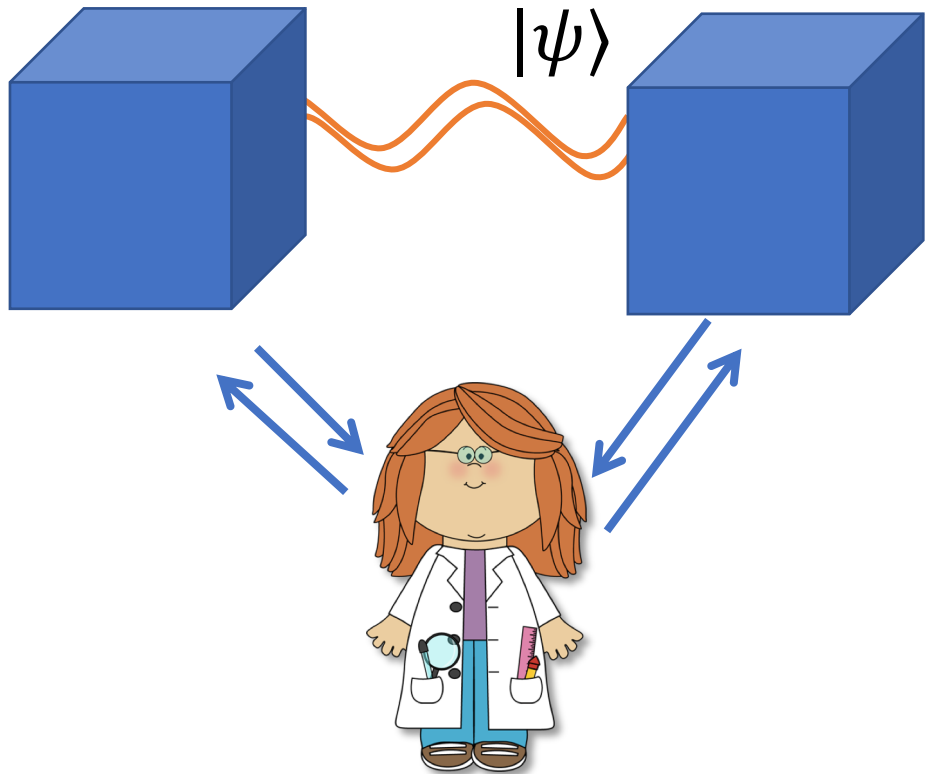


Multiprover Protocols

A lens on complexity,
cryptography, and beyond

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The model

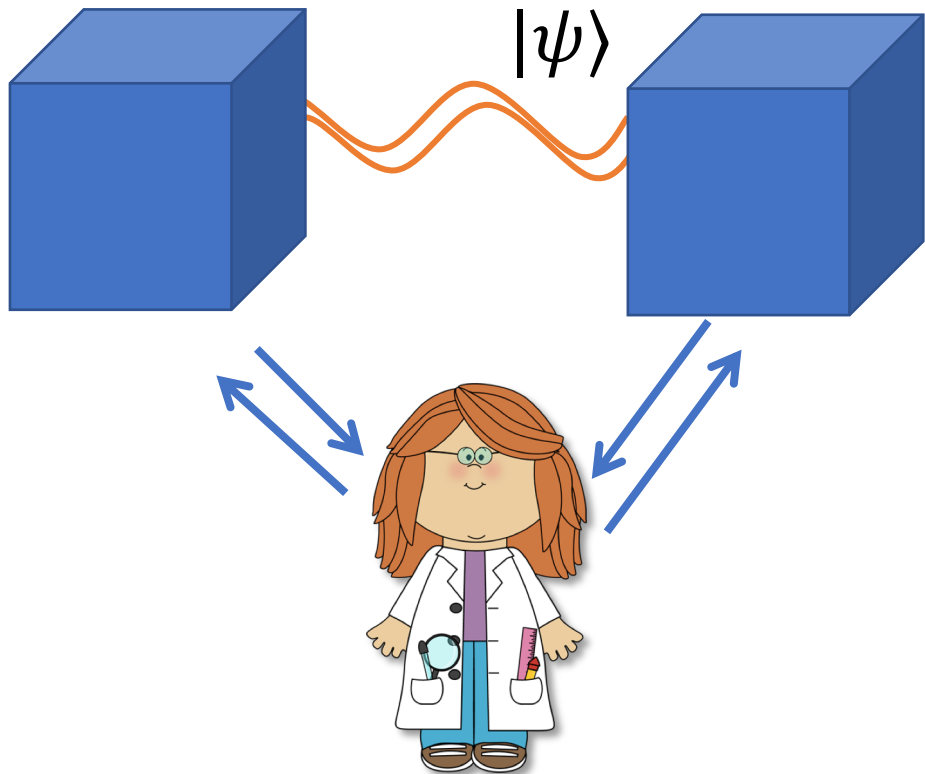


PI: polynomial time investigator

What can the PI learn from the two devices through classical interaction only?

- Devices are described by quantum mechanics
- Devices cannot signal to each other

The model



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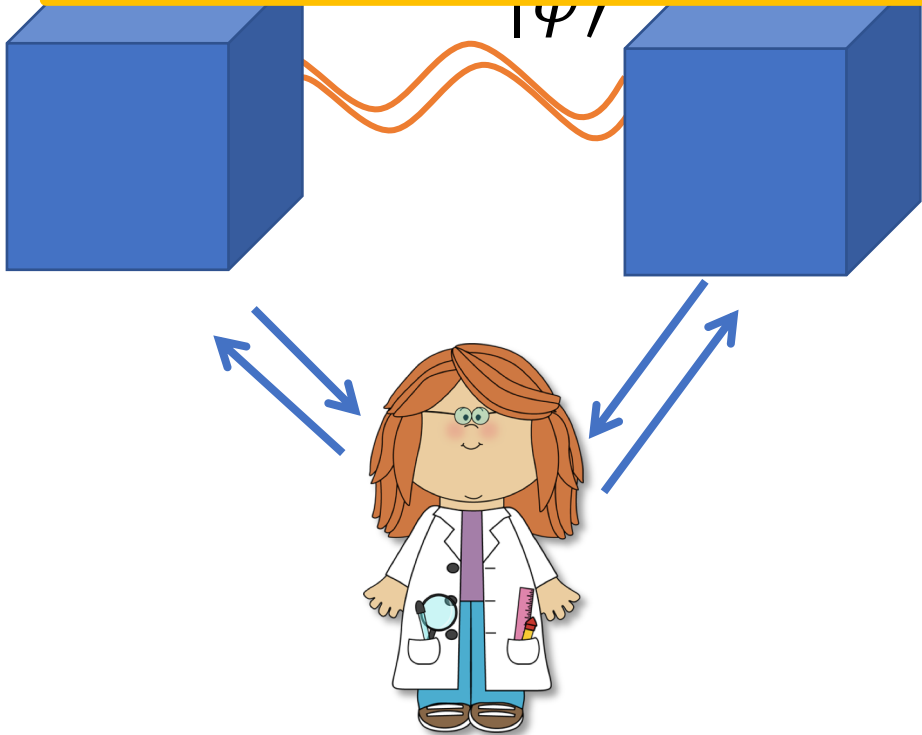
The PI might wonder: are these boxes...

- Performing a quantum computation correctly?
- Generating secure random bits?
- Holding a ground state of a local Hamiltonian?
- Capable of solving the Halting Problem?
- Using infinite-dimensional entanglement?

All verifiable using multiprover protocols!

The model

Prover: want to convince the verifier of a statement X (even if untrue)



Verifier: want to verify X using the fewest assumptions.

- PI is computationally limited “verifier”
- Devices are “provers”
 - More computationally powerful than PI
 - Trying to convince a skeptical verifier of some claim X , e.g.
 - “ N is product of two primes”
 - “boxes are generating secure random bits”
 - “quantum circuit C accepts whp”
- Multiprover protocol: efficient interactive procedure to determine if X is true
 - **Completeness:** if X true, provers can convince verifier whp
 - **Soundness:** if X false, provers cannot convince verifier whp

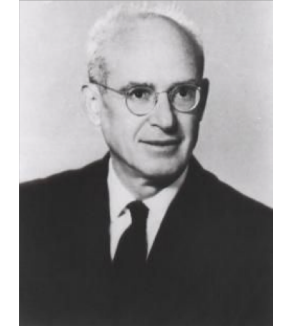
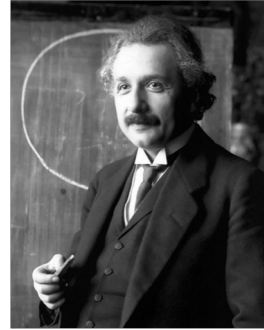
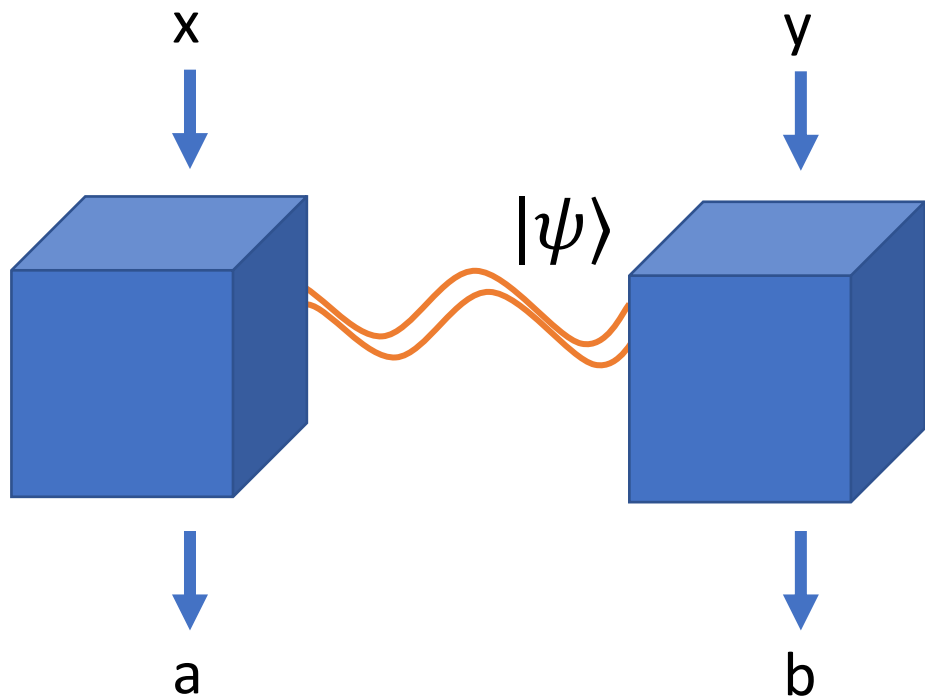
The multiprover lens

- Cryptography
 - Delegated quantum computation
 - Randomness expansion
 - Device independent quantum cryptography
 - Zero knowledge
- Complexity theory
 - Complexity of MIP*
 - Hamiltonian complexity
- Foundations of quantum mechanics
 - Rigidity of quantum correlations
 - Finite vs infinite dimensional quantum correlations
- Pure mathematics
 - Functional analysis
 - Representation theory
 - Algebra
 - Noncommutative optimization

This talk, and the next

- Multiprover protocols I
 - Simple rigidity
 - Application: A simple interactive proof for quantum computations
- Multiprover protocols II
 - Advanced rigidity
 - Application: Complexity of MIP*

Classical verification of quantumness



EPR (1935): Can the behavior of these boxes be described by classical physics?



