

# 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

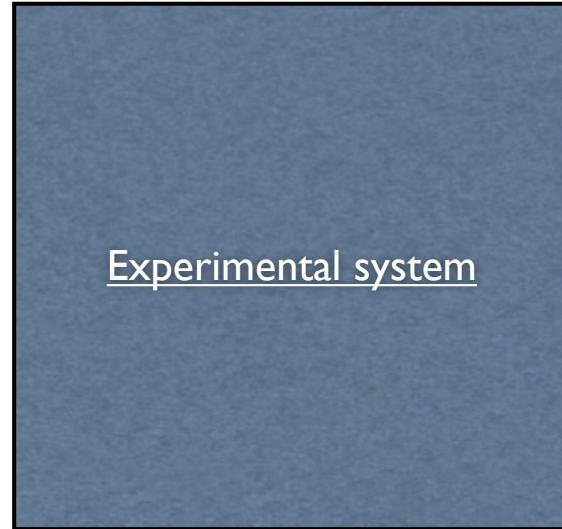
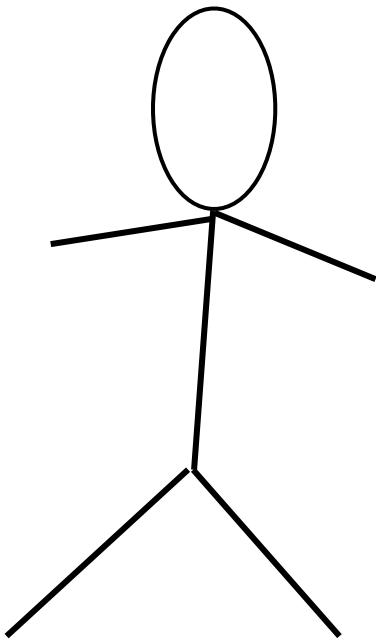


## Quantum device?



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

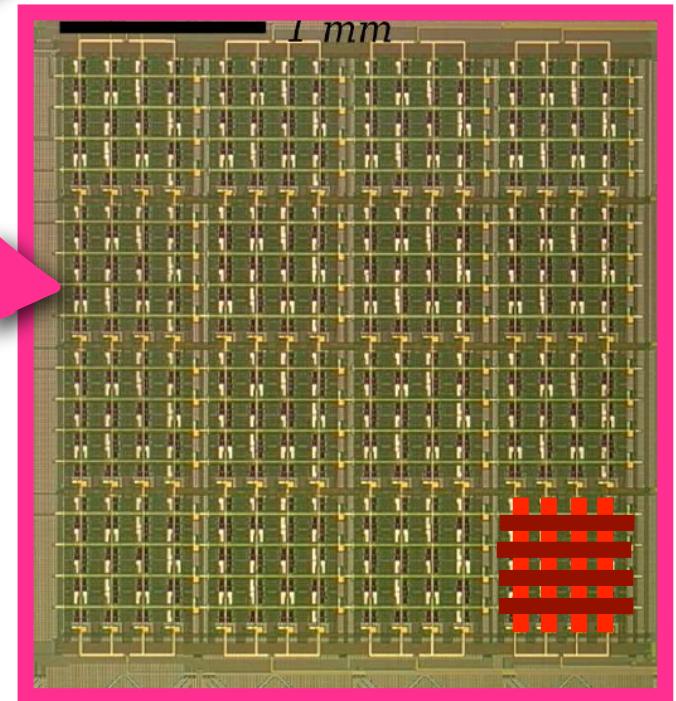
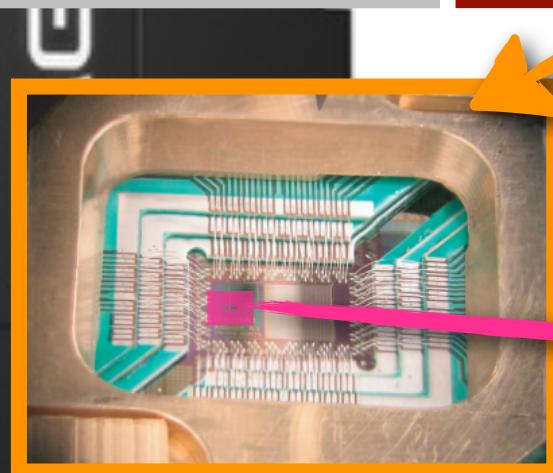
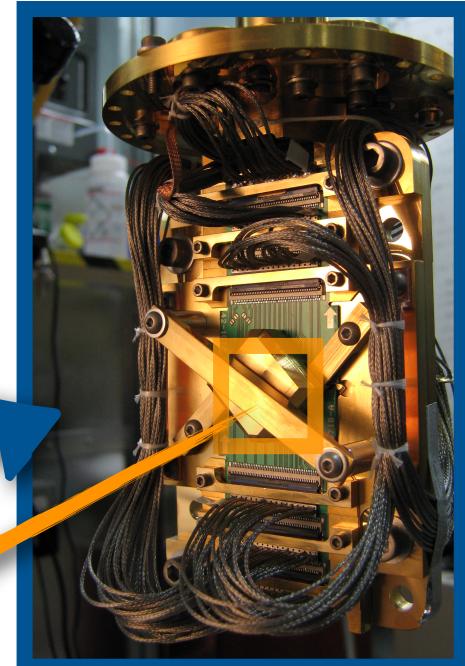
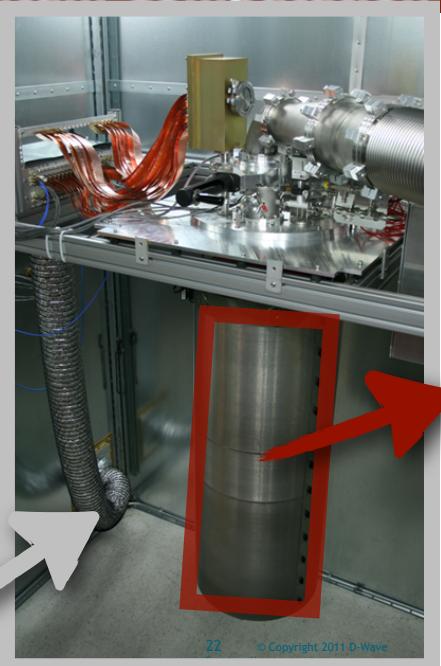
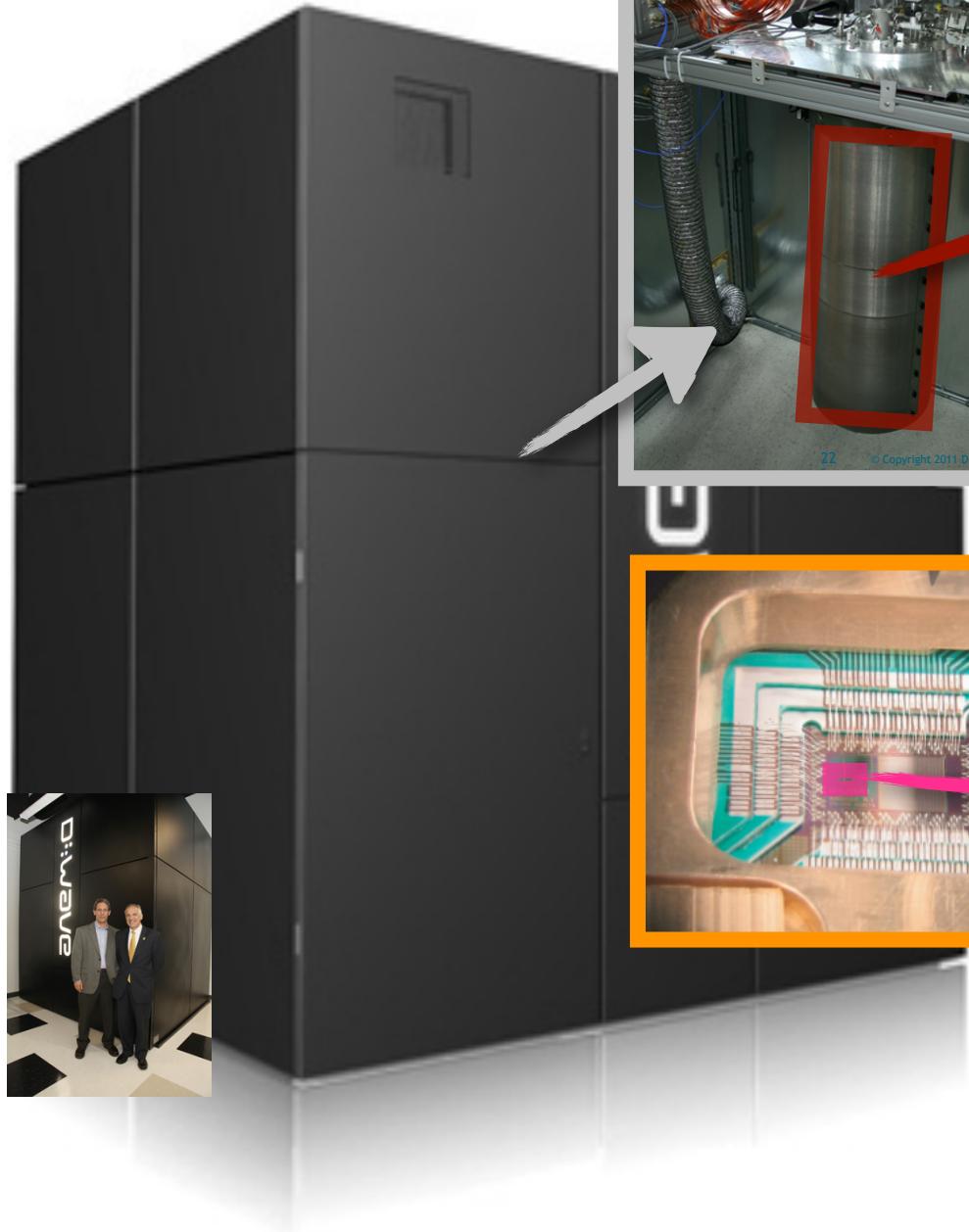
... it might even have been designed to trick us!

