

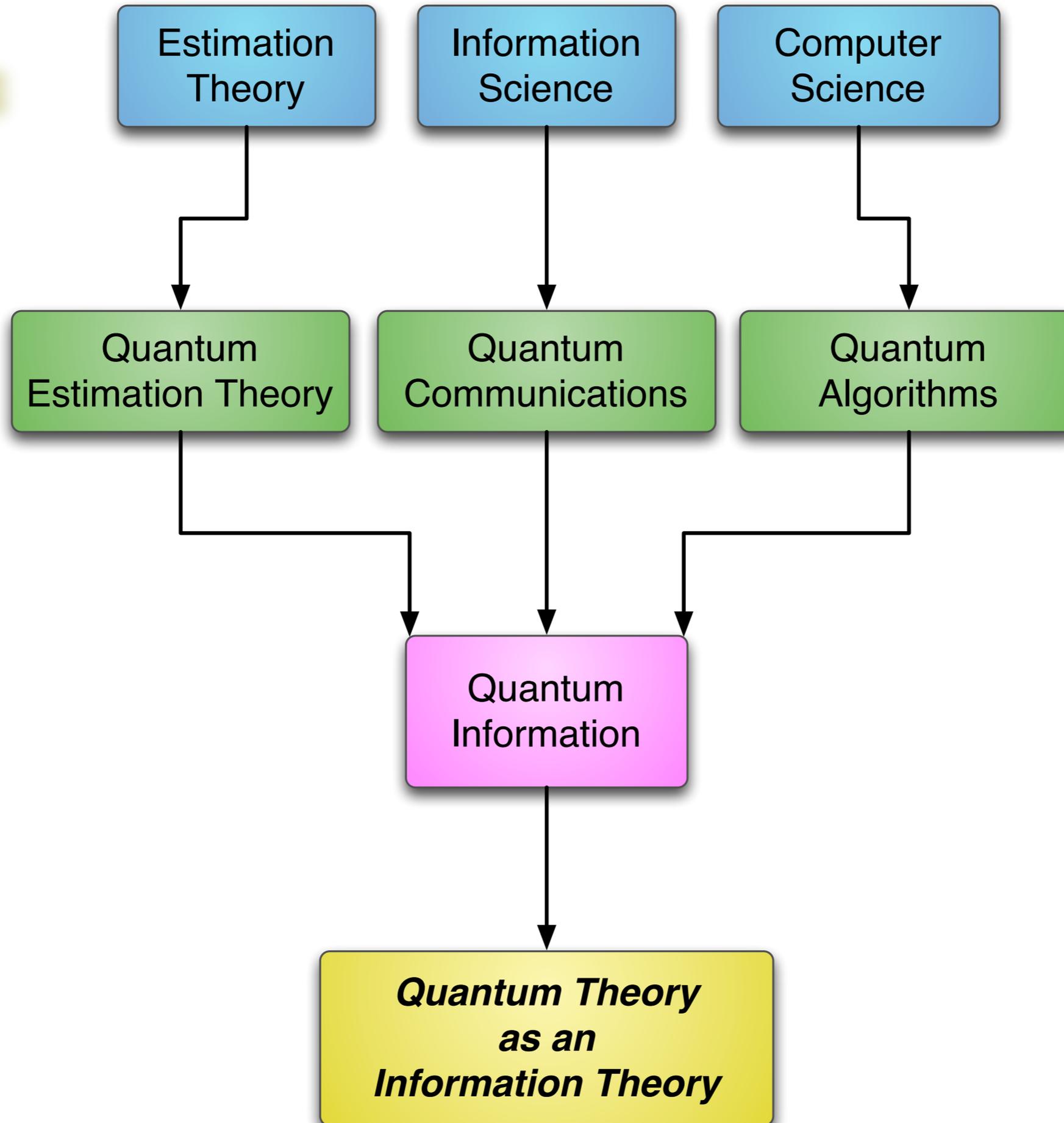
La teoria quantistica è una teoria dell'informazione

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Quantum Theory is an Information Theory



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Informational derivation of quantum theory

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We derive quantum theory from purely informational principles. Five elementary axioms—causality, perfect distinguishability, ideal compression, local distinguishability, and pure conditioning—define a broad class of theories of information processing that can be regarded as standard. One postulate—purification—singles out quantum theory within this class.

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QUANTUM THEORY FROM FIRST PRINCIPLES



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The framework

Logic \subset Probability \subset OPT

joint probabilities + connectivity

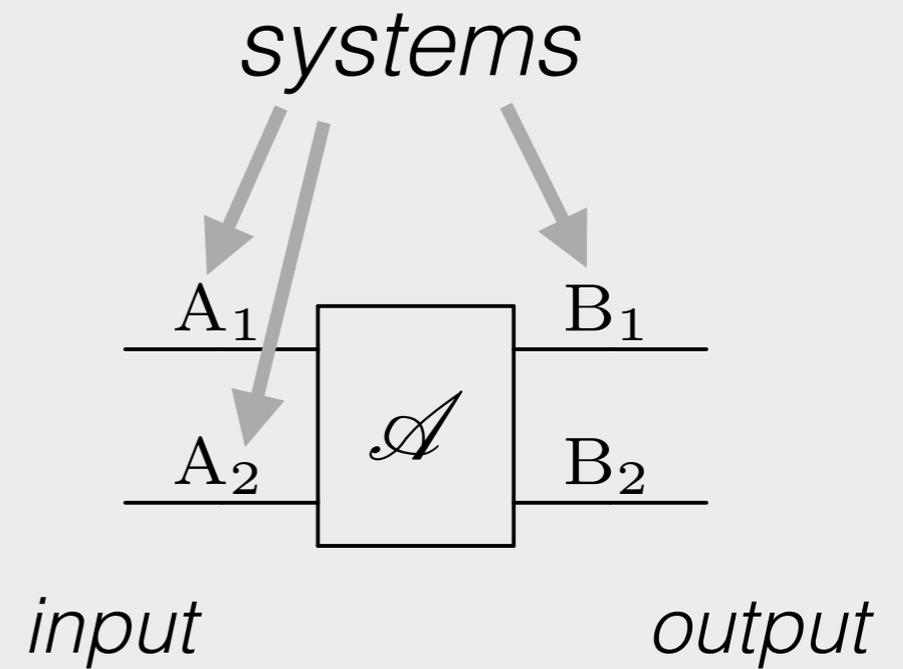
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Marginal probability

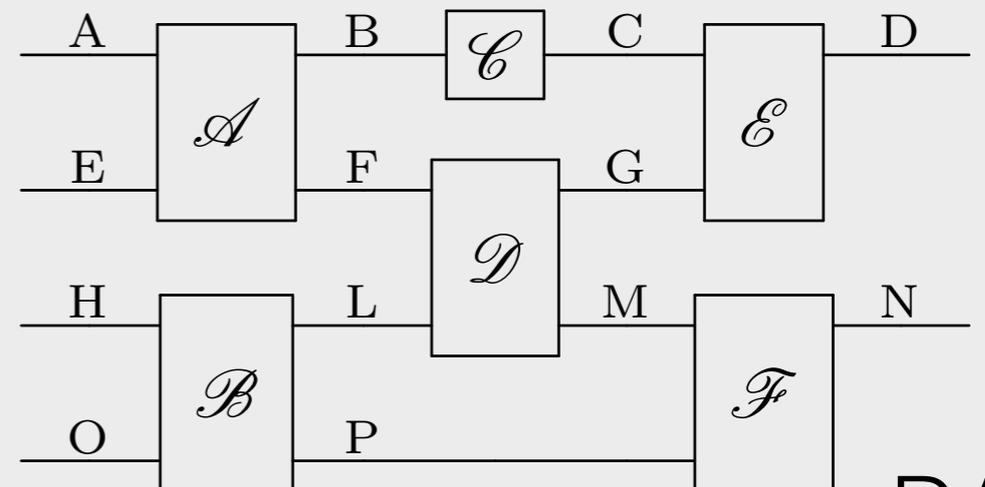
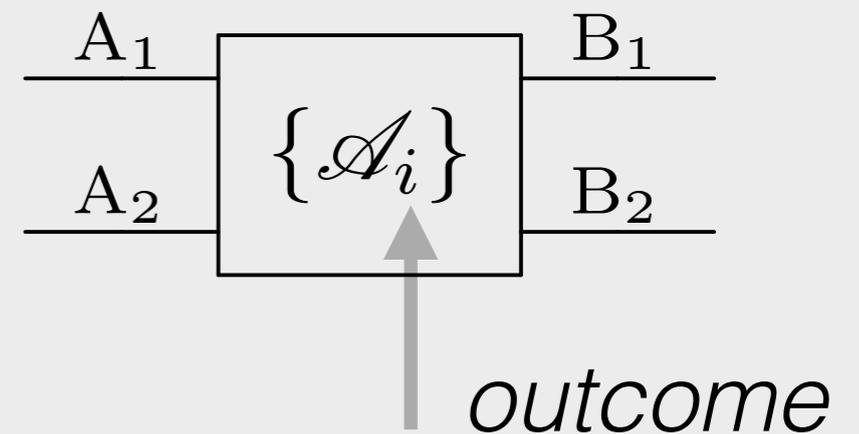
$$\sum_{i, k, \dots} p(i, j, k, \dots | \text{circuit}) =$$

$$p(j | \text{circuit})$$

Event



Test



DAG

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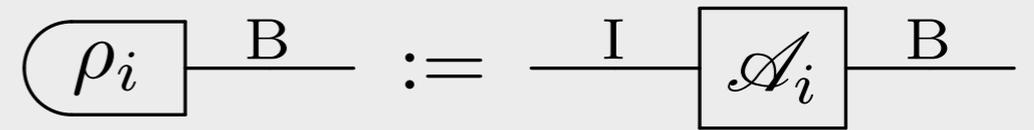
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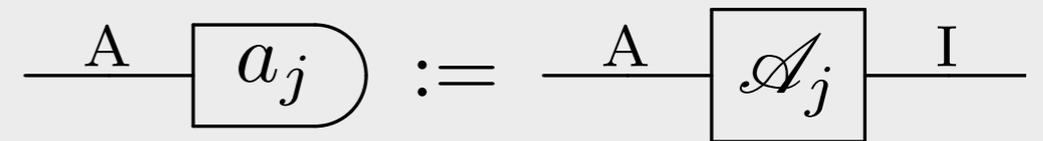
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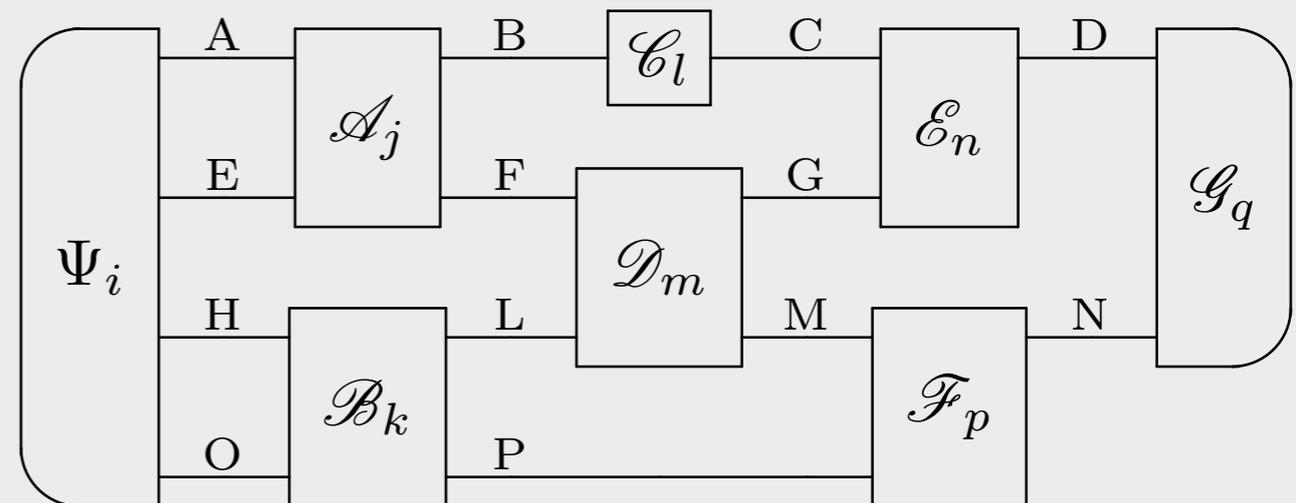


