

South Korea's Quantum Leadership for Global Reach

Status and Plan of Quantum-Safe Communications Infra in South Korea

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Korean National
Quantum Project

3 yr Quantum-safe Communication Infra
Project



SK Telecom's
Quantum Experience

Constant innovation and investment since 2011
Hands-on Experience on QKD Network,
QRNG chipset & Quantum Sensing



Quantum Partnership

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Stimulus Package for Korean Quantum-safe Infra

Quantum Cryptography Communication Infra Pilot Project

Testbed Build-ups

Project

Quantum-safe Communication
Infra Pilot Project

Duration

'20~'22

Budget

≈ 29M €

Objective

Highest level security system
in public and Private sector
Initial reference pilot security system &
Policy development

Quantum Cryptography Testbed

Use cases

QKD Testbeds [SKT etc]

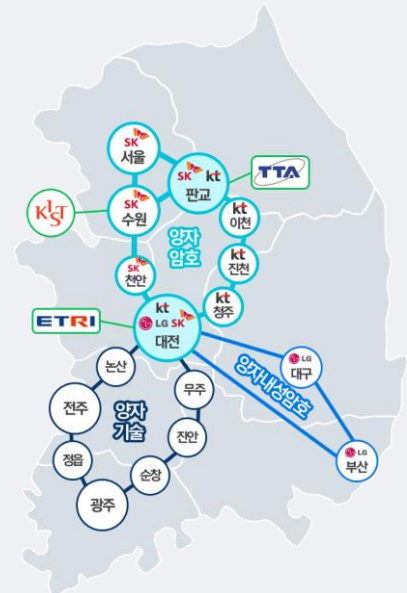
Total 490km
QKD Testbeds - Development &
Demonstration

PQC Testbed

Total 820Km
PQC Testbeds- Development &
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Quantum Cryptography Testbed

Total 445 km
Testbeds with fiber/encryptor to test new
protocols, etc



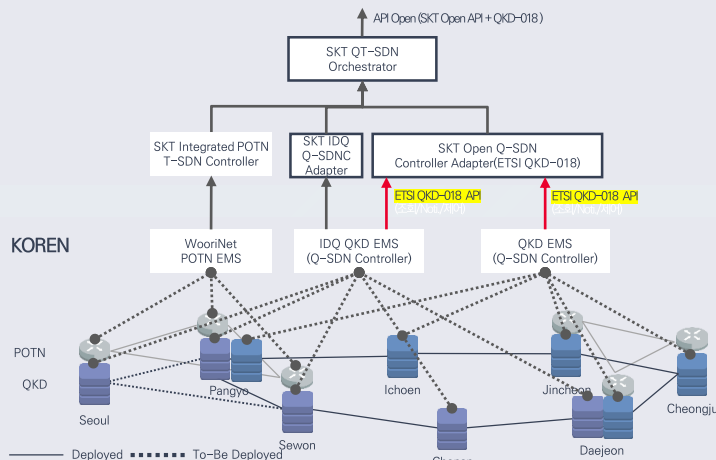
SDN Orchestration in ETSI QKD-018

Centralized Control for QKD

Achievement

- Interoperability between different QKD Systems
- Q-SDN Controller based on ETSI QKD-018 standards

Centralized Control for different vendors of QKD



Plan

- Interoperability for different KMS vendors with Q-SDN
- SDN Orchestration Upgrade to control/manage different KMS vendors and different QKD vendors

