

The Quantum-Random-Oracle Model

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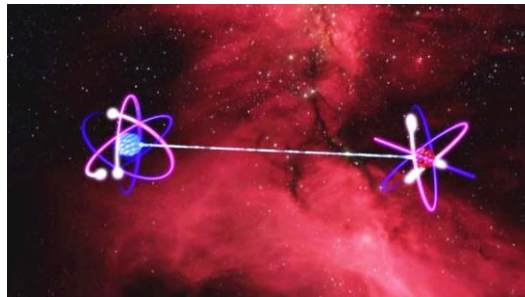
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What will you Learn from this Talk?

- Classical Random-Oracle Model
- Quantum Access
- Three Tools
- Extensions and Applications



Random Oracle (RO)



- A RO is a random function $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$
- How many such functions are there? <https://app.wooclap.com/QROM>

a) $n!$

b) 2^n

c) $(2^n)!$

d) 2^{2^n}

e) $2^{n \cdot 2^n}$

- Truth table:
- Just specifying f requires exponentially many bits!

	n columns					
$f(0 \dots 00)$	0	1	1	...	0	} 2^n rows
$f(0 \dots 01)$	1	0	1	...	0	
$f(0 \dots 10)$	0	0	1	...	1	
$f(0 \dots 11)$	0	1	1	...	1	
\vdots				\vdots		

Hash Functions

- A cryptographic hash function $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$
- Takes arbitrary-length input strings, outputs n bits.

Example [SHA-3](#): $n = 256$ bits

$H(\text{"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"}) =$

0xf4202e3c5852f9182a0430fd8144f0a74b95e7417ecae17db0f8cfeed0e3e66e

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Hash Functions As Random Oracles

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- Example: Collision-resistance

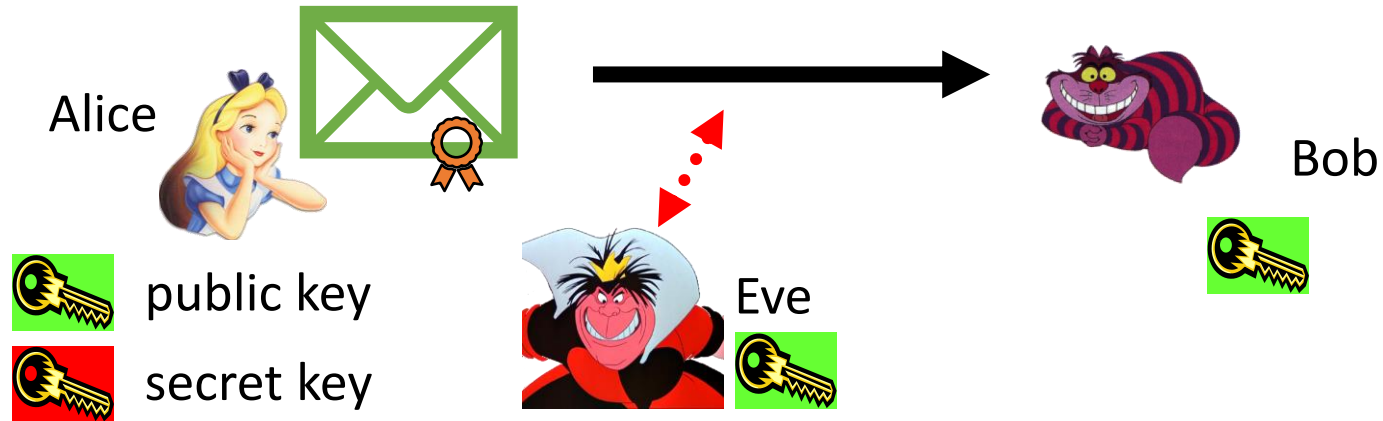
Theorem: In a random function f , it is difficult to find **two colliding inputs**. Formally, for any adversary A making q queries to f , we have

$$\Pr[x \neq y \text{ and } f(x) = f(y) \mid x, y \leftarrow A^f] \leq O\left(\frac{q^2}{2^n}\right)$$

- **Proof:** Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q\}$ be the list of A 's distinct queries to f . For a random f , the outputs $f(x_i)$ are independent n -bit strings. The probability that two of them collide is $\frac{1}{2^n}$, and there are $\binom{q}{2} = O(q^2)$ pairs.

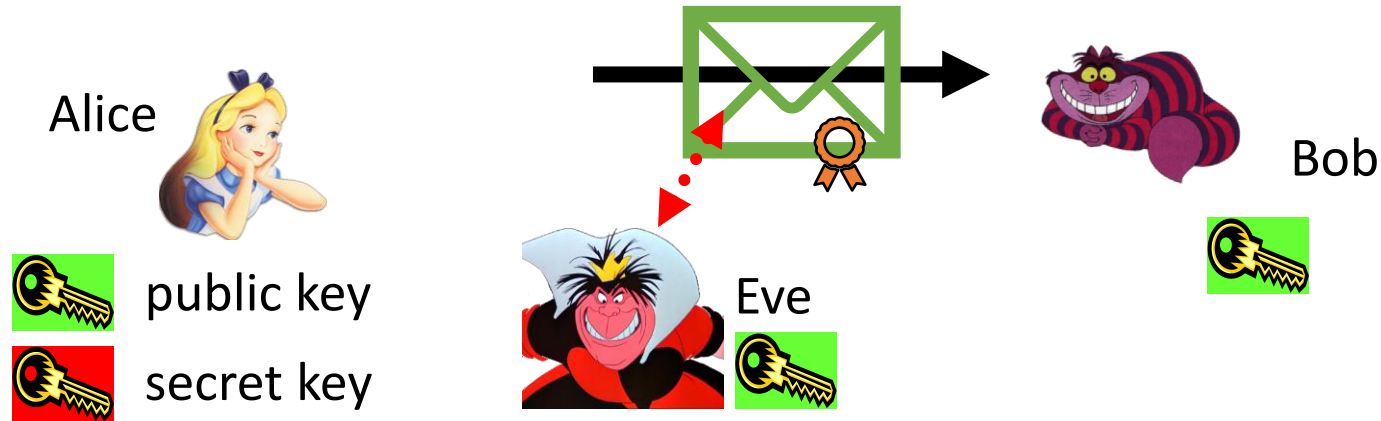


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- Very widely used:
- Problems: expensive, insecure against quantum attacks

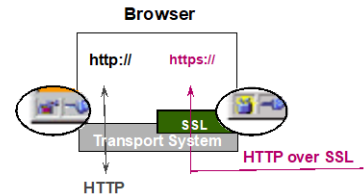
Deployment: public-key/hybrid

- PCs/mobile phones/tables (> 3B): automatic updates
- EMV: RSA smart cards (>1B)
 - upgrading to ECC: 2015-2030

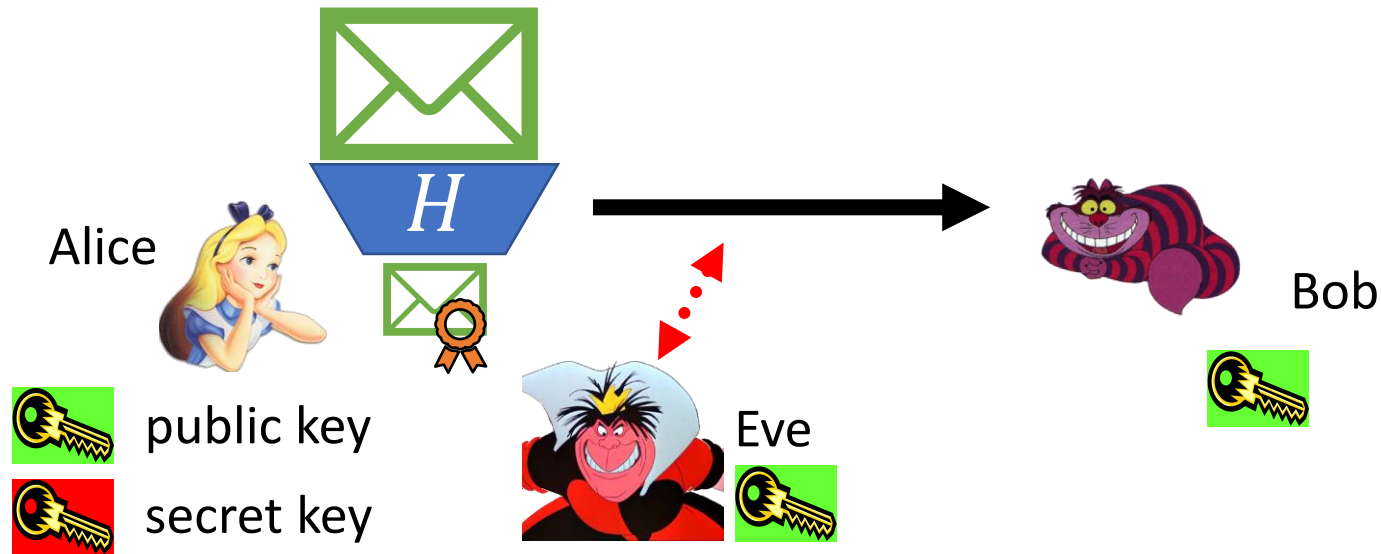


- Electronic ID cards and E-passports (~100M)

