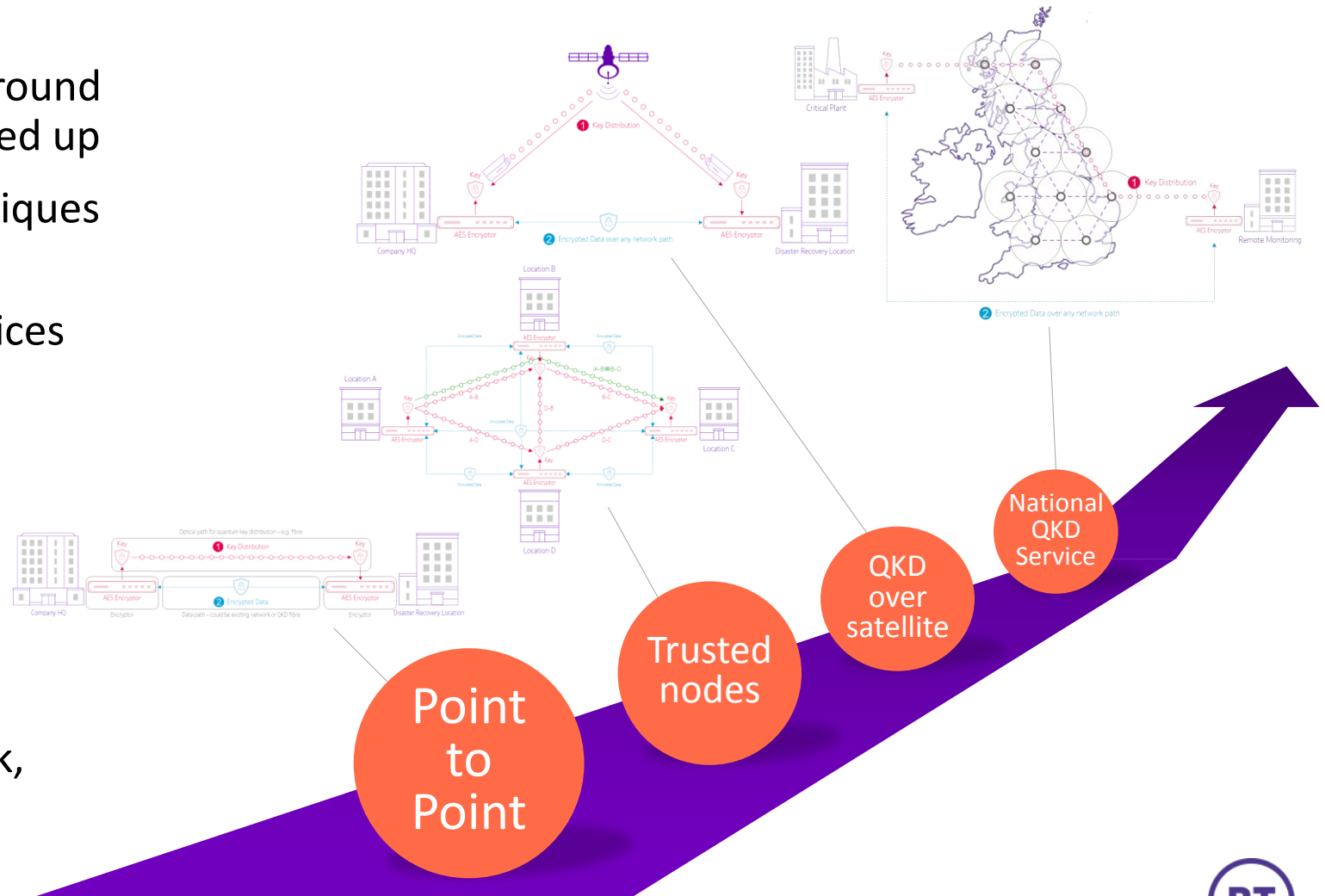
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Ben Obi-Wan Kenobi

# QKD is Real, Secure and the First Step on the Quantum Trajectory

- BT launching a QKD network service around London in April 2022 – customers signed up
- Mathematical-based encryption techniques included (not an either-or)
- Quantum security enables selling services over lots of BT owned optical fibre.
- Mathematical crypto is not reliable:
  - RSA / DH already broken by Shor<sup>1</sup>
  - Lattice codes are under threat or already broken for all we know
  - Backdoors are built-in
- Trajectory towards a quantum network, interconnecting quantum and classical compute resources



<sup>1</sup> Peter W. Shor, "Algorithms for quantum computation: discrete logarithms and factoring". Proceedings 35th Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science, Nov. 1994.



# The Quantum Force is With Us Now



## QKD Supports the BT Ambition to be the National Purveyor of Trust

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.14057.pdf>

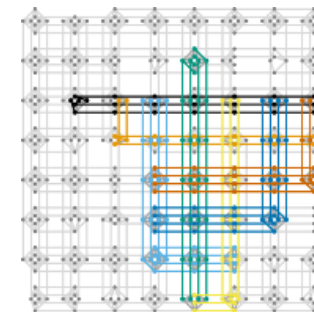
Two quantum Ising algorithms for the Shortest Vector Problem:  
one for now and one for later

David Joseph,<sup>1, 2</sup> Adam Callison,<sup>2</sup> Cong Ling,<sup>1</sup> and Florian Mintert<sup>2</sup>

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Phys. Rev. A 103, 032433, 26 March 2021



logical qubits embedded  
as qubit chains (of physical  
qubits) into the chimera  
topology



