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Compiled Nonlocal Games

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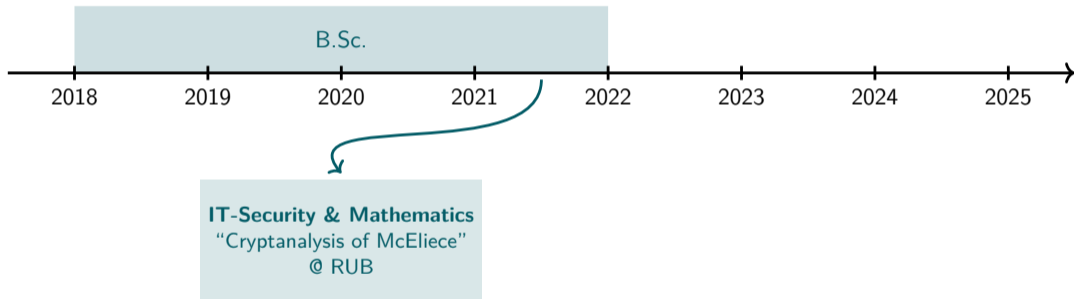
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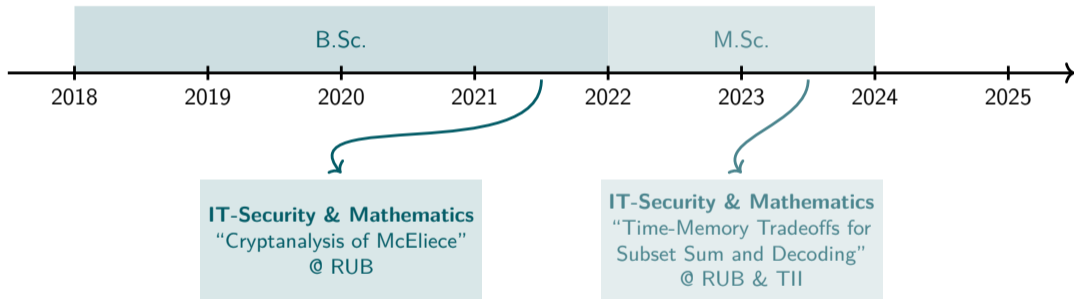
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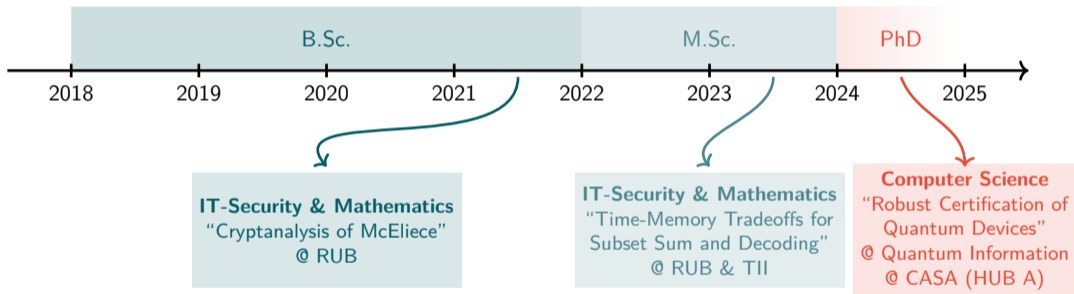
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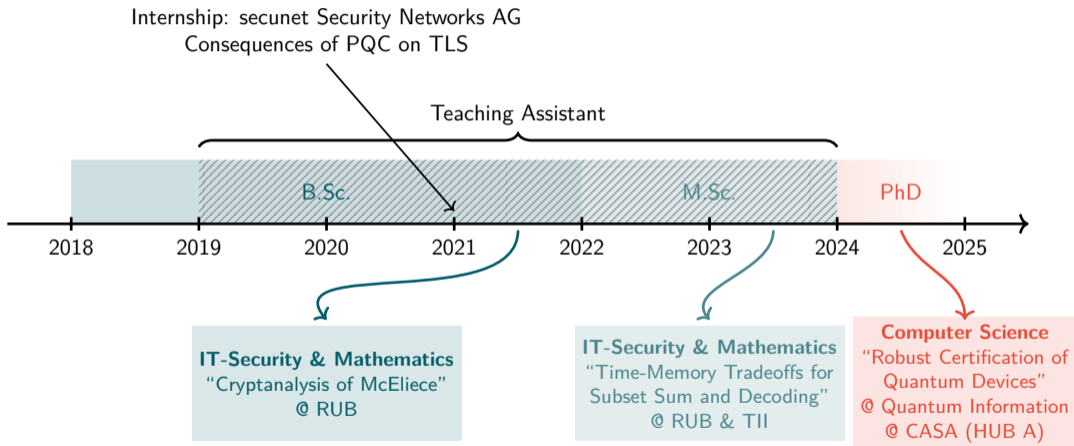
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## About The Project

