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Quantum-Inspired Algorithms for Secure Communications under Extreme Solar Phenomena

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we delve into the pressing need for robust, secure communications under the severe conditions posed by extreme space-weather events, notably solar flares and coronal mass ejections. Such phenomena can dramatically compromise terrestrial and satellite-based links through electromagnetic interference, sudden ionospheric changes, and partial hardware failures. Traditional cryptographic and error-correction schemes often focus on algorithmic security or moderate noise environments but do not comprehensively address the potential for intense, transient disruptions capable of overwhelming standard channel models. Our approach leverages *quantum-inspired* algorithms-mathematically grounded techniques inspired by quantum principles yet implementable on classical hardware-to achieve a dual objective: maintaining high levels of cryptographic security while tolerating sporadic but substantial spikes in noise.

Unlike fully quantum cryptography (e.g., Quantum Key Distribution), our method does not require specialized quantum hardware or entangled photons; instead, it uses quantum-inspired primitives such as amplitude amplification to enhance key-generation randomness and advanced error-correction paradigms drawn from quantum code theory (e.g., CSS codes, stabilizer formalisms). By selectively porting these ideas into a classical setting, we enable communication systems to detect, correct, or mitigate high-noise bursts that arise during solar flares, all while preserving the operational simplicity of conventional digital hardware. In essence, we borrow the powerful abstraction of quantum algorithms-where a search space is amplified toward “good” solutions-to feed robust session keys into encryption layers. Similarly, we adapt quantum error-correction logic, which is designed to address qubit errors, to handle correlated error bursts reminiscent of cosmic radiation events.

We present a concrete theoretical framework: the communication channel is modeled with time-varying noise levels, parameterized by radiation intensities that reflect solar activity. Each transmitted block undergoes a quantum-inspired encoding step: first, ephemeral keys are generated through a partial amplitude amplification process that picks random prime numbers or polynomial coefficients with reduced computational overhead, thereby expanding the classical key space effectively. Second, the data are encoded via a specialized coding layer that mimics quantum stabilizer checks. While we do not literally implement qubits, the logic for cross-checking parity constraints can systematically detect multi-bit flips or bursts that would otherwise slip through linear block codes. Our analysis provides upper bounds on the bit-error rate, factoring in the probability distribution of noise bursts, as well as adversarial strategies that exploit chaos during solar events to launch eavesdropping or injection attacks.

To underscore the practicality of this framework, we have developed a Python prototype that simulates both benign and adverse conditions on a time-slotted channel. During normal operations, the overhead remains comparable to standard cryptosystems, and the code injection is modest. However, when confronted with simulated solar flares featuring intensities multiple standard deviations above baseline, the quantum-inspired approach drastically outperforms classical methods in terms of both error correction and the maintenance of encryption keys that remain secret. We measure key freshness and channel capacity, illustrating how

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amplitude amplification yields ephemeral keys resistant to forced collisions or partial knowledge gleaned by an attacker.

In the security dimension, the ephemeral keys derived via amplitude amplification can be shown to possess high entropy even when the system is limited to classical random oracles. The presence of correlated noise does not reduce the cryptographic strength; in some cases, the additional randomness introduced by chaotic solar disruptions can be harvested to bolster unpredictability. Meanwhile, from a reliability standpoint, the quantum-inspired codes detect and correct high-magnitude burst errors with a success rate that standard block codes (Reed-Solomon, LDPC) find challenging. Our theoretical results map the solar-induced burst length onto the code distance, concluding that as long as the magnitude and frequency of flares remain within a certain range, successful reconstruction is guaranteed with overwhelming probability.

Crucially, this paper does not claim to supplant ongoing post-quantum cryptography research; instead, it situates quantum-inspired methods within a broader, adversarially aware context. Our approach might coexist with lattice-based or code-based post-quantum schemes, further enhancing resilience. The synergy lies in layering quantum-inspired error-correction over existing post-quantum cryptosystems, yielding a multi-faceted defense: computational intractability plus high tolerance for extreme environmental interference.

To guide practitioners, we also provide detailed performance benchmarks that compare baseline classical encryption/coding combos to our quantum-inspired alternative. These experiments cover standard channel noise models, plus our own augmented solar flare simulator featuring random bursts of intensities that follow an empirically derived heavy-tailed distribution. The results confirm that for intense but intermittent disruptions, quantum-inspired coding can help maintain continuous uptime and message integrity, crucial for mission-critical or emergency-response scenarios relying on satellite or long-range HF links.

Overall, the contributions of this work are threefold: (1) bridging the gap between quantum algorithmic insights and classical hardware implementations, (2) demonstrating that solar flares need not be a catastrophic vulnerability if coded properly, and (3) offering an openly available reference prototype in Python for both cryptographic and channel-coding layers. By integrating these elements, we aim to propel secure communications research toward a new frontier-one that does not just react to mild Gaussian noise but anticipates the disruptive extremes unleashed by our sun's energetic outbursts.

INTRODUCTION

Communications systems underpin every facet of modern infrastructure, from internet backbones and satellite relays to high-frequency (HF) radio used in remote or maritime contexts. While typical design accounts for moderate noise, atmospheric disturbances, or malicious eavesdropping, one category of disruption remains gravely underexplored in mainstream cryptographic and network engineering: *extreme space-weather events*, most notably solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs). These phenomena can inject sudden and overwhelming noise into communication channels, trigger unpredictable ionospheric changes, and even damage hardware through radiation surges. As our reliance on long-range satellite or HF links grows-whether for military, humanitarian, or commercial ventures-so too does the urgency of developing protocols that remain both secure and operational despite these dramatic cosmic intrusions.

Solar flares, in particular, can produce bursts of electromagnetic radiation spanning the entire spectrum, from radio to X-ray. In practical terms, this means a satellite link that is nominally stable might experience abrupt, orders-of-magnitude increases in bit errors, or even short downtime windows. Similarly, geomagnetic storms induced by CMEs can disrupt ground-based infrastructure, saturating or knocking out critical elements like fiber amplifiers or base stations. Existing solutions often revolve around standard error-correction codes (e.g., Reed-Solomon, LDPC) combined with robust cryptography (e.g., AES, RSA). But these typical building blocks may be insufficient against the correlated, intense noise bursts that characterize solar flares, leading to spikes in packet loss, ephemeral key compromise, or failure to complete cryptographic handshakes.

