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QUANTUM STATES AND CLASSICAL COMPUTATION: JOINT QUEST FOR THE INFORMATION SECURITY

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Outline

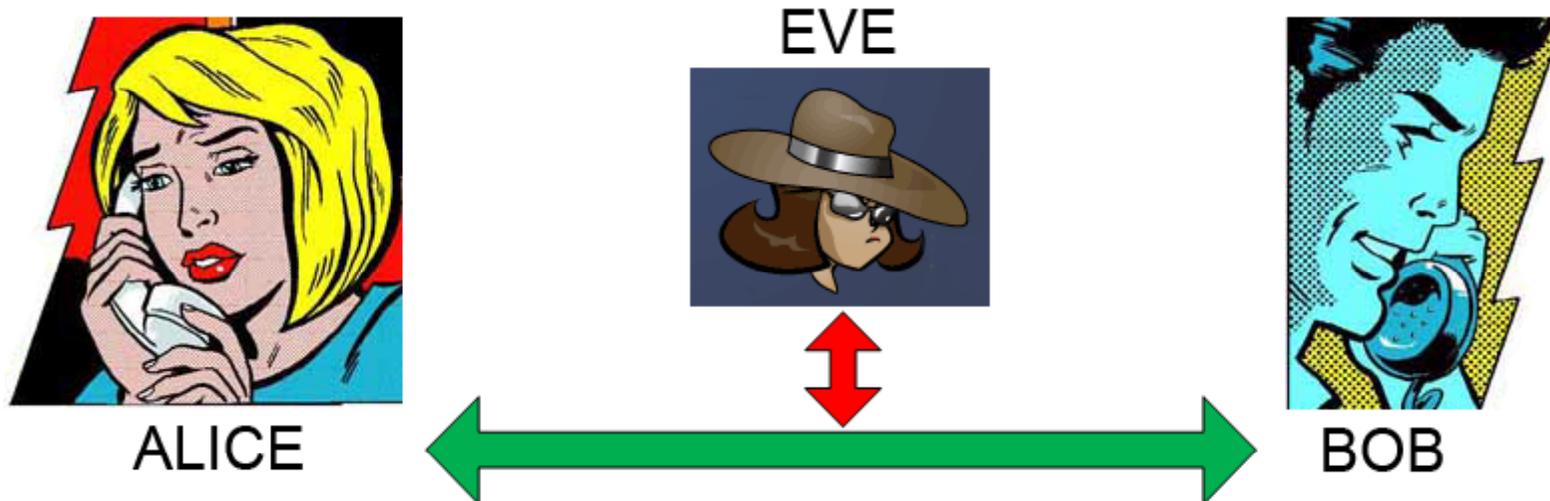
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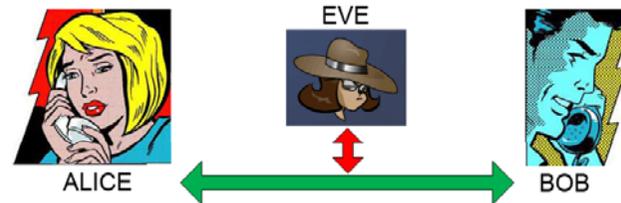
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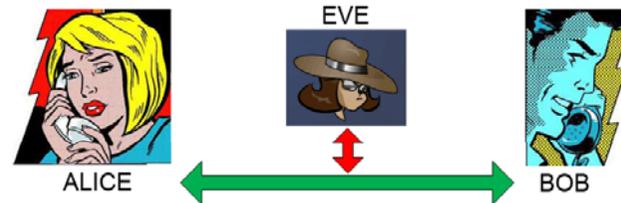


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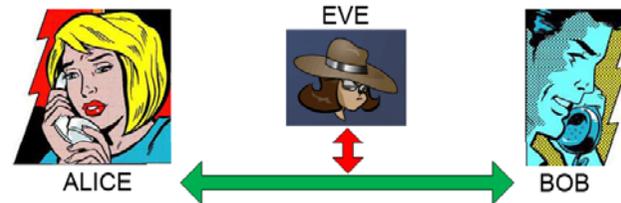
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Solution: **Quantum key distribution (QKD)**

Quantum key distribution

“Fundamental” motivation:

- Secrecy as a merit to test quantum properties (*H. J. Kimble, Nature 453, 1023-1030, 2008*)
- Inspiring to investigate the role of nonclassicality, coherence/decoherence, noise etc.

Quantum information: applications

- Fundamental tests
- Quantum computing
- Super-dense coding
- Quantum teleportation
- Quantum key distribution

Quantum key distribution: BB84

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QBER vs BER. Block codes etc. to correct the errors.

Simple example: XOR two bits, check the result, keep one or none.

- **Privacy amplification:**

Reduces the possible Eve's information on the key.

Simple example: replace two bits with their XOR. Probability for Eve to know the result is reduced.

E.g.: Eve knows bits with 60% probability, then she knows XOR with

$$0.6^2 + 0.4^2 = 52\%.$$

[Ch.H. Bennett, G. Brassard, C. Crepeau, and U.M. Maurer, 1995, "Generalized privacy amplification", *IEEE Trans. Information th.*, 41, 1915-1923.]

Quantum key distribution: BB84

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Information-theoretical analysis

Classical (Shannon) mutual information: $I(X; Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$

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Csiszar-Korner theorem, lower bound on the secure key rate:

$$S(\alpha, \beta || \epsilon) \geq \max\{I(\alpha, \beta) - I(\alpha, \epsilon), I(\alpha, \beta) - I(\beta, \epsilon)\}$$

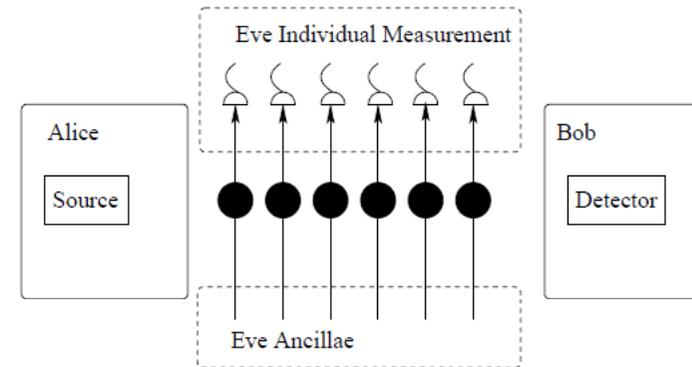
i.e. Alice (or Bob) needs to have more information than Eve!

[Csiszar, I. and Korner, J., 1978, "Broadcast channels with confidential messages", *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, Vol. IT-24, 339-348.]

Quantum key distribution: security

Individual attacks. Key rate:

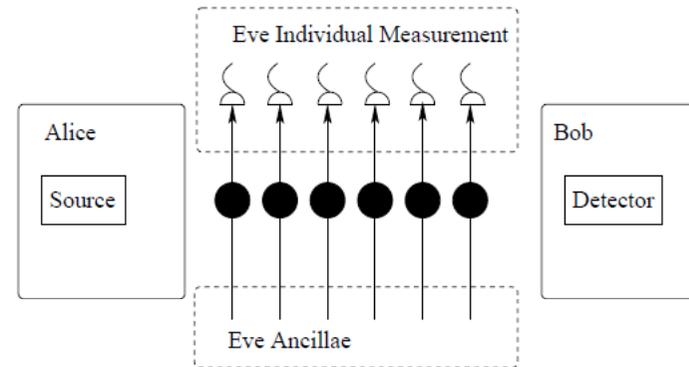
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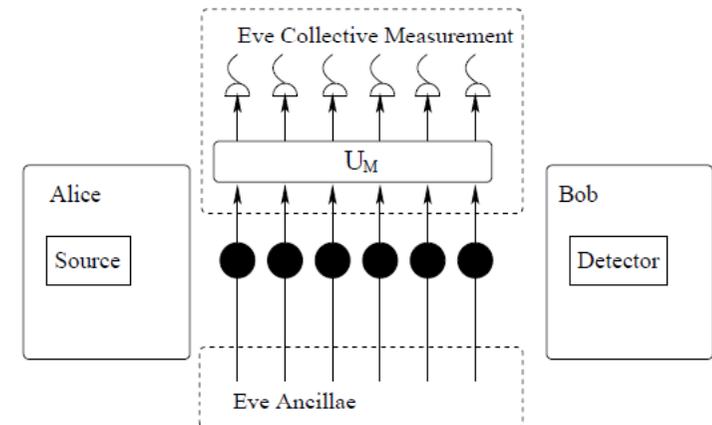


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Holevo quantity – upper limit on the information, available to Eve, calculated through the von Neumann (quantum) entropy of the respective states:

$$\chi = S(\bar{\rho}) - \sum_{i=0}^1 p_i S(\rho_i), \quad \bar{\rho} = \sum_{i=0}^1 p_i \rho_i, \quad S(\rho) = -Tr \rho \log \rho$$



R. Renner, N. Gisin, and B. Kraus, *Phys. Rev. A* 72, 012332 (2005)
 R. Garcia-Patron, *Ph.D. Thesis, Université Libre de Bruxelles* (2007)

Error correction efficiency

Key rate upon imperfect error correction:

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} d\beta_x p_c(\beta_x) [1 - f(e)H^{\text{bin}}(e) - \chi(\beta_x)]$$

where

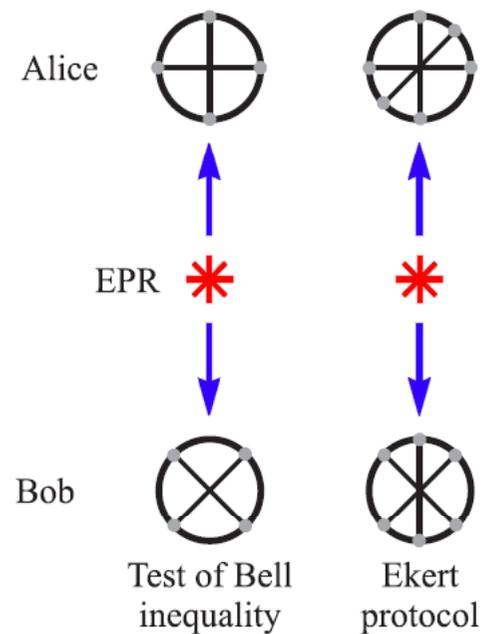
$$H^{\text{bin}}(e) = -e \log_2(e) - (1 - e) \log_2(1 - e).$$

efficiency of CASCADE:

e	$f(e)$
0.01	1.16
0.05	1.16
0.1	1.22
0.15	1.32

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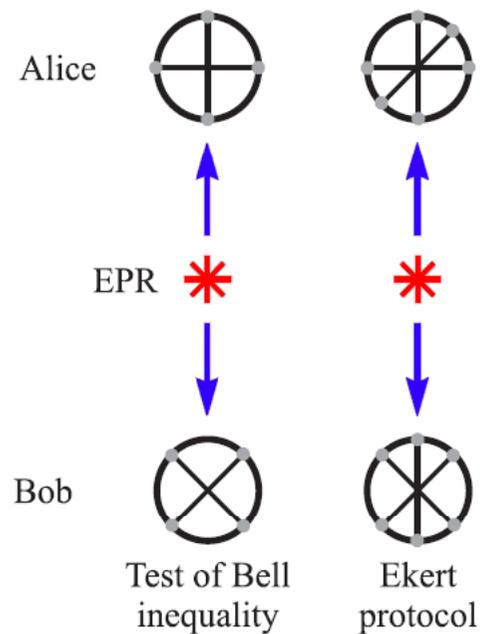


- Alice and Bob measure a particle each
- Key is generated in the process of measurement!
- Next stages – same as in BB84
(key sifting, error correction, privacy amplification)

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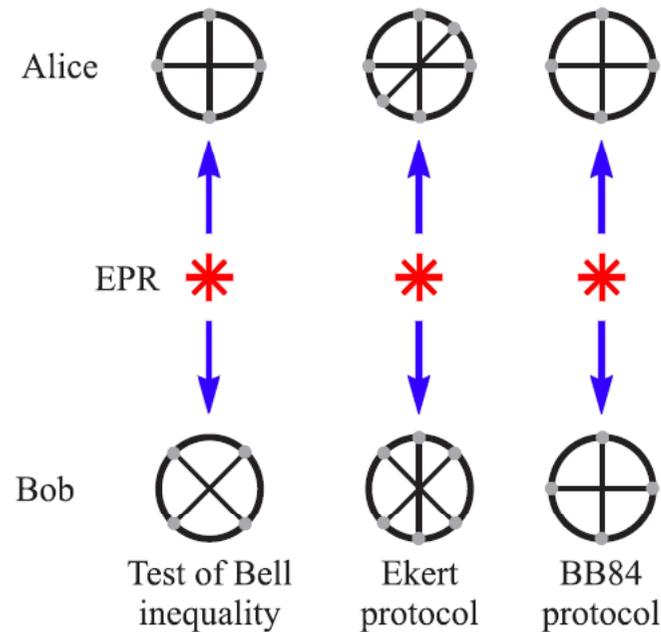


Security is based on Bell inequalities violation check (whether the state remains nonclassical)

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Can be used for BB84 protocol.

The EPR-based and prepare-and-measure schemes are equivalent.

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Quantum key distribution: state-of-art

Commercial realizations:



MagiQ



id Quantique

~100 km, ~1 kbps

Problem: absence of single-photon sources, high detectors “dark count” rates

Perspectives: transition from single particles to multi-particle states
(**continuous variables** coding).

Continuous-variable states

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Coherent states - eigenstates of annihilation operator: $a|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$

In the Fock states basis: $|\alpha\rangle = e^{-|\alpha|^2/2} \sum \frac{\alpha^n}{(n!)^{1/2}} |n\rangle$

Continuous-variable states

Field quadratures: analogue of the position and momentum operators of a particle:

$$x = a^\dagger + a, \quad p = i(a^\dagger - a)$$

$$\hat{r} = (\hat{r}_1, \dots, \hat{r}_{2N})^T = (\hat{x}_1, \hat{p}_1, \hat{x}_2, \hat{p}_2, \dots, \hat{x}_N, \hat{p}_N)^T$$

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Uncertainty: $\Delta A = \langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2$

Heisenberg relation: $\Delta x \Delta p \geq 1$

For coherent states: $\Delta x = \Delta p = 1$

Continuous-variable states

Phase-space representation.

