

# Quantum Cryptography

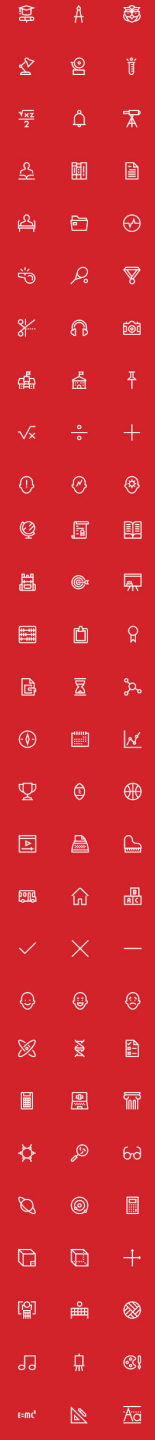
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University of Amsterdam



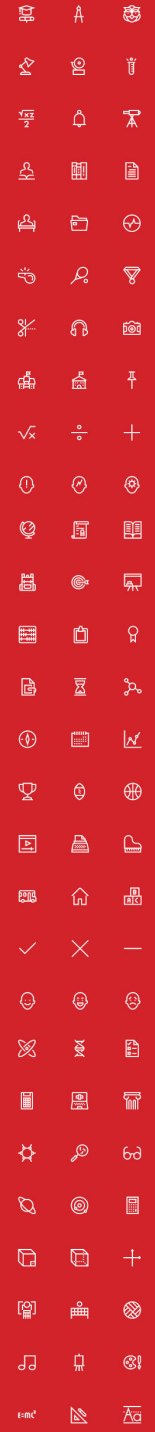
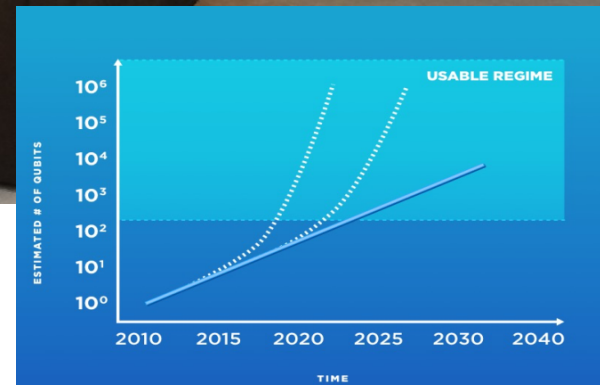
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# Quantum Computer

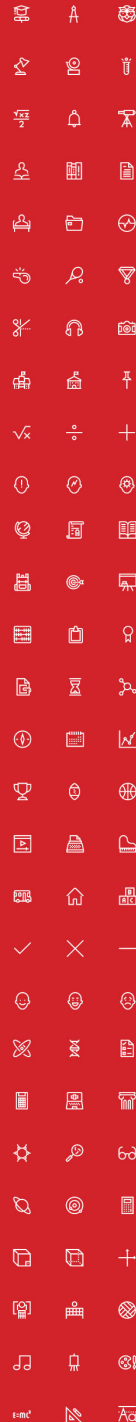
What are you going to do with it?

10-20 quantum bits now  
50-100 qubits in the next 5 years!



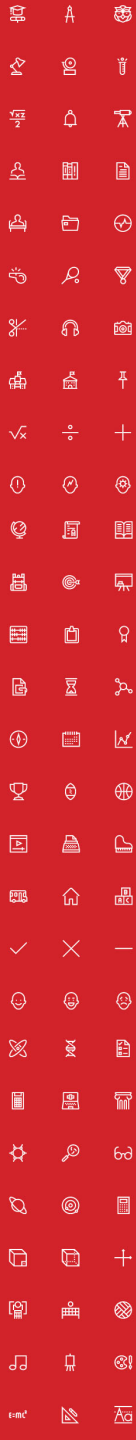
# Quantum Software is Fundamentally Different

- Qubit: superposition of **0 and 1**
- Massive parallel computation:
  - Each extra qubit **doubles** number of parameters
  - 300 qubits bigger than number of atoms in universe
  - Exponentially large state space
- How to get the answer out??
  - **Measuring** destroys computation!!
- Quantum Program
  - Use **interference** to cancel unwanted computations
  - Counterintuitive, **fundamentally different** from classical programming
- Does not work for every computational problem!
  - **most problems no speed-up!**

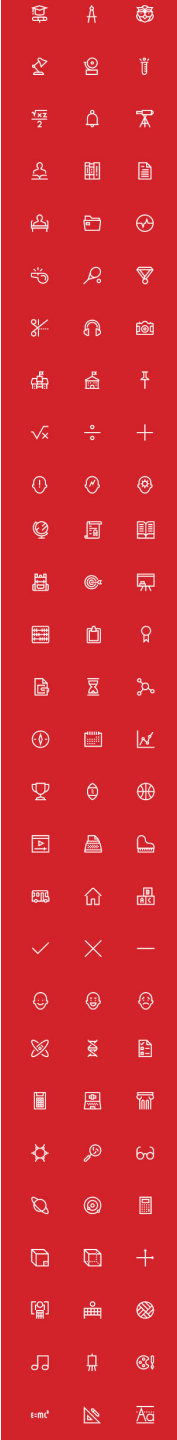
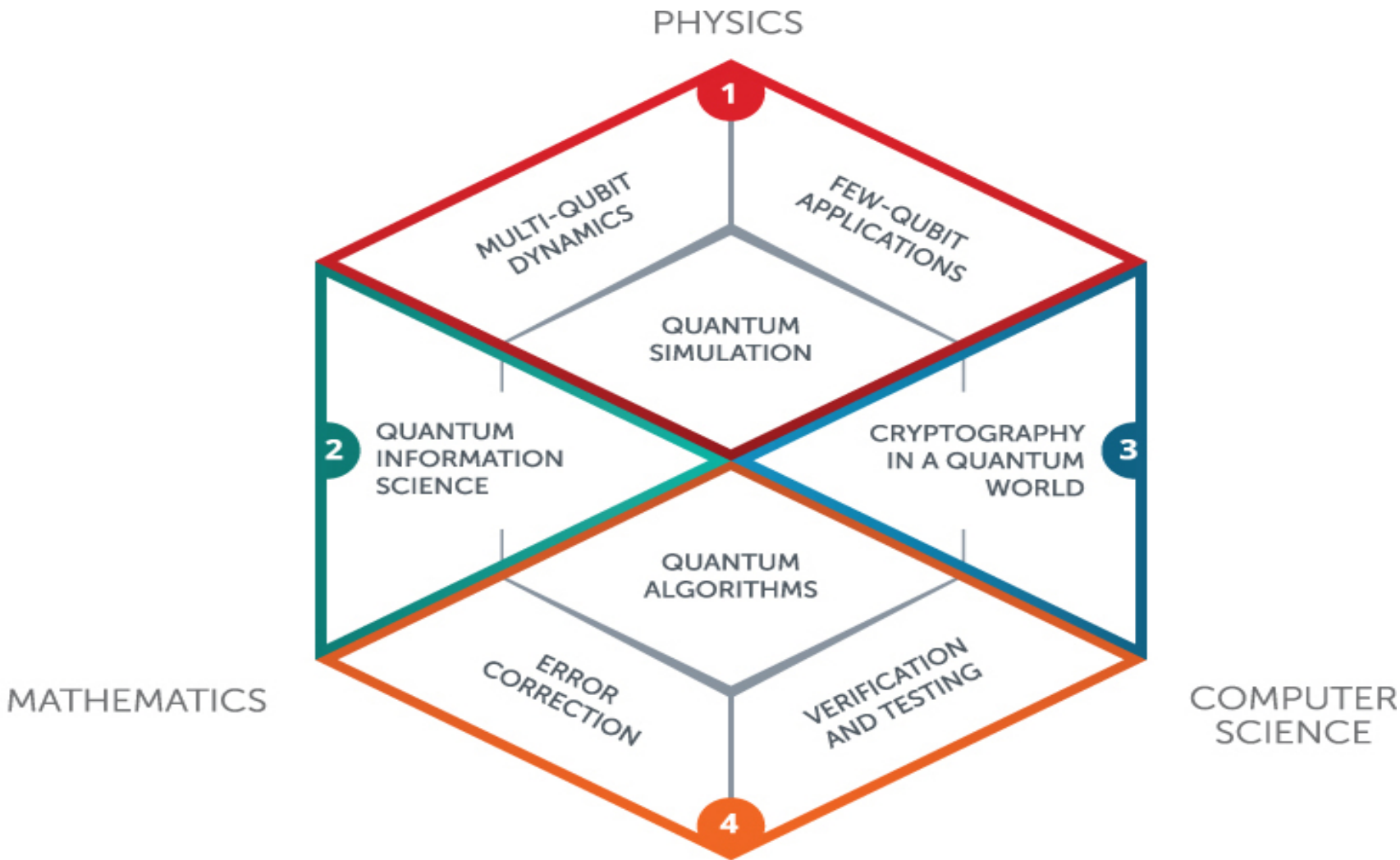


