

Verification of Quantum Computation

- An introduction to “Verifier-on-a-Leash: new schemes for verifiable delegated quantum computation with quasilinear resources”

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Outline

- Problem definition
- Different Schemes
- Key Properties
- Different Delegation Protocols
- Conclusions



Problem Definition, Motivation

Quantum Computers:

- Implementable + more computational power **Superiority**
- Expensive
- Online Service (e.g IBM Cloud Service, IonQ, ...)

→ **Guarantee server runs quantum computation.**

First protocol for verification with a classical client

Mahadev, U. (2018, October). Classical verification of quantum computations. In *2018 IEEE 59th Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS)* (pp. 259-267). IEEE.

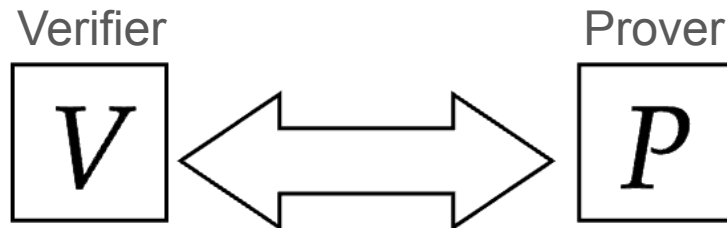
For blind verification with a quantum client

Fitzsimons, J. F., & Kashefi, E. (2017). Unconditionally verifiable blind quantum computation. *Physical Review A*, 96(1), 012303.

Problem Definition, Interactive proofs

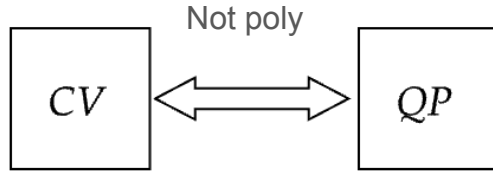
Goal: Interactive proof system for BQP where

- the verifier runs poly-time prob. computation
- an honest prover runs poly-time quantum computation
- the protocol is sound against any malicious prover
- additional property: the prover does not learn Q

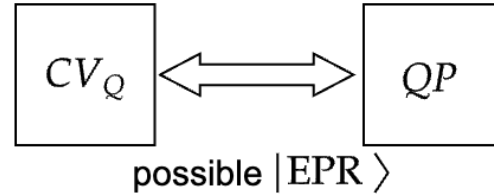


Different Schemes

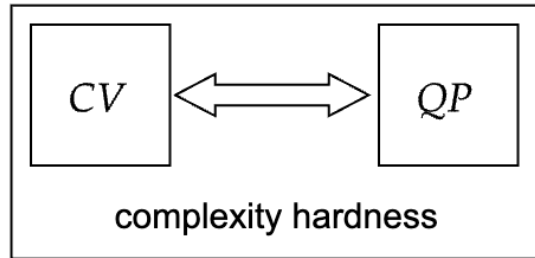
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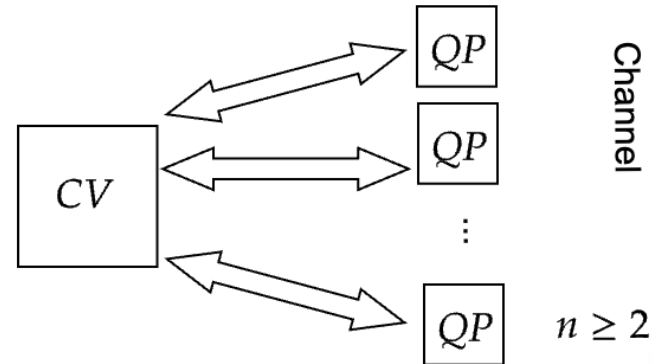
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The EPR Protocol, Scheme 2

- V wants to delegate a Circuit, C to P
- V has limited 'quantum power'
- V wants to verify that P computed C
- V 'switches' between Computation & Test rounds
- These are indistinguishable to P
- P necessarily performs the same operations in both the Computation & Test rounds
- Use of encryption and 'gate gadgets'

$$C\{X, Z, CNOT, H, T\}$$

$$|EPR\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\psi\rangle|\psi\rangle + |\psi^\perp\rangle|\psi^\perp\rangle)$$

