A novel notation for quantum cryptography

Applications to some recent quantum cryptographic protocols and their equivalences

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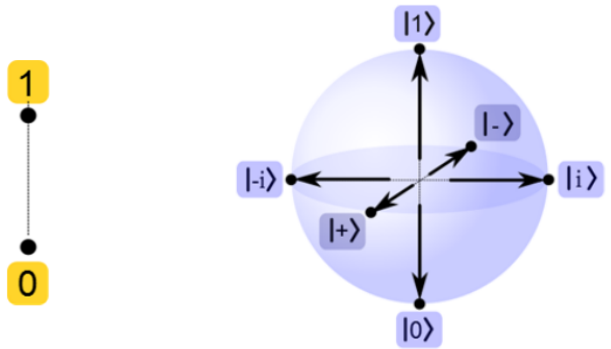
Outline

Introduction

Quantum Information

- The classical bit vs. the qubit

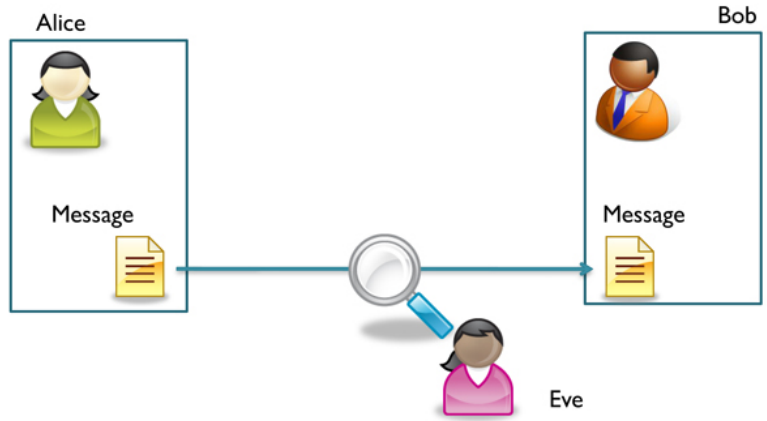


Representation of a classical bit (Left) and a qubit (right) [5].

- Encoding and decoding

Quantum Cryptography

- Quantum cryptographic protocols: Sending a message securely using quantum mechanics



Alice, Bob, and Eve's roles in (quantum) cryptographic protocols [2].

- Dirac notation is not very intuitive

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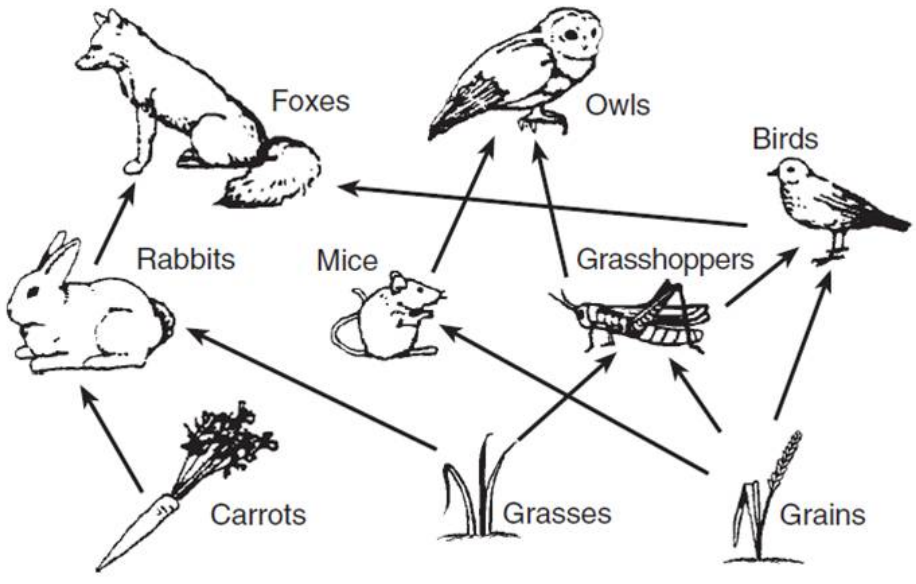
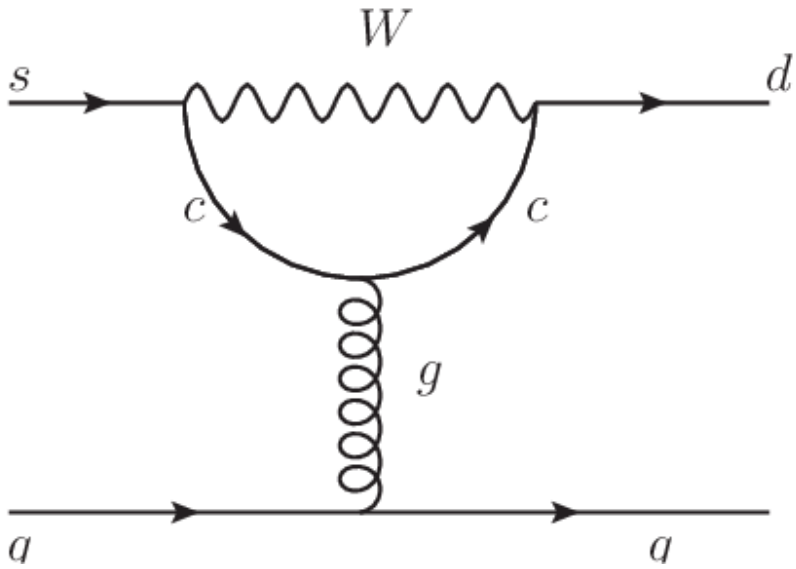