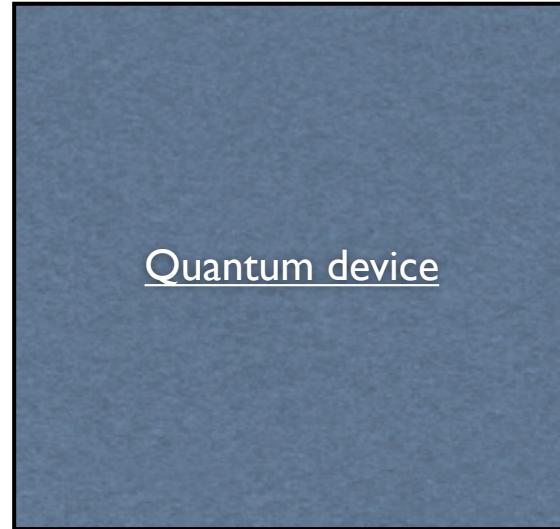
(e.g., it might behave correctly during your tests, and later cheat)

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

# USC-Lockheed Martin Quantum Computation Center

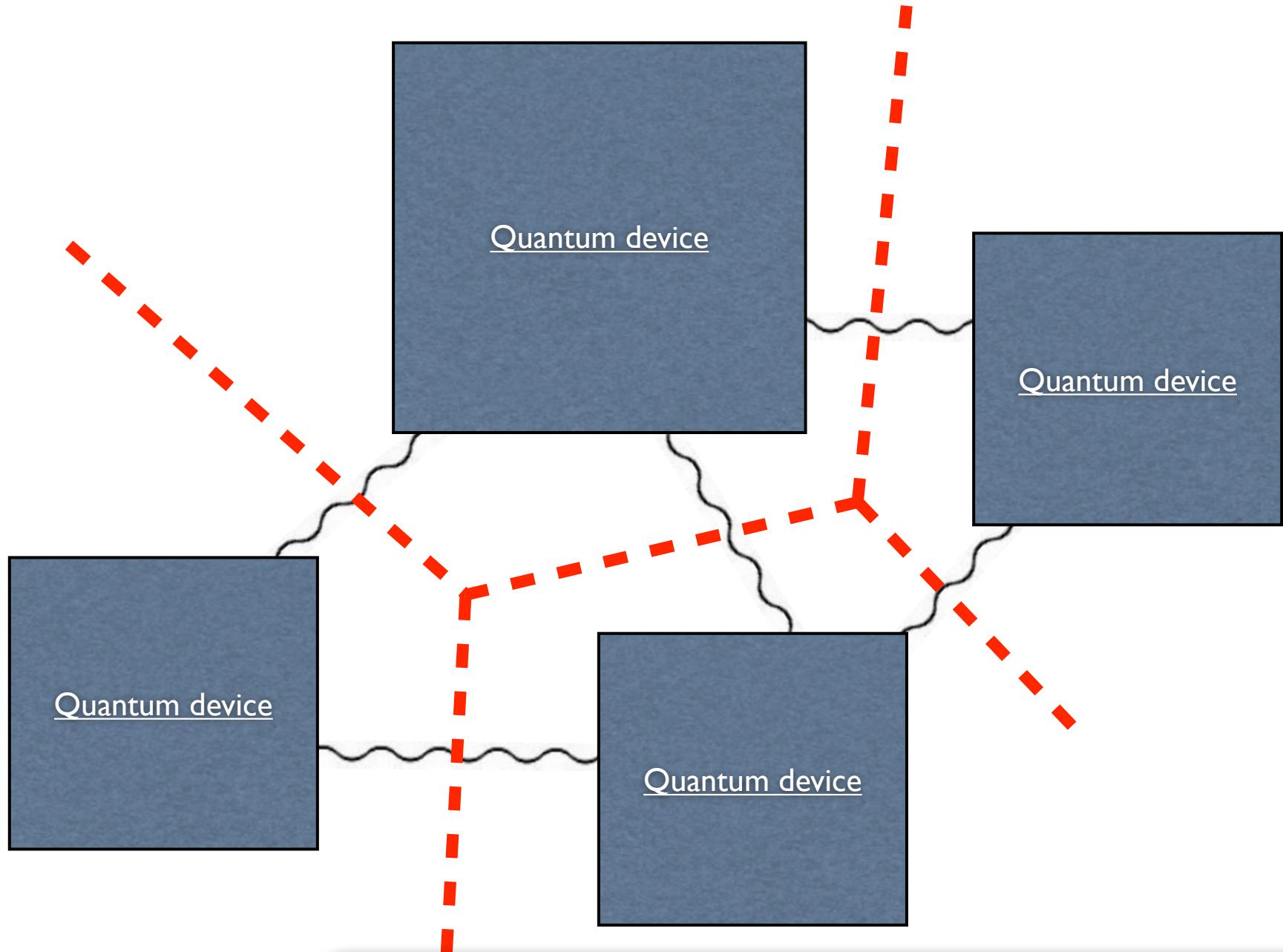
## D-Wave One





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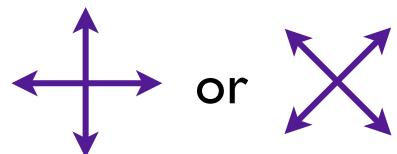
**You Can't**



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

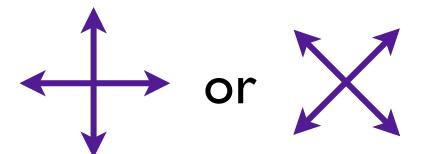
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# B

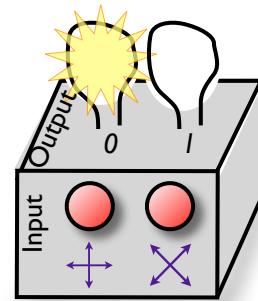
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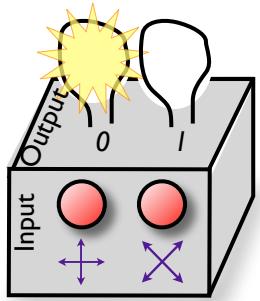
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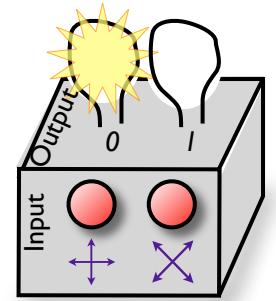
# Abstraction of an untrusted experimental system



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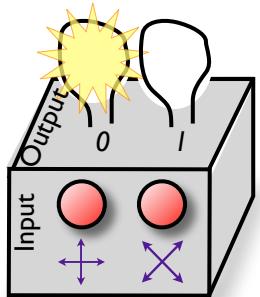
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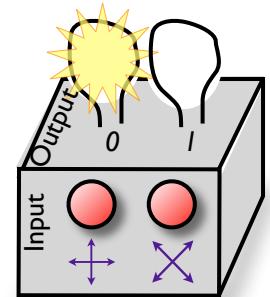
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# B



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



**Attack:** Devices share random two-bit string. Button 1  $\Rightarrow$  Output 1<sup>st</sup> bit  
also known by Eve!  Button 2  $\Rightarrow$  Output 2<sup>nd</sup> bit

# Device-independent QKD

- I. 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])

