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A little introduction ...

http://itsecurity.co.uk/2016/09/security-implications-quantum-computing/

http://itsecurity.co.uk/2016/09/cryptography-quantum-computing/

Do we understand quantum computing?

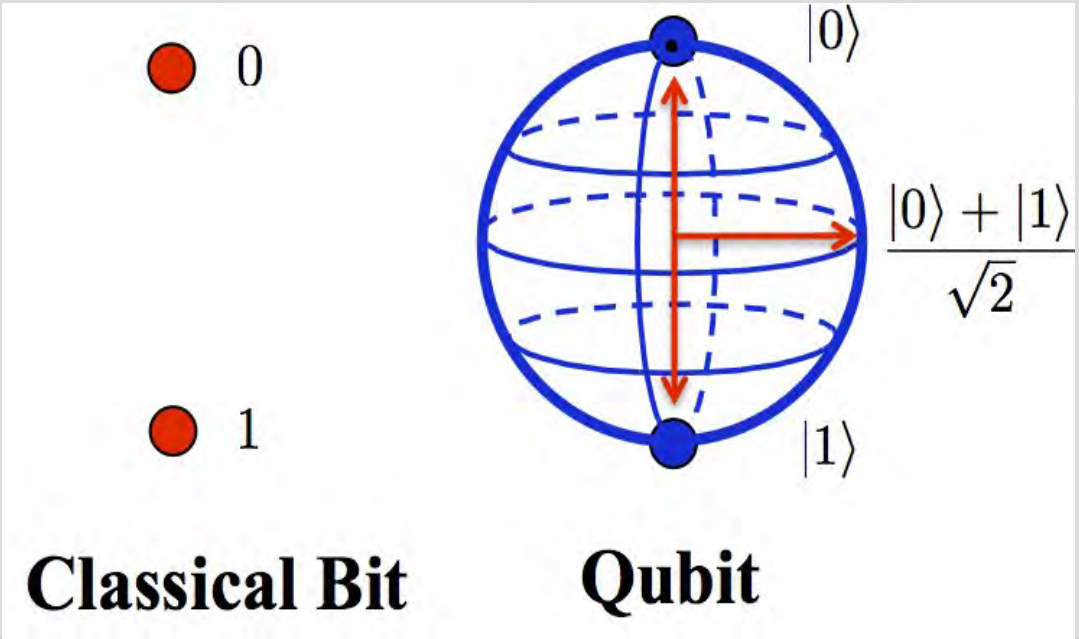
This isn't right.
It isn't even wrong.

- Wolfgang Pauli, on a paper submitted by a physicist colleague

Quantum introduction (very small)

Concepts

- Qubit
- Superposition



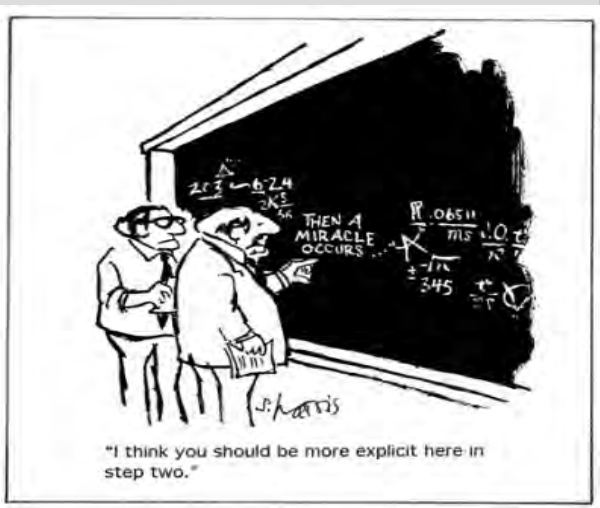
Quantum introduction (very small)

Concepts

- Entanglement
  - observer effect

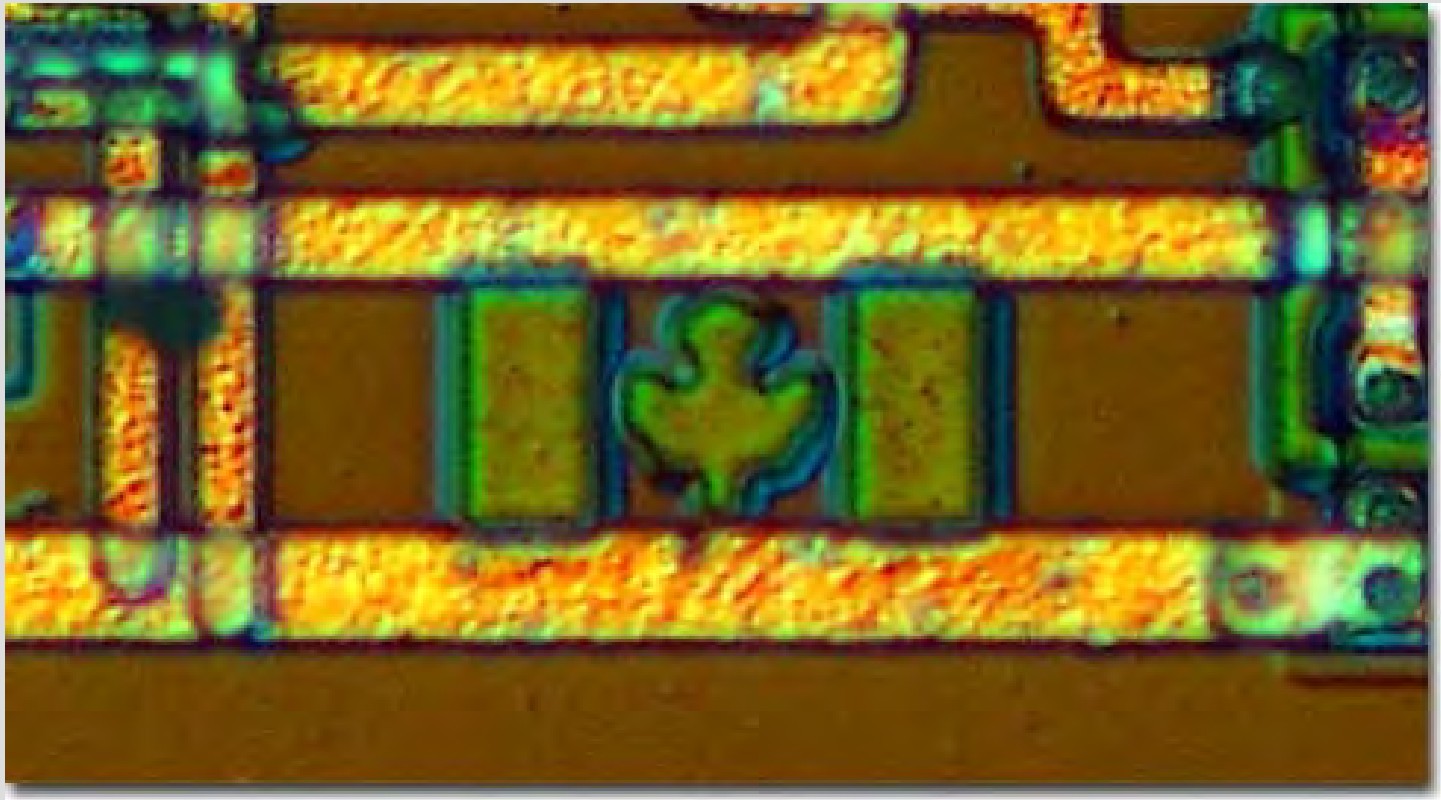
Quantum introduction (very small)

- “If someone says that he can think or talk about quantum physics without becoming dizzy, that shows only that he has not understood anything whatever about it.”
  - Niels Bohr



Quantum Computing (1)

- Quantum computer
  - quantum tech, traditional operation
  - smaller, faster
    - quantum size range



Quantum Computing (1a)

- Turing
  - universal computer
  - irreversible computations
    - power

Quantum Computing (2)

