

Quantum cryptography without one-way functions

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Why cryptography for physicists?

Computational indistinguishability is strong tool

Consider two quantum states, ρ_0 and ρ_1

They are very different

$$\|\rho_0 - \rho_1\|_1 \simeq 1$$

But no quantum polynomial-time operation can distinguish them

In that case, we can say $\rho_0 = \rho_1$, because operations in nature are polynomial-time

Applications

The state ρ should be thermal equilibrium state, but not...

The entanglement of ρ should large, but not...

If ρ is computationally indistinguishable from thermal equilibrium state or highly-entangled state, the paradox is solved!

Example 1: Pseudo entanglement

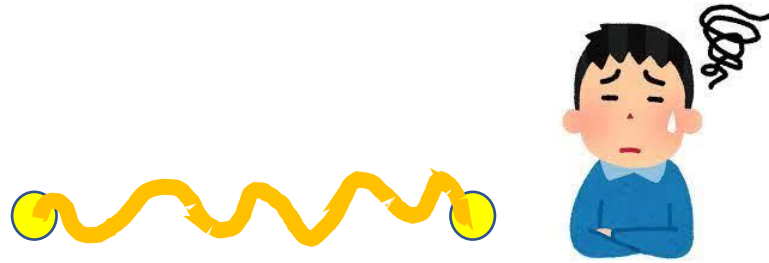
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Real entanglement is small, but it can be considered as large!

Example 2: Hayden-Harlow



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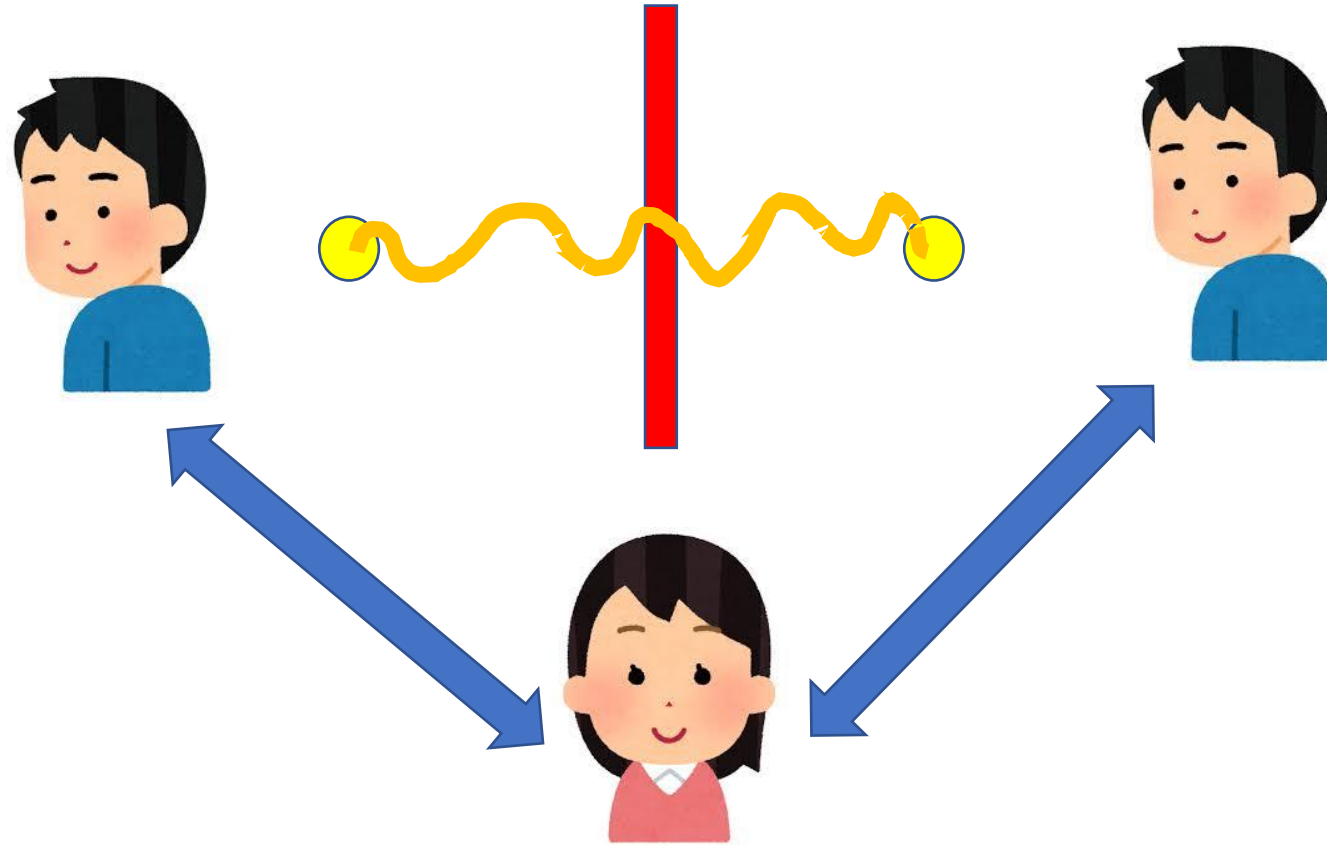
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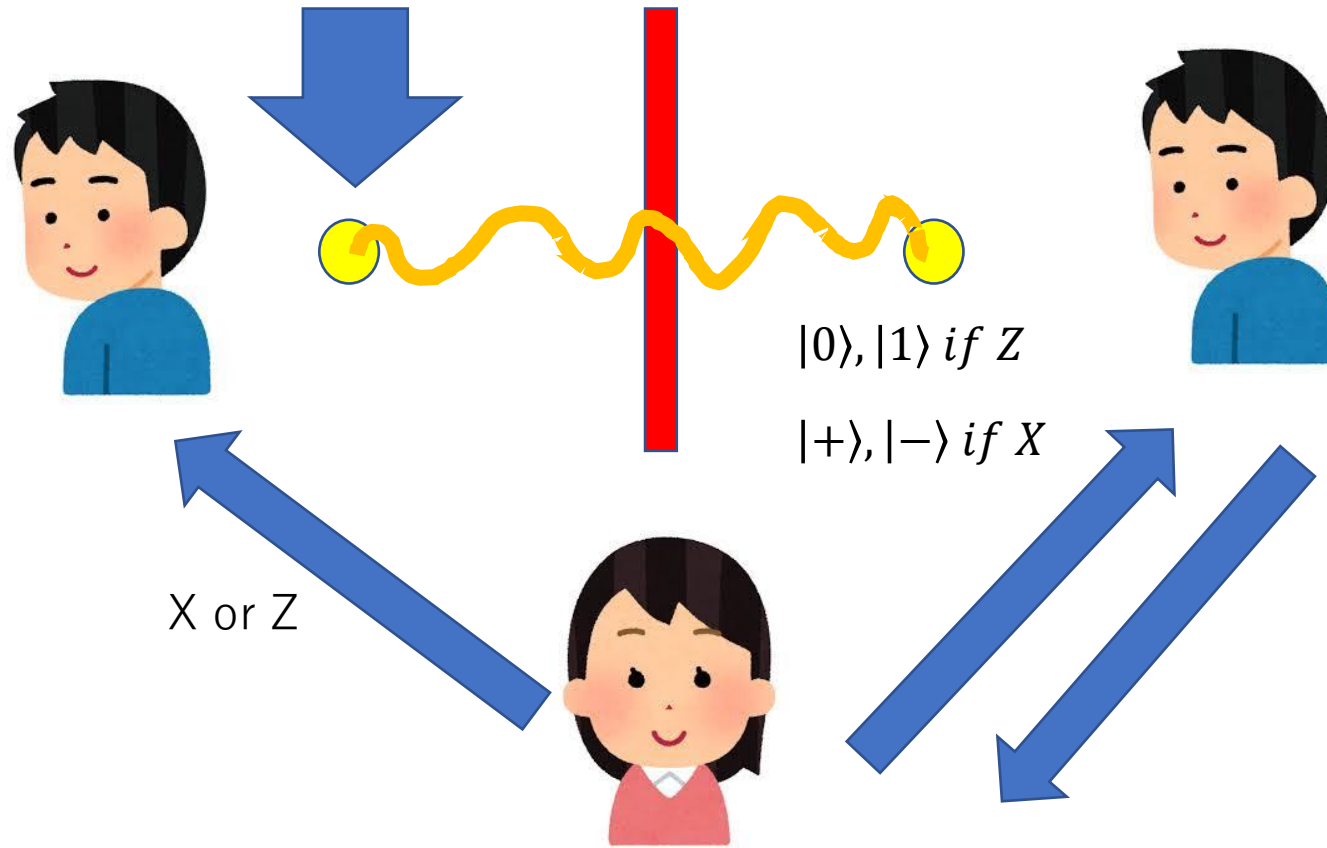