Bell (1964): No!

The Magic Square game

Row sums

0	X_1	X_2	X_3
0	X_4	X_5	X_6
0	X_7	X_8	X_9

0 0 1

Column
sums

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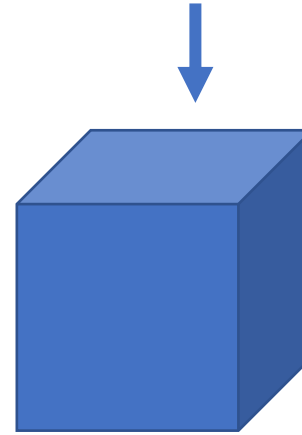
Column sums

This CSP is not satisfiable.

Classical devices win with prob. $\leq 17/18$

Random constraint

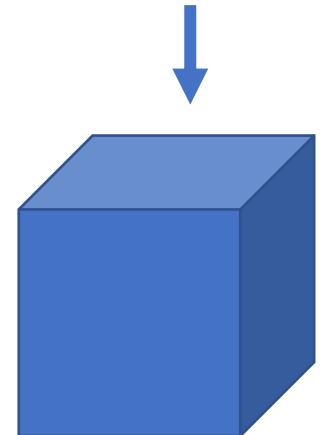
(X_1, X_4, X_7)



Assignment:
 (a_1, a_4, a_7)

Random variable

X_4



Assignment:
 b

Winning conditions:

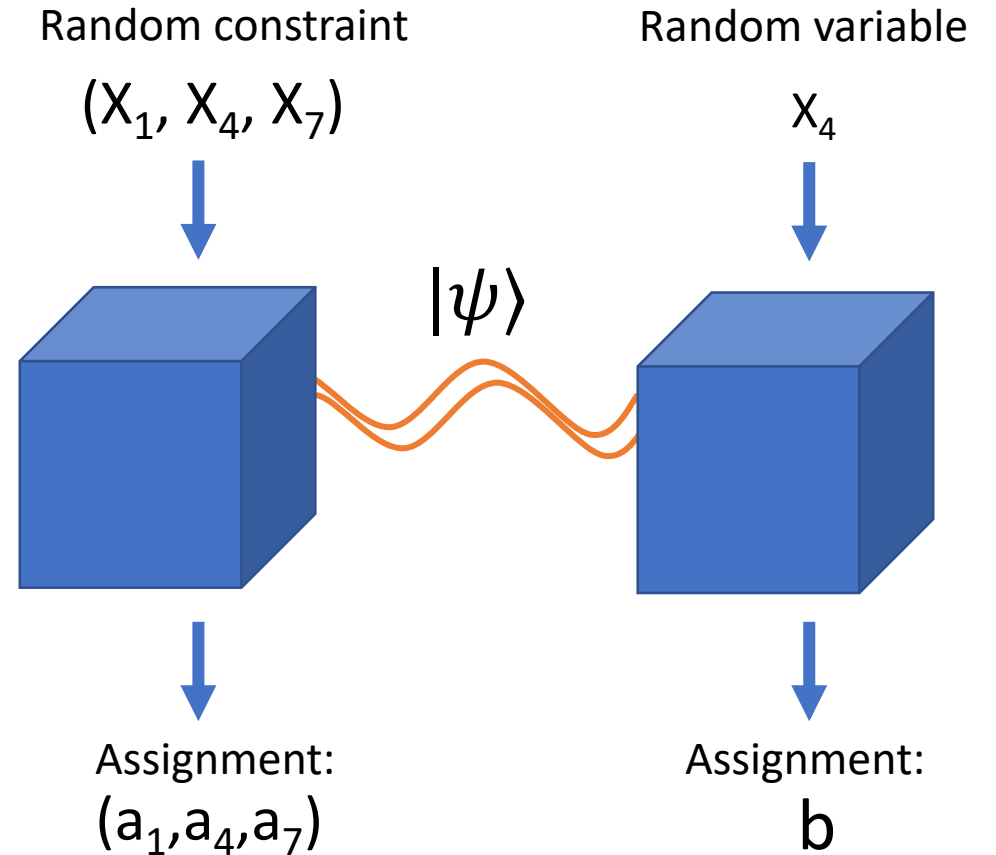
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- Consistency: $b = a_4$

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By sharing four entangled qubits, devices can win MS game with probability 1!



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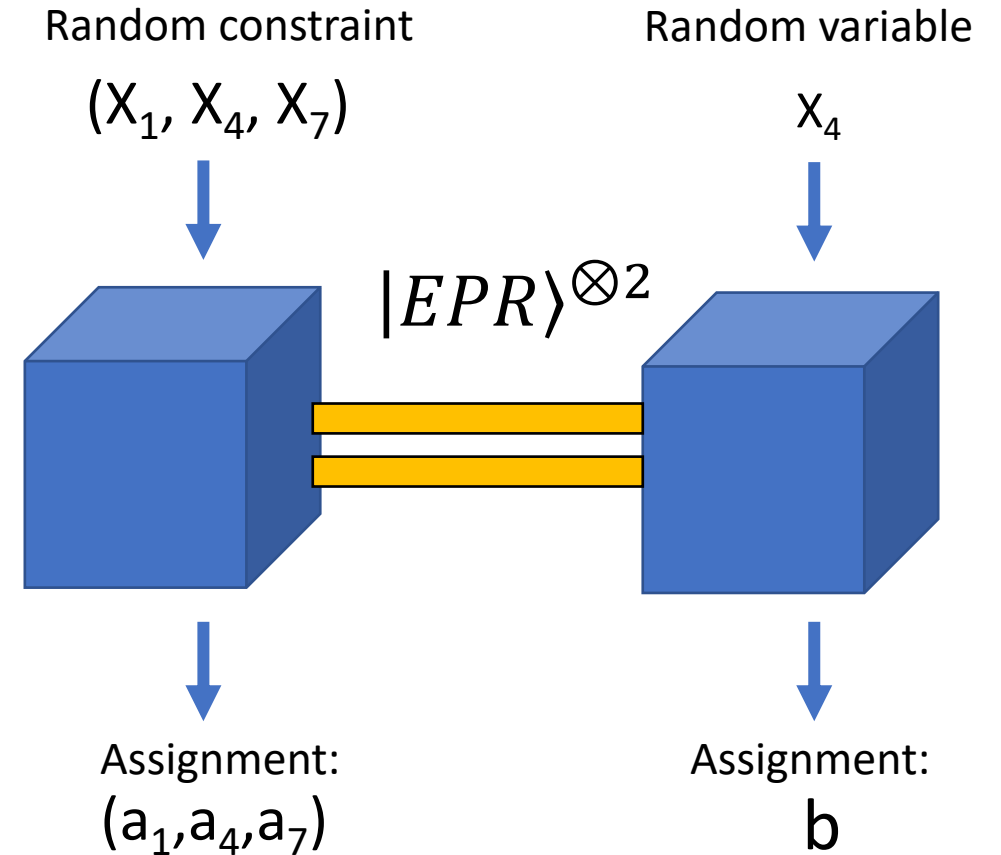
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The Magic Square game

$\sigma_X \sigma_I$	$\sigma_I \sigma_X$	$\sigma_X \sigma_X$
$\sigma_I \sigma_Z$	$\sigma_Z \sigma_I$	$\sigma_Z \sigma_Z$
$\sigma_X \sigma_Z$	$\sigma_Z \sigma_X$	$\sigma_Y \sigma_Y$

“Spooky” quantum strategy

- Upon receiving a variable/constraint, provers measure their share of $|EPR\rangle^{\otimes 2}$ using corresponding Pauli observables

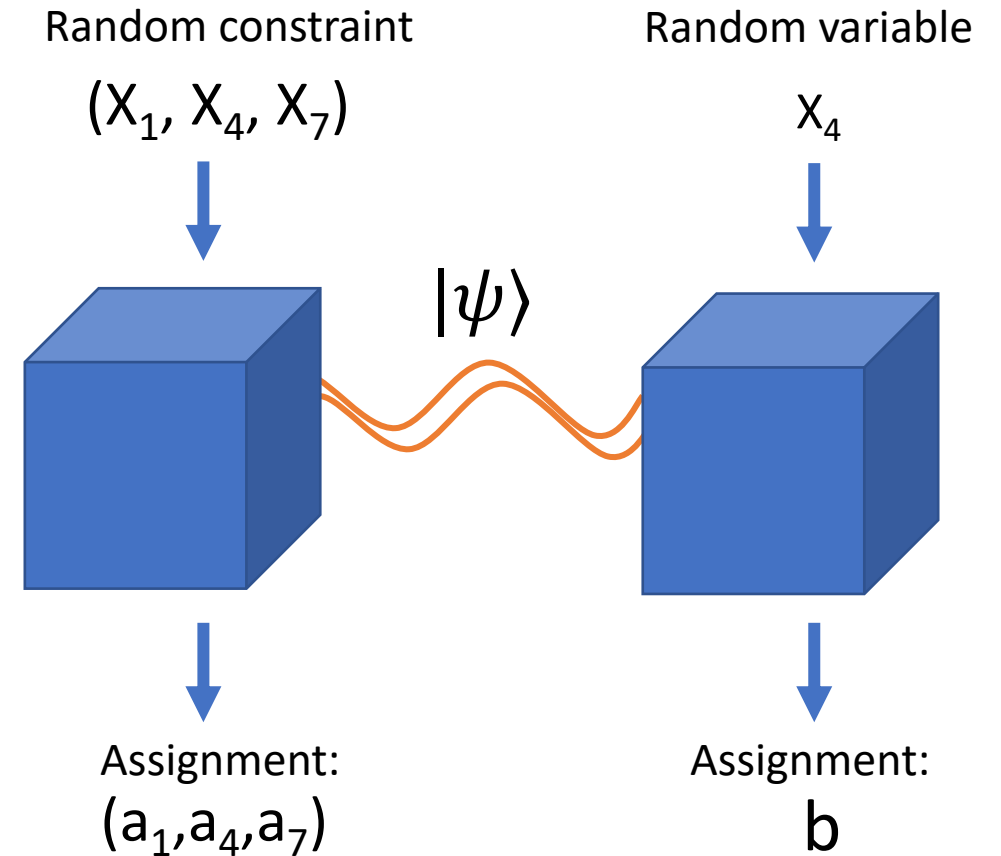


$$|EPR\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

Experimental test for nonclassical physics:

- Play Magic Square with two devices
- If devices consistently win the game, they cannot be classical!