preparation



observation

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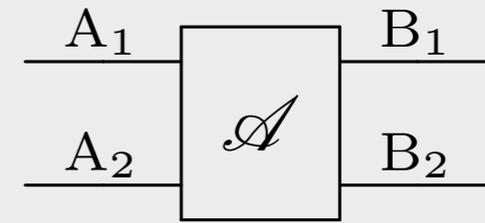
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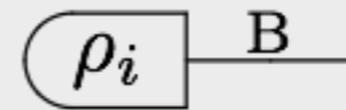
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Probabilistic equivalence classes

Notice: the probability of a transformation generally depends on the circuit at its output!!



transformation

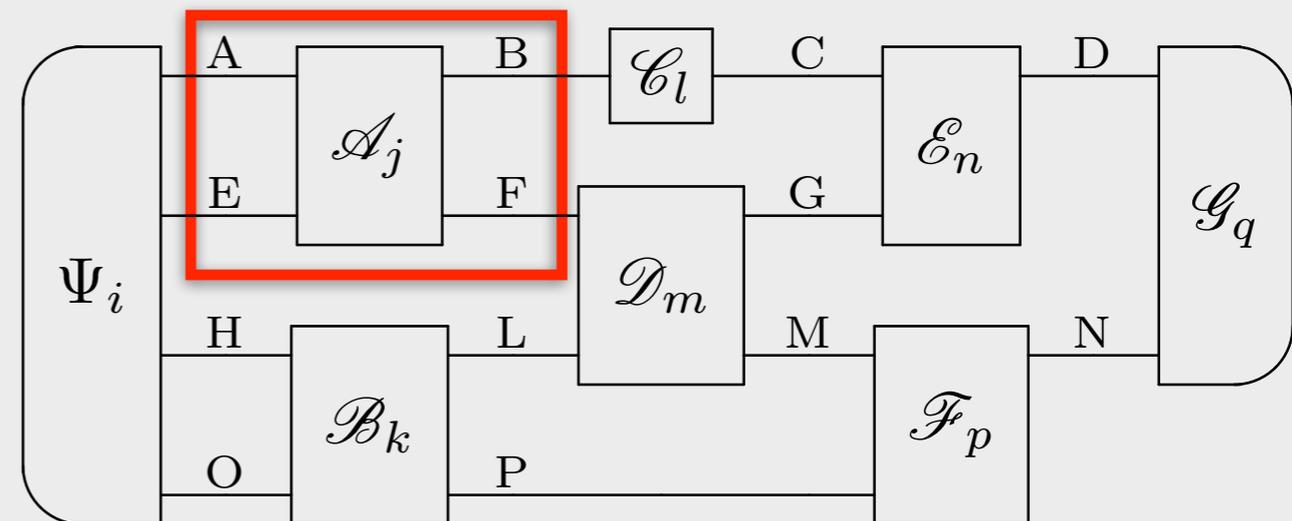


state



effect

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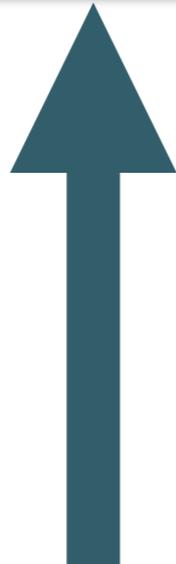
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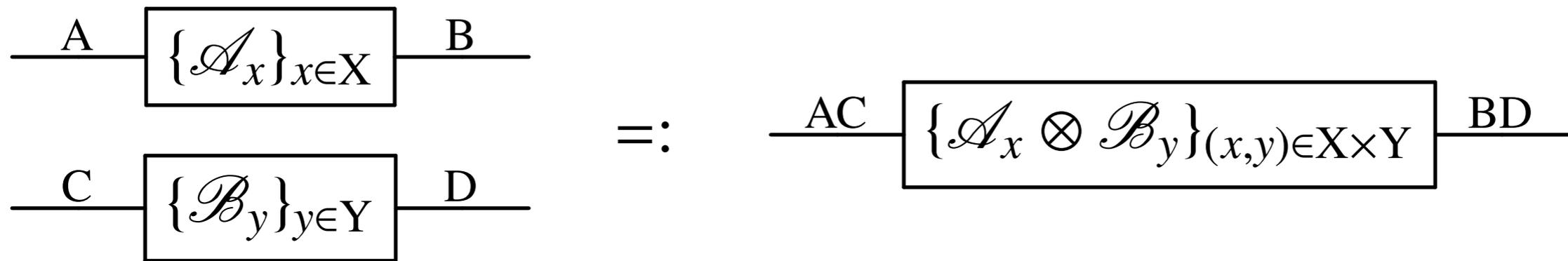
Strictly symmetric monoidal category theory

Multiplication of closed circuits

$$\begin{array}{c} \rho_{i_1} \text{---} A \text{---} a_{i_2} \\ \sigma_{j_1} \text{---} B \text{---} b_{j_2} \end{array} = \rho_{i_1} \text{---} A \text{---} a_{i_2} \quad \sigma_{j_1} \text{---} B \text{---} b_{j_2}$$
$$= p(i_1, i_2) q(j_1, j_2)$$

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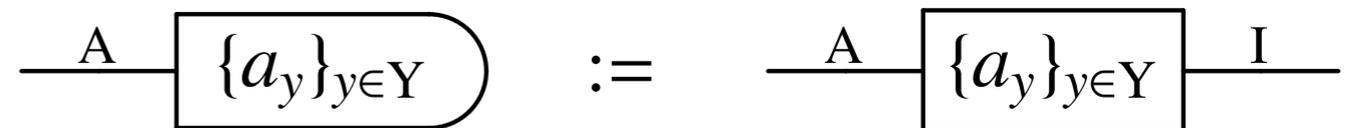
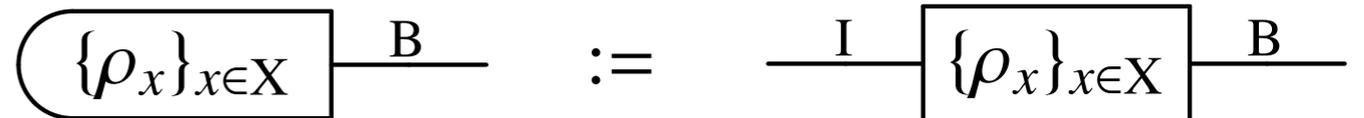
Parallel composition (associative)



$$AB = BA$$

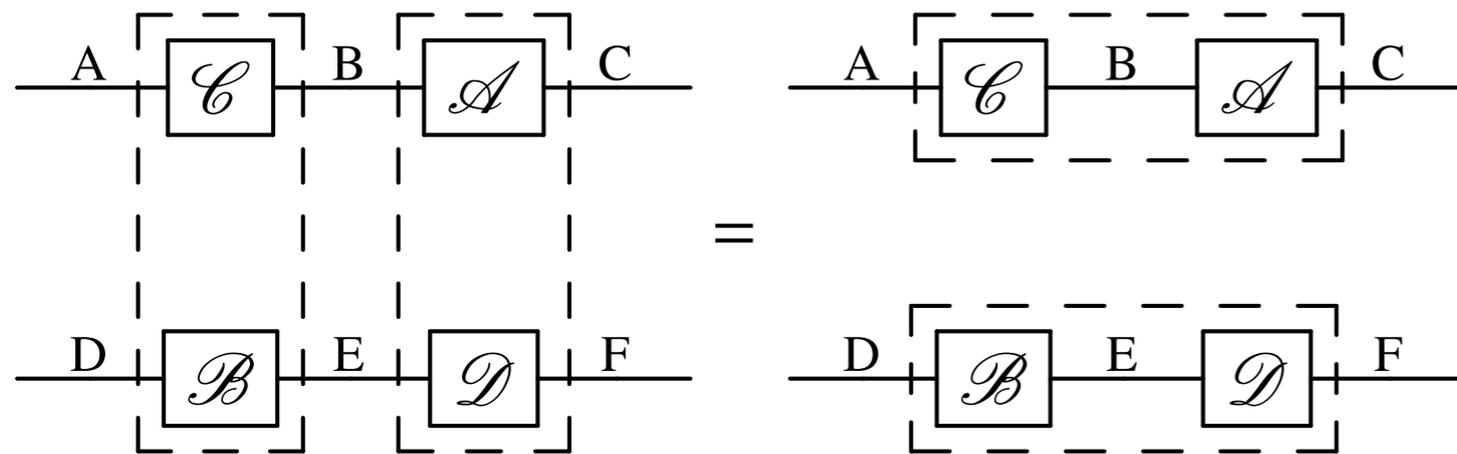
$$AI = IA = A$$

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

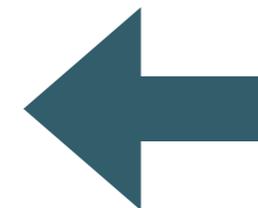
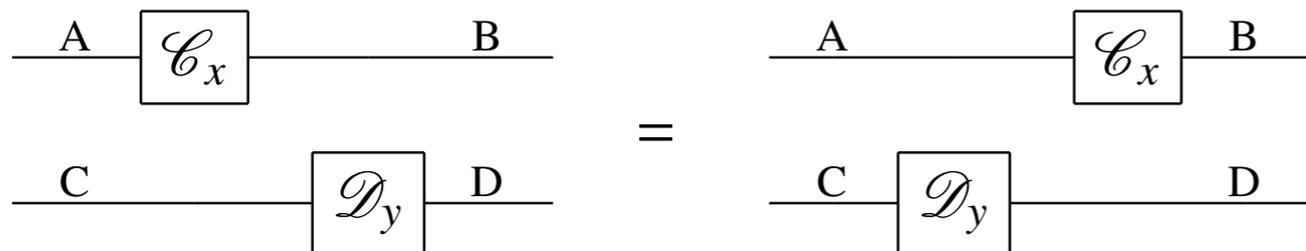
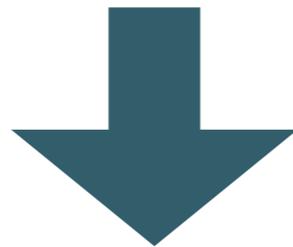