Example 3: Bell's inequality

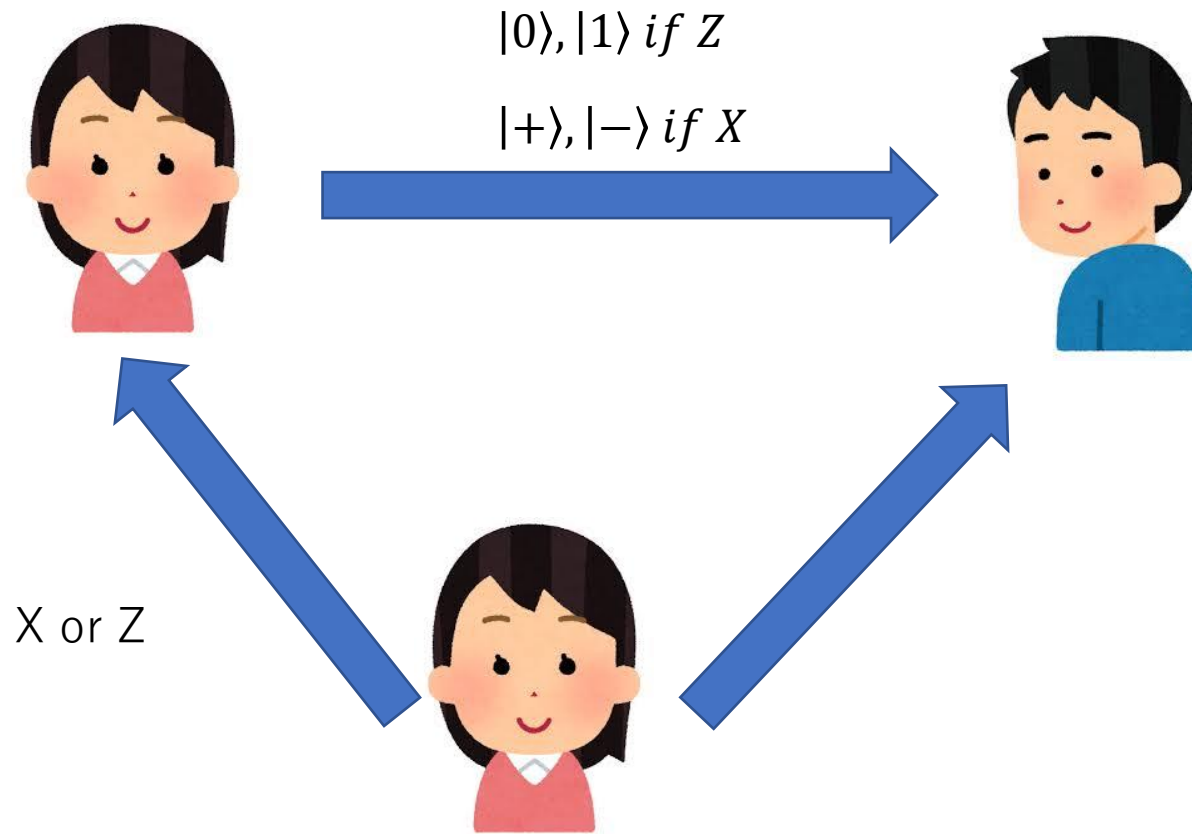


- (1) Alice accepts if Bobs are entangled
- (2) Alice rejects if Bobs are not entangled

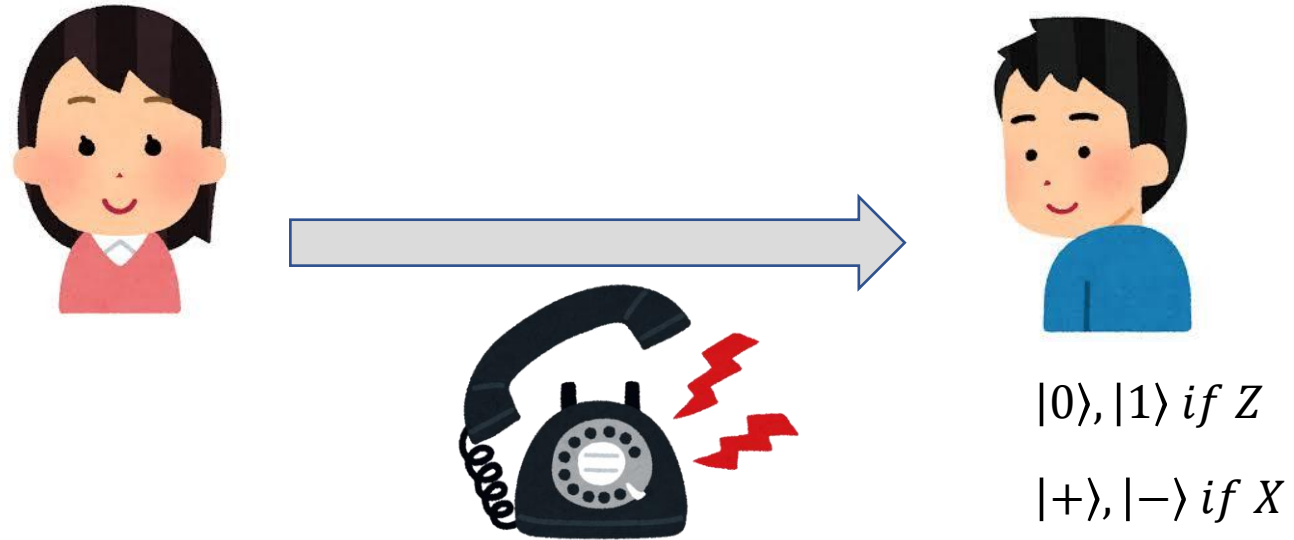
Quantum advantage can be shown unconditionally, but Bob should not talk with each other



Classical Bob 2 cannot answer the correct measurement result because he does not know the state



This is Bad because now Alice is quantum

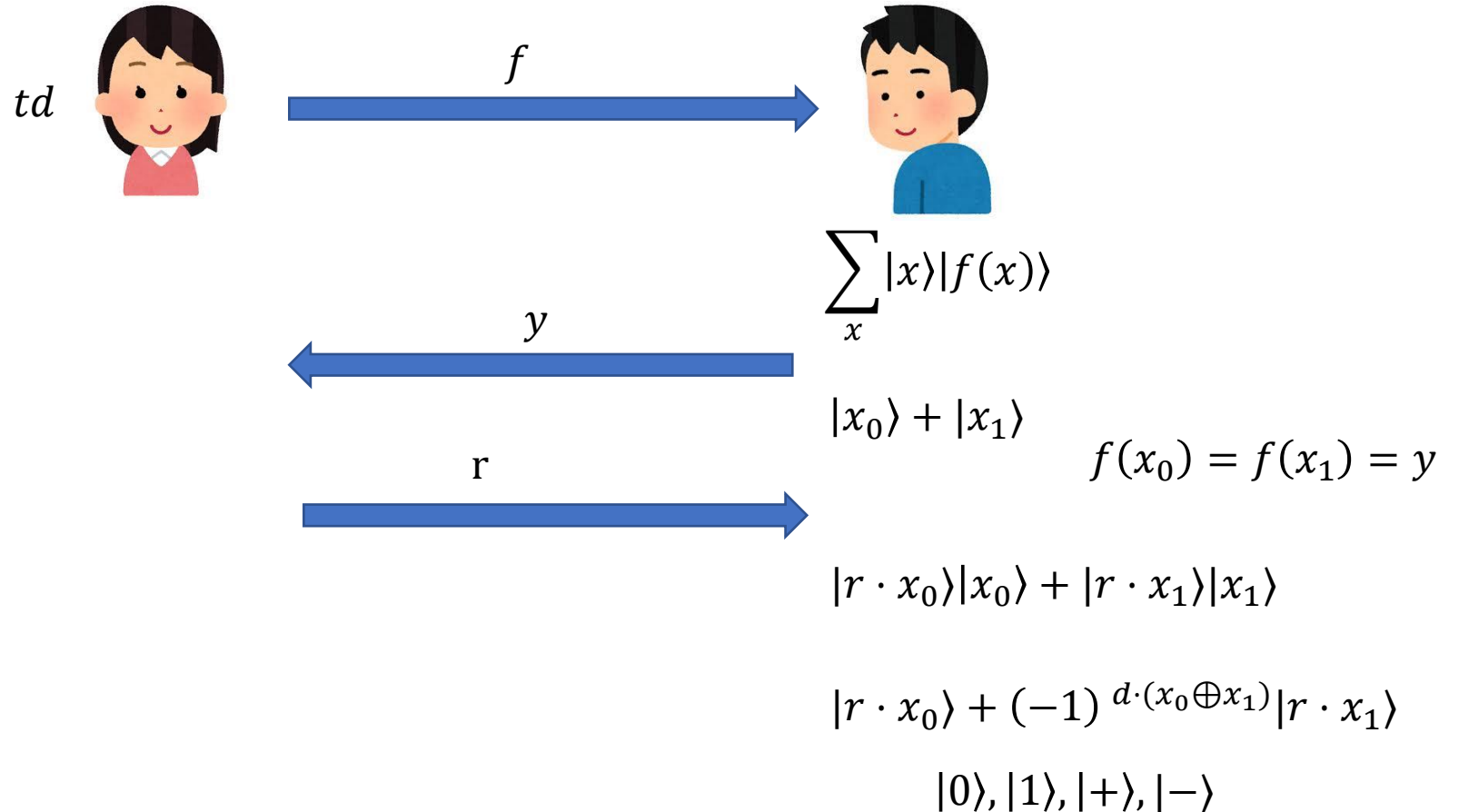


How can Alice “send” quantum state to Bob over only classical channel in such a way that Bob cannot learn the state?

We can use cryptography!

Computational Bell's inequality
 [Kahanamoku-Meyer, Choi, Vazirani, Yao, Nature Phys. 2022]

- (1) trapdoor
- (2) 2-to-1 collision resistant hash



We show that CRHFs can be replaced with TDP [Morimae and Yamakawa, ITCS2023]

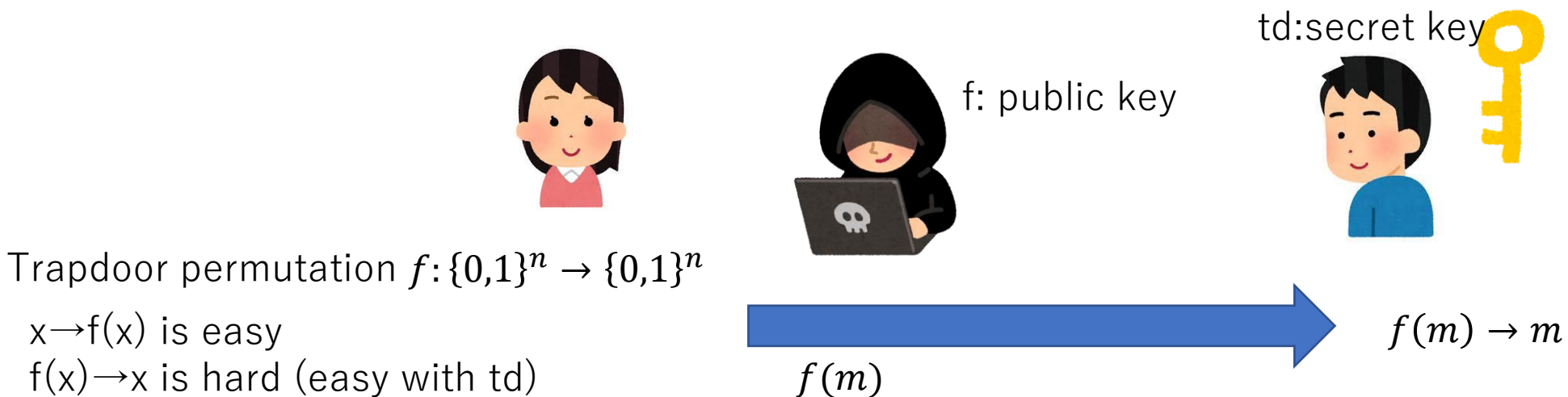
Two types of security in cryptography

Statistical security: secure against any unbounded adversary (ex: One-time pad)



