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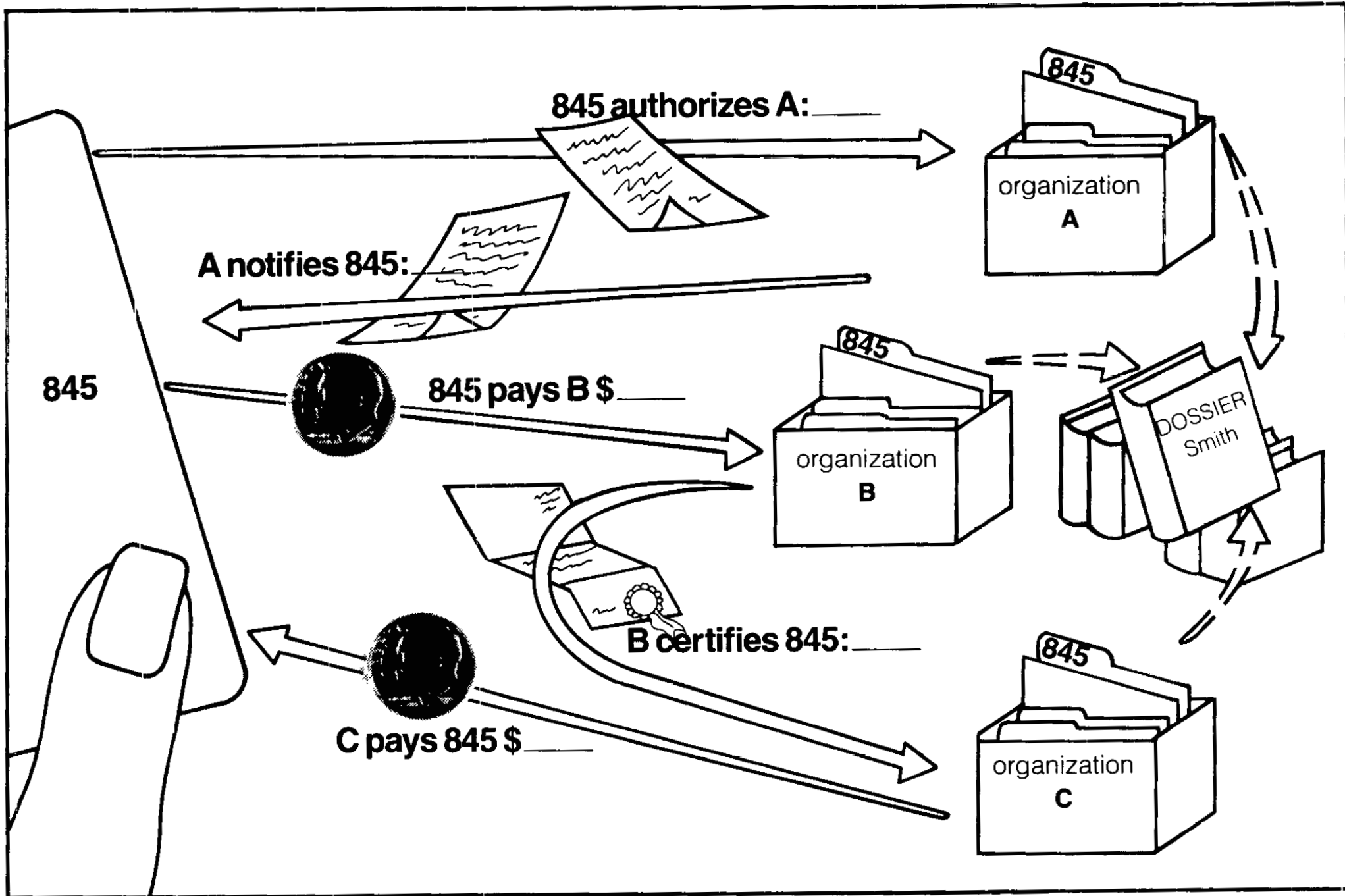
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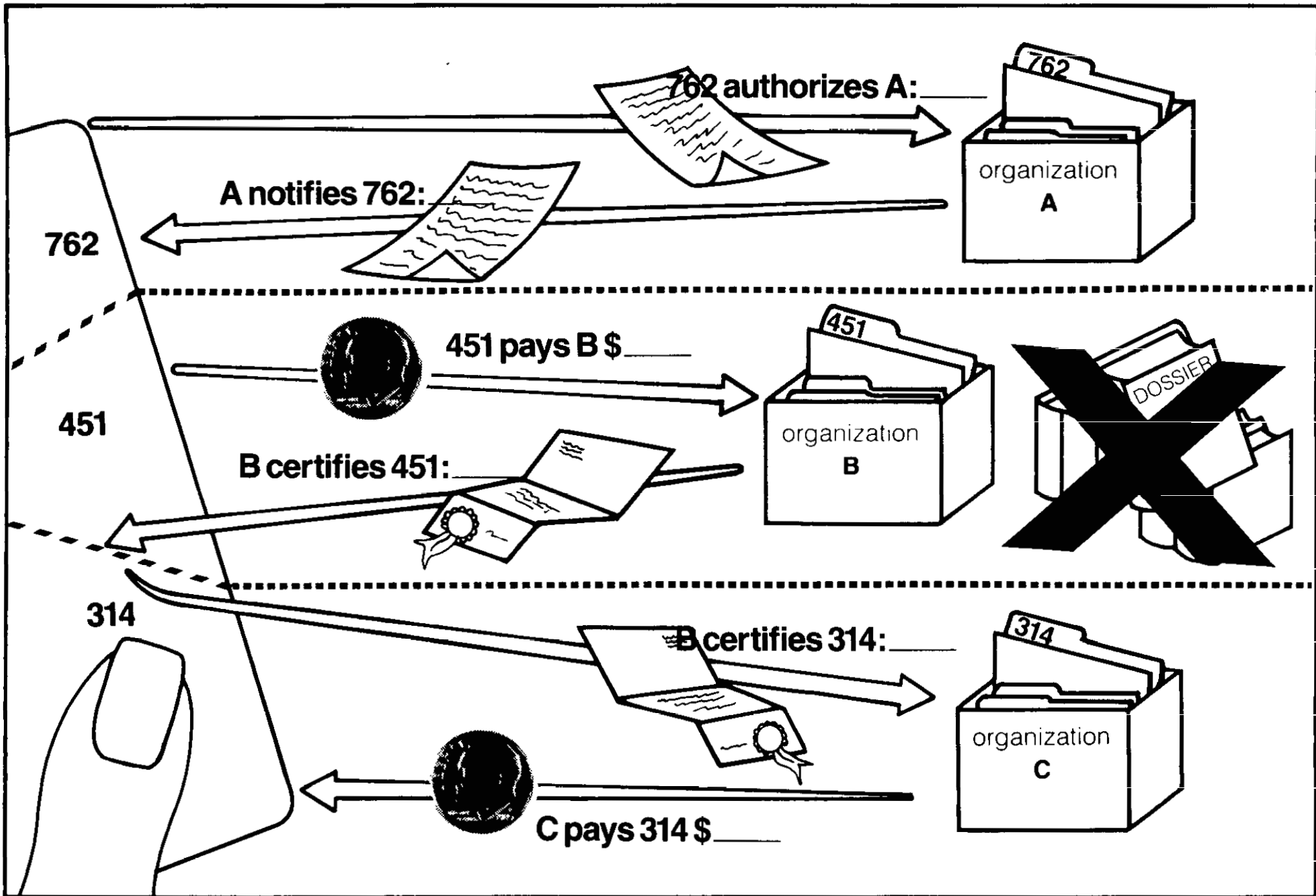


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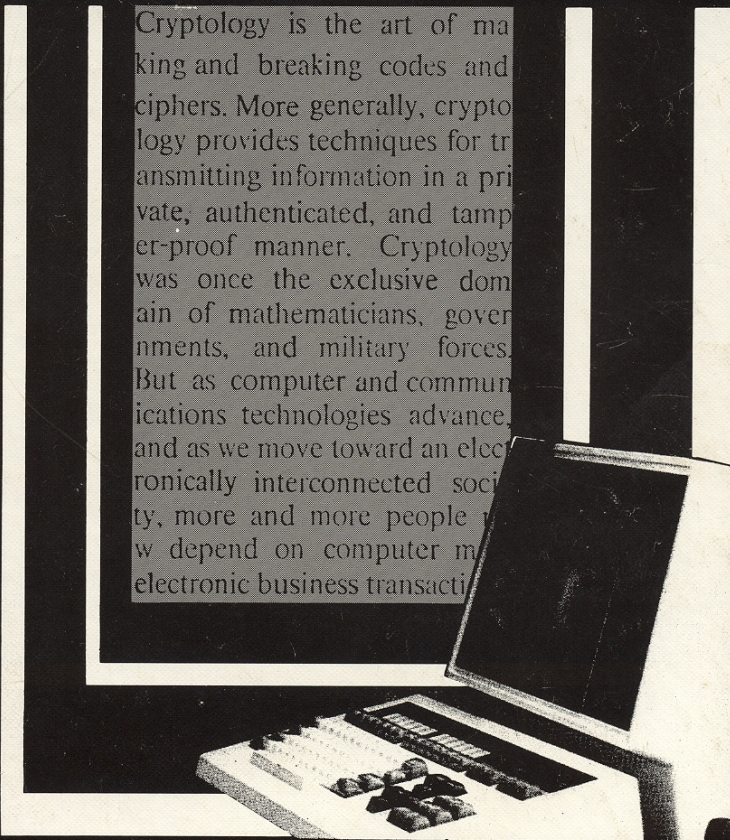
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Cryptology is the art of making and breaking codes and ciphers. More generally, cryptology provides techniques for transmitting information in a private, authenticated, and tamper-proof manner. Cryptology was once the exclusive domain of mathematicians, governments, and military forces. But as computer and communications technologies advance, and as we move toward an electronically interconnected society, more and more people now depend on computer-mediated electronic business transactions.



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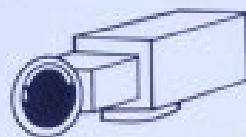


# IS WATCHING YOU



Ajuntament de Barcelona

Zona vigilada  
en un radi de 500 m



Pl. George Orwell

PLAÇA  
DE  
GEORGE ORWELL





AMATEUR

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BOOK

BIG  
BROTHER

# Cryptography

Ongoing battle between

Codemakers

Codebreakers

(cryptographers)

(cryptanalysts)



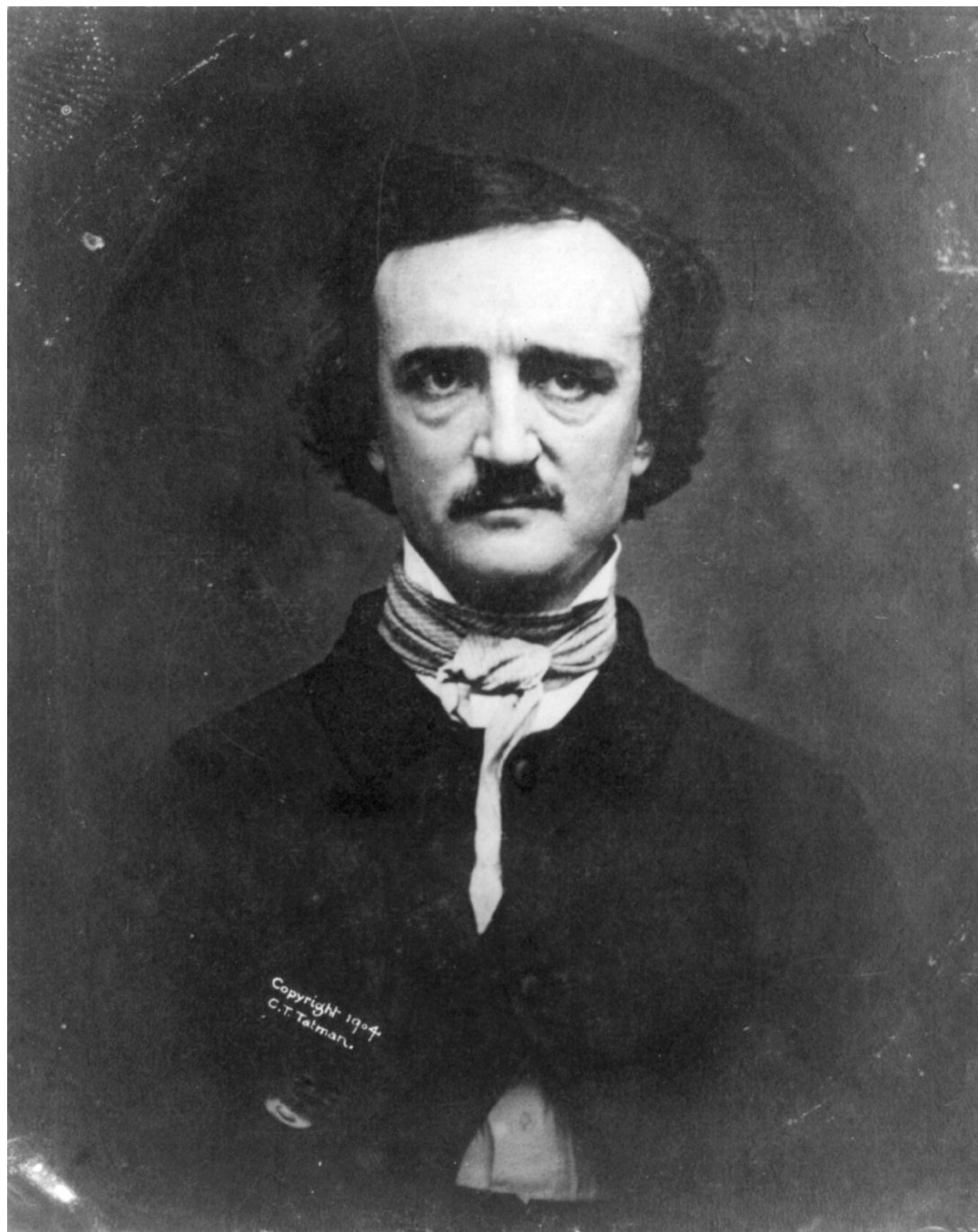
# Who will win?

Codemakers

or

Codebreakers

?



Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849)

EDGAR  
ALLAN POE



THE GOLD BUG



# Al-Kindi

Lived 801-873

Wrote 290 books

Abu Yusuf Ya'qub ibn Is-haq ibn as-Sabbah  
ibn Oòmran ibn Ismail **Al-Kindi**



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Blaise de Vigenère



TRAICTE  
DES CHIFFRES,  
OV SECRETES  
MANIERES  
D'ESCRIRE:

PAR  
BLAISE DE VIGENERE,  
BOVRBONNOIS.



2295

*antes muerto que mudado*

A PARIS,

Chez ABEL L'ANGELIER, au premier pillier  
de la grand' Salle du Palais.

M. D. LXXXVI.

1586

AVEC PRIVILEGE DV ROY.

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# Who will win?

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Blaise de Vigenère, 1586

Giovan Battista Belasso, 1553

Charles Babbage, 1854 (1846?)

# Who will win?

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Was he right?

# Key Establishment

How can Alice and Bob establish a secret key?

Trusted third party



Computational security

Quantum physics

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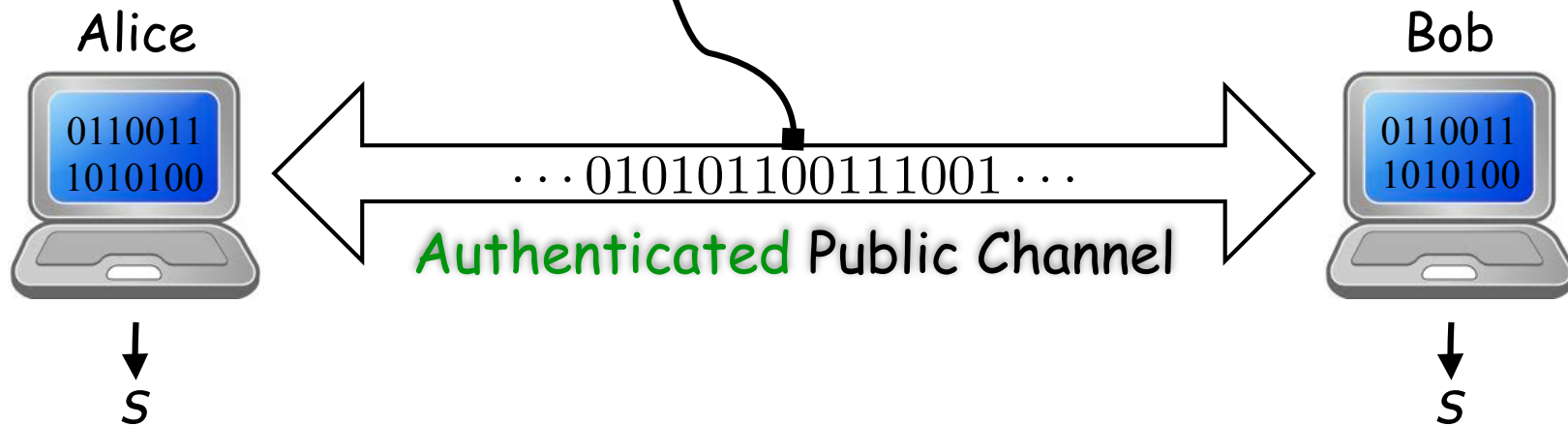
Computational security

Can<sup>not</sup> be unconditionally secure

# Key Establishment Problem



Black  
Magic?



# Computational Security

James Ellis (1970)

Clifford Cocks (1973)

Ralph Merkle (1974)

Diffie et Hellman (1976)

Rivest, Shamir, Adleman (1977)

Robert McEliece (1978)

# The Big Question

We live in a quantum world

Is this a *blessing*  
or a **curse**  
for codemakers?



# Various Scenarios

Codemakers

Classical

Quantum

Codebreakers

Classical

Quantum

Communication Channels

Classical

Quantum

# Classical Scenario

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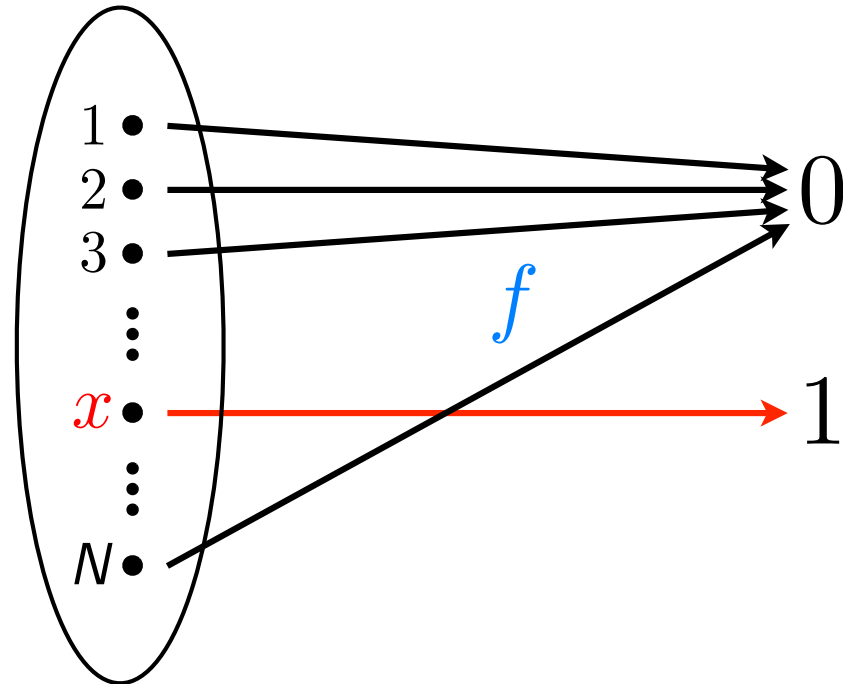
# Shor's algorithm

Can factor large numbers efficiently

Can extract discrete logarithms efficiently  
even in elliptic curves

on a quantum computer

# Grover's Algorithm



Problem: find unique  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 1$

Classical: requires  $N/2$  calls to  $f$  on average

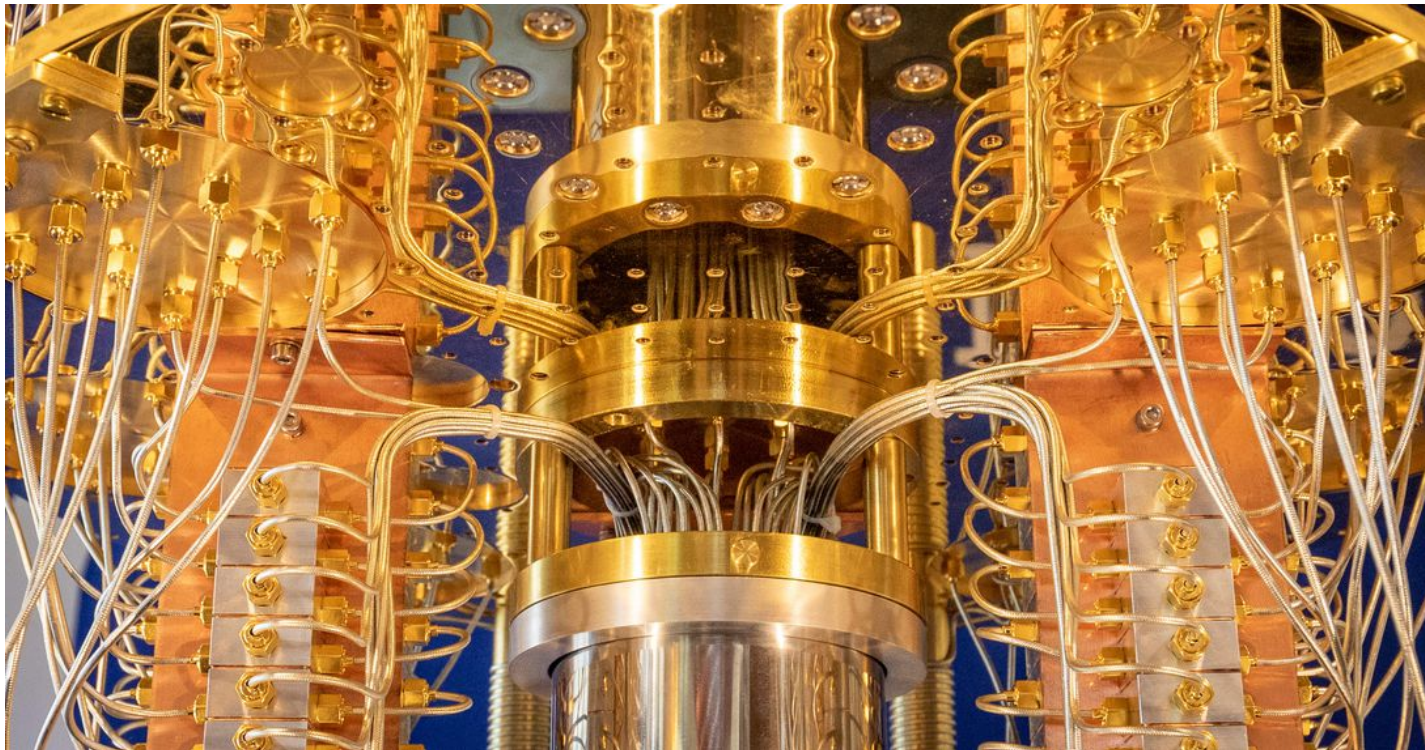
Grover: about  $\sqrt{N}$  quantum calls to  $f$  suffice!

# IBM's new 53-qubit quantum computer is its biggest yet

The system will go online in October.

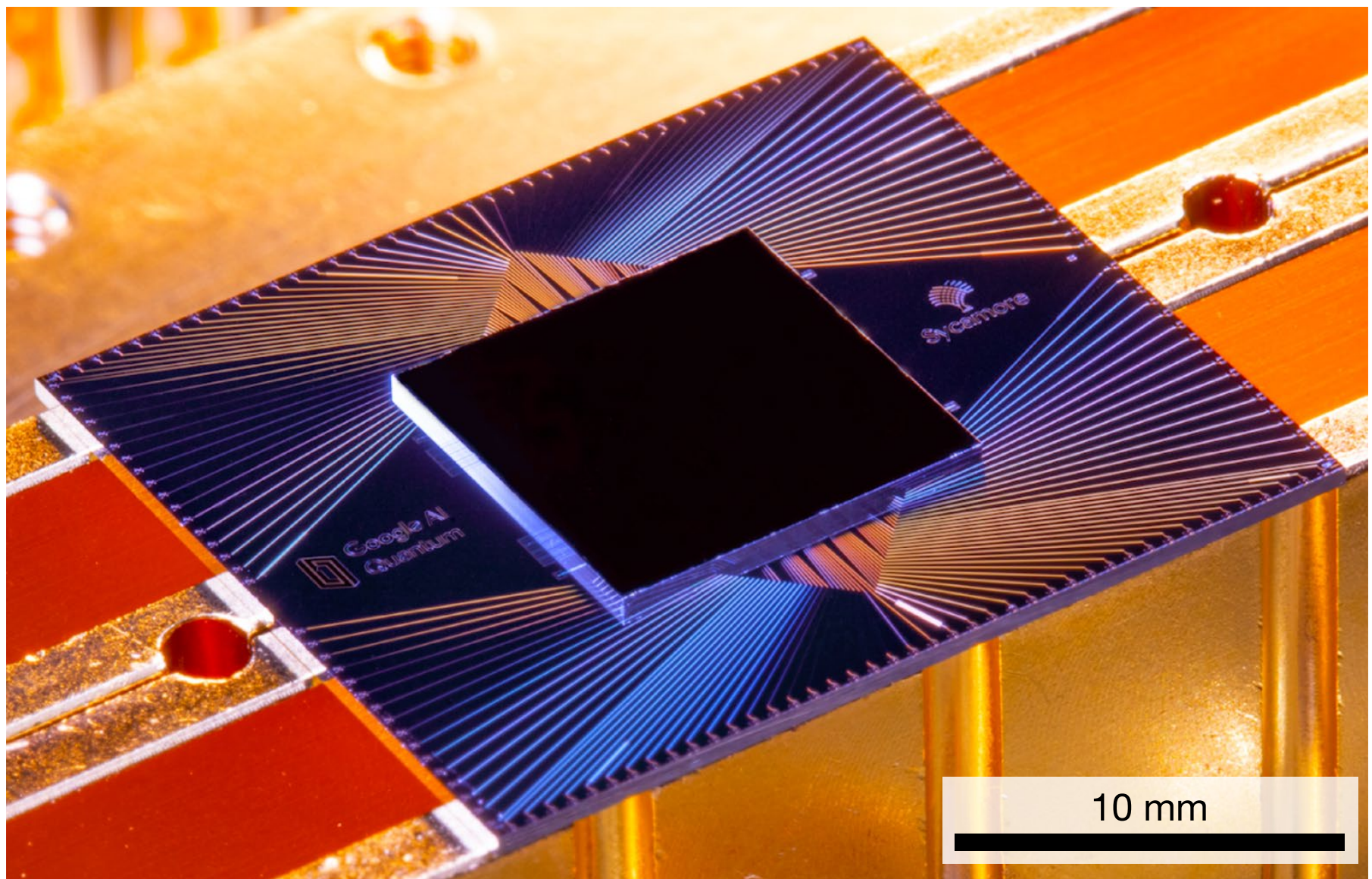


**Stephen Shankland**  September 18, 2019 5:00 AM PDT



A close-up view of the IBM Q quantum computer. The processor is in the silver-colored cylinder.





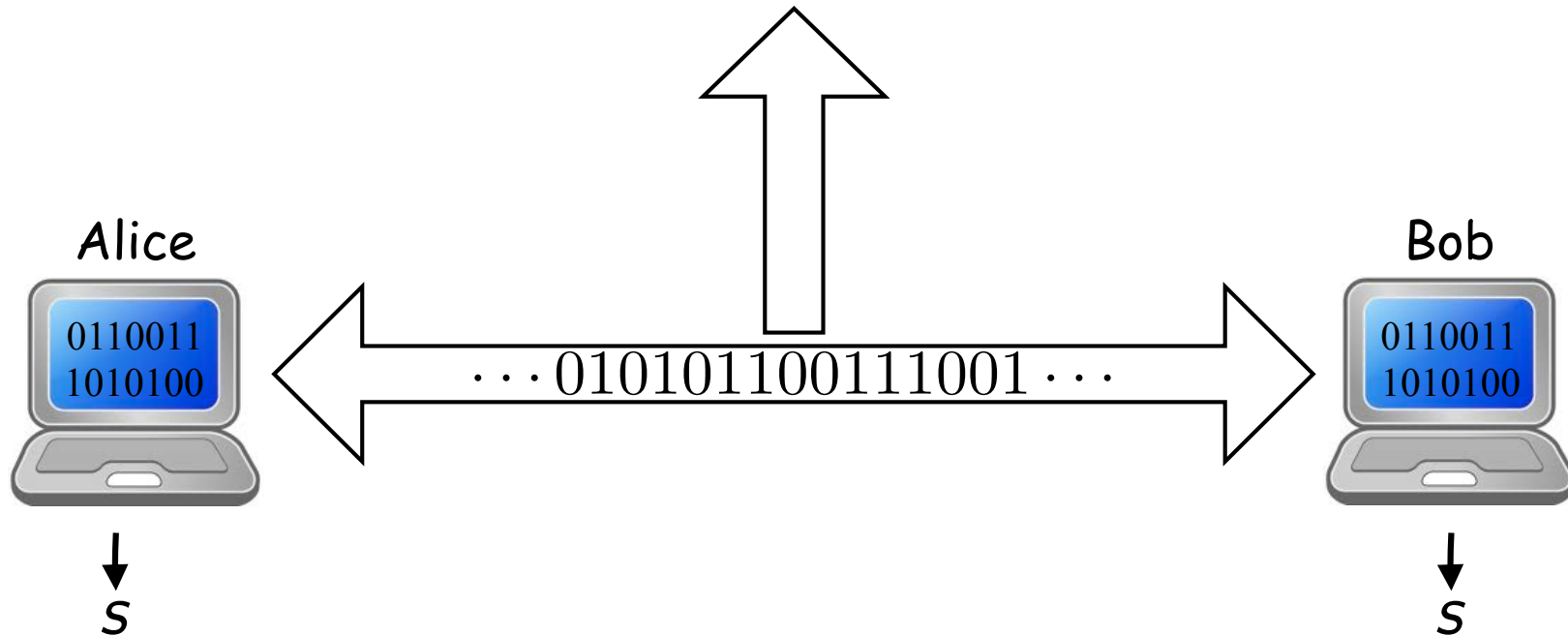
**Fig. 1 | The Sycamore processor. a,** Layout of processor, showing a rectangular array of 54 qubits (grey), each connected to its four nearest neighbours with couplers (blue). The inoperable qubit is outlined. **b,** Photograph of the Sycamore chip.



# Key Establishment in a Quantum World



Quantum Adversary



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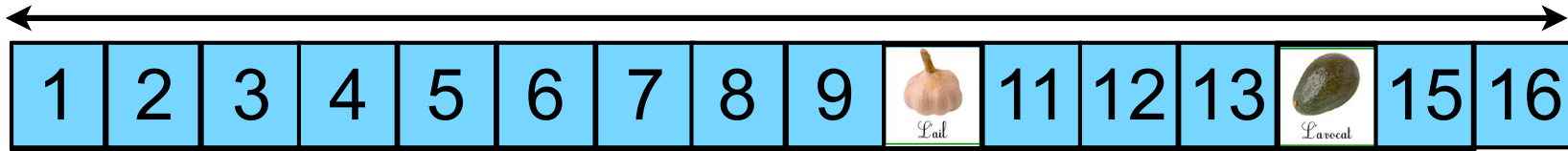
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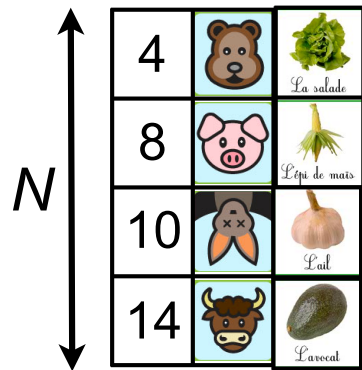
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Quantum Eve

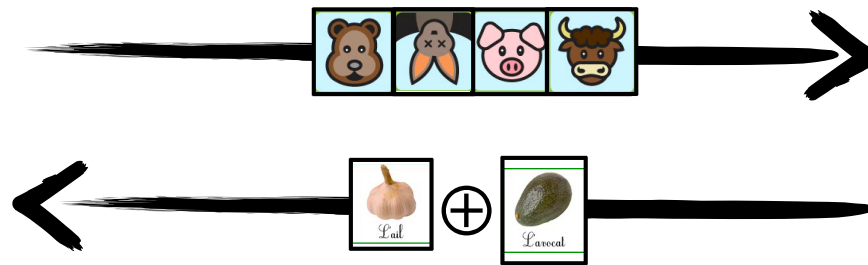
$N^2$



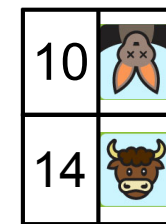
Alice



key = (10,14)



Bob



key = (10,14)

Alice needs exactly  $N$  calls to each oracle

Bob finds   after  $2N+2$  expected calls

This **requires**  $\sim N^{7/6}$  quantum expected calls!

# Quantum against Quantum

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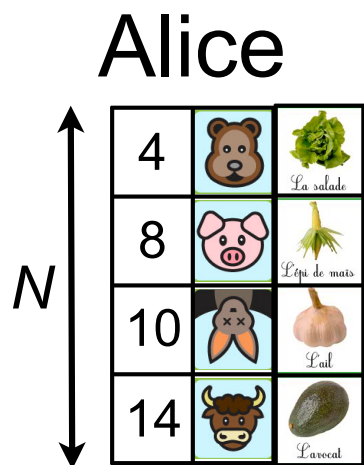
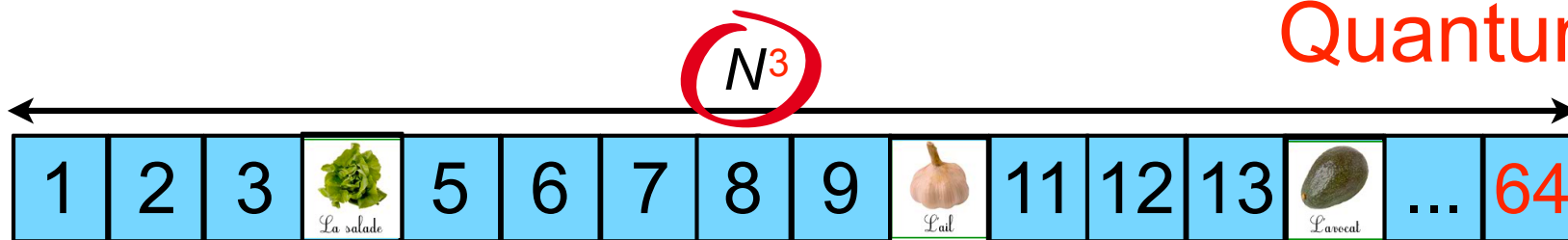


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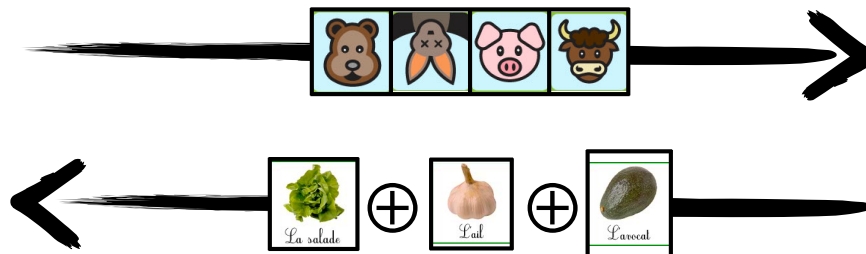


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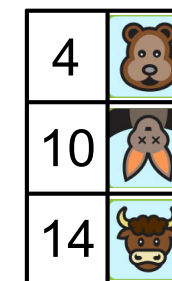
Quantum Eve



key = (4, 10, 14)



Bob



key = (4, 10, 14)

Bob finds key after

$$3 \times O\left(\sqrt{\frac{N^3}{N}}\right) = O(N)$$

calls using **BBHT**

Alice needs exactly  $N$  calls to each oracle

This **requires**  $\sim N^{7/4}$  quantum expected calls

# Summary with Classical Channels

UNPROVED security in the computational model

In a **classical** world, RSA and Diffie-Hellman seem to be secure, but we can't prove it.

In a **quantum** world, RSA and Diffie-Hellman (even using elliptic curves) are **known** to be insecure, **but McEliece / New Hope / Frodo might be secure.**

It seems that Quantum Mechanics is a **curse** for codemakers!



# Summary with Classical Channels

**PROVABLE** security in the black box model

When the legitimate parties work in time  $\sim N$  ...

In a **classical** world, the eavesdropper must work in time  $\sim N^2$  to learn their key.

In a **quantum** world, the eavesdropper can learn their key in time  $\sim N^{7/4}$  against the best scheme **discovered so far**.

It seems that Quantum Mechanics  
is again a **curse** for codemakers!

# Quantum Cryptography

Codemakers

Classical

Quantum

Codebreaker

Classical

Quantum

Channels

Classical

Quantum

# Quantum Cryptography

Codemakers

(almost)

Classical

Quantum

Codebreaker

Classical

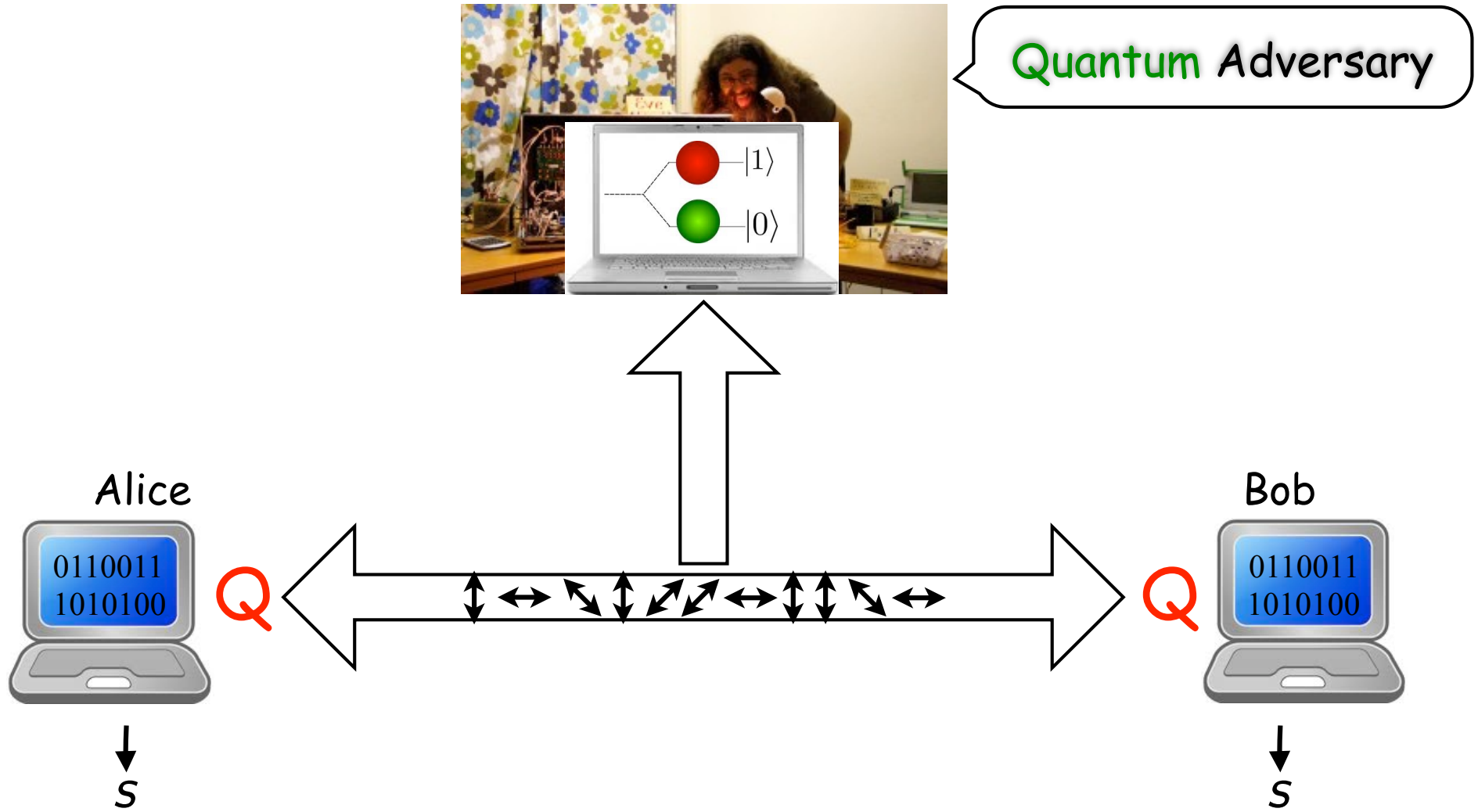
Quantum

Channels

Classical

Quantum

# Quantum Cryptography





Stephen Wiesner



# Conjugate Coding

Stephen Wiesner

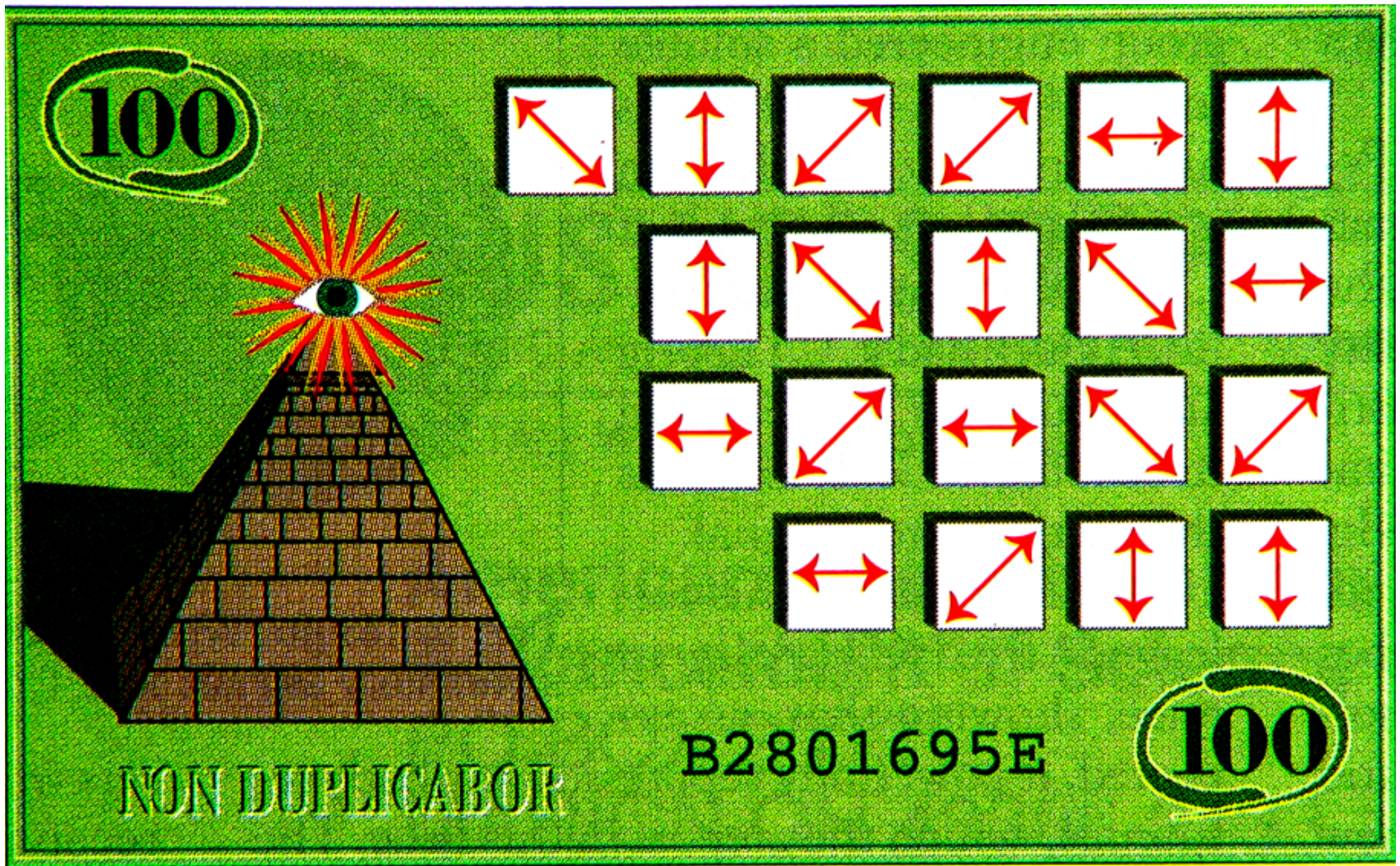
Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

Department of Physics

Written 1968

Published 1983!





**A quantum banknote**, containing particles in a secret set of quantum states, cannot be copied by counterfeiters, who would disturb the particles by attempting to observe them.



**What are you  
talking about??**





**No one understands  
my idea!**



***Wiesner***

**Don't worry!  
I know you!**



***Charles Bennett***

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Quantum Information Theory

False

Conversation w/ Steve Wiesner, who told me that:

A variation on the Einstein-Rosen-Podolsky Gedankenexperiment can be used to send, through a channel with a nominal capacity of one bit, two bits of information; subject however to the constraint that ~~the receiver may choose at his choice to read either~~ whichever bit the ~~receiver~~<sup>receiver</sup> chooses to read, ~~both~~ the other bit is destroyed.

Start with a two-electron system in a singlet state. Separate the electrons and send one of them, A, to the receiver for <sup>later</sup> use as a <sup>sort of code</sup> key. The sending of A does not constitute a message, since the transmitter has exercised no choice in preparing A. Take the other electron, B, and apply to it, at the sender's choice, one of the four operations  $\mathbf{I}$ ,  $R_x^\pi$ ,  $R_y^\pi$ ,  $R_z^\pi$ ; where  $\mathbf{I}$  leaves it unchanged,  $R_x^\pi$  rotates it  $180^\circ$  about the x-axis, etc. Now send B to the receiver. The receiver is asked ~~to make one~~ <sup>of two measurements on</sup> both A & B, ~~the measurement being~~ <sup>to select one spin component, y or z,</sup> and measure this same component for both electrons A & B. In either case the receiver recovers one bit of the two bit message encoded into B <sup>the sender's</sup> by a choice of the operators  $\{\mathbf{I}, R_x, R_y, R_z\}$ .

	Receiver Measure $\rightarrow S_y$	$S_z$
Sender has applied	$\mathbf{I}$	0 0
	$R_x$	s s
	$R_y$	0 s
	$R_z$	s 0

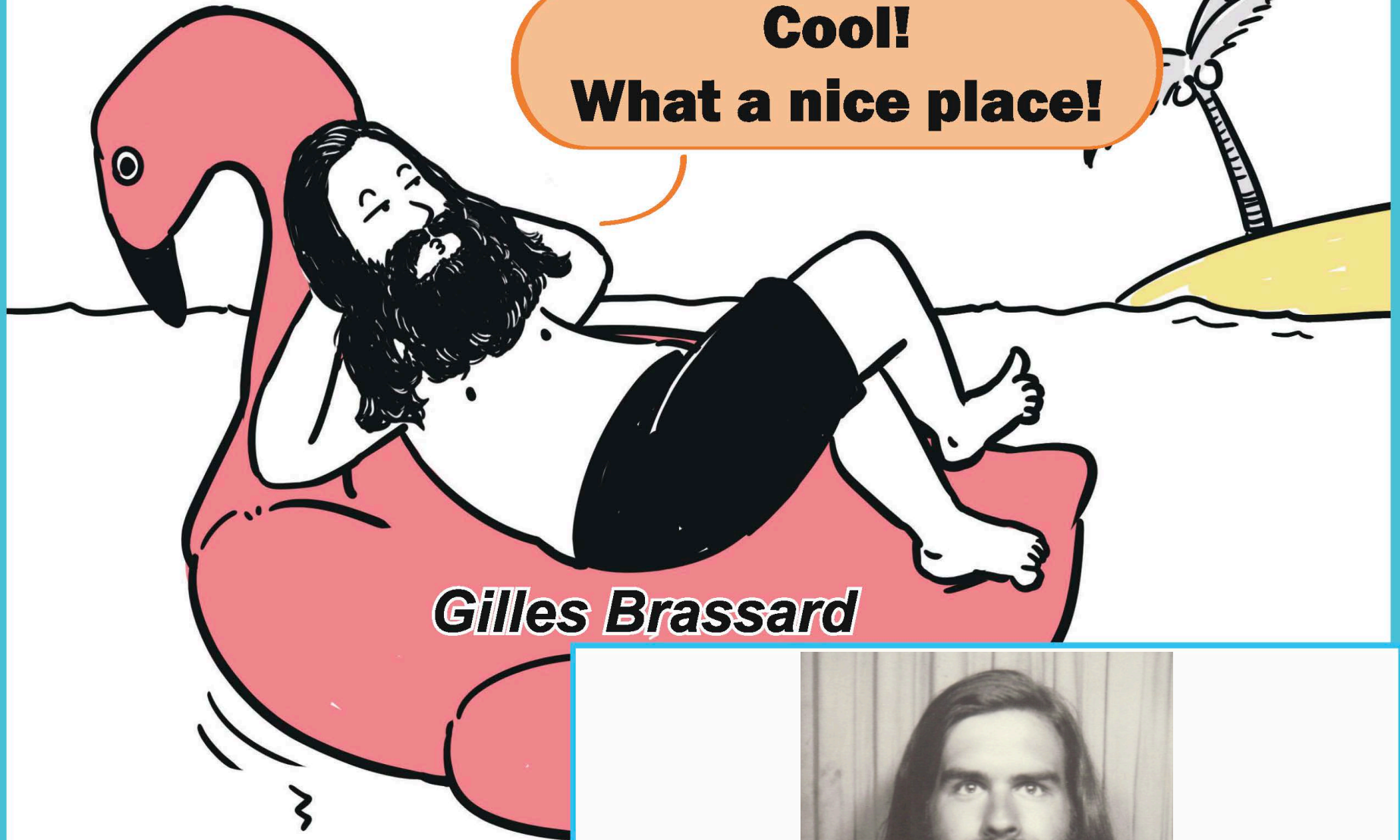
s = same spin component

0 = A & B have opposite values of the measured spin component.

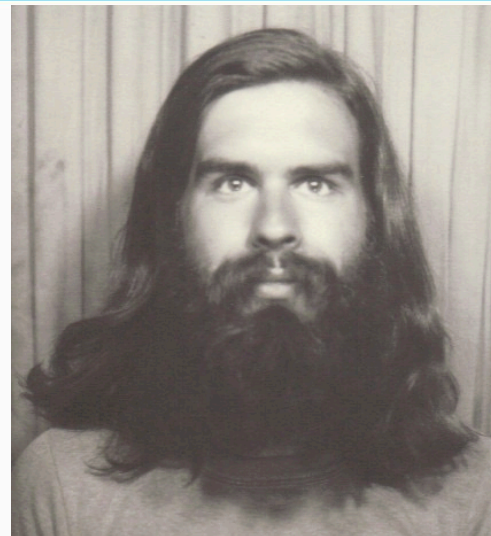


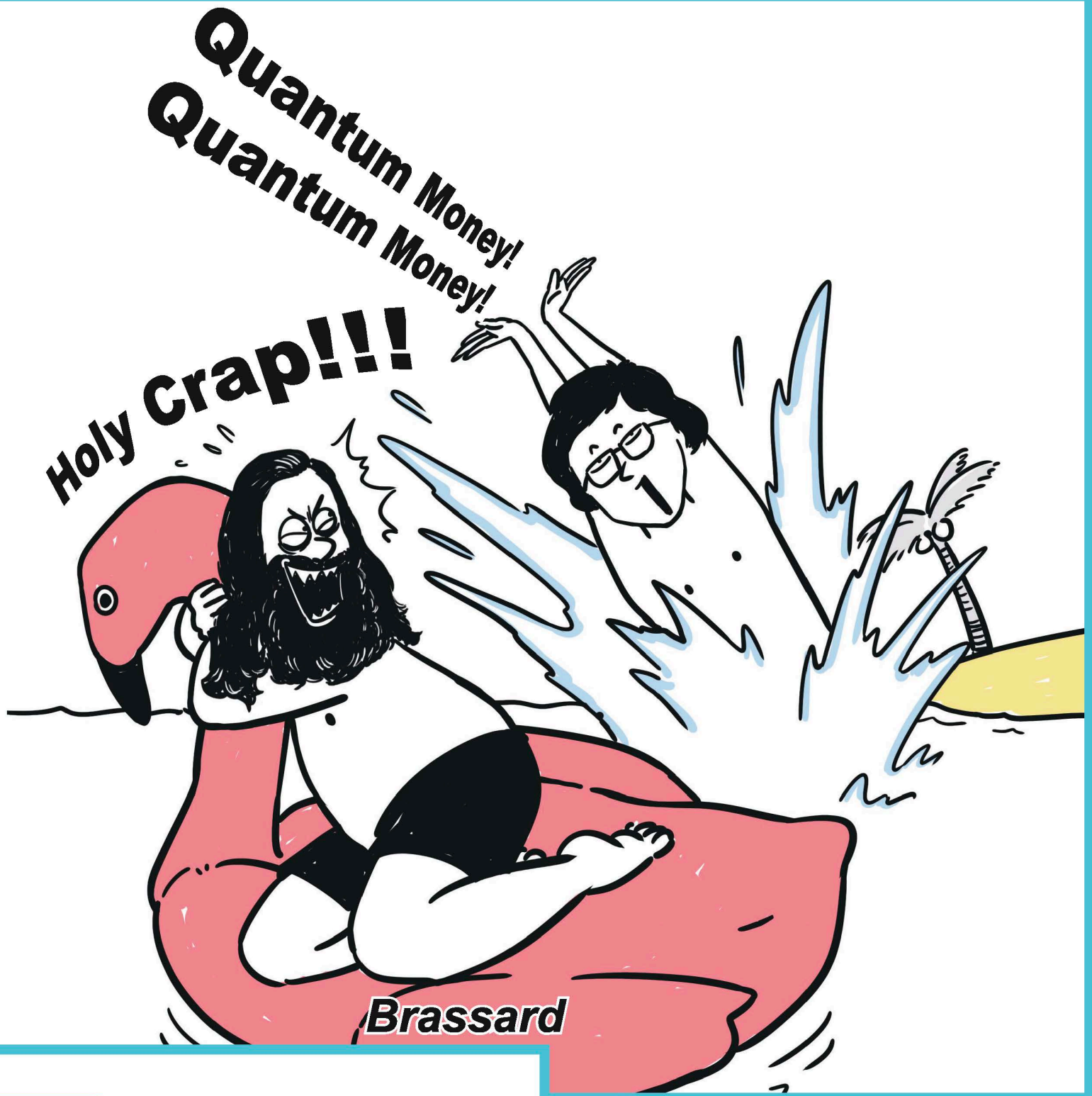
**Late October 1979**

**Cool!  
What a nice place!**



**Gilles Brassard**

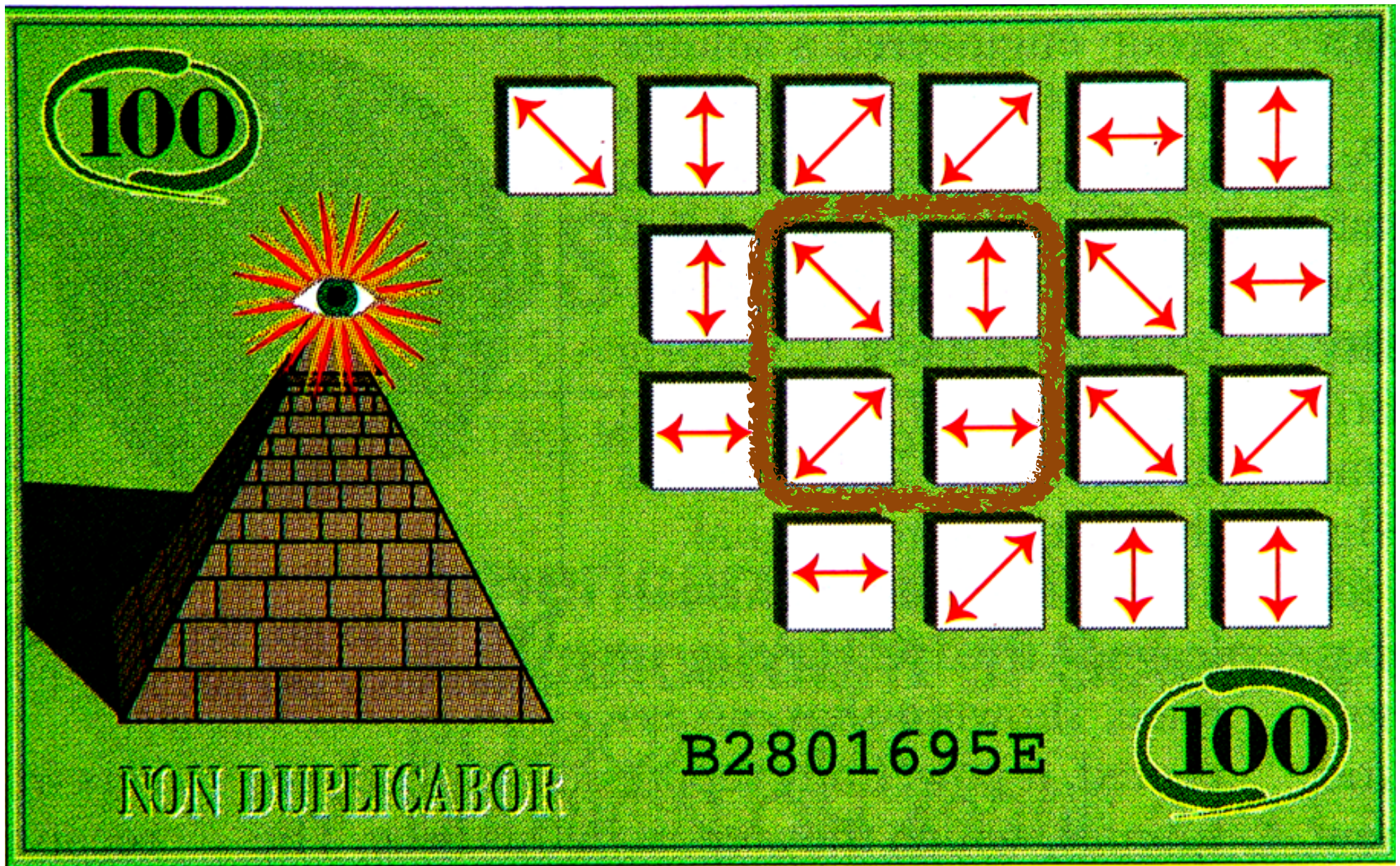




**Quantum Money!**  
**Quantum Money!**  
**Holy crap!!!**

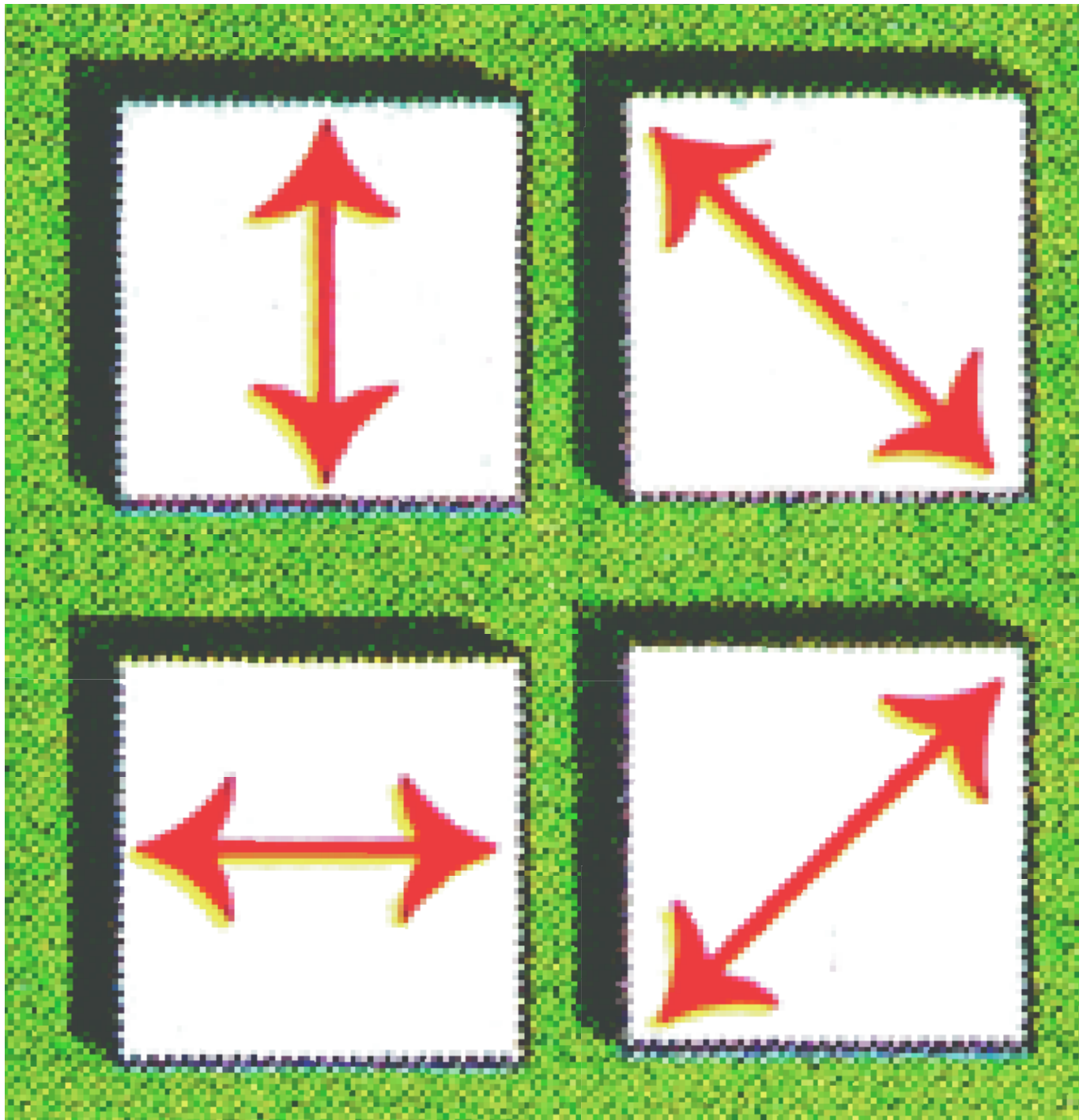
**Brassard**



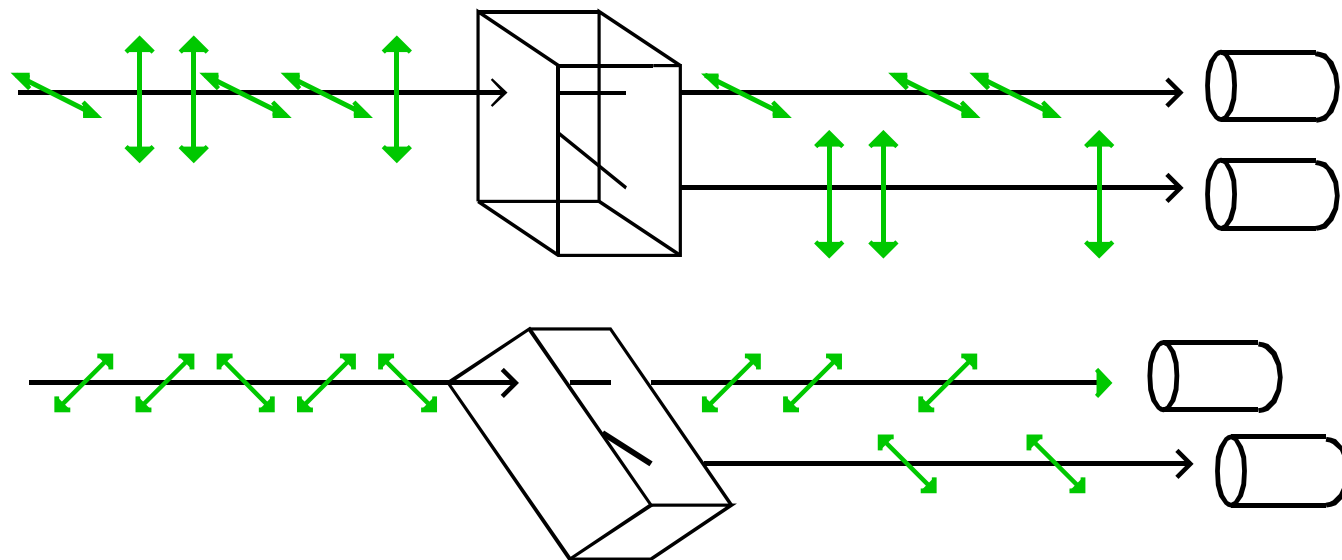
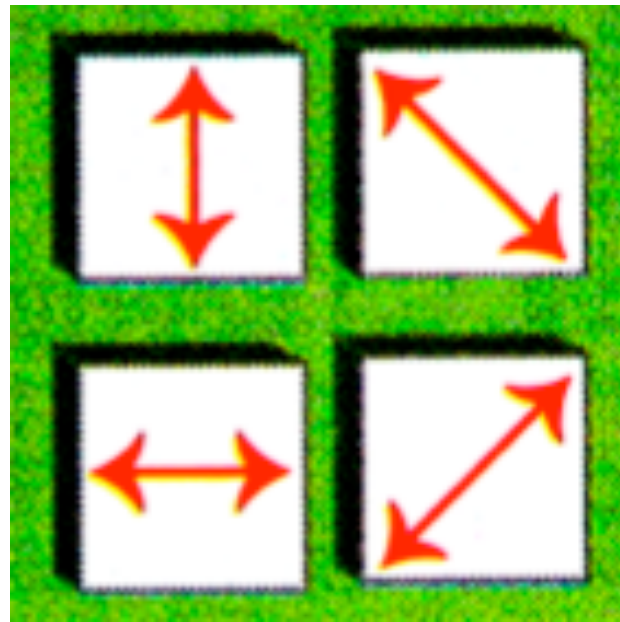


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No measurement can distinguish all four kinds.



1983

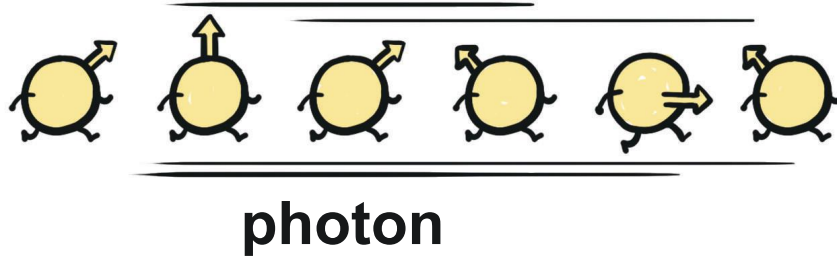
**Encode the classical key on  
photon's polarization!**

**No one can steal  
the key! Yeah!**

Brassard

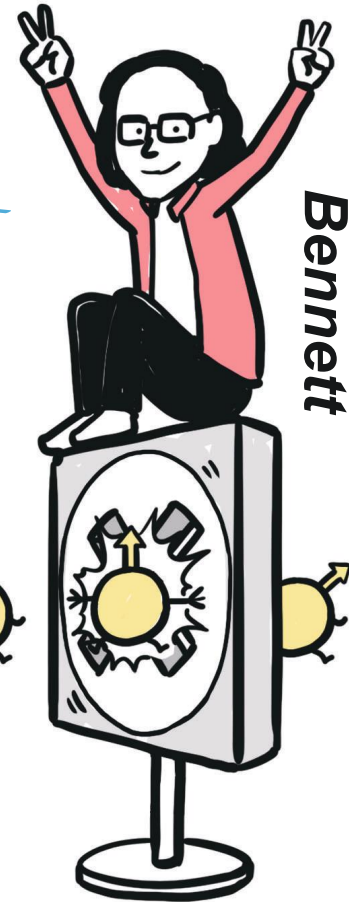


Photon gun



photon

Bennett

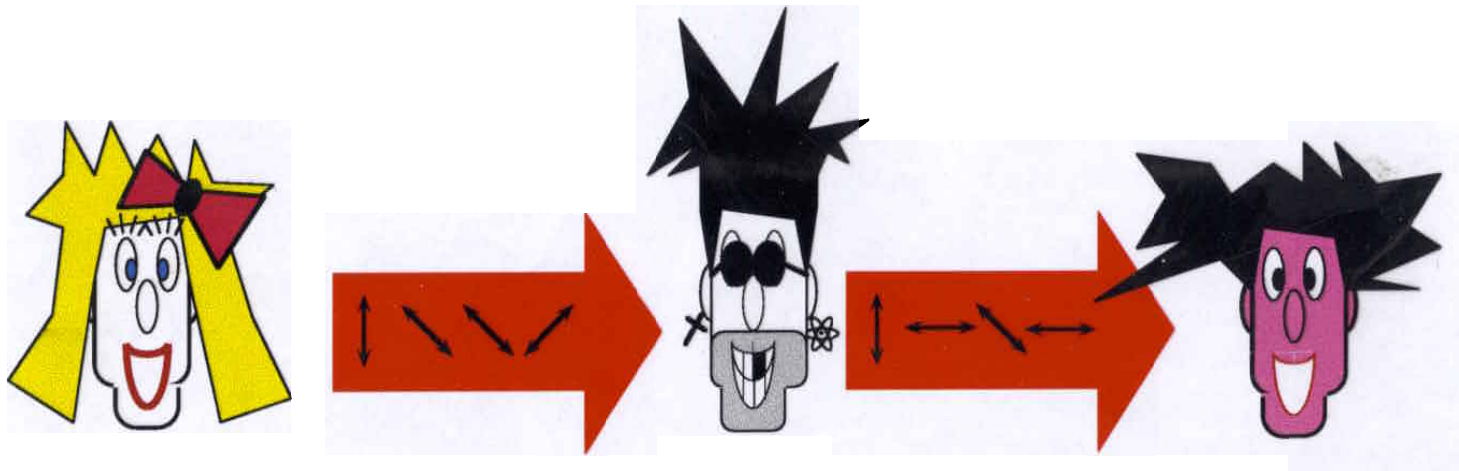


Polarizer



These states cannot be distinguished reliably

Eavesdropping → Errors → Detection



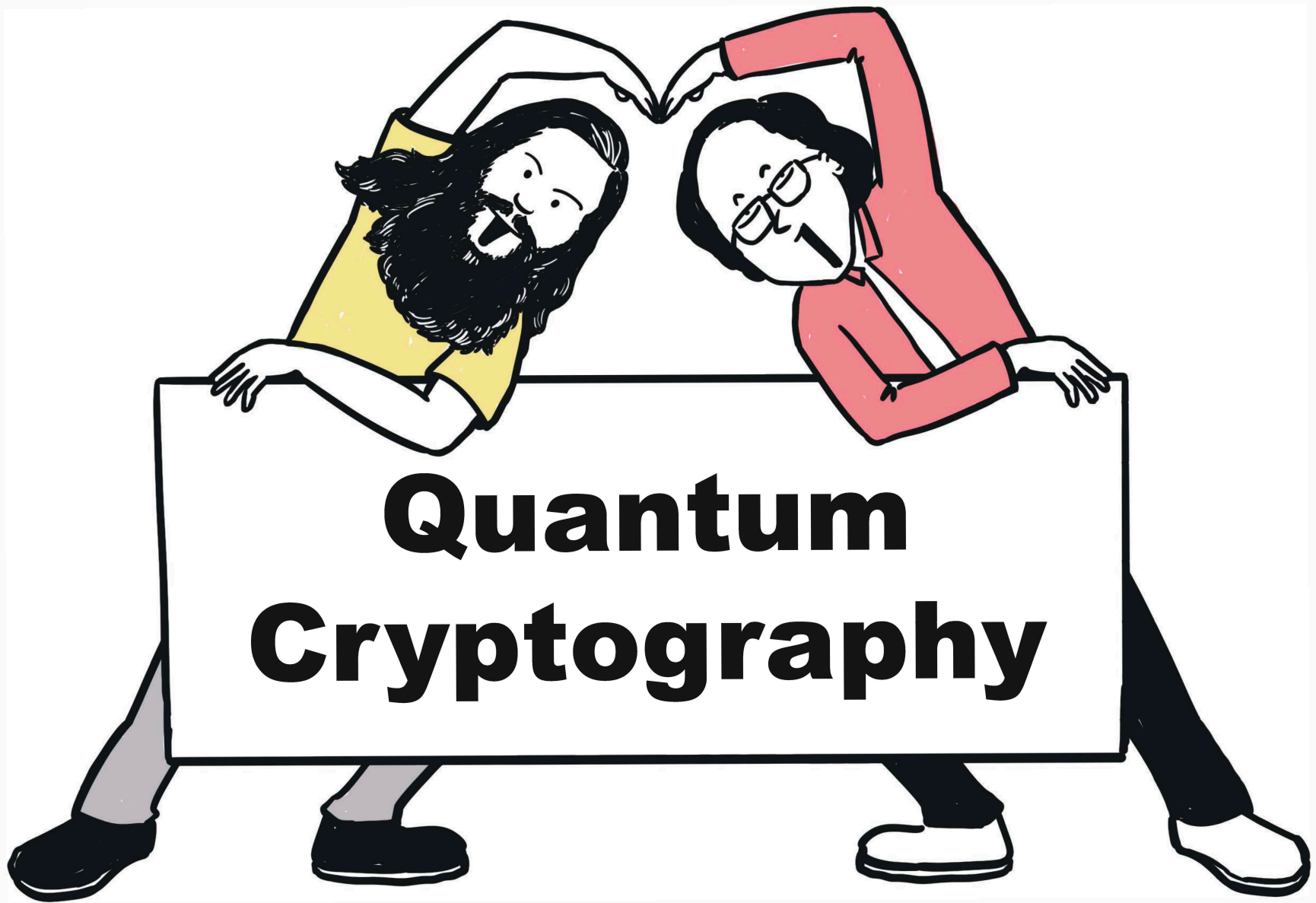
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Eavesdropping → Errors → Detection

Use quantum channel to send random key

+ classical one-time-pad to send message

→ eavesdropping prevention

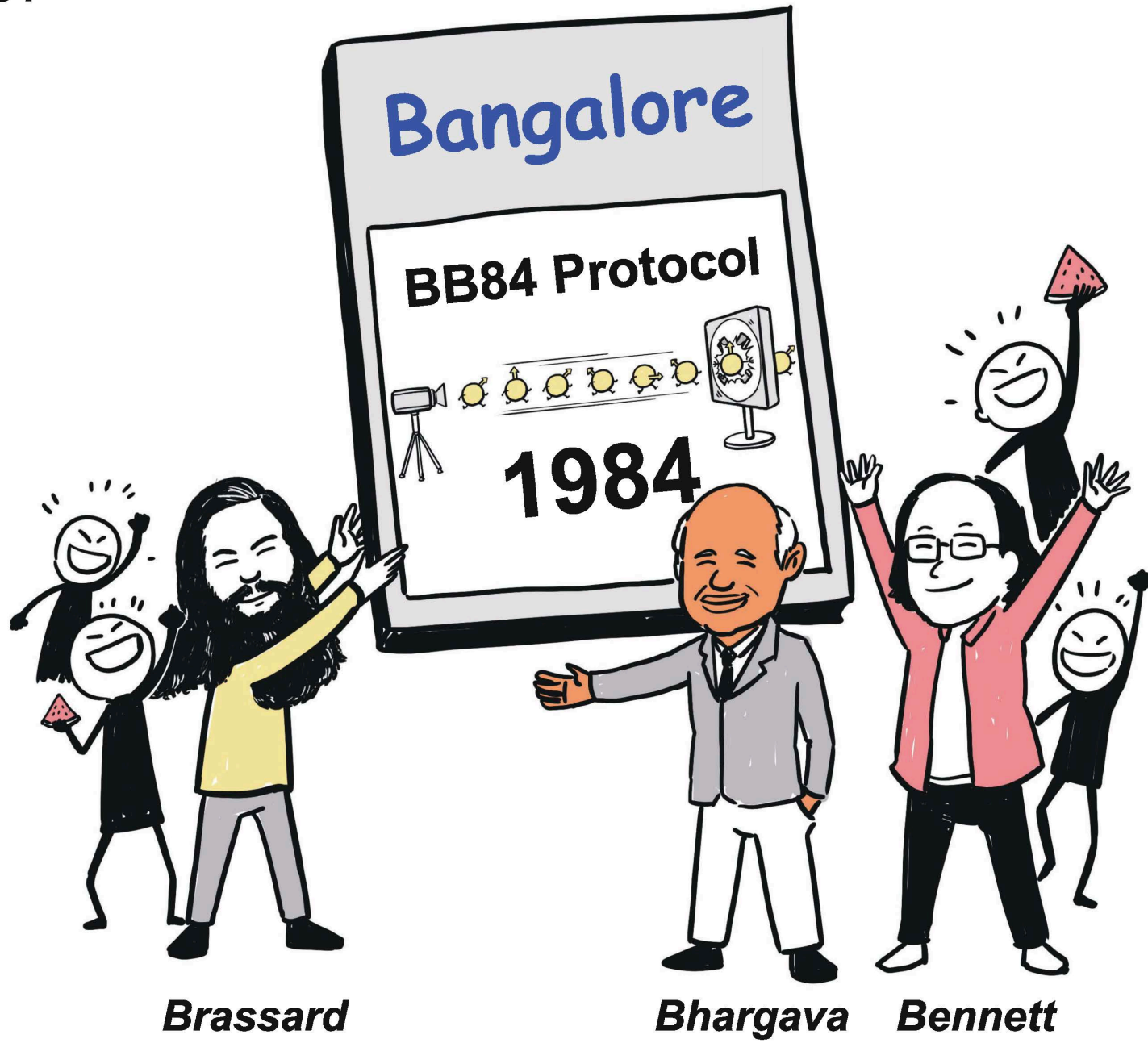


# Quantum Cryptography

*Brassard*

*Bennett*

1984



By Sheldon Li

# Quantum Cryptography

**Unconditionally Confidential**  
**Transmission of Information**

regardless of eavesdropper's  
technology and computing power



# Who will win?

Codemakers

or

Codebreakers

?

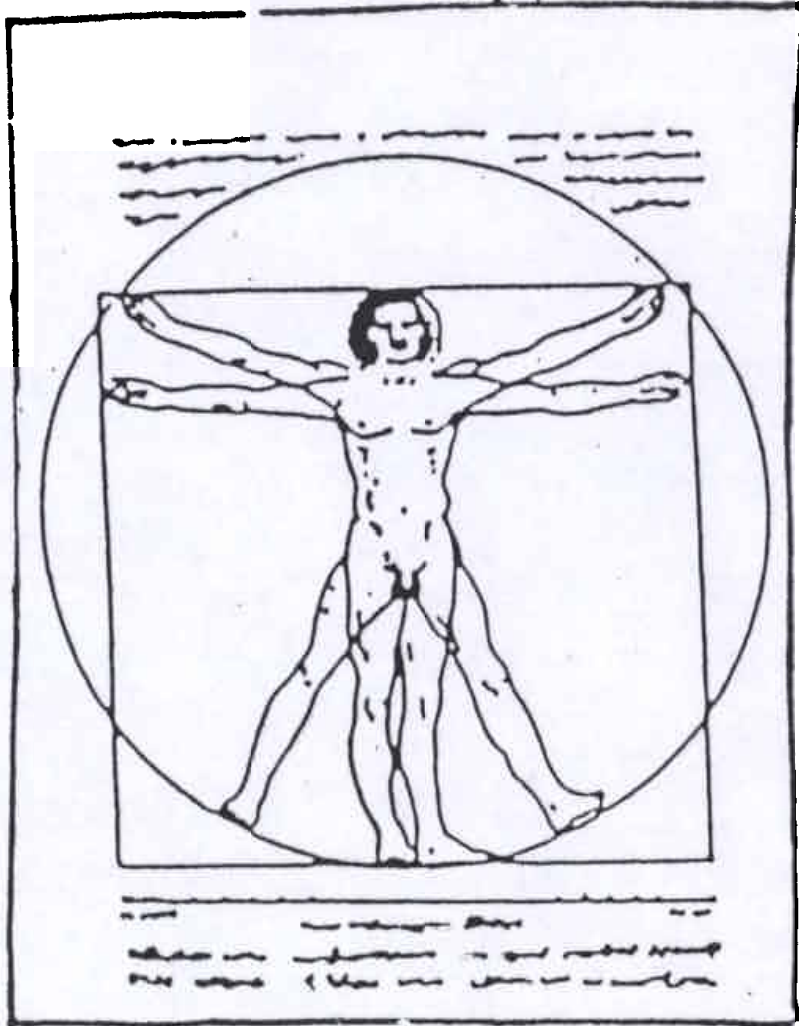
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Poe was wrong!



# THEORY



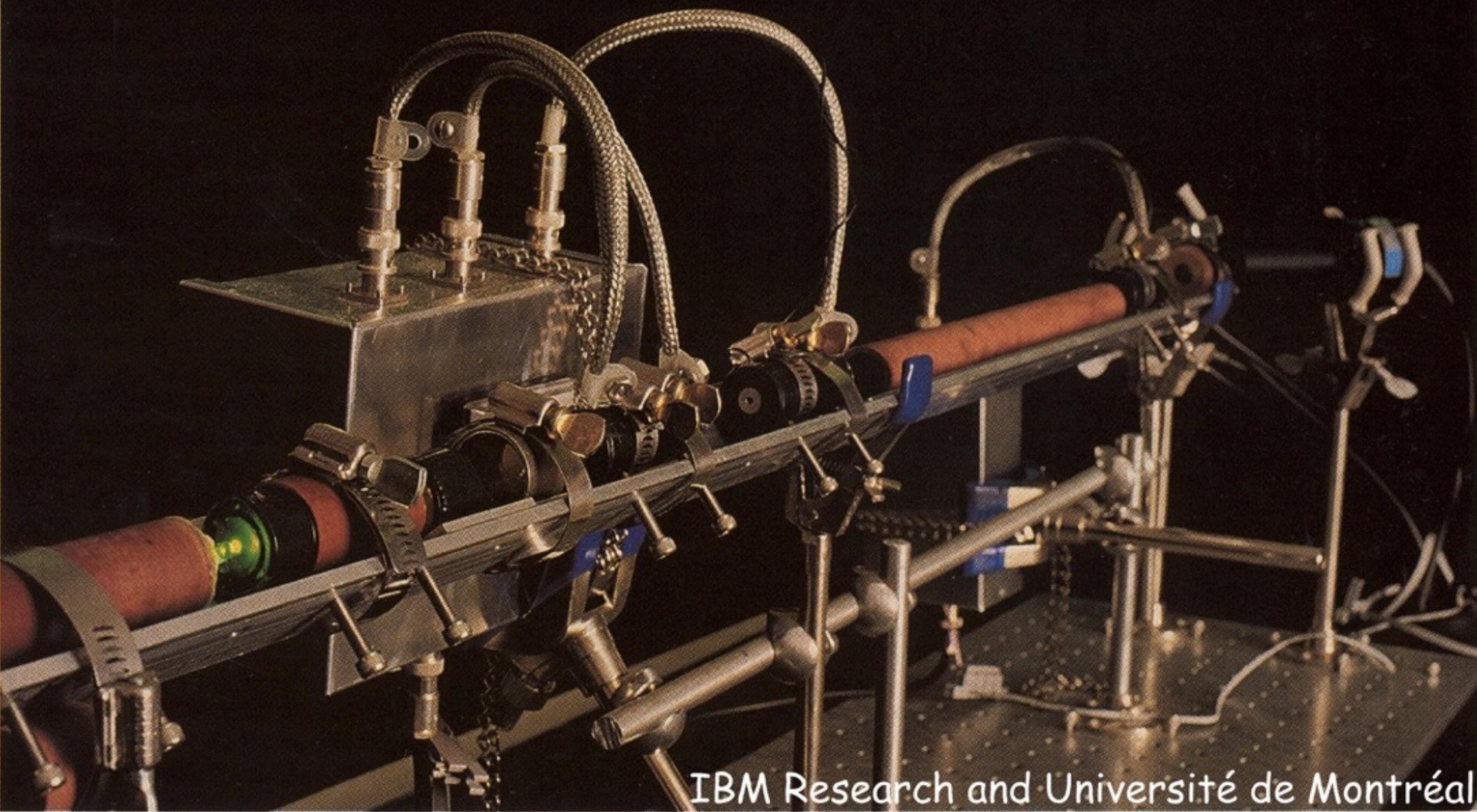
# EXPERIMENT



MSTEVENS



1989: Bennett, Bessette, Brassard, Salvail, Smolin



IBM Research and Université de Montréal

QUANTUM DEVICE generates and measures extremely faint flashes of polarized light, providing a secure way to transmit

information [see illustration on pages 56 and 57]. On average each flash consists of one tenth of a photon.





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### **CENTAURIS CN8000 ENCRYPTOR: SWISS QUANTUM SECURITY**

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The CN8000 is Swiss-manufactured and quantum powered for high security.





# China launches world's 1st quantum satellite

QUESS satellite designed to establish 'hack-proof' quantum communications

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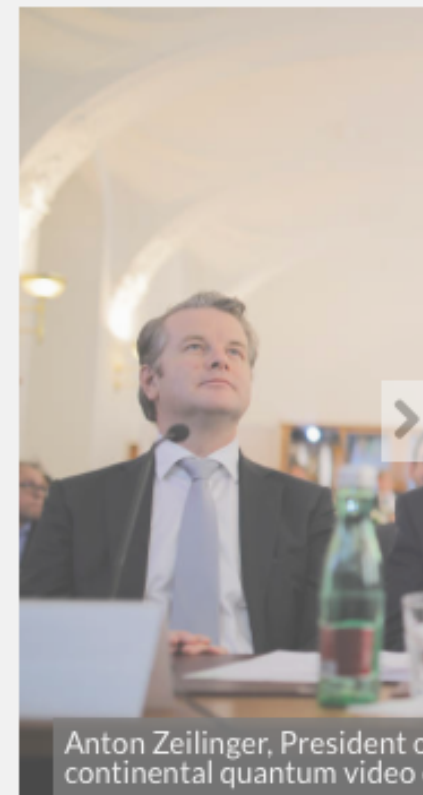
China launches revolutionary quantum satellite 0:44

China on Tuesday launched the world's first quantum satellite, which will help it establish "hack-proof" communications between space and the ground, state media said, the latest advance in an ambitious space programme.



# AUSTRIAN AND CHINESE ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED FIRST INTER-CONTINENTAL QUANTUM VIDEO CALL

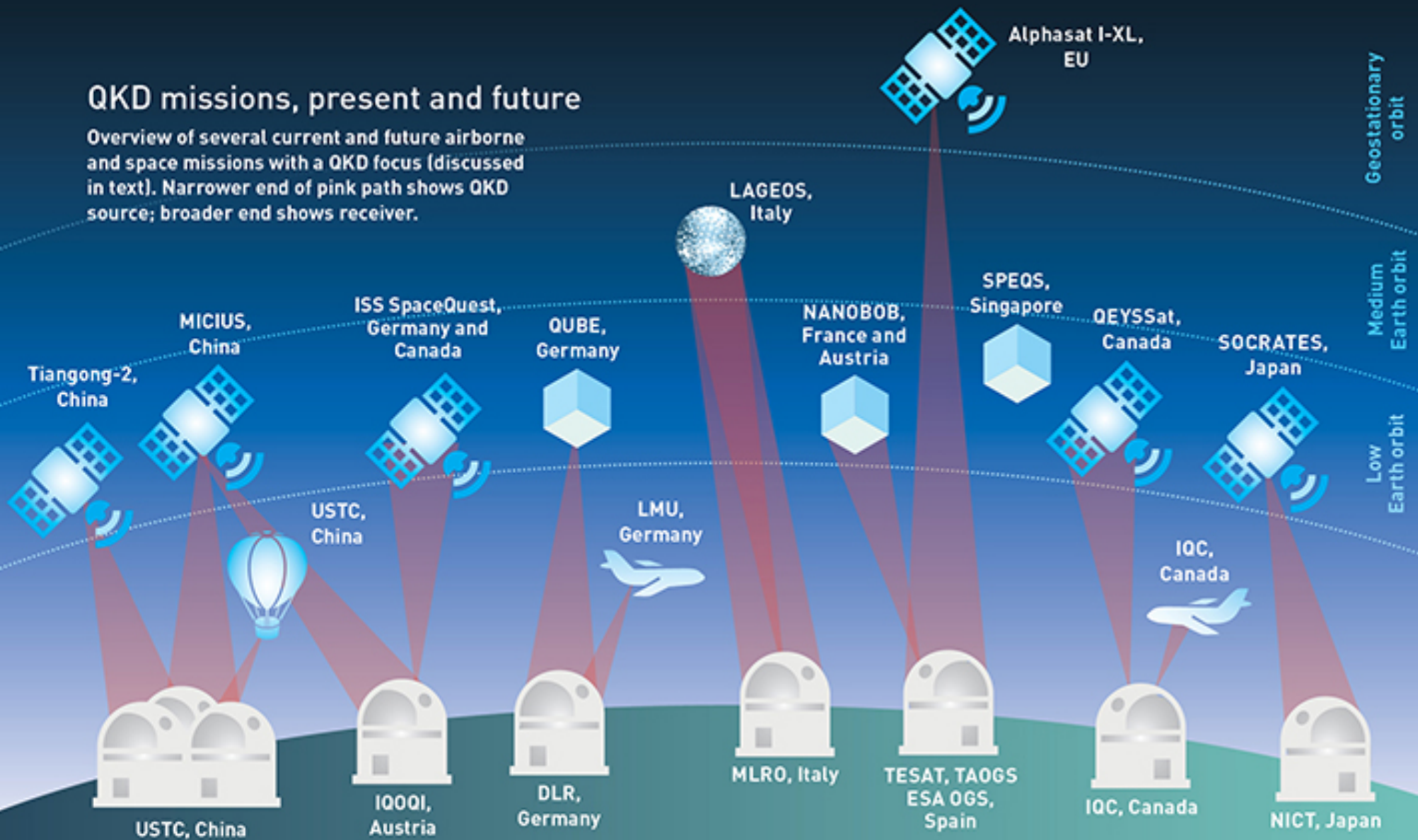
The two Academy presidents Chunli Bai and Anton Zeilinger tested quantum encrypted communication between Beijing and Vienna in a live-experiment. The quantum key was transmitted via the Chinese quantum satellite Micius.





# QKD missions, present and future

Overview of several current and future airborne and space missions with a QKD focus (discussed in text). Narrower end of pink path shows QKD source; broader end shows receiver.



# Who will win?

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Poe was wrong!



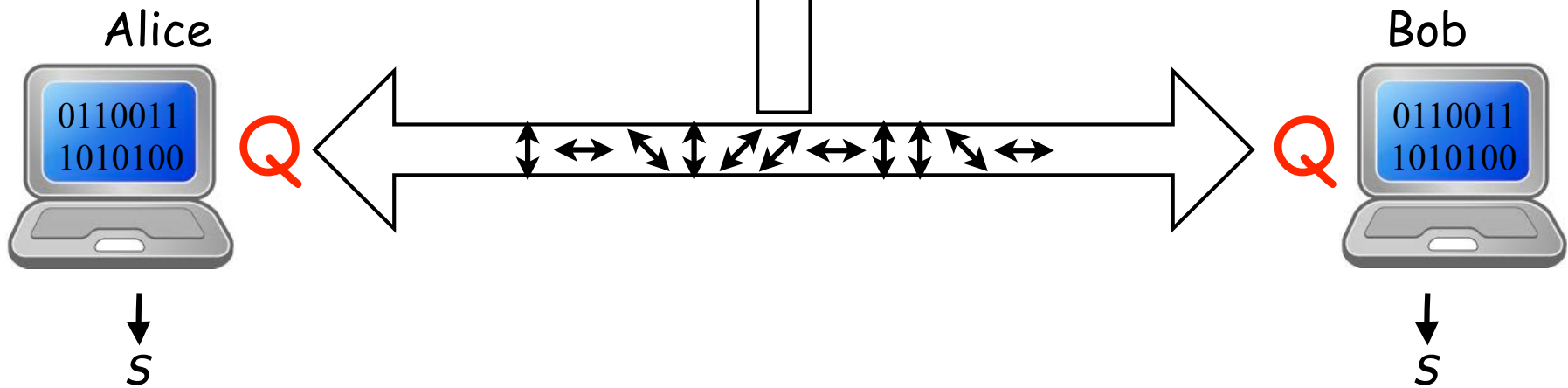


# Établissement de clef dans un monde quantique



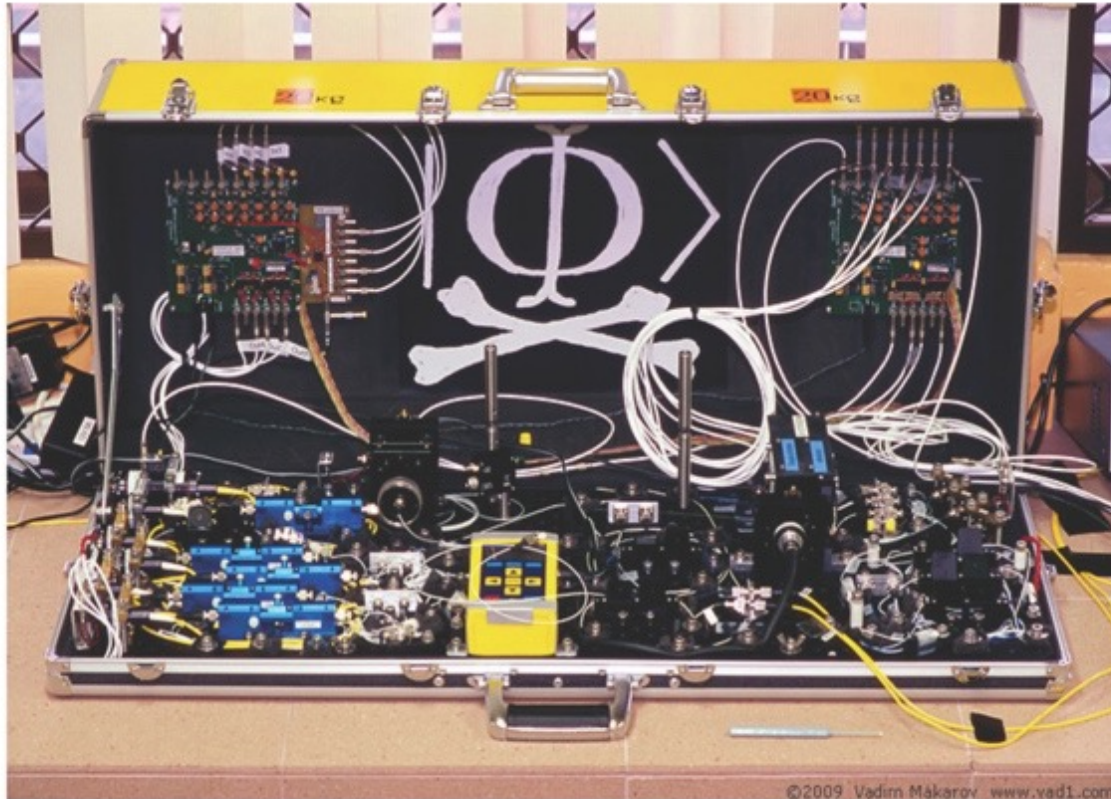
Adversaire **quantique**

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# Quantum Hacking



# Who will win?

« It may be roundly asserted that human ingenuity cannot concoct a cipher which human ingenuity cannot resolve »

Was Poe right after all?





# The Big Question

We live in a quantum world

Is this a *blessing*

or a **curse**

for codemakers?

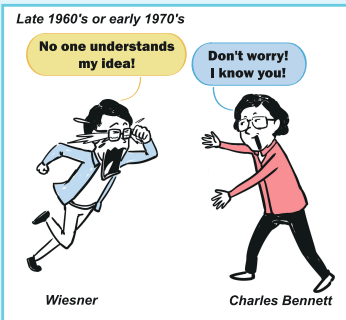
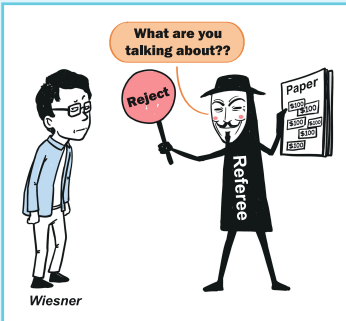
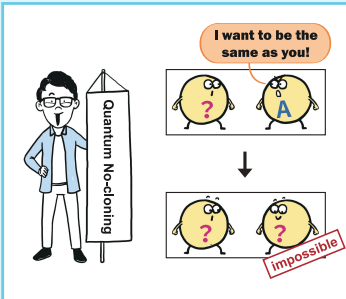
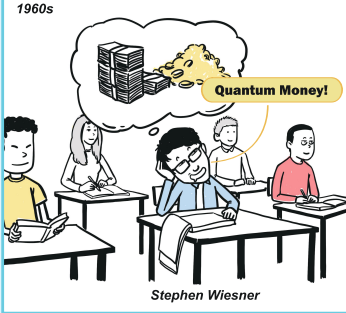
The jury is still out!



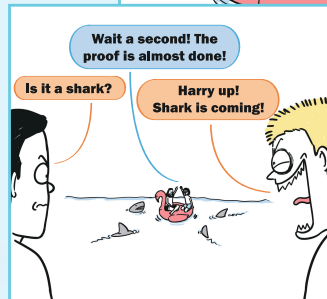
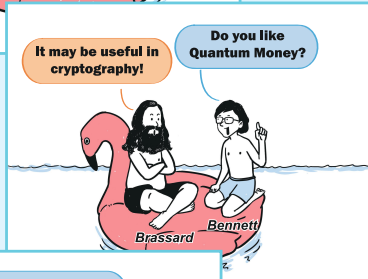
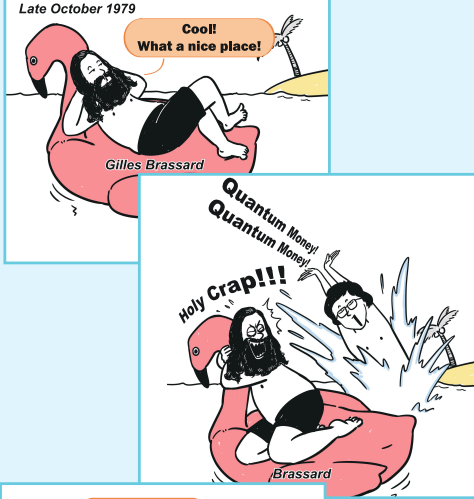
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*“About your cat, Mr. Schrödinger—I have good news and bad news.”*

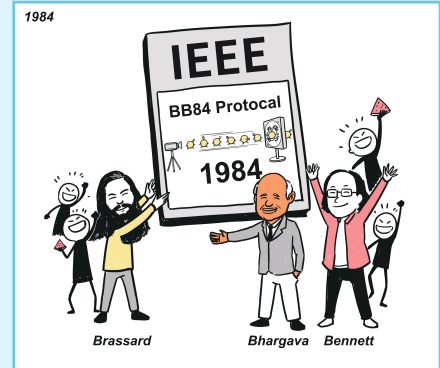
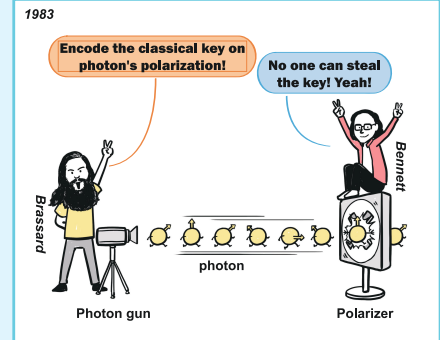
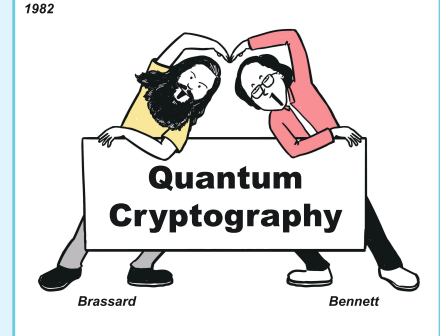
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