



# QUANTUM AND THE CYBERSECURITY IMPERATIVE

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# THE SECOND QUANTUM REVOLUTION WILL TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

## GENERATING, PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATING INFORMATION IN A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT WAY

### SENSING/METROLOGY

Using quantum effects – manipulating particles – to detect minute changes in information related to speed, gravity, and electric or magnetic fields.

Quantum sensing technologies are considered less technically challenging than quantum computing, and thus provide more near-term opportunities.



- Precision navigation
- Sensors to detect stealth aircraft, submarines, underground facilities, nuclear materials

### COMPUTING

Using quantum effects to process information in a fundamentally different way, enabling computation at unprecedented speed.

Quantum computing has potential to transform the development of AI systems and machine-learning algorithms.

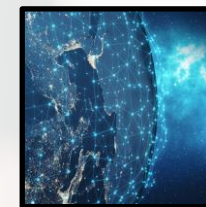


- Optimisation: logistics, supply chain, energy distribution, network optimization

### COMMUNICATION

Using quantum effects to create new forms of communication systems and new methods for assuring confidentiality of information.

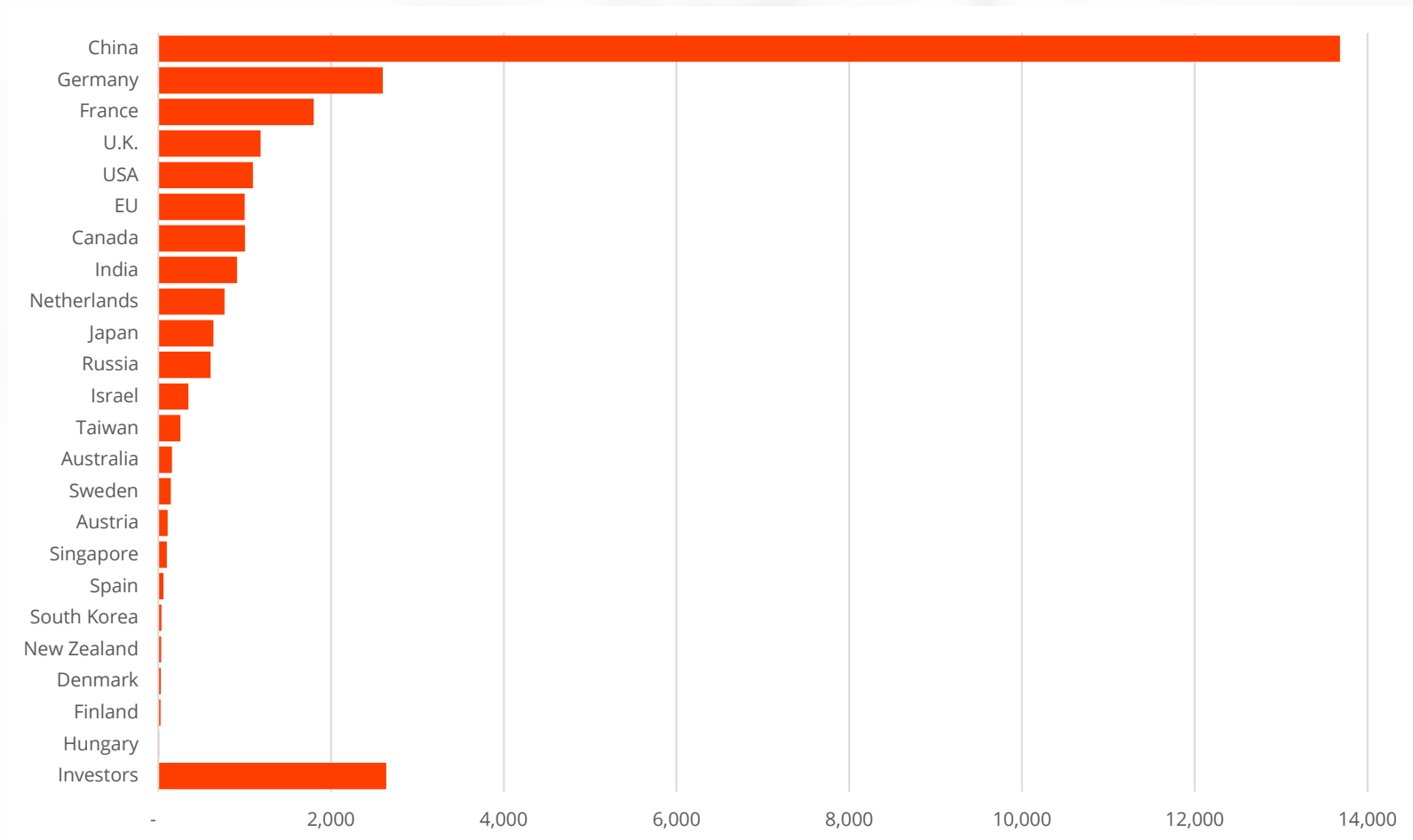
Quantum communication has the potential to provide ultra-secure communication and secure distributed quantum computing capabilities.



