

Position-Based Quantum Cryptography



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Position-based Cryptography

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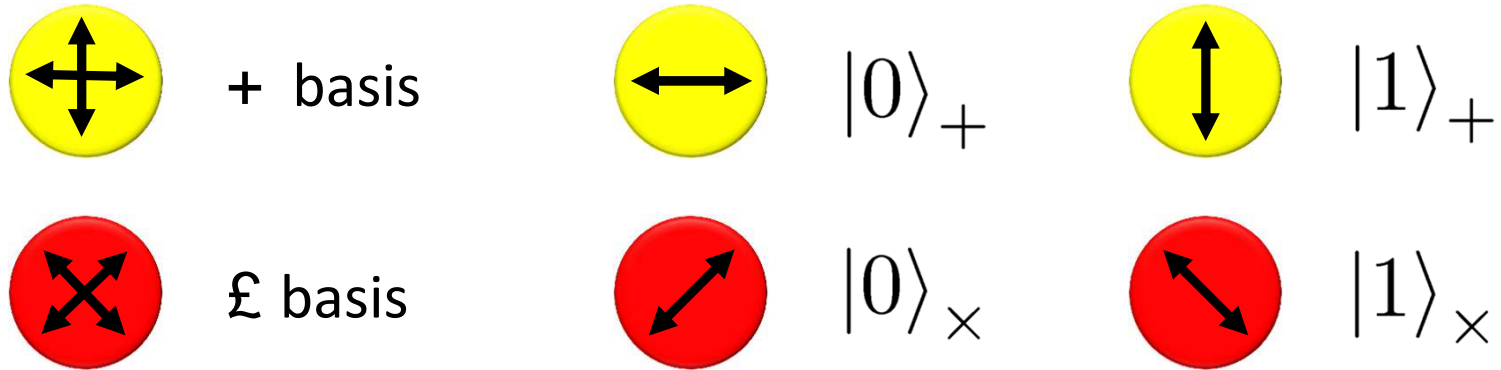
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- Quantum Crypto & Teleportation
- Position-Based Cryptography
- No-Go Theorem
- Garden-Hose Model

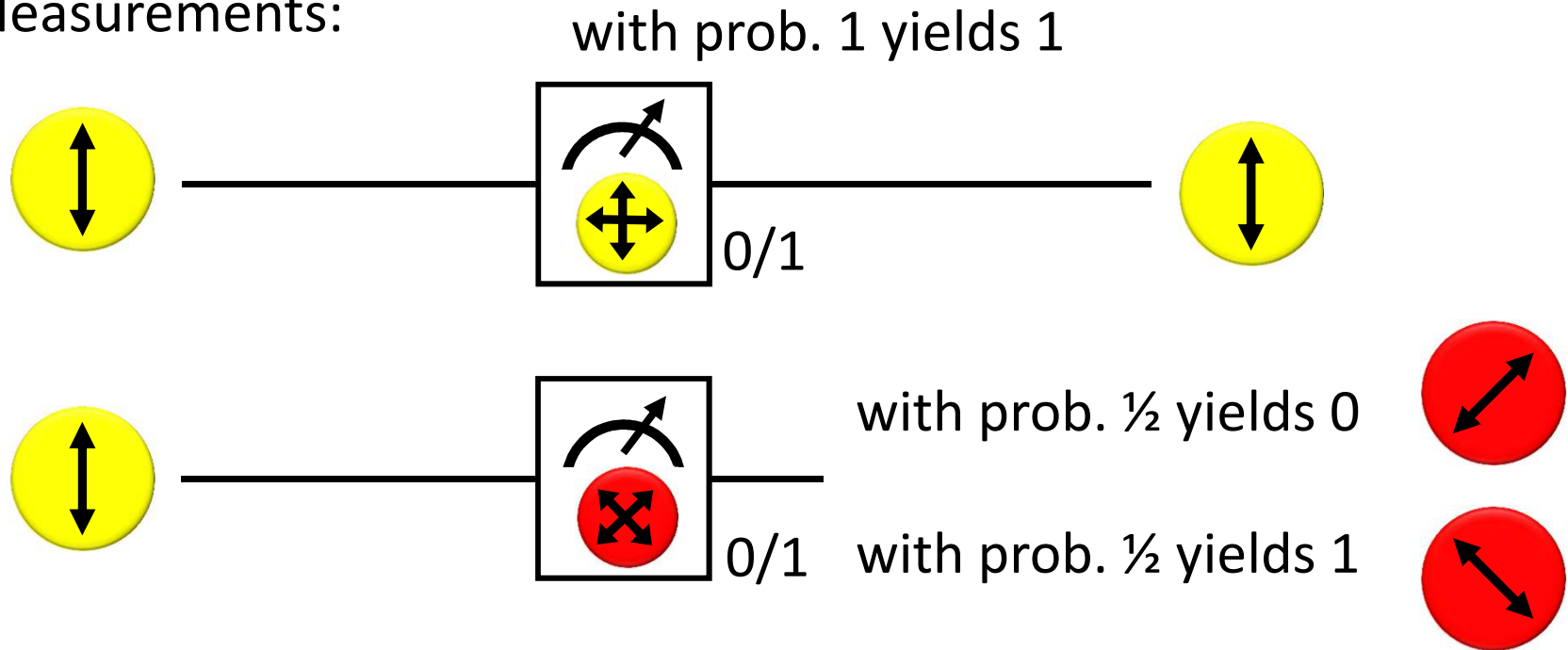


Quantum Mechanics

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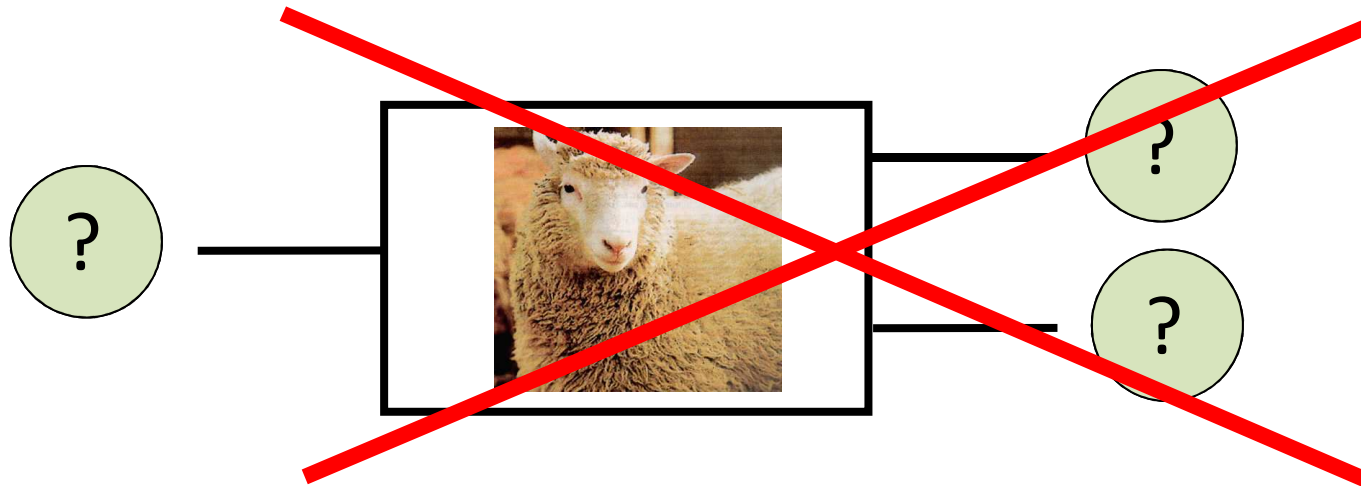
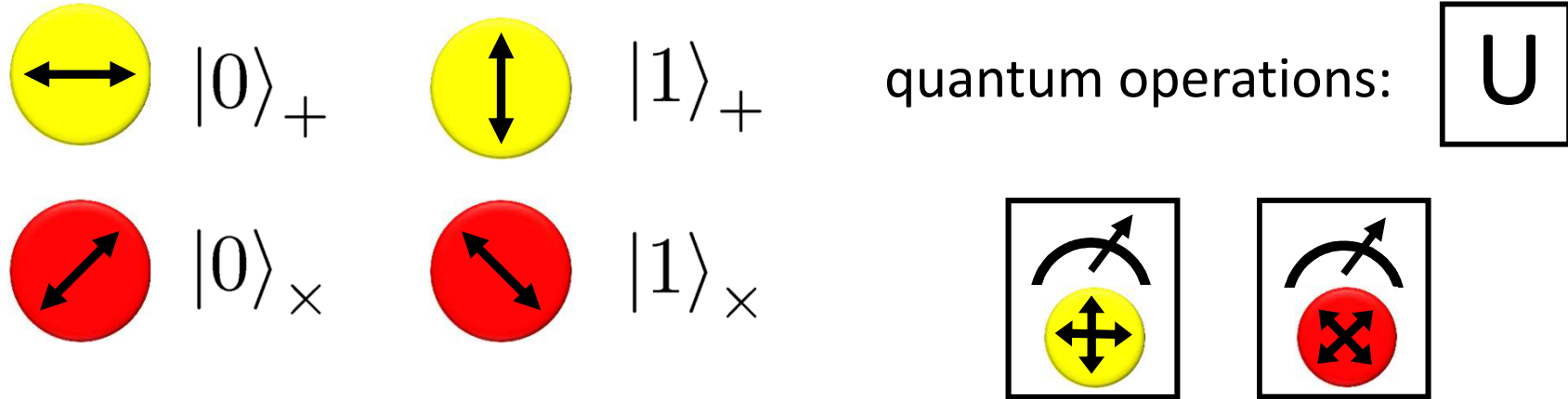


Measurements:



No-Cloning Theorem

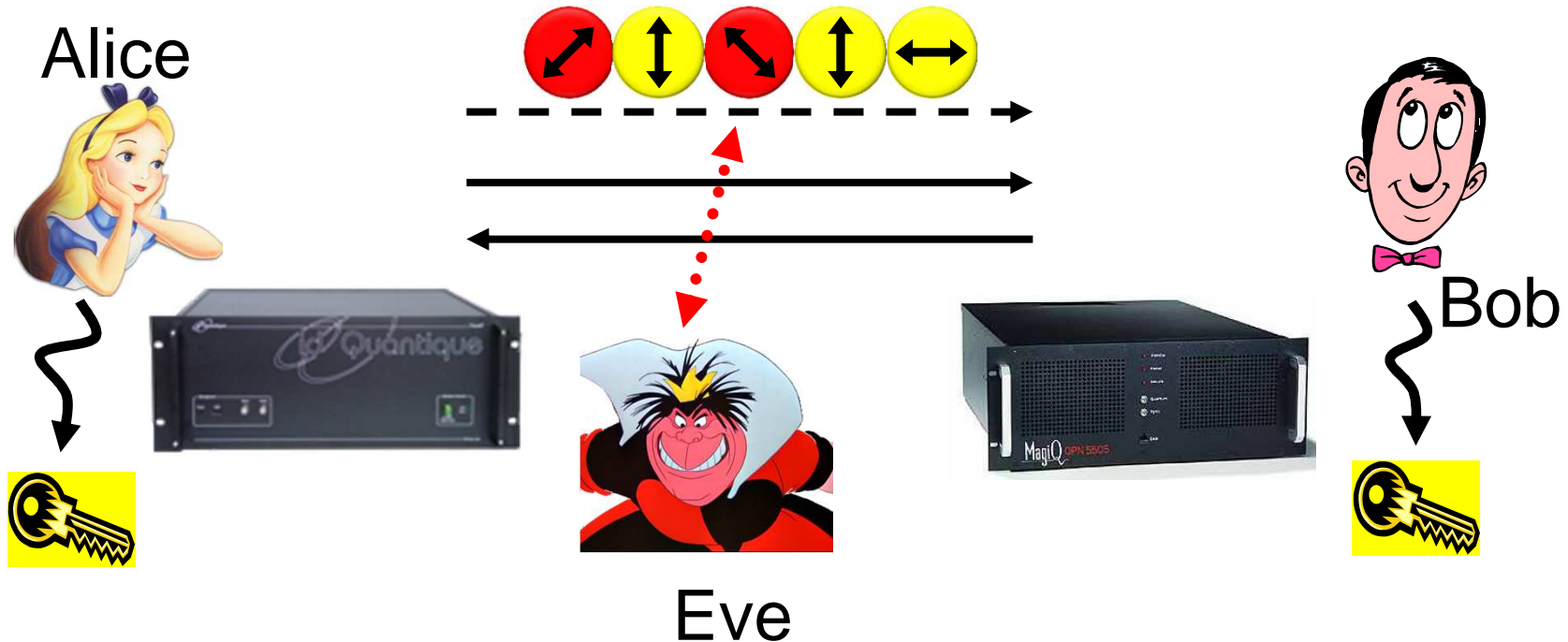
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Proof: copying is a **non-linear operation**

Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)