SDN-
QKD

SKT SDN Orchestration for QKD and OTN ETSI Standards GS QKD 018

Separate QKD Network with OTN

SDN is already adopted for the existing OTN & QKD is overlayed

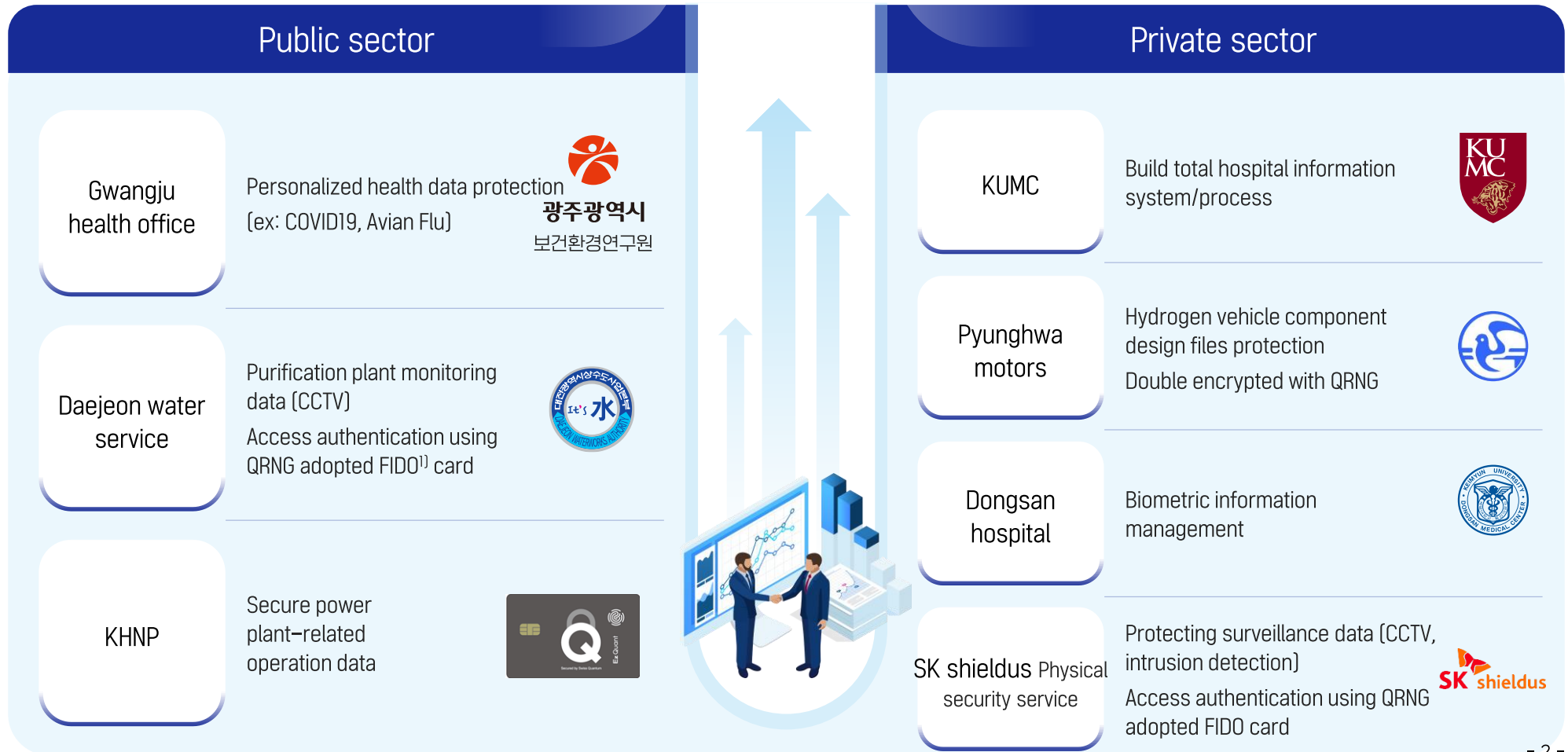
Adopt design principle of Software-Defined Network Architecture to control both networks

Each network has each SDN-Controller

SDN Orchestrator is adopted to control both QKD and OTN networks through SDN-Controller & to orchestrate the operations between them

QKD Commercial case for Vertical Sectors

South Korea's efforts to create the future growth engines



Policy setting for Quantum-safe Communication Infra

Policy Perspective

Legal Basis

Revision of Special Act, June 21

- Information and Communication Promotion & Convergence Vitalization
- Dedicated agencies, Infra Build-ups, Commercialization, Manpower

