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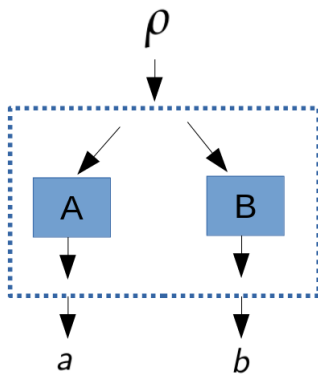
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Measurement incompatibility

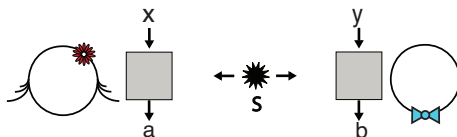


Quantum entanglement

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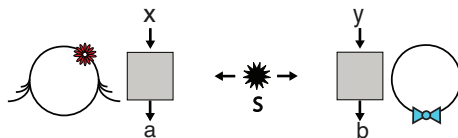
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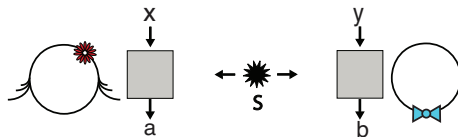
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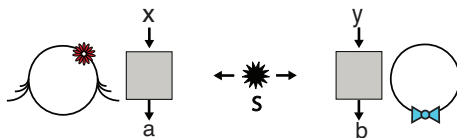
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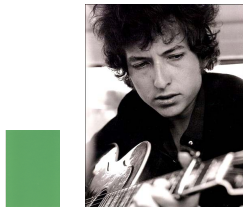
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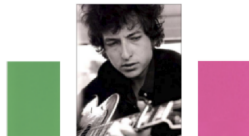
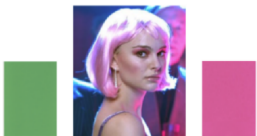
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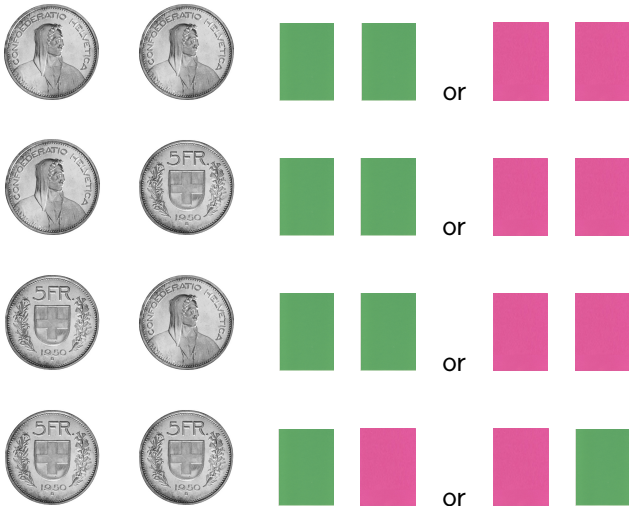
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Winning Conditions



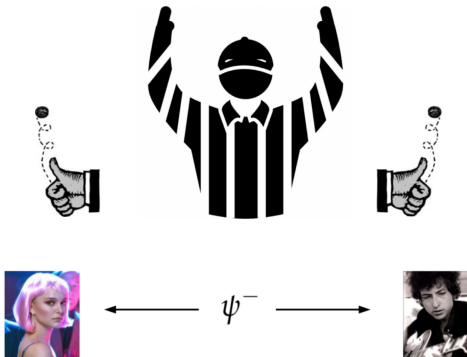
Best Strategy

Can Alice and Bob always win?

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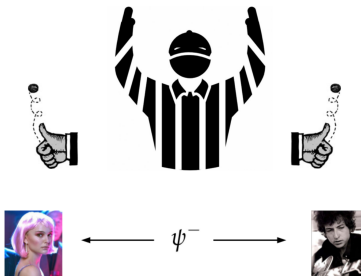
Best (classical) strategy wins with probability $\frac{3}{4}$

Quantum Strategy



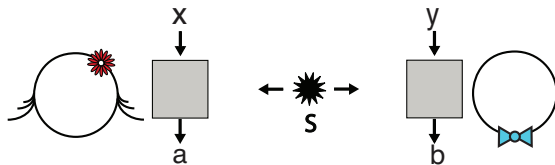
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$$p_q = \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{4} \approx 0.8535$$



