

Quantum Public-Key Encryption with Tamper-Resilient Public Keys from One-Way Functions

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Abstract

We construct quantum public-key encryption from one-way functions. In our construction, public keys are quantum, but ciphertexts are classical. Quantum public-key encryption from one-way functions (or weaker primitives such as pseudorandom function-like states) are also proposed in some recent works [Morimae-Yamakawa, eprint:2022/1336; Coladangelo, eprint:2023/282; Grilo-Sattath-Vu, eprint:2023/345; Barooti-Malavolta-Walter, eprint:2023/306]. However, they have a huge drawback: they are secure only when quantum public keys can be transmitted to the sender (who runs the encryption algorithm) without being tampered with by the adversary, which seems to require unsatisfactory physical setup assumptions such as secure quantum channels. Our construction is free from such a drawback: it guarantees the secrecy of the encrypted messages even if we assume only unauthenticated quantum channels. Thus, the encryption is done with adversarially tampered quantum public keys. Our construction based only on one-way functions is the first quantum public-key encryption that achieves the goal of classical public-key encryption, namely, to establish secure communication over insecure channels.

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Quantum physics provides several advantages in cryptography. For instance, statistically-secure key exchange, which is impossible in classical cryptography, becomes possible if quantum states are transmitted [BB84]. Additionally, oblivious transfers and multiparty computations are possible only from one-way functions (OWFs) in the quantum world [BCKM21, GLSV21]. Those cryptographic primitives are believed to require stronger structured assumptions in classical cryptography. Furthermore, it has been shown that several cryptographic tasks, such as (non-interactive) commitments, digital signatures, secret-key encryption, quantum money, and multiparty computations, are possible based on new primitives such as pseudorandom states generators, pseudorandom function-like states generators, one-way states generators, and EFI, which seem to be weaker than OWFs [JLS18, Kre21, MY22b, AQY22, BCQ23, AGQY22, CX22, MY22a, KQST22].

Quantum public key encryption from OWFs. Despite these developments, it is still an open problem whether public-key encryption (PKE) is possible with only OWFs (or the above weaker primitives) in the quantum world. PKE from OWFs is impossible (in a black-box way) in the classical cryptography [IR90]. However, it could be possible if quantum states are transmitted or local operations are quantum. In fact, some recent works [MY22a, Col23, BMW23, GSV23] independently constructed quantum PKE (QPKE) with quantum public keys based on OWFs or pseudorandom function-like states generators. However, the constructions proposed in those works have a huge drawback as explained below, and thus we still do not have a satisfactory solution to the problem of “QPKE from OWFs”.

How to certify quantum public keys? When we study public key cryptographic primitives, we have to care about how to certify the public keys, that is, how a sender can check if a given public key is a valid public key under which the secrecy of the encrypted messages is guaranteed. When the public keys are classical strings, we can easily certify them using digital signature schemes. However, in the case where the public keys are quantum states, we cannot use digital signature schemes to achieve this goal in general¹, and it is unclear how to certify them.

As stated above, some recent works [MY22a, Col23, BMW23, GSV23] realized QPKE with quantum public keys from OWFs or even weaker assumptions. However, those works did not tackle this quantum public key certification problem very much. In fact, as far as we understand, to use the primitives proposed in those works meaningfully, we need to use secure quantum channels to transmit the quantum public keys so that a sender can use an intact quantum public key. This is a huge drawback since the goal of PKE is to transmit a message *without assuming secure channels*. If the sender can establish a secure channel to obtain the quantum public key, the sender could use it to transmit the message in the first place, and there is no advantage to using the PKE scheme.

QPKE with tamper-resilient quantum public keys. One of our goals in this work is to solve this issue and develop a more reasonable notion of QPKE with quantum public keys. Especially, we consider the setting with the following two natural conditions. First, we assume that every quantum state (that is, quantum public keys in this work) is sent via an unauthenticated channel, and thus it can be tampered with by an adversary. If we do not assume secure quantum channels, we have to take such a tampering attack into account since authentication generally requires secrecy for quantum channels [BCG⁺02]. Second, we assume that

¹There is a general impossibility result for signing quantum states [AGM21].

every classical string is sent via an authenticated channel. This is the same assumption in classical PKE and can be achieved using digital signatures. Note that the security of the constructions proposed in the above works [MY22a, Col23, BMW23, GSV23] is broken in this natural setting. In this work, we tackle whether we can realize QPKE with quantum public keys that provides a security guarantee in this natural setting, especially from OWFs.

1.2 Our Results

We affirmatively answer the above question. We realize the first QPKE scheme based only on OWFs that achieves the goal of classical PKE, which is to establish secure communication over insecure channels. We define the notions of QPKE that can be used in the above setting where unauthenticated quantum channels and classical authenticated channels are available. Then, we propose constructions satisfying the definitions from OWFs. Below, we state each result in detail.

Definitional work. We redefine the syntax of QPKE. The difference from the previous definitions is that the key generation algorithm outputs a classical verification key together with the secret key. Also, this verification key is given to the encryption algorithm with a quantum public key and a message so that the encryption algorithm can check the validity of the given quantum public key. We then define a security notion for QPKE that we call *indistinguishability against public key tempering attacks (IND-pkTA security)*. Roughly speaking, it guarantees that indistinguishability holds even if messages are encrypted by a public key tampered with by an adversary. More specifically, it guarantees that no efficient adversary can guess the challenge bit b with a probability significantly better than random guessing given $\text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}', \text{msg}_b)$, where vk is the correct verification key and $(\text{pk}', \text{msg}_0, \text{msg}_1)$ are generated by the adversary who is given the verification key vk and multiple copies of the correctly generated quantum public keys. IND-pkTA security captures the setting where the classical verification key is sent via a classical authenticated channel. Thus, everyone can obtain the correct verification key. However, a quantum public key is sent via an unauthenticated quantum channel and thus can be tampered with by an adversary.

Moreover, we define a security notion related to the correctness notion. In our setting, a decryption error could frequently occur as a result of tampering attacks on the quantum public key. To address this issue, we introduce a security notion that we call *decryption error detectability*. It roughly guarantees that a legitimate receiver of a ciphertext can notice if the decrypted message is different from the message intended by the sender.

Constructions from OWFs. We propose a QPKE scheme satisfying IND-pkTA security from a digital signature scheme that can be constructed from OWFs. Our construction is inspired by the duality between distinguishing and swapping shown by Aaronson, Atia, and Susskind [AAS20] and its cryptographic applications by Hhan, Morimae, and Yamakawa [HMY22]. Our construction has quantum public keys and classical ciphertexts. We also propose a general transformation that adds decryption error detectability. The transformation uses only a digital signature scheme.

Recyclable variant. Our above definitions for QPKE assume each quantum public key is used to encrypt only a single message and might be consumed. We also introduce a notion of *recyclable QPKE* where the encryption algorithm given a quantum public key outputs a ciphertext together with a classical state that can be used to encrypt a message many times. Then, we show that any standard QPKE scheme with classical ciphertext can be transformed into a recyclable one. The transformation uses only a CPA secure classical

symmetric key encryption scheme that is implied by OWFs. Thus, by combining the transformation with the above results, we obtain a recyclable QPKE scheme from OWFs.

1.3 Discussion: Pure State Public Keys vs. Mixed State Public Keys

The quantum public keys of our QPKE schemes are mixed states. Some recent works [BMW23, GSV23] that studied QPKE explicitly require that a quantum public key of QPKE be a pure quantum state. The reason is related to the quantum public key certification problem, which is this work’s main focus. Those works claimed that a sender can check the validity of given quantum public keys by using SWAP test if they are pure states, but not if they are mixed states. However, as far as we understand, this claim implicitly requires that at least one intact quantum public key be transmitted via secure quantum channels where an adversary cannot touch it at all², which is an unsatisfactory assumption that makes QPKE less valuable. It is unclear how a sender can check the validity of a given quantum public key in the constructions proposed in [BMW23, GSV23] without assuming such secure transmission of intact quantum public keys.

