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Abstract: Bell's theorem is typically understood as proof that quantum theory is incompatible with local hidden variable (LHV) models. In recent years, however, LHV models have been recognized as a particular and simple case of much more general causal networks that can give rise to new and stronger forms of nonclassicality. And, since nonlocality is a resource in a variety of applications, it is thus natural to ask whether these novel forms of nonclassical behavior can also be put to use in information processing. In this seminar, I will present recent results exploring quantum correlations in several such causal scenarios, ranging from foundational questions such as freedom of choice in Bell experiments to more applied situations covering cryptography, distributed computing, and game theory.

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# Exploring quantum correlations in causal networks

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# Nonclassicality

## Applications

- ▶ Cryptography
- ▶ Game theory
- ▶ Communication Complexity Problems (CCP)
- ▶ Foundational questions

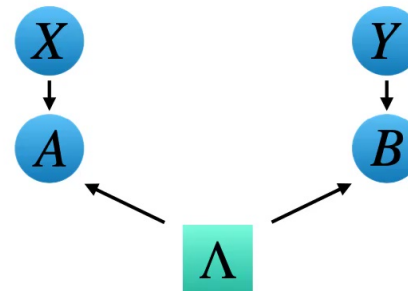
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## Bell Nonlocality

Distribution:

$$p(a, b|x, y)$$



Hypotheses

► Local realism:

$$p(a, b|x, y) = \sum_{\lambda} p(a|x, \lambda) p(b|y, \lambda) p(\lambda)$$

► Measurement independence

$$p(x, y, \lambda) = p(x, y) p(\lambda)$$

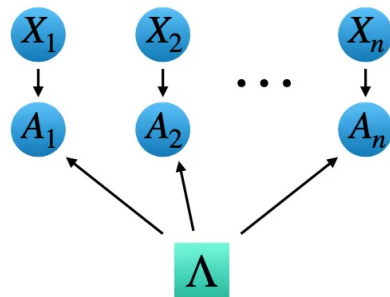
⇒ Set of correlations bounded by linear inequalities:

$$CHSH = E_{x=0,y=0} + E_{x=0,y=1} + E_{x=1,y=0} - E_{x=1,y=1} \leq 2$$

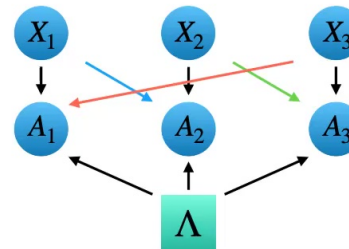


## Generalizations

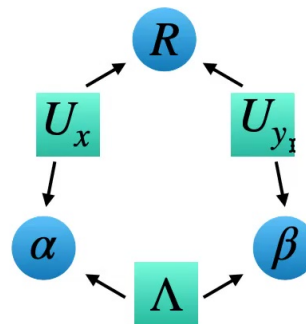
Multipartite



Relaxing NS

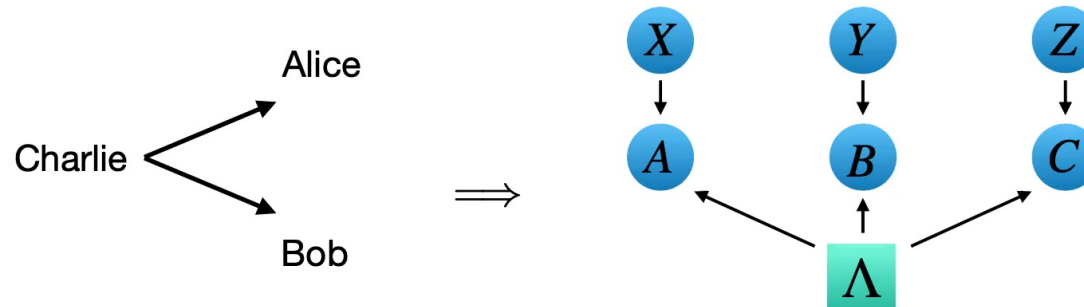


Triangle



## Relaxing NS condition and secret sharing

### Secret Sharing



Each participant has a bit

- ▶ Charlie  $\rightarrow c$
- ▶ Alice  $\rightarrow a$
- ▶ Bob  $\rightarrow b$

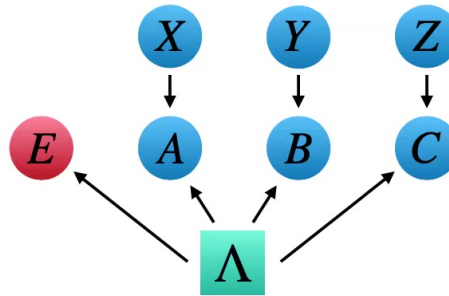
Such that, for some  $x^*$ ,  $y^*$ , and  $z^*$ ,

$$c = a \oplus b$$





## Usual attack



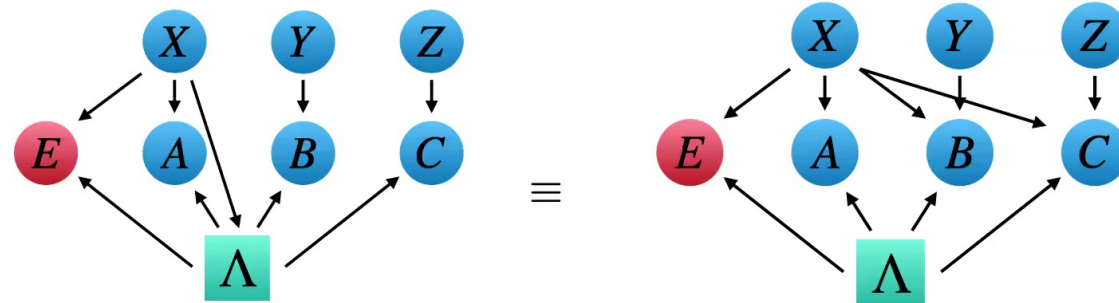
Eavesdropper goal  $\rightarrow$  maximize  $p(e = c|x^*, y^*, z^*)$

Solution:

- ▶  $p(a, b, c|x, y, z) = \text{tr} [(M_x^a \otimes M_y^b \otimes M_z^c)\rho]$
- ▶  $\rho = |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|$
- ▶  $M_{x=0}^0 - M_{x=0}^1 = M_{y=0}^0 - M_{y=0}^1 = M_{z=0}^0 - M_{z=0}^1 = \sigma_x$
- ▶  $M_{x=1}^0 - M_{x=1}^1 = M_{y=1}^0 - M_{y=1}^1 = M_{z=1}^0 - M_{z=1}^1 = \sigma_y$



Special attack



Solution:

$$S = 4\sqrt{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{security}$$

in which

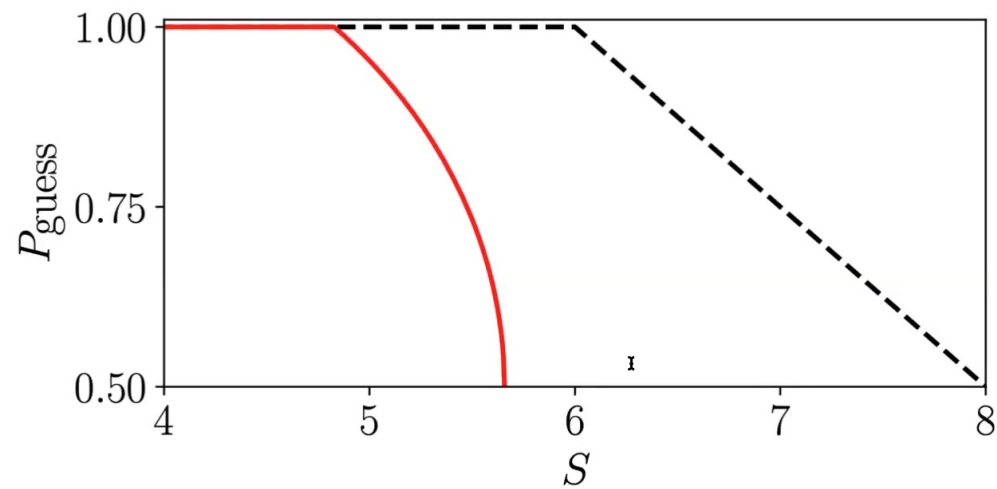
$$S = p_A(0|0)CHSH_{00} - p_A(1|0)CHSH_{10} \\ + p_A(0|1)CHSH'_{01} - p(1|1)CHSH'_{11}$$