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Sequential and parallel compositions commute



$$(\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{D}) \circ (\mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{B}) = (\mathcal{A} \circ \mathcal{C}) \otimes (\mathcal{D} \circ \mathcal{B})$$



wire-stretching
(foliations)

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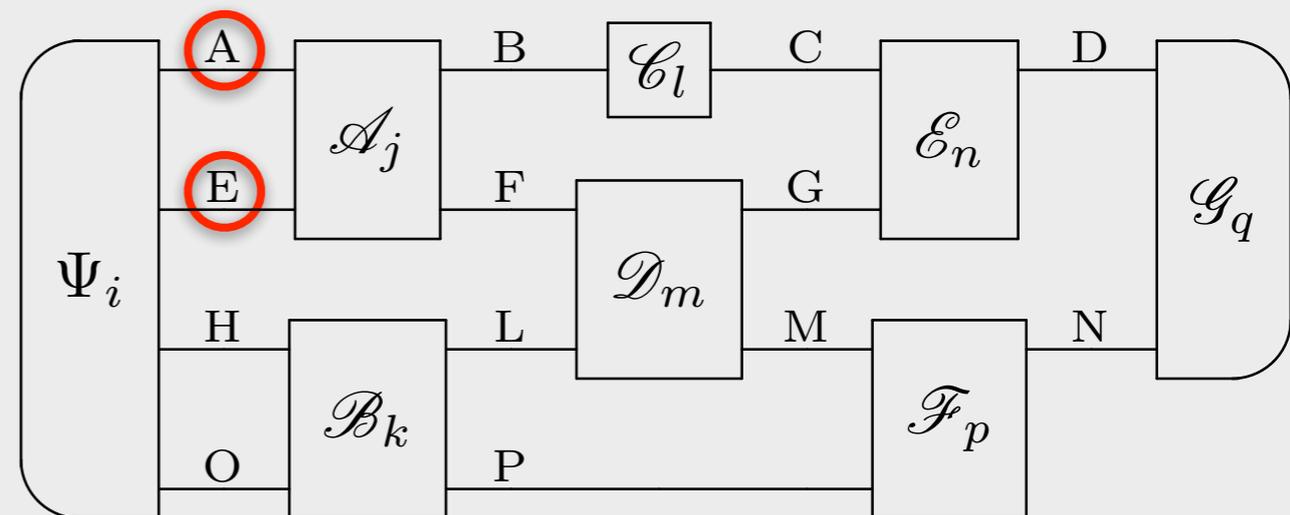
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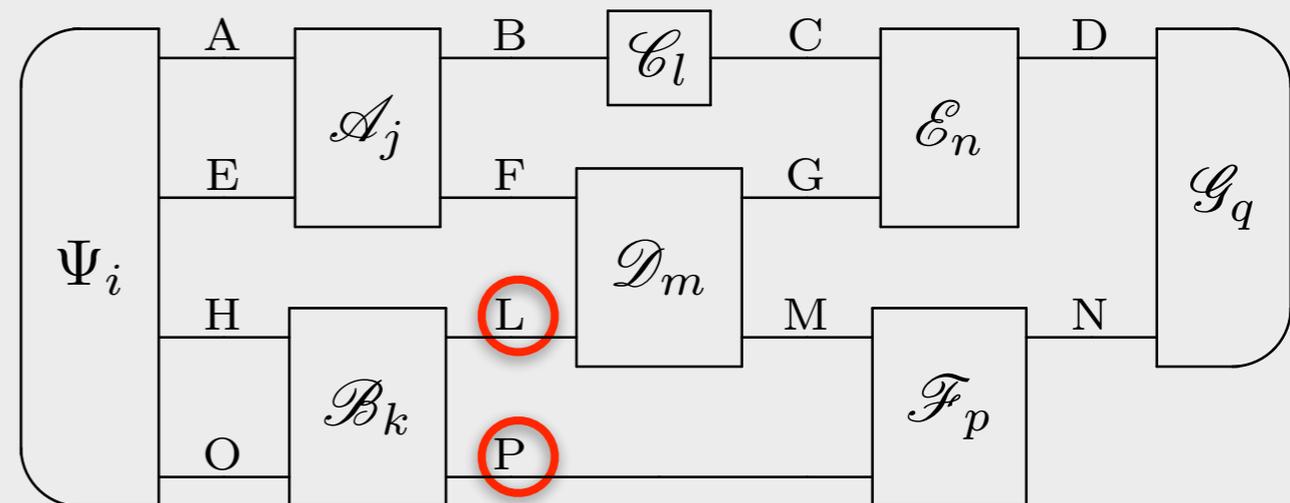
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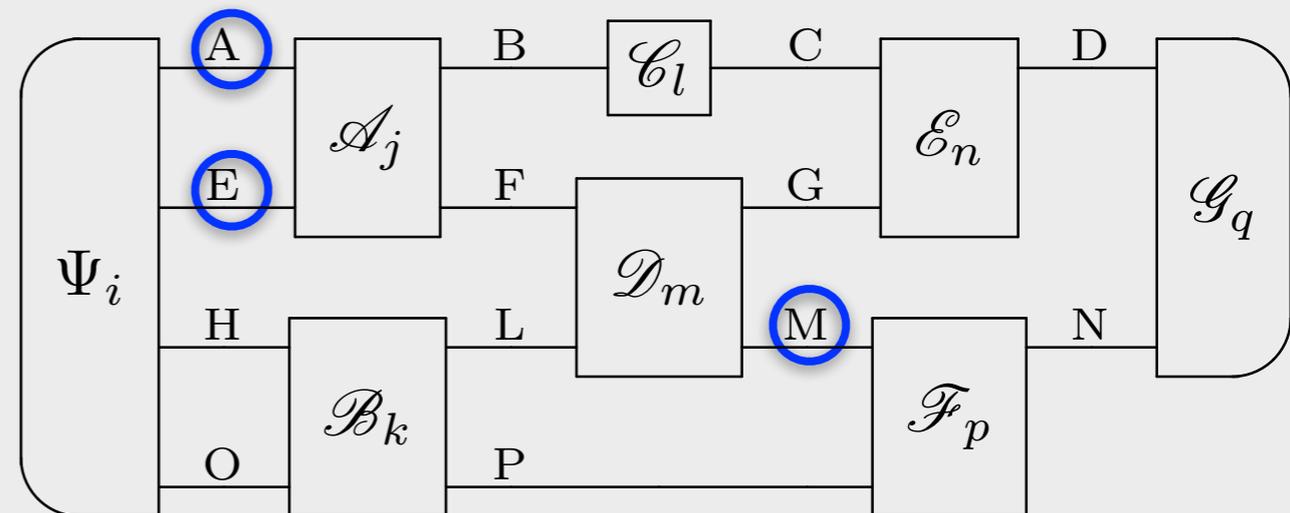
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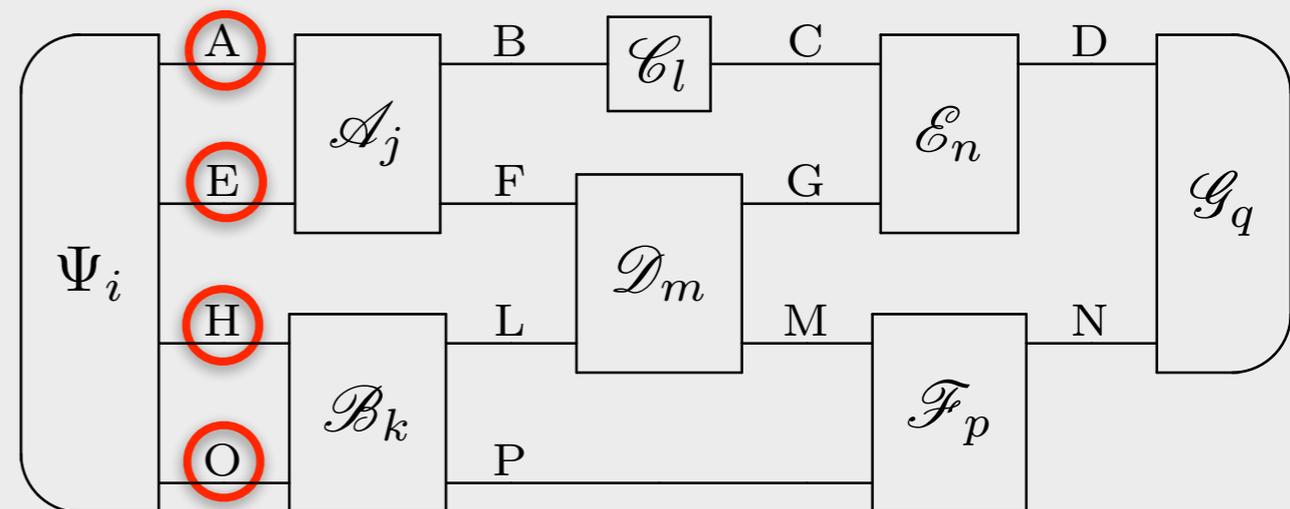
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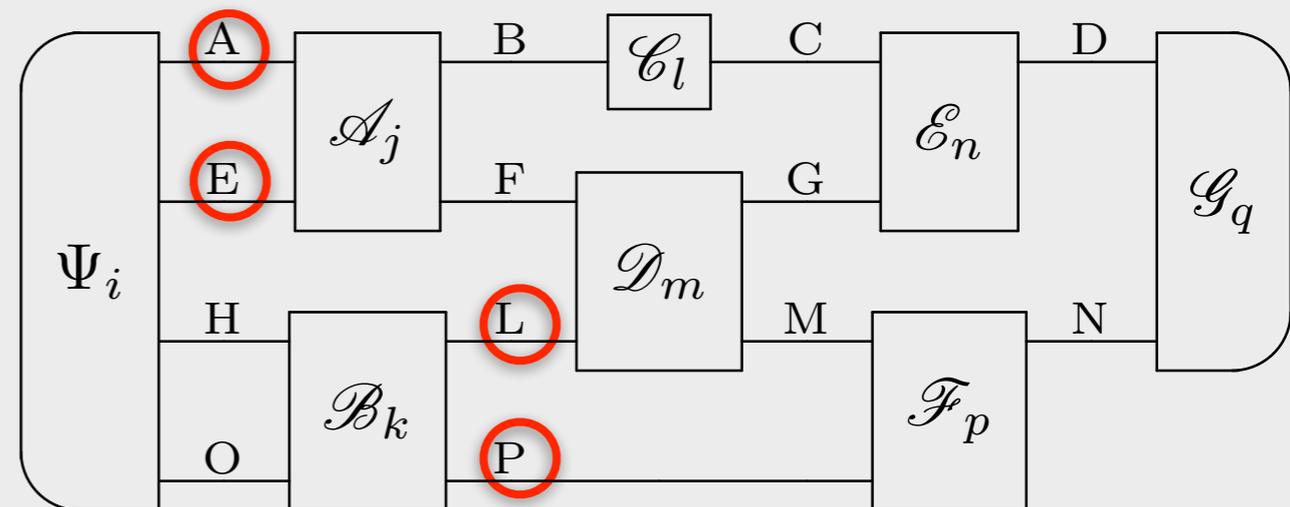
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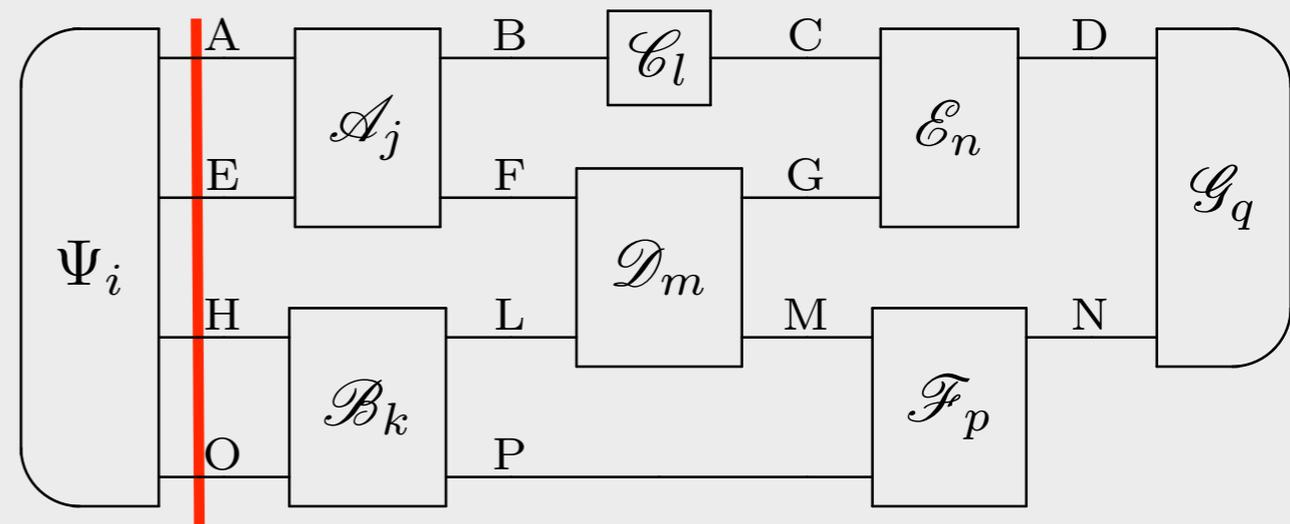
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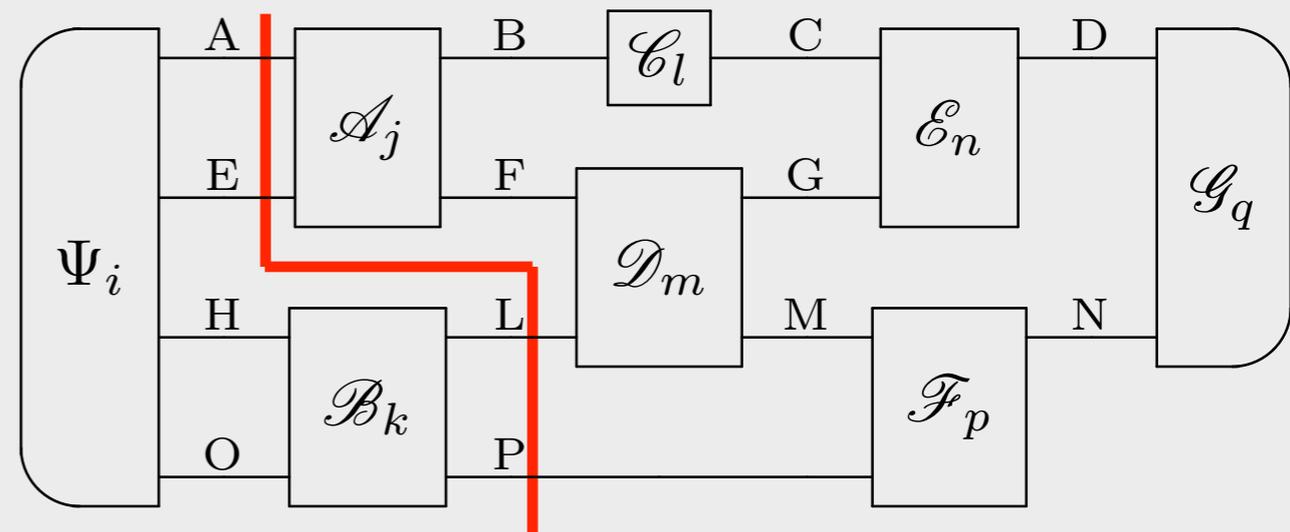
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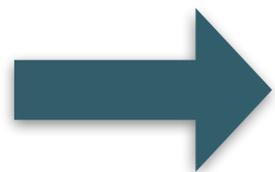
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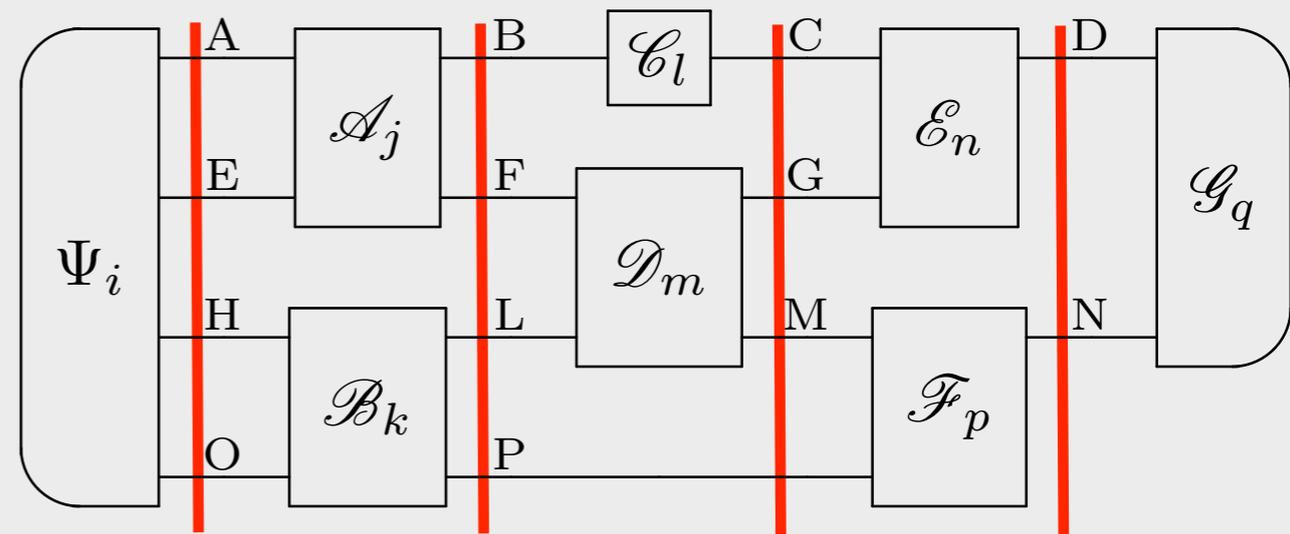
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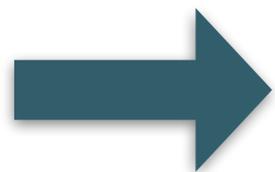
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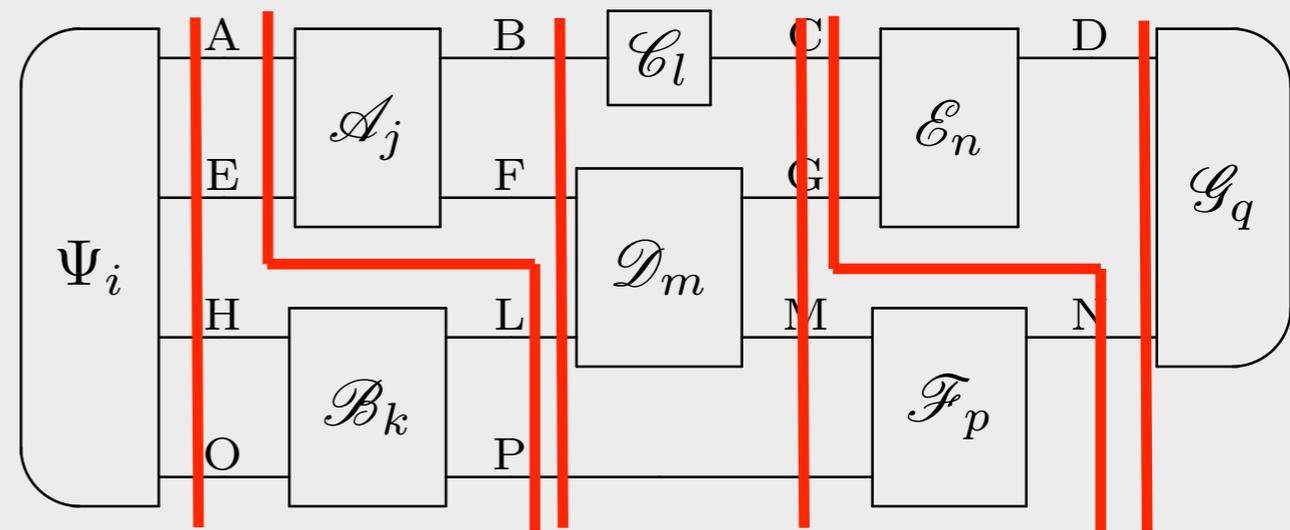
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States are functionals for effects