Characteristic function: $\chi_\rho(\xi) = \text{Tr}[\rho D_\xi]$, $D_\xi = D(\xi^*) = e^{-i\xi^T \hat{r}}$

State density matrix $\rho = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^N} \int d^{2N} \xi \chi_\rho(-\xi) D_\xi$

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Covariance matrix:

Explicitly describes **Gaussian states**

$$\gamma_{ij} = \langle r_i r_j \rangle - \langle r_i \rangle \langle r_j \rangle$$

Generalized Heisenberg uncertainty principle: $\gamma + i\Omega \geq 0$

$$\Omega = \bigoplus_{i=1}^N \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{- symplectic form}$$

Bosonic commutation relations: $[\hat{r}_k, \hat{r}_l] = i\Omega_{kl}$

Continuous-variable states

Squeezed states: quadrature uncertainty is less than shot-noise limit

$$\Delta x < 1$$

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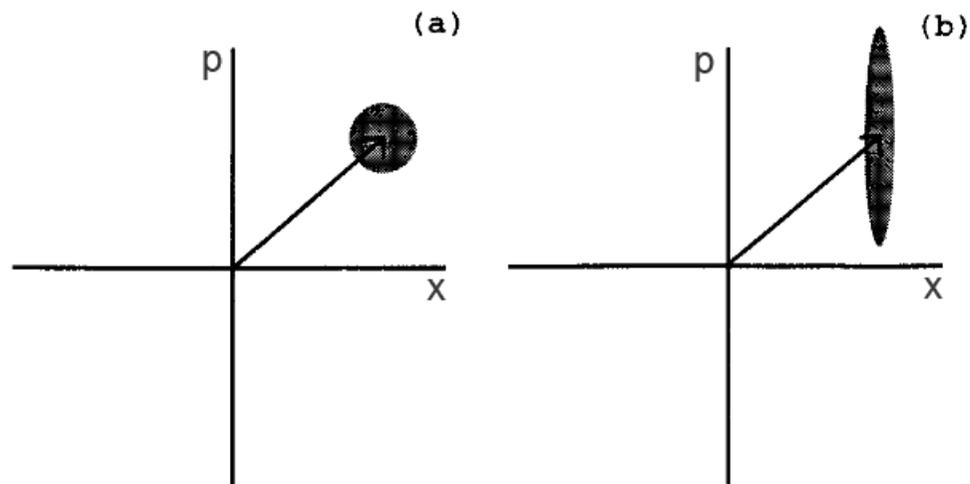
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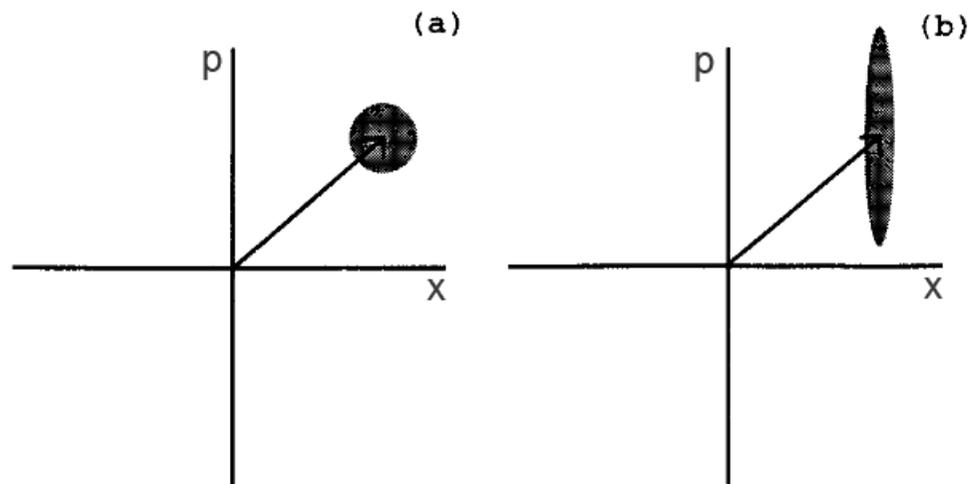
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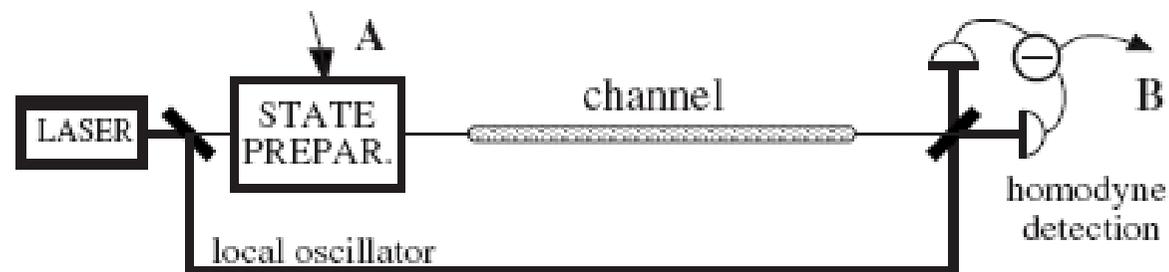
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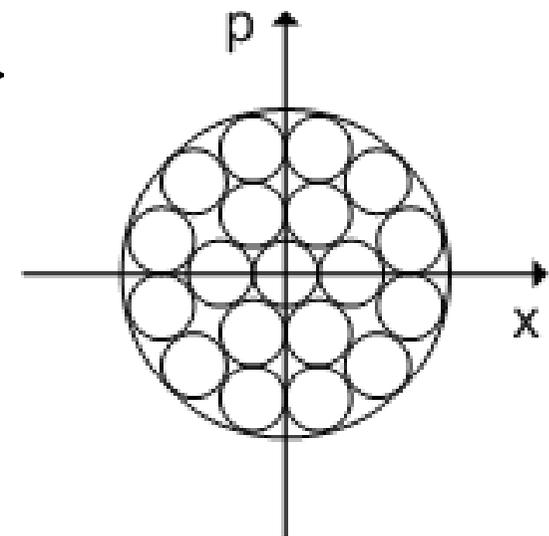
Achievements: **-10 dB** (Vahlbruch et. al., PRL 100, 033602, 2008)

CV Quantum Key Distribution

Coherent states protocol: laser beam quadrature modulation, homodyne detection (*F.Grosshans, P. Grangier, Phys Rev Lett, 88, 057092 (2002)*, *F. Grosshans et al., Nature 421, 238 (2003)*)



- Alice generates two Gaussian random variables $\{a, b\}$
- Alice prepares a coherent state, displaced by $\{a, b\}$
- Bob measures a quadrature, obtaining a or b
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Achievements: 25 km, 2 kbps

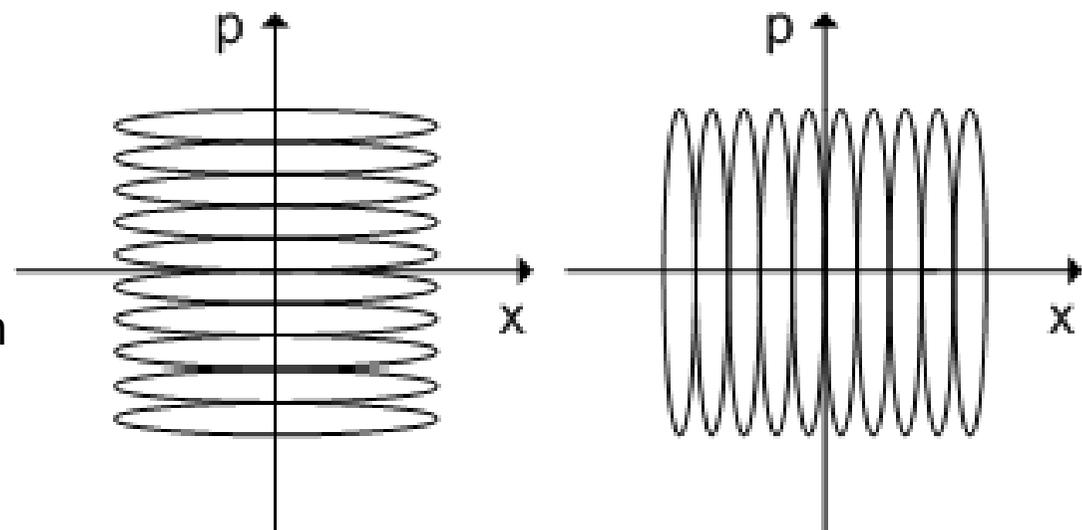
J. Lodewyck et al., PRA 76, 042305 (2007)

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Squeezed-states protocol: squeezed states quadrature modulation, homodyne detection (*N. J. Cerf, M. Levy, and G. Van Assche, Phys Rev A 63, 052311 (2001)*)



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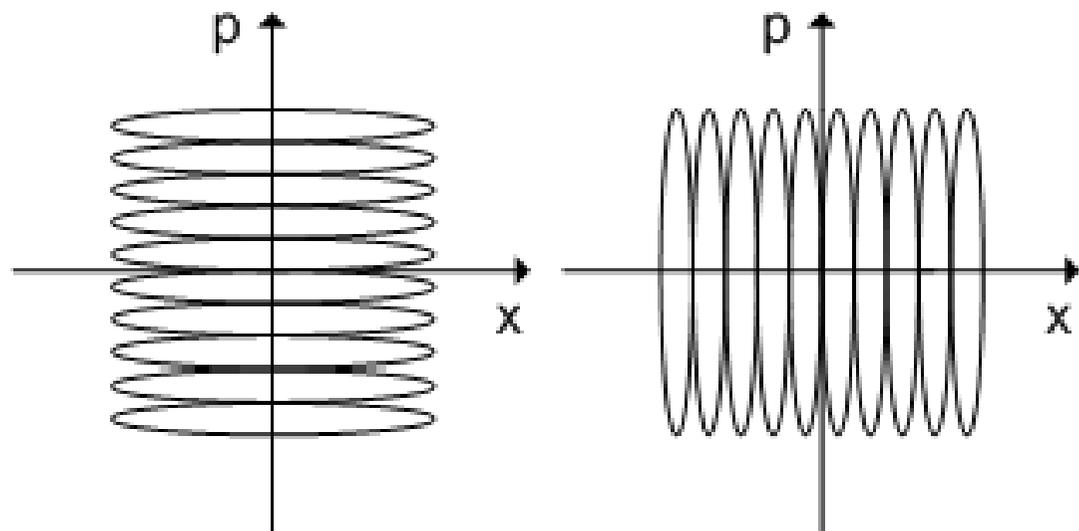
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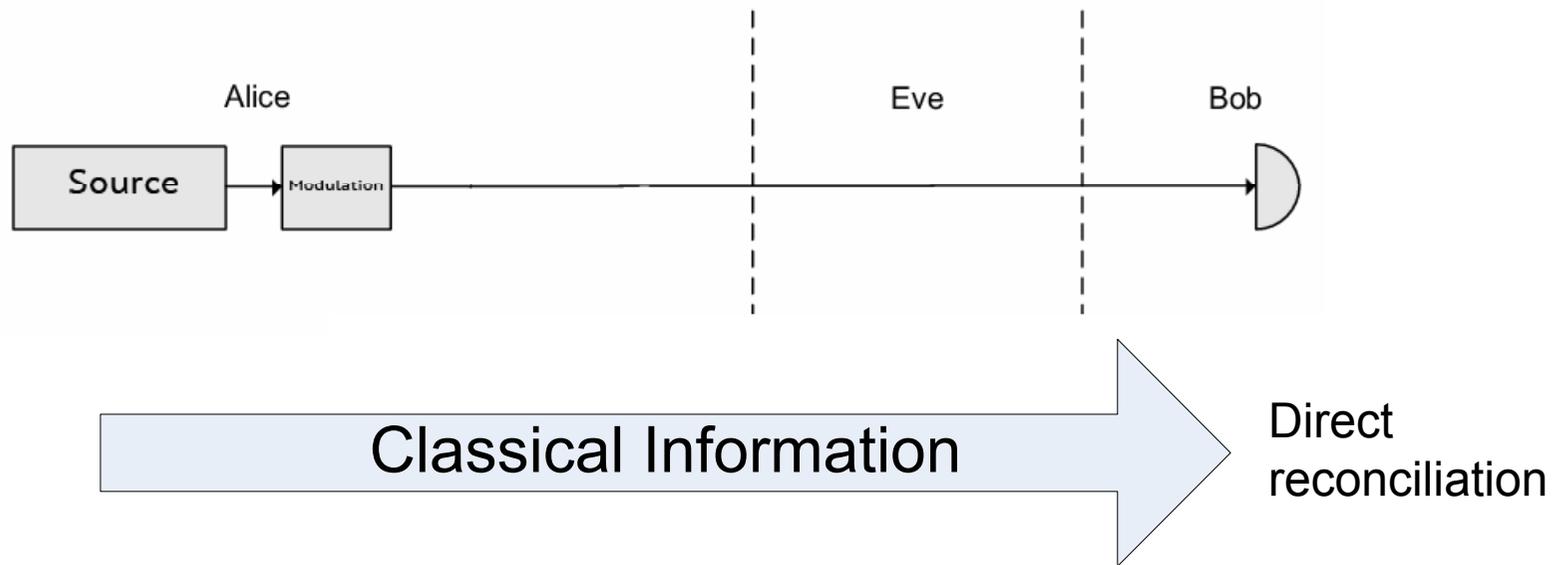


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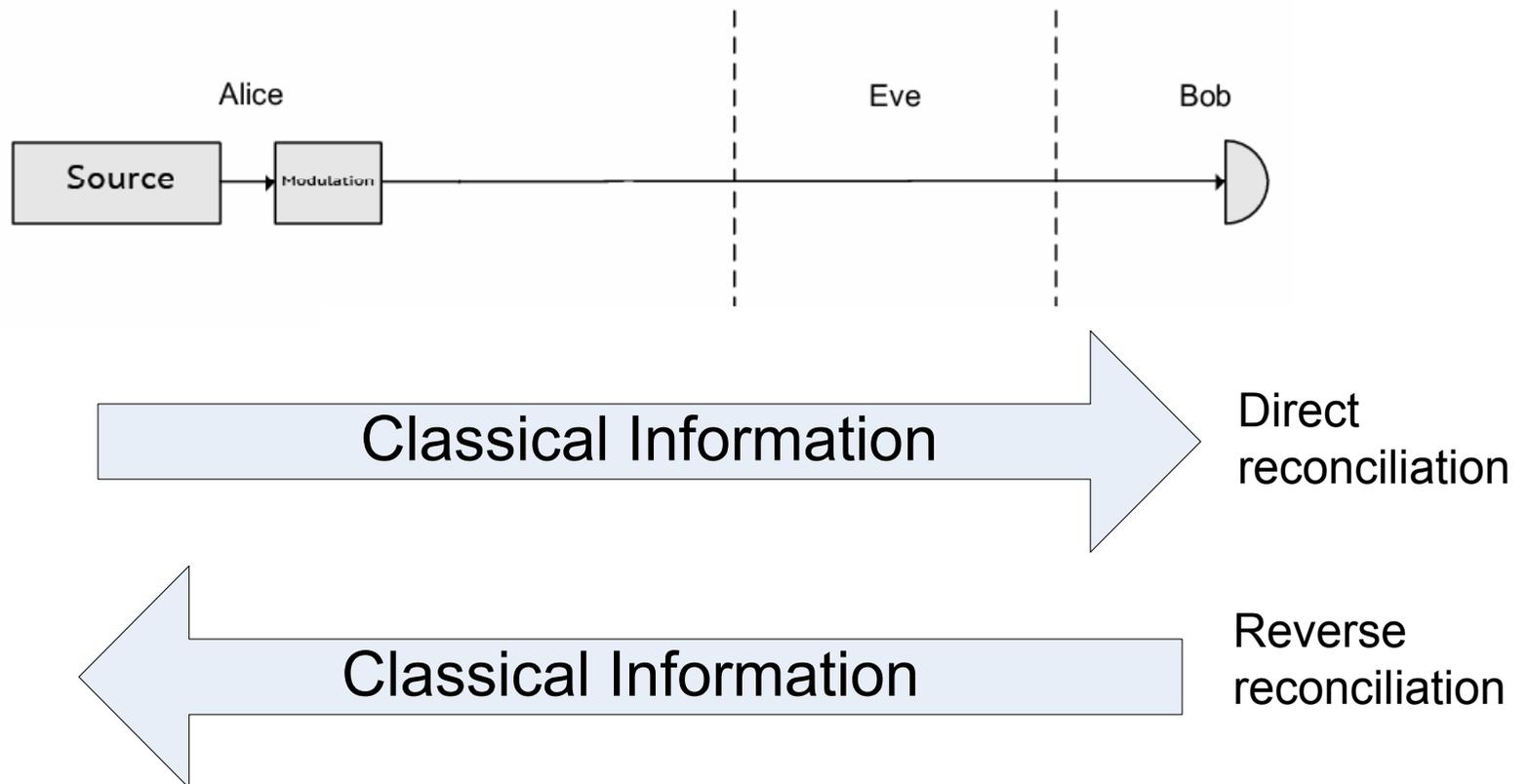
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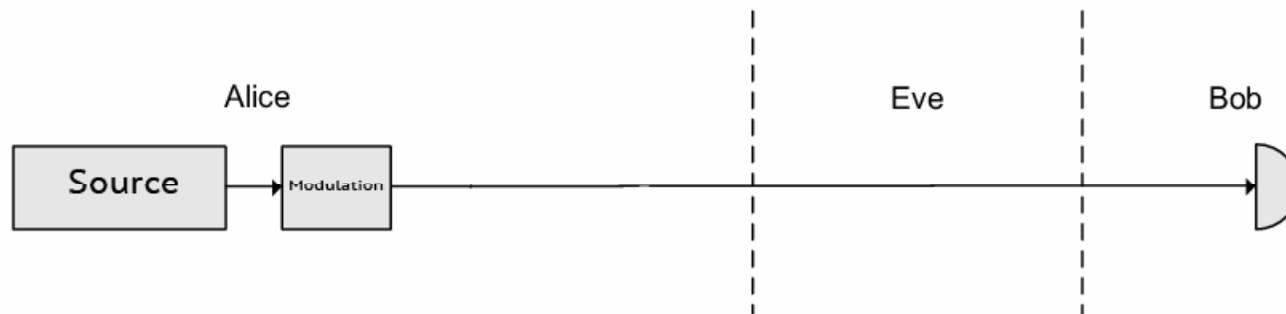
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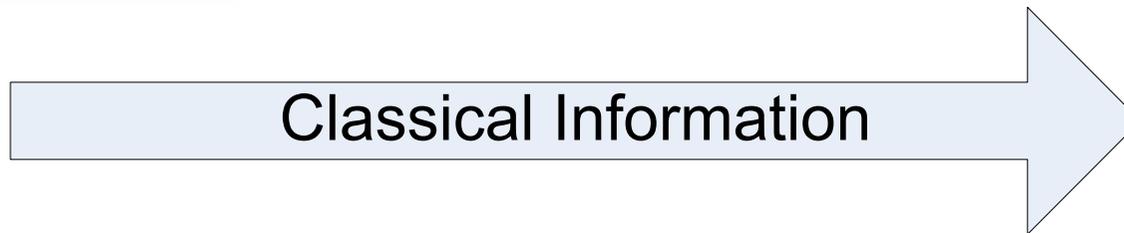
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Is unsecure for
> 50% channel
loss