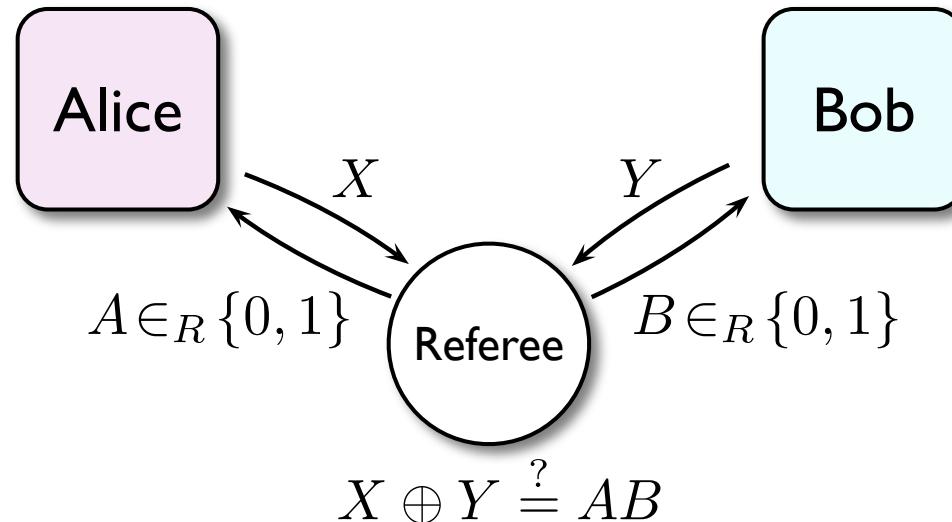
## Device-Independent QKD

- 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~~

# Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt game

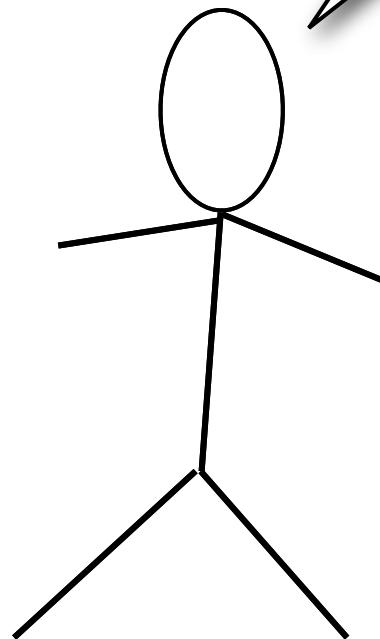
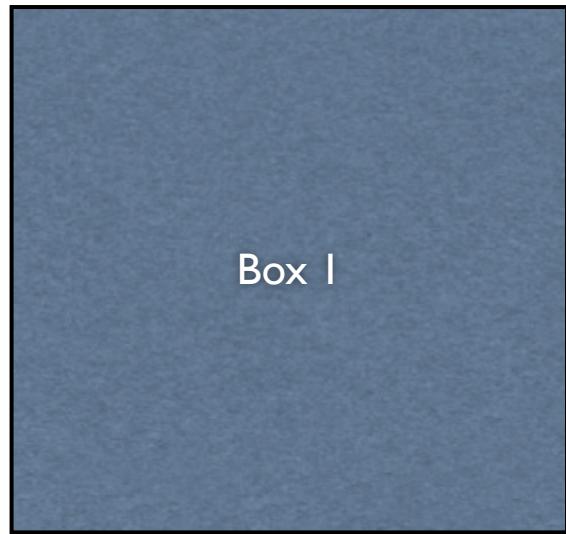


Classical devices  $\Rightarrow \Pr[\text{win}] \leq 75\%$

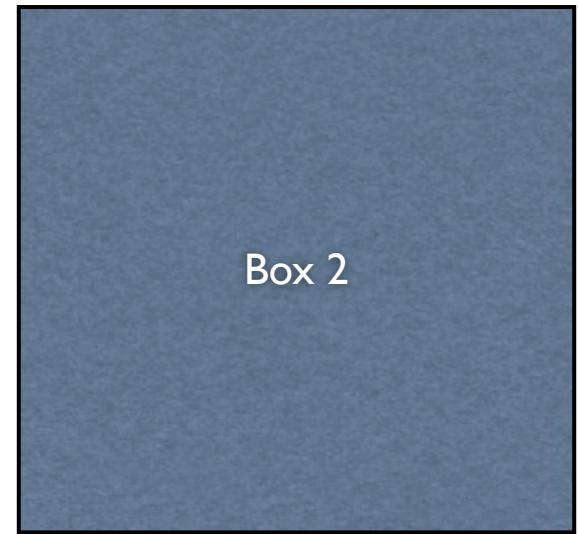
Quantum devices can win with prob. up to  $\approx 85\%$

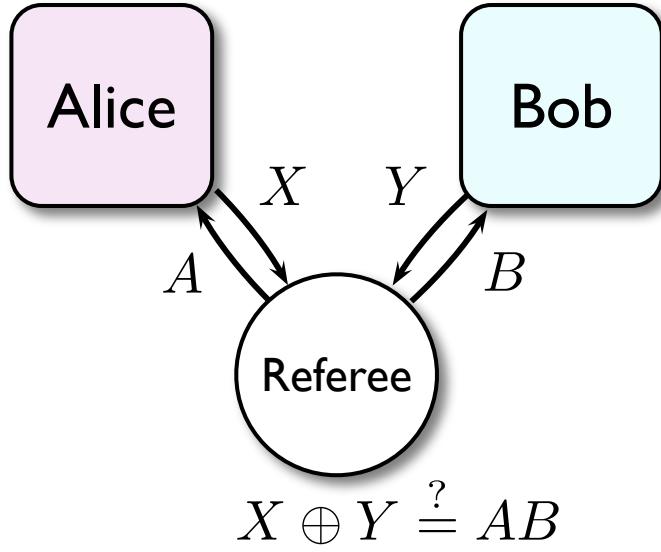
Test for “quantum-ness”

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?

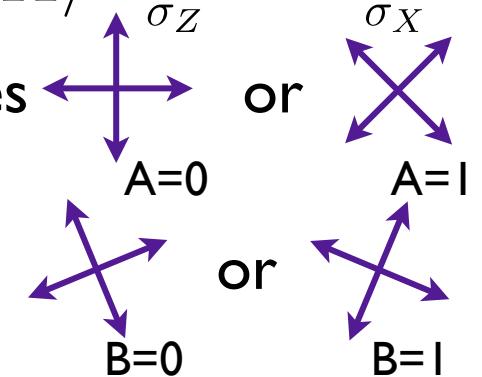




### Optimal quantum strategy:

- Share  $|00\rangle + |11\rangle$

- **Alice** measures



- **Bob** measures

**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)

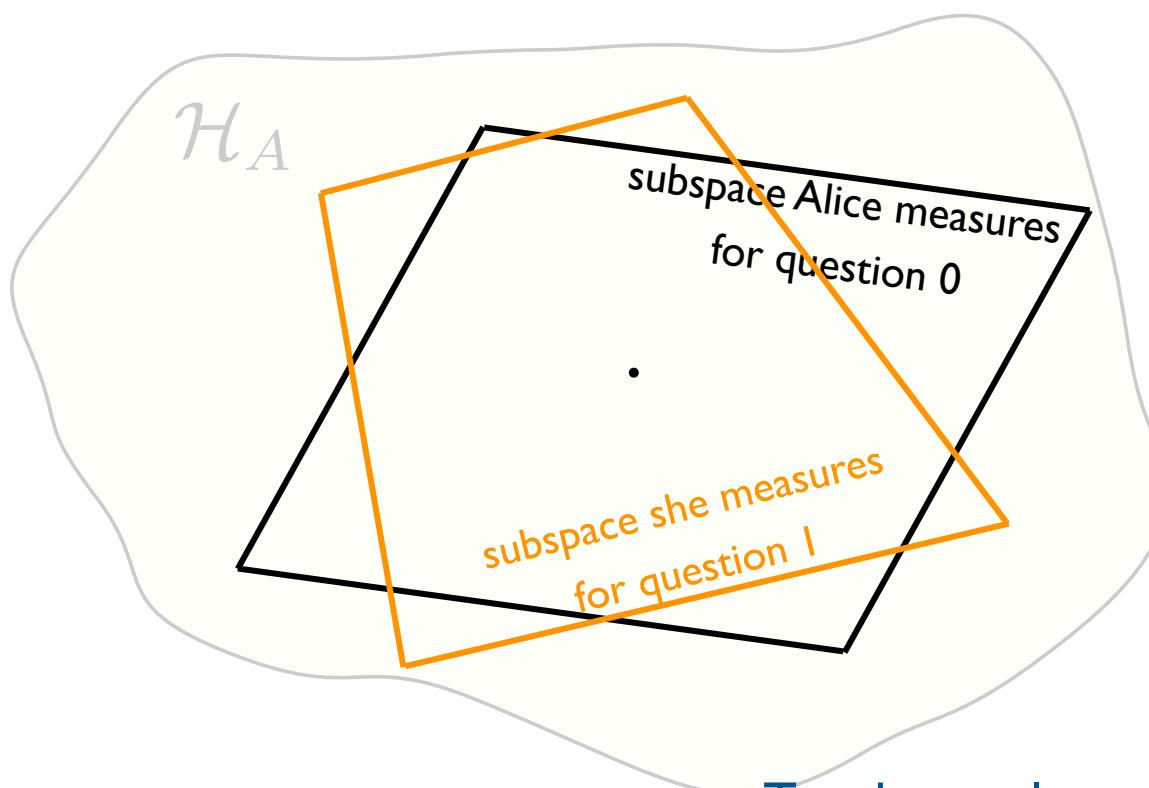
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$\mathcal{H}_A$

