

# Loopholes in Bell experiments

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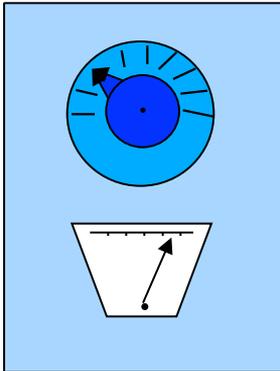
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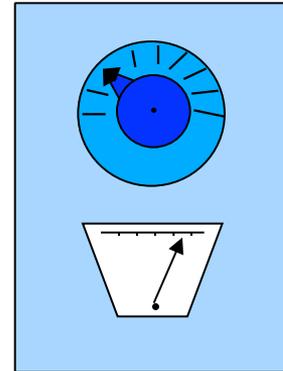
1. Warm-up: CHSH game
2. Bell locality
3. Quantum nonlocality, Bell's theorem
4. Experiments
5. Loopholes
6. Relevance for device-independent protocols

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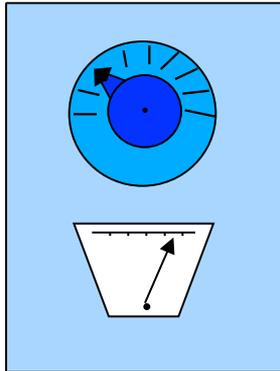


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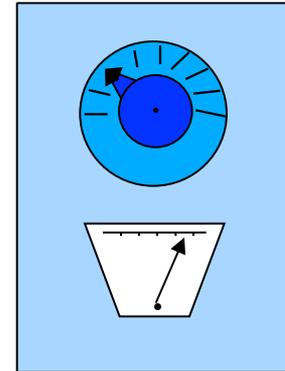


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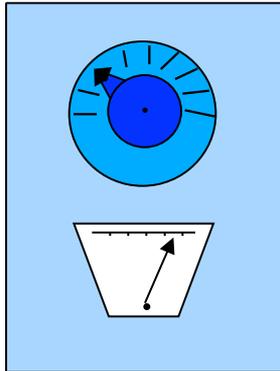
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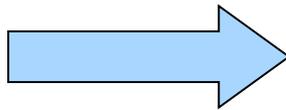
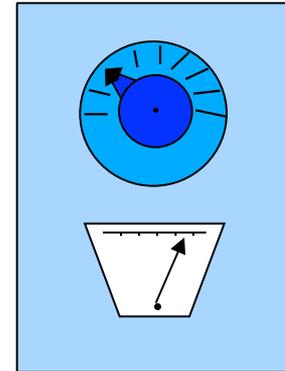
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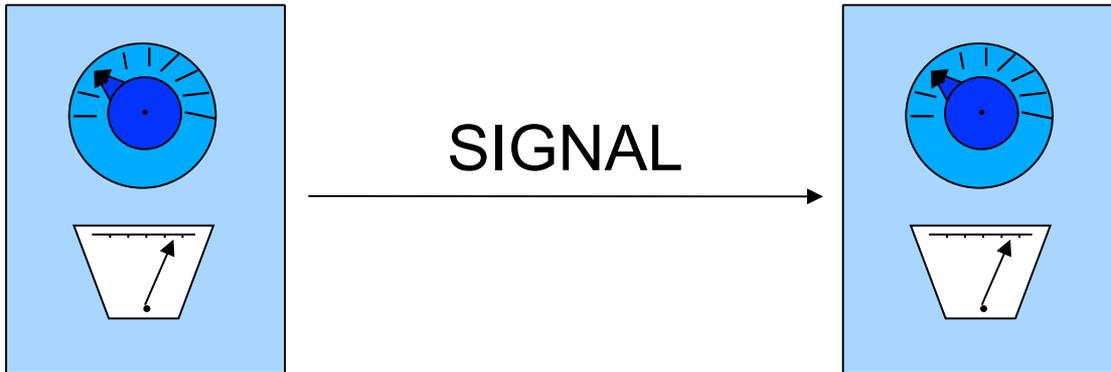
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**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

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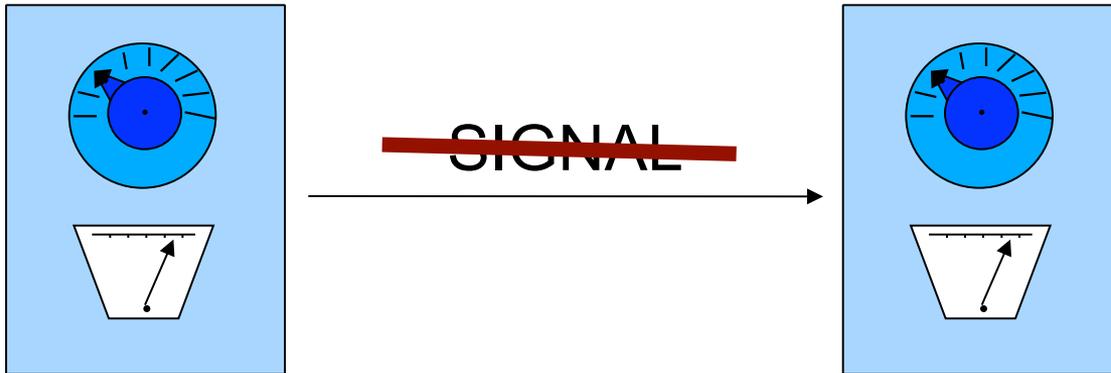
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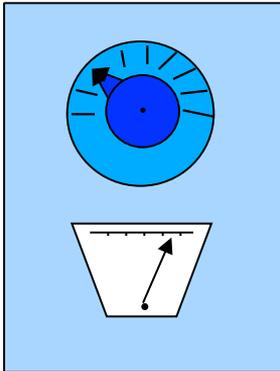
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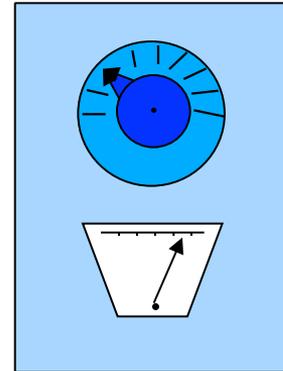
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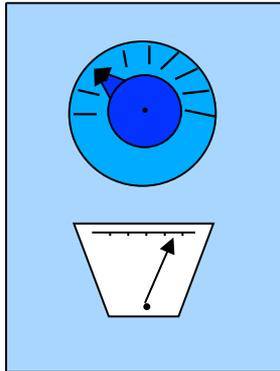


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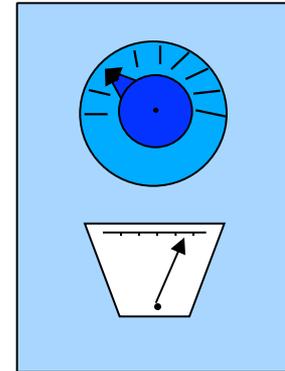
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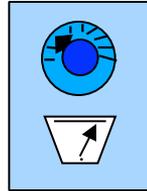
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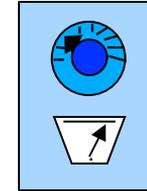
**CAN THIS BE TESTED?**

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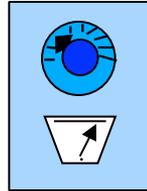


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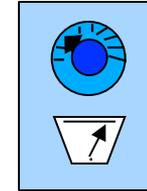
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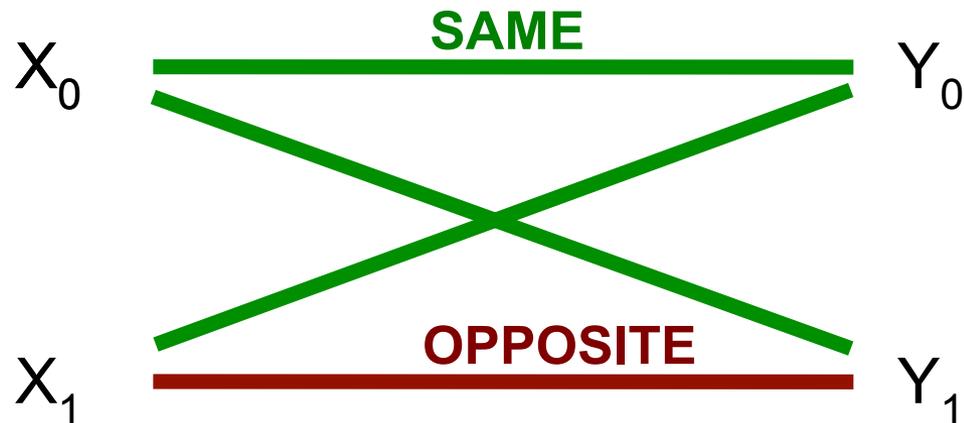
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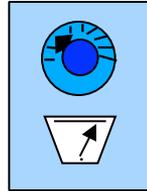


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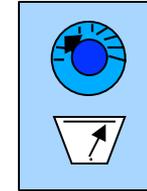


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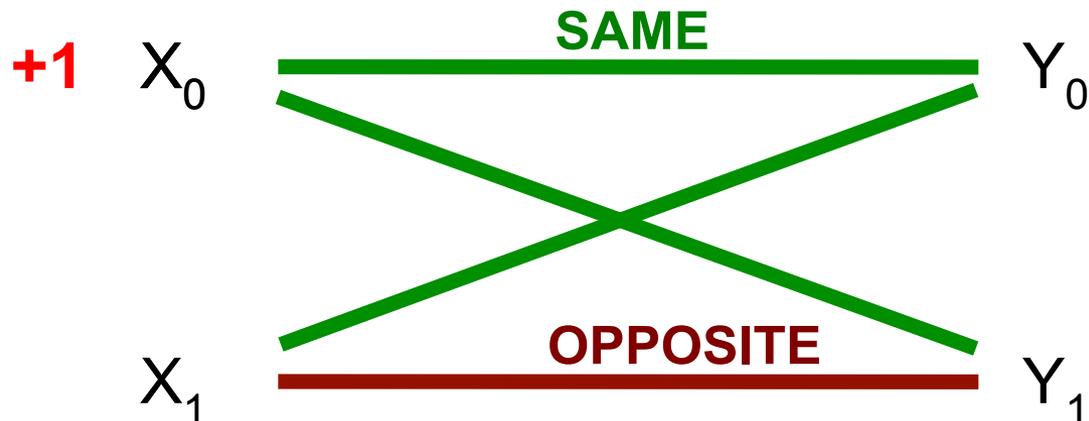
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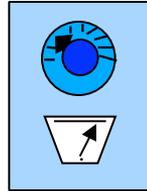


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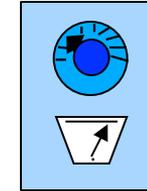


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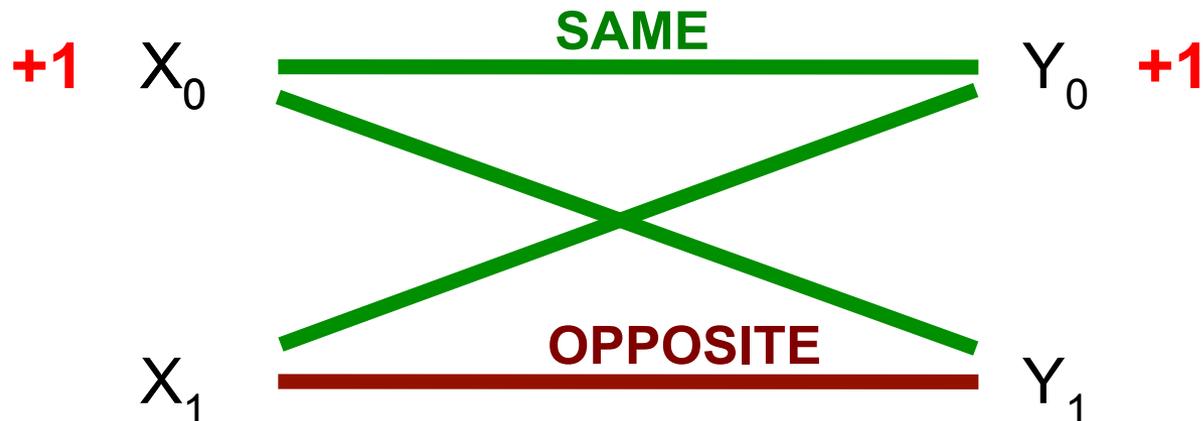
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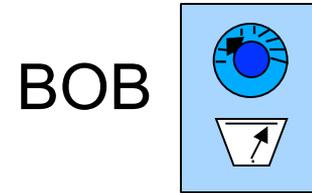
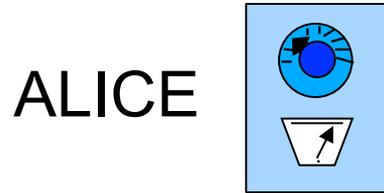
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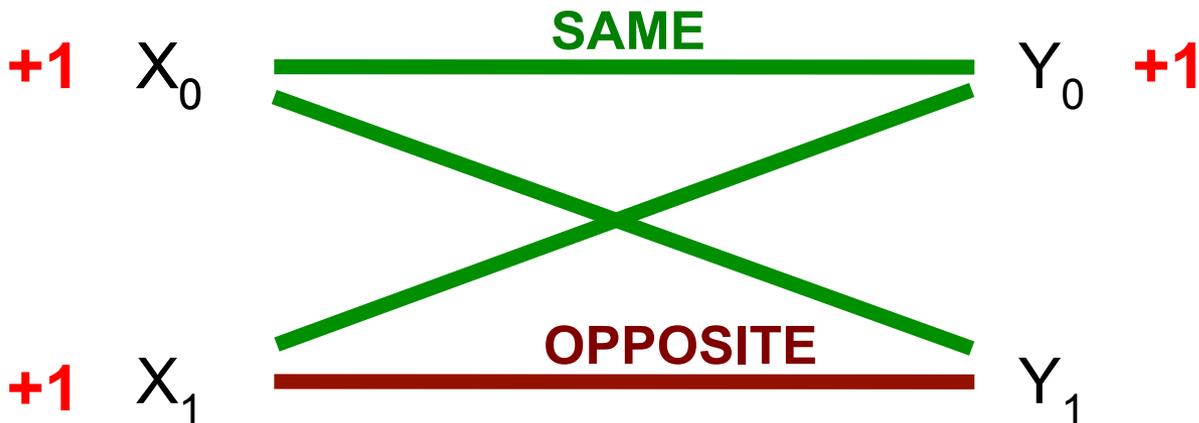
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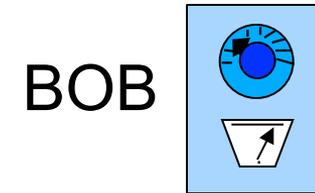
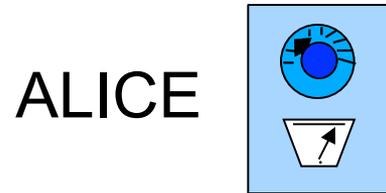
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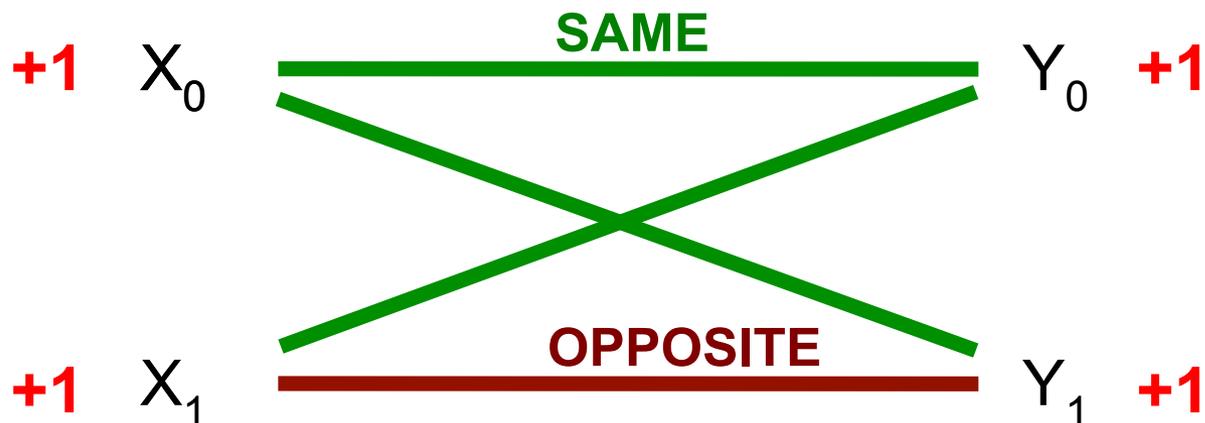
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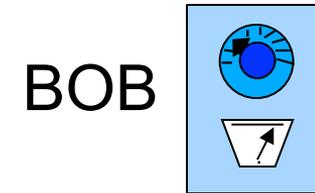
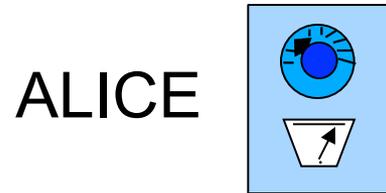
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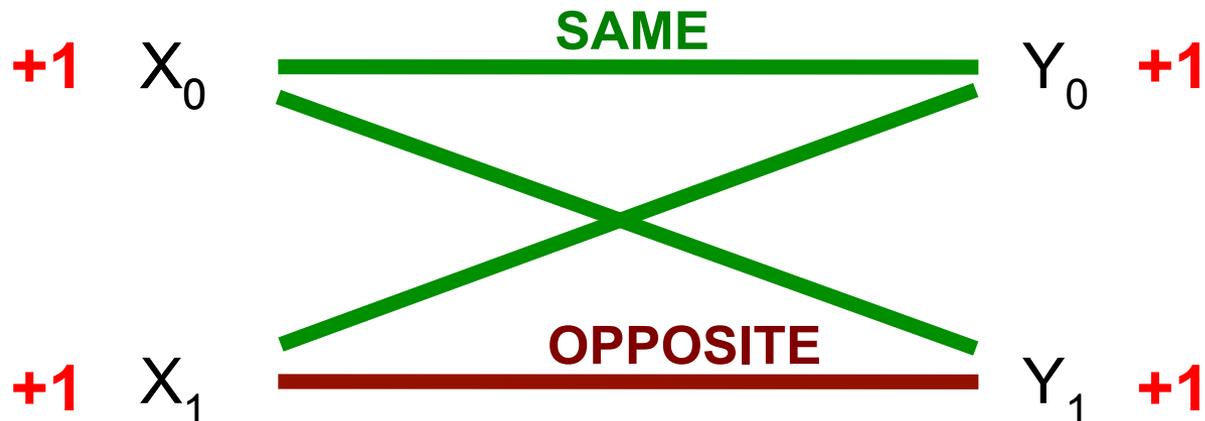
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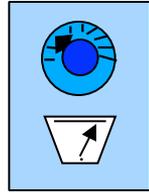


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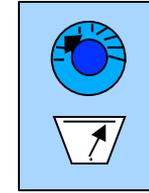


