

Quantum Cryptography

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Abstract— For ages, mathematicians have searched for a system that would allow two people to exchange messages in perfect privacy. Quantum cryptography wins to make data secure using fundamental physical principles such as Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and cloning theorem. Probably its best known application today is quantum key distribution, which allows two parties to protect their secret communication from prying eyes of an eavesdropper. Transport Layer Security (TLS) is designed to provide communication security over the internet. TLS uses X.509 certificates and hence asymmetric cryptography to authenticate the counterparty with whom they are communicating and to exchange a symmetric key. In this paper, I introduce a new approach to provide a secure connection between internet browsers and websites, allowing people to transmit private data online by integrating quantum cryptography in the TLS protocol. Quantum cryptography technologies both securely authenticate clients and servers and exchange trade secret symmetric keys and provide secure communication.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Cryptography is the art of the principles and methods of transforming an intelligible, and then retransforming that message back to its original form. Cryptography is an essential part of today's information systems. Quantum cryptography is a recent technique that can be used to ensure the confidentiality of information transmitted between two parties. Using laws of quantum mechanics such as Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and cloning theorem, quantum mechanics fundamentally change the way we must see our world. At atomic scales, elementary particles do not have precise location or speed as we would intuitively expect. According to Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, we can't measure position and angular momentum of a particle simultaneously. In quantum cryptography, both sender and receiver have polarizers. Using a light-emitting source, the sender sends a photon to the receiver. If both sender and receiver use the same polarizer, then we select that bit value as a one bit of the key.

Internet banking has a very important role in our day-to-day life. TLS (Transport Layer Protocol) or SSL (Secure Socket Layer) are based on public key cryptography. In the authentication process, a TLS/SSL client sends a message to a TLS/SSL server and the server responds with the information that the server needs to authenticate itself. The client

and server perform an additional exchange of session keys and authentication dialogues end. When authentication is complete, SSL communication can begin between the server and client using symmetric keys that established during the authentication process. In TLS, a session key is generated by using RSA. So instead of RSA, we can integrate quantum cryptography in TLS in order to increase the security.

II. QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY (BB84 PROTOCOL)

Using cryptography, we can keep private information from unauthorized access, ensuring data integrity and authentication and other tasks. There are various types of classical cryptography. In a Caesar cipher, each letter is replaced by a third letter. So it is easy to understand the eavesdropper can easily break the code. In classical cryptography, permutation and substitution techniques are used. So it is easy for eaves to break the code. There are two types of cryptographic algorithms: symmetric key and public key algorithm. In a symmetric key algorithm, one key is shared by both sender and receiver and used for both encryption and decryption. In an asymmetric key algorithm or public key algorithm, two keys are used. One is a public key, used in public, and the other is a private key, known only to the individual user.

In quantum cryptography, there are two channels: optical channel and public channel. The optical channel is used for transferring photons between sender and receiver. Public channels are used for discussing about which polarizer is used by both sender and receiver. In quantum cryptography, it ensures secure communication between two parties across an optical network. Both sender and receiver have two polarizers: a light-emitting source, a vertical polarizer, and a diagonal polarizer. At the sender side, light emitted from the light-emitting source will pass through one of the polarizers, either through the vertical polarizer or through the diagonal polarizer across the optical network. Light waves are propagated as discrete quanta called photons. They are massless and have energy, momentum, and angular momentum called spins. Spin carries the polarization. A photon may or may not pass through the polarizer using a detector to check whether the photon is polarized or not. At the receiver side, also having a polarizer, it polarizes the photon. If the sender and receiver use the same polarizer, then a match occurred and that bit value becomes one of the bits of the key.

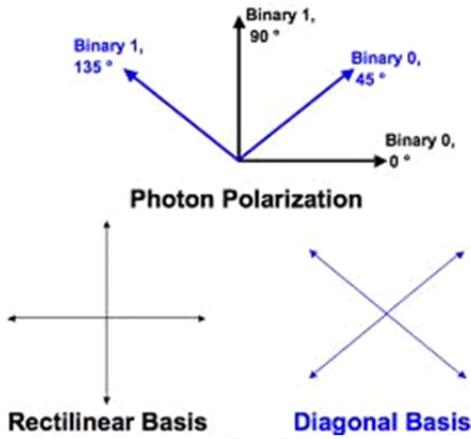


Fig.1 Polarizers

There are two polarizer, vertical polarizer and horizontal polarizer. In vertical polarizer photon movement is in 90° then bit value become 1 and photon movement is in 0° , then bit value will be 0. In case of diagonal polarizer photon movement is in 45° bit value will be 1 and if photon movement is in 135° bit value becomes 0

