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Quantum Computing, Geopolitical Stakes and Impacts - The Quantum Battlefield and the Future

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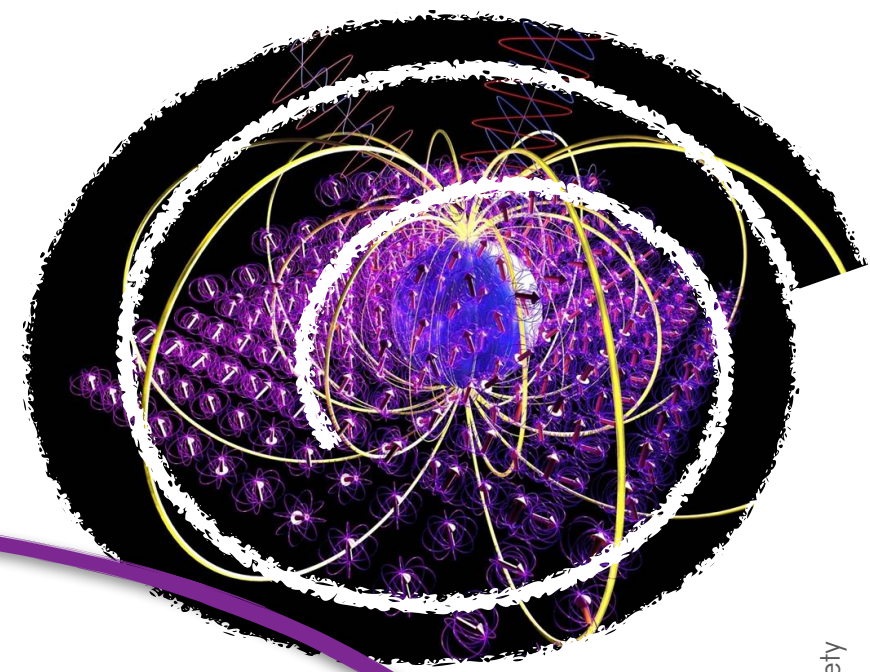
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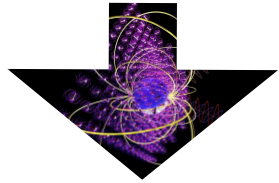
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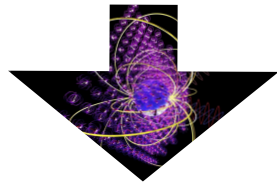
Why does it matter to look at future (security) impacts?



Science and Engineering Findings

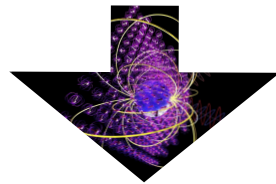


1 Imagining the Quantum AI world (with evidence + security stakes)

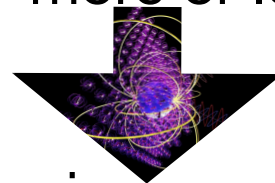


Stakeholders with varying interests and thus actions...

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- Scientists - discoveries, funding and various self interest
 - States/political authorities - power (influence, resources (taxes)) and security
 - Companies/industries - future clients and markets and threat to their survival
- => The race to quantum



3 Different aims + international milieu → more or less tension among actors → impact on the race.



Means + actions on the race impacts science and application, which in turn impacts both the actualisation of what was foreseen and further imagination.

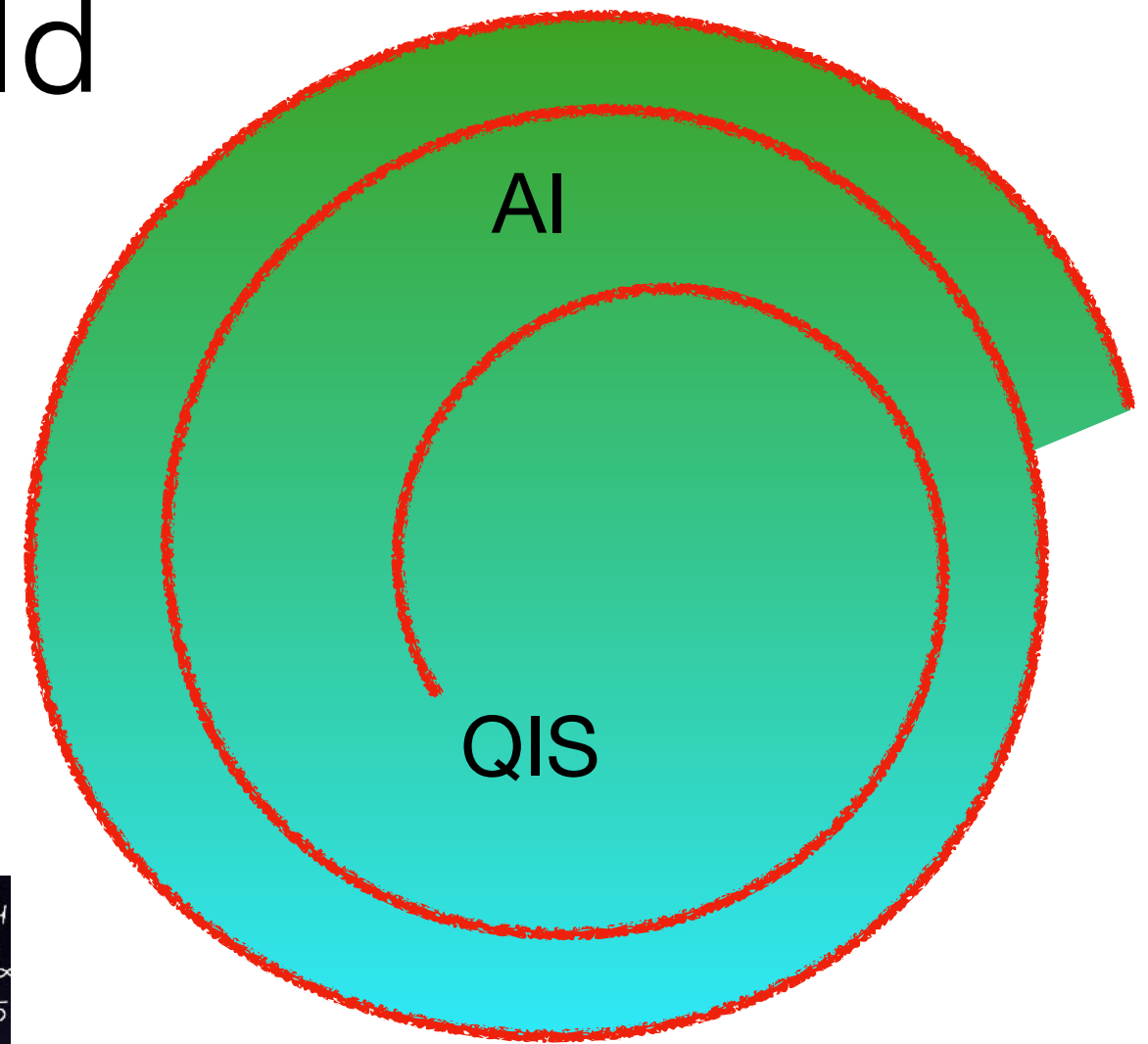
Image: AFRL-supported physicists at the University of Michigan (UM) are developing innovative components for quantum (Artistic rendering by UM Applied Physics doctoral student Bo Sun)

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The Emerging Future Quantum- AI World and Security Stakes