**Where is Alice's qubit?**

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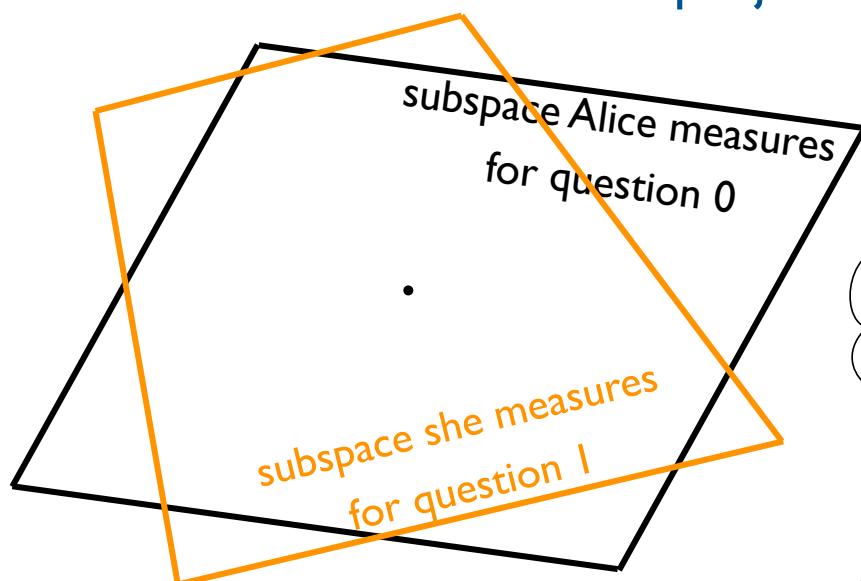
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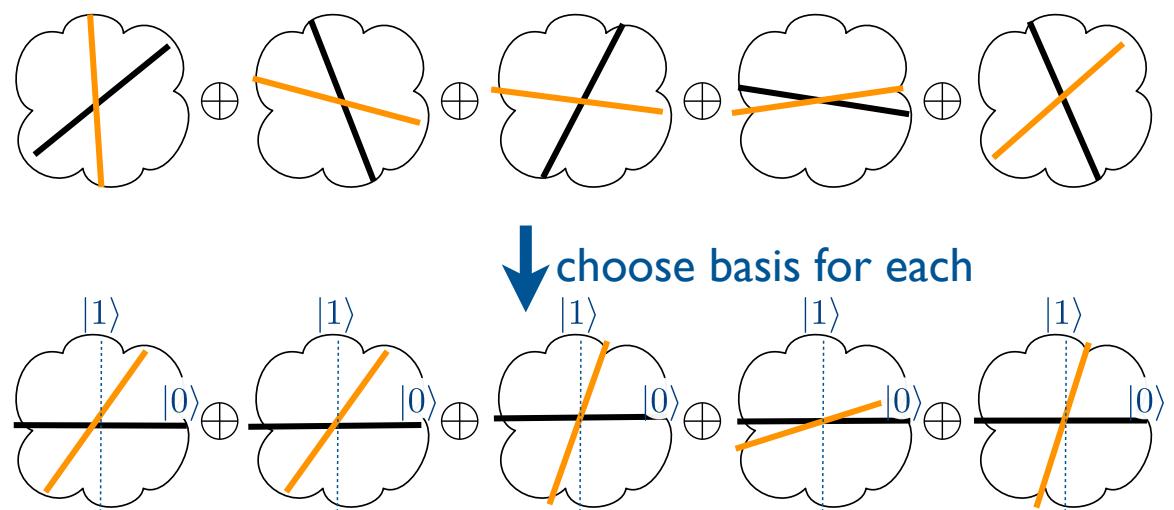
Two hyperplanes define a qubit iff the dihedral angles are constant

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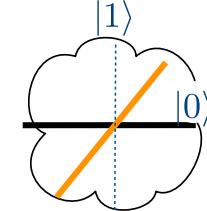
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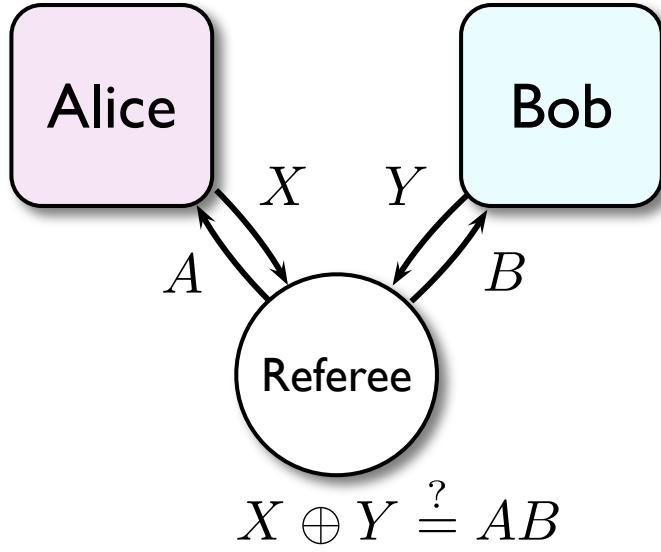


Fact\*: Two subspaces decompose space  $\mathcal{H}_A$  into 2D invariant spaces



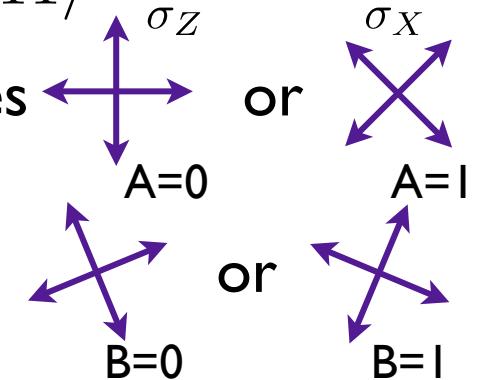
- By aligning the subspaces, this decomposes  $\mathcal{H}_A$  as (qubit)  $\otimes$  (subspace label)
- Analyze strategy on each 2D subspace separately\*, comparing state & measurements to ideal strategy





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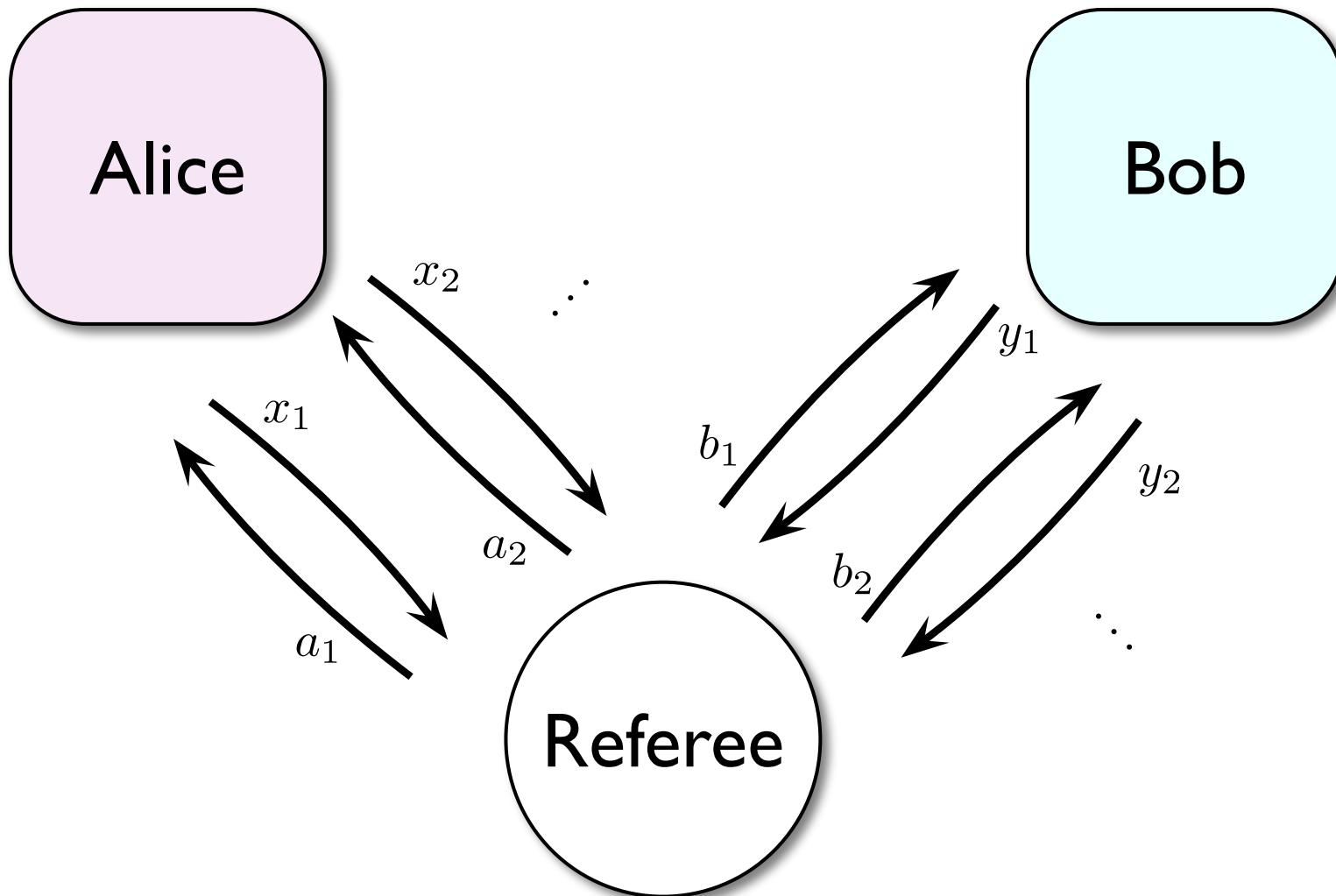
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**Open:** What other multi-player quantum games are rigid?