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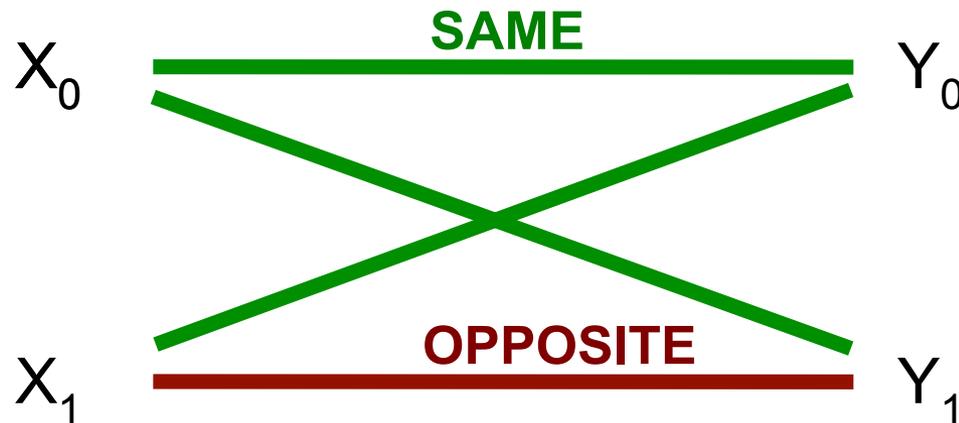
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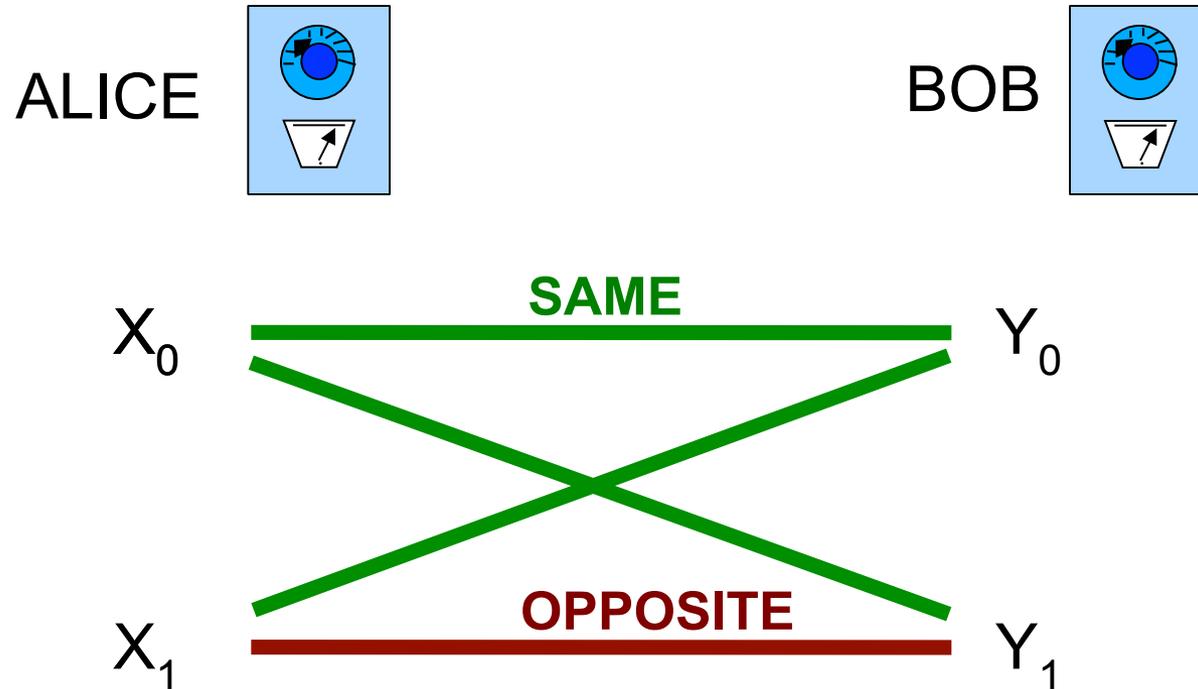


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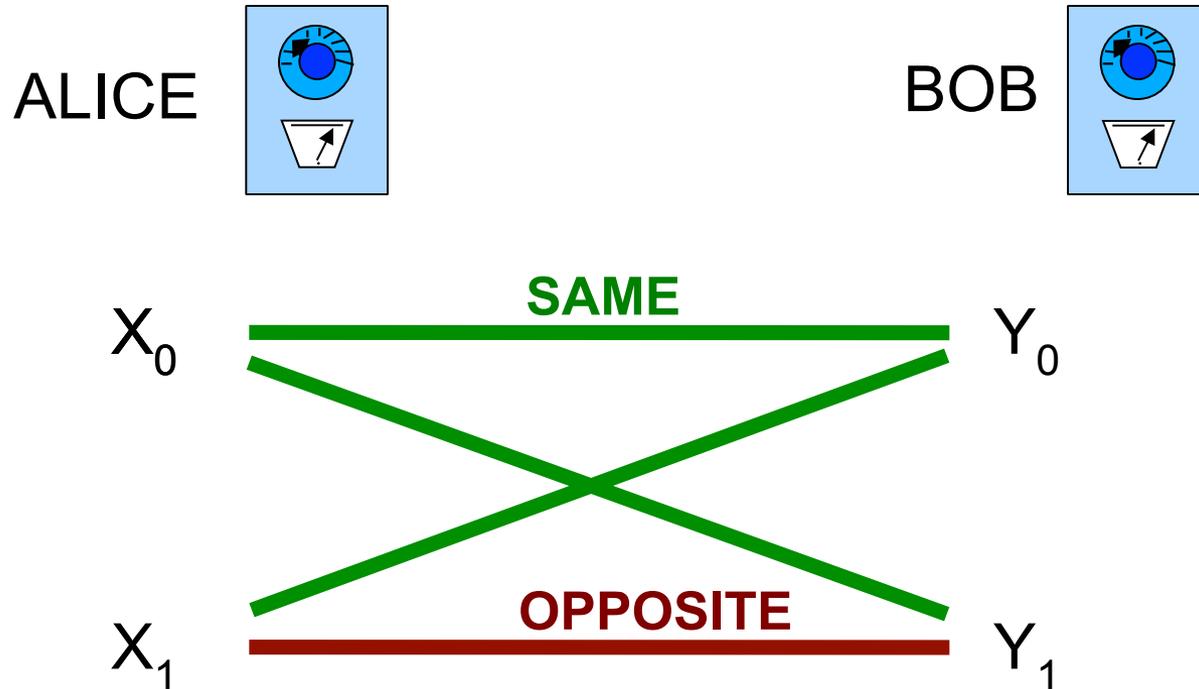
**Score  $\leq \frac{3}{4}$  for ANY classical strategy**

# CHSH BELL INEQUALITY



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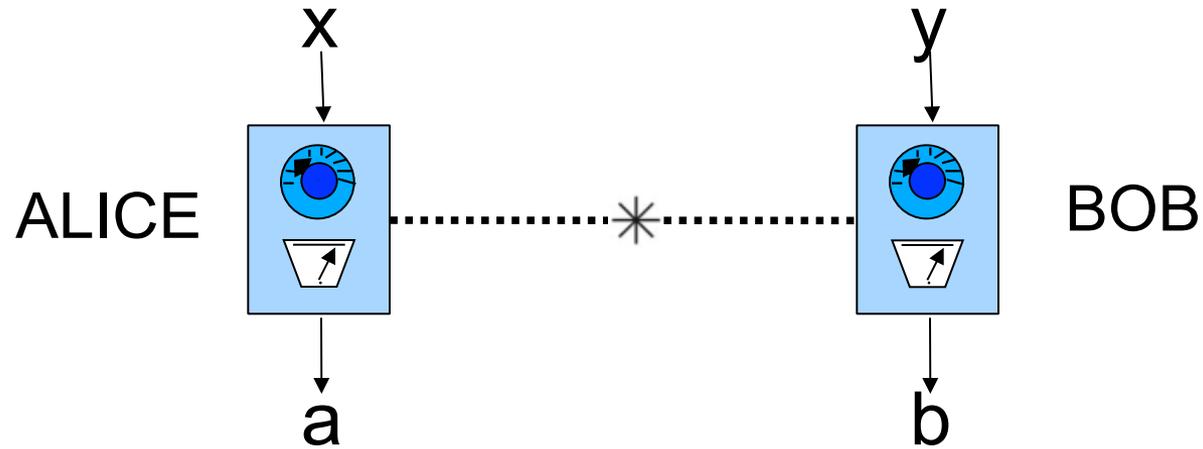
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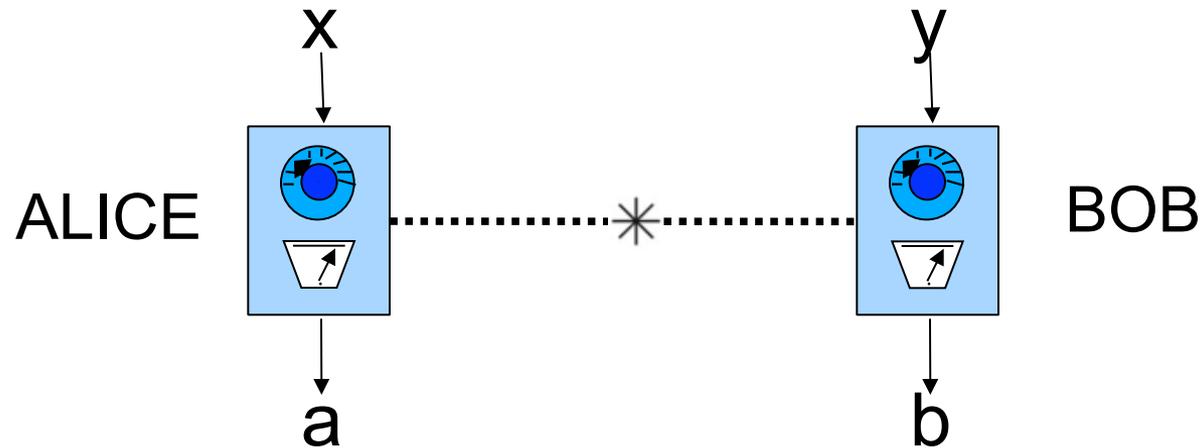
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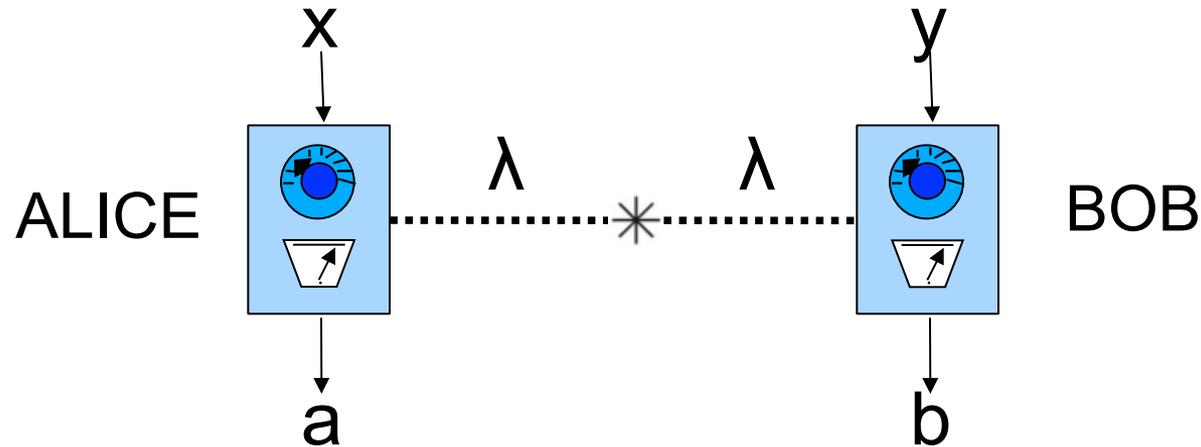
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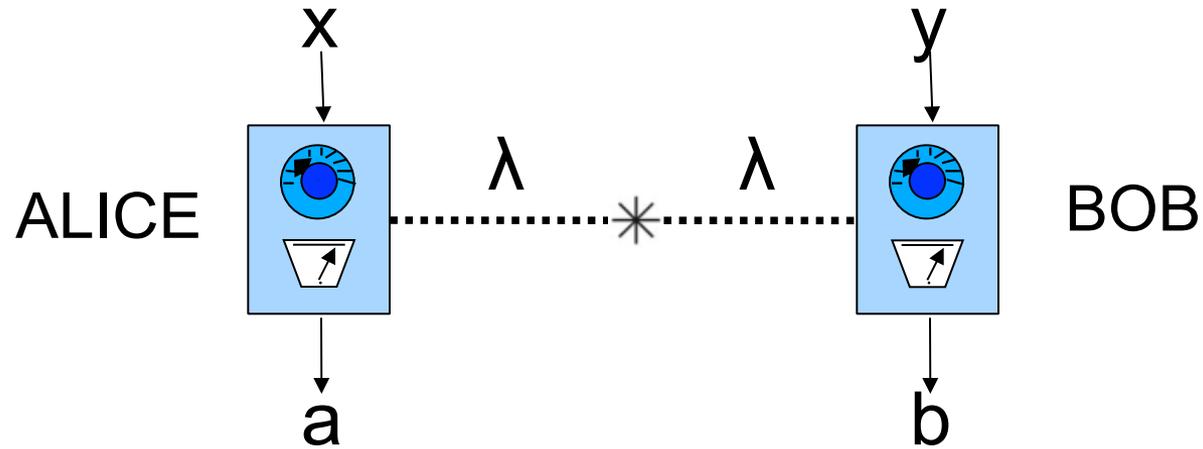


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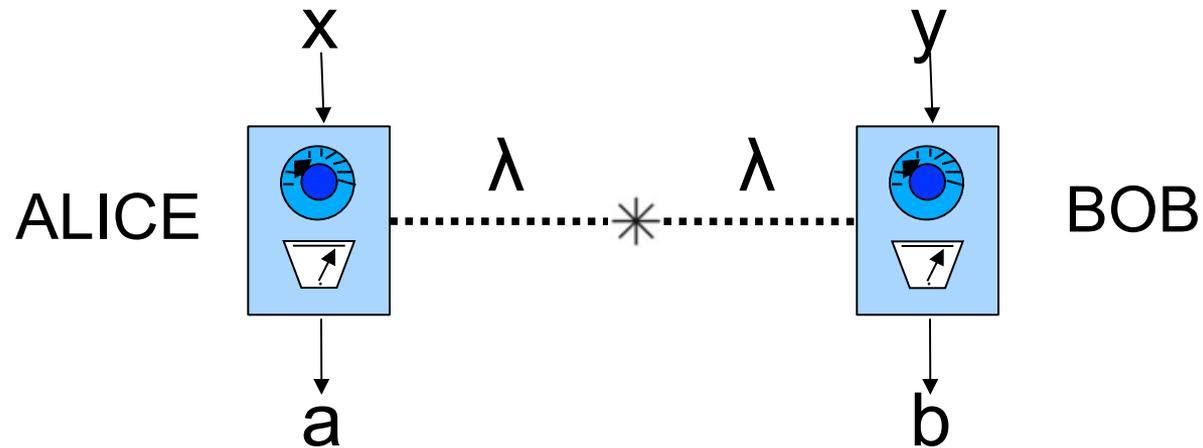
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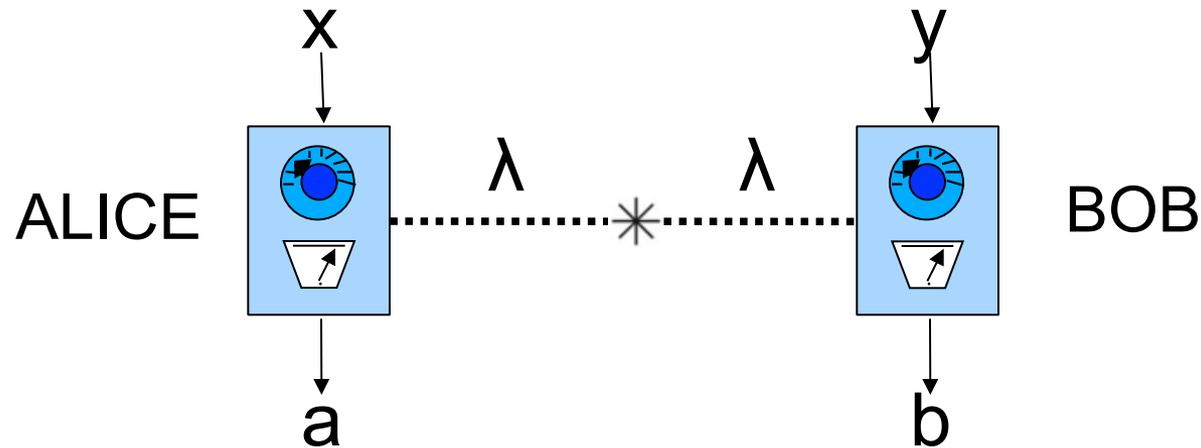
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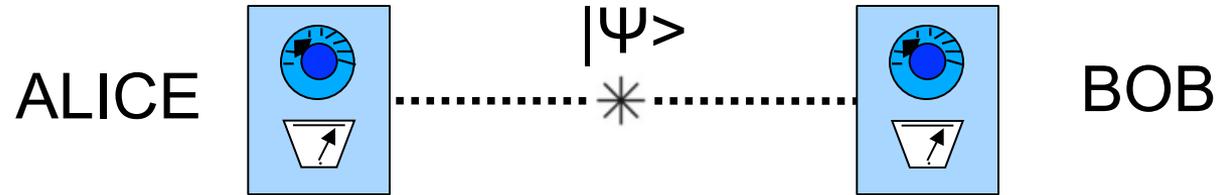
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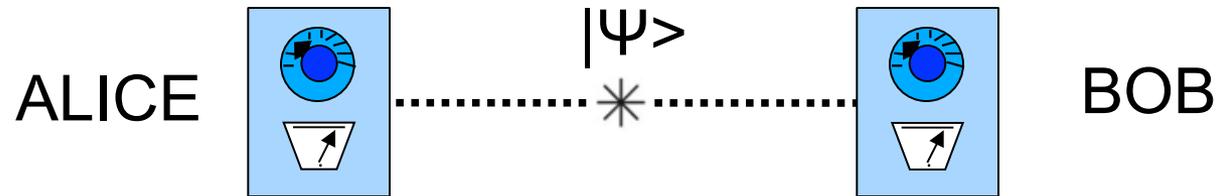
Violation of a Bell inequality  
implies **NONLOCALITY**

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**Quantum strategy**

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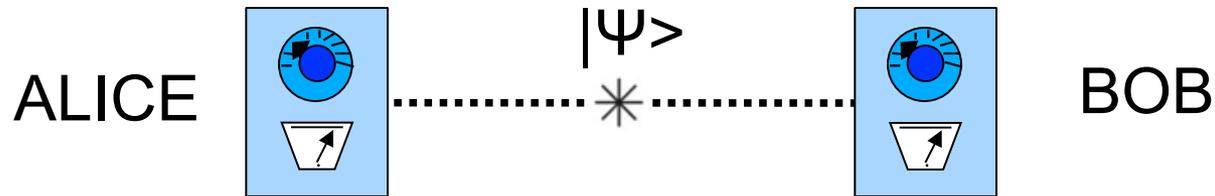


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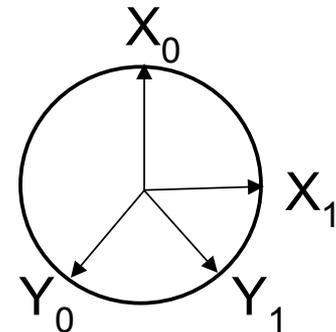


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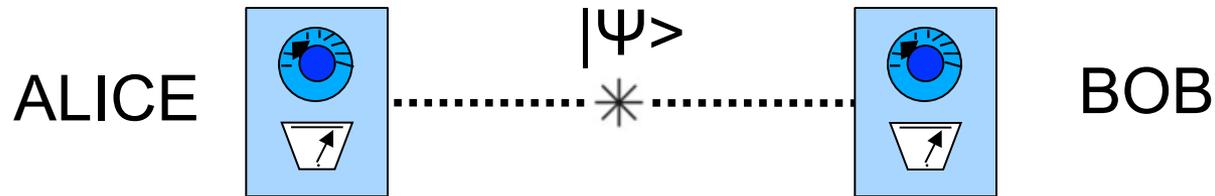
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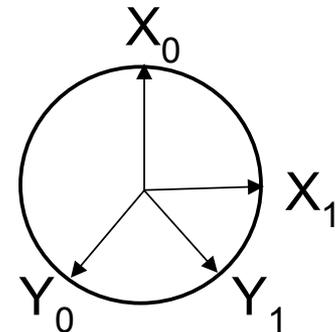


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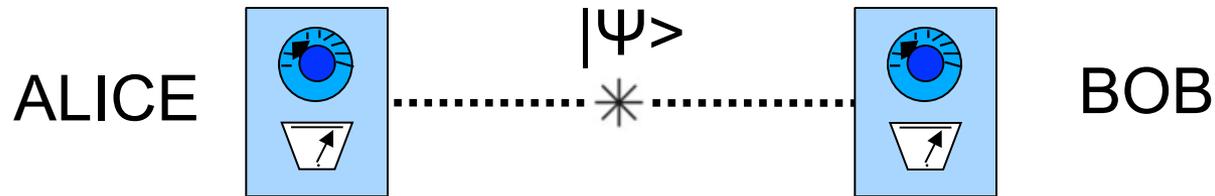
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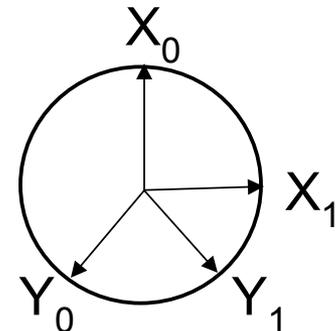


