

# Bell Inequalities

- I assume familiarity with basic Quantum Information (i.e. Nielsen/Chuang)

# How strong are quantum correlations?

- Bell inequalities
  - as games
  - geometrically

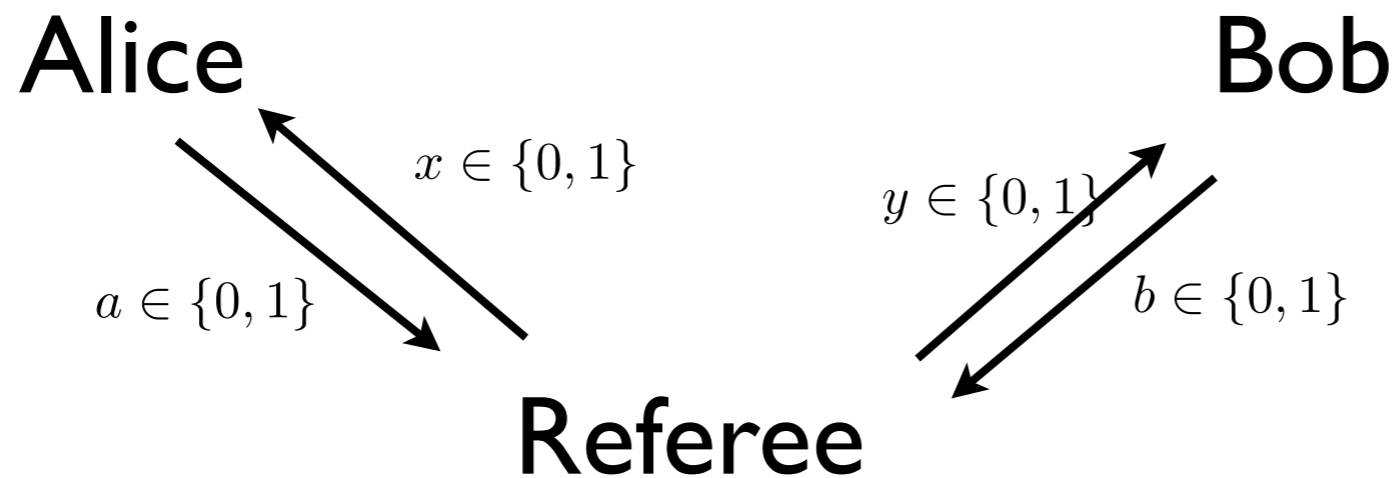
# CHSH-Game

Clauser, Horne, Shimony & Holt

Alice and Bob cannot communicate

referee supplies questions to Alice and Bob ( $x$  and  $y$ )

(equal probability for all questions)



they win if  
 $a \oplus b \neq x.y$

Alice and Bob win if

$a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=0$

$a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=1$

$a \neq b$  for  $x=1, y=0$

$a = b$  for  $x=1, y=1$

What is the maximal probability of winning?

# Mathematical setup

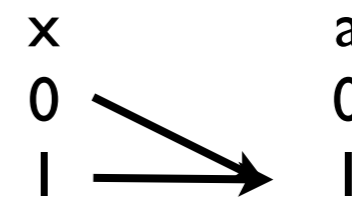
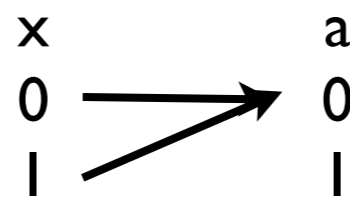
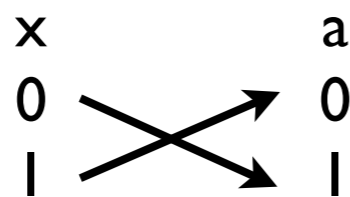
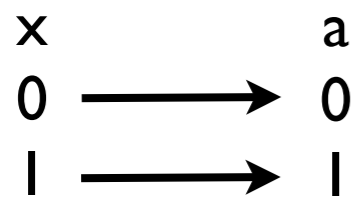
- Alice and Bob have access to correlations given by  $P_{AB|XY}(ab|xy)$  ← conditional probability distribution
- Winning condition  $1 \geq Q_{ABXY}(abxy) \geq 0$
- Questions are chosen with probability  $P_{XY}(xy)$

