In Defense of Intrinsic Finks and Masks

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In this talk, I will discuss the possibility of intrinsic finks and masks for dispositions. The existence of finks or masks interfering with the manifestation of dispositions is a major obstacle to the conditional analysis of dispositions, especially when the finks or masks are intrinsic to the bearers of dispositions. Some philosophers, such as Choi, Cohen and Handfield, argue that there cannot be intrinsic finks or masks. I will examine their arguments and point out that they do not take into account a crucial case where distinct properties of a single object vary independently. I will also argue that if we accept natural powers as basic items of our ontology, we should also accept intrinsic finks and masks for them.