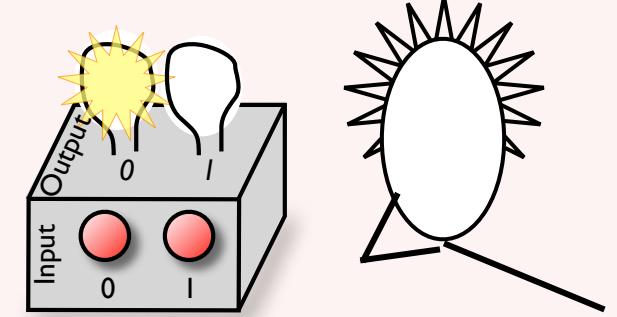
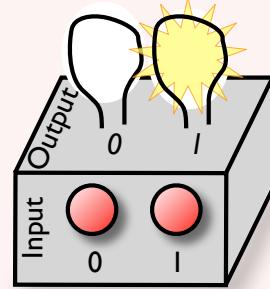


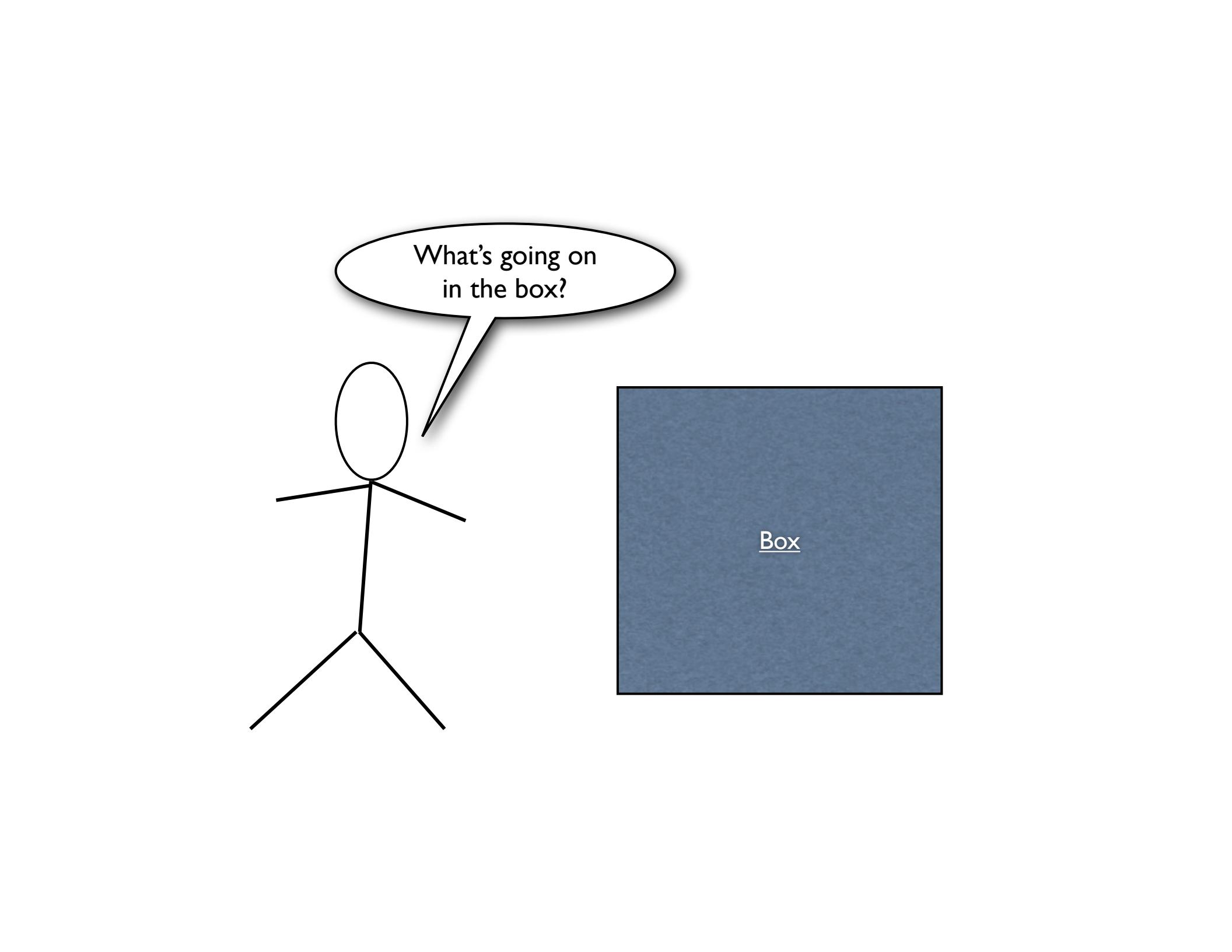
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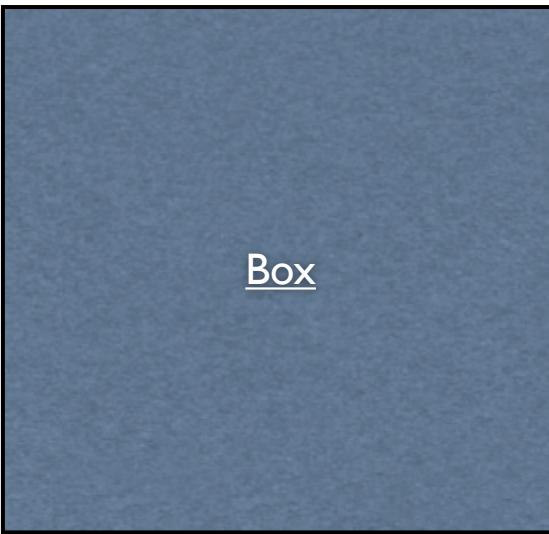
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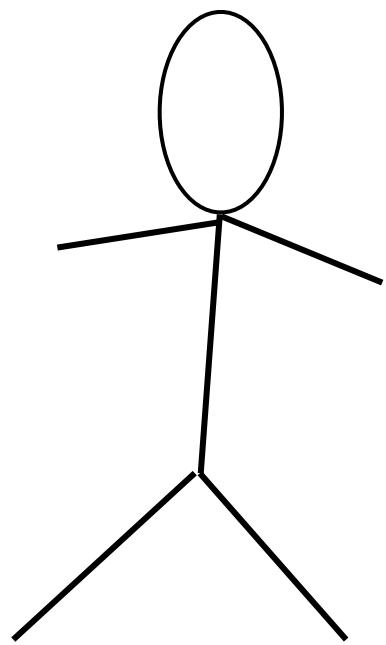
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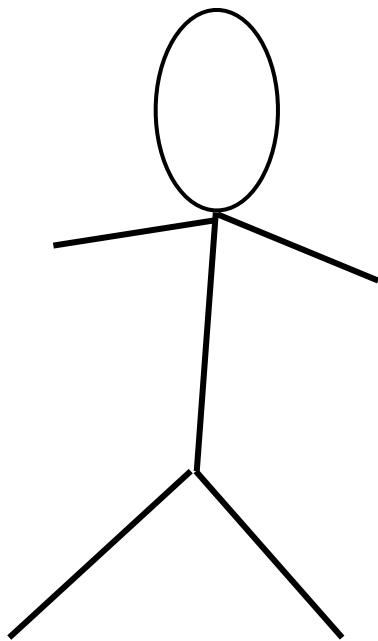




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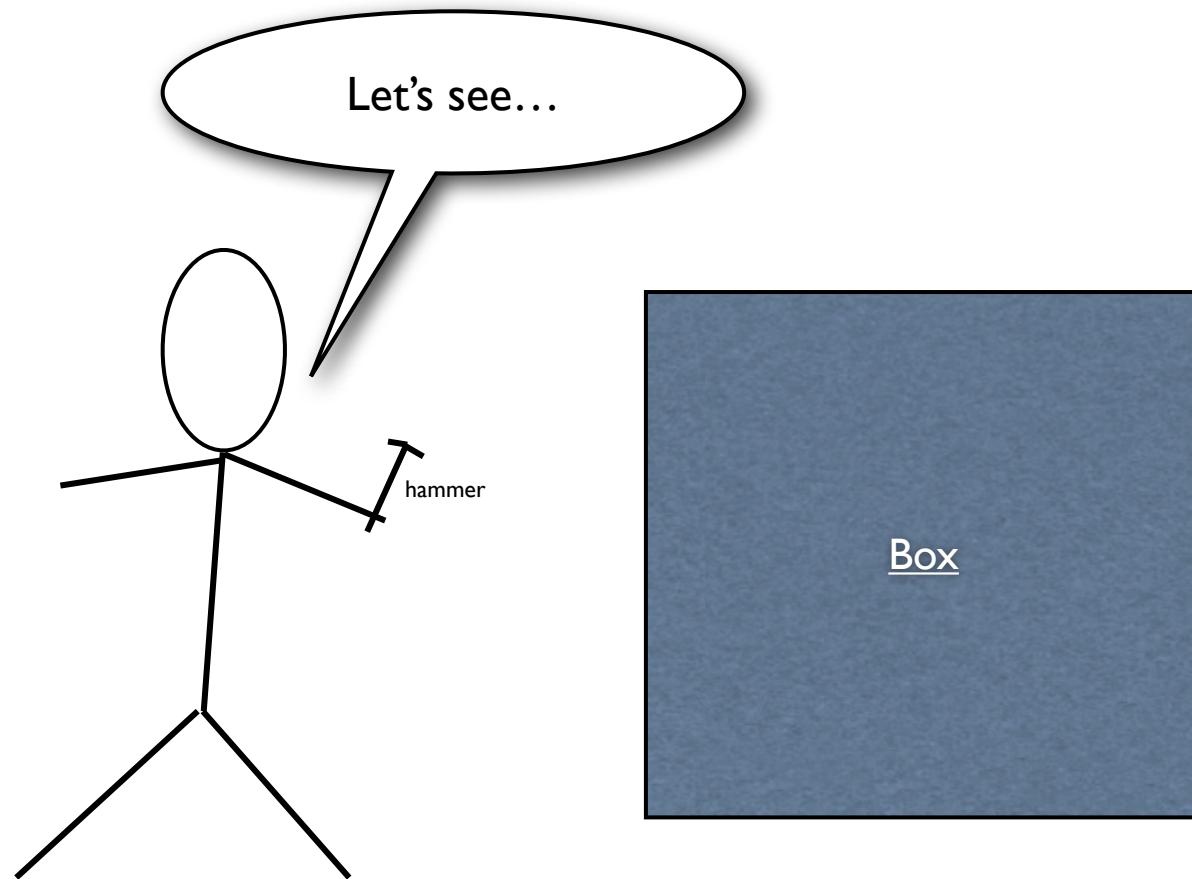
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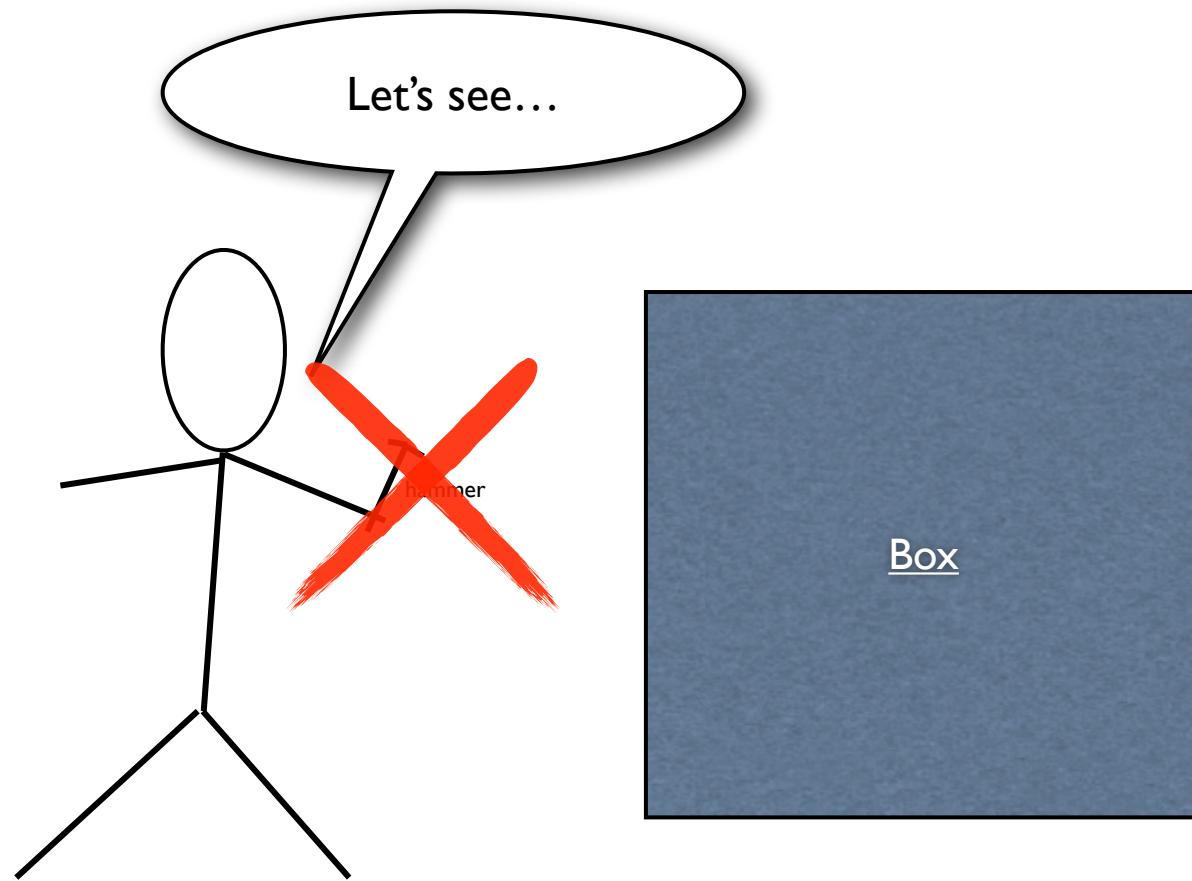
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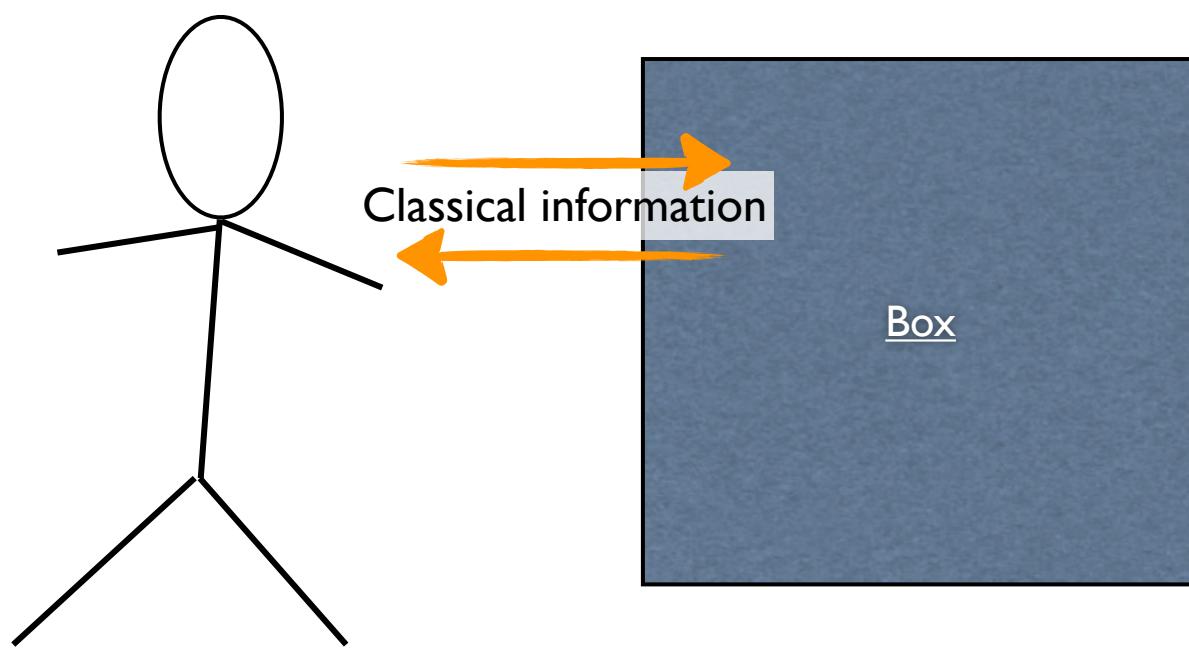


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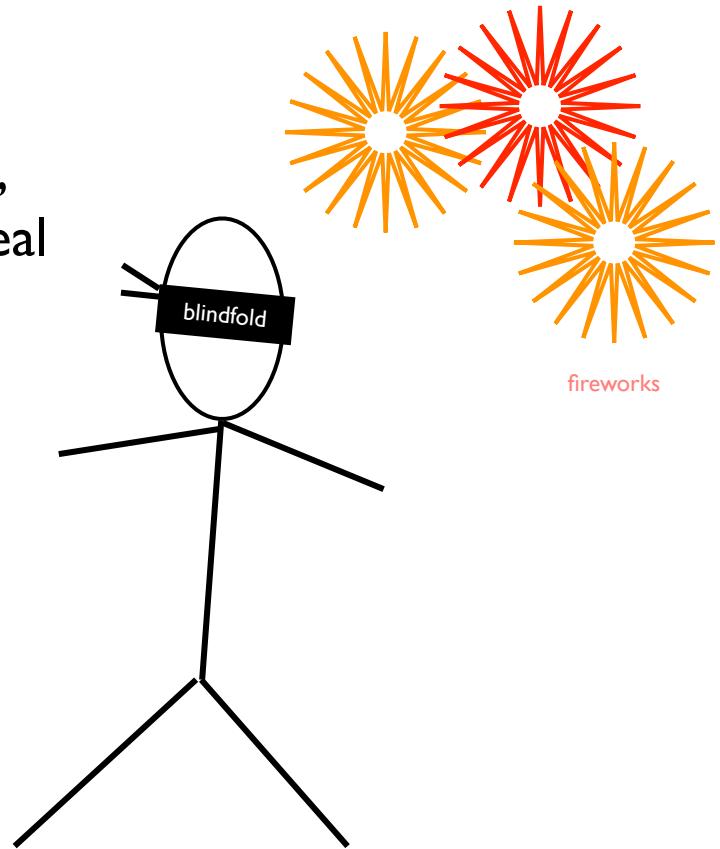






