

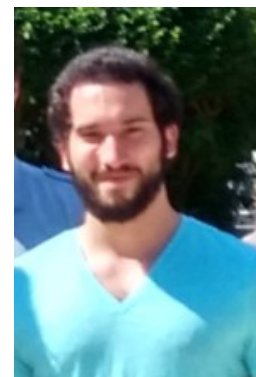
APPLICATION OF MAJORIZATION THEORY TO GAUSSIAN QUANTUM INFORMATION

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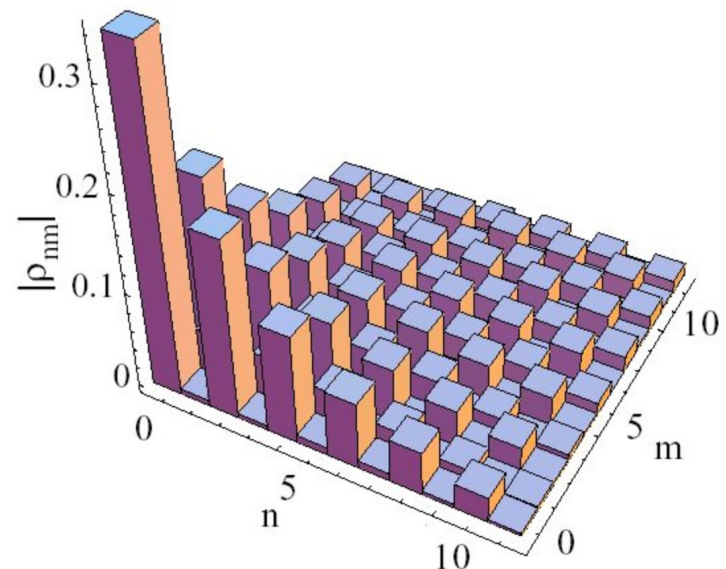
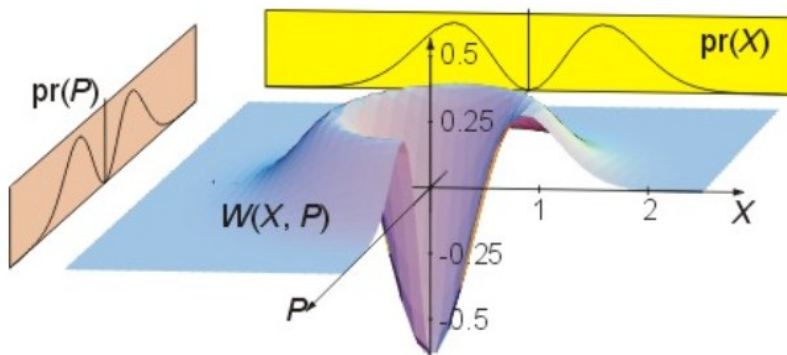
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Outline

- Majorization theory (introduction)
 - ... provide a means to compare probability distributions
 - ... extension to quantum information theory (esp. entanglement)
- Majorization in continuous-variable quantum information
 - ... interplay between phase- and state-space representations
 - ... Wigner functions and symplectic formalism are well suited to describe optical states and transformations, but majorization requires diagonalization of states !



- Selected applications to Gaussian quantum information

- 1 ... intrinsic majorization relations in fundamental Gaussian optical components (beam-splitters & squeezers)

[with O. Oreshkov, C. Navarrete-Benlloch, S. Lloyd and J. H. Shapiro]

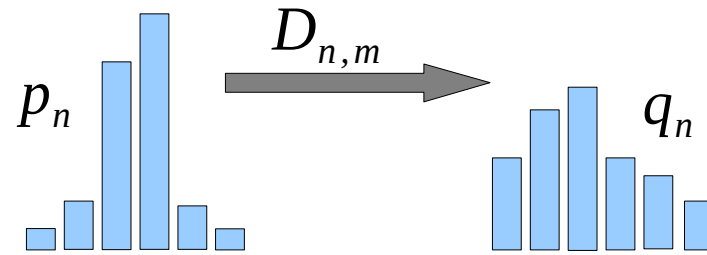
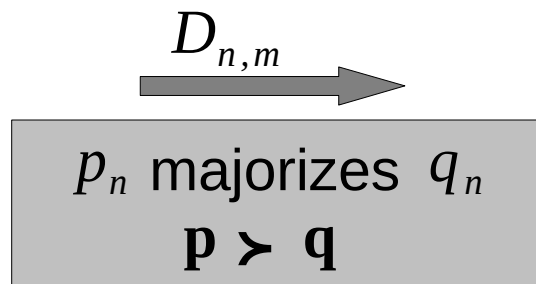
- 2 ... interconversion between Gaussian entangled states (may require non-Gaussian LOCCs)

- 3 ... Gaussian bosonic channels, esp. entropy conjectures (applications to channel capacities)

[with V. Giovannetti and A. S. Holevo]

Majorization Theory

(pre)-order relation for probability distributions



with p_n, q_n probability distributions

if and only if

$\longleftrightarrow$ $\mathbf{p}$ can be converted to $\mathbf{q}$ by applying a **random permutation**

$$q_n = \sum_m D_{n,m} p_m \quad D_{n,m} \text{ is doubly-stochastic matrix}$$

or

$$\longleftrightarrow \sum_{n=0}^m p_n^\downarrow \geq \sum_{n=0}^m q_n^\downarrow \quad \forall m \geq 0$$

