



## ETSI/IQC Quantum Safe Cryptography Event

# A Brief Introduction to the Latest Progress of China's QKD Industry

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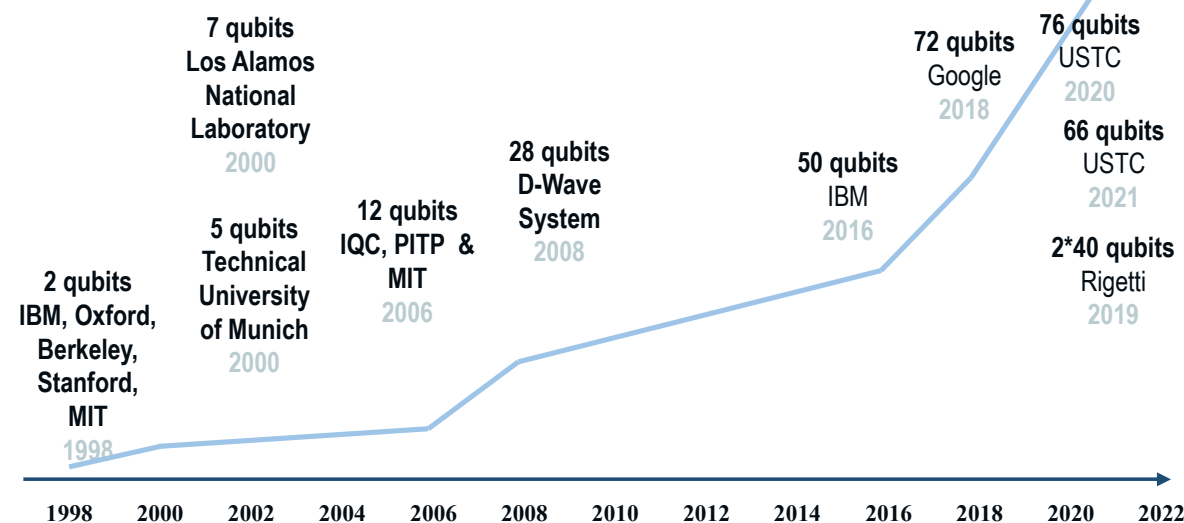


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# Quantum Computing Will Bring New Security Risks



Quantum Computing R&D Is Accelerating

## Different technical paths

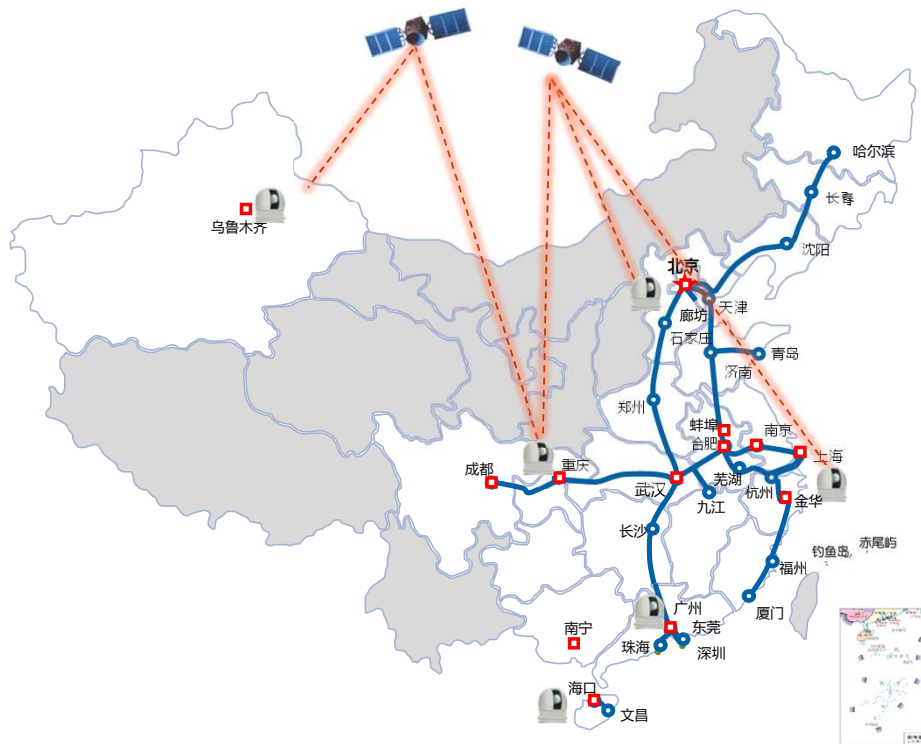
- Quantum communication with Quantum Key Distribution Network
- Migration to Post-Quantum Cryptography