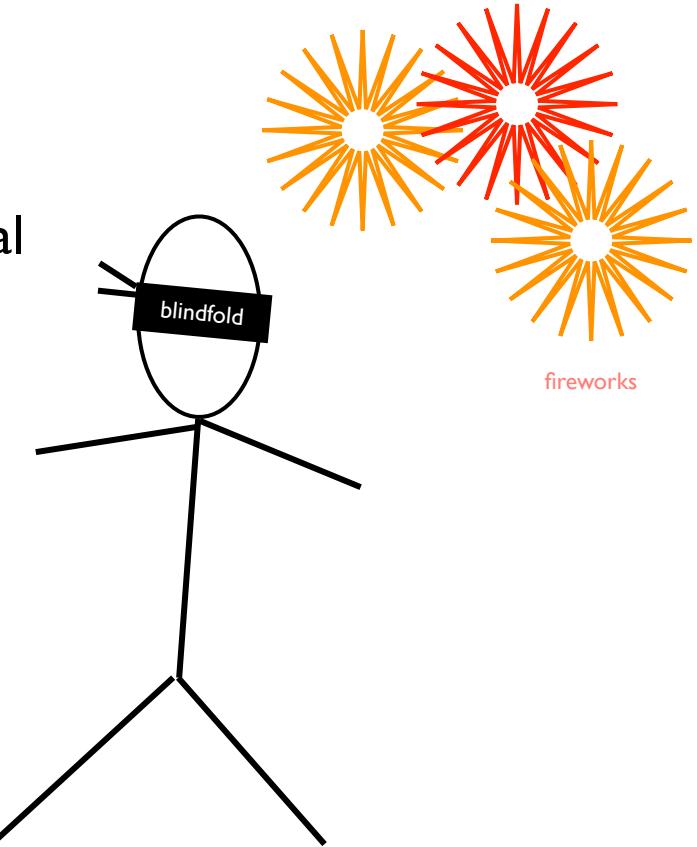
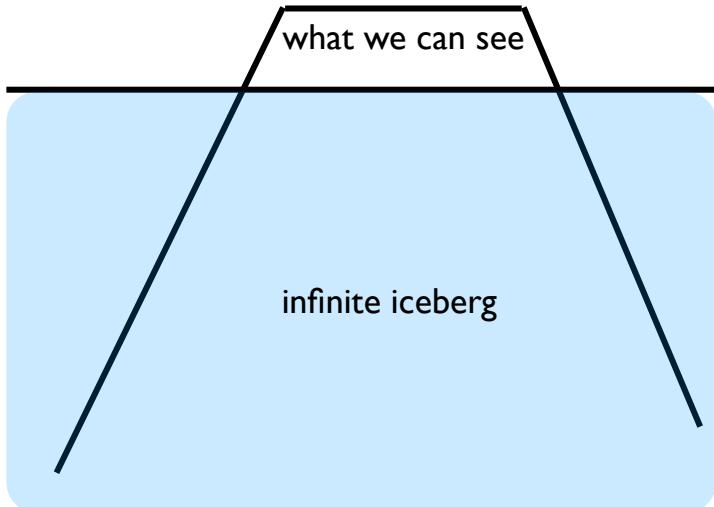
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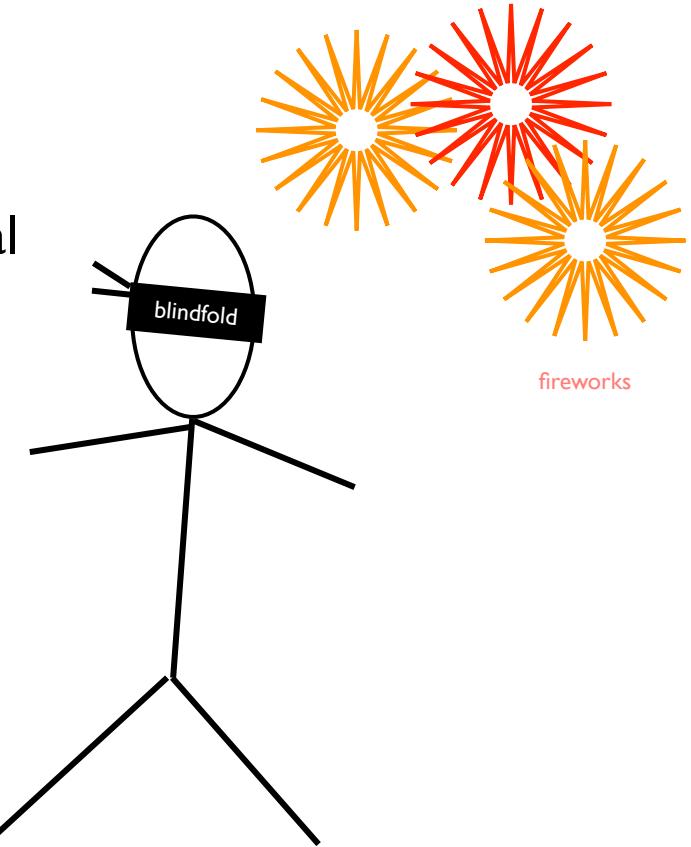
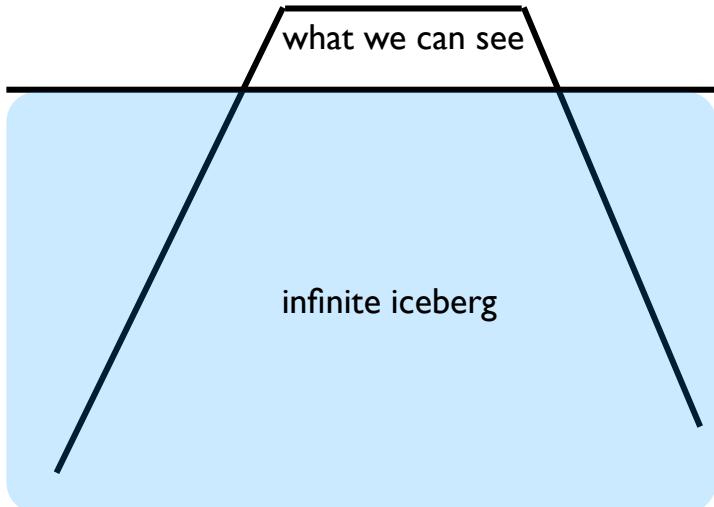
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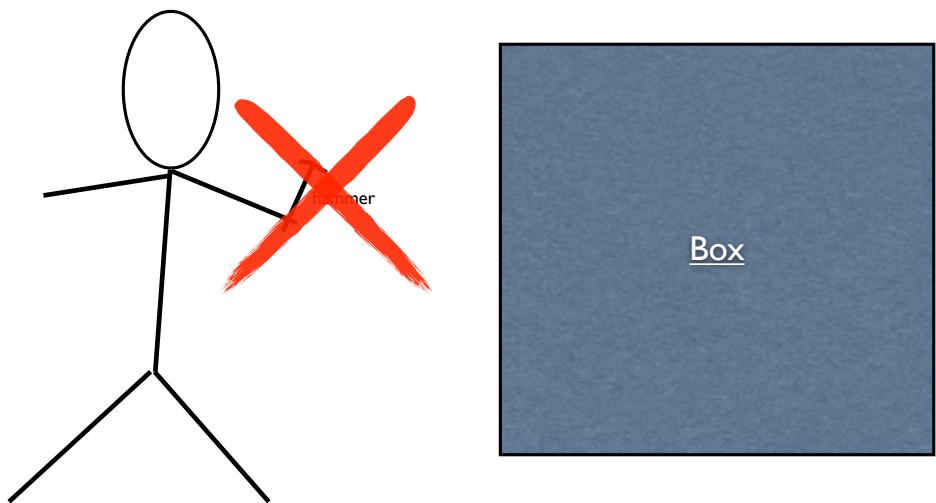
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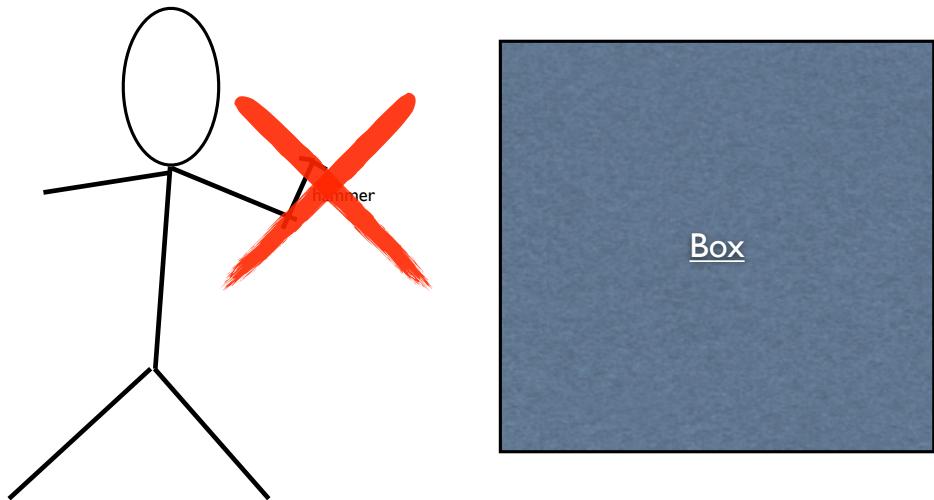
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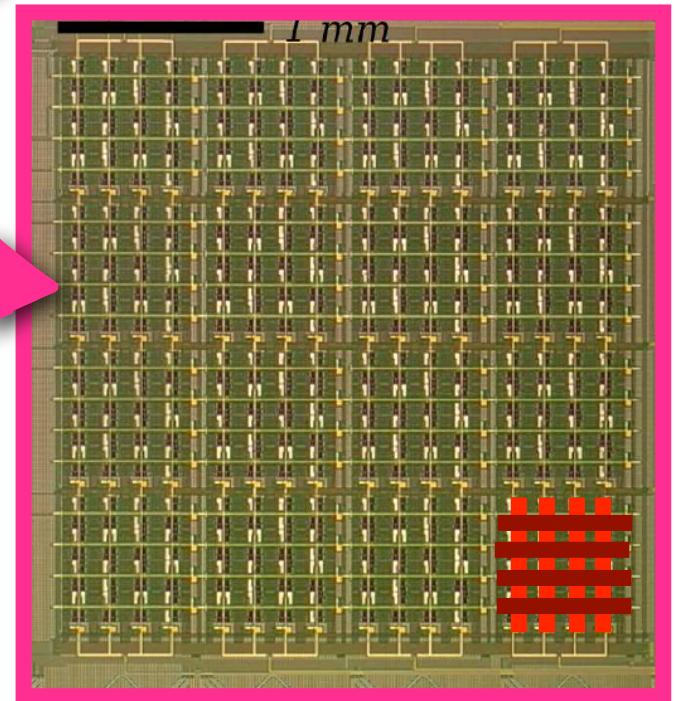
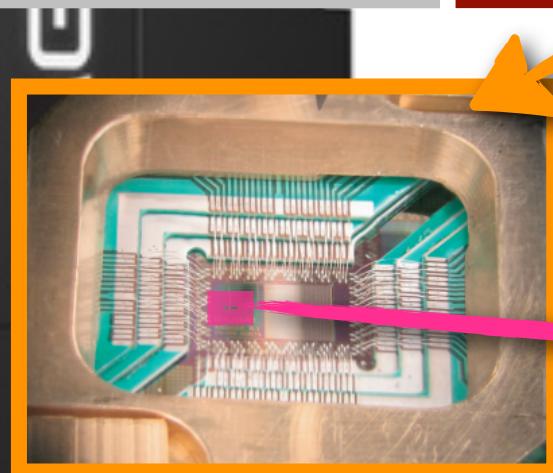
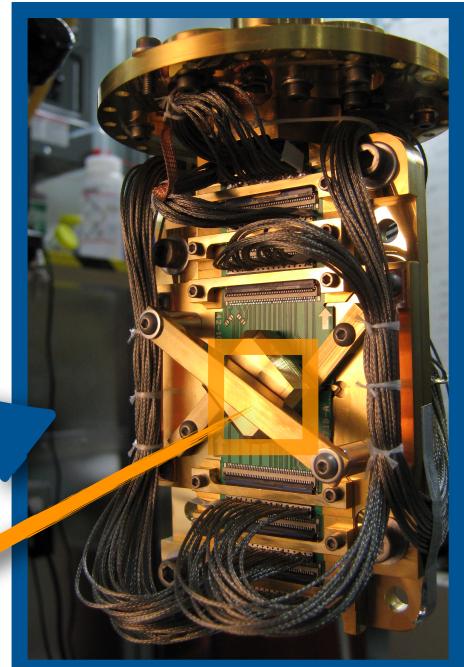
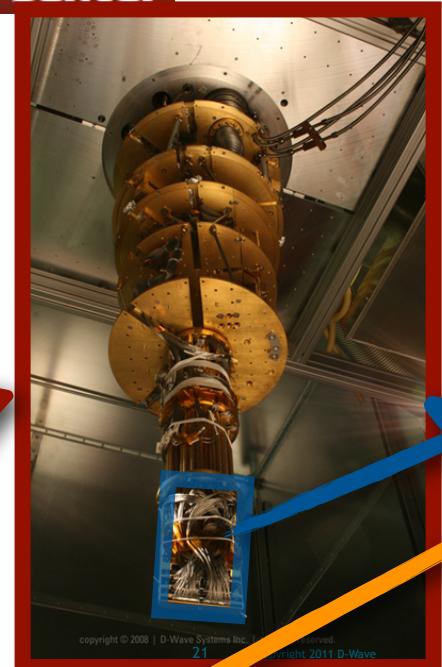
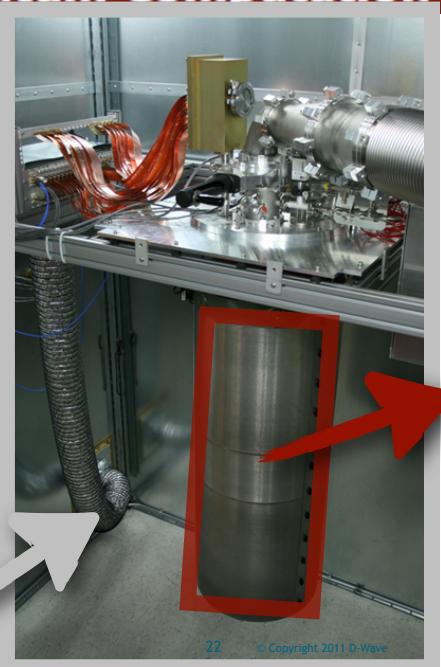
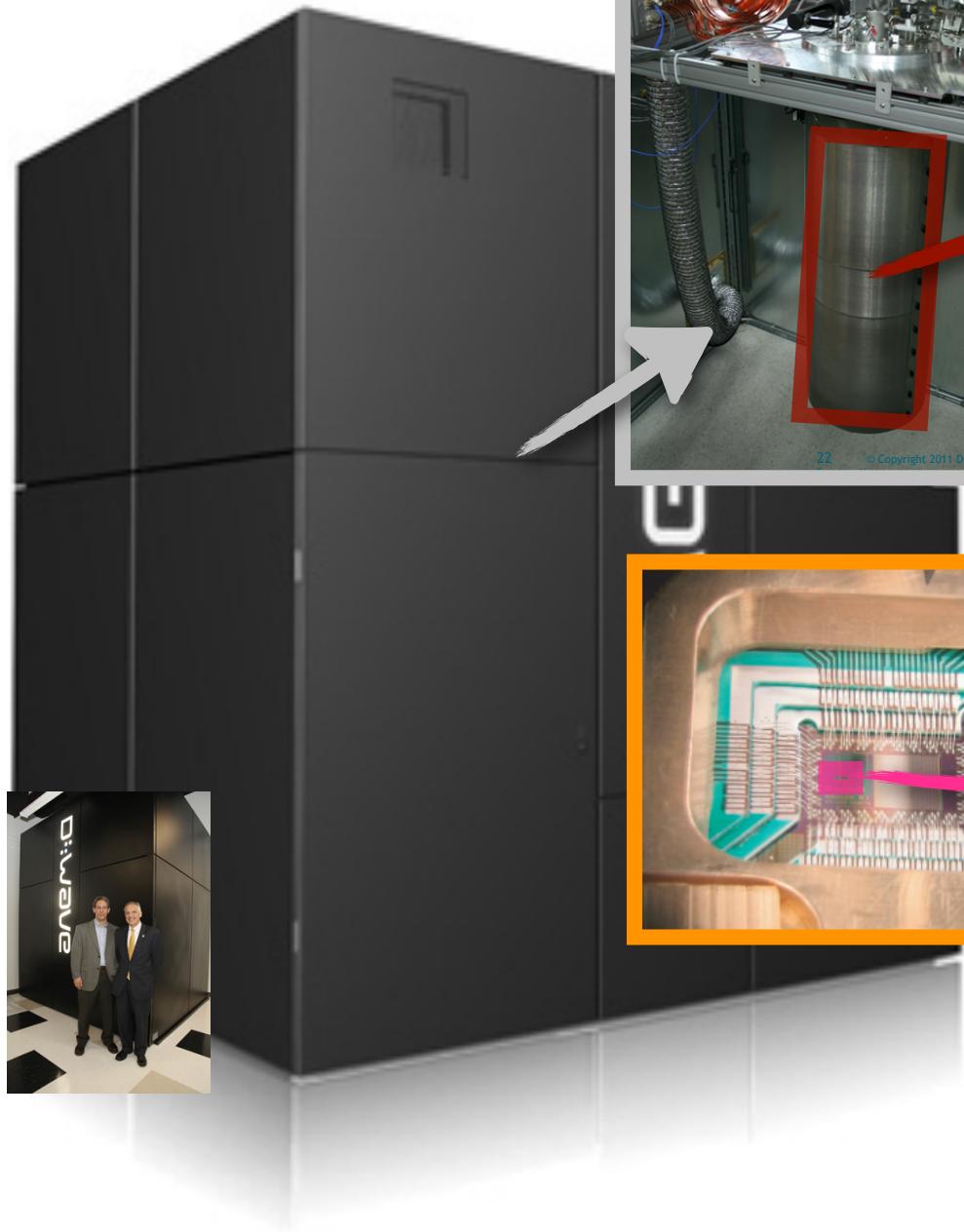


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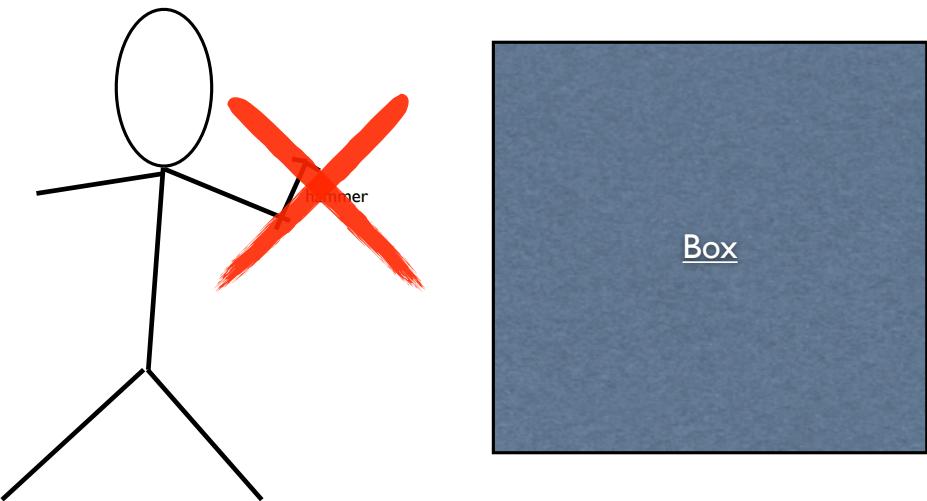
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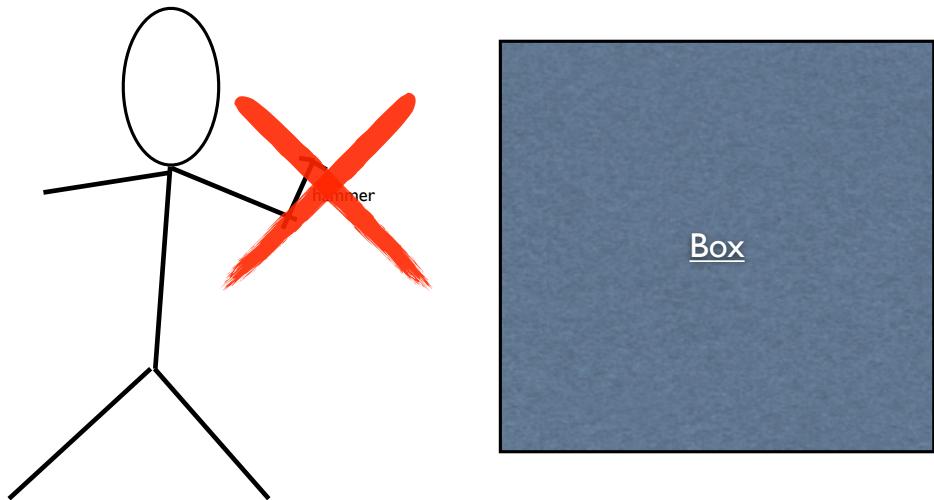


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In a complete theory there is an element corresponding to each element of reality. A sufficient condition for the reality of a physical quantity is the possibility of predicting it with certainty, without disturbing the system. In quantum mechanics in the case of two physical quantities described by non-commuting operators, the knowledge of one precludes the knowledge of the other. Then either (1) the description of reality given by the wave function in

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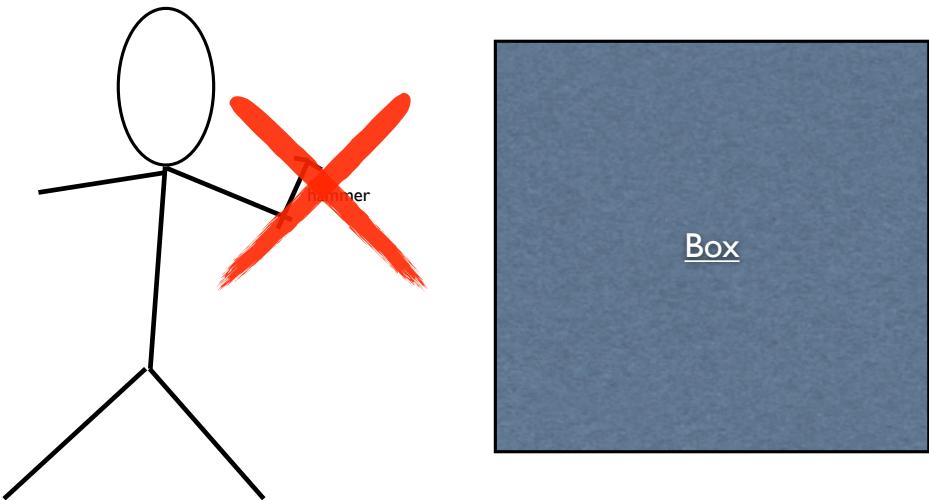
ANY serious consideration of a physical theory must take into account the distinction between the objective reality, which is independent of any theory, and the physical concepts with which the theory operates. These concepts are intended to correspond with the objective reality, and by means of these concepts we picture this reality to ourselves.

In attempting to judge the success of a physical theory, we may ask ourselves two questions: (1) "Is the theory correct?" and (2) "Is the description given by the theory complete?"

Whatever the meaning assigned to the term *complete*, the following requirement for a complete theory seems to be a necessary one: *every element of the physical reality must have a counterpart in the physical theory*. We shall call this the condition of completeness. The second question is thus easily answered, as soon as we are able to decide what are the elements of the physical reality.

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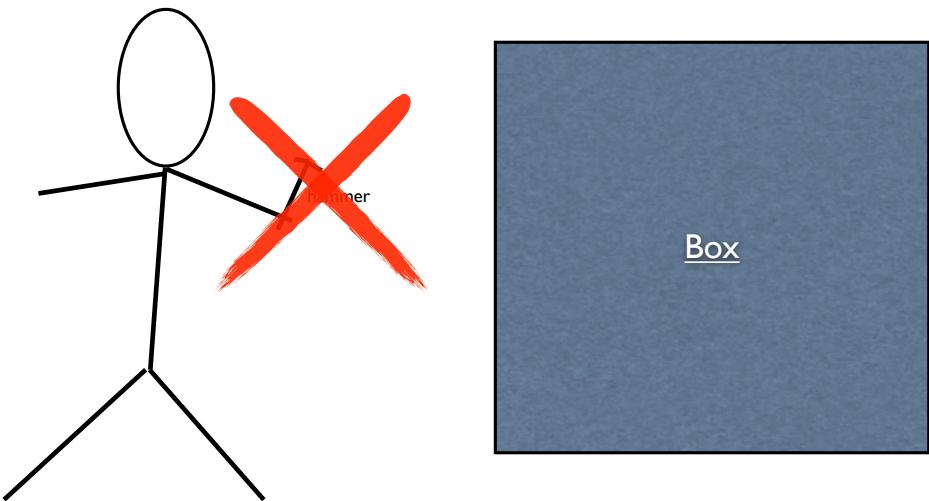


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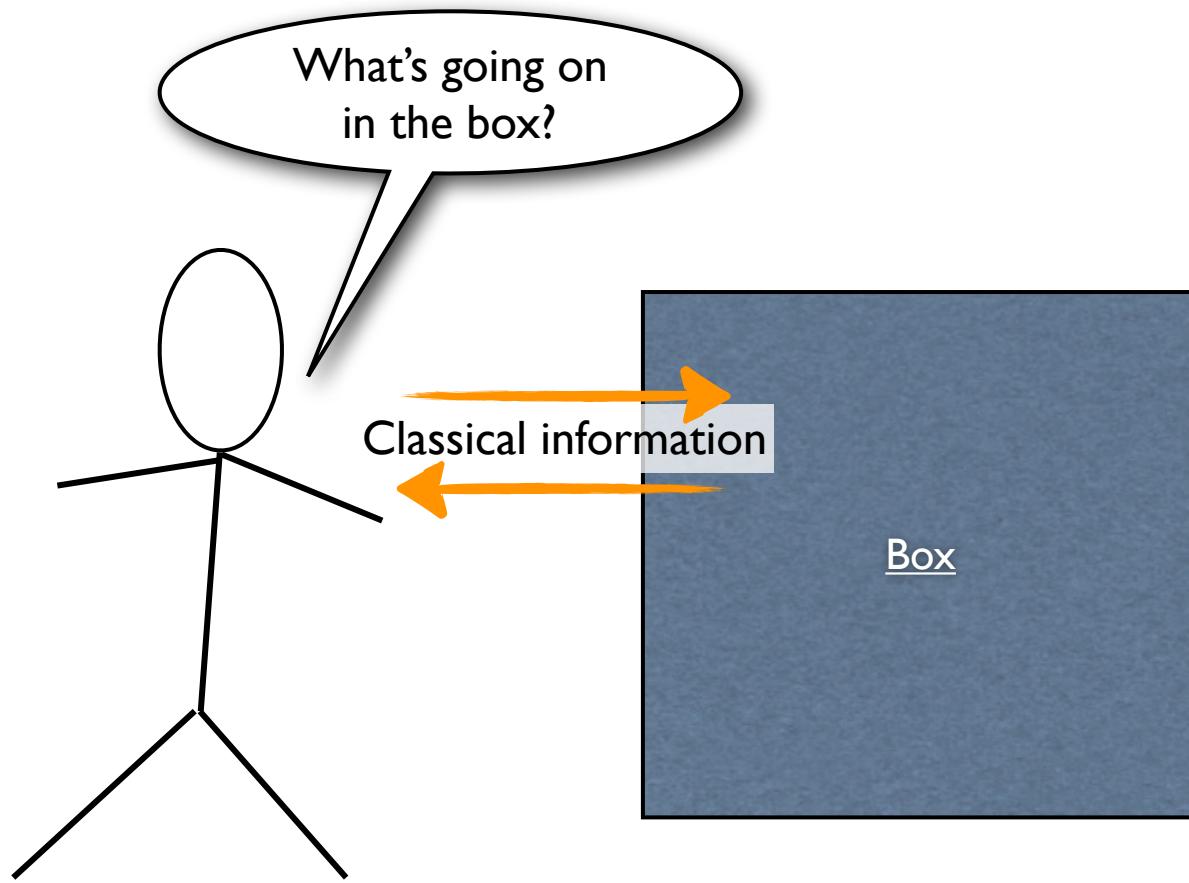
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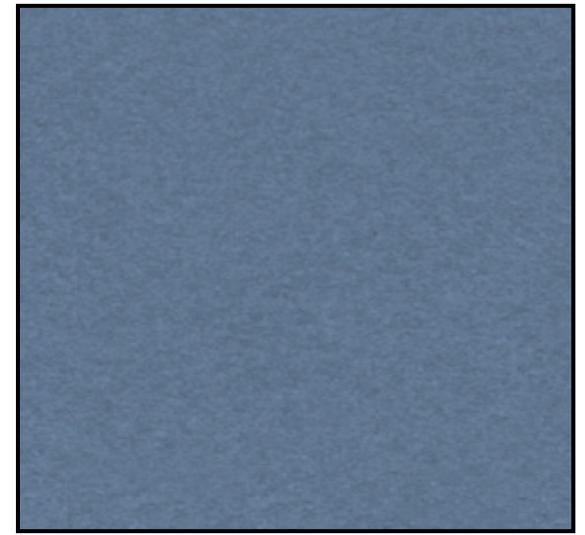
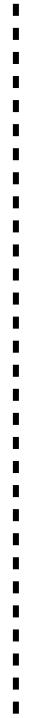
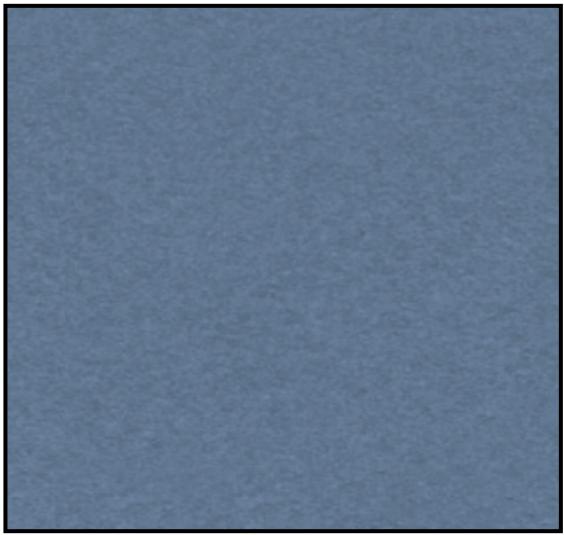
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3. Useful for applications:

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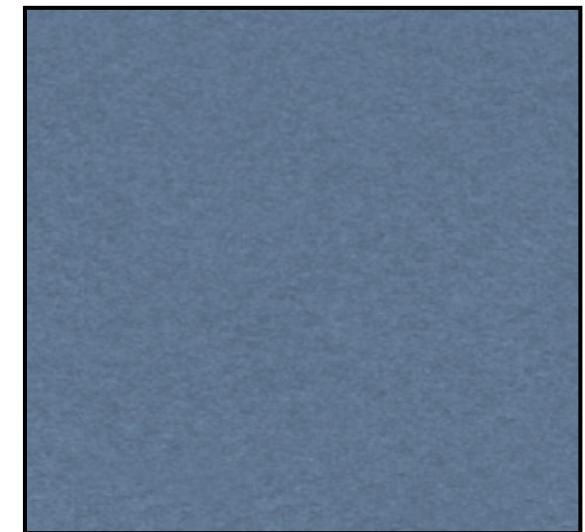


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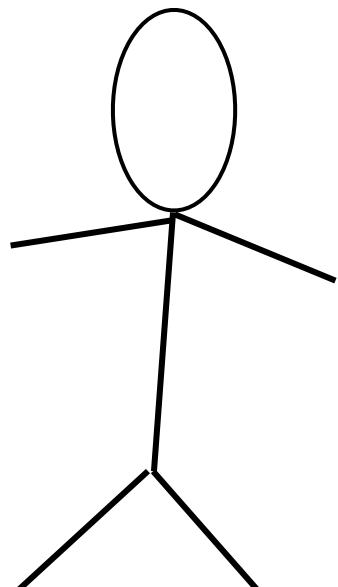
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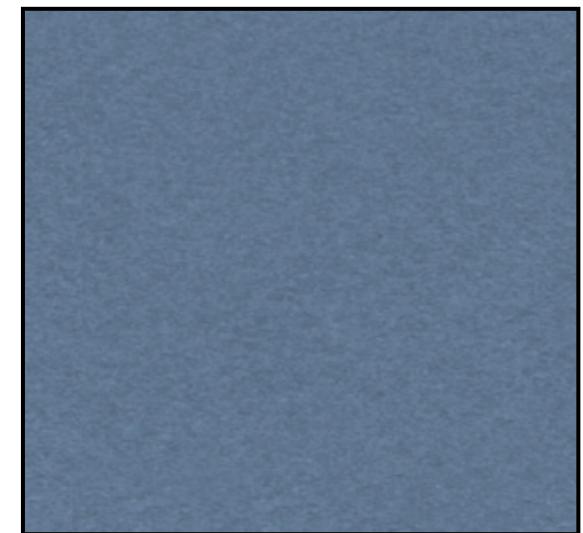
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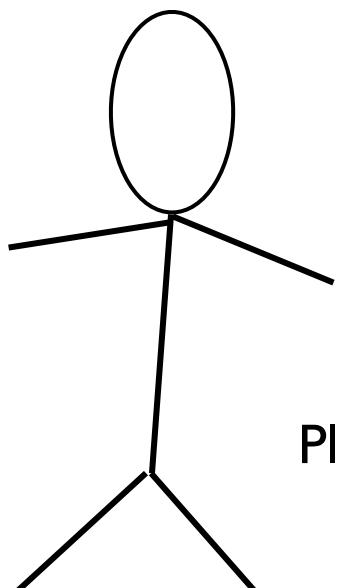
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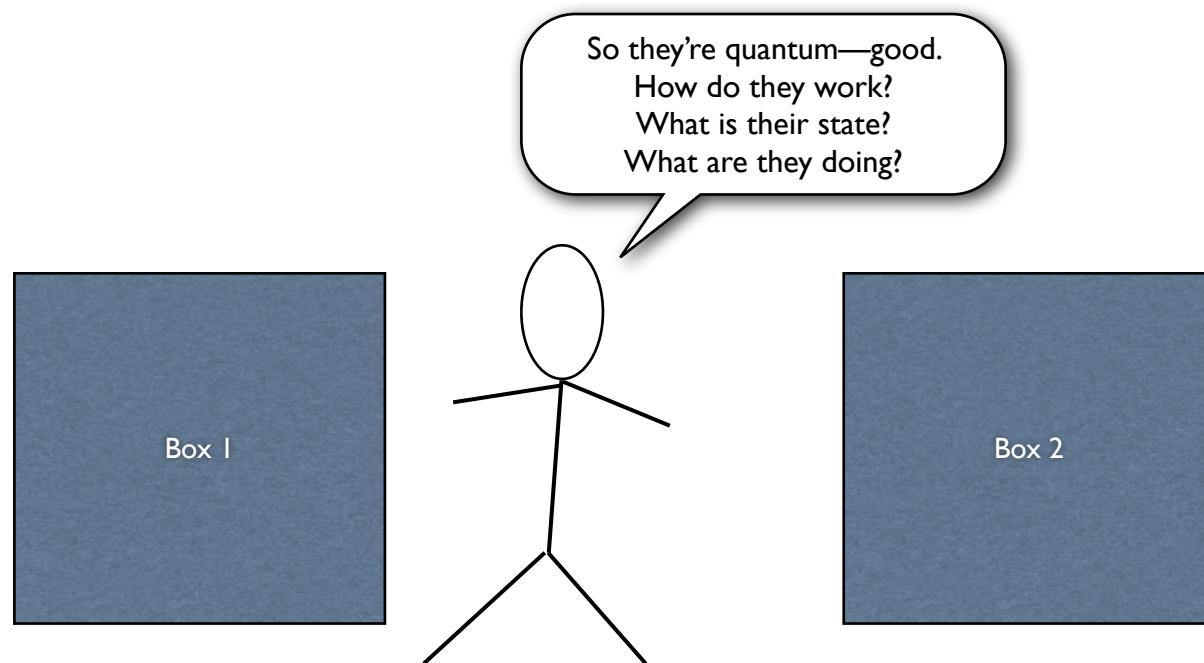
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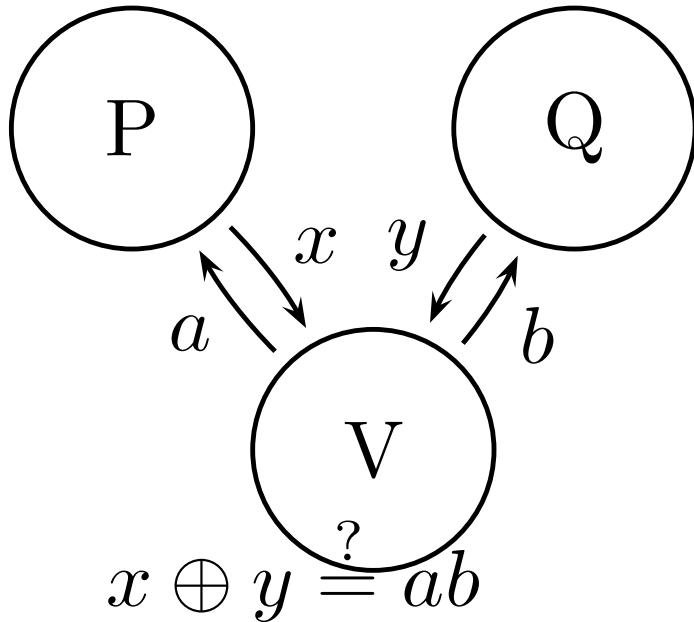
Play game  $10^6$  times. If the boxes win  $\geq 800,000$ , say they're quantum.  
The probability classical boxes pass this test is  $< 10^{-700}$ .

