# Oblivious Transfer from Zero-Knowledge Proofs 

or How to Achieve Round-Optimal Quantum Oblivious Transfer and Zero-Knowledge Proofs on Quantum States

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## OT: state of the art

Oblivious Transfer (OT) : studied a lot ([Rab81], [EGL85], [PVW08], [BD18], [GLSV22], [BCKM21]...)

## State of the art

## Classical

## Quantum



No structure is necessary
(= hash function)


7 messages ([CK88]/[BBCS92]...)
$\rightarrow 3$ messages ([Авкк23])
With pre-shared EPR pairs:
[BKS23]: 1-message random receiver bit string OT \& 2-message OT
[Agarwal, Bartusek, Khurana, Kumar 23] raises the question:
? Is there an OT protocol in 2-messages (optimal) without structure?

## Our contributions

## Yes !

## Theorem 1 (informal)

There exists a 2-message (optimal) quantum OT protocol secure in the Random Oracle Model (i.e. no structure) assuming the existence of a hiding collision-resistant hash function.

## Our approach

No structure is necessary
(= hash function)
2 messages

## Methods

Remove cut-and-choose: classical Zero-Knowledge proofs + quantum protocol
$=$ prove a statement on a quantum state nondestructively.








## Our contributions

We can prove that a received quantum state belongs to a fixed set of quantum state:

## Theorem 2 (informal)

For any arbitrary predicate $\mathcal{P}$, there exists a protocol such that:

- The prover chooses a secret subset $S$ of qubits such that $\mathcal{P}(S)=\top$
- At the end of the protocol, the verifier ends up with a quantum state such that qubits in $S$ are collapsed (measured in computational basis), even if the prover is malicious
- $S$ stays unknown to the verifier
( $\mathcal{P}$ allows us to get string-OT, $k$-out-of-n OT...)


## Complexity theory:

$\Rightarrow$ generalize ZK proofs to quantum languages (ZKstatesQMA)
(we do not characterize ZKstatesQMA/ZKstatesQIP completely, but we define them and show they are not trivial)
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ZK plain-model [HSS11]

## Our Work

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## Theorem 3 (ZK $\Rightarrow$ quantum OT, informal)

Assuming the existence of a collision-resistant hidding function, there exists a protocol turning any $n$-message, post-quantum Zero-Knowledge (ZK) proof of knowledge into an ( $n+1$ )-message quantum OT protocol assuming a Common Random String model or $n+2$ without further setup assumptions.

The security properties (statistical security, etc.) and assumptions (setup, computational assumptions, etc.) of the ZK protocol are mostly preserved.

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## This is not secure!

Problem of naive construction
Problem: Alice can cheat by sending two $|+\rangle$ states instead of one $|0 / 1\rangle$ and one $| \pm\rangle$.










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Alice $(b \in\{0,1\})$

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\(\forall d \in\{0,1\}, w_{d}^{(b)} \stackrel{\oiint}{\uplus}\{0\} \times\{0,1\}^{n}\)
\(l \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow}\{0,1\}\)
\(w_{l}^{(1-b)} \stackrel{\&}{\leftarrow}\{0\} \times\{0,1\}^{n}\)
\(\left.w_{1-l}^{(1-b)} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} 1\right\} \times\{0,1\}^{n}\)
\(\forall(c, d) \in\{0,1\}^{2}, h_{d}^{(c)}:=h\left(d \| w_{d}^{(c)}\right)\)
\(\pi:=\) (NI)ZK proof that:
    \(\left.\exists\left(w_{d}^{(c)}\right)_{c, d}, \forall c, d, h_{d}^{(c)}=h\left(d \| w_{d}^{(c)}\right)\right)\)
    and \(\exists c, d\) s.t. \(w_{d}^{(c)}[1]=1\).
\(r^{(b)} \stackrel{\oiint}{\leftrightarrows}\{0,1\}\)
\(\left|\psi^{(b)}\right\rangle:=|0\rangle\left|w_{0}^{(b)}\right\rangle+(-1)^{r^{(b)}}|1\rangle\left|w_{1}^{(b)}\right\rangle\)
\(\left|\psi^{(1-b)}\right\rangle:=|l\rangle\left|w_{l}^{(1-b)}\right\rangle\)
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If the ZK proof is interactive, then we actually run the ZK protocol (before sending the quantum state) instead of sending the proof (of course this adds additional rounds of communication).

