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# On Quantum 3-Pass Protocol



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**Abstract**

Some proposed 3-pass protocols in quantum cryptography assumes that the qbits are 2-component. Here we propose a protocol without this assumption.

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**Three pass protocol [1,2]**

In cryptography, the three-pass protocol for sending messages is a framework which allows one party to securely send a message to a second party without the need to exchange or distribute encryption keys. It is called the three-pass protocol because the sender and the receiver exchange three encrypted messages. The first three-pass protocol was developed by Adi Shamir circa 1980. The basic concept of the three-pass. Protocol is that each party has a private encryption key and a private decryption key. The two parties use their keys independently, first to encrypt the message, and then to decrypt the message.

The Three-Pass Protocol works as follows

- o The sender chooses a private encryption key  $es$  and a corresponding decryption key The sender encrypts the message  $m$  with the key  $es$  and sends the encrypted message to the receiver.
- o The receiver chooses a private encryption key and a corresponding decryption key  $er$  and encrypts the first message  $E(es, m)$  with the key  $dr$  and sends the doubly encrypted message  $E(er, E(es, m))$  back to the sender.
- o The sender decrypts the second message with the key  $ds$ . Because of the commutativity property described above  $D(ds, E(er, E(es, m))) = E(er, m)$  which is the message encrypted with only the receiver's private key. The sender sends this to the receiver.

The receiver can now decrypt the message using the key  $dr$ , namely  $D(dr, E(er, m)) = m$  the original message. Notice that all of

the operations involving the sender's private keys  $es$  and  $ds$  are performed by the sender, and all of the operations involving the receiver's private keys  $er$  and  $dr$  are performed by the receiver, so that neither party needs to know the other party's keys.

**Quantum 3-pass protocol**

Recently quantum 3-pass protocol has been proposed [3]. It was assumed that the qbits are 2-component hence they use the fact that the group  $SO(2)$  is commutative. This is Not true for  $SO(n), n>2$ . Here we propose the following protocol which does not make this assumption. Assume that sender A sends a string of qbits  $\{qb(1), qb(2) \dots qb(s)\}$  to a receiver B. He receives them which causes some errors according to Uncertainty principle [4]. The receiver B sends back the Extended string  $\{qb'(1), qb'(2) \dots qb'(s), qb(s+1), \dots qb(s+r)\}$ . When the sender A receive it the correct subset of  $\{qb'(1), qb'(2) \dots qb'(s)\}$  will form her key. The extended string is sent back to the receiver B and he gets  $\{qb'(1), qb'(2) \dots qb'(s), qb'(s+1), \dots qb'(s+r)\}$ . The correct subset of the string  $\{qb'(s+1), \dots qb'(s+r)\}$  will be his key. No assumptions are made on the number of components used for each qbit.

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