$$\text{Prob}[\text{win}] = \sum_{xyab} P_{XY}(xy) P_{AB|XY}(ab|xy) Q(abxy)$$

# Classical Deterministic Strategy

$$P_{AB|XY}(ab|xy) = \delta_{a,f(x)}\delta_{b,g(y)}$$

**Alice**  $a=f(x)$



**Bob**  $b=g(y)$

**Example strategy**

$$f(0)=0 \quad f(1)=0 \quad g(0)=1 \quad g(1)=1$$

$a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=0$       **100%**

$a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=1$       **100%**

$a \neq b$  for  $x=1, y=0$       **100%**

$a = b$  for  $x=1, y=1$       **0%**

**Alice and Bob win if**

**Average winning probability 75%**

# Optimality

- There is no better strategy
- At most three conditions are satisfied

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} g(0) \neq f(1) & = & g(1) \neq f(0) \\ \text{3rd} & & \text{4th} & & \text{2nd} \end{array}$$

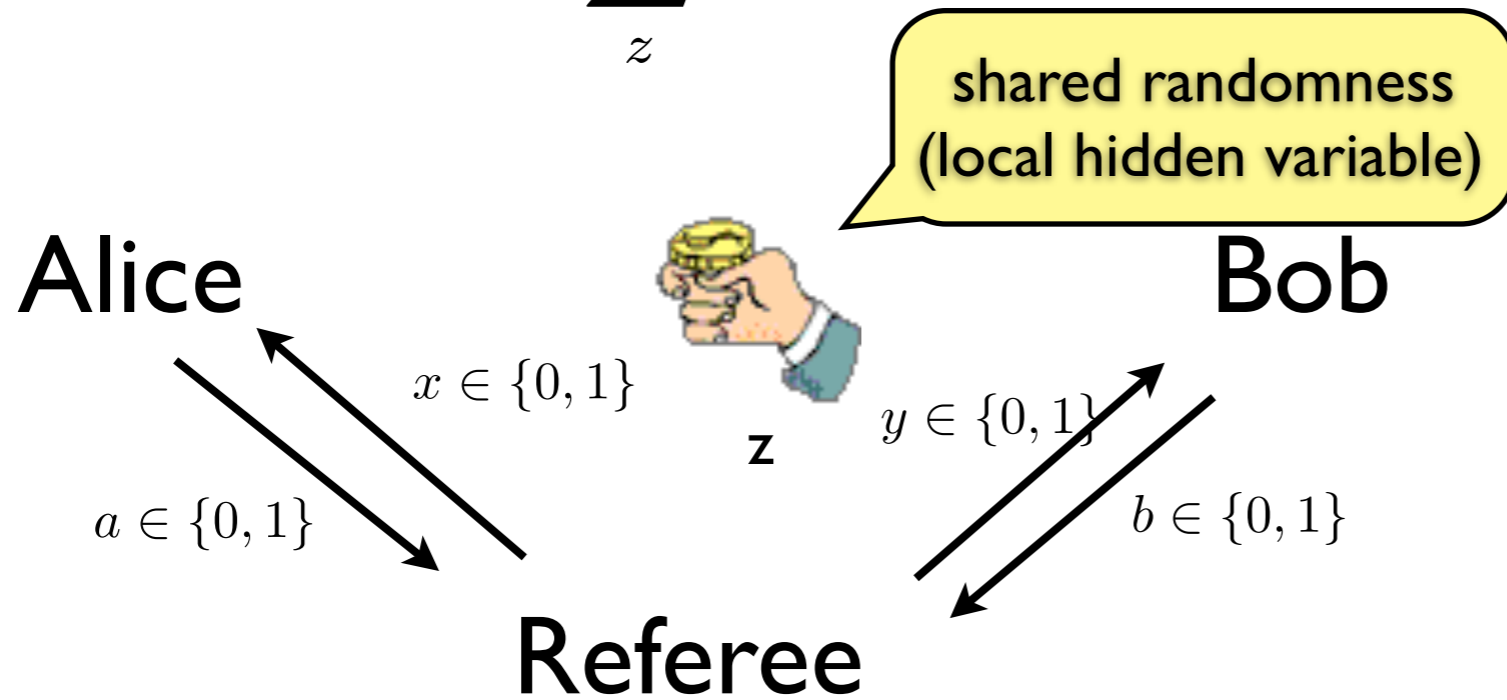
is in conflict with 1st:  $g(0) \neq f(0)$

- **Winning probability**  $\text{Prob}[\text{win}|\text{det}] \leq 3/4$

# Shared Randomness

$$P_{AB|XY}(ab|xy) = \sum_z P_Z(z) P_{A|XZ}(a|xz) P_{B|YZ}(b|yz)$$

deterministic strategies



Alice and Bob win if

Bell inequality

$a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=0$   
 $a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=1$   
 $a \neq b$  for  $x=1, y=0$   
 $a = b$  for  $x=1, y=1$

