

Firmware integrity in the quantum age –  
How to prepare against threats of  
quantum computing now

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# Security is essential



Security is a fundamental need of society with increasing importance



The connected world is further driving the demand for security



**We believe in hardware-based security as an essential trust anchor**

# Discrete TPM, key root of trust for multiple applications

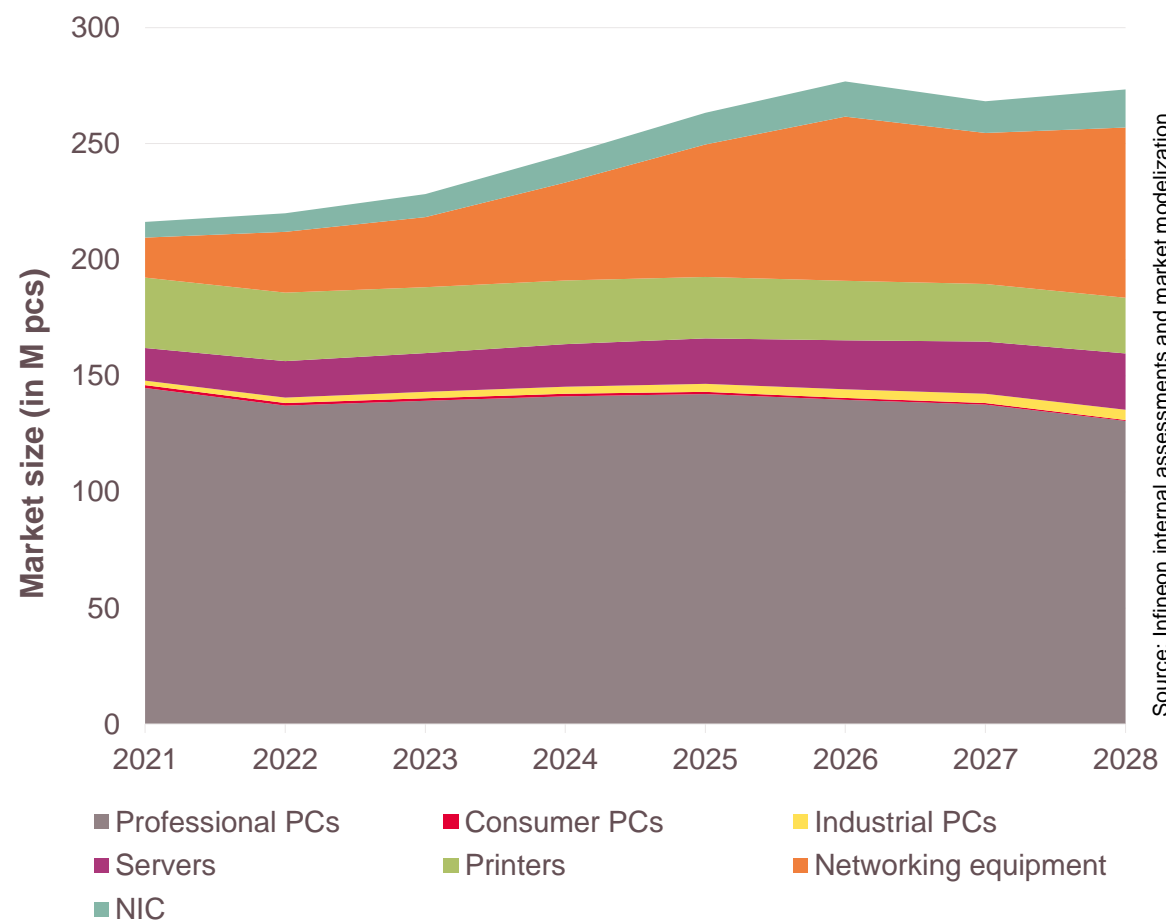
## What a TPM does

- › Offers a standardized solution
- › Allows trusted and secured communication
- › Protects exchanged valuable data
- › Supports the latest security requirements
- › Is updatable, particularly "in the field"