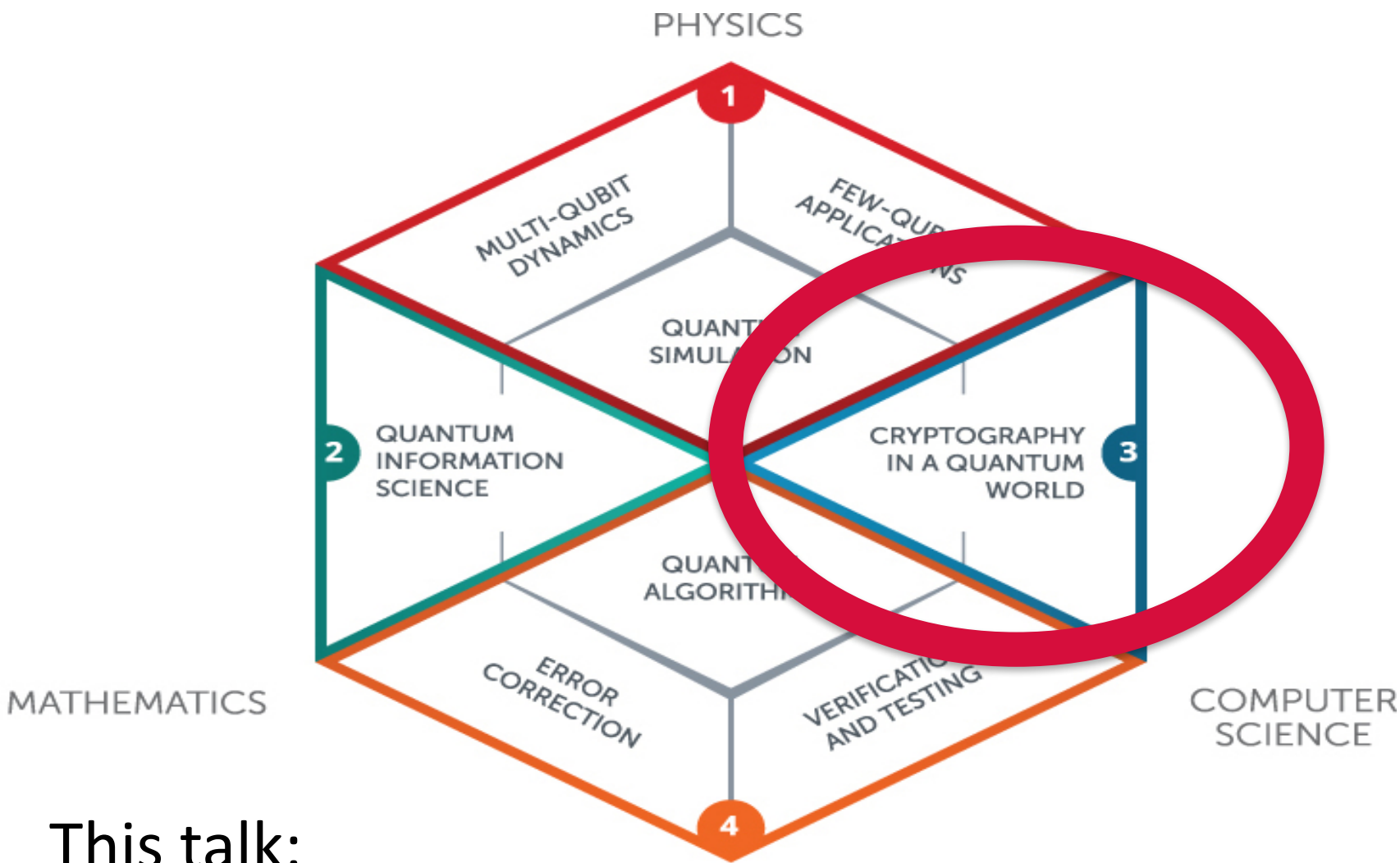
## Quantum Software

- Focus mostly on quantum **hardware**
- Time is now to put more effort into quantum **software**. It is essential for a successful quantum future.
- Launch **research center** for quantum software:

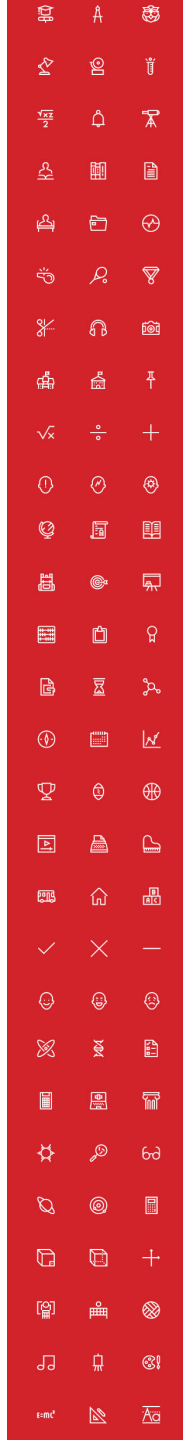
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“Enabling the power of quantum computers”