# Universal Adoption is Key to Scalable Networking

Glenn Wellbrock  
Director, Optical Transport  
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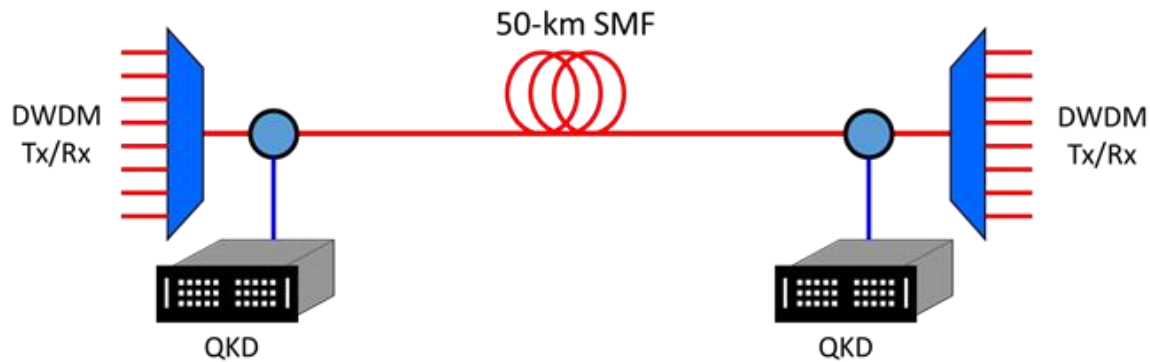
# Practical = Great Products

- NISTIR 8309: Status Report on the Second Round of the NIST Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) Standardization Process
- Quantum-resistant cryptography (QRC)
- Standards based
- Resistant to classical and quantum computer code breaking (forward secrecy)
- Resistant to side-channel attacks
- Interoperable with existing communications protocols and networks
- Easily implemented with conventional electronics
- Drop-in replacement for existing cryptography
- Universal, simple, flexible, free



# Great Science Great Products

## 16-year-old Verizon QKD



Number sold to date  
by Verizon rhymes  
with Ziro (the Hutt)



Reference: TJ Xia and G. Wellbrock et al., OFC 2006, OTuJ7. (Ref-416)



# Skywalker Rey vs. Kylo Ren





# Building Blocks for a Quantum Internet

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**Skywalker Rey**



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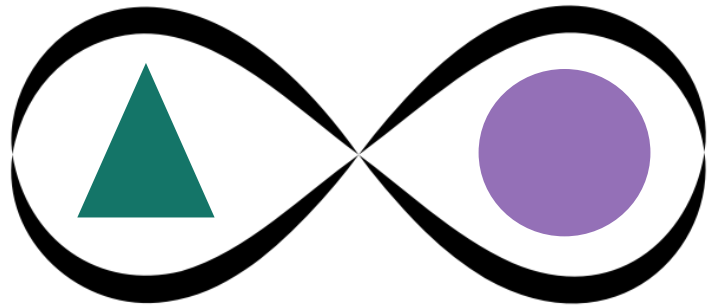


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# Bob and Alice Meet the Bell State

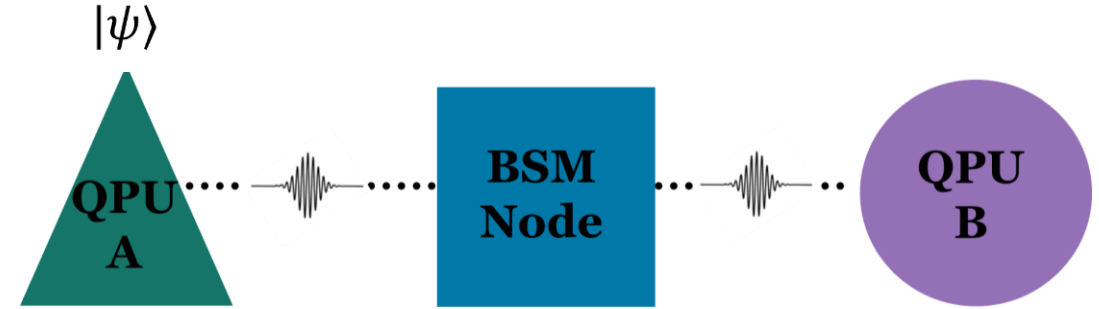
## Quantum Revolution 2.0

Put properties of quantum mechanics like *measurement, entanglement and superposition* to commercial use