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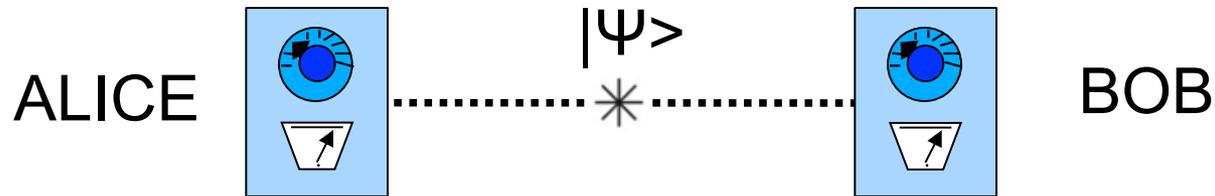
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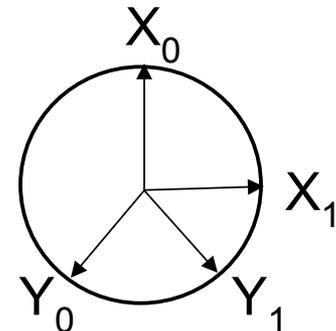


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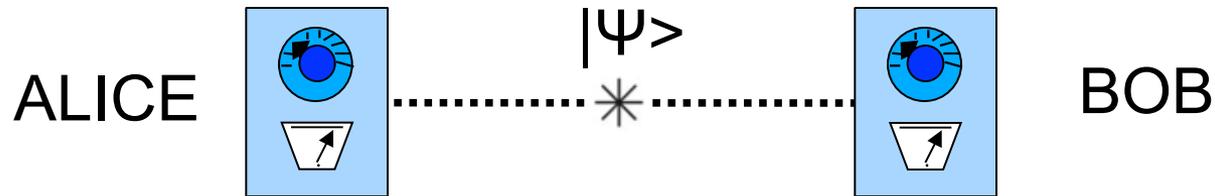
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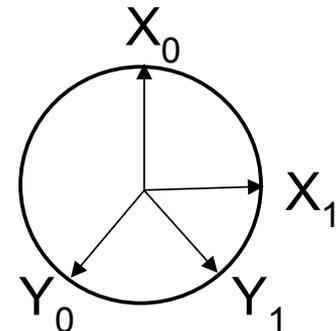


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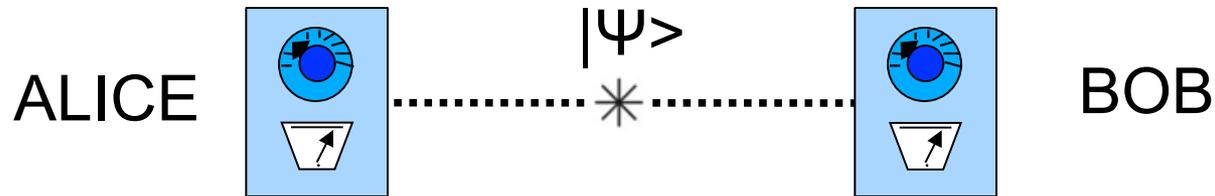
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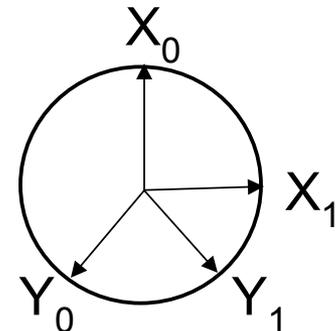


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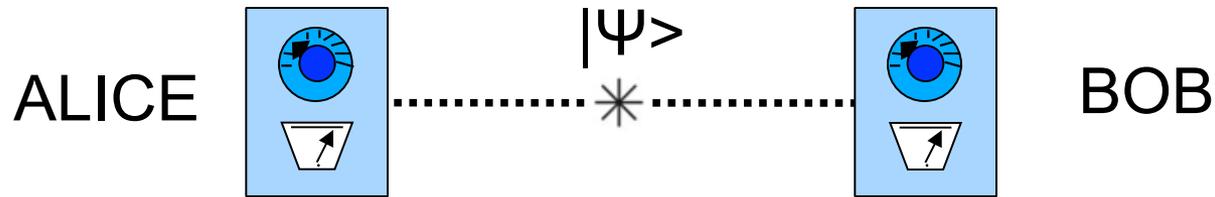
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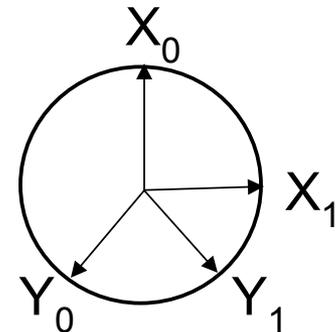


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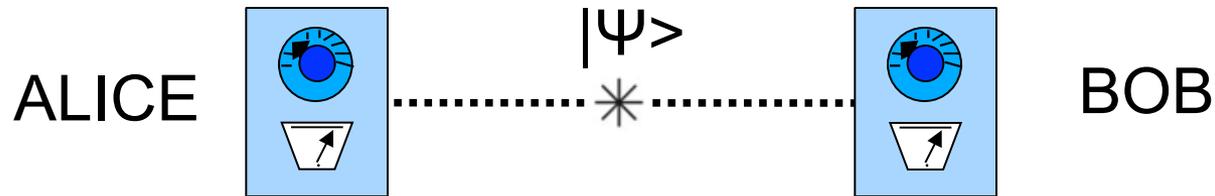
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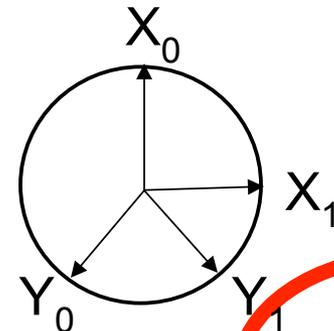


## Quantum strategy

1. Entangled state  $|\Psi\rangle = |0,1\rangle - |1,0\rangle$

2. Local meas  $X_0 = \vec{z}$   $X_1 = \vec{x}$  and  $Y_0 = -\vec{x}-\vec{z}$   $Y_1 = \vec{x}-\vec{z}$

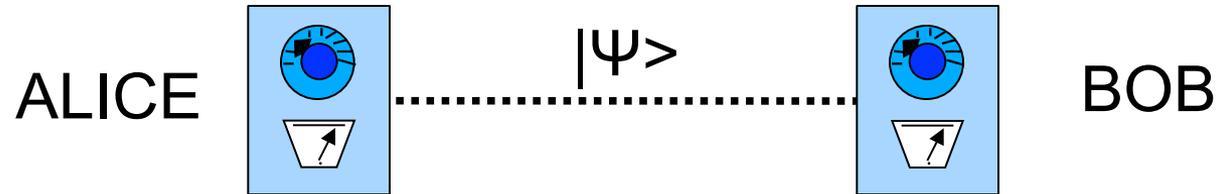
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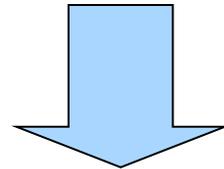
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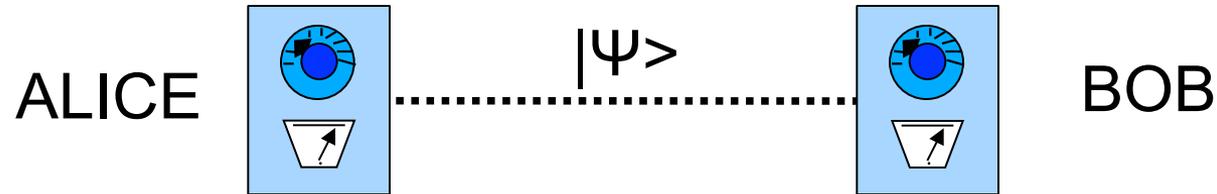


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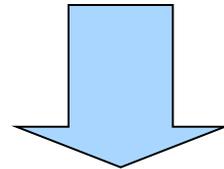


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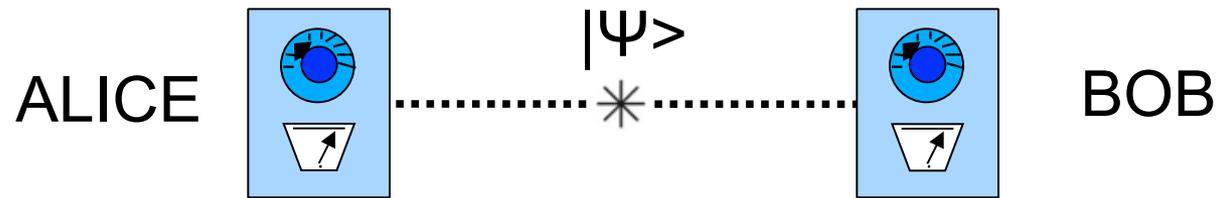
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**Bell's Theorem:** Predictions of QM are incompatible with ANY theory satisfying Bell locality

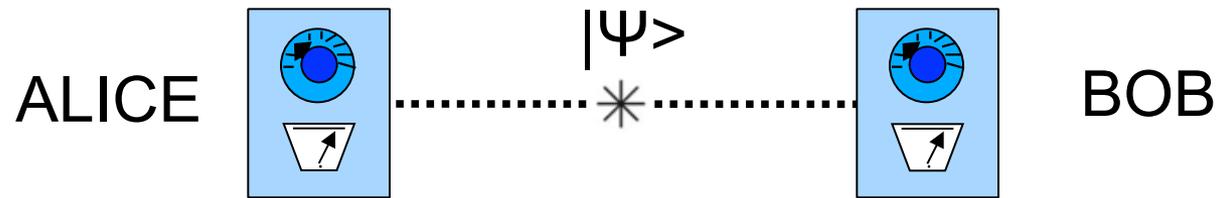
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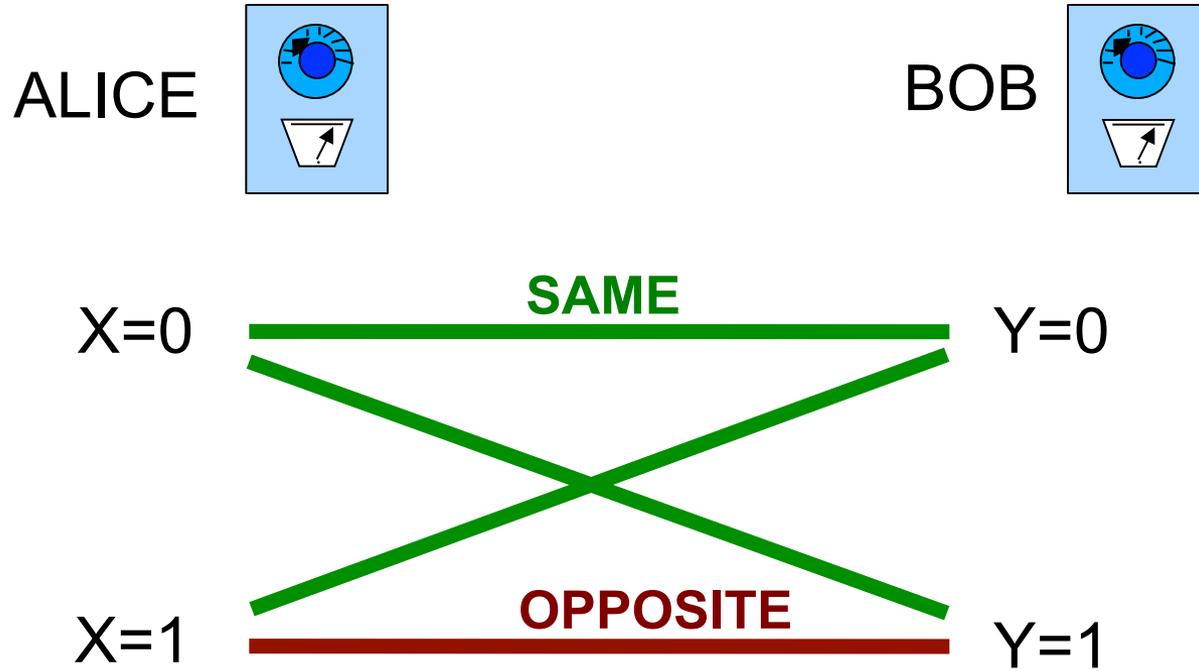
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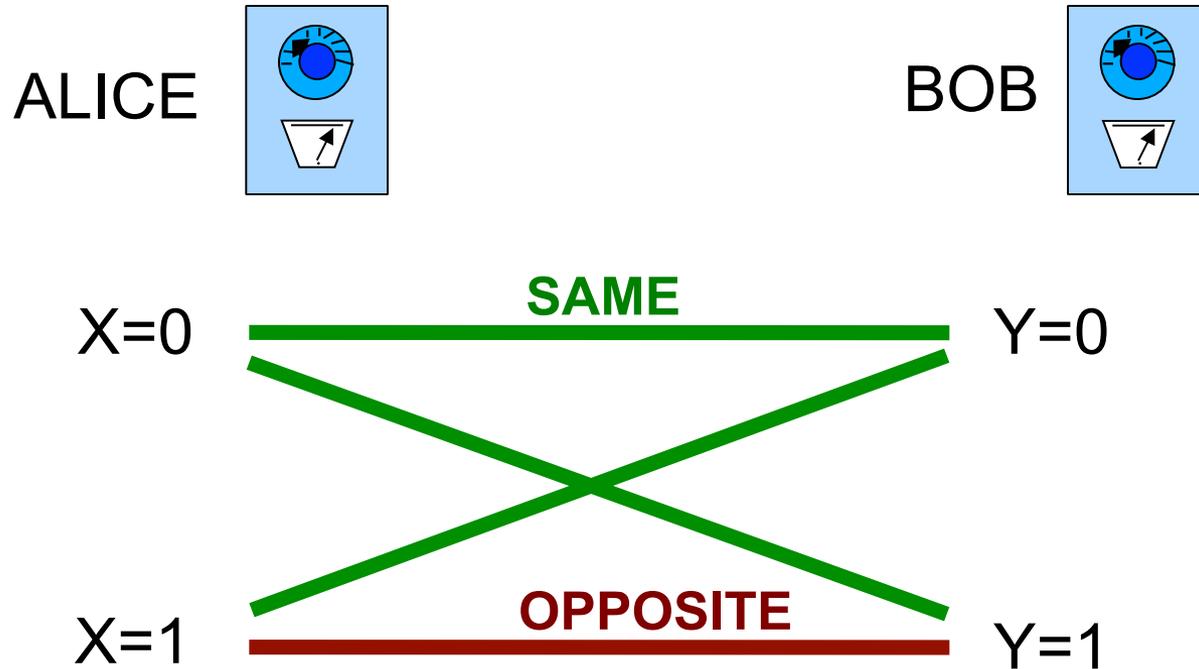
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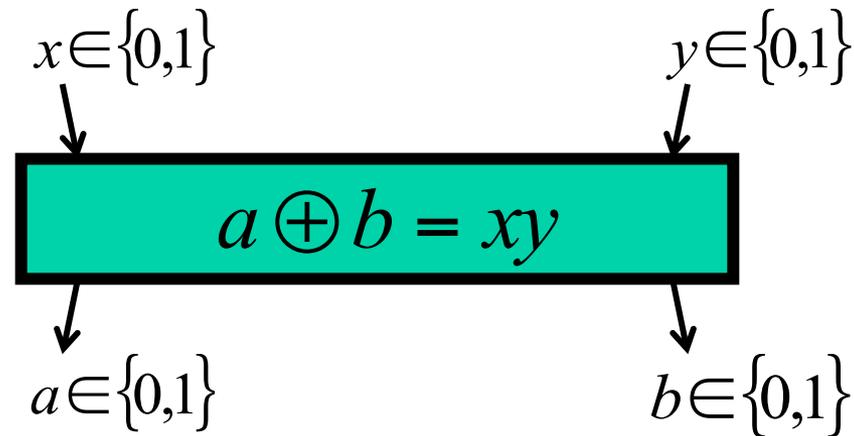


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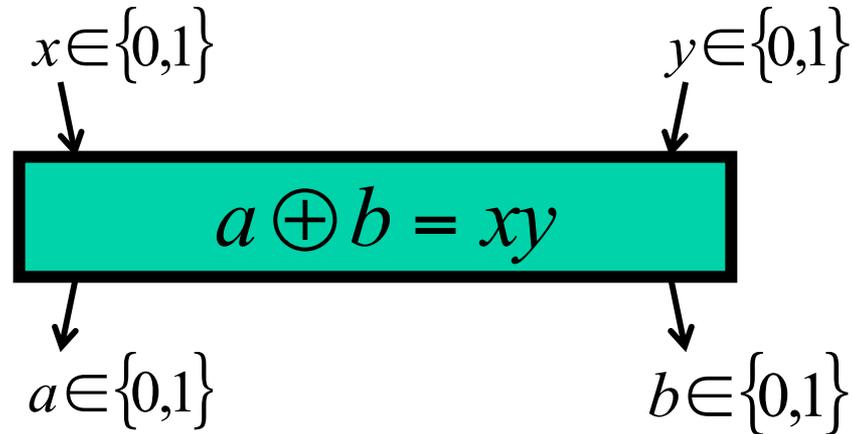
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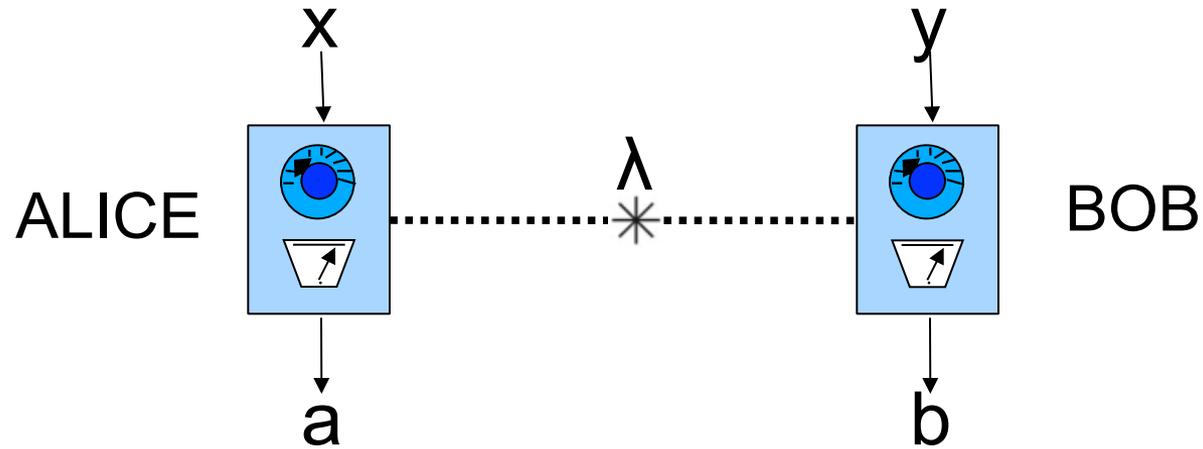
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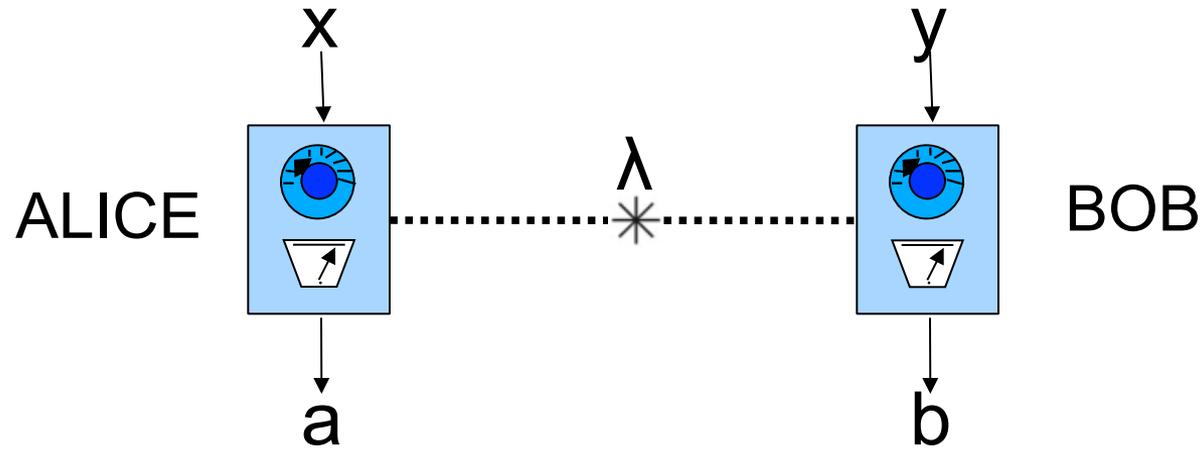
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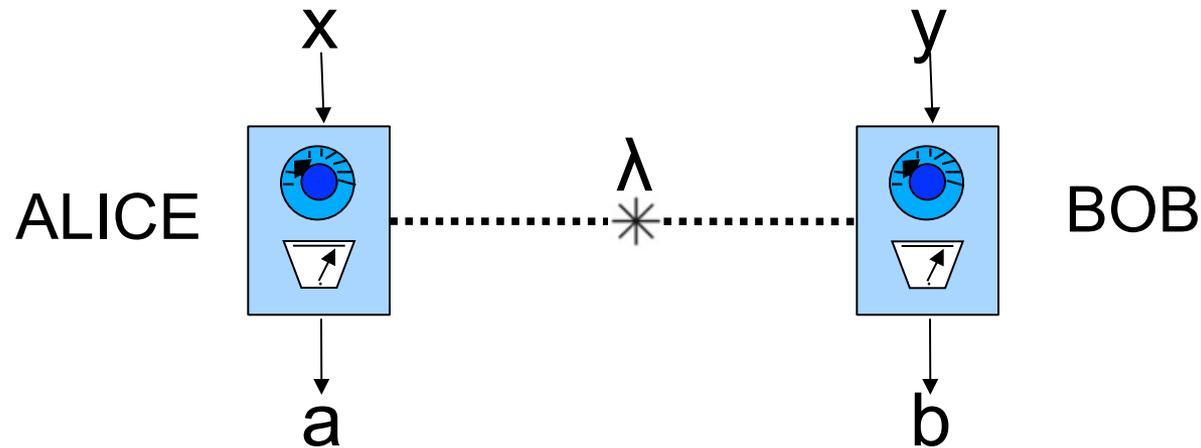