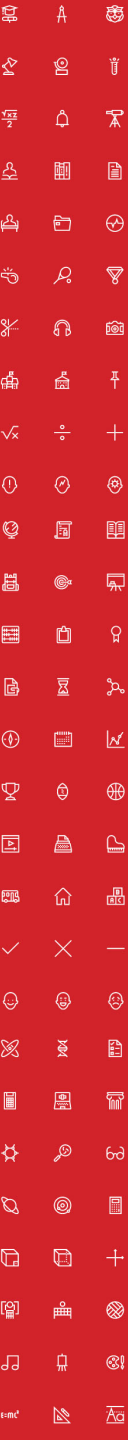


This talk:  
***What are the effects on cryptography?***



# Talk Outline

- Classical Cryptography
- Impact of Quantum Computers on Cryptography
- When do we need to worry?
- Solutions
- Quantum Future



# Ancient Cryptography

## Scytale



## Blaise de Vigenère



50 BC

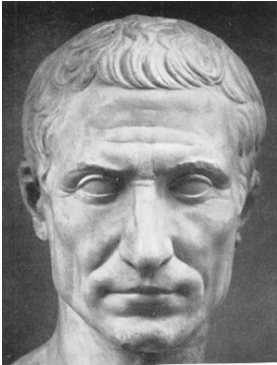
1000 AD

2015 AD

500 BC

500 AD

1500 AD



Caesar Cipher (ROT4)

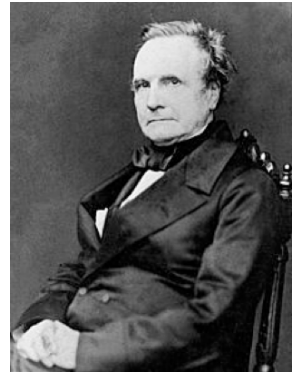
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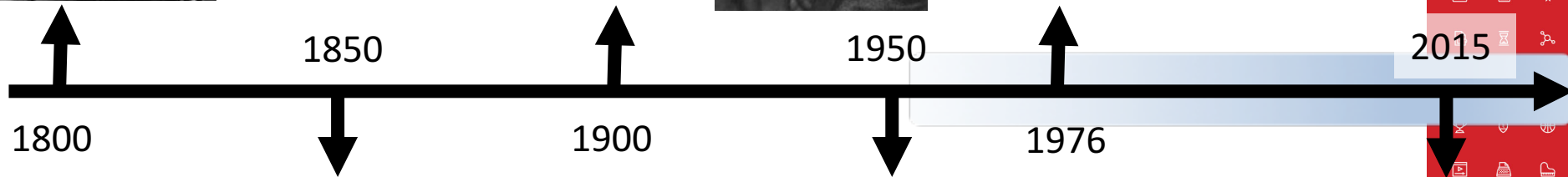
Charles Babbage



Claude Shannon



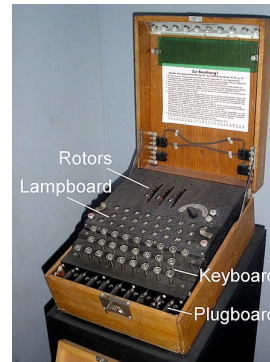
Diffie / Hellman



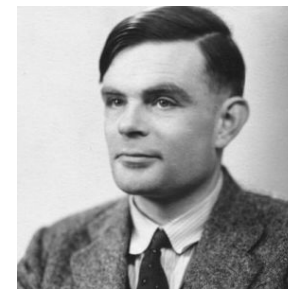
“een systeem van versleuteling moet even veilig zijn, zelfs als alles behalve de sleutel over het systeem publiek bekend is”



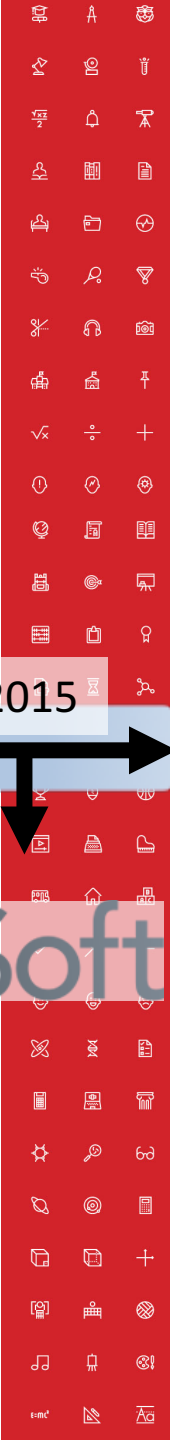
Auguste Kerckhoffs



Enigma

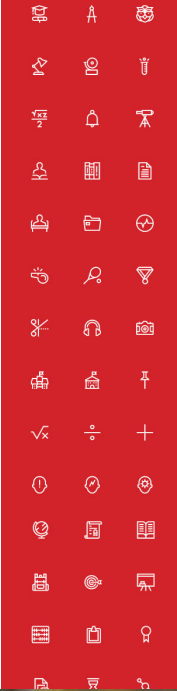


Alan Turing



# Modern Cryptography

- is everywhere!
- is concerned with all settings where people do not trust each other



# Cyber Security

“Cyber Security in the Netherlands is an important focal area that provides security, safety and privacy solutions that are **vital for our economy** including but not limited to critical infrastructures, smart cities, cloud computing, online services and e-government.”

Cloud computing  
Internet of Things (IoT)  
Payment systems  
eHealth

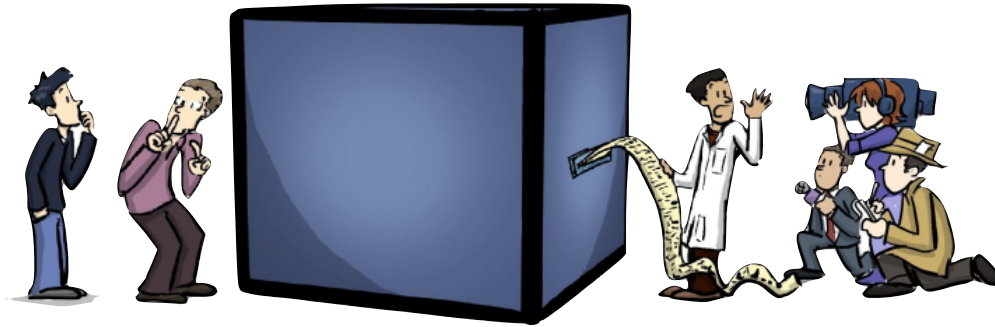
Auto-updates – Digital Signatures  
Secure Browsing - TLS/SSL  
VPN – IPsec  
Secure email – s/MIME, PGP

RSA, DSA, DH,  
ECDH, ...  
AES, 3-DES, SHA, ...





