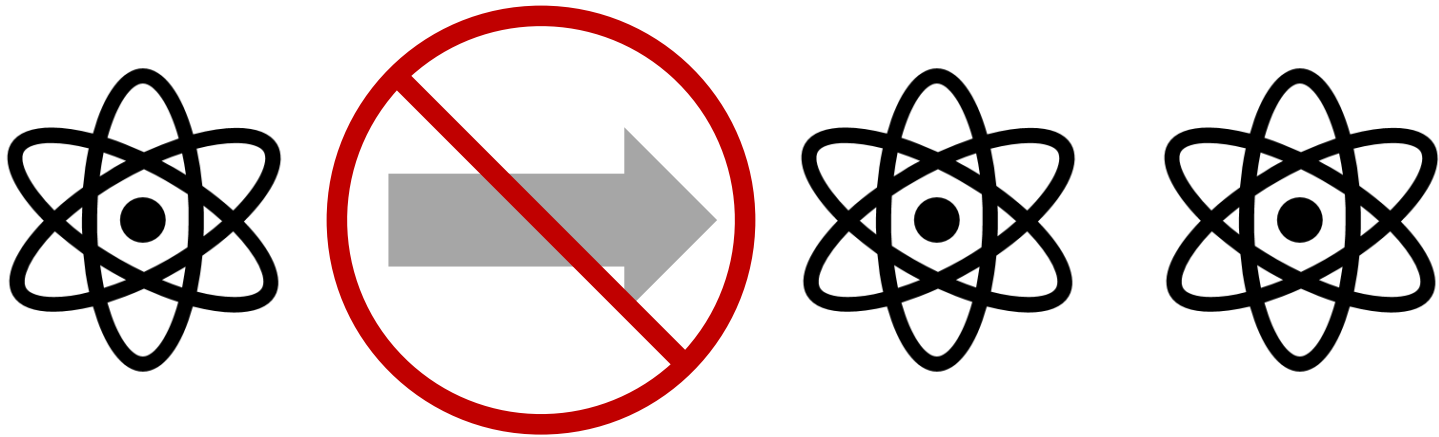


# Unclonable Quantum Cryptography

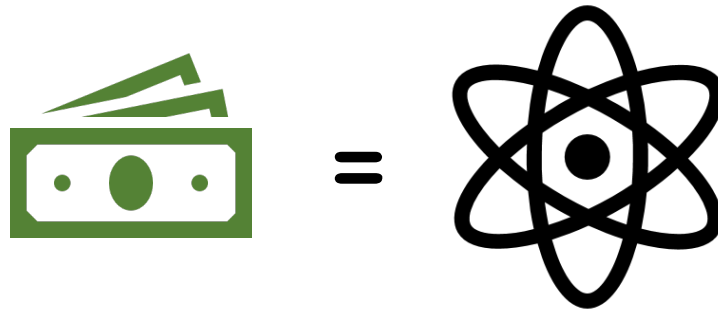
**Mark Zhandry** (NTT Research & Princeton University)

# Quantum No-Cloning



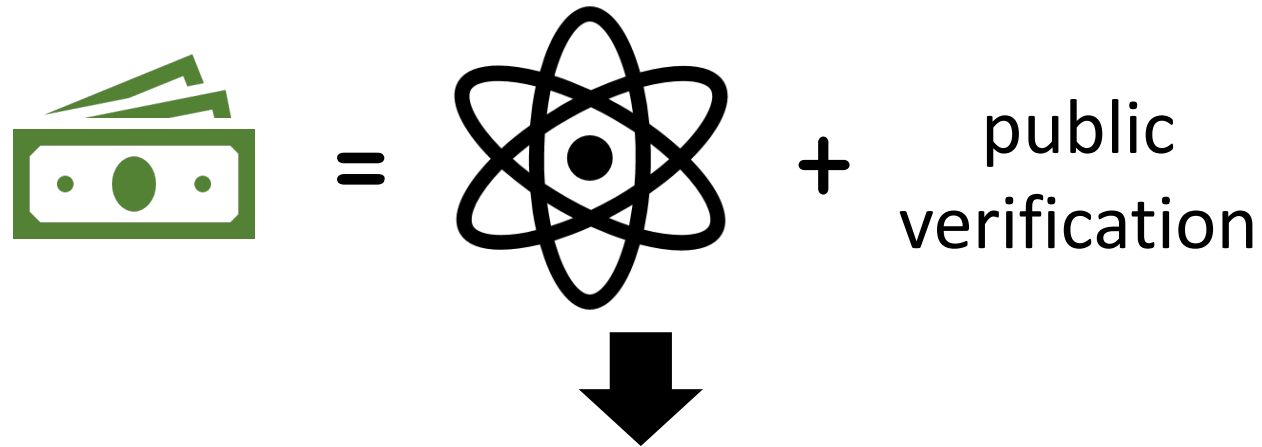
# Quantum Money

[Wiesner'70]



# Public Key Quantum Money

[Aaronson'09]



Need no-cloning + computational security

## This Talk

Survey landscape of  
computational no-cloning

# Other impacts of quantum not discussed

Improved assumptions for crypto

[Bartusek-Coladangelo-Khurana-Ma'21, Grilo-Lin-Song-Vaikuntanathan'21]

Proof challenges

Rewinding: [Graaf'97, Watrous'08, Unruh'12, Chiesa-Ma-Spooner-Z'21]

Random oracle model: [Boneh-Dagdelen-Fischlin-Lehmann-Schaffner-Z'11]

Superposition attacks

[Kuwakado-Morii'10, Damgård-Funder-Nielsen-Salvail'11, Z'12]

(Public key) quantum money

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# Public Key Quantum Money



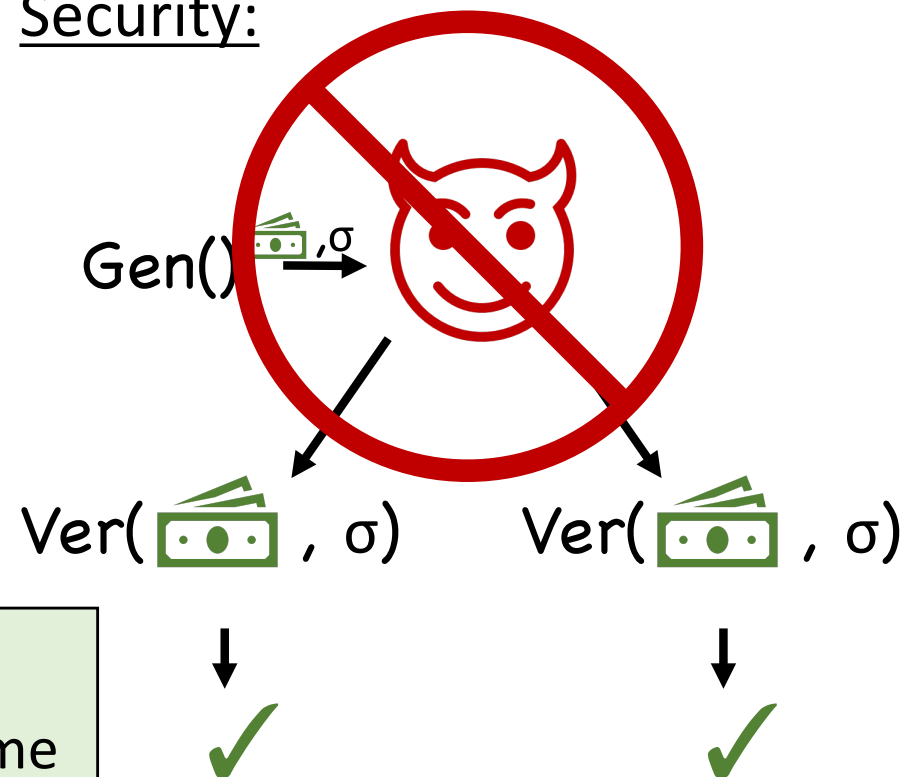
# Our Focus: “Mini-schemes”