Diagrams in ecology: food webs [3].



Diagrams in particle physics: Feynman diagrams [6].

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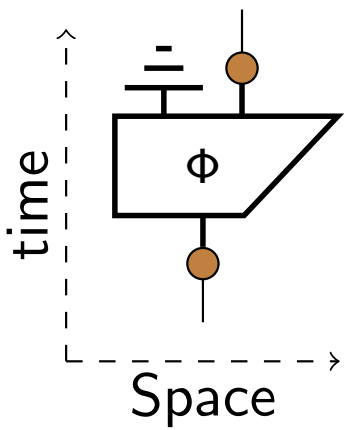
- Proposed by Coecke and Kissinger in 2017, in *Picturing Quantum Processes* [1].



The Aim

- Taking into account the rising popularity of quantum cryptography and the fact that its current notation is insufficient for describing it intuitively we recognize the usefulness of the diagrammatic notation and therefore want to give it a place in the field of quantum cryptography by...

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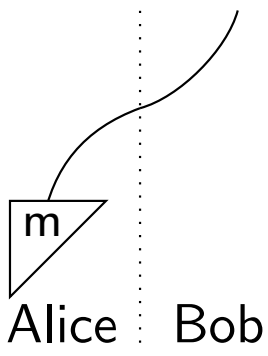

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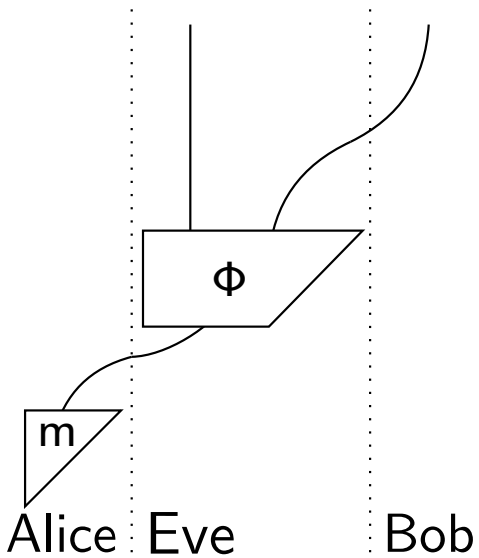