States are separating for effects

Effects are functionals on states

Effects are separating for states

Embedding in real vector spaces

$\text{St}(A)$, $\text{St}_1(A)$, $\text{St}_{\mathbb{R}}(A)$

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Dimension D_A

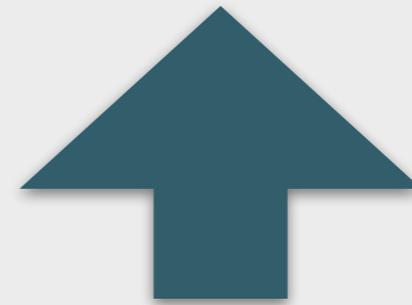
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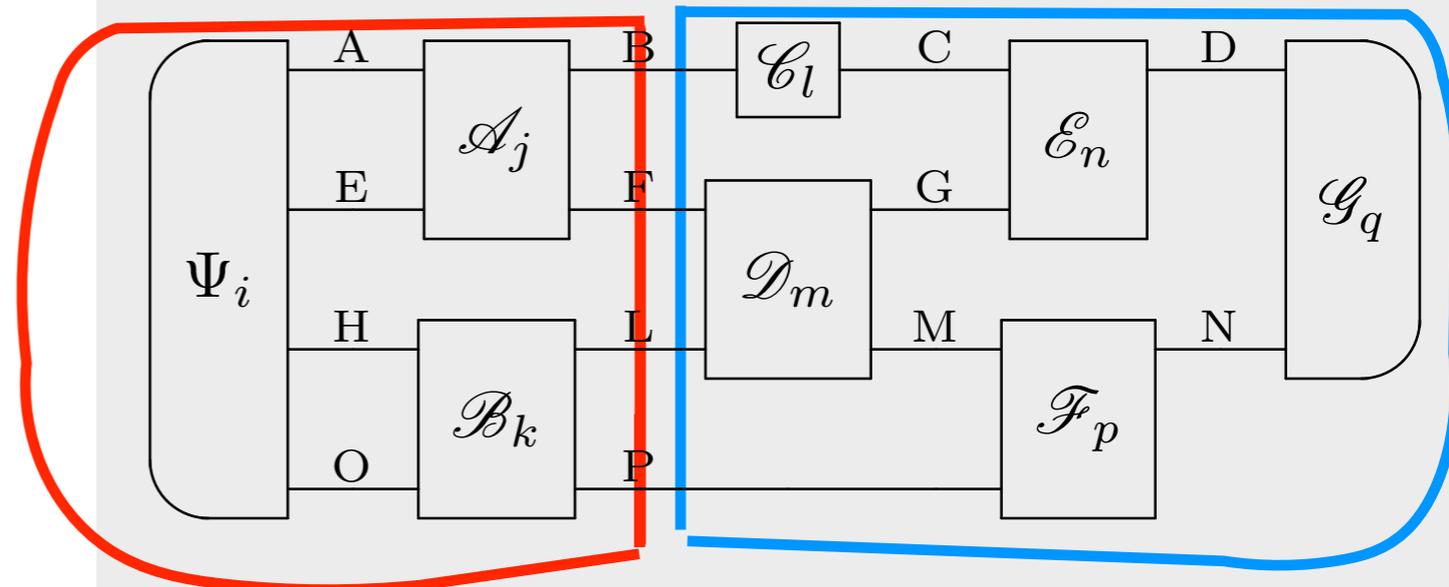
Paring notation:

$$\rho \in \text{St}(A), a \in \text{Eff}(A), \quad \boxed{\rho} \xrightarrow{A} \boxed{a} = (a|\rho)$$

$$\boxed{(\Psi_i, \mathcal{A}_j, \mathcal{B}_k)} \xrightarrow{\text{BFLP}} \boxed{(\mathcal{D}_m, \mathcal{F}_p, \mathcal{E}_n, \mathcal{G}_q)}$$



