

# Tamper-Resistant Cryptographic Hardware in the Isolated Qubits Model

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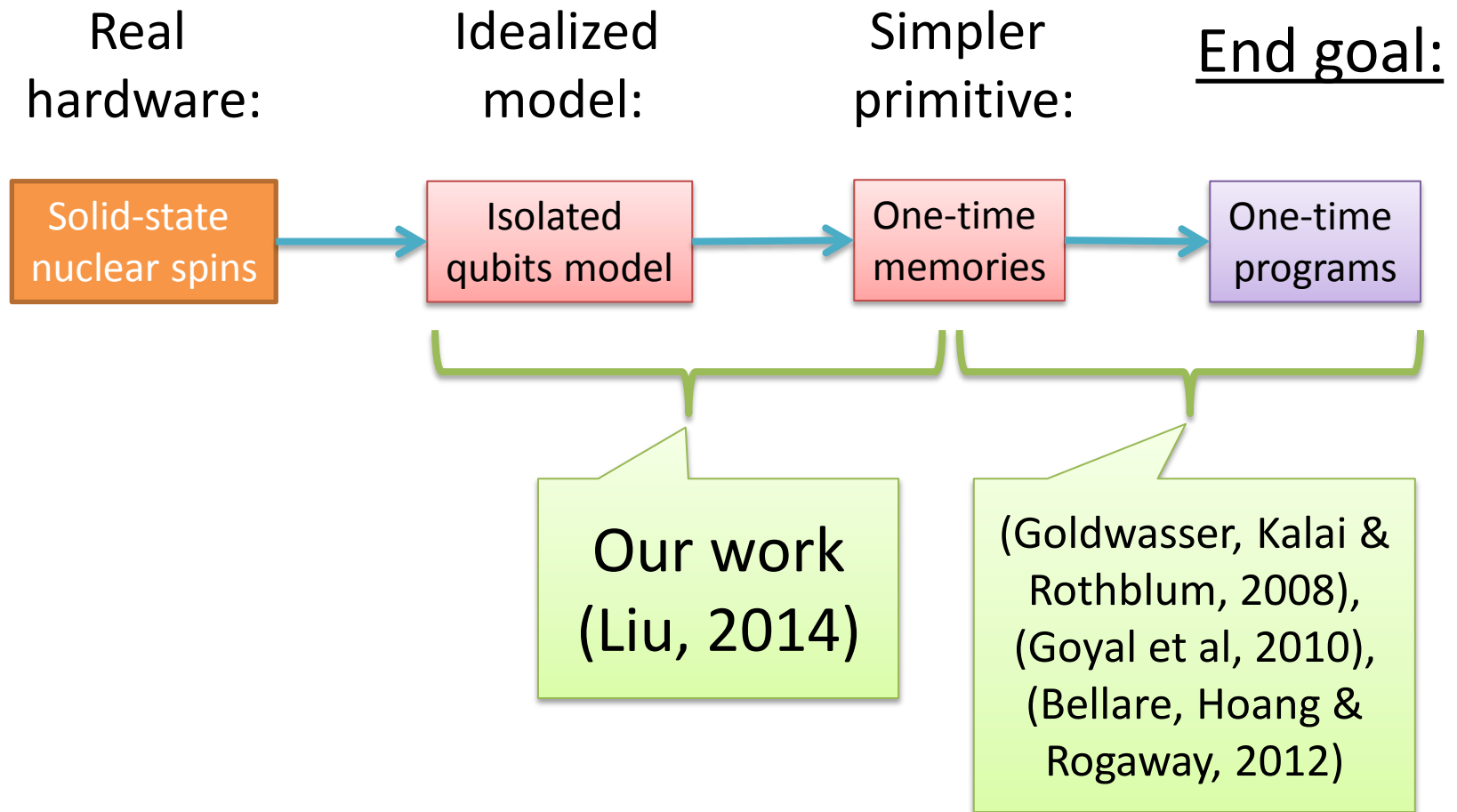
One-time  
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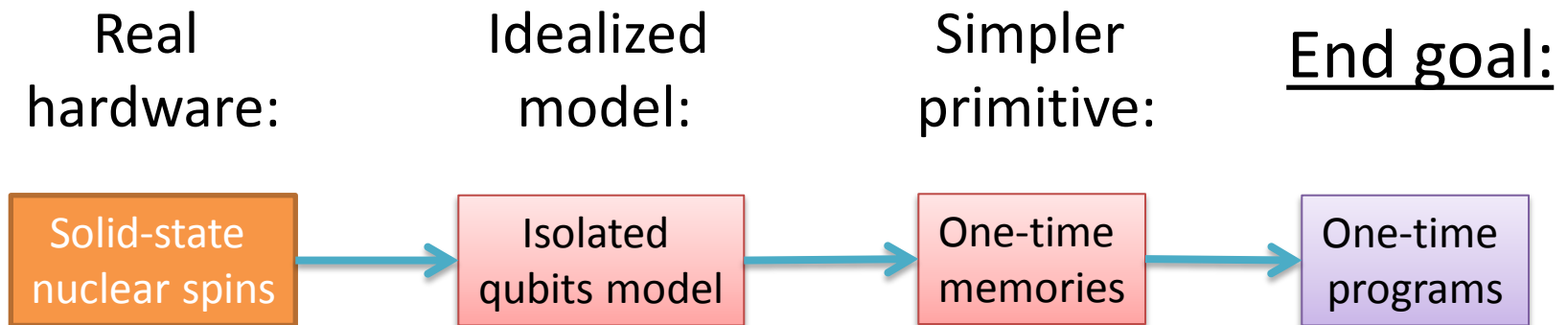
Intermediate results of the  
computation are hidden

Related to program obfuscation  
and copy-protection

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- Why is quantum information useful?
  - Quantum states cannot be cloned, measurement disturbs the state, etc.
  - But it's more subtle than that... quantum bit-commitment, oblivious transfer are not possible (Mayers; Lo and Chau)

# Our results (1/2)

- **One-time memories** based on “conjugate coding”
  - Old idea due to Wiesner, not secure against quantum adversaries
  - We show how to instantiate it, so that it is secure against a natural sub-class of quantum adversaries
    - “Isolated qubits model”
  - Construction has several desirable properties:
    - “Single-shot security”
    - Security against general LOCC adversaries
    - Efficiently implementable
    - **But it leaks information...**

# Our results (2/2)

- How to stop leakage: **privacy amplification** in the isolated qubits model
  - Usual solution: use an extractor, w/ random seed
  - Trouble: OTM's are **non-interactive**
    - No way to generate a random seed that is unknown to the adversary
  - Instead, use a **deterministic extractor**
    - Can be secure because adversary is restricted to LOCC

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    - Known constructions seem very far from optimal!
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- For experimentalists:
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  - One-time memories, why they are useful
  - Isolated qubits model
- How to construct OTM's in the isolated qubits model
  - Leaky OTM's
  - Privacy amplification



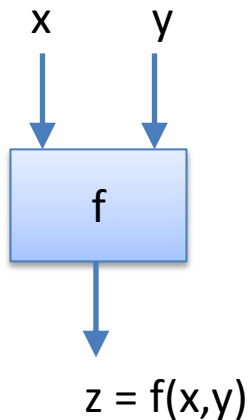
# One-time memories

- **One-time memory** contains two messages  $s, t$ 
  - Adversary can choose to read  $s$  or  $t$ , but not both
  - “Non-interactive oblivious transfer”