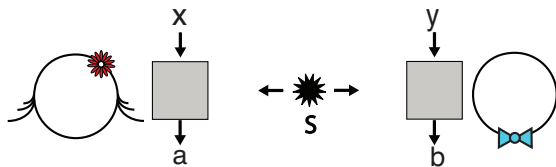
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$$p_{\text{win}} = \sum_{abxy} \pi(x, y) V(ab|xy) p(ab|xy)$$

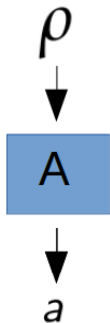


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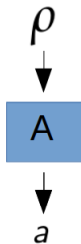
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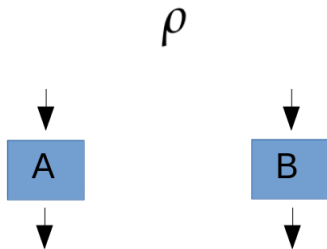
Quantum measurement: POVM

$$p(a|\rho, A) = \text{tr}(\rho A_a)$$

$$A = \{A_a\}, \quad A_a \geq 0, \quad \sum_a A_a = I$$

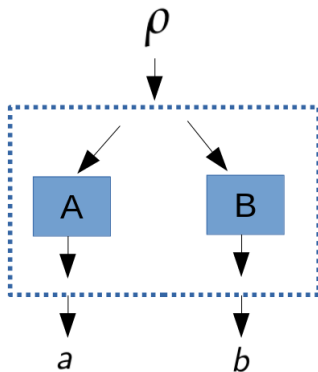


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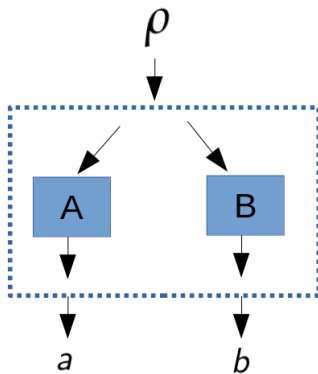


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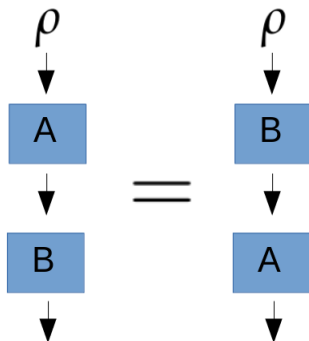
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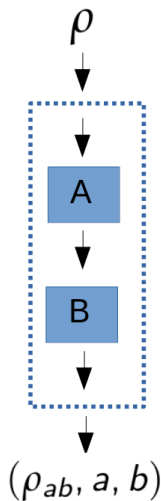
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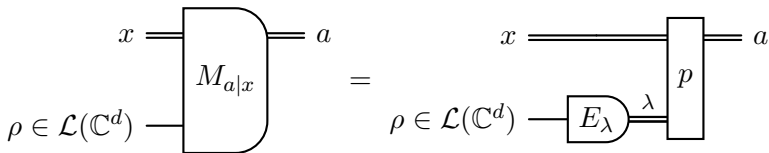
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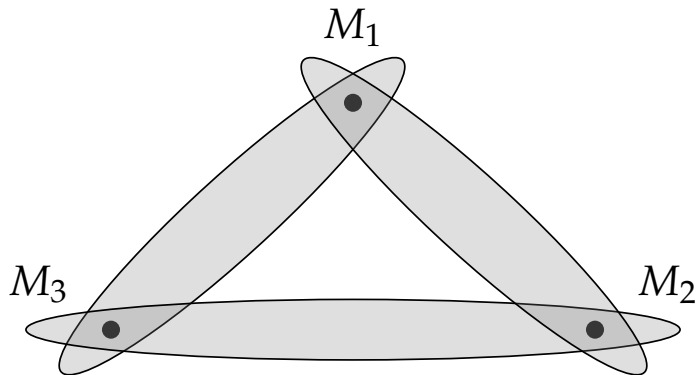
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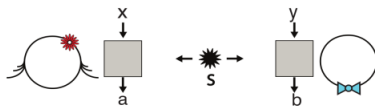
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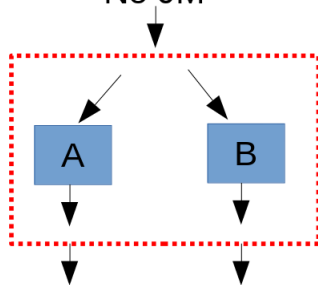
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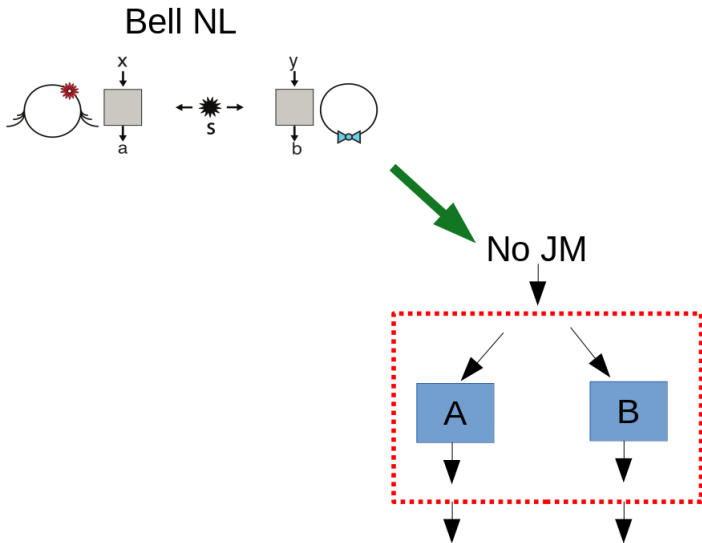
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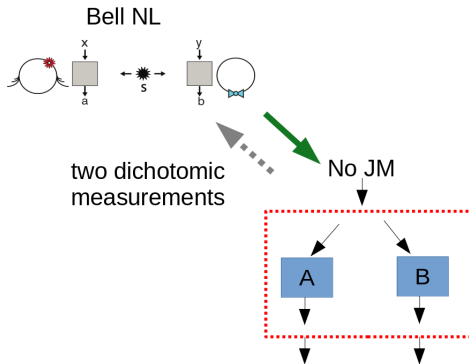
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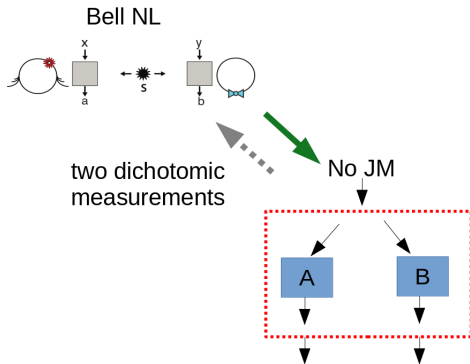
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$\{A_{a|x}\}_{a,x=1}^2$ not JM $\implies \exists \rho_{AB}$ and $\{B_{b|y}\}$ such that:
 $p(ab|xy) = \text{tr}(\rho_{AB} A_{a|x} \otimes B_{b|y})$ is Bell NL