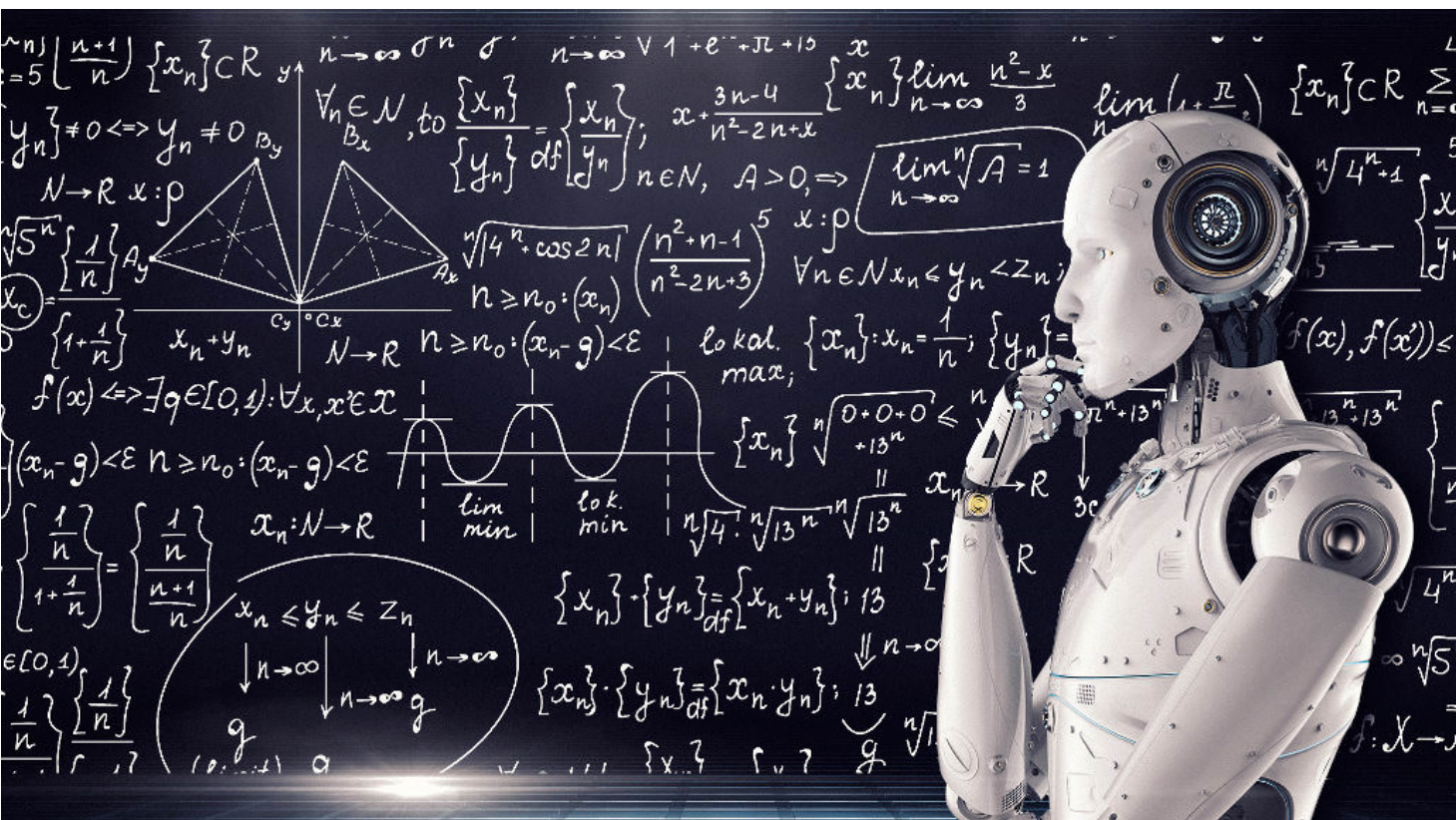
Towards a Future Quantum-AI World

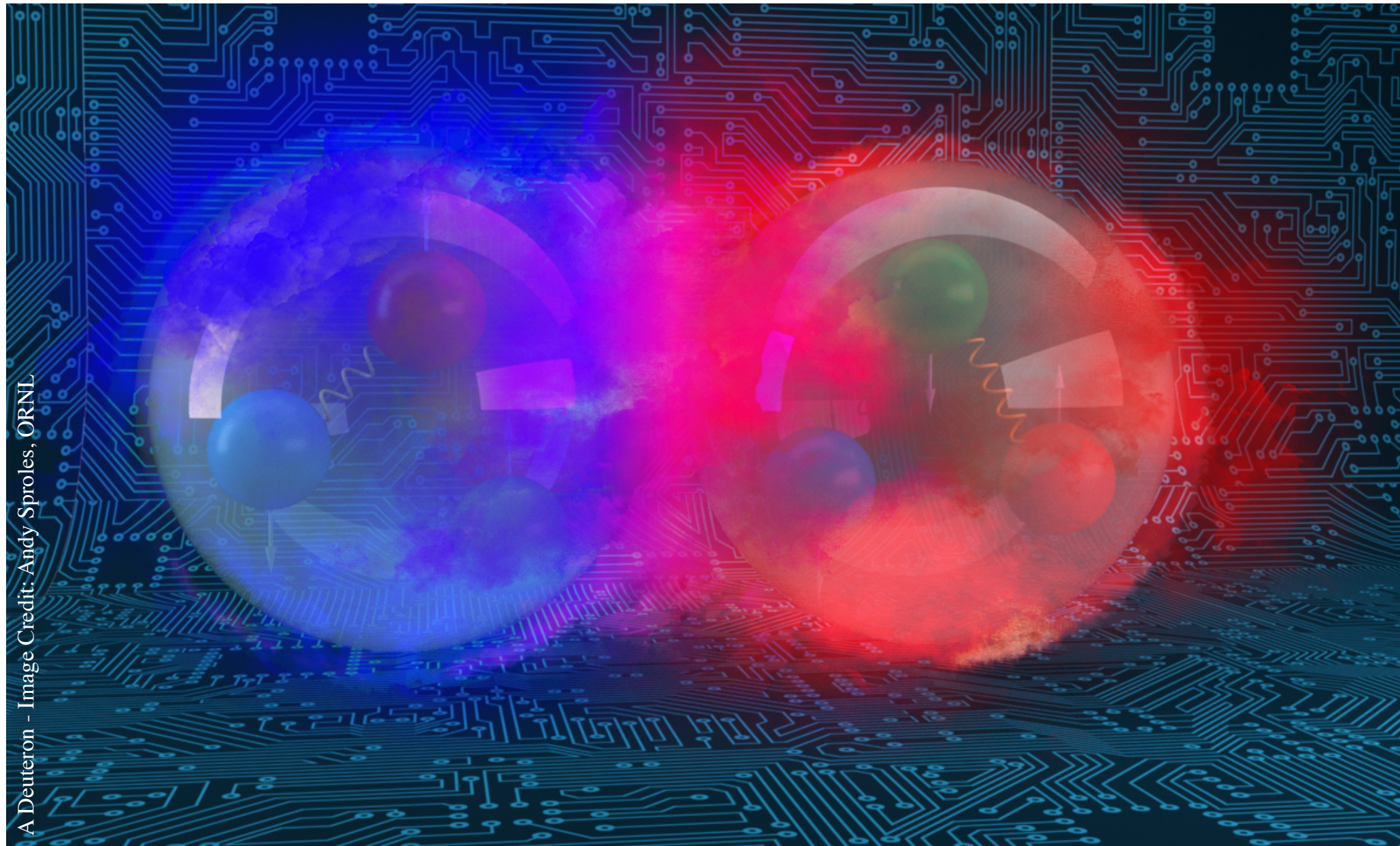
- QIS benefits from AI and changes AI
- AI benefits QIS and allows for evolution



Escalating feedback loop
between QIS and AI

e.g. The “quantum perceptron” (Francesco Tacchino, Chiara Macchiavello, Dario Gerace, Daniele Bajoni, “An Artificial Neuron Implemented on an Actual Quantum Processor”, [arXiv:1811.02266](https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.02266) , 6 Nov 2018)





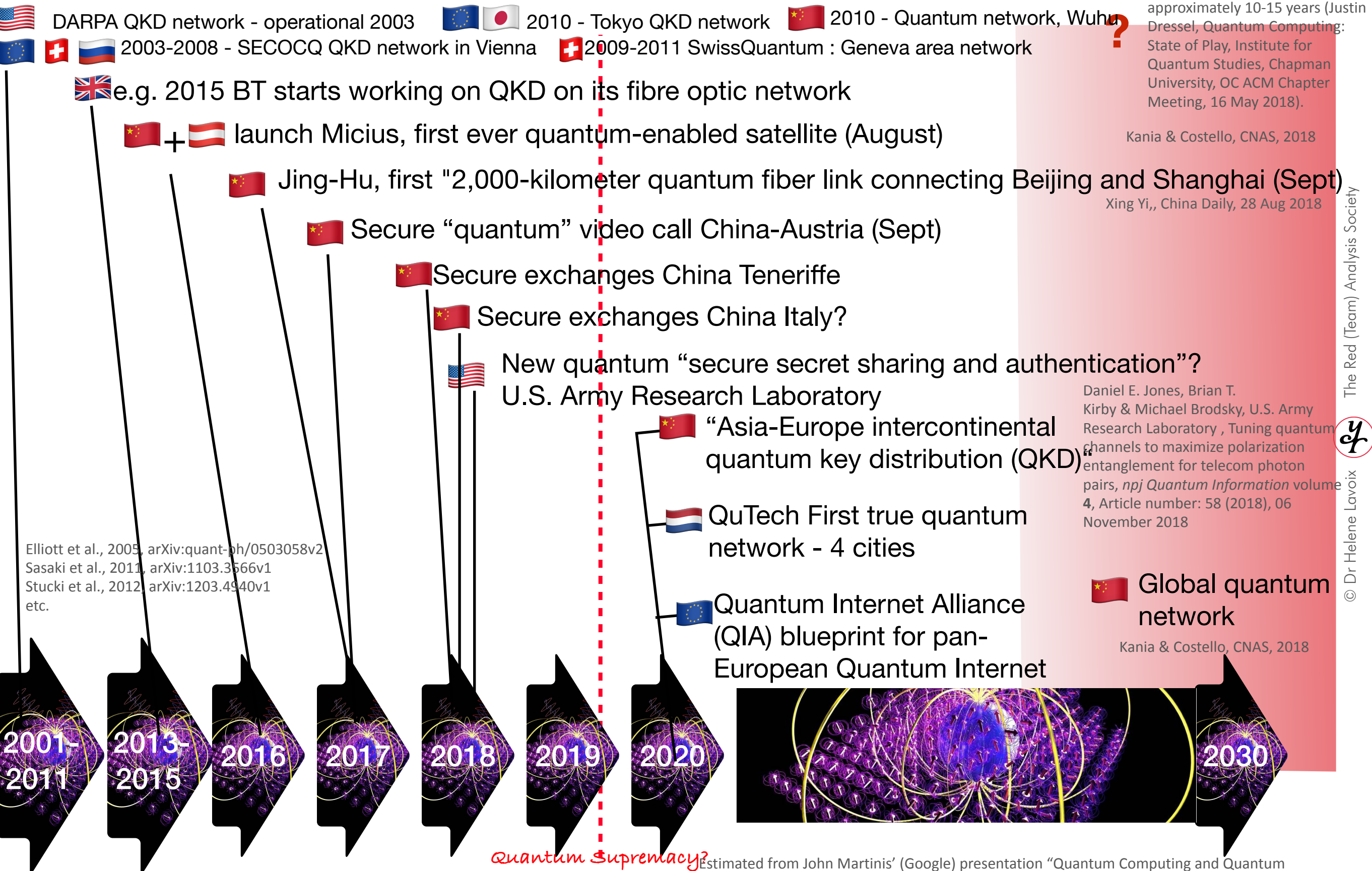
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Countering a Quantum Computing “Crypto-apocalypse”

Quantum Communication & cryptography: getting very
secure communications

Countering the Perceived Possibility of a Quantum Computing “Crypto-apocalypse”

Various Field Trials (non exhaustive)



Countering Quantum Computing

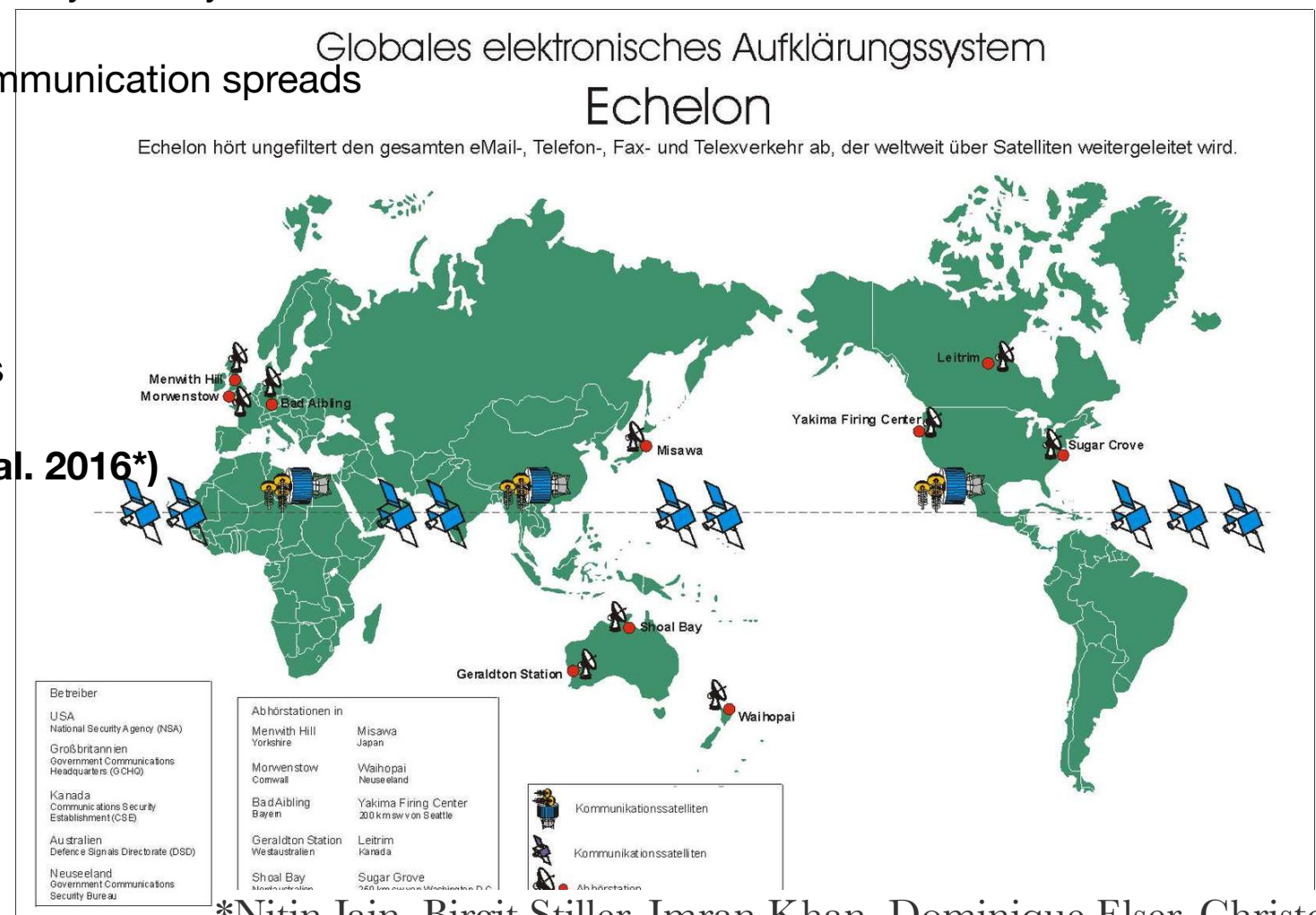
“Crypto-apocalypse”

But QKD not unbreakable - In some networks nodes' vulnerability)?

What does that mean in security terms?

1. All **SIGINT** (NSA, GCHQ, etc.) become blind, partially or totally: “going dark” (within approx 5 years - US quantum scientist - Kania & Costello, CNAS, 2018), actually already started?

- “Old” capabilities useless as quantum communication spreads
- SIGINT must develop new ways
- INT must use other ways
- Need for scientists to overcome blindness
- **Birth of Quantum Hacking (e.g. Jain et al. 2016*)**
- BUT talents shortage
- Race because the longer the blindness and the wider the blind spot, the more dangerous it becomes
- Changes in influence



*Nitin Jain, Birgit Stiller, Imran Khan, Dominique Elser, Christoph Marquardt & Gerd Leuchs (2016) Attacks on practical quantum key distribution systems (and how to prevent them), Contemporary Physics 57:3, 2022, 267-282, DOI: 10.1080/00107514.2021.2014222

Countering Quantum Computing “Crypto-apocalypse”

2. Domestic security changes

- When quantum networks will be available at residential level
- Will organised crime and criminality benefit from quantum comm.?
- Need to revise all cyber police and cyber security (investments training, strategy, operations)
 - Can we break the security we created?
 - Need for talents
 - What happens until cyber police becomes operational again?



