

# Self-testing in a prepare-measure scenario sans assuming quantum dimension



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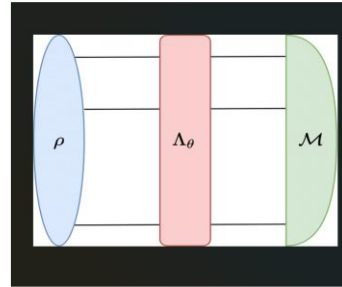
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# Characterisation of Quantum Devices

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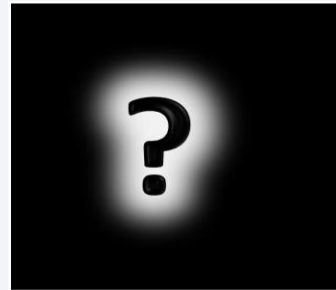
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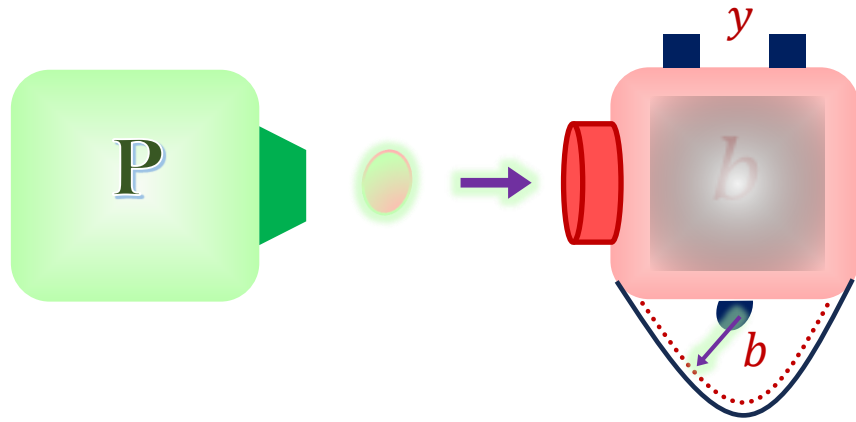
Parameter Estimation,  
Tomography

- **Device Independent**

User does not trust the preparation or measurement devices. User can only characterise the input-output statistics through a probability distribution  $p(input|output)$



