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Building the Roots of the Quantum-Safe World

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Agenda

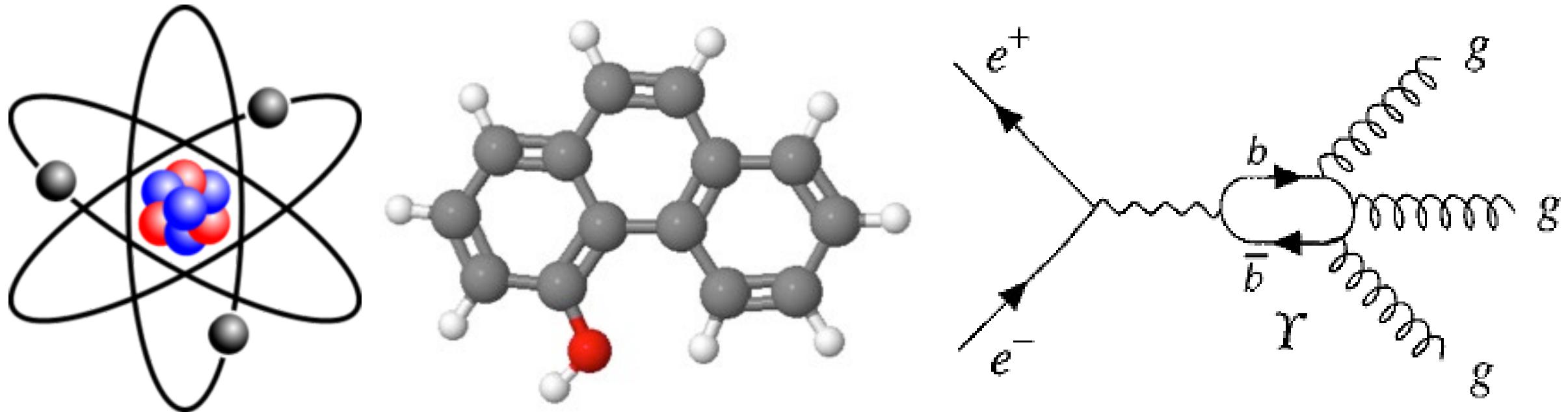
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- Migration Challenges & Crypto Agility
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- Conclusions

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Quantum Computing



QUANTUM MECHANICS



THE WORLD IS NOT WHAT IT SEEMS

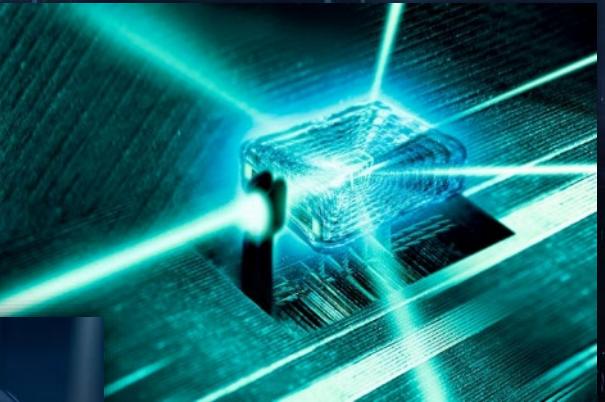
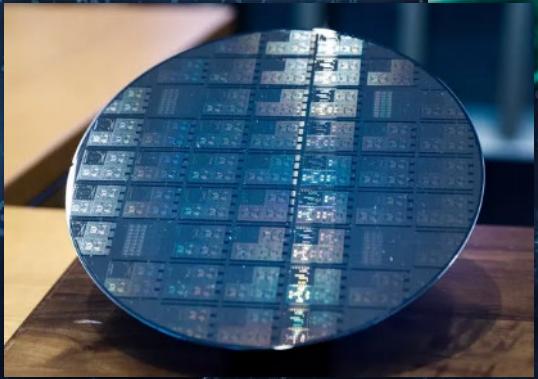
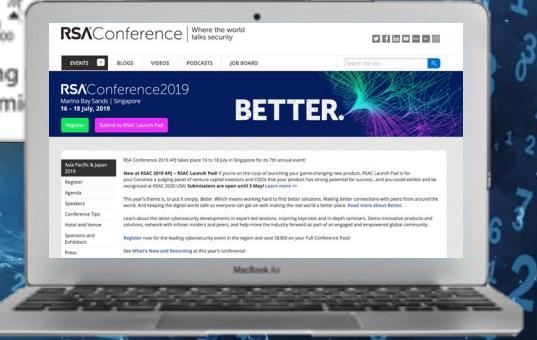
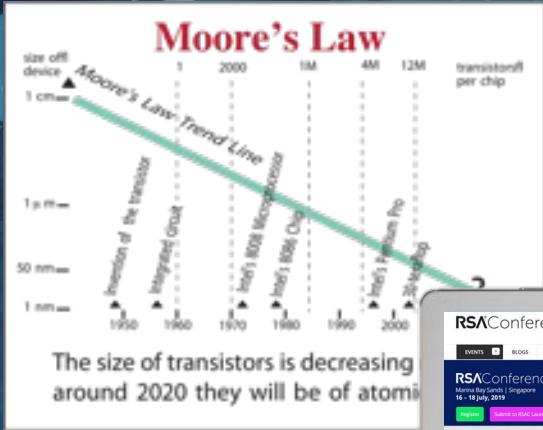


If you think you understand
quantum mechanics, you don't
understand quantum mechanics.

— *Richard P. Feynman* —

AZ QUOTES

QUANTUM COMPUTING IS THE MARRIAGE OF...



