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Quantum Cryptography

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Has anything changed since 2002?

QKD is commercial

Market: tiny

Deployed in networks

Implementation security is taken seriously

Quantum computer *not* built

Market: 2 sold*

Factorization records: 15 (2001)

21 (2012)

56153 (2014)**

Steady improvement in experiment and theory

Several communication primitives with decisive quantum advantages

* D-Wave, not really a quantum computer?

** Not by Shor's algorithm

Encryption and key distribution

Alice

Bob

Secure channel

RNG

Secret key

Public (insecure) channel

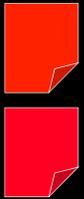
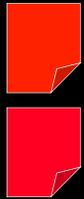
Symmetric cipher

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Encrypted messages

Messages

Messages



Public key cryptography

E.g., RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman)

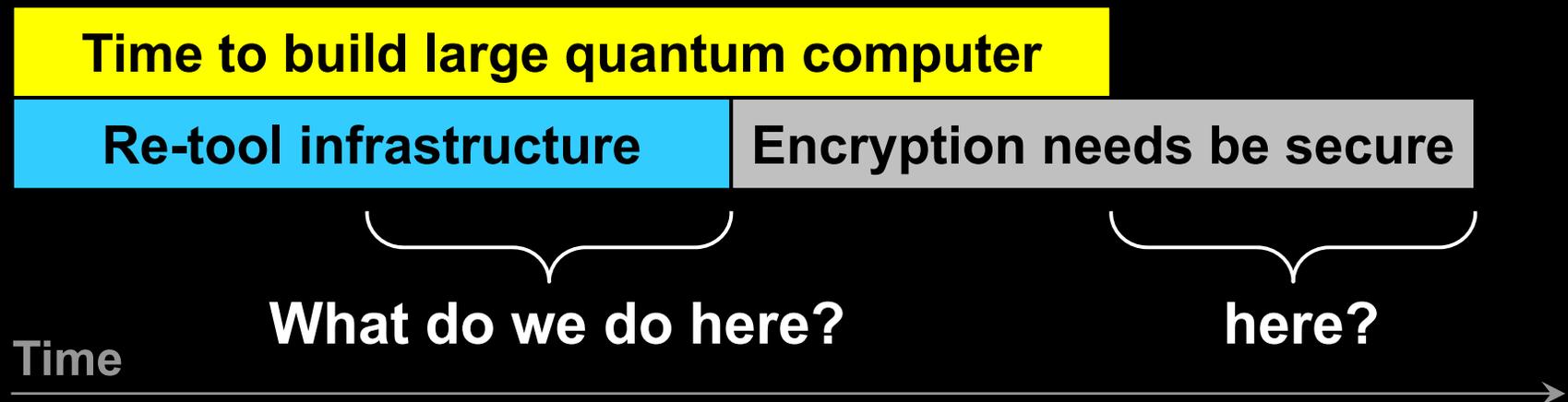
Elliptic-curve

Based on *hypothesized* one-way functions

✂ Unexpected advances in classical cryptanalysis

✂ Shor's factorization algorithm for quantum computer

P. W. Shor, SIAM J. Comput. 26, 1484 (1997)



How close is quantum computer?

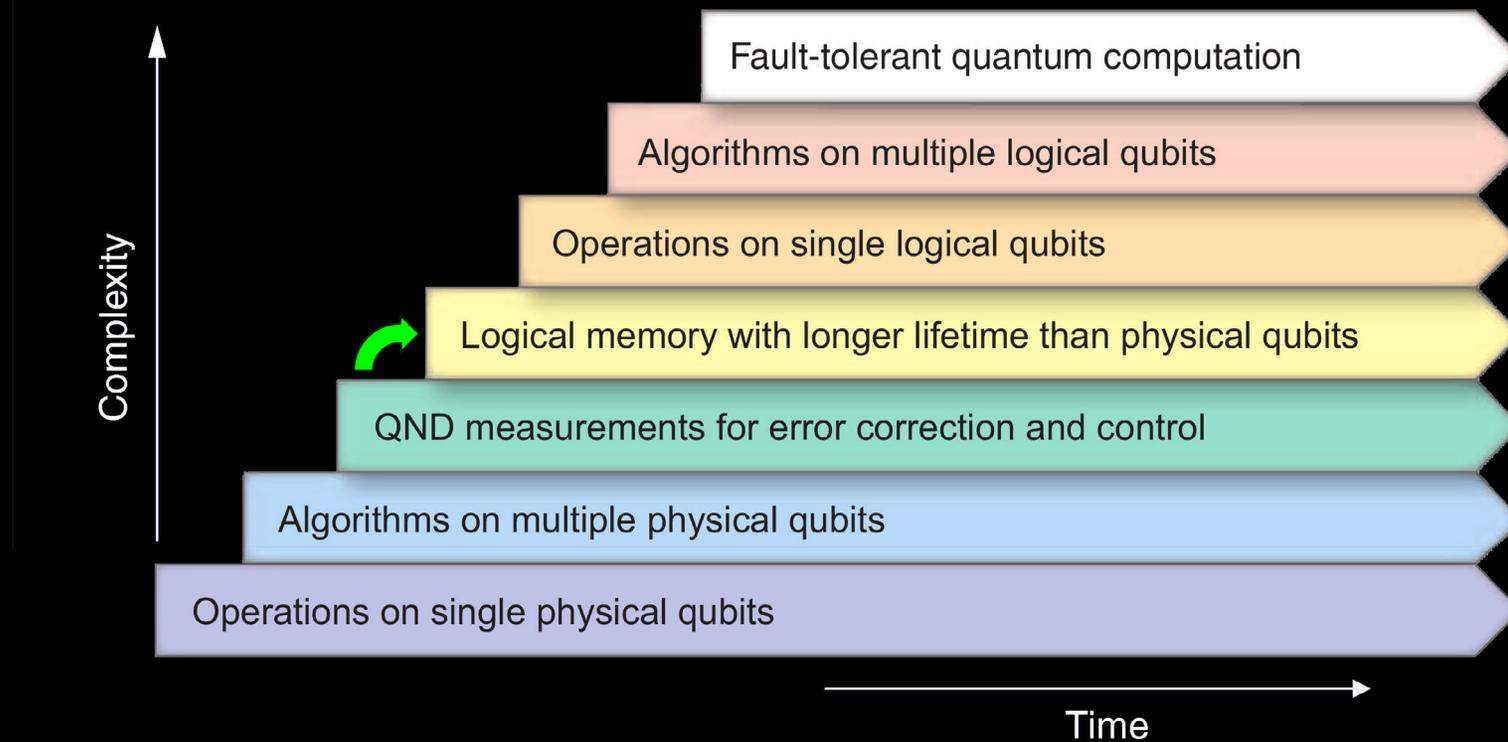


Fig. 1. Seven stages in the development of quantum information processing. Each advancement requires mastery of the preceding stages, but each also represents a continuing task that must be perfected in parallel with the others. Superconducting qubits are the only solid-state implementation at the third stage, and they now aim at reaching the fourth stage (green arrow). In the domain of atomic physics and quantum optics, the third stage had been previously attained by trapped ions and by Rydberg atoms. No implementation has yet reached the fourth stage, where a logical qubit can be stored, via error correction, for a time substantially longer than the decoherence time of its physical qubit components.