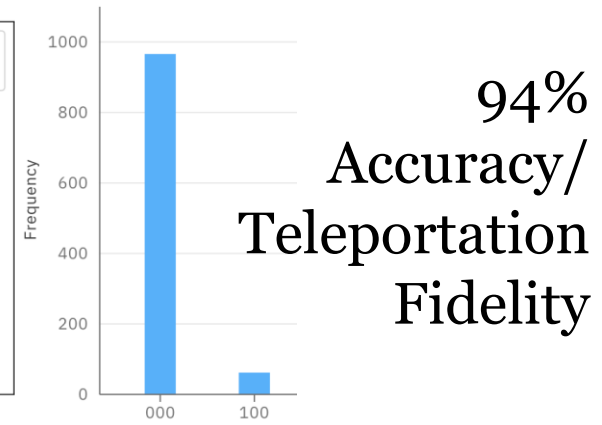
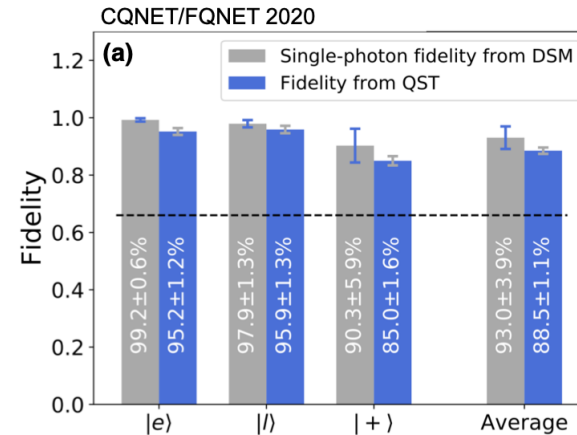
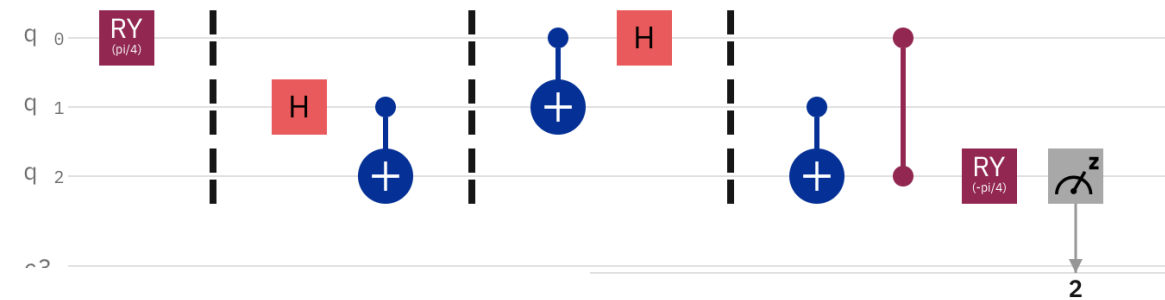


A Bell State is a maximally entangled state

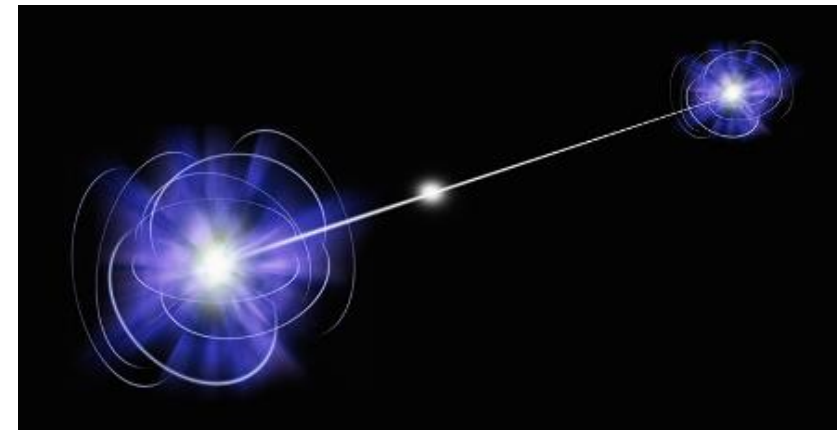
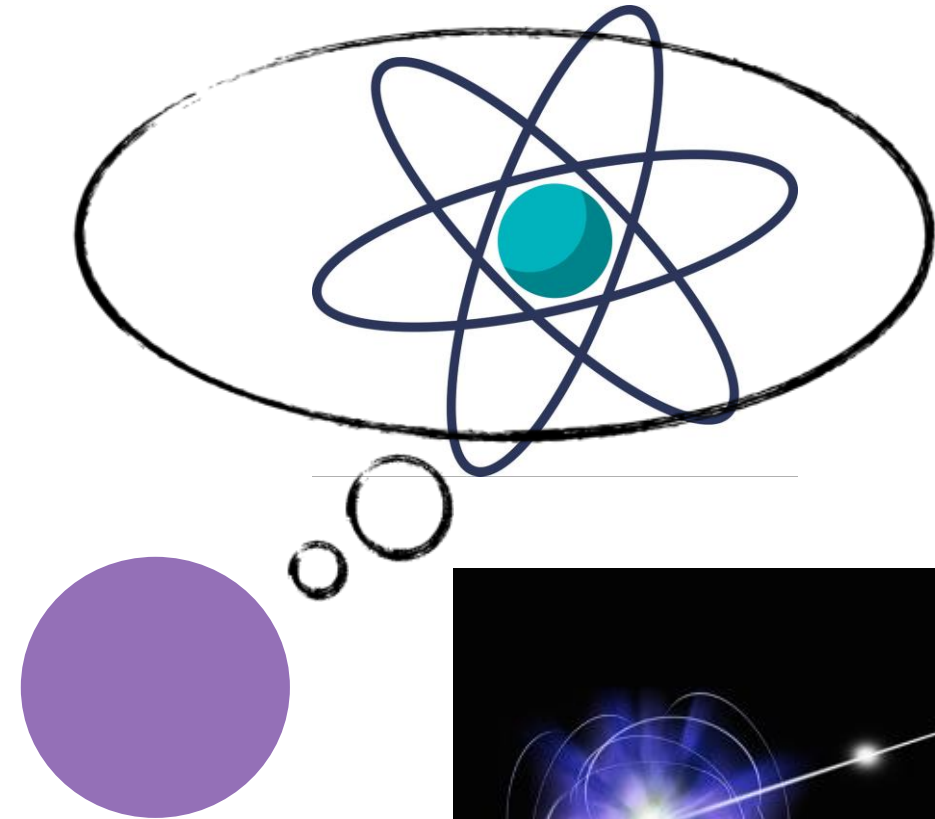
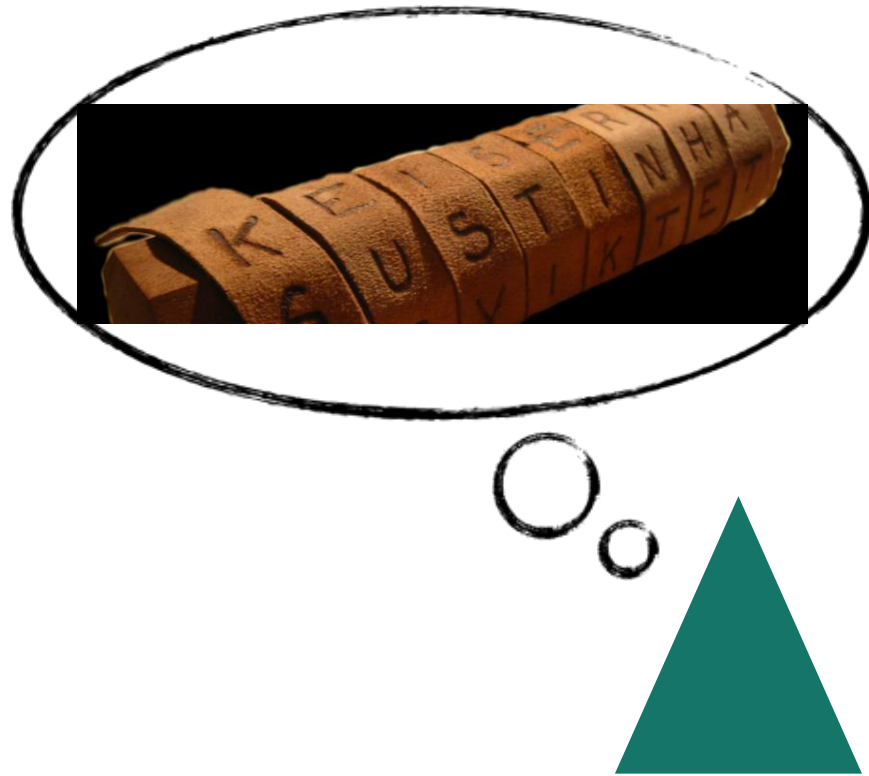
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$



