

Continuous-Variable Quantum Cryptography with Entanglement in the Middle



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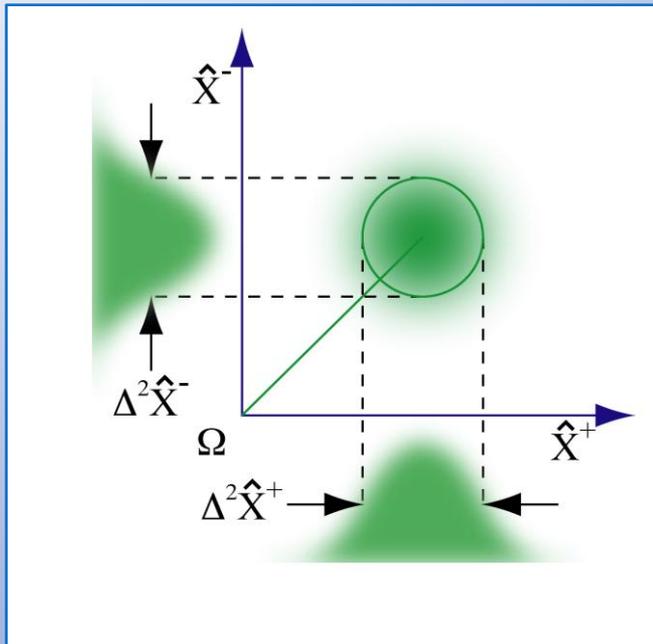
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1. Quantum Information using Continuous Variables
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5. QKD with Entanglement in the Middle
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Quantum Information using Continuous Variables

Quantum Harmonic Oscillator

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{x}^2 + \hat{p}^2) \quad [\hat{x}, \hat{p}] = i\hbar$$



CONTINUOUS VARIABLES:

- Many photons: laser beam
- Annihilation and creation operators used

$$\hat{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\hbar}}(\hat{x} + i\hat{p}) \quad [\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger] = 1$$

- Quadratures (x,p) are used:

$$\hat{x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}}(\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger) \quad \hat{p} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}}i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$$

- Phase space is commonly used.

Applications:

- Teleportation
- Dense coding
- Quantum Cryptography
- Quantum Computation
- Cloning

Quantum Information using Continuous Variables

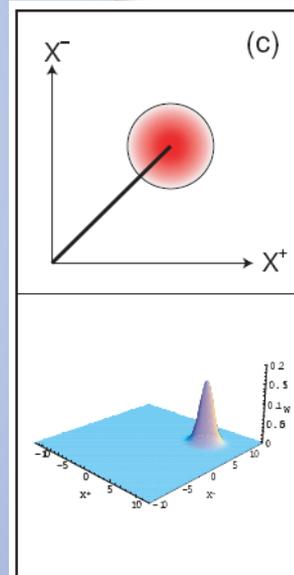
Coherent State

$$|\alpha\rangle = \hat{D} |0\rangle$$

$$\hat{D} = \exp(\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger - \alpha^* \hat{a})$$

$$\hat{a} |\alpha\rangle = \alpha |\alpha\rangle$$

$$|\alpha\rangle = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2\right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle$$

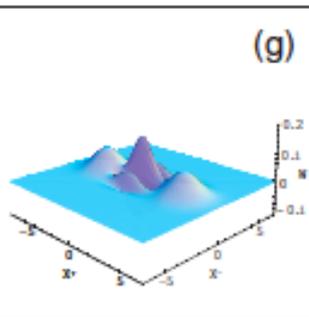
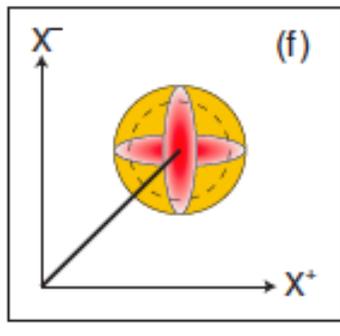
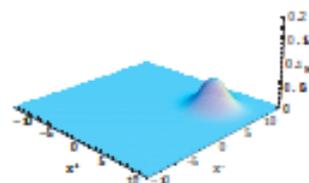
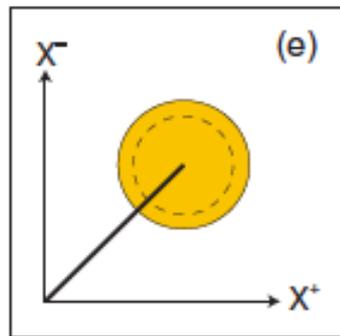
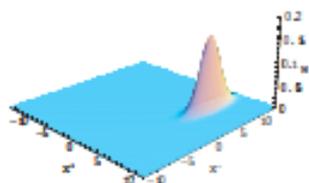
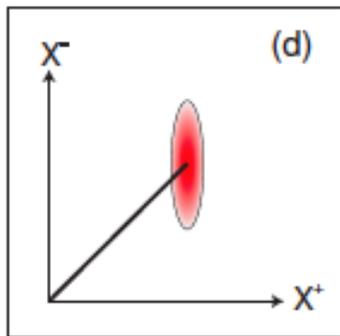
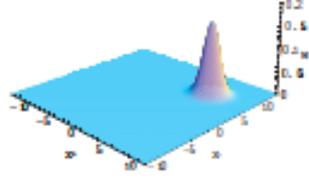
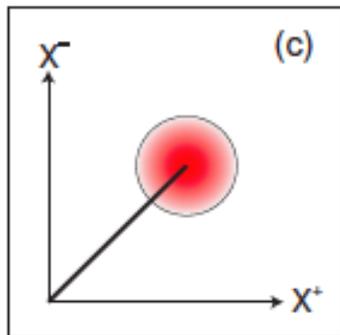
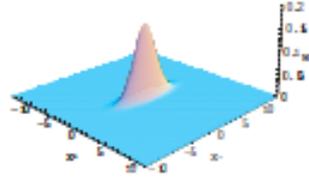
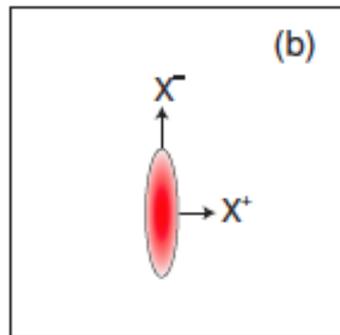
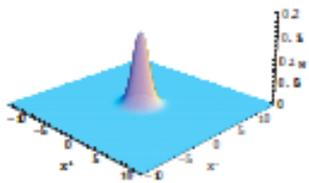
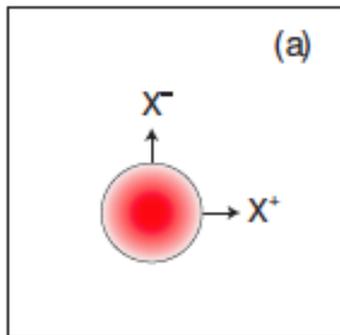


