

Loopholes in Bell experiments

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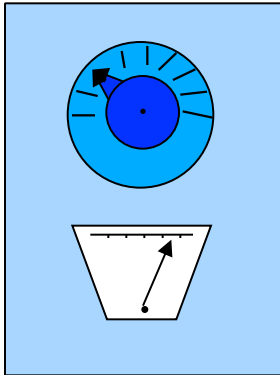
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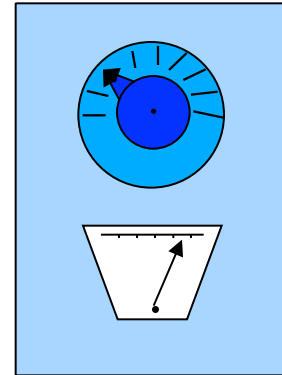
1. Warm-up: CHSH game
2. Bell locality
3. Quantum nonlocality, Bell's theorem
4. Experiments
5. Loopholes
6. Relevance for device-independent protocols

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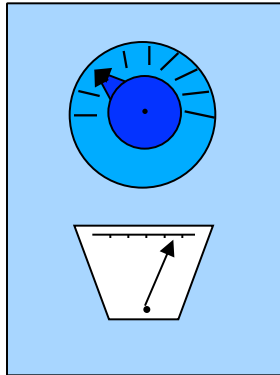


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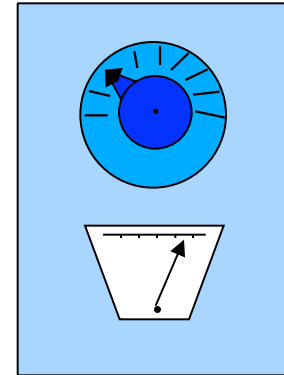


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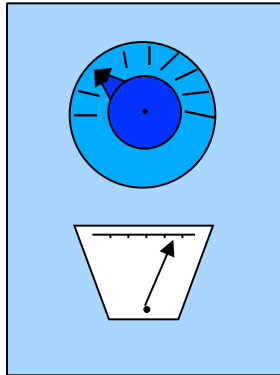
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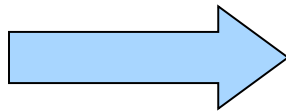
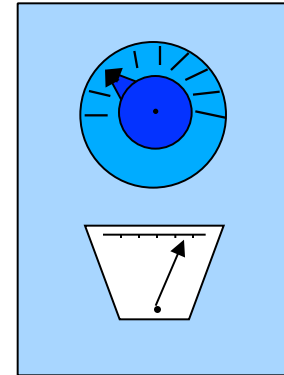
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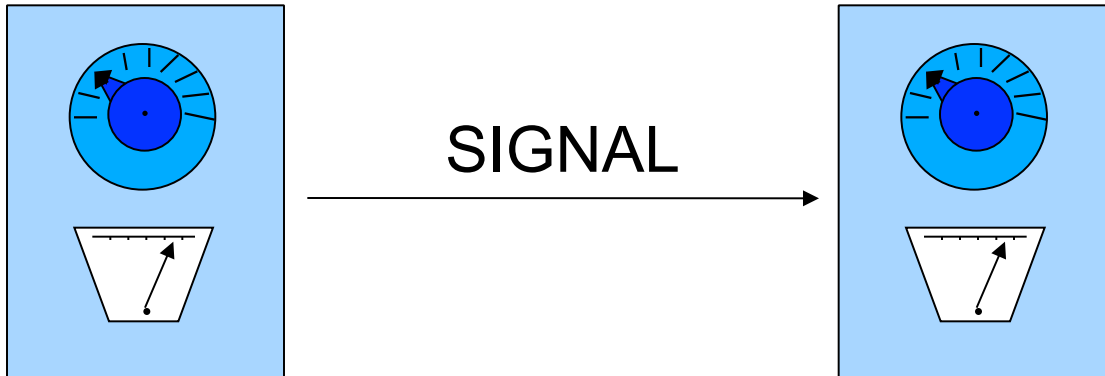
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HOW DOES IT WORK?

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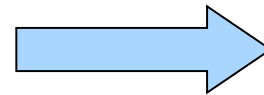
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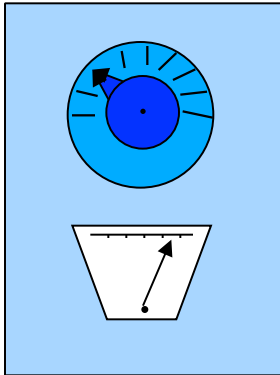
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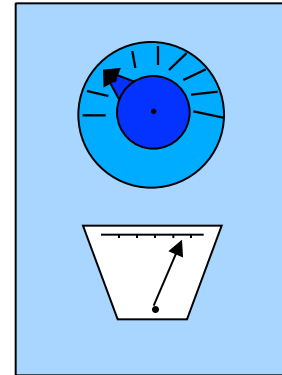
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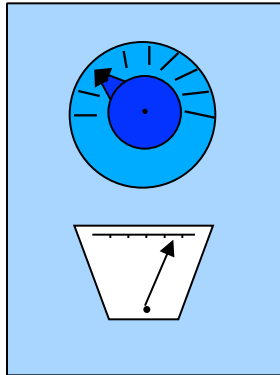


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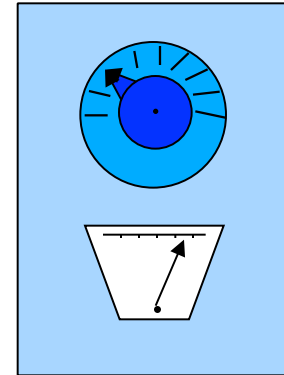
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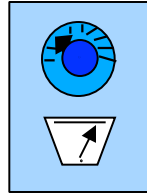
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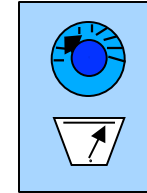
CAN THIS BE TESTED?

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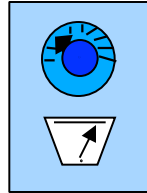
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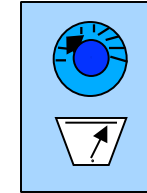
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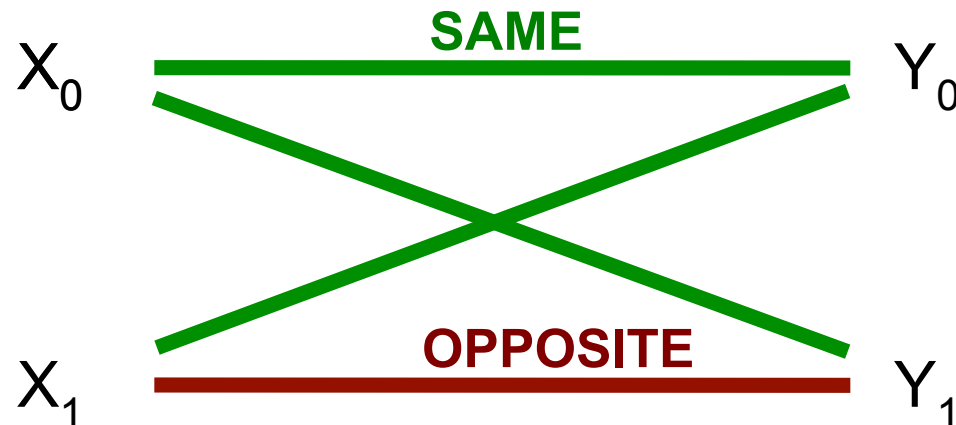
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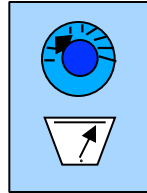


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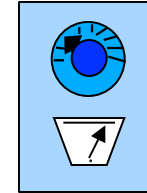


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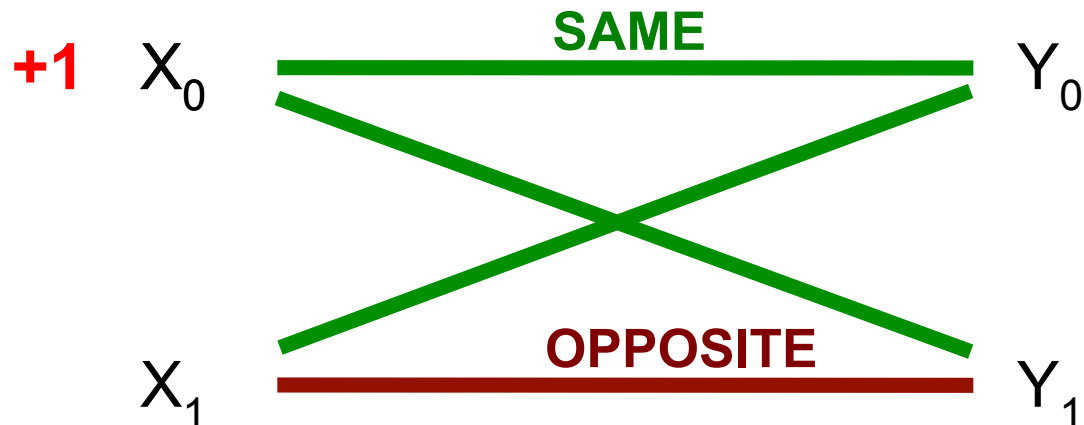
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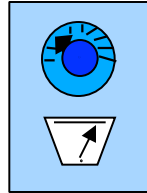


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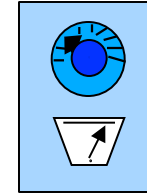


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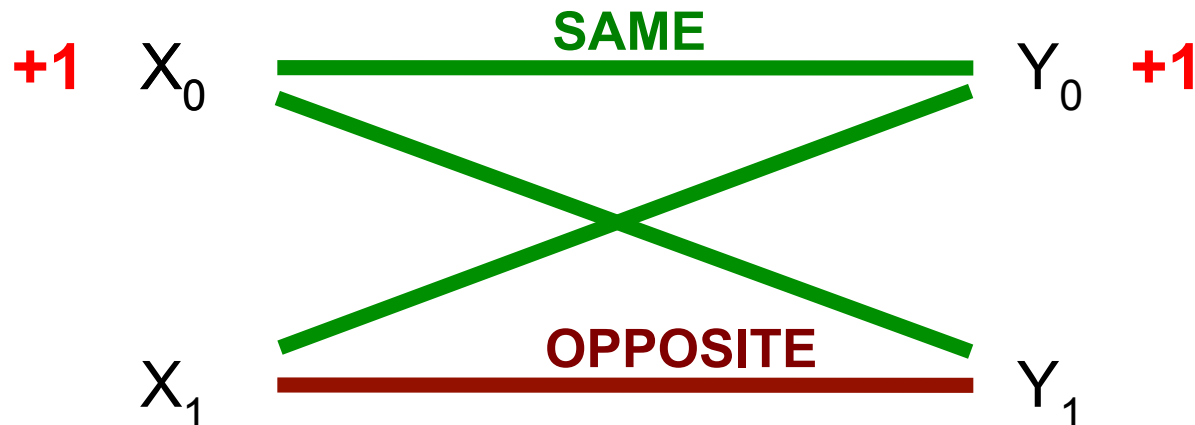
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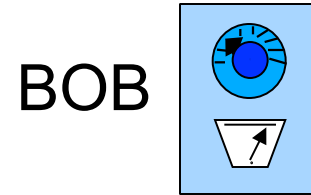
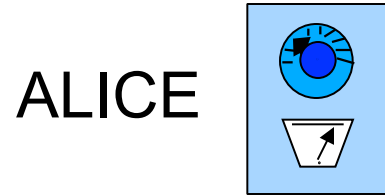
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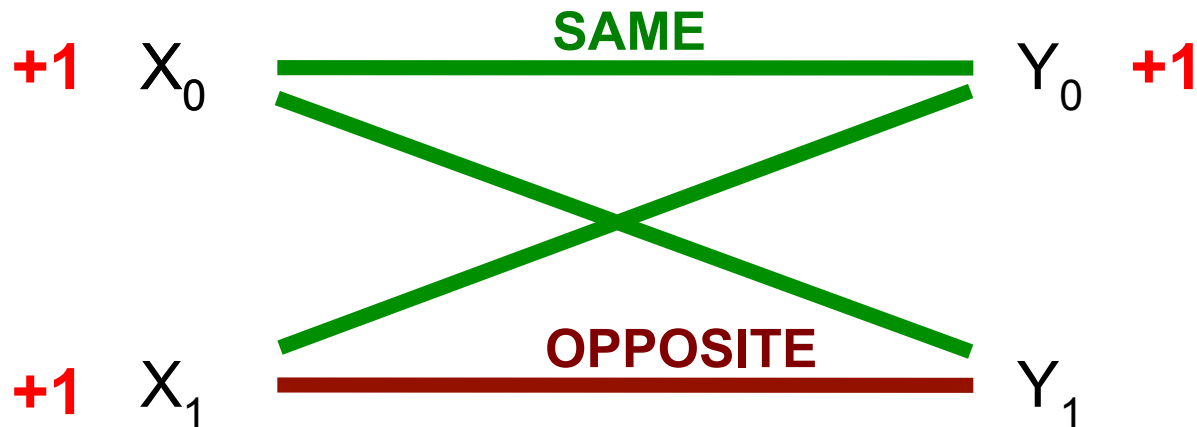
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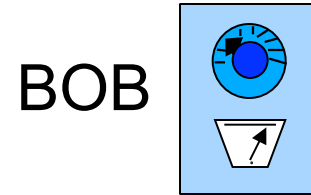
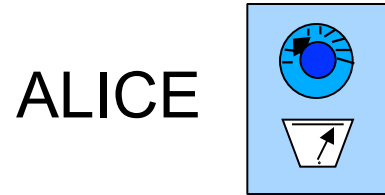
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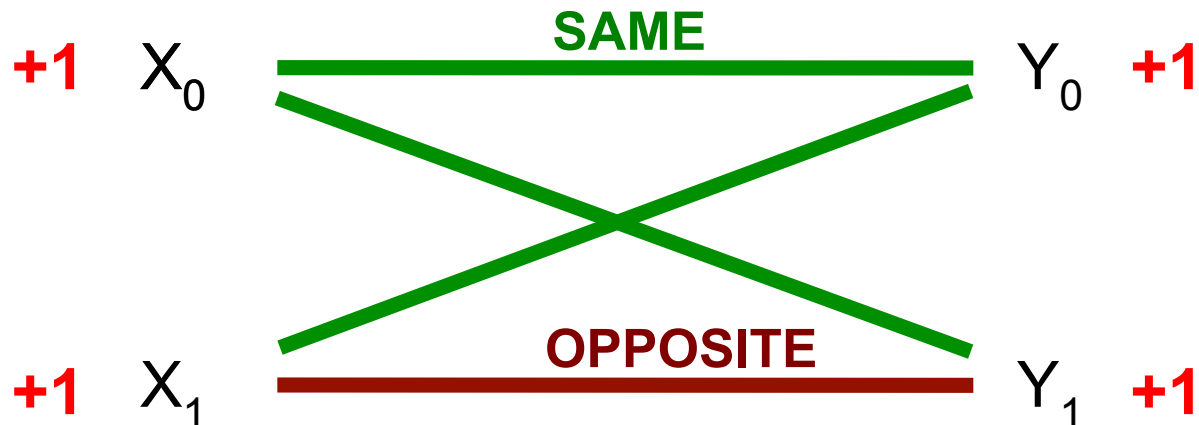
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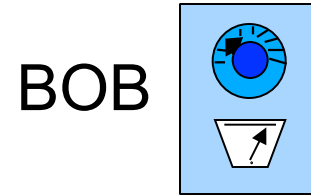
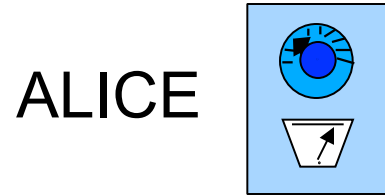
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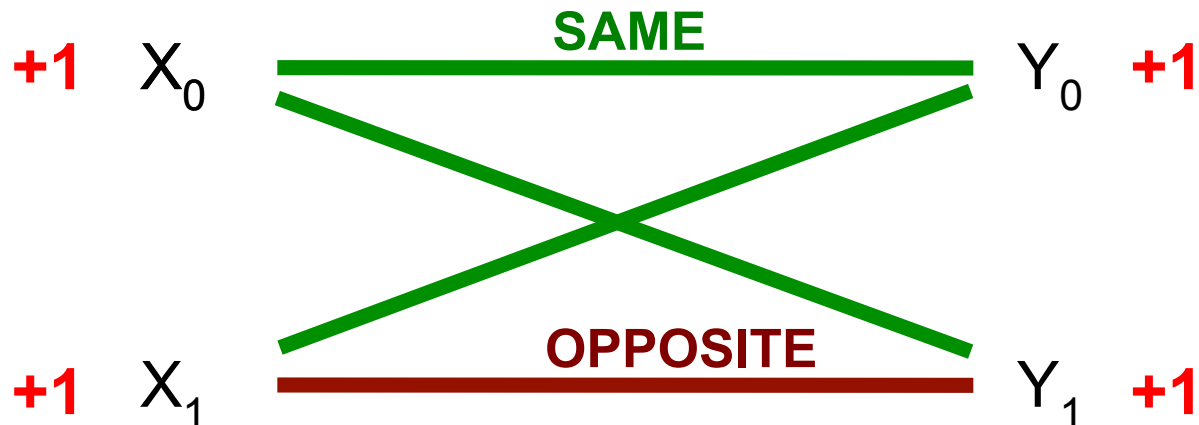
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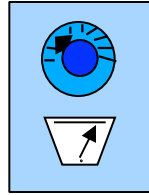


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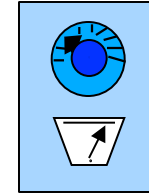


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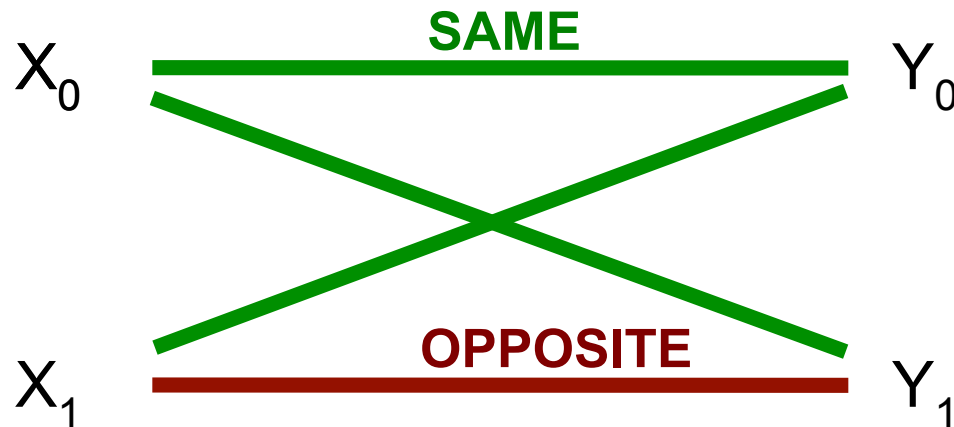
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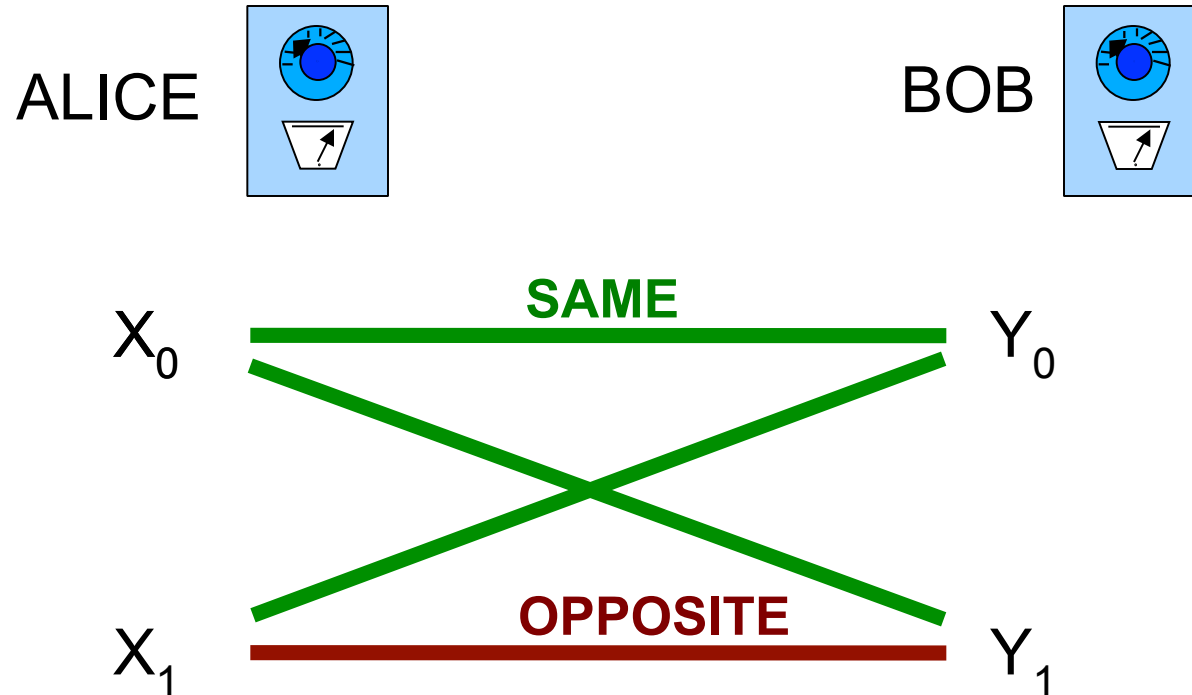