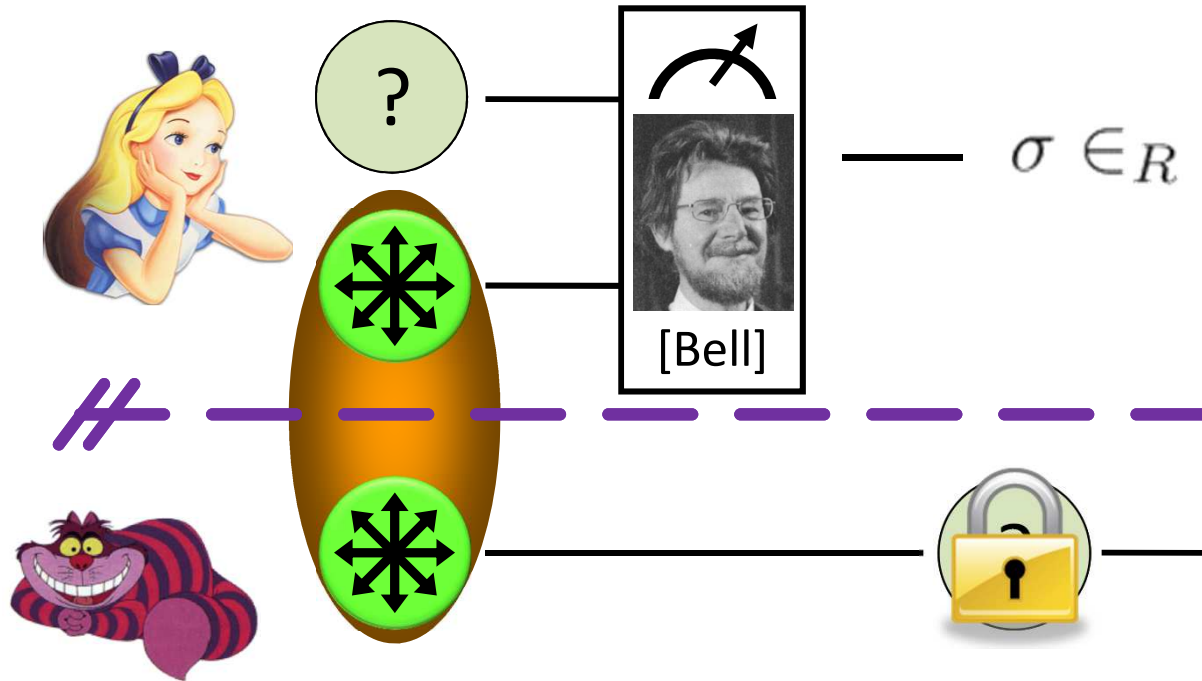
[Bennett Brassard 84, Ekert 91]



- inf-theoretic security against unrestricted eavesdroppers:
 - quantum states are unknown to Eve, she **cannot copy them**
 - honest players can check whether Eve interfered
- **technically feasible**: no quantum computation required, only quantum communication

Quantum Teleportation

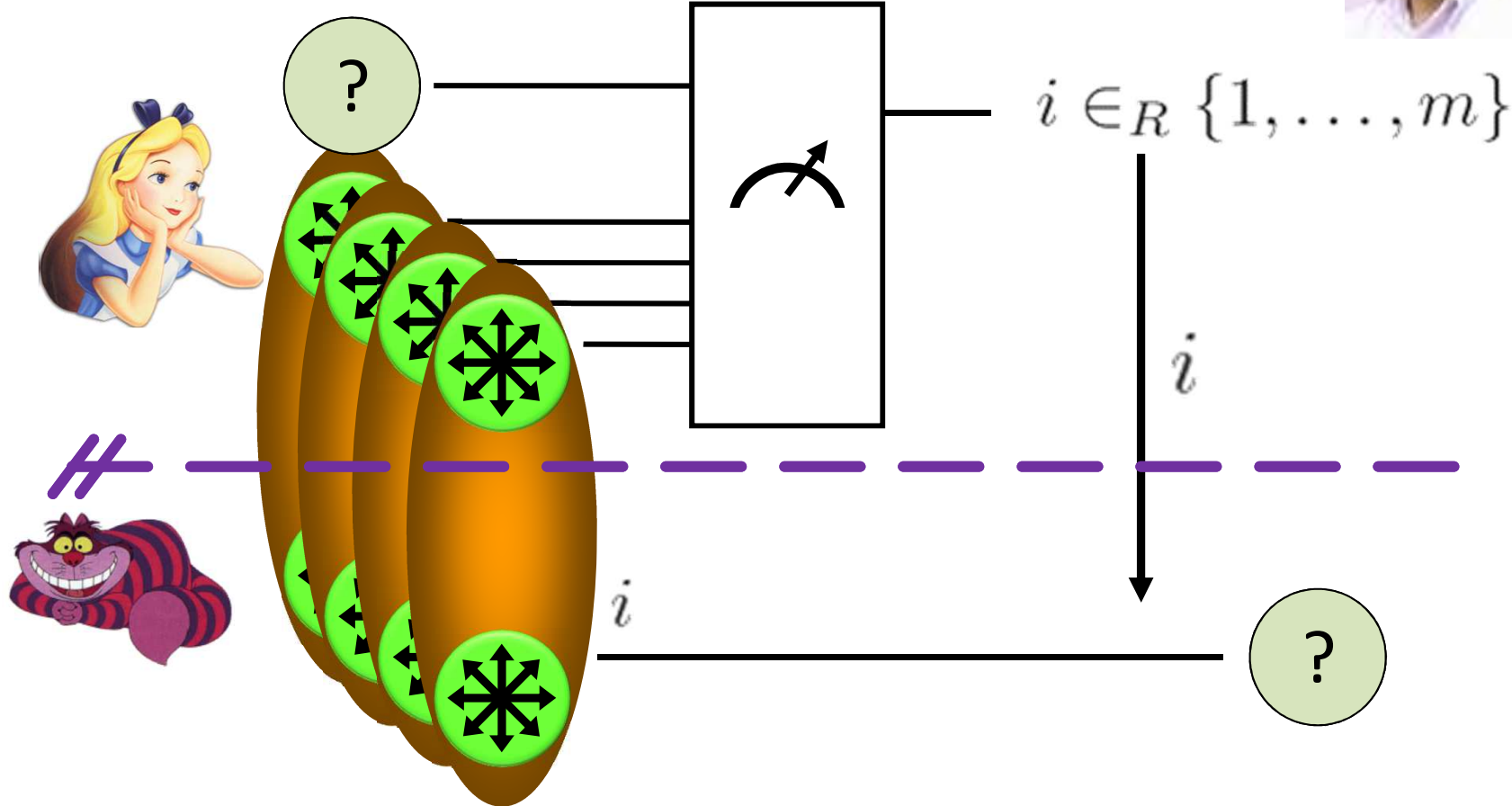
7 [Bennett Brassard Crépeau Jozsa Peres Wootters 1993]



- does **not contradict relativity theory**
- teleported state can only be recovered once the classical information $\frac{3}{4}$ arrives

Port-Based Teleportation

8 [Ishizaka Hiroshima 2008]



- **no correction** operation required
- works only **approximately**
- requires 2^n EPR pairs for teleporting **n** qubits

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How to Convince Someone of Your Presence at a Location

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<http://www.unmuseum.org/moonhoax.htm>

Basic Task: Position Verification

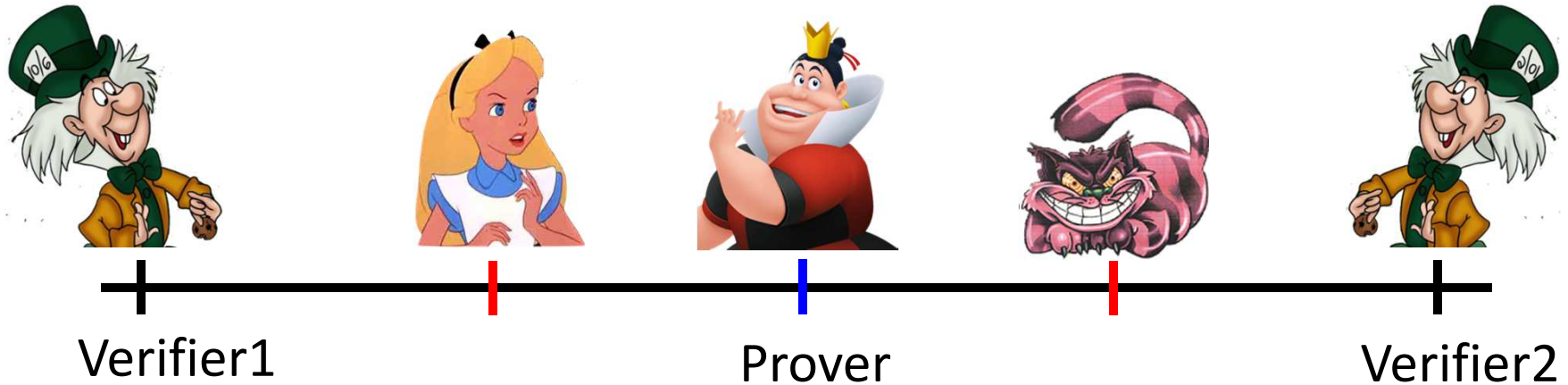
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- Prove you are at a **certain location**:
 - launching-missile command comes from within the military headquarters
 - talking to the correct country
 - pizza delivery problem
 - ...
- **building block** for advanced cryptographic tasks:
 - authentication, position-based key-exchange
 - can only decipher message at specific location

Can the geographical location of a player be used as cryptographic credential ?

Basic task: Position Verification

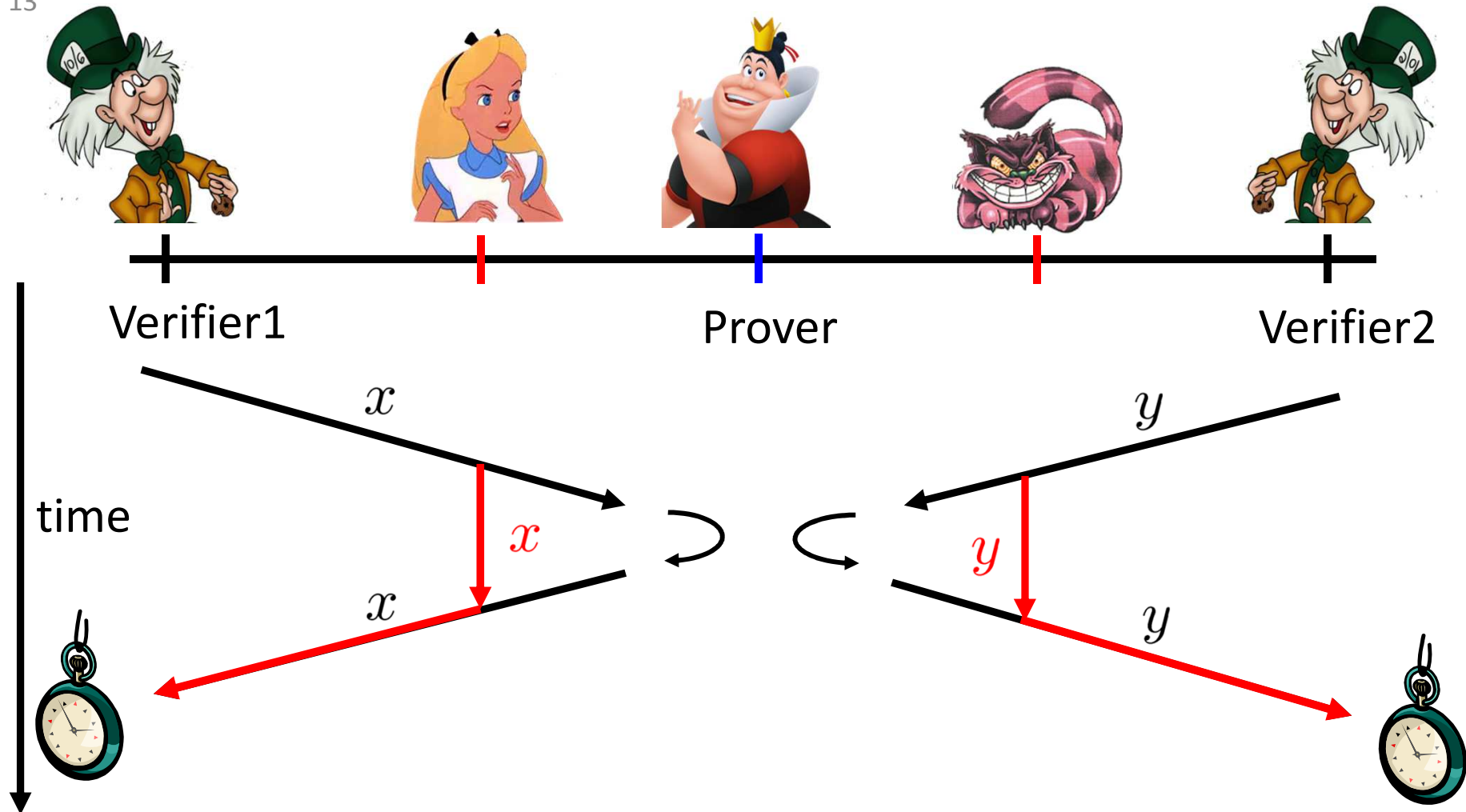
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- Prover wants to convince verifiers that she is at a **particular position**
- no **coalition of (fake) provers**, i.e. not at the claimed position, can convince verifiers
- assumptions:
 - communication at speed of light
 - instantaneous computation
 - verifiers can coordinate