Direct
reconciliation

Tolerates any
pure loss



Reverse
reconciliation

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Wolf-Giedke-Cirac theorem. If f satisfies:

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Then, for every bipartite state ρ_{AB} with covariance matrix γ_{AB} we have

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Consequence:

Gaussian states maximize the information leakage.

Covariance matrix description is enough to prove security.

[R. Garcia-Patron and N.J. Cerf. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 97, 190503, (2006);

M. Navascus, F. Grosshans and A. Acin, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 97, 190502 (2006)]

CV Quantum key distribution: security

Collective attacks:

$$I = I_{AB} - \chi_{BE}$$

Holevo quantity: $\chi_{BE} = S_E - \int P(B) S_{E|B} dB$,

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In case of channel noise – purification by Eve:

$$S(\rho_E) = S(\rho_{AB}) \quad S(\rho_{E|B}) = S(\rho_{A|B})$$

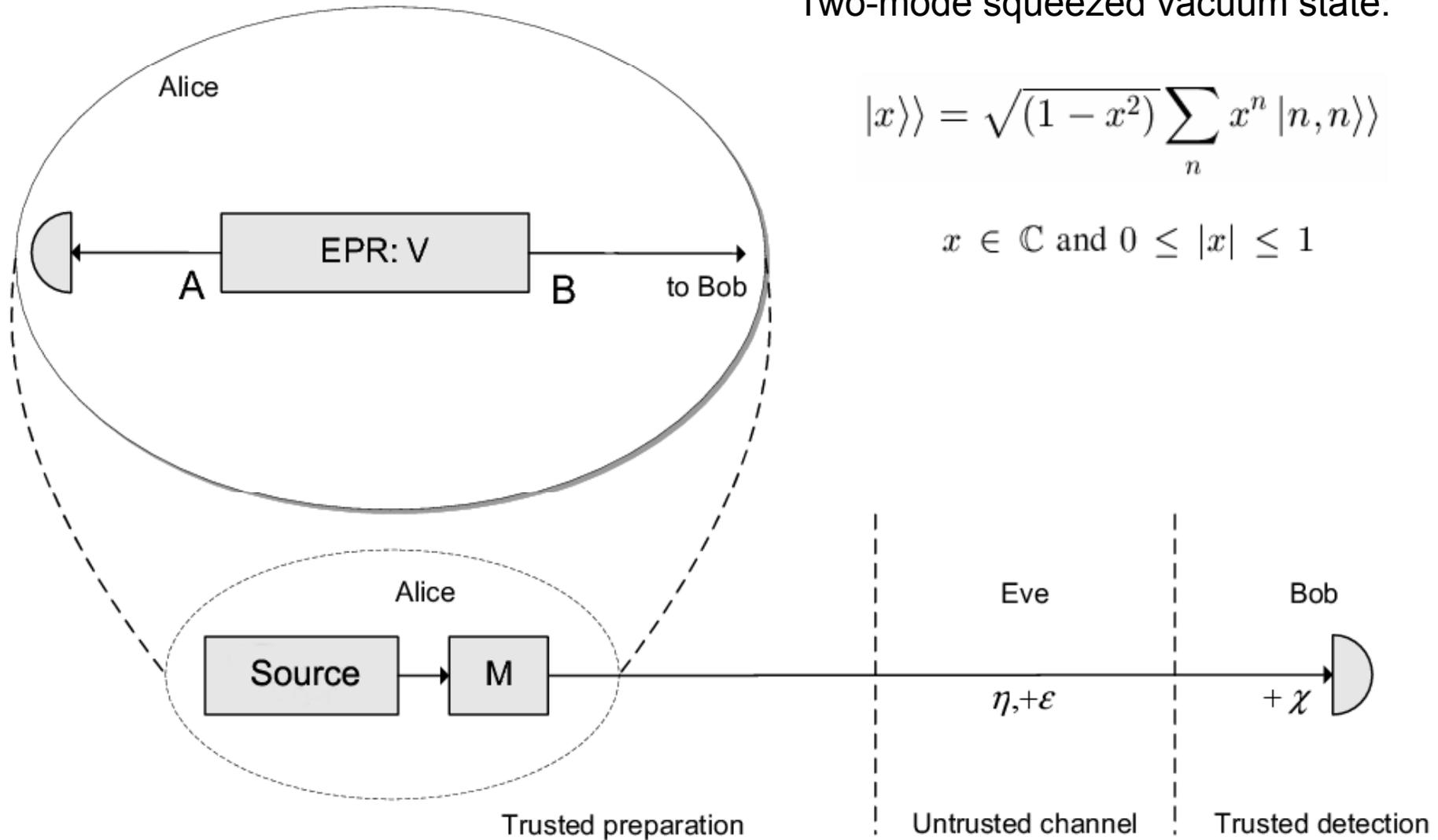
$$\gamma_A^{xB} = \gamma_A - \sigma_{AB}(X\gamma_B X)^{MP}\sigma_{AB}^T \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Framework: EPR-based set-up

Two-mode squeezed vacuum state:

$$|x\rangle\rangle = \sqrt{(1 - x^2)} \sum_n x^n |n, n\rangle\rangle$$

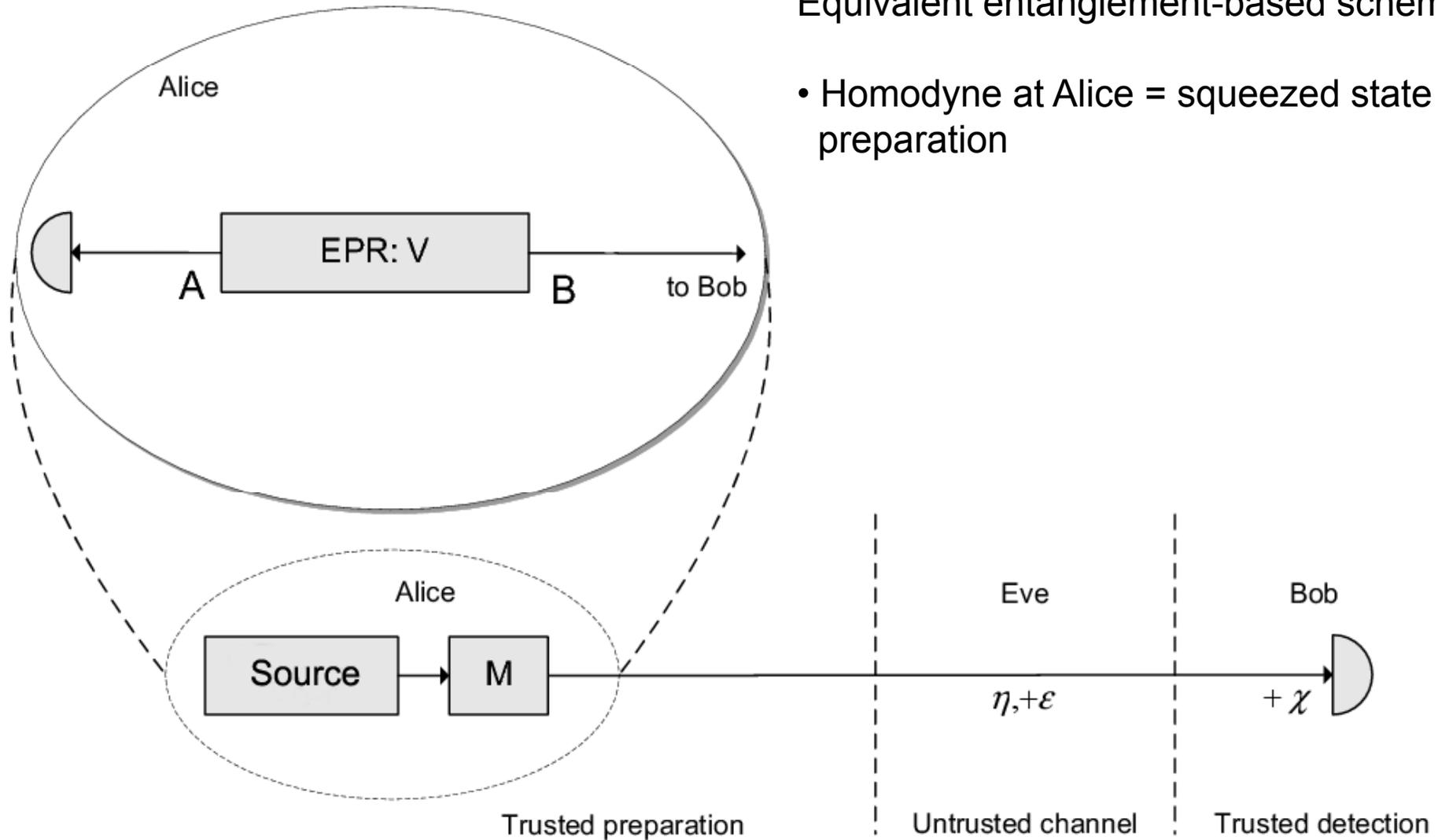
$$x \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } 0 \leq |x| \leq 1$$



