

Post-Quantum

Cryptography Conference

Vulnerabilities of Blockchain Security in the World of Quantum Computing

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Tomorrow's Cyber Security, Today

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HNDL **Attack**

(Harvest Now, Decrypt Later)

If $X + Y > Z$ then *Checkmate!*

X

How long do you need
your encrypted data
to be secure?

Y

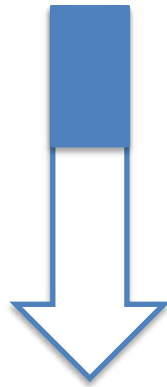
How long will it take to
implement a quantum
secure solution into your
current infrastructure?

Z

How long will it take to
develop a sufficiently
strong enough scale
quantum computer?



Q-Day has **Arrived!**



2019 – 27 Qubits

2022 – Osprey with 433 Qubits

2023 – Condor with 1121 Qubits

2024 – Flamingo with 1386 Qubits

2025 – Kookaburra with 4158+ Qubits

2026 – 100,000+ Qubits

- IBM's quantum computers roadmap (May 2022)

Researchers in China claimed to have reached a breakthrough in quantum computing, figuring out how they can break the RSA public-key encryption system using a quantum computer of 372 qubits

<https://therecord.media/chinese-researchers-claim-to-have-broken-rsa-with-a-quantum-computer-experts-arent-so-sure/>

- January 4, 2023



Who will **Suffer** on Q-Day?

Financial World

- Financial transactions: Cryptocurrencies, CBDC, etc.
- Smart card infrastructure

General Cybersecurity

- Healthcare system, Energy system
- National defence

World of Internet

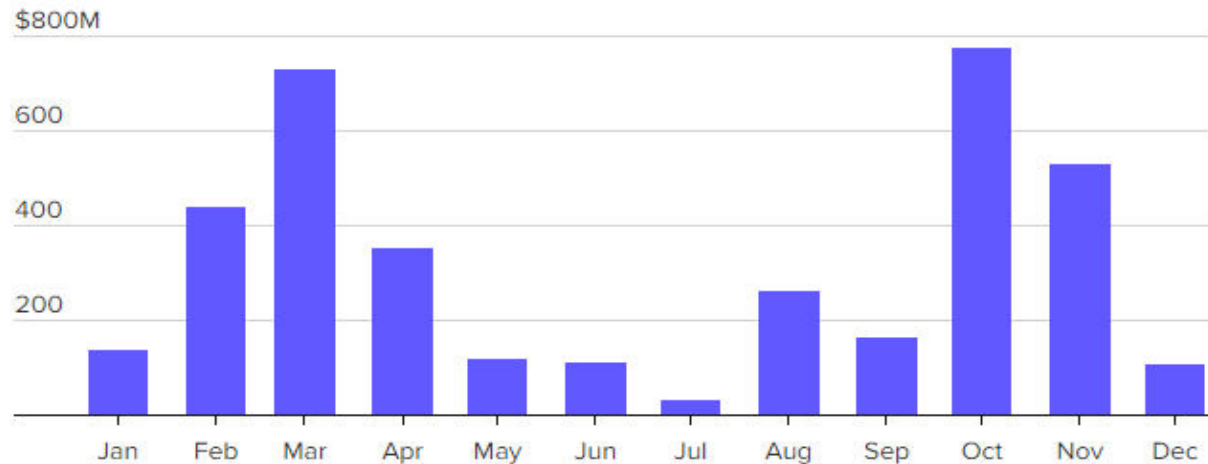
- AI Privacy
- Email security
- IoT
- Website authenticity



Crypto Theft 2022 - Record High

- ❑ \$3.8B of crypto stolen by hackers in 2022
- ❑ October alone had \$775m crypto stolen

