

Upper bounds on secret key rate in various quantum and beyond-quantum cryptographic scenarios

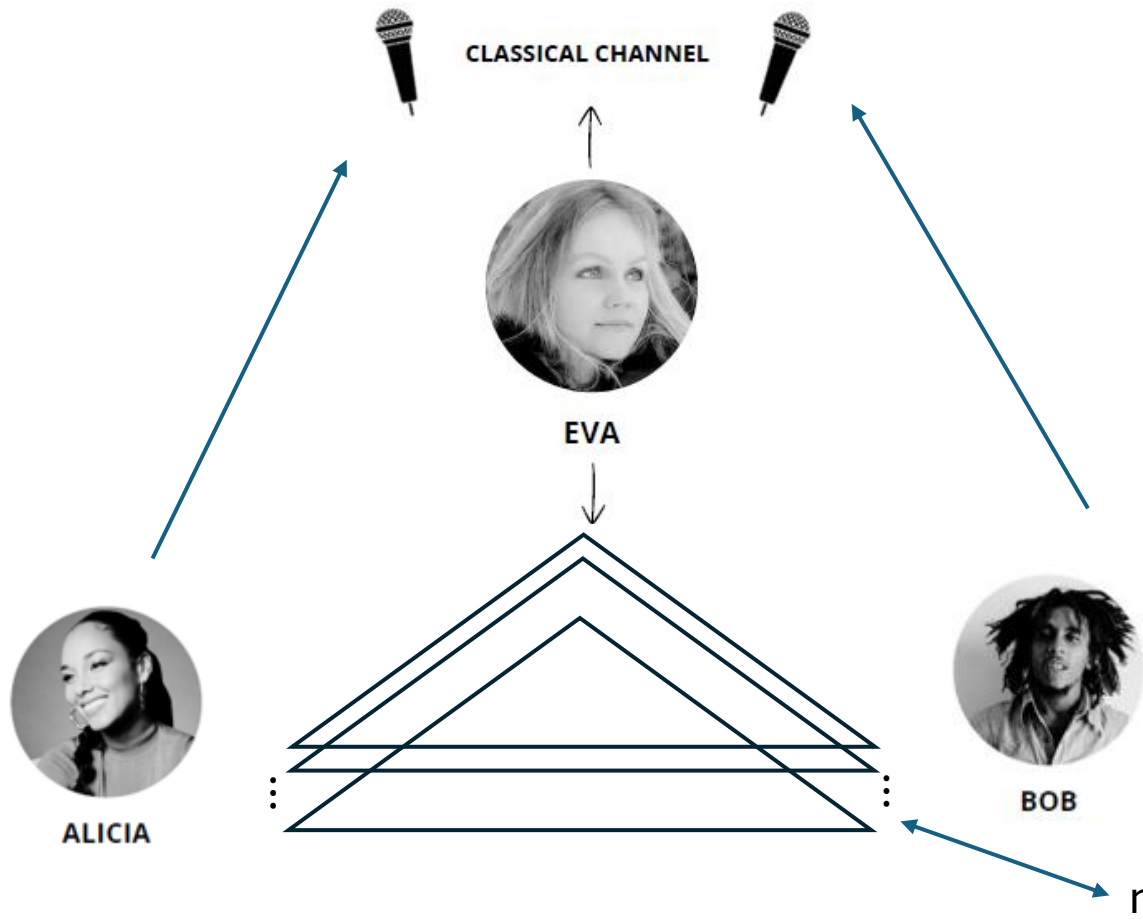
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Secret key distribution scenario and distillable secret key

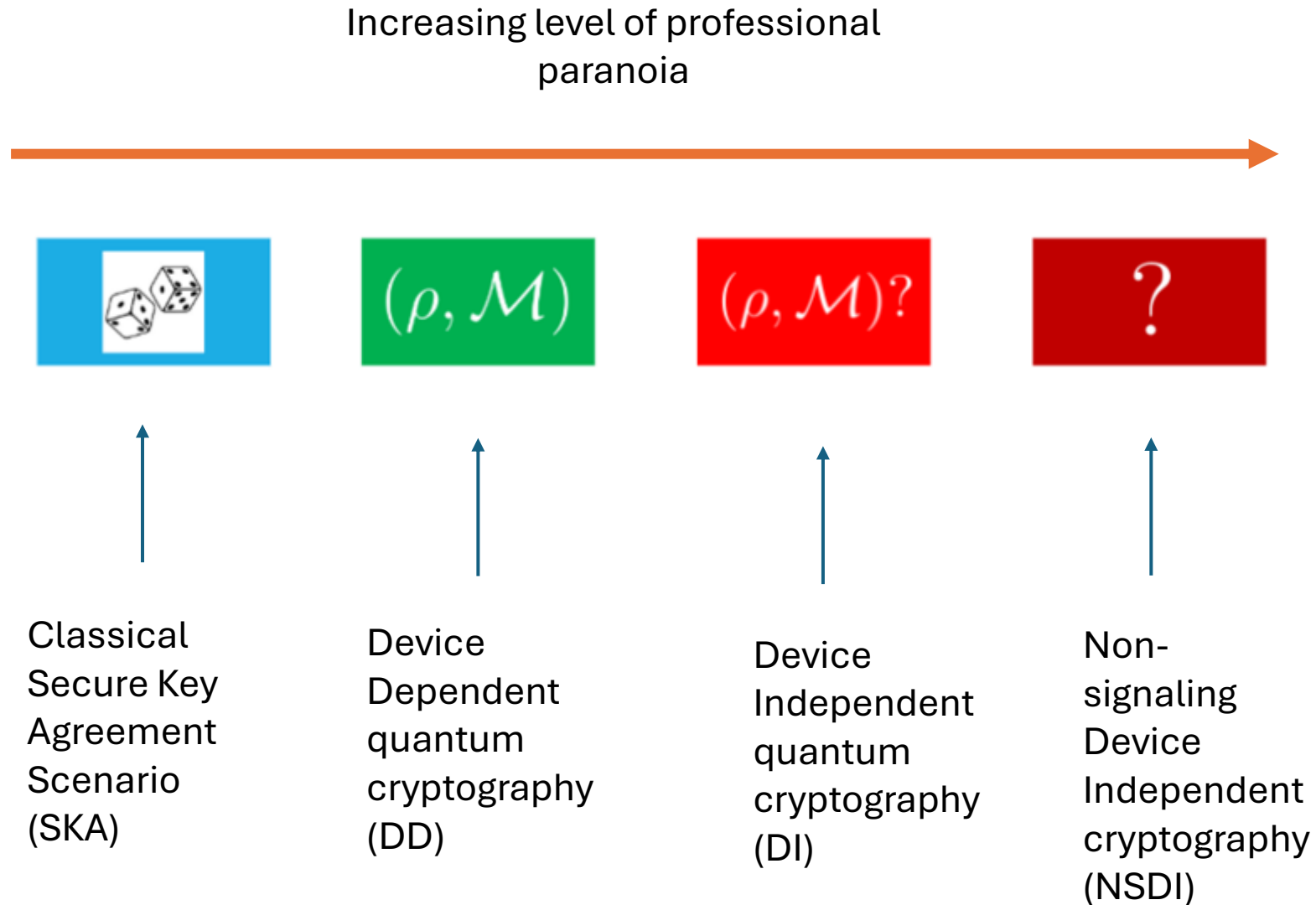


Secret key : random bitstring
known only to Alice and Bob
Task: distribute secret key

$$\text{distillable secret key}(\text{object}) = \sup_{\text{Protocol} \in \text{allowed operations}} \left\{ \frac{k}{n} : \text{Protocol}(n \text{ "objects"}) \approx_{\epsilon} \text{secret key of length } k \right\}$$

(for large n and small ϵ)