GAUSSIAN STATES:

- Examples of CV states: coherent states, squeezed states, Cat states, EPR states and thermal states.
- Simpler laser: coherent state.
- Offers advantages in e.g. detection efficiency and preparation of the states (QKD).

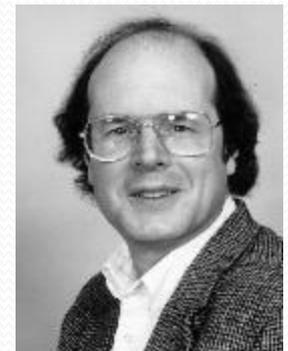
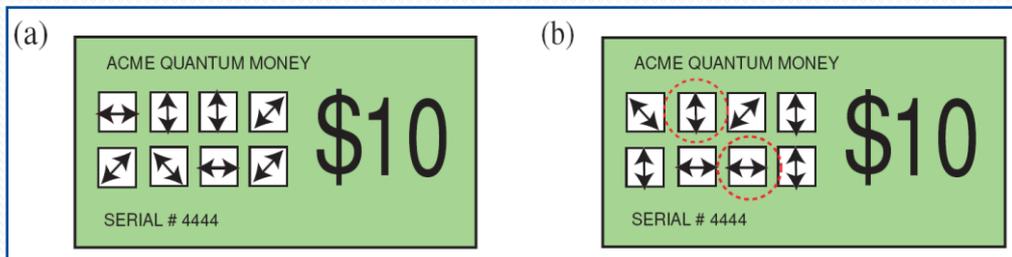
E.g., of non-Gaussian :

- Universal Quantum Computation
- Entanglement distillation



Quantum Cryptography

- Better way to describe it: Quantum key distribution (QKD).
- Security is due to the no-cloning theorem.
- Eavesdropper's presence is known: disturbs the system.
- First protocol was developed in 1984 by Charles Bennett and Gilles Brassard.
- From an initial idea by Stephen Wiesner: quantum money!