This theorem is useless

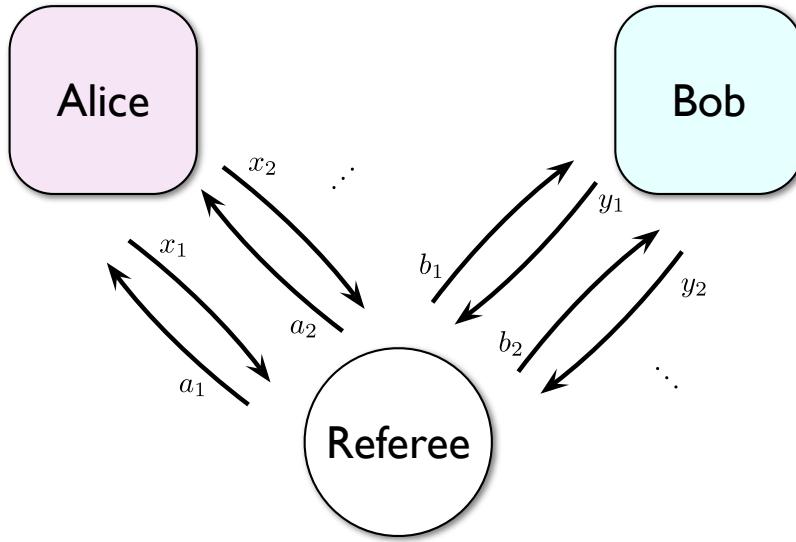
## Sequential CHSH games



**General strategy:**

Alice & Bob share an arbitrary state

in game j, measure with arbitrary projections



## Main theorem:

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

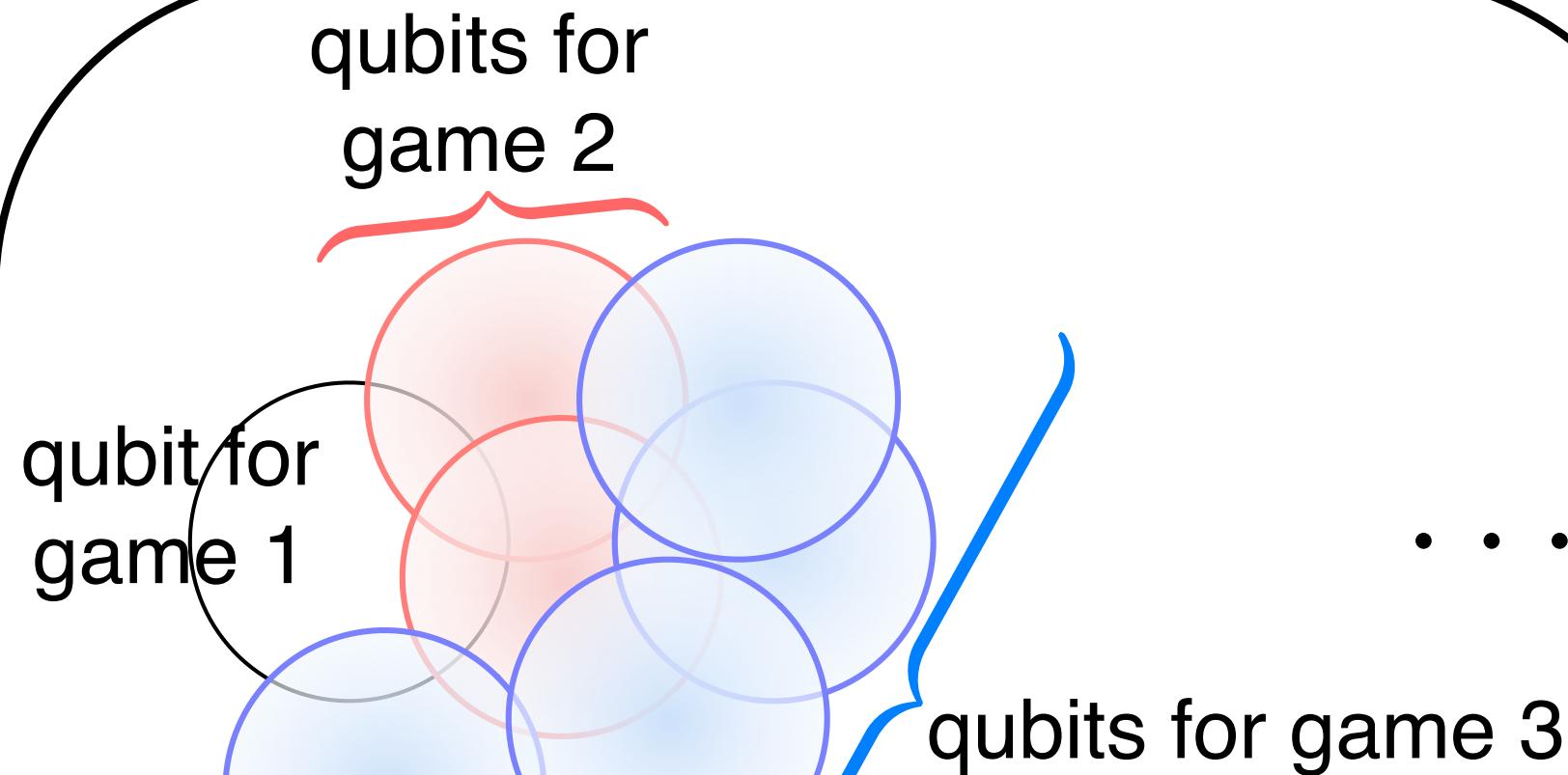
$$\Pr[\text{win} \geq (85\% - \epsilon) \text{ of games}] \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

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

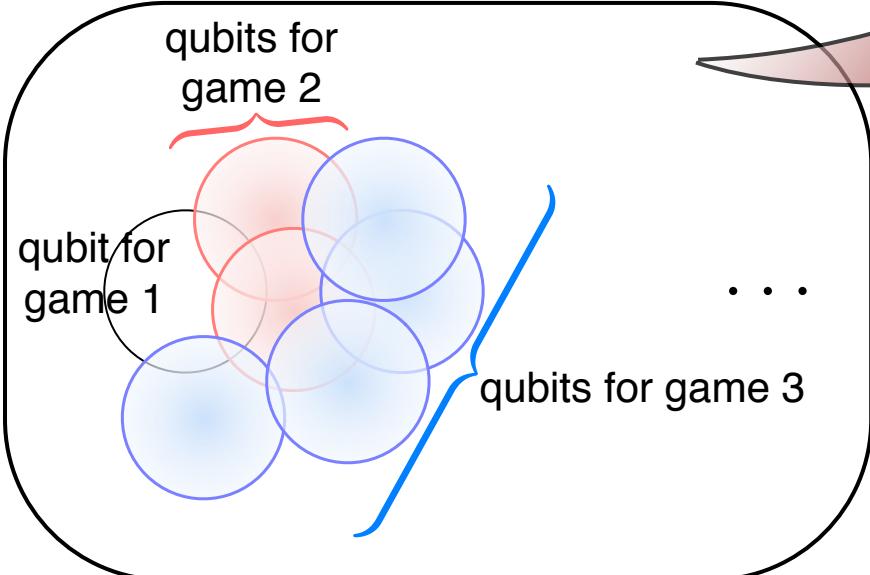
Provers' actual strategy  
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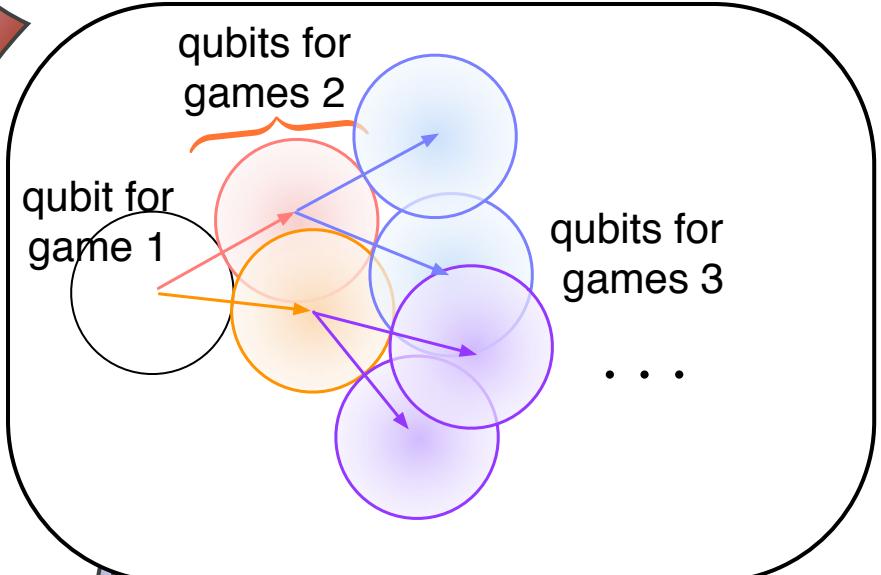
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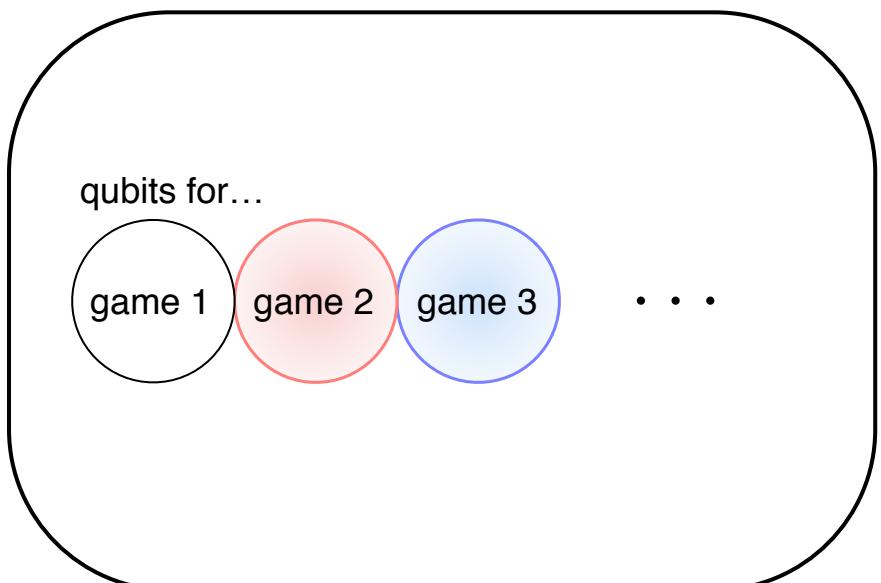
① Locate (overlapping) qubits



