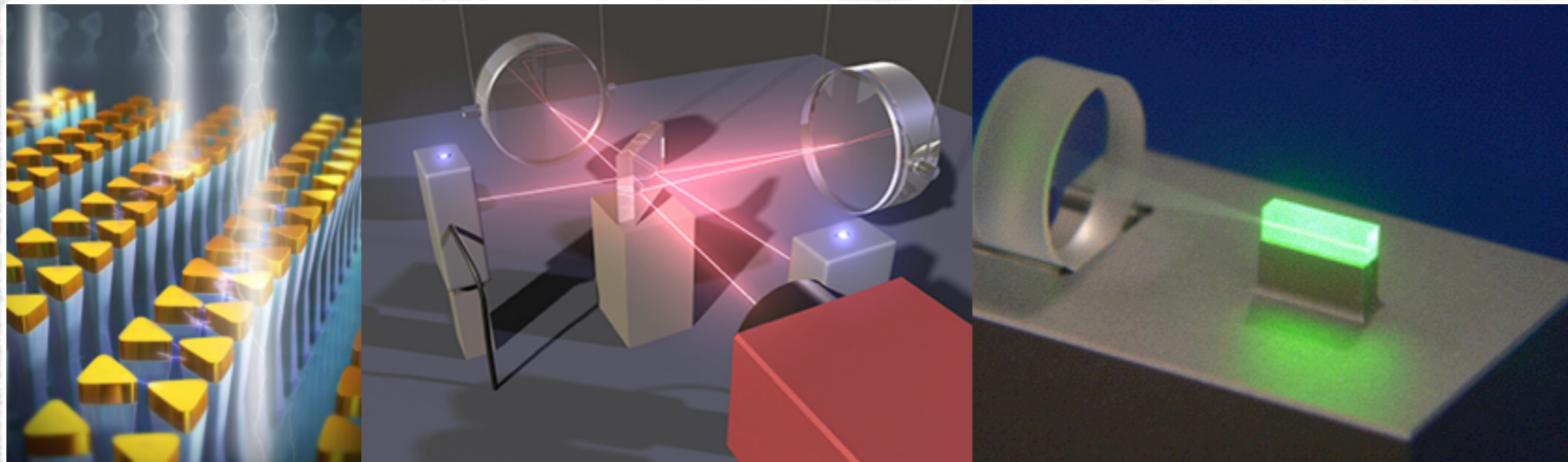


# Certifying continuous-variable quantum systems



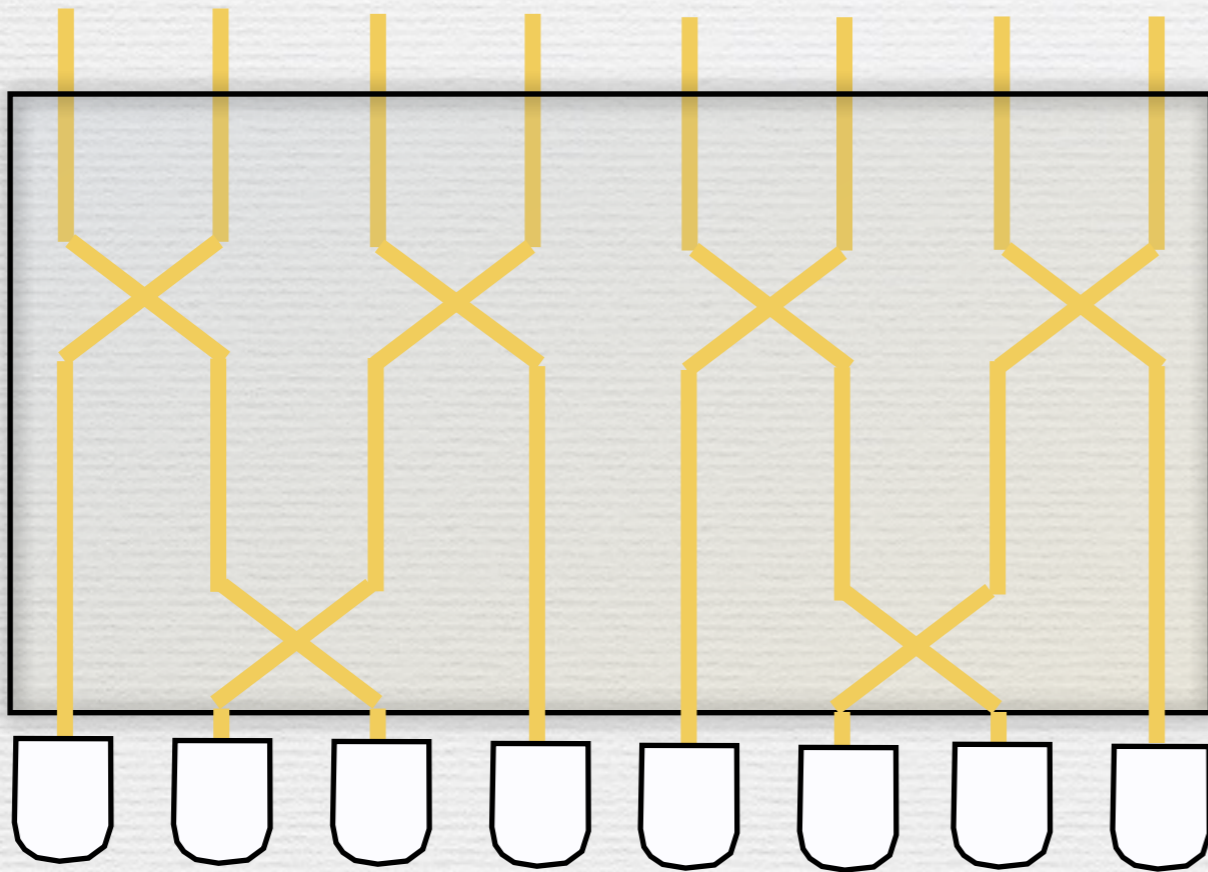
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- Recent advances in continuous-variable quantum information



# Continuous (and discrete) variable quantum devices

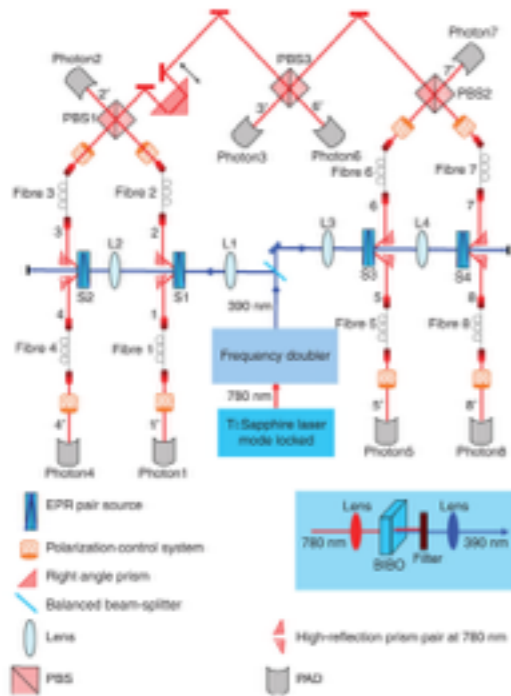


- Recent advances in continuous-variable quantum information
- Theoretical and mathematical advances (why we are here)

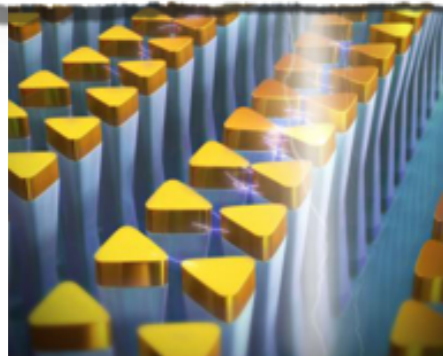


# Continuous (and discrete) variable quantum devices

- Photonic multi-qubit entangled states

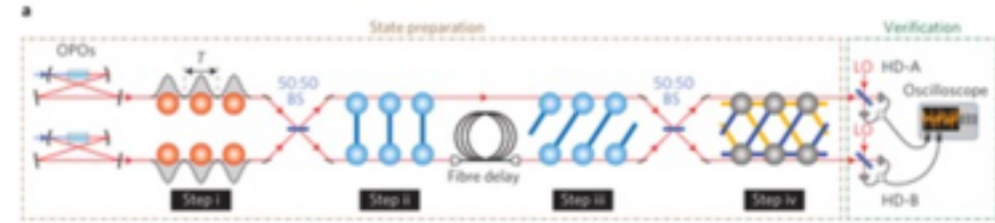


Weinfurter, Pan, Guo, Walther, Walborn, etc



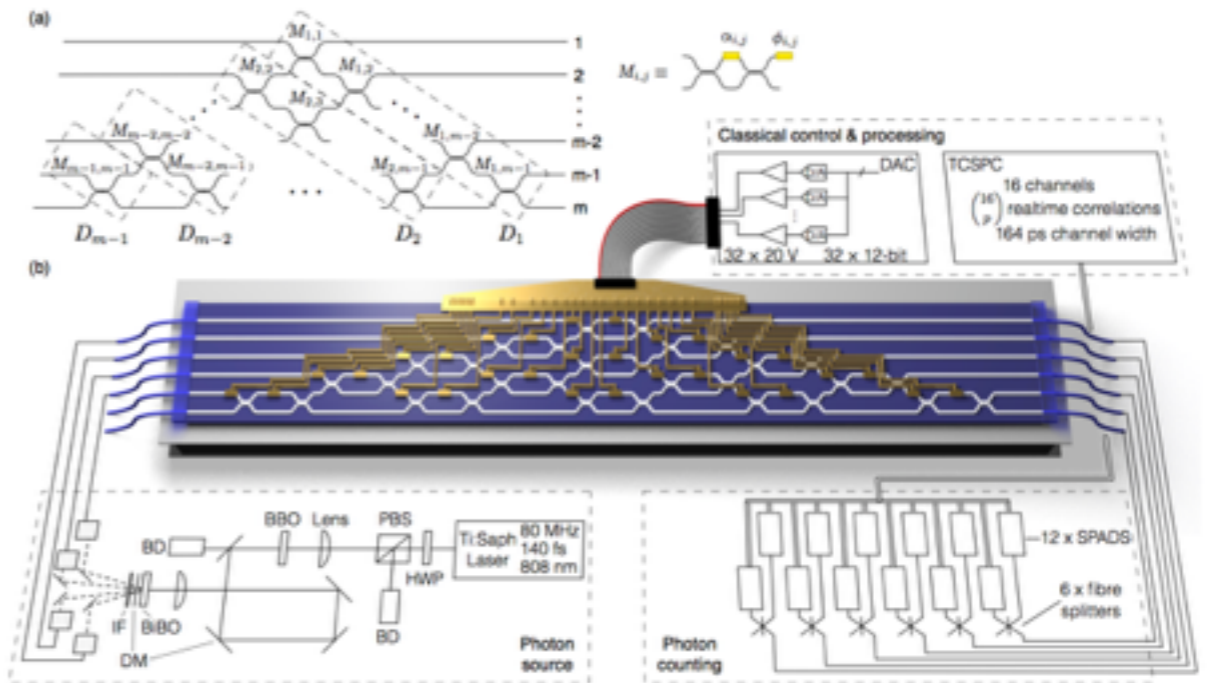
Aspelmeyer, Painter

- Multi-mode squeezed Gaussian states



Pfister, Schnabel, Furusawa, Trebs, etc

- On-chip integrated photonic devices

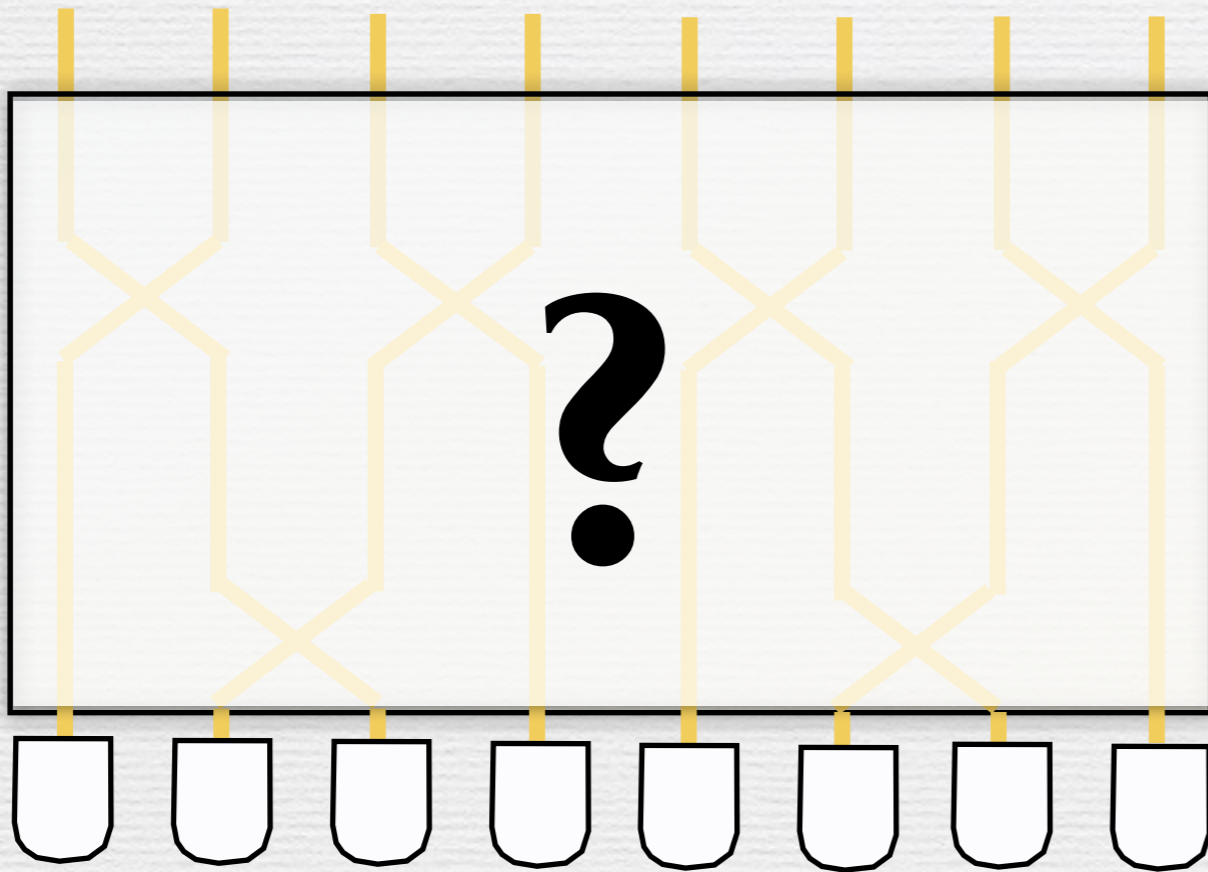


Walmsley, O'Brien, Walther, Sciarrino, White, etc

- Recent advances in continuous-variable quantum information
- Theoretical and mathematical advances (why we are here)



# Continuous (and discrete) variable quantum devices

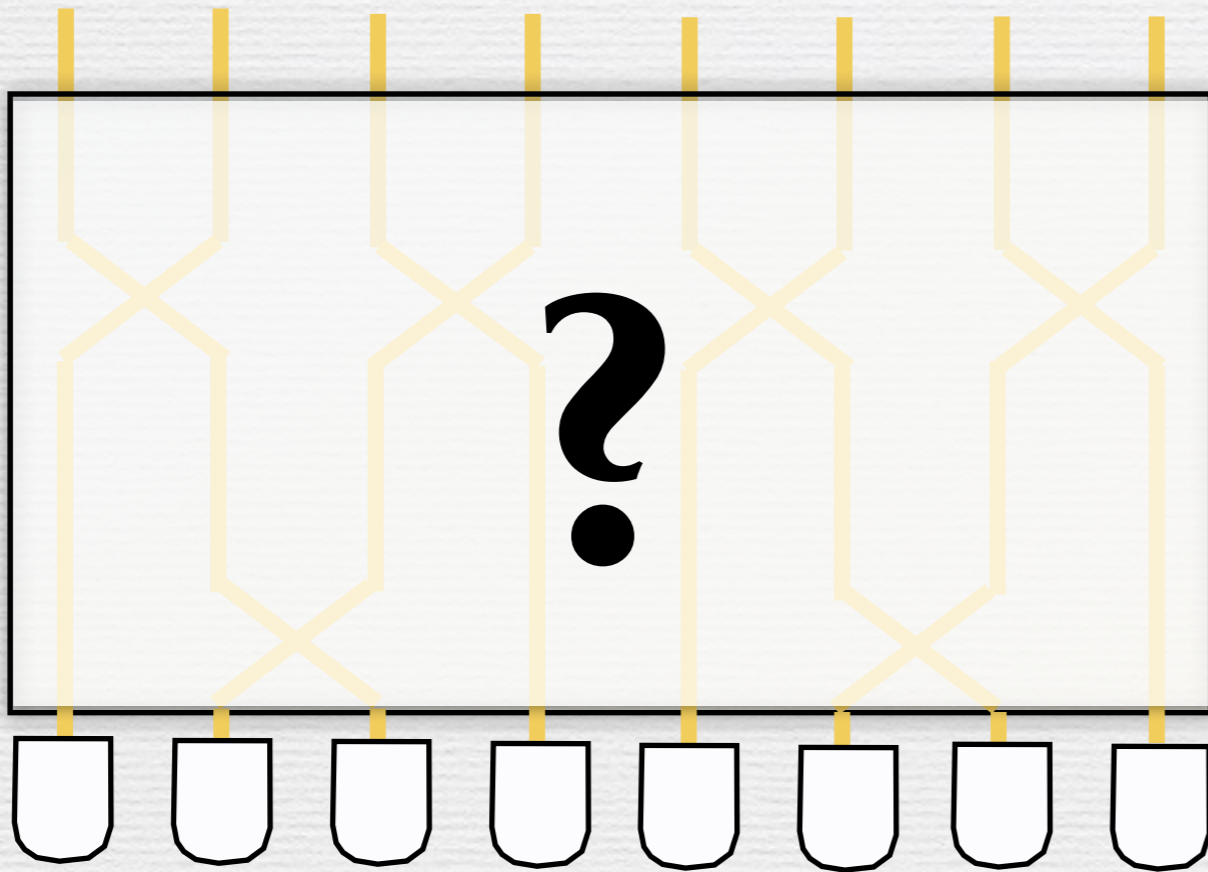


- How do we know the devices work?

