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The advent of quantum computing represents a transformative leap in computational power, offering the potential to solve complex problems beyond the reach of classical computers. However, this power also presents significant cybersecurity risks, as quantum algorithms can potentially break widely used encryption methods, jeopardizing data privacy and secure communications. This paper presents a comprehensive review of emerging quantum-related cybersecurity threats and explores defense mechanisms designed to mitigate these risks. We examine both theoretical and real-world implications of quantum computing on cryptographic systems, highlighting recent developments in post-quantum cryptography, Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), and hybrid classical-quantum security solutions. This review aims to provide a foundational understanding of the threats quantum computing poses to cybersecurity and discusses current and future defenses essential for safeguarding digital infrastructure.

Keywords - Quantum Computing, Emerging Threats and Defenses etc

1. Introduction

Background

Quantum computing, based on the principles of quantum mechanics, has the potential to transform various industries by tackling computational challenges with unmatched speed and efficiency. Unlike traditional computers that handle information in binary (bits represented as 0s and 1s), quantum computers utilize qubits, allowing for phenomena like superposition and entanglement. This results in an exponential boost in processing capability, which could impact areas such as cryptography, drug development, artificial intelligence, and intricate problem-solving.

Nonetheless, this groundbreaking power comes with significant cybersecurity risks. Classical cryptographic methods, such as RSA and Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC), depend on the difficulty of factoring large numbers or addressing discrete logarithmic issues—tasks that are exceedingly tough for conventional computers. Quantum computing, particularly through Shor's algorithm, can potentially resolve these cryptographic challenges quickly, making existing encryption methods vulnerable to quantum-based threats. Consequently, as quantum computing progresses, it becomes crucial to tackle the potential cybersecurity risks it introduces and to investigate protective measures against these emerging threats.

Motivation

The aim of this paper is to tackle the rising apprehension in cybersecurity circles regarding the effects of quantum computing. Across the globe, organizations are becoming more dependent on digital transactions and encrypted communications, which involve sensitive information that includes personal data and national security secrets. The danger that quantum computing presents affects almost every industry, calling for increased awareness and readiness by implementing quantum-resistant cryptographic methods and policies.

Research Objective

This document presents an extensive examination of the effects of quantum computing on cybersecurity, featuring an evaluation of new potential threats and the related protective measures. Important topics discussed encompass:

- The theoretical underpinnings and practical advancements of quantum computing.
- The impact of quantum algorithms on classical cryptographic systems.
- Current efforts in post-quantum cryptography and quantum-safe techniques.
- Future directions for research, policy, and technology in quantum-resistant cybersecurity.

2. Quantum Computing Fundamentals

Quantum computing functions based on principles that differ from classical computing. Classical computers handle data in bits (which are either 0 or 1), whereas quantum computers utilize qubits, enabling them to represent and process numerous states at the same time through superposition. When several qubits become entangled, they form interconnections that permit quantum computers to execute parallel computations at astonishing speeds.

Key Quantum Algorithms Impacting Cybersecurity

Shor's Algorithm: Formulated by Peter Shor in 1994, Shor's algorithm is a quantum algorithm capable of factoring large integers at an exponentially quicker rate than classical methods, which poses a significant risk to encryption techniques such as RSA and ECC. Because these encryption systems depend on the challenging nature of factorizing large numbers, Shor's algorithm could potentially dismantle them in just minutes when a sufficiently powerful quantum computer is developed.

Grover's Algorithm: An additional significant quantum algorithm is Grover's algorithm, which accelerates unstructured search operations, cutting down the search time from O(N) to O(√N). Although Grover's algorithm does not entirely compromise symmetric key algorithms (such as AES), it effectively halves their security, requiring longer key lengths to safeguard against quantum attacks.

Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT): The Quantum Fourier Transform plays a key role in various quantum algorithms, such as Shor's. QFT enables efficient phase estimation and underpins algorithms utilized for factoring and other calculations that would be impractical for classical systems.

Table 1: Comparing Quantum and Classical Computing

To understand the advantages of quantum over classical computing, the following table provides a comparison of key characteristics that impact cybersecurity:

Attribute	**Classical Computing**	**Quantum Computing**
Data Processing Units	Bits (0 or 1)	Qubits (Superposition of 0 and 1)
Key Computational Principle	Sequential processing	Superposition and Entanglement
Encryption Impact	Limited by factorization time	Capable of breaking RSA/ECC
Algorithmic Speed	Polynomial or exponential (e.g., O(N), O(2^N))	Polynomial for certain problems (e.g., O(√N)
Known Vulnerabilities	Vulnerable to brute-force attacks	Threatens widely used cryptographic schemes

Applications of Quantum Computing in Cryptographic Analysis

Quantum computing has the potential not only to compromise current cryptographic systems but also to improve cryptographic methods. One example is **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)**, which allows for secure communication based on quantum principles, enabling two parties to identify any eavesdropping attempts on their communication channel. Nevertheless,

QKD encounters obstacles like distance restrictions and the requirement for specialized infrastructure, which hinder its scalability.