## **Test for “quantumness”**

- Any classical boxes pass with probability  $< 10^{-700}$
- Two quantum boxes, playing *correctly*, can pass with probability  $> 1 - 10^{-700}$

We want more... We want to characterize and control everything that happens in the boxes.



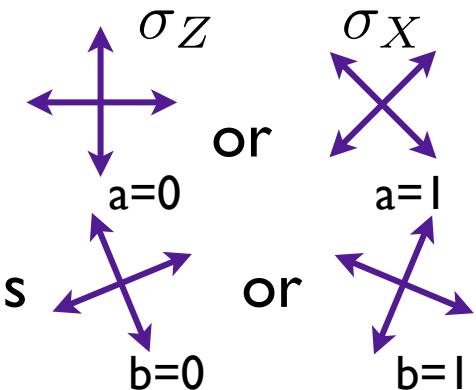


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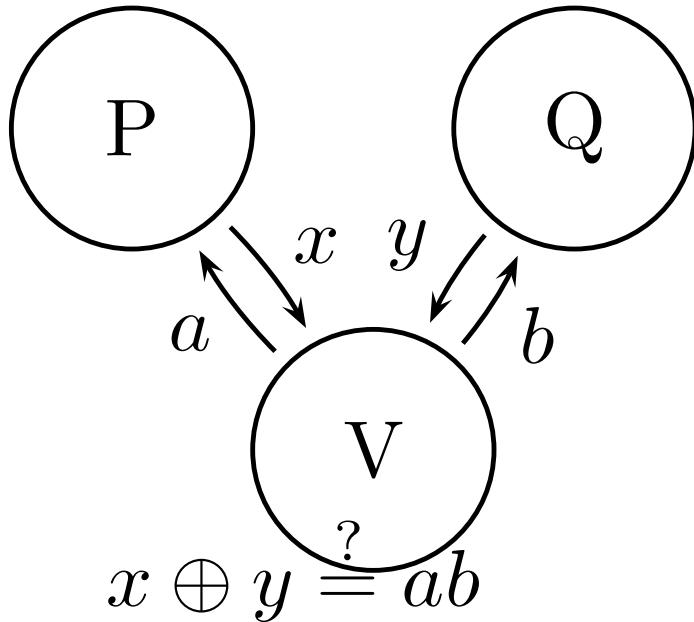
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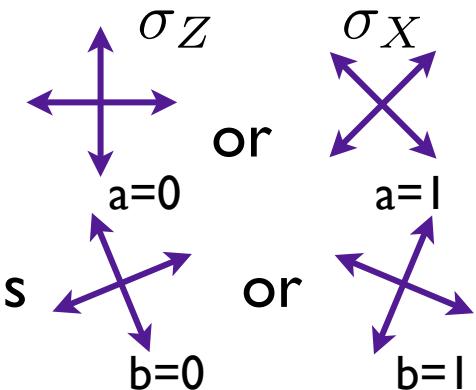


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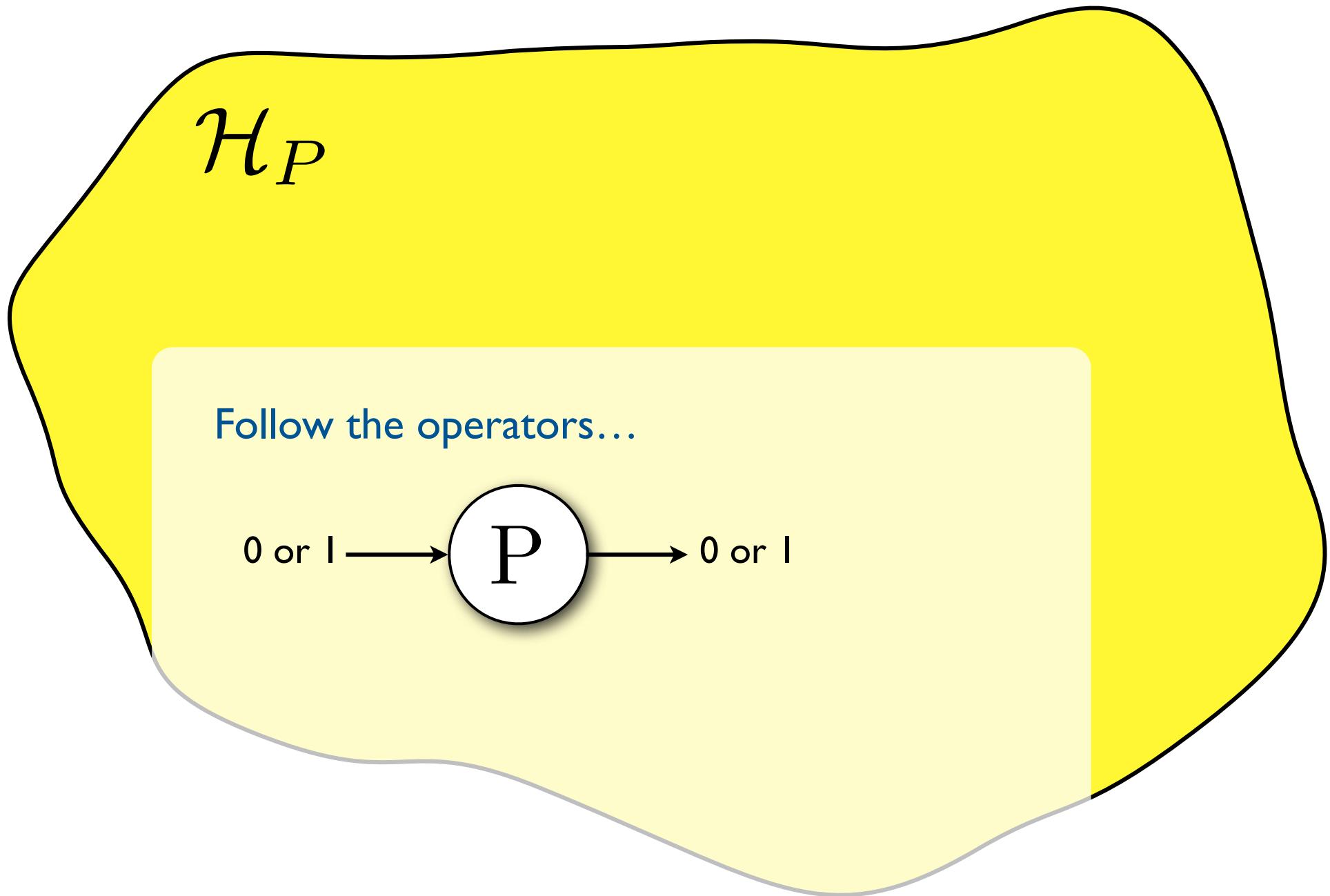
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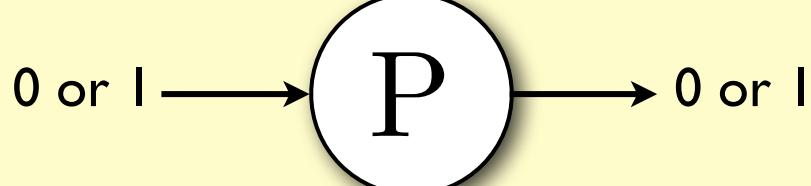
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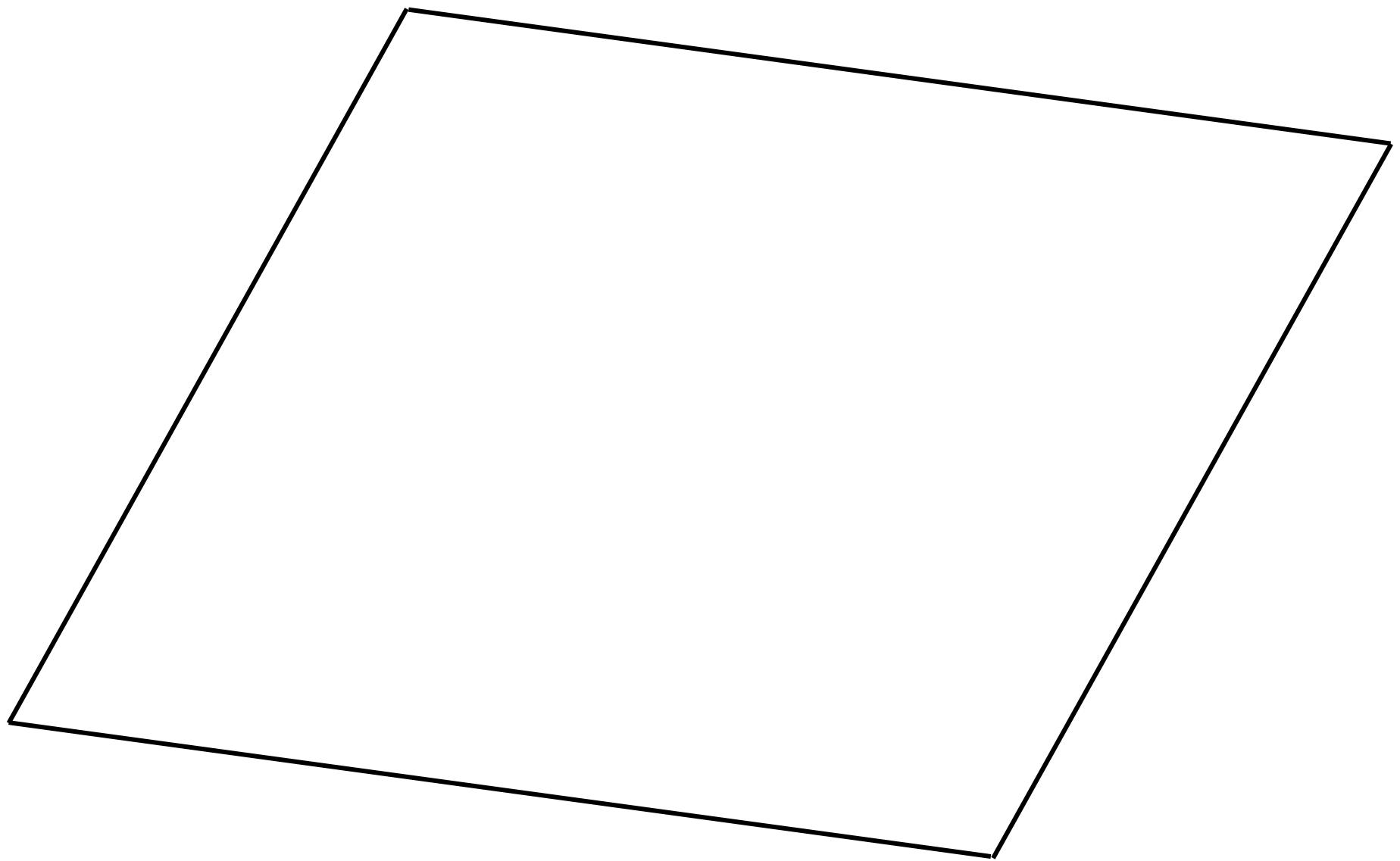
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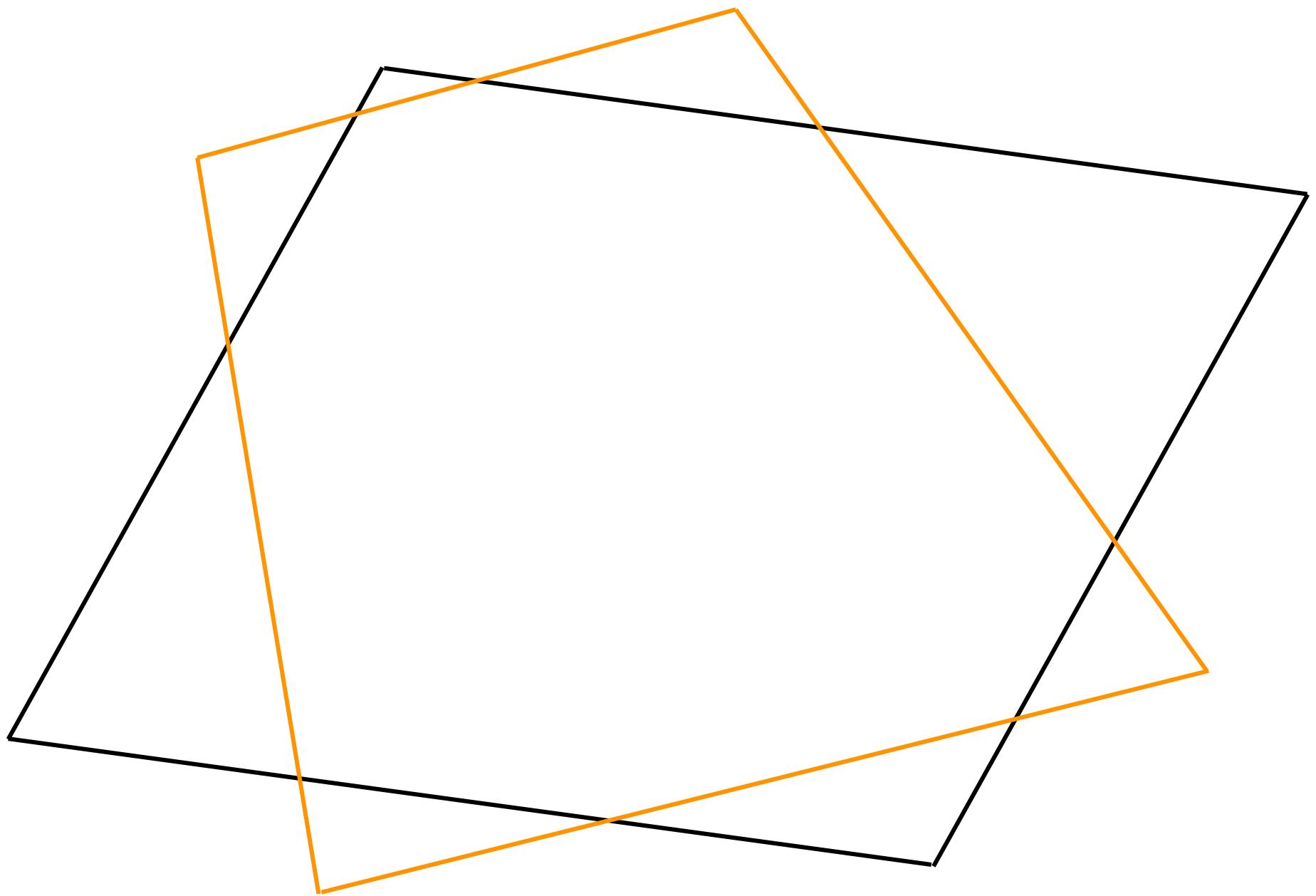
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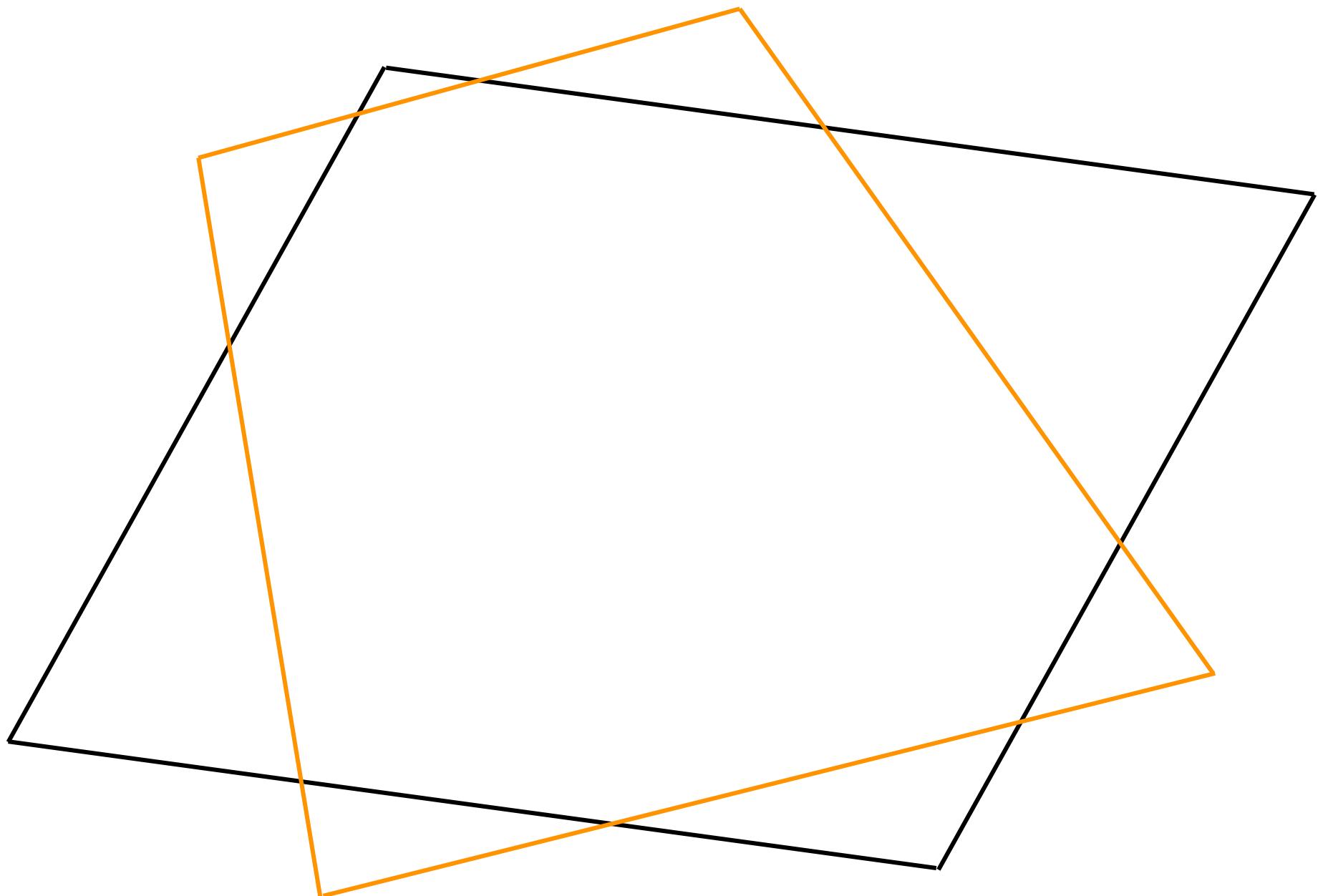
Follow the operators...



$\Rightarrow$  Two 2-outcome  
projective  
measurements







Two hyperplanes define a qubit iff  
the dihedral angles are constant

### Jordan's Lemma:

Any two projections (on a *finite-dimensional* space) can be block-diagonalized into size-2 blocks.

$$P_0 = \bigoplus_{\beta} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_1 = \bigoplus_{\beta} \begin{pmatrix} c^2 & cs \\ cs & s^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c = \cos \theta_{\beta}, s = \sin \theta_{\beta}$$

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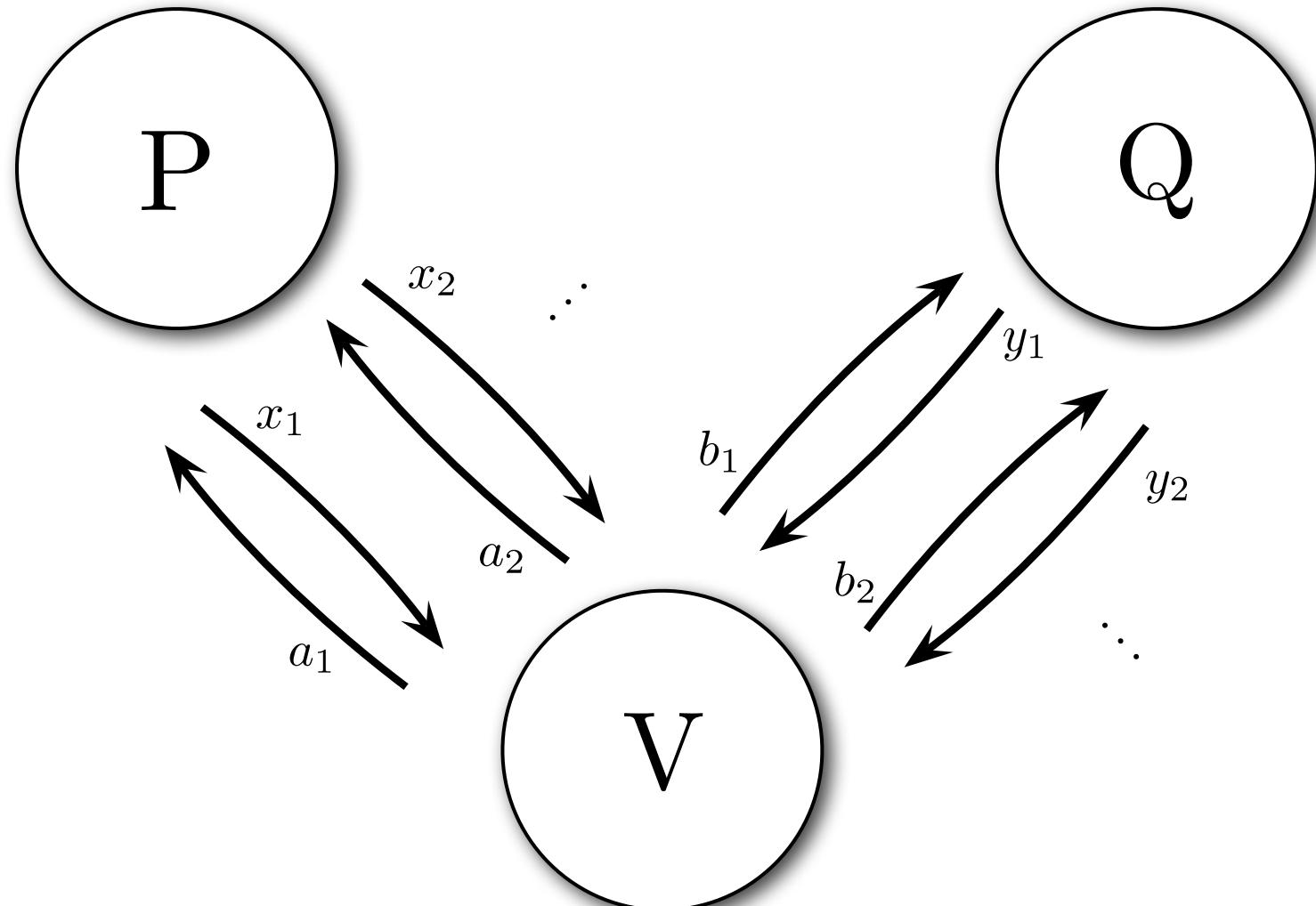
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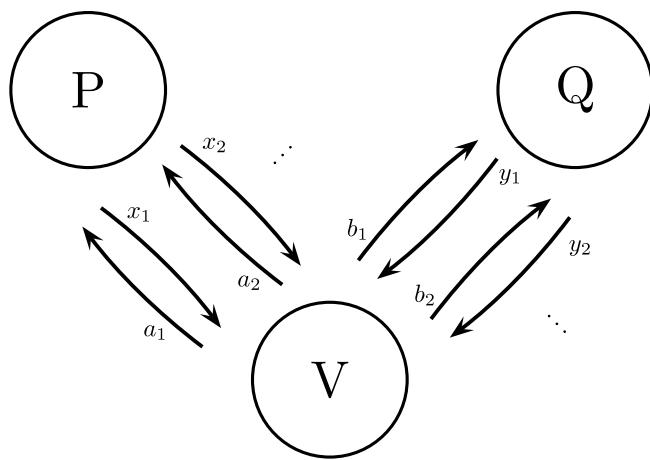
Observed for  $\varepsilon=0$  by Braunstein et al., and Popescu & Rohrlich, '92