Various quantum key distribution scenarios



Secure key agreement

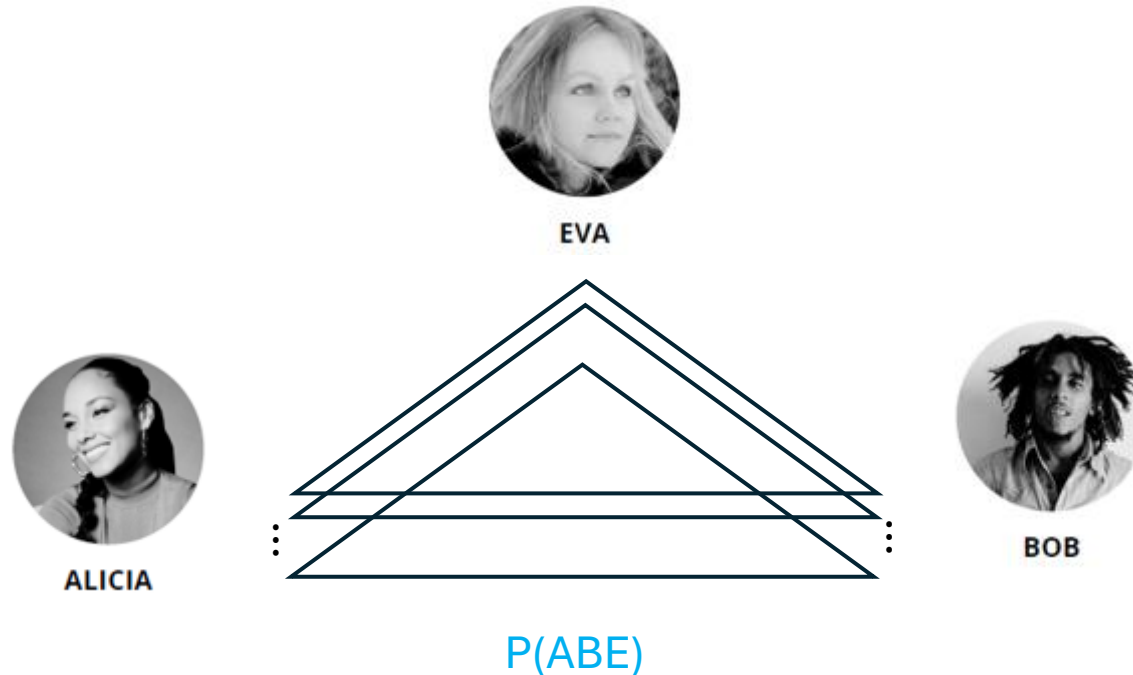


Shared objects: triples of random variables A, B, E with distribution $P(ABE)$

Allowed operations: Local Classical Operations and Public Communication

Trust: honest parties share $P(AB)$ and Eve knows only E with total $P(ABE)$ distribution about them

Resource:
Partially secret
correlations



K_{SKA} – distillable key

Quantum device dependent scenario

$$(\rho, \mathcal{M})$$

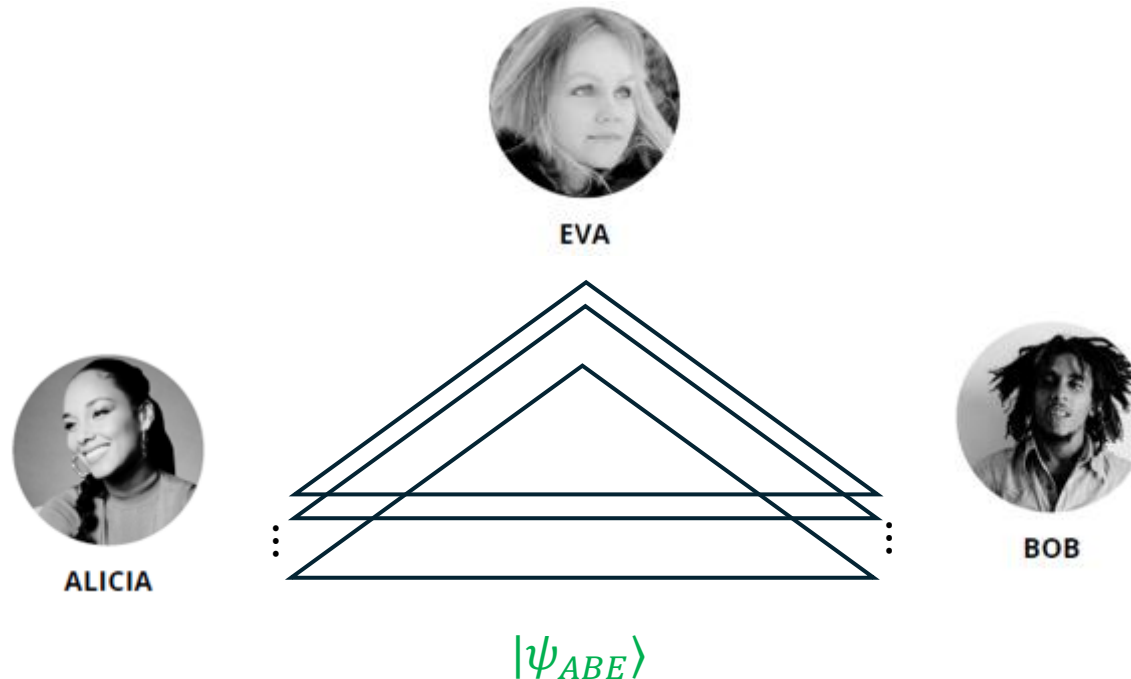
Shared objects: tripartite quantum pure states: $|\psi_{ABE}\rangle$

Allowed operations: Local Quantum Operations and Classical Communication (LOCC)

Trust: dimension of the input state ρ in Alice's and Bob's hands, and quantum operations they use

Resource:

Quantum Entanglement



K_{DD} – device dependent
distillable key

Device independent scenario

$(\rho, \mathcal{M})?$

Shared objects: quantum extensions of conditional probability distributions

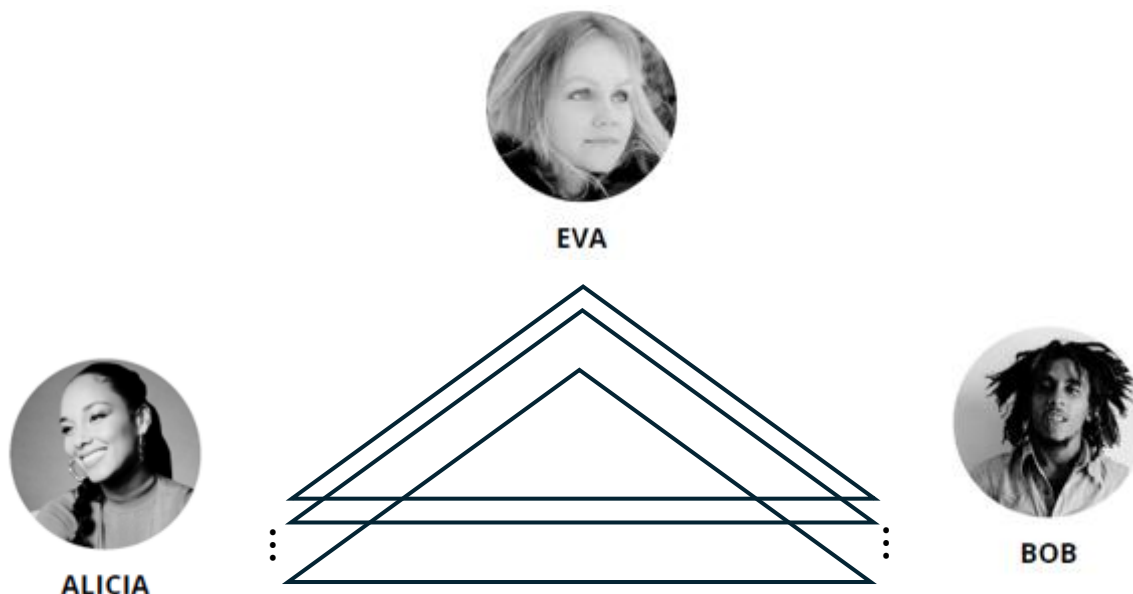
Alice & Bob have : $P(ab|xy) = \text{Tr} M_a^x \otimes M_b^y \otimes I_E |\psi_{ABE}\rangle\langle\psi_{ABE}|$, Eve holds purifying system E

Allowed operations: Local classical operations and Public Communication (cLOPC)