Check (or run if interactive proof) $\pi$. $\forall c$, apply on $\left|\psi^{(c)}\right\rangle|0\rangle$ the unitary:
$x, w \mapsto w[1] \neq 1 \wedge \exists d, h(x \| w)=h_{d}^{(c)}$, measure the last (output) register and check that the outcome is 1.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { At that step, }\left|\psi^{(b)}\right\rangle=|0\rangle \pm|1\rangle \\
& \text { and }\left|\psi^{(1-b)}\right\rangle=|l\rangle \text {, but Bob } \\
& \text { does not know } b \text { (NIZKoQS). }
\end{aligned}
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End of NIZKoQS
$\forall c$, apply $Z^{m_{c}}$ on $\left|\psi^{(c)}\right\rangle$ and measure it

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\forall c, s^{(c)}, Z^{(c)}
$$

in the Hadamard basis (with outcome $Z^{(c)}$ ).

Compute $\alpha:=r^{(b)} \oplus \bigoplus_{i} s^{(b)}[i]\left(w_{0}^{(b)} \oplus w_{1}^{(b)}\right)[i]$
return $\alpha \oplus \boldsymbol{Z}^{(b)} \quad /$ Should be $m_{b}$

## Security Proof

## Composable security (informal)

The protocol quantum-standalone realizes the OT functionality, assuming that:

- $h$ is collision resistant (security against malicious Alice),
- $h$ is hiding ${ }^{1}$ (i.e. no information leaks on $x$ given $h(x \| r)$, security against malicious Bob).
- There exists a ZK proof of knowledge

Moreover, it is secure against statistically unbounded parties if the ZK protocol is secure in that setting and if the corresponding assumptions statistically hold (e.g. injective $h$ for unbounded Alice, lossy $h$ for unbounded Bob).
${ }^{1}$ Note that we can get an even weaker assumption ( $h$ is one-way) by using hardcore bits and the Goldreich-Levin construction, but we leave the formalization of this proof for future work.














## Quantum language and ZK on quantum state

## Quantum language and ZKoQS

Quantum language = generalization of classical languages.
Properties of ZK on Quantum States (informal):

- Soundness: $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Q}}=$ subset of quantum states (bipartite for the adversary).
- Classically $x \in \mathcal{L}$ if V accepts

Remaining classical description:

- Quantumly $\rho \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Q}}$ if V accepts
- Correctness:
- Classically: $x \in \mathcal{L}_{w} \subset \mathcal{L}, w \in\{0,1\}^{*}$ is the witness
- Quantumly: $\rho \in \mathcal{L}_{\omega, \omega_{s}} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\omega} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Q}}, \omega \in\{0,1\}^{*}$ is the witness or class, and $\omega_{s} \in\{0,1\}^{*}$ is the subclass
- Zero-Knowledge:
- Classically: Bob can't learn info on w
- Quantumly: Bob can't learn info on $\omega$


Take-home message

## 2सWSSIGEOTUIWHOUSTRUGTURE


(and Zero-Knowledge proofs on quantum states)

## Open questions and ongoing works

## - Characterize ZKstatesQMA

What are the other ZKoQS properties that can(not) be verified? Under which assumption?

- Role of entanglement

Prove (im)possibility of similar ZKoQS with only single-qubit operations? (entanglement seems important)

- Other applications?

Quantum money, reducing communication complexity in other protocol...

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Thank you!


## Supplementary materials

## Comparison with existing works

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| [CK88] + later works | No | Depends | 7 | Yes | Yes [DFL+09],[Unr10] | Either |
| [GLSV21] | No | Plain M./ | poly/ <br> Cte $\geq 7$ | Yes | Yes | No |
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