Independently observed for  $\varepsilon>0$  by McKague, Yang & Scarani,  
and Miller & Shi 2012

**Open:** What other multi-prover quantum games are rigid?

## Sequential CHSH games





### Ideal strategy:

state = n EPR pairs  $(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)^{\otimes n} \otimes |\psi'\rangle$   
 in game j, use j'th pair

### General strategy:

arbitrary state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_P \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_E$   
 in game j, measure with arbitrary projections

### Main theorem:

For  $N = \text{poly}(n)$  games, if

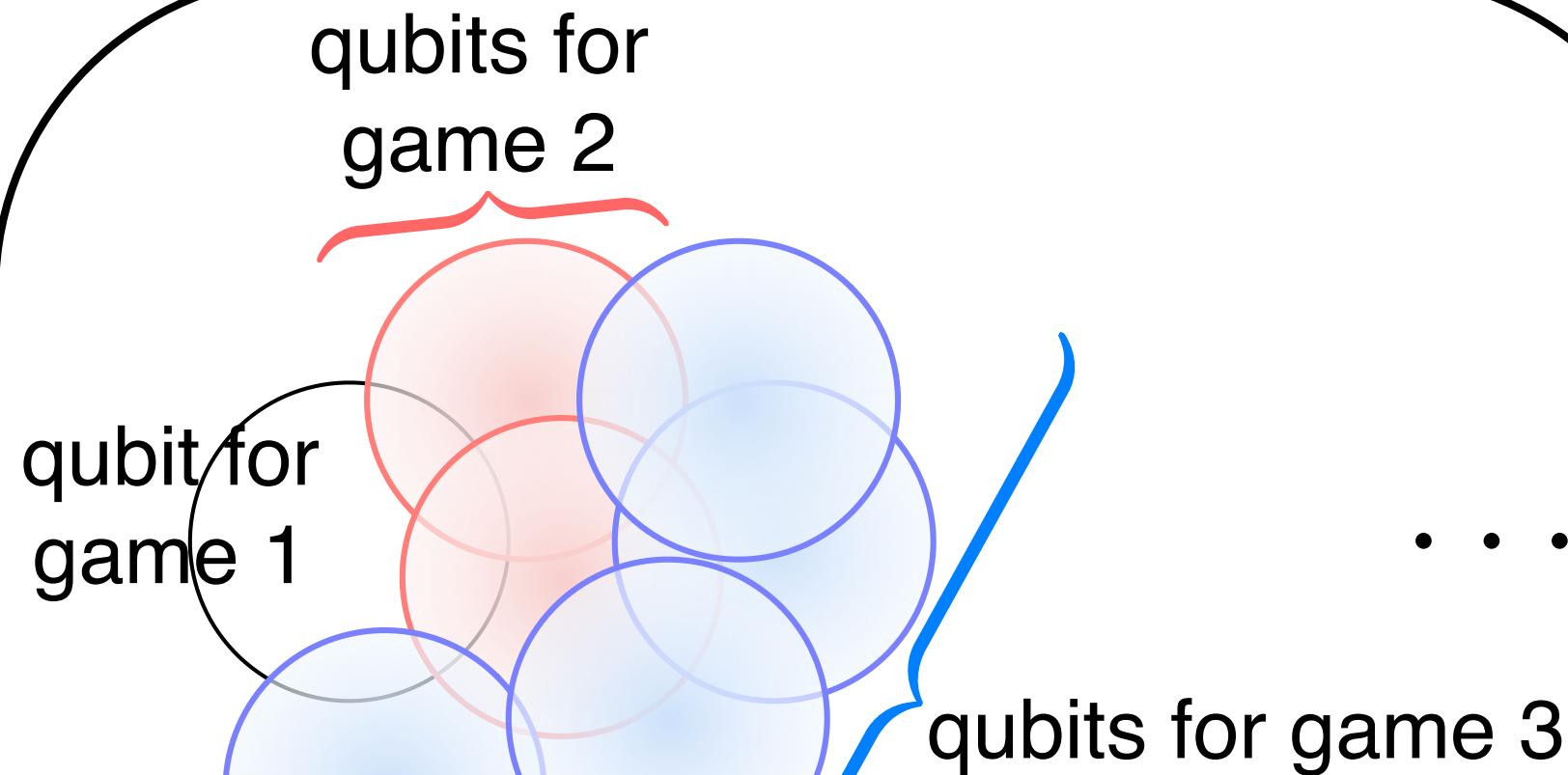
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⇒ W.h.p. for a random set of n sequential games,

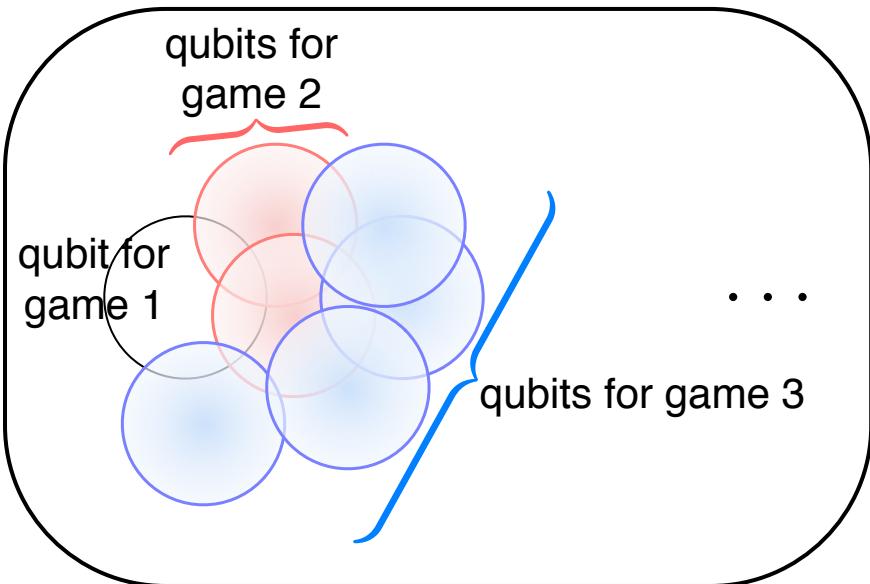
Provers' actual strategy  
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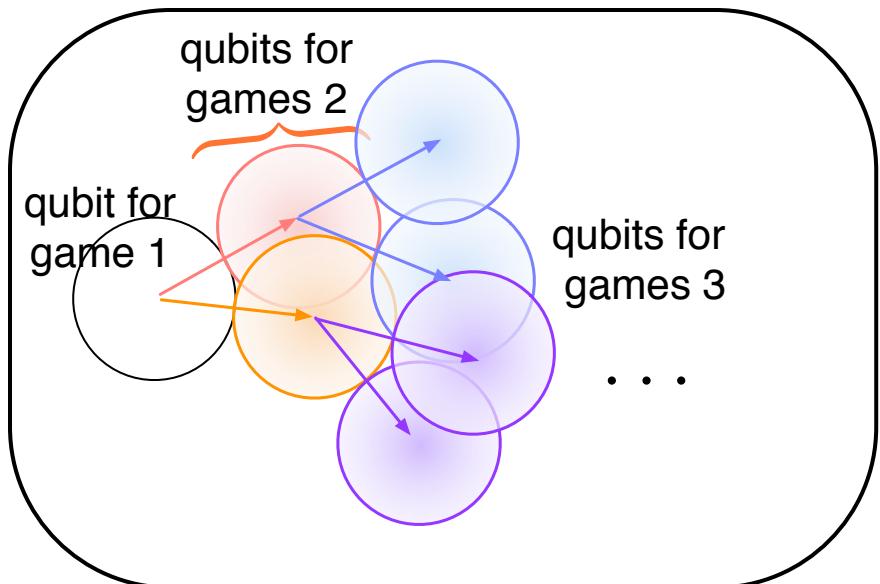
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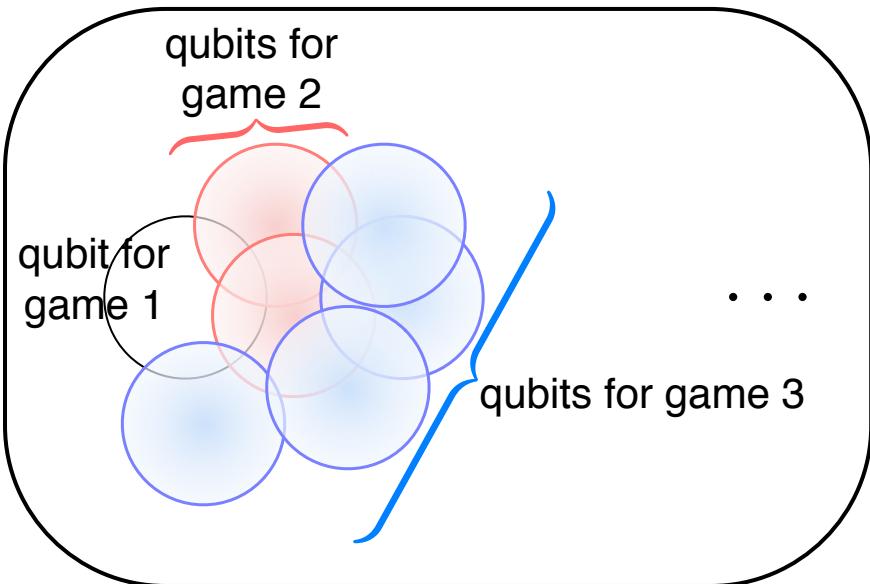
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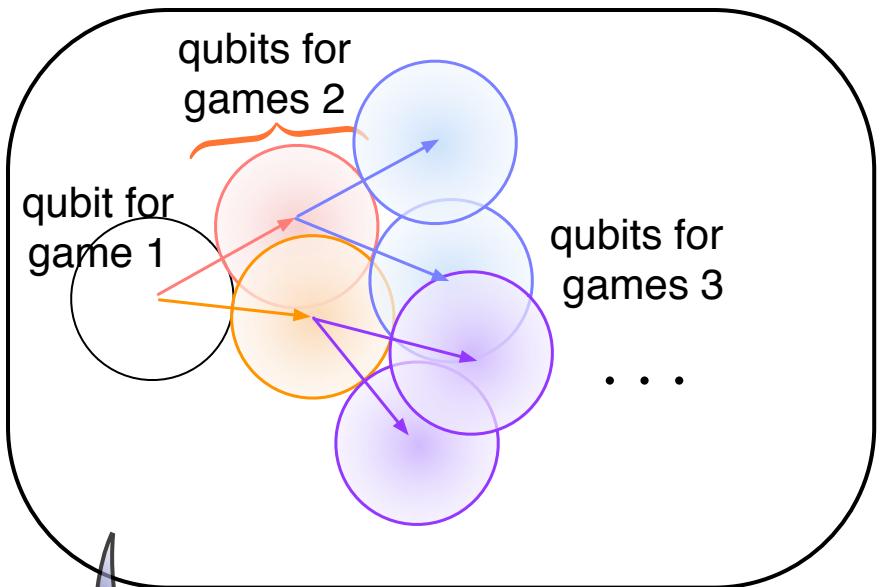
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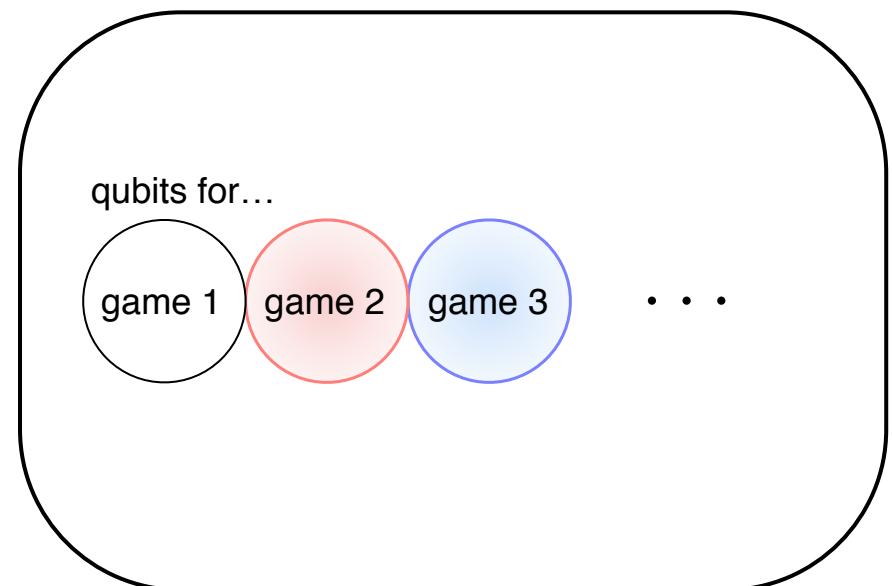
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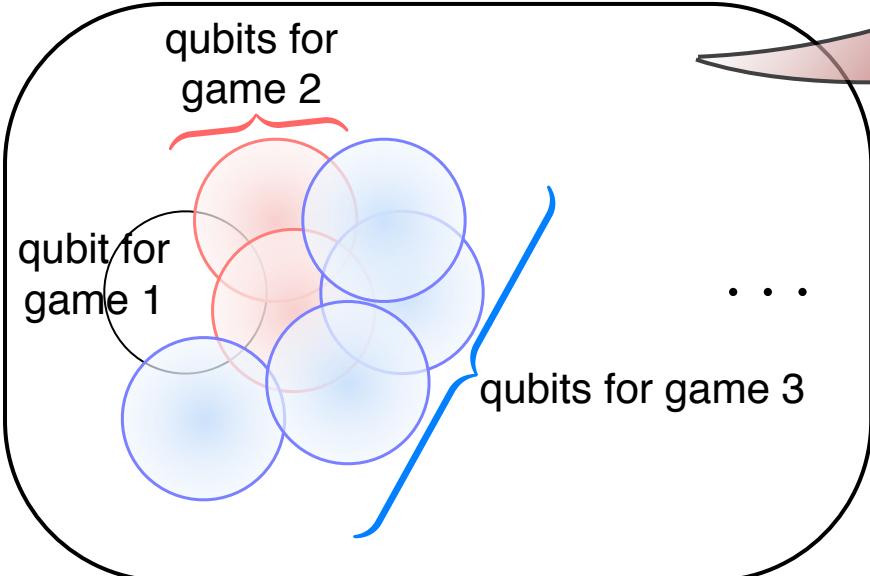
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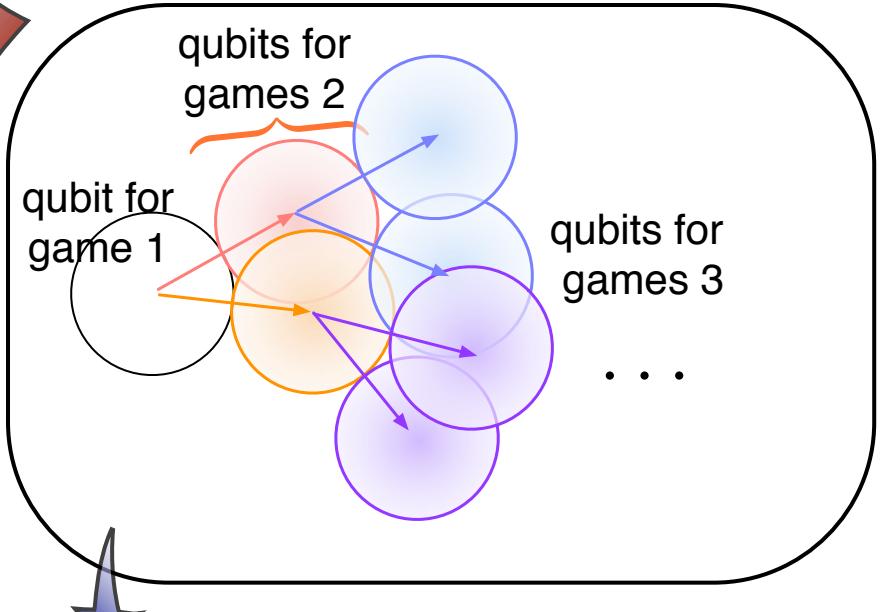
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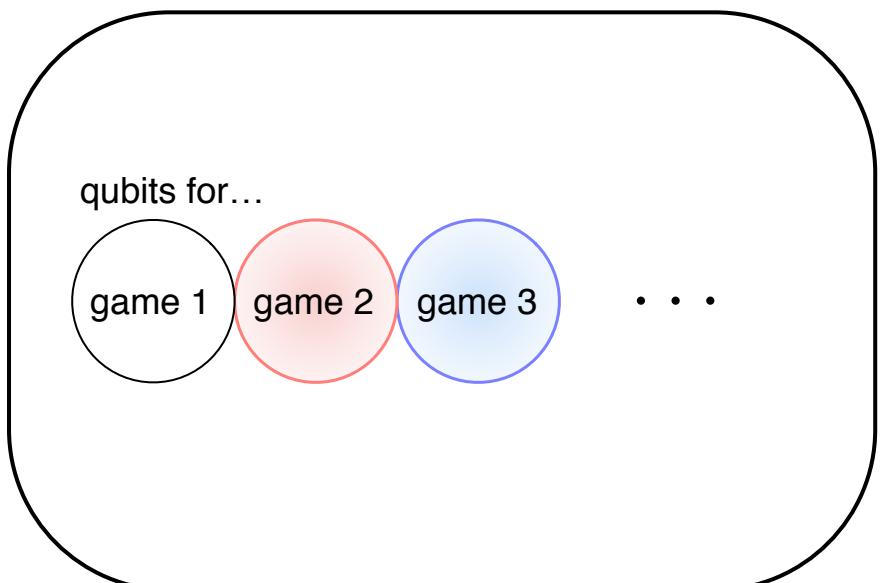
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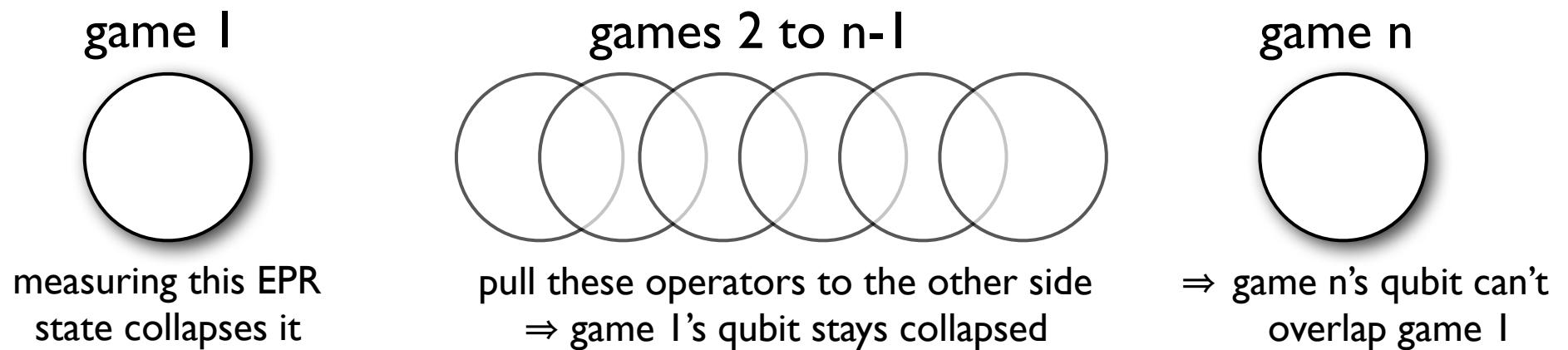
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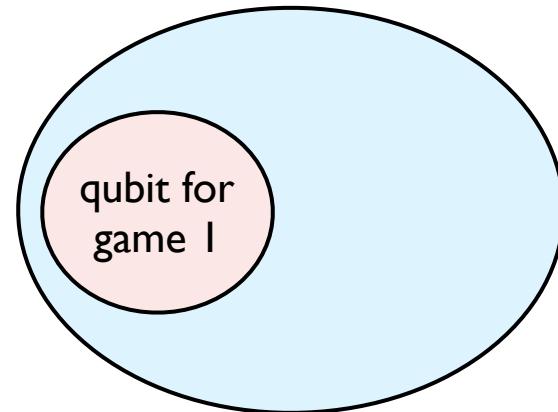
**Fact 2:** Quantum mechanics is local: An operation on the second half of a state can't affect the first half *in expectation*



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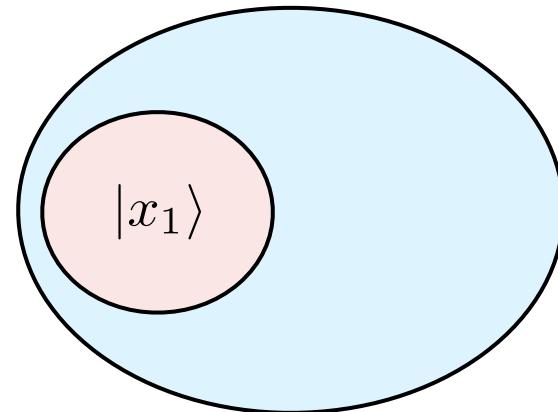
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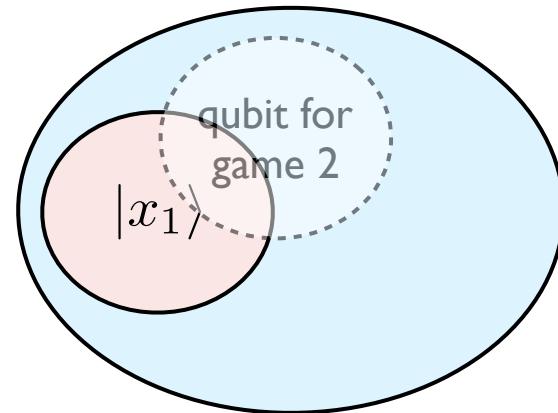
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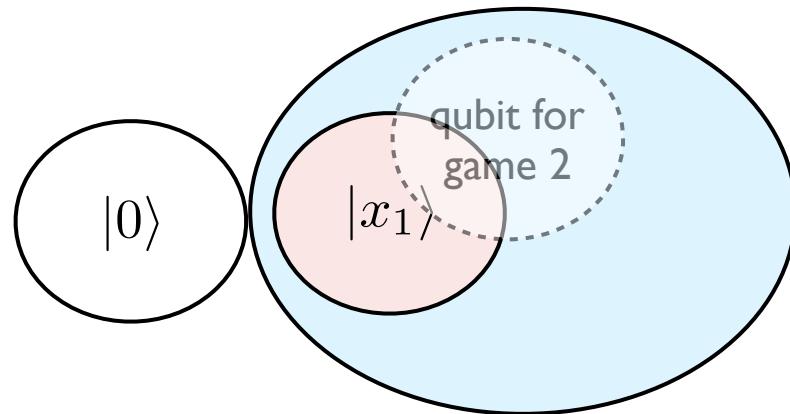
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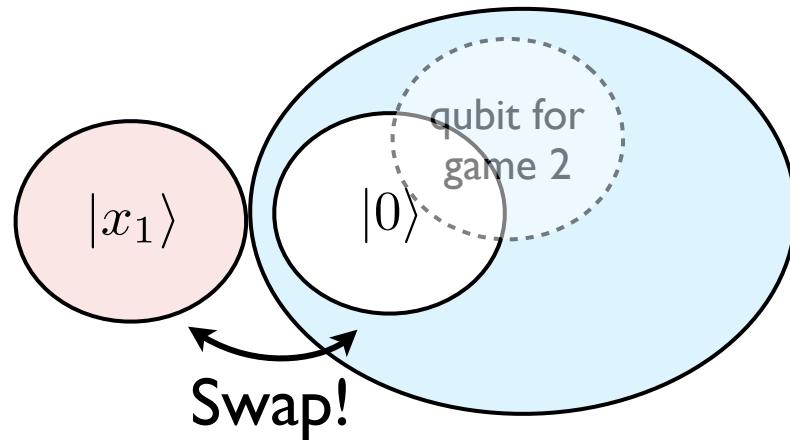
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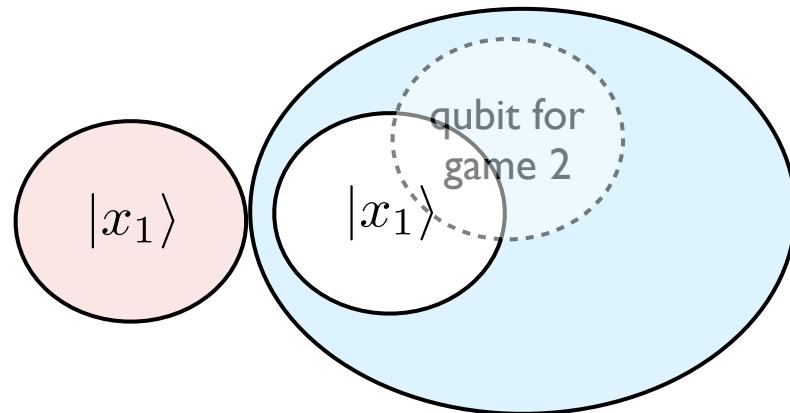
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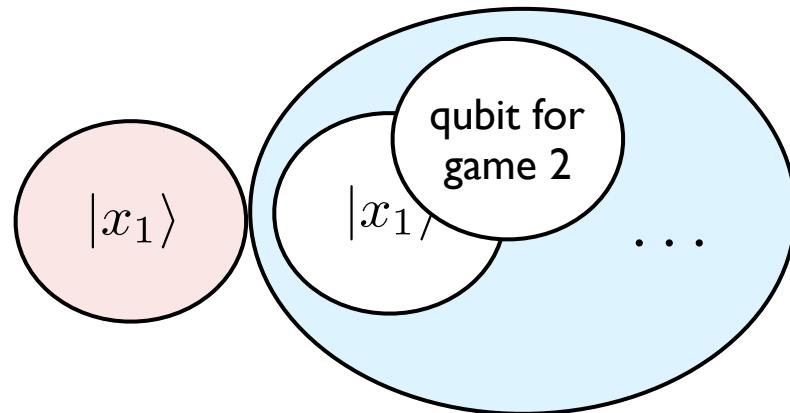


