# Quantum zero-knowledge from Locally Simulatable Proofs

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#### Open questions

- Find applications for QZK
- $MIP^{ns} = PZK-MIP^{ns}$ ?
- QNIZK protocol for QMA in the CRS model
- QMA-hardness of (bosonic) representability [LCV'07, WMN'10], universal functional of density function theory [SV'09]

# Thank you for your attention!