- Recent advances in continuous-variable quantum information
- Theoretical and mathematical advances (why we are here)



# Continuous (and discrete) variable quantum devices

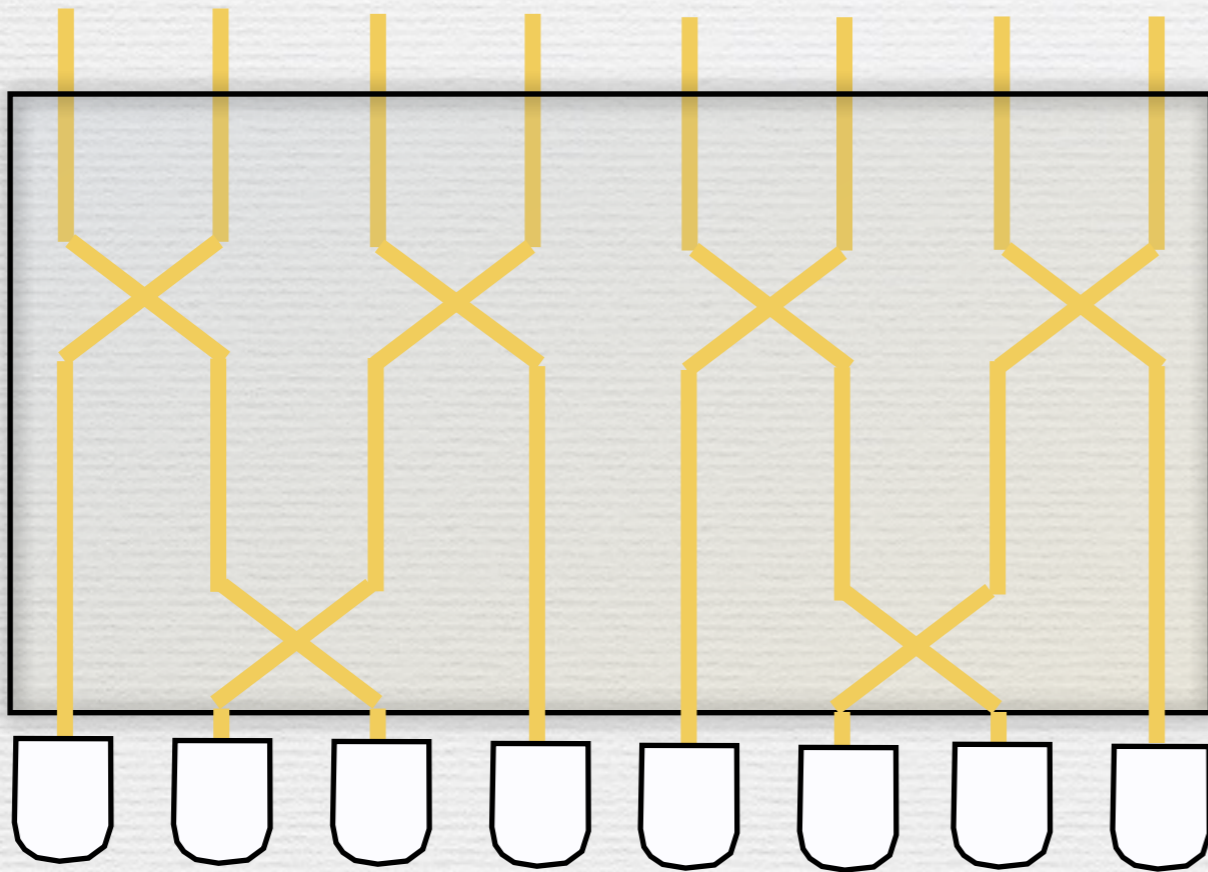


- How can properties such as entanglement be reliably estimated?

- Recent advances in continuous-variable quantum information
- Theoretical and mathematical advances (why we are here)



# Continuous (and discrete) variable quantum devices



- Quantum **communication**, channels, cryptography
- **Sensing** and metrology
- **Q-computation** with significant resources: KLM, (CV) graph states, feedforward

Knill, Laflamme, Milburn, Nature 409, 46 (2001)

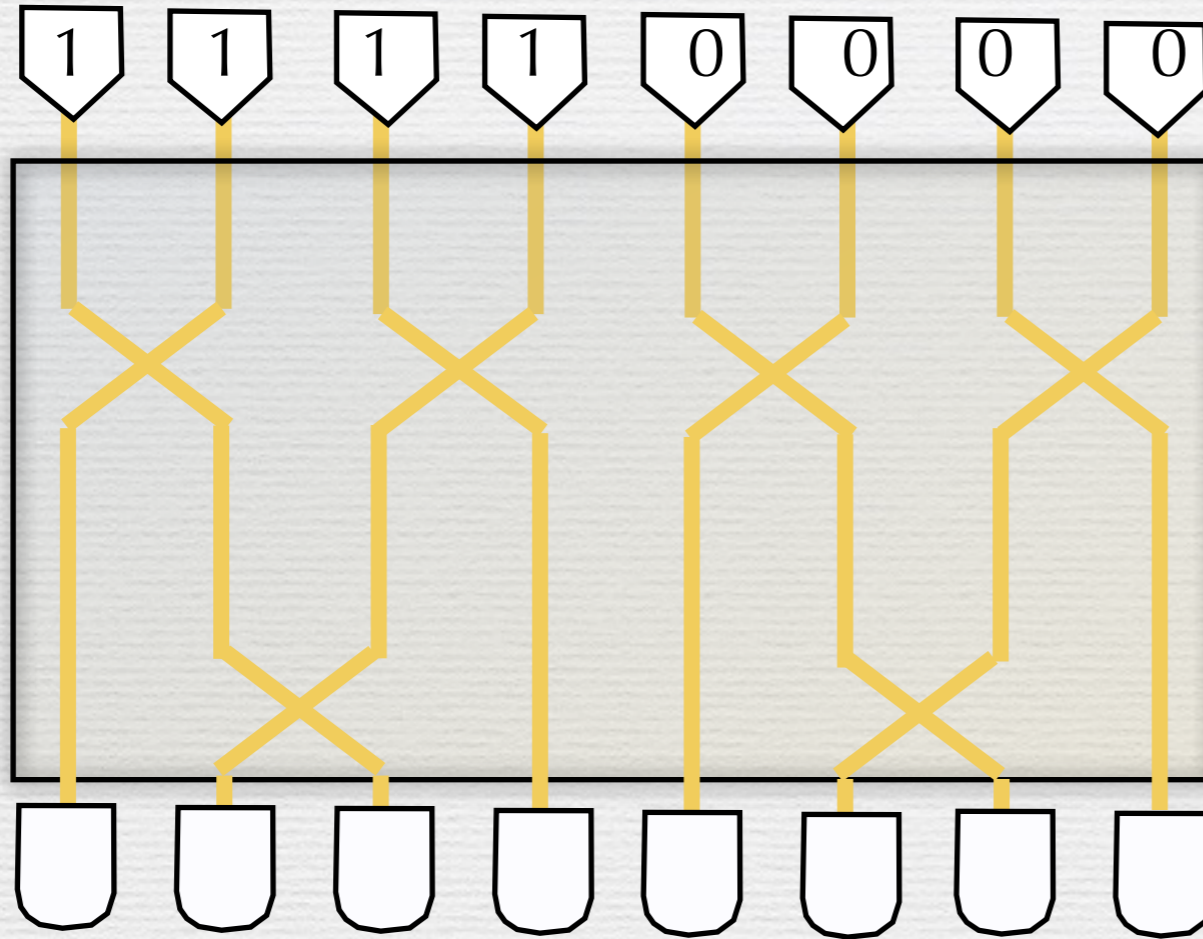
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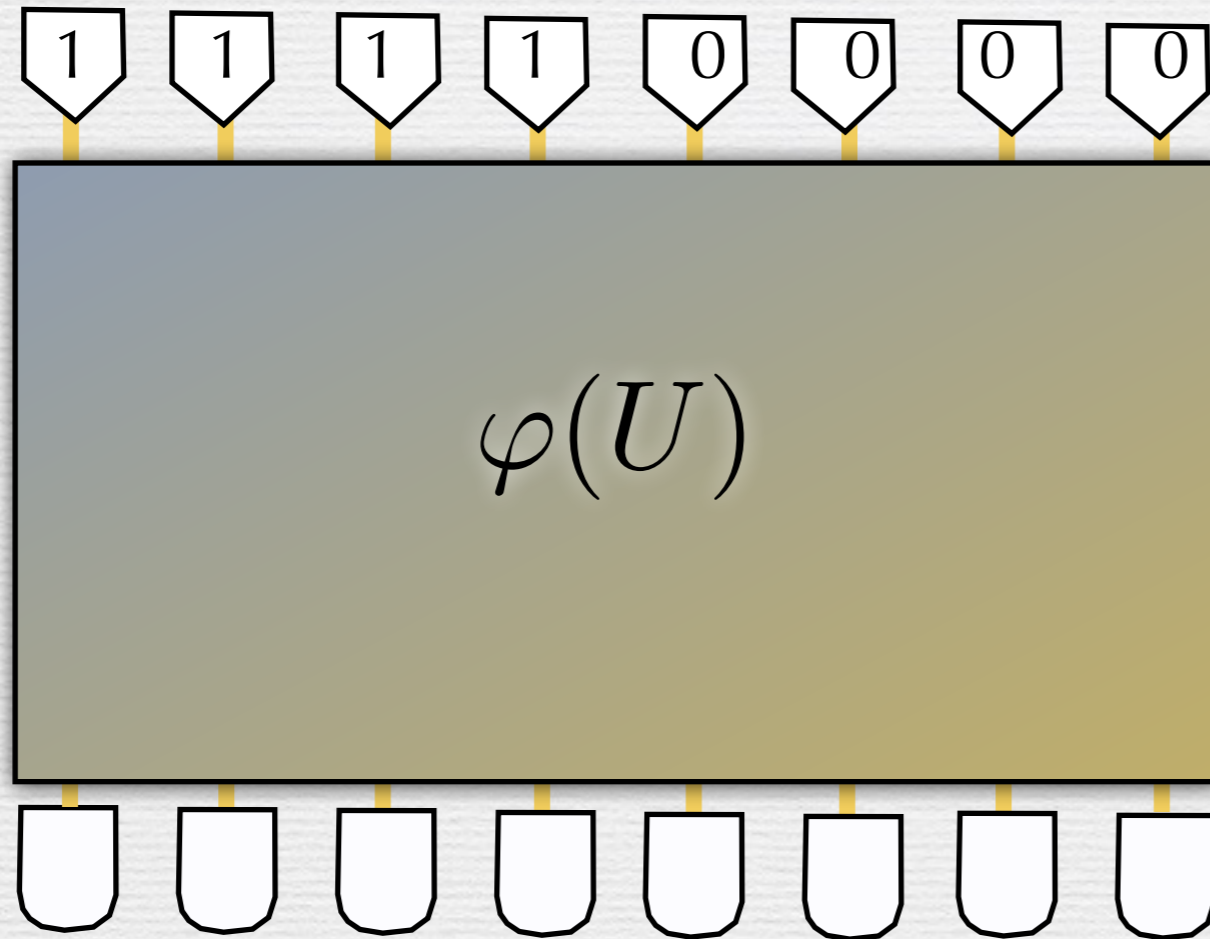
# "Quantum supremacy"



- Think of **some quantum device** presumably outperforming classical computers
- Achieve "quantum supremacy" in John Preskill's words
- **Boson sampling:** Contested candidate



# Boson sampling: A special purpose quantum algorithm

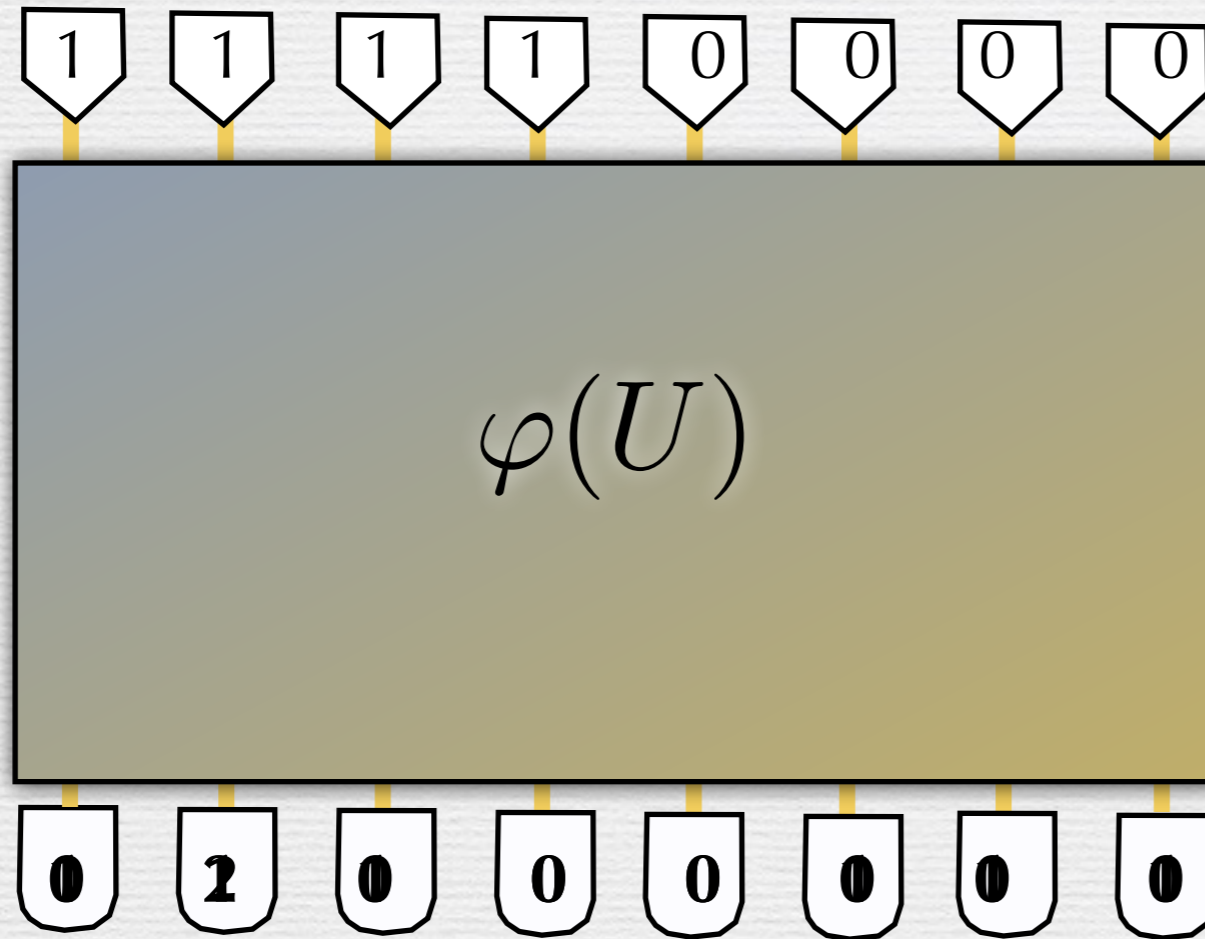


## Variation 1: Boson sampling

Aaronson, Arkhipov, Proceedings of ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing, STOC (2011)  
Gogolin, Kliesch, Aolita, Eisert, arXiv:1306.3995



# Boson sampling: A special purpose quantum algorithm



- **Input state vector**  $|\psi\rangle = |1_n\rangle := |(1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)\rangle$ ,  $n$  bosons in  $m > n$  modes
- **Linear optical network**, transforming bosonic modes  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_m)^T$  as

