Quantum Cryptography

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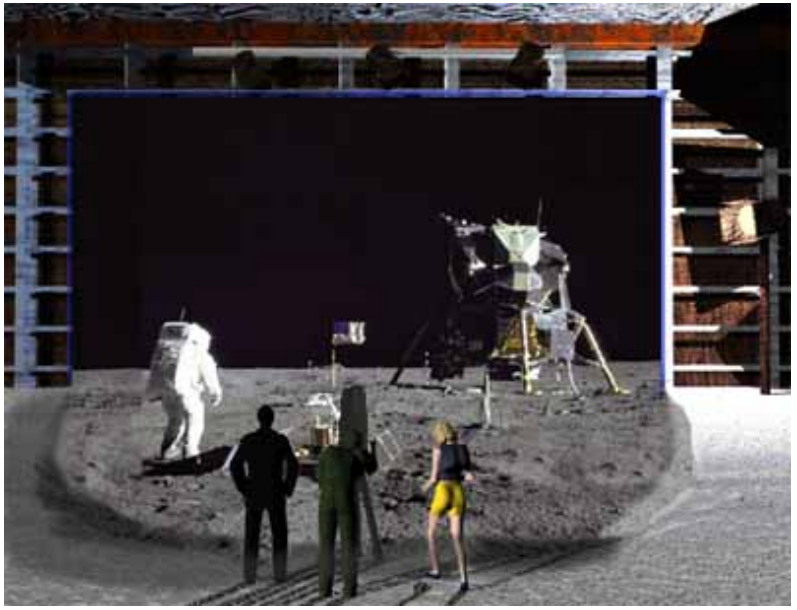
1969: Man on the Moon

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

- How can you prove that you are at a specific location?

Talk Outline

- Quantum Notation
- Quantum Key Distribution
- Position-Based Cryptography



(Photonic) Quantum Mechanics

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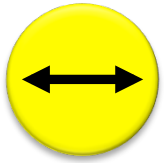

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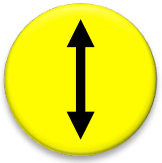

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$\times$ basis

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Measurements:

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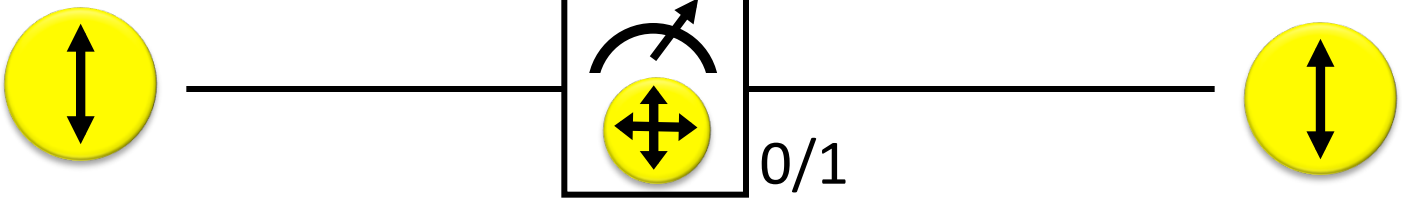

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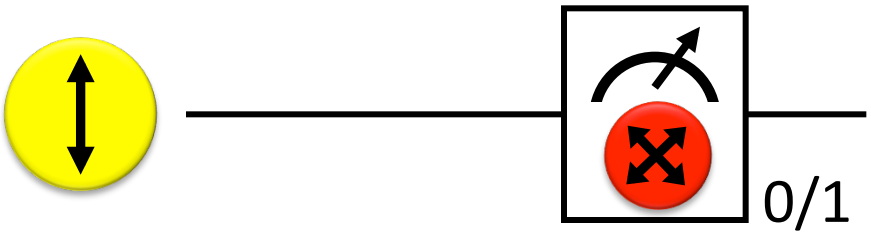

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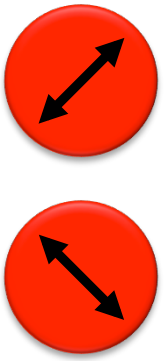
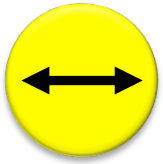
with prob. ½ yields 0

with prob. ½ yields 1



No-Cloning Theorem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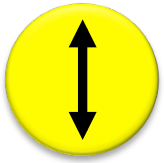
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Quantum operations: U


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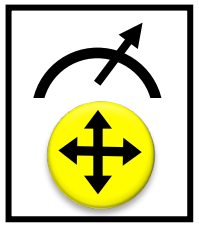
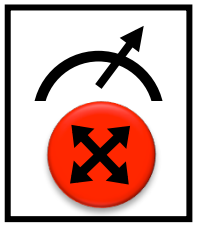
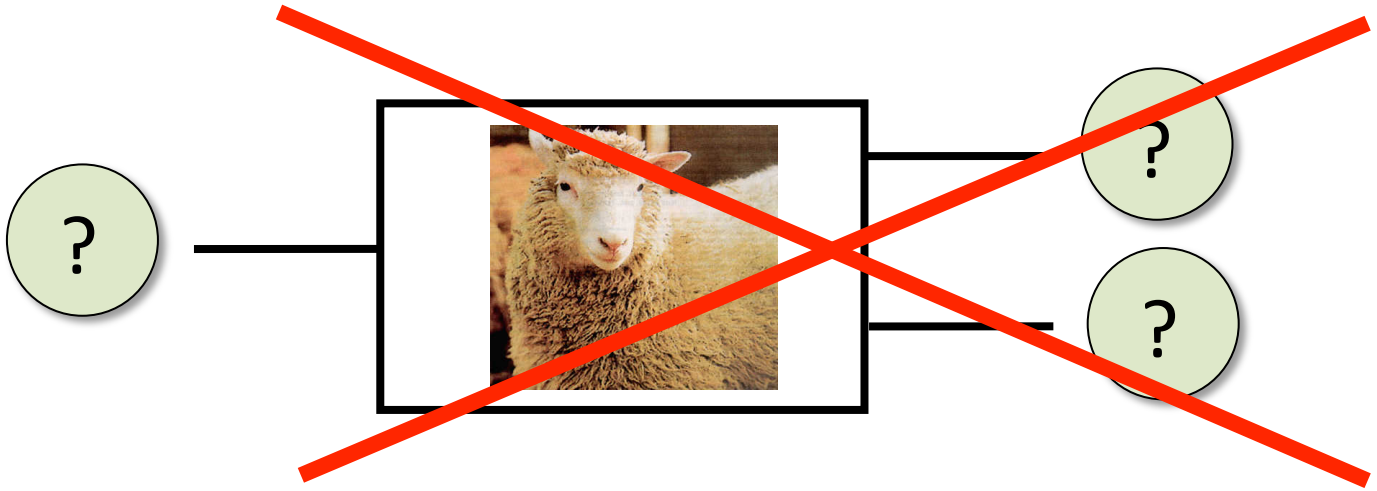



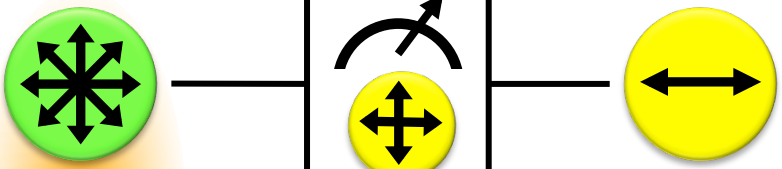


Proof: copying is a non-linear operation

EPR Pairs

[Einstein Podolsky Rosen 1935]

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$



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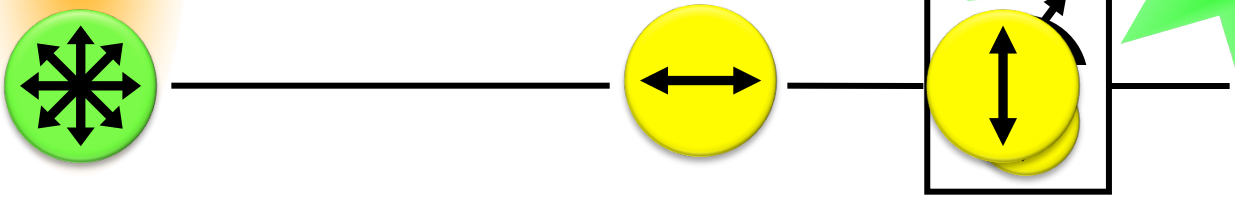
prob. ½ : 1

EPR magic!