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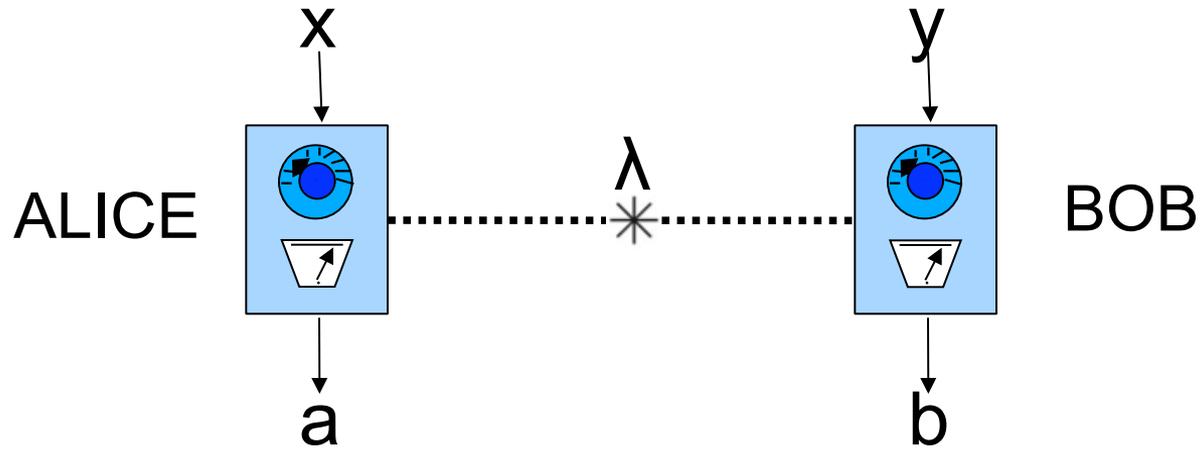
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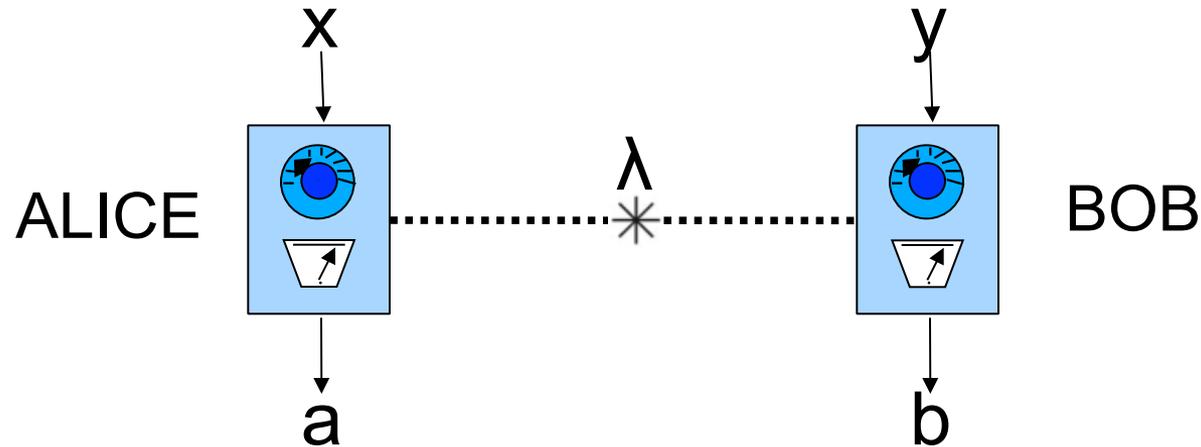


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**RNGs space-like separated from source**

# Photonic experiments / locality loophole

1972 Freedman & Clauser

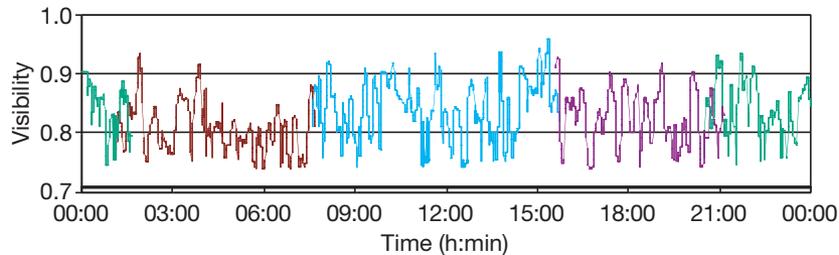
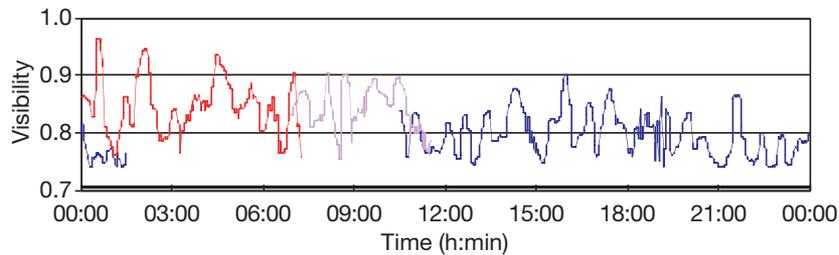
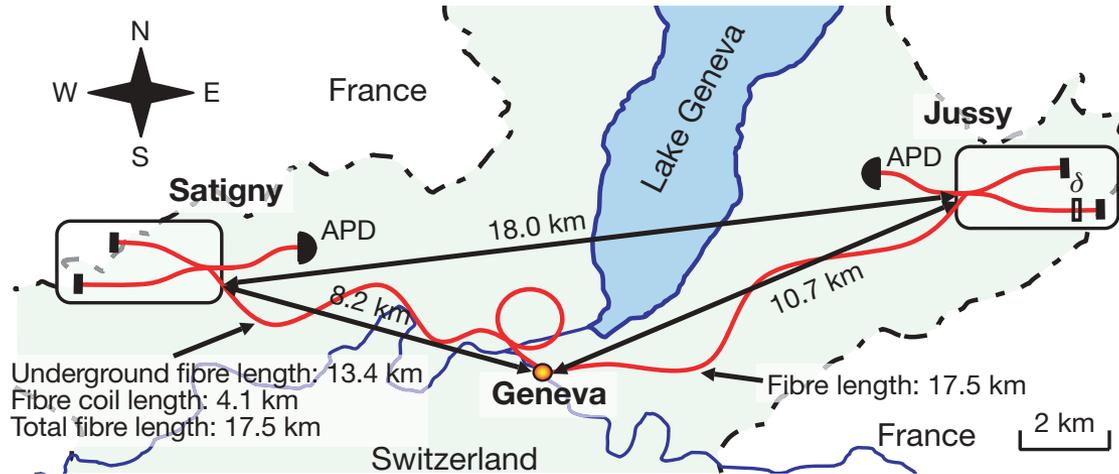
## **Closing locality loophole**

1982 Aspect, Dalibard, Roger

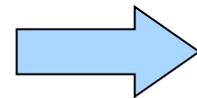
1998 Tittel et al. 10km  
Weihs et al. Einstein locality

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

# SPOOKY ACTION AT A DISTANCE ?



No visibility drop for 24 hours



Speed of signal  $> 10^5 c$

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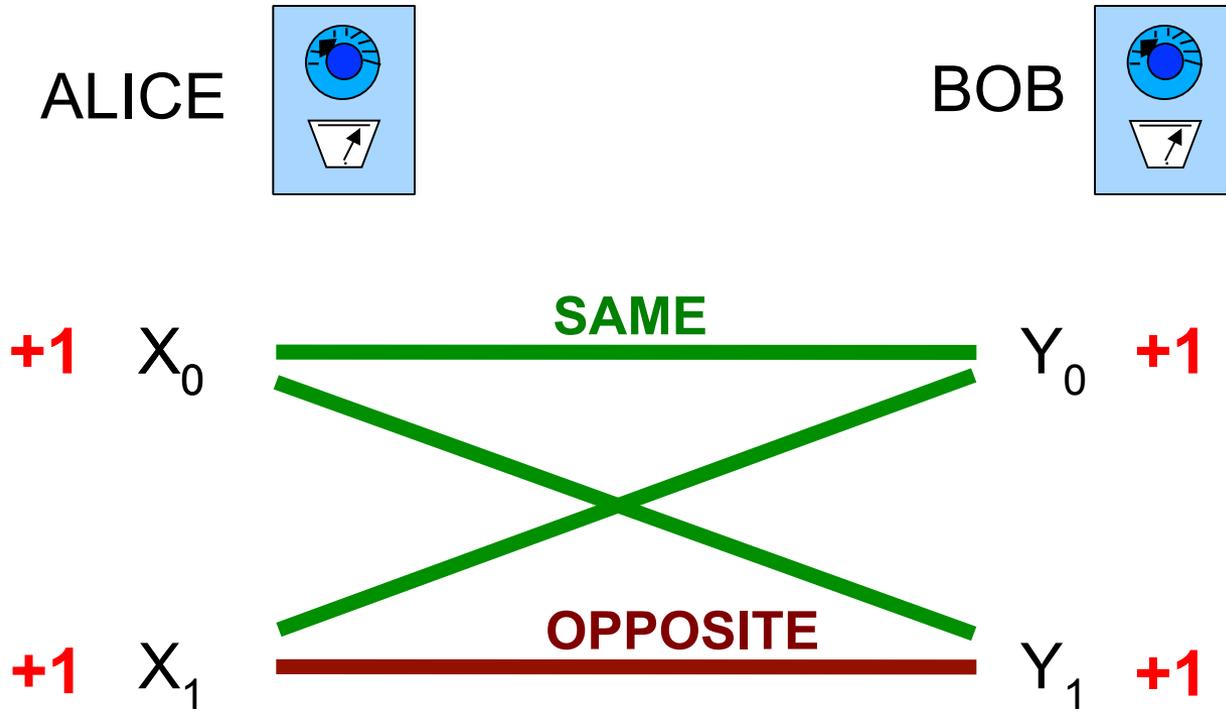
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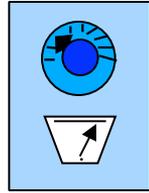
Threshold efficiency is typically high (75%)

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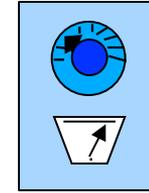


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ALICE



BOB



**+1**  $X_0$

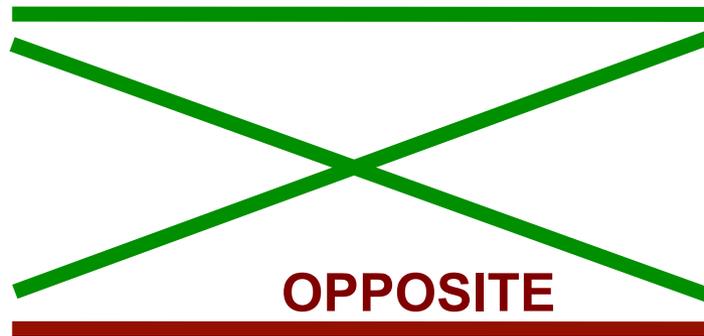
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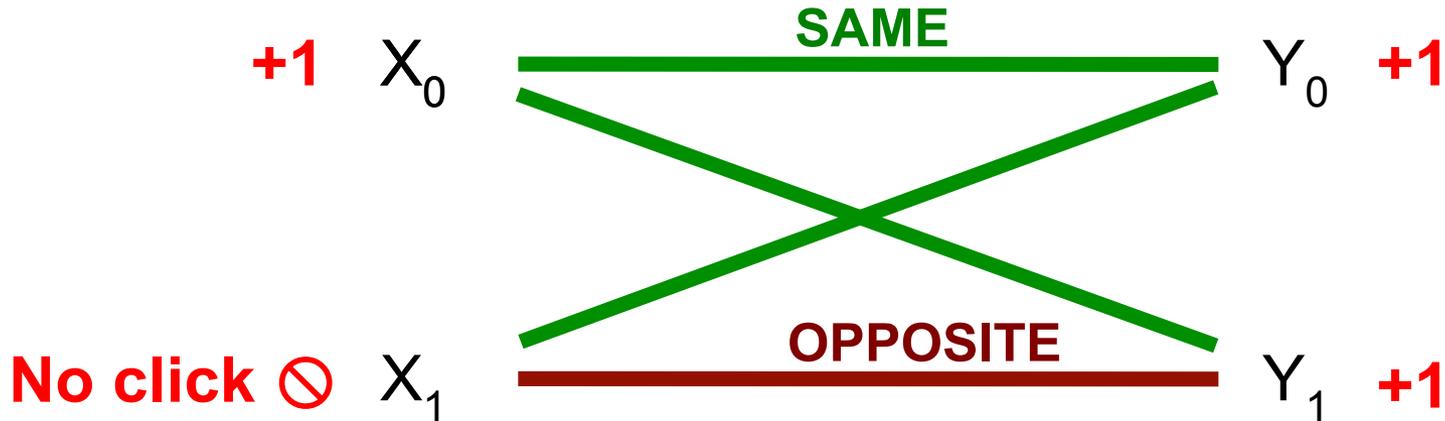
**No click**  $\otimes$   $X_1$

**OPPOSITE**

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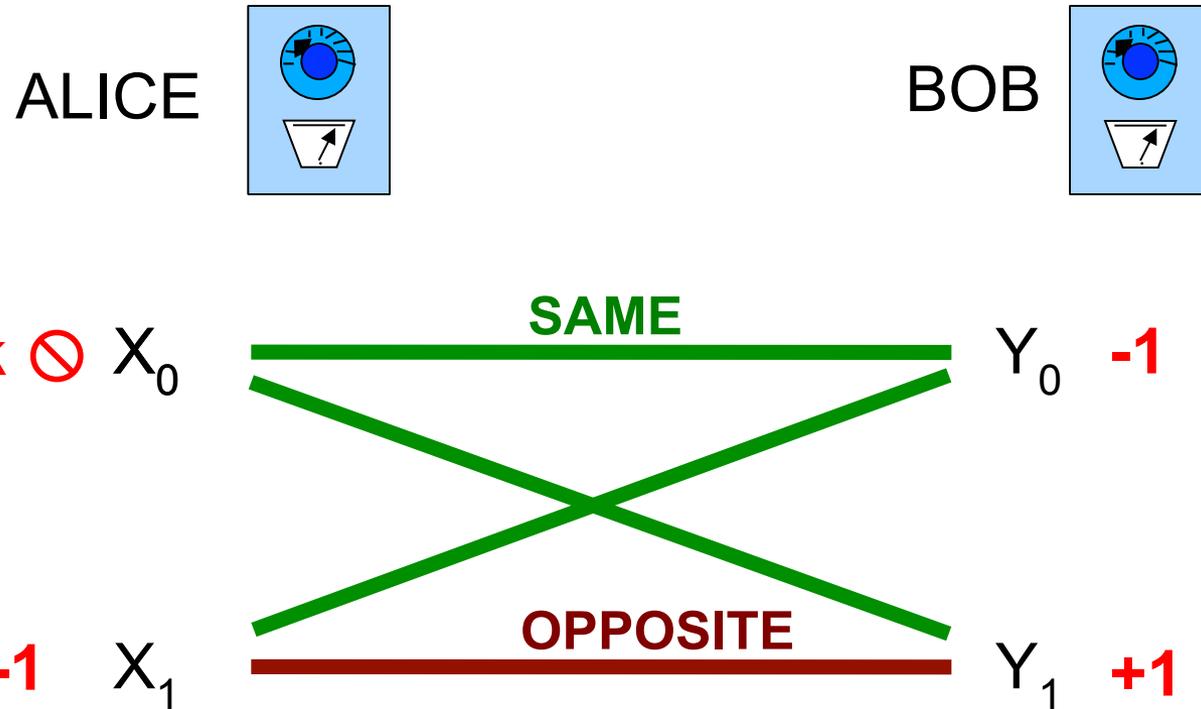


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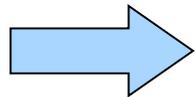
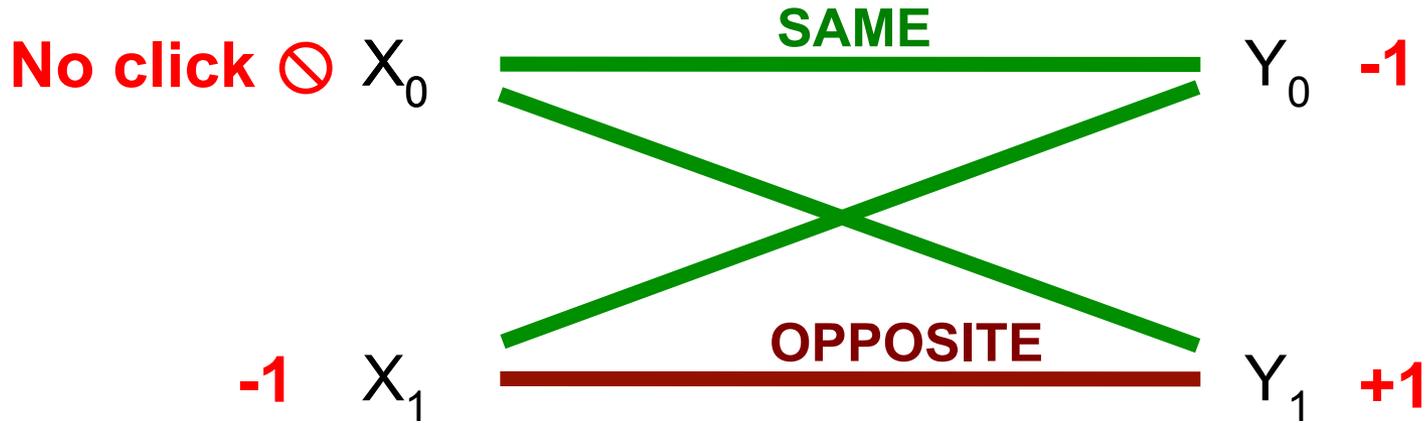
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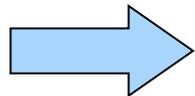
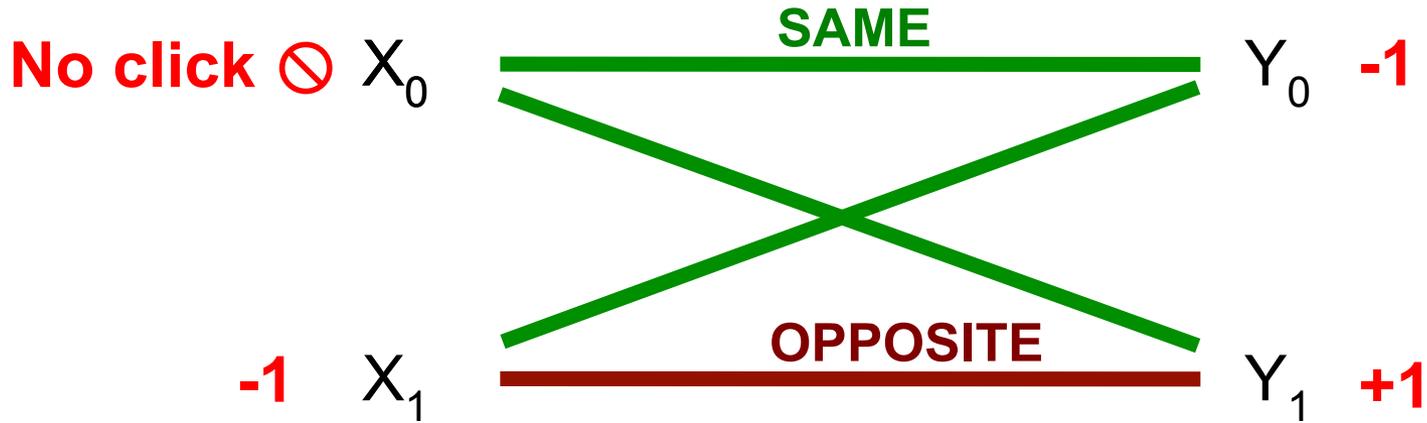
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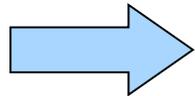


