

Pseudorandom Quantum States with Proof of Destruction and applications

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Pseudorandom quantum states

Ji-Liu-Song'18

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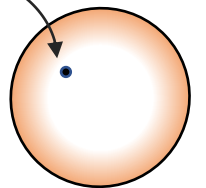
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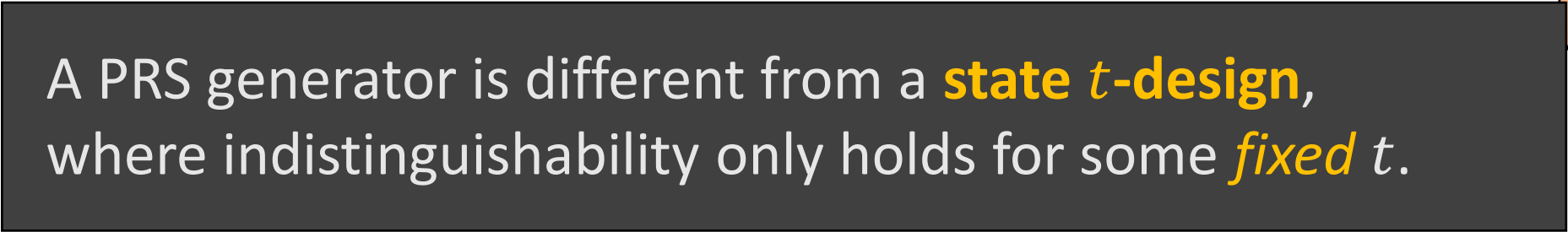
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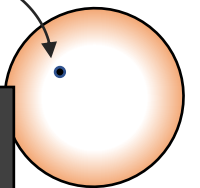
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A PRS generator is different from a **state t -design**,
where indistinguishability only holds for some **fixed t** .



Pseudorandom *function-like* states

A quantum poly-time algorithm G is a **PRFS generator** if

- given **key** $k \in \{0,1\}^\lambda$ and **input** $x \in \{0,1\}^d$, $G(k, x)$ outputs n -qubit state $|\psi_{k,x}\rangle$
- for all t , for all distinct inputs x_1, \dots, x_s , for all poly-time distinguishers D

$$D(|\psi_1\rangle^{\otimes t}, \dots, |\psi_s\rangle^{\otimes t}) \approx D(|\vartheta_1\rangle^{\otimes t}, \dots, |\vartheta_s\rangle^{\otimes t})$$

$|\psi_i\rangle$'s sampled by:

- sampling random $k \in \{0,1\}^\lambda$
- setting $|\psi_i\rangle = G(k, x_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$

$|\vartheta_i\rangle$'s sampled by:

- Independently sampling Haar-random $|\vartheta_i\rangle$ for $i = 1, \dots, s$

Important: the distinguisher D is allowed to depend on x_1, \dots, x_s !

Quantum States with Proof of destruction

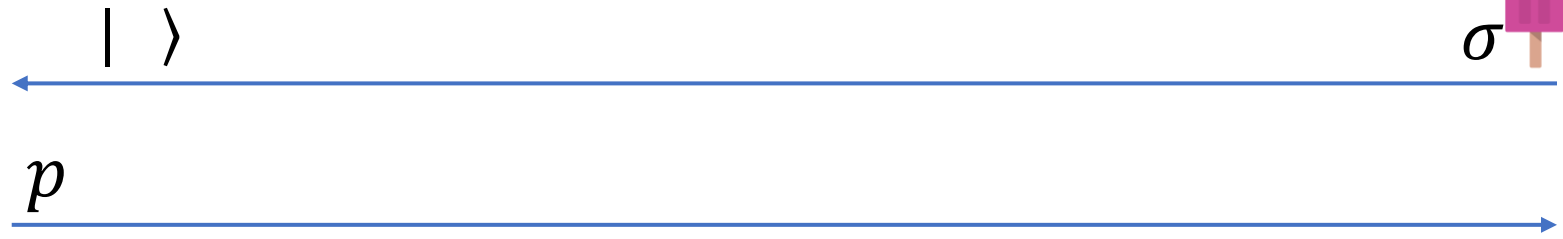
Motivation

$|\sigma\rangle$

Intrinsic worth. Eg. money

How can Alice verify?
If σ is classical, no hope!

Can you destroy it?



Bank



$p \leftarrow \text{Destruct}(|\sigma\rangle)$







✓ ✗ $\leftarrow \text{Verify}(k, p)$

$|\sigma\rangle \leftarrow \text{Mint}(k)$







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Definitions

Pseudorandom States with proof of destruction (PRSPD)

Keyspace $\{0,1\}^\lambda$ associated with a triplet of efficient algorithms

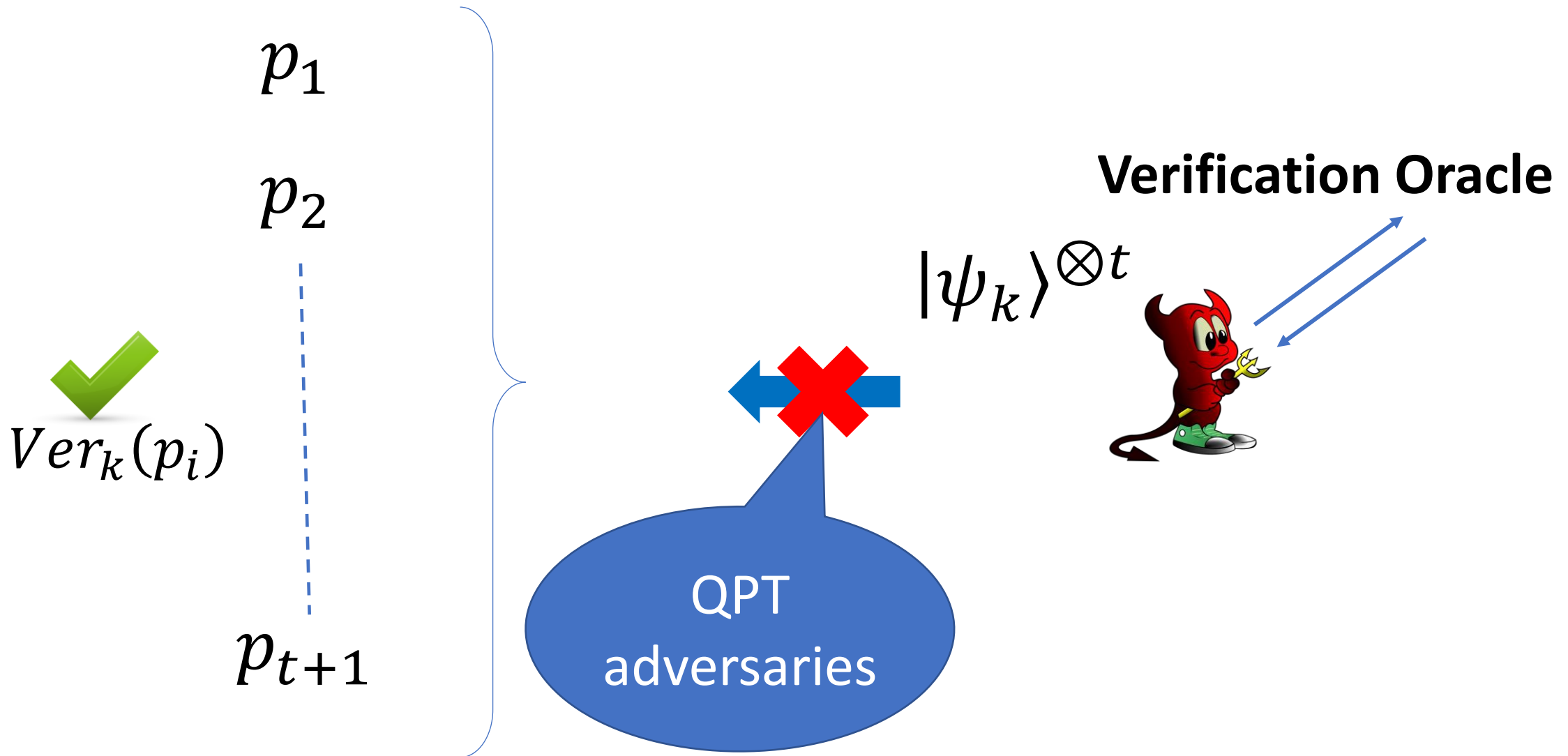
- $|\psi_k\rangle \leftarrow \text{Gen}(k)$
- $p \leftarrow \text{Destruct}(|\psi_k\rangle)$
-   $\leftarrow \text{Ver}_k(p)$

Correctness: $\Pr [k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^\lambda, |\psi_k\rangle \leftarrow \text{Gen}(k), p \leftarrow \text{Destruct}(|\psi_k\rangle) : 1 \leftarrow \text{Ver}_k(p)] = 1.$

Security

- Pseudorandomness
 - Same as the Pseudorandom States
- Unforgeability of proof of destruction

Unforgeability game

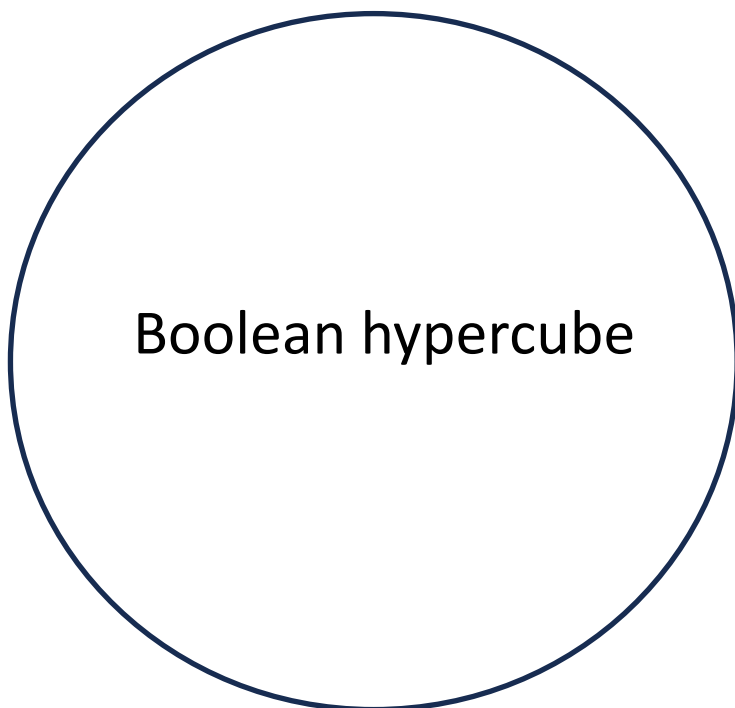


Construction

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Recall Ji-Liu-Song'19 (Simplified by Brakerski-Shmueli'20)

- Pseudorandom function family (PRF): $\{f_k\}_{k \in K}$
- Same keyspace K .



$$|\psi_k\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_x (-1)^{f_k(x)} |x\rangle$$

Random phase state

Sparsifying the construction

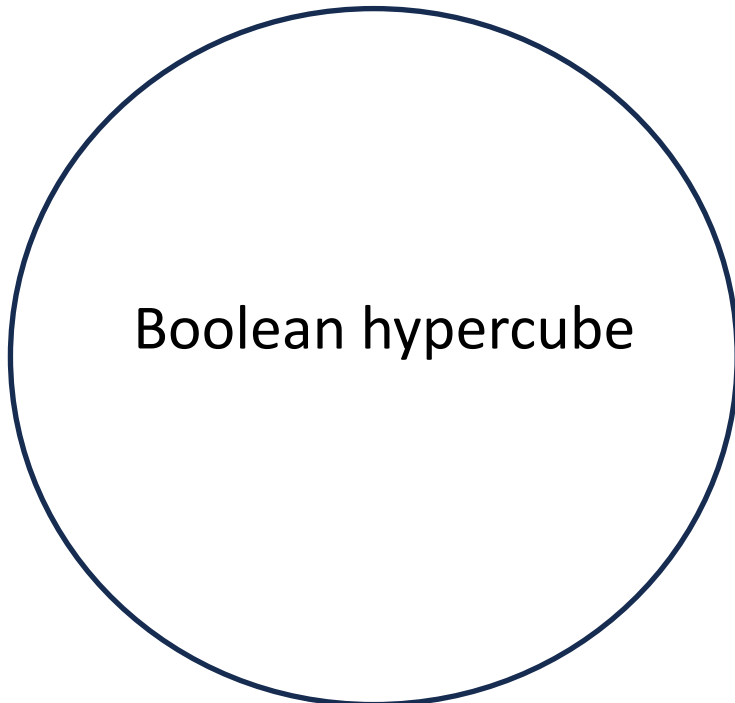
PRS with support on all strings

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PRSPD with support on a hidden set

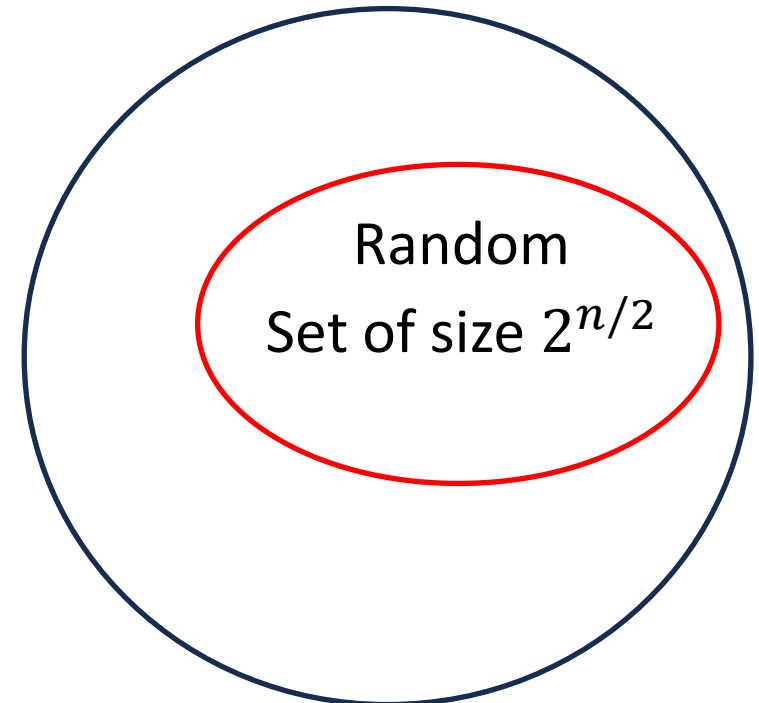
$$|\psi_{k,r}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n/2}}} \sum_{x \in S_r} (-1)^{f_k(x)} |x\rangle$$

S_r : Pseudorandom set of size $2^{n/2}$



Boolean hypercube

Random phase state



Random
Set of size $2^{n/2}$

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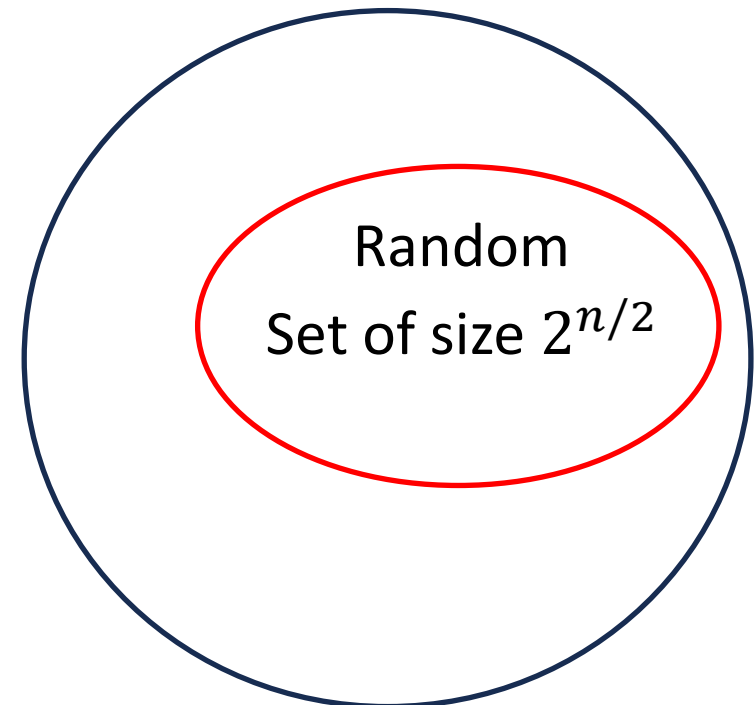
- PRF: $\{f_k\}_{k \in K}$
- Pseudorandom Permutation (PRP): $\{P_r\}_{r \in R}$
- Keyspace $K \times R$

PRSPD with support on a hidden set

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$$S_r = \{P_r(z) \mid z \in 0^{n/2} \times \{0,1\}^{n/2}\} \quad r \leftarrow \text{Uniform}(R) \quad S_r : \text{Pseudorandom set of size } 2^{n/2}$$

Random phase state



- Destruct: computational basis measurement
- $Ver_{k,r}()$: Membership in S_r

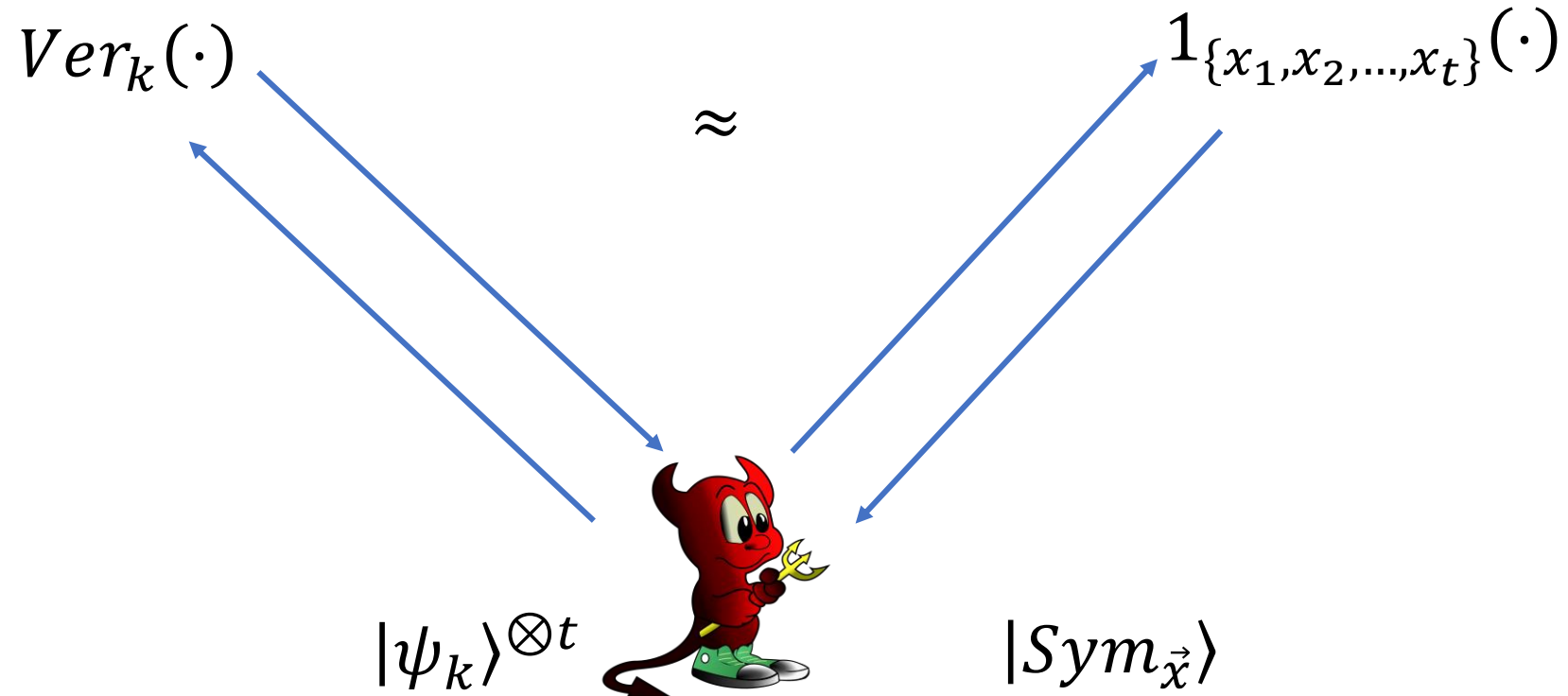
Technical lemma for security proofs

$$k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^\lambda$$

$$|\psi_k\rangle \leftarrow \text{Gen}(k)$$

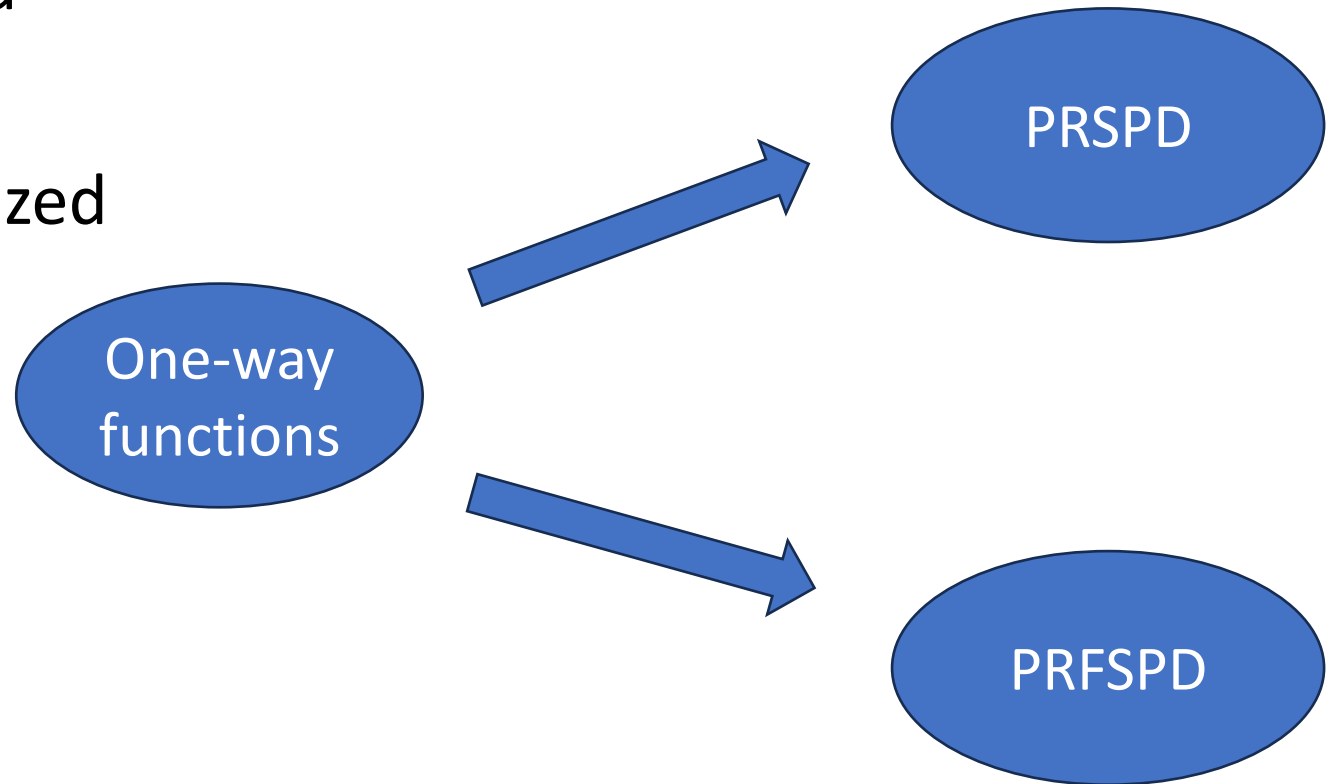
$$\vec{x} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$|\text{Sym}_{\vec{x}}\rangle \propto \sum_{\pi} |x_{\pi(1)}, x_{\pi(2)}, \dots, x_{\pi(t)}\rangle$$



Pseudorandom Function-like States with Proof of Destruction (PRFSPD)

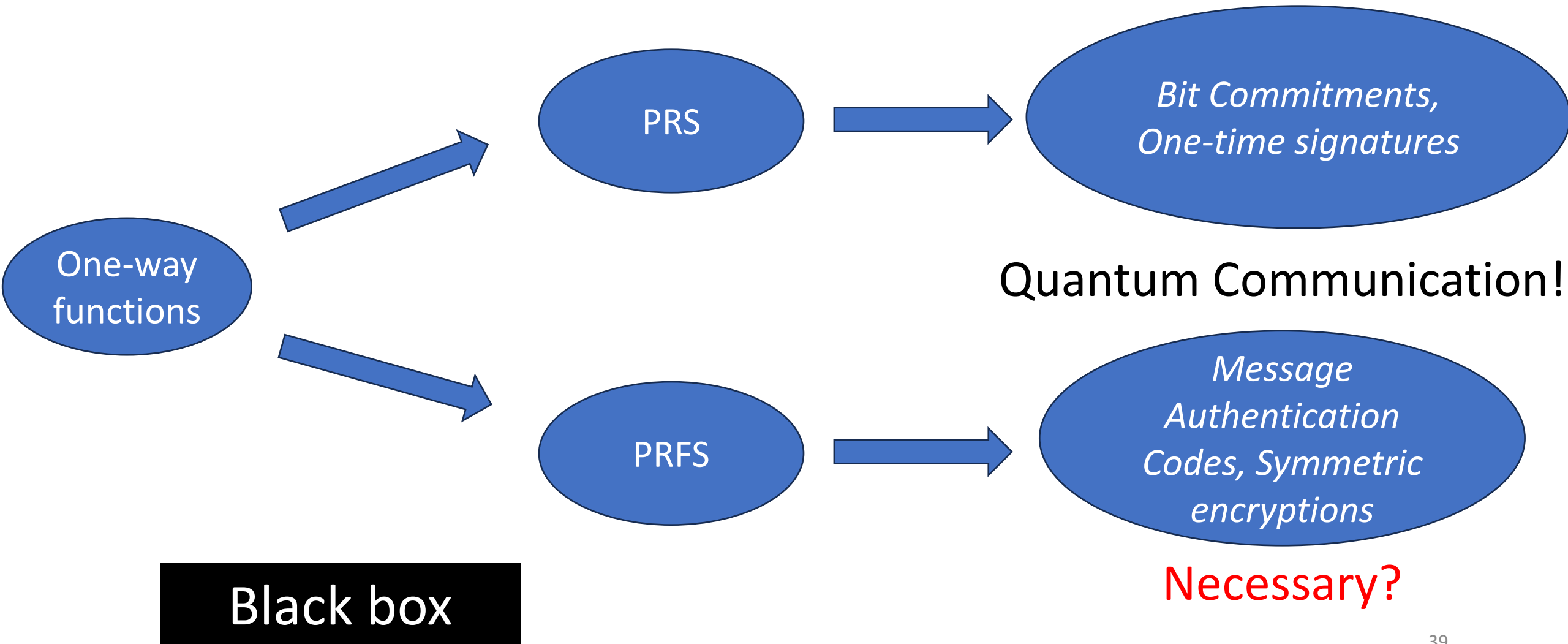
- Definition can be generalized
- Construction can be generalized



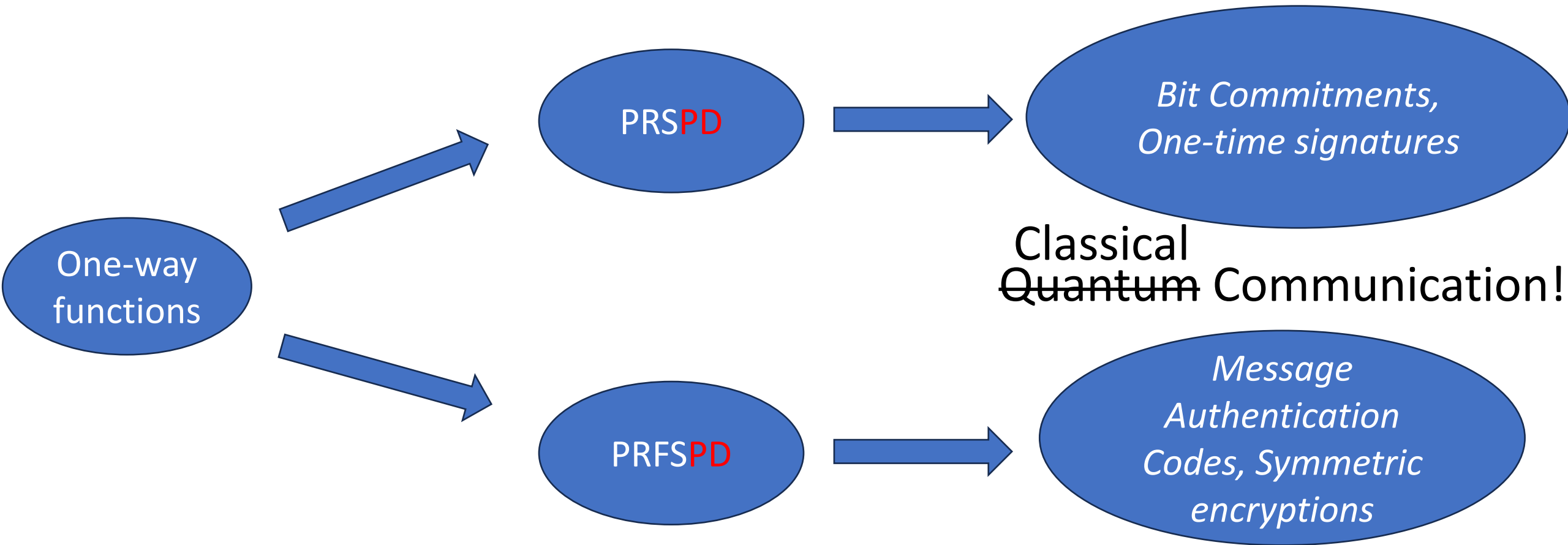
Applications

Applications of PRS, PRFS

(Ananth-Qian-Yuen'21, Morimae-Yamakawa'21, etc)



Applications of PRSPD, PRFSPD (Our Work)

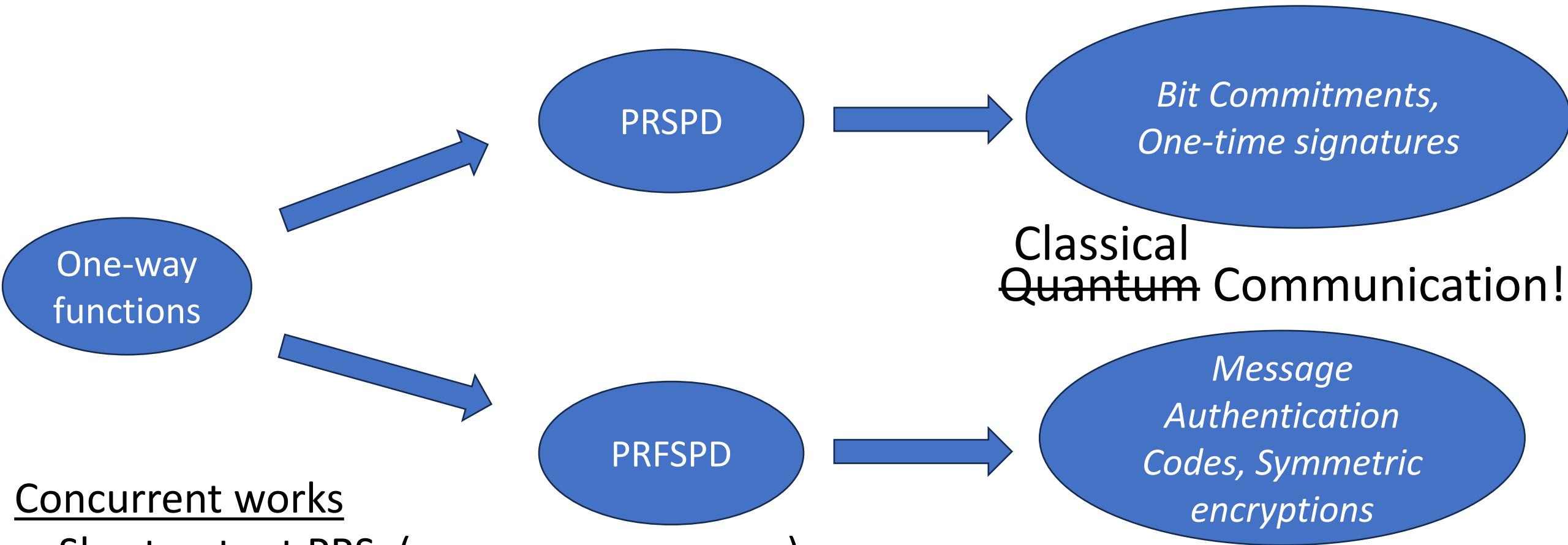


Classical
~~Quantum~~ Communication!

Black box

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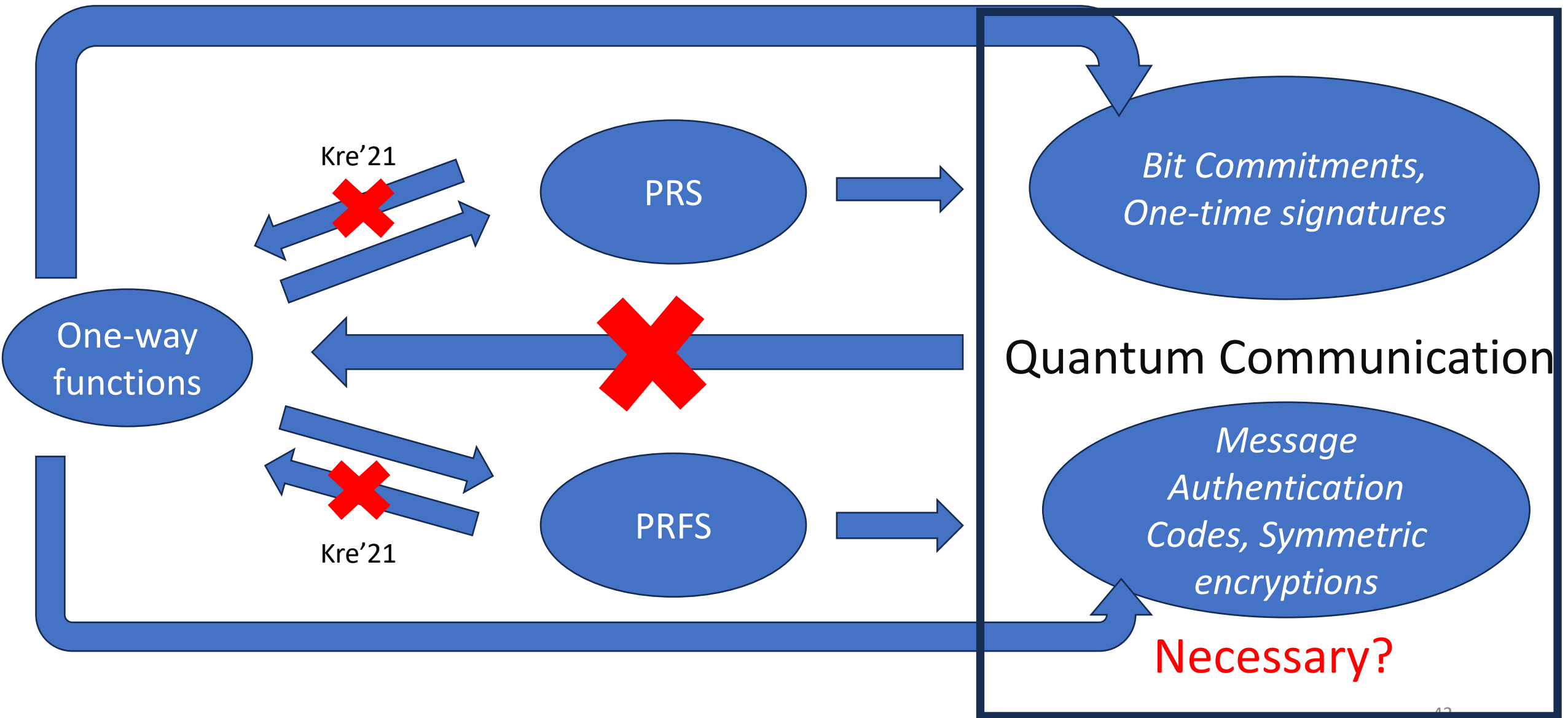


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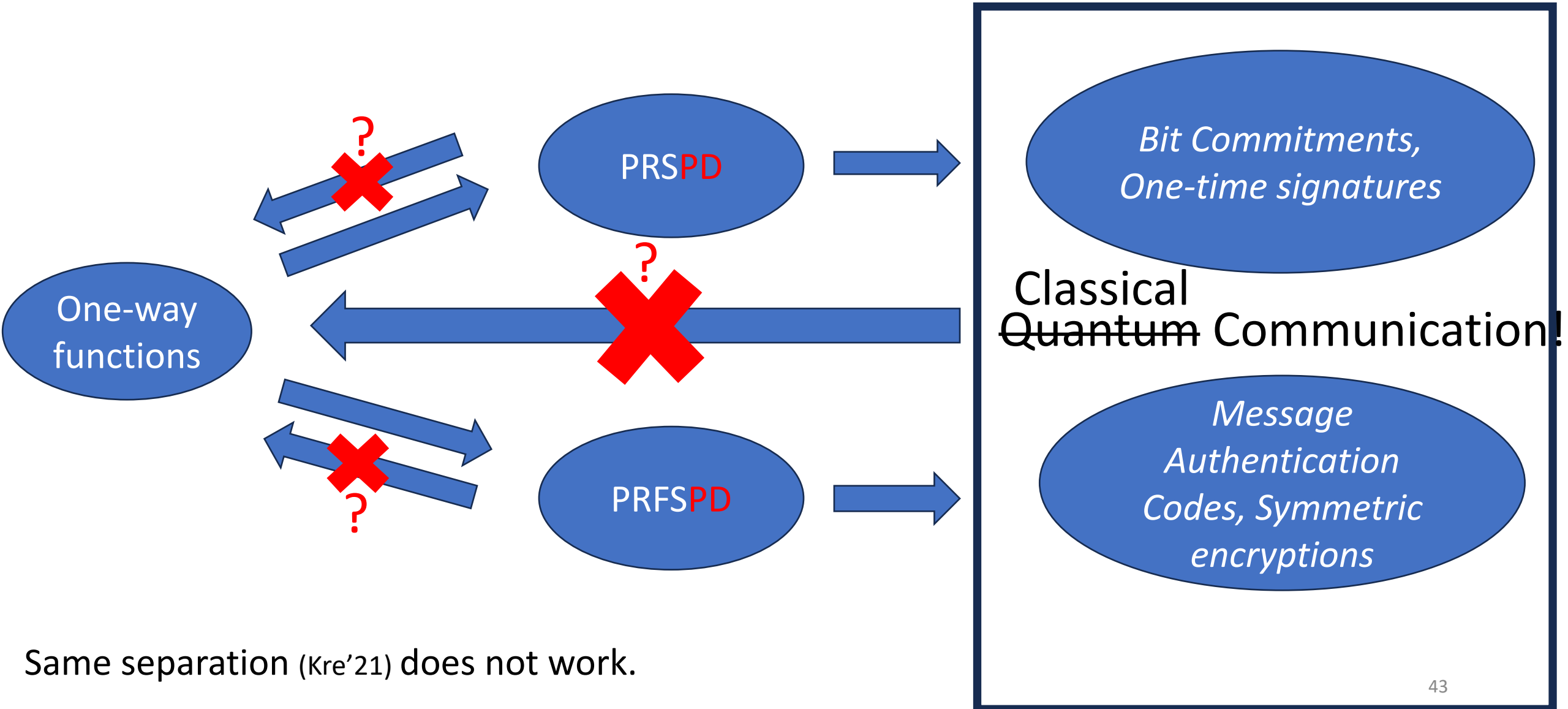
Concurrent works

- Short output PRS. (Ananth-Gulati-Qian-Yuen'22)
- Pseudo-deterministic PRG. (Ananth-Lin-Yuen'23)

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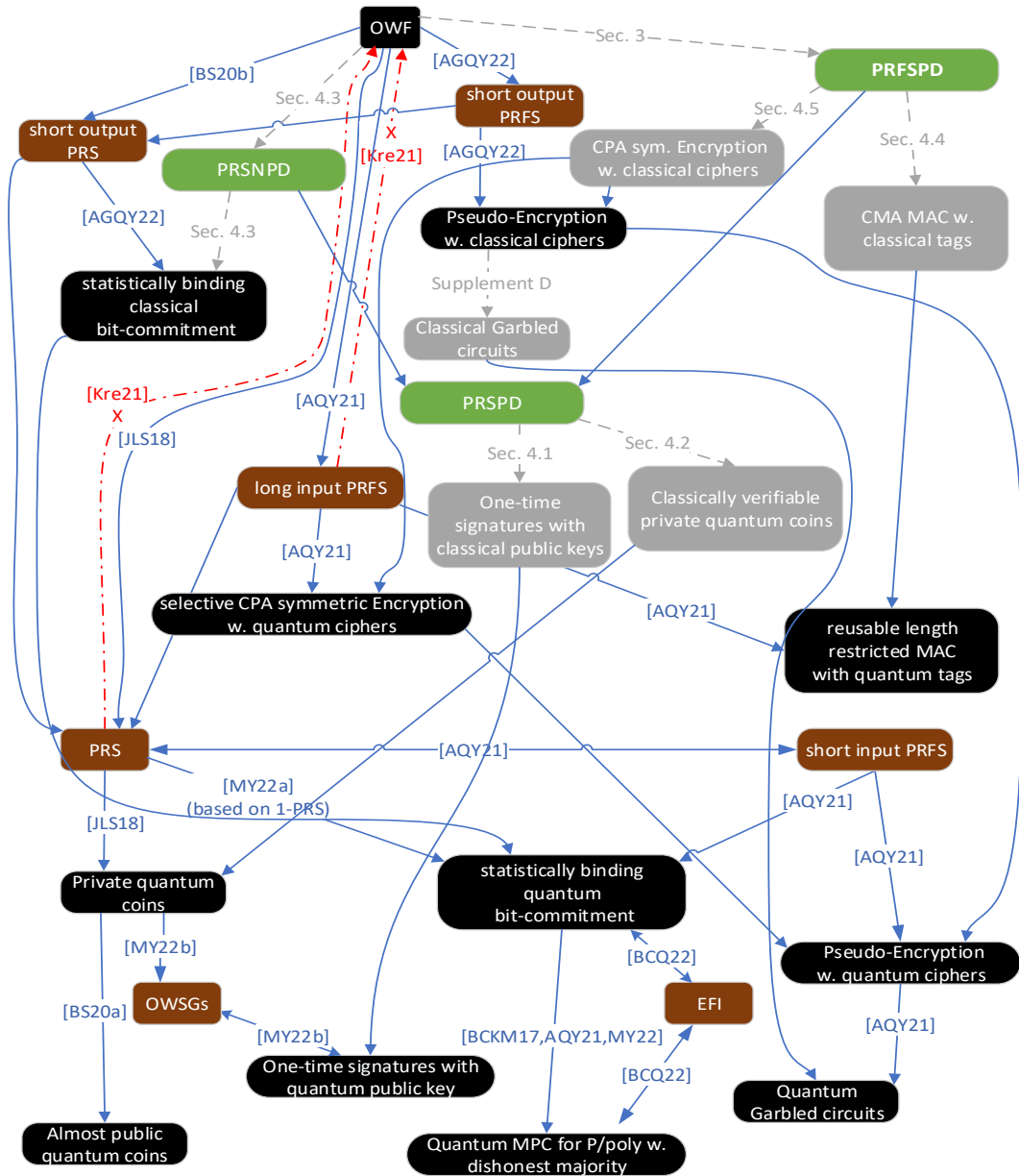


Why do we care?



Same separation (Kre'21) does not work.

Full picture currently

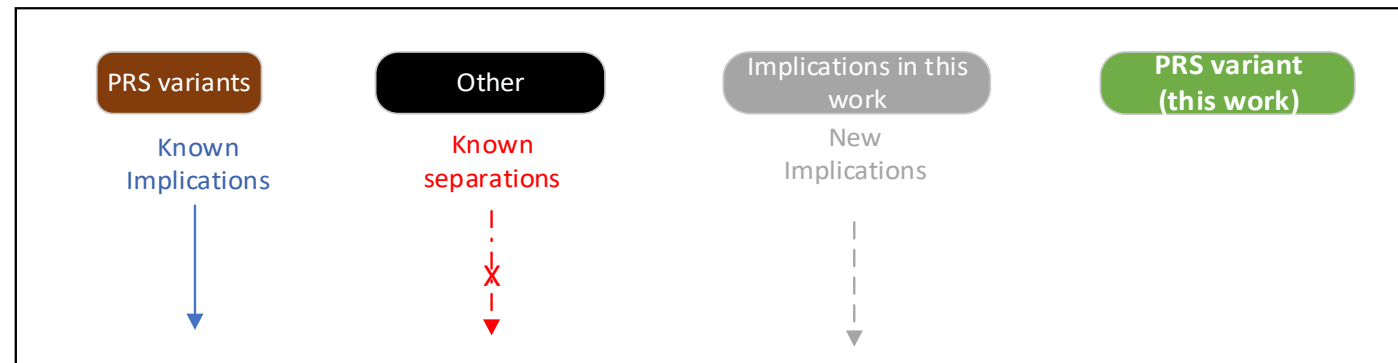


Welcome to the Jungle!

<https://sattath.github.io/qcrypto-graph/>

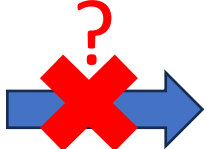
Simplify?


Legend



Open-problem

PRS (or PRFS)  One-way functions (Kre'21).

PRSPD (or PRFSPD)  One-way functions.

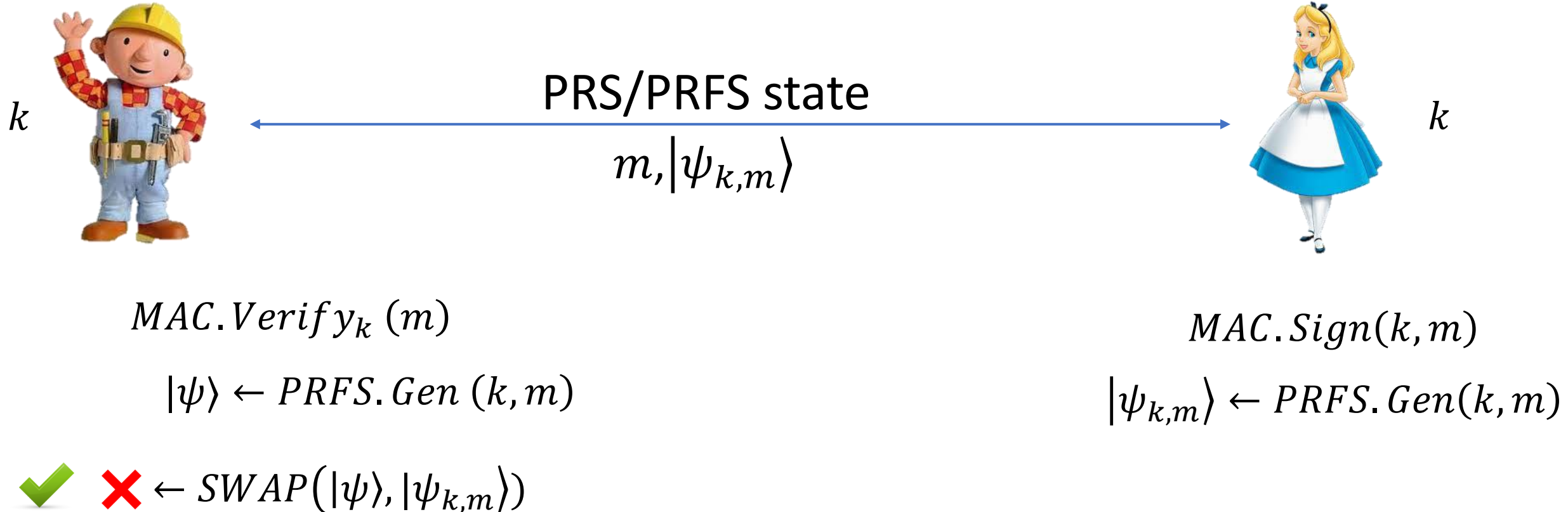
Separation  Most classical minicrypt primitives do not need one-way functions or quantum communication.

Related question: Separation of short-output PRS from OWF?

Template for the applications

Template for dequantizing PRS/PRFS applications

Quantum communication



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Classical

- ~~Quantum communication~~

Proof of destruction
of the PRS/PRFS state

k



k



m, p

$MAC.Verify_k(p, m)$

$MAC.Sign(k, m)$

✓ ✗ $\leftarrow PRFS.Verify_k(p, m)$

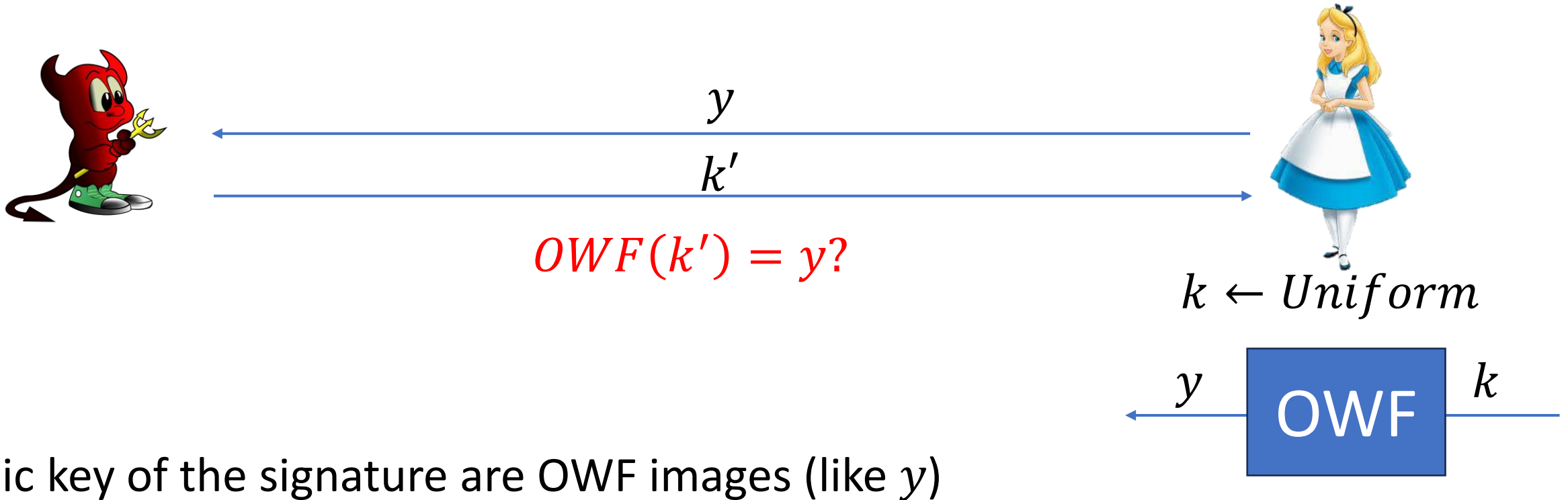
$|\psi_{k,m}\rangle \leftarrow PRFS.Gen(k, m)$
 $p \leftarrow PRFS.Destruct(k, m)$

Works in most but not in all cases!

Thank you!

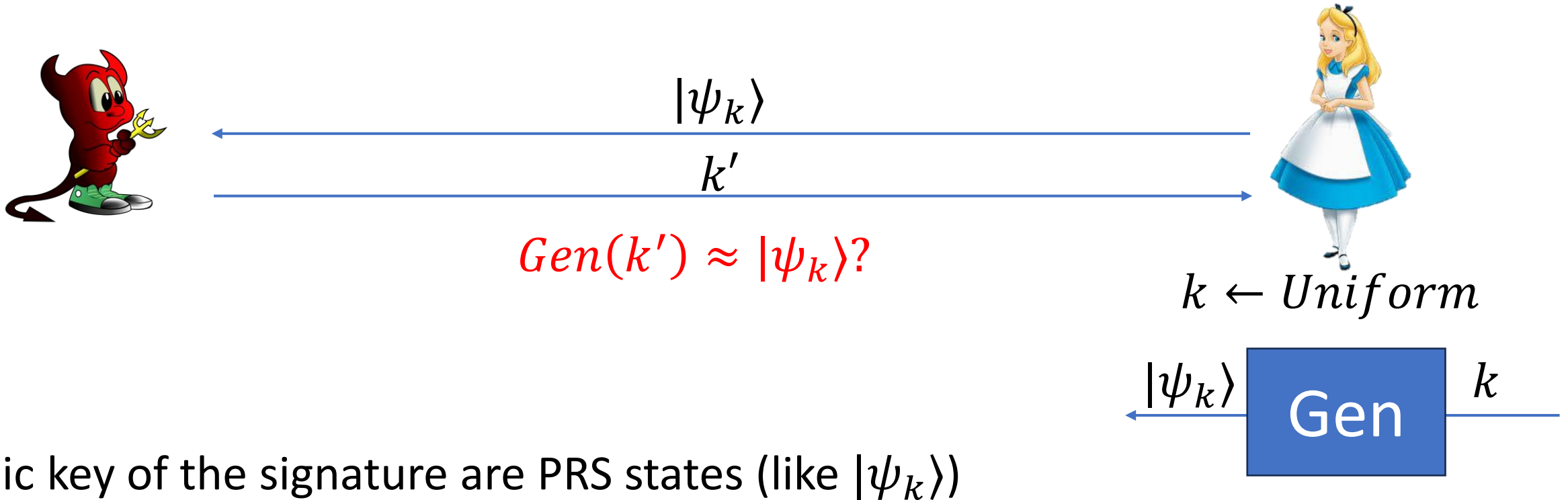
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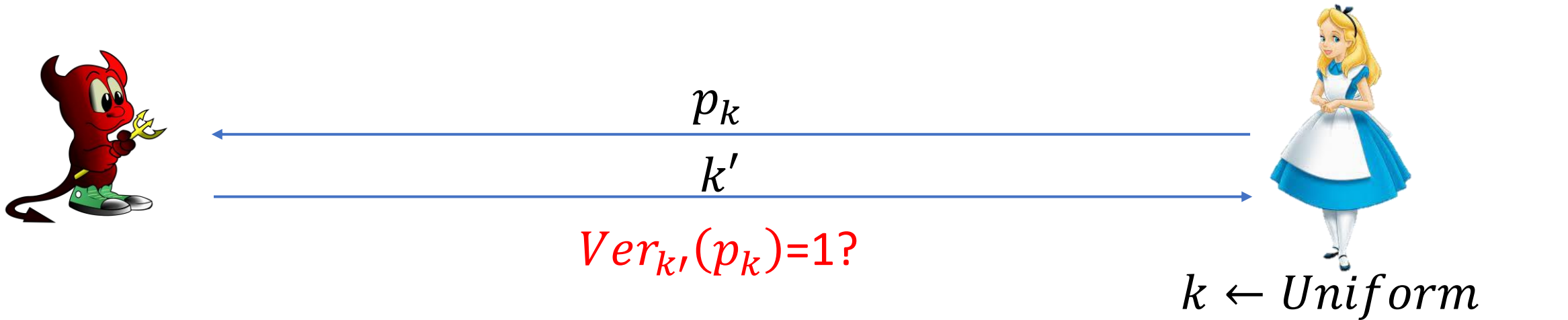
PRS \rightarrow One-time signatures (MY22)



Public key of the signature are PRS states (like $|\psi_k\rangle$)

Challenges in this template

PRSPD \rightarrow One-time signatures (Morimae-Yamakawa'22)



- Pseudorandomness/unforgeability is not enough!
- Add a dummy key \tilde{k} that accepts Ver on all proofs.
 - All previous security guarantees hold! **Proofs of destruction are not one-way!**
 - Adversary can output \tilde{k} trivially.



Solution: Change the verification algorithm to rule out dummy keys!

Thank you!

Example of an application: MAC construction

Hurdles in finding a separation

Other studied variants of Pseudorandom states

- PRFS (potentially stronger than PRS)
- Short Output PRS (potentially stronger)
- EFI (potentially weaker)
- One-way states (potentially weaker)