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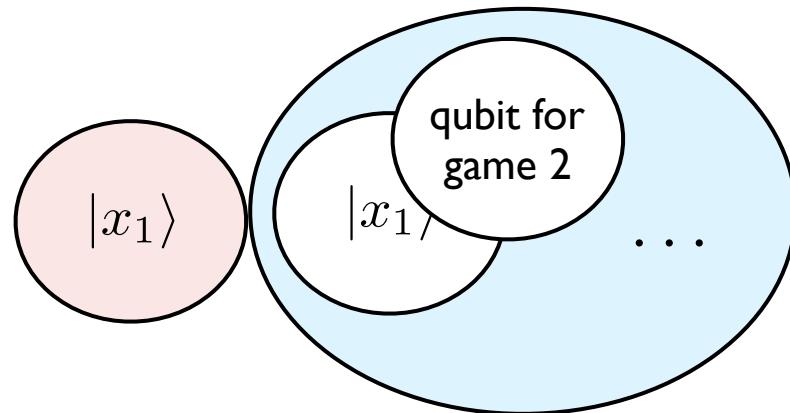
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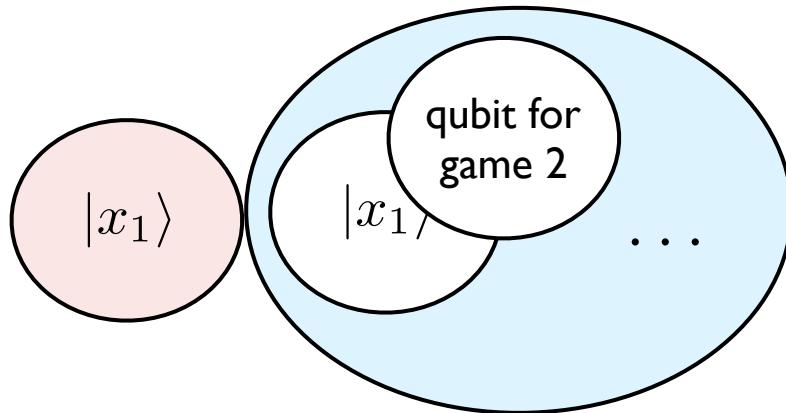
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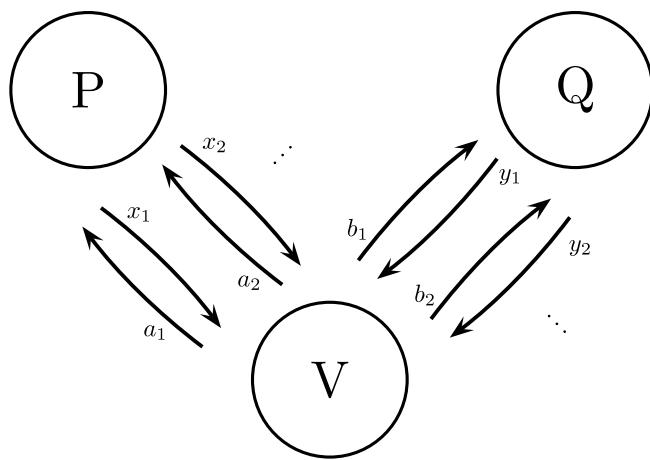
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If extra qubit returns to  $|0\rangle$ , then this strategy  $\approx$  original strategy, up to the isometry “add a  $|0\rangle$  qubit”



### Ideal strategy:

state = n EPR pairs  $(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)^{\otimes n} \otimes |\psi'\rangle$   
 in game j, use j'th pair

### General strategy:

arbitrary state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_P \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_E$   
 in game j, measure with arbitrary projections

### Main theorem:

For  $N = \text{poly}(n)$  games, if

$$\Pr[\text{win} \geq (85\% - \epsilon) \text{ of games}] \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

⇒ W.h.p. for a random set of n sequential games,

Provers' actual strategy  
for those n games       $\approx$       Ideal strategy

# **Applications**

- Cryptography — avoiding side-channel attacks
- Complexity theory — De-quantizing proof systems

# A

Authenticated,  
Secret Channel

# B

## Key-distribution schemes

Predistribution

Public-key cryptography  
(e.g., Diffie-Hellman, RSA)

Quantum key distribution (QKD)  
(e.g., BB84)

## Assumptions

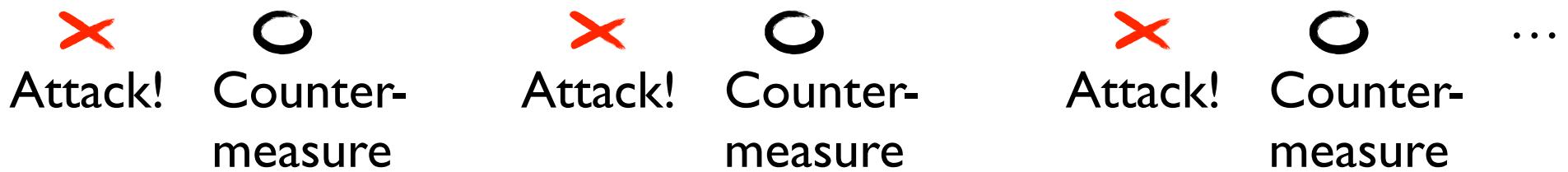
- Secure channel in past

- Authenticated channel
- Computational hardness

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- Quantum physics is correct
- ...

## Attacks

- Computational assumptions might be incorrect
  - e.g., Quantum computers can factor quickly!
- “Side-channel attacks”:
  - Mathematical models might be incorrect
    - Timing
    - EM radiation leaks
    - Power consumption
    - ...
  - QKD is especially vulnerable



## BB '84 QKD scheme\*

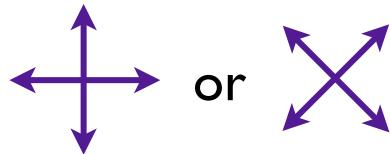
Polarization-entangled photons

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \begin{array}{c} \longleftrightarrow \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left| \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

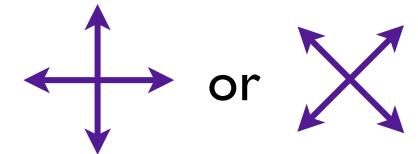
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measure in basis



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\* Not exactly

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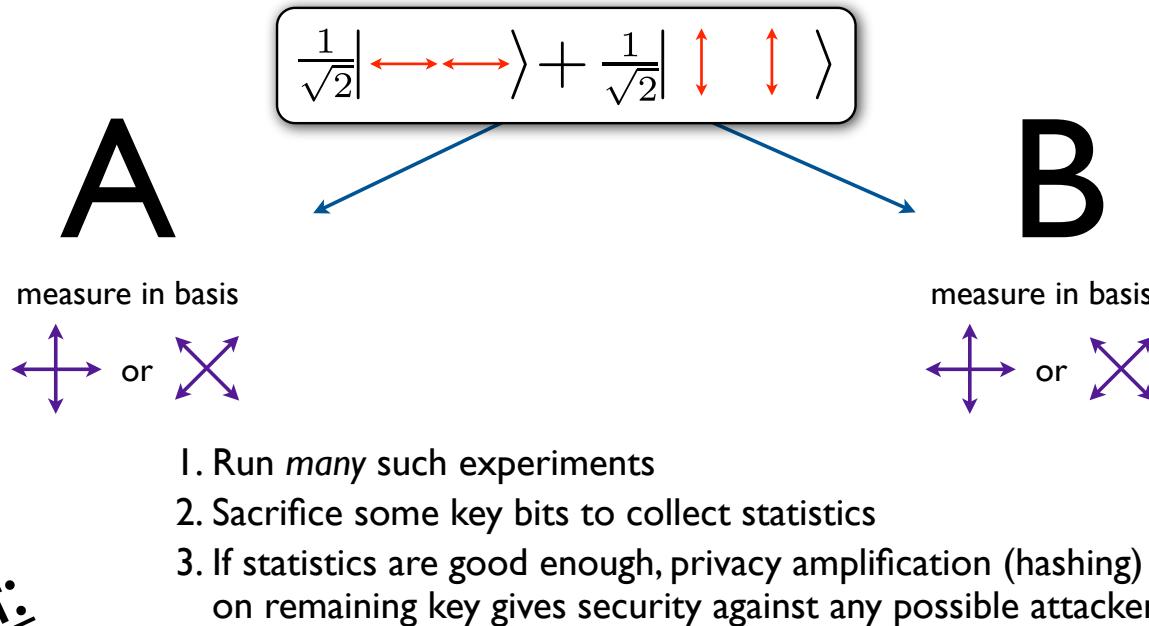
- If **E** intercepts communication, shared state can be

$$|\psi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}_A^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}_B^2 \otimes \mathcal{H}_E$$

- If A & B *always agree*, then

$$|\psi\rangle = (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) \otimes |\psi\rangle_E$$

$\therefore$  Key bit is uncorrelated with E



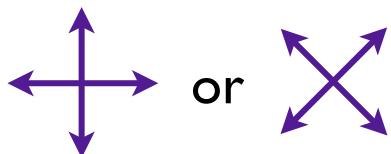
Proof: Expand

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{a,b \in \{0,1\}} |a,b\rangle_{A,B} |\psi_{a,b}\rangle_E$$

# Attack on BB'84 QKD

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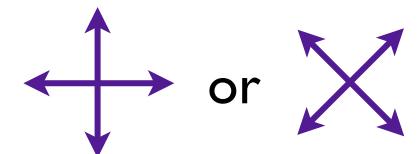
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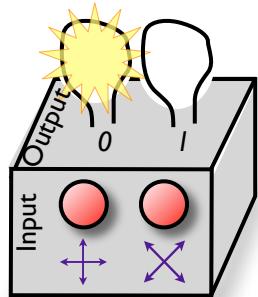
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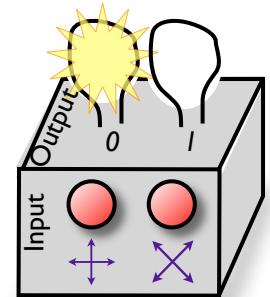
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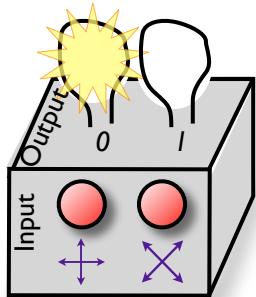
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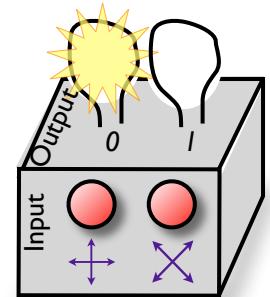
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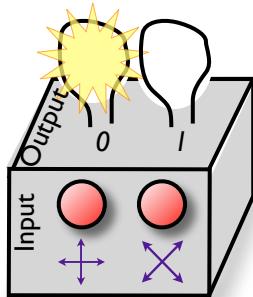


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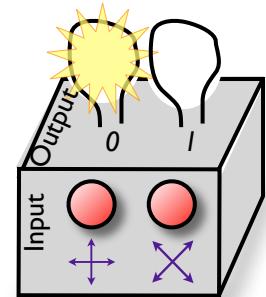
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**Attack:** Devices share random two-bit string.  
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⇒ No security if A & B each have 4-dimensional systems instead of qubits

## Device-Independent QKD

- Full list of assumptions:
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  3. Isolated laboratories for Alice and Bob
  4. Quantum theory is correct
- Example

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[HRW '09]: Non-signaling security impossible with only two devices
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[ABGMPS '07, PABGMS '09, M '09, HR '10, MPA '11]  
identical tensor-product attacks → commuting measurement attacks

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- assume quantum attacker
- only inverse polynomial key rate & no noise tolerated (as in [BHK '05])

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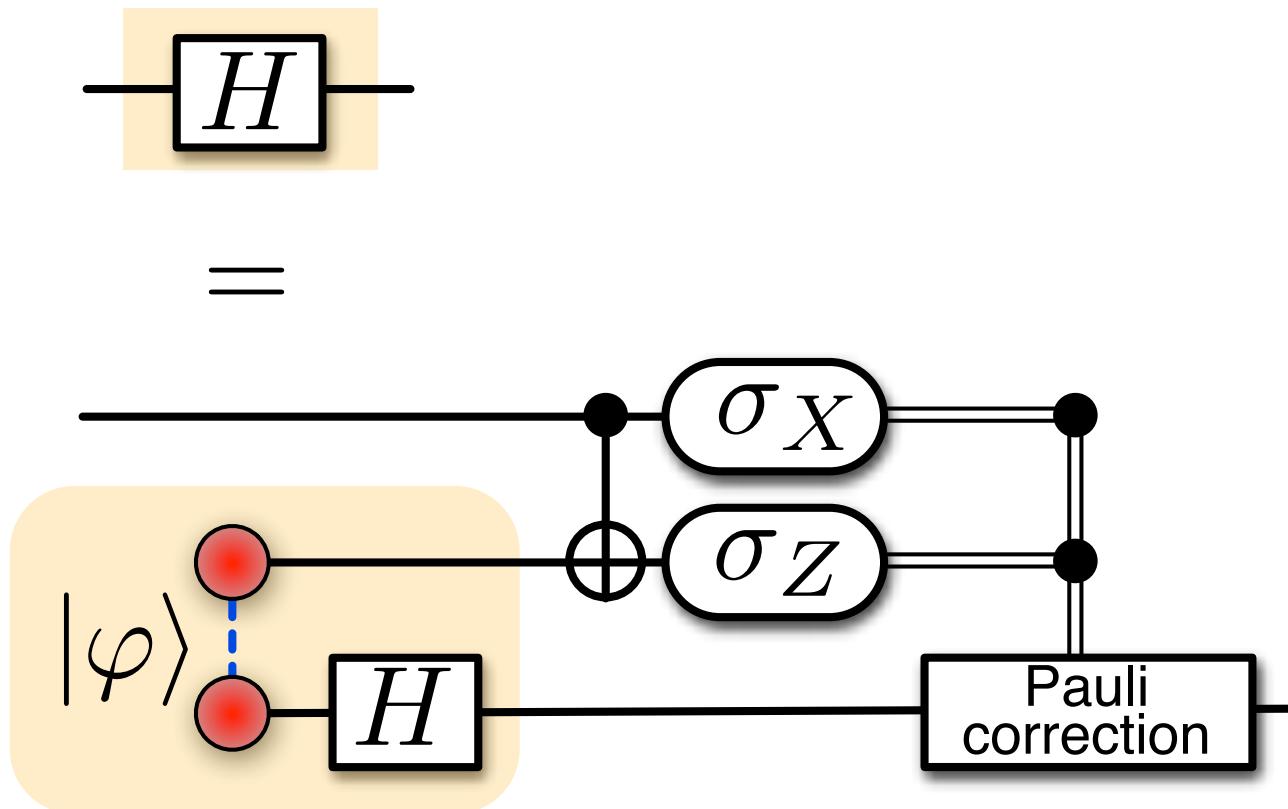
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★**Theorem 2:**  $QMIP = MIP^*$

(everything  
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proposed by  
[BFK '10]

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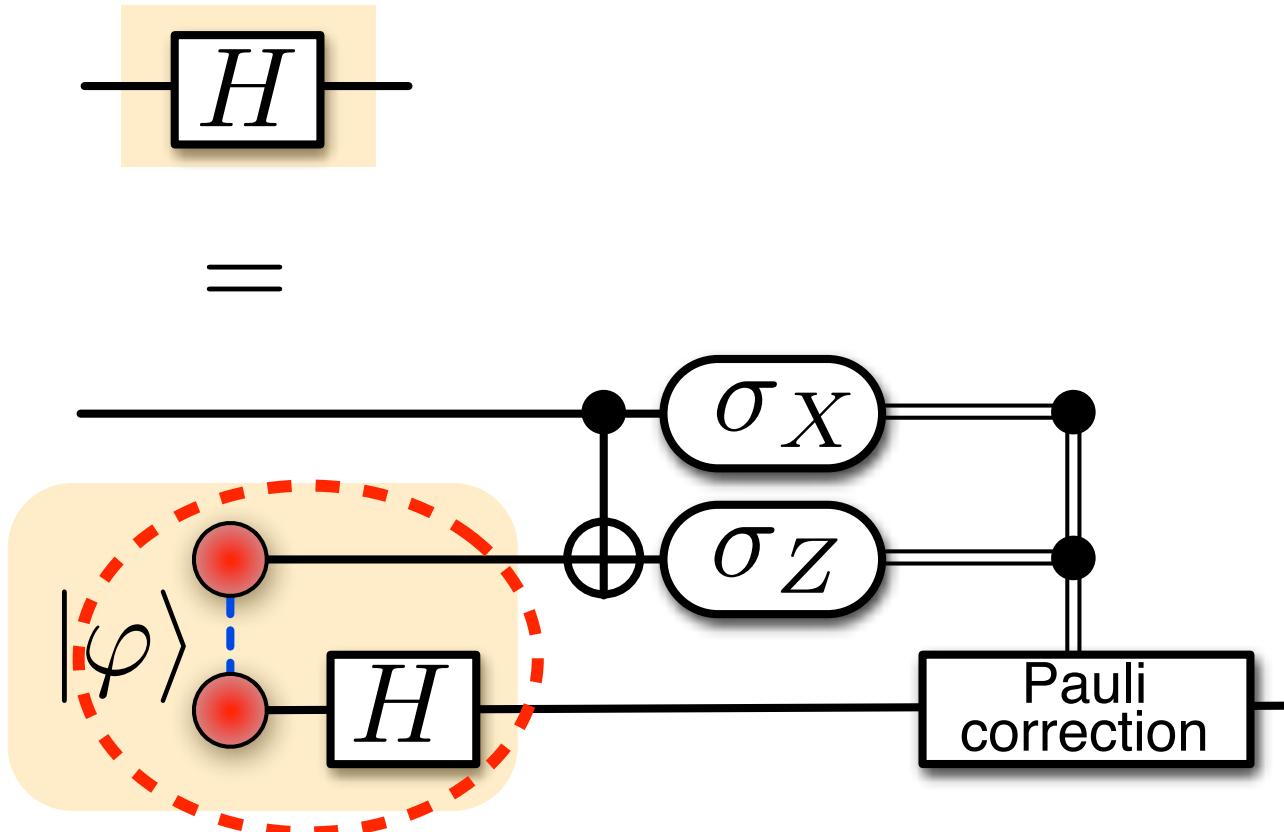


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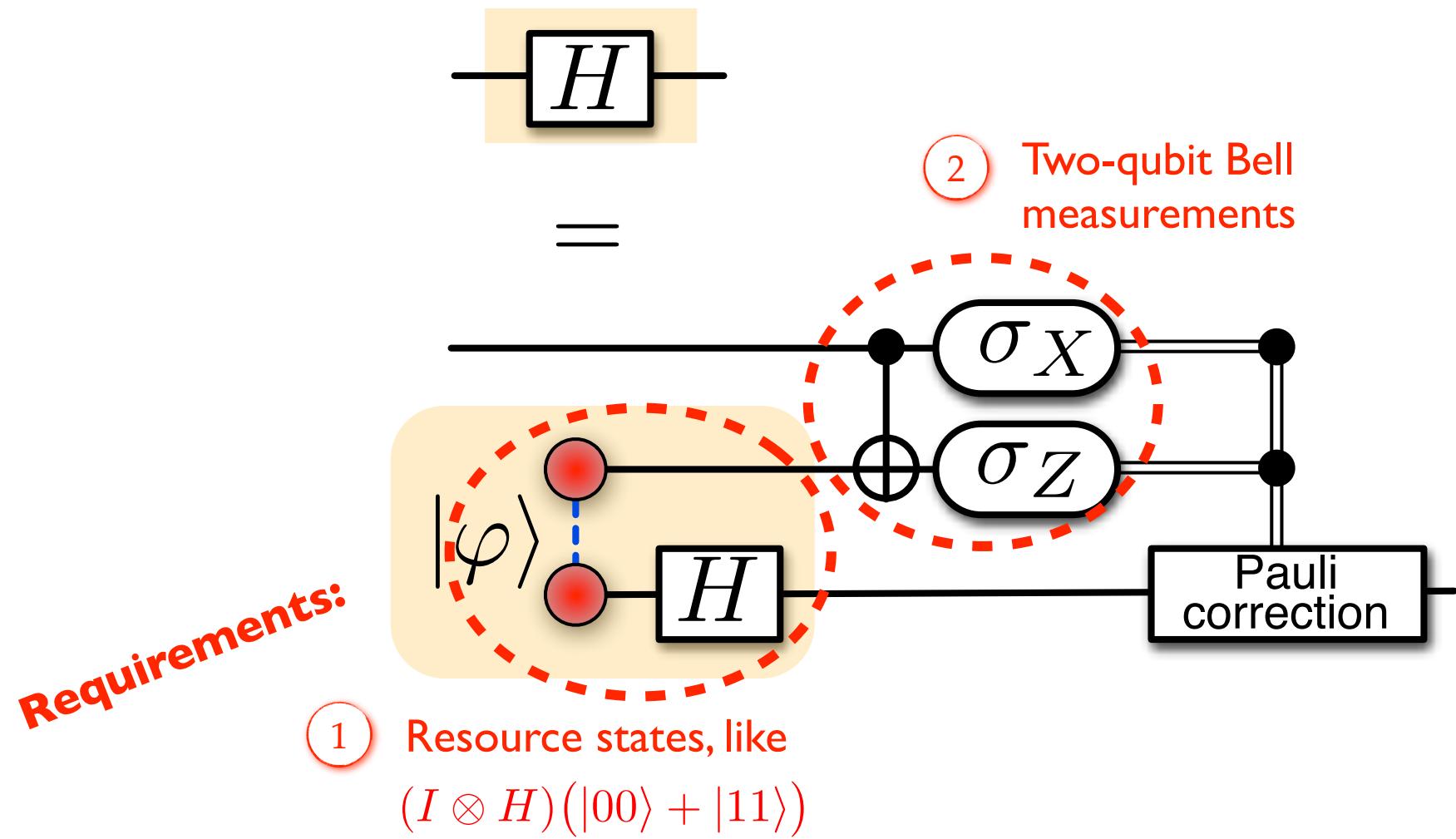
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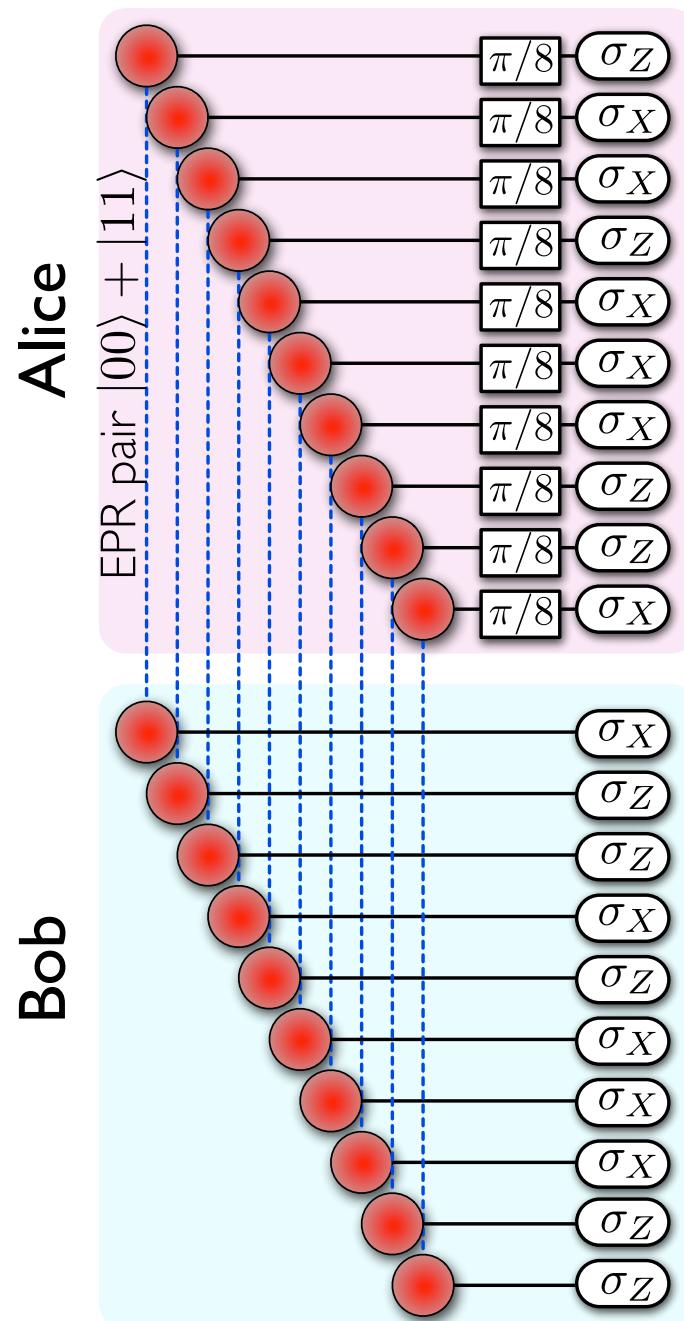


