# Very-Efficient Simulatable Flipping of Many Coins into-a-Well (and a New Universally-Composable Commitment Scheme) 

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Research question: How to perform two-party coin-flipping, i.e., without TTP, efficiently for many coins in parallel, within the ideal/real simulation paradigm?

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Blum used an Equiv-but-not-Ext Com scheme. (Yet, using rewinding, $\mathrm{Sim}_{\mathrm{B}}$ can nonlocal Ext $m_{\mathrm{A}}$, but problem if $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{A}}$ 's Prob-Abort is unknown.)

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9 Legend: Ped (Pedersen); ElgCom (ElGamal)
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Progress in two steps:

1. A comm. inefficient scheme, based on cut-and-choose
2. Improve comm. efficiency, with authenticators and an erasure-code

Pictorial notation:


PRG-expansion of seed (mask)


Equiv-Com of hash


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## Thank you for your attention



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