Monthly value of assets stolen as a result of crypto hacks in 2022



Note: In U.S. dollars

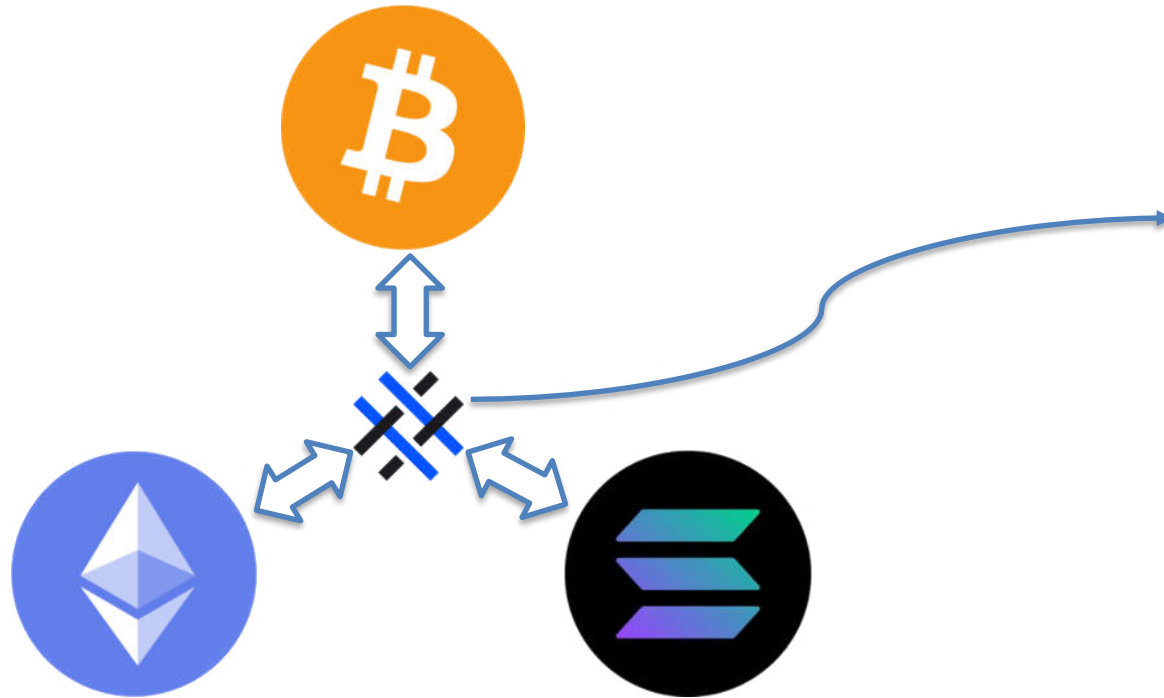
Chart: Gabriel Cortes / CNBC

Source: Chainalysis

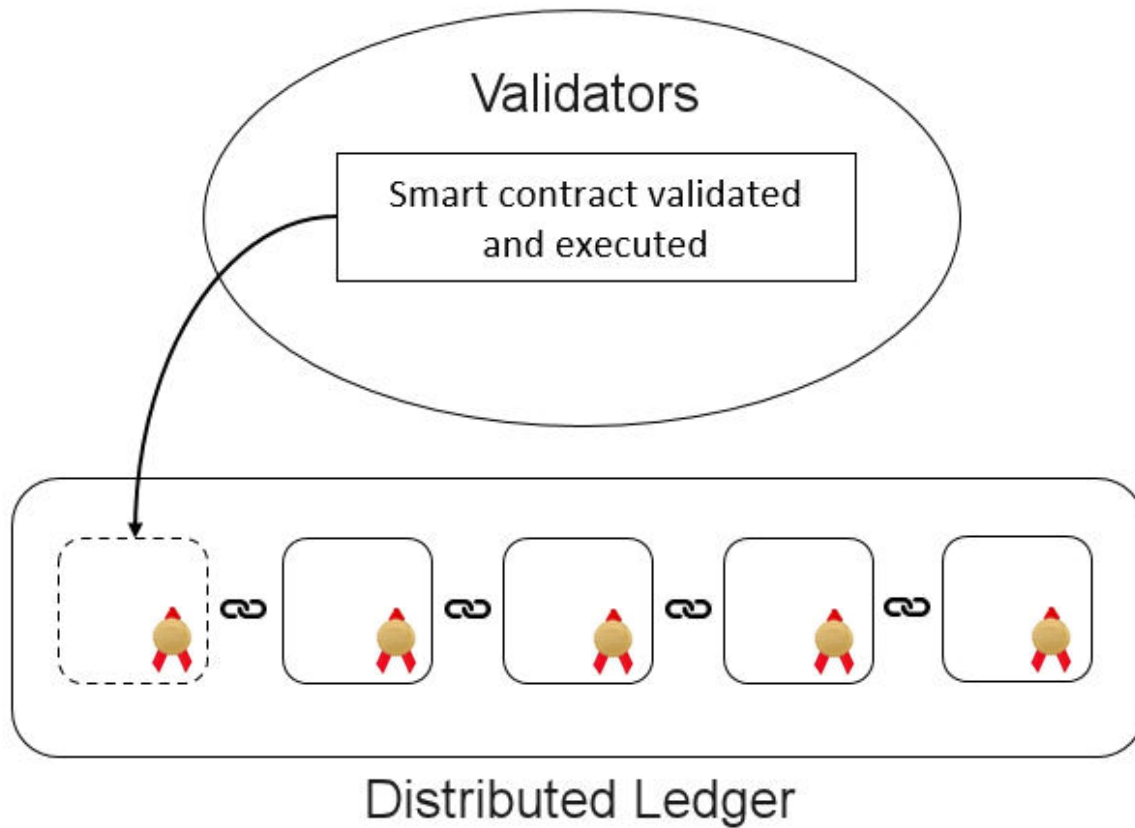


Blockchain Vulnerability Today

- ❑ Vulnerabilities in DeFi applications
- ❑ Vulnerabilities in cross-chain bridges



Blockchain in Post-Quantum era



Blockchain PQ Conversion

Main Goals

- ❑ Replace the quantum-vulnerable signature algorithm (e.g. ECC) by a quantum-safe signature algorithm (e.g. Crystal Dilithium)
- ❑ Sandbox: Existing Solana chain

Challenges

- ❑ Data structure of the Solana smart contract is hard-coded to the size of ECC's signature and wallet address (public key size)



Blockchain PQ Solution

Off-the-chain PQ Validation

- ❑ Storing the hash (32-byte) of the PQ signature, payer's address, and payee's address rather than the actual data to avoid the data size limitation
- ❑ Resolving the hash to their original data via a look-up table