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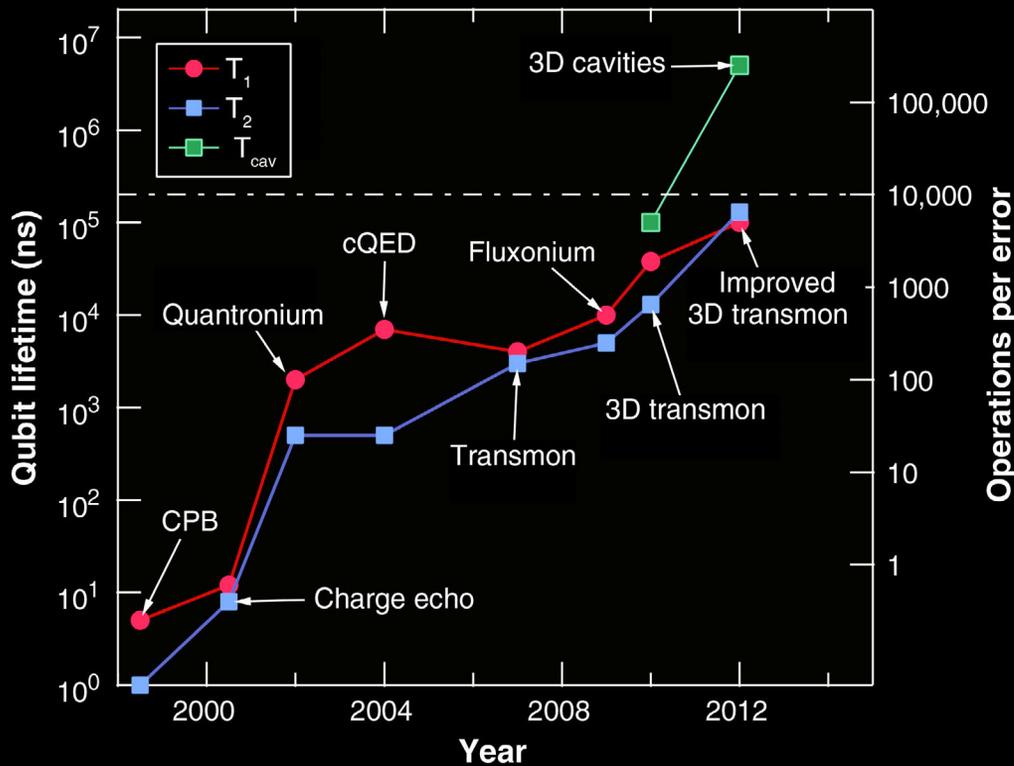


Fig. 3. Examples of the “Moore’s law” type of exponential scaling in performance of superconducting qubits during recent years.

Improvement of coherence times for the “typical best” results associated with the first versions of major design changes. The blue, red, and green symbols refer to qubit relaxation, qubit decoherence, and cavity lifetimes, respectively. Innovations were introduced to avoid the dominant decoherence channel found in earlier generations. So far an ultimate limit on coherence seems not to have been encountered.

M. H. Devoret, R. J. Schoelkopf, *Science* **339**, 1169 (2013)

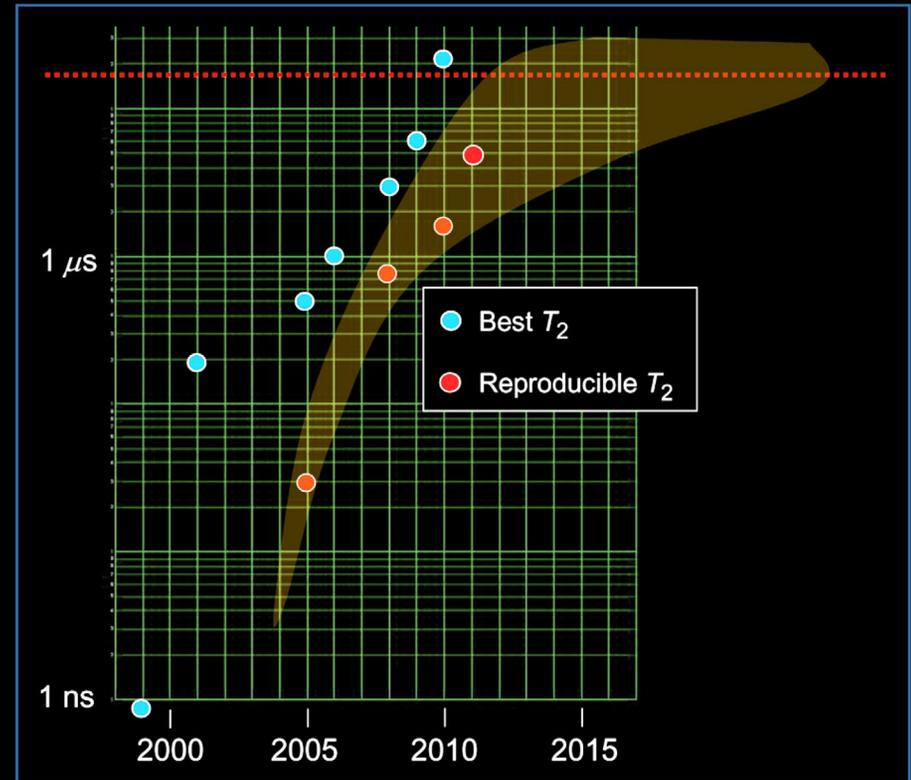


Figure 5

Progress toward reaching long dephasing (T_2) times for superconducting qubits. (Red dashed line) Minimum necessary for fault-tolerant quantum computer, based on a 30-ns two-gate time. (Yellow field) Predicted improvements in T_2 .

M. Steffen *et al.*, “Quantum computing: An IBM perspective,” *IBM J. Res. Dev.* **55**, 13 (2011)

Quantum computers capable of catastrophically breaking our public-key cryptography infrastructure are a medium-term threat.

Quantum-safe cryptographic infrastructure

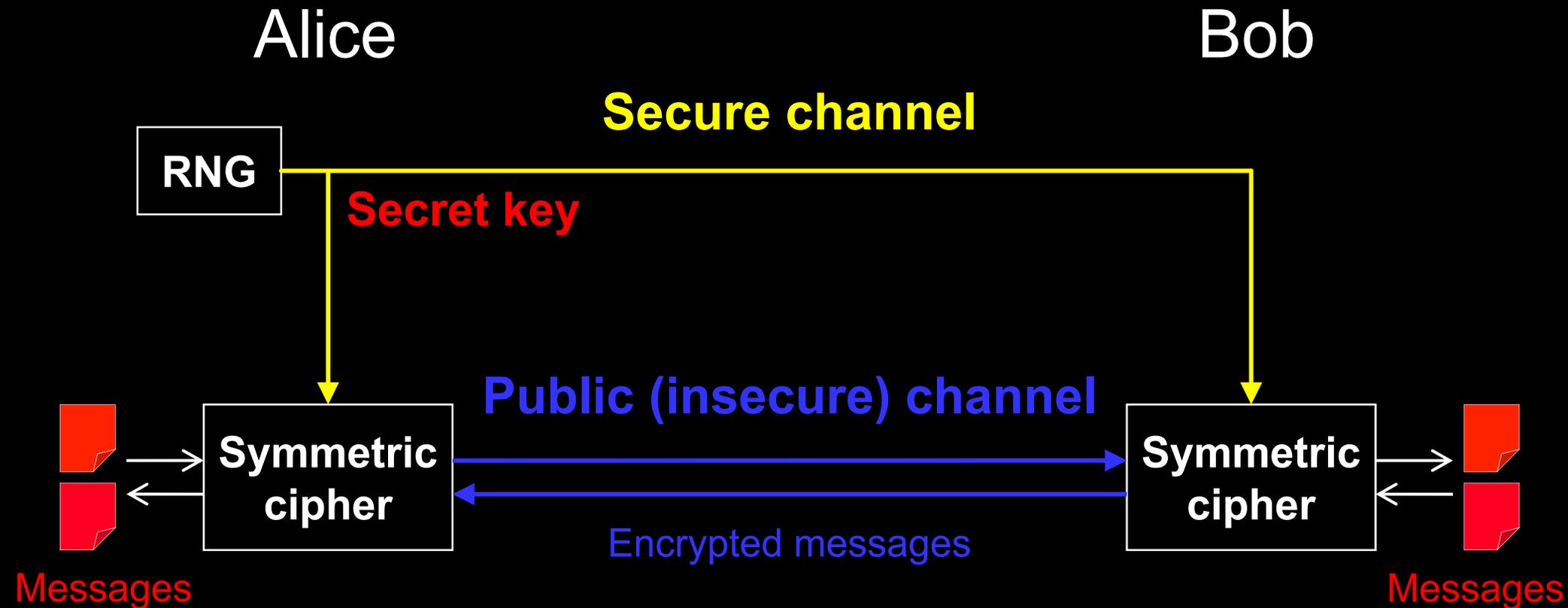
“post-quantum” cryptography + quantum cryptography

- **Classical tools deployable without quantum technologies**
- **Believed/hoped to be secure against quantum computer attacks of the future**
- **Quantum tools requiring some quantum technologies (typically less than a large-scale quantum computer)**
- **Typically no computational assumptions and thus known to be secure against quantum attacks**

Both sets of cryptographic tools can work very well together in quantum-safe cryptographic ecosystem.