$\mathbf{p}$ is “more ordered” than $\mathbf{q}$

or

$$\longleftrightarrow \sum_n f(p_n) \leq \sum_n f(q_n) \quad \forall f(x) \text{ concave function}$$

e.g., Shannon entropy: $f(x) = -x \log(x)$

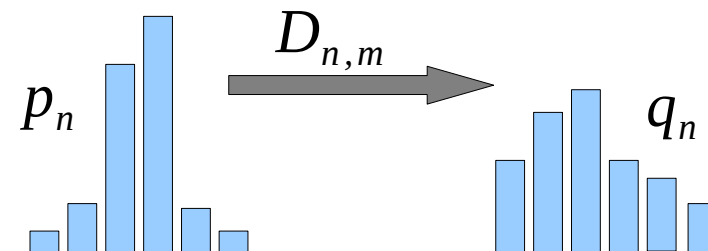
$$\mathbf{p} \succ \mathbf{q} \implies H(\mathbf{p}) \leq H(\mathbf{q})$$

Shannon entropy can only increase

Majorization vs. Renyi entropies

$$H_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log \sum_n p_n^\alpha$$

use $f_\alpha(x) = x^\alpha$ $F_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_n f_\alpha(p_n)$



● $0 < \alpha < 1$

$f_\alpha(x) = x^\alpha$ concave function

$\Rightarrow F_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \leq F_\alpha(\mathbf{q}) \Rightarrow H_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \leq H_\alpha(\mathbf{q})$

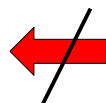
● $\alpha > 1$

$f_\alpha(x) = x^\alpha$ convex function

$\Rightarrow F_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \geq F_\alpha(\mathbf{q}) \Rightarrow H_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \leq H_\alpha(\mathbf{q})$

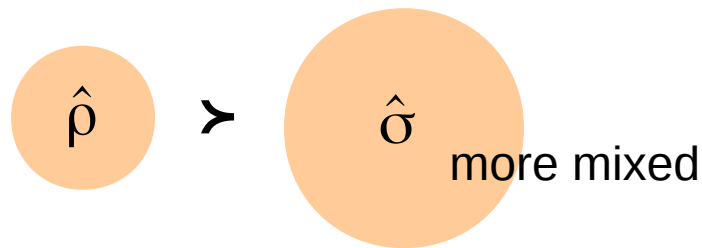
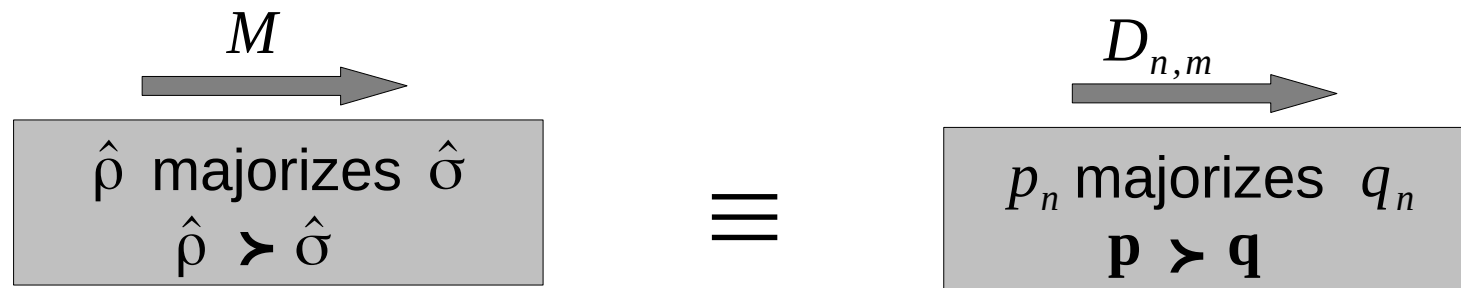
$\mathbf{p} \succ \mathbf{q} \Rightarrow H_\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \leq H_\alpha(\mathbf{q}) \quad \forall \alpha$

all Renyi entropies increase



catalysis effects may be observed !

Quantum application : comparing density operators



where p_n are the eigenvalues of $\hat{\rho}$
 q_n $\hat{\sigma}$

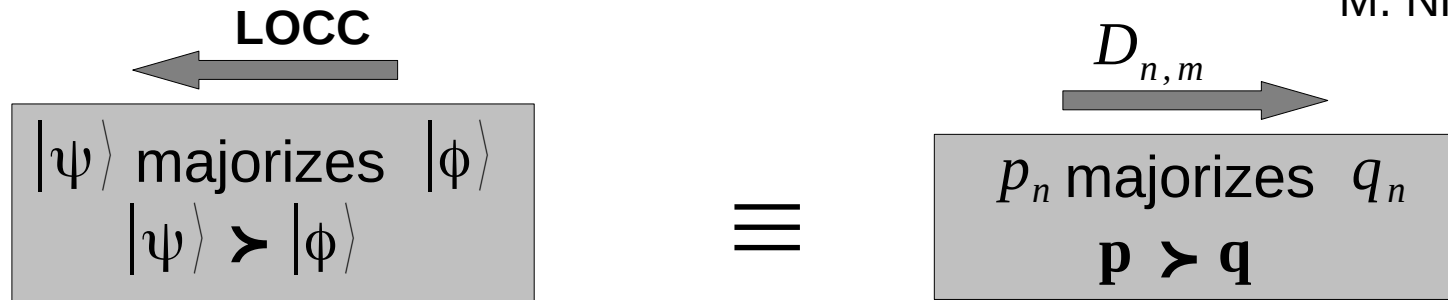
M is a “disordering” CP map (convex mixture of unitaries)

$$\hat{\rho} \succ \hat{\sigma} \iff \hat{\sigma} = \sum_i \lambda_i U_i \hat{\rho} U_i^\dagger \quad 0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1 \quad \sum_i \lambda_i = 1$$

