

# A Journey of Randomness Extractors

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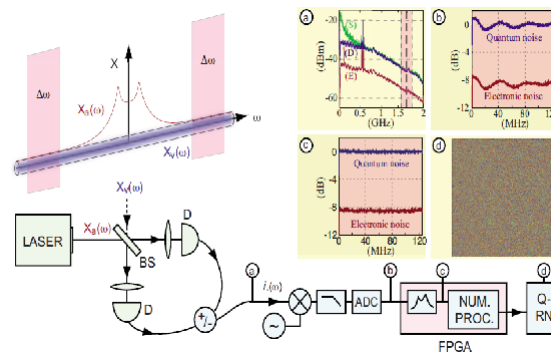
# Outline

- Basic concepts
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  - Min-entropy
  - Randomness Extractors
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  - An efficient extractor based on universal hash functions
- Average-case Extractors:
  - Randomness extraction in presence of side information
- (Optional) Quantum-proof Extractors
  - Extraction in presence of quantum side information

# Quest for Perfect Randomness

- Randomness is powerful resource
  - Crypto requires truly uniform bits to generate keys
  - Randomized algorithm assumes access to truly uniform bits
- In reality, random sources are not perfect
  - Correlated and biased bits
- Can we turn imperfect source into (almost) uniform bits?

Imperfect random source:



# Examples

- IID-Bit source:  $X = X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in \{0,1\}$  identical & independent, but biased: for each  $i$ ,  $\Pr[X_i = 1] = \delta$  for some unknown  $\delta$ 
  - idea: consider  $X$  in pairs,

$$X_i, X_{i+1} = \begin{cases} 01 & \Rightarrow \text{output } 0 \\ 10 & \Rightarrow \text{output } 1 \\ 00/11 & \Rightarrow \text{discard} \end{cases}$$

- Independent-bit source:  $X = X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in \{0,1\}$  independent, but with different biased:  $\Pr[X_i = 1] = \delta_i$  for different  $\delta_i$ , where  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_i \leq 1 - \delta$  for some constant  $\delta$ 
  - idea: output parity of each  $t$  bits

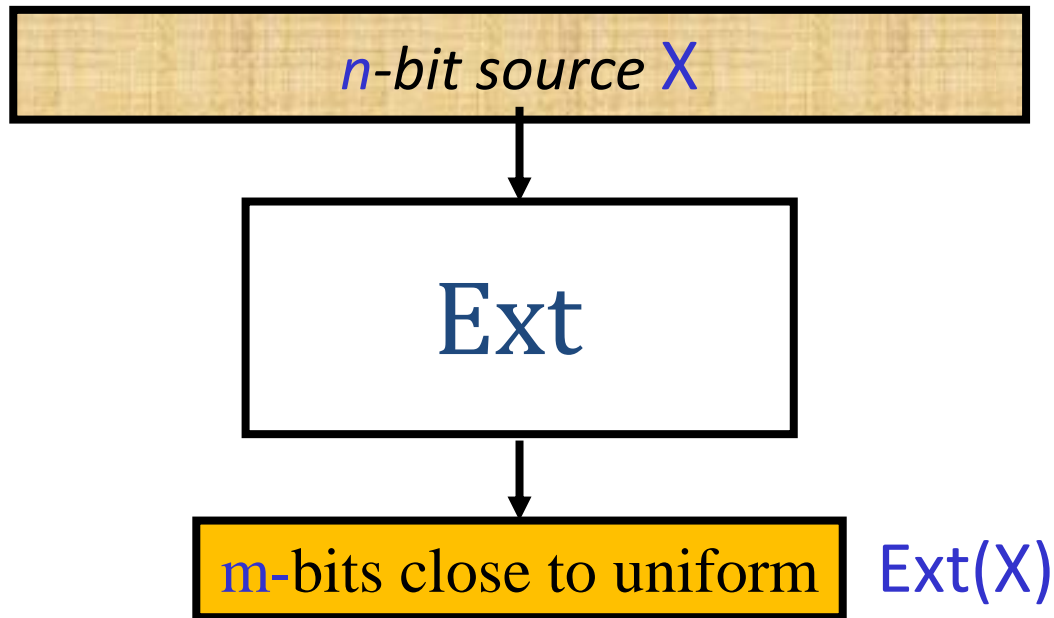
$$| \Pr[\bigoplus_{i=1}^t X_i = 1] - \frac{1}{2} | \leq 2^{-\Omega(t)}$$

# Randomness Extraction

- Source: random variable  $X$  over  $\{0,1\}^n$  in certain class  $\mathcal{C}$ 
  - $\text{IndBits}_{n,\delta}$ :  $X = X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in \{0,1\}$  independent bits,  $\Pr[X_i = 1] = \delta_i$  where  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_i \leq 1 - \delta$
  - $\text{IndBits}_{n,\delta}$ : additionally assume all  $\delta_i$  are equal
- (Deterministic) extractor: a function  $\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  s.t.  
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- single function works for all sources in  $\mathcal{C}$
- only one sample  $X$  is available
- need to define “ $\epsilon$ -close” to uniform

# Statistical Distance

- **Def.** Let  $X, Y$  be rand. var. over range  $U$ , statistical distance between  $X, Y$  is defined as

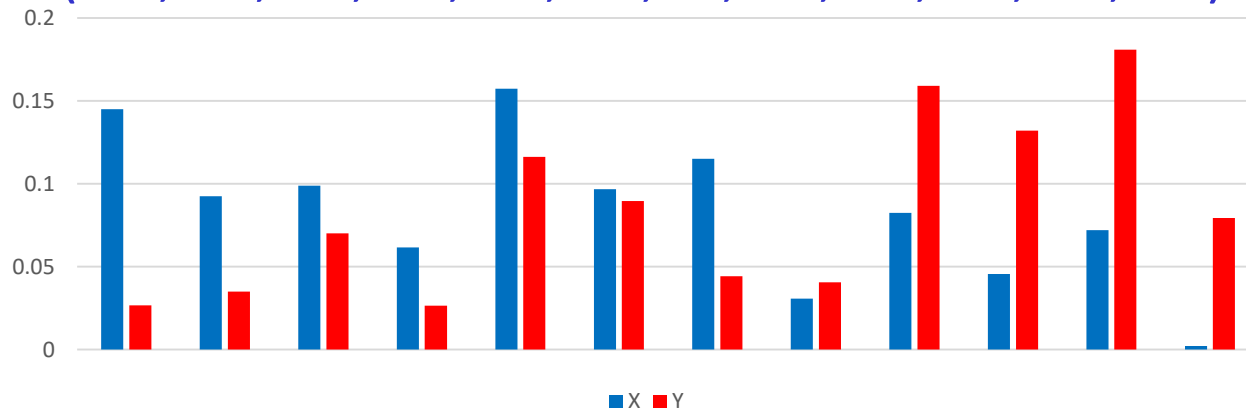
$$\Delta(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (1/2) \cdot \sum_{u \in U} |\Pr[X = u] - \Pr[Y = u]|$$

– View  $X, Y$  as vectors over  $\mathbb{R}^{|U|}$ , it's simply the **L1**-distance

- **Def.** We say  $X$  is  $\varepsilon$ -close  $Y$  if  $\Delta(X, Y) \leq \varepsilon$

Example:  $X = (.15, .09, .10, .06, .16, .09, .11, .03, .08, .04, .078, .002)$

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# Important Properties

- Operational meaning: max advantage to distinguish  $X, Y$

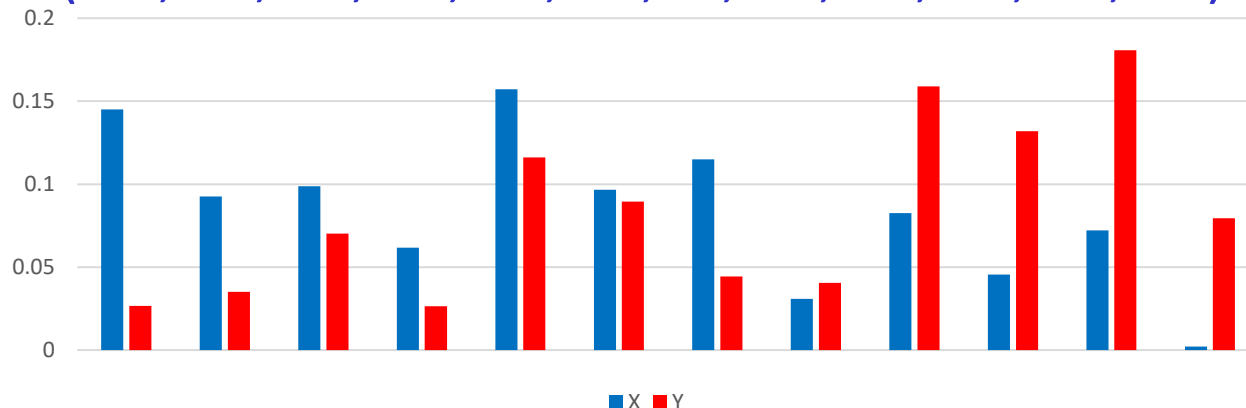
$$\Delta(X, Y) = \max_{T \subset U} (\Pr[X \in T] - \Pr[Y \in T])$$

