

Complexity Theory for Quantum-Input Decision Problems & Computational Hardness in Quantum Crypto

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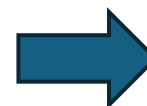
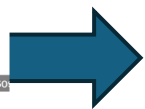
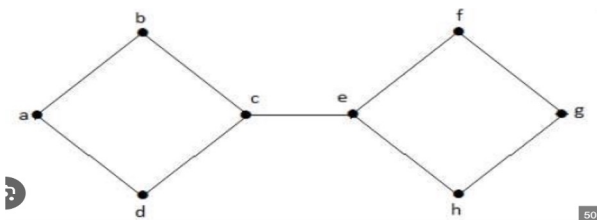
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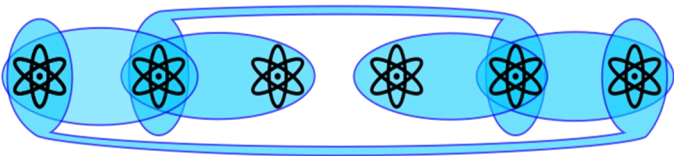
1/0



1 if graph is connected
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Does a local Hamiltonian
have ground state energy
lower than a or larger than b?

1 if the energy is lower than a
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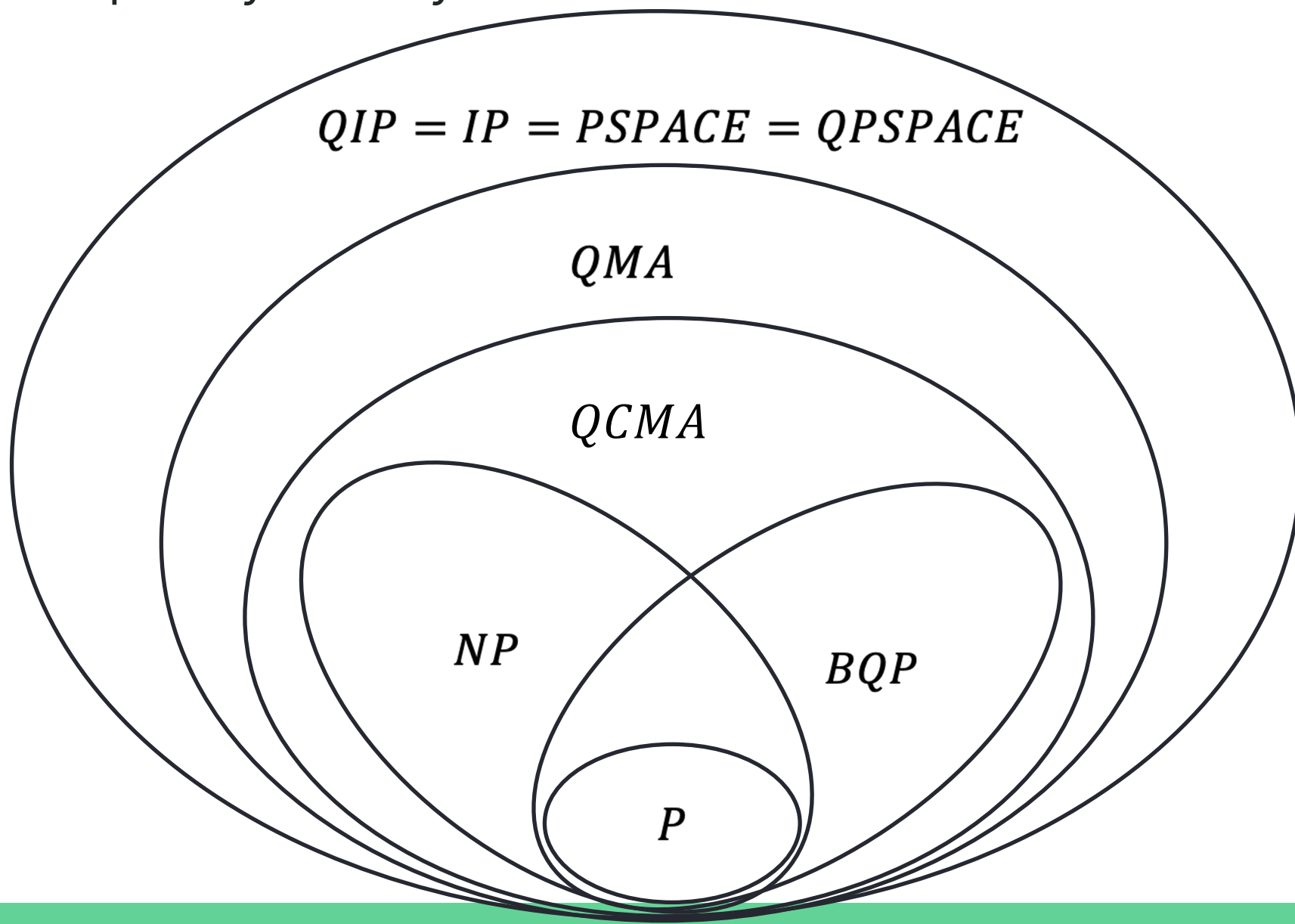


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- Goal: how much computational resource to solve classical input decision problem?
- Different type of computational resource: **time, space, interaction**
- Time:
 - **P** (**deterministic** polynomial time)
 - **BPP** (**probabilistic** polynomial time)
 - **BQP** (**quantum** polynomial time)
- Space:
 - **PSPACE** (**deterministic** polynomial space)
 - **BQSPACE** (**quantum** polynomial space)
- Interaction:
 - **NP** (one **classical** message, **deterministic** polynomial time verifier)
 - **QCMA** (one **classical** message, **quantum** polynomial time verifier)
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 - **IP** (polynomial **classical** round, **probabilistic** polynomial time verifier)
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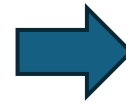
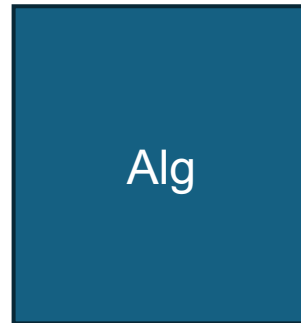
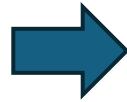
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Corresponding complexity classes:

#P, FNP, PPAD, SampBQP, promiseNP, etc.

Various complexity classes and corresponding theory have been studied for these types of problems

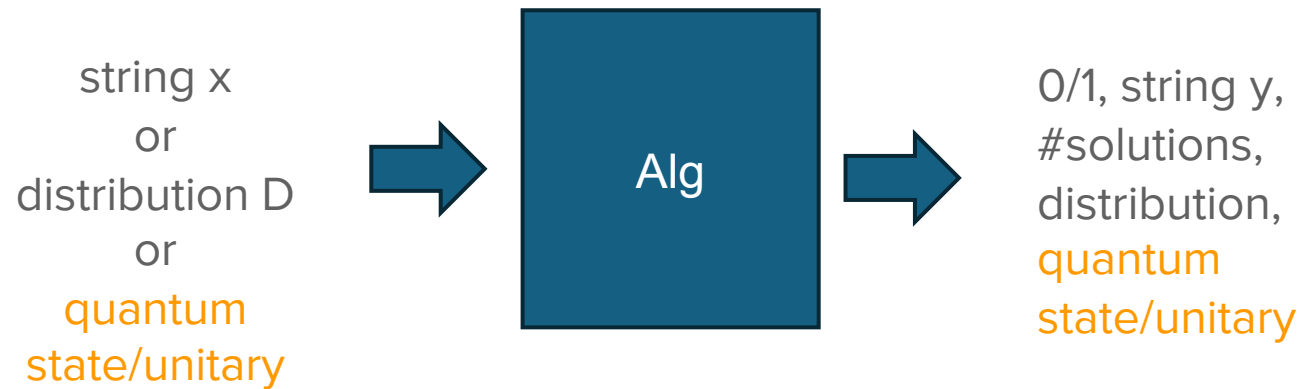
string x
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0/1, string y,
#solutions,
distribution...



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More types of problems!

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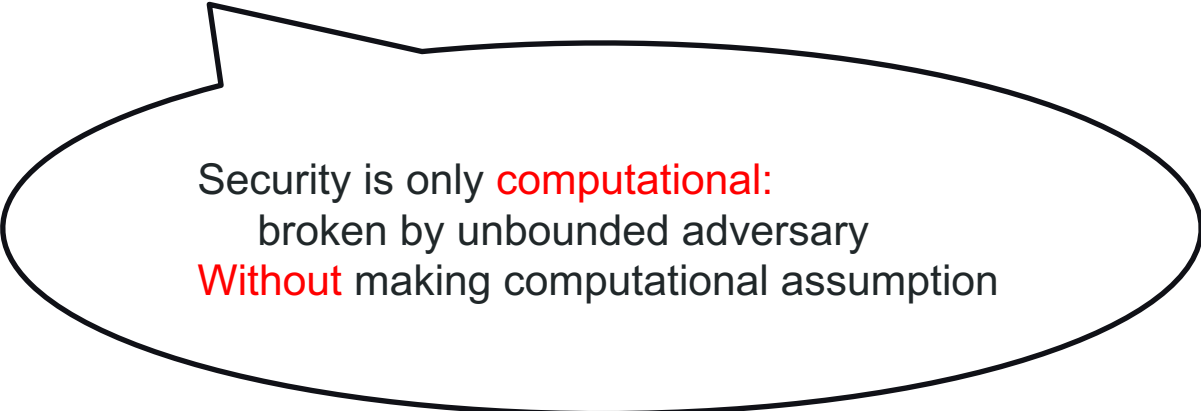
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 - reduction, complete problems, oracle separation, barrier results
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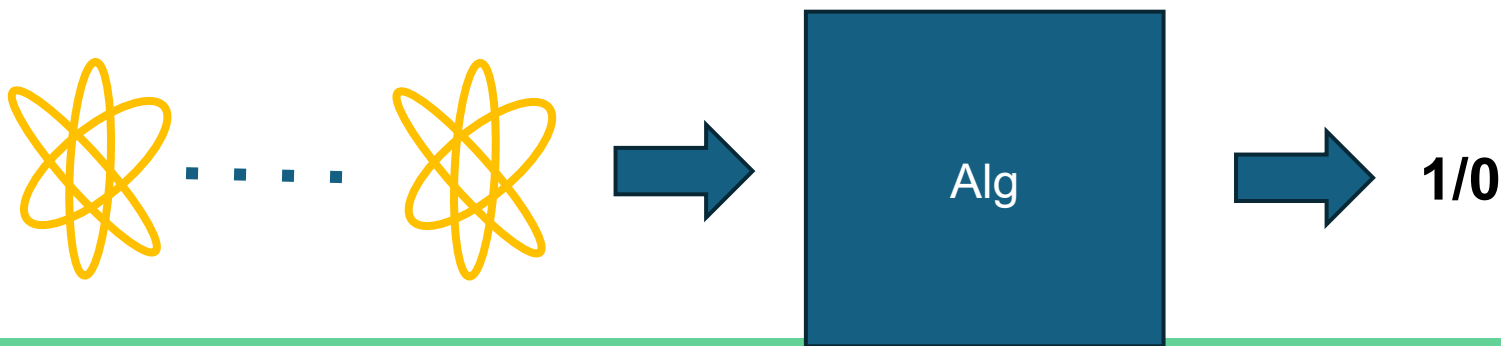
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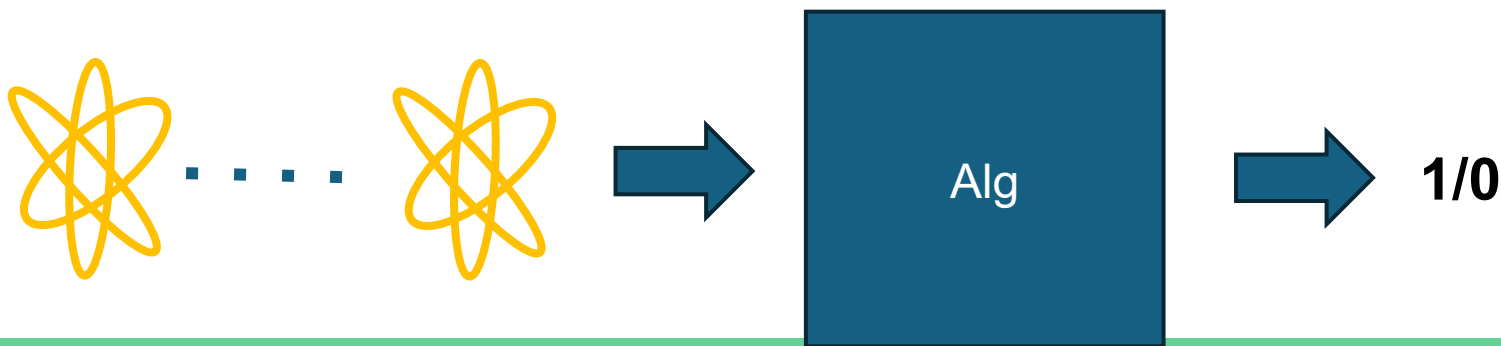
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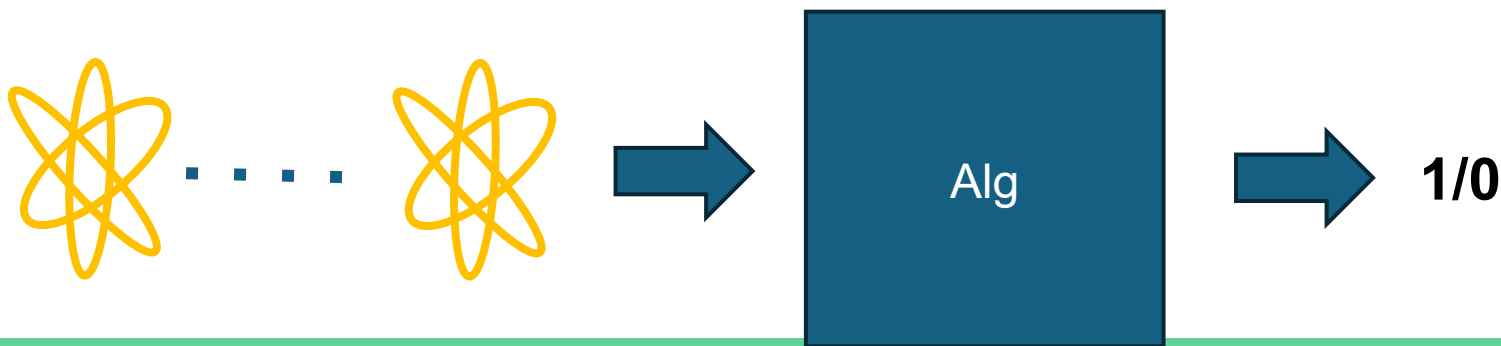
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- Capture property testing, promise problems, distribution test
- Standard complexity theory cannot fully characterize QPPs
 - BQP, BPP, NP are for “classical inputs” not “quantum states”