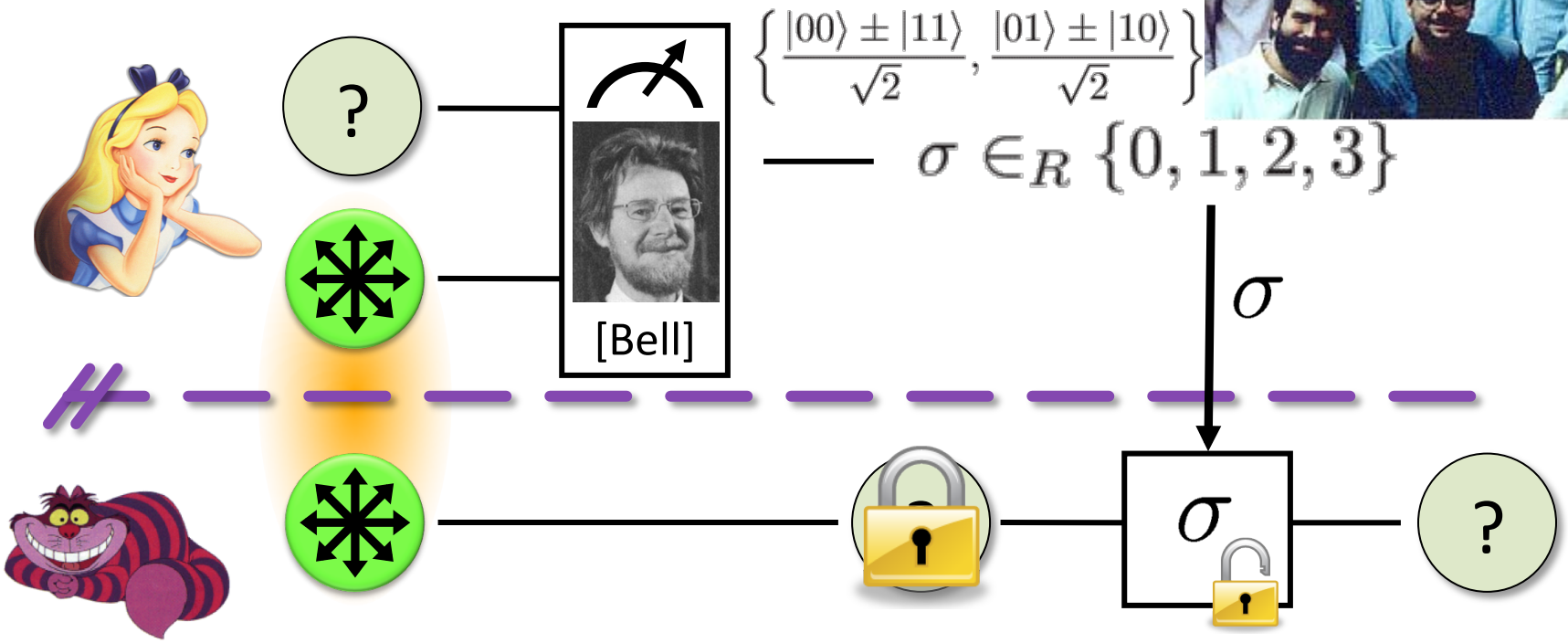


prob. 1 : 0

- "spukhafte Fernwirkung" (spooky action at a distance)
- EPR pairs do not allow to communicate (no contradiction to relativity theory)
- can provide a shared random bit

Quantum Teleportation

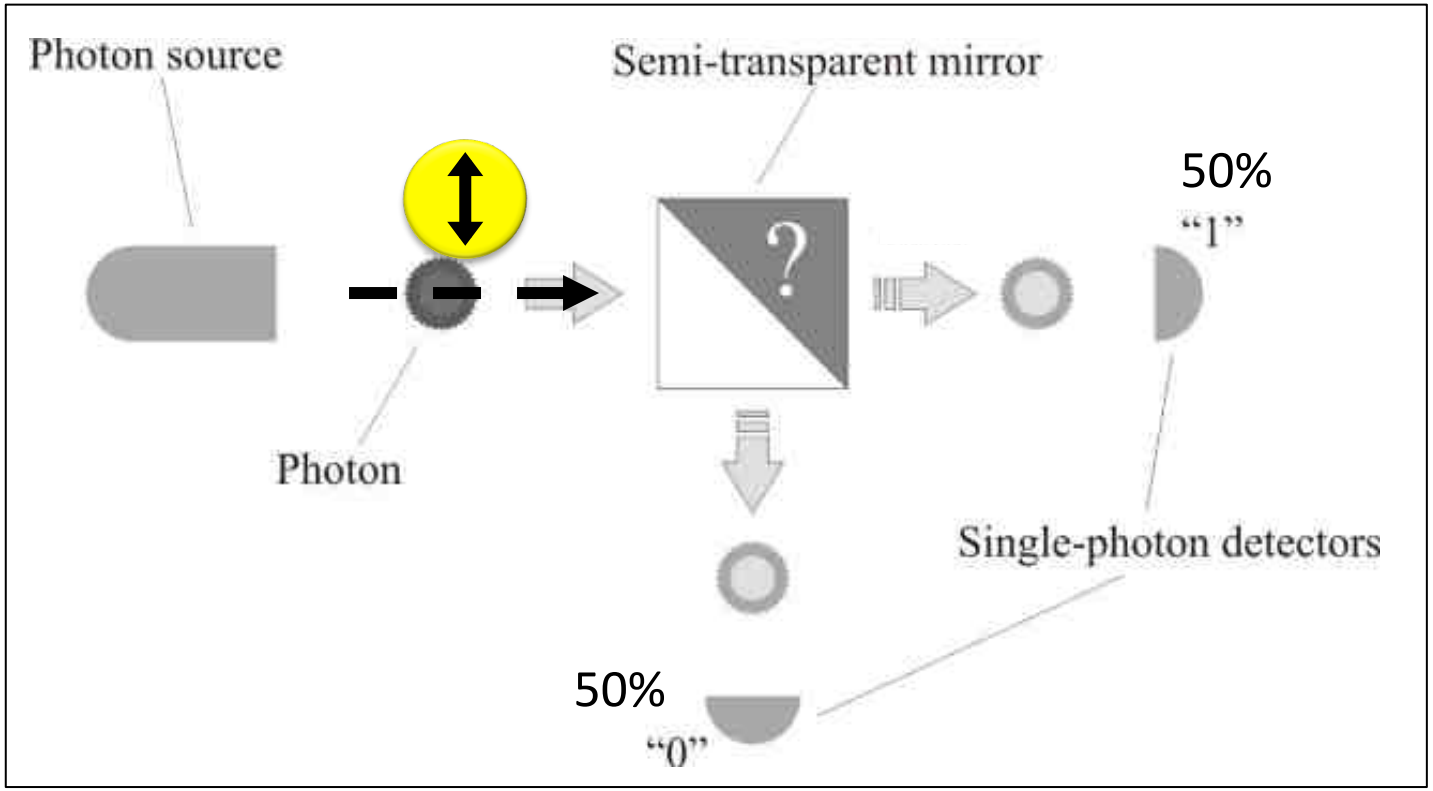
[Bennett Brassard Crépeau Jozsa Peres Wootters 1993]



- quantum one-time pad encryption (applying a random Pauli operation)
- does not contradict relativity theory
- Bob can only recover the teleported qubit after receiving the classical information σ

Demonstration of Quantum Technology

- generation of random numbers



(diagram from idQuantique white paper)

