

# Unspeakable cryptography

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More generally, you cannot transmit *resources*, like charge.

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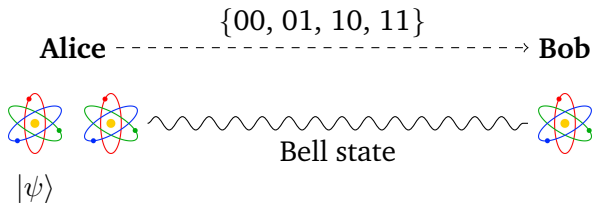
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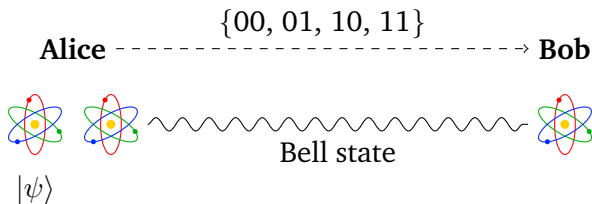
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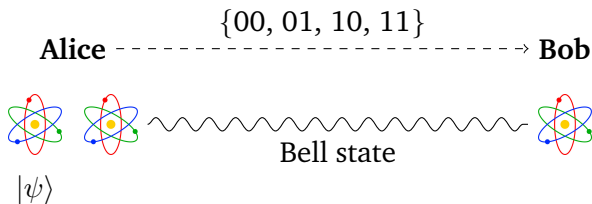


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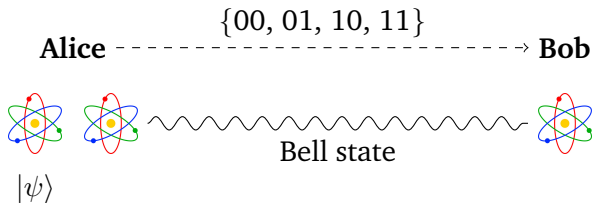
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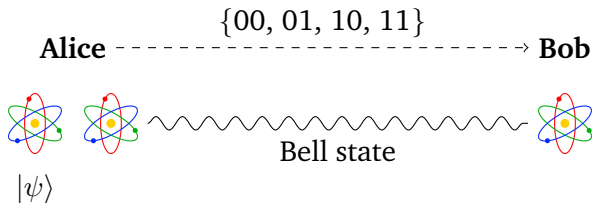
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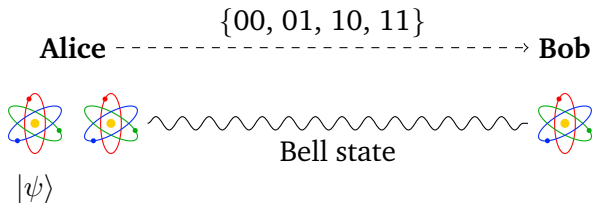


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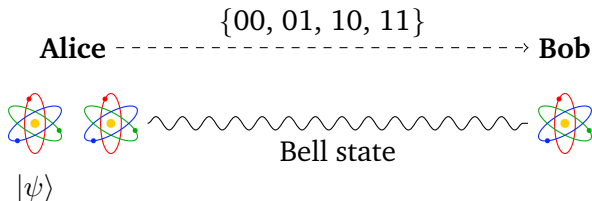
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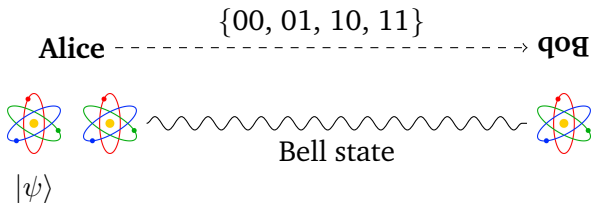
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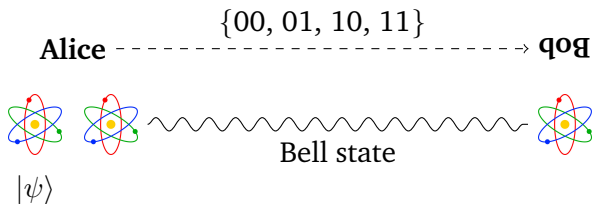
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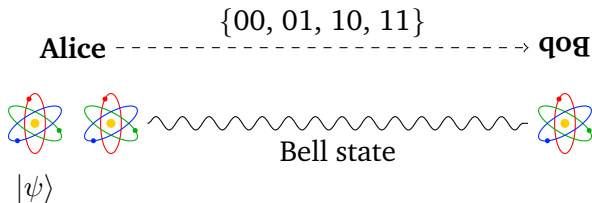
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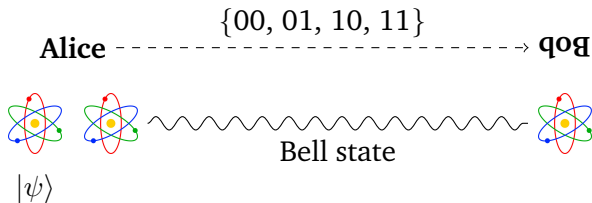


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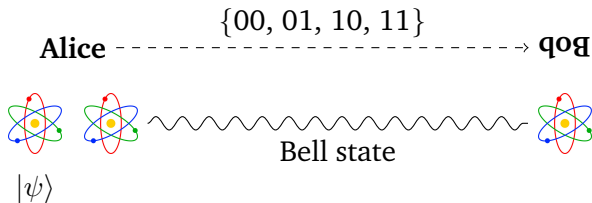
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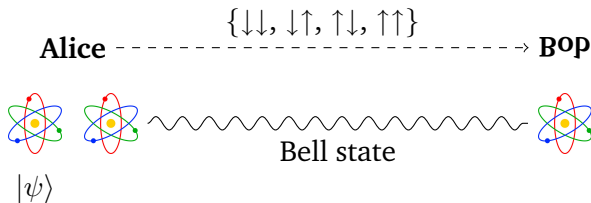
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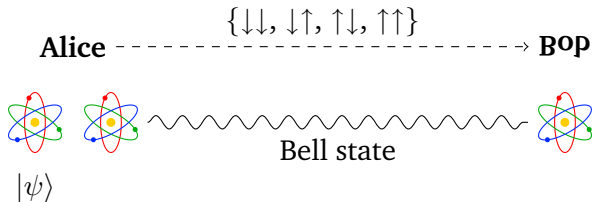
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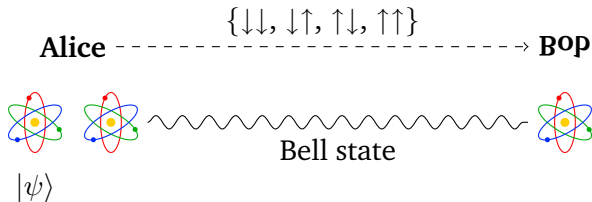


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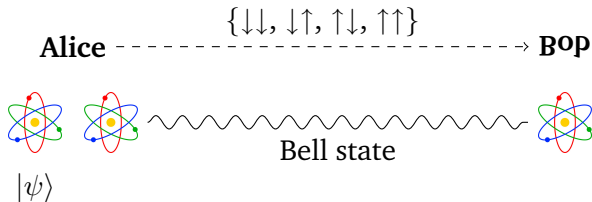


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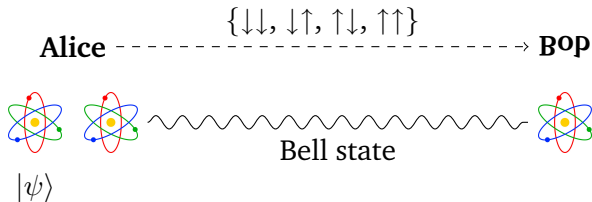


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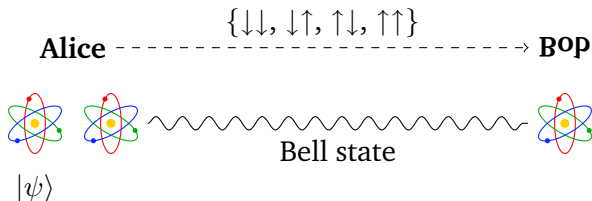


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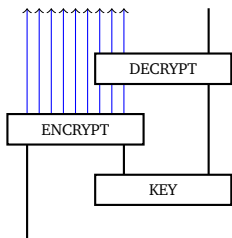
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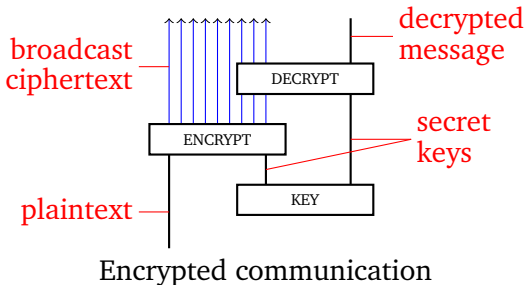
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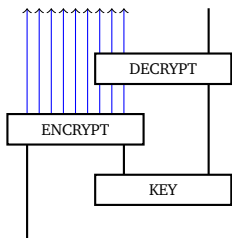
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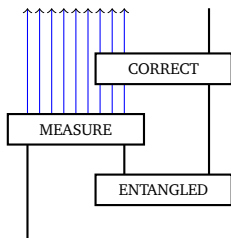


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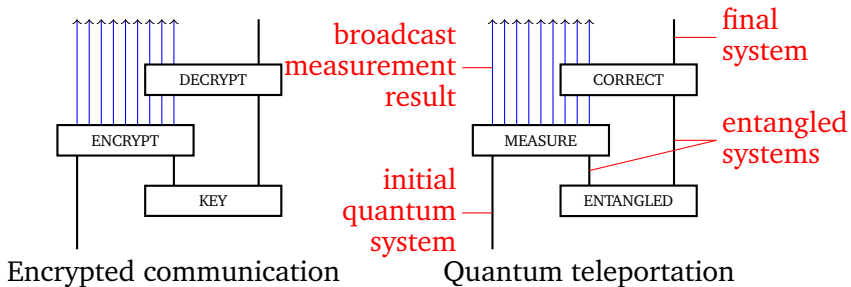
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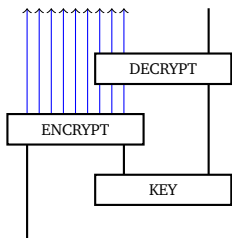
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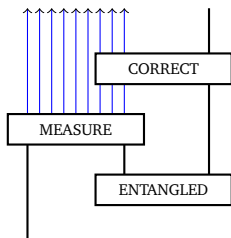


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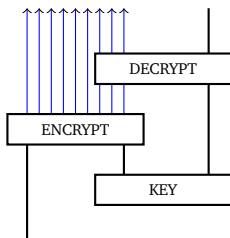


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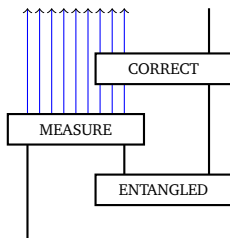


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