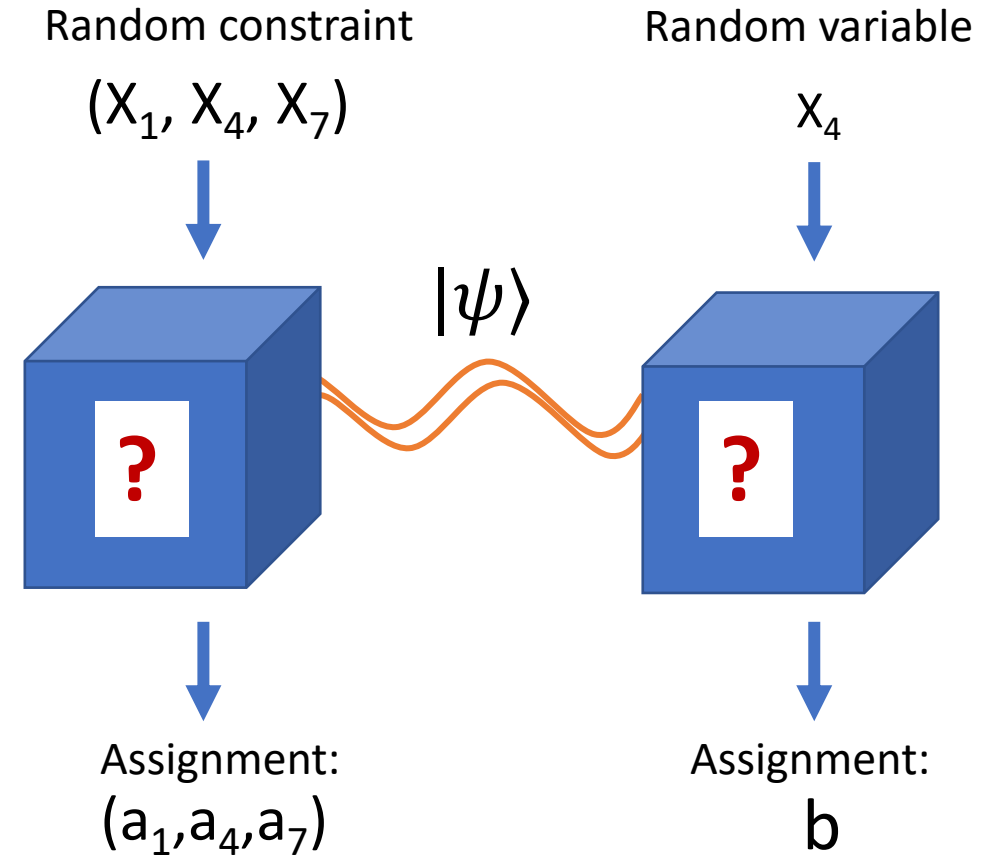
Many Bell tests carried out experimentally!



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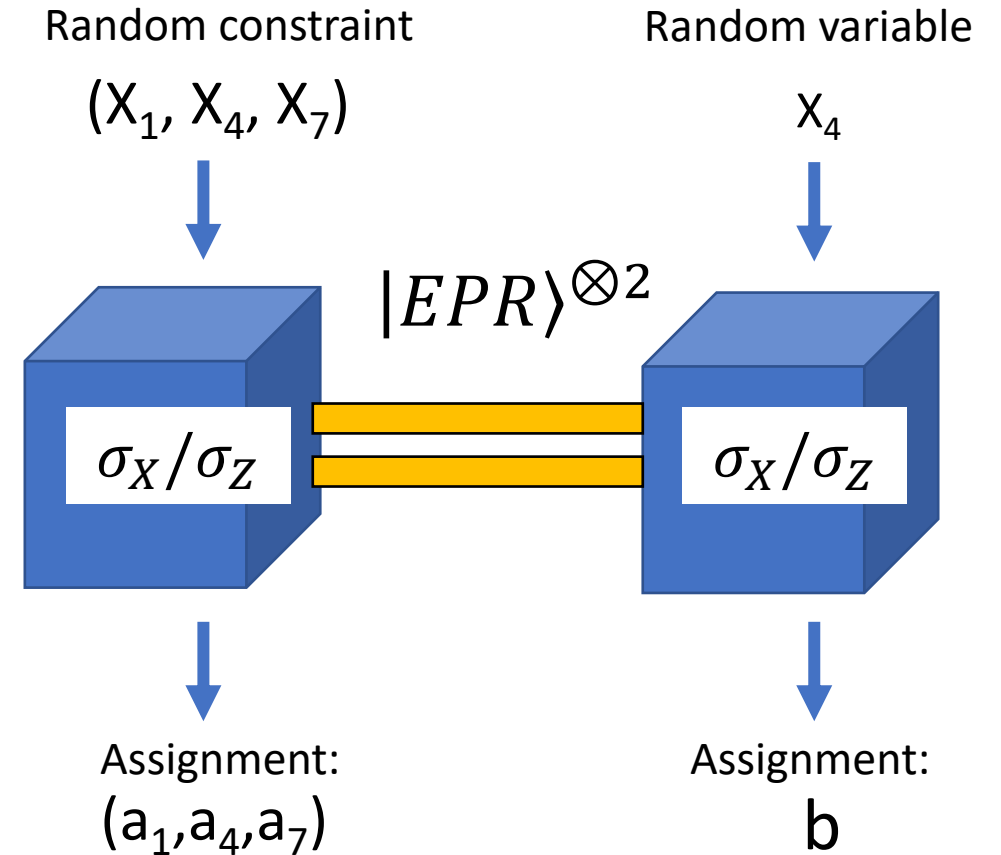
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A classical leash on quantum systems

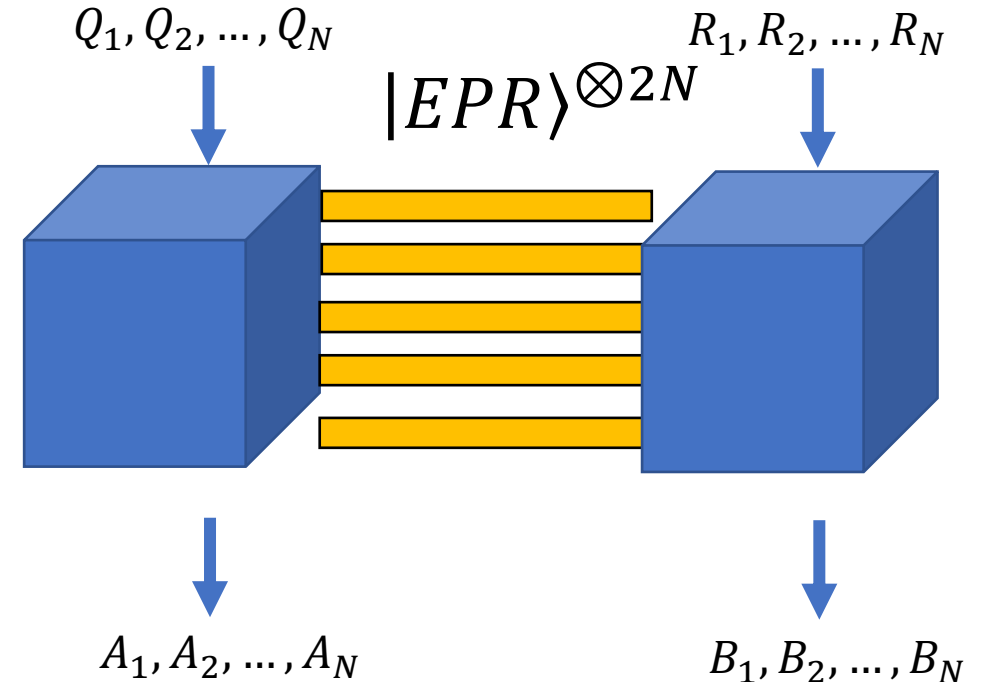
- Magic Square gives a classical test for **specific** quantum behavior!
 - Many other games with similar rigidity phenomena: CHSH, GHZ, ...
 - Topic also called **self-testing**.
- Simple game, powerful tool.
- Rigidity properties are the heart of many quantum multiprover protocols.
 - Advances in rigidity lead to advances in protocol design.

Testing many qubits

- Certify N qubits of entanglement?
- Play N independent instances of Magic Square.

Theorem: If $(|\psi\rangle, M)$ win N -fold Magic Square with probability 1, there is local change of basis where

- $|\psi\rangle \equiv |EPR\rangle^{\otimes 2N}$
- $M \equiv$ tensor products of Pauli X and Z measurements on EPR pairs.



Classical verification of quantum *computations*

(In the multiprover setting)

A longstanding problem

- Can a quantum computer efficiently prove its correctness to a classical verifier?
- Before 2012, the best results used semi-classical verifiers (ABE08, BFK08)
- Reichardt-Unger-Vazirani (2012): classical verification of quantum computations in the multiprover setting.
- Mahadev (2018): classical verification of quantum computations in single prover setting, with crypto assumptions.