- no quantum computation, only quantum communication required

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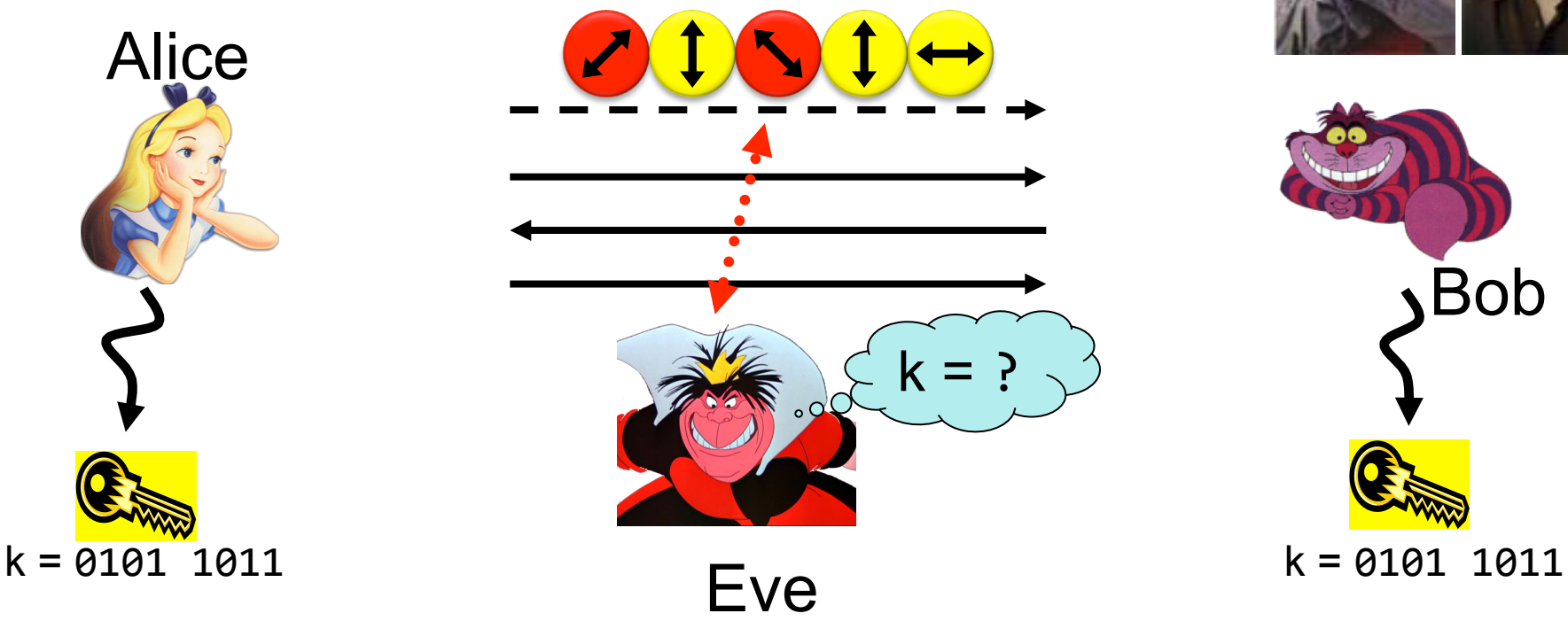
Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)

[Bennett Brassard 84]

- Offers an quantum solution to the key-exchange problem which does not rely on computational assumptions (such as factoring, discrete logarithms, etc.)
- Puts the players into the starting position to use symmetric-key cryptography (encryption, authentication etc.).

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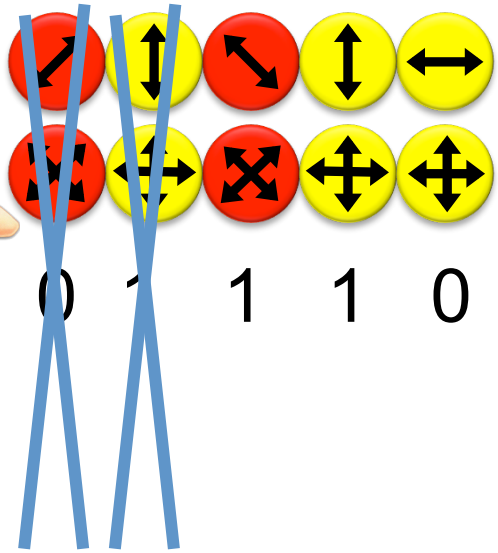

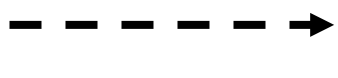

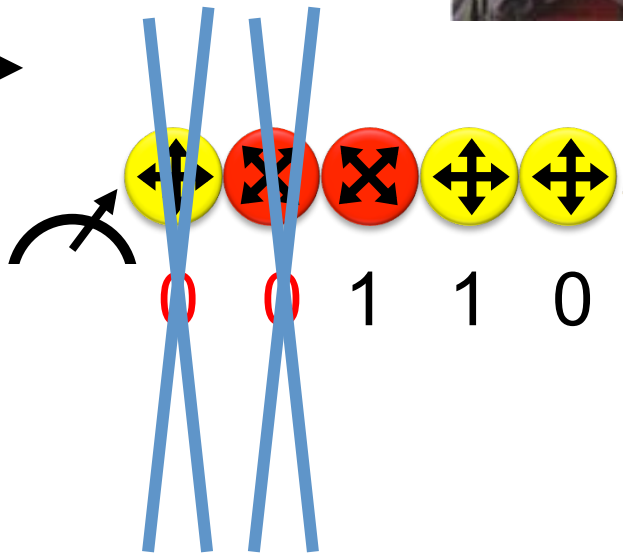

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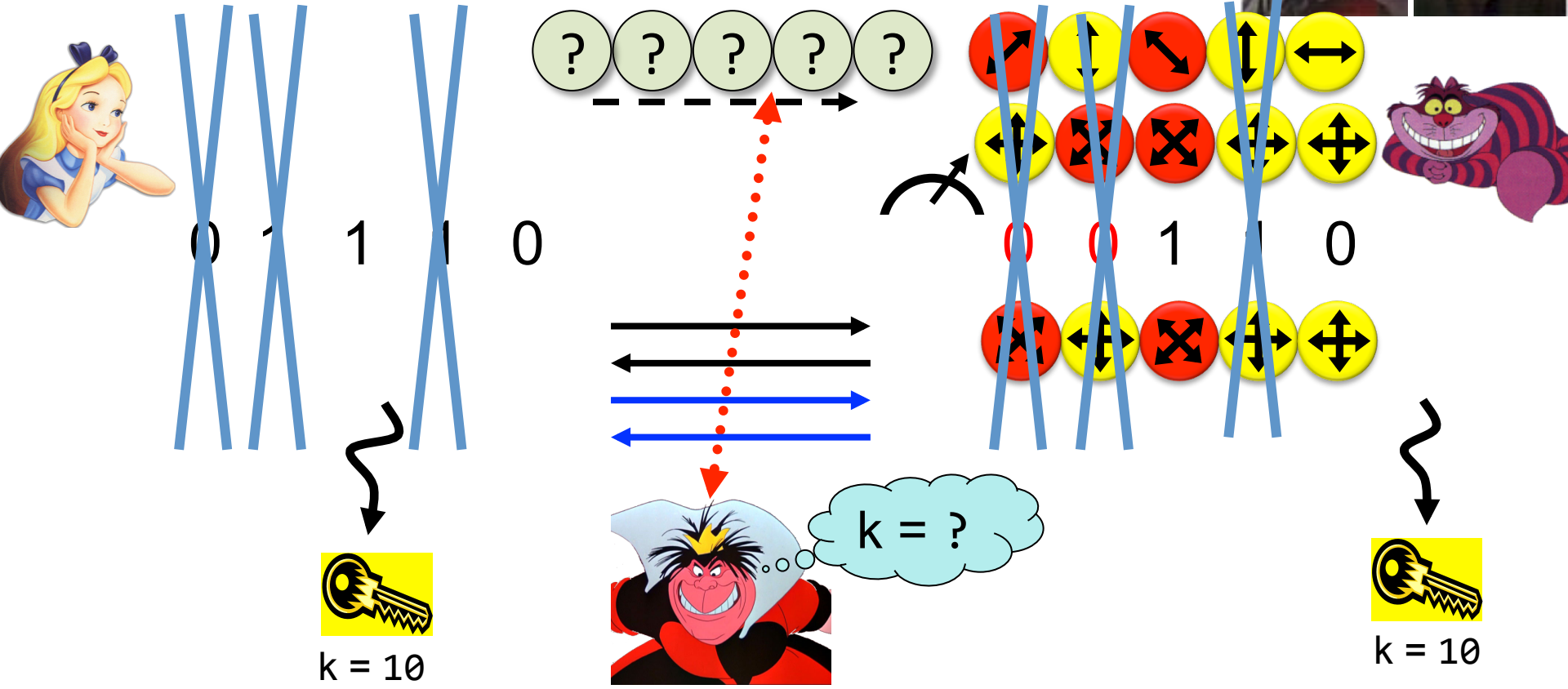
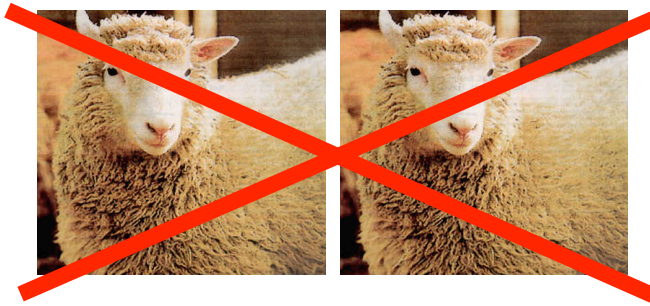


- Quantum states are unknown to Eve, she cannot copy them.
- Honest players can test whether Eve interfered.



