

Quantum Key Distribution



Team: One-Zero



Problem

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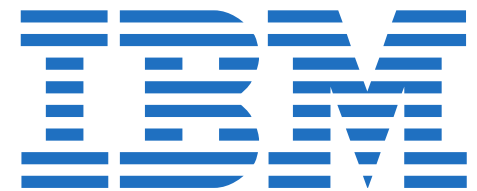
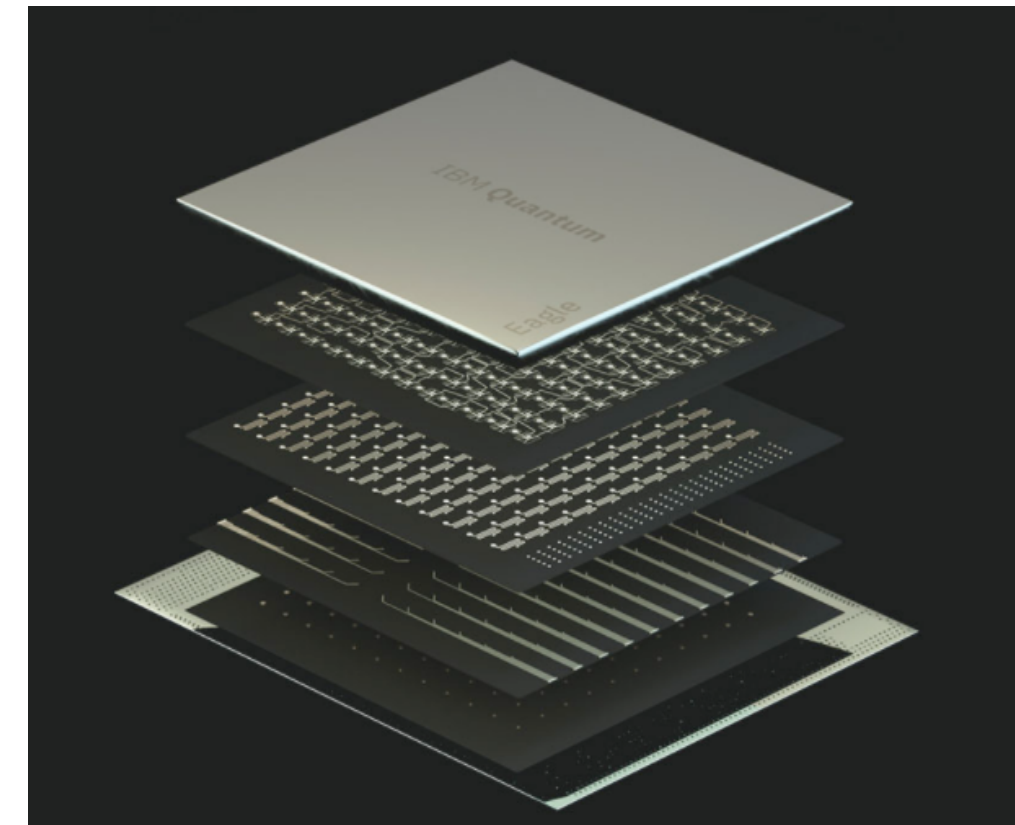
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Advances in Quantum Computation may break into your private security. Classically any RSA type protocol shall be broken quantically

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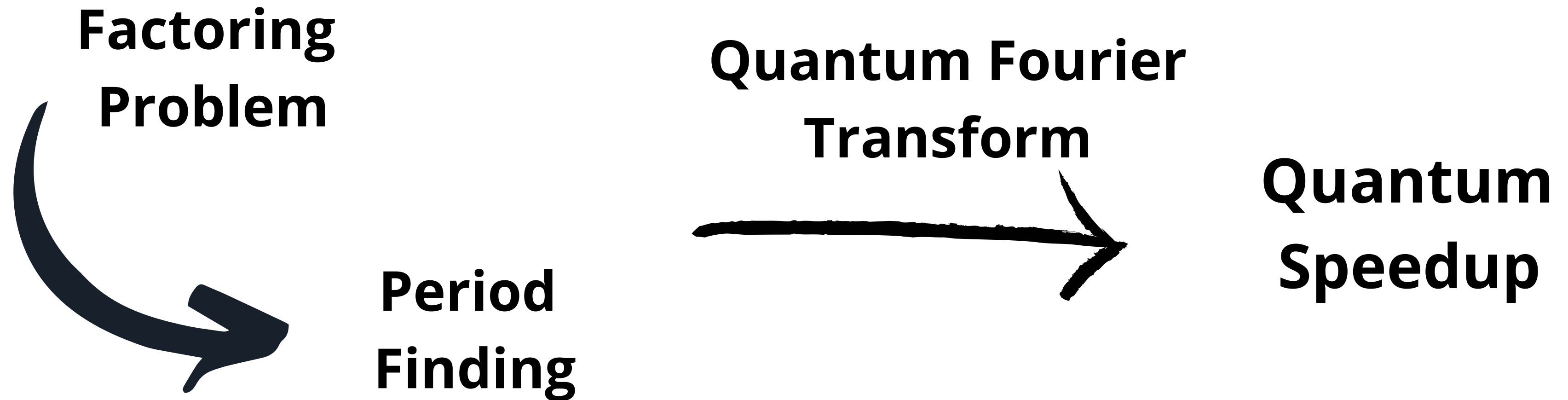
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Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (RSA) type protocols

Why does it influence our current RSA protocols?