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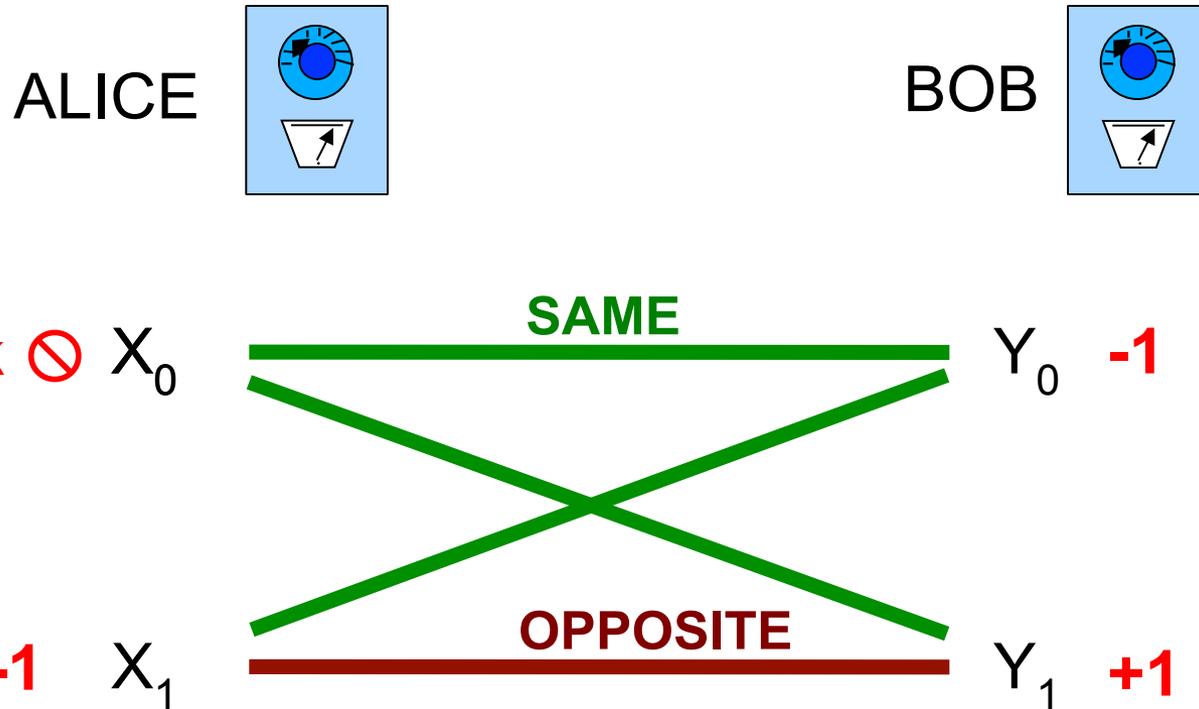


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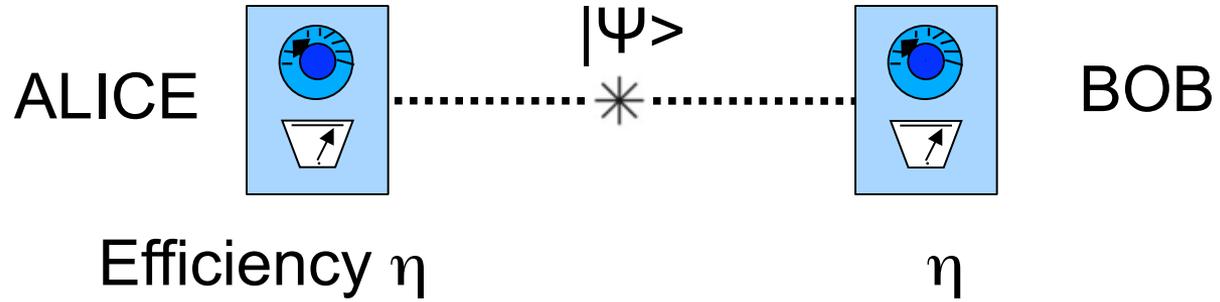
Post-selected statistics gives CHSH = 4

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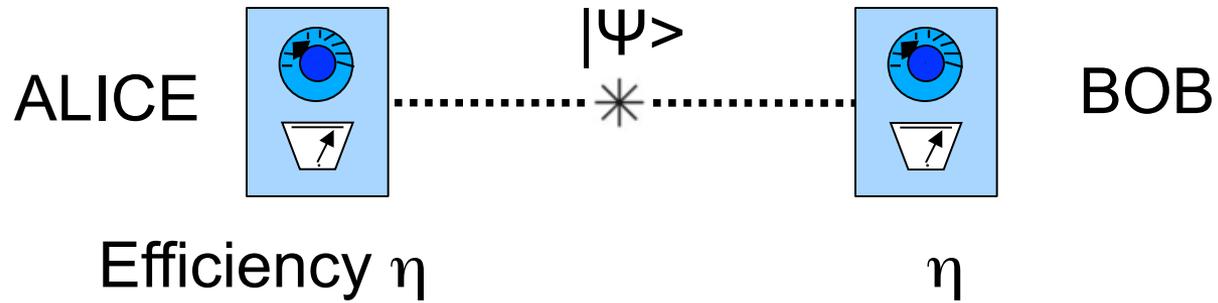


**Local model (exploiting detection loophole)  
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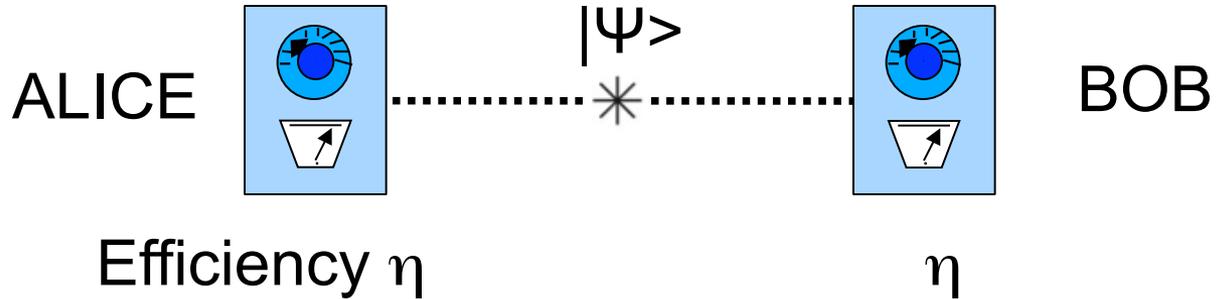


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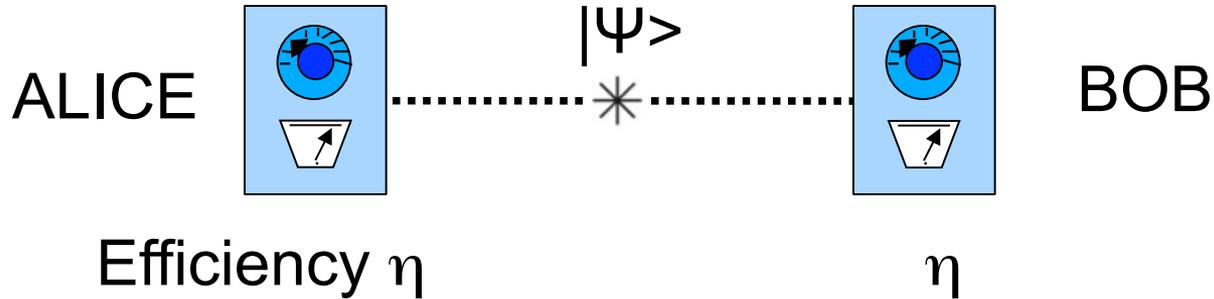


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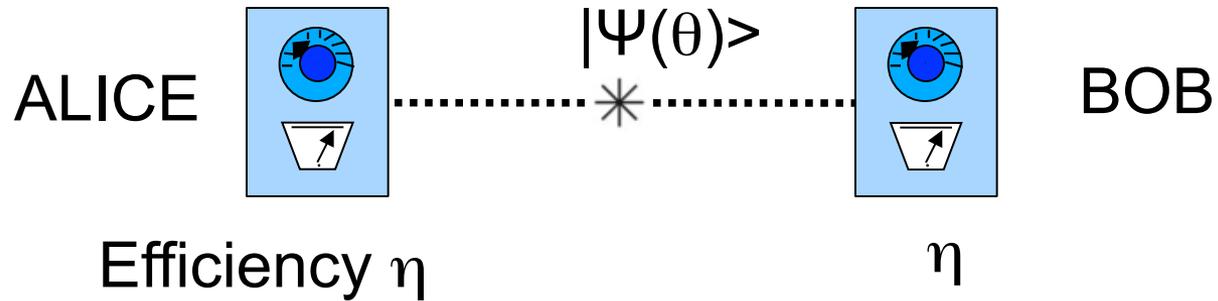
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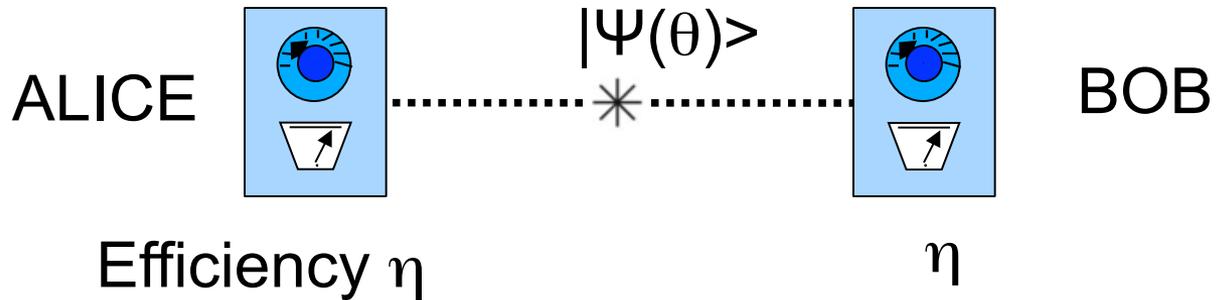
Minimal efficiency using two-qubit singlet

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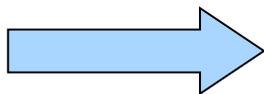
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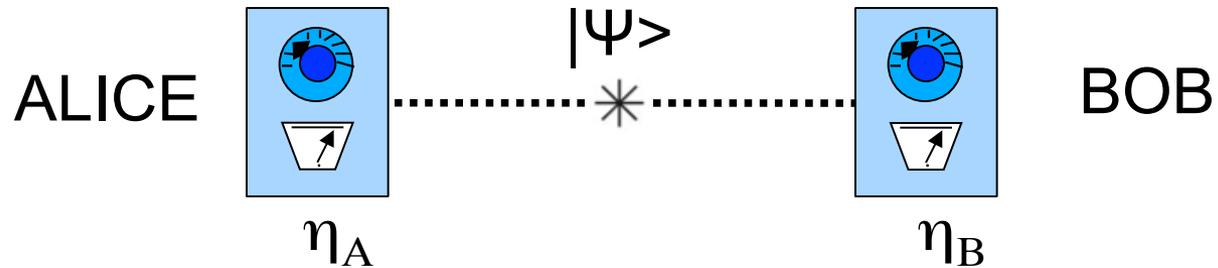
$$\theta = \pi/4 \rightarrow \eta = 82.8\%$$

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



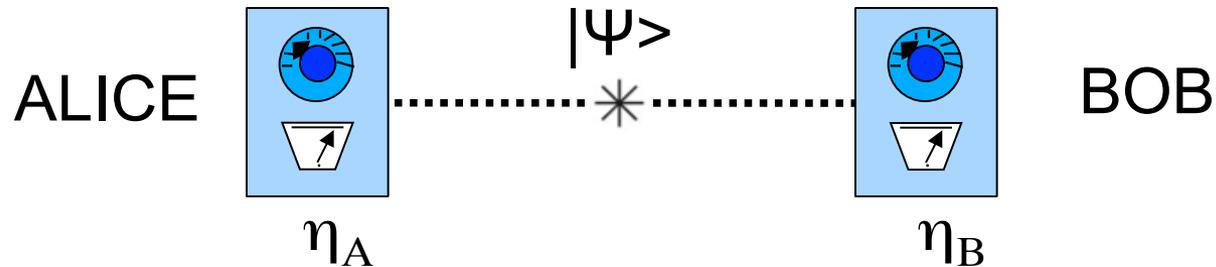
More nonlocality with less entanglement

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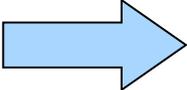
$\eta \rightarrow 0$  for  $d \rightarrow \infty$

Vertesi, Pironio, NB 2010

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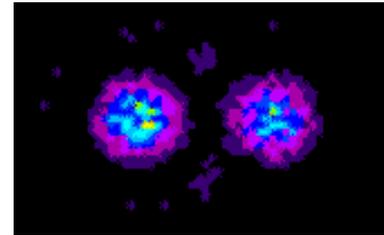
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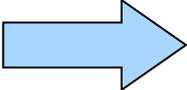
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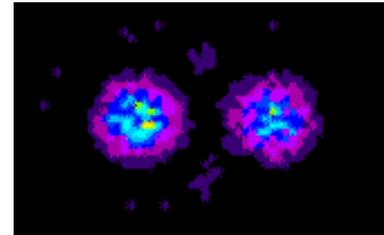
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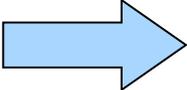


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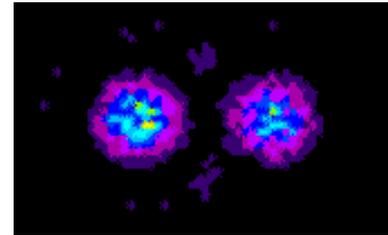
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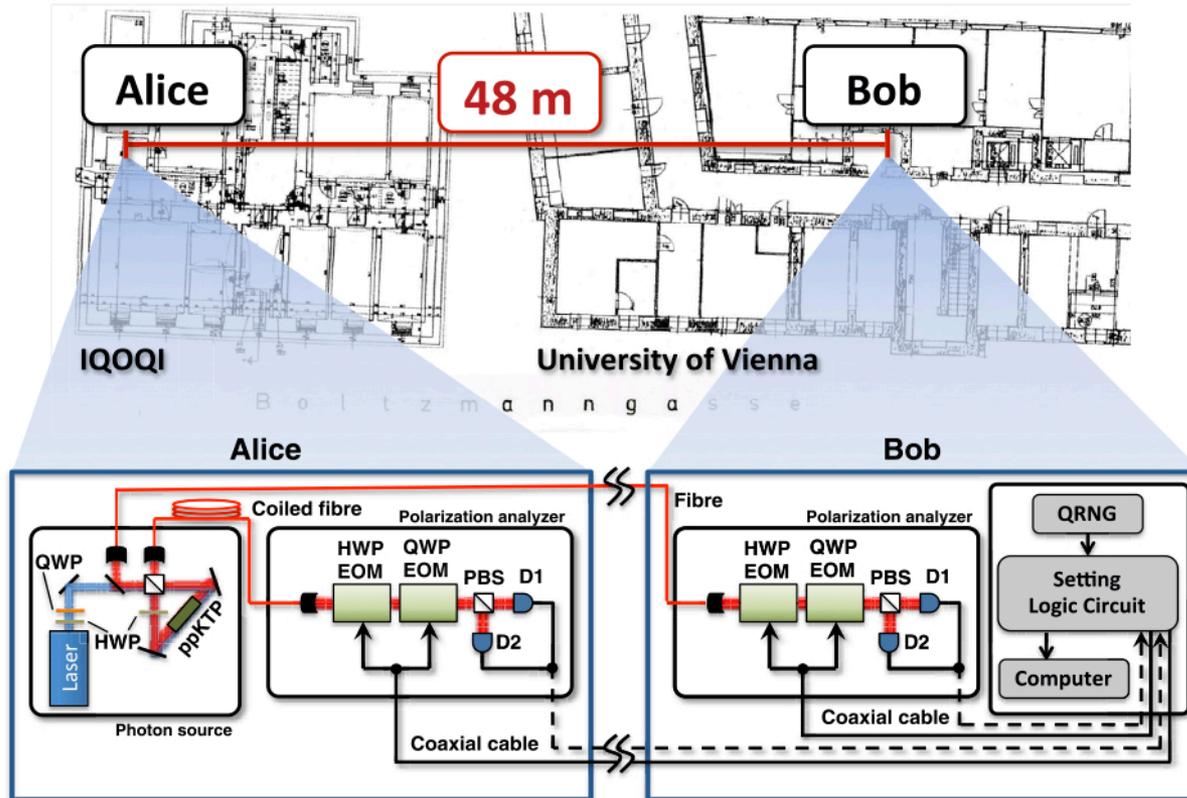
2013 Illinois: Christensen et al. PRL (efficiency 75%)  
Vienna: Giustina et al. Nature

**ALL EXPERIMENTS SO FAR  
CONFIRMED Q NONLOCALITY**

BUT...

**NO EXPERIMENT COULD CLOSE  
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# Loophole-free EPR steering

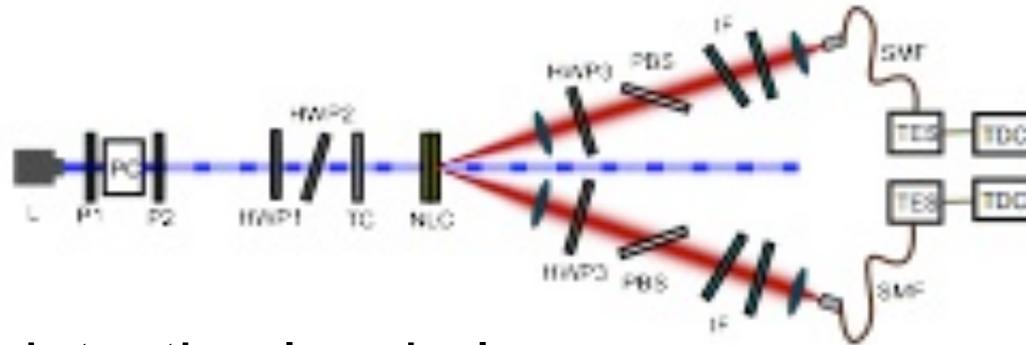


Total efficiency  $A \sim 38\%$

Steering inequality violated by  $> 20 \sigma$

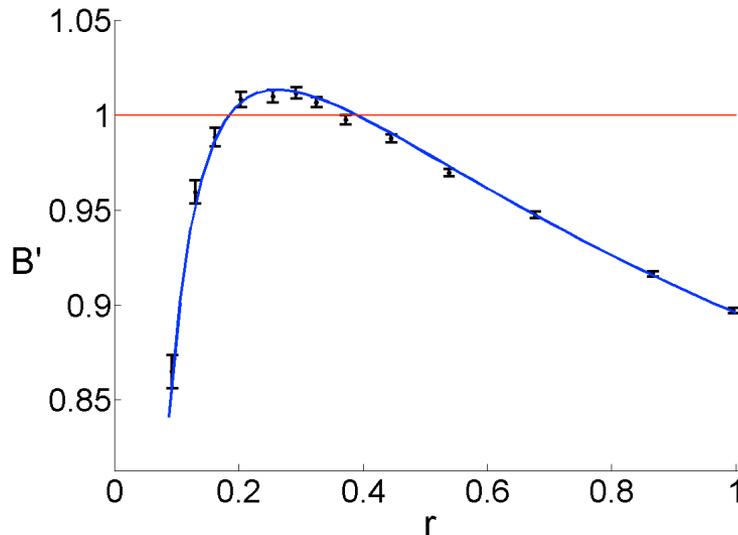
Towards a loophole-free Bell test

# Photons: Illinois experiment



Closes detection loophole

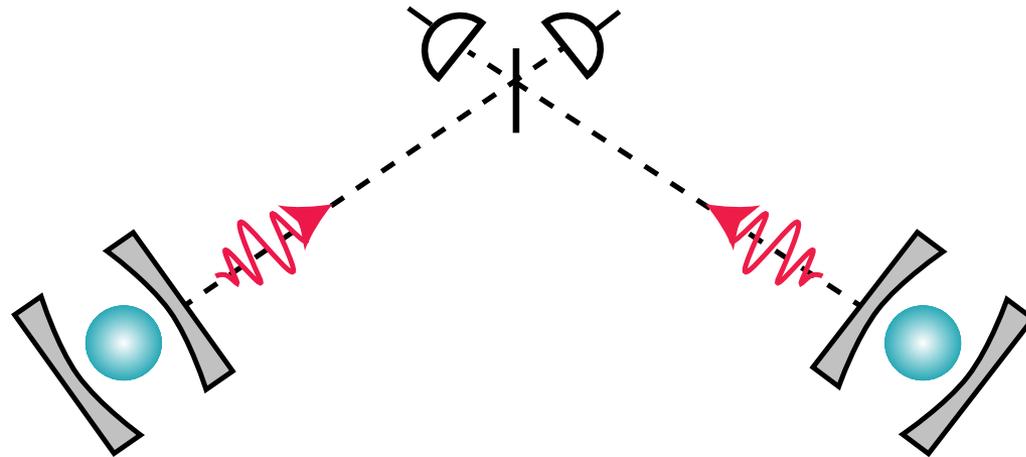
TES (superconducting) detectors: efficiency  $\sim 75\%$



