

Oracle Separation Between Quantum Commitments and One-Wayness

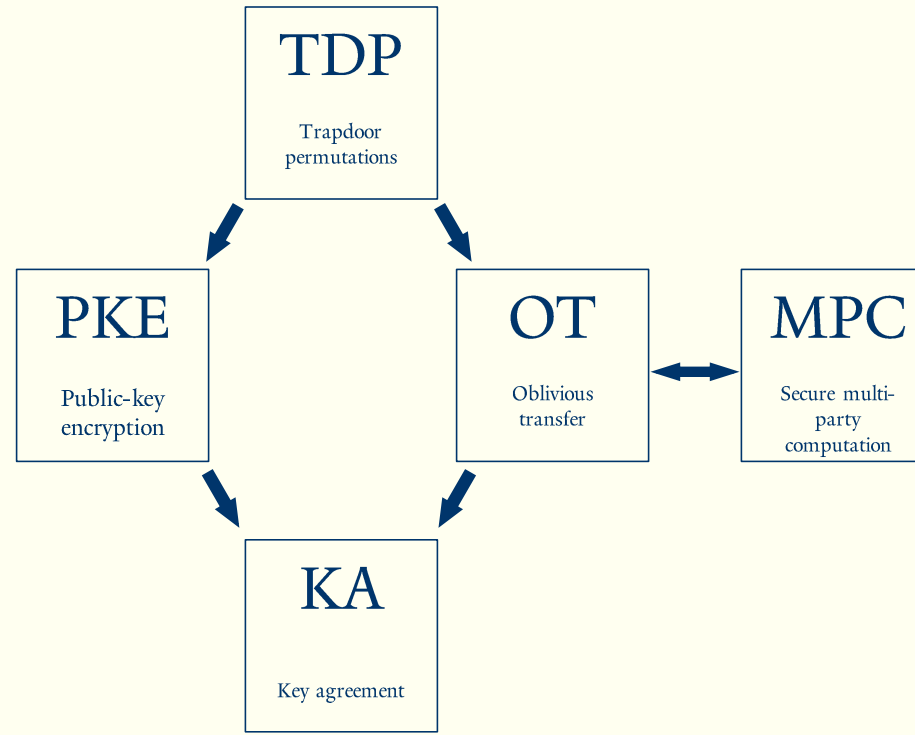
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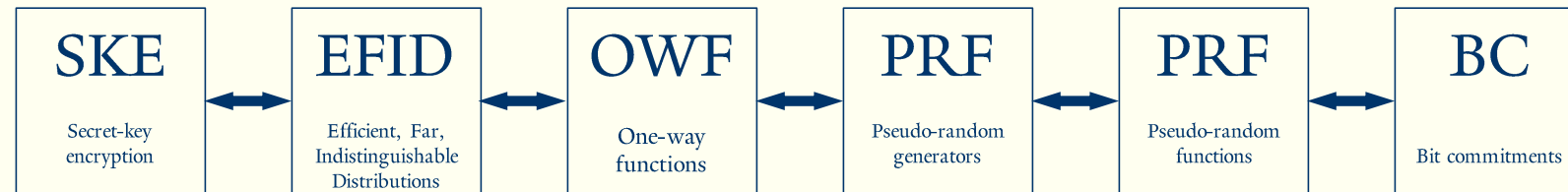
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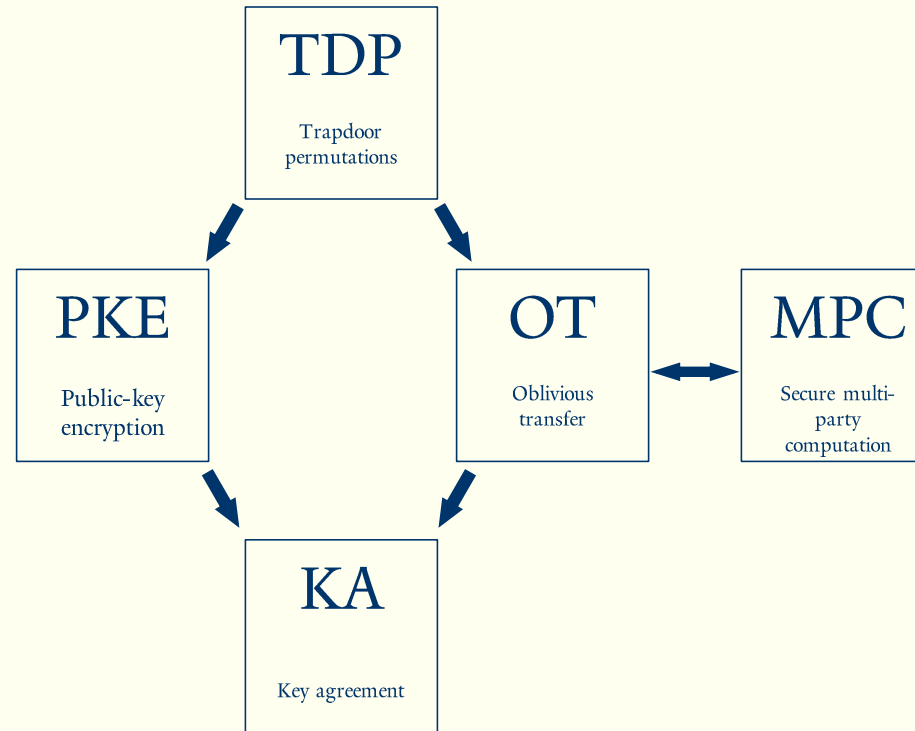