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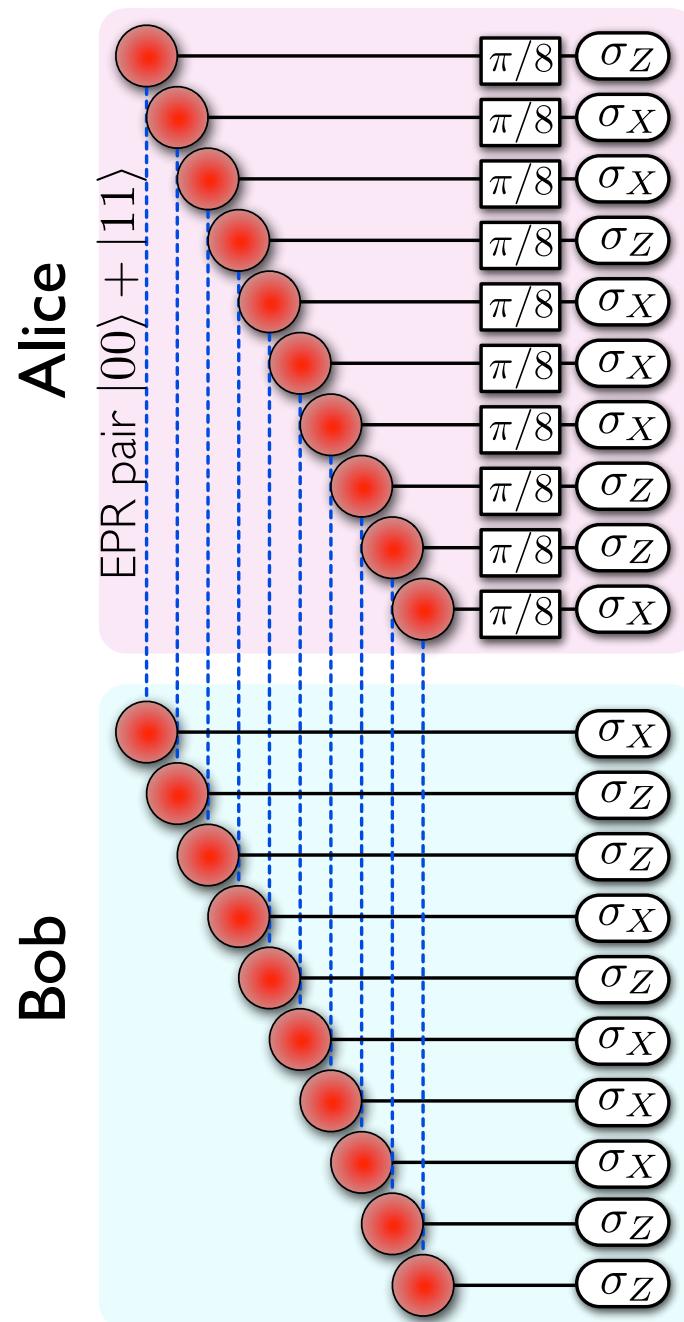
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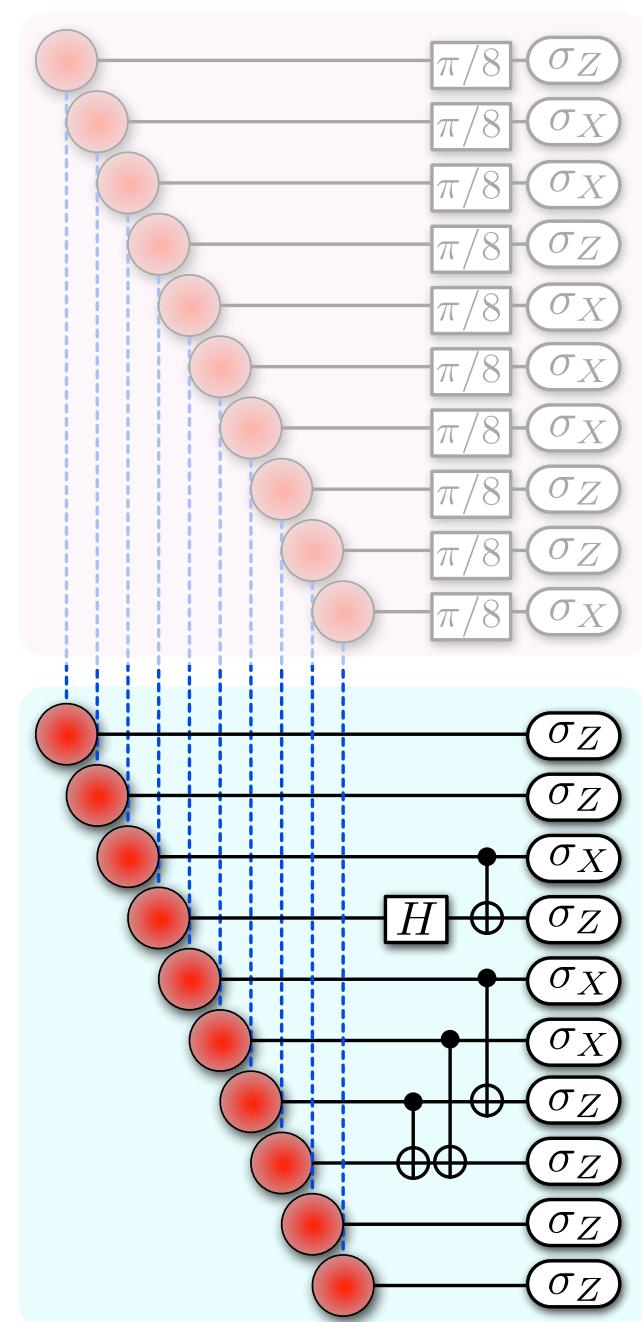
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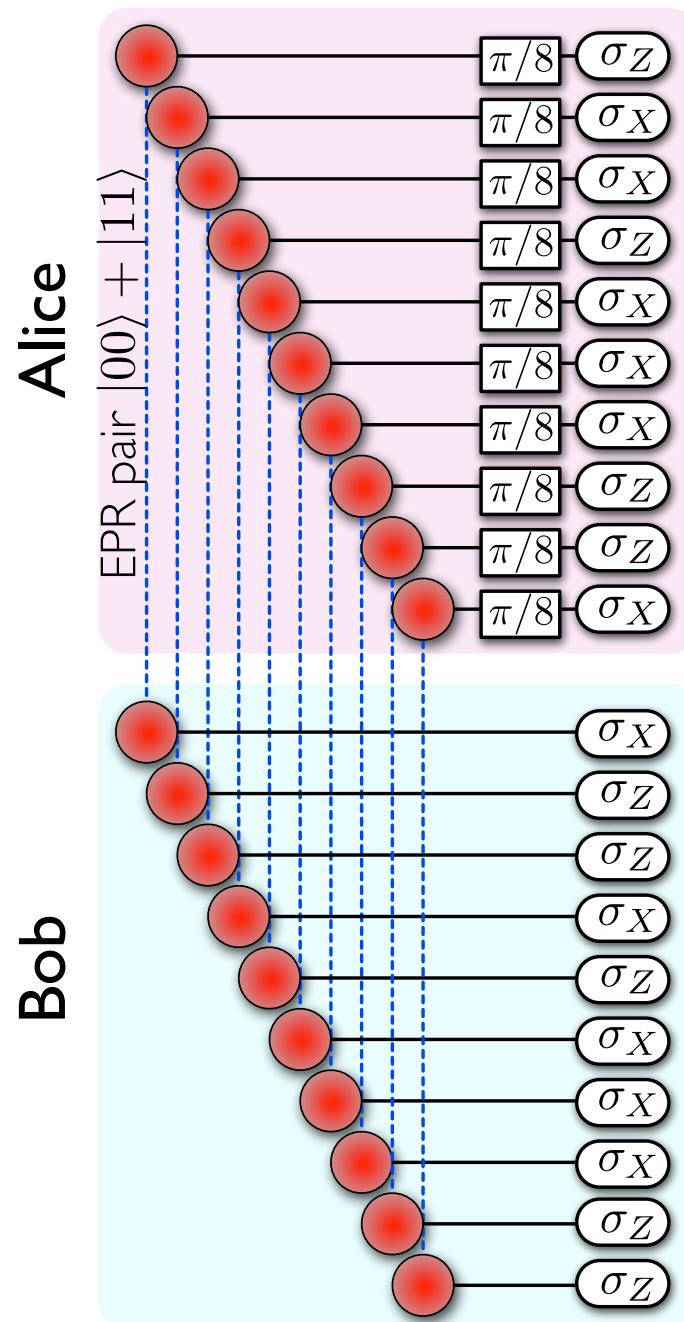
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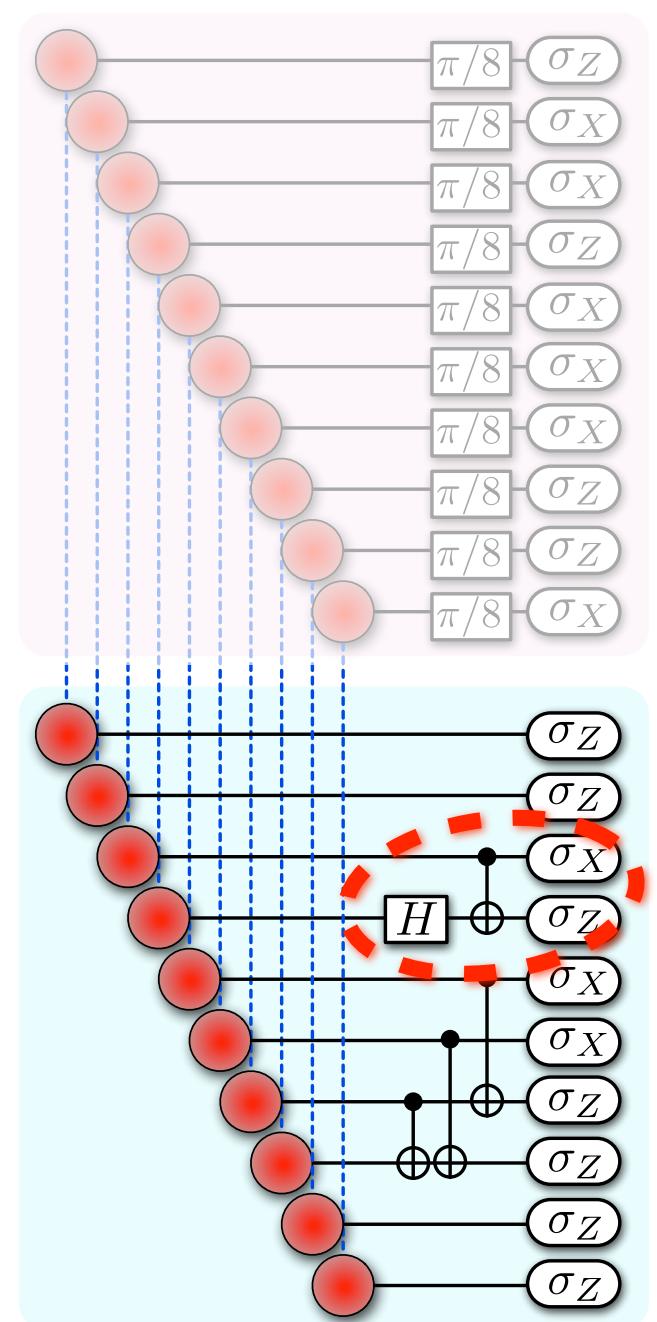
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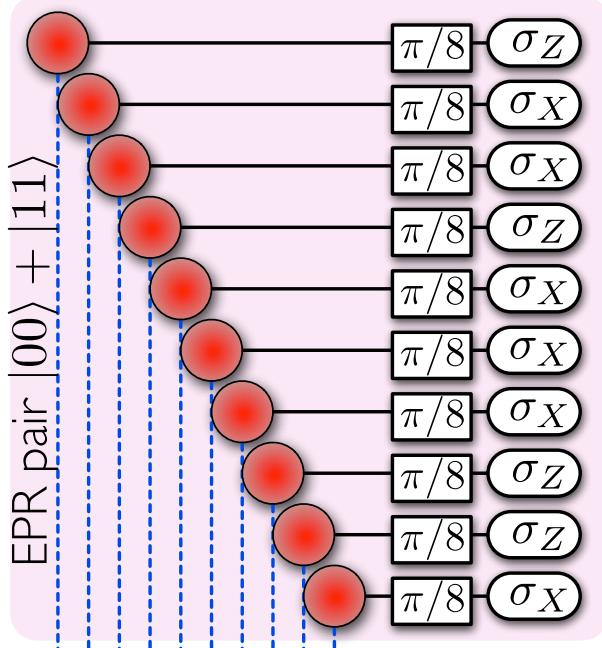


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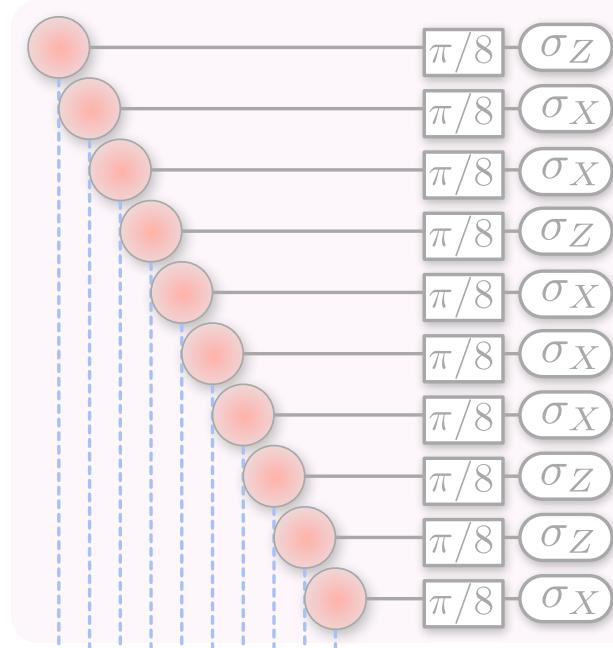


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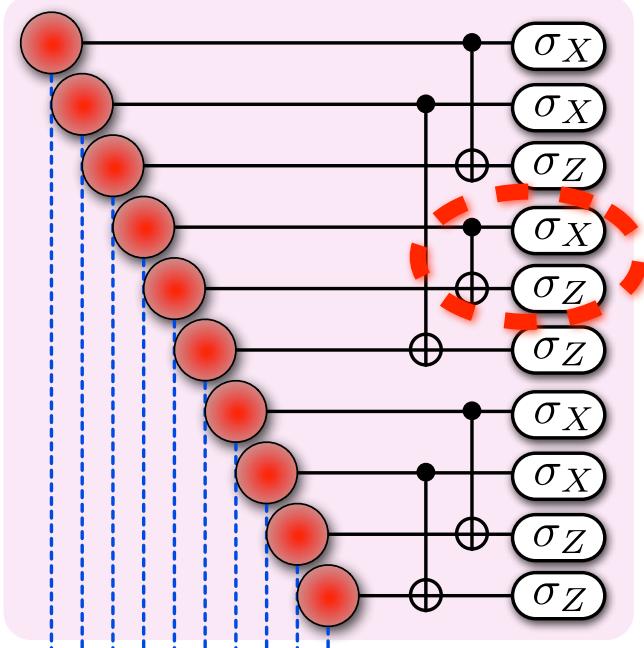
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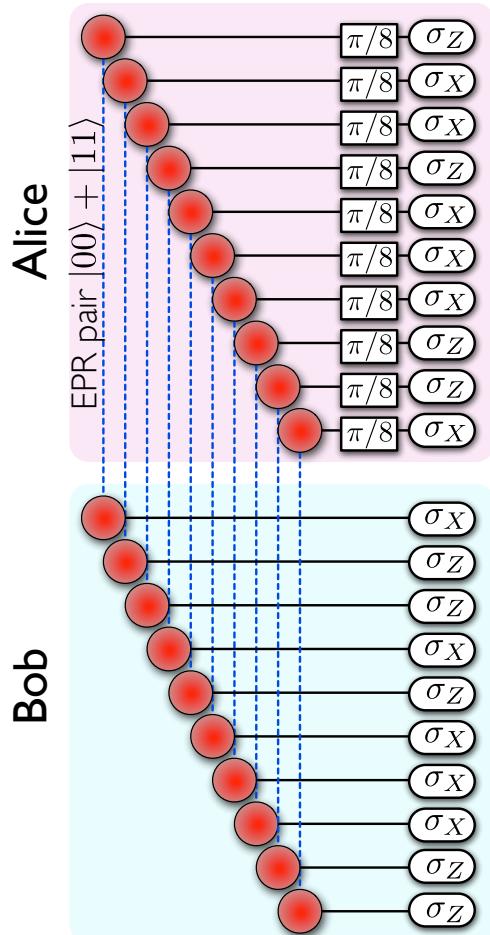
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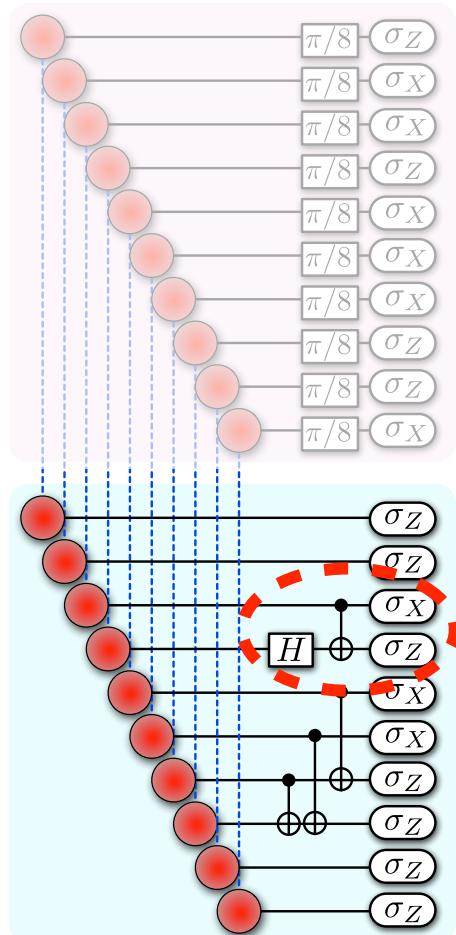
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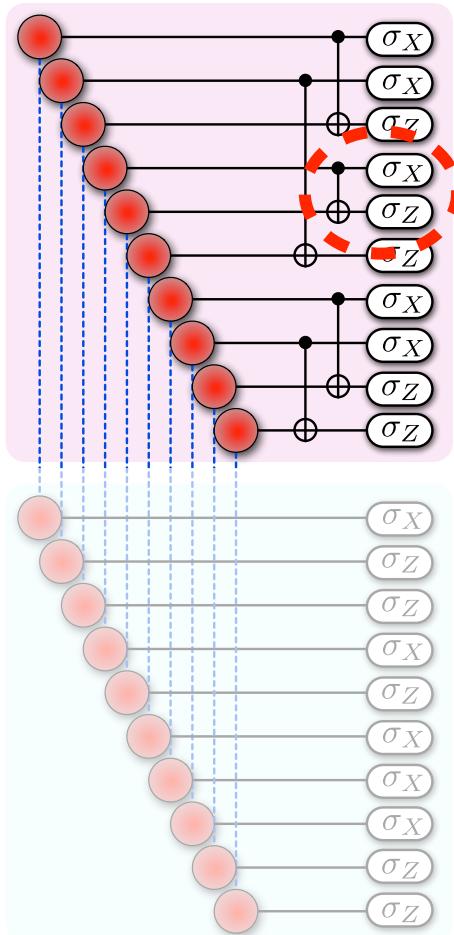
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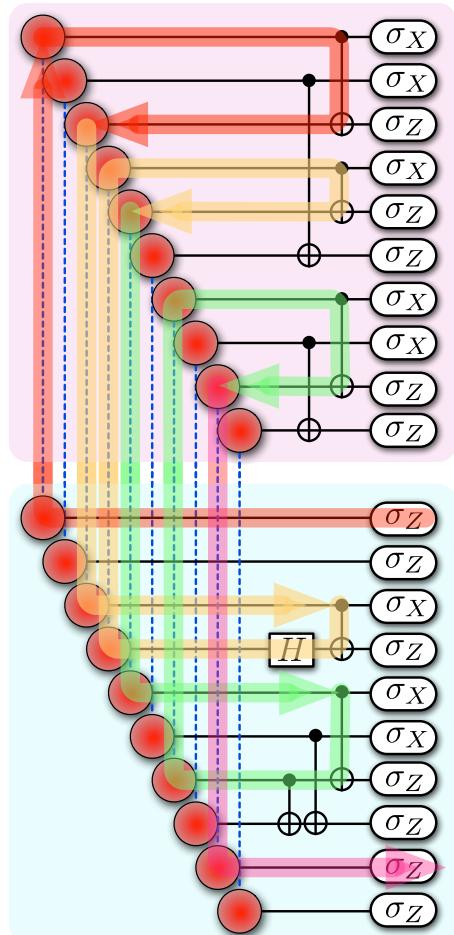
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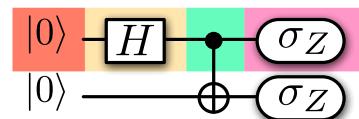
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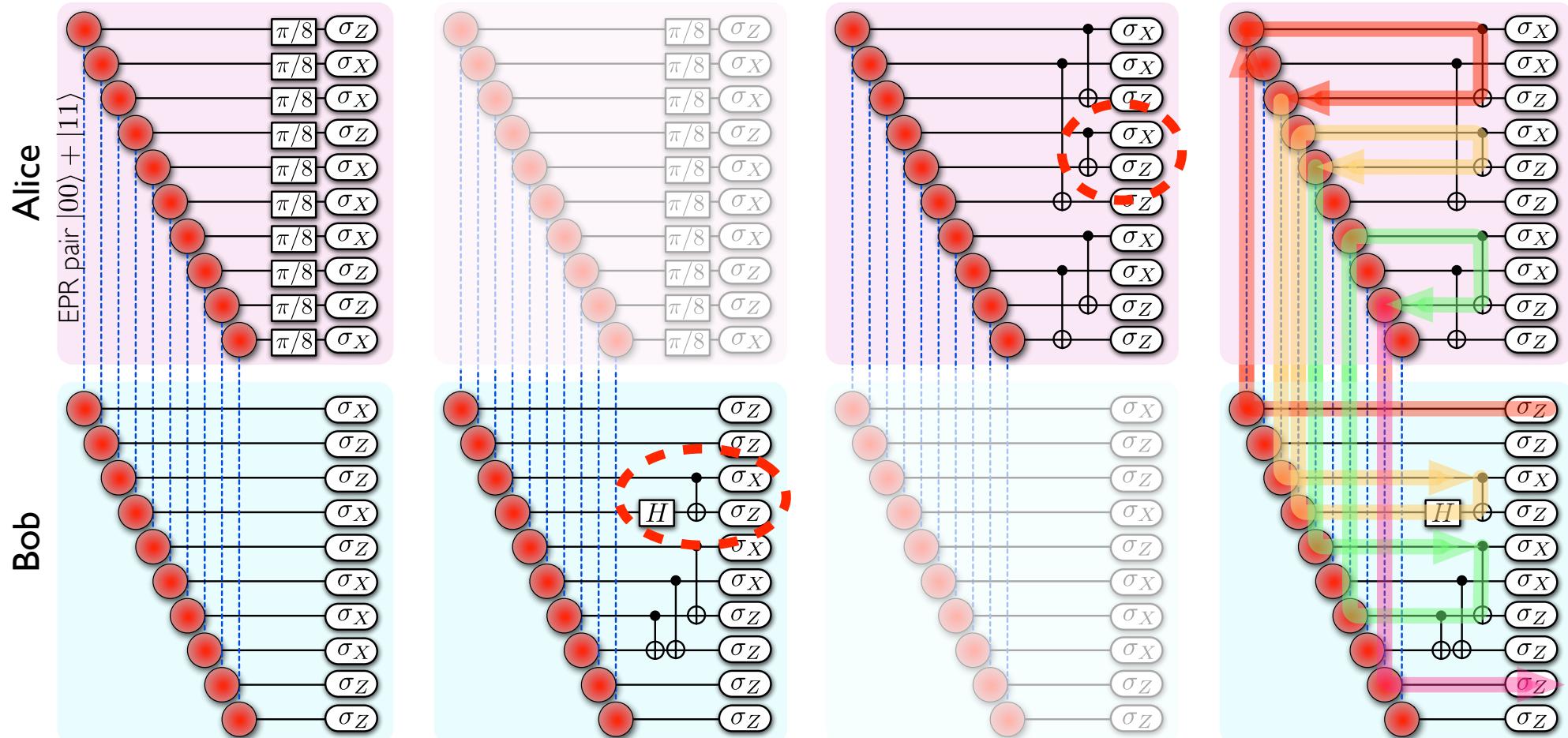


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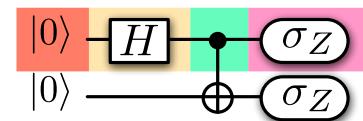


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**Theorem:** If the tests from the first three protocols pass with high probability, then the fourth protocol's output is correct.