- **Trust:** Quantum, but untrusted device
- Possible attack e.g. $N_a^x \otimes N_b^y$ and σ_{AB} such that $(N, \sigma) \equiv \text{Tr} N_a^x \otimes N_b^y \sigma_{AB} = \text{Tr} M_a^x \otimes M_b^y \rho_{AB} \equiv (\rho, M)$

Resource:

Bell non-locality



K_{DI} – device independent
distillable key

non-signaling device independent scenario



Shared objects: conditional probability distributions $P(abe|xyz)$

Allowed operations: Direct measurements + Local **classical** operations and Public Communication (DcLOPC)

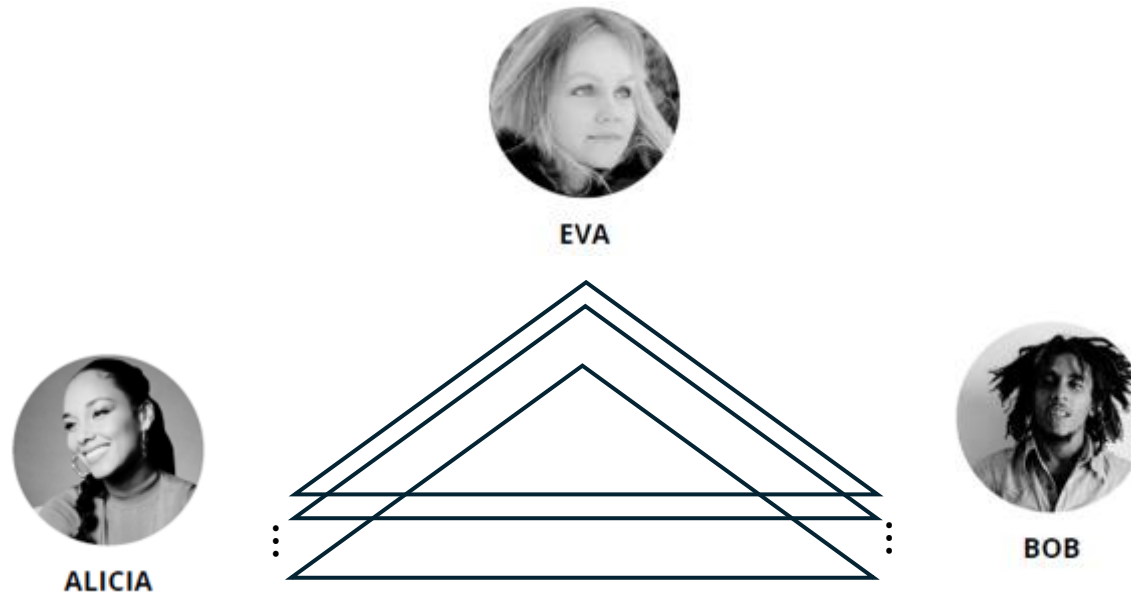
Unknown physics of the device $P(ab|xy)$

Trust: device does not signal to Eve's one and vice versa (non-signaling assumption)

Resource:

Bell non-locality

K_{NSDI} – non – signaling
device independent
distillable key



$P(abe|xyz)$

Motivation & outlook

- Lower bounds on secret key as achieved by found protocols
e.g. BB84 are well known and realized in practice
- Upper bounds can tell about optimality of these protocols
- What do we know about **upper bounds on secret key** rate
In these scenarios ?
- Brief **overview of techniques for** constructing upper bounds on secret key

In what follows I base on the review [1] but also go beyond

[1] I.W. Primaatmaja et al. Quantum vol 7, page 932 2023

Secret Key Agreement

– bound by **intrinsic information**



Intrinsic information $I(A: B \downarrow E) := \inf_{\Lambda: E \rightarrow E'} I(A: B | E')$

Conditional
mutual information

$$I(A: B | E) = H(AE) + H(BE) - H(E) - H(ABE)$$

$H(X)$ – Shannon entropy of a random variable X

$$I(A: B \downarrow E) \geq K_{SKA}(P(ABE))$$

Ueli Maurer *IEEE TIT* 39, 3 (1993)

U. Maurer and S. Wolf, *IEEE TIT* 45, 2, pp. 499–514, (1999)

Device dependent key – bound by squashed entanglement and relative entropy of entanglement



Device dependent key K_{DD} is upper bounded by some **entanglement measures**:

$$E_R^\infty(\rho) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{\sigma \in SEP} \frac{1}{n} D(\rho^{\otimes n} | \sigma) \quad [1]$$

Relative entropy of entanglement

$$K_{DD}(\rho) \leq E_R^\infty(\rho) \quad [2]$$

$$E_{sq}(\rho_{AB}) = \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\Lambda: E \rightarrow E'} I(A: B | E')_{\Lambda_{AB} \otimes \Lambda | \psi_{ABE}} \quad [3]$$

Squashed entanglement

- Quantum conditional mutual information:

$$I(AB|E') := S(AE') + S(BE') - S(E') - S(ABE')$$

$S(X)$ – von Neumann entropy of ρ_X

$$K_{DD}(\rho) \leq E_{sq}(\rho) \quad [4]$$

[1] V. Vedral, M. B. Plenio, M. A. Rippin P.L. Knight PRL 78 (12), 2275, (1997)

[2] K., M. P. Horodeccy J. Oppenheim Phys. Rev. Lett **94**, 160502 (2005)

[3] Christandl's Ms Thesis & M. Christandl A. Winter J. Math. Phys. 45, 3, 829-840 (2004)

[4] Phd thesis of Matthias Christandl (2006)

Non-signaling adversary: bound by **squashed non-locality**



Complete extension $C_{\text{ext}}(P)(abe|xyz)$ of $P(ab|xy)$

- tripartite conditional probability distribution such that from her share, $P(e|z)$ [1]
Eve can obtain **any other non-signaling extension** of $P(ab|xy)$

Squashed non-locality of $P(ab|xy)$:

intrinsic information computed on action of three parties on the **complete extension of $P(ab|xy)$**

$$N_{sq}(P(ab|xy)) := \max_{xy} \min_z I(a:b \downarrow e')[(M_{xy} \otimes G_z) C_{\text{Ext}}(P(ab|xy))] \quad [2]$$

The key secure against non-signaling Eve K_{NSDI} is upper bounded by the squashed non-locality:

$$K_{NSDI}(P(ab|xy)) \leq N_{sq}(P(ab|xy))$$

[1] M. Winczewski et al. Quantum 7, 1159 (2023)

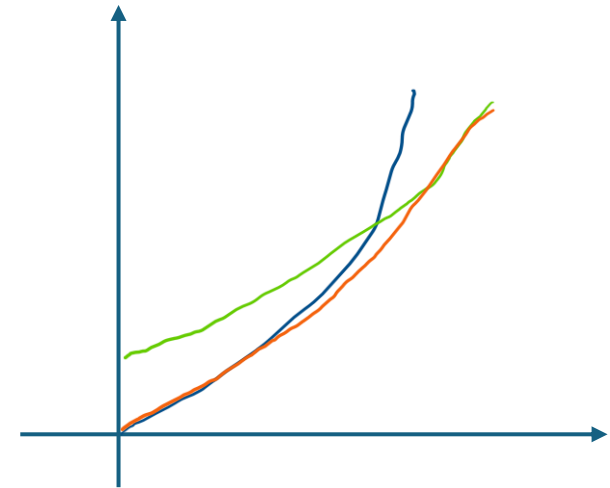
[2] M. Winczewski, T. Das, K. H. Phys. Rev. A **106**, 052612 (2022)

