

Classical command of quantum systems



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What can we trust?

“Side-channel attacks”

= incorrect mathematical models

- Timing, EM radiation leaks, power consumption, ...
- QKD especially vulnerable

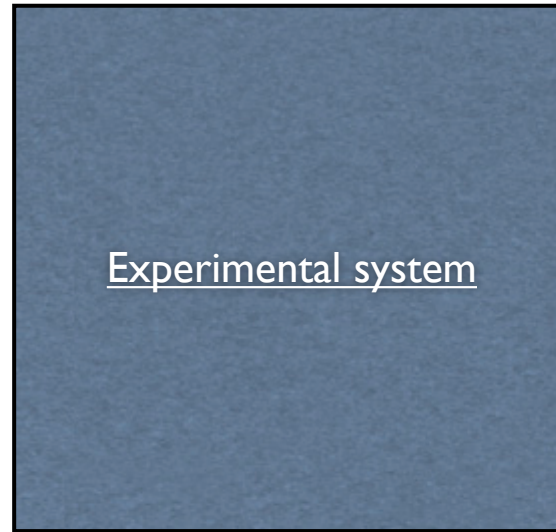
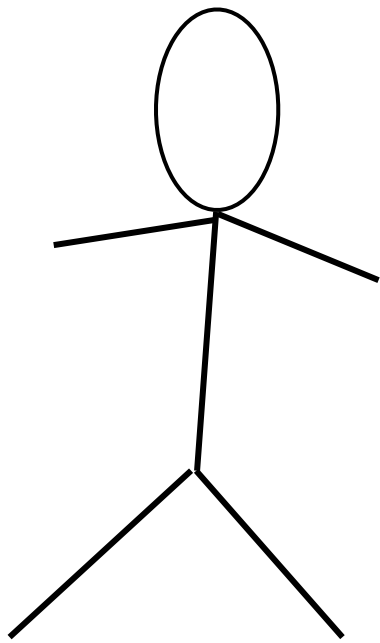


Quantum device?



can we prove that

- How ~~do we know if~~ a claimed quantum computer really is quantum?
- How can we distinguish between a box that is running a classical *simulation* of quantum physics, and a truly quantum-mechanical system?



can you be sure
How ~~do you know~~ that it works correctly?

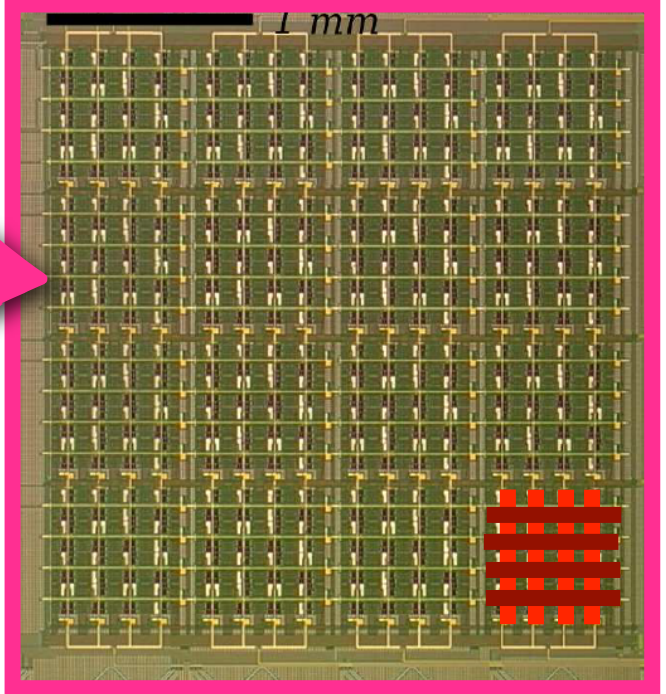
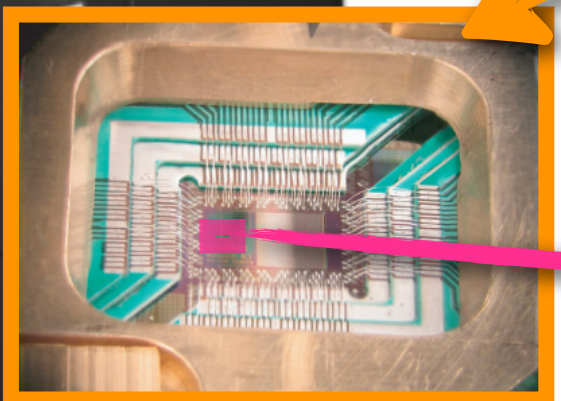
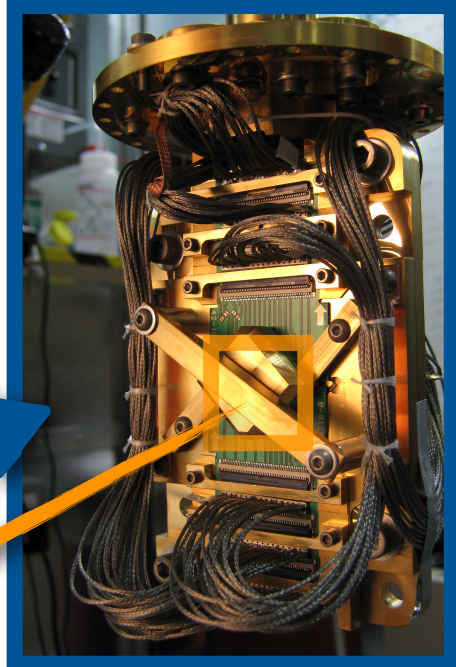
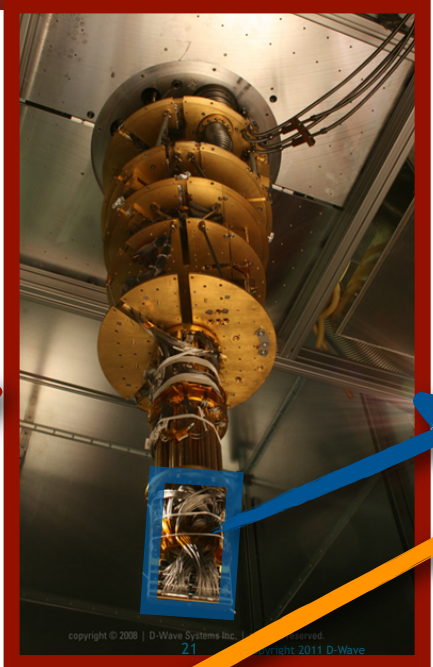
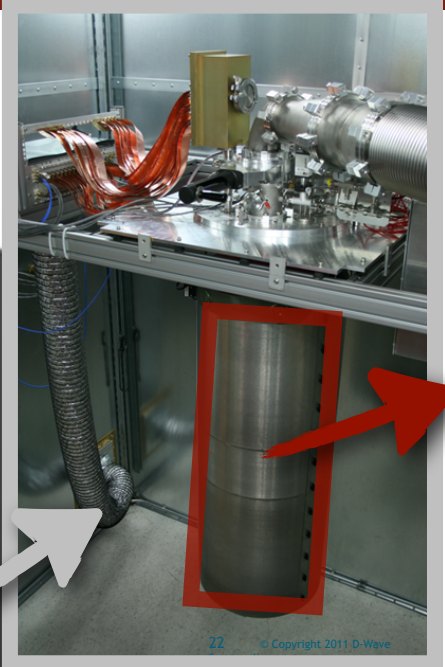
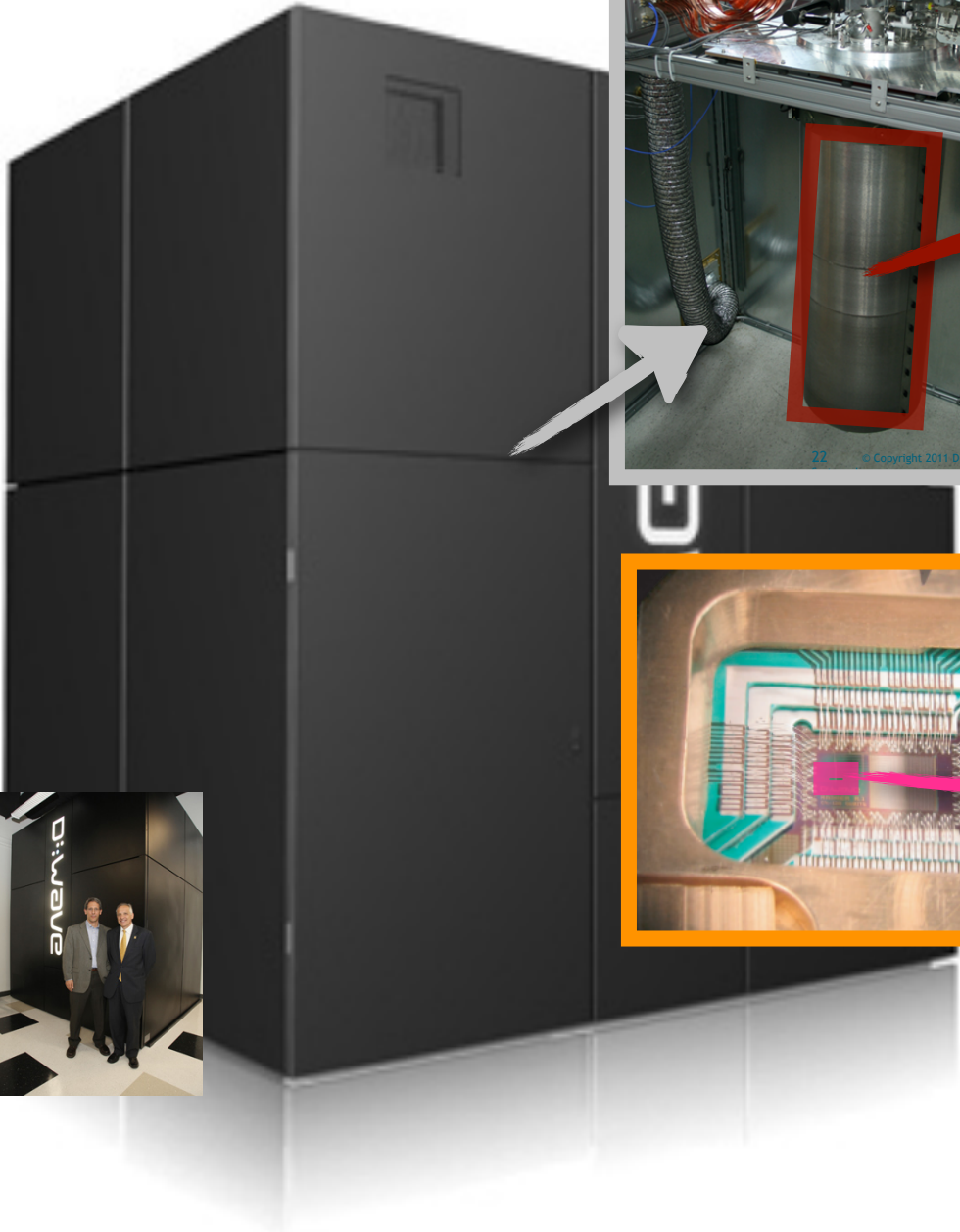
... without making assumptions about how it works

