

Development of Secure Chat Application Based Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)



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Background of QKD

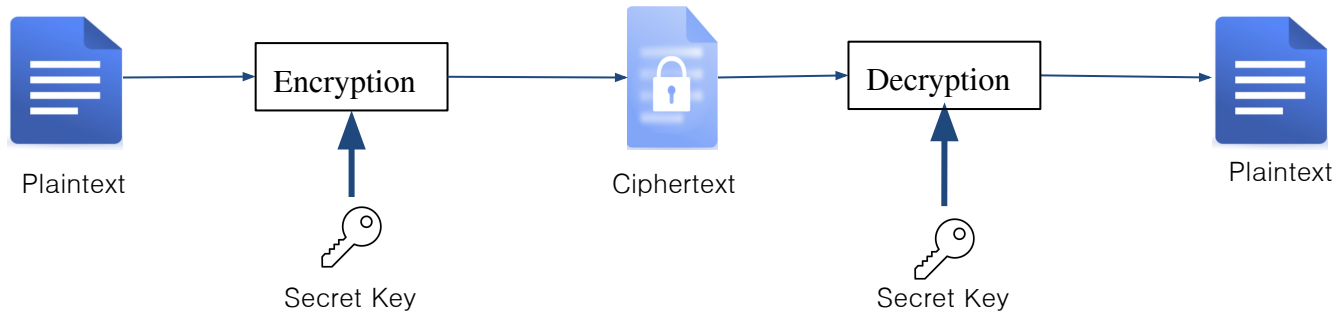
1.1 Security of the Internet

A lot of people use many applications (SNS, Video Streaming, Shopping and Banking) on the Internet

>> A high level of security against eavesdropping and surveillance by attackers is required.



1.2. Existing solution

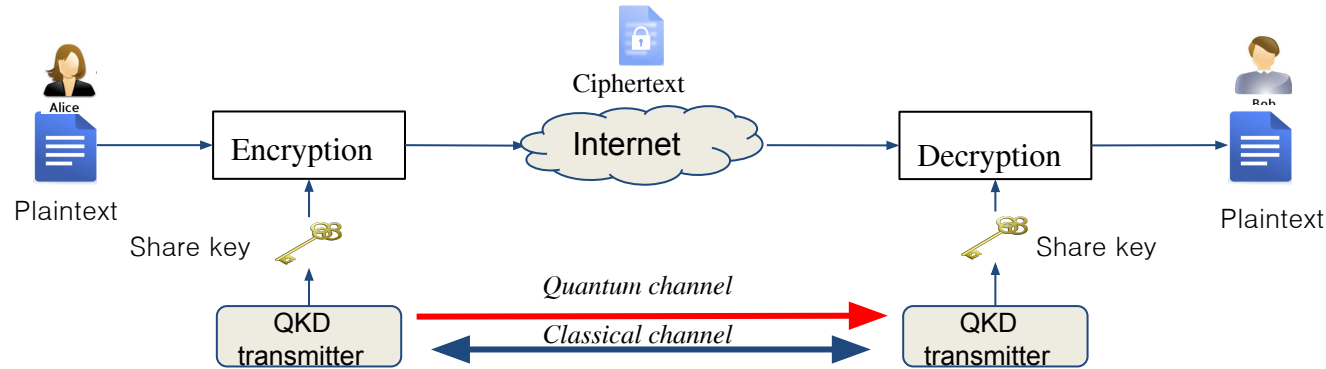


Symmetric Key Distribution is based on Public Key Cryptography(PKC)

However, PKC can be broken by *Quantum Computers* (with unusually fast processing speed)

➤ We should have a new Key Distribution System

1.3 Solution Quantum Key Distribution



- ❑ A secure communication method that implements a cryptographic protocol involving components of quantum mechanics.
- ❑ It enables two parties to produce the shared random secret key known only to them, which then used to encrypt and decrypt messages
- ❑ The ability of the legitimate two users to detect the presence of any third party trying to gain knowledge of the key.
- ❑ An example: ***BB84 protocol***

1.4 Our Focus: Secure Chat App Based QKD

We want to develop a secure chat application with QKD

Key point of Chat Application based QKD

1. Simulate quantum states

Tool that we use: Qiskit, a python library developed by IBM, used to develop chat apps using QKD.

- ❑ Generate Qubit (the basic unit information for quantum computing.)