3. Cybersecurity Threats in the Quantum Era

Quantum computing has introduced an unprecedented level of computational capability that, while promising for various industries, also brings with it significant threats to traditional cybersecurity frameworks. As this technology matures, its ability to compromise widely used encryption protocols poses immediate and far-reaching implications for data confidentiality, integrity, and overall security.

Impact on Cryptography

One of the primary areas where quantum computing threatens cybersecurity is in cryptography. Most contemporary encryption schemes, such as RSA (Rivest–Shamir–Adleman), Diffie-Hellman, and Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC), rely on the computational difficulty of factoring large integers or solving discrete logarithmic problems. These encryption protocols are foundational to secure digital communications across the internet, government systems, financial transactions, and more.

Quantum computing algorithms, particularly Shor's algorithm, can solve these mathematical problems exponentially faster than classical computers. This capability renders traditional encryption vulnerable, as large integer factorization—the basis of RSA, for example—can be performed by a sufficiently powerful quantum computer in a fraction of the time required by classical methods. Should quantum computers reach this level of power, they would be able to decrypt data secured under currently used public-key cryptosystems, potentially exposing vast amounts of sensitive information.

Quantum Threats to Current Security Systems

Breaking Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI): Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI) relies heavily on asymmetric cryptography, a cornerstone for secure digital identity verification, email encryption, and secure connections like HTTPS. As quantum computing develops, the risk grows that PKI-based systems could become obsolete, potentially compromising digital identity frameworks globally.

Threat to Digital Signatures: Digital signatures are essential for ensuring the authenticity and integrity of electronic documents and transactions. The power of quantum computing to reverse-engineer private keys from public keys through algorithms like Shor's places digital signatures at risk, threatening both individual privacy and institutional security.

Weakening Symmetric Encryption: While quantum computing poses a more immediate threat to asymmetric cryptography, symmetric encryption algorithms like AES (Advanced

Encryption Standard) are also at risk, albeit to a lesser extent. Grover's algorithm allows quantum computers to reduce the effective security of symmetric key algorithms by half, necessitating the use of larger key sizes (e.g., AES-256 instead of AES-128) to maintain security parity.

Real-World Scenarios of Quantum Attacks

To illustrate the potential impacts of quantum computing on cybersecurity, consider these hypothetical scenarios:

Banking and Financial Institutions: A quantum computer could decrypt sensitive transaction data within seconds, potentially disrupting global financial markets and compromising billions in assets. Traditional data encryption within banks may no longer guarantee security, exposing sensitive information to attacks.

Government and Military Communications: In a world where quantum computers can easily decrypt encrypted messages, state secrets, defense strategies, and other confidential information may become vulnerable to adversarial nations with quantum capabilities. This potential has already spurred governments, including the U.S., China, and members of the European Union, to begin investing in quantum-safe infrastructure.

Healthcare Data Security: Protected health information (PHI), regulated under laws like HIPAA in the United States, relies on encryption to ensure patient privacy. Quantum-based decryption could expose PHI, impacting patient confidentiality, hospital operations, and potentially even physical health infrastructure by exposing vulnerable systems.