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$$\{\mathcal{T}_i\}_{i \in \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n, i_{n+1}, i_{n+2}, \dots, \dots\}}$$

$\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{j_1} \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{j_2} \quad \dots$

Coarse-graining \downarrow \uparrow Refinement

$$\{\hat{\mathcal{T}}_j\}_{j \in \{j_1, j_2, \dots\}}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{T}}_S = \sum_{i \in S} \mathcal{T}_i$$

Partial ordering

Conditioned test (needs causality)

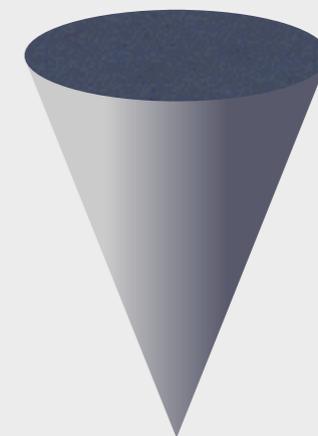
$$A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_i} \text{---} B \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{D}_{j_i}^{(i)}} \text{---} C \quad := \quad A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{D}_{j_i}^{(i)} \circ \mathcal{C}_i} \text{---} C$$

Circuit multiplication: randomize tests

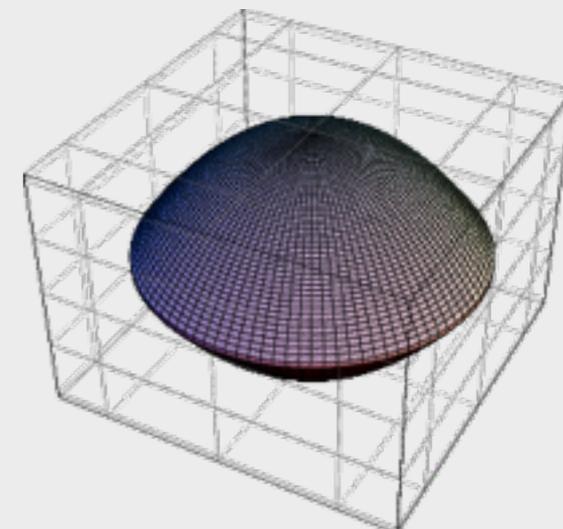
$$p_i \text{---} A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_{j_i}^{(i)}} \text{---} B \quad := \quad \begin{array}{c} A \text{---} \boxed{\mathcal{C}_{j_i}^{(i)}} \text{---} B \\ \text{---} I \text{---} \boxed{p_i} \text{---} I \end{array}$$



Cone structure



Convex structure



Principles for Quantum Theory

$\{\rho_0, \rho_1\} \subseteq \text{St}(A)$ preparation test

$\{a_0, a_1\}$ observation test

success probability of discrimination

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{succ}} &= (a_0|\rho_0) + (a_1|\rho_1) \\ &= (a|\rho_0) + (a_1|\rho_1 - \rho_0) \\ &= (a|\rho_1) + (a_0|\rho_0 - \rho_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[1 + (a_1 - a_0|\rho_1 - \rho_0)] \end{aligned}$$

$$a := a_0 + a_1$$

Metric

$$p_{\text{succ}}^{(\text{opt})} = \frac{1}{2}[1 + \|\rho_1 - \rho_0\|]$$

$$\|\delta\| := \sup_{\{a_0, a_1\}} (a_0 - a_1|\delta),$$

$$\|\delta\| = \sup_{a_0 \in \text{Eff}(A)} (a_0|\delta) - \inf_{a_1 \in \text{Eff}(A)} (a_1|\delta)$$

monotonicity

$$\mathcal{C} \in \text{Transf}_1(A, B)$$

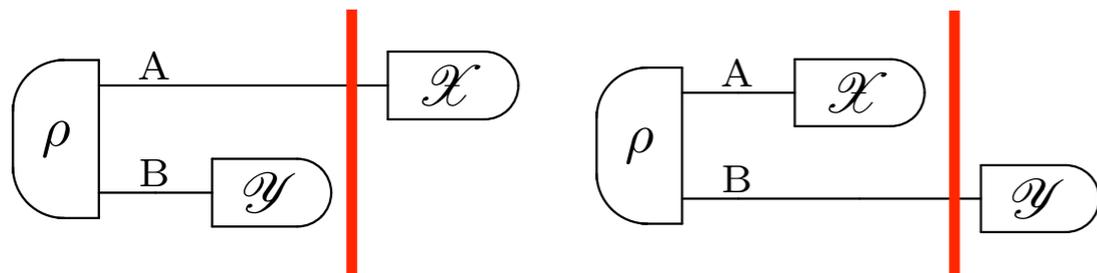
$$\|\mathcal{C}\delta\|_B \leq \|\delta\|_A$$

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- P1. Causality
- P2. Local discriminability
- P3. Purification
- P4. Atomicity of composition
- P5. Perfect distinguishability
- P6. Lossless Compressibility

The probability of preparations is independent of the choice of observations

no signaling without interaction

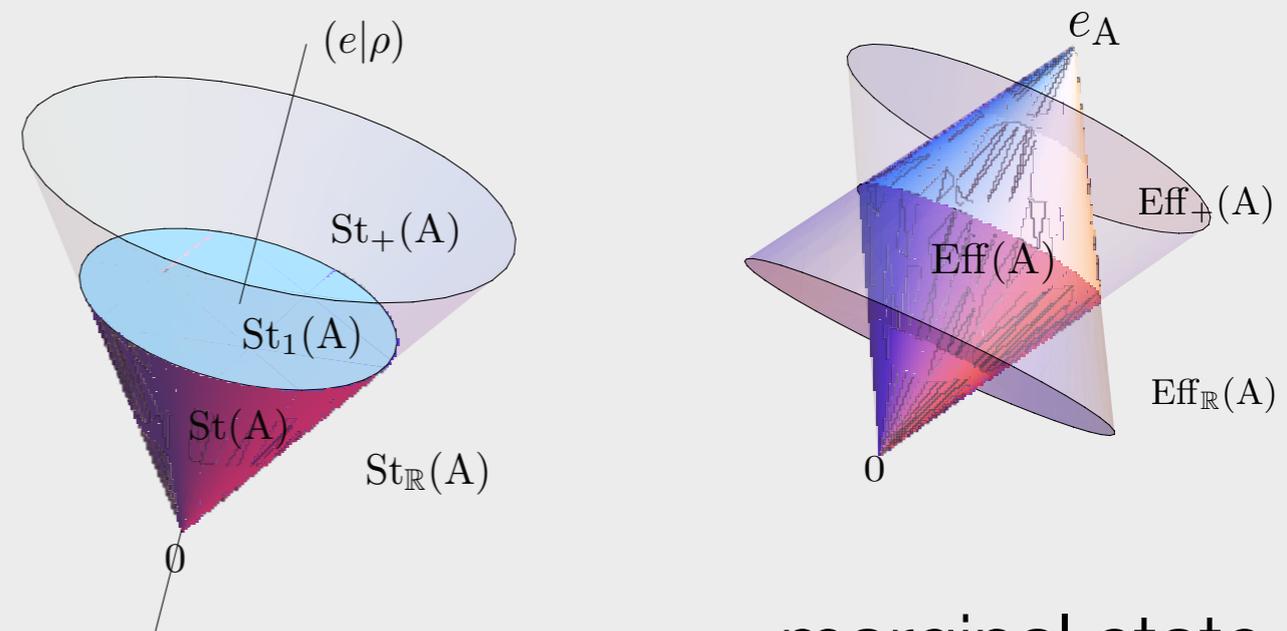


$$p(i, j | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) := (a_j | \rho_i)$$



$$p(i | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = p(i | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}') = p(i | \mathcal{X})$$

Iff conditions: a) the deterministic effect is unique; b) states are “normalizable”



marginal state

$$\sigma \begin{matrix} A \\ B \\ e \end{matrix} =: \rho \begin{matrix} A \end{matrix}$$

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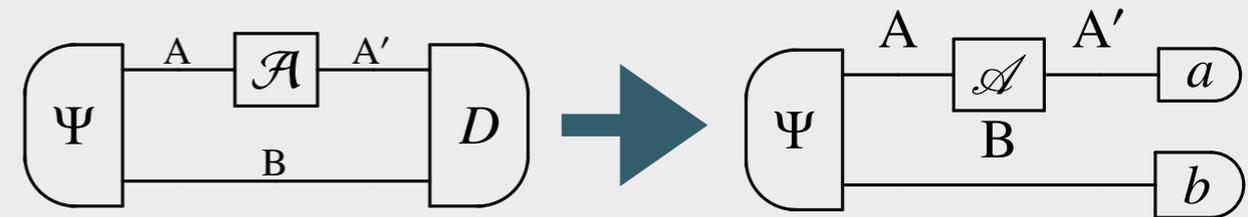
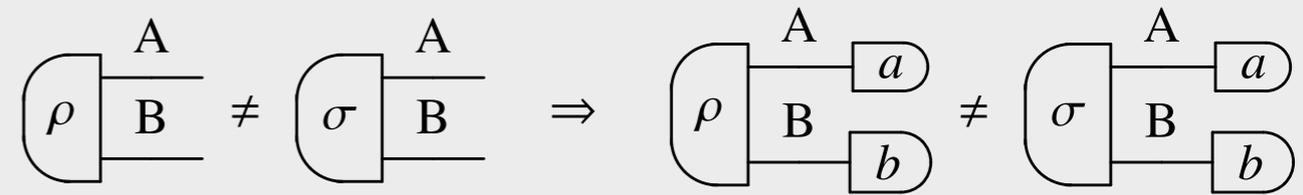
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P4. Atomicity of composition