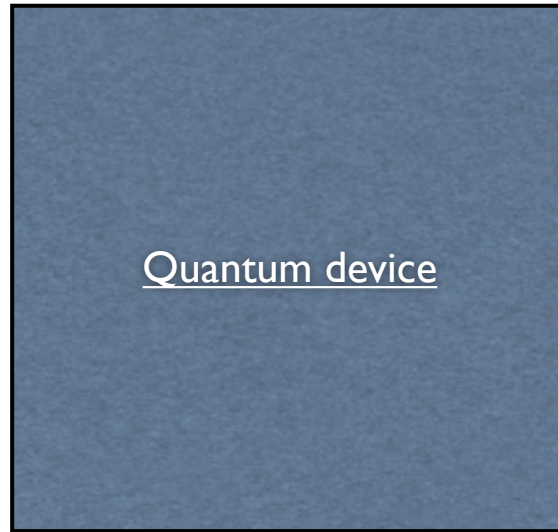
... it might even have been designed to trick us!

(e.g., it might behave correctly during your tests, and later cheat)

... in general, the system is **quantum**, while we are **classical**

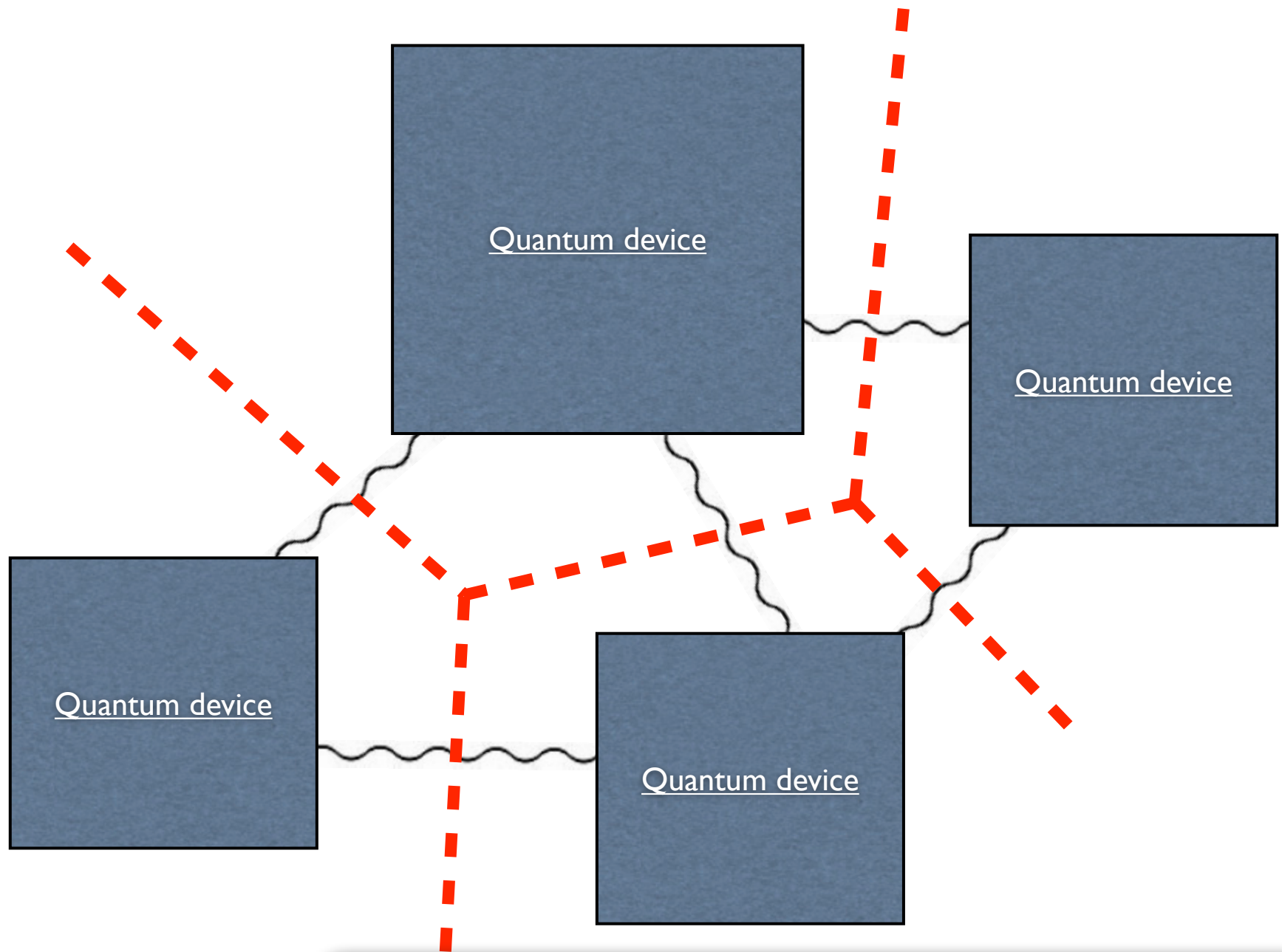
D-Wave One





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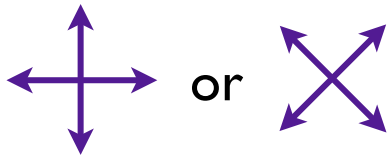
You Can't



**Untrusted quantum systems can be controlled
much better than untrusted classical systems!**

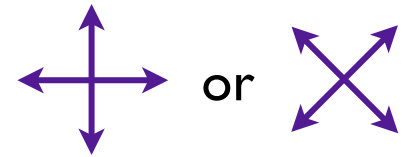
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measure in basis



B

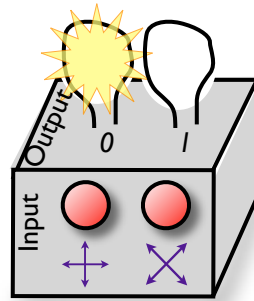
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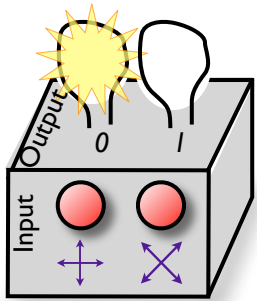
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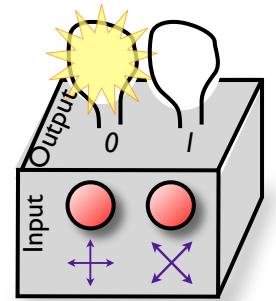
Abstraction of an untrusted experimental system



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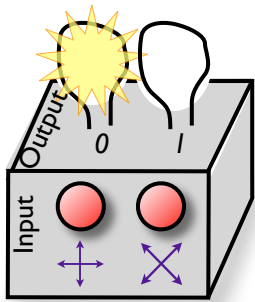
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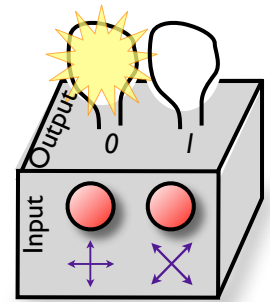
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B



exchange ~~measurement bases~~ button choices:
same button \Rightarrow one key bit



Attack: Devices share random two-bit string. Button 1 \Rightarrow Output 1st bit
also known by Eve! Button 2 \Rightarrow Output 2nd bit

Device-independent QKD

1. Proposed by Mayers & Yao (1998)
2. First security proof by Barrett, Hardy & Kent (2005),
assuming Alice & Bob each have n devices, isolated separately

P_1, \dots, P_n

Q_1, \dots, Q_n

— Secure against **non-signaling** attacks!