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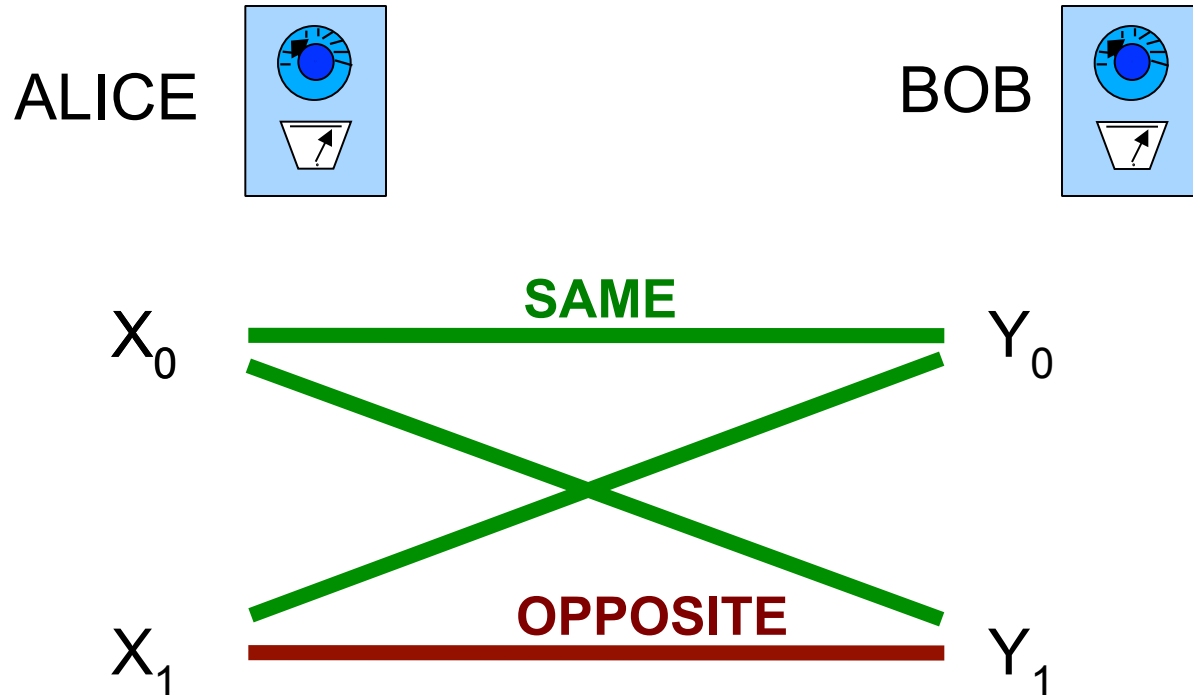
Score $\leq \frac{3}{4}$ for ANY classical strategy

CHSH BELL INEQUALITY



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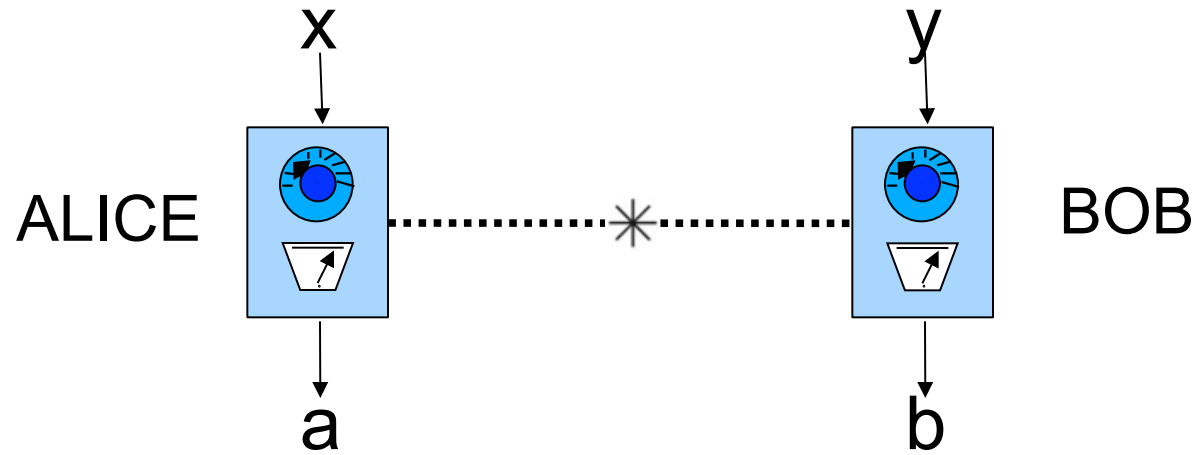
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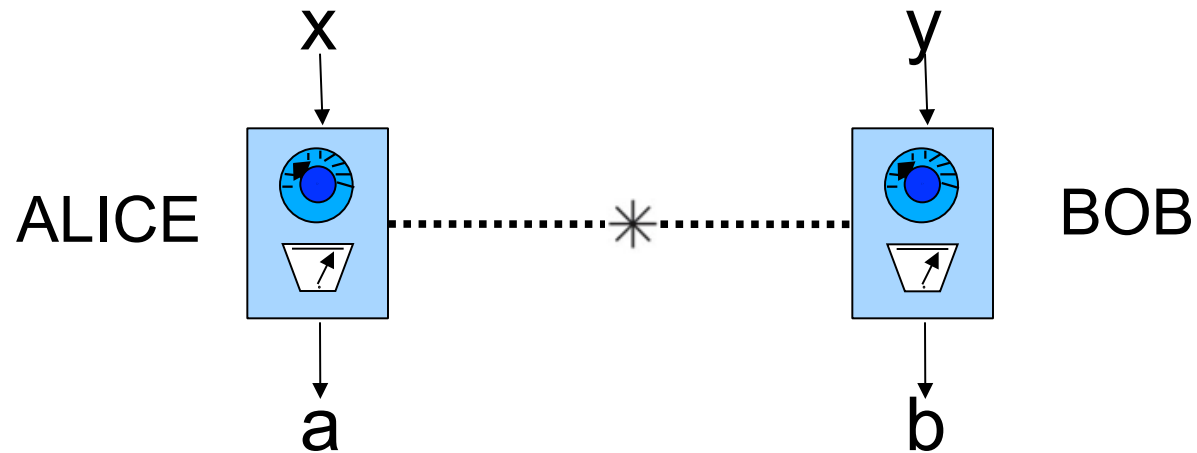
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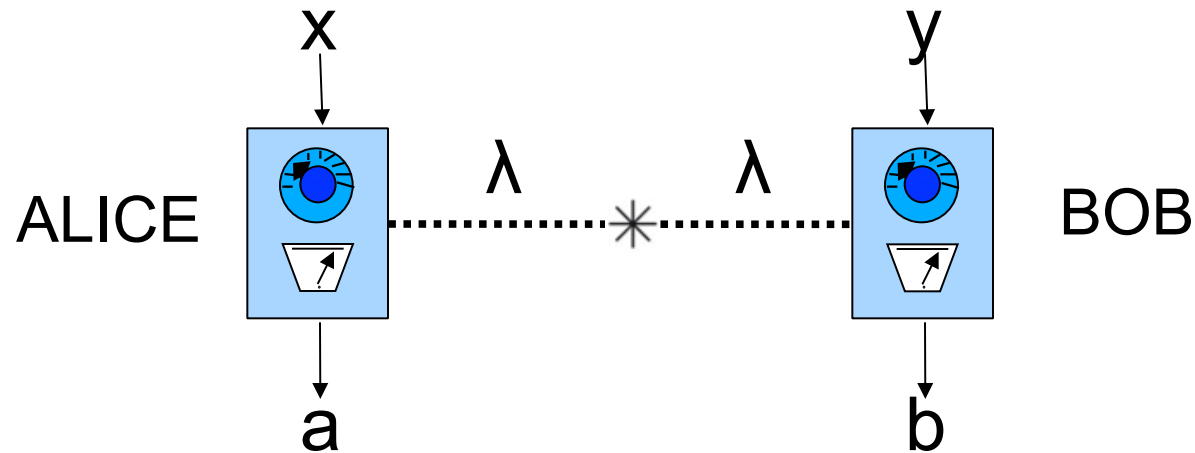
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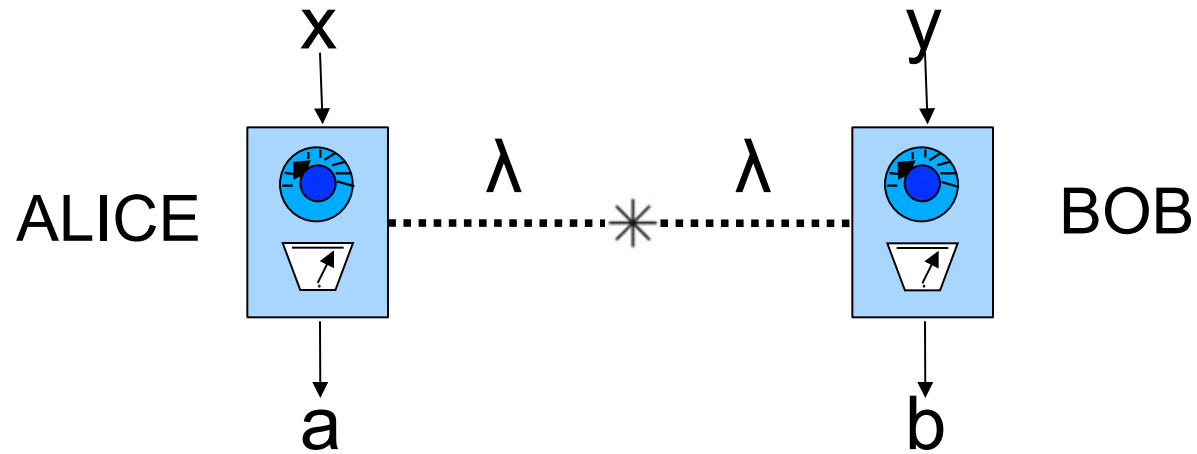


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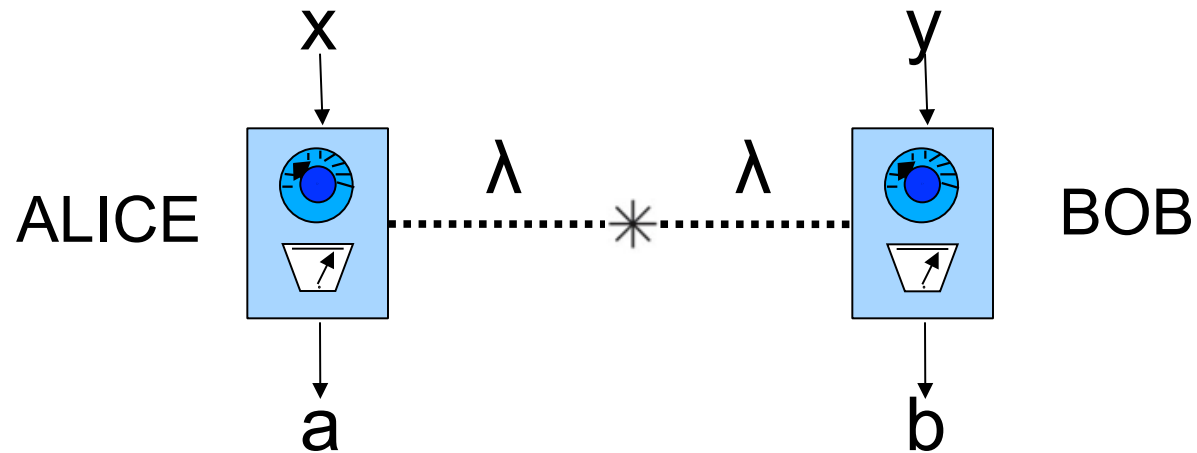
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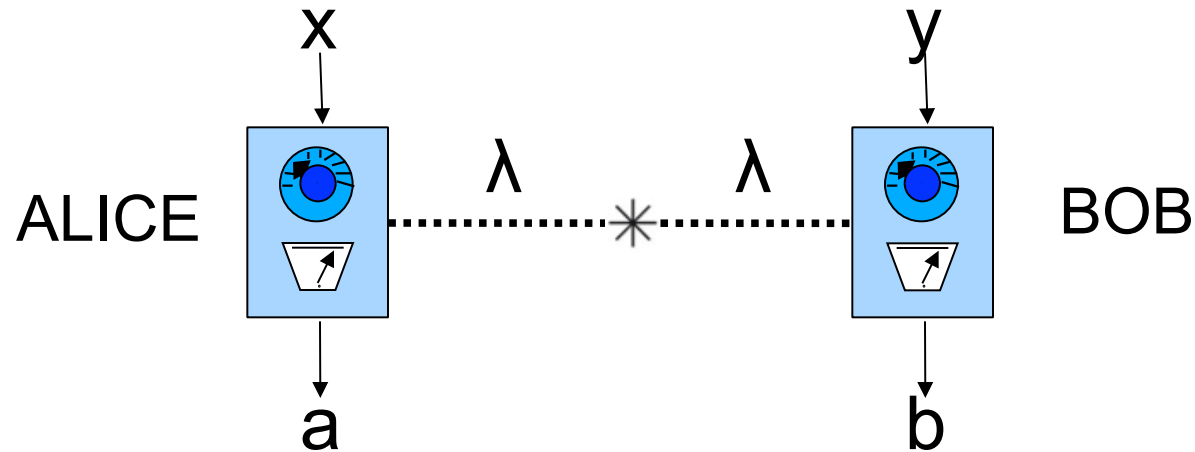
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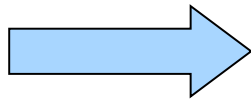
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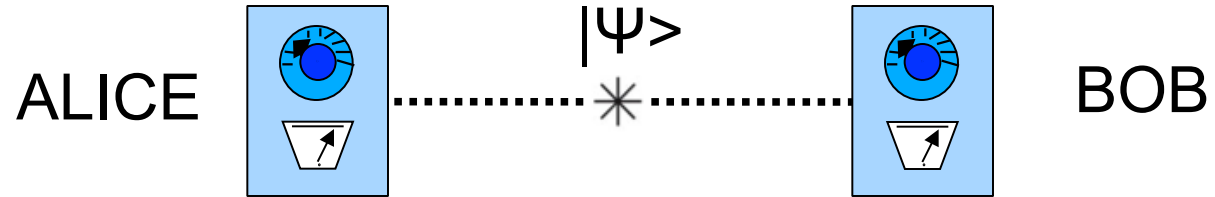
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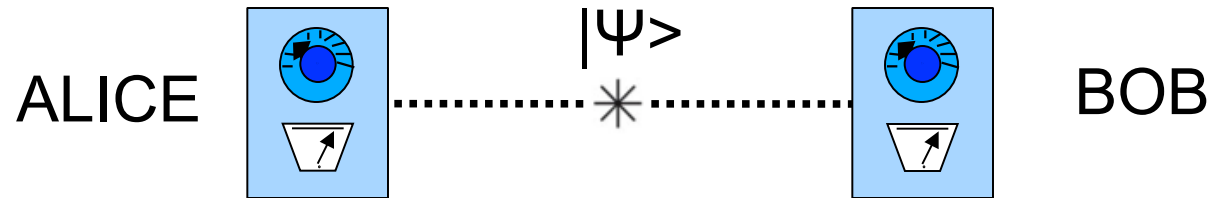
Violation of a Bell inequality
implies **NONLOCALITY**

USING QUANTUM RESOURCES



Quantum strategy

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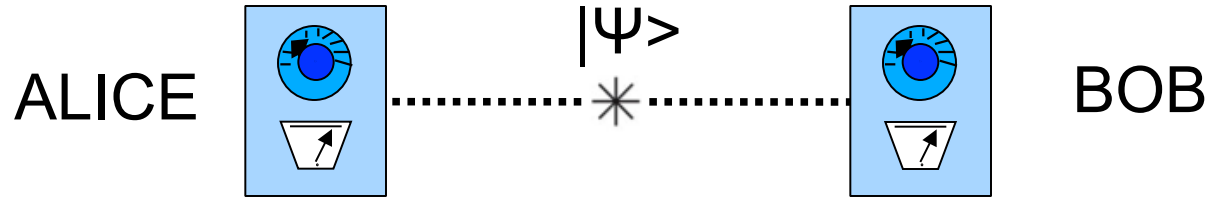


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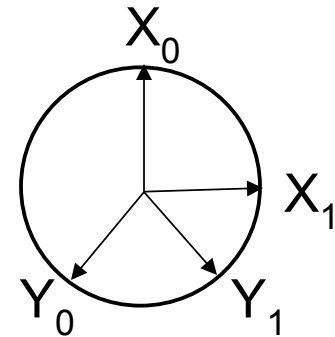


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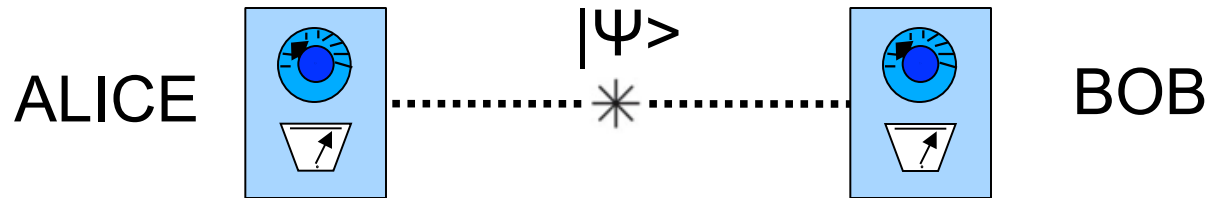
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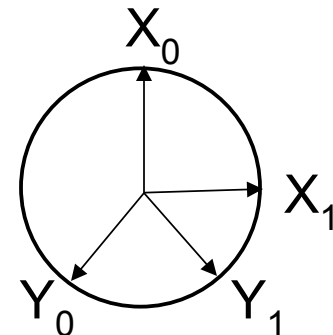


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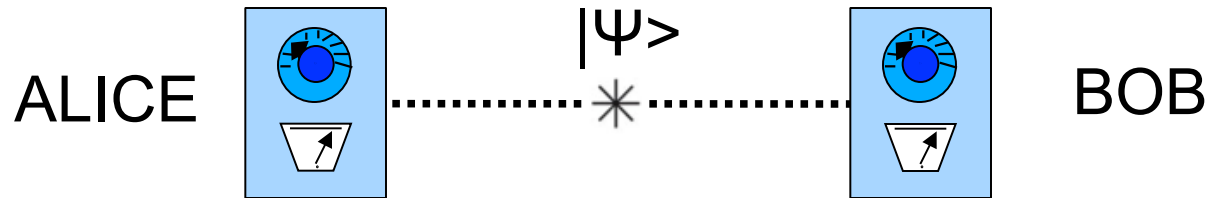
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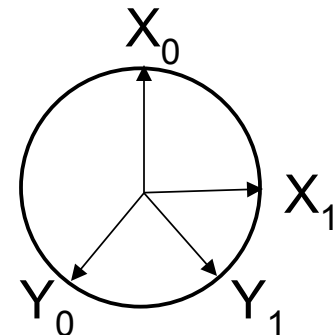


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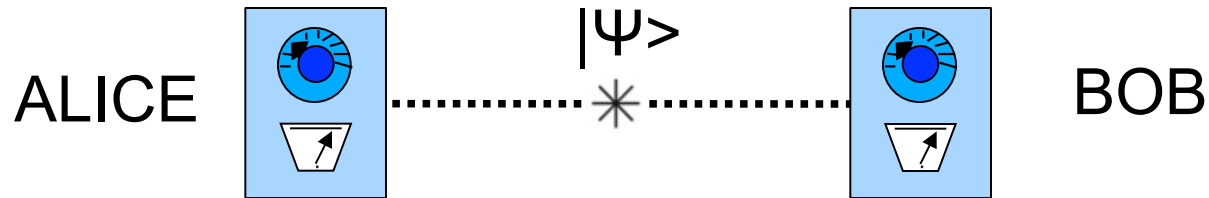
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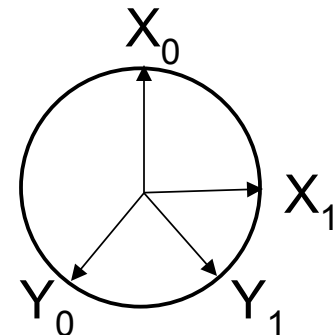