Encryption and key distribution



Quantum key distribution transmits secret key by sending quantum states over *open channel*.

Quantum key distribution (QKD)

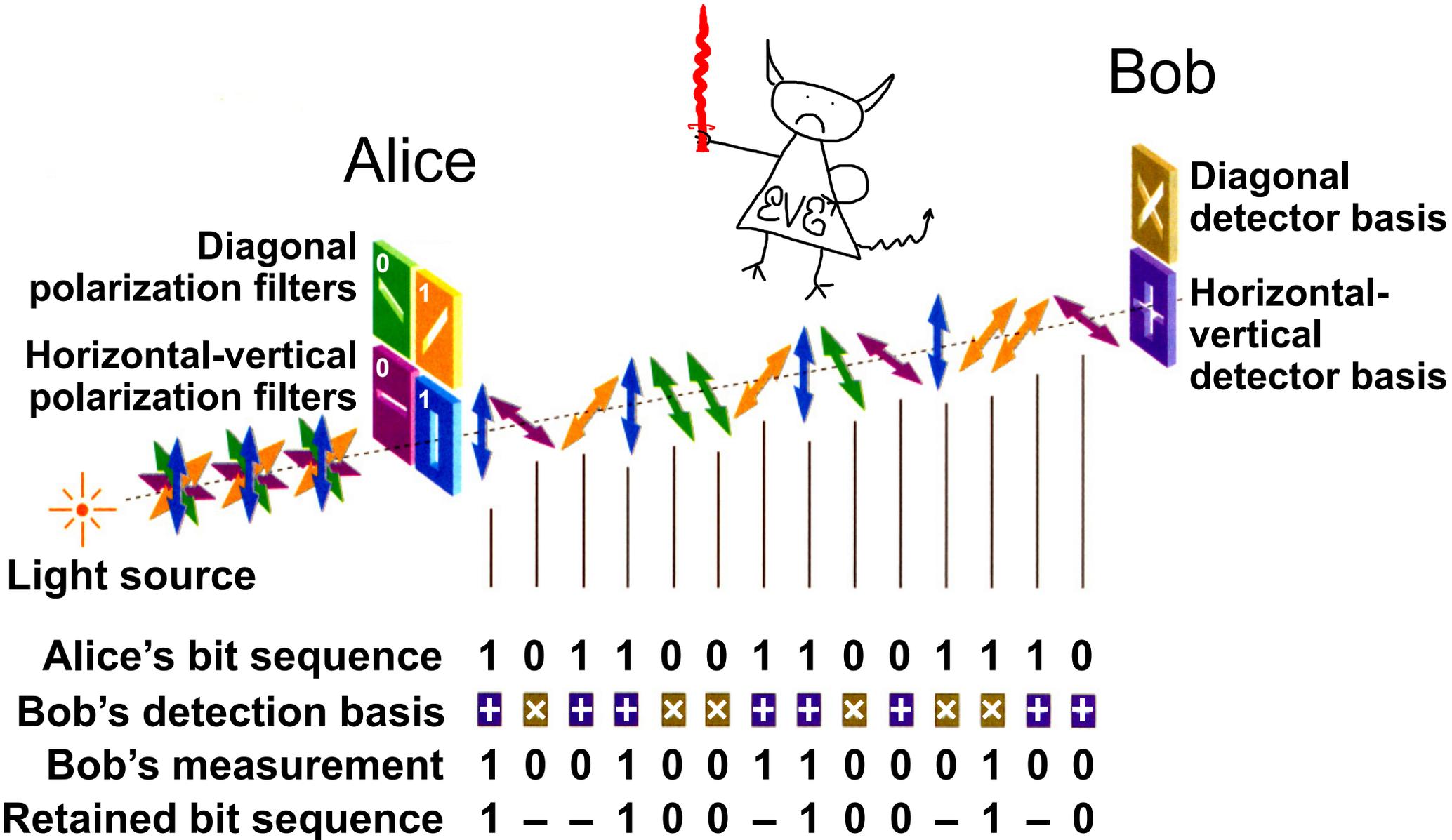
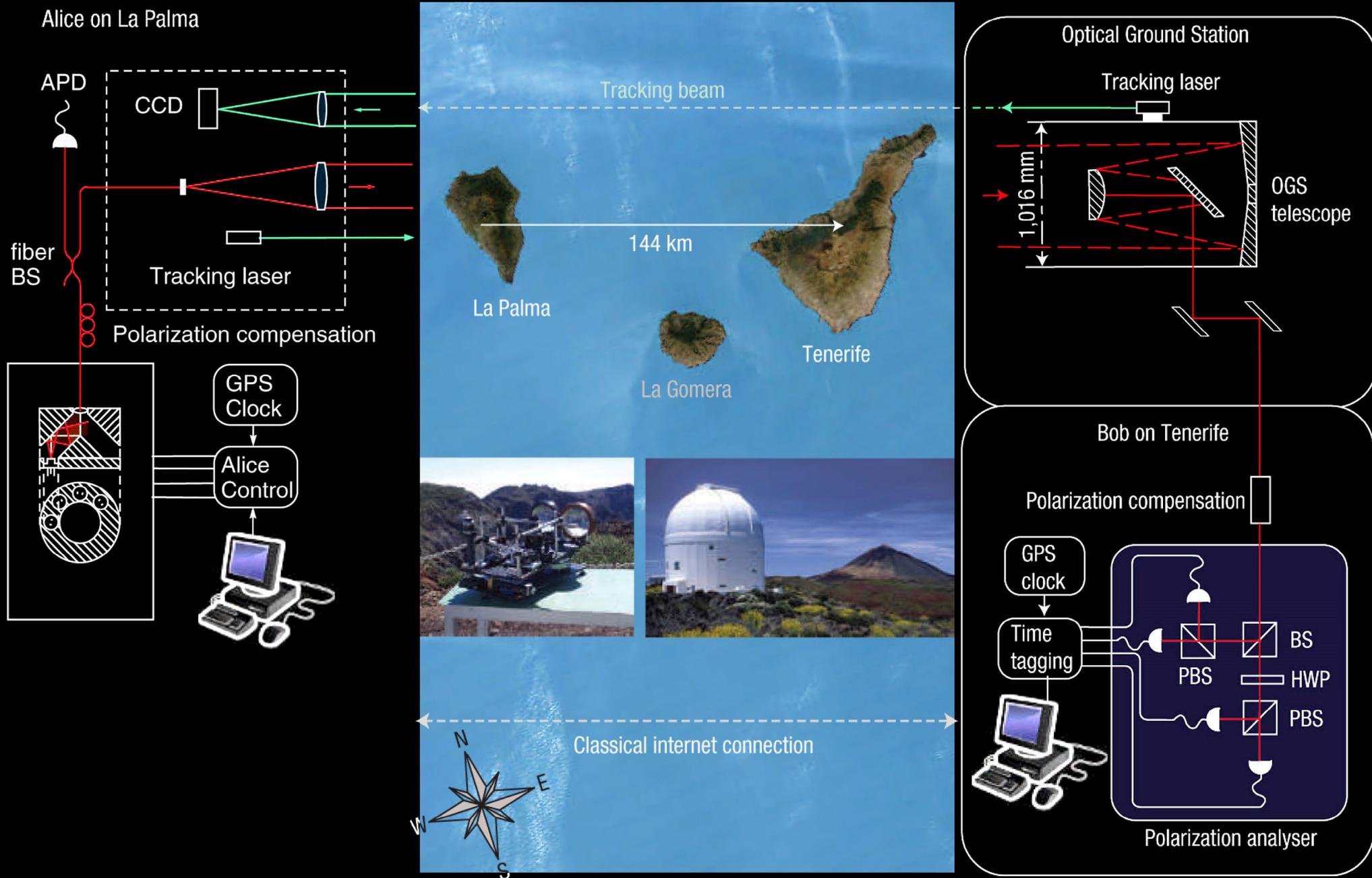
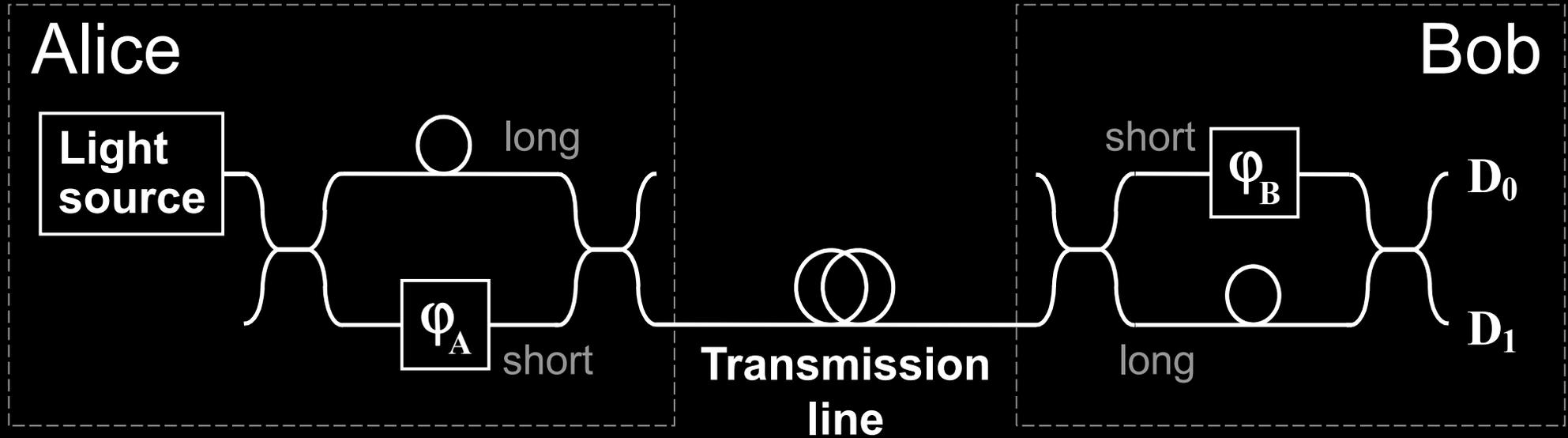


