



---

QUANTUM SAFE  
PKI TRANSITIONS

---



We offer quantum readiness assessments to help you identify your organization's quantum risks, develop an upgrade path, and deliver a plan to move forward.

We created the first commercially available security solution to offer quantum resistant algorithms that can replace the classical algorithms that are weak against quantum computing threats.

# Agenda



Threat



The Authentication Challenge



Options



Conclusions and Recommendations

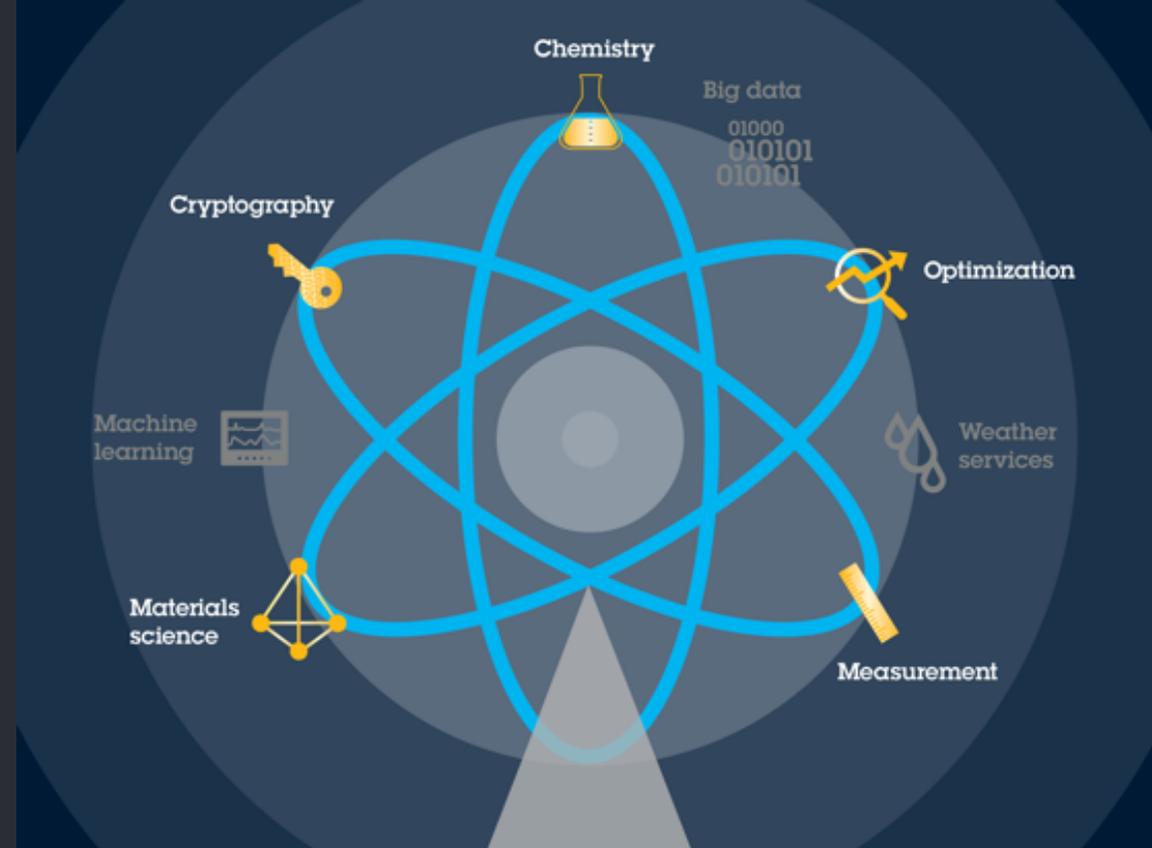
# Quantum Computing Threat



# Why Quantum Computers?

Exploiting the power of quantum physics to create a new way of computing, with applications to:

- Drug design
- Materials science
- Machine learning
- Chemistry and physics simulations
- Unstructured search
- Code breaking
- Optimization
- Weather services
- Measurement



IBM Center for Applied Insights  
[ibm.com/ibmcai](http://ibm.com/ibmcai) | [ibmcai.com/tag/quantum](http://ibmcai.com/tag/quantum) | [#QuantumComputing](https://twitter.com/QuantumComputing)

Source: IBM Center for Applied Insights, "A quantum of possibilities: The business advantages of taking the quantum leap"  
[ibm.com/ibmcai/quantumcomputing](http://ibm.com/ibmcai/quantumcomputing)



# Cryptographic Challenges For A Post Quantum World

Today's security solutions rely on the complexity of the underlying mathematical problems that form the foundation for modern cryptographic systems.

The massive processing capabilities found in quantum computers will challenge our current beliefs around complexity.



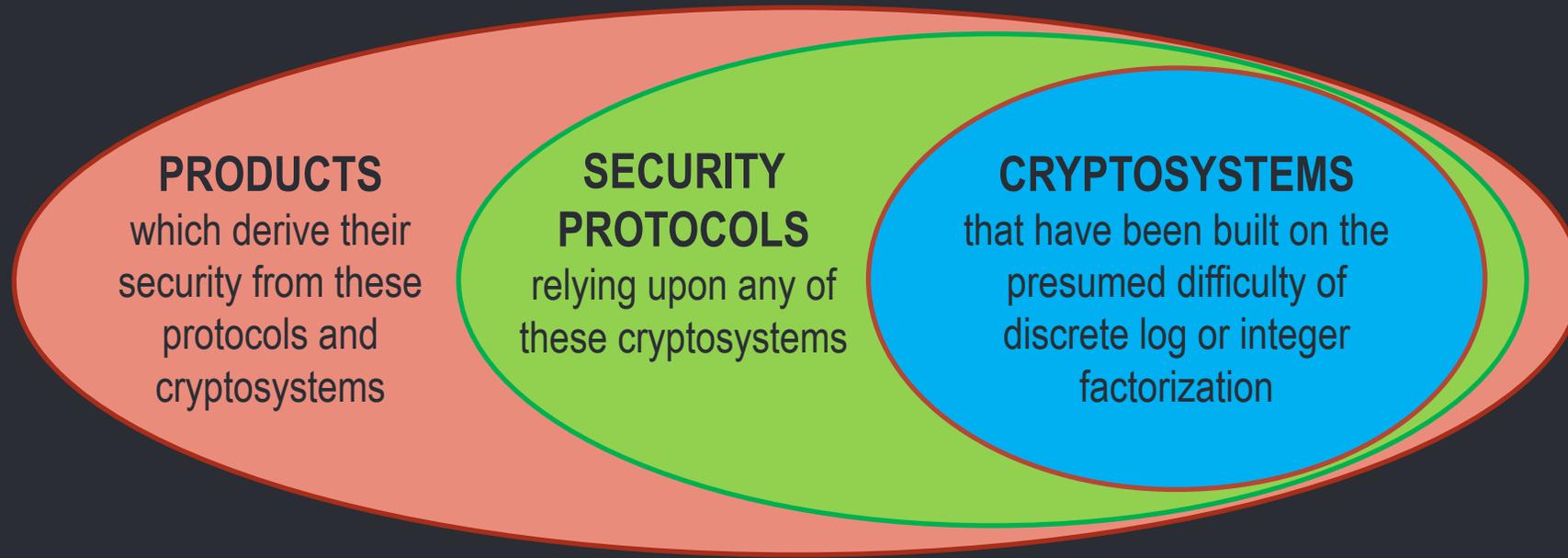
# What needs to be protected today?

Any encrypted data where key establishment is communicated or stored along with it will not remain confidential beyond Y2Q.

Any digital documents signed today that must maintain their authenticity beyond Y2Q.

Any signed software that needs to remain authentic at crossover point.

# So, What Is Vulnerable?



---

This is the case for anything that is encrypted after a large-scale quantum computer has been built, anything we encrypt today, and anything we encrypted in the past!