- $\hat{\rho}$ can be transformed into $\hat{\sigma}$ by applying a random unitary
- $S(\rho) \leq S(\sigma)$ entropy can only increase

Quantum application : interconversion of pure bipartite states

M. Nielsen, G. Vidal, 2000



where

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \sqrt{p_n} |e_n\rangle |f_n\rangle$$

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_n \sqrt{q_n} |e_n'\rangle |f_n'\rangle$$

- $|\phi\rangle$ can be converted to $|\psi\rangle$ by applying a **deterministic LOCC**
- $E(|\psi\rangle) \leq E(|\phi\rangle)$ **entanglement can only decrease**

Trick: $\rho_A = \text{tr}_B(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} = \sum_n p_n \underbrace{|e_n\rangle\langle e_n|}_{\text{orthonormal}} \quad \text{eigenbasis representation} \\ = \sum_n q_n \underbrace{|\xi_n\rangle\langle\xi_n|}_{\text{not orthonormal}} \quad \dots \text{ possible iff } \mathbf{p} \succ \mathbf{q} \end{array} \right.$

Trick : unitary freedom in ensemble realizing a density operator

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_n p_n |e_n\rangle\langle e_n| = \sum_n q_n |\xi_n\rangle\langle \xi_n|$$

$$\text{possible iff } \exists U \text{ s.t. } \sqrt{q_i} |\xi_i\rangle = \sum_j U_{i,j} \sqrt{p_j} |e_j\rangle$$

└► unitary

$$\text{then } q_i \underbrace{\langle \xi_i | \xi_i \rangle}_1 = \sum_{j,k} U_{i,j} U_{i,k}^* \sqrt{p_j} \sqrt{p_k} \underbrace{\langle e_k | e_j \rangle}_{\delta_{j,k}}$$

$$\text{then } q_i = \sum_j \underbrace{|U_{i,j}|^2}_{D_{i,j}} p_j$$

$D_{i,j}$ doubly stochastic

p_n majorizes q_n

$\mathbf{p} \succ \mathbf{q}$

Explicit conversion LOCC

← LOCC

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \sqrt{p_n} |e_n\rangle |f_n\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle \text{ majorizes } |\phi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle \succ |\phi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_n \sqrt{q_n} |\xi_n\rangle |f_n''\rangle$$

above trick, provided p_n majorizes q_n
that is $|\psi\rangle \succ |\phi\rangle$

LOCC ↑ ↕ U

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_n \sqrt{q_n} |e_n'\rangle |f_n'\rangle$$

POVM: $A_m = \sum_n \omega^{nm} |\xi_n\rangle \langle e_n'|$ with $\omega = e^{i2\pi/d}$ and $\sum_m A_m^\dagger A_m = I$

$$(A_m \times I) |\phi\rangle = \sum_n \sqrt{q_n} \omega^{nm} |\xi_n\rangle |f_n'\rangle \equiv |\phi_m\rangle \quad \text{depends on outcome } m$$

Conditional U: $B_m = \sum_n \omega^{-nm} |f_n''\rangle \langle f_n'|$ conditional on m

$$(I \times B_m) |\phi_m\rangle = \sum_n \sqrt{q_n} |\xi_n\rangle |f_n''\rangle \equiv |\psi\rangle \quad \text{deterministic LOCC}$$

Other quantum applications

- Majorization-based **separability criterion**

$$\hat{\rho}_{AB} \text{ separable} \longrightarrow \hat{\rho}_A \otimes \hat{0} \succ \hat{\rho}_{AB} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{0} \otimes \hat{\rho}_B \succ \hat{\rho}_{AB}$$

more disordered
globally than locally

M. Nielsen, J. Kempe, 2001
T. Hiroshima, 2003

... yields a necessary condition for separability
hence, a sufficient condition for entanglement
... stronger than entropic condition

$$S(\hat{\rho}_A) \leq S(\hat{\rho}_{AB}) \quad \text{and} \quad S(\hat{\rho}_B) \leq S(\hat{\rho}_{AB})$$

Horodecki's, 1996
Cerf, Adami, 1997

- Majorization-based **uncertainty relations**

$$p \otimes q \prec Q$$

Puchala, Rudnicki,
Życzkowski, 2013

... implies entropic uncertainty relations $H(p) + H(q) \geq B$

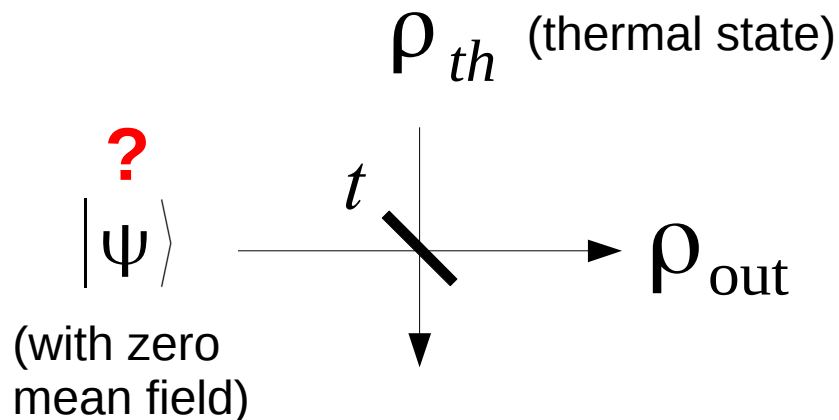
Using majorization theory in quantum optics ?