Position Verification: First Try

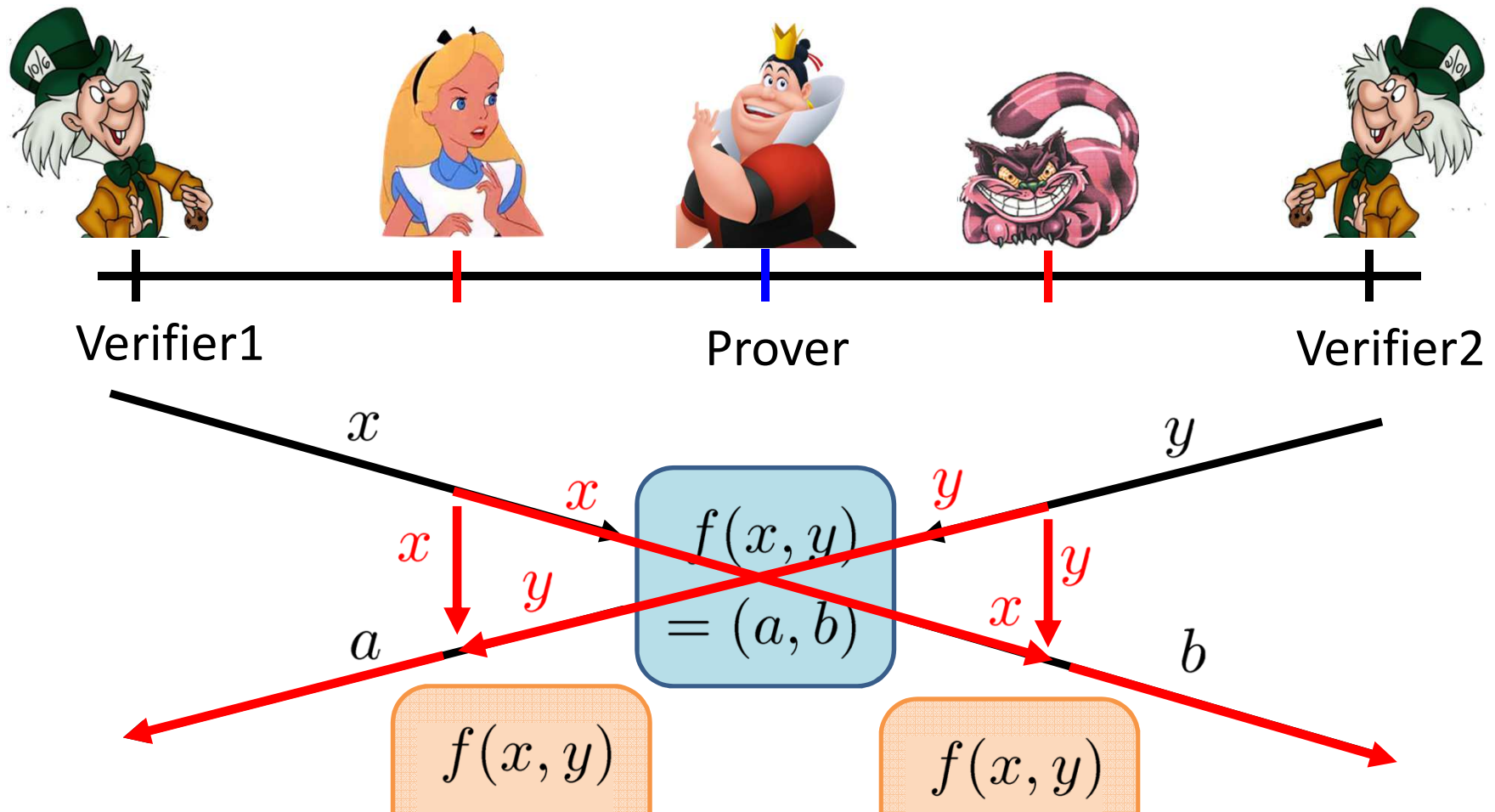
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■ distance bounding [Brands Chaum '93]

Position Verification: Second Try

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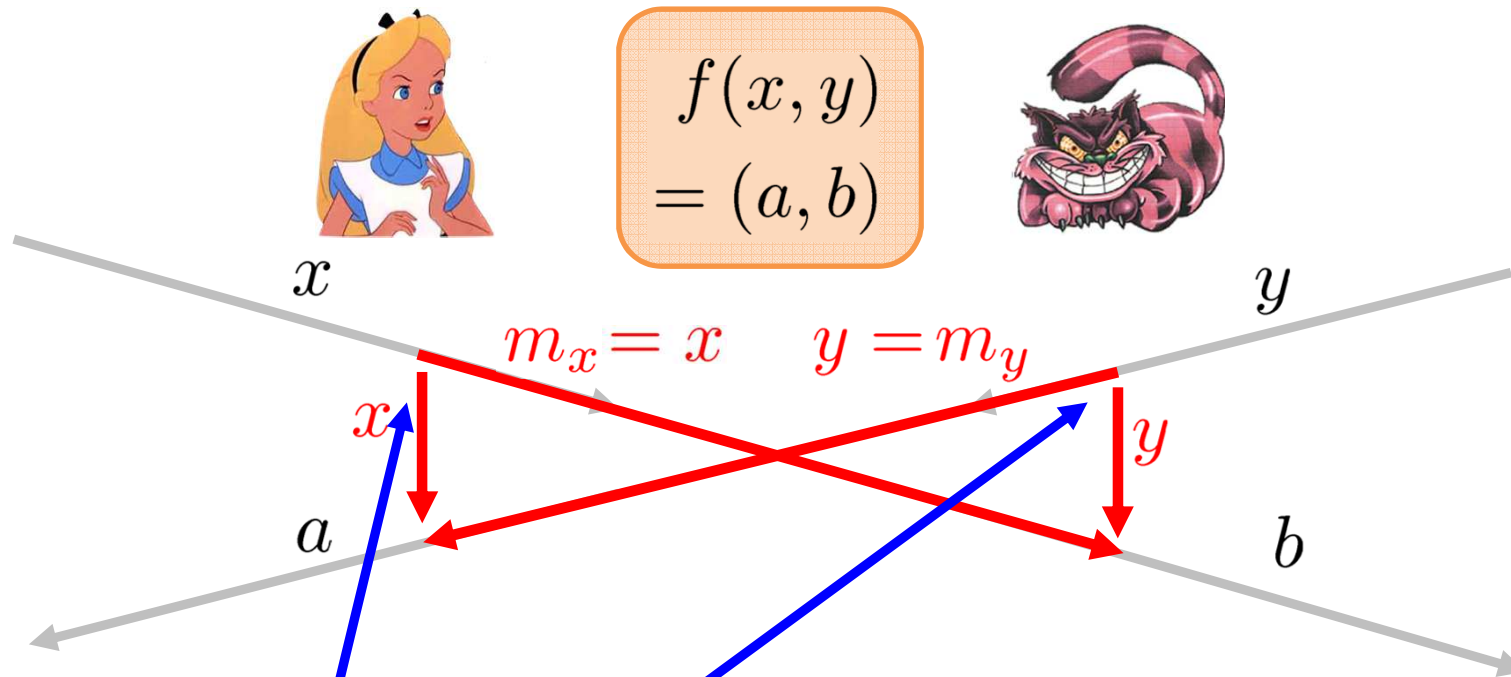


position verification is classically impossible !

[Chandran Goyal Moriarty Ostrovsky: CRYPTO '09]

Equivalent Attacking Game

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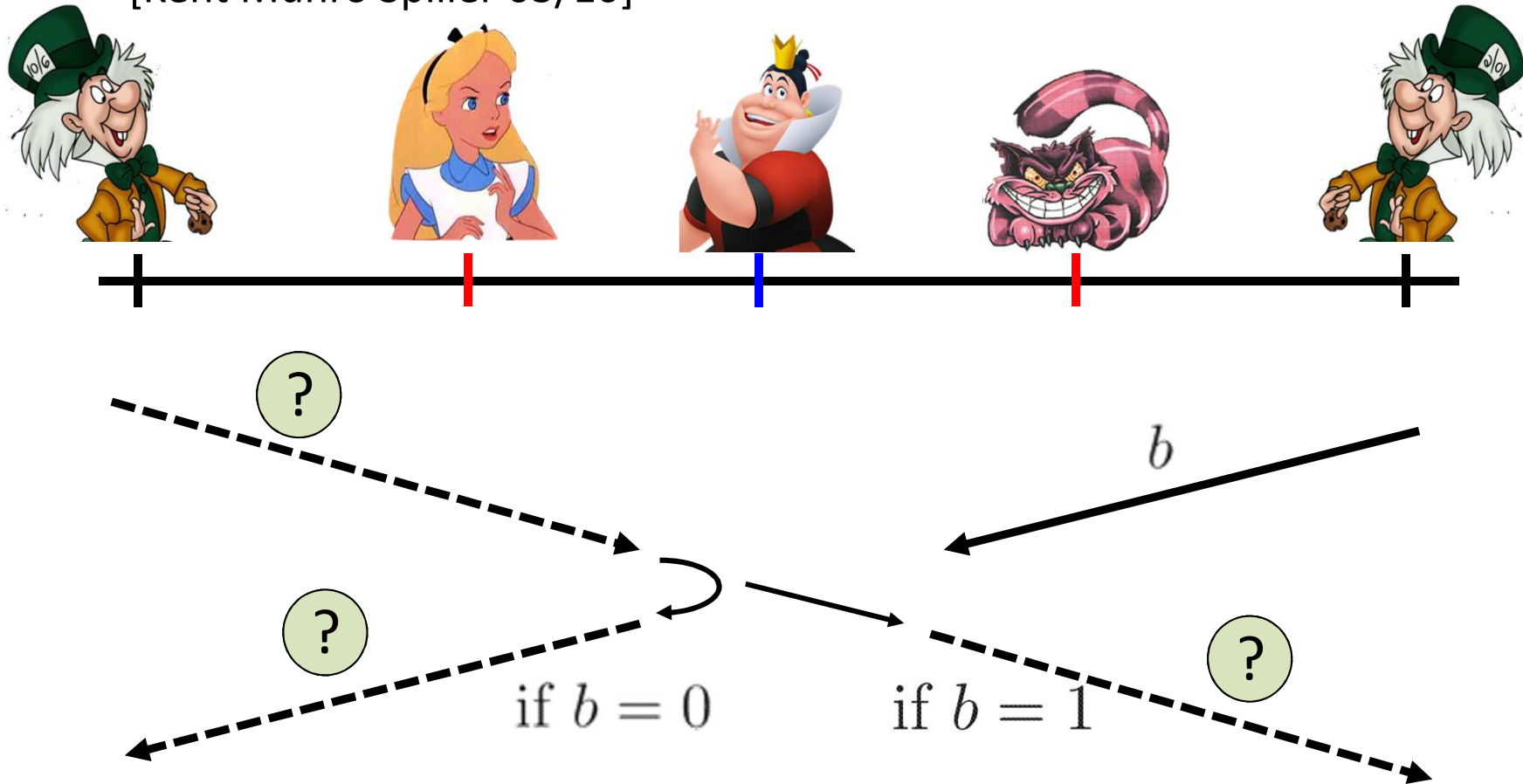
- independent messages m_x and m_y
- copying classical information
- this is impossible quantumly



Position Verification: Quantum Try

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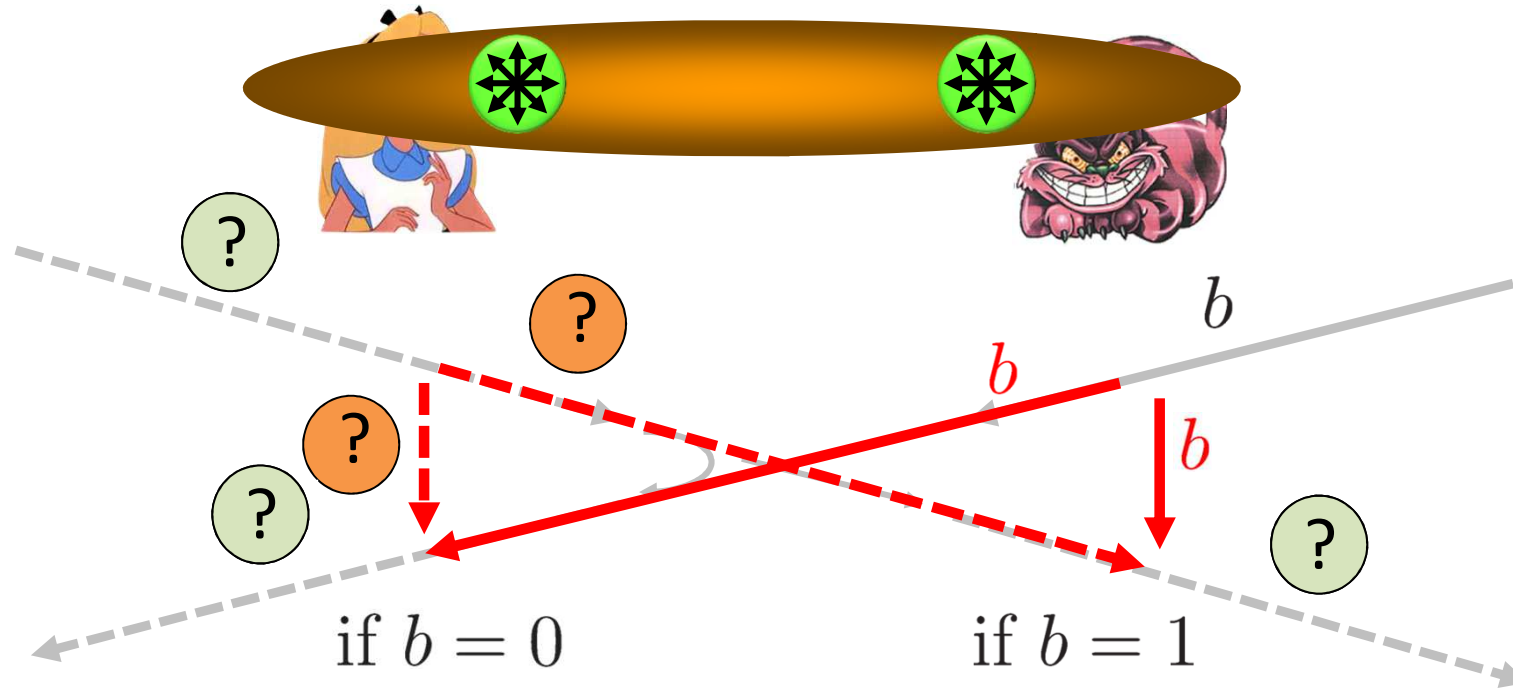
[Kent Munro Spiller 03/10]