2. Implement a secure chat application

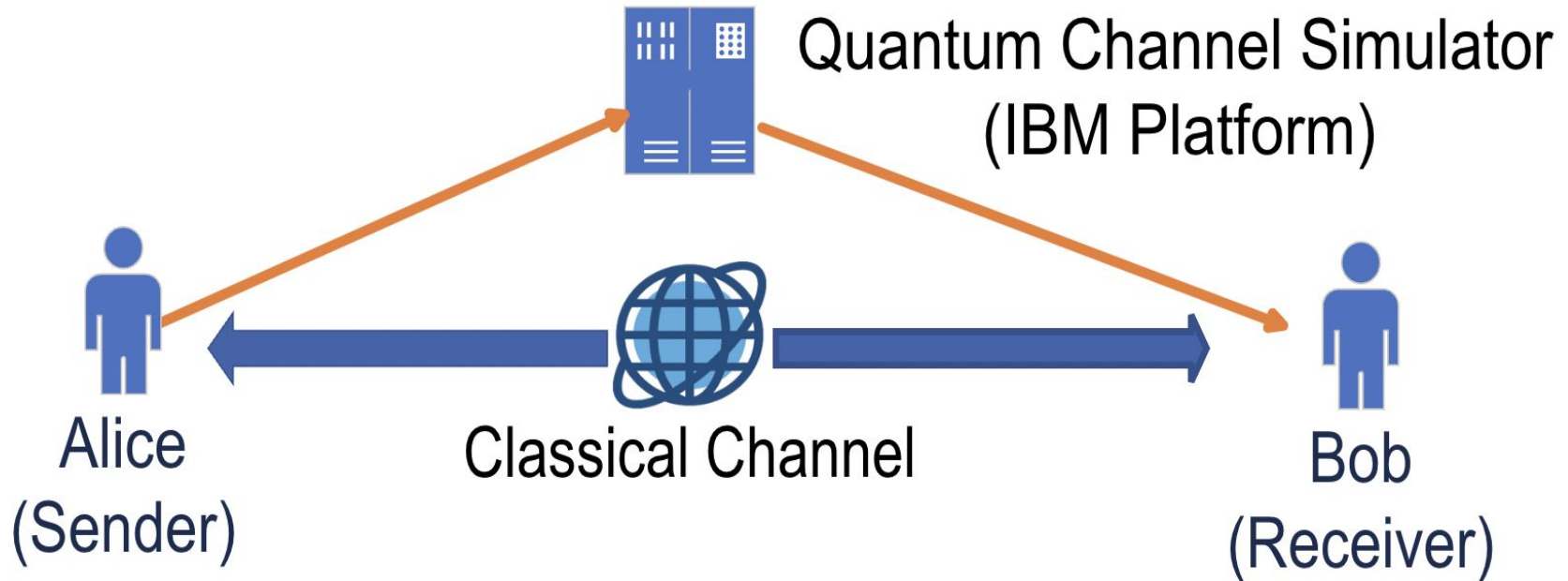
At the sender, encrypt the text using **one-time pad (OTP)** with the shared key