RUV

- Introduces many beautiful ideas
 - Analysis of sequential CHSH
 - Interleaving of rigidity tests with computation tests
 - Combining rigidity with measurement-based computation
- Tour-de-force
 - 100 pages
 - Prover complexity for T -gate circuit: $\Omega(T^{8192})$
 - Many rounds of interaction

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Classical command of quantum systems

Ben W. Reichardt , Falk Unger & Umesh Vazirani

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Abstract

Quantum computation and cryptography both involve scenarios in which a user interacts with an imperfectly modelled or ‘untrusted’ system. It is therefore of

Grilo's verification protocol

- Much simpler than RUV
- 20 pages
- 1 round protocol
- I can describe it to you in this talk

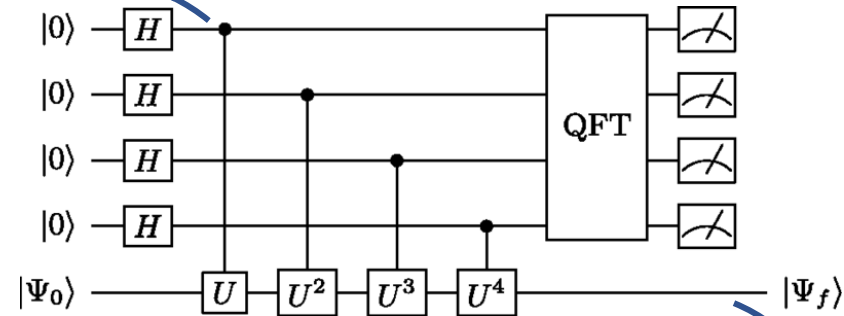
Relativistic verifiable delegation of quantum computation

Alex B. Grilo*

Abstract

The importance of being able to verify quantum computation delegated to remote servers increases with recent development of quantum technologies. In some of the proposed protocols for this task, a client delegates her quantum computation to non-communicating servers. The fact that the servers do not communicate is not physically justified and it is essential for the proof of security of such protocols. For

Grilo's verification protocol



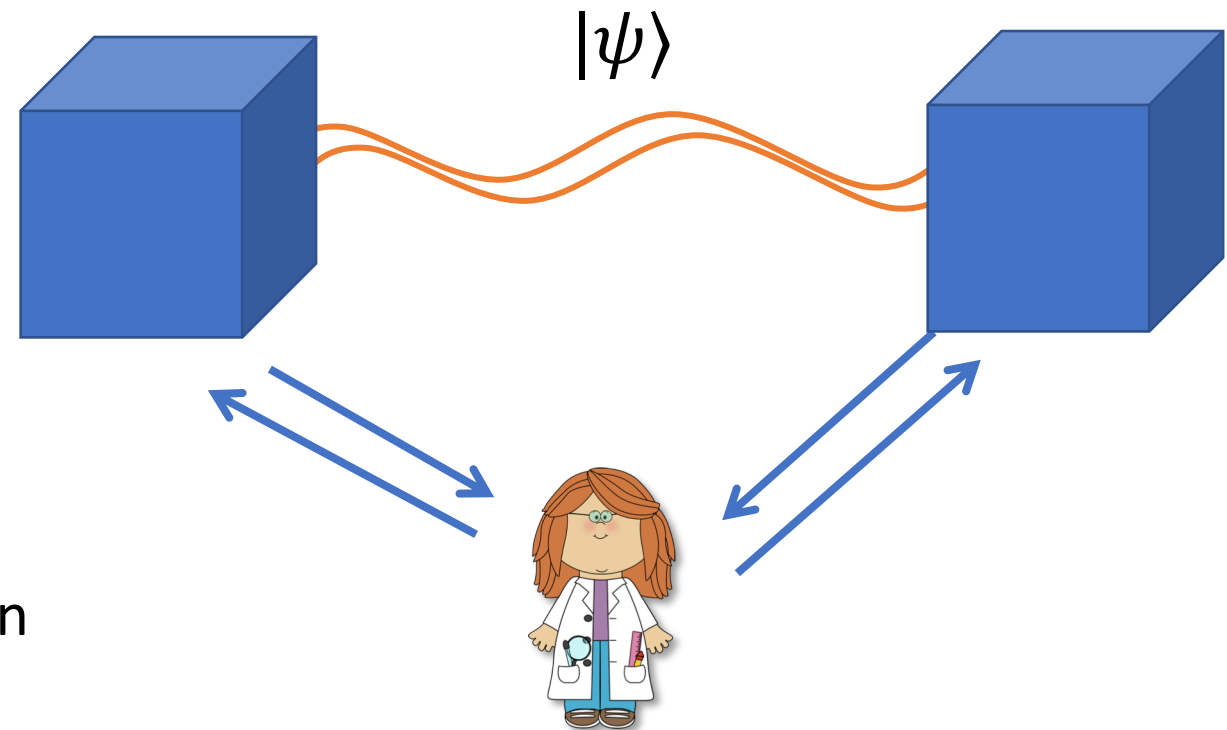
Does first qubit of circuit C measure to $|1\rangle$ with high probability?



PI: polynomial time investigator

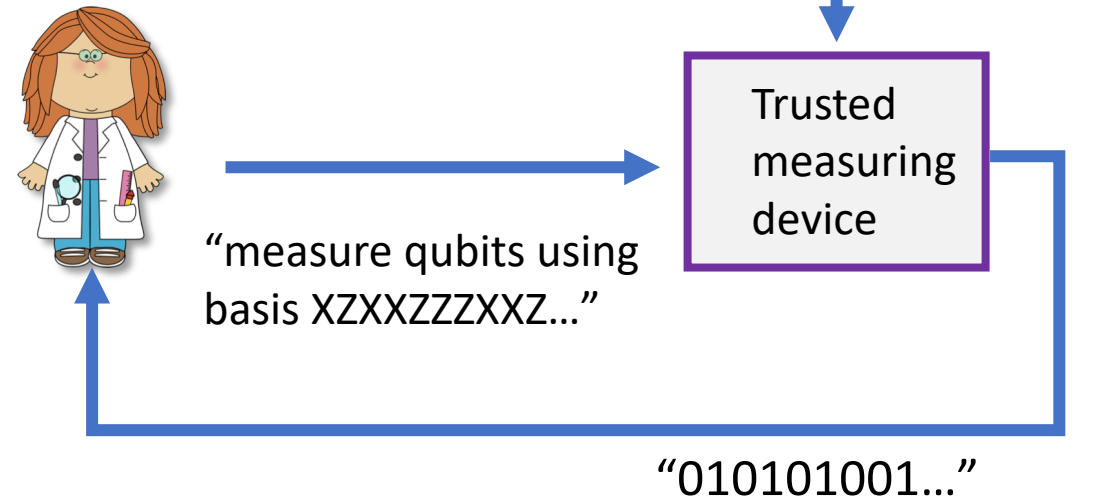
Grilo's verification protocol

- Provers trying to prove output of C is $|1\rangle$ with high probability.
- **Completeness:** if statement true, then provers have quantum strategy that causes verifier whp.
- **Soundness:** if statement untrue, verifier always rejects whp.
- **Prover efficiency:** provers should run in polynomial time.



Measurement-based verification

- Suppose verifier has trusted measurement device
 - Device receives **untrusted state** from **prover**
 - Can command device to measure each qubit in X or Z basis.
- Then verifier can easily check arbitrary BQP computations!



Measurement-based verification

Biamonte-Love: WLOG terms are tensor products of X/Z measurements

- Feynman-Kitaev circuit-to-Hamiltonian construction

$$\text{circuit } C \rightarrow \text{Hamiltonian } H = H_1 + \cdots + H_m$$

- Ground state of H : history state of computation

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T+1}} \sum_{t=0}^T |t\rangle \otimes |\psi_t\rangle$$

← state of circuit at time t

Measurement-based verification

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$$\text{circuit } C \rightarrow \text{Hamiltonian } H = H_1 + \cdots + H_m$$

- **(YES)** If output of C accepts with probability 1, then history state $|\psi\rangle$ satisfies $\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle = 0$
- **(NO)** If output of C accepts with probability $\leq 1/3$, then $\frac{1}{m} \langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle \geq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}$
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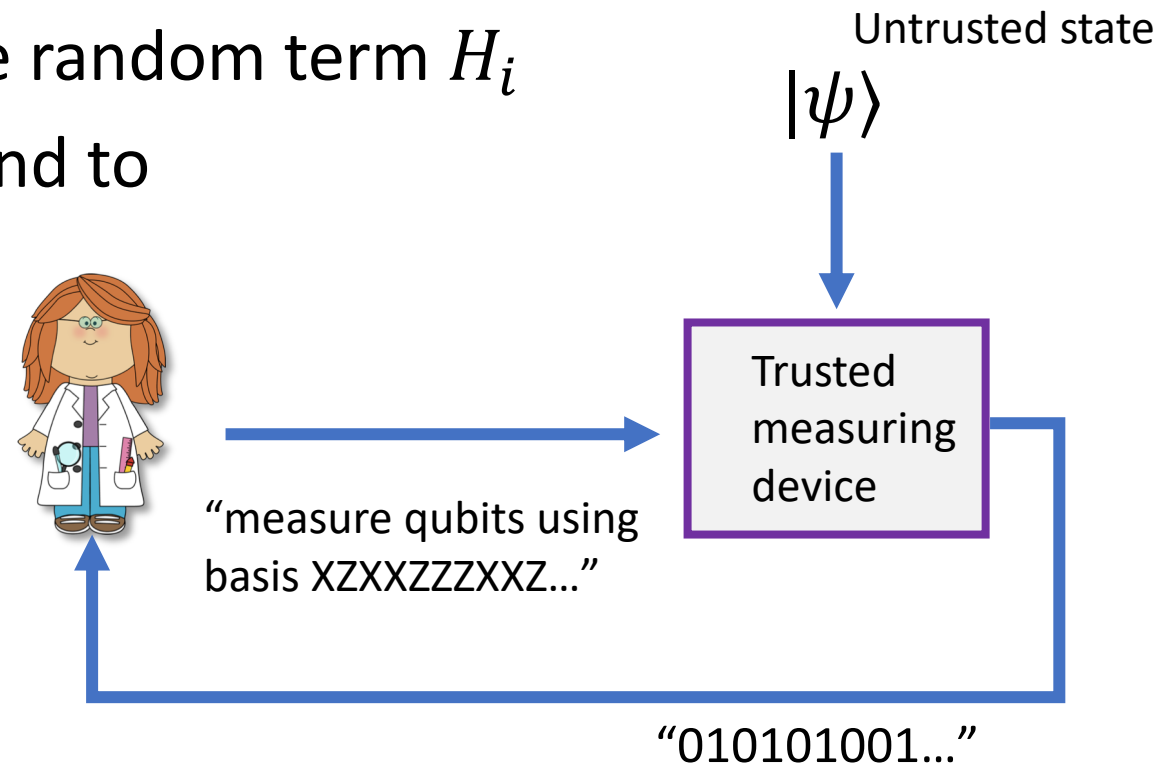


Simple Hamiltonian amplification trick. Results in non-local Hamiltonian, but only polynomial-size blow-up.