Image reprinted from article: W. Tittel, G. Ribordy & N. Gisin, "Quantum cryptography," Physics World, March 1998

Free-space QKD



Phase encoding, interferometric QKD channel

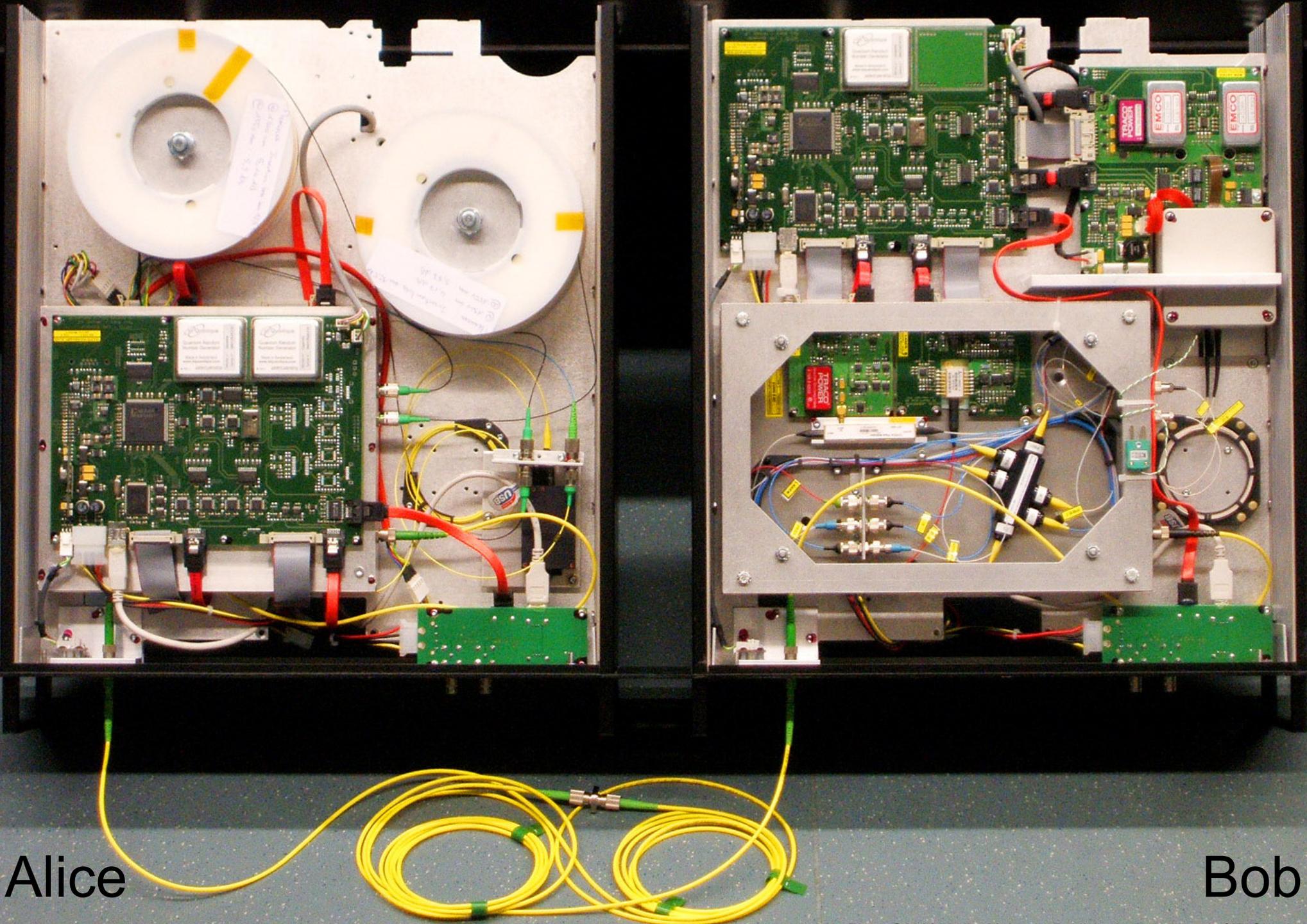


$$\varphi_A = \begin{matrix} 0 & \text{or} & \pi/2 & : & 0 \\ \pi & \text{or} & 3\pi/2 & : & 1 \end{matrix}$$

Detection basis:

$$\varphi_B = \begin{matrix} 0 & : & X \\ \pi/2 & : & Z \end{matrix}$$

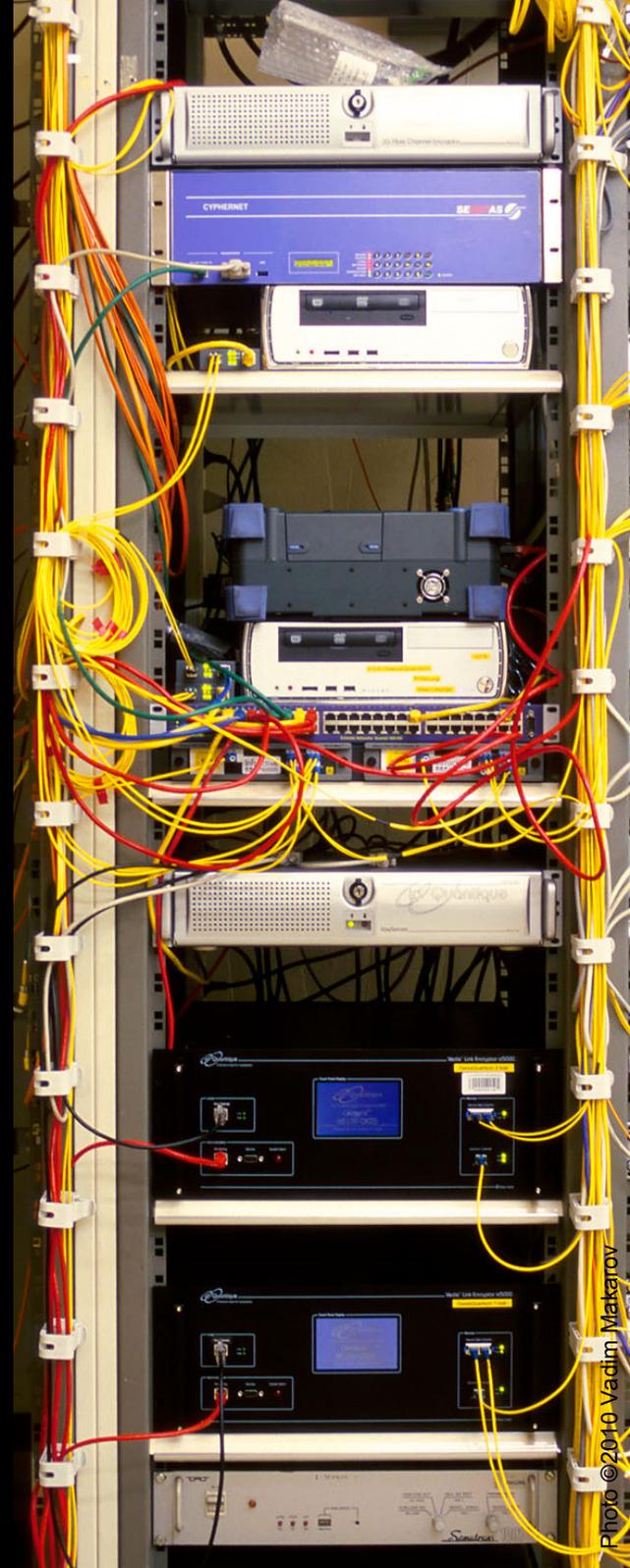
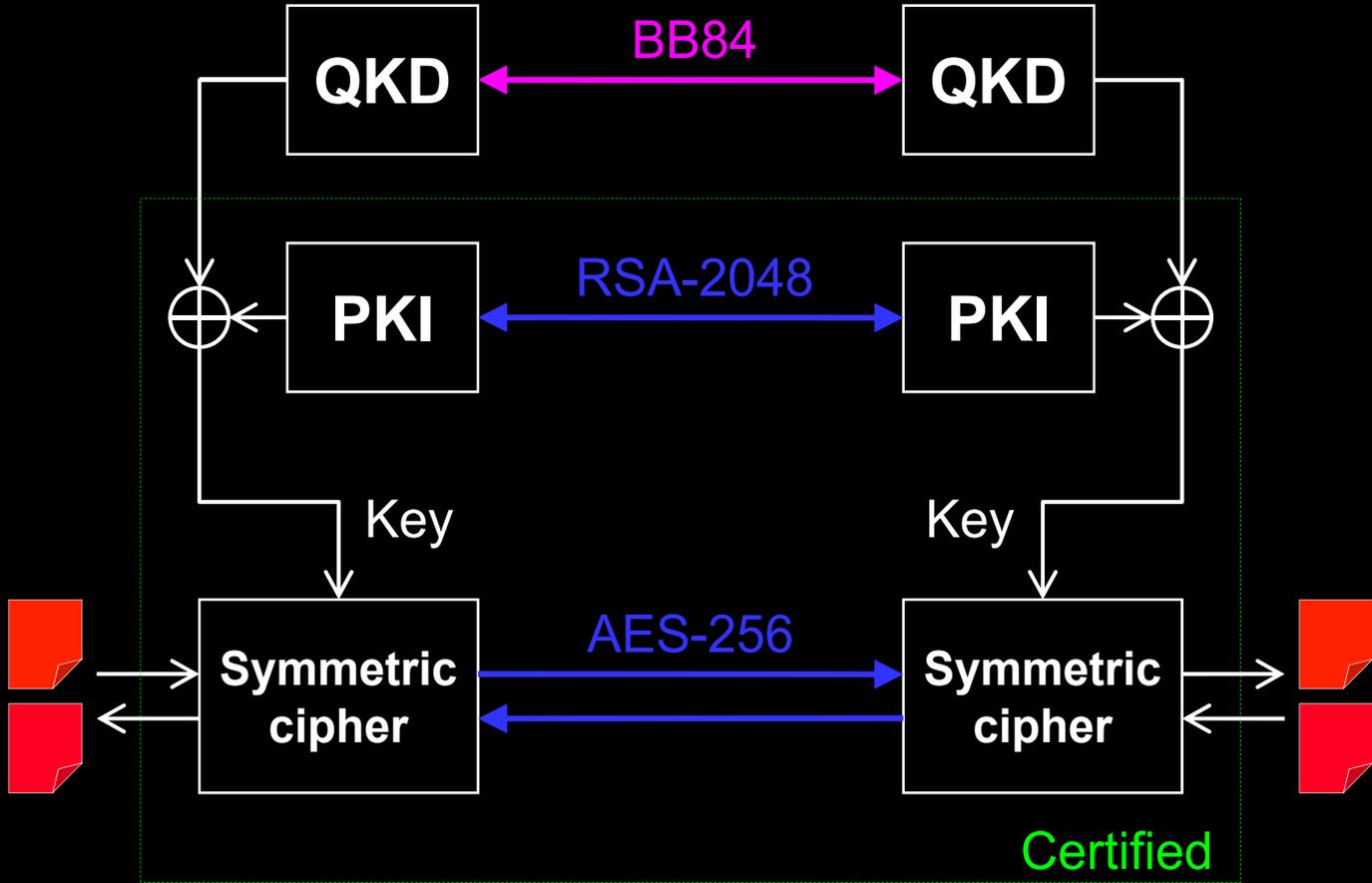
ID Quantique Clavis2 QKD system



Alice

Bob

Dual key agreement



Commercial QKD

Classical encryptors:

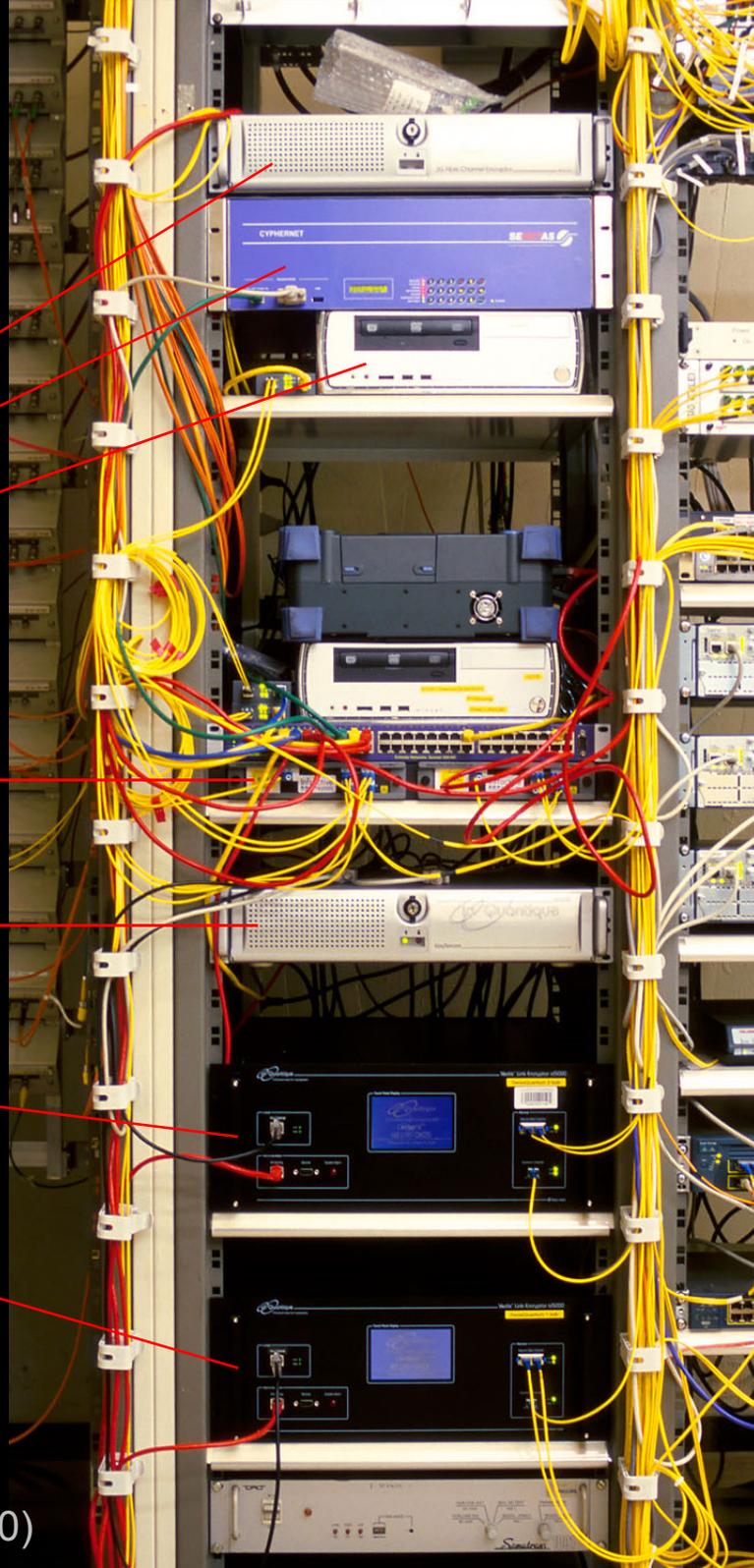
- L2, 2 Gbit/s
- L2, 10 Gbit/s
- L3 VPN, 100 Mbit/s