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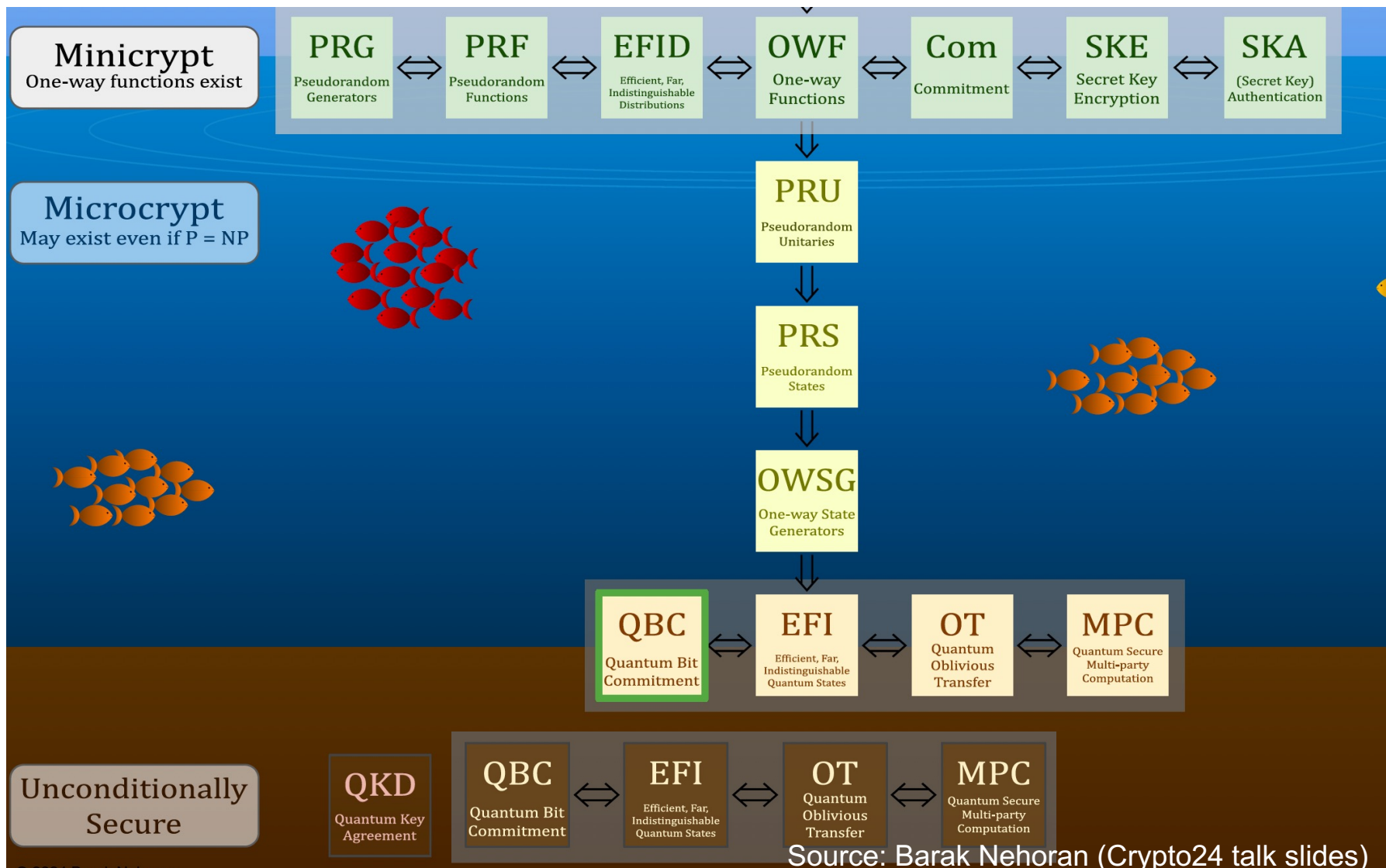
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Our first motivation: Better characterize the security/hardness in quantum crypto primitives

Quantum Primitives in Q Crypto

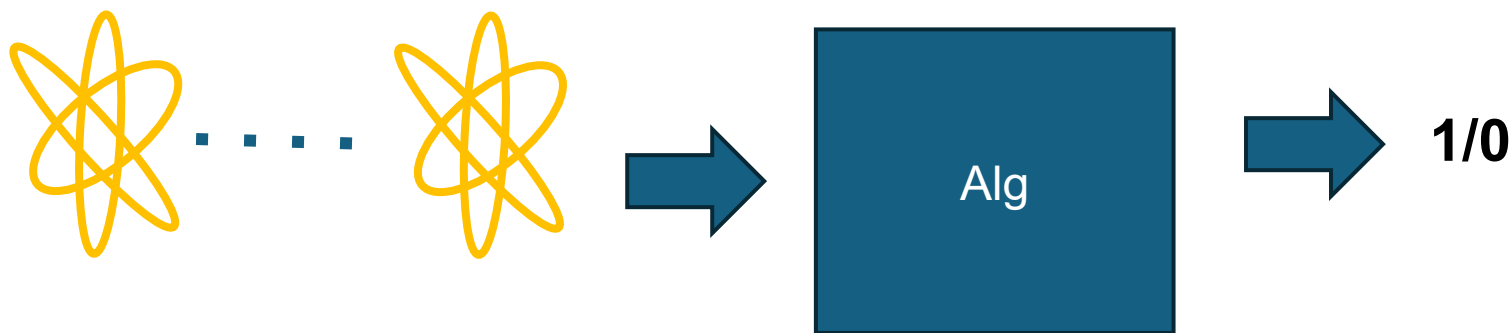


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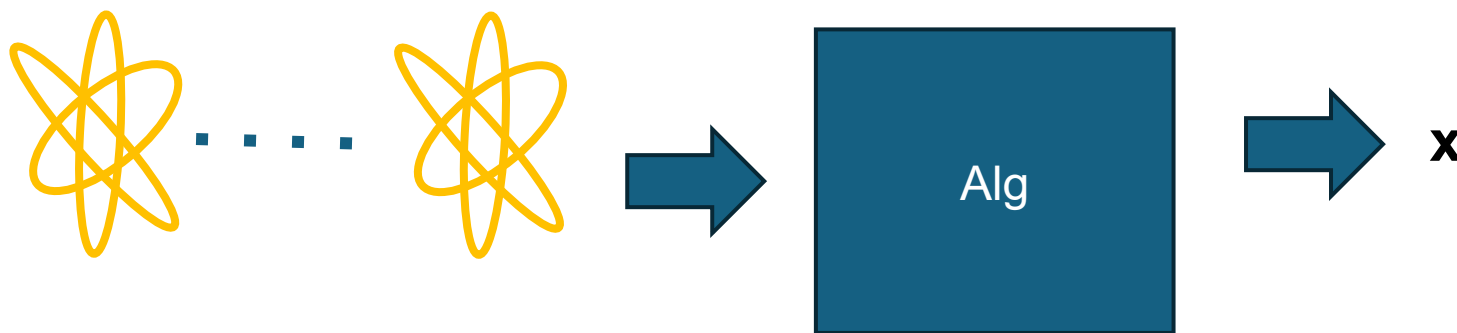


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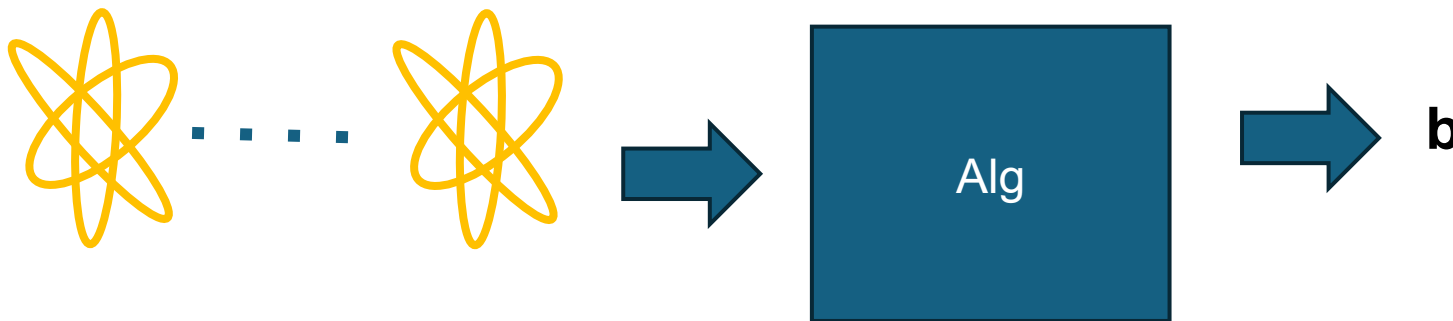