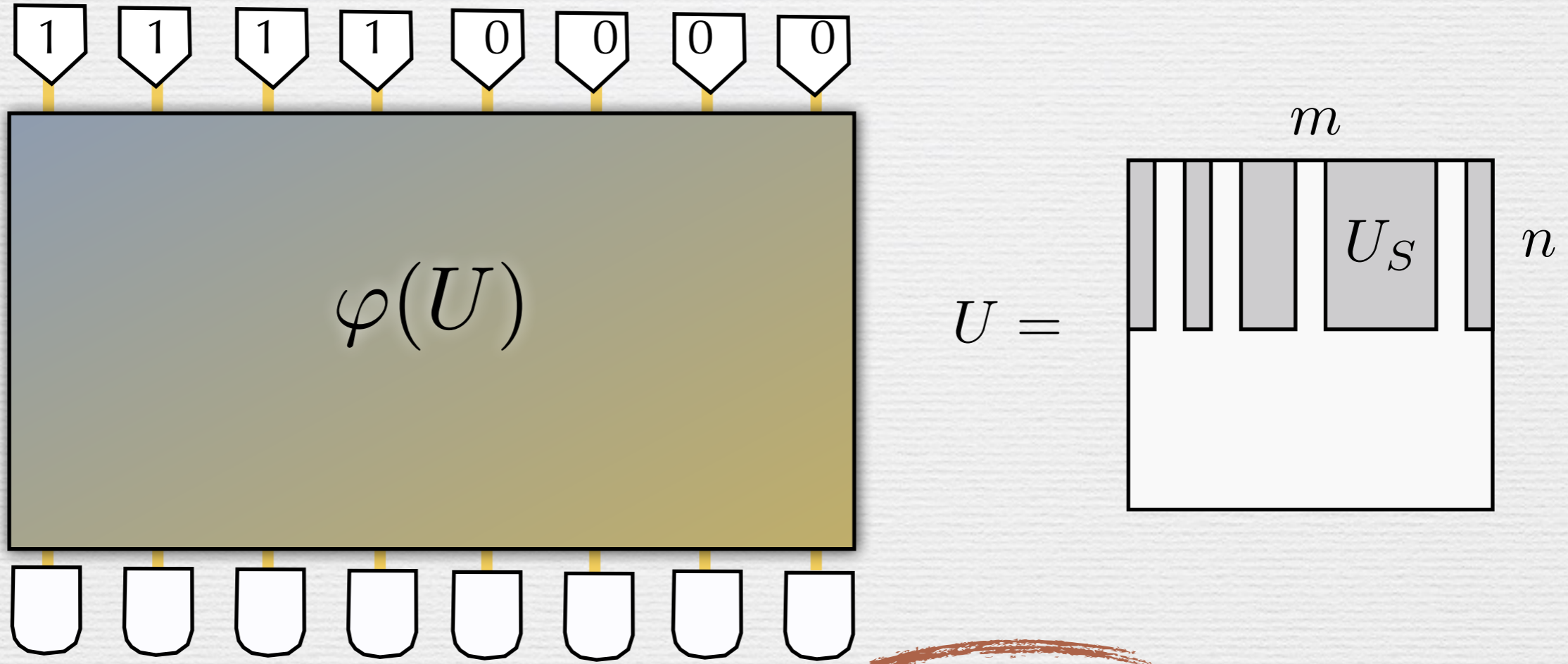
$$b \mapsto Ub$$

Hilbert space representation  $\varphi(U)$ ,  $U \in U(m)$

- **Single photon detection**, output pattern  $S$



# Boson sampling: A special purpose quantum algorithm

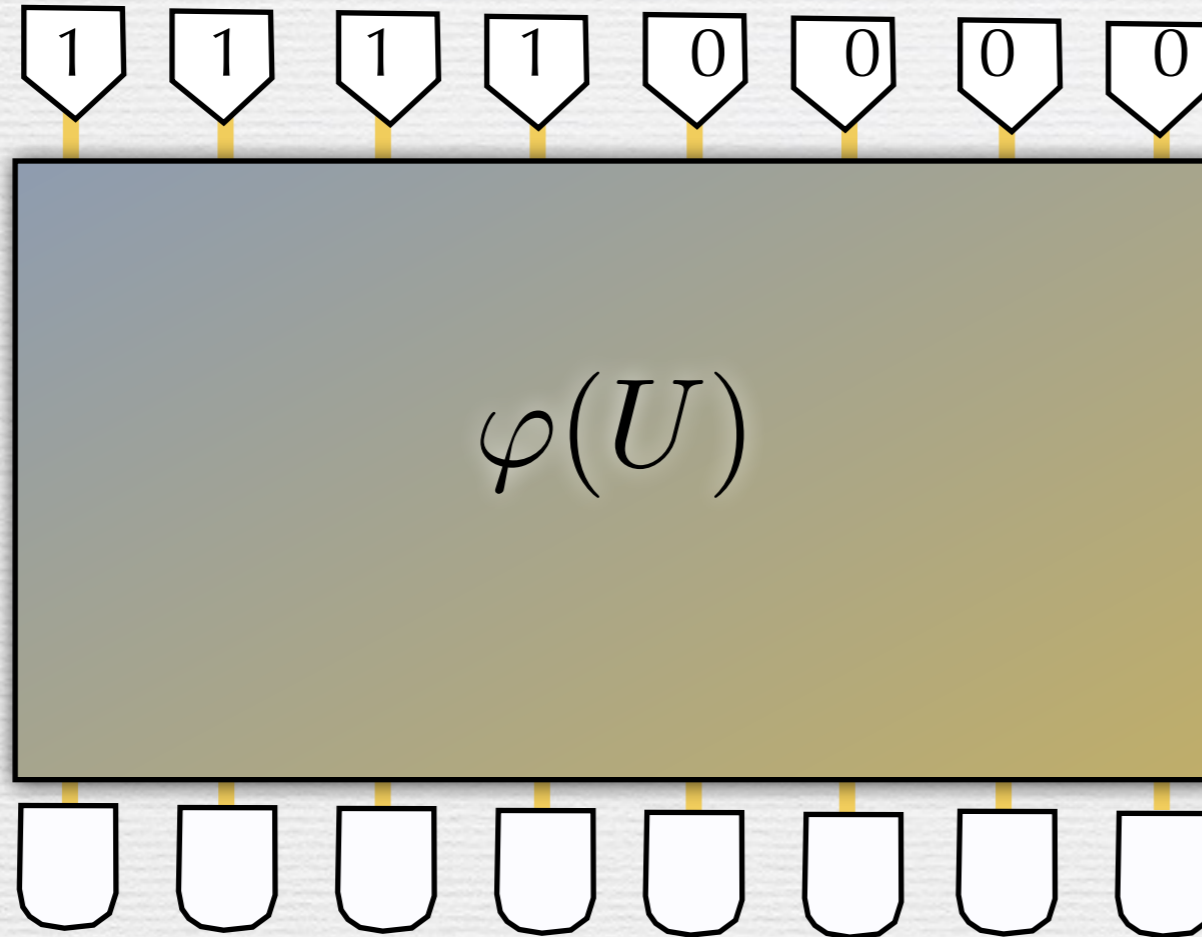


- **Probability**  $\Pr_{\mathcal{D}_U} [S] := |\langle \psi | \varphi(U) | S \rangle|^2 = \frac{|\text{Perm}(U_S)|^2}{\prod_{j=1}^m (s_j!)}$

- Permanent of "submatrix"  $U_S$  of  $U$
- **Permanent is #P hard...** , but then, one merely **samples** from it



# Complexity claim on sampling under Haar random unitaries



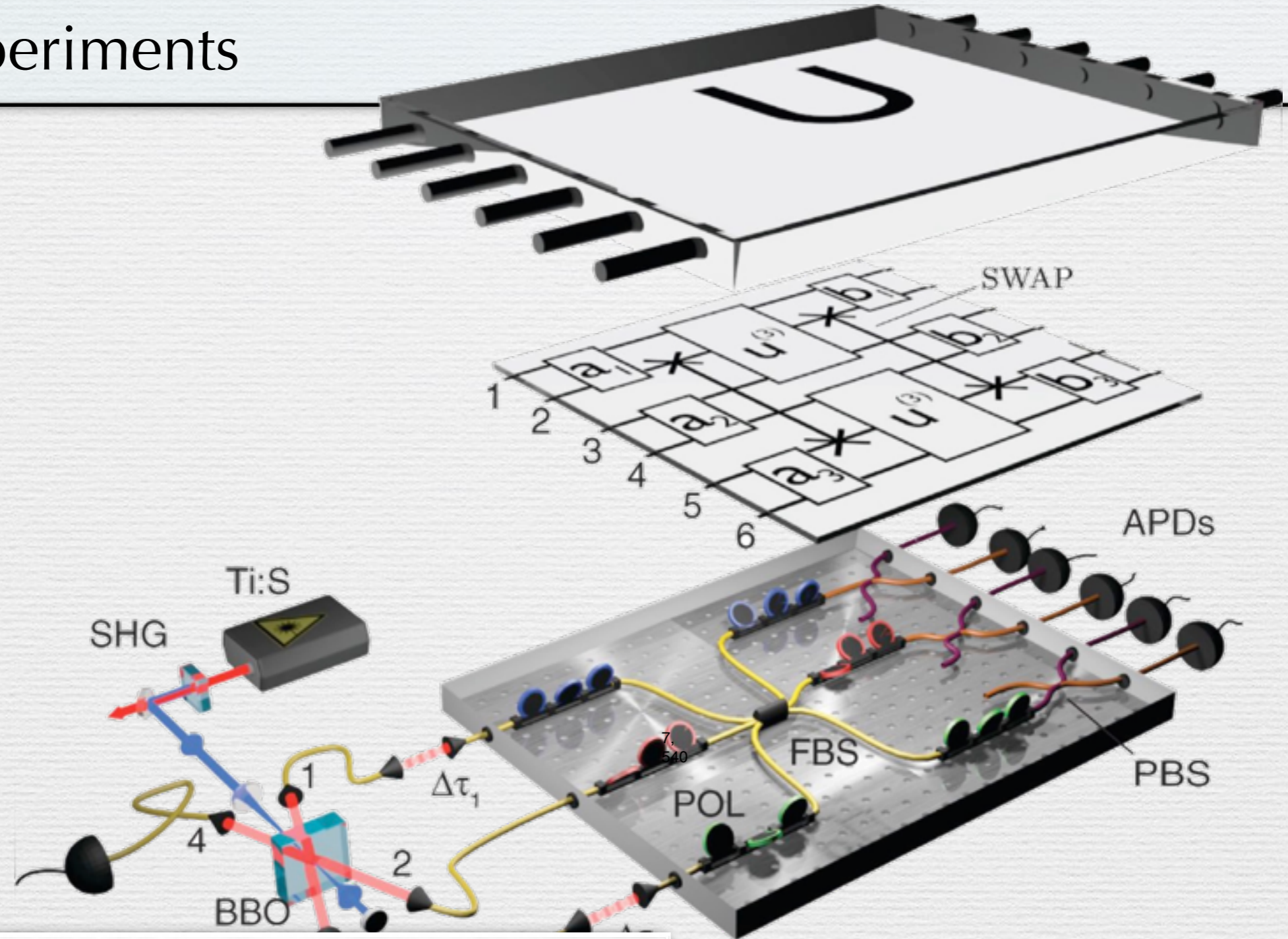
- **Non-technical statement:**

Sampling from a distribution that is close in **1-norm** to boson sampling distribution, is "computationally hard" with high probability if the unitary  $U$  is chosen from Haar measure and  $m$  increases sufficiently fast with  $n$  ( $m \in \Omega(n^5)$ )

Aaronson, Arkhipov, Proceedings of ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing, STOC (2011)  
Compare also Bremner, Jozsa, Shepherd, arXiv:1005.1407



# Photonic experiments



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## Integrated multimode interferometers with arbitrary designs for photonic boson sampling

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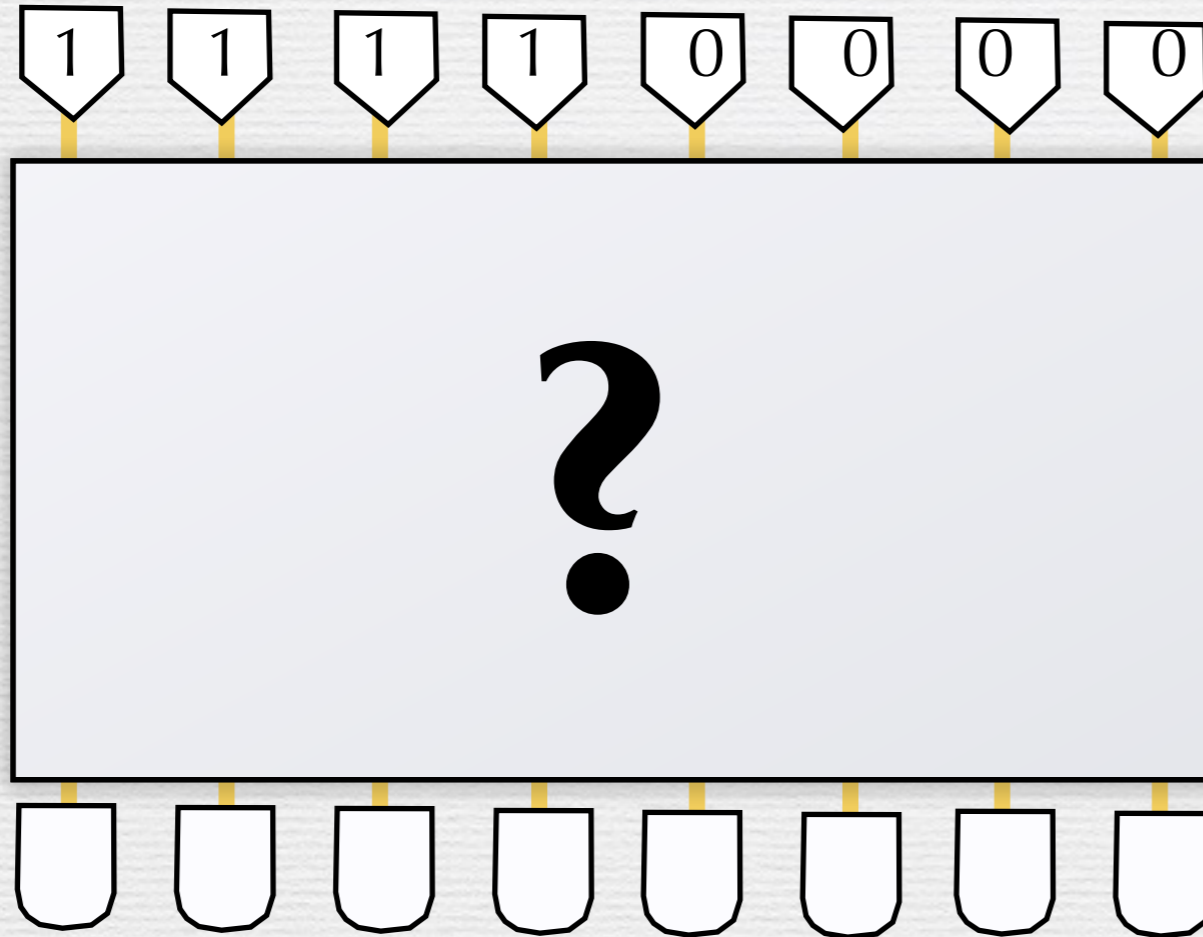
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Broome et al, Science 339, 794 (2012)  
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# Crucial question of certification

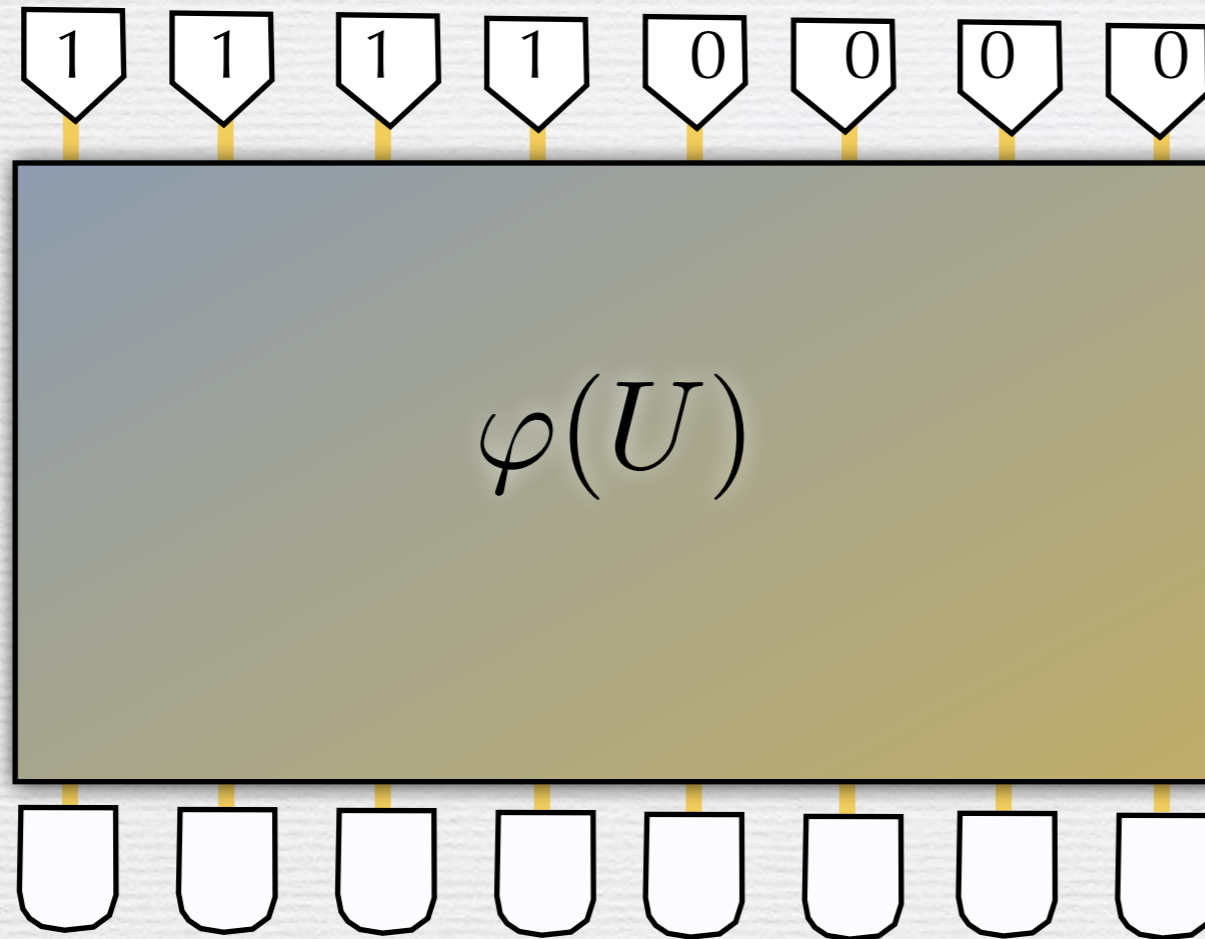


- **But, eh, how would we know whether we are correct?**

- Experiments **sample**, deliver lists of numbers



# Crucial question of certification



## Methods:

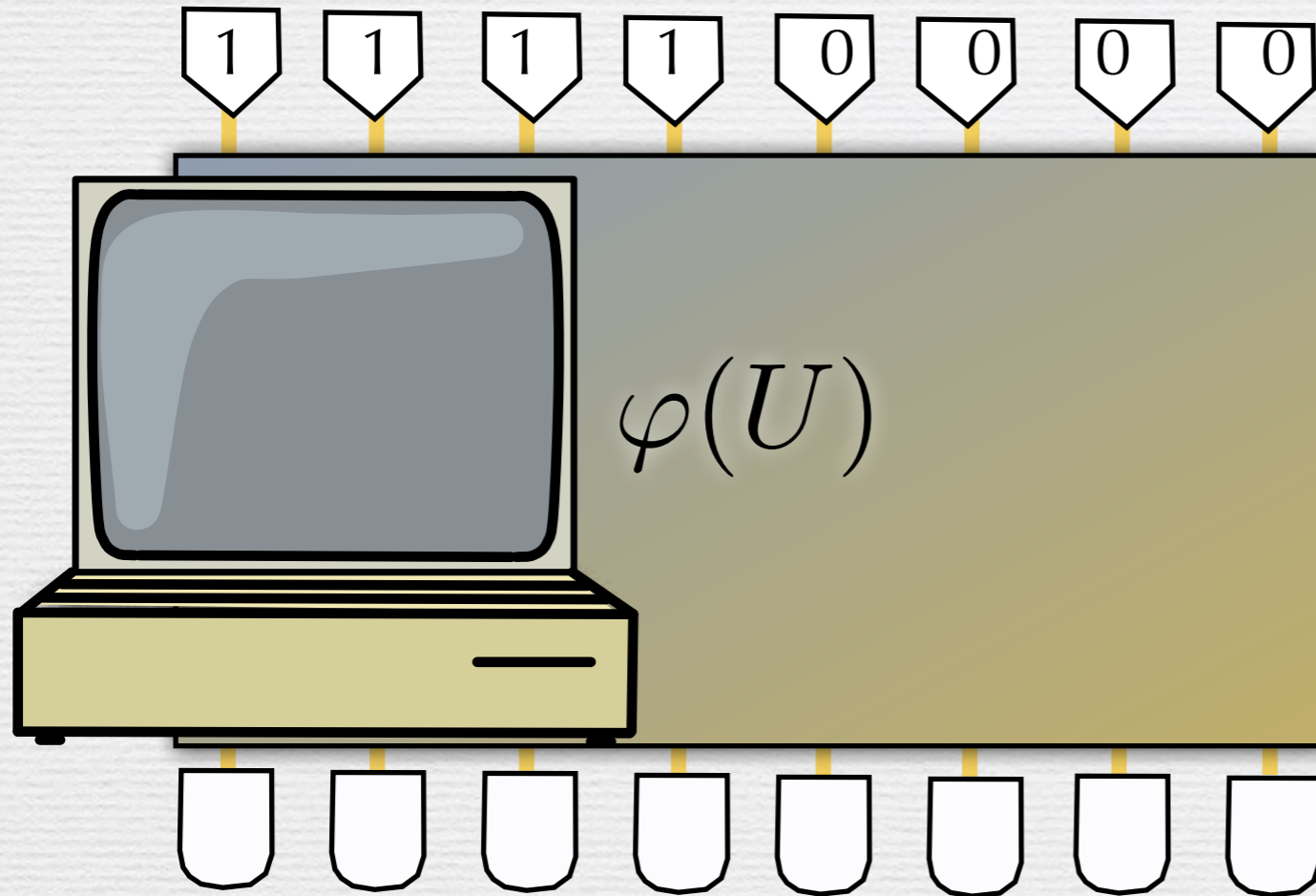
- Large deviation bounds
- Random matrix theory