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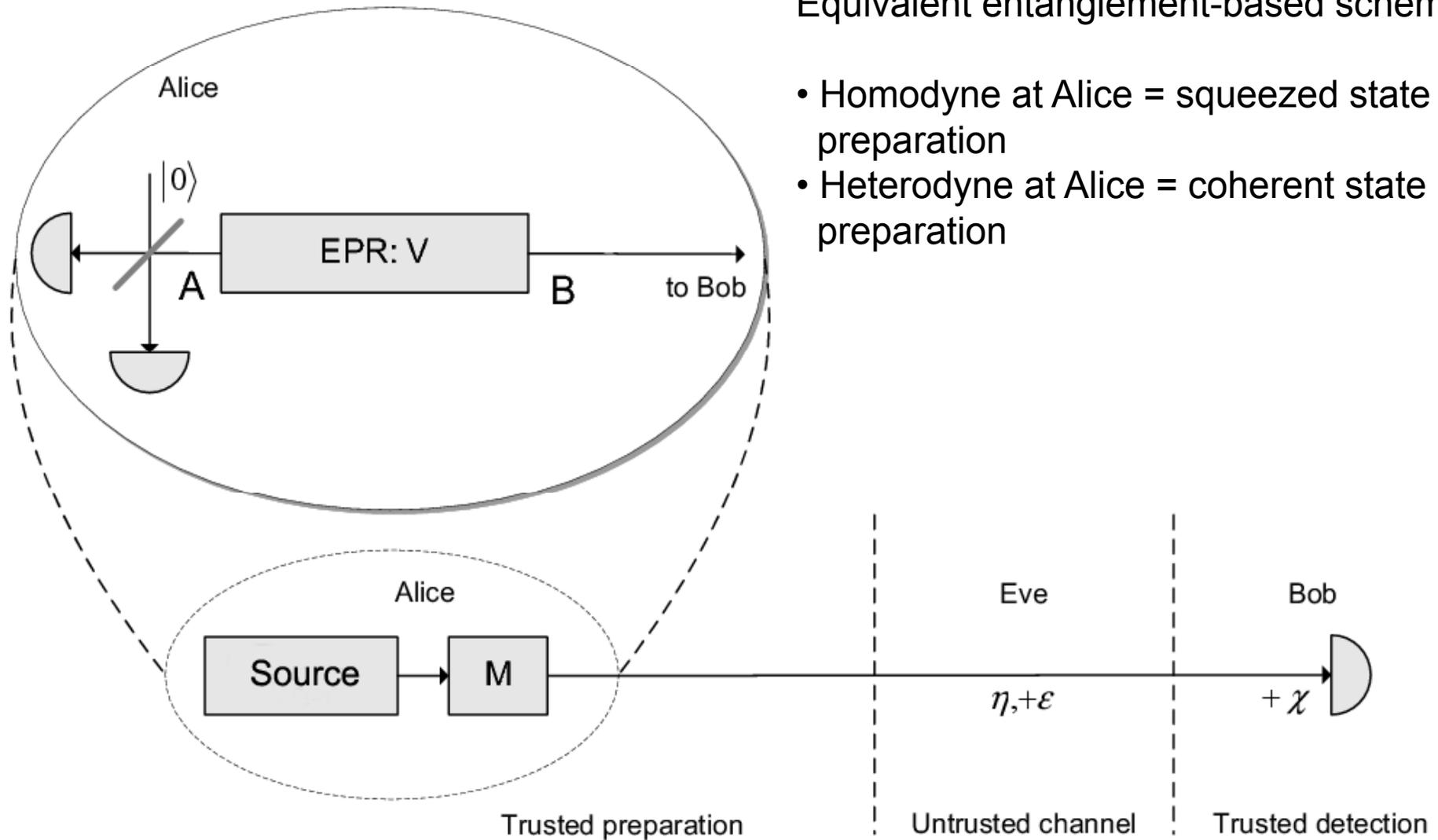
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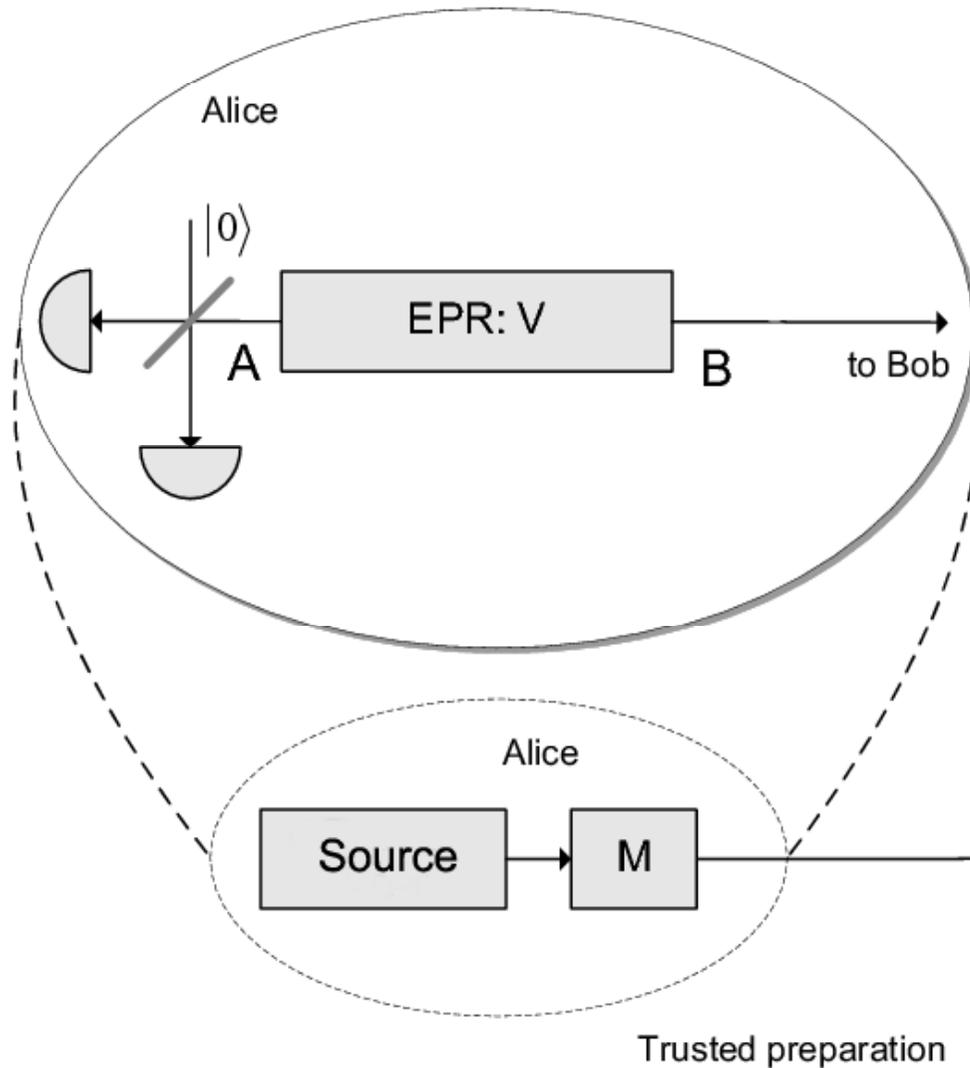
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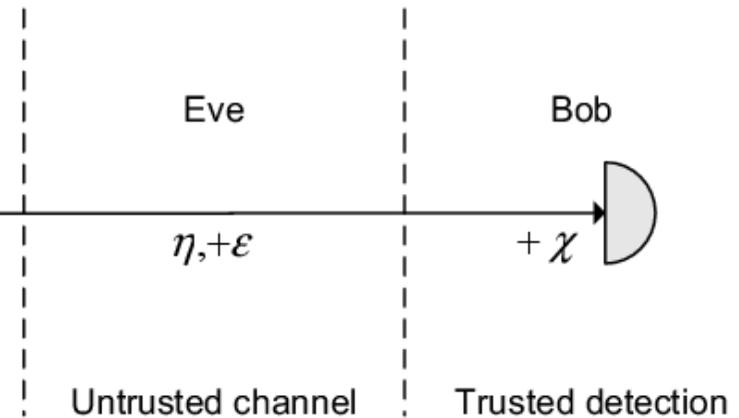


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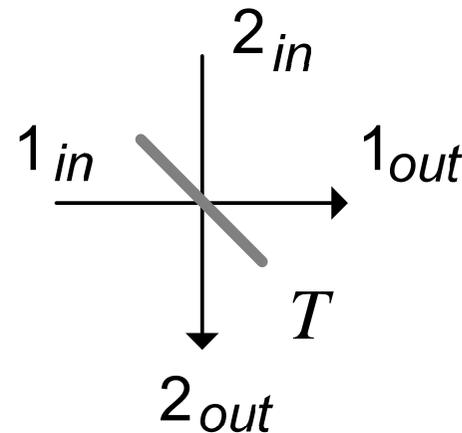
Advantages:

- Complete theoretical description;
- Scalability.



Framework: covariance matrices

Transformation on a beam splitter:



$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \hat{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}_{out} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma \\ -\sin \gamma & \cos \gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \hat{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}_{in}$$

$\sqrt{T} = \cos \gamma$ - transmittance; $\sin \gamma = \sqrt{1 - T}$. - reflectance

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{r}_1 \\ \hat{r}_2 \end{bmatrix}_{out} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \gamma \mathbb{I} & \sin \gamma \mathbb{I} \\ -\sin \gamma \mathbb{I} & \cos \gamma \mathbb{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r}_1 \\ \hat{r}_2 \end{bmatrix}_{in}$$

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$$\gamma_A = \begin{pmatrix} V & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{pmatrix}$$

After attenuation and lossy channel:

$$\gamma_{ABC} = \begin{pmatrix} V\mathbb{I} & \sqrt{\eta T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}\sigma_z & \sqrt{1 - T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}(-\sigma_z) \\ \sqrt{\eta T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}\sigma_z & [\eta(TV + 1 - T) + (1 - \eta)]\mathbb{I} & \sqrt{\eta T(1 - T)}(1 - V)\mathbb{I} \\ \sqrt{1 - T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}(-\sigma_z) & \sqrt{\eta T(1 - T)}(1 - V)\mathbb{I} & [(1 - T)V + T]\mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\gamma_A = \begin{pmatrix} V & 0 \\ 0 & V \end{pmatrix}$$

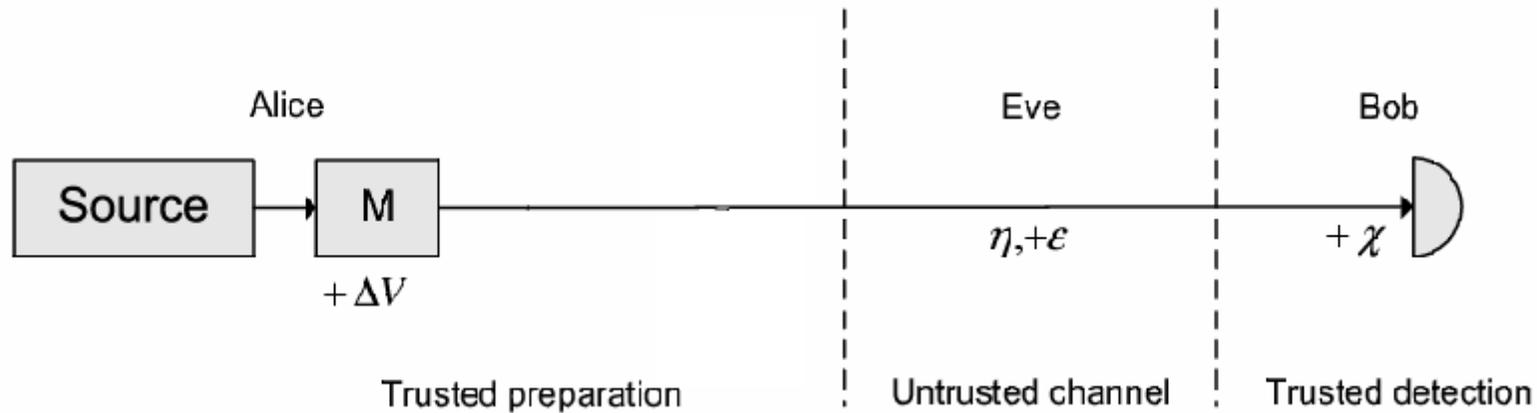
After attenuation and lossy channel:

$$\gamma_{ABC} = \begin{pmatrix} V\mathbb{I} & \sqrt{\eta T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}\sigma_z & \sqrt{1 - T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}(-\sigma_z) \\ \sqrt{\eta T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}\sigma_z & [\eta(TV + 1 - T) + (1 - \eta)]\mathbb{I} & \sqrt{\eta T(1 - T)}(1 - V)\mathbb{I} \\ \sqrt{1 - T}\sqrt{V^2 - 1}(-\sigma_z) & \sqrt{\eta T(1 - T)}(1 - V)\mathbb{I} & [(1 - T)V + T]\mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

More modes – larger matrix. For 4-5 modes – generally analytically unsolvable

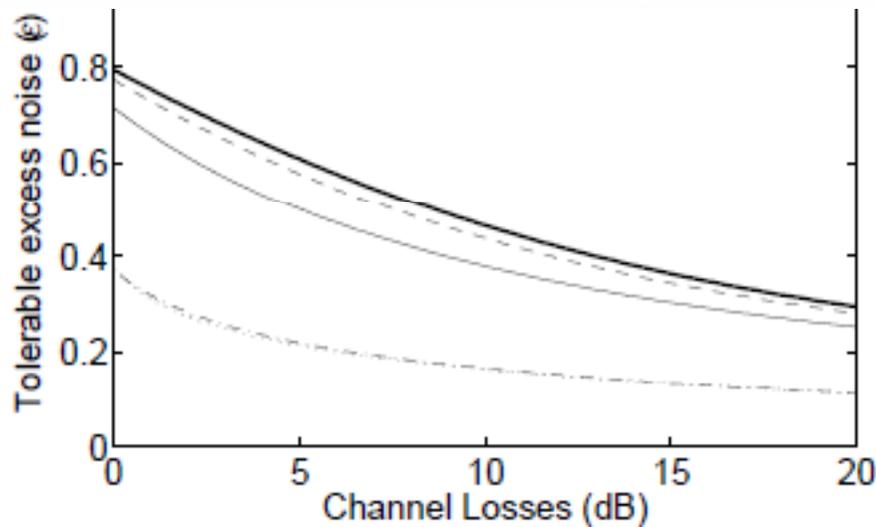
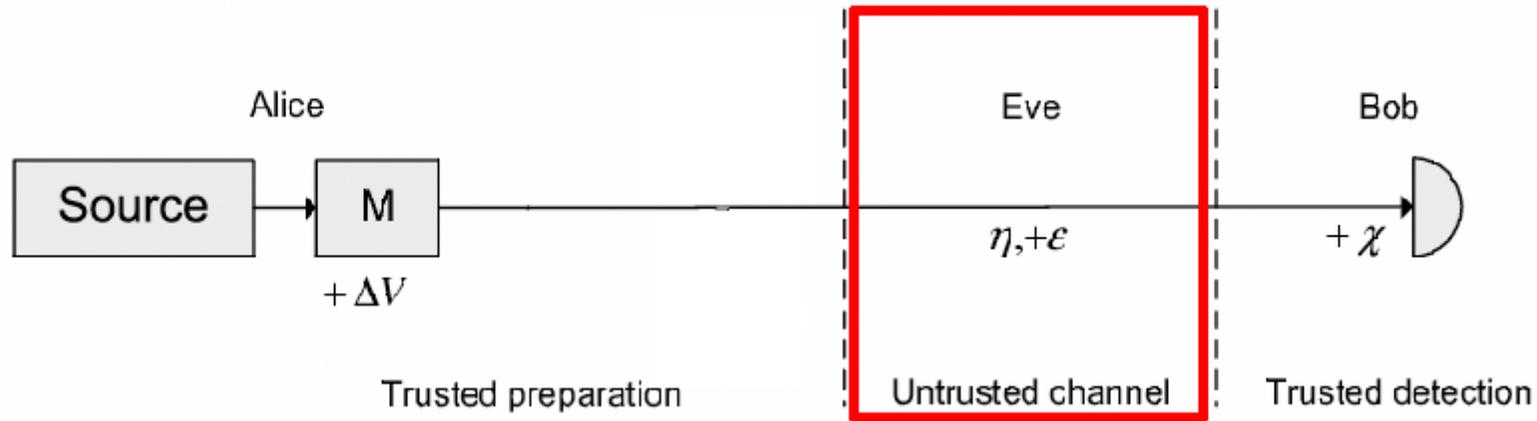
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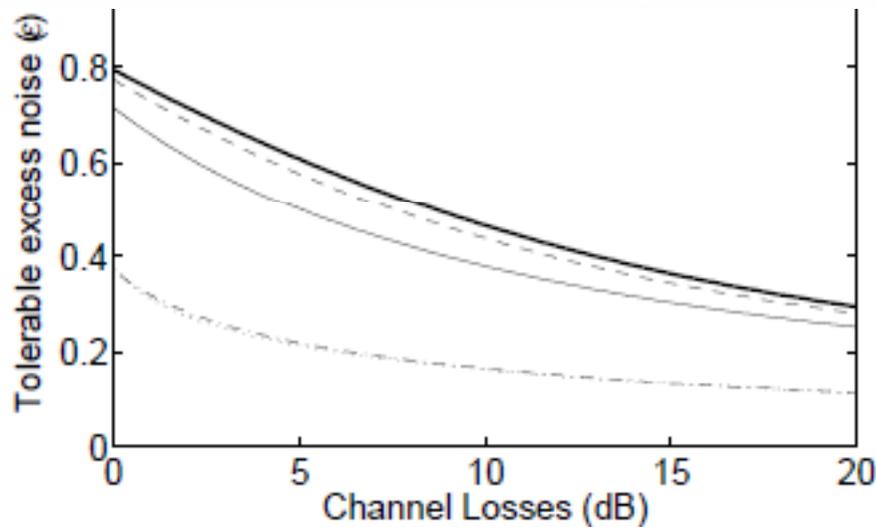
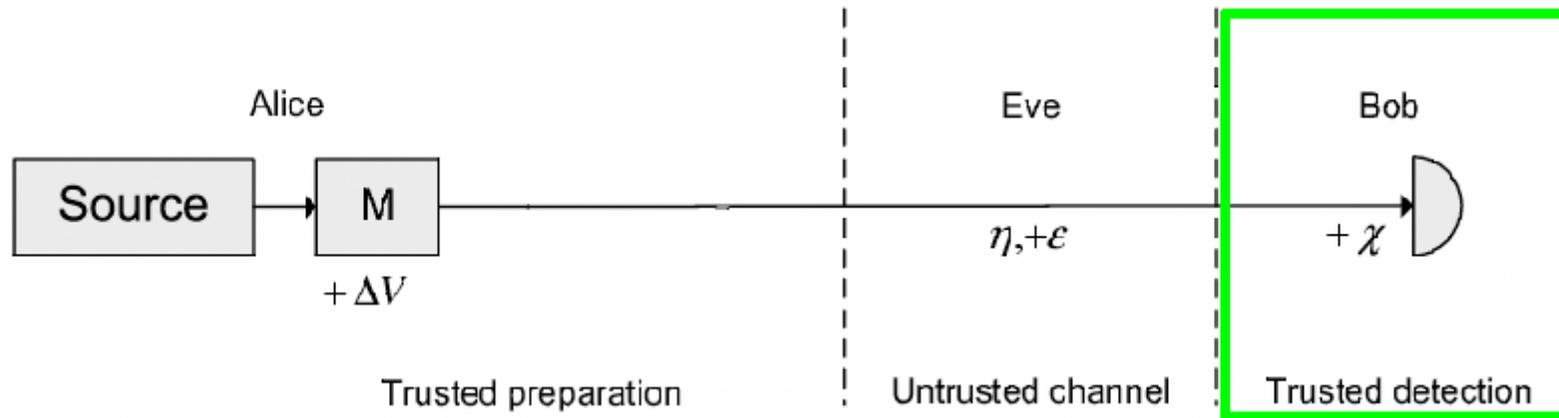