Decrypt the ciphertext at the receiver

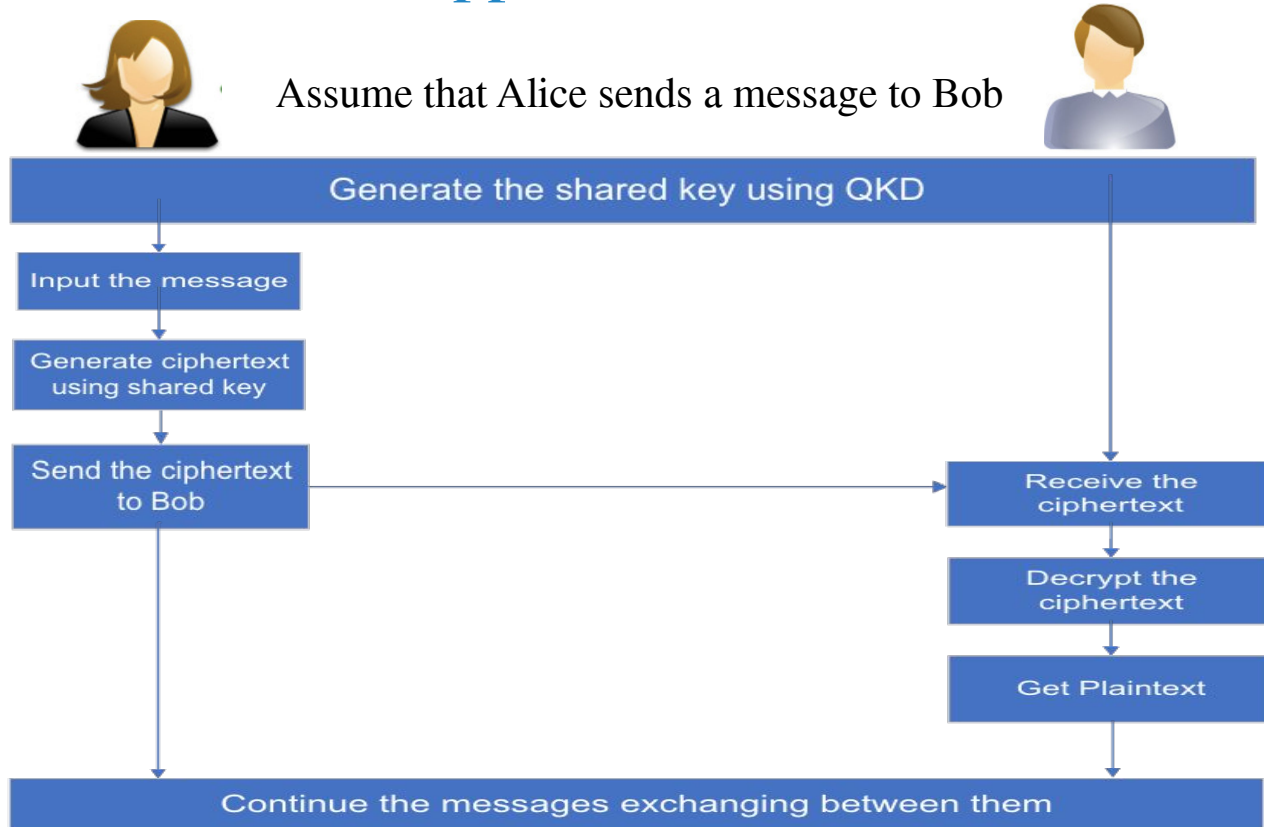
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System Description

2.1 QKD System model with IBM Platform



2.2 Flowchart of Chat Application



2.3 BB84 protocol



Alice

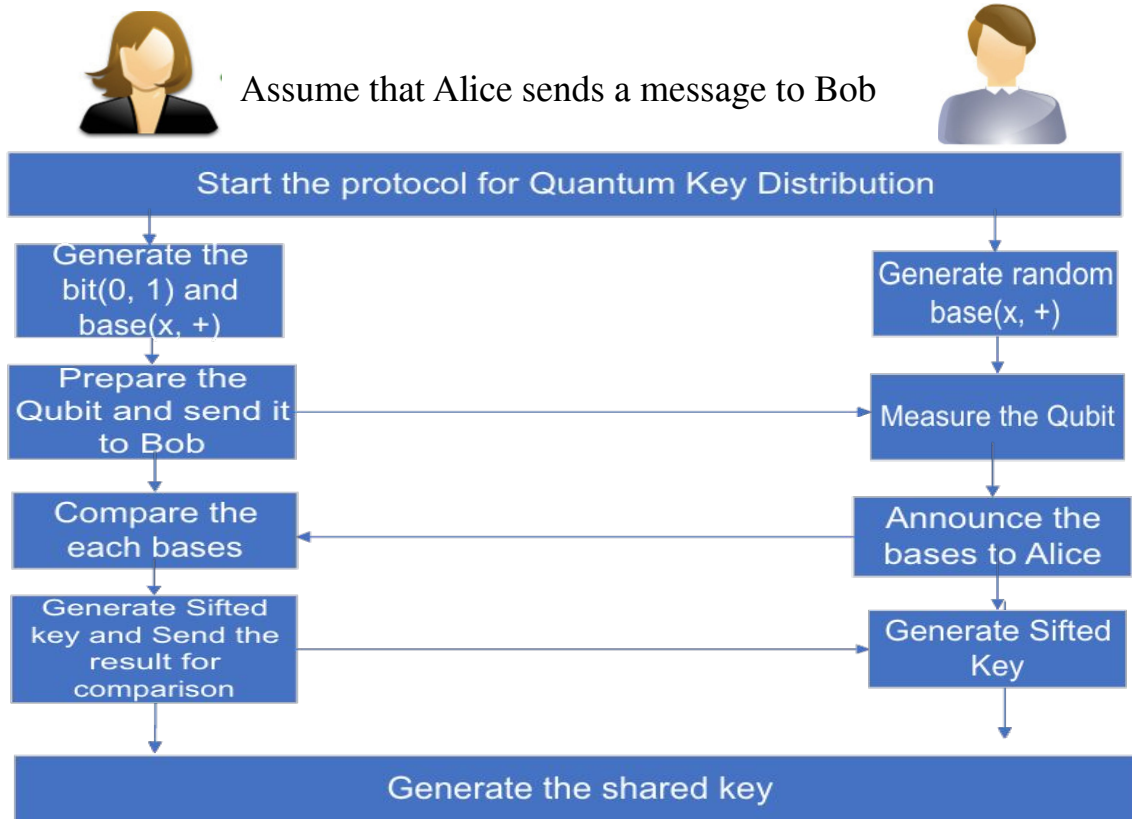
Bit	Base	Qubit State
0		
1		
0		
1		
0		
1		
0		