- In particular, if  $X$  is  $\varepsilon$ -close  $Y$ , then for any event  $T$ ,

$$\Pr[X \in T] \leq \Pr[Y \in T] + \varepsilon$$

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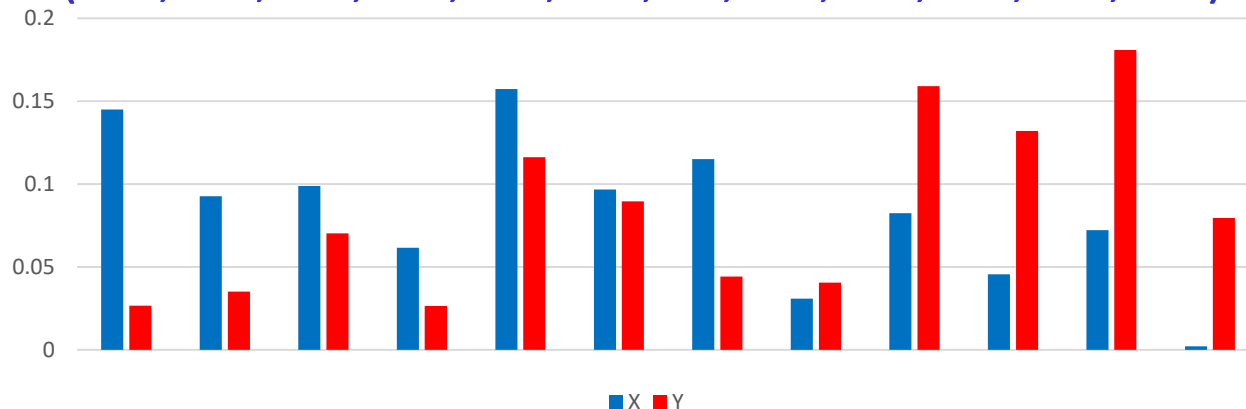




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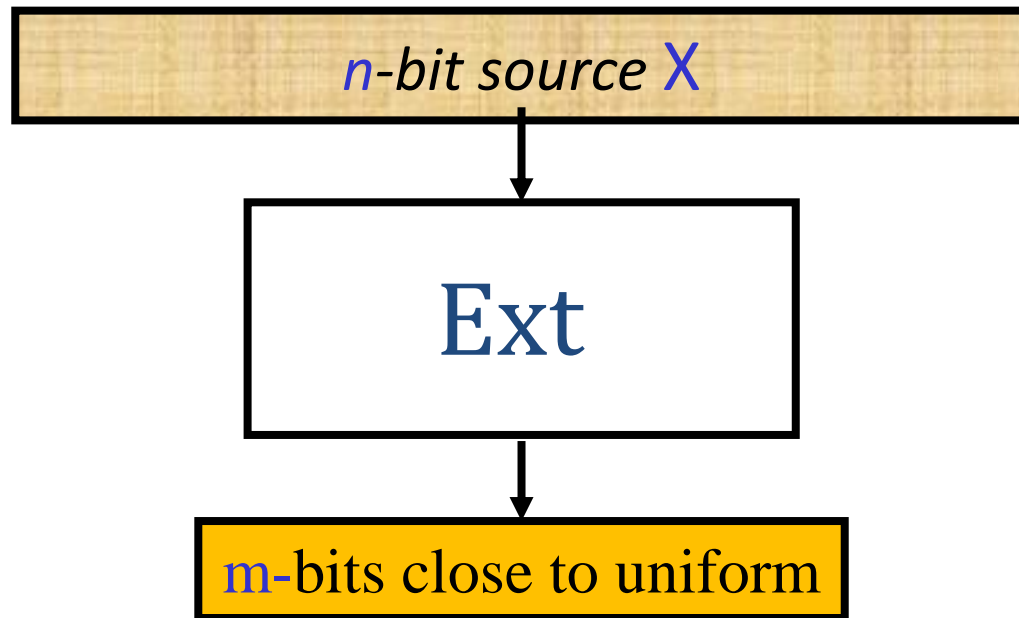
- Post-processing inequality: for any function  $f$ ,  
$$\Delta(f(X), f(Y)) \leq \Delta(X, Y)$$
  - I.e., post-processing only decreases statistical distance
  - Equality holds when  $f$  is injective

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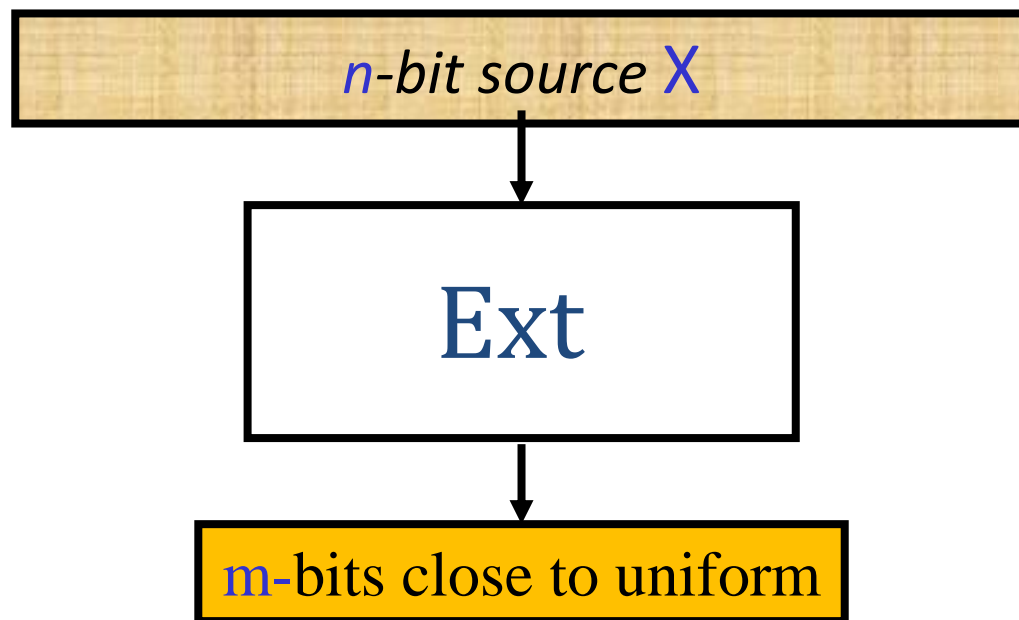
# Extractor for $\text{IndBits}_{n,\delta}$

- **Thm.**  $\forall$  constant  $\delta$ ,  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists \text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  for  $\text{IndBits}_{n,\delta}$  source with error  $\varepsilon = m \cdot 2^{-\Omega(n/m)}$ 
  - $\text{Ext}(X)$  breaks  $X$  into  $m$  blocks of length  $\lfloor n/m \rfloor$  and outputs the parity of each block



# Extractor for General Sources?

- Can we extract truly uniform bits from any sources?
  - No, if the source is not random, e.g.,  $X = 0^n$  w.p. 1
- Hope: **Ext** works whenever  $X$  has sufficient “entropy”



# 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt: Shannon Entropy

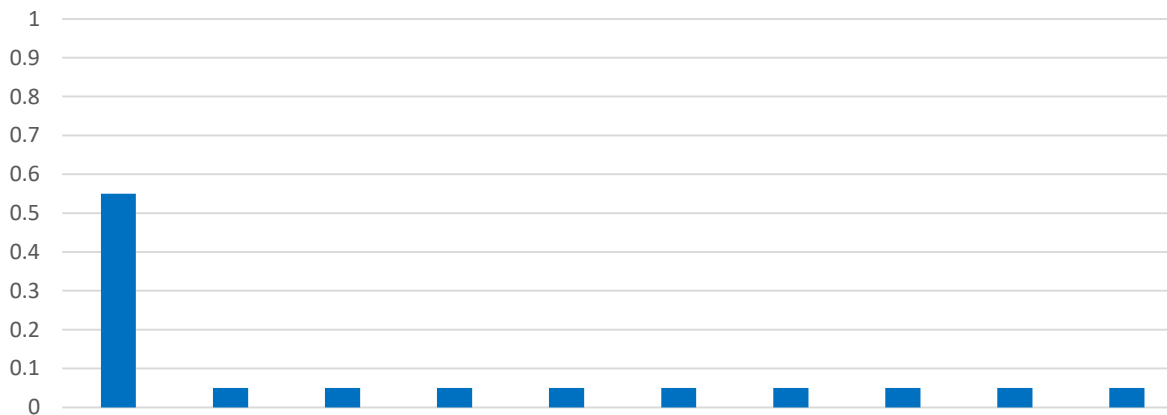
- **Def.** Shannon entropy  $H_{\text{sh}}(X)$

$$H_{\text{sh}}(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_x \Pr[X = x] \log \frac{1}{\Pr[X=x]} = E_{x \leftarrow X} \left[ \log \frac{1}{\Pr[X=x]} \right]$$

