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**To:** [McKay, Kerry A. \(Fed\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Short talk on the state of quantum computing  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 11:01:31 AM

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Ok, good. Thanks.

-Carl

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**From:** McKay, Kerry A. (Fed) <kerry.mckay@nist.gov>  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM  
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No. This is for the crypto group only.

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**From:** "Miller, Carl A. (Fed)" <carl.miller@nist.gov>  
**Date:** Friday, August 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM  
**To:** "McKay, Kerry A. (Fed)" <kerry.mckay@nist.gov>  
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Hi Kerry –

Just checking: Is anyone going to be at this talk who does not work for NIST?

I assume not, but I just wanted to make sure that I know. I'm planning a pretty informal talk, but people might nonetheless take some of what I say as representative of the NIST postquantum group's decision-making. If non-NIST people were to see the talk, I'd be a lot more conservative in what I say.

-Carl

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**From:** McKay, Kerry A. (Fed) <kerry.mckay@nist.gov>  
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Great!

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**From:** "Miller, Carl A. (Fed)" <carl.miller@nist.gov>  
**Date:** Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:44 PM  
**To:** "McKay, Kerry A. (Fed)" <kerry.mckay@nist.gov>

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Hi Kerry –

Ok, sure, let's go ahead and schedule that. (I assume it will be at 2:30pm again.)

When we announce the talk, perhaps we could just say something like this:

We're going to talk about the current state of the quantum computing effort and its possible impact on us. The main sources will be [this National Academy of Sciences report](#) and [this recent talk by Google](#).

-Carl

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**From:** McKay, Kerry A. (Fed) <kerry.mckay@nist.gov>

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Hi Carl,

That would be great. The talks aren't meant to be scientific, but just a way for us to share and discuss topics that we are interested in and grow as a group. So if you want to share this, then absolutely you can have a short talk on it. Would you like the slot this Friday?

-Kerry

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**From:** "Miller, Carl A. (Fed)" <carl.miller@nist.gov>

**Date:** Monday, August 9, 2021 at 12:18 PM

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**Subject:** Short talk on the state of quantum computing

Hi Kerry –

Angela recently suggested that someone could give a short talk (in your series) about the current

state of quantum computing. Do you think that would fit well? It could be useful for the postquantum efforts.

I could give such a talk, although I'd want to emphasize that it won't be a formal scientific talk (since this isn't my main area of expertise). In the talk I would cite some outside sources that I've looked at (like [this one](#) and [this one](#)), summarize them, and talk about what they might mean for NIST's efforts.

Thanks for organizing the series – I've learned a lot from attending so far.

-Carl