Security System

Security Compliance for Public Sector

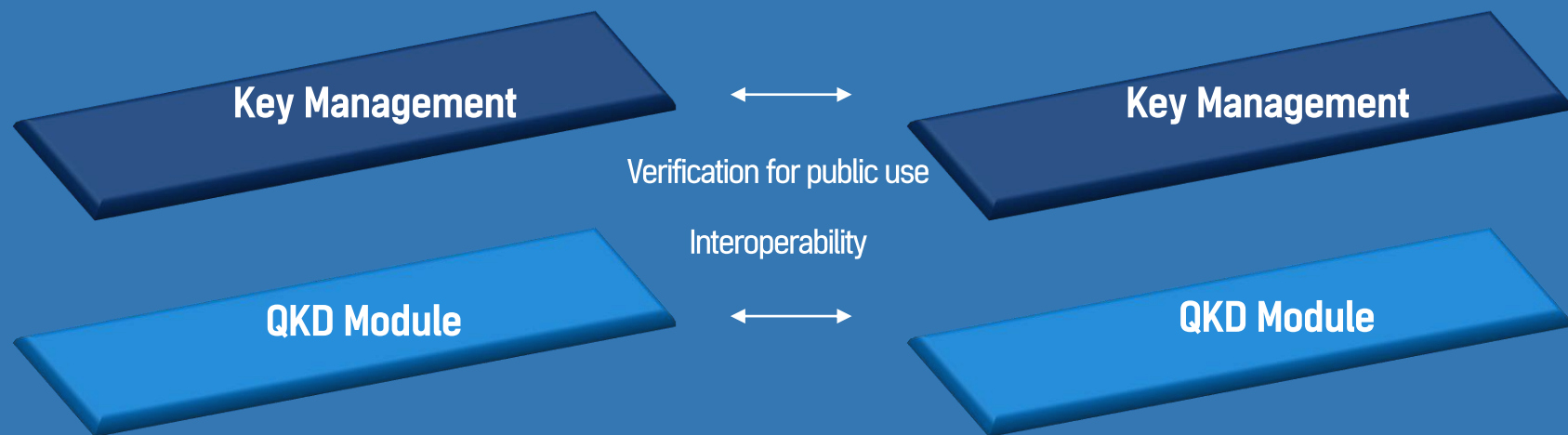
- For Public Sector Quantum Cryptography
- Security Compliance Verification Criteria
- Dec., 22 → Implementation from '23

Dedicated Quantum Channel Plan + Leased Line Plan ➡ Quantum-safe Communication Dedicated Plan

[SK Broadband] Leased Line service launch [Dec. 21]

QKD & Key Management Security Requirements

QKD and Key Management Security Requirements with interested parties
for QKD Security Compliance Verification



