

*Mathematical structures for  
Quantum Mechanics  
and connections to operational principles*

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# Postulates

- **Postulate 1 (Independent systems)** *There exist **independent** systems.*
- **Postulate 2 (Symmetric faithful state)** *For every composite system made of two identical physical systems there exists a **symmetric joint state** that is both **dynamically** and **preparationally faithful**.*
- **Postulate 3 (Local observability principle)** *For composite systems **local informationally complete observables** provide **global informationally complete observables**.*
- **Postulate 4 (Info-complete discriminating observable)** *For every system there exists a minimal info-complete observable that can be achieved using a joint **discriminating observable** on system+ ancilla.*

P1÷P4 → Hilbert space

P1,P2 → C\*-algebra



# Postulates (in progress)

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- **Postulate 3 (Pure symmetric faithful state)** *If there exists a pure symmetric faithful state then we have Quantum Mechanics*



# Actions and outcomes

***Experiment (or “action”)***: every experiment is described by a set  $\mathbb{A} \equiv \{\mathcal{A}_j\}$  of possible transformations  $\mathcal{A}_j$  having overall unit probability, with the apparatus signaling the outcome  $j$  labeling which transformation actually occurred.



# States

**State:** A state  $\omega$  for a physical system is a rule which provides the probability for any possible transformation within an experiment, namely:

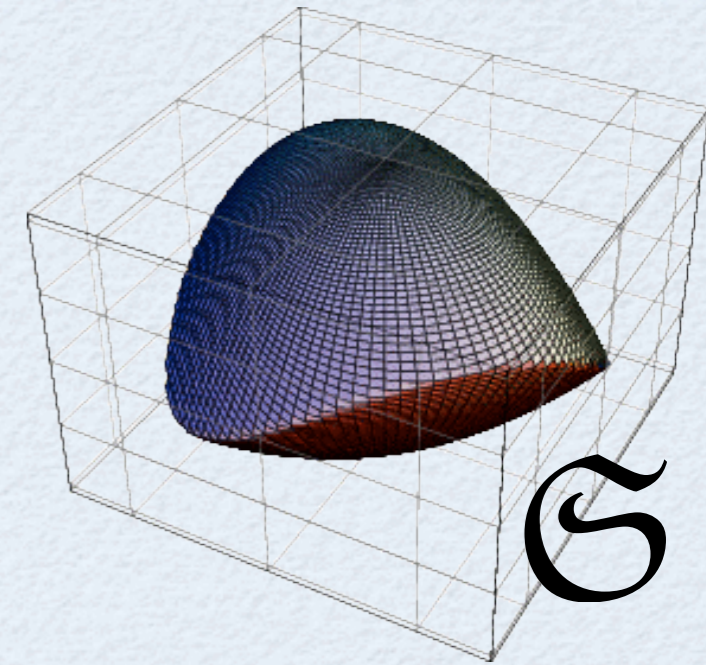
$\omega$  : *state*,  $\omega(\mathcal{A})$  : *probability that the transformation  $\mathcal{A}$  occurs*

**Normalization:** 
$$\sum_{\mathcal{A}_j \in \mathbb{A}} \omega(\mathcal{A}_j) = 1$$

Identity transformation: 
$$\omega(\mathcal{I}) = 1$$



# States and transformations



- *States* make a convex set  $\mathcal{S}$
- *Transformations* make a monoid  $\mathcal{T}$



# Independent systems and local transformations

***Independent systems and local experiments:*** two physical systems are “independent” if on each system it is possible to perform “local experiments” for which on every joint state one has the commutativity of the pertaining transformations

$$\mathcal{A}^{(1)} \circ \mathcal{B}^{(2)} = \mathcal{B}^{(2)} \circ \mathcal{A}^{(1)}$$

$$(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}, \dots) \doteq \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \circ \mathcal{B}^{(2)} \circ \mathcal{C}^{(3)} \circ \dots$$

***Multipartite system:*** a collection of independent systems



# Local state

For a multipartite system we define the local state  $\omega|_n$  of the  $n$ -th system the state that gives the probability of any local transformation  $\mathcal{A}$  on the  $n$ -th system with all other systems untouched, namely

$$\omega|_n(\mathcal{A}) \doteq \Omega(\mathcal{I}, \dots, \mathcal{I}, \underbrace{\mathcal{A}}_{nth}, \mathcal{I}, \dots)$$



# Conditional state

When composing two transformations  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  the probability that  $\mathcal{B}$  occurs conditioned that  $\mathcal{A}$  occurred before is given by

$$p(\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{A}) = \frac{\omega(\mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A})}{\omega(\mathcal{A})}$$

**Conditional state:** the conditional state  $\omega_{\mathcal{A}}$  gives the probability that a transformation  $\mathcal{B}$  occurs on the physical system in the state  $\omega$  after the transformation  $\mathcal{A}$  occurred, namely

$$\omega_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{B}) \doteq \frac{\omega(\mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A})}{\omega(\mathcal{A})}$$



# No-signaling from the future

[Ozawa] The definition of conditional state needs to assume that

$$\sum_{\mathcal{B}_j \in \mathbb{B}} \omega(\mathcal{B}_j \circ \mathcal{A}) = \omega(\mathcal{A}), \quad \forall \mathbb{B}, \forall \mathcal{A}.$$

This is no-signaling from the future.



# Weights and Operations

**Weight:** un-normalized state

$$\omega = \frac{\tilde{\omega}}{\tilde{\omega}(\mathcal{I})}$$

$$0 \leq \tilde{\omega}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \tilde{\omega}(\mathcal{I}) < +\infty$$

**convex cone of weights:**  $\mathfrak{W}$

**Operation:**

$$\text{Op}_{\mathcal{A}} \omega \doteq \tilde{\omega}_{\mathcal{A}} = \omega(\cdot \circ \mathcal{A})$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{B}) = \omega(\mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A})$$