- Let  $m \geq n^{5.1}$  and let  $U \in U(m)$  be Haar random. Then with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ , for every  $T$  and every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a circuit of size  $T \text{poly}(n, 1/\epsilon, 1/\delta)$  that samples a distribution that is  $\epsilon$ -indistinguishable from (the collision-free part of) the boson sampling distribution by circuits of size at most  $T$

Trevisan, Tulsiani, Vadhan, Proc IEEE Conf Comp Complex, 126 (2009)  
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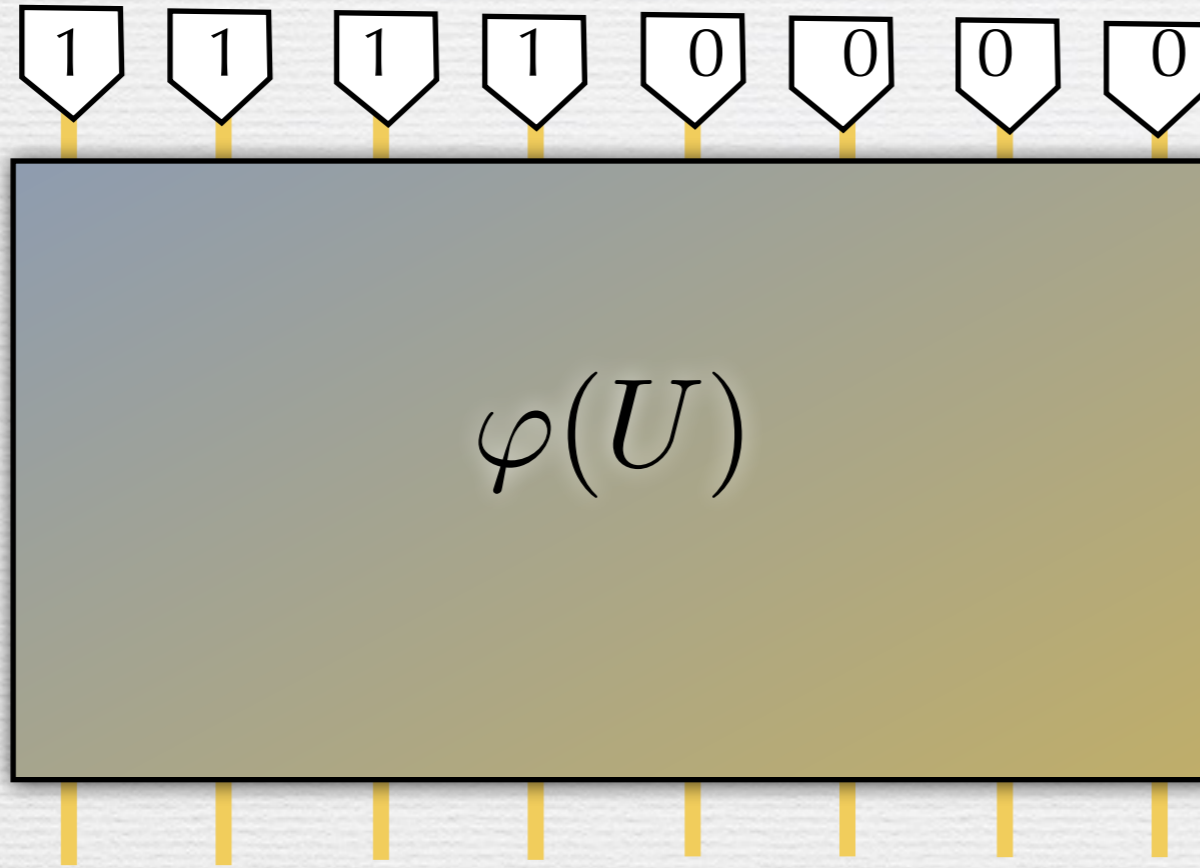
# Crucial question of certification



- **Lesson:** Evidence that boson sampling is hard, but also that boson sampling cannot be efficiently distinguished from classical efficient device



# Reliable quantum certification

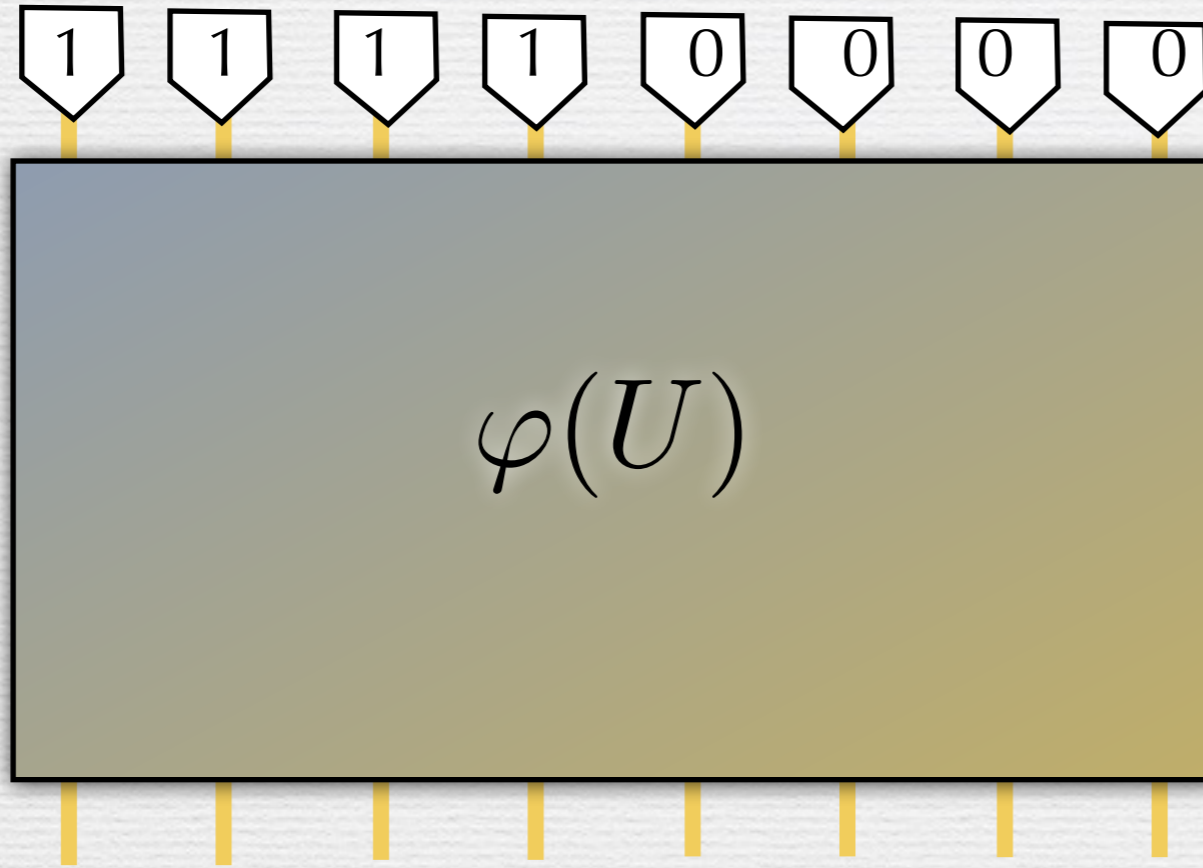


## Variation 2: Reliable quantum certification

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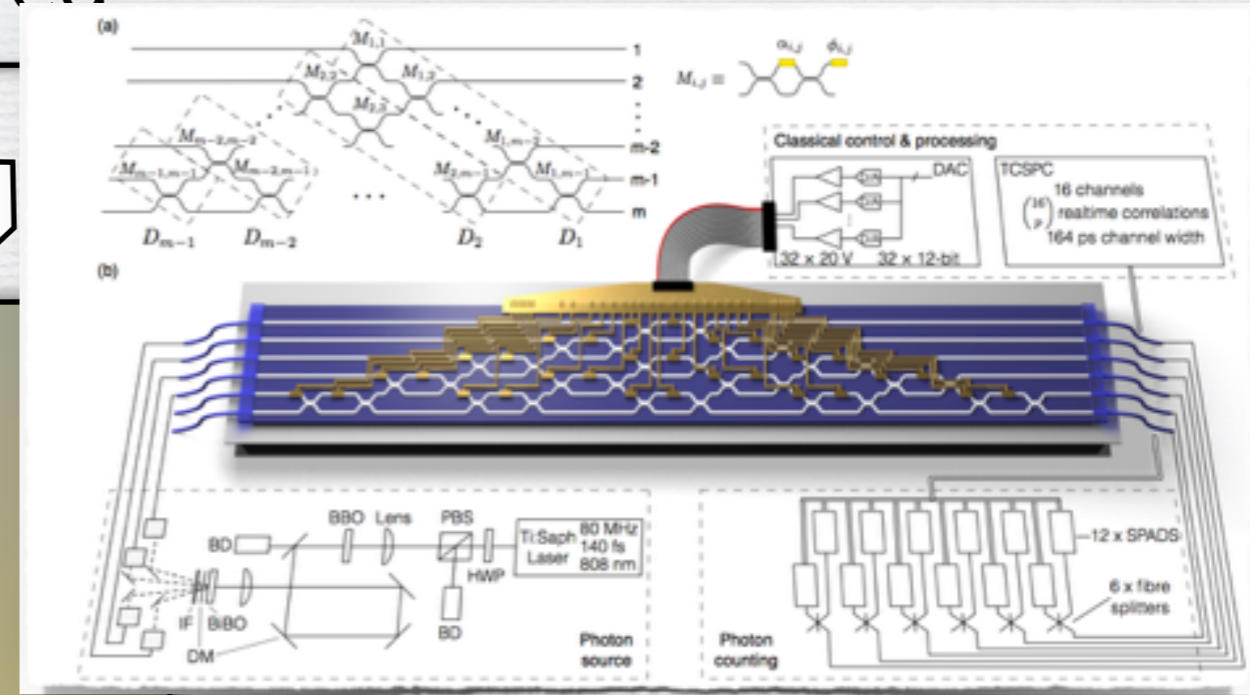
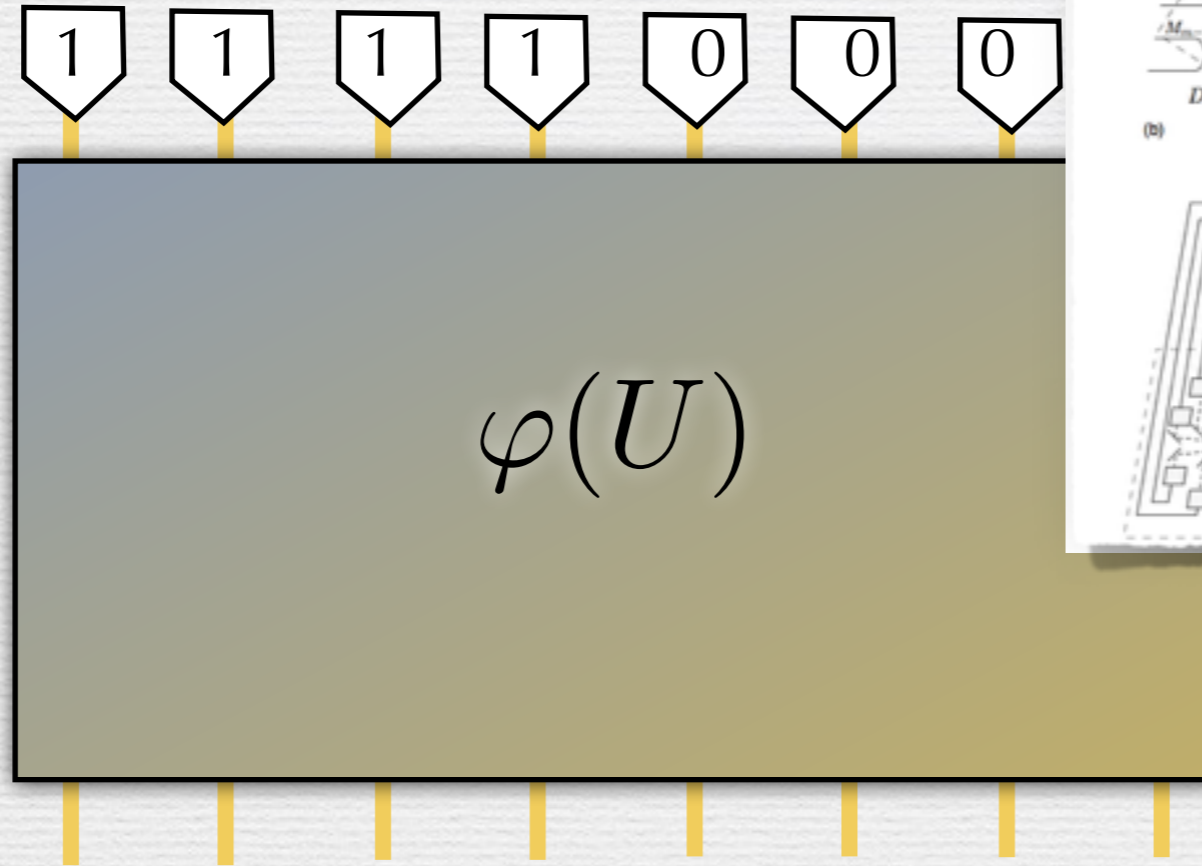
# Reliable quantum certification



- **Can one efficiently certify quantum circuits as such with local measurements?**



# State preparation settings considered

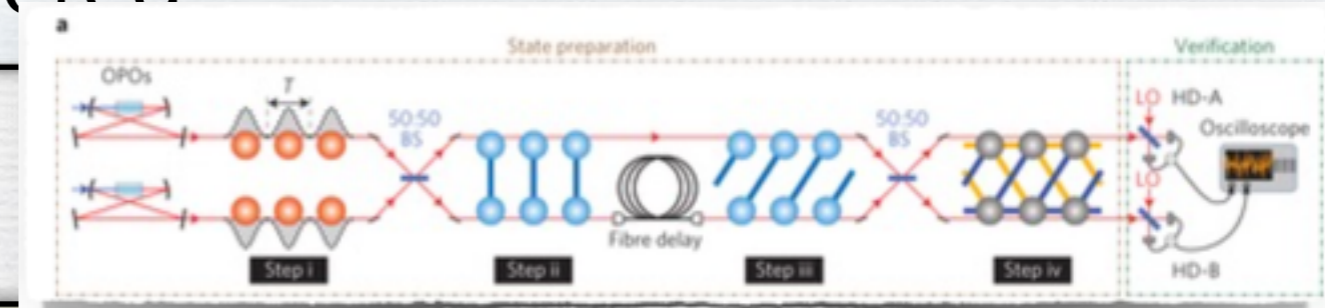
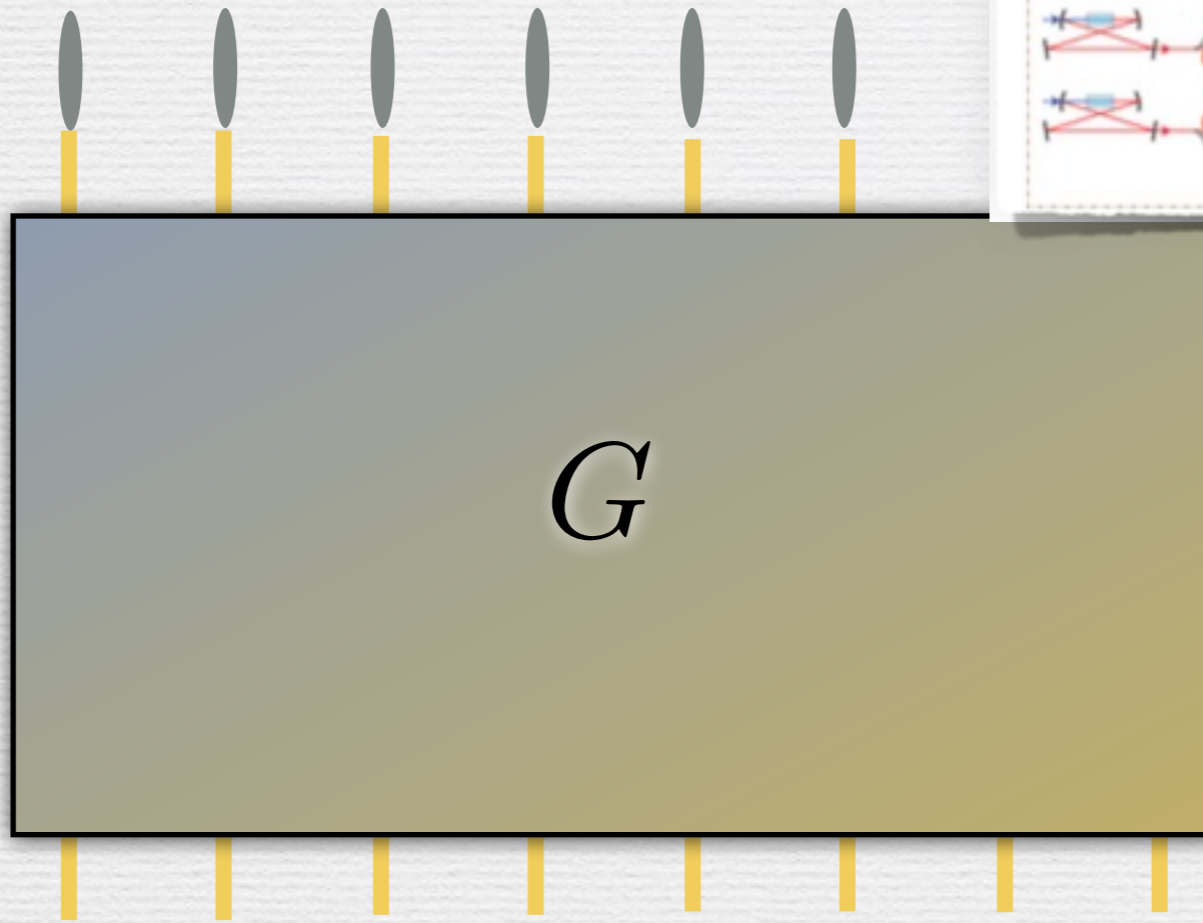