INFORMATION THEORY QUANTUM MECHANICS

QUANTUM vs CLASSICAL

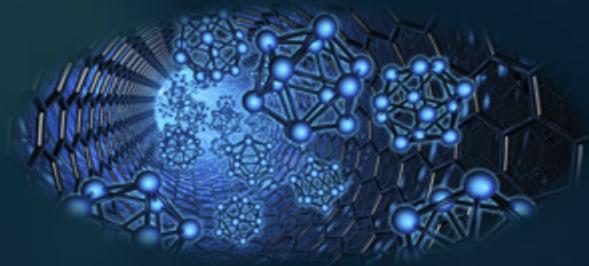


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December 17, 1903



1st Flight of Wright Flyer I
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POSITIVE DISRUPTIONS



MATERIAL DESIGN



CHEMICAL DISCOVERY



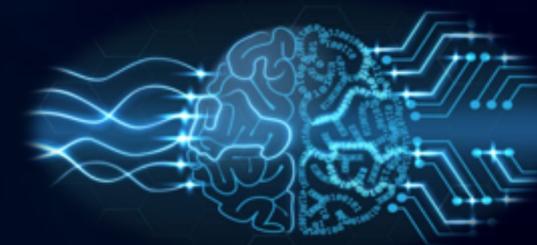
DRUG DESIGN



OPTIMIZATION

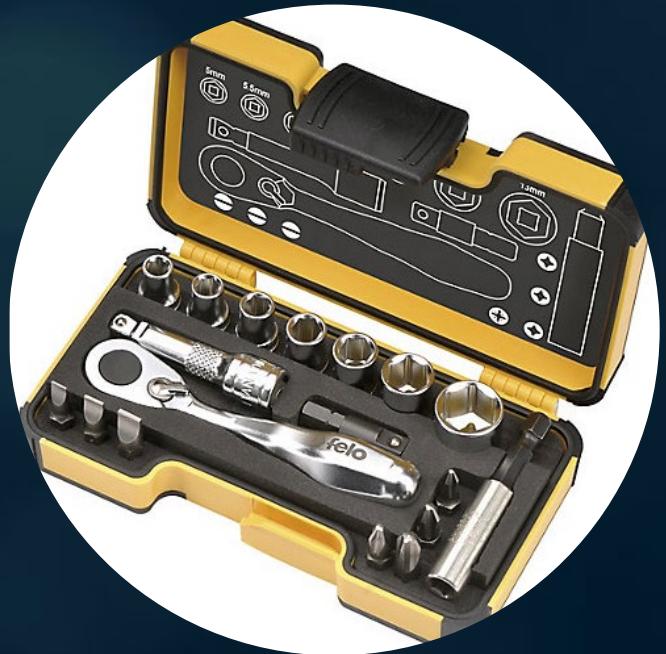


SEARCH/BIG DATA



MACHINE LEARNING

TIMELINE TO QUANTUM



ANALOG QC



NOISY QC



UNIVERSAL QC

The Quantum Race is on



 Microsoft

 Google

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The Quantum Computing Company™



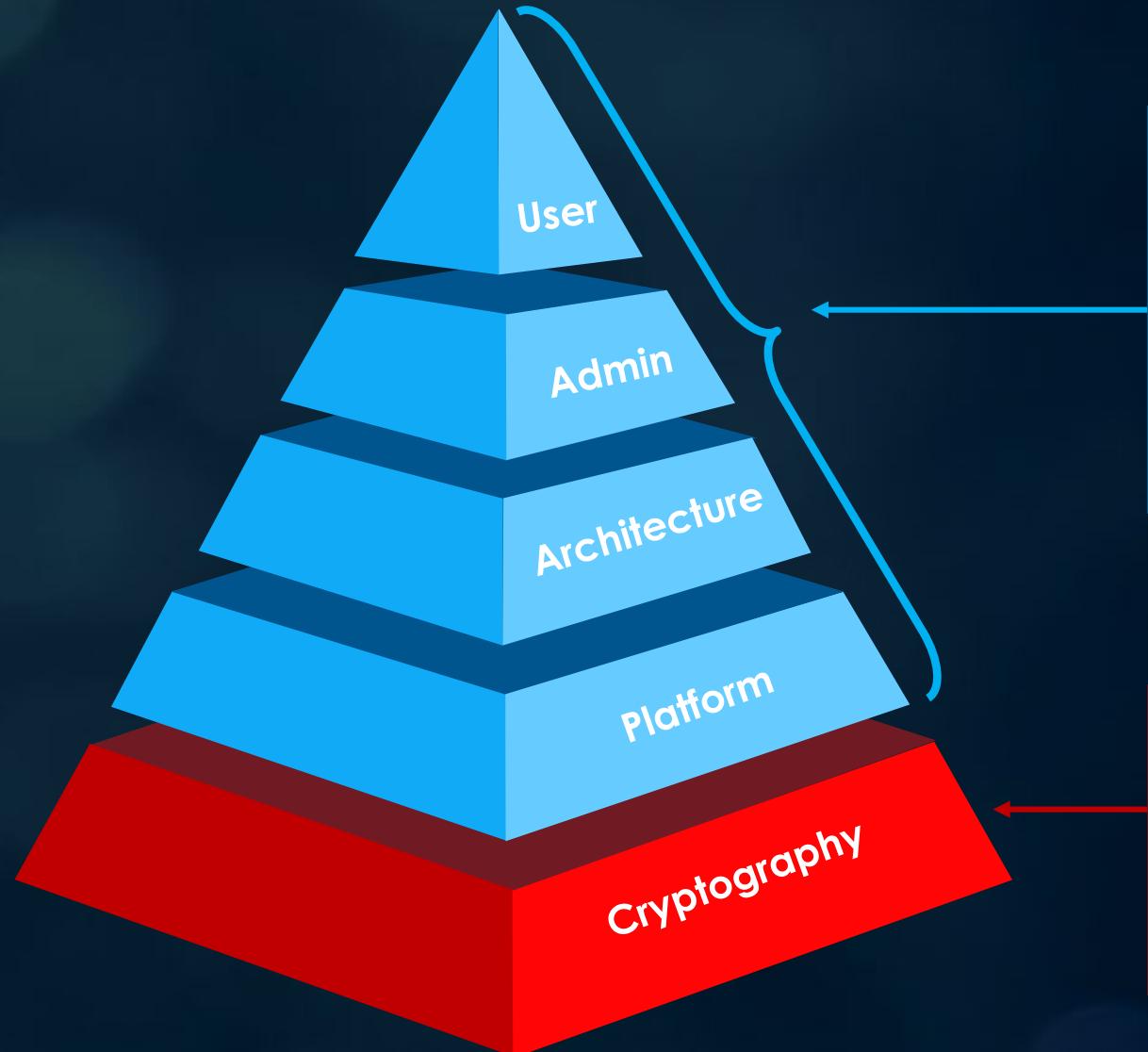


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Threat & Mitigation

The Quantum Effect on Today's Cryptography

Type	Algorithm	Key Strength Classic (bits)	Key Strength Quantum (bits)	Quantum Attack
Asymmetric	RSA 2048	112	0	Shor's Algorithm
	RSA 3072	128		
	ECC 256	128		
	ECC 521	256		
Symmetric	AES 128	128	64	Grover's Algorithm
	AES 256	256	128	