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

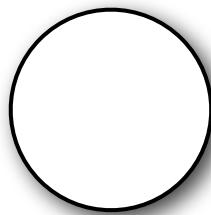
## Main idea: Leverage tensor-product structure *between* the boxes

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

$$\begin{aligned}(M \otimes I)(|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \\ = (I \otimes M^T)(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)\end{aligned}$$

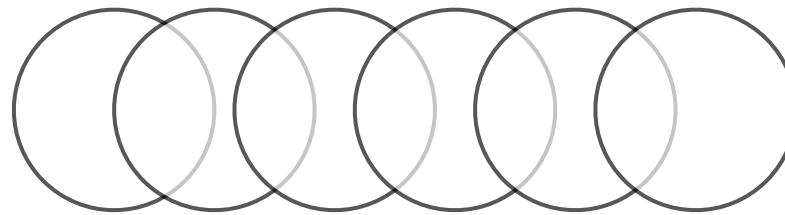
**Fact 2:** Quantum mechanics is local: An operation on the second half of a state can't affect the first half *in expectation*

game 1



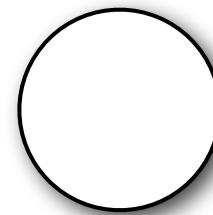
measuring this EPR state collapses it

games 2 to n-1

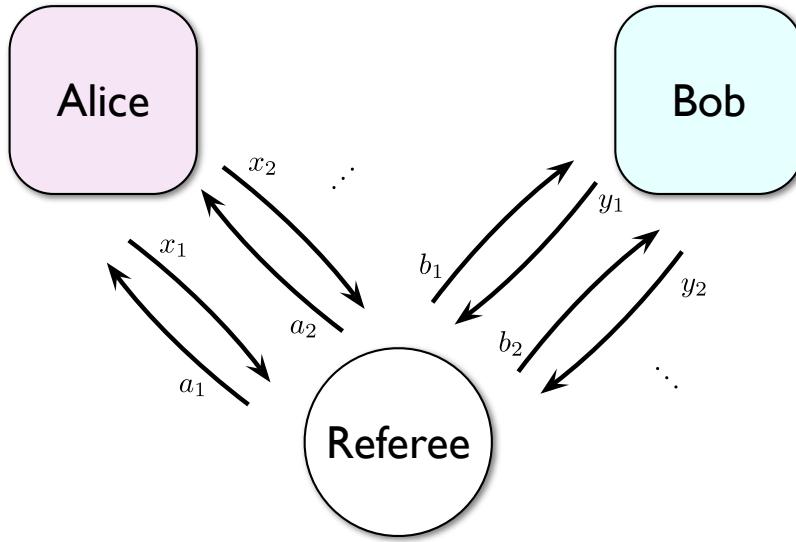


pull these operators to the other side  
(with a hybrid argument, last to first,  
incurring  $O(n\sqrt{\epsilon})$  error)  
 $\Rightarrow$  game 1's qubit stays collapsed

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  $s$ )

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

$\text{MIP} = \text{NEXP} \Rightarrow$  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 I:** ...with a classical verifier,  
and two provers

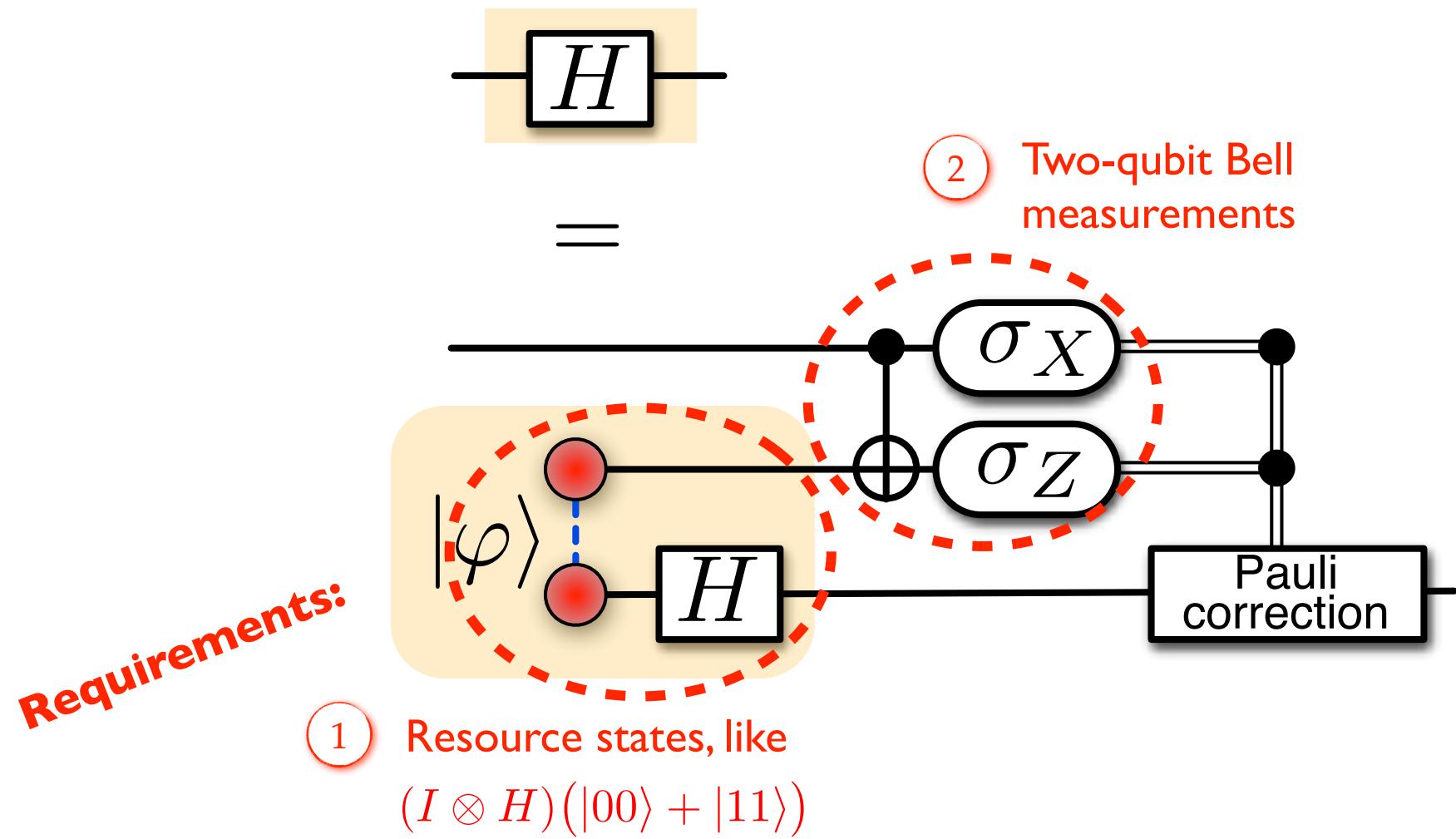
## Application 3: De-quantizing quantum multi-prover interactive proof systems

★ **Theorem 2:**  $\text{QMIP} = \text{MIP}^*$

(everything  
quantum)      (classical verifier,  
                      entangled provers)

