

QUANTUM TO CLASSICAL RANDOMNESS EXTRACTORS OR STRONG UNCERTAINTY RELATIONS WITH QUANTUM SIDE INFORMATION

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General overview

- Uncertainty relations important in quantum cryptography
- We view uncertainty relations as special kind of randomness extractors (QC-extractors)
- Use techniques from the study of extractors

Outline

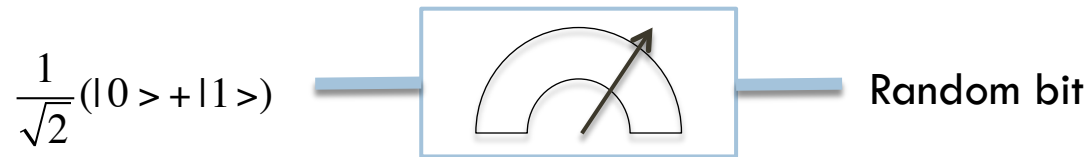
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Randomness extraction

- Question: Given a weak source of randomness, how to convert it to private random bits?
- Example: QKD
 - parameter estimation step → adversary has some uncertainty about bits of Alice and Bob
 - “privacy amplification” or “randomness extraction” step
- Important: Weak source of randomness: no control over the source

Randomness extractor from quantum source

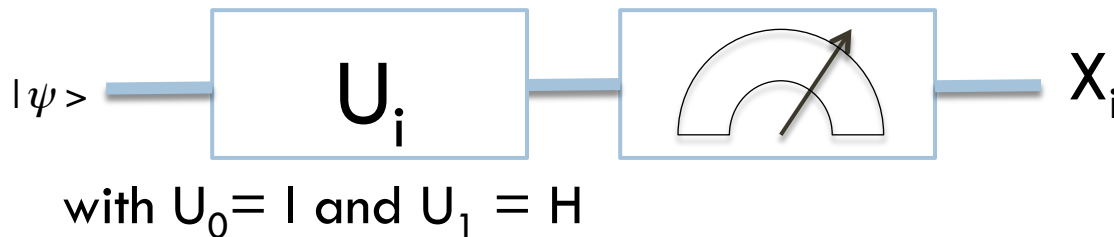
- Here: source is a quantum system
- 1st try:



- Not good enough: use the knowledge of the input state

QC-extraction: Better example

- Pick i in $\{0,1\}$ at random



Theorem [\[Maassen and Uffink 1989\]](#)

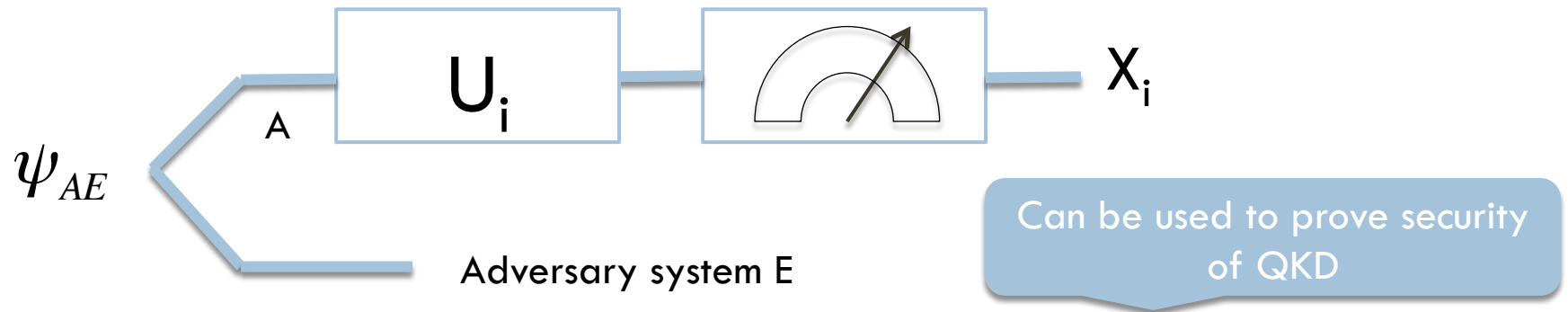
For any input state

$$\frac{1}{2}(H(X_0) + H(X_1)) \geq \frac{n}{2}$$

H: Shannon entropy (measure of uncertainty) $H(X) \in [0, n]$

QC-extraction: Better example continued

- Pick i in $\{0,1\}$ at random with $U_0 = I$ and $U_1 = H$



Theorem [Berta, Christandl, Colbeck, Renes, Renner 2010]