- Technologies commercially available: true random number generation, crypto-agile key management
- NIST has announced first set of quantum resistant algorithms
- Quantum-safe posture critical to securing sensitive information assets



# NEARLY €30B INVESTED IN QUANTUM ACROSS THE WORLD (early 2022 guesstimates from public sources)





# QUANTUM COMPUTERS WILL BREAK CURRENT ENCRYPTION IN MINUTES



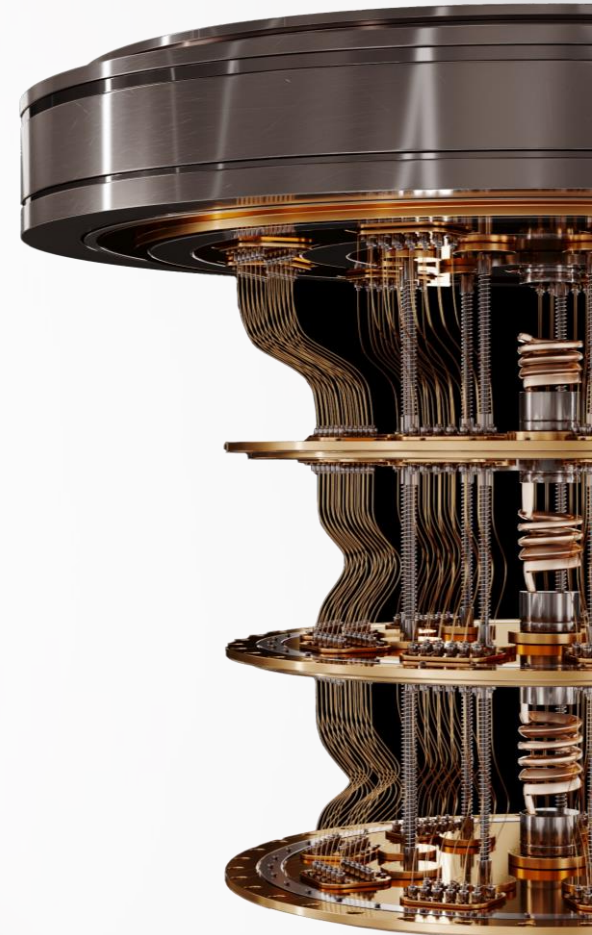
EVERYTHING WILL NEED TO BE QUANTUM RESILIENT. EVERYWHERE>

# CAPABLE QUANTUM COMPUTERS

## WILL IMPACT TODAY'S CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS

CRYPTOGRAPHIC FUNCTION	PRIMARY TOOLS	QC ATTACK	IMPACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key Exchange</li><li>• Digital Signatures</li></ul>	Asymmetric (RSA, DH, ECC)	Shor	Broken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data Encryption</li></ul>	Symmetric (DES, AES)	Grover	Weakened
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authentication</li></ul>	MAC, AEAD modes	Simon	Broken

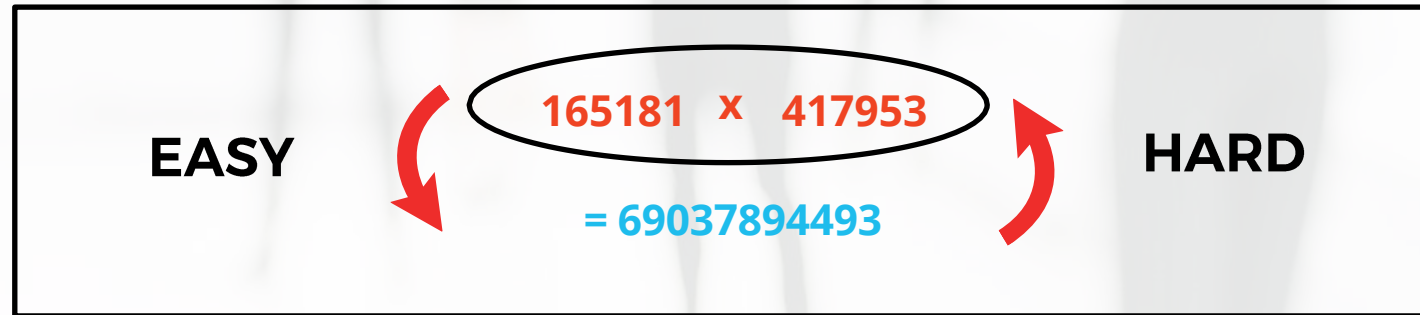
- No communication link will be trusted to be secure
- Communication would not be trusted to be authentic
- Transactions could be repudiated