In this context, the emergence of *quantum-inspired* concepts offers a potentially transformative approach. While fully-fledged quantum cryptography depends on physical qubits and entanglement, quantum-inspired techniques focus on adapting quantum algorithmic insights-such as amplitude amplification, quantum error-correction codes, or phase estimation-to purely classical systems. The aim is to reap partial quantum advantages (e.g., improved randomness extraction, better handling of bursty noise) without requiring a full quantum computing apparatus. For instance, amplitude amplification can be emulated by classical algorithms that systematically prune large search spaces to find prime numbers or polynomial coefficients for encryption keys with near-$\sqrt{N}$ efficiency improvements over naive random search. Meanwhile, quantum error-correction principles, such as the CSS code structure or stabilizer checks, can be adapted to classical bits, where they excel at diagnosing multi-bit errors reminiscent of cosmic-ray–induced disruptions.

Accordingly, our work contributes to four key domains:

1. **Quantum-Inspired Secure Key Generation**: We propose a scheme that harnesses amplitude amplification to generate ephemeral session keys more reliably. The method produces high-entropy keys, even under partial hardware failures or sensor noise, ensuring that an attacker cannot easily guess or subvert the key derivation process.
2. **Solar-Flare-Tolerant Error-Correction**: Adapting the structural logic of quantum codes (specifically the CSS formalism), we design a coding layer that identifies burst errors across multiple contiguous bits, an area where classical codes sometimes struggle. By introducing parity-check relationships akin to stabilizers, we detect correlated errors that might arise during a solar flare's peak.
3. **Theoretical Bounds and Reliability Guarantees**: We back these designs with a mathematical analysis that quantifies the probability of successful transmission across a channel subject to a time-varying noise parameter, β, which models flare intensity. Our results indicate that so long as β remains below certain critical thresholds-even if temporarily spiking-the quantum-inspired code can correct or detect nearly all anomalous bits. Moreover, the amplitude amplification–based key generation process remains cryptographically secure under mild assumptions about classical randomness or hardware noise.
4. **Open-Source Prototype and Benchmarking**: To bridge theory and practice, we developed a reference Python implementation that couples the ephemeral key generator with an integrated coding layer. Our experiments compare the resulting system against baseline classical encryption (AES/RSA) plus standard error-correction (Reed-Solomon, LDPC) under both normal and flare-augmented noise distributions. We measure data throughput, bit-error rates, and final security metrics, confirming that quantum-inspired methods lead to superior resilience with modest computational overhead.

This effort is not intended to replace well-established cryptographic or error-correcting methods but rather to complement them. Many organizations require synergy between robust cryptography and advanced physical-layer strategies, especially in contexts with extreme environmental risk. By layering quantum-inspired coding atop standard block ciphers, one gains multi-faceted protection: resistance to short, intense disruptions as well as computational intractability. Additionally, our approach coexists naturally with emergent post-quantum cryptography, offering an extra dimension of resilience to guarantee that even in a future dominated by quantum computing and unpredictable solar outbursts, critical communications remain intact.

The rest of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2 provides background on solar phenomena, detailing how flares and CMEs degrade classical channels. Section 3 explains the fundamentals of quantum-inspired algorithms, distinguishing them from fully quantum solutions and highlighting how amplitude amplification and quantum error-correction can be mapped to classical bits. Section 4 formalizes the problem of secure communication under fluctuating noise intensities, establishing the performance metrics and adversarial models. Section 5 presents our proposed framework in depth, with amplitude amplification for ephemeral key generation and a stabilizer-like coding scheme for robust data blocks. Section 6 delves into a Python-based simulation, enumerating code snippets and describing the flaring noise model. We then present results and analyses in Section 7, including real-time throughput, error-rate benchmarks, and security evaluations. Finally, Section 8 discusses scaling, synergy with other cryptographic approaches, and limitations, while Section 9 concludes with insights on future directions, from multi-agent distributed coding to in situ tests on hardware susceptible to cosmic radiation.

Overall, by uniting advanced cryptographic thinking with quantum-inspired coding logic, we aim to push the envelope of secure communications, ensuring that the radiant fury of our sun need not cripple the information arteries of modern civilization.

Background and Related Work

Solar Phenomena and Communications

Solar flares and their associated phenomena, such as coronal mass ejections (CMEs) and geomagnetic storms, introduce a highly dynamic noise environment that can severely degrade both terrestrial and satellite-based communication links.

From a physics perspective, solar flares release massive amounts of electromagnetic radiation, spanning from radio waves to X-rays, thereby inducing fluctuations in the Earth's ionosphere. These fluctuations cause phase and amplitude distortion in transionospheric signals, such as those used by global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) and high-frequency (HF) communications. Meanwhile, CMEs inject large volumes of charged particles into the magnetosphere, occasionally generating intense current systems that disrupt long-haul cables and power grids.

On the atmospheric level, sudden ionospheric disturbances (SIDs) manifest as abrupt changes in electron density, which degrade signal quality via enhanced scattering or absorption. For instance, ground-based HF channels may encounter a drastic rise in the bit error rate (BER), or even total blackout if the skip zones shift unpredictably. In satellite communications, energetic charged particles can bombard onboard electronics, leading to single-event upsets (SEUs) at the hardware level-particularly in memory cells. Such SEUs can flip bits in critical registers or counters, thereby corrupting data or control signals in ways that standard forward error correction (FEC) might fail to correct.

Historically, robust protocols like Reed-Solomon and convolutional codes have mitigated moderate noise or fading conditions by adding parity symbols for detecting and correcting a limited number of errors per block. Modern LDPC (low-density parity-check) codes push this further, achieving near-Shannon-limit performance on typical additive white Gaussian noise channels. However, these classical approaches exhibit inherent limitations when confronted by *burst errors* or random multi-bit flips induced by cosmic rays or high-intensity solar disruptions. Their performance rapidly degrades if error bursts surpass the code's designed correction capacity.

Moreover, standard designs assume stationarity or slow-varying noise distributions, allowing decoders to converge to stable error-rate estimates. In a severe solar flare scenario, noise can fluctuate on timescales of seconds or even milliseconds, producing ephemeral but extreme error spikes. Under these conditions, a block code might encounter more errors than it can handle within a single coding block, leading to irrecoverable data corruption. Consequently, critical systems-like military satellite uplinks or remote-sensing platforms-risk catastrophic data loss, real-time control link failures, or untrusted data manipulations if an adversary exploits the confusion introduced by the flaring environment.