Syntax/correctness:

$\text{Gen}() \rightarrow$   ,  $\sigma$

$\text{Ver}(\text{stack of money icon}, \sigma) \rightarrow$  ✓

Security:

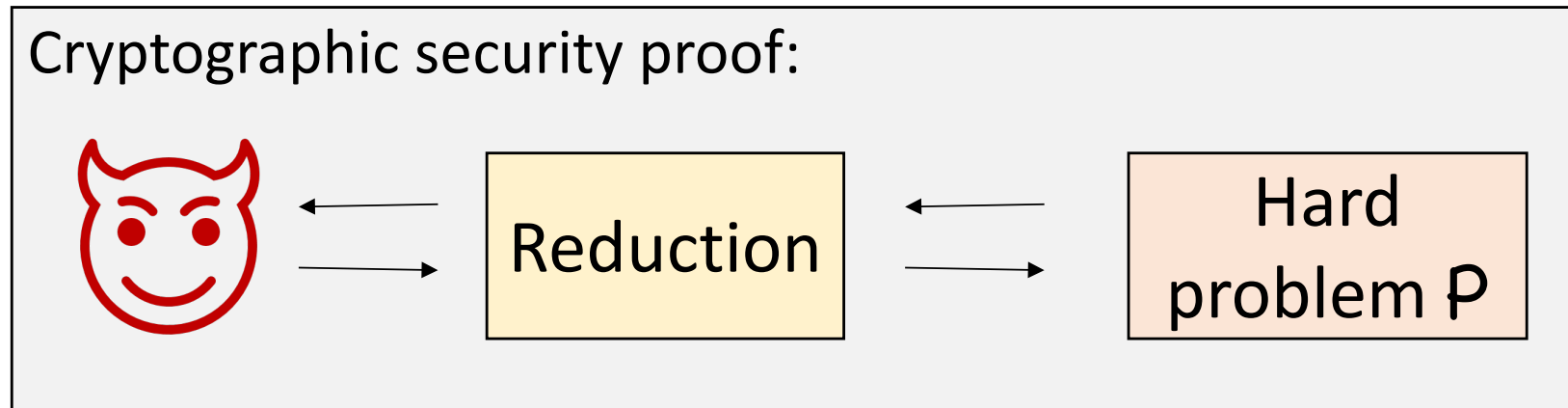


**Thm** [Aaronson-Christiano'12]:  
Mini-scheme + Signatures = Full scheme

Most schemes = candidates

[Aaronson'09]: random stabilizer states	✗	[Lutomirski-Aaronson-Farhi-Gosset-Hassidim-Kelner-Shor'10]
[Farhi-Gosset-Hassidim-Lutomirski-Shor'10]: knots	?	little published cryptanalysis effort
[Aaronson-Christiano'12]: polynomials hiding subspaces	✗	[Pena-Faugère-Perret'14, Christiano-Sattath'16]
[Kane'18]: Modular forms	?	[Bilyk-Doliskani-Gong'22] analysis
[Z'19]: quadratic systems of equations	✗	[Roberts'21]
[Kane-Sharif-Silverberg'21]: Quaternion Algebras	?	No published cryptanalysis effort

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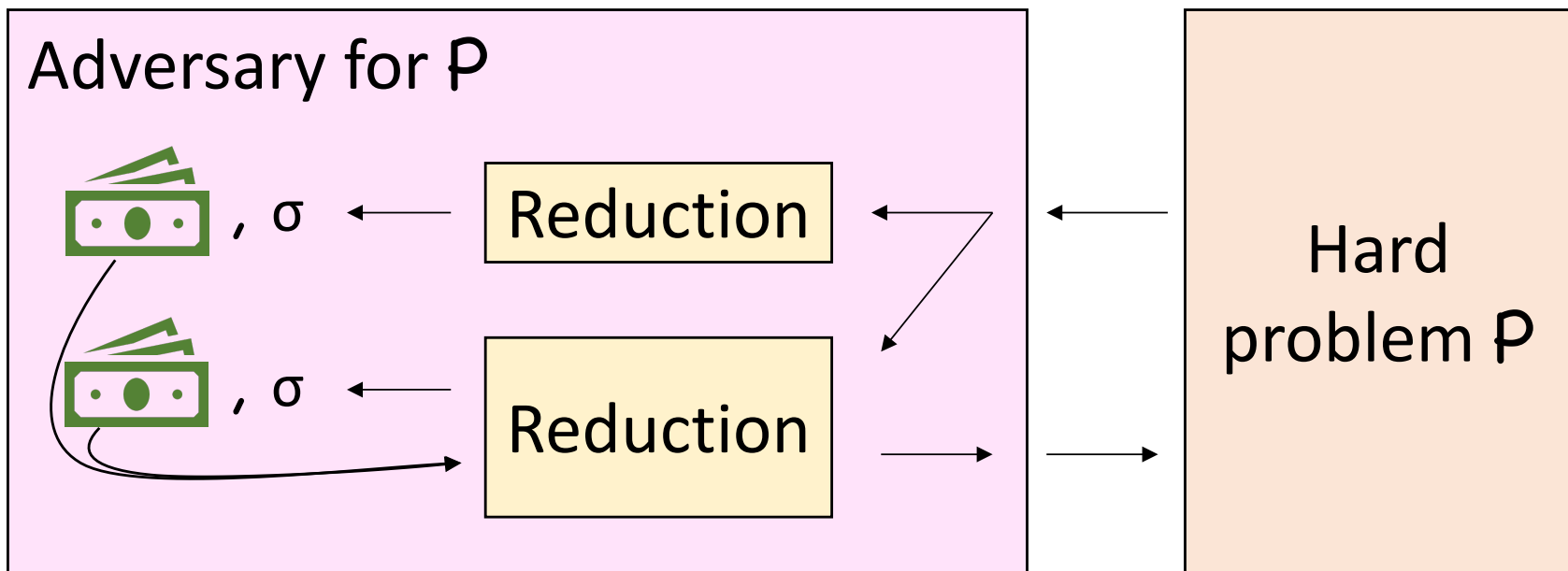


P should be widely believed,  
studied, easy to think about, etc



P should be **classical** problem  
with post-quantum hardness

# Central Challenge 1:



## Central Challenge 2:

No-cloning comes from information-theory

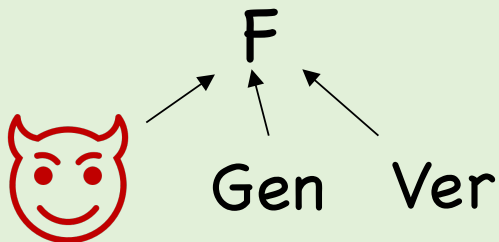
But  is information-theoretically clonable

How to combine?