Bob

Base	State	outcome(bit)	sifted key
		0	0
		1	1
		0	<i>Bit is discarded</i>
		1	<i>Bit is discarded</i>
		0	<i>Bit is discarded</i>
		1	<i>Bit is discarded</i>
		0	0

2.4 Flowchart of QKD



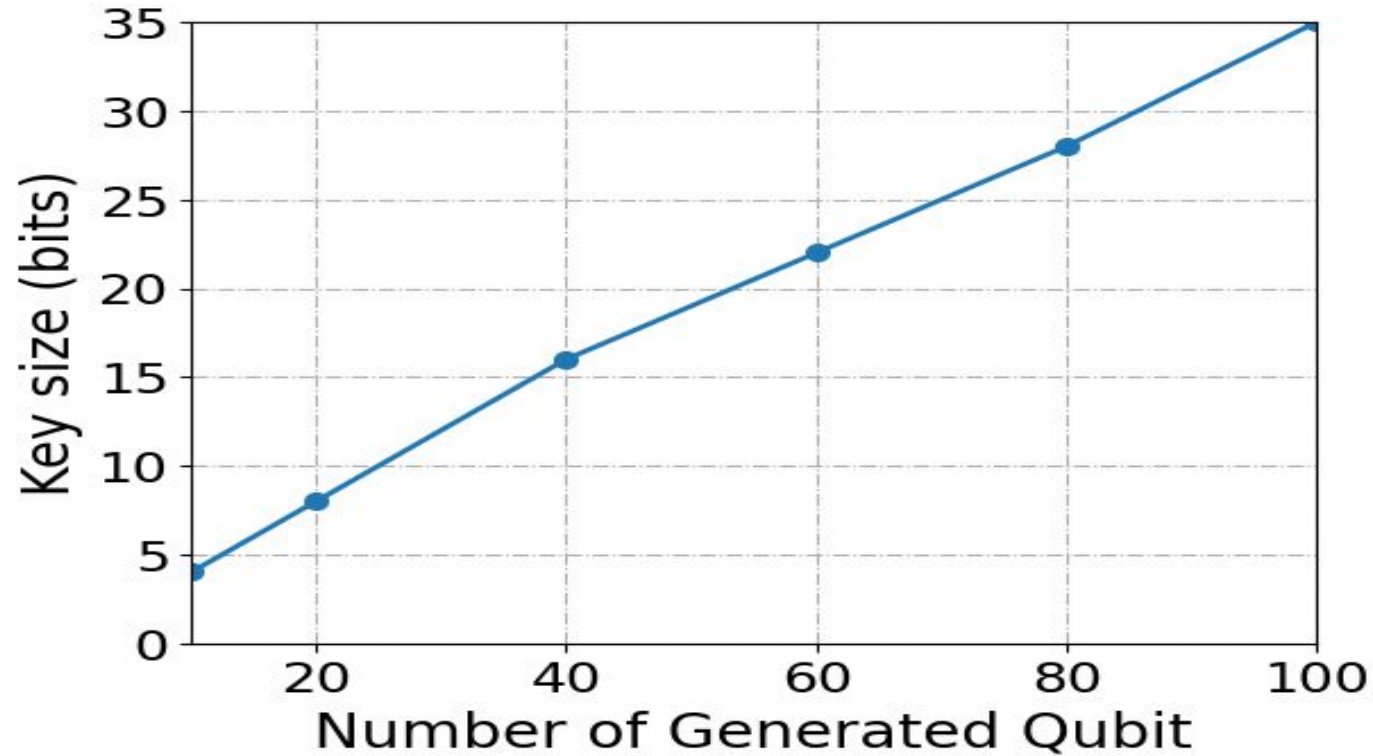
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Demonstration

Demonstration of the chat application



Number of Generated Qubit vs Key size (bits)



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