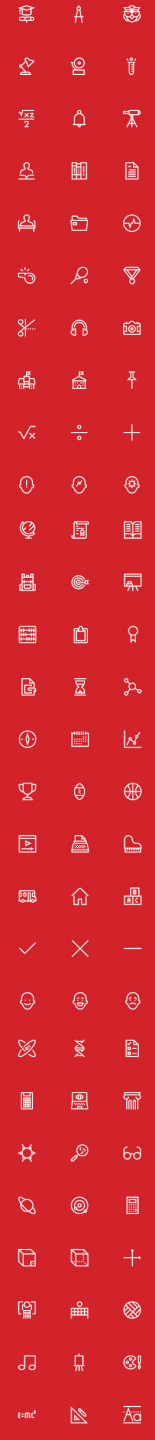
Based on slides by  
Michele Mosca

# Quantum Effects



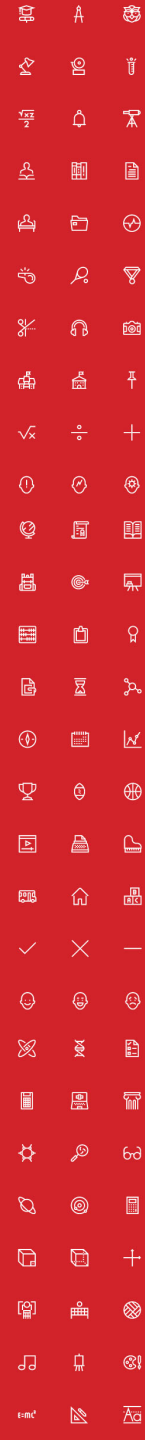
## A Quantum COMPUTER

- Classical bit: 0 or 1
- Quantum bit: can be in **superposition of 0 and 1**  
- Yields a more **powerful computational model**:
  - Shor's algorithm allows to factor numbers
  - Grover's algorithm allows to search faster



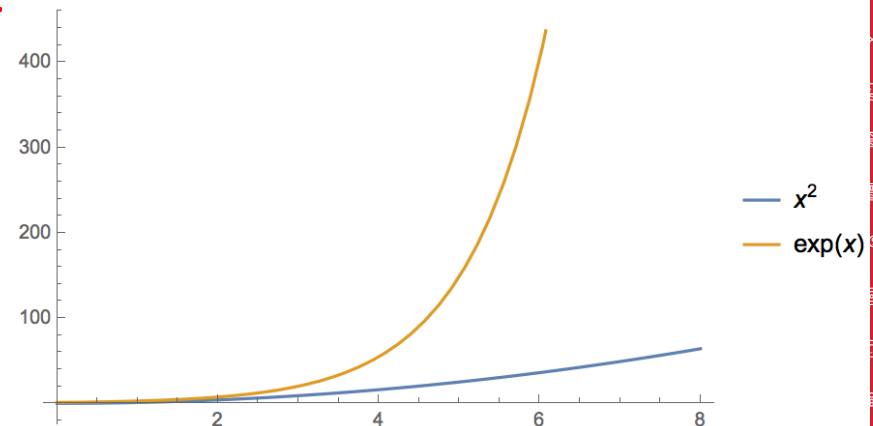
# Quantum Algorithms: Factoring

- [Shor '94] Polynomial-time quantum algorithm for factoring integer numbers
- $15 = 3 * 5$
- $27 =$
- $31 =$
- $57 =$
- $91 =$
- $173 =$
- RSA-100 =  
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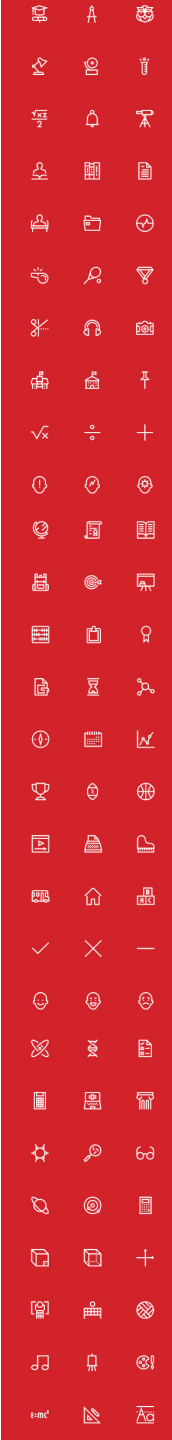
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- Classical Computer : Exponential time
- Quantum Computer : Poly-time:  $n^2$
- For a 600-digit number (RSA-2048)
  - Classical: age of universe
  - Quantum: few minutes



# Current Cryptography under Quantum Attacks

Security level systems	Conventional attacks	Quantum attacks
Symmetric-key encryption (AES-256)	256 bits of security	128 bits
Hash functions (SHA3-256)	128 bits	85 bits
Public-key crypto (key exchange, digital signatures, encryption) (RSA-2048, ECC-256)	112 bits	~ 0 bits

- Products, services, businesses relying on security either stop functioning or do not provide expected levels of security (like last week's ransomware events)



# When do we need to worry?

Depends on:

- How long do you need to keep your secrets secure? ( $x$  years)
- How much time will it take to re-tool the existing infrastructure? ( $y$  years)
- How long will it take for a large-scale quantum computer to be built? ( $z$  years)
- Theorem (Mosca): If  $x + y > z$ , then worry.

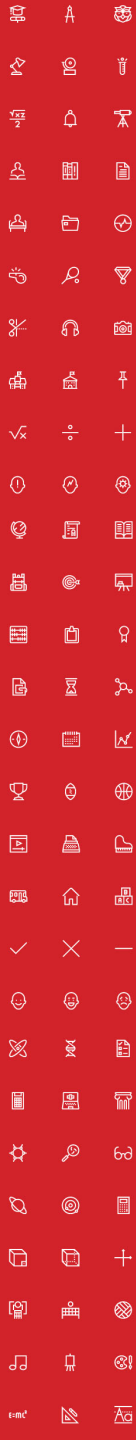


- Corollary: If  $x > z$  or  $y > z$ , you are in big trouble!