## Three known strategies to justify security

### Oracles

[Aaronson'09, Aaronson-Christiano'12]



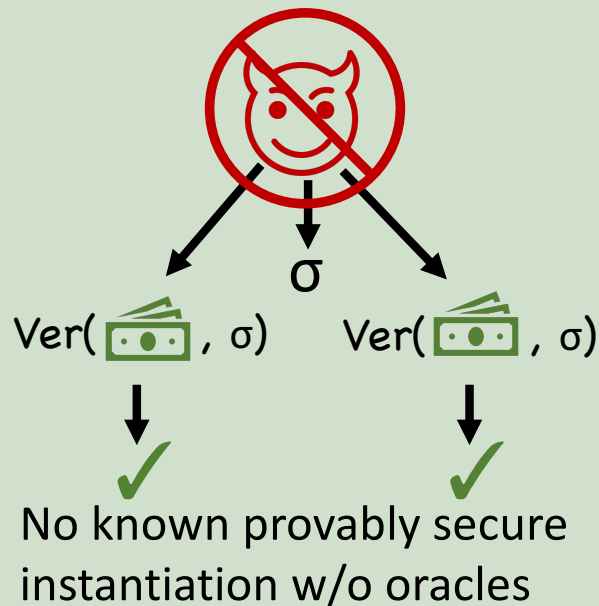
Pro: Unconditional security!

Cons:

- How to implement  $F$ ?
- Justify implementation “as good as” black box?

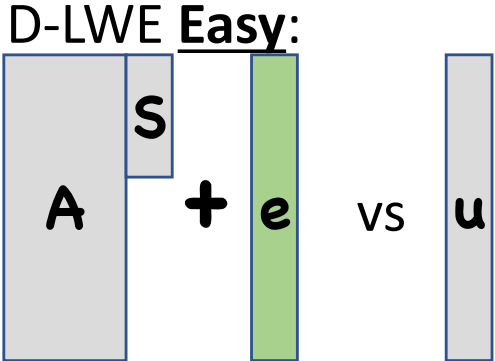
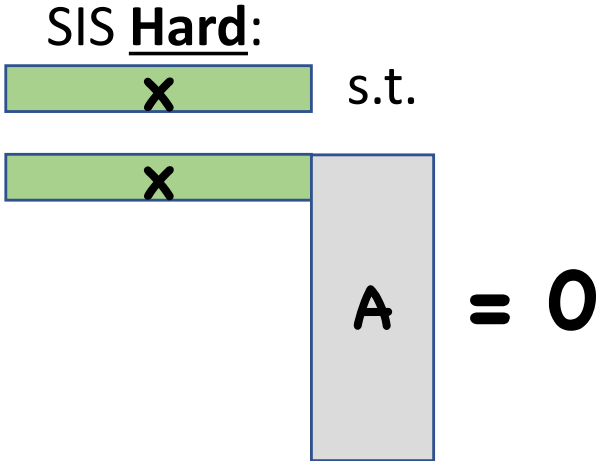
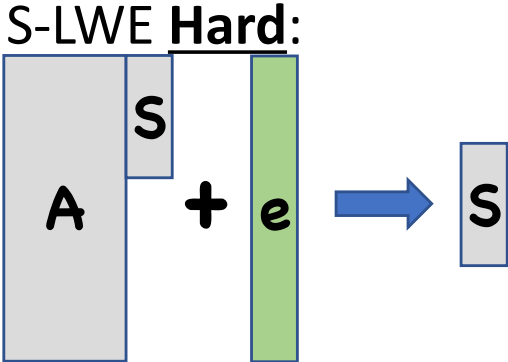
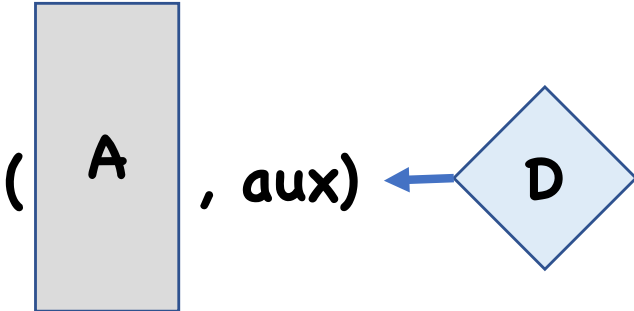
### Quantum lightning

[Lutomirski-Aaronson-Farhi-Gosset-Hassidim-Kelner-Shor'10, Z'19]



# Open Question 1: "Gap LWE"

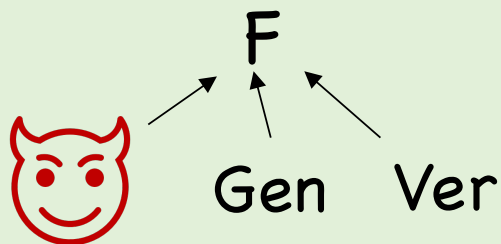
 = short vector



# Three known strategies to justify security

## Oracles

[Aaronson'09, Aaronson-Christiano'12]



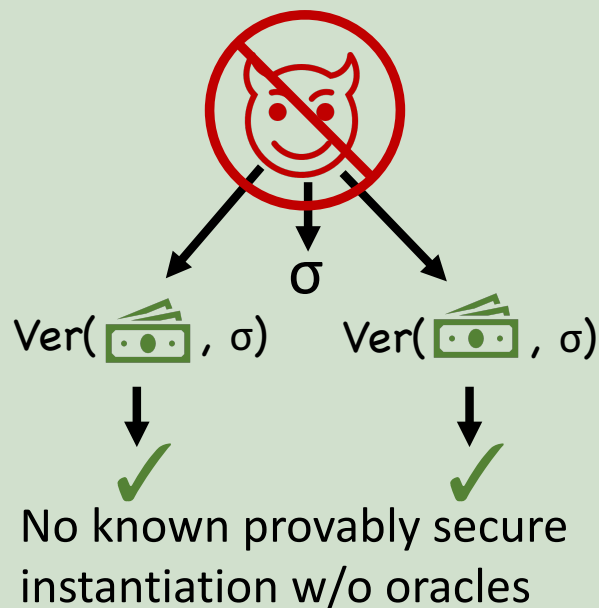
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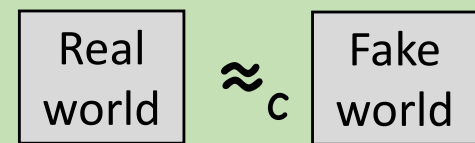
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## Switch to information-theoretic unclonability

[Z'19]