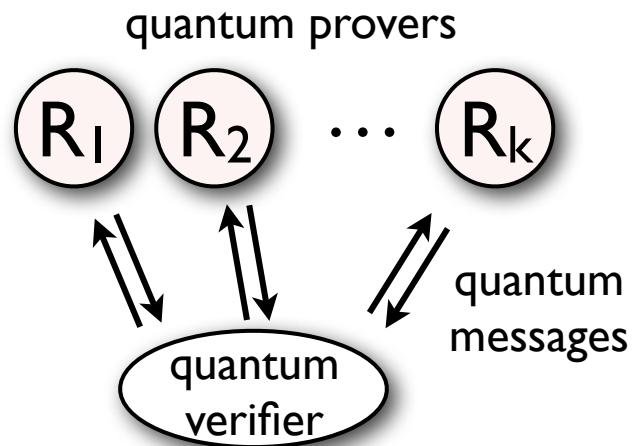
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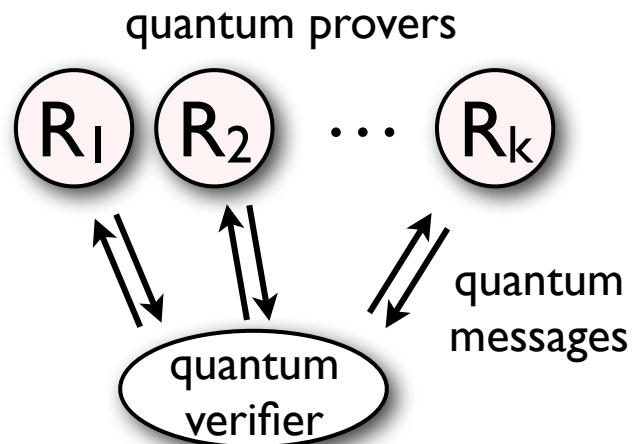
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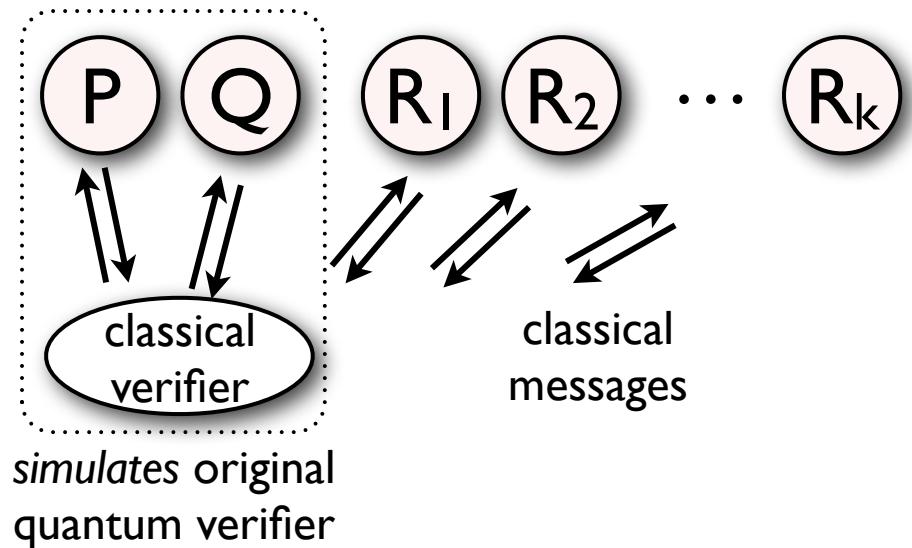
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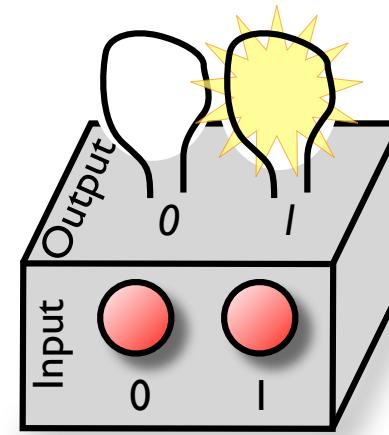
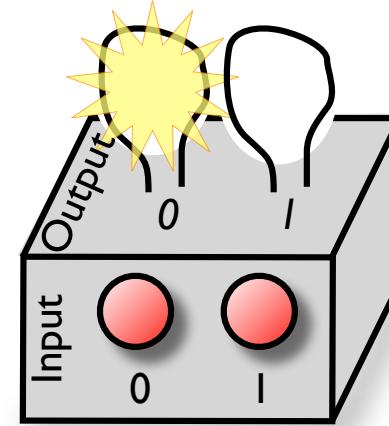
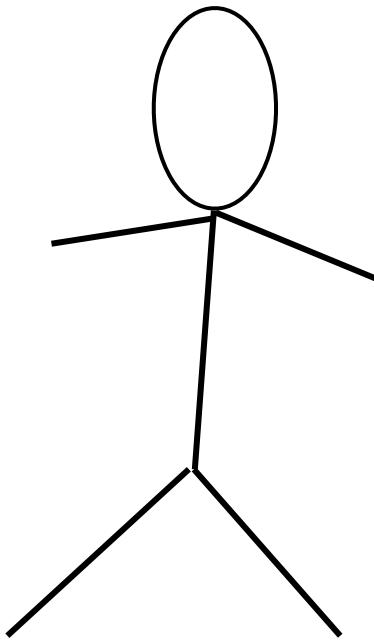
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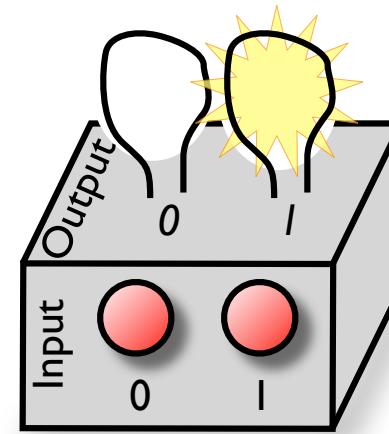
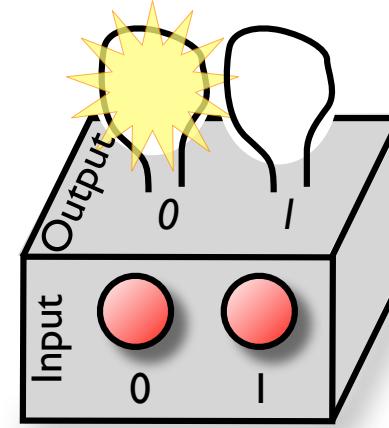
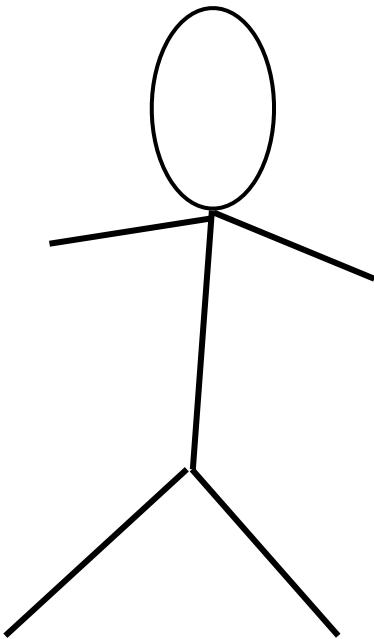




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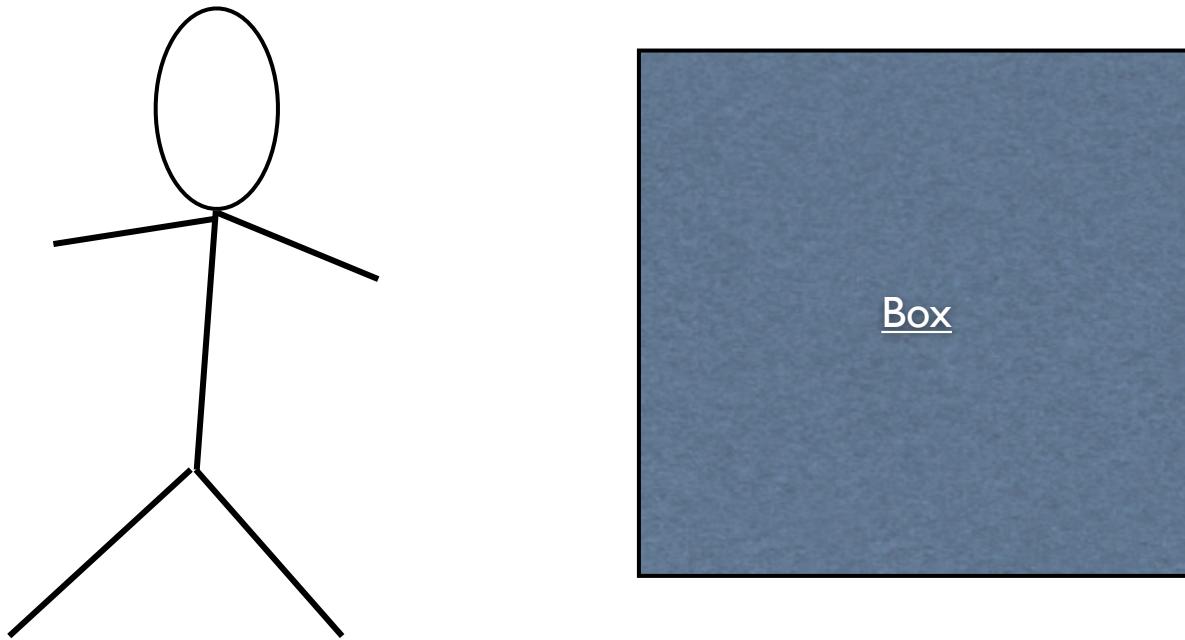
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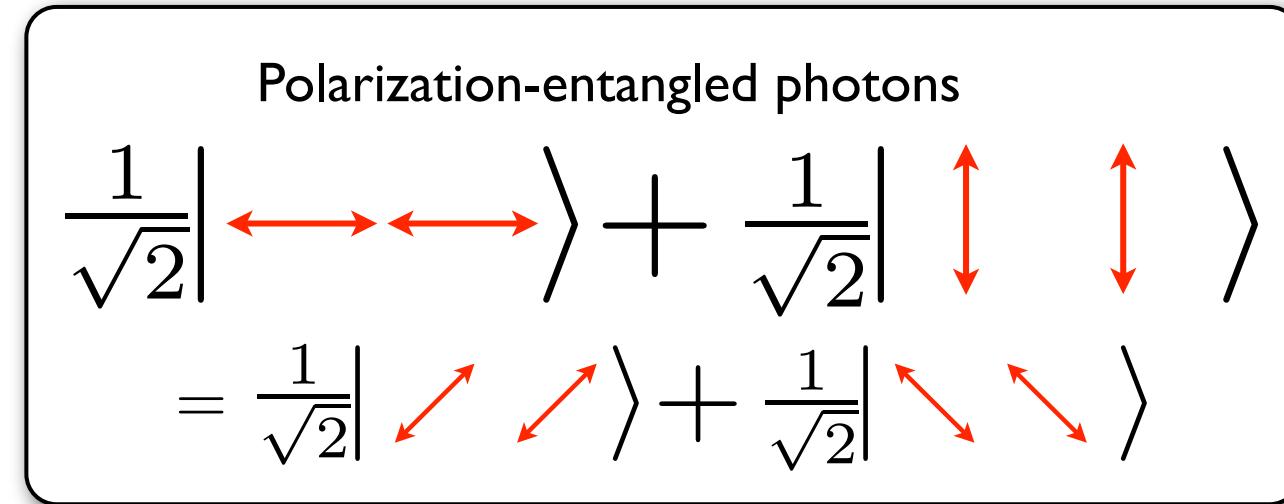


Verifying quantum dynamics is impossible,  
but can we still check the answers to BQP computations?  
(e.g., it is easy to verify a factorization)

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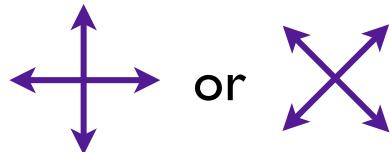
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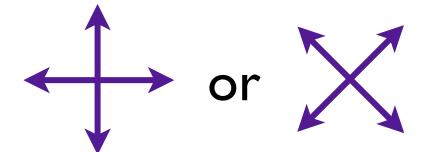


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**Theorem:**  $\Pr[\text{win}] \geq \cos^2(\pi/8) - \varepsilon \Rightarrow \sqrt{\varepsilon}\text{-close}$  to the ideal strategy.

## General strategy:

initial quantum state = arbitrary unit vector  
in Hilbert spaces of arbitrary dimensions:

P's strategy = On question  $a \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  
return result of measuring using projections:

Q's strategy = On question  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  
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$$|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_P \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q \otimes \mathcal{H}_E$$

$$\{P_a, P_a^\perp\}$$

$$\{Q_b, Q_b^\perp\}$$

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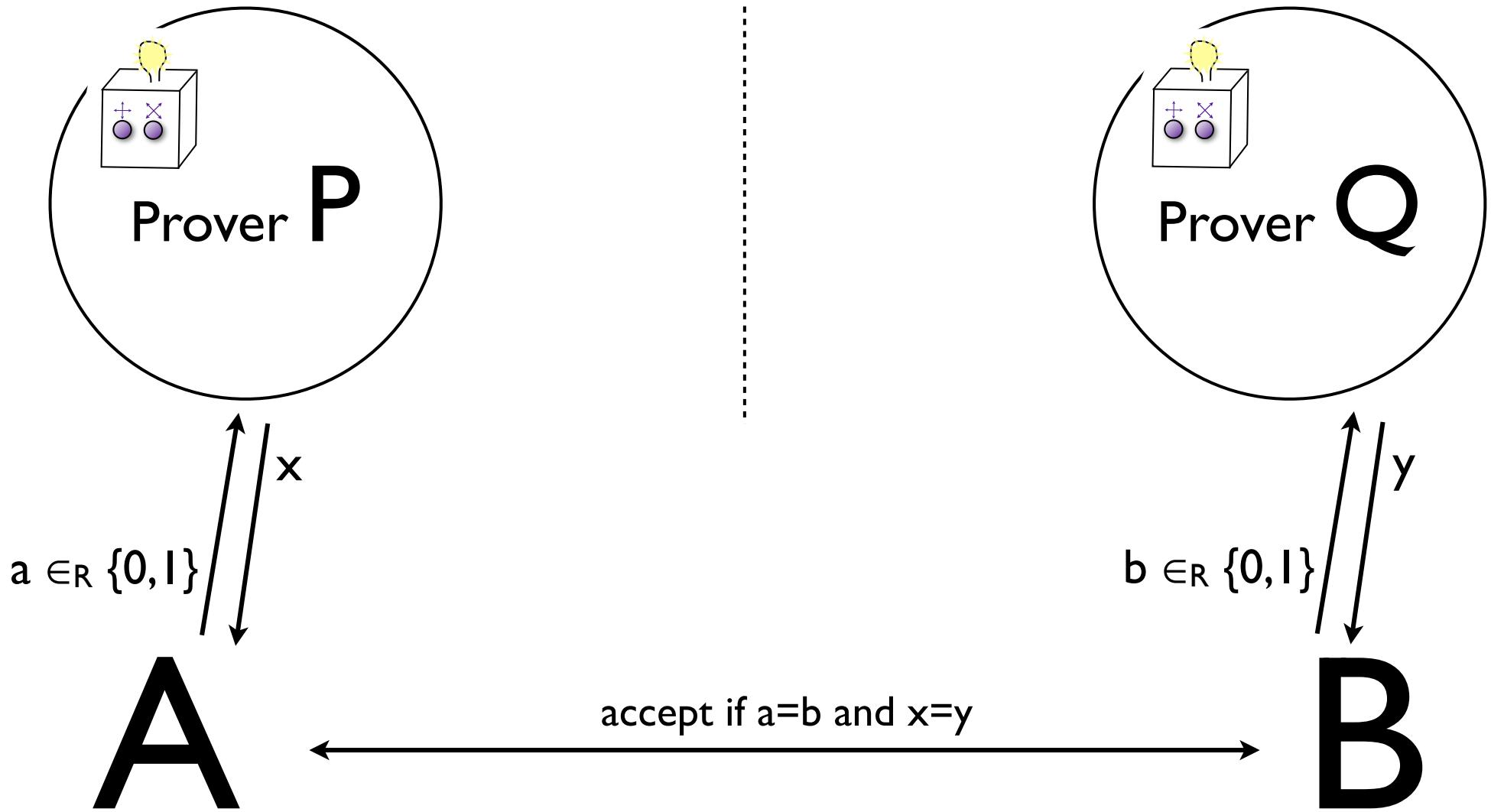
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The boxes are playing a two-player game (“Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen game”)...  
 Using a shared classical string, also shared with E,  
 they can win with probability one

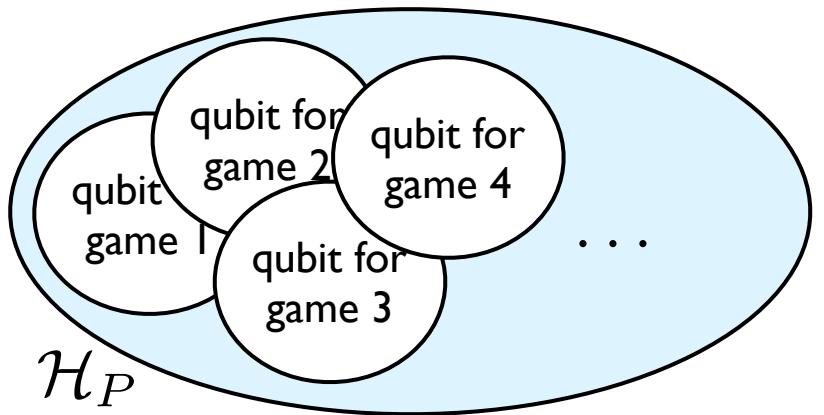
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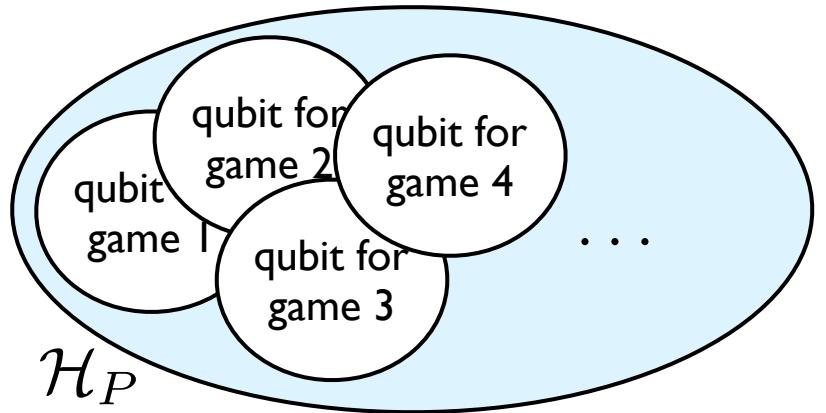
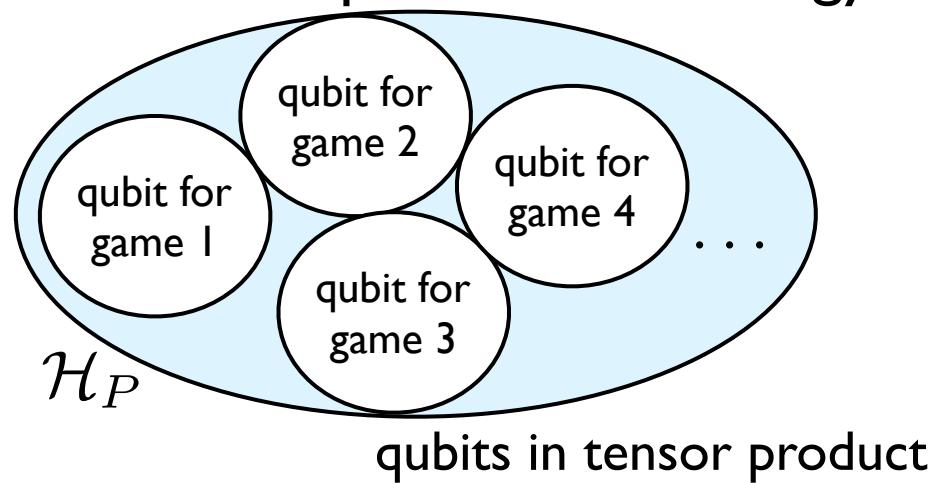


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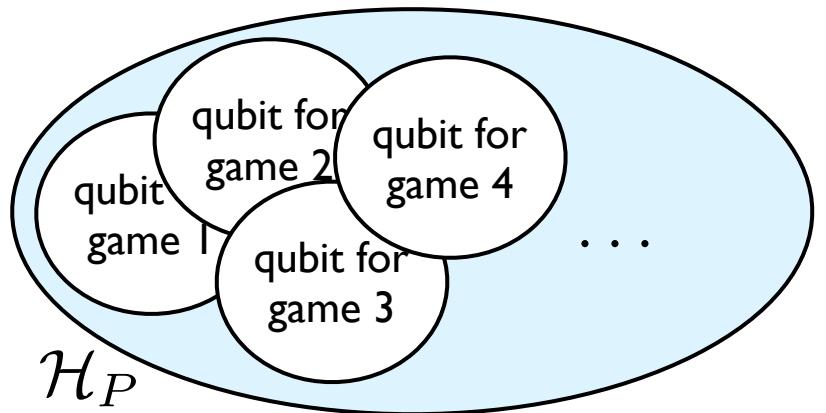
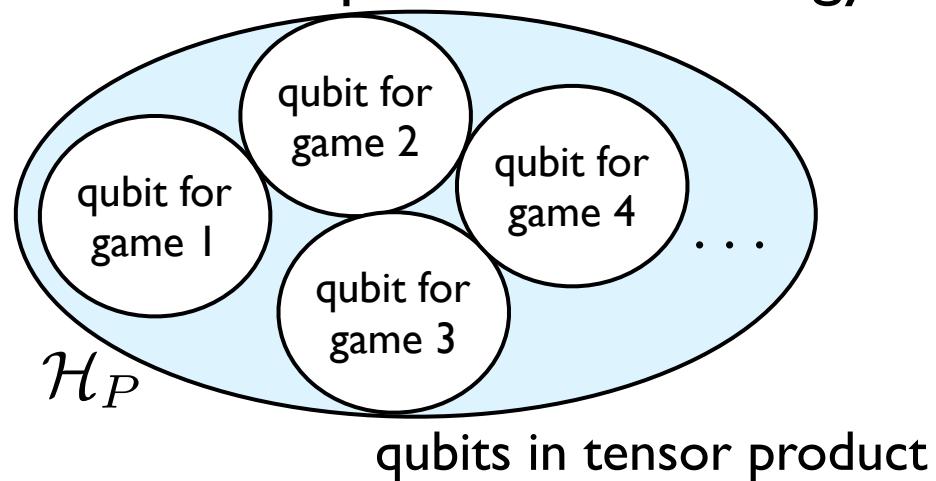


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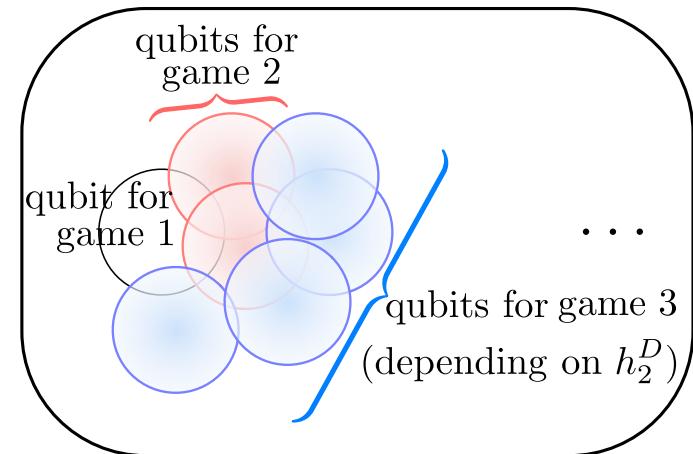
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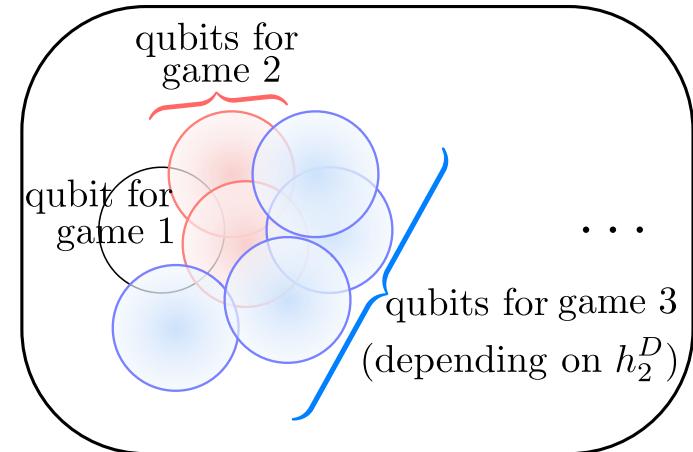
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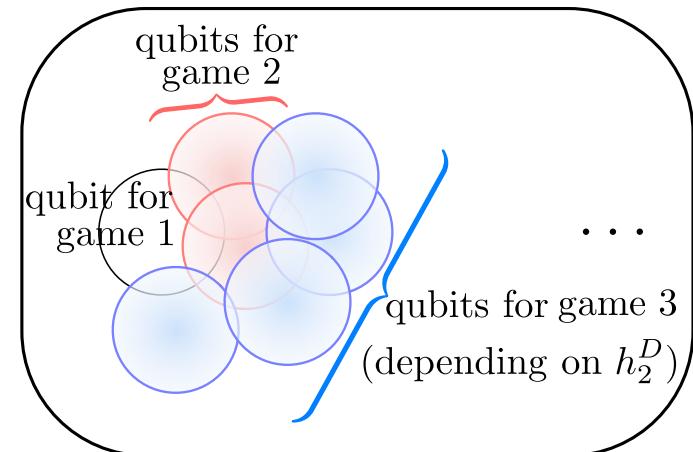
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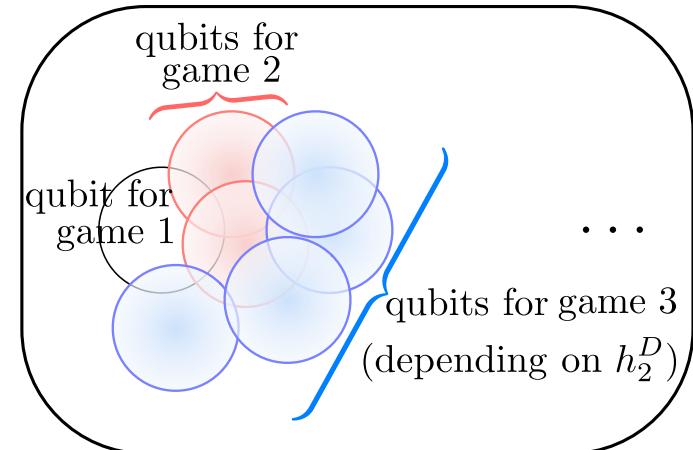
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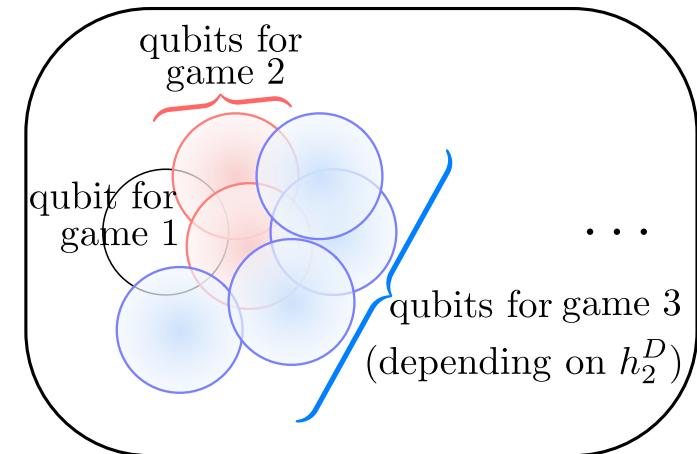
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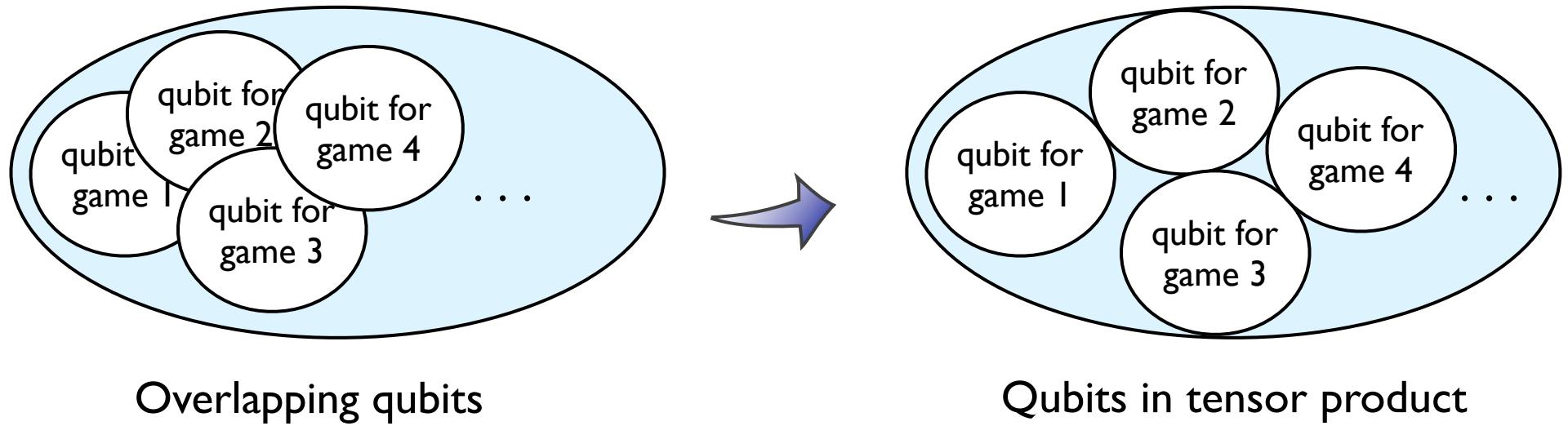
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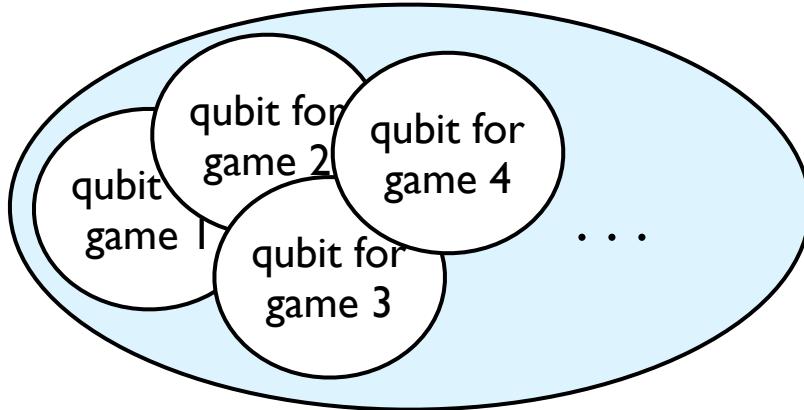
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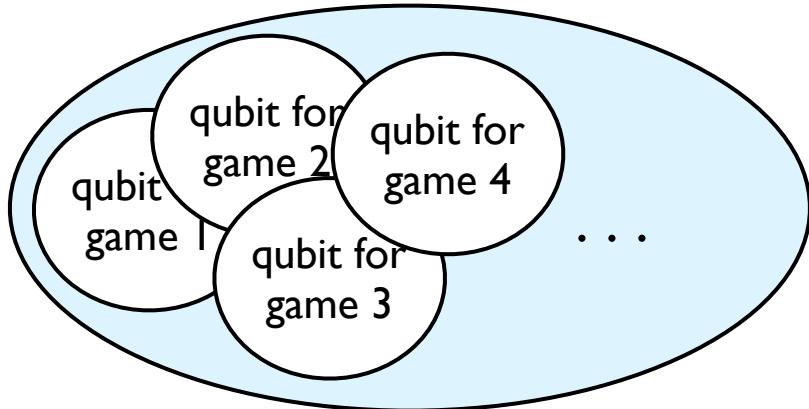
Overlapping qubits