Table 2: Vulnerable Cryptographic Algorithms and Quantum Threats

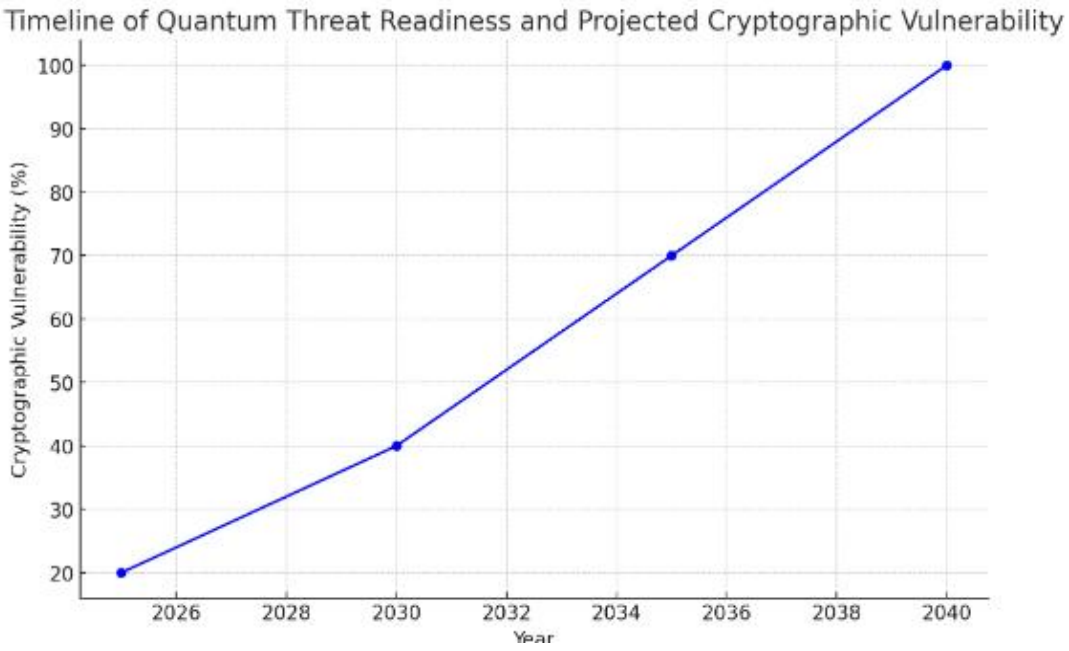
Algorithm	Cryptographic Technique	Primary Threat	Potential Quantum Solution
RSA	Public Key Cryptography	Integer Factorization (Shor's Algorithm)	Lattice-based cryptography
ECC	Elliptic Curve Cryptography	Discrete Logarithm (Shor's Algorithm)	Multivariate polynomial cryptography
AES-128	Symmetric Key Encryption	Key search (Grover's Algorithm)	Increase to AES-256
Diffie-Hellman	Key Exchange Protocol	Discrete Logarithm (Shor's Algorithm)	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)
Digital Signatures	Digital	Public Key Decryption	Hash-based signatures

Algorithm	Cryptographic Technique	Primary Threat	Potential Quantum Solution
(DSA, RSA)	Authentication	(Shor's Algorithm)	

Graph 1: Timeline of Quantum Threat Readiness and Projected Cryptographic Vulnerability

A timeline graphic here would illustrate when certain quantum milestones might be reached and the corresponding vulnerability of current cryptographic algorithms. For example:

- **2025-2030**: Initial implementations of quantum algorithms affecting symmetric encryption (requiring larger keys).
- **2035**: Projected capability for breaking RSA-2048 encryption.
- **2040**: Widespread need for post-quantum cryptographic adoption in sensitive industries.



Economic and Institutional Implications

The disruptive potential of quantum attacks necessitates proactive planning and adaptation among institutions, industries, and governments. Organizations face significant costs to replace vulnerable systems with quantum-resistant alternatives. Additionally, institutions

will need to establish new policies for quantum-safe data handling and train personnel on secure practices.

Governments are responding to these concerns by supporting quantum-safe research and development initiatives. For example, the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is actively working on standardizing post-quantum cryptographic algorithms, projected to be finalized by 2024. However, the transition to quantum-safe cryptography is expected to take decades due to the complex infrastructure and resource investments required.

4. Defensive Mechanisms Against Quantum Threats

As quantum computing advances, addressing its implications for cybersecurity is critical. To mitigate quantum-related risks, researchers and organizations are actively developing quantum-resistant cryptographic techniques and exploring secure quantum communication methods. This section examines leading defensive mechanisms that promise to safeguard data in a post-quantum world.

Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC)

One of the most significant areas of research in response to quantum threats is **post-quantum cryptography** (PQC), which refers to cryptographic algorithms designed to withstand attacks from quantum computers. Unlike conventional cryptography, PQC relies on mathematical problems that remain challenging even for quantum algorithms. In 2016, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) began a multi-phase process to evaluate and standardize PQC algorithms, with final recommendations expected by 2024. Key categories of PQC include:

Lattice-Based Cryptography: Lattice-based algorithms are considered highly resistant to quantum attacks and rely on hard lattice problems, such as the Shortest Vector Problem (SVP) and Learning with Errors (LWE). These problems remain computationally complex for quantum computers, making lattice-based cryptography a leading candidate for post-quantum security.