## Teleportation on IBM Montreal



# Stay in the Past or Join the Future?



# Quantum Networks and QKD Are Not Ready for Business

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**Kylo Ren (Ben Solo)**



# QKD Security is Not Proven

## Experimental

- Impossible to prove the security of QKD systems because there are no attackers to launch **collective/coherent attacks**.
- Impossible to list **all unknown device-imperfections** and side-channels.

## Theoretical

- Many researchers believe Shor and Preskill proved **the equivalence** of Prepare-and-Measure QKDs and Quantum-Error-Correction QKDs in 2000.
- Counter examples show the former can **never supply IID keys** for One-Time Pad, in Shannon sense, unlike the latter.

## Cryptography Expert Consensus

- NSA/USA, ENISA/EU, NCSC/UK, ANSSI/France do not recommend QKD.
- For the whole system to be **Information-Theoretic Secure (ITS)**, QKD requires **ITS** authentication procedures, which QKD cannot do standalone.
- QKD requires hardware patches and upgrades, unlike **software cryptography**.
- QKD is vulnerable to **Denial-of-Service attacks** because the signals are fragile.

# QKD is not Practical

- QKD will remain in everlasting R&D phase with no products realized
- QKD researchers should investigate better approaches, for example:  
**Y00 Quantum Cryptography** using bright quantum states

- Detailed references and appendix:  
<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/357791716>



Fall into the Dark Side  
of the Quantum Force



# Yoda vs. Count Dooku



# Quantum Communication (*teleportation*) Enables Scalable Quantum Computing

Inder Monga,  
Executive Director,  
Energy Sciences Network  
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Network Testbed (quant-net)

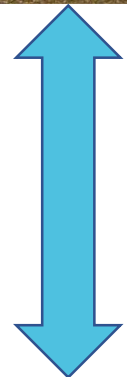
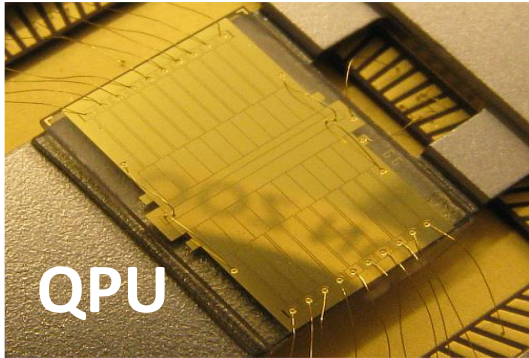
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Yoda