We believe that it is not important whether the quantum public keys are pure states or mixed states, and what is really important is whether a sender can check the validity of given quantum public keys without assuming unsatisfactory setups such as quantum secure channels. Although our QPKE schemes have mixed state quantum public keys, they provide such a validity checking of quantum public keys by a sender without assuming any unsatisfactory setups.

1.4 Technical Overview

In this subsection, we overview our technical contributions.

Duality between distinguishing and swapping. Our construction is inspired by the duality between distinguishing and swapping shown by Aaronson, Atia, and Susskind [AAS20] and its cryptographic applications by Hhan et al. [HMY22].³ We first review their idea. Let $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$ be orthogonal states. [AAS20] showed that $|\psi\rangle + |\phi\rangle$ and $|\psi\rangle - |\phi\rangle$ are computationally indistinguishable⁴ if and only if one cannot efficiently “swap” $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$ with a non-negligible advantage, i.e., for any efficiently computable unitary U , $|\langle\phi|U|\psi\rangle + \langle\psi|U|\phi\rangle|$ is negligible. Based on the above result, [HMY22] suggested to use $|\psi\rangle + (-1)^b|\phi\rangle$ as an encryption of a plaintext $b \in \{0, 1\}$. By the result of [AAS20], its security is reduced to the hardness of swapping $|\psi\rangle$ and $|\phi\rangle$.

Basic scheme. Based on the above idea, we first construct a QPKE scheme that is secure in a very restricted setting where an adversary is not given any quantum public key at all and only given one ciphertext. In particular the adversary cannot tamper with the quantum public key. Of course, constructing a secure QPKE scheme in such a setting is trivial since one could simply send a secret key for the one-time pad as a “public key”. But we construct it in an alternative way for convenience of the later extension.

A quantum public key is

$$|0\rangle|x_0\rangle + |1\rangle|x_1\rangle \tag{1}$$

²More precisely, their model seems to require a physical setup assumption that enables a sender to obtain at least one intact quantum public key, such as secure quantum channels or tamper-proof quantum hardware.

³In the main body, we do not explicitly use any result of [AAS20, HMY22] though our analysis is similar to theirs.

⁴We often omit normalization factors.

for uniformly random bit strings $x_0, x_1 \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$, a secret key is (x_0, x_1) , and an encryption of a plaintext $b \in \{0, 1\}$ is

$$|0\rangle |x_0\rangle + (-1)^b |1\rangle |x_1\rangle. \quad (2)$$

Security of the above scheme in the restricted setting is somewhat obvious because the adversary has no information of x_0 or x_1 besides the ciphertext, but let us analyze it using the idea of [AAS20] to get more insights. Suppose that the above scheme is insecure, i.e., $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle + |1\rangle |x_1\rangle$ and $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle - |1\rangle |x_1\rangle$ are computationally distinguishable with a non-negligible advantage. Then, by the result of [AAS20], there is an efficient unitary U that swaps $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle |x_1\rangle$ with a non-negligible advantage. By using this unitary, let us consider the following procedure:

1. Given a state $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle \pm |1\rangle |x_1\rangle$, measure it in the computational basis to get $|\alpha\rangle |x_\alpha\rangle$ for random $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$.
2. Apply the unitary U to $|\alpha\rangle |x_\alpha\rangle$ and measure it in the computational basis.

Since U swaps $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle |x_1\rangle$ with a non-negligible advantage, the probability that the outcome of the second measurement is $|\alpha \oplus 1\rangle |x_{\alpha \oplus 1}\rangle$ is non-negligible. This yields the following observation: If one can efficiently distinguish $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle + |1\rangle |x_1\rangle$ and $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle - |1\rangle |x_1\rangle$, then one can efficiently compute both x_0 and x_1 from $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle \pm |1\rangle |x_1\rangle$. On the other hand, it is easy to show that one cannot compute both x_0 and x_1 from $|0\rangle |x_0\rangle \pm |1\rangle |x_1\rangle$ with a non-negligible probability by a simple information theoretical argument. Thus, the above argument implies security of the above scheme in the restricted setting where no public key and one ciphertext is given to the adversary.

Dealing with public key tampering. We extend the above basic scheme to resist public key tampering attacks. Specifically, we consider the setting where the adversary receives a single copy of the quantum public key from the receiver, sends a tampered quantum public key to the sender, and receives a ciphertext generated under the tampered quantum public key. First, we remark that the basic scheme is insecure if the public key is tampered with since the adversary can replace the public key with $|0\rangle |x'_0\rangle + |1\rangle |x'_1\rangle$ for x'_0, x'_1 of its choice. Indeed, it is impossible to prevent such a man-in-the-middle attack if only untrusted quantum channels are available. Thus, we assume that authenticated classical channels are available similarly to classical PKE.

Our idea is to partially authenticate a quantum public key by using classical digital signatures where its verification key is sent through the authenticated classical channel. Namely, our idea is to set $x_\alpha := \sigma(\alpha)$ for $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$ in the basic construction where $\sigma(\alpha)$ is a signature for $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$, i.e., a quantum public key is

$$|0\rangle |\sigma(0)\rangle + |1\rangle |\sigma(1)\rangle. \quad (3)$$

A secret key is the signing key of the digital signature scheme. Here, we assume that the signature scheme has a deterministic signing algorithm and satisfies strong unforgeability, i.e., given message-signature pairs $(\text{msg}_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (\text{msg}_n, \sigma_n)$, no efficient adversary can output (msg^*, σ^*) such that $(\text{msg}^*, \sigma^*) \neq (\text{msg}_i, \sigma_i)$ for all $i \in [n]$.⁵ Before encryption, the sender coherently verifies the validity of the signature in the second register of the public key and aborts if the verification rejects. By strong unforgeability of the signature scheme, no matter how the adversary tampers with the public key, the state after passing the verification is negligibly close to a state in the form of

$$c_0 |0\rangle |\sigma(0)\rangle |\Psi_0\rangle + c_1 |1\rangle |\sigma(1)\rangle |\Psi_1\rangle \quad (4)$$

⁵At this point, two-time security (where $n = 2$) suffices but we finally need to allow n to be an arbitrary polynomial.

with some complex coefficients c_0 and c_1 , and some states $|\Psi_0\rangle$ and $|\Psi_1\rangle$ over the adversary's register (except for a negligible probability). The encryption of a plaintext $b \in \{0, 1\}$ is to apply Z^b on the first qubit of Equation (4). The ciphertext generated under the tampered public key is therefore

$$c_0 |0\rangle |\sigma(0)\rangle |\Psi_0\rangle + (-1)^b c_1 |1\rangle |\sigma(1)\rangle |\Psi_1\rangle. \quad (5)$$

By a slight extension of the analysis of the basic scheme, we show that if one can efficiently distinguish $c_0 |0\rangle |\sigma(0)\rangle |\Psi_0\rangle + c_1 |1\rangle |\sigma(1)\rangle |\Psi_1\rangle$ and $c_0 |0\rangle |\sigma(0)\rangle |\Psi_0\rangle - c_1 |1\rangle |\sigma(1)\rangle |\Psi_1\rangle$, then one can efficiently compute both $\sigma(0)$ and $\sigma(1)$. On the other hand, recall that the adversary is only given one copy of the public key $|0\rangle |\sigma(0)\rangle + |1\rangle |\sigma(1)\rangle$. We can show that it is impossible to compute both $\sigma(0)$ and $\sigma(1)$ from this state by the strong unforgeability as follows. By [BZ13, Lemma 2.1], the probability to output both $\sigma(0)$ and $\sigma(1)$ is only halved even if $|0\rangle |\sigma(0)\rangle + |1\rangle |\sigma(1)\rangle$ is measured in the computational basis before given to the adversary. After the measurement, the adversary's input collapses to a classical state $|\alpha\rangle |\sigma(\alpha)\rangle$ for random $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$, in which case the adversary can output $\sigma(\alpha \oplus 1)$ only with a negligible probability by the strong unforgeability. Combining the above, security of the above scheme under tampered public keys is proven.