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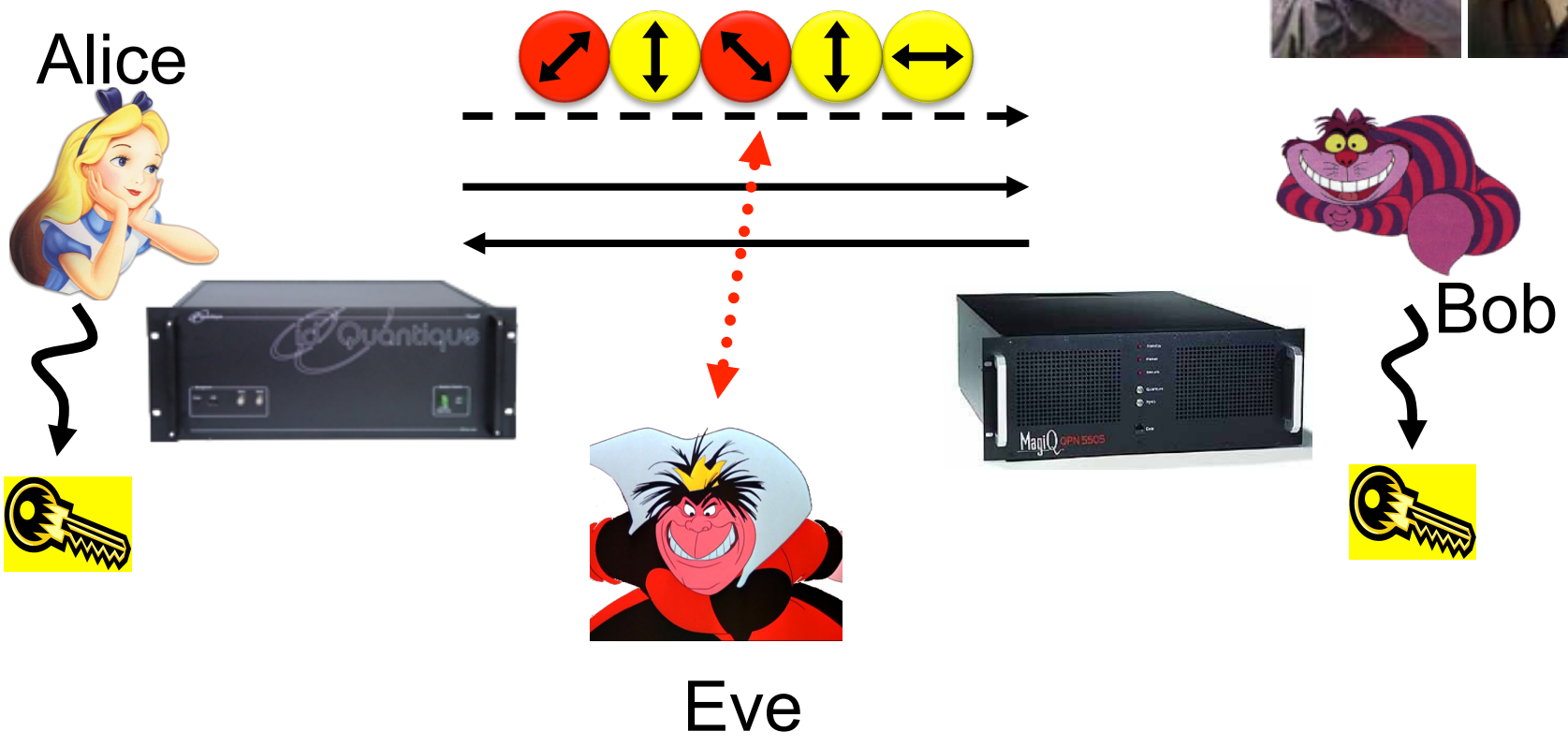

- technically feasible: no quantum computer required, only quantum communication

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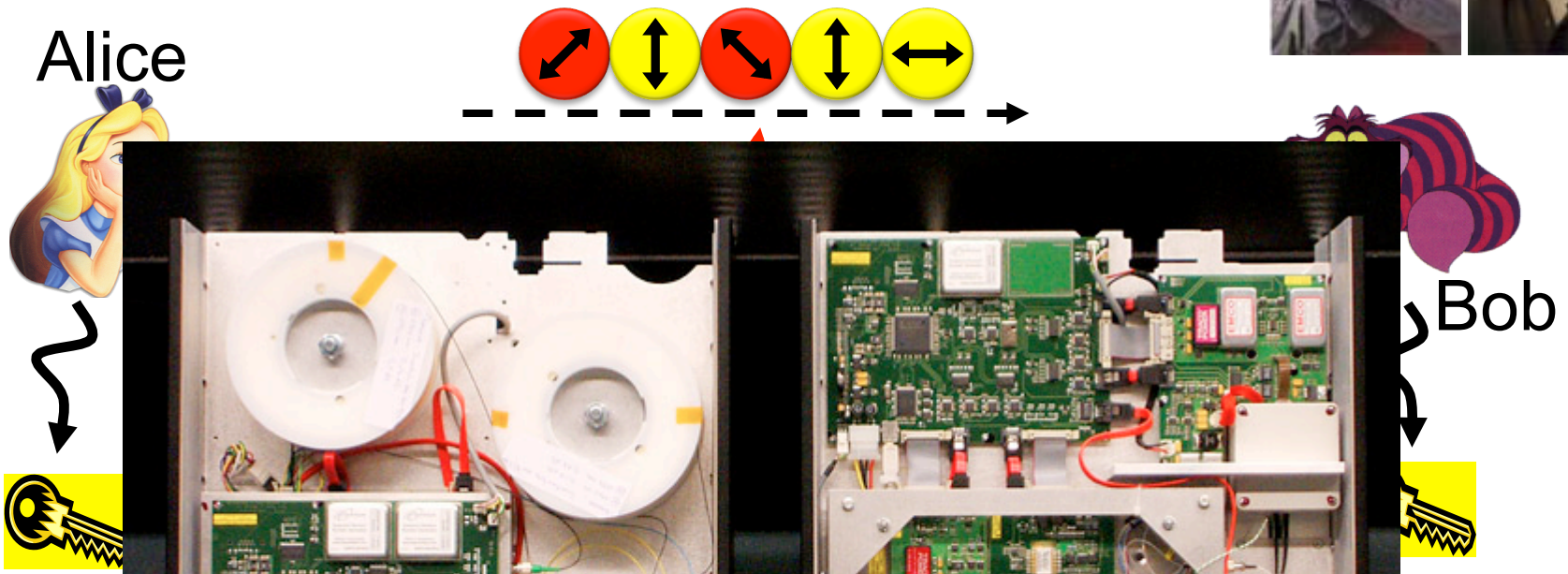

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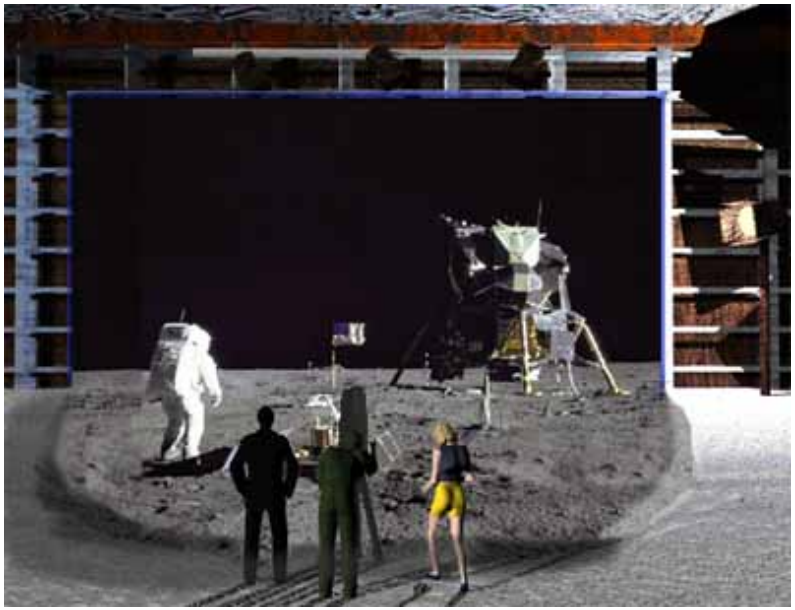
What will you Learn from this Talk?

