

Higher-Order Quantum Operations

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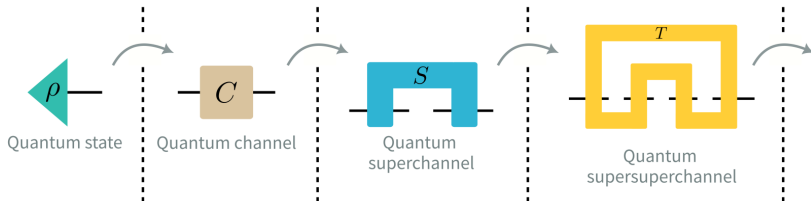


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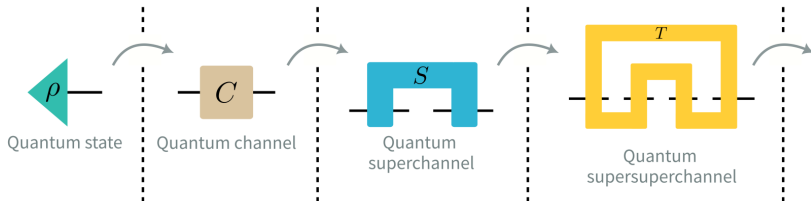


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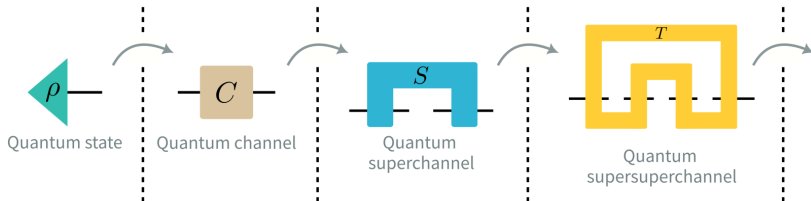


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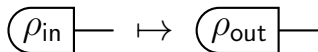
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- ▶ OK... but how about state transposition, $\tilde{T}(\rho) = \rho^T$?

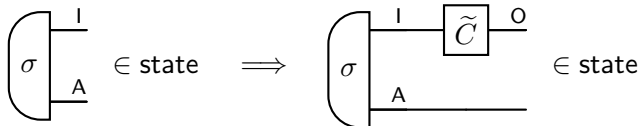
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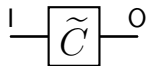
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- ▶ We're all happy! Pick your favourite approach. :)

Part 1

Trasnforming quantum channels

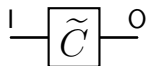
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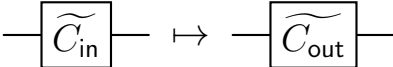
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The diagram illustrates the transformation of a quantum channel. It consists of two parts connected by a mapping arrow \mapsto . On the left, a horizontal line enters a square box labeled $\widetilde{C}_{\text{in}}$, and another horizontal line exits the box to the right. On the right, a similar setup is shown with a square box labeled $\widetilde{C}_{\text{out}}$. The mapping arrow \mapsto points from the first box to the second, indicating a transformation of the channel.

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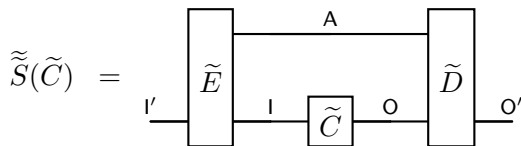
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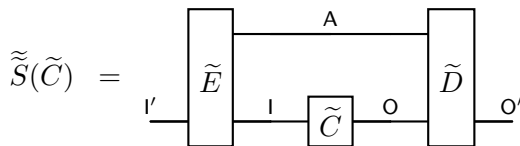
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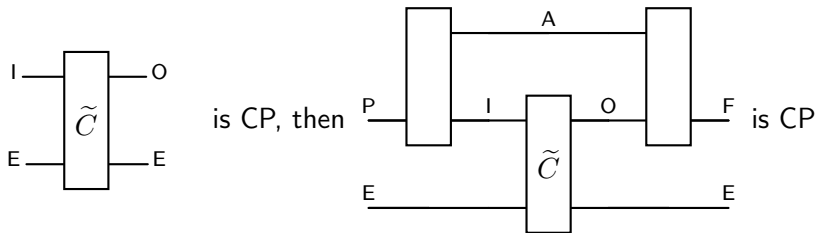
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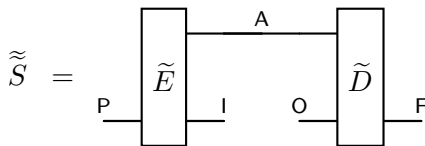


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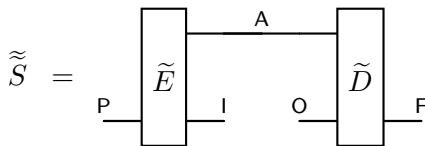
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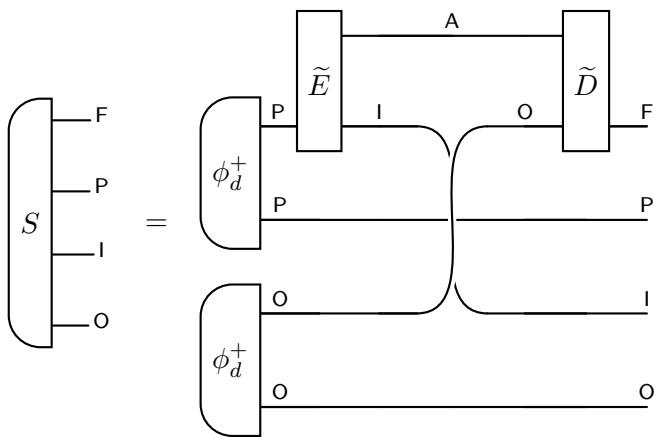


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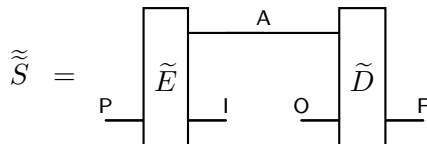
- ▶ Causality is proven!