Multiple public keys. In the previous paragraph, we give only one copy of the quantum public key to the adversary. It is clear that the security is broken if two copies of the public key are available to the adversary: by measuring each public key, the adversary can learn both $\sigma(0)$ and $\sigma(1)$ with probability 1/2. The construction in the previous paragraph therefore cannot achieve an important advantage of PKE, namely, many public keys corresponding to a single secret key can be distributed. In order to extend the above scheme to ensure security even if the adversary can obtain multiple public keys, we introduce a classical randomness for each public key generation. Specifically, a public key is

$$(r, |0\rangle |\sigma(0, r)\rangle + |1\rangle |\sigma(1, r)\rangle) \quad (6)$$

where $r \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$ is chosen uniformly at random for every execution of the public key generation algorithm, and $\sigma(\alpha, r)$ is a signature for $\alpha \| r$.⁶ A secret key is the signing key of the digital signature scheme, and an encryption of a plaintext $b \in \{0, 1\}$ is

$$(r, |0\rangle |\sigma(0, r)\rangle + (-1)^b |1\rangle |\sigma(1, r)\rangle). \quad (7)$$

Since each quantum public key uses different r , security of this scheme holds even if the adversary obtains arbitrarily many public keys. Note that the receiver does not need to remember each r . What the receiver has to record is only a single secret key that is the same for all public keys.

Making ciphertext classical and recycling public key. Finally, we extend the scheme so that one quantum public key can be used to encrypt many plaintexts. Toward the goal, we first observe that the ciphertext of the above scheme can be made classical. In the above construction, the ciphertext contains a quantum state $|0\rangle |\sigma(r, 0)\rangle + (-1)^b |1\rangle |\sigma(r, 1)\rangle$. Suppose that we measure this state in Hadamard basis and let d be the measurement outcome. Then an easy calculation shows that we have

$$b = d \cdot (0 \| \sigma(0, r) \oplus 1 \| \sigma(1, r)). \quad (8)$$

Thus, sending (r, d) as a ciphertext is sufficient for the receiver to recover the plaintext b . Moreover, this variant is at least as secure as the original one with quantum ciphertexts since the Hadamard-basis measurement only loses information of the ciphertext.

⁶ $\alpha \| r$ is the concatenation of two bit strings α and r .

Given the above observation, it is straightforward to use one quantum public key to encrypt many plaintexts by standard hybrid encryption. When a sender encrypts a message msg for the first time, it generates a key K of a symmetric key encryption scheme, encrypt each bit of K by the above scheme in a bit-by-bit manner, and encrypt msg by the symmetric key encryption scheme under the key K . Since the encryption of K is classical, the sender can reuse it when it encrypts another message later. We formalize this construction as a *recyclable QPKE*.⁷

Adding decryption error detectability. So far, we are only concerned with security under tampered public keys (IND-pkTA security). On the other hand, the schemes presented in the previous paragraphs do not satisfy decryption error detectability. (See Section 1.2 for its informal definition and Definition 3.3 for formal definition.) Fortunately, there is a simple generic conversion that adds decryption error detectability while preserving IND-pkTA security by using digital signatures. The idea is that the encryption algorithm first generates a signature for the message under a signing key generated by itself, encrypts both the original message and signature under the building block scheme, and outputs the ciphertexts along with the verification key for the signature scheme in the clear. Then, the decryption algorithm can verify that the decryption result is correct as long as it is a valid message-signature pair (except for a negligible probability).

1.5 Related Works

The possibility that QPKE can be achieved from weaker assumptions was first pointed out by Gottesman [Got], though he did not give any concrete construction. The first concrete construction of QPKE was proposed by Kawachi, Koshiba, Nishimura, and Yamakami [KKNY05]. They formally defined the notion of QPKE with quantum public keys, and provided a construction satisfying it from a distinguishing problem of two quantum states. Recently, Morimae and Yamakawa [MY22a] pointed out that QPKE defined by [KKNY05] can be achieved from any classical or quantum symmetric key encryption almost trivially. The constructions proposed in these two works have mixed state quantum public keys. Then, subsequent works [Col23, BMW23, GSV23] independently studied the question whether QPKE with pure state quantum public keys can be constructed from OWFs or even weaker assumptions.

The definition of QPKE studied in the above works essentially assume that a sender can obtain intact quantum public keys. As far as we understand, this requires unsatisfactory physical setup assumptions such as secure quantum channels or tamper-proof quantum hardware, regardless of whether the quantum public keys are pure states or mixed states. In our natural setting where an adversary can touch the quantum channel where quantum public keys are sent, the adversary can easily attack the previous constructions by simply replacing the quantum public key on the channel with the one generated by itself that the adversary knows the corresponding secret key. We need to take such adversarial behavior into consideration, unless we assume physical setup assumptions that deliver intact quantum public keys to the sender. Our work is the first one that proposes a QPKE scheme secure in this natural setting assuming only classical authenticated channels that is the same assumption as classical PKE and can be implemented by digital signature schemes. It is unclear if we could solve the problem in the previous constructions by using classical authenticated channels similarly to our work. Below, we review the constructions of QPKE from OWFs proposed in the recent works.

The construction by Morimae and Yamakawa [MY22a] is highly simple. A (mixed state) public key of their construction is of the form $(\text{ct}_0, \text{ct}_1)$, where ct_b is an encryption of b by a symmetric key encryption scheme. The encryption algorithm with input message b simply outputs ct_b .

⁷Such a recyclable property is a default requirement in [GSV23], and our definition is similar to theirs with the important difference that we consider public key tampering. The idea to achieve the recyclability by the hybrid encryption technique was also used in one of their constructions.

Coladangelo [Col23] constructed a QPKE scheme with quantum public keys and quantum ciphertexts from pseudorandom functions (PRFs), which are constructed from OWFs. The public key is

$$|\text{pk}\rangle := \sum_y (-1)^{\text{PRF}_k(y)} |y\rangle, \quad (9)$$

and the secret key is k . The ciphertext for the plaintext m is

$$(Z^x |\text{pk}\rangle = \sum_y (-1)^{x \cdot y + \text{PRF}_k(y)} |y\rangle, r, r \cdot x \oplus m), \quad (10)$$

where r is chosen uniformly at random.

Barooti, Malavolta, and Walter [BMW23] constructed a QPKE scheme with quantum public keys and classical ciphertexts from PRFs. The public key is $|\text{pk}\rangle := (|\text{pk}_0\rangle, |\text{pk}_1\rangle)$, where

$$|\text{pk}_b\rangle := \sum_x |x\rangle |\text{PRF}_{k_b}(x)\rangle, \quad (11)$$

and the secret key is (k_0, k_1) . The encryption algorithm measures $|\text{pk}_b\rangle$ in the computational basis and sends the measurement result as the ciphertext when the plaintext is $b \in \{0, 1\}$. Barooti et al. showed that this construction is a QPKE scheme for the plaintext space $\{0, 1\}$ that satisfies chosen ciphertext security (as long as intact quantum public keys are securely transmitted to the sender).

Grilo, Sattath, and Vu [GSV23] constructed three QPKE schemes with quantum public keys from OWFs or pseudorandom function-like states generators. We review their construction based on OWFs. The public key is

$$|\text{pk}\rangle := \sum_x |x\rangle |\text{PRF}_k(x)\rangle, \quad (12)$$

and the secret key is k . The encryption algorithm first measures $|\text{pk}\rangle$ in the computational basis to get $(x, \text{PRF}_k(x))$ and outputs $(x, \text{SKE.Enc}(\text{PRF}_k(x), m))$ as the ciphertext for the plaintext m , where SKE.Enc is the encryption algorithm of a symmetric key encryption scheme.