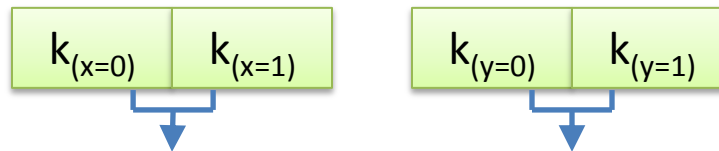
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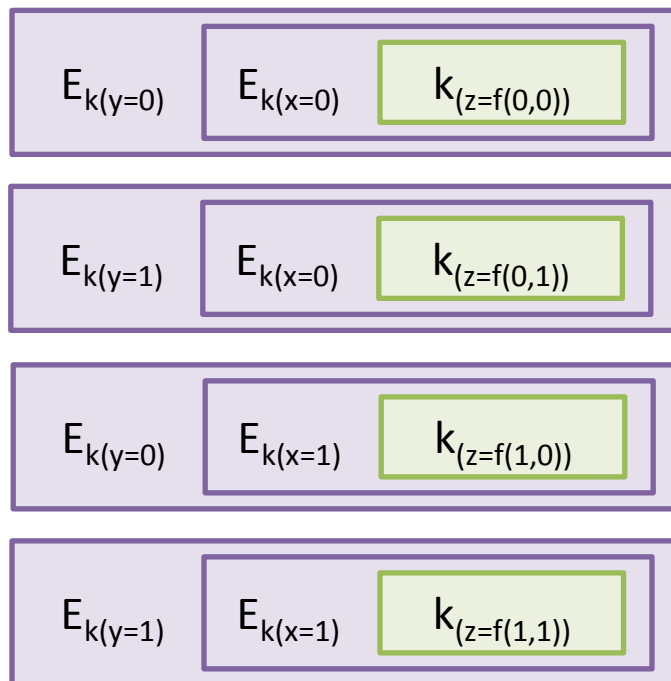
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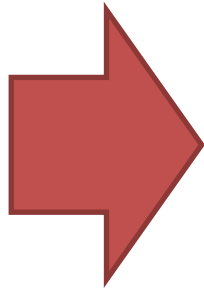
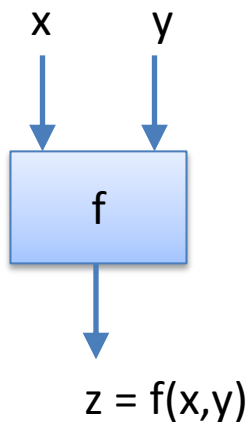
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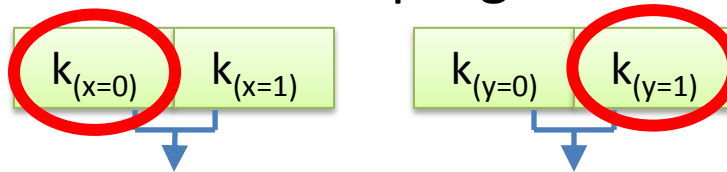
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Choose inputs  
 $x=0, y=1$

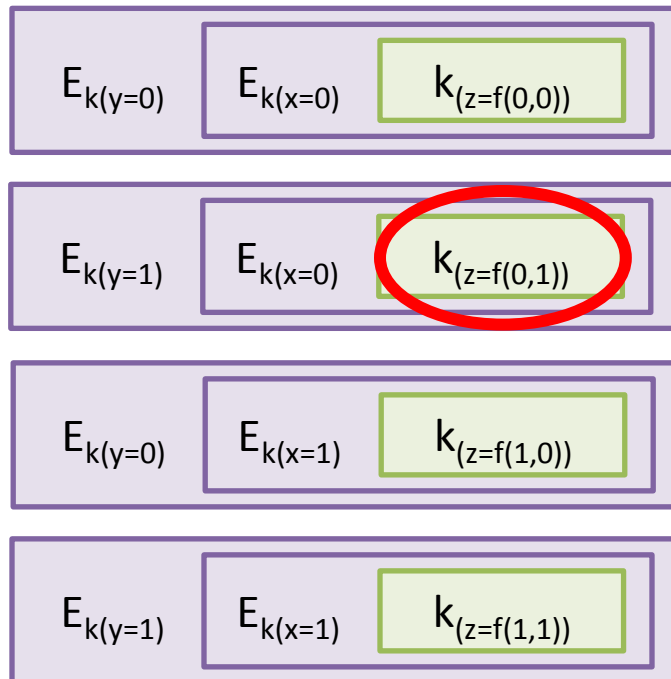
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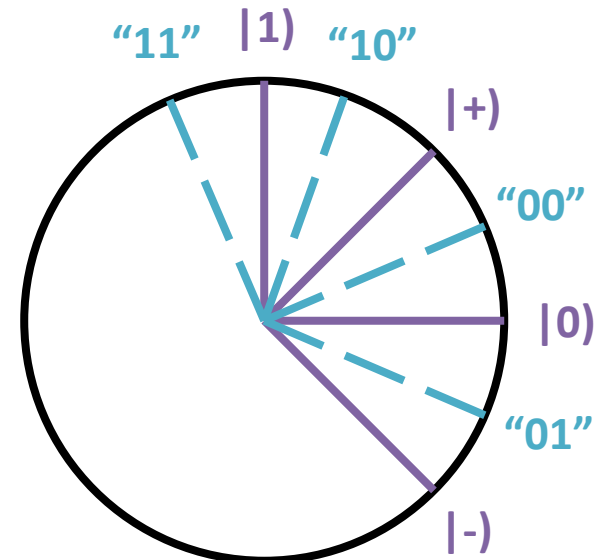


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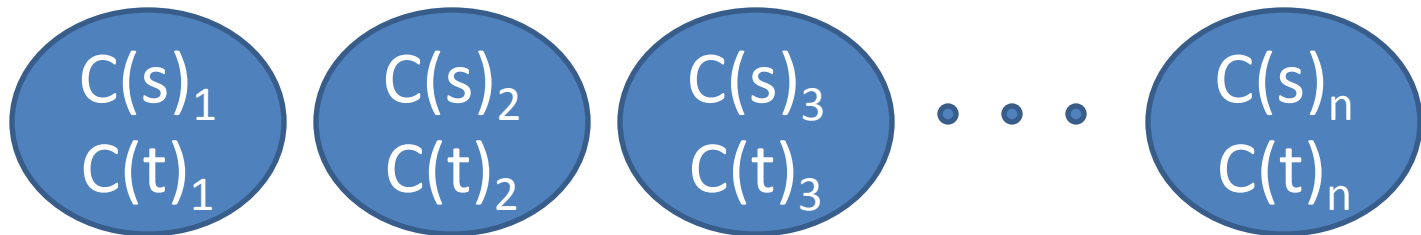
# One-time memories using qubits?

- **Conjugate coding** (Wiesner, ~1970)
  - Encode two classical bits  $(x,y)$  into one qubit
  - Measure in standard basis: learn  $x$ , w/ prob  $\approx 0.85$
  - Measure in Hadamard basis: learn  $y$ , w/ prob  $\approx 0.85$



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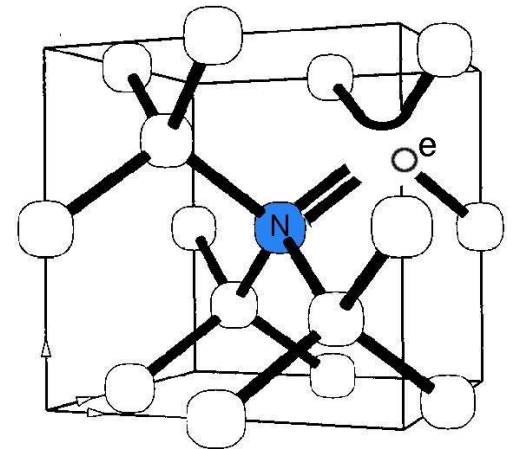
- **Conjugate coding** (Wiesner, ~1970)
  - Take two strings  $(s,t)$ , apply a classical error-correcting code  $C$ , then encode using  $n$  qubits