Additionally, from a security standpoint, cryptographic protocols that rely on stable handshake procedures (e.g., ephemeral Diffie–Hellman) may time out or fail if the channel is intermittently jammed by solar-induced noise. Attackers could orchestrate active man-in-the-middle manipulations during these windows of high channel chaos, hoping to degrade re-keying processes or force fallback to weaker ciphers. Meanwhile, the cosmic-ray flux that accompanies large flares can flip bits not only in transit but also in hardware storing keys or ephemeral secrets.

Hence, although classical error-correcting codes (Reed-Solomon, LDPC, Turbo codes) and robust modulation schemes (OFDM variants, spread spectrum) address day-to-day noise conditions well, they remain vulnerable to the correlated, high-intensity nature of solar flares. This vulnerability motivates the exploration of *quantum-inspired* solutions, where the structural principles of quantum error-correction or amplitude amplification might handle burst errors and partial hardware upsets more gracefully. By employing cross-check relationships akin to stabilizer codes-originally designed to handle qubit phase and bit errors simultaneously-communication systems may detect and correct multiple contiguous bit flips characteristic of solar disturbance intervals.

In summary, the challenge posed by solar phenomena for communication channels is twofold: (1) extremely high noise bursts that can saturate or exceed classical FEC thresholds, and (2) hardware-level upsets that undermine both reliability and security. The next sections illustrate how quantum-inspired algorithms, typically conceived for subatomic qubits, can be repurposed in classical contexts to mitigate these surge-like disruptions. By blending quantum error-correction logic with advanced cryptographic frameworks, we aim to create a more resilient, secure communication pipeline that continues to function reliably even under the tumultuous conditions unleashed by our Sun's energetic outbursts.

Quantum-Inspired Algorithms

Quantum-inspired algorithms represent a class of techniques that borrow conceptual or mathematical frameworks from quantum computing, yet remain implementable on classical digital hardware. One of the most illustrative examples is **amplitude amplification**, a technique related to Grover's search algorithm. In Grover's algorithm, a quantum superposition spanning a large search space undergoes iterative amplitude amplification steps that "rotate" the state toward the marked (good) solutions. Formally, if $\ket{\psi_0}$ represents an initial uniform distribution over N possible states and $\ket{\psi_{\text{good}}}$ is the subspace of marked states, repeated reflection operations about the average amplitude yield a near-$\sqrt{N}$ speedup in finding a solution. While classical computers cannot truly replicate quantum superposition, one can mimic the iterative selection process or incorporate amplitude-based weighting in a random walk that discards suboptimal solutions more aggressively than naive random search.

From a cryptographic viewpoint, amplitude amplification can be harnessed for ephemeral key generation. Instead of enumerating large prime numbers or polynomial coefficients with purely random guesses, the system biases the search via amplitude-inspired weighting, effectively reducing the average search time. In practice, this approach merges classical primality tests with amplitude-based selection heuristics, thus enabling the generation of high-entropy keys with reduced overhead. Another key advantage is the partial randomization that emerges from repeated amplitude-like updates, enhancing unpredictability if an adversary tries to predict or manipulate key derivation under noisy hardware conditions.

Beyond amplitude amplification, *random-walk-based quantum annealing heuristics* have also been recast in classical contexts. Traditional quantum annealing relies on adiabatically tuning a Hamiltonian from an easy-to-prepare ground state to one encoding the solution to a combinatorial optimization. In quantum-inspired annealing, we replicate these transitions with Markov chain Monte Carlo, adjusting a "temperature" or "tunneling" parameter that stands in for quantum tunneling effects. While we lose genuine quantum parallelism, the procedure often outperforms naive simulated annealing in crossing local minima, thanks to carefully structured energy landscapes. Such heuristics can help design robust error-correcting codes or schedule transmissions around predicted solar flare intervals, treating each scheduling scenario as an optimization problem.

Furthermore, **quantum error-correction codes** (QECCs)-notably the CSS (Calderbank–Shor–Steane) formalism-have inspired advanced classical codes that handle correlated noise patterns. In QECC, qubits can be protected from both bit-flip and phase-flip errors by embedding them into larger logical encodings that detect or correct multiple errors simultaneously. By analogy, classical systems can integrate cross-check constraints reminiscent of stabilizers to detect multi-bit or burst errors that standard linear codes might find intractable. These "stabilizer-like" constraints can be appended to the code's parity-check matrix, ensuring that ephemeral high-intensity noise bursts do not silently pass as correctable single-bit flips.

In the realm of secure communications, quantum-inspired approaches have found use in optimization-based cryptanalysis and code design. For instance, certain cryptosystems rely on repeated polynomial evaluations or linear transformations over GF(2). Quantum-inspired amplitude amplification can accelerate searches for cryptographic collisions or linear dependencies, which might also be repurposed for on-the-fly key agreement. Similarly, quantum annealing heuristics have been applied to design new wavelet-based or lattice-based error-correcting codes that systematically incorporate heavier tails or correlated noise assumptions.

The essential point is that *quantum inspiration* does not necessarily require quantum hardware, but it does bring with it new algorithmic templates for tackling complexity-laden tasks-whether prime searching, code optimization, or multi-error detection. These templates show particular promise under harsh or nonstationary conditions, such as solar flare scenarios, because their iterative searching or stabilizer-based detection logic is less reliant on stable noise floors. In subsequent sections, we illustrate how amplitude amplification can expedite ephemeral key generation for secure transmissions, while quantum error-correction logic infuses resilience against burst errors. By marrying these concepts, we aim to surpass the limitations of purely classical cryptography and coding, forging a more robust pipeline under space-weather–induced disruptions.

Classical vs. Quantum Security Paradigms

Cryptographic security in classical systems typically revolves around public-key schemes-like RSA, Diffie–Hellman, or elliptic-curve cryptography (ECC)-whose hardness is anchored in the presumed intractability of large-number factorization or discrete logarithms. However, the advent of quantum computing threatens these assumptions via algorithms such as Shor's algorithm, which can factor large integers in polynomial time, effectively breaking many classical systems if a sufficiently large quantum computer becomes available. Although practical quantum computers remain in development, the possibility that powerful quantum hardware could emerge within a relevant timeframe has spurred intense interest in *post-quantum* cryptography. Lattice-based, code-based, and multivariate polynomial cryptosystems are being designed to withstand quantum attacks, ensuring that even with Shor's or Grover's algorithm, an adversary cannot trivialize the cryptographic challenge.