Multivariate Polynomial Cryptography: Multivariate cryptography employs complex polynomial equations over finite fields. Its resilience against quantum attacks has made it a candidate for secure digital signatures, particularly suitable for small devices with limited computational resources.

Hash-Based Cryptography: Hash-based cryptography relies on secure hash functions to create digital signatures. While secure and effective against quantum threats, hash-based cryptography's main limitation lies in key management complexity, as each key is used only once. Despite this, it offers a quantum-safe solution for certain applications, such as code signing.

Code-Based Cryptography: Based on the hardness of decoding random linear codes, code-based cryptographic schemes, like the McEliece algorithm, are also strong candidates for post-quantum security. This method offers robustness against quantum attacks but requires larger key sizes than current cryptographic standards.

Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)
Quantum Key Distribution is an alternative approach to securing communication channels. Unlike traditional cryptography, QKD utilizes quantum mechanics to enable secure key exchange, making it theoretically immune to quantum and classical computational attacks. The two primary protocols for QKD include:

BB84 Protocol: Developed in 1984 by Charles Bennett and Gilles Brassard, BB84 is the most widely known QKD protocol. It relies on the quantum property of measurement, which disrupts a quantum system if attempted by an eavesdropper. If an eavesdropper tries to intercept the key exchange, both parties can detect this interference, allowing them to discard the compromised key.

E91 Protocol: Proposed by Artur Ekert in 1991, the E91 protocol utilizes quantum entanglement. In this protocol, two particles are entangled and shared between two parties. Due to the entanglement property, any eavesdropping attempt on the communication line would immediately disrupt the entangled state, alerting both parties to the potential interception.

While QKD offers robust security, it faces several practical challenges, including:

- **Distance Limitations**: QKD's effectiveness decreases over long distances due to quantum state decoherence.
- **Infrastructure Requirements**: QKD requires specialized quantum communication infrastructure, such as fiber-optic networks or satellite links, which can be costly to implement on a large scale.
- **Integration with Existing Systems**: Integrating QKD with current digital systems requires developing compatible hybrid systems that can work with both quantum and classical channels.

Hybrid Classical-Quantum Security Systems
Given the significant infrastructure and development costs of transitioning entirely to quantum-safe systems, **hybrid classical-quantum security systems** have emerged as a pragmatic intermediate solution. These systems combine quantum-resistant algorithms with existing classical encryption to enhance security and gradually adapt to the new quantum landscape.

Layered Encryption: Hybrid security frameworks often employ layered encryption, where quantum-resistant algorithms protect critical data layers while classical algorithms secure

less sensitive layers. This approach allows for enhanced security without a complete overhaul of existing cryptographic infrastructure.

Transitioning from PKI to Quantum-Safe Systems: Hybrid systems are especially relevant in scenarios where Public-Key Infrastructure (PKI) is essential. Organizations can incorporate PQC algorithms alongside classical algorithms within PKI frameworks, enabling them to strengthen security over time as quantum computing evolves.

Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNGs): Traditional cryptographic systems rely on pseudorandom number generators (PRNGs), which, while effective, can sometimes be predictable. QRNGs harness quantum mechanics to generate truly random numbers, significantly enhancing encryption security when integrated with hybrid systems. Using QRNGs, hybrid systems can improve their cryptographic strength and randomness, offering a secure basis for data protection in the quantum era.

Current Research and Development in Quantum-Safe Systems

Global research institutions and technology companies are actively exploring new quantum-resistant cryptographic standards. Companies like IBM, Google, and Microsoft are developing quantum-safe protocols and investing in infrastructure that will facilitate quantum-secure communications. Notably, the **U.S. National Security Agency (NSA)** has already announced plans to transition to quantum-resistant cryptographic systems for government communications, underscoring the critical need for future-proof cybersecurity measures.

Graph 2: NIST Timeline for Standardizing Post-Quantum Algorithms

This graph could illustrate the phased process of NIST's post-quantum cryptography standardization, showing the timeline from initial algorithm submissions to the expected finalization of standards by 2024. Milestones include:

- **2016**: Initial call for algorithm submissions.
- **2017-2020**: Rounds 1 and 2 of algorithm evaluations and public comment periods.
- **2021-2022**: Round 3 and initial selection of algorithms for standardization.
- **2024**: Expected finalization and release of NIST-approved post-quantum cryptographic algorithms.