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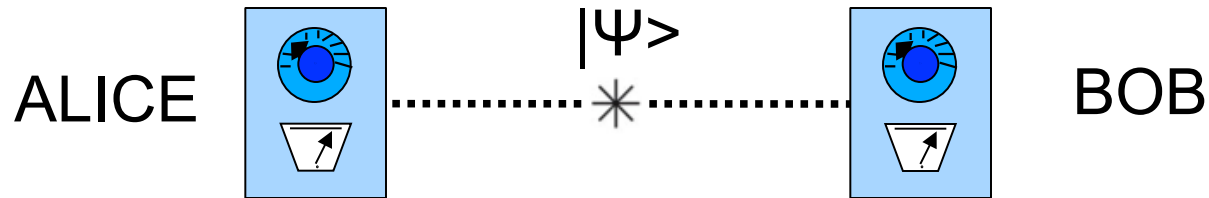
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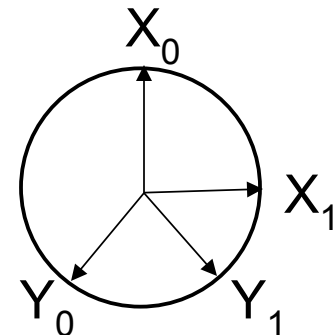


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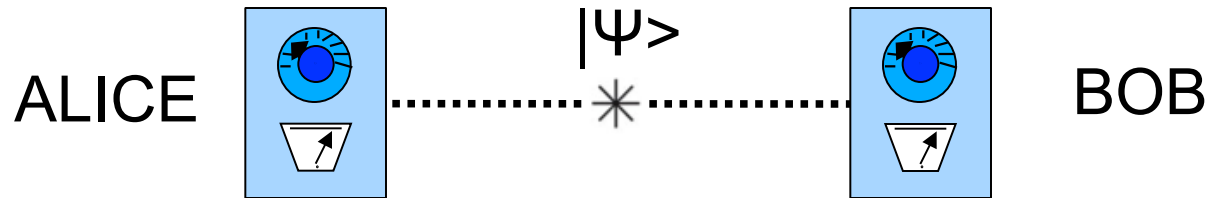
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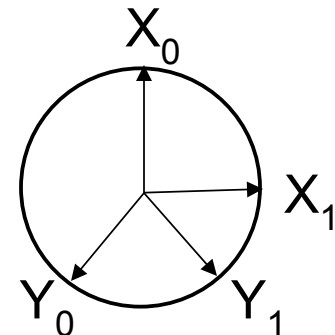


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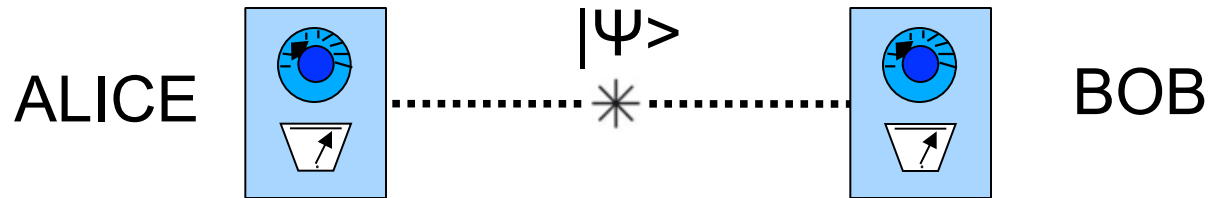
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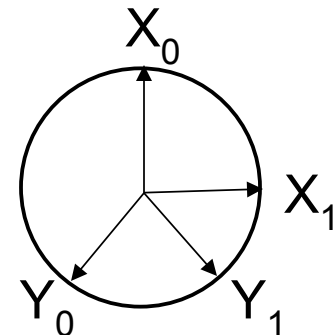


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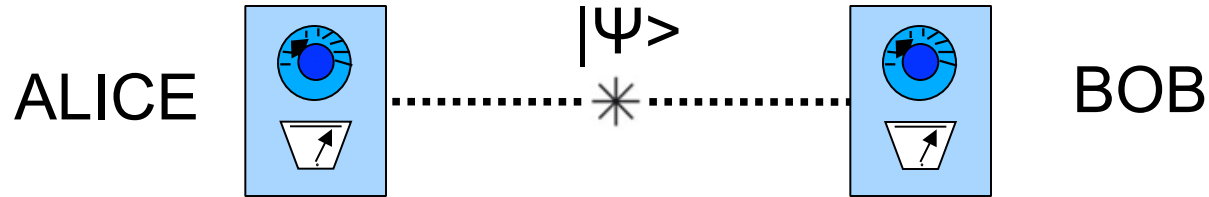
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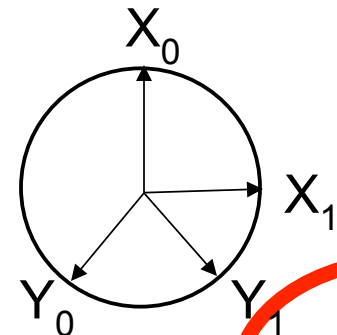


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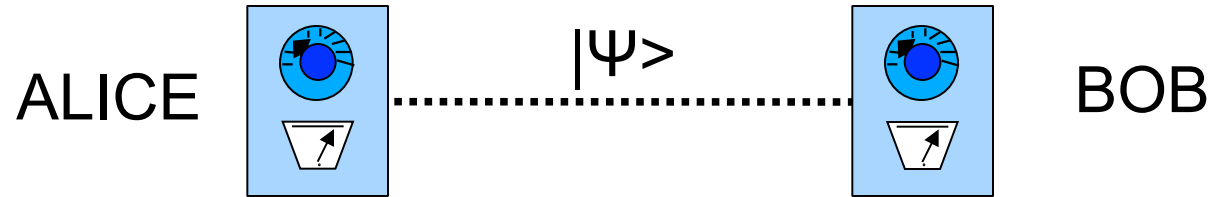
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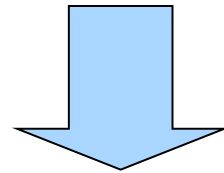
$$\text{CHSH} = E(X_0, Y_0) + E(X_0, Y_1) + E(X_1, Y_0) - E(X_1, Y_1) = 2\sqrt{2} > 2$$

QUANTUM NONLOCALITY

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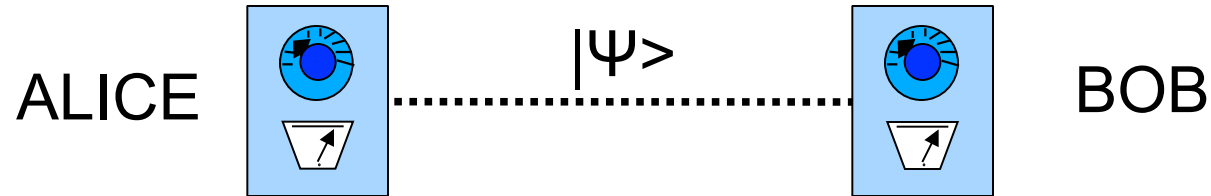


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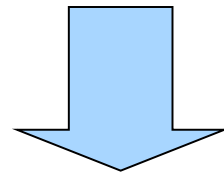


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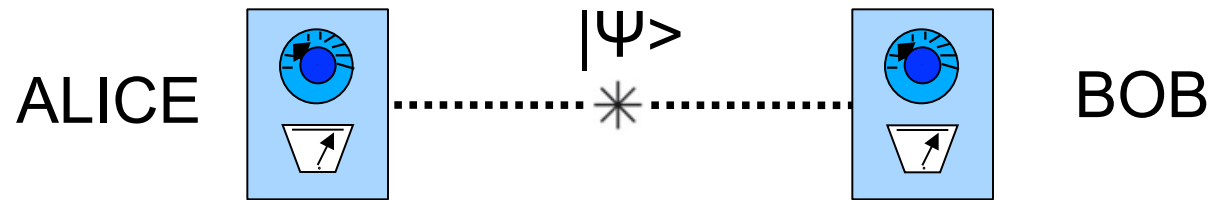
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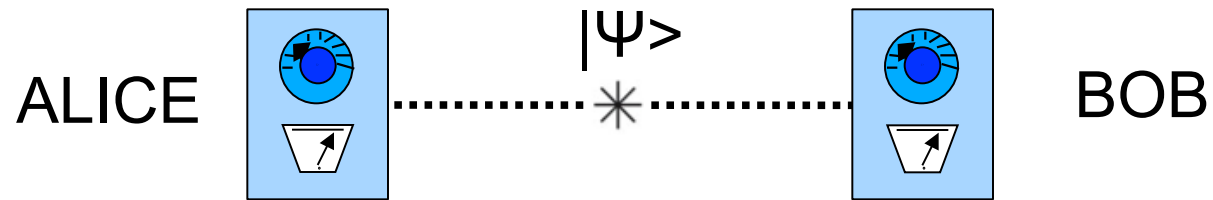
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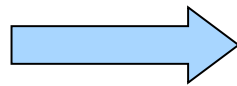
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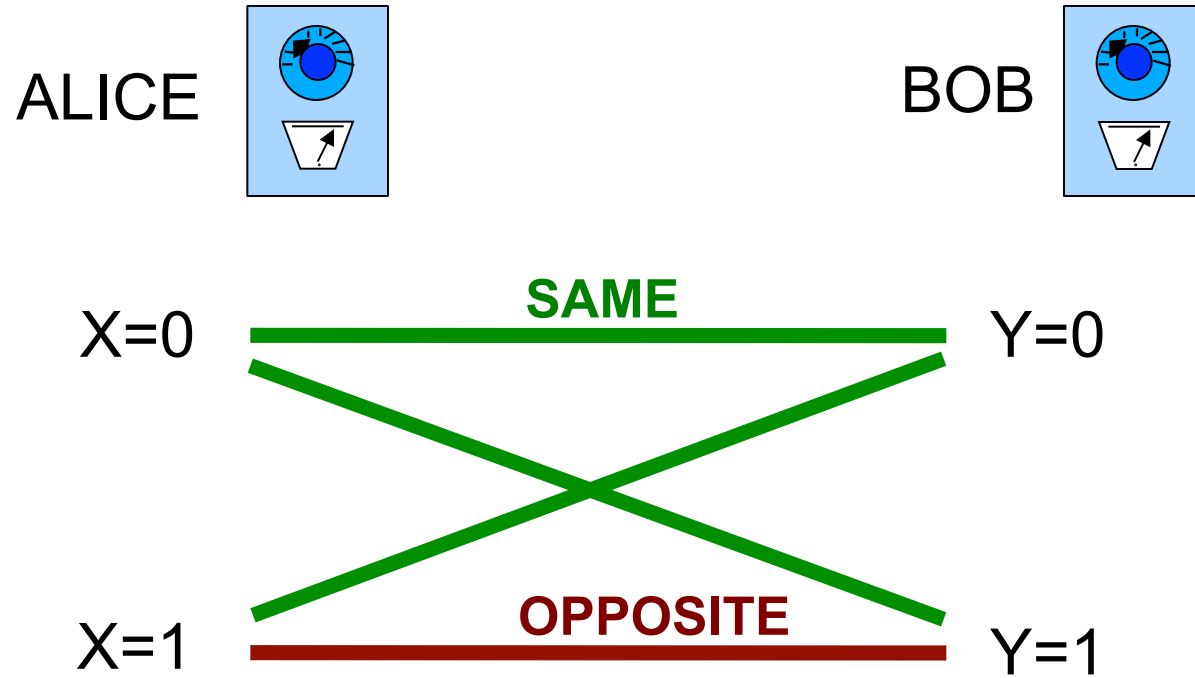
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Bell violation



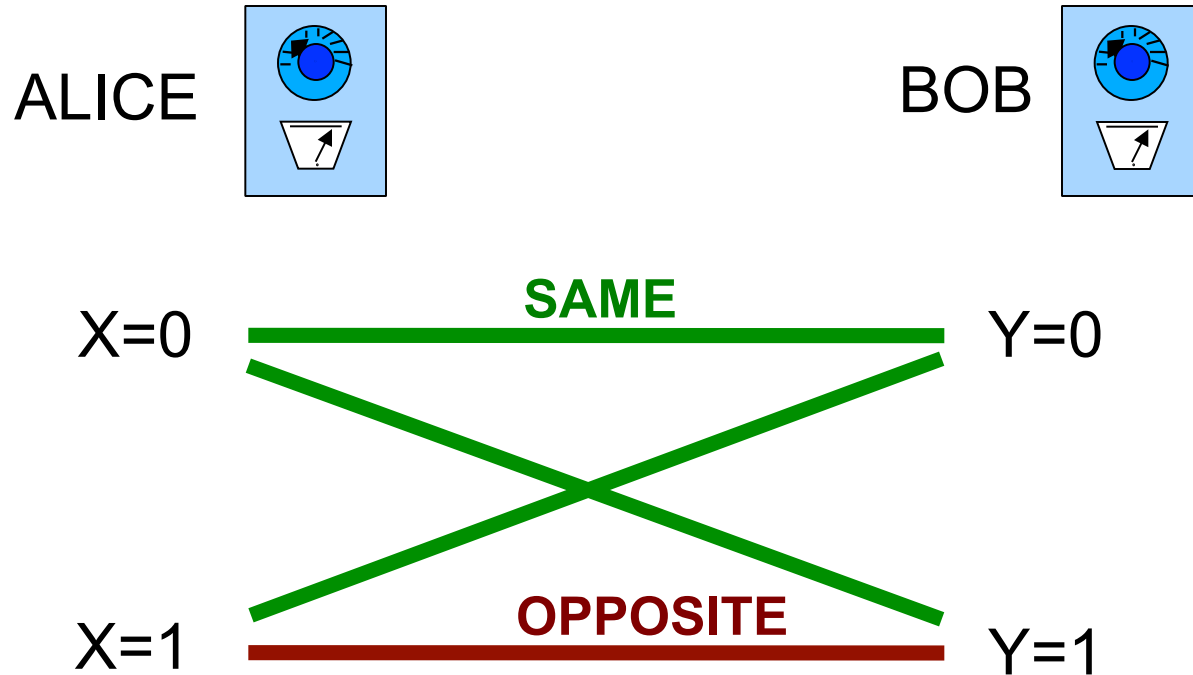
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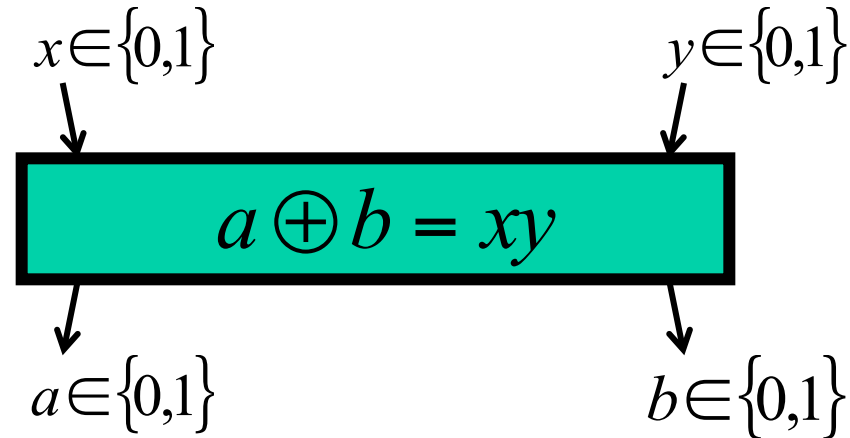


Best possible score?

$$\text{CHSH} = E(X=Y=0) + E(X=0, Y=1) + E(X=1, Y=0) - E(X=Y=1) = 4$$

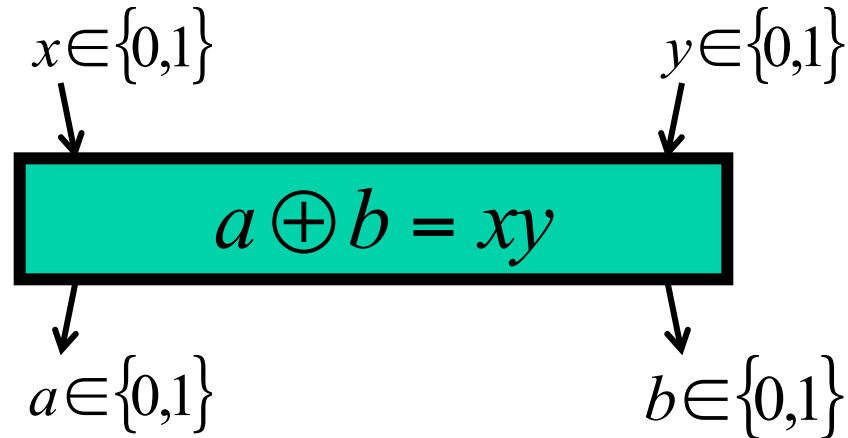
Can this be reached?

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WHY DOES THE PR BOX NOT EXIST IN NATURE ?

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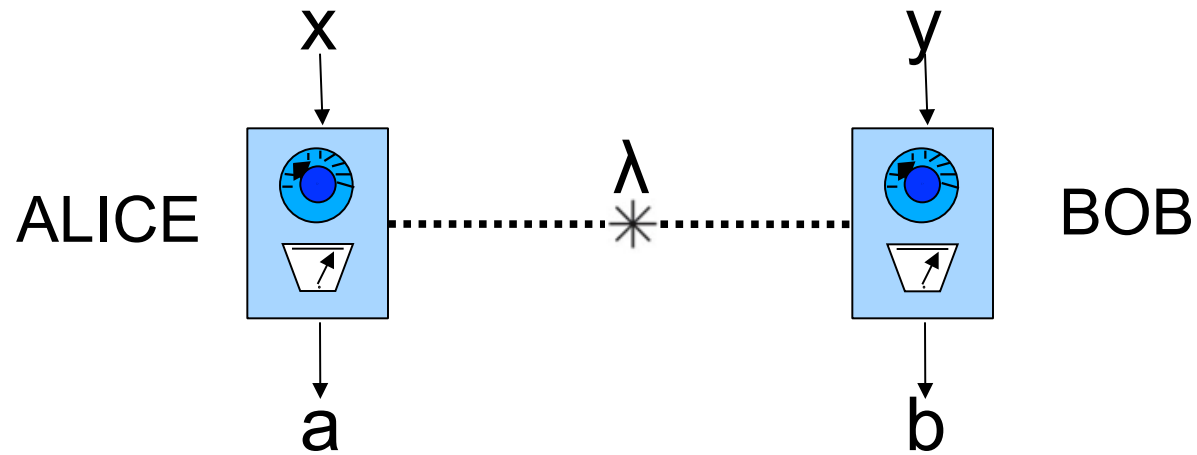
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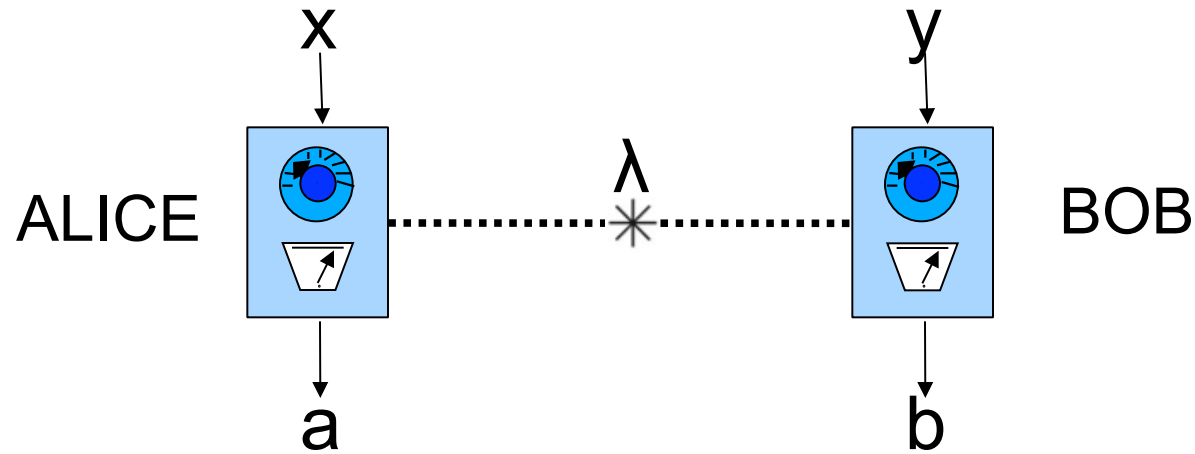
→ High detection efficiency