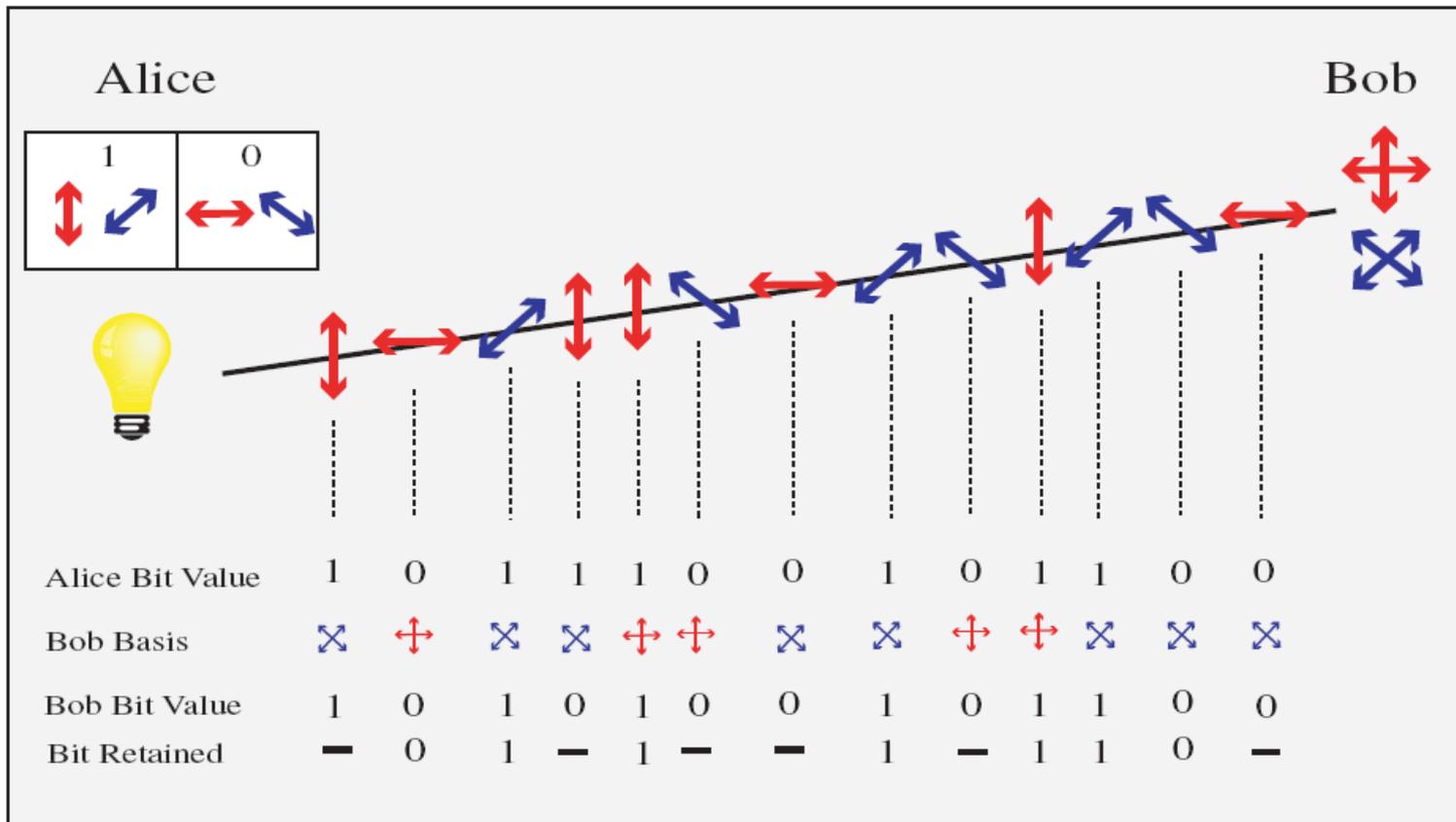


Quantum Cryptography

II. A BEAUTIFUL IDEA

The idea of quantum cryptography was first proposed in the 1970s by Stephen Wiesner² (1983) and by Charles H. Bennett of IBM and Gilles Brassard of The University of Montréal (1984, 1985).³ However, this idea is so simple that any first-year student since the infancy of quantum mechanics could actually have discovered it!

The BB84 Protocol



Bennett and Brassard, Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computers, Systems, and Signal Processing, Bangalore, p. 175 (1984).

Who is Working on CV-QKD Globally?

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Unconditional Security Proof of Long-Distance Continuous-Variable Quantum Key with Discrete Modulation

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Quantum Cryptography Without Switching

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We propose a new coherent state quantum key distribution protocol that randomly switches between measurement bases. This protocol provides significant advantages over previous schemes, including increased bandwidths and rates with increased bandwidths than previous schemes that only make single qubits. It also offers the further advantage of simplicity compared to all previous protocols.

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Experimental Implementation of Non-Gaussian on a Continuous-Variable Quantum-Key-Distribution

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An intercept-resend attack on a continuous-variable quantum-key-distribution protocol can be experimentally realized. By varying the interception fraction, one can implement a fair eavesdropper that totally controls the channel parameters. In general, such an attack can be realized with an optical parametric amplifier and certain non-Gaussian input states, and may also result in non-Gaussian output distributions. We implement such an attack and measurements needed to detect these attacks, and evaluate experimentally the impact of the attack on the legitimate users and the eavesdropper. The results are consistent with the theoretical predictions and the attacks resulting from the security proofs.

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Non-Gaussian Cloning of Quantum Coherent States

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We consider the optimal cloning of quantum coherent states v figures of merit. While the latter is maximized by a Gaussian cloning fidelity for a symmetric 1-to-2 cloner is 0.6826, compared to can be realized with an optical parametric amplifier and certain non-Gaussian input states, and may also result in non-Gaussian output distributions. We implement such an attack and measurements needed to detect these attacks, and evaluate experimentally the impact of the attack on the legitimate users and the eavesdropper. The results are consistent with the theoretical predictions and the attacks resulting from the security proofs.

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Quantum key distribution using gaussian-modulated coherent states

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- Olomouc (Czech Republic)
- Beijing/Hefei (China)
- IQC/ University of Waterloo (Canada)
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We show that the quantum de Finetti theorem holds for states on infinite-dimensional systems, provided they satisfy certain experimentally verifiable conditions. This result can be applied to prove the security of

Continuous-variable quantum cryptography using two-way quantum communication

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Limitation for Continuous-Variable Quantum Cryptography using Coherent States

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Secure Quantum Key Distribution Using Broadband Modulated Coherent Light

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We realize an end-to-end no-switching quantum key distribution protocol using continuous-wave coherent light. We encode weak broadband Gaussian modulations onto the amplitude and phase of light beams. Our no-switching protocol achieves high secret key rate via a post-selection of that utilizes both quadrature information simultaneously. We establish a secret key rate of bits/s for a lossless channel and 1 kbit/s for 90% channel loss, per 17 MHz of detected bandwidth, using individual Gaussian eavesdropping attacks. Since our scheme is truly broadband, it can deliver orders of magnitude higher key rates by extending the encoding bandwidth with end-telecommunication technology.

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Continuous-Variable Quantum Cryptography: Beating the 3 dB Loss Limit

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We demonstrate that secure quantum key distribution systems based on continuous variables can operate beyond the apparent 3 dB loss limit that is implied by the beam splitting limit that was established for standard minimum uncertainty states such as coherent states.