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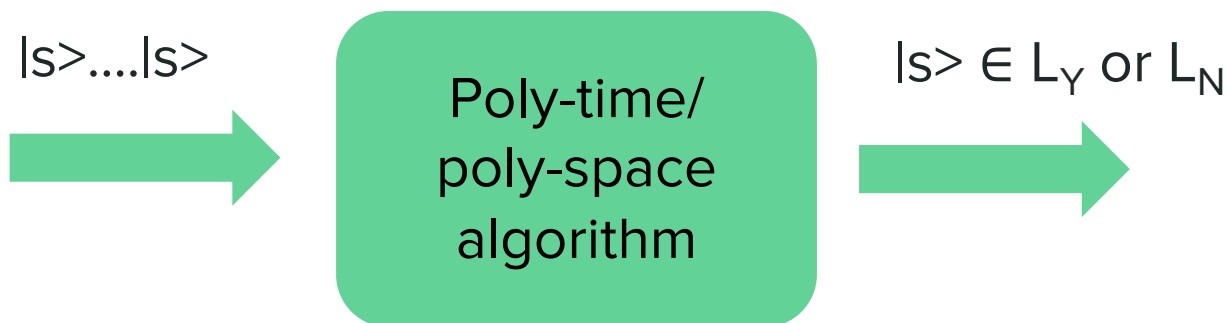
output: b



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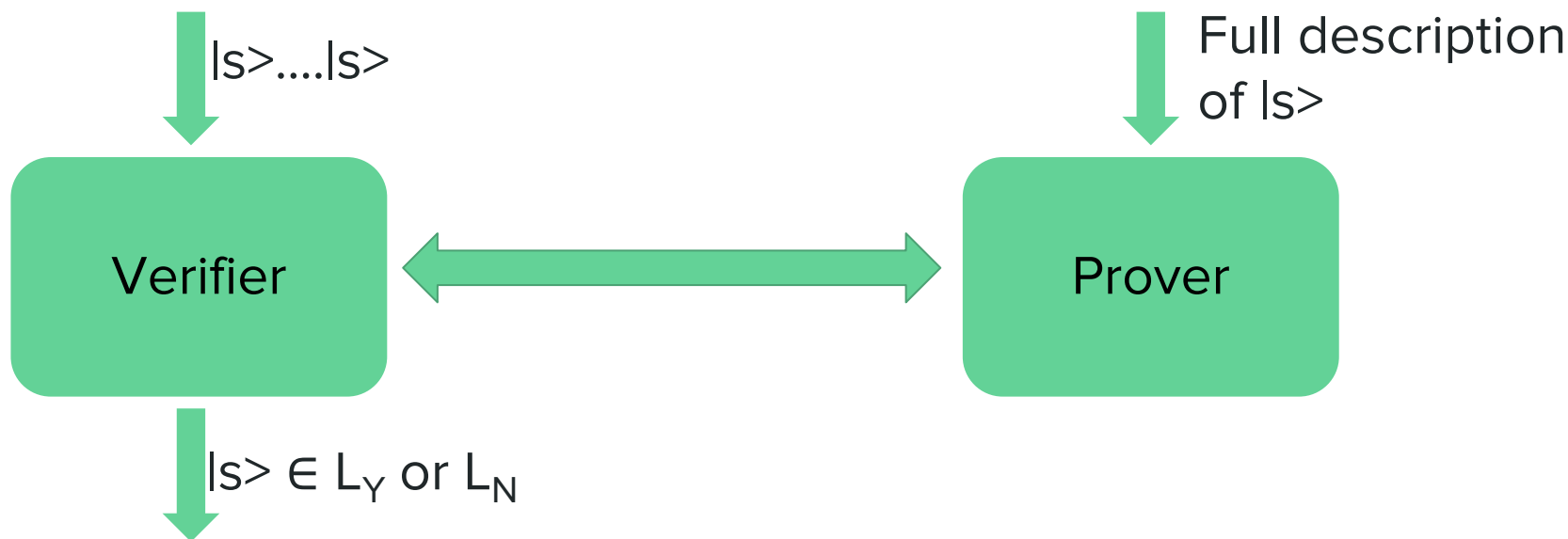
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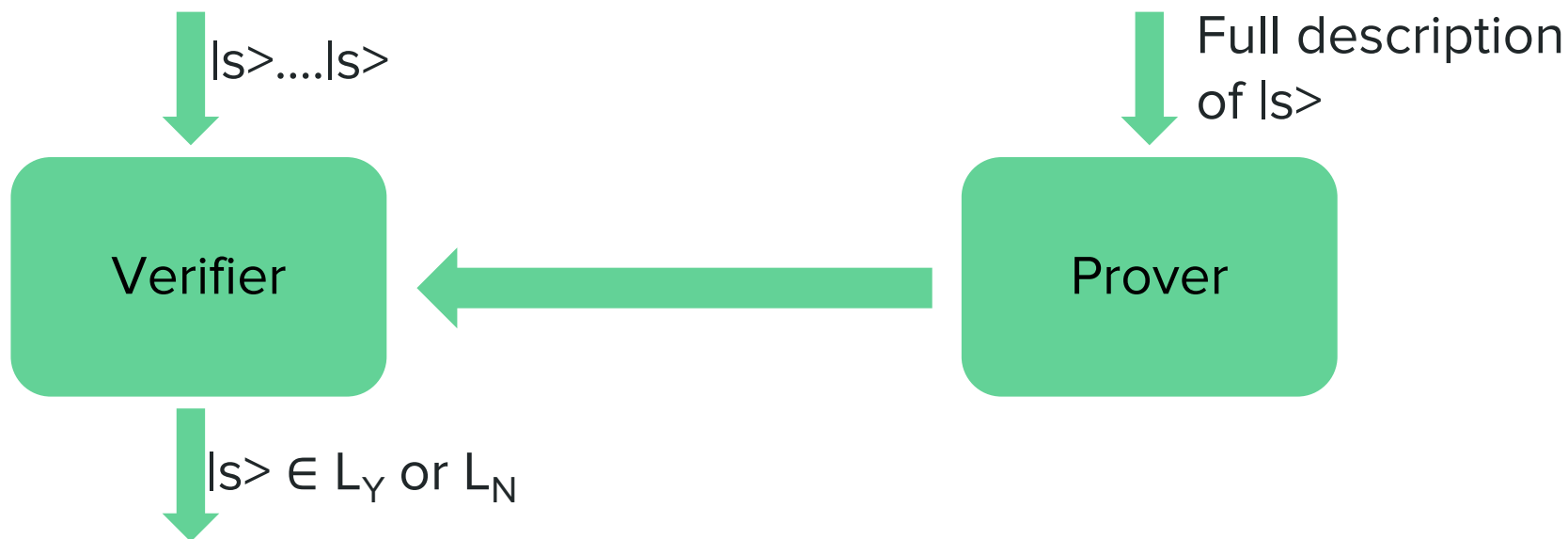
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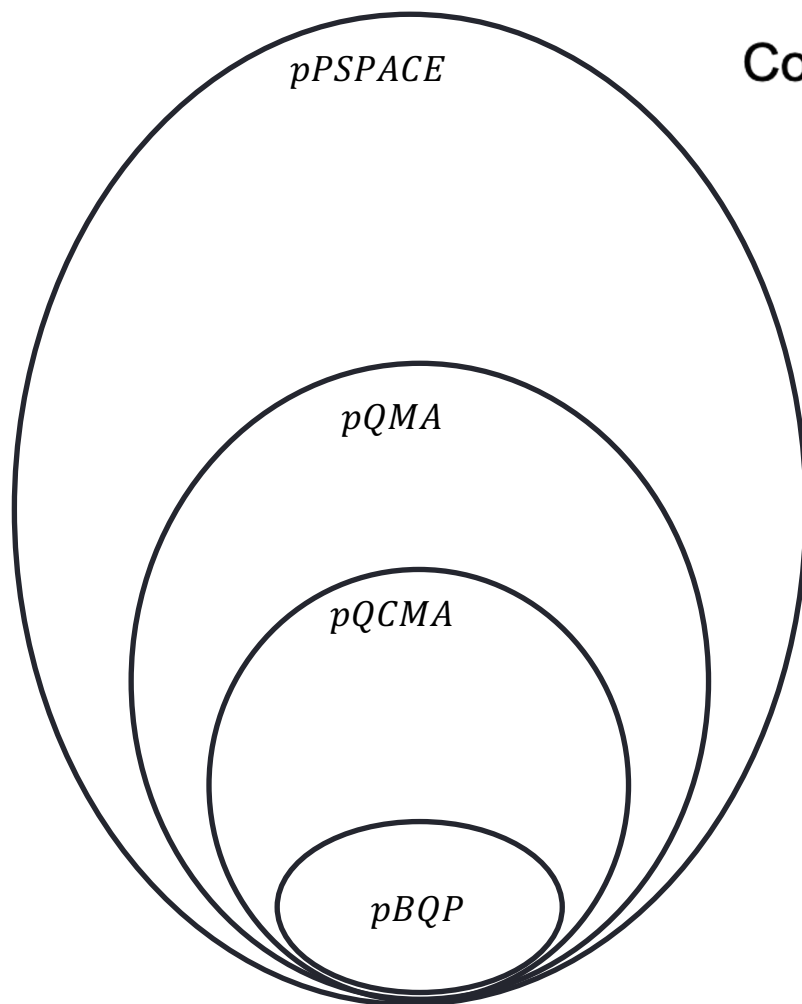
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of Copies Matter

- Our choice:
 - Single Machine (BQP, PSPACE): polynomial copies
 - Interactive Proofs (QIP, $QSZK_{hv}$): prover unbounded copies
- Also reasonable to consider
 - PSPACE: unbounded copies (require oracle access to the input and able to discard qubits)
 - QIP, $QSZK_{hv}$: prover has polynomial copies
 - lead to different complexity classes

Landscape of **Pure** QPP Complexity Class

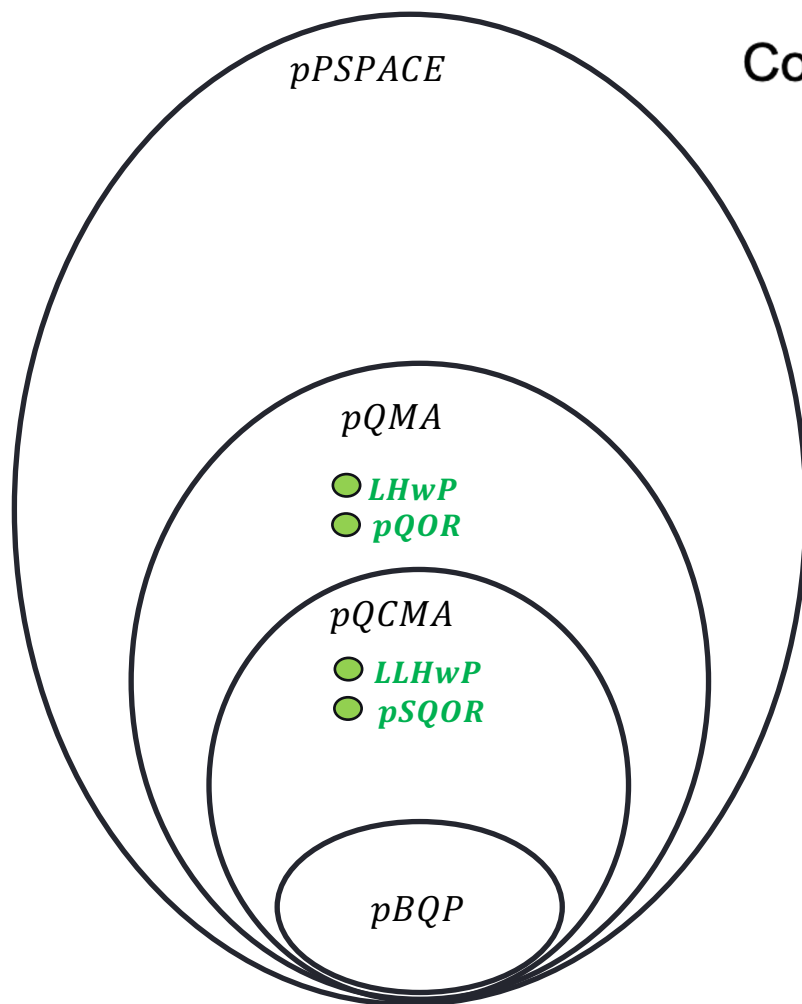


Containment:

$$pBQP \subseteq pQCMA \subseteq pQMA \subseteq pPSPACE$$

$pQMA \subseteq pPSPACE$ is not trivial
because $pPSPACE$ can only access
polynomial copies of input state