We finally compare Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) [BB84] with our notion of QPKE. QKD also enables us to establish secure communication over an untrusted quantum channel assuming that an authenticated classical channel is available similarly to our QPKE. An advantage of QKD is that it is information theoretically secure and does not need any computational assumption. On the other hand, it has disadvantages that it must be interactive and parties must record secret information for each session. Thus, it is incomparable to the notion of QPKE.

1.6 Open Problems

In our construction, public keys are quantum states. It is an open problem whether QPKE with classical public keys are possible from OWFs. Another interesting open problem is whether we can construct QPKE defined in this work from an even weaker assumption than OWFs such as pseudorandom states generators.

In our model of QPKE, a decryption error could occur frequently as a result of tampering attacks on the quantum public key. To address this issue, we introduce the security notion we call decryption error detectability that guarantees that a legitimate receiver of a ciphertext can notice if the decrypted message is different from the message intended by the sender. We could consider even stronger variant of decryption error detectability that requires that a sender can notice if a given quantum public key does not provide decryption correctness. It is an open problem to construct a QPKE scheme satisfying such a stronger decryption error detectability.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Basic Notations

We use the standard notations of quantum computing and cryptography. We use λ as the security parameter. For any set S , $x \leftarrow S$ means that an element x is sampled uniformly at random from the set S . We write negl to mean a negligible function. PPT stands for (classical) probabilistic polynomial-time and QPT stands for quantum polynomial-time. For an algorithm A , $y \leftarrow A(x)$ means that the algorithm A outputs y on input x . For two bit strings x and y , $x||y$ means the concatenation of them. For simplicity, we sometimes omit the normalization factor of a quantum state. (For example, we write $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|x_0\rangle + |x_1\rangle)$ just as $|x_0\rangle + |x_1\rangle$.) $I := |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|$ is the two-dimensional identity operator. For the notational simplicity, we sometimes write $I^{\otimes n}$ just as I when the dimension is clear from the context.

2.2 Digital Signatures

Definition 2.1 (Digital signatures). A digital signature scheme is a set of algorithms $(\text{Gen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Ver})$ such that

- $\text{Gen}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow (k, \text{vk})$: It is a PPT algorithm that, on input the security parameter λ , outputs a signing key k and a verification key vk .
- $\text{Sign}(k, \text{msg}) \rightarrow \sigma$: It is a PPT algorithm that, on input the message msg and k , outputs a signature σ .
- $\text{Ver}(\text{vk}, \text{msg}, \sigma) \rightarrow \top/\perp$: It is a deterministic classical polynomial-time algorithm that, on input vk , msg , and σ , outputs \top/\perp .

We require the following correctness and strong EUF-CMA security.

Correctness: For any msg ,

$$\Pr[\top \leftarrow \text{Ver}(\text{vk}, \text{msg}, \sigma) : (k, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda), \sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(k, \text{msg})] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (13)$$

Strong EUF-CMA security: For any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} with classical oracle access to the signing oracle $\text{Sign}(k, \cdot)$,

$$\Pr[(\text{msg}^*, \sigma^*) \notin \mathcal{Q} \wedge \top \leftarrow \text{Ver}(\text{vk}, \text{msg}^*, \sigma^*) : (k, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda), (\text{msg}^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(k, \cdot)}(\text{vk})] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda), \quad (14)$$

where \mathcal{Q} is the set of message-signature pairs returned by the signing oracle.

Remark 2.2. Without loss of generality, we can assume that Sign is deterministic. (The random seed used for Sign can be generated by applying a PRF on the message signed, and the key of PRF is appended to the signing key.)

Theorem 2.3 ([Gol04, Sec. 6.5.2]). Strong EUF-CMA secure digital signatures exist if OWFs exist.

2.3 Symmetric Key Encryption

Definition 2.4 (Symmetric Key Encryption (SKE)). A (classical) symmetric key encryption (SKE) scheme with message space $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ is a set of algorithms (Enc, Dec) such that

- $\text{Enc}(K, \text{msg}) \rightarrow \text{ct}$: It is a PPT algorithm that, on input $K \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$ and the message $\text{msg} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$, outputs a ciphertext ct .
- $\text{Dec}(K, \text{ct}) \rightarrow \text{msg}'$: It is a deterministic classical polynomial-time algorithm that, on input K and ct , outputs msg' .

We require the following correctness and IND-CPA security.

Correctness: For any $\text{msg} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$,

$$\Pr[\text{msg} \leftarrow \text{Dec}(K, \text{ct}) : K \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda, \text{ct} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(K, \text{msg})] = 1. \quad (15)$$

IND-CPA Security: For any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} with classical oracle access to the encryption oracle $\text{Enc}(K, \cdot)$,

$$\Pr \left[b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{ct}, \text{st}) : \begin{array}{l} K \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda \\ (\text{msg}_0, \text{msg}_1, \text{st}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Enc}(K, \cdot)}(1^\lambda) \\ b \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \\ \text{ct} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(K, \text{msg}_b) \end{array} \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (16)$$

Remark 2.5. IND-CPA secure SKE exists if OWFs exist [GGM86, HILL99].

2.4 Lemma by Boneh and Zhandry

In this paper, we use the following lemma by Boneh and Zhandry [BZ13].

Lemma 2.6 ([BZ13, Lemma 2.1]). Let A be a quantum algorithm, and let $\Pr[x]$ be the probability that A outputs x . Let A' be another quantum algorithm obtained from A by pausing A at an arbitrary stage of execution, performing a partial measurement that obtains one of k outcomes, and then resuming A . Let $\Pr'[x]$ be the probability that A' outputs x . Then $\Pr'[x] \geq \Pr[x]/k$.

3 Definition of QPKE

In this section, we define QPKE that can be used in the setting where quantum unauthenticated channels and classical authenticated channels are available. The difference on the syntax from the previous definitions is as follows.

- The secret key generation algorithm outputs a classical verification key together with the secret key.
- The verification key is given to the encryption algorithm together with a quantum public key and a message so that the encryption algorithm can check the validity of the given quantum public key.

We require a QPKE scheme to satisfy the security notion that we call IND-pkTA security. It roughly guarantees that indistinguishability holds even if messages are encrypted by a public key tampered with by an adversary. The formal definition is as follows.

Definition 3.1 (Quantum Public-Key Encryption (QPKE)). A quantum public-key encryption scheme with message space $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ is a set of algorithms (SKGen, PKGen, Enc, Dec) such that

- $\text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow (\text{sk}, \text{vk})$: It is a PPT algorithm that, on input the security parameter λ , outputs a classical secret key sk and a classical verification key vk .
- $\text{PKGen}(\text{sk}) \rightarrow \text{pk}$: It is a QPT algorithm that, on input sk , outputs a quantum public key pk .
- $\text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}, \text{msg}) \rightarrow \text{ct}$: It is a QPT algorithm that, on input vk , pk , and a plaintext $\text{msg} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$, outputs a classical ciphertext ct .
- $\text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}) \rightarrow \text{msg}'$: It is a classical deterministic polynomial-time algorithm that, on input sk and ct , outputs $\text{msg}' \in \{0, 1\}^\ell \cup \{\perp\}$.

We require the following correctness and IND-pkTA security.