- Possible in infinite-dimensional (countable) Fock space
 - ... majorization theory remains applicable for infinite prob. distr.
 - ... infinite matrices (D stochastic, D^T sub-stochastic)
- Hard problem because phase-space vs. state-space interplay
 - ... optical states / transformations in phase space
 - ... channels / entropies / majorization in state space
- First application of majorization theory in quantum optics :
 - ... attacking Gaussian minimum entropy conjectures
(capacities of Gaussian bosonic channels)

R. Garcia-Patron, C. Navarrete-Benlloch,
S. Lloyd, J. H. Shapiro, and N. J. Cerf, PRL (2012).

Motivation / example

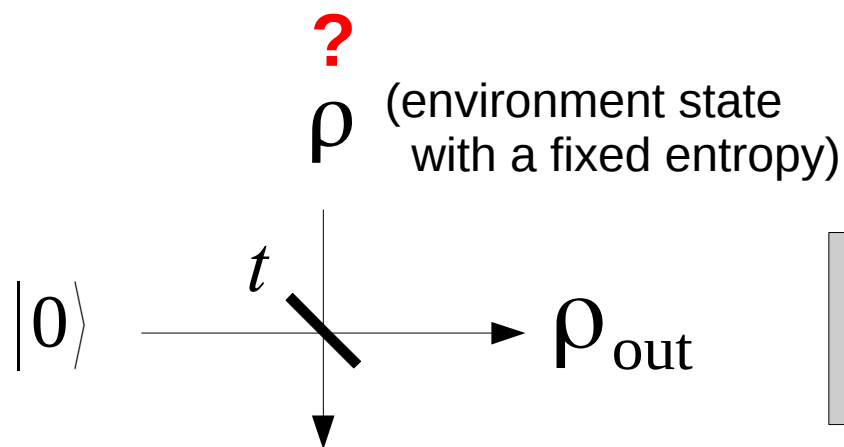
Two entropy conjectures in which majorization does (or might) play a key role



"Least random input?"

$$S(\rho_{out}) \text{ minimum if } |\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$$

(vacuum state minimizes the disorder)



"Least randomizing channel?"

$$S(\rho_{out}) \text{ minimum if } \rho = \rho_{th}$$

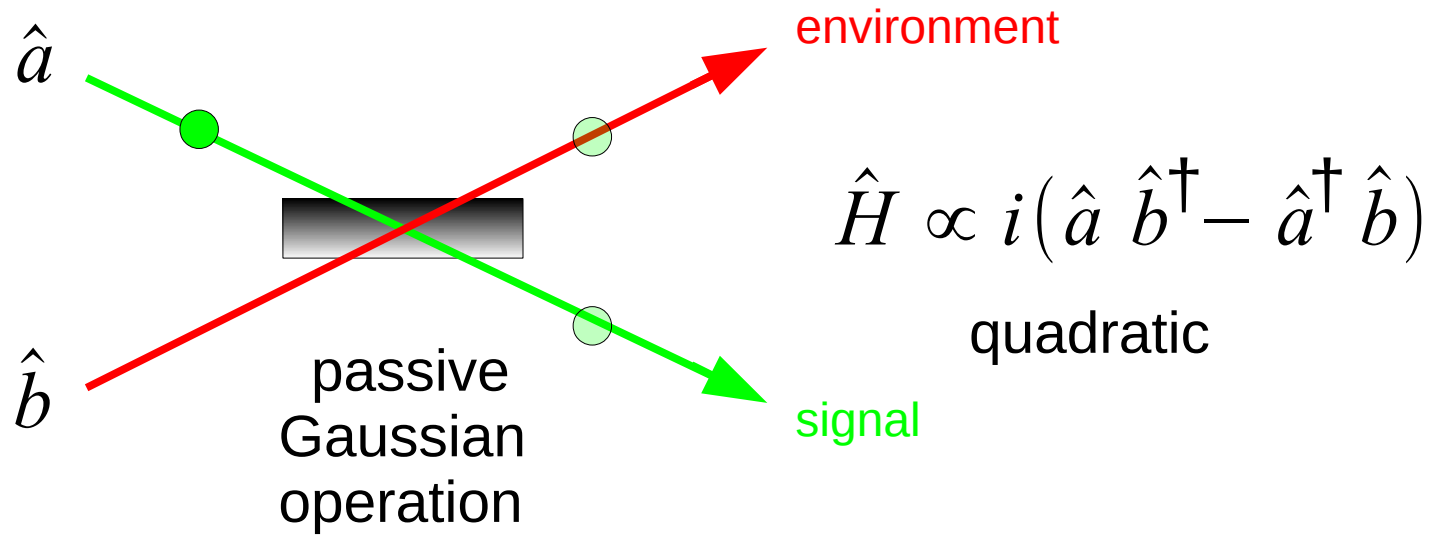
(thermal state with same entropy as ρ)