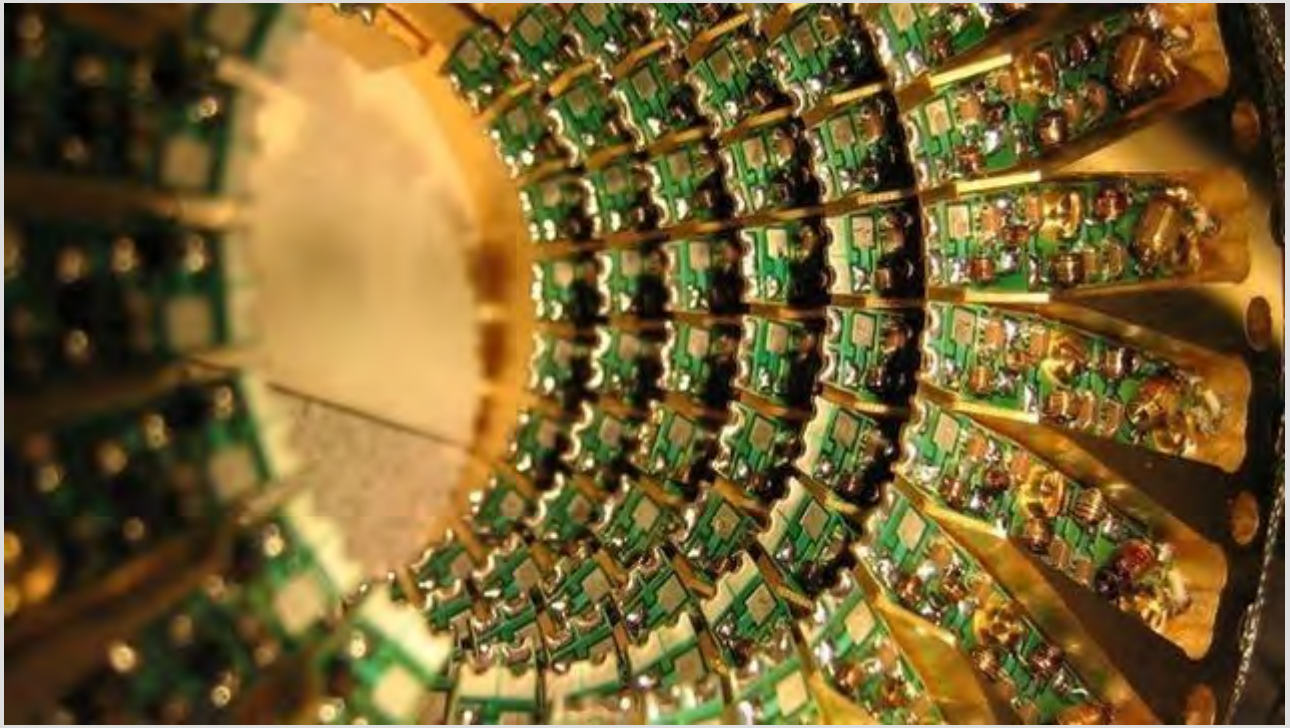
- Quantum cryptography (real)
  - photon polarization
    - angular polarization
    - detector angle
    - public exchange of angle but not value
  - photon entanglement
    - eavesdropping detection

(pause for demo) (no, we don't have time)

- Quantum decryption
  - hypothesized

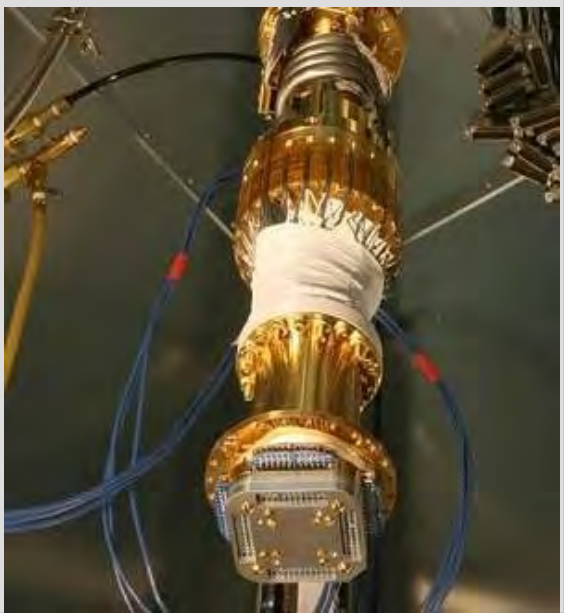
Quantum Computing (3)

- Quantum computing
  - computing device or processor
  - analogue computer
    - not digital?



Analogue Computers

- Spaghetti computing
  - parallel sorting
  - special purpose/application
- Slide rule
  - exact computation
    - imprecise reading
- Adiabatic quantum computer
  - least energy = best answer
    - least path, best comparison, simulation
  - D-Wave Orion, 1, 2
  - 3?

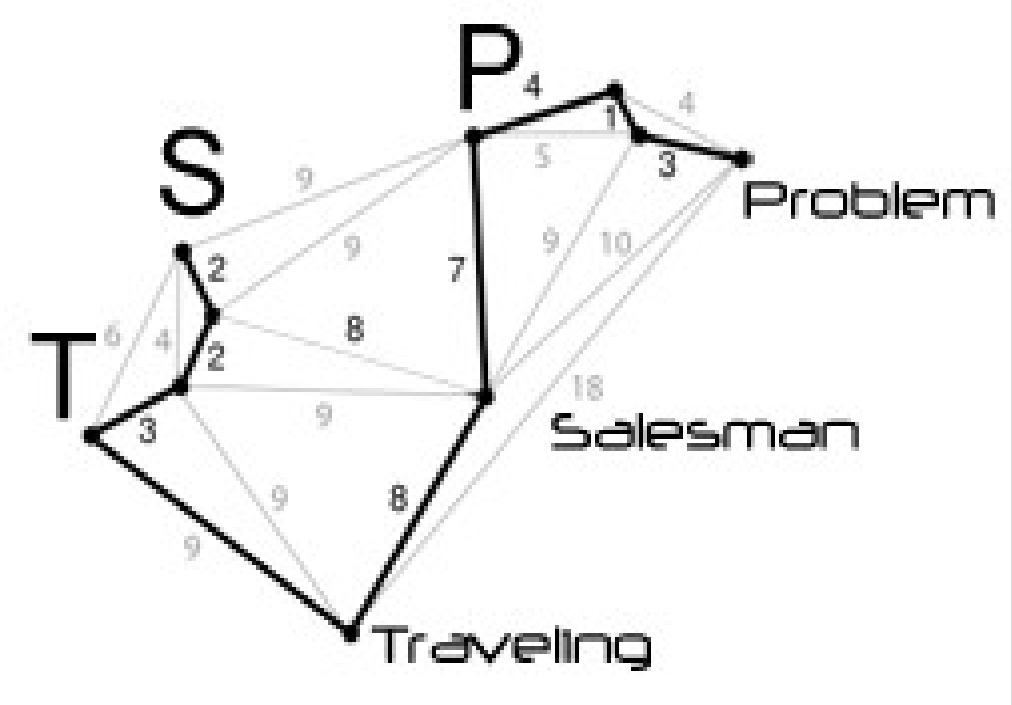


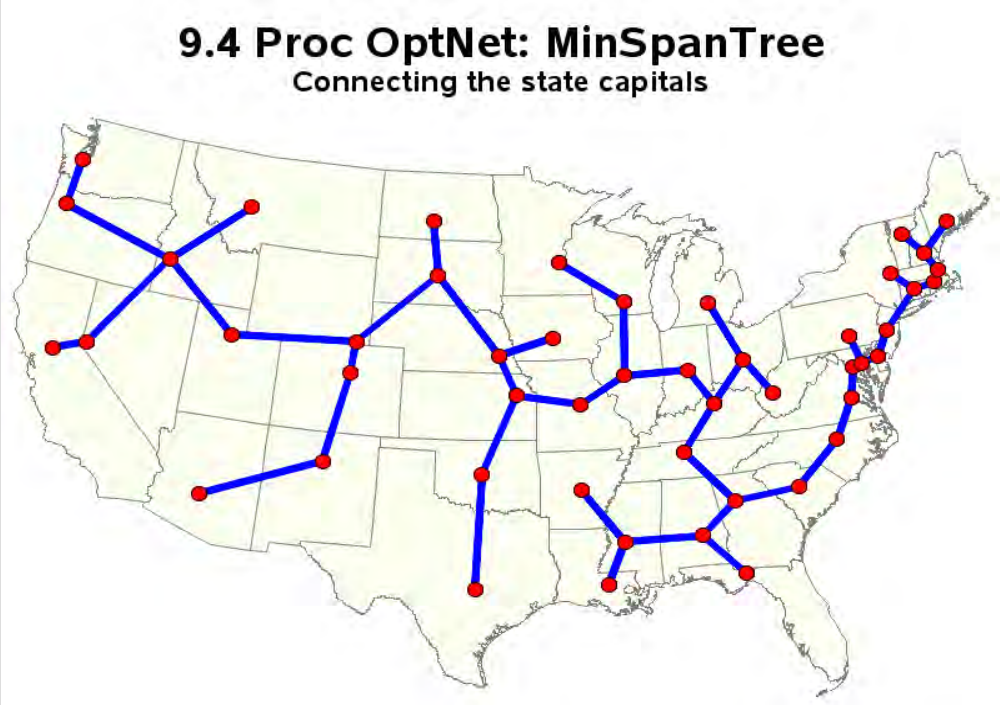
Applications and Implications

- by security domain (no, I'm not pushing $(ISC)^2$ jargon)
- general functions
  - least path
  - simulation
  - pattern matching

Applications and Implications

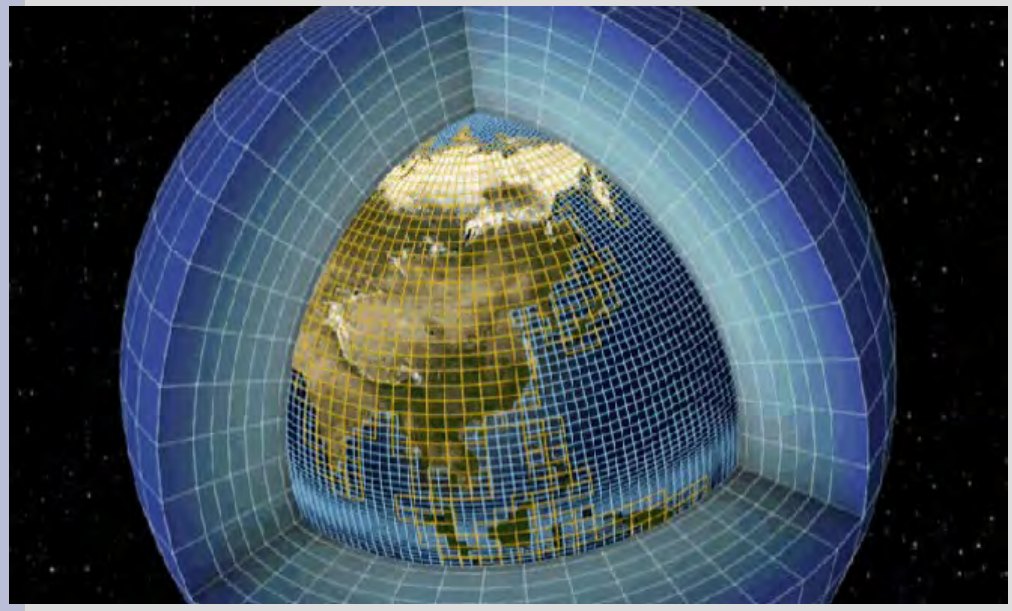
- least path
  - Traveling Salesman Problem
  - scheduling, efficiency studies, multiple requirements
  - NP-complete, non-convergent, Ising model