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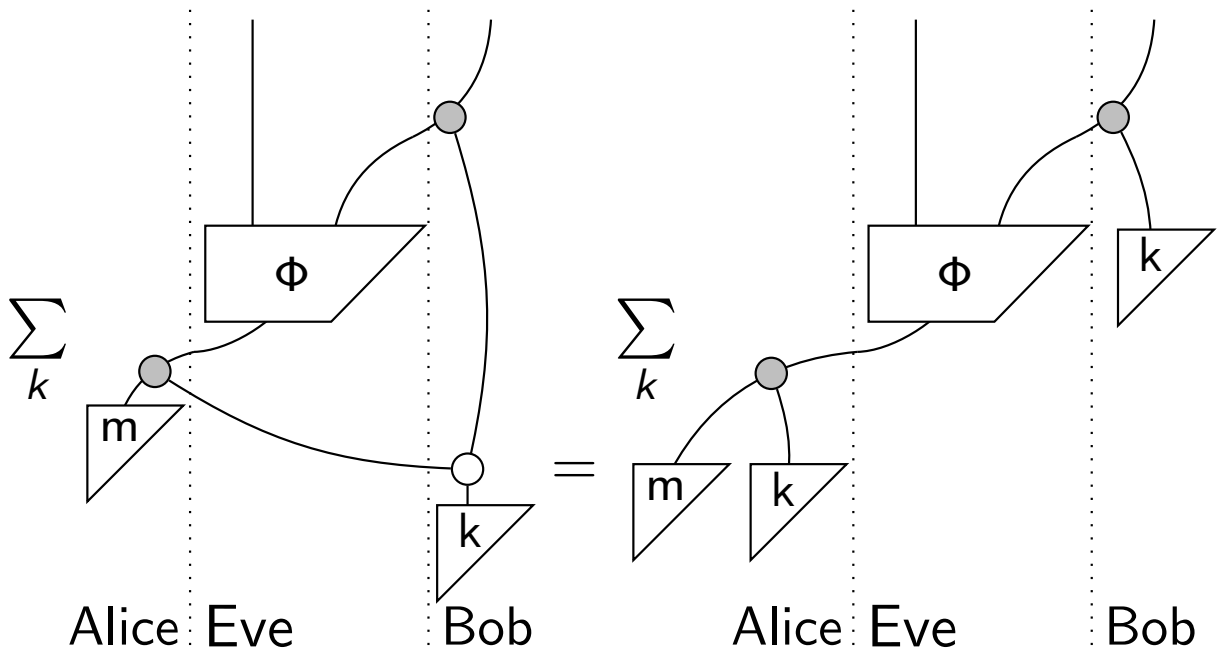
- The One Time Pad solution: xor with secret random variable k



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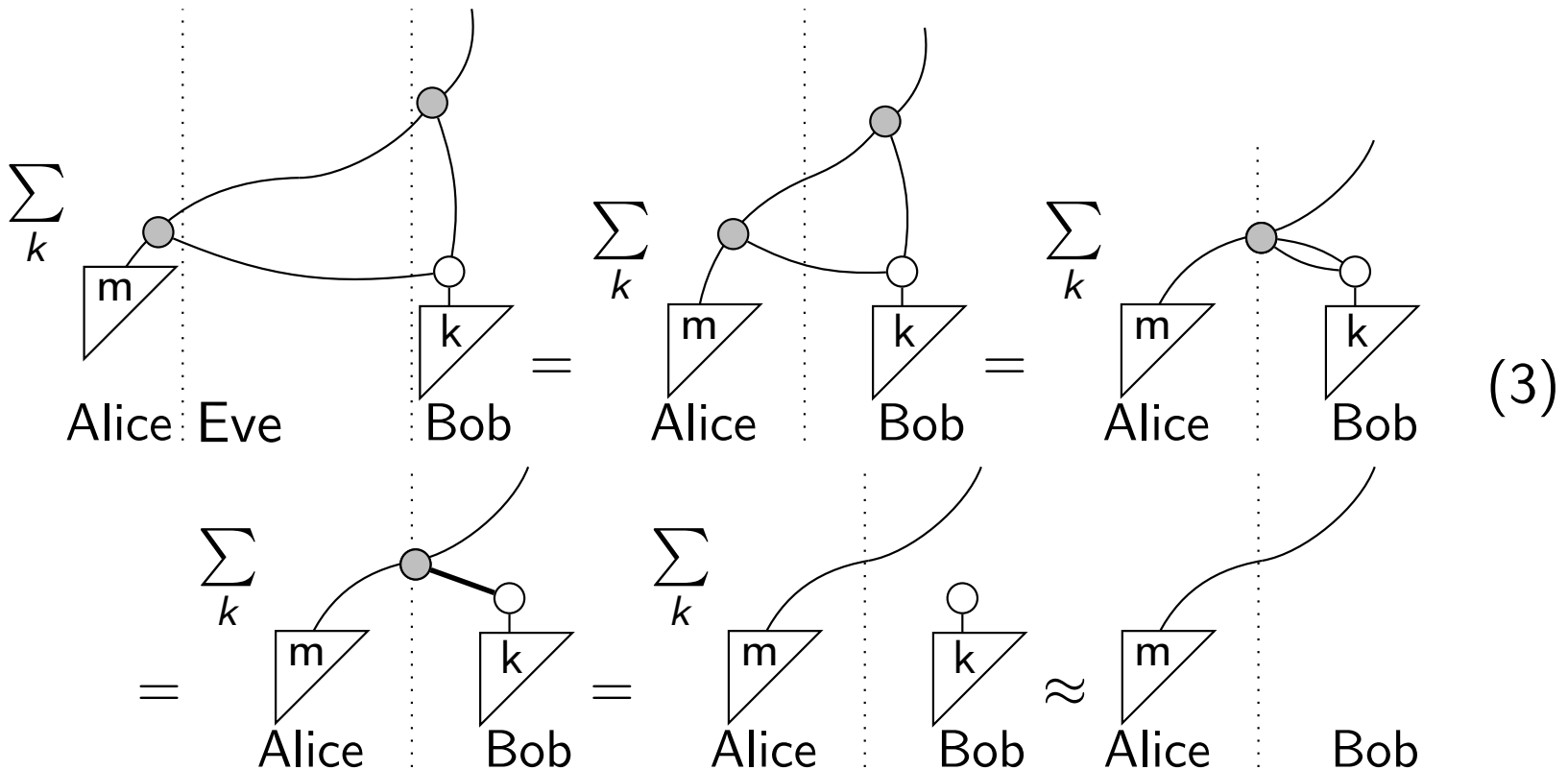
- If Eve does not interfere, communication should be provably correct.



