

# Quantum cryptography

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# Breaking cryptography retroactively



## Mosca theorem

y (re-tool infrastructure)

x (encryption needs be secure)

z (time to build large quantum computer)

Time

If  $x + y > z$ , then worry.

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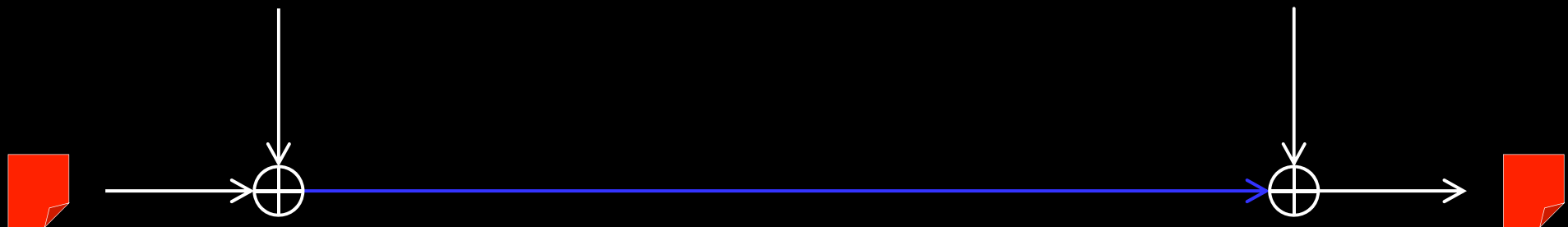
# One-time pad

Alice

Bob

**Random secret key** of same length as message

**Random secret key**



**Message**

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$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha \oplus \beta$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
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# Quantum communication primitives

## Advantages over classical primitives:

Unconditionally secure?

Less resources?

Other quantum advantages?

Money



Key distribution



Secret sharing



Digital signatures



Superdense coding



Fingerprinting



Oblivious transfer

Impossible



Bit commitment

Impossible



Coin-tossing



Cloud computing



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Bell inequality testing



(no classical equivalent)

Teleportation

Entanglement swapping

Random number generators



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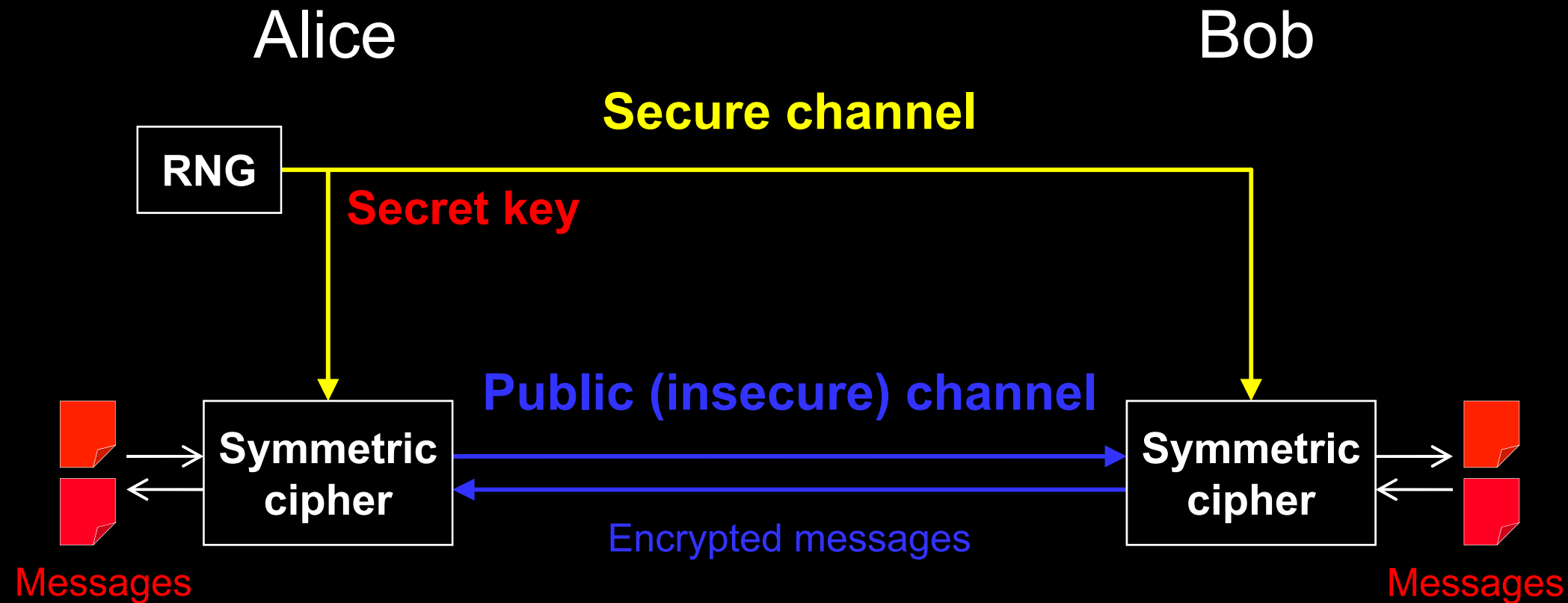
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# Key distribution for encryption