For any input state

$$\frac{1}{2}(H(X_0 | E) + H(X_1 | E)) \geq \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2}H(A | E)$$

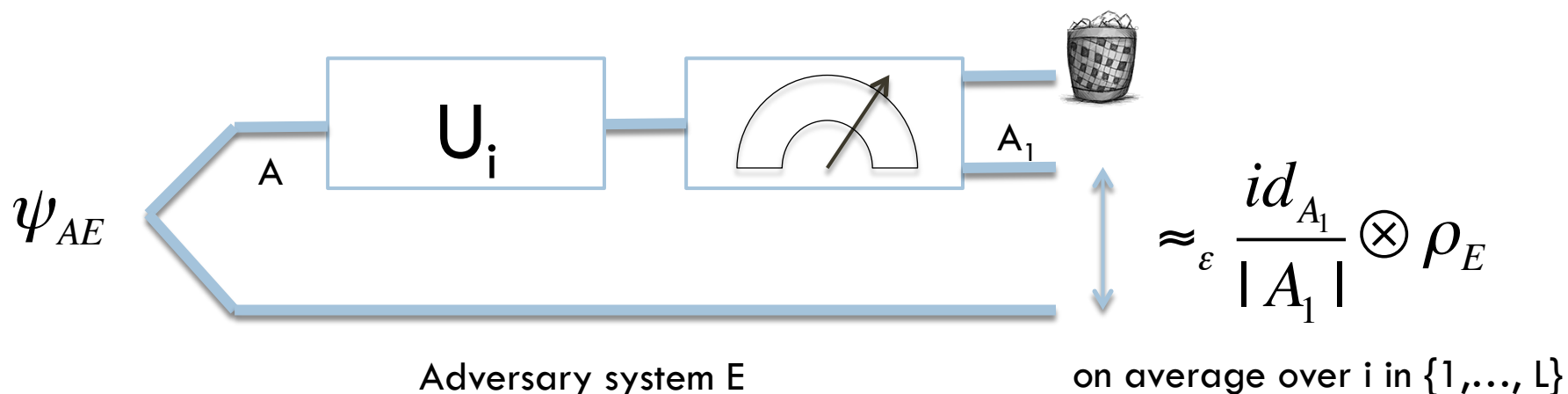
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Uncertainty given E

←-n for max. entangled

QC-extractor: informal definition

- Shannon entropy: weak measure of uncertainty
- Want output indistinguishable from uniform random bits except with small probability ε
- Need $L > 2$ measurements

Definition: For all input states ρ_{AE} “not too entangled”



Measuring uncertainty relative to adversary

- Right measure:

$$H_{\min}(A|E) \in [-\log |A|, \log |A|]$$

$$H_{\min}(A|E) = \max\{\lambda : \rho_{AE} \leq 2^{-\lambda} id \otimes \rho_E\}$$

- Examples:

$$\rho_{AE} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_A \otimes \rho_E$$

$$H_{\min}(A|E) = 0$$

$$\rho_{AE} = \frac{id_A}{|A|} \otimes \rho_E$$

$$H_{\min}(A|E) = \log |A|$$

$$|\rho\rangle_{AE} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|A|}} \sum |j\rangle_A |j\rangle_E$$

$$H_{\min}(A|E) = -\log |A|$$

Maximally entangled state

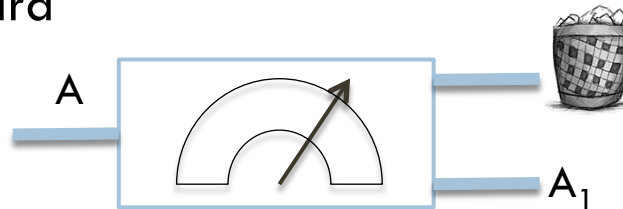
QC-extractor: more formal def

Definition

QC-extractor is a set of unitaries $\{U_1, \dots, U_L\}$ such that for all ρ_{AE} such that $H_{\min}(A | E) > k$

$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \left\| \mathcal{T}_{A \rightarrow A_1}(U_i \rho_{AE} U_i^\dagger) - \frac{\mathbb{I}_{A_1}}{|A_1|} \otimes \rho_E \right\|_1 \leq \varepsilon .$$

