# **Hyperbits**

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# Qubits vs. Hyperbits



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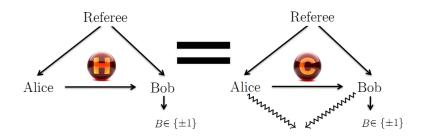


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#### **Motivations**

- Tool to analyze quantum communication protocols.
- Ability to prove stronger form of Information Casuality.
- Application in the security of quantum key distribution against individual attacks.
- Can be used in oblivious transfer, parity oblivious multiplexing, random access codes, etc.

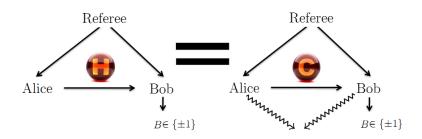
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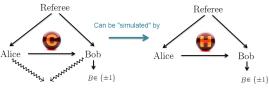
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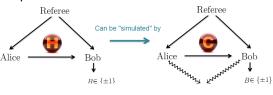
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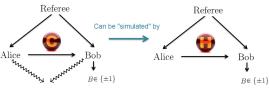


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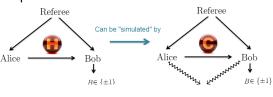
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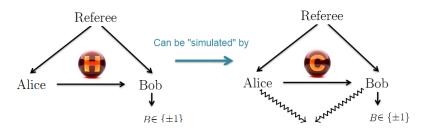
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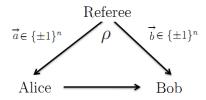


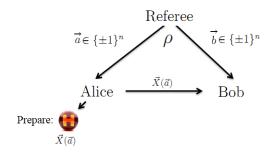
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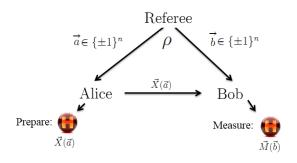
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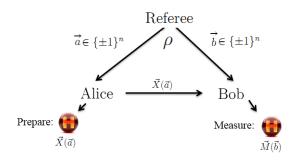
### Let's now prove (much easier):











#### Expectation:

$$\langle B(\vec{a},\vec{b})\rangle = \langle \vec{X}(\vec{a}), \vec{M}(\vec{b})\rangle$$



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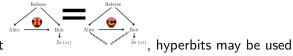
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# **Applications**



Since we have proven that as a tool in numerous contexts:

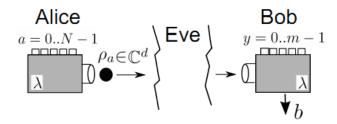
- Communication Complexity
- Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)
- Strengthened Information Casuality
- Random Access Codes
- Oblivious Transfer
- etc.

### Application: Quantum Key Distribution

Security of Quantum Key Distribution Against Individual Attacks

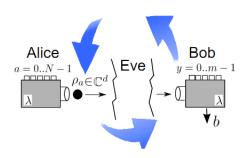
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Alice encodes classical information as quantum states. Bob receives these states, performs a measurement and outputs b.



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#### Repeat protocol.

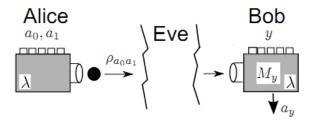


$$P(b|a,y) = tr(\rho_a M_v^b) \tag{1}$$

Probability of Bob finding outcome b conditioned on measurement  $M_y$  and state  $\rho_a$ .

## Semi-Device Independent QKD - Our Scenario

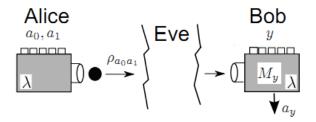
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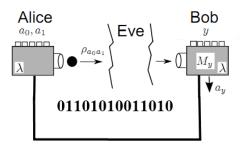
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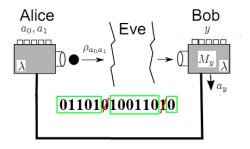
## Semi-Device Independent QKD - Security

Compare part of their data on a public channel.



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Toss out bits that don't agree.



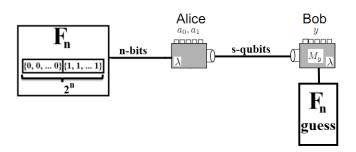
Security is obtained if

$$P_B > \frac{5 + \sqrt{3}}{8} \approx 0.8415$$
 (2)

Otherwise security has been compromised. Note similarity to CHSH.