- Let us study the attacking game

Attacking Game

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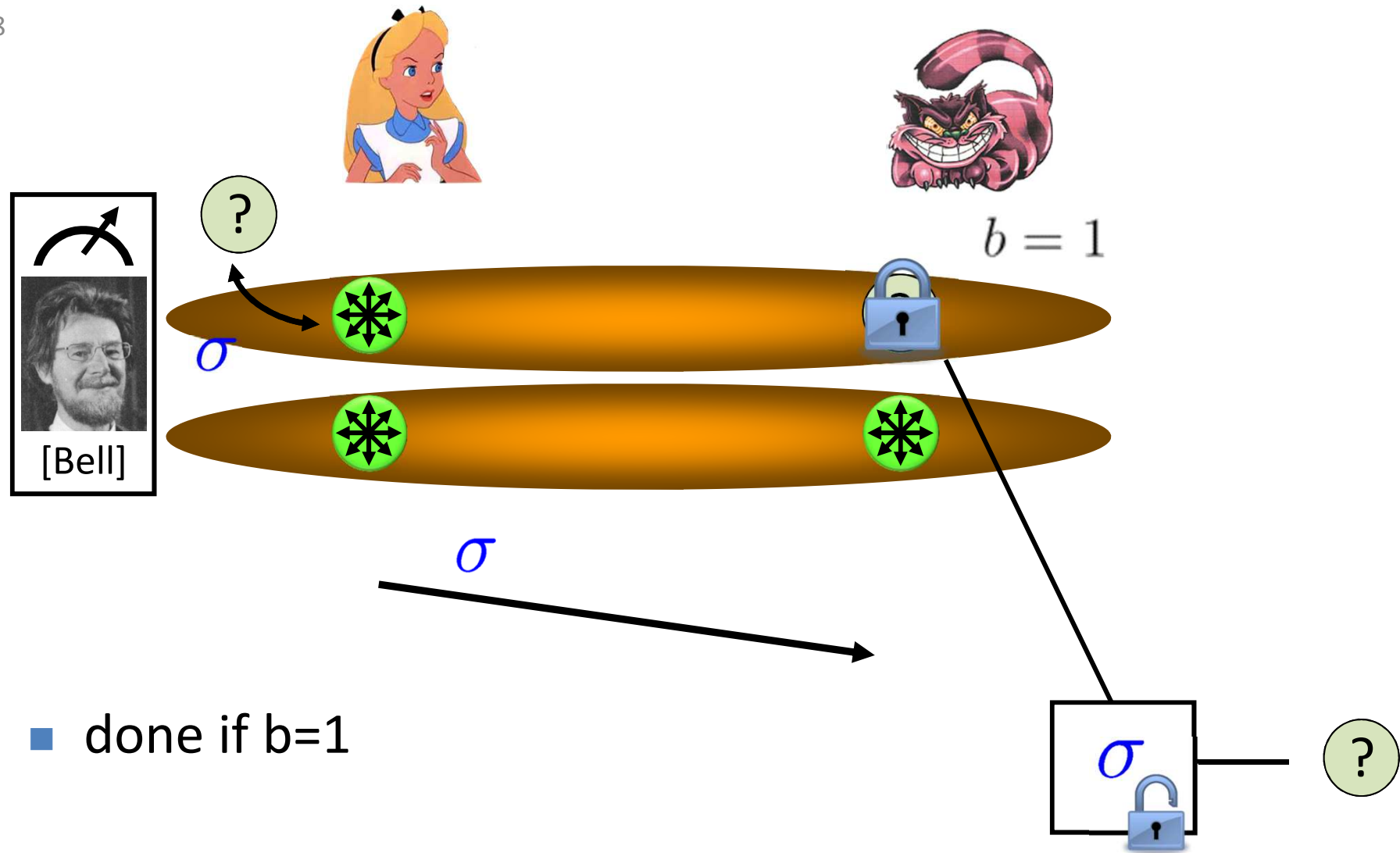


- impossible
- but possible with entanglement!!



Entanglement attack

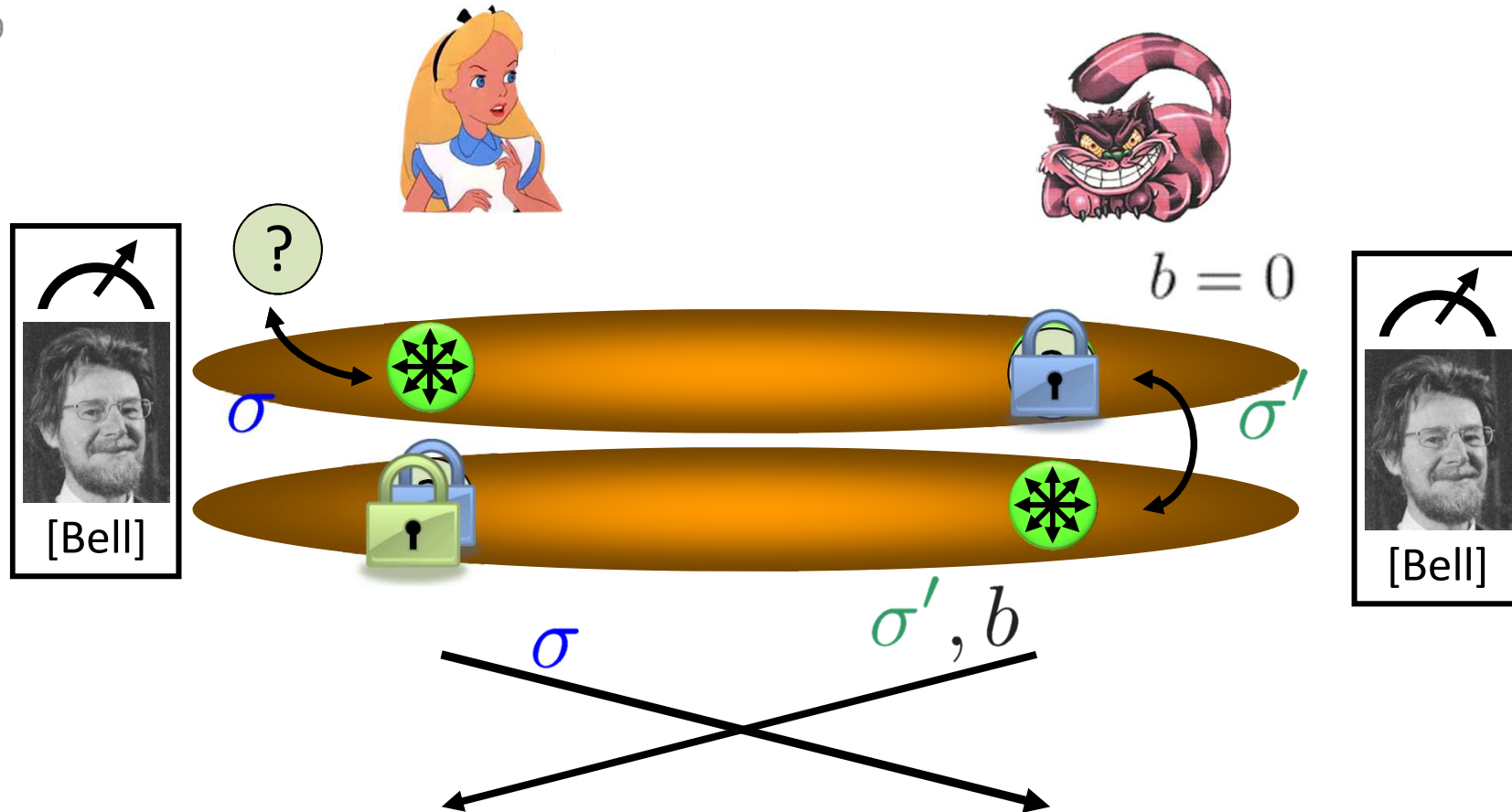
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- done if $b=1$

Entanglement attack

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- the correct person can reconstruct the qubit in time!
- the scheme is completely broken

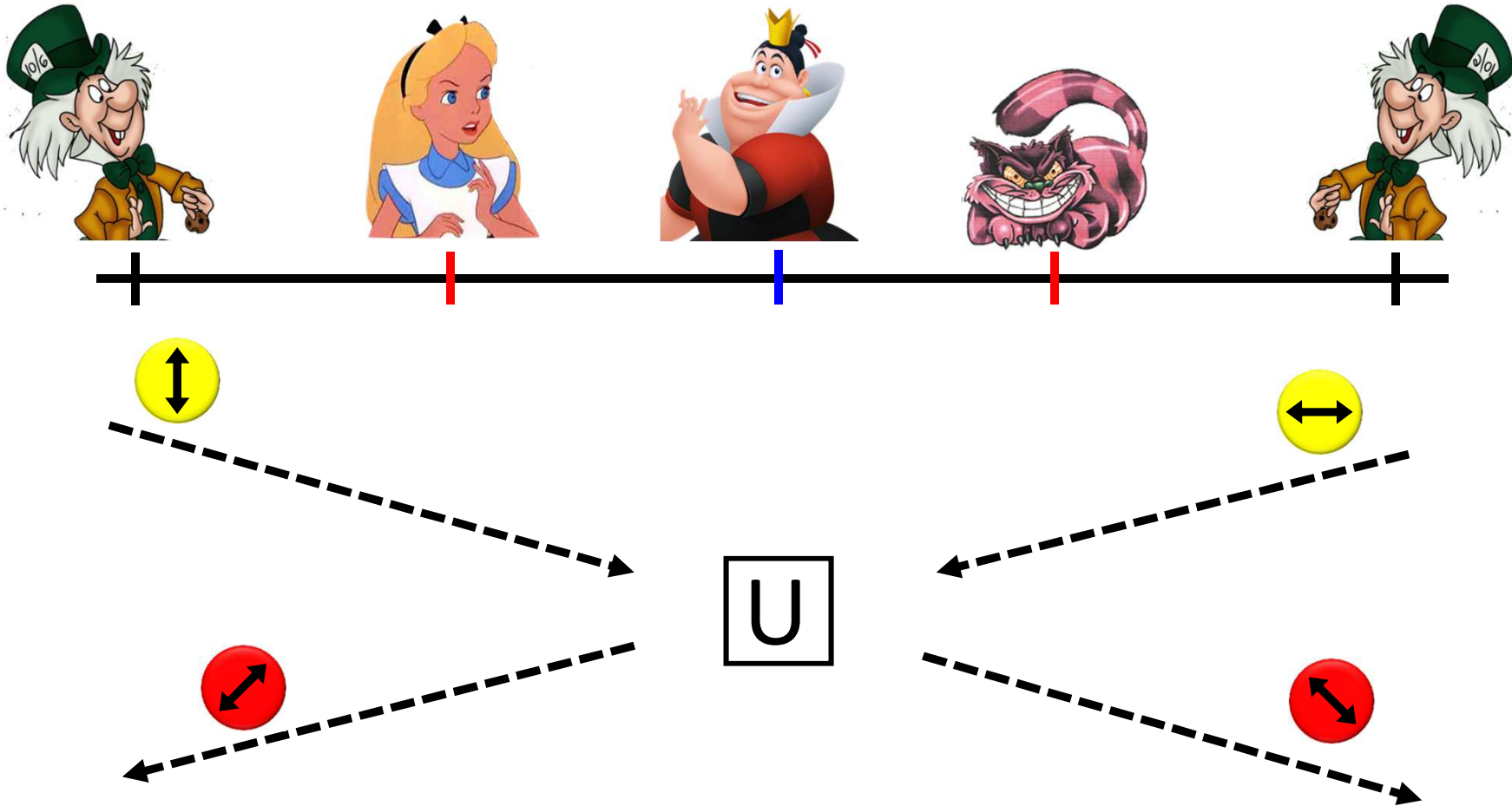
more complicated schemes?