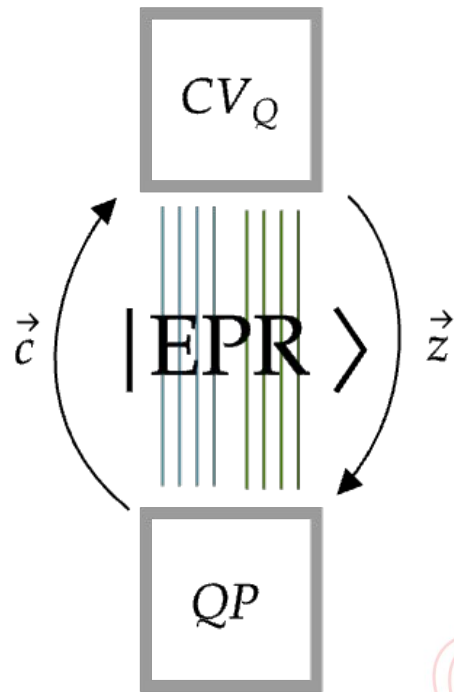
$$C|x\rangle$$

$$\text{Id}|0\rangle$$

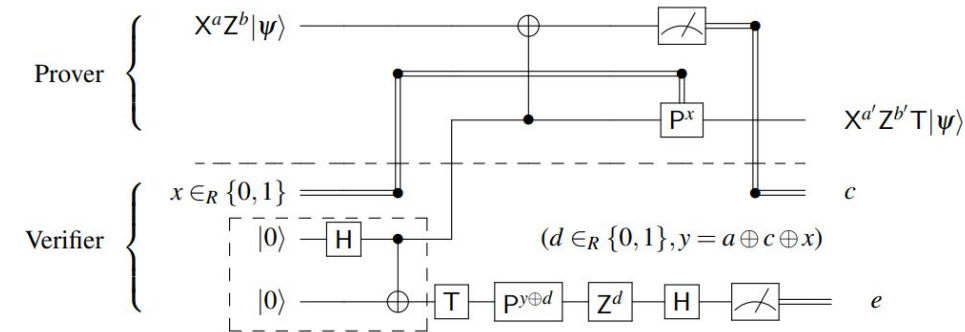
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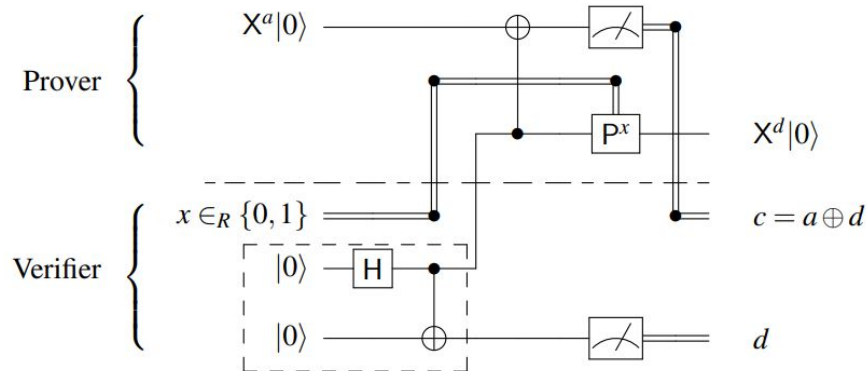


T-gate Gadgets



- T gadget in a computational round

- Implements a T gate



- T gadget in a test round

- Implements the Identity

Key Properties

Completeness, there exists a prover (called an honest prover) such that the verifier accepts with probability $p \geq 2/3$.

Soundness, No malicious prover can convince V to accept with probability $p \geq 1/3$.

Blindness is a property of delegation protocols, which informally states that the prover learns nothing* about the verifier's circuit C .