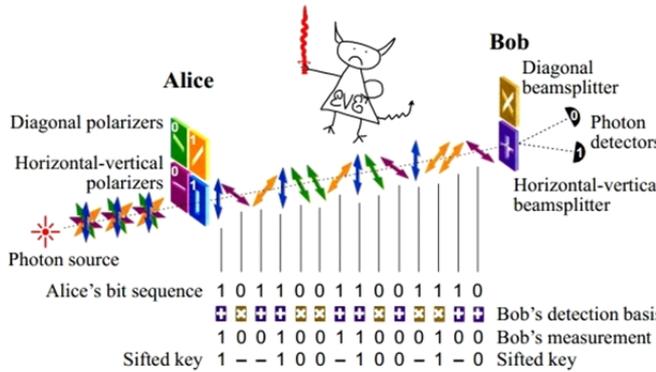


Fig.2 Example of quantum key distribution

Figure 2 shows an example of quantum key distribution. Alice (sender) side light from light emitting source passed through the vertical polarizer and its direction in vertical, so it having bit value 1. Second photon passed through vertical polarizer and its direction is in horizontal, so it having bit value 0. Third photon passed through diagonal polarizer and the photon movement in 45° . So bit value becomes 1. Fifth photon passed through the diagonal polarizer and photon movement in 135° , so that the bit value becomes 0. At the same time the receiver side will use the polarizer for each photon, what sender send. In case of first photon, receiver use vertical polarizer and photon movement in 90° direction, so match occurred and that bit is selected for the key. In case of second photon receiver use the diagonal polarizer and sender use the vertical polarizer, so no match found and discard that bit. Sender and receiver using the same polarizer and bit value is taken for one of the key.

III. INTEGRATING QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY IN TLS PROTOCOL

TLS protocol developed by Netscape and its used for web security. Transport layer protocol provides secure communication between two communicating entities. TLS

protocol provide data encryption and authentication between application and sever in scenarios, where that data is being sent across an insecure network. TLS having Record, protocol, Handshake protocol, Change spec protocol, Alert protocol and Application protocol.

Record protocol will fragment the upper layer message into block and applies MAC, encrypt & transmit the result. Handshake protocol allow sever and client to authenticate each. In change cipher protocol, when byte becomes 1 means pending state to be copied into the current state. Alert protocol will produce error message.

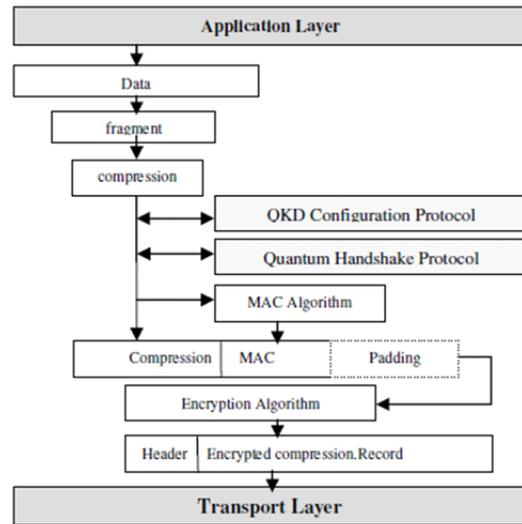


Fig.3 QKD-TLS in operation mode

In order to integrate QKD in TLS protocol we need optical channel, optical medium, QKD protocol. Transmission of photon occurs through optical fiber or free space. Optical fiber reduces noises than free air. Optical medium having photon detector, polarizer and photon emitter. To generate a key, it is necessary to implement a protocol of QKD between the two optical modems. The key once generated, it is stored in a flash memory in order to be used in the phase of enciphering data.

IV. QKD CONFIGURATION PROTOCOL

QKD configuration protocol having message format which includes Type, that specifies type of quantum cryptography protocol is used. ie, protocol is based on Heisenberg uncertainty principle or Bells theorem. Protocol field specifies the quantum key protocol used. Version specifies the current version of the protocol used. Length field specifies length of the key and TTL field is help to generate a new key, when time is expired or maximum of message is reached.

Type	Protocol	Version
Length		
Key-Length		
TTL	T	Authentication
Encoding		
Content		

Fig.4 message format of QKD configuration protocol

V. QUANTUM TLS HANDSHAKE PROTOCOL

In QKD-TLS Protocol, we have added certain changes in the TLS Handshake Protocol. Our main goal is to generate security parameters by the mechanism of QKD and to remove all structure based on PKI. Firstly, we suppose the client and the server share a secret noted S. Secondly, we have replaced in TLS Handshake Protocol the procedure of classical process of key exchange (such RSA or Di_e-Hellman) by the mechanism of QKD using the BB84 protocol. We give the modified TLS Handshake Protocol the new name of Quantum TLS Handshake Protocol. As BB84 is vulnerable to a man in the middle attack, we verify if an eavesdropper is detected once the execution of BB84 protocol is finished, by calculating the TLS finished in both sides of the client and the server. This is done by using the shared secret S and the key K derived from the BB84 Protocol. During the Quantum TLS Handshake Protocol and when the server receives the ClientHello, it sends to the client a series of polarized photons. The number of photons to be transmitted depends on the length of the desired key, the error correction algorithm and the privacy amplification algorithm used.