# Quantum Computing Authentication



# Code Signing

Authenticity of software updates are essential to trust

Digital signatures are ubiquitous with software updates

Frequency of updates are much less than authentication requests at a web server, for example

Hash Based Signatures provide a safe option



# Secure Email

Email continues to be the main communication medium for business

- Large amounts of sensitive information continues to be sent
- Mail server breaches can cause enormous brand/financial/trust damage

Email can be protected by

- Server to server encryption
- Services such as S/MIME and PGP

S/MIME and PGP differ on key management

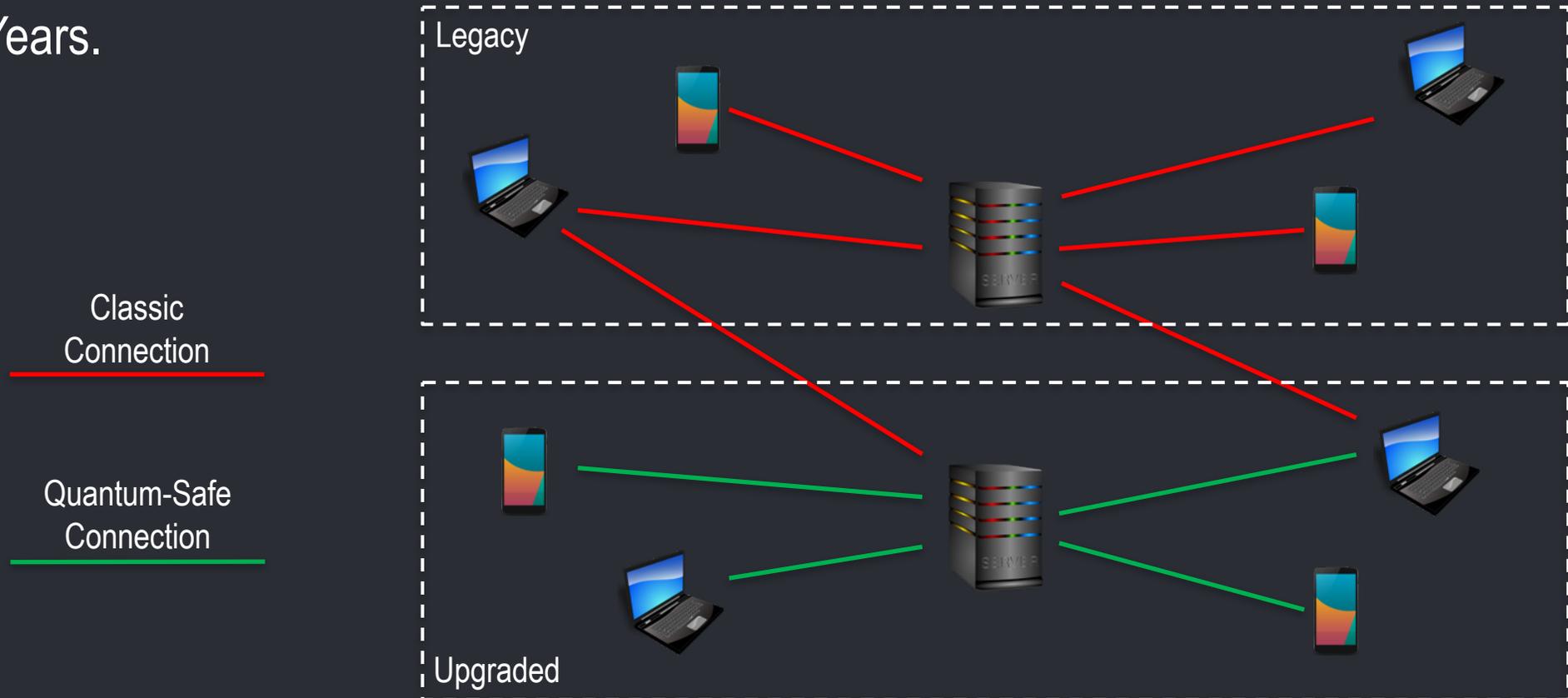
- Imply need for PKI transition



# Quantum Safe Deployment Challenges

Moderate deployment effort with a phased deployment possible.

Timeline: Years.





# Quantum Computing

## PKI

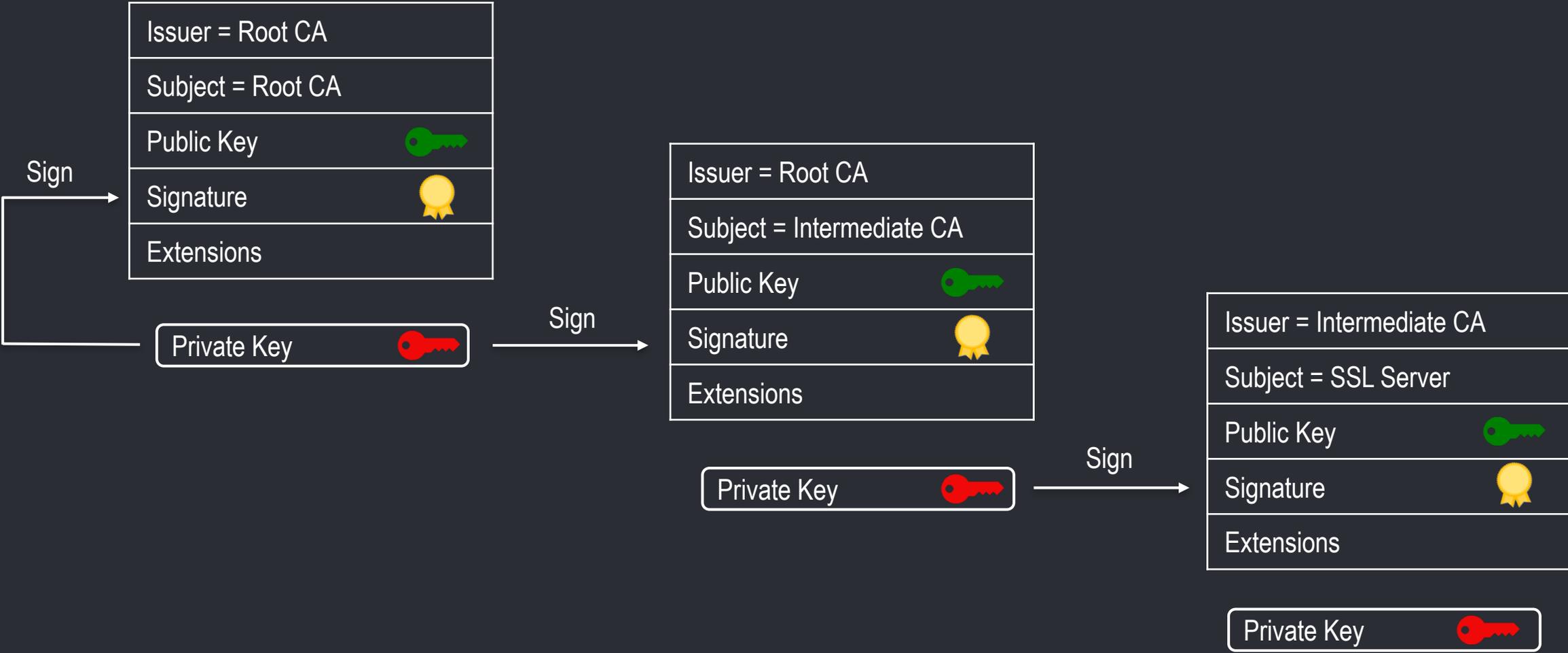


# Quantum Resistant PKI

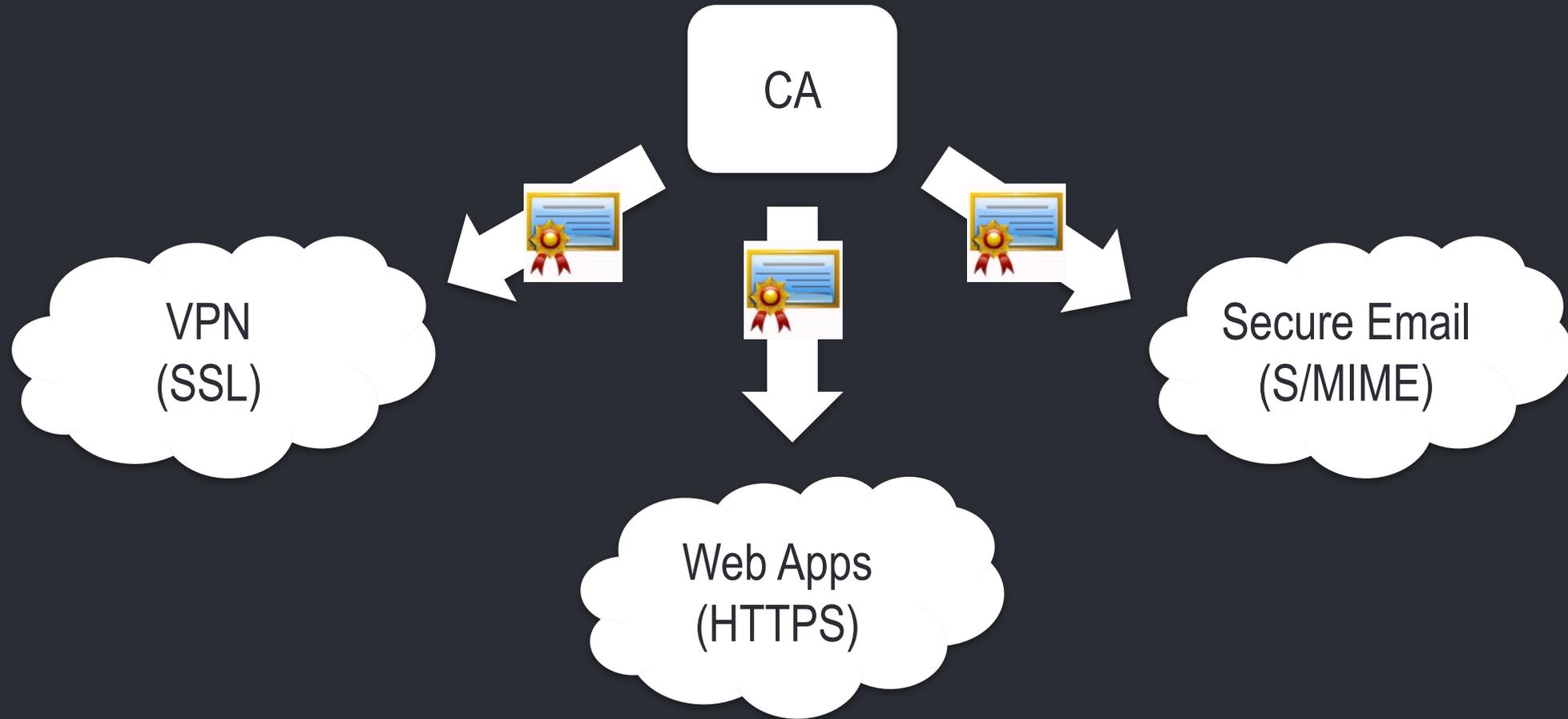
Enterprise PKI supporting remote VPN can be quite large and cannot be updated overnight.