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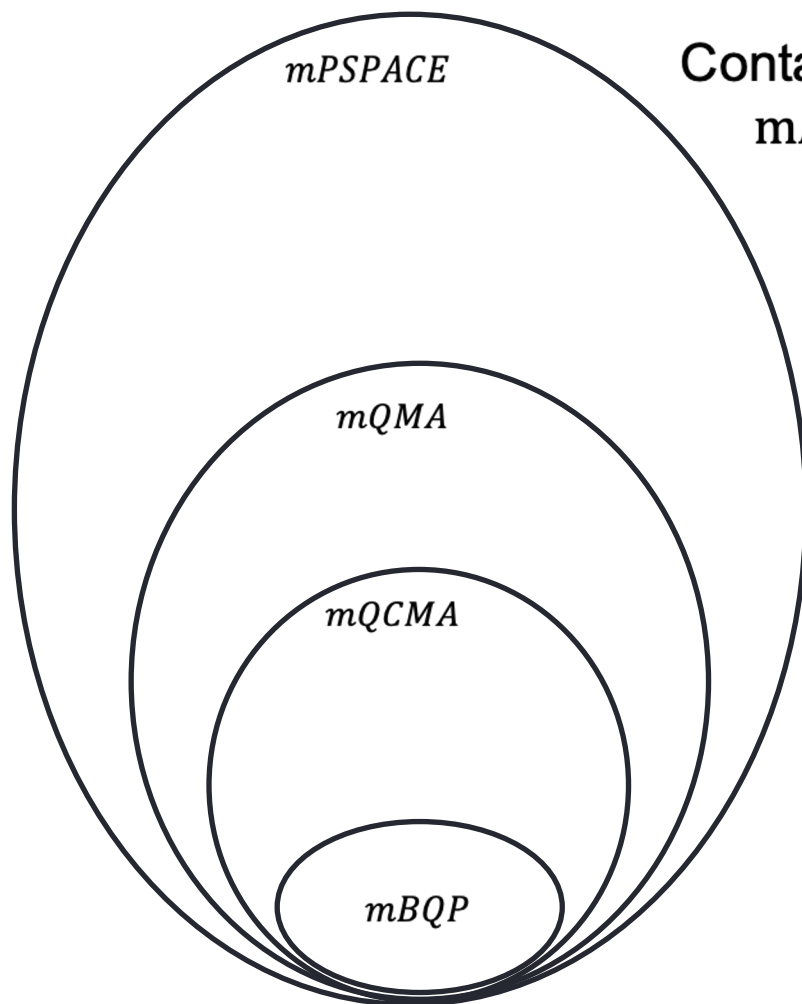
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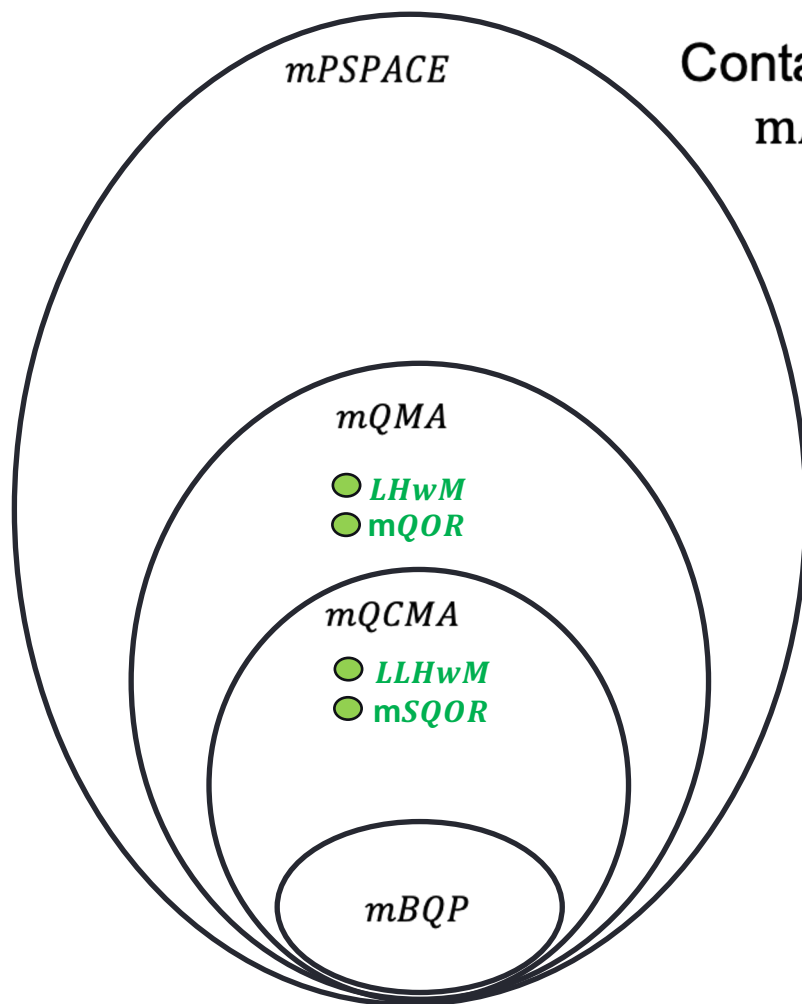
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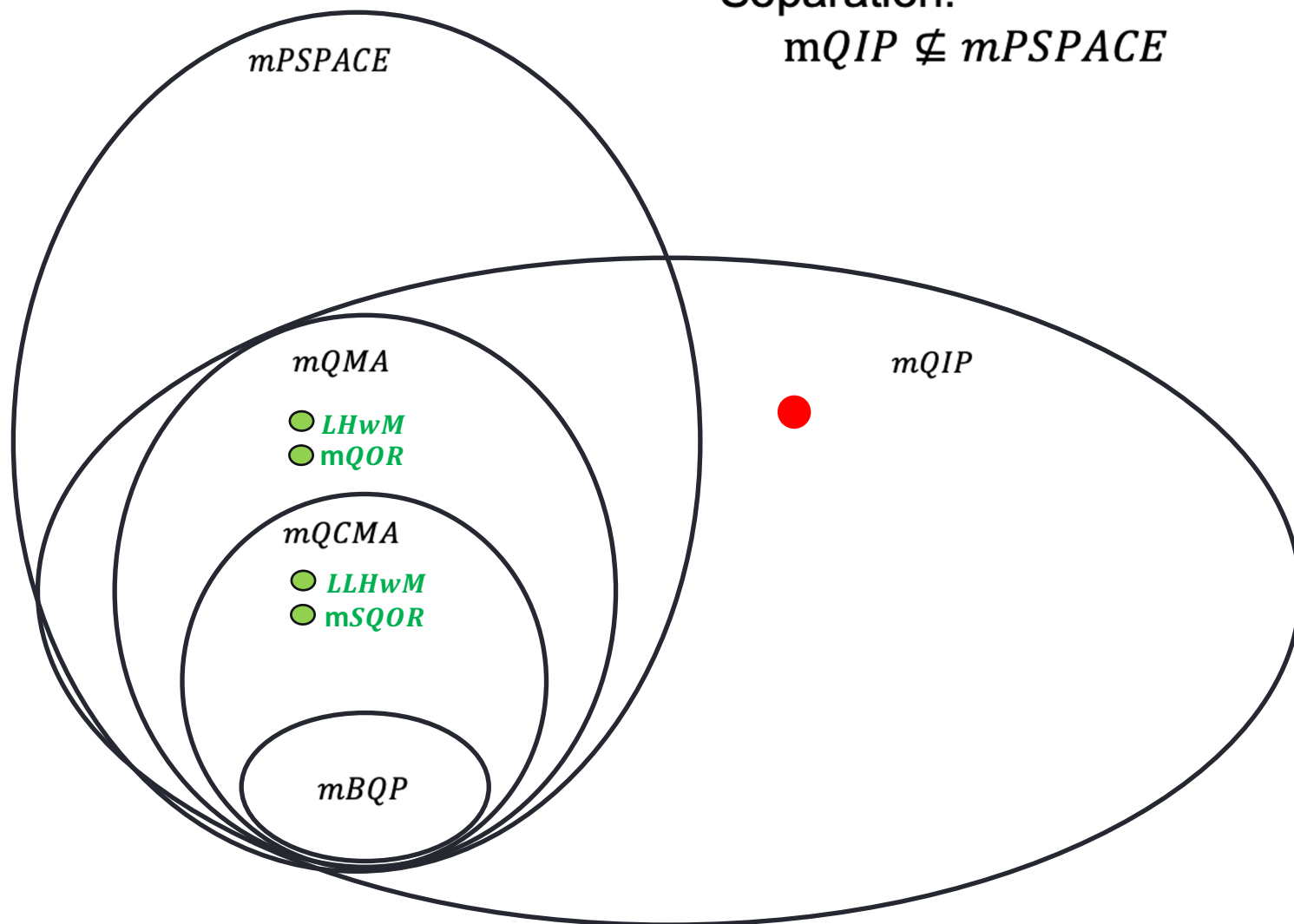
Mixed version is non-trivial to define