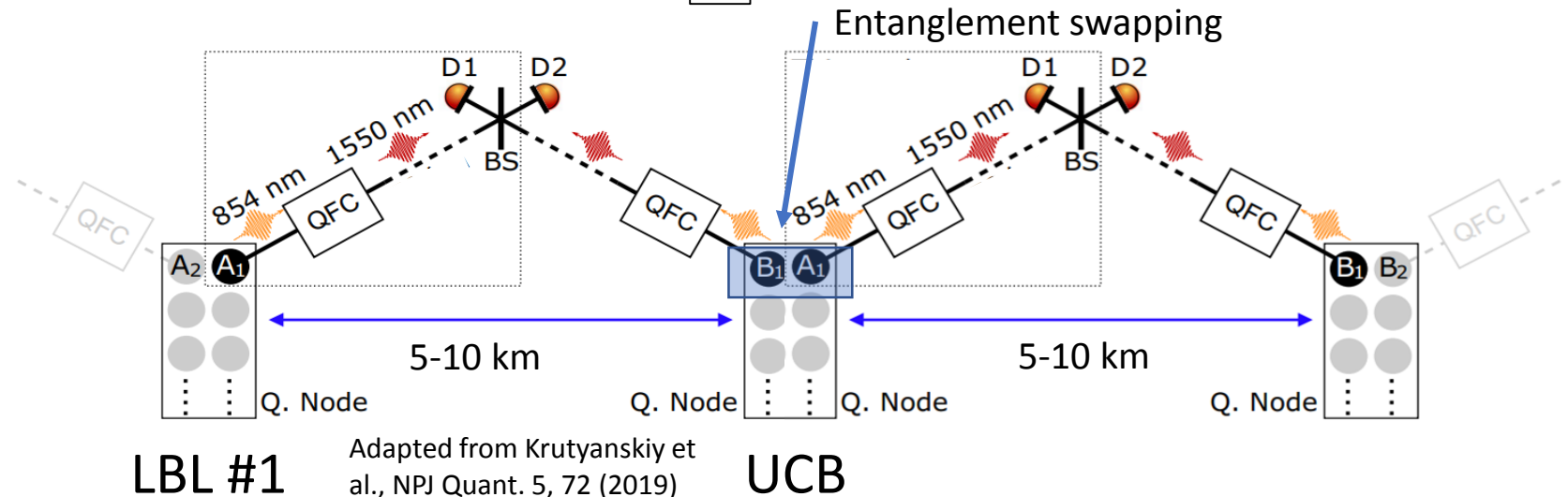
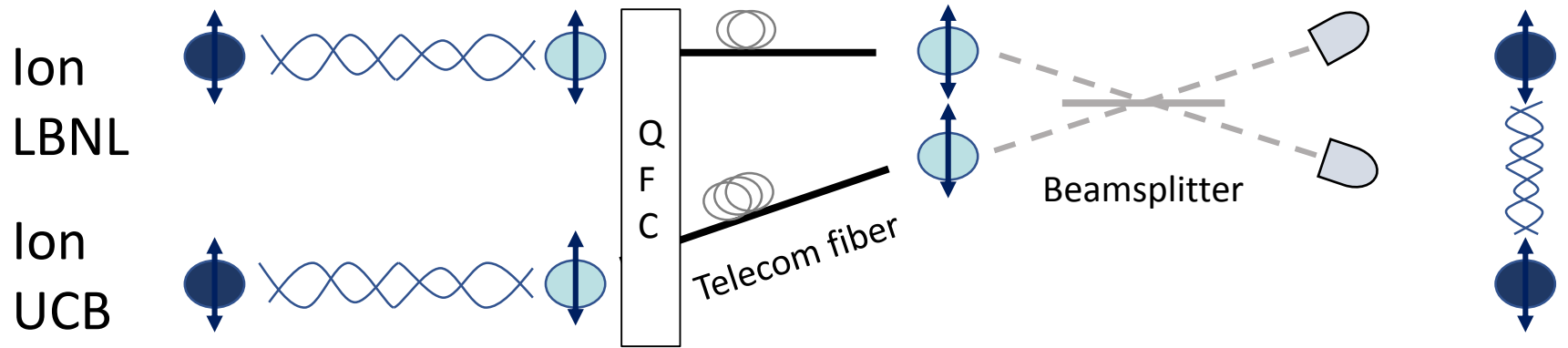
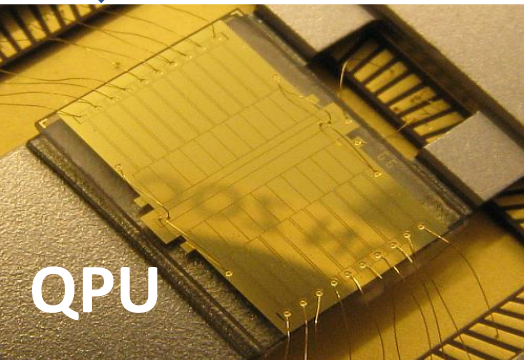




# Quantum Teleportation transports quantum state



No-cloning Theorem determines architecture



# Are we there yet?

Quantum Networking based on teleportation commercialization requires a new ecosystem of materials, processes, devices, components, sub-systems, systems and protocols.



Teleportation with ions: Riebe et al. Nature 429, 734 (2004), Barrett et al., Nature 429, 737 (2004)



# Quantum (Teleportation) Still Requires Basic Technology Development

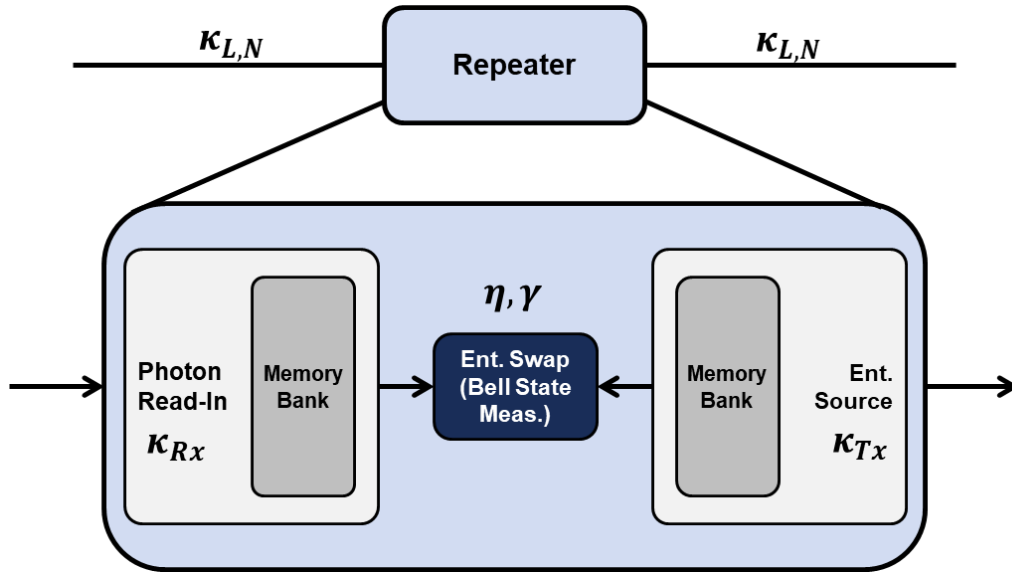
Scott Hamilton  
Leader, Optical Communications  
Technology Group  
MIT Lincoln Laboratory