WDMs

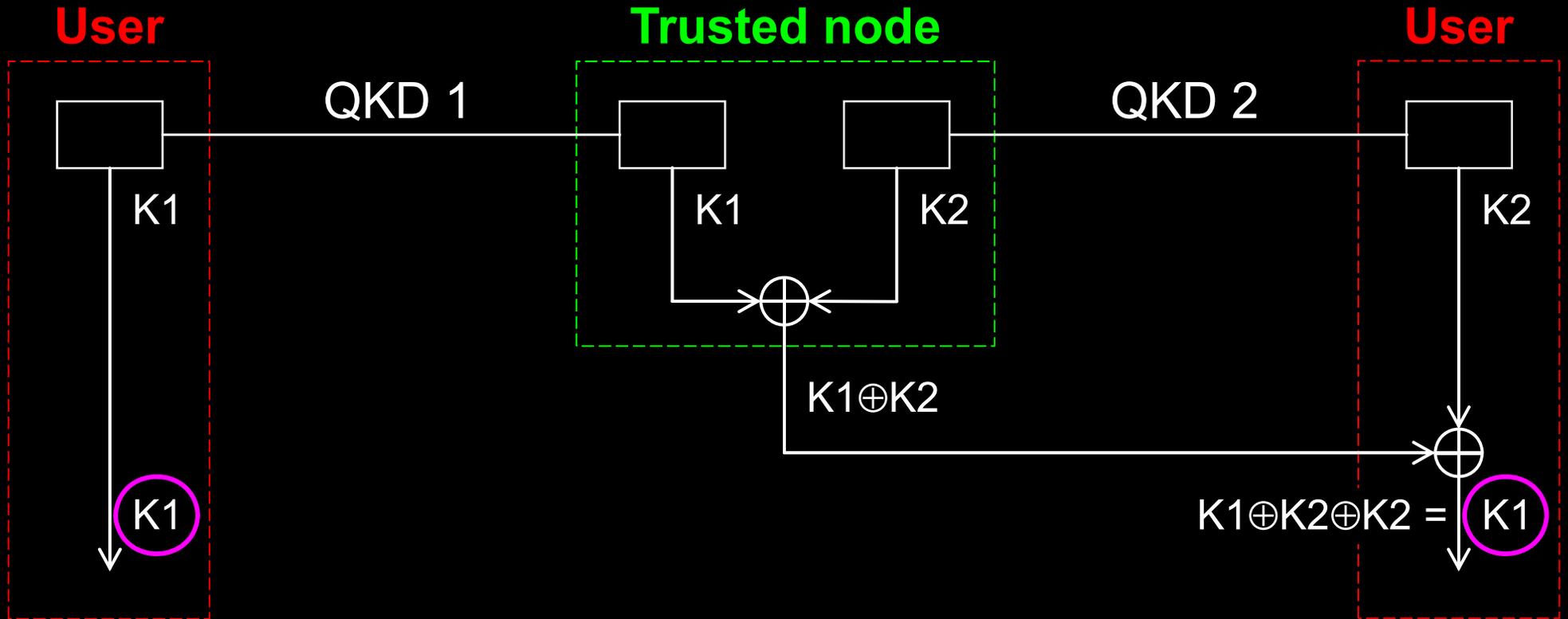
Key manager

QKD to another node
(4 km)

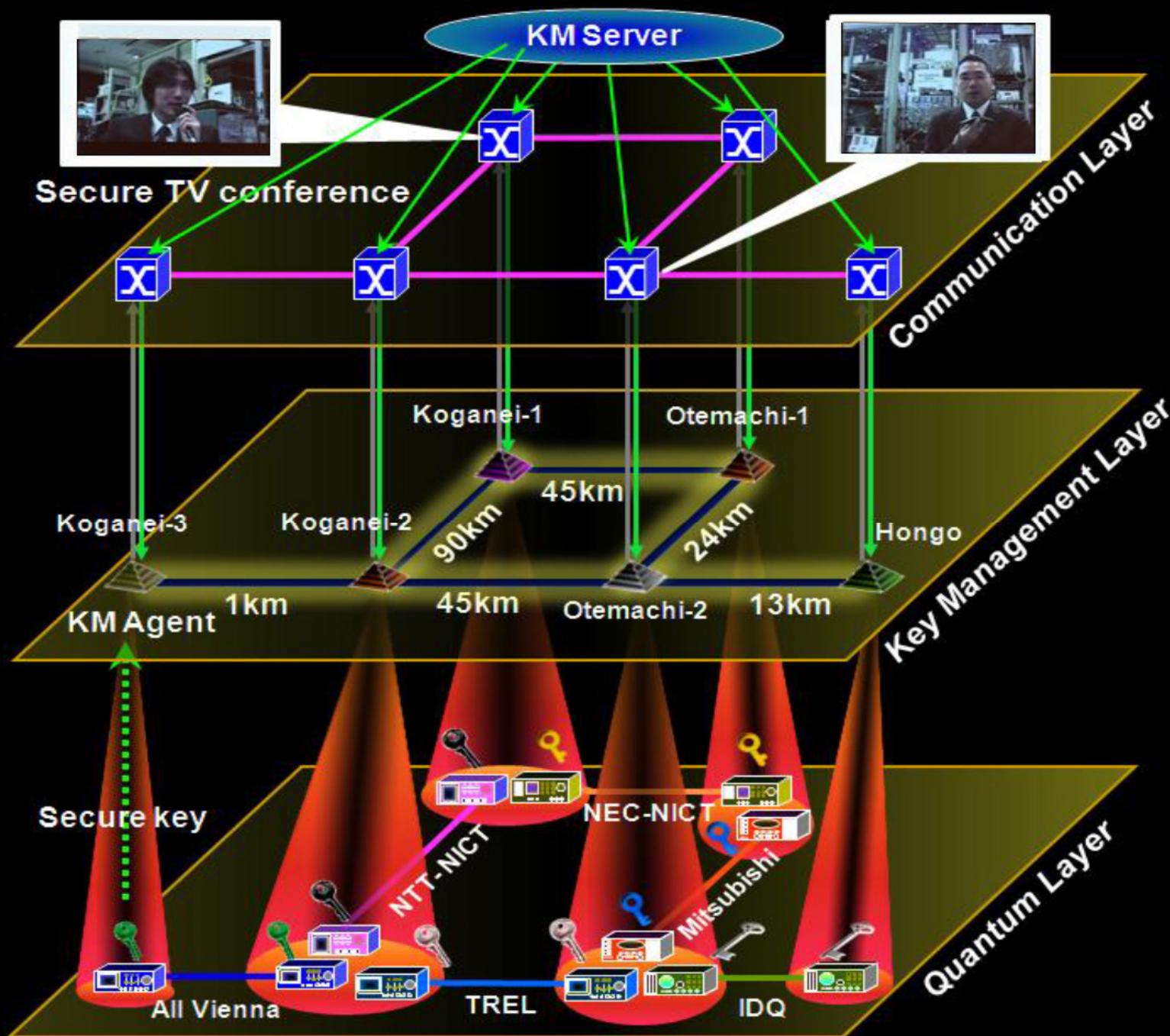
QKD to another node
(14 km)