Statistically-secure primitives have some limitations

Computational security: secure under some complexity assumptions (ex: Public key encryption)



Limitations can be overcome in computational settings

cryptology \neq secret communication

For example,

Public key encryption

Digital signatures

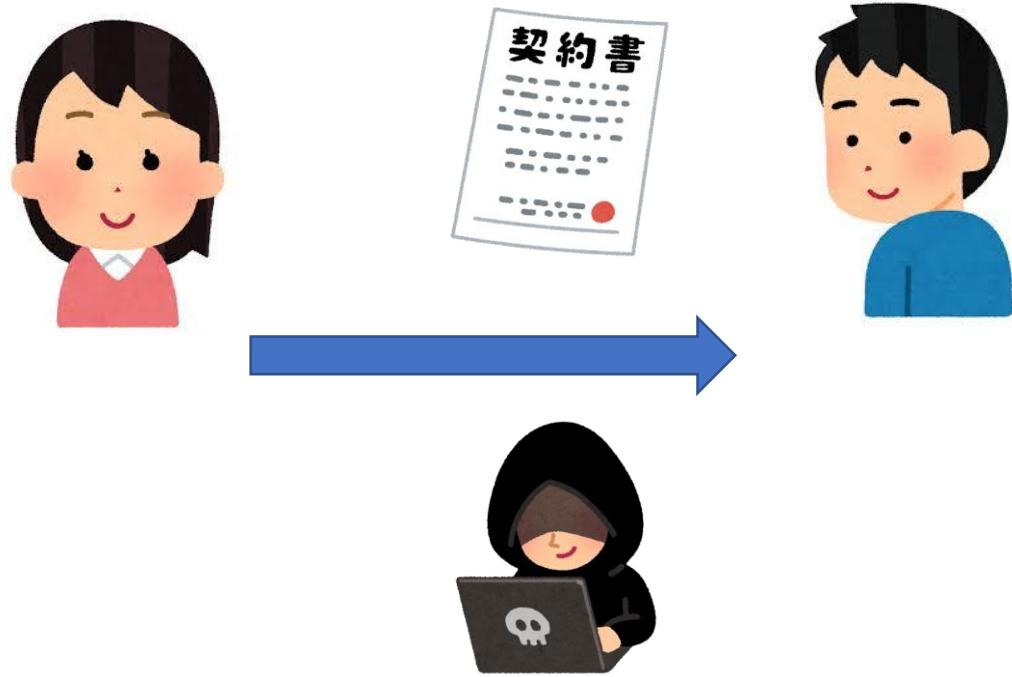
Pseudorandom generators

Commitments

Zero-knowledge

Multiparty computation

Example1: Digital signatures



Computational security: brute-force attack can forge signatures

Example 2: Pseudorandom generators

$$f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{2n}$$



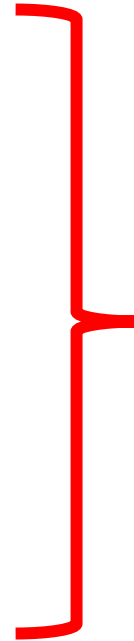
$$x \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$f(x)$



$$y \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{2n}$$

y



indistinguishable

Example 3: Commitments



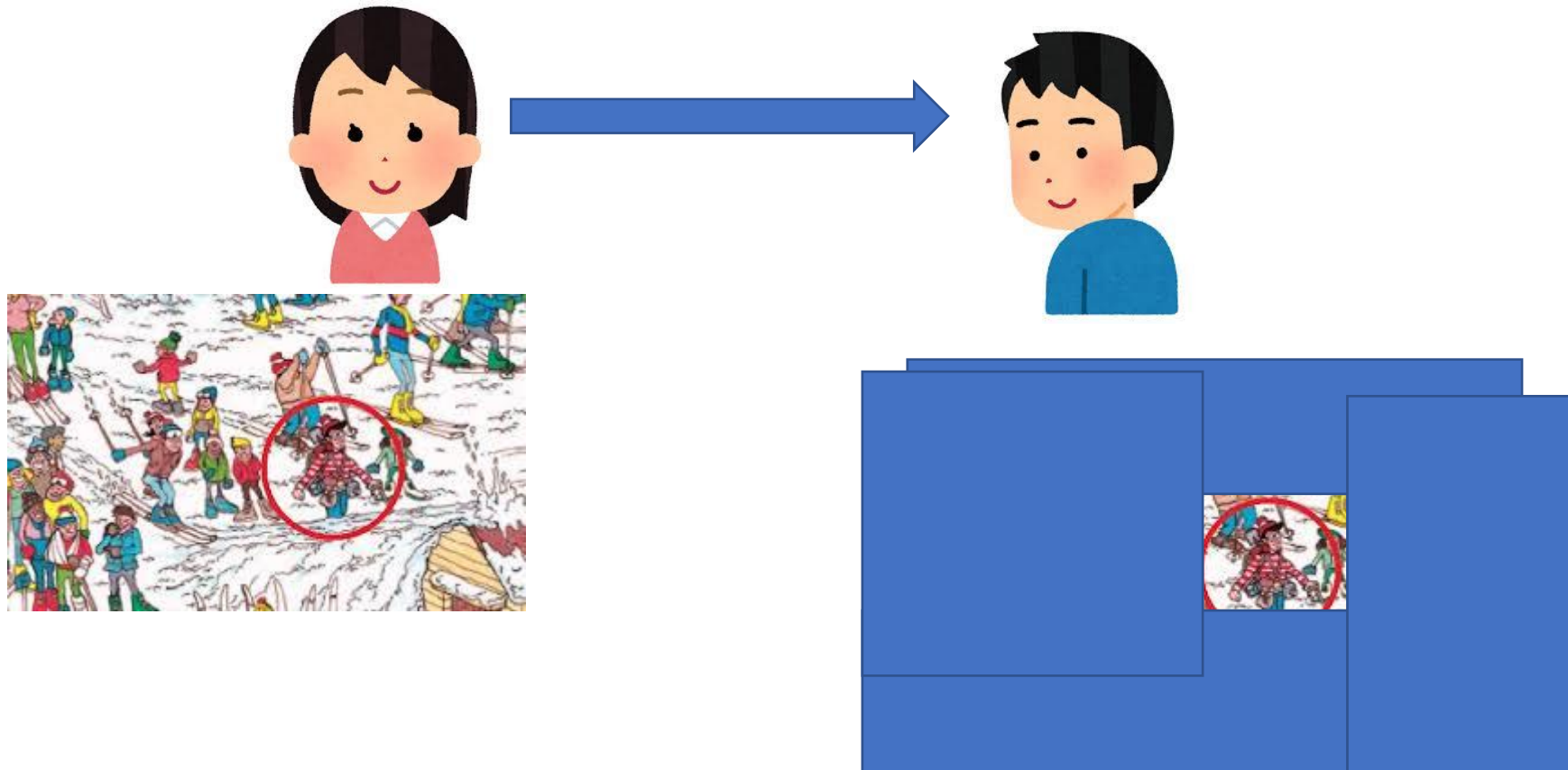
Hiding: committed bit is hidden to the receiver

Binding: committed bit cannot be changed by the sender

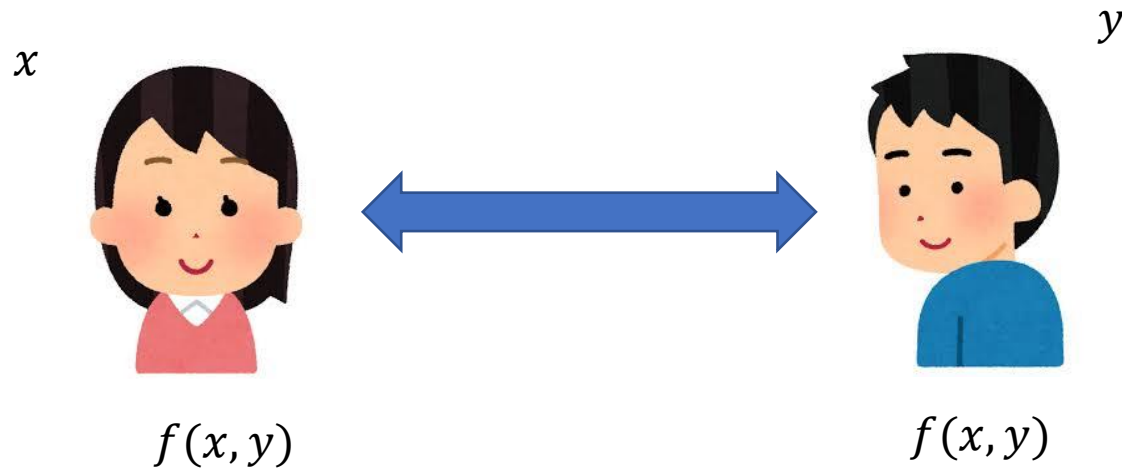
Even in the quantum world, statistically-hiding and statistically-binding is impossible