- TLS/SSL web servers (~10M)
- DNSSEC
- Skype (~500M)
- Bitcoin (~1M)
- The Internet of Things in 2020 (~ 20-50B)



Hash & Sign

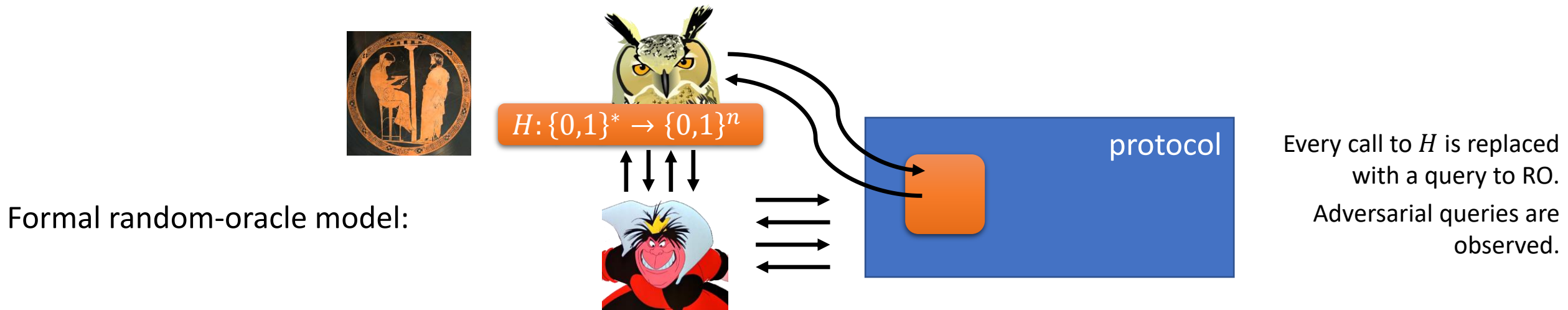


- Hash message to be signed, then digitally sign the hash
- **Theorem:** If H is a random oracle, then hash & sign is secure.
- **Proof sketch:** Let $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q\}$ be the list of Eve's queries to H .
Either she finds a collision in H , or the security of sign applies.

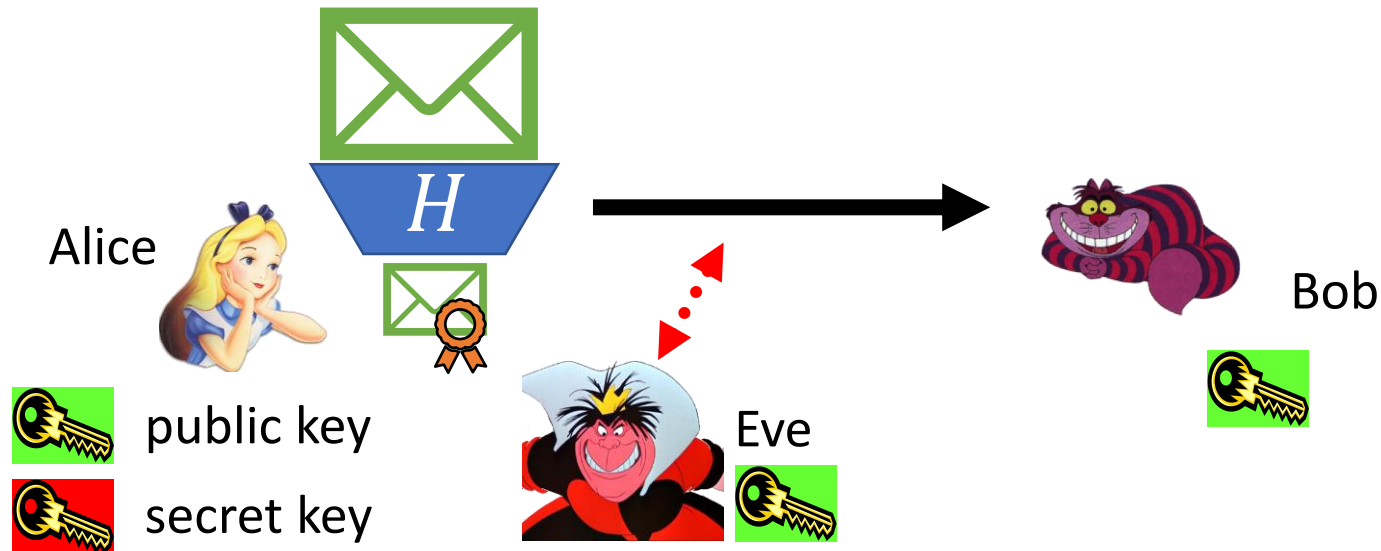


Random-Oracle Model (ROM)

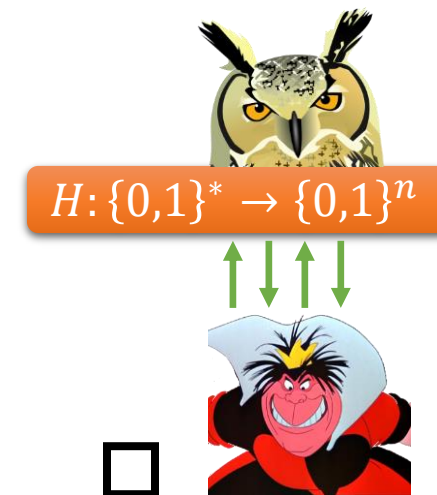
- **Heuristic** to model hash functions in cryptographic proofs



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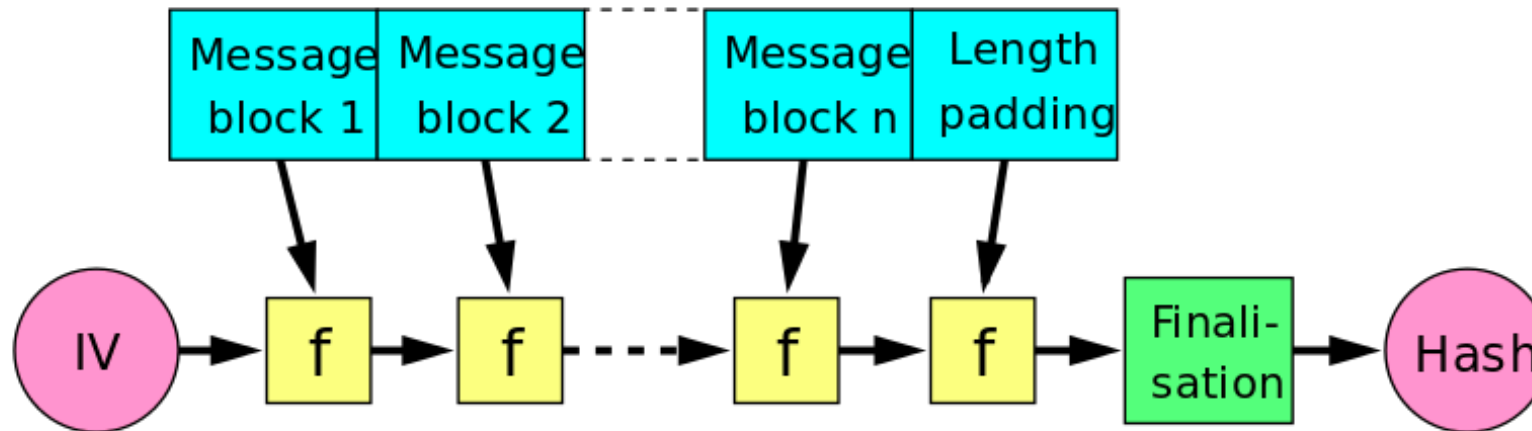