Trusted-node repeater



Trusted-node network

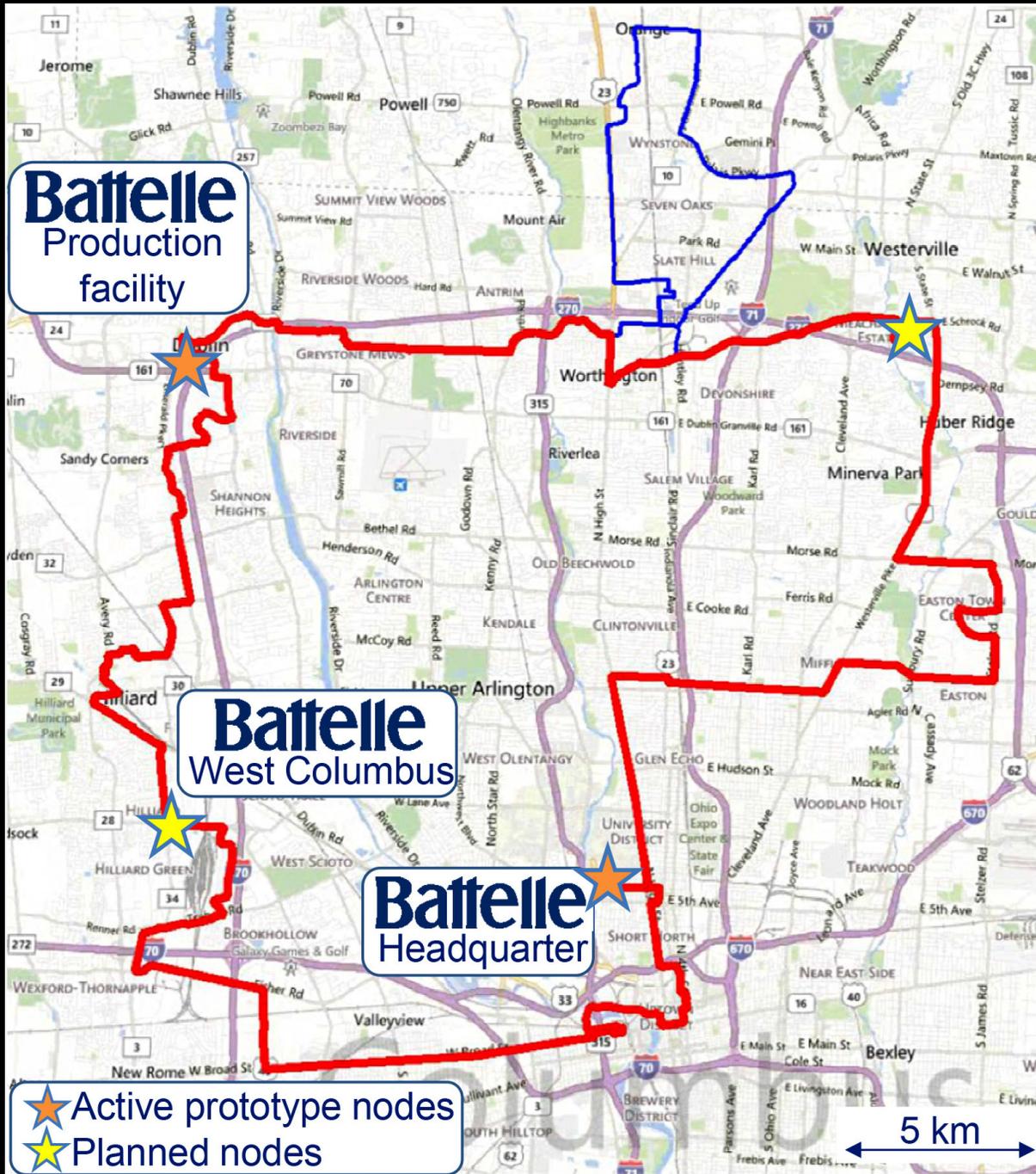


Quantum Backbone

- 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 Battelle quantum network



Plans:





Quantum communication primitives

Advantages over classical primitives:

Unconditionally secure?

Less resources?

Other quantum advantages?

Key distribution



Secret sharing



Digital signatures



Superdense coding



Fingerprinting



Oblivious transfer

Impossible



Bit commitment

Impossible



Coin-tossing



Cloud computing



Bell inequality testing

Teleportation

Entanglement swapping

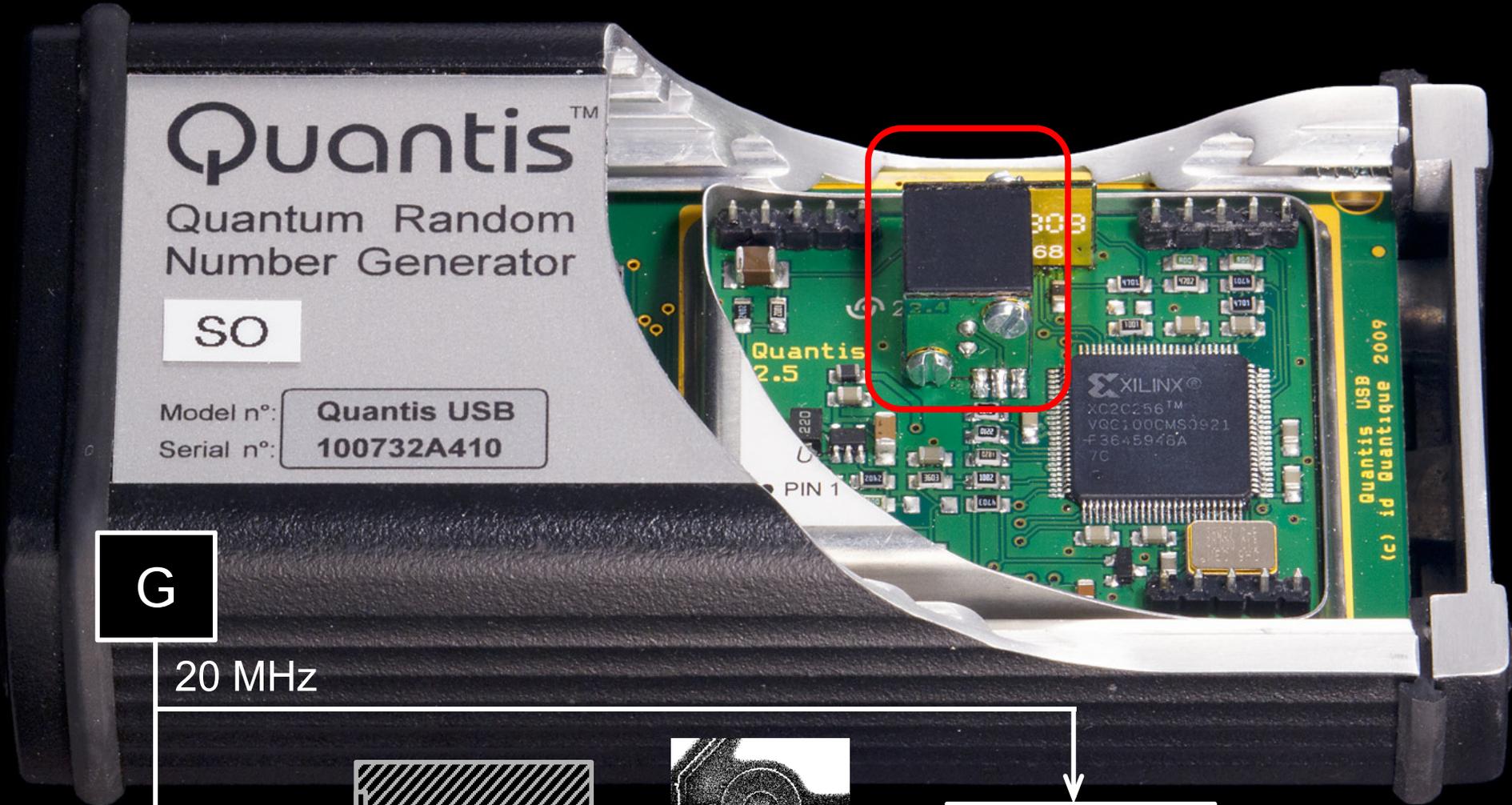


(no classical equivalent)

Random number generators



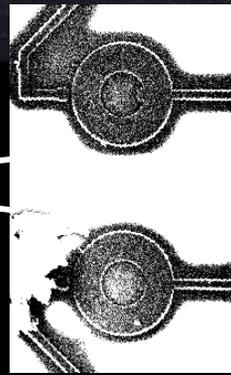
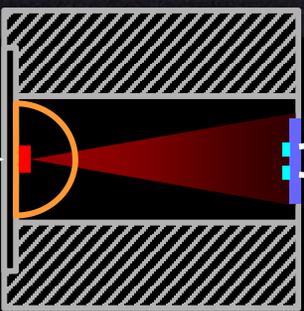
Quantis RNG: what's inside?