Key Properties, Classical Game

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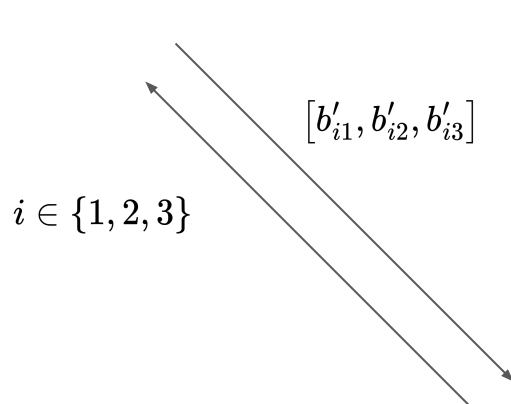
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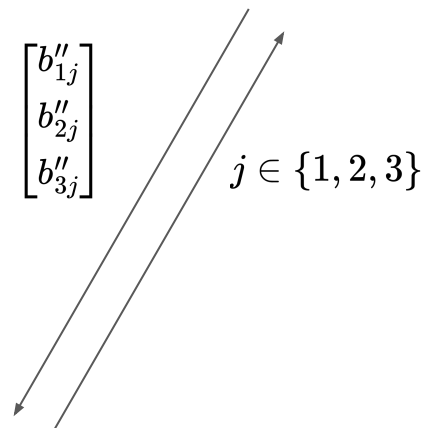
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Verifier



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Best winning prob. for
randomized strategies: 8/9

Winning Conditions

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$i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

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Verifier

Key Properties, Quantum Game

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Verifier

Key Properties, Rigidity

Questions Include the set of m -qubit Clifford observables

Answers: $\{0,1\}^m \times \{0,1\}^m$

Robust Rigidity Theorem: There is a constant c , and a function δ s.t.:

Completeness: If the players use strategy S , then they win G with prob. c .

Soundness: If the players use strategy S' that wins with probability $c - \epsilon$, then $|S - S'| < \delta(\epsilon)$.

Constant robustness: δ is constant in m .

A way to test relations between observables

What to consider when designing a protocol?

Provers

more or less

Blindness

reliability of the quantum device

Rounds

number of interactions to verify the quantum device

Resources

gate complexity of the provers, EPR pairs, number of bits

Different Delegation

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Conclusion

- Motivation
 - Trust in our quantum computers
- Different Schemes
 - Key Properties: completeness, soundness & blindness
- Protocol Design
 - Provers, Rounds & Resources

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- **Recap Broadbent's protocol**
- **Introduction to Verifier-on-a Leash**
- **Non-local games & Rigidity**
- **Scalability**
- **Blindness**
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Recap: Broadbent's Protocol

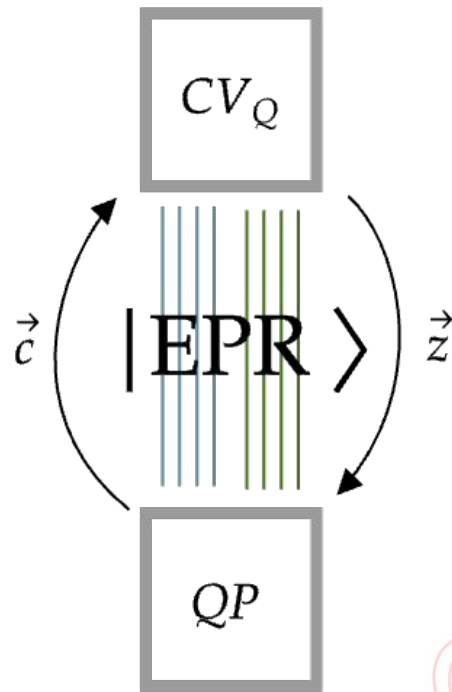
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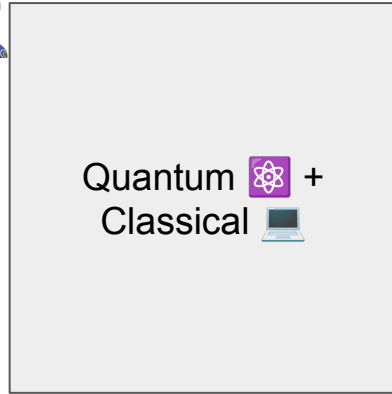
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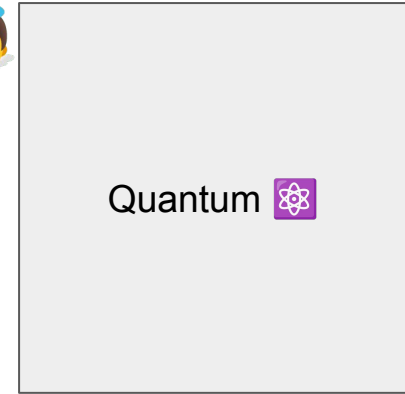
The Previous Scheme