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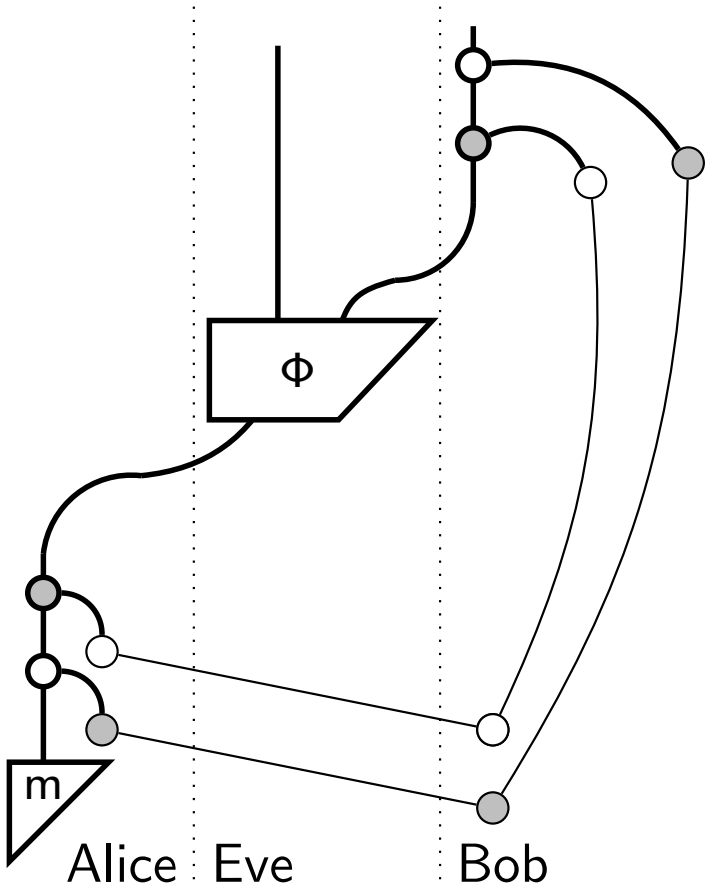

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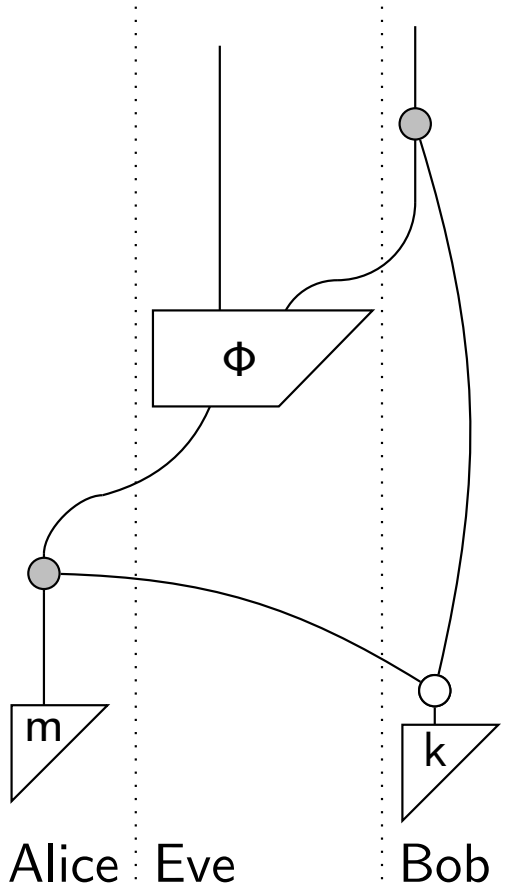