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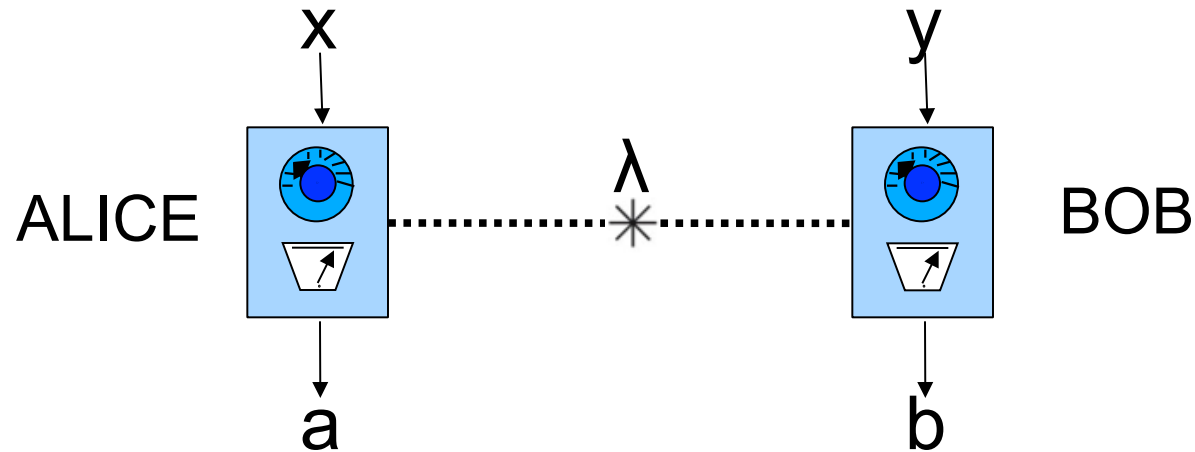


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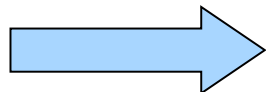
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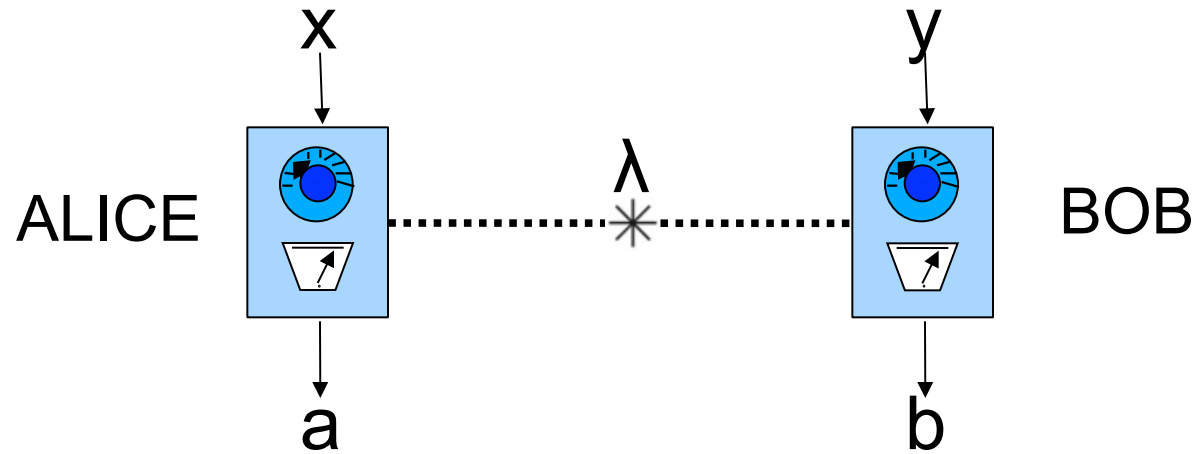
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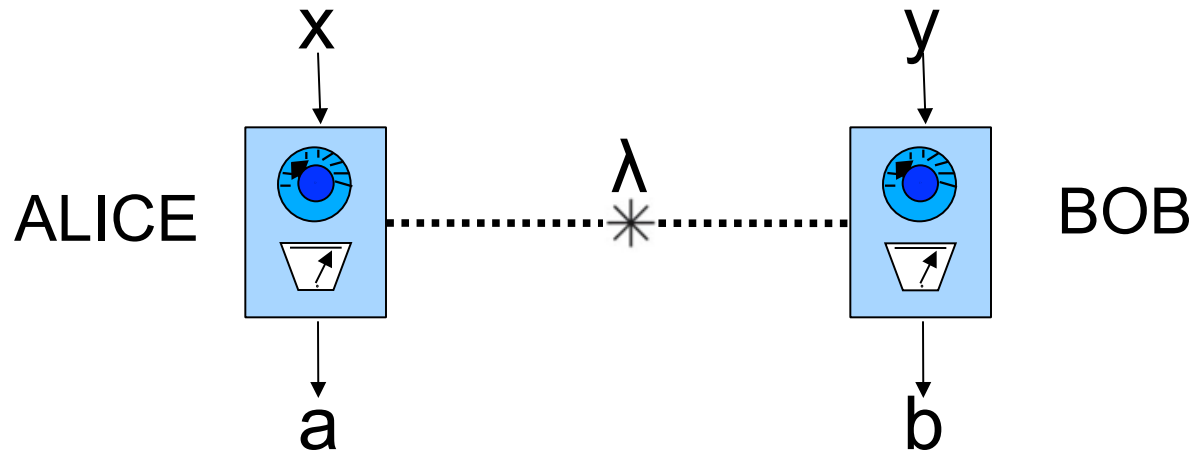


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RNGs space-like separated from source

Photonic experiments / locality loophole

1972 Freedman & Clauser

Closing locality loophole

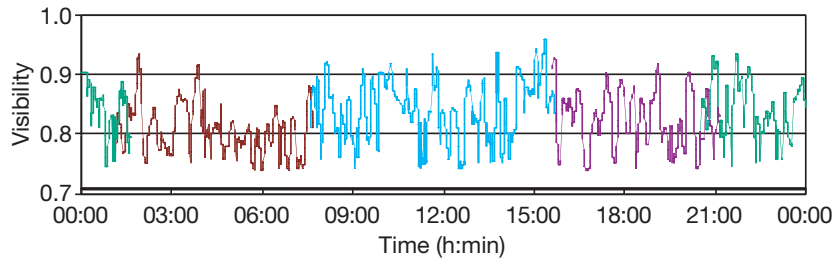
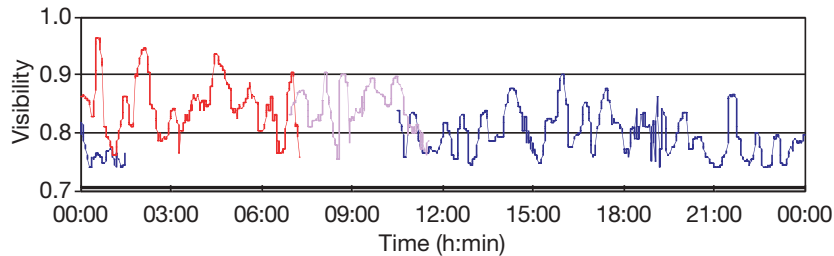
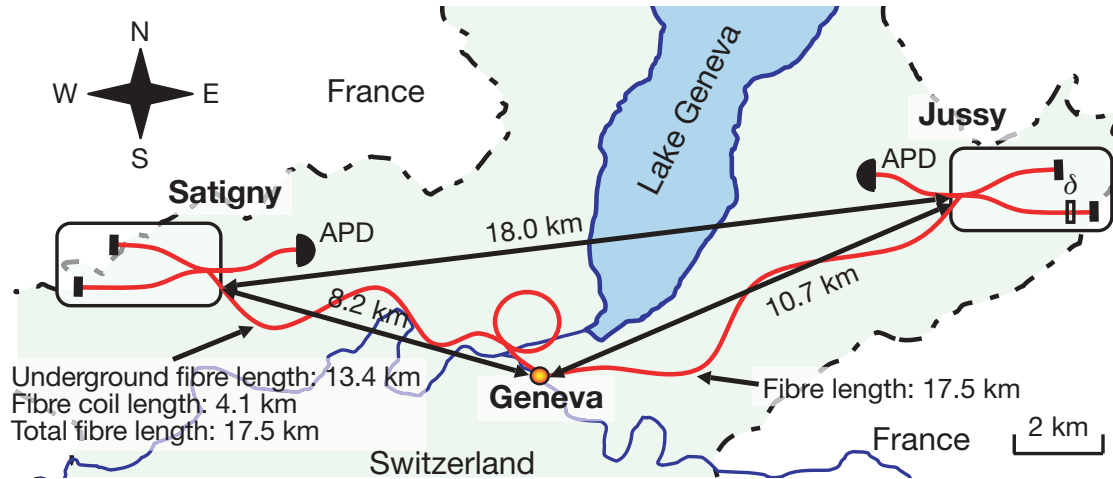
1982 Aspect, Dalibard, Roger

1998 Tittel et al. 10km

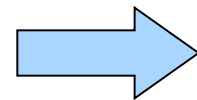
Weih's et al. Einstein locality

2010 Scheidl et al. PNAS 'Freedom of choice' loophole

SPOOKY ACTION AT A DISTANCE ?



No visibility drop for 24 hours



Speed of signal $> 10^5 c$

Detection loophole

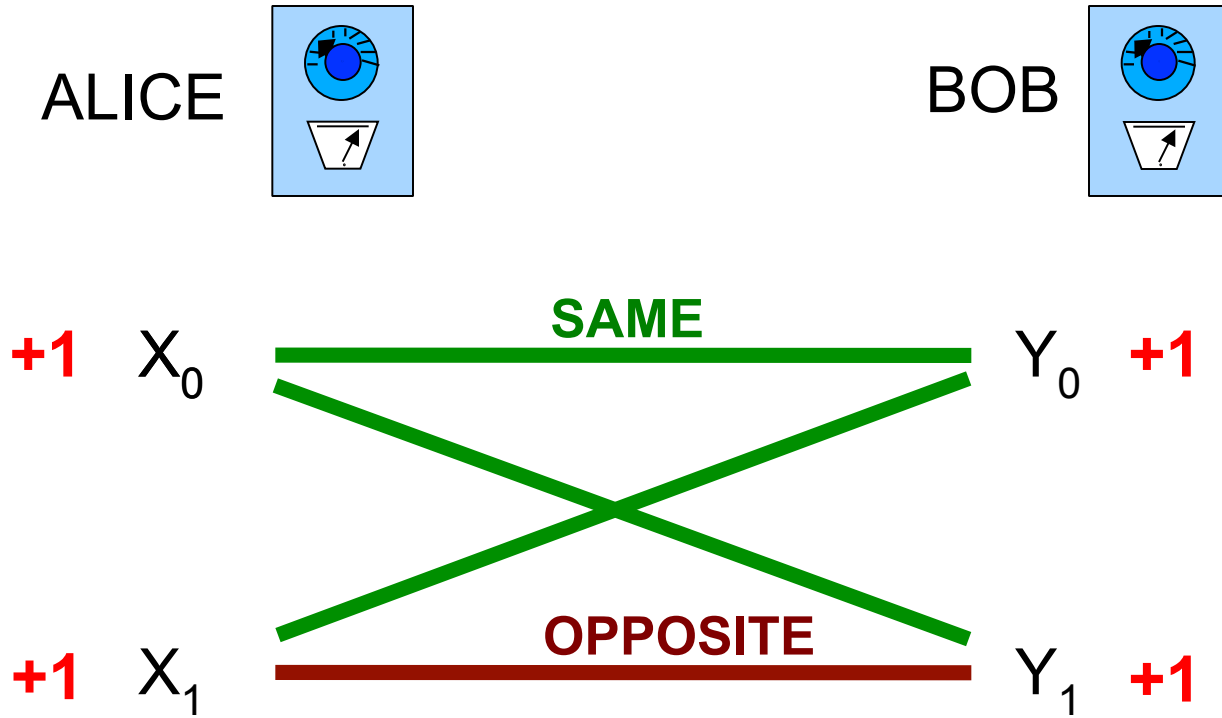
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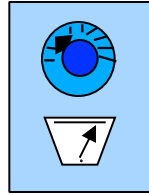
Threshold efficiency is typically high (75%)

Example: CHSH

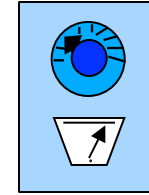


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ALICE



BOB



+1 X_0

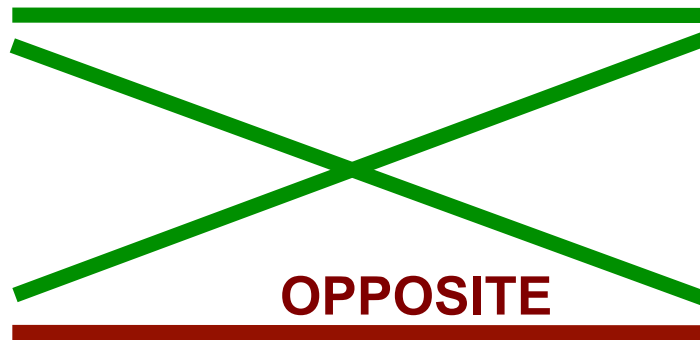
SAME

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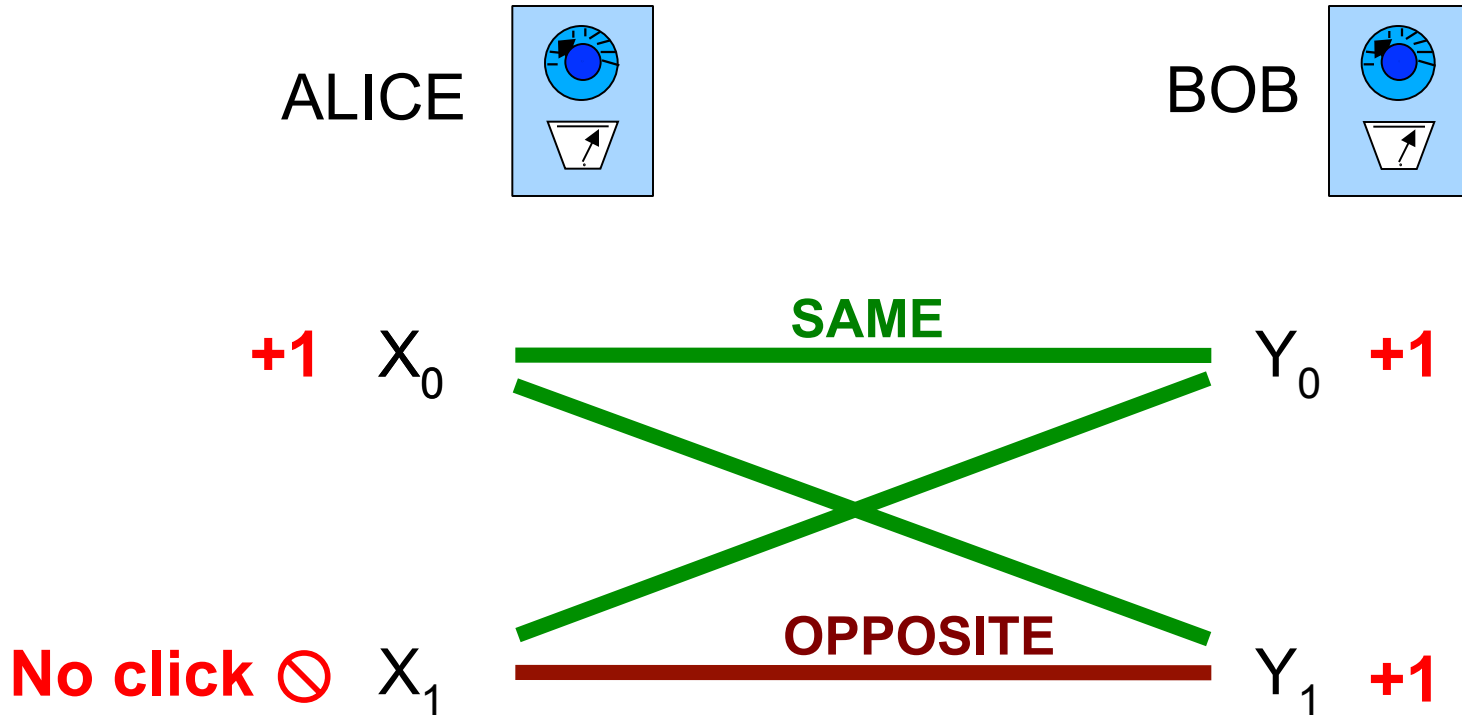
No click \otimes X_1

OPPOSITE

Y_1 **+1**

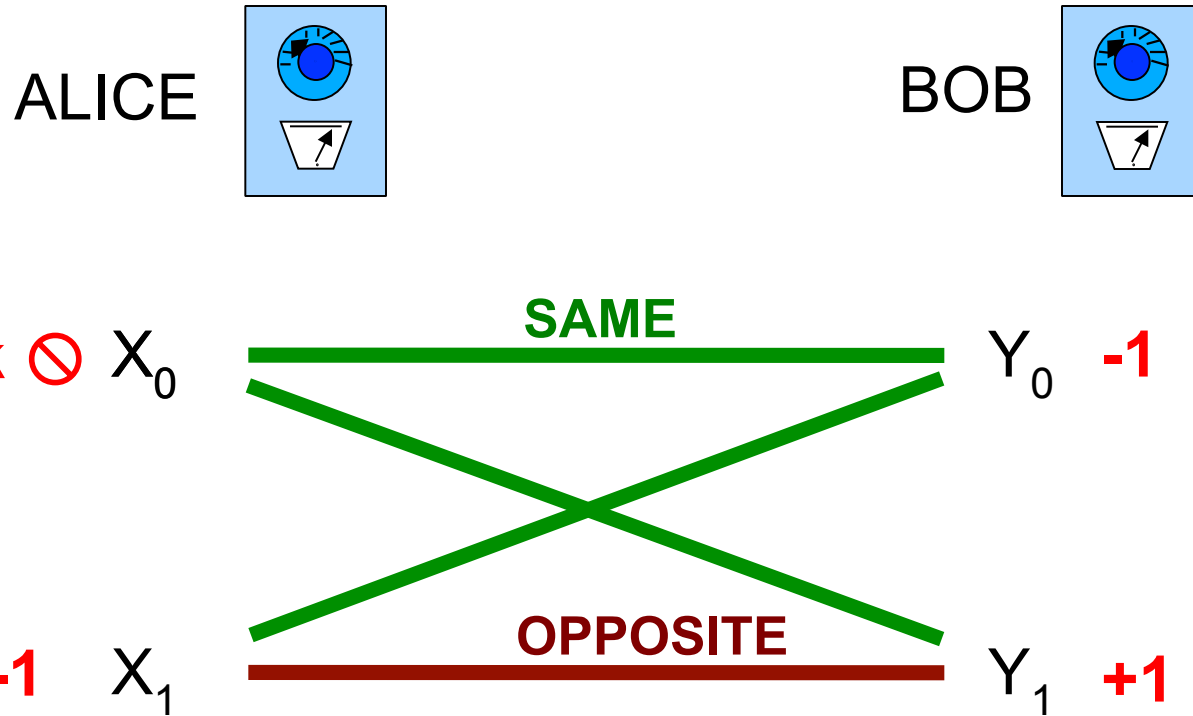


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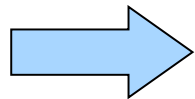
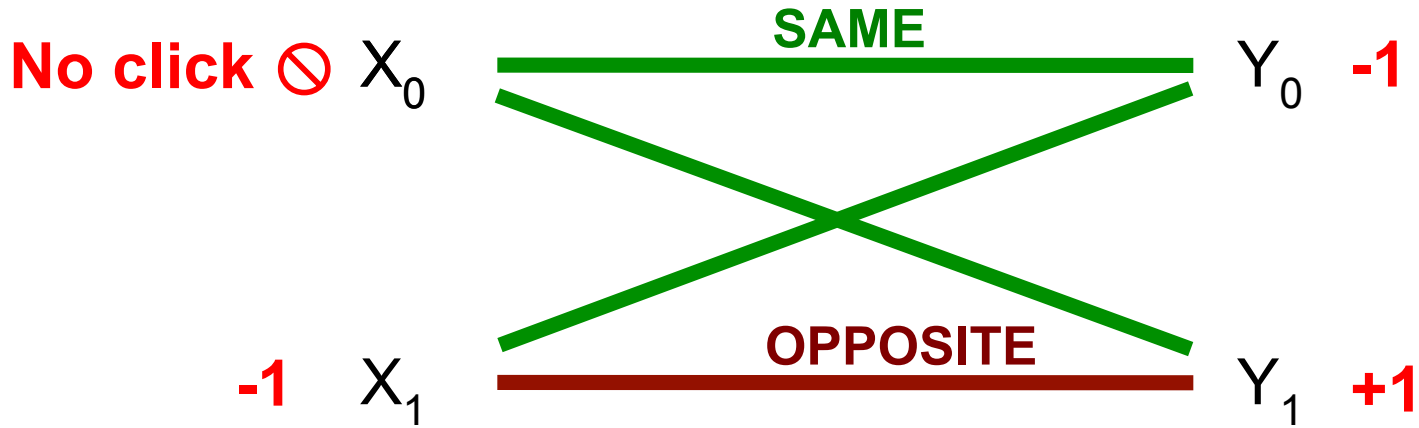
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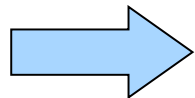
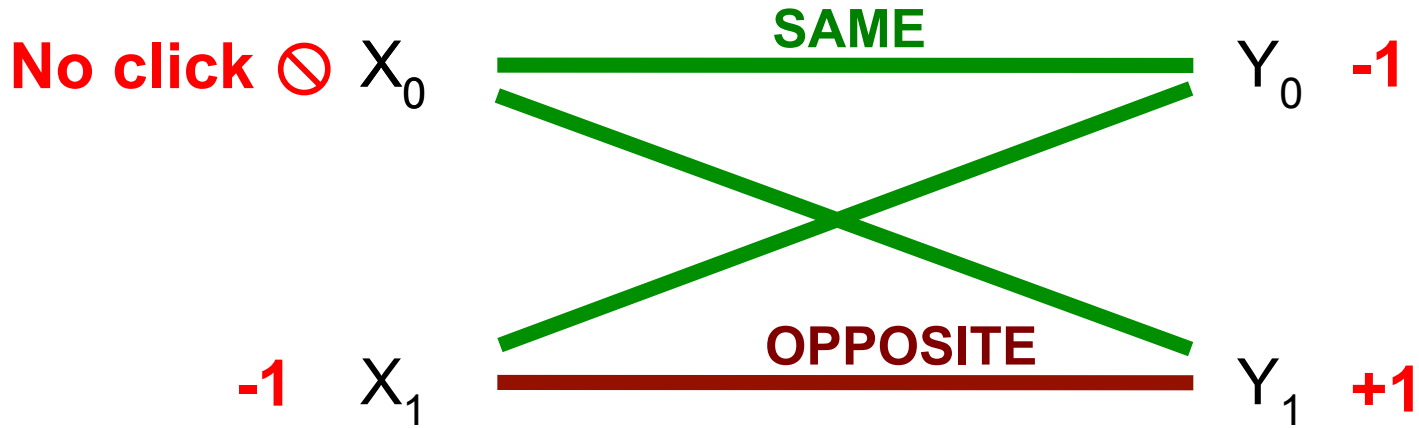
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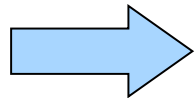