**Cause of security
breaches today**

**Quantum: an
unprecedented
threat looming**



IBM

less than
20 years

ETSI

less than
10 years

NIST

less than
11 years

Microsoft

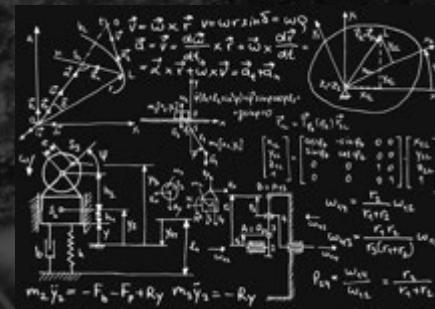
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**European
Commission**
after 2025

PATHWAYS TO QUANTUM SAFETY



Quantum Key
Distribution

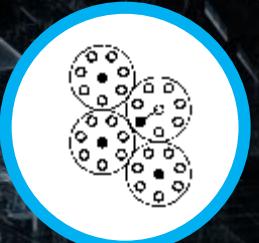


Quantum-Safe
Cryptography

THE “NEW” MATH



Hash-based



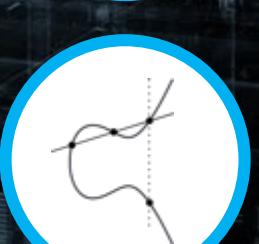
Code-based



Lattice-based



Multivariate-based

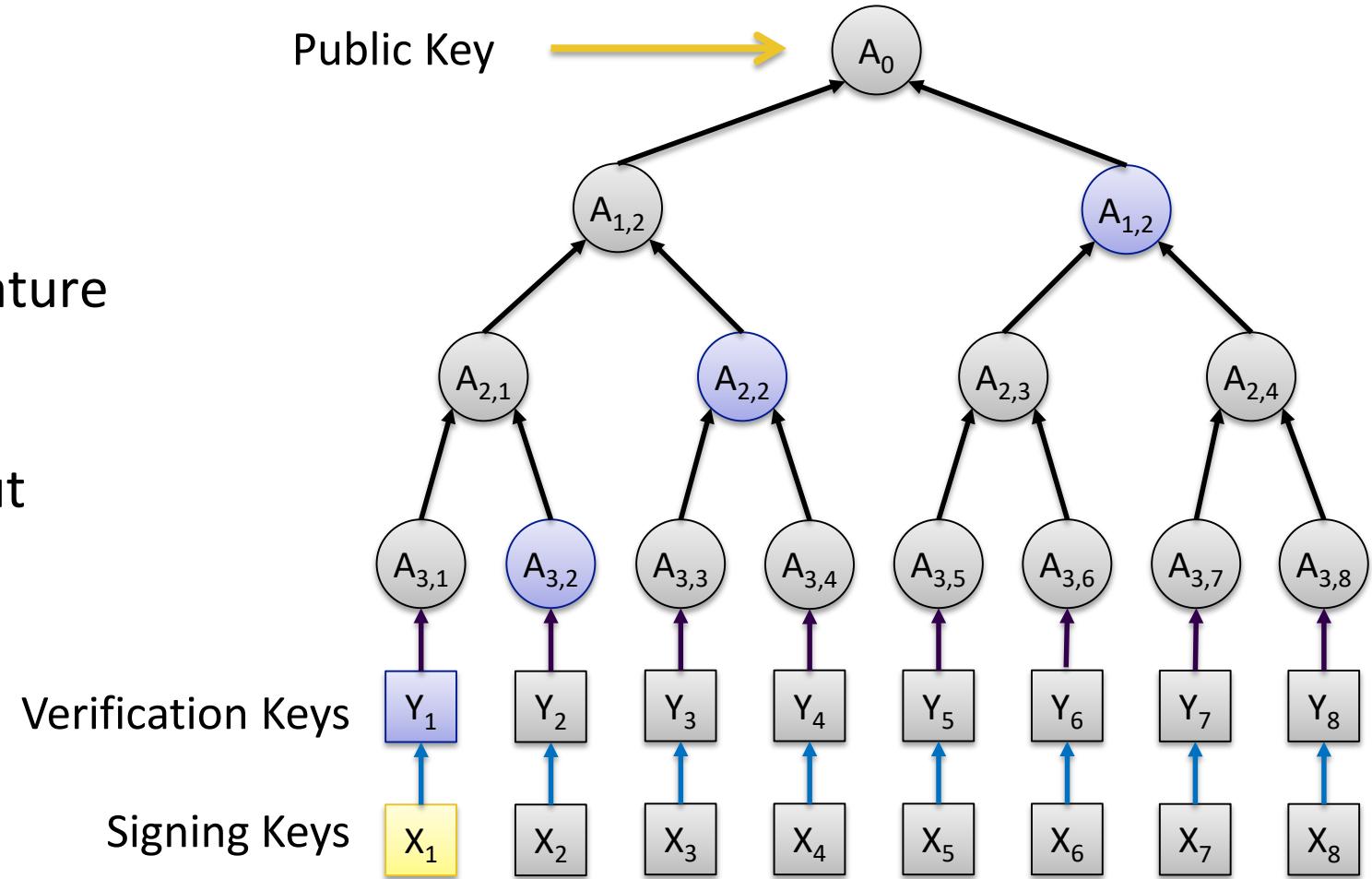


Isogeny-based



Hash-Based Cryptography

- Introduced by Merkle in 1979
- Uses “one-time signatures”
- Small public key, medium signature size, very large private key
- Key generation can be slow, but signing & verification is fast
- Private key is stateful
- Can be used today



Quantum-safe Asymmetric Algorithms (Table 1 of 2)

