



Trade-off in Cryptosystems by Boolean and Quantum Circuits

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- We explore this topic using a "bijection" between (quantum) cryptosystems and circuit theory

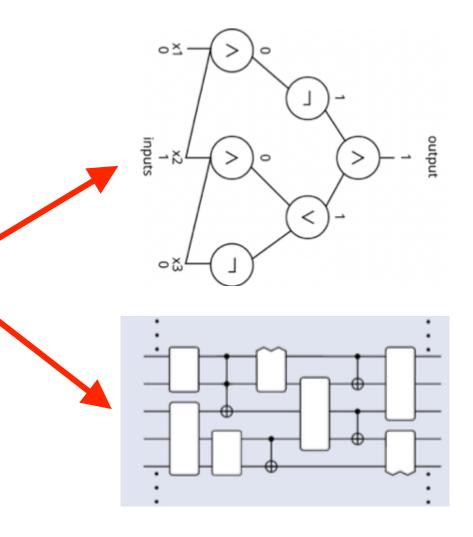








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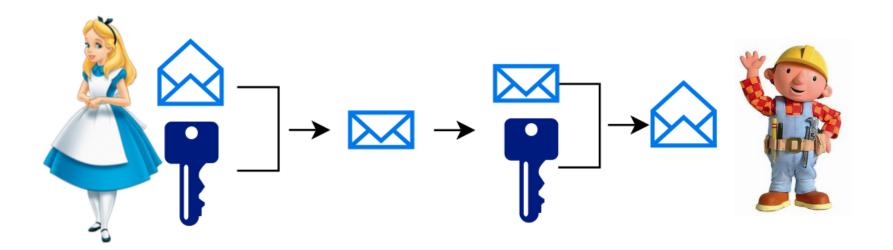


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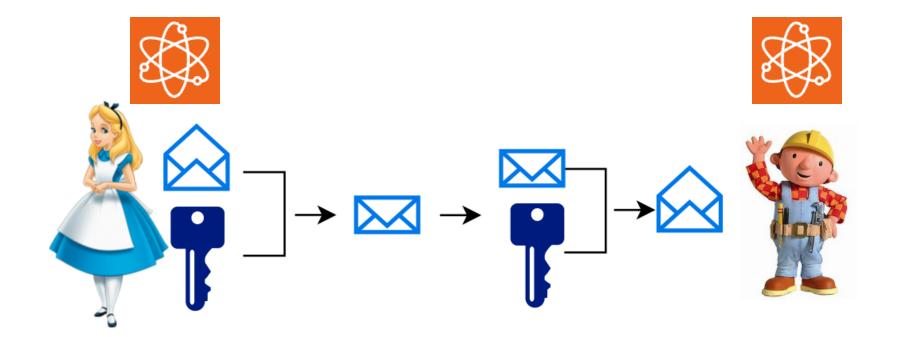


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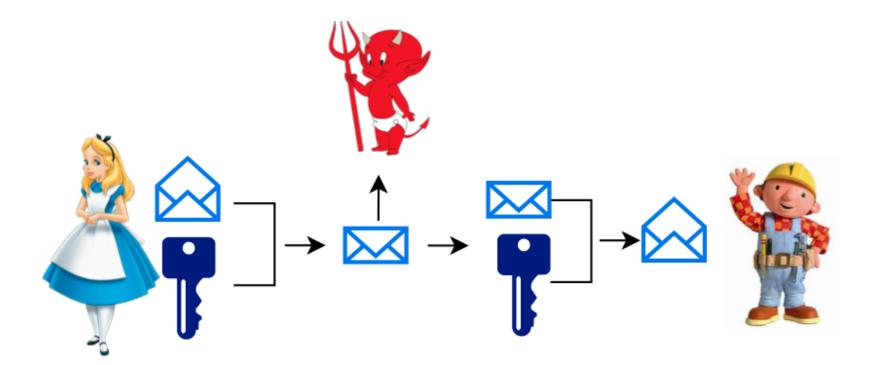