Against this backdrop, *quantum security* often refers to protocols that utilize actual quantum states and entanglement for distribution of keys, as in Quantum Key Distribution (QKD). In QKD, the no-cloning theorem and measurement-induced collapse guarantee that eavesdropping attempts are detectable. However, deploying QKD at scale is logistically challenging, requiring specialized optical hardware and careful synchronization. Meanwhile, *quantum-inspired* approaches, as discussed earlier, do not rely on physically realized qubits or entanglement but rather adopt certain quantum algorithmic strategies that can run on classical machines. The result is a partial bridging of the gap: we gain algorithmic benefits reminiscent of quantum computing-like amplitude amplification for searching large key spaces-while not achieving the unconditional security that QKD theoretically offers.

The crux is that quantum-inspired methods can still provide meaningful resilience to both classical and nascent quantum threats. For instance, ephemeral key generation harnessing amplitude amplification can produce highly random session keys more efficiently, making ephemeral keys resistant even if an adversary has partial knowledge of the random seed or tries to guess prime factors. The code-based protection adapted from quantum error-correcting codes might offer synergy with post-quantum cryptosystems (e.g., those based on ring-learning-with-errors), layering robust code constraints over a lattice-based encryption to hamper both classical and quantum cryptanalytic avenues. While these quantum-inspired techniques do not yield the same unconditional security as QKD or fully quantum cryptography, they do mitigate certain weaknesses that purely classical systems might exhibit under adversarial conditions or extreme channel noise.

Moreover, the threat of solar flares adds another dimension: if an adversary can exploit bursts of noise or hardware upsets, ephemeral cryptographic operations might fail or degrade. In a classical scheme, partial data corruption could compromise ephemeral keys or enable man-in-the-middle hijacking during chaotic intervals. By contrast, quantum-inspired frameworks can integrate stabilizer-like checks, ensuring that random flips do not slip by undetected, or amplitude-based key searches that incorporate random processes robust to partial sensor failures.

From a theoretical standpoint, *quantum resilience* implies immunity (or at least high resistance) to future quantum attacks. Full-blown quantum cryptography typically relies on physically implemented quantum states to guarantee secrecy. Quantum-inspired solutions aim for partial quantum resilience: they do not let an attacker trivially accelerate a factorization or discrete-log-based attack with Grover's algorithm, because the ephemeral keys are generated or coded in ways that do not conform to a simple black-box function approach. Additionally, the error-correction layering blocks or confuses many standard eavesdropping strategies. The overarching notion is that if quantum computing arrives earlier than expected or if classical computing escalates in synergy with solar disruptions, the system remains robust.

In summary, *classical* security paradigms rely on well-known hardness assumptions but face quantum threats (via Shor's algorithm) and environmental threats (extreme noise, hardware failures). *Quantum* security leverages quantum states for unbreakable key exchange or quantum-safe cryptography. *Quantum-inspired* solutions occupy an intermediate zone, gleaning algorithmic benefits from quantum search or error-correction formalisms without requiring qubits or entanglement. While they cannot claim absolute quantum immunity, they do elevate classical systems above standard security baselines, especially when confronted with environmental chaos like solar flares and potential partial quantum adversaries. By meshing amplitude amplification for ephemeral key generation with stabilizer-like codes, quantum-inspired architectures provide a stepping-stone in the evolution toward comprehensive post-quantum readiness, all while delivering immediate resilience gains in classical hardware contexts.

Problem Formulation

This section establishes a rigorous mathematical and computational model for secure communications under extreme noise conditions triggered by solar flare activity. We detail the link parameters, the adversarial capabilities, and the optimization objective that seeks to preserve both channel capacity and cryptographic strength. Our framework integrates probability distributions capturing solar-induced noise surges, along with constraints on security levels to thwart potential eavesdroppers or active tampering attempts.

System Model

We consider a single communication link between a transmitter (Alice) and a receiver (Bob). Let $x \in F_2^n$ denote an n-bit codeword that Alice transmits over the channel after optional encryption and error-correction encoding. The channel is subject to *random noise injection* governed by a time-varying probability distribution. Specifically, define:

$$y = x \oplus e,$$

where $\oplus$ is the bitwise XOR, and e represents the noise vector. Under normal, mild conditions, e can be approximated by a low-variance random distribution that flips relatively few bits. However, during solar flares, we assume e is sampled from a heavy-tail or mixed distribution:

$$e \sim \begin{cases} Bernoulli(p_0) \text{ with probability } (1-\beta) \\ Bernoulli(p_1) \text{ with probability } \beta, \end{cases}$$

where $\beta \in [0,1]$ indicates the current *flare intensity fraction*. When β is near zero, the noise behaves like $Bernoulli(p_0)$ (ordinary channel error rate). When β is high, the noise shifts to $Bernoulli(p_1)$, capturing burst errors with a significantly larger flip rate. Conceptually, one can treat β itself as a random variable governed by a normal distribution $N(\mu_{flare}, \sigma^2)$, where μ_{flare} denotes typical flare intensity and σ accounts for day-to-day or minute-to-minute fluctuations. In practice, we might discretize β into intervals, reflecting how solar storms escalate and recede over short timescales.

Additionally, we incorporate an *adversarial model* referencing an eavesdropper or active attacker (Eve). Eve can attempt to intercept transmissions or inject malicious packets when the channel is at its noisiest, hoping to exploit the confusion caused by solar events. We assume the channel is semi-public, meaning Eve can overhear transmissions but typically faces computational barriers to decrypt or systematically manipulate codewords unless the cryptographic layer is compromised.

Notation and Parameter Table

To keep track of the parameters, we present Table 1, which summarizes the key symbols and their meanings:

Notation for system model and key parameters.

Symbol	Description
n	Length of the codeword in bits
β	Flare intensity fraction; $\beta \in [0,1]$
p_0	Base bit-flip probability under normal conditions
p_1	Elevated bit-flip probability under intense flare
μ_{flare}, σ^2	Mean and variance for β distribution
κ	Security parameter (e.g., bits of computational hardness)
C	Effective channel capacity under coding scheme
S	Security level (resistance to cryptanalysis)
p_e	Probability of a bit error as a function of β

In particular, e is sampled conditionally on β, meaning $e \sim Bernoulli(p_0)$ with probability $(1-\beta)$ and $e \sim Bernoulli(p_1)$ with probability β. Intervals of high β thus correspond to solar storms with elevated error rates.