Marek Winczewski's convexification method



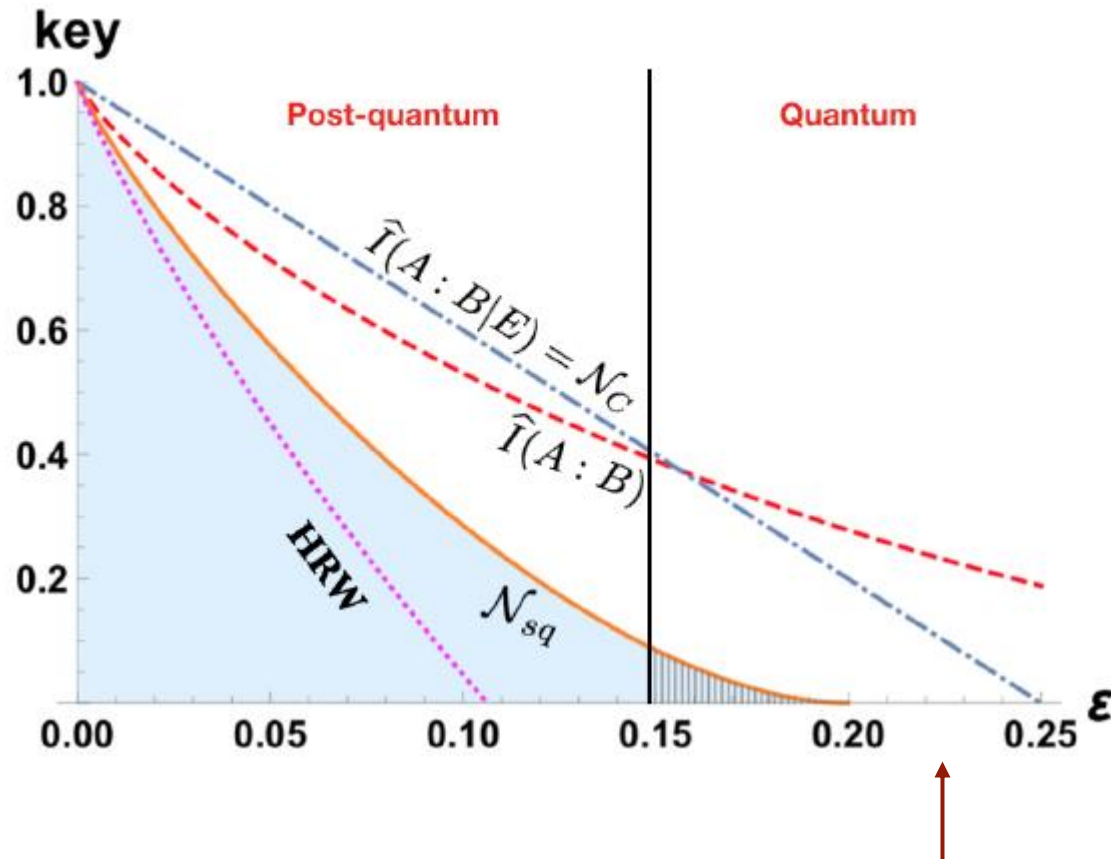
- Squashed non-locality is convex.

⇒ the NSDI key is **upper bounded** by a
lower convex hull of plots
that upper bound squashed non-locality !



Non-locality is not sufficient for non-signaling secrecy

?



Bounds on key for a device

$$P(ab|xy) = (1 - \epsilon) \times PR + \epsilon \times \text{antiPR}$$

$$PR(ab|xy) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } a \oplus b = x.y \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

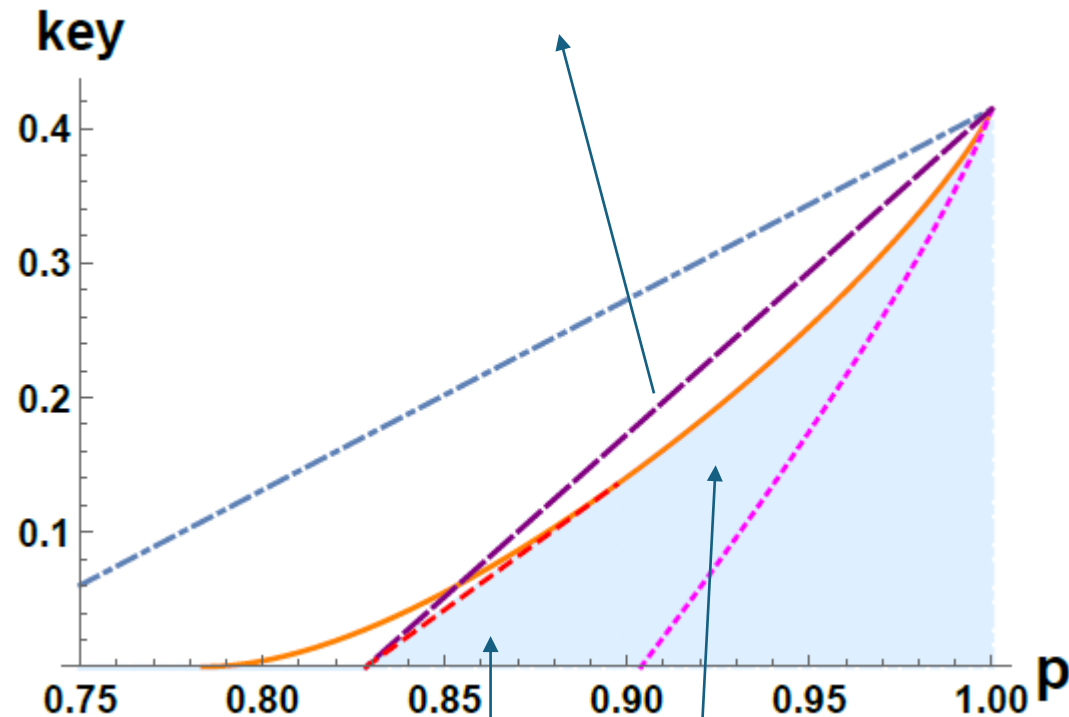
$$\text{antiPR}(ab|xy) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } a \oplus b = x.y \oplus 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Quantum non-local devices with zero key secret against non-signaling adversary

Results for NSDI QKD via squashed non-locality + convexification



Bound by Acin Massar and Pironio
New J. Phys., 8:126, 2006.



Tightest numerical
bound by
convexification
method

Our numerical bound

$$P_{\text{AMP}}(ab|xy) = \begin{array}{c|cc|cc|cc} & x & & & & & & \\ & y \backslash b \backslash a & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \frac{1+p}{4} & \frac{1-p}{4} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} \\ & 1 & \frac{1-p}{4} & \frac{1+p}{4} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} \\ \hline 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} \\ & 1 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}p}{8} & \frac{2-\sqrt{2}p}{8} \end{array}$$

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(Quantum) device independent key distribution – bound by (quantum)intrinsic non-locality

Non-sig. Quantum E

$$N(\bar{A}; \bar{B})_p = \sup_{p(x,y)} \inf_{\rho_{ABXYE}} I(\bar{A}; \bar{B}|XYE)_\rho,$$



Intrinsic nonlocality



Non-signaling extension

Weaker Eve,
Stronger Alice and Bob

$$K_{NSDIQE}(P(ab|xy)) \leq \sup_{P(x,y)} \inf_{Ext(P(ab|xy))} \sum P(x,y) I(ab|E)_{Ext(P(ab|xy))}$$

$(\rho, \mathcal{M})?$

$$\rho_{ABXYE} = \sum_{a,b,x,y} p(x,y) \text{Tr}_{AB}[(\Lambda_x^a \otimes \Lambda_y^b \otimes I_E) \rho_{ABE}] [a b x y]_{\bar{A} \bar{B} X Y},$$

Quantum extension

When extensions come from a single purification via local measurement it is
Quantum intrinsic non-locality

$$K_{DI}(P(ab|xy)) \leq N^Q(A; B)_P := \sup_{P(x,y)} \inf_{\rho_{ABXYE}} I(A; B|XYE)_{\rho_{ABXYE}}$$

These two measures are faithful i.e. non-zero for all non-local devices

Quantum device independent - bound by reduced entanglement measures

$(\rho, \mathcal{M})?$

$$K_{DI}((\rho, M)) \leq \inf_{(N, \sigma) = (M, \rho)} K_{DD}(\sigma)$$

Corollary: upper bound by **reduced entanglement measures**:

$$K_{DI}(\rho) \leq \min\left\{\inf_{(N, \sigma) = (M, \rho)} E_{sq}(\sigma), \inf_{(N, \sigma) = (M, \rho)} E_r^\infty(\sigma)\right\}$$