[AMP '06, MRCWB '06, M '08, HRW '10]: More efficient, UC secure

[ABGMPS '07, PABGMS '09, M '09, HR '10, MPA '11]: More efficient, assuming QM attacks

Our result:

- DIQKD with two devices,
- but with only an inverse polynomial key rate,
and not tolerating any noise (as in [BHK '05])

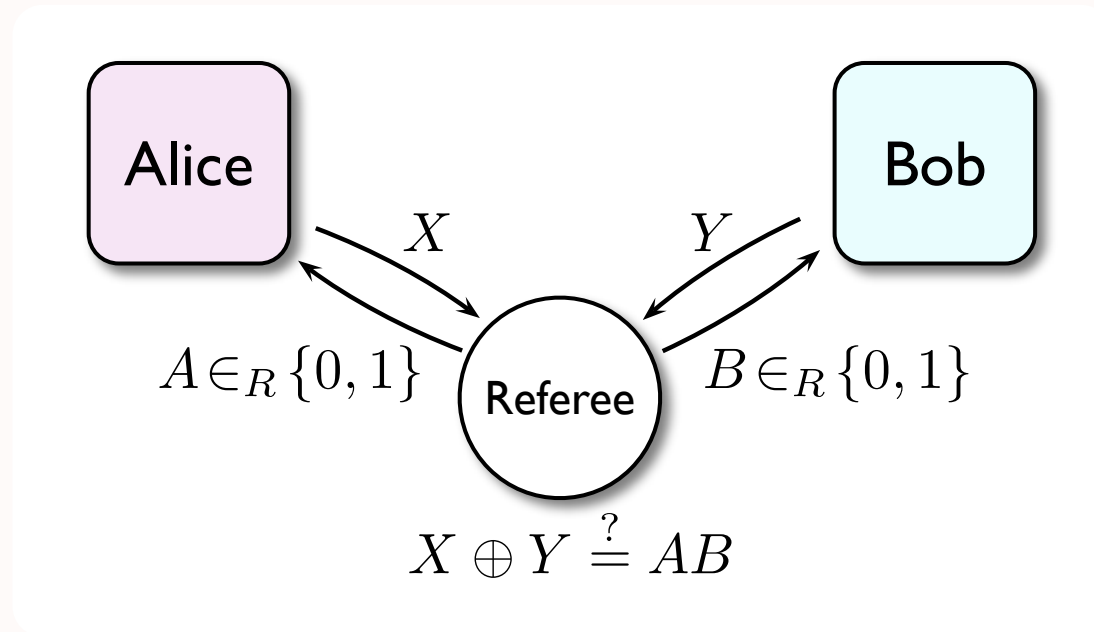
Device-Independent QKD

- Full list of assumptions:
 1. Authenticated classical communication
 2. Random bits can be generated locally
 3. Isolated laboratories for Alice and Bob
 4. Quantum theory is correct

~~Computational
assumptions~~

~~Trusted devices~~

Cluser-Horne-Shimony-Holt game



Classical devices $\Rightarrow \Pr[\text{win}] \leq 75\%$

Quantum devices can win with prob. up to $\approx 85\%$

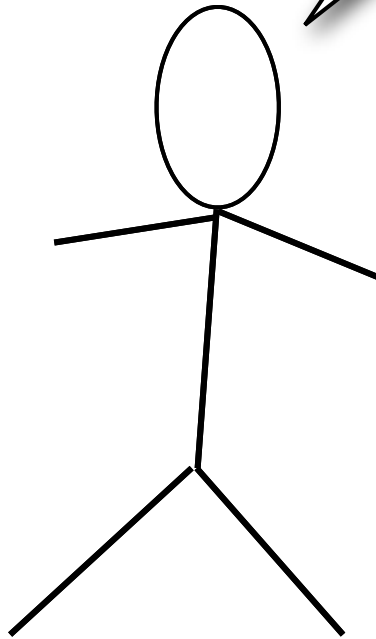
Test for “quantum-ness”

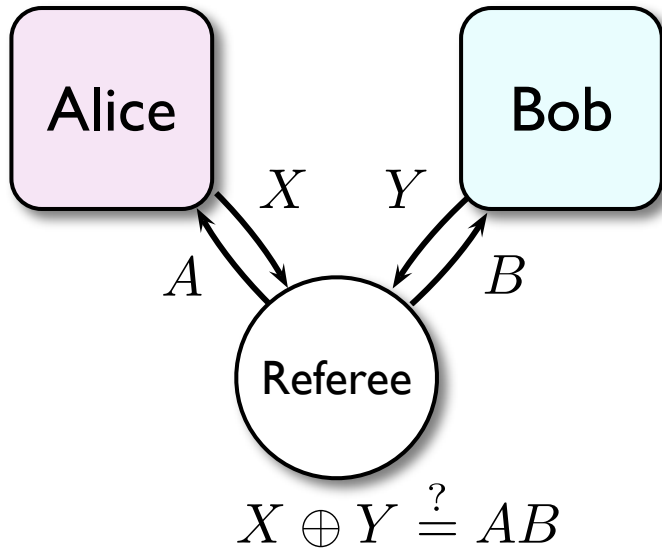
Play game 10^6 times. If the boxes win $\geq 800,000$, say they’re quantum.

So they're quantum—good.
But how do they work?
What are they doing?

Box 1

Box 2





Optimal quantum strategy:

- Share $|00\rangle + |11\rangle$
- **Alice** measures or
- **Bob** measures or

Theorem: This is the *only* way of winning with 85% probability.

$\Pr[\text{win}] \geq 85\% - \varepsilon \Rightarrow$ State and measurements are $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ -close to above strategy (up to local isometries)

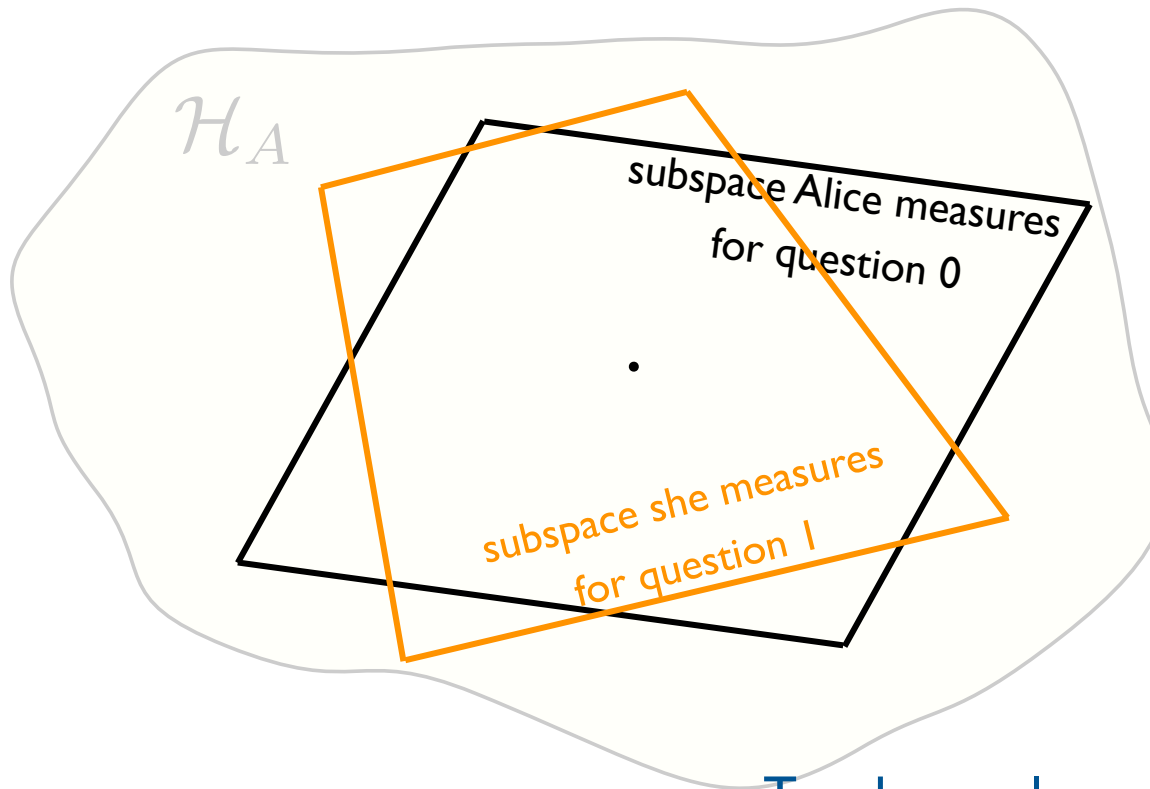
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\mathcal{H}_A

Where is Alice's qubit?

