

# Quantum Coin-Flipping

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Recall: Quantum Cryptography  
QKE protocols

## 1] Application of Quantum Cryptography:

- QKE ✓
- Coin-flipping (today)
- One-time pad
- Quantum money
- Quantum pseudorandom number generator. (QPRNG)

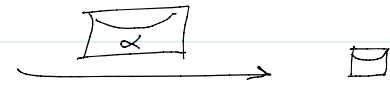
## 2] Telephone Coin flipping:



- ① Alice chooses  $\alpha \in \{0,1\}$   
puts  $\alpha$  in an "electronic envelope"
- ② Bob chooses  $\beta \in \{0,1\}$  and  
tells Alice
- ③ Alice opens the "envelope" and  
reveals  $\alpha$
- ④ Alice and Bob compute the outcome  
of the coin =  $\alpha \oplus \beta$

0 = H, 1 = T  
Alice Bob

①  $\alpha$



←  $\beta$  ②

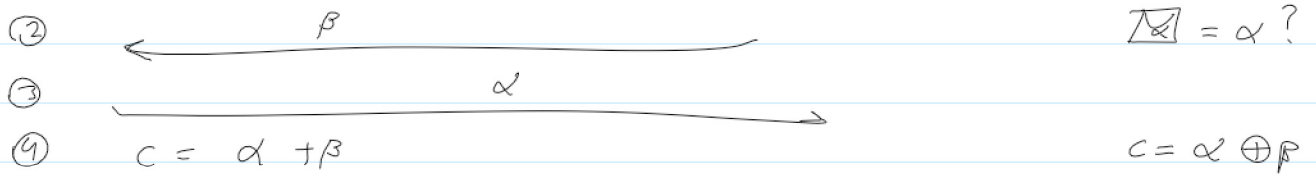
③ Alice opens envelope  $\alpha$

④ Coin =  $\alpha \oplus \beta$

## 3] Commitment-scheme § 1.2.3 Bellare & Rogaway

- ① Allows Alice to put  $\alpha$  inside the "envelope"
- ② Bob cannot see  $\alpha$  until Alice opens it.
- ③ Alice cannot change the value of  $\alpha$  after commitment.  
(it can only be opened one way)

A: ①  $n = \boxed{\alpha}$  → Bob



#### 4] Protocol: Commitment-scheme

1. Choose large primes  $p, q$ , s.t.  $p < q$
2. To commit on

$\alpha = 0$ $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ Send $n = p \cdot q$	}	$\alpha = 1$ $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ $q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ Send $n = p \cdot q$
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3. To open the commitment (the envelope),  
 Alice sends  $p, q$  and  $\alpha$  to Bob  
 Bob verifies:

- ①  $p < q$  and  $n = p \cdot q$
- ②  $p$  and  $q$  are primes
- ③ check  $p$  and  $q$  for  $\alpha$

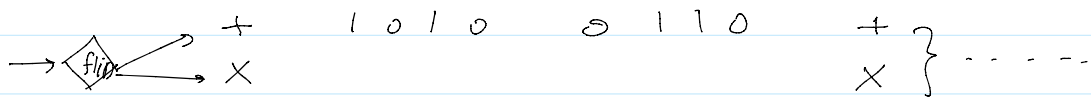
- 5] e.g. ① A:  $n = 35$ ,  $p = 5, q = 7 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$  ✓  
 $\hookrightarrow p = 7, q = 5 \Rightarrow \alpha = 1$  Reject and claim win
- ② A:  $n = 77$ ,  $p = 7, q = 11 \Rightarrow \alpha = ?$  Reject, Red
- ③ A:  $n = 55$ ,  $p = 5, q = 11 \Rightarrow \alpha = ①$  Reject and claim win

#### 6] Quantum Coin Flipping:

Idea:

Alice

Bob



## 7) QCF Protocol

- ① Alice chooses either Rectilinear (+) or Diagonal (X) basis.
- ② Alice generates  $k$  random qubits, and send them to Bob
- ③ Bob receives the qubits using random bases (+ or X) for each qubit. He stores the bit in two tables [Rectilinear (+)] and [Diagonal (X)]
- ④ Bob guesses which basis Alice used in Step (1). If he is correct, he wins.
- ⑤ Alice announces if Bob guess is correct or wrong. She must confirm all the qubits sent to Bob at step (2).
- ⑥ Bob compares Alice list with his tables and confirms no cheating.

8) e.g. QCF with  $k=8$

Alice random bits: 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
① Alice basis +	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
② Alice sends	↑	→	↑	→	→	↑	↑	→
③ Bob bases	+	X	+	X	+	X	+	X
<b>Rectilinear +</b>	1		1		0		1	
<b>Diagonal X</b>		<u>0</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
		✓		X		X		✓

- ④ Bob guess (X)
- ⑤ Alice announce (Wrong)  
and confirm 1 1 0 1
- ⑥ Bob confirms

Bob guess (+)  
Alice announce (correct)  
→ (Wrong)  
but cannot confirm

## 9] Quantum One-time Pad

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{key} \quad 101110 \\
 \text{p} \quad \quad 110110 \oplus \\
 \hline
 \text{c} \quad \quad 011000
 \end{array}$$

For one-qubit

	Classical bit	Qu bit
Encryption	$e = m \oplus k$	$ e\rangle = X^k  m\rangle \rightarrow  m \oplus k\rangle$
Decryption	$m = e \oplus k$ $= (m \oplus k) \oplus k = m$	$ m\rangle = X^k  e\rangle$ $= X^k (X^k  m\rangle)$

The encrypted text (e qubit) is totally independent of the message (m)