Prob[win|shared randomness]  $\leq 3/4$

Convex combination of classical deterministic strategies  $\rightarrow$  fixed deterministic strategy is best

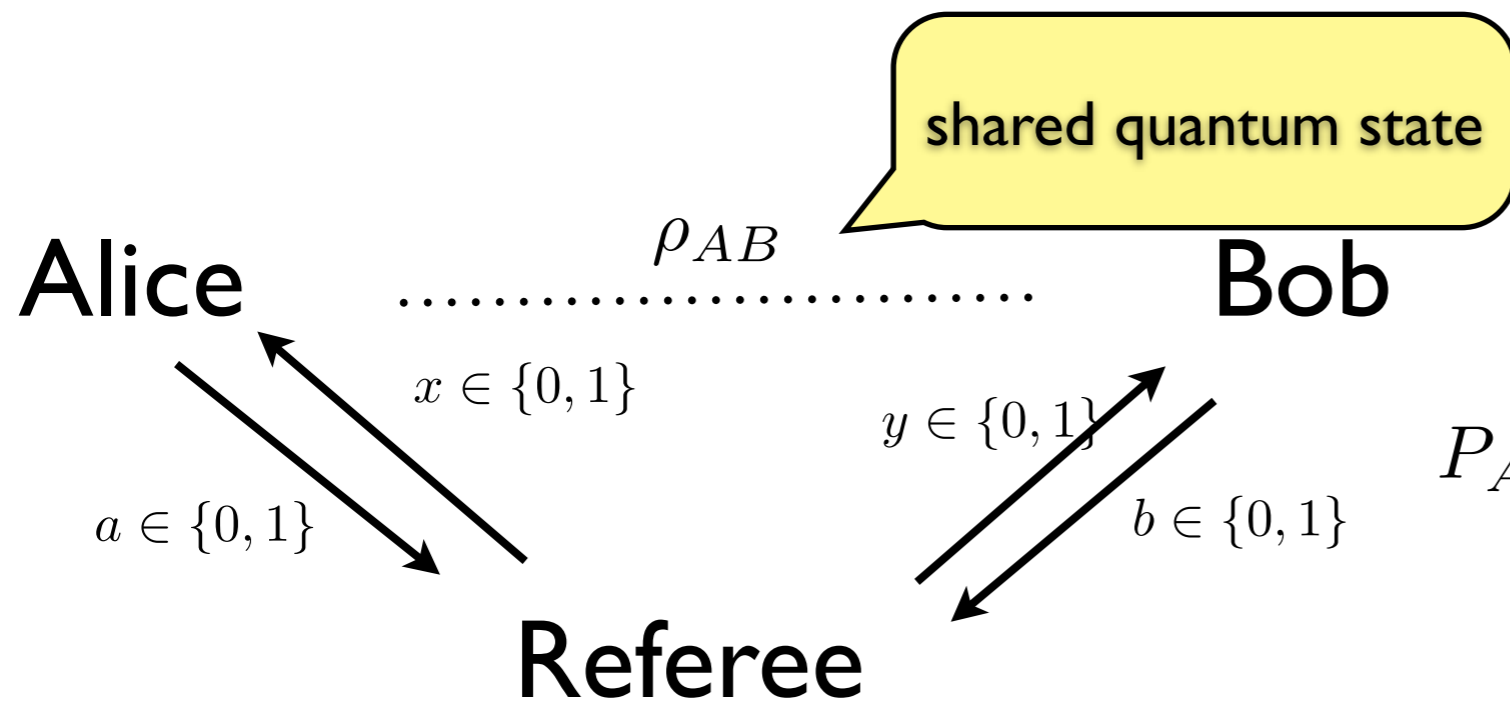
Can we beat this with shared

Bell inequality

entanglement?