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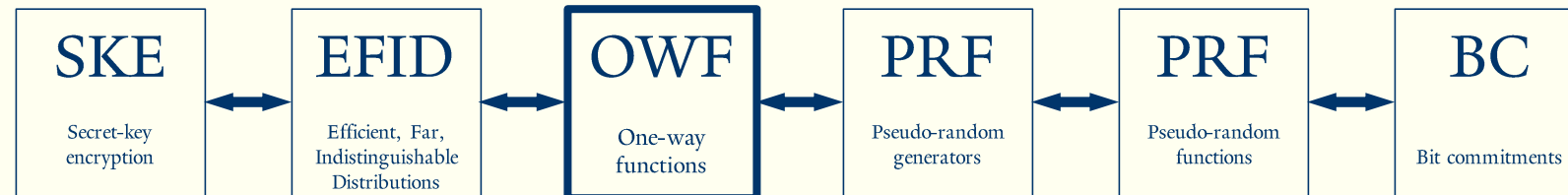


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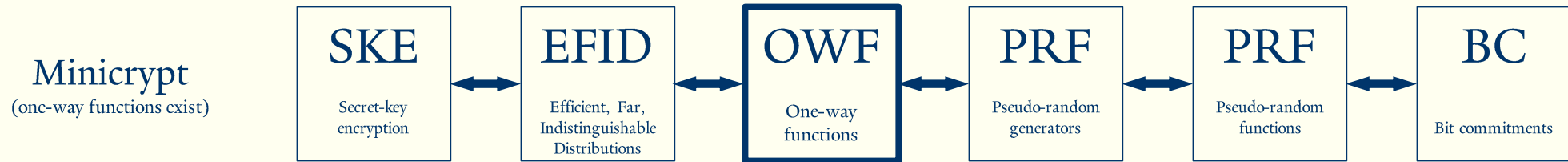