Scheme	Family	Type	Secret Key (Octets)	Public Key (Octets)	Signature (Octets)	Ciphertext (Octets)	Shared Secret (Octets)
LMS	Stateful Hash-based	Signature	56 + (2,064 - 2,147,483,664)	32	1,296 - 9,328	-	-
XMSS	Stateful Hash-based	Signature	104 + (65,568 - 67,108,896)	32	2,500 – 2,820	-	-
SPHINCS	Stateless Hash-based	Signature	64 - 128	32 - 64	8,080 - 49,216		
BIKE	Code-based	KEM	3,194 - 11,749	1,478 - 11,217	-	1,478 - 11,217	32
Classic McEliece	Code-based	KEM	6,452 - 14,080	261,120 - 1,357,824	-	128 - 240	32
HQC	Code-based	KEM	40	3,125 - 8,897	-	6,234 - 17,777	64
LEDAcrypt	Code-based	KEM	24 - 40	1,872 - 8,520	-	1,872 - 4,616	32 - 64
NTS-KEM	Code-based	KEM	9,248 - 19,922	319,488 - 1,419,704	-	128 - 253	32
ROLO	Code-based	KEM	40	465 - 2,493	-	465 - 2,621	40 - 64
RQC	Code-based	KEM	40	853 - 2,284	-	1,690 - 4,552	64
Kyber	Lattice-based	KEM	1,632 – 3,168	800 – 1,568	-	736 – 1,568	32
FrodoKEM	Lattice-based	KEM	19,888 - 43,088	9,616 - 21,520	-	9,720 - 21,623	16 - 32
LAC	Lattice-based	KEM	1,056 - 2,080	544 - 1,056	-	712 - 1,424	32
NewHope	Lattice-based	KEM	1,888 - 3,680	928 - 1,824	-	1,120 - 2,208	32

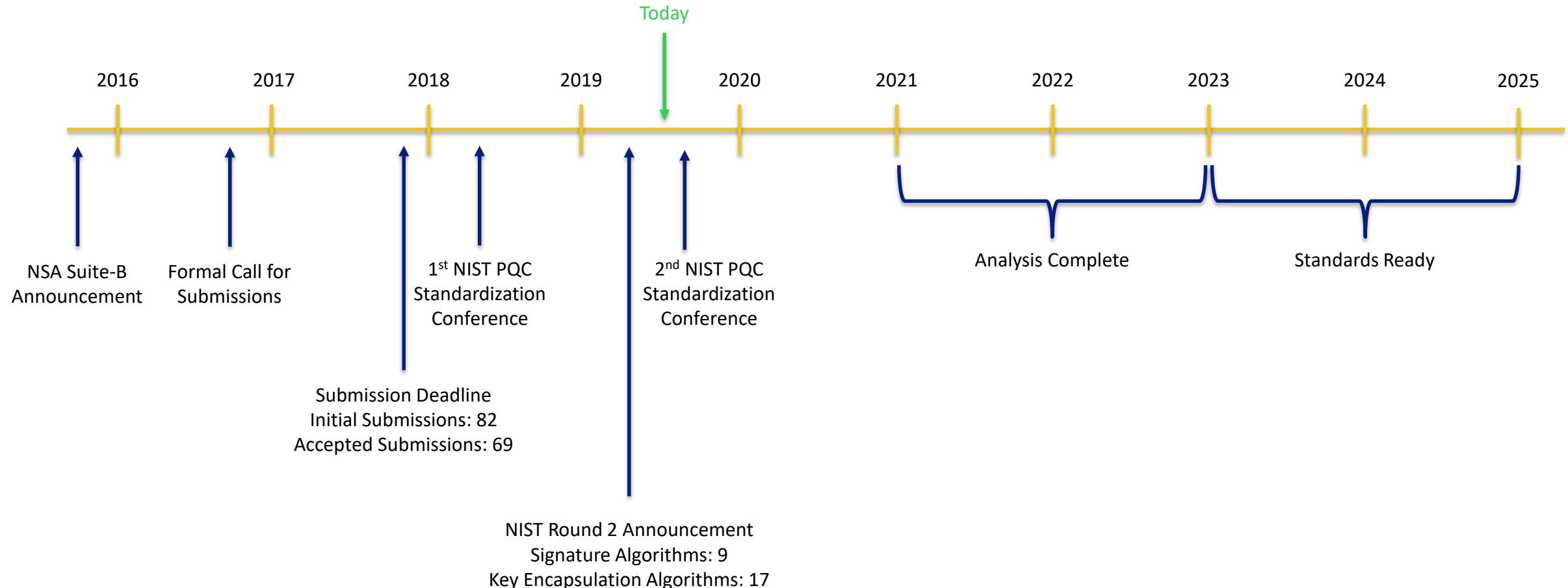
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NTRUPrime	Lattice-based	KEM	1,125 - 1,999	897 - 1,322	–	897 - 1,184	32
Round5	Lattice-based	KEM	16 - 32	445 - 14,264	–	549 - 14,288	16 - 32
SABER	Lattice-based	KEM	1,568 - 3,040	672 - 1,312	–	736 - 1,472	32
Three Bears	Lattice-based	KEM	40	804 - 1,584	–	917 - 1,697	32
Dilithium	Lattice-based	Signature	96 - 2096	896 – 1,760	1,387 – 3,366	–	–
Falcon	Lattice-based	Signature	4,097 – 8,193	897 – 1,793	618 – 1,233	–	–
qTesla	Lattice-based	Signature	1,216 - 12,352	1,504 - 38,432	1,376 - 5,920	–	–
GeMSS	Multivariate-based	Signature	13,415 - 77,712	36,0643 - 3,210,845	33 - 75	–	–
LUOV	Multivariate-based	Signature	32	5,120 – 77,312	311 – 4,390	–	–
MQDSS	Multivariate-based	Signature	16 – 24	46 – 64	20,854 – 43,728	–	–
Rainbow	Multivariate-based	Signature	95,232 - 1,256,551	152,576 - 1,746,432	64 - 204	–	–
SIKE	Supersingular Isogeny-Based	KEM	374 - 644	330 - 564	–	346 - 596	16 - 32
Picnic	Zero-Knowledge Proof/MPC	Signature	16 - 32	32 - 64	13,802 - 209,506	–	–

