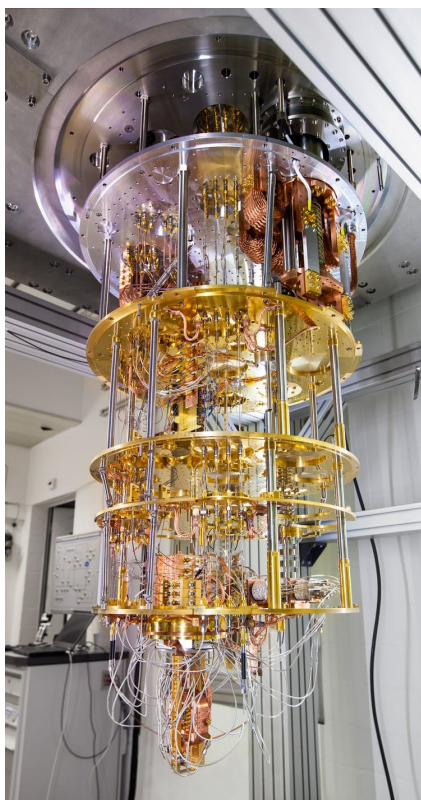




Problem 5. «A promise and money»

A group of young cryptographers are interested in quantum computing and really want to buy a quantum computer. A millionaire gave them a certain amount of money (say, n cryptographers; X_i for each of them, $i = 1, \dots, n$). He also made them promise that they would not tell anyone, including each other, how much money everyone of them had received.

- Could you help the cryptographers to invent an algorithm how to find out (without breaking the promise) whether the total amount of money they have, $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, is enough to buy a quantum computer?
- What do you think whether there are such algorithms protecting the secrets of honest participants from dishonest ones?
- What weaknesses does your algorithm have (if someone breaks the promise)? Does it always protect the secret of the honest participants from the dishonest ones?



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