Source: Gendarmerie
Nationale -
Cybercriminalité

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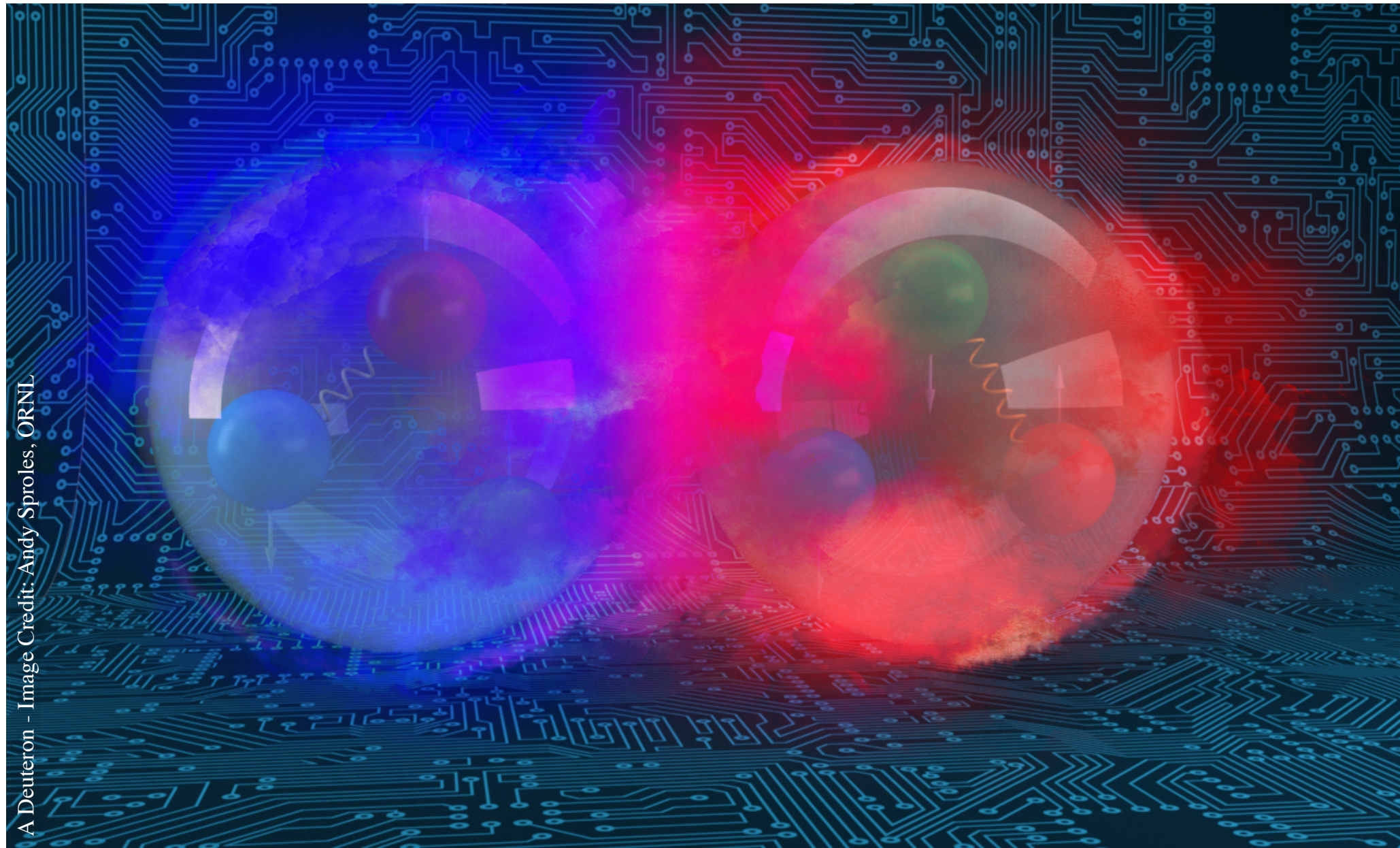
3. Security changes: economic and business

- Cybersecurity industry
 - Estimated market size between approx \$ 170 Billion by 2022 (Market Research Engine -“with data from 2015” [!!!!!!]) and \$248.26 Billion by 2023 (Markets and Markets)
 - Are you sure? Could the industry and its size be questioned?
- Companies providing communication infrastructures
- Companies using comm. infrastructures
- Quantum computing threatens blockchain*
- Adapted “cloud” actors?
- Others?

* Aleksey K. Fedorov, Evgeniy O. Kiktenko & Alexander I. Lvovsky, “Quantum computers put blockchain security at risk”, *Nature*, 19 November 2018

4. All levels: Could new Quantum Network Providers introduce “device” allowing them to “spy” on information exchanges?

- How do we know?
- How do we check?
- How to create trust?

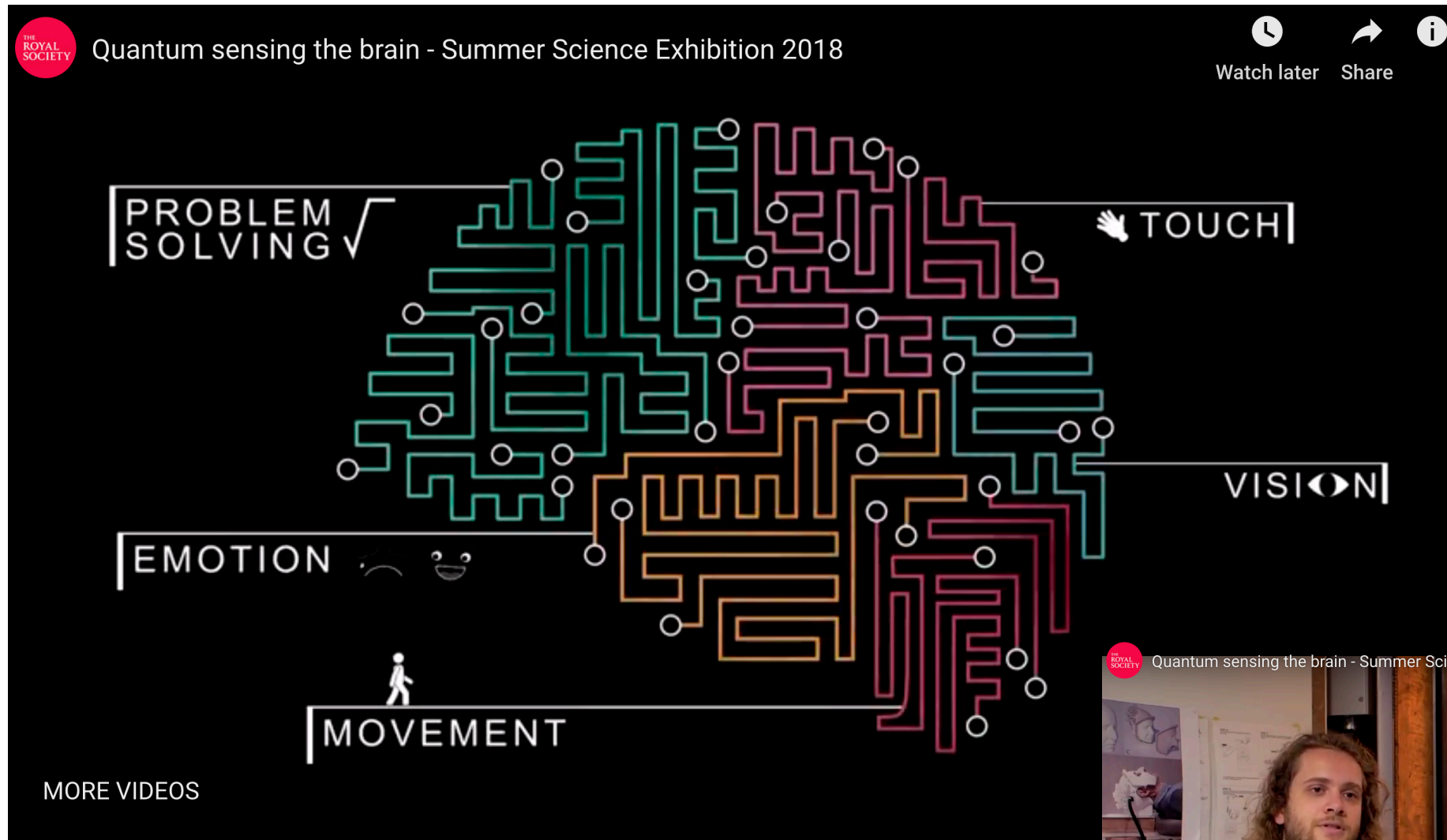


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Quantum Sensing and Metrology

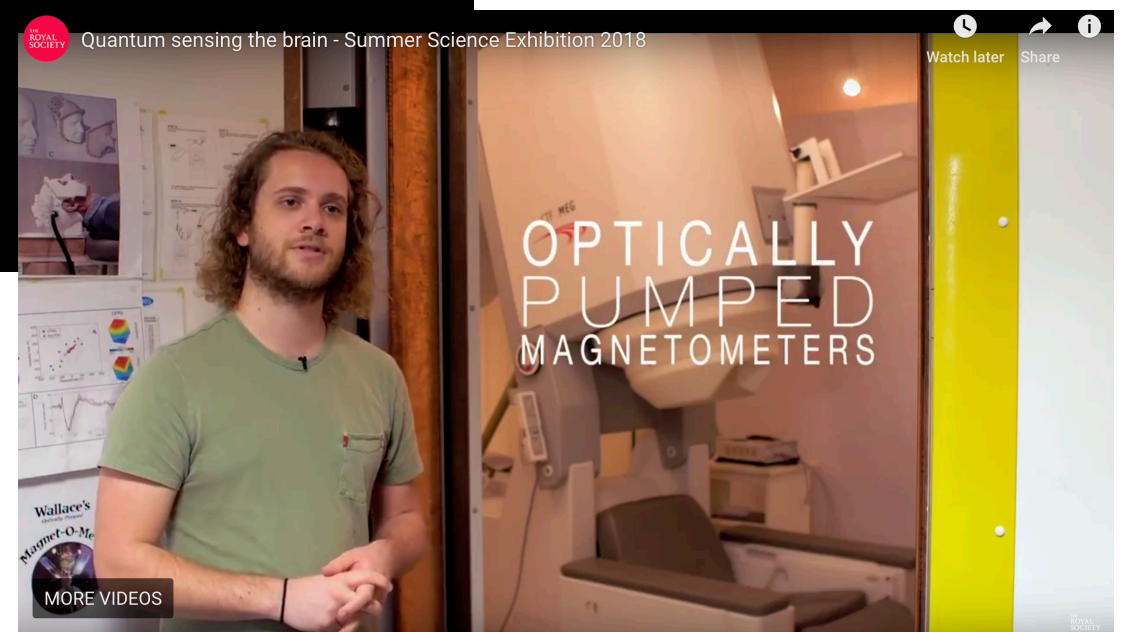
Quantum Sensing the Brain

University of Birmingham



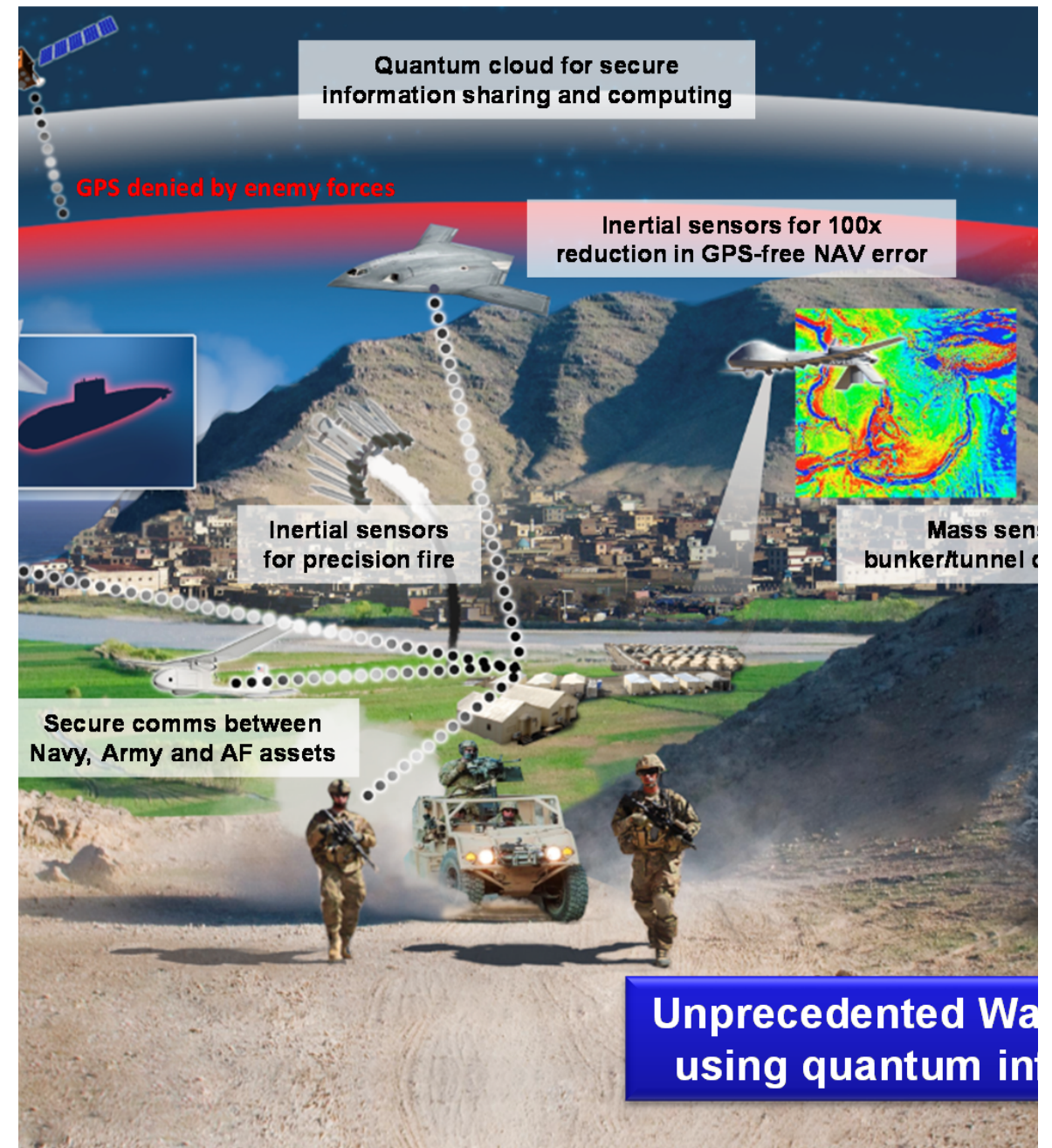
Screenshots from the video - 11 June 2018 -
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Could this new understanding impact AI
and quest for a third generation AI (2bn
USD investment by DARPA)... or even
General AI? In turn, impact?