Correctness: For any $\text{msg} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$,

$$\Pr[\text{msg} \leftarrow \text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}) : (\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{SKGen}(1^\lambda), \text{pk} \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk}), \text{ct} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}, \text{msg})] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (17)$$

IND-pkTA Security: For any polynomial m , and any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \\ \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk})^{\otimes m} \\ b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{ct}^*, \text{st}) : (\text{pk}', \text{msg}_0, \text{msg}_1, \text{st}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m) \\ b \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \\ \text{ct}^* \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}', \text{msg}_b) \end{array} \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (18)$$

Here, $\text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk})^{\otimes m}$ means that PKGen is executed m times and pk_i is the output of the i th execution of PKGen. st is a quantum internal state of \mathcal{A} , which can be entangled with pk' .

As we discussed in Section 1.3, the above definition does not require the quantum public key pk to be a pure state.

Remark 3.2. IND-pkTA security captures the setting where the classical verification key is sent via a classical authenticated channel and thus everyone can obtain correct verification key, but a quantum public key is sent via an unauthenticated quantum channel and thus can be tampered with by an adversary. Especially, it captures an adversary \mathcal{A} who steals a quantum public key pk sent to a user, replace it with a tampered one pk' , and try to break the secrecy of a message encrypted by pk' . To capture wide range of usage scenarios, we give multiple copies of the quantum public keys $\text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m$ to \mathcal{A} .

We also define a security notion related to the correctness notion that we call decryption error detectability. It roughly guarantees that a legitimate receiver of a ciphertext can notice if the decrypted message is different from the message intended by the sender. Such a decryption error could occur frequently in our setting as a result of the tampering attacks on the quantum public key sent via an unauthenticated quantum channel. Note that our definition of QPKE requires a ciphertext of QPKE be a classical string and we assume every classical information is sent though a classical authenticated channel. Thus, similarly to the verification key, we can assume that ciphertexts can be sent without being tampered. The formal definition is as follows.

Definition 3.3 (Decryption error detectability). We say that a QPKE scheme has decryption error detectability if for any polynomial m , and any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \\ \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk})^{\otimes m} \\ (\text{pk}', \text{msg}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m) \\ \text{ct} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}', \text{msg}) \\ \text{msg}' \leftarrow \text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}) \end{array} \right] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (19)$$

It is easy to see that we can generically add decryption error detectability by letting the sender generate a signature for the message under a signing key generated by itself, encrypt the concatenation of the message and signature, and send the ciphertext along with the verification key of the signature to the receiver. The receiver can check that there is no decryption error (except for a negligible probability) if the decryption result is a valid message-signature pair. That is, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.4. *If there exist OWFs and a QPKE scheme that satisfies correctness and IND-pkTA security, there exists a QPKE scheme that satisfies correctness, IND-pkTA security, and decryption error detectability.*

We omit the proof since it is straightforward by the construction explained above. Since we have this theorem, we focus on constructing QPKE that satisfies correctness and IND-pkTA security in the rest of this paper.

4 Construction of QPKE

In this section, we construct a QPKE scheme that satisfies correctness and IND-pkTA security (but not decryption error detectability) from strong EUF-CMA secure digital signatures. The message space of our construction is $\{0, 1\}$, but it can be extended to be arbitrarily many bits by parallel repetition. Let $(\text{Gen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Ver})$ be a strong EUF-CMA secure digital signature scheme with a deterministic Sign algorithm and message space $\{0, 1\}^u$ for $u = \omega(\log \lambda)$.

Our construction of QPKE is as follows.

- $\text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow (\text{sk}, \text{vk})$: Run $(k, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$. Output $\text{sk} := k$. Output vk .
- $\text{PKGen}(\text{sk}) \rightarrow \text{pk}$: Parse $\text{sk} = k$. Choose $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^u$. By running Sign coherently, generate the state

$$|\psi_r\rangle := |0\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} \otimes |\text{Sign}(k, 0||r)\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} + |1\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} \otimes |\text{Sign}(k, 1||r)\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} \quad (20)$$

over registers (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) . Output

$$\text{pk} := (r, |\psi_r\rangle). \quad (21)$$

- $\text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}, b) \rightarrow \text{ct}$: Parse $\text{pk} = (r, \rho)$, where ρ is a quantum state over registers (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) . The Enc algorithm consists of the following three steps.

1. It coherently checks the signature in ρ . In other words, it applies the unitary

$$U_{r, \text{vk}} |\alpha\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\beta\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |0\dots 0\rangle_{\mathbf{D}} = |\alpha\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\beta\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |\text{Ver}(\text{vk}, \alpha||r, \beta)\rangle_{\mathbf{D}} \quad (22)$$

on $\rho_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}} \otimes |0\dots 0\rangle_{\mathbf{D}}$,⁸ and measures the register \mathbf{D} in the computational basis. If the result is \perp , it outputs $\text{ct} := \perp$ and halts. If the result is \top , it goes to the next step.

⁸ \mathbf{C} is skipped, because \mathbf{C} will be used later.

2. It applies Z^b on the register \mathbf{A} .
3. It measures all qubits in the registers (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) in the Hadamard basis to get the result d . It outputs

$$\text{ct} := (r, d). \quad (23)$$

- $\text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}) \rightarrow b'$: Parse $\text{sk} = k$ and $\text{ct} = (r, d)$. Output

$$b' := d \cdot (0 \parallel \text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r) \oplus 1 \parallel \text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r)). \quad (24)$$

Theorem 4.1. *If $(\text{Gen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Ver})$ is a strong EUF-CMA secure digital signature scheme, then the QPKE scheme $(\text{SKGen}, \text{PKGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ above is correct and IND-pkTA secure.*

The correctness is straightforward. First, the state over the registers (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) is $|\psi_r\rangle$ if pk was not tampered with and the first step of Enc algorithm got \top . Second, in that case, the state becomes

$$|0\rangle |\text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r)\rangle + (-1)^b |1\rangle |\text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r)\rangle \quad (25)$$

after the second step of Enc algorithm. Finally, because in that case d obtained in the third step of Enc algorithm satisfies

$$b = d \cdot (0 \parallel \text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r) \oplus 1 \parallel \text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r)), \quad (26)$$

we have $b' = b$.

We prove IND-pkTA security in the next section.

5 Proof of IND-pkTA Security

In this section, we show IND-pkTA security of our construction to complete the proof of Theorem 4.1. The outline of the proof is as follows. The security game for the IND-pkTA security of our QPKE (Hybrid 0) is given in Figure 1. We introduce two more hybrids, Hybrid 1 (Figure 2) and Hybrid 2 (Figure 3). Hybrid 1 is the same as Hybrid 0 except that the challenger does not do the Hadamard-basis measurement in the third step of Enc algorithm, and the challenger sends the adversary r and the state over the registers (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) . Hybrid 2 is the same as Hybrid 1 except that the adversary outputs two bit strings μ_0, μ_1 and the adversary wins if $\mu_0 = \text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r)$ and $\mu_1 = \text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r)$. The formal proof is as follows.

Assume that the IND-pkTA security of our construction is broken by a QPT adversary \mathcal{A} . It means the QPT adversary \mathcal{A} wins Hybrid 0 with a non-negligible advantage. Then, it is clear that there is another QPT adversary \mathcal{A}' that wins Hybrid 1 with a non-negligible advantage. (\mathcal{A}' has only to do the Hadamard-basis measurement by itself.) From the \mathcal{A}' , we can construct a QPT adversary \mathcal{A}'' that wins Hybrid 2 with a non-negligible probability by using the idea of [HMY22]. (For details, see Section 5.1). Finally, we show in Section 5.2 that no QPT adversary can win Hybrid 2 except for a negligible probability. We thus have the contradiction, and therefore our QPKE is IND-pkTA secure.