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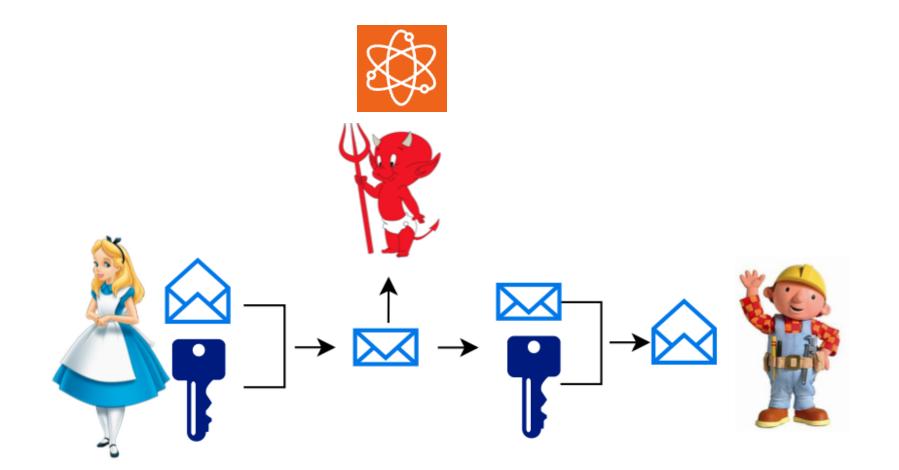








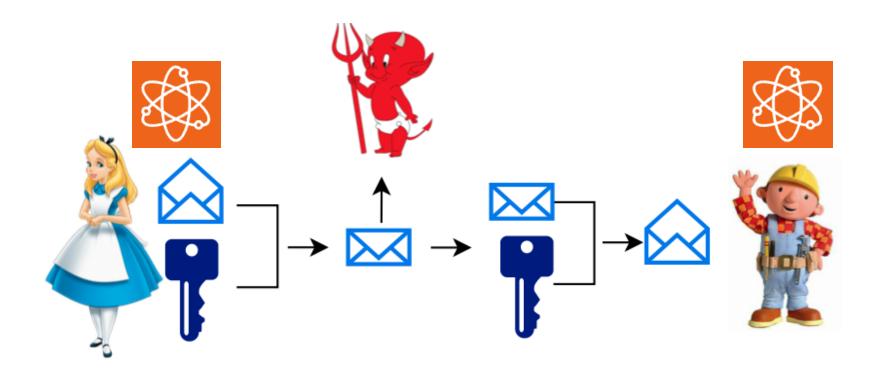










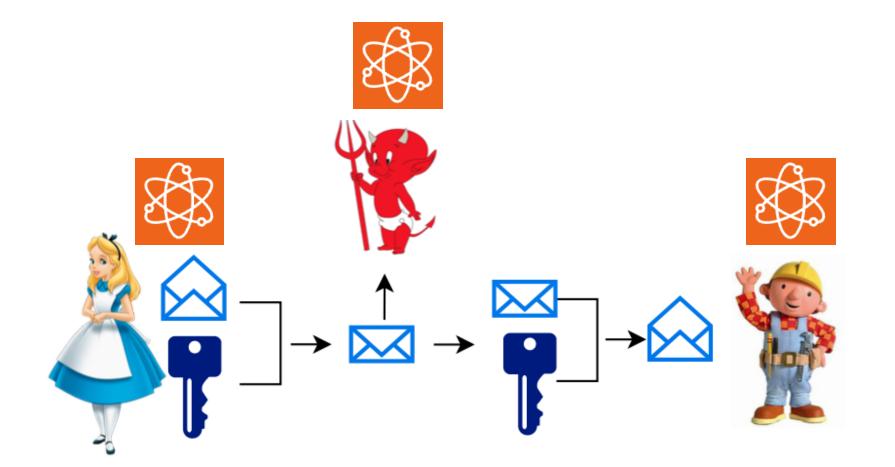




















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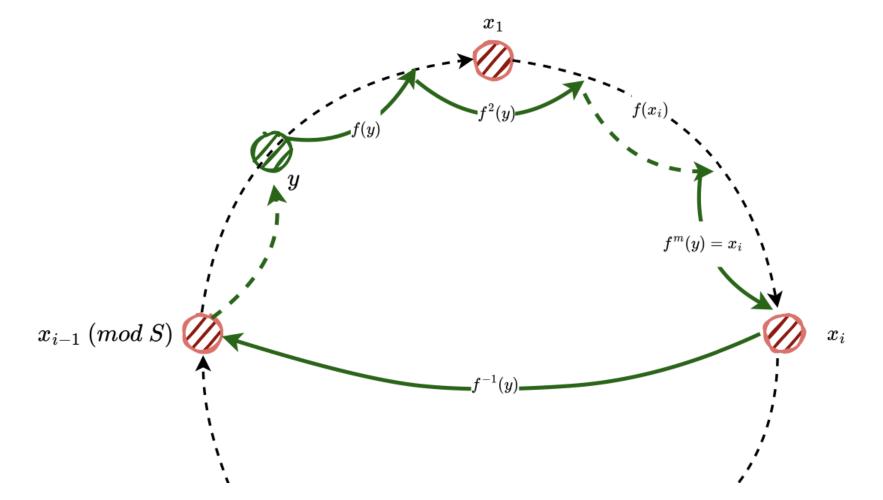