For some states $K_{DI}(\rho) \ll K_{DD}(\rho)$

quantum intrinsic information bound

$(\rho, \mathcal{M})?$

- Instead of mimicking the whole $P(ab|xy)$

Eve can mimick just **Bell inequality violation** S and **quantum bit error rate** $Q=P(a \neq b|x=0y=0)$

For any $S \in [2, 2\sqrt{2}]$ and $Q \in [0, 1/2]$,

$$K_{DI}(S, Q) \leq 1 + h(a_{S,Q}) - h(Q) - h\left((1 + \sqrt{(S/2)^2 - 1})/2\right), \quad [1]$$

where $a_{S,Q} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + Q(1-Q)(S^2 - 8)}\right)$, and $h(x) = -x \log x - (1-x) \log(1-x)$ is the binary entropy.

$$K_{DI}(S, Q) \leq \inf_{\substack{CHSH(N,\sigma)=S \\ QBER(N,\sigma)=Q}} I(a:b \downarrow E)[N_a^{x=0} \otimes N_b^{y=0} \otimes I|\psi_\sigma\rangle] \quad [1], \text{ formulation after [2]}$$

(key rounds announced, and key from output)

[1] R. Arnon-Fridman & F. Leditzky IEEE Trans Inf. Theory 2021

[2] E.Kaur, S.Das, K. H. Phys. Rev. Appl 2021 **18**, 054033 2022 [4] Attack (N, σ) from Pironio et al. New J. of Phys, 11(4):045021, 2009

[3] M. Christandl et al. Proc. 4th Theory of Cryptography Conference, Lecture Notes in Computer Science vol. 4392, pp. 456-478, 2007

Quantum Intrinsic Information [3]

Convex combination attack

Purely classical strategy of Eve $\Rightarrow$ **Intrinsic information** bounds the quantum device independent key

- $P(ab|xy) = p\text{Local}(ab|xy) + (1-p)\text{NonLocal}(ab|xy)$

Attack:

- For $\text{Local}(ab|xy)$ Eve outputs $e = (a,b)$ [possible whenever Eve **knows the key-generating inputs $x=0$ $y=0$**]
- For $\text{NonLocal}(ab|xy)$ Eve outputs $e = (?)$
- Then she optimizes over channels on the output.

Powerful !

$$K_{DI}(P(ab|xy)) \leq I(AB \downarrow E)[P(a, b, e|x = 0y = 0)] = \text{sometimes zero for non-local devices!}$$

Non-locality is not sufficient resource for standard device independent secure key generation !

Quantum DI bound by cc squashed entanglement

$(\rho, \mathcal{M})?$

- Previous bounds:

Arnon-Frideman&Leditzky uses quantum intrinsic information $I(A:B|E)$ [1]

- - best in small noise regime
- **Farkas et al.** uses intrinsic information $I(A: B \downarrow E)$ [2]
- - best in large noise regime

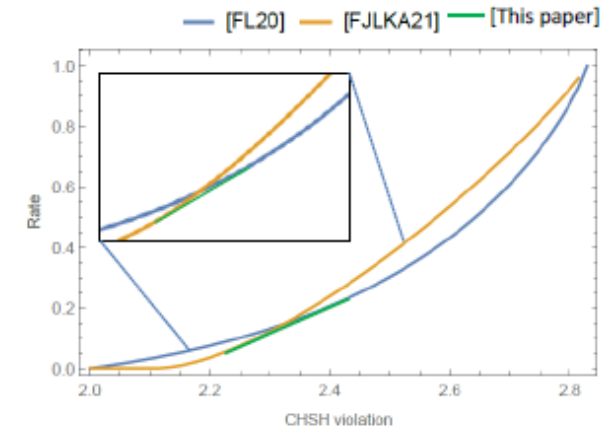
AFL and FBJL+ are instances of optimization of **the same functional** given in [1],

Introduced in [3] independently under name **cc squashed entanglement**

- the cc squashed entanglement is **convex**

Corollary $K_{DI}(P(ab|xy)) \leq E_{Sq}^{cc}(P) \leq \text{Convex hull of } (AFL, FBJL+)$ [3]

works well in both noise regimes !



[1] R. Arnon- Friedman and F. Leditzky IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory: 67, 10 (2021)

[2] M Farkas, Maria Balanzó-Juandó, Karol Łukanowski, Jan Kołodyński, and Antonio Acín Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 050503 (2021)

[3] E.Kaur, S.Das, K. H. Phys. Rev. Appl 2021 **18**, 054033 (2022)

Conference DI quantum secret key – bounds by reduced multipartite squashed entanglement

$(\rho, \mathcal{M})?$

multipartite squashed entanglement [1] + reduction method

+

(multipartite) Quantum Intrinsic Information

=

reduced multipartite (cc) squashed entanglement bound

[2]

$$I(A_1 : \dots : A_N | E)_{\sigma_{N(A)}} = \sum_{i=1}^N S(A_i | E)_{\sigma_{N(A)}} - S(A_1, \dots, A_N | E)_{\sigma_{N(A)}}$$

$$K_{DI}(\rho_{N(A)}, M) \leq \inf_{(\sigma_{N(A)}, L) = (\rho_{N(A)}, M)} \frac{1}{N-1} I(A_1 : \dots : A_N \downarrow E)_{L(x) \otimes I \sigma_{N(A)}}$$

[1] Yang et al. IEEE Trans Inf. Theory (2007)

[2] K. H., M. Winczewski, S. Das Phys Rev. A **105**, 022604 (2022)

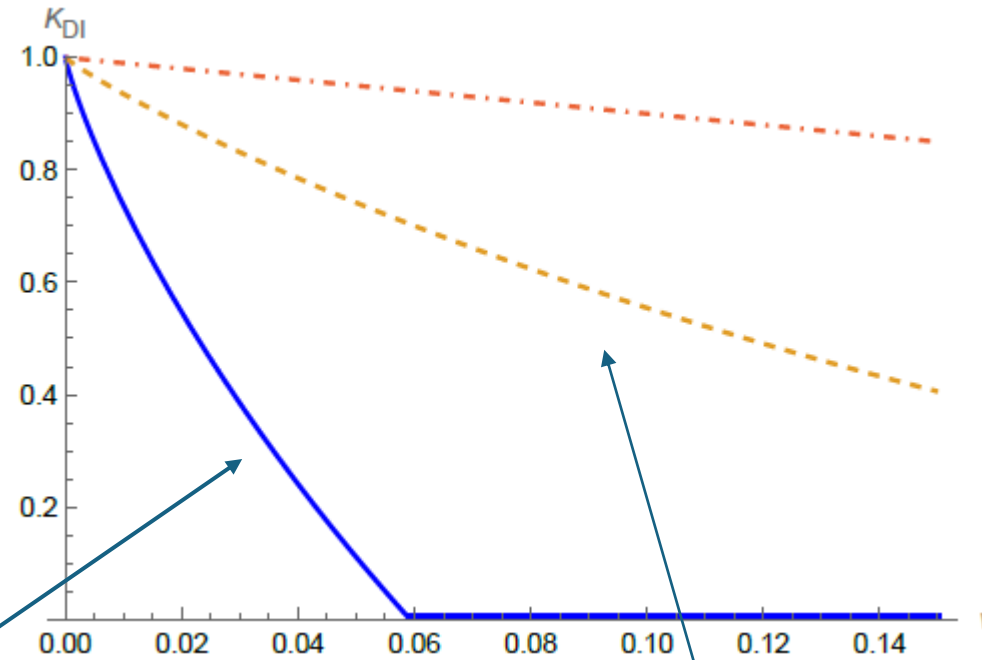
[see arxiv version and errata to avoid numerous typos ☺)

(for parallel, yet alternative formulation see

[3] A. Philp, E.Kaur, P. Bierhorst M. Wilde Quantum
7 898 (2021)

Multipartite DI QKD – lower and upper bounds

$(\rho, \mathcal{M})?$



[Lower bound from
J. Riberio, G. Murta S. Wehner ,
Phys. Rev. A 97, 022307 (2018)]

Multipartite cc
squashed
entanglement bound

Key cost and key of formation as upper bounds on device dependent key



$K_C(\rho)$ - how much secure key is needed for creation of a given quantum state by LOCC

$K_F(\rho)$ - minimal average secure key content over ensembles of ρ into analogs of pure states in privacy regime

$$K_{DD}(\rho) \ll K_C(\rho) \leq K_F(\rho)$$

Summary – the family of upper bounds

- Intrinsic information 
- Squashed entanglement 
- (quantum) Intrinsic non-locality  
- Squashed non-locality 
- Convex-combination bound and AFL bound 
- (cc-squashed non-locality) 
- Reduced multipartite cc-squashed non-locality 
- Relative entropy of entanglement 
- Reduced squashed entanglement & relative entropy of entanglement 
- Loose but operational upper bounds – the key cost & key of formation 

Open problems

- Are PPT entangled states useless for DI secure key ?
[conjecture by Rotem Arnon-Friedman and Felix Leditzky]
- Are all entangled states key distillable?
- What is a resource sufficient for DI QKD ?
- Any other new methods of upper bounding secret key ?

