

A Lightweight McEliece Cryptosystem Co-processor Design

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What Media Have Said About the Coming of Quantum Computers

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Quantum computing could make the encryption behind every internet transaction obsolete—
someday





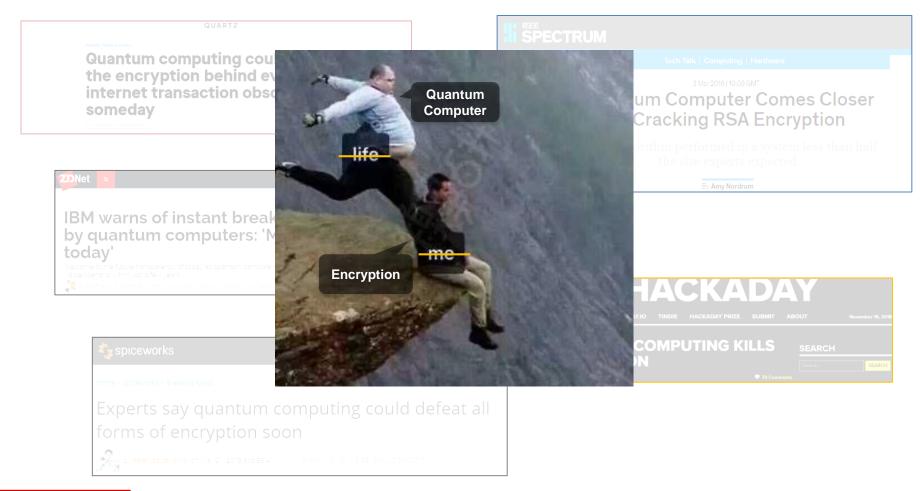








What Some Have Said About Quantum Computers







The Actual Situation Now

Who is considered as non-post-quantum secure?

Algorithm	Secure in Post-quantum Era?
RSA-1024, -2048, -4096	No
Elliptic Curve Crypto (ECC)-256, -521	No
Diffie-Hellman	No
ECC Diffie-Hellman	No
AES-128, -192	No





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Grover's algorithm

Shor's algorithm

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^{*} TechBeacon, Waiting for quantum computing: Why encryption has nothing to worry about, 2018



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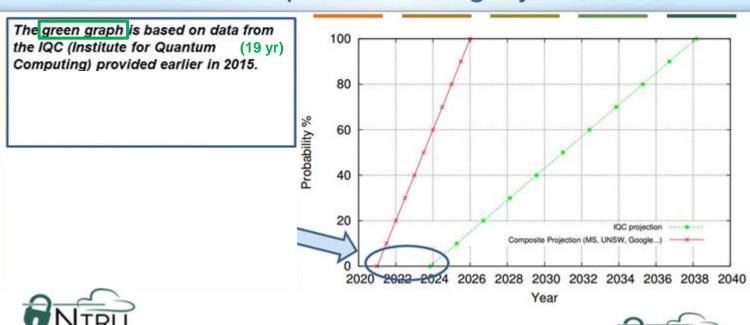




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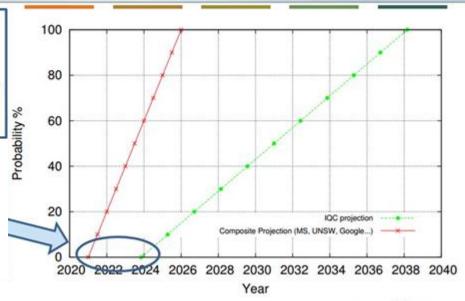


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The green graph is based on data from the IQC (Institute for Quantum (19 yr) Computing) provided earlier in 2015.
The red graph is based on data after significant breakthroughs were achieved (Microsoft, UNSW, IBM, Google, etc.) since the beginning of 2015. (7 yr)







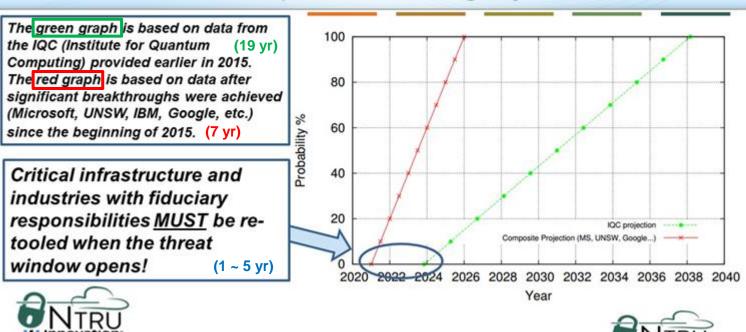




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- What do companies/institutes say?
 - Microsoft Research
 - 5 years



- NIST
 - 15 years







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Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization



Post-Quantum Cryptography [1]



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Official comments on the First Round Candidate Algorithms should be submitted using the "Submit Comment" link for the appropriate algorithm. Comments from the pqc-forum Google group subscribers will also be forwarded to the pqc-forum Google group list. We will periodically post and update the comments received to the appropriate algorithm.

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Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) Standardization

NIST

- Jan 2017 present
- Evaluating 69 (5 withdrawn)
 submissions of PQC,
 to bring up a standard

(just like AES or RSA):

- 21 lattice-based
- 18 code-based
- Some hash-based
- Some others

[1] Algorithm	Algorithm Information KAT files are included in zip file unless they were too large	Submitters	Comments
BIG QUAKE	Zip File (4MB) IP Statements Website	Alain Couvreur Magali Bardet Elise Barelli Olivier Blazy Rodolfo Canto-Torres Phillippe Gaborit Ayoub Otmani Nicolas Sendrier Jean-Pierre Tillich	Submit Comment View Comments
ВІКЕ	ZIP File (10MB) IP Statements Website	Nicolas Aragon Paulo Barreto Slim Bettaleb Loic Bidoux	Submit Comment View Comments
СЕРКМ	ZIP File (<1MB) IP Statements Website	O. Chakraborty JC. Faugere L. Perret	Submit Comment View Comments
Classic McEllece	Zip File (<1MB) KAT Files (26MB) IP Statements Website	Daniel J. Bernstein Tung Chou Tanja Lange Ingo von Maurich Rafael Misoczki Ruben Niederhagen Edoardo Persichetti Christiane Peters Peter Schwabe Nicolas Sendrier Jakub Szefer Wen Wang	Submit Comment View Comments
Compact LWE	Zip File (1MB) IP Statements Website	Dongxi Liu Nan Li Jongkil Kim Surya Nepal	Submit Comment View Comments

Submission deadline Nov 30, 2017. List updated Dec 20, 2018.





Why Code-based?

- 1. It has withstood the test of time
 - Published in 1978, 40 years of examination
- 2. The security reduction (hardness) is decoding of linear codes without knowing the encoding algorithm
 - NP-hard for quantum computers
- 3. Although:
 - Its key size is large: 1MB
 - Its decryption is highly parallel: easy for both good & bad guys





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$$k = \frac{1}{C}$$

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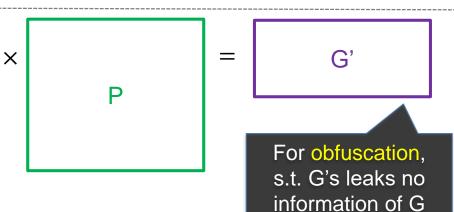
- Key Generation (Alice)
 - Pick two random matrices:
 - k×k non-singular binary matrix S:
 - n×n permutation binary matrix P:
 - Compute:

X

S

k×n matrix G' = S×G×P

G



S





- Key Generation
 - Public key (t, G'):
 - t, G'
 - Private key (S, G, P):
 - Remember G' = SxGxP

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P



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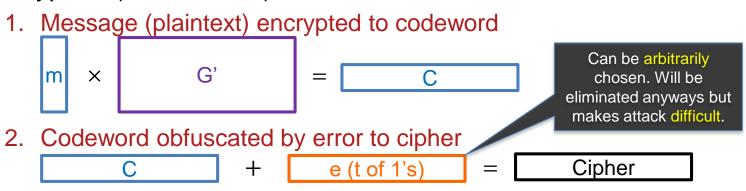
 m × G' = C

2. Codeword obfuscated by error to cipher

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C + e (t of 1's) = Cipher
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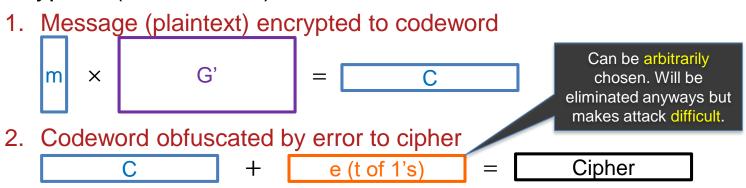


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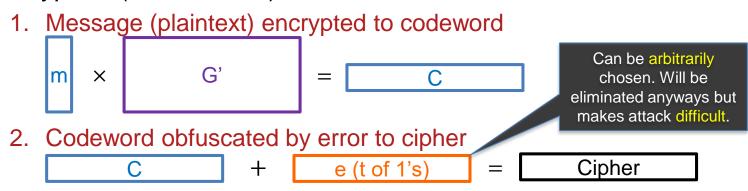


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 - 2) Err-correct (m \times S \times G + e') = m \times S
 - 3) $m \times S \times S^{-1} = m$





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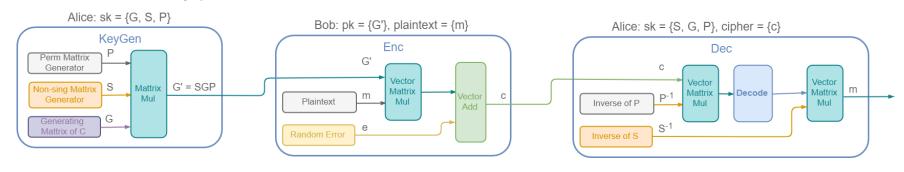
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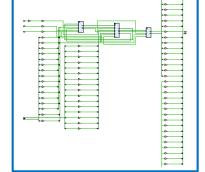
Attacker does not know: S, G, P
Thus he/she cannot compute:
S-1, Err-correct(e), P-1
Therefore, he/she does not know m





- Architecture
 - Key Generation
 - Encryption
 - Decryption









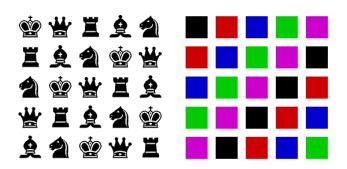
- Can we make it faster?
 - The original scheme uses binary Goppa codes
 - Encoding & decoding involves
 - Long polynomial division
 - Solving equations over finite fields
 - We propose using Orthogonal Latin Square Codes
 - Encoding & decoding involves
 - Binary operations only
 - Can be fully parallel





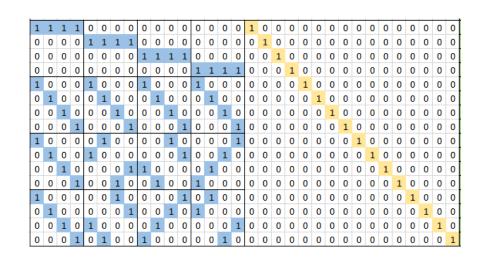
Orthogonal Latin Square Codes (OLSC)

Αα	Ву	Сδ	Dβ
Вβ	Αδ	Dy	Сα
Су	Dα	Αβ	Вδ
Dδ	Сβ	Βα	Αγ



- Information: q²
- Redundancy: 2mq
- Errors to correct: m

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \bullet & M_0 \\ M_1 \\ \dots \\ M_{2m-1} \end{array} I_{2mq} \\ \end{array}$$





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Precompute: S<sup>-1</sup>, P<sup>-1</sup> as the inverse to S,P respectively.

**C' ← cP<sup>-1</sup>

**U ← Hc' × H

**for i=0 to n

**M'<sub>i</sub> ← (u<sub>i</sub> > q/2)? ~ c'<sub>i</sub>: c'<sub>i</sub>

**M ← m'S<sup>-1</sup>
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return *m*



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Code	Time Complexity
Binary-Goppa	O(n ²)
OLSC	O(1)

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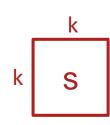
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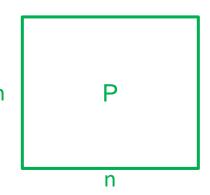


Recall that ...

- McEliece cryptosystem
 - Pick two random matrices:
 - k×k binary matrix S:
 - n×n binary permutation matrix P:
 - Compute:
 - k×n matrix G' = S×G×P











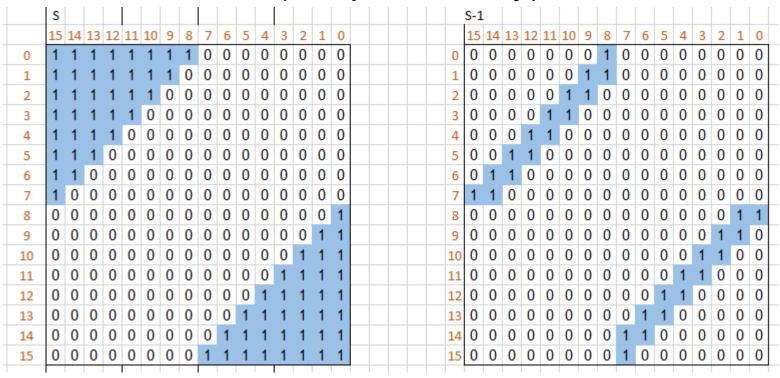
- G (the private key)
 - From a t= 2 double error-correcting OLSC code

	Generate				G																											
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2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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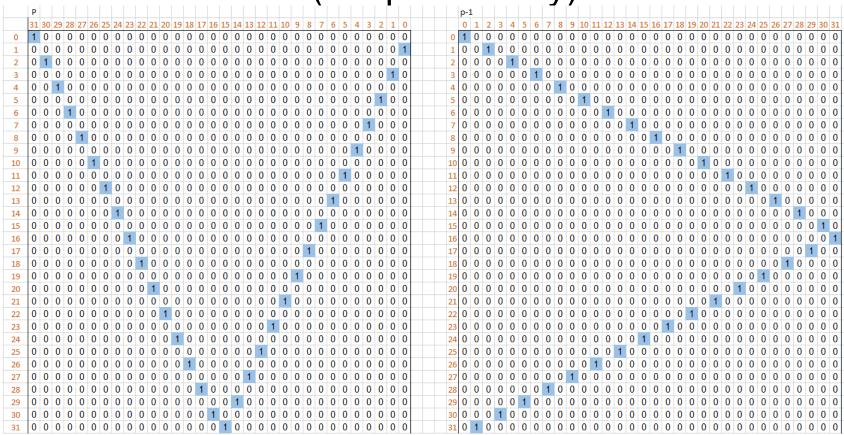
S and its inverse (the private key)







P and its inverse (the private key)







• $G' = S \times G \times P$ the public key

S*G*P = PK																																
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- Key Generation
 - Public key (t, G'): Alice to Bob

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$$t = 2$$
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- Private key (S, G, P): Alice to herself
 - Remember G' = SxGxP

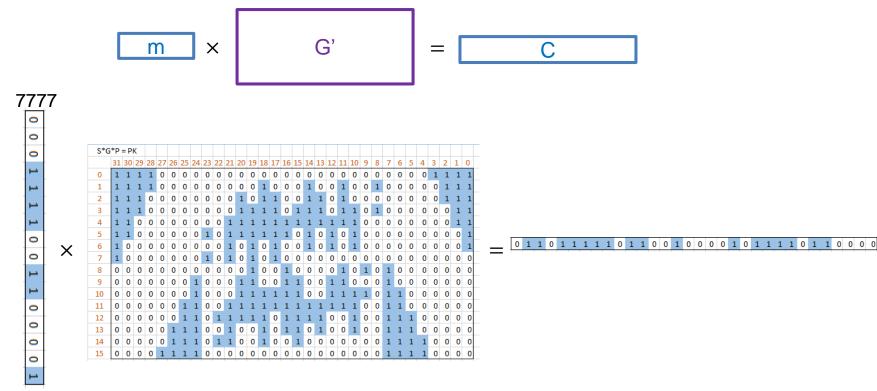
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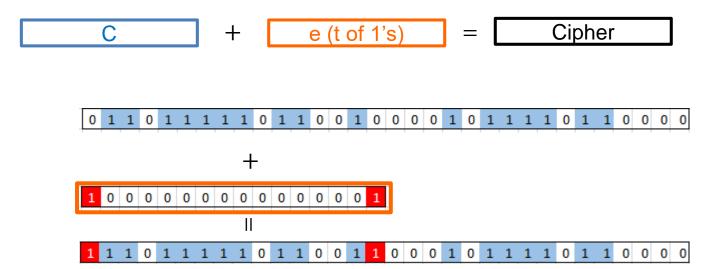
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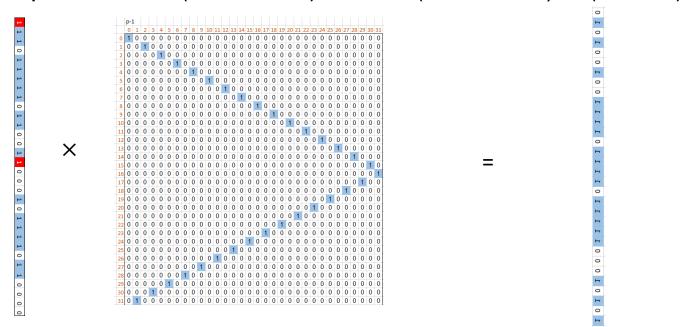




Decryption (Alice)

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(Remember G' = S \times G \times P)
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1) Cipher
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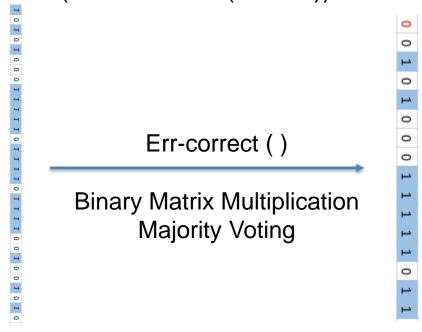




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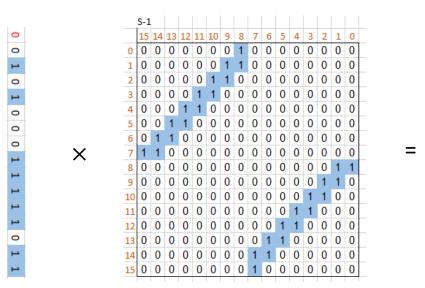


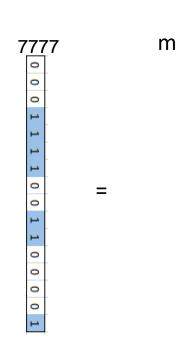


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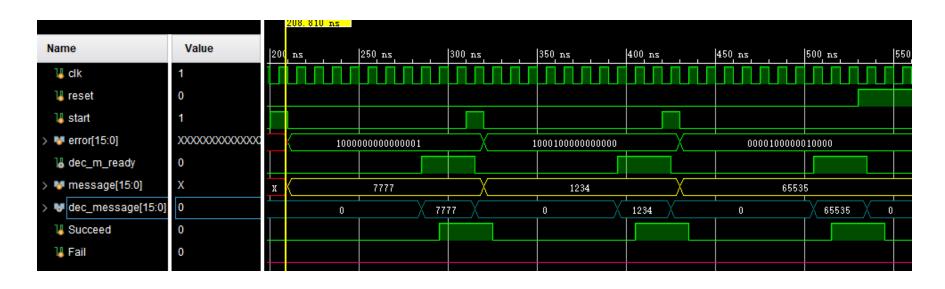
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S⁻¹, Err-correct(), P⁻¹
Therefore, he/she does not know m



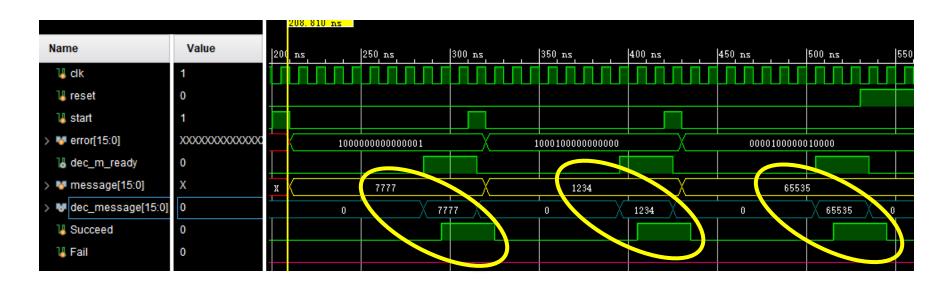


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Presentation Flow

- The problem of quantum computers coming real
- How pressing is the problem
- What can we do?
- Public-key systems for post-quantum era
 - Code-based encryption
 - Can we make it lighter & faster?
- Conclusion





What needs to be done?

- McEliece cryptosystem
 - Post-quantum secure key size:
 - $k \times n$ matrix G': k = 5413, n = 6960, t = 119
 - Key size: 1mb for 128-bit security (RSA usually 2048 bits)



- Crypto-analysis
 - Key space (G, S, P)
 - Decoding techniques





Any Questions?