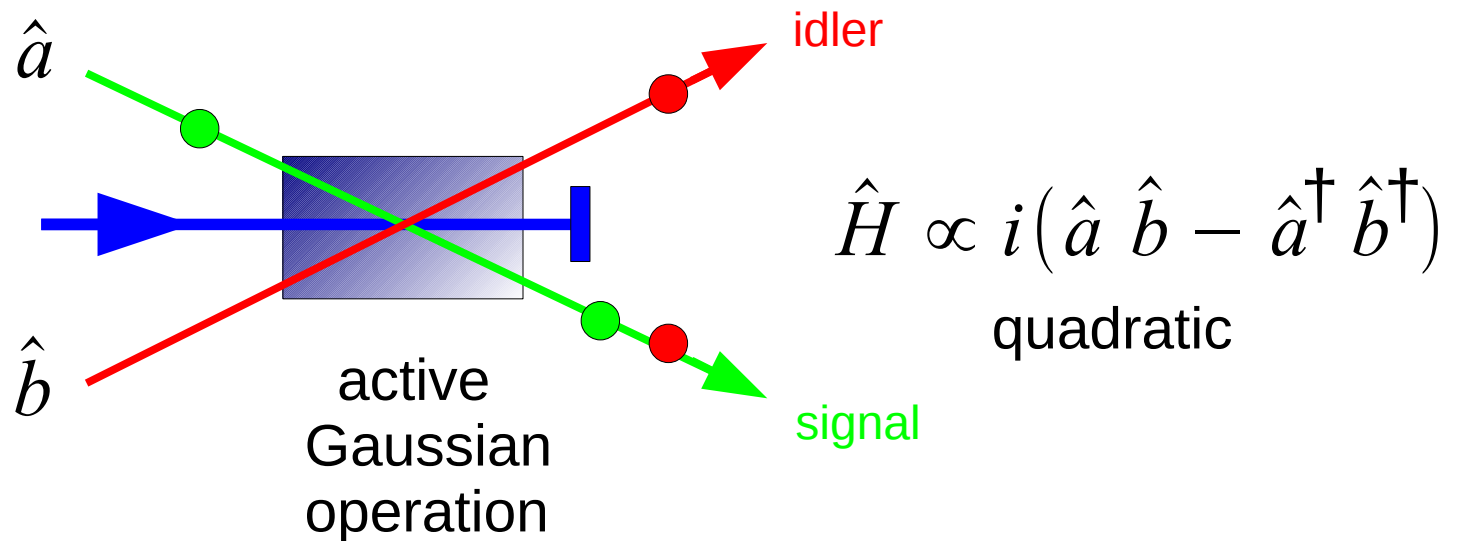
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Two fundamental (Gaussian) optical components

Beam splitter

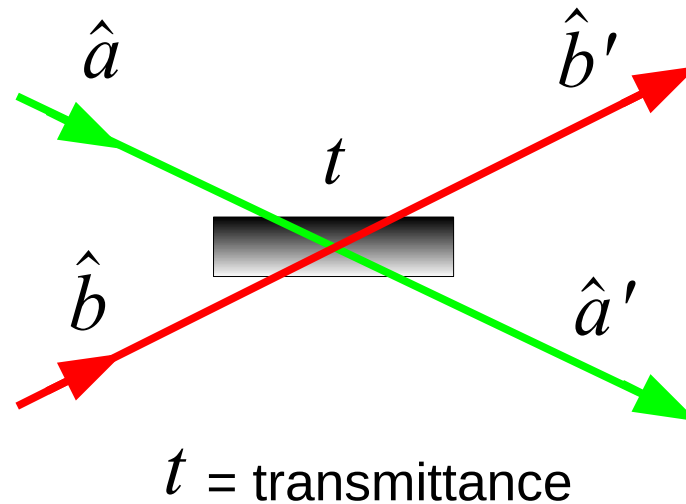


Two-mode
squeezer



(Linear) canonical transformations in phase space

Beam splitter

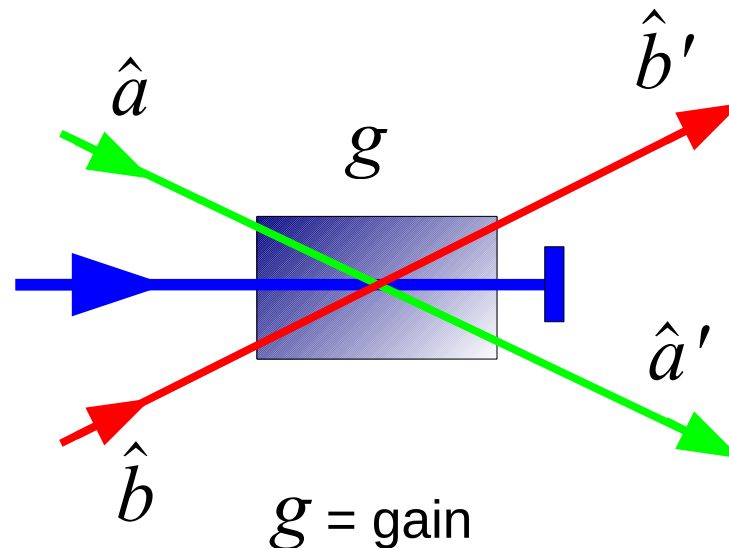


ROTATION

$$\begin{cases} \hat{a}' = t \hat{a} + r \hat{b} \\ \hat{b}' = -r \hat{a} + t \hat{b} \end{cases}$$