Self-Testing



$$\vec{P} \equiv \{p(b|y, P)\}$$

## Self-Testing

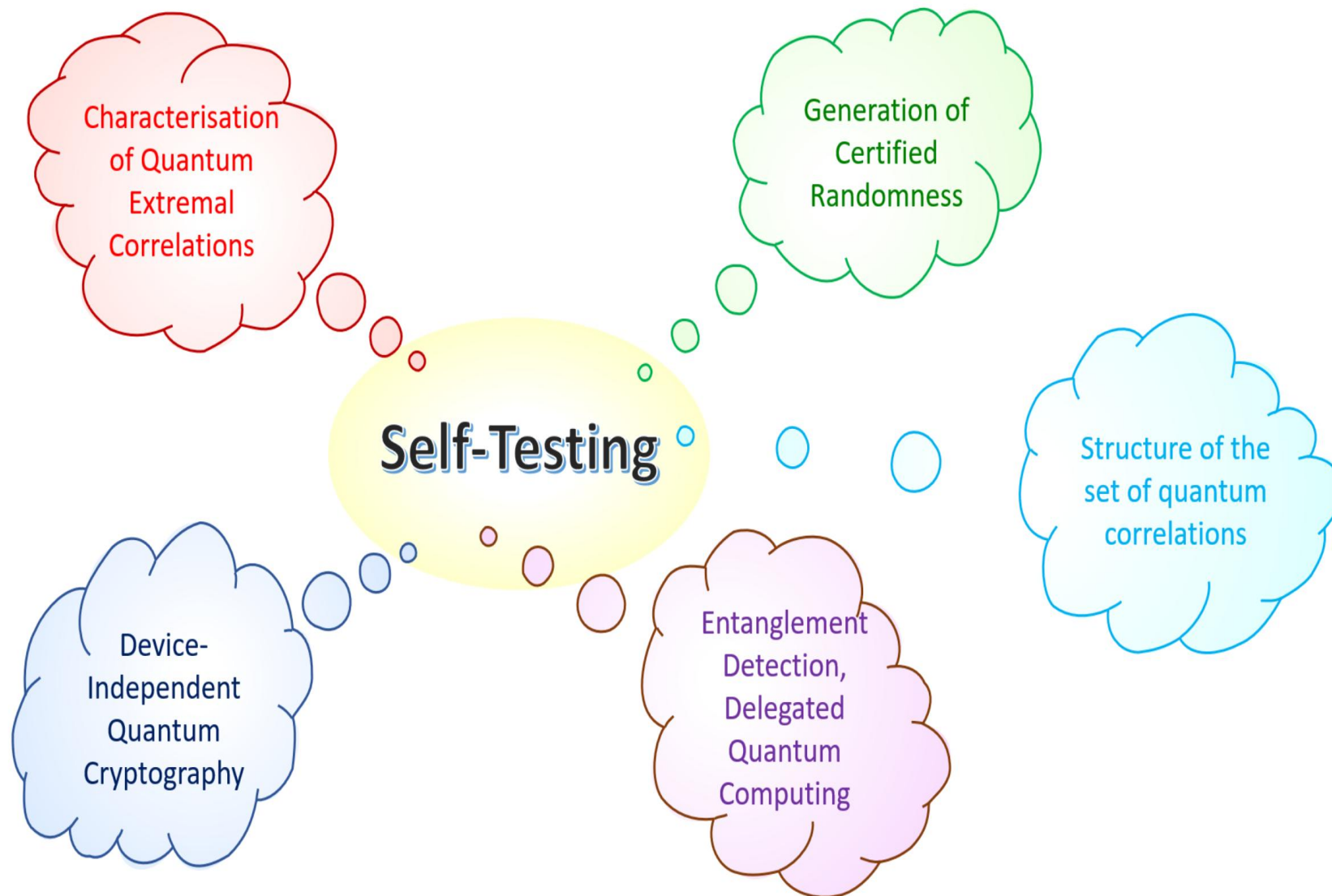
□ The ability of a classical verifier to completely characterise the working of the device by *only* considering the observed input-output statistics.

□ Quantum Device:  $\{\rho, \{M_{b|y}\}\}$

□ A behaviour  $\vec{P}_*$  self tests a quantum strategy, *iff*, that is the *only* strategy attaining  $\vec{P}_*$ .