Using the NPA relaxation, we observe that the result is robust



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## Relaxing NS condition and Game Theory

Bayesian games with advisors  $\longleftrightarrow$  Bell nonlocality

Bayesian games

		Player 2	
		C	D
Player 1	C	$(-2, -2)$	$(0, -3)$
	D	$(-3, 0)$	$(-1, -1)$

Elements of the game:

- ▶  $N$  players
- ▶ Type  $\Theta = \times_{i=1}^n \Theta_i$
- ▶ Actions  $A = \times_{i=1}^n A_i$
- ▶ Payoff functions  $\{u_i\}$  such that  $u_i : \Theta \times A \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

How a correlation mediated by some variable  $\Lambda$  can affect a game (CCD)?

$$U_i = \sum_{\vec{a}, \vec{\theta}, \lambda} (\prod_{i=1}^n p(a_i | \theta_i, \lambda)) p(\lambda) p(\vec{\theta}) u_i(\vec{\theta}, \vec{a})$$

$\implies$  nonlocality may lead to new average payoffs.

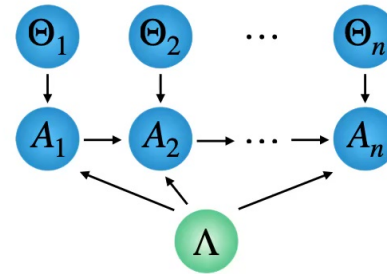




## Multistage games

Elements of the game:

Bayesian game  
+  
History  $\vec{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_n)$



A better way of setting correlations (ECD):

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We found scenarios in which

- ▶ QECD beats QCCD
- ▶ QCCD beats ECD
- ▶ QCCD ties with QECD that beats ECD

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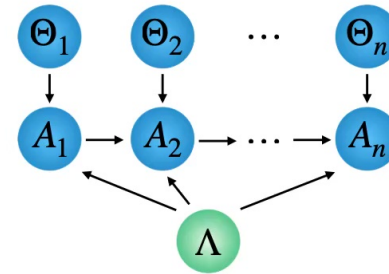




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## Relaxing NS condition and CCP

Communication Complexity Problem:

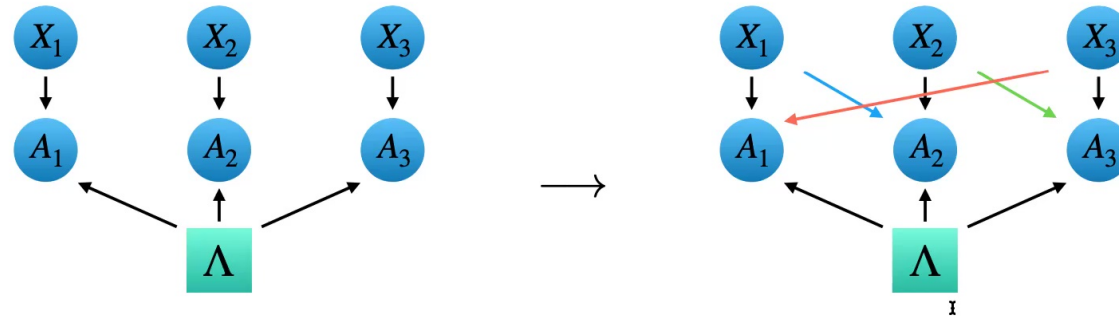
- ▶ Minimum amount of communication necessary to perform a task
- ▶ Success probability given a fixed communication

Brüderer et al. (Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 127901 (2004)):

*For every Bell's inequality, including those which are not known yet, there always exists a CCP, for which the protocol assisted by states which violate the inequality is more efficient than any classical protocol.*



Can we generalize this result?