# Quantum Strategy



POVM

$$A_a^x \geq 0 \quad \sum_a A_a^x = \mathbf{1}$$

$$P_{AB|XY}(ab|xy) = \text{tr } \rho_{AB} A_a^x \otimes B_b^y$$

$$= \text{tr } |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| A_a^x \otimes B_b^y$$

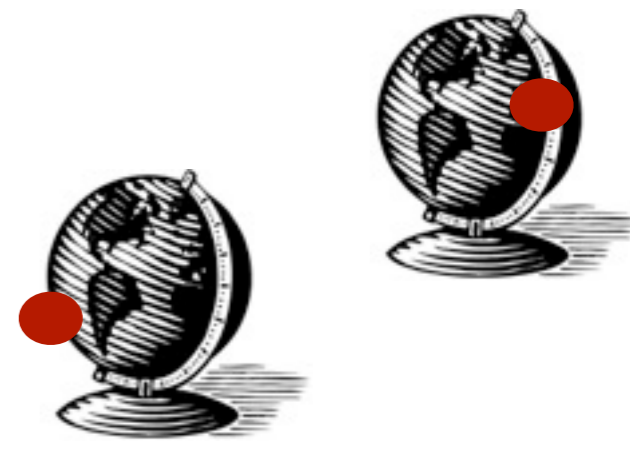
best to choose pure state  
(cf. convex combination)

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle) \quad |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{1} \otimes \mathbf{1} - \sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x - \sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y - \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z)$$

$$\text{tr}_A A_a^x \otimes \mathbf{1} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_{B,x,a}$$

measurement projector

probability of result



$$= \text{tr}_A \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{1} + \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{1} \ominus \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) \right)$$

post-measurement state is antipodal point

# Entangled Qubits

Source



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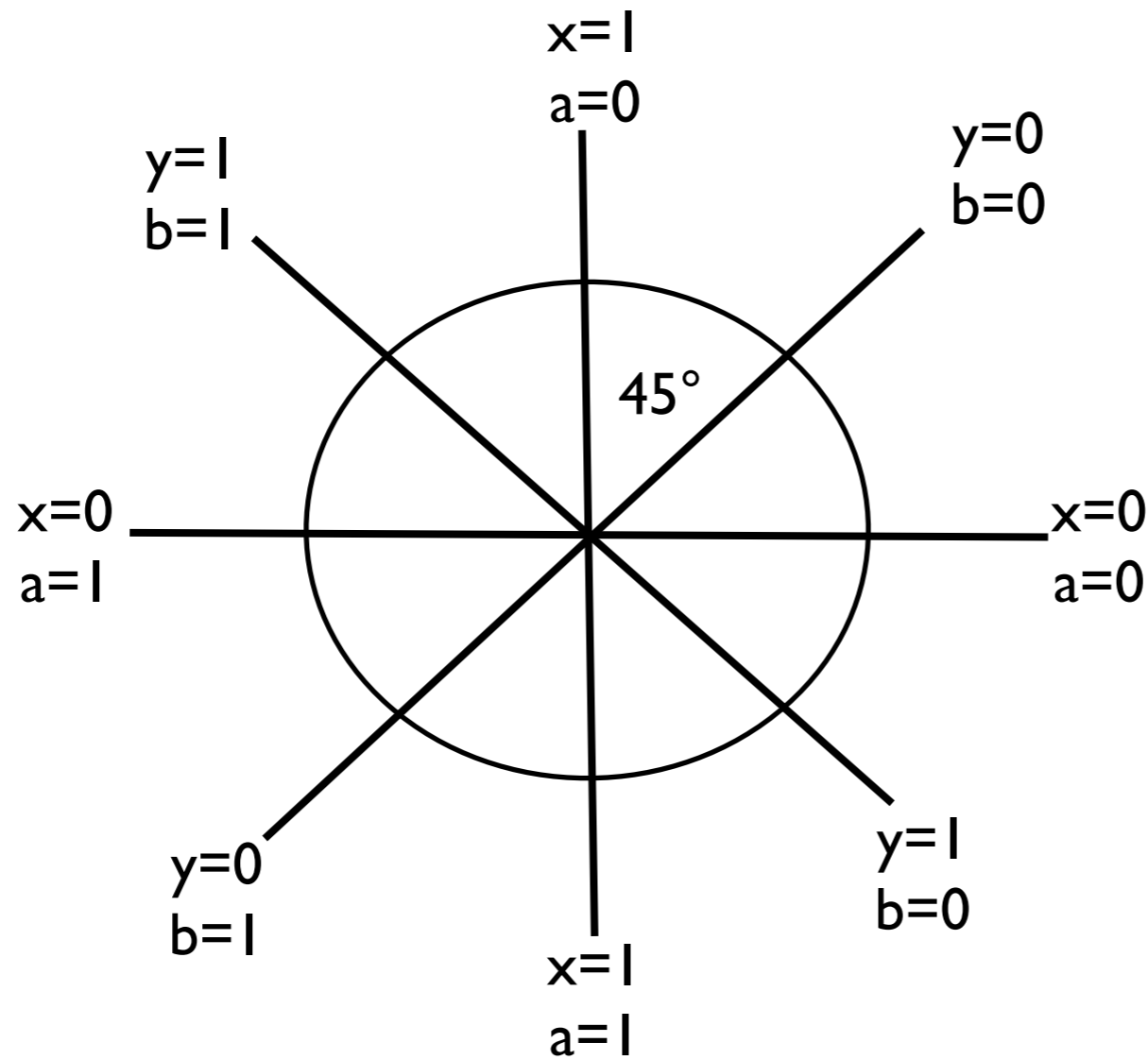
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Measurement:  
Madrid or  
Wellington