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- Different schemes proposed by
 - Chandran, Fehr, Gelles, Goyal, Ostrovsky [2010]
 - Malaney [2010]
 - Kent, Munro, Spiller [2010]
 - Lau, Lo [2010]
- Unfortunately they can all be broken!
 - general **no-go theorem** [Buhrman, Chandran, Fehr, Gelles, Goyal, Ostrovsky, S 2010]

Most General Single-Round Scheme

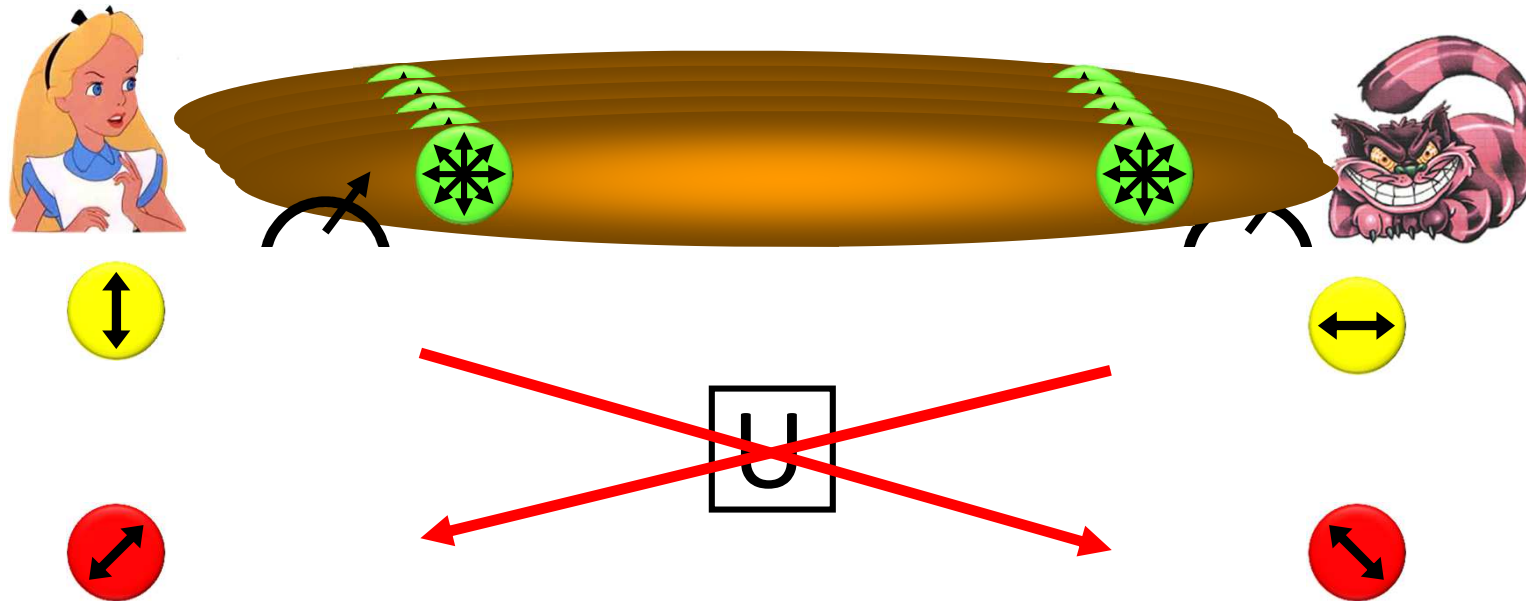
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Distributed Q Computation in 1 Round

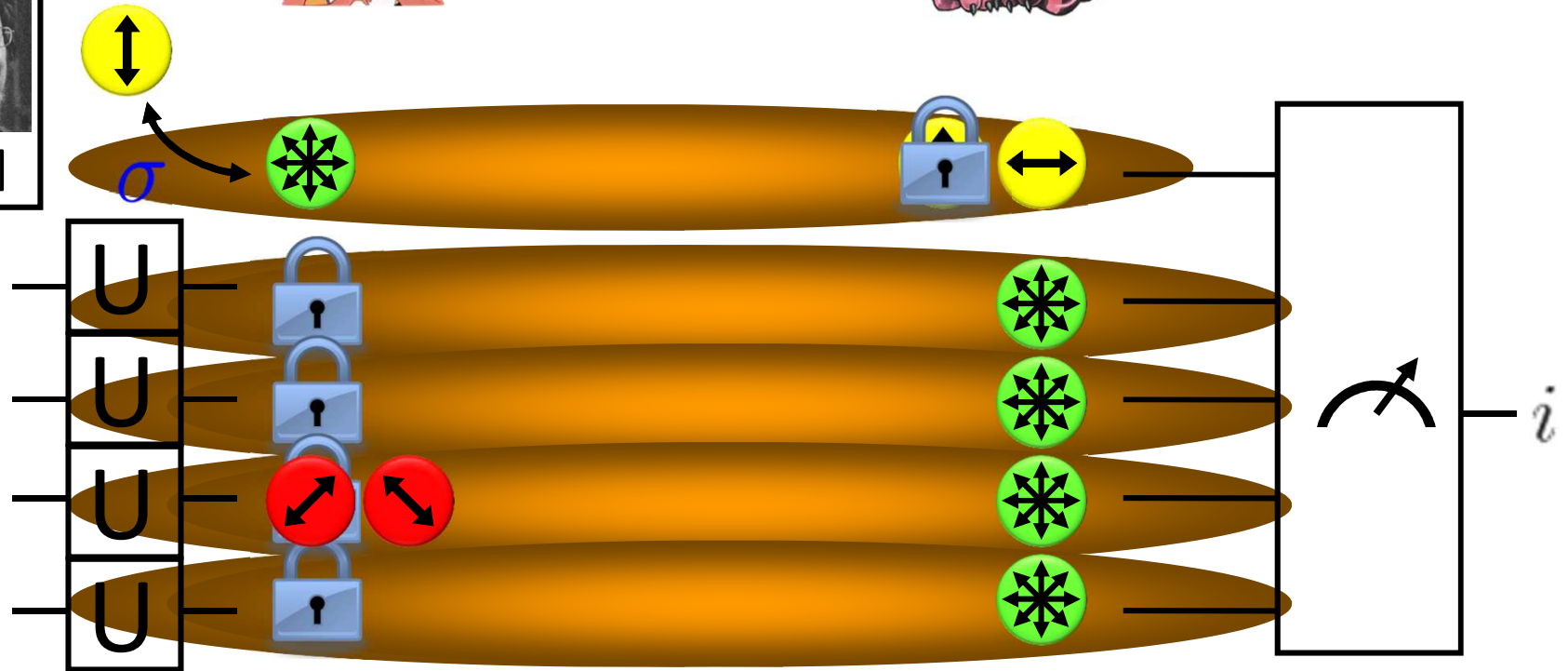
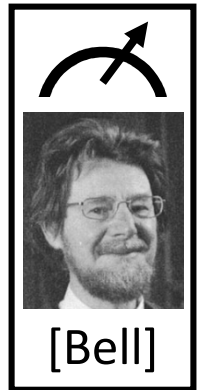
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- tricky **back-and-forth teleportation** [Vaidman 03]
- using a **double exponential amount** of EPR pairs, players succeed with probability arbitrarily close to 1
- improved to exponential in [Beigi König '11]

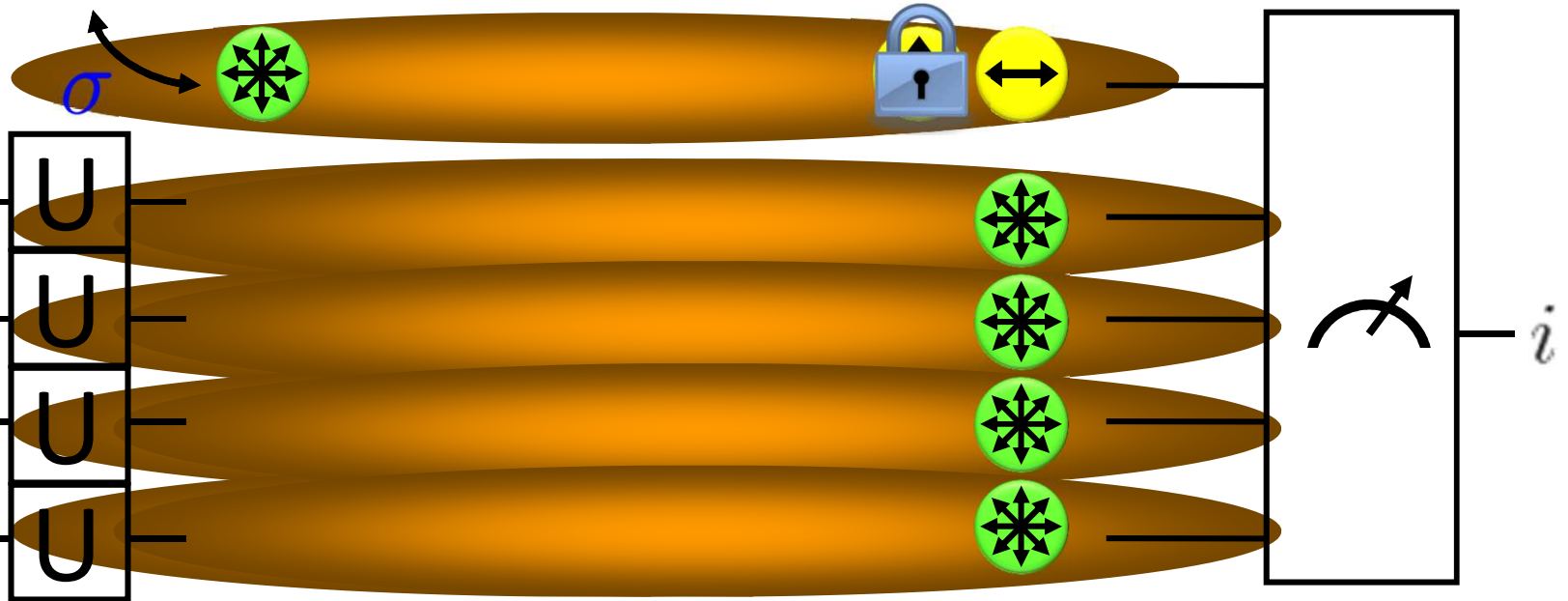
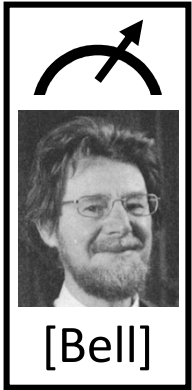
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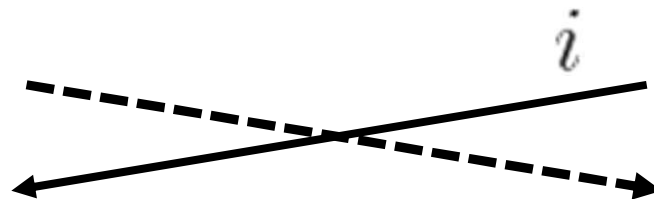


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output:



No-Go Theorem

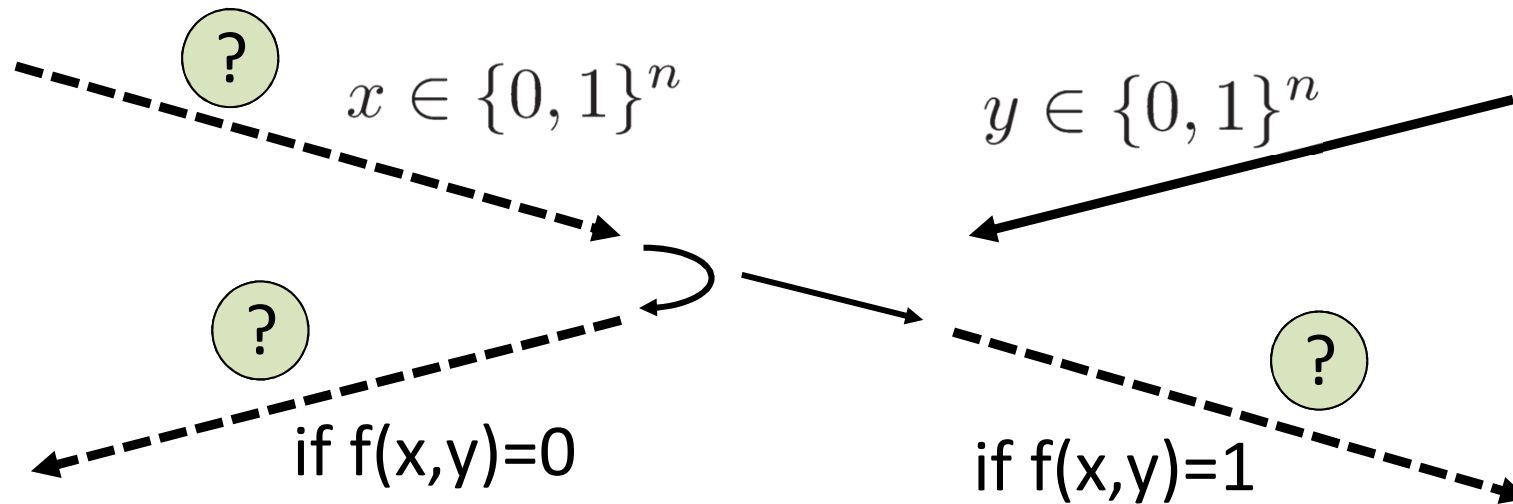
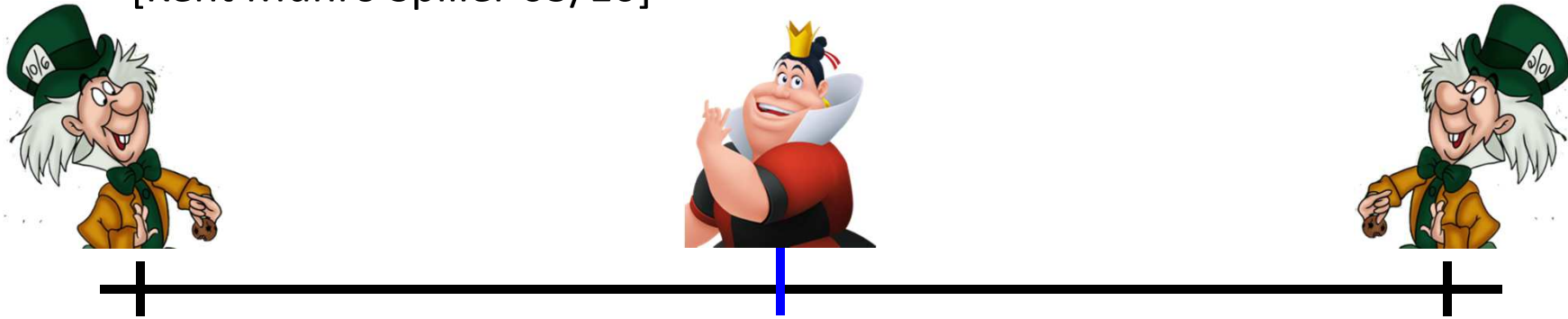
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- Any position-verification protocol **can be broken**
 - using a double-exponential number of EPR-pairs
 - reduced to single-exponential [Beigi, König'11]
- **Question:** is this optimal?
- Does there exist a protocol such that:
 - any **attack** requires many EPR-pairs
 - **honest** prover and verifiers efficient

Single-Qubit Protocol: SQP_f

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[Kent Munro Spiller 03/10]