- τ : Measurement + discard



- Parameters:

- k : how much uncertainty is needed in the input
- $\log |A_1|$: size of output
- ε : statistical error
- L : number of unitaries

Parameters: Output size $|A_1|$

Proposition

We can extract at most

$$\log |A_1| \leq \log |A| + H_{\min}^{\sqrt{\epsilon}}(A|E) .$$

Example:

- If pure state on A : at most $\log |A|$
- If maximally entangled $H_{\min}(A|E) = -\log |A|$: cannot extract anything

Parameters: seed size L

Proposition

Size of
output

$$\log(1 / \varepsilon) \leq \log L \leq \log |A_1| + \textit{small}$$

Simple argument

Probabilistic construction
 $\{U_1, \dots, U_L\}$ random unitaries

Huge gap! I suspect $\log L = O(\log \log |A|)$ might be possible

QC-extractors: constructions from decoupling

- Decoupling unitaries [Dupuis et. al. 2010]
 - Random unitaries (Haar measure)
 - Unitary two-design (Reproduce second moment of Haar measure)

- Works for any map τ

$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \left\| \mathcal{T}_{A \rightarrow A_1}(U_i \rho_{AE} U_i^\dagger) - \frac{\mathbb{I}_{A_1}}{|A_1|} \otimes \rho_E \right\|_1 \leq \varepsilon .$$