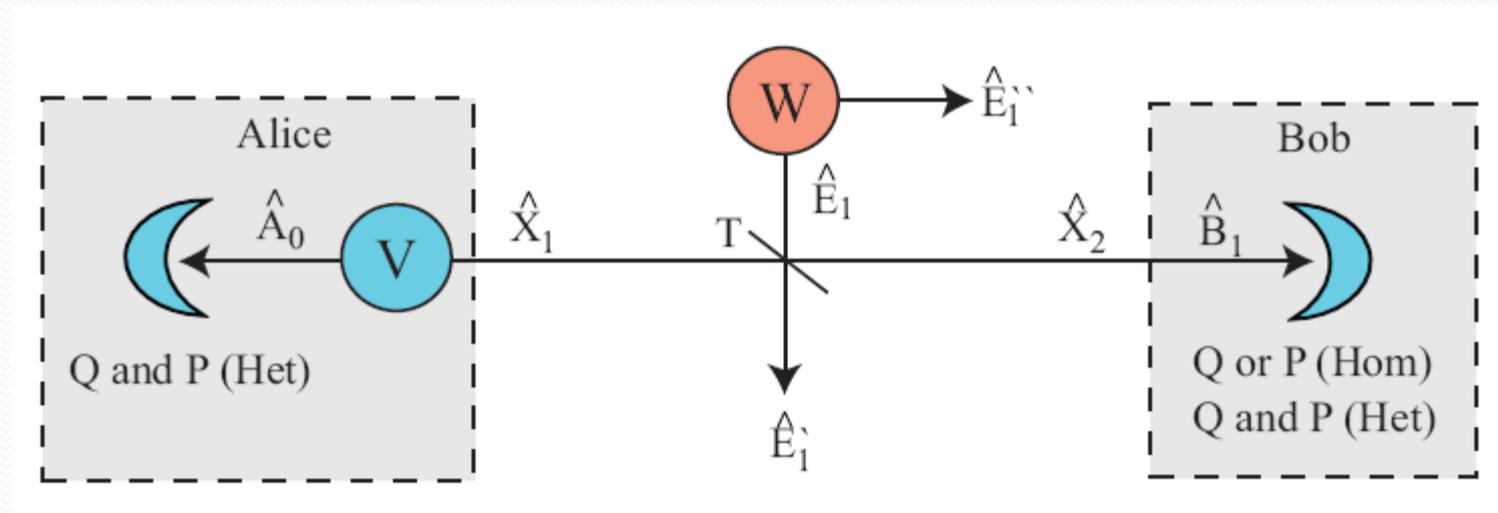
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Characterization of Collective Gaussian Attacks and Security of Coherent-State Quantum Cryptography

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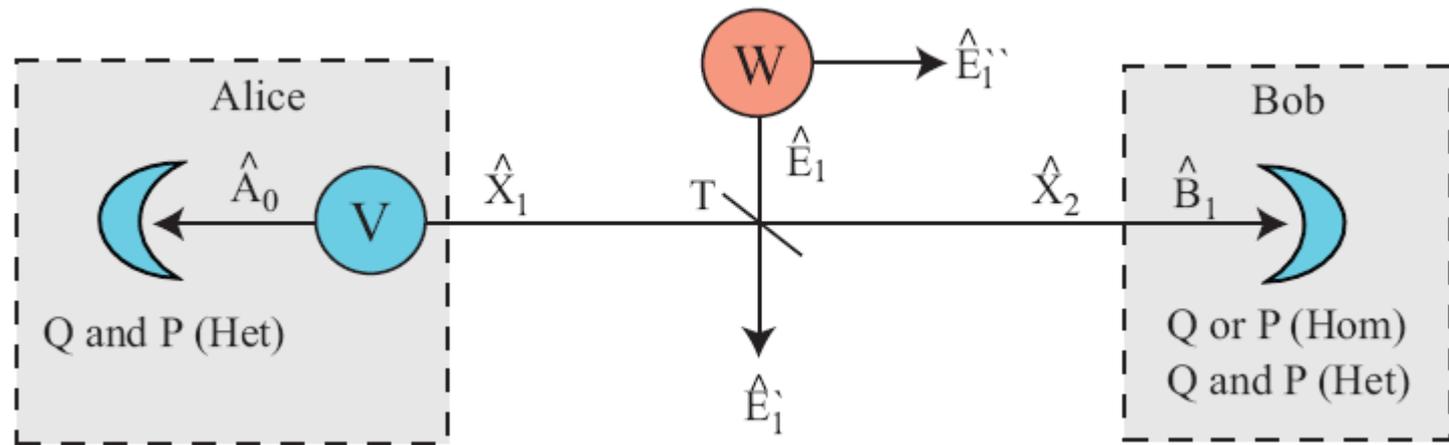
How a Typical CV-QKD Protocol Works



Alice:

- Alice controls the source!
- Modulates a pure vacuum state or squeezed state
- Chosen from a Gaussian distribution (x,p) with variance V centred at zero
- Sends a whole ensemble to Bob