- **Bad news: can recover both messages,** using many-qubit entangling operations
  - Run the classical decoding algorithm in superposition
  - Recover  $s$  without collapsing the superposition
  - Then repeat the procedure to recover  $t$

# Isolated qubits model

- We propose a new class of quantum devices:  
**isolated qubits**
  - Single qubit operations are allowed
  - Cannot perform operations that entangle multiple qubits
  - LOCC = “local operations and classical communication”
- Modeled on nuclear spins in solid-state materials
  - Easier to build than quantum computers
  - Can still be secure in a world with quantum computers



# Related work

- “Nonlocality without entanglement” [Bennett et al, 1999]
  - There exist quantum operations that are “one-way” with respect to parties who are restricted to LOCC
- Quantum bit-commitment secure against  $k$ -local adversaries [Salvail, 1998]
  - Relies on interactive privacy amplification, won’t work here
- Quantum bounded storage model [Damgaard et al, 2005]
- Quantum tokens [Pastawski et al, 2012]
- Password-based identification [Bouman et al, 2012]

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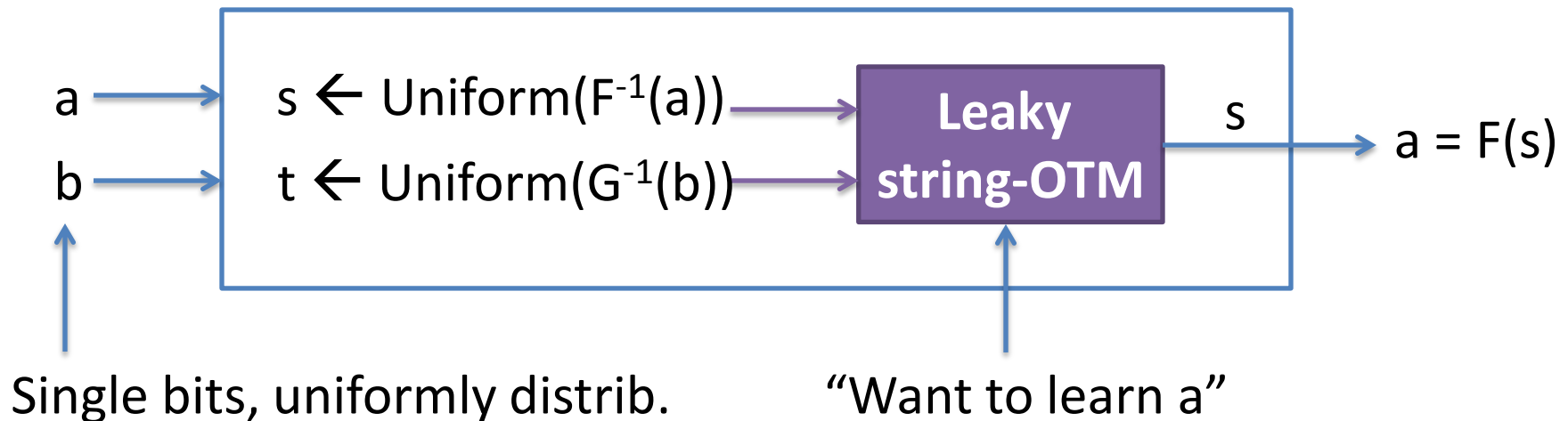
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- Step 2: **Deterministic privacy amplification**
    - “Almost-perfect” single-bit OTM
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# Assume we have a leaky string-OTM

- Device stores two messages  $S$  and  $T$ , each  $\ell$  bits long
  - Assume they are uniformly distributed
  - Ideal security goal: adversary can learn either  $S$  or  $T$ , but not both
- A weaker (“leaky”) notion of security:
- For any LOCC adversary,  $H_{\infty}^{\epsilon}(S,T|Z) \geq (0.5 - \delta) \ell$ 
  - $Z$  is the adversary’s output

## Step 2: Deterministic privacy amplification

- Given a leaky string-OTM, construct an “almost-perfect” bit-OTM
  - Choose two ( $r$ -wise independent) random functions  $F, G: \{0,1\}^\ell \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ 
    - Set  $\ell, r$  to be polynomial in the security parameter  $k$
    - Fix  $F$  and  $G$  **permanently**, as part of the construction



# “Almost perfect” security

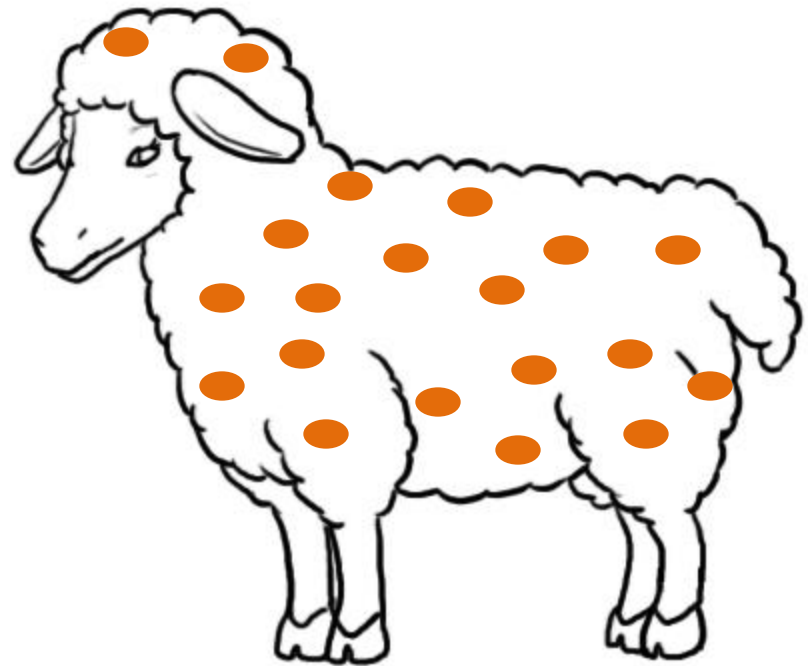
- With high probability over the choice of  $F$  and  $G$ , the following holds:
- For every LOCC adversary, there exists a binary random variable  $C$ , such that:
- $H_{\infty}^{\epsilon}(A | C=0, Z) \geq 1 - 2^{-\Omega(k)}$
- $H_{\infty}^{\epsilon}(B | C=1, Z) \geq 1 - 2^{-\Omega(k)}$ 
  - where  $Z$  is the adversary’s output, and  $\epsilon \leq 2^{-\Omega(k)}$
  - Note: adversary’s strategy may depend on  $F$  and  $G$ !
  - Random variable  $C$  comes from “entropy splitting” [Damgard et al]

# Proof of security

- First, prove security wrt a single fixed meas. outcome
  - For any fixed measurement outcome  $M$ , with high probability over the random functions  $F$  and  $G$ , the scheme is secure
- Proof
  - **Leaky string-OTM:**  $H_\infty^\epsilon(S, T | M) \geq \Omega(k)$
  - **Entropy splitting:**  $\exists$  random variable  $C$ ,  $H_\infty^\epsilon(S | C=0, M) \geq \Omega(k)$
  - **Want to bound:**  $\text{bias}(A | C=0, M) = E_A((-1)^A | C=0, M)$   
 $= \sum_s (-1)^{F(s)} \Pr(S=s | C=0, M)$
  - This is a sum of  $r$ -wise independent random variables  $(-1)^{F(s)}$
  - **Use Hoeffding-like large-deviation bound**
  - Note  $\sum_s \Pr(S=s | C=0, M)^2 = 2^{-H_2(S | C=0, M)} \leq 2^{-\Omega(k)}$