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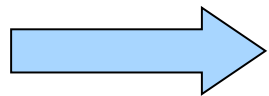
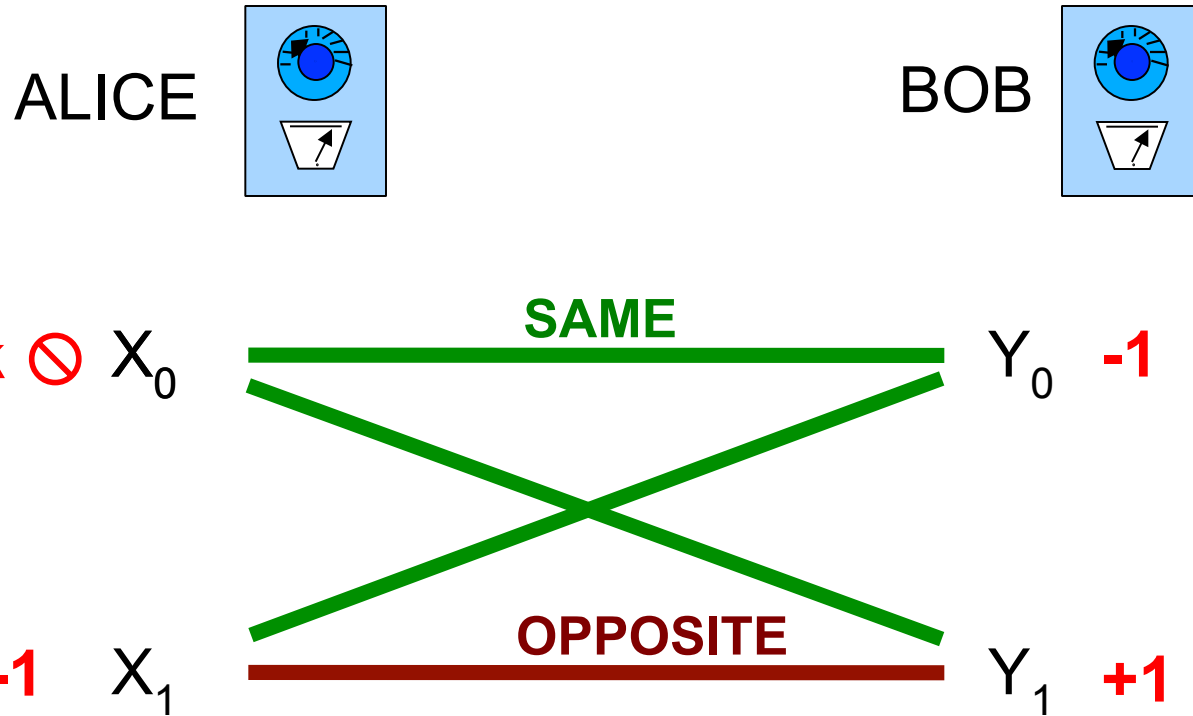


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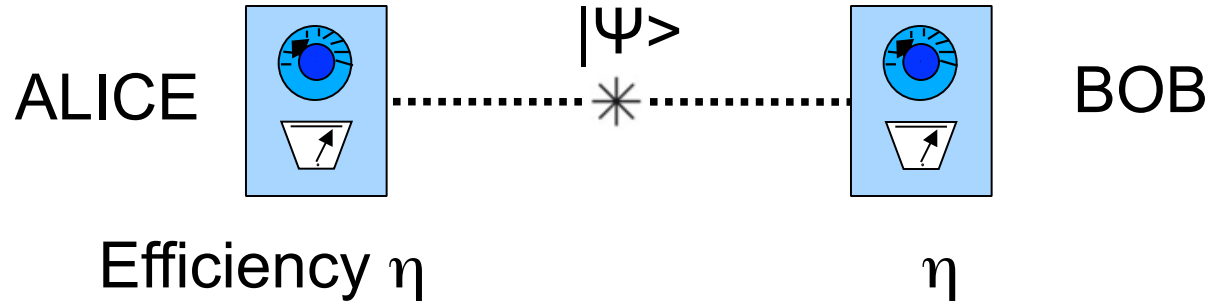
Post-selected statistics gives CHSH = 4

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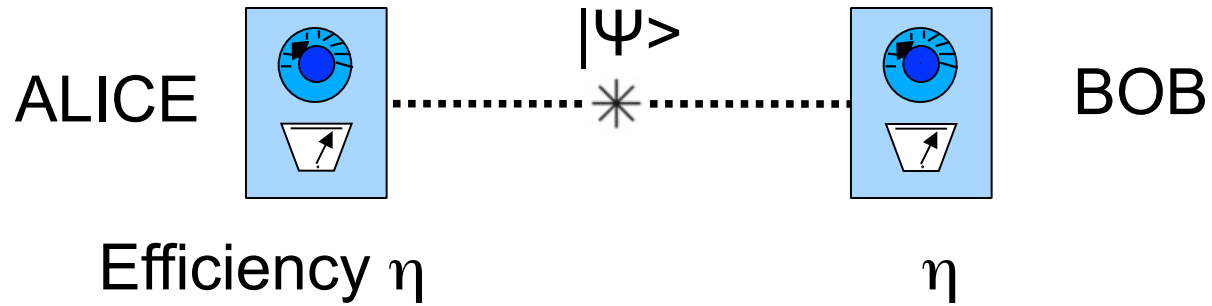


**Local model (exploiting detection loophole)
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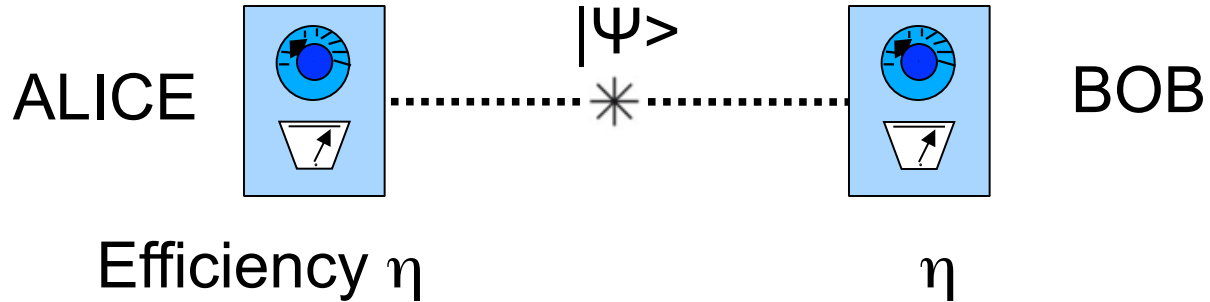


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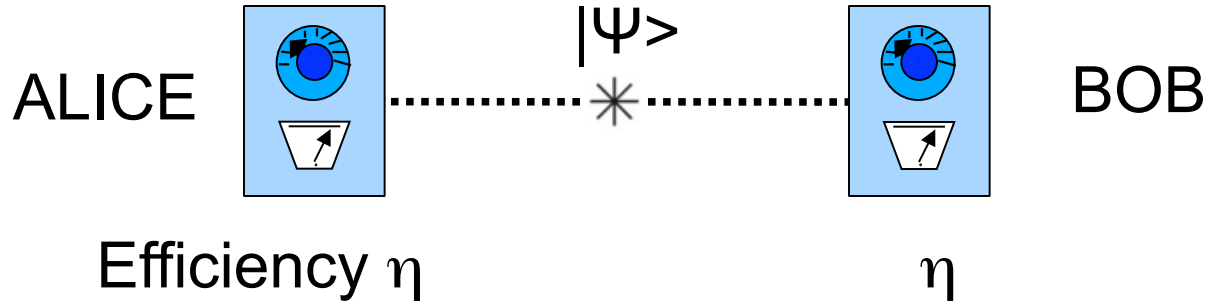


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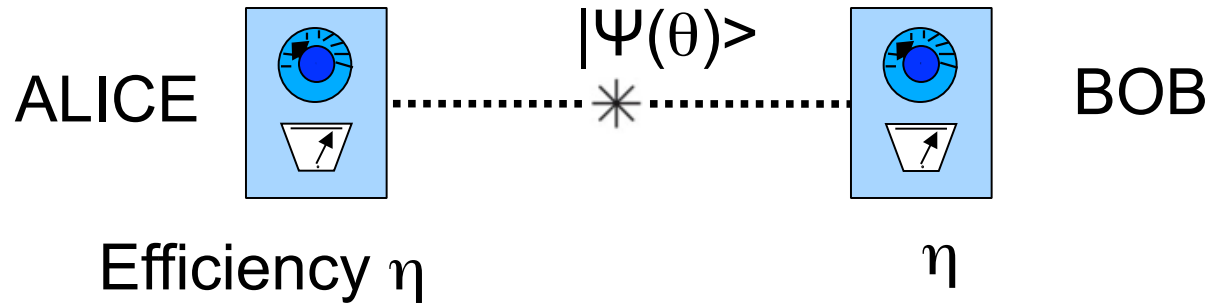
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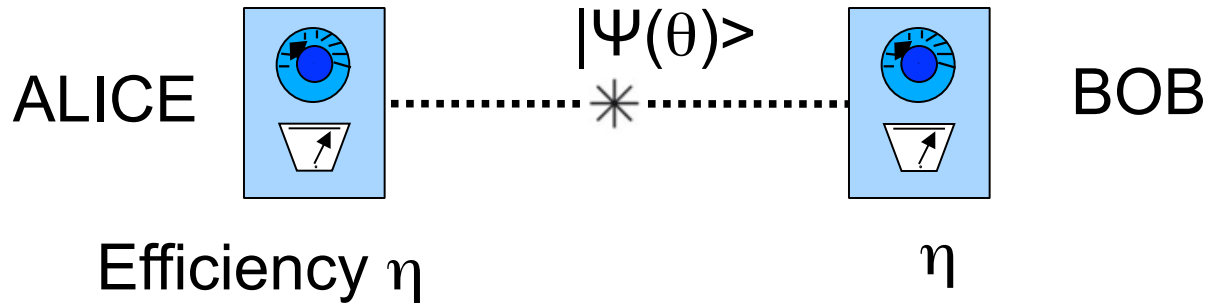
Minimal efficiency using two-qubit singlet

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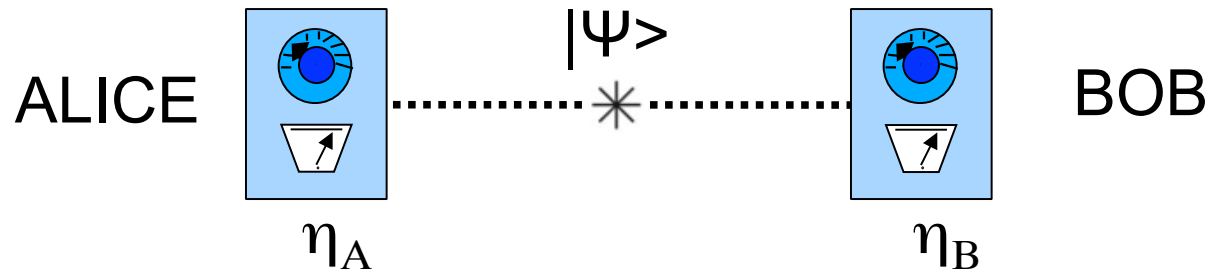
$$\theta = \pi/4 \rightarrow \eta = 82.8\%$$

$$\theta \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \eta \rightarrow 66.7\%$$



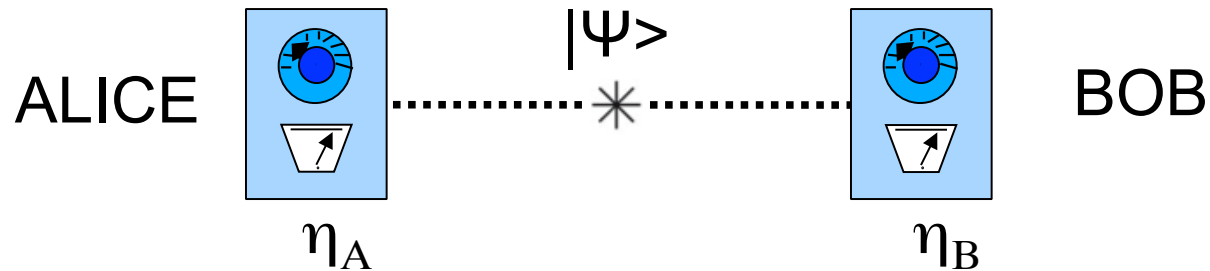
More nonlocality with less entanglement

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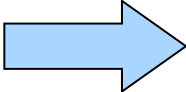
$\eta \rightarrow 0$ for $d \rightarrow \infty$

Vertesi, Pironio, NB 2010

1. $\eta_A = 1/M$, $\eta_B = 1$ with $d = M$, $K = 2$
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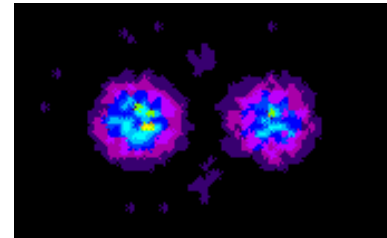
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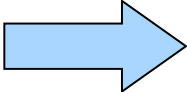
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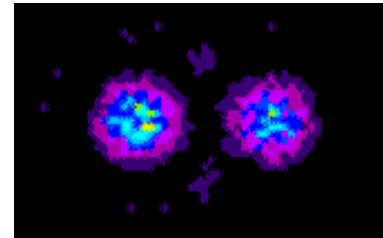
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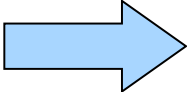


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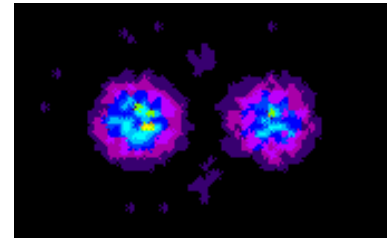
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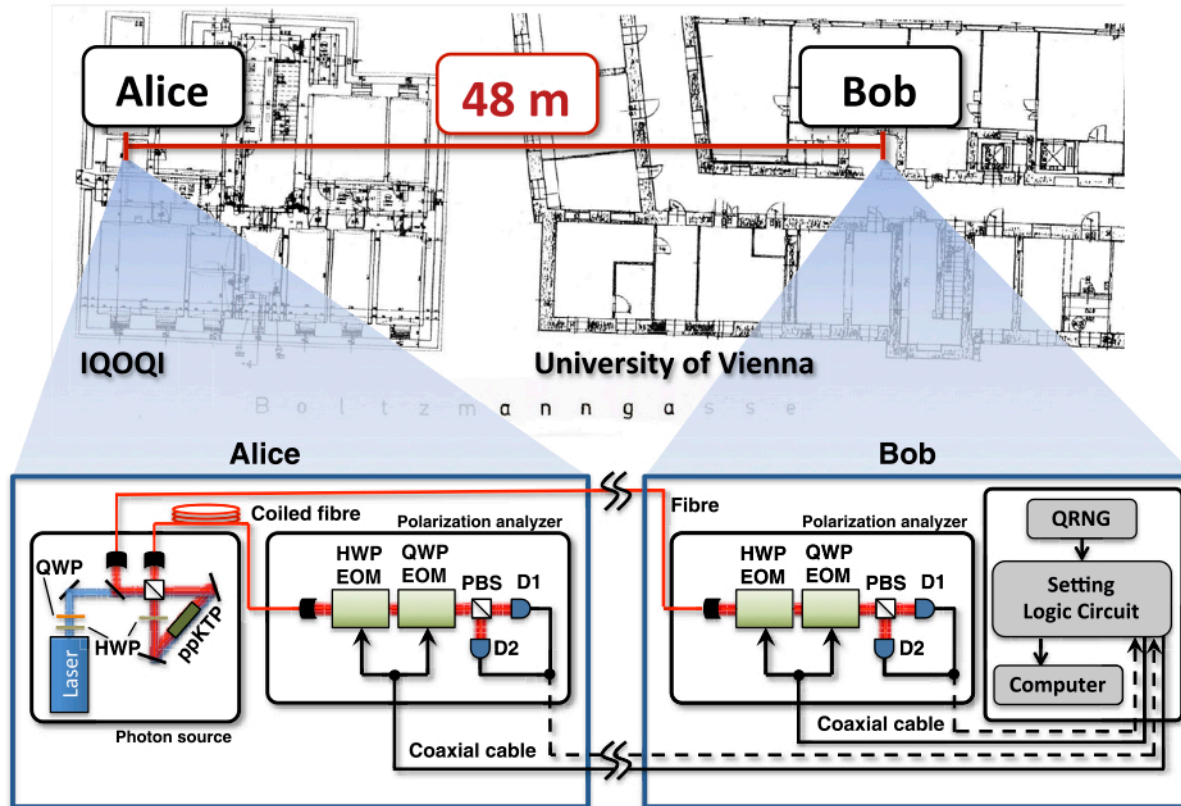
2013 Illinois: Christensen et al. PRL (efficiency 75%)
Vienna: Giustina et al. Nature

**ALL EXPERIMENTS SO FAR
CONFIRMED Q NONLOCALITY**

BUT...