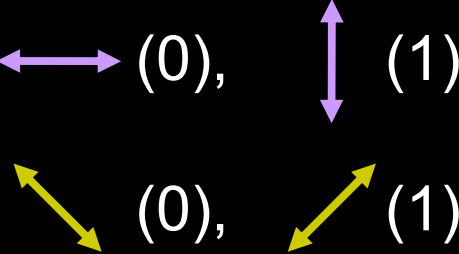
Quantum key distribution transmits secret key by sending quantum states over *open channel*.

# Quantum key distribution (QKD)

Alice



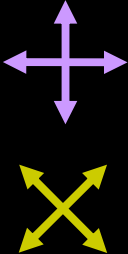
Prepares photons



Bob



Measures photons

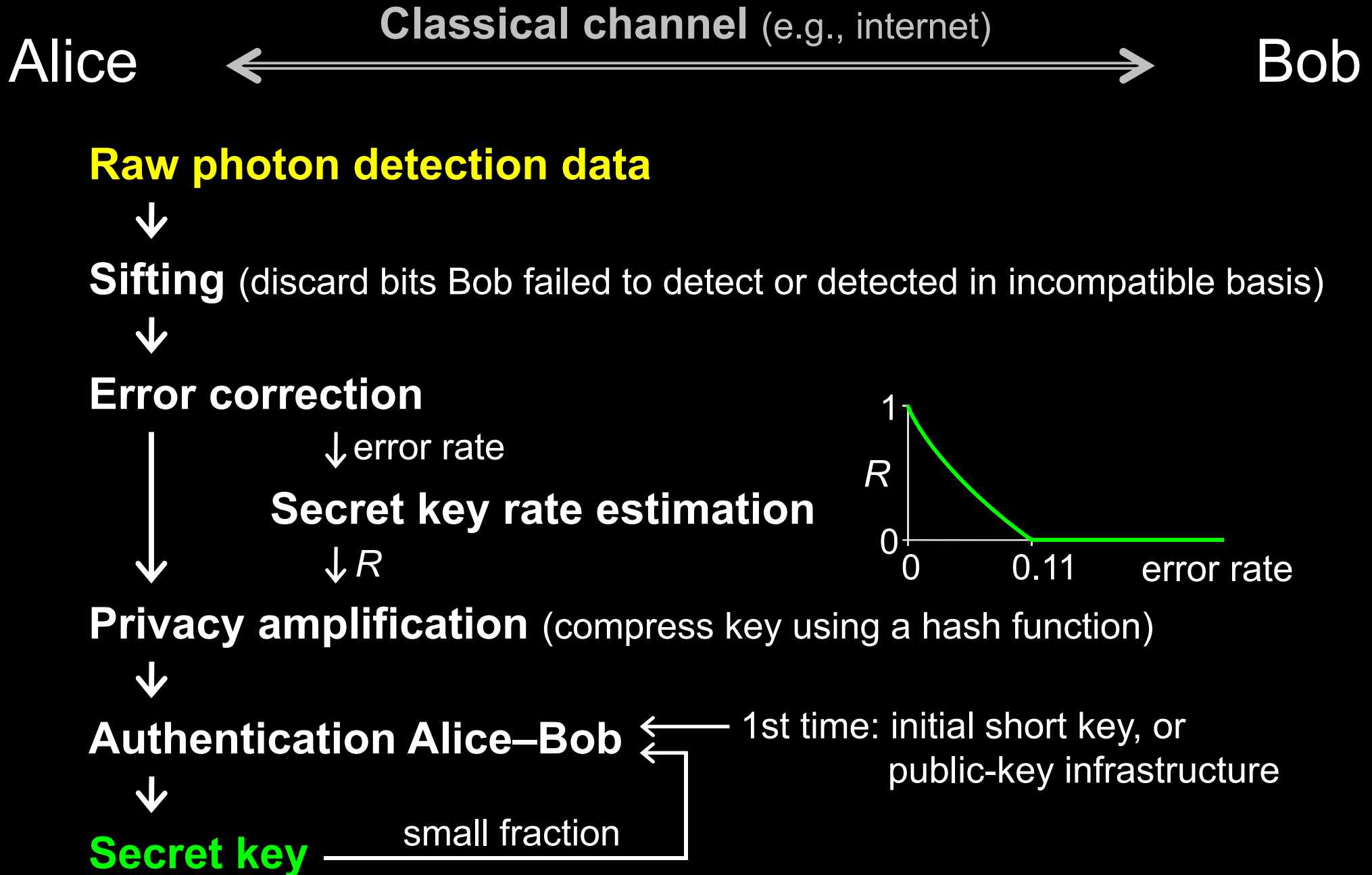


or ?



Eavesdropping introduces errors

# Post-processing in QKD



# Commercial QKD

## Classical encryptors:

- L2, 2 Gbit/s
- L2, 10 Gbit/s
- L3 VPN, 100 Mbit/s

## WDMs

## Key manager

QKD to another node  
(4 km)

QKD to another node  
(14 km)