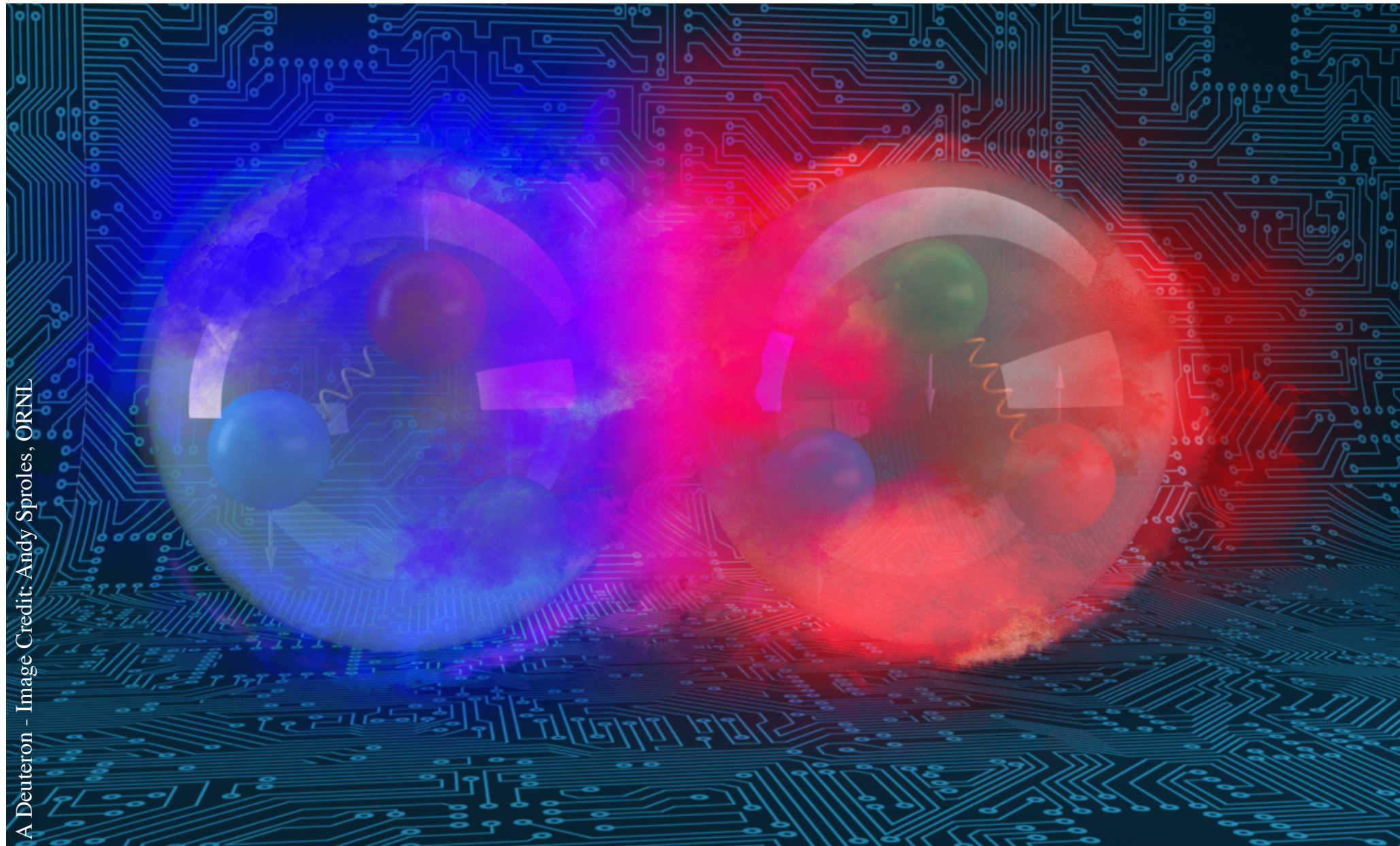


Changing the battlefield

- Notably radar, lidar, incl. for submarines communication
- But also quantum illumination defeating very new advances in meta materials e.g. cloaking (stealth technologies) (U. Las Heras et al., “Quantum illumination reveals phase-shift inducing cloaking”, *Scientific reports*, 24 Aug. 2017)
- Thus
 - Disrupted investments
 - Enhanced potential for surprise



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Quantum computing and simulations

From logistics and optimization to quantum smart ports
through solution to climate change

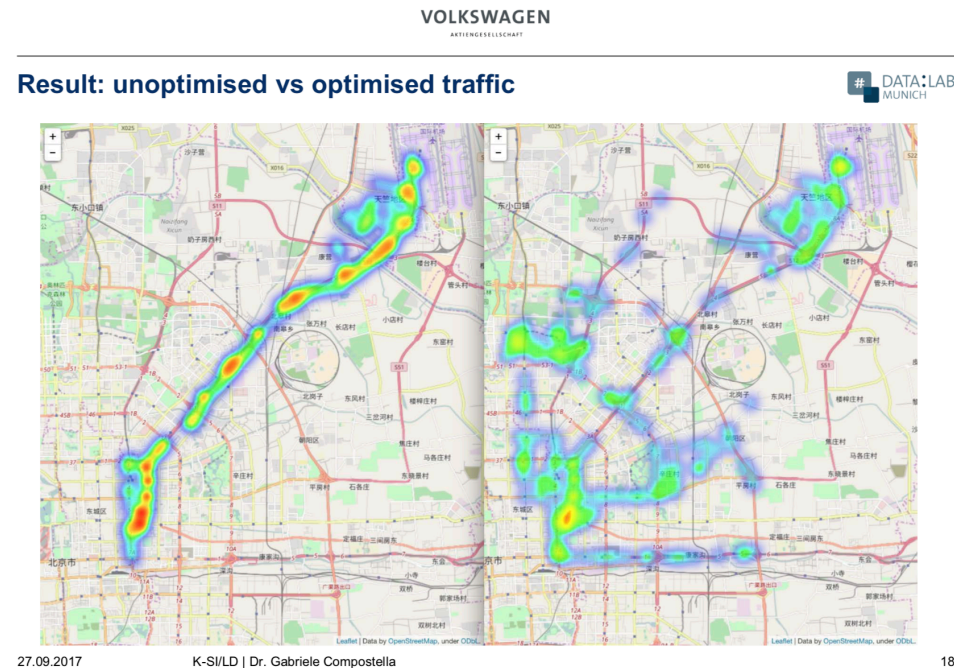
Logistics and optimization

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Quantum Computing at Volkswagen: Traffic Flow Optimization using the D-Wave Quantum Annealer

D-Wave Users Group Meeting - National Harbour, MD
27.09.2017 – Dr. Gabriele Compostella



Microsoft and
DEWA bringing
quantum
computing to
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Smart cities worldwide



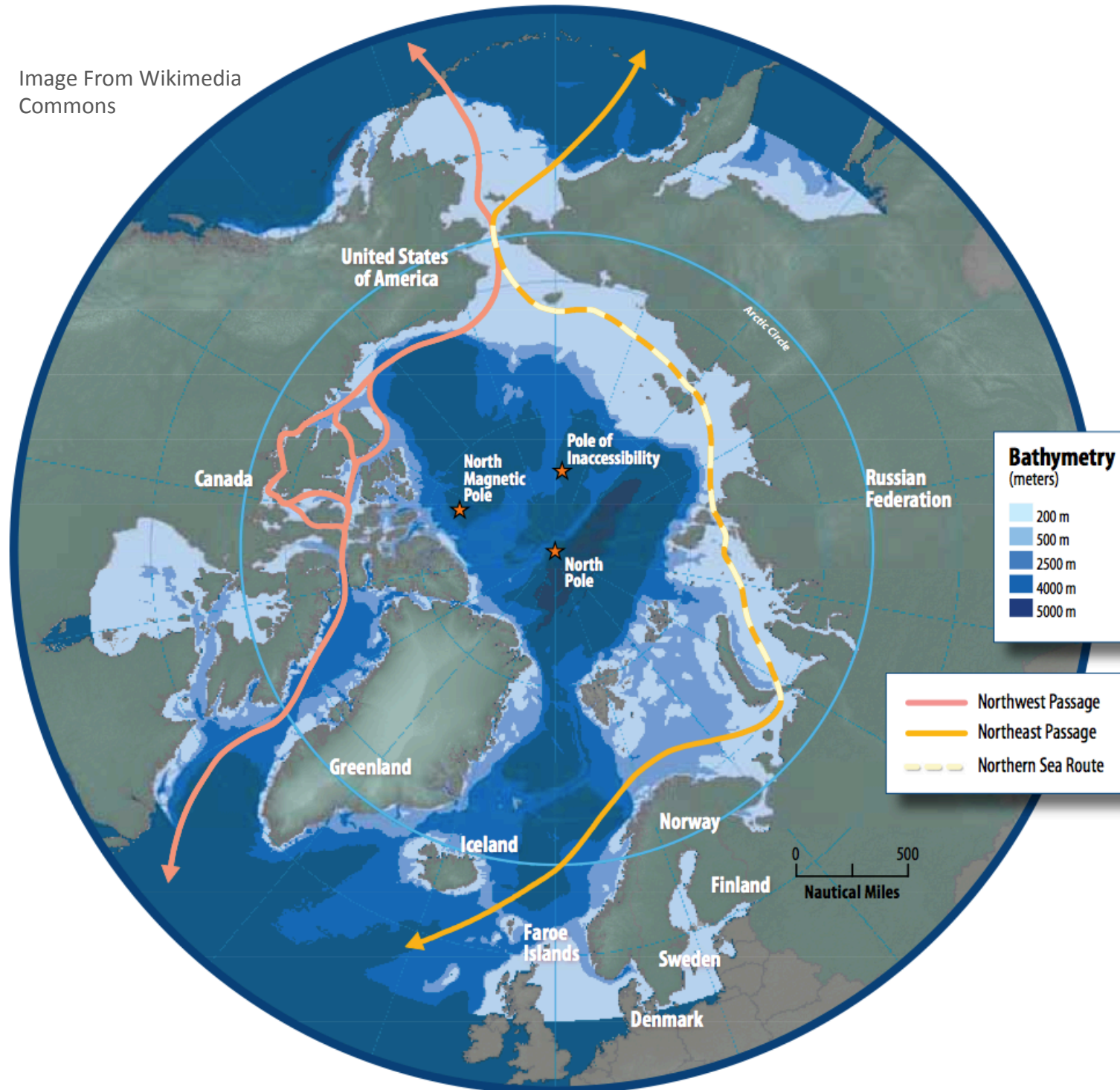
A modern Army needs modern
installations
By Dr. Jason R. Dorvee, U.S. Army
September 17, 2018



The guided-missile destroyer
USS Mustin (DDG 89) receives
cargo from the Military Sealift
Command fleet replenishment
oiler USNS Tippecanoe (T-AO
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The Northern Sea Route and Quantum Smart Ports

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Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry Image Map

Source: Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry 2018/4/10 11:17:08

Screenshot from Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industry Website



APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Danang. November 10, 2017

+ Project of trans-Arctic fiber-optic data cable that would connect Finland, Norway and Russia with Japan and China... with QKD?