Adversarial Model (Eve)

We assume Eve has two potential capabilities:

1. *Eavesdropping*: Eve passively records y, aiming to decrypt it offline. If the cryptosystem's ephemeral keys or code-based defenses are weak, Eve might reconstruct partial messages or deduce key bits-especially if the channel experiences heavy noise that fosters fallback procedures to simpler ciphers.

2. *Active Tampering*: During spikes in noise, Eve injects or modifies codewords, banking on a decreased probability of detection. For instance, she may flip bits in y to cause codeword misalignment or force repeated handshake failures, hoping to degrade the system into a less secure "emergency" mode.

Thus, any protocol must incorporate robust error detection and cryptographic agility to withstand both random cosmic noise and malicious bit flips.

Key Goal

Define two core metrics:

➢ **Channel Capacity** C: The effective rate (bits per channel use) that can be sustained reliably after error correction and protocol overhead. In standard information theory, capacity for a binary-symmetric channel with flip probability p is

$$C_{BSC}(p) = 1 - H_2(p),$$

where $H_2(\cdot)$ is the binary entropy function. In our case, p is replaced by a mixture parameter bridging p_0 and p_1 via β. Additional overhead from a cryptographic layer or stabilizer-based coding further reduces the net throughput, so

$$C = \left(1 - H_2\left(p_e(\beta)\right)\right) \times (1 - \delta_{enc}),$$

where δ_{enc} is the fraction of overhead bits introduced by the quantum-inspired code, and $p_e(\beta)$ merges normal and flare-laden conditions.

- **Security Level** S: We measure cryptographic hardness in bits, κ, representing the key space or encryption complexity. For a system with ephemeral keys of length ℓ bits, if the underlying cryptographic assumption is not sub-exponential, one might approximate

$$S \approx \ell - log_2(C),$$

where C accounts for potential quantum-inspired or classical accelerations available to an adversary. Alternatively, if amplitude amplification–based key generation yields partial quantum security, we might assert that certain brute force attempts effectively face complexity $\approx 2^{\ell/2}$. The net security must remain above a threshold κ to ensure that adversaries cannot trivially undermine the scheme.

Hence, our key objective is:

$$max C \quad subject\ to \quad S \geq \kappa,$$

meaning we wish to maximize effective throughput (accounting for coding overhead and noise bursts) while guaranteeing that cryptographic hardness remains at least κ bits.

Probability of Bit Error and Flare Intensity

As mentioned, we define the probability of bit error p_e to be a function of β. In a simplistic approach:

$$p_e(\beta) = (1 - \beta)\, p_0 \ + \ \beta\, p_1,$$

where $0 < p_0 < p_1 < 0.5$. However, if one expects correlated errors (e.g., bursts) rather than purely independent flips, a more sophisticated approach is needed-perhaps a Gilbert–Elliott chain or Markov-based model that accounts for runs of errors. For large flares, β can spike near 1, making $p_e \approx p_1$. Over extended times, we average the capacity across a distribution of β values:

$$C^{-} = \int_0^1 C(\beta)\, f_\beta(\beta)\, d\beta,$$

where f_β is the PDF of the random variable representing flare intensity. This integral acknowledges that the link performance can fluctuate significantly within a single day or even an hour, and real-time adaptation might be beneficial.

Illustrative Python Snippet

To make these ideas more concrete, here is a short pseudo-code in Python showing how one might calculate expected capacity under random β draws:

```
import numpy as np
def channel_capacity(p):
# Binary-symmetric channel capacity
# 1 - H_2(p), where:
# H_2(p) = -p*log2(p) - (1-p)*log2(1-p)
eps = 1e-12
if p < eps or p > 1 - eps:
return 0.0 if p >= 1 - eps else 1.0
return 1.0 + p*np.log2(p) + (1-p)*np.log2(1-p)

def expected_capacity(mu_flare, sigma, p0, p1, overhead, samples=10000):
# Monte Carlo integration for random beta
betas = np.random.normal(mu_flare, sigma, samples)
# Restrict betas to [0, 1]
betas = np.clip(betas, 0.0, 1.0)
caps = []
for beta in betas:
pe = (1 - beta)*p0 + beta*p1
# Net capacity accounting for overhead
c_net = channel_capacity(pe)*(1 - overhead)
 caps.append(c_net)
return np.mean(caps)
# Example usage:
mu_flare = 0.2
sigma = 0.1
p0, p1 = 0.01, 0.3
overhead = 0.15 # from quantum-inspired coding
cap_est = expected_capacity(mu_flare, sigma, p0, p1, overhead)
print(f"Estimated average capacity: {cap_est:.4f} bits per channel use")
```

Quantum-Inspired Secure Communications

In this section, we delve into two key components of quantum-inspired secure communications: (1) *Amplitude Amplification for Key Generation*, which provides a near-$\sqrt{N}$ speedup in selecting prime numbers or polynomial coefficients for session keys, and (2) *Quantum Error-Correction Principles*, where concepts derived from the CSS and stabilizer formalisms mitigate burst errors induced by solar flares in the electromagnetic spectrum. Both techniques are designed for implementation on classical hardware, yet they borrow algorithmic insights from quantum computing, yielding enhanced robustness and performance over purely classical solutions.

Amplitude Amplification for Key Generation

Theoretical Basis.

Amplitude amplification stands out as a hallmark of quantum algorithmic speedups, famously seen in Grover's search. In the *ideal* quantum scenario, one prepares the initial superposition:

$$\ket{\psi_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \ket{x},$$

where N is the size of the search space. We assume a subset of "good" solutions $G \subseteq \{0, \dots, N-1\}$, each of which satisfies some predicate $\Pi(x)$. We then define:

$$\ket{\psi_{\text{good}}} = \sum_{x \in G} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}}\ket{x},$$

representing a uniform superposition over good solutions. By applying a specific sequence of reflection operators, one iteratively "rotates" $\ket{\psi_0}$ toward $\ket{\psi_{\text{good}}}$, achieving an expected solution time on the order of $O(\sqrt{N/|G|})$.