– Not good, consider  $X$  defined as follows:

- w.p.  $\frac{1}{2}$ , set  $X = 0^n$
- w.p.  $\frac{1}{2}$ , sample  $X = \text{uniform on } \{0,1\}^n$

–  $H_{\text{sh}}(X) \geq n/2$  but  $\Pr[X=0^n] > \frac{1}{2}$ ; can't extract from  $X$

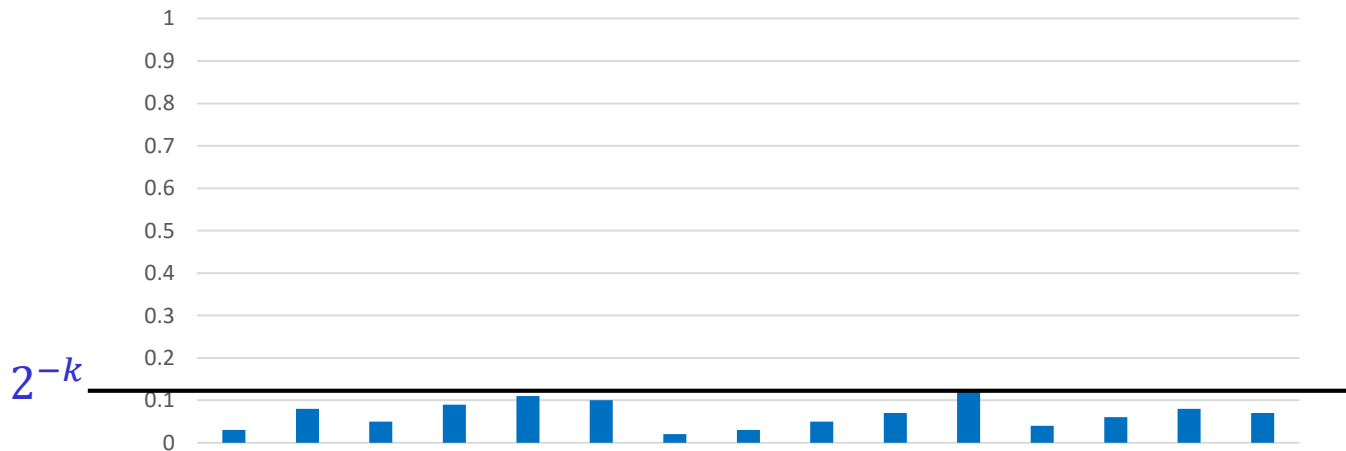


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt: Min-Entropy

- **Def.** Min-entropy  $H_{\min}(X)$

$$H_{\min}(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_x \left\{ \log \frac{1}{\Pr[X=x]} \right\}$$

- $H_{\min}(X) \geq k$  if for every  $x$ ,  $\Pr[X=x] \leq 2^{-k}$
- Worst-case notion; possible for extraction
- **Def.**  $X$  is  $k$ -source if  $H_{\min}(X) \geq k$
- Extractor for the class of  $k$ -sources?

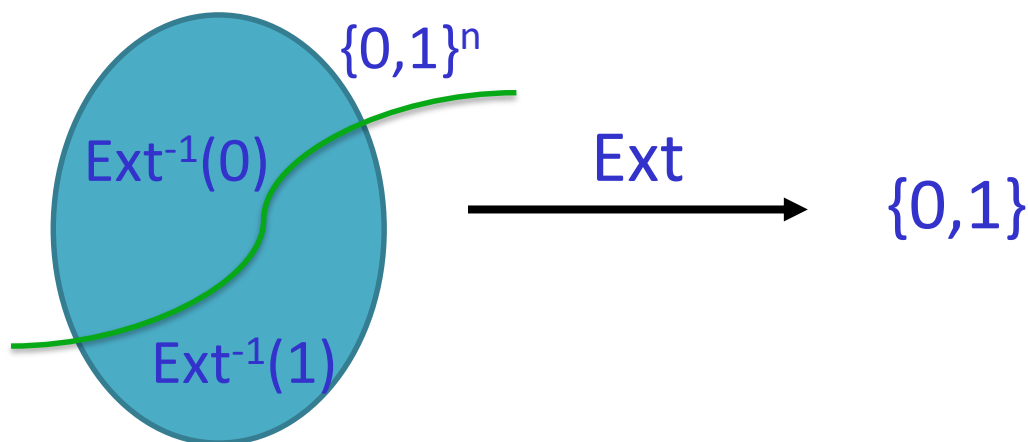


# Impossibility of Deterministic Extraction

- **Thm.** For any  $\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ , there exists an  $(n-1)$ -source  $X$  s.t.  $\text{Ext}(X) = \text{constant}$

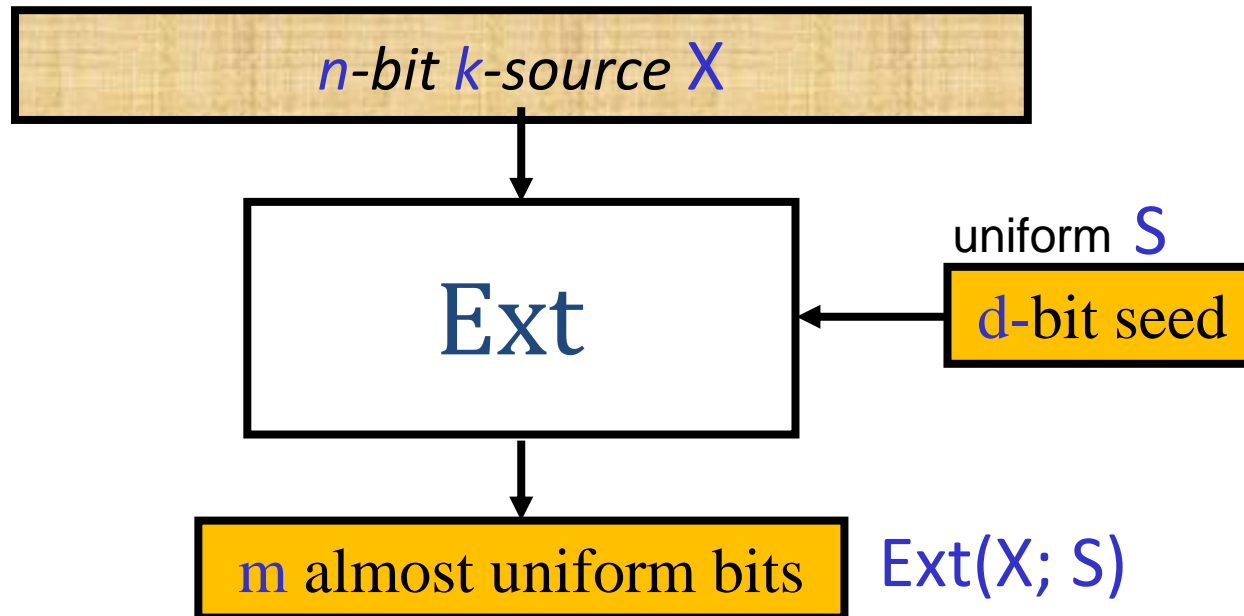
**Proof.** Consider  $X_b = \text{uniform on } \text{Ext}^{-1}(b)$

- $\text{Ext}(X_b) = \text{constant}$
- Either  $H_{\min}(X_0)$  or  $H_{\min}(X_1) \geq n-1$
- Deterministic extractor for  $k$ -source is impossible even for extracting 1 bit and even for  $k = n-1$



# Seeded Extractors

- Add *short uniform seed* as catalyst for extraction



$\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^d \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is  $(k, \varepsilon)$ -seeded extractor if

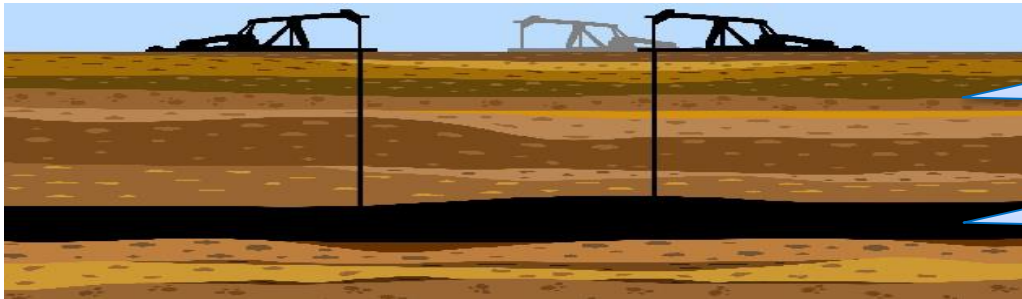
$\forall$   $k$ -source  $X$ ,  $\text{Ext}(X; S)$  is  $\varepsilon$ -close uniform  $U_m$

# Pervasive Applications

- Diverse topics in Theoretical Computer Science
  - Cryptography, Derandomization & pseudorandomness [Sis88, NZ93,...], Distributed algorithms [WZ95], Data structures [Ta02], Hardness of Approximation [Zuc93,...]
- Many applications in Cryptography
  - Privacy amplification [BBR88], Bounded-storage model [Lu02,V03], PRG [HILL89], Biometrics [DRS04], Leakage-resilient crypto [DP09]...