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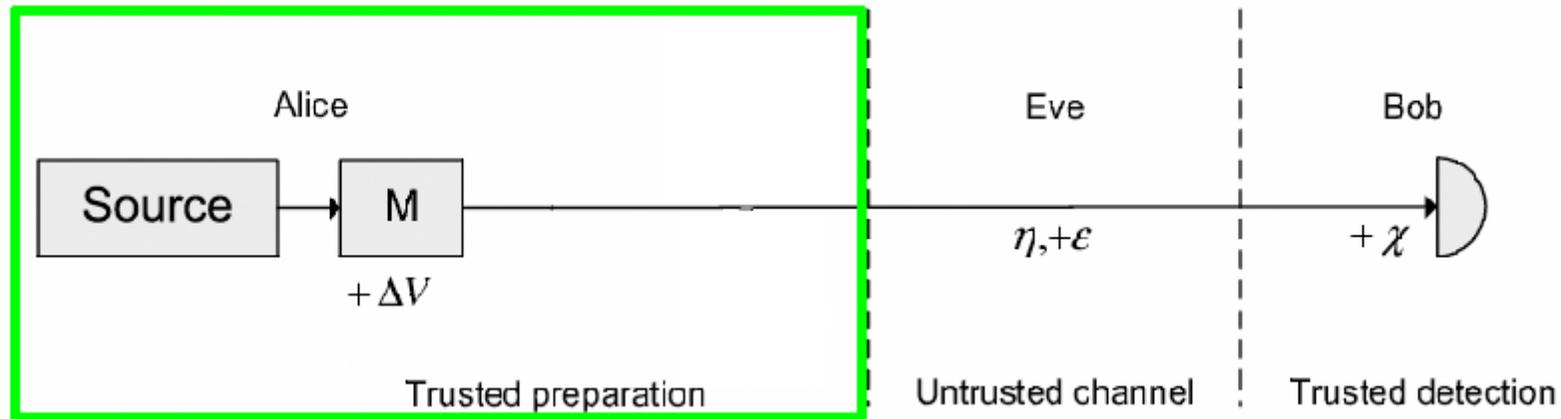
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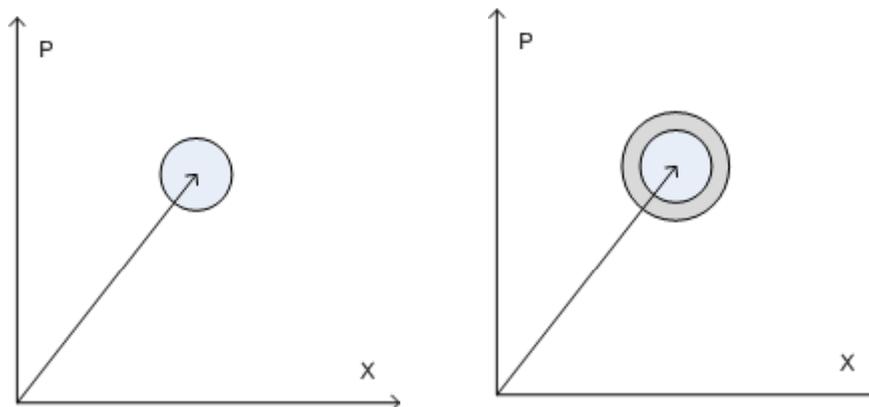
R. Garcia-Patron, N. Cerf, PRL 102 120501 (2009)

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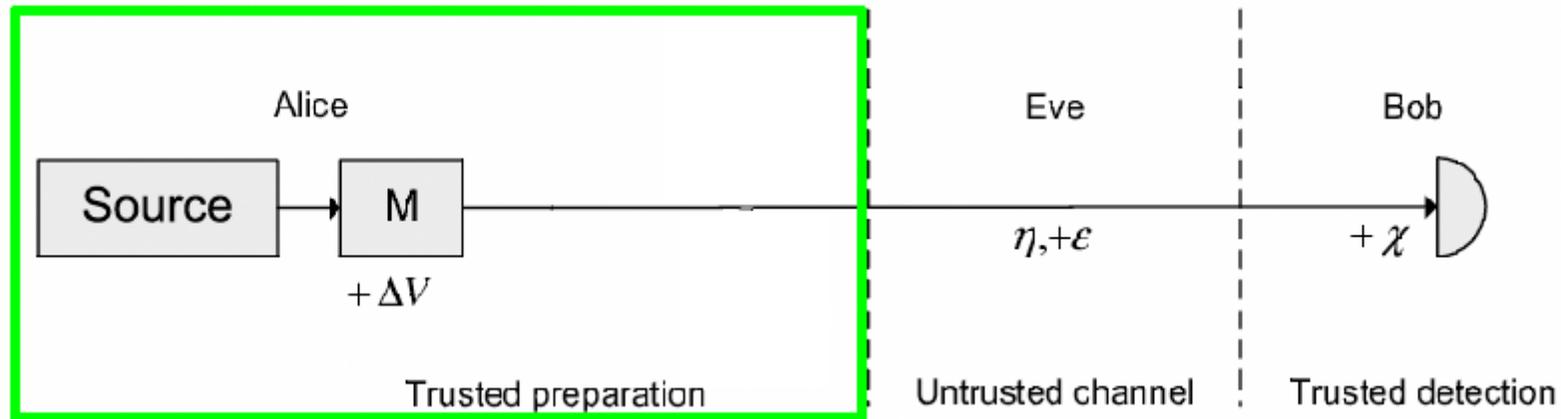


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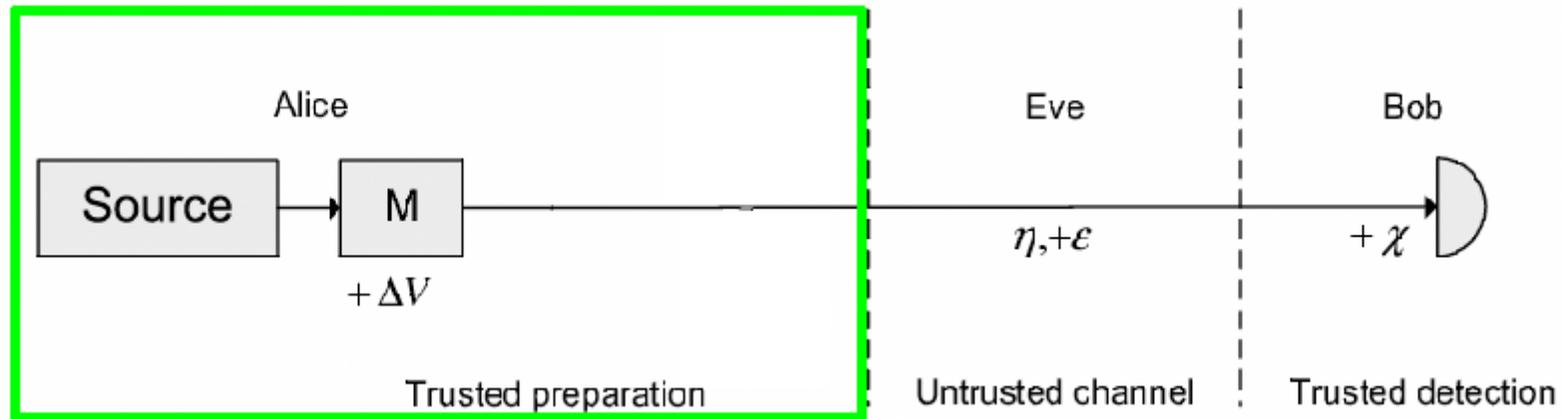
Is security breaking:

$$\Delta V_{I,max} = \frac{1}{1 - \eta}$$

η - channel transmittance

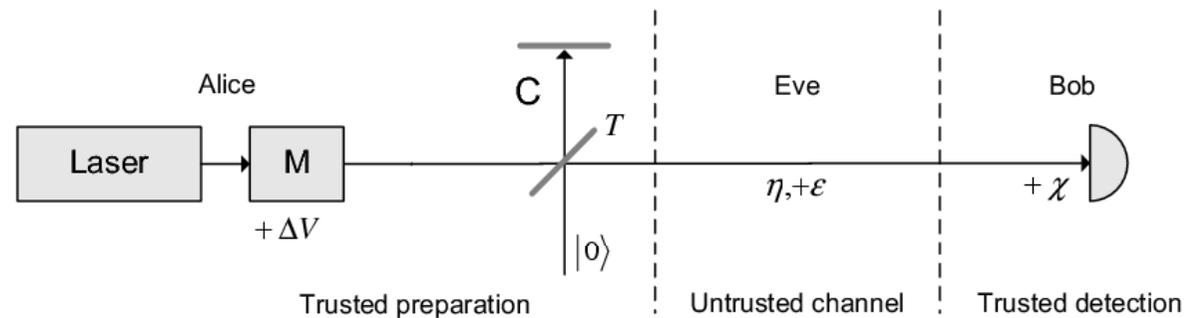
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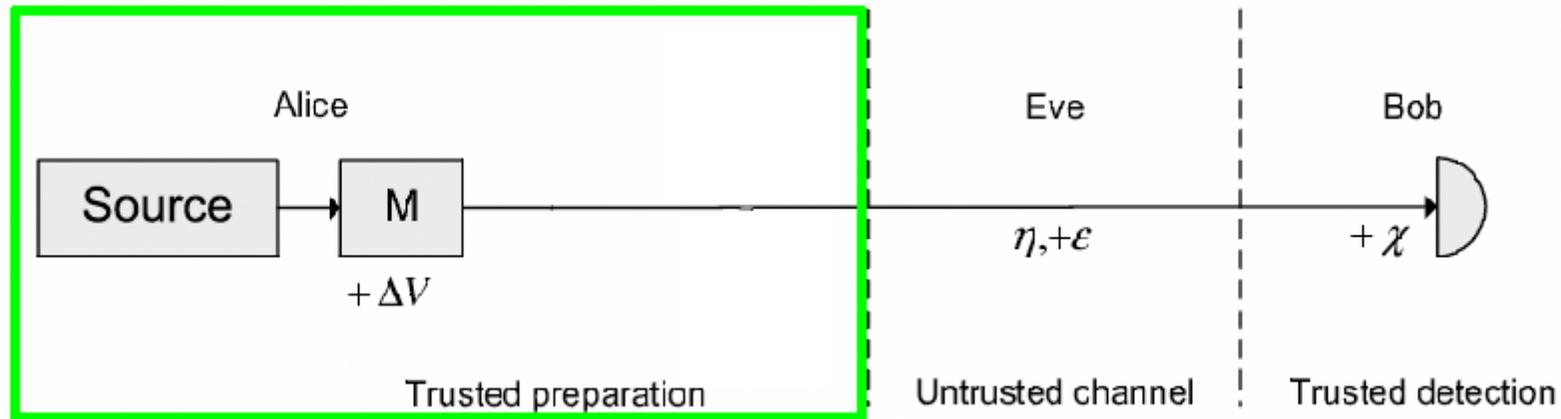
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Purification:



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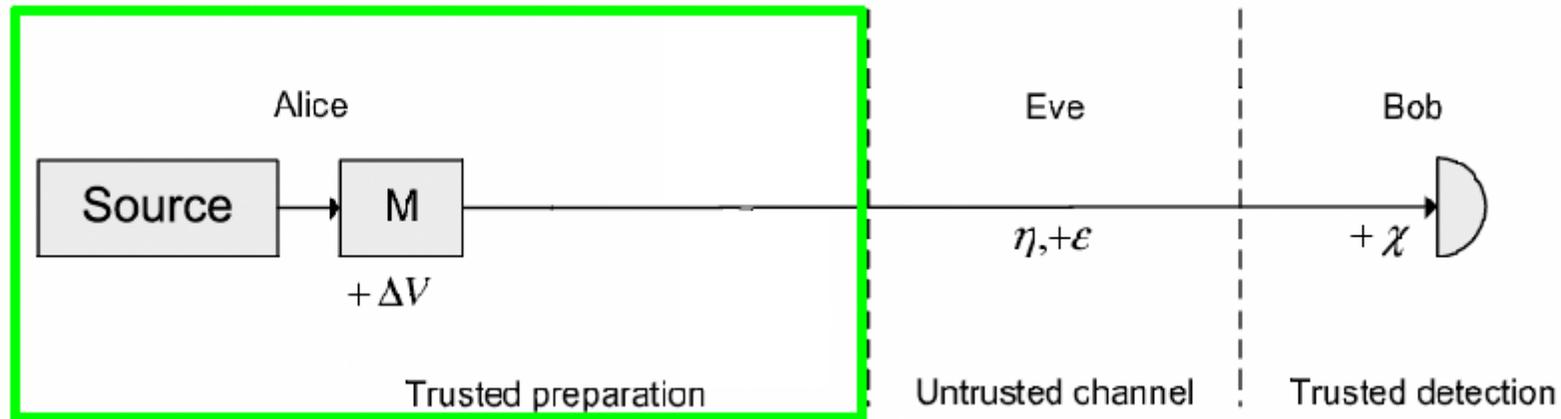
Purification restores security:

$$\Delta V_{I,max} = \frac{1}{T(1 - \eta)}$$

[V. Usenko, R. Filip, *Phys. Rev. A* **81**, 022318 (2010) / arXiv:0904.1694]