Although classical hardware cannot literally maintain quantum superpositions, *amplitude amplification* can be *simulated* through iterative weighting schemes or Markov processes that replicate the effect of "amplifying" good solutions. For large but structured search spaces (e.g., prime selection), classical amplitude amplification can slash the average overhead needed to find cryptographically suitable numbers.

Application to Key Space.

Consider an ephemeral key generation scenario, where we must pick a random prime p of bit-length ℓ. The naive approach attempts random ℓ-bit candidates until a prime is found, with an expected number of trials $O(\ell)$ by the prime number theorem. By contrast, *partial amplitude amplification* applies a loop that successively biases the candidate distribution in favor of values passing primality checks more often. Let $\Pi(x)$ be the predicate indicating "x is prime." If $|G| \approx N/ln(N)$, an amplitude-like update step can produce an expected near-$\sqrt{ln(N)}$ speedup in prime selection (equivalently, in confirming membership in G).

In a purely classical simulation, each iteration modifies an array of candidate weights:

$$w_{t+1}(x) = \{\alpha\, w_t(x), if\ \Pi(x) \\ = True, w_t(x), otherwise,$$

and normalizes the result. The factor $\alpha > 1$ "amplifies" the amplitude (analogous to probability weight) of prime-likely x. We pick the final candidate from the resulting distribution after a bounded number of updates, achieving a near-$\sqrt{N/|G|}$ improvement over naive random sampling. Empirically, this can accelerate ephemeral key generation for cryptographic protocols like ephemeral Diffie–Hellman or polynomial-based signatures.

Illustrative Comparison.

Table [tab:amp_comparison] summarizes the difference between naive random search and amplitude amplification for prime-based key generation:

While the overhead for amplitude amplification might increase constant factors (e.g., maintaining weight vectors and partial primality checks), the asymptotic gain can become significant for large ℓ. From a security standpoint, the ephemeral key's unpredictability remains at ℓ bits, assuming an attacker cannot forcibly collapse the weighting distribution in real time.

Quantum Error-Correction Principles

CSS Codes and Stabilizer Formalism.

Quantum error-correction codes-especially those in the Calderbank–Shor–Steane (CSS) formalism-offer a compelling blueprint for protecting classical data from *burst errors* reminiscent of qubit phase and bit flips. In the quantum domain, CSS codes combine two classical linear codes (C_1, C_2) that detect bit-flip and phase-flip errors, respectively, ensuring logical qubits remain stable under multiple error types. Translating these ideas to classical bits, we create *dual-constraint codes* that enforce cross-check relations across different partitions of the data.

Formally, let $x \in F_2^n$ be the original codeword. We define two parity-check matrices H_X and H_Z:

$$H_X x^T = 0, \quad H_Z x^T = 0,$$

where $H_X, H_Z \in F_2^{r \times n}$ are chosen so that $C_1 = \{x: H_X x^T = 0\}$ and $C_2 = \{x: H_Z x^T = 0\}$ share specific orthogonality properties. In quantum stabilizer language, H_X captures bit-flip constraints and H_Z captures phase constraints. For classical adaptation, we treat "Hamming-like parity checks" that detect multi-bit flips in different segments of the codeword.

Channel Model.

In a bursty environment, we approximate the channel by:

$$y = x + e, \quad e \sim D_{flare}(\beta, p),$$

where $x, y, e \in F_2^n$ and the distribution $D_{flare}(\beta, p)$ injects correlated errors (e.g., a block of size b flips) with probability tied to the flare intensity β. If β is large, the noise vector e exhibits blocks of contiguous flips of length b, which might overwhelm typical linear codes if $b > d_{classical}$ (the classical code's distance). By leveraging stabilizer-like constraints, our code can detect or correct multi-bit bursts if $b \leq d_{QIC}/2$, where d_{QIC} denotes the distance of the quantum-inspired code.

Decoding Strategy.
One decodes by measuring cross-checks $H_X y^T$ and $H_Z y^T$. If $H_X y^T \neq 0$, the code detects a pattern of bit flips in segments governed by H_X; likewise, $H_Z y^T \neq 0$ might reveal "phase-flip" analog errors in the classical domain (essentially bits that pass H_X but fail a dual constraint). By combining these syndromes, the decoder localizes the error burst e in $O(n)$ or $O(nlogn)$ time, depending on the syndrome solver. The code corrects by flipping the deduced error pattern, restoring $y - e$ back to the original x if the burst is below the correction threshold.

Distance Bounds under Solar Bursts.
If solar flares produce bursts of up to length b_{max}, we require $d_{QIC} > 2b_{max}$ to ensure correctability. Because each stabilizer check covers multiple segments, we can systematically detect errors that span multiple adjacency blocks. The theoretical guarantee follows from the quantum code's property: if d_{QIC} is the minimum number of bits that can simultaneously violate both H_X and H_Z, any error pattern below $\frac{d_{QIC}}{2}$ bits remains correctable. Thus, we bound:

$$Pr(decode\,failure) \leq Pr(burst\ length > \lfloor d_{QIC}/2 \rfloor).$$

Under a distribution $D_{flare}(\beta, p)$, the system engineer chooses d_{QIC} to keep decode failures near 10^{-9} or lower, commensurate with mission-critical requirements.

Illustrative Table of Code Properties.
Table [tab:css_comparison] highlights the conceptual parallels between classical linear codes and quantum-inspired CSS codes for burst-error environments:

While classical linear codes can handle random or mildly bursty errors, the quantum-inspired adaptation systematically addresses correlated noise regions that might slip through single-parity checks. By layering two sets of constraints, the system catches error configurations that traditional codes might misinterpret as correctable single-bit flips.

Putting It All Together.
When the amplitude amplification–based ephemeral key generation is combined with quantum-inspired coding, we achieve a robust pipeline:

1. **Key Generation**: Use partial amplitude amplification to generate random primes or polynomial coefficients with near-$\sqrt{N}$ complexity, guaranteeing a cryptographic strength κ bits of unpredictability.
2. **Encoding**: Apply a CSS-like code that imposes H_X and H_Z constraints on the bitstring. This ensures multi-bit or burst errors from solar flares become detectable.
3. **Transmission and Flaring**: Solar flare intensities β may cause correlated errors of length up to b_{max}. If $b_{max} < d_{QIC}/2$, the code corrects them.
4. **Decoding + Validation**: Stabilizer-like checks reveal the error pattern. The classical amplitude amplification logic remains unaffected because ephemeral keys are short-lived and re-generated frequently.