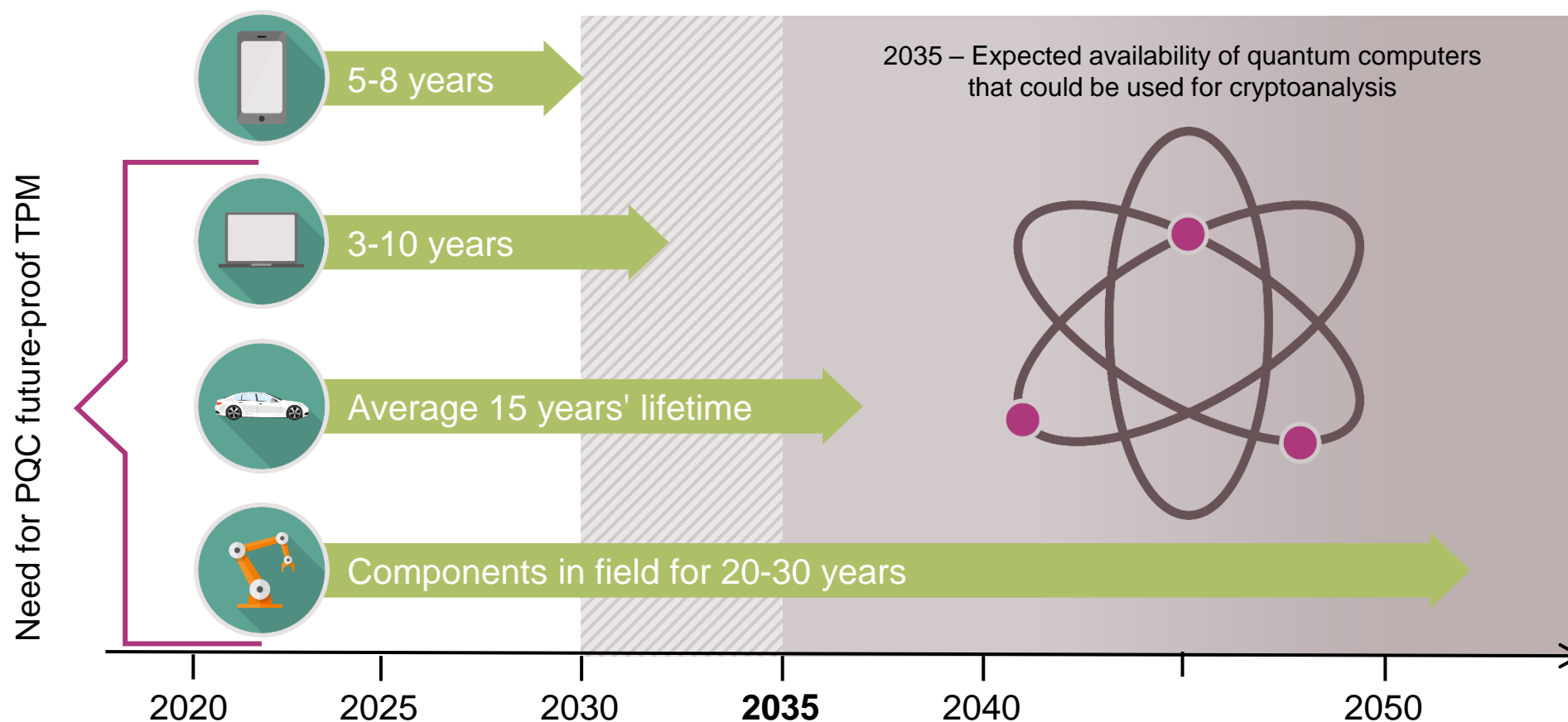
## Forecasted markets for discrete TPM

A stable base market and significant growth in other segments



## Considered timeline

Devices with over 10 years of lifecycle must be prepared for the quantum computing age now



# Infineon TPM: First steps into the world of quantum computing

## OPTIGA™ TPM SLB 9672:

The first TPM on the market with a **PQC protected** firmware update mechanism.