To avoid service stoppage a sophisticated strategy, clever mechanism, and systematic method are needed to gradually migrate the monolithic PKI system to new algorithms that allow mixture of algorithms, including interim choices of algorithms.

# X509 Certificate Chain



# Enterprise Infrastructure



# Upgrade Approaches

## Forklift upgrade

- Expensive!
- Requires you to wait until all systems are made Quantum Safe
- Many failure points tested all at once
- Infrastructure risk through waiting



# Upgrade Approaches

## Running a Parallel Infrastructure

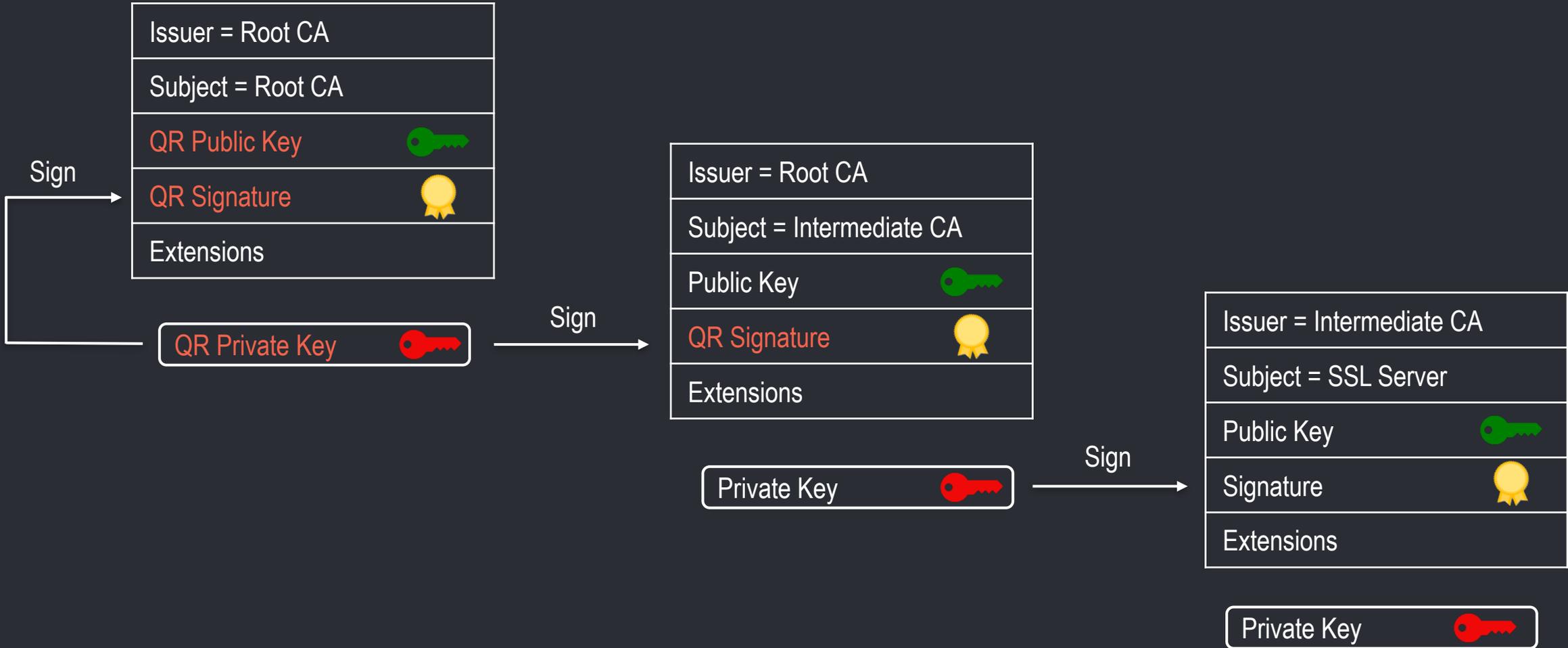
- Multiple user credentials to individually manage
  - Two smart cards?
- User training on which system to use at which particular moment
- Cost of running two instances of your systems

# Applying Hybrid Ideas to Authentication

## Using Hash Based Signatures for Root Certificates

- Subordinate CAs signed with LMS/XMSS
  - Public Key is RSA/ECC
- End-entity certificates signed with quantum vulnerable scheme
- Upgrade subordinate CAs, and end entities, as stateless options are finalized
- Root certificates finalized early
  - Migration across browsers is slow