# An Analogy: Oil Extraction



source = oil field

entropy = crude oil

extractor =  
oil extraction  
machines



uniform bits =  
gasoline/pentrol



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# Desiderata

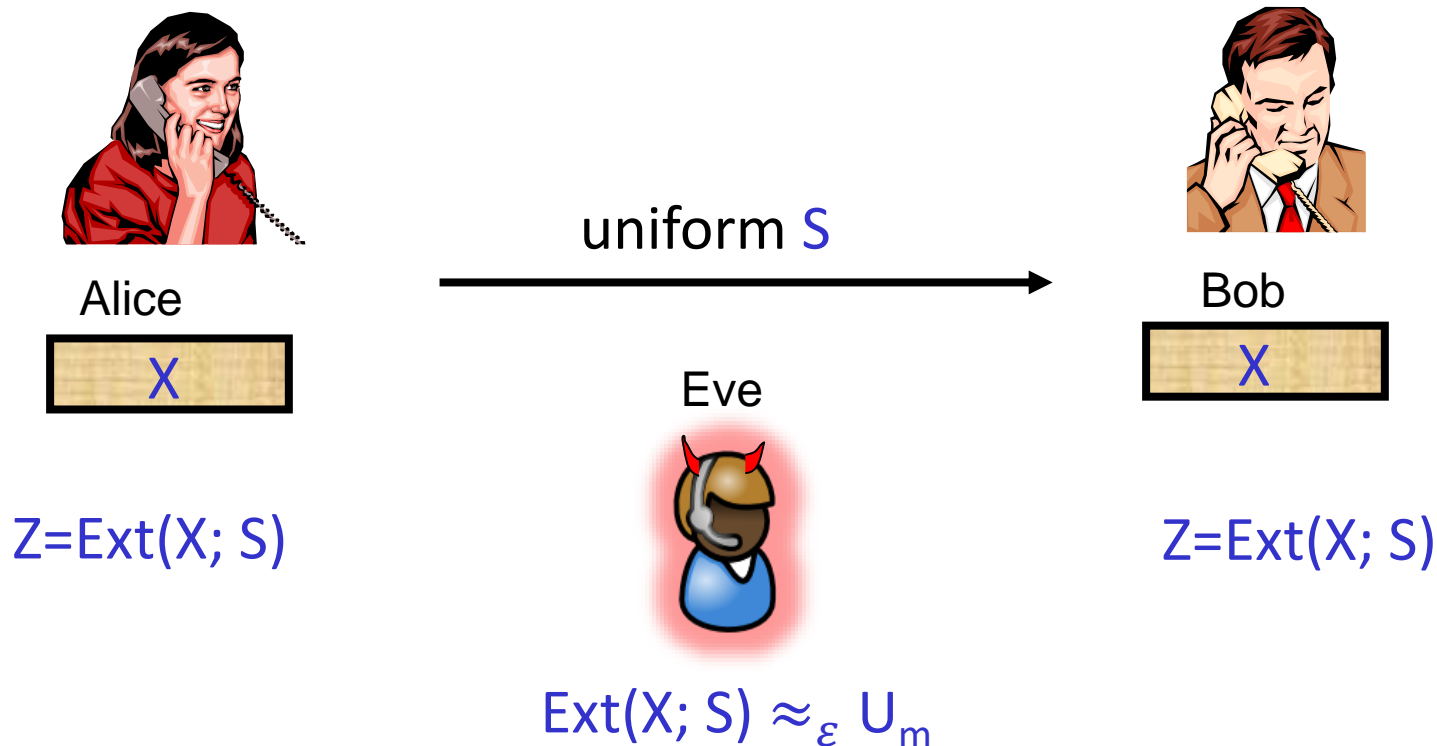
- Minimize seed length  $d$ 
  - Minimize initial gasoline investment
- Maximize output length  $m$ , ideally close to min-entropy  $k$ 
  - Extract and distill all crude oil to gasoline
- Extraction even for small entropy rate  $k/n$ 
  - i.e., even when oil field has low crude oil content
- Explicit construction: efficient polynomial time extractor
  - Cost-efficiency of oil extraction machines

# What We Can Achieve?

- Non-constructively,  $\forall n, k, \varepsilon, \exists (k, \varepsilon)$ -seeded extractor with  
seed length  $d = \log(n-k) + 2 \log(1/\varepsilon) + O(1)$   
output length  $m = k + d - 2 \log(1/\varepsilon) - O(1)$ 
  - use logarithmic-length seed
  - extract almost all min-entropy out
  - for any small entropy rate
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- Proof: use probability method. See Salil's book.
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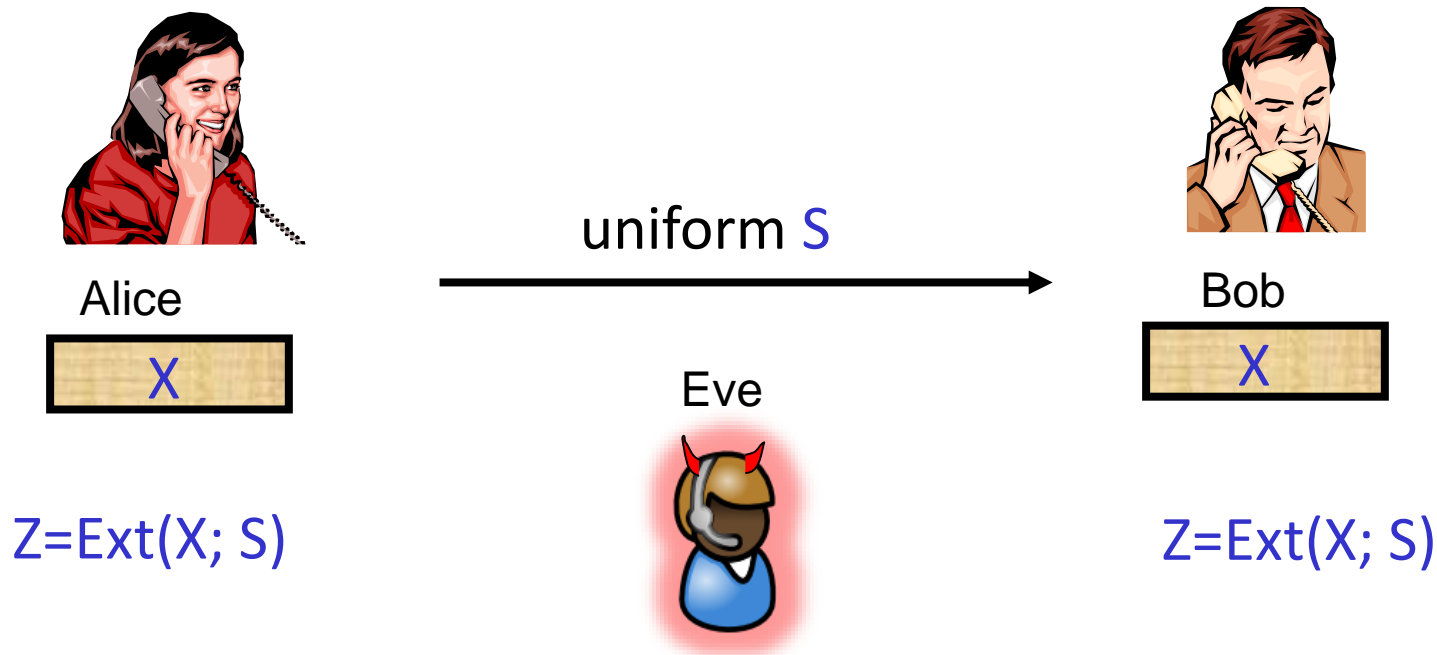
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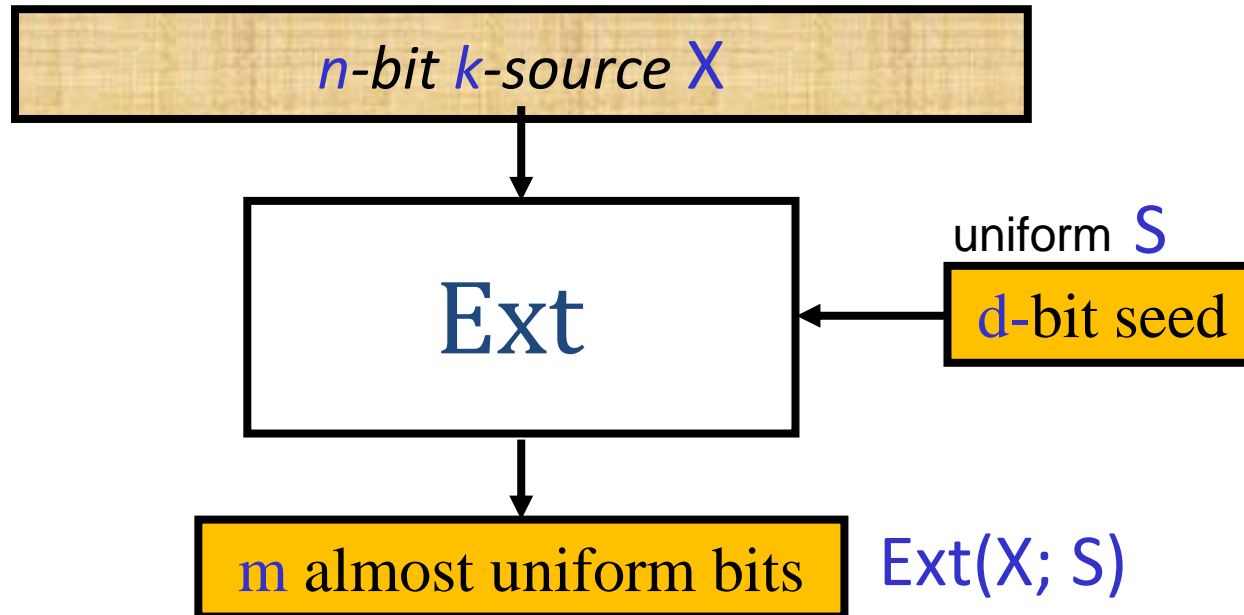
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Need:  $(\text{Ext}(X; S), S) \approx_{\epsilon} (U_m, S)$