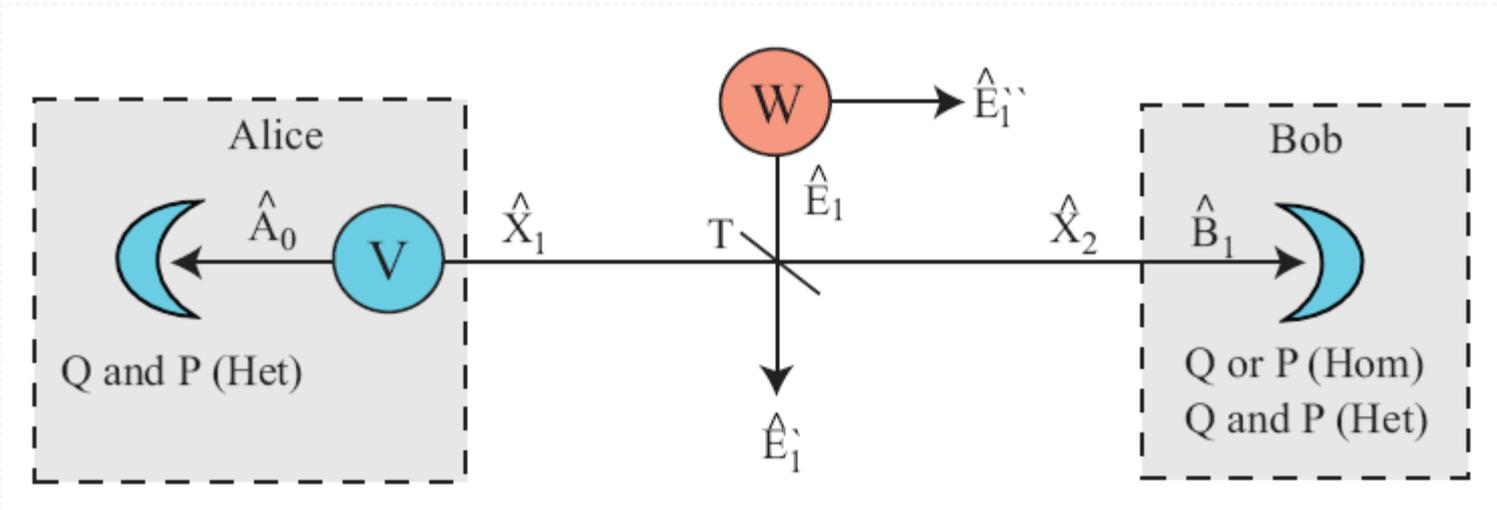
How a CV-QKD Protocol Works



Eve:

- Three possible types of attacks: individual, collective, coherent
- Replaces the quantum channel with her own channel.
- Uses a beam splitter to simulate attack.
- Gaussian attacks are optimal.
- Assume Eve is only constrained by laws of physics.

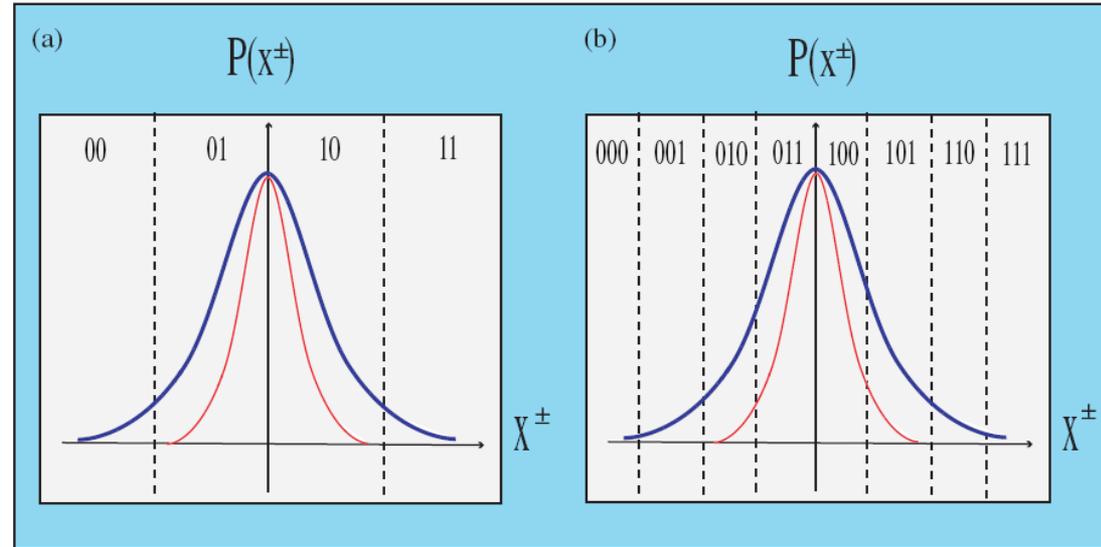
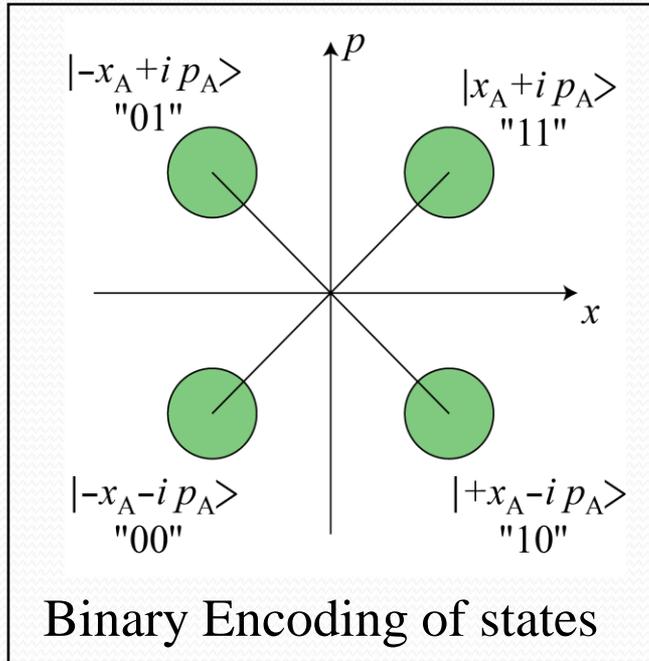
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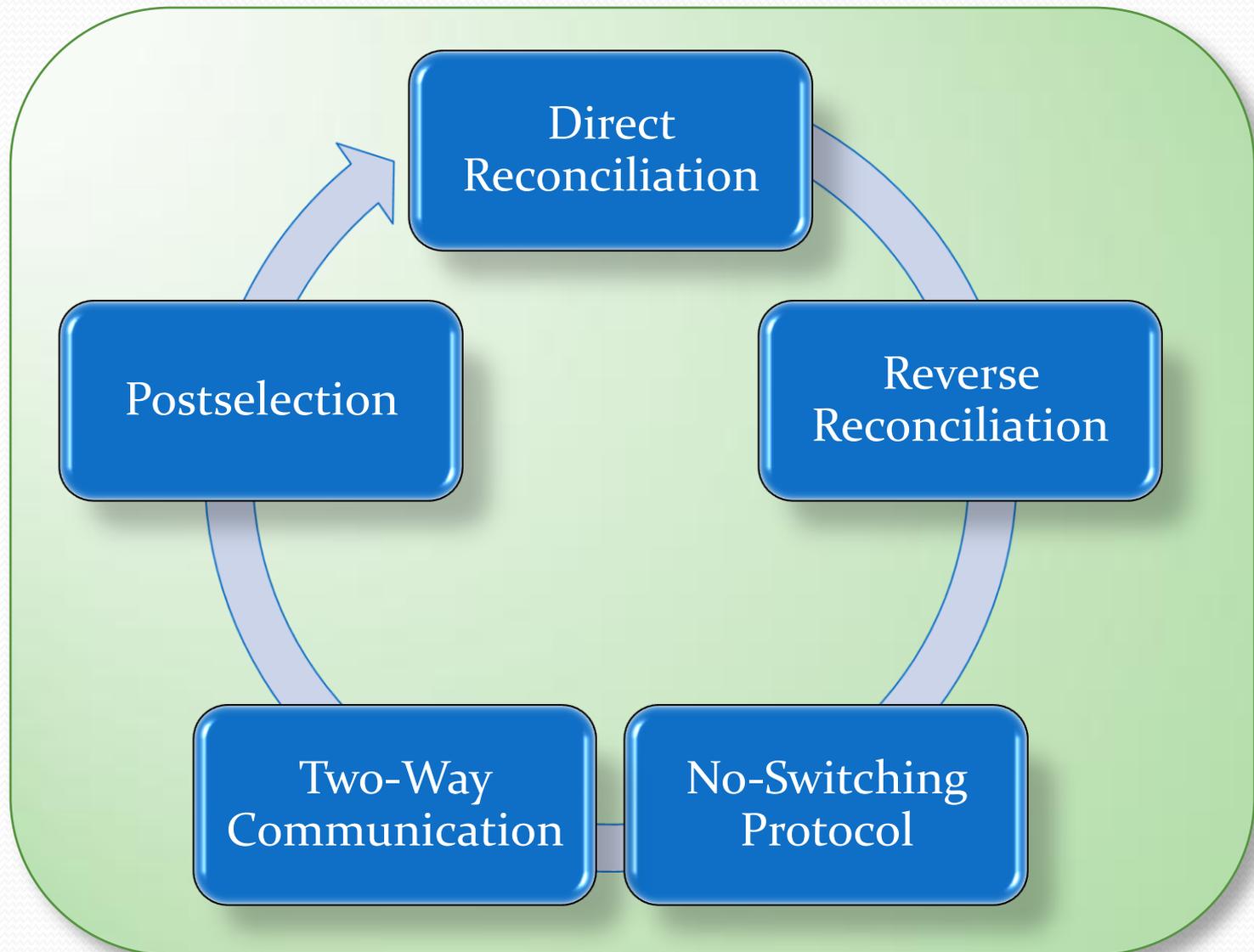
Bob:

- Measures all incoming states sent by Alice.
- Uses either homodyne (switching) or heterodyne detection (no-switching).

Encoding/Decoding Scheme



Some CV-QKD Protocols



Direct Reconciliation

Information Rates

$$R \blacktriangleright := I(X_A : X_B) - I(X_A : E)$$

$$I(X_A : X_B) := H(X_B) - H(X_B|X_A)$$

$$I(X_A : E) := S(E) - S(E|X_A)$$

BENEFITS:

- First CV-QKD protocol using coherent states with Gaussian distribution.
- No need for squeezed light.
- Bob and Eve guessing Alice encoding.

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Continuous Variable Quantum Cryptography Using Coherent States

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Disadvantage

- 3 dB loss limit
- Alice and Bob need more information than Eve

Direct Reconciliation

$$I(X_A : X_B) := H(X_B) - H(X_B|X_A)$$

$$H(X_B) = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 V(X_B)$$

$$H(X_B|X_A) = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 V(X_B|X_A)$$



$$V_{X|Y} = \text{Var}(X|Y) = \min_g \langle (Y - gX)^2 \rangle$$

$$I(X_A : E) := S(E) - S(E|X_A)$$

$$S(\rho) = \sum_{k=1}^n g(\nu_k)$$

where $g(\nu) := [(\nu + 1)/2] \log_2 [(\nu + 1)/2] - [(\nu - 1)/2] \log_2 [(\nu - 1)/2]$.



$$\nu = |i\Omega\mathbf{V}|$$

$$\Omega := \bigoplus_{k=1}^n \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{C}^T & \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

Reverse Reconciliation

Information Rates

$$R^{\blacktriangleleft} := I(X_A : X_B) - I(X_B : E)$$

$$I(X_A : X_B) := H(X_B) - H(X_B|X_A)$$

$$I(X_B : E) := S(E) - S(E|X_B)$$

BENEFITS:

- Still only using coherent states with Gaussian distribution.
- Beats the 3 dB loss limit.
- Secure for any value of line transmission – loss only.
- Alice and Eve guessing Bob's measurement results.

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Quantum key distribution using gaussian-modulated coherent states

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Quantum continuous variables¹ are being explored²⁻¹⁴ as an

Grosshans et al., *Nature* **421**, 238 (2003).