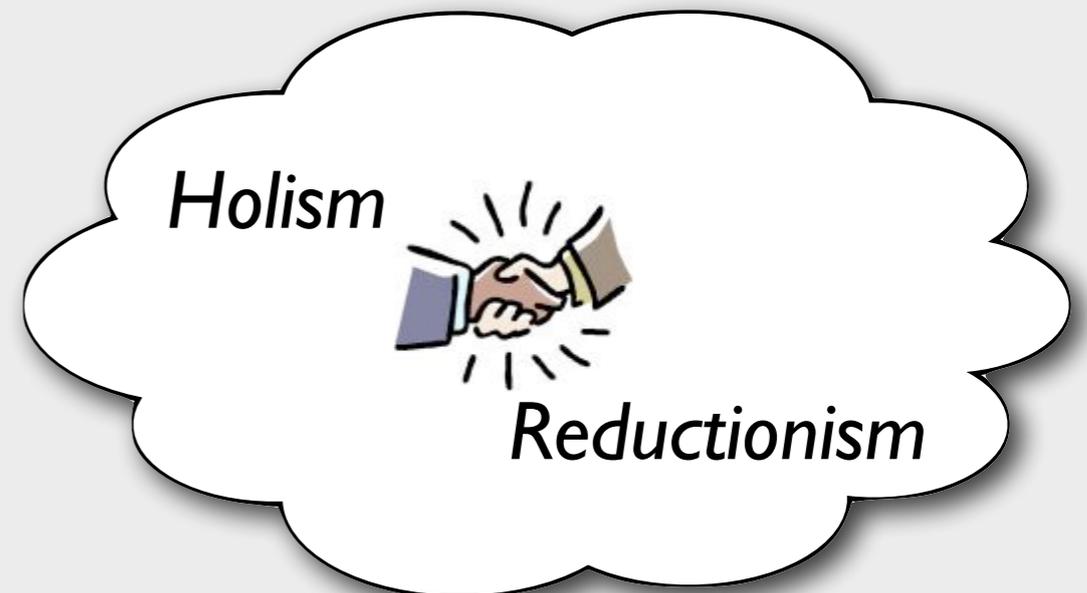
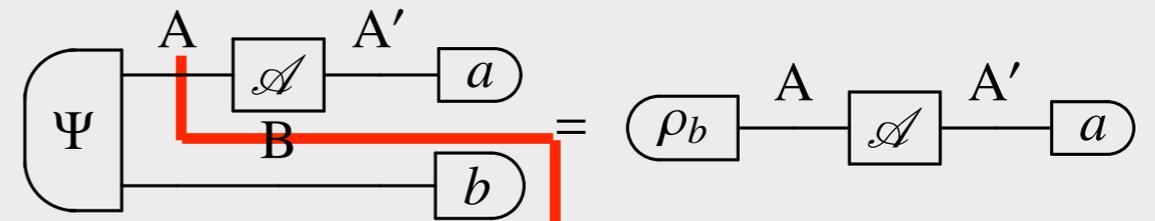
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It is possible to discriminate any pair of states of composite systems using only local measurements.



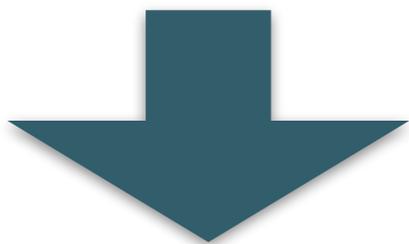
Local characterization of transformations



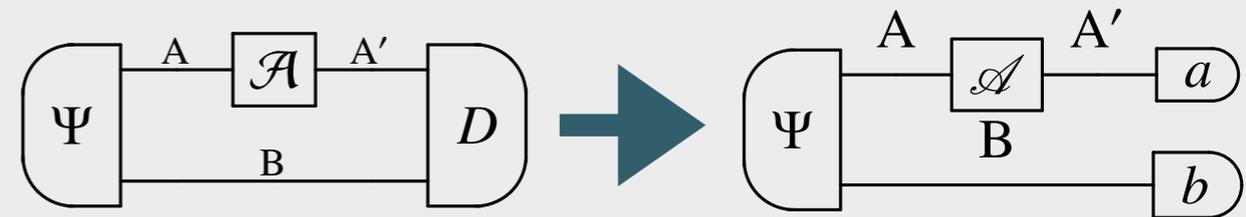
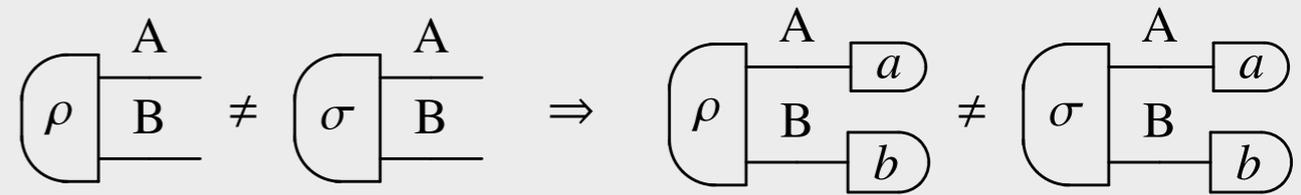
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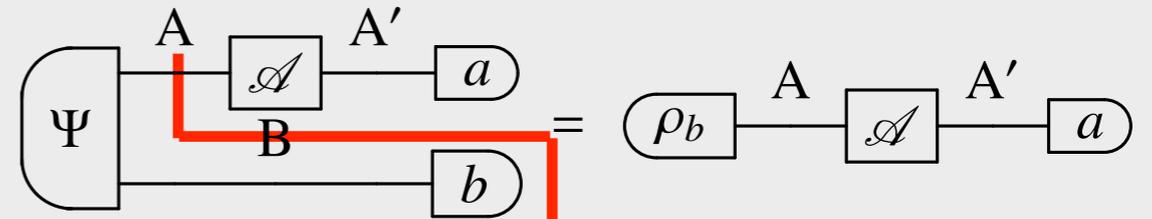
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Origin of the complex tensor product

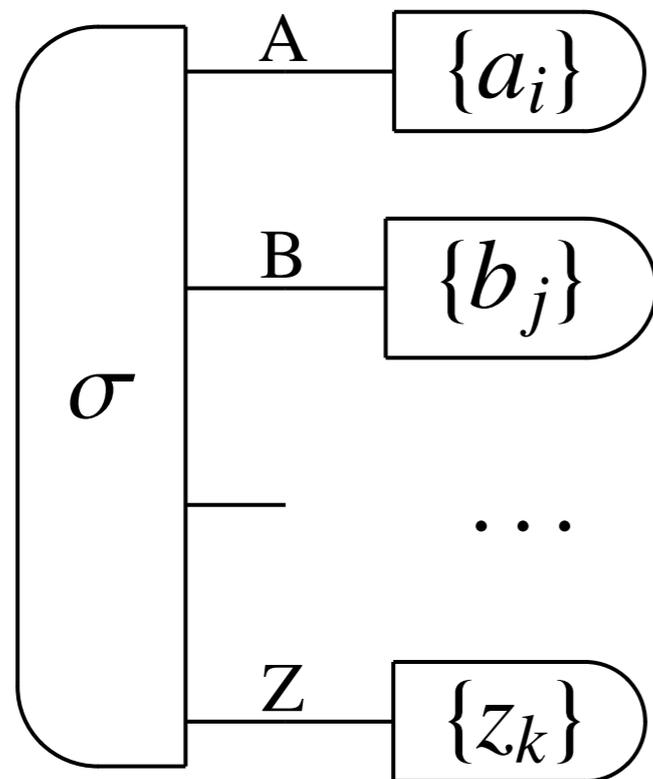


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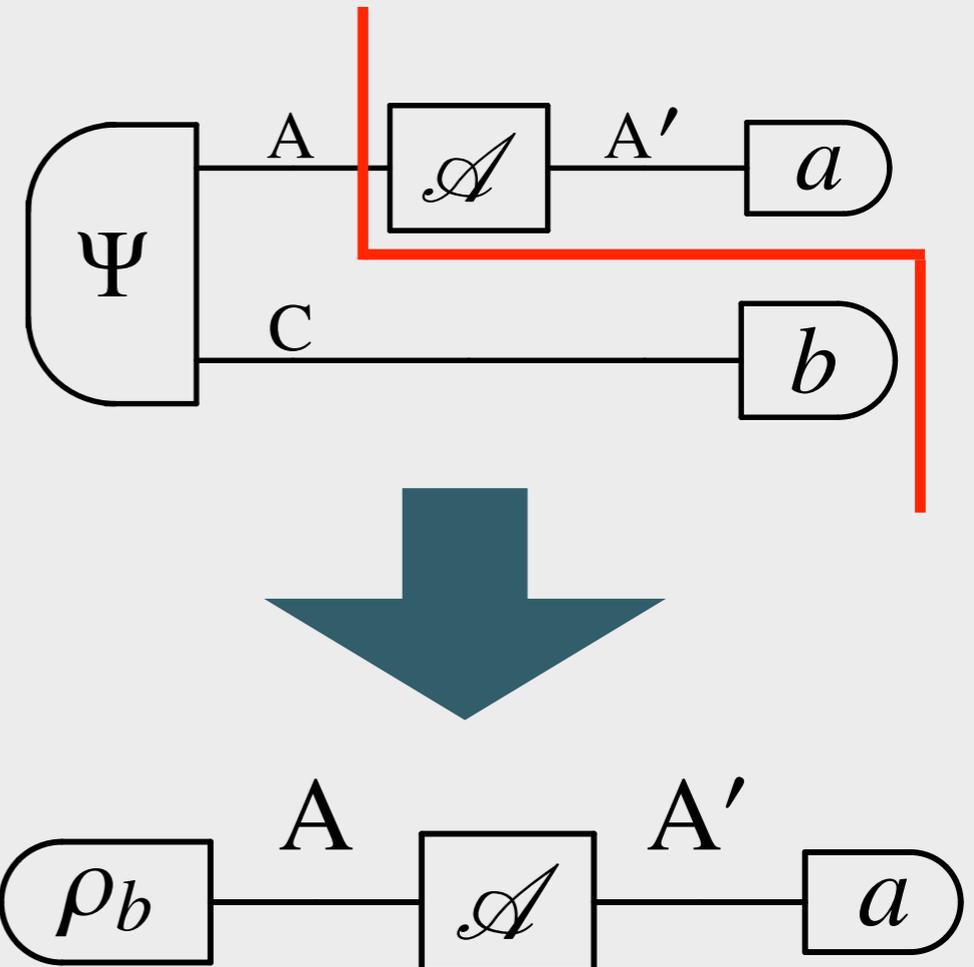


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Local effects are separating for joint states



Tomography

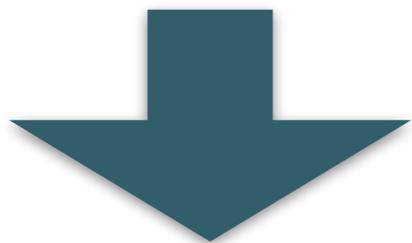


Counter-examples: Real QT, Fermionic QT

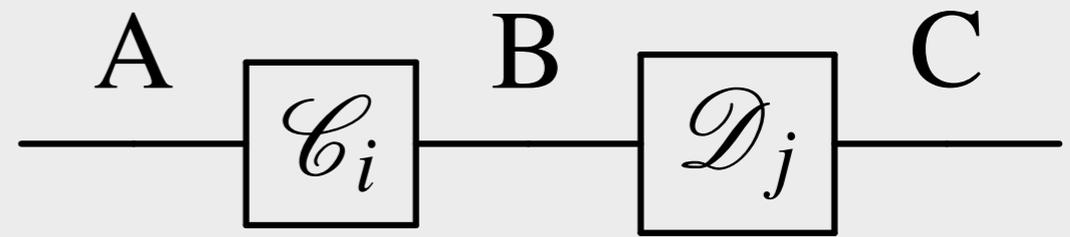
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The composition of two atomic transformations is atomic