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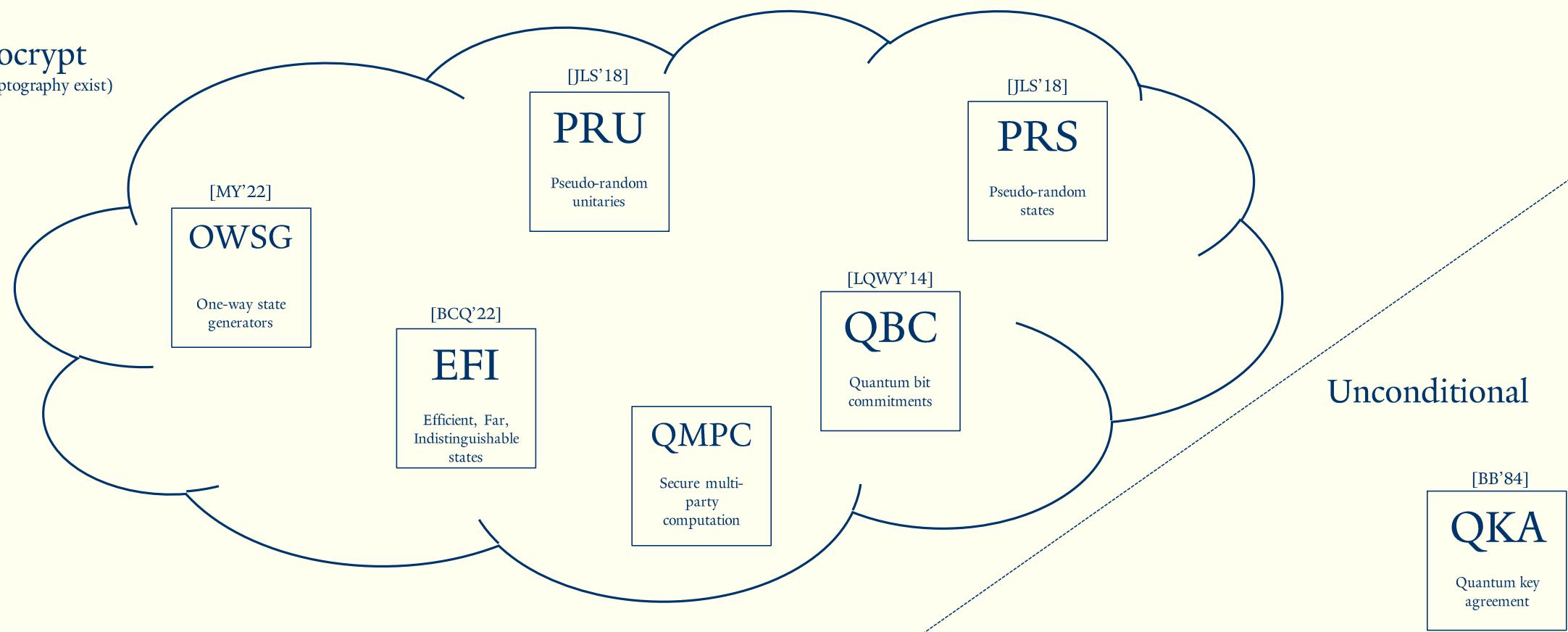


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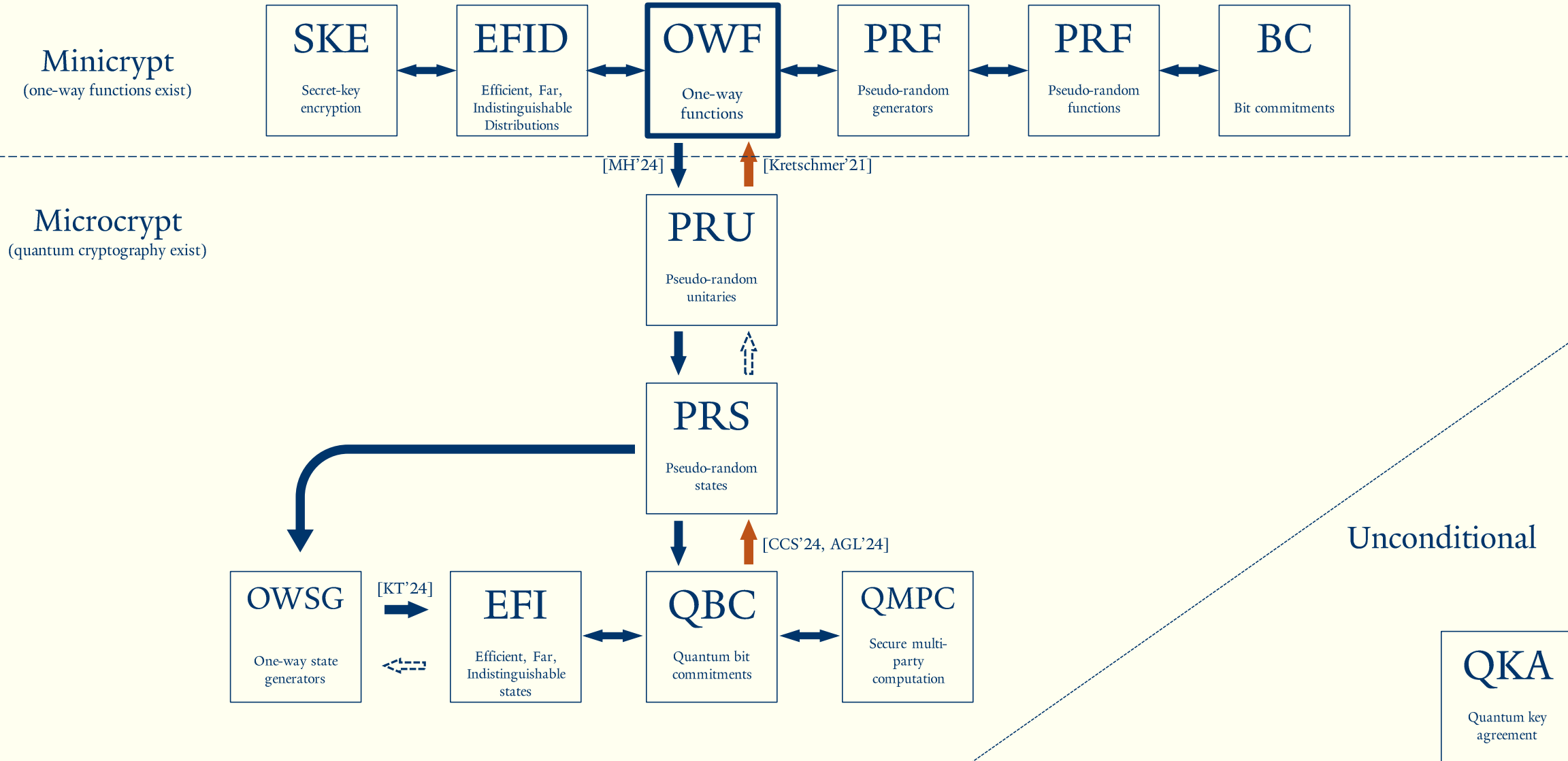
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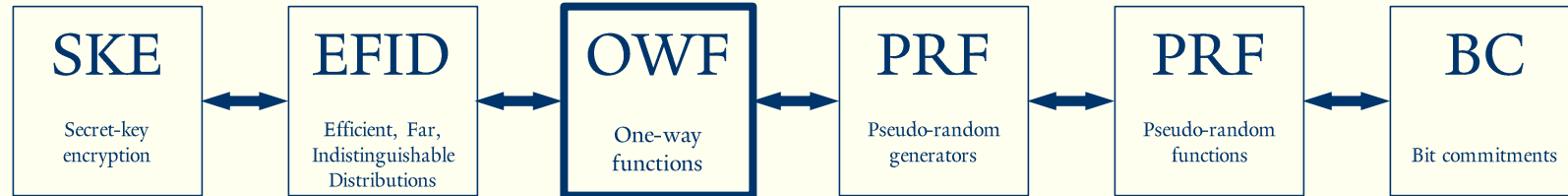


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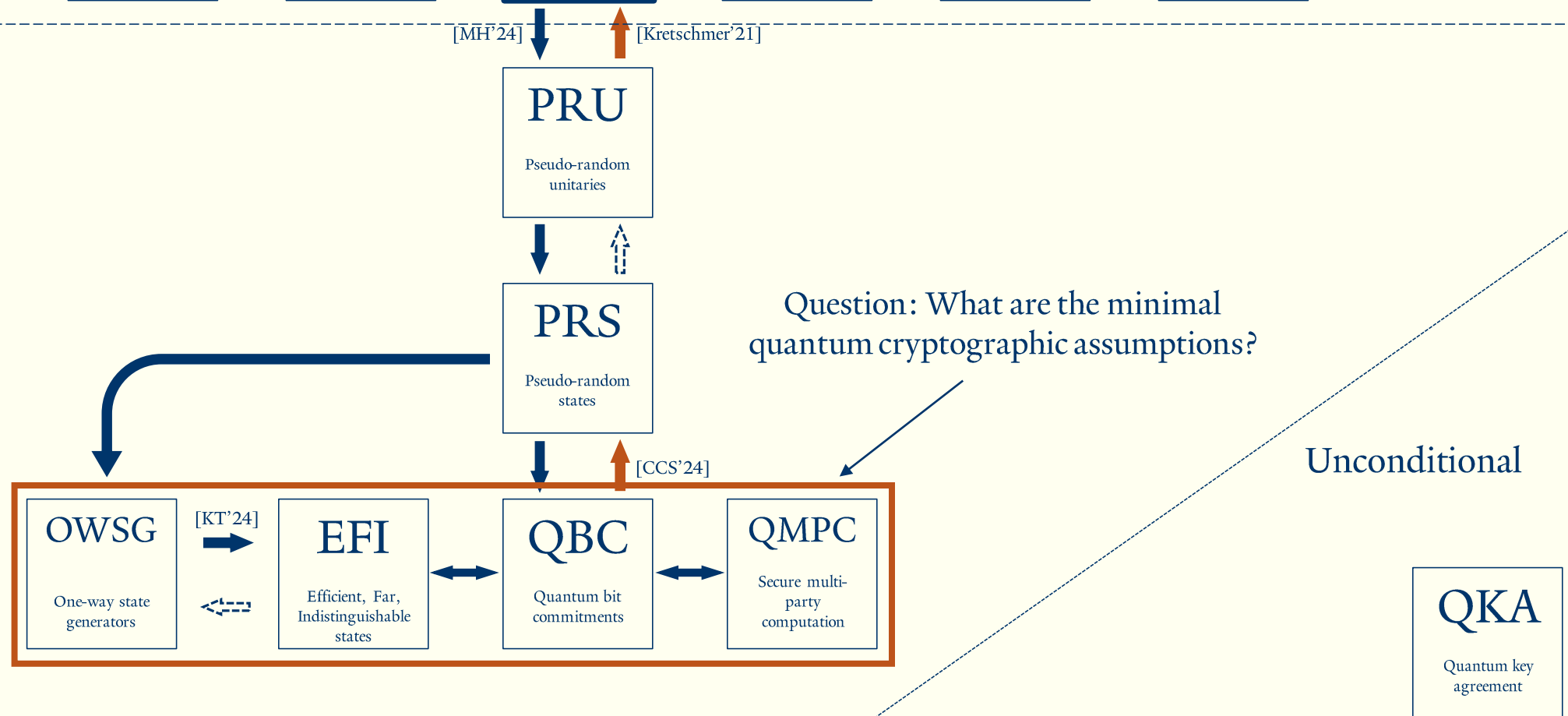


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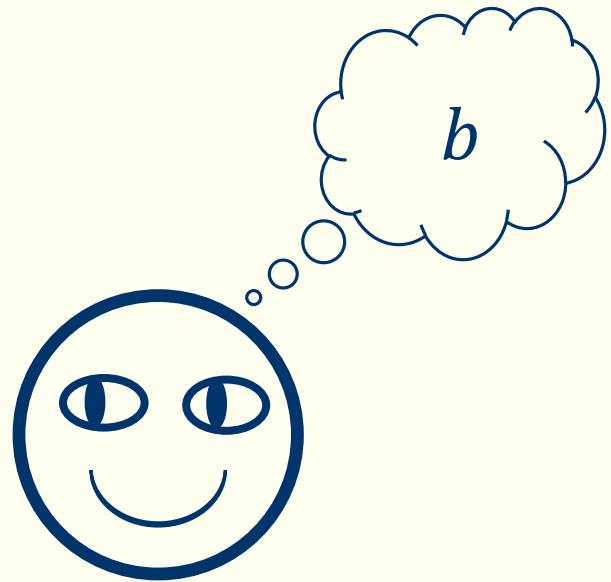
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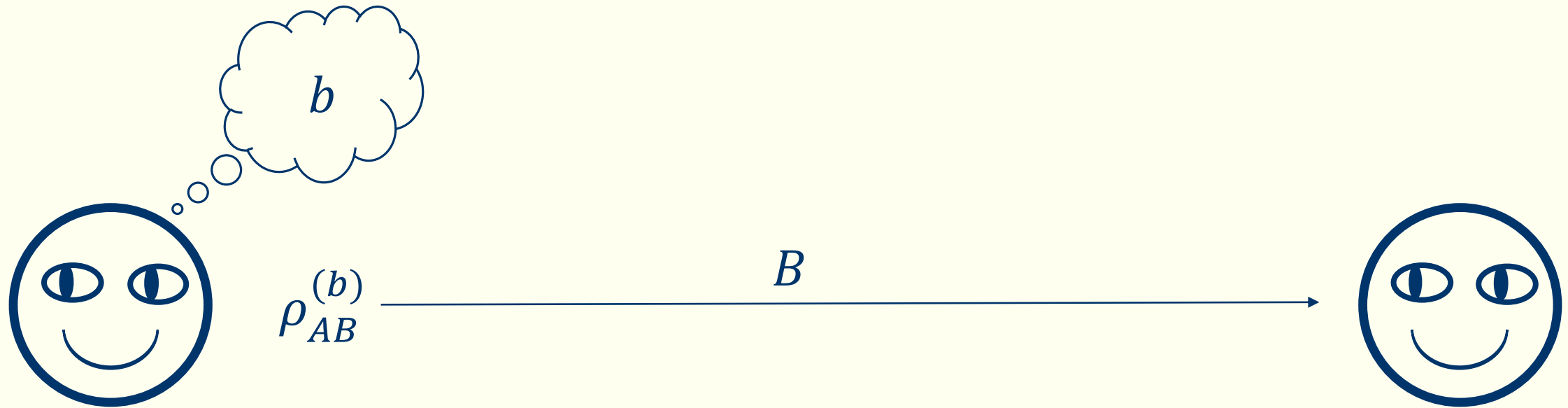
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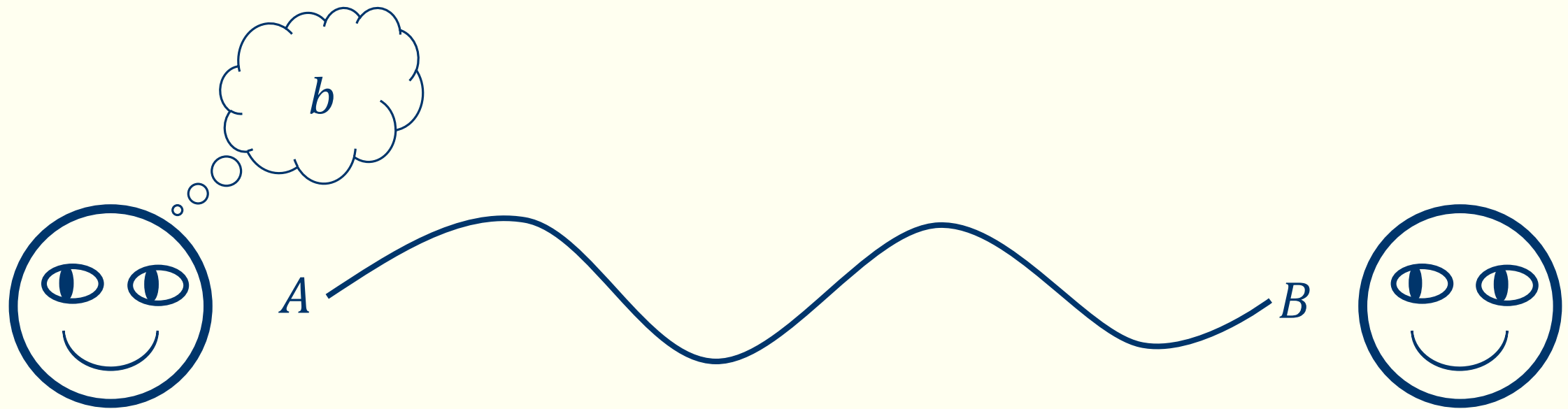
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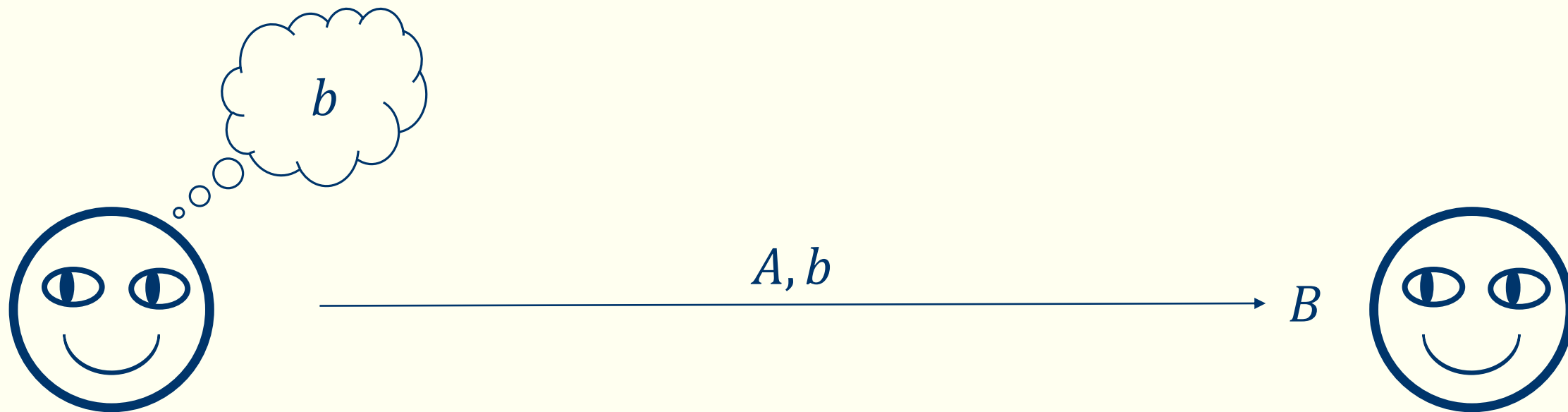
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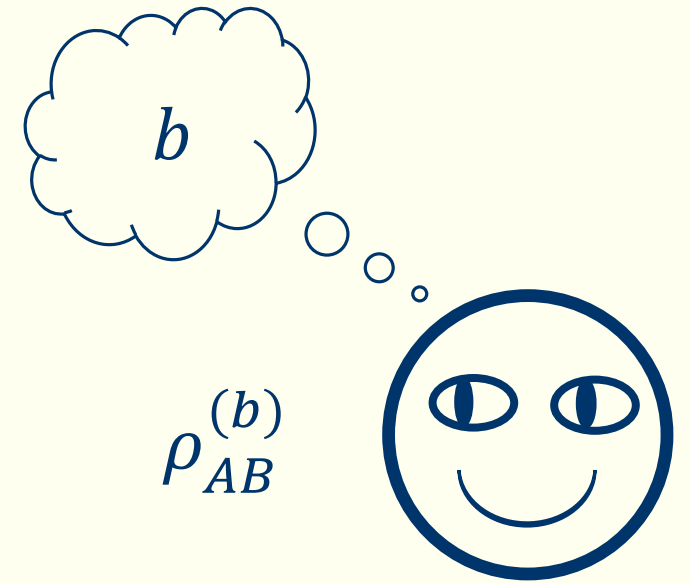
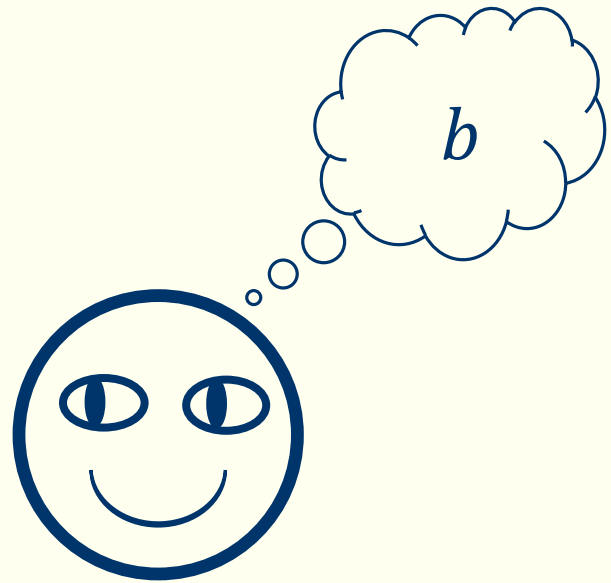
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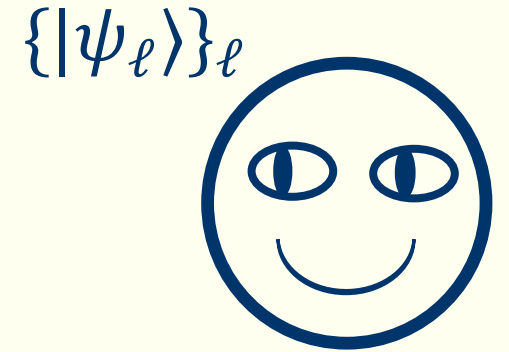
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- Computationally Indistinguishable: Hiding guarantees that no efficient adversary can distinguish them.

The common Haar random state model

In the common Haar random state model (CHRS) [CCS'24, AGL'24], there are a collection of states $\{|\psi_\ell\rangle\}_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}}$ that are sampled uniformly at random from the Haar measure, and all parties get sample access to the states.



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Using a pseudo-random generator (against PSPACE) and deferred measurement, the entire algorithm can be described by a deterministic PSPACE quantum circuit.

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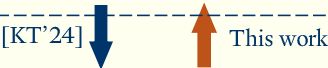
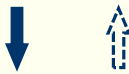
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Un-entangled versus entangled?

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Entanglementia
(quantum cryptography between entangled parties exists)



Unconditional