# OPTIGA™ TPM SLB 9672, a future-proof TPM

A PQC protected firmware update mechanism is essential for the security over the entire operational lifetime of a TPM

## Previous generation TPM

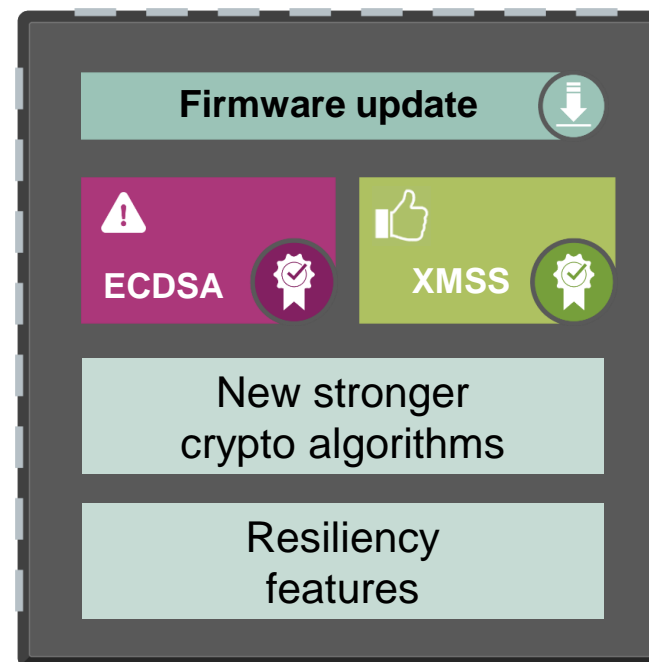


TCG-certified version 2

As per revision 1.38

Improvements

## OPTIGA™ TPM SLB 9672



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Quantum-resistant XMSS signatures in addition to ECDSA

Option to update crypto algorithms in the future

Counteract threat of FW corruption

# Quantum computers, a threat to currently known crypto algorithms

**Asymmetric** cryptosystems (RSA/ECC):  
**Completely broken** using **Shor's algorithm**

**Currently**

**Quantum world**

ECC-256 and RSA-3072 have **128-bit** security



Almost **no** security

**Symmetric** cryptography:  
**Security levels effected** by **Grover's algorithm**

**Currently**

**Quantum world**

AES-128 has **128-bit** of security



AES-128 has about **128-ε-bit** of security\*

Quantum world  
(in 10-20 years)

**Heavily affected:**  
RSA, ECDSA, ECDH

**Currently considered safe:**  
AES-128\*, AES-256, SHA-256\*, SHA-512,  
SHAKE256, SHA3-512, ...

\* Quantum-Resistant Cryptography by Ericsson Security Research: <https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/2112/2112.00399.pdf>  
NIST Post-Quantum Cryptography FAQs: <https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/post-quantum-cryptography/faqs>

# Hash-based PQC algorithms are ready today

## NIST SP 800-208: “Recommendation for Stateful Hash-Based Signature Schemes”

- › Date published: October 2020
- › Included algorithms: LMS, XMSS
- › Hierarchical multi-level variants: HSS, XMSS<sup>MT</sup>
- › Hash functions: SHA-256 and SHAKE256
- › Limited number of signatures:  $(2^{10} - 2^{60})$
- › Recommended for firmware updates
- › **128-bit post-quantum security**

### Advantages

- › Well understood
- › Fast verification
- › “Small” key/signature size

### Drawbacks

- › (Very) slow key generation
- › State **must not** be reused!
- › Number of signatures limited