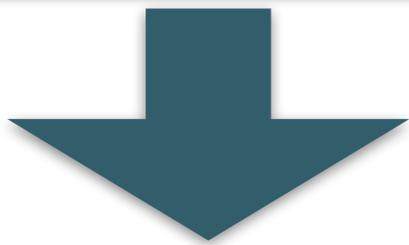
Complete information can be accessed on a step-by-step basis



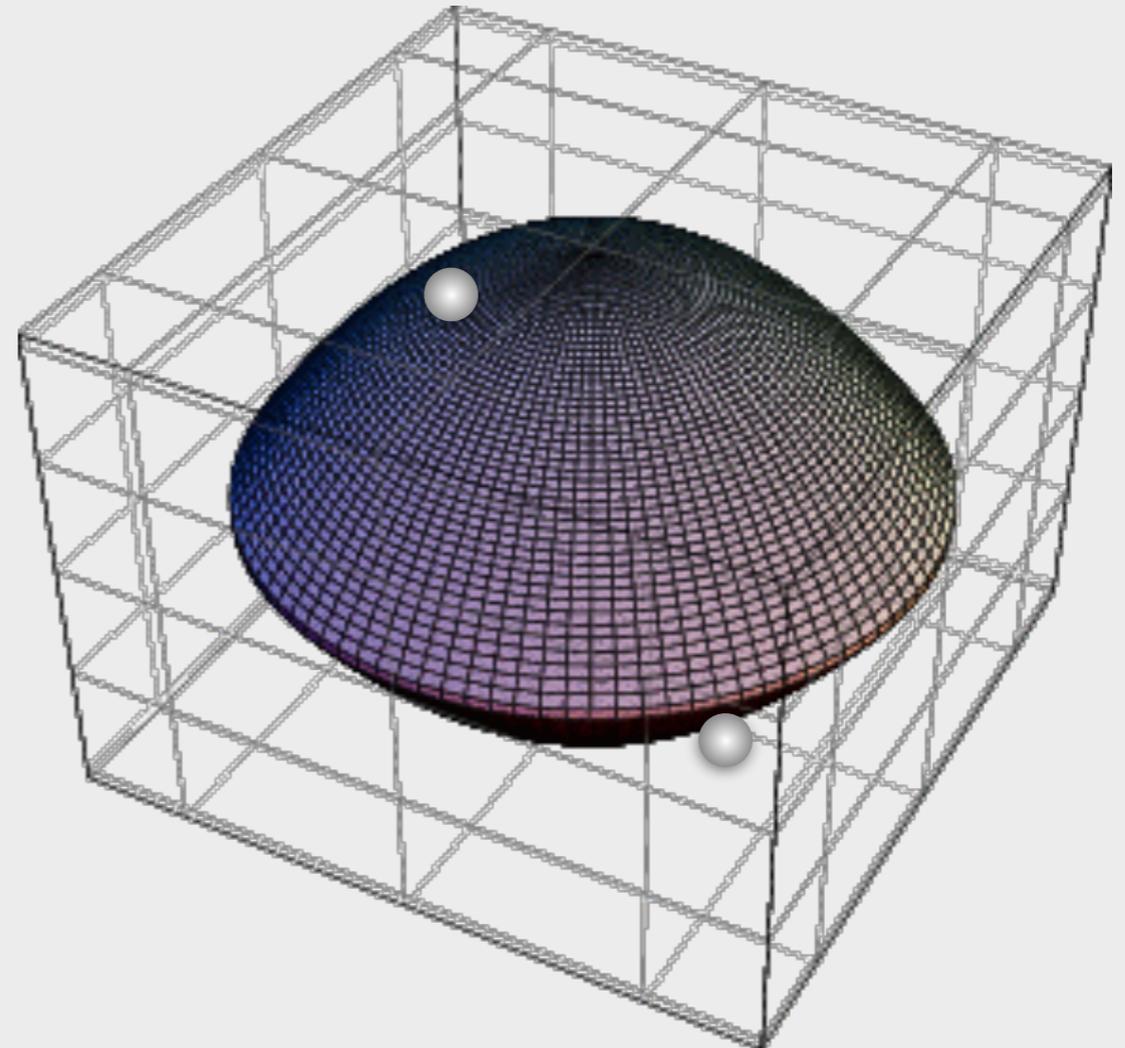
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Every state that is not completely mixed (i.e. on the boundary of the convex) can be perfectly distinguished from some other state.



Falsifiability of the theory

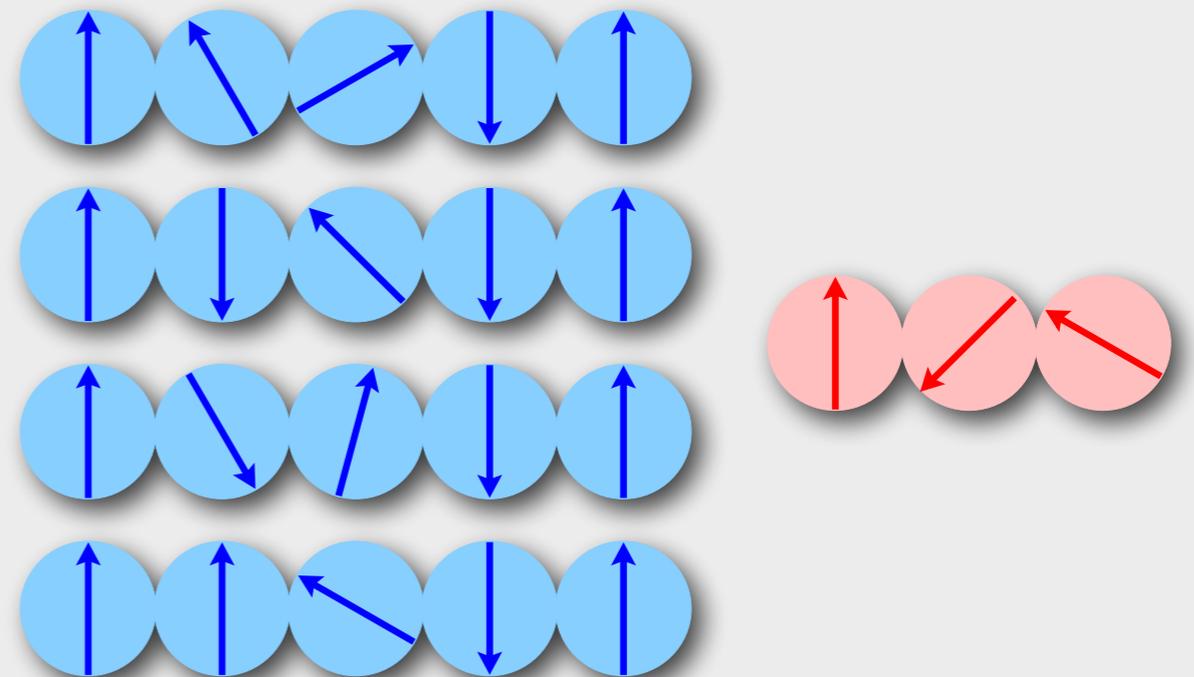
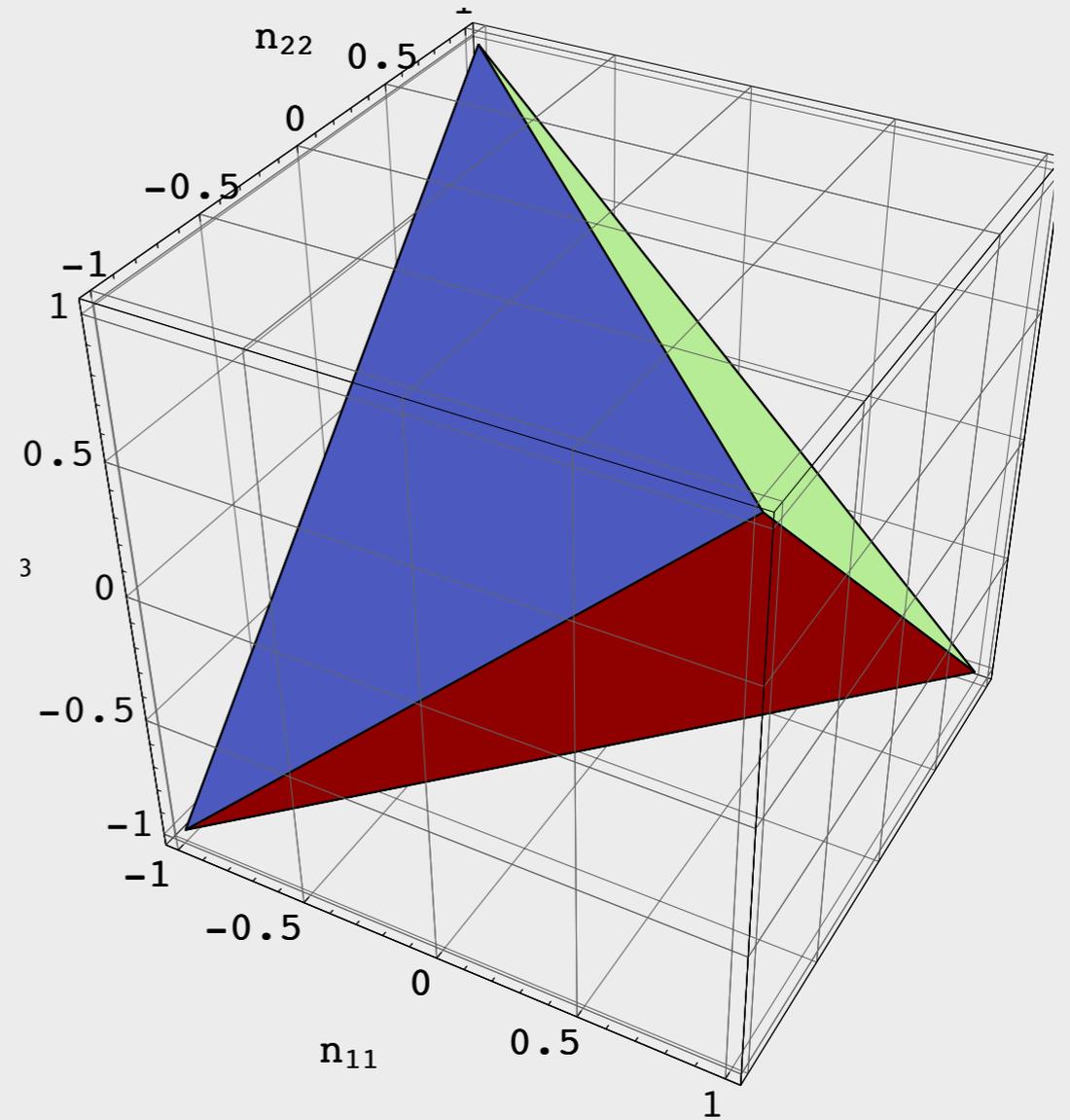