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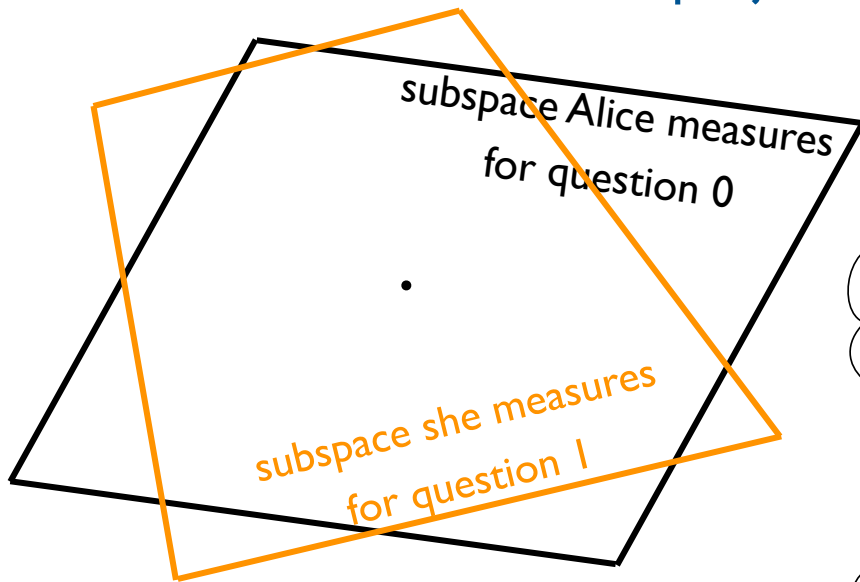
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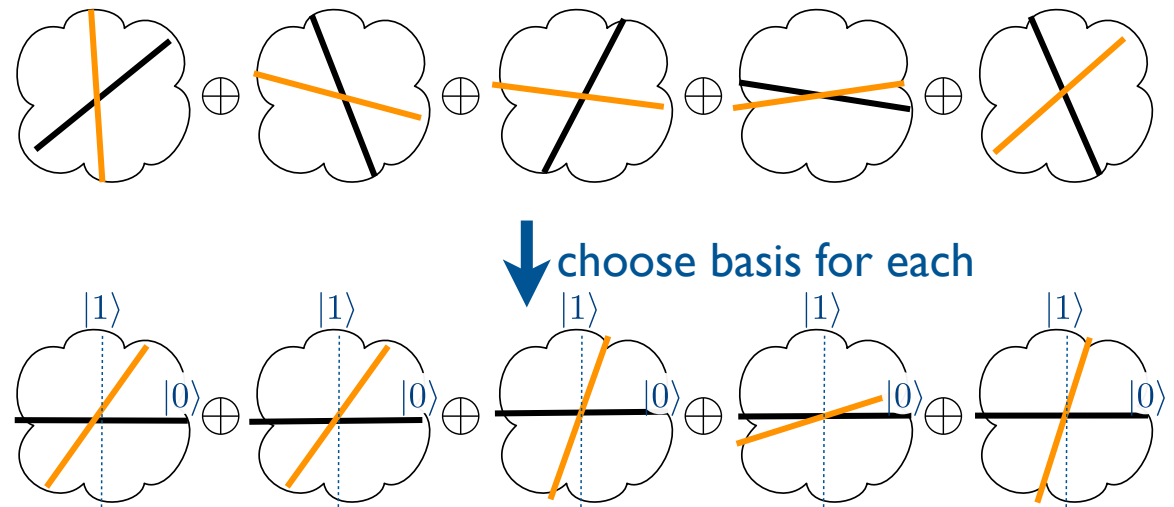
Two hyperplanes define a qubit *iff* the dihedral angles are constant

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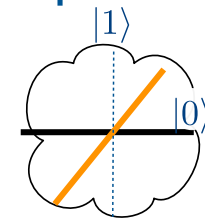


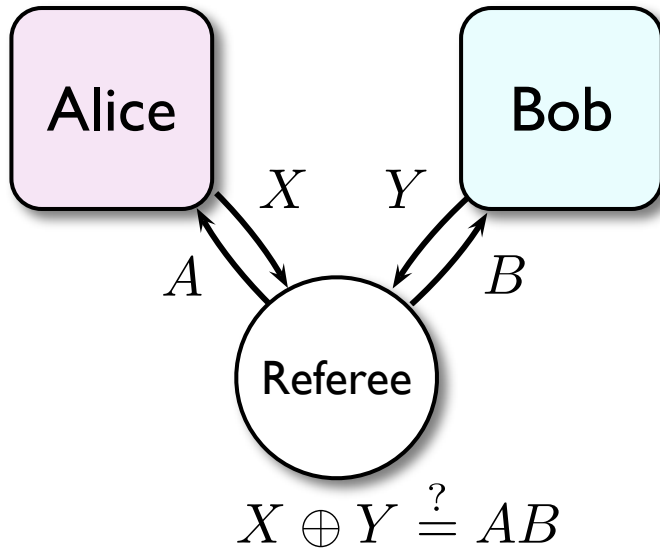
Fact*: Two subspaces decompose space \mathcal{H}_A into 2D invariant spaces



➔ By aligning the subspaces, this decomposes \mathcal{H}_A as (qubit) \otimes (subspace label)

➔ Analyze strategy on each 2D subspace separately*, comparing state & measurements to ideal strategy





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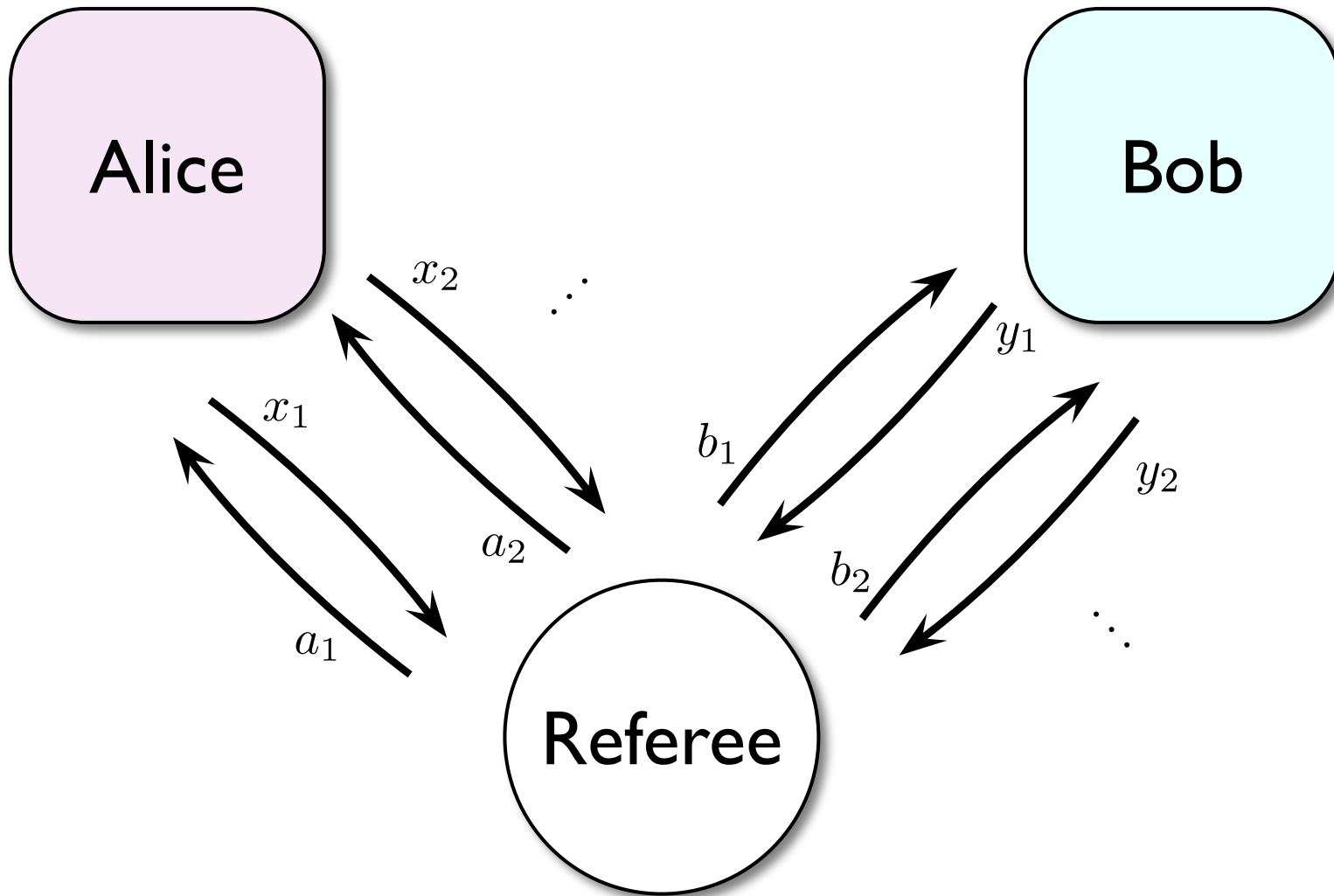
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Open: What other multi-player quantum games are rigid?