Inequalities

$$B_n = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_n = -1}^1 Q(x_1, \dots, x_n) E_{x_1, \dots, x_n} \leq B_n^C$$

in which

$$E_{x_1, \dots, x_n} = \sum_{a_1, \dots, a_n = -1}^1 a_1 \dots a_n p(a_1, \dots, a_n | x_1, \dots, x_n)$$





Task for  $n$  participants:

- ▶ Set  $X = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \rightarrow q(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- ▶ Set  $Y = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \rightarrow$  uniform distribution
- ▶ Participant  $i$  receives as input  $x_i, y_i$ , and some subset of  $X/x_i$
- ▶ Each participant can broadcast a single bit message  $m_i$
- ▶ Shared correlated system  $\rightarrow$  part  $i$  has outcomes  $a_i$

The goal is to evaluate,

$$f(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = y_1 \dots y_n S[Q(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$$





## Strategy

- ▶ Measures are labeled according with the set of inputs from  $X$  received
- ▶ Participant  $i$  announce  $y_i a_i$
- ▶ The guess of participant  $i$  is:

$$G_i = \prod_{i=1}^n m_i = \prod_{i=1}^n y_i a_i$$

**This strategy is optimal!**

Probability of success:

$$P_{Suc} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{B_n}{2\Gamma}$$

→ Violation the inequality  $\iff$  Higher  $P_{Suc}$







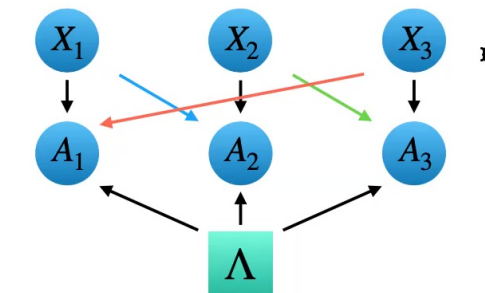
## Experimental implementation

Guess-your-neighbor's-input scenario:

$$B_G = \sum_{x_1, x_2, x_3 = -1}^1 Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) E_{x_1, x_2, x_3} \leq 6$$

in which

$$Q(\vec{x}) = 1 - \frac{(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2)(1 - x_3)}{4}$$



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Violation

$$B_G = 7.023 \pm 0.036$$

Success probability

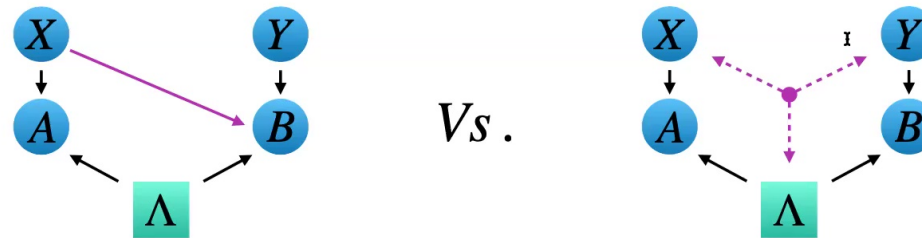
$$P_{Suc} = 0.9389 \pm 0.0049$$





## Measurement dependence and Free Will

### Measurement dependence in the CHSH scenario



- ▶ Relaxing NS: maximal violation  $\rightarrow 1bit$
- ▶ Relaxing MD: maximal violation  $\rightarrow 0.046bit$