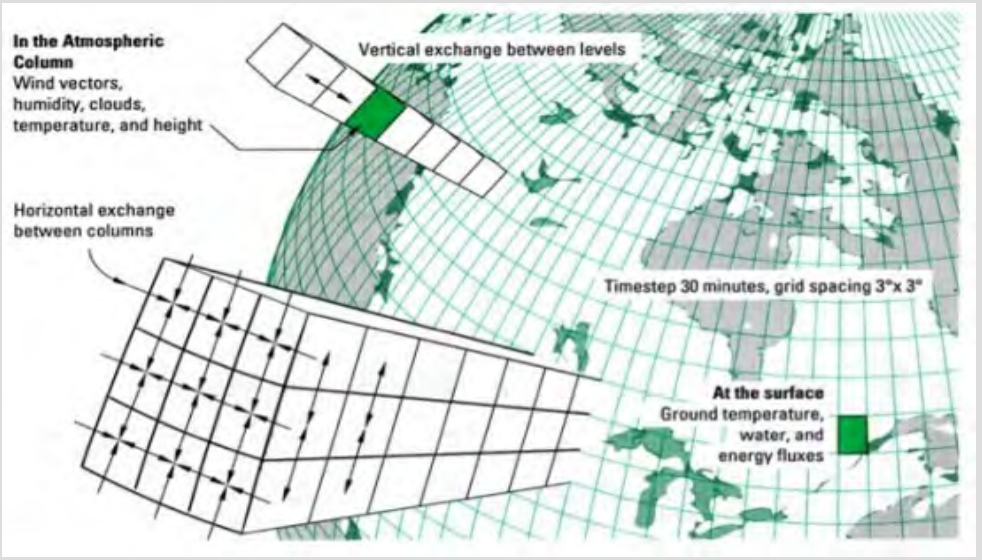




Applications and Implications

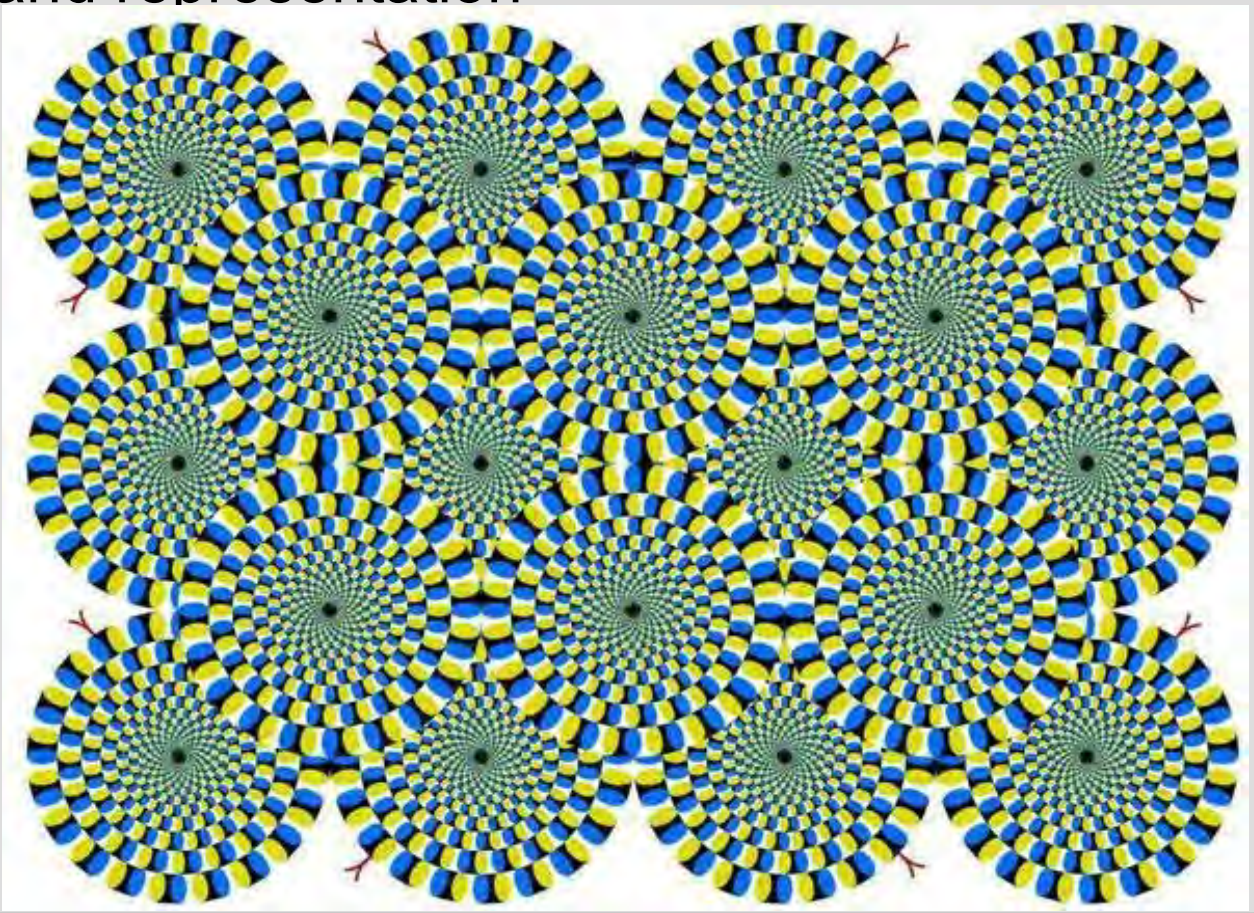
- simulation
  - climate models





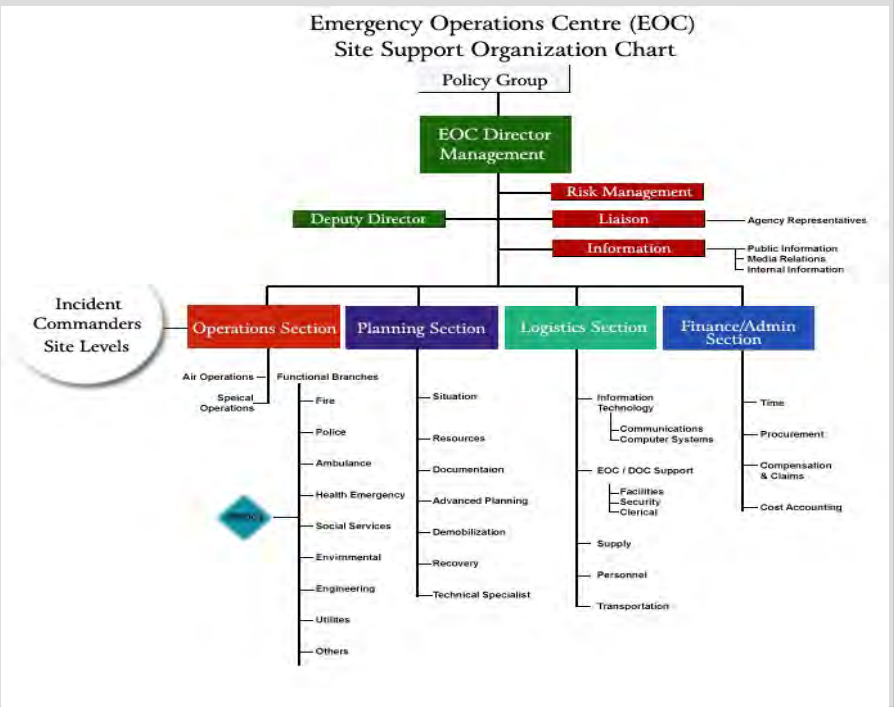
Applications and Implications

- pattern recognition
  - people are good, computers are bad
  - data reduction and representation