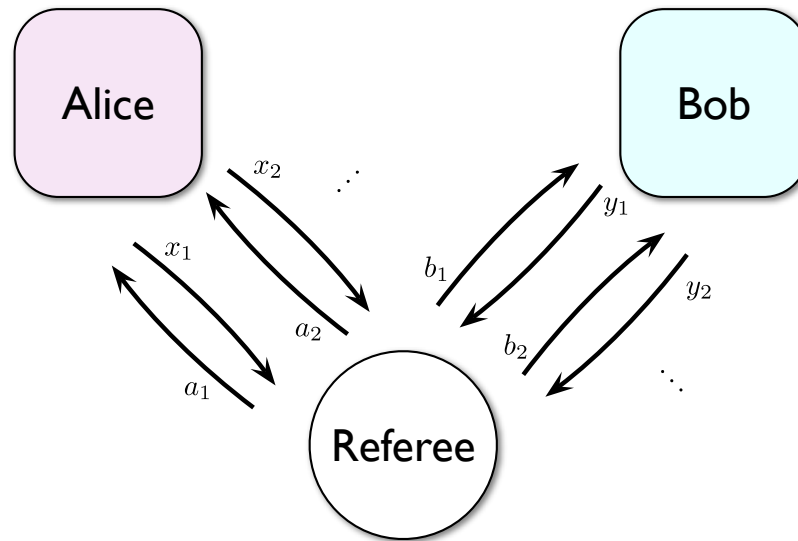
This theorem is useless

Sequential CHSH games



General strategy:

Alice & Bob share an arbitrary state
in game j , measure with arbitrary projections



Main theorem:

For $N = \text{poly}(n)$ games, if

$$\Pr[\text{win} \geq (85\% - \epsilon) \text{ of games}] \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

\Rightarrow W.h.p. for a random set of n sequential games,

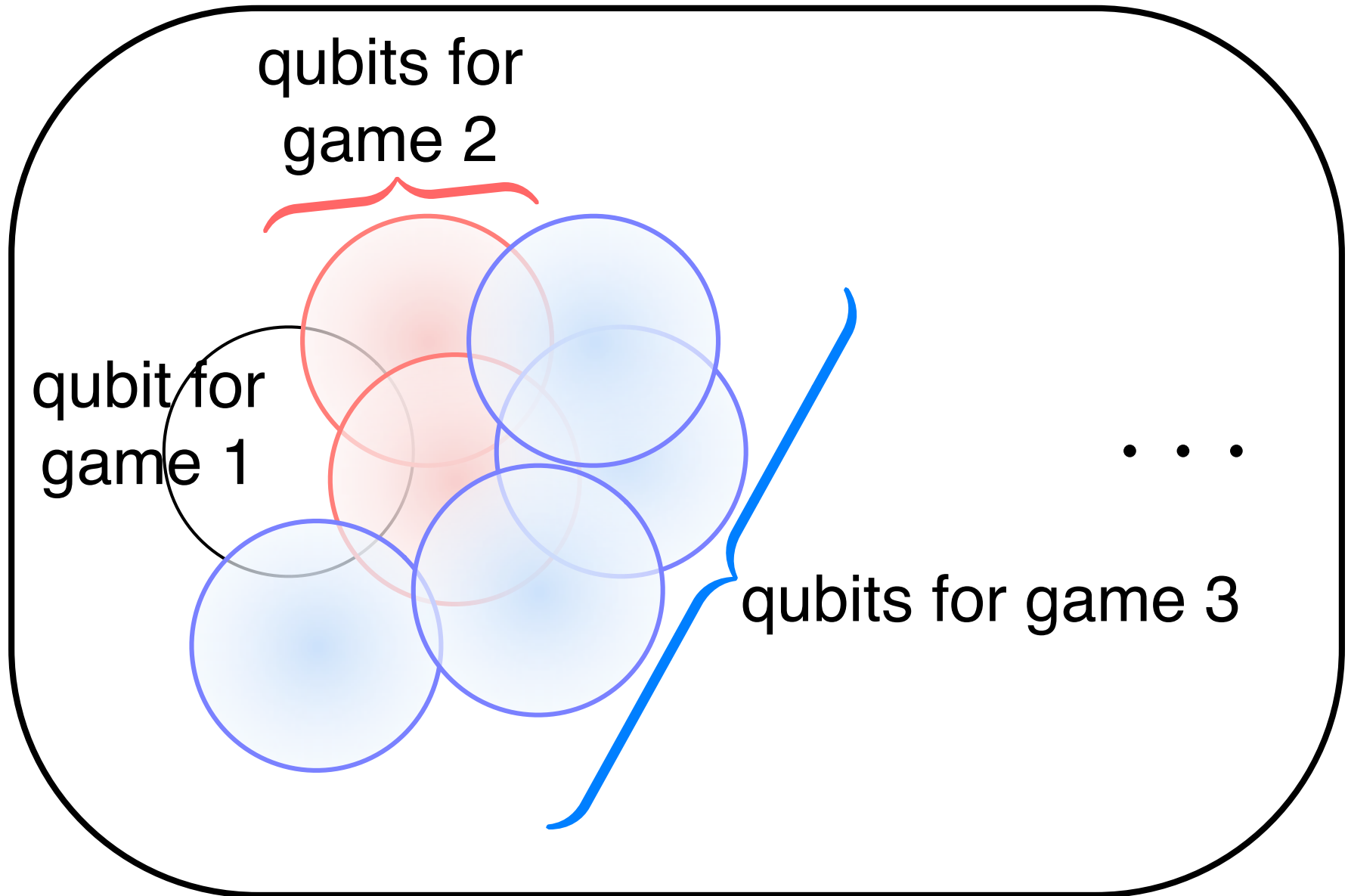
Provers' actual strategy
for those n games

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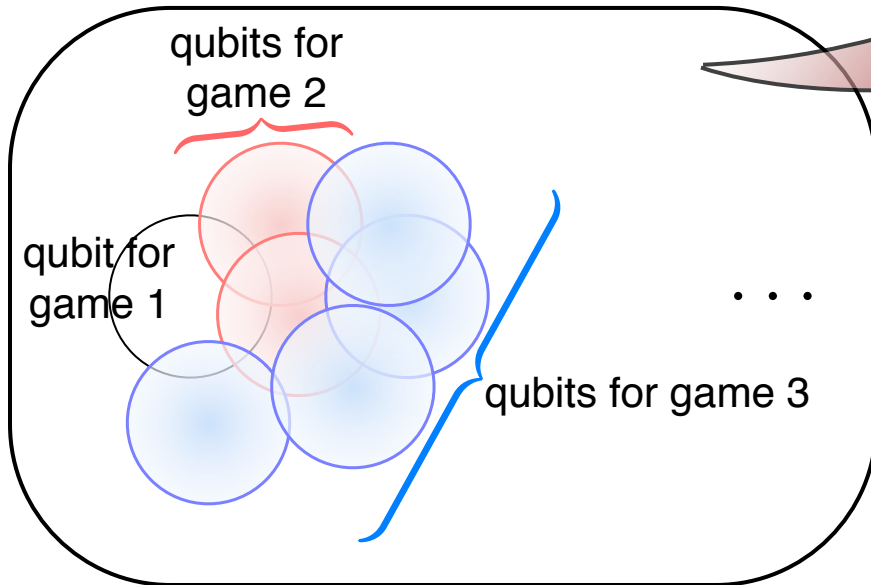
Ideal strategy

$(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)^{\otimes n}$
in game j , use j th pair