# X509 Certificate Chain

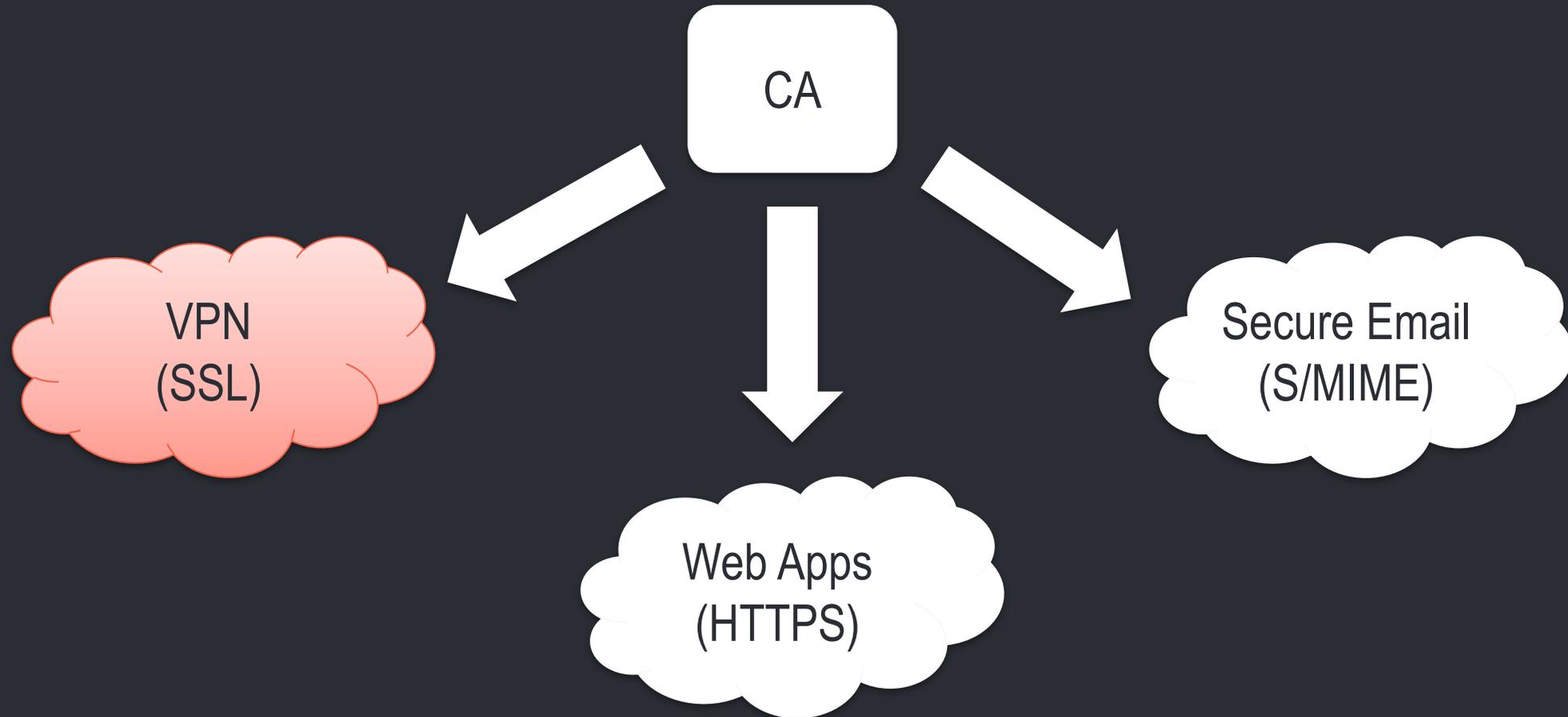


# Applying Hybrid Ideas to Authentication

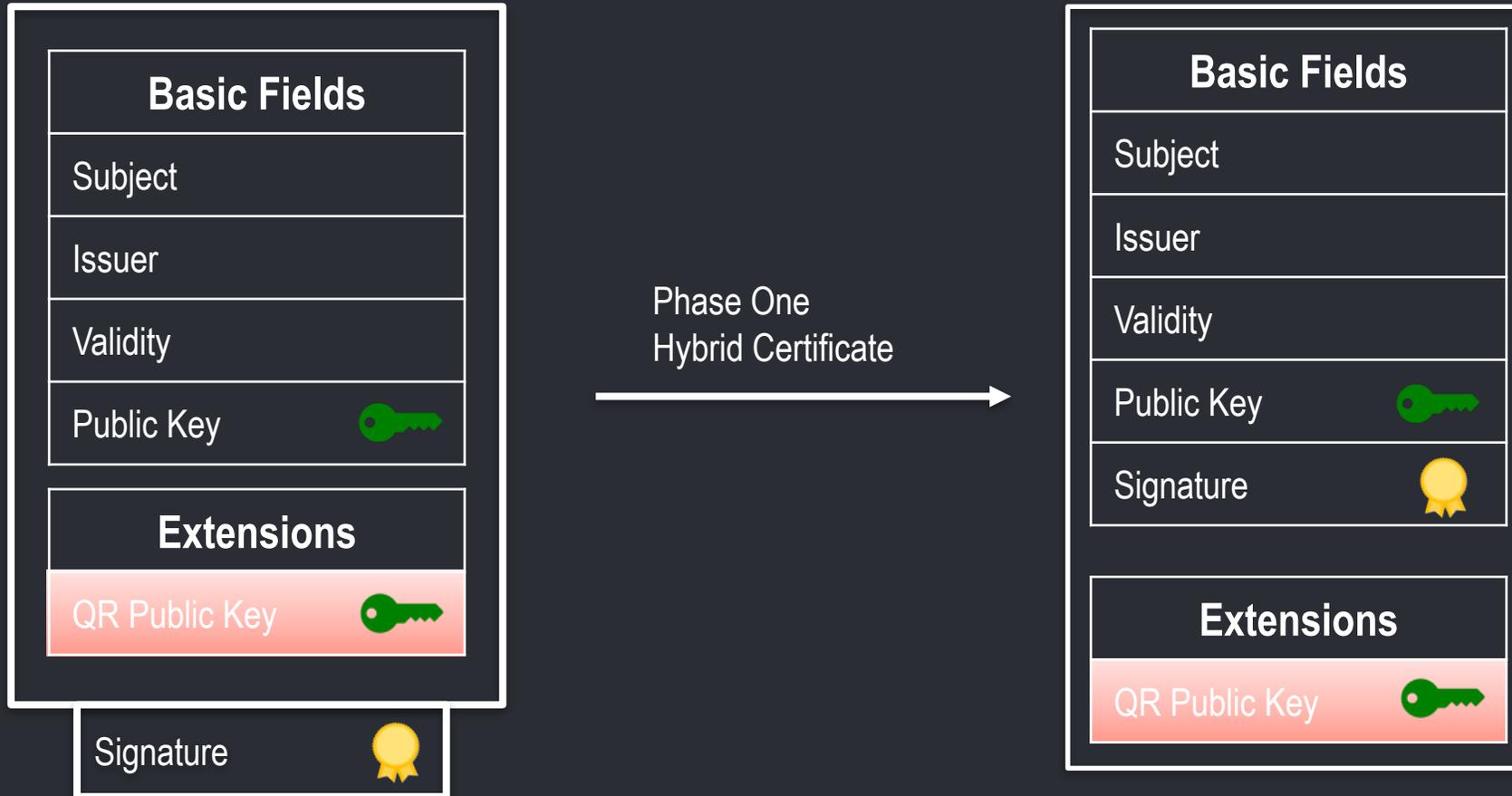
## Creating Hybrid Certificates

- Utilize aspects of X.509 to include both quantum vulnerable and resistant keys
- Allow for an in-place migration of PKI credentials and applications
  - Upgrade systems use quantum resistant credentials
  - Legacy systems continue to quantum vulnerable keys/signatures