Partially entangled state

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

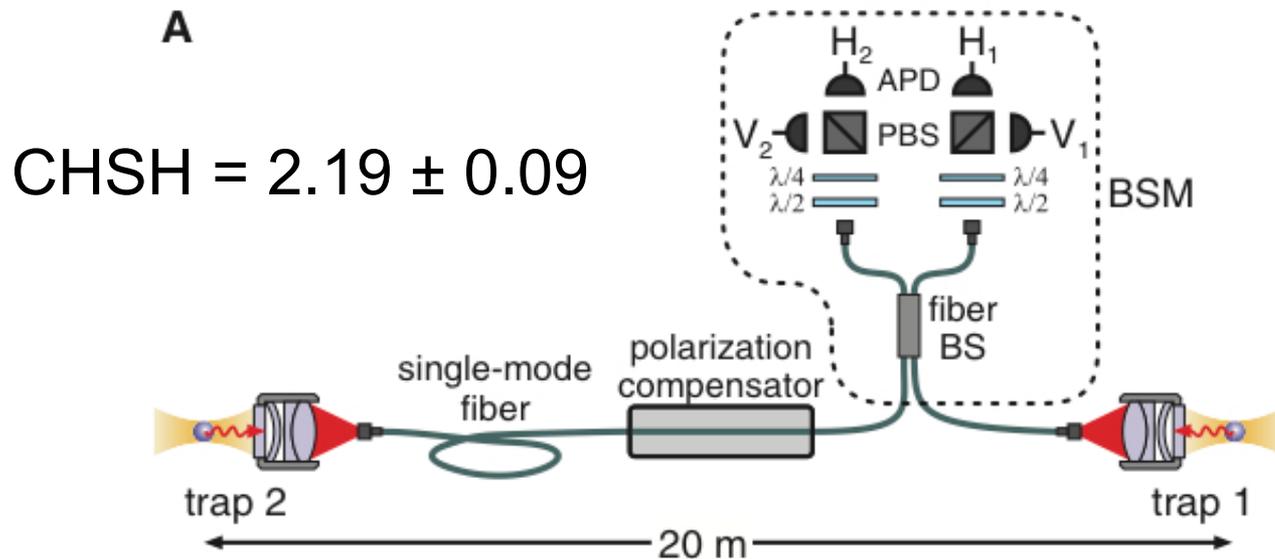
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‘Event ready’ atom-atom entanglement

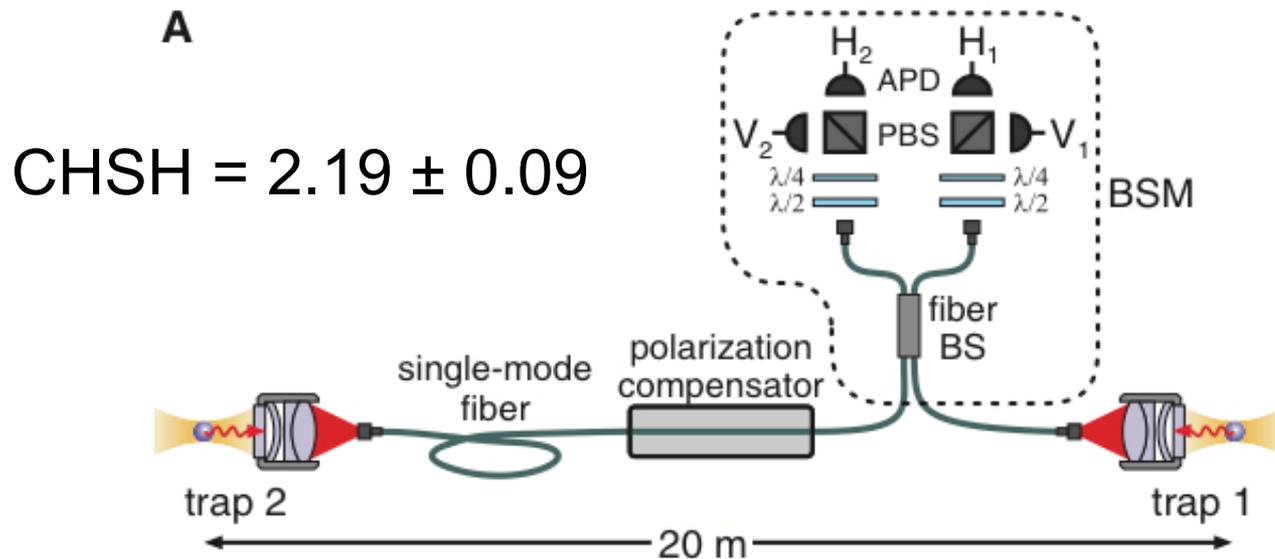
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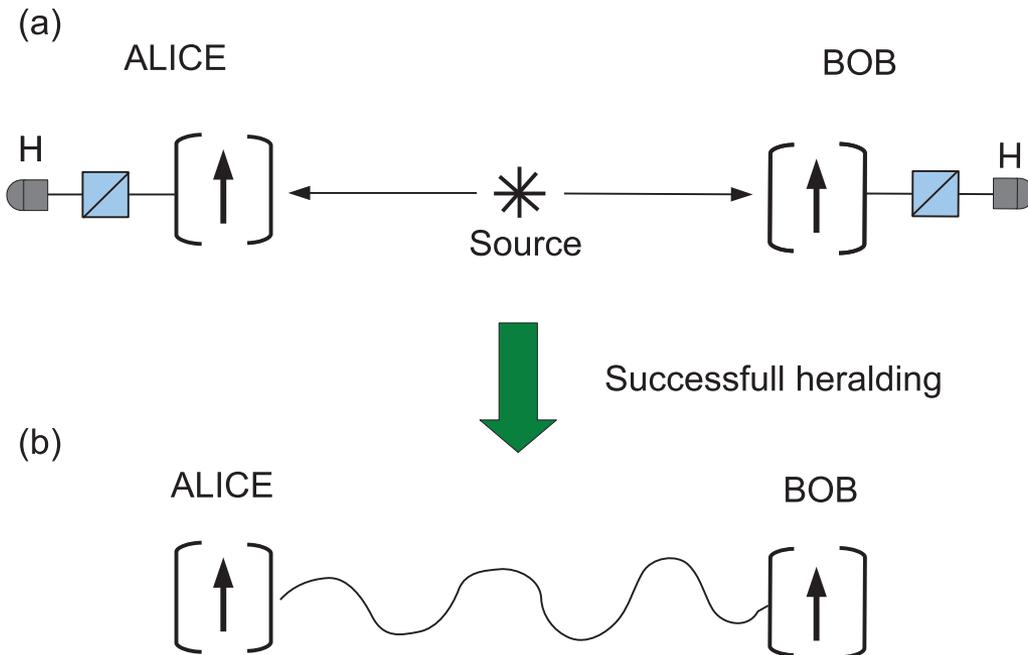
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Progress, but still challenging

# Spin-photon interactions



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

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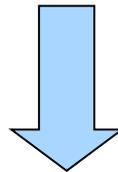
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Bell inequality violation



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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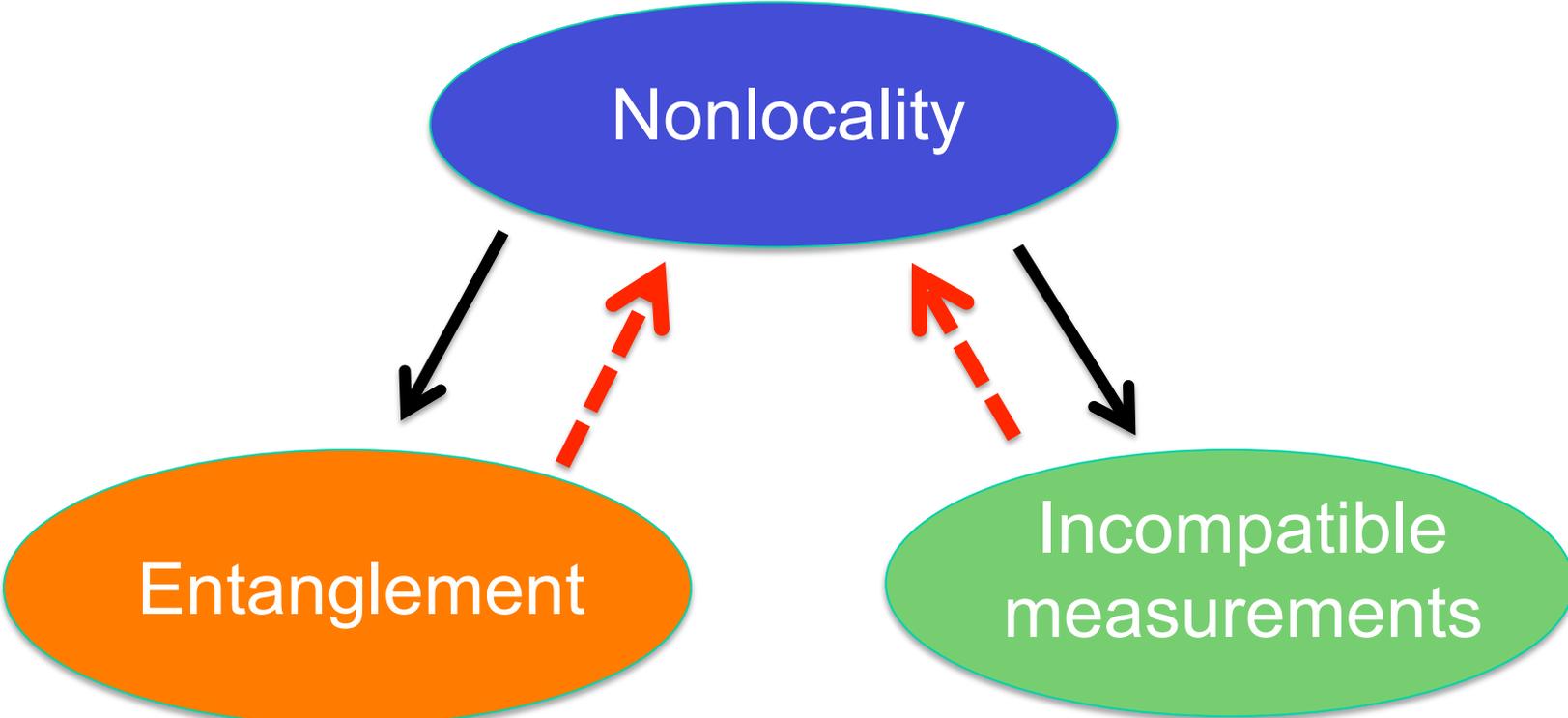


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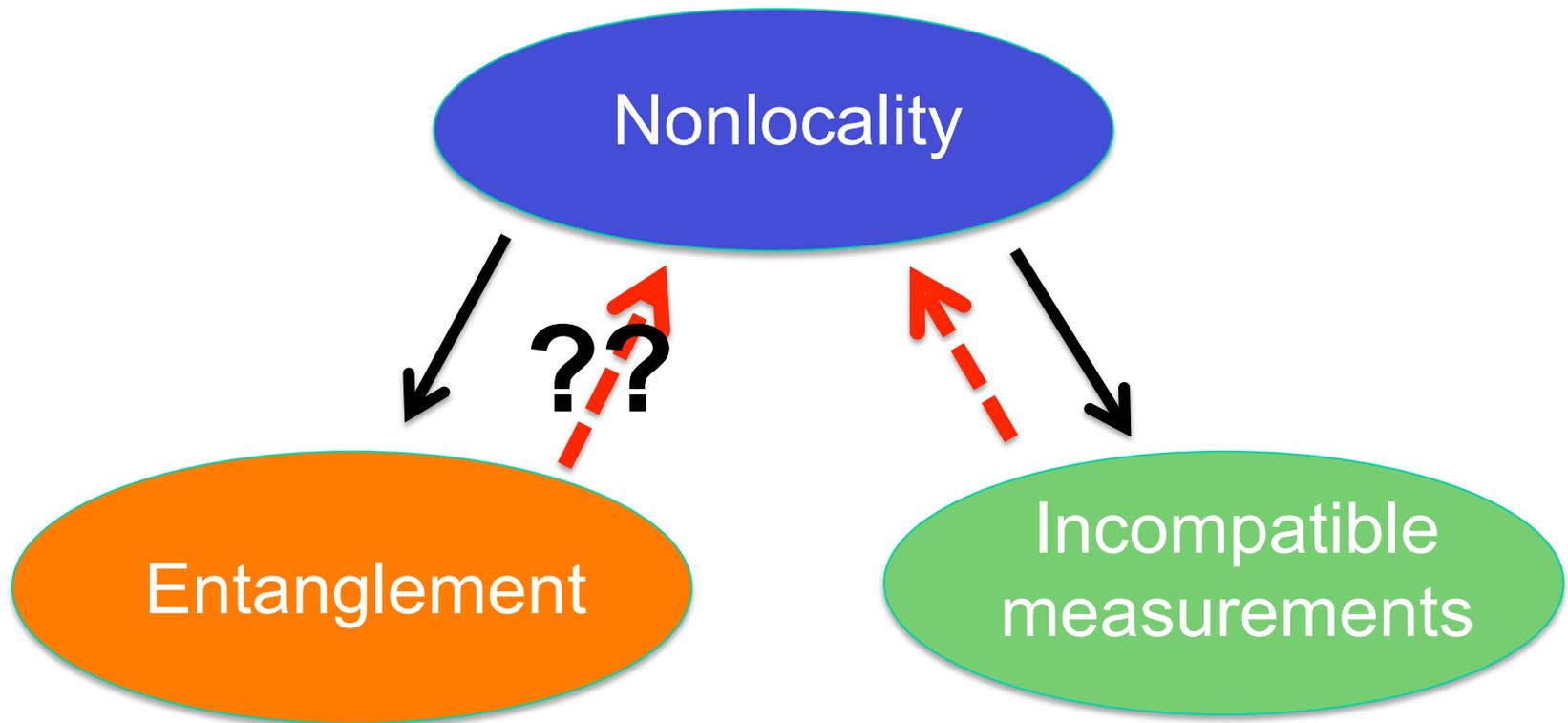
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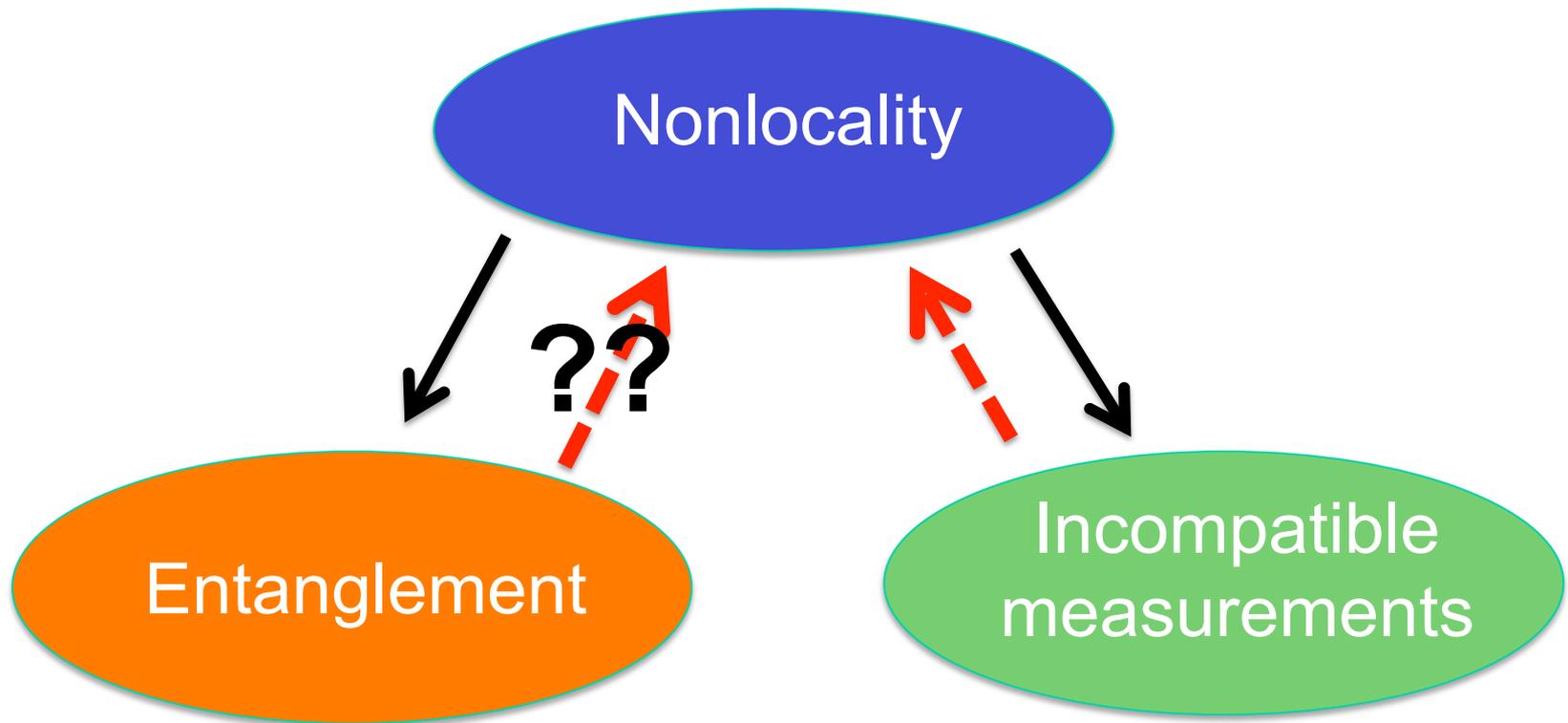
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Incompatible  
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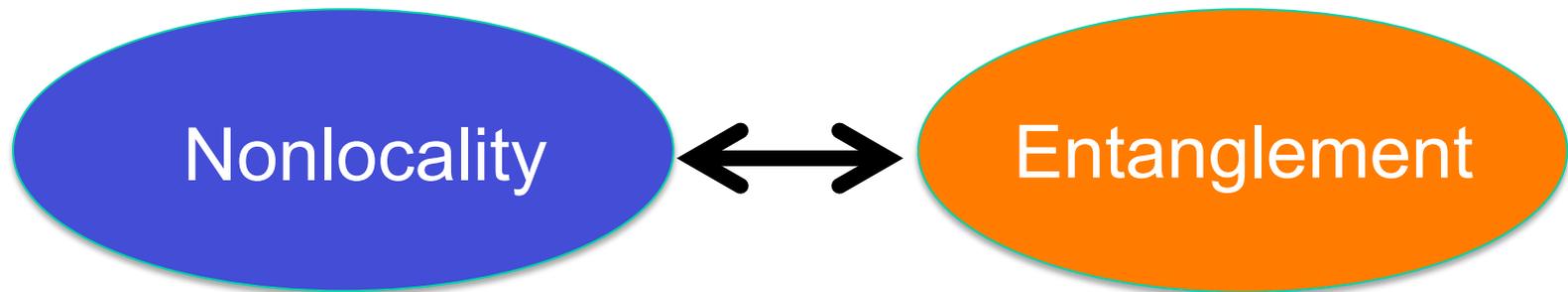
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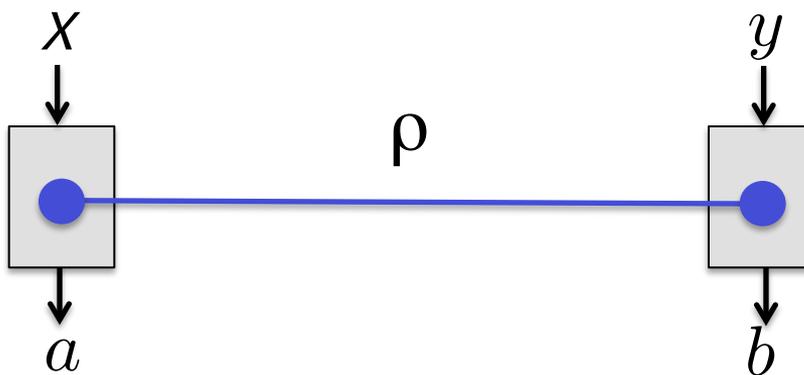
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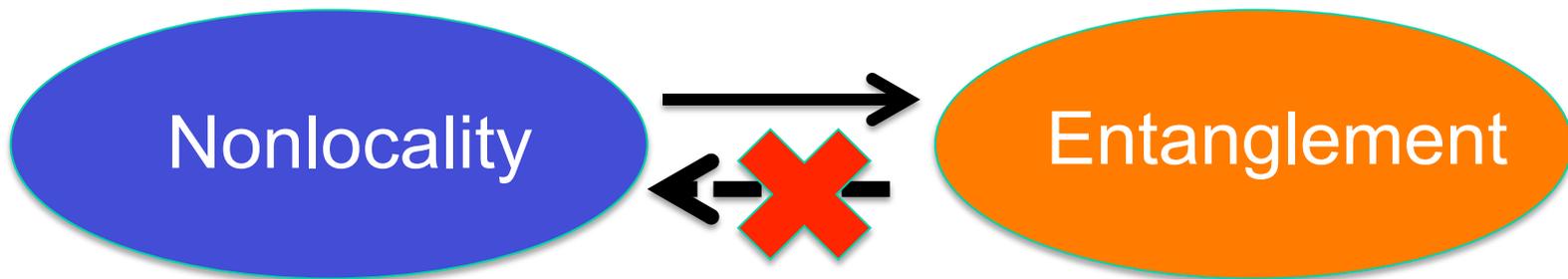
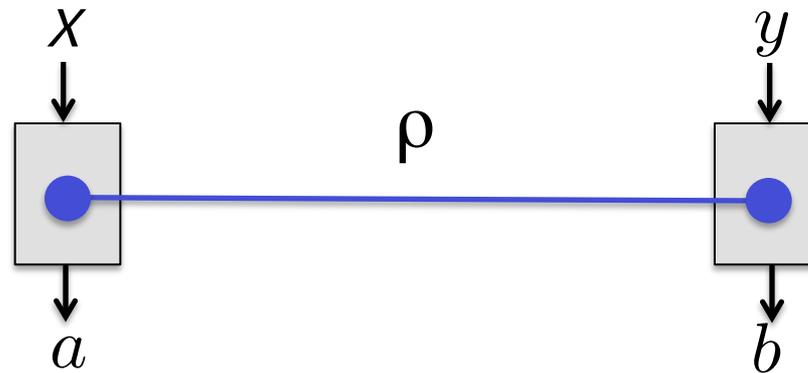
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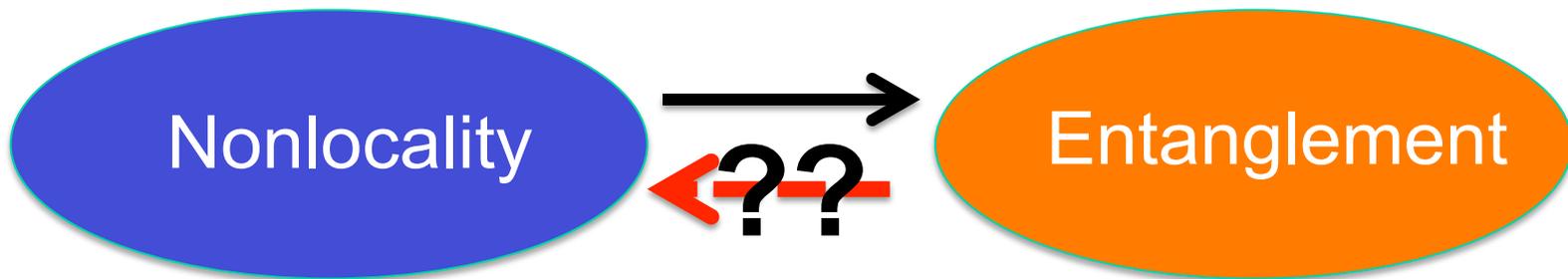
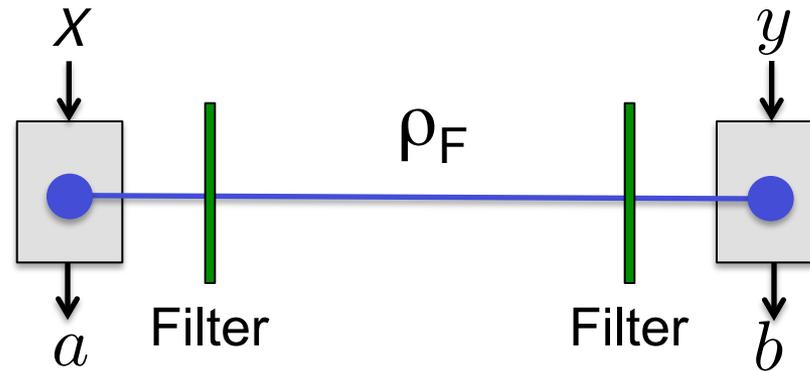
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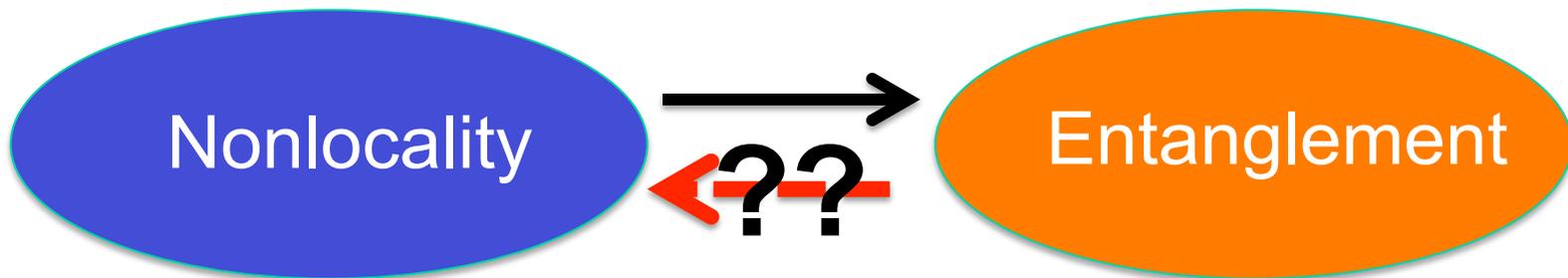
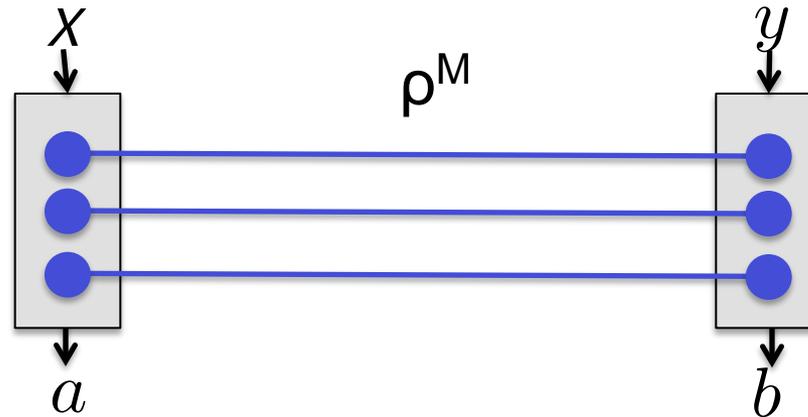
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Scenario 2: Sequential measurements  
→ **Hidden nonlocality**