Public key consists of: Prime 1 X Prime 2



**Algorithms for Quantum Computation:
Discrete Logarithms and Factoring**

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Quantum Key Distribution

Discrete Variables

E91

**Frame
Independent
Protocolls**

SARG04

**6-State
BB84**

**4-State
BB84**

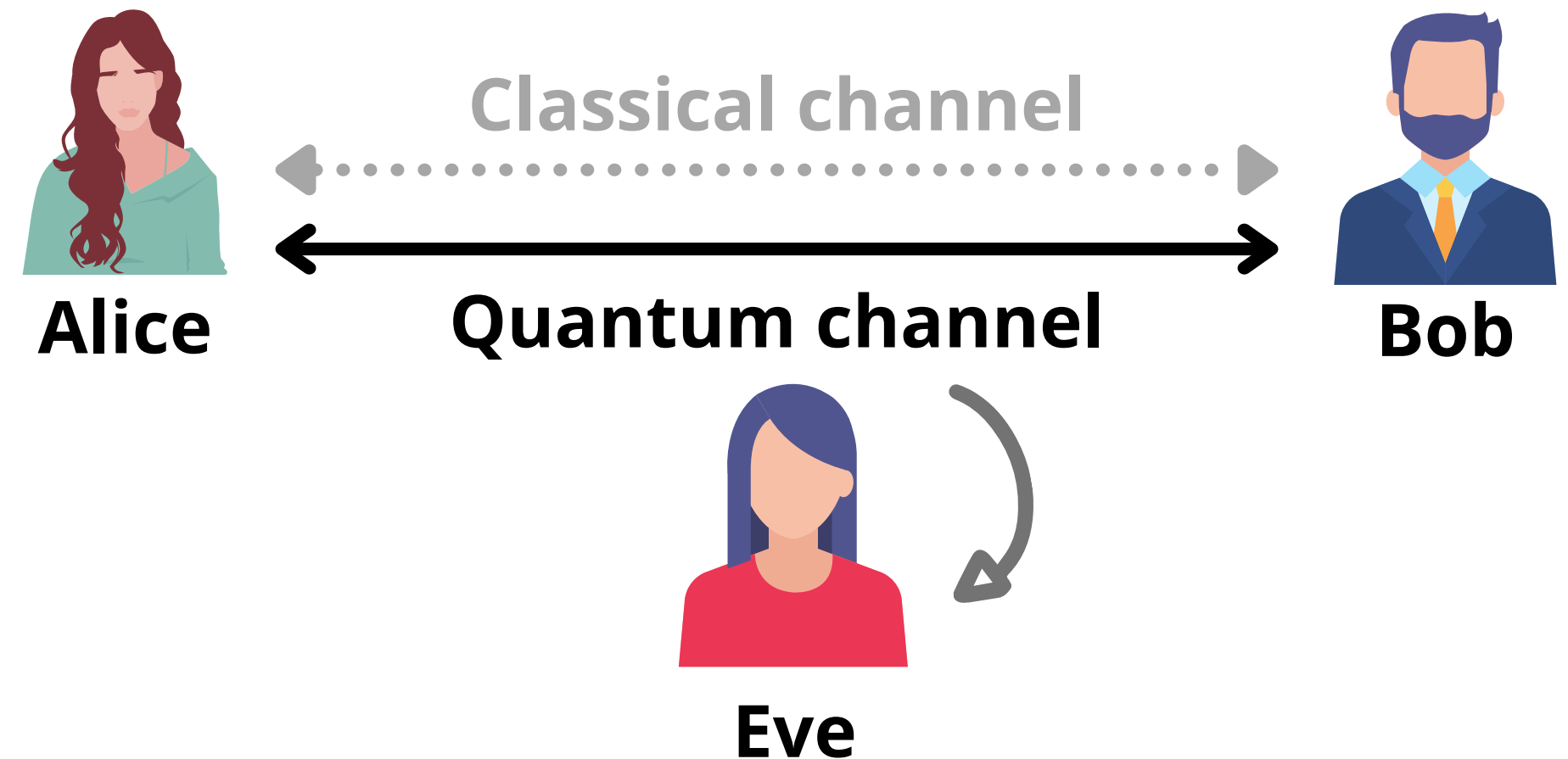
Protocols

Continuous Variables

States are encoded into different quadratures of phase and magnitude of the electric field

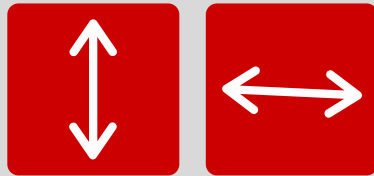
BB84 - The Process

- Alice generates a random key from an X or Z basis and sends it to Bob.
- Bob reads on a random basis the information received.
- Key sifting occurs - Via the classical channel Alice and Bob compare the basis and the key is shortened and identical.
- Secret key distillation with privacy amplification occurs to account for Eve resulting in a final key.