- **Linear optical setting** (single photons + passive optics)

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{LO}} = \{U|1_n\rangle\langle 1_n|U^\dagger : U \text{ passive unitary}\}$$



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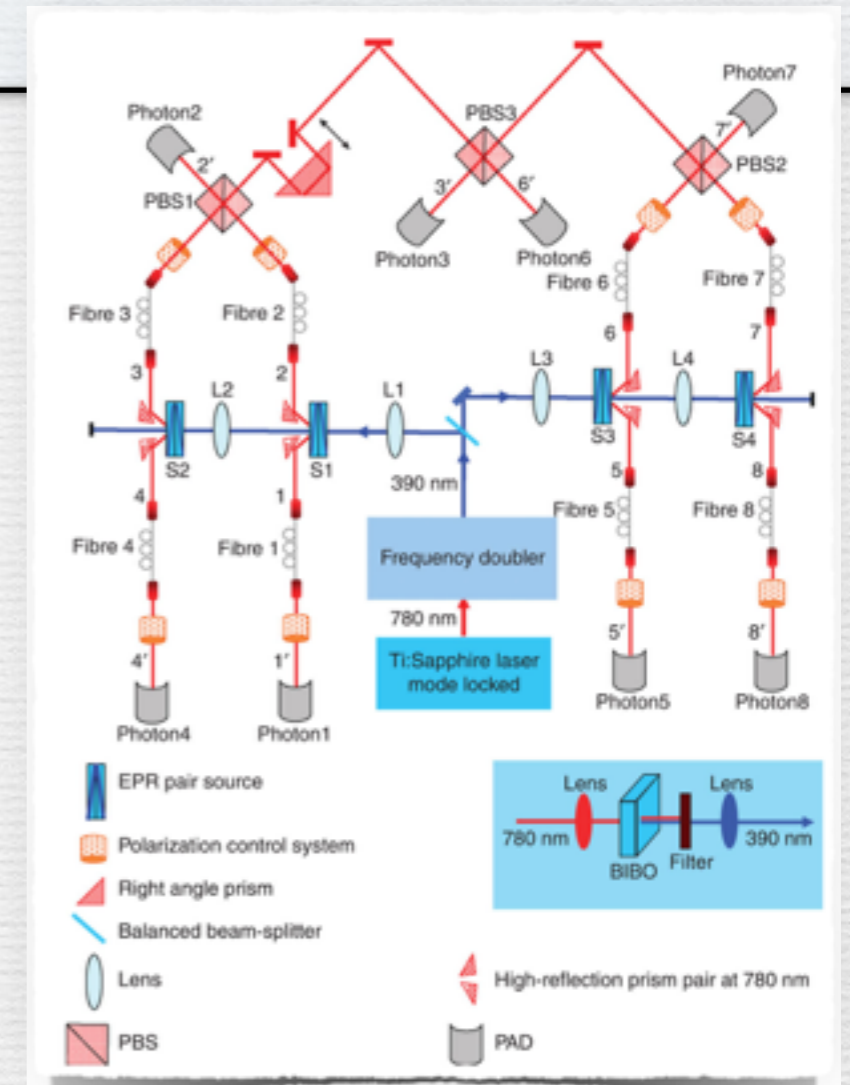
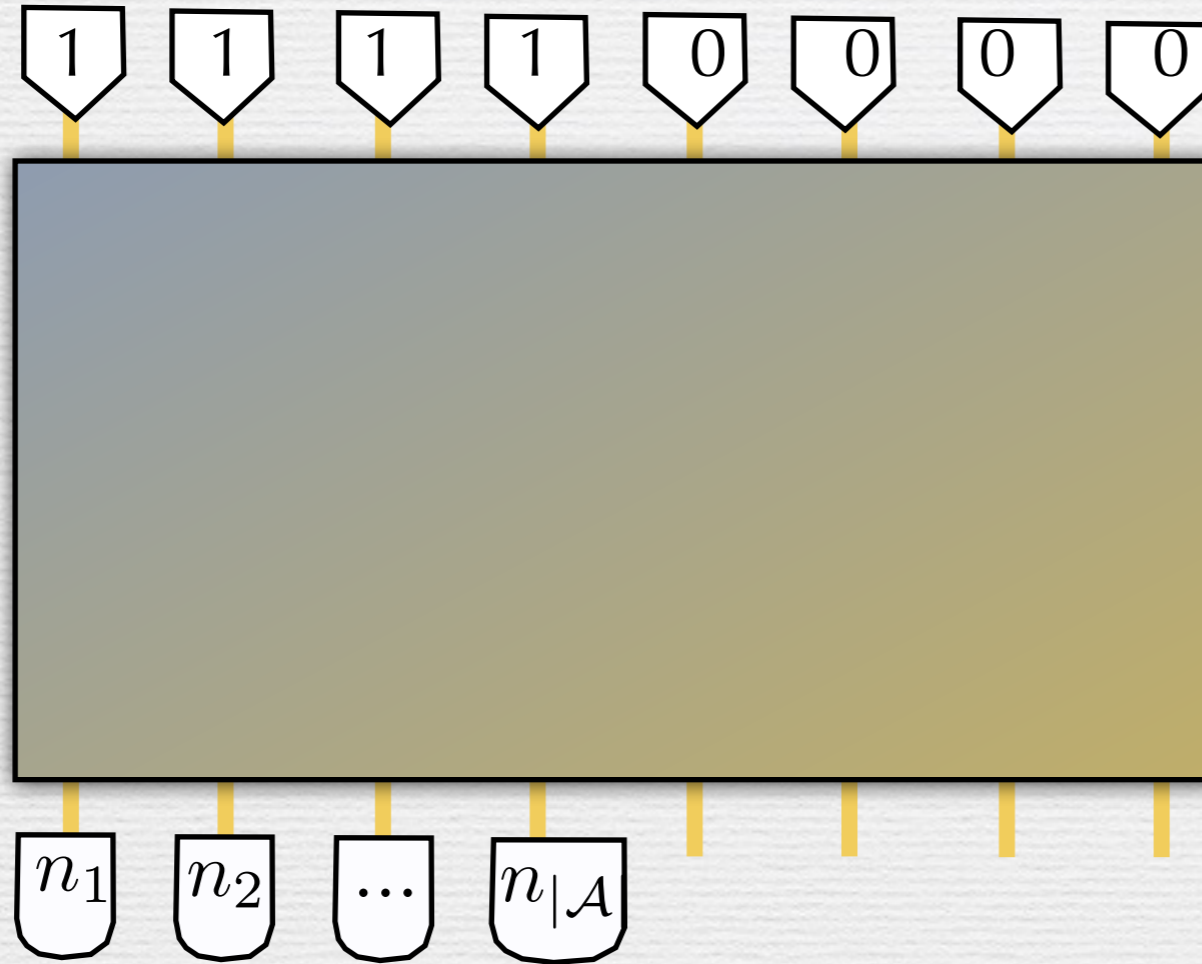


- **Linear optical setting** (single photons + passive optics)
- **Continuous-variable setting** (Gaussian states + active Gaussian unitaries)

$$\mathcal{S}_G = \{U|0\rangle\langle 0|U^\dagger : U \text{ Gaussian unitary}\}$$



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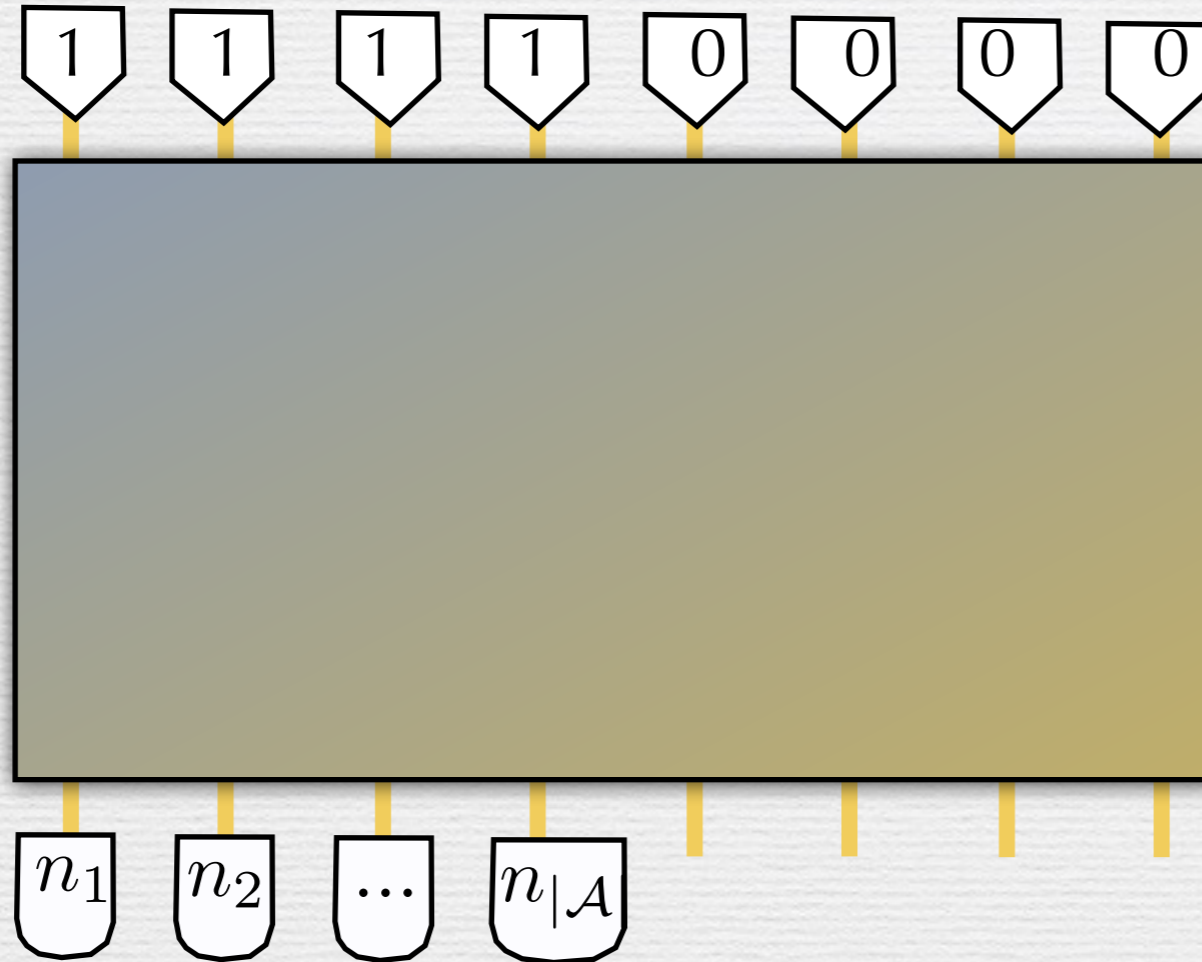


- **Linear optical setting** (single photons + passive optics)
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- **Post-selected instances**, in both settings (e.g., KLM-type quantum gates)

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{LPS}} = \left\{ \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}_{\mathcal{A}} | \rho_t | \mathbf{n}_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle}{p(\mathbf{n}_{\mathcal{A}} | \rho_t)} : \rho_t \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{LO}} \right\}$$



# State preparation settings considered



- **Linear optical setting** (single photons + passive optics)
- **Continuous-variable setting** (Gaussian states + active Gaussian unitaries)
- **Post-selected instances**, in both settings (e.g., KLM-type quantum gates)
- Includes most multi-photon state preparations



# Certification mindset

- Similar to **interactive proofs**

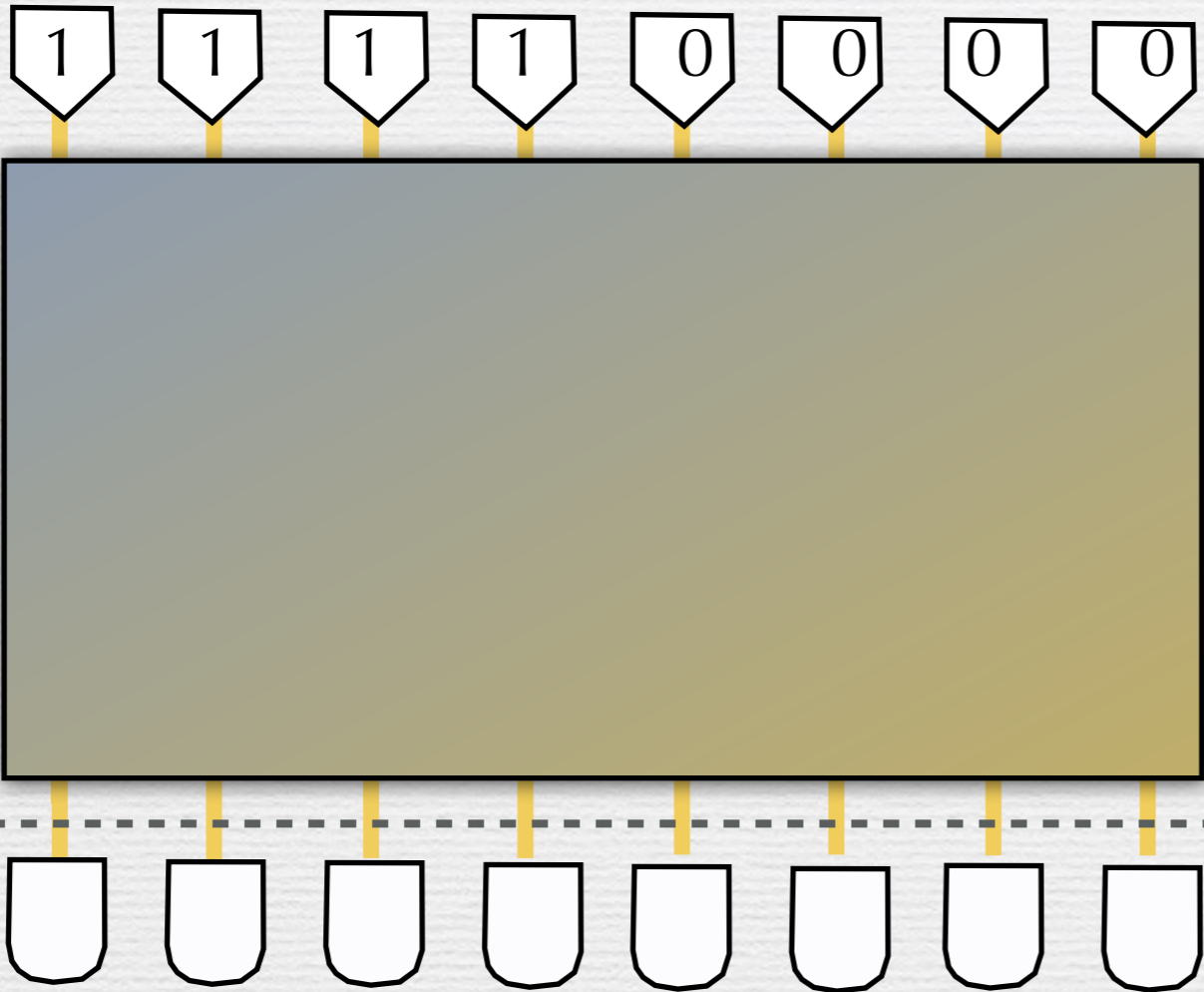


**Sceptic certifier, Arthur**, with limited quantum capabilities (single mode measurements, almost classical), who wishes to ascertain...





