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Fast and Scalable PIC-based QRNG for Advanced Solutions

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Randomness is at the base of any encryption system



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Senior Officials: DoD Supports Strong Encryption for Defense, Commercial Security

U.S. Department of Defense, DoD News, 2016

Microsoft mitigates China-based threat actor Storm-0558 targeting of customer email

MSRC / By MSRC / July 11, 2023 / 3 min read

Military experts at NATO and partner forces looking at encryption and HF radio to assure secure links on the battlefield Military & Aerospace Electronics, 2020

No randomness, no security

No Information superiority

Randomness Generation

Pseudo-RNGs (PRNGs)

Deterministic Algorithms + Random Seed

Cryptographically Secure PRNGs (CSPRNGs)

True RNGs

NON-PHYSICAL TRNGs Use external *signals*, coming from computer processes and human interaction

> PHYSICAL TRNGs Use unpredictable physical phenomena

CLASSICAL TRNGs Does not rely directly on quantum phenomena

> Quantum TRNGs Exploit quantum phenomena

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The perfect timing

A confluence of technology maturity & market need / Cryptography

The evolution to quantum-resistant cryptography has started.

NEWS | May 4, 2022

President Biden Signs Memo to Combat Quantum Computing Threat

FORT MEADE, Md. — The White House announced today that President Joe Biden has <u>signed a National Security Memorandum (NSM)</u> aimed at maintaining U.S. leadership in quantum information sciences and to mitigate the risks of quantum computing to the Nation's security.

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About Quside

An ICFO spin-off



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10+ years inventing and delivering the most advanced randomness technologies.

The experiments of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2022 used Quside's technology



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World leading customers and partners

/ Data center	/ Space	/ Finance
Telefónica Tech	ThalesAlenia • Total / Learning Space	X <u>CaixaBank</u>
Delivering Entropy-as-a- Service within Telefonica's Virtual Data Center	Engineering a high-rate QRNG for secure space connectivity missions	Accelerating Monte Carlo simulations for risk and pricing methods
/ By technology	/ By use case	/ Quside benefits
Cryptography	Synthetic data generation	No entropy starvation
Monte Carlo Simulations	Risk analytics	Monitored quality
Heuristic optimizations	Post quantum crypto evolution	Workload acceleration

Products and solutions

Security. Performance. Efficiency. Trust.

QRNG / Quantum random number generators

High-quality, fast entropy sources that can be <u>checked</u>; from chips to racks. Enjoy a lifetime of security.

RPU / Randomness Processing Units

Quantum randomness, hardware-level acceleration & reprogrammability. Better decisions, made faster.

Solutions / End user solutions for on-prem and cloud environments

Together with a network of worldleading partners, we offer bundled solutions in cryptography & compute.





aws marketplace

Also available in the AWS marketplace for non-cryptographic workloads



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Core technology

Photonic inside, electronic outside.



Gb/s +

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QN100 - Accelerated Phase Diffusion Scheme

A 2-laser scheme to get into a single chip



$$i_{PD}(t) = i_{L1}(t) + i_{L2}(t) + 2\sqrt{i_{L1}(t)i_{L2}(t)}\cos(\Omega_b t + \Delta\theta)$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\Omega_b(t) = \omega_1(t) - \omega_2(t)$$

$$\uparrow$$
Quantum random phase

Tunable



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Quantum entropy source on an InP photonic integrated circuit for random number generation

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Scalable Processing



Wafer Level Testing







FMC-One

Use case examples: enhancing entropy generation



Using OS entropy sources only

Using Quside quantum entropy



- Eliminated statistical defects
- 2 seconds to collect data (+500.000X)

Quside unveils the world's first Randomness Processing Unit

What's an RPU?

The RPU is a new hardware acceleration card for a richer heterogeneous compute landscape, providing faster performance lower energy consumption for intensive randomized workloads. A new addition for highly optimized servers.

(Link to video)



Award-winning technology Quside wins the EUSPA myEUspace competition with their hardware acceleration to empower randomnessintensive algorithms for route optimization.



RPU integration in libOQS

- Development of PQC algorithms with quantum safe keys.
- Extra security layer to the transition to a quantum-safe cryptography.

libOQS is a software library that provides a collection of quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms.

Its main features are:

- **Open-source** library.
- Direct integration with cryptography libraries like OpenSSL and BoringSSL.
- Easy to integrate with network tools like OpenSSH, curl, Chromium, nginx, etc.
- Strongly aligned with **NIST PQC Standardization Process** including the recently published drafts.



PQ Signatures and Keys generated with quantum random numbers



Envisioned Architecture



Next steps

- The **RPU platform**, allows to get fast and safe random numbers.
- Designed to allow customers to offload their randomness workloads, including cryptographic primitives.
- The offloading of post-quantum primitives is in the roadmap for the development of this product.
- This would **improve the performance of libOQS** which would have a huge positive impact on the final product that relies on this library.



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Take-home Message

Why QRNGs?

- Random numbers are at the foundational base of any crypto system.
- In the absence of truly random numbers, any cryptographic software is vulnerable to attacks.
- **QRNGs** guarantee that the quantum realm is where your numbers are coming from.

Why now?

- The market is transitioning to a new type of cryptography with high quality entropy demands
- Now is the time to embed the strongest cryptographic foundation to cope with the current and future requirements of it.
- QRNGs are **interoperable** devices which can be already integrated.

Why Quside?

- +10 years building QRNG technology.
 - tested in the most demanding scenarios including experiments that lead to the 2022 Nobel prize winning
 - peer reviewed in the most exigent scientific publications.
- Advanced, ready to deploy in production, randomness solutions.
- **Quside** products provide measurable quality, high-speed entropy in a scalable way

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