## Talk Outline

- ✓ **Classical Cryptography**
- ✓ **Impact of Quantum Computers on Crypto**
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  - **Solutions**
  - **Quantum Future**

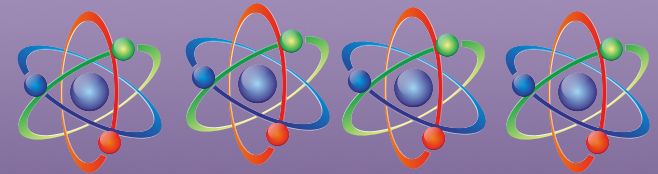


# Solution: Quantum-Safe Cryptography

Classical quantum-safe  
cryptography  
(post-quantum crypto)



Quantum Cryptography

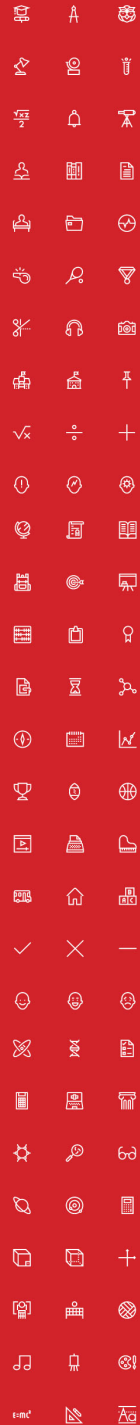


# Quantum Crypto Landscape

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Hash-based signatures	probably	probably
McEliece	probably	probably
Lattice-based	probably	probably
Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)	provable	provable

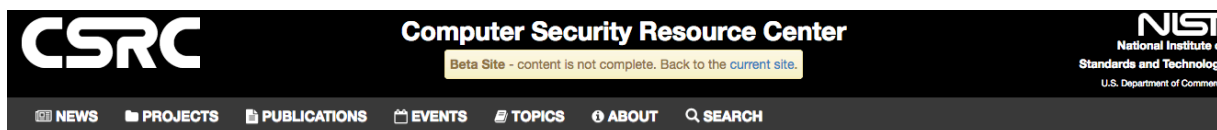
technical difficulty (€)

Quantum-safe Crypto



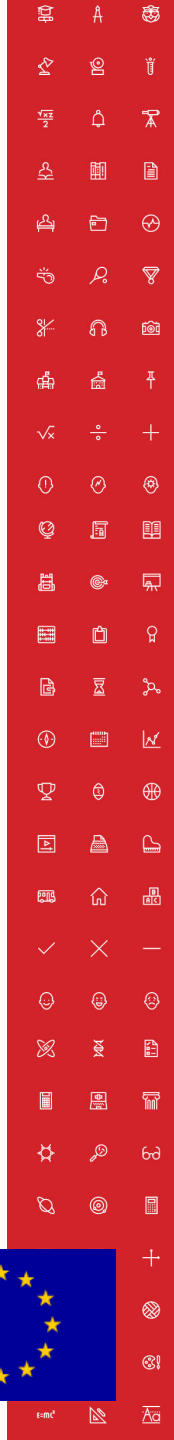
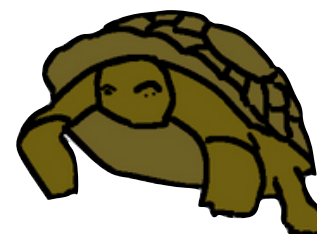
# Conventional Quantum-Safe Crypto

- **Wanted:** new assumptions to replace factoring and discrete logarithms in order to build conventional public-key cryptography



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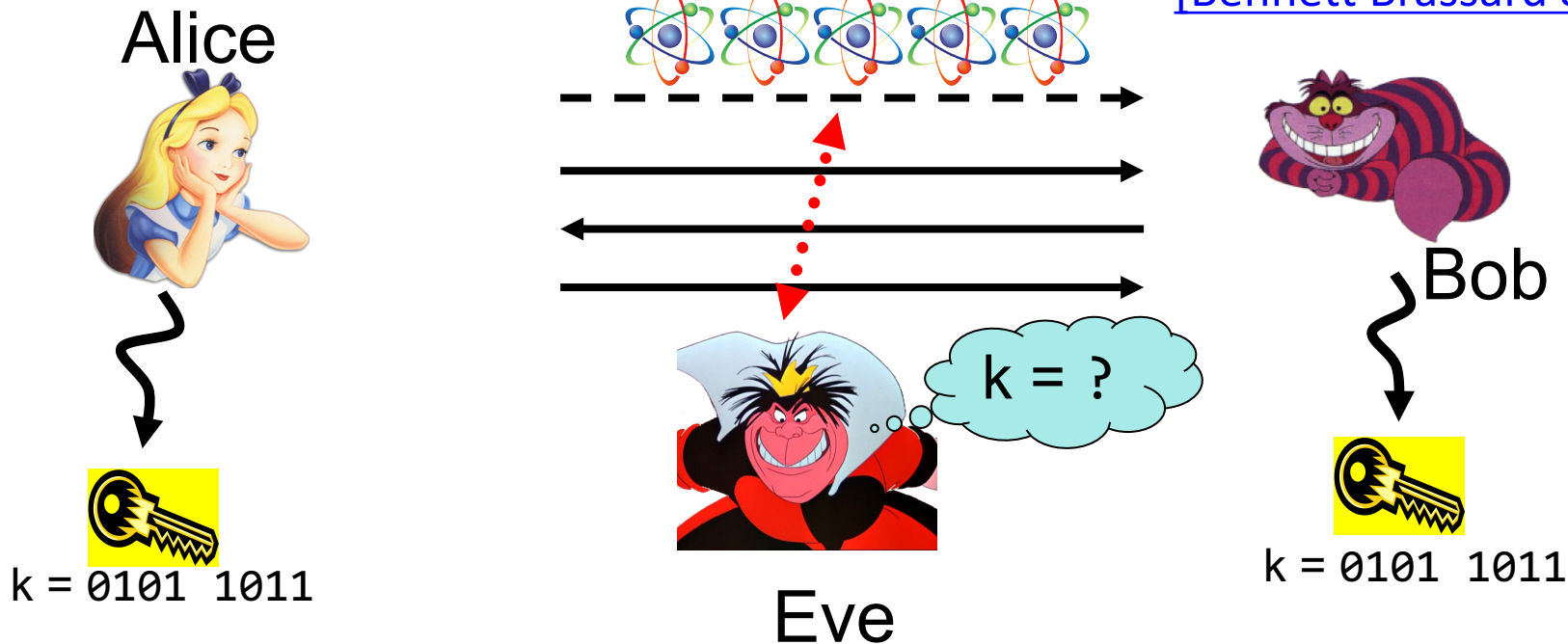
**PQCRYPTO**  
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# Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)