- QC-extractor: special case

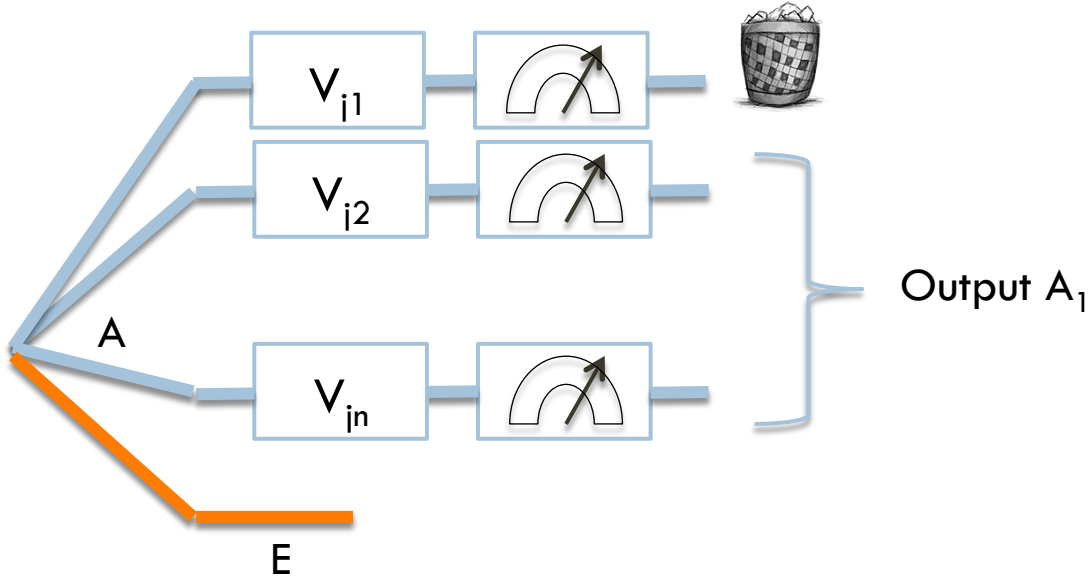


QC-extractors: constructions from decoupling

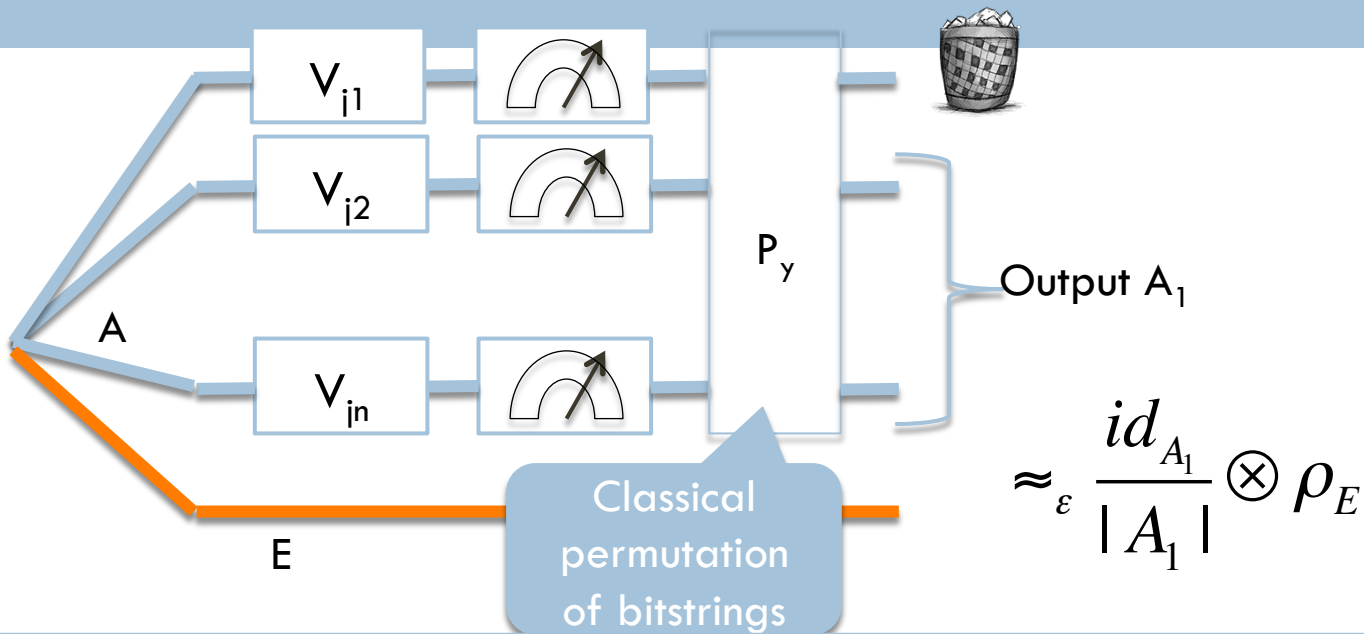
- Decoupling unitaries [Dupuis et. al. 2010]
 - Random unitaries (Haar measure)
 - Unitary two-design (Reproduce second moment of random unitaries) evenly distributed unitaries
- Parameters:
 - Output size: $\log |A| + H_{\min}(A|E)$ (optimal)
 - Seed size: $\log L = 4 \log |A|$ (probably far from optimal)
 - Unitaries can be implemented by polytime quantum circuits

QC-extractor: simpler construction

- For cryptographic applications, we want **simpler** unitaries: only **single-qubit** gates



QC-extractor: simpler construction



Theorem

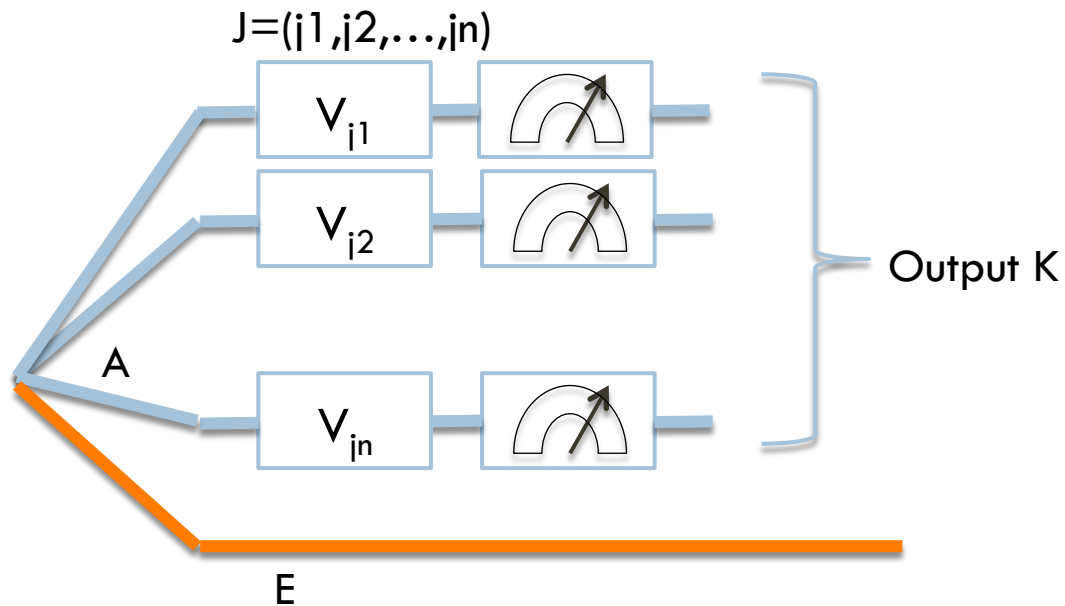
$\{P_y, V_{j_i}\}_{y_i}$ is a QC-extractor with