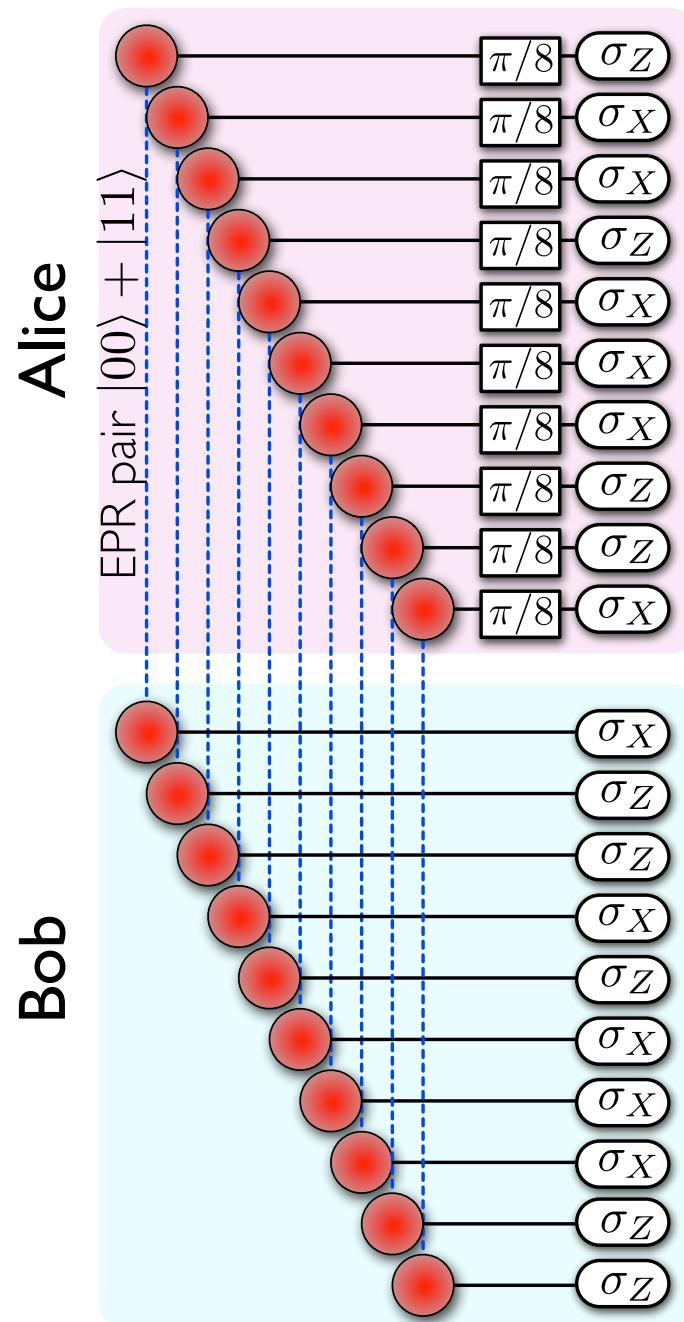
proposed by  
[Broadbent, Fitzsimons, Kashefi '10]

# Computation by teleportation

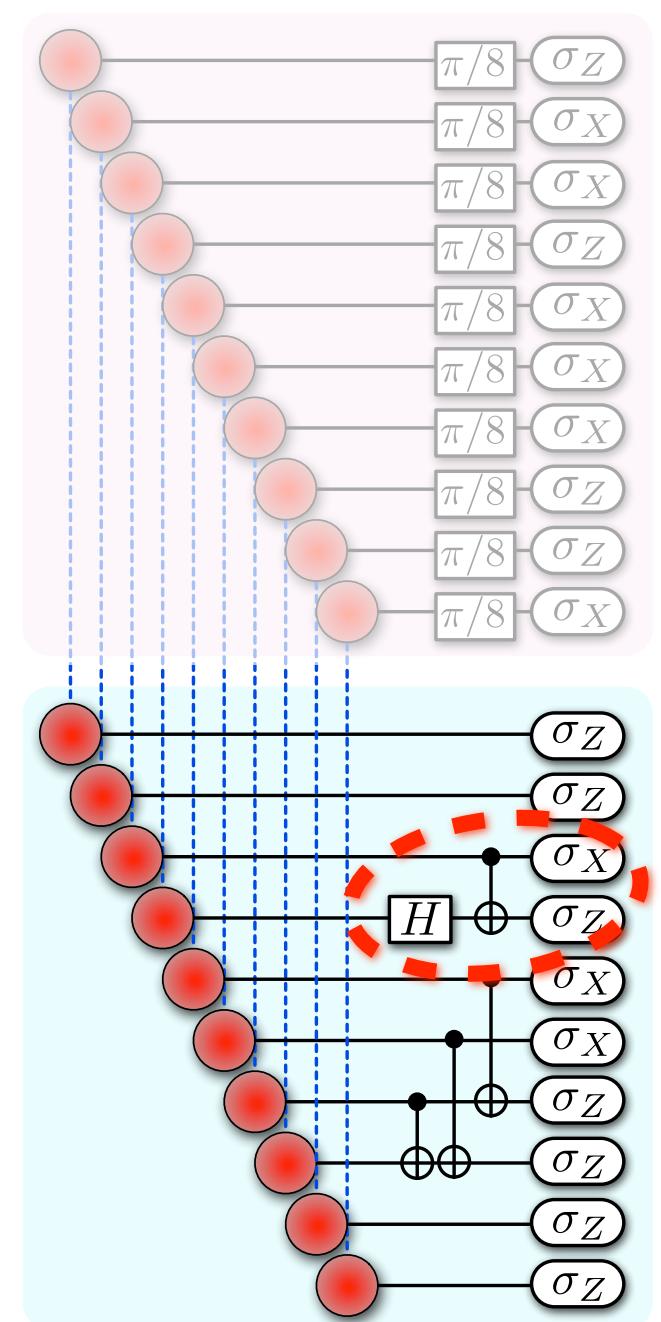


# Delegated quantum computation

Run one of four protocols, at random:



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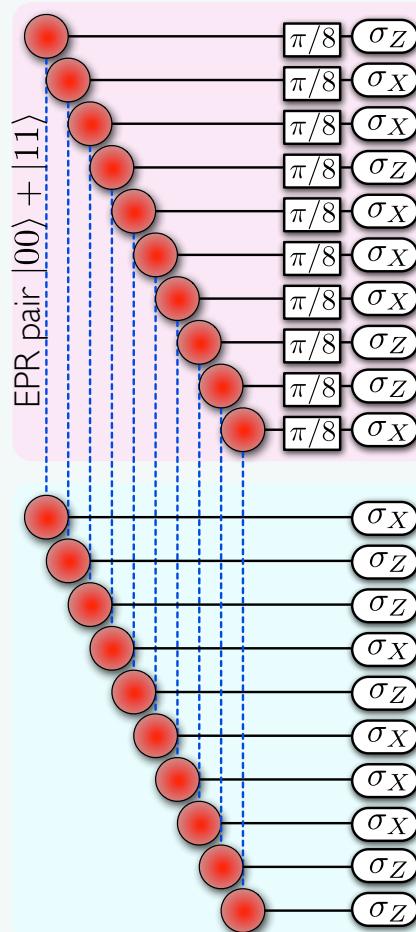


(b) State tomography:  
ask Bob to prepare **resource states**  
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(Alice can't tell the difference)

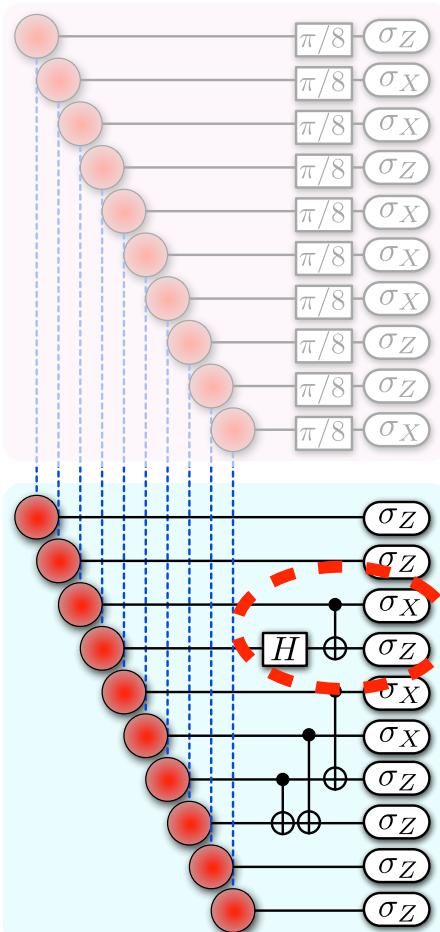
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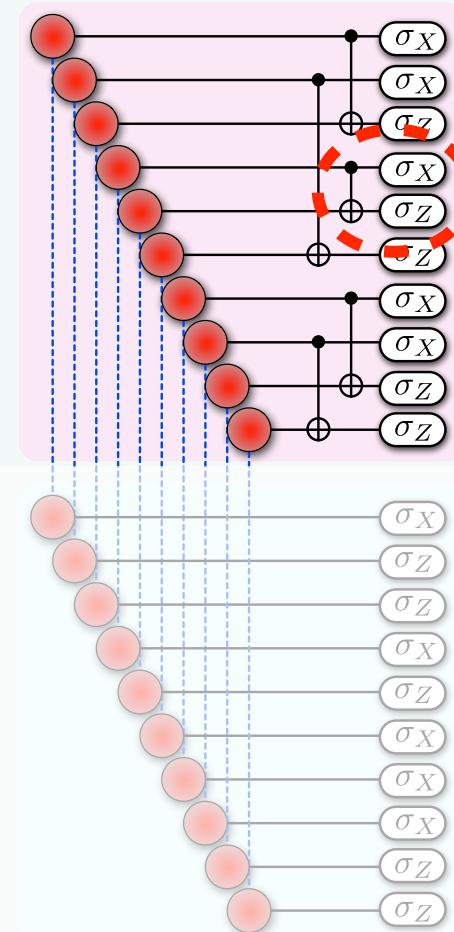
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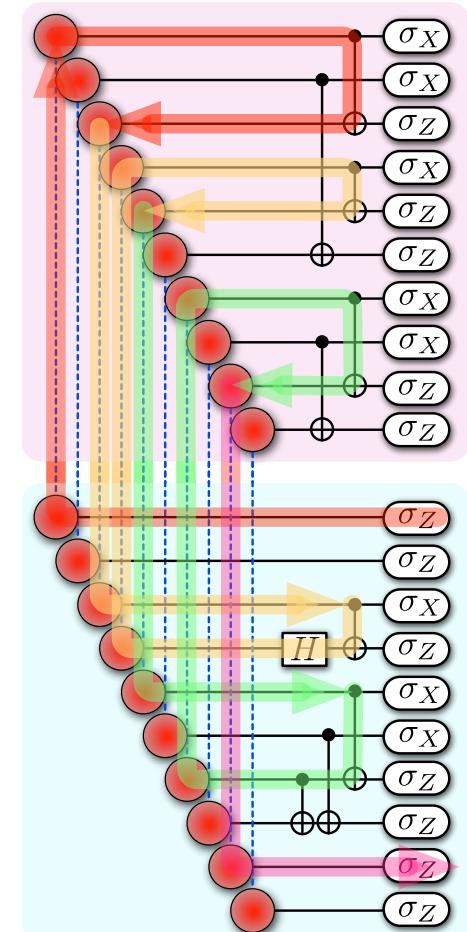
**(b) State tomography**