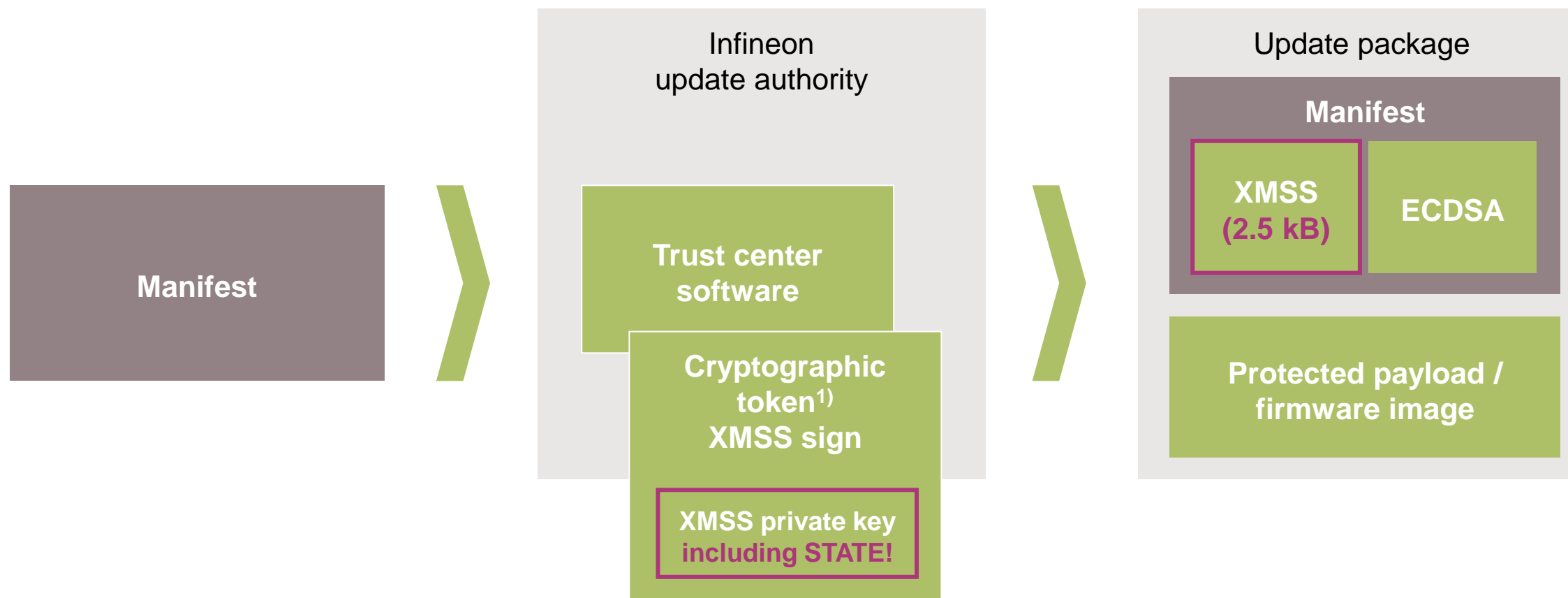
# XMSS time/area trade-offs (example)

#signatures	variant	[Bytes]			[hash calls]			[seconds]		
		public key	secret key	signature	KeyGen	Sign	Verify	KeyGen	Sign	Verify
2 <sup>10</sup>	XMSS-SHA2_10_256	64	1.373	2.500	1.238.016	5.725	1.149	149	0,69	0,14
2 <sup>16</sup>	XMSS-SHA2_16_256	64	2.093	2.692	79.000.000	9.163	1.155	9.480	1,10	0,14
2 <sup>20</sup>	XMSS-SHA2_20_256	64	2.573	2.820	1.268.000.000	11.455	1.159	152.160	1,37	0,14
	XMSSMT-SHA2_20/2_256	64	5.998	4.963	2.476.032	7.227	2.298	297	0,87	0,28
	XMSSMT-SHA2_20/4_256	64	10.938	9.251	154.752	4.170	4.576	19	0,50	0,55
2 <sup>40</sup>	XMSSMT-SHA2_40/2_256	64	9.600	5.605	2.535.000.000	13.417	2.318	304.200	1,61	0,28
	XMSSMT-SHA2_40/4_256	64	15.252	9.893	4.952.064	7.227	4.596	594	0,87	0,55
	XMSSMT-SHA2_40/8_256	64	24.516	18.469	309.504	4.170	9.152	37	0,50	1,10
2 <sup>60</sup>	XMSSMT-SHA2_60/3_256	64	16.629	8.392	3.803.000.000	13.417	3.477	456.360	1,61	0,42
	XMSSMT-SHA2_60/6_256	64	24.507	14.824	7.428.096	7.227	6.894	891	0,87	0,83
	XMSSMT-SHA2_60/12_256	64	38.095	27.688	464.256	4.170	13.728	56	0,50	1,65