POST-QUANTUM STANDARDS



NIST PQC Evaluation & Standardization Timeline



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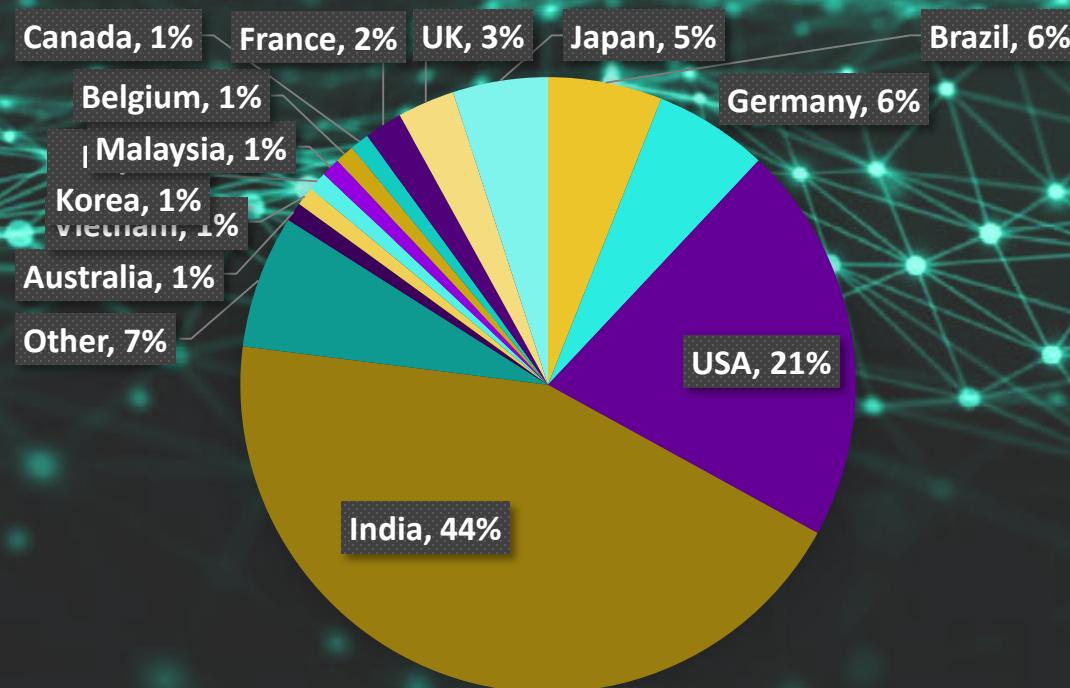
Migration Challenge & Crypto Agility

Hypothetical 15-year View For PQ Crypto



Learning from the past

- Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4) has been around since **1981**
- In **1998**, IPv6 became a Draft Standard for the IETF
- **49 countries deliver more than 5% of traffic over IPv6**, with new countries joining all the time.
- Alexa Top Million Websites: **17% with working IPv6**



Lessons Learned

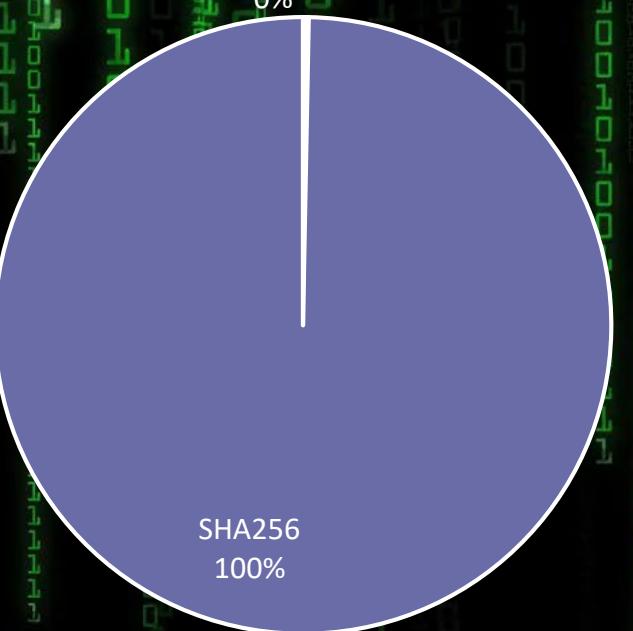
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Certificate Signature Algorithms



NIST ON CRYPTO-AGILITY

“As the replacements for currently standardized public key algorithms are not yet ready, a focus on **maintaining crypto agility is imperative**.

Until new quantum-resistant algorithms are standardized,
agencies should continue to use
the recommended algorithms currently specified in NIST standards.”

- “Report on Post-Quantum Cryptography”, NIST, April 2016

What is Crypto Agility?