with $\begin{cases} t = \cos \theta \\ r = \sin \theta \end{cases}$

Two-mode squeezer

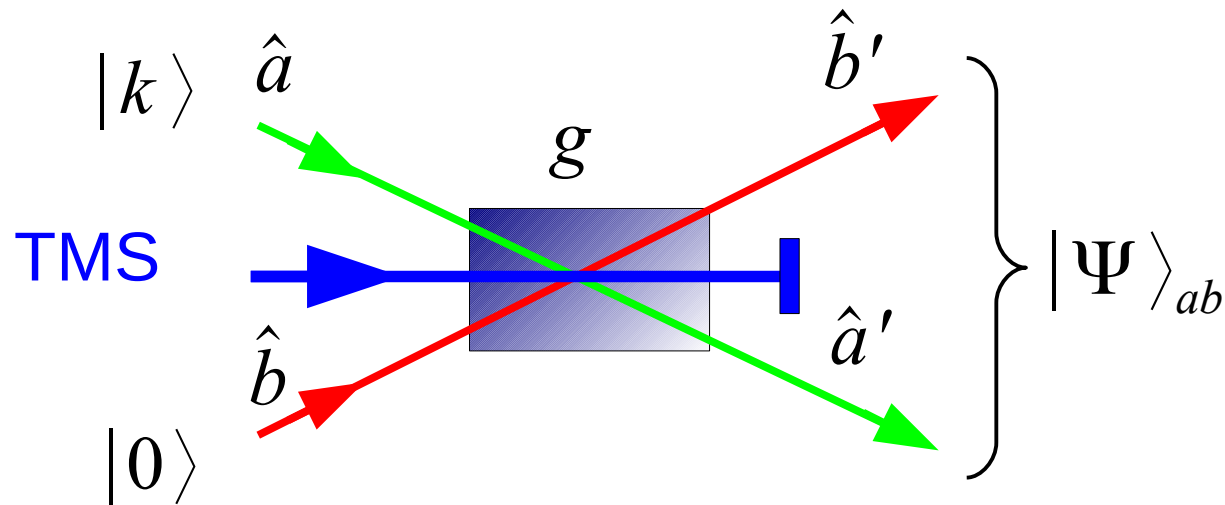
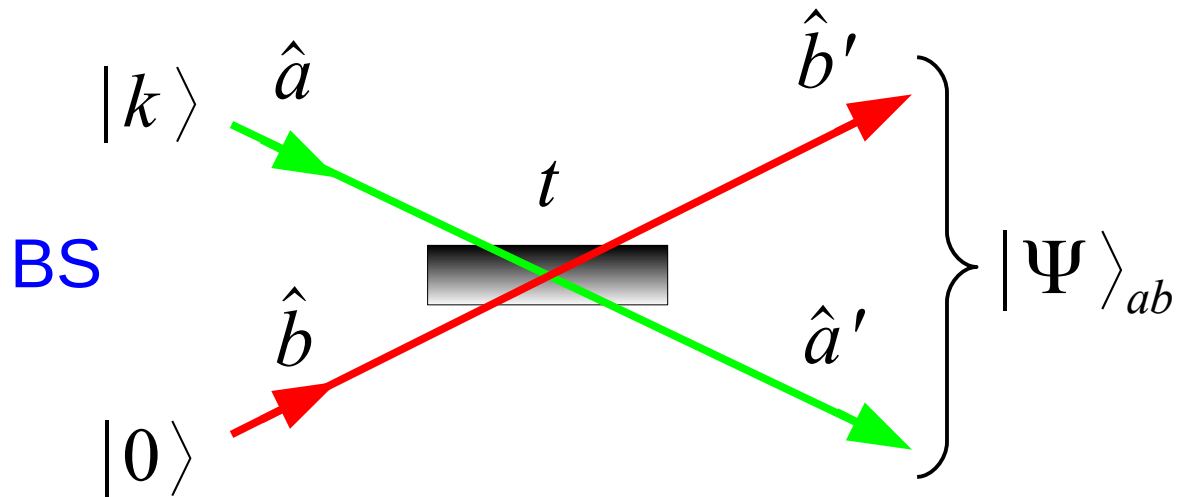


AREA-PRESERVING
SQUEEZE MAP

$$\begin{cases} \hat{a}' = g \hat{a} + s \hat{b}^\dagger \\ \hat{b}' = s \hat{a}^\dagger + g \hat{b} \end{cases}$$

with $\begin{cases} g = \cosh r \\ s = \sinh r \end{cases}$

BS & TMS examined under majorization theory



Majorization relations
on states $|\Psi\rangle_{ab}$

for Fock state inputs

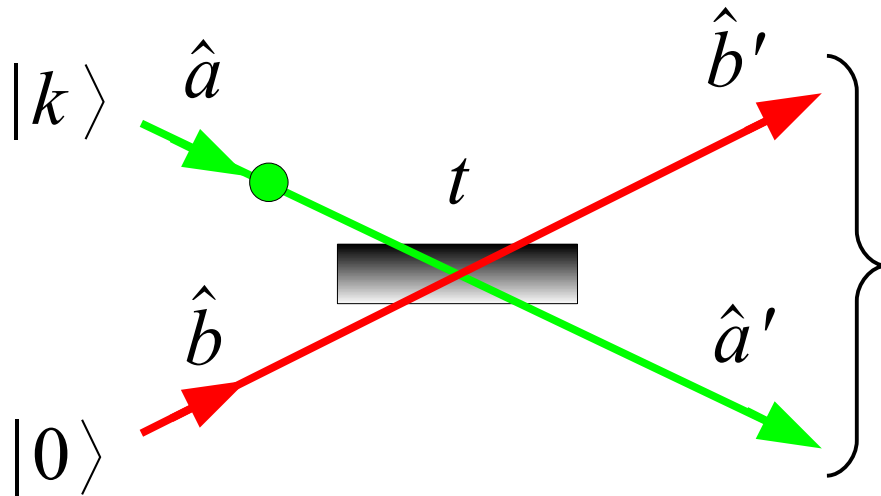
$$|k\rangle \Rightarrow |k+1\rangle$$

or for varying t or g

... implies monotonicity of the generated entanglement
(or reduced output entropy)

