### Quantum internet and quantum cryptography

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 2

# REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Secure computer network systems

#### OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the subject are as follows:

- To understand the fundamental concepts of the Quantum Internet and how it differs from the classical Internet.
- To understand the relationship between the Quantum Internet and the fundamentals of quantum mechanics.
- To know the basic components of quantum networks, including end systems, communication lines, switches, and routers (repeaters).
- To understand the architecture of protocols in quantum networks and their implementation.
- To learn the fundamentals and applications of quantum cryptography, particularly key distribution.
- To know the basic concepts of post-quantum cryptography and its practical applications.
- To explore current and future applications of the Quantum Internet in different areas.

### DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- Quantum foundations of the Quantum Internet
- Quantum networks: end systems, communication lines, switches and routers (repeaters)
- Protocol architecture in quantum networks
- Quantum Internet
- Fundamentals and applications of quantum cryptography: key distribution
- Post-quantum cryptography
- Applications of the quantum Internet

### LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Learning activities:

- Theoretical classes
- Practical laboratory classes
- Tutorials
- Individual student work
- Mid-term and final exams

### Methodology:

- Critical reading of texts recommended by the professor of the subject: articles, reports, manuals and/or academic articles, either for later discussion in class, or to expand and consolidate the knowledge of the subject.

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## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

% end-of-term-examination/test:	60
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals):	40
- Individual or group work done during the course, 40%	

- Final exam, 60%

## BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Kollmitzer, Christian ; Schauer, Stefan ; Rass, Stefan ; Rainer, Benjamin Quantum Random Number Generation: Theory and Practice, Springer International Publishing , 2021

- Rodney Van Meter Quantum Networking, John Wiley & Sons Ltd., 2014

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- Bernstein, Daniel J ; Hülsing, Andreas ; Lange, Tanja ; Rekleitis, Evangelos Post-quantum cryptography: integration study, Publications Office , 2022

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### BASIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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