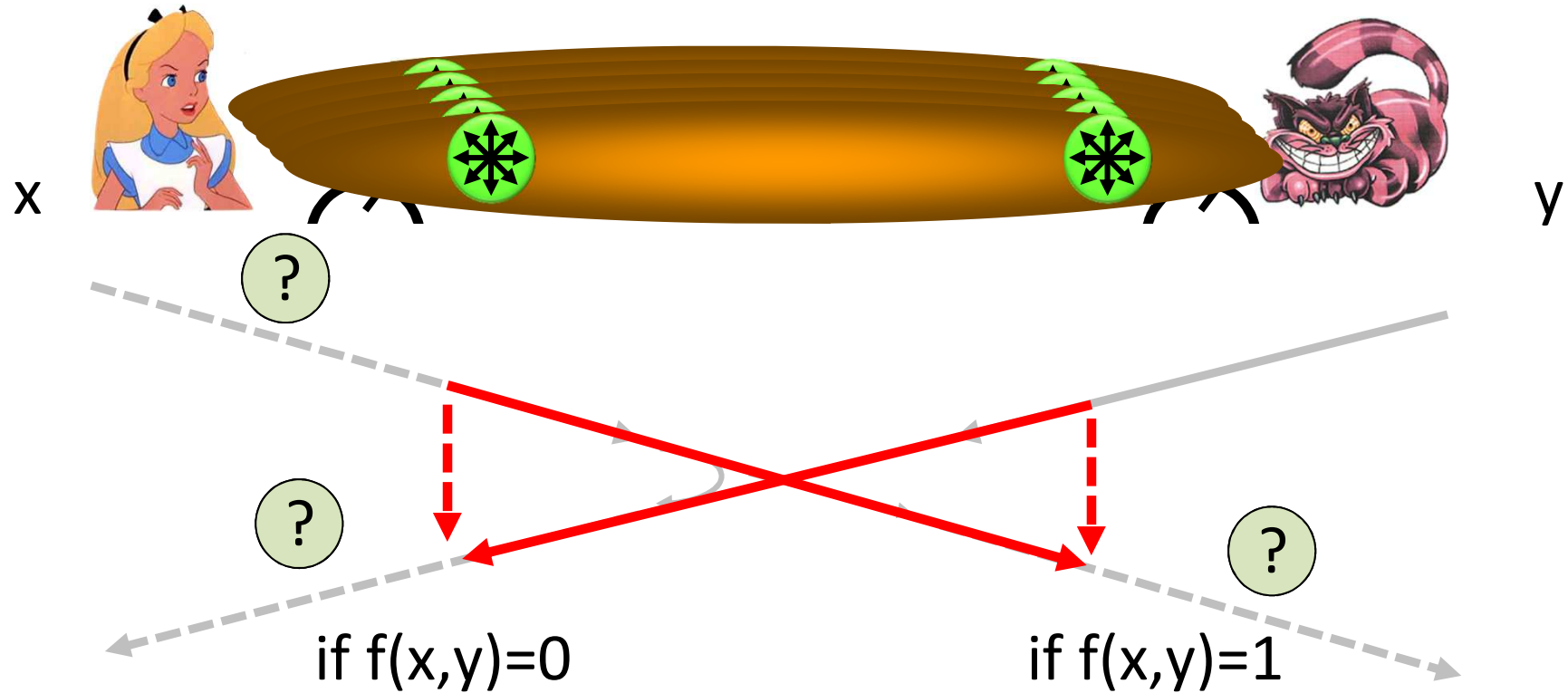


$$f : \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

efficiently computable

Attacking Game for SQP_f

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- Define $E(SQP_f)$:= minimum number of EPR pairs required for attacking SQP_f

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arXiv:1109.2563

Buhrman, Fehr, S, Speelman

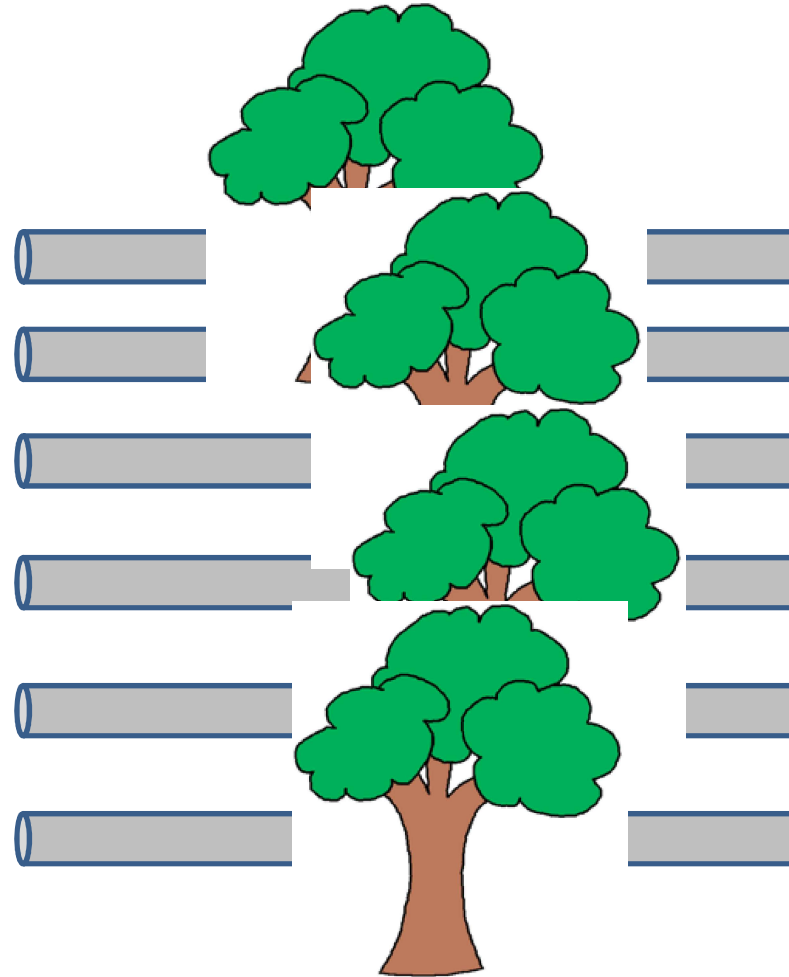
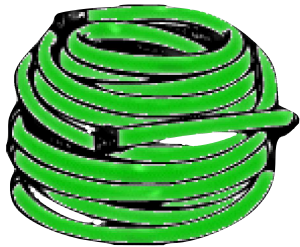
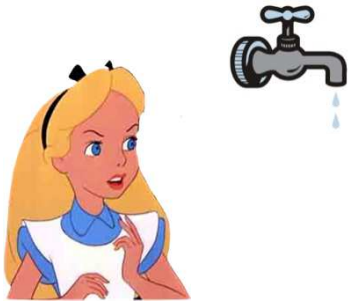
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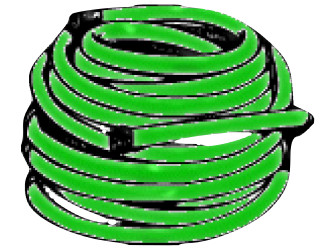
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$$f : \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$$x \in \{0, 1\}^n$$



$$y \in \{0, 1\}^n$$



share s waterpipes

The Garden-Hose Model

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$x \in \{0, 1\}^n$

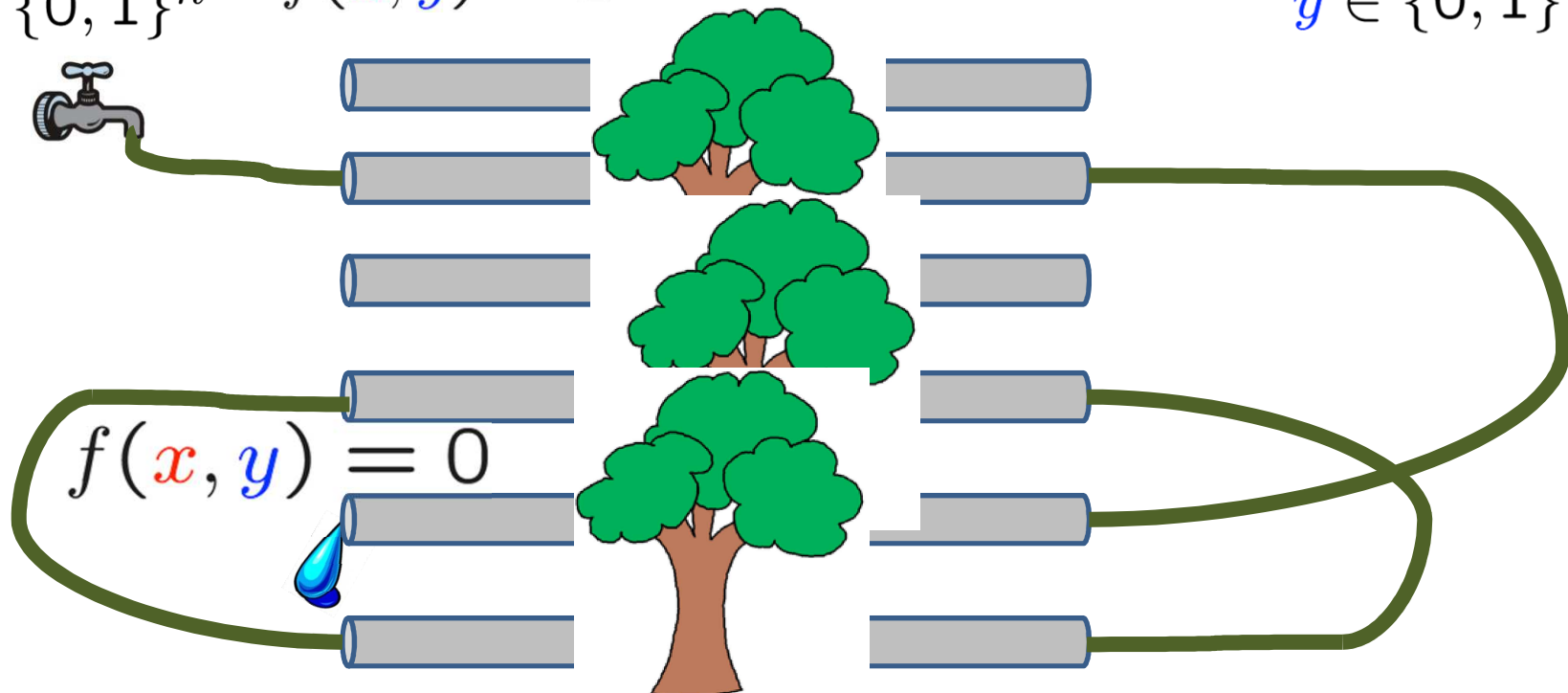
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$f(x, y) = 0$ if water exits @ Alice

$f(x, y) = 1$ if water exits @ Bob



$y \in \{0, 1\}^n$



- based on their inputs, players connect pipes with pieces of hose
- Alice also connects a water tap

The Garden-Hose Model

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$x \in \{0, 1\}^n$

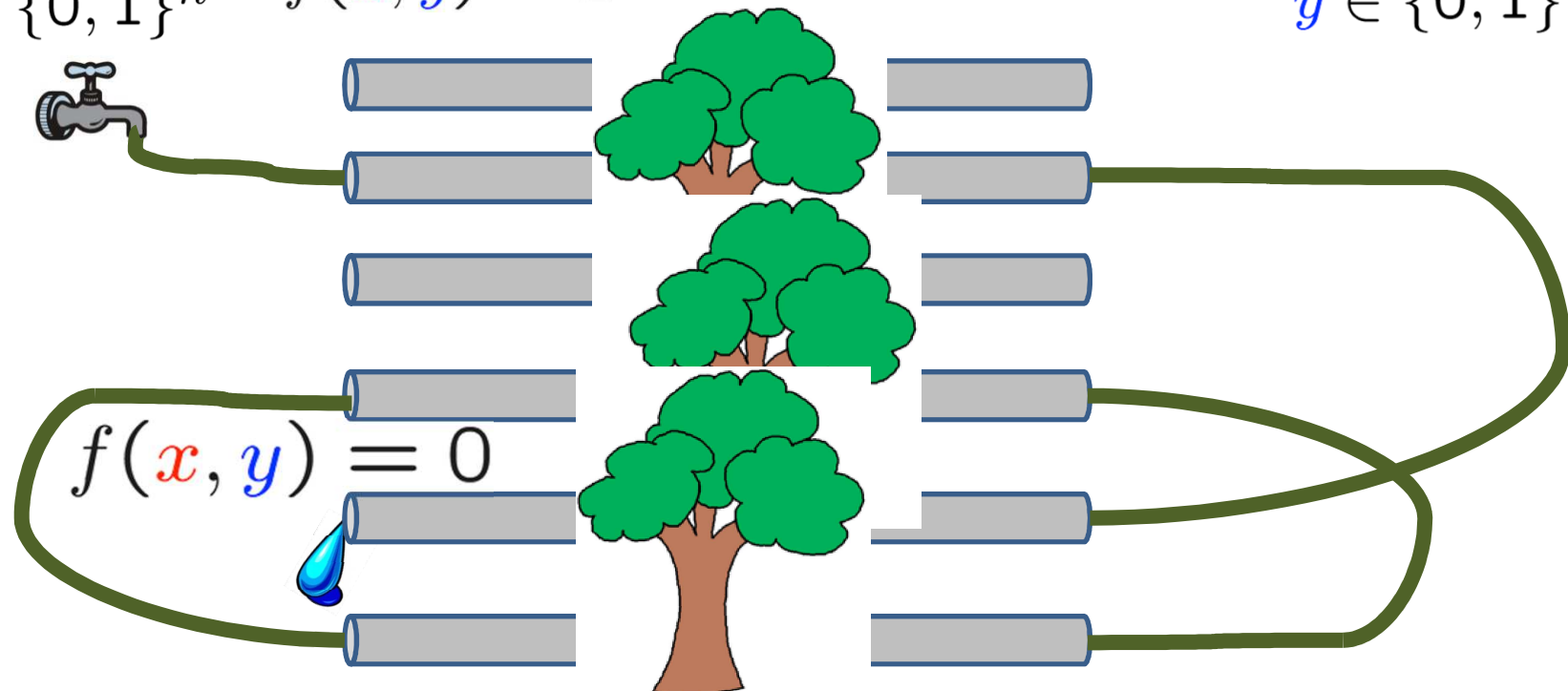
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Garden-Hose complexity of f :