$$\epsilon \approx \sqrt{2^{-0.58n + \log |A_1| - H_{\min}(A|E)}}$$

Min-entropy uncertainty relation

Theorem

$$H_{\min}(K | EJ) \geq 0.58n + H_{\min}(A | E)$$

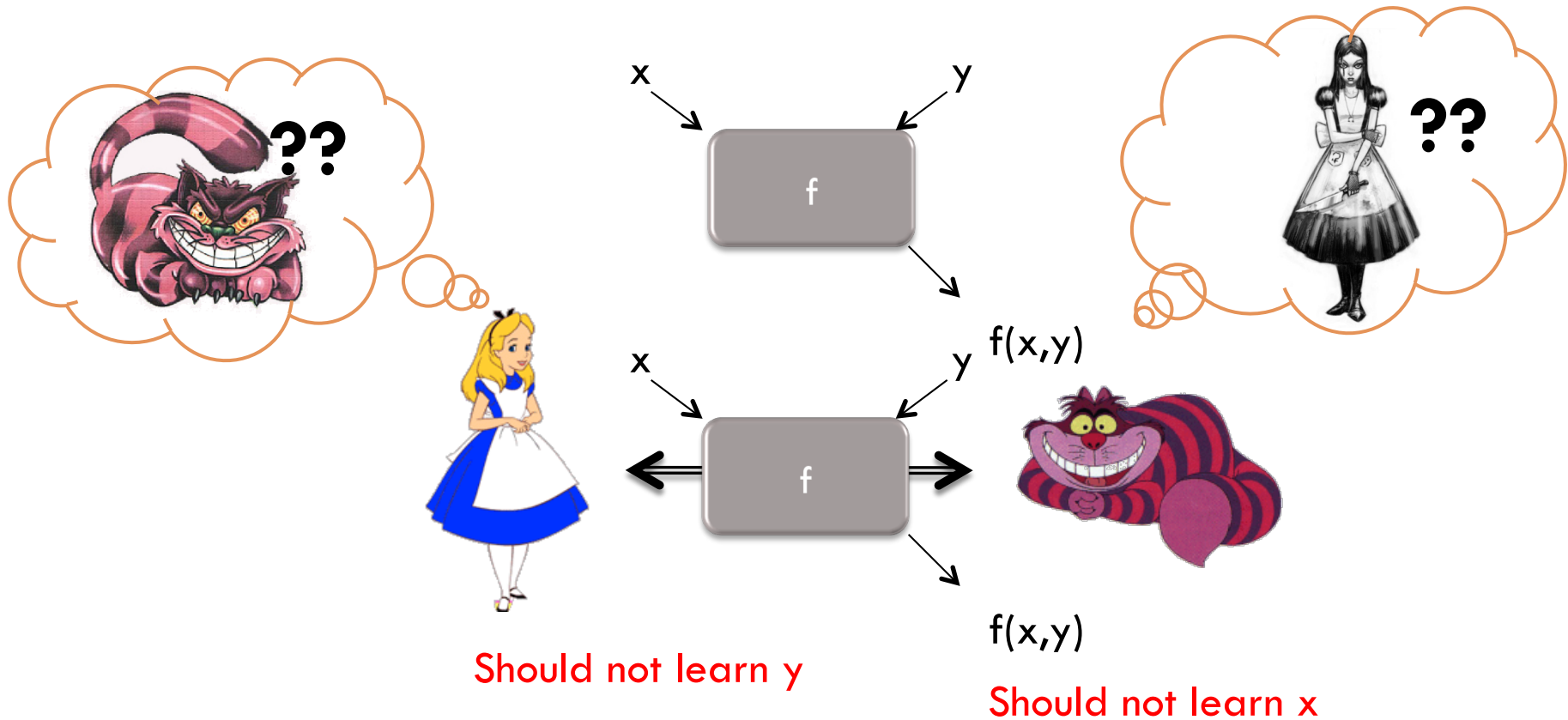


Proof idea

- Use 2-norm instead of the 1-norm
- Similar to leftover hash lemma* with more technicalities