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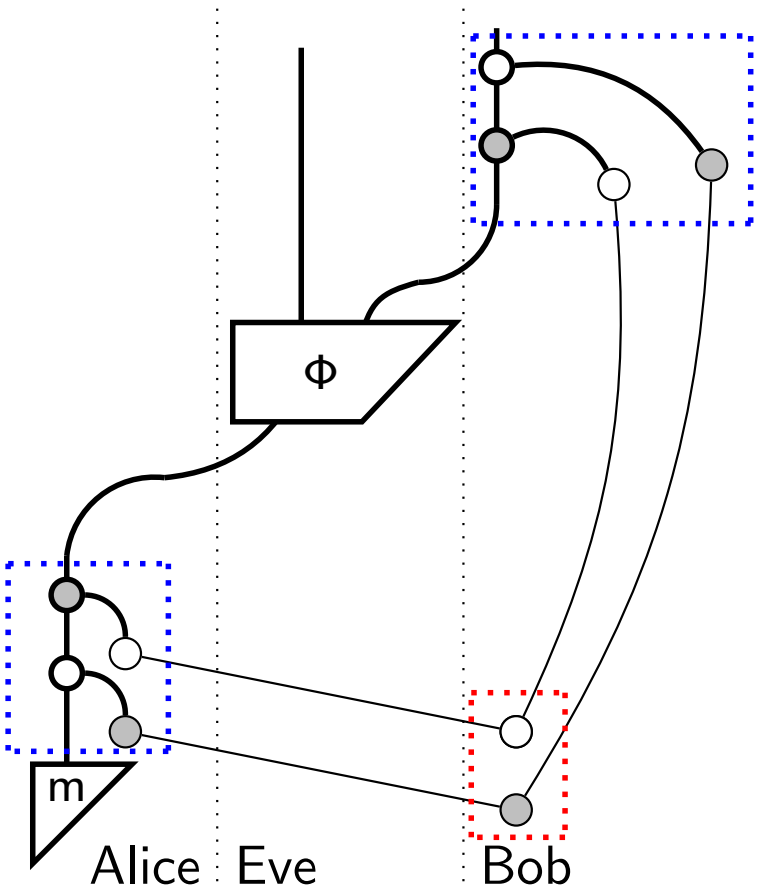

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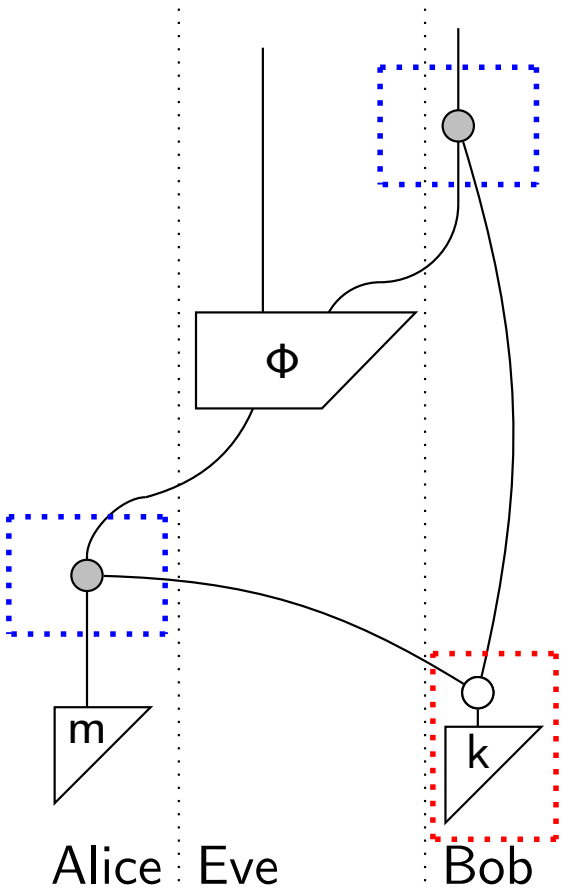