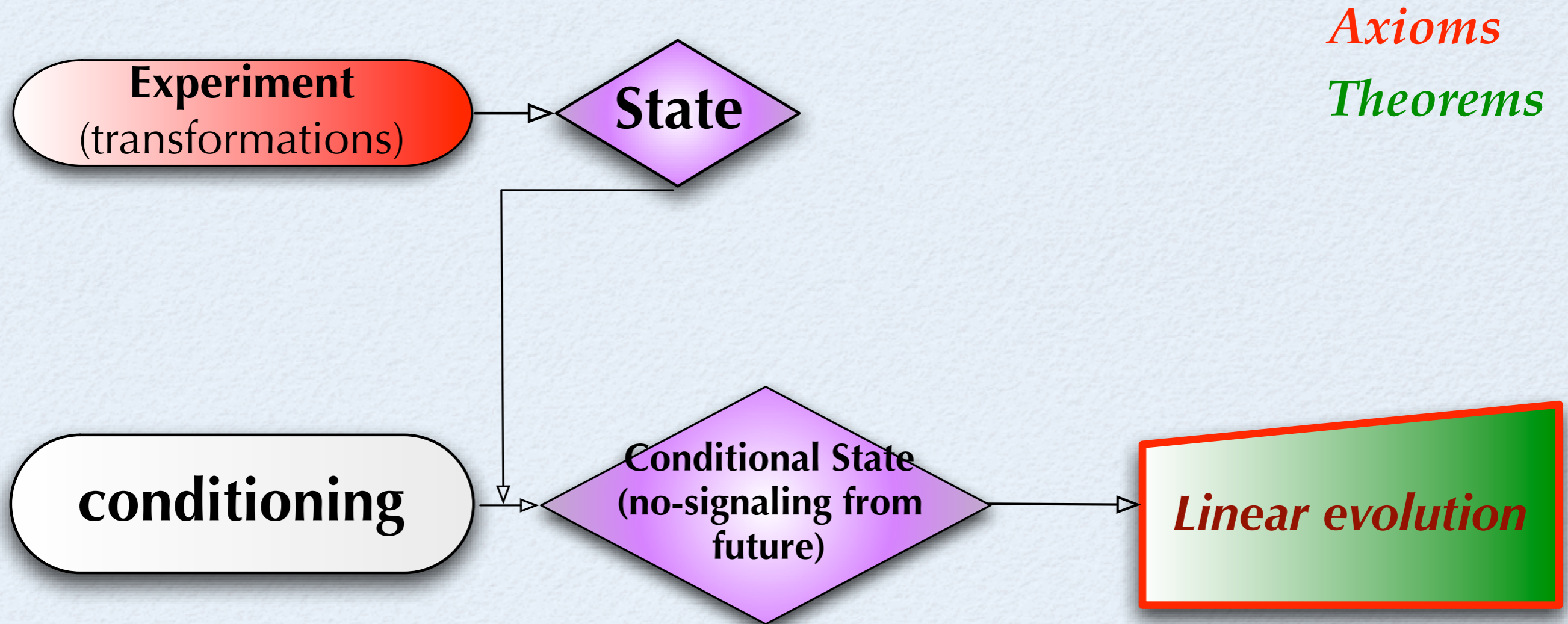
**Action of a transformation over a state (“Schrödinger picture”):**

$$\mathcal{A} \omega := \text{Op}_{\mathcal{A}} \omega$$

$$(\mathcal{A} \omega)(\mathcal{B}) := \omega(\mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A})$$



# Evolution as conditioning





# Dynamical and informational equivalence

From the definition of conditional state we have:

- there are different transformations which always produce the **same state change, but** generally occur with **different probabilities**
- there are different transformations which always occur with the **same probability, but** generally affect a **different state change**



# Dynamical and informational equivalence

***Dynamical equivalence of transformations:*** two transformations  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are dynamically equivalent if

$$\omega_{\mathcal{A}} = \omega_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \forall \omega \in \mathcal{G}$$

***Informational equivalence of transformations:*** two transformations  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are informationally equivalent if

$$\omega(\mathcal{A}) = \omega(\mathcal{B}) \quad \forall \omega \in \mathcal{G}$$

A transformation is completely specified by the two classes



# Addition of transformations

Two transformations  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are *informationally compatible* (or coexistent) if for every state  $\omega$  one has

$$\omega(\mathcal{A}) + \omega(\mathcal{B}) \leq 1$$

For any two coexistent transformations  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  we define the transformation  $\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2$  as the transformation corresponding to the event  $e = \{1, 2\}$  namely the apparatus signals that either  $\mathcal{A}_1$  or  $\mathcal{A}_2$  occurred, but doesn't specify which one:

$$\forall \omega \in \mathfrak{S} \quad \omega(\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2) = \omega(\mathcal{A}_1) + \omega(\mathcal{A}_2) \quad (\text{info-class})$$

$$\forall \omega \in \mathfrak{S} \quad \omega_{\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2} = \frac{\omega(\mathcal{A}_1)}{\omega(\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2)} \omega_{\mathcal{A}_1} + \frac{\omega(\mathcal{A}_2)}{\omega(\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2)} \omega_{\mathcal{A}_2} \quad (\text{dyn-class})$$

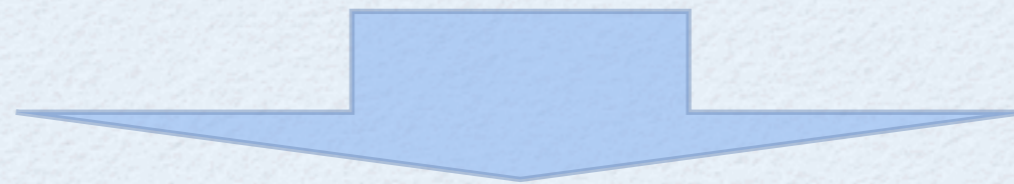
$$(\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2)\omega = \mathcal{A}_1\omega + \mathcal{A}_2\omega$$

$\circ, +$  distributive



# Rescaling of transformations

***Multiplication by a scalar:*** for each transformation  $\mathcal{A}$  the transformation  $\lambda\mathcal{A}$  for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$  is defined as the transformation which is dynamically equivalent to  $\mathcal{A}$  but occurs with probability  $\omega(\lambda\mathcal{A}) = \lambda\omega(\mathcal{A})$



***Convex structure for transformations  $\mathcal{T}$  and for actions***



# Effect

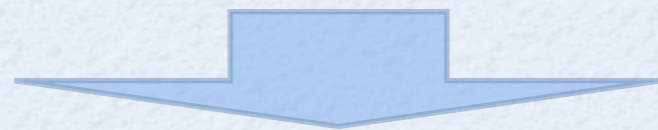
We call *effect* an informational equivalence class  $\underline{\mathcal{A}}$  of transformations  $\mathcal{A}$

*“Heisenberg picture”*:

(from the notion of conditional state)