Verifier is trusted

Verifier



Prover P

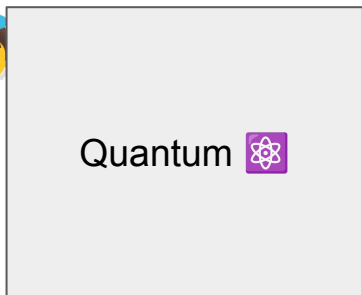


Pro: Efficient Protocol $O(g)$
Con: requires verifier to have
'quantum power'

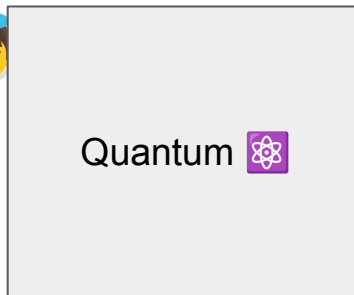
The New Scheme: Verified on a Leash

Delegated Verifier is NOT trusted

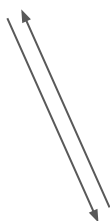
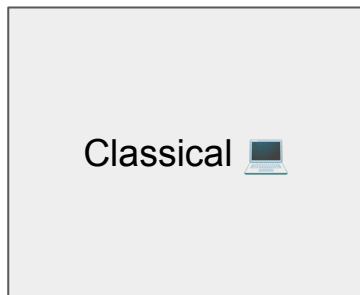
Prover V



Prover P



Verifier



Complexity: $O(g \log g)$









Switch between test and computation rounds.

'Computation round' = broadband protocol.

Different

Cases

Reduction := Use the same assumptions of rigidity & robustness as case 2.

	Prover V	Prover P	Argument
1.			Broadbent scenario (no problem) Correctness case
2.			Broadbent scenario (no problem) Security Broadbent scheme
3.			Clifford rigidity game (new) Rigidity game → reduction to 2.
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Verifier

Robustness under Clifford rigidity game

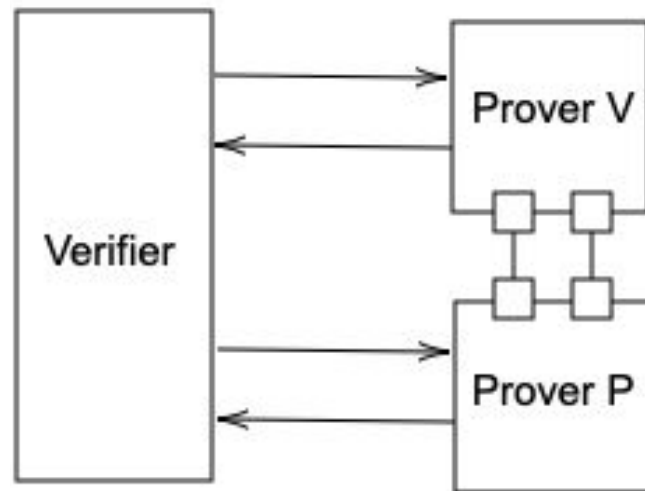
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- 3) Broadbent logic => verification under truthful PV.