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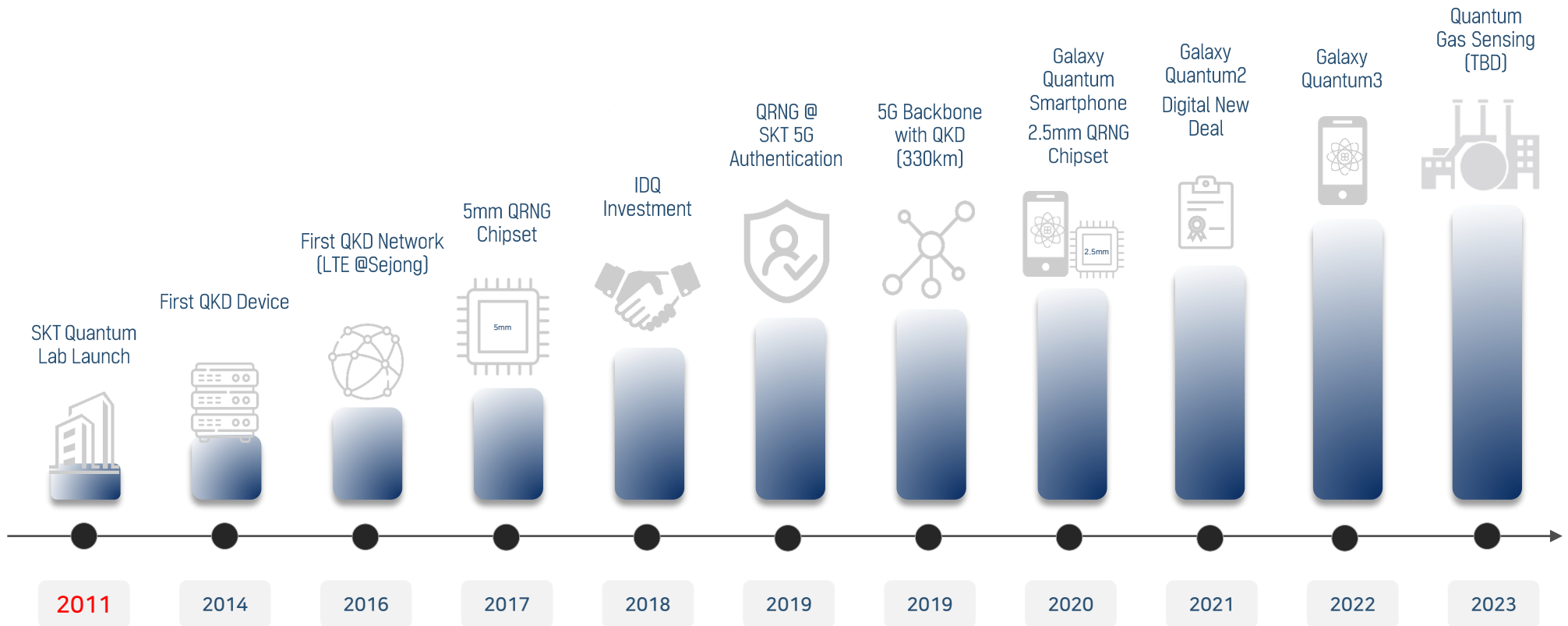
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SKT's Quantum Expertise

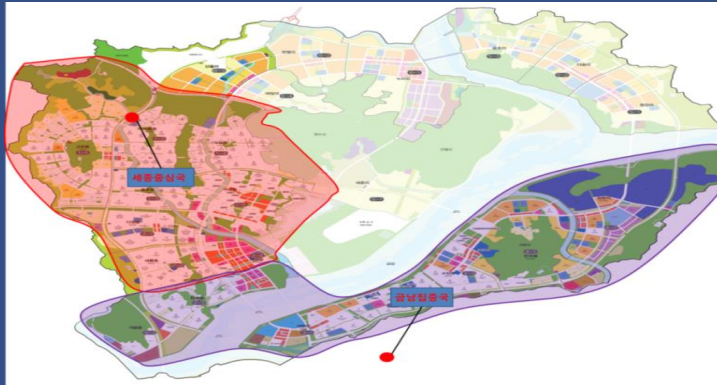
Constant Innovation in Quantum Technology & Business *since 2011*



