Introduction to Quantum Computing
Lecture 25: Universal Blind Quantum Computing

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This Lecture

1. Blind Quantum Computing: What & Why
2. Tools for MBQC-based Universal Blind Quantum Computing
3. UBQC protocol and Verification

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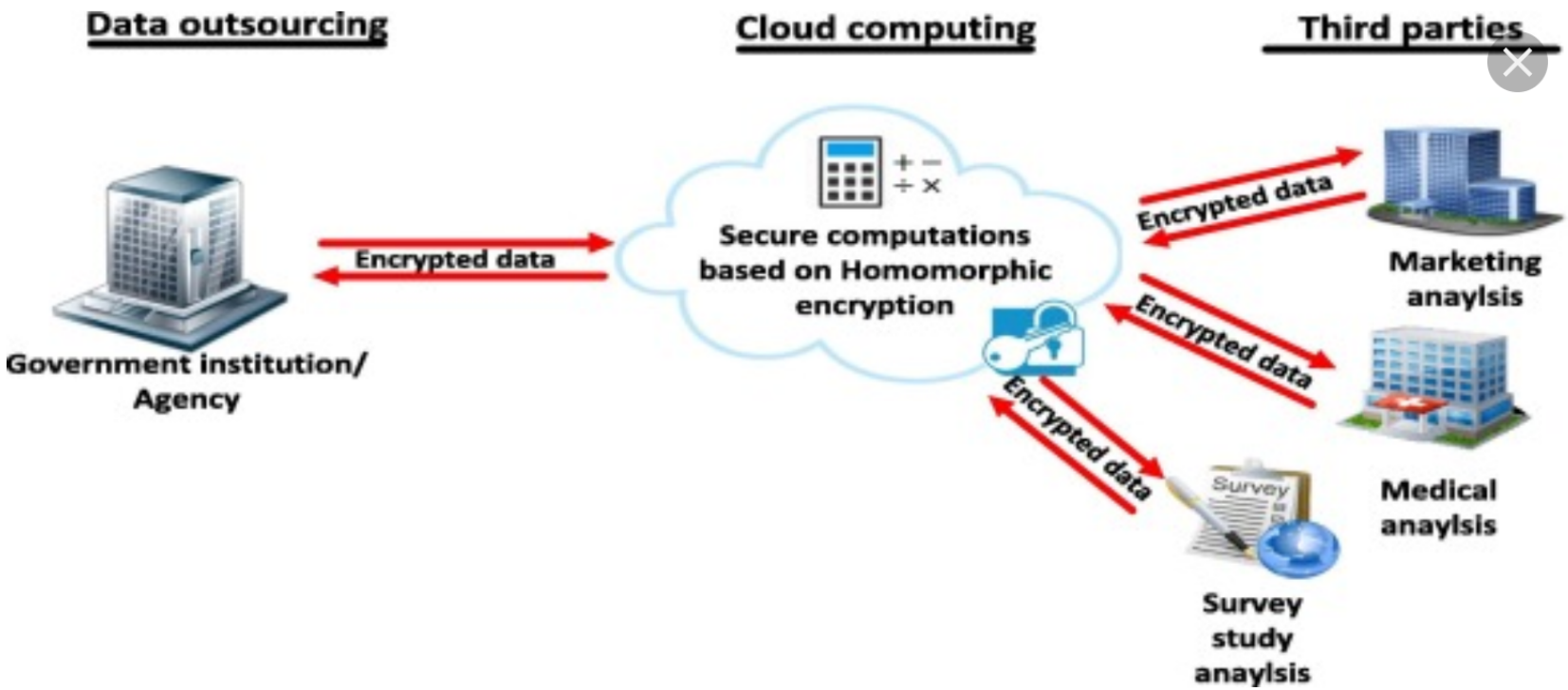

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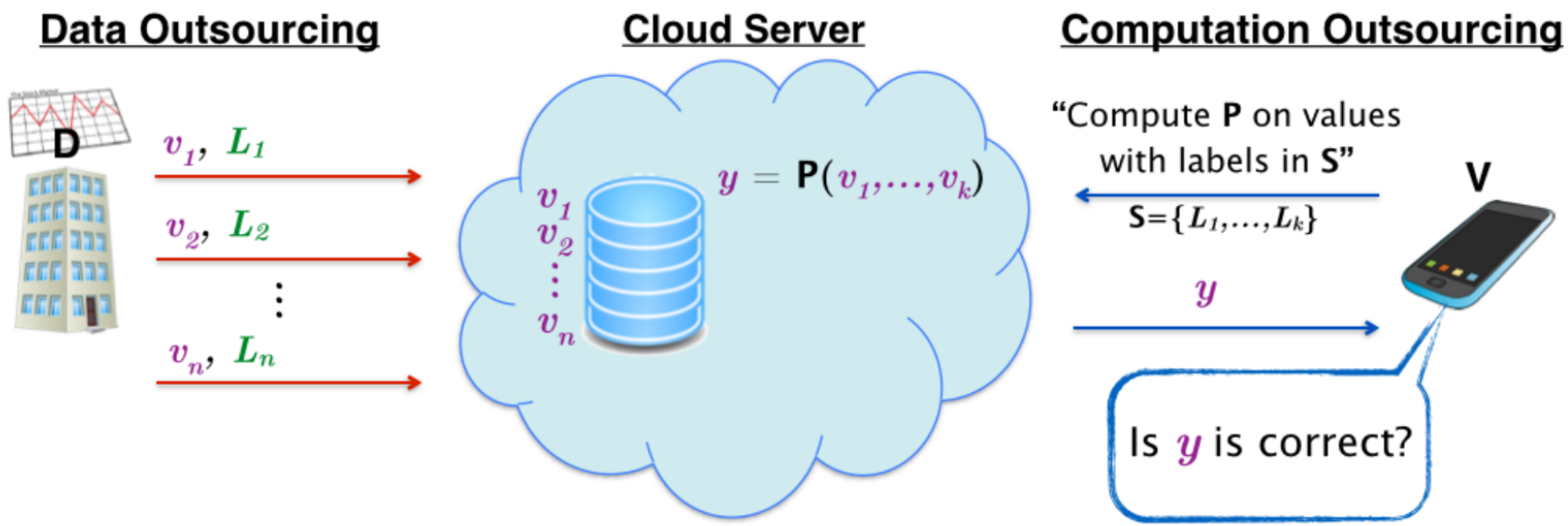

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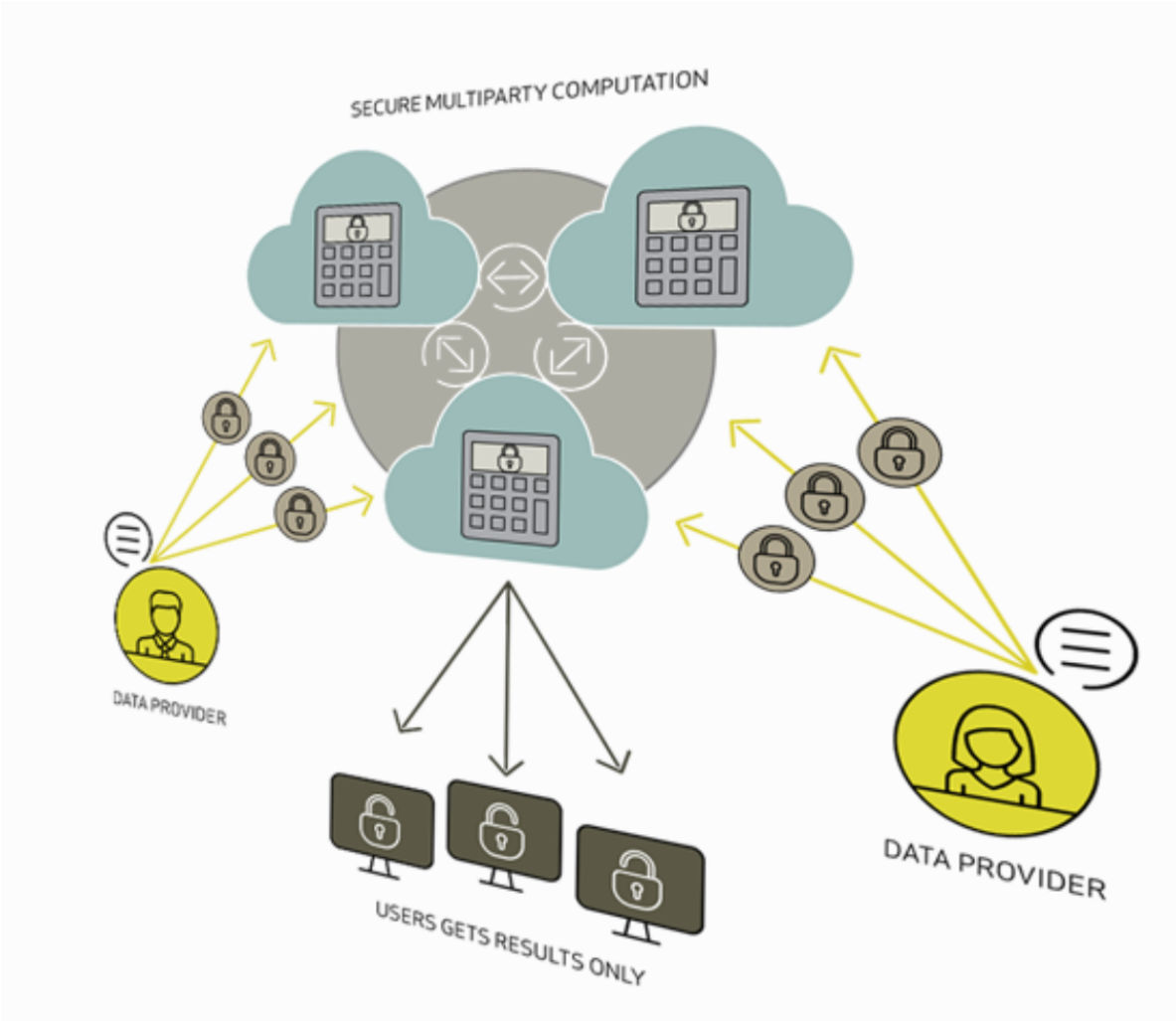

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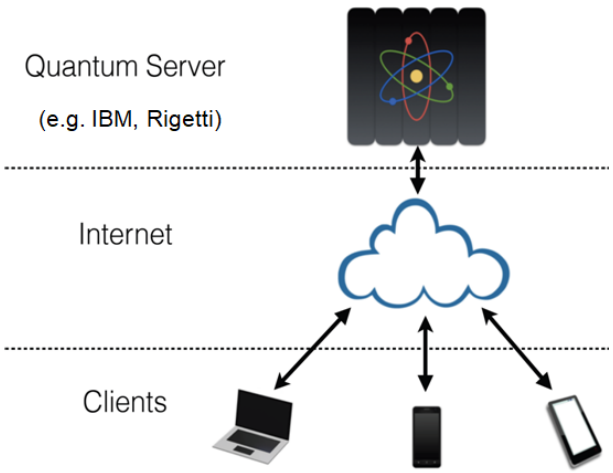
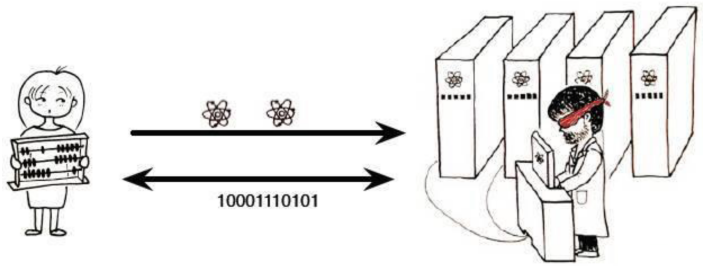


- Clients wants to maintain **privacy**, **accuracy** and **reliability**
- Clients wants to use the **extra power of quantum computing**



- Universal Blind Quantum Computation (Broadbent, Fitzsimons, Kashefi 2009)
- Basis for numerous extra functionalities
- Client sends **random single qubits** to Server

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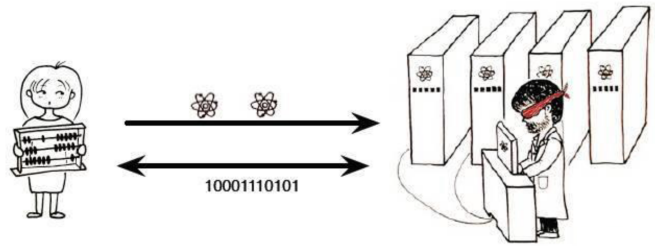

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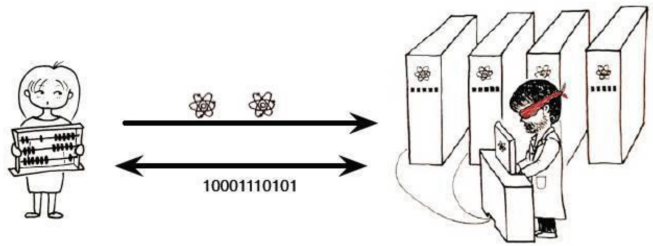

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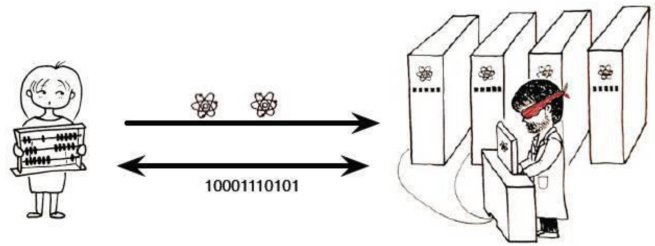

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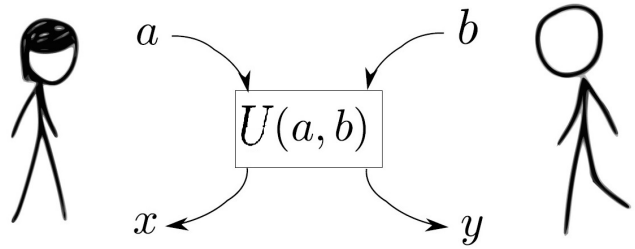

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Blind Computation $\Rightarrow$ Bob cannot determine Alice's:

- Input
- Intended output
- Computation (not required for fully homomorphic encryption)

Alice must encrypt everything (input, computation, output)

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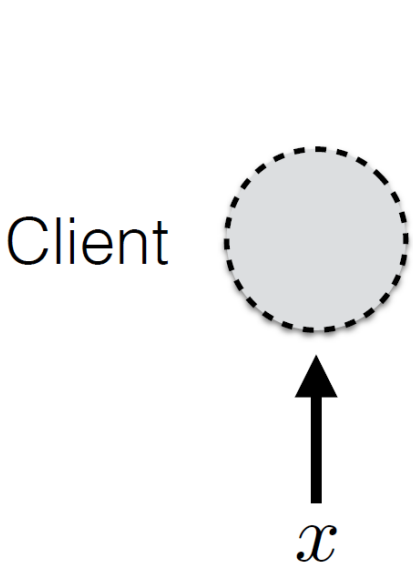
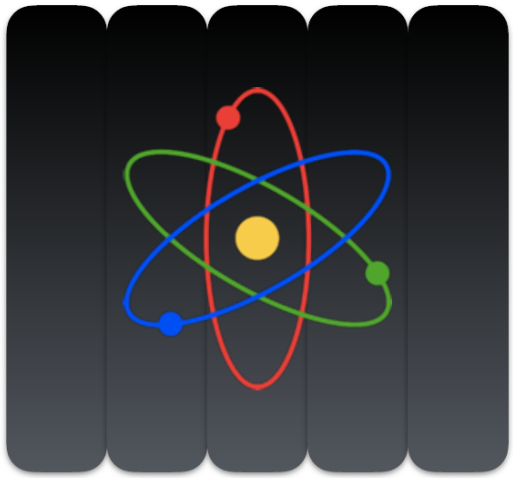
  1. Does **not** know what states Alice sends him
  2. Follows instructions; returns measurement outcomes to Alice

Blindness w.r.t. the "true" default angles $\{\phi_i\}_i$ and the shape of the "true" resource $|G\rangle$

Universal Blind Quantum Computation (UBQC)

Keep x and $f(x)$ hidden from server





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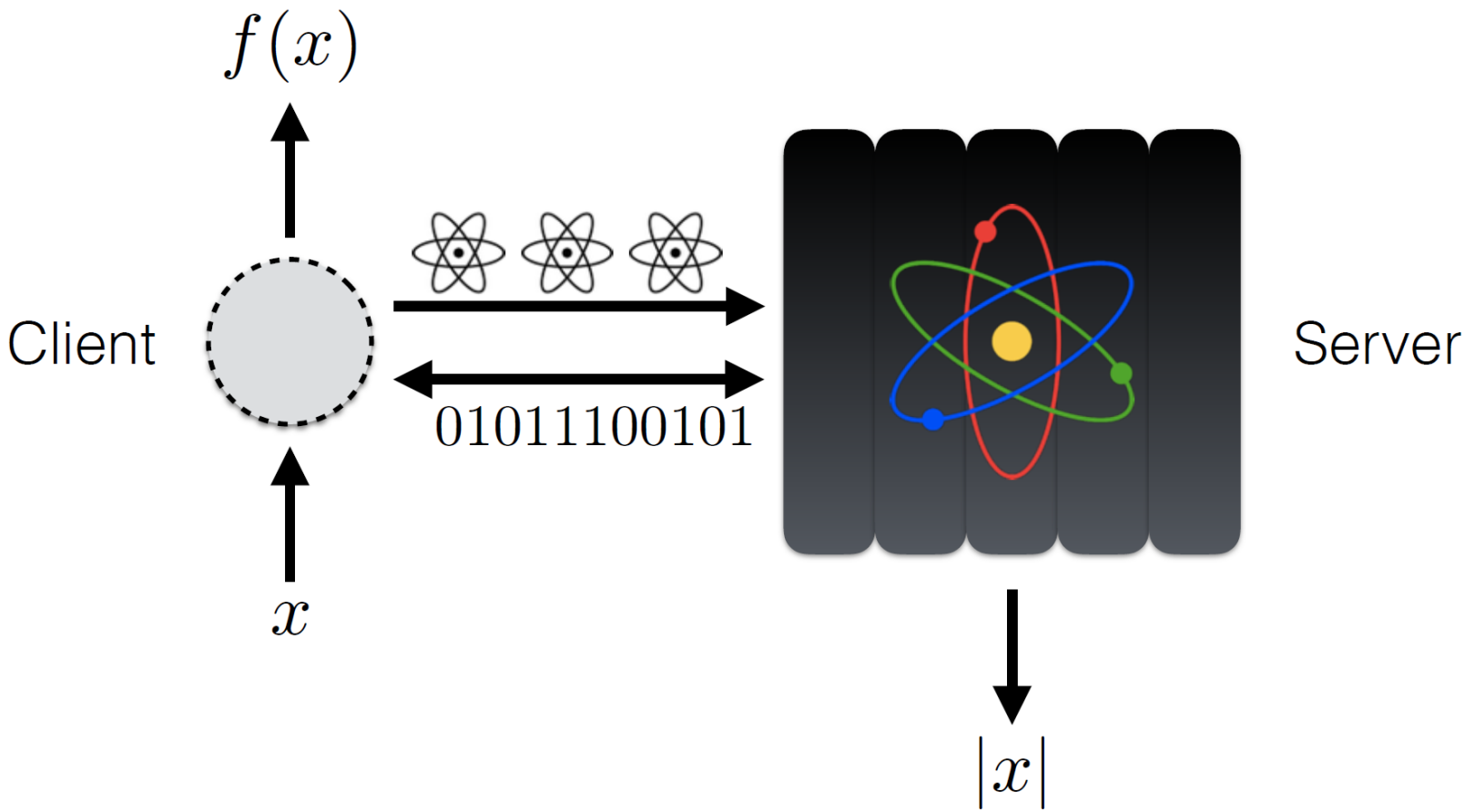

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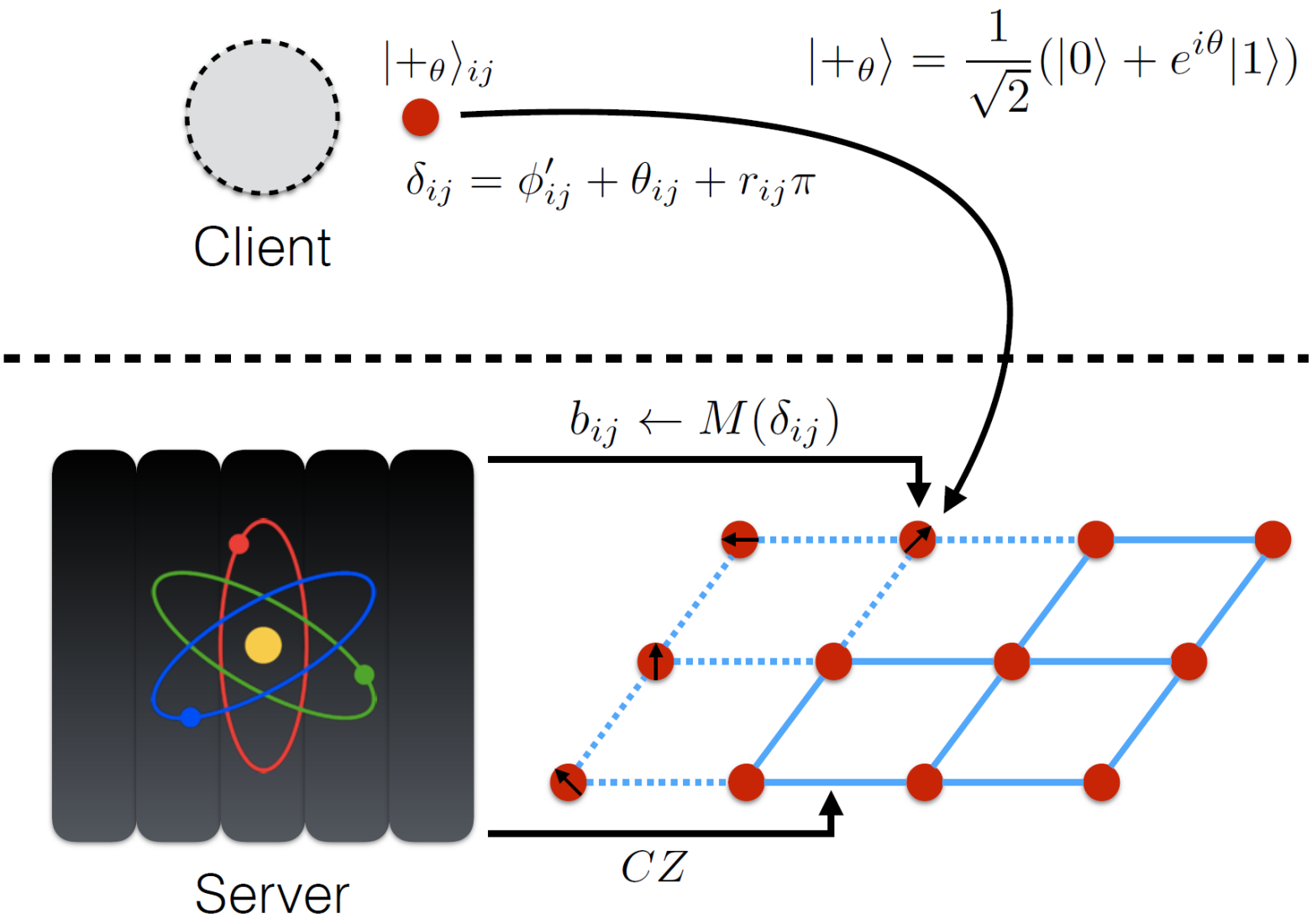

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(c) $M^\alpha = M^Z HR(-\alpha)$.

Measuring at an angle is equivalent with applying the inverse circuit that prepares $|\pm_\alpha\rangle$ and then measure in comp. basis.

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- Adding $r_i\pi$ does **not** change the measurement, only flips the outcome ($s_i = 0$ goes to $s_i = 1$ and visa-versa)

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Note: Interaction is required so that Alice can compute the corrected measurement angle ϕ'_i which depends on the (corrected) measurement outcomes (and thus cannot be computed by Bob).

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- The dummy qubits produce a Z^d **correction** to all neighbouring qubits.

  These corrections are:

  (i) known to Alice only, (ii) know from the start

  Alice takes them into account when computing the angle that she asks Bob to measure

  (Adds $d\pi$ to the angle of qubits neighbouring with $|d\rangle$ qubit)

UBQC protocol and Verification of Quantum Computing

A first UBQC protocol

We assume only M^{α} measurements (breaking to the desired resource state happens as described)

We assume classical input/output (can generalise)

Input:

- Graph G of m qubits sufficient for given computation
- m "default" measurement angles ϕ_i performing desired computation
- m random variables $\theta_i \leftarrow \{0, \pi/4, \cdots, 7\pi/4\}$, m random variables $r_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ chosen secretly by Alice

Initial Step:

- Alice sends to Bob m qubits of the form $|+_{\theta_i}\rangle$
- Bob applies $\wedge Z_{ij}$ according to the graph and generates the "secretly rotated" resource state

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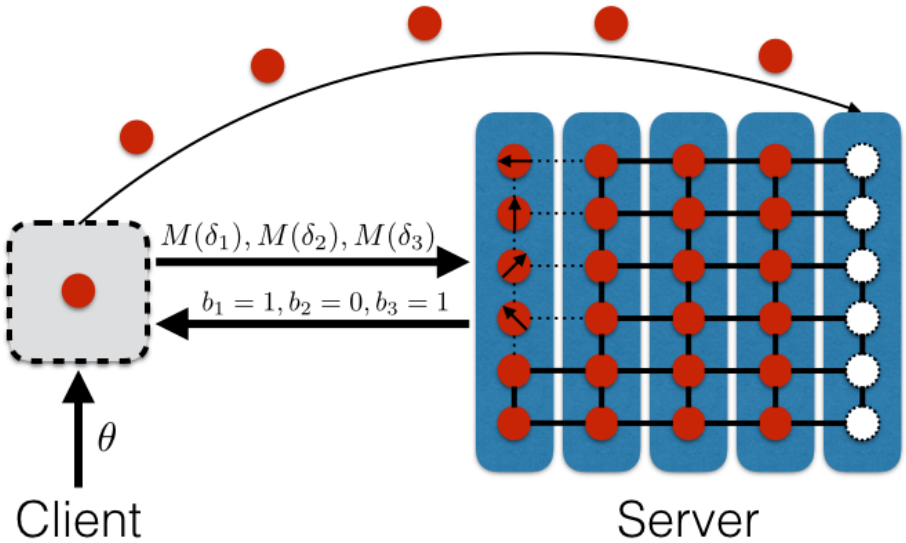
Step i: $1 \leq i \leq m$

- Alice computes the angle $\delta_i = \phi'_i + \theta_i + r_i\pi$ and instruct Bob to measure qubit i at this angle
- Bob measures qubit i and returns outcome b_i to Alice
- Alice sets the value $s_i = b_i \oplus r_i$
- Alice moves to step $i + 1$ until $i = m$ where the protocol terminates
- The outcome is obtained from the last "layer" of measurements



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- Alice knows this result in advance, but Bod doesn't

  (Bob neither knows the d's nor the position that a trap exists)

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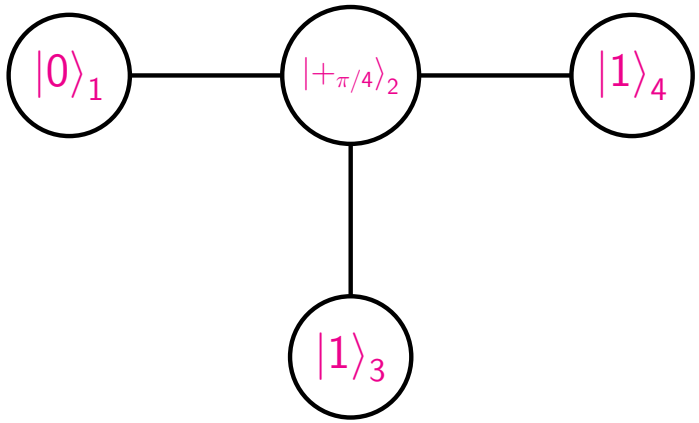

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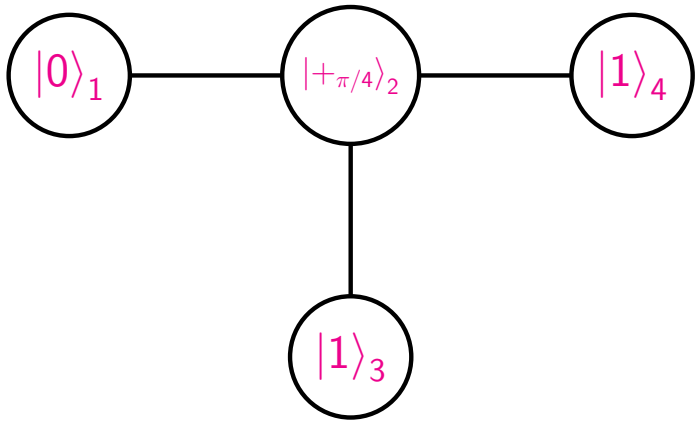

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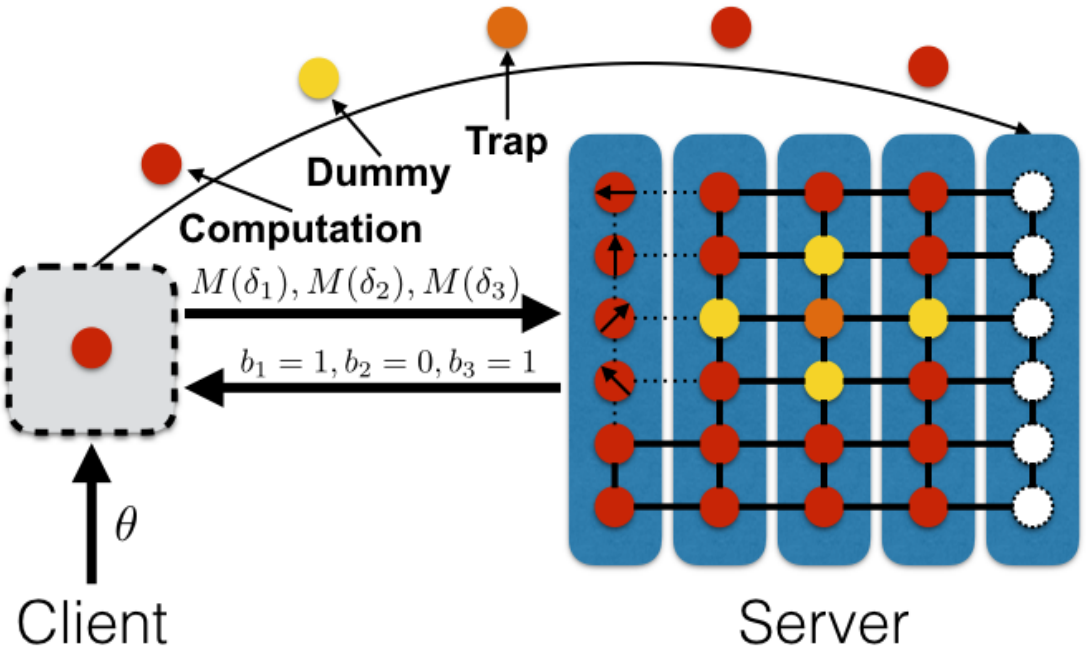
- The trap qubit (after $\wedge Z$-gates) is at state:

  $Z^{d_1+d_3+d_4} |+_{\pi/4}\rangle = Z^2 |+_{\pi/4}\rangle = |+_{\pi/4}\rangle$

- If measured in the $\{|+_{\pi/4}\rangle, |-_{\pi/4}\rangle\}$-basis we get (always) $b_2 = 0$

Towards Verification of Quantum Computation

- **Position** of traps and dummies is **unknown** to Bob
- **Result of measurement of trap**, if measured in M_t^θ-basis is deterministic and **known** in advance **to Alice**
- **If Bob deviates** at the protocol, he may deviate on the trap qubit and this will be **detected by Alice**!



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