Cloning information-theoretically impossible

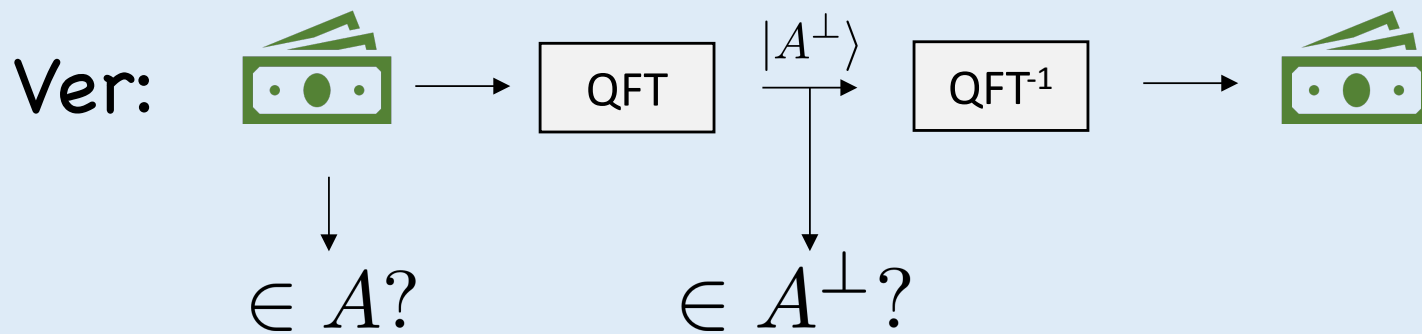
Only one known instance, using very powerful tools



# Aaronson-Christiano'12 Scheme

Linear subspace

$$\text{[stack of coins icon]} = |A\rangle := \sum_{x \in A} |x\rangle \quad \sigma = (A, A^\perp)$$



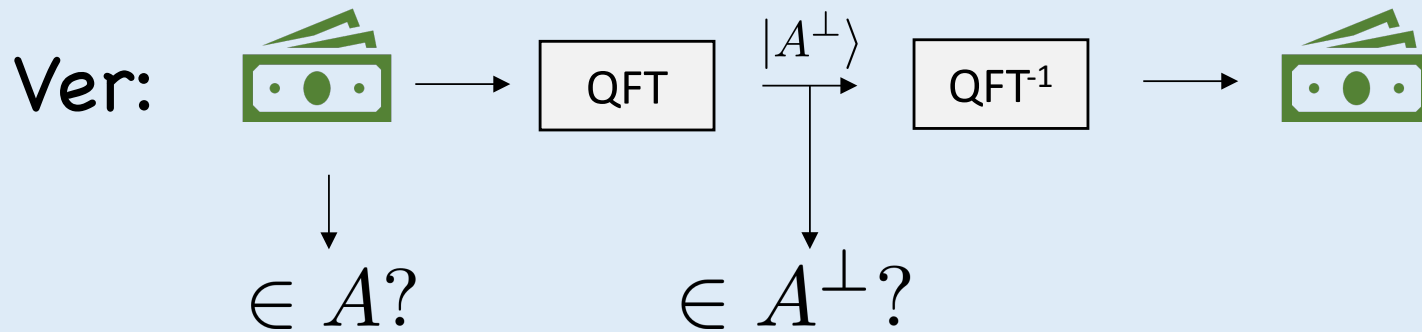
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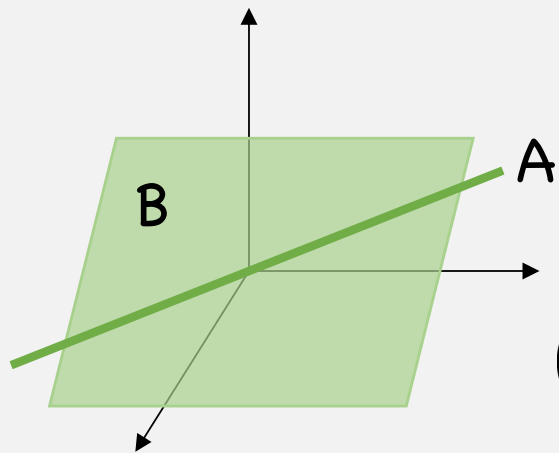
Hope: somehow hides A

$$\sigma = ( \text{Obf}(A) , \text{Obf}(A^\perp) )$$



**Thm [AC'12]:** Secure in black box model

Def [Z'19]: Subspace hiding obfuscation (shO):



$B =$  random subspace of  $F^n$

$A =$  random subspace of  $B$

$$(A, \text{Obf}(A)) \approx_c (A, \text{Obf}(B))$$

**Thm** [Z'19]: Subspace hiding  $\rightarrow$  Secure quantum money

**Proof:**  $(\text{Obf}(A), \text{Obf}(A^\perp)) \rightarrow (\text{Obf}(S), \text{Obf}(T)) \quad S \supseteq A, T \supseteq A^\perp$

Verification of adversary's state still wrt  $A, A^\perp$

$\rightarrow$  Now information-theoretic no-cloning

Open Question 2: Post-quantum  
ShO from standard assumptions

## Detour: The Obfuscation Landscape

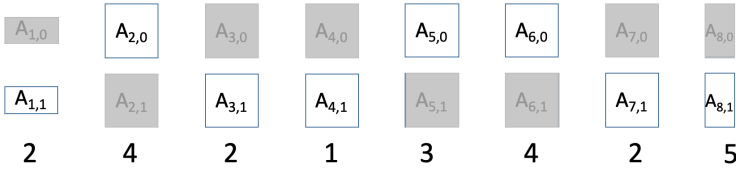
# Ad Hoc Obfuscation

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Q=1|2):(c++Q,r=V?getc(V)-1,s=ss-1|<0) O+c,write(1,s7[o],1) O z=ct+2-1,w
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# Mathematical Obfuscation

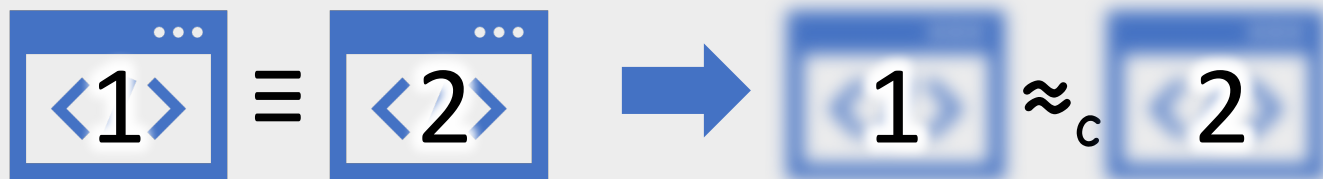


Central object in theoretical cryptography

**Thm** [Barak-Goldreich-Impagliazzo-Rudich-Sahai-Vadhan-Yang'01]:  
Some programs cannot be obfuscated



Indistinguishability obfuscation (iO):

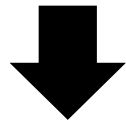


No meaningful obfuscation guarantee on its own

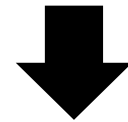
**Thm** [Goldwasser-Rothblum'07]: If  $\mathcal{P}$  can be obfuscated, iO obfuscates  $\mathcal{P}$



[Garg-Gentry-Halevi-Raykova-Sahai-Waters'13,...]