› @100 MHz, 12000 cycles for 3 SHA-256 blocks (openssl, 32-bit ARM), secret key/sign using BDS algorithm

# Quantum-resistant update package generation @ update authority

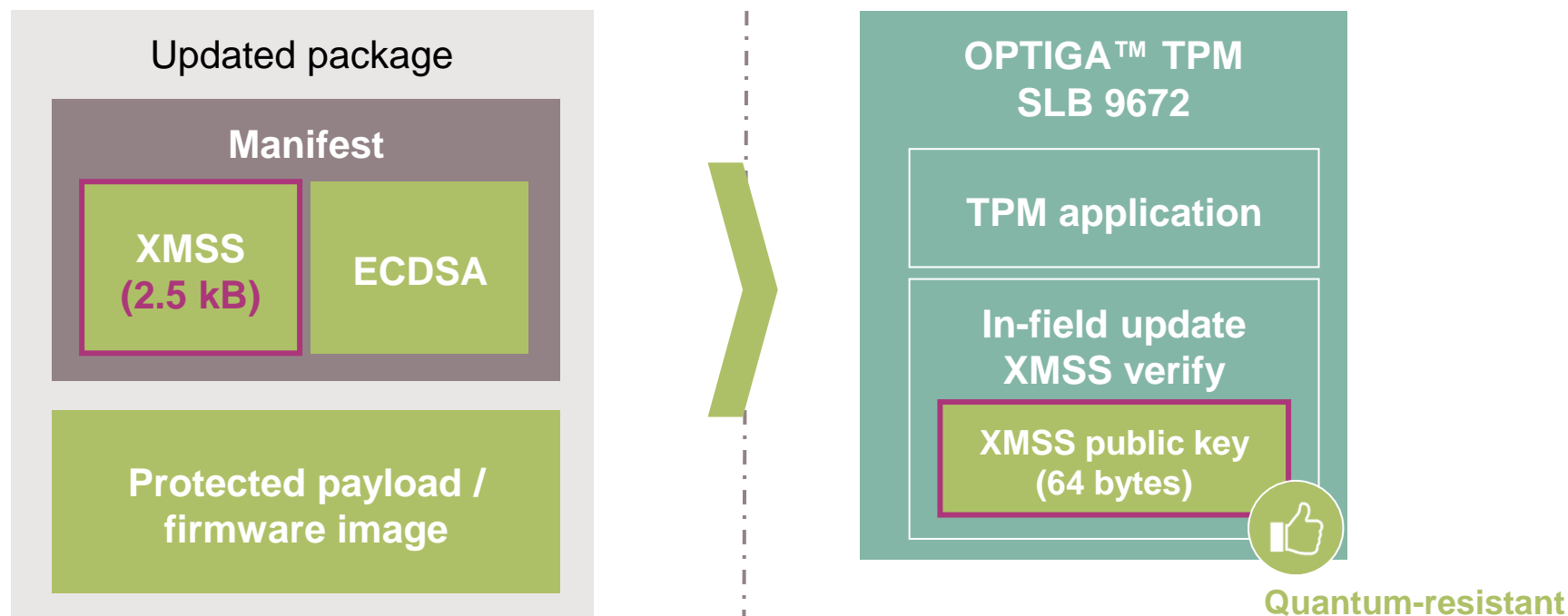
Update authorities manage the valid XMSS keys, including the state (counter) and backups. Then it provides secured operations and allows clear business continuity.



1) Infineon Java Card

# Quantum-resistant update package processing @ OPTIGA™ TPM

In the field, the OPTIGA™ TPM SLB 9672 checks the PQC protected XMSS signature and consequently validates (or not) the transferred payload.



# Crypto agility



## Challenge: migration and agility

- › RSA and ECC are used almost everywhere (big investment)
- › Integration of new crypto into old protocols
- › Need for flexible replacement of crypto
- › Ship today and update cryptography later
- › The hardware needs to support PQC
- › Hybrid requirements lead to cost increase
- › **The firmware update mechanism is essential to enable long-term security**





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