USERS

Employees, Contractors, Military Personnel

PRODUCTS

VPNs, PKIs, IoT Devices, Vehicles, Apps

PROTOCOLS

TLS, IPsec, SSH, S/MIME, Signal

CRYPTOSYSTEMS

RSA, ECC, DH

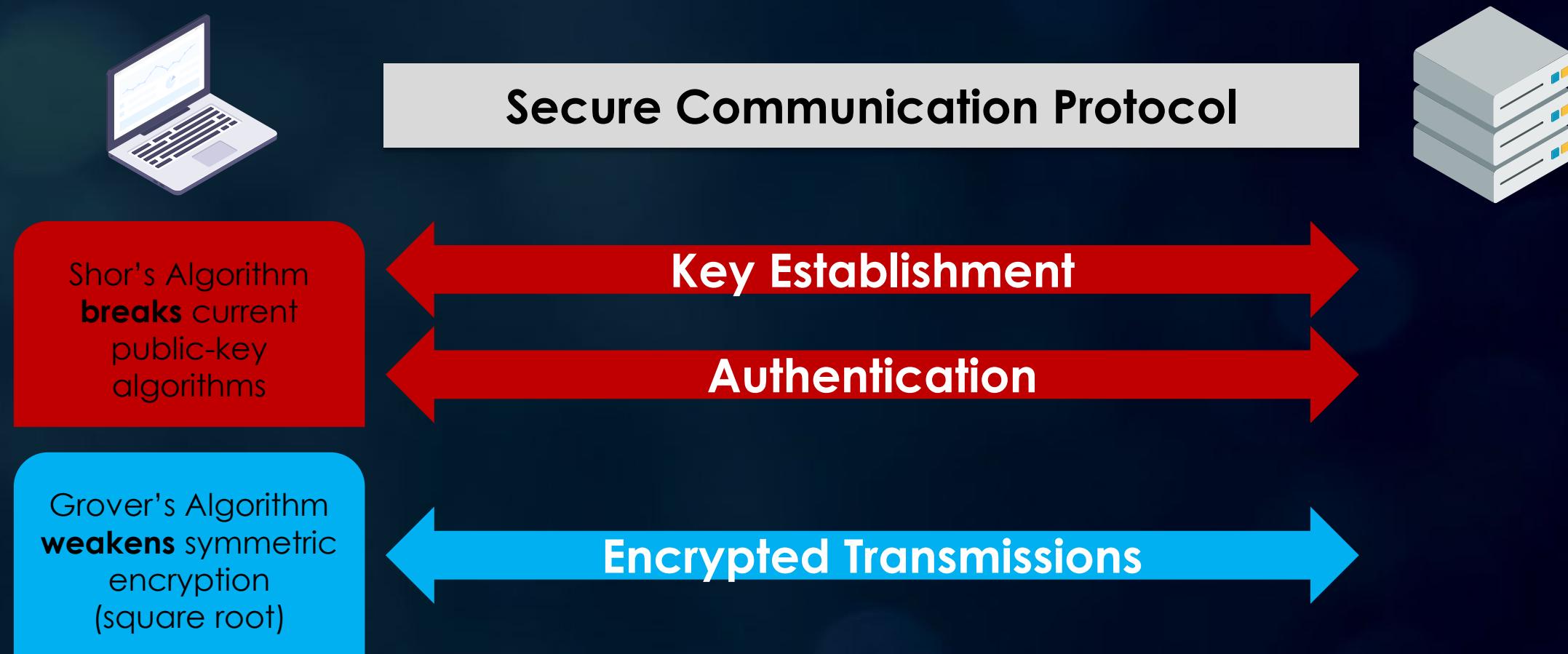
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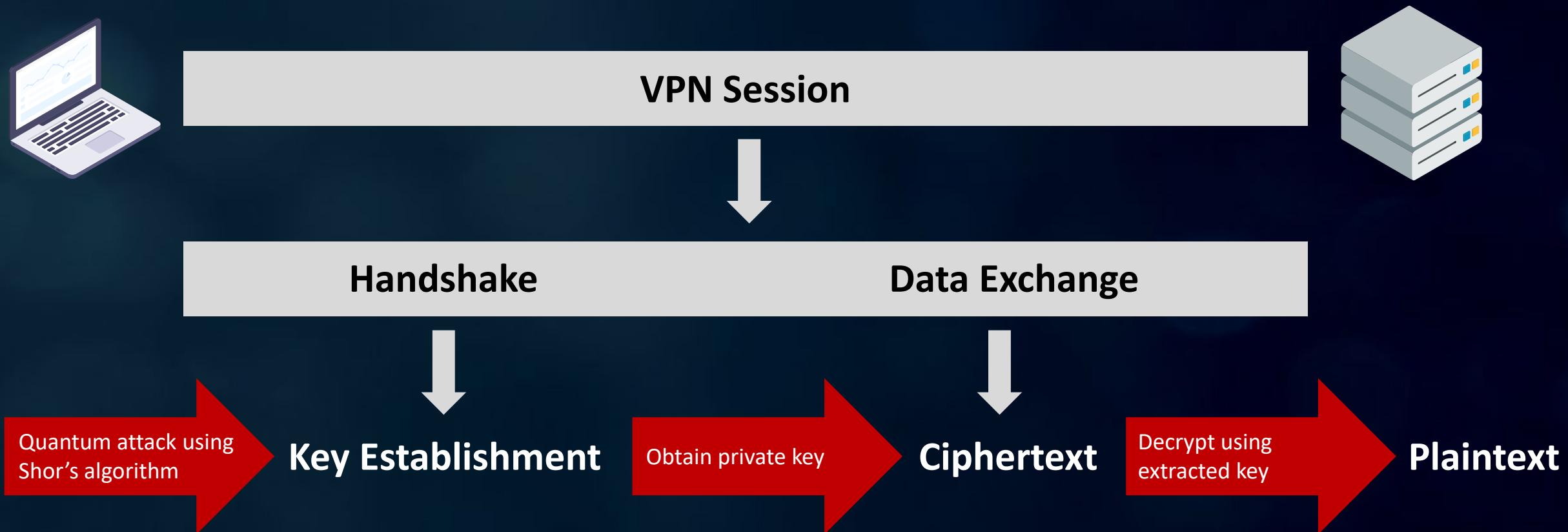
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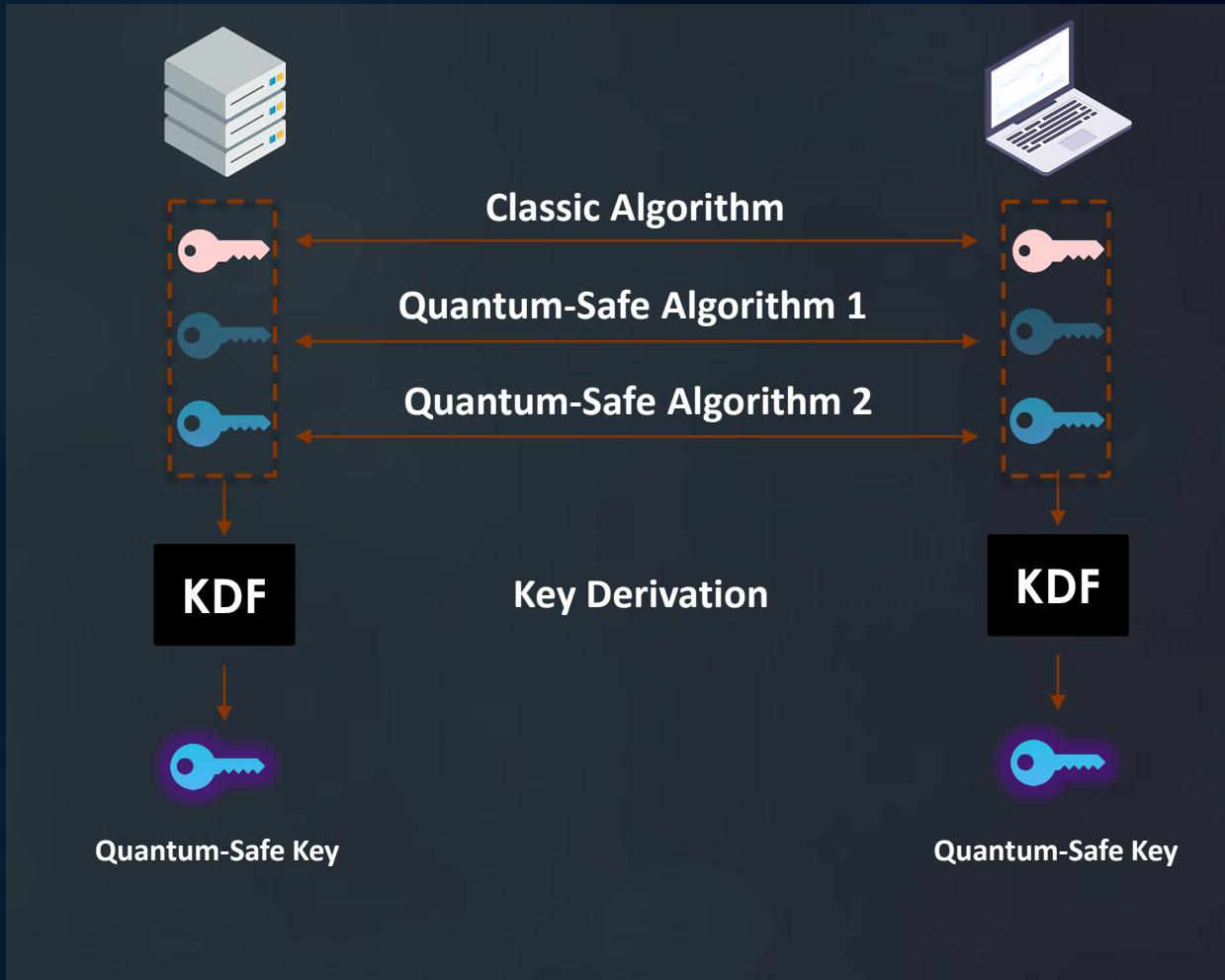
HOW ARE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS VULNERABLE?