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20 MHz

LED
820 nm
(40 nm FWHM)



Debiasing

Output
4 Mbit/s

G. Ribordy, O. Guinnard, US patent appl. US 2007/0127718 A1 (filed in 2006)
I. Radchenko *et al.*, unpublished

Quantum digital signatures

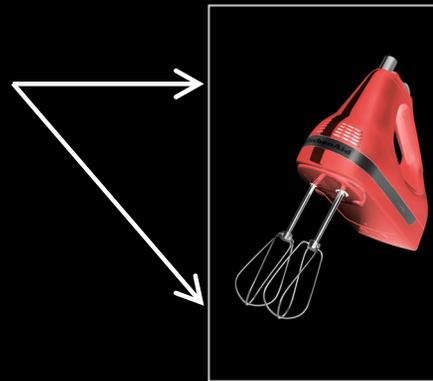
Alice:

1. Distributes latent signatures

“0”



“1”



Bob: measures



Charlie: measures



⋮

2. Signs: reveals bit and latent sequence

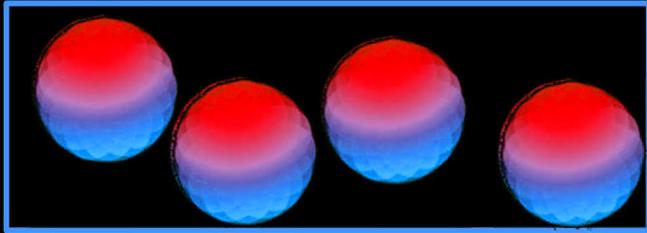


Bob: verifies
measurement results

Charlie: verifies
measurement results

Blind quantum computing

Client

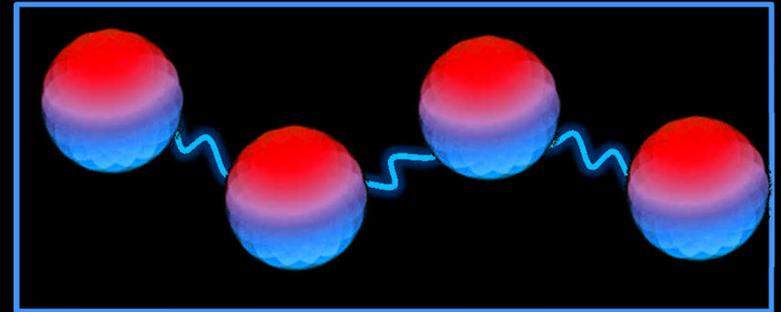


Prepares qubits and sends them to quantum server

„sends single parts of computer“

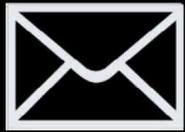


Quantum Server



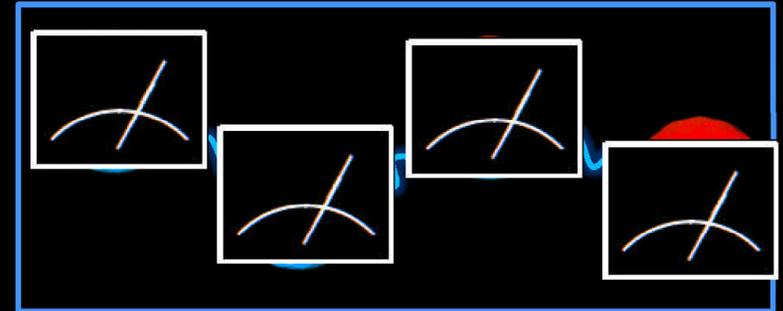
Entangles qubits

„assembles computer“



Computes and sends measurement instructions (adapted to state of the qubits)

„sends computer program“

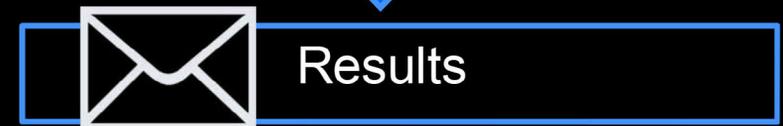


Qubits are unknown, instructions seem like random operations

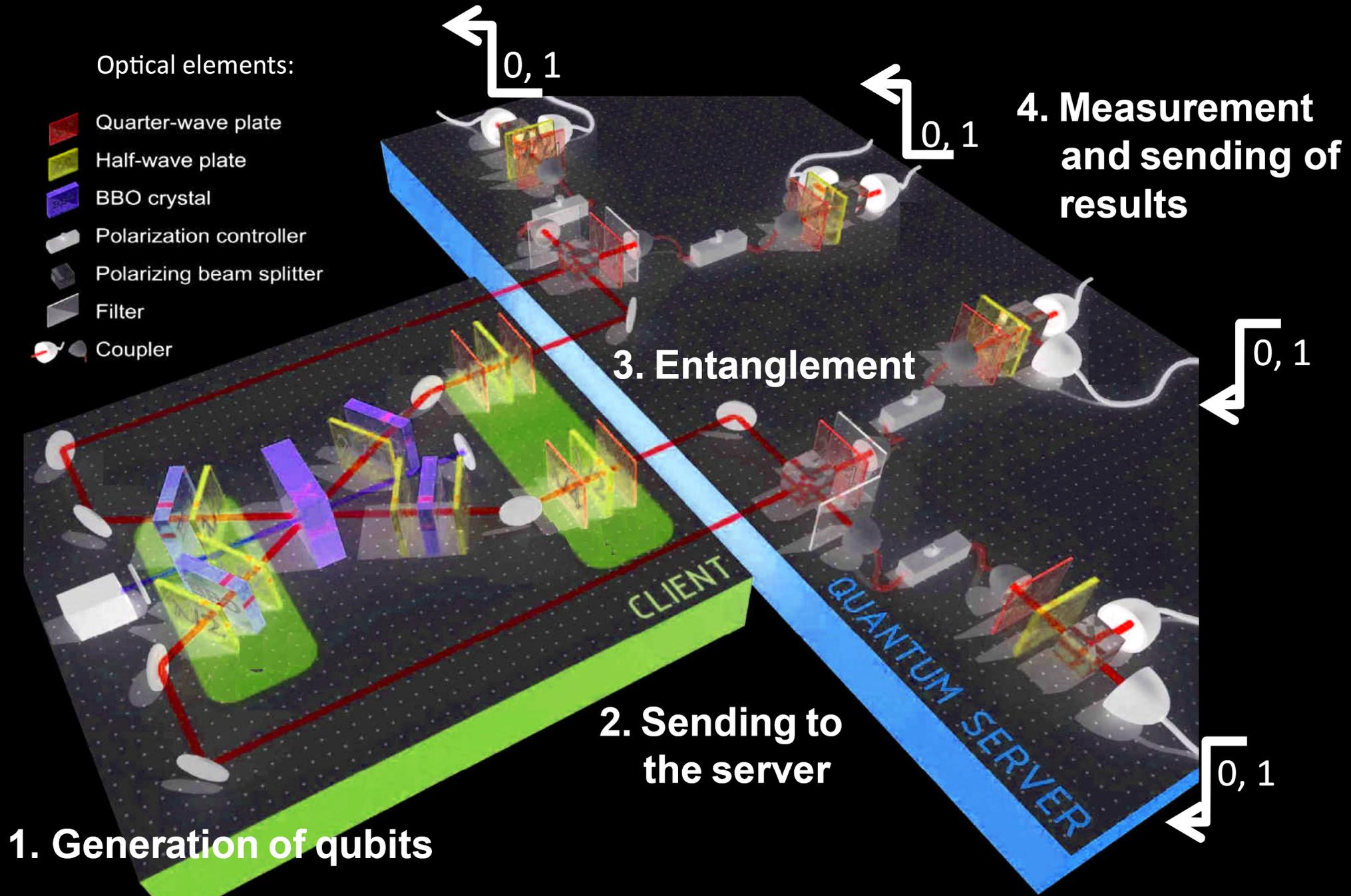
„computes, but does not know computer“



Client can interpret and use the results



Blind quantum computing



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