- ✓ Introduction to Quantum Mechanics
- ✓ Quantum Key Distribution
- Position-Based Cryptography



Position-Based Cryptography

- Typically, cryptographic players use credentials such as
  - secret information (e.g. password or secret key)
  - authenticated information
  - biometric features

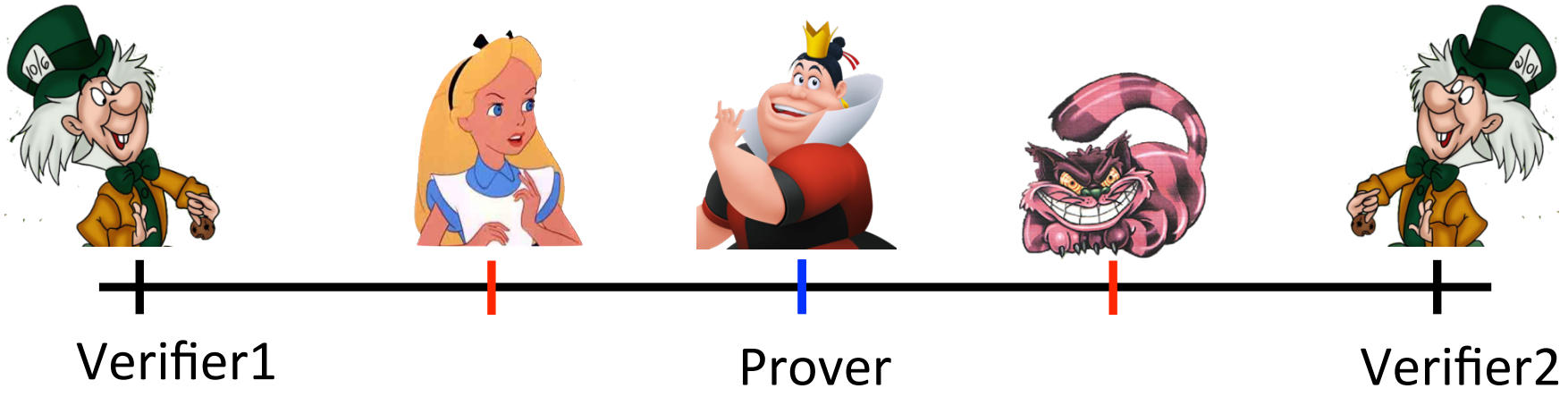
Can the geographical location of a player be used as cryptographic credential ?

Position-Based Cryptography

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

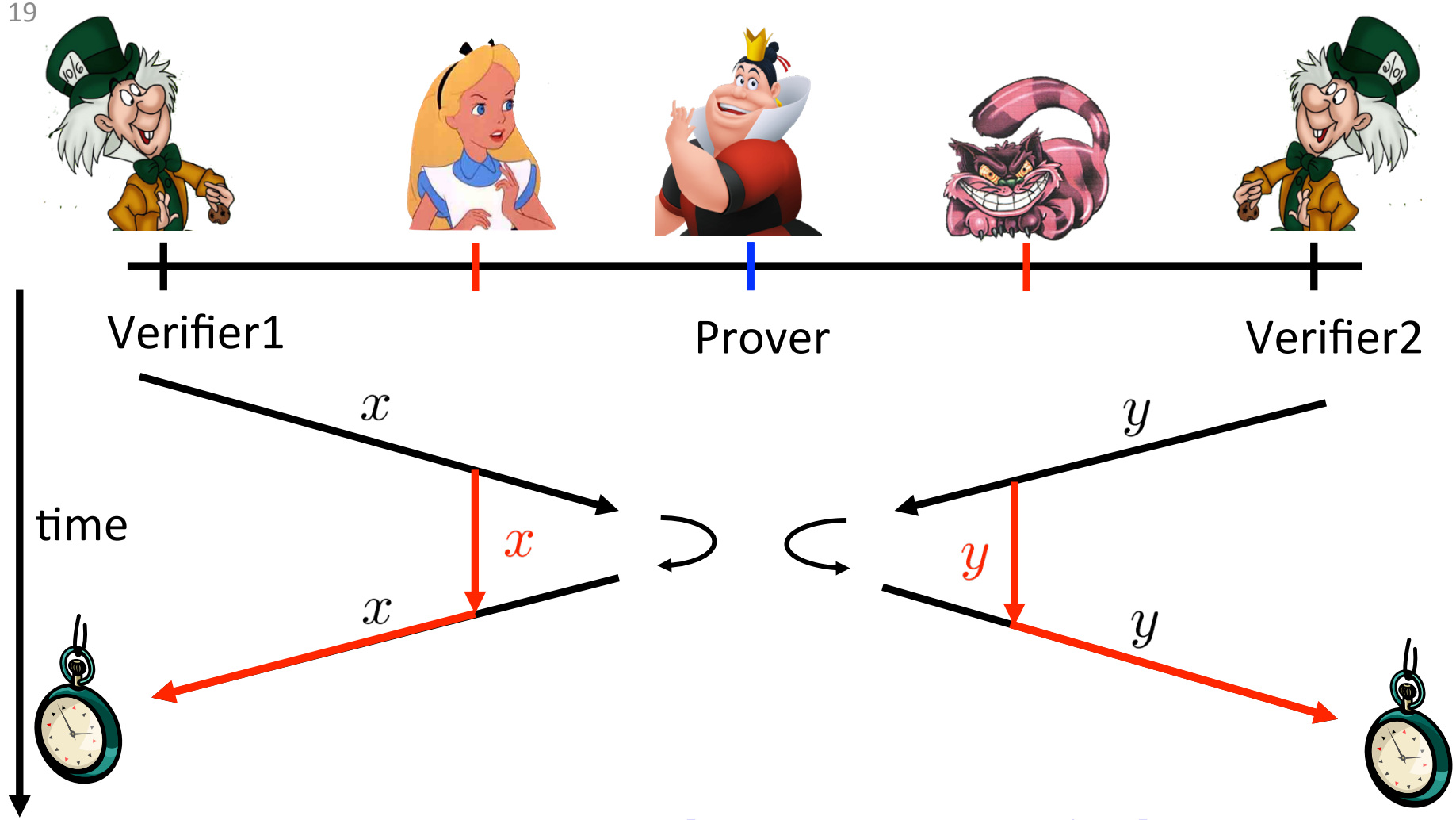
- Possible Applications:
  - Launching-missile command comes from within your military headquarters
  - Talking to the correct assembly
  - Pizza-delivery problem / avoid fake calls to emergency services
  - …

Basic task: Position Verification



- 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
- (over)simplifying assumptions:
  - communication at speed of light
  - instantaneous computation
  - verifiers can coordinate

Position Verification: First Try



- distance bounding [Brands Chaum '93]