Security management

- risk management (shortest path)
  - what if - cost vs benefit

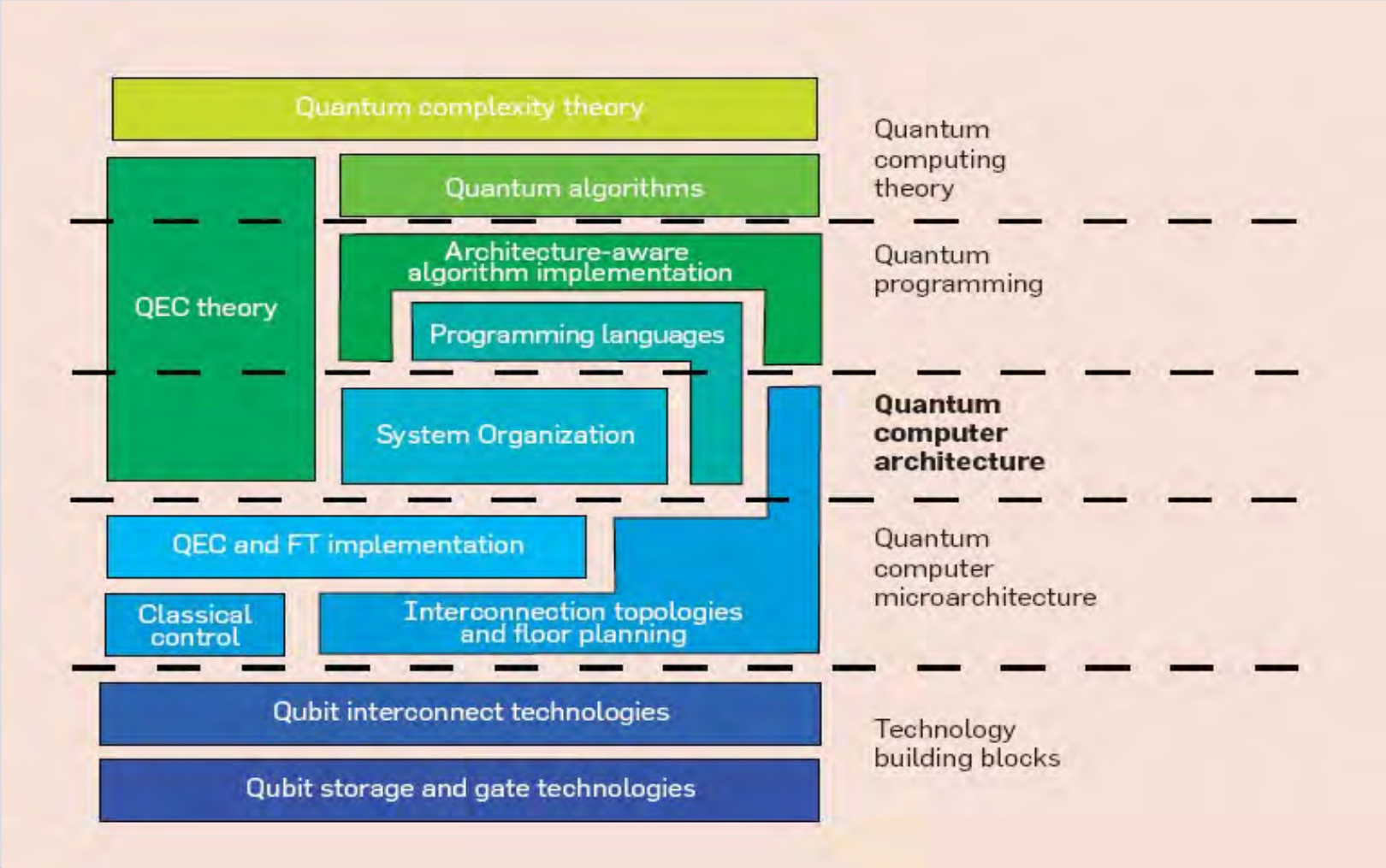


Security management

- information classification (pattern matching)
- risk assessment required
  - investing, or not, in quantum computing

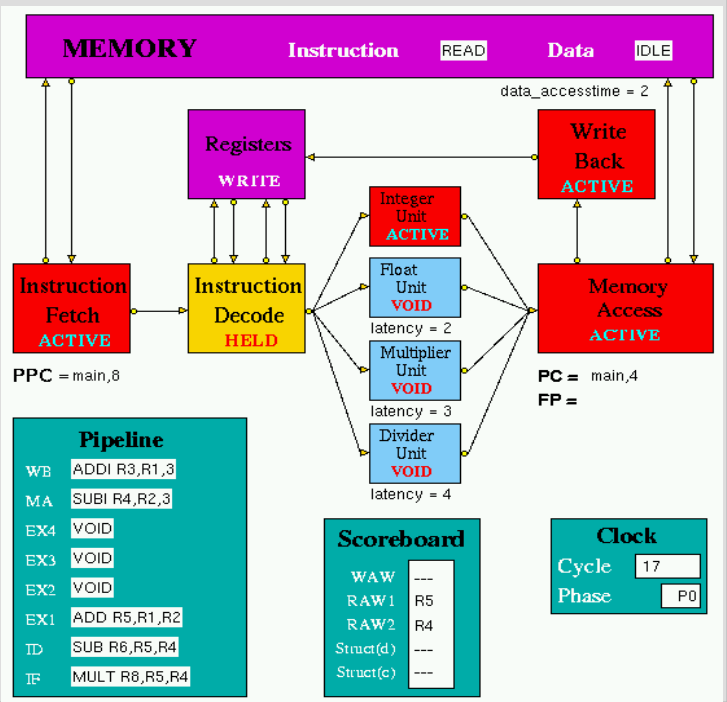
Security architecture

- new architectures, new vulnerabilities



Security architecture

- simulation of vulnerabilities and protections
- quantum devices and noise
  - D-Wave Orion voting, error checking
- quantum error correction (recent)
  - fault tolerant computing



Access control

- biometrics (pattern matching)

Access control

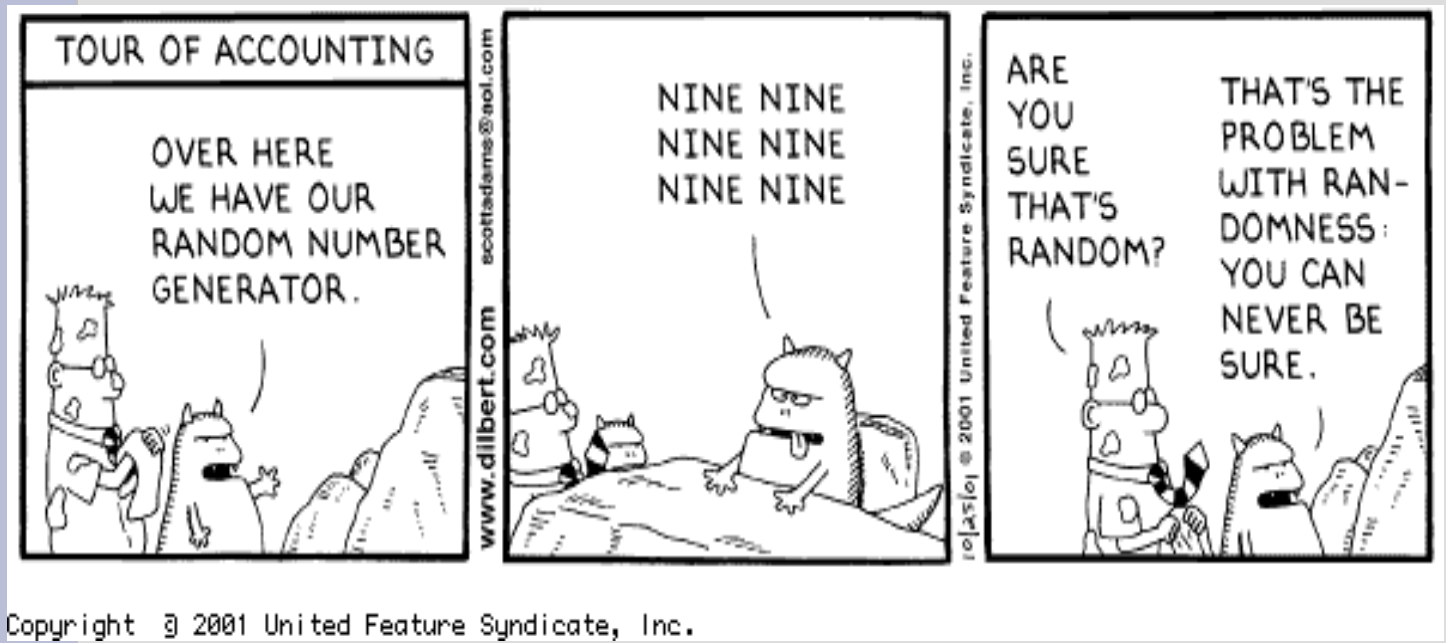
- information flow and covert channel analysis (least path/simulation)
- intrusion detection (pattern matching)

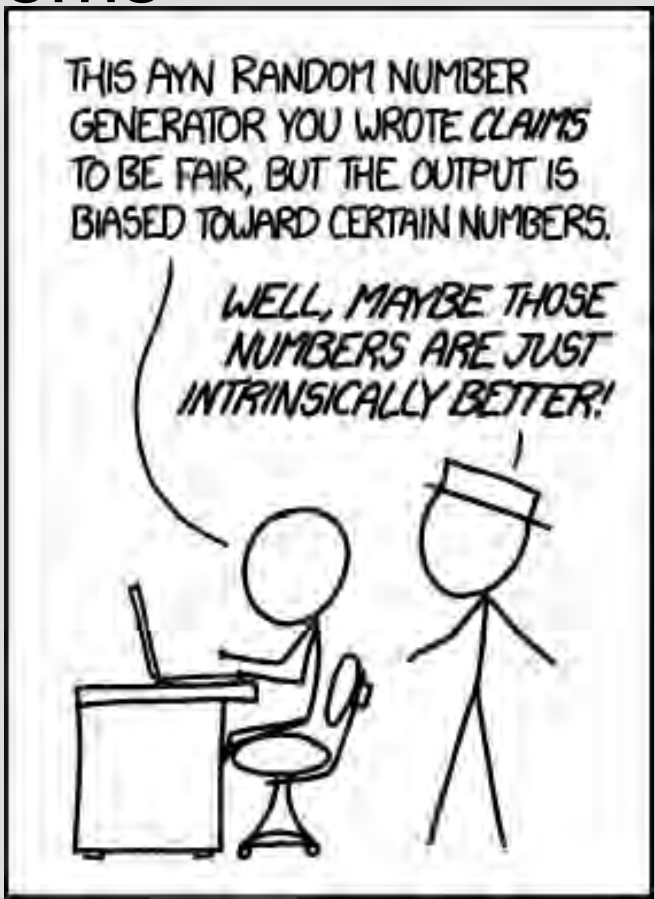
Cryptography

- quantum communications/encryption/key negotiation/eavesdropping detection
- parallel decryption
- new algorithms
  - tractable by neither classical nor quantum