## Semi-Device Independent QKD - Security Proof

#### Main Ingredient



Probability of Bob's success:

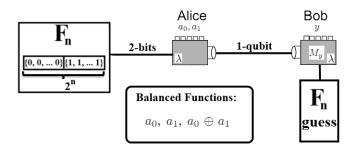
König, R. Ph.D. Thesis. 
$$P_n$$

$$P_n \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^s - 1}{2^n - 1}} \right)$$



## Semi-Device Independent QKD - Specific Case

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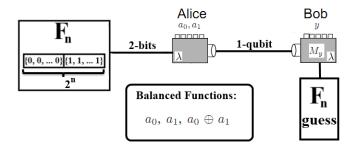


$$P(a_0) + P(a_1) + P(a_0 \oplus a_1) \le \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

where  $P(a_i)$  is the probability of Bob guessing  $a_i$  correctly.

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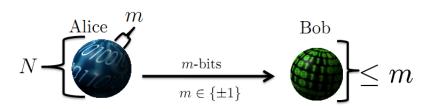
**Strengthened Information Causality Result** 



## Information Causality - Description

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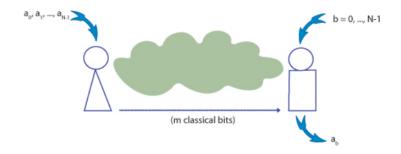
Transmission of m classical bits can cause an information gain of at most m-bits.



M. Pawlowski, T. Paterek, D. Kaszilikowski, V. Scarani, A. Winter, M. Zukowski Information Causality as a Physical Principle Nature, 2009.

# Information Causality - Example

Distributed version of random access coding, oblivious transfer, and related communication complexity problems.

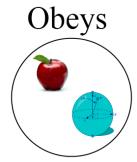


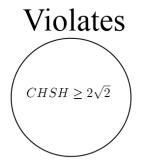
- Alice has N random and independent bits.
- Bob receives a random value b.
- Alice sends Bob m bits. Bob must guess the value of the  $b^{th}$  bit in Alice's list,  $a_b$ .

## Information Causality - Violation

What's the big deal? Consider where information causality is violated.

Classical and quantum physics obey information Causality. CHSH correlations beyond Tsirelson's bound  $2\sqrt{2}$  violate.





# Information Causality - No Signaling

Previous task is open to producing no-signaling correlations.

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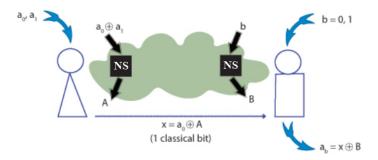
No-Signaling Box: Hypothetical resource producing no-signaling correlations.



Correlations among either classical or quantum systems.

# Information Causality - No Signaling Example

Simplest case where information causality is violated.



Alice receives two bits; sends one to Bob.

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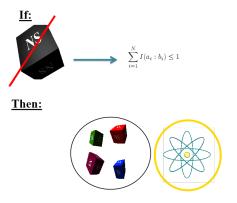
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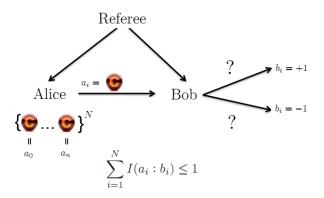
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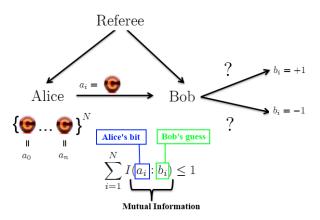


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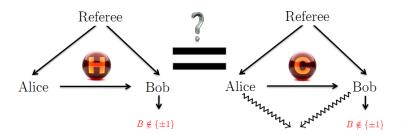
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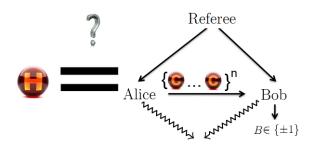
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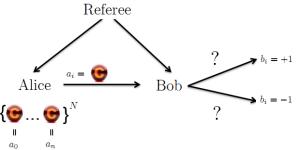


#### Open Problems - Information Causality

In communication of m bits can be

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} I(a_i : b_i) \le 2^m - 1. \tag{3}$$

Is this the maximum? (Likely, but not proven).



#### Open Problems - Information Causality

- Are there Bell inequalities for which Information Causality is not enough?
- ② Can the argument in the paper be generalized to a large set of Bell inequalities?
  - Right now, only holds for one type of Bell inequality.

"Preprint [PPKSWZ09] cries out for follow up work" – David Bacon.

Questions in regards to "Information Causality as a Physical Principle" [PPKSWZ09] posed by David Bacon on his blog, "The Quantum Pontiff"

#### Thank You

# Thanks! Questions? / Comments?

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