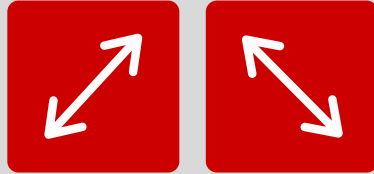


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Orthogonal
polarizer



Diagonal
polarizer



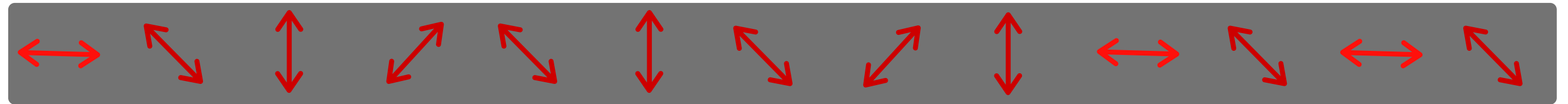
Alice

Information is
decoded and a
sifting key is created



Bob

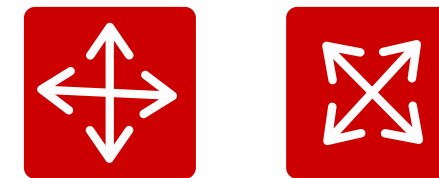
Example for BB84



1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
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QKD channel

Beam splitter



Receiver randomly
chooses one of the
two beam splitters

Public channel
(basis sharing)

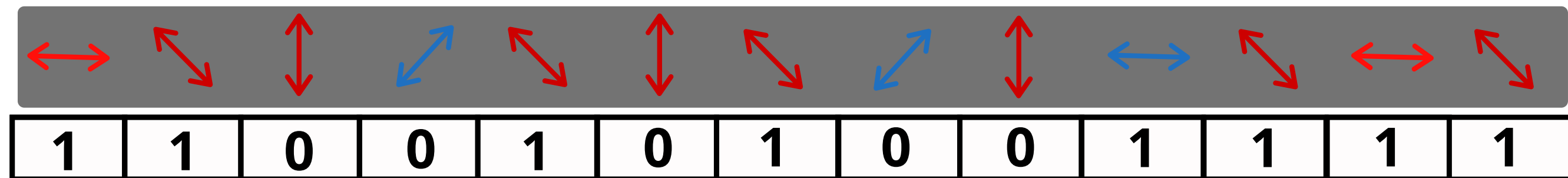


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Quantum Bit Error Rate (QBER) and sifted key rate



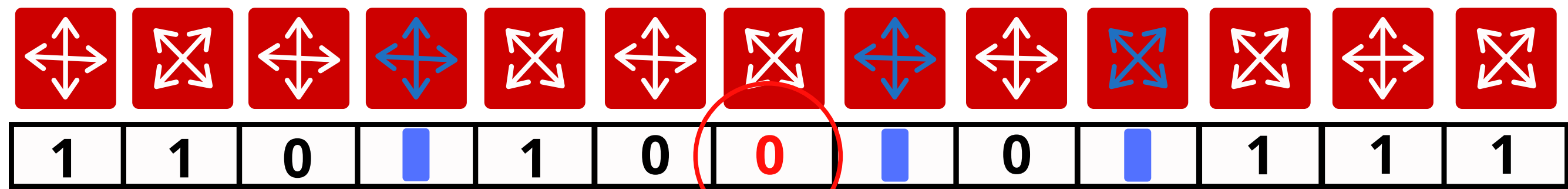
Alice



The Quantum Bit Error Rate (QBER) is the ratio of an error rate to the key rate



Bob



e.g

QBER = 10%

Deflected
information

Same **basis** between both, but state is **different**. Background or Eve are present, shifting the state.

Distillation and privacy amplification

1. Even with key sifting, the keys are not the same, due to noise or/and evesdropping. If Eve's is found (QBER above the treshhold limit): Protocol is aborted.
2. Otherwise, parity checks are performed:
 - Distribute the key into different blocks, and perform sequential parity checks, until discrepancy is found.



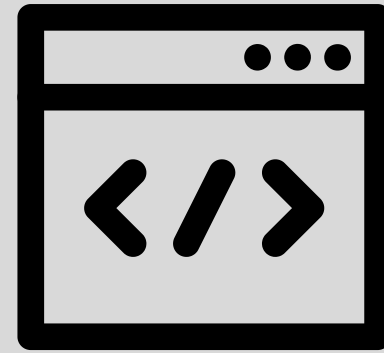
Alice

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Bob

B1		B2			B3		B4			B5	
1	1	0		1	0	0	0		1	1	1



**And now that the basics are explained -
Do you have any questions?**