[Jain-Lin-Sahai'20]:  
Pre-quantum iO from  
standardish tools



[Bartusek-Guan-Ma-Z'18, Brakerski-Döttling-  
Garg-Malavolta'20, Wee-Wichs'20]:  
“Candidate” (post-quantum) iO

[Garg-Gentry-Halevi-Raykova-Sahai-Waters'13,...]:  
iO ➡ obfuscation for specific programs ➡ applications



Provably  
obfuscatable  
programs

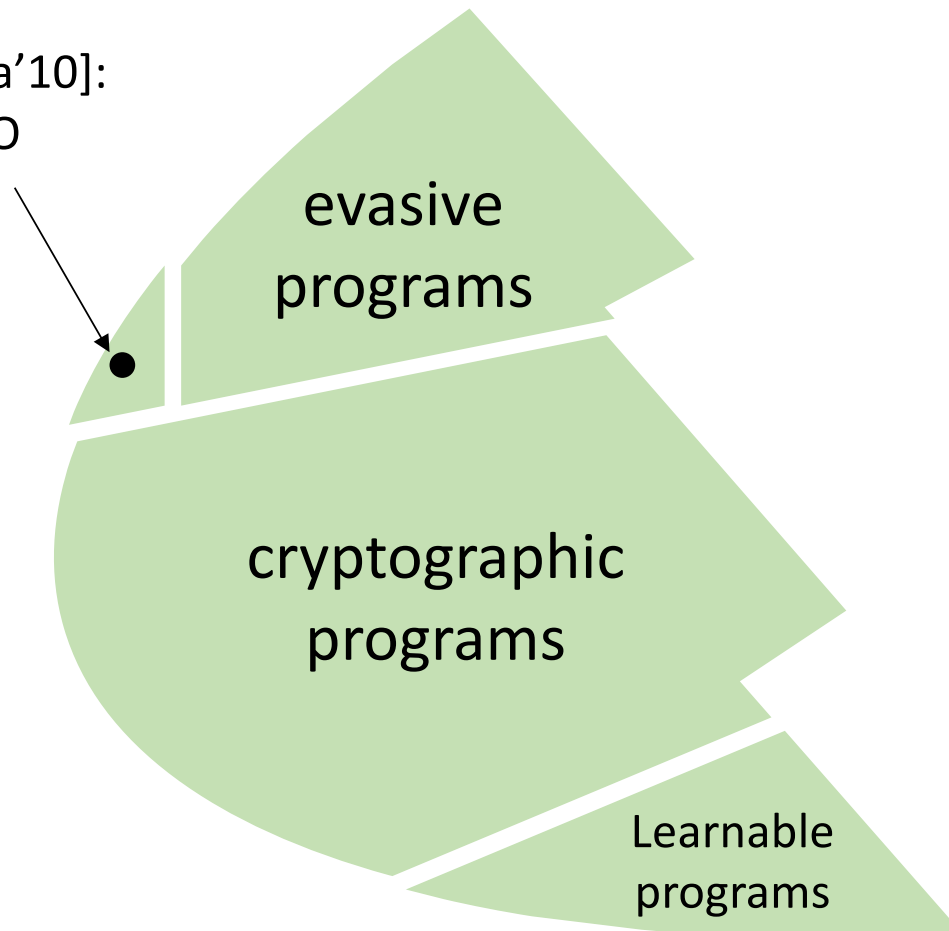
All (Classical) Programs

Known  
unobfuscatable  
programs

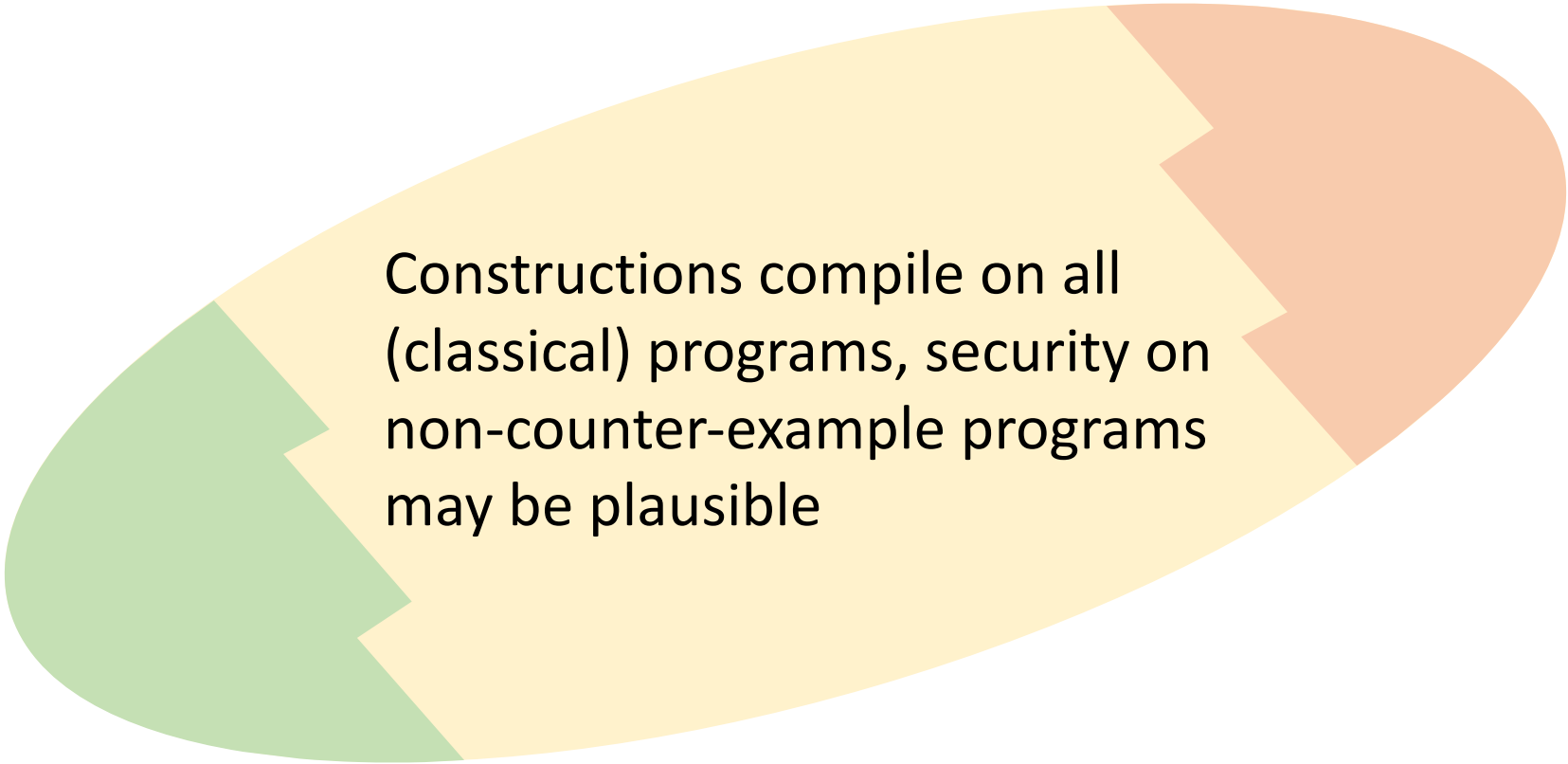
[Canetti-Rothblum-Varia'10]:

Groups  $\rightarrow$  ShO

[Z'19]: iO  $\rightarrow$  shO



Open Question 3: Find More Non-evasive, non-cryptographic programs that can be obfuscated



Constructions compile on all  
(classical) programs, security on  
non-counter-example programs  
may be plausible

### **Main takeaways regarding iO:**

- Somewhat compelling pre-quantum iO
- Good candidates for post-quantum iO, but uncertain
- Good understanding about guarantees of iO for some cryptographic or evasive programs
- Minimal understanding for non-crypto/evasive programs

Back to Quantum...