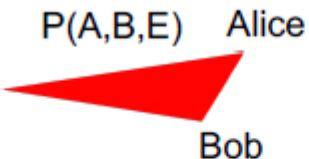
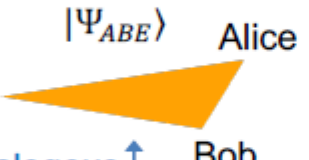
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Definition 6 (parity CHSH game [20]). *The parity CHSH inequality extends the CHSH inequality to N parties as follows. Let Alice and $Bob_1, \dots, Bob_{N-1}$ be the N players of the following game (the parity CHSH game). Alice and Bob_1 are asked uniformly random binary questions $x \in \{0, 1\}$ and $y \in \{0, 1\}$, respectively. The other Bobs are each asked a fixed question, e.g., always equal to 1. Alice will answer bit a , and for all $i \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$, Bob_i answers bit b_i . We denote by $\bar{b} := \bigotimes_{2 \leq i \leq N-1} b_i$ the parity of all the answers of $Bob_2, \dots, Bob_{N-1}$. The players win if and only if*

$$a + b_1 = x(y + \bar{b}) \pmod{2}. \quad (47)$$

Sub-summary

Security scenario	Form of shared correlations	Upper bound on secure key
SKA	 $P(A,B,E)$ Alice Eve Bob	$S(A:B E) \leq I(A:B \downarrow E)[P(A,B,E)]$
QDD	 $\Psi_{ABE}\rangle$ Alice Eve Bob Analogous structure $CE(P(AB XY)) \equiv P(ABE XYZ)$	$K_D(\rho_{AB}) \leq I_{sq}(\rho_{AB})$ Analogous quantity
NSDI	 Alice Eve Bob	$K_{DI} \leq N_{sq}(P(AB XY)) := \max_{X,Y} \min_Z I(A:B \downarrow Z)[P(ABE XYZ)]$

Main result 2: splitting bound

- Previous bound [3]:

$$K_{DI}(P(ab|xy)) \leq \inf_{P(ab|xy)=\text{Tr } N_x^a \otimes N_y^b \rho} E_R(\sigma)$$

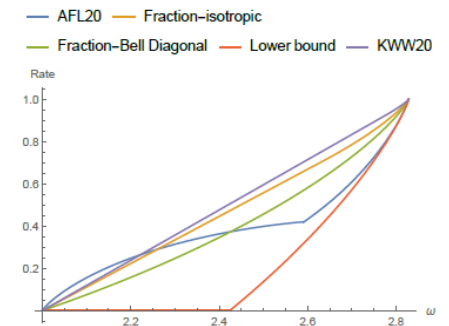
- $E_R(\rho) = \inf_{\sigma \in \text{SEP}} D(\rho || \sigma)$ - relative entropy of entanglement, $P(ab|xy) = (\rho, M)$

$$K_{DI,dev}^{iid}(\rho, M) \leq (1-p) \inf_{(\sigma^{NL}, N)=(\rho^{NL}, M)} E_R(\sigma^{NL}) + p \inf_{(\sigma^L, N)=(\rho^L, M)} E_R(\sigma^L)$$

• Result2

$$\rho = (1-p)\rho^{NL} + p\rho^L \quad \rho^L, \sigma^L \in LHV, \rho^{NL}, \sigma^{NL} \notin LHV$$

Sometimes zero !



Gap between DI and DD key

- Matthias Christandl, Roberto Ferrara, Karol Horodecki, “*Upper bounds on device-independent quantum key distribution*” Physical Review Letters **126**, 160501 (2021)

There is a strict gap between Device Independent (DI) and Device Dependent (DD) QKD rates:

There are states for which there does not exist measurements which yield more DI key than DD key

Reduction method, for any upper bound on device dependent key U :

$$K_{DI} \leq \inf_{(\rho, M) = (\sigma, N)} U(\sigma)$$

Main result 3: bounds for elementary channels

- Previous bound [3]

$$K_{DI}(\Lambda, \rho, M) \leq \inf_{(\Lambda', \sigma, N) = (\Lambda, \rho, M)} P(\Lambda')$$

- $(\Lambda, \rho, M) = \text{Tr} M[\Lambda \otimes I(\rho)]$

- **Result3** statistics obtained for CHSH protocol for **depolarizing** channel and **erasure**

For depolarizing channel, we obtain:

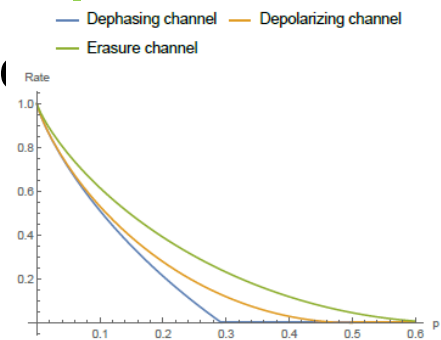
- channel

$$\mathcal{P}_i^{ID|j}(\text{id}_A \otimes \mathcal{D}^p) \leq \min \left\{ 1 - H \left(\frac{1}{2} (1 - \sqrt{1 - 4p + 2p^2}) \right), 1 - H(3p/4) \right\}.$$

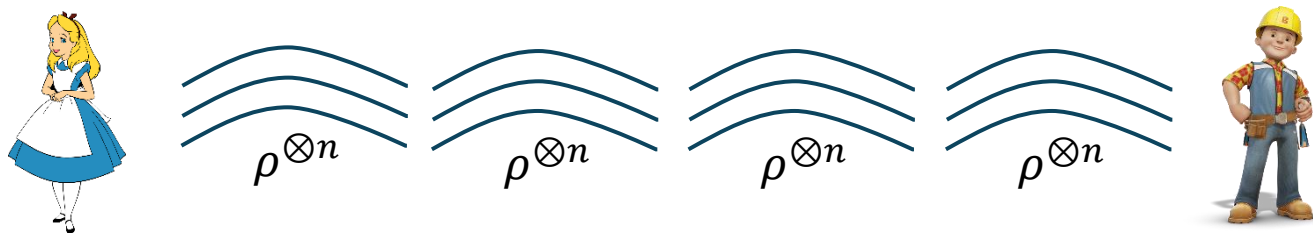
For erasure channel we obtain:

$$\mathcal{P}_i^{ID|j}(\text{id}_A \otimes \mathcal{E}^p) \leq \min \left\{ 1 - H \left(\frac{1}{2} (1 - \sqrt{1 - 4p + 2p^2}) \right), 1 - p \right\}.$$