If  $p(x, y)$  is uniform:

$$2 - h\left(\frac{4 - CHSH}{8}\right) - \frac{4 + CHSH}{8} \log_2 3 \leq I(X, Y : \Lambda)$$

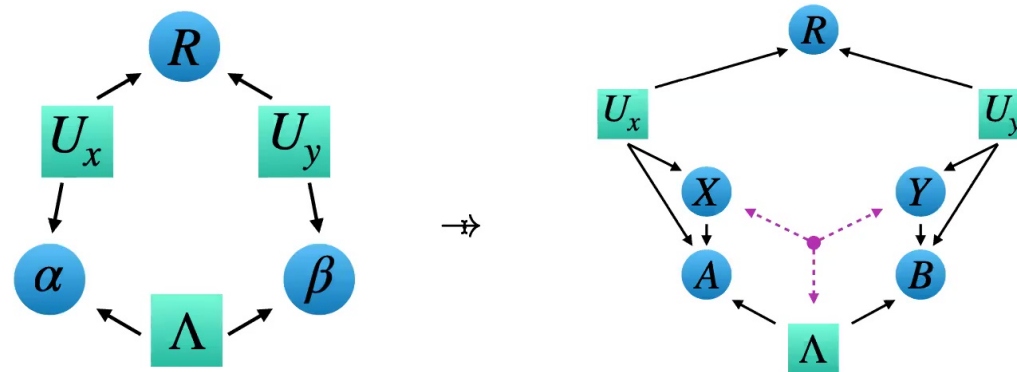
or

$$(CHSH - 2)/4 \leq \mathcal{M}, \quad \text{for } \mathcal{M} = \sum_{x,y,\lambda} |p(x, y, \lambda) - p(x, y)p(\lambda)|$$





Tobias Fritz (New J. Phys.14, 103001 (2012))



Perfect correlation between  $R$  and  $(X, Y)$ , e. g.,

$$p(x = 0, y = 0 | r = 0) = 1$$

$$p(x = 0, y = 1 | r = 1) = 1$$

$$p(x = 1, y = 0 | r = 2) = 1$$

$$p(x = 1, y = 1 | r = 3) = 1$$

implies that MI holds.





## Entropic approach

$$h = (H(X_1), \dots, H(X_n), H(X_1, X_2), \dots, H(X_1, X_n), \dots)$$

Shannon cone  $\Gamma_n$  for  $n$  variables  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

- ▶ Monotonicity
- ▶ Strong subadditivity
- ▶  $H(\emptyset) = 0$

Constraints implied by our structure

- ▶  $I(R : X, Y, \Lambda | U_x, U_y) = 0$
- ▶  $I(X : R, Y, U_y | \Lambda, U_x) = 0$
- ▶  $I(Y : R, X, U_x | \Lambda, U_y) = 0$

Using Fourier-Motzkin  $\rightarrow I(X, Y : \Lambda) \leq \Theta(X, Y, R),$

$$\Theta := \min \begin{cases} H(X, Y | R) \\ H(X, Y) - I(X : Y : R) - I(X : R) - I(Y : R) \\ H(X, Y) + H(R) - 2I(X : Y : R) - 2I(X : R) - 2I(Y : R) \end{cases}$$





If  $p(x, y)$  is uniform:

$$2 - h\left(\frac{4 - CHSH}{8}\right) - \frac{4 + CHSH}{8} \log_2 3 \leq \Theta(X, Y, R)$$

or, we can use the fact that

$$\mathcal{M}^2 \leq \frac{I(X, Y : \Lambda)}{\log_2 e}$$

we get to

$$\frac{CHSH - 2}{4} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Theta(X, Y, R)}{\log_2 e}}$$





## Feasibility

Sources of correlation

$$\rho = v|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| + \frac{1-v}{4}\mathbb{1}$$

in which

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

For violation

$$v \approx 0.994$$

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$$v \approx 0.907$$

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## Conclusion

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