Organizations were created to help industry address the threat of quantum computers

- Quantum Safe Cryptography (2013)
- European Quantum Industry Consortium (2016)
- ...

Many countries or regions have made a lot of contributions to the QKD industry

# Larger Quantum Network



## From experimental to commercial

**Beijing-Shanghai  
QKD backbone  
network  
(2013-2017)**

**National wide-area  
quantum secure  
communication  
network  
(2018-2022)**

## Feature

- Exceeds 10,000 kilometers (6,214 miles) in length
- Commercial services have been provided in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, etc.

## More Advanced Quantum Satellites

### July 2022: "Jinan-1" was launched

- Real-time satellite-to-ground quantum key distribution between micro-nano satellites and miniaturized ground stations.
- Lay the foundation for the construction of a low-cost, practical space-earth integrated wide-area quantum secure communication network.



### The differences between "Jinan-1" and "Micius"

- Lighter weight: only 23 kg, 1/5 of the "Micius "
- The frequency of the light source: 6 times higher
- Key generation: 2-3 orders of magnitude higher

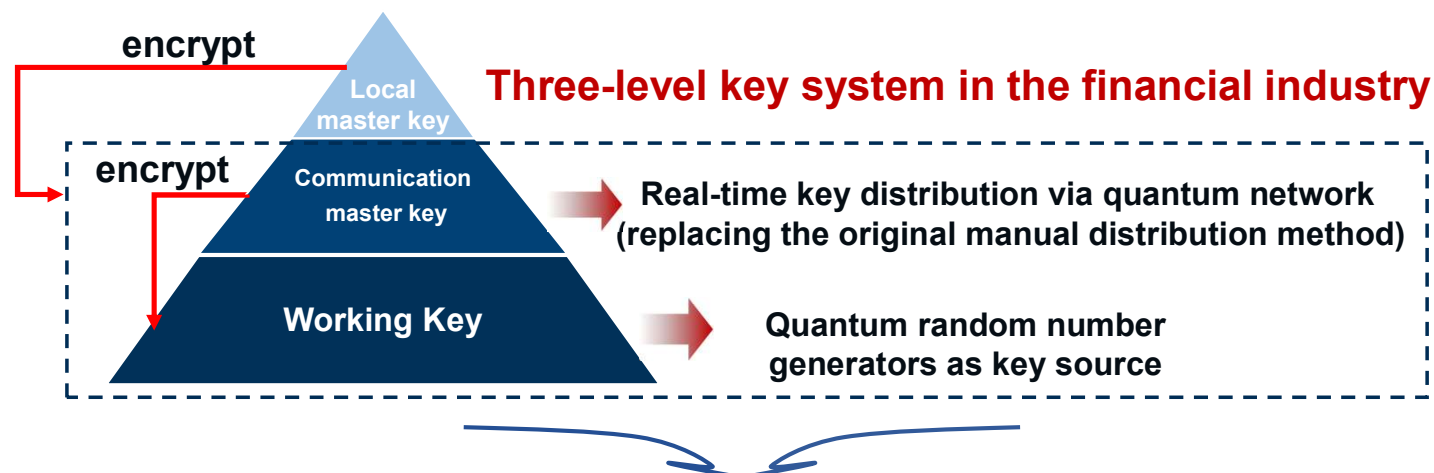


Smaller  
more economics  
more practical

# Backbone Applications: Quantum-enhanced financial security services

## The People's Bank of China Clearing and Payment System

Key generation, distribution and update between bank clearing data center nodes based on quantum technologies



- **Security improvement:** root key security guaranteed, high-frequency large-scale key distribution enabled
- **Cost reduction:** All sub-service systems can share the common quantum-based security infrastructure via flexible APIs, needless for separate development