Majorization ladder in a BS

(simplest case)



finite superposition

$$|\Psi^{(k)}\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^k \sqrt{p_i^{(k)}} |i\rangle_a |k-i\rangle_b$$

with $p_i^{(k)} = \binom{k}{i} t^{2i} r^{2(k-i)}$

$$p_i^{(k+1)} = \binom{k+1}{i} t^{2i} r^{2(k+1-i)}$$

use Pascal identity

$$= \left[\binom{k}{i-1} + \binom{k}{i} \right] t^{2i} r^{2(k+1-i)}$$

$$= t^2 p_{i-1}^{(k)} + r^2 p_i^{(k)} \quad \text{with } t^2 + r^2 = 1$$

ladder of majorization relations

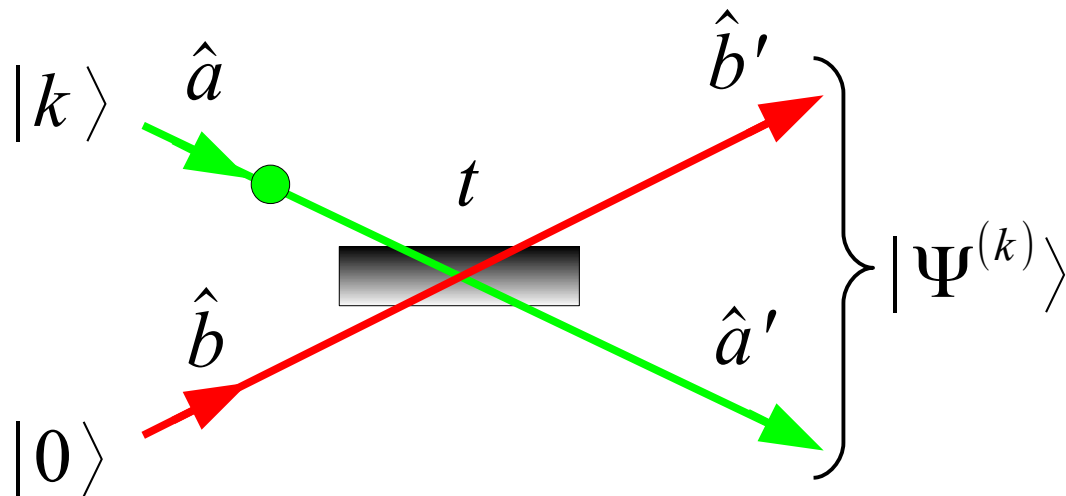
$$\mathbf{p}^{(k+1)} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} r^2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ t^2 & r^2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & t^2 & r^2 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{stochastic matrix } \mathbf{D}} \mathbf{p}^{(k)}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^{(k)} \succ \mathbf{p}^{(k+1)}$$

$$|\Psi^{(k)}\rangle \succ |\Psi^{(k+1)}\rangle$$

$$|\Psi^{(k)}\rangle \xleftarrow{\text{LOCC}} |\Psi^{(k+1)}\rangle$$

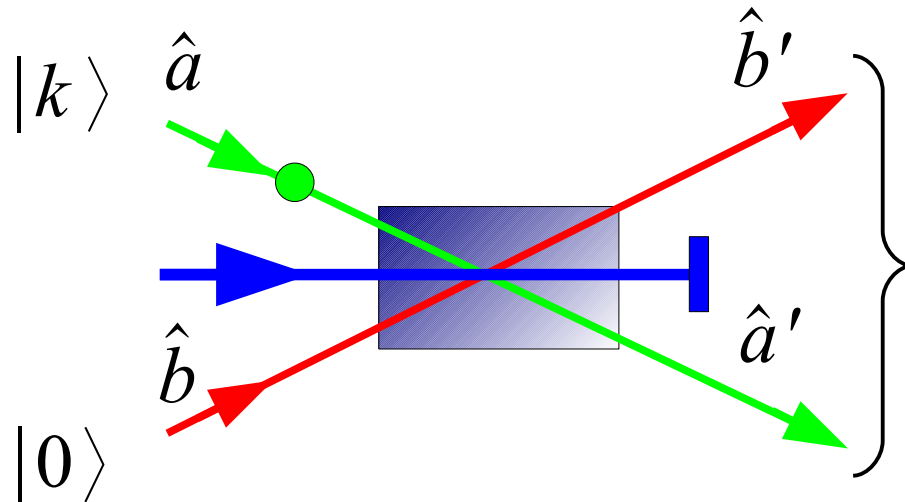
$$E(|\Psi^{(k)}\rangle) \leq E(|\Psi^{(k+1)}\rangle)$$



the more input photons,
the stronger the entanglement

Majorization ladder in a TMS

(related to the capacity
of Gaussian bosonic channels)



infinite superposition

$$|\Psi^{(k)}\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{p_i^{(k)}} |i+k\rangle_a |i\rangle_b$$

with $p_i^{(k)} = (1-\lambda^2)^{k+1} \binom{i+k}{i} \lambda^{2i}$

and $\lambda = \tanh r$

r = squeezing param.

$$p_i^{(k+1)} = (1-\lambda^2)^{k+2} \binom{i+k+1}{i} \lambda^{2i}$$

use Pascal identity

$$= (1-\lambda^2)^{k+2} \left[\binom{i+k}{i-1} + \binom{i+k}{i} \right] \lambda^{2i}$$

different

$$= \lambda^2 p_{i-1}^{(k+1)} + (1-\lambda^2) p_i^{(k)} \quad \text{with } 0 \leq \lambda^2 \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{p}^{(k+1)} = (1 - \lambda^2) \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \lambda^2 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ \lambda^4 & \lambda^2 & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{stochastic matrix } \mathbf{D}} \mathbf{p}^{(k)}$$