Bob's state=antipodal point  
for every measurement  
„spooky action at a distance“

# Violating the CHSH inequality



multiple of  $45^\circ$

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle$$

- $a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=0$   $\text{Cos}^2 45^\circ/2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \approx 85\%$
- $a \neq b$  for  $x=0, y=1$   $\text{Cos}^2 45^\circ/2 \approx 85\%$
- $a \neq b$  for  $x=1, y=0$   $\text{Cos}^2 45^\circ/2 \approx 85\%$
- $a = b$  for  $x=1, y=1$   $1 - \text{Cos}^2 135^\circ/2 \approx 85\%$

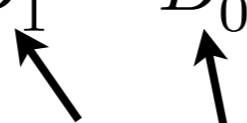
$$\text{Prob}[\text{win}] = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

# Cirelson's bound

$$\text{Prob}[\text{win}|\text{quantum}] \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

**Define**

$$A^x = A_0^x - A_1^x$$

$$B^x = B_1^y - B_0^y$$


orthogonal projectors

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}[\text{win}] &= 1/2 + \langle \psi | A^0 \otimes B^0 + A^0 \otimes B^1 + A^1 \otimes B^0 - A^1 \otimes B^1 | \psi \rangle / 8 \\ &= 1/8 \sum_{abxy} P_{AB|XY}(ab|xy) \\ &\quad + (P_{AB|XY}(01|00) + P_{AB|XY}(10|00)) - P_{AB|XY}(00|00) - P_{AB|XY}(11|00) \\ &\quad + (P_{AB|XY}(01|01) + P_{AB|XY}(10|01)) - P_{AB|XY}(00|01) - P_{AB|XY}(11|01) \\ &\quad + (P_{AB|XY}(01|10) + P_{AB|XY}(10|10)) - P_{AB|XY}(00|10) - P_{AB|XY}(11|10) \\ &\quad + (P_{AB|XY}(00|11) + P_{AB|XY}(11|11)) - P_{AB|XY}(01|11) - P_{AB|XY}(10|11) \end{aligned}$$

# Cirelson's bound

**Define**  $a^x = A^x \otimes \mathbf{1}$       **Note**  $(a^x)^2 = \mathbf{1} = (b^y)^2$

$$b^y = \mathbf{1} \otimes B^y \quad [a^x, b^y] = 0$$

**Lemma: Let**  $(a^x)^2 = \mathbf{1} = (b^y)^2$        $[a^x, b^y] = 0$

**Then**  $a^0 b^0 + a^0 b^1 + a^1 b^0 - a^1 b^1 \leq 2\sqrt{2}\mathbf{1}$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^0 b^0 + a^0 b^1 + a^1 b^0 - a^1 b^1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( (a^0)^2 + (a^1)^2 + (b^0)^2 + (b^1)^2 \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{8} \left[ \left( (\sqrt{2}+1)(a^0 - b^0) + a^1 - b^1 \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( (\sqrt{2}+1)(a^0 - b^1) - a^1 - b^0 \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( (\sqrt{2}+1)(a^1 - b^0) + a^0 + b^1 \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( (\sqrt{2}+1)(a^1 + b^1) - a^0 - b^0 \right)^2 \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( (a^0)^2 + (a^1)^2 + (b^0)^2 + (b^1)^2 \right) \\
 &\leq 2\sqrt{2}\mathbf{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