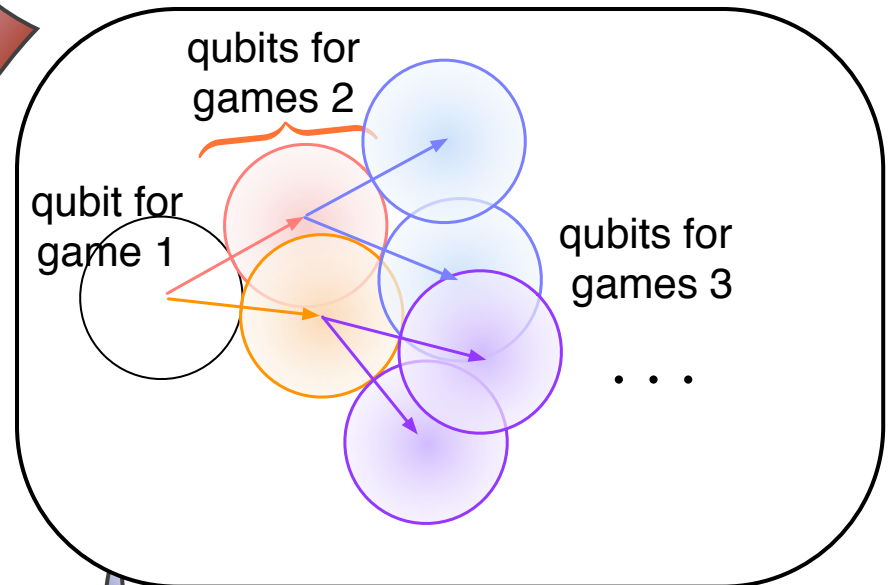
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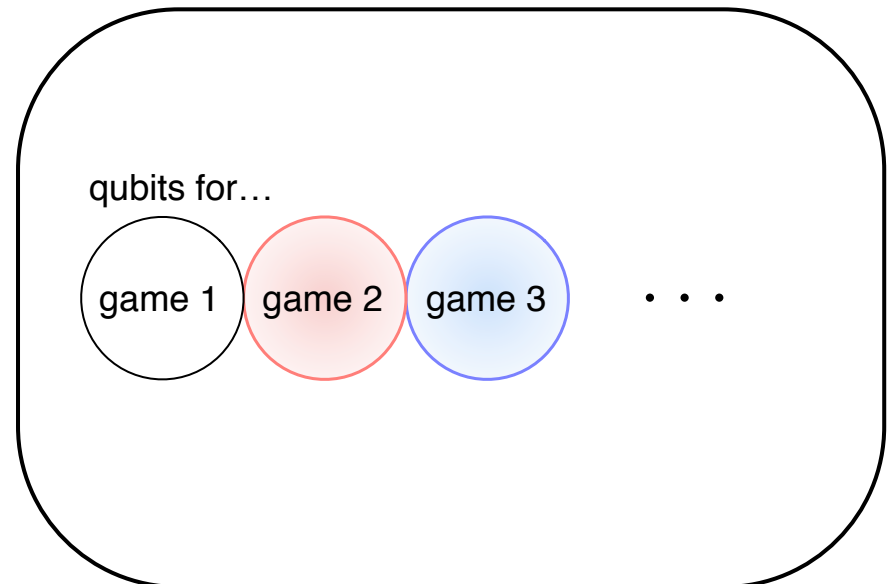
1 **Locate (overlapping) qubits**



2 **Qubits are independent (in tensor product)**



3 **Locations do not depend on history — Done!**



Main idea: Leverage tensor-product structure *between* the devices' Hilbert spaces to derive tensor-product structure *within* them

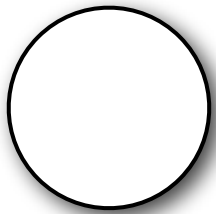
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Fact 1: Operations on the first half of an EPR state can just as well be applied to the second half:

$$(M \otimes I)(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \\ = (I \otimes M^T)(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

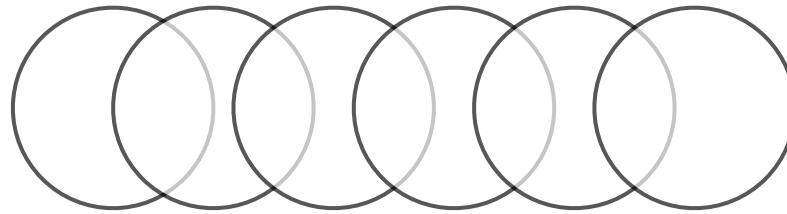
Fact 2: Quantum mechanics is local: An operation on the second half of a state can't affect the first half *in expectation*

game 1



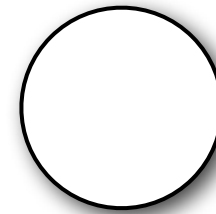
measuring this EPR state collapses it

games 2 to n-1

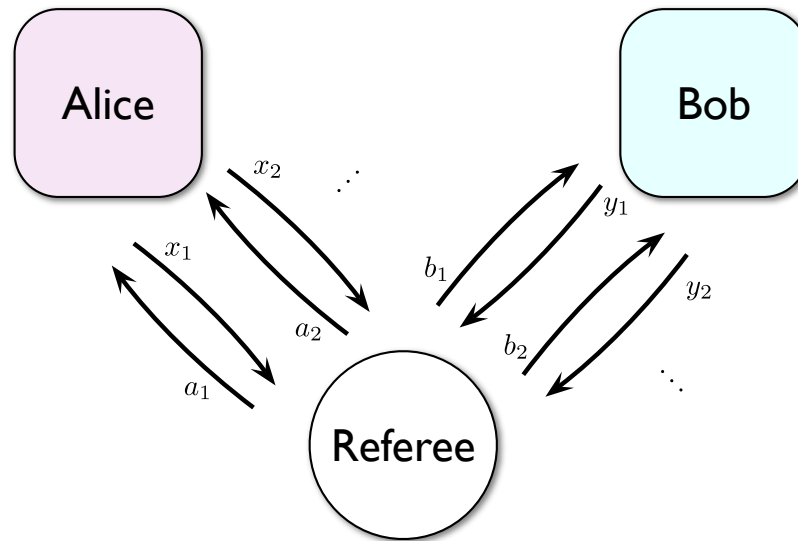


pull these operators to the other side
(with a hybrid argument, last to first,
incurring $O(n\sqrt{\epsilon})$ error)
 \Rightarrow game 1's qubit stays collapsed

game n



\Rightarrow game n's qubit can't
much overlap game 1



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Applications

- Cryptography — avoiding side-channel attacks; delegated computation
- Complexity theory — De-quantizing proof systems

Application 2: “Quantum computation for muggles”

a weak verifier can control powerful provers

Delegated classical computation

(for f on $\{0,1\}^n$ computable in time T , space s)

$IP = PSPACE \Rightarrow$ verifier $\text{poly}(n, s)$
[FL'93, GKR'08] prover $\text{poly}(T, 2^s)$

$MIP = NEXP \Rightarrow$ verifier $\text{poly}(n, \log T)$
[BFLS'91] provers $\text{poly}(T)$

Delegated quantum computation

...with a semi-quantum verifier,
and one prover [Aharonov, Ben-Or, Eban '09,
Broadbent, Fitzsimons, Kashefi '09]

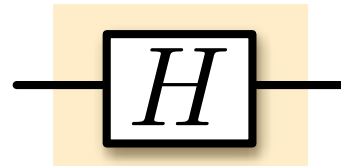
★ **Theorem 1:** ...with a classical verifier,
and two provers

Application 3: De-quantizing quantum multi-prover interactive proof systems

★ **Theorem 2:** $QMIP = MIP^*$
(everything quantum) (classical verifier,
entangled provers)

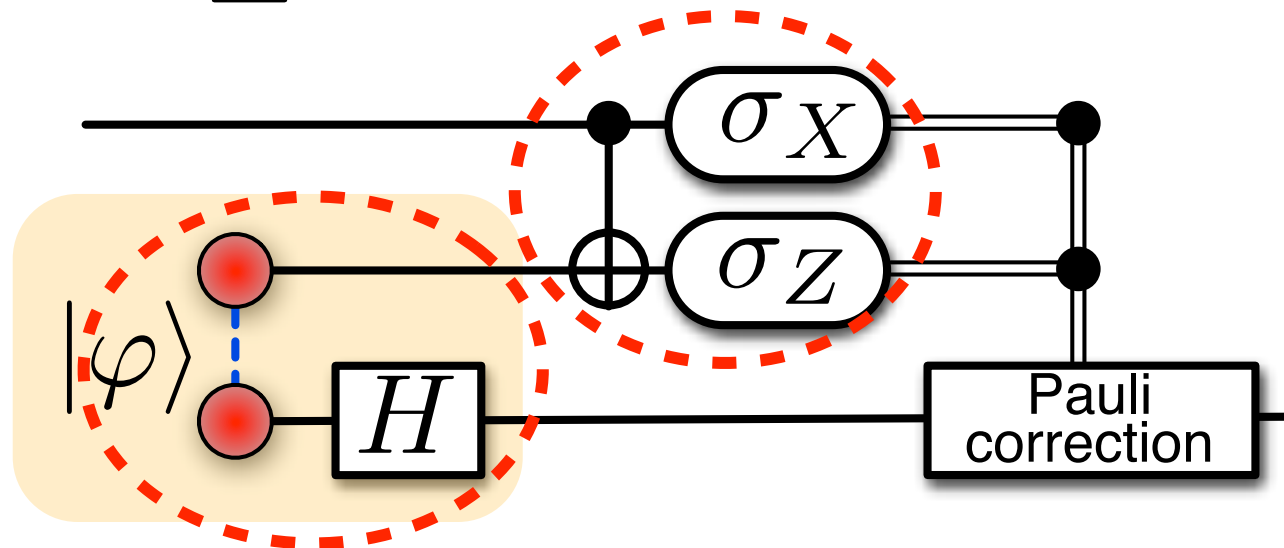
proposed by
[Broadbent, Fitzsimons, Kashefi '10]