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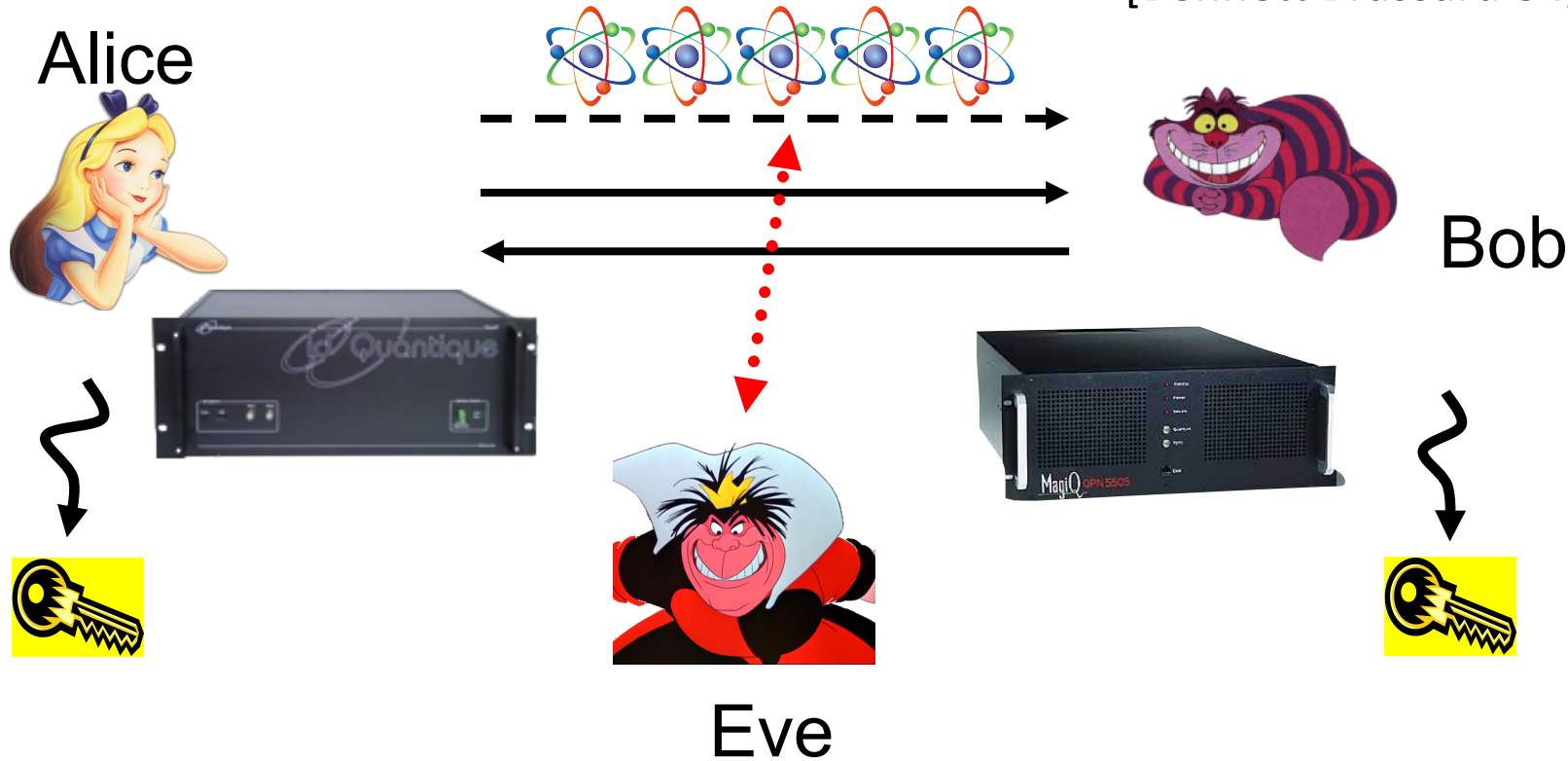


- Offers an **quantum solution** to the key-exchange problem which does **not** rely on **computational assumptions**

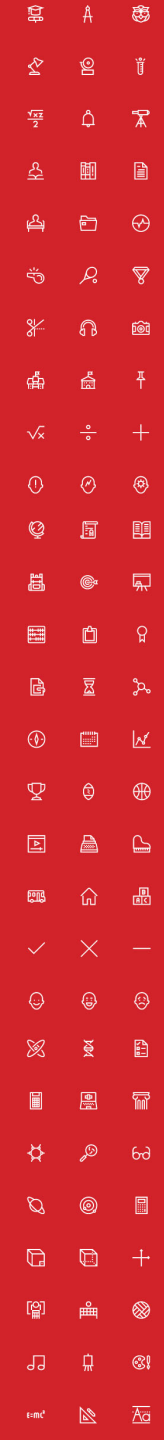
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- technically feasible: no quantum computer required, only quantum communication

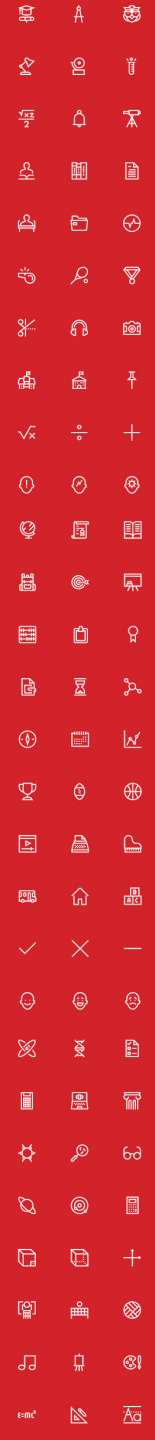
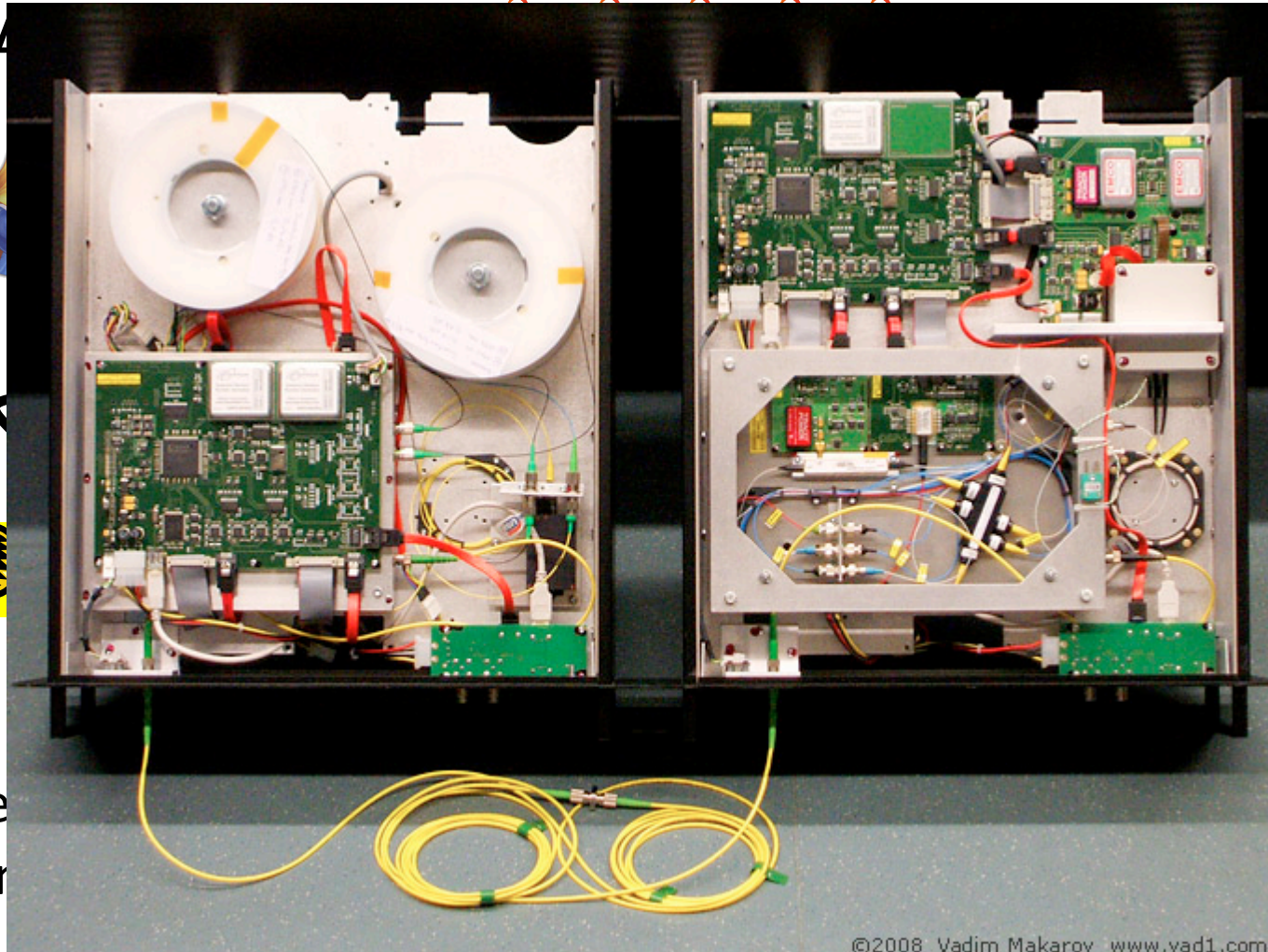