Building Hash Functions

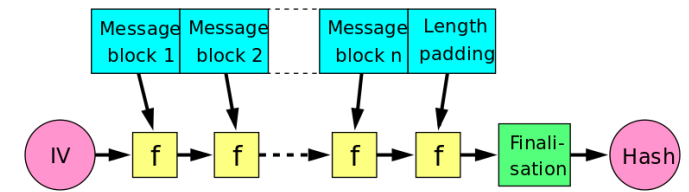


- Secure building block $f: \{0,1\}^{2n} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$
- Construct a hash function $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ from it

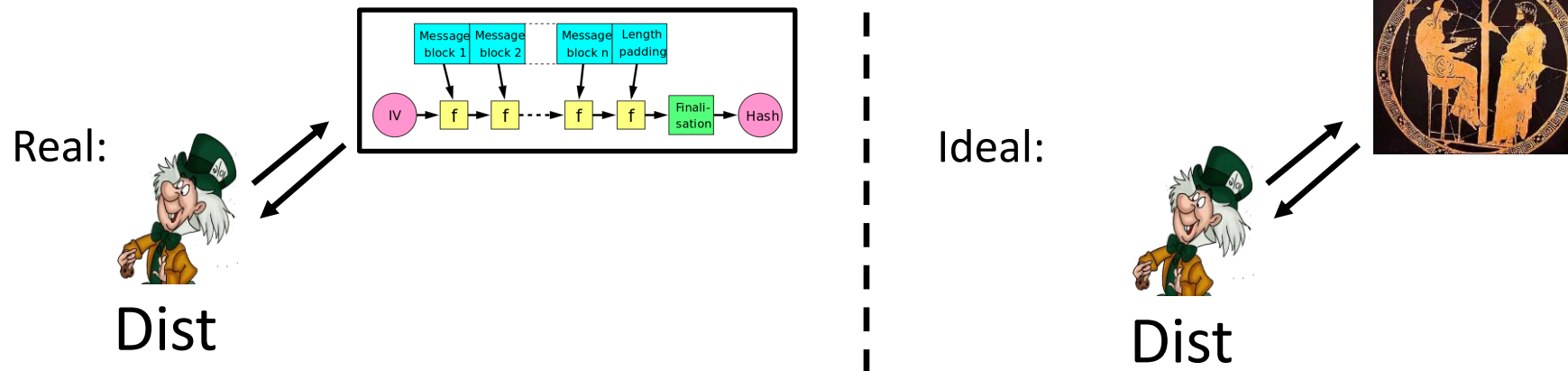
[Merkle Damgård 79]



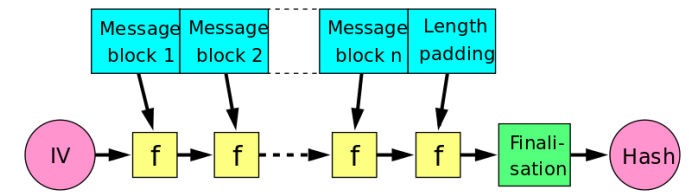
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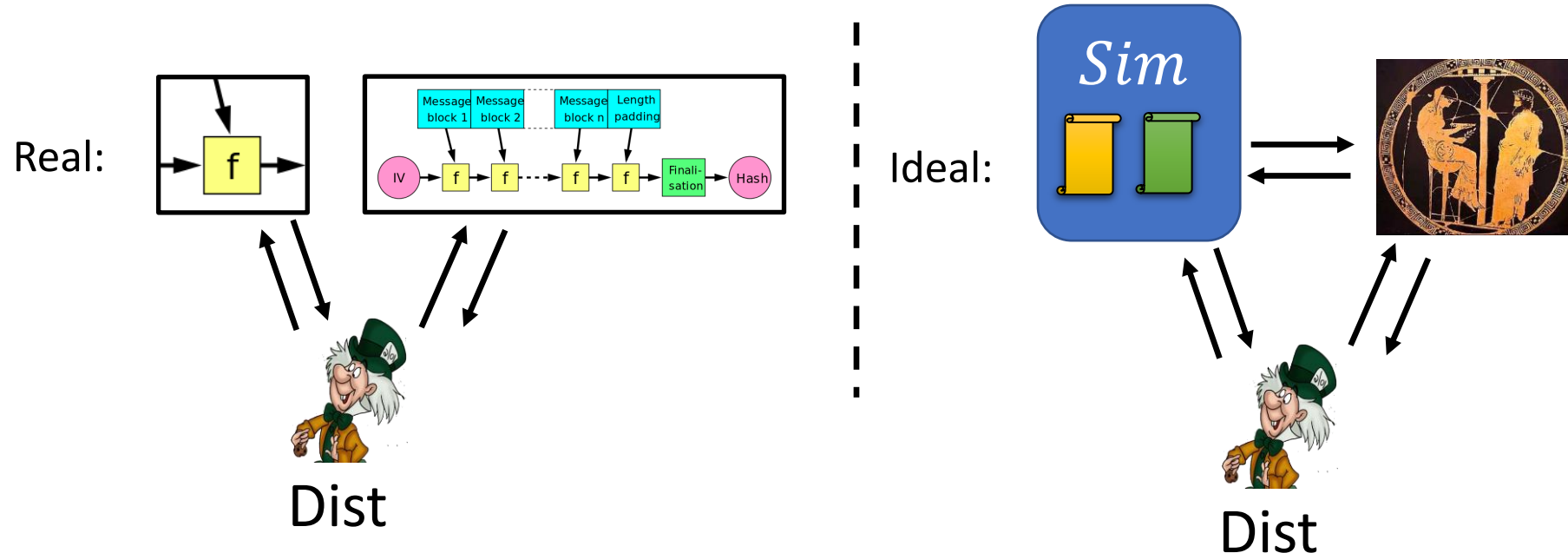
- **Collision resistance:** If f is collision resistant, then so is H , obtained by the Merkle-Damgård construction.
[5-line proof, exercise for crypto students 😊]
- **Indistinguishability:** If f is a random oracle, then H 's input-output behavior is random, no efficient adv can distinguish interaction with H from interaction with RO .
[follows from reasoning above 😊]



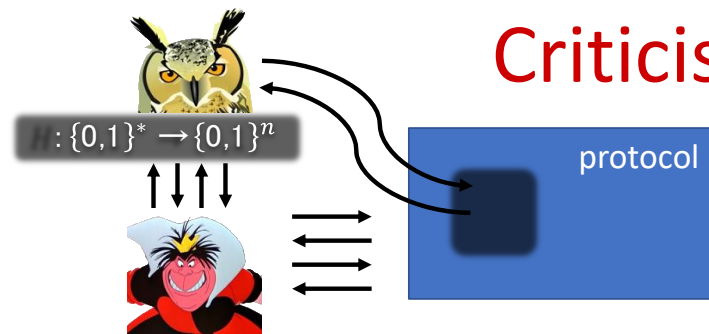
Indifferentiability



- **Indifferentiability:** If f is a random oracle, then there exists Sim such that no efficient adv can distinguish between interacting with (f, H) and (Sim^{RO}, RO)



Criticism of the Random-Oracle Model (ROM)



There exists a digital signature scheme that is



- **secure** in the ROM, but
- **not secure** if RO is instantiated with any real hash function.

- Very “artificial” example, no “realistic” examples known
- Common view: ROM proof is better than no proof





Classical Random-Oracle Model in Practice

- **Digital Signatures:** Fiat-Shamir Heuristic used by CRYSTALS-Dilithium, Hash-and-sign in FALCON



- **Public-Key Encryption:** KEMs are often built using the Fujisaki-Okamoto transform like in CRYSTALS-Kyber
- **Indifferentiability proofs**
- Etc.