(Public key) quantum money ✓

Copy protection

Revocable cryptography



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## A classical possibility: Watermarking Software



Note: impossible for learnable functions, frequently also for evasive functions

Positive results for cryptographic functionalities

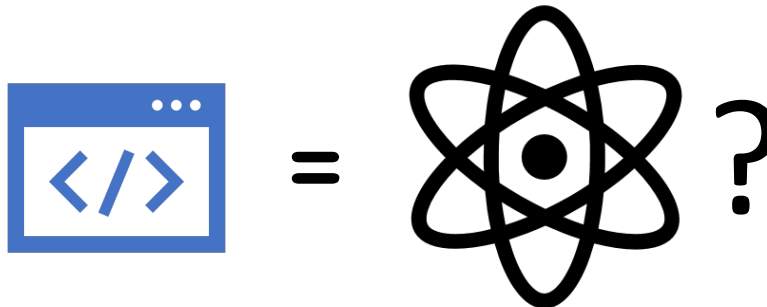
[Cohen-Holmgren-Nishimaki-Vaikuntanathan-Wichs'15,...]

Traitor tracing  $\approx$  watermarking for decryption functions

# Quantum Copy Protection

[Aaronson'09]

Note: impossible for  
learnable functions



Problem: often implies quantum money

Problem: implies obfuscation

Problem: how to combine?

# What's known?

**Thm** [Aaronson'09]: Exists relative to **quantum** oracle

**Thm** [Aaronson-Liu-Liu-Z-Zhang'20]: Exists relative to **classical** oracle

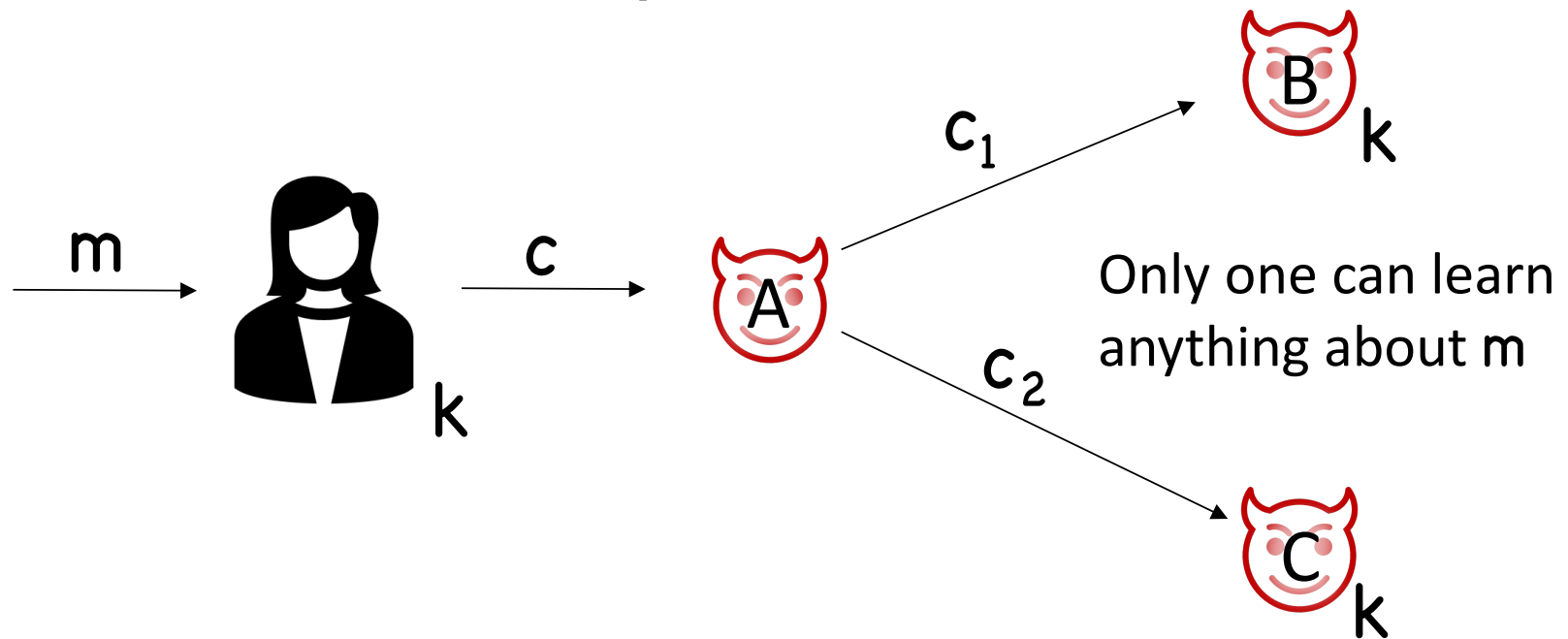
**Thm** [Ananth-La Placa'20]: Impossible for some non-learnable functions

**Thm** [Coladangelo-Majenz-Poremba'20]: Random oracles  
→ CP for some evasive functions with *some* security

**Thm** [Coladangelo-Liu-Liu-Z'21, Culf-Vidick'21]:  
iO → CP for PRFs, decryption, signature tokens

# Special Case: Unclonable Encryption

[Gottesman'03, Broadbent-Lord'19]



**Observation:** 1-time, symmetric key  $\approx$  CP for point functions

$$c = \text{CP}( x \rightarrow \text{if}(x==k) \text{ output } m )$$

**Thm** [Broadbent-Lord'19]:

- Statistical **weak “unpredictability”** security in the one-time, symmetric key setting
- Improved, but still weak, security using random oracles



## Conjugate Coding

[Weisner'70]

$$k = (k_1, k_2) \in \{0, 1\}^{2n}$$

$$c = H^{k_2} \text{NOT}^{k_1} |m\rangle$$

**Thm** [Broadbent-Lord'19]: No split adversaries can simultaneously predict random  $m$  with probability  $> 0.85356^n$

## Splitting Attack

Write  $c = c_1 \parallel c_2$



Easy for each adversary to learn different parts of message

## 1-Bit Attack



Guess  $k'_2$

Measure  $H^{k'_2}|c\rangle = H^{k_2 \oplus k'_2} \text{NOT}^{k_1}|m\rangle \mapsto d$