* Leftover hash lemma: **two**-universal hash functions are good randomness extractors

Applications to cryptography: secure function evaluation



Secure function evaluation

- Not possible to solve without assumptions [Lo 97]
- Classical assumptions are typically computational assumptions (eg factoring is hard)
- Memory assumption: bounded **quantum** storage [Damgaard, Fehr, Salvail, Schaffner 2005]
 - ▣ Secure function evaluation possible if parties have limited quantum storage
 - ▣ Honest parties do not need any quantum storage

Noisy storage model [Wehner, Schaffner, Terhal 08]

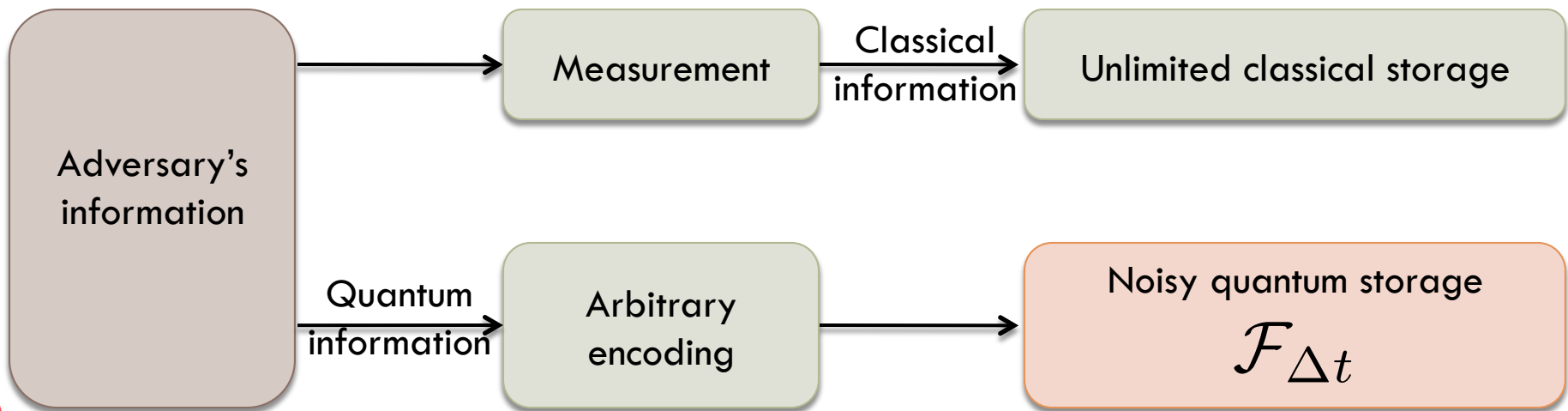
- Computationally all-powerful
- Unlimited classical storage



What the adversary can do

- Noisy quantum storage

Protocol will have waiting times Δt in which noisy-storage must be used:



Weak string erasure [Konig, Wehner, Wullschlegel 10]