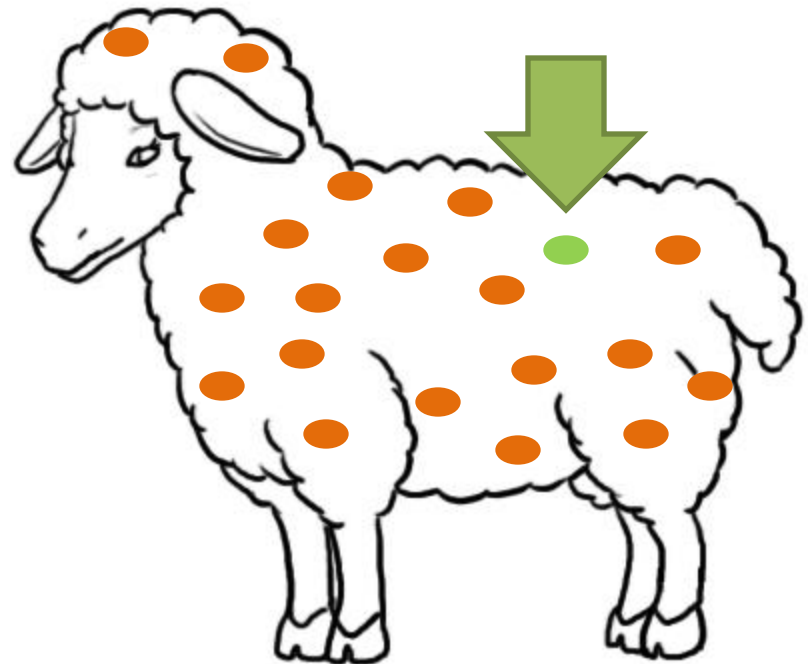
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- Covering argument
  - Construct an  $\varepsilon$ -net for the set of all tensor product measurement outcomes
  - This has cardinality  $\leq 2^{\text{poly}(k)}$   
(singly, not doubly exponential,  
because adversary is restricted  
to LOCC measurements)



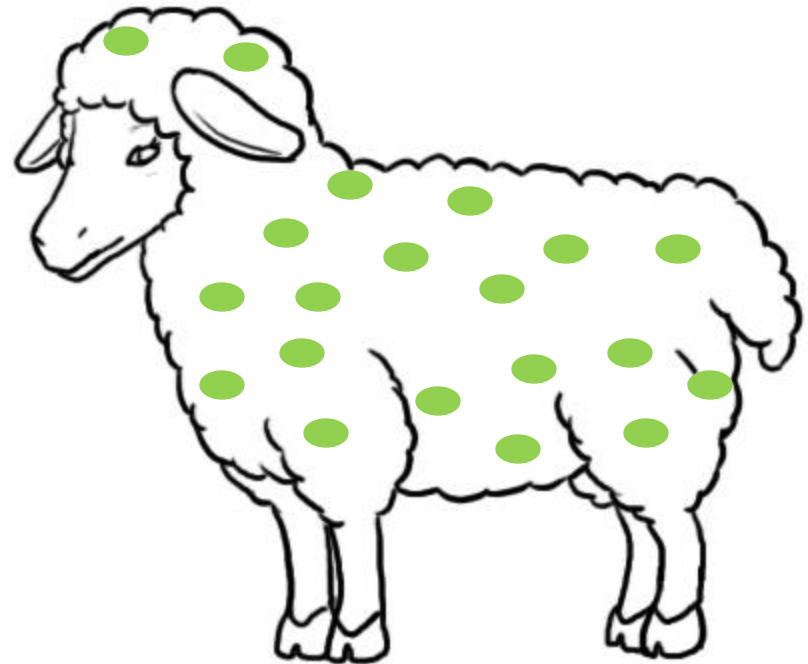
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  - Failure probability is  $\leq 2^{-\text{poly}(k)}$



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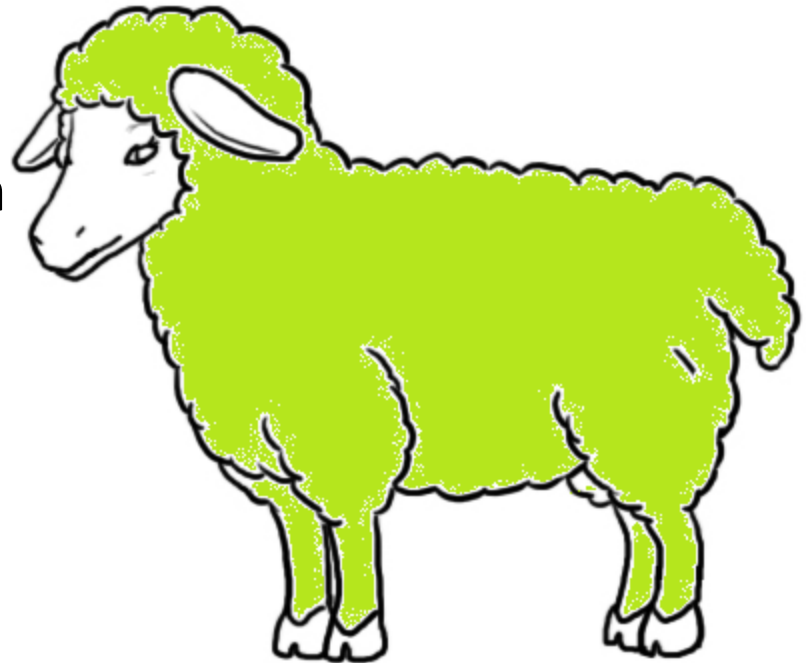
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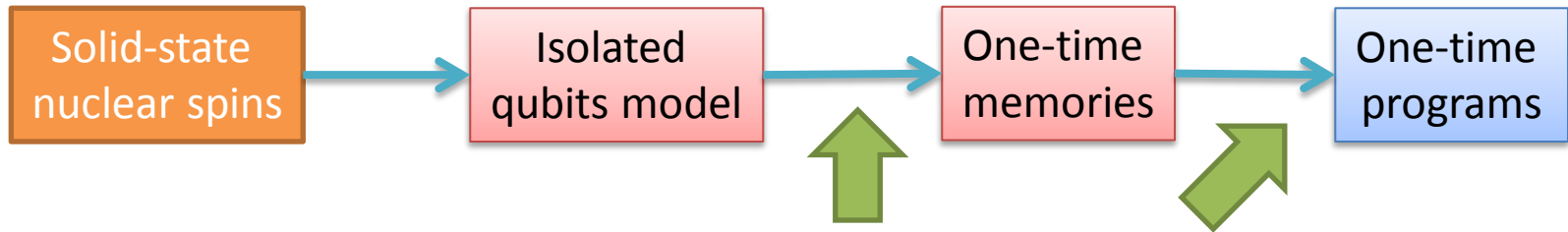


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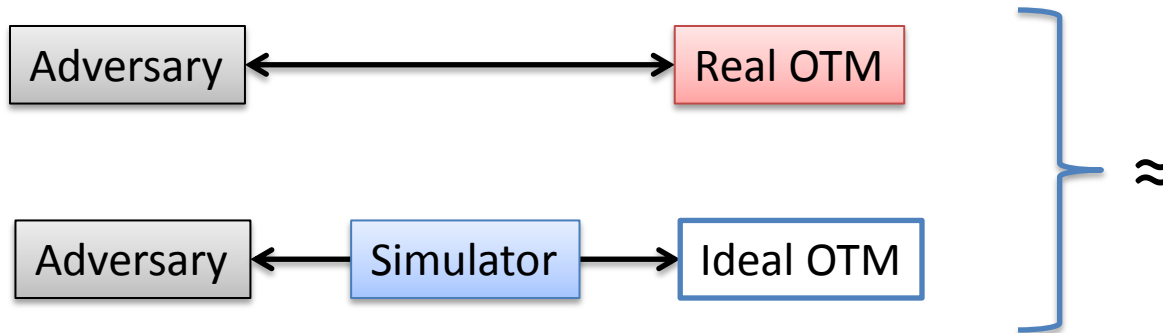
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- “Continuity argument”
  - Security does not change much when we perturb  $M$
  - So for all tensor product  $M$  (simultaneously), the scheme is secure



# Outlook



- Deterministic privacy amplification helps us to control information leakage
  - This helps to construct one-time programs...
  - Can our OTM's achieve composable security?