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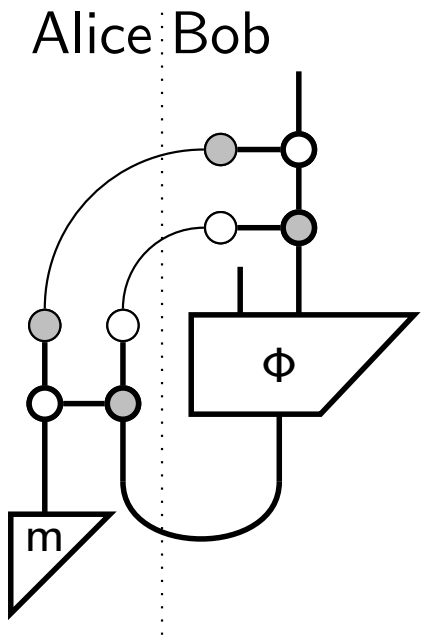

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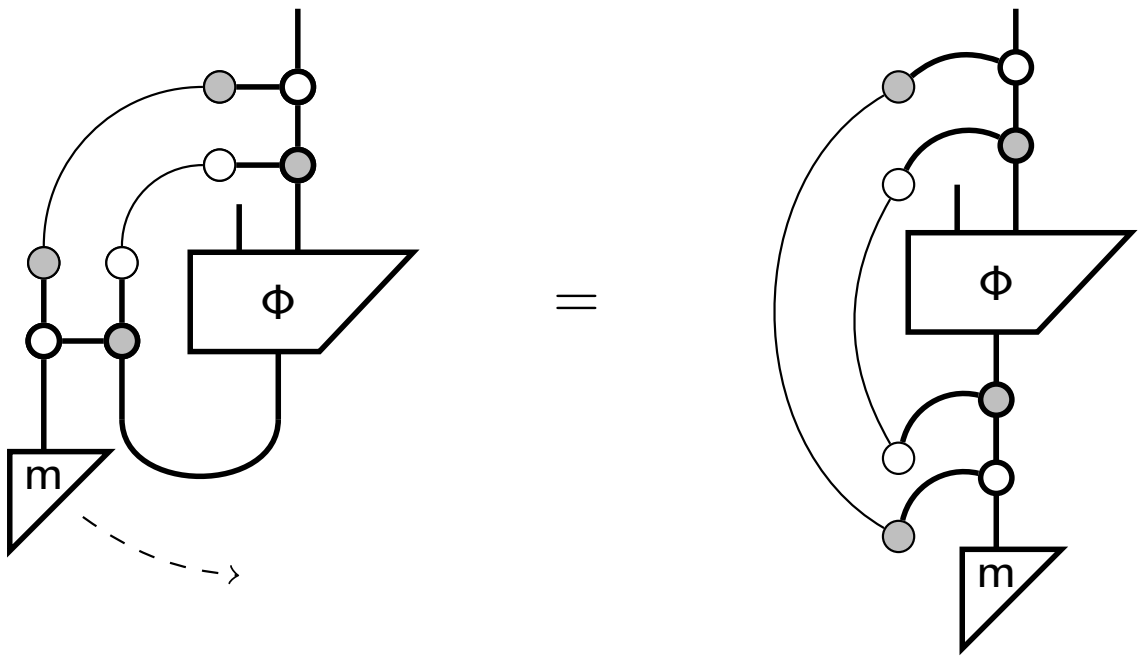

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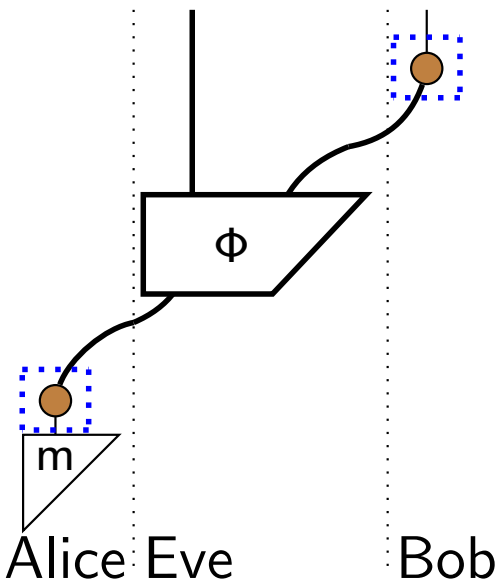