verify with Mathematica

squares are non-negative

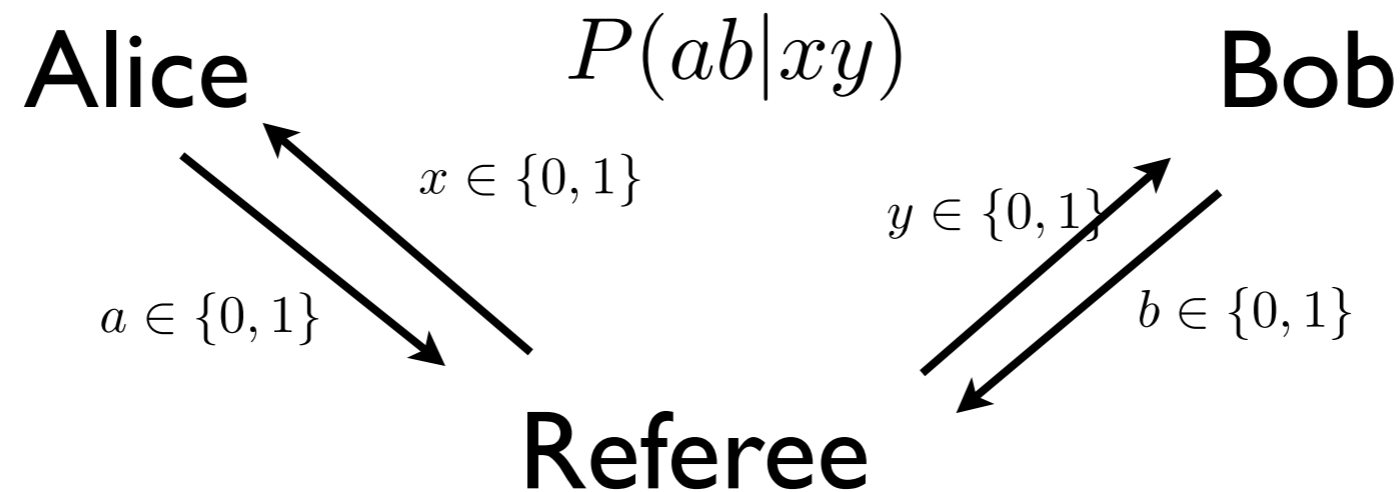
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# Cirelson's bound

Characterisation of winning probability  
& Lemma gives Cirelson's bound:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Prob}[\text{win}] &= 1/2 + \langle \psi | A^0 \otimes B^0 + A^0 \otimes B^1 + A^1 \otimes B^0 - A^1 \otimes B^1 | \psi \rangle / 8 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}\langle \psi | \mathbf{1} | \psi \rangle}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

# Non-signaling distributions



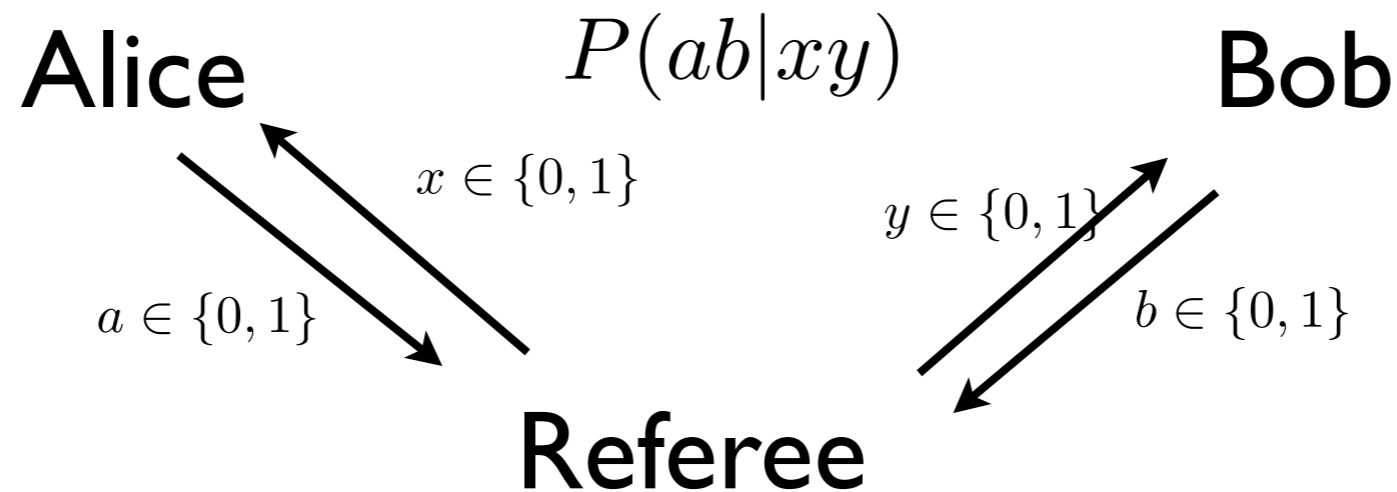
Only requirement on  $P(ab|xy)$  is that Alice and Bob cannot communicate (no signaling condition)