$\text{GH}(f) :=$ minimum number of pipes needed to compute f

Demonstration: Inequality on Two Bits

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$$\begin{aligned}x &= x_1x_2 \\ &= 00\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= y_1y_2 \\ &= 10\end{aligned}$$



$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 1$$

$$y_1 = 0$$

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$$x_2 = 0$$

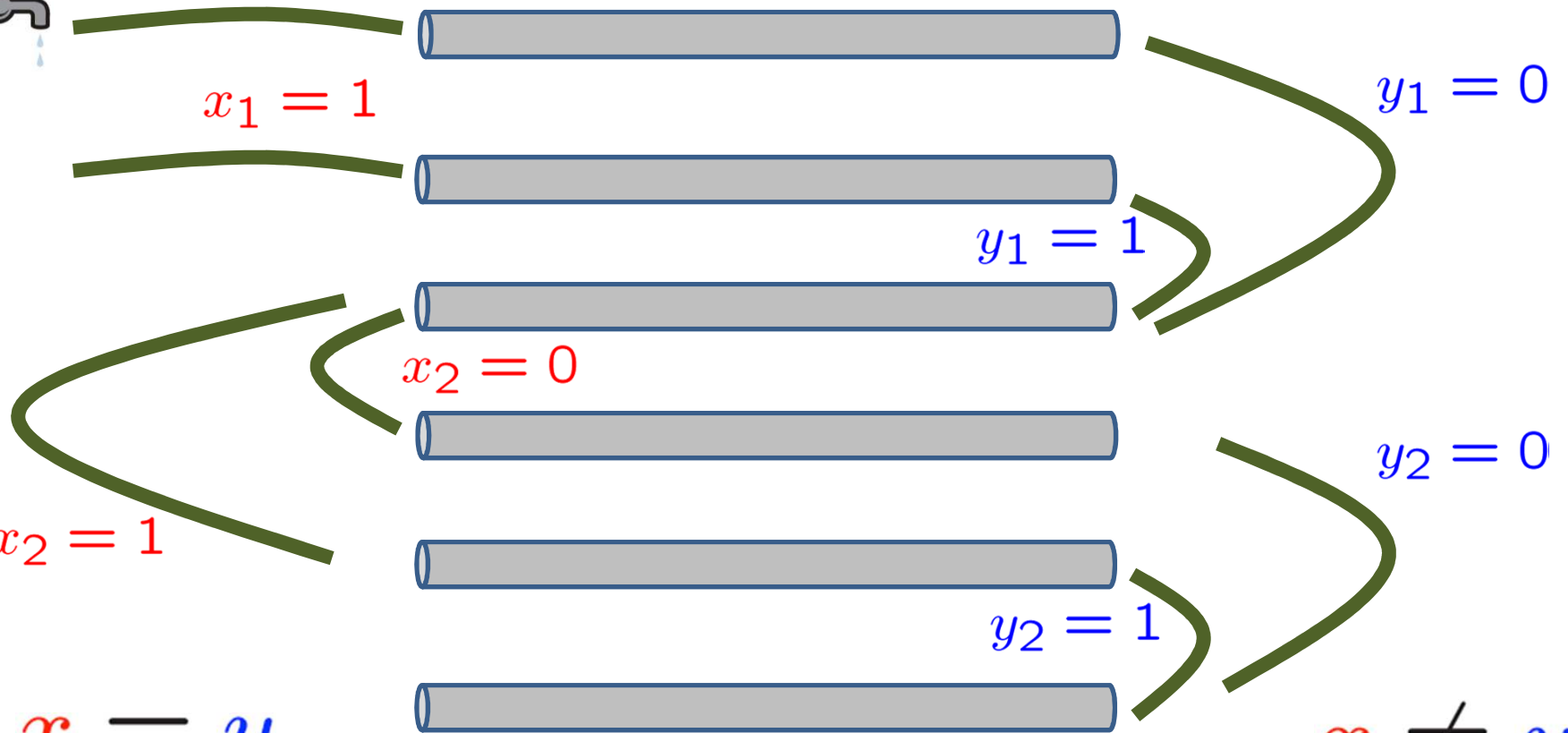
$$x_2 = 1$$

$$y_2 = 0$$

$$y_2 = 1$$

$$x = y$$

$$x \neq y$$



n-Bit Inequality Puzzle

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- GH(Inequality) ·
 - demonstration: $3n$
 - nice good-night puzzle: $2n + 1$
 - [Margalit Matsliah '12]: $\sim 1.547n$ (using IBM's SAT solver)



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- $\sim 1.536n$, $\sim 1.505n$, $\sim 1.457n$ [Dodson '12], $\sim 1.448n$
- GH(Inequality) , n [Pietrzak '11]

Inequality with 4 Pipes and 6 Inputs

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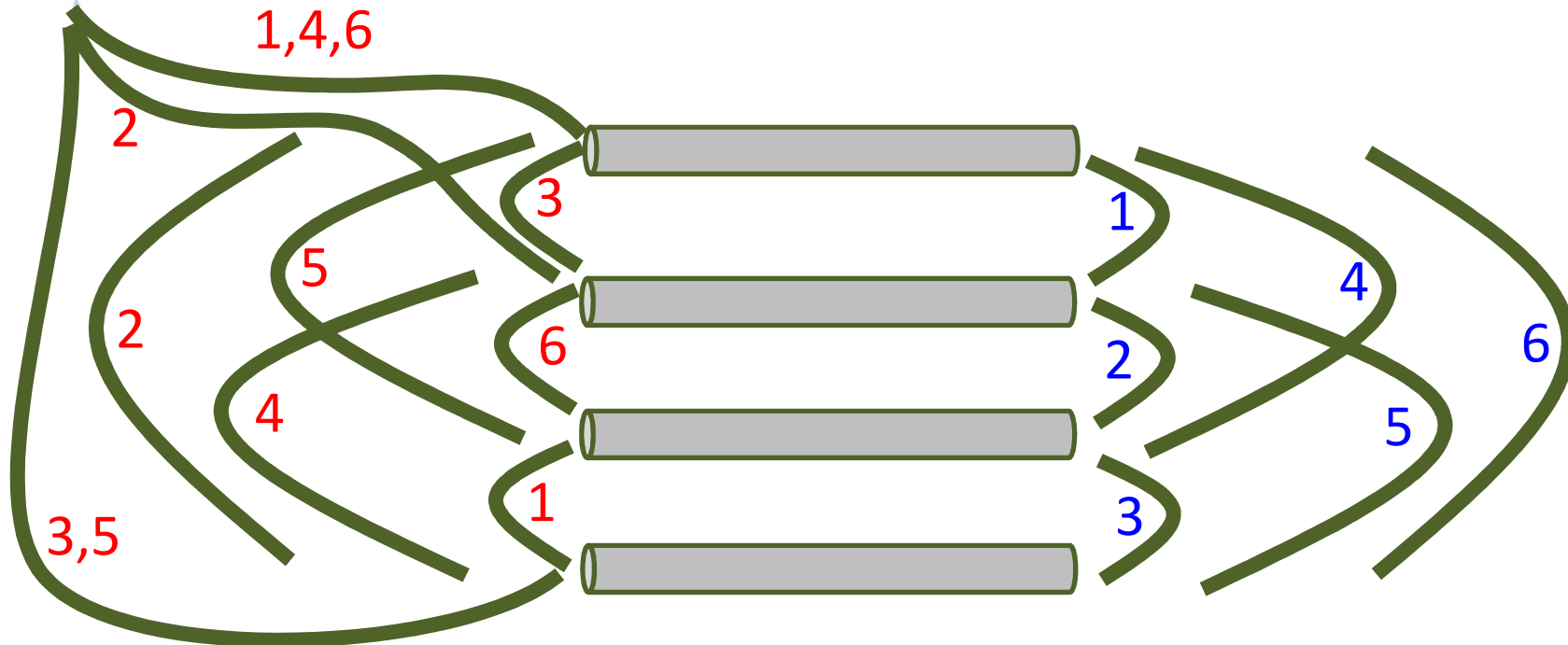


$$x \in \{1, \dots, 6\}$$

$$y \in \{1, \dots, 6\}$$



- Alice knows where water exits if $x=y$
- yields $4 / \log(6) \approx 1.547$ pipes per bit



$$x = y$$

$$x \neq y$$



Any f has $\text{GH}(f) \cdot 2^{n+1}$

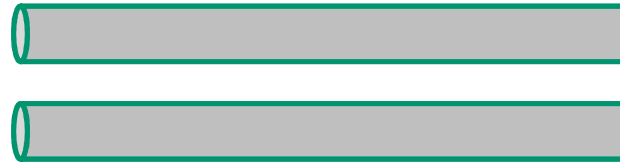
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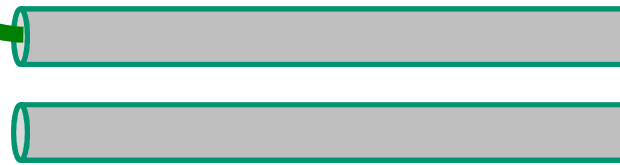
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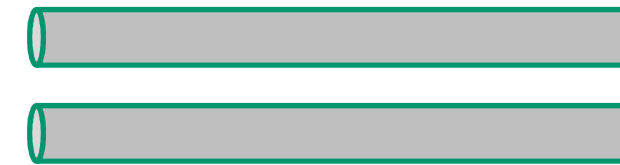
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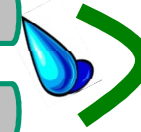
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connects iff
 $f(00 \dots 0, y) = 0$



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$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$

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2^{n+1} pipes

$f(x, y) = 1$



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$\overbrace{}^n$
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Relationship between
 $E(\text{SQP}_f)$ and $\text{GH}(f)$

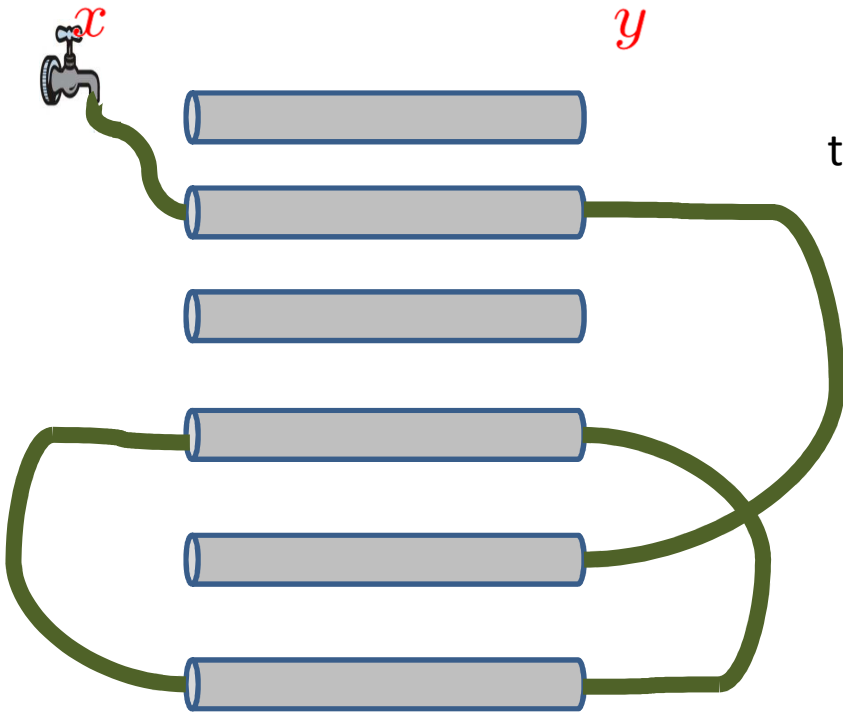
$\text{GH}(f)$ vs $\text{E}(\text{SQP}_f)$