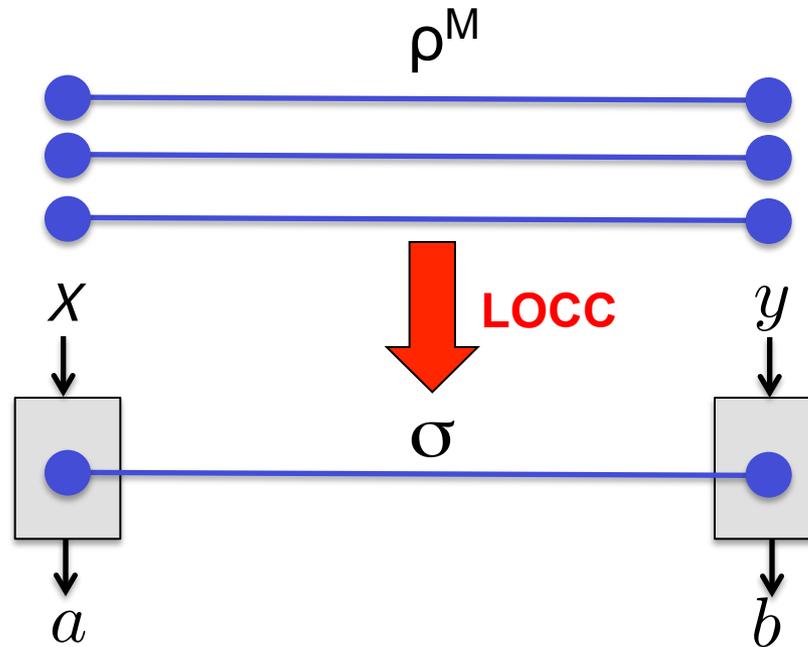
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Scenario 3: Many copies, joint measurements  
→ **Activation of nonlocality**



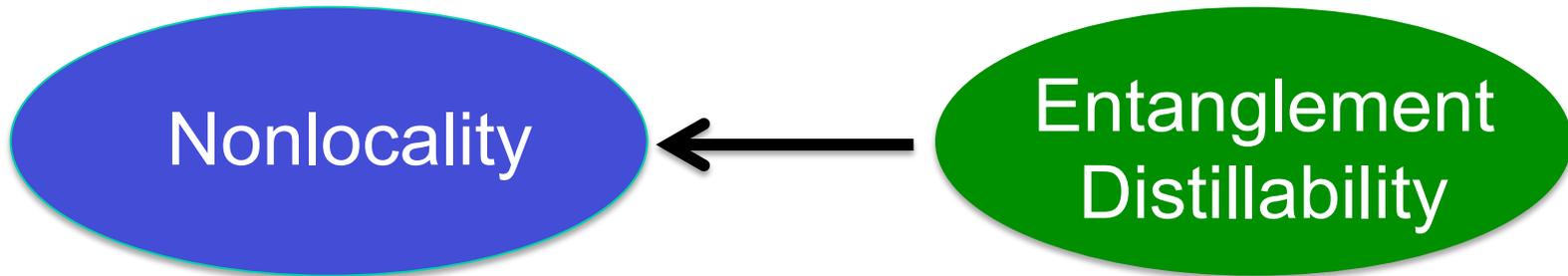
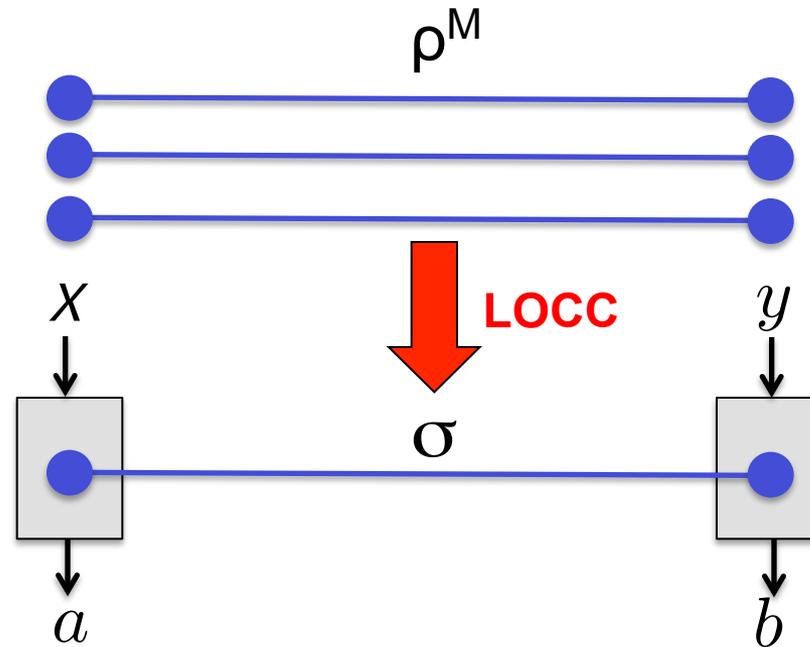
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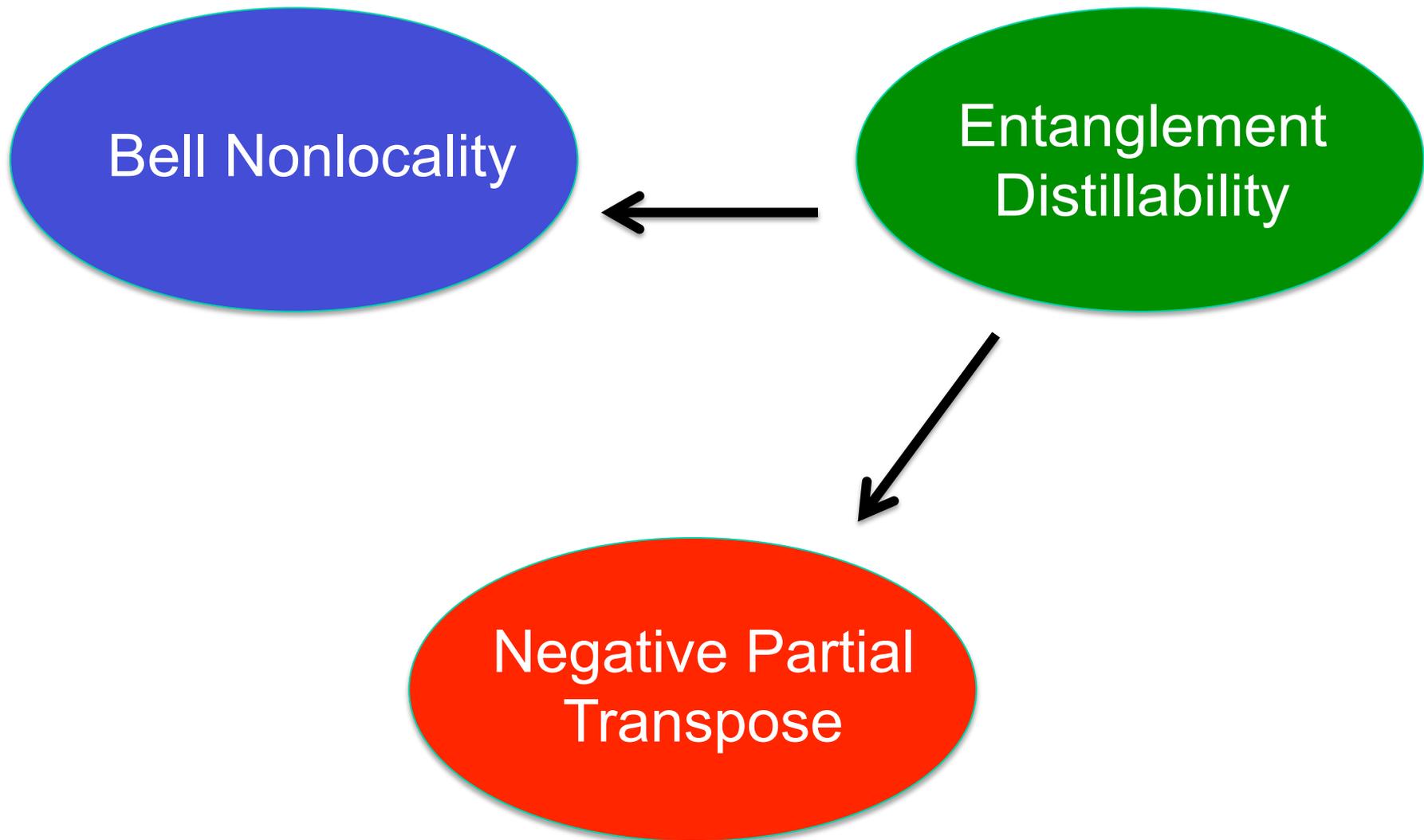
# What about bound entanglement?

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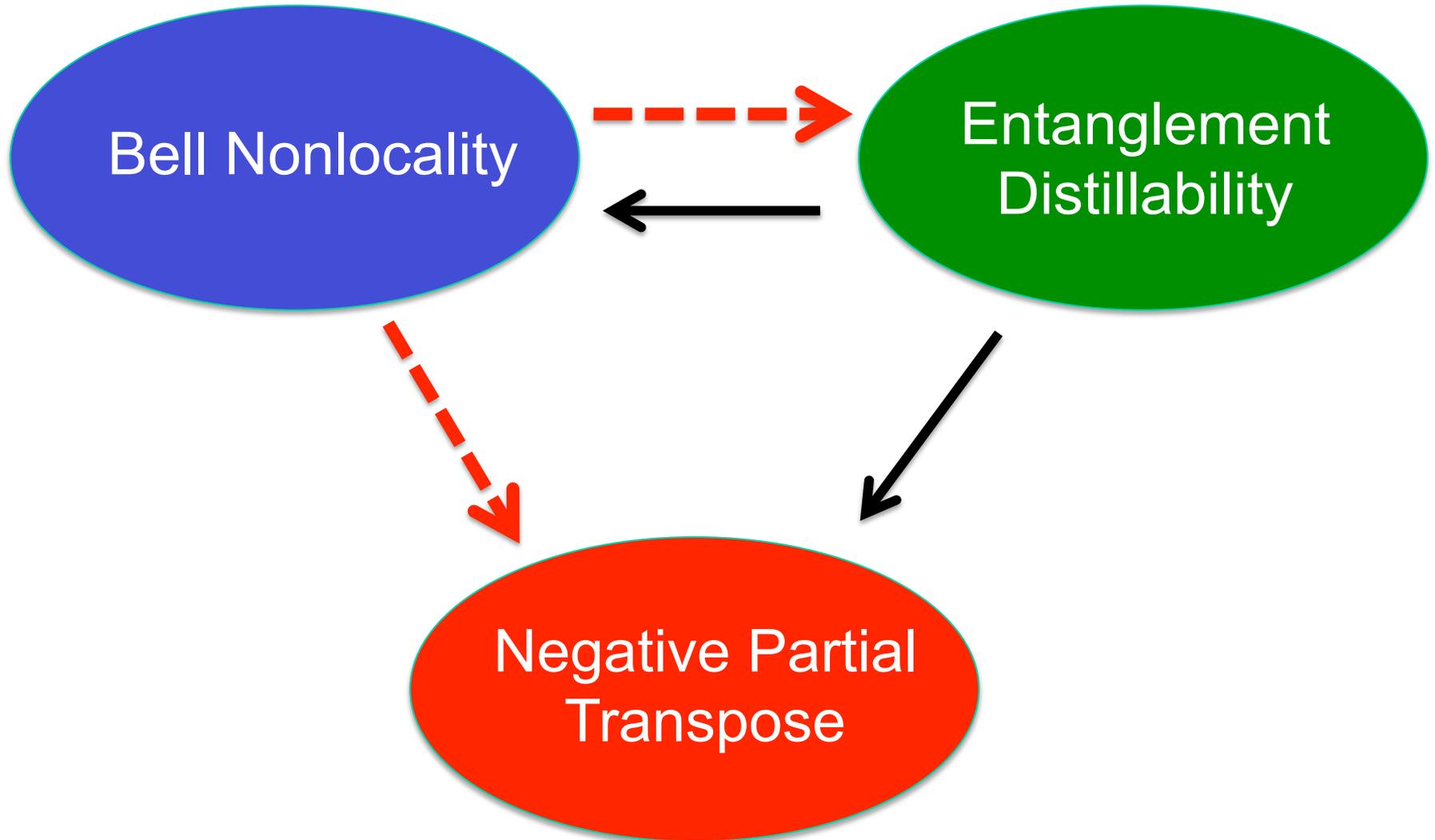
Bound entanglement cannot lead to Bell inequality violation