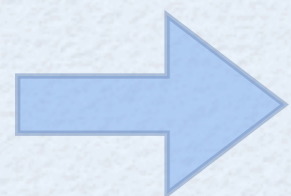
$$\text{Op}_{\underline{\mathcal{A}}} \underline{\mathcal{B}} = \underline{\mathcal{B}} \circ \mathcal{A} = \underline{\underline{\mathcal{B}} \circ \mathcal{A}}$$

duality



effects as positive linear functionals  $l$  over states:

$$l_{\underline{\mathcal{A}}}(\omega) \doteq \omega(\mathcal{A})$$



*Convex structure for effects*  $\mathfrak{P}$



# No-signaling

The occurrence of the transformation  $\mathcal{B}$  on system 1 generally affects the local state on system 2, i. e.

$$\Omega_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{I}}|_2 \neq \Omega_2$$

However a local action  $\mathbb{A} \equiv \{\mathcal{A}_j\}$  on system 2 does not affect the local state on system 1, more precisely:

*acausality of local actions:* any local action on a system is equivalent to the identity transformation on another independent system.

$$\mathbb{A} \equiv \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{A}) := \sum_{\mathcal{A}_j \in \mathbb{A}} \mathcal{A}_j$$

$$\forall \Omega \in \mathfrak{S}^{\times 2}, \forall \mathbb{A}, \quad \Omega_{\mathbb{A}, \mathcal{I}}|_2 = \Omega|_2$$



# No-signaling

**Theorem 1 (No-signaling)** *Any local action on a system does not affect another independent system. More precisely, any local action on a system is equivalent to the identity transformation when viewed from another independent system. In equations one has*

$$\forall \Omega \in \mathfrak{S}^{\times 2}, \forall \mathbb{A}, \quad \Omega_{\mathbb{A}, \mathcal{I}}|_2 = \Omega|_2. \quad (1)$$

**Proof.** Since the two systems are dynamically independent, for every two local transformations one has  $\mathcal{A}^{(1)} \circ \mathcal{A}^{(2)} = \mathcal{A}^{(2)} \circ \mathcal{A}^{(1)}$ , which implies that  $\Omega(\mathcal{A}^{(1)} \circ \mathcal{A}^{(2)}) = \Omega(\mathcal{A}^{(2)} \circ \mathcal{A}^{(1)}) \equiv \Omega(\underline{\mathcal{A}}^{(1)}, \underline{\mathcal{A}}^{(2)})$ . By definition, for  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathfrak{T}$  one has  $\Omega|_2(\mathcal{B}) = \Omega(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{B})$ , and using the addition rule for transformations and reminding the identification  $\mathbb{A} \equiv \sum_j \mathcal{A}_j$ , one has

$$\Omega(\mathbb{A}, \mathcal{B}) = \Omega(\underline{\mathbb{A}}, \underline{\mathcal{B}}) = \Omega(\underline{\mathcal{I}}, \underline{\mathcal{B}}) =: \Omega|_2(\mathcal{B}). \quad (2)$$

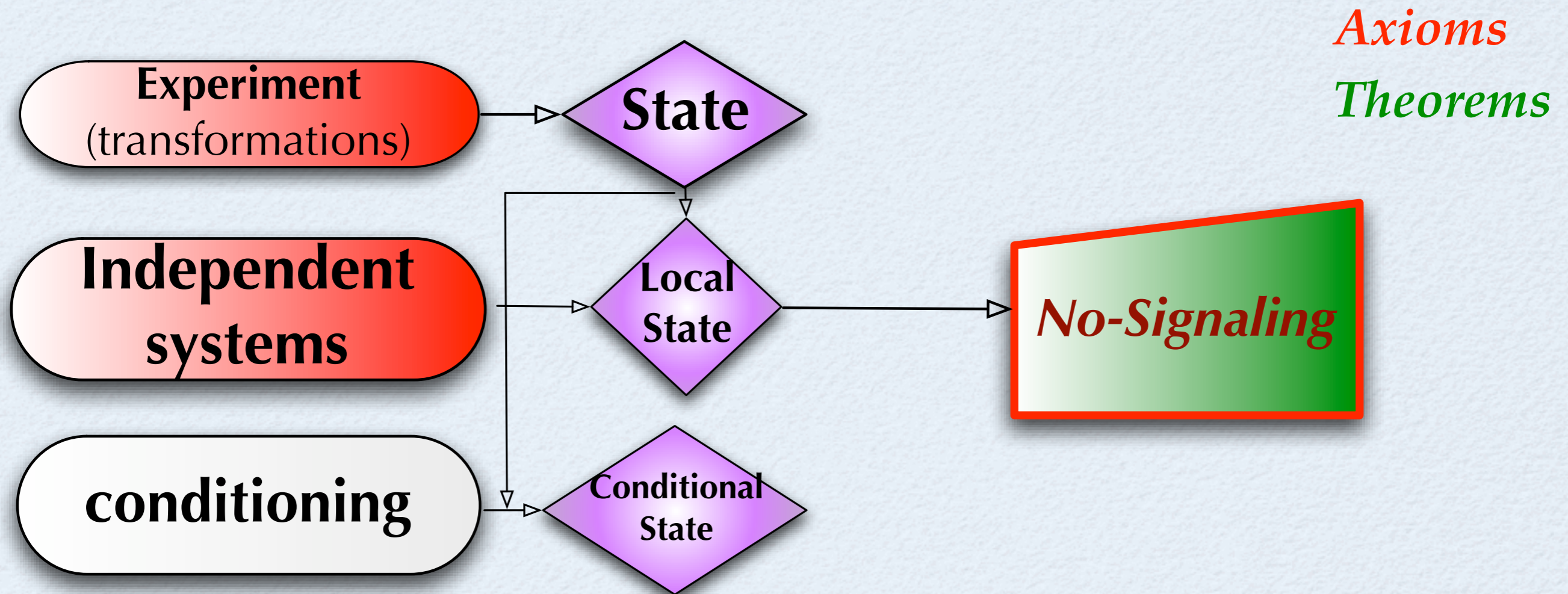
On the other hand, we have

$$\Omega_{\mathbb{A}, \mathcal{I}}|_2(\mathcal{B}) = \Omega((\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{B}) \circ (\mathbb{A}, \mathcal{I})) = \Omega(\mathbb{A}, \mathcal{B}), \quad (3)$$

namely the statement. ■



# No-signaling from dynamical independence





# Generalized weights, transformations, and effects

***Generalize by taking differences:***

convex sets/cones  $\rightarrow$  (affine) linear spaces

weights  $\mathfrak{W}$   $\rightarrow$  gen. weights  $\mathfrak{W}_{\mathbb{R}}$

transformations  $\mathfrak{T}$   $\rightarrow$  gen. transformations  $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathbb{R}}$   
(real algebra)

effects  $\mathfrak{P}$   $\rightarrow$  gen. effects  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$