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Example: Fiat-Shamir Transform

Schnorr in the lattice world [Lyu09,Lyu12]



$$As = u \pmod{q} \text{ and } ||s|| \leq \beta$$



A, s, u

$$y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^m$$

$$w = Ay$$

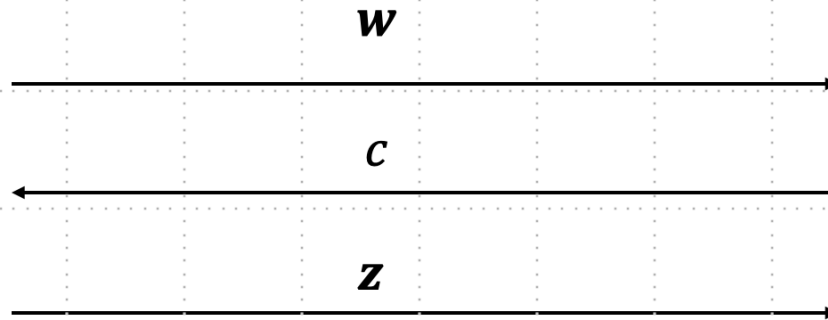
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$$c \leftarrow \mathcal{C} = \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$\text{Check } Az = w + cu$$



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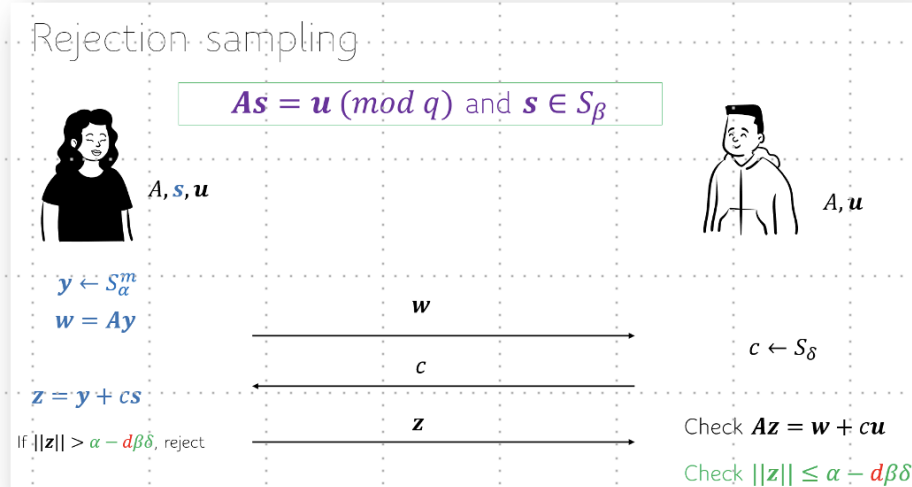
- Let $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow S_\delta$ be a hash function.

- We obtain a *non-interactive proof* as follows.

1. $y \leftarrow S_\alpha^m$
2. $w = Ay$
3. $c = H((A, u), w)$
4. $z = y + cs$
5. If $\|z\| > \alpha - d\beta\delta$, restart
6. Output $\pi = (w, z)$.

To verify $\pi = (w, z)$, check:

1. $\|z\| \leq \alpha - d\beta\delta$ and $Az = w + cu$ where $c = H((A, u), w)$



Proof size: $n + m$ ring elements



Example: Fiat-Shamir Transform



Zero-knowledge in ROM

- No efficient adversary can distinguish between valid proofs and simulated proofs

Simulate:

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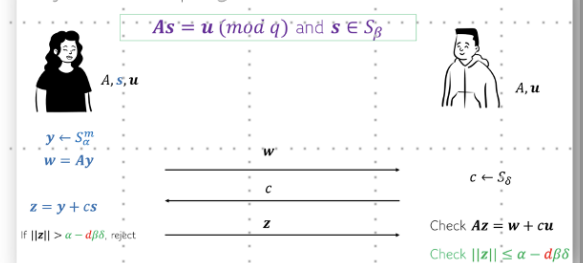
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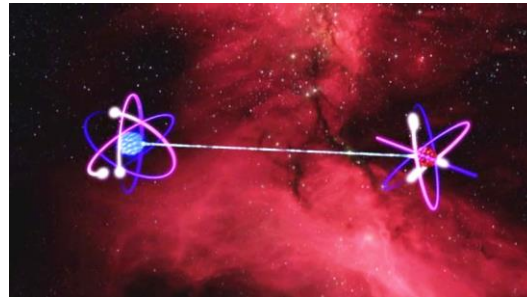


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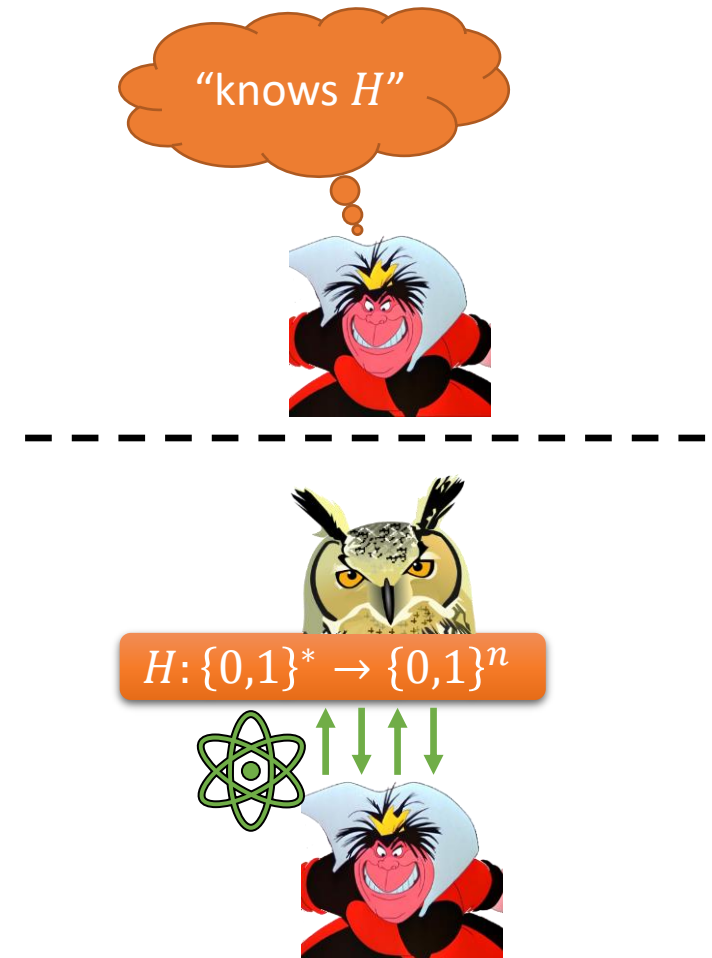
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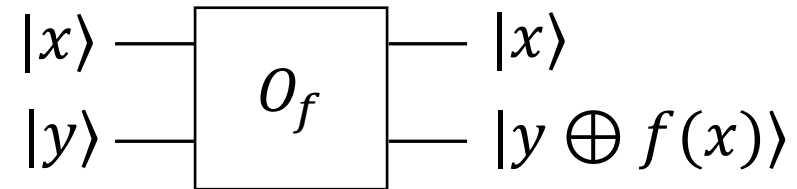
Quantum-Random-Oracle Model (QROM)

- Post-quantum cryptography or quantum-safe cryptography studies quantum attackers on classical crypto.
- Attacker can look up description of hash function on Wikipedia, then run it in superposition on her quantum computer
- We need to allow attacker quantum (superposition) access to the random oracle