Example 4: zero knowledge

Showing a statement is correct without leaking any information beyond that

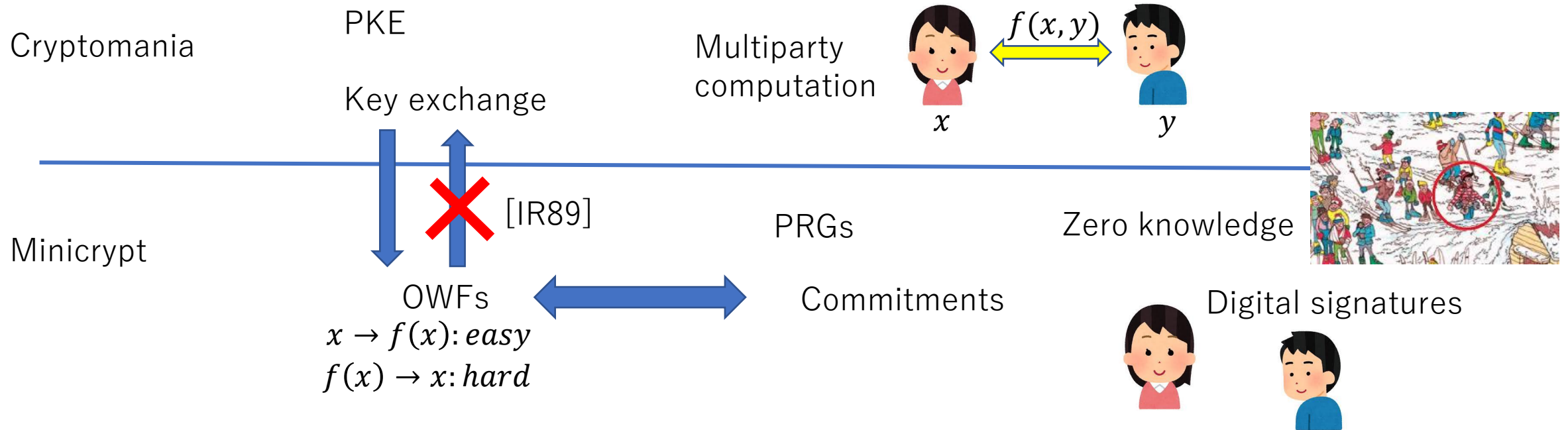


Example 5: multiparty computation



Computing $f(x, y)$ without revealing x and y

Classical cryptography



OWF is the most fundamental element in classical cryptography

[Russell Impagliazzo and Michael Luby, 1989, One-way functions are essential for complexity based cryptography]

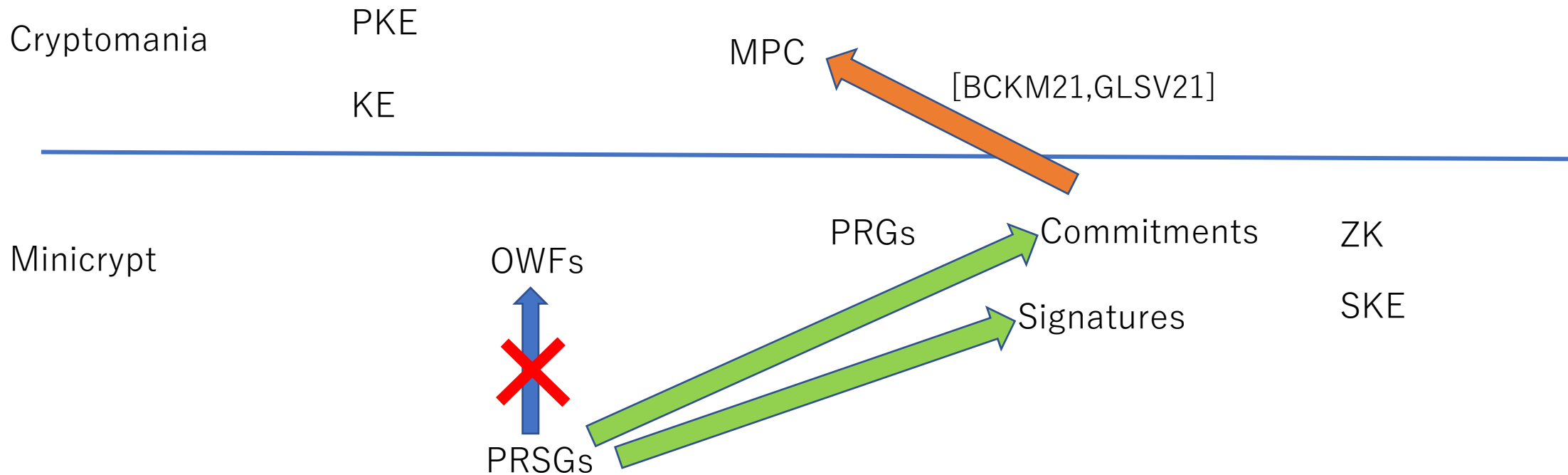
The same in quantum cryptography?

NO !

M and Yamakawa, CRYPTO2022
Ananth, Qian, Yuen, CRYPTO2022
Kretschmer, TQC2021

Results [M and Yamakawa, CRYPTO2022]

We construct Commitments and (q-time-secure) signatures from PRSGs



PRSGs exist even if $BQP=QMA$ (relative to a Q oracle) [Kretschmer TQC2021]

→ PRSGs exist even if OWFs do not exist

→ Many cryptographic primitives exist even if OWFs do not exist

PRSGs [Ji, Liu, Song, CRYPTO2018]

Quantum analogue of PRGs

$StateGen(k) \rightarrow \phi_k$: QPT algorithm

n bit

m qubit



$b = 0$ $k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$

$\phi_k^{\otimes t}$ 



For any QPT A and poly t,

$b = 1$ $|\psi\rangle^{\otimes t} \leftarrow \mu$



$$\Pr[b \leftarrow A] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}$$

For special case $t=1$, we call it 1-PRSGs

$$E_{\mu} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = I^{\otimes m} / 2^m$$

JLS constructed PRSGs from OWFs

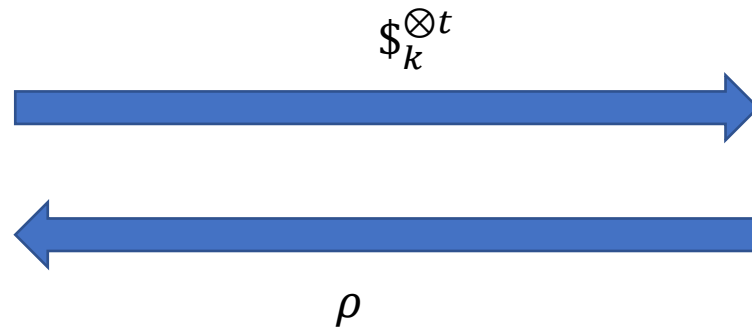
PRSGs \rightarrow Private-key quantum money [JLS18]



$k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$
 $\$k \leftarrow \text{Mint}(k)$



QPT



$$\Pr[\text{count}(k, \rho) \geq t + 1] \leq \text{negl}$$

PRSGs \rightarrow Pseudo entanglement

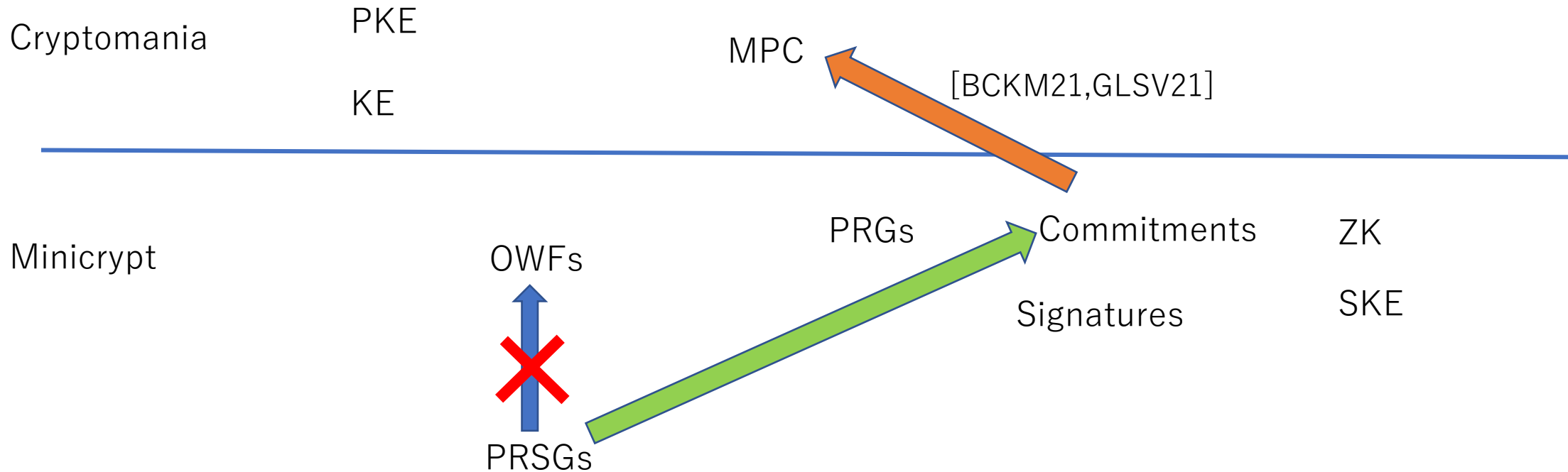
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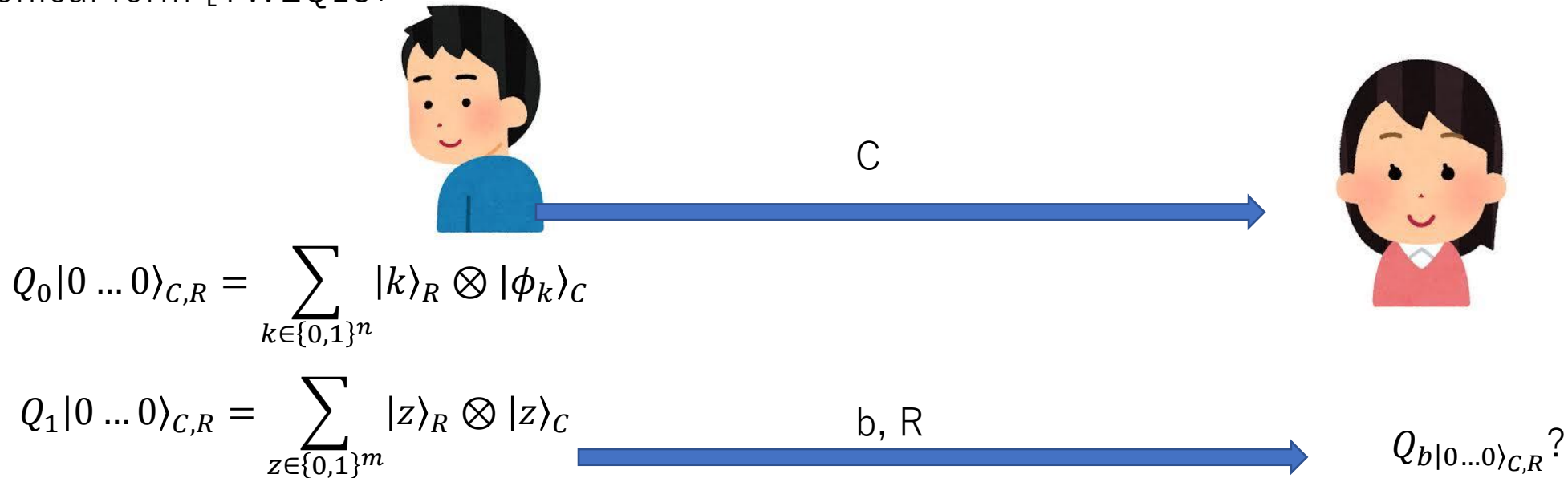
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1-PRSG \rightarrow comp-hiding stat-binding Commitments