# Real Banach spaces

## **norms:**

gen. effects  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$  :

$$\|\underline{\mathcal{A}}\| := \sup_{\omega \in \mathfrak{S}} |\omega(\underline{\mathcal{A}})|$$

gen. weights  $\mathfrak{W}_{\mathbb{R}}$  :

$$\|\tilde{\omega}\| := \sup_{\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}} \ni \|\underline{\mathcal{A}}\| \leq 1} |\tilde{\omega}(\underline{\mathcal{A}})|$$

gen. transformations  $\mathfrak{T}_{\mathbb{R}}$  :

$$\|\underline{\mathcal{A}}\| := \sup_{\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}} \ni \|\underline{\mathcal{B}}\| \leq 1} \|\underline{\mathcal{B}} \circ \underline{\mathcal{A}}\|$$

$\mathfrak{W}_{\mathbb{R}}$   $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$  **dual Banach pair**

under the pairing

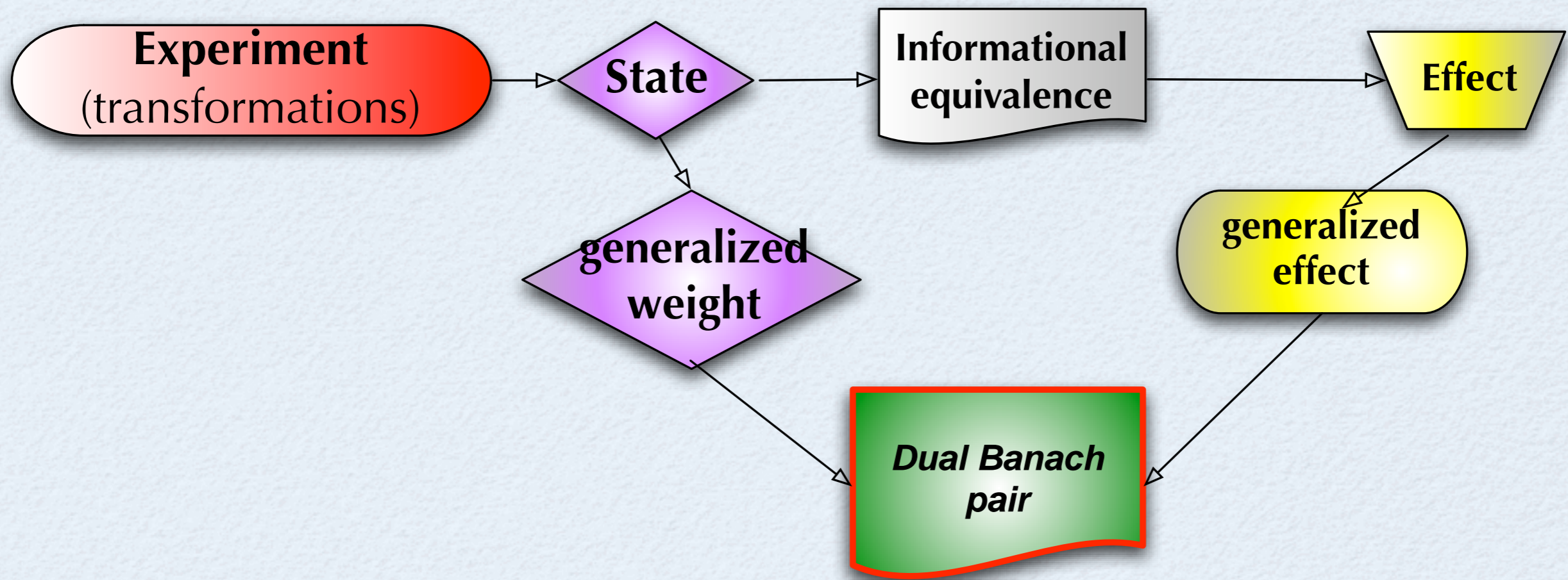
$$l_{\underline{\mathcal{A}}}(\omega) \doteq \omega(\underline{\mathcal{A}})$$

$\mathfrak{T}_{\mathbb{R}}$  **Banach algebra**



# Banach-space structures

*Axioms*  
*Theorems*





# Observable

**Observable:** a complete set of effects  $\mathbb{L} = \{l_i\}$

$$\sum_j l_j = \underline{\mathcal{I}}$$



# Informationally complete observable

**Informationally complete observable:** an observable  $\mathbb{L} = \{l_i\}$  is informationally complete if any effect  $l$  can be written as linear combination of elements of  $\mathbb{L}$ , namely there exist coefficients  $c_i(l)$  such that

$$l = \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbb{L}|} c_i(l) l_i$$

**affine dimension:**  $\dim(\mathfrak{S}) = |\mathbb{L}| - 1$ , for  $\mathbb{L}$  minimal informationally complete on  $\mathfrak{S}$



# Bloch representation

$$l_{\underline{\mathcal{A}}} = \sum_j m_j(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) n_j \quad l_{\underline{\mathcal{A}}}(\omega) = m(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) \cdot n(\omega) + q(\underline{\mathcal{A}})$$

**Conditioning:  
fractional affine  
transformation**

$$n(\omega) \longrightarrow n(\omega_{\mathcal{A}})$$

$$n(\omega_{\mathcal{A}}) = \frac{M(\mathcal{A})n(\omega) + k(\mathcal{A})}{m(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) \cdot n(\omega) + q(\underline{\mathcal{A}})}$$

$$M_{ij}(\mathcal{A}) = \begin{pmatrix} q(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) & m(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) \\ k(\mathcal{A}) & M(\mathcal{A}) \end{pmatrix}$$



# Informationally complete observable

**Theorem:** *there always exists a minimal informationally complete observable.*

**Proof.** By definition  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathfrak{P})$ , whence there must exist a spanning set for  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$  that is contained in  $\mathfrak{P}$ . The maximal number of elements of this set that are linearly independent will constitute a *basis*, which we suppose has finite cardinality  $\dim(\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}})$ . It remains to be shown that it is possible to have a basis with sum of elements equal to  $\underline{\mathcal{I}}$ , and that such basis is obtained operationally starting from the available observables from which we constructed  $\mathfrak{P}$ .