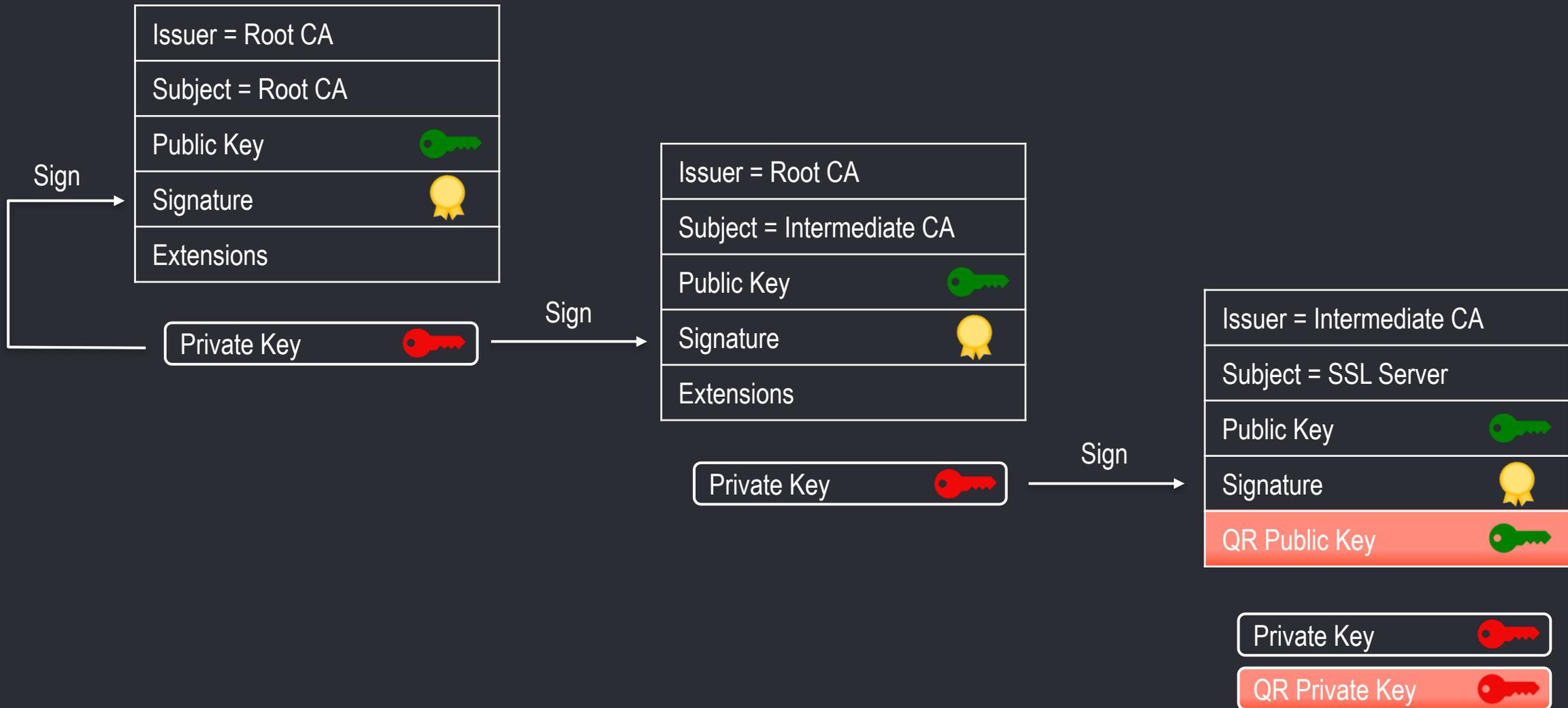
# Phase One Enterprise Infrastructure



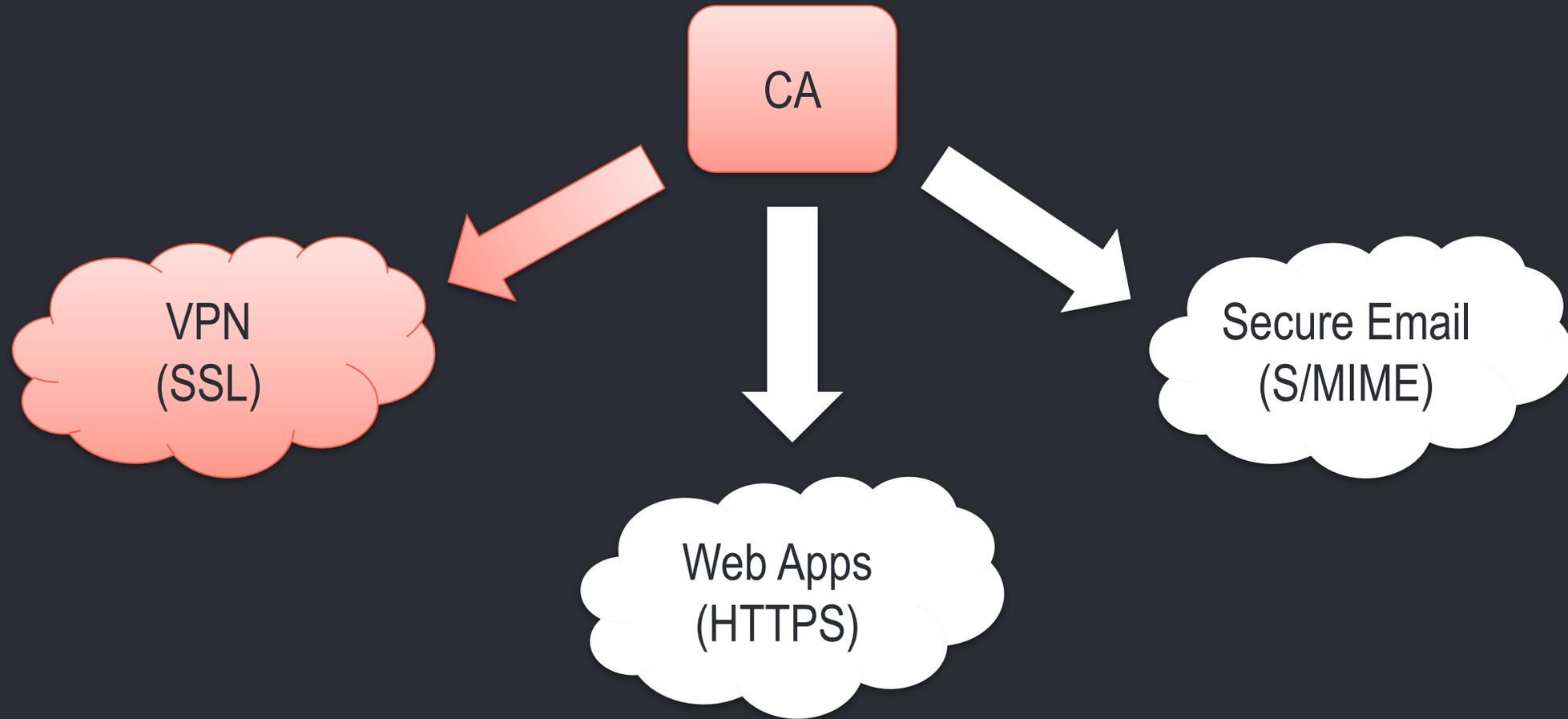
# Phase One Certificate



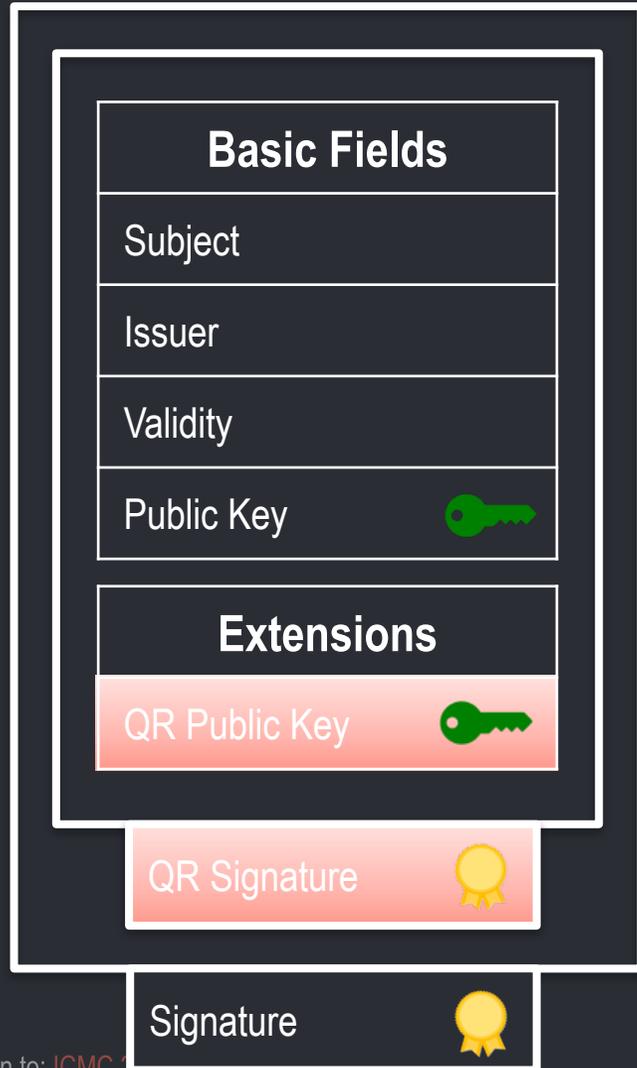
# Phase One X509 Certificate Chain



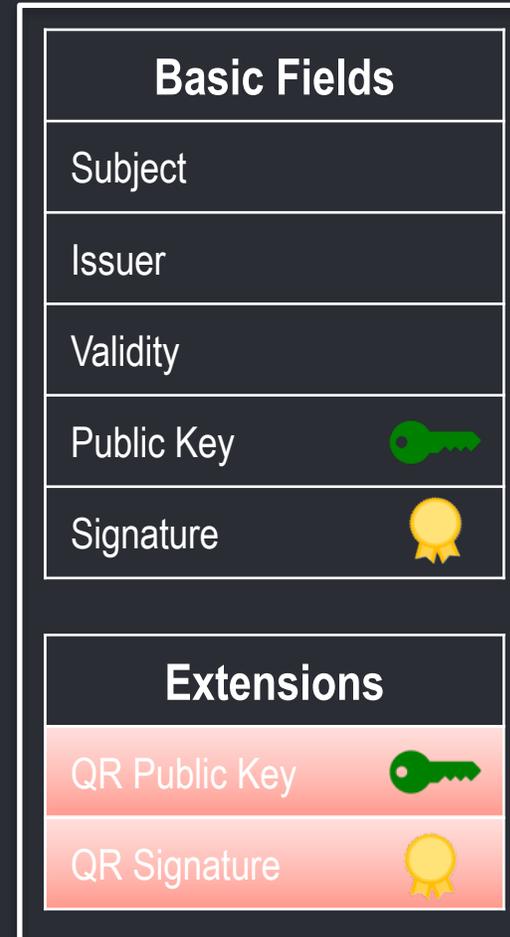
# Phase Two Enterprise Infrastructure



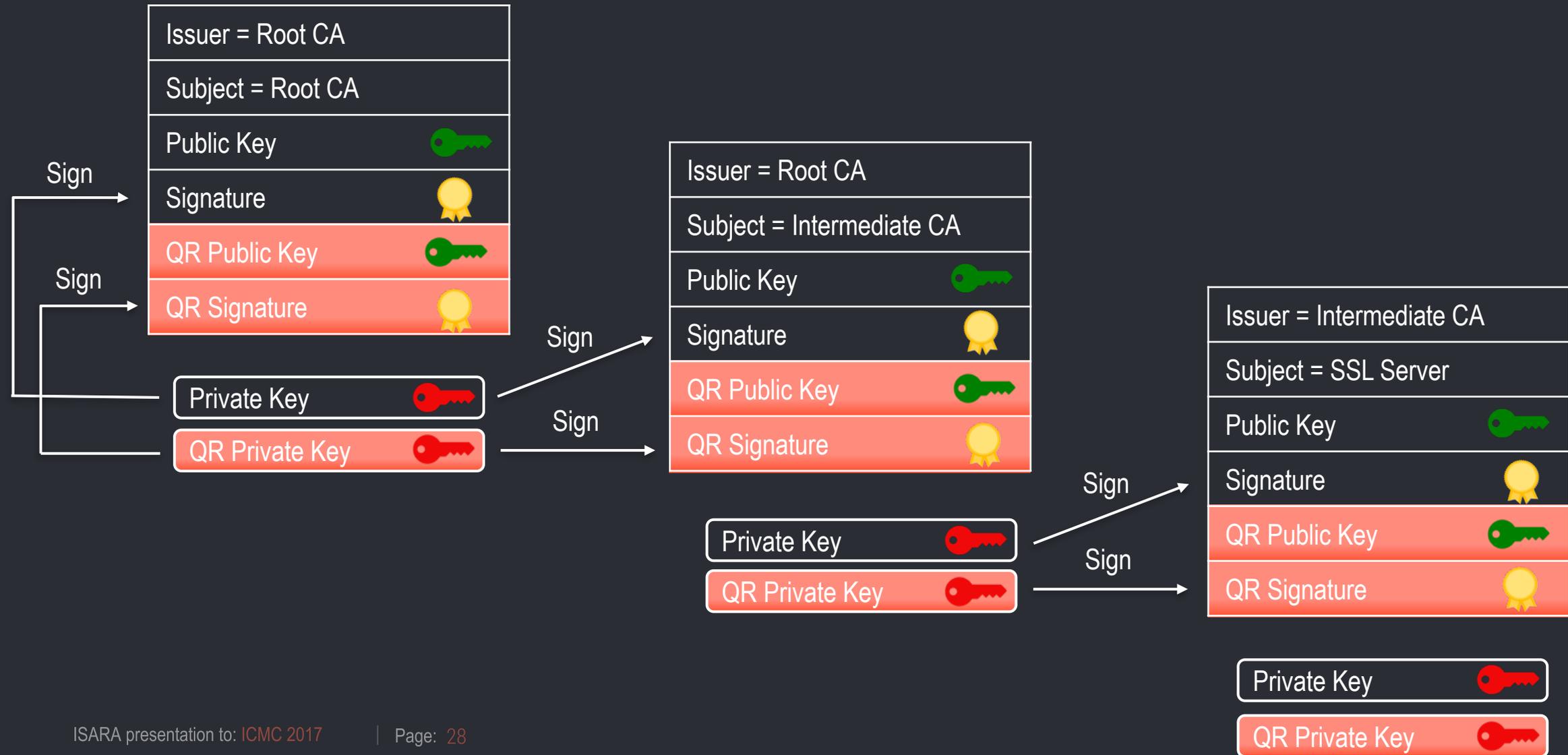
# Phase Two Certificate



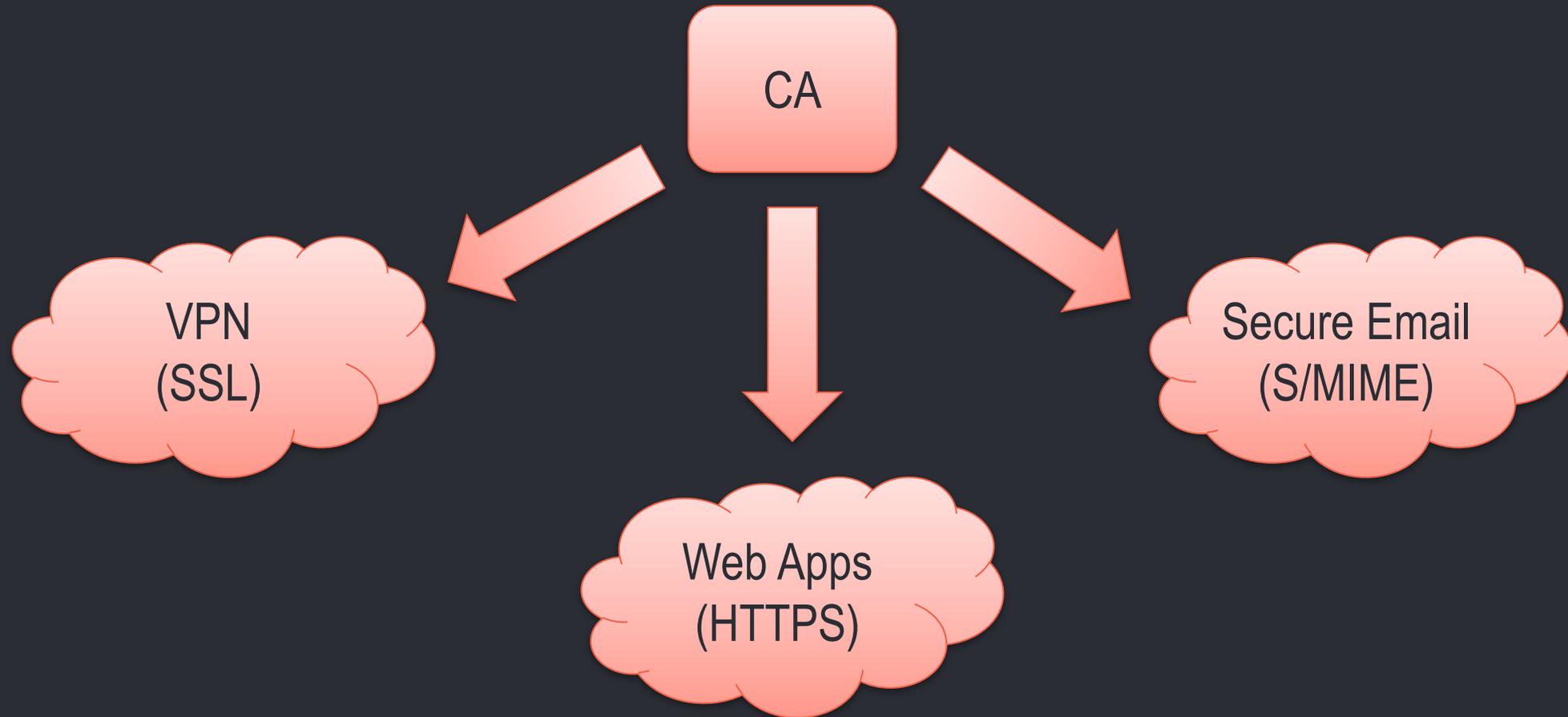
Phase Two  
Hybrid Certificate  
→



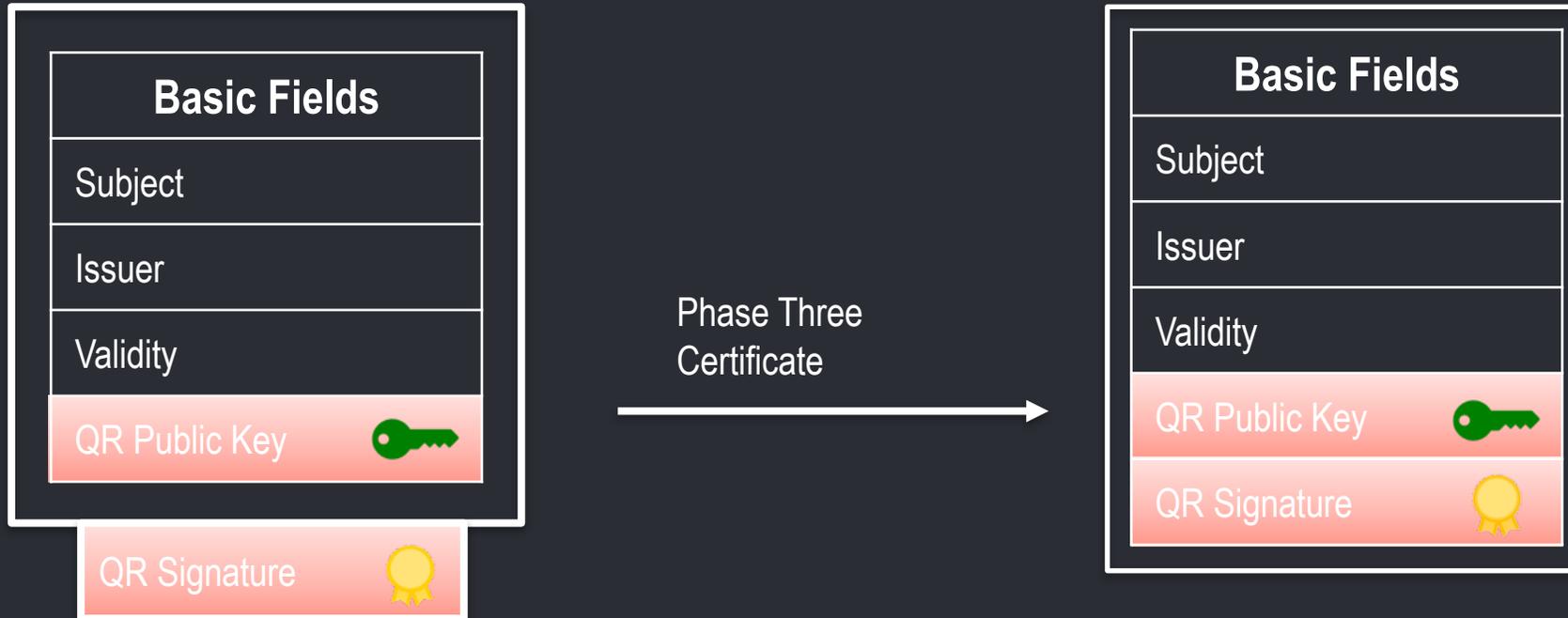