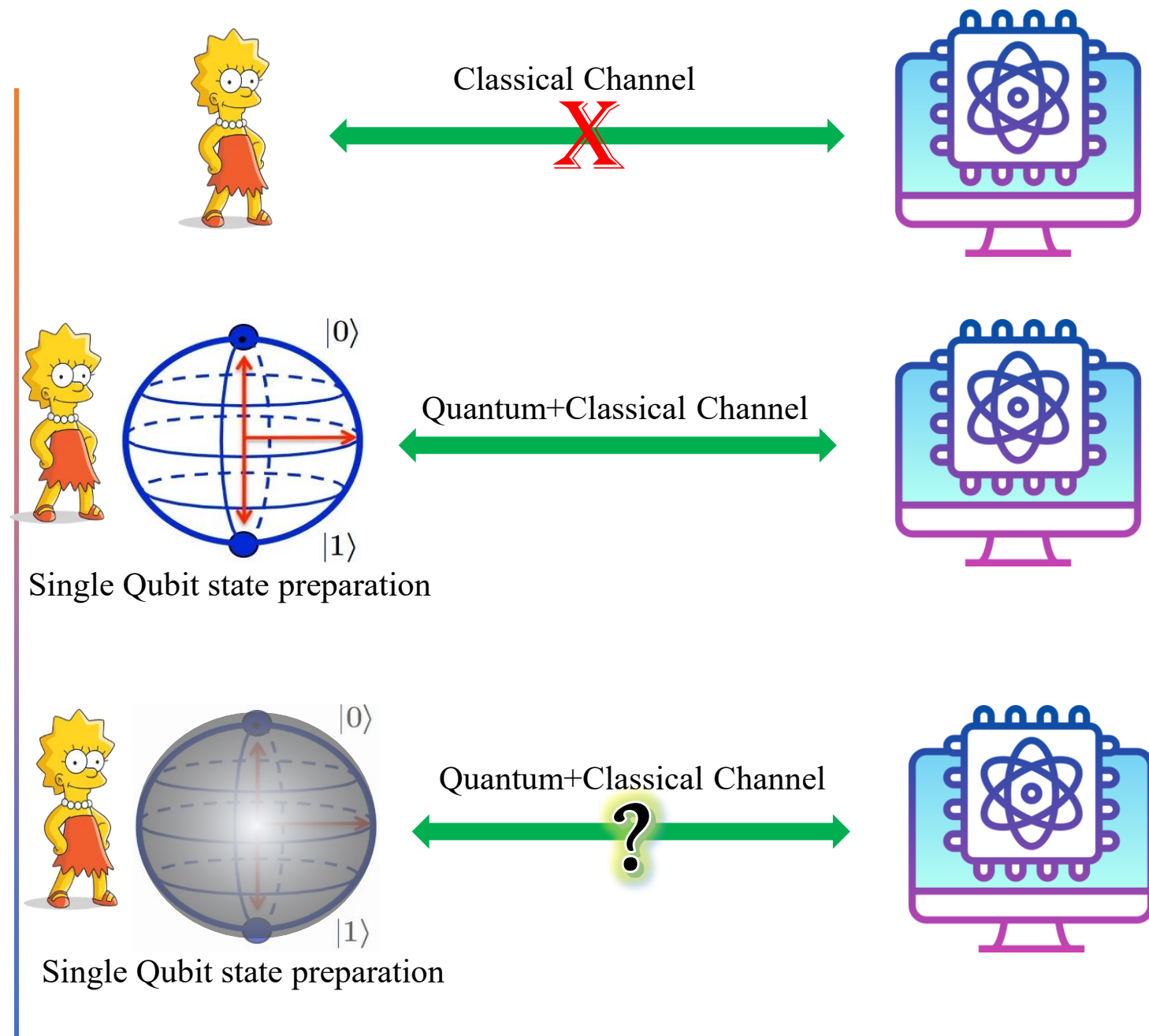
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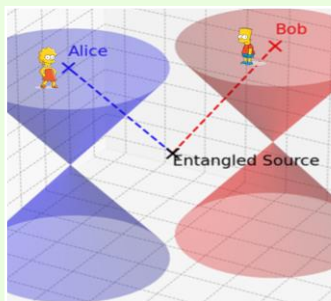


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DI-VBQC

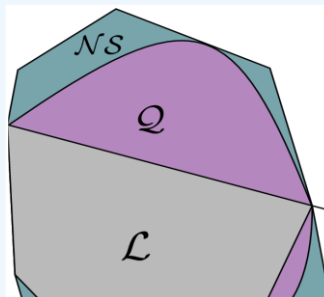


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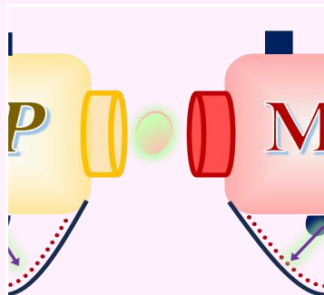


Bell Self-testing: DI, but experimentally demanding.

- Why Prepare – Measure Self-testing?



Geometry of Quantum Correlations



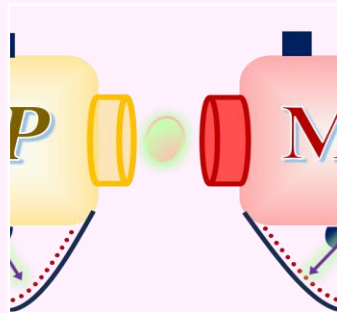
Prepare-Measure Correlations:  
Simpler, **require upper bound on dimension.**

(Contextuality, quasi-probability)