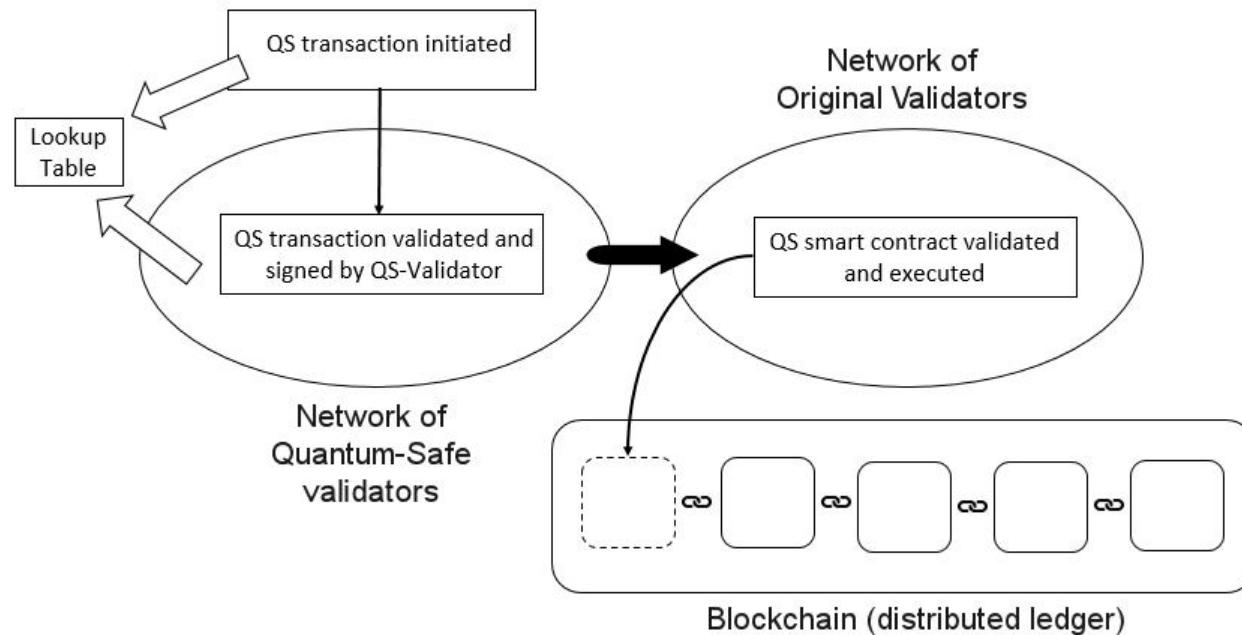
Results

- ❑ No change in the original smart contract
- ❑ 100% efficiency (TPS) retained



Quantum-Safe Blockchain

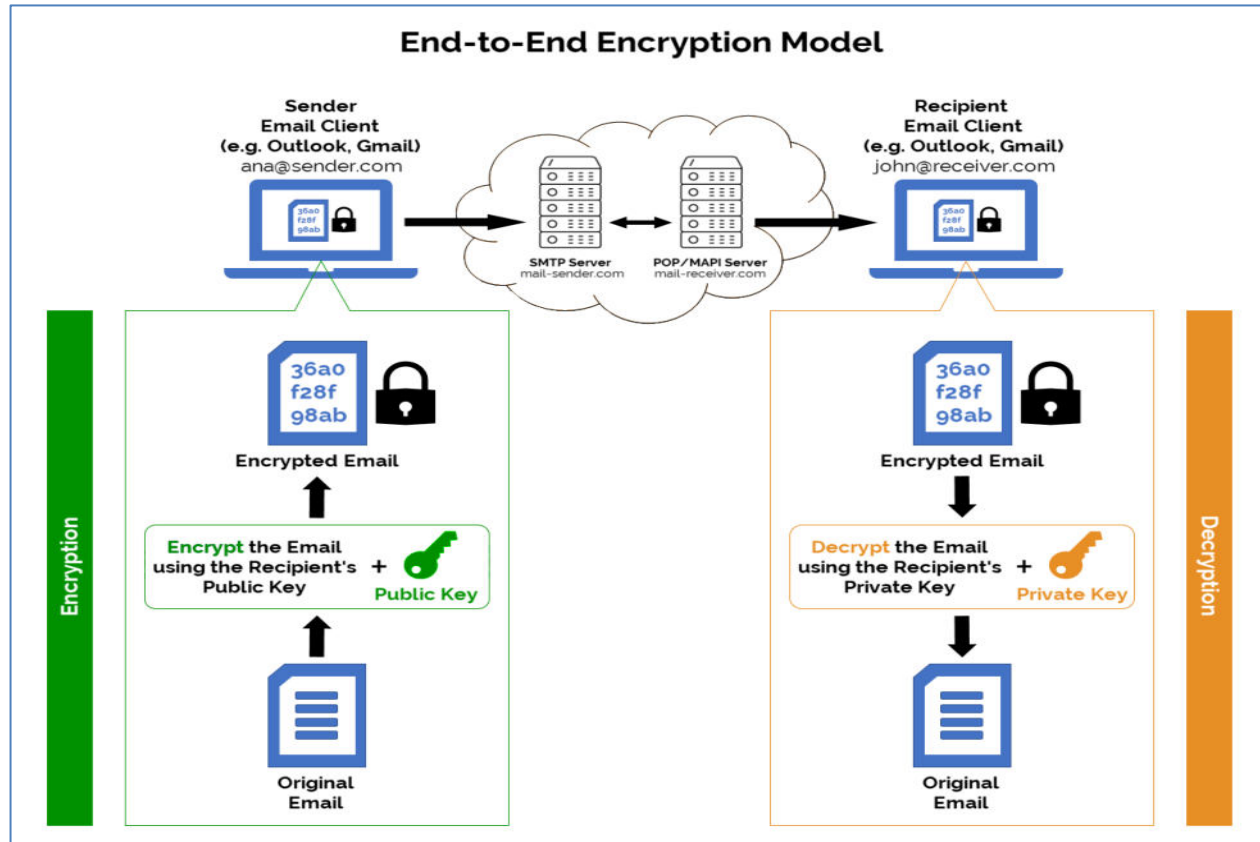
US Patent: #11,698,833



Blockchain with Quantum-Safe HSM



Other Use Cases: Email Security



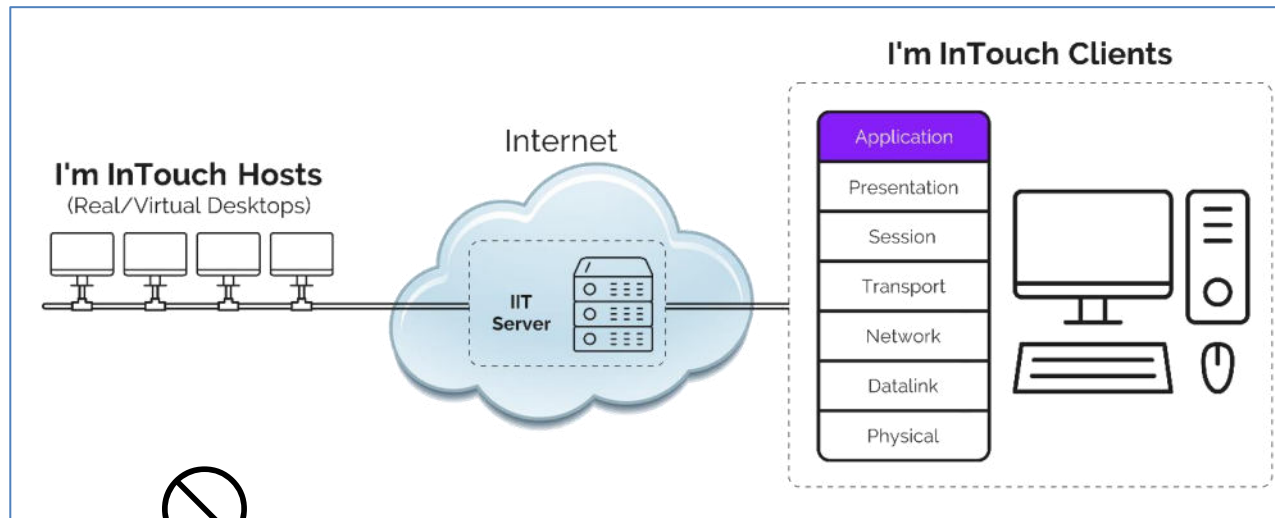
Other Use Cases: **Steganography**

- Watermark steganography – 18th Century
- Quantum-safe Steganography – 21st Century
- IronCAP Goppa-code error vectors – proven
- International Patent Application – filed
- Applications: e-wallets recovery, NFTs, etc.



Other Use Cases: Remote Access

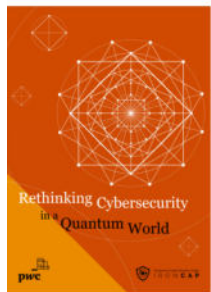
Quantum-Safe + Zero Trust



No access to corporate LAN

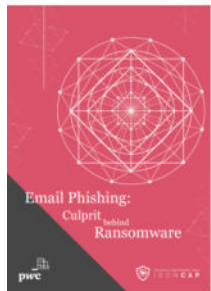


Thought Leadership: Papers



Rethinking Cybersecurity
in a Quantum World

<https://www.pwccn.com/en/issues/cybersecurity-and-privacy/rethinking-cybersecurity-in-a-quantum-world-jul2021.html>



Email Phishing Culprit
behind Ransomware

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Summary

- ❑ Q-Day has arrived – no time to wait
- ❑ Everything needs to be quantum-safe (e.g. financial transactions, health care, IoT, general cybersecurity, email, remote access, etc.)
- ❑ Some pioneer Post-quantum end-user products can be found in the market already (e.g. email security, blockchain, remote access, etc.)

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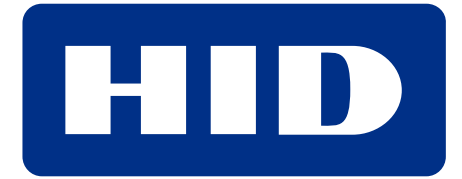
- Quantum Threat is here
- Everything is vulnerable
- Need to act now

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