Garden-Hose



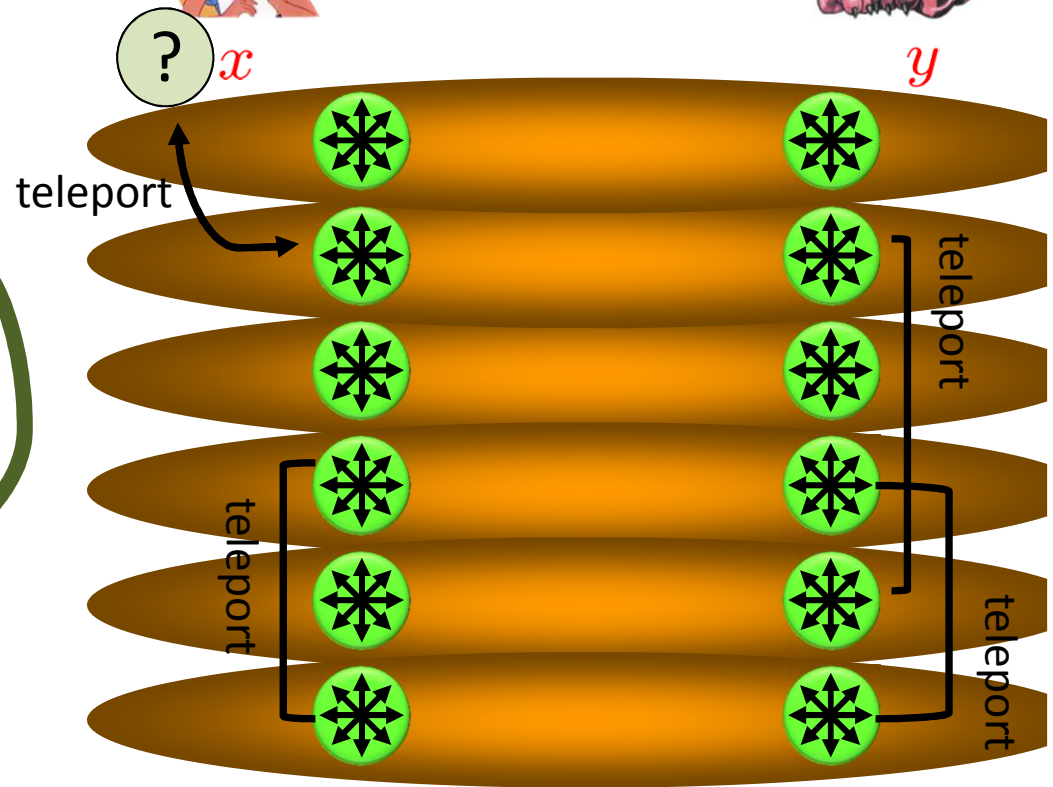
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Attacking Game



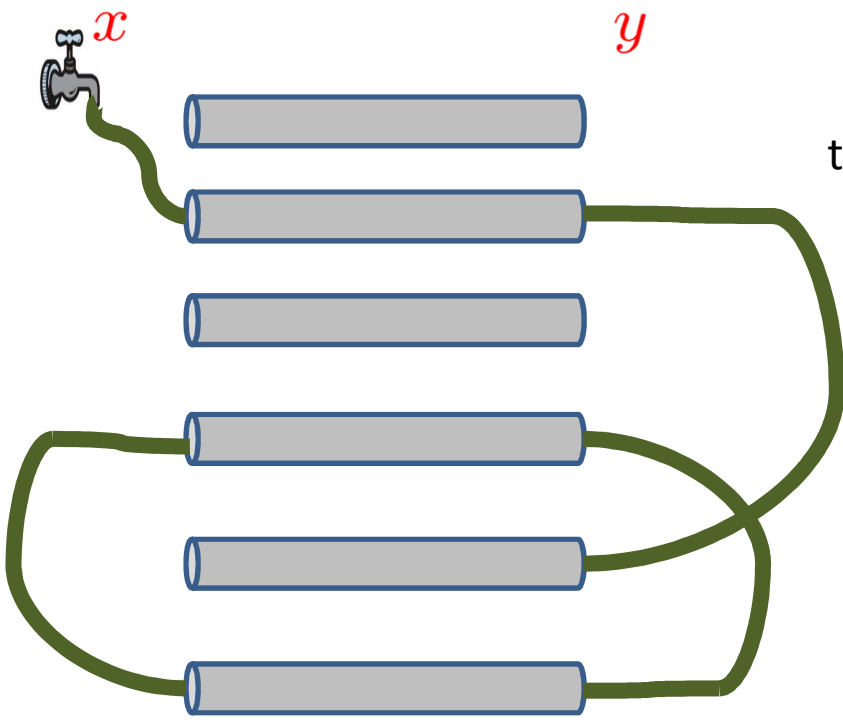
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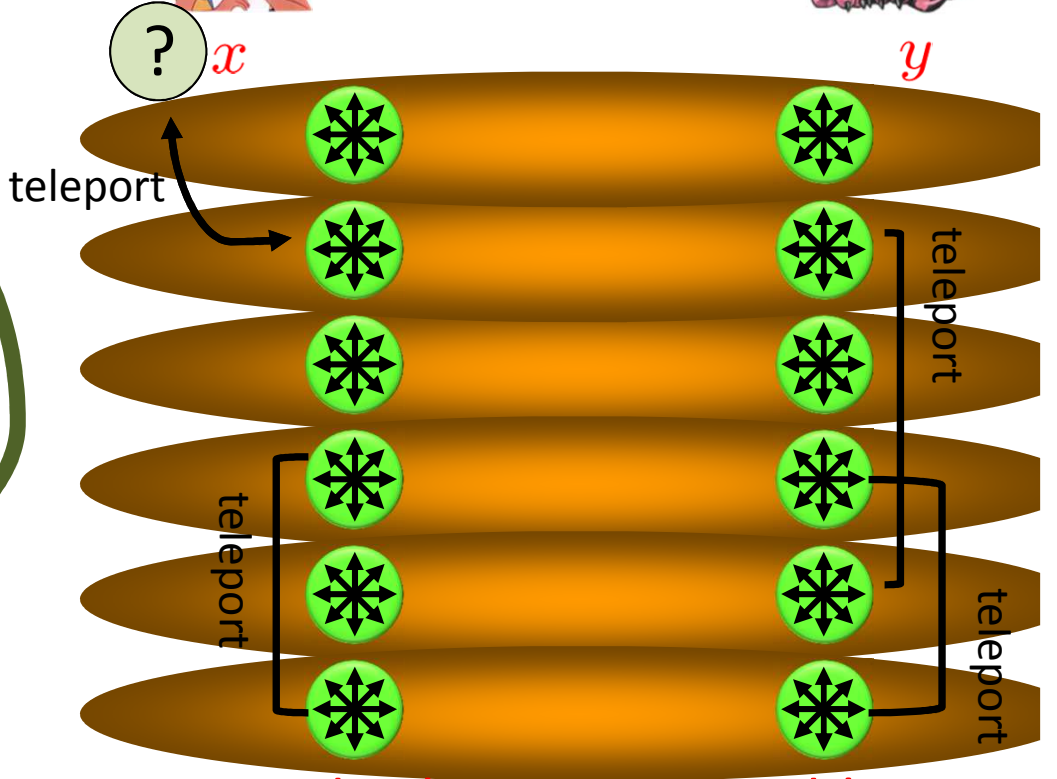
GH(f) _s E(SQP_f)



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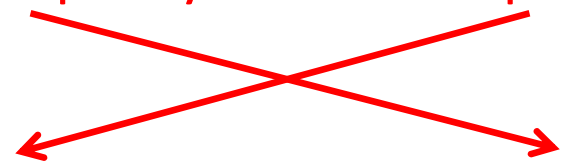


Attacking Game



- using x & y , can follow the water/qubit
- correct water/qubit using all measurement outcomes

x , Alice's telep. keys y , Bob's telep. keys



$$\text{GH}(f) = E(\text{SQP}_f) ?$$

- last slide: $\text{GH}(f)$, $E(\text{SQP}_f)$
- The two models are **not equivalent**:
 - exists f such that $\text{GH}(f) = n$, but $E(\text{SQP}_f) \cdot \log(n)$
- **Quantum** garden-hose model:
 - give Alice & Bob also entanglement
 - research question: are the models now equivalent?

Garden-Hose Complexity Theory

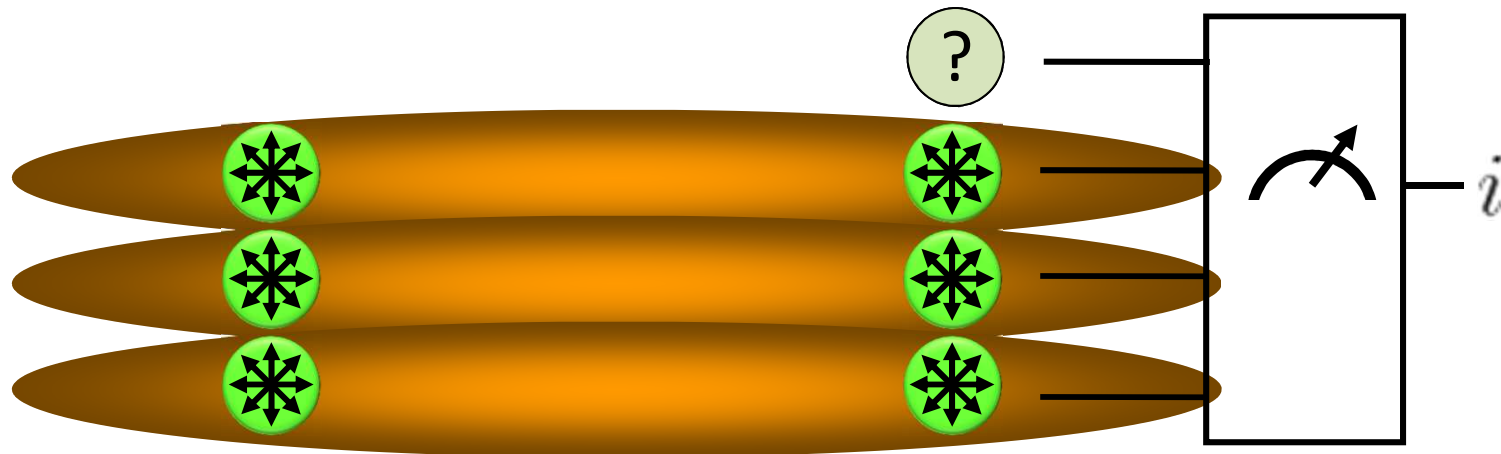
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- every f has $\text{GH}(f) \cdot 2^{n+1}$
- if f in logspace, then $\text{GH}(f) \cdot \text{polynomial}$
 - efficient f & no efficient attack) $P \neq L$
- exist f with $\text{GH}(f)$ **exponential** (counting argument)
- for $g \in \{\text{equality, IP, majority}\}$: $\text{GH}(g) \leq n \log(n)$
 - techniques from communication complexity

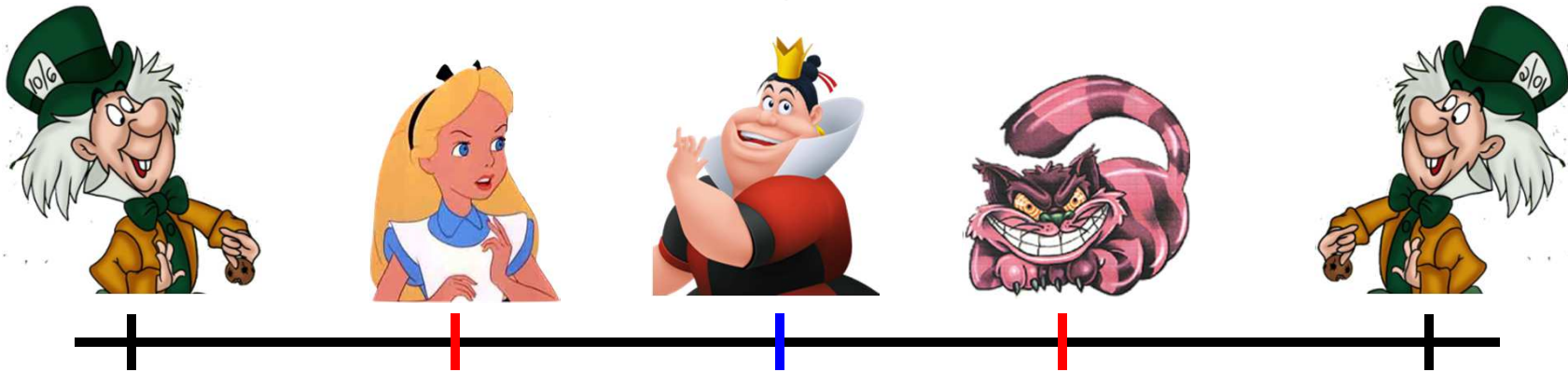
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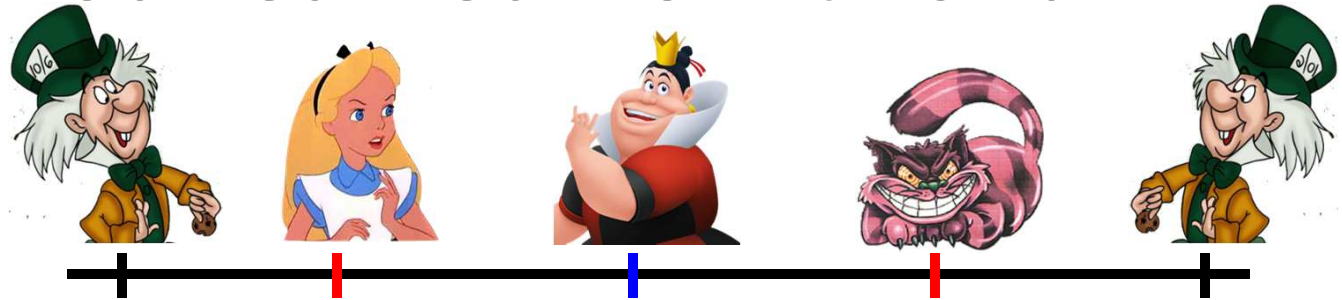


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✓ No-Go Theorem

- Impossible unconditionally, but attack requires unrealistic amounts of resources

✓ Garden-Hose Model

- Restricted class of single-qubit schemes: SQP_f
- Easily implementable
- **Garden-hose model** to study attacks
- Connections to **complexity theory**



Open Problems

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- Is **Quantum-GH(f)** equivalent to **$E(SQP_f)$** ?
- Find good lower bounds on **$E(SQP_f)$**
- Does $P \neq L/poly$ imply f in P with **$GH(f) > poly$** ?
- Are there other position-verification schemes?
- **Parallel repetition**, link with Semi-Definite Programming (SDP) and non-locality.
- **Implementation**: handle noise & limited precision
- Can we achieve other position-based primitives?