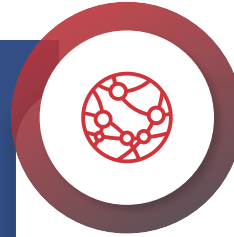
QKD Commercial case: Telecom Operator

SKT' World first LTE Backhaul Protection with QKD

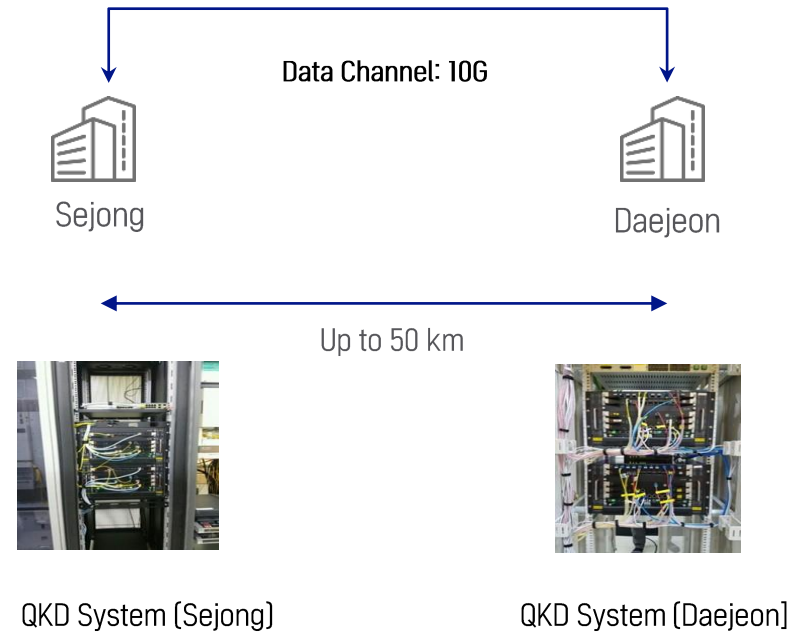
World-First (June '16) LTE backhaul Protection with QKD



Configuration of
QKD Network in Sejong



QKD-implemented



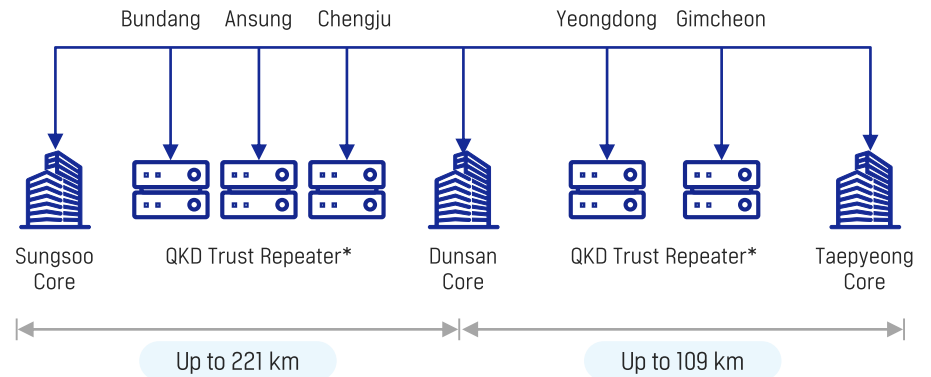
QKD Commercial use case for SKT's Customers