Quantum Superposition Access

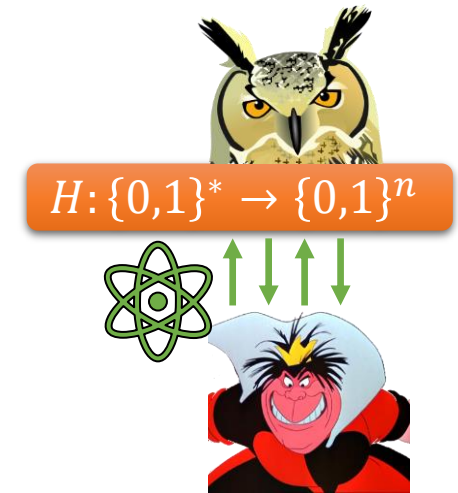
- Quantum attacker may query RO in superposition:
 - Standard oracle (StO): $|x\rangle_X |y\rangle_Y \mapsto |x\rangle_X |y \oplus f(x)\rangle_Y$



- Example: **superposition** over all inputs

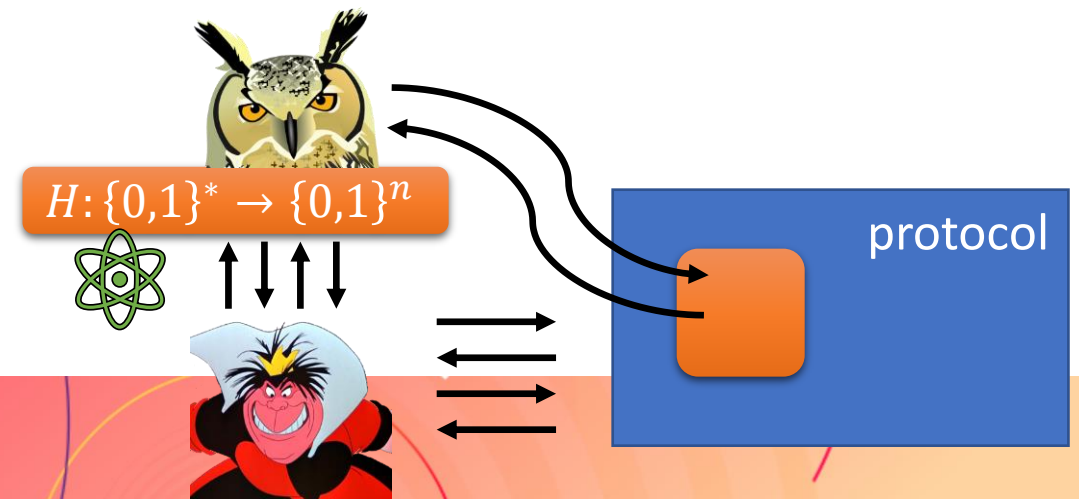
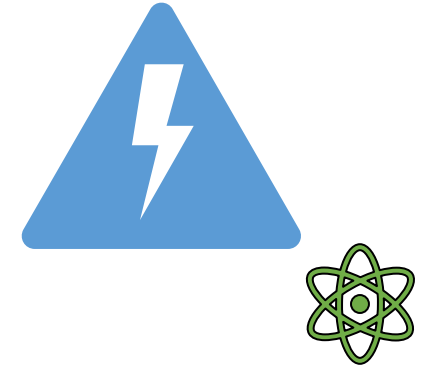
$$\frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle |0\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$$

- With a single quantum query, Eve can access **all function values in superposition**.



Trouble in the QROM

- Many classical ROM proofs **break down** in the QROM
- **Efficient simulation**: how to emulate a RO towards an adversary
- **Adaptive programmability**: depending on the adversary's queries, plant a challenge in the answer
- **Extractability**: Simulator learns pre-images of adversary's queries
- **Rewinding**: replaying some hash values but changing some outputs



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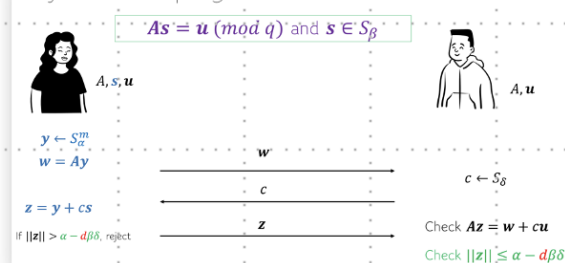
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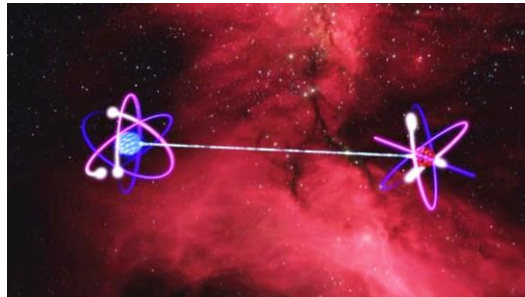
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Tool 1: q-wise independent functions

- A function family $\mathcal{F} \subset \{f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n\}$ is called **t-wise independent** if for t distinct inputs $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t\}$, the values $(f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots, f(x_t))$ for $f \leftarrow \mathcal{F}$ are independent and uniform.
- Example Construction: The family $\mathcal{F}_{\vec{a}} = \{f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{t-2}x^{t-2} + a_{t-1}x^{t-1}\}$ where $\vec{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{t-1}) \in GF(2^n)^t$ is t -wise independent.
- **Theorem:** Let \mathcal{F} be a $2q$ -wise independent function family. For any q -query quantum algorithm A :
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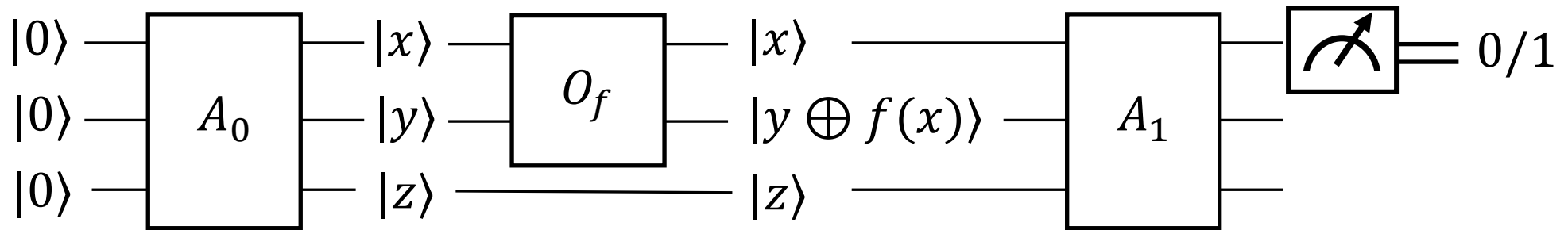


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$$\beta_{x_1 y_1 x_2 y_2} := \Pr_{f \leftarrow \mathcal{F}}[f(x_1) = y_1, f(x_2) = y_2]$$



$$\begin{aligned} \sum \alpha_{xyz} |x\rangle |y\rangle |z\rangle &\rightarrow \sum \alpha_{xyz} |x\rangle |y \oplus f(x)\rangle |z\rangle = \sum \alpha_{xyz} \sum_{y'} \Pr[f(x) = y'] |x\rangle |y \oplus y'\rangle |z\rangle \\ &= \sum \alpha_{xyz} \sum_{y'} \beta_{xy'} |x\rangle |y \oplus y'\rangle |z\rangle = \sum \alpha_{xy'z} \sum_y \beta_{xy' \oplus y} |x\rangle |y'\rangle |z\rangle \end{aligned}$$



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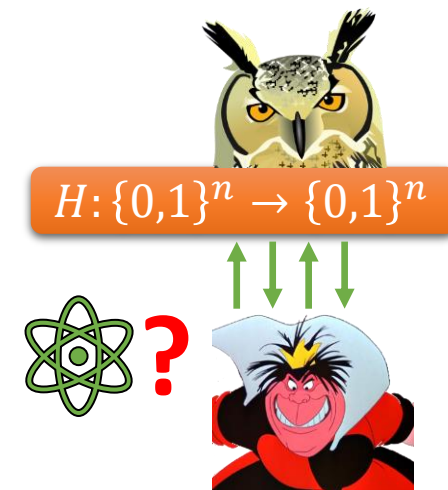
- Illustrating example: Security of $Enc(m) := (f(r), m \oplus H(r))$
- Security game: IND-CPA security: $\Pr[\text{win } G1] \approx 1/2$ where