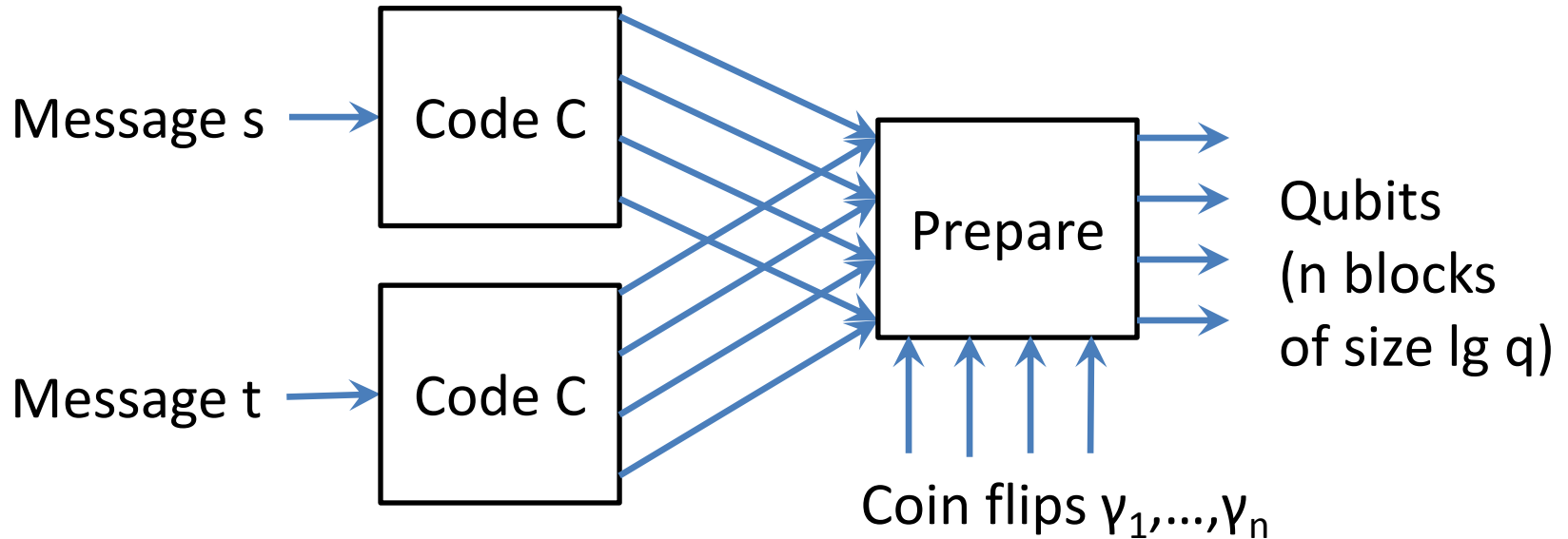


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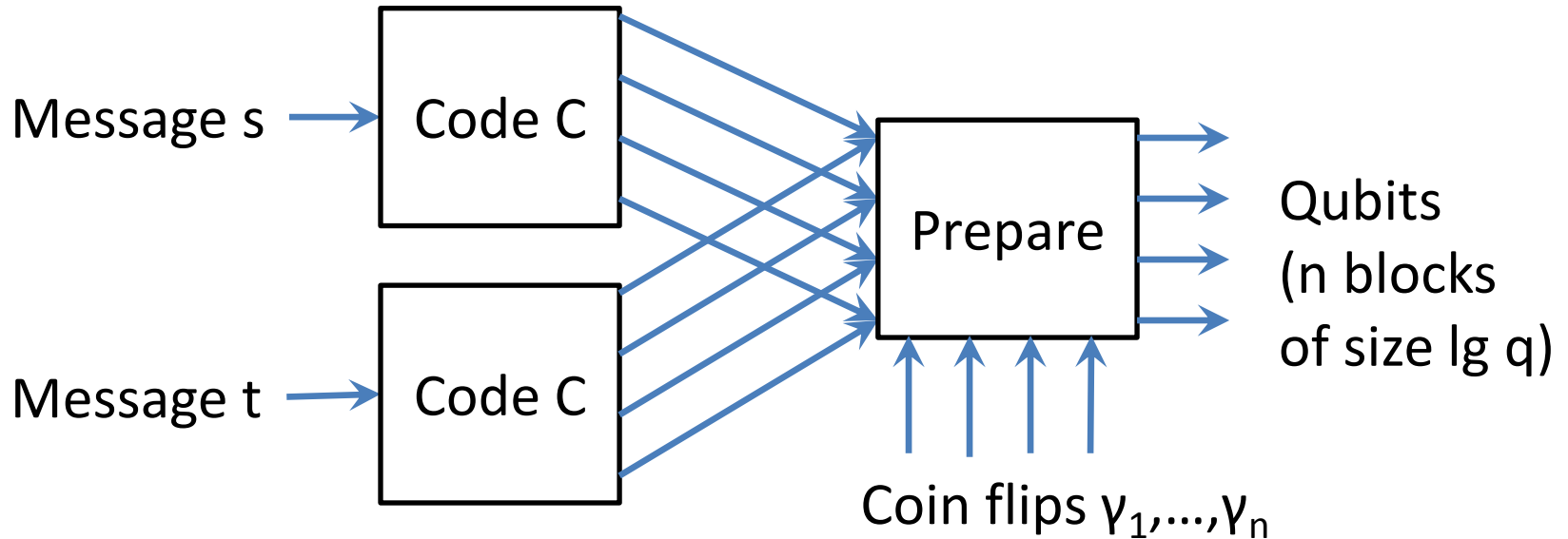
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# Step 1: Leaky string-OTM's



- To prepare the  $i$ 'th block of qubits:
- If  $\gamma_i = 0$ , use the  $i$ 'th block of  $C(s)$  and the  $|0\rangle, |1\rangle$  basis
- If  $\gamma_i = 1$ , use the  $i$ 'th block of  $C(t)$  and the  $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$  basis