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- Security bounds for f generalize to encryption schemes.
- On the other hand, if an encryption scheme is based on f and an adversary is an oracle algorithm, looking at the hardness of f can yield useful information on the overall security.











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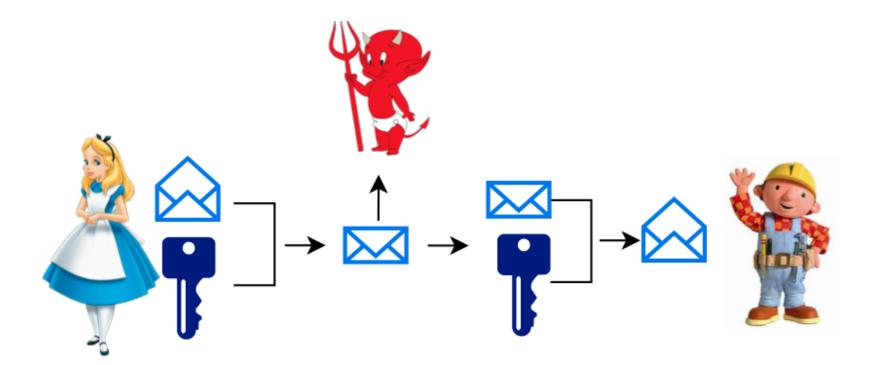


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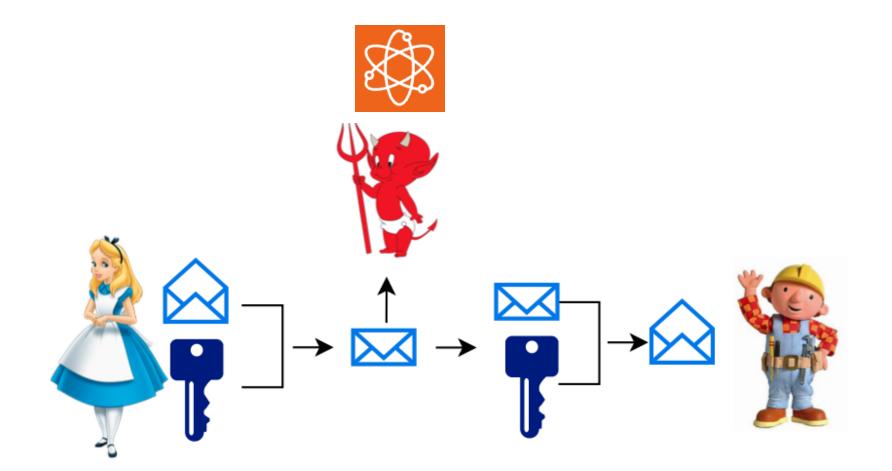








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- From Grover's algorithm we gain a quadratic speedup!



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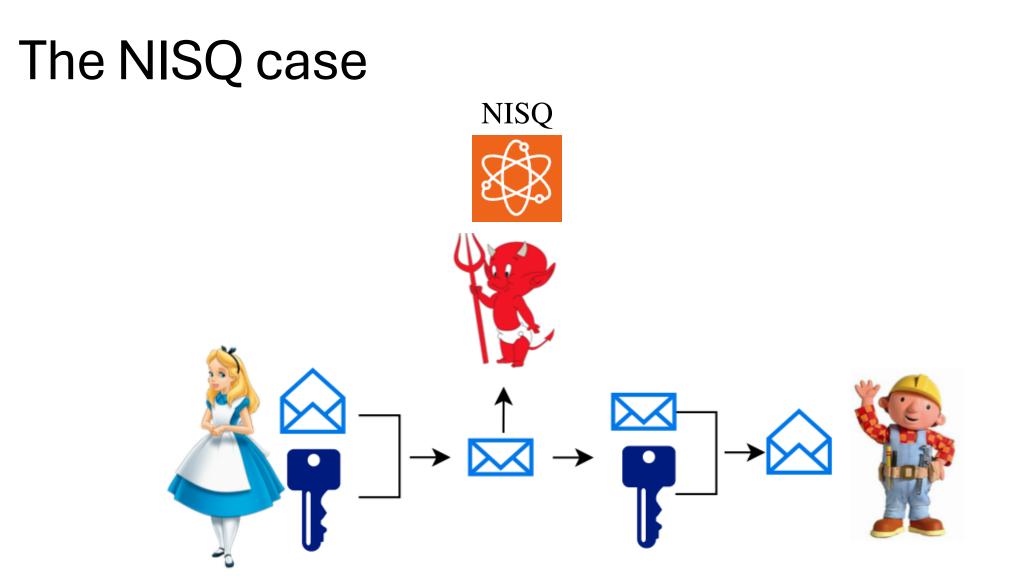