Measurement-based verification

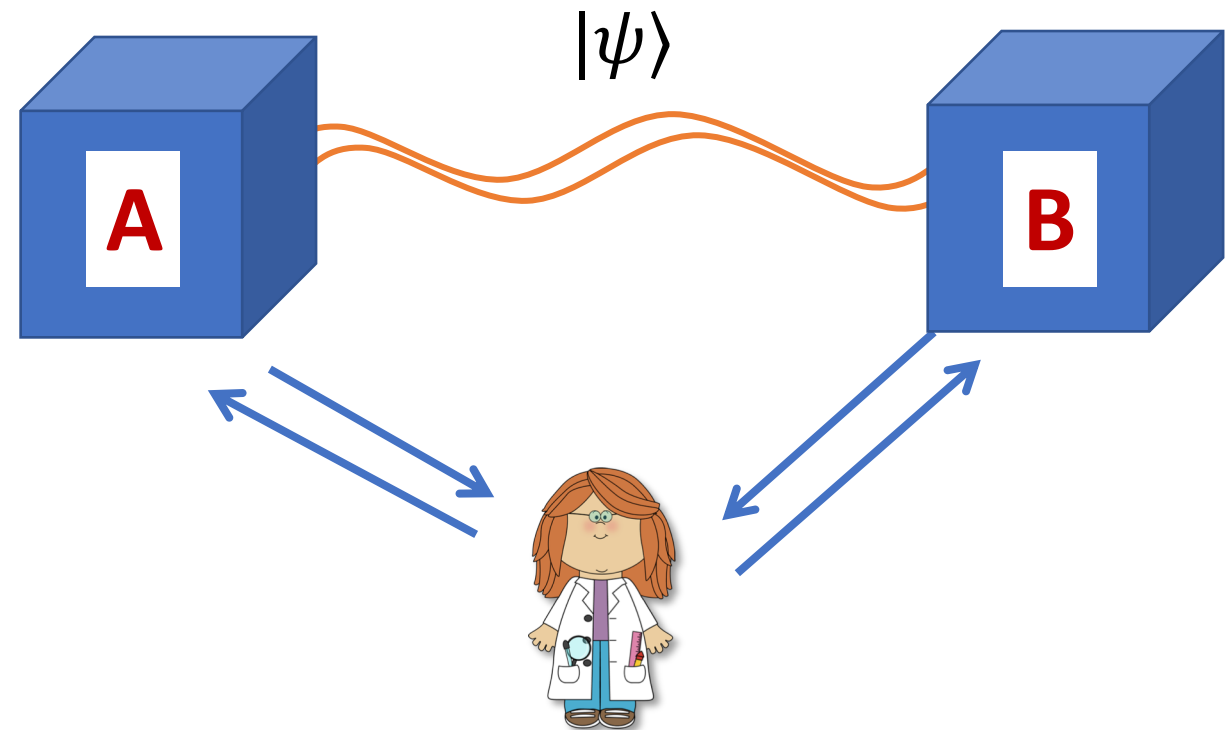
Measurement Protocol

- Prover sends $|\psi\rangle$ to trusted measuring device
- Verifier commands device to measure random term H_i
- Verifier accepts if outcomes correspond to kernel of H_i .
- **(YES)** Verifier always accepts, if $|\psi\rangle$ is history state.
- **(NO)** Verifier rejects with probability $\geq \frac{1}{2}$, for all $|\psi\rangle$



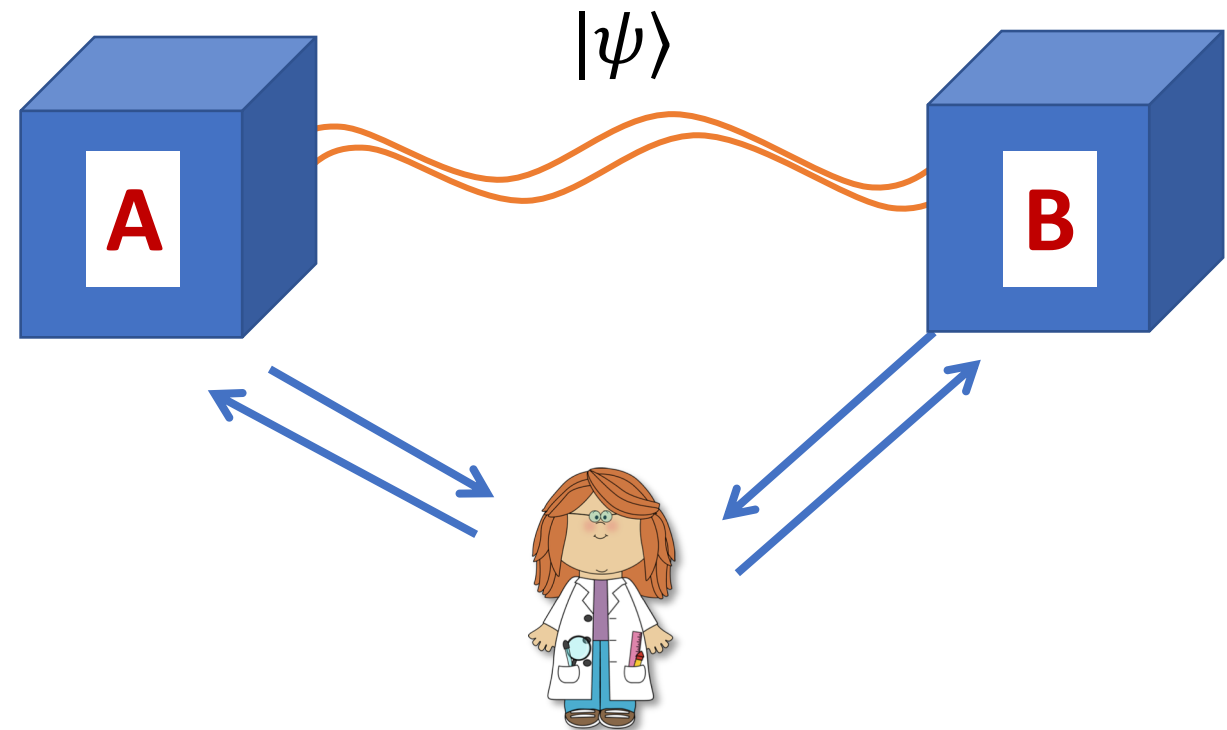
Grilo's verification protocol

- **Goal:** determine if output of C is $|1\rangle$ whp.
- Verifier first computes Hamiltonian H from C .
- Let n be # of qubits Hamiltonian acts on. Let $N \gg n$.



Grilo's verification protocol

- Force one prover to act as trusted measurement device.
- With prob. $\frac{1}{2}$, verifier performs **Rigidity Test**
 - Play N parallel MS games.

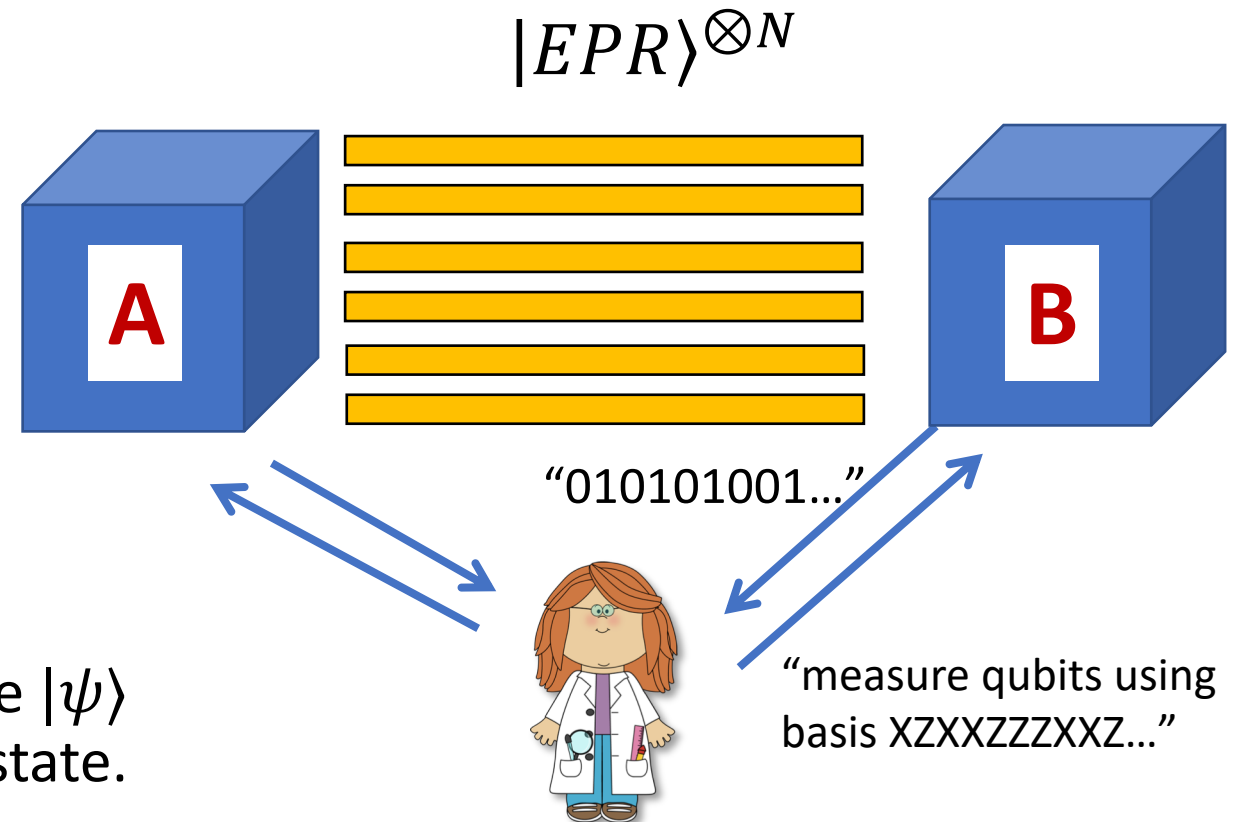


Grilo's verification protocol

- Force prover B to act as trusted measurement device.