**Intuition:**

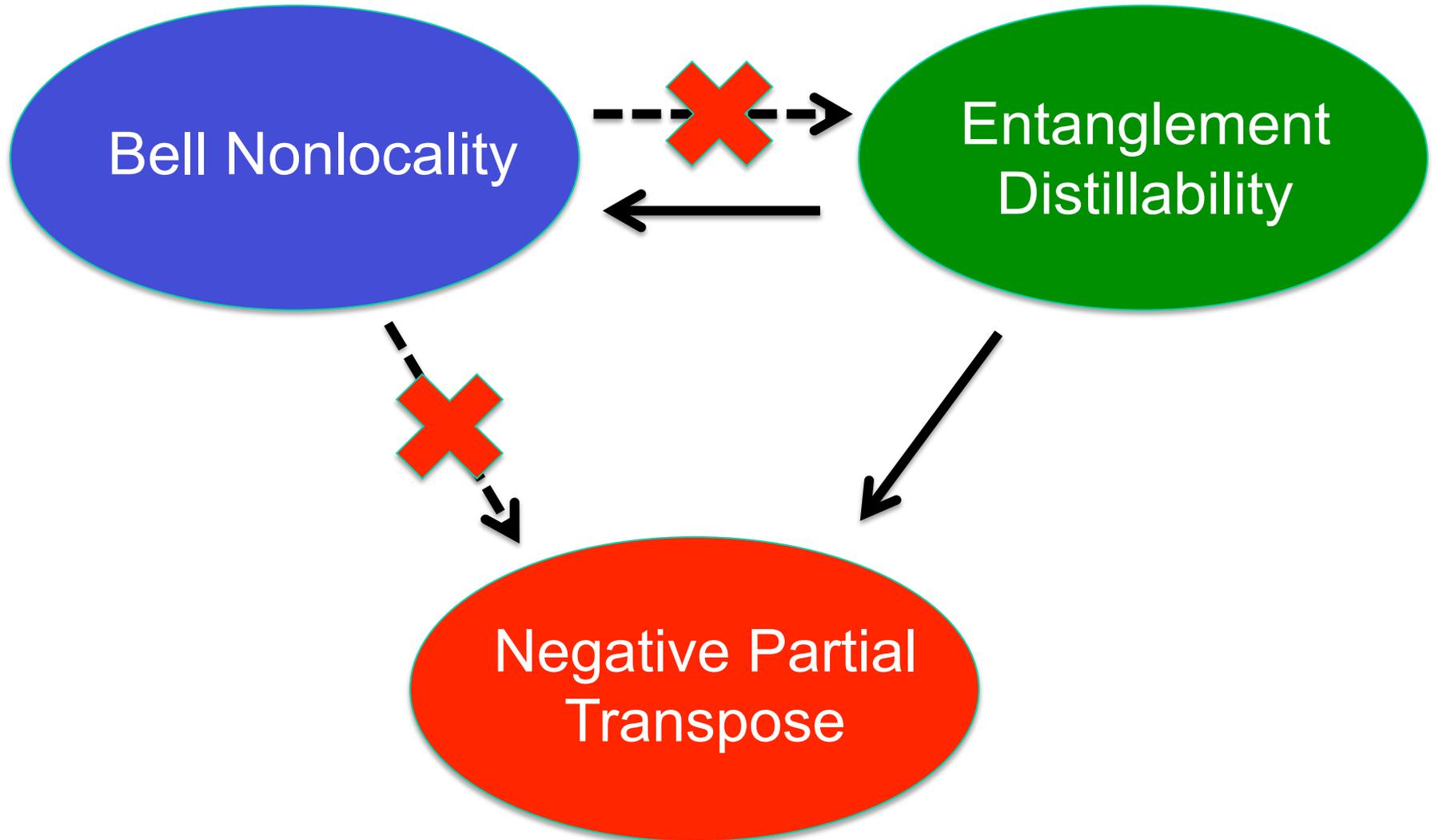
weakest form of entanglement cannot lead  
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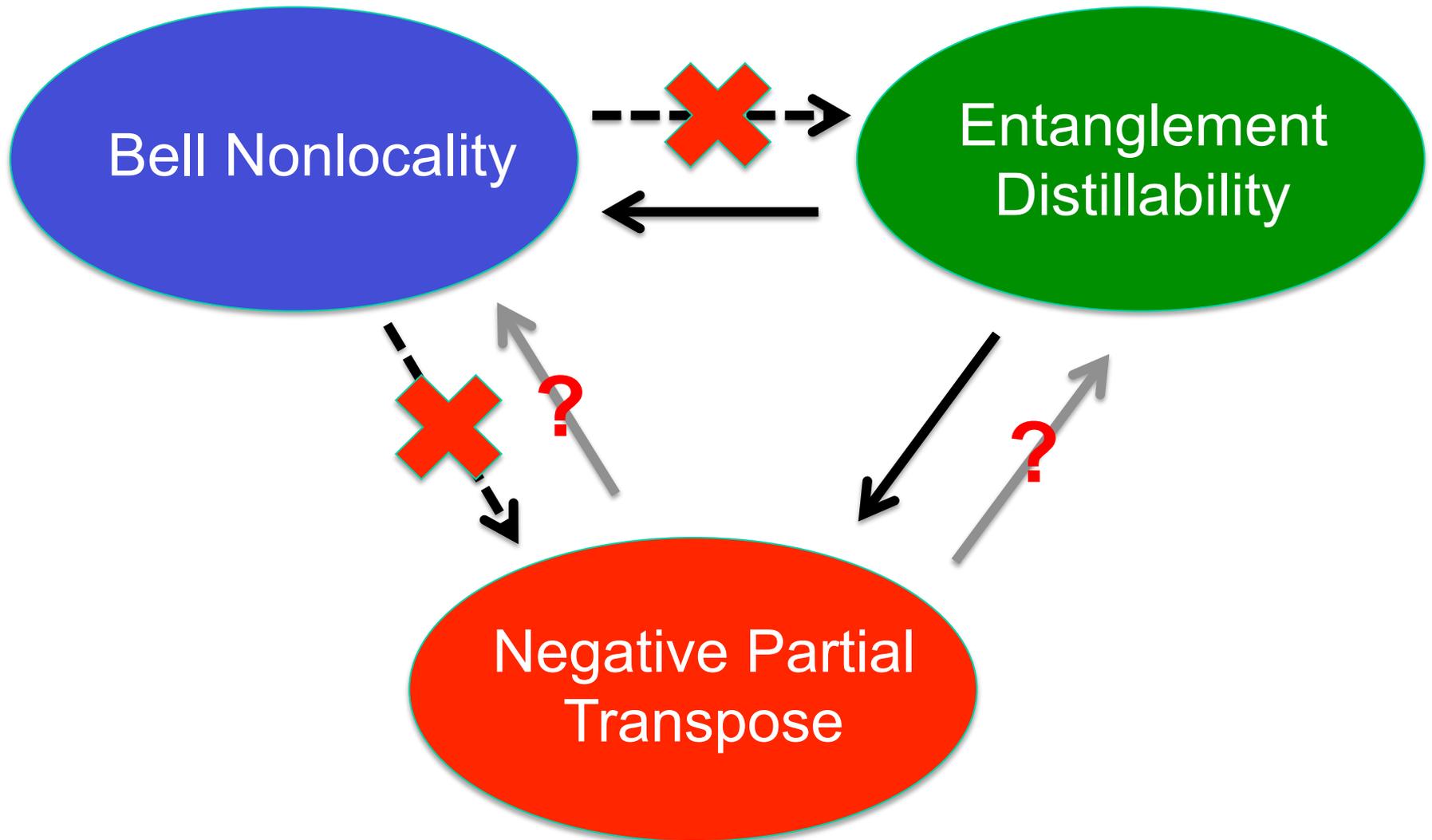
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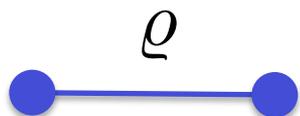
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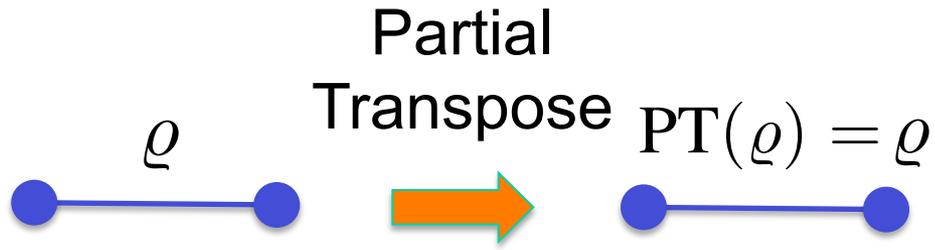
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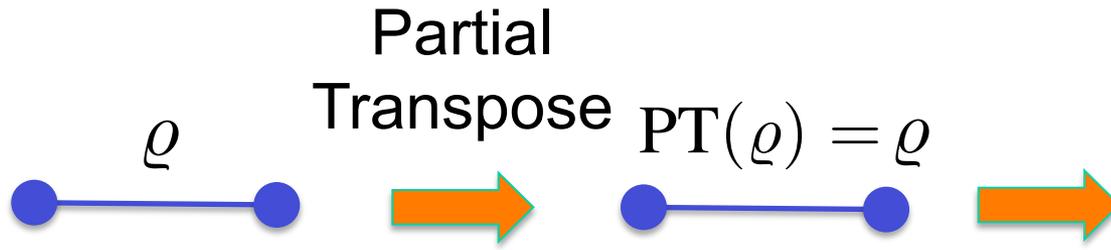
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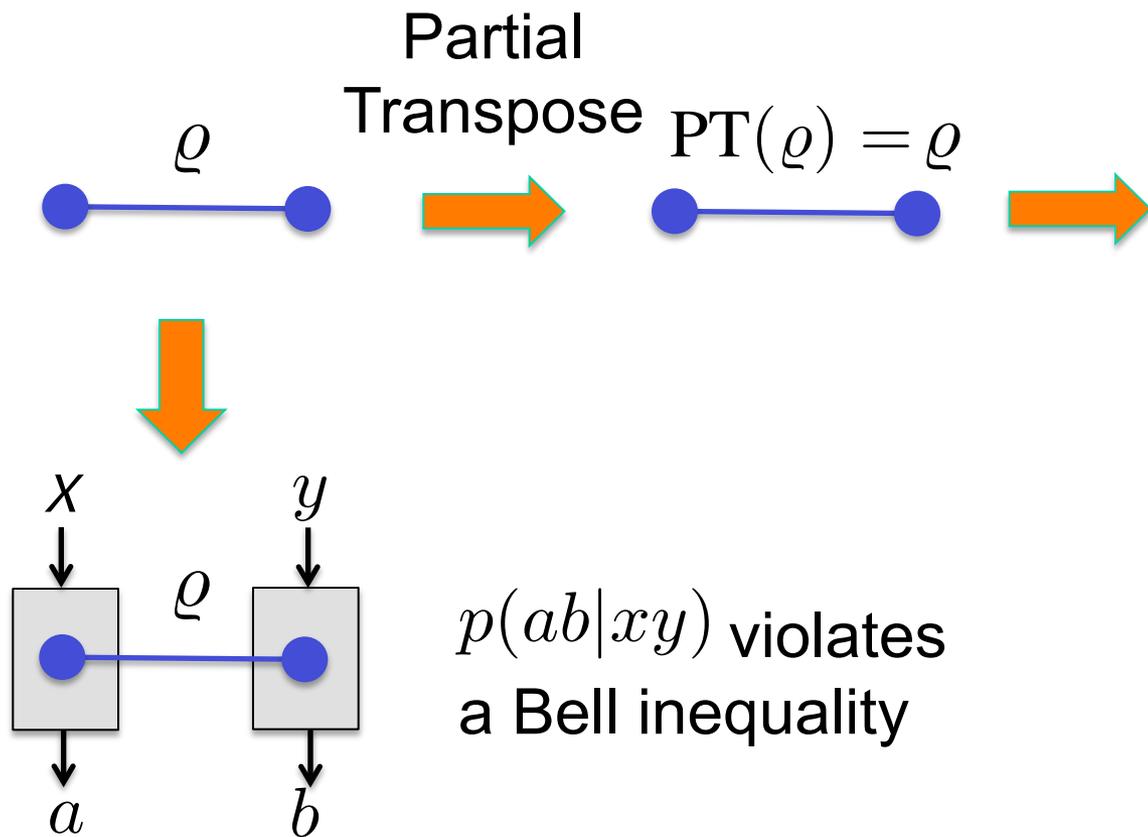


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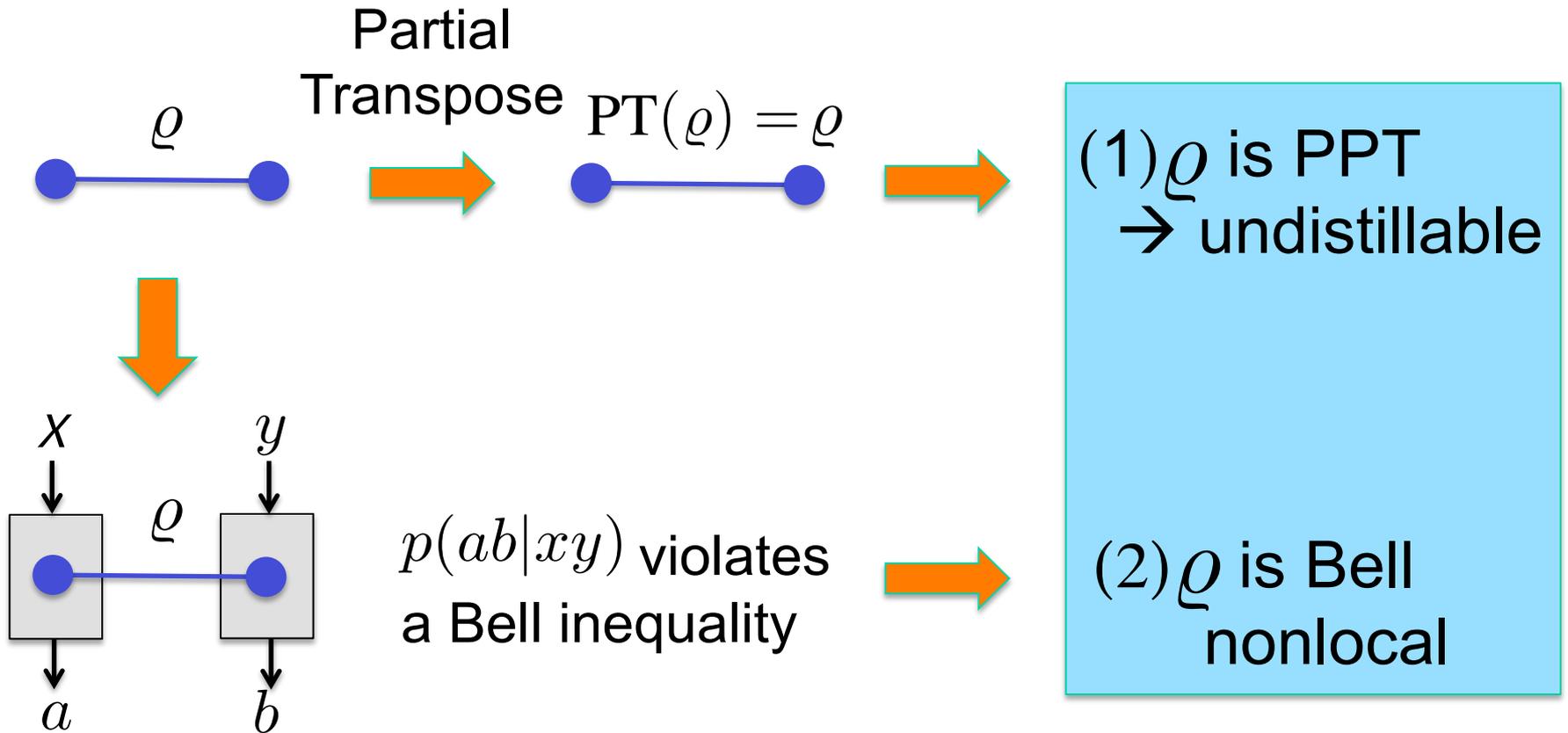
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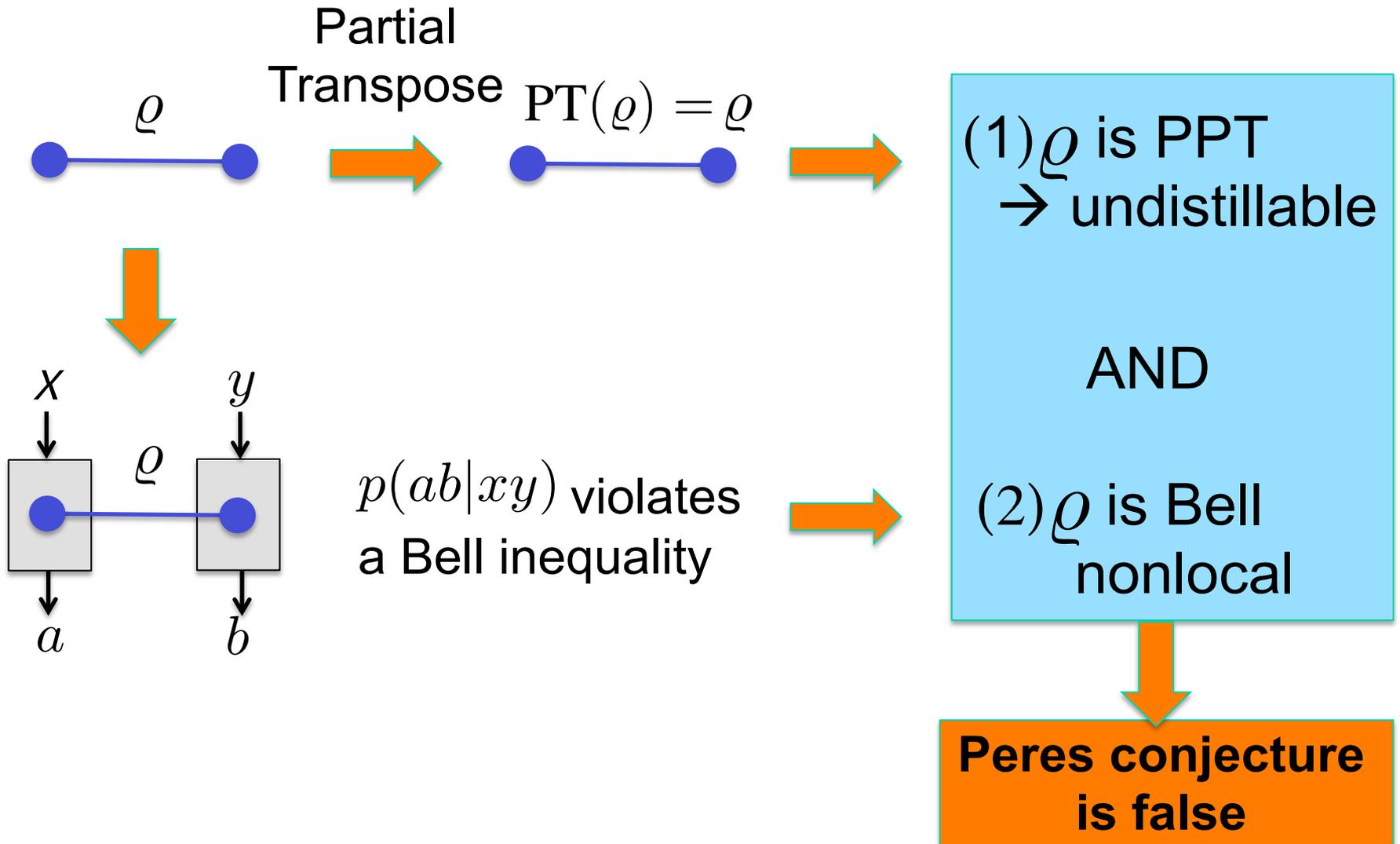


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$\mathcal{Q}$  + well chosen measurements



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



$\mathcal{Q}$  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)

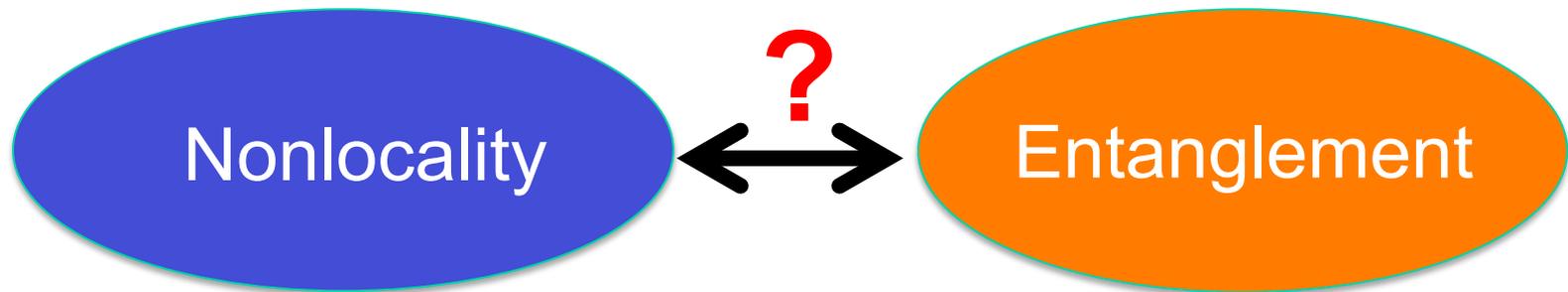
Quantum nonlocality  $\rightarrow$  genuine quantum randomness

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

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

## References

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