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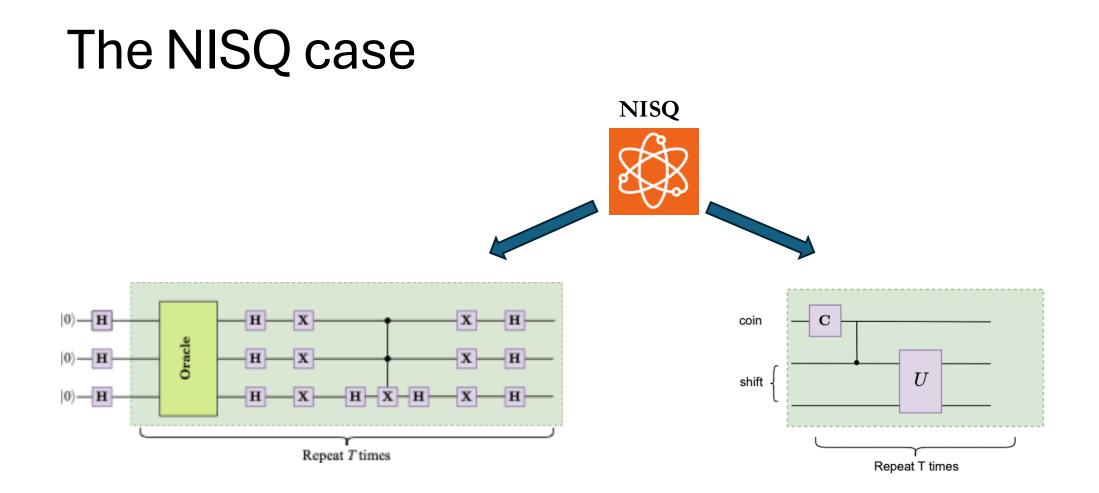


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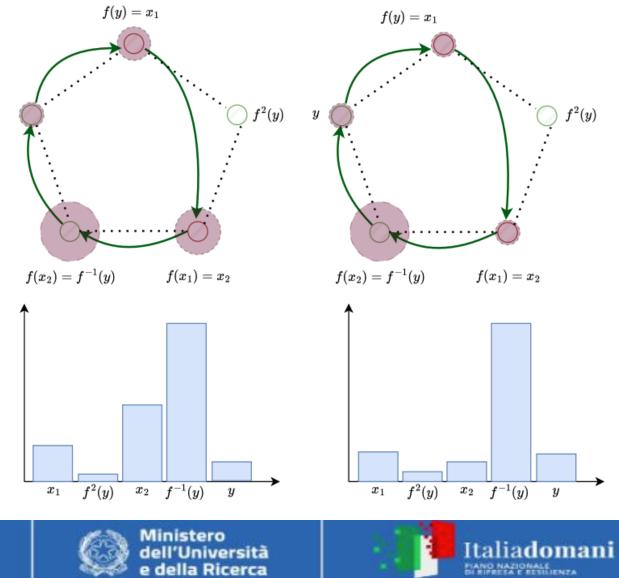
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- Similar, but worse, results occur with noisy Grover's algorithm, indicating that NISQ advice is unreliable, and classical methods are likely more advantageous









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- Our findings suggest that the inclusion of noisy quantum tools may compromise the security of cryptographic systems that rely on trapdoor permutations as a primitive or model for encryption, but this scenario is unlikely with current devices, as shown also by the experiments









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