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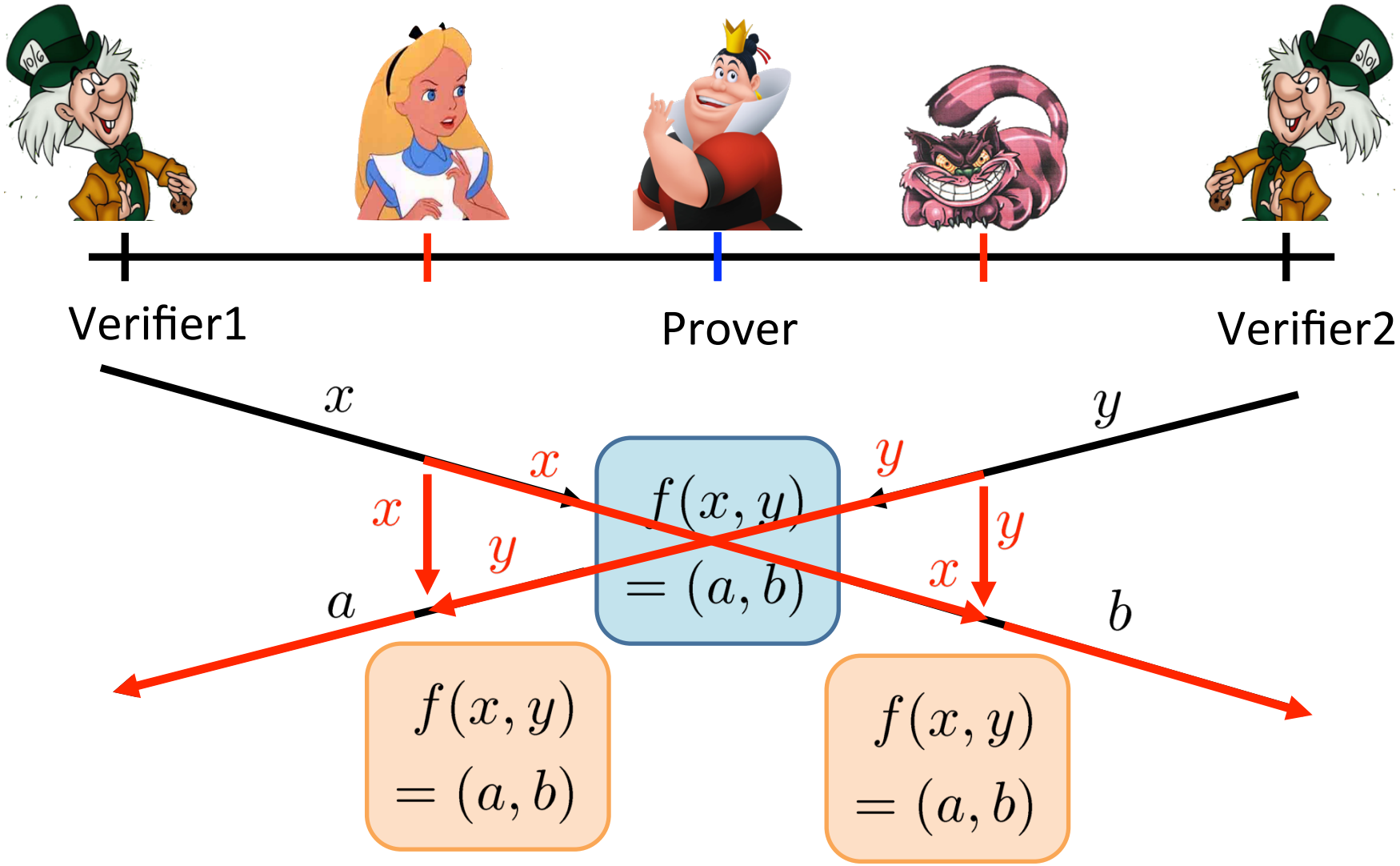

position verification is classically impossible !

[Chandran Goyal Moriarty Ostrovsky 09]

The Attack

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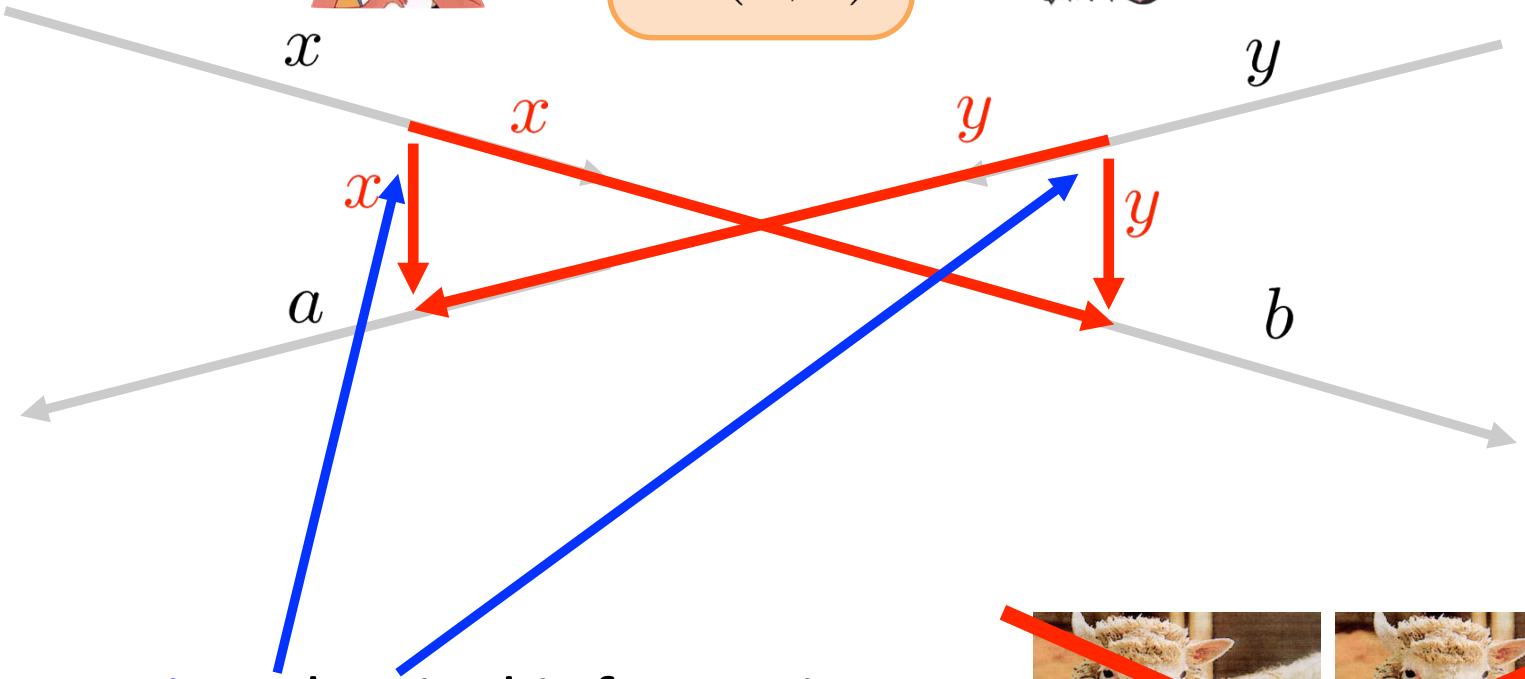
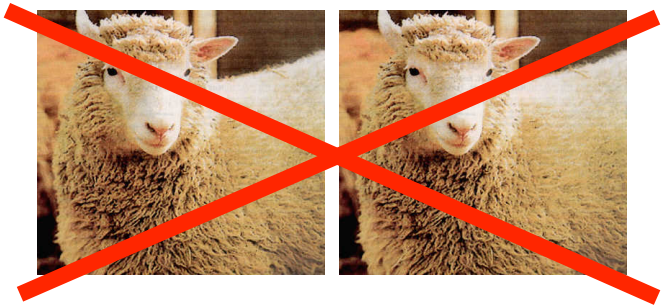
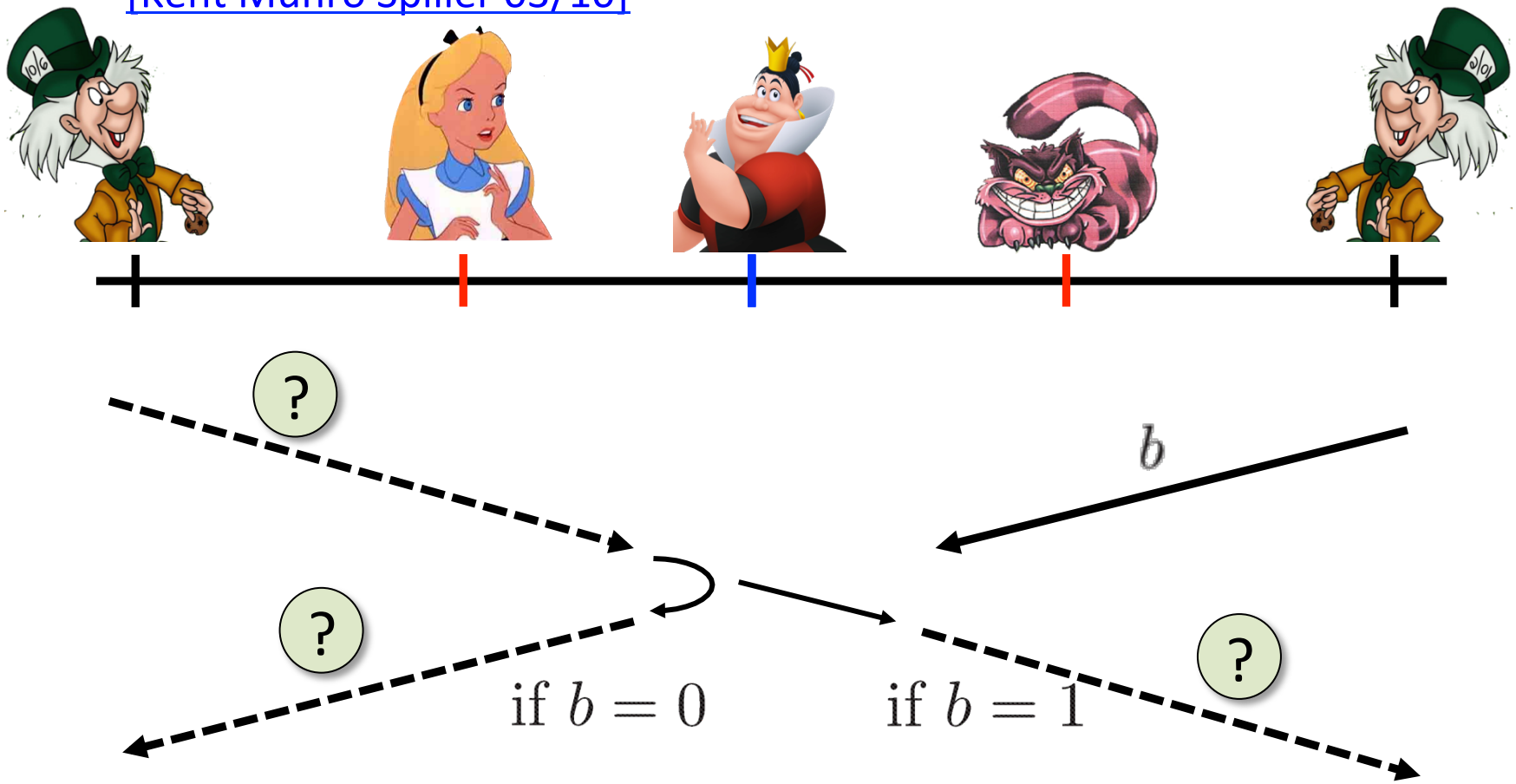