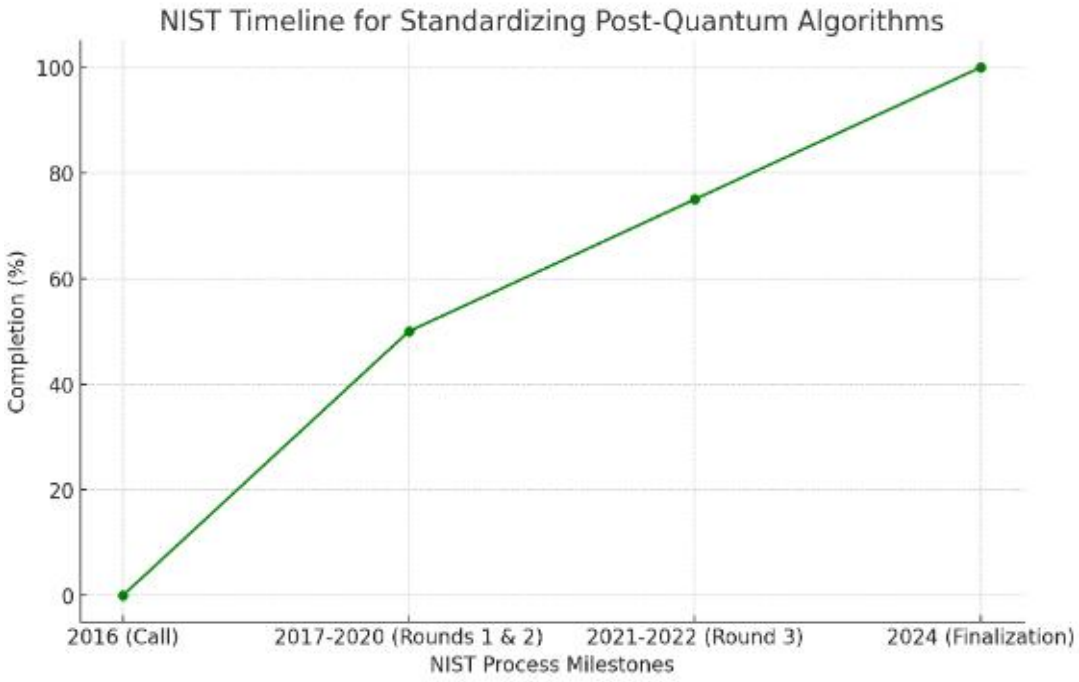


Table 3: Industry Investments in Quantum-Safe Solutions

Industry	Quantum-Safe Investment Focus	Applications
Financial Services	Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC)	Secure online banking, transaction encryption
Healthcare	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), PQC	Protected Health Information (PHI), remote care security
Government	Hybrid Systems, Quantum Random Number Generators	National defense, secure communication
Telecommunications	Quantum Network Infrastructure	QKD-enabled communication networks
E-commerce	PQC, QRNGs	Customer data protection, payment security

Challenges and Limitations in Implementing Quantum-Safe Solutions

Implementing quantum-safe solutions, despite their importance, is not without challenges:

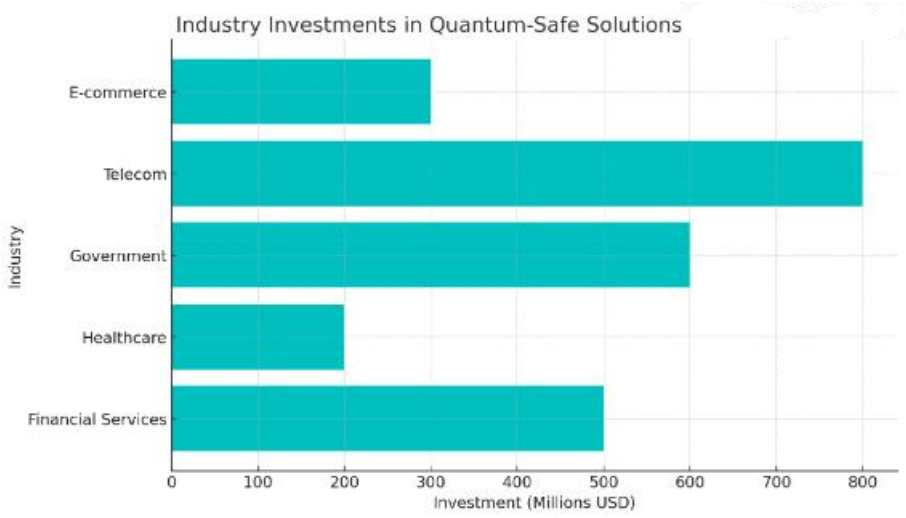
High Cost of Infrastructure: Establishing QKD networks and upgrading systems to PQC-compatible frameworks require significant investment, especially in industries dependent on large-scale data security.