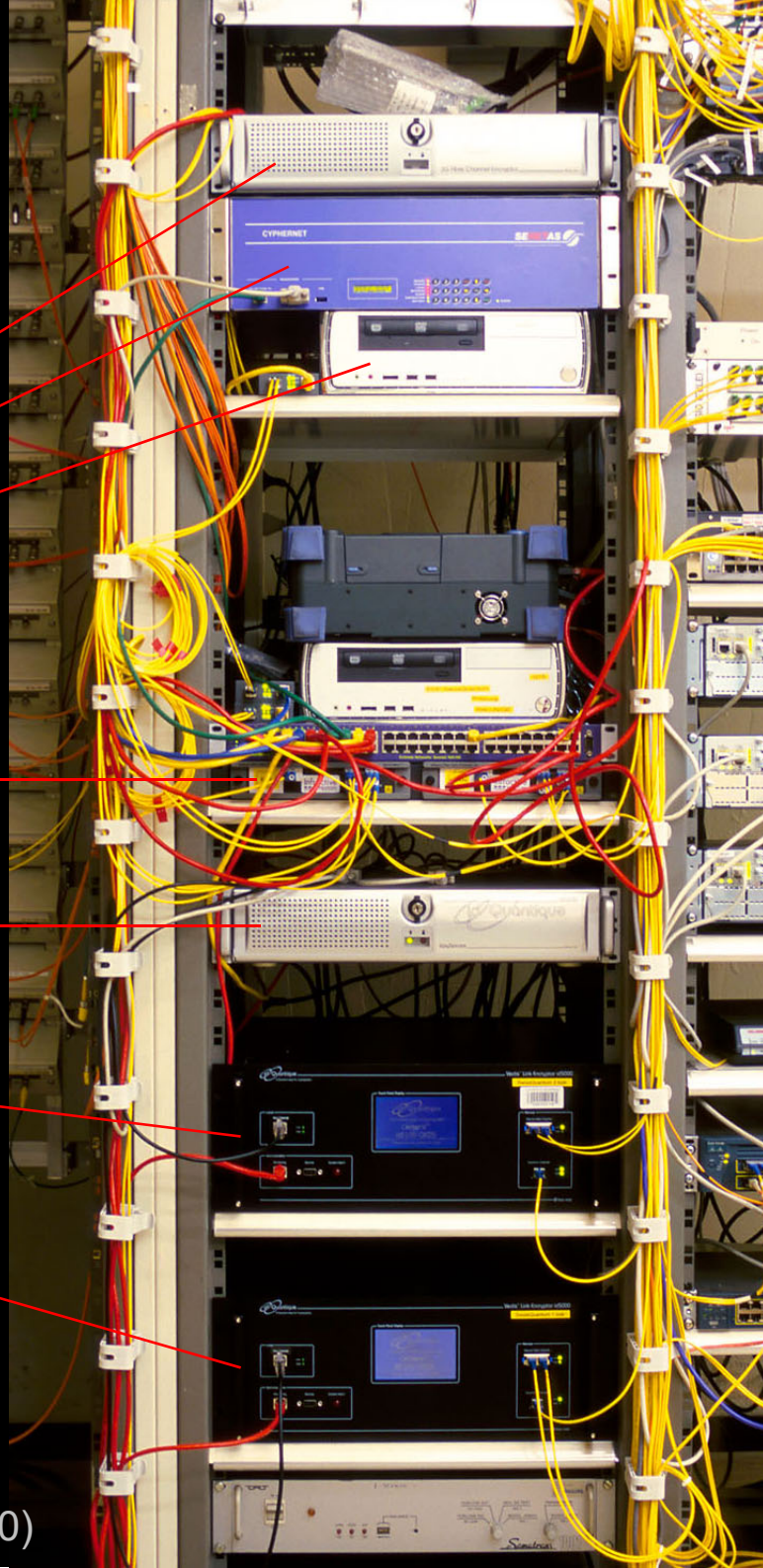
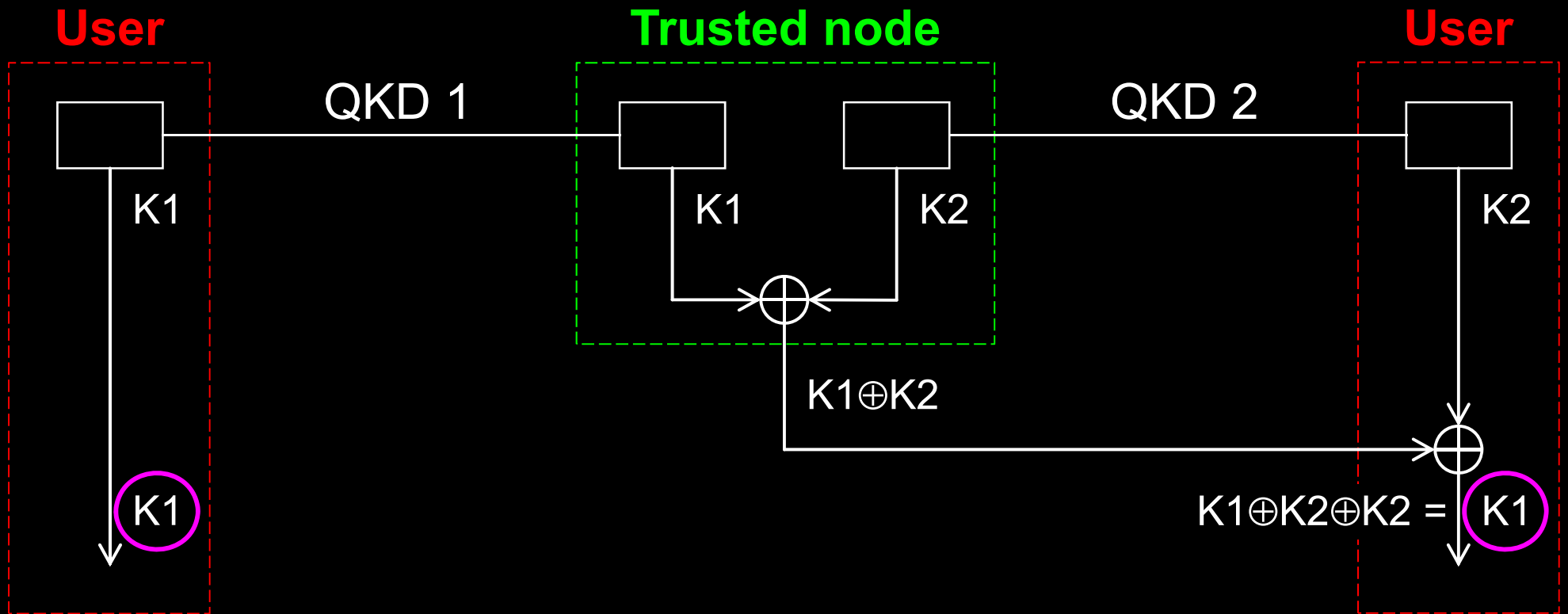