Cryptography

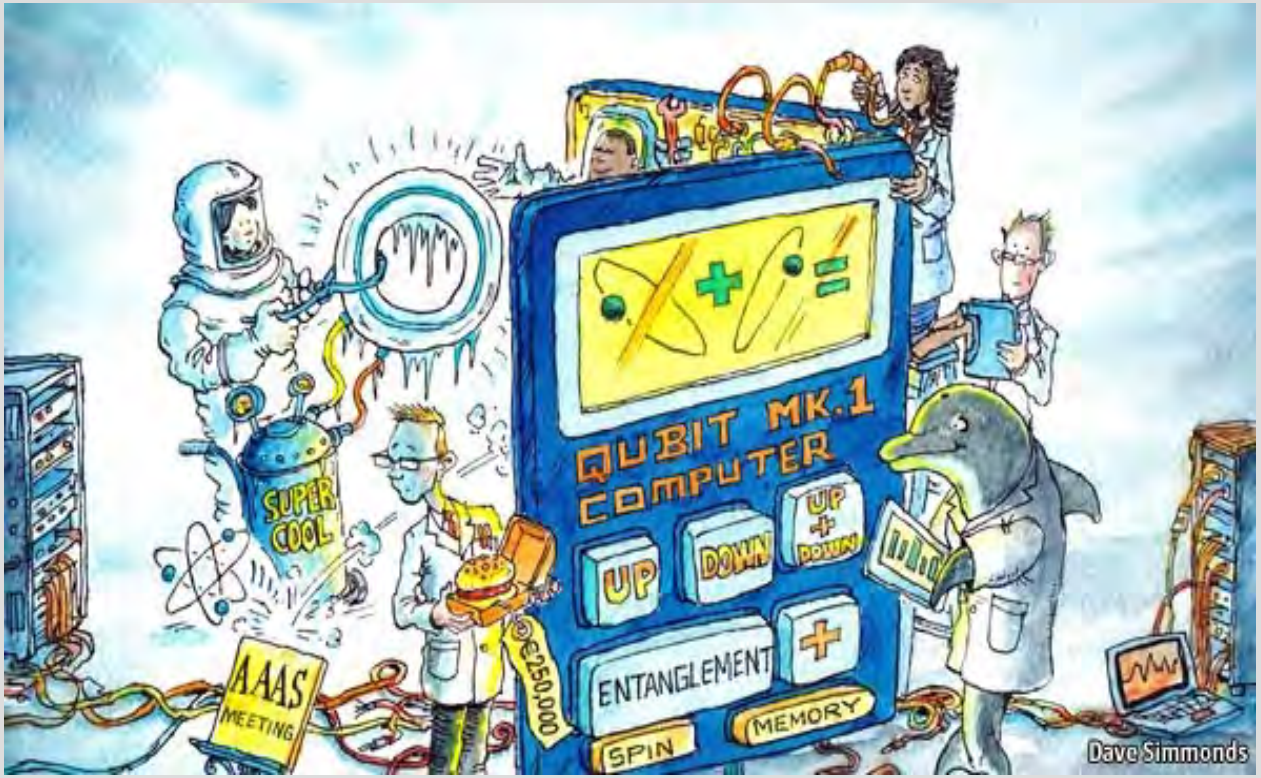
- quantum devices and generation of randomness
- analysis of implementation problems (simulation)





Physical

- noise, RFI/EMI interference
- temperature
  - room temp 100x > interstellar space
  - interstellar space 1000x > Orion device

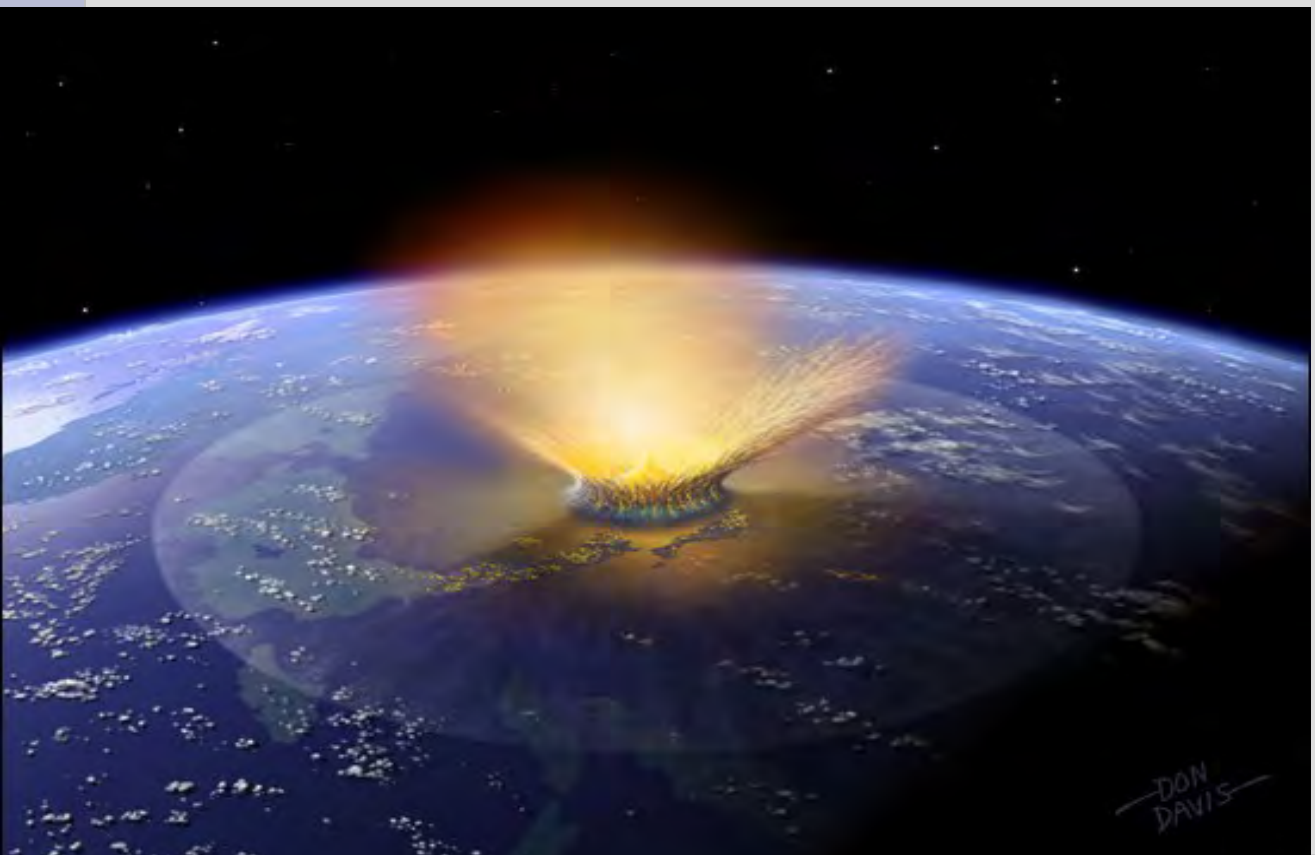


Physical

- special costs, protections for devices
- physical access control (biometrics)

BCP

- Business Impact Analysis (least path)
- testing of BC plans (simulation)



