### Certifying Local-Realism Violation

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Test Configurations and Models

**Bell Functions** 

Anti-Local-Realism Certificates

Applications to Experiments

Recommendations

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**Bell function:** A function  $B: (o, s) \mapsto B(o, s) \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying

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Features:

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- Matches or improves other approaches (e.g. Hoeffding bounds).
- Asymptotically optimal when trials are i.i.d.
- Can automatically optimize equivalent Gaussian SNR.
- Adaptable to unbounded triangle-inequality Bell functions.



### Simulation: Quantum Timetag Trials



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