### FRP “Robust Certification of Quantum Devices”

-  Use cryptography to verify properties about quantum devices, verify computations etc.
-  PIs: Michael Walter (RUB) and Giulio Malavolta (Bocconi/MPI-SP)
-  PostDoc: Simon Schmidt
-  PhD Student: Alexander Kulpe

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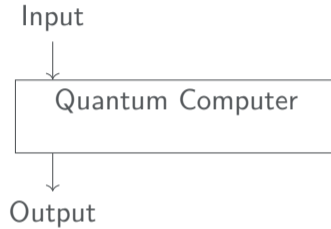


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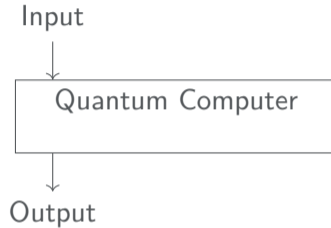
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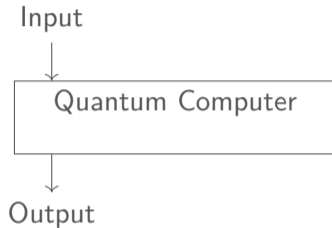


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- 🐘 Answer: All this and more is possible with *nonlocal games* which are special interactive protocols!



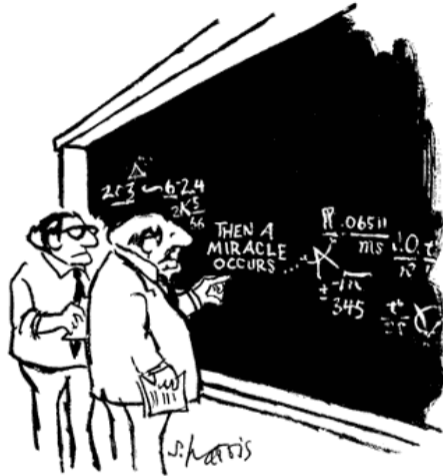
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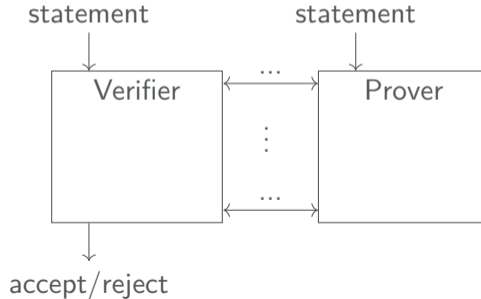
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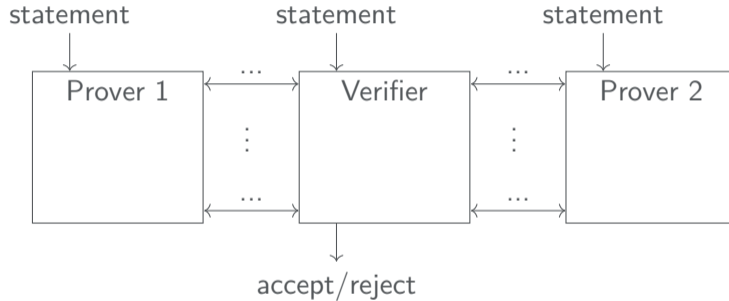


## Interactive Proofs

- 🐘 Prover tries to convince a verifier that statement is true
  - 🐘 Verifier may ask questions
- ⇒ interactive instead of static



## Multi-Interactive Proof Systems



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Quantum

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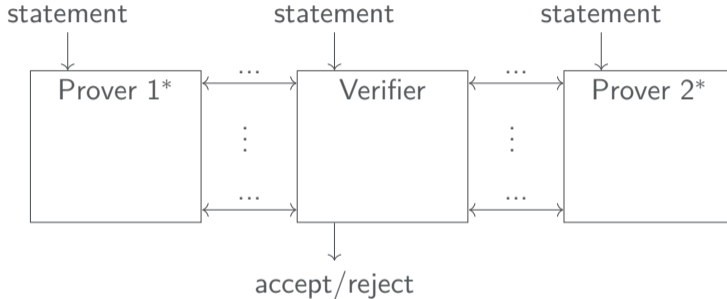
🐘 Bit:  $b \in \{0, 1\}$


🐘 Qubit: unit vector  $q = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$ , i.e.  $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$

🐘 *Measuring*  $q$  gives us 0 w.p.  $|\alpha|^2$  and 1 w.p.  $|\beta|^2$ .

## Definition 1 (Entanglement)

If two qubits are *entangled*, their states depend on each other. Measuring one qubit influences the state of the other entangled qubit.