Entanglement-Based Picture of CV

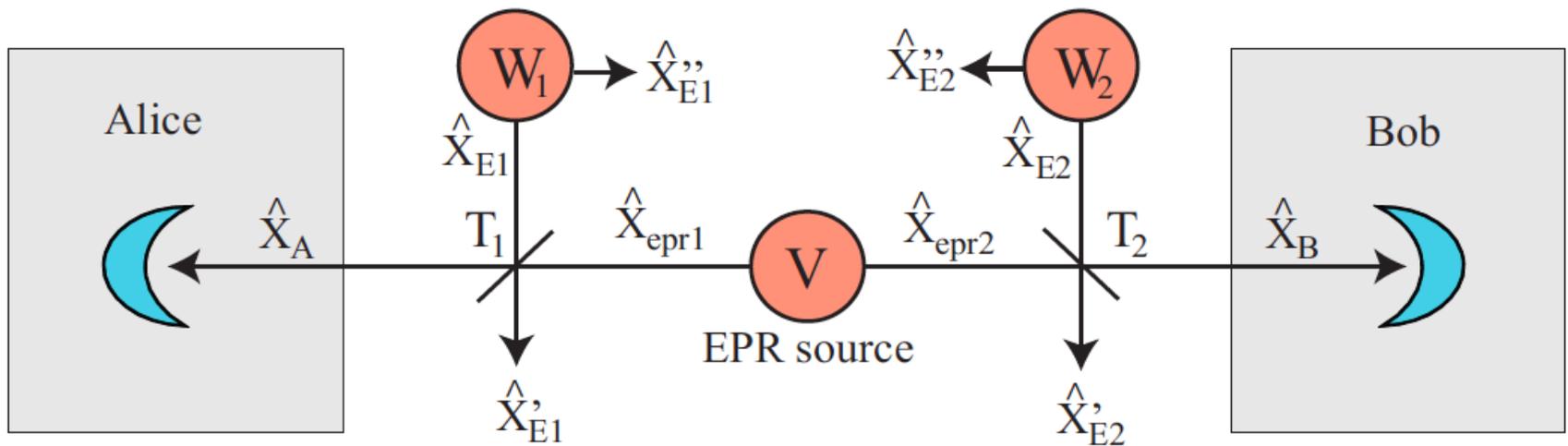
- Two-mode squeezed state, shared by Alice and Bob.
- Alice does homodyne detection, Bob's collapses to a squeezed state.
- Alice does heterodyne detection, Bob's collapses to a coherent state.

$$\hat{X}_{epr1} = (\hat{X}_{s1} + \hat{X}_{s2})/\sqrt{2},$$

$$\hat{X}_{epr2} = (\hat{X}_{s1} - \hat{X}_{s2})/\sqrt{2}.$$

Quantum Cryptography with Entanglement in the Middle

- Typically in CVQKD Alice controls the source.
- Here Eve creates and distributes the resource for QKD to Alice and Bob from the middle.



Previous Works: Discrete Variables

Original EB-QKD:

- A. K. Ekert, Phys. Rev. Lett. 67, 661 (1991).

Security Proofs:

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Previous Works: Discrete Variables

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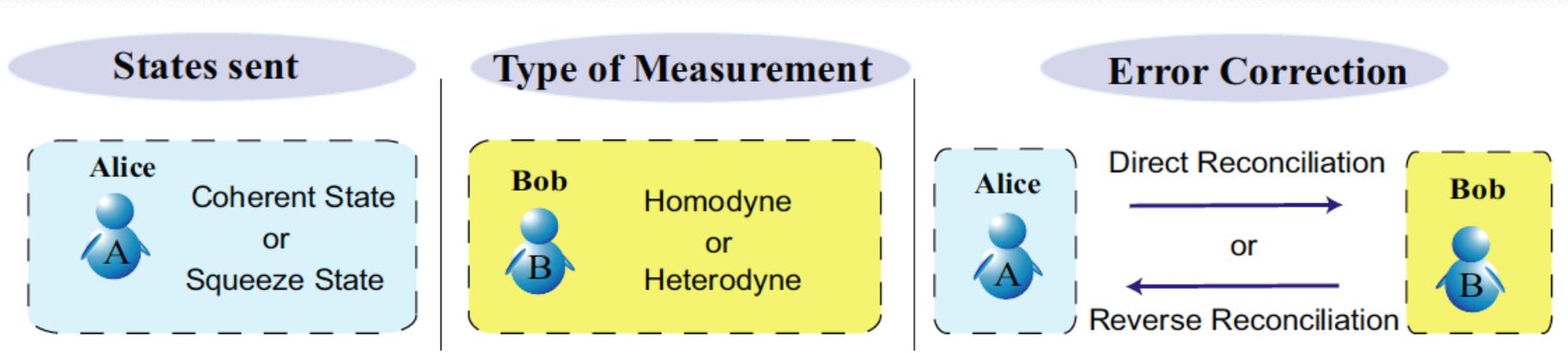
BENEFITS:

- Tolerates higher amounts of loss.
- Can go longer distances.



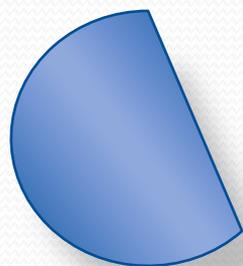
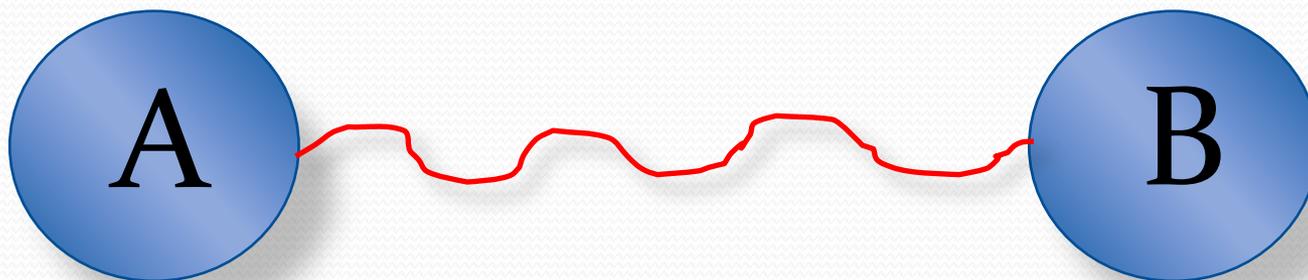
Does Continuous Variables
Offer the Same Benefits?