**NO EXPERIMENT COULD CLOSE
BOTH LOOPHOLES SIMULTANEOUSLY**

Loophole-free EPR steering

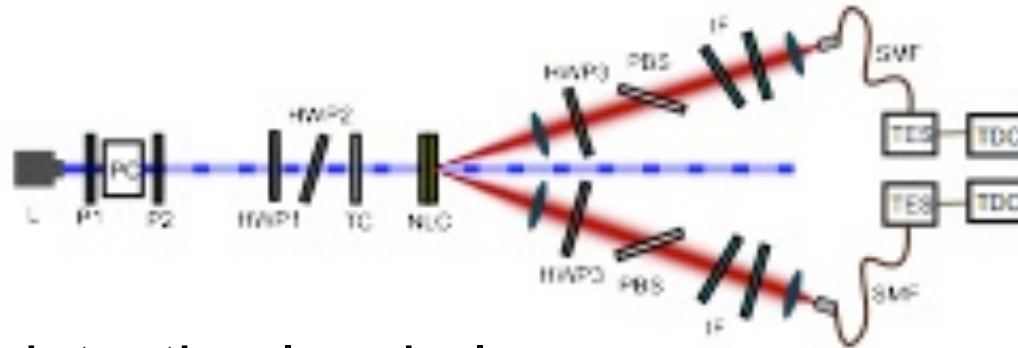


Total efficiency $A \sim 38\%$

Steering ineq violated by $> 20 \sigma$

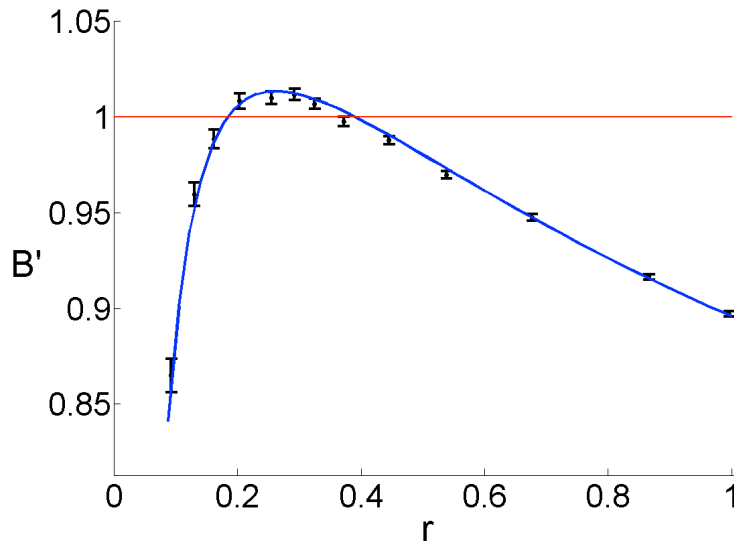
Towards a loophole-free Bell test

Photons: Illinois experiment



Closes detection loophole

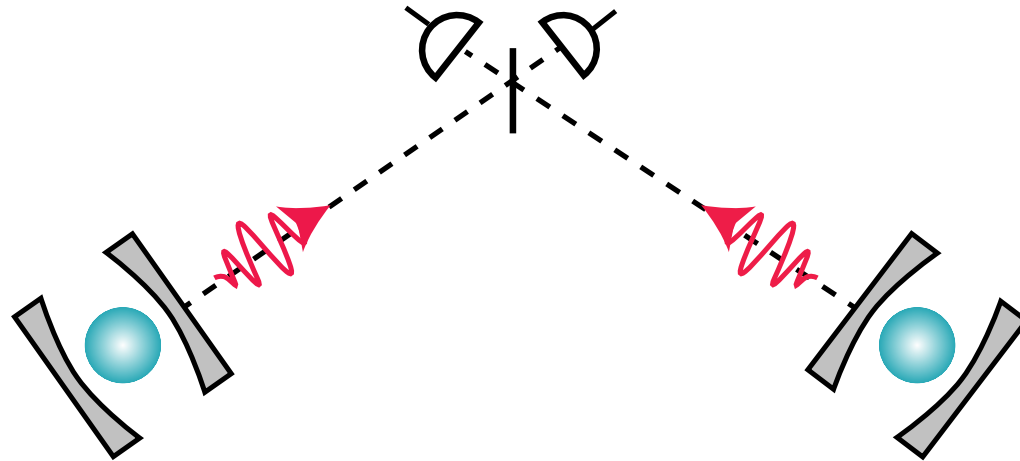
TES (superconducting) detectors: efficiency $\sim 75\%$



Partially entangled state

$$|\psi\rangle = r |H,H\rangle + |V,V\rangle$$

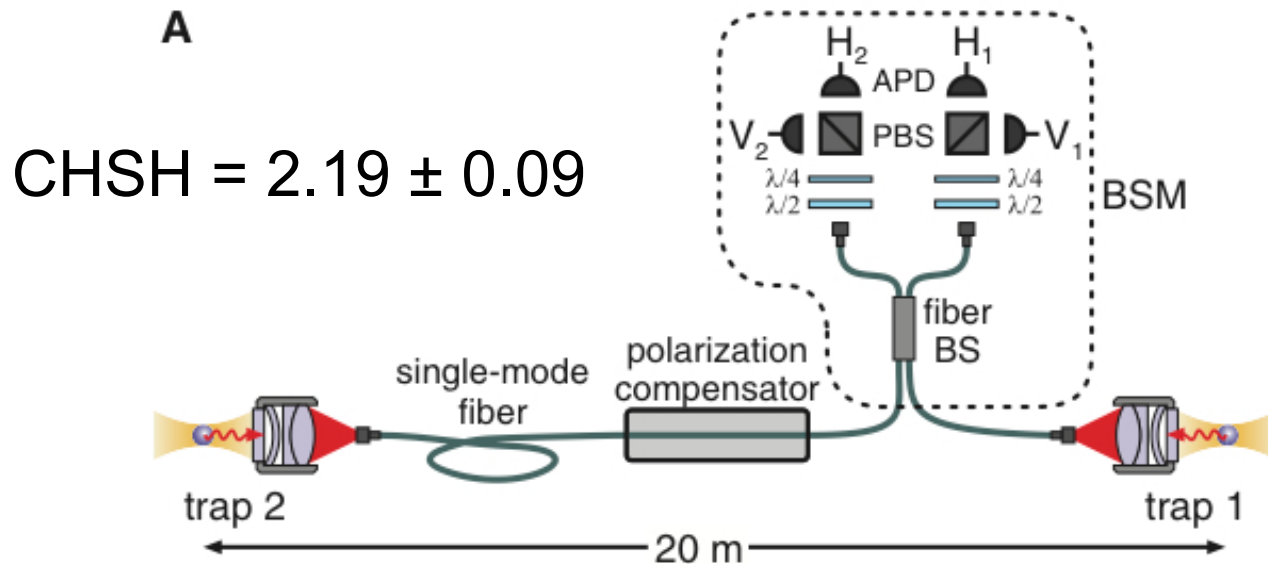
Atom-photon entanglement



'Event ready' atom-atom entanglement

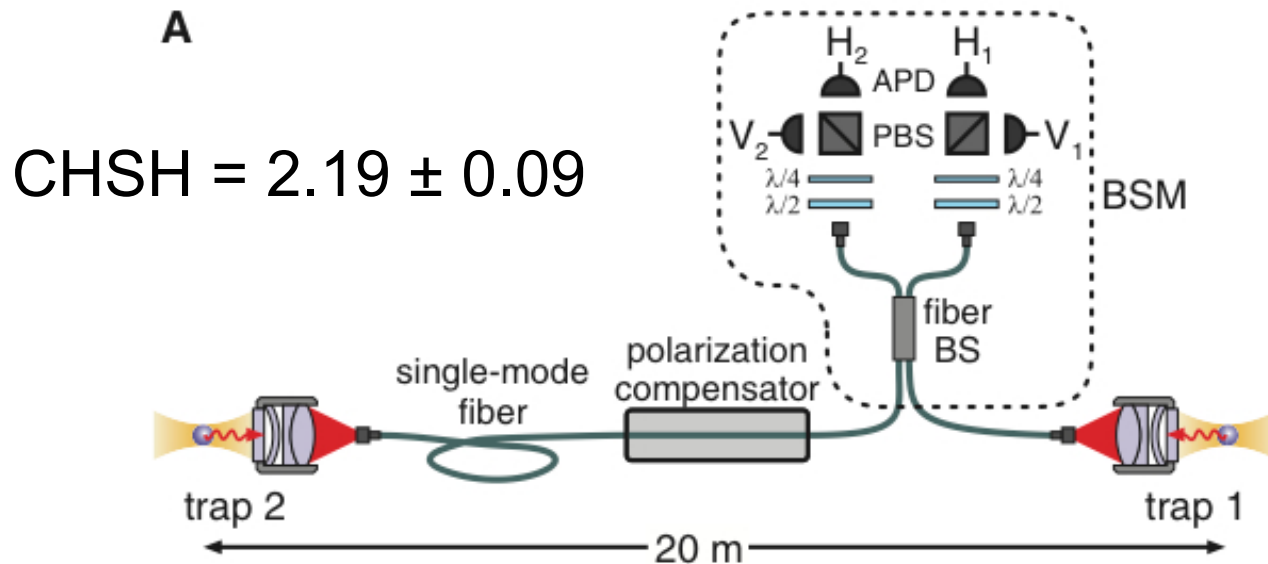
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NV centers See talk R. Hanson

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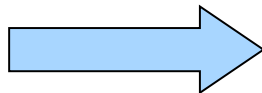
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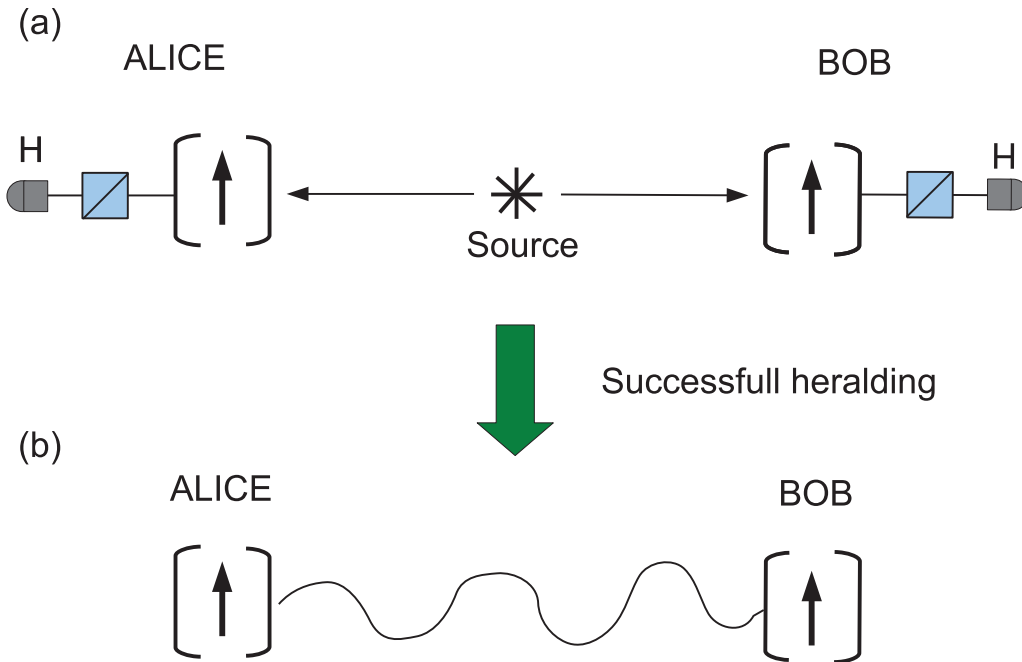
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Progress, but still challenging

Spin-photon interactions



Heralded mapping of photonic entanglement to spins
Relevant for atoms, NV centres, Q dots

Loopholes in device-independent protocols

Device-independent protocols

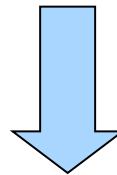
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Bell inequality violation



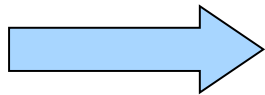
Local outcomes A and B are random and uncorrelated from Eve

Device-independent protocols



1. Locality loophole

Not so crucial...



Alice and Bob must shield their labs anyway

2. Detection loophole

Important !

Fake Bell violation reported experimentally
Gerhardt et al. PRL 2011, Pomarico et al. NJP 2011

Implementations

DI randomness certification

Proof-of-principle experiments

- Atoms: 42 bits in month Pironio et al. Nature 2010
- Photons: Christensen et al. PRL 2013

DI QKD

Still challenging

END

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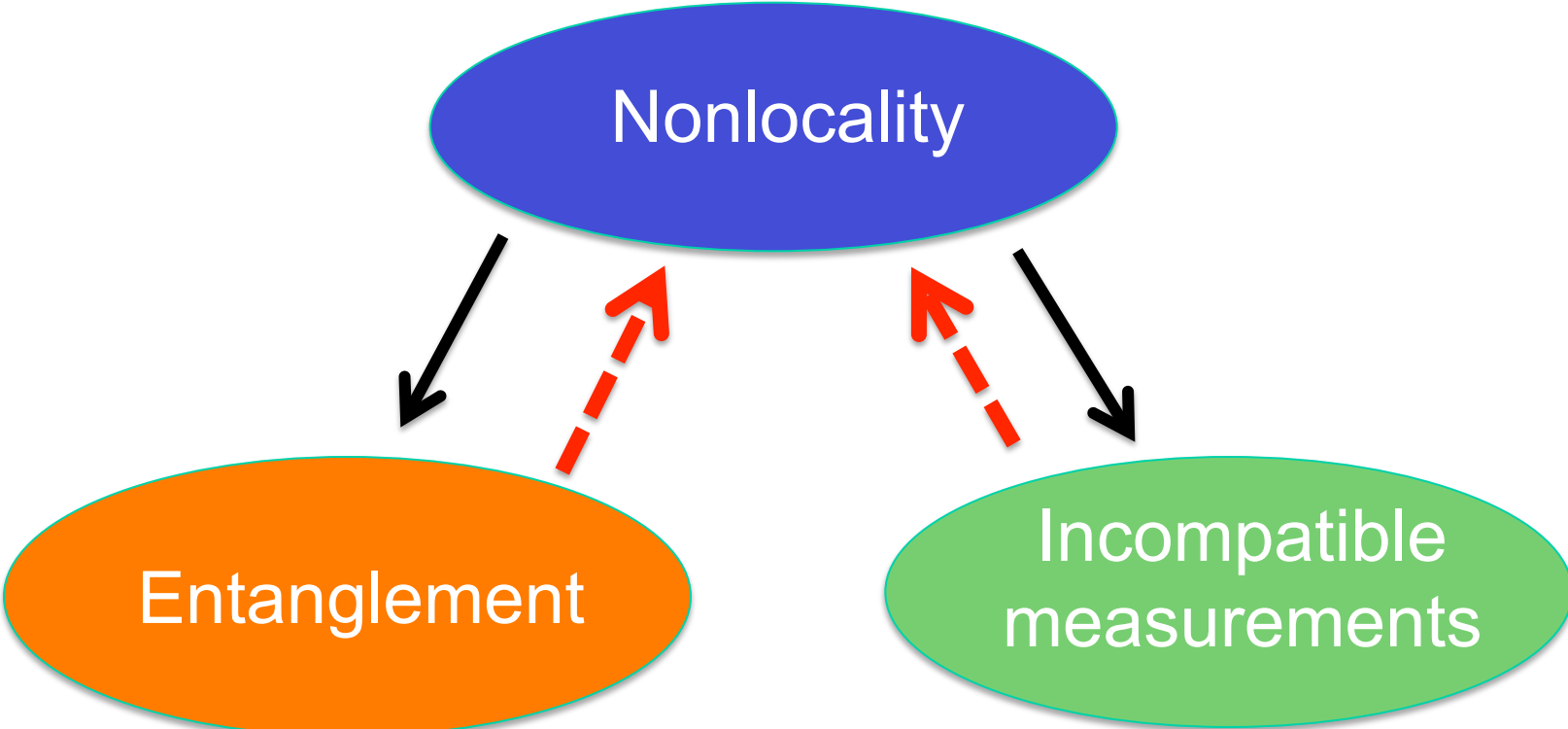
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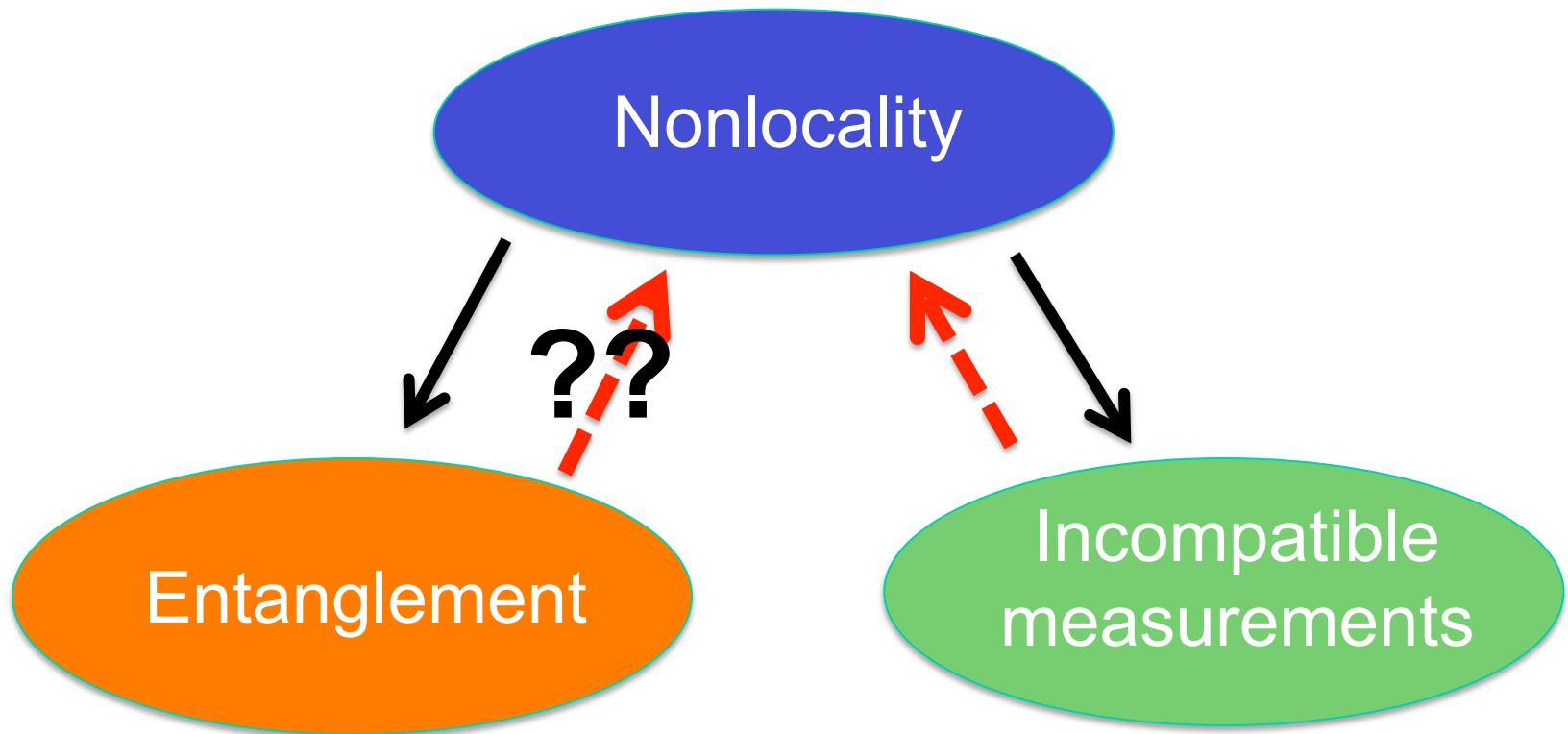

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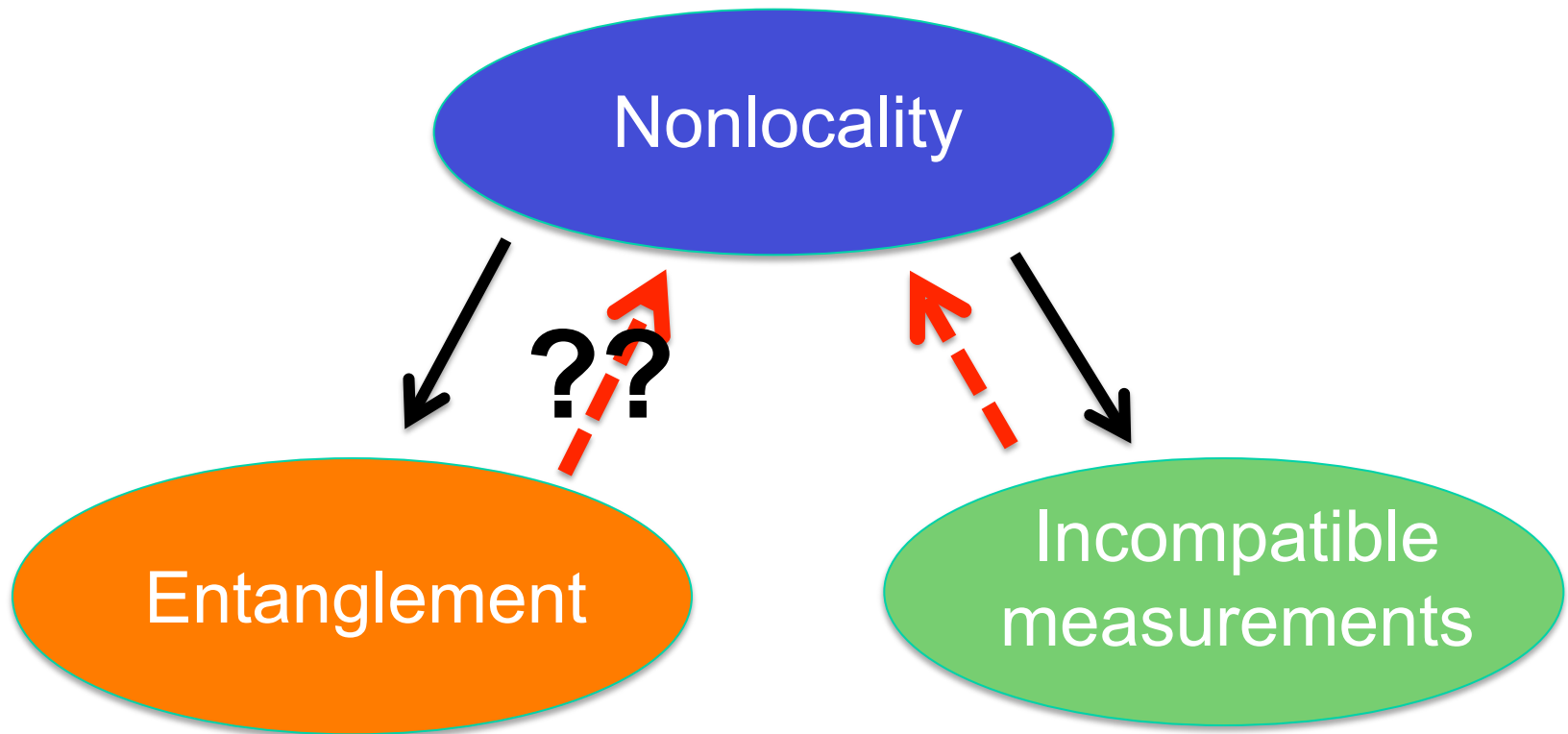
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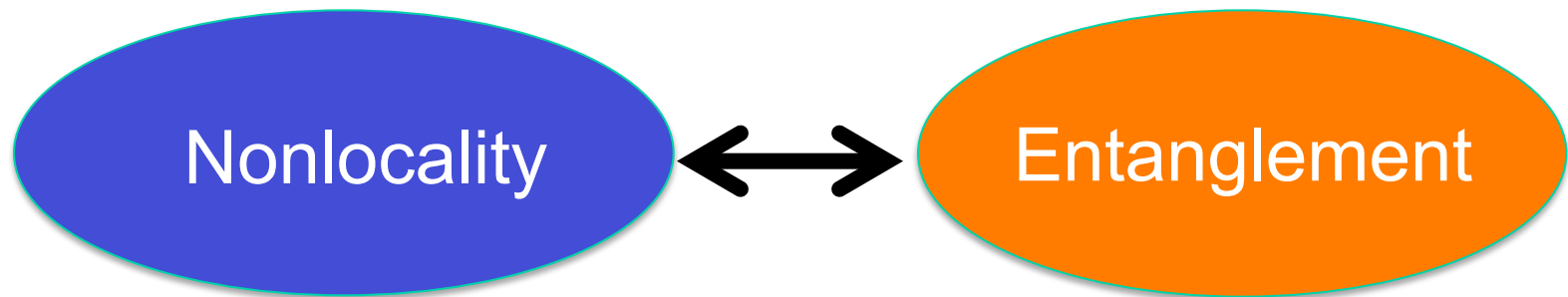
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Pure states



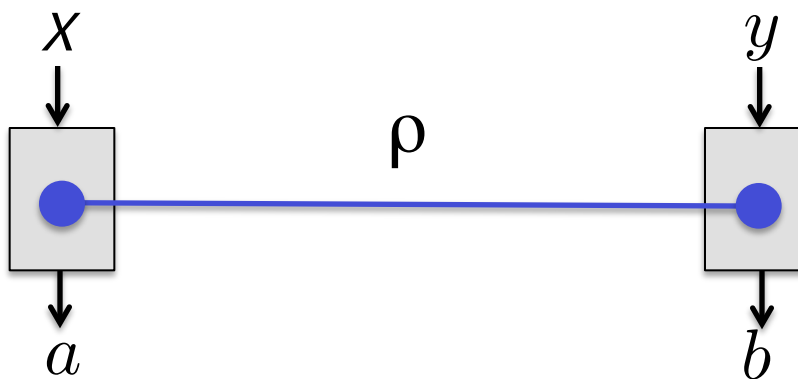
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Mixed states...