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Count Dooku

# Should Industry Develop Distributed Quantum Networks?



- Each entanglement swap has usage efficiency  $\eta$ 
  - Limited memory, Bell State resolution
  - Total Rate:  $\kappa_{L,N} \kappa_{Rx} \kappa_{Tx} \eta^N$
- Each BSM has fidelity efficiency  $\gamma$ 
  - Memory decoherence, heralding noise
  - Total Fidelity:  $\sim \gamma^N$

## Repeater Technology Options are Limited

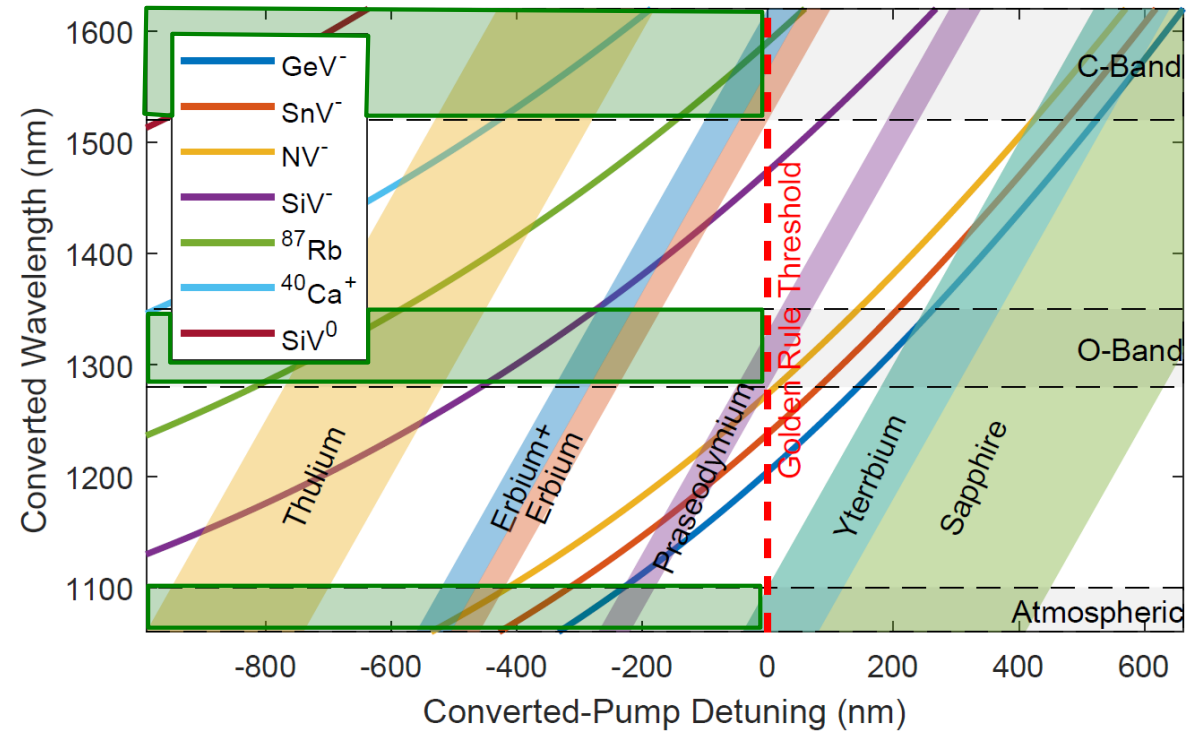
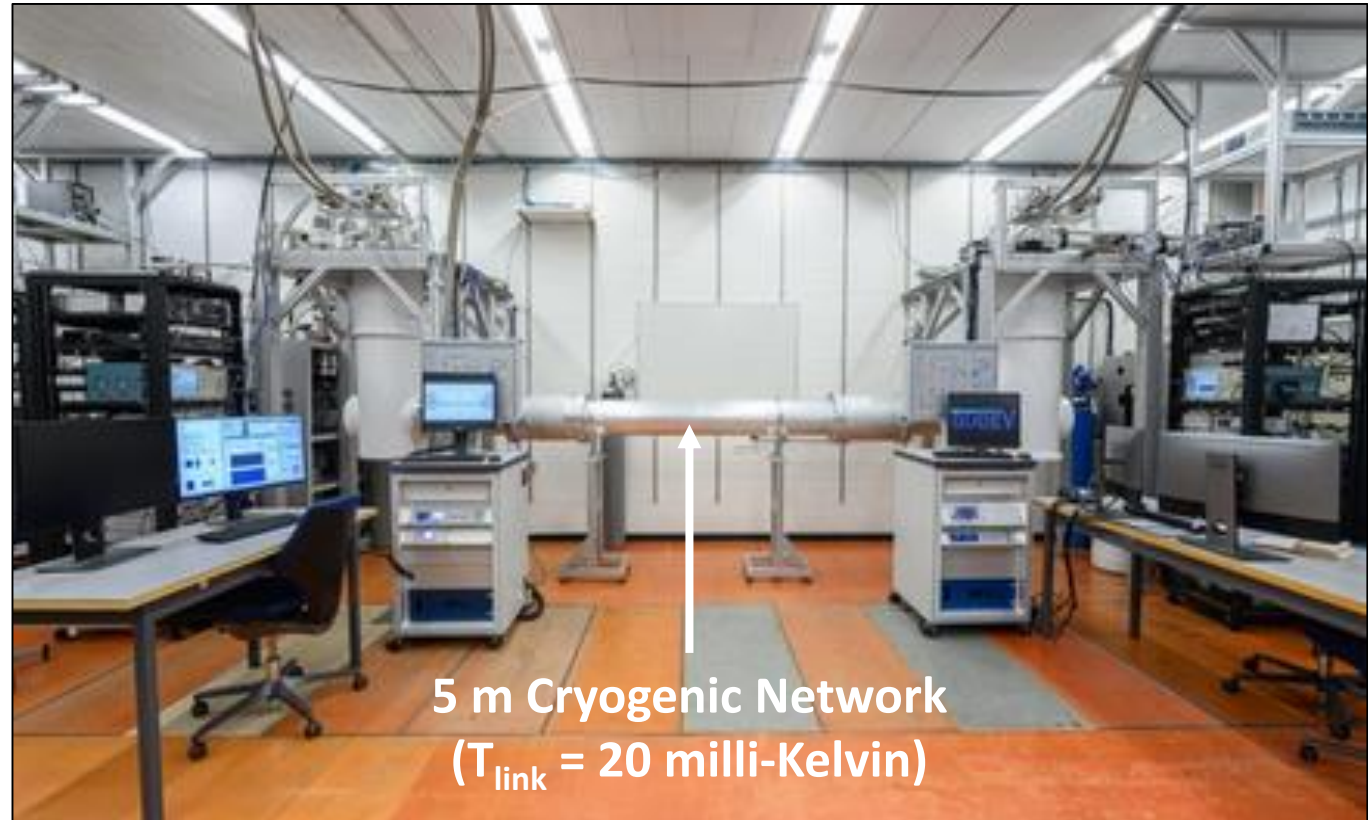
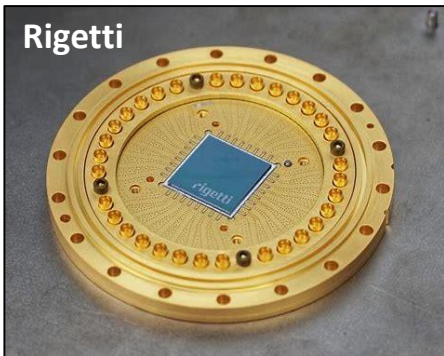
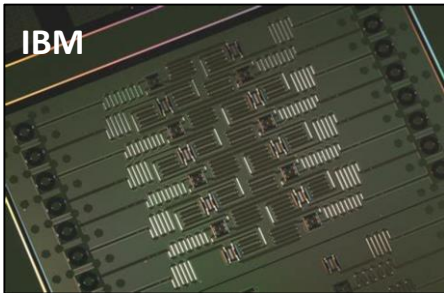
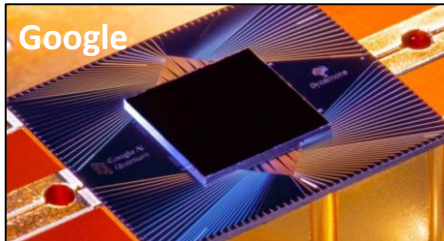