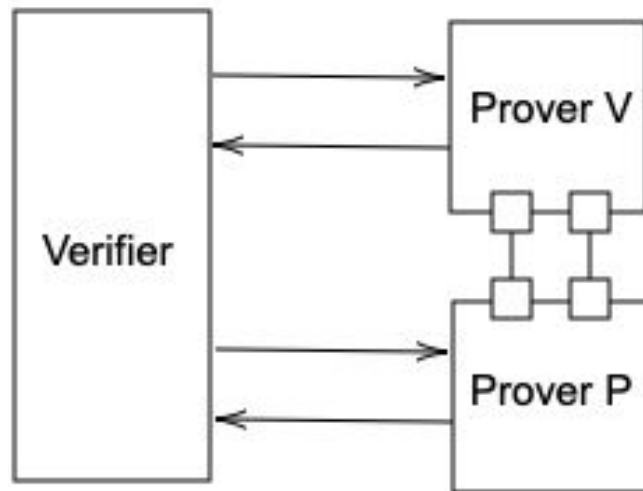
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3) Lying PV????!!



Self tests



Self tests: states

$$\underbrace{\left\| (V_A \otimes V_B) |\psi\rangle_{AB} \right\|}_{\text{Behaviour of our system}} - \underbrace{\left\| |\text{EPR}\rangle_{A'B'}^{\otimes m} |\text{AUX}\rangle_{\hat{A}\hat{B}} \right\|}_{\text{Expected output (for non-malicious players)}}^2 = \underbrace{O(\sqrt{\varepsilon})}_{\text{Scaling of distance between the states}},$$

Behaviour of our system

Expected output (for
non-malicious players)

Scaling of distance
between the states

Self-testing certifies that the shared resources are the correct **EPR pairs** if the players successfully execute $\text{CLIFF}(\Sigma, m)$. Robustness ensures that the shared pairs are close to correct if they win with a probability of at least $1-\varepsilon$.

Self tests: operations

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{W \in \Sigma^m, c \in \{0,1\}^m} \left\| \underbrace{\text{Id}_A \otimes \underbrace{(V_B W(c))}_{\text{Requested operations}} - \underbrace{\tau_W(c) V_B}_{\text{Performed operations}}}_{\text{Expectation values}} \right\|}_{\text{Distance between operations acting on states}}^2 = O(\text{poly}(\varepsilon)).$$

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Delegation Protocols with Classical

“Total Resources” refers to the gate complexity of the provers, the number of EPR pairs of entanglement needed, and the number of bits of communication in the protocol

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Scalability: Where does the $\text{glog}(g)$ come from?

Asymptotic complexity comes from:

- Universal circuit
- Sampling (rigidity test: provers implement correct ops on correct resource state)

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Scalability: Why doesn't it grow higher?

Distance between states

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Amount of tests (self testing EPR pairs) you need to perform is not related to the number of EPR pairs (and thus number of gates) => amount of effort to certify the victory of the game is independent of “size”.

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Distance between operations

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HS-norm allows for composability

Scalability: Why doesn't it grow higher?

Distance between operations applied on a resource

$$\mathbb{E}_{W \in \Sigma^m} \sum_{u \in \{\pm 1\}^m} \left\| \underbrace{V_A \text{Tr}_B((\text{Id}_A \otimes W_B^u) |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB} (\text{Id}_A \otimes W_B^u)^\dagger) V_A^\dagger}_{\text{Honest operations applied on resource}} - \underbrace{\sum_{\lambda \in \{\pm\}} \left(\bigotimes_{i=1}^m \frac{\sigma_{W_i, \lambda}^{u_i}}{2} \right) \otimes \tau_\lambda}_{\text{Performed operations}} \right\|_1$$