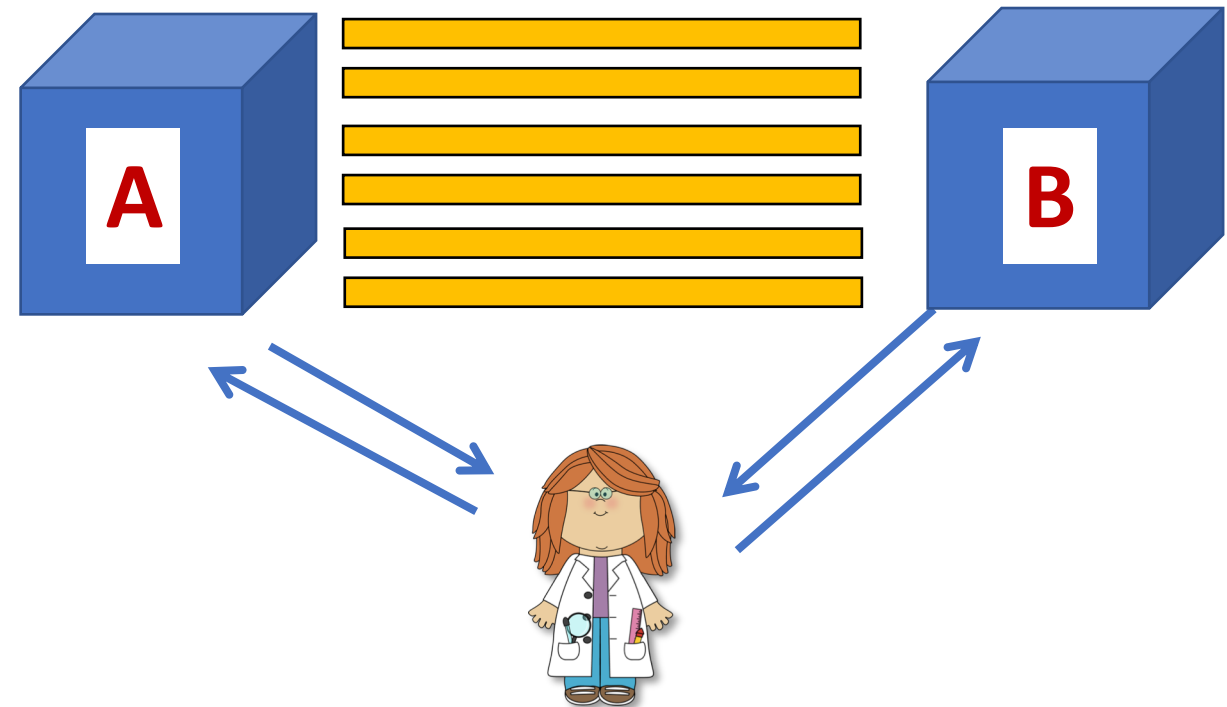
- With prob. $\frac{1}{2}$, verifier performs **Rigidity Test**
 - Play N parallel MS games.

- With prob. $\frac{1}{2}$, verifier performs **Energy Test**
 - Use prover A to teleport ground state $|\psi\rangle$ to prover B, and prover B measures state.



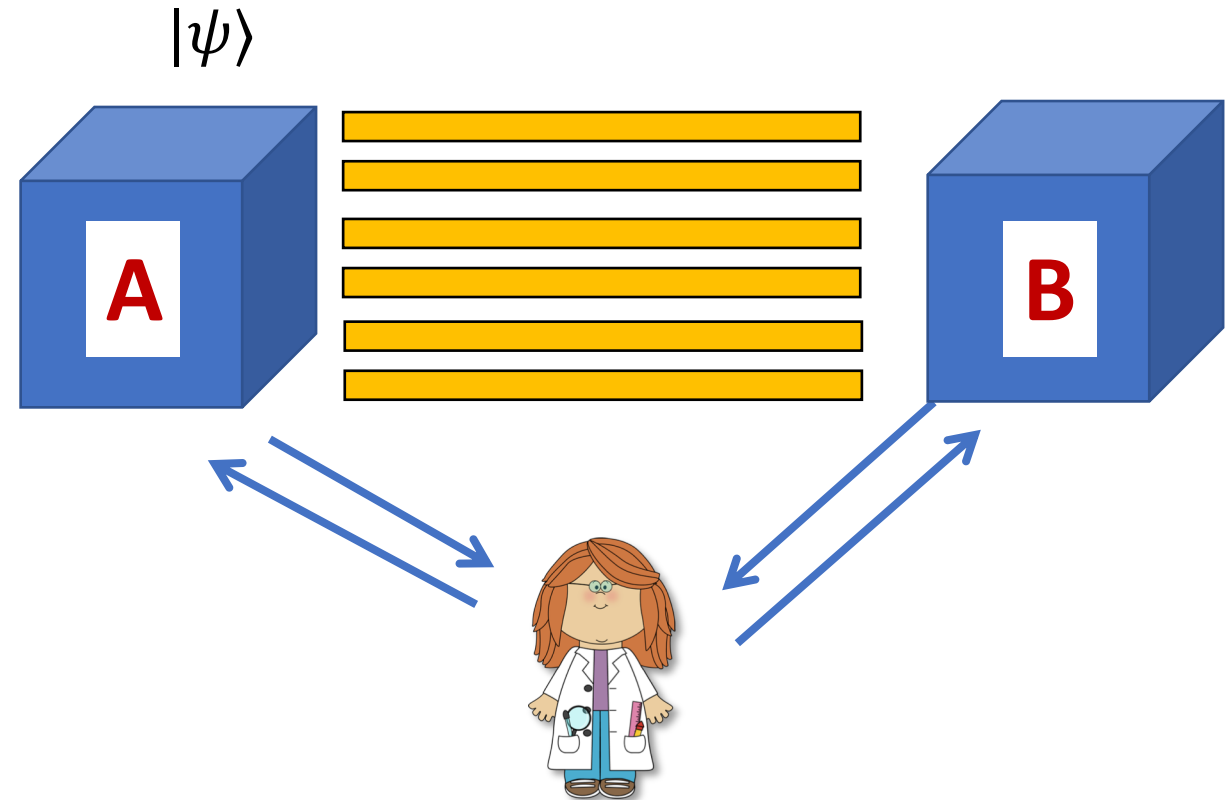
Energy test

- Pick n random EPR pairs out of N
- Tell prover A (“teleporter”) to teleport $|\psi\rangle$ through those EPRs
- Pick random term H_i , and “hide” H_i in random X/Z basis string s
- Send s to prover B (“measurer”)
- Accept if outcomes corresponding to hidden H_i pass measurement protocol



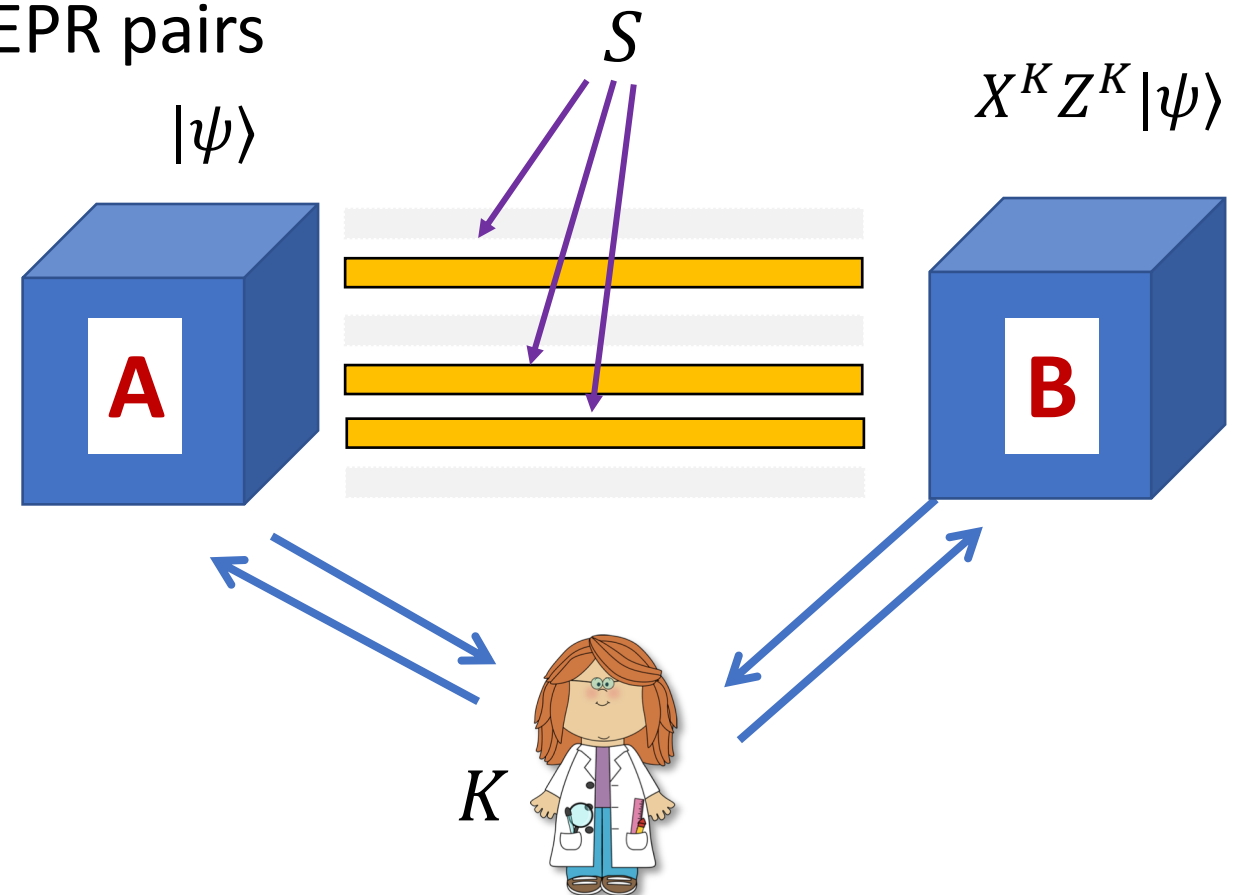
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- Keys K indicate X/Z errors on each qubit.



