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# FROM SHOR'S ALGORITHM TO MOSCA'S THEOREM

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## Polynomial-Time Algorithms for Prime Factorization and Discrete Logarithms on a Quantum Computer\*

Peter W. Shor<sup>1</sup>

### Abstract

A digital computer is generally believed to be an efficient universal computing device; that is, it is believed able to simulate any physical computing device with an increase in computation time by at most a polynomial factor. This may not be true when quantum mechanics is taken into consideration. This paper considers factoring integers and finding discrete logarithms, two problems which are generally thought to be hard on a classical computer and which have been used as the basis of several proposed cryptosystems. Efficient randomized algorithms are given for these two problems on a hypothetical quantum computer. These algorithms take a number of steps polynomial in the input size, e.g., the number of digits of the integer to be factored.

**Keywords:** algorithmic number theory, prime factorization, discrete logarithms, Church's thesis, quantum computers, foundations of quantum mechanics, spin systems, Fourier transforms

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## How to factor 2048 bit RSA integers in 8 hours using 20 million noisy qubits

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We significantly reduce the cost of factoring integers and computing discrete logarithms in finite fields on a quantum computer by combining techniques from Shor 1994, Griffiths-Niu 1996, Zalka 2006, Fowler 2012, Ekerå-Hastad 2017, Ekerå 2017, Ekerå 2018, Gidney-Fowler 2019, Gidney 2019. We estimate the approximate cost of our construction using plausible physical assumptions for large-scale superconducting qubit platforms: a planar grid of qubits with nearest-neighbor connectivity, a characteristic physical gate error rate of  $10^{-2}$ , a surface code cycle time of 1 microsecond, and a reaction time of 10 microseconds. We account for factors that are normally ignored such as noise, the need to make repeated attempts, and the spacetime layout of the computation. When factoring 2048 bit RSA integers, our construction's spacetime volume is a hundredfold less than comparable estimates from earlier works (Van Meter et al. 2009, Jones et al. 2010, Fowler et al. 2012, Gheorghiu et al. 2019). In the abstract circuit model (which ignores overheads from distillation, routing, and error correction) our construction uses  $3n + 0.092n \lg n$  logical qubits,  $0.3n^2 + 0.0005n^2 \lg n$  Toffoli, and  $50n^2 + n^2 \lg n$  measurement depth to factor  $n$ -bit RSA integers. We quantify the cryptographic implications of our work, both for RSA and for schemes based on the DLP in finite fields.

### 1 Introduction

Peter Shor's introduction in 1994 of polynomial time quantum algorithms for factoring integers and computing discrete logarithms [79, 89] was a historic milestone that greatly increased interest in quantum computing. Shor's algorithms were the first quantum algorithms that achieved a superpolynomial speedup over classical algorithms, applied to problems outside the field of quantum mechanics, and had obvious applications. In particular, Shor's algorithms may be used to break the RSA cryptosystem [78] based on the hardness of factoring integers that are the product of two similar-sized primes (hereafter "RSA integers"), and cryptosystems based on the discrete logarithm problem (DLP), such as the Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol [19] and the Digital Signature Algorithm [50].

The most expensive operation performed by Shor's factoring algorithm is a modular exponentiation. Modern classical computers can perform modular exponentiations on numbers with thousands of bits in under a second. These two facts may at first glance appear to suggest that factoring a thousand bit number with Shor's algorithm should only take seconds, but unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately), that is not the case. The modular exponentiation in Shor's algorithm is performed over a superposition of exponents, meaning a quantum computer is required, and quantum hardware is expected to be many orders of magnitude noisier than classical hardware [3, 48, 78]. This noise necessitates the use of error correction, which introduces overheads that ultimately make performing reliable arithmetic on a quantum computer many orders of magnitude more expensive than on classical computers [15, 28].

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# POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

Current public-key cryptographic standards (RSA - ECC) are based on mathematical problems difficult to solve for classical computers but easy to solve for a quantum computer.

**POST QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY (PQC) : NEW HARDER QUANTUM-RESISTANT MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS**