SKT's 5G Backbone protection with QKD

5G Backbone protection with QKD since 2019

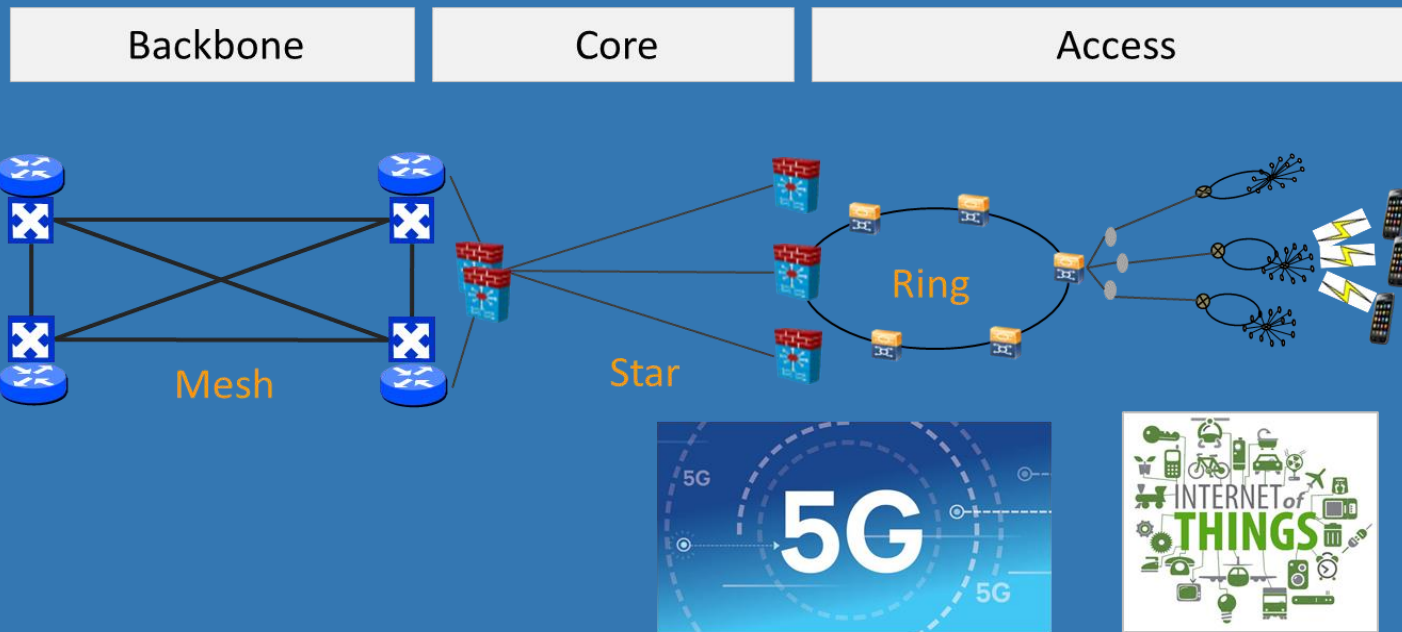


Quantum-safe Network with QKD



QKD Deployment for 5G

Different QKD Network Topologies

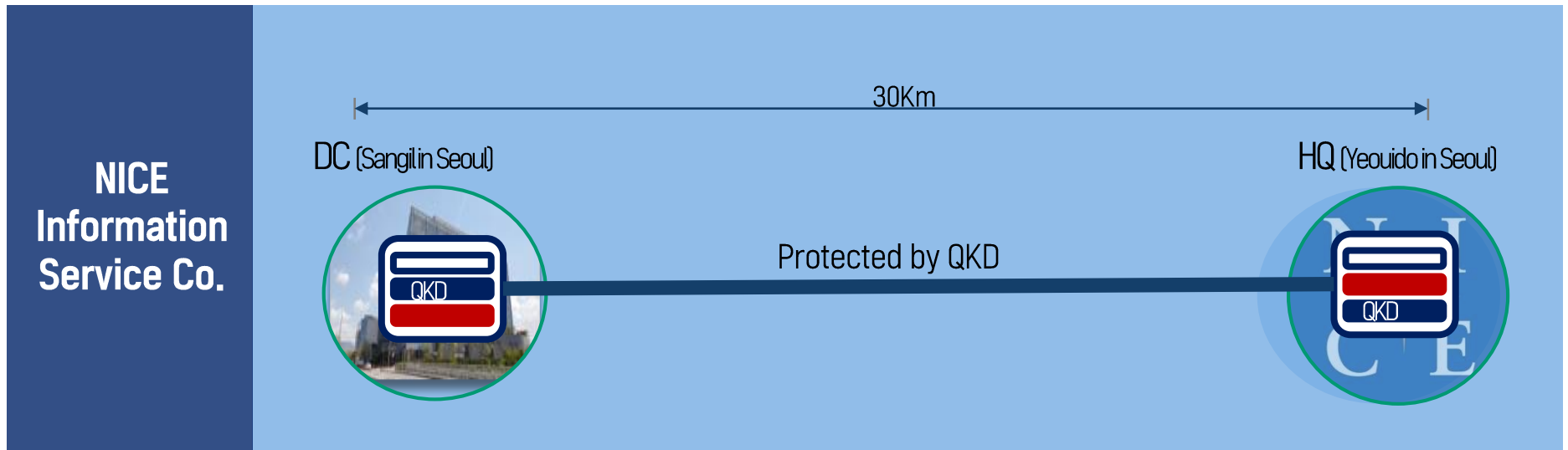
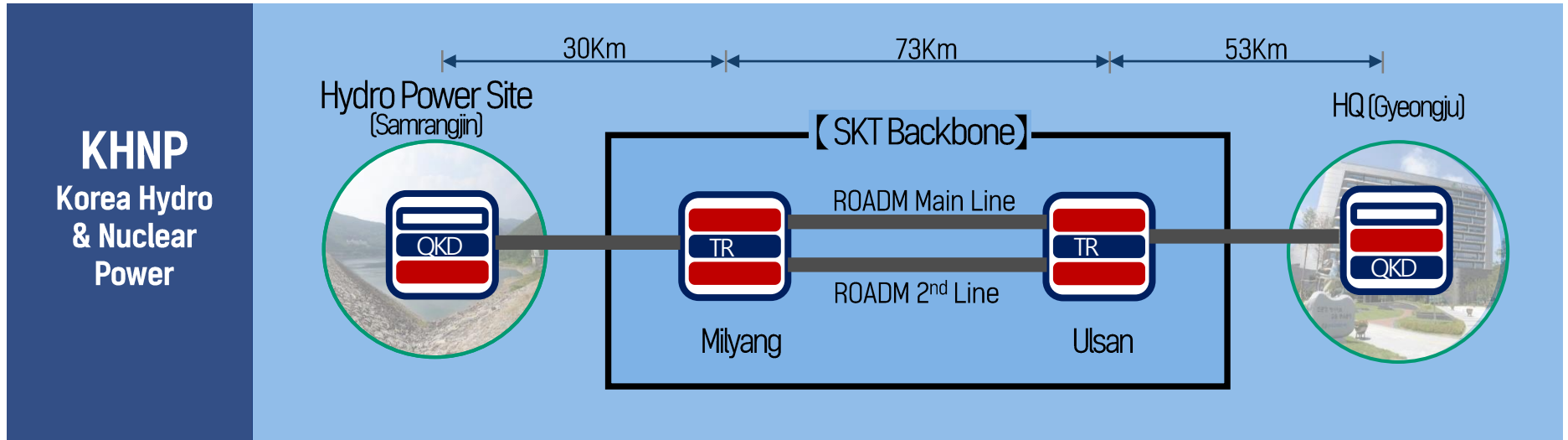