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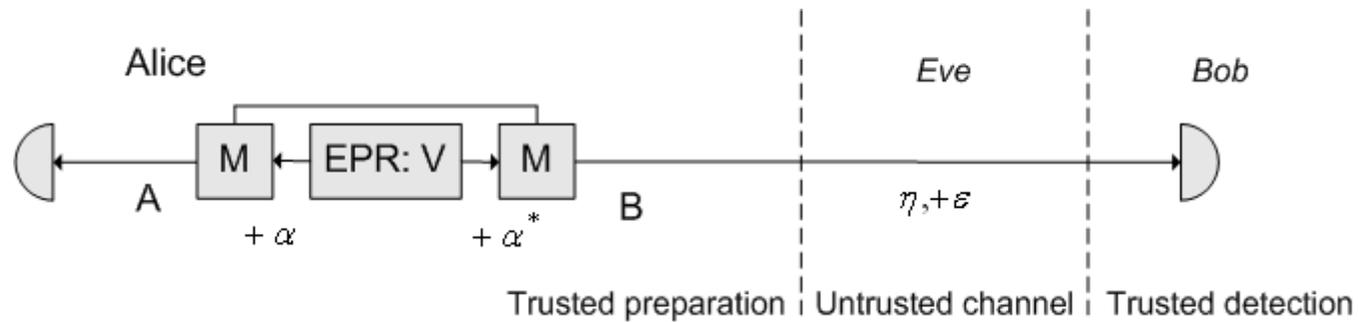
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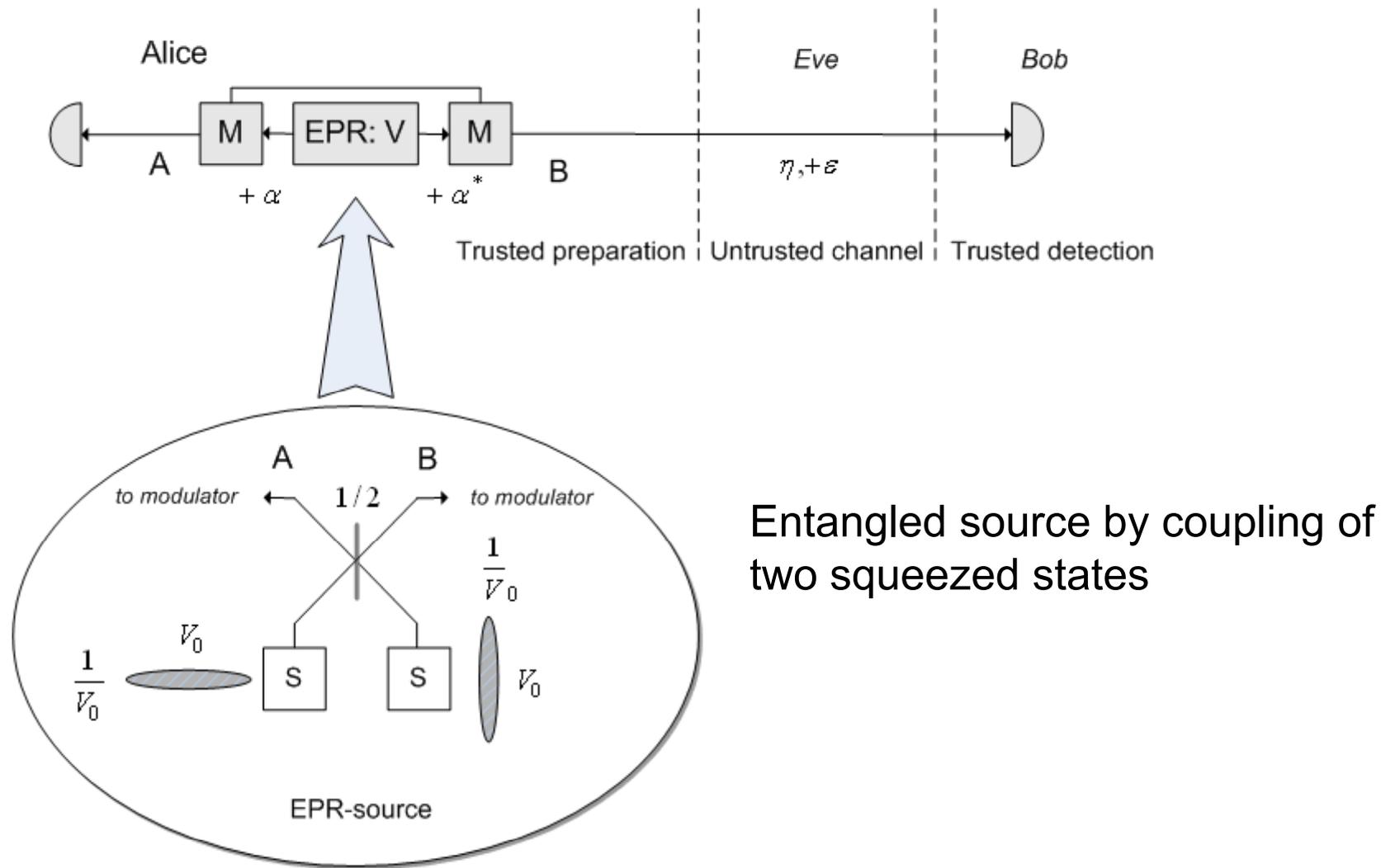
What if noise is correlated?

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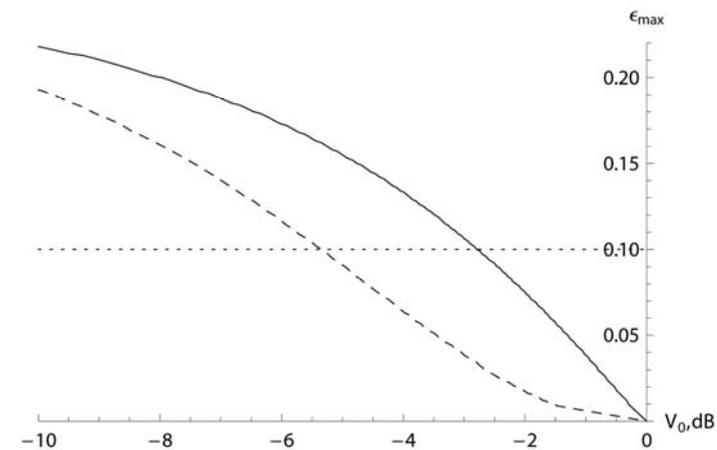
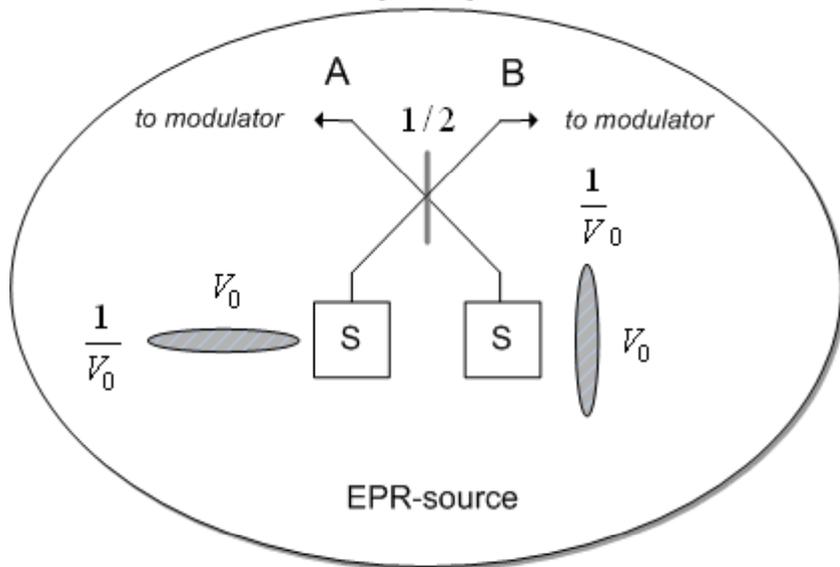
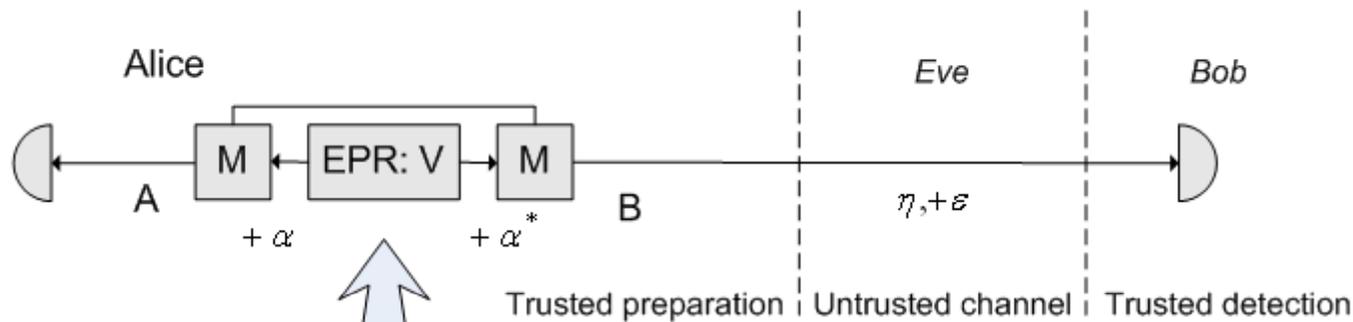


Turning noise to correlations: additional modulator

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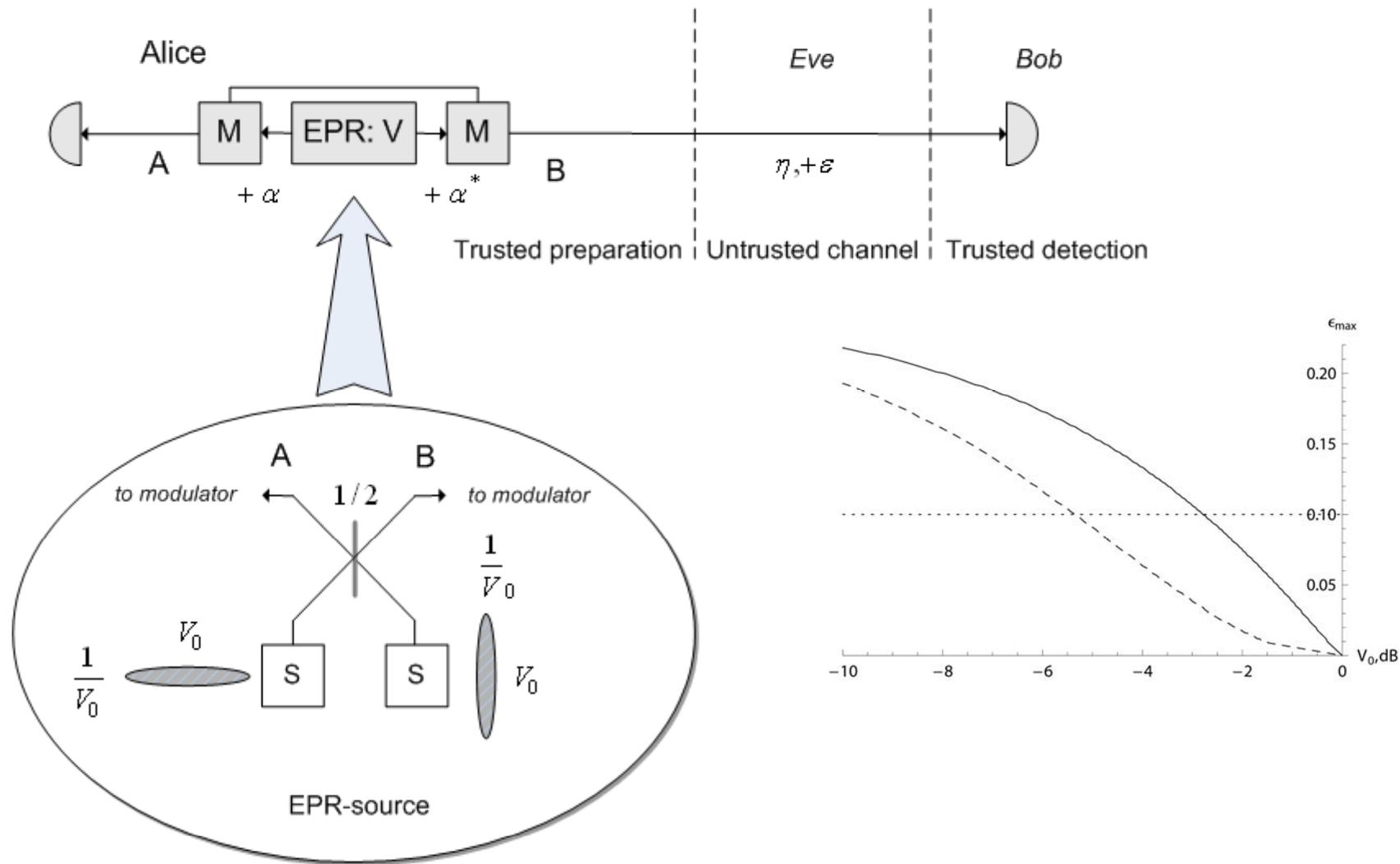


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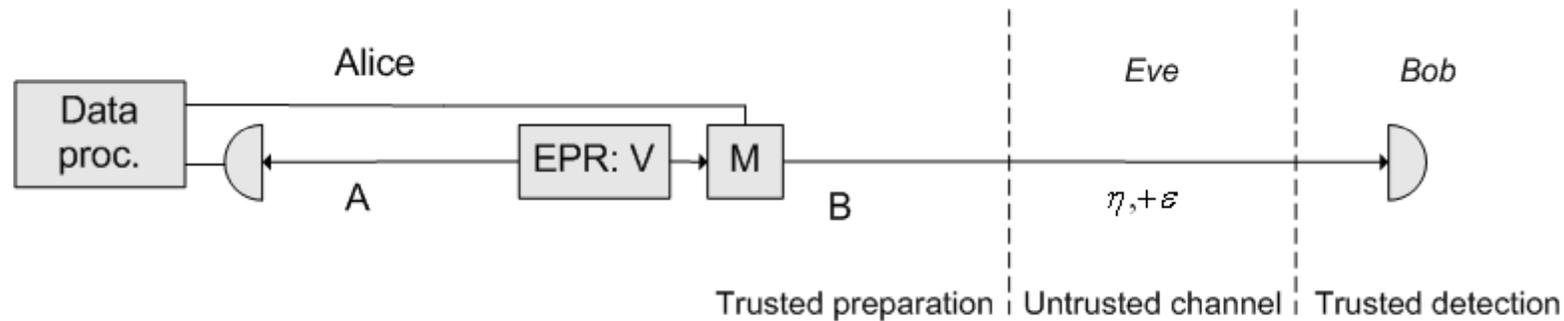
Additional modulation of squeezed states (i.e., additional classical correlations) makes scheme more robust to the channel excess noise.