# Phase Two X509 Certificate Chain



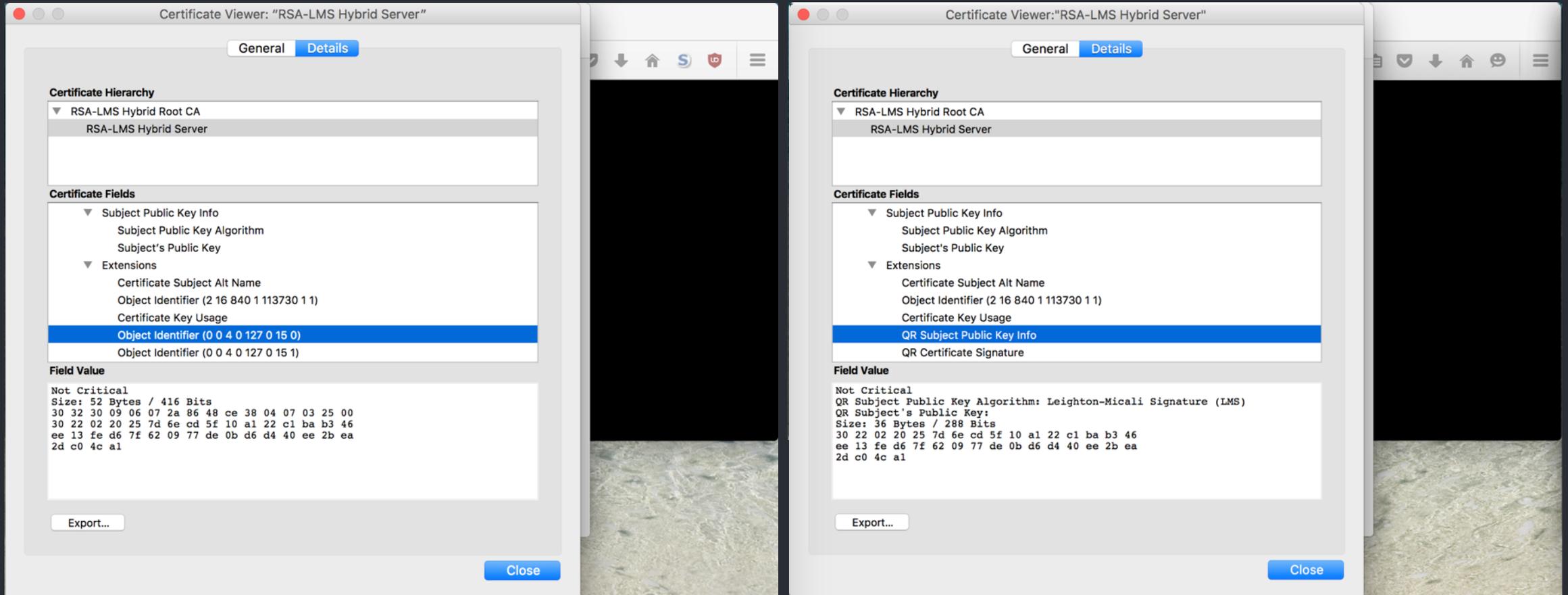
# Phase Three Enterprise Infrastructure



# Phase Three Certificate



# Example





# Quantum Safe Cryptography Options for PKI

# Hash-Based Signatures

Well studied and trusted

Fast operations and compact public key

But...

- State management
- Private key sizes

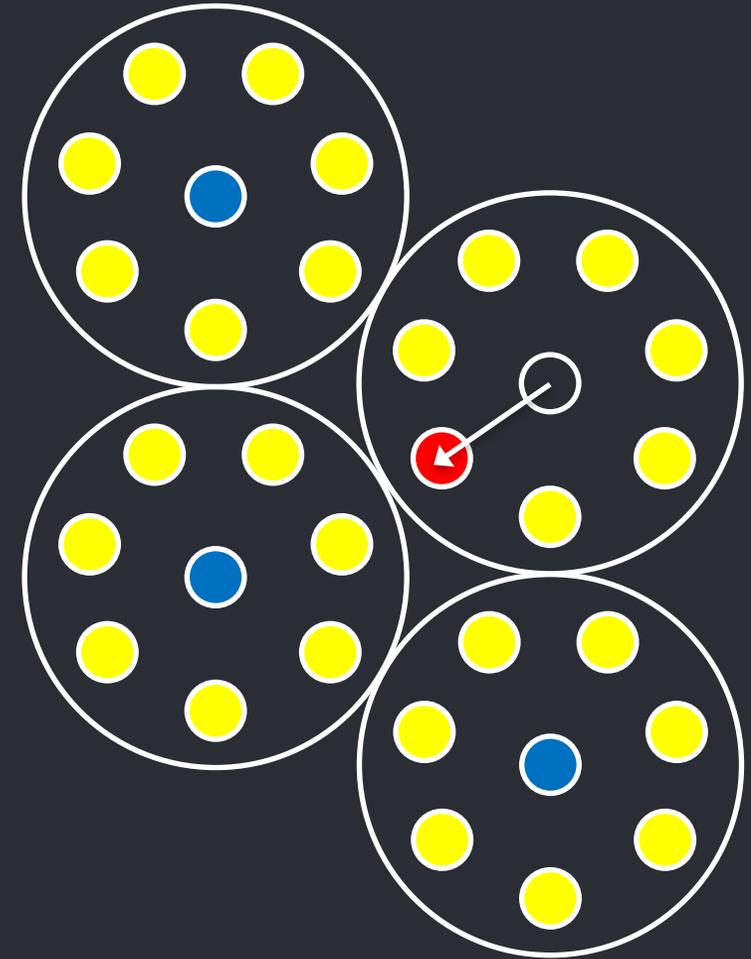


# Code-Based Crypto

McEliece key transport with Goppa codes still well trusted

But...