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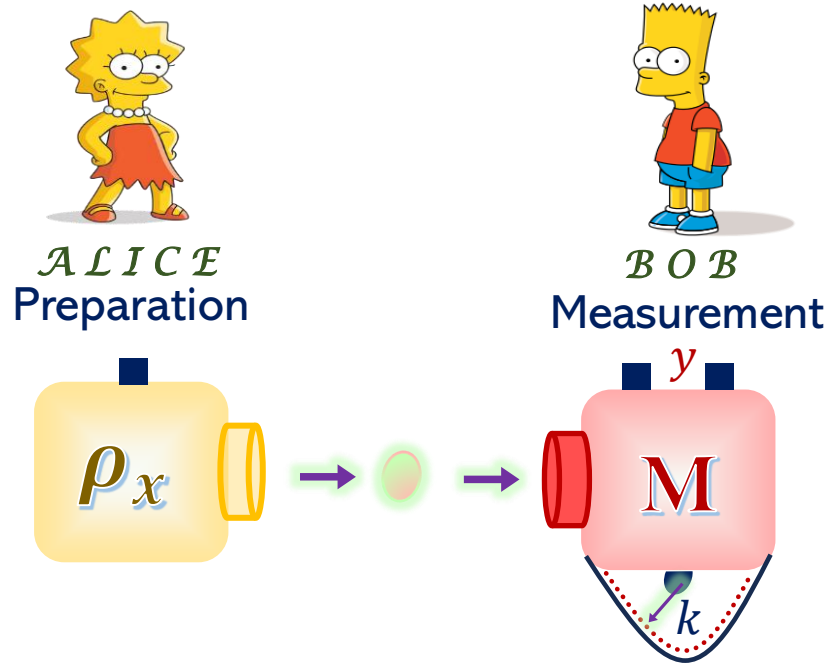
- Prevailing view:



Dimension assumption  
is **necessary** for PM self-  
testing.



# The Parity-Oblivious Multiplexing Task



The  $n \rightarrow 1$  POM Task

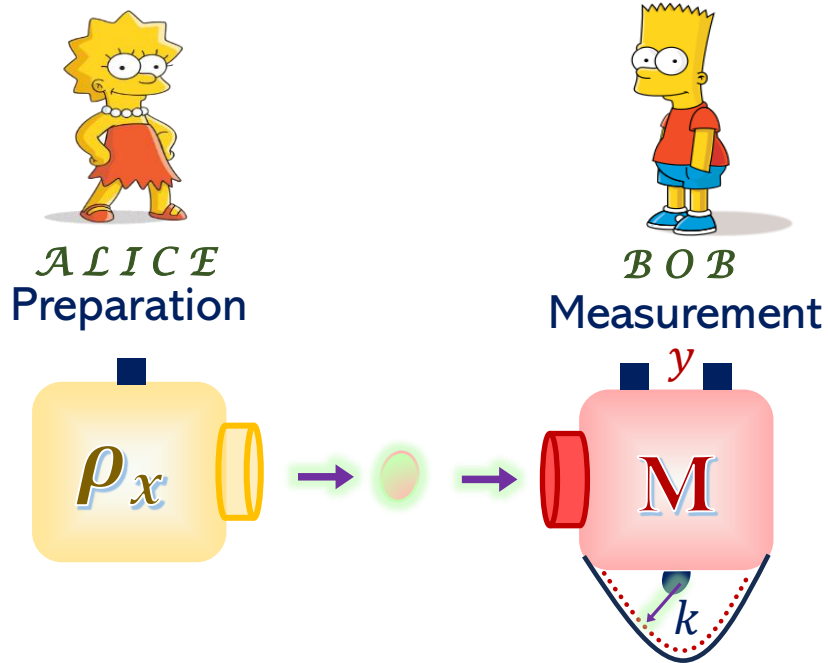
1. Alice receives an  $n$ -bit string  $x^\delta \in \{0,1\}^n$  with  $\delta \in \{0,1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$ .
2. Upon receiving the input  $x^\delta$ , Alice uses preparation procedure  $P_{x^\delta}$  to prepare the state and sends it to Bob.