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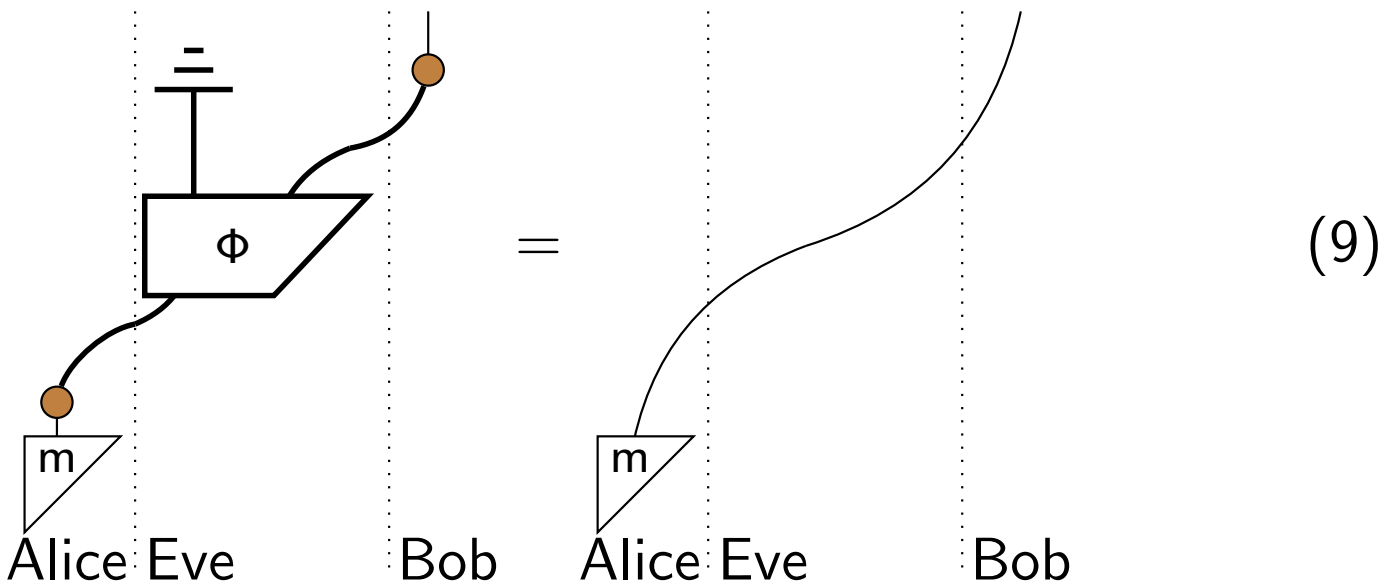
- Security proof for quantum key recycling in the noiseless case, the starting point:



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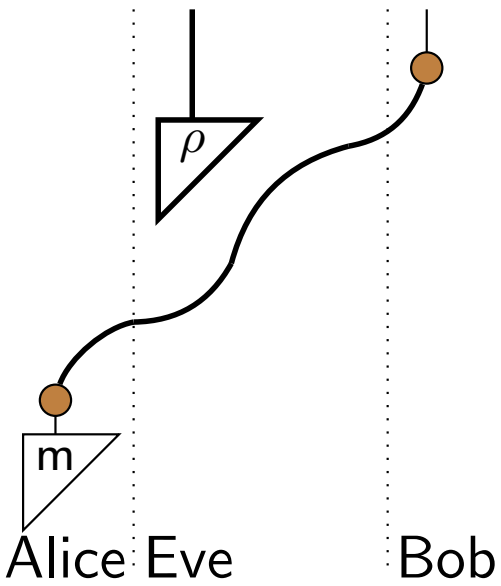
- With a lot of steps in between, the end result becomes:



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- In words: Eve's part of the diagram separates entirely from Alice and Bob's communication channel!

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- In future research it would be interesting to...
  - Develop a full security proof for Quantum Key Recycling with noise
  - Generally work out more protocols and equivalences in this notation

Questions?

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