# Backbone Applications: Quantum-encrypted calls

**Commercial quantum secure applications for mobile telecom terminals were carried out in practice**



- End-to-end encryption with keys extracted from QKD network
- Achieve one-session-one-key for each call

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (World Telecommunication and Information Society Day)  
China Mobile released  
Quantum Encryption Call Service (VoLTE version)

# The growth of data scale has higher requirements for security

## **Trend**

Massive Data  
Emerging Digital Technologies



**Metaverse, Blockchain, AI, etc.**

## **Challenge**

Information infrastructure  
Network architecture

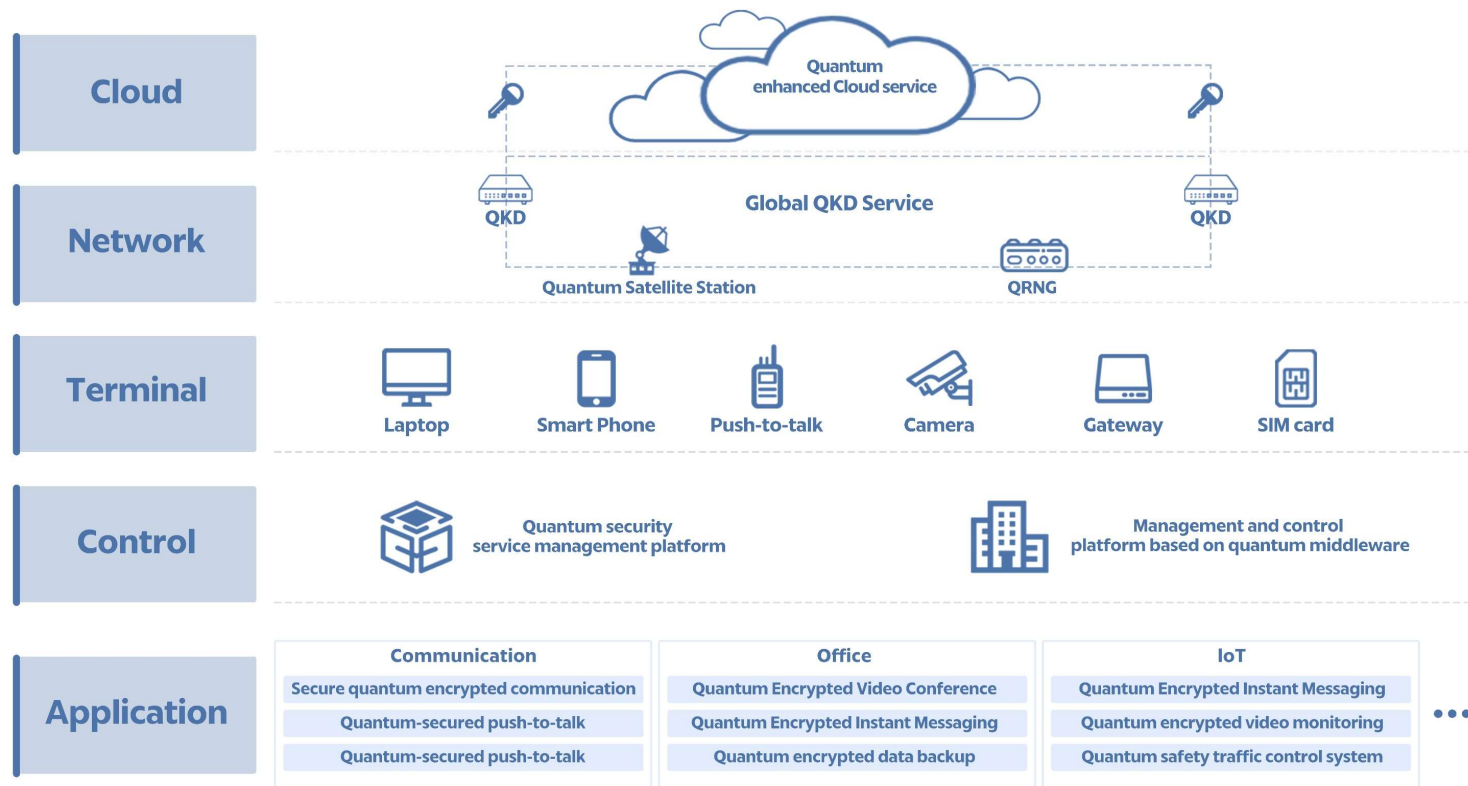


**Over One Billion Records  
Leaked in Shanghai (2022)**

**Opportunities** for Quantum Encryption Technology Development



# The integration of QT and ICT may be a new solution





## Practice case: Quantum-safe Cloud Service

**Quantum-safe Cloud Service (QCS)** is to embed quantum security services into the basic components of ICT cloud platforms, where quantum secure communication plays an essential role of its overall ICT architecture, to provide generic cryptographic services based on unified quantum key generation and management capabilities



- QCS can provide quantum-security-enhanced computing, storage, network and other digital resources through the flexible quantum key management and control mechanisms
- QCS is adopted as an important security solution for the "east-data-west-computing project"

# Promote the development of standardization



In June 2017, the CCSA<sup>1</sup> of the MIIT<sup>2</sup> led the establishment of the Quantum Communication and Information Technology Ad Hoc Task Group (ST7).

**CCSA members** include 56 companies or universities

**Published** (more than 20 standards are being developed)

- Key components and modules for QKD based on BB84 protocol
- Test methods for QKD system
- Technical requirements for QKD system



