# Quantum Key Recycling Joint work with Ivan Damgård and Louis Salvail

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#### Theorem

Under eavesdropping  $t \leq n - m + 1$  bits are recycled.











• Assume n - m + 2 bits are recycled.



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- The result follows by contradiction.

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- Detecting eavesdropping.
- ▶ Worst case quantum = classical.
- Best case: entire key can be reused.