3. Bob receives index  $y \in [n]$  and must output  $x_y$ .
4. The winning condition of the game is  $b = x_y^\delta$ .

5. Parity-obliviousness: Bob must learn no parity of weight



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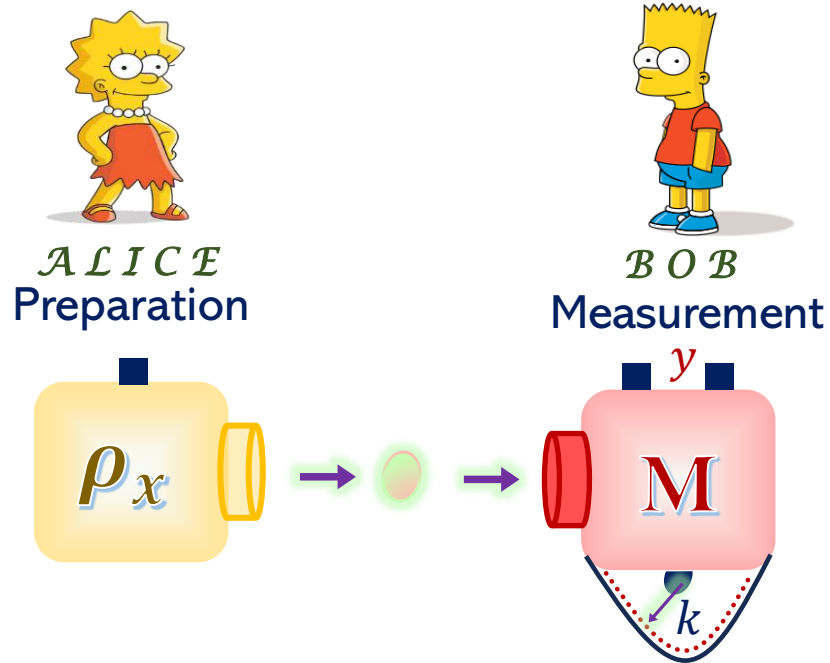
The success probability of the multiplexing task:

$$\mathcal{S}_n = \frac{1}{2^n n} \sum_{\substack{y \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \\ x^\delta \in \{0, 1\}^n}} p(b = x_y^\delta | P_{x^\delta}, B_y)$$

The parity-oblivious condition:

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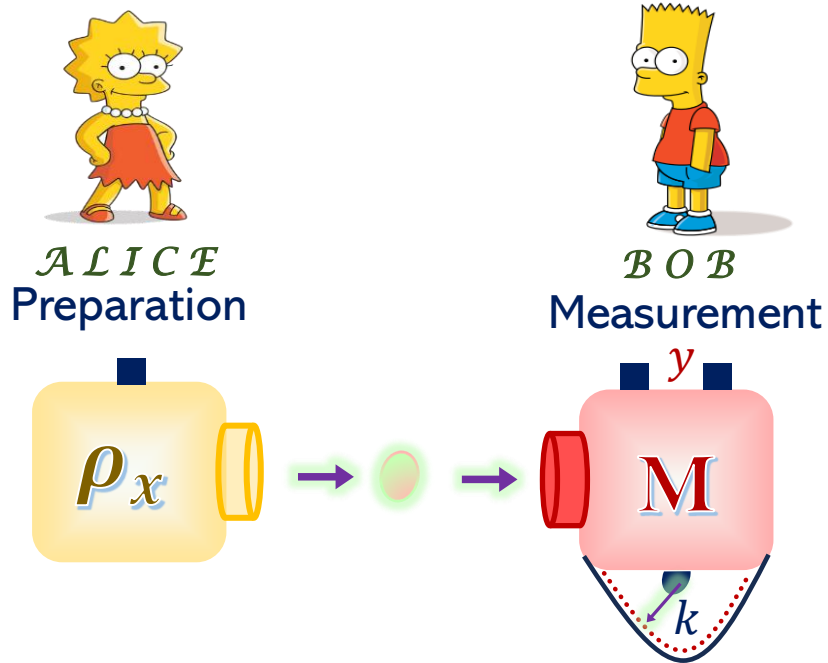
Parity Set:

$$\mathbb{P}_n = \left\{ x^\delta \mid x^\delta \in \{0, 1\}^n, \sum_r x_r^\delta \geq 2 \right\} \text{ with } r \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

For any element  $s \in P_n$ , the information about  $x^\delta \cdot s = \bigoplus_i x_i^\delta s_i$  must remain oblivious to Bob.