5.1 From Distinguishing to Outputting Two Signatures

We present the construction of \mathcal{A}'' . Assume that there exists a QPT adversary \mathcal{A}' and a polynomial p such that

$$|\Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid b = 0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid b = 1]| \geq \frac{1}{p(\lambda)} \quad (28)$$

Hybrid 0

1. \mathcal{C} runs $(k, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$. \mathcal{C} sends vk to \mathcal{A} .
2. \mathcal{C} chooses $r_1, \dots, r_m \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^u$.
3. \mathcal{C} sends $\{(r_i, |\psi_{r_i}\rangle)\}_{i=1}^m$ to the adversary \mathcal{A} , where

$$|\psi_{r_i}\rangle := |0\rangle \otimes |\text{Sign}(k, 0\|r_i)\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |\text{Sign}(k, 1\|r_i)\rangle. \quad (27)$$

4. \mathcal{A} generates a quantum state over registers $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$. (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) corresponds to the quantum part of pk' , and \mathbf{C} corresponds to st. \mathcal{A} sends a bit string r and the registers (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) to \mathcal{C} . \mathcal{A} keeps the register \mathbf{C} .
5. \mathcal{C} coherently checks the signature in the state sent from \mathcal{A} . If the result is \perp , it sends \perp to \mathcal{A} and halts. If the result is \top , it goes to the next step.
6. \mathcal{C} chooses $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$. \mathcal{C} applies Z^b on the register \mathbf{A} .
7. \mathcal{C} measures all qubits in (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) in the Hadamard basis to get the result d . \mathcal{C} sends (r, d) to \mathcal{A} .
8. \mathcal{A} outputs b' . If $b' = b$, \mathcal{A} wins.

Figure 1: Hybrid 0

Hybrid 1

- 1.-6. All the same as Figure 1.
7. \mathcal{C} does not do the Hadamard-basis measurement, and \mathcal{C} sends r and registers (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) to \mathcal{A} .
8. The same as Figure 1.

Figure 2: Hybrid 1

in Hybrid 1 (Figure 2) for infinitely many λ . From the \mathcal{A}' , we construct a QPT adversary \mathcal{A}'' such that

$$\Pr[(\text{Sign}(k, 0\|r), \text{Sign}(k, 1\|r)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}''] \geq \frac{1}{q(\lambda)} \quad (29)$$

in Hybrid 2 (Figure 3) with a polynomial q for infinitely many λ .

Let $t := (k, \text{vk}, r_1, \dots, r_m, r)$, and $\Pr[t]$ be the probability that t is generated in Item 1, Item 2, and Item 4 in the game of Figure 2. Let Good be the event that \mathcal{C} gets \top in Item 5 in the game of Figure 2. Let Bad be the event that Good does not occur. Then, from Equation (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p(\lambda)} &\leq \left| \sum_t \Pr[t] \Pr[\text{Good} \mid t] \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 0] + \sum_t \Pr[t] \Pr[\text{Bad} \mid t] \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Bad}, b = 0] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_t \Pr[t] \Pr[\text{Good} \mid t] \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 1] - \sum_t \Pr[t] \Pr[\text{Bad} \mid t] \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Bad}, b = 1] \right| \quad (30) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_t \Pr[t] \Pr[\text{Good} \mid t] \left| \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 1] \right| \\ &\quad + \sum_t \Pr[t] \Pr[\text{Bad} \mid t] \left| \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Bad}, b = 0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Bad}, b = 1] \right| \quad (31) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_t \Pr[t] \Pr[\text{Good} \mid t] \left| \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 1] \right| \quad (32)$$

Hybrid 2

1.-7. All the same as Figure 2.

8. \mathcal{A} outputs (μ_0, μ_1) . If $\mu_0 = \text{Sign}(k, 0||r)$ and $\mu_1 = \text{Sign}(k, 1||r)$, \mathcal{A} wins.

Figure 3: Hybrid 2

for infinitely many λ , because if Bad occurs, \mathcal{A}' gets only \perp which contains no information about b . (Here, we often abuse notation to just write t to mean the event that t is generated in Item 1, Item 2, and Item 4.) Therefore, if we define

$$T := \left\{ t : \Pr[\text{Good} \mid t] \cdot \left| \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 1] \right| \geq \frac{1}{2p(\lambda)} \right\}, \quad (33)$$

we have

$$\Pr[\text{Good} \mid t] \geq \frac{1}{4p(\lambda)} \quad (34)$$

and

$$\left| \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 1] \right| \geq \frac{1}{2p(\lambda)} \quad (35)$$

for any $t \in T$ and

$$\sum_{t \in T} \Pr[t] \geq \frac{1}{2p(\lambda)} \quad (36)$$

for infinitely many λ .

Let $|\phi_b^{t, \text{good}}\rangle$ be the state over the registers (A, B, C) immediately before Item 8 of Figure 2 given that t is generated, Good occurred, and b is chosen in Item 6 of Figure 2. We can show the following lemma. (Its proof is given later.)

Lemma 5.1. *If (Gen, Sign, Ver) is strong EUF-CMA secure, there exists a subset $T' \subseteq T$ such that $\sum_{t \in T'} \Pr[t]$ is non-negligible and the following is satisfied (for infinitely many λ): For any $t \in T'$, $|\phi_b^{t, \text{good}}\rangle$ is negligibly close to a state in the form of*

$$c_0 |0\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\text{Sign}(k, 0||r)\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |\Psi_0\rangle_{\mathbf{C}} + (-1)^b c_1 |1\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\text{Sign}(k, 1||r)\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |\Psi_1\rangle_{\mathbf{C}}, \quad (37)$$

where c_0 and c_1 are some complex coefficients such that $|c_0|^2 + |c_1|^2 = 1$, and $|\Psi_0\rangle$ and $|\Psi_1\rangle$ are some normalized states.

Now let us fix $t \in T'$. Also, assume that Good occurred. Because $T' \subseteq T$, it means that $t \in T$. Then, from Equation (35),

$$\left| \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}' \mid t, \text{Good}, b = 1] \right| = \Delta \quad (38)$$

for a non-negligible Δ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that in Item 8 of Figure 2, \mathcal{A}' applies a unitary V on the state $|\phi_b^{t,good}\rangle$, and measures the register \mathbf{A} in the computational basis to get $b' \in \{0, 1\}$. By Equation (38) we have

$$V |\phi_0^{t,good}\rangle = \sqrt{p} |1\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\nu_1\rangle_{\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C}} + \sqrt{1-p} |0\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\nu_0\rangle_{\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C}} \quad (39)$$

$$V |\phi_1^{t,good}\rangle = \sqrt{1-p+\Delta} |0\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\xi_0\rangle_{\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C}} + \sqrt{p-\Delta} |1\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\xi_1\rangle_{\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C}} \quad (40)$$

for some real number p and some normalized states $|\nu_0\rangle, |\nu_1\rangle, |\xi_0\rangle, |\xi_1\rangle$. (This is because any state can be written as $p |1\rangle |\nu_1\rangle + \sqrt{1-p} |0\rangle |\nu_0\rangle$ with some p and normalized states $|\nu_0\rangle, |\nu_1\rangle$, and due to Equation (38), the coefficients of $|1\rangle |\xi_1\rangle$ has to be $\sqrt{p-\Delta}$.) If we define W as

$$W := V^\dagger (Z \otimes I) V, \quad (41)$$

we have

$$|c_0^* c_1 \langle 0 | \langle \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) | \langle \Psi_0 | W | 1 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) \rangle | \Psi_1 \rangle \quad (42)$$

$$+ c_0 c_1^* \langle 1 | \langle \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) | \langle \Psi_1 | W | 0 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) \rangle | \Psi_0 \rangle | \quad (43)$$