- copying classical information
- this is impossible quantumly



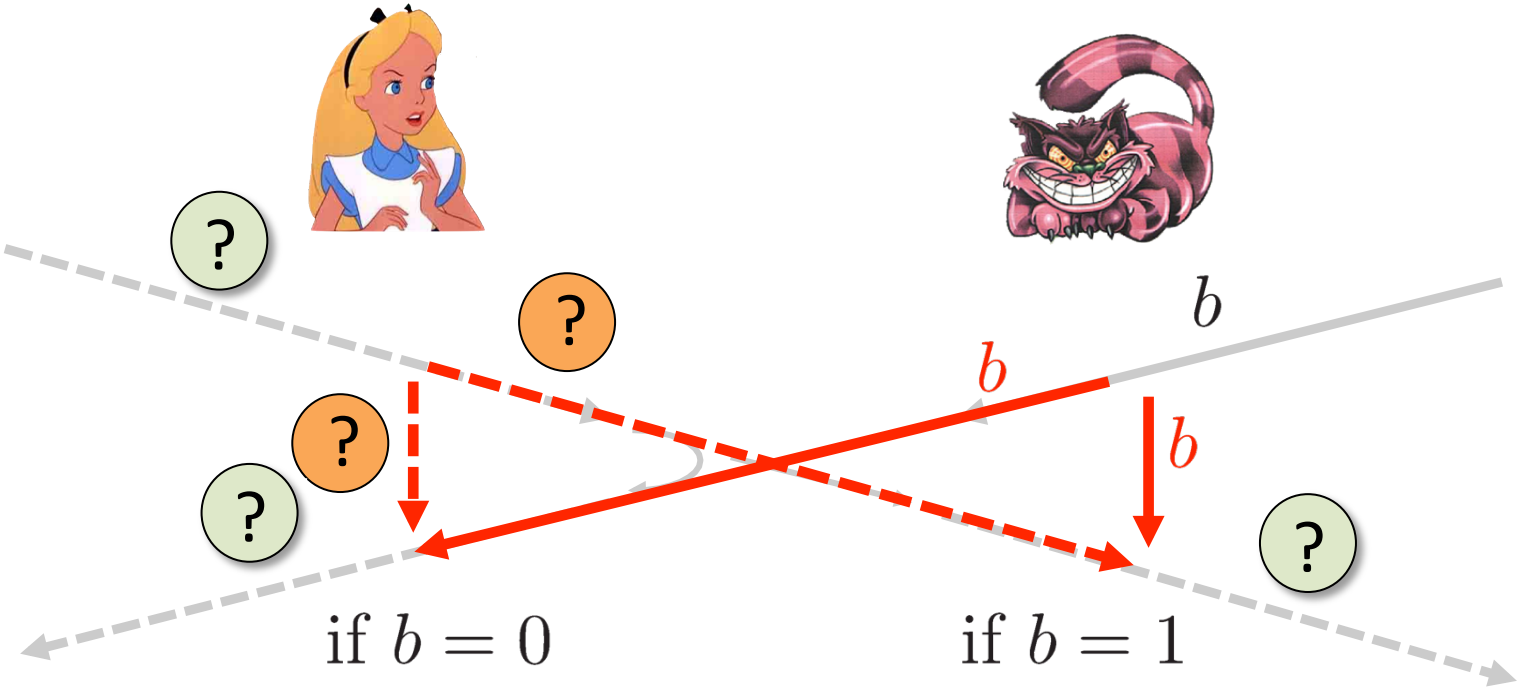
Position Verification: Quantum Try

[Kent Munro Spiller 03/10]

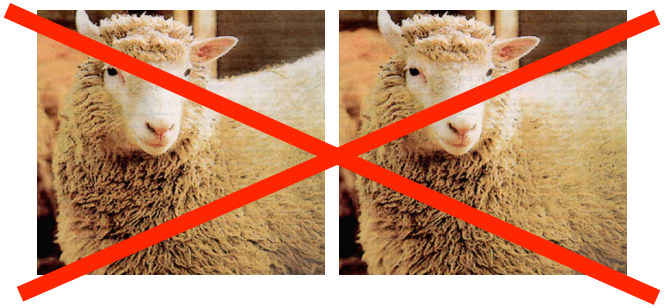


- Can we brake the scheme now?

Attacking Game



- Impossible to cheat due to no-cloning theorem
- Or not?
- It is possible to cheat with entanglement !!



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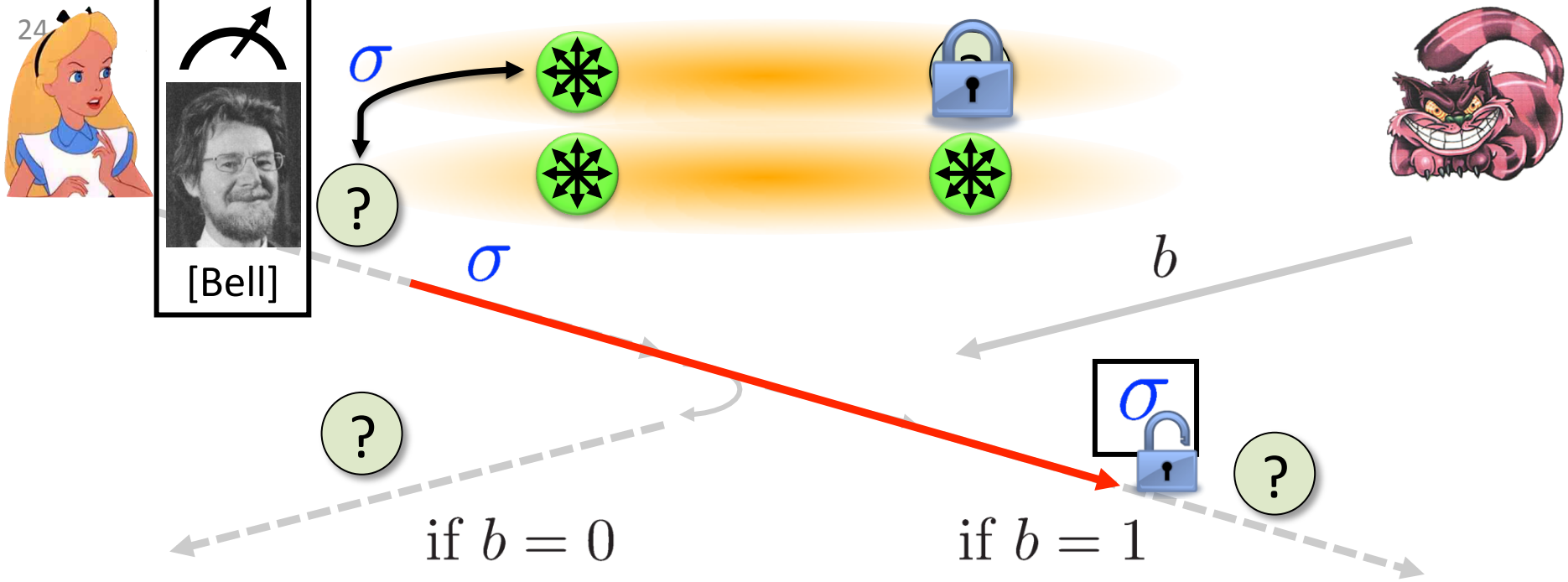

