

Event Horizon Telescope

- Distance: 17 Mpc = 55 Mly
- Mass: $6 \cdot 10^9 M_{\odot}$
- Size: $\sim 500 \text{ AU}$

$$50 \mu\text{as} = 50 \times \frac{1}{60 \times 60 \times 60 \times 1000000} = 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ rad}$$

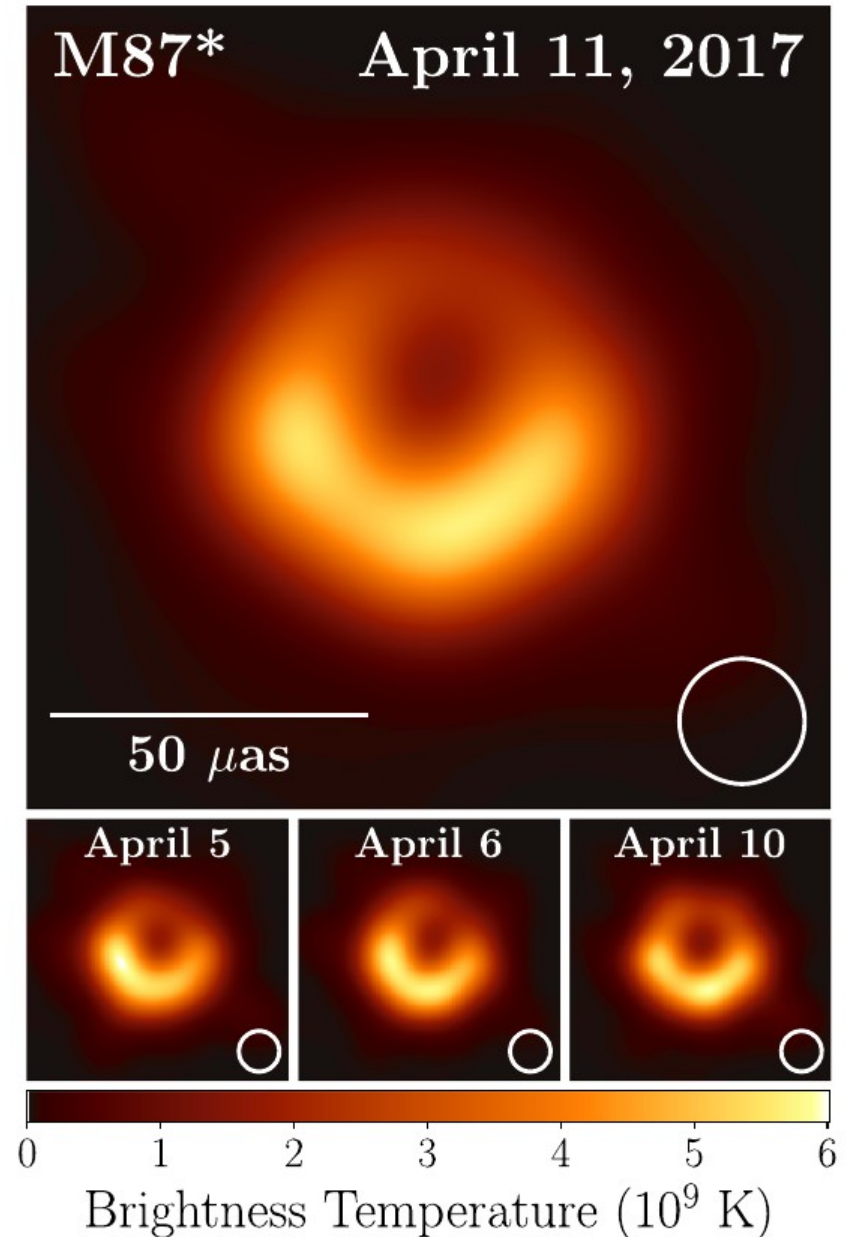
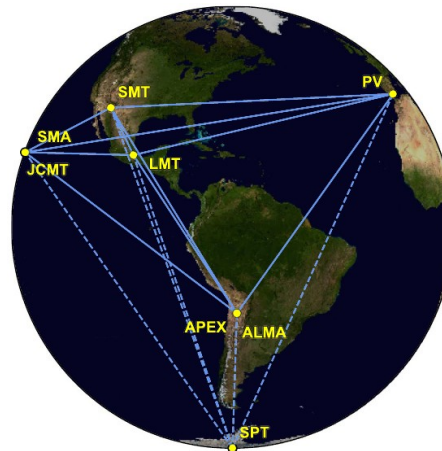
$$\theta_{\text{res}} = 1.22 \frac{\lambda}{D}$$

$$\text{Hubble: } \theta_{\text{res}} = 1.22 \frac{0.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}}{2.4 \text{ m}} \sim 0.05 \text{ as}$$

$$\text{EHT: } \theta_{\text{res}} = 1.22 \frac{10^{-3} \text{ m}}{13000 \times 10^3 \text{ m}} \sim 20 \mu\text{as}$$

Footprint on the Moon

200 GHz $\sim 1 \text{ mm}$



0.5 MeV

Quantum reality

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Huttenstrasse 9, Zurich,
figure of cat,
place of Sch. 1921-1926

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schr%C3%B6dinger%27s_cat

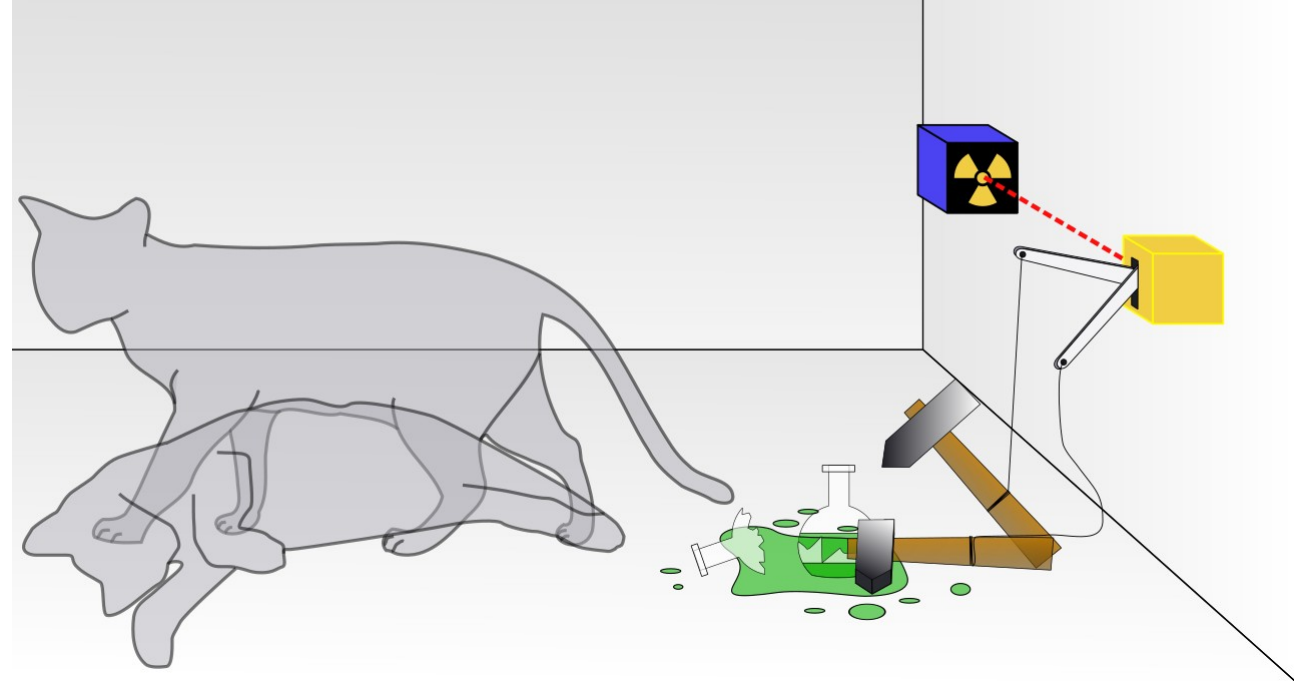


Schrödinger's cat

The destiny of
macroscopic object
depends determined
by quantum process

$$|\phi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|h\rangle|\text{alive}\rangle + i|v\rangle|\text{dead}\rangle)$$

Quantum entanglement between the
cat-state and polarisation of the
gamma-photon
→ Tensor product to describe multiple
dimensions



Schrödinger's cat – Copenhagen interpretation

- 1925-1927 by Bohr&Heisenberg
- Still commonly taught interpretation

- **U-evolution:** By Schrodinger equation, deterministic
$$|\phi\rangle = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar}H(t - t_0)\right) |\phi_0\rangle$$
- **R-evolution:** By wave function collapse to eigenvector (measurement), random

Before spin measurement:

$$|\phi\rangle = a|+\rangle + b|-\rangle$$

After spin measurement only 2 possibilities $|+\rangle, |-\rangle$

$$s_z|+\rangle = +1|+\rangle$$

$$s_z|-\rangle = -1|-\rangle$$



Schrödinger's cat – Many worlds interpretation

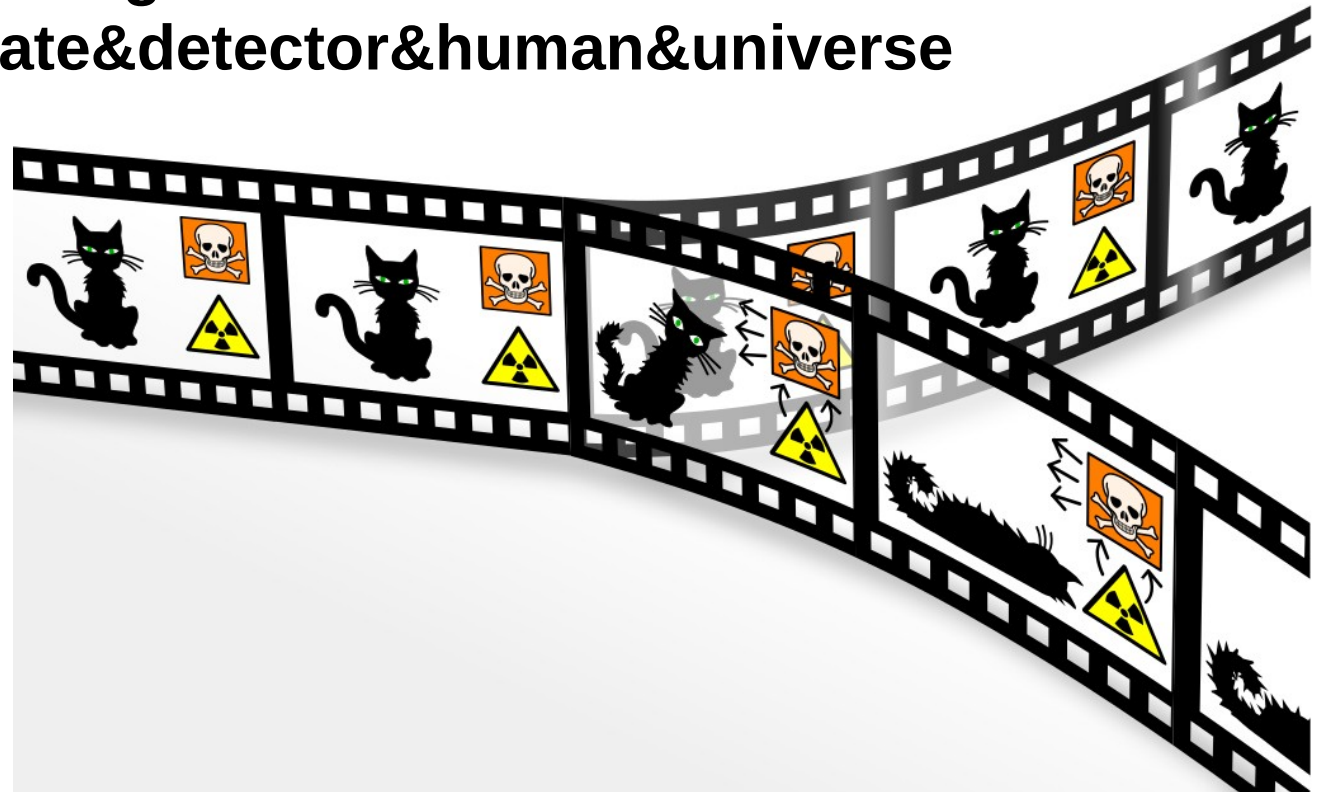
- 1957-1970s by Everett&DeWitt
- Today, the mainstream

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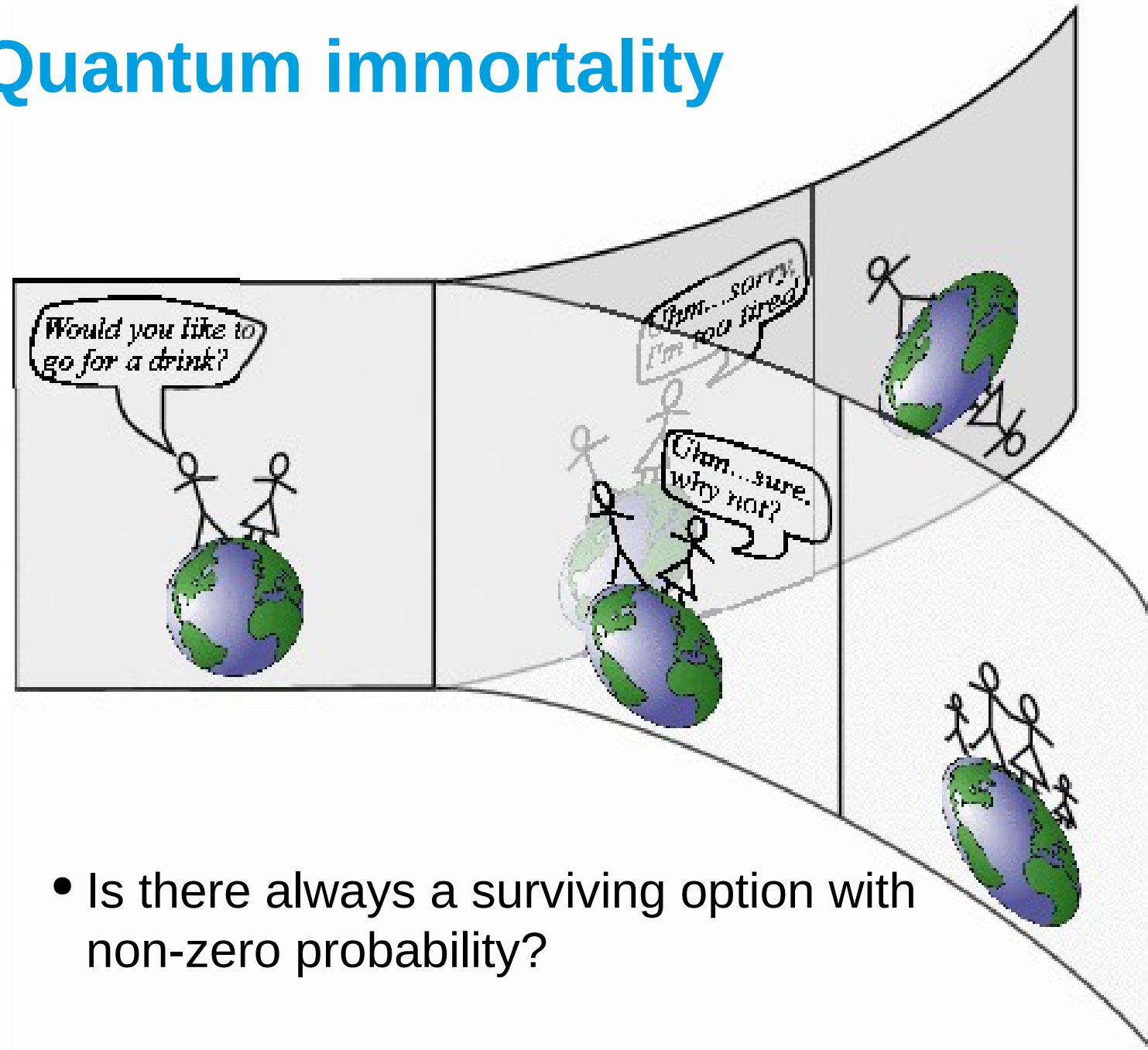
- **R-evolution removed**
→ Single wave function to describe the state&detector&human&universe

$$|\phi\rangle = |\text{photon}\rangle|\text{cat}\rangle|\text{observer}\rangle$$



Schrödinger's cat & Quantum immortality

- Imagine periodically repeated Schrodinger's cat experiment with period 1minute
- There is always a universe branch where the cat is alive
→ Immortality

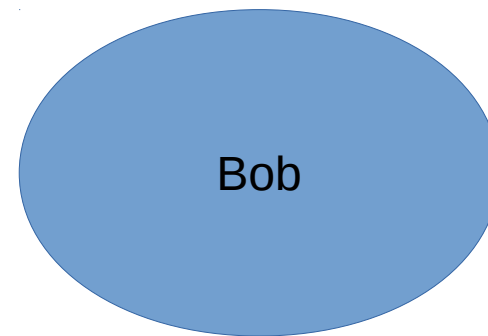
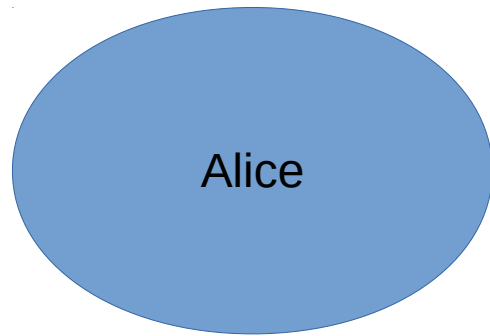


- Is there always a surviving option with non-zero probability?

Quantum cryptography

- Using wave-function collapse to prevent Eve listen...

- Man(woman)-in-the-middle attack proof, if:
 - Nature obeys quantum laws
 - **Eve is not able to impersonate Bob**



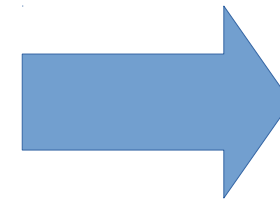
After the secure communication between Alice & Bob(or Eve) is established:

Alice is asking Eve:
What is our secret?
(answer in form
hash:135433password)

Eve cannot send the right answer

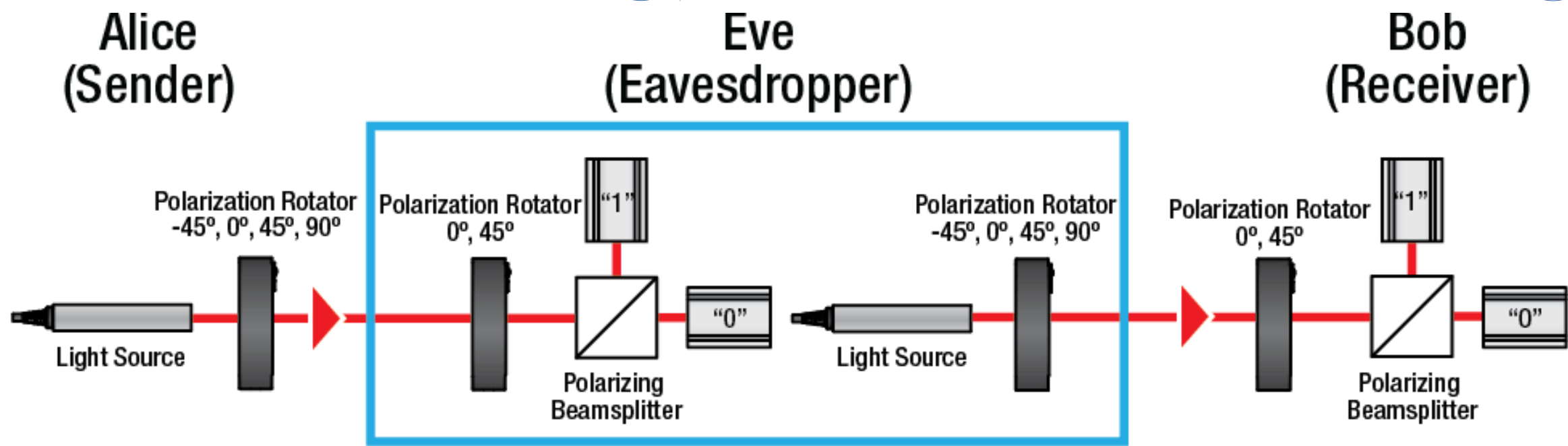
Eve is asking Alice:
What is our secret?
(answer in form
hash:452454password)

Alice send the correct answer,
but Eve cannot reveal the password



**Both Alice & Bob
need to ask such
questions to verify
the second party**

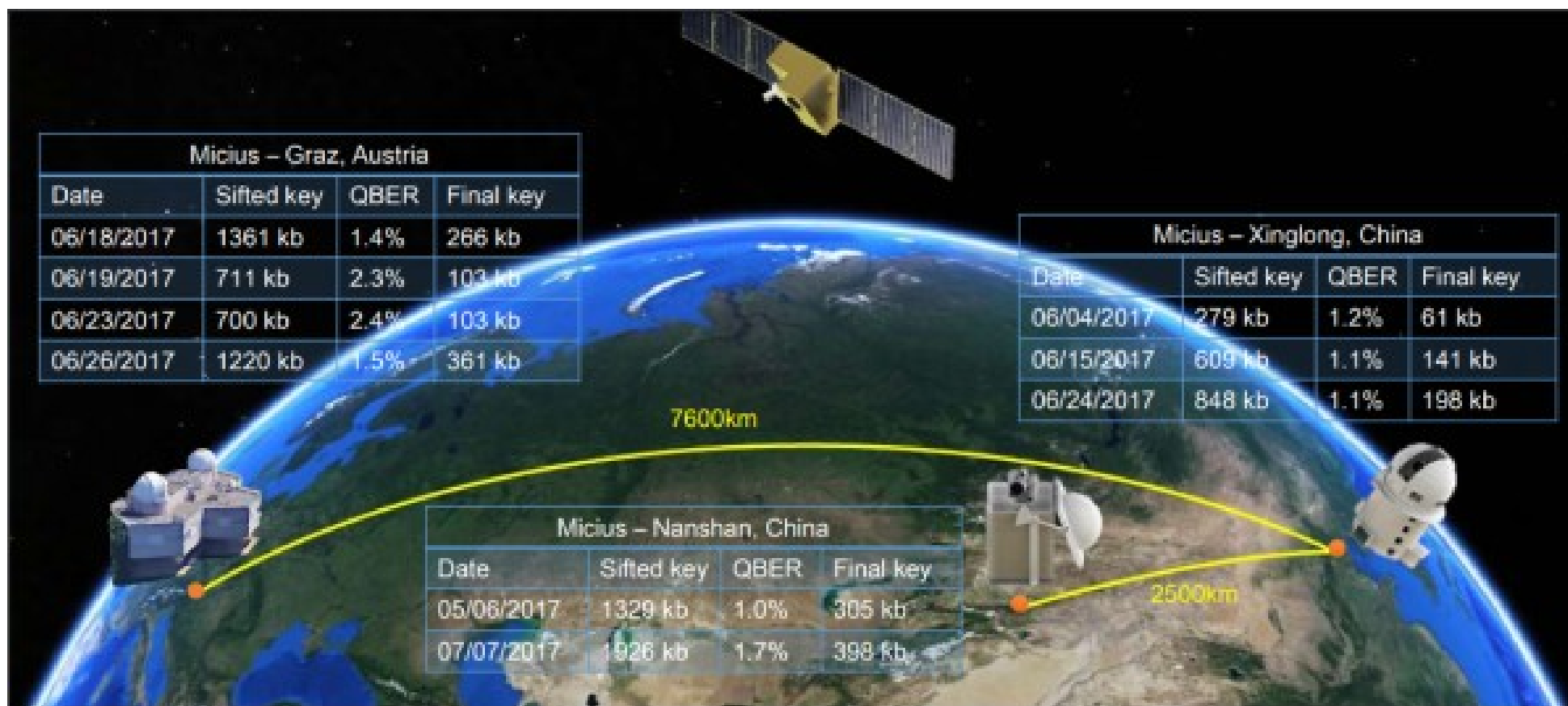
Alice's random bit	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Alice's random sending basis	+	+	×	+	×	×	×	+
Photon polarization Alice sends	↑	→	↘	↑	↘	↗	↗	→
Bob's random measuring basis	+	×	×	×	+	×	+	+
Photon polarization Bob measures	↑	↗	↘	↗	→	↗	→	→
PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF BASIS								
Shared secret key	0		1			0		1



No cloning theorem

Quantum communication

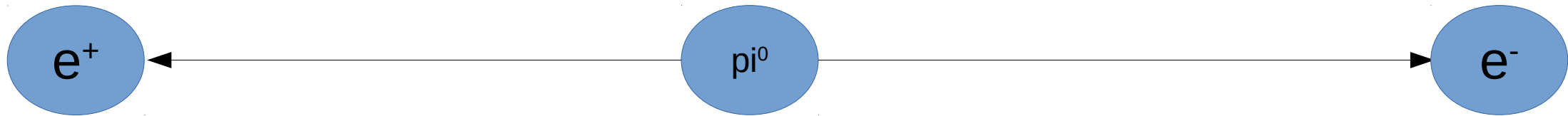
- First intercontinental secure quantum video call (2016, Vienna & Beijing)



Quantum entanglement – non-locality

- The **E**instein **P**odolsky **R**osen Paradox
- Imagine $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

$$|e^+ e^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|+\rangle|-\rangle - |-\rangle|+\rangle)$$



- When the spin of e^+ is measured, the wave function of whole entangled system collapses \rightarrow the result of e^- spin measurement is known
- Notice that when measurements space-time points are space-like the causality is **relative**

EINSTEIN ATTACKS QUANTUM THEORY

Scientist and Two Colleagues
Find It Is Not 'Complete'
Even Though 'Correct.'

SEE FULLER ONE POSSIBLE

Believe a Whole Description of
'the Physical Reality' Can Be
Provided Eventually.

Quantum entanglement – Hidden parameters

Bell: No physical theory of local hidden variables can ever reproduce all of the predictions of quantum mechanics.

Alice's
pol. vec.

Bob's
pol. vec.

$$C_e(a, b) = \frac{(N_{++} + N_{--}) - (N_{-+} + N_{+-})}{(N_{++} + N_{--}) + (N_{-+} + N_{+-})} \quad \text{Between } (-1, 1)$$

Quantum prediction:

$$C_q(a, b) = -a \cdot b$$

From Hidden Parameters:

$$C_h(a, b) = \int A(a, \lambda) B(b, \lambda) p(\lambda) d\lambda$$

Bell inequality

$$C_h(a, c) - C_h(b, a) - C_h(b, c) \leq 1$$

Wiegner's Friend experiment

Is the wave function collapse relative, depending on the observer?

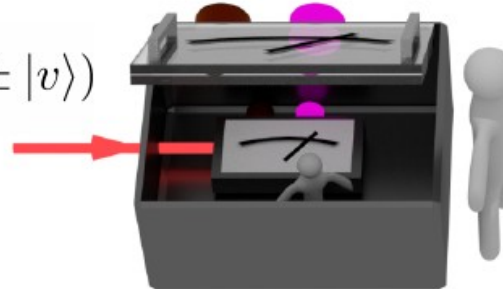
- **From inside** the lab the wave-function collapsed
- **From outside** the photon+stored result in entangled state (no collapse)

Wave function of the whole laboratory

$$|\Phi_0^\pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|h\rangle|\text{photon is "h"}\rangle \pm |v\rangle|\text{photon is "v"}\rangle)$$

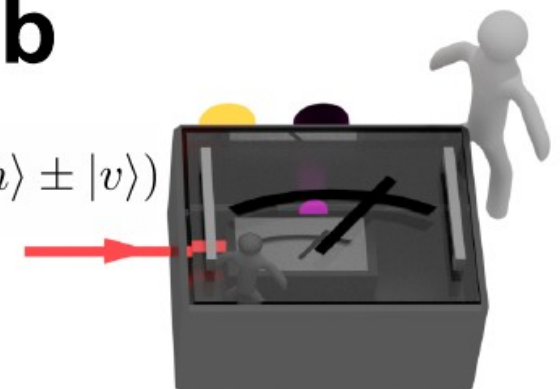
a

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|h\rangle \pm |v\rangle)$$



b

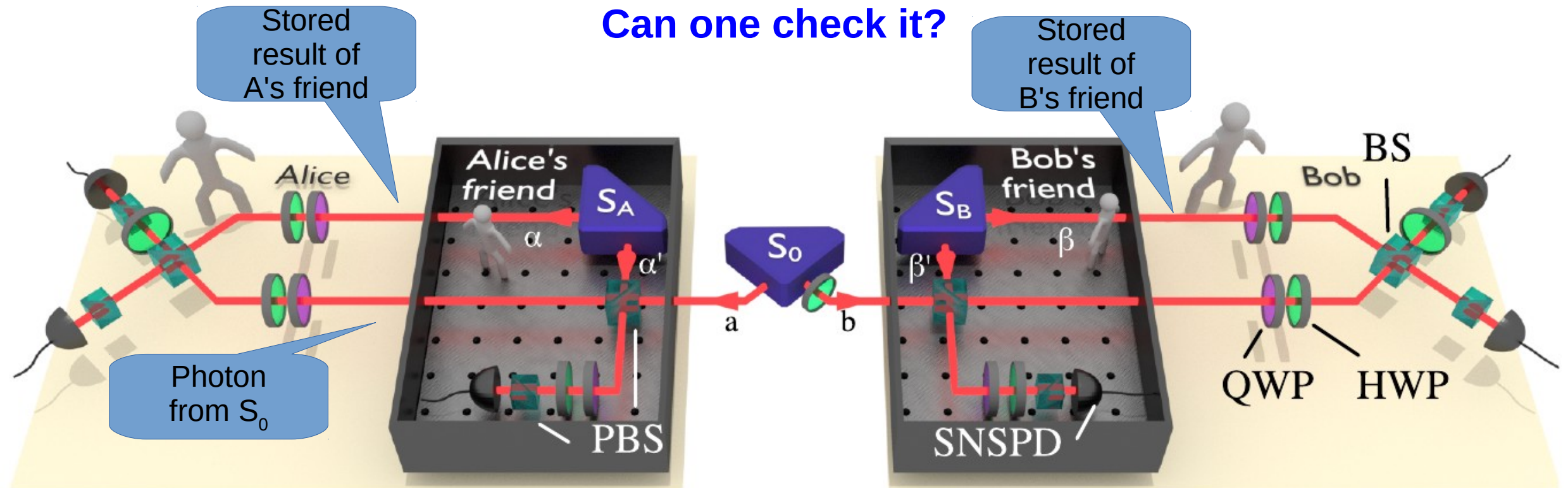
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Wiegner's Friend experiment

- **From inside:** The polarization of the photon was measured (collapsed) and result stored
- **From outside:** Photon is still in quantum superposition (together with observer)

Can one check it?



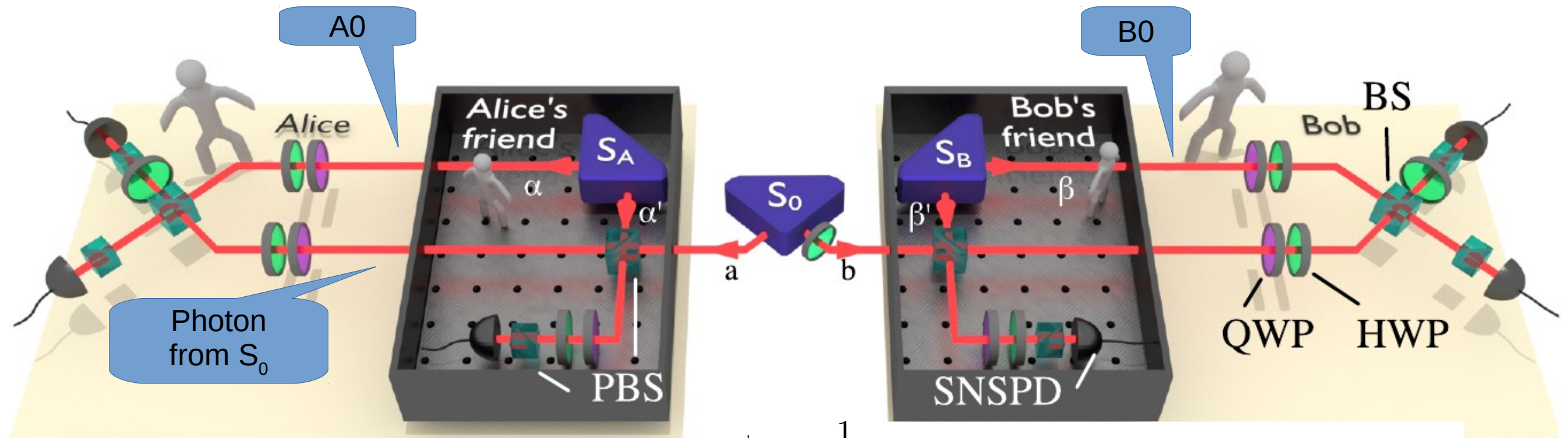
Wiegner's Friend experiment

Observer independent facts, then:

$$S = \langle A_1 B_1 \rangle + \langle A_1 B_0 \rangle + \langle A_0 B_1 \rangle - \langle A_0 B_0 \rangle \leq 2$$

$$A_0 = B_0 = \mathbb{1} \otimes (|\text{"photon is } h\text{"}\rangle\langle\text{"photon is } h\text{"}| - |\text{"photon is } v\text{"}\rangle\langle\text{"photon is } v\text{"}|),$$

$$A_1 = B_1 = |\Phi_{\text{photon/record}}^+\rangle\langle\Phi_{\text{photon/record}}^+| - |\Phi_{\text{photon/record}}^-\rangle\langle\Phi_{\text{photon/record}}^-|.$$



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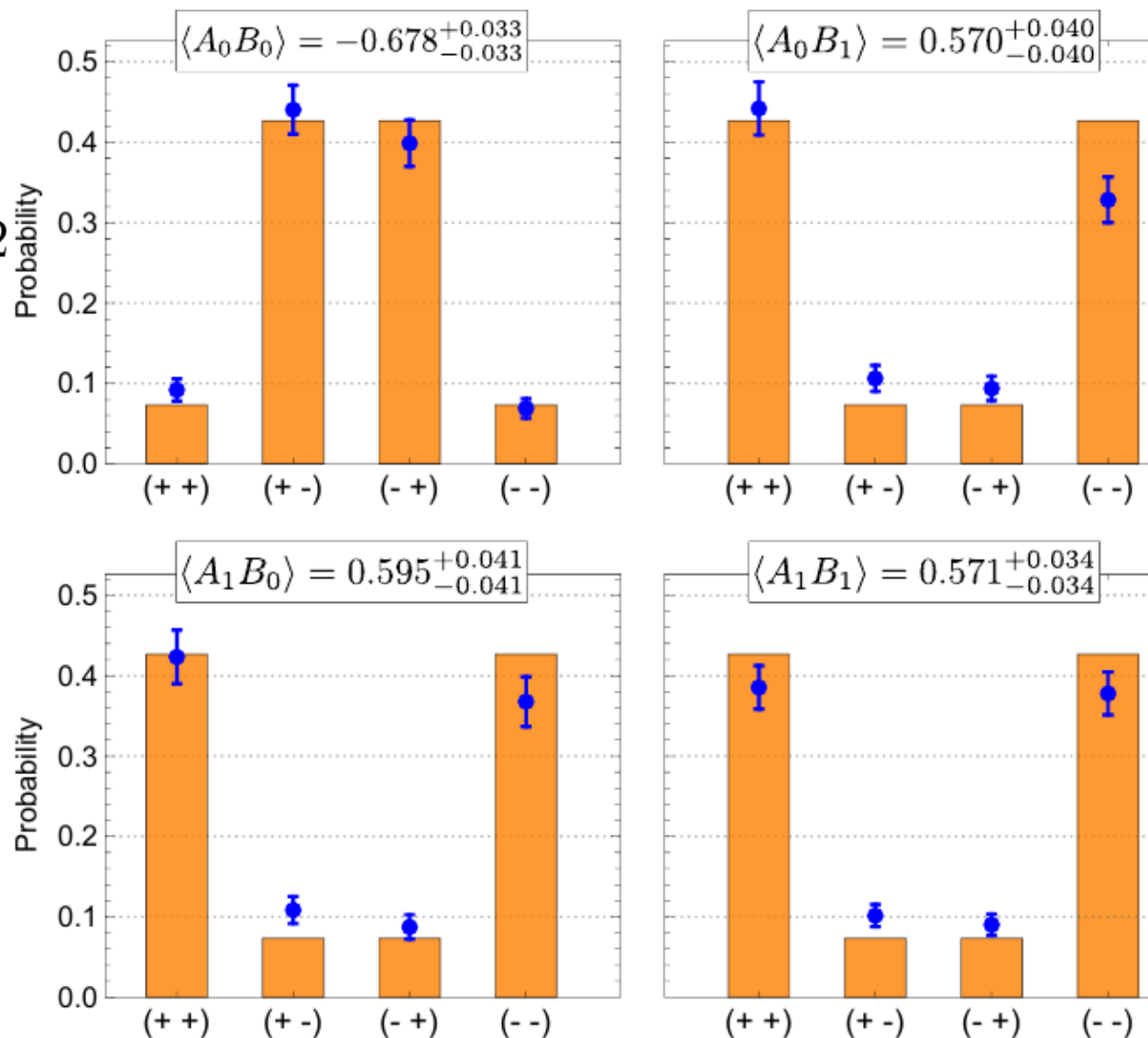
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0.571 0.595 0.570 -0.678

$$S_{\text{exp}} = 2.416^{+0.075}_{-0.075}$$



Interpretation

One way to accommodate our result is by proclaiming that “facts of the world” can only be established by a privileged observer—e.g., one that would have access to the “global wavefunction” in the many worlds interpretation...

Is global wavefunction meaningful?
In any case, not accessible,
→ Results relative wrt observer