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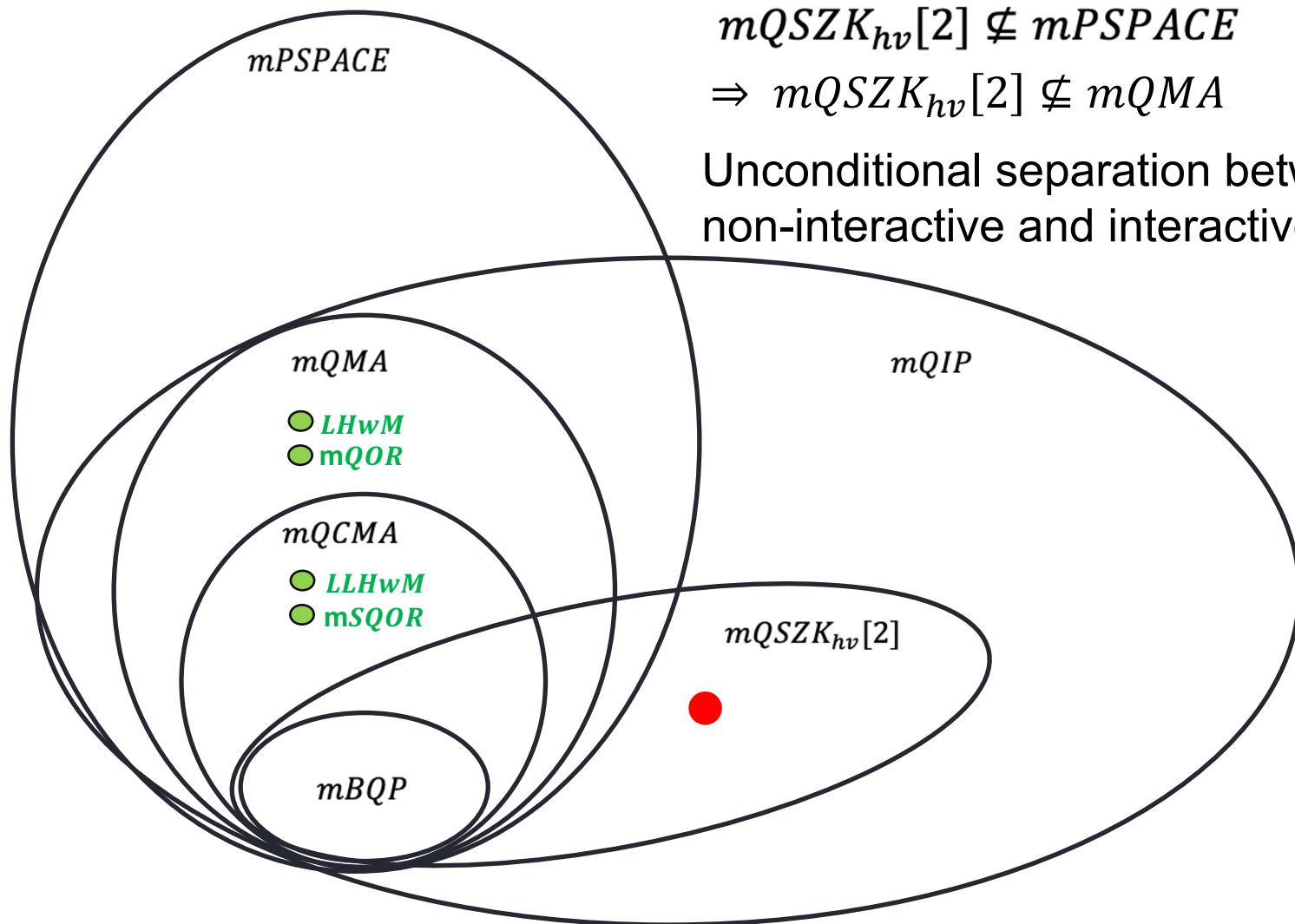
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Separation:

$$mQSZK_{hv}[2] \not\subseteq mPSPACE$$

$$\Rightarrow mQSZK_{hv}[2] \not\subseteq mQMA$$

Unconditional separation between
non-interactive and interactive proof.

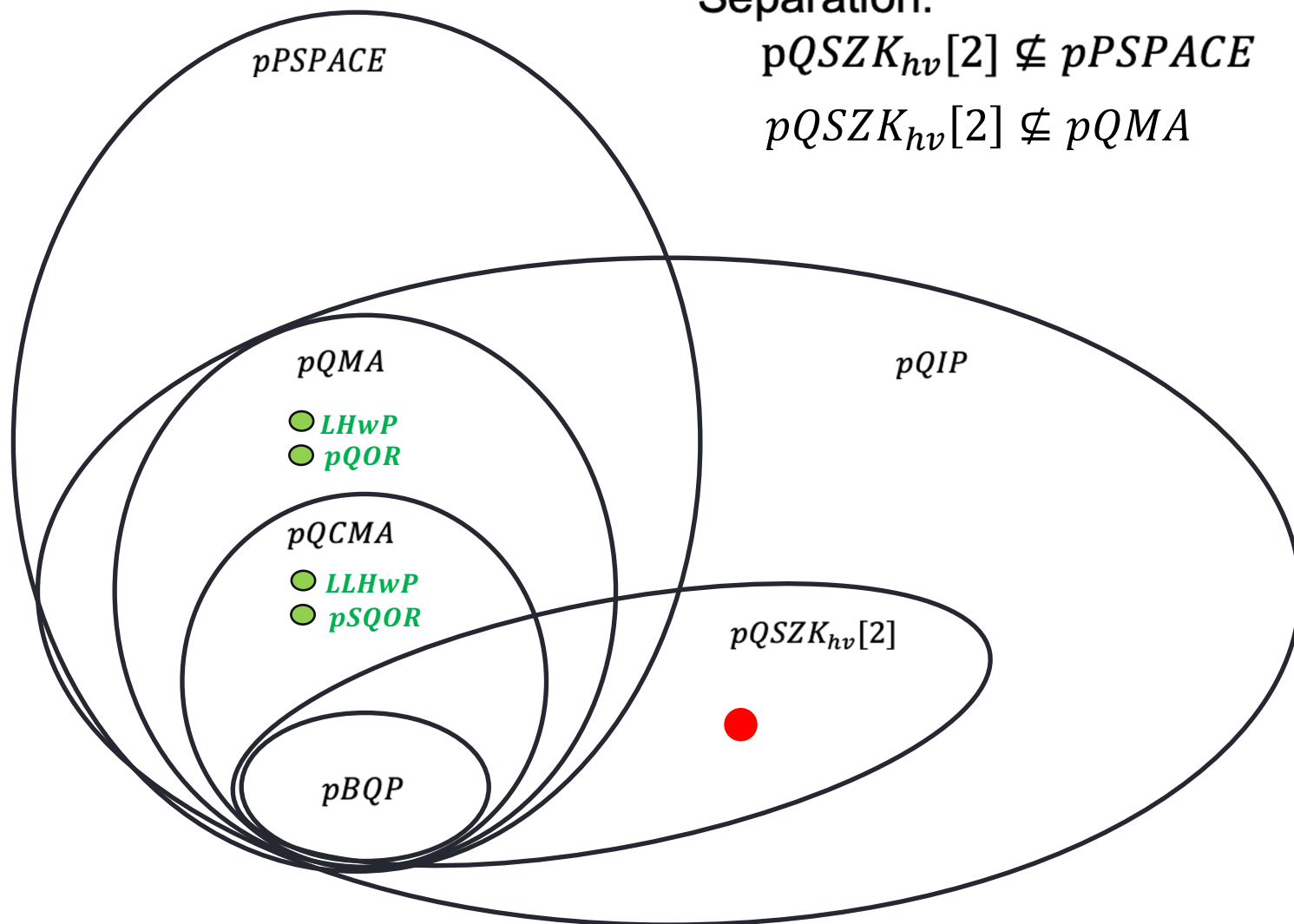


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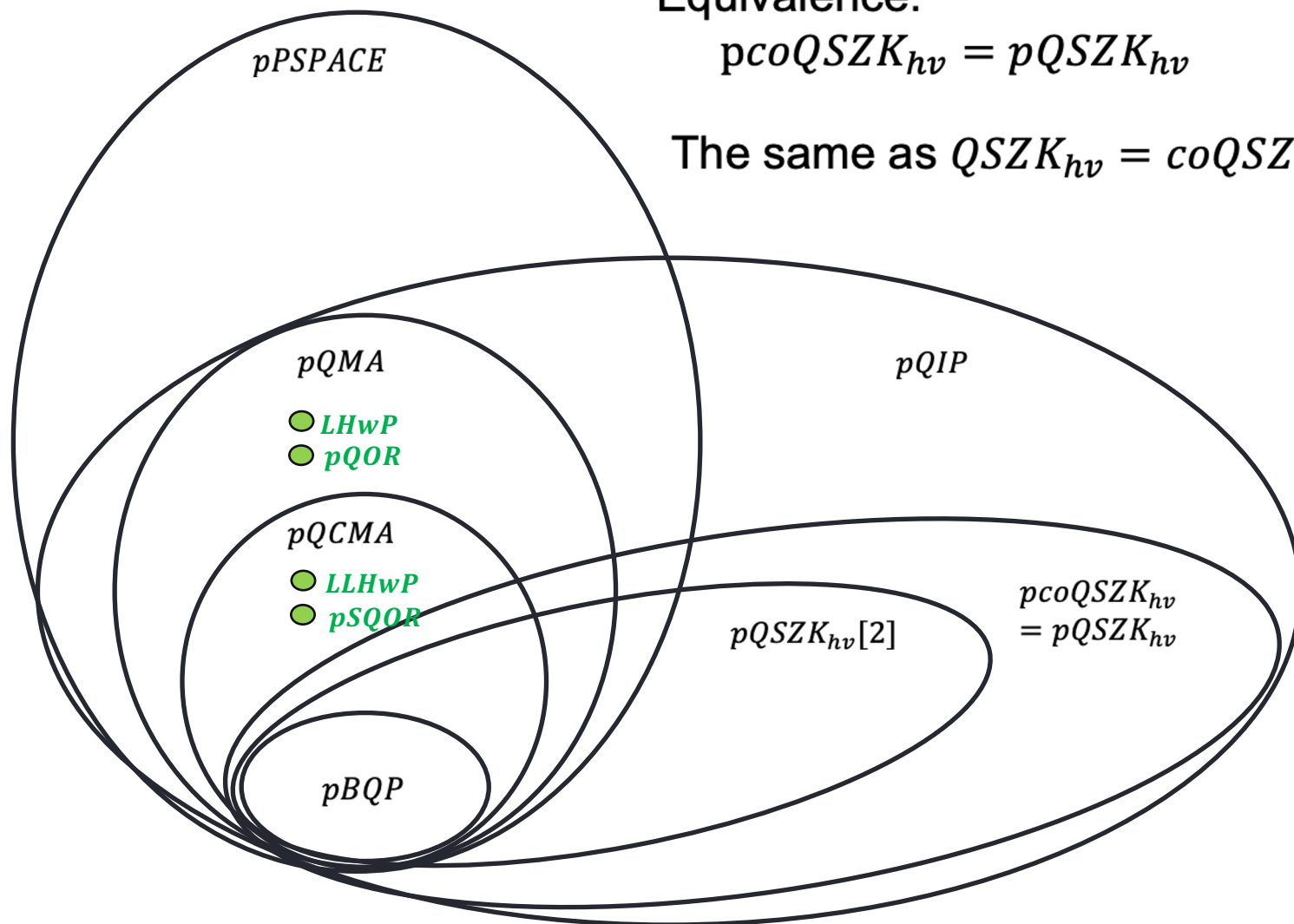


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Equivalence:

$$pcoQSZK_{hv} = pQSZK_{hv}$$

The same as $QSZK_{hv} = coQSZK_{hv}$.