Figure courtesy of E. Bersin, MIT 2022

**For distributed applications, we need to figure out how to build a repeater before Industry jumps into Quantum Network development**

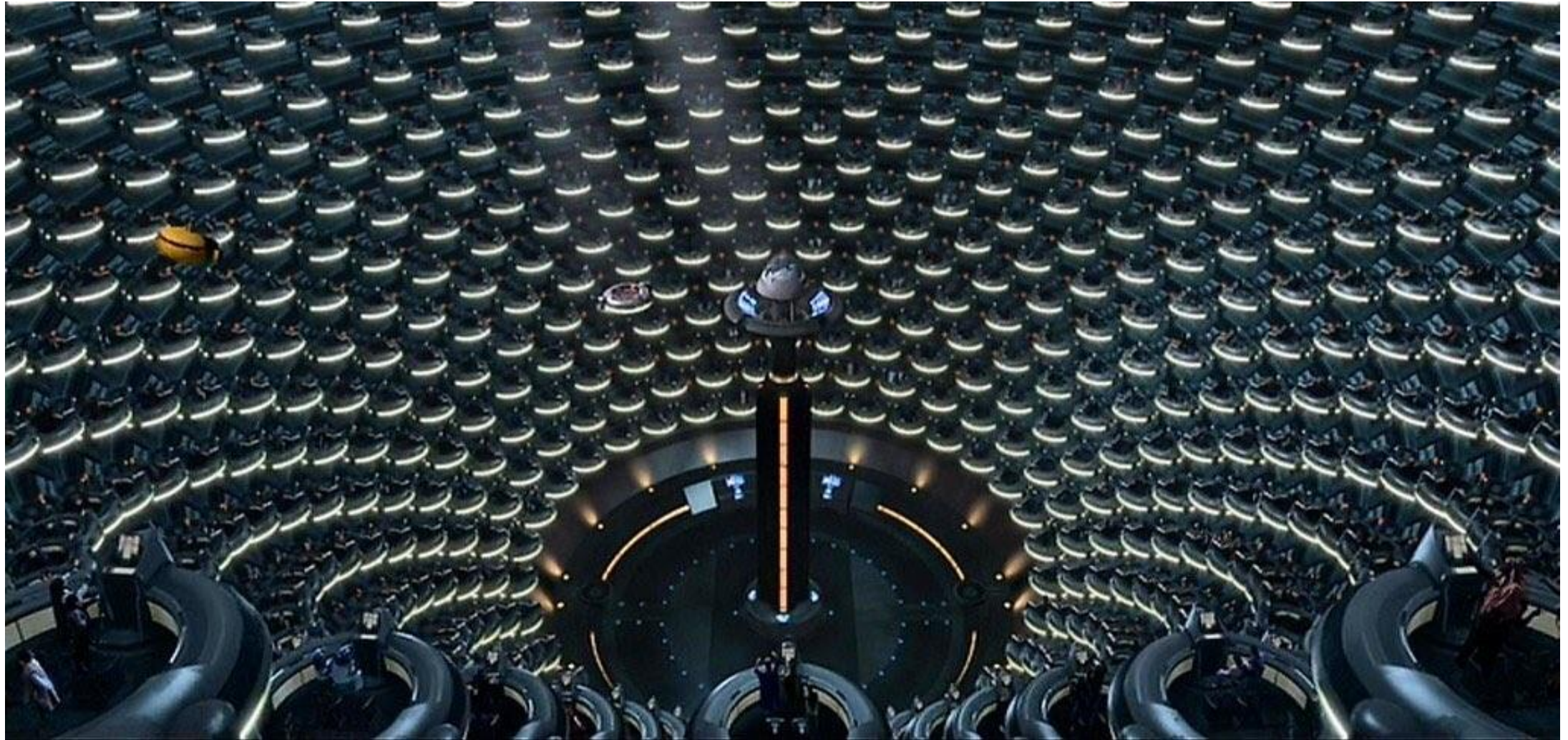
# Fundamental use-case about Quantum is unanswered