# Strong Seeded Extractors

- Require  $\text{Ext}(X; S)$  close to uniform even given the seed  $S$

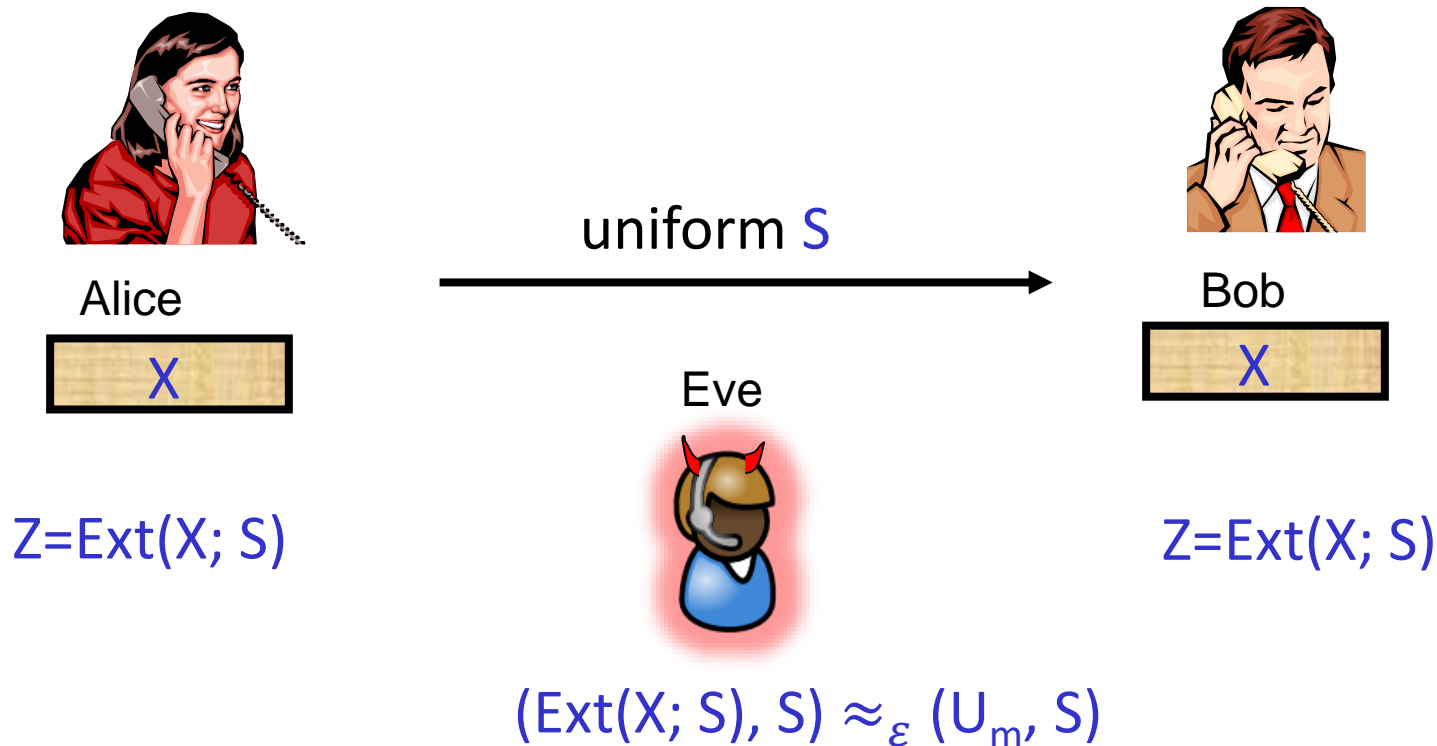


$\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^d \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is  $(k, \varepsilon)$ -strong seeded extractor if

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- Strong property is usually important in crypto

# **An Explicit Strong Extractor --- Leftover Hash Lemma**

# Leftover Hash Lemma

- **Thm.**  $\forall n, k, \varepsilon, \exists$  efficient  $(k, \varepsilon)$ -strong seeded extractor with  
seed length  $d = n$   
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  - use **linear**-length seed 
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  - **explicit** construction 
- Extremely useful in cryptography!

# Universal Hash Functions

- Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{ h: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m \}$  be a family of hash functions.
  - Let  $H$  denote a random hash function from  $\mathcal{H}$
- **Def.** We say  $\mathcal{H}$  is *universal* if for every  $x \neq x' \in \{0,1\}^n$ ,
$$\Pr[ H(x) = H(x') ] \leq 2^{-m}$$
  - i.e., prob. of hash collision on  $x$  and  $x'$  is small *for every*  $x \neq x'$
- Example:  $\mathcal{H} = \{ h_s : s \in \text{GF}(2^n) \}$ , where  $h_s(x)$  = first  $m$  bits of  $s \cdot x$ 
  - Note that  $h_s(x) = h_s(x')$  implies  $s \cdot (x - x') = 0^m z$  for some  $z \in \{0,1\}^{n-m}$ .
  - Each  $z$  determines  $s = (0^m z) / (x - x')$ , so at most  $2^{n-m}$  out of  $2^n$   $h_s$ .
  - So  $\Pr[ H(x) = H(x') ] \leq 2^{n-m} / 2^n = 2^{-m}$ .

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- Define  $\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^d \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  by  $\text{Ext}(x, h) = h(x)$ 
  - i.e., use seed  $h$  to select a hash function to hash  $x$
  - need seed length  $d = n$

# Why Does It Work?

- Define  $\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^d \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  by  $\text{Ext}(x, h) = h(x)$ , where  $h$  is from universal hash family  $\mathcal{H} = \{ h: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m \}$   
 $\Pr[ H(x) = H(x') ] \leq 2^{-m}$  for every  $x \neq x' \in \{0,1\}^n$
- Want to show  $(\text{Ext}(X; H), H) \approx_\varepsilon (U_m, H)$ , or  $(H, H(X)) \approx_\varepsilon (H, U_m)$
- Analyze via “collision probability”
  - Step 1.  $Z$  has small “collision probability”  $\Rightarrow Z$  is close to uniform
  - Step 2. Show  $(H, H(X))$  has small “collision probability”

# Collision Probability

- **Def.** Let  $Z$  be a rand. var. over  $[M]$ . Define *collision probability* of  $Z$  as  $CP(Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pr[ Z = Z' ]$ , where  $Z'$  is an independent copy of  $Z$ .
  - E.g., for uniform distribution  $U_{[M]}$ ,  $CP(U_{[M]}) = 1/M$
- View  $Z$  as vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ , i.e.,  $v_i = \Pr[ Z = i ]$ , then  $CP(Z)$  is the square of L2-norm of  $\mathbf{v}$ .
  - $CP(Z) = \Pr[ Z = Z' ] = \sum_i \Pr[ Z = Z' = i ] = \sum_i v_i^2 = \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2$
- Intuition: uniform distribution minimize collision probability.  
If  $CP(Z) \approx CP(U_{[M]})$ , then  $Z$  is close to  $U_{[M]}$
- **Lemma.**  $CP(Z) \leq (1+\varepsilon)/M \implies \Delta(Z, U_{[M]}) \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}/2$