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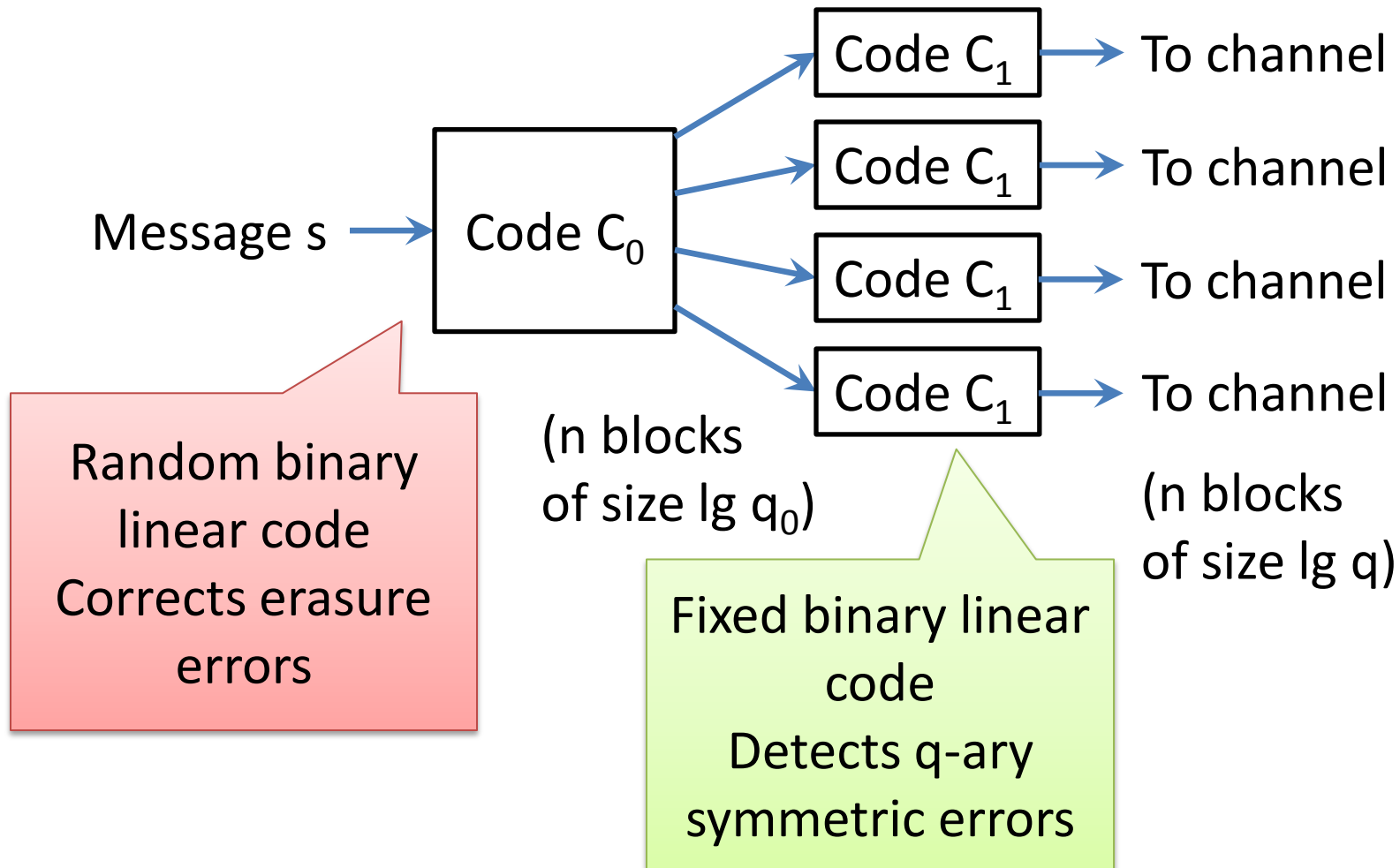


- To read **s**: measure qubits in **standard basis**
- To read **t**: measure qubits in **Hadamard basis**
- This is equivalent to receiving  $C(s)$  or  $C(t)$  through a **q-ary symmetric channel**

# Choosing the code C

- To ensure security:
  - C should **approach the capacity** of the q-ary symmetric channel
  - C should be **“unstructured”**
    - One way to formalize this: **let C be linear over GF(2)**
    - Generator matrix has full rank
    - Suppose message S is uniformly distributed
    - Then codeword C(S) will have a large subset of bits that are uniformly distributed
  - Also, C should be **efficiently decodeable**

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- For large  $q$  (growing with  $n$ ), this approaches the capacity of the  $q$ -ary symmetric channel
- Efficient decoding: solving linear systems of equations over  $GF(2)$
- Other constructions:
  - Interleaved Reed-Solomon codes, interleaved AG codes [Bleichenbacher et al; Shokrollahi; Brown et al]

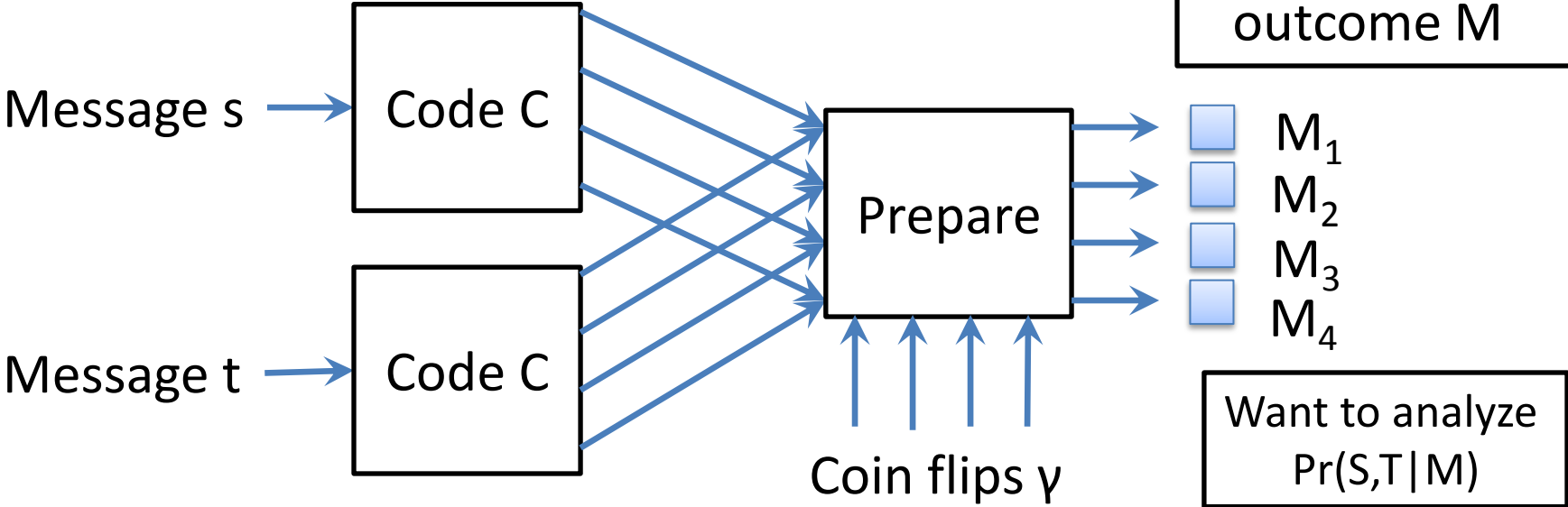


# Security proof

- Prove security against **separable** adversaries
  - Every POVM element is a tensor product of 1-qubit operators
  - Separable adversaries include LOCC as a special case
  - LOCC can be complicated: e.g., adaptive sequences of weak measurements