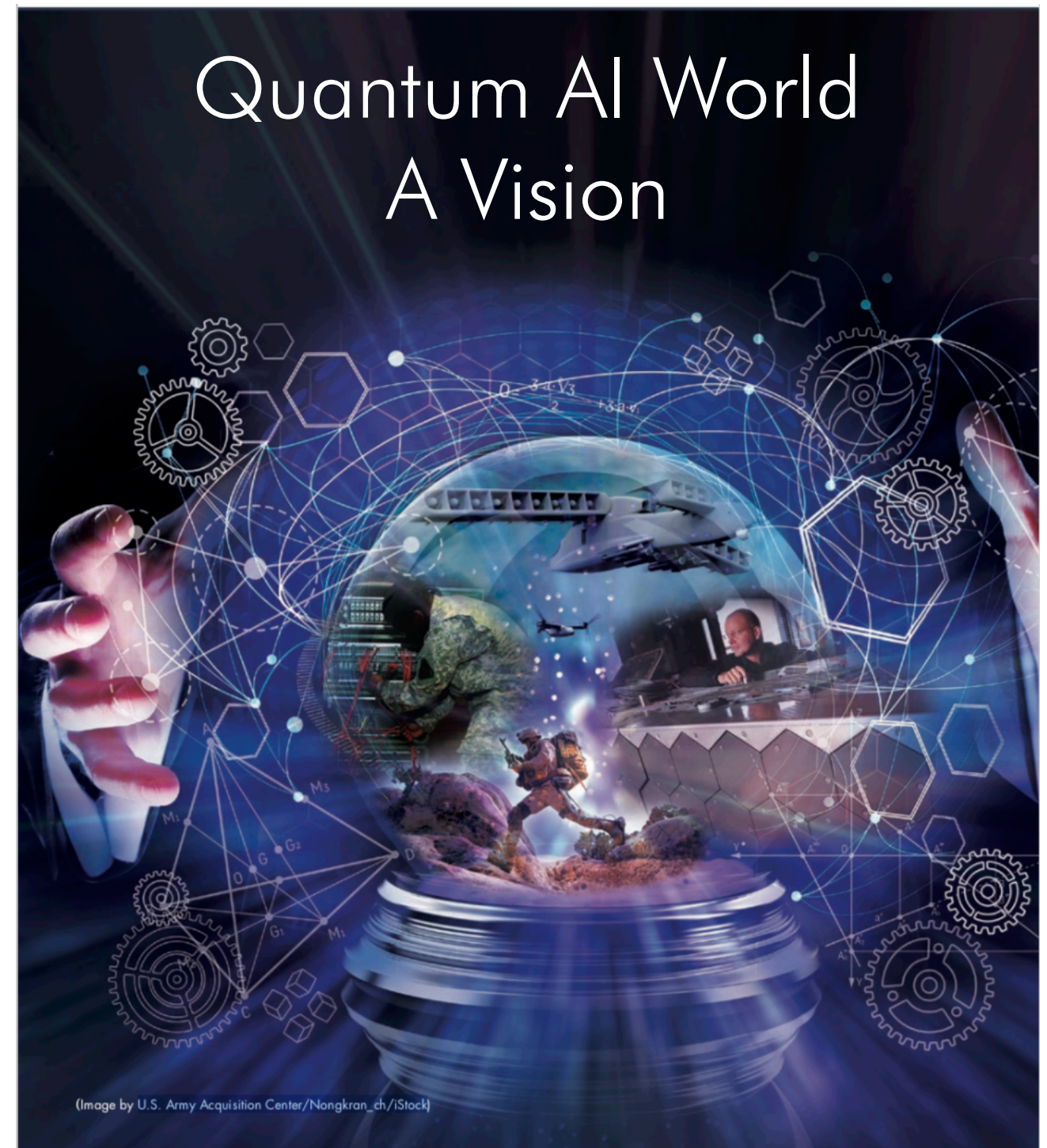
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Key - Building an Adapted Strategic Foresight Process

- Because imagining and allowing imagining the Quantum AI world (with evidence) is crucial, **notably for stakeholders**
- Quantum Computing actors should include an adapted SF process
 - Dynamic and evolving with latest scientific and engineering findings
 - Multidisciplinary
 - Considers 'security' for all actors
 - Delivers the imagined world in the best possible format (according to audience)



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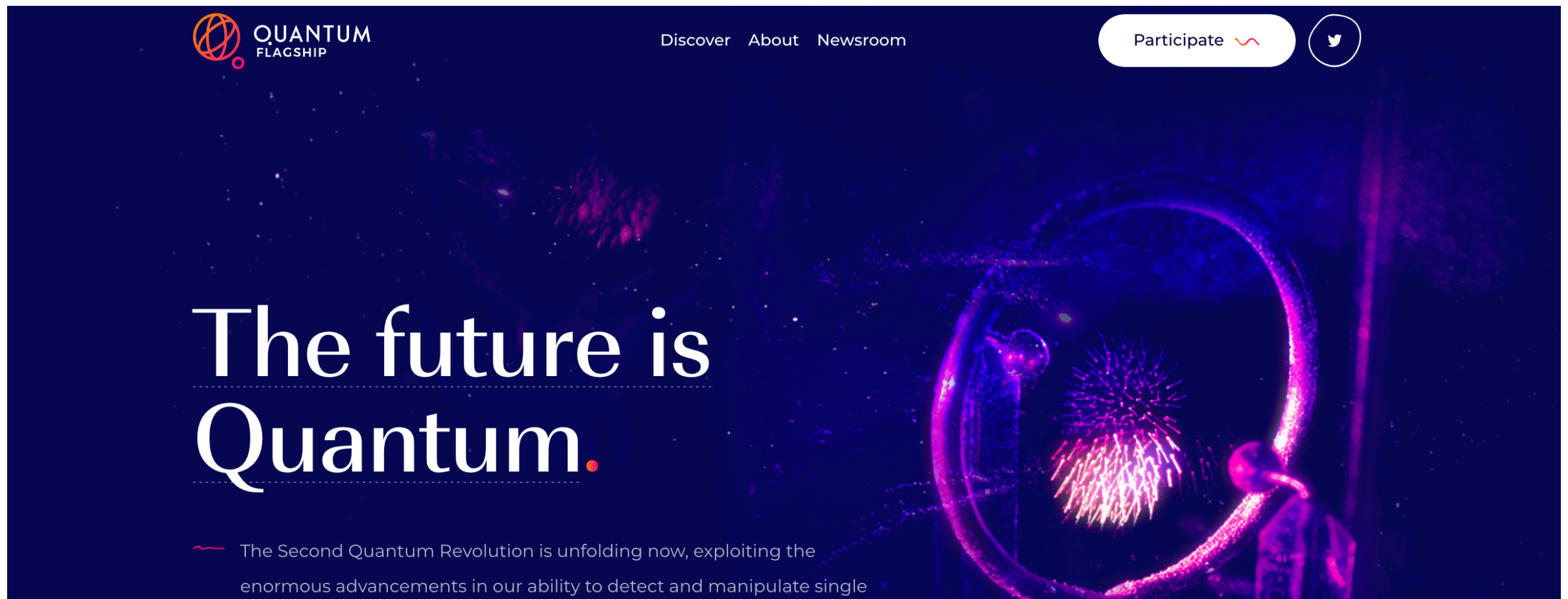
2 The Race for Quantum

Characteristics of a race

- Looking only at overall state funding (as in the race to exascale HPC) is at best unsatisfactory
- The ongoing quantum race is complex
- From “The state of the race” to “how can we understand it best?”

Characteristics of a race

- Public comprehensive strategic framework (or not)
- Yearly usual public research funding
- Public-private Industry-Research... and Finance (pre-seed venture capital?)
- Across sovereign boundaries with industrial risks and sovereign national security risks
- Onset of efforts (when did it start?) Time and accumulated funding, research, notoriety matter
- Funding matters, but talents too, how to capture the two (publications?)
- What about tomorrow talents?
- Communication matters too (capturing imagination), how to measure it?

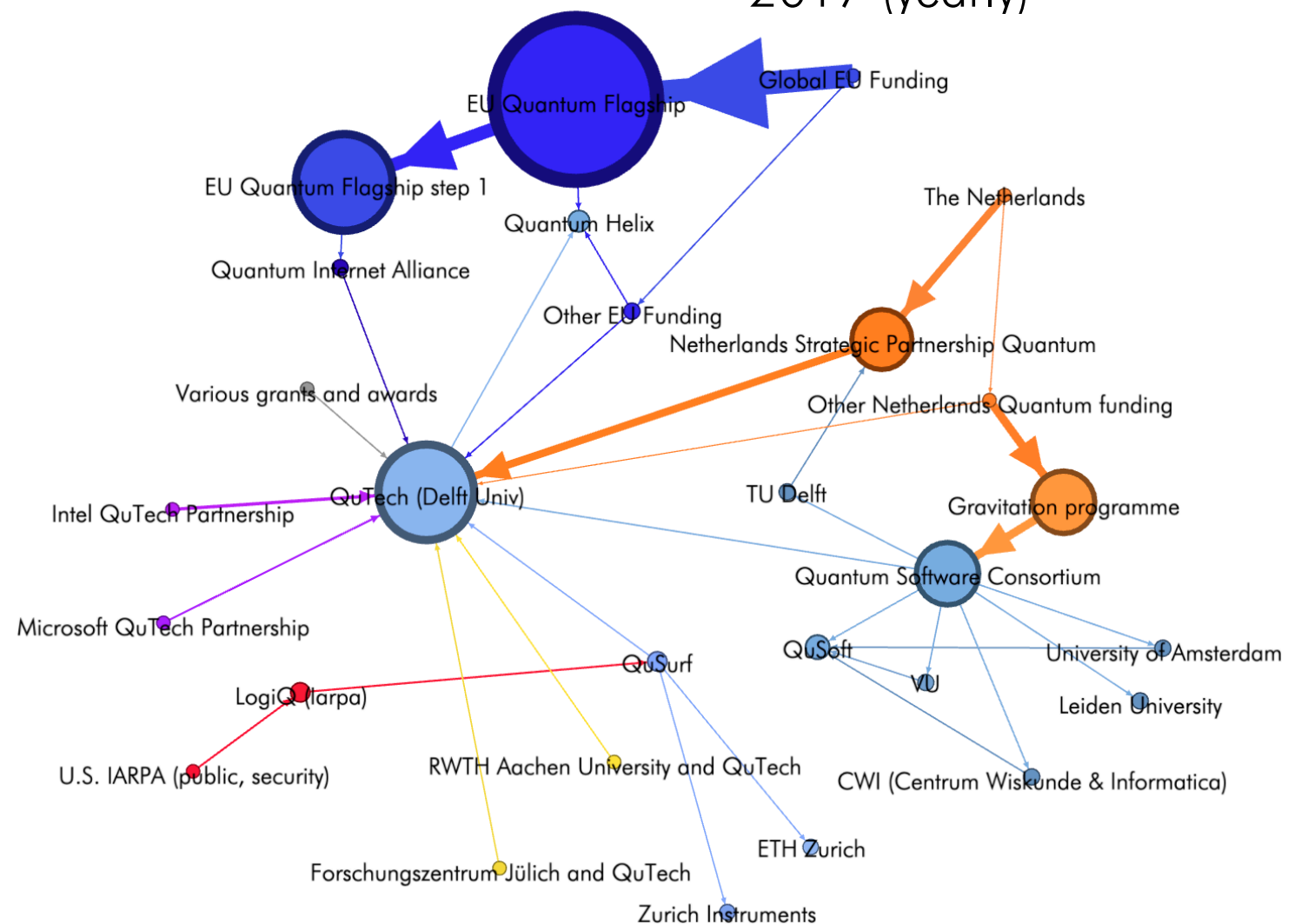


Mapping the Race to Quantum

The Netherlands and QuTech

- The Netherlands
“Comprehensive strategic framework”: €146 million over 10 years (\$168,6 million) received from the government (QuTech Annual Report 2015 p.7, 35)
- However QuTech also enters in various partnerships and alliances (QuTech Annual Report 2017).
- Public Private: e.g. Intel and Microsoft.
- Across Boundaries beyond EU: US IARPA.