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For states that are not completely mixed there exists an ideal compression scheme

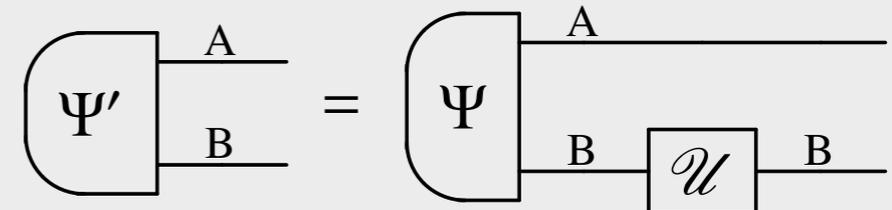
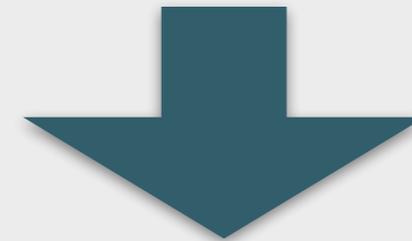
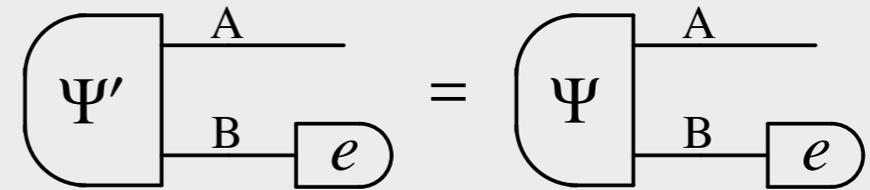
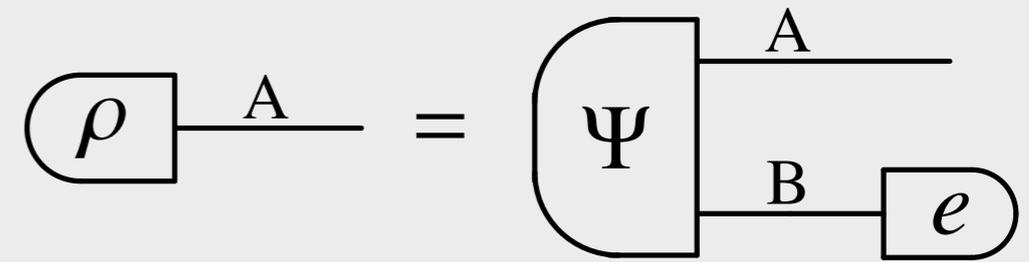
Any face of the convex set of states is the convex set of states of some other system



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2. *Every two normalized pure states of the same system are connected by a reversible transformation*

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3. **Steering:** Let Ψ purification of ρ . Then for every ensemble decomposition $\rho = \sum_x p_x \alpha_x$ there exists a measurement $\{b_x\}$, such that

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Purification establishes an interesting correspondence between transformations and states. This is easy to see: let us take a set of states $\{\alpha_x \mid x \in X\}$ that span the whole state space of system A and a set of positive probabilities $\{p_x\}_{x \in X}$. Then, take a purification of the mixed state $\rho = \sum_x p_x \alpha_x$ —say $\Psi \in \text{PurSt}(AB)$. Now, if two transformations \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{A}' satisfy

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it is clear that \mathcal{A} must be equal to \mathcal{A}' , namely the correspondence $\mathcal{A} \mapsto (\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{I}_B)\Psi$ is injective.

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different. If we take a pure state $\Psi \in \text{PurSt}(AB)$ that can be used for process tomography, then the no-disturbance condition implies $\sum_x (\mathcal{A}_x \otimes \mathcal{I}_B) \Psi = \Psi$. But Ψ is pure: hence, each unnormalized state $(\mathcal{A}_x \otimes \mathcal{I}_B) \Psi$ must be proportional to Ψ . Precisely, there must be a set of probabilities $\{p_x\}$ such that $(\mathcal{A}_x \otimes \mathcal{I}_B) \Psi = p_x \Psi$. Since the map $\mathcal{A} \mapsto (\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{I}_B) \Psi$ is injective (see Sect. 8.6), we conclude that $\mathcal{A}_x = p_x \mathcal{I}_A$. In other

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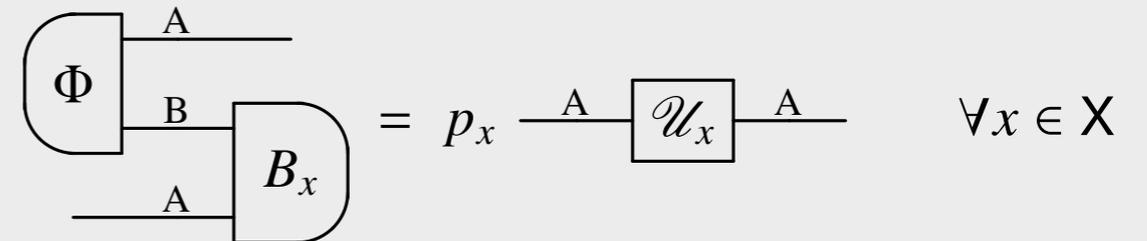
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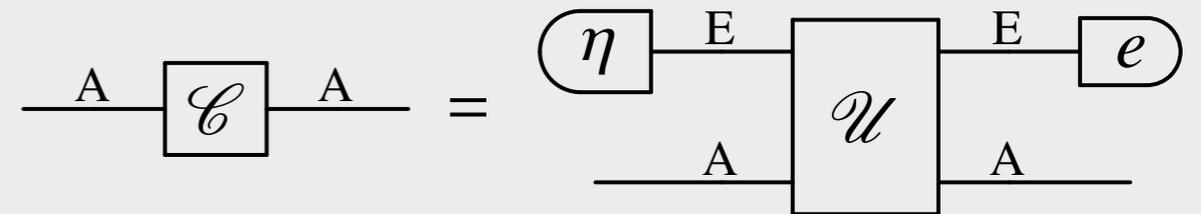
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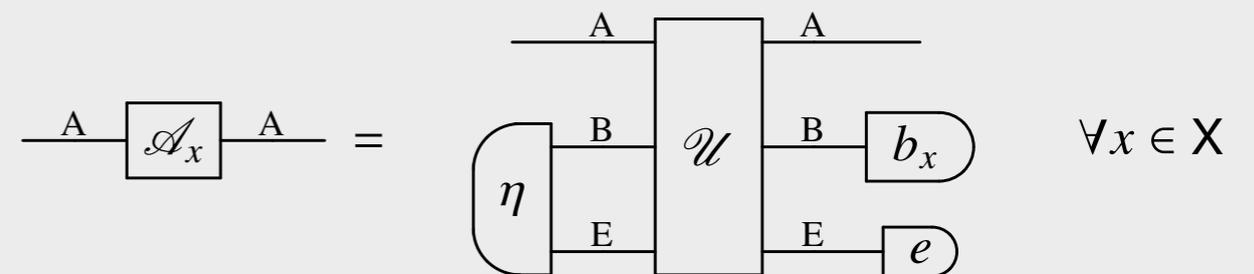
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7. Reversible dilation of “channels”



8. Reversible dilation of “instruments”



9. State-transformation cone isomorphism

10. Rev. transform. for a system make a compact Lie group

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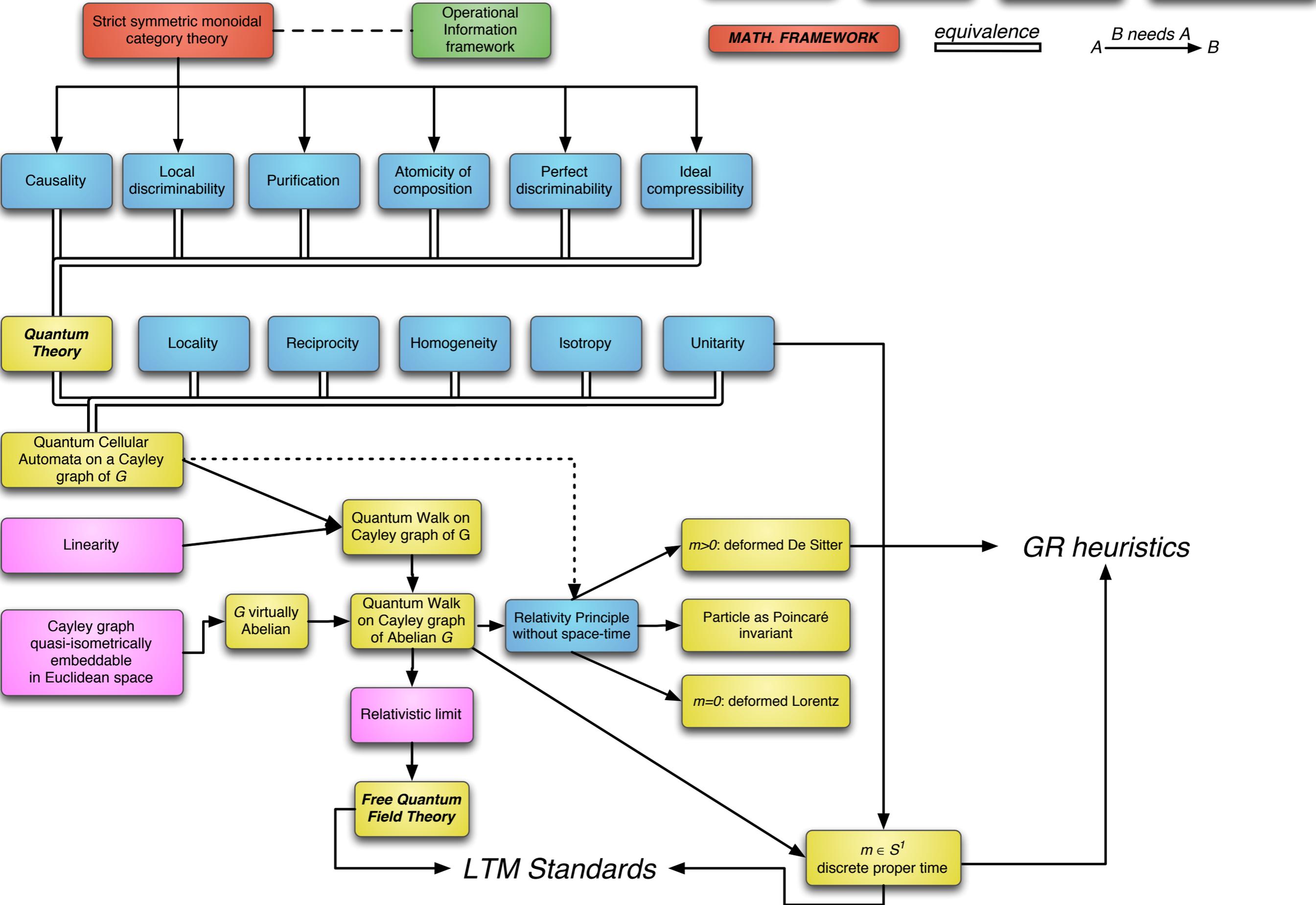
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This is more or less what I wanted to say

Thank you for your attention