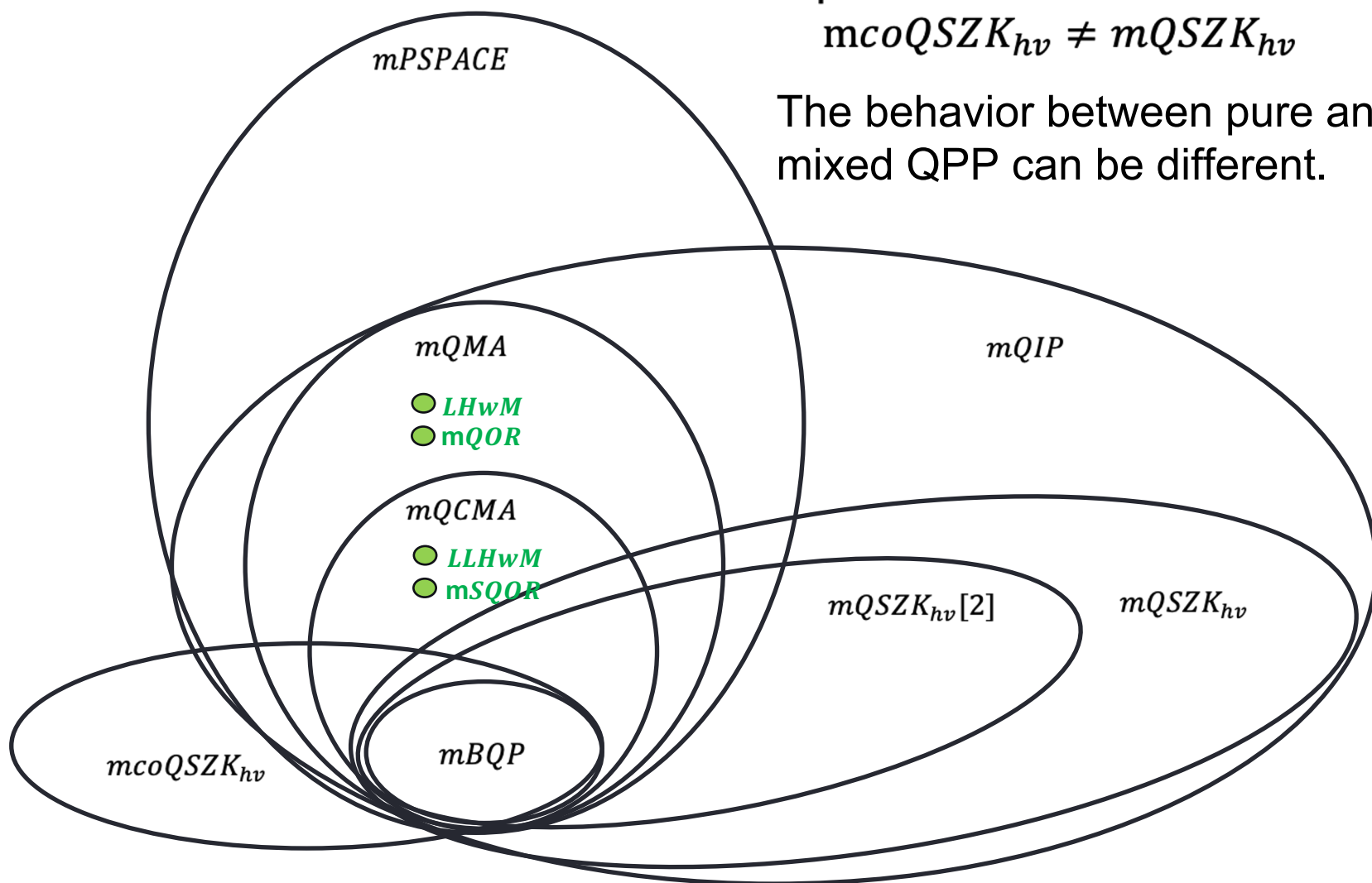


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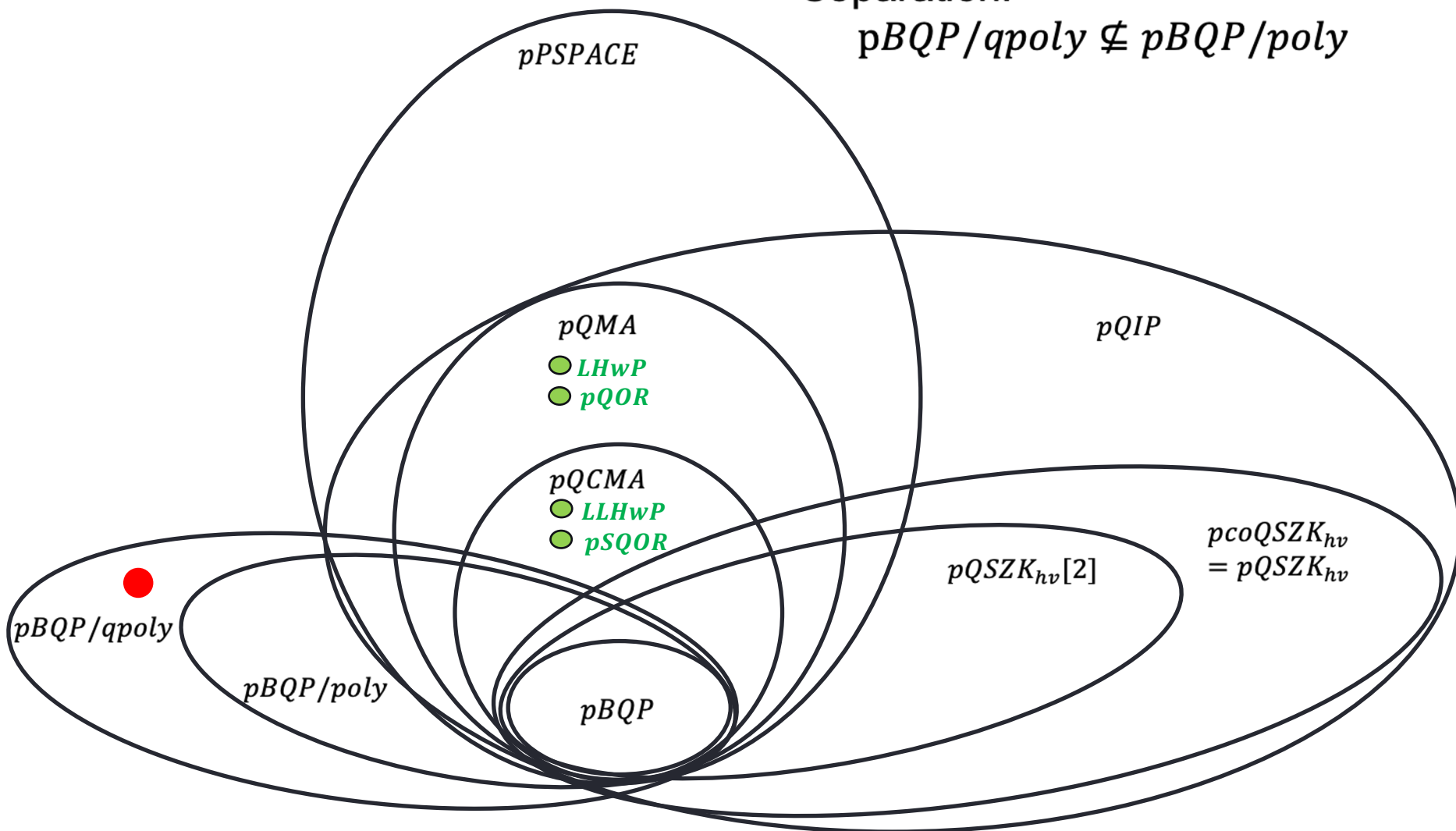
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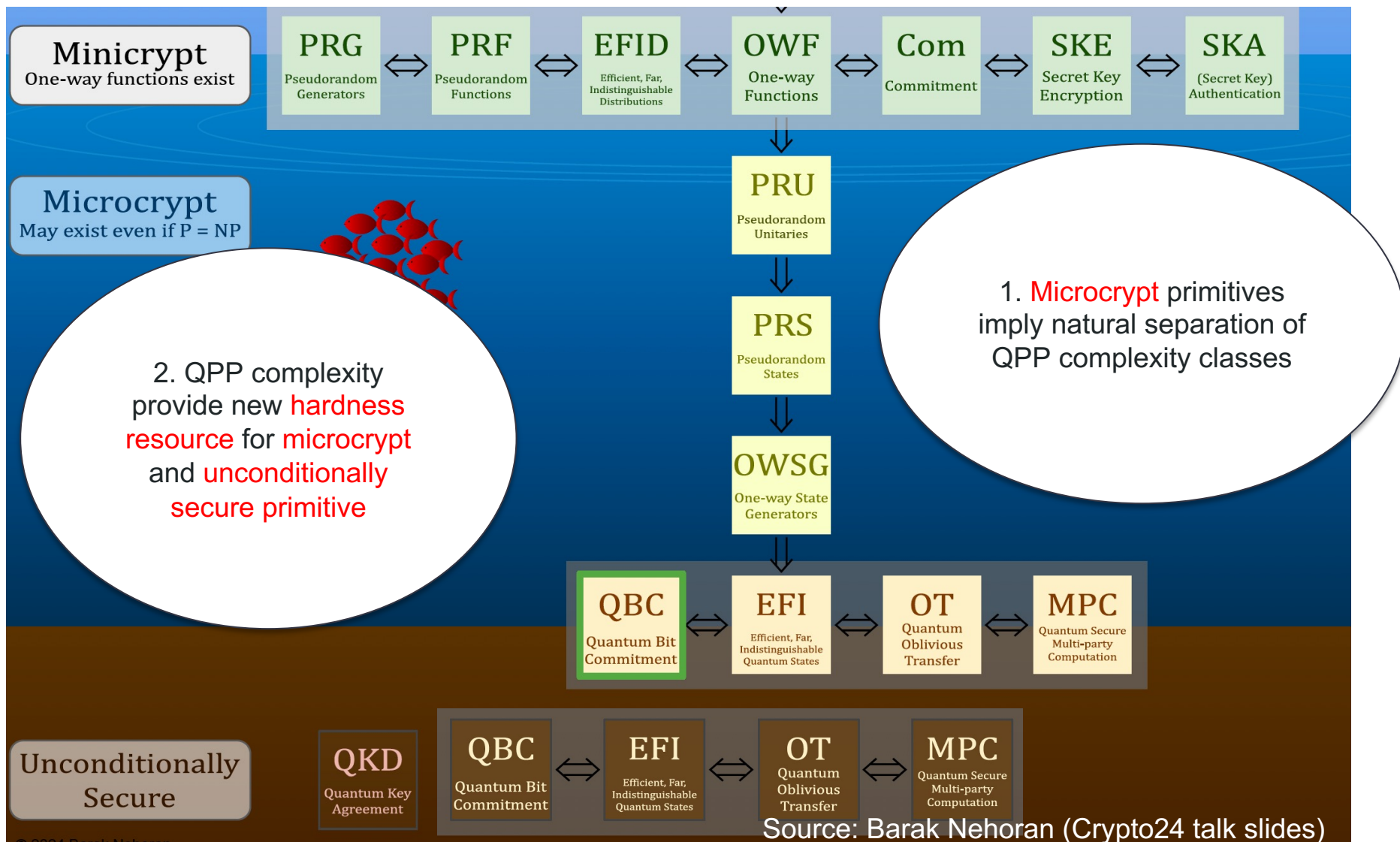
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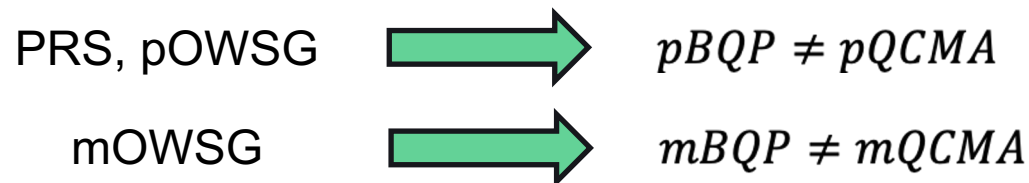
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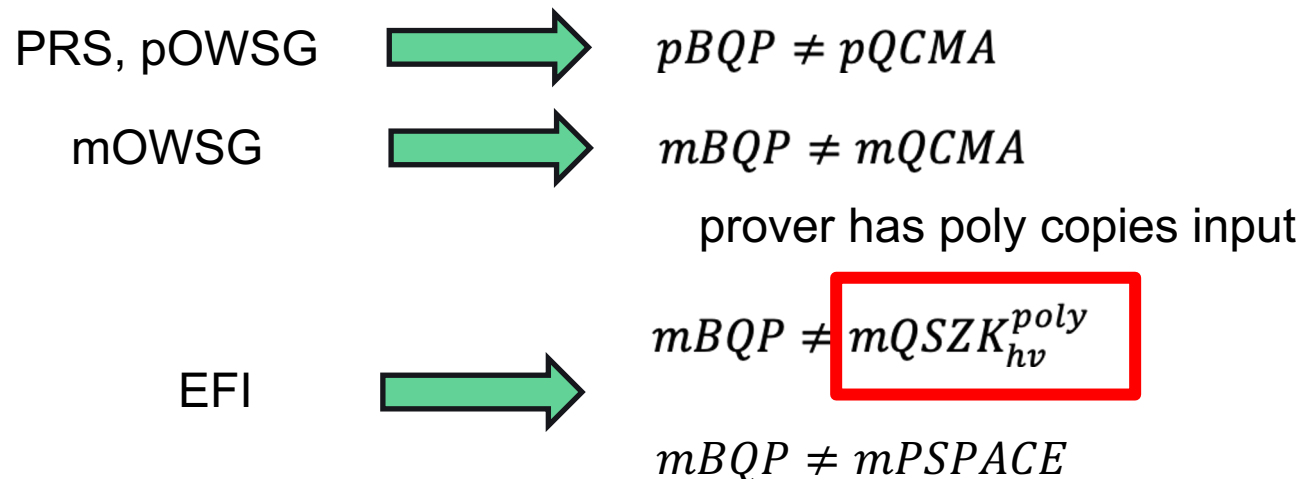
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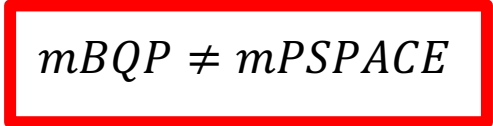
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\Rightarrow relativization barrier for EFI!