# Certification mindset



...whether an **untrusted quantum prover, Merlin**, presumably with more quantum capabilities, can indeed prepare certain quantum states up to target fidelity

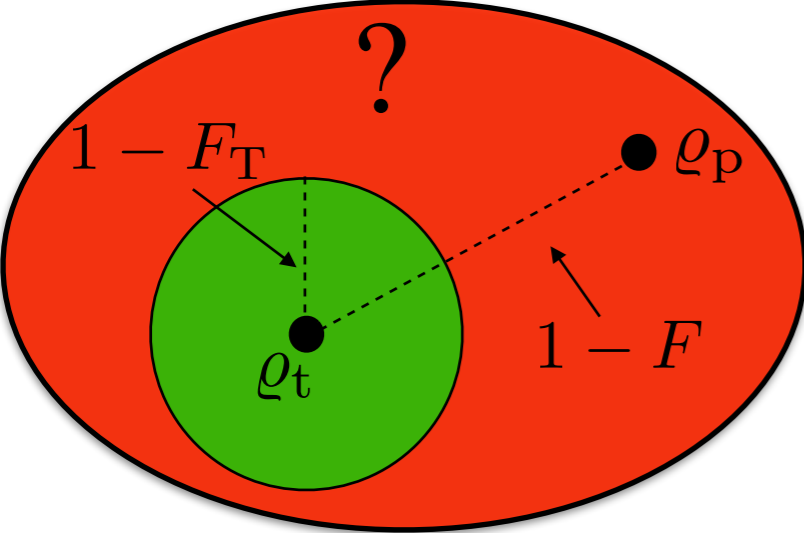
$$F := F(\rho_t, \rho_p) \geq F_T ?$$

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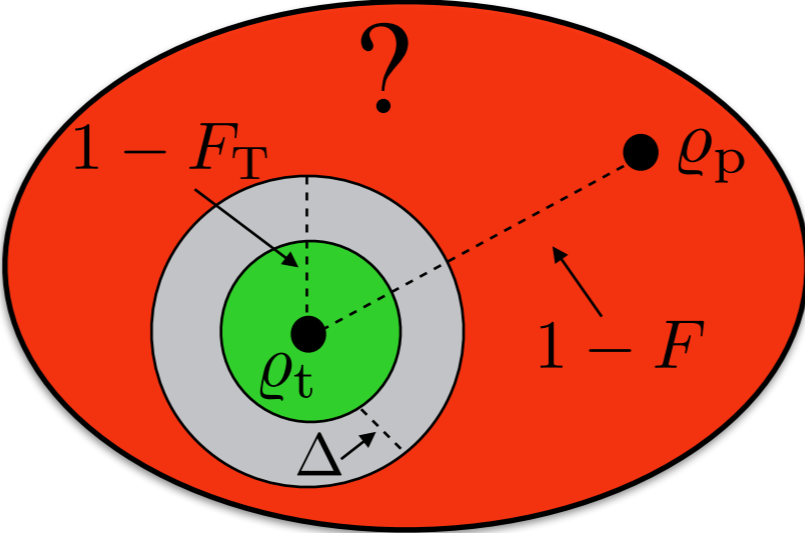




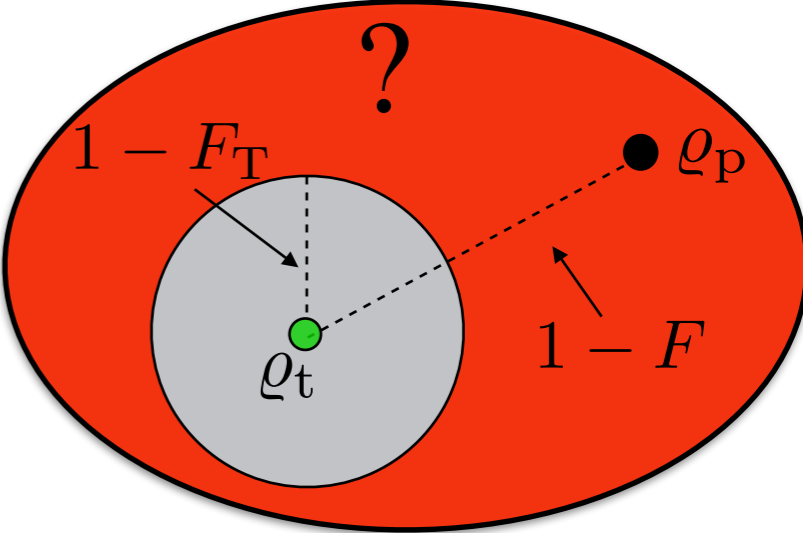
# Certification mindset



• Naive approach

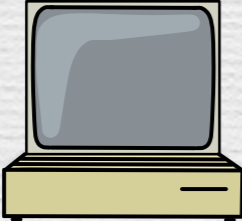
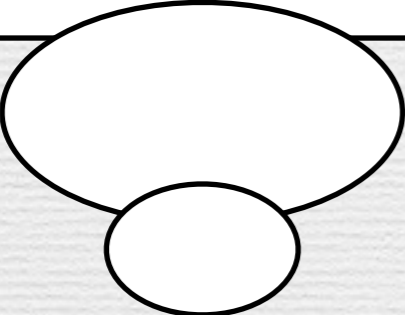


• Robust certification



• Not robust, but can be practical

$\alpha > 0$  maximum failure probability





# Extremality-based fidelity lower bound

## Methods:

- Fidelity lower bounds

$$\forall \rho_t \in \mathcal{S}_G \wedge \mathcal{S}_{LO} : F \geq F_n := 1 - \langle (\hat{n} - n) \prod_{j=1}^n \hat{n}_j \rangle_{U^\dagger \rho_p U} \forall \rho_p$$

(  $\hat{n} := \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{n}_j$  total photon number)

- Extremality of Gaussian operations





# Quantum state certification

- Choose fidelity  $F_T$ , max failure probability  $\alpha$  and estimation error  $\epsilon \leq \frac{1 - F_T}{2}$

- Computes number of copies  $C$ , provides classical description, asks...



- ... Merlin to prepare  $C$  copies of  $\rho_p$



- Measures  $F_T$ , obtains estimate  $F_T^* \in [F_n - \epsilon, F_n + \epsilon]$

$$F = 1 \Rightarrow F_n = 1 \Rightarrow F_n^* \geq 1 - \epsilon \geq F_T + \epsilon$$
$$F < F_T \Rightarrow F_n < F_T \Rightarrow F_n^* < F_T + \epsilon$$





# Efficient measurements

- How to measure  $F_n$ ?

- **Non-Gaussian nullifiers**

$$F_n = 1 - \left\langle U r^2 U^\dagger - \frac{m + 2n}{2} \prod_{j=1}^n \left( U q_j^2 U^\dagger + U p_j^\dagger U^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\rangle$$

- Requires single-mode **homodyning** only

- **Theorem:** For both  $\mathcal{S}_{LO}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_G$  the test can certify the states with

$$O \left( \frac{\text{poly}(m)}{\log(1/(1 - \alpha))} \right)$$

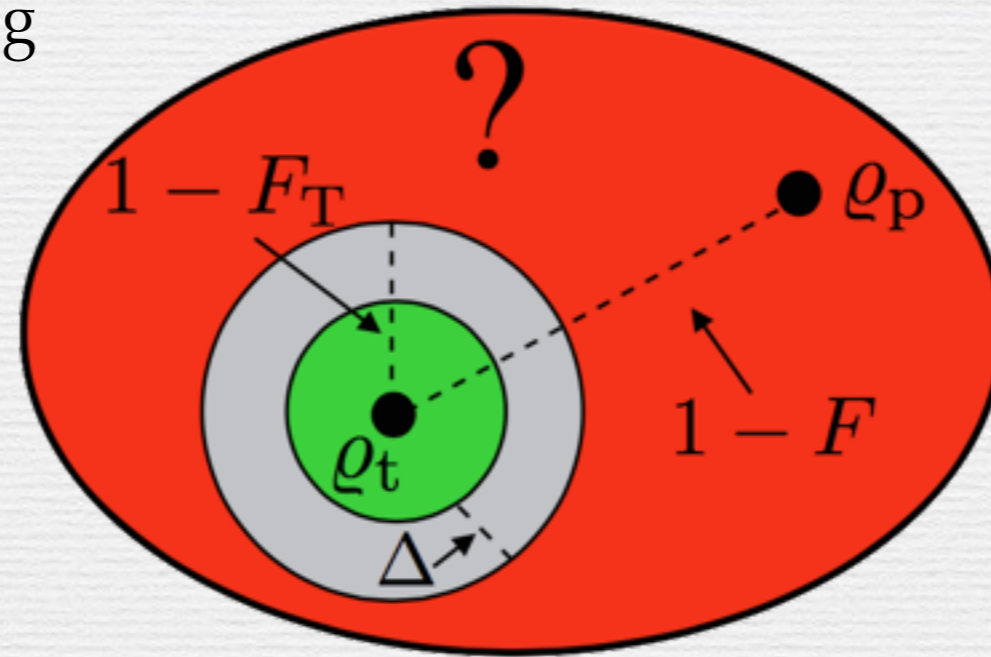
homodyne measurement settings, efficient in mode number  
(but not in the photon number)

- Works also for post-selection



# Robust state certification

- Same is true in robust setting



- **Theorem:** The test can certify the states with

$$O\left(\frac{\text{poly}(m, 1/\Delta)}{\log(1/(1-\alpha))}\right)$$

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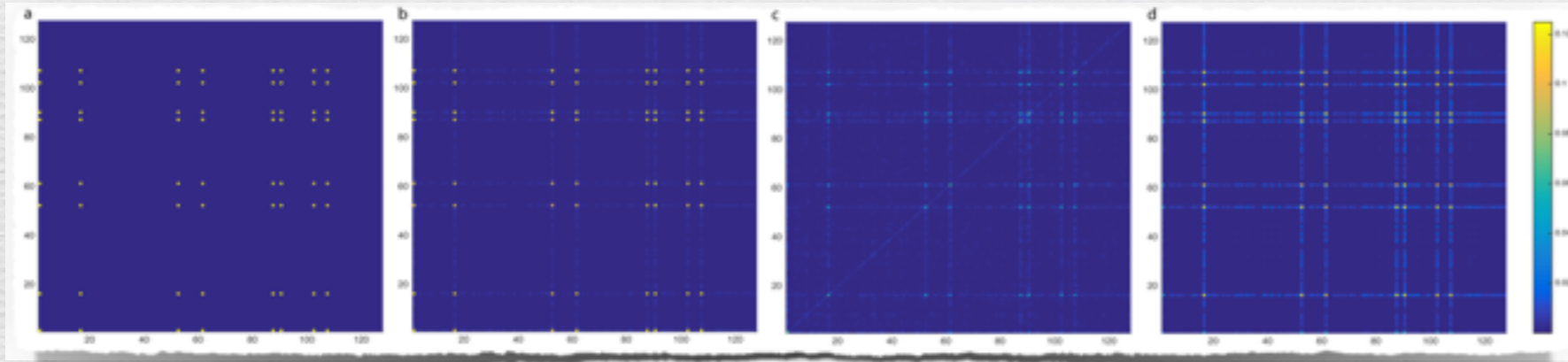


- **Lesson:** Can efficiently certify state preparations, much more efficient than tomography, with feasible continuous-variable measurements



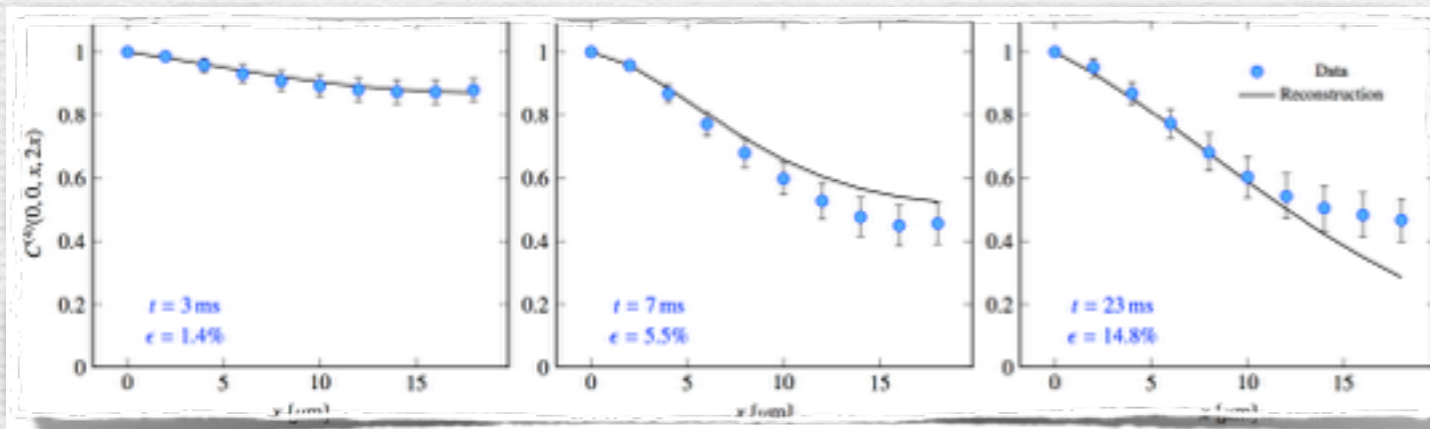
# Other recent certification and tomography efforts

- Experimental compressed sensing tomography



Riofrio, Gross, Flammia, Monz, Roos, Blatt, Eisert, arXiv:1604.xxxxx  
Gross, Liu, Flammia, Becker, Eisert, Phys Rev Lett 105, 150401 (2010)

- Quantum field tomography

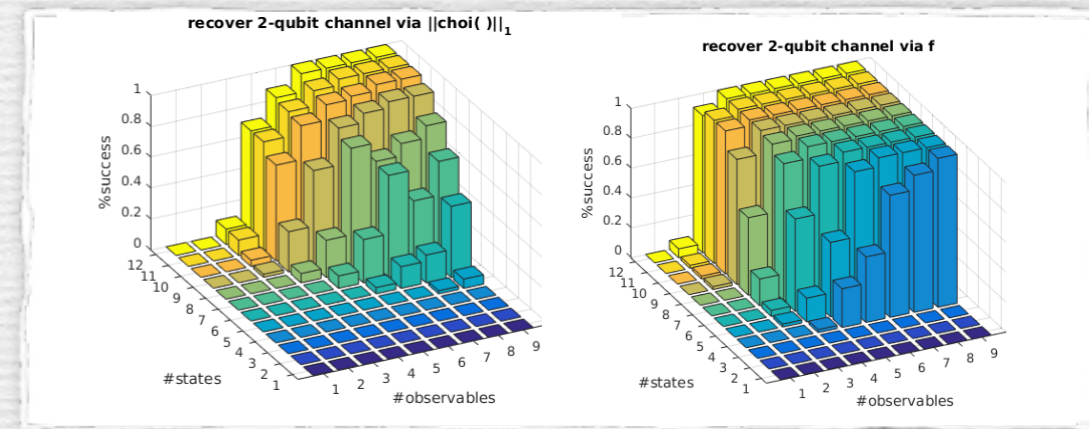


Steffens, Friesdorf, Langen, Rauer, Schweigler, Huebener,  
Schmiedmayer, Riofrio, Eisert, Nature Comm 6, 7663 (2015)

- Feasible channel super-activation

Schulze, Eisert, Schnabel, in preparation (2016)

- Tensor completion and improved process tomography

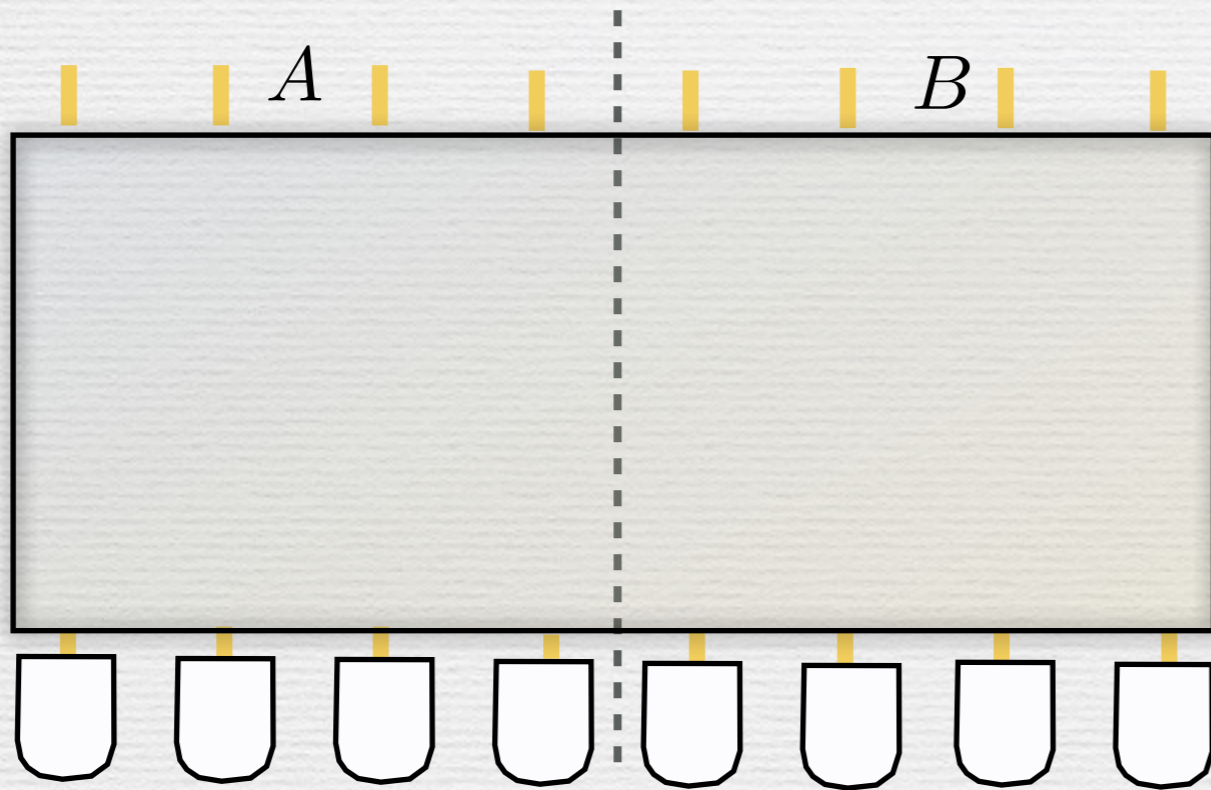


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- Rigorous error bars

Carpentier, Eisert, Gross, Nickl, arXiv:1504.0323





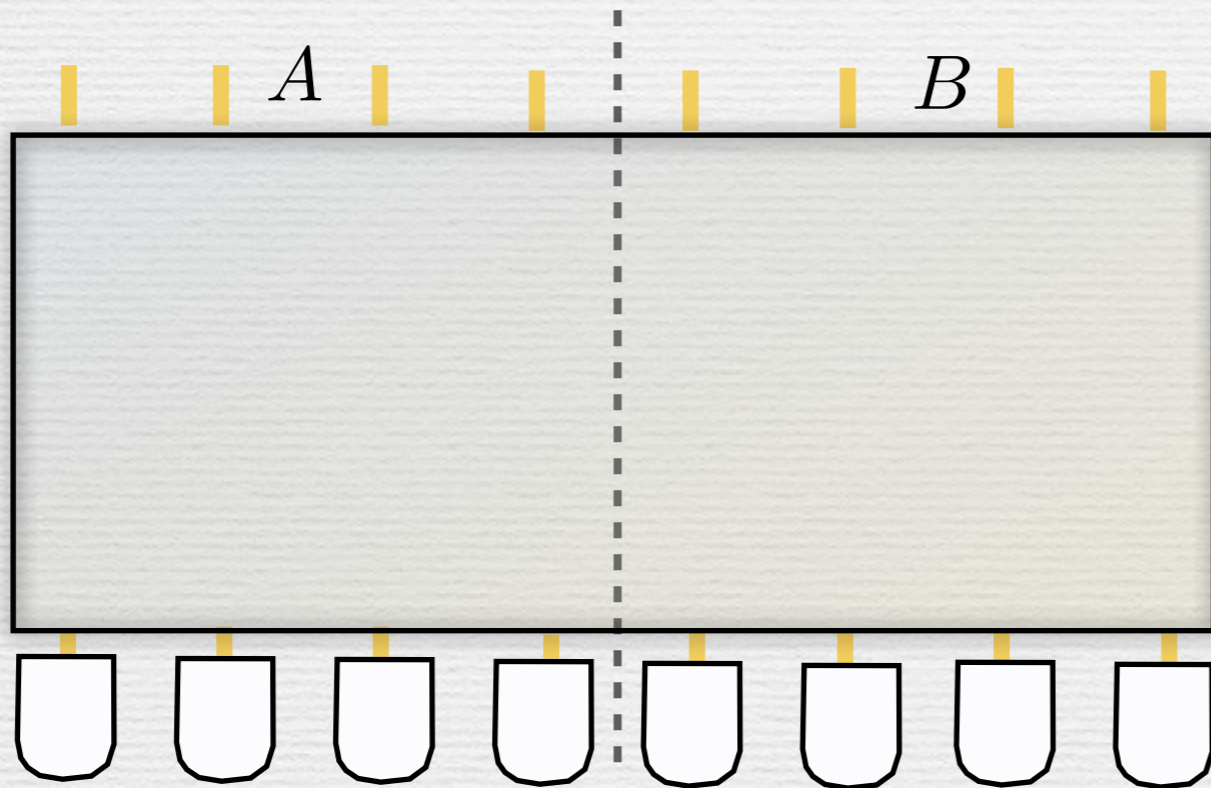
## Variation 3: Revisiting CV entanglement witnesses