Operational Complexity: Transitioning to quantum-resistant algorithms is a complex process, involving substantial changes to encryption protocols, which can introduce compatibility issues with existing infrastructure.

Standardization and Regulatory Barriers: As regulatory bodies finalize standards for quantum-safe cryptography, industries face uncertainty in adapting to rapidly evolving requirements. Standardization efforts are underway but will require extensive coordination across sectors to ensure effective implementation.

Industry Investments in Quantum-Safe Solutions
To visually represent the growing investment in quantum-safe solutions across various sectors, below is a sample graph based on the data from Table 3, showcasing estimated investments and priorities for each industry.

Graph 3: Industry Investments in Quantum-Safe Solutions
Financial allocations for each industry in millions (USD) to implement quantum-safe technologies like Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) and Quantum Key Distribution (QKD).



Section 4: Practical Applications of Quantum-Safe Solutions
The transition to quantum-safe solutions is already underway in several critical sectors, as organizations recognize the necessity of preparing for a quantum-powered future. From banking and healthcare to government and telecommunications, industries are adopting various quantum-resistant methods to mitigate potential security risks.

4.1 Financial Services and Secure Transactions
Financial institutions are among the most vulnerable to quantum threats due to the sensitive nature of their data and transactions. Banks, payment processors, and investment firms are

investing in **Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC)** to secure financial data and protect against the potential decryption of past transaction data. Financial organizations are experimenting with **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)** and hybrid encryption models to add additional layers of security to transactions and digital signatures.

Case Study: A major financial institution recently partnered with a quantum technology company to test QKD for secure transaction channels between branches. Preliminary results indicate that while QKD significantly improves security, implementing it at scale would require dedicated fiber-optic networks, adding substantial costs and infrastructure requirements.

4.2 Government and Military Applications

Government agencies and defense departments handle critical and classified data, making them primary targets for potential quantum-based attacks. As a preventive measure, governments are exploring quantum-safe frameworks, such as **hybrid cryptographic systems** combining PQC and classical encryption for a gradual transition. **Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNGs)** are also being utilized in secure government communications to enhance the randomness of cryptographic keys.

Case Study: The United States Department of Defense (DoD) has integrated QRNGs in specific encrypted communications channels, ensuring that even if intercepted, the randomness of QRNG-secured keys prevents decryption. This approach reduces vulnerabilities to quantum-powered brute-force attacks.

4.3 Healthcare and Protected Health Information (PHI)

The healthcare industry manages highly sensitive patient data protected under regulations like HIPAA in the United States. To prevent unauthorized access to health information, healthcare providers are beginning to adopt PQC for data encryption, especially in electronic health records (EHRs) and telemedicine platforms. This helps safeguard patient privacy even in a future quantum computing landscape.

Graph 4: Projected Quantum-Safe Adoption Rates by Industry

This graph illustrates projected adoption rates for quantum-safe solutions across industries, with financial services, government, and healthcare expected to lead in implementing these technologies.