Computation by teleportation



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2 Two-qubit Bell measurements

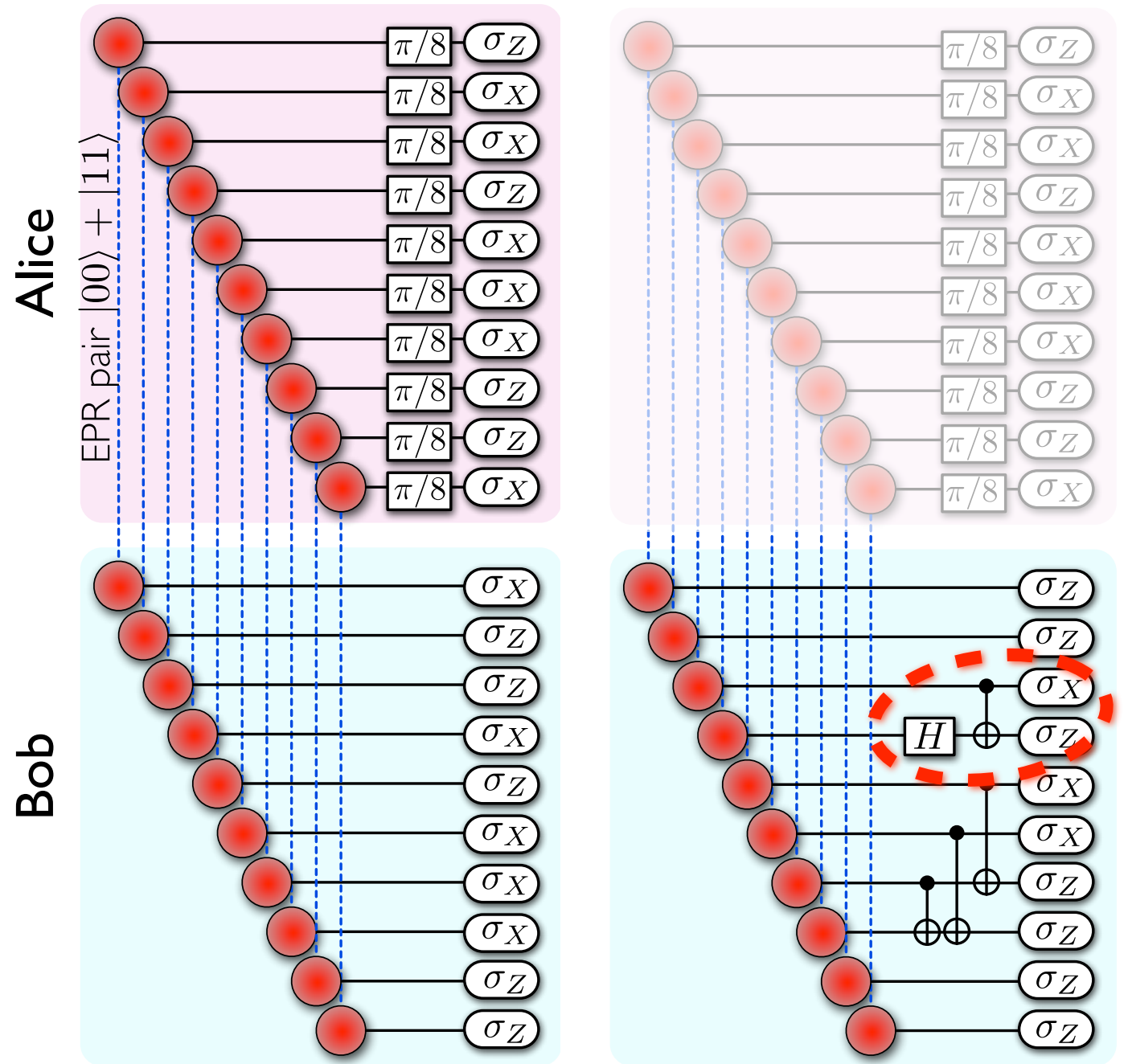


Requirements:

1 Resource states, like $(I \otimes H)(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$

Delegated quantum computation

Run one of four protocols, at random:



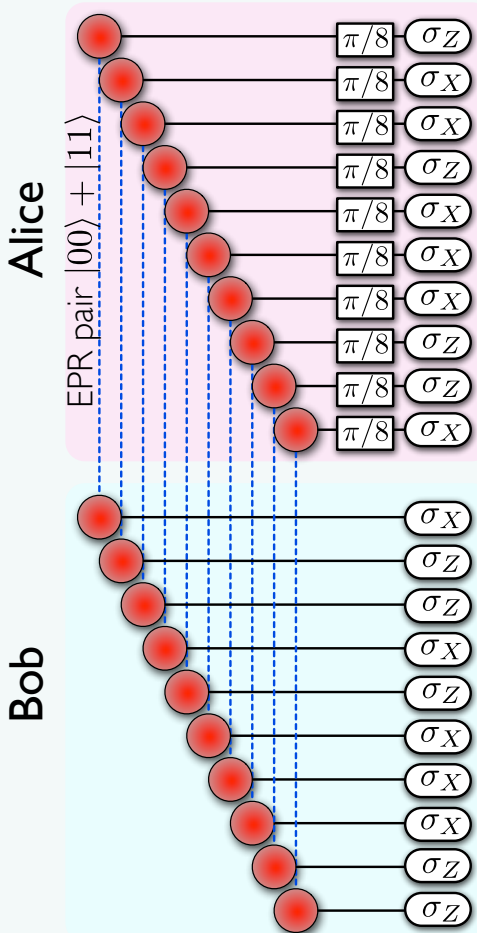
(a) CHSH games

(b) State tomography:
ask Bob to prepare **resource states** on Alice's side by collapsing EPR pairs (Alice can't tell the difference)

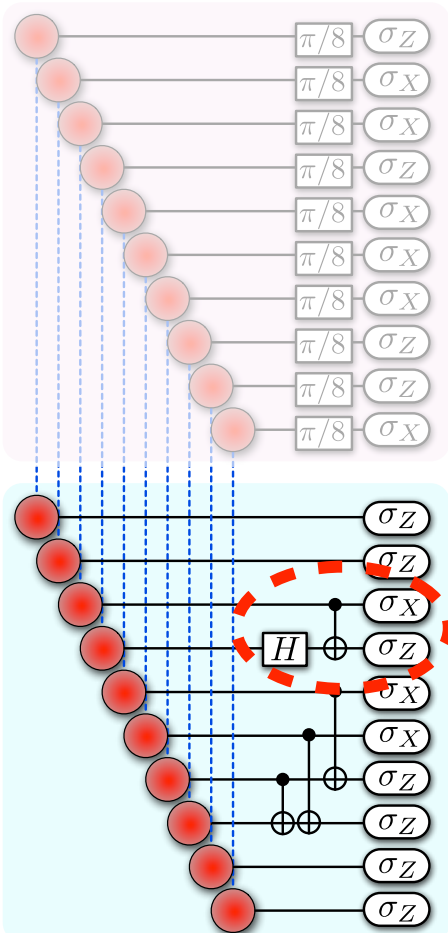
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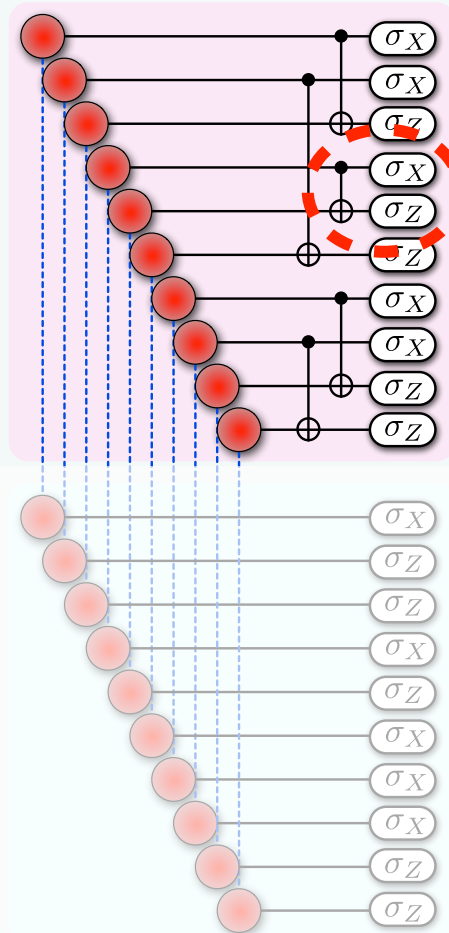