Qubits in tensor product

Main idea: Leverage tensor-product structure of  $\mathcal{H}_P \otimes \mathcal{H}_Q$



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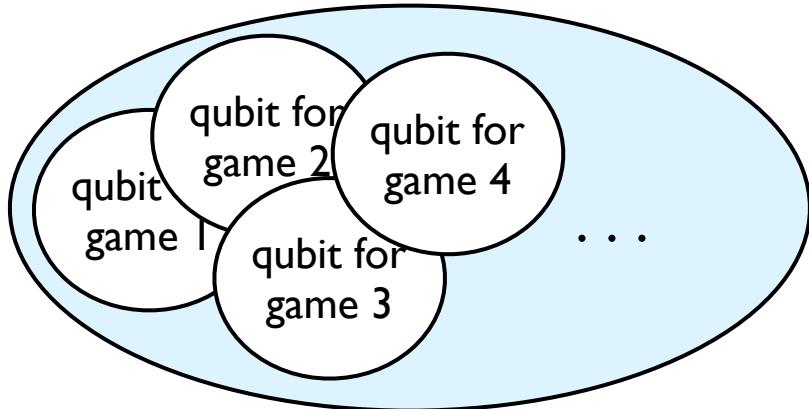


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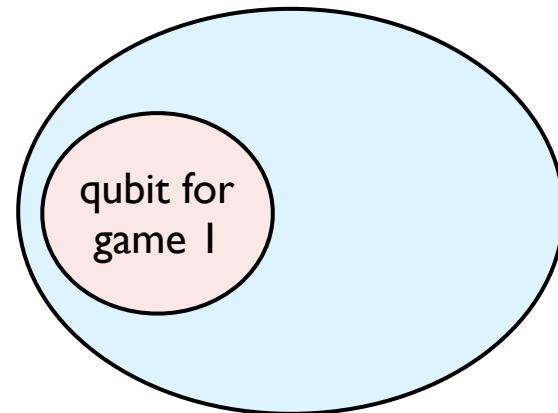
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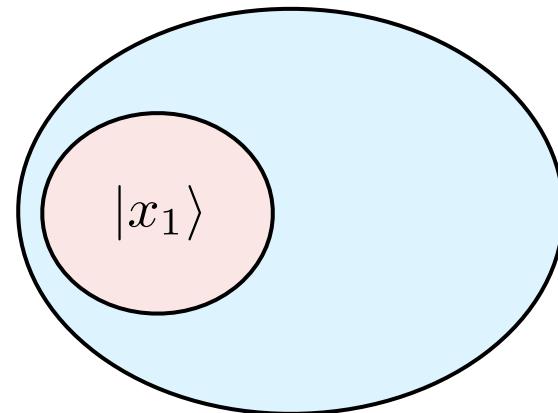
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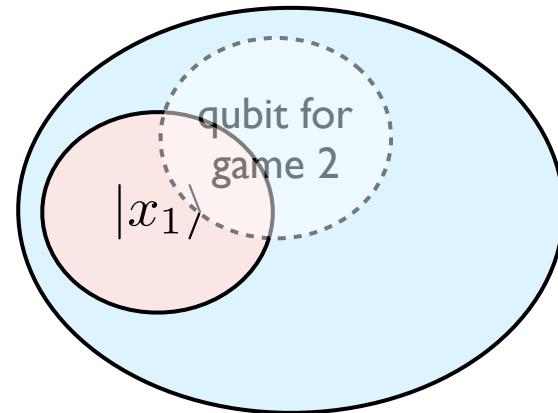
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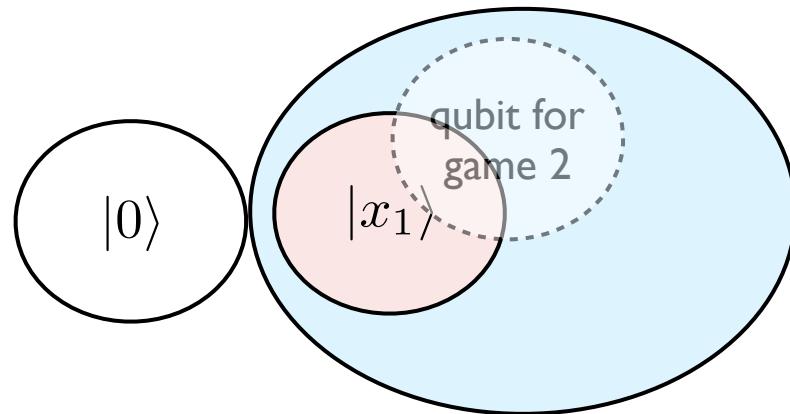
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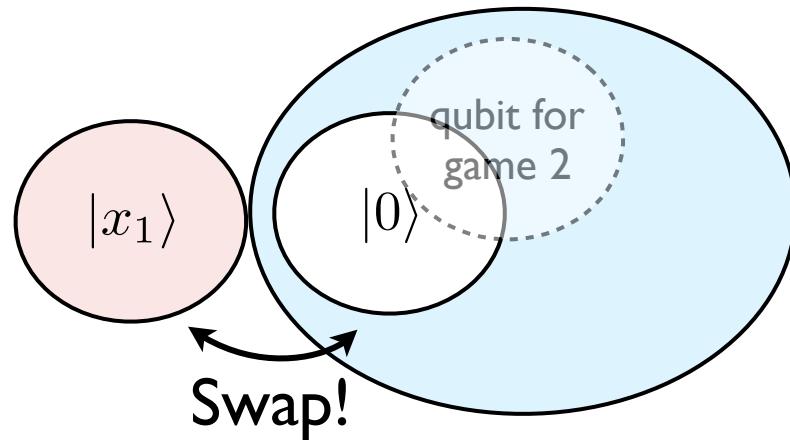
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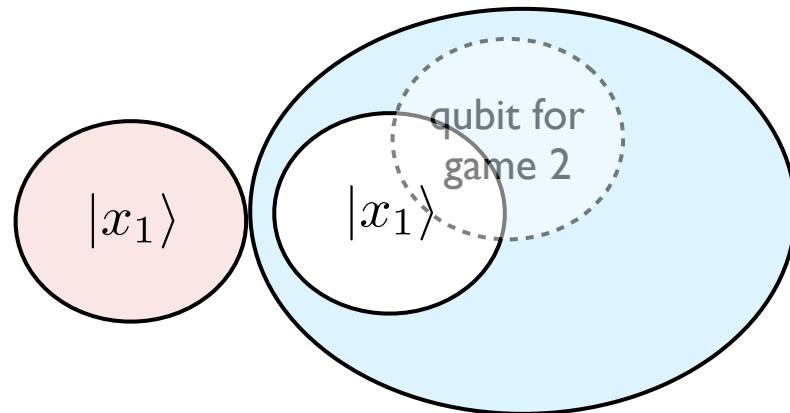
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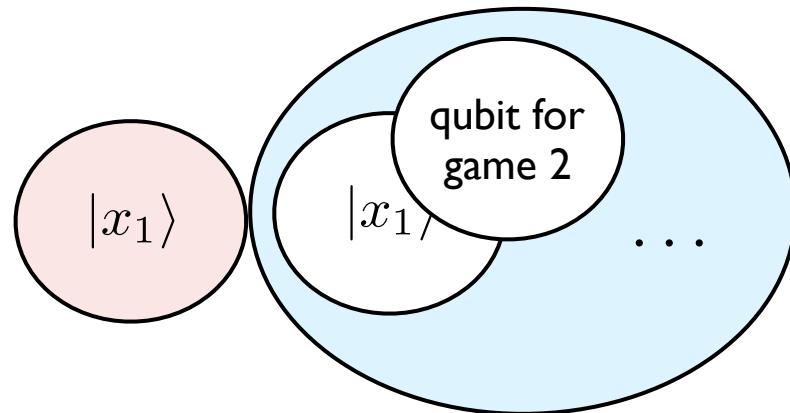


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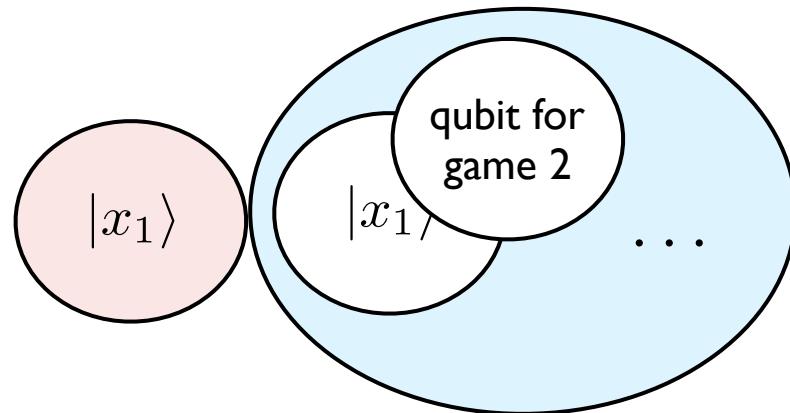
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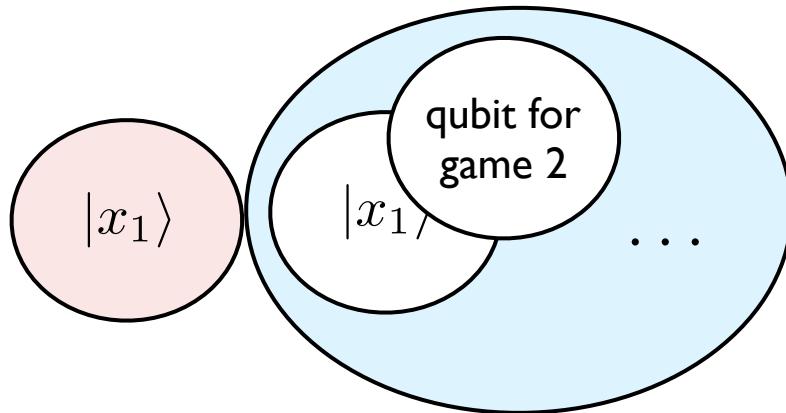
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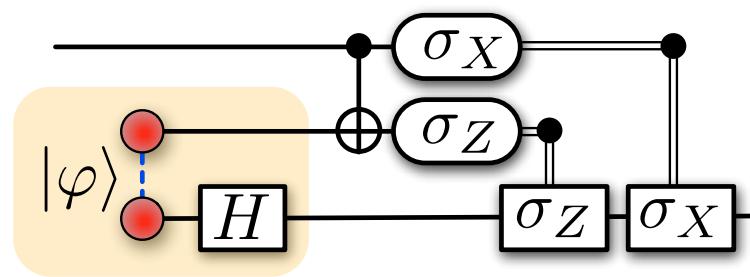
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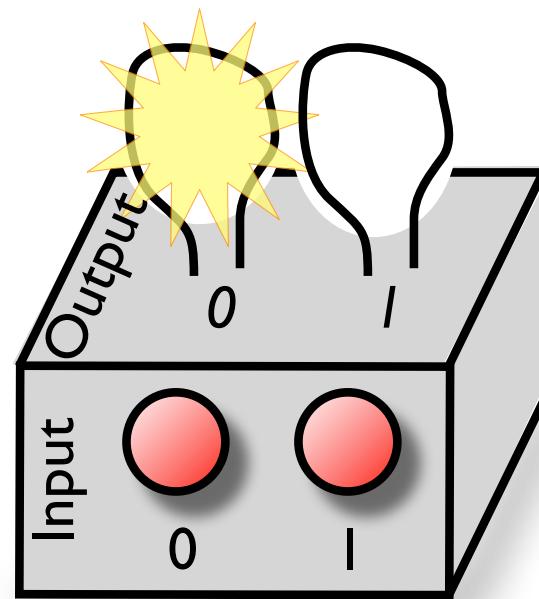
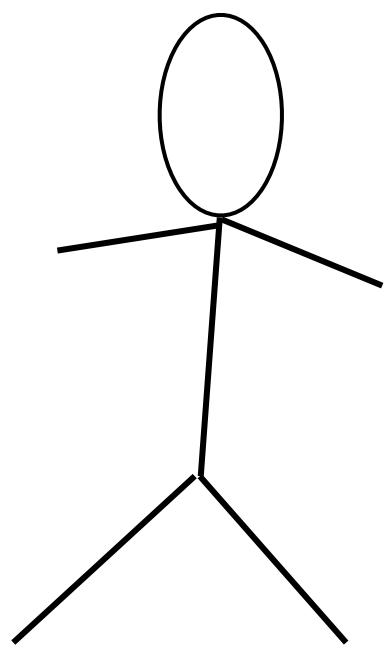


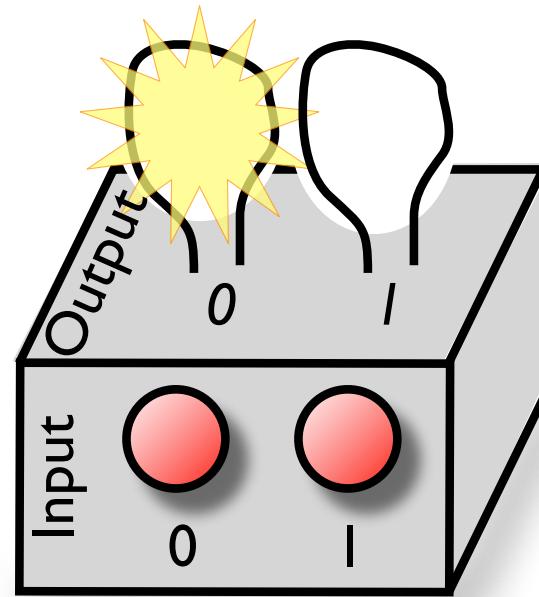
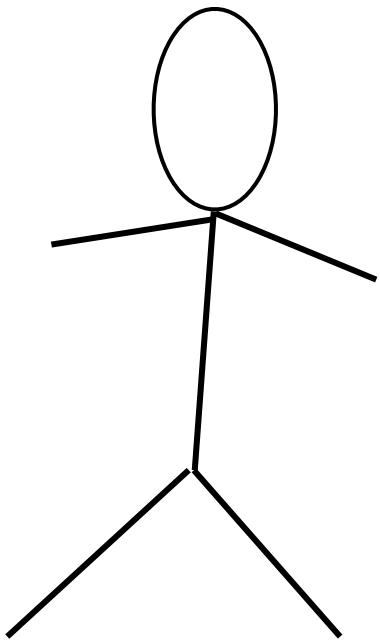
If extra qubit returns to  $|0\rangle$ , then this strategy  $\approx$  original strategy, up to the isometry “add a  $|0\rangle$  qubit”

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**Goal:** Understand and manipulate the system with minimal assumptions!

## Key-distribution schemes

Predistribution

## Assumptions

- Secure channel in past

Public-key cryptography  
(e.g., Diffie-Hellman, RSA)

- Authenticated channel
- Computational hardness

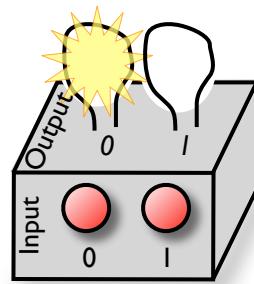
**but Factoring, DLOG in BQP!**

Quantum key distribution (QKD)  
(e.g., BB84)

- Authenticated channel
- Quantum physics is correct
- Without “trusted devices,” i.e., correctly modeled devices, have

**SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACKS!**

# Abstraction of an experimental system

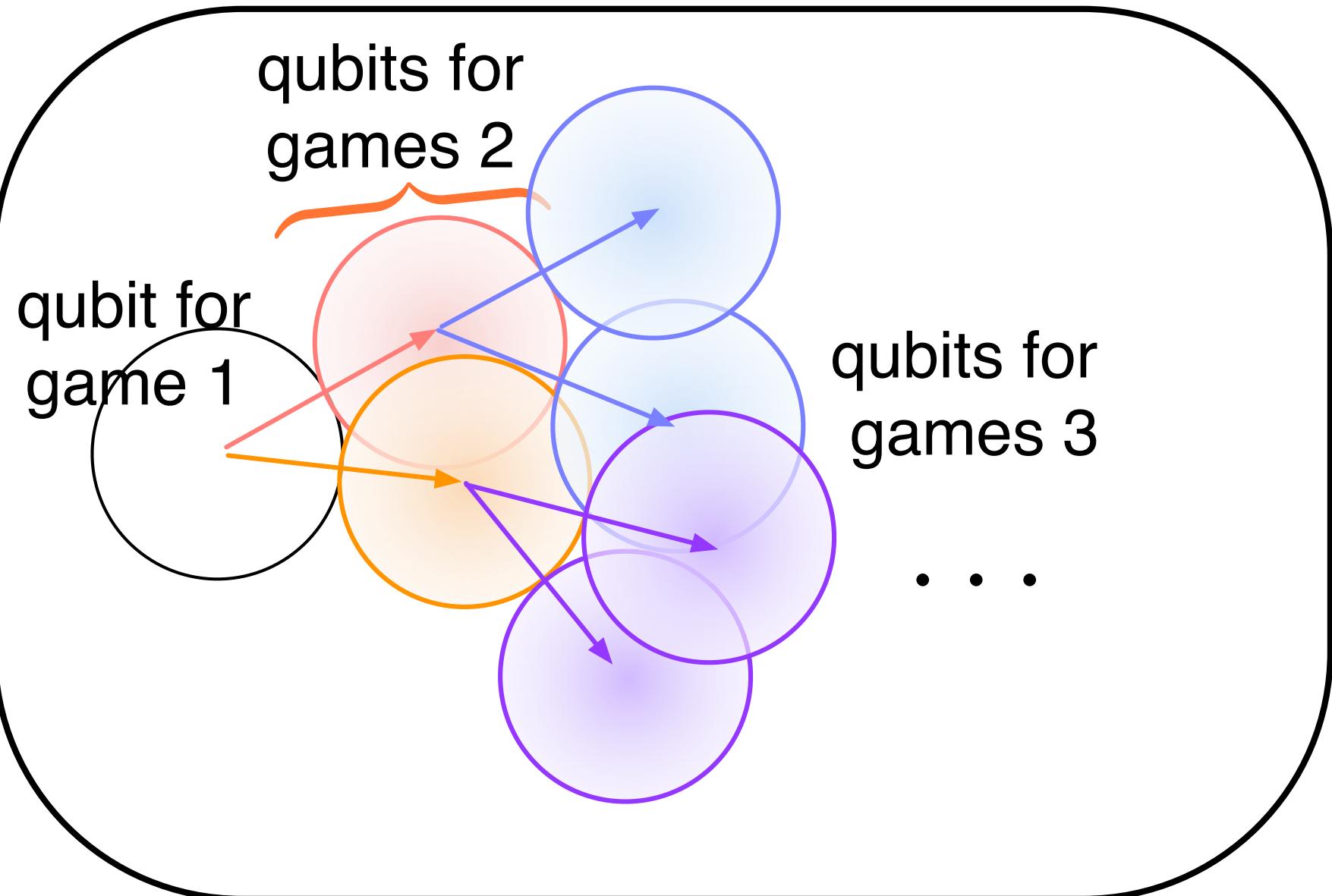


As classical entities, our interactions with a system consist only of classical information.

By encoding this into binary, the system can be abstracted as a black box, having two buttons for input and two light bulbs for output. Using this limited interface and without any modeling assumptions, we wish to control fully the system's quantum dynamics.

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## Qubits are independent (in tensor product)



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## Locations do not depend on history — Done!

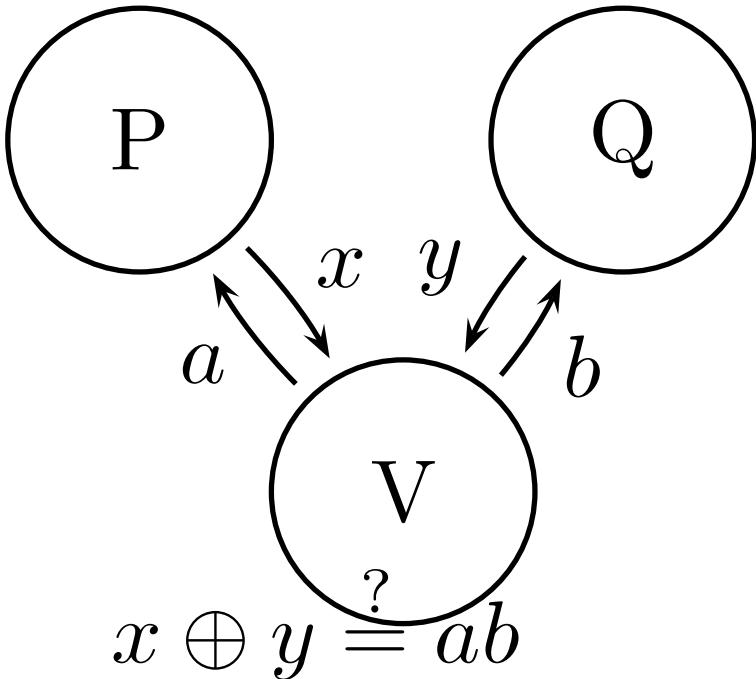
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game 2

game 3

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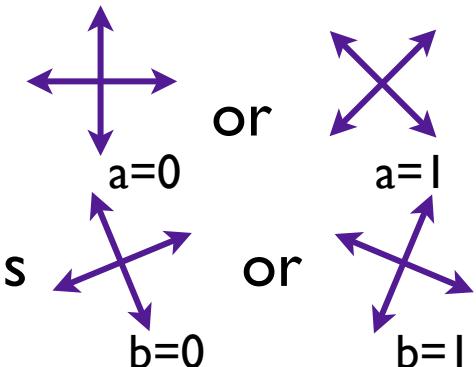


### Optimal quantum strategy:

- Share  $|00\rangle + |11\rangle$

- $P$ : measure in basis

- $Q$ : measure in basis



**Theorem:** The optimal strategy is robustly unique.

$\Pr[\text{win}] \geq 85\%-{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow$  up to local isometries, state is  $\sqrt{{\varepsilon}}$ -close to

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and strategies are  $\sqrt{{\varepsilon}}$ -close to those above.