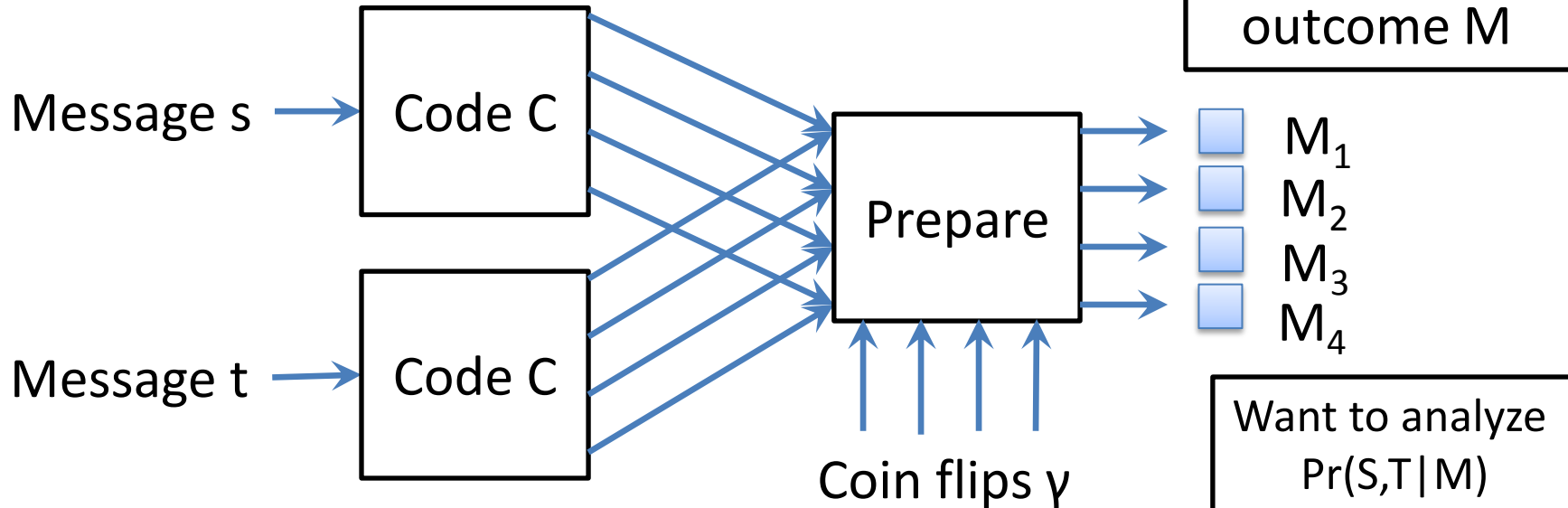
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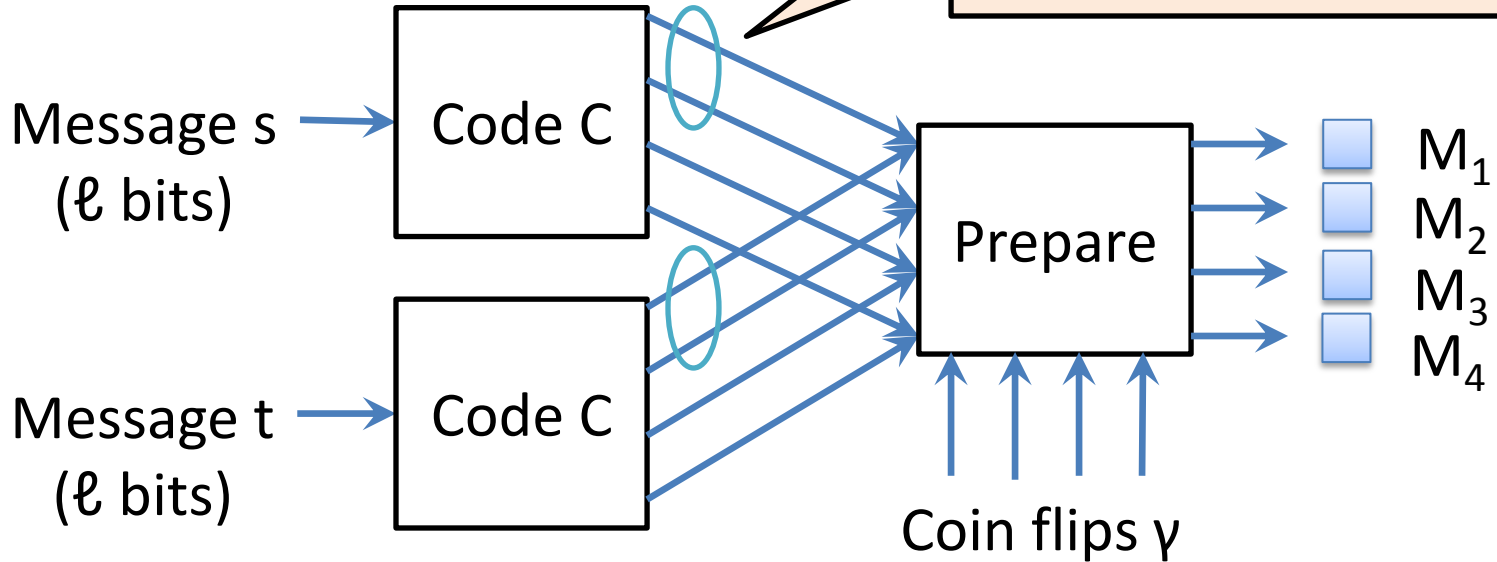
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- Consider a **fictitious adversary A'** that measures each qubit once, such that  $M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots$  are possible outcomes
- Call this event  $M'$
- Then  $\Pr(S,T|M) = \Pr(S,T|M')$

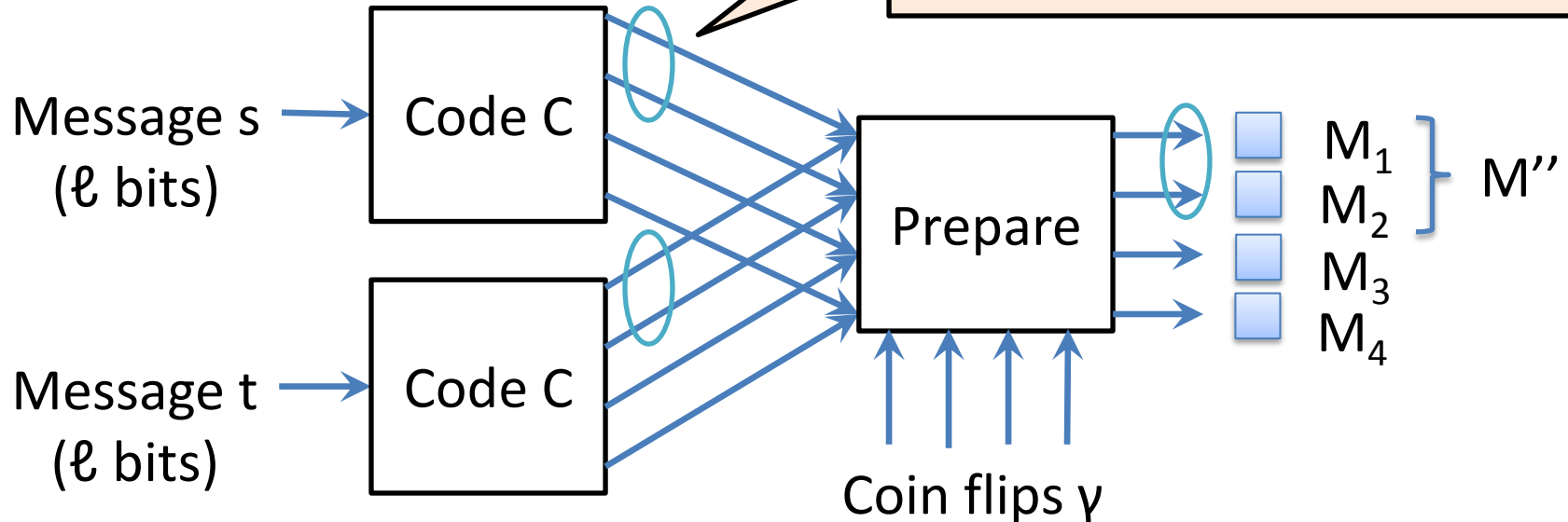
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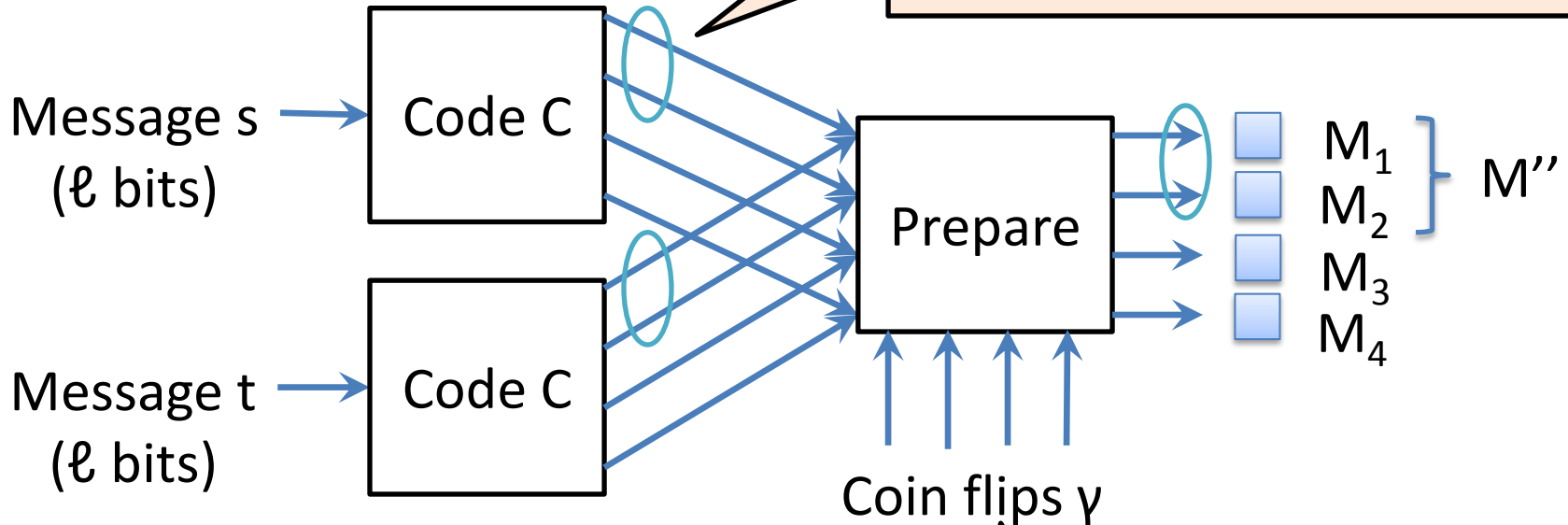
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- Wlog, suppose the fictitious adversary  $A'$  measures this subset of qubits first
- When  $A'$  observes  $M_i$  for all  $i$  in this subset, call this event  $M''$
- Want to analyze  $\Pr(S, T | M'')$

