Bound entangled states with secret key and their classical counterpart



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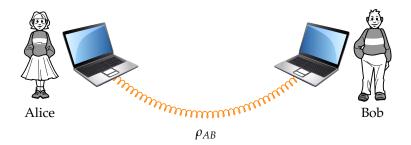
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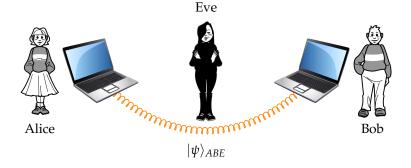
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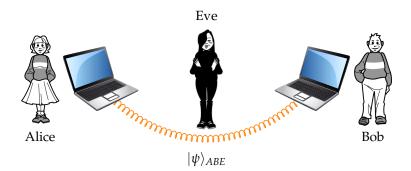
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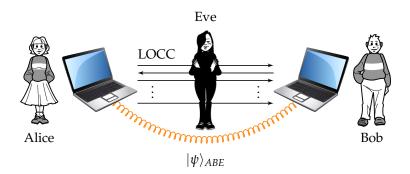
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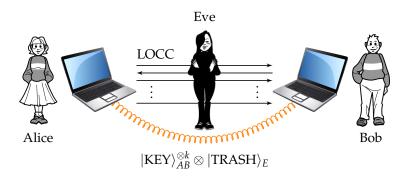
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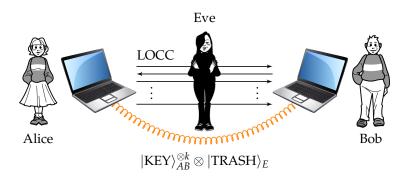
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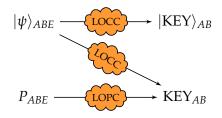
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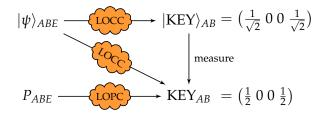




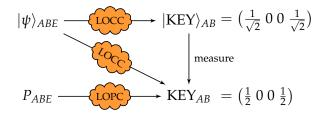
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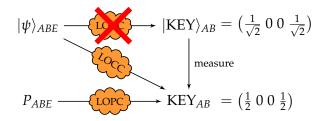
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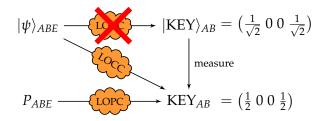


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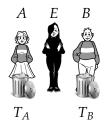
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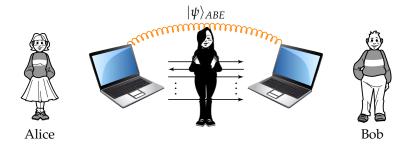


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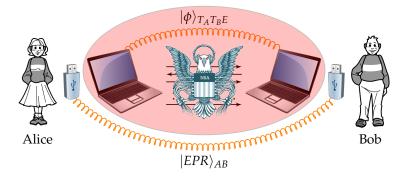
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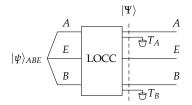
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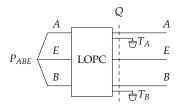
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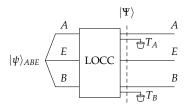
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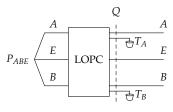


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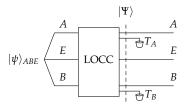
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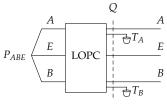
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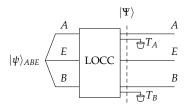


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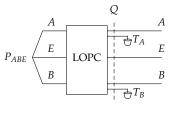
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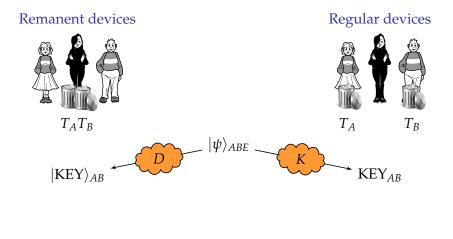
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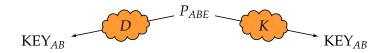
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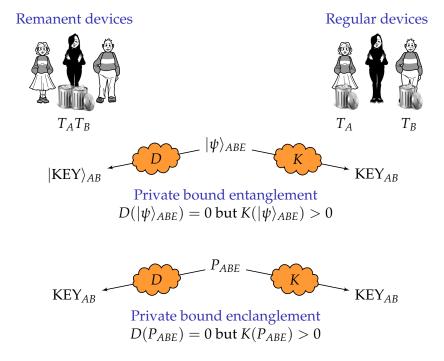
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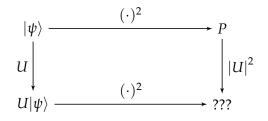
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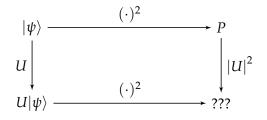


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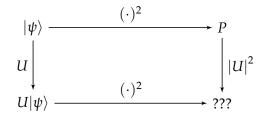


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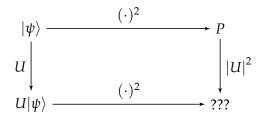


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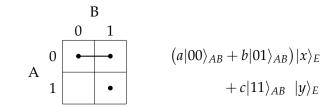
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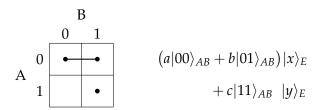
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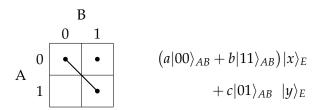
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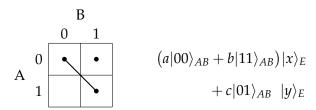
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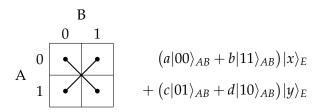


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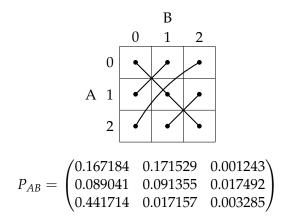
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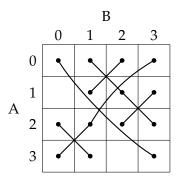
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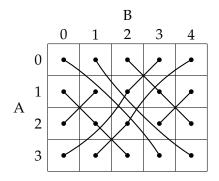
Example in 4×4



 $K(P_{ABE}) \geq 0.0293914$

Better than [HPHH08] $K(P_{ABE}) \ge 0.0213399$

Example in 4×5



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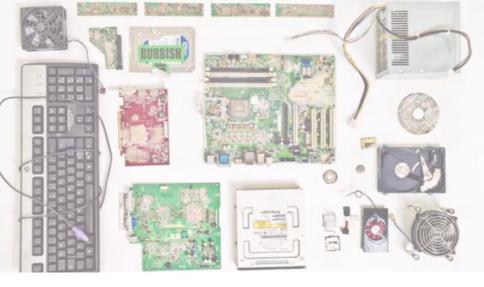
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- Is the optimal protocol for distilling entanglement or key from a quantical state also quantical?

Work in progress...

 Quantical mechanics and a classical analogue of superactivation (of the quantical capacity)



That's it!

Image: destroyed Guardian computer with Snowden files

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