Send  $(d, k'_2)$  to both **B, C**



For each  $i$ , let  $m_i := \begin{cases} d_i \oplus (k_1)_i & \text{if } (k_2 \oplus k'_2)_i = 0 \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

For each  $i$ , both parties learn  $m_i$  unambiguously with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Different attack can learn each  $m_i$  ambiguously with prob 0.85355

**Idea** [Broadbent-Lord'19]: Extract with random oracle

$$x \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$$

$$c = (\mathbf{H}^{k_2} \mathbf{NOT}^{k_1} |x\rangle, O(x) \oplus m)$$

**Thm** [Broadbent-Lord'19]: Better security

**Thm** [Majenz-Schaffner-Tahmasbi'21]: cannot be proven optimally secure under usual techniques

**Thm** [Ananth-Kaleoglu-Li-Liu-Z'22]: no statistical security for deterministic (unitary) schemes

Contrast with ordinary encryption, where statistical deterministic encryption is trivial

**Thm** [Ananth-Kaleoglu-Li-Liu-Z'22]: RO + random coins  $\rightarrow$  secure scheme

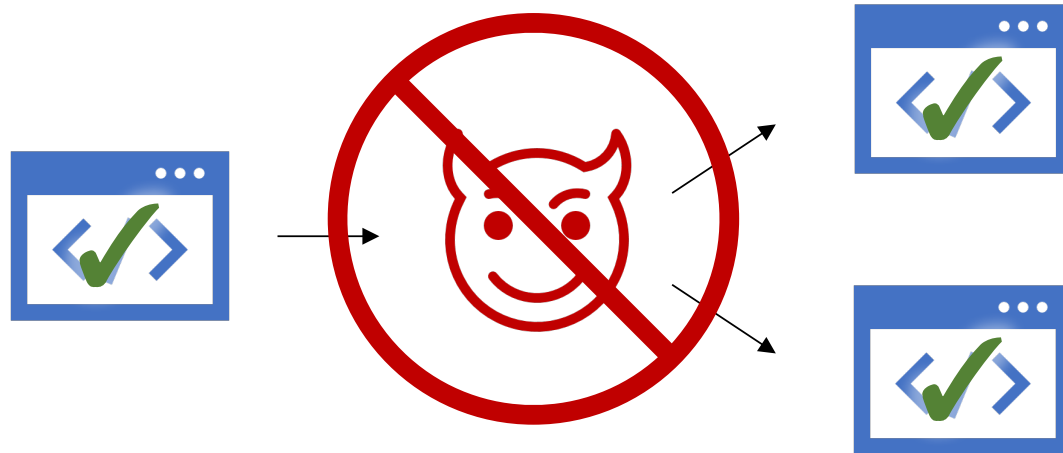
$$k = A$$

$$c = (|A_{s,s'}\rangle, H(s, s') \oplus m), s, s' \leftarrow \$$$

$$|A_{s,s'}\rangle = \sum_{x \in A} \omega^{x \cdot s'} |x + s\rangle$$

Open Question 4: Unclonable encryption/  
CP for point functions without oracles

# Relaxation: Copy detection



Adversary may copy, but copies will be detectable

**Thm** [Aaronson-Liu-Liu-Z-Zhang'20]: quantum money + classical public watermarking  $\rightarrow$  copy detection for same programs

$$\text{[Checkmark Icon]} = \text{[Money Icon]} + \text{[Copyright Icon]} \quad \text{©} = \sigma$$