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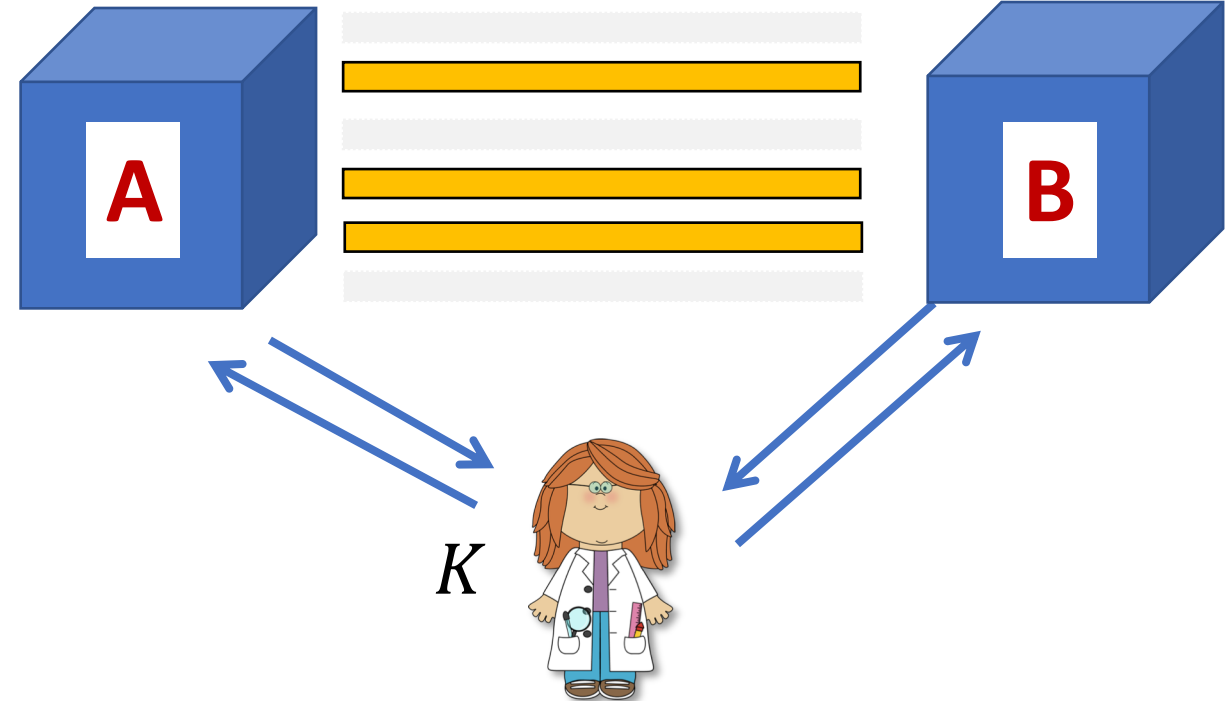
- Pick random term H_i
- Pick random basis string $R \in \{X, Z\}^N$ such that $R|_S$ consistent with H_i

$$H_i = \sigma_X^+ \otimes \sigma_Z^- \otimes \sigma_Z^+$$

$$R = ZX\mathbf{X}Z\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}$$

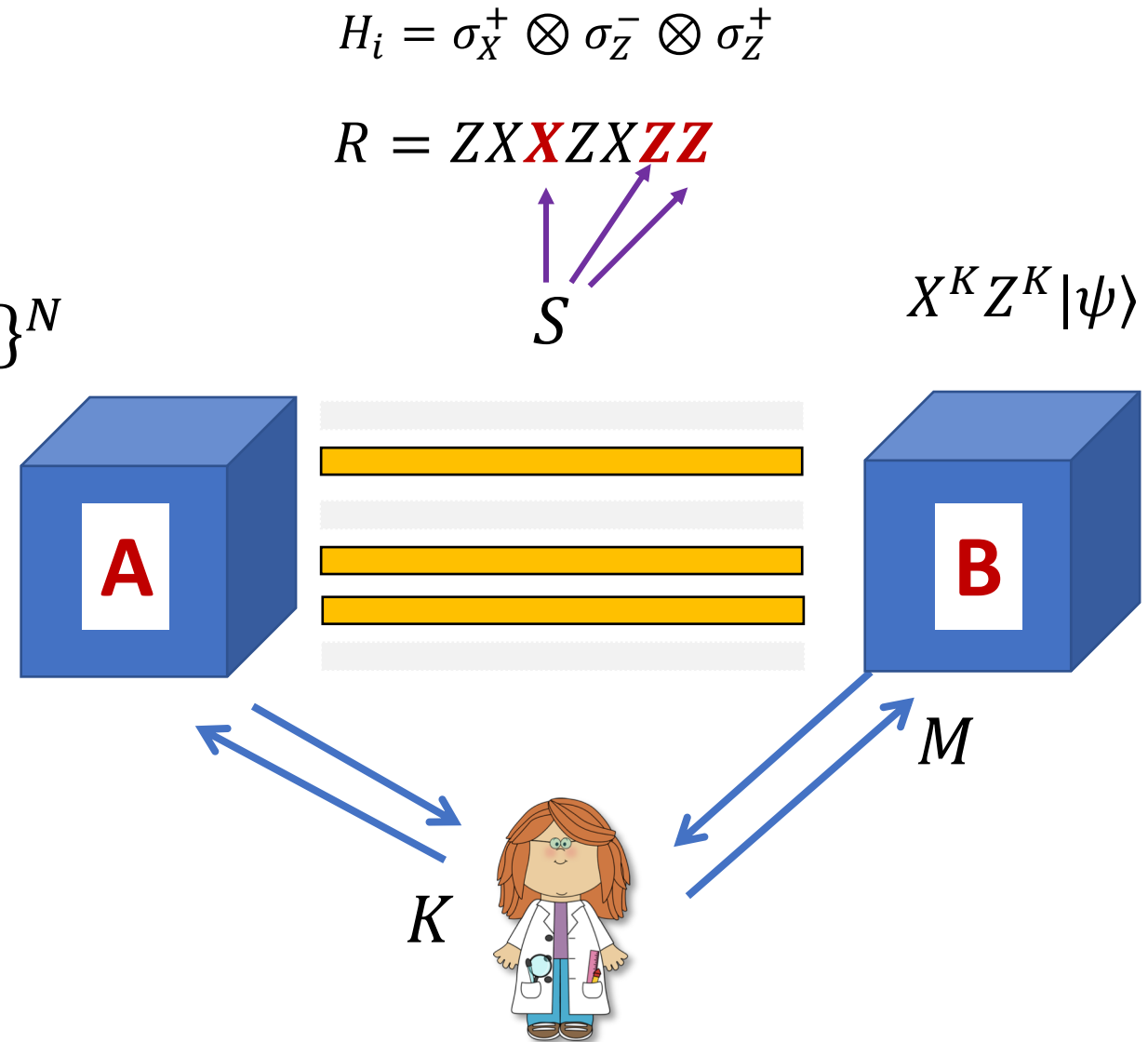
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$$X^K Z^K |\psi\rangle$$



Energy test

- Pick random term H_i
- Pick random basis string $R \in \{X, Z\}^N$ such that $R|_S$ consistent with H_i
- Tell prover A (“prover”) to prepare EPR pairs using basis choice R , and report outcomes $M \in \{0,1\}^N$.



Energy test

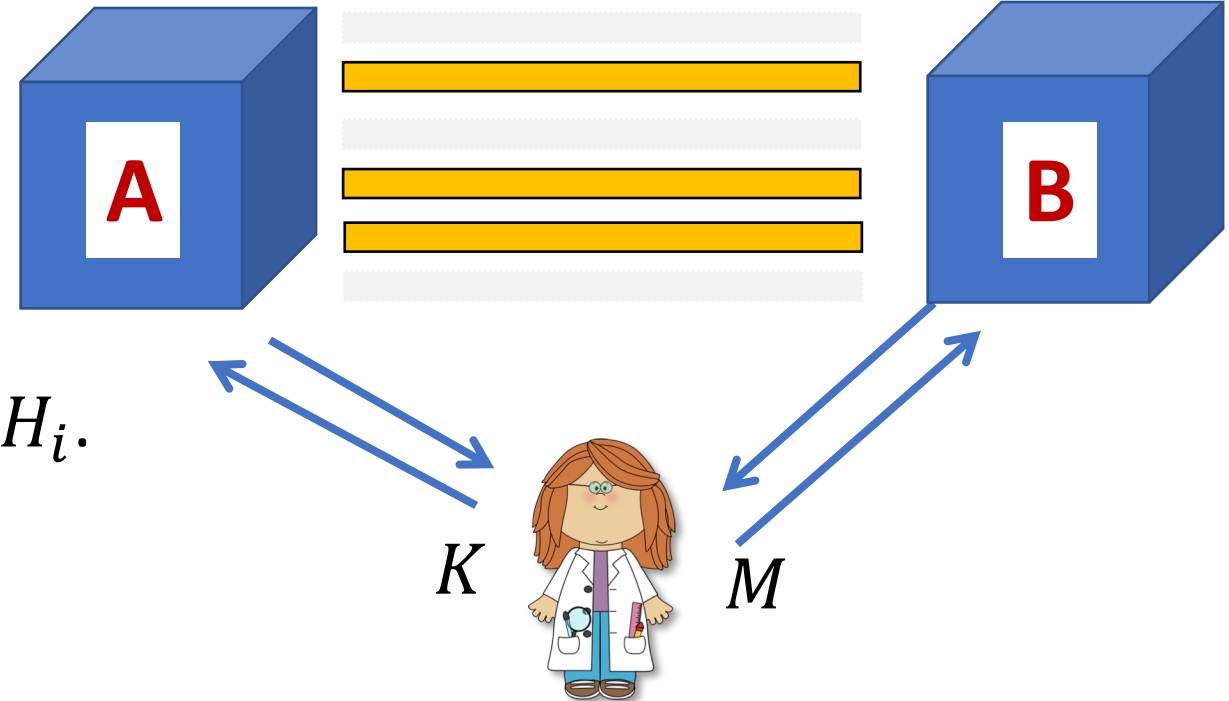
- $M|_S$ corresponds to measuring $X^K Z^K |\psi\rangle$ with H_i
- Decode $M|_S$ using keys K .
- Accept if outcomes correspond to kernel of H_i .