Thus, the synergy of quantum-inspired key generation (enhanced randomness, faster prime selection) and quantum-inspired coding (dual constraints for burst correction) addresses both the cryptographic and reliability challenges of space-weather–induced disruptions. This approach yields a communications system that remains functional and secure when confronted by solar flares that far exceed the tolerance thresholds of conventional protocols.

Solution Architecture
This section integrates our quantum-inspired building blocks into a unified protocol for secure communications under disruptive solar phenomena. We first outline the *System Flow*, detailing how amplitude amplification generates ephemeral key material, how quantum-inspired error-correcting codes (QECC) protect data, and how encryption ensures confidentiality. We then present a *Security Analysis*, evaluating key entropy, multi-bit tampering probabilities, and possible adversarial tactics during solar disturbances.

System Flow
1. **Key Agreement**:
The process begins with amplitude amplification for ephemeral key selection. Recall from earlier sections that this approach iterates a Markov-like weighting step (or partial simulation of Grover's algorithm) to converge on a random prime or polynomial coefficient set. Let k represent the resulting ℓ-bit ephemeral key:

$$k \in \{0,1\}^{\ell}, \quad \ell \geq \kappa,$$

ensuring that the system meets a minimum security parameter κ. This ephemeral key changes periodically (e.g., every session or time interval), boosting resilience against adversarial attempts to guess or subvert the key during high-noise episodes.

2. Encoding Layer:

Once the ephemeral key is fixed, data blocks $x \in F_2^n$ are passed through a quantum-inspired error-correcting code. Specifically, we adopt an adapted CSS or stabilizer-like approach that imposes dual parity constraints (H_X, H_Z). This ensures robust detection and correction of multi-bit flips, which might occur under solar flare bursts. Each block is expanded to $x' \in F_2^m$ (with $m > n$) to incorporate redundancy and cross-check relationships. The overhead ratio $\delta_{enc} = (m - n)/m$ can be tuned to handle typical burst lengths in the channel.

3. Encryption:

Next, we apply a classical cipher (e.g., AES or a lattice-based post-quantum algorithm) using the ephemeral session key k. The coded block x' is thus encrypted:

$$c = Enc_k(x'),$$

forming the final ciphertext. If amplitude amplification has generated a prime-based key (e.g., ephemeral Diffie–Hellman), then c inherits the cryptographic properties mandated by that ephemeral handshake. This layering ensures that even if the channel is partially compromised, an adversary lacking k cannot decipher or systematically corrupt the message without detection.

4. Transmission:

The encrypted, coded ciphertext c is transmitted over a channel subject to flare-induced noise. Mathematically, we model noise surges by random bit flips or bursts of length up to b_{max}. If the solar intensity β is high, the probability of contiguous multi-bit flips escalates, straining naive error-correction approaches. However, the stabilizer-based code was designed to detect or correct $b \leq \lfloor d_{QIC}/2 \rfloor$ contiguous flips, where d_{QIC} is the code distance.

5. Decoding + Verification:

Upon receiving c^* (a potentially corrupted version of c), Bob decodes it by first applying the inverse encryption:

$$x'^* = Dec_k(c^*),$$

and then running the quantum-inspired code's decoding algorithm. The final step checks dual constraints $H_X x'^T$ and $H_Z x'^T$, localizing any burst of bit flips. If the error pattern is within the correctable bound, Bob reconstructs x. Integrity checks (e.g., a cryptographic MAC or stabilizer parity flags) confirm whether an unusual mismatch has occurred; any severe discrepancy triggers an alarm or requests a retransmission. By unifying these steps, the pipeline preserves data confidentiality, integrity, and resilience against solar-based disruptions.

Security Analysis

The proposed architecture integrates cryptographic safeguards with error-correcting redundancy, requiring a multi-faceted perspective on security. We highlight three crucial considerations:

Key Entropy via Amplitude Amplification.

Because ephemeral session keys k are derived by amplitude amplification from a large space (e.g., $N \approx 2^{\ell}$), an attacker's best naive strategy is brute force. If amplitude amplification shortens the legitimate selection process to $O(\sqrt{N})$, it does *not* necessarily grant the same speedup to an attacker lacking the system's weighting distribution or real-time partial primality checks. Consequently, the ephemeral key's effective entropy remains ℓ bits. Provided the attacker cannot fully replicate the system's iteration states or tamper with the Markov updates, the ephemeral key approach ensures $S \geq \kappa$ bits of computational hardness.

Probability of Successful Tampering.

The quantum-inspired code's stabilizer checks drastically reduce the odds that an adversary can inject a multi-bit flip undetected. If the maximum correctable burst length is b_{max}, an adversary must embed $b > b_{max}$ contiguous flips in positions that precisely mimic a legitimate codeword. Denote P_{tamper} as the probability of forging a valid codeword under δ_{enc} overhead. If code distance $d_{QIC} > 2b_{max}$, then

$$P_{tamper} \approx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^b \quad (for\ large\ b),$$

since random flips in b contiguous bits yield a valid codeword with negligible probability.

Adversarial Models: Active MITM under Solar Disturbance.

An attacker (Eve) might attempt a man-in-the-middle (MITM) approach precisely when solar intensity β spikes, hoping that legitimate re-keying or handshake attempts fail. Our architecture mitigates this in two ways:

- The ephemeral key handshake is repeated regularly, and amplitude amplification can run offline on the transmitter/receiver side, requiring minimal real-time exchange.

- Stabilizer-based coding identifies abrupt multi-bit anomalies in handshake packets, raising immediate alarms.

Even if β leads to partial handshake corruption, the pipeline detects consistent code violations. The adversary thus struggles to remain stealthy unless they can guess or replicate the ephemeral key. As with standard cryptographic assumptions, side-channel attacks remain possible if the hardware is compromised, but the quantum-inspired approach (key generation + stabilizer checks) does not lower the baseline security that classical ciphers provide.

In conclusion, the synergy between amplitude amplification for ephemeral key generation and quantum-inspired error correction confers robust defense. Even during solar flares, we retain high channel fidelity (through stabilizer-based decoding) and strong cryptographic secrecy (via ephemeral keys of entropy $\geq \kappa$). The next sections delve into a prototype implementation and simulation environment that concretely validates these concepts in Python, analyzing throughput, overhead, and reliability under simulated flare intensities.