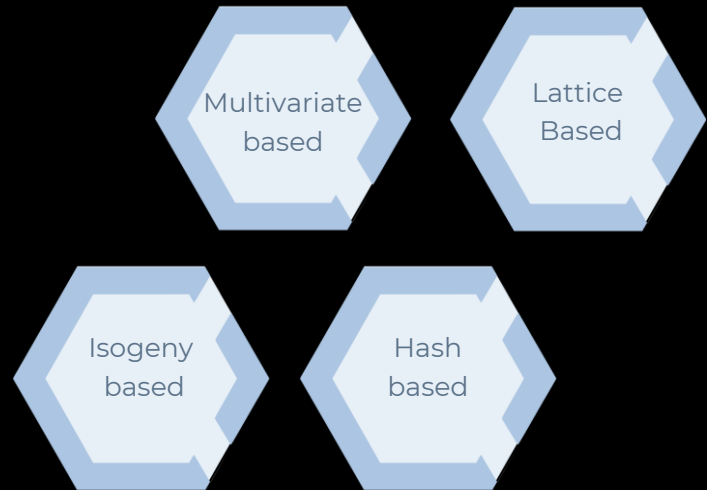
Example : Multivariate cryptography → hard problem solving a system of non-linear equations

$$p^{(1)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n p_{ij}^{(1)} \cdot x_i x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{(1)} \cdot x_i + p_0^{(1)}$$

$$p^{(2)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n p_{ij}^{(2)} \cdot x_i x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{(2)} \cdot x_i + p_0^{(2)}$$

⋮

$$p^{(m)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n p_{ij}^{(m)} \cdot x_i x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{(m)} \cdot x_i + p_0^{(m)}$$



# POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY



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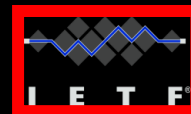
Several cryptographic functions selected for standardization in 2022

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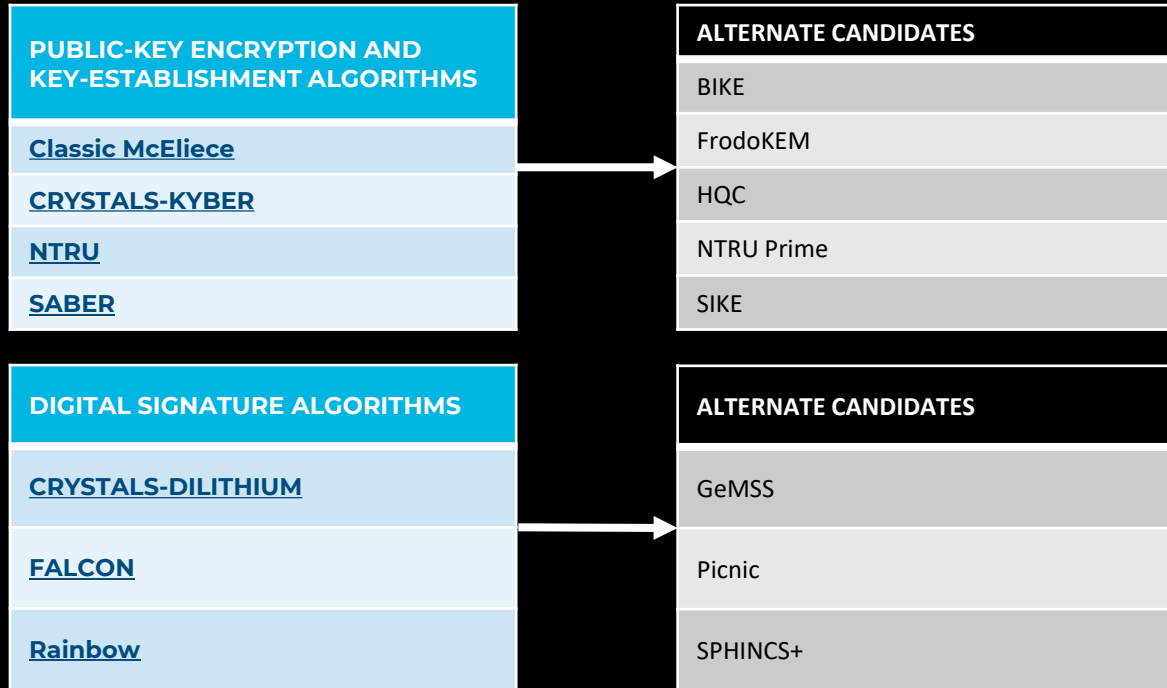
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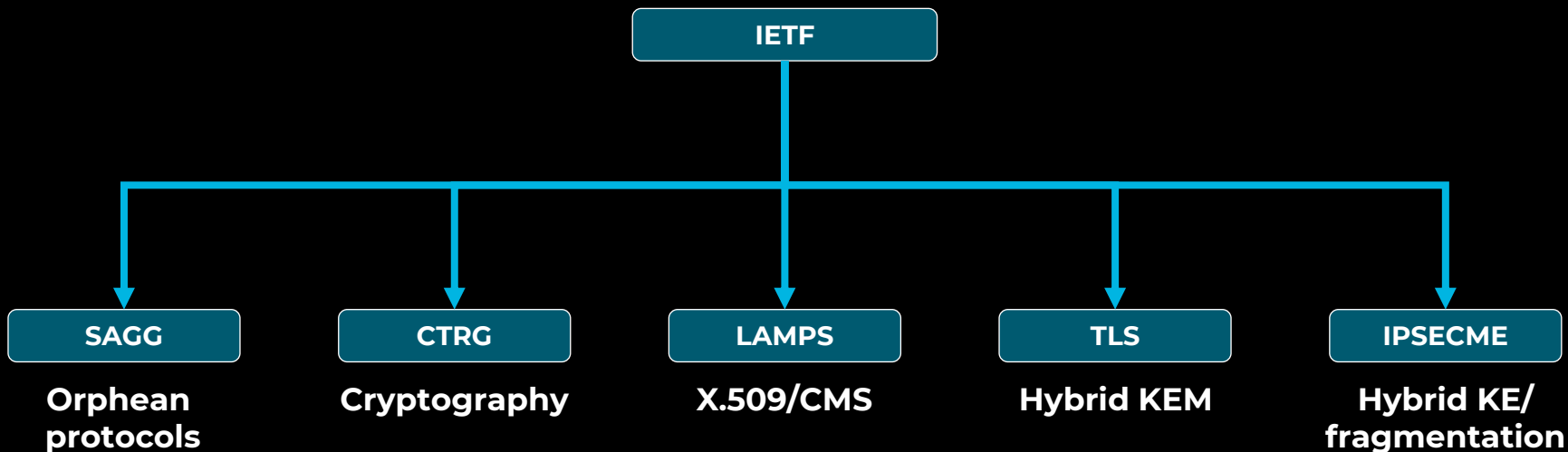