Description of Bob's system alone independent of Alice's measurement

$$\begin{aligned} P_B(b|y) &= \sum_a P(ab|0y) = \sum_a P(ab|1y) \\ P_A(a|x) &= \sum_b P(ab|x0) = \sum_b P(ab|x1) \end{aligned}$$

reduced state

# Popescu-Rohrlich (PR) Box



$$P(01|00) = P(10|00) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$P(01|10) = P(10|10) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(00|11) = P(11|11) = \frac{1}{2}$$

state is non-signaling:

$$P_B(b|y) = \sum_a P(ab|0y) = \sum_a P(ab|1y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P_A(a|x) = \sum_b P(ab|x0) = \sum_b P(ab|x1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

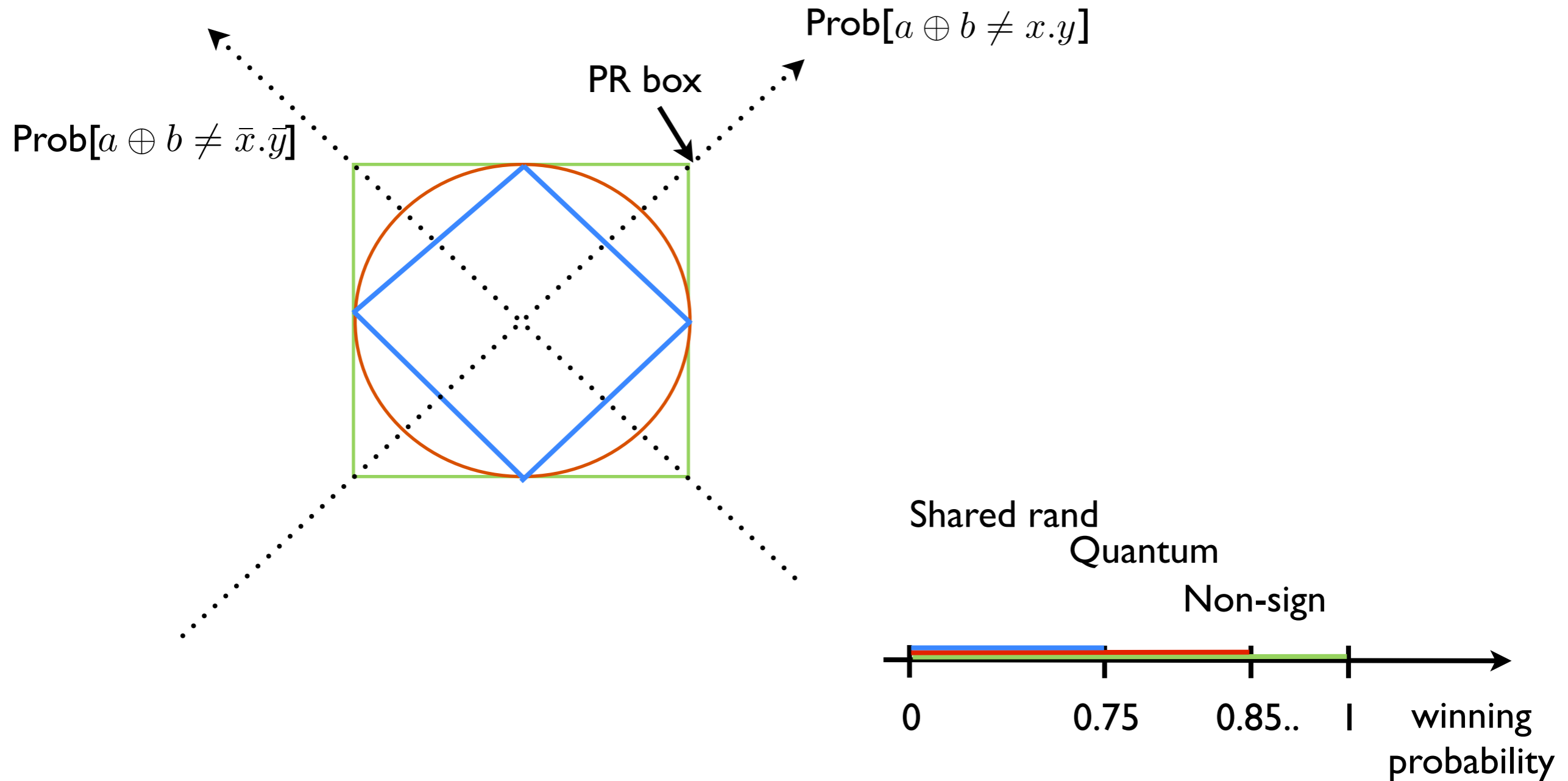
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. They always win!