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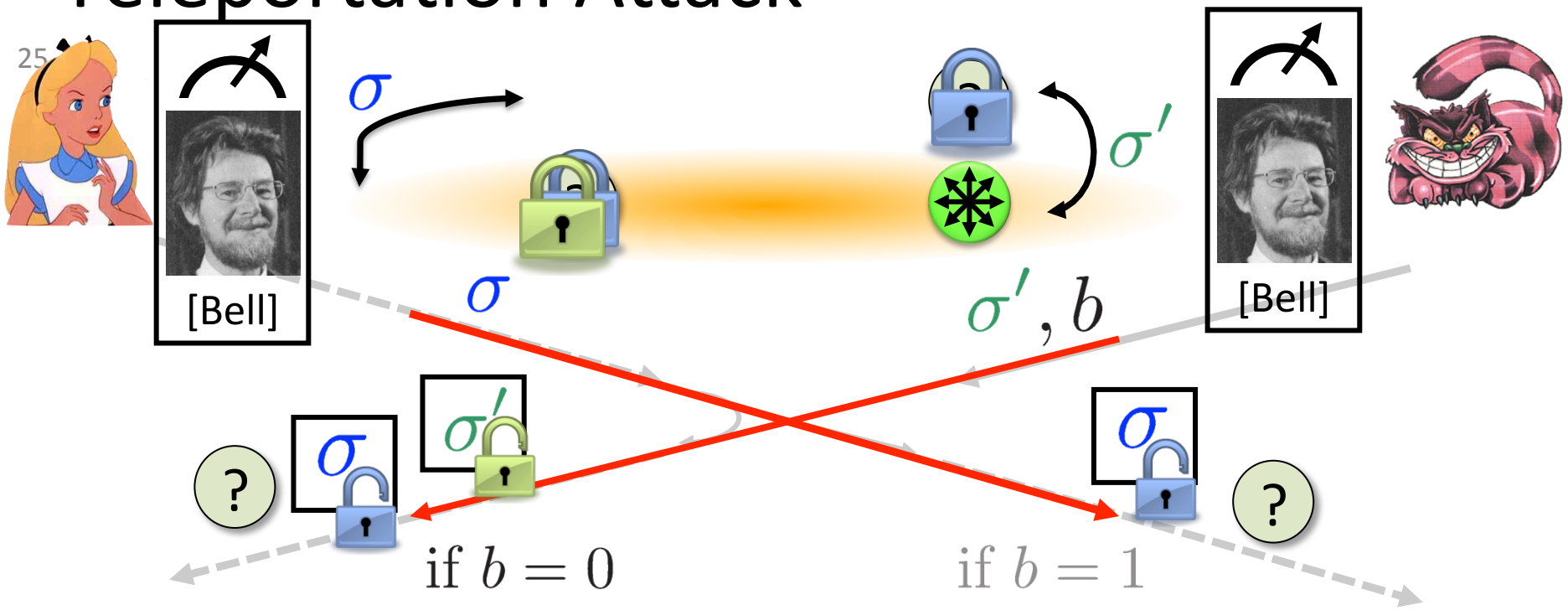

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No-Go Theorem

[Buhrman, Chandran, Fehr, Gelles, Goyal, Ostrovsky, Schaffner 2010] [Beigi Koenig 2011]

- Any position-verification protocol can be broken using an exponential number of entangled qubits.

- Question: Are so many quantum resources really necessary?

- Does there exist a protocol such that:
  - honest prover and verifiers are efficient, but
  - any attack requires lots of entanglement

see http://homepages.cwi.nl/~schaffne/positionbasedqcrypto.php for recent developments

Summary of Topics

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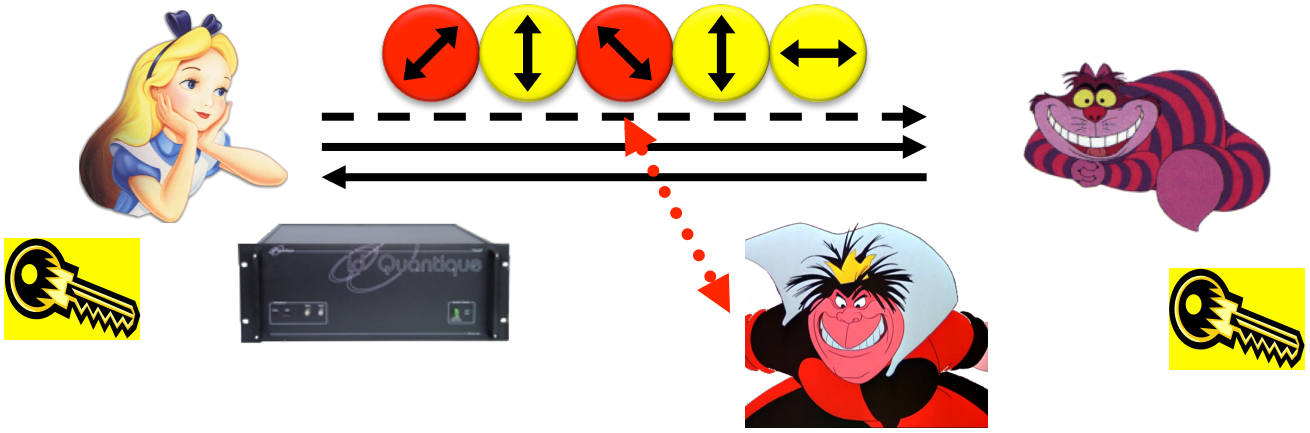

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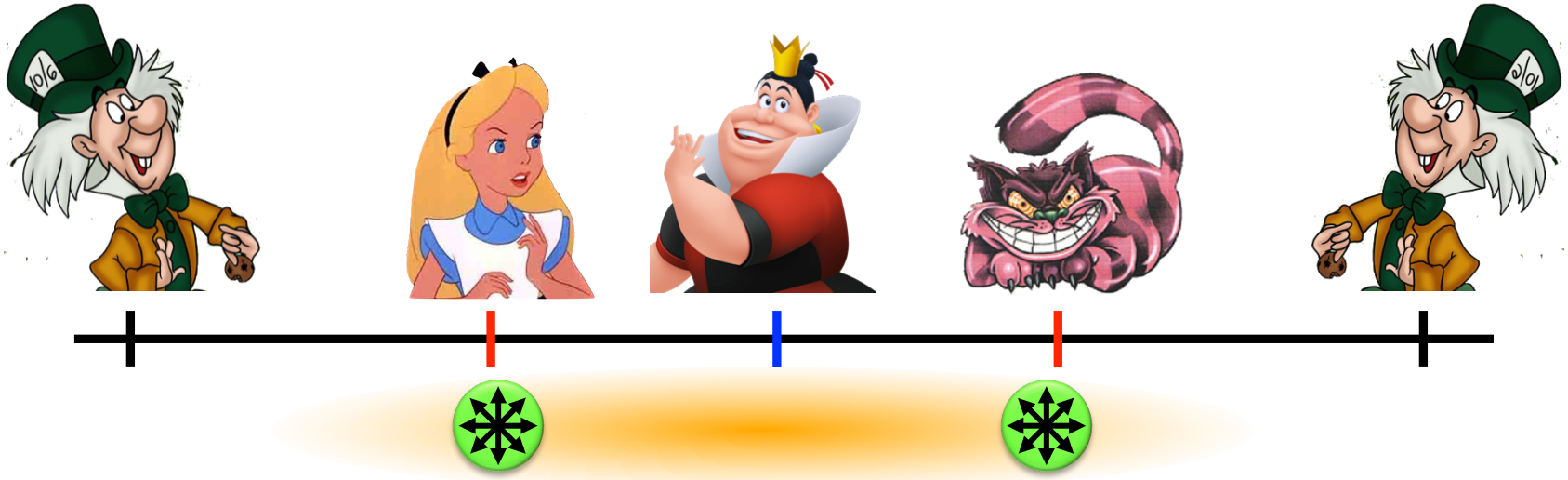

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