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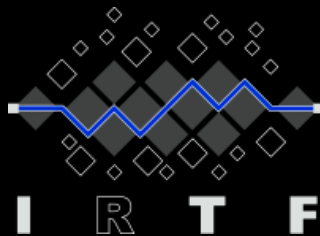
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# PQC@IETF (2/2)

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- ✓ **Hybrid** : post-quantum and classical
  - ✓ Gap : no standard for hybrid
- ✓ Global strategy
  - ✓ First step **using a PSK**
  - ✓ Second step **hybrid KEM**
  - ✓ Last step full post-quantum ! Authentication+Key-Exchange
    - ✓ Trend : KEM-based authentication (TLS)



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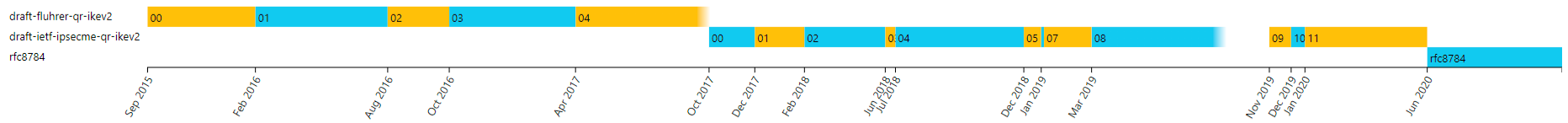
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## Quantum Safe Cryptography Key Information

### Abstract

This proposal addresses key identification, key serialization, and key compression for Quantum Safe Cryptographic (QSC) algorithms currently under evaluation in the NIST Post Quantum Cryptography (PQC) process. The purpose of this proposal is to simplify the management of key material for algorithms as they evolve through standardization phases into production. Early definition of key material standards will help expedite the adoption of new quantum safe algorithms at the same time as improving interoperability between implementations and minimizing divergence across standards.

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- 4.2 **Expected Date of submission of draft to the IEEE SA for Initial Standards Association Ballot:** May 2023
- 4.3 **Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom:** May 2024

#### 5.1 **Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project :** 10

- 5.2 **Scope of proposed standard:** This standard defines a post-quantum optimized version of network security protocols. It is based on a multi-layer protocols approach and allows data packets to be quantum resistant to future cryptographically relevant quantum computers (CRQCs). This standard includes hybrid modes for key exchange and authentication and specifies mechanisms for handling the larger public key sizes of post-quantum algorithms. This standard excludes any definition of a new post-quantum cryptography (PQC) protocol.
- 5.3 **Is the completion of this standard dependent upon the completion of another standard?** No
- 5.4 **Purpose:**  
This document will not include a purpose clause.
- 5.5 **Need for the Project:** Quantum technologies are challenging today's network security: data packets are already vulnerable to future fault-tolerant quantum computing (FTQC) attacks. The current public key standards (e.g., Rivest-Shamir-Adleman known as RSA, Diffie-Hellman, Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm known as ECDSA) are not strong enough to withstand attacks using future cryptographically relevant quantum computers (CRQCs). The encrypted data with long life cycle (cf. Mosca's theorem) are at risk since they can be intercepted (data traffic) today, stored and decrypted later once CRQCs are available. Following international recommendations, all network security protocols (e.g., Transport Layer Security known as TLS, Internet Protocol Security known as IPsec) should be upgraded to quantum-safe cryptography as soon as possible.
- 5.6 **Stakeholders for the Standard:** Telecom operators, network hardware manufacturers, network software editors, security software editors, laboratories, governmental organizations.