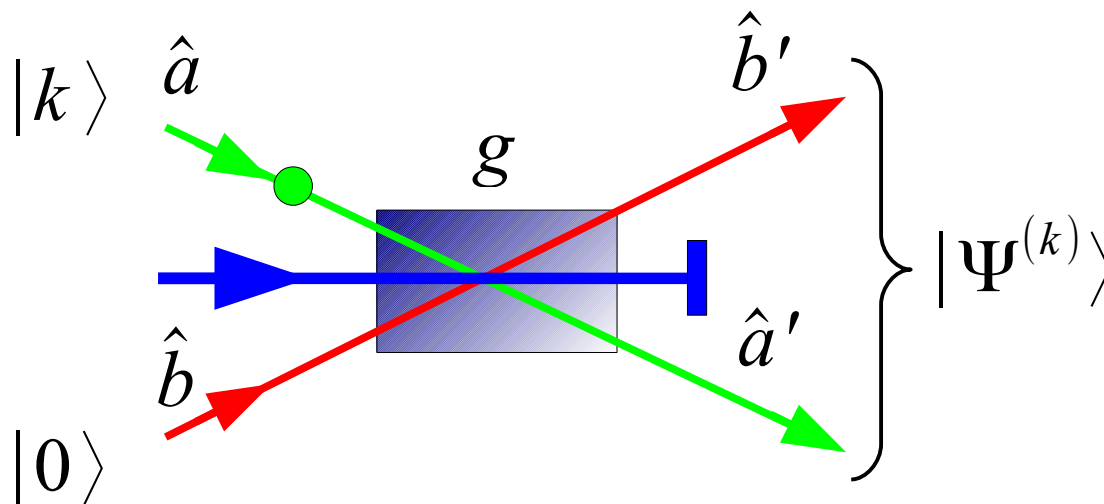
ladder of majorization relations

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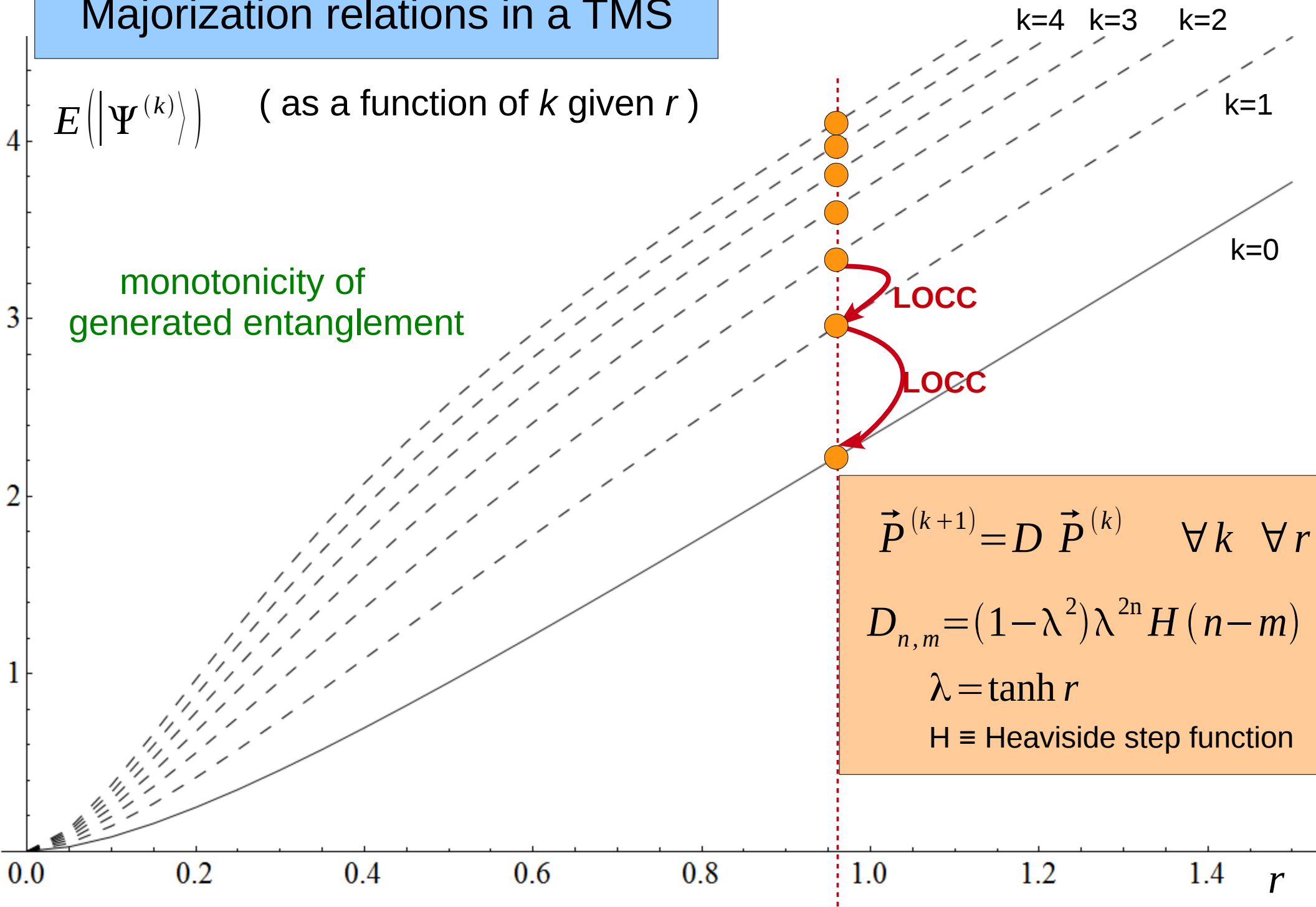
$$E(|\Psi^{(k)}\rangle) \leq E(|\Psi^{(k+1)}\rangle)$$



vacuum state “beats”
all other Fock states

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Majorization relations in a TMS



Explicit LOCC

$$|\Psi_k\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{p_n(k)} |n+k\rangle |n\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_{k+1}\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{p_n(k+1)} |n+k+1\rangle |n\rangle$$

Alice applies a POVM

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} A_{YES} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{(1-\lambda^2)p_m(k)}{p_m(k+1)}} |m+k\rangle \langle m+k+1| \\ A_{NO} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2 p_{m-1}(k+1)}{p_m(k+1)}} |m+k\rangle \langle m+k+1| \end{aligned} \right.$$