Game 1:

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- Note: $\Pr[\text{win } G2] = 1/2$ because y acts as one-time pad to hide m_b
- In classical ROM, we can argue that

$$|\Pr[\text{win } G1] - \Pr[\text{win } G2]| \leq \Pr[H(r) \text{ is queried in } G2] \approx 0 \quad \square$$

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To show: $\Pr[\text{win } G1] \approx 1/2$ Note: $\Pr[\text{win } G2] = 1/2$

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Game 3: run A^H in

1. $H \leftarrow RO, b \leftarrow \{0,1\}, r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n, y \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n, i \leftarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$
2. $m_0, m_1 \leftarrow A^H$
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4. $r' \leftarrow \text{measure query } i$
5. $\text{win} := [r' = r]$

- **Theorem:** [original O2H, Unruh 15]

Fix a q -query adversary A^H . Let B^H run A^H until the i -th query for random $i \leftarrow \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$, measure the query register. Then, for random x, y

$$|\Pr[A^H(x, H(x)) = 1] - \Pr[A^H(x, y) = 1]| \leq q \sqrt{\Pr[B^H(x, y) = x]}$$

$$|\Pr[\text{win } G1] - \Pr[\text{win } G2]| \leq q \sqrt{\Pr[\text{win } G3]} \approx 0$$

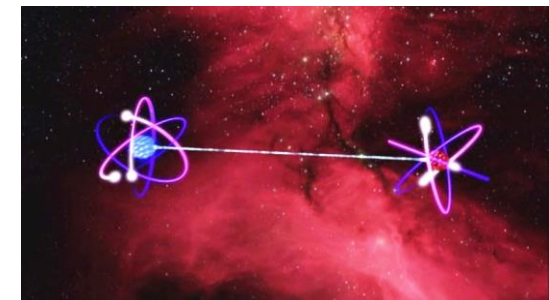


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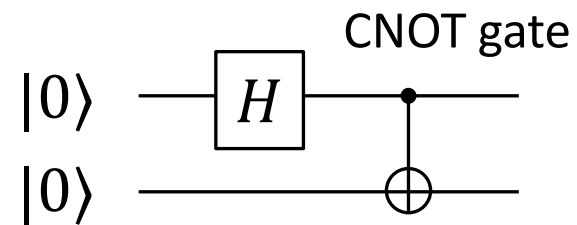
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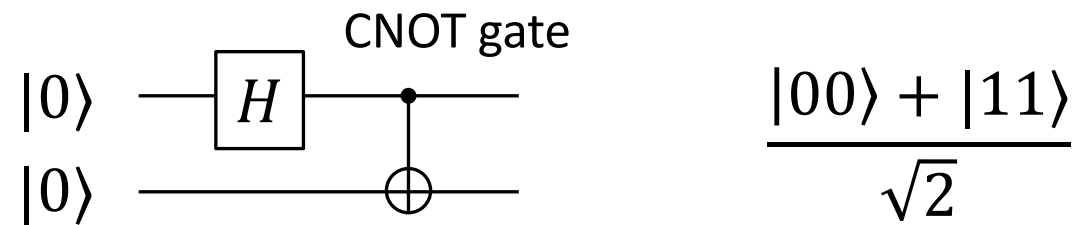


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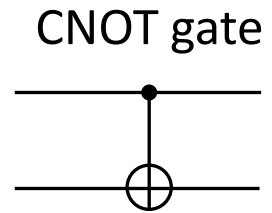
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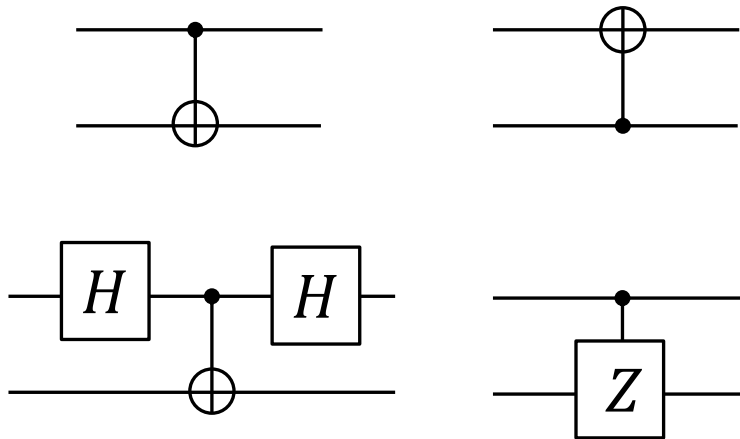
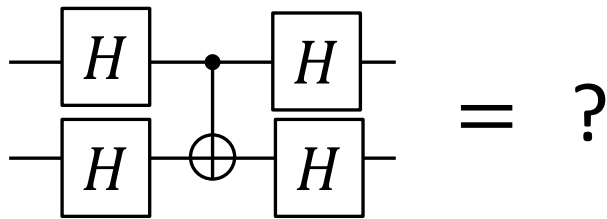
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Quantum Circuit Identity



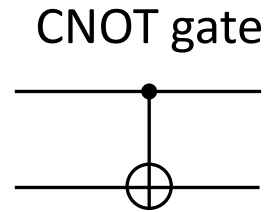
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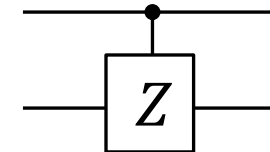
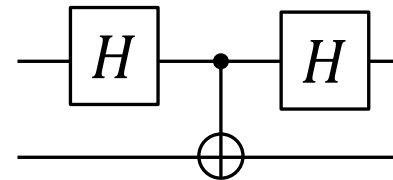
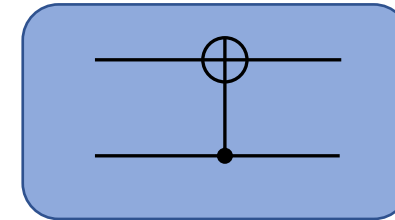
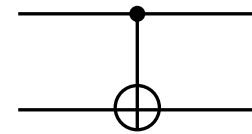
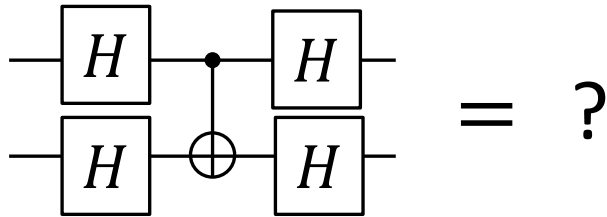
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Quantum Circuit Identity



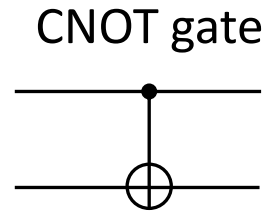
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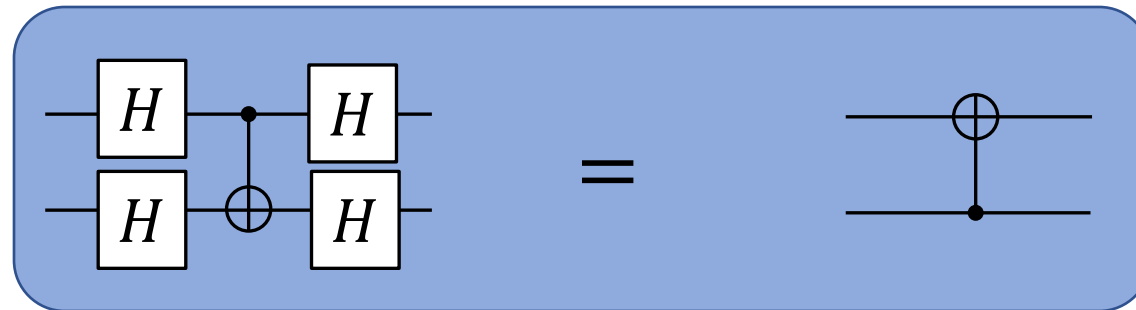
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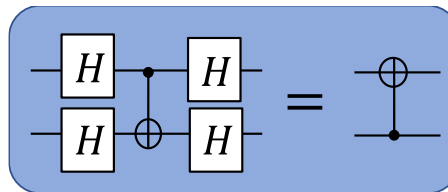
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- When viewed “in the Hadamard basis”, the **control and target of the CNOT are swapped!**