... complicated!

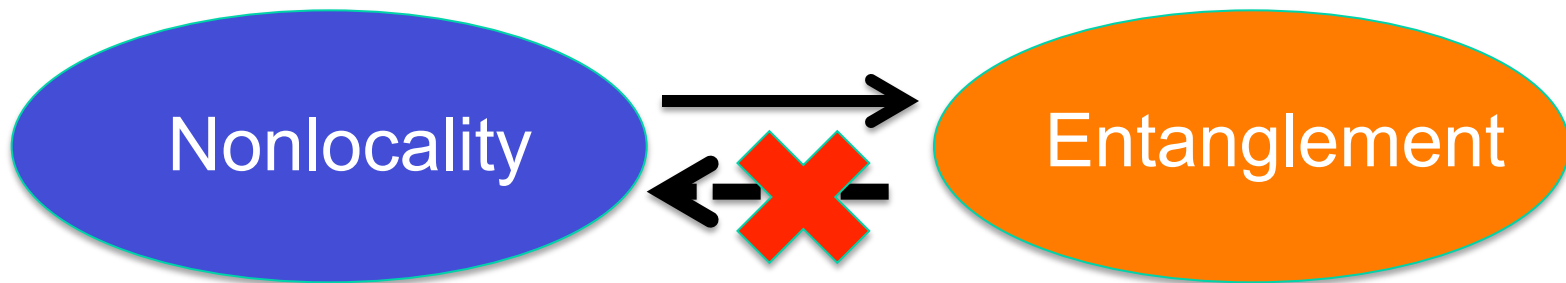
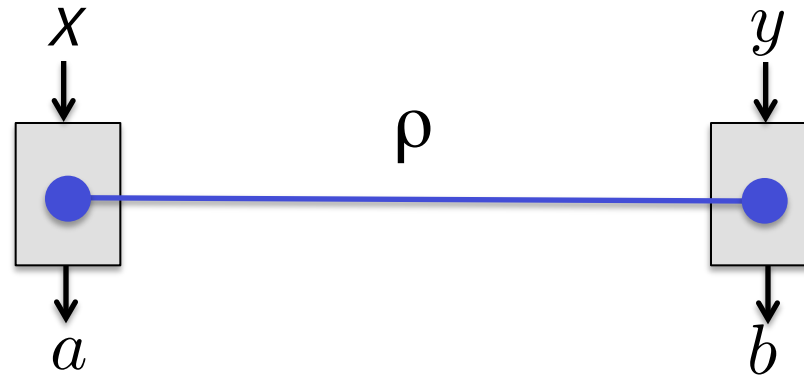
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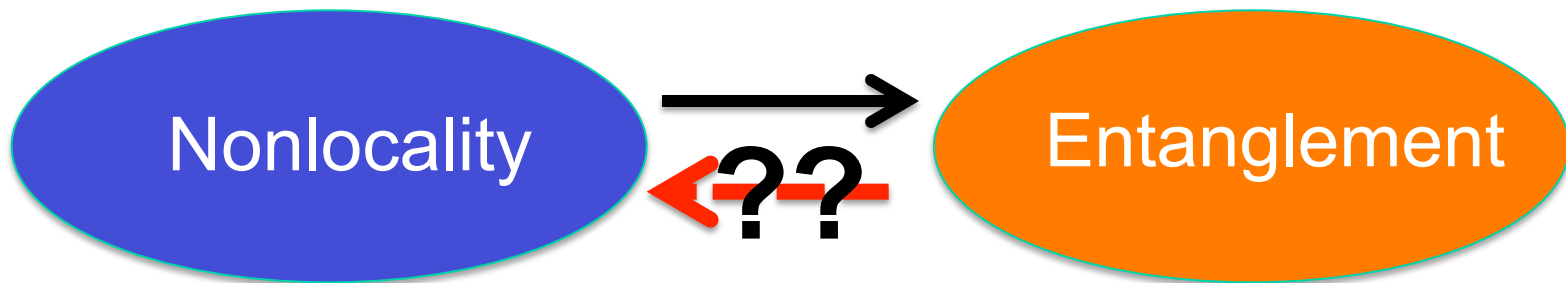
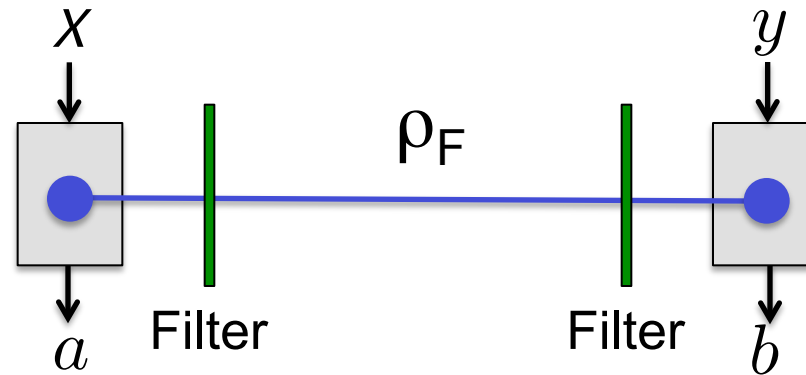
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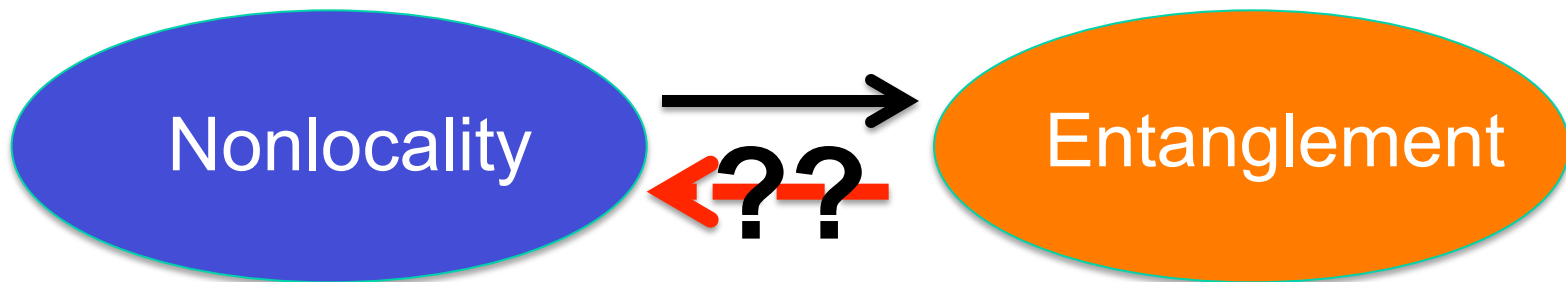
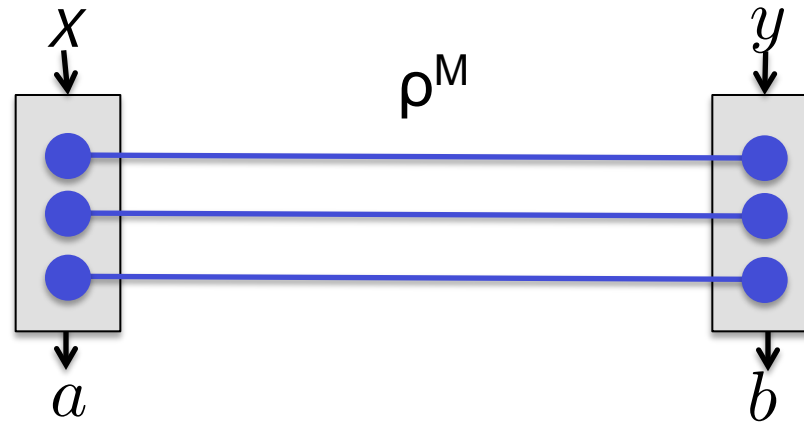
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Scenario 2: Sequential measurements
→ **Hidden nonlocality**



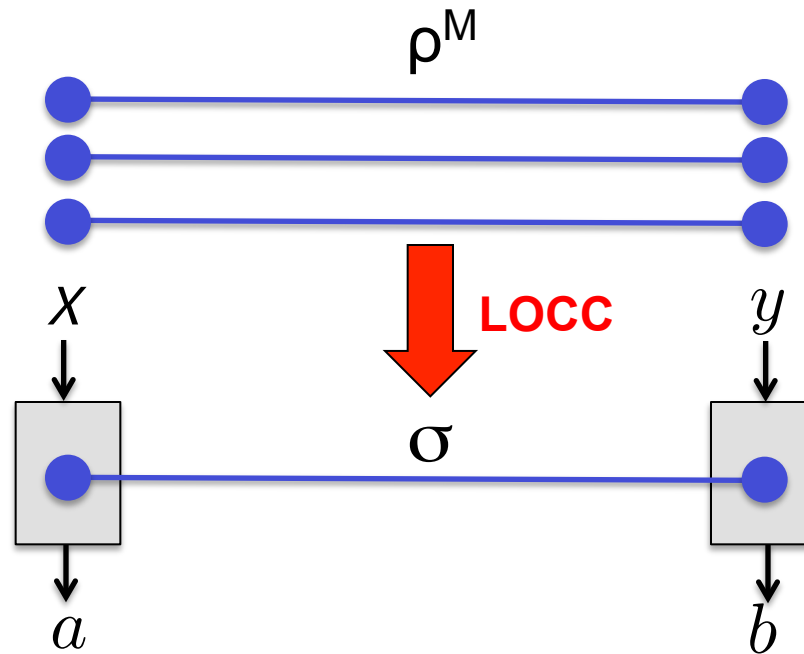
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Scenario 3: Many copies, joint measurements
→ **Activation of nonlocality**



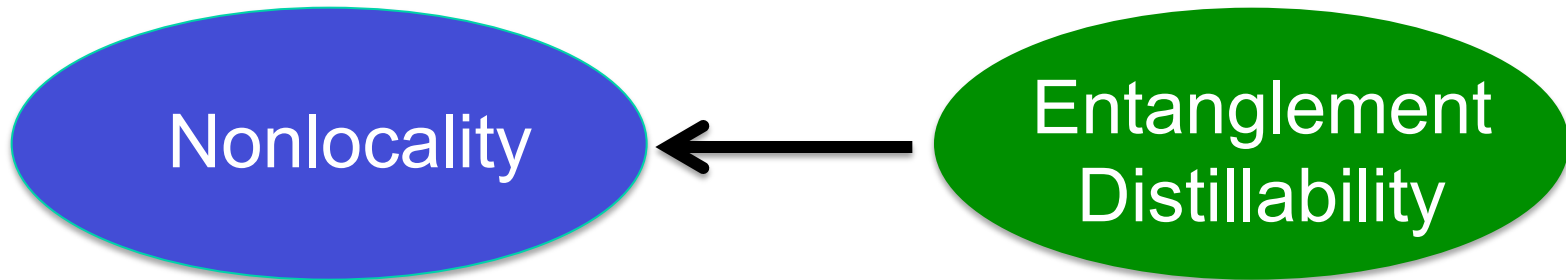
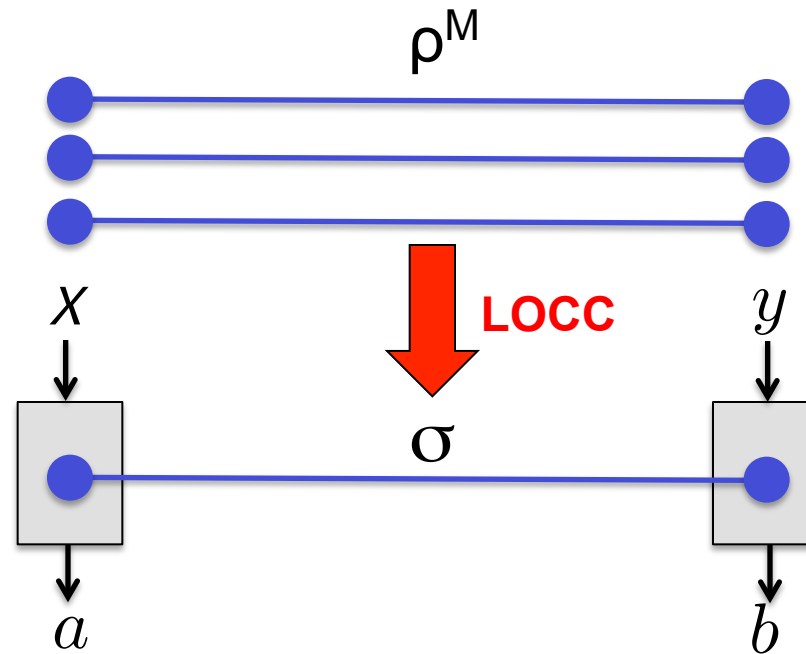
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What about bound entanglement?

Peres conjecture (1999):

Bound entanglement cannot lead to Bell inequality violation

Intuition:

weakest form of entanglement cannot lead
to strongest correlations

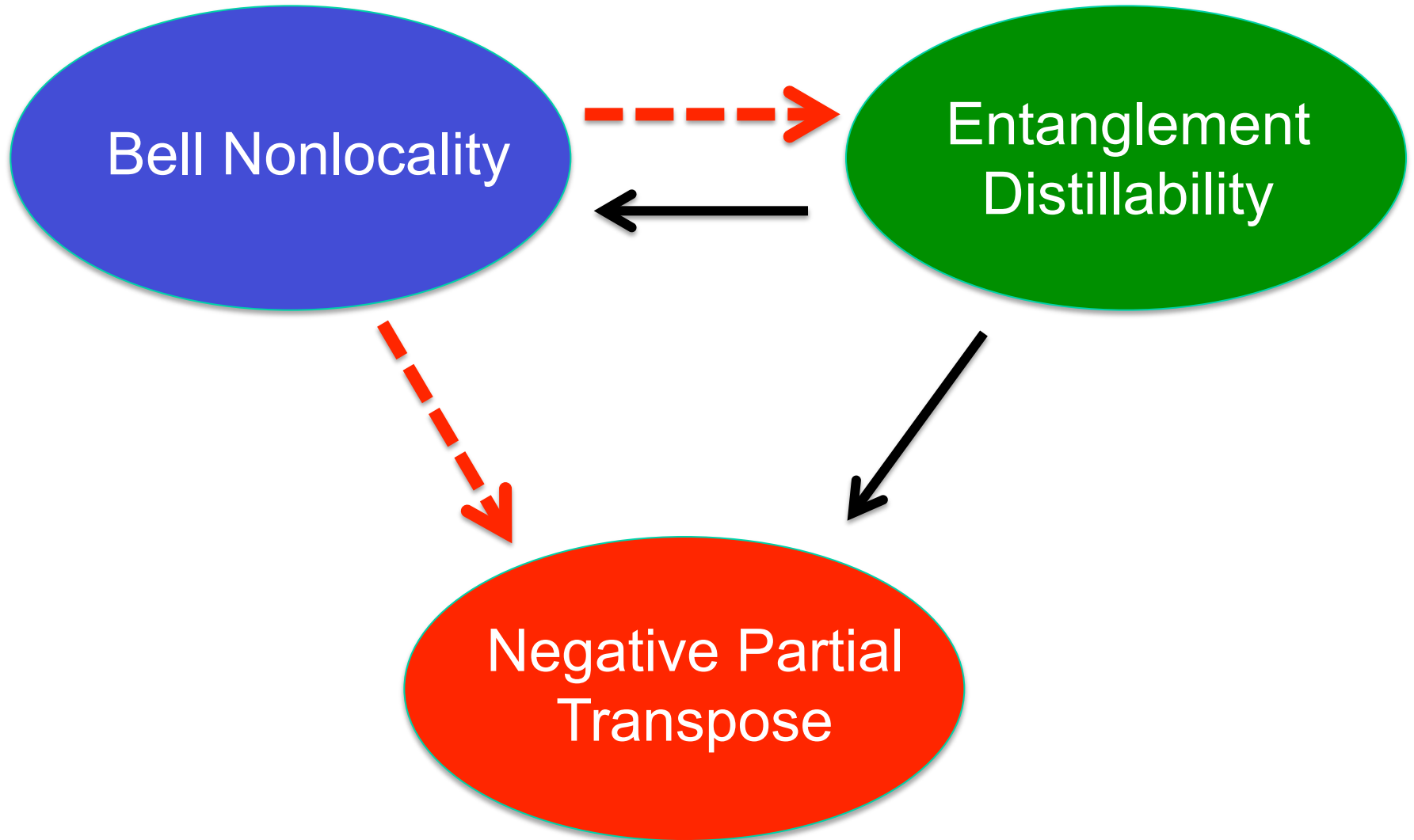
Bell Nonlocality

Entanglement
Distillability

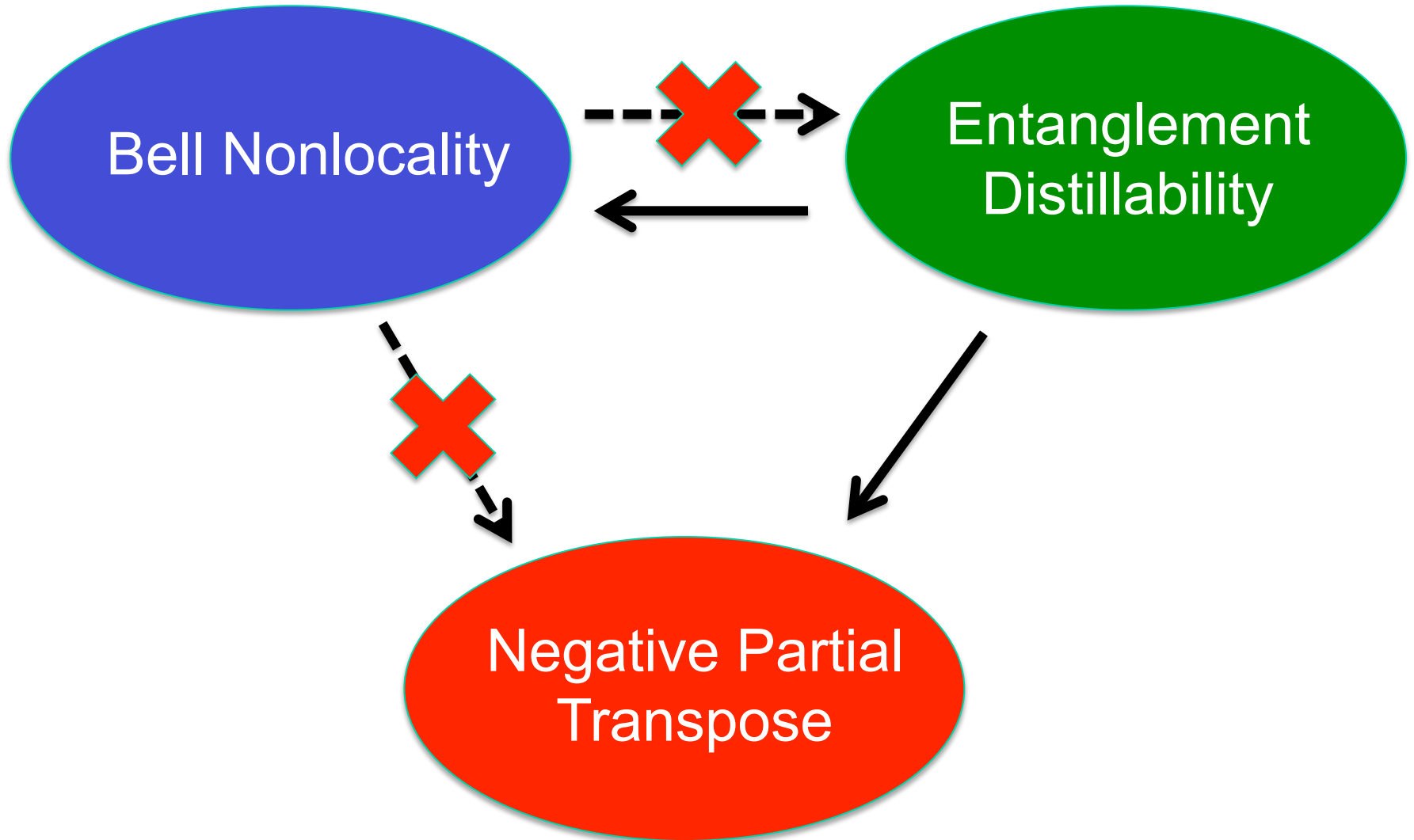


Negative Partial
Transpose

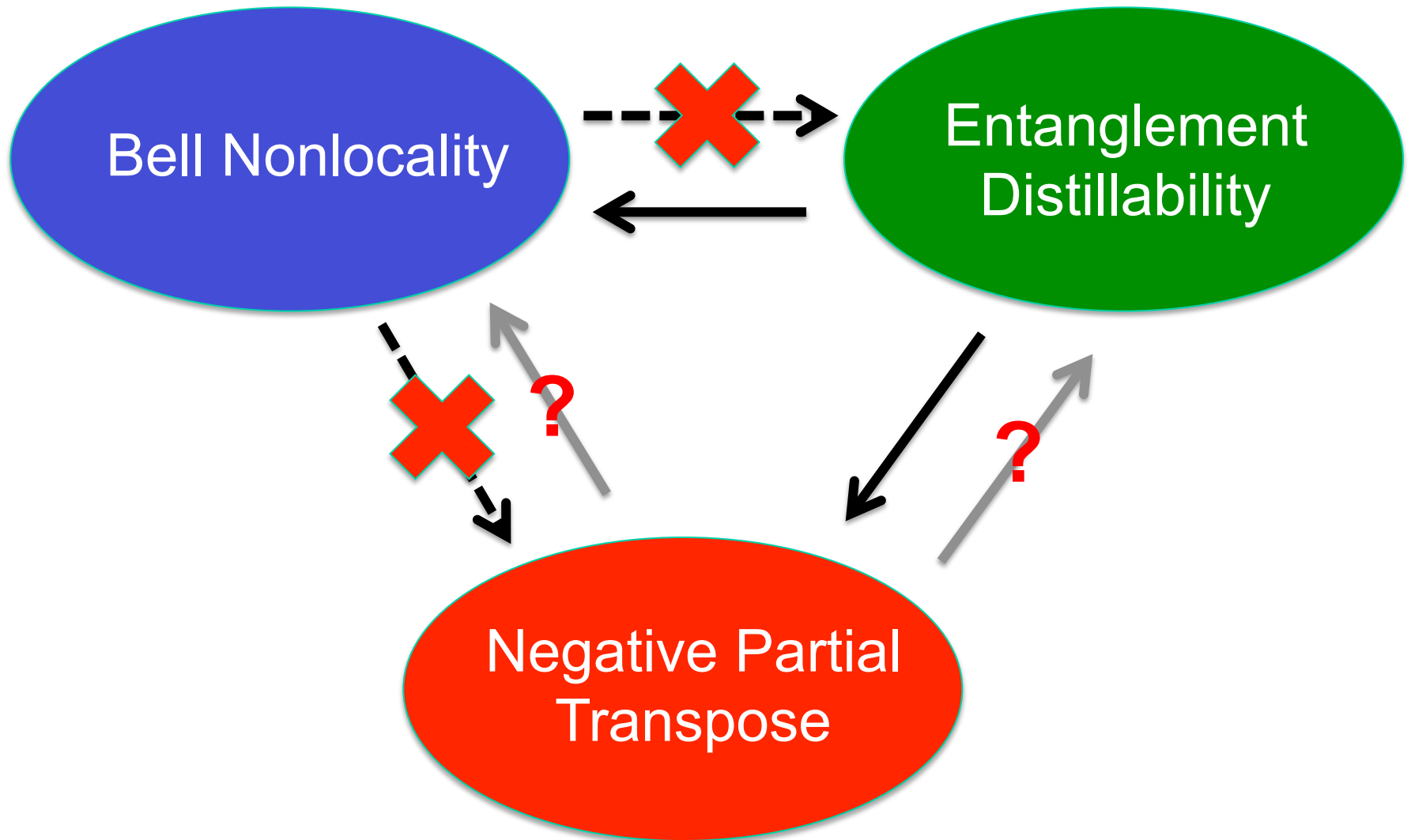
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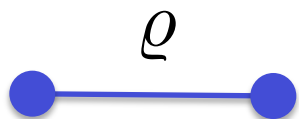
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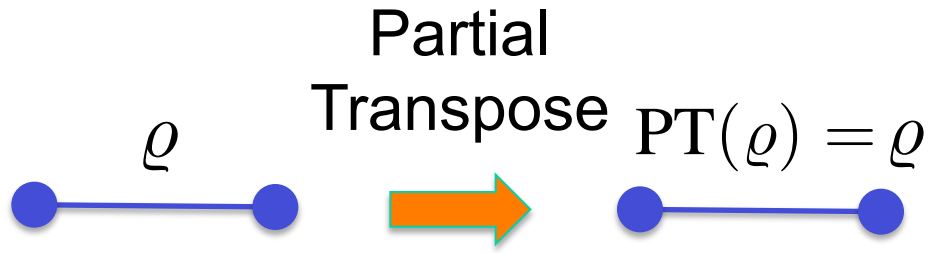
NPT bound entanglement?



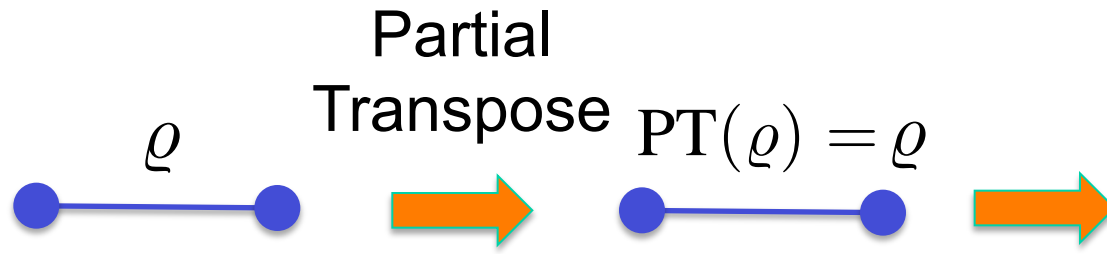
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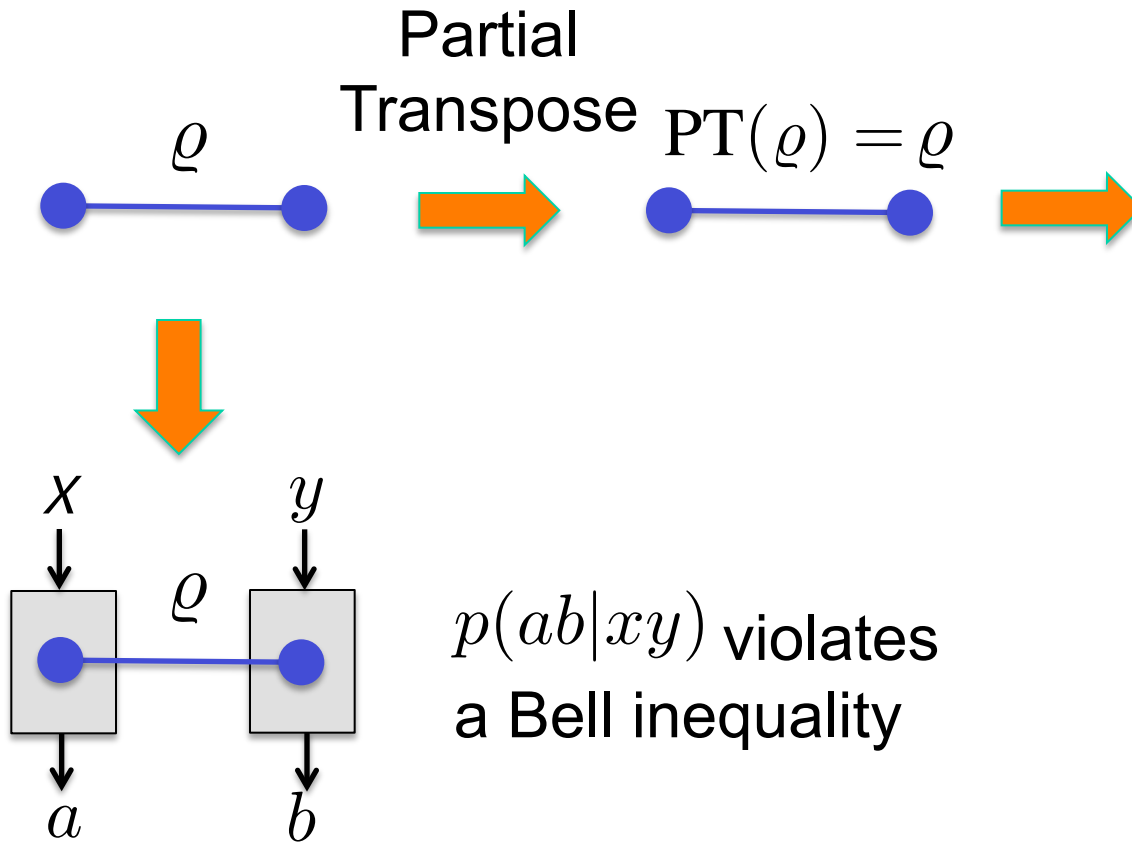


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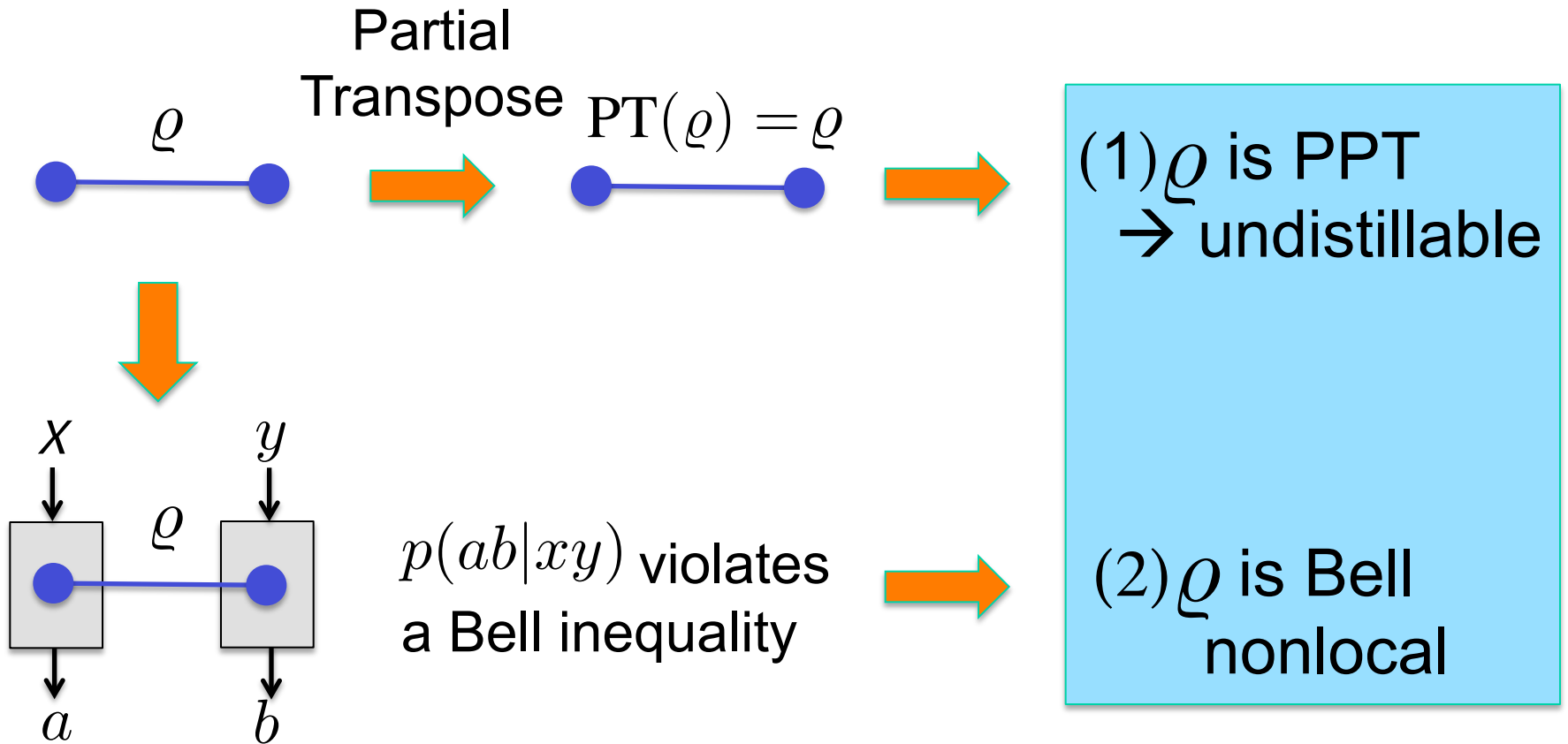
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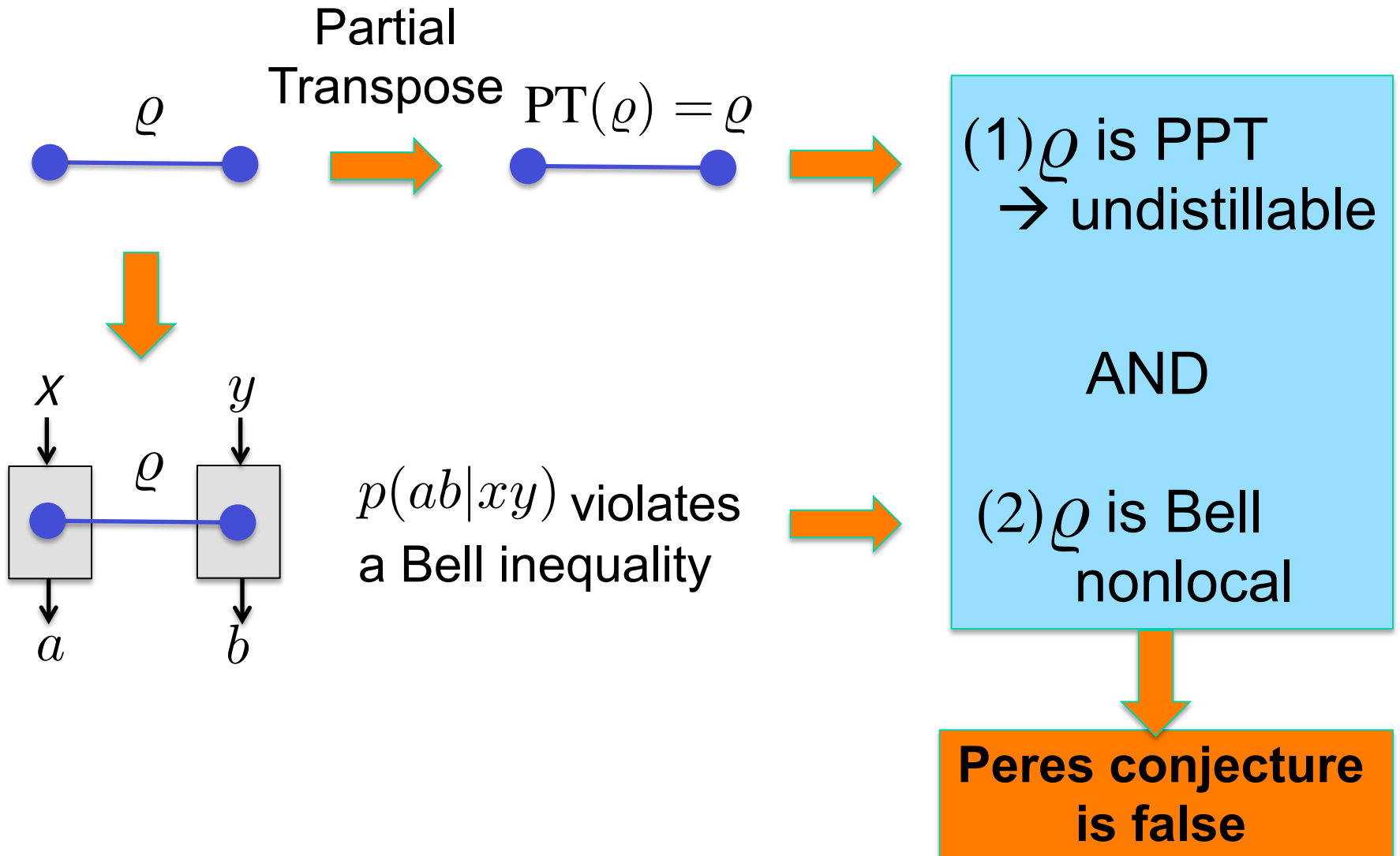


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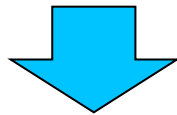
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\mathcal{Q} + well chosen measurements



$$I_{\mathcal{Q}} = \frac{-3386 + 18\sqrt{42} - 5\sqrt{131} + 45\sqrt{5502}}{43025} \simeq 2.63144 \times 10^{-4}$$



\mathcal{Q} is nonlocal

SDP methods

SDP technique to find Bell inequality violation with PPT state

$$I_{PPT} = 2.6526 \times 10^{-4}$$

Upper bound (Moroder et al. 2013)

$$I_{PPT}^{max} < 4.8012 \times 10^{-4}$$

Applications

1. Device-independent randomness certification
(Pironio et al. Nature 2010, Colbeck PhD thesis 2007)

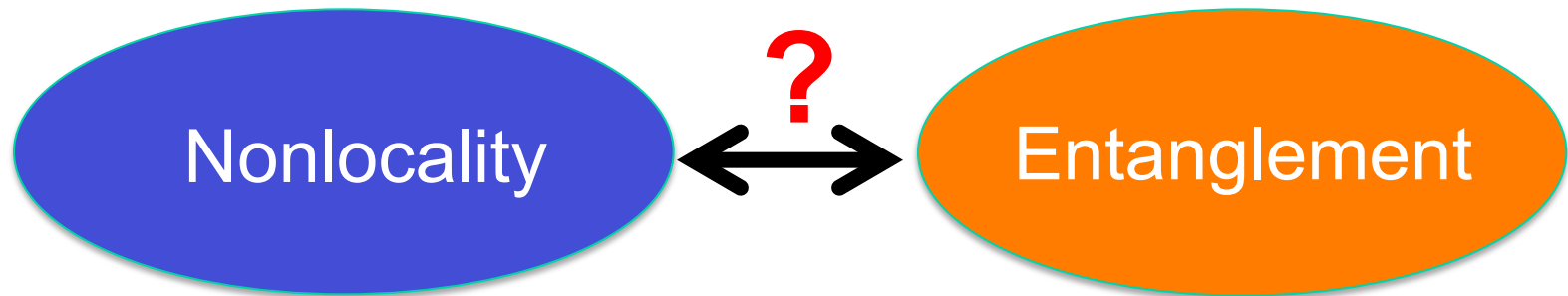
Quantum nonlocality \rightarrow genuine quantum randomness

Bell violation I_{PPT}	$H_{min}(y=0)$
2.6314×10^{-4}	4.2320×10^{-4}

2. Communication complexity
(Zukowski et al. 2004, Buhrman et al. 2010)

Open questions

1. Do all BE states violate a Bell inequality?



2. Large (unbounded) Bell violations with BE state?
3. Device-independent QKD with BE state?

END

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