# Small CP $\Rightarrow$ Close to Uniform

**Lemma.**  $CP(Z) \leq (1+\varepsilon)/M \Rightarrow \Delta(Z, U_{[M]}) \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}/2$

**Proof.** Define  $w \in \mathbb{R}^M$  by  $w_i = (v_i - 1/M)$ .

- Note  $\Delta(Z, U_{[M]}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \|w\|_1$
- Let's compute  $\|w\|_2^2 = \sum_i (v_i - 1/M)^2$   
$$= \sum_i v_i^2 - \sum_i (2v_i/M) + \sum_i (1/M)^2$$
$$= CP(Z) - 1/M$$
- Thus,  $\|w\|_2^2 \leq \varepsilon/M$ , or  $\|w\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon/M}$
- By relation between L1 and L2-norm  $\|w\|_1 \leq \sqrt{M} \cdot \|w\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}$
- So  $\Delta(Z, U_{[M]}) \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}/2$



# CP(H, H(X)) is Small

**Lemma.**  $CP(H, H(X)) \leq (1/D) \cdot ((1/M) + (1/K))$

- Notation:  $D = 2^d$ ,  $M = 2^m$ ,  $K = 2^k$

**Proof.**  $CP(H, H(X)) = \Pr[ (H, H(X)) = (H', H'(X')) ]$

$$= \Pr[H = H'] \cdot \Pr[H(X) = H(X') | H = H']$$

$$= (1/D) \cdot ( \Pr[X=X'] \cdot \Pr[H(X) = H(X') | H = H' \wedge X=X'] + \\ \Pr[X \neq X'] \cdot \Pr[H(X) = H(X') | H = H' \wedge X \neq X'] )$$

$$\leq (1/D) \cdot ( CP(X) + (1/M) )$$

- $CP(X) = \sum_x \Pr[X = x]^2 \leq (\max_x \Pr[X = x]) (\sum_x \Pr[X = x]) \leq 1/K$

# Put Things Together

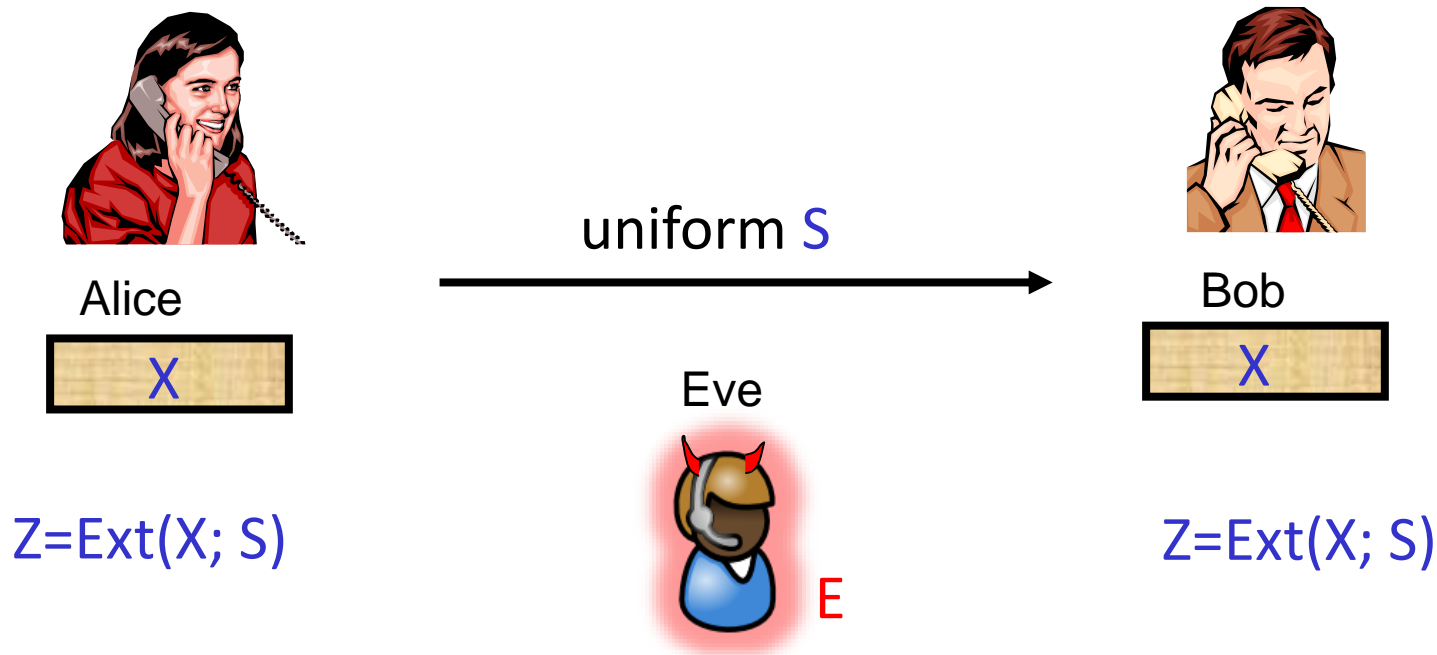
- **Lemma.**  $CP(Z) \leq (1+\varepsilon)/M \Rightarrow \Delta(Z, U_{[M]}) \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}/2$
- **Lemma.**  $CP(H, H(X)) \leq (1/D) \cdot ((1/M) + (1/K))$
- Recall we set  $m = k - 2 \log(1/\varepsilon)$ , so  $(1/K) = (\varepsilon^2/M)$
- So  $\Delta((H, H(X)), (H, U_m)) \leq \varepsilon/2$

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# Average-case Extractors

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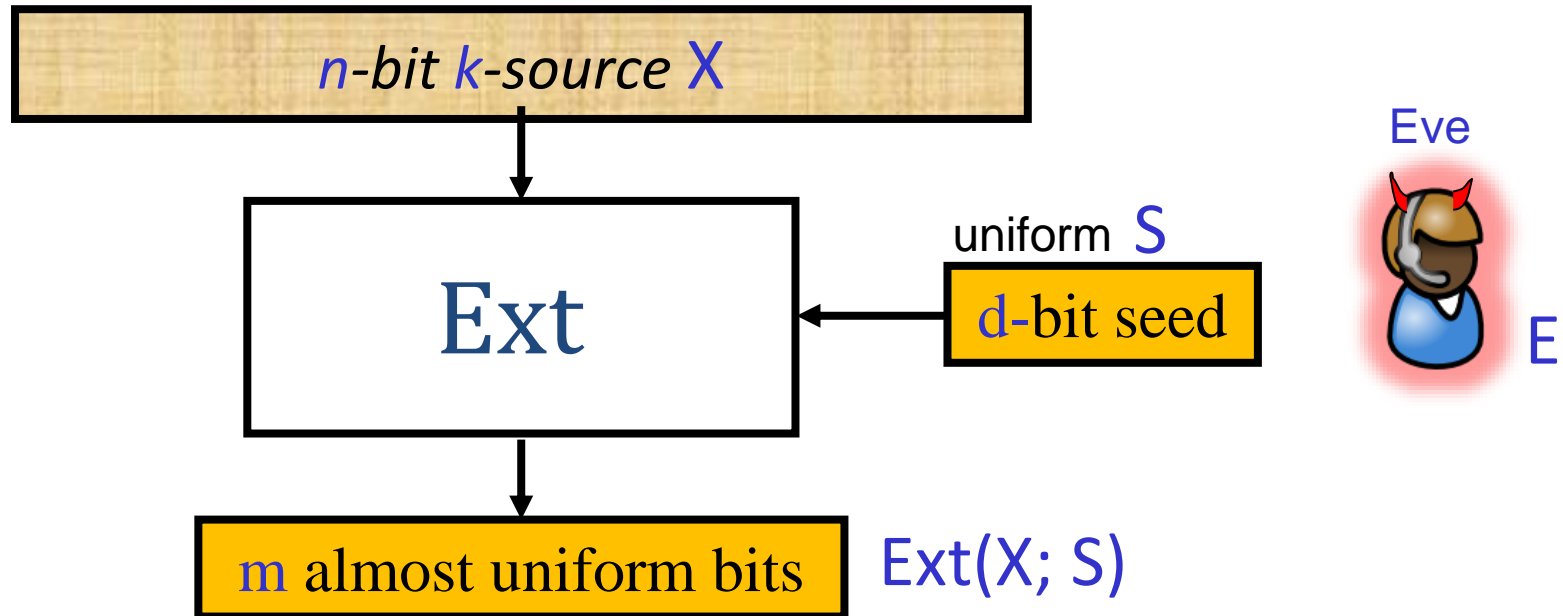
Need:  $(\text{Ext}(X; S), S, E) \approx_{\epsilon} (U_m, S, E)$