Quantum: Warm-Up Revisited



CNOT gate

$$\begin{array}{c} |0\rangle \\ |0\rangle \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} [H] \text{---} \\ \text{---} \oplus \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} |00\rangle + |11\rangle \\ \hline \sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

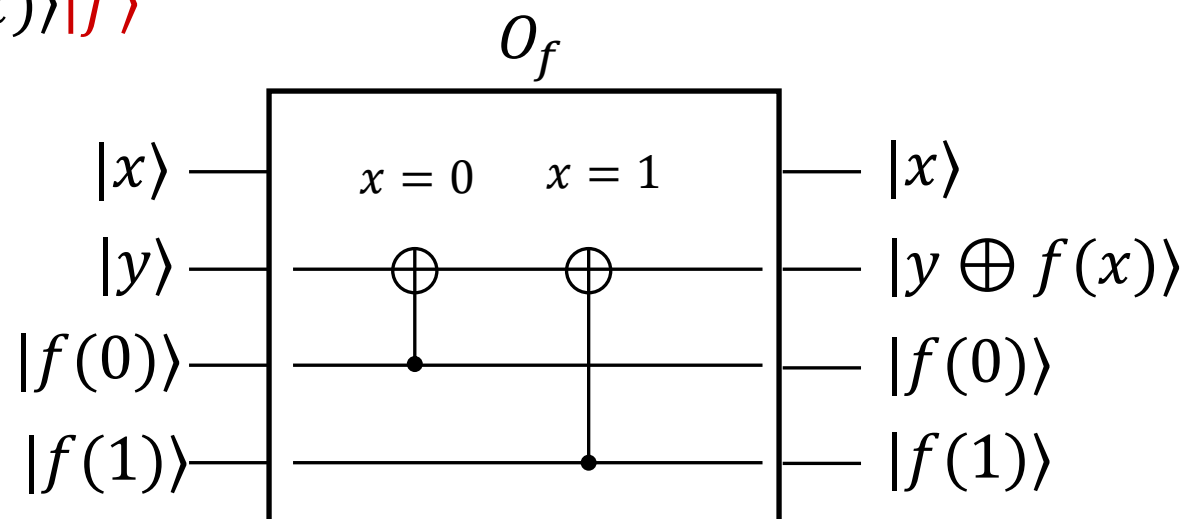
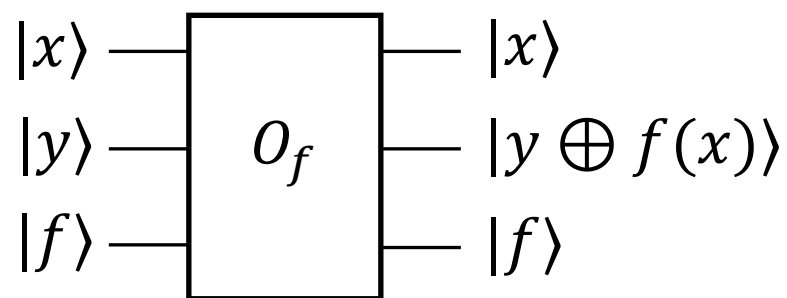
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A Crucial Insight: Purification

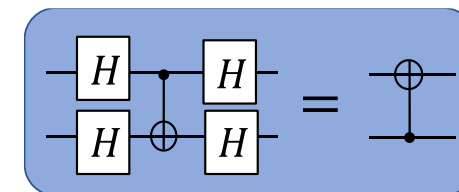


- Introduce purifying register for **function truth table**

$$\text{StO: } \sum_f |x\rangle |y\rangle |f\rangle \mapsto \sum_f |x\rangle |y \oplus f(x)\rangle |f\rangle$$

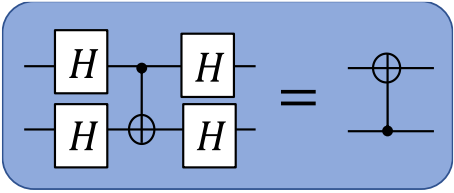


- For a random oracle f , we have a **superposition over all truth tables**
- From Eve's point of view, there is no difference!

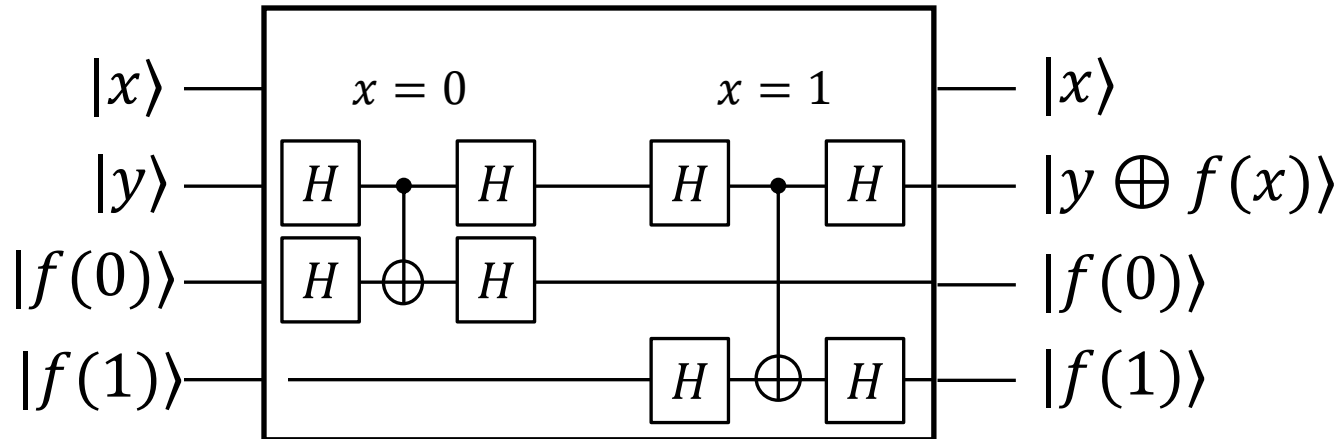


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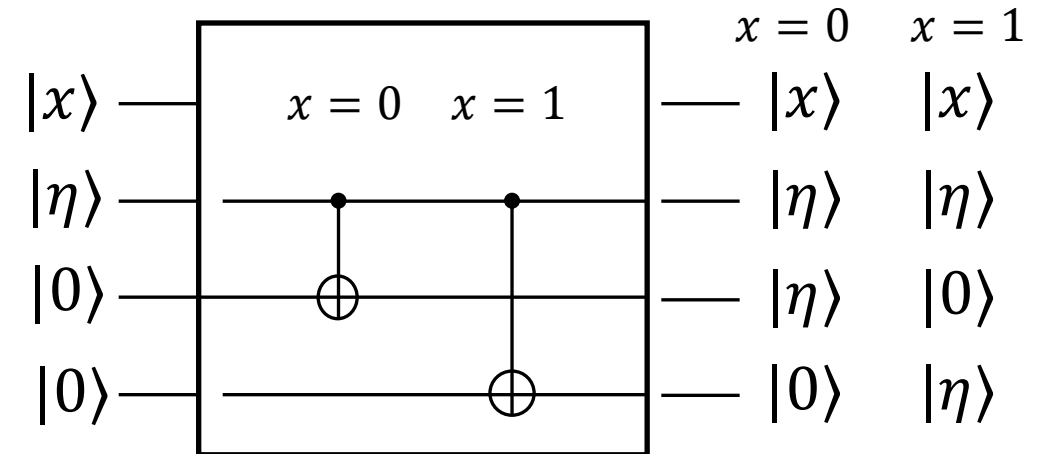
Change of Viewpoint: Fourier Oracle



Standard Oracle

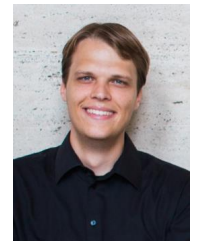


Fourier Oracle



- By making a query, Eve entangles herself with the truth table in a **very clean way**, when observed in the Fourier basis!