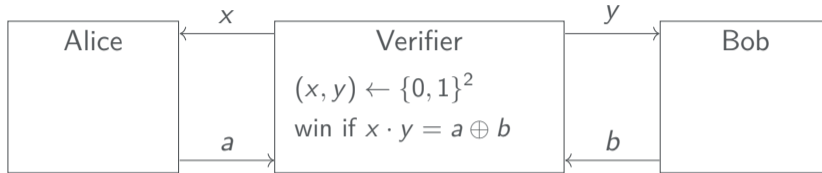



 **Quantum** Provers are not allowed to communicate, **but they are allowed to share entangled states**



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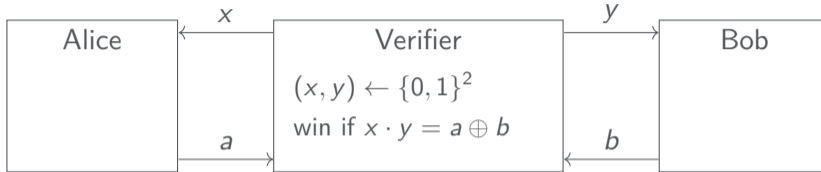
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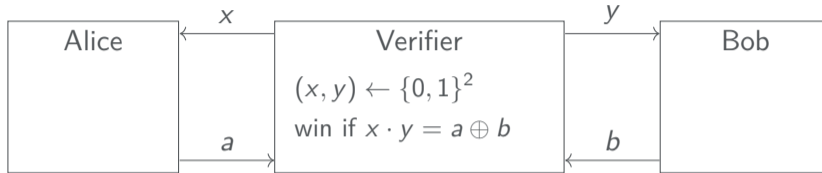


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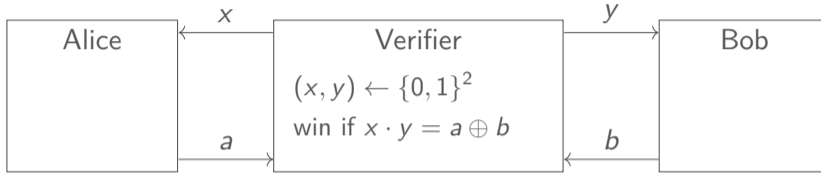
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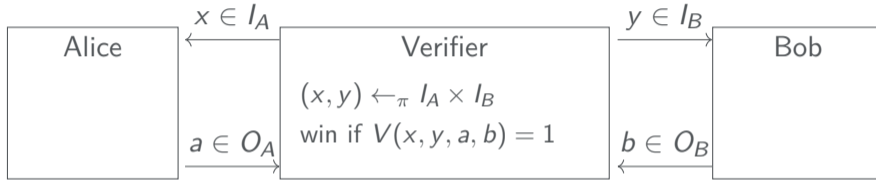






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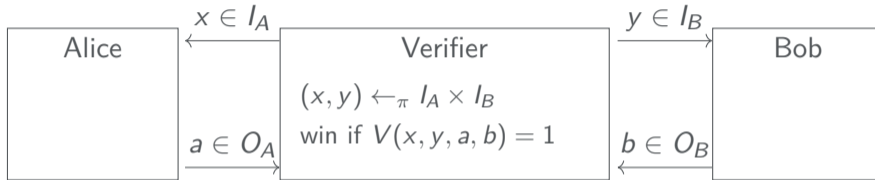
If Alice and Bob win with probability  $> 75$  % they must have quantum capabilities!

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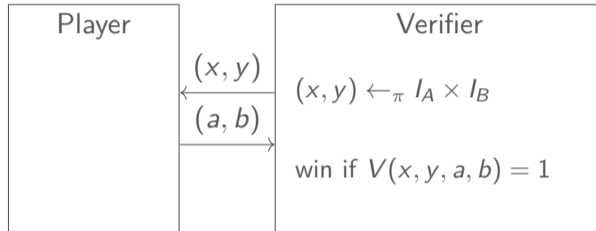
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**BUT:** The provers are not allowed to communicate! How can we enforce this? Can we achieve the same with one player instead of two?