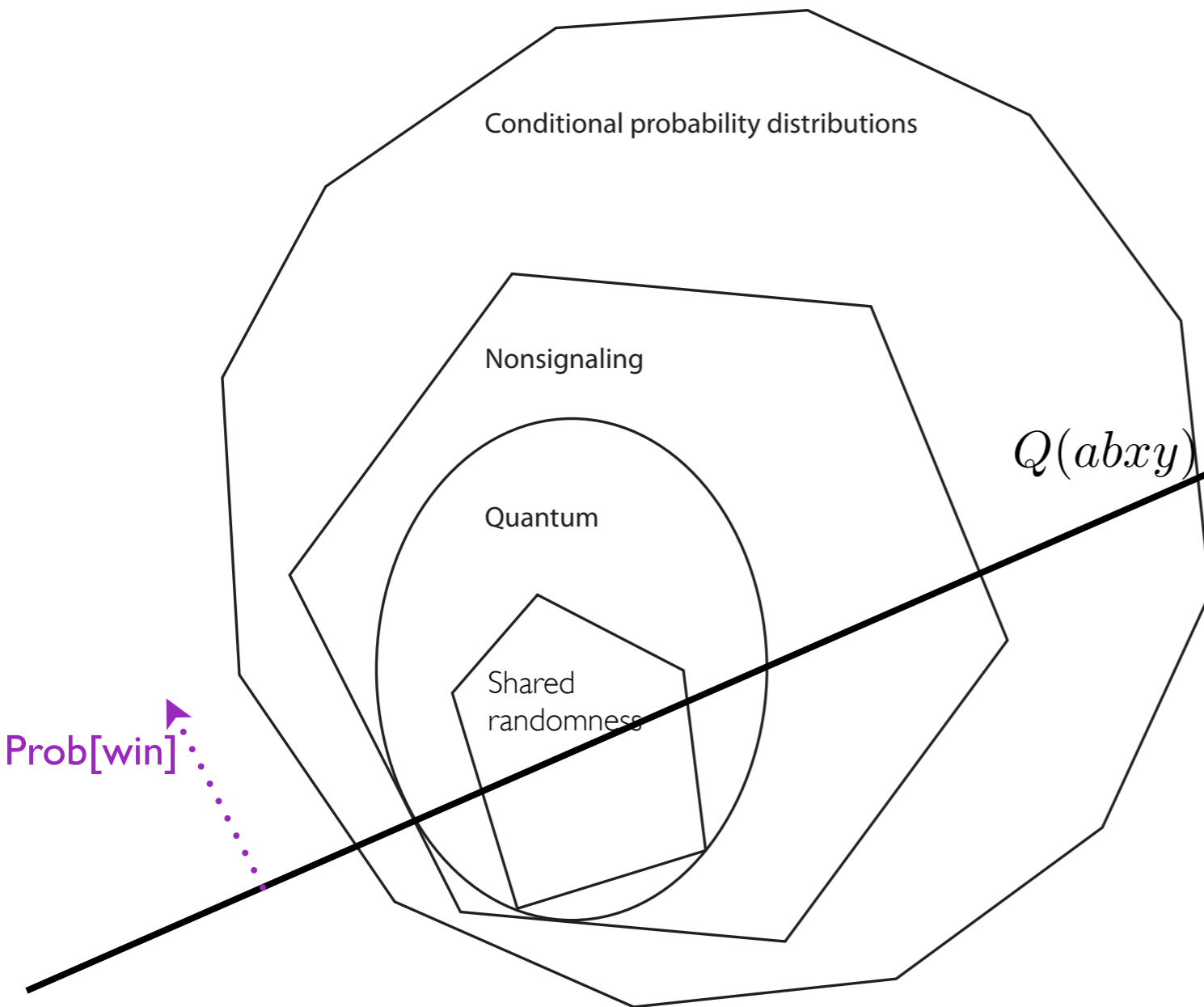
# Comparison of correlations



More parties? More questions? More answers?

active research field

# Comparison of correlations



Convex sets:  
non-signaling: polytope  
quantum: semidefinite  
shared rand: polytope

Game is hyperplane