Compressing the Database

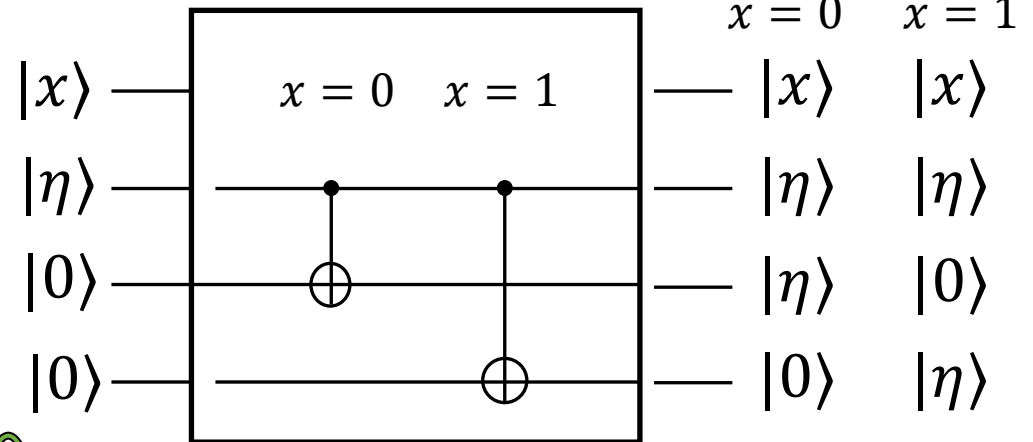


- Fourier Oracle (FO):

$$|x\rangle|\eta\rangle|0^n \dots 0^n\rangle \xrightarrow{FO} |x\rangle|\eta\rangle|0^n \dots 0^n \eta 0^n \dots 0^n\rangle$$



Fourier Oracle



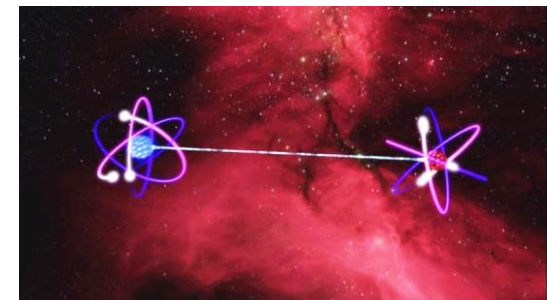
- Multiple FO queries “populate” the database
- Compression**: only keep track of the non-zero entries

$$|x\rangle|\eta\rangle|D\rangle \xrightarrow{FO} |x\rangle|\eta\rangle|D \cup (x, \eta)\rangle$$

- Allows **efficient simulation** of the random oracle to the adversary

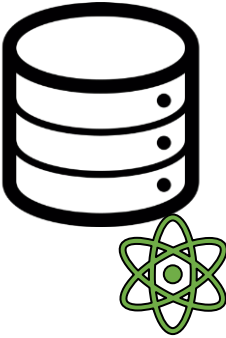
What will you Learn from this Talk?

- ✓ Classical Random-Oracle Model
- ✓ Quantum Access
- ✓ Three Tools:
 - ✓ t-wise independent functions
 - ✓ One-way to Hiding (O2H)
 - ✓ Compressed oracles
- Extensions and Applications



Query Lower Bounds

- Intuition: The quantum queries are **recorded in the database**, an adversary can only learn about the function what is recorded there
- **Theorem:** For any quantum player making q queries, if the database D is measured after the q queries, the probability that it contains a pair $(x, 0^n)$ is at most $O\left(\frac{q^2}{2^n}\right)$.
- **Idea:** Track the norm of the state projected onto D containing a zero. It starts at 0, and every query increases it by at most $\frac{1}{2^{n/2}}$. After q queries, its norm is at most $\frac{q}{2^{n/2}}$. \square
- Using newer tools from [[Chung Fehr Huang Liao 21](#)], such reasoning is almost classical.

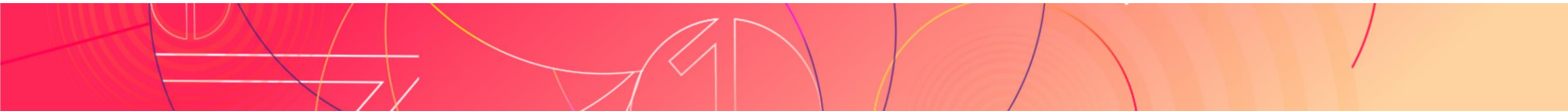


Extensions and More Advanced Tools

- Tool 1: t-wise independent function families:
semi-constant distributions, small-range distributions, ...
- Tool 2: one-way to hiding
semi-classical O2H, many variants
- Measure and reprogram tools for Fiat-Shamir [[PhD thesis](#) by Jelle Don 24]
- Tool 3: compressed oracles
online extraction, (tight) adaptive reprogramming
compressed permutation oracles? Ideal-cipher model?

Numerous Applications

- Query lower bounds for searching and (multi-)collisions in random functions
- Fujisaki-Okamoto transformation (to build public-key encryption)
- Fiat-Shamir transform (for digital signatures)
- Indifferentiability
- 4-round Luby-Rackoff/Feistel construction
- Succinct arguments
- Separations between ROM and QROM
- Adaptive reprogramming
- ...



Major Open Question: Compressed Permutation Oracles

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Permutation Superposition Oracles for Quantum Query Lower Bounds

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Abstract

We propose a generalization of Zhandry's compressed oracle method to random permutations, where an algorithm can query both the permutation and its inverse. We show how to use the resulting oracle simulation to bound the success probability of an algorithm for any predicate on input-output pairs, a key feature of Zhandry's technique that had hitherto resisted attempts at generalization to random permutations. One key technical ingredient is to use strictly monotone factorizations to represent the permutation in the oracle's database. As an application of our framework, we show that the one-round sponge construction is unconditionally preimage resistant in the random permutation model. This proves a conjecture by Unruh.

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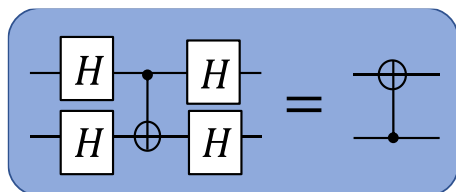
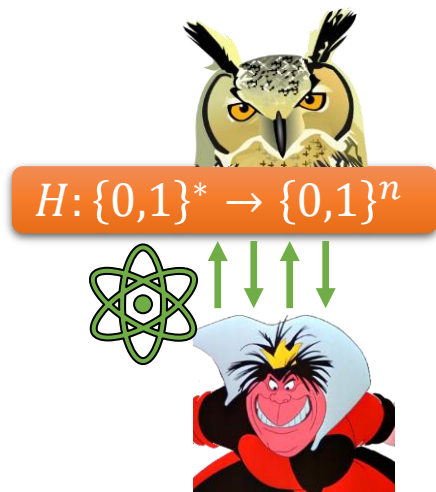
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Summary



- Classical Random-Oracle Model
- Quantum Access
- Three Tools:

- t-wise independence $\xrightarrow{FO} |x\rangle|\eta\rangle|0^n \dots 0^n\rangle_F \rightarrow |x\rangle|\eta\rangle|0^n \dots 0^n \eta 0^n \dots 0^n\rangle_F$
- One-way to Hiding (O2H)
- Compressed oracles
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Thank you for your attention!



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More Resources

- detailed links and references at bottom of slides
- 2024 QSI Spring school on PQC: <https://pqc-spring-school.nl/>
- 2022 IPAM summer school: <https://www.ipam.ucla.edu/programs/summer-schools/graduate-summer-school-on-post-quantum-and-quantum-cryptography>
Dominique Unruh on quantum tools
- 2021: Quantum Techniques for Provable Security: <https://quiques.huelsing.net/>
Kai-Min Chung on compressed oracles, Kathrin Hövelmanns on O2H lemmas, ...
- 2021: 11th BIU Winter School on `Cryptography in a Quantum World':
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8Vt-7cSFnw2JZsskO0bzeO7FswokQC7->
Mark Zhandry on compressed oracles
- 2020: Simons institute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOtxqBJ6Qqk>
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