**Published (2020~2022)**

**Orchestration Interface for Software Defined Networks**  
**Control Interface for Software Defined Networks**  
**Application Interface**



1. CCSA, China Communications Standards Association  
2. MIIT, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology

# Actively participates in international standard



**FG-QIT4N  
established**

**2019.10**

**Complete all research topics  
Released 9 research reports**

**2021.11**

**JCA-QKDN  
established**

**2022.12**



**In SG13 and SG17, China released 9 standards including QKD network framework and security framework, and is developing standards such as QKD network interconnection and interface protocols to accelerate the combination of quantum technology and next-generation network technology**



# Integrate the PQC algorithm into the commercial QKD system

**PQC**  
authentication  
short-term security

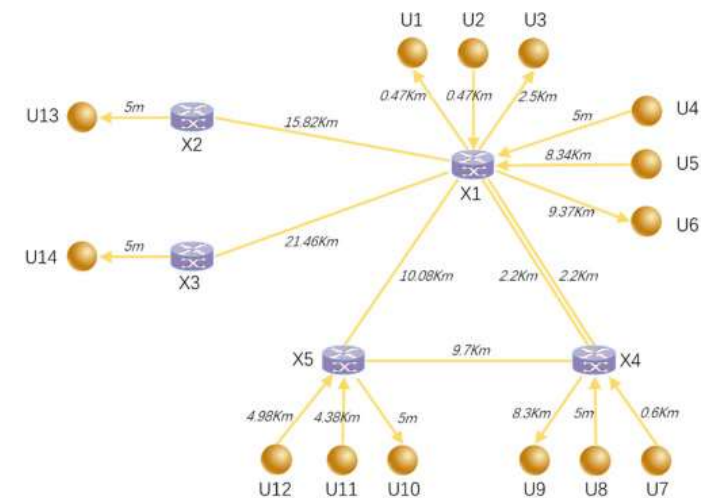
**+**

**QKD**  
information transmission  
long-term security

**Verified the feasibility, effectiveness and stability**

**Replace trusted relays with optical switches**

- Simplify the network topology
- Reduce the security dependence of the trusted relay
- Reduce the cost of the device
- Improve the interoperability between the QKD nodes



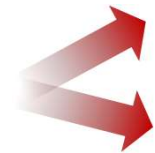
**the Jinan field metropolitan QKD network  
(14 user nodes and 5 optical switching nodes)**

**The combined scheme will be promoted in scenarios such as finance, electricity, etc.**

## Call for cooperation

**Like climate change and public health, information security is a global issue.  
After a three-year delay caused by the pandemic, we call for more international communication and cooperation**

**the international  
cooperation**



**Standardization ETSI, ITU, etc.**

**Industrialization Infrastructure and Applications**

**We believe that the combination of QKD and PQC will have a bright future**

# Thanks

Looking forward to international cooperation

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