dephasing channel

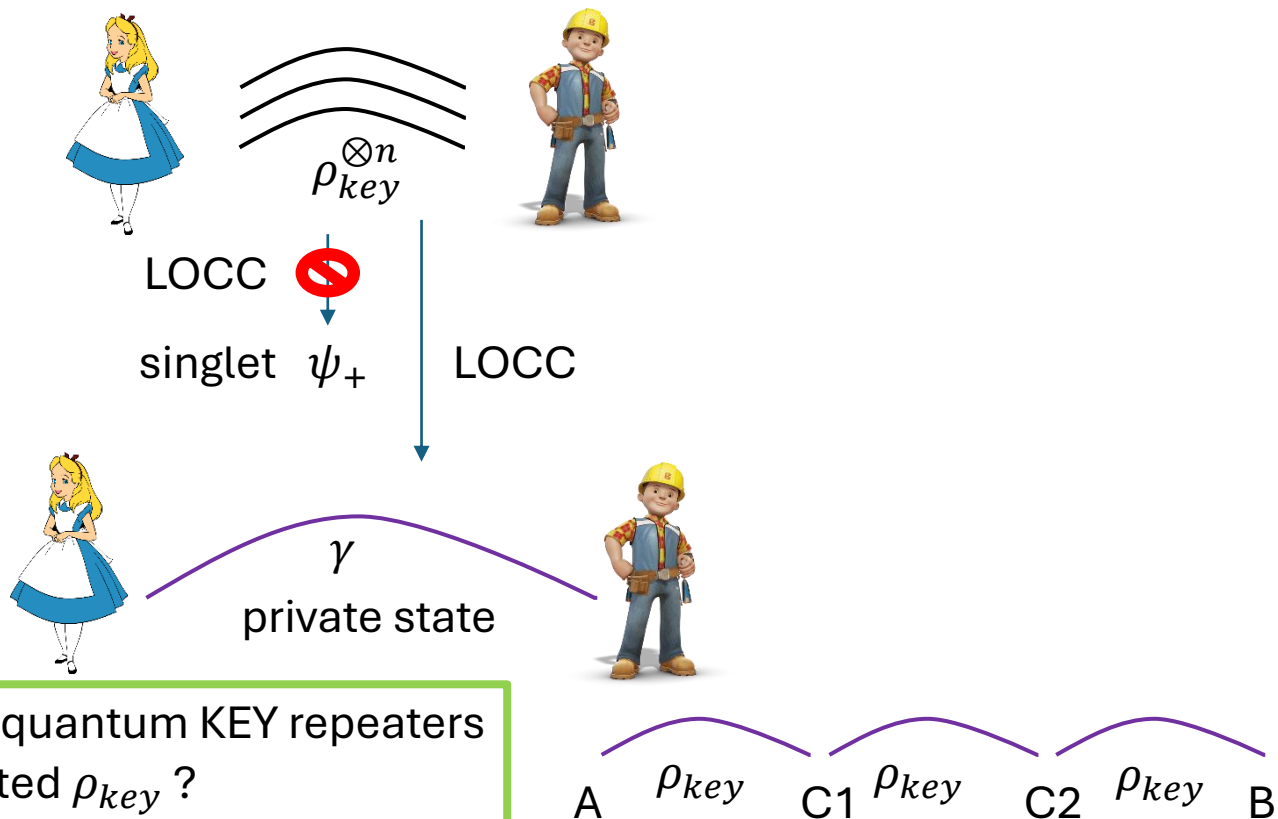


Key repeaters



Quantum Repeaters $\Leftrightarrow E_D(\rho) > 0$ (possibility of entanglement purification)

- There are states ρ_{key} which have $E_D(\rho_{key}) = 0$, but have $K_D(\rho_{key}) > 0$:



Can we establish quantum KEY repeaters based on distributed ρ_{key} ?

What we know

- Key repeater rate:

$$R_{A \leftrightarrow C \leftrightarrow B}(\rho_{AC_A} \otimes \tilde{\rho}_{C_BB}) = \inf_{\epsilon > 0} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\Lambda_n \in LOCC, \gamma_m} \left\{ \frac{m}{n} : \text{Tr}_C \Lambda_n \left((\rho_{AC_A} \otimes \tilde{\rho}_{C_BB})^{\otimes n} \right) \approx_{\epsilon} \gamma_m \right\}$$

- Quantum relative entropy :

$$D(\rho || \sigma) = \text{Tr} \rho \log \rho - \text{Tr} \rho \log \sigma$$

Relative entropy of entanglement:

$$E_R(\rho) = \inf_{\sigma \in \text{SEP}} D(\rho || \sigma)$$

Limitation: $\forall \rho \in PPT (I \otimes T \rho \geq 0): R_{A \leftrightarrow C \leftrightarrow B}(\rho \otimes \rho) \leq E_R(I \otimes T \rho)$

[Baeuml, Christandl, Horodecki
Winter Nat Com. 2015]

For any private state γ with separable $\hat{\gamma}$: $R^{\rightarrow}(\gamma \otimes \gamma) \leq 2E_D^{\rightarrow}(\gamma)$

[Christandl Ferrara PRL 2016]

Private state after attack

Distillable entanglement with one-way
LOCC protocols

Task: Generation of secret key for the one-time pad encryption

Secret key – a random bit string of length of the message known only to the honest parties

m – bit string of the message

k – bit string of the key

c – ciphertext

Encoding : $c = k \oplus m$

Decoding : $m = k \oplus c$

One-way key repeater bound for all key correlated states

Karol Horodecki, Leonard Sikorski, Łukasz Paweł, “*Relaxed bound on performance of quantum key repeaters and secure content of generic private and independent bits*”, arXiv:2206.00993

$$\tilde{D}_\alpha(\rho||\sigma) := \frac{1}{\alpha-1} \log_2 \text{Tr} \left[\left(\sigma^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2\alpha}} \rho \sigma^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2\alpha}} \right)^\alpha \right].$$

Sandwich Renyi relative entropy

$$\tilde{E}_\alpha(\rho) := \inf_{\sigma \in SEP} \tilde{D}_\alpha(\rho||\sigma),$$

(of entanglement)

$$\alpha \rightarrow \infty \quad E_{max}(\rho) = \inf_{\sigma \in SEP} \inf \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R} : \rho \leq 2^\lambda \sigma \}.$$

Max relative entropy of entanglement

A bound for all key correlated states:

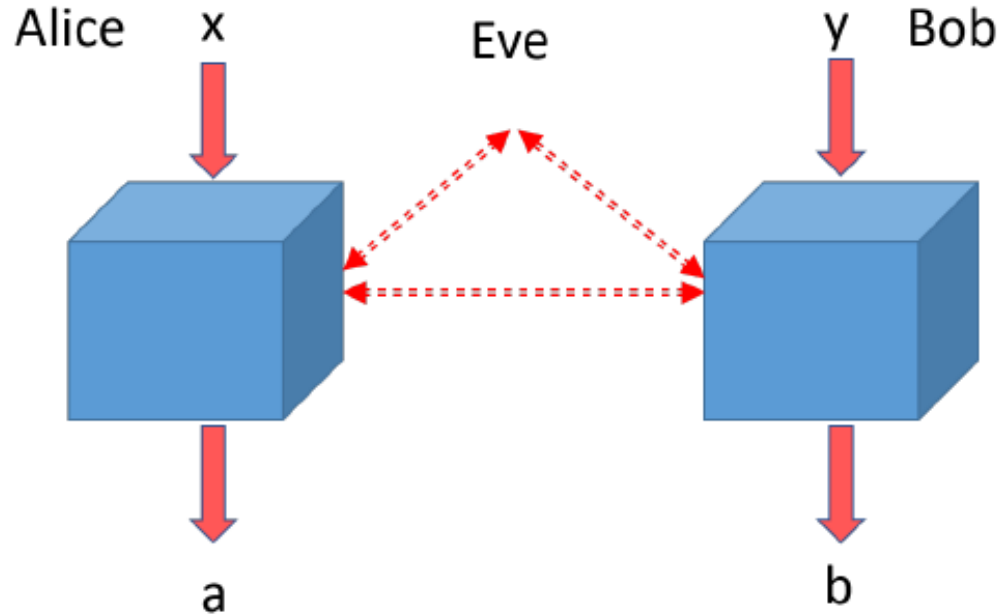
$$R^\rightarrow(\rho, \rho) \leq 2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1} \right) E_D^\rightarrow(\rho) + 2 \tilde{E}_\alpha(\hat{\rho}).$$

where $\phi := \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_k}} \sum_i |i\rangle_A |i\rangle_B$. Then, the *key correlated* state takes form:

$$\rho_{key} := \sum_{\mu, \nu} |\phi_\mu\rangle \langle \phi_\nu|_{AB} \otimes M_{A'B'}^{(\mu, \nu)}, \quad (9)$$

