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The Quantum Key Distribution Platform by ThinkQuantum



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QUKY, the Quantum Key Distribution Platform by ThinkQuantum, provides BB84-based quantum-safe cryptographic keys with high quality in terms of security (QRN2Qubit direct stream), robustness and reliability. The QKD platform includes QUKY-TX (Alice) and QUKY-RX (Bob).

## **Key Features**

0	Key-Rate	High key generation thanks to the lowest QBER provided by the embedded iPognac (patented solution).
	Qubit4Sync	Efficient Qubit-based self-synchronization does not require additional fibers.
	True QRNG Stream	QRN2Qubit direct stream (no pseudo-random, no expansion) from embedded QRNG to Qubit Preparation Stage.
7	Robust & Reliable	Quick installation, robust and reliable devices coming with hot-swappable power supply system (1+1 redundant).
BB84	Protocol	QKD system based on BB84 protocol and polarization encoding.
\$	Networking	The versatile system enables the modular implementation of complex network topologies. Compatible with ETSI 014, ETSI 004.
	Modularity	Smart system designed to work with either fiber or free-space optical link.
S	Interoperability	Alice & Bob do not need to be matched: the same device can work with different units.
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İ	Tailored Solution	Flexible design for customized solutions (i.e. SPAD or SNSPD, co-existence of Quantum & Classical on same fiber).
	EU27	ThinkQuantum, based in Italy with an Italian shareholder structure, offers a reliable European Supply Chain.



### A VERSATILE PLATFORM

QUKY is available in the following configurations:

- **Standard**, designed for stable and robust quantum key distribution, it ensure the highest security standards for secure key distribution. The exceptional stability of the devices allow to deploy the system even in environment where temperature stability is not present.
- **Premium**, designed with the same high quality standards of the above version, but with enhanced performance. It allows to perform quantum key distribution over long distances with increased secure key rate.
- **SNSPD or external detector SPD**, designed to be interfaced with external single photon detectors, which can be in full control of the user or interfaced with the QUKY receiver for automated configuration and monitor. Used in conjunction with SNSPD allows for exceptional long distance quantum key distribution.
- **Research & Education**, designed for accademic and R&D labs, allows to control internal parameters of the QKD device. It gives access to the raw keys generated by the quantum states exchanged between the transmitter and the receiver.

### **ENCRYPTION SOLUTIONS & APPLICATIONS**

QUKY has been extensively tested with major encryptor vendors. It supports standard and proprietary interfaces for secure key delivery: ETSI GS QKD 014, ETSI GS QKD 004 and other proprietary interfaces.

### **NETWORKING & KEY MANAGEMENT**

QUKY comes with an integrated solution for key management. The device can be deployed in complex network topologies including:

- Point-to-point networks
- Relay networks
- Ring networks
- Star networks

### SWITHCING MODE ENHANCING FLEXIBILITY AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT

QUKY technology natively support the presence of optical switches routing the quantum channels between nodes. One single receiver can exchange quantum states with more than one transmitter, and viceversa. Each node can be equipped down to a single QUKY device connected via an optical switch to several remote nodes. The optical switch then re-routes the quantum channel to change the peer node with which the local QUKY has to produce secure keys. The quantum channel re-routing can be done based on needs of secret key production that the network has to provide to the applications. This open the possibility of cost-saving solutions for the quantum network deployment.



# **Technical Specifications**

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	Key security parameter	1e-15 (@ 10^7 length) [typ]			
	Secret Key Rate	Standard: 2.2 kb/s (13dB) [typ] Premium: 4.4 kb/s (13dB) [typ] SNSPD: 18 kb/s (13dB) [typ]			
	Encryption	Generation and exchange of quantum keys with AES-256 encryption mechanism on fiber optic (compatible with the AES-256 CTR and GCM)			
Key Generation	Key transfer rate	>1000 AES-256 keys/hour			
	Max losses (length) of quantum channel (typ. @0.2 dB/km)	Standard: 20dB (100km) Premium: 24dB (120km) SNSPD: min. 33dB (165km) and beyond*			
	Encoding Scheme	Polarization 3 state efficient BB84 decoy			
	Embedded QRNG	High speed QRNG enables the QRN2Qubit direct stream to Qubit Preparation Stage			
	Key Management System	ETSI 014, ETSI 004, other proprietary interfaces (custom interface protocol on demand)			
	Wavelength	C-band or O-band (other wavelengths on request)			
	Service Channel	Synch channel not needed thanks to Qubit4Sync (Qubit self-synchronization)			
Network	Quantum Channel	Dark fiber preferred (multiplex with Data DWDM, on request)			
	Standards	Compatible also with G.652, G.655 and mixed standards for the quantum channel			
	Configurations	QKD TX and QKD RX can perform quantum key regeneration and retranslation functionality in a TN-Trusted Node configuration			
	Dimensions	19" rackmount, 2U chassis, 70 cm depth			
Physical Parameters	Interfaces	Ports: quantum (SC/UPC), service (RJ45), Key (RJ45), MGMT (RJ45).			
,	Operating conditions	10°C to 30°C, 80% r.h. non condensing			
	Storage conditions	-10 to 60 °C, 90% r.h. non condensing (30°C)			
Power Supply	Specifications	Redundant power supply @ 230Vac / 50Hz			
	In the Kit	Contains all materials required for installation, commissioning and operation			
Additional Notes	QKD Link Kit	Each link kit contain two individual devices (one QKD transmitting device and one QKD receiving device) exchanging quantum keys and using single-mode optical fiber as the transmission medium			
	License	All equipment include all licenses to use the functionality as provided by the manufacturer			



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	Protocol	SNMP v2 and v3
	Monitoring and configuration	Remote access granted via CLI
	Key Management System	Embedded
	Network Management Software	Embedded
	Features	Complete view of the system's operating status
Software		Detection and reporting of anomalies affecting the operation within the nominal parameters of the system.
		Display of a topology of the network of quantum technology key generation and changeover equipment.
		Configuration and monitoring of the network of quantum key generation and changeover equipment
		Monitoring can be accessed by Windows operating system

Reported data are typical performances duly based on lab and field tests (+/- 10% uncertainty). System performances may be affected by communication infrastructure conditions such as fiber connection quality. The information reported in this document are subject to change by ThinkQuantum without prior notice.



### **Markets & Applications**

- ☐ TLC Networks, ICT & Data Centers
- ☐ End-customer demanding for the highest security standards such as finance, insurance, data and service industries, critical infrastructures

### **Free-Space Optical Link**

This option is the best connection for those locations not reached by fiber infrastructure or requiring fast / not-permanent deployment of a QKD link and the only solution for communication with moving platforms. ThinkQuantum develops and deploys free-space QKD terminals for full-day operations.

Further to the existing standard products, ThinkQuantum supplies tailored made turnkey solutions to meet the client's project needs.

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<sup>\*</sup> Custom solutions are available for longer distances.

### **About ThinkQuantum**

ThinkQuantum Srl, SME and spin-off of the University of Padua, offers **Optical & Quantum Solutions for Cyber Security and Communication** to ICT, Telecommunication and Space Industries.

ThinkQuantum covers the Full Value Chain from development and manufacturing of quantum key distribution and quantum random numbers generation systems to design and commissioning of tailored solutions.

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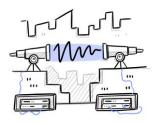


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