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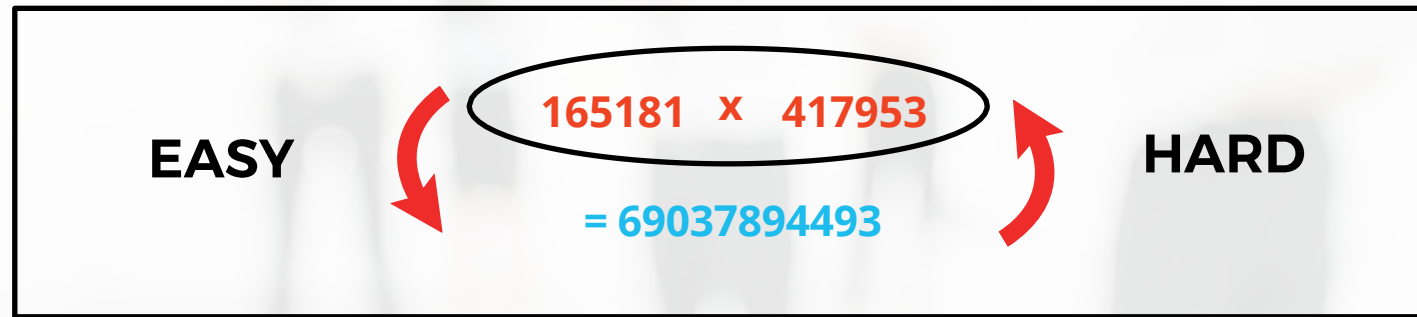
## ASYMMETRIC ENCRYPTION





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## ASYMMETRIC ENCRYPTION



### Factoring 1024-bit semi-prime

- Conventional computer: 3,000 years
- Quantum computer: minutes



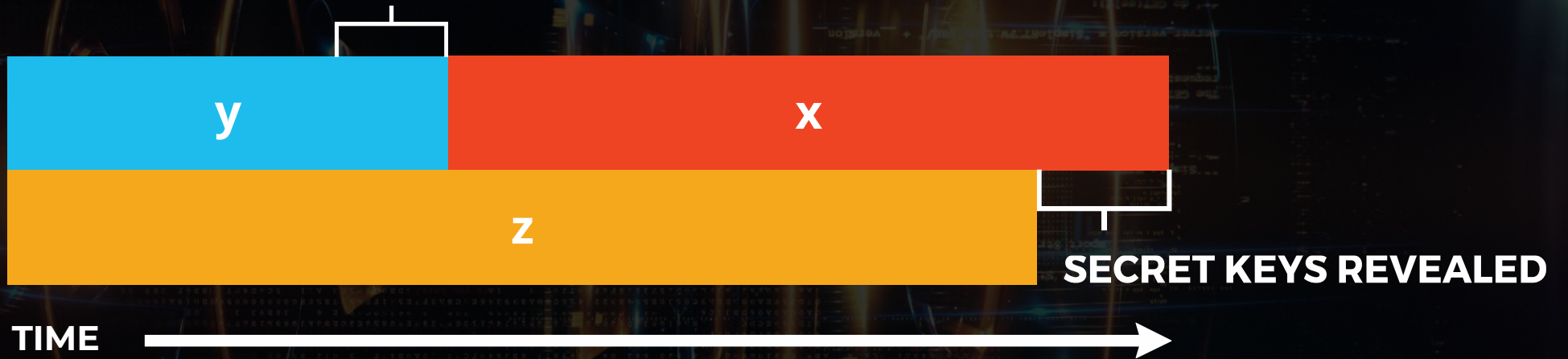
### Quantum Computers with Shor's algorithm

- Exponential speed-up of factorization problem
- Other possible algorithms

**PUBLIC KEY EXCHANGE WILL NO LONGER BE SAFE**

# THE PROMISE AND THE CHALLENGE OF QUANTUM COMPUTING

WHAT DO WE DO HERE?