# Conditional Min-Entropy

- How to measure min-entropy of  $X$  given side information  $E$ ?
- Guessing Probability:  $P_{\text{guess}}(X|E)$   
$$P_{\text{guess}}(X|E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max \Pr[\text{guess } X \text{ correctly given } E]$$
- Conditional Min-Entropy:  $H_{\text{min}}(X|E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \log 1/P_{\text{guess}}(X|E)$
- Sanity check:  $P_{\text{guess}}(X) = \max_x \Pr[X=x]$ , so  $H_{\text{min}}(X) = \log 1/P_{\text{guess}}(X)$
- In general:  $P_{\text{guess}}(X|E) = E_{e \leftarrow E} [\max_x \Pr[X=x|E=e]]$
- Conditional min-entropy  $\approx$  unpredictability of the source given  $E$

# Average-Case Strong Extractors

- Extract conditional min-entropy from  $X$  given  $E$

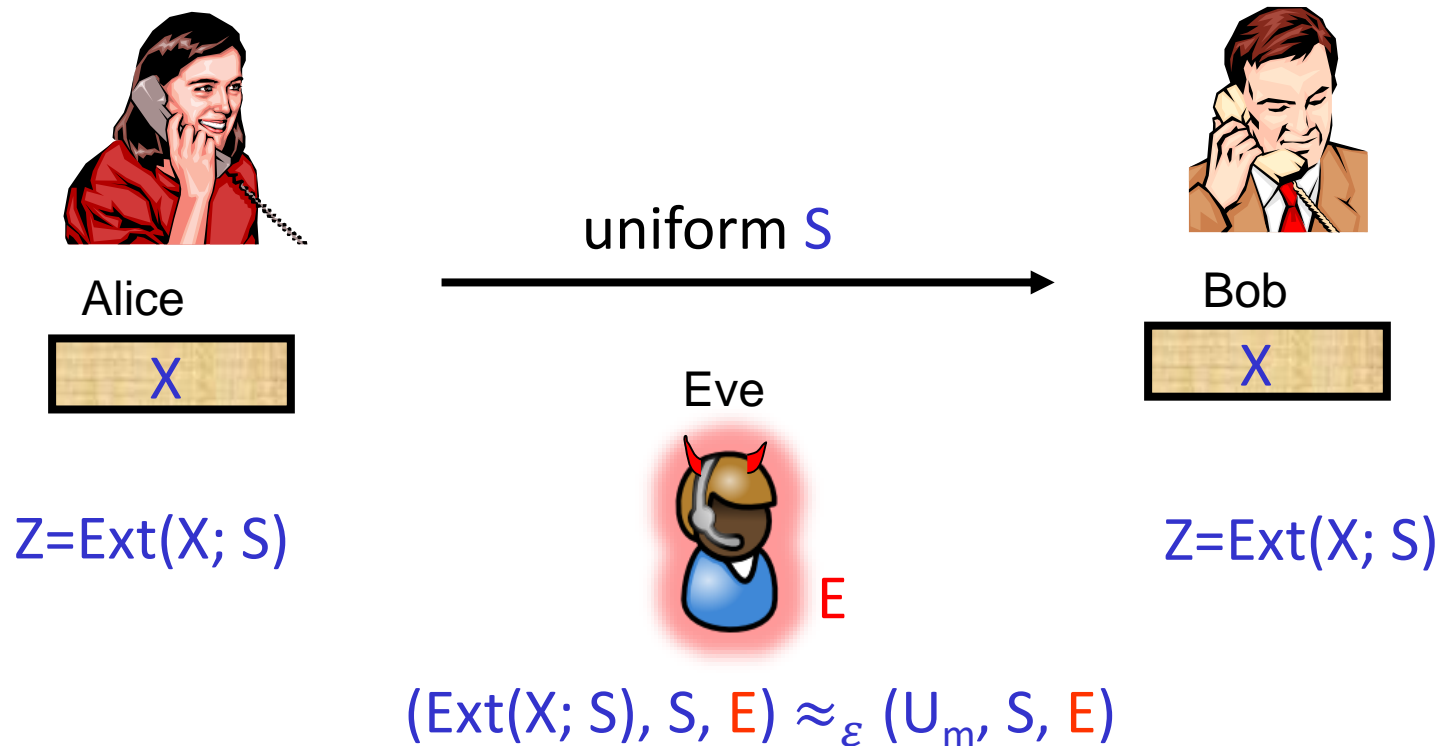


$\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^d \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is  $(k, \epsilon)$ -average-case strong extractor  
if  $\forall (X, E)$  with  $H_{\min}(X|E) \geq k$ ,

$$(\text{Ext}(X; S), S, E) \approx_{\epsilon} (U_m, S, E)$$

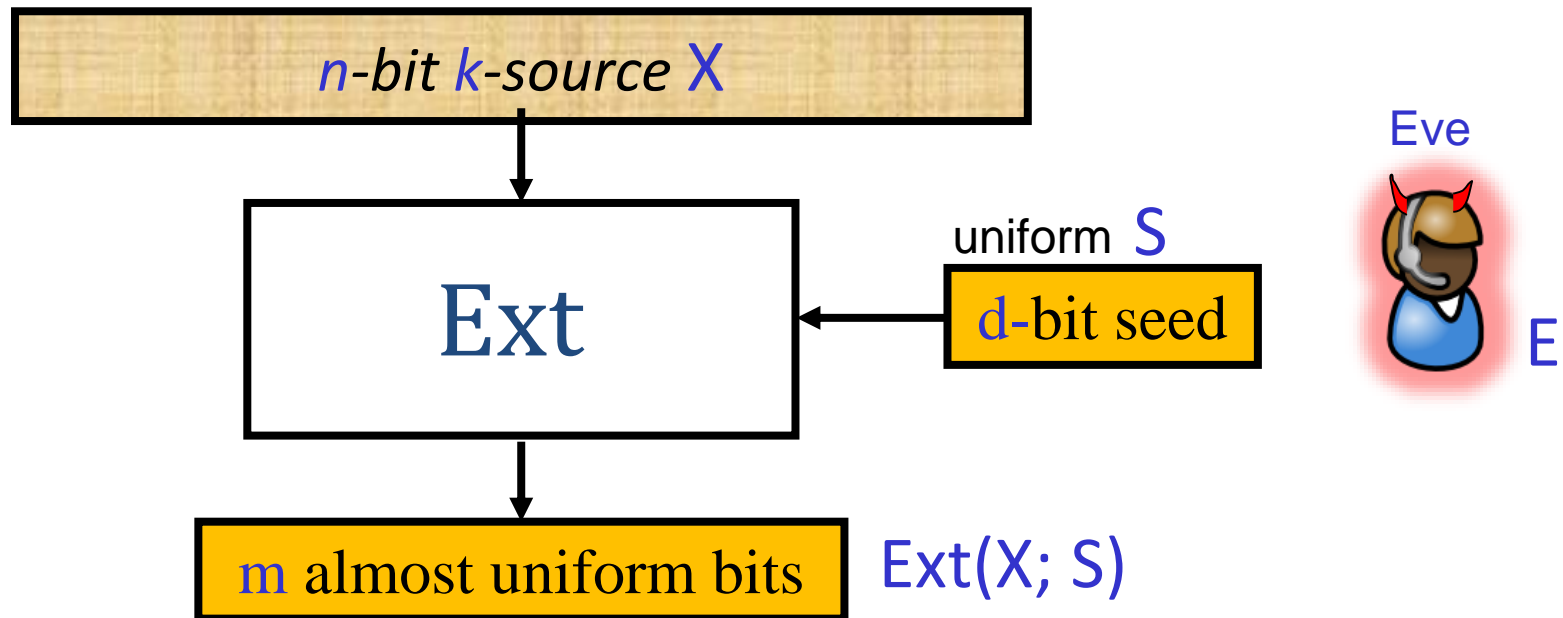
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# Interpretation

- Conditional min-entropy  $\approx$  unpredictability
- Statistical distance  $\approx$  distinguishing advantage



- Extractor: distill unpredictability to indistinguishability
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# Every Extractor is Average-Case Ext.

**Thm.** If  $\text{Ext}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^d \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is  $(k, \varepsilon)$ -strong extractor, then  $\text{Ext}$  is  $(k + \log(1/\varepsilon), 2\varepsilon)$ -average-case strong extractor.

