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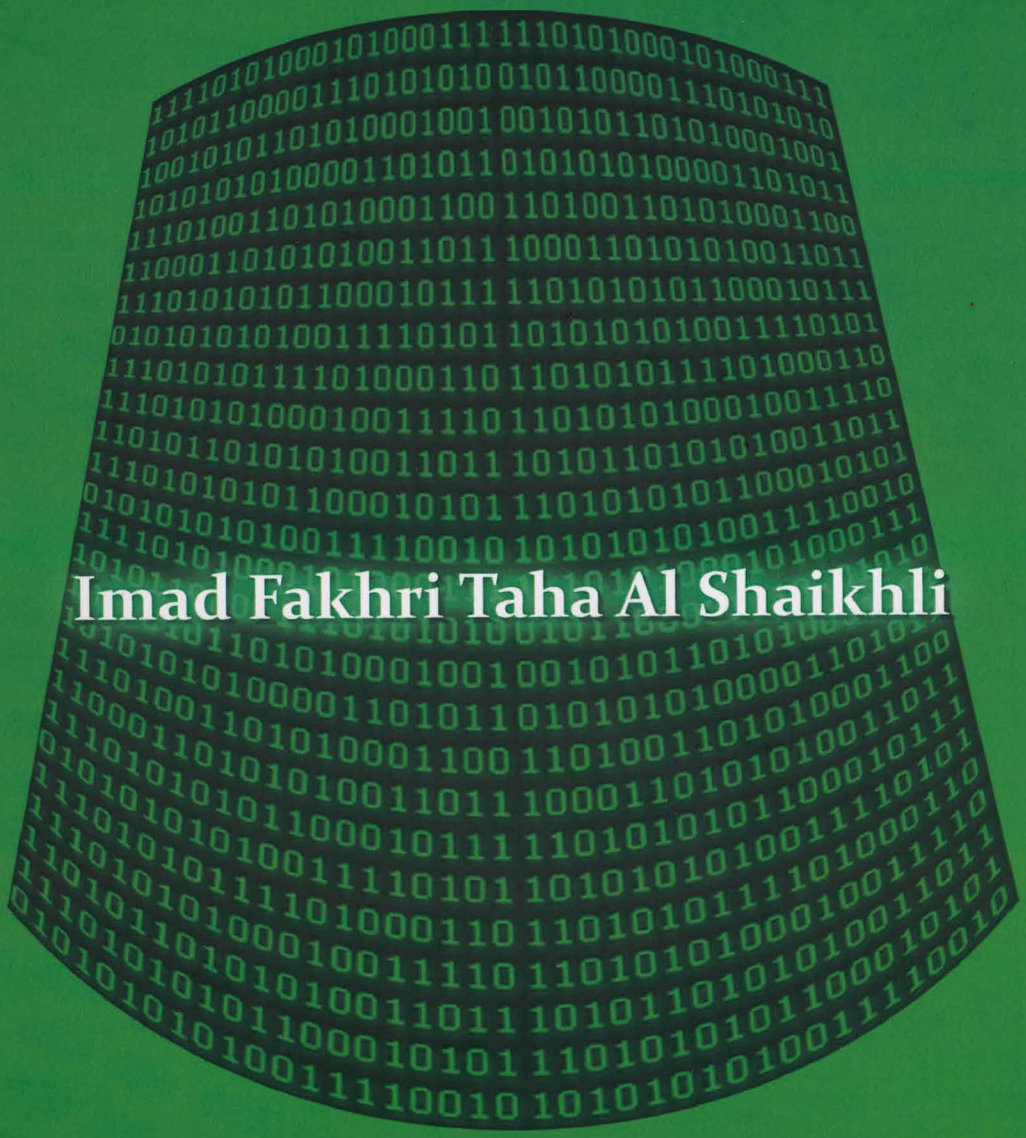

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Quantum cryptography

Abstract

Quantum cryptography offers a secure communication between two parties against eavesdroppers with unlimited computing power. It is based on physical laws and does not rely upon any complexity assumptions. This chapter presents some mathematical foundation for the study of quantum cryptography which will be of great help to understand how the first quantum cryptography named BB84 works. Before going into details, we shall first introduce the postulates of quantum physics.