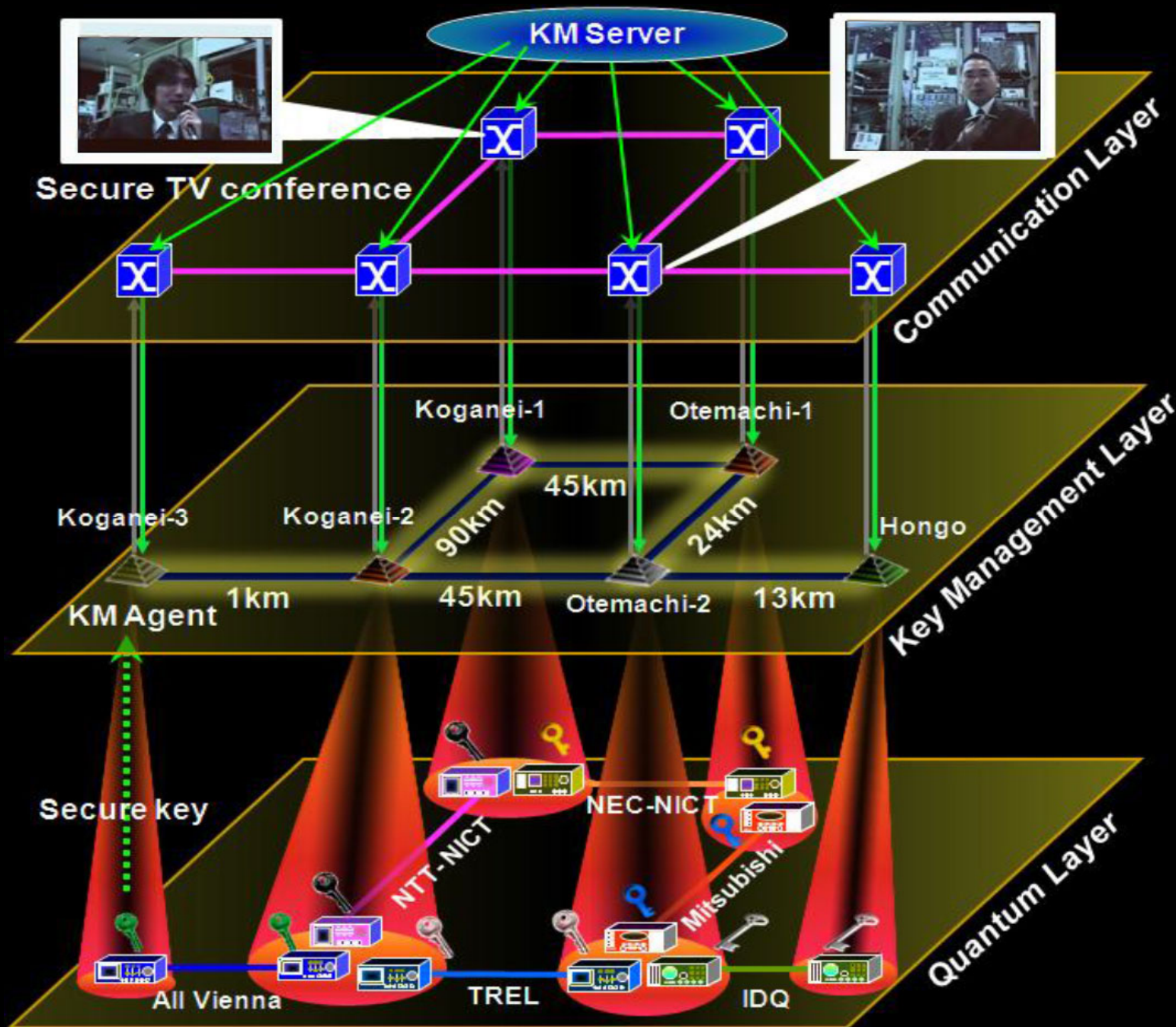