Honest operations applied
on resource

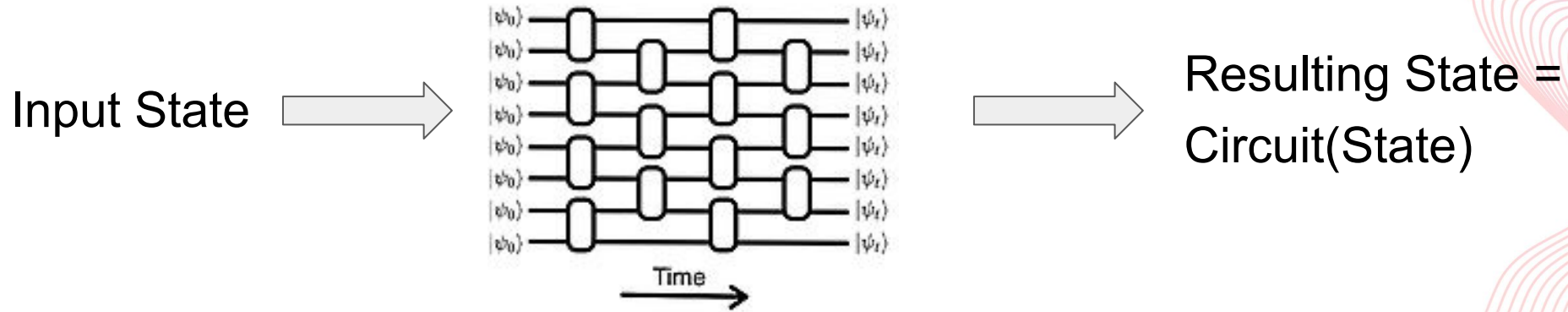
Performed operations

$$= O(\text{poly}(\varepsilon))$$



Where blindness comes in?