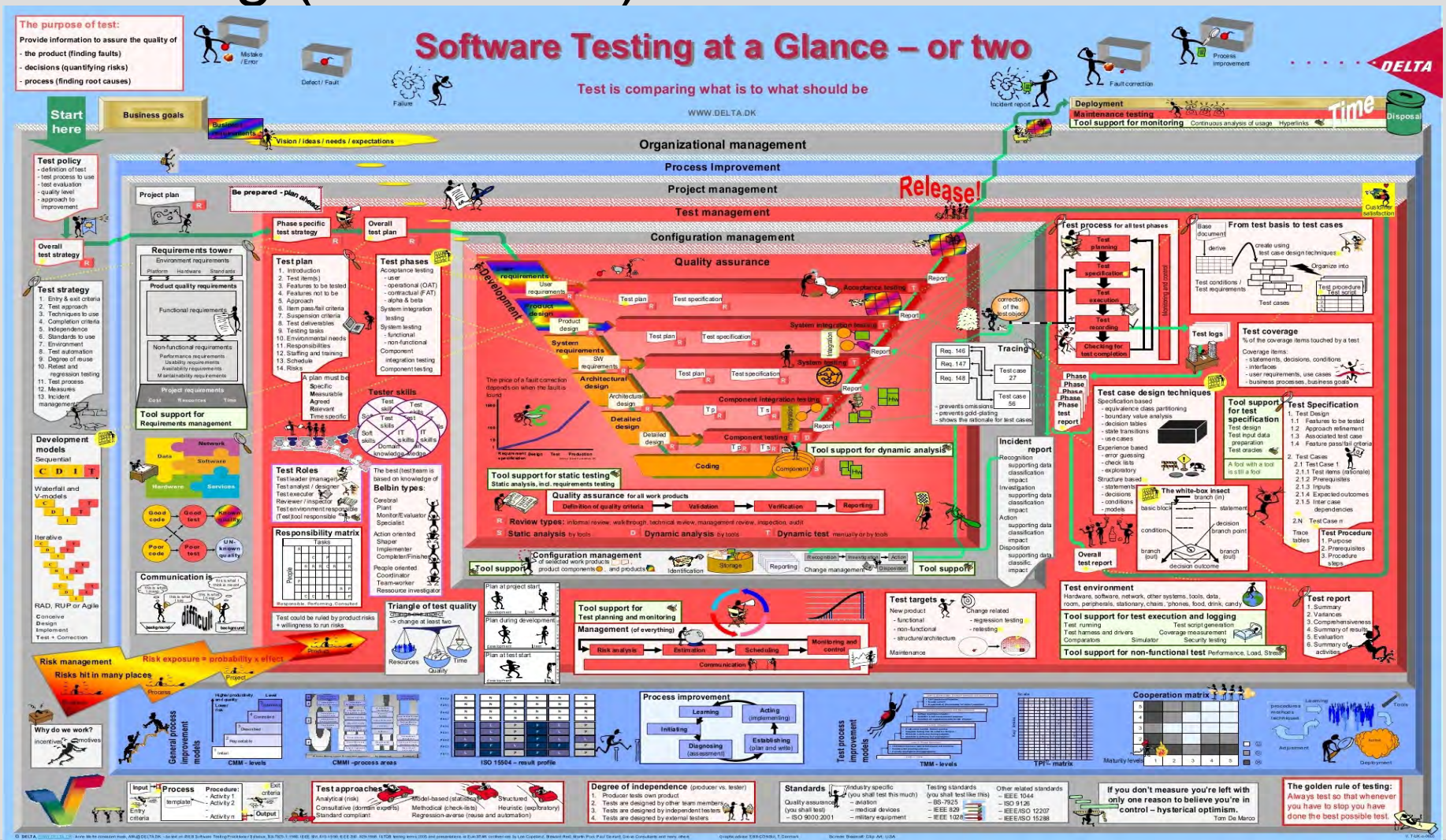
The Cretaceous Disaster Preparedness Committee

BCP

- disaster management
  - direction of resources to maximum effect
- continuity of operations for special devices
  - damage if power/cooling fails

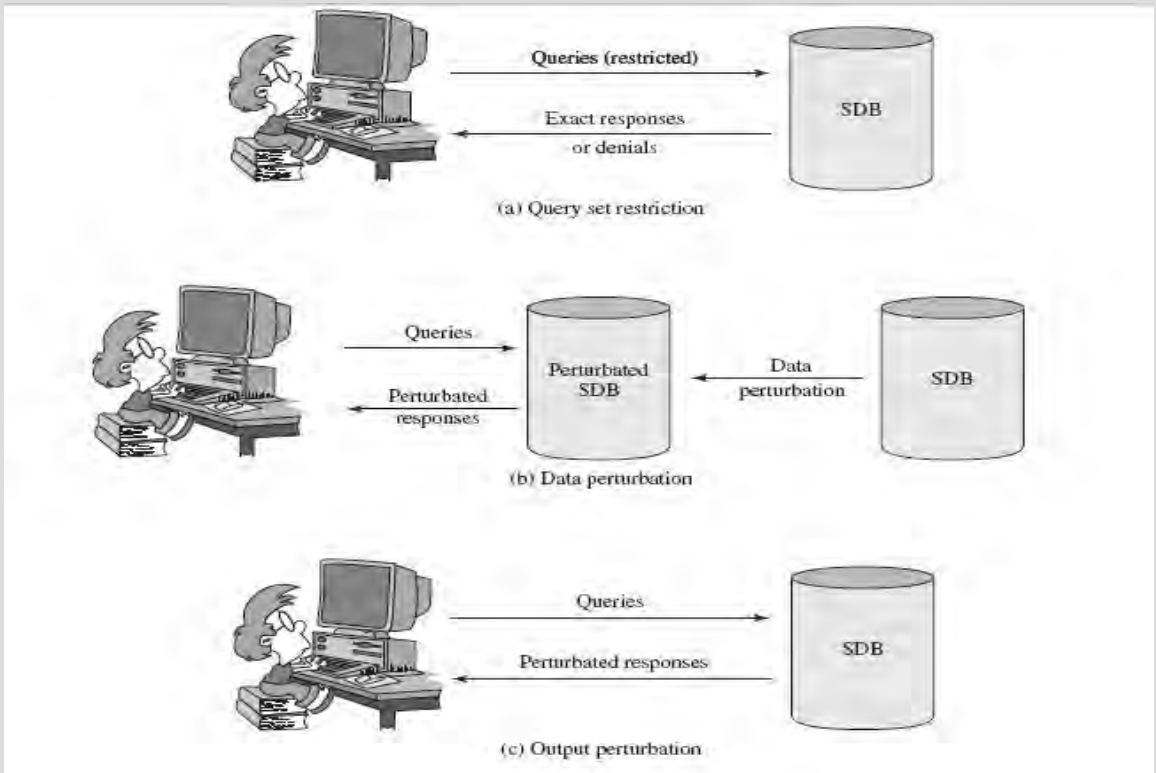
Applications security

- testing (simulation)



Applications security

- database analysis (pattern matching)
  - cost (privacy) vs benefit (safety)
- database aggregation problem analysis (pattern matching and simulation)



Applications security

- learning (pattern matching)
  - neural net augmented
  - check against neural net superstitious learning

When we write programs that learn, it turns out that we do and they don't.

- Alan J. Perlis

Applications security

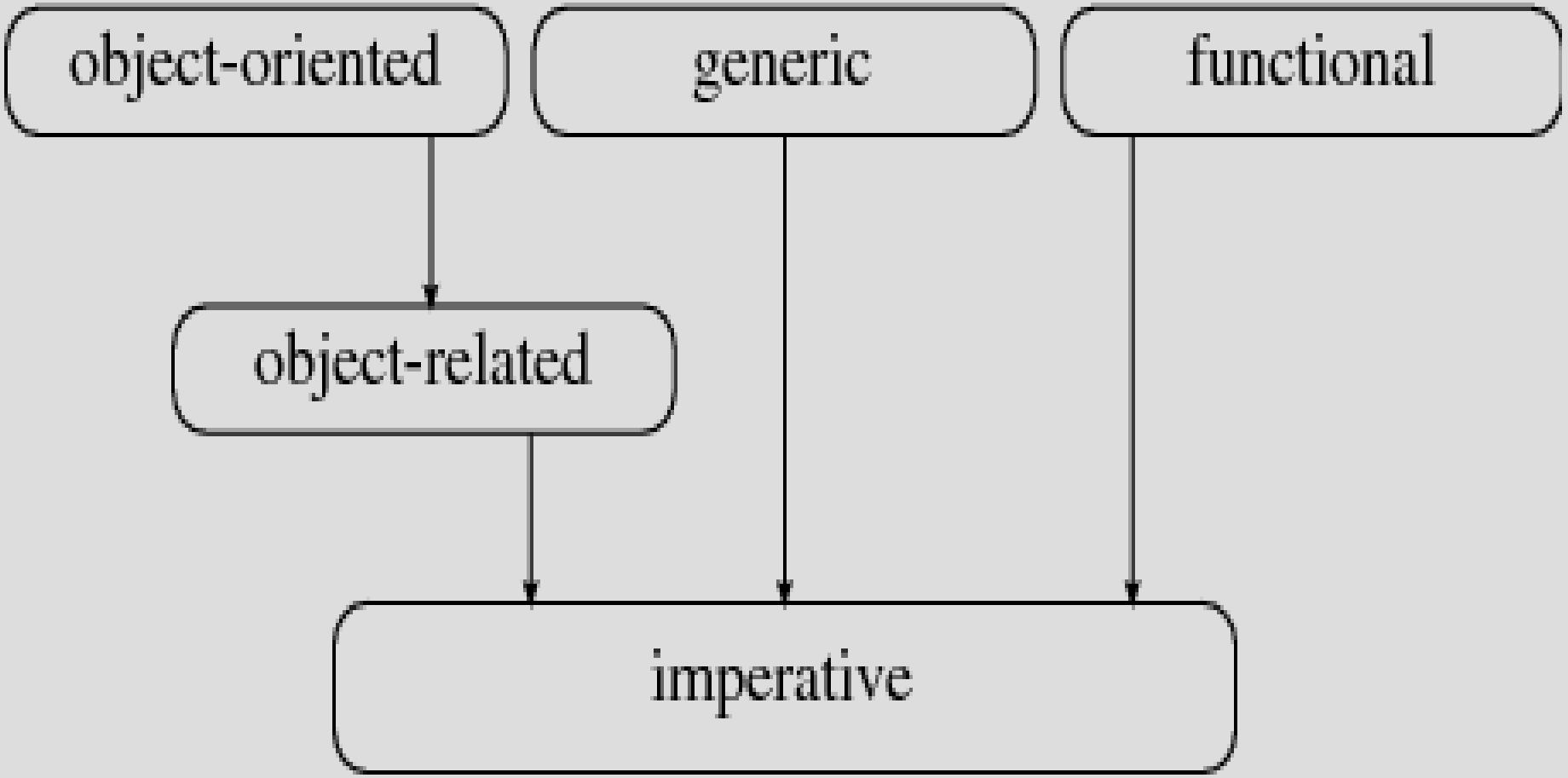
- check against expected
  - impossible to compute by classical methods