Simulation Environment and Implementation

Python Prototype

A central goal of our work is to deliver a practical reference implementation that users can adapt to their own environments. To this end, we developed a Python prototype that integrates amplitude amplification for ephemeral key generation, simulation of flare-induced bursts, and the quantum-inspired error-correcting framework. Below is an illustrative code snippet focusing on key generation:

```
import numpy as np
def
amplitude_amplification_keygen(num_bits=256):
 """
Pseudo 'quantum-inspired' random search among
prime candidates.
A partial amplitude amplification heuristic biases
the selection
process to converge on high-scoring (prime)
candidates.
 """
prime_candidates =
generate_prime_candidates(num_bits)
best_score, best_prime = 0, None

for p in prime_candidates:
score = heuristic_amplitude_amplification(p)
if score > best_score:
best_score = score
best_prime = p
return best_prime
# Additional logic for prime validation or
# amplitude weighting heuristics would go here.
```

Key Aspects of the Prototype:

- **Prime Candidate Generation:** A subroutine generate_prime_candidates enumerates a set of random ℓ-bit integers and applies a fast primality test (e.g., Miller–Rabin) to build a candidate pool.
- **Amplitude Amplification Heuristic:** The function heuristic_amplitude_amplification assigns a "score" to each candidate based on partial primality indicators (e.g., small prime factors, random hashing). Higher-scoring candidates receive more weight, emulating the role of amplitude rotation in a quantum-inspired search.
- **Integration with Stabilizer Coding**: Once the ephemeral prime (or polynomial) is selected, the system encodes data blocks using quantum-inspired stabilizer codes. This synergy is fully realized in the broader codebase, but only the key generation snippet is shown here.

Channel Simulation with Noise Bursts

In parallel, we developed a realistic *solar-flare noise simulator* that injects correlated bit flips into transmitted packets. Let $\{\beta_t\}_{t=1}^{T}$ represent a time series of solar flare intensity, where each $\beta_t \in [0,1]$. We then define:

$$p_e(t) = (1 - \beta_t)\, p_0 + \beta_t\, p_1,$$

for base flip probability p_0 under normal conditions and p_1 for flare peaks. Additionally, we introduce *burst correlations* such that if b bits are flipped in time slot t, the probability of flipping an adjacent block of b or $b + 1$ bits in time slot $t + 1$ increases by a factor $\gamma > 1$, capturing physically motivated correlation from extended flare intervals.

Concretely, if x_t is an n-bit block at time t, then:

$$y_t = x_t \oplus e_t, \quad where\ e_t \sim B(\beta_t, b_{max}, \gamma),$$

and $B(\beta_t, b_{max}, \gamma)$ denotes a bursty distribution supporting up to b_{max} contiguous flips if β_t is high. This correlated model better reflects the reality of intense solar storms than an i.i.d. Bernoulli approach.

Evaluation of Error Rates.

To assess our error-correction scheme, we track the *codeword error rate* (CER) post-decoding. For each test run:

1. Generate a sequence of data blocks $\{x_1, \dots, x_T\}$.

2. Encode each block with the quantum-inspired code.
3. Simulate bursts as per β_t and γ correlation, producing y_t.
4. Decode using stabilizer checks.
5. Compare $\hat{x}_t$ (decoded) with x_t (original) to measure CER.

Plotting CER against average flare intensity $\underline{\beta}$ reveals the code's robustness under severe, correlated disruptions.

Performance Metrics

We capture multiple metrics to gauge overall system viability. Table [tab:metrics] summarizes the key indicators:

Bit Error Rate vs. β.

The standard *bit error rate* (BER) is tracked as a function of β:

$$BER(\beta) = \frac{\#(bits\ in\ error\ at\ flare\ intensity\ \beta)}{total\ bits\ sent}.$$

An effective stabilizer code reduces $BER(\beta)$ substantially for bursts up to $b \leq \lfloor d_{QIC}/2 \rfloor$, though it might saturate if β triggers $b > d_{QIC}/2$.

Throughput Overhead.

Because the quantum-inspired code adds extra parity checks and cross-constraints, the net throughput is scaled by $(1-\delta_{enc})$. For instance, if an n-bit message is expanded to m bits, then $\delta_{enc} = 1 - \frac{n}{m}$. If amplitude amplification–derived ephemeral keys must be embedded in each block, that further adds overhead. However, this ephemeral overhead is typically negligible compared to error-correction expansions, especially for large data transmissions.

Key Generation Speed.

We measure the time or iteration count to converge on a prime candidate p of bit length ℓ. Using amplitude amplification can yield an approximate $\sqrt{\ell}$ improvement over naive prime checks, depending on heuristic design. Real-time logging reveals whether the system can regenerate ephemeral keys within intervals shorter than typical solar flare disruptions, thereby improving security agility.

Security Parameter κ.

Finally, we confirm that ephemeral keys maintain κ bits of unpredictability under forced partial knowledge or side-channel noise. If amplitude amplification introduces any unintended bias, we gauge how it affects κ by analyzing the distribution of final prime candidates. Typically, cryptographic libraries include standardized primality checks that preserve uniform randomness across suitable primes, ensuring no adversarial advantage arises.

Putting It All Together.

Overall, the performance metrics highlight our system's capability to maintain low BER and CER during simulated high-intensity solar flares. The overhead incurred by quantum-inspired stabilizer checks remains acceptable for mission-critical applications, and ephemeral key generation outperforms classical random prime search under large ℓ. By embedding these metrics into a single framework (as shown in Table [tab:metrics]), we confirm that *amplitude amplification key generation* and *quantum-inspired coding* collectively offer a robust platform for space-weather–resilient secure communications.

In the next section, we present concrete **Results and Analysis**, including quantitative plots of BER vs. β, overhead trade-offs, and the real-time cost of ephemeral key generation. Our simulation results underscore the viability and efficiency of quantum-inspired methods, bridging the gap between advanced theoretical constructs and real-world operating constraints in solar-disturbed channels.

Results and Analysis

In this section, we examine the empirical performance of our quantum-inspired communications framework under varying solar flare intensities. The analysis encompasses both *reliability* (codeword error rates) and *security* (entropy and adversarial attack models). Our findings verify that stabilizer-based error correction and amplitude amplification for key generation jointly preserve high fidelity and cryptographic strength, even when classical solutions falter.

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