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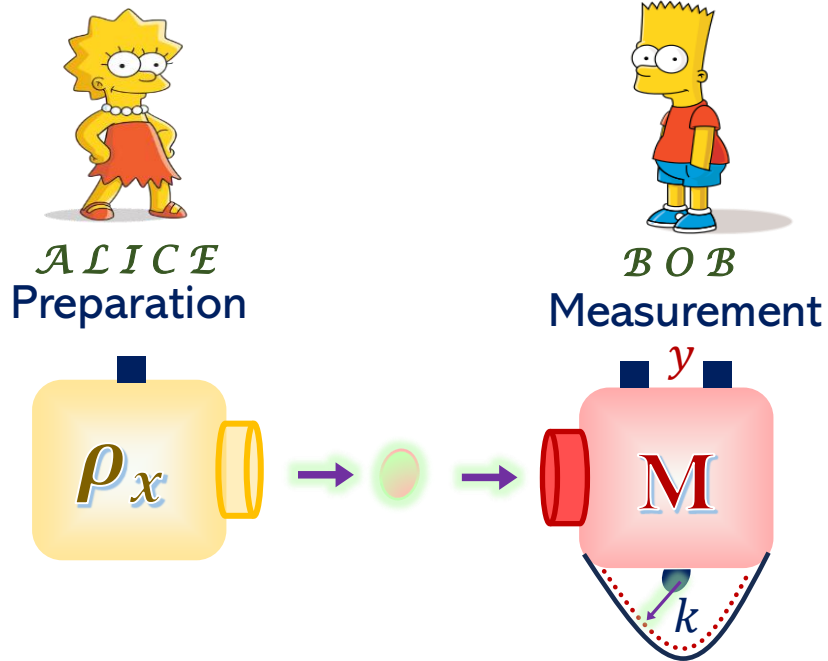
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$$p(b | \rho_{00}, B_y) + p(b | \rho_{11}, B_y) = p(b | \rho_{01}, B_y) + p(b | \rho_{10}, B_y)$$

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Two equivalent experimental procedures in quantum theory are assumed to be equivalently represented in an ontological model.

$$\forall M, k: p(k|P, M) = p(k|P', M) \Rightarrow \mu_P(\lambda|\rho) = \mu_{P'}(\lambda|\rho)$$

# Preparation noncontextuality

The parity oblivious constraint on Alice's state preparation:

$$(\mathcal{S}_n)_C \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\forall s \quad \sum_{x^\delta | x^\delta \cdot s = 0} \rho_{x^\delta} = \sum_{x^\delta | x^\delta \cdot s = 1} \rho_{x^\delta}$$

The quantum success probability

$$(\mathcal{S}_n)_Q = \frac{1}{2^n n} \sum_{\substack{y \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \\ x^\delta \in \{0, 1\}^n}} \text{Tr} \left[ \rho_{x^\delta} \Pi_y^b \right]$$



# Our First Result: Dimension-independent Optimal Quantum Value

## Derivation Strategy:

- No assumption on the dimension of Alice's states or Bob's measurements.
- Represent preparation as

$$\rho_x = \frac{1}{d}(I + A_x)$$

- Use parity-obliviousness to enforce constraints on the set  $\{A_x\}$  as

$$\forall s \in P_n \quad \sum_{x^\delta} (-1)^{x^\delta \cdot s} A_\delta = 0$$

- The quantum success probability becomes

$$(\mathcal{S}_n)_Q = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}nd} \text{Tr} \left[ \sum_{\delta=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} \alpha_\delta \omega_\delta \mathcal{A}_\delta \mathcal{B}_\delta \right]$$

$$\mathcal{B}_\delta = \frac{\sum_{y=1}^n (-1)^{x_y} B_y}{\omega_\delta}; \quad \mathcal{A}_\delta = \frac{A_\delta + A_{\bar{\delta}}}{\alpha_\delta}$$
$$\omega_\delta = \left\| \left( \sum_{y=1}^n (-1)^{x_y^\delta} B_y \right) \right\|; \quad \alpha_\delta = \|A_\delta - A_{\bar{\delta}}\|$$



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Optimality requires:

- Bob's observables mutually anticommute.
- Pairs of complementary preparations are orthogonal.
- The optimal quantum success probability is