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[Bennett Brassard 84]

Bob



# Solution:

## Quantum-Safe Cryptography

### Conventional quantum-safe cryptography (post-quantum crypto)

- Can be deployed without quantum technologies
- Believed to be secure against quantum attacks of the future



### Quantum Cryptography

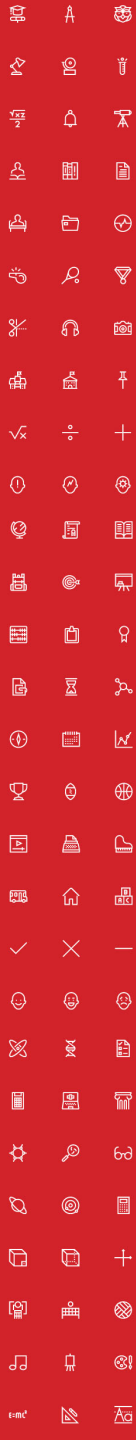
- Requires some quantum technology (but no large-scale quantum computer)
- Typically no computational assumptions





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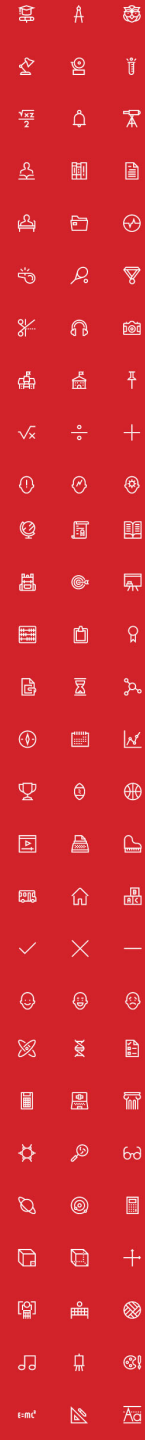


# Quantum Research in NL



QuTech: 135 mln € , 50 mln \$ Intel

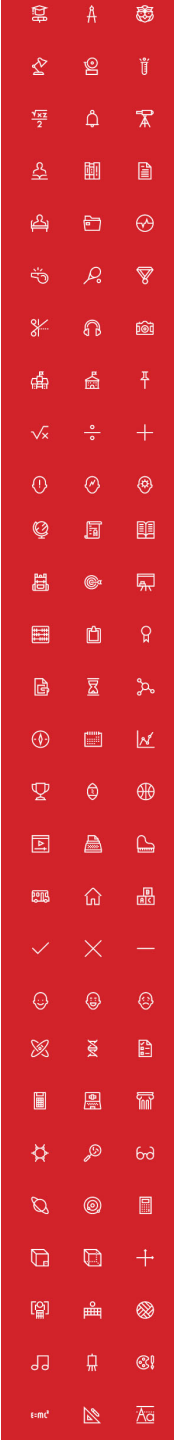
May 2017: NWO Zwaartekracht: 18.8 mln € for 10 years



# Quantum Research in EU



17 May 2016: 1 mld € flagship program on Q technologies



# Quantum Research Worldwide

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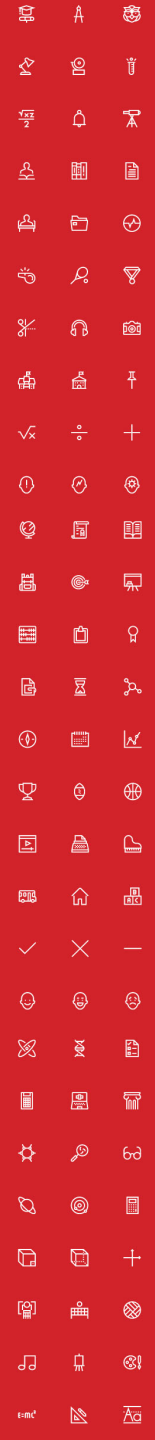
IBM

intel

Microsoft

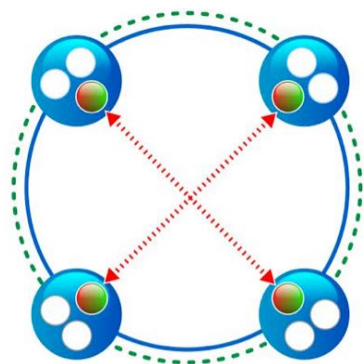
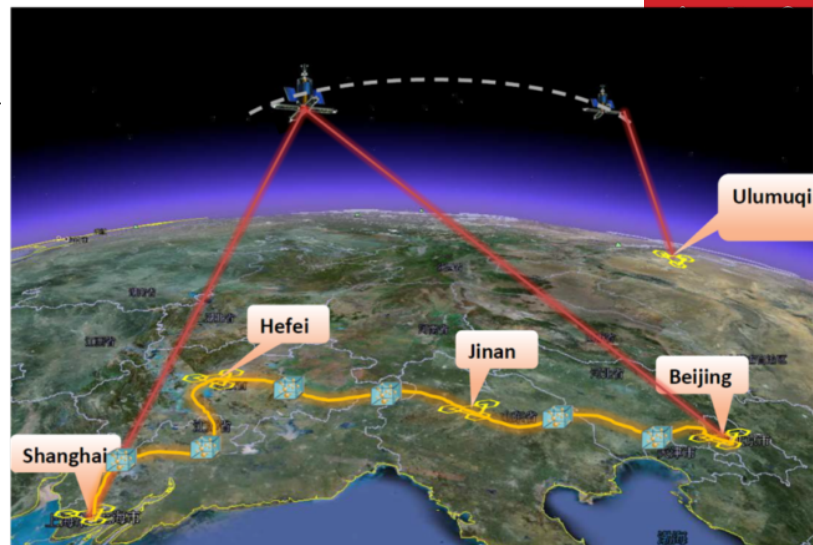


Waterloo, Singapore, Santa Barbara, China, ...