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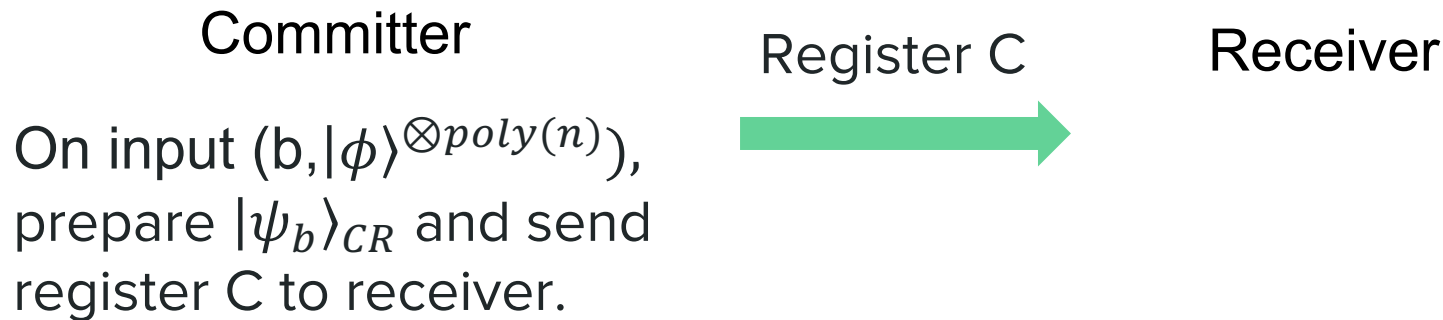
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Auxiliary-input model: (reveal phase)

Committer

Send bit b and register R to the receiver.

Bit b , Register R



Receiver

Run Verify on register CR , b and $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$, then return the output.

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Unconditional Computational Hiding:

- **C** part of $|\psi_0\rangle_{CR}$ and $|\psi_1\rangle_{CR}$ are **only** computational indistinguishable
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sample complexity
type of separation

$$p/mC_1 \not\subseteq p/mALL^{poly}$$

computational type of
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unconditional cryptography

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Quantum Promise Problem L_{mix}

$$L_{mix} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U\rho_{half}U^\dagger, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N = \{\frac{I}{2^n}\}$$

$$\rho_{half} := \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} |i\rangle\langle i|$$

$\mathbb{U}(n)$ be the set of n -qubit unitary

Thm: $L_{mix} \notin mALL^{poly}$

Thm: $L_{mix} \in mQSZK_{hv}[2]$

$\longrightarrow mQSZK_{hv}[2] \not\subseteq mALL^{poly}$

Cor: $mQIP \not\subseteq mPSPACE$

Theorem: $L_{mix} \notin mALL^{poly}$

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- Thm [CHW07]: For any **polynomial** $q(\cdot)$ and all sufficiently large n , for all algorithm C , the following hold:

$$\left| \Pr \left[C \left(\left(\frac{I}{2^n} \right)^{\otimes q(n)} \right) = 1 \right] - \Pr_{U \leftarrow Haar_n} \left[C \left((U \rho_{half} U^\dagger)^{\otimes q(n)} \right) = 1 \right] \right| \leq \frac{q(n)}{2^n}$$

NO Instance

Random Yes Instance

Theorem: $L_{mix} \in mQSZK_{hv}[2]$

$$L_{mix} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U\rho_{half}U^\dagger, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N = \{\frac{I}{2^n}\}$$

Graph non-Isomorphism Like Protocol:

Prover

Verifier

$b = 0$

$b = 1$

$$\left(\left(\frac{I}{2^n}\right)^{\otimes n}, \rho_{in}^{\otimes n}\right) \text{ vs } \left(\rho_{in}^{\otimes n}, \left(\frac{I}{2^n}\right)^{\otimes n}\right) \quad b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$$



b'



Accept if $b' = b$

Completeness

$$L_{mix} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U\rho_{half}U^\dagger, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

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Accept if $b' = b$

Completeness: $1 - \text{negl}(n)$:

Trace distance between $\left(\frac{I}{2^n}\right)^{\otimes n}$ and $\rho_{in}^{\otimes n}$ is $1 - \text{negl}(n)$.

Soundness

$$L_{mix} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U\rho_{half}U^\dagger, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N = \{\frac{I}{2^n}\}$$

Graph non-Isomorphism Like Protocol:

Prover

Verifier

$b = 0$

$b = 1$

$$\left(\left(\frac{I}{2^n}\right)^{\otimes n}, \rho_{in}^{\otimes n}\right) \text{ vs } \left(\rho_{in}^{\otimes n}, \left(\frac{I}{2^n}\right)^{\otimes n}\right) \quad b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$$



b'



Accept if $b' = b$

Soundness: $\frac{1}{2}$

Because $\rho_{in} = \frac{I}{2^n}$, the case $b = 0$ or 1 are identical.

Statistical HV Zero Knowledge

$$L_{mix} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U\rho_{half}U^\dagger, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N = \{\frac{I}{2^n}\}$$

Graph Non-Isomorphism Like Protocol:

Prover

Verifier

$$\begin{array}{ccc} b = 0 & & b = 1 \\ ((\frac{I}{2^n})^{\otimes n}, \rho_{in}^{\otimes n}) & \text{vs} & (\rho_{in}^{\otimes n}, (\frac{I}{2^n})^{\otimes n}) \end{array} \quad b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$$



b'



Accept if $b' = b$

Statistical HV zero knowledge:

Similar to Graph Non-Isomorphism Protocol.

Three Separation Results:

- *Thm: $mQSZK[2] \not\subseteq mALL^{poly}$*
 - *Cor: $mQIP \not\subseteq mPSPACE$*
- *Thm: $pQSZK[2] \not\subseteq pALL^{poly}$*
 - *Cor: $pQIP \not\subseteq pPSPACE$*
- *Thm: $pBQP/poly \neq pBQP/qpoly$*

Quantum Promise Problem L_{pure}

$$L_{mix} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U \rho_{half} U^\dagger, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N = \{\frac{I}{2^n}\}$$

purify 

$$L_{pure} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 |HALF\rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{I \otimes U |EPR\rangle, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$\rho_{half} := \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} |i\rangle\langle i|$$

$$|EPR\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^n} |i\rangle|i\rangle$$

$$|HALF\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n-1}}} \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} |0i\rangle|0i\rangle$$

Thm: $L_{pure} \notin pALL^{poly}$

Thm: $L_{pure} \in pQSZK_{hv}[2]$

 $pQSZK_{hv}[2] \not\subseteq pALL^{poly}$

Cor: $pQIP \not\subseteq pPSPACE$

Theorem: $L_{\text{pure}} \notin \text{pALL}^{\text{poly}}$

- Theorem [CWZ24] (informal) : Let $L = (L_Y, L_N)$ be a mixed QPP. Let L' be the purified version of L . Then sample complexity for deciding L and L' are the same.

$$L_{\text{mix}} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U \rho_{\text{half}} U^\dagger, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N = \{\frac{I}{2^n}\}$$



purify

$$L_{\text{pure}} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | \text{HALF}\rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{I \otimes U | \text{EPR}\rangle, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_{pure} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | \text{HALF}\rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{(I \otimes U) | \text{EPR}\rangle, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

Theorem: $L_{pure} \in pQSZK_{hv}[2]$

The same Graph Non-Isomorphism Like Protocol
except that we set ρ_{in} = first half of $|\phi_{in}\rangle$.

Prover

Verifier

$b = 0$

$b = 1$

$$\left(\left(\frac{I}{2^n}\right)^{\otimes n}, \rho_{in}^{\otimes n}\right) \text{ vs } \left(\rho_{in}^{\otimes n}, \left(\frac{I}{2^n}\right)^{\otimes n}\right)$$

$$b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$$



b'



Accept if $b' = b$

Three Separation Results:

- *Thm: $mQSZK[2] \not\subseteq mALL^{poly}$*
 - *Cor: $mQIP \not\subseteq mPSPACE$*
- *Thm: $pQSZK[2] \not\subseteq pALL^{poly}$*
 - *Cor: $pQIP \not\subseteq pPSPACE$*
- *Thm: $pBQP/poly \neq pBQP/qpoly$*

Quantum Promise Problem $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\})$

$$L_{pure} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | HALF \rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{I \otimes U | EPR \rangle, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

Fix a hard U^*



$$L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | HALF \rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{I \otimes U^* | EPR \rangle\}$$

$$|EPR\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^n} |i\rangle|i\rangle$$

$$|HALF\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n-1}}} \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^{n-1}} |0i\rangle|0i\rangle$$

Thm: Exist $\{U^*\}$ such that $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

Thm: For all $\{U^*\}$, $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \in pBQP/qpoly$

Cor: $pBQP/poly \neq pBQP/qpoly$

Thm: For all $\{U^*\}$, $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \in pBQP/qpoly$

$$L_{pure^*} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | \text{HALF}\rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{(I \otimes U^*) | \text{EPR}\rangle\}$$

Use Swap Test

- Quantum advice: $|\phi^*\rangle := (I \otimes U^*)|EPR\rangle$
- Algorithm: input $|\phi_{in}\rangle$, advice $|\phi^*\rangle$
 - Apply swap test to $|\phi_{in}\rangle$ and $|\phi^*\rangle$
 - Output 1 if swap test fail
 - Otherwise output 0.
- Completeness: $\geq \frac{1}{8}$ (because $F(|\phi_{in}\rangle, |\phi^*\rangle) \leq \frac{3}{4}$)
- Soundness: $= 0$

Thm: Exist $\{U^*\}$ such that $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

$$L_{pure} := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | HALF\rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{I \otimes U | EPR\rangle, \forall U \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

- [CWZ24] & [CHW07] \Rightarrow **average case** hardness of L_{pure}
- For any polynomial $q(\cdot)$ and all sufficiently large n , for all algorithm C , the following hold:

$$\left| \Pr_{U \leftarrow Haar_n} [C(\underbrace{I \otimes U}_{\text{Uniformly Random No Instance}} | EPR\rangle)^{\otimes q(n)} = 1] - \Pr_{U^1, U^2 \leftarrow Haar_n} [C(\underbrace{U^1 \otimes U^2}_{\text{Uniformly Random Yes Instance}} | HALF\rangle)^{\otimes q(n)} = 1] \right| \leq \frac{q(n)}{2^n}$$

Uniformly Random
No Instance

Uniformly Random
Yes Instance

Thm: Exist $\{U^*\}$ such that $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

- By Haar random concentration argument in [Kre21] :
- For any polynomial $q(\cdot)$ and all sufficiently large n , for all algorithm C , with probability $1 - \exp(-2^{\frac{n}{4}})$ over $U \leftarrow Haar_n$ such that:

$$|Pr [C(I \otimes U |EPR\rangle)^{\otimes q(n)} = 1]$$

$$- \Pr_{U^1, U^2 \leftarrow Haar_n} [C(U^1 \otimes U^2 |HALF\rangle)^{\otimes q(n)} = 1] \leq \frac{q(n)}{2^n} + 2^{-\frac{n}{3}}$$

Thm: Exist $\{U^*\}$ such that $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

- Switch quantifier by a union bound:
- For any polynomial $q(\cdot)$ and all sufficiently large n , there exist U^* such that for all polynomial size circuits C

$$|Pr [C(I \otimes U^* |EPR\rangle)^{\otimes q(n)} = 1]$$

$$- \Pr_{U^1, U^2 \leftarrow Haar_n} [C(U^1 \otimes U^2 |HALF\rangle)^{\otimes q(n)} = 1] \leq \frac{q(n)}{2^n} + 2^{-\frac{n}{3}}$$

Unconditional Separation and Unconditional Cryptography

Thm: There exist a commitment scheme satisfy **computational** sum-binding* and **perfect** hiding in auxiliary-input model.