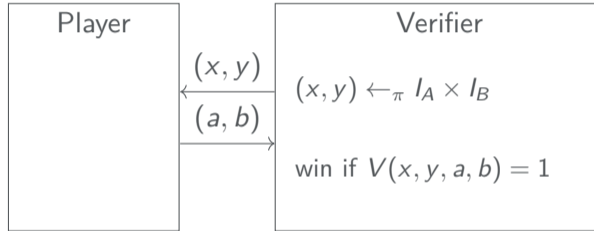
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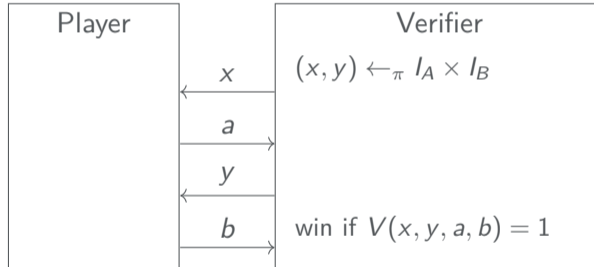
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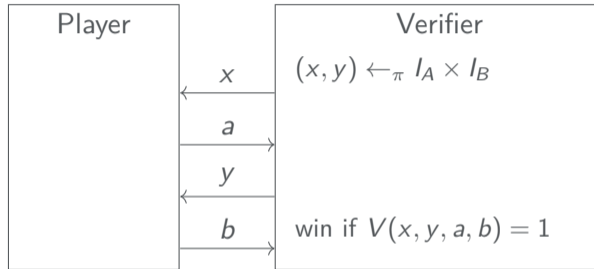
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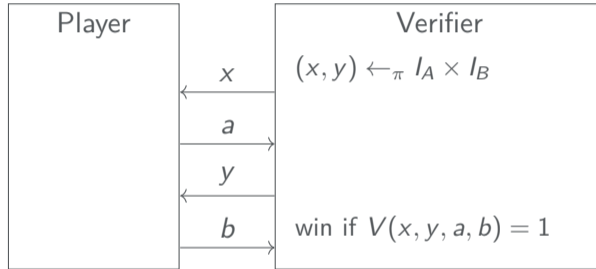
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**Better, but still does not work!**

The first two messages simulate Alice's part. But in the second part, the player knows  $x, a, y$  instead of only  $y$  and can choose  $b$  adaptively. In this case CHSH can be won perfectly

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### Idea

Use cryptography to ensure that the player does not know  $x, a$  when providing  $b$ .

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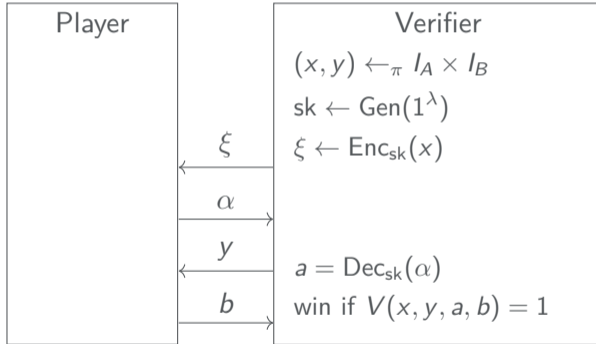
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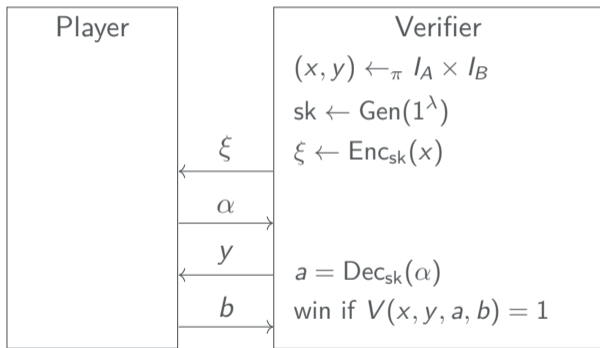
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A QFHE scheme is called *quantum-secure* if no efficient quantum adversary can distinguish between  $\text{Enc}(x_1), \text{Enc}(x_2)$ .

# KLVY Compiler





## KLVY Results

-  Players in the compiled game can be *at least as good* as in the nonlocal game!
-  Classical Players cannot do better in the compiled game

**Open Question:** Can quantum players do better in the compiled game or not?









# Current Research & Contributions

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-  **KMPSW24**: Quantum players for any nonlocal game cannot do better in the compiled game
  -  Accepted in QIP'25 & submitted to STOC'25

## Alternative Compiler

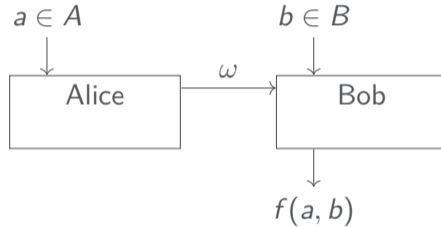
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  - 🐘 Plan to submit to upcoming crypto conferences

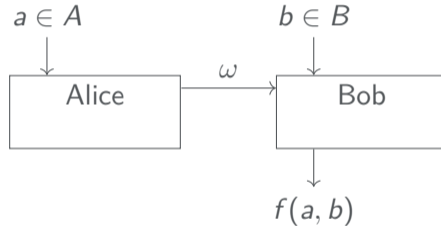
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- 🐘 Can we use similar compilation techniques in this scenario such that the communication that is needed for Bob to compute  $f(a, b)$  stays the same (for classical players)?





# Many thanks for your attention!

## Contact me

 ...if you are interested in Quantum Information, (Quantum) Cryptography, etc.

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