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Choi isomorphism for supermaps:



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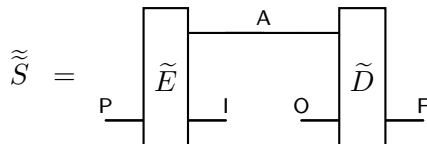
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Affine and positive semidefinite constraints \implies SDP!!

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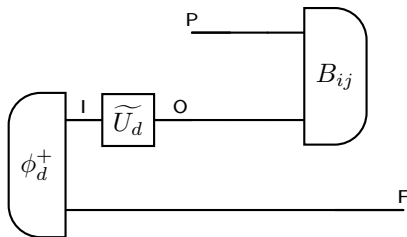
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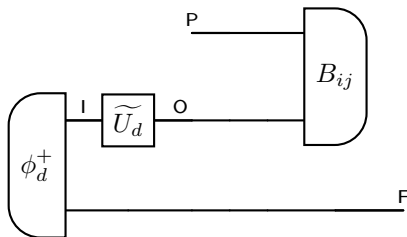
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Explicit construction for unitary transposition

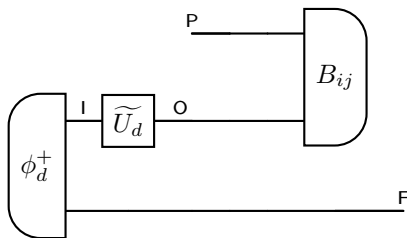


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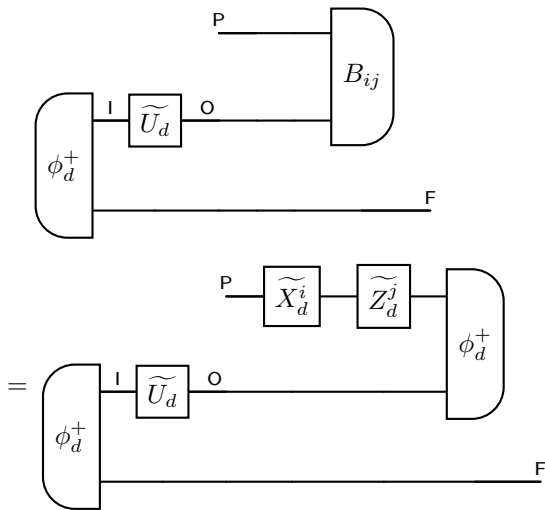


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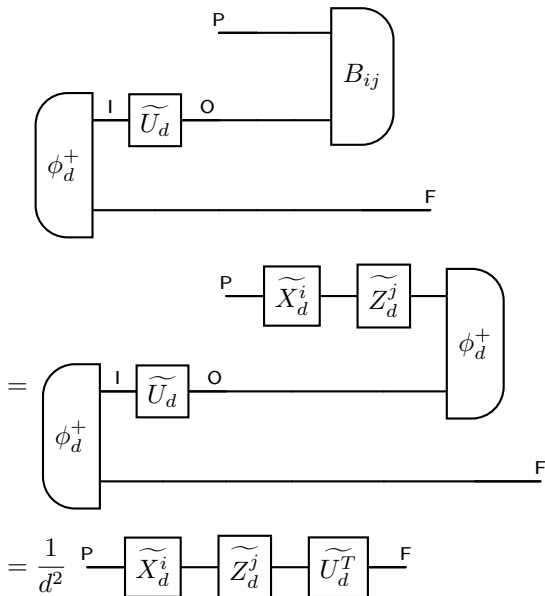
$$B_{ij} := \left(Z_d^j X_d^i \otimes \mathbf{1} \right) |\phi_d^+\rangle$$

$$i, j \in \{0, \dots, d-1\}$$

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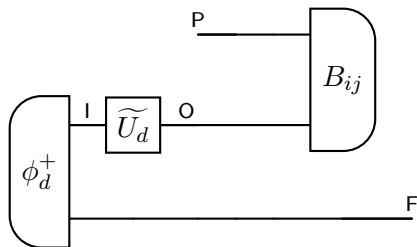
Qubit unitary inversion

For qubits, we have:

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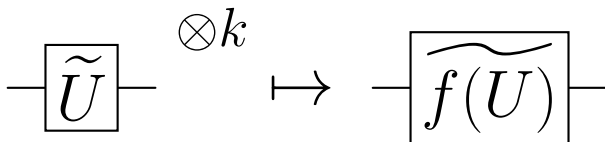
Hence, with $p = 1/4$, we can invert an arbitrary unitary operation!

Delayed input state



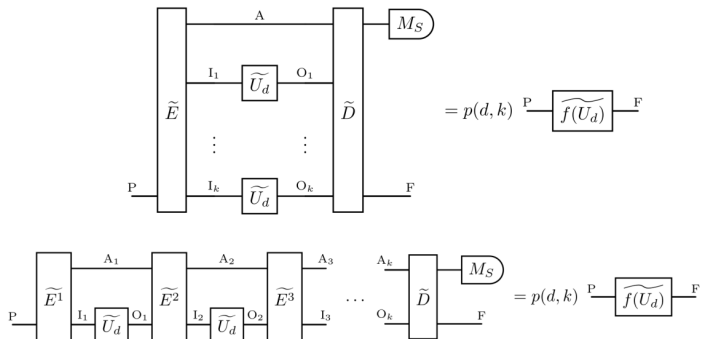
Quantum unitary transformations

We can call/query operations many times!



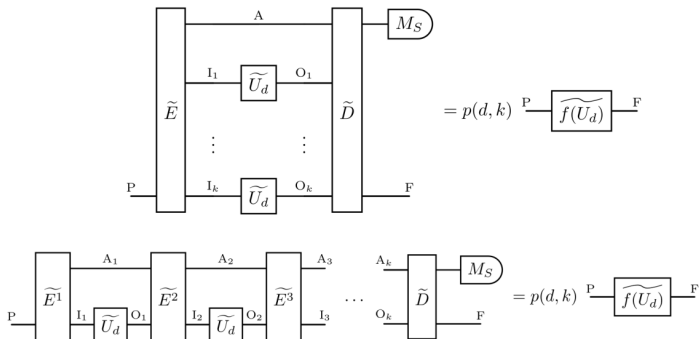
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- This also fits the higher-order quantum operations framework

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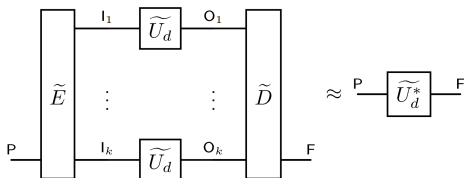
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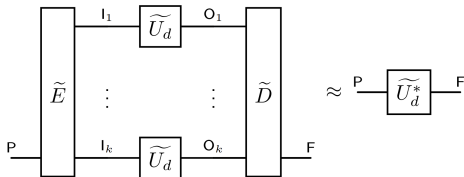
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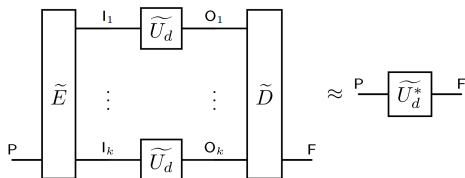
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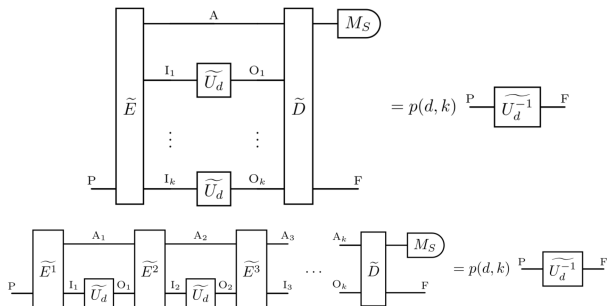
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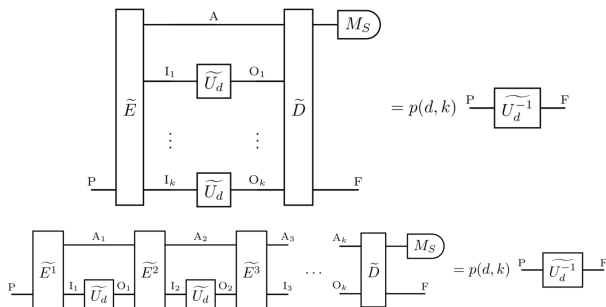
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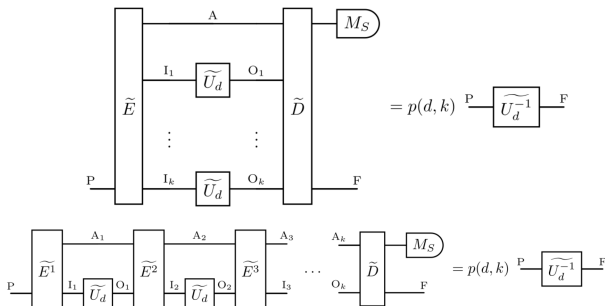


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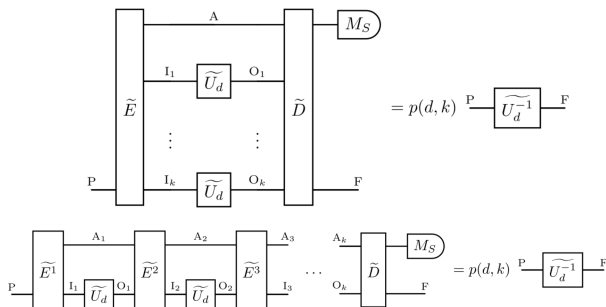
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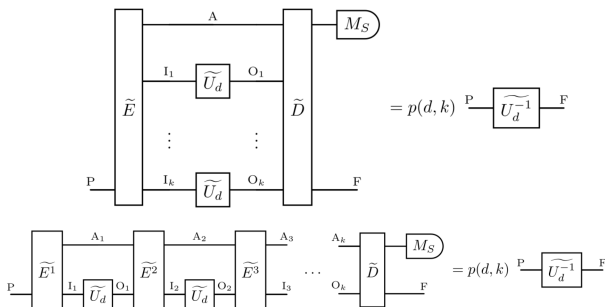
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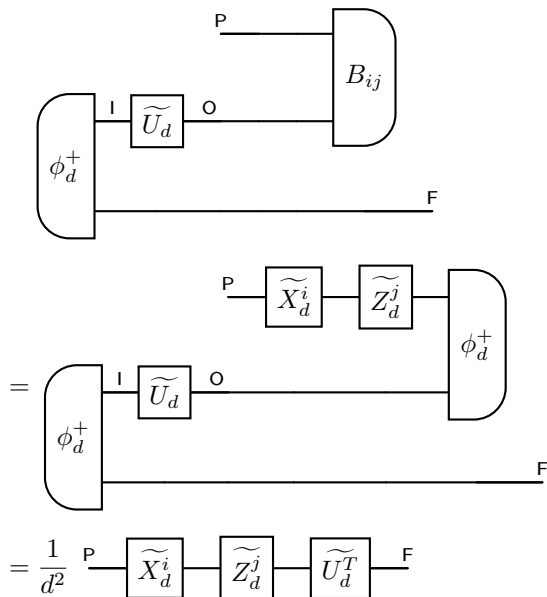
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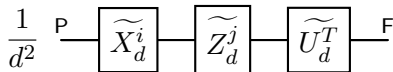
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Unitary transposition



Adaptive circuits

When we fail, we lose track of the unknown input state...
then we cannot re-iterate this protocol...



Adaptive circuits

Can we “reset the protocol” when we fail?

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Success or draw \implies repeat until success (approaches one exponentially)

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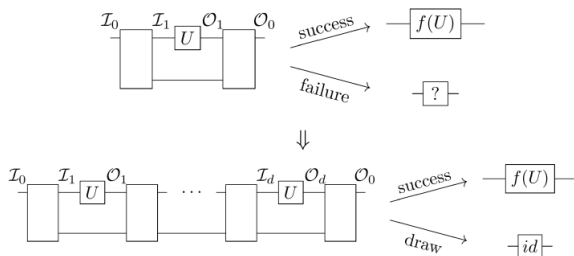
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but how about other functions of unitaries?

$$U_d^{\otimes k} \mapsto f(U_d)$$

Success or draw

Theorem

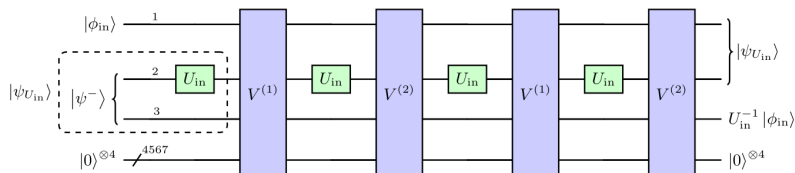
With $k = d$ calls, success or draw is always possible!



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Deterministic and exact is possible

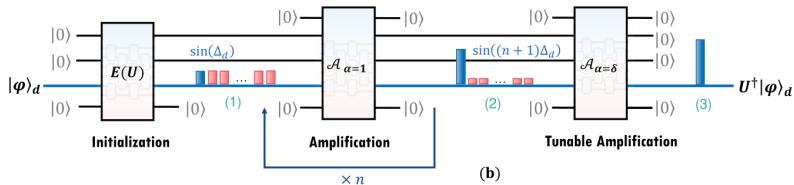
For qubits, $k = 4$ calls are enough:



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Success or draw

And, for qudits, $k \approx d^2$,



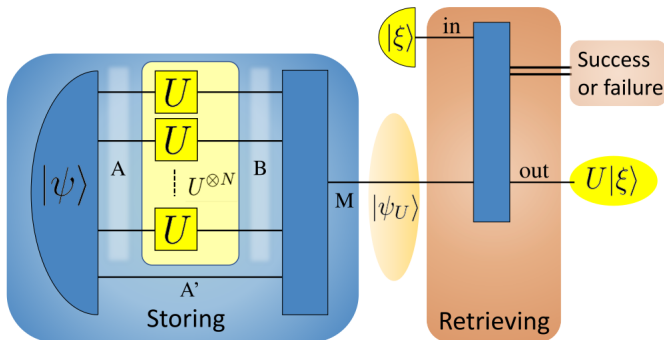
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Great, and what can we say about parallel probabilistic unitary transposition/inversion?

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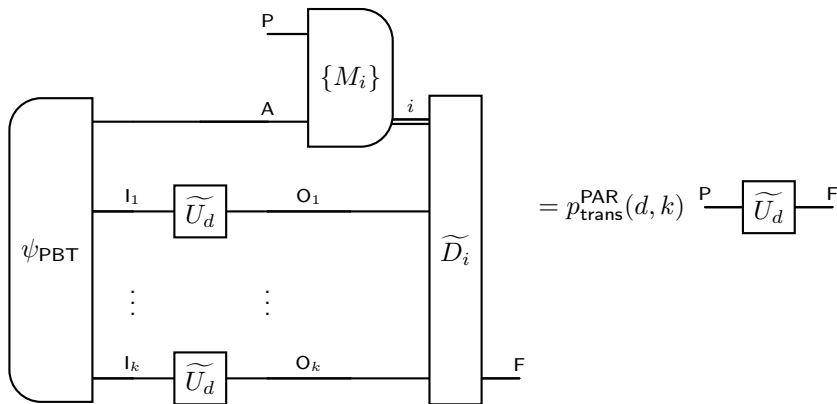


¹ : Optimal Probabilistic Storage and Retrieval of Unitary Channels
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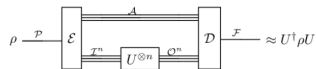


Deterministic parallel unitary inversion and transposition

What does it change in a deterministic non-exact scenario?

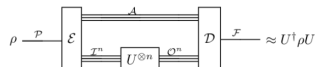
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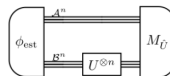


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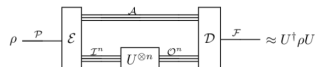
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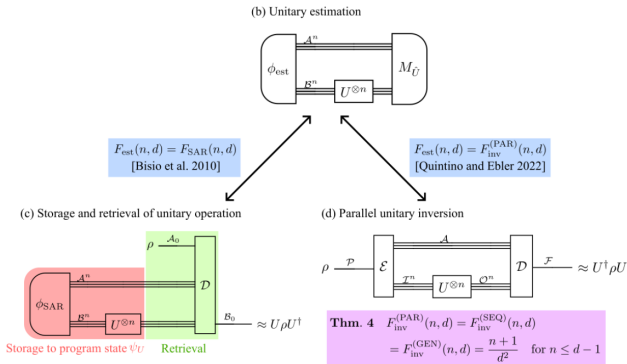
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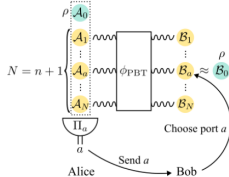
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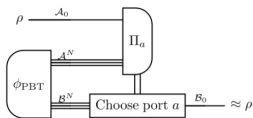


Deterministic parallel unitary inversion and transposition

(a-1) Deterministic port-based teleportation (dPBT)



(a-2) Quantum circuit for dPBT



$$F_{\text{PBT}}(n+1, d) = F_{\text{est}}(n, d)$$

This work (Thm. 1)

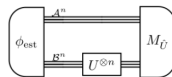
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$$F_{\text{est}}(n, d) = F_{\text{SAR}}(n, d)$$

[Bisio et al. 2010]

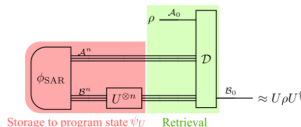
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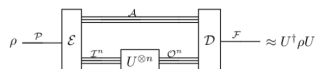
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[Quintino and Ebler 2022]

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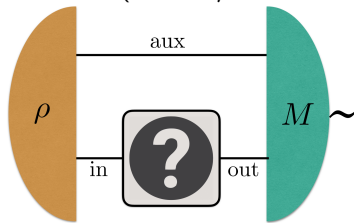
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Measuring quantum operations

Super POVMs! (Testers/Process POVMs)



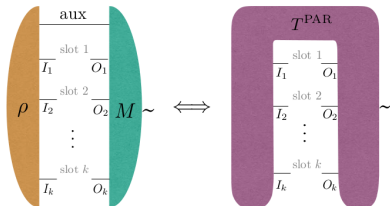
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Theoretical framework for quantum networks

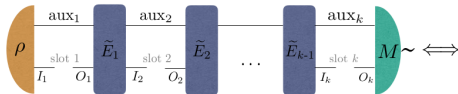
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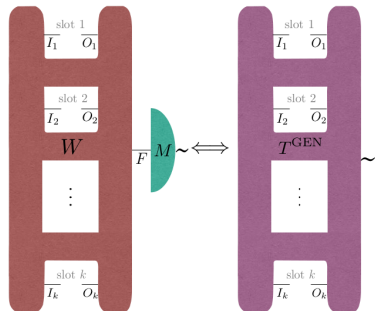
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INPUT: k calls/queries of 

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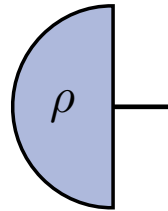
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Transformations beyond the circuit formalism

Formalism: Higher-order operations

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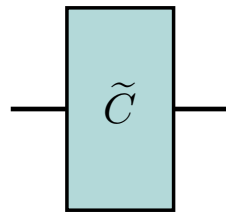
quantum states



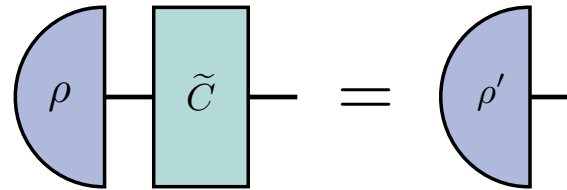
$$\rho \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{in}})$$

quantum functions:

quantum operations
(quantum channels)



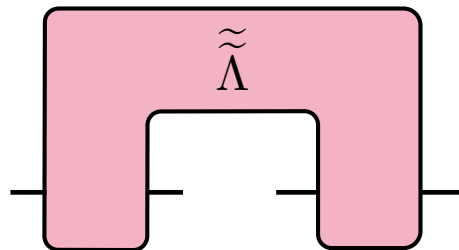
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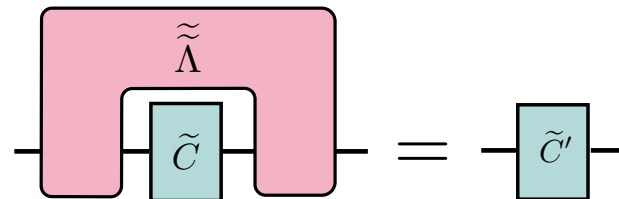
$$\tilde{C} : \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{in}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{out}})$$

higher-order quantum operations:

quantum processes



:



$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\tilde{\Lambda}} : [\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{in}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{out}})] \\ \rightarrow [\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{in}'}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_{\text{out}'})] \end{aligned}$$

“functions of functions”

Key features: Higher-order operations

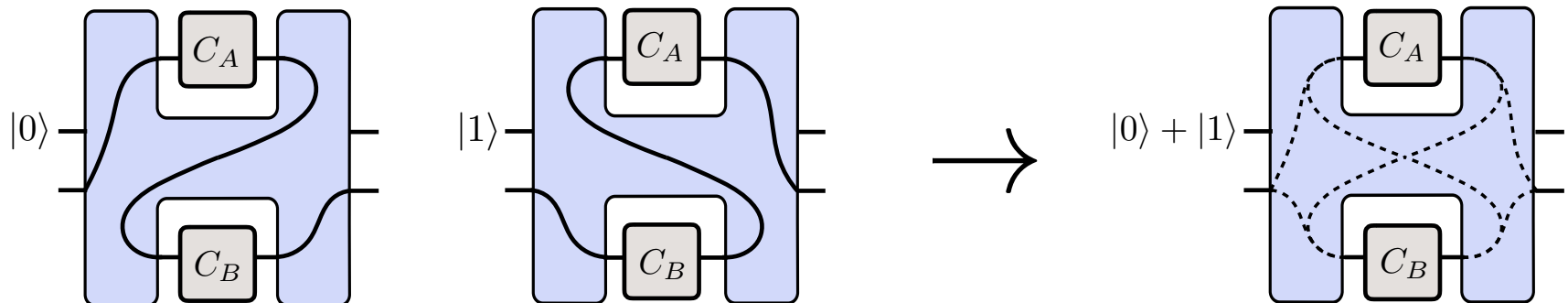
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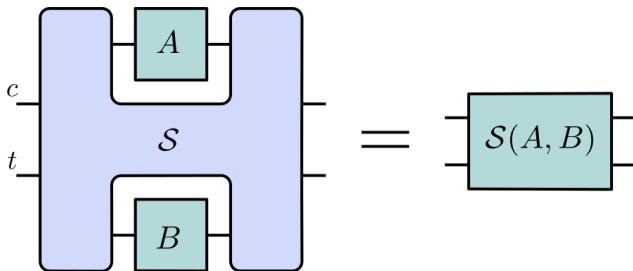
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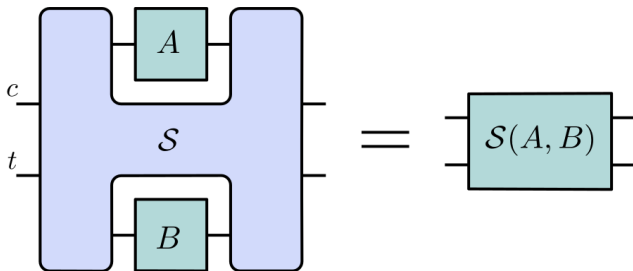


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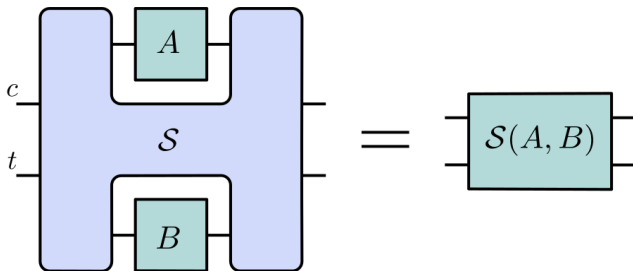
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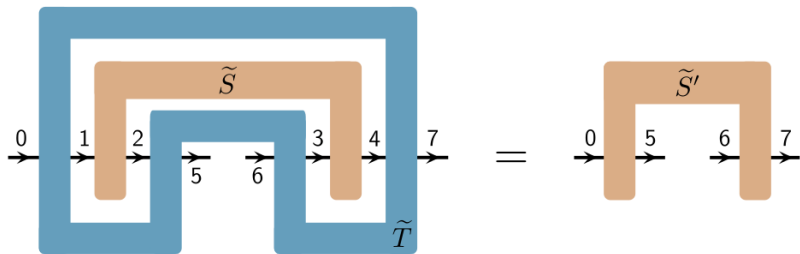
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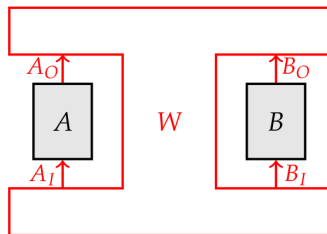


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Process matrices: extracting probabilities from quantum instruments:

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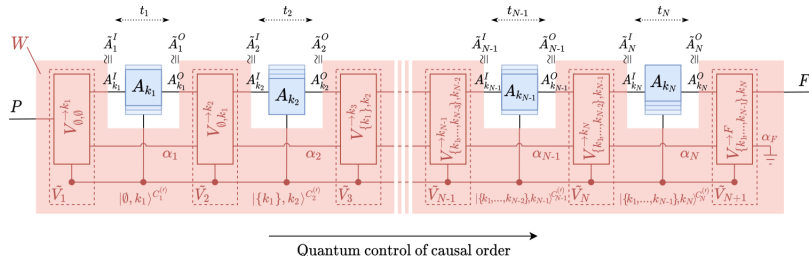
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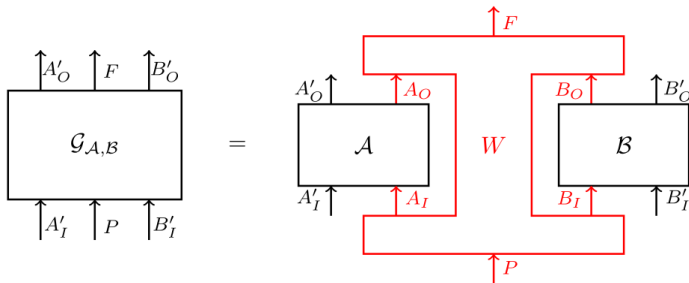


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Part 4

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Results based on:

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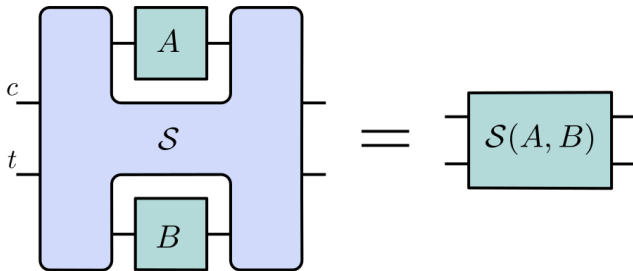
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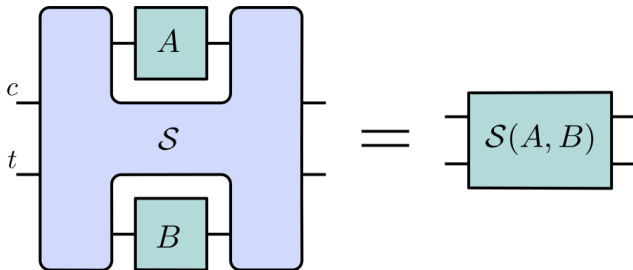
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Perfect discrimination of no-signalling channels via quantum superposition of causal structures

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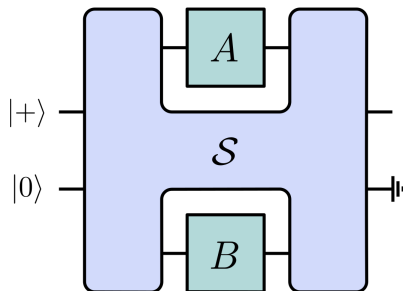
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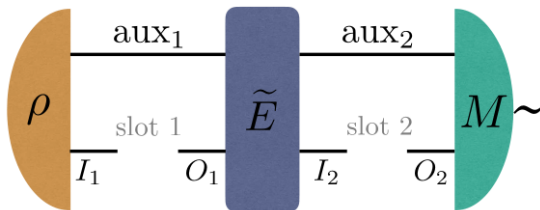
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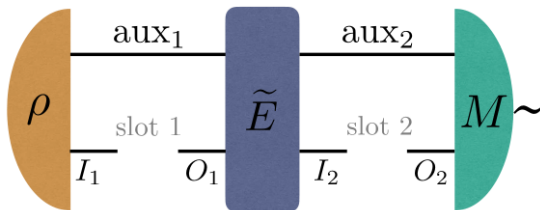
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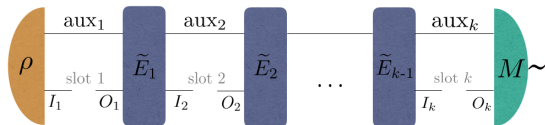
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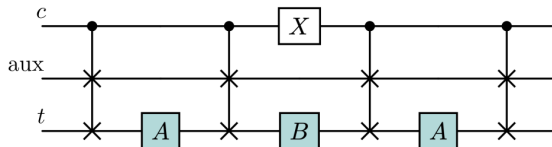
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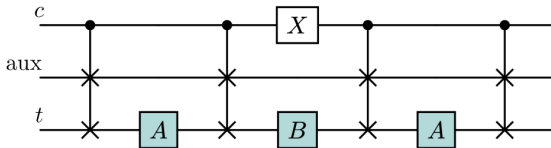
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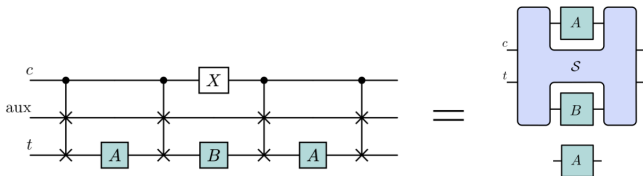


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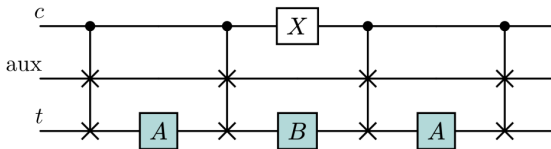


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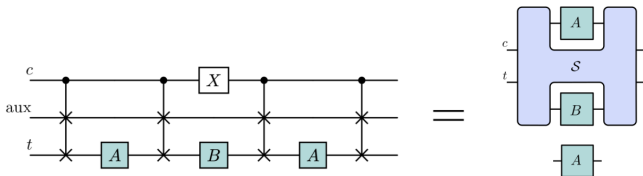


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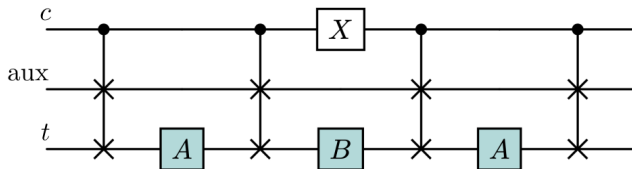
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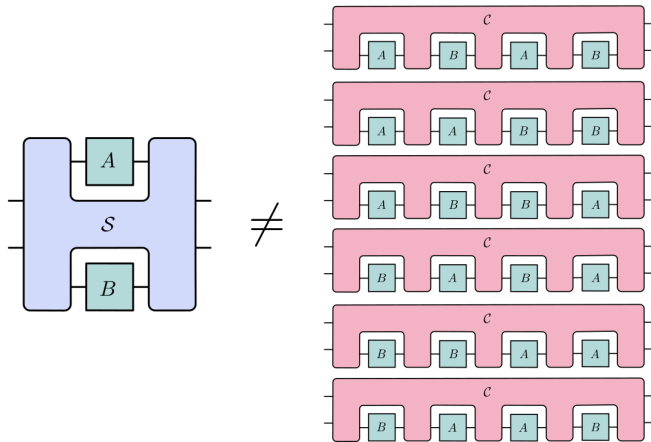
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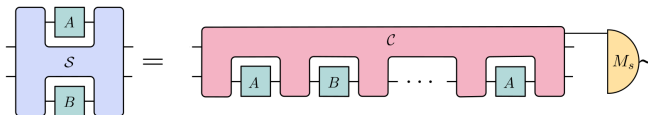


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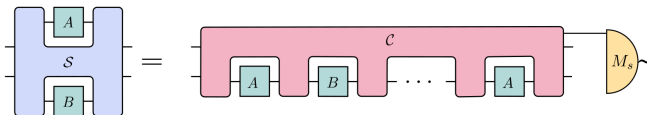
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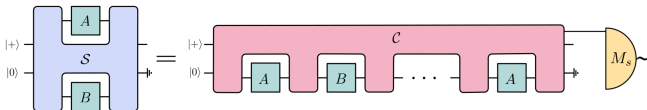


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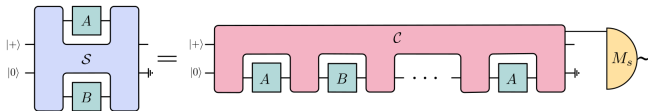


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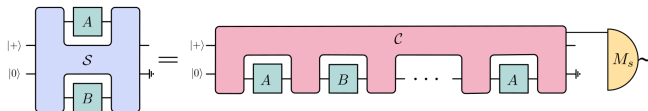
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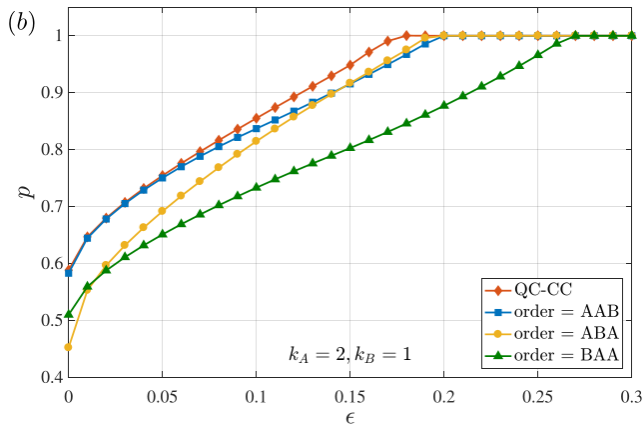
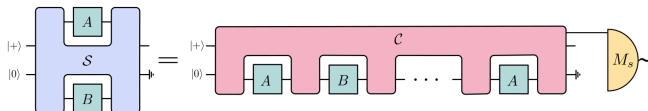
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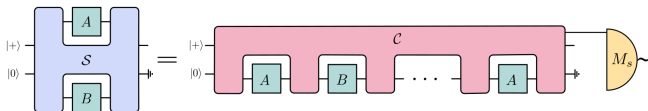
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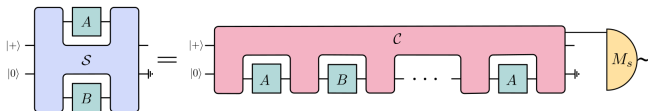
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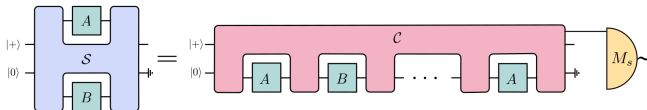
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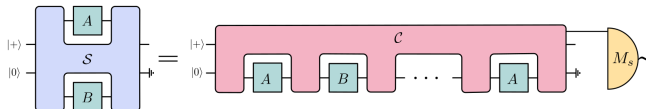
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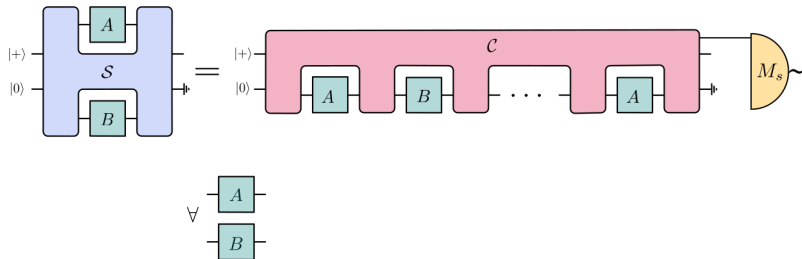
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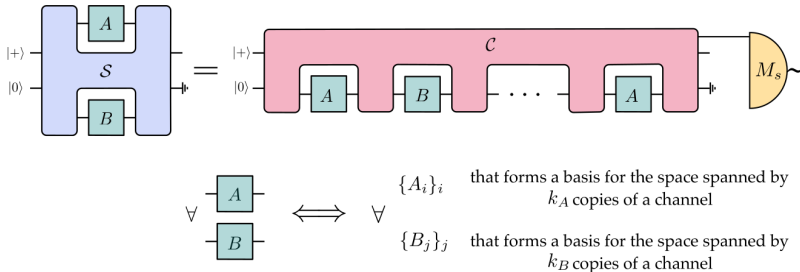
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given $\{J_i^A\}_i, \{J_j^B\}_j, k_A, k_B$

max p

s.t. $C_s * [(J_i^A)^{\otimes k_A} \otimes (J_j^B)^{\otimes k_B}] = p S * (J_i^A \otimes J_j^B) \quad \forall i, j$

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s.t. $\sum_{i,j} \text{tr}[R_{ij} (S * (J_i^A \otimes J_j^B))] = 1$

$$\Gamma - \sum_{i,j} R_{ij} \otimes [(J_i^A)^{\otimes k_A} \otimes (J_j^B)^{\otimes k_B}]^T \geq 0$$

$$\Gamma \geq 0, \quad \overline{\mathbb{P}}(\Gamma) = \Gamma,$$

any feasible point that yields some
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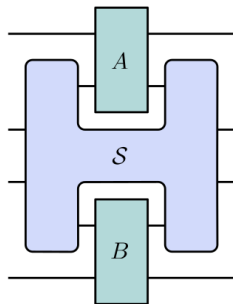
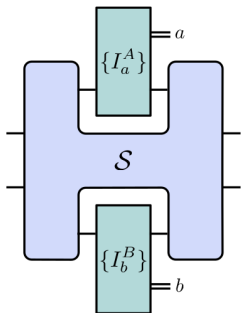
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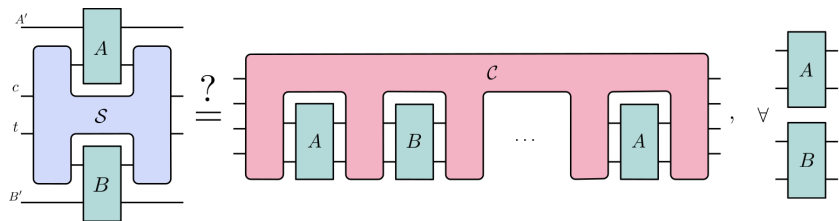
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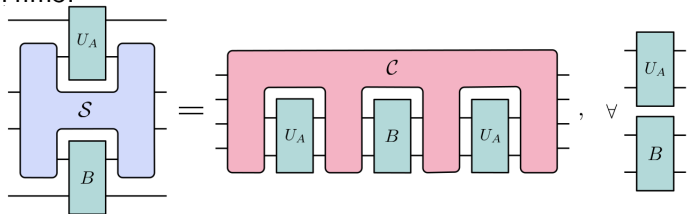
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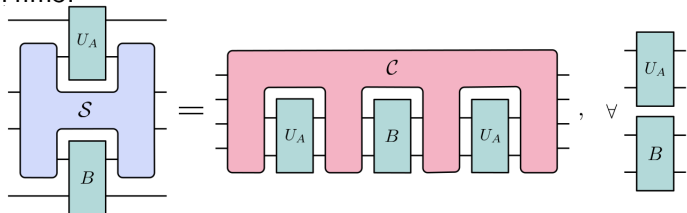
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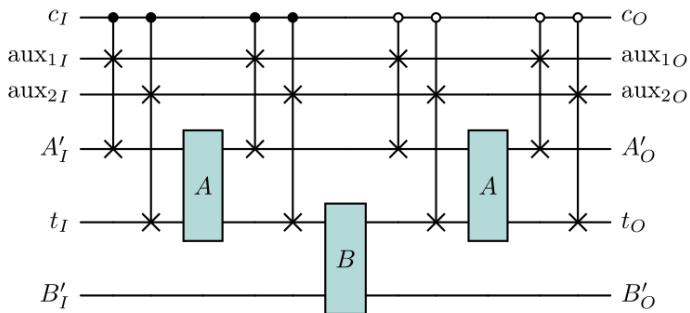


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