### Recent Developments in Quantum Copy Protection

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Enter quantum...

### Quantum No-Cloning



### Quantum Money [Wiesner'70]



### Quantum Copy Protection [Aaronson'09]



### Problem: No-cloning theorem gives non-functional states

# **Thm** [Aaronson'09]: Relative to a quantum oracle, ∃ quantum copy protection ∀ non-learnable classical programs

Inherent



### Q: Can oracle be implemented in real world?

### Detour: Some other classical DRM objectives...

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### Watermarking



### What do we know?

### Ad Hoc Obfuscation

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## Mathematical Obfuscation



### Central object in theoretical cryptography

### Thm [Barak-Goldreich-Impagliazzo-Rudich-Sahai-Vadhan-Yang'01]: Some programs cannot be obfuscated



### Indistinguishability obfuscation (iO):



No meaningful obfuscation guarantee on its own

**Thm** [Goldwasser-Rothblum'07]: If P can be obfuscated, iO obfuscates P



[Garg-Gentry-Halevi-Raykova-Sahai-Waters'13,...]: iO bfuscation for specific programs applications

Known unobfuscatable programs

### All (Classical) Programs

Provably obfuscatable programs



Constructions compile on all (classical) programs, security on non-counter-example programs may be plausible Known

unobfuscatable

programs

Provably obfuscatable programs

### Watermarking Software?

Easy Fact: if program is learnable, cannot watermark



VBB impossibility

∃ Non-learnable and nonwatermark-able programs

Positive results for cryptographic functionalities [Cohen-Holmgren-Nishimaki-Vaikuntanathan-Wichs'15,...] Traitor tracing ≈ watermarking for decryption functions For cryptographic functionalities, have a reasonable idea of how to obfuscate/watermark

Constructions plausibly secure for non-crypto functions (except where impossibility applies). Just can't prove it! Back to Quantum...

Q: Can we obfuscate Aaronson's oracle to achieve copy protection?

Issue 1: Obfuscating quantum programs?

Despite some ideas (e.g. [Alagic-Jeffery-Jordan'12]), little progress on obfuscating quantum programs

Objective 1: Get result using *classical* oracles

Then, maybe can use classical post-quantum obfuscation

### Issue 2: What about VBB impossibility?



Need two copies!

**Thm** [Alagic-Brakerski-Dulek-Schaffner'20]: Still holds 😓

Thm [Ananth-La Placa'20]: Applies to copy protection, too

Objective 2: Use obfuscation techniques to copy protect specific functionalities

Motivating Example: Public Key Quantum Money

= , can also be verified by anyone

**Thm** [Aaronson'09]: Publicly verifiable quantum money relative to a quantum oracle

**Thm** [Aaronson-Christiano'12]: Publicly verifiable quantum money relative to a classical oracle

**Thm** [Z'19]: Provably obfuscate [AC'12] oracle using iO

### **Our Results**

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[Aaronson- Liu-Liu-Z-Zhang'21]:
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**Thm:** Relative to a *classical* oracle,  $\exists$  quantum copy protection  $\forall$  unlearnable programs

Thm (informal): Assuming *public key* quantum money, Public watermarking  $\rightarrow$  copy *detection* 

[Coladangelo-Liu-Liu-Z'21]:

**Thm (informal):** Under certain crypto assumptions,  $\exists$  copy protection for particular crypto functions



### Copy Protection with Classical Oracles



### Copy Detection from Quantum Money

### Copy Detection/Secure Software Leasing



Concurrent work [Ananth-La Placa'20]: Copy Detection for certain *evasive* functions, under certain assumptions



### Copy Protection in the Standard Model



No cloning (with oracles) = Information theoretic

**Challenge:** combine quantum information theory with reductions

Some techniques (e.g. [Brakerski-Christiano-Mahadev-Vazirani-Vidick'18,...,Z'19]) but very limited so far







**Thm:** Under hidden coset assumption, Hidden Coset Game with oracles remains hard, even if oracles iO'd

### Applications

Quantum Signature Tokens	: Sign(0) ∈ S+x
(proposed by [Ben-David,Sattath'16])	Sign(1) ∈ S⊥+y
Unclonable decryption: dec (proposed by [Gregoriou-Z'20])	cryption key = signing key ctxt = witness encryption [Garg-Gentry-Sahai-Waters'13]
Unclonable PRFs	"hidden sparse triggers" [Sahai-Waters'13]

### Future Directions?