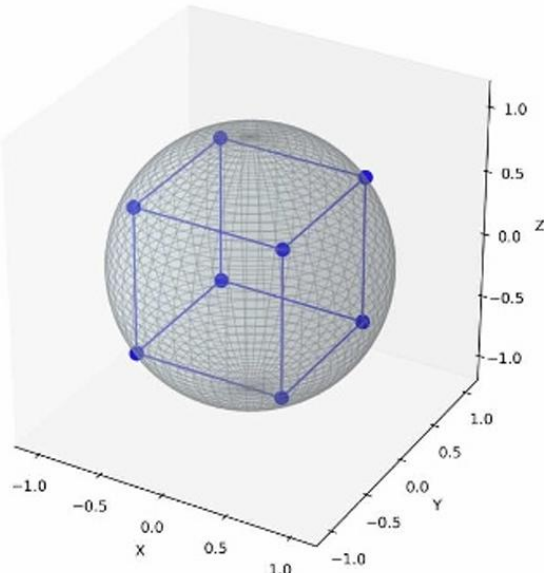
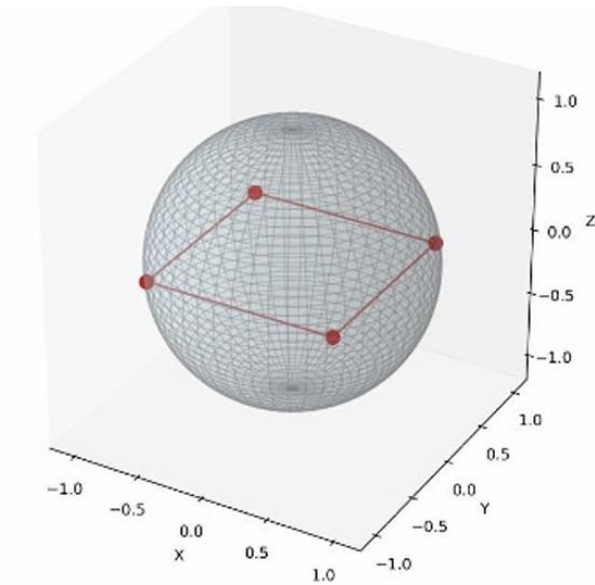
$$(\mathcal{S}_n)_Q^{\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

Alice's optimal preparation:

$$\rho_{x^\delta} = \frac{1}{d} \left( \mathbb{1}_d + \frac{\sum_{y=1}^n (-1)^{x_y^\delta} B_y}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$



# Self-testing Implications



- Requirement of  $n$  mutually anti-commuting observables constrains the minimal Hilbert space dimension :  $d^* = 2^m$ ,  $m = \left\lceil \frac{1}{2}(n - 1) \right\rceil$ .
- Alice must prepare quantum states of at least the same dimension, If the prepared states lie in a smaller-dimensional Hilbert space, then regardless of Bob's measurements, the success probability cannot attain its optimal value.
- Alice's  $2^n$  preparations correspond to vertices of an  $n$ -dimensional hypercube in the Clifford Bloch sphere:

# Self-testing : Formal Statement

**Theorem 1.** Let a quantum strategy  $\{\rho_{x^\delta}, B_y \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}^d)\}$ , achieve maximum quantum success probability in the  $n$ -bit POM task, where  $\mathcal{H}^d$  is an unknown finite-dimensional Hilbert space. Then, this strategy self-tests the reference preparations and measurements  $\{\rho'_{x^\delta}, B'_y \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}^{d'})\}$ , upto unitary freedom and complex conjugation, where  $\mathcal{H}^{d'}$  is of known dimension, if there exists a unitary operation  $U: \mathcal{H}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{d'}$  such that

$$\exists U: \mathcal{H}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{d'} \otimes \mathcal{H}^J \text{ s.t. } (i) \quad UB_yU^\dagger = B'_y \otimes \mathbb{1}_J, \quad (ii) \quad U\rho_{x^\delta}U^\dagger = \rho'_{x^\delta} \otimes \frac{\mathbb{1}_J}{J}.$$

- Hence, the physical strategy is equivalent to a known finite-dimensional quantum realisation.
- This gives a **full self-test** (up to unitary and complex conjugation).



# Conceptual Significance & Applications



Breaks the perceived barrier that PM self-testing needs dimension restrictions.



Dimension witness:  $n$  mutually anticommuting observables imply a minimal system dimension.



Recycling a quantum resource



Single-device randomness expansion: Optimal POM violation gives a bound on min-entropy via EAT; Allows practical randomness expansion without entanglement and without dimension assumptions.



Verifiable blind quantum computing



Parameter Estimation, Sensing



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