- Focus on key transport, not signature schemes
- Key sizes!
- Constructions do exist focused on Niederreiter variant

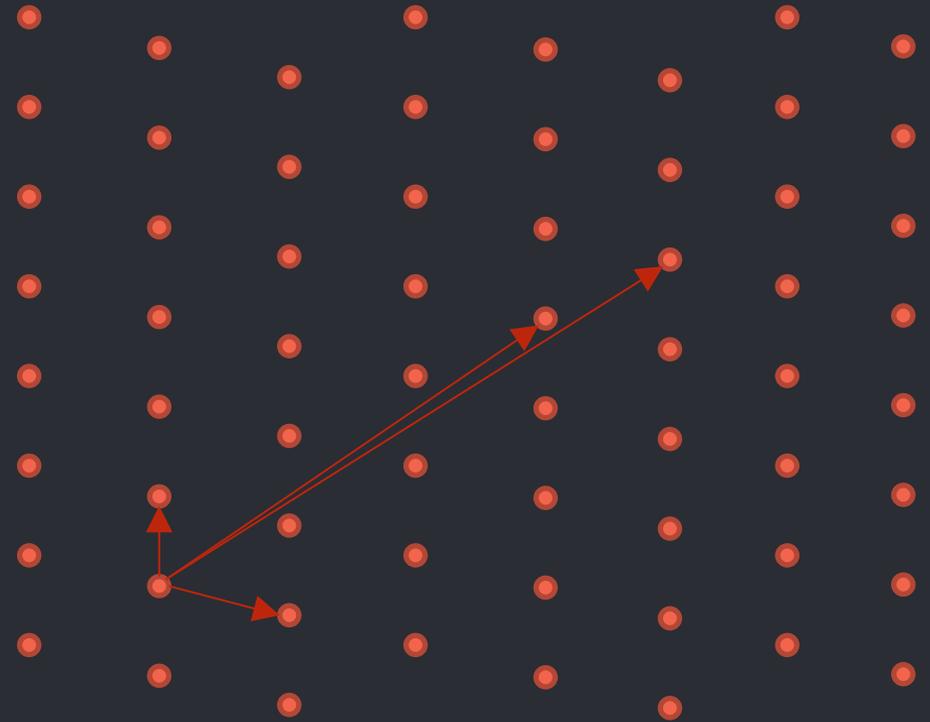


# Lattice Cryptography

Lattice based cryptography offers very fast quantum resistant schemes with excellent key sizes, in the Ring variants

But...

- Signature space is much less mature
- BLISS and pqNTRUsign
- TESLA

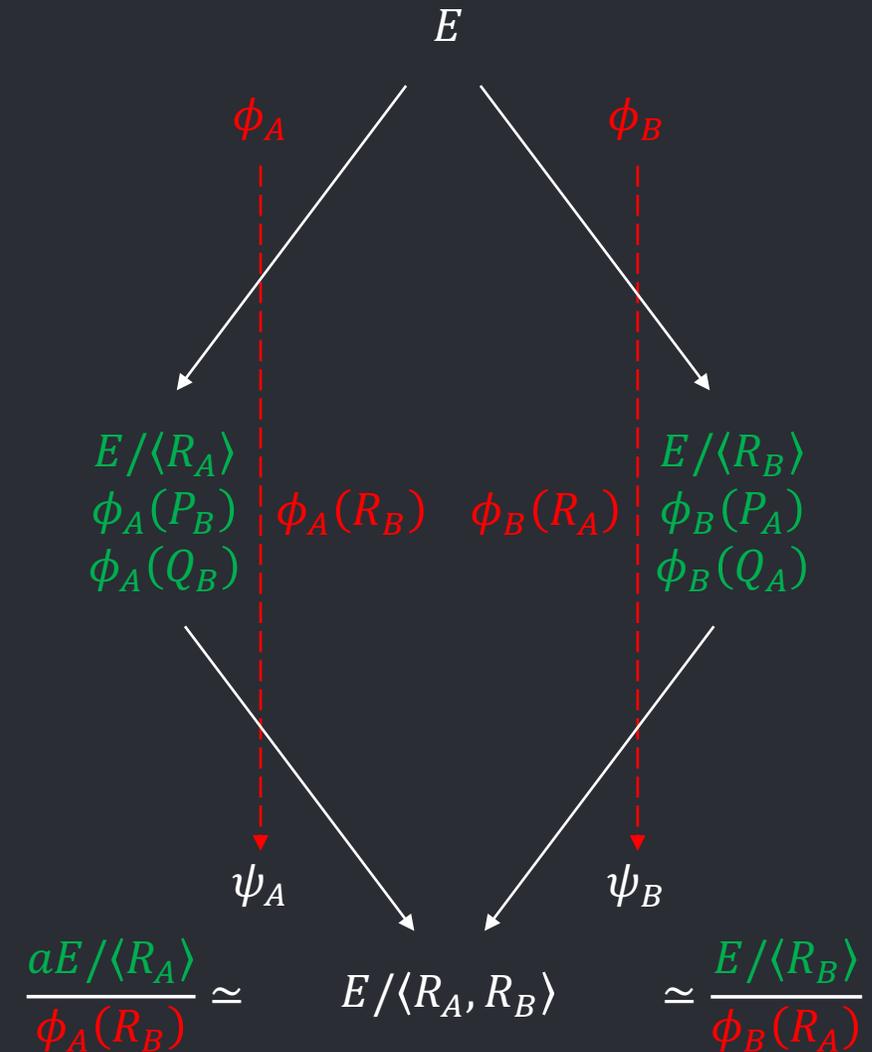


# Isogeny-Based Cryptography

Offers crypto based off different hard problems

But...