Quantum Key Distribution

5G standard
security
& QRNG

QKD Commercial case: Various Vertical Sectors

Power & Finance Sector



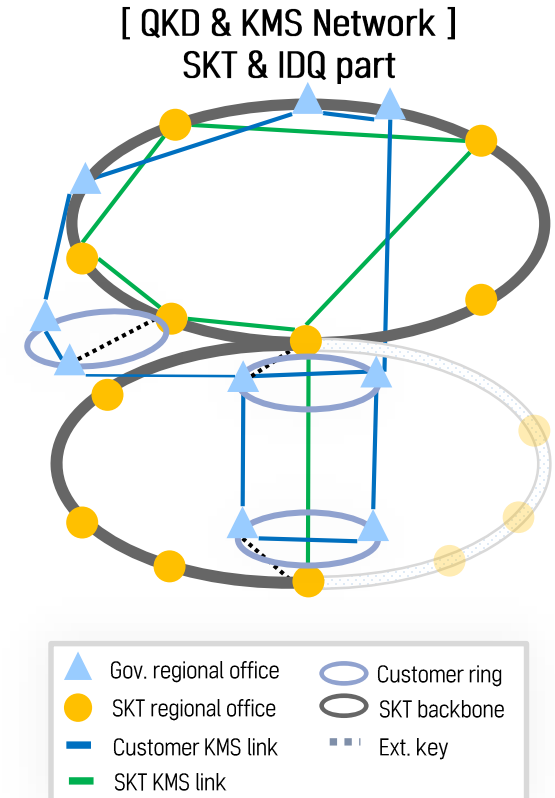
QKD Commercial case for Government

National Convergence Network for e-Government

Government Convergence Network with highest level of Security

Construction of the first nation-wide Government QKD network in Korea

A national backbone network interconnect individual networks run by 48 government organizations