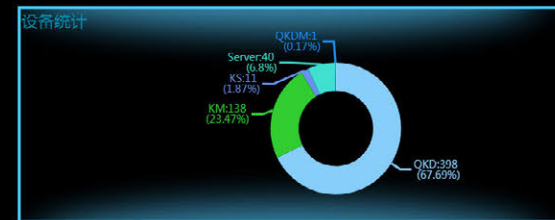
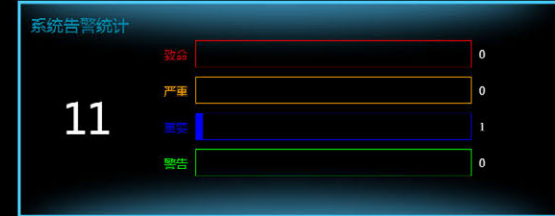
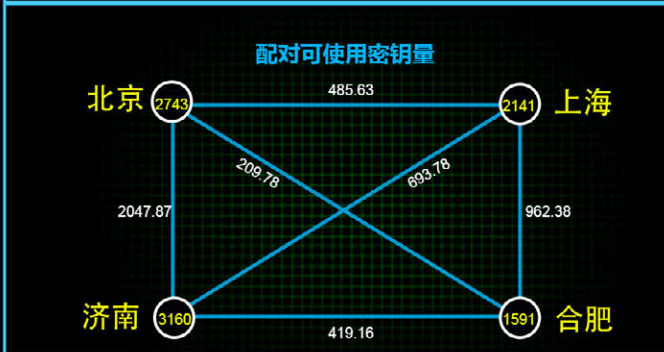
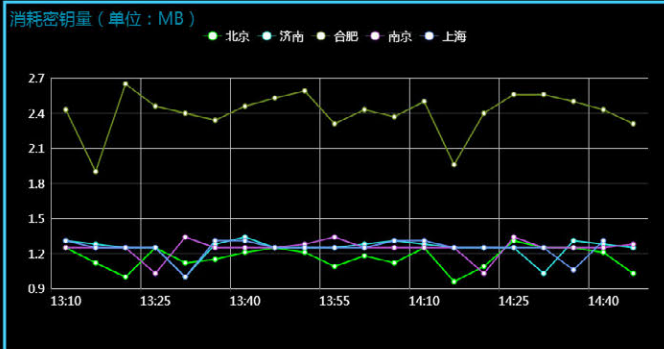
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# Trusted-node repeater