Primitive: weak string erasure



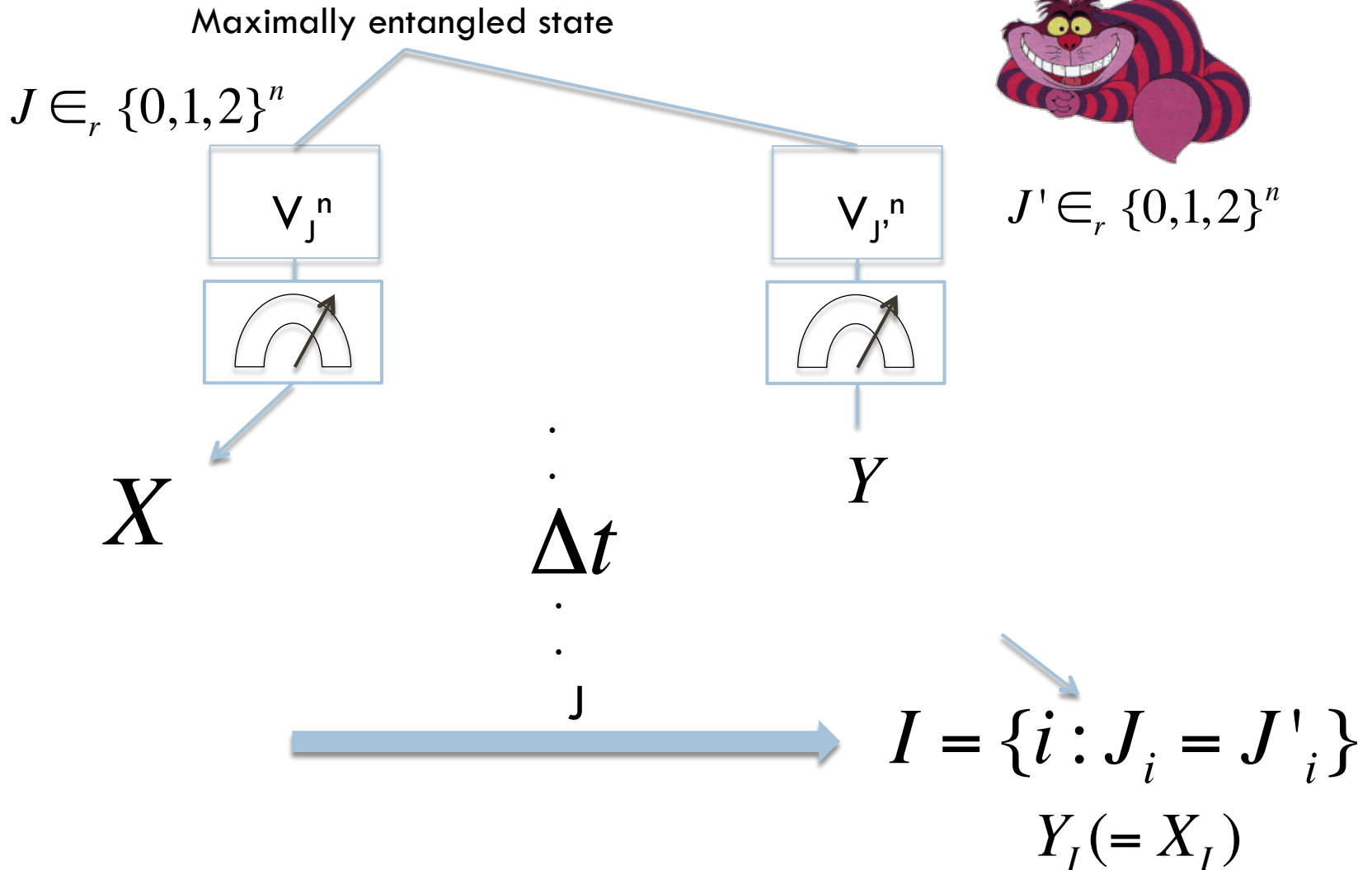
$$X \in_r \{0,1\}^n \quad I \subset_r \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ and } X_I \in \{0,1\}^{|I|}$$

Security criterion

- ▣ Cheating Alice does not learn I
- ▣ Cheating Bob $H_{\min}(X | B) > \lambda n$

It is for this condition that we use the limitation on Bob's storage

Protocol for weak string erasure in the noisy storage model



Security statement

- Cheating Alice
 - ▣ Protocol unconditionally secure

- Cheating Bob
 - ▣ Provided

$$\text{BestSuccProb}(\mathcal{F}) \leq 2^{-(1-0.58+\delta)n}$$

The protocol is secure

Summary

- Viewed uncertainty relations as some kind of randomness extractor
- Using techniques from extractors and decoupling, we give new uncertainty relations
- Use it to relate security to capacity of device to maintain entanglement

Open problems

- Ideally, want security provided

$$\text{BestSuccProb}(\mathcal{F}) \leq 2^{-\delta n}$$

Should improve

From

$$H_{\min}(K | EJ) \geq 0.58n + H_{\min}(A | E)$$

To

$$H_{\min}(K | EJ) \geq 0.58n + 0.58H_{\min}(A | E)$$

Related to (quantum) min-entropy sampling

- Number of unitaries needed for a QC-extractor not well understood
 - ▣ Is there a QC-extractor with $\log L = O(\log \log |A|)$?
 - ▣ More generally, are there decoupling unitaries with $\log L = O(\log \log |A|)$?