Mapping the Race to Quantum
Example - QuTech Funding 2017 (yearly)



Graph done with Gephi
Sources: QuTech Annual Report 2017

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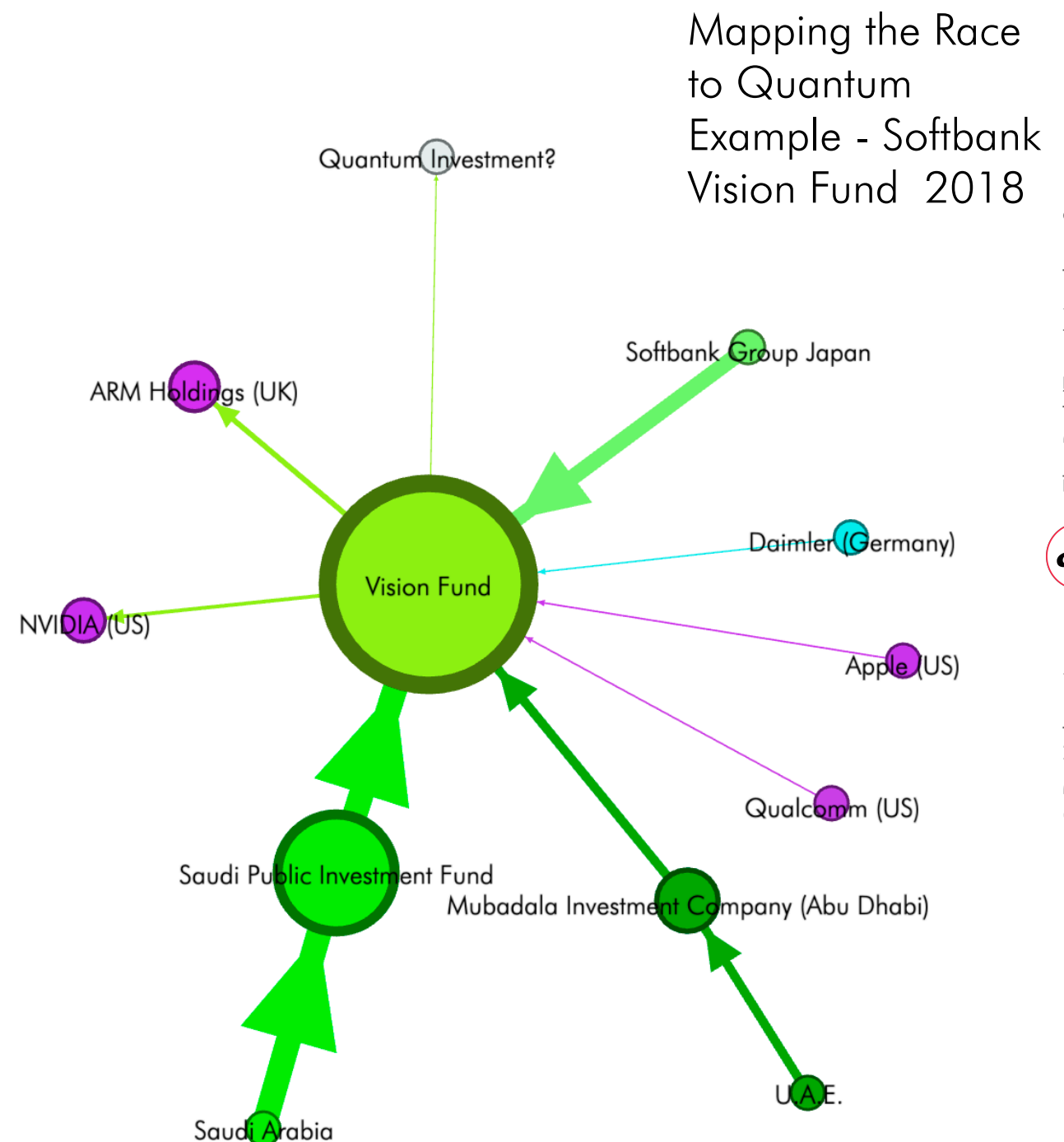
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Softbank Vision Fund?

- 100 billion USD Fund - Minimum investment 100 million USD - Managed in London
- Want to find and back the company whose quantum computing hardware or software that runs atop it would become the “de facto industry standard”

“We are happy to invest enough to create that standard around which the whole [Quantum] industry can coalesce”.

Shu Nyatta, Vision Fund, reported by Jeremy Kahn, ["SoftBank's Vision Fund Eyes Investment in Quantum Computing,"](#) Bloomberg Quint, 26 June 2017.



Sources: Vision Fund website, FT, Bloomberg

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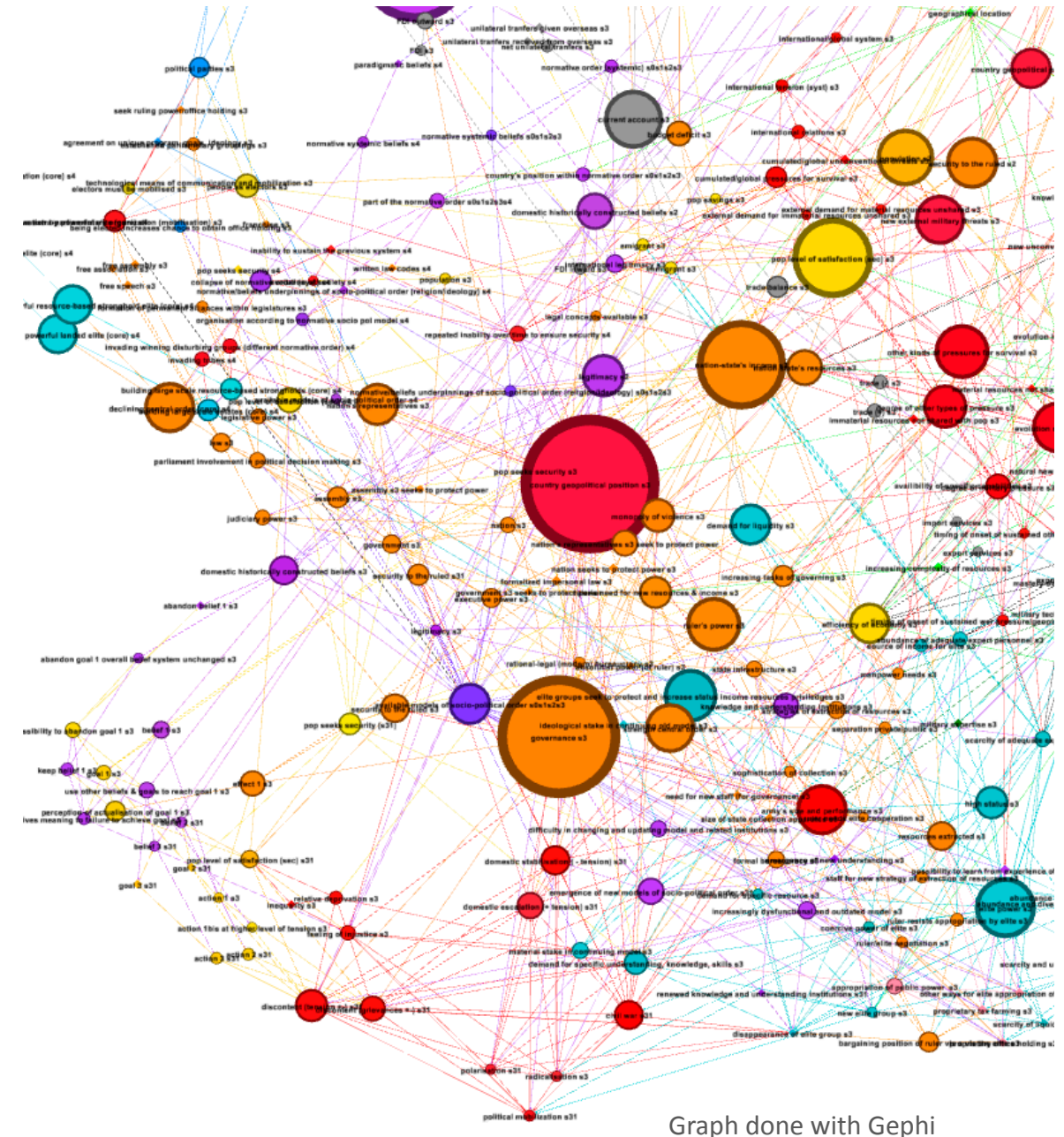


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Key - Mapping the Quantum Race

Research in progress -

- The complete Quantum Race should be mapped.
- Dynamic mapping: [video see article on RTAS](#)
- Translation Global investment/ Yearly budget.
- The other characteristics of the race, as much as possible, should be included.



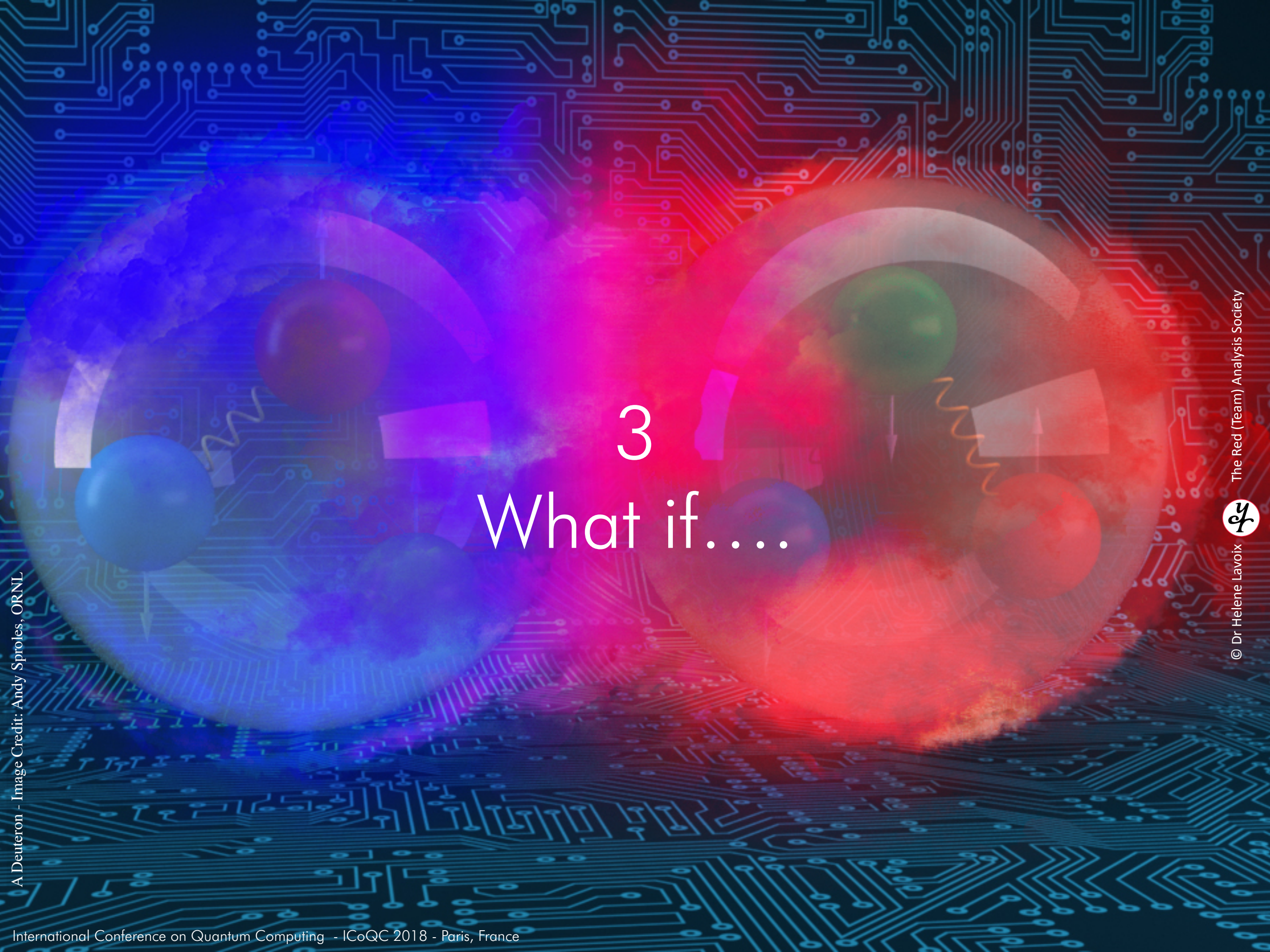
Further references - China

“It is planned to invest 100 billion yuan in five years (\$14.39 billion over 5 years, i.e. \$2.878 billion per year) for the National Laboratory of Quantum Information In Hefei”

Pan Jianwei Introduction. Reporter Zhang Pei

“CAS Academician is a guest at the Hefei Municipal Committee Central Group Theory Study Conference on Quantum Communication” [中科院院士做客合肥市委中心组理论学习会讲量子通信], Anhui Business Daily, May 24, 2017 http://ah.ifeng.com/a/20170524/5694552_0.shtml