Circuit

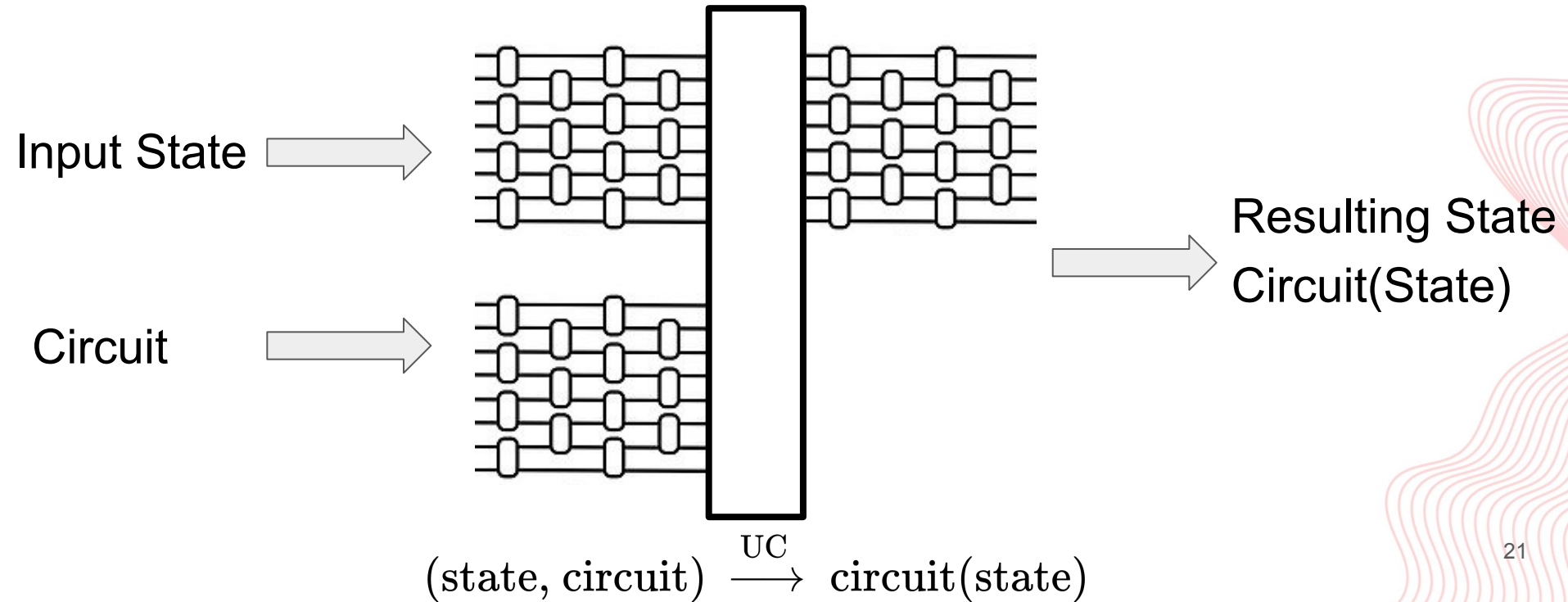


$$\text{state} \xrightarrow{\text{Circuit}} C(\text{state})$$

Where blindness comes in?

Universal circuit

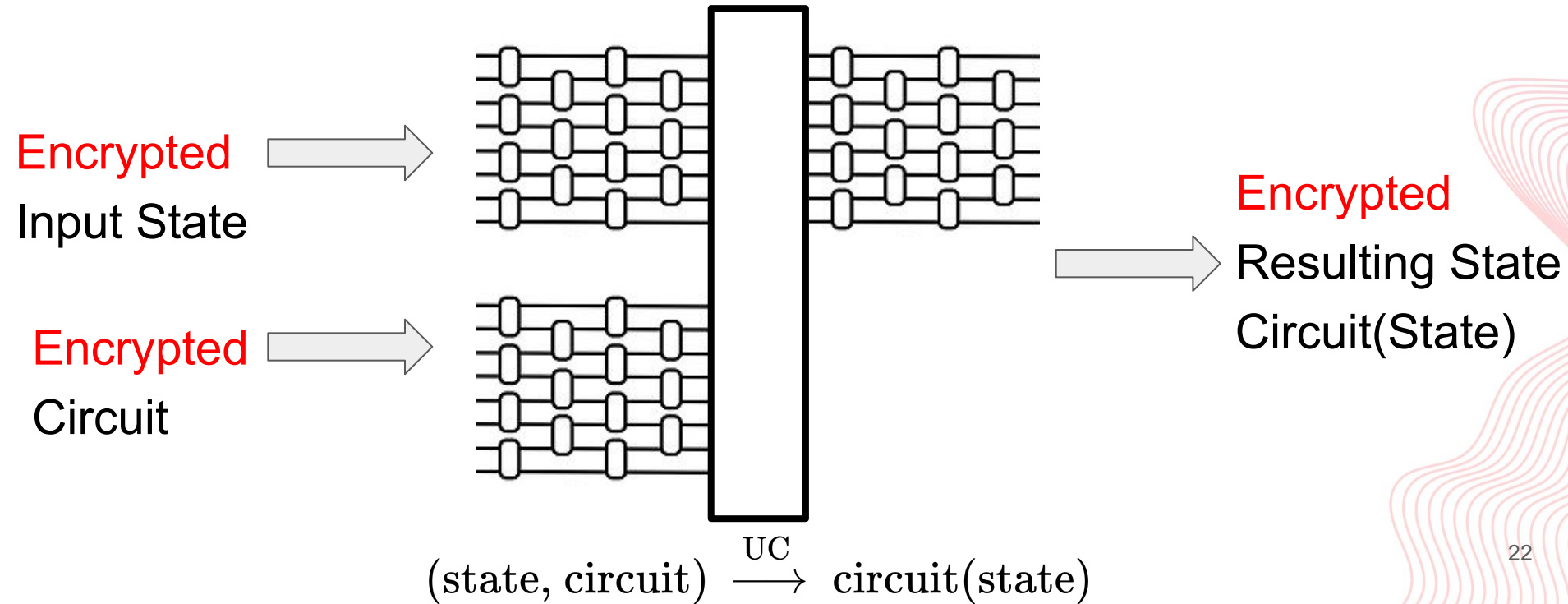
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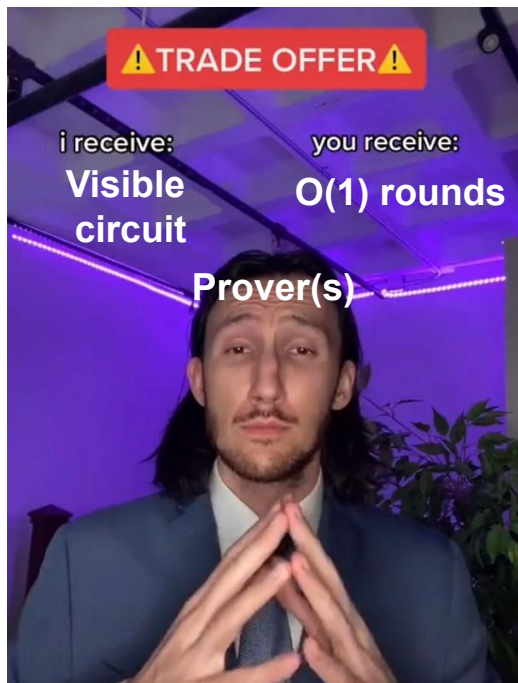
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Dog-walker protocol