**(c) Process tomography**



**(d) Computation**



ask Bob to prepare resource states on Alice's side by collapsing EPR pairs  
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ask Alice to apply Bell measurements  
(Bob can't tell the difference)

by teleportation

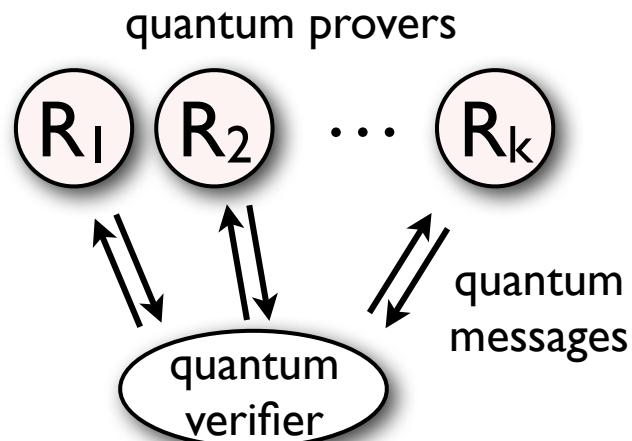
A small quantum circuit diagram showing the teleportation step. It consists of three qubits. The first qubit is in state  $|0\rangle$ . The second qubit passes through a Hadamard gate ( $H$ ). The third qubit is initialized to  $|0\rangle$  and passes through a CNOT gate with control on the second qubit and target on the third qubit. The third qubit then passes through a  $\sigma_Z$  gate.

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

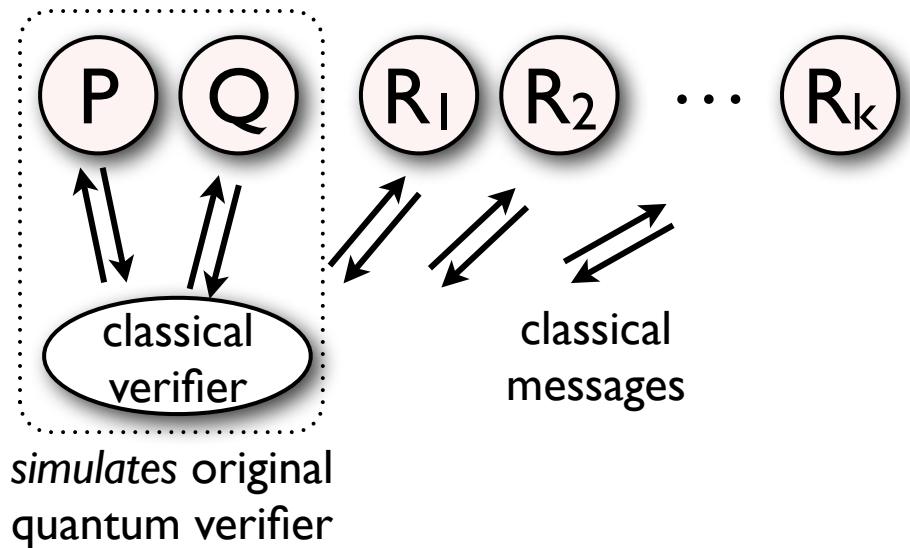
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Proof idea: Start with QMIP protocol:

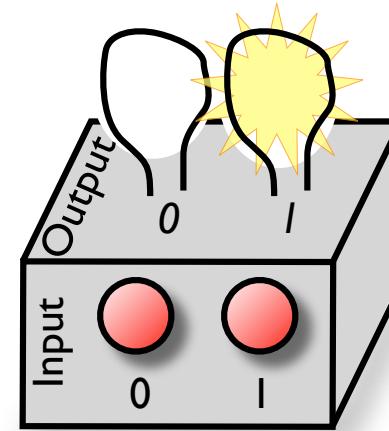
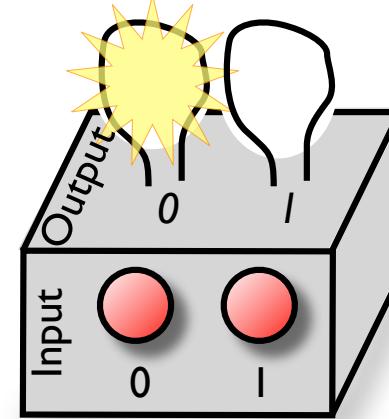
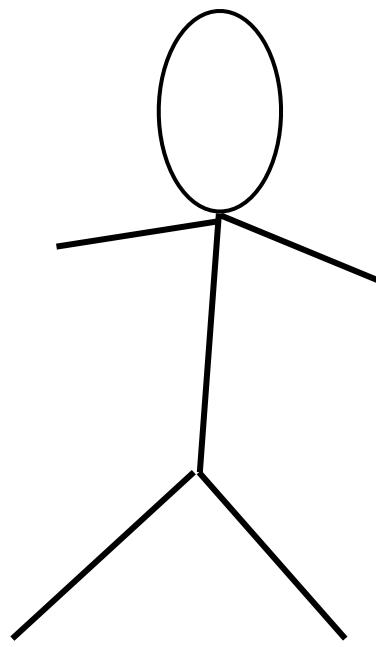


Simulate it using an  $\text{MIP}^*$  protocol with two new provers:



**Open:** Can the round complexity be reduced?

Does encoding a *fault-tolerant* circuit protect against attacks/noise?

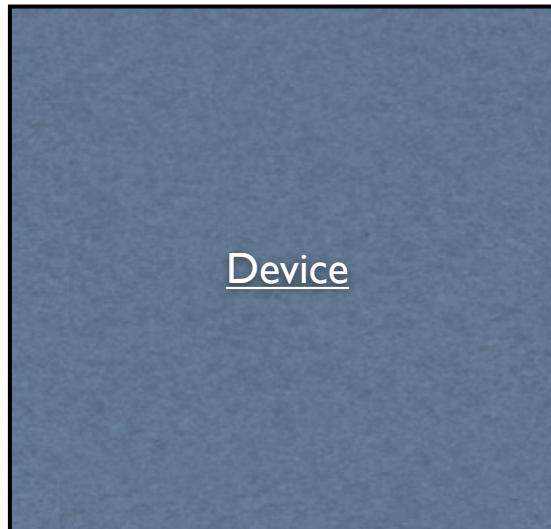
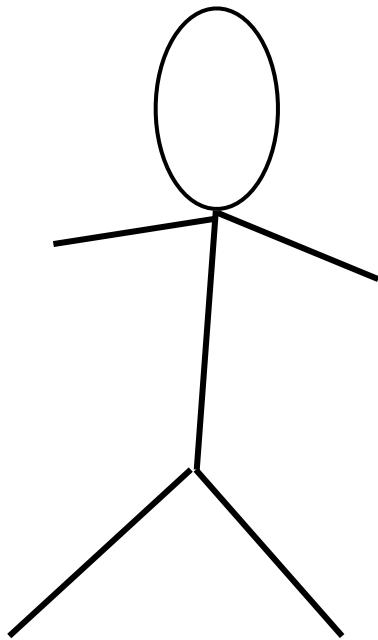


**CHSH test:** Observed statistics  $\Rightarrow$  system is quantum-mechanical

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!**