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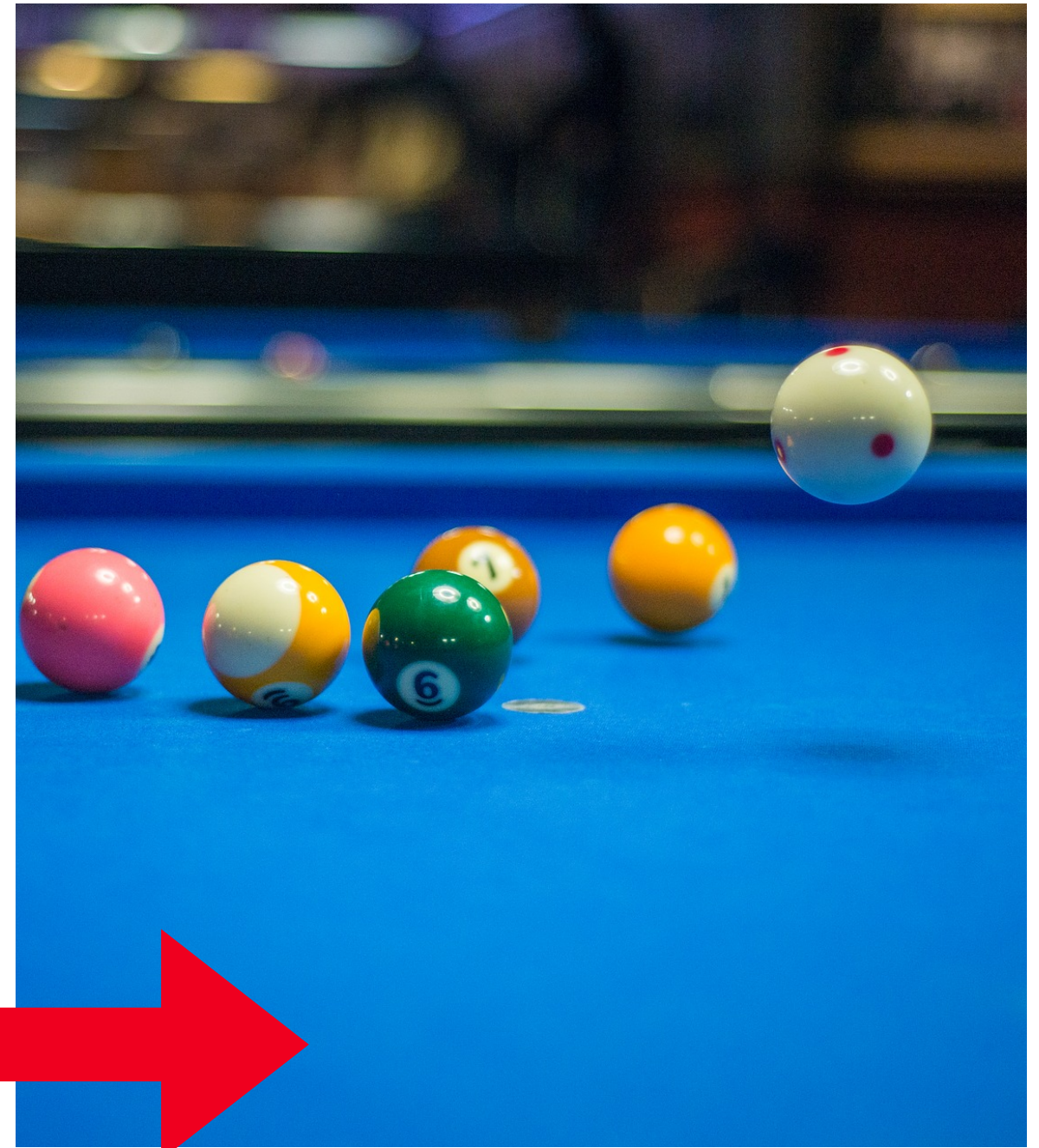
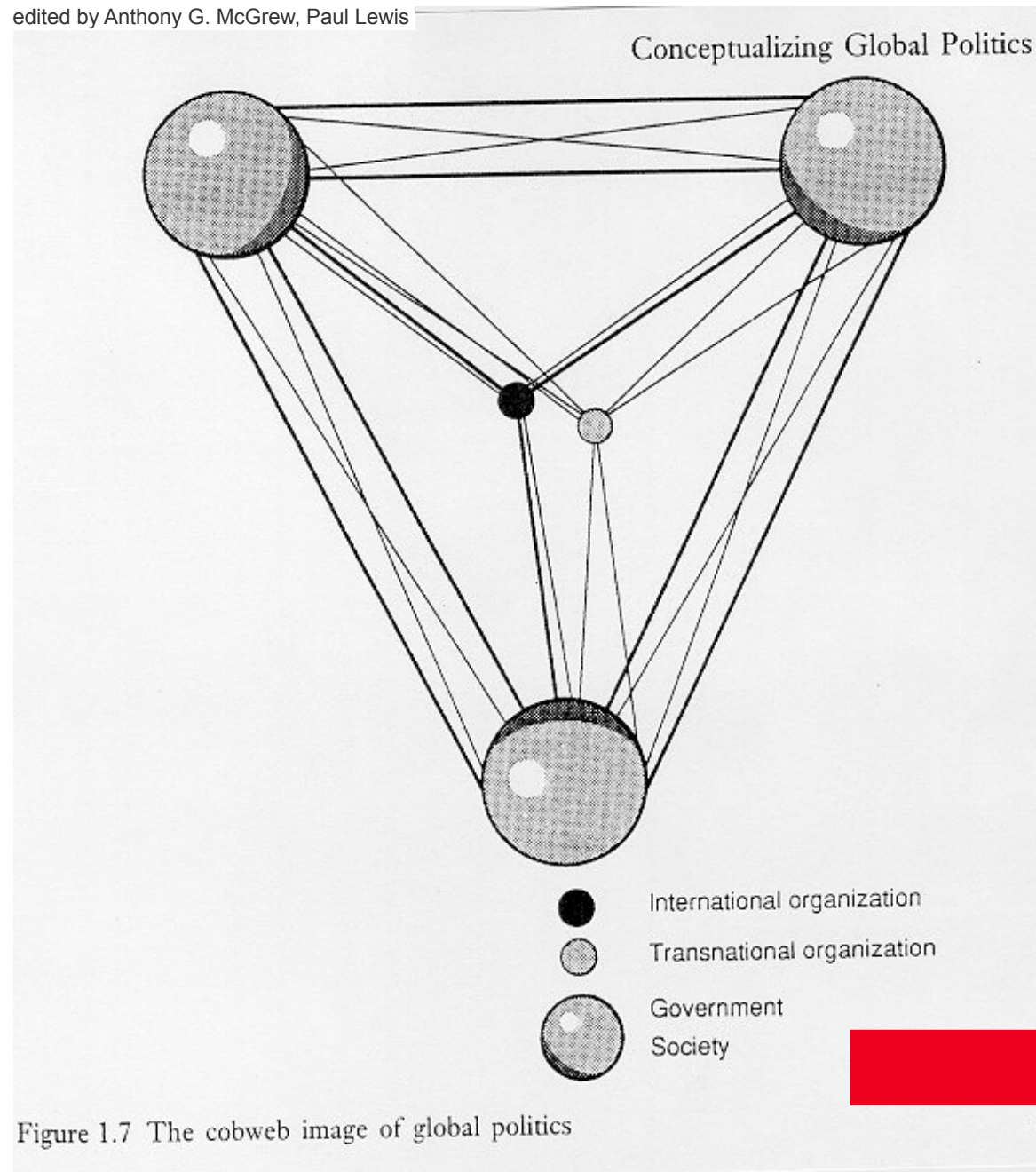
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What if....

Two main paradigms to see the world

Source: *Global Politics: Globalization and the Nation-State*

edited by Anthony G. McGrew, Paul Lewis



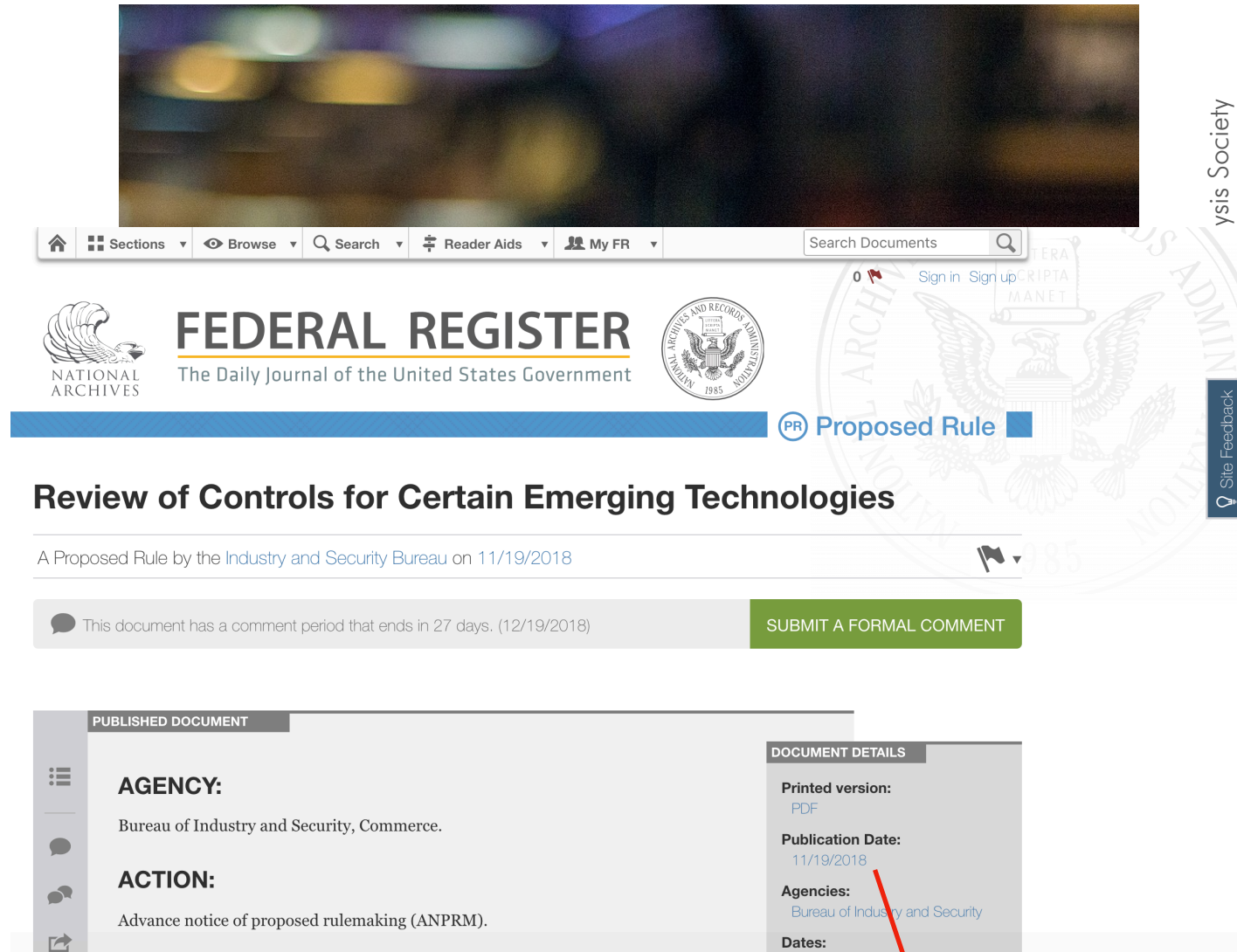
The Quantum Race Now?

The Quantum Race Tomorrow?

Selected Signals that we are changing IR paradigm

Towards a more “security-sensitive”, national interest-led world

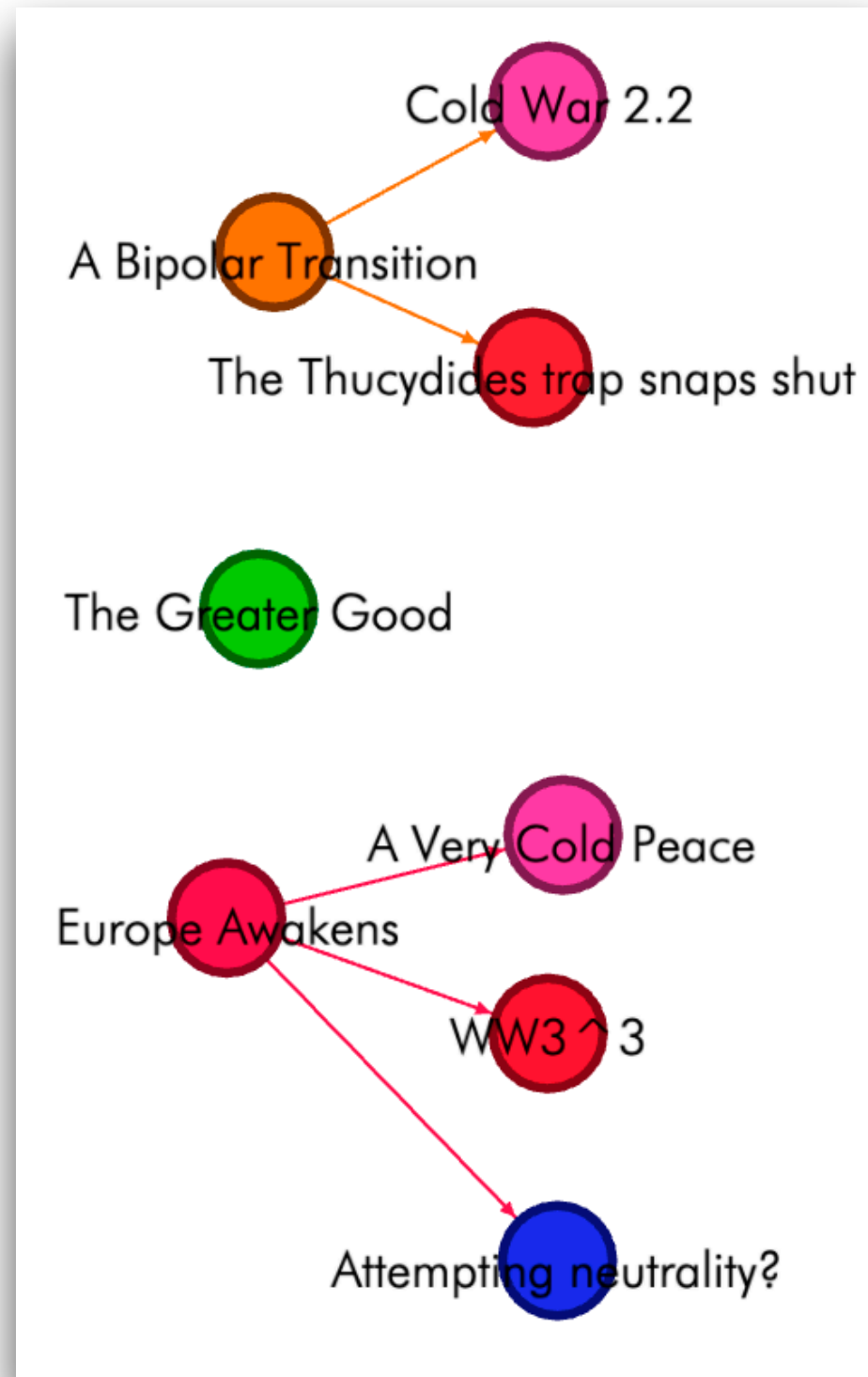
- Climate change
- An international system in transition, highly polarised, moving from a unipolar world dominated by the U.S. to ?:
 - Unipolarity - U.S. or China
 - Bipolarity: U.S. + allies vs China- Russia + sphere of influence
 - Tripolarity: + European states