- No efficient signature schemes available
- Still based off modified Zero Knowledge proof constructions
- Quite slow



# Multivariate Public Key Cryptography

Offers a variety of digital signature options such as Rainbow, UOV, HFEv-

Work has been done on getting it to work on smart cards

But...

- Popularity more geographically centred
- Public key size not as competitive as Hash Based
- Fewer academic publications

# Quantum Key Distribution

Promises a physics based approach to Quantum Security

But...

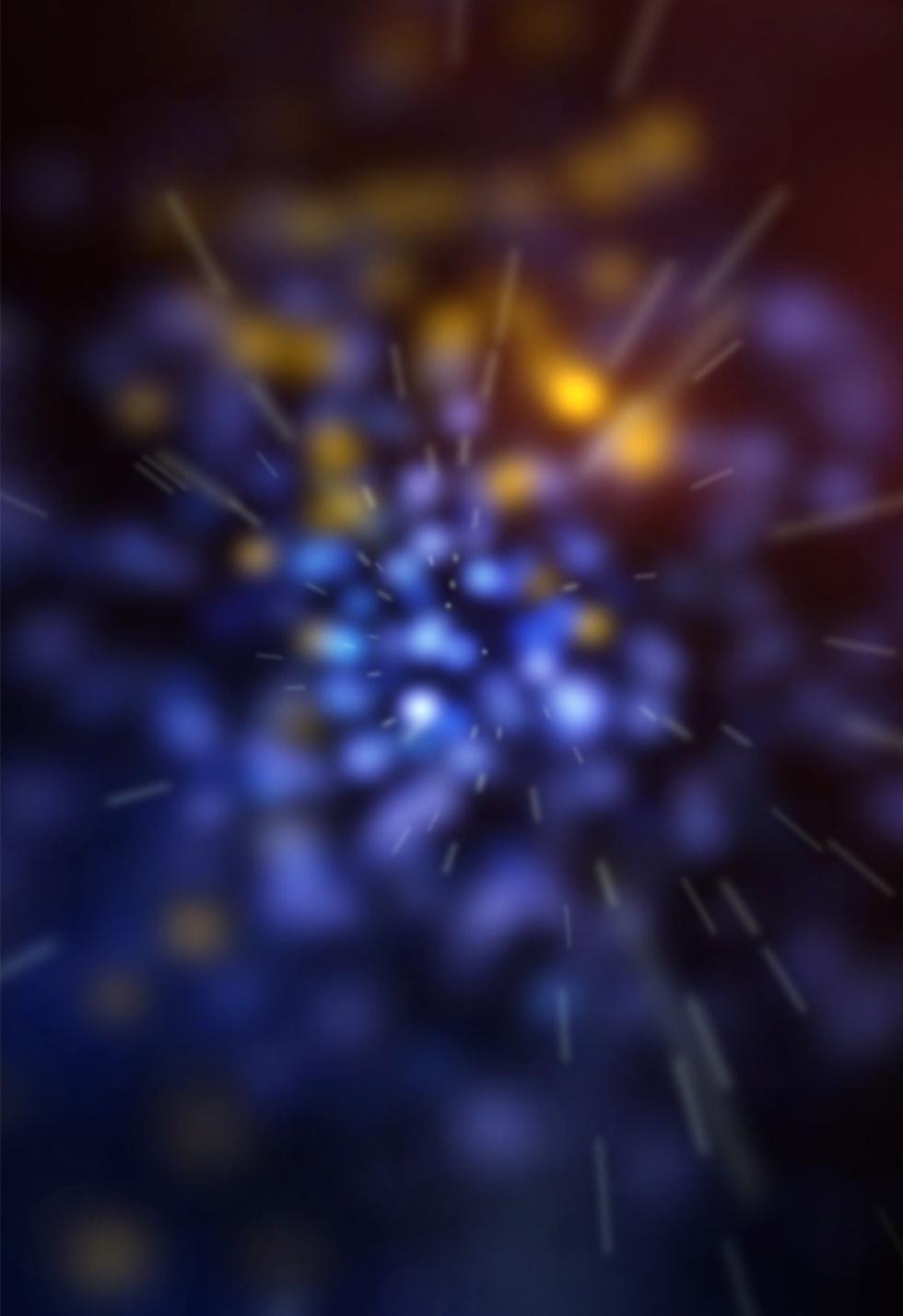
- Focus is key distribution
- Requires a Quantum Resistant algorithm, from the previous slides, to authenticate the exchange
- Physical limitations

SHORT SHARP SCIENCE 16 August 2016

## China launches world's first quantum communications satellite



The start of unhackable communication?  
Jin Liwang/Xinhua/Eyevine



# Quantum Computing

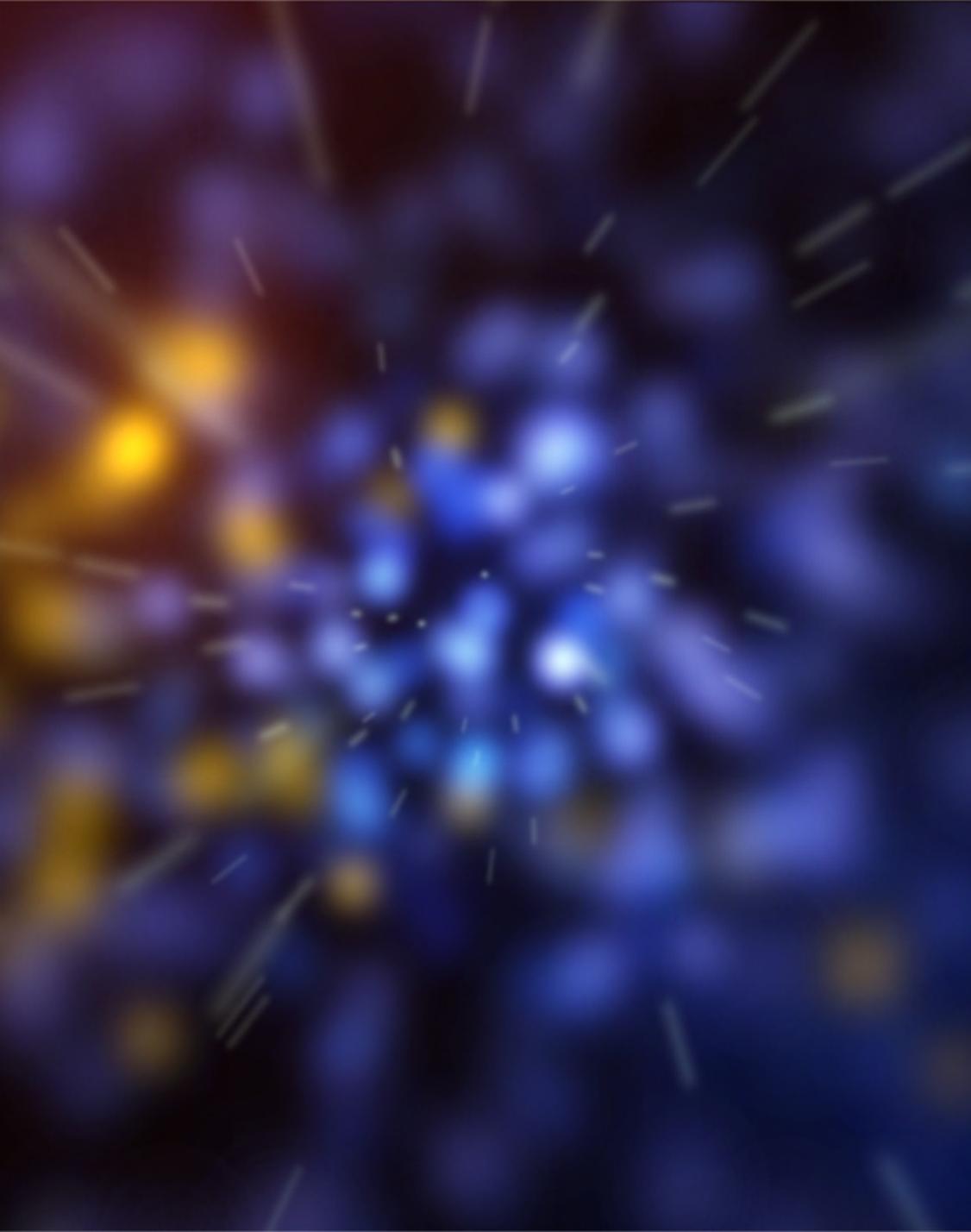
## Conclusions and Recommendations

# When Does The Clock Run Out?

While this seems enormous, its like drinking the ocean...

We do have viable solutions today and more are coming.

Start planning your transition today!



# Thank you!

 [www.isara.com](http://www.isara.com)

 [mike@isara.com](mailto:mike@isara.com)