QKD Commercial Case: Integration with Encryption

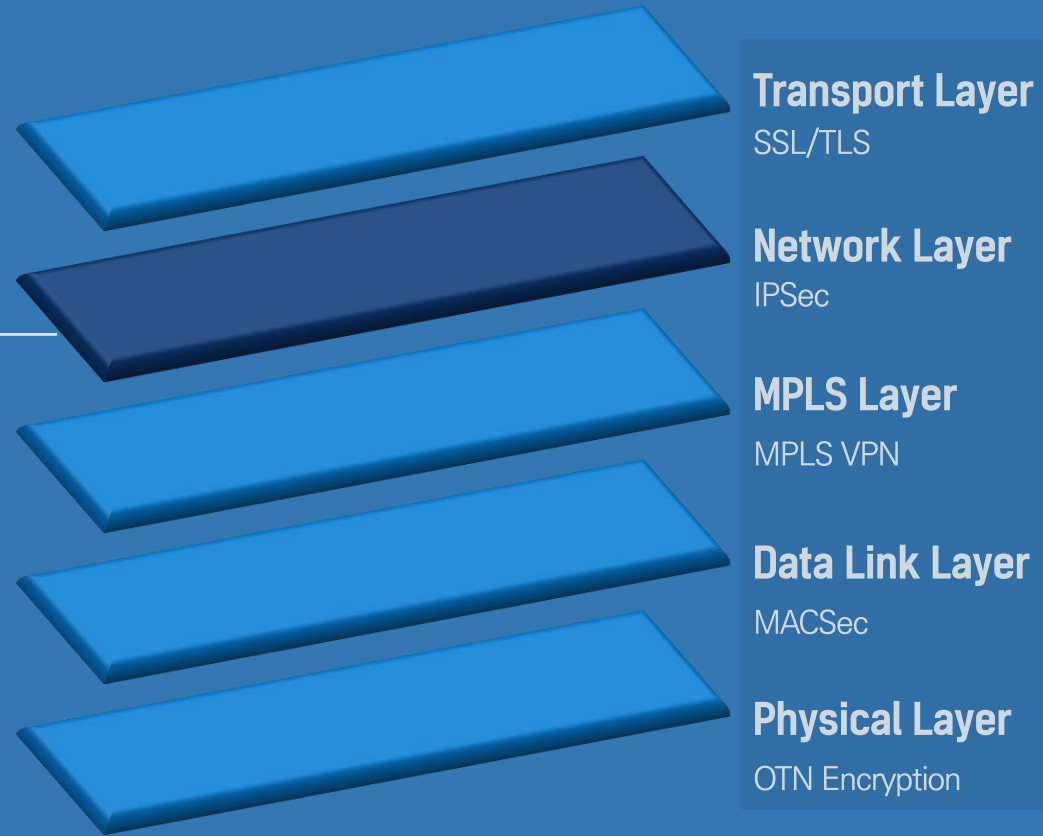
Integrating QKD with existing Encryption Solutions

Network Encryption Upgrade with QKD

- QKD key can be supplied to different layers for long-term confidentiality

Fortinet-IDQ-SKT Integration

IPSec with QKD keys
REST-based API



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Integrating QKD with Encryption Solutions and Operators' Networks *to provide End to End Network Encryption*

What's better

End to End Network Encryption

+ Integration with Operators' Network

Centralized Control for different vendors of QKD

- Interoperability between different QKD Systems
- Control and Management based on International Standards to make sure the global reach and interoperability

+ Integration with Encryption Solutions

End to End Encryption

- Network Encryption Upgrade with QKD
- Hybrid solutions with QKD and PQC



The EuroQCI Initiative

Cybersecurity Strategy for the coming decades.

Aiming at safeguarding sensitive data and critical infrastructures by integrating quantum-based systems into existing communication infrastructures.



- First phase 2022–2023 National Phases
- Second phase 2024 and beyond – roll out
- Fully operational by 2027

EU Quantum Communication Infrastructure



- For illustration purpose only -

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