Equivalences Between Error Correction Protocols...



A family of 8 protocols.

Equivalences Between Error Correction Protocols...



HOM: Squeezed
HET: Coherent

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HET: Coherent



Direct and reverse are equivalent!

Equivalences Between Error Correction Protocols

- Coherent states and homodyne with direct (reverse) is the same as squeezed states and heterodyne with reverse (direct).
- Direct and reverse reconciliation are equivalent for squeezed states and homodyne and also for coherent states and heterodyne.

We can reduce the number of protocols we need to analyze!

Our Analysis!

Reverse Reconciliation

$$R^{\blacktriangleleft} := I(X_A : X_B) - I(X_B : E)$$

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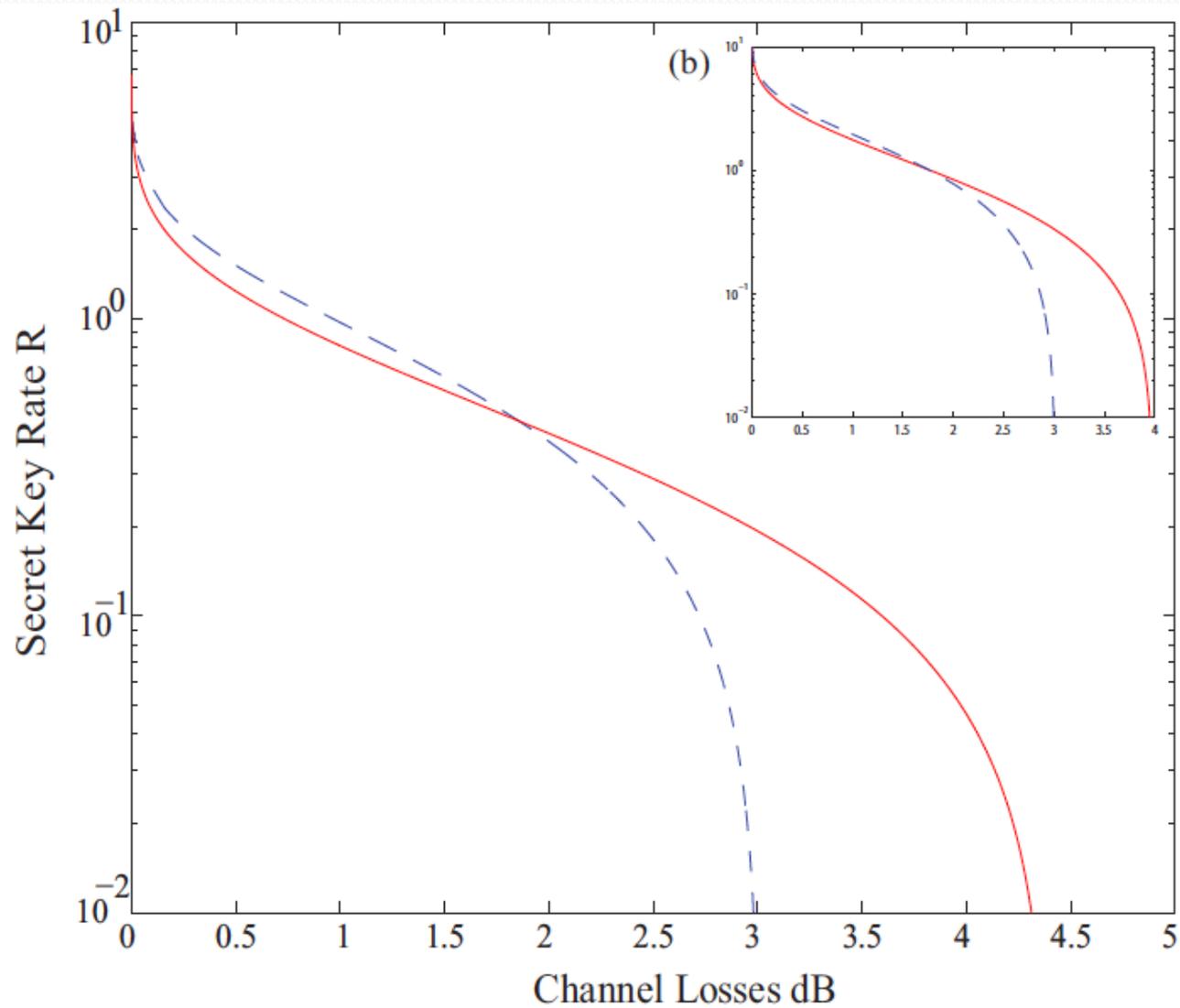
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Results

- By having the entanglement in the middle we can beat the 3dB loss limit for direct reconciliation.
- Using both coherent states and squeezed states.
- However, due to the equivalences we showed previously, this can alternatively be thought of as reverse reconciliation performing with excess channel noise.
- CVQKD: a secure key can still be generated even when the eavesdropper has control over the source.

Future Work

- Explore other CVQKD protocols such as postselection and two-way quantum communication to see how having entanglement in the middle affects their performance.
- Device independent CV-QKD?
- Measurement device independent CV-QKD?

Conclusion

- We considered what impact on the performance of CVQKD having an entangled state originating from Eve.
- We showed equivalences between the various protocols when entanglement is in the middle.
- Can beat 3dB loss limit for direct reconciliation, thereby tolerating higher loss.
- However in our equivalences this can be thought of as a poorly performing reverse reconciliation.
- CVQKD is still secure if Eve controls the source!



Thank you!