**Thm** [Ananth-La Placa'20]: quantum money + other tools  $\rightarrow$  copy detection for certain evasive functions

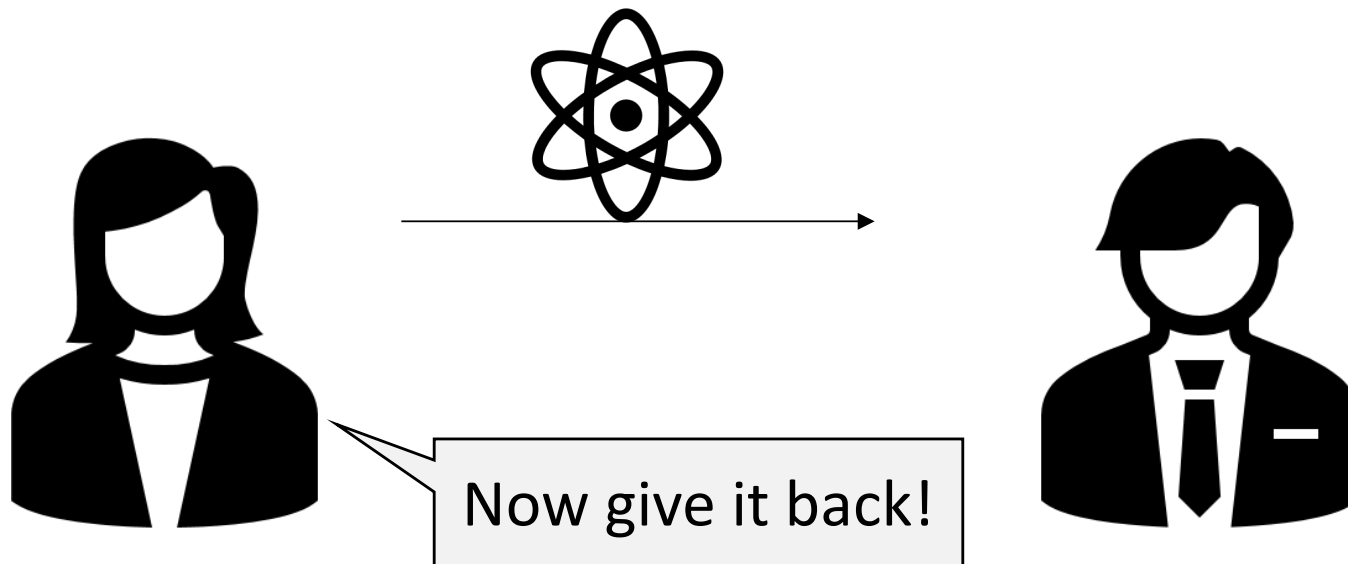


(Public key) quantum money ✓

Copy protection ✓

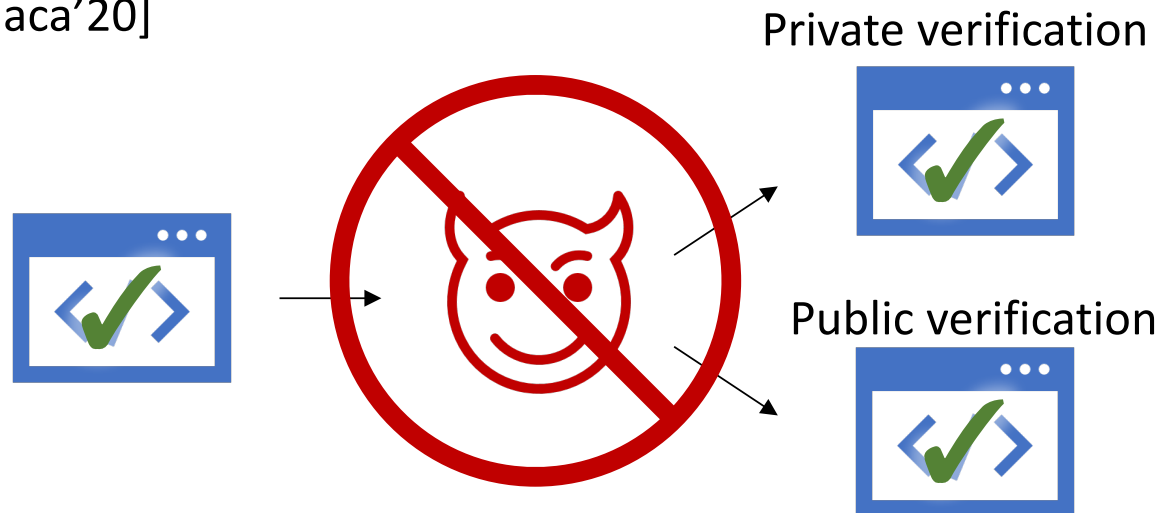
Revocable cryptography

# Revocable Cryptography



# Secure Software Leasing

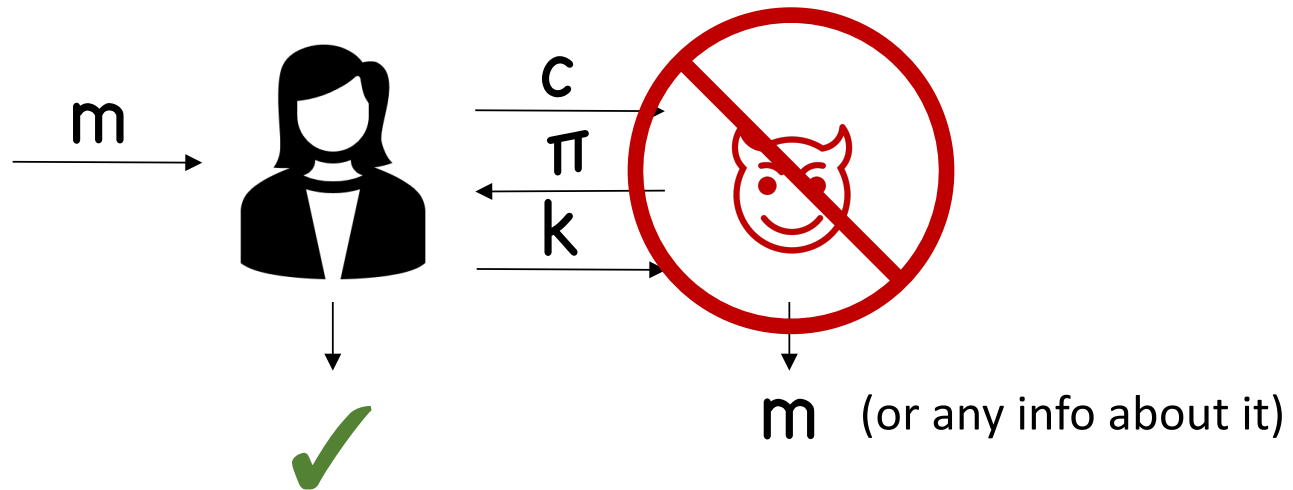
[Ananth-La Placa'20]



**Thm** [Ananth-La Placa'20]: Standard tools  $\rightarrow$  SSL for certain evasive functions

# Encryption with Certified Deletion

[Broadbent-Islam'19]



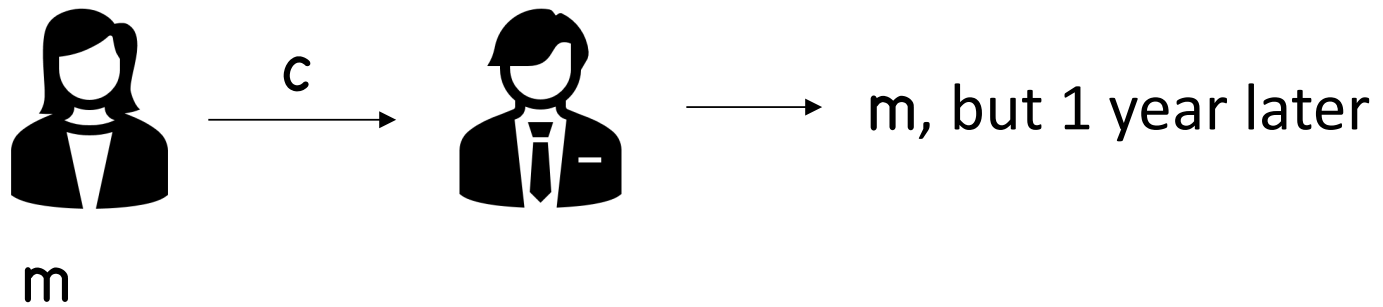
Not hard observation: Unclonable Enc can be used to construct Enc w/ Certified Deletion

**Thm** [Broadbent-Islam'19]: Statistical, one-time, secret key

**Thm** [Hiroka-Morimae-Nishimaki-Yamakawa'21]:  
classical PKE → public key, many time

# Revocable Time-Released Crypto

Classical time-released crypto:  
[Rivest-Shamir-Wagner'96]



**Thm** [Unruh'13]: Classical TRE  $\rightarrow$  Revocable TRE

Construction idea:

$$c = ( \text{TRE}(k) , \text{Enc}(k, m) )$$

Classical TRE

Enc w/ certified deletion

Security proof not generic and non-trivial

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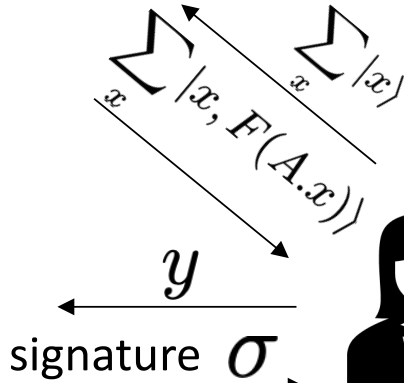
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# Unclonable Crypto with Classical Communication

$$O(x) = F(A.x)$$

$$P(y) = x \in \text{RowSpan}(A)?$$



$$\sigma, \sum_{x:F(A.x)=y} |x\rangle$$

Banknote

Suppose  $O$  is post-quantum collision-resistant\*

\* Its not!  $O$  is periodic

**Correctness:** Just need pre-image sets of  $O$  to be subspaces  
**Collision-resistance:** Need (at minimum) subspaces not all the same  
(Need  $P$  to check different subspace for each  $y$ )

[Brakerski-Christiano-Mahadev-Vazirani-Vidick'18]: Use trapdoor 2-to-1 function (aka Trapdoor Claw-Free func) from LWE

Any pair of points is a subspace!

**Limitation:**  $P$  needs secret trapdoor, so no public verification

Nevertheless, ideas used for many results

Open Question 5: Publicly verifiable  
money with classical communication  
from  $iO$  +  $LWE$  +  $Isogenies$  +  $LPN$  + ...

[Radian-Sattath'19]: private key case

[Shmueli'21]: public key classical bank