$$H_i = \sigma_X^+ \otimes \sigma_Z^- \otimes \sigma_Z^+$$

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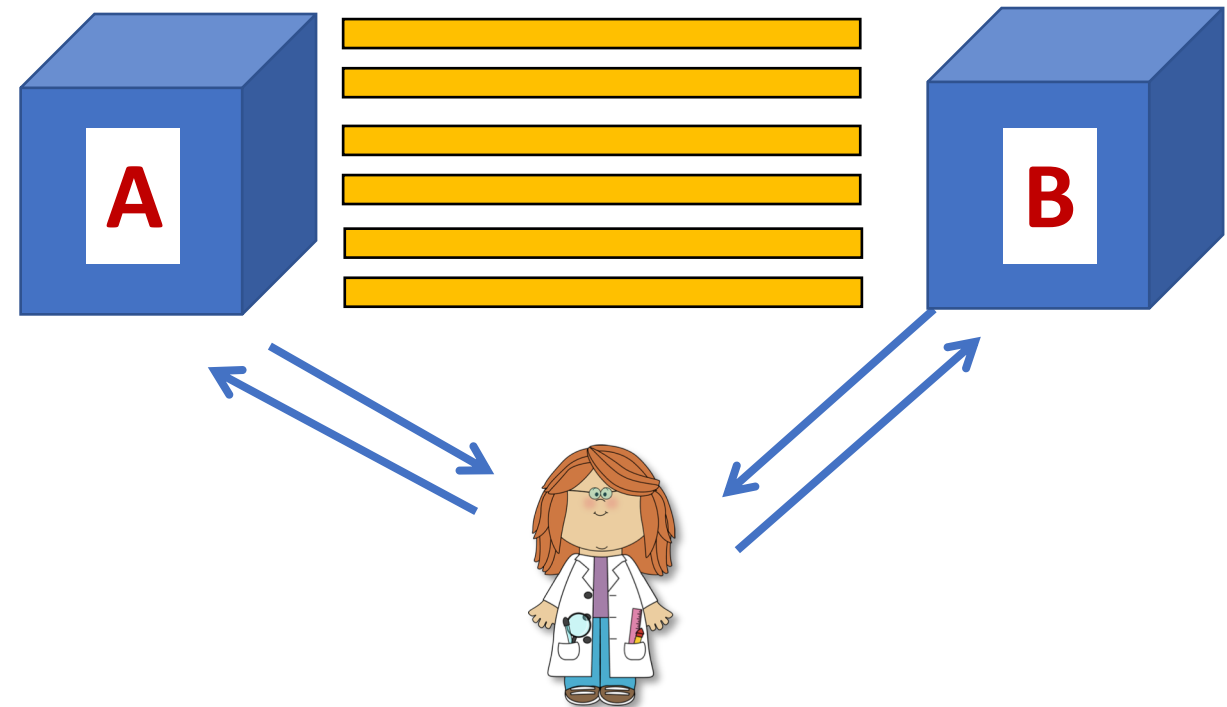
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$X^K Z^K |\psi\rangle$



Grilo's verification protocol

- **(YES case)** Suppose circuit C accepts with probability 1.
- There exists $|\psi\rangle$ such that $\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle = 0$.
- Prover B performs measurement protocol honestly, so verifier always accepts.



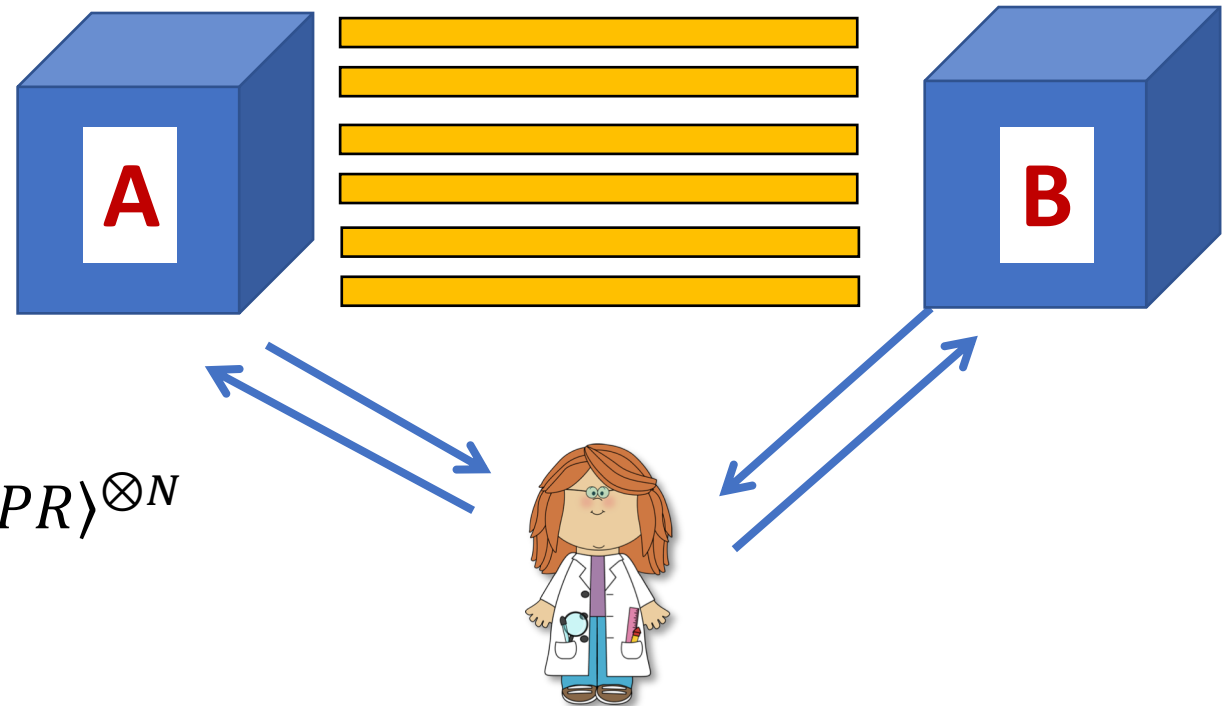
Grilo's verification protocol

- Conversely, suppose provers succeeded with probability $1 - \epsilon$.
 - Pass Rigidity Test with probability $\geq 1 - 2\epsilon$
 - Pass Energy Test with probability $\geq 1 - 2\epsilon$

- Pass Rigidity Test

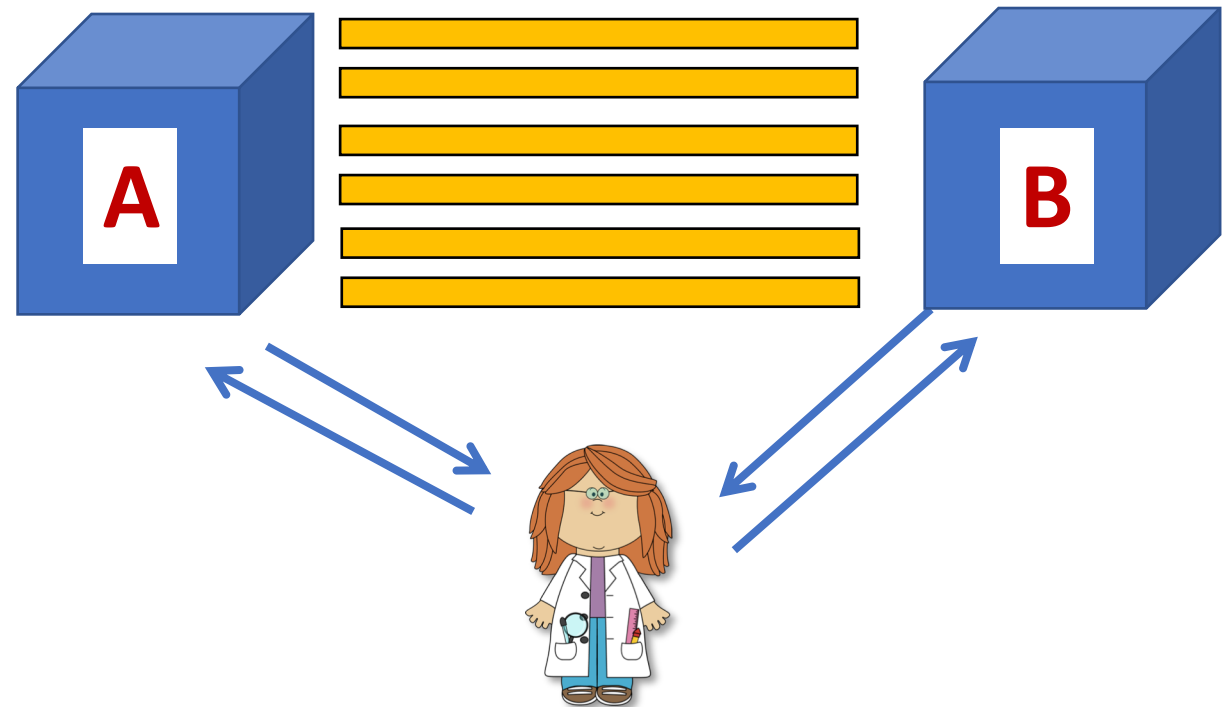
- Prover B is $\text{poly}(N\epsilon)$ -close to ideal, trusted measurement device

- Shared state is $\text{poly}(N\epsilon)$ -close to $|EPR\rangle^{\otimes N}$



Grilo's verification protocol


- **Key fact:** prover B cannot tell difference between Rigidity and Energy Tests
- Passing Rigidity Test \Rightarrow Prover B \approx trusted measurer in both tests
- Passing Energy Test \Rightarrow
 - For all keys K , residual state on prover B's side passes trusted measurement protocol whp.
 - Implies H has ground energy ≈ 0 , thus circuit C accepts with probability 1.



Grilo's verification protocol

- **Completeness:** if circuit C accepts with probability 1, there is prover strategy that is accepted with probability 1.
- **Soundness:** if circuit C accepts with probability $\leq \frac{1}{3}$, then all prover strategies are rejected with inverse-polynomial probability.

Grilo's verification protocol

- **Completeness:** if circuit C accepts with probability 1, there is prover strategy that is accepted with probability 1.
- **Soundness:** if circuit C accepts with probability $\leq \frac{1}{3}$, then all prover strategies are rejected with high probability. 
- **Prover complexity:** $\text{poly}(n, T)$ for n -qubit circuits with T gates
- **Number of rounds:** 1

Standard amplification tricks for 1-round protocols

Recap

- Multiprover protocols is a useful framework to study complex quantum systems
- Rigidity gives a powerful classical leash on quantum systems
- Certifying EPR pairs and X/Z measurements is enough to verify arbitrary BQP computations
- **Next:** the frontier of rigidity, and complexity of multiprover protocols

Last time

- 2014 Simons program: Quantum Hamiltonian Complexity
- Classically verifiable quantum computation (Reichardt-Unger-Vazirani)
- Infinite, robust randomness expansion (Miller-Shi, Coudron-Y.)
- Device-independent quantum key distribution (Vazirani-Vidick)
- $\text{NEXP} \subseteq \text{MIP}^*$ (Ito-Vidick)
- Few nonlocal games: CHSH, Magic Square, GHZ

Multiprover protocols today

- 2020 Simons program: The Quantum Wave in Computing
- Simple protocols for verifying quantum computations
- Tight security analysis of DIQKD protocols
- $MIP^* = RE$
- Zero knowledge protocols
- A zoo of nonlocal games
- NIST Randomness Beacon

**What advances in multiprover protocols
will appear the next Simons quantum program?**