# Quantum Networks

- 2000km QKD backbone network between Beijing and Shanghai
- first QKD satellite launched in 2016 from China
- Quantum entanglement allows to generate secure keys (like QKD)



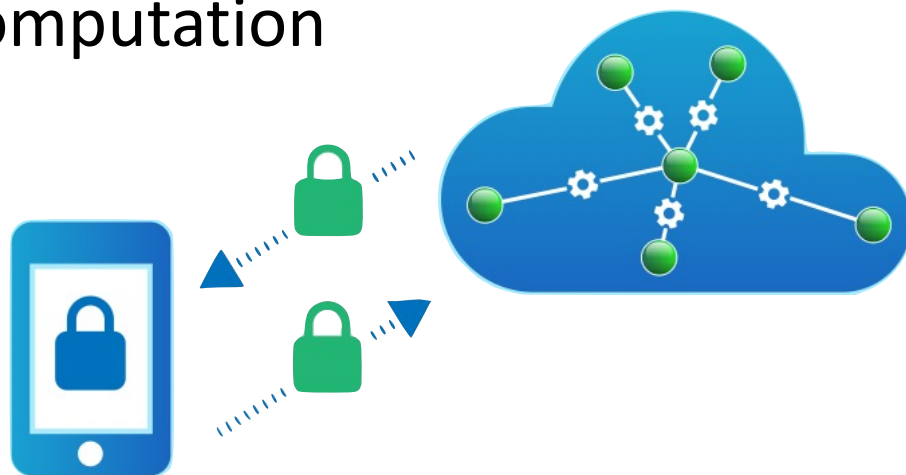
## EXAMPLE QUANTUM NETWORK

- Network node
- Unused Qubit memory
- Used Qubit memory
- Physical quantum communication link
- - - Physical classical communication link
- ⋯ Virtual link via entanglement

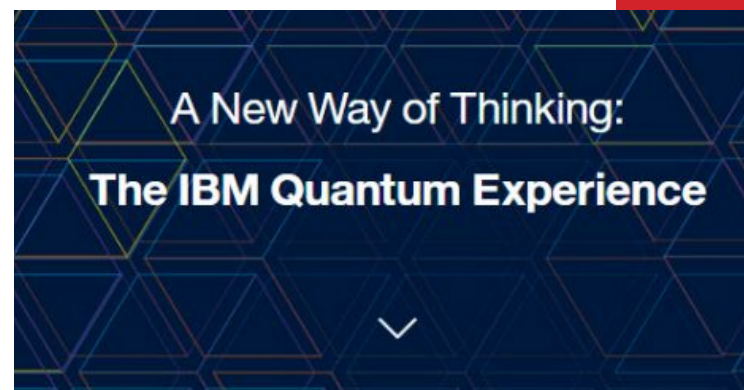


# Secure Computing in Quantum Cloud

- Distributed quantum computing
- Recent result: quantum homomorphic encryption allows for secure delegated quantum computation

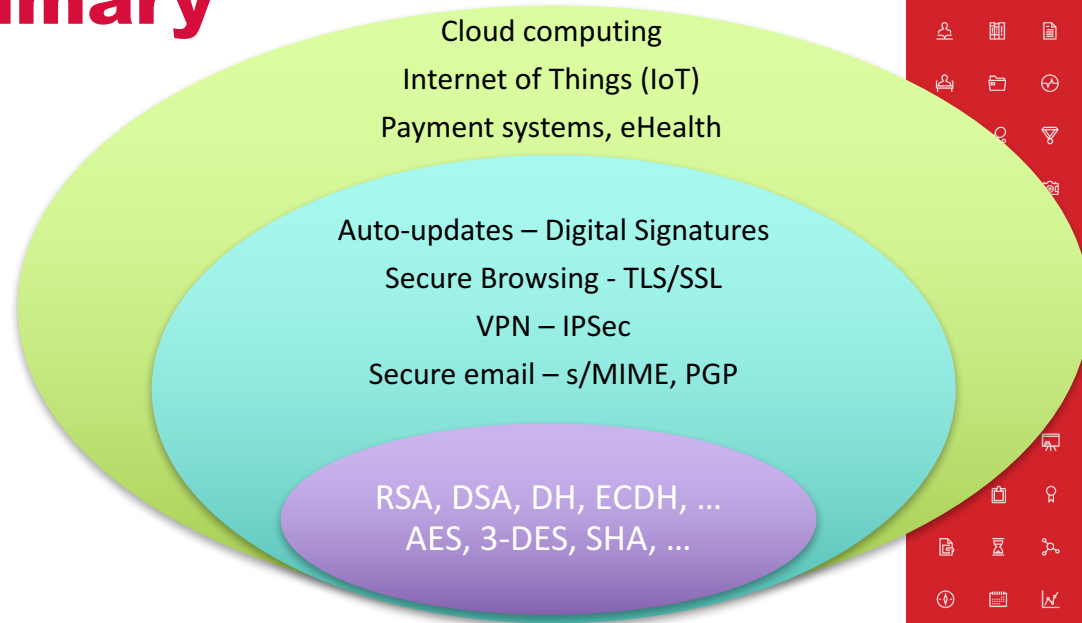


Y. Dulek, C. Schaffner, and F. Speelman, arXiv:1603.09717  
*Quantum homomorphic encryption for polynomial-sized circuits*, in CRYPTO 2016, QIP 2017



# Summary

## ✓ Cyber Security



## ✓ Impact of Quantum Computing on crypto

Security level systems	Conventional attacks	Quantum attacks
Symmetric-key crypto	128 bits	reduced
Public-key crypto	112 bits	broken!



Thm: If  $x + y > z$ ,  
 then worry

# Summary

✓ Quantum-safe crypto:

Conventional quantum-safe cryptography  
(post-quantum crypto)



Quantum Cryptography

✓ Quantum Key Distribution, Quantum Cloud





# Thank you for your attention!

## Questions



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