# Security problem

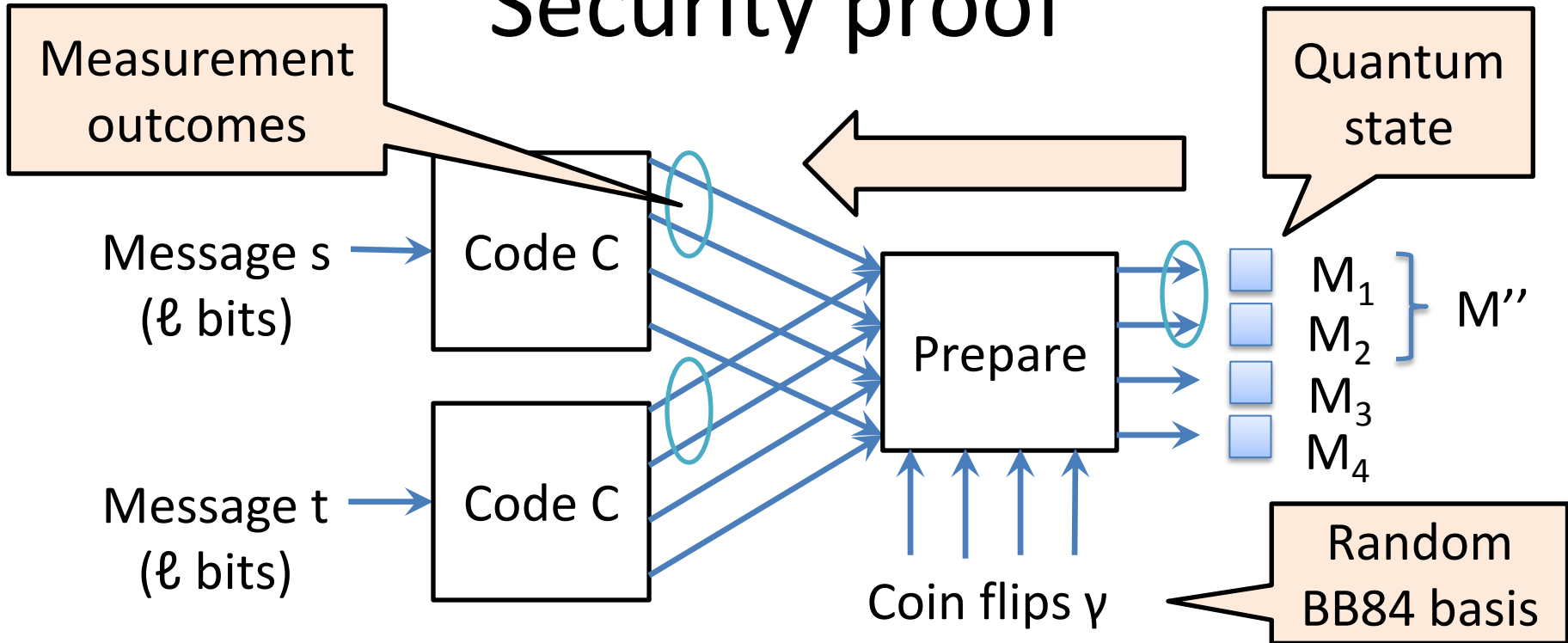
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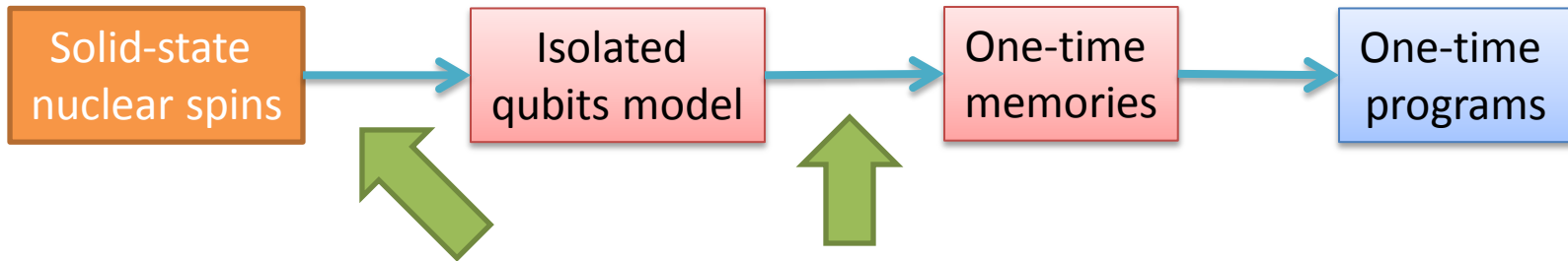
Note: coin flips  $\Gamma$  conditioned on  $M''$  are still **uniformly distributed**

# Security proof



- **Now run the experiment backwards...**
  - Measuring a quantum state using a sequence of random BB84 bases
- Use an entropic uncertainty relation to lower-bound  $H_{\infty}^{\epsilon}(S, T | M'')$ 
  - Borrowed from the bounded quantum storage model [Damgard et al, 2006]

# Outlook



- We have showed how to construct OTM's based on isolated qubits
  - Instead of isolated qubits, can we use more realistic models of the underlying hardware?
  - Noisy entangling operations?
  - Shallow quantum circuits?



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