# Certifying Local-Realism Violation 

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- Plan for generation of training data and confirmatory experiments.
- Compute certificates and gain rate per setting bit.
- Report: Certificate values, gain rates and model assumptions.


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Timetag analysis (NIST 2013), Kurzynski\&Kaszlikowsi(2013) [6]

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- Fair comparison of implemented trials.
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Comparative:

- Certificate: Comparable overall strength.
- Gain rate: Comparable device/configuration strength.
- Independent of experimental details or Bell function, given model assumptions.


## Recent Experiments

- Pironio et al. (2010) [7]:
- Entangled atoms in two iontraps at 1 m .
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