# Trusted-node network

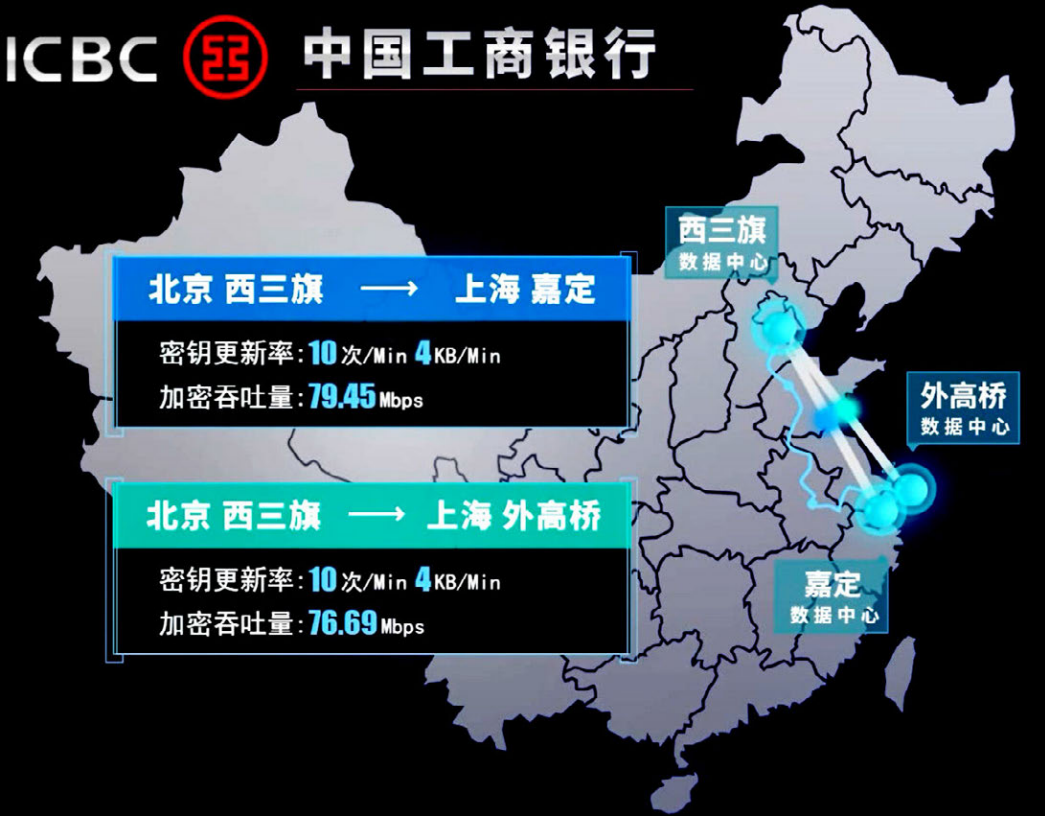




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# ICBC 中国工商银行



> \$200M / year  
global market (2019)

MarketsandMarkets: Quantum Cryptography Market – Global Forecast to 2022 (2017).

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# Global quantum key distribution



# Chinese quantum satellite Micius (launched 2016)

**Bell test over 1200 km**

**Satellite-to-ground QKD at 1 kbit/s**

**Quantum teleportation over 1400 km**

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# Hybrid QKD network

## Satellite-to-ground QKD at 1 kbit/s

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