Additional classical correlations



[V. Usenko and R. Filip, *New J. Phys.*, **13**, 113007, (2011) / arXiv:1111.2311]

Super-optimized protocol



Alice applies gain factor to her data:

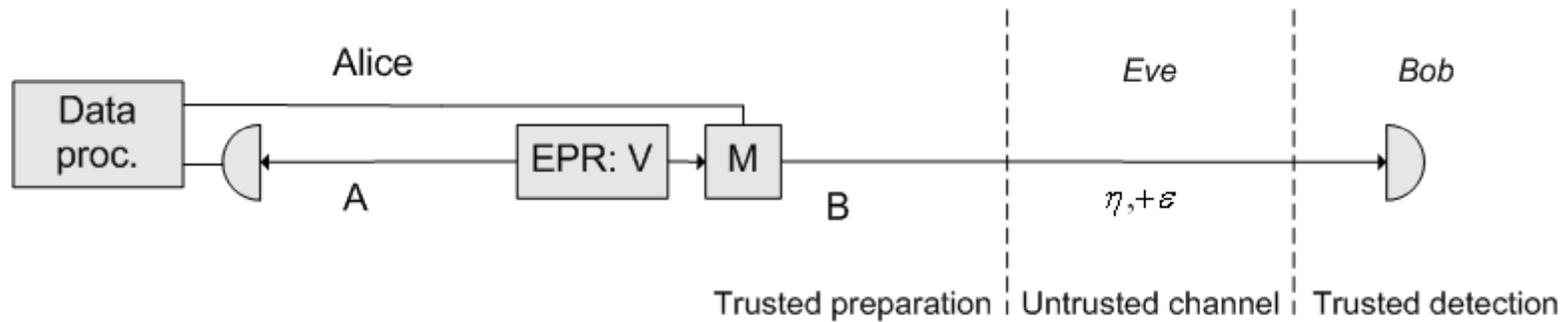
$$x'_A = gx_A + x_M$$

Covariance and correlation matrices:

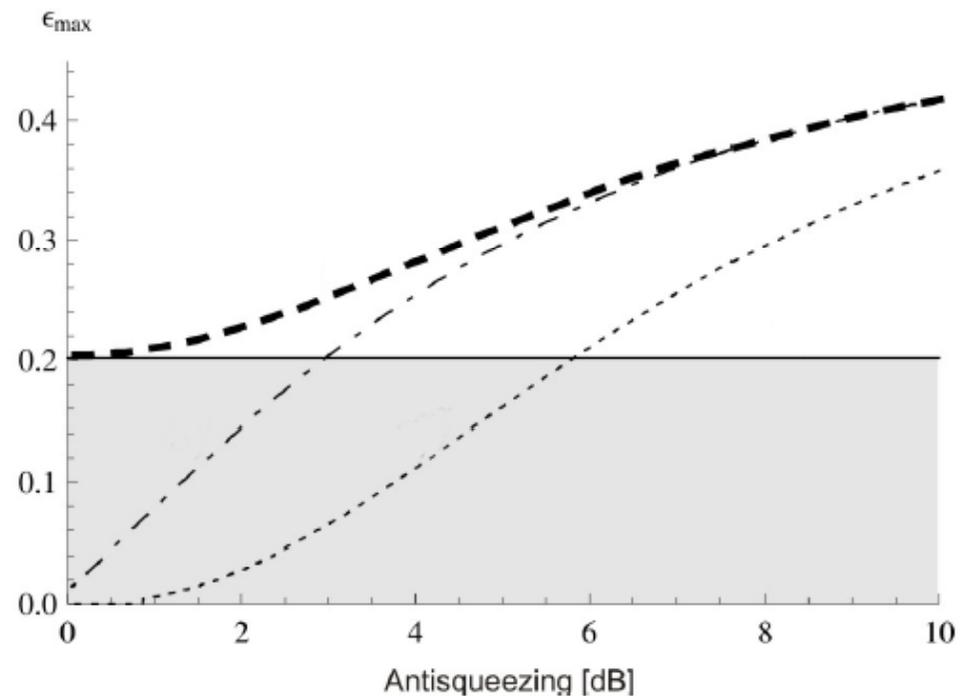
$$\gamma_A = \left[g^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 + V_0^2}{V_0} + \Delta V_0 \right) + \Delta V \right] \mathbb{I}$$

$$\sigma_{AB} = \left[g \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 - V_0^2}{V_0} + \Delta V_0 \right) + \Delta V \right] \sigma_z$$

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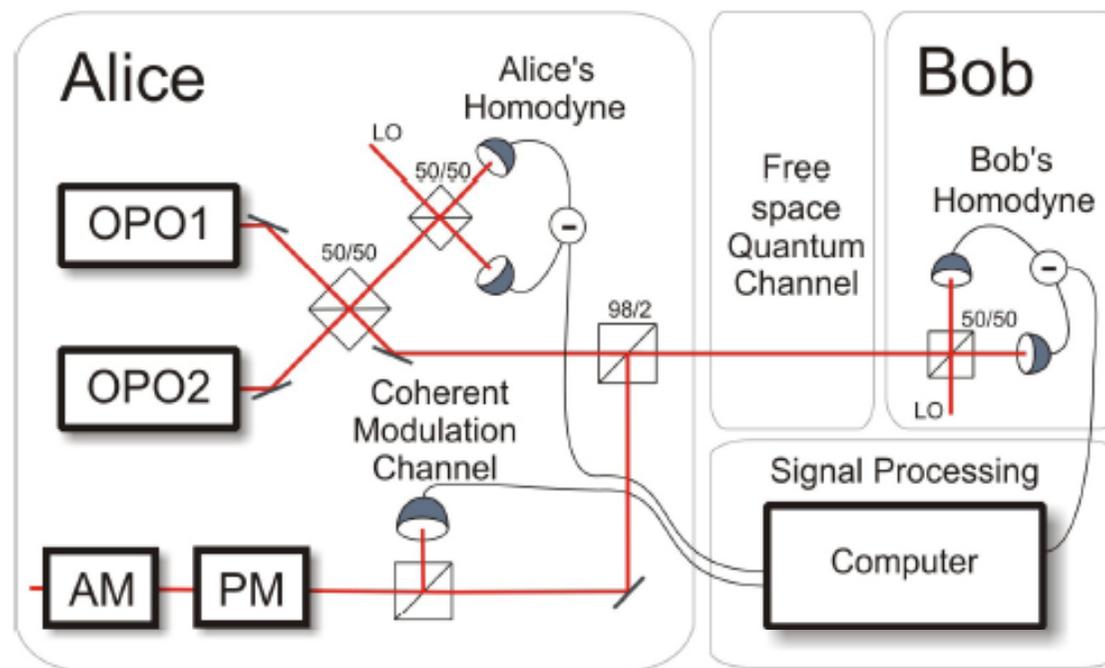


The protocol overcomes the coherent-state protocol upon any degree of squeezing



Proof-of-principle

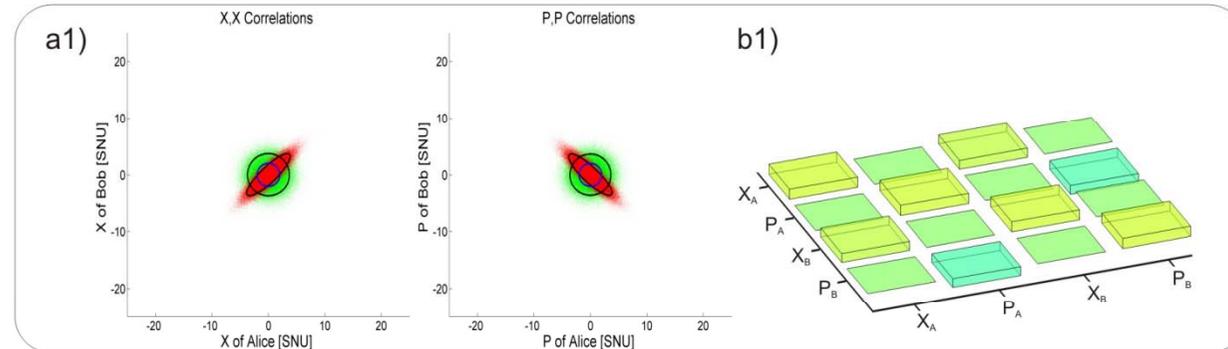
Performed at the Denmark Technical University, Lyngby
(NLQO group, Prof. Ulrik Andersen)



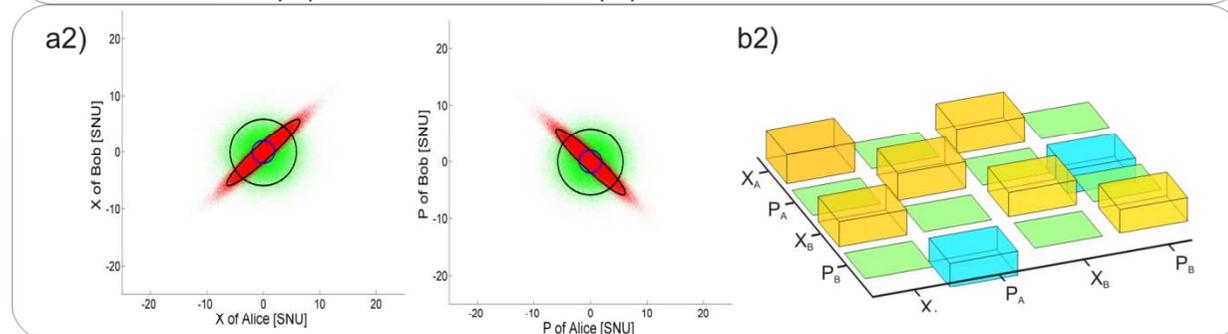
Sketch of the set-up

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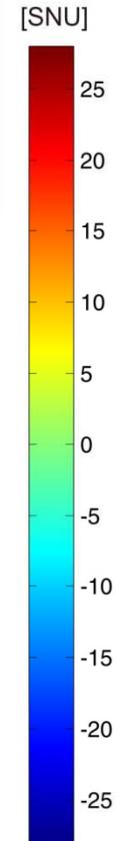
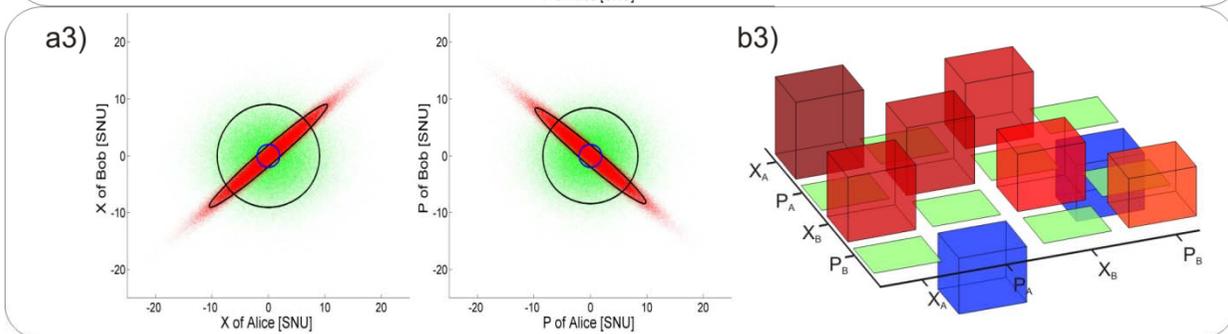
No modulation



3.6 SNU

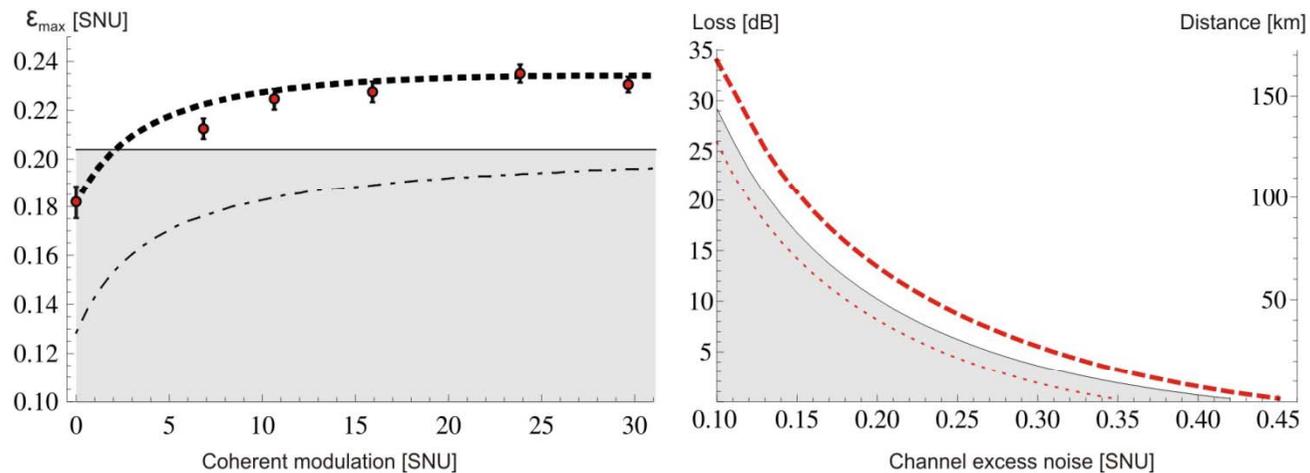


23.8 SNU



Raw quadrature data (left); covariance matrices (right)

Proof-of-principle



Untrusted channel simulation results: the squeezed-state protocol with the obtained states outperforms any coherent-state protocol (in tolerable noise and distance)

Resources in CV QKD

- Classical modulation is helpful
- Coherent states are enough

What is what in CV QKD?

What is the role of the resources?

Post-processing efficiency

Lower bound on secure key rate (collective attacks) upon realistic reconciliation:

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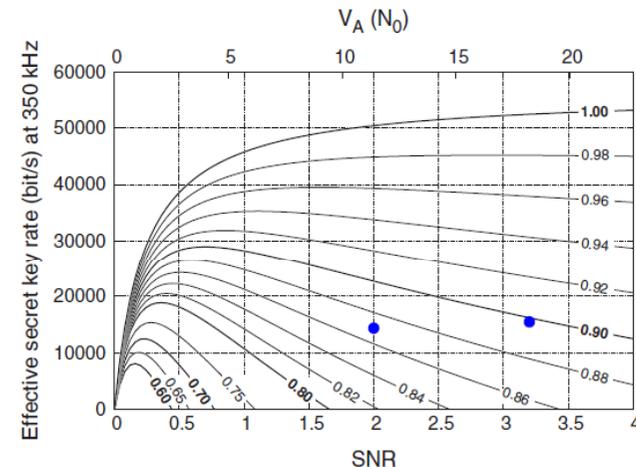
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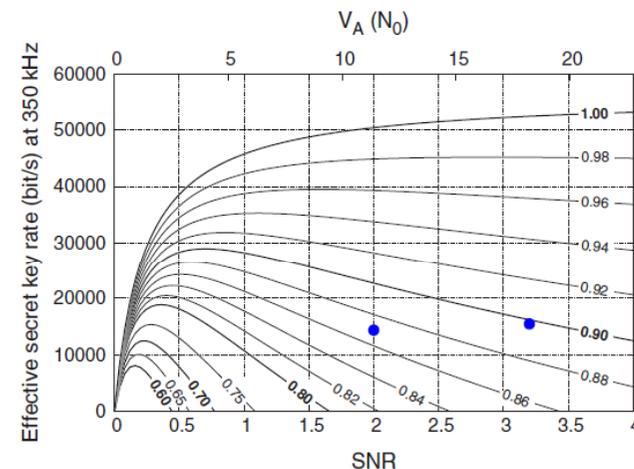
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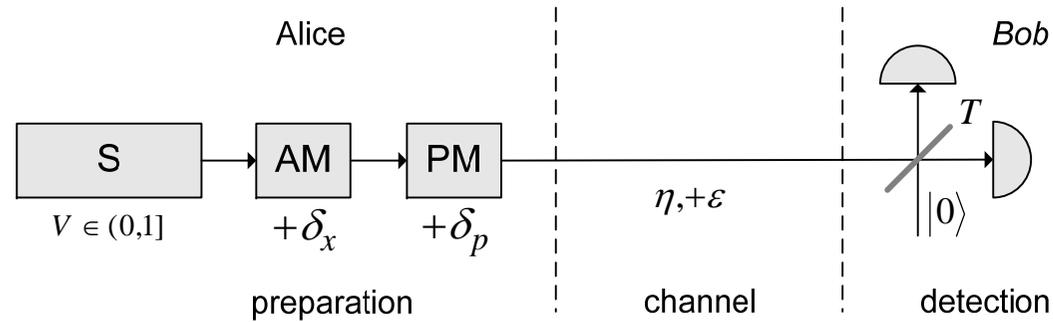
Together with mutual information – a classical resource.