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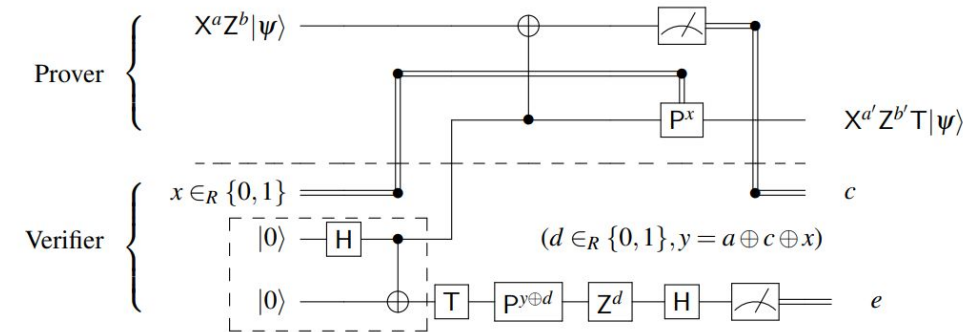
Prover is not **blind** to the computation in exchange for a reduction on the number of question rounds required to verify 🖖 / 🙌 : $O(1)$.



Conclusions

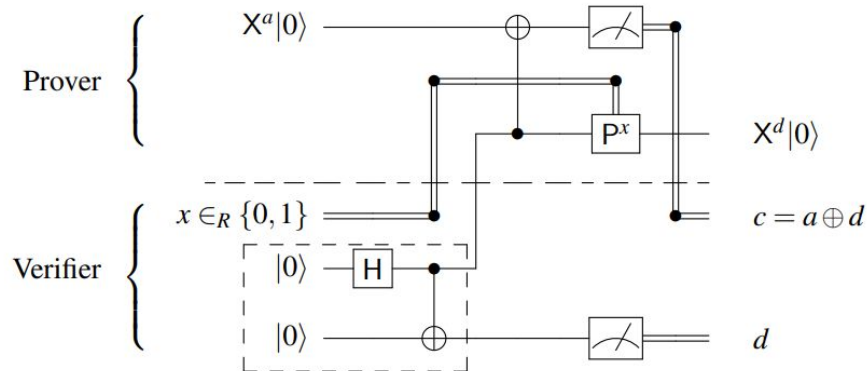
- Recap: Overview of non-local games and their relevance.
- Introduced a new framework: **Verifier on a Leash**, expanding the scope of verification protocols.
- Addressed both **trusted** and **non-trusted** PV scenarios.
 - Reduction of the **non-trusted PV** case to the trusted case.
- Presented the **scalability** of the protocol.
- Highlighted the **blindness property** of the new protocols.

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