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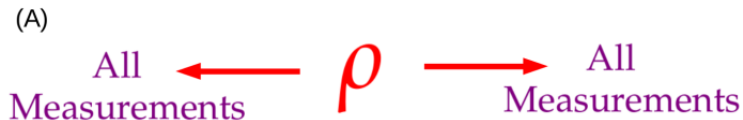
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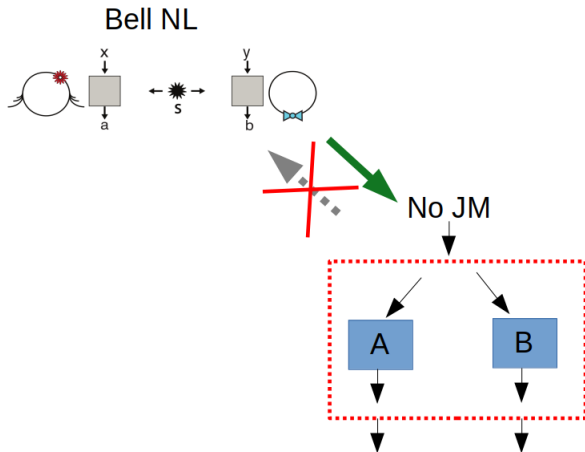
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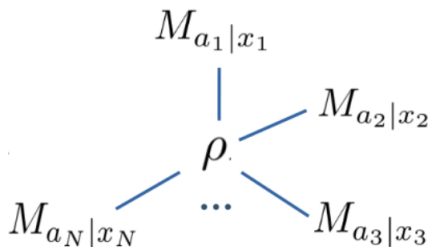
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If $d = 2$ and $\{M_{a|x}\}$ is not JM, there exists a number of parties N and a state ρ such that

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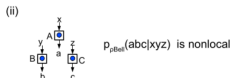
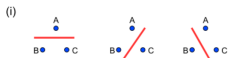
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