If all observables are *uninformative* (i. e. with all effects proportional to  $\underline{\mathcal{I}}$ ), then  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{Span}(\underline{\mathcal{I}})$ ,  $\underline{\mathcal{I}}$  is a minimal infocomplete observable, and the statement of the theorem is proved. Otherwise, there exists at least an observable  $\mathbb{E} = \{l_i\}$  with  $n \geq 2$  linearly independent effects. If this is the only observable, again the theorem is proved. Otherwise, take a new binary observable  $\mathbb{E}_2 = \{x, y\}$  from the set of available ones (you can take different binary observables out of a given observable with more than two outcomes by summing up effects to yes-no observables). If  $x \in \text{Span}(\mathbb{E})$  discard it. If  $x \notin \text{Span}(\mathbb{E})$ , then necessarily also  $y \notin \text{Span}(\mathbb{E})$  [since if there exists coefficients  $\lambda_i$  such that  $y = \sum_i \lambda_i l_i$ , then  $x = \sum_i (1 - \lambda_i) l_i$ ]. Now, consider the observable

$$\mathbb{E}' = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}y, \frac{1}{2}(l_1 + x), \frac{1}{2}l_2, \dots, l_n \right\} \quad (1)$$

(which operationally corresponds to the random choice between the observables  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $\mathbb{E}_2$  with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and with the events corresponding to  $x$  and  $l_1$  made indistinguishable). This new observable has now  $|\mathbb{E}'| = n + 1$  linearly independent effects (since  $y$  is linearly independent on the  $l_i$  and one has  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n l_i - x = \sum_{i=2}^n l_i + l_1 - x$ ). By iterating the above procedure we reach  $|\mathbb{E}'| = \dim(\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}})$ , and we have so realized an apparatus that measures a minimal informationally complete observable. ■



# Local observability principle

*For composite systems local info-complete observables provide global info-complete observables.*



**Holism**



**Reductionism**

identity for the affine dimension of composite systems

$$\dim(\mathfrak{S}_{12}) = \dim(\mathfrak{S}_1) \dim(\mathfrak{S}_2) + \dim(\mathfrak{S}_1) + \dim(\mathfrak{S}_2)$$



# Local observability principle

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**Proof.** We first prove that the left side is a lower bound for the right side. Indeed, the number of outcomes of a minimal informationally complete observable is  $\dim(\mathfrak{S}) + 1$ , since it equals the dimension of the affine space embedding the convex set of states  $\mathfrak{S}$  plus an additional dimension for normalization. Now, consider a global informationally complete measurement made of two local minimal informationally complete observables measured jointly. It has number of outcomes  $[\dim(\mathfrak{S}_1) + 1][\dim(\mathfrak{S}_2) + 1]$ . However, we are not guaranteed that the joint observable is itself minimal, whence the bound.

The opposite inequality can be easily proved by considering that a global informationally incomplete measurement made of minimal local informationally complete measurements should belong to the linear span of a minimal global informationally complete measurement. ■

In Quantum Mechanics we have:  $\dim(\mathfrak{S}) = \dim(\mathbb{H})^2 - 1$

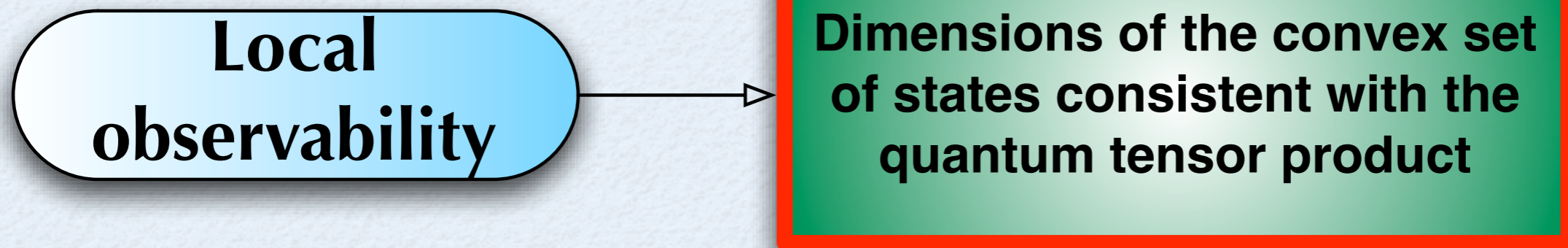


# Local observability principle

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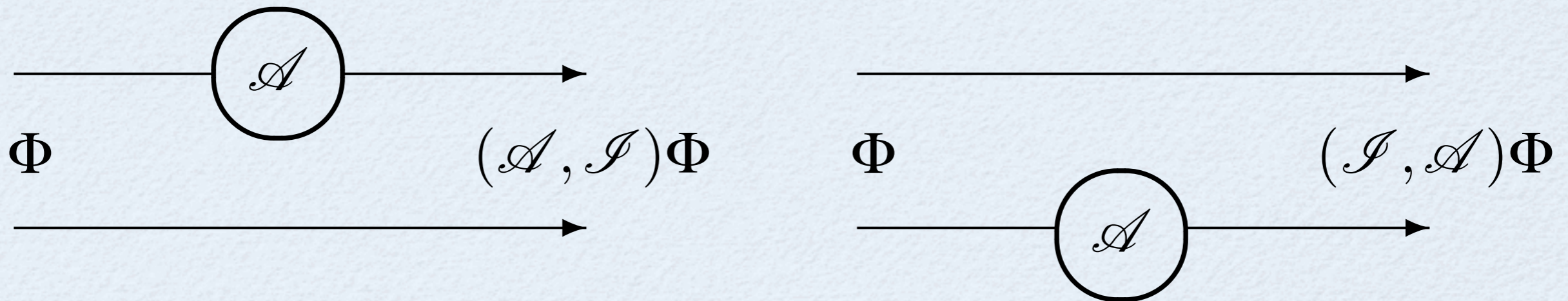
*Theorems*





# Faithful states

**Dynamically faithful state:** we say that a state  $\Phi$  of a bipartite system is dynamically faithful if when acting on it with a local transformation  $\mathcal{A}$  on one system the output conditioned weight  $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{I})\Phi$  is in 1-to-1 correspondence with the transformation  $\mathcal{A}$