**THEOREM (MOSCA):** If  $x + y > z$ , then worry

- y** How long encryption needs to be secure
- x** How long to re-tool existing infrastructure
- z** How long until crypto-relevant quantum computer built



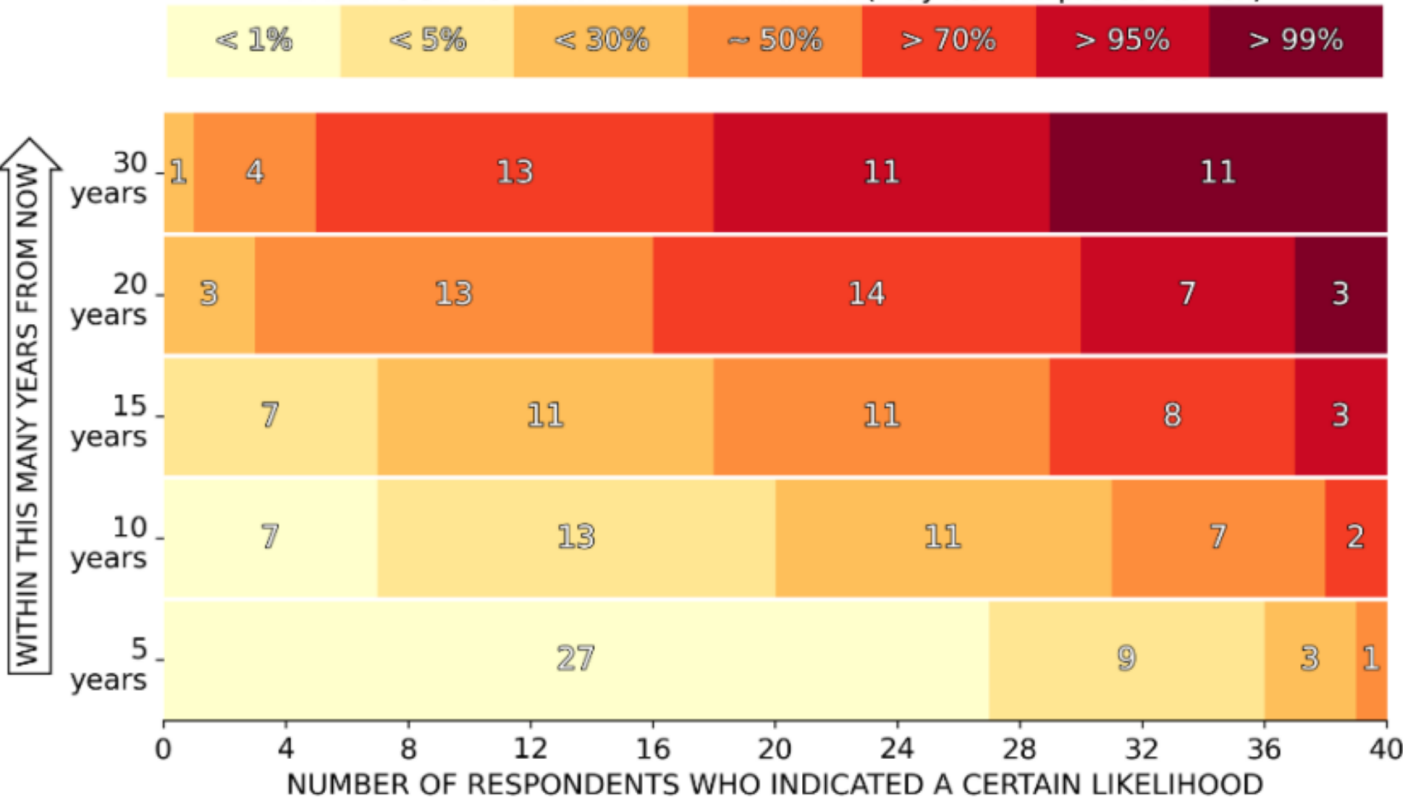
# WHEN WILL THE THREAT MATERIALISE?



## 2022 EXPERTS' ESTIMATES OF LIKELIHOOD OF A QUANTUM COMPUTER ABLE TO BREAK RSA-2048 IN 24 HOURS

The experts indicated their estimate for the likelihood of a quantum computer that is cryptographically relevant—in the specific sense of being able to break RSA-2048 quickly—for various time frames, from a short term of 5 years all the way to 30 years.

LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATED BY THE EXPERT (may be interpreted as risk)



New algorithms could considerably shorten this timeline due to advances in the last 30 years since Shor:

- Use of AI & ML
- Use of hybrid technologies

This timeline is based on the quantum requirements of Shor.

Quantum Threat Timeline Report 2022  
Global Risk Institute  
Dr Michele Mosca, Dr Marco Piani



# QLABS SITS AT THE INTERSECTION OF QUANTUM AND CYBERSECURITY.

Founded in 2008 as Australia's first quantum technology company with expertise and capability in data protection on premise, in the cloud, and hybrid IT systems



## MARKETS

Banking, Financial Services, & Insurance  
Government, Defence, & Defence Primes  
Critical Infrastructure  
Cloud  
IoT



## INVESTORS

Capital Airport Group  
Main Sequence  
Westpac  
Chevron Ventures (USA)  
In-Q-Tel (USA)  
InterValley Ventures (Japan)  
TELUS Ventures (Canada)



## LOCATIONS

Canberra (Global HQ)  
Sydney  
Melbourne  
San Jose CA (USA)  
Washington D.C. (USA)  
Denver CO (USA)  
Geneva (Switzerland)

# ADDRESSING CURRENT AND POST-QUANTUM SECURITY NEEDS

## TRUE RANDOM NUMBER GENERATION

Strengthen security of high-value long-lived digital assets and critical systems

Highest security seed content generated through the effect of quantum physics and not math

Ability to continuously monitor entropy source health

**STRONG ENTROPY SOURCE**

## ENTERPRISE KEY MANAGEMENT AT SCALE

Efficient quantum-enabled management of and approach to encryption, signatures, and certificates

Speed and flexibility to rapidly adjust in response to new security incidents, threats, and regulatory compliance

**AGILE KEY MANAGEMENT**

## POST-QUANTUM ALGORITHMS INTEGRATION

Understand and evaluate NIST's post-quantum encryption standardisation

CISO migration strategy and journey to quantum-resistant cryptography

Further enhanced security when combined with QKD

**POST-QUANTUM CRYPTO DEFENCE**

## QUANTUM SECURE COMMUNICATION LINK

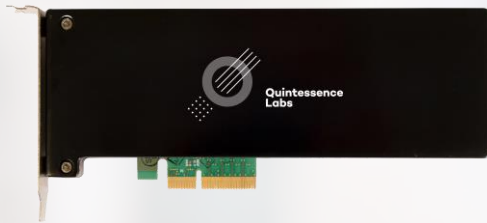
Need for a provably secure cryptographic building block – quantum key distribution (QKD) – for remote parties to share cryptographic keys

Ability to detect and address attacks on communication link(s) in real-time

**MINIMISE RISK OF “HARVEST-NOW DECRYPT-LATER” (HNDL) ATTACKS ON COMPANY AND CUSTOMER DATA**

# DEPLOYABLE HARDWARE & SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS

## TRUE RANDOM NUMBER GENERATION



### qStream™

- World's fastest commercial quantum random number generator (QRNG)
- Encryption keys generated using advanced quantum tunnelling technology
- Tested against standards
- Also available as-a-service

## ENTERPRISE KEY MANAGEMENT AT SCALE

## POST-QUANTUM ALGORITHMS INTEGRATION



### Trusted Security Foundation®

- Cryptographic key and policy manager, incorporating qStream™ QRNG and a FIPS 140-2 L3 Hardware Security Module for root of trust
- Deployable in a cluster configuration for high availability and scalability

## QUANTUM SECURE COMMUNICATION LINK



### qOptica™

- Continuous-variable QKD protocol (CV-QKD)
- Sharing of secret keys through either fiber optic or free space, secured by the laws of quantum physics using highly tuned lasers
- Easy integration into legacy infrastructure

# QUANTUM-RESILIENT SECURITY – AN APPROACH...

- Discover & inventory your cryptographic systems
- Identify and map information held by your organisation
- Identify systems and applications exposed to quantum risk
- Understand consequences of compromise for each data category
- Evaluate quantum-safe solutions through trials and pilot programs
- Develop & Implement a quantum-safe transition roadmap
  - Deploy and operate hybrid infrastructure integrating quantum-safe crypto-agile products
    - Post Quantum Crypto Algorithms
    - High entropy symmetric key crypto
    - Quantum Key Distribution

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**The risk is we do little or nothing ... until we are forced to!**

# THANK YOU

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