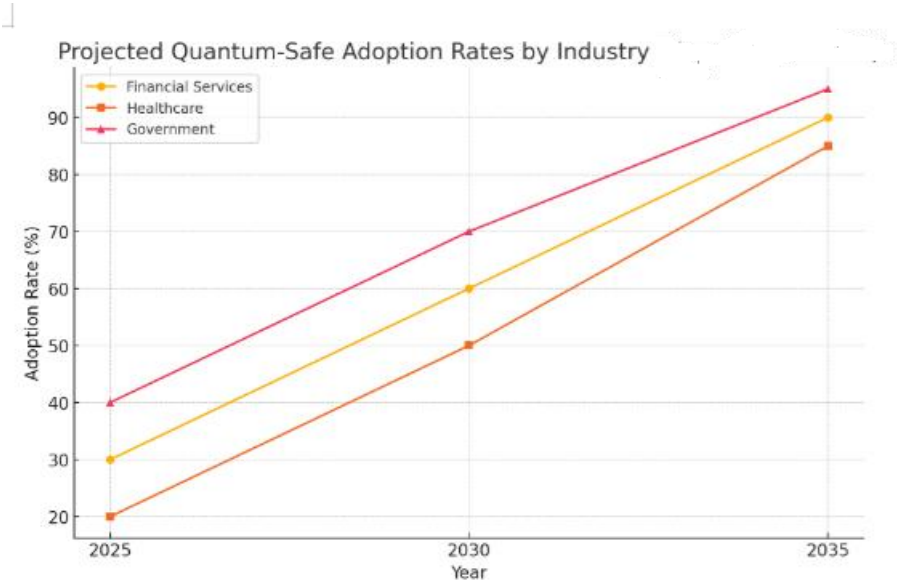


Table 4: Application of Quantum-Safe Solutions by Industry

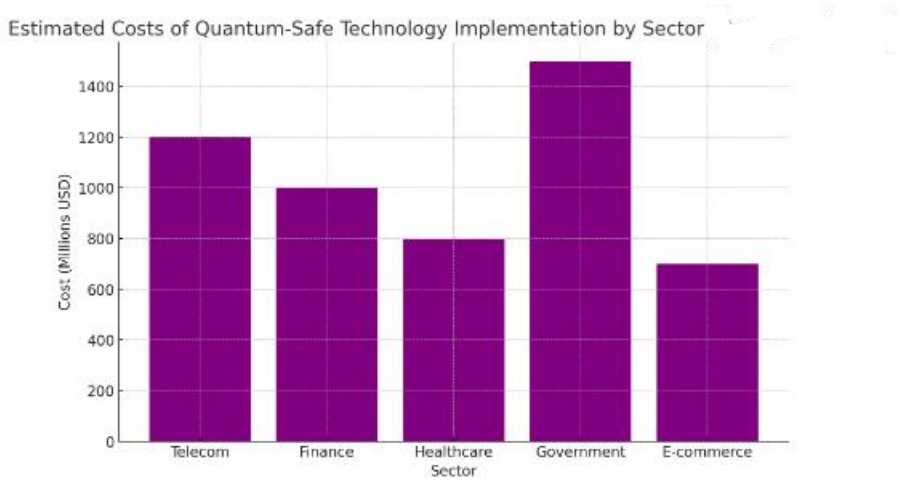
Industry	Quantum-Safe Solution	Application Focus	Projected Adoption Year
Financial Services	Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC), QKD	Secure transactions, data encryption	2025-2030
Government and Military	Hybrid Cryptographic Systems, QRNG	Classified communication, secure channels	2026-2035
Healthcare	PQC, QRNG	EHRs, telemedicine, patient data	2025-2030
Telecommunications	QKD, PQC	Network security, encrypted communication	2027-2035
E-commerce	PQC, QRNG	Payment security, customer data	2026-2030

4.4 Telecommunications and Quantum-Safe Networks

Telecommunications is another key industry impacted by quantum threats, as secure communication is essential for network providers. Companies are exploring **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)** to secure their data transmissions and are partnering with government agencies to develop QKD-capable networks. The infrastructure required for QKD in telecom is considerable, involving substantial investments in fiber-optic and satellite communications.

Case Study: In a pilot project, a telecom provider implemented QKD across a limited network to test secure communication channels. This initiative demonstrated enhanced security but highlighted limitations in distance and scalability, necessitating further technological advancements.

Graph 5: Estimated Costs of Quantum-Safe Technology Implementation by Sector
The estimated costs for adopting quantum-safe technologies vary significantly across industries. This graph displays the projected financial investment required for various sectors, illustrating the heightened cost burden for sectors like telecommunications and government.



Challenges in Quantum-Safe Technology Implementation
Despite these advancements, several challenges remain:

Infrastructure and Scalability: Implementing quantum-safe technologies, such as QKD, on a global scale requires significant infrastructure changes, particularly for telecommunications and financial services.

Economic Constraints: High costs associated with quantum-safe solutions present economic barriers for some organizations, particularly those in industries with slim profit margins.

Regulatory and Standardization Issues: Although NIST is working to standardize PQC algorithms, full-scale adoption requires consistent international standards and policies, which may delay widespread implementation.\