Canonical form [YWLQ15]



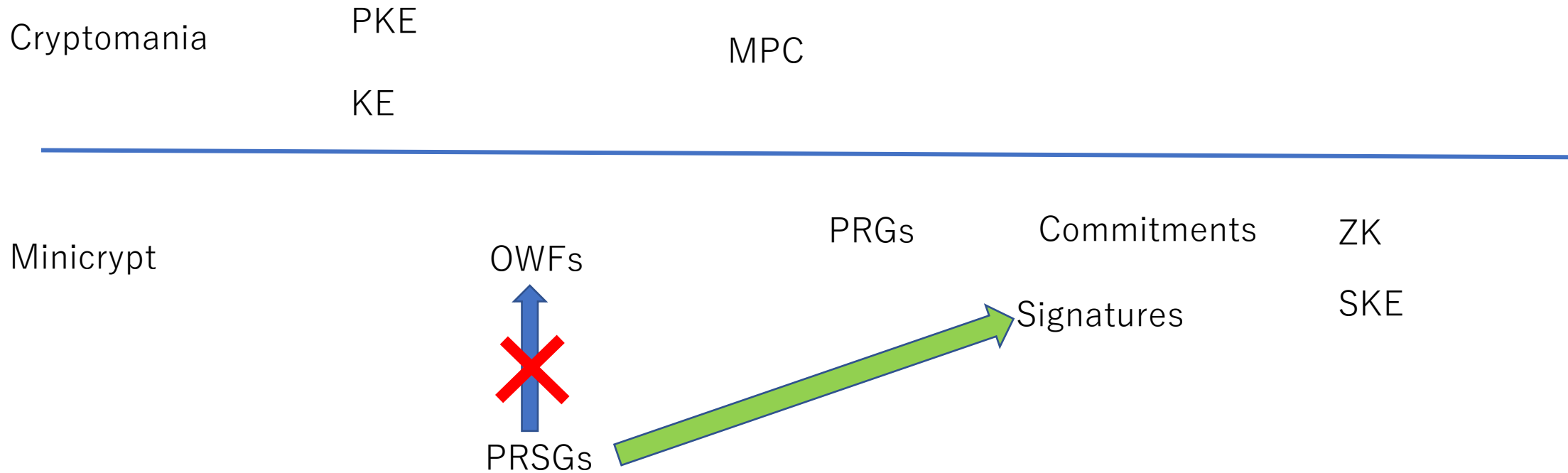
Comp Hiding: $\text{Tr}_R(Q_0|0\rangle_{C,R}) \sim_c \text{Tr}_R(Q_1|0\rangle_{C,R})$

Stat Binding: $\|\text{Tr}_R(Q_0|0\rangle_{C,R}) - \text{Tr}_R(Q_1|0\rangle_{C,R})\| \sim 1$

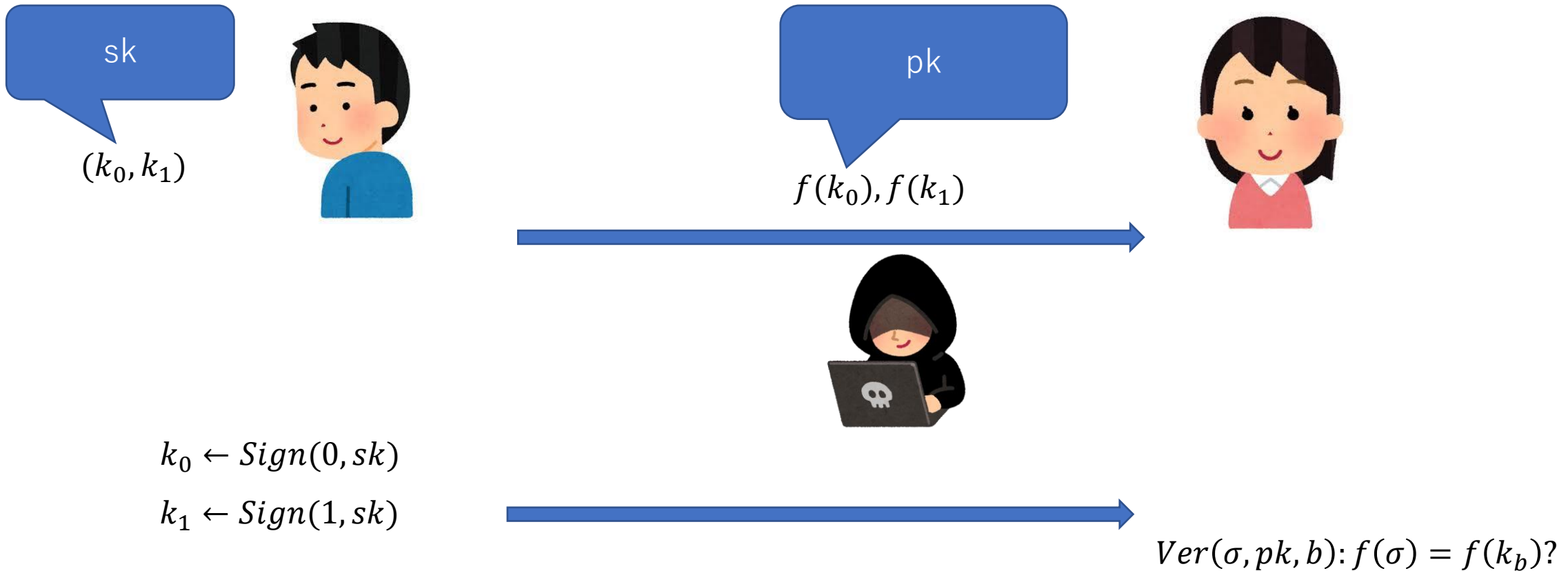
From the flavor conversion theorem [Yan20, Hahn-Morimae-Yamakawa22], we also get stat-hiding comp-binding commitments

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One-time secure signature from OWFs



OWSGs

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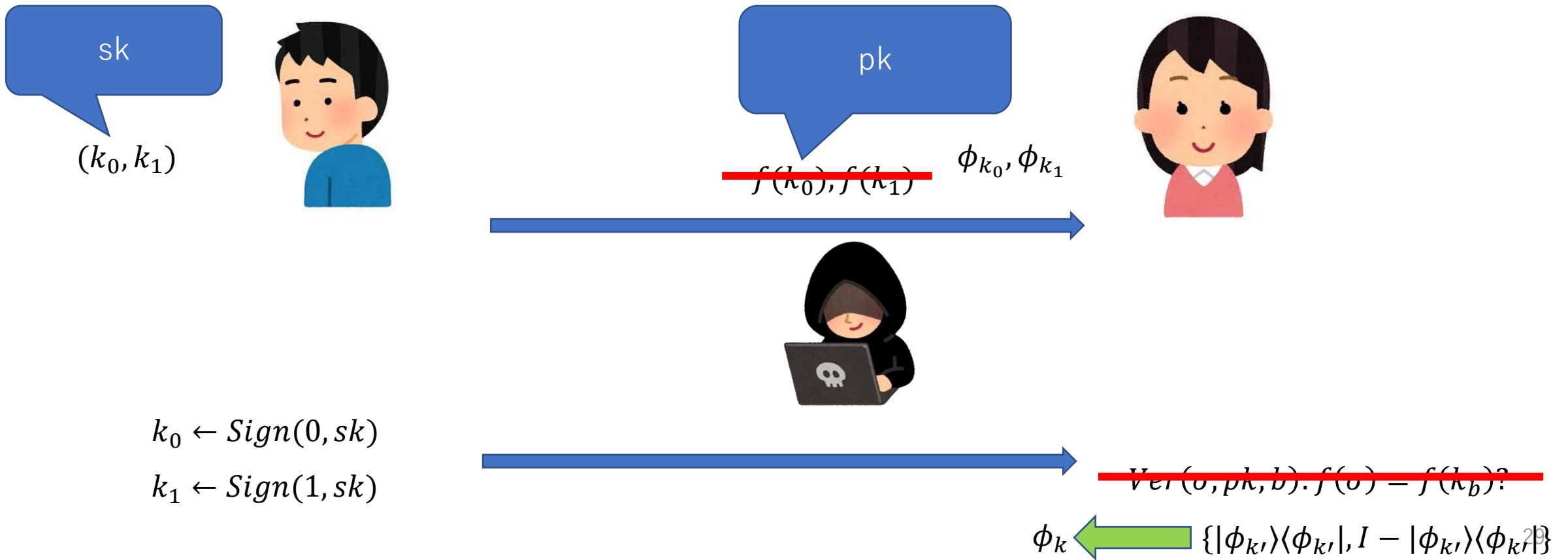
k'

$\phi_k \leftarrow \{|\phi_{k'}\rangle\langle\phi_{k'}|, I - |\phi_{k'}\rangle\langle\phi_{k'}|\}$

$\Pr[C \rightarrow T] \leq \text{negl}$

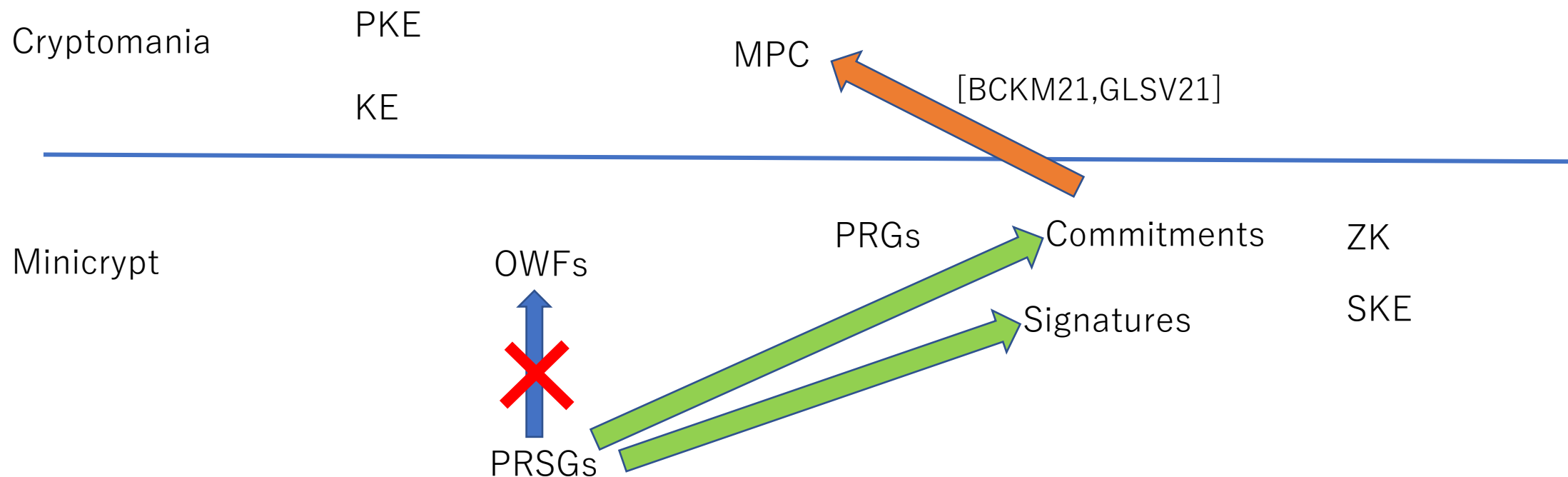
We construct OWSGs from PRSGs

OWSGs \rightarrow One-time secure signatures



One-time can be made q-time [M and Yamakawa, arXiv: 2210.03394]
 \rightarrow open problem: many-time signatures?

Summary [M and Yamakawa, CRYPTO2022]



(1) We construct commitments (and MPC) from PRSGs

(2) We construct digital signatures from PRSGs

(3) PRSGs can exist even if OWFs do not exist. [Kretschmer TQC2021]

Open problem: What is the most fundamental element in quantum cryptography?

Brakerski, Canetti, Qian introduced EFI (Yan also implicitly introduced it)

$StateGen(1^\lambda, b) \rightarrow \rho_b$: QPT algorithm

(1) Statistically distinguishable: $\|\rho_0 - \rho_1\|_1 \geq 1/poly(\lambda)$

(2) Computationally indistinguishable: For any QPT A ,

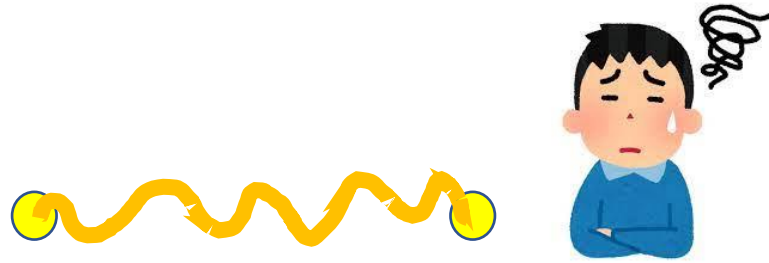
$$|\Pr[1 \leftarrow A(\rho_0)] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow A(\rho_1)]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

Its classical version is equivalent to OWFs [Goldreich 90]

BCQ showed that EFI is equivalent to commitment, OT, ZK, etc.

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Black-hole from Q crypto?

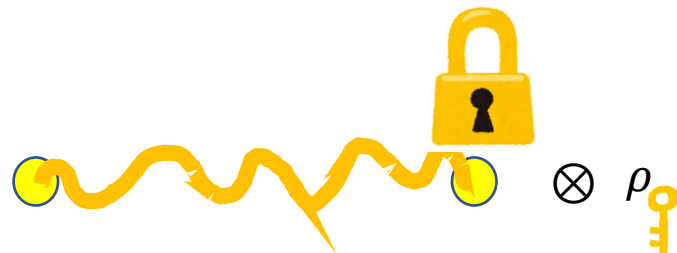


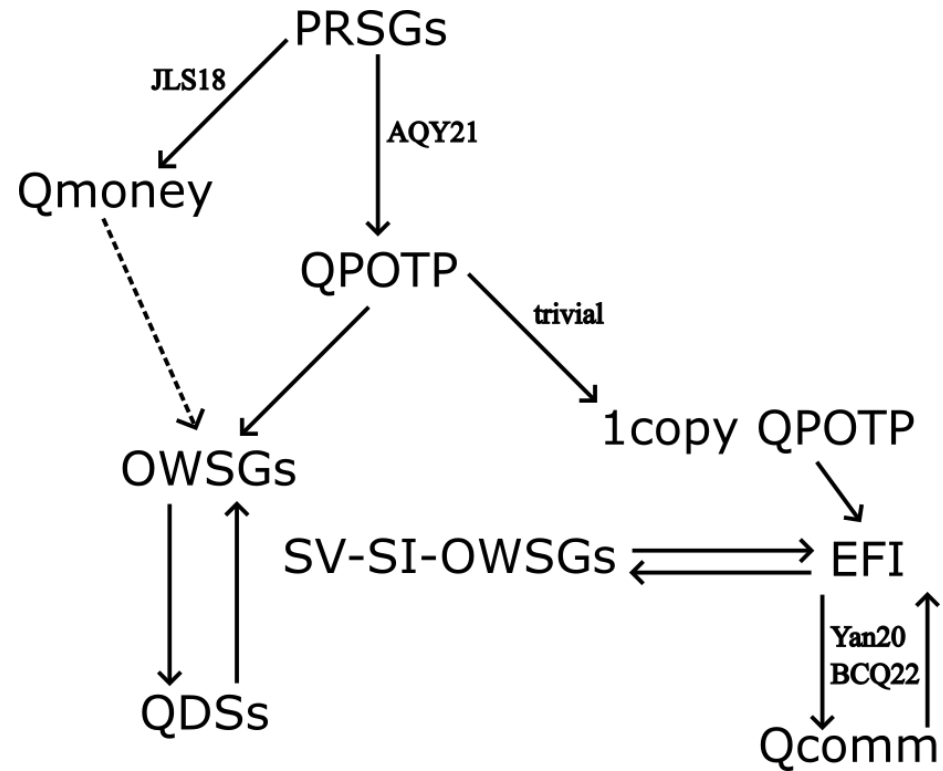
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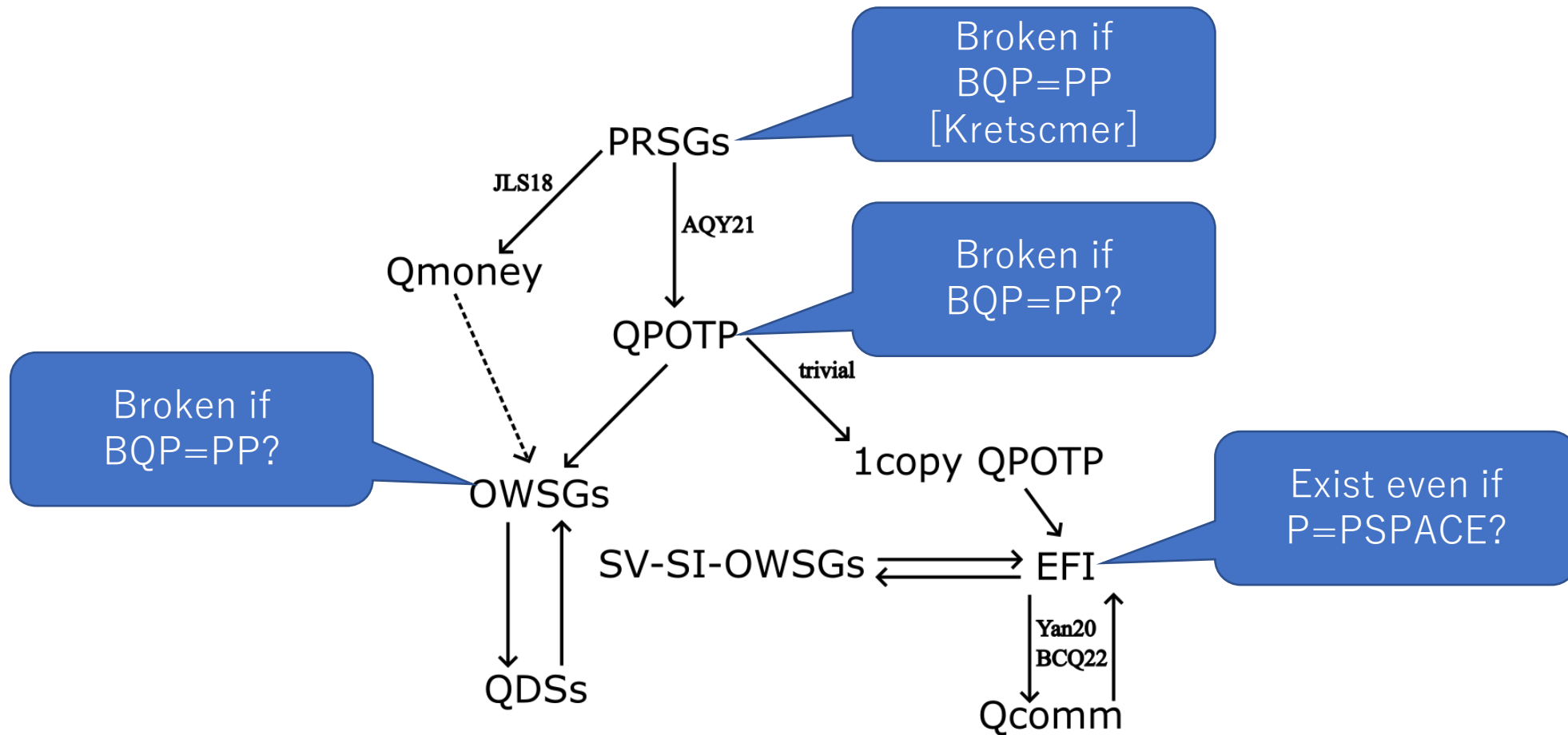




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Open problem:
 OWSG=EFI?
 Any other primitives? Other relations?

Open problem: which complexity assumptions necessary?



PRSGs are broken if $BQP=QCMA$?

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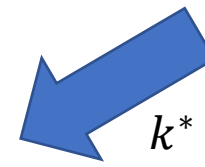
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$\rho = StateGen(k^*)?$



k^*



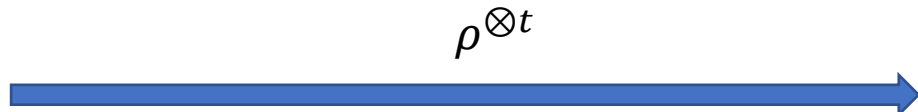
QCMA oracle

This does not work, because QCMA oracle takes **classical** inputs

In fact, Kretschmer showed PRSGs exist even if $BQP=QMA$

Shadow tomography

[Aaronson, STOC2018]
[Huang, Kueng, Preskill, Nature Physics, 2020]



For each copy,

$U_j \leftarrow \mathcal{C}$
Measure $U_j \rho U_j^\dagger$

$\{U_j, b_j\}_{j=1}^t$

Quantum
poly(t) time



For any set of operators $\{O_k\}_{k=1}^M$

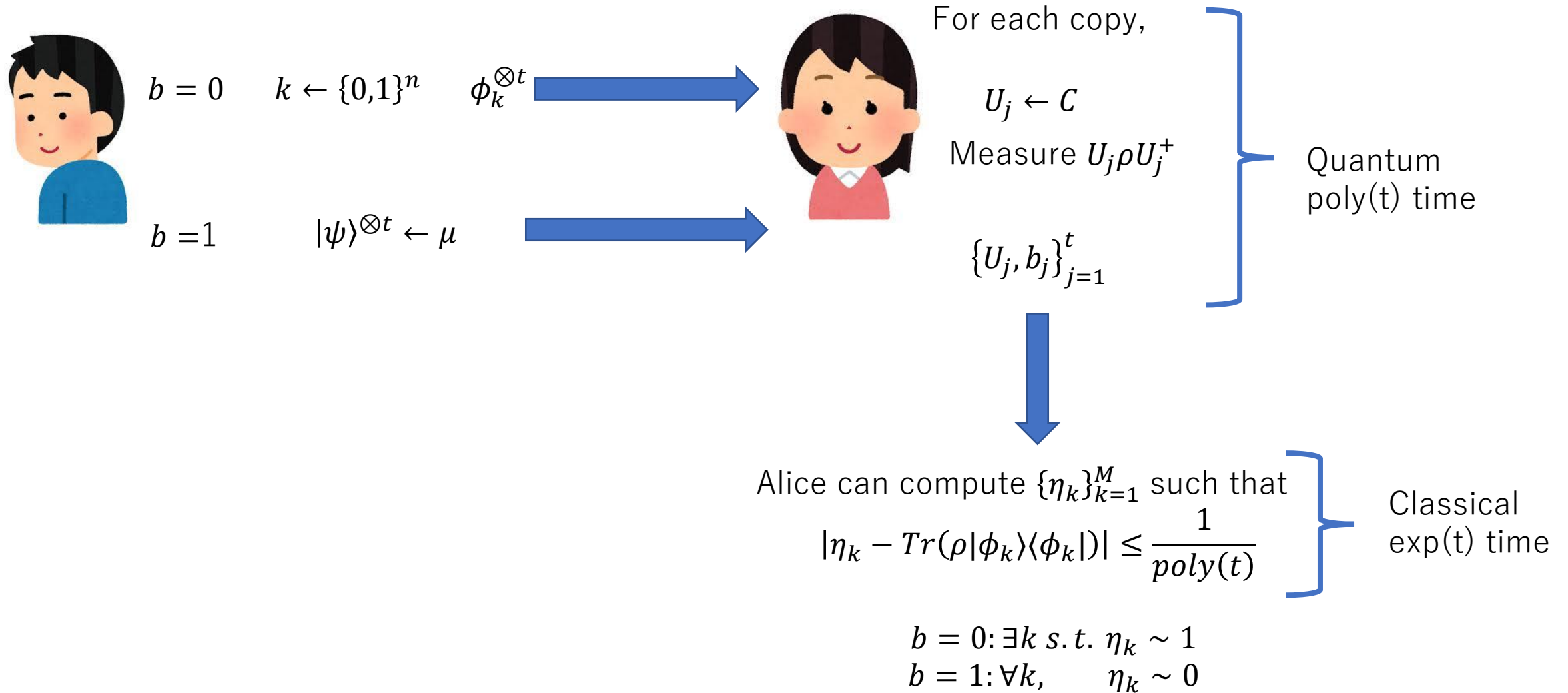
Alice can compute $\{\eta_k\}_{k=1}^M$ such that

$$|\eta_k - \text{Tr}(\rho O_k)| \leq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(t)}$$

Classical
exp(t) time

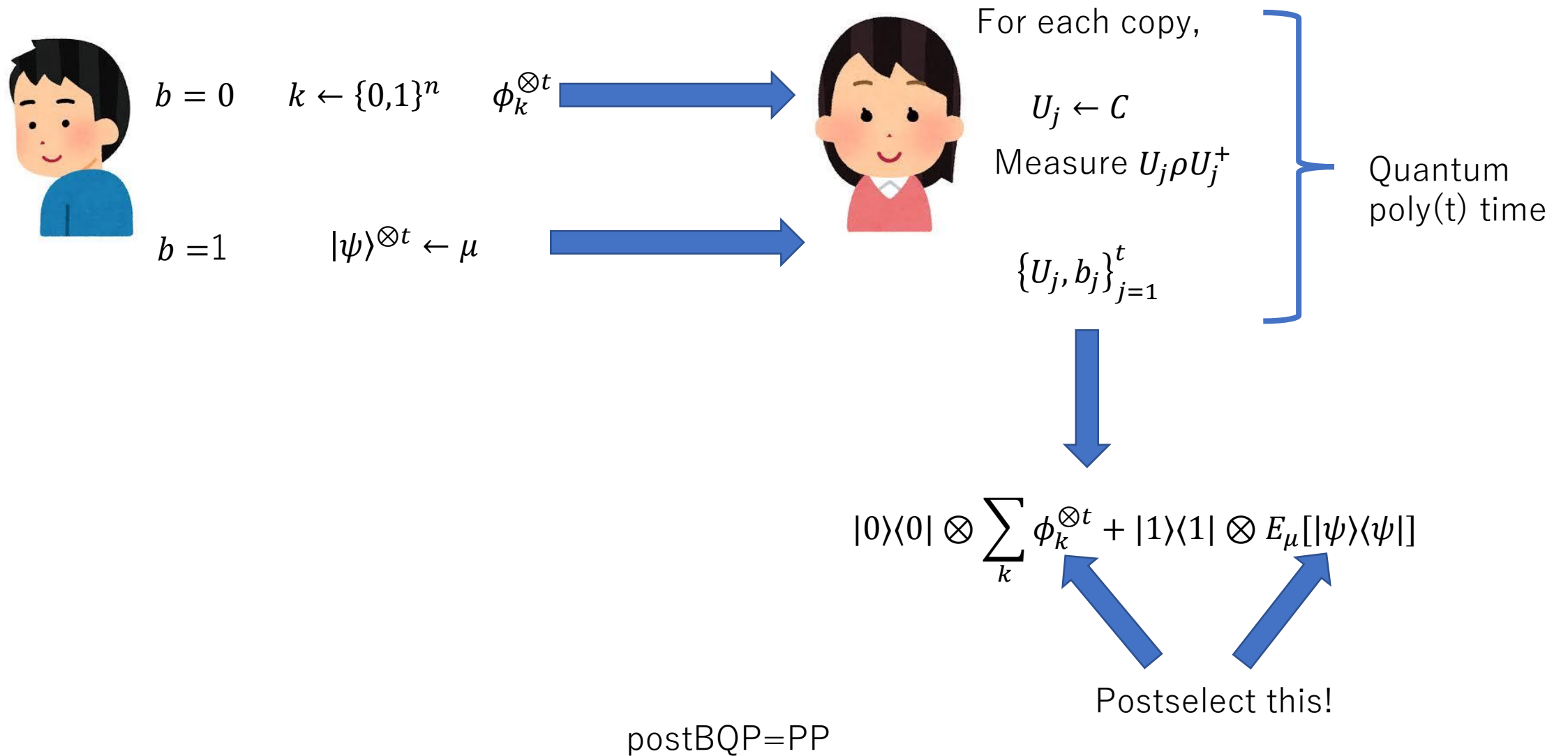
$$t = O(\log M)!$$

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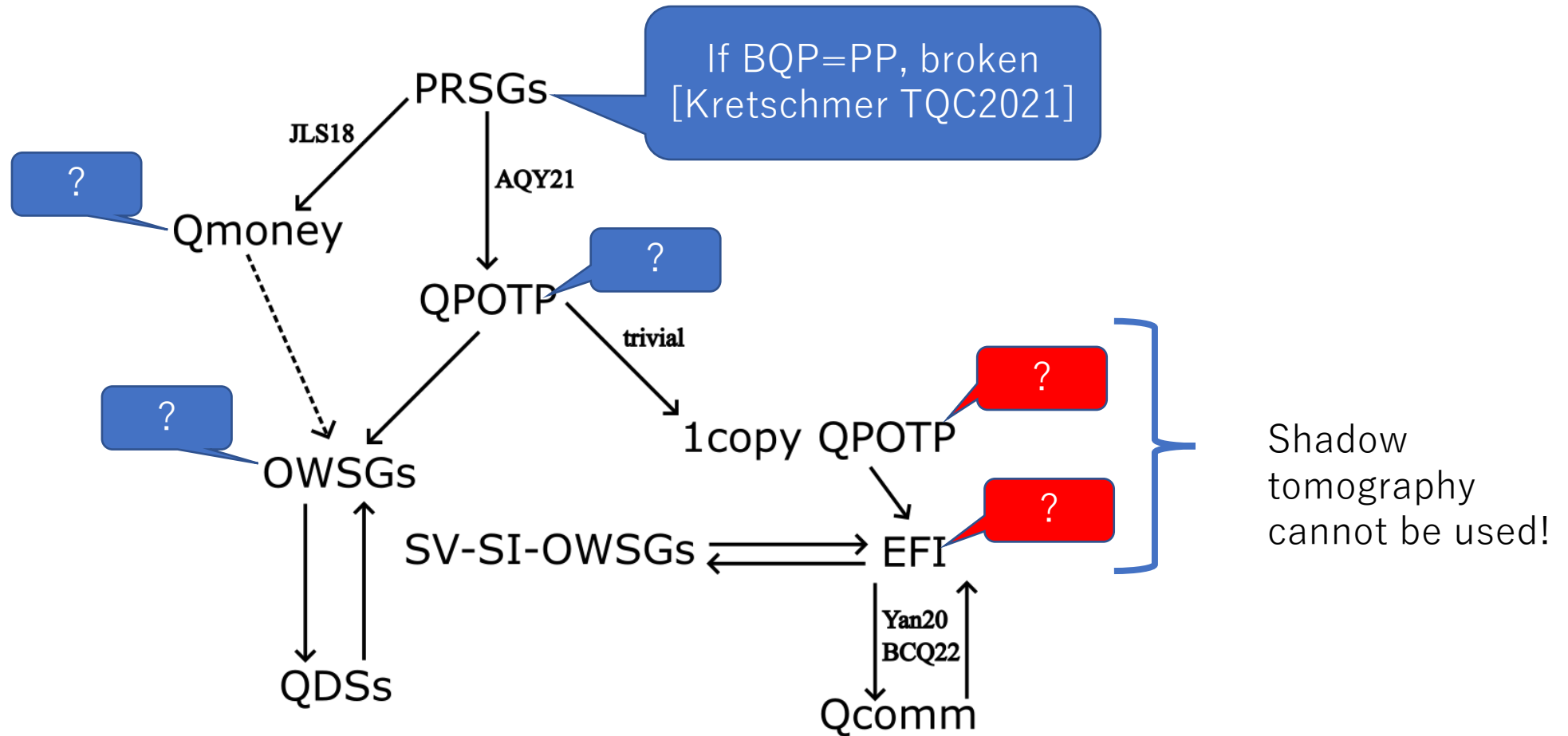


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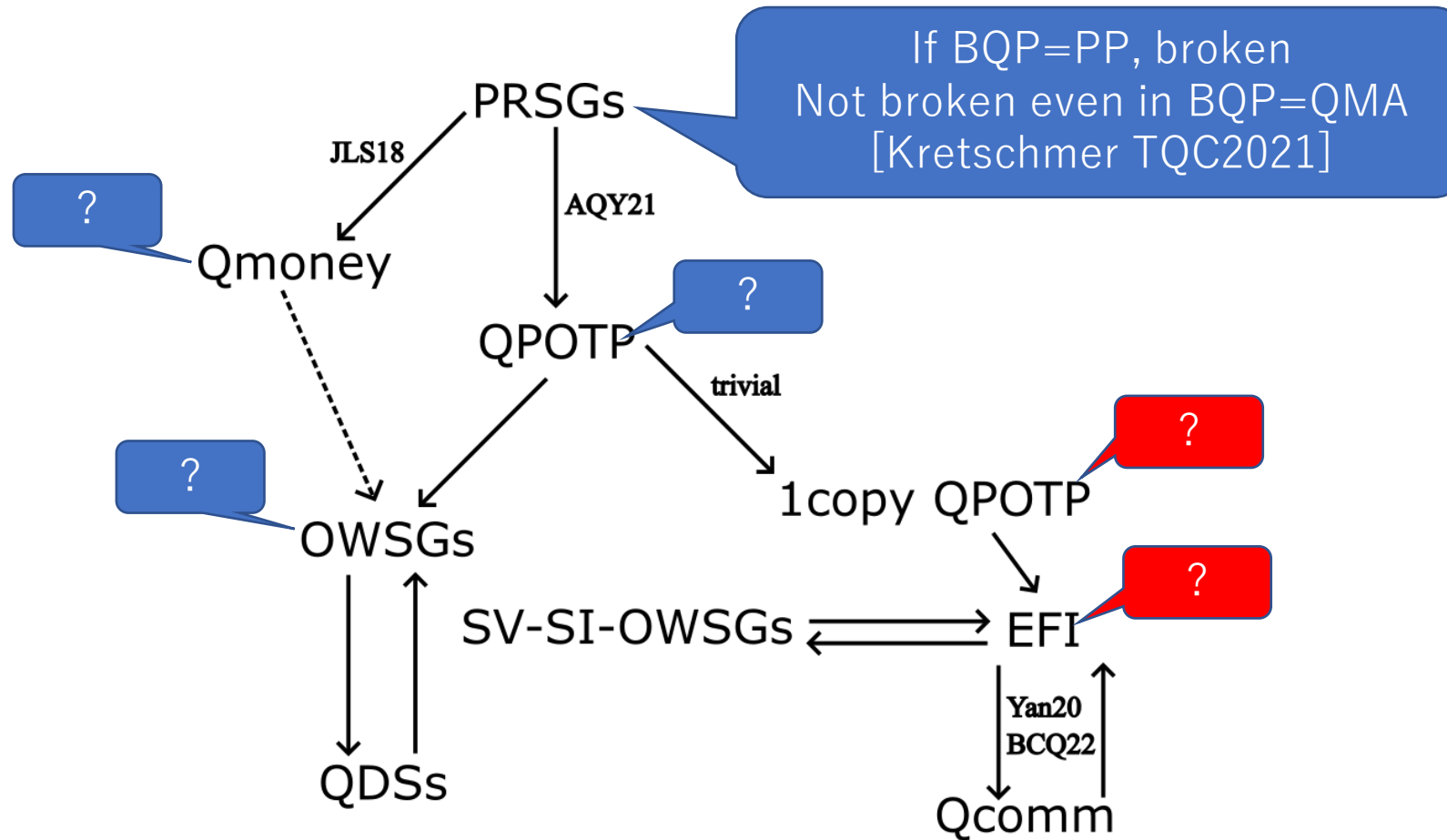
[Kretschmer TQC2021]



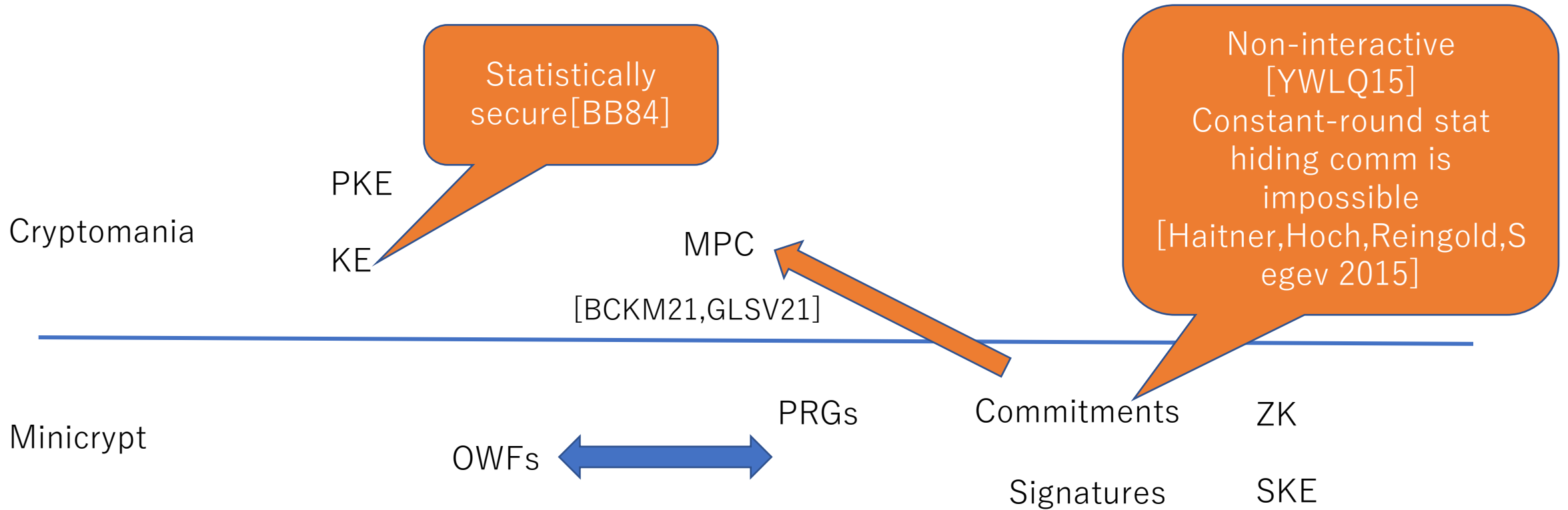
Open problems: what is necessary classical complexity assumption?



Necessary classical complexity assumption



“Quantum advantage” in crypto



Inherently quantum primitives

Public Qmoney

One-shot signature

Q copy protection

Private Qmoney

Unclonable encryption

Unclonable decryption

Certified deletion

cryptomania

KE

PKE

MPC

[BCKM21, GLSV21]

minicrypt

OWFs

PRGs

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ZK

Statistically possible [BB84]

Non-interactive one is possible [YWLQ15]

PRSGs

Digital signatures

PRSGs \rightarrow Commitment

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$$F\left(\sum_k |\phi_k\rangle \langle \phi_k|, \frac{I}{2^m}\right) \leq \text{negl}$$