$$\simeq \frac{1}{4} |(\langle \phi_0 | + \langle \phi_1 |) W (|\phi_0\rangle - |\phi_1\rangle) + (\langle \phi_0 | - \langle \phi_1 |) W (|\phi_0\rangle + |\phi_1\rangle)| \quad (44)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} | \langle \phi_0 | W | \phi_0 \rangle - \langle \phi_1 | W | \phi_1 \rangle | \quad (45)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left| \left(\sqrt{p} \langle 1 | \langle \nu_1 | + \sqrt{1-p} \langle 0 | \langle \nu_0 | \right) \left(-\sqrt{p} |1\rangle |\nu_1\rangle + \sqrt{1-p} |0\rangle |\nu_0\rangle \right) \right. \\ \left. - \left(\sqrt{1-p+\Delta} \langle 0 | \langle \xi_0 | + \sqrt{p-\Delta} \langle 1 | \langle \xi_1 | \right) \left(\sqrt{1-p+\Delta} |0\rangle |\xi_0\rangle - \sqrt{p-\Delta} |1\rangle |\xi_1\rangle \right) \right| \quad (46)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} | -p + (1-p) - (1-p+\Delta) + (p-\Delta) | \quad (47)$$

$$= \Delta \quad (48)$$

where $(t, good)$ of $|\phi_b^{t,good}\rangle$ is omitted for simplicity, and \simeq means the equivalence except for a negligible difference. Here, Equation (44) follows from Lemma 5.1, and Equation (46) follows from Equations (39) and (40) and the definition of W . From the triangle inequality and the facts that $|c_0| \leq 1$ and $|c_1| \leq 1$,

$$\Delta \leq |c_1| \cdot | \langle 0 | \langle \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) | \langle \Psi_0 | W | 1 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) \rangle | \Psi_1 \rangle | \quad (49)$$

$$+ |c_0| \cdot | \langle 1 | \langle \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) | \langle \Psi_1 | W | 0 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) \rangle | \Psi_0 \rangle |. \quad (50)$$

Then,

$$\frac{\Delta}{2} \leq |c_1| \cdot | \langle 0 | \langle \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) | \langle \Psi_0 | W | 1 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) \rangle | \Psi_1 \rangle | \quad (51)$$

or

$$\frac{\Delta}{2} \leq |c_0| \cdot | \langle 1 | \langle \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) | \langle \Psi_1 | W | 0 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) \rangle | \Psi_0 \rangle | \quad (52)$$

holds. Assume that the latter holds. (The following proof can be easily modified even if the former holds.)

Then

$$\frac{\Delta^2}{4} \leq |c_0|^2 \cdot | \langle 1 | \langle \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) | \langle \Psi_1 | W | 0 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) \rangle | \Psi_0 \rangle |^2 \quad (53)$$

$$\leq |c_0|^2 \cdot \| (I \otimes \langle \text{Sign}(k, 1 || r) | \otimes I) W | 0 \rangle | \text{Sign}(k, 0 || r) \rangle | \Psi_0 \rangle \|^2. \quad (54)$$

With this W , we can construct the QPT adversary \mathcal{A}'' that wins the game of Figure 3 with a non-negligible probability as follows.

1. Simulate \mathcal{A}' in steps 1.-7. of Figure 3. If \perp is sent from \mathcal{C} , output \perp and halt.
2. Measure the register \mathbf{A} in the computational basis. If the result is 1, output \perp and halt. If the result is 0, measure the register \mathbf{B} of the post-measurement state in the computational basis to get the measurement result μ_0 .
3. Apply W on the post-measurement state and measure the register \mathbf{B} in the computational basis to get the result μ_1 . Output (μ_0, μ_1) .

Assume that $t \in T'$ and Good occurred. Such an event occurs with a non-negligible probability, because of the following reasons. First, $\sum_{t \in T'} \Pr[t]$ is non-negligible from Lemma 5.1. Second, because $t \in T'$ means $t \in T$, $\Pr[\text{Good} \mid t]$ is non-negligible from Equation (34).

From Lemma 5.1, the state before \mathcal{A}'' measures the register \mathbf{A} is negligibly close to Equation (37). Then, from Equation (54), the probability that $(\mu_0, \mu_1) = (\text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r), \text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r))$ is non-negligible.

Hence, the overall probability that \mathcal{A}'' outputs $(\mu_0, \mu_1) = (\text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r), \text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r))$ is non-negligible. We prove Lemma 5.1 to complete this subsection.

Proof of Lemma 5.1. Fix $t \in T$. Immediately before the coherent signature test in Item 5 of Figure 2, the entire state over the registers $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ is generally written as

$$\sum_{\alpha, \beta} d_{\alpha, \beta} |\alpha\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\beta\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |\Lambda_{\alpha, \beta}\rangle_{\mathbf{C}}, \quad (55)$$

where $d_{\alpha, \beta}$ are some complex coefficients such that $\sum_{\alpha, \beta} |d_{\alpha, \beta}|^2 = 1$, and $|\Lambda_{\alpha, \beta}\rangle$ are some normalized states. Define the set

$$S := \{(\alpha, \beta) : \text{Ver}(\text{vk}, \alpha \parallel r, \beta) = \top \wedge \beta \neq \text{Sign}(k, \alpha \parallel r)\}. \quad (56)$$

The (unnormalized) state after obtaining \top in the coherent signature test in Item 5 of Figure 2 is

$$d_{0, \text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r)} |0\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r)\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |\Lambda_{0, \text{Sign}(k, 0 \parallel r)}\rangle_{\mathbf{C}} \quad (57)$$

$$+ d_{1, \text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r)} |1\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r)\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |\Lambda_{1, \text{Sign}(k, 1 \parallel r)}\rangle_{\mathbf{C}} \quad (58)$$

$$+ \sum_{(\alpha, \beta) \in S} d_{\alpha, \beta} |\alpha\rangle_{\mathbf{A}} |\beta\rangle_{\mathbf{B}} |\Lambda_{\alpha, \beta}\rangle_{\mathbf{C}}. \quad (59)$$

Define

$$T' := \{t \in T : \text{the norm of Equation (59) is negligible}\}. \quad (60)$$

If $\sum_{t \in T'} \Pr[t]$ is negligible, then $\sum_{t \in T \setminus T'} \Pr[t]$ is non-negligible, but it contradicts the strong EUF-CMA security of the digital signature scheme. Therefore, $\sum_{t \in T'} \Pr[t]$ is non-negligible.

Moreover, because $t \in T'$ means $t \in T$, $\Pr[\text{Good} \mid t]$ is non-negligible from Equation (34). Therefore, for any $t \in T'$, the norm of Equation (57) plus that of Equation (58) should be non-negligible. Therefore, if we renormalize it and apply Z^b , the state is negligibly close to a state in the form of Equation (37) (for infinitely many λ). \square

5.2 No QPT Adversary Can Output Two Signatures

Here we show that no QPT adversary can win Hybrid 2 (Figure 3) with a non-negligible probability. First, note that the probability that all $\{r_i\}_{i=1}^m$ are distinct in Item 2 in Figure 3 is at least $1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$. Therefore, we can assume that all $\{r_i\}_{i=1}^m$ are distinct with a negligible loss in the adversary's winning probability. If $r \notin \{r_i\}_{i=1}^m$, it is clear that \mathcal{A} cannot win the game of Figure 3 except for a negligible probability. The reason is that \mathcal{A} cannot find $\text{Sign}(k, 0||r)$ or $\text{Sign}(k, 1||r)$ except for a negligible probability due to the security of the digital signature scheme. Therefore, we assume that r is equal to one of the $\{r_i\}_{i=1}^m$.