A HARVEST & DECRYPT ATTACK ON VPN



HYBRID KEY ESTABLISHMENT



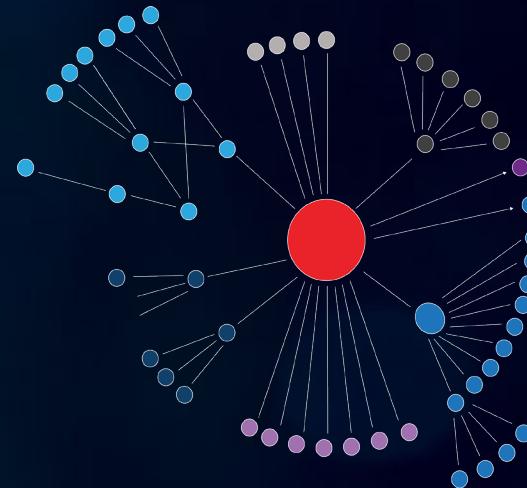
THE MIGRATION CHALLENGE

KEY ESTABLISHMENT vs AUTHENTICATION



Key establishment can be **easily upgraded** because the client and server negotiate which algorithm to use.

- 1) Use quantum-safe **key transport** or **key agreement** algorithms
- 2) Use **hybrid keys**, a mix of both classic and quantum-safe algorithms



The **complexity and interconnectivity** of public key infrastructure demands action today in order to be ready for the quantum age, and difficult to do while maintaining backward compatibility.

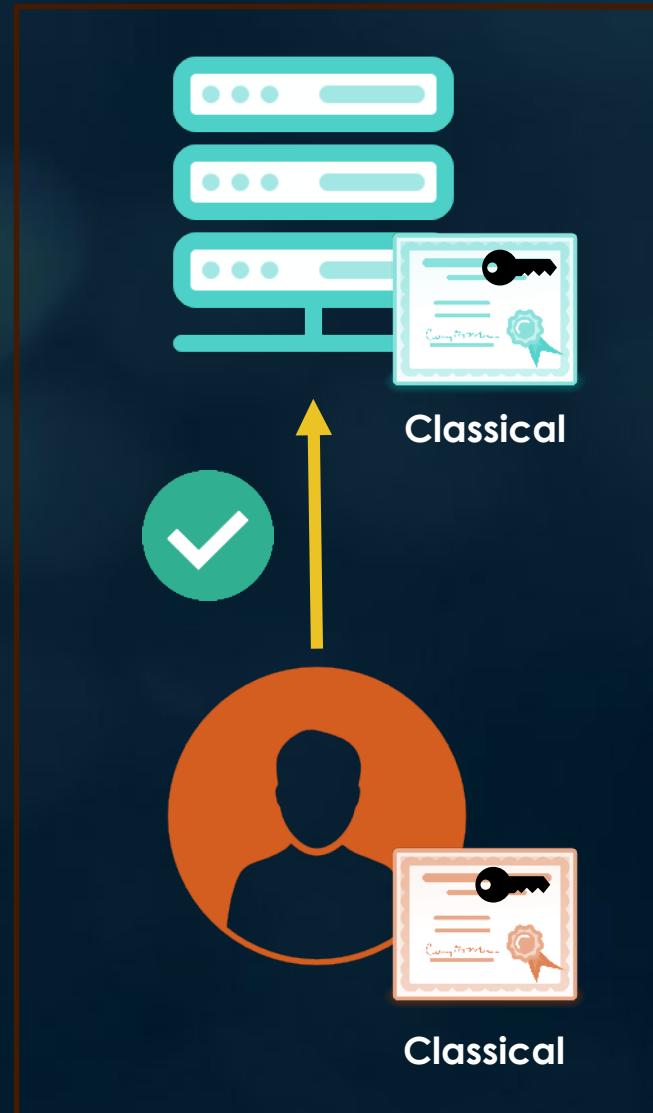
DoD PKI MIGRATION



There's more than
4.5 million active users
in the DoD identity
management system.

**Creating a quantum-safe duplicate
infrastructure is time-consuming
and cost prohibitive.**

Certificates Support a Single Algorithm



User/server needs to select
which certificate to use

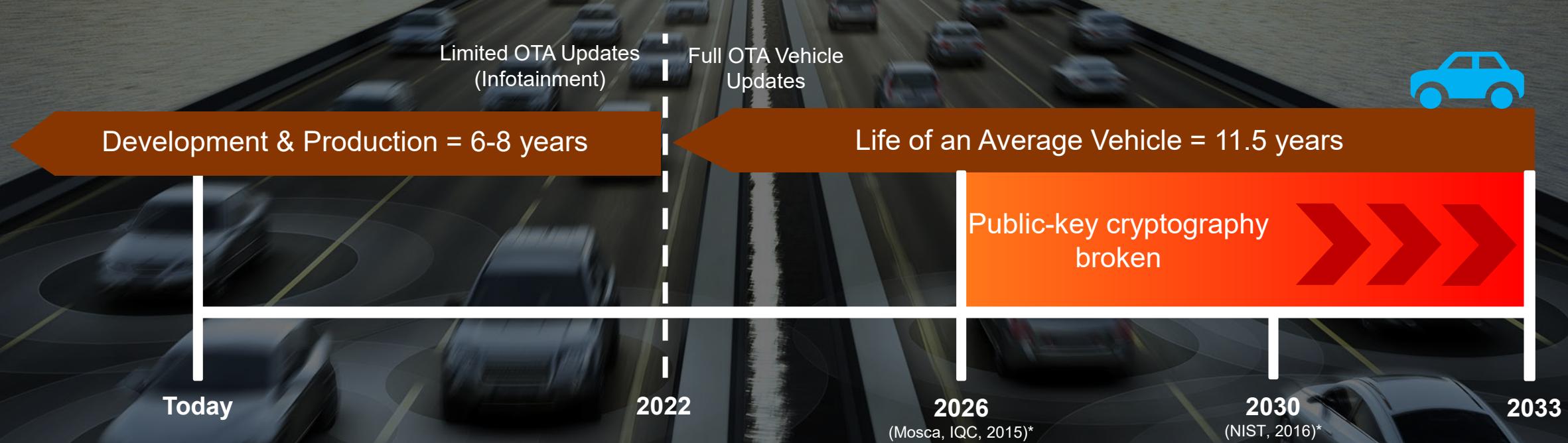
PKI management
costs increase

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Quantum-safe Roots of Trust and Code Signing



PRIORITIZING THE FIX FOR TOMORROW'S THREAT



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*NIST. April 2016. "Report on Post-Quantum Cryptography". <http://dx.doi.org/10.6028/NIST.IR.8105>

AUTHENTICATED SOFTWARE UPDATES



What's at risk?

Durable connected devices (IoT) **with long in-field lives** (i.e. connected cars, medical devices, satellites).

What's the attack?

Forged software updates: quantum-enabled adversaries will be able to sign software updates that appear authentic, injecting malicious code onto the device to take it over.

How to protect against it?

Physically embed stateful hash-based roots of trust today to avoid costly, logically challenging recalls in the future.

NIST on Stateful Hash-based Signatures (HBS)

- HBS schemes are good candidates for early standardization because they're trusted, mature, and well understood
- NIST is actively reviewing XMSS and LMS for early approval outside the Post-Quantum Standardization Process
- NIST is considering stateful HBS for specific use-cases, such as code-signing
- The security of an HBS scheme relies on the same basis as many current NIST-approved cryptographic algorithms and protocols, and no known quantum algorithms pose a practical threat

Stateful HBS Implementation Considerations in HSM

- If not implemented properly, stateful HBS are vulnerable to misuse
- Stateful HBS signing keys are strictly one time use only
- The full private key needs to be split up for 1) back up and 2) to reserve a part of it for revocation, all parts need to be managed completely independently
- The full tree, or a part of it, is often too large to fit in an HSM without using tree compression
- At run time a range of keys needs to be loaded but before any of them are used, they need to be marked as used up

Operational Implications When Using HBS

- The private key of a stateful HBS scheme is an “exhaustible” resource, so careful planning is required or you’ll run out of keys
- Signature size grows as the size of the private key grows
- Private key splitting and state management is not something the industry has had to deal with before
- For extremely high-value root keys that don’t produce many signatures during their validity a manual process for state management may be required

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Demo

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Verified by: DigiCert Inc.
Expires on: November 27, 2023

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Privacy & History

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Is this website storing information on my computer? No [Clear Cookies and Site Data](#)
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Find in Preferences

Firefox Data Collection and Use

Certificate Manager

Your Certificates People Servers Authorities

You have certificates on file that identify these certificate authorities

Certificate Name	Security Device
DigiCert Root CA	Software Security Device
▼ Digital Signature Trust Co.	
DST Root CA X3	Builtin Object Token
▼ Disig a.s.	
CA Disig Root R2	Builtin Object Token
▼ E-Tuğra EBG Bilişim Teknolojileri ve Hizmetleri A.Ş.	
E-Tugra Certification Authority	Builtin Object Token
▼ Entrust, Inc.	
Entrust Root Certification Authority	Builtin Object Token

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Certificate Manager

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General Details

Certificate Hierarchy

- DigiCert Root CA

Certificate Fields

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- Extensions
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 - Certificate Authority Key Identifier
 - Certificate Basic Constraints
 - Certificate Key Usage
 - Object Identifier (2 5 29 73)

Field Value

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- Object Identifier (2 5 29 74)
- Certificate Signature Algorithm
- Certificate Signature Value

Field Value

Not Critical
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c9 84 20 28 c3 ed 0e 46 ec ca 66 2e 7d ae b0 fa
3e ac 92 43 51 c1 4b fb 31 f8 fa c2 6f f8 63 65
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- Certificate Alt Signature Value
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- Certificate Signature Value

Field Value

Not Critical
Subject Alt Public Key Algorithm: HSS/LMS Signature
Subject Alt Public Key:
Size: 62 Bytes / 496 Bits
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c3 ed 0e 46 ec ca 66 2e 7d ae b0 fa 3e ac 92 43
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Conclusions

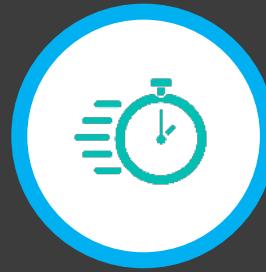


THE CHALLENGE

With increased connectivity, the scale of what needs to be updated also increases.



Maintain
Interoperability



Migrate Critical
Systems Faster



Reduce
Switching Costs

Summary of the Journey

- Identified long-lived devices as critical assets we need to protect today
- Selected a mature post-quantum algorithm suitable for this purpose
- Worked with Gemalto to implement HSS and XMSS on Luna7 HSM, including tree splitting, tree compression, and other state management strategies
- Updated operational procedures to include planning for exhaustible private key resource and private key state management across multiple key instances

Apply What You Have Learned Today

- Next week you should:
 - Conduct your own research on how large-scale quantum computing will impact public-key cryptography and how it will affect your business
- In the first three months following this presentation you should:
 - Perform an archeological expedition to understand how cryptography is used in your organization
 - Identify and prioritize high-value assets for migration
- Within six months you should:
 - Collaborate with your internal team to create a migration plan
 - Share your needs with key vendors to ensure their roadmap aligns

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