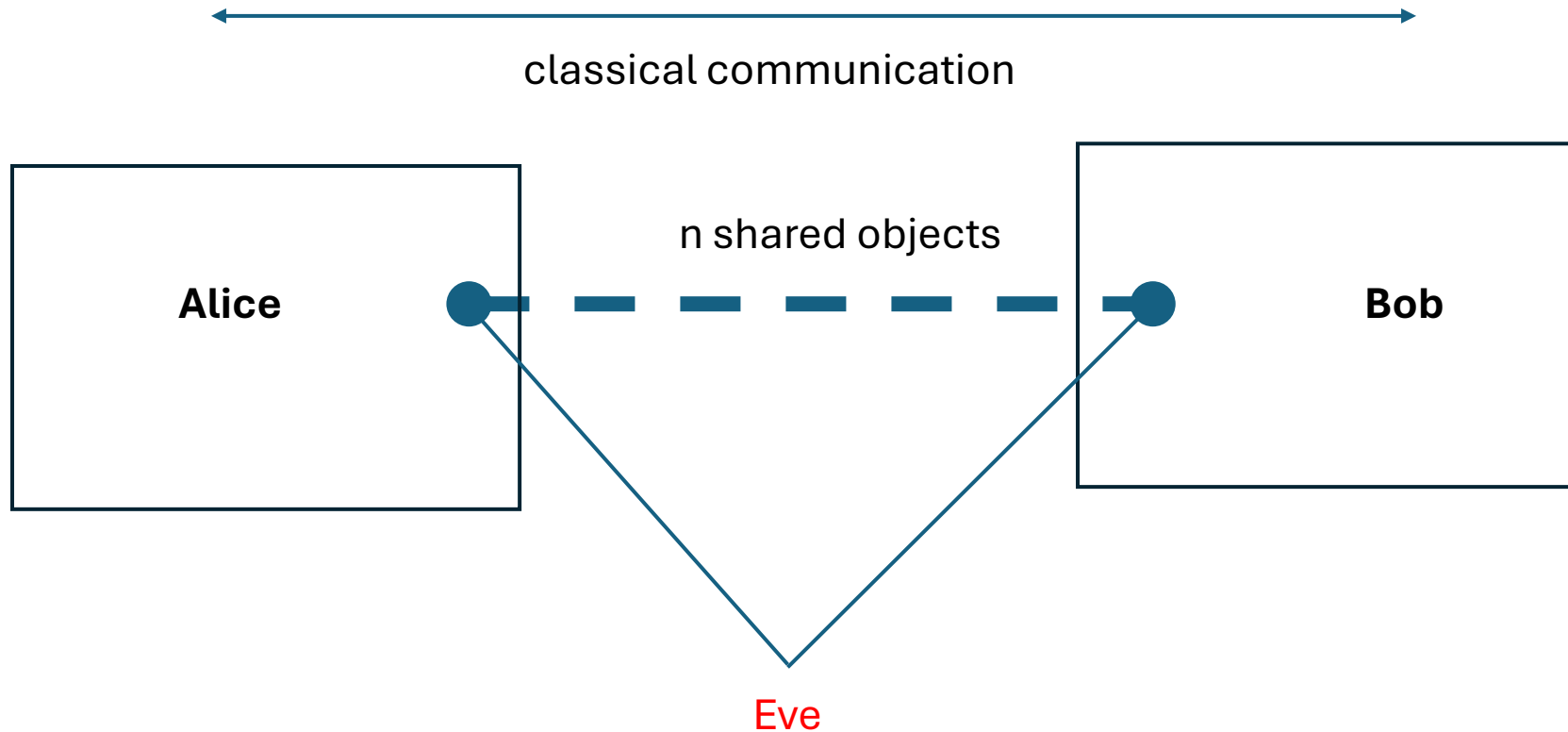
where $M^{(\mu, \nu)}$ are $d_s \times d_s$ matrices on $A'B'$.

Upper bounds on device-independent key



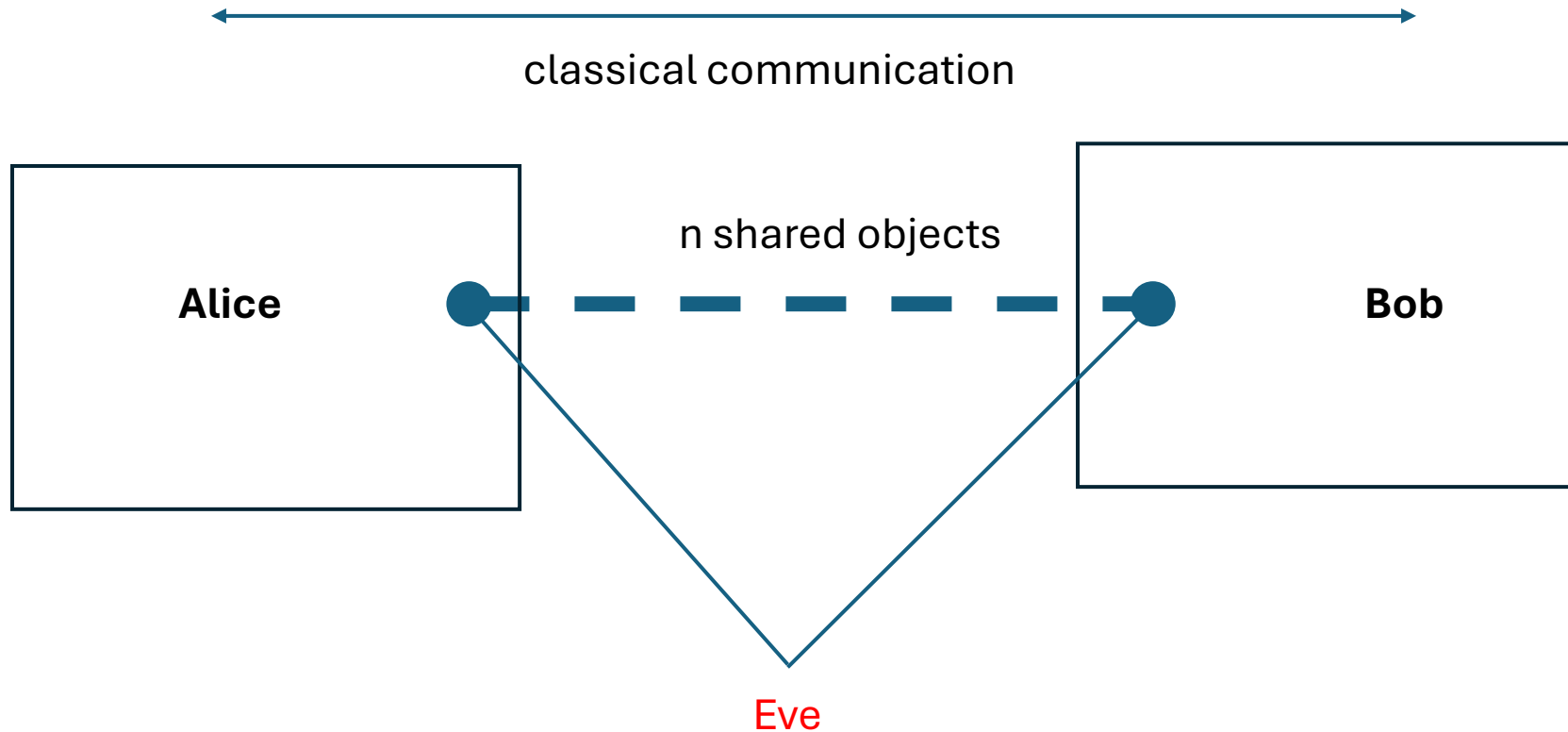
- Scenario of device-independent quantum key distribution
- Main object: $P(ab|xy)$
- Problem:
$$K_{\text{DI}}(P(ab|xy)) \leq U(P(ab|xy))$$
for n runs of experiment?
U- some upper bound

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