Resources (uniquely distinguishable in CV QKD):

- **Classical:** information, post-processing
- **Quantum:** states (classical/nonclassical)

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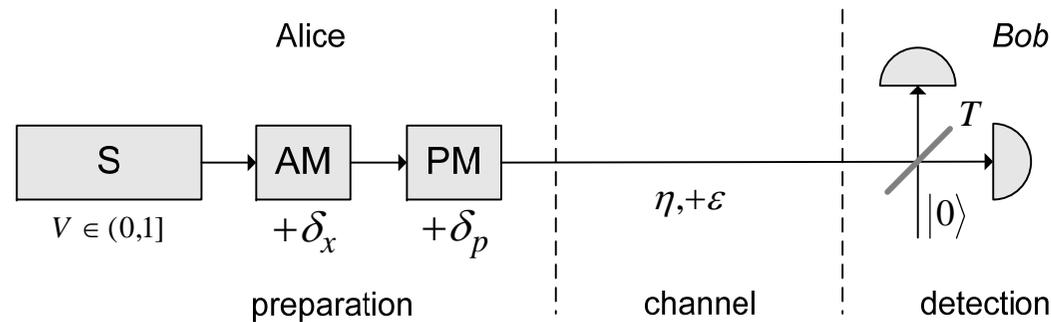
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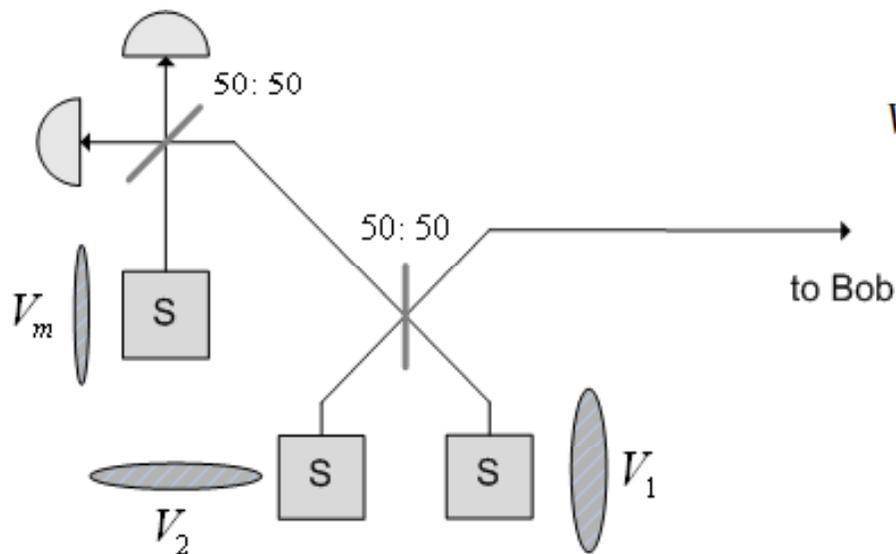
Not equivalent to a generic entanglement-based scheme.

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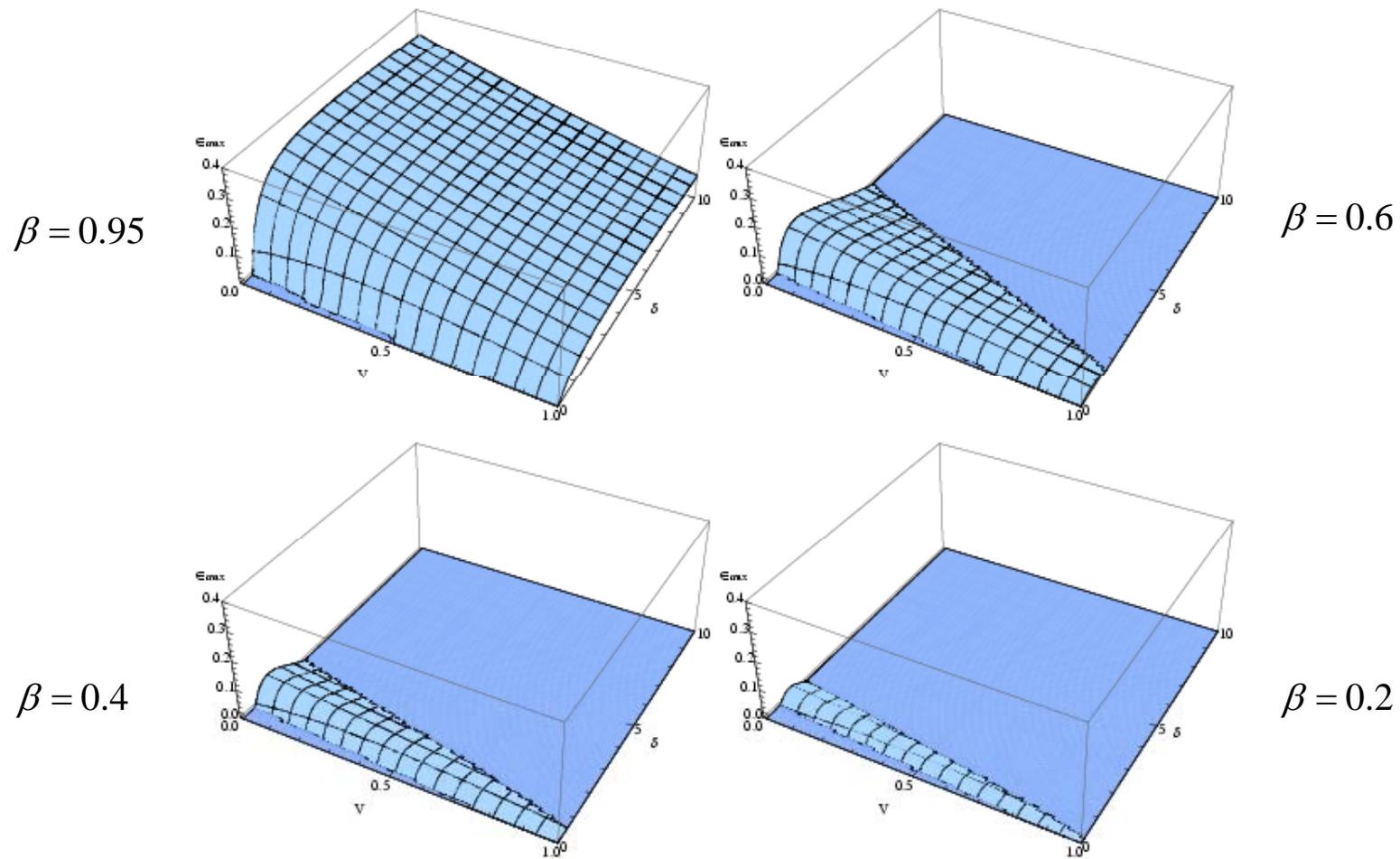
Equivalent to the modified scheme:



$$V_{1,2} = V + \sigma_x \pm \sqrt{\frac{(V + \sigma_x)(\sigma_x + V\sigma_p(V + \sigma_x))}{1 + V\sigma_p}}$$

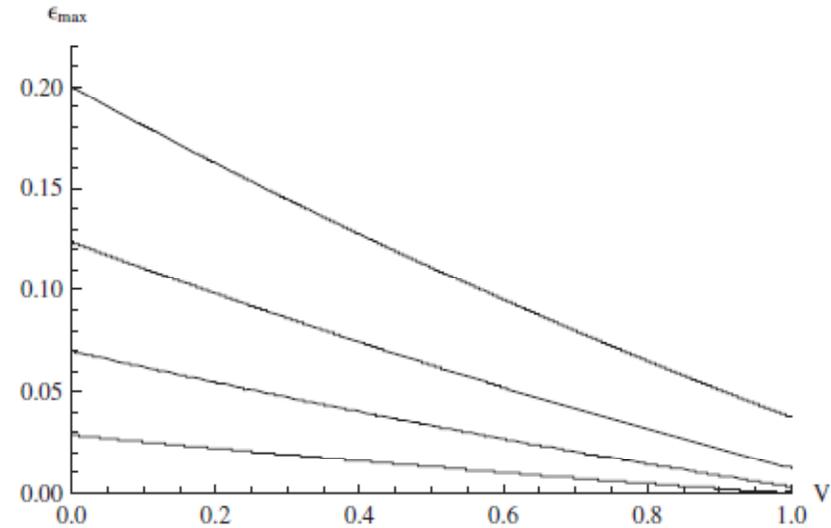
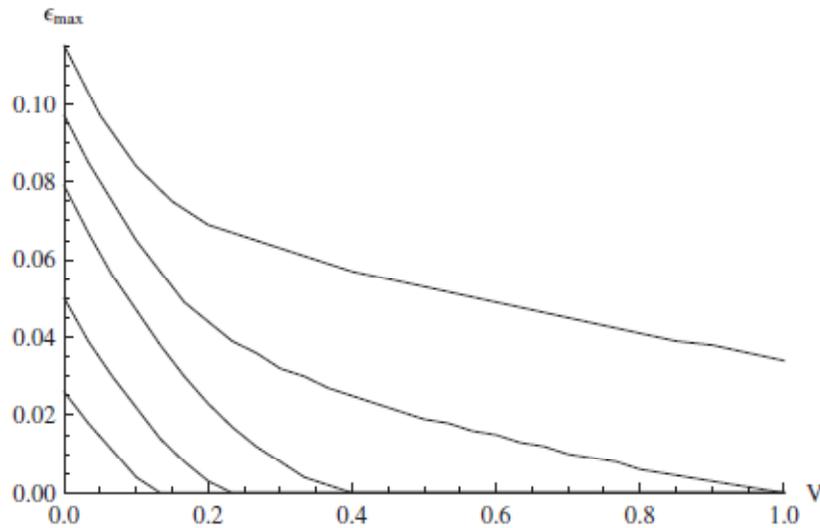
$$V_m = \frac{V^2\sigma_p(V + \sigma_x)}{\sigma_x(1 + V\sigma_p)}$$

Limited post-processing



Security region (in terms of maximum tolerable excess noise) versus nonclassical resource (squeezing) and classical resource (modulation)

Limited post-processing

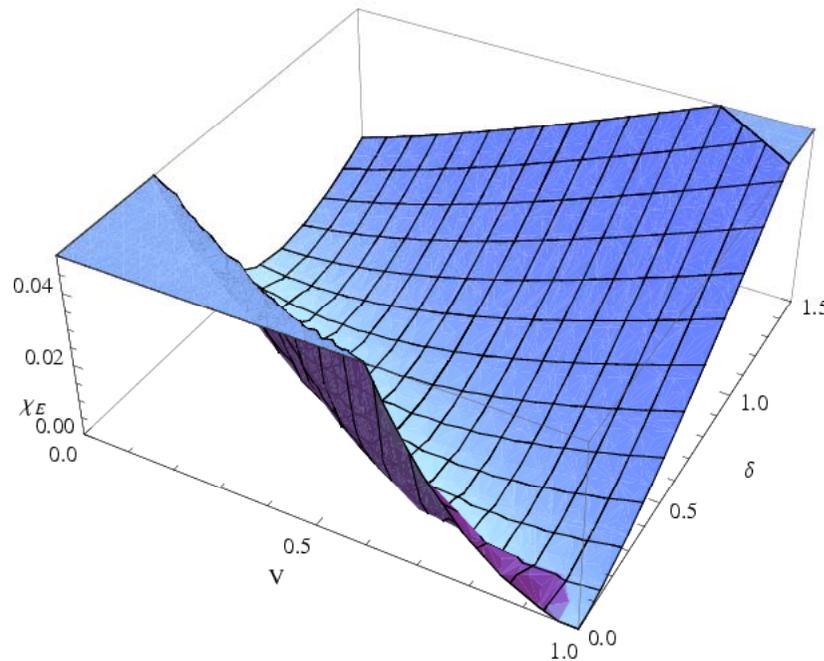


Noise threshold profile versus signal state variance (from squeezed to coherent state) upon optimized modulation. Left: direct reconciliation, right: reverse

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Upper bound on Eve's information (Holevo quantity)

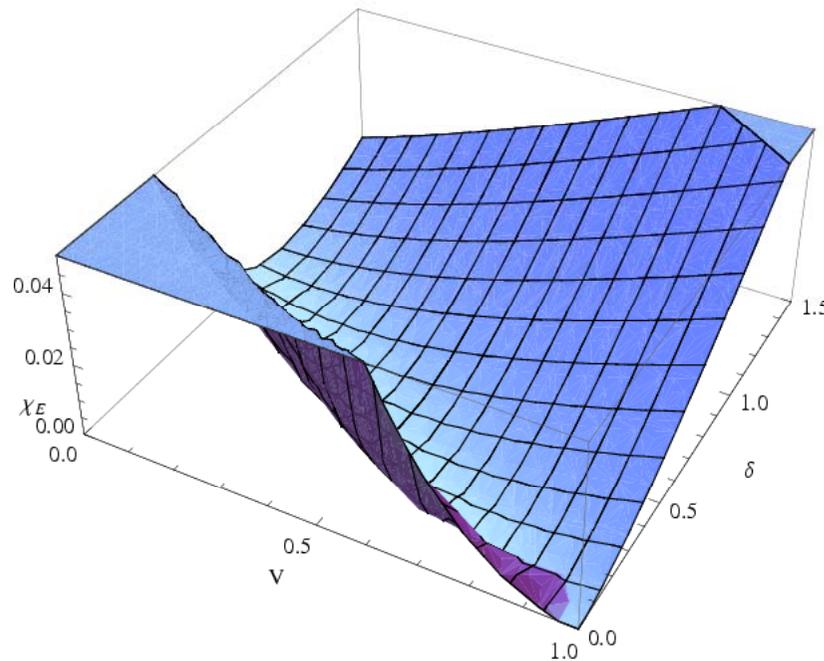
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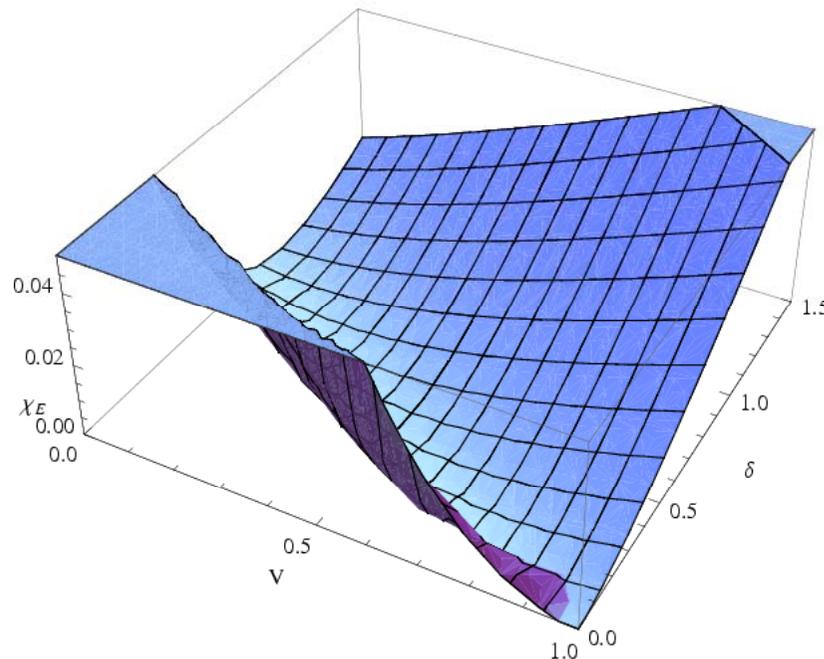
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$$\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{\beta}} < \sigma < \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{\beta}}$$

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Summary

- Preparation noise is security-breaking for CV QKD protocols, although being trusted. The states can be purified to restore security;
- Additional correlated modulation improves security region of a squeezed CV QKD protocol;
- Super-optimized protocol uses advantage of both coherent and squeezed protocols, gaining from any degree of squeezing;
- If post-processing efficiency is limited, nonclassicality is required to provide security of CV QKD. Protocols then enter nonclassical regime, when coherence is not enough.
- Nonclassical resource (squeezing) can partly substitute the classical (computational) resource.