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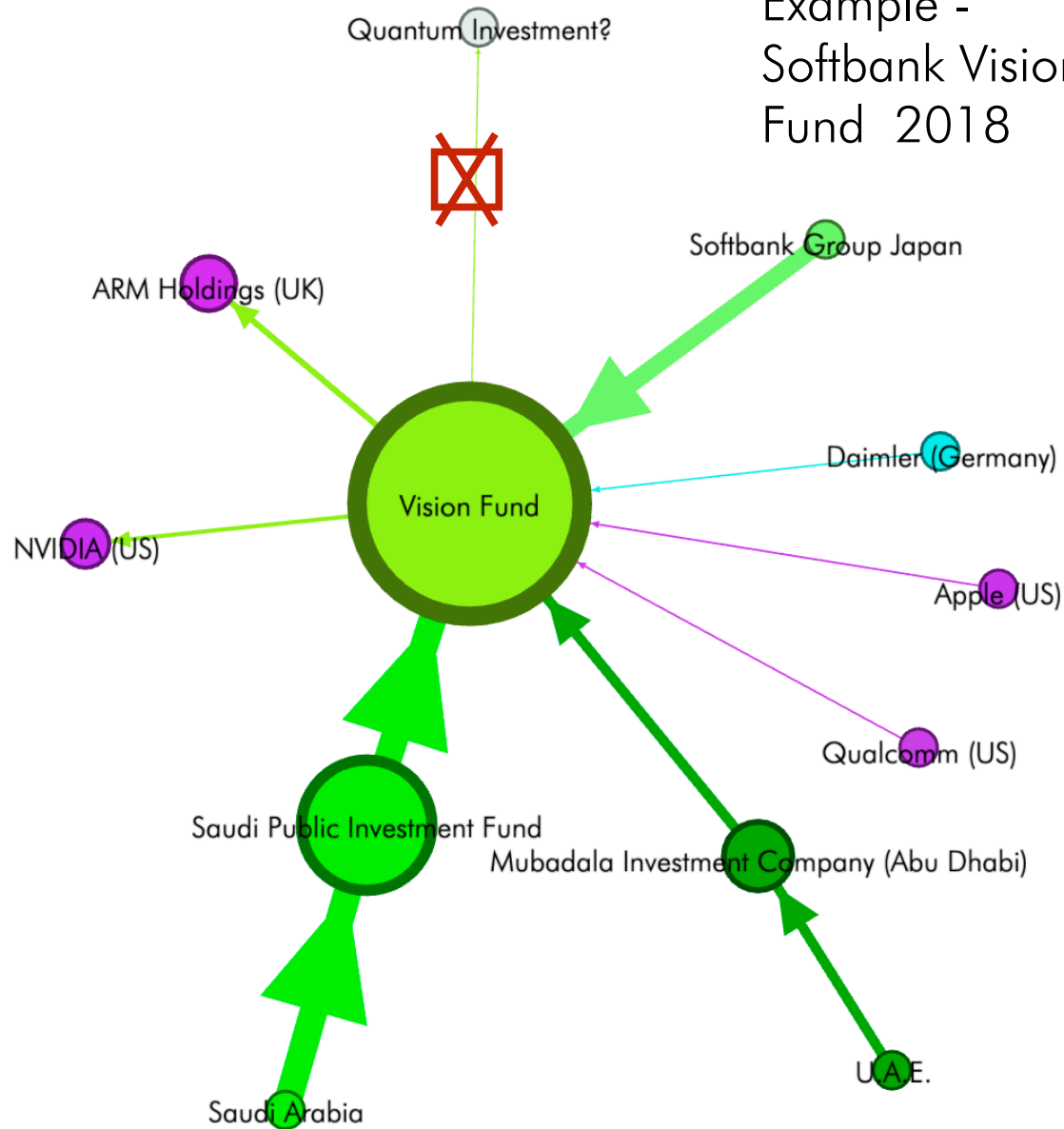
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Key - A possible set of scenarios



Key - Applying Scenarios

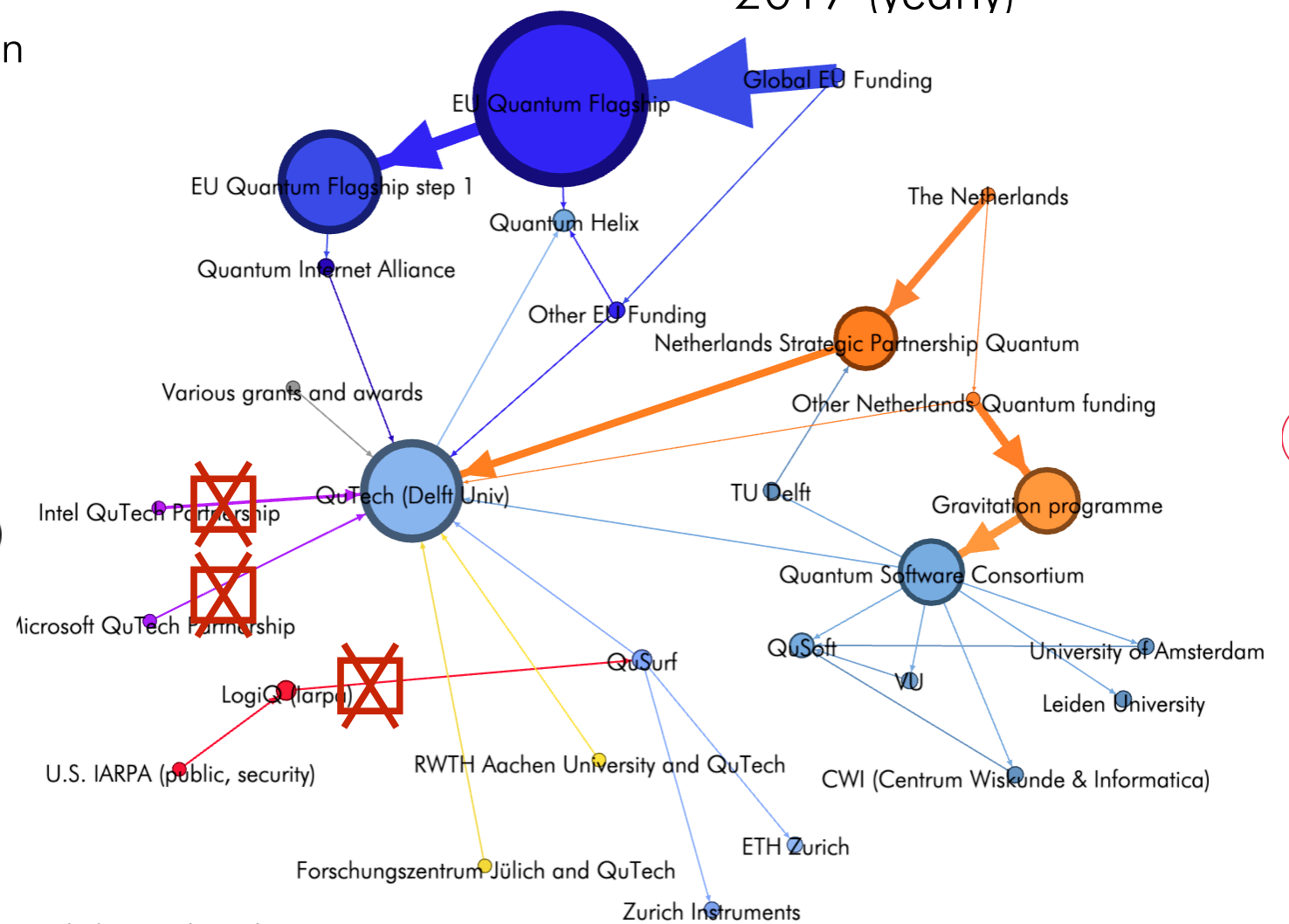
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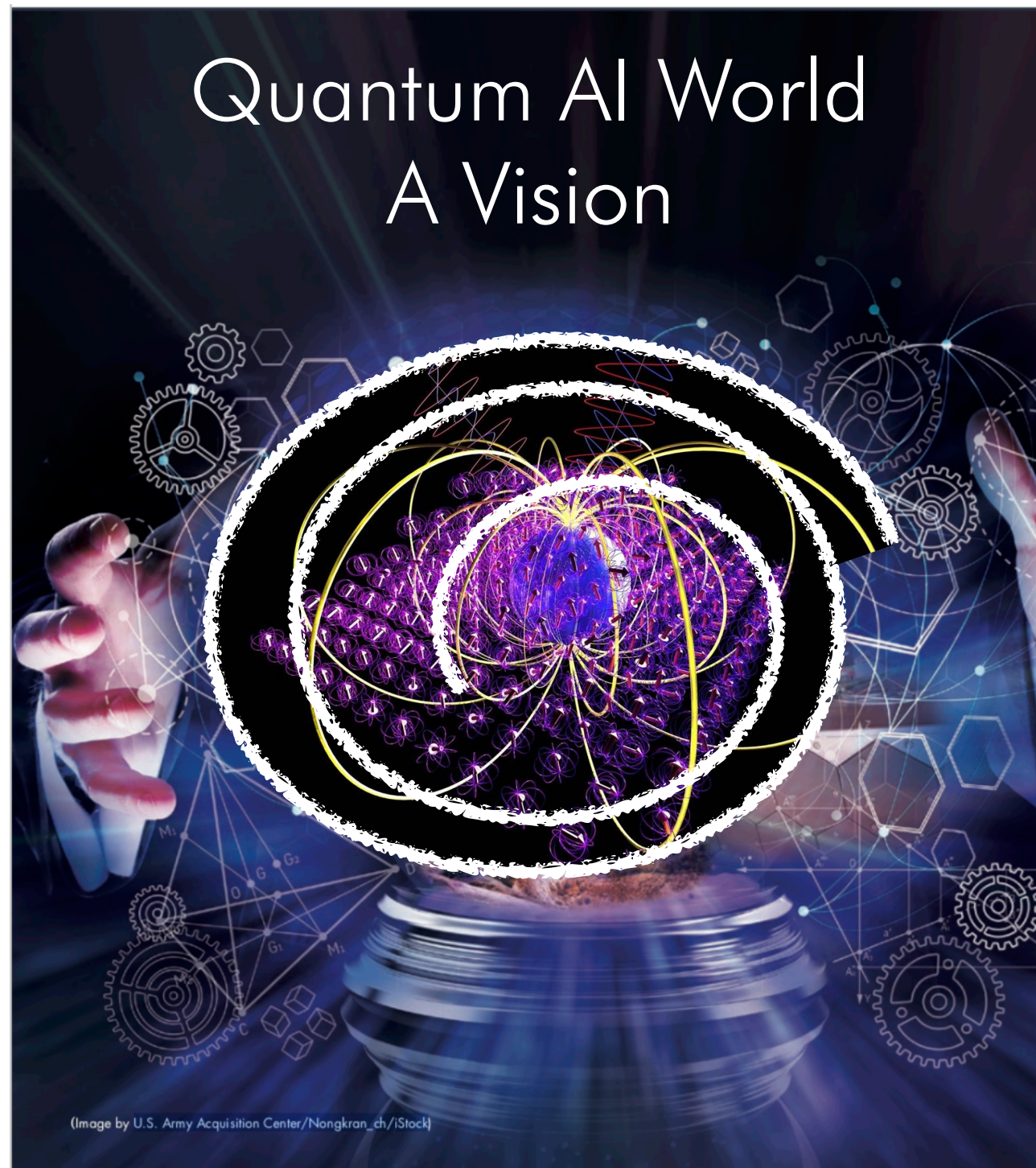
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