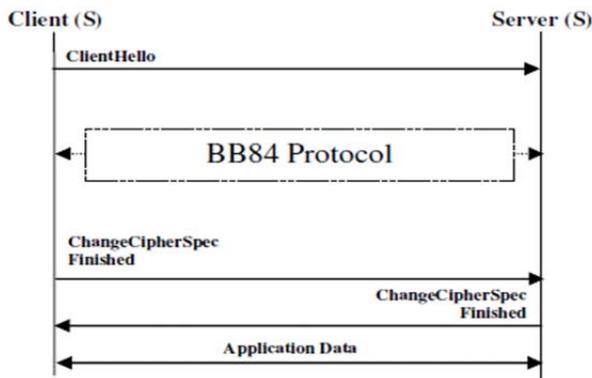


Fig.5 messages exchanged in quantum TLS handshake protocol

VI. QKD-IN INTERNET BANKING

The Internet is an integral part of our daily lives, and the proportion of people who expect to be able to manage their bank accounts anywhere, anytime is constantly growing. As such, Internet banking has come of age as a crucial component of any financial institutions multichannel strategy. Information about financial institutions, their customers, and their transactions is, by necessity, extremely sensitive; thus, doing such business via a public network introduces new challenges for security and trustworthiness. Any Internet banking system must solve the issues of authentication, confidentiality, integrity, and non repudiation, which means it must ensure that only qualified people can access an Internet banking account, that the information viewed remains private and can't be modified by third parties, and that any transactions made are traceable and verifiable. For confidentiality and integrity, Secure Sockets Layer/Transport Layer Security (SSL/TLS) is the de facto Internet banking standard, whereas for authentication and non repudiation, no single scheme has become predominant yet.

Online channel-breaking attacks, intruder is trying to get the users credentials, the intruder unnoticeably intercepts messages between the client PC and the banking server by masquerading as the server to the client and vice versa. Although the server is normally authenticated via a public-key certificate when a SSL/TLS session is established, users sometimes naively ignore messages about invalid or untrusted certificates or, even worse, are fooled to trust online generated fake server certificates from a nested intruder certification authority (CA). As a result, an intruder could hijack the authenticated banking session or silently manipulate transaction data in internet banking. Authentication based on a hardware-token public key infrastructure (PKI) also avoids the risk of online credential-stealing attacks against insufficiently secured PCs. Specifically, these schemes effectively cross the online channel-breaking-attack boundary independently of user behavior via a SSL/TLS channel-parameter-dependent challenge. PKI uses asymmetric cryptographic algorithms such as Rivest Shamir Adleman (RSA) or Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC).

Initially, the bank fits each user with a pair of matching private and public keys for which some trusted authority issues a matching digital certificate. The certificate attests that the username is associated with the given public key and that the user holds the corresponding private key. The private key and certificate then establish a mutually authenticated SSL/TLS channel between the user's PC and the bank's server, effectively eliminating online channel breaking attacks. The only critical issue is the protection of the user's private key against malicious software, so we generate security parameter by the mechanism of QKD and to remove all structure based on PKI. Suppose the client and server share a secret key S, then we have replaced in TLS Handshake protocol the procedure of classical process of key exchange by Quantum Cryptography mechanism of QKD using BB84 protocol. During quantum TLS handshake protocol and when server receives the clienthello, it sends to the client series of polarized photons. The number of photons to be transmitted depends on the length of the desired key. By using QKD, we tend to achieve unconditional security because QKD is proven scientifically to be unconditional secure.

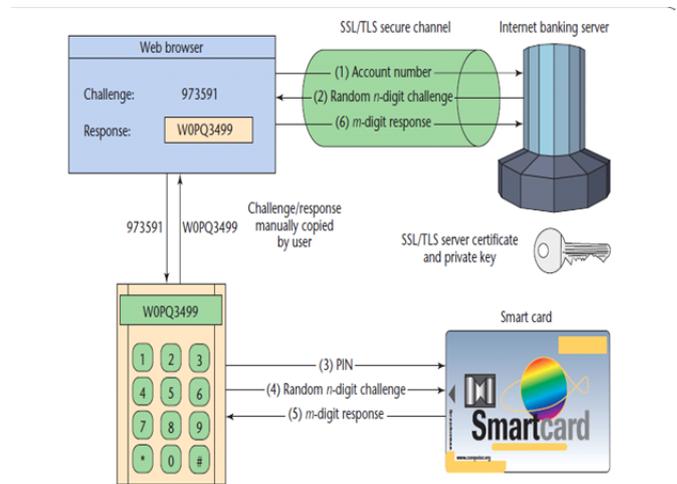


Fig. 6 Internet banking scenario

VII.CONCLUSION

Quantum cryptography ensure secure communication by providing security based on the fundamental law of physics,instead of the current state of mathematical algorithms or computing technology.unlike classical encryption algorithm quantum cryptography does not depend factoring large integers into primes but on the fundamental principles of quantum physics.Quantum cryptography is more secure,because an intruder is not able to replicate the photon to recreate the key.

Integrating QKD in TLS protocol will ensure financial transaction.instead of using RSA,in TLS protocol .We can use QC securely exchange the secret data and avoid an attack of intruder

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