Applications security

- malware/botnet detection, (pattern matching)
  - operation/control/ownership

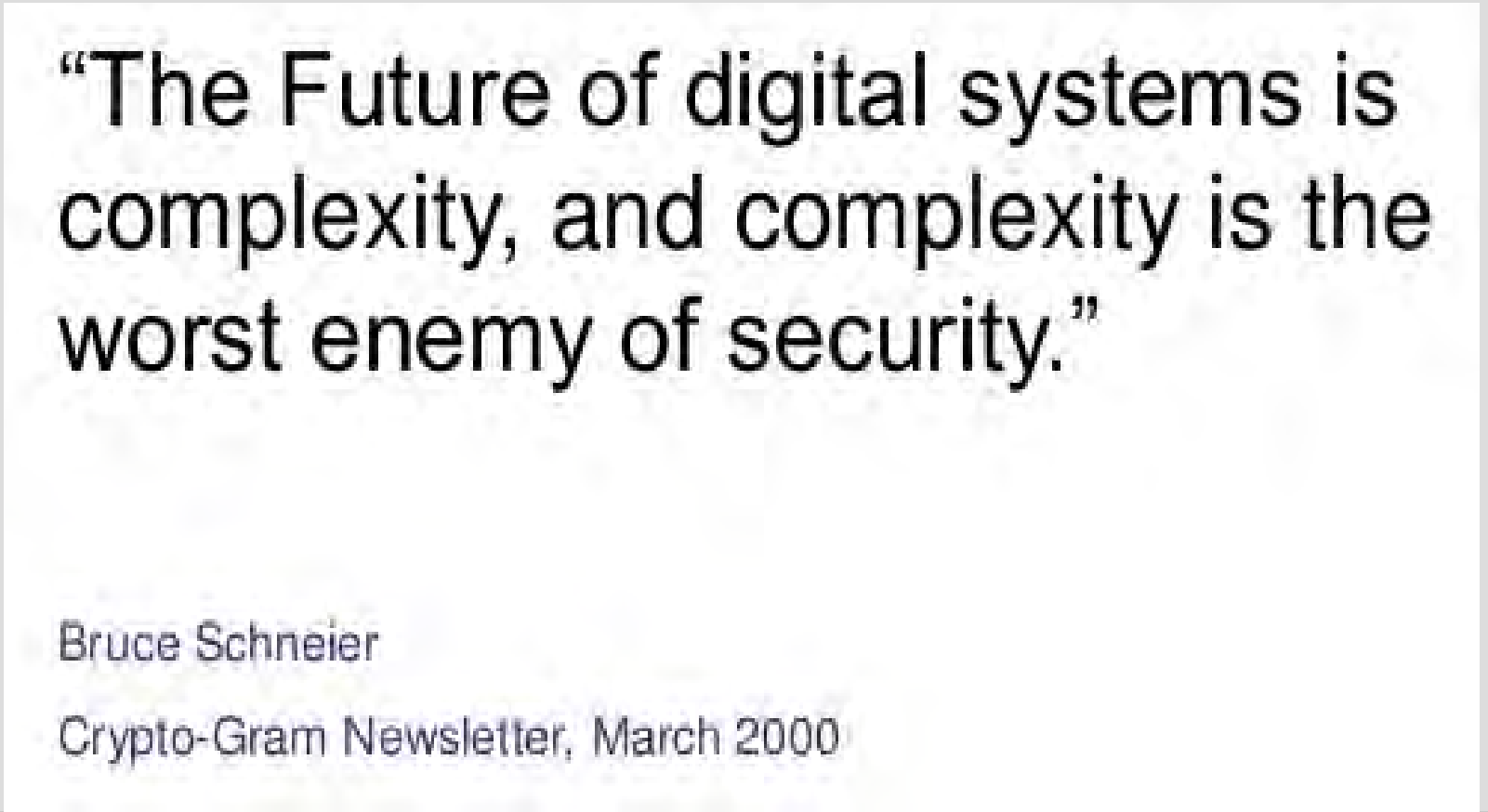
Applications security

- completely new paradigms in programming



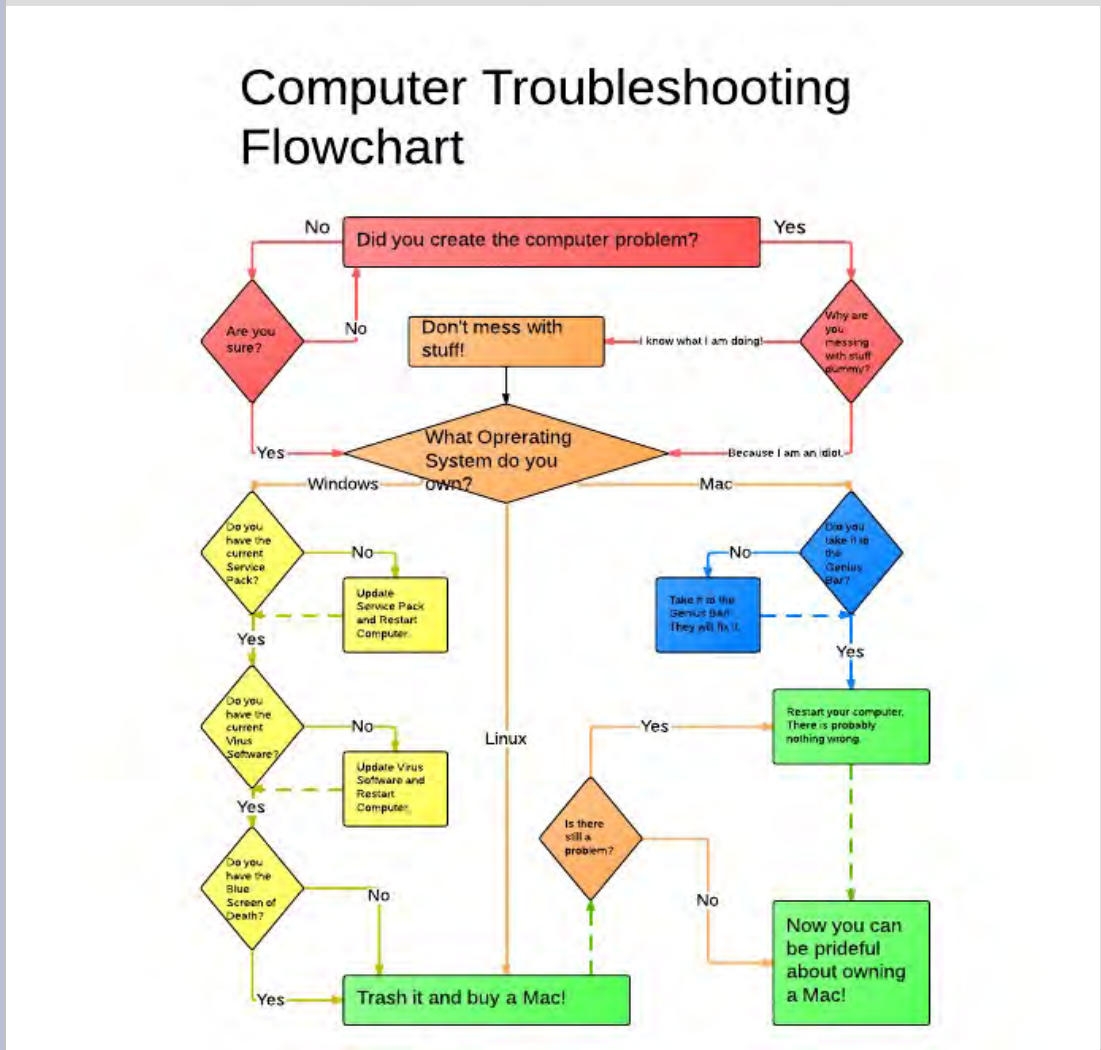
Operations security

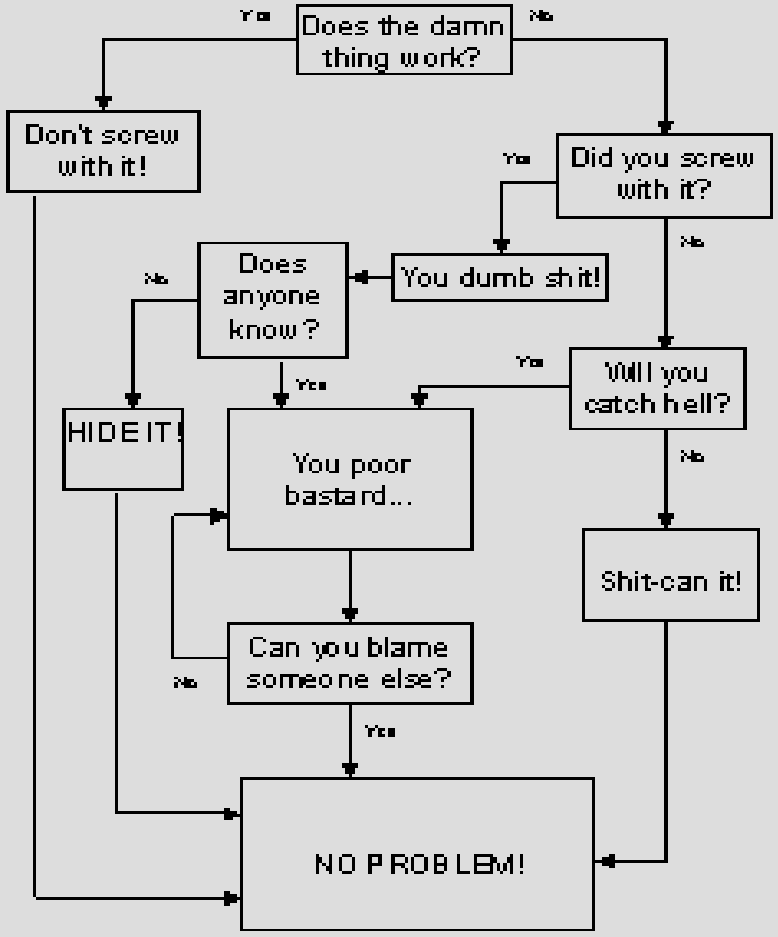
- combinations of classical and quantum devices and operations
  - complexity, troubleshooting