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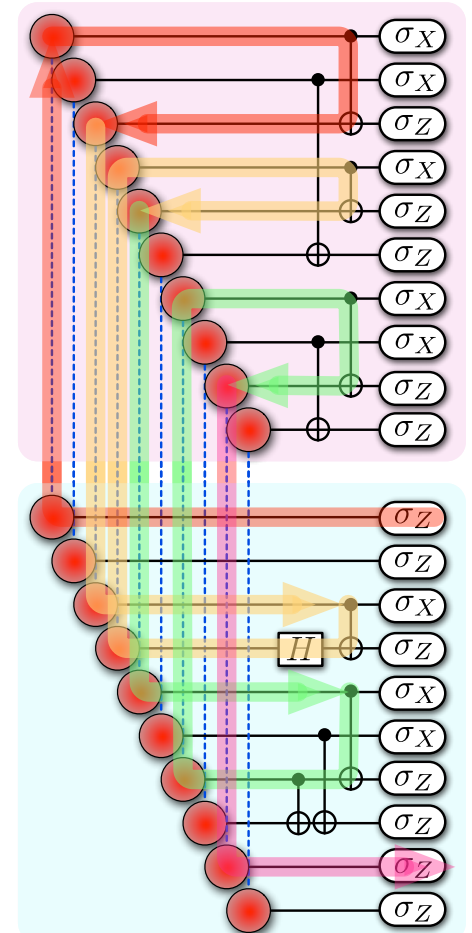
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(c) Process tomography

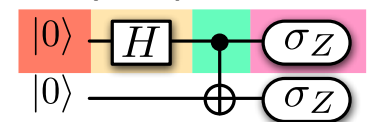


ask Alice to apply Bell measurements (Bob can't tell the difference)

(d) Computation



by teleportation

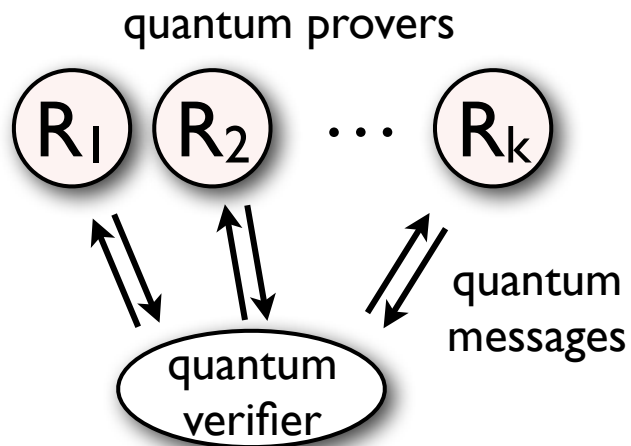


Theorem: If tests a-c pass w.h.p., then protocol d's output is correct.

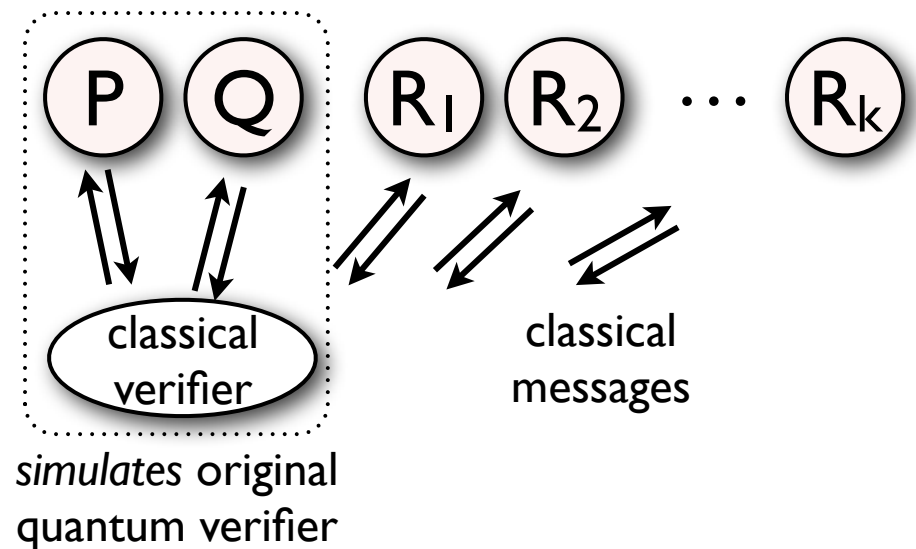
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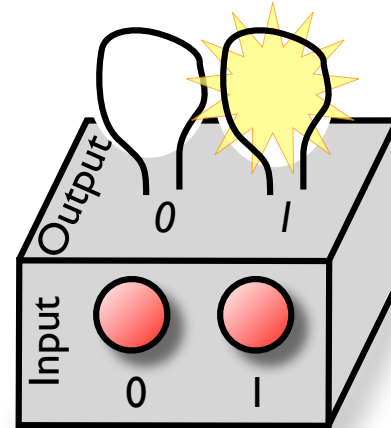
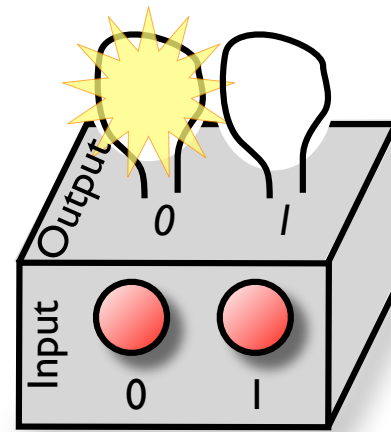
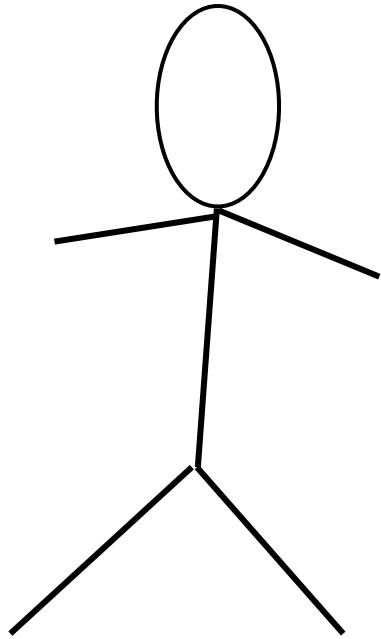
Proof idea: Start with QMIP protocol:



Simulate it using an MIP^* protocol with two new provers:



Open: Can the round complexity be reduced?
Does encoding a *fault-tolerant* circuit protect against attacks/noise?



CHSH test:

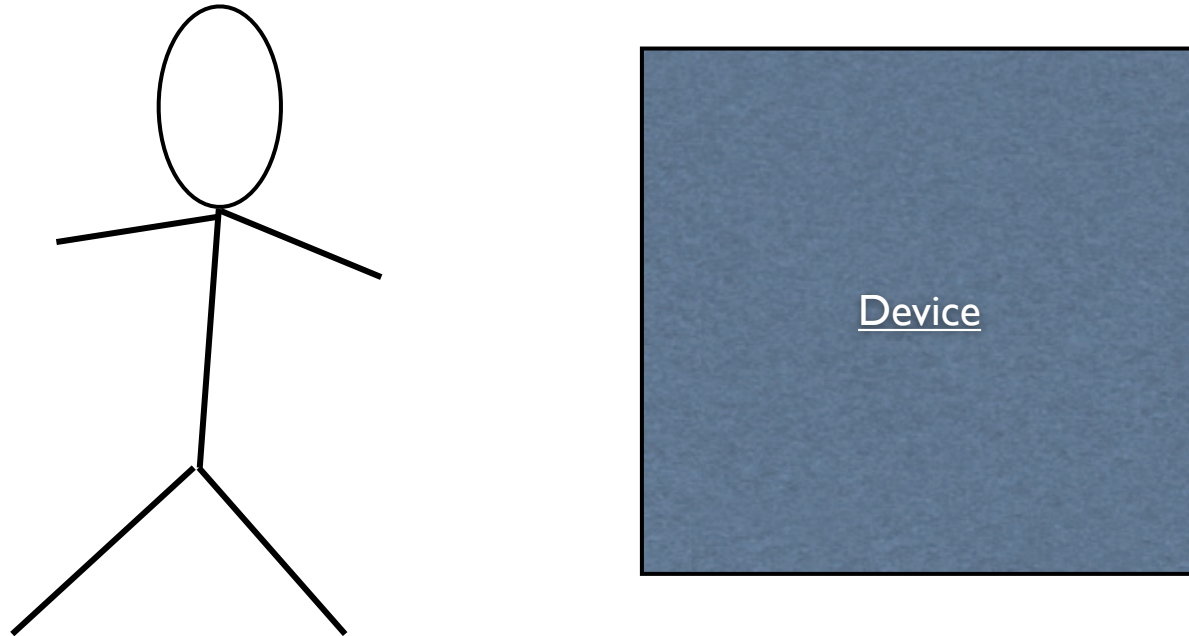
Observed statistics \Rightarrow system is quantum-mechanical

Multiple game rigidity theorem:

Observed statistics \Rightarrow understand exactly what is going on in the system

Other applications?

Question: What if there's only one device?



Verifying quantum dynamics is impossible,
but can we still check the answers to BQP computations?
(e.g., it is easy to verify a factorization)

Thank you!