Assume that, in the game of Figure 3, \mathcal{C} is replaced with \mathcal{C}' who is the same as \mathcal{C} except that it measures the first qubit of $|\psi_r\rangle$ in the computational basis before sending the states in Item 3. Let $s \in \{0, 1\}$ be the measurement result. Then, for any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} , the probability that \mathcal{A} wins the game of Figure 3 is negligible. The reason is that \mathcal{A} cannot find $\text{Sign}(k, s \oplus 1||r)$ except for a negligible probability due to the strong EUF-CMA security of the digital signature scheme. From Lemma 2.6, we therefore have

$$\Pr[(\text{Sign}(k, 0||r), \text{Sign}(k, 1||r)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{C}] \leq 2 \Pr[(\text{Sign}(k, 0||r), \text{Sign}(k, 1||r)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{C}'] \quad (61)$$

$$\leq \text{negl}(\lambda), \quad (62)$$

where the left-hand-side of Equation (61) is the probability that \mathcal{A} outputs $(\text{Sign}(k, 0||r), \text{Sign}(k, 1||r))$ with the challenger \mathcal{C} , and the right-hand-side is that with the challenger \mathcal{C}' .

6 Recyclable Variant

In the construction given in Section 4, a quantum public key can be used to encrypt only one message and a sender needs to obtain a new quantum public key whenever it encrypts a message. This is not desirable from practical perspective. In this section, we define recyclable QPKE where a sender only needs to receive one quantum public key to send arbitrarily many messages. The definition is similar to QPKE as defined in Definition 3.1 except that the encryption algorithm outputs a classical *recycled* key that can be reused to encrypt messages many times.

Definition 6.1 (Recyclable QPKE). A recyclable QPKE scheme with message space $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ is a set of algorithms (SKGen, PKGen, Enc, rEnc, Dec) such that

- $\text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow (\text{sk}, \text{vk})$: It is a PPT algorithm that, on input the security parameter λ , outputs a classical secret key sk and a classical verification key vk .
- $\text{PKGen}(\text{sk}) \rightarrow \text{pk}$: It is a QPT algorithm that, on input sk , outputs a quantum public key pk .
- $\text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}, \text{msg}) \rightarrow (\text{ct}, \text{rk})$: It is a QPT algorithm that, on input vk , pk , and a plaintext $\text{msg} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$, outputs a classical ciphertext ct and classical recycled key rk .
- $\text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \text{msg}) \rightarrow \text{ct}$: It is a PPT algorithm that, on input rk and a plaintext $\text{msg} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$, outputs a classical ciphertext ct .
- $\text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}) \rightarrow \text{msg}'$: It is a classical deterministic polynomial-time algorithm that, on input sk and ct , outputs $\text{msg}' \in \{0, 1\}^\ell \cup \{\perp\}$.

We require the following correctness and IND-pkTA security.

Correctness: For any $\text{msg}, \text{msg}' \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$,

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \\ \text{pk} \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk}) \\ (\text{ct}, \text{rk}) \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}, \text{msg}) \\ \text{ct}' \leftarrow \text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \text{msg}') \end{array} : \text{msg} \leftarrow \text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}) \wedge \text{msg}' \leftarrow \text{Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{ct}') \right] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (63)$$

IND-pkTA security under quantum public keys: For any polynomial m , and any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \\ \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk})^{\otimes m} \\ (\text{pk}', \text{msg}_0, \text{msg}_1, \text{st}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m) \\ b \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \\ (\text{ct}^*, \text{rk}) \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}', \text{msg}_b) \end{array} : b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \cdot)}(\text{ct}^*, \text{st}) \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (64)$$

Here, $\text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk})^{\otimes m}$ means that PKGen is executed m times and pk_i is the output of the i th execution of PKGen, $\text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \cdot)$ means a classically-accessible encryption oracle, and st is a quantum internal state of \mathcal{A} , which can be entangled with pk' .

IND-pkTA security under recycled keys: For any polynomial m , and any QPT adversary \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \\ \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk})^{\otimes m} \\ (\text{pk}', \text{msg}, \text{st}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m) \\ (\text{ct}, \text{rk}) \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}', \text{msg}) \\ (\text{msg}_0, \text{msg}_1, \text{st}') \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \cdot)}(\text{ct}, \text{st}) \\ b \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \\ \text{ct}^* \leftarrow \text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \text{msg}_b) \end{array} : b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \cdot)}(\text{ct}^*, \text{st}') \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (65)$$

Here, $\text{pk}_1, \dots, \text{pk}_m \leftarrow \text{PKGen}(\text{sk})^{\otimes m}$ means that PKGen is executed m times and pk_i is the output of the i th execution of PKGen, $\text{rEnc}(\text{rk}, \cdot)$ means a classically-accessible encryption oracle, and st and st' are quantum internal states of \mathcal{A} , which can be entangled with pk' .

Construction. We show a generic construction of recyclable QPKE from (non-recyclable) QPKE with classical ciphertexts and IND-CPA secure SKE via standard hybrid encryption.

Let $\text{QPKE} = (\text{QPKE.SKGen}, \text{QPKE.PKGen}, \text{QPKE.Enc}, \text{QPKE.Dec})$ be a (non-recyclable) QPKE scheme with message space $\{0, 1\}^\lambda$ and $\text{SKE} = (\text{SKE.Enc}, \text{SKE.Dec})$ be an SKE scheme with message space $\{0, 1\}^\ell$. Then we construct a recyclable QPKE scheme $\text{QPKE}' = (\text{QPKE}'.\text{SKGen}, \text{QPKE}'.\text{PKGen}, \text{QPKE}'.\text{Enc}, \text{QPKE}'.\text{rEnc}, \text{QPKE}'.\text{Dec})$ with message space $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ as follows:

- $\text{QPKE}'.\text{SKGen}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow (\text{sk}', \text{vk}')$: Run $(\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{QPKE.SKGen}(1^\lambda)$ and output a secret key $\text{sk}' := \text{sk}$ and verification key $\text{vk}' := \text{vk}$.
- $\text{QPKE}'.\text{PKGen}(\text{sk}') \rightarrow \text{pk}'$: Run $\text{pk} \leftarrow \text{QPKE.PKGen}(\text{sk})$ and outputs $\text{pk}' := \text{pk}$.
- $\text{QPKE}'.\text{Enc}(\text{vk}', \text{pk}', \text{msg}) \rightarrow (\text{ct}', \text{rk}')$: Parse $\text{pk}' = \text{pk}$ and $\text{vk}' = \text{vk}$, sample $K \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda$, run $\text{ct} \leftarrow \text{QPKE.Enc}(\text{vk}, \text{pk}, K)$ and $\text{ct}_{\text{ske}} \leftarrow \text{SKE.Enc}(K, \text{msg})$, and output a ciphertext $\text{ct}' := (\text{ct}, \text{ct}_{\text{ske}})$ and recycled key $\text{rk}' := (K, \text{ct})$.

- $\text{QPKE}'.\text{rEnc}(rk', \text{msg}) \rightarrow ct' : \text{Parse } rk' = (K, ct), \text{ run } ct_{\text{ske}} \leftarrow \text{SKE.Enc}(K, \text{msg}), \text{ and output a ciphertext } ct' := (ct, ct_{\text{ske}}).$
- $\text{QPKE}'.\text{Dec}(sk', ct') \rightarrow \text{msg}' : \text{Parse } ct' = (ct, ct_{\text{ske}}) \text{ and } sk' = sk, \text{ run } K' \leftarrow \text{QPKE.Dec}(sk, ct) \text{ and } \text{msg}' \leftarrow \text{SKE.Dec}(K', ct_{\text{ske}}), \text{ and output } \text{msg}'.$

Correctness. Correctness of QPKE' immediately follows from correctness of QPKE and SKE .

IND-pkTA security. IND-pkTA security of QPKE implies that the SKE key K chosen by $\text{QPKE}'.\text{Enc}$ is computationally indistinguishable from uniformly random for an adversary. Then IND-CPA security of SKE directly implies IND-pkTA security under quantum public keys and recycled keys of QPKE' since msg is encrypted by SKE under the key K in both of $\text{QPKE}'.\text{Enc}$ and $\text{QPKE}'.\text{rEnc}$.

Remark 6.2. We can generically add decryption error detectability by using digital signatures similarly to (non-recyclable) QPKE .

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