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Defer new PAR until the next NesCom meeting to allow time for the COM/NetSoft-SC Chair to contact the IEEE 802.1 Working Group Chair to discuss potential improvements to the wording of the explanation in section 7.1 on the PAR.

This request will be reviewed at the 15 Jun 2022 NesCom meeting.

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## 7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope? Yes

**Explanation:** The Security Task Group of the 802.1 Working Group does not consider quantum-resistant cryptography in the network security protocols. P1913 focuses on communication between two quantum endpoints over TCP/IP (e.g., BB84 developed by Charles Bennett and Gilles Brassard in 1984). P1943 improves current network security protocols by implementing post-quantum cryptography.

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## 7.2 Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization? No

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The Security Task Group of the 802.1 WG considers the PQC for MACsec (Media Access Control Security): MKA (MACsec Key Agreement) and EAP (Extended Authentication Protocol). A coordination is already initiated and needed between 802.1 WG and P1943.

7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope? Yes

**Explanation:** The Security Task Group of the 802.1 Working Group does not consider quantum-resistant cryptography in the network security protocols. P1913 focuses on communication between two quantum endpoints over TCP/IP (e.g., BB84 developed by Charles Bennett and Gilles Brassard in 1984). P1943 improves current network security protocols by implementing post-quantum cryptography.

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# TOWARDS POST-QUANTUM MACSEC

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## Configuring Post-Quantum MACsec in Cisco Switches

### Summary

A quantum computer could break essentially all of the public key cryptography standards in use today: RSA, Diffie-Hellman (DH), and Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH). Since these algorithms are widely used for key exchange in various encryption protocols, a quantum computer could threaten data encryption protocols of today. Someone could store encrypted communications today and decrypt them later, if and when, a quantum computer was available. In this whitepaper, we discuss the quantum-resistance of MACsec, which is standard for authenticating and encrypting packets between two MAC-layer, directly connected devices. We explain how quantum-resistant MACsec can be deployed in Cisco routers today, and further enhancements that can be made to improve the protocol's quantum-resistance.

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## Using a Pre-Shared Key



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## Post-quantum MACsec in Cisco switches

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The MKA/MACsec key hierarchy includes a Connectivity Association Key (CAK) established by a key agreement method (or out-of-band configuration). A Security Association (SA) defines a security relationship between members of the association. An SA is secured with a Security Association Key (SAK), forming a Secure Channel (SC). A SAK is cryptographically derived from a CAK or randomly generated by the MKA key server. SAKs are distributed to the peers by the key server using MKA messages in destination multicast MAC address EAPoL Protocol Data Units. These MKA messages carrying MACsec encryption keys are cryptographically encrypted using a Key Encryption Key (KEK) and authenticated with an Integrity Check Key (ICK), which is derived from the CAK.

To configure quantum-secure MACsec, we essentially need to configure

- 256-bit PSKs in each peer with at least 256 bits of entropy.
- 256-bit AES-CMAC as a KDF in counter mode for deriving the SAK, KEK, and ICK keys.
- 256-bit AES-GCM as the MACsec data authenticated encryption algorithm.

Note that using EAP-TLS as the 802.1X EAP method to authenticate the MACsec peers and generate the master-secret utilized to derive the other keys cannot be considered quantum secure until TLS supports PQ key exchange.

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## Using QKD to secure MacSec

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH PAPER

## Using QKD in MACsec for secure Ethernet networks

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### Abstract

Media access control security (MACsec) is an IEEE 802.1AE standard for secure communication on Ethernet links. MACsec ensures the confidentiality, integrity and origin authenticity of Ethernet frames. The secrecy of MACsec stems from a root key that is either configured as a pre-shared key or derived from a mutual authentication protocol. However, both methods are not ideal because such a root key may be disclosed due to human errors or broken by quantum attacks. Here, the authors investigate the quantum key distribution (QKD) as an alternative source of trust for MACsec. QKD can be used as either a root key provider or a session key generator. The authors develop a new key exchange protocol based on QKD for Ethernet networks. Furthermore, it is verified by the experiment that QKD could be well integrated into MACsec without performance degradation.



## DURING THIS MEETING

- NIST Standards are coming soon
  - IETFs protocols are being adapted
  - Proposals already exist for pqMACsec
  - Need for unification of transition methods and hybrid architecture
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## FOR THE NEXT WG MEETING

- Join the 802.1 WG as a Member
- Set up a liaison between 802.1 WG and P1943