Is this what Industry's First Quantum Networks Will Look Like?



S. Storz, APS March Meeting 2020

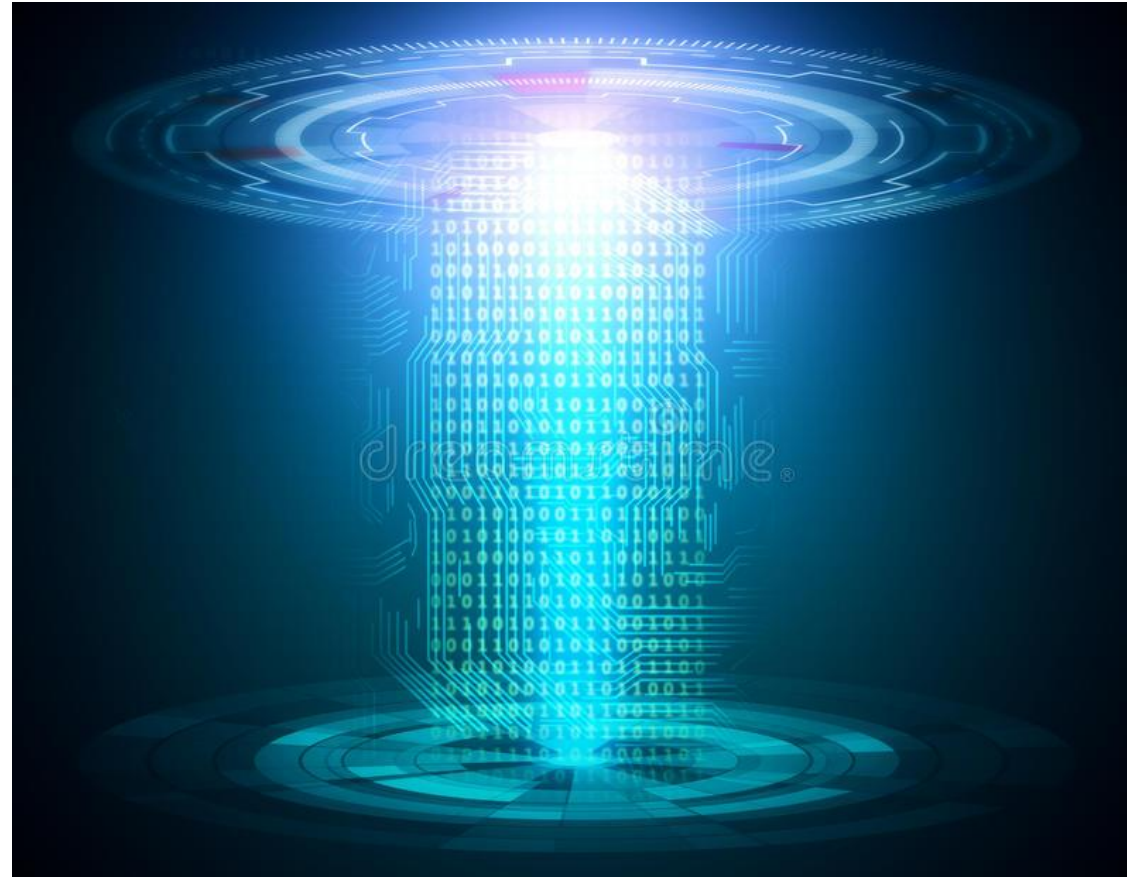
# Move for a Vote of (No) Confidence in Quantum Products



# Audience Poll

No.	Question	Vote #	Vote %
1	Will Quantum Networking & Cryptography Always Remain Basic Research?		
	Yes	16	28
	No	41	72
2	Is Quantum Networking & Cryptography Ready to Power Great Products?		
	Yes	28	42
	No	38	58
3	Which character would you rather assume?		
	Jedi Knight	43	66
	Sith Lord	22	34

# OFC Rump Session on Quantum Networking & Cryptography



Scotty, Quantum Teleport us up!