Hyllus, Eisert, New J Phys 8, 51 (2006)

Hoelscher-Obermaier, Wieczorek, Hammerer, Steffens, Eisert, Aspelmeyer, in preparation (2016)



# Detecting continuous-variable entanglement

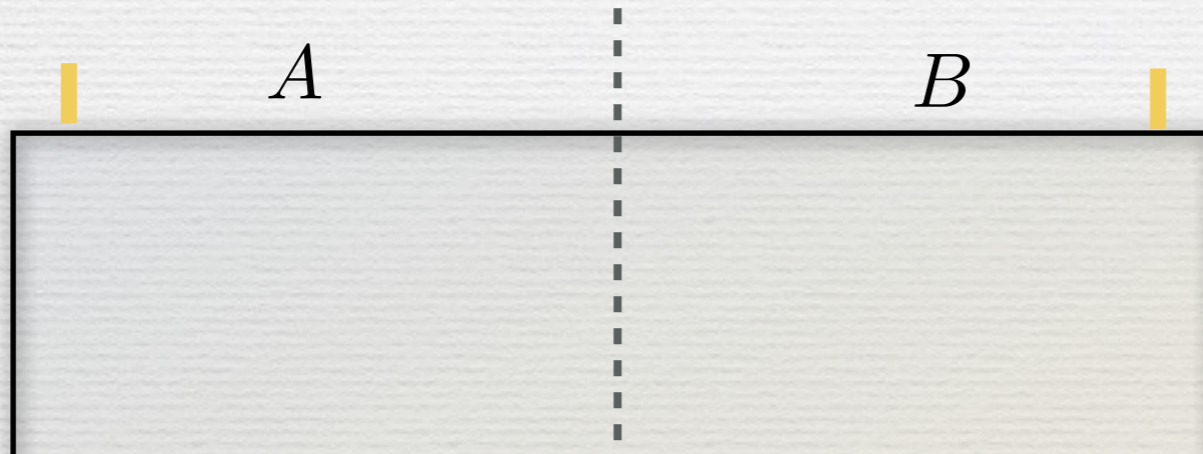


- How can optimal continuous variable entanglement witnesses be found?



# Detecting continuous-variable entanglement

- Famous **bi-partite criterion**



- **Theorem:** Bi-partite states with vanishing first moments satisfying

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle (x_1 + x_2)^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle (p_1 - p_2)^2 \rangle < 1$$

are entangled

Duan, Giedke, Cirac, Zoller, Phys Rev Lett 84, 2722 (2000)

- **Multi-partite analogues**

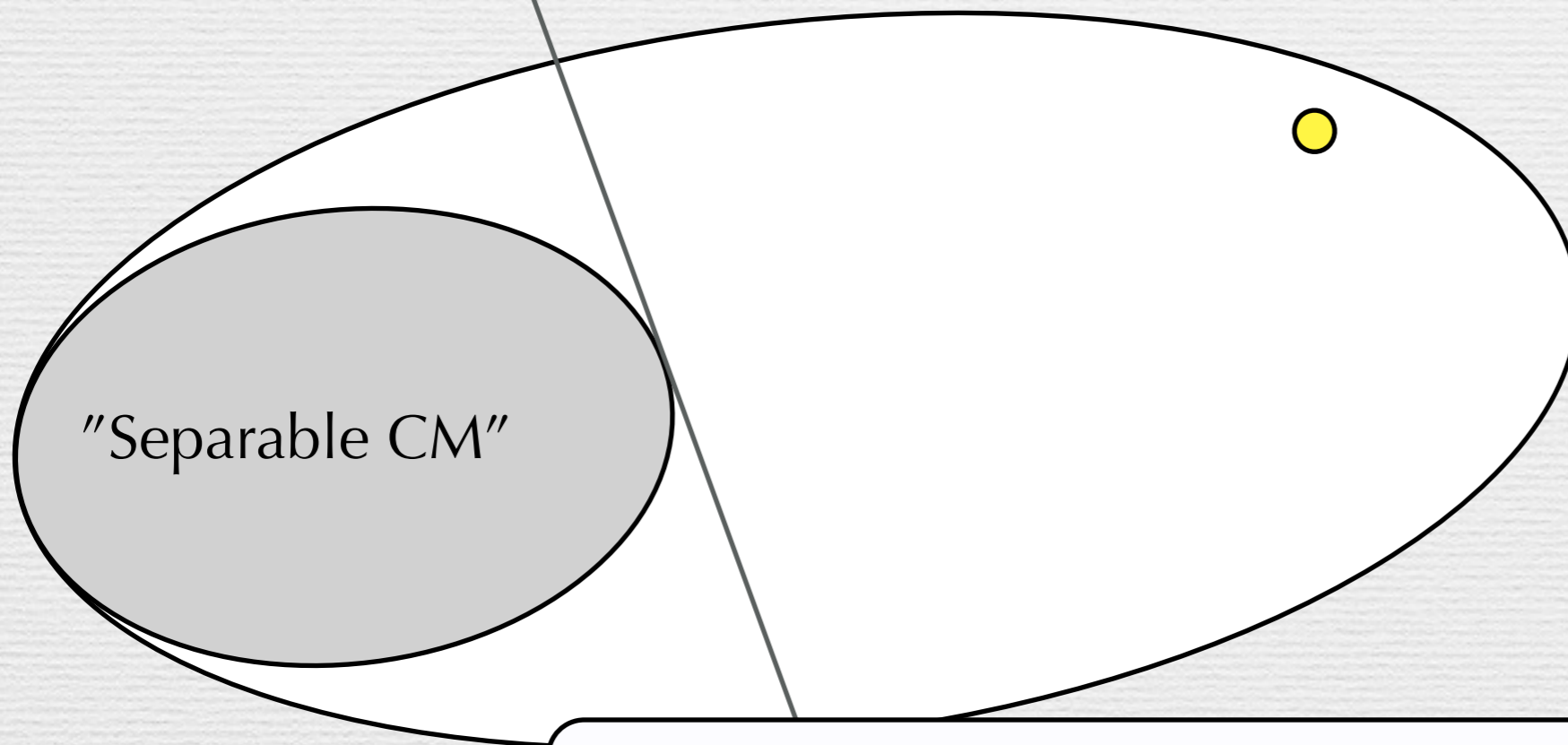
van Loock, Furusawa, Phys Rev A 67, 052315 (2003)



# Geometric picture of covariance matrix witnesses

- **Geometric picture:**  $\text{tr}(Z\gamma) < 1$  in terms of covariance matrices  $\gamma = \gamma^T$

$$Z = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

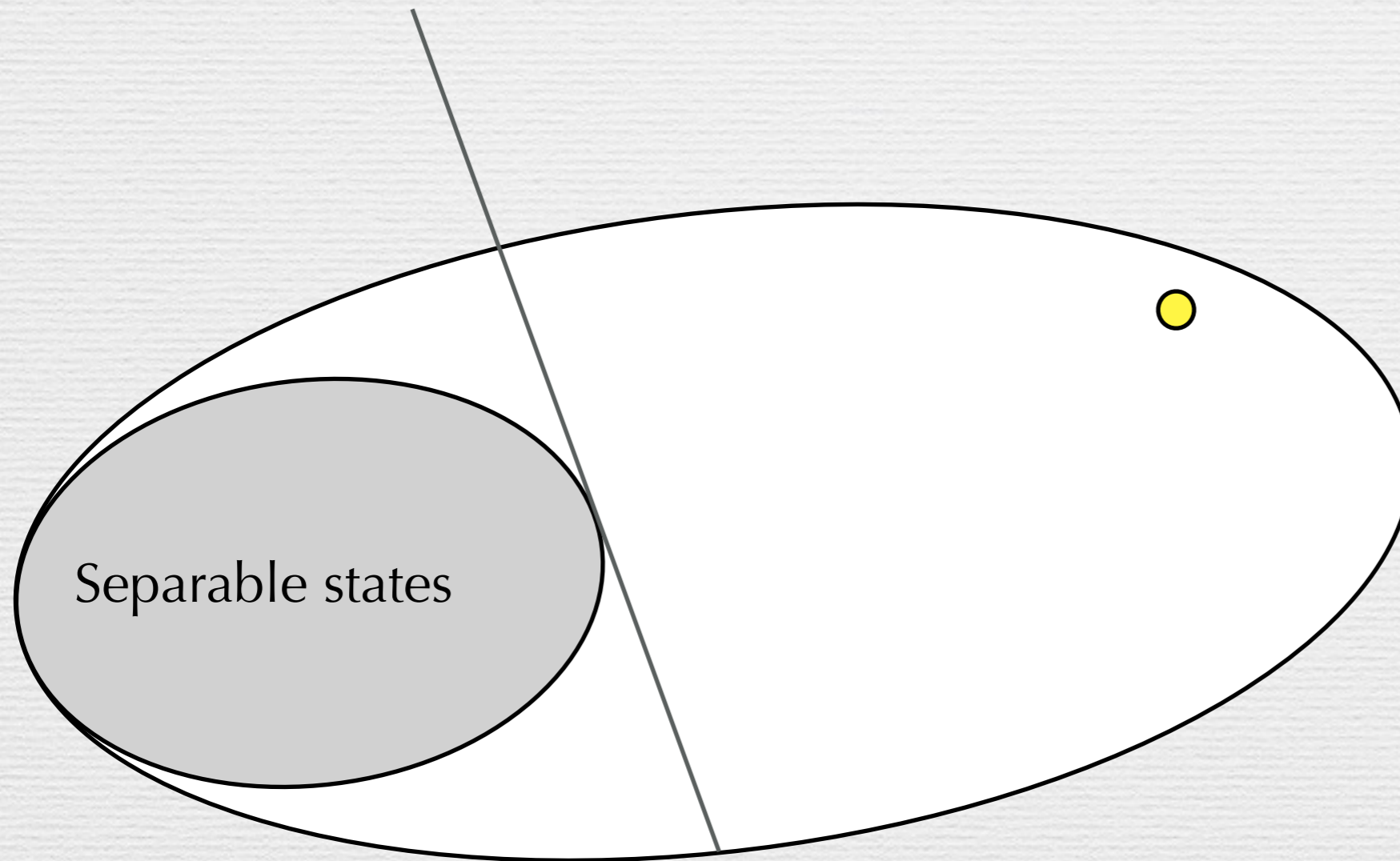


- Can complete picture of valid tests  $Z$  be found?



# Optimal witnesses

- **Entanglement witness problem** is “slightly harder” than separability problem (NP-hard)





# Optimal witnesses

- Here, **all tests** based on second moments can be classified

• **Theorem:**  $Z$  is a (multi-partite) entanglement test iff

(i)  $Z \geq 0$

(ii)  $\sum_{k=1}^n \text{str}(Z_k) \geq \frac{1}{2}$

(iii)  $\text{str}(Z) < \frac{1}{2}$

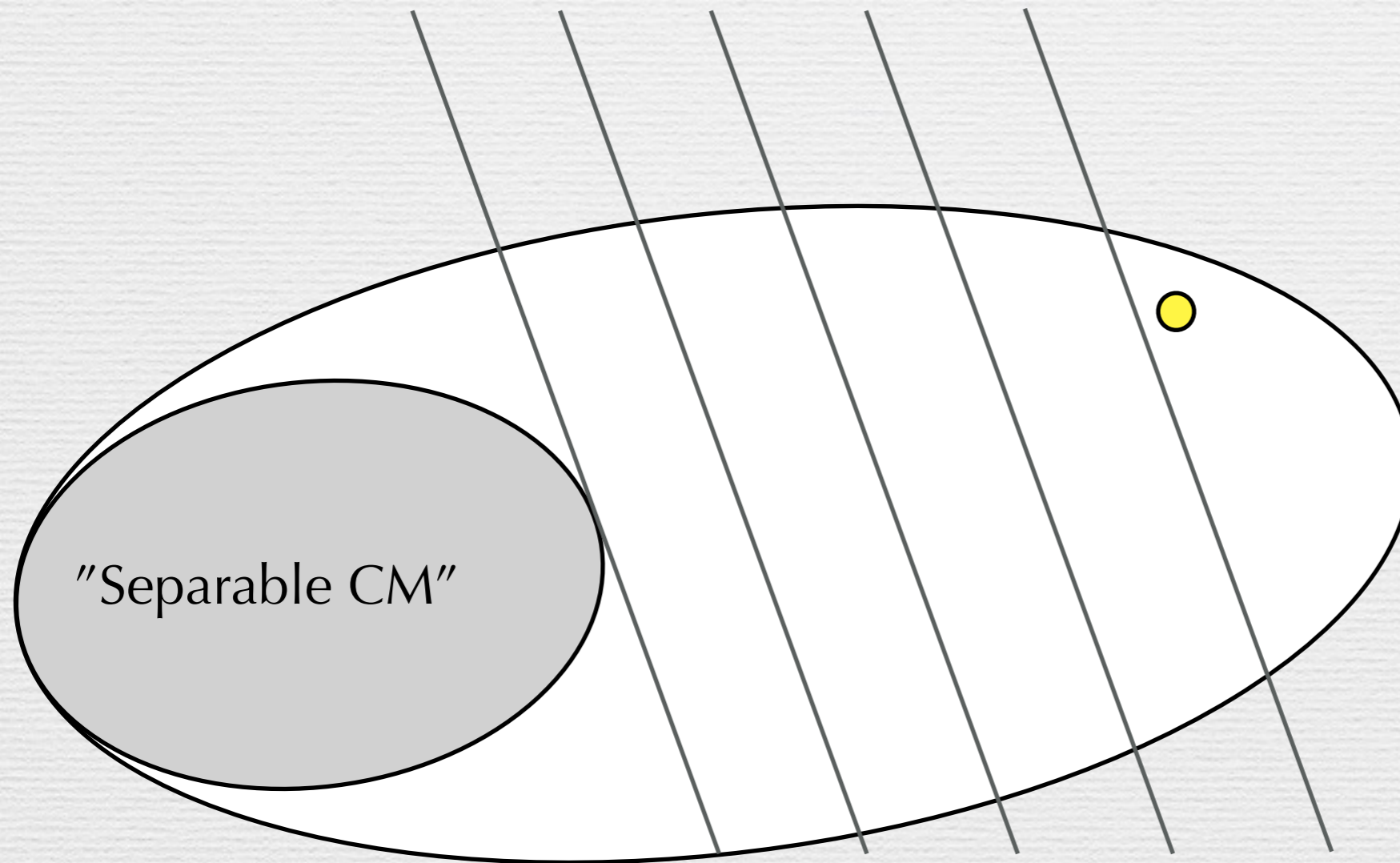
in terms of symplectic traces

"Separable CM"



# Quantitative entanglement witnesses

- In bi-partite setting: **quantitative entanglement implications** (e.g., negativity)





# Optimal witnesses as semi-definite programmes

- Practically **finding optimal test** as solution to **semi-definite problem**

- **Theorem:** For a given covariance matrix  $\gamma$ , the optimal witness solves

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize}_{X_1, X_2} & \quad \text{Tr}[\gamma X_1^{\text{re}}] - 1 \\ \text{subject to} & \quad X_1^{\text{bd, re}} = X_2^{\text{bd, re}} \\ & \quad X_1 \geq 0, X_2 \geq 0 \\ & \quad \text{Tr}[i\sigma X_2] = -1 \end{aligned}$$

the Lagrange dual of

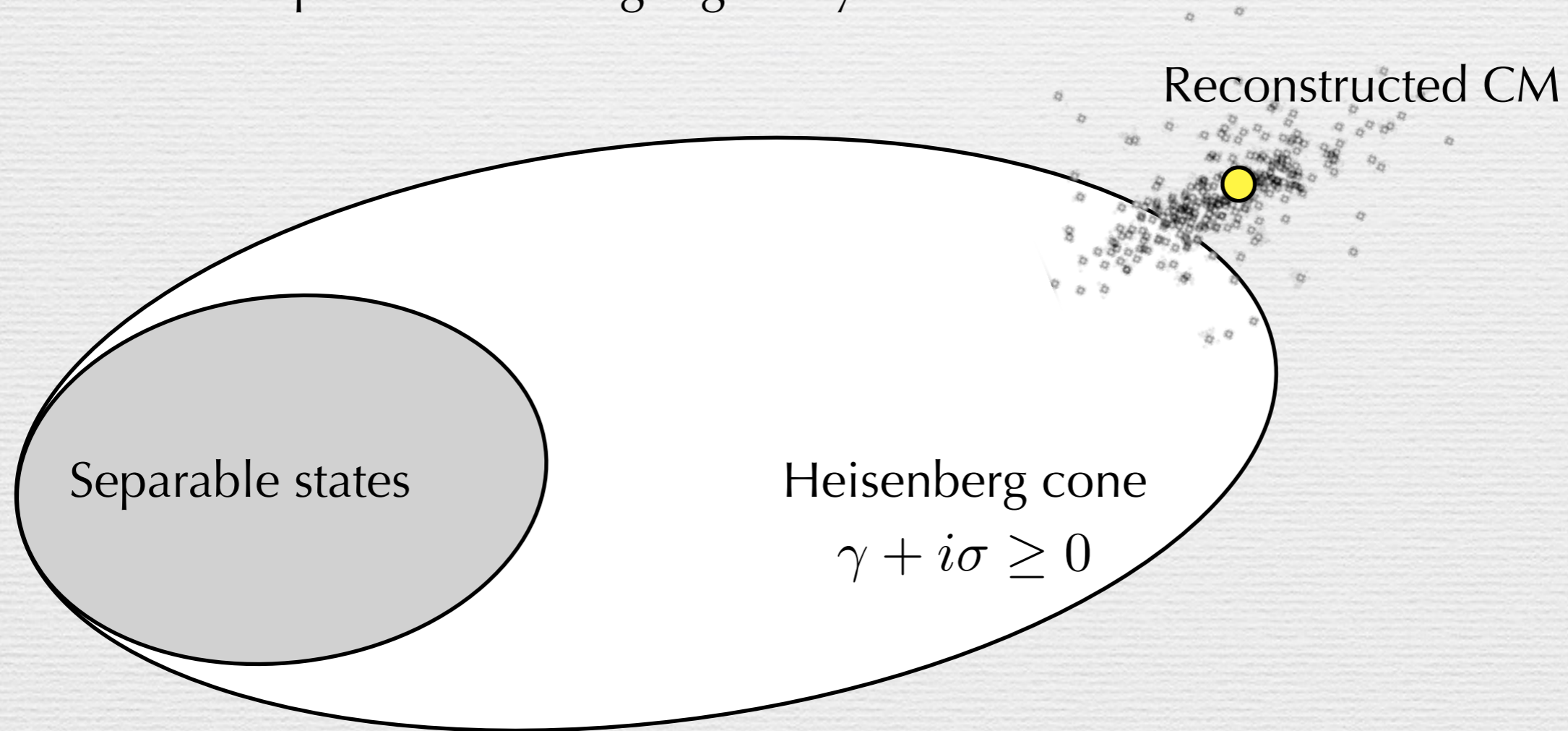
$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize}_{\gamma_A, \gamma_B, x_e} & \quad (-x_e), \\ \text{subject to} & \quad \gamma - \gamma_A \oplus \gamma_B \geq 0 \\ & \quad \gamma_A \oplus \gamma_B + (1 + x_e)i\sigma \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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# Revisiting this for extremely noisy opto-mechanical experiments

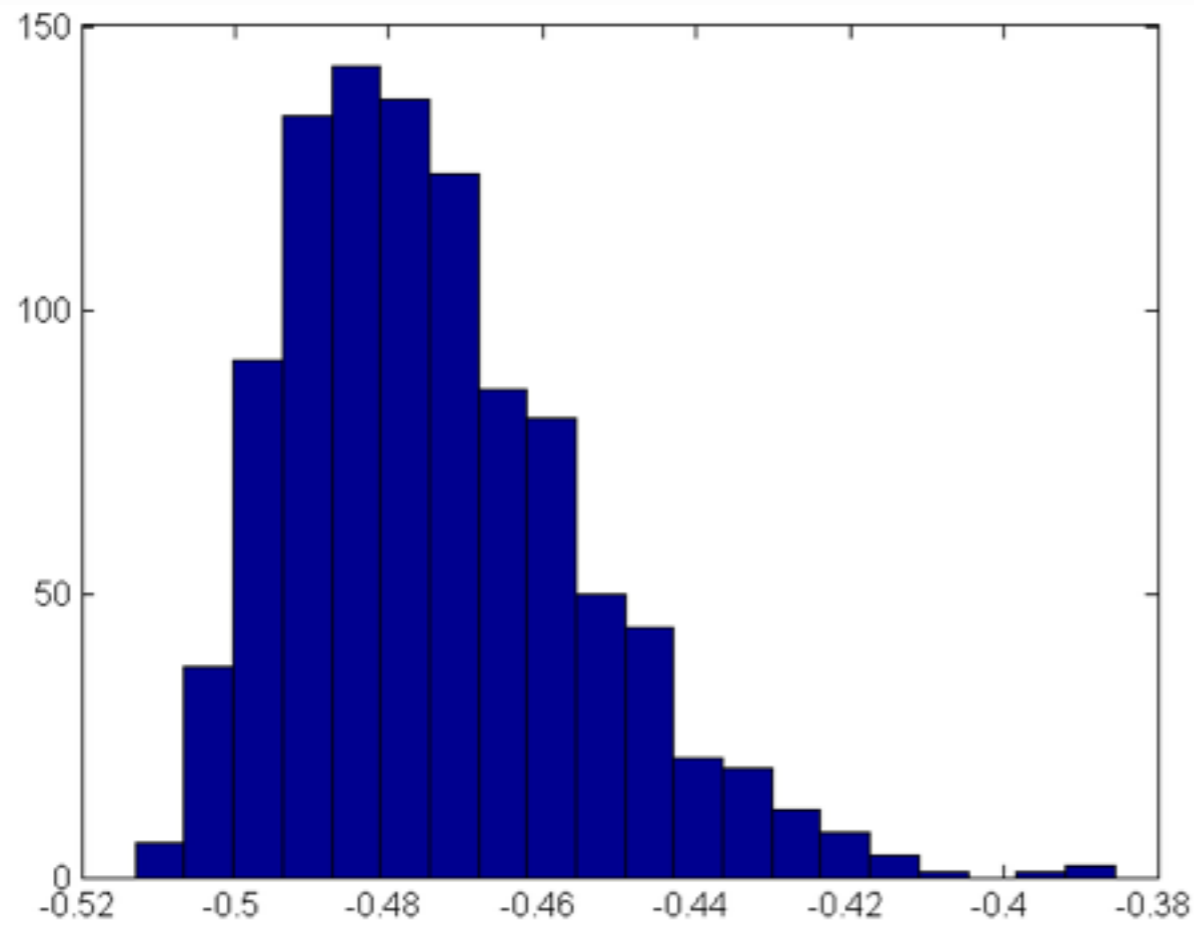
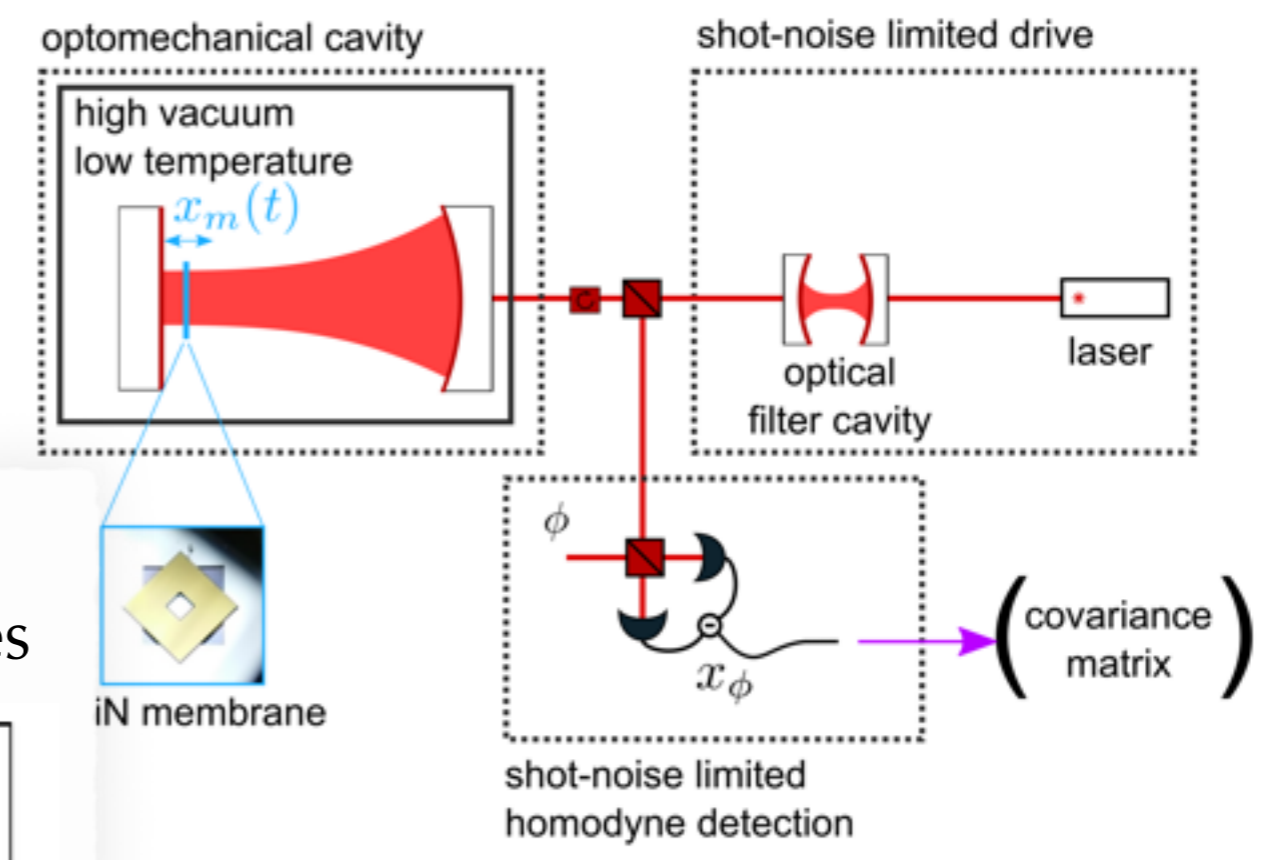
- In reality, approximately **low-rank state and CM** and **noisy data**
- Projection onto positive cone fiercely unreliable: **Use quantitative tests**
- Tool in first experiment entangling many **mechanical oscillators**





# Revisiting this for extremely noisy opto-mechanical experiments

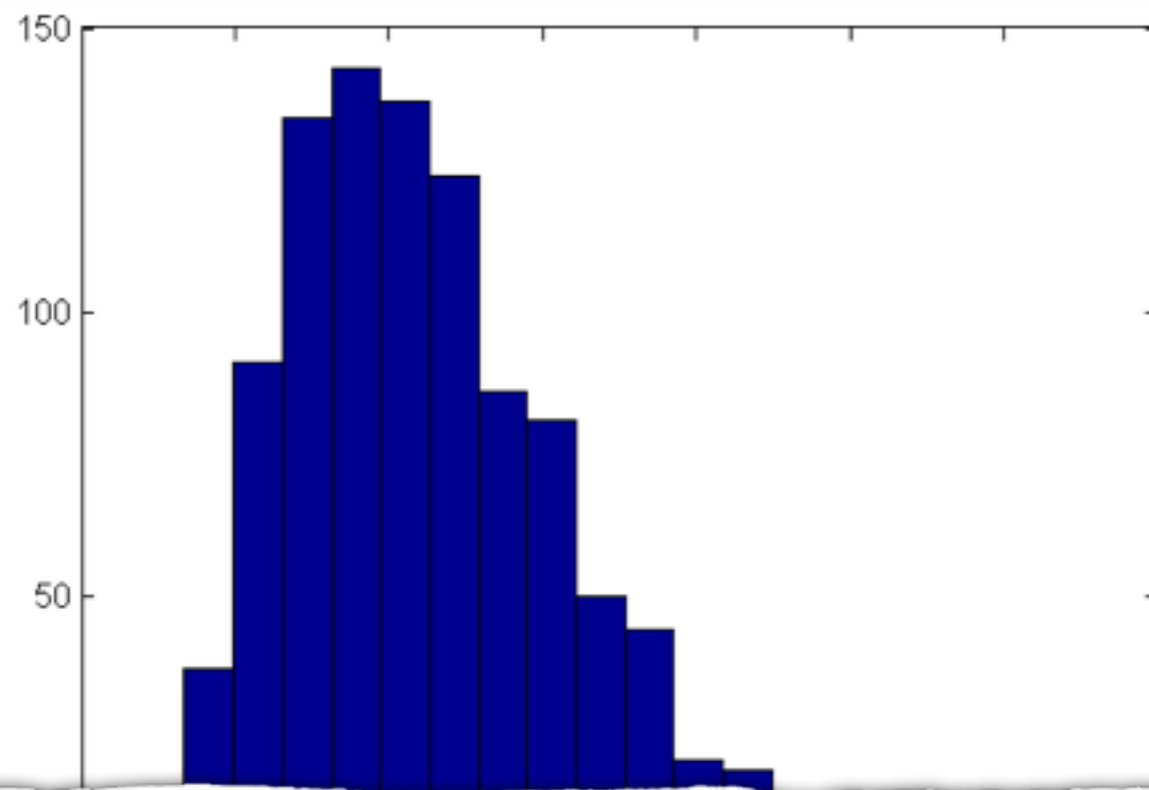
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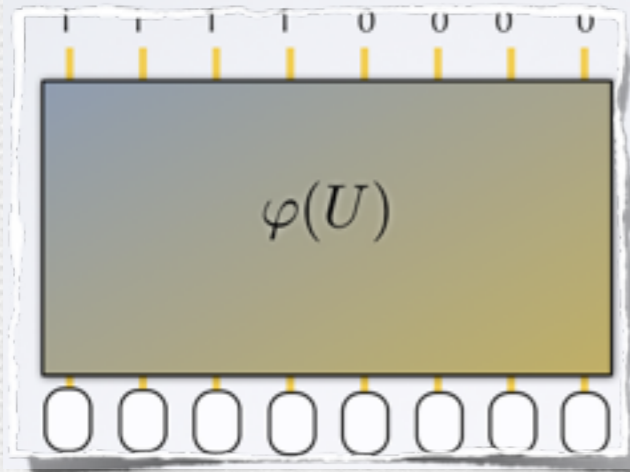


- **Lesson:** Continuous-variable entanglement tests provide powerful tools to detect entanglement specifically for noisy data

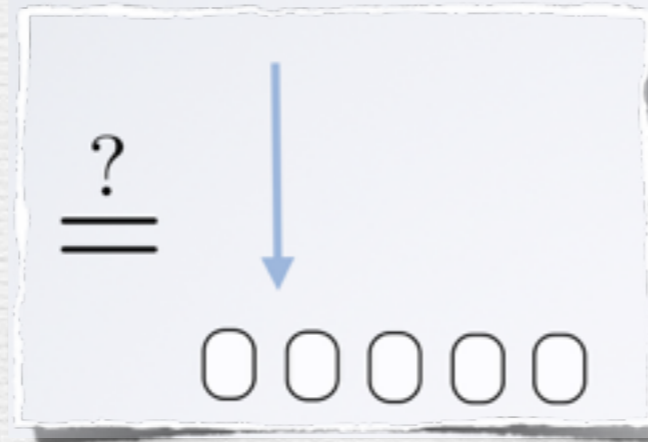


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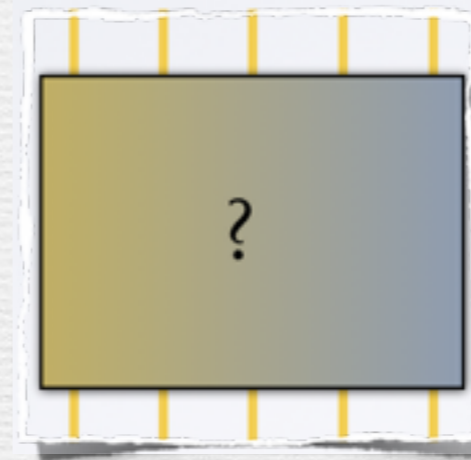
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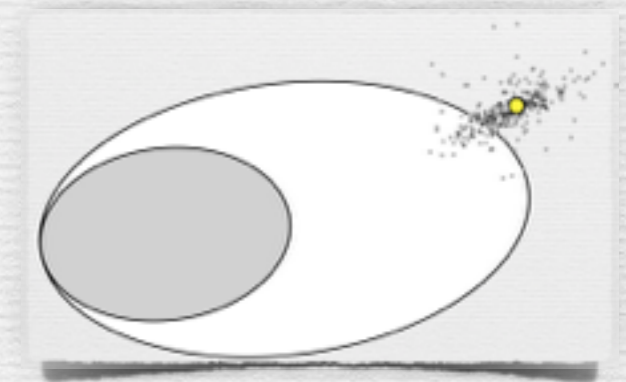
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Classical certification?



Quantum certification



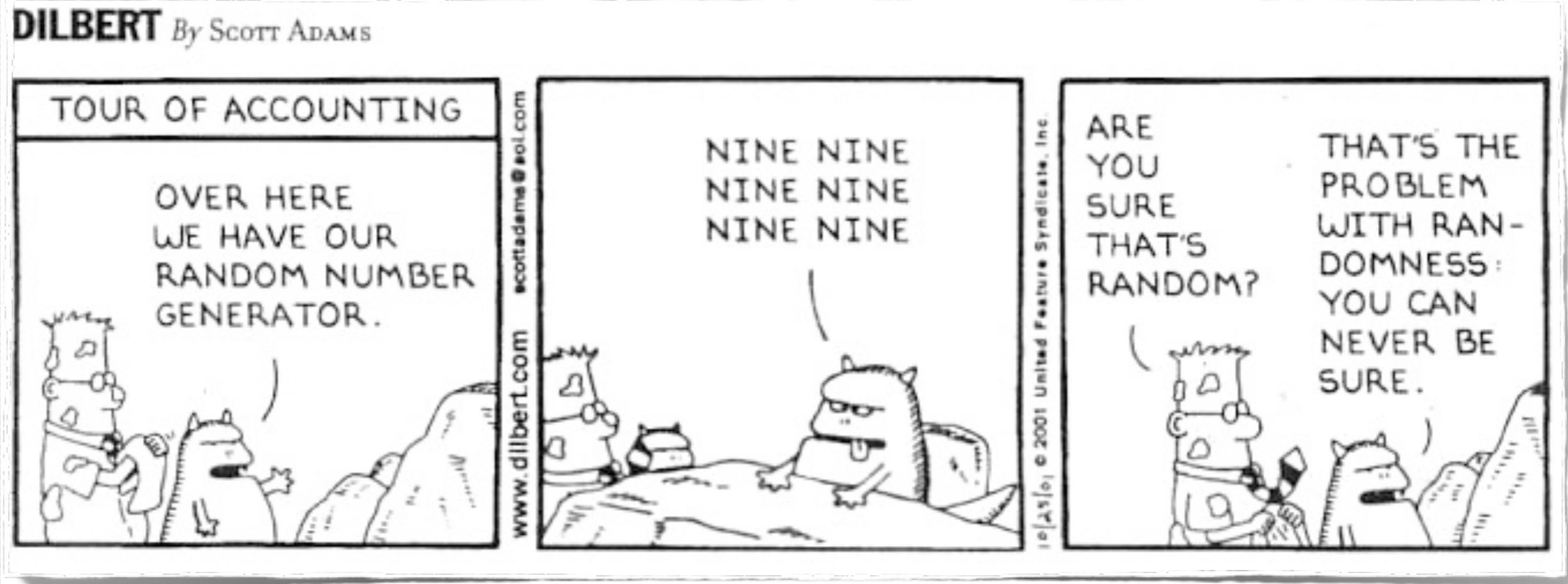
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- Quantum simulations and intermediate problems are not in NP, does it mean that whenever a quantum simulation is "hard", it can not efficiently be classically certified?

No



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**Thanks for your attention!**