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**Lemma  $\Rightarrow$  Thm:**

- $\text{Ext}$  works for good  $X|_{E=e}$  with error  $\varepsilon$
  - $\text{Ext}$  may fail on bad  $X|_{E=e}$  but  $X|_{E=e}$  bad w.p. at most  $\varepsilon$
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**Proof.** Suppose not, i.e.,

w.p.  $> \varepsilon$  over  $e \leftarrow E$ ,

$$H_{\min}(X|_{E=e}) \leq k - \log(1/\varepsilon)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\text{guess}}(X|_{E=e}) \geq 2^k / \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\text{guess}}(X|E) > \varepsilon \cdot 2^k / \varepsilon > 2^k$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\min}(X|E) < k, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

# In Fact, Can Do Better!

Leftover hash lemma:

**Thm.**  $\forall n, k, \varepsilon, \exists$  efficient  $(k, \varepsilon)$ -average-case strong extractor with  
seed length  $d = n$   
output length  $m = k - 2 \log(1/\varepsilon)$   
– Use “conditional collision probability” in analogous way

In general:

**Thm.** Any  $(k, \varepsilon)$ -strong extractor is a  $(k, 3\varepsilon)$ -average-case strong extractor

# Summary

- Conditional min-entropy  $\approx$  unpredictability
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- Extractor: distill unpredictability to indistinguishability
  - Oil extraction analogy
  - Features: strong, average-case, “quantum-proof”, “non-malleable”
- Non-constructively,  $\forall n, k, \varepsilon, \exists (k, \varepsilon)$ -strong extractor with
  - seed length  $d = \log(n-k) + 2 \log(1/\varepsilon) + O(1)$
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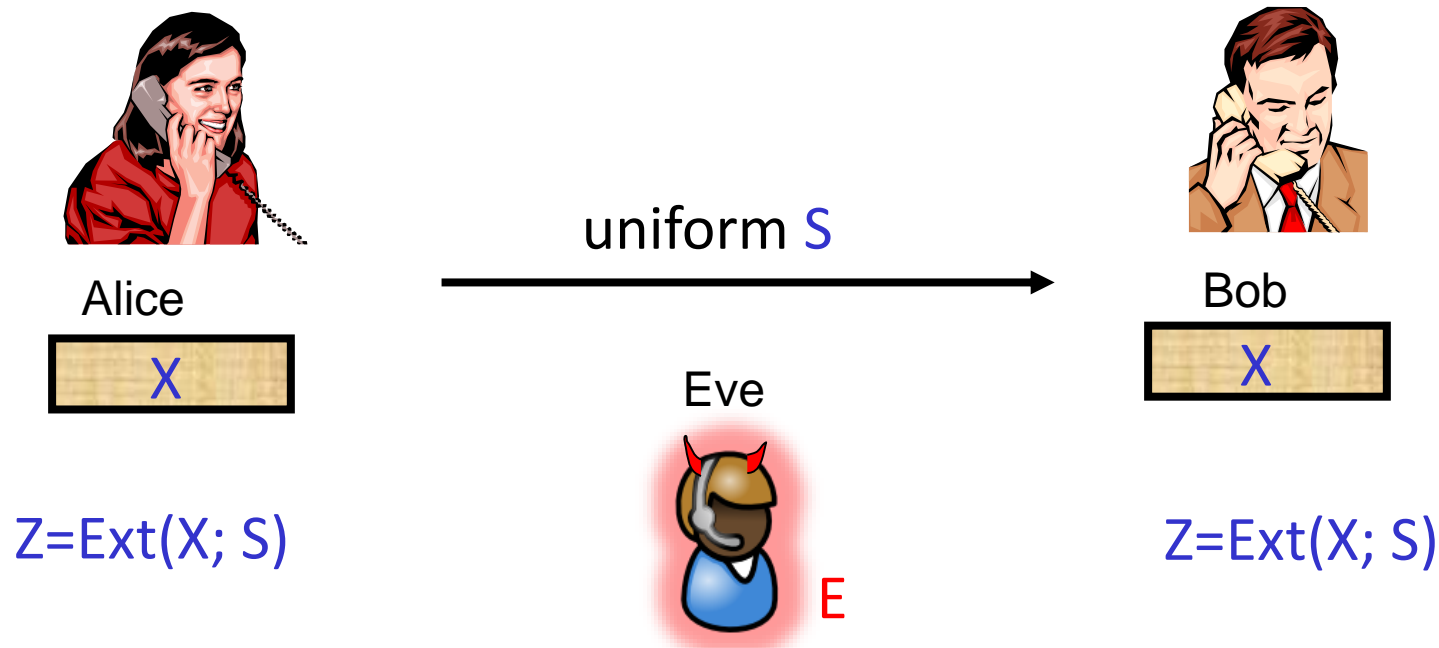
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# Quantum-Proof Extractors

# Privacy Amplification

- Alice & Bob share secret weak random source  $X$
- Goal: extract uniform key  $Z$  against eavesdropper Eve using public authenticated channel
- What if the side information  $E$  is quantum?



Need:  $(\text{Ext}(X; S), S, E) \approx_{\epsilon} (U_m, S, E)$  for quantum  $E$

# How to Think about Quantum?

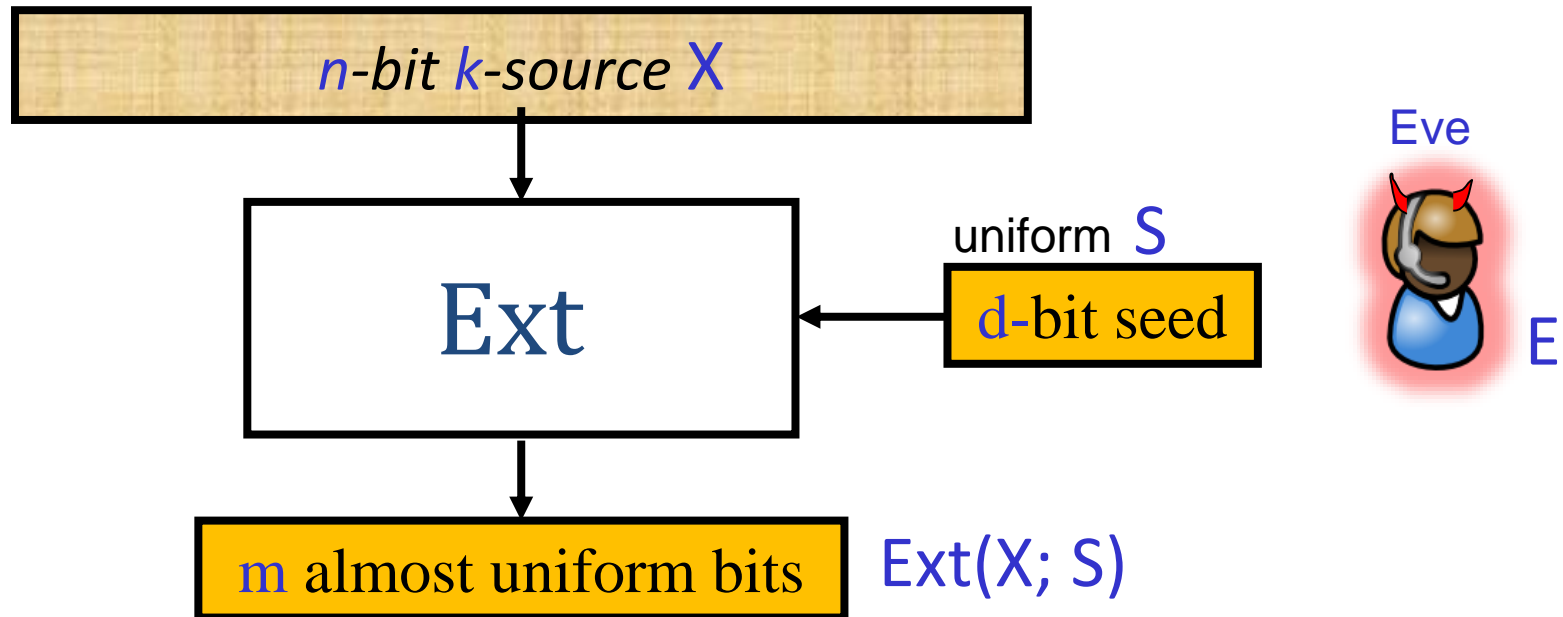
- Some physical resource generalizes classical world and is sometime more powerful
  - Quantum information: generalize classical information and sometimes more useful
  - Quantum computation: generalize classical computation and sometimes much more powerful! (e.g., Shor's algorithm)
- Randomness extraction in presence of quantum side information
  - Harder task since Eve holds more useful information
  - Operational definition generalizes



# Operational Definitions Generalize

- Entropy measure: conditional min-entropy
  - Cond. Min-entropy:  $H_{\min}(X|E) = \log 1/P_{\text{guess}}(X|E)$ , where
  - Guessing Probability:
$$P_{\text{guess}}(X|E) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max \Pr[\text{guess } X \text{ correctly given } E]$$
  - Min-entropy  $\approx$  unpredictability
- Distance measure: trace distance
  - Trace distance  $\approx$  max distinguishing advantage
- Extractor: distill unpredictability to indistinguishability
  - Can't guess source  $\Rightarrow$  can't distinguish output from uniform
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# Quantum-Proof Strong Extractors



Ext:  $\{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^d \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is  $(k, \epsilon)$ -quantum-proof strong extractor  
if  $\forall (X, E)$  with  $H_{\min}(X|E) \geq k$ ,

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