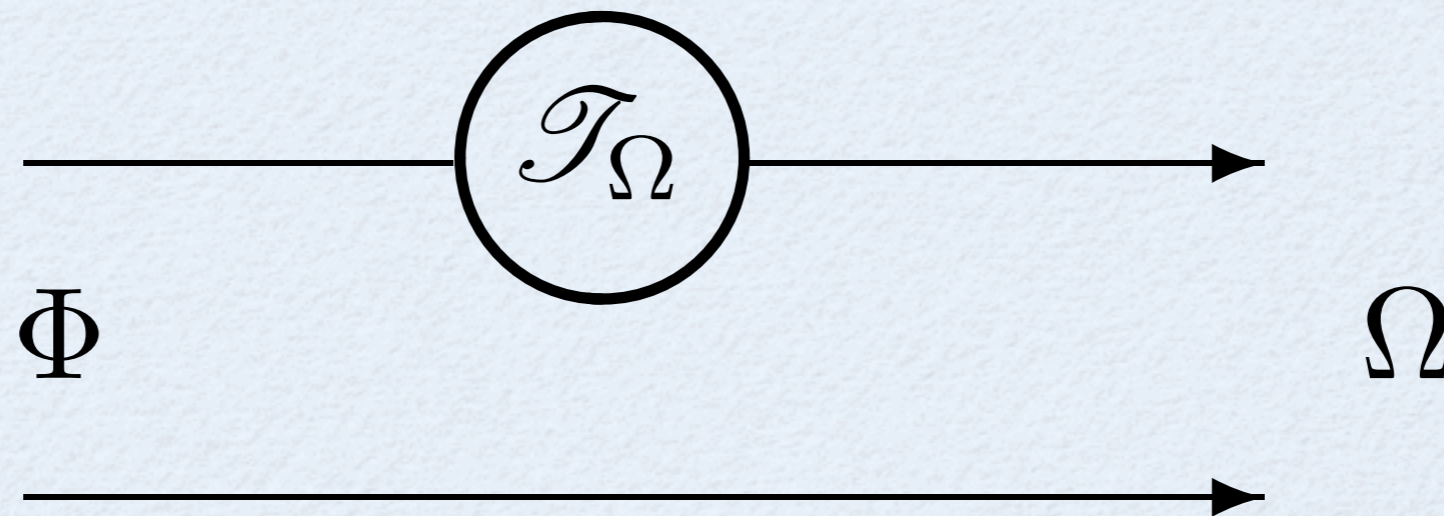


$$(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{I})\Phi = 0 \implies \mathcal{A} = 0, \quad \forall \mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{T}_{\mathbb{R}}$$



# Faithful states

***Preparationally faithful state:*** we say that a state  $\Phi$  of a bipartite system is preparationally faithful if every joint state  $\Omega$  can be achieved by a suitable local transformation  $\mathcal{T}_\Omega$  on one system occurring with nonzero probability





# Faithful states

***Symmetric bipartite state:*** we call a joint state  $\Phi$  of a bipartite system symmetric if

$$\Phi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = \Phi(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{A})$$

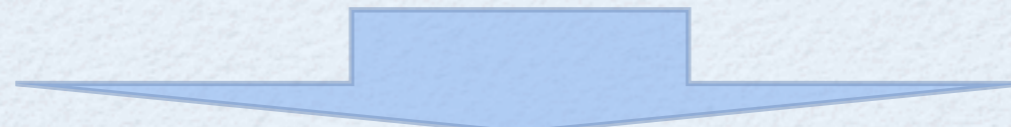


# Construction of a $C^*$ -algebra of transformations



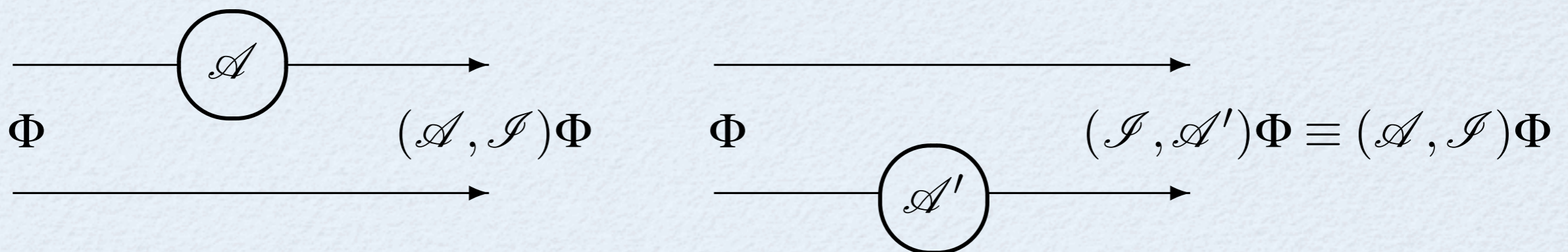
# Operational definition of *transposed*

Existence of symmetric faithful states



“transposition” over the real algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of (generalized) transformations

$$\mathcal{A} \iff \mathcal{A}'$$



$$\Phi(\mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}) = \Phi(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{A}')$$



# Operational definition of *transposed*

For *symmetric* faithful state it is easy to check that the involution  $\mathcal{A} \iff \mathcal{A}'$  satisfies the properties of the transposed:

1.  $(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})' = \mathcal{A}' + \mathcal{B}'$
2.  $(\mathcal{A}')' = \mathcal{A}$ ,
3.  $(\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B})' = \mathcal{B}' \circ \mathcal{A}'$



# Positive bilinear form

*Positive form over generalized effects: Jordan decomposition* of the real symmetric form  $\Phi$  over generalized effects  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$  (finite dimension)

$$|\Phi| := \Phi_+ - \Phi_-$$

$$|\Phi|(\underline{\mathcal{A}}, \underline{\mathcal{B}}) = \Phi(\zeta(\underline{\mathcal{A}}), \underline{\mathcal{B}}), \quad \zeta(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) = (\mathcal{P}_+ - \mathcal{P}_-)(\underline{\mathcal{A}})$$
$$\zeta^2 = \mathcal{I}$$



$|\Phi|(\underline{\mathcal{A}}, \underline{\mathcal{B}})$  strictly positive scalar product over  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$



# The complex conjugation

The involution  $\zeta$  corresponds to a generalized transformation

$$\zeta(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) = \underline{\mathcal{A}} \circ \mathcal{Z}$$

Extend  $\zeta$  to transformations as follows

$$\underline{\mathcal{A}} \circ \zeta(\mathcal{B}) := \zeta(\zeta(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) \circ \mathcal{B}) = \underline{\mathcal{A}} \circ \mathcal{Z} \circ \mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{Z}.$$

Correspondingly the involution over transformations reads

$$\zeta(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{Z} \circ \mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{Z}$$

which is composition preserving, namely

$$\zeta(\mathcal{B} \circ \mathcal{A}) = \zeta(\mathcal{B}) \circ \zeta(\mathcal{A}).$$

The involution  $\zeta$  will play the role of a *complex conjugation*.