Operations security

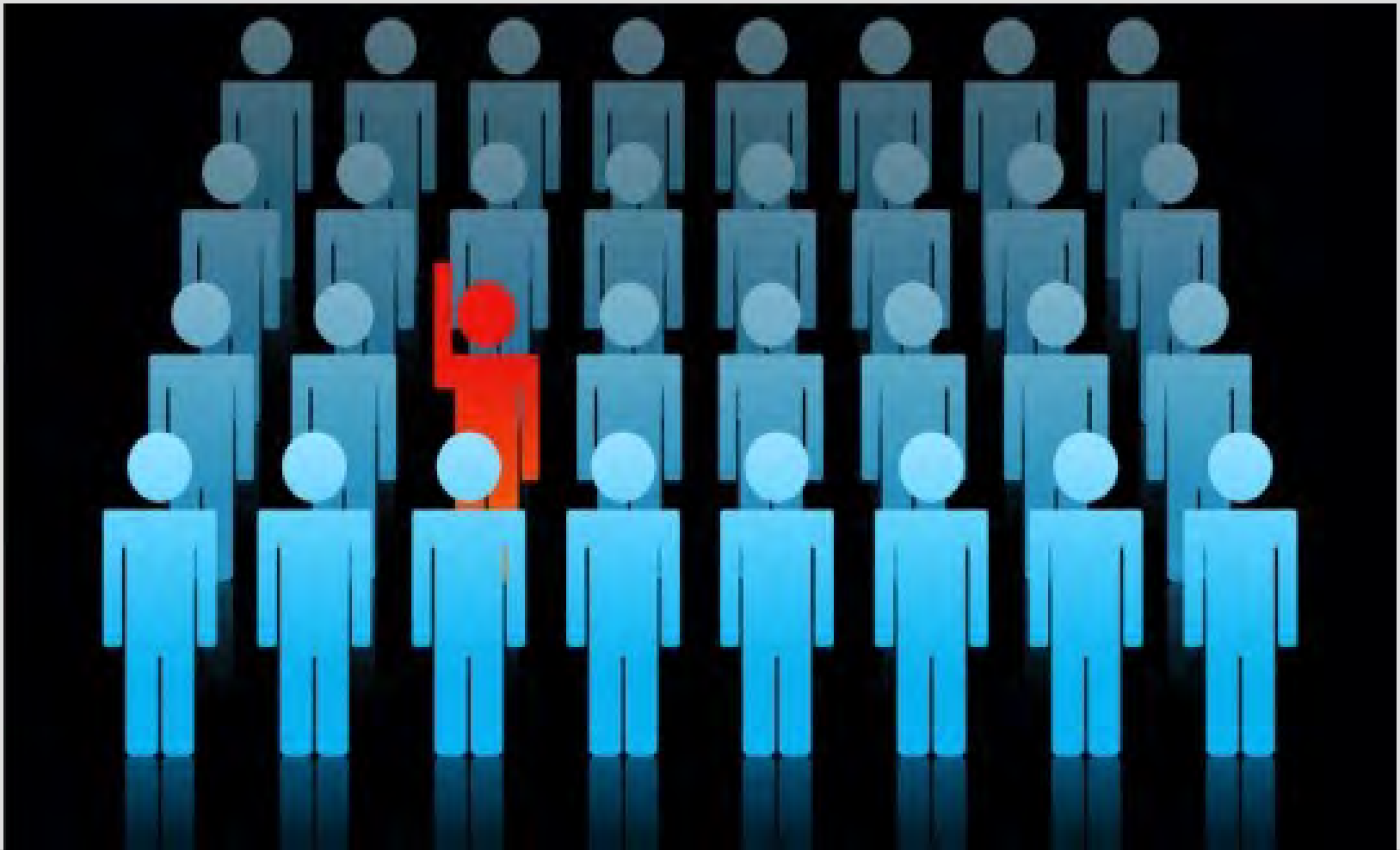
- troubleshooting (simulation)





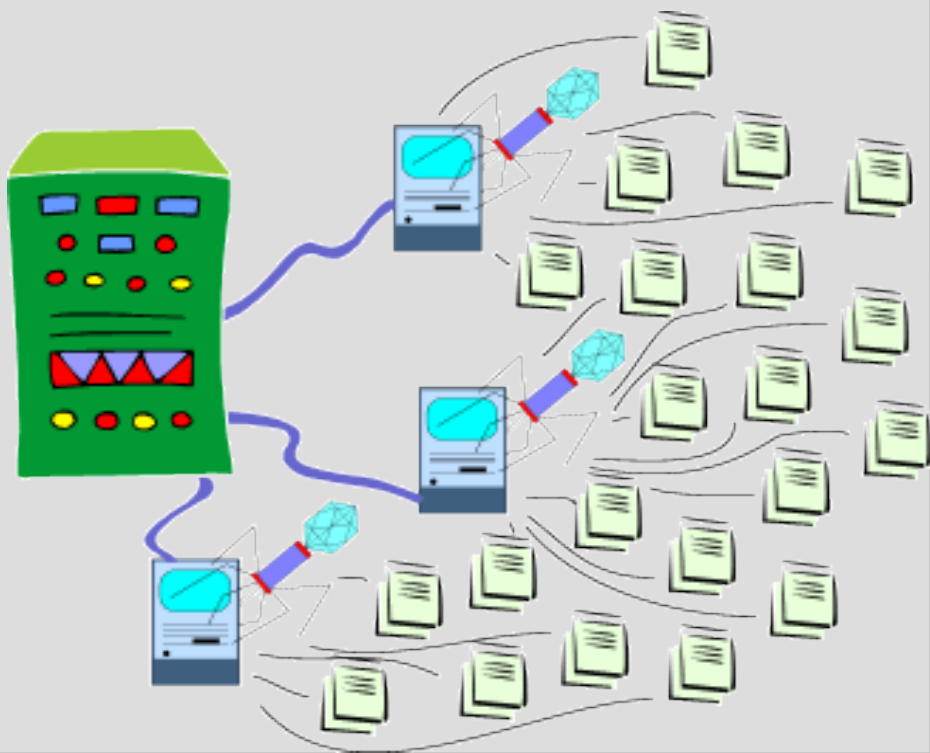
Operations security

- insider attack detection (pattern matching)



Telecommunications and networking

- Intrusion Detection Systems
- Botnet detection and assessment
  - Command & Control
  - ownership
  - “fast flux”
- Network attack analysis



Telecommunications and networking

- Spam
  - limitations even in Bayesian analysis

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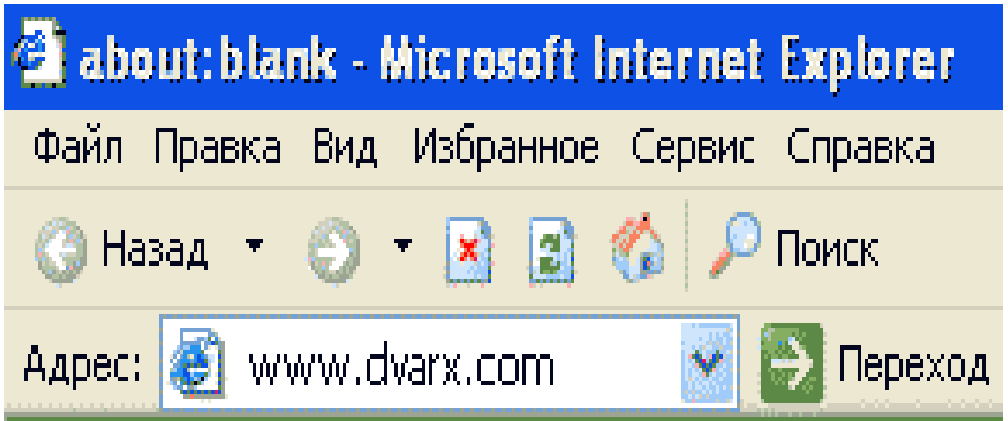

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Telecommunications and networking

- quantum encryption requires special channels
- quantum devices likely to be remote access

Telecommunications and networking

- More than one bit per photon
  - One test sent enough data for small graphic
    - (128 bits?)
  - “continuously variable”
    - “analogue photon”?

Telecommunications and networking

- Quantum networks
  - https://scitechdaily.com/researchers-establish-the-first-entanglement-based-quantum-network/
  - What application?
  - “Quantum LAN” may be engineering solution to problem of mesh connections necessary for massive numbers of qubits
    - “distributed quantum computer”?

Law and investigation

- new forensic analysis tools (pattern matching/simulation)
- presentation/acceptance in court problematic

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