*secure against non-uniform adv with classical advice

Construction – Auxiliary Input State

$|\phi\rangle := I \otimes U^\star |EPR\rangle$ Fix U^\star in $L_{pure^\star}(\{U^\star\}) \notin pBQP/poly$



Construction – Commit Algorithm

$|\phi\rangle := I \otimes U^\star |EPR\rangle$ Fix U^\star in $L_{pure^\star}(\{U^\star\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

Com(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |EPR\rangle_{C_nR_n}$

$|\psi_1\rangle_{CR} := |\phi\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |\phi\rangle_{C_nR_n}$

Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$.

Committer

Receiver

Prepare $|\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$ &
send register C

Register C



Construction – Verify Algorithm

$|\phi\rangle := I \otimes U^* |EPR\rangle$ Fix U^* in $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

Com($b, |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR\rangle_{C_1 R_1} \cdots |EPR\rangle_{C_n R_n}$

$|\psi_1\rangle_{CR} := |\phi\rangle_{C_1 R_1} \cdots |\phi\rangle_{C_n R_n}$

Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$.

Verify($b, |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$, CR) $\rightarrow \perp/T$:

$b = 0$: check $CR == |\psi_0\rangle$ by $\{|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|, I - |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|\}$.

$b = 1$: check $CR == |\psi_1\rangle$ by swap-test.

Committer

Receiver

Send b & register R

Bit b , Register R

Run $\text{Verify}(b, |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}, CR)$



Ours Construction:

Fix a hard unitary:

$$U^*: \mathbb{C}^{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2^n}$$

Auxiliary input state:

$$|\phi\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |x\rangle_C (U^*|x\rangle)_R$$

Com(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR_n\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |EPR_n\rangle_{C_nR_n}$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle_{CR} := |\phi\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |\phi\rangle_{C_nR_n}$$

Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$.

Verify(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$, CR) $\rightarrow \perp/\top$:

b = 0: check CR == $|\psi_0\rangle$ by $\{|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|, I - |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|\}$.

b = 1: check CR == $|\psi_1\rangle$ by swap-test.

[Qia24, MNY24]

Fix a “hard” function:

$$H^*: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{3n}$$

Auxiliary input state:

$$|\phi\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |H^*(x)\rangle_C |x\rangle_R$$

Com(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR_{3n}\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |EPR_{3n}\rangle_{C_nR_n}$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle_{CR} := |\phi\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |\phi\rangle_{C_nR_n}$$

Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$.

Verify(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$, CR) $\rightarrow \perp/\top$:

b = 0/1: Check CR == $|\psi_b\rangle$ by swap-test.

Can also use QPP to capture the unconditional computation hardness of [Qia24,MNY24].

Source of Comp. Hardness in Ours Construction:

$$L_{\text{pure}^*}(\{U^*\}) := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$U^*: \mathbb{C}^{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2^n}$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | \text{HALF}\rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{(I \otimes U^*) | \text{EPR}\rangle\}$$

Thm: Exist $\{U^*\}$ such that $L_{\text{pure}^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin \text{pBQP}/\text{poly}$

Thm: For all $\{U^*\}$, $L_{\text{pure}^*}(\{U^*\}) \in \text{pALL}^{\text{poly}}$

Source of Comp. Hardness in [Qia24, MNY24]:

$$L_{\text{mix}^*}(\{H^*\}) := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$H^*: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{3n}$$

$$L_Y := \left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |H^*(x)\rangle \langle H^*(x)| \right\}$$

$$L_N := \left\{ \frac{I}{2^{3n}} \right\}$$

Thm: Exist $\{H^*\}$ such that $L_{\text{mix}^*}(\{H^*\}) \notin \text{mBQP}/\text{qpoly}$

Thm: For all $\{H^*\}$, $L_{\text{mix}^*}(\{H^*\}) \in \text{mALL}^{\text{poly}}$

Construction – Commit Algorithm

$|\phi\rangle := I \otimes U^\star |EPR\rangle$ Fix U^\star in $L_{pure^\star}(\{U^\star\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

Com(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |EPR\rangle_{C_nR_n}$

$|\psi_1\rangle_{CR} := |\phi\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |\phi\rangle_{C_nR_n}$

Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$.

Satisfy perfect hiding

Committer

Receiver

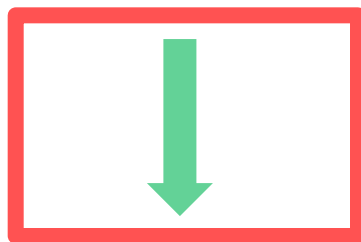
Prepare $|\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$ &
send register C

Register C



Proof of Computational Binding

$$L_{\text{pure}^*}(\{U_n^*\}) \notin \text{pBQP}/\text{poly}$$



Security of honest binding (0 to 1)

[Yan22]



Security of sum binding

Adversary Break Honest Binding ($0 \rightarrow 1$)

$|\phi\rangle := I \otimes U^* |EPR\rangle$ Fix U^* such that $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

Com($b, |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR\rangle_{C_1 R_1} \cdots |EPR\rangle_{C_n R_n}$

$|\psi_1\rangle_{CR} := |\phi\rangle_{C_1 R_1} \cdots |\phi\rangle_{C_n R_n}$

Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$.

Verify($b, |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$, CR) $\rightarrow \perp/T$:

$b = 0$: check $CR == |\psi_0\rangle$ by $\{|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|, I - |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|\}$.

$b = 1$: check $CR == |\psi_1\rangle$ by swap-test.

(Honest Commit):

Adversary

Prepare $|\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$ &
send register C

Receiver

Register C



Adversary Break Honest Binding ($0 \rightarrow 1$)

$|\phi\rangle := I \otimes U^* |EPR\rangle$ Fix U^* such that $L_{pure^*}(\{U^*\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

Com($b, |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR\rangle_{C_1 R_1} \cdots |EPR\rangle_{C_n R_n}$

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Verify($b, |\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$, CR) $\rightarrow \perp/T$:

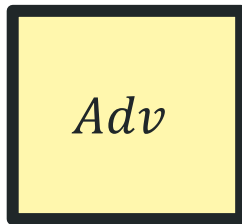
$b = 0$: check CR == $|\psi_0\rangle$ by $\{|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|, I - |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|\}$.

$b = 1$: check CR == $|\psi_1\rangle$ by swap-test.

(Reveal Phase):

Adversary

Register R



$b = 1$, Register R



Receiver

The CR register $\approx |\psi_1\rangle$

Adversary Break Honest Binding ($0 \rightarrow 1$)

$|\phi\rangle := I \otimes U^\star |EPR\rangle$ Fix U^\star such that $L_{pure^\star}(\{U^\star\}) \notin pBQP/poly$

Com(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$) $\rightarrow |\psi_b\rangle_{CR}$:

$$|\psi_0\rangle_{CR} := |EPR\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |EPR\rangle_{C_nR_n}$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle_{CR} := |\phi\rangle_{C_1R_1} \cdots |\phi\rangle_{C_nR_n}$$

Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$.

Verify(b, $|\phi\rangle^{\otimes n}$, CR) $\rightarrow \perp/T$:

b = 0: check CR == $|\psi_0\rangle$ by $\{|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|, I - |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|\}$.

b = 1: check CR == $|\psi_1\rangle$ by swap-test.

$$\boxed{Adv} \approx (U^\star)^{\otimes n}$$

Use Adv to decide $L_{pure^\star}(\{U^\star\})$.

Proof of Honest Binding

$$\boxed{Adv} \approx (U^\star)^{\otimes n}$$

$$L_{pure^\star}(\{U^\star\}) := (L_Y, L_N)$$

$$L_Y := \{U^1 \otimes U^2 | \textcolor{blue}{HALF}\rangle, \forall U^1, U^2 \in \mathbb{U}(n)\}$$

$$L_N := \{(I \otimes \textcolor{red}{U}^\star) | \textcolor{blue}{EPR}\rangle\}$$

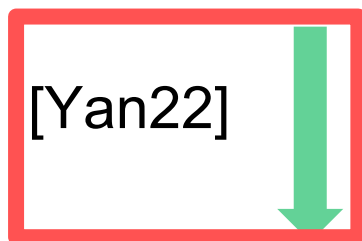
- Algorithm: input $|\phi_{in}\rangle^{\otimes n}$
 - Generate $|EPR\rangle_{C_1 R_1} \cdots |EPR\rangle_{C_n R_n}$ (Let $C := \{C_i\}_{i=1..n}$, $R := \{R_i\}_{i=1..n}$)
 - Apply Adv to the R part get $|\phi'\rangle$
 - Apply n-swap test to $|\phi'\rangle$ and $|\phi_{in}\rangle^{\otimes n}$
 - Output 0 if n-swap test pass.
 - Otherwise output 1.
- Completeness: $\geq 1 - \text{negl}(n)$ (because $F(|\phi_{in}\rangle, |EPR\rangle) \leq \frac{3}{4}$)
- Soundness: $\leq 1 - 1/\text{poly}(n)$ (by the binding)

Proof of Computational Binding

$$L_{\text{pure}^*}(\{U_n^*\}) \notin \text{pBQP}/\text{poly}$$



Security of honest binding (0 to 1)



Security of sum binding

Proof of Computational Binding

- Thm [Yan22]: For canonical quantum bit commitment, honest binding imply sum-binding.
- Canonical Quantum Bit Commitment
 - Two efficient unitary $\{Q_0, Q_1\}$.
 - $\text{Com}(b): |\psi_b\rangle := Q_b|0\rangle$
 - $\text{Verify}(b, \text{CR}): \text{check} == |\psi_b\rangle$ by $\{|\psi_b\rangle\langle\psi_b|, I - |\psi_b\rangle\langle\psi_b|\}$.
- Our construct is “semi-”Canonical Quantum Bit Commitment
 - $\text{Com}(0): |\psi_0\rangle := |EPR\rangle^{\otimes n}$
 - $\text{Verify}(0, \text{CR}): \text{check} == |\psi_0\rangle$ by $\{|\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|, I - |\psi_0\rangle\langle\psi_0|\}$.
- The technique of [Yan22] can be applied as well

Discussion & Open Problems

- Natural and useful complexity theory to study
 - Different landscape – classical vs pure vs mixed
- Help understand computational hardness in quantum crypto
 - Further characterization? Worst-case hardness \Leftrightarrow EFI?
 - Impagliazzo's five worlds?
- Other applications
 - Interaction helps in quantum property testing
 - Hardness of quantum-input unitary synthesis problem

Discussion & Open Problems

- Many open questions in QPP complexity theory
 - More unconditional separation or barrier?
 - Note: relativize barrier still hold
 - Complete problems for, e.g., PSPACE?
 - $p/mPSPACE^{poly}$ vs. $p/mQIP^{poly}$?
 - $p/mQIP = p/mQIP[3]$?
 - $p/mQSZK_{hv} = p/mQSZK$?
 - ZK for $p/mQMA$? [Mal'25]
 - Complexity of search $p/mQMA$ witness – state synthesise complexity
 - Circuit complexity for QPP?