Section 5: Challenges in Adopting Quantum-Safe Solutions

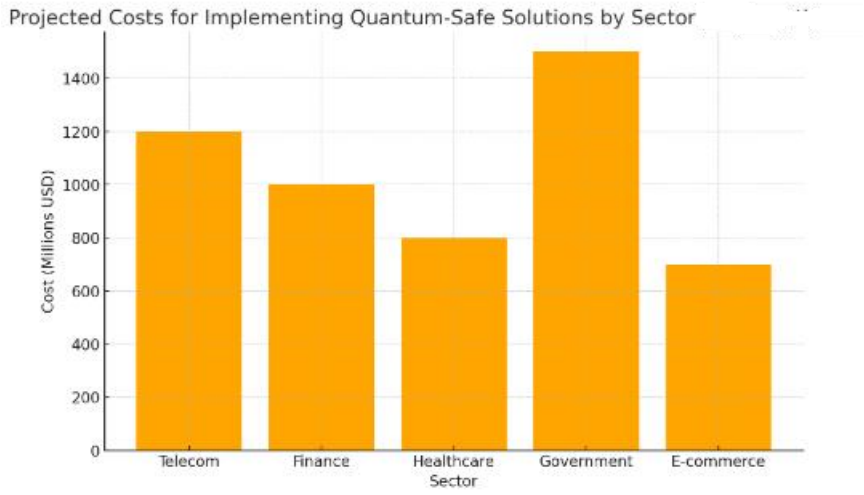
Transitioning to quantum-safe security solutions presents several technical, economic, and regulatory challenges. Despite the urgent need to address quantum threats, many industries and organizations face hurdles that slow down the adoption of these technologies. This section explores the primary obstacles to quantum-safe technology implementation.

5.1 High Infrastructure and Implementation Costs

The infrastructure necessary for implementing quantum-safe solutions is significant. Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), for instance, requires specialized equipment like quantum communication channels, which are often limited to short distances unless fiber-optic networks or quantum repeaters are used. This is particularly challenging for industries like telecommunications and finance, where large-scale, secure communication is essential. The financial investment required to establish quantum-safe networks can be a prohibitive factor for smaller companies and non-profit sectors.

Graph 6: Projected Costs for Implementing Quantum-Safe Solutions by Sector

In this graph, the estimated costs are broken down by sector, showing the varying investment needs for different industries. Telecommunications and government sectors are expected to bear the highest costs due to the extensive infrastructure required for secure data transmission.



5.2 Operational Complexity

Quantum-safe technologies introduce a new level of complexity for IT and security teams. Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC), for example, involves larger key sizes and potentially more computational power, which can impact system performance. Additionally, QKD demands expertise in quantum mechanics and specialized hardware, which are not commonly available in traditional IT infrastructure.

5.3 Standardization and Policy Barriers

Despite NIST's efforts to standardize post-quantum cryptographic algorithms, full-scale adoption requires global cooperation and consistency in regulatory frameworks. Internationally, there is a need for aligned policies that dictate the use of quantum-safe protocols across sectors, especially in areas like finance, healthcare, and government. Regulatory uncertainty and slow standardization can delay adoption, especially in sectors that require compliance with stringent security standards.

5.4 Limited Awareness and Knowledge

Awareness of quantum threats remains limited outside of academia and specialized technology companies. Many organizations are only beginning to understand the potential risks quantum computing poses. The lack of industry-wide awareness, coupled with a shortage of professionals skilled in quantum technology, creates an additional barrier to adoption.

Table 5: Challenges in Quantum-Safe Technology Implementation

Challenge	Description	Impacted Sectors
High Infrastructure Costs	Significant financial investment for quantum communication and PQC implementation	Telecommunications, Finance, Government
Operational Complexity	Increased computational requirements and technical expertise needed	IT, Defense, Telecommunications
Standardization Delays	Inconsistent policies and global standards	Financial Services, Healthcare
Limited Awareness	Lack of knowledge and skilled professionals	Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Conclusion

Quantum computing represents both a technological breakthrough and a substantial threat to modern cybersecurity. While it has the potential to address complex problems beyond classical computation, its power also poses risks to traditional encryption methods and data security. This paper has examined the impact of quantum computing on cybersecurity, highlighting key algorithms such as Shor’s and Grover’s that threaten current cryptographic standards. We have also explored defensive mechanisms, including Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC), Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), and hybrid systems, as well as practical applications in industries such as finance, healthcare, and telecommunications.

Despite significant advancements in quantum-safe technologies, substantial challenges remain. The high costs associated with implementing QKD, the operational complexity of PQC, and the need for international regulatory standards underscore the difficulties that organizations face in adopting quantum-safe solutions. As quantum computing progresses, a

multi-faceted approach that combines awareness, technological investment, and regulatory collaboration is essential to ensure the security of digital infrastructure.

The rapid development of quantum computing underscores the urgency for organizations to prepare for a post-quantum future. While full adoption of quantum-safe systems will take time, proactive measures—including increased investment in PQC research, the gradual implementation of hybrid systems, and ongoing policy development—are vital to protecting against quantum-related threats. This review highlights the importance of continued research and cooperation across industries to secure digital assets in an era shaped by quantum computing.

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