# The complex conjugation

In term of a canonical basis  $[c_i]$  for  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$  or which

$$\Phi(c_i, c_j) = s_j \delta_{ij}$$

the involution  $\zeta$  writes

$$\zeta(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) = \underline{\mathcal{A}} \circ \mathcal{L} = \sum_k \Phi(c_k, \underline{\mathcal{A}}) c_k$$

One has:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}' \longrightarrow \zeta(\mathcal{A})' = \zeta(\mathcal{A}')$

$$\longrightarrow (\mathcal{A}^\dagger)^\dagger = \mathcal{A},$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}^\dagger := \zeta(\mathcal{A}')$$



# The adjoint

Scalar product over  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$ :

$$\Phi \langle \underline{\mathcal{B}} | \underline{\mathcal{A}} \rangle_{\Phi} := \Phi(\zeta(\underline{\mathcal{B}}'), \underline{\mathcal{A}}') = \Phi|_1(\mathcal{B}^{\dagger} \circ \mathcal{A})$$

$\mathcal{A}^{\dagger} := \zeta(\mathcal{A}')$  works as an **adjoint** with respect to the scalar product

$$\Phi \langle \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \circ \underline{\mathcal{A}} | \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rangle_{\Phi} = \Phi \langle \underline{\mathcal{A}} | \mathcal{C} \circ \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rangle_{\Phi}$$



# The $C^*$ -algebra of generalized transformations

Take complex linear combinations of generalized transformations and define  $\zeta(c\mathcal{A}) = c^* \zeta(\mathcal{A})$  for  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ .



**GNS-like construction:** the generalized transformations act as complex operators over the (pre)Hilbert space of generalized effects  $\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbb{C}}$

$\mathfrak{T}_{\mathbb{C}}$  becomes a  $C^*$ -algebra with respect to the norm induced by the scalar product on  $\mathfrak{B}_{\mathbb{C}}$



# GNS construction for representing transformations

Representations  $\pi_\Phi$  of transformations  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{A}$  over effects  $\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I}$

$$\pi_\Phi(\mathcal{A})|\underline{\mathcal{B}}\rangle_\Phi \doteq |\underline{\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{B}}\rangle_\Phi$$

The Born rule rewrites in the form of pairing:

$$\omega(\underline{\mathcal{A}}) = {}_\Phi \langle \underline{\mathcal{A}^\dagger} | \varrho \rangle_\Phi$$

with representation of states given by

$$\varrho = \underline{\mathcal{I}'_\omega} / \Phi(\underline{\mathcal{I}_\omega}, \mathcal{I})$$

The representation of transformations is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\underline{\mathcal{B}} \circ \mathcal{A}) &= {}_\Phi \langle \underline{\mathcal{B}^\dagger} | \mathcal{A} | \rho \rangle_\Phi := \\ & {}_\Phi \langle \underline{\mathcal{B}^\dagger} | \mathcal{A} \circ \rho \rangle_\Phi \equiv {}_\Phi \langle \mathcal{A}^\dagger \circ \underline{\mathcal{B}^\dagger} | \rho \rangle_\Phi \end{aligned}$$

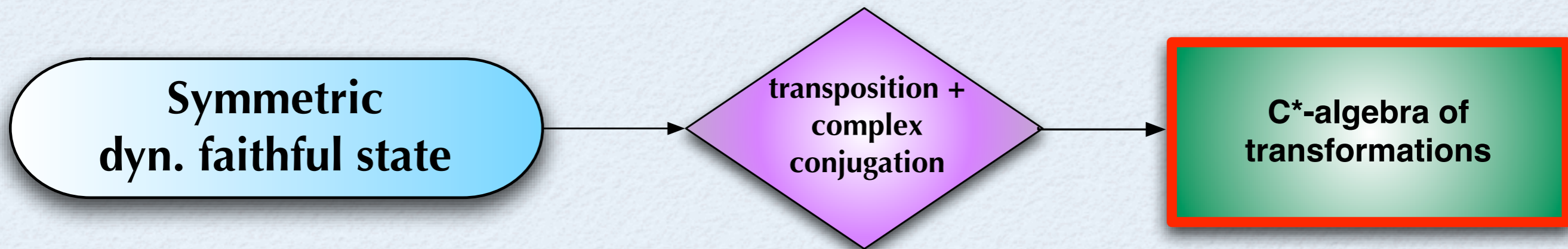


# $C^*$ -algebra of transformations

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# An explicit representation

$$\Phi = d^{-1} |I\rangle\rangle \langle\langle I|$$

$$\Phi(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr}[P_{\mathcal{A}} P_{\mathcal{B}}^*] \quad \langle \underline{\mathcal{A}} | \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rangle := \Phi(\mathcal{A}^\dagger, \mathcal{B}') = \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr}[\tilde{P}_{\mathcal{A}}^* \tilde{P}_{\mathcal{B}}^*]$$

$$\langle \underline{\mathcal{A}} | \underline{\mathcal{B}} \rangle := \frac{1}{d} \langle\langle I | \check{A}^\dagger \check{B} | I \rangle\rangle$$

$$\check{A} := \sum_n A_n \otimes A_n^*$$

$$\check{A} | I \rangle\rangle = |\mathcal{A}^\dagger(I)\rangle\rangle = |\tilde{P}_{\mathcal{A}}^*\rangle\rangle =: |\underline{\mathcal{A}}\rangle$$

	$\mathcal{A}$	$\underline{\mathcal{A}}$
$\mathcal{A}$	$\sum_n A_n \cdot A_n^\dagger$	$\sum_n A_n^\dagger A_n =: P$
$\mathcal{A}'$	$\sum_n A_n^\top \cdot A_n^*$	$\sum_n A_n^* A_n^\top := \tilde{P}$
$\zeta(\mathcal{A}) := \mathcal{A}^*$	$\sum_n A_n^* \cdot A_n^\top$	$\sum_n A_n^\top A_n^* := P^*$
$\zeta(\mathcal{A}') \equiv \mathcal{A}^\dagger$	$\sum_n A_n^\dagger \cdot A_n$	$\sum_n A_n A_n^\dagger := \tilde{P}^*$



# An explicit representation

$$\Phi(c_i, c_j) = \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr}[W_i W_j^*] = \delta_{ij} s_j$$

$$\Phi(c_i, c_j) \doteq \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\sigma_i \sigma_j^*] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} := \delta_{ij} s_j \quad c_j \iff \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_j$$

$$R_\zeta = \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{I} (|I\rangle\rangle \langle\langle I|) = \check{R}_\zeta = E$$

$$E |W_j\rangle\rangle = |W_j^*\rangle\rangle = s_j |W_j\rangle\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_j s_j W_j \cdot W_j$$



# Quantum vs Classical $C^*$ -algebras (in progress)

- The  $C^*$ -algebra of transformations is isometrically  $*$ -homomorphic to the usual operator  $C^*$ -algebra.
- Then the GNS representation is irreducible if the faithful state (cyclic vector) is pure, corresponding to QM
- The representation is abelian if the faithful state is separable corresponding to CM



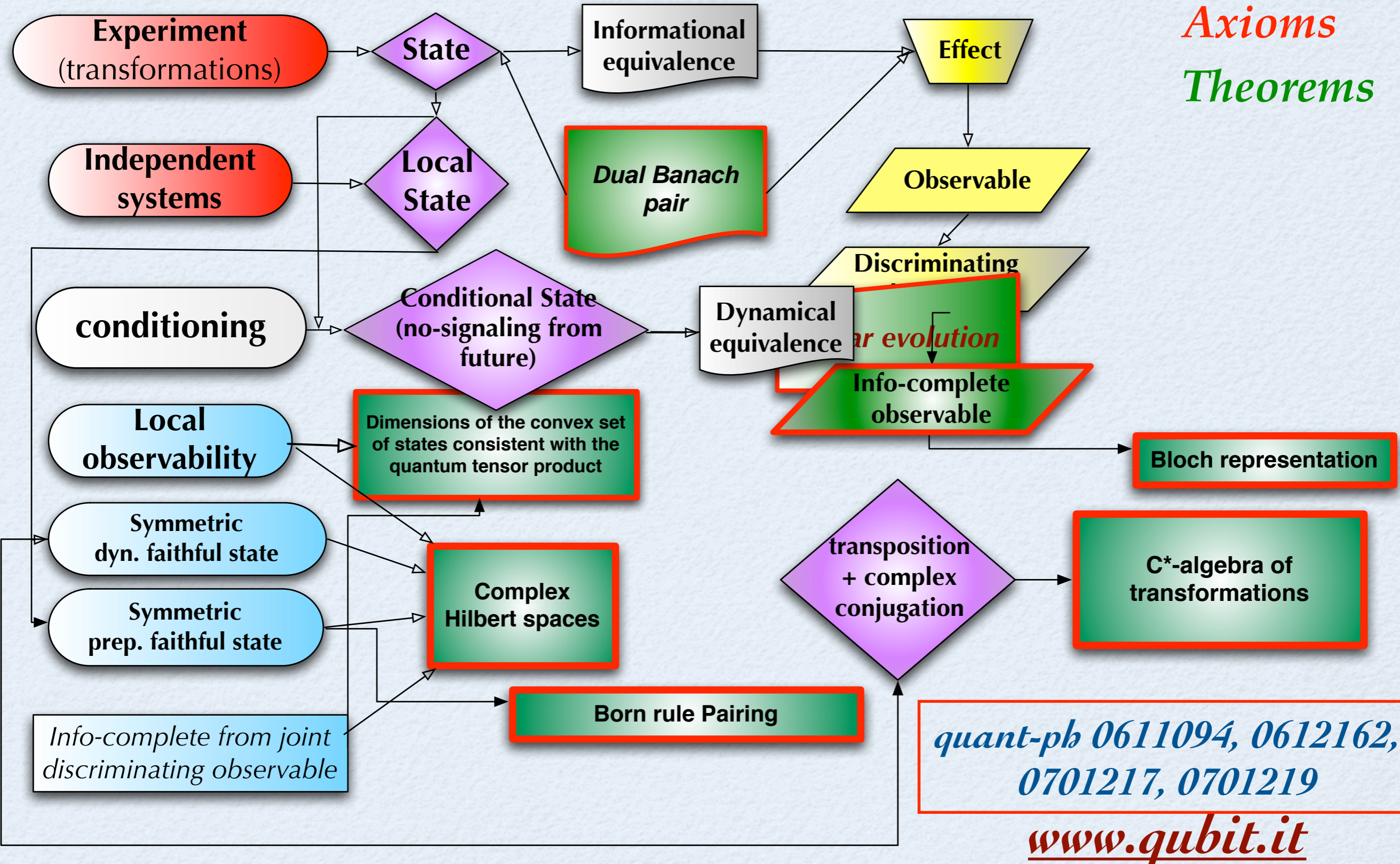
# $C^*$ -algebra of transformations

state-effect duality	$\dim(\mathfrak{B}) = \dim(\mathfrak{S}) + 1$	(D1)
P2 (prep. faith.)	$\dim(\mathfrak{T}) = \dim(\mathfrak{S}^{\times 2}) + 1$	( $\mathfrak{T}$ )
( $\mathfrak{T}$ )+GNS	$\dim(\mathfrak{S}^{\times 2}) + 1 = (\dim(\mathfrak{S}) + 1)^2$	( $\mathfrak{T}_4$ ) $\equiv$ (D2)
P3 (loc. observability)	$\dim(\mathfrak{S}_{12}) = \dim(\mathfrak{S}_1) \dim(\mathfrak{S}_2) + \dim(\mathfrak{S}_1) + \dim(\mathfrak{S}_2)$	(D2)



# Summary

*Postulates*  
*Axioms*  
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# Open problems

$\dim(\mathfrak{P}) = \infty$  Existence of  $\zeta$  (i.e. existence of the decomposition of the Banach space  $\mathfrak{P}_{\mathbb{R}}$  into positive and negative parts for the symmetric real form  $\Phi$ )

$\dim(\mathfrak{P}) \leq \infty$  Extrapolation:

$$\dim(\mathfrak{S}^{\times 2}) = \dim_{\#}(\mathfrak{S}^{\times 2})^2 - 1 \implies \dim(\mathfrak{S}) = \dim_{\#}(\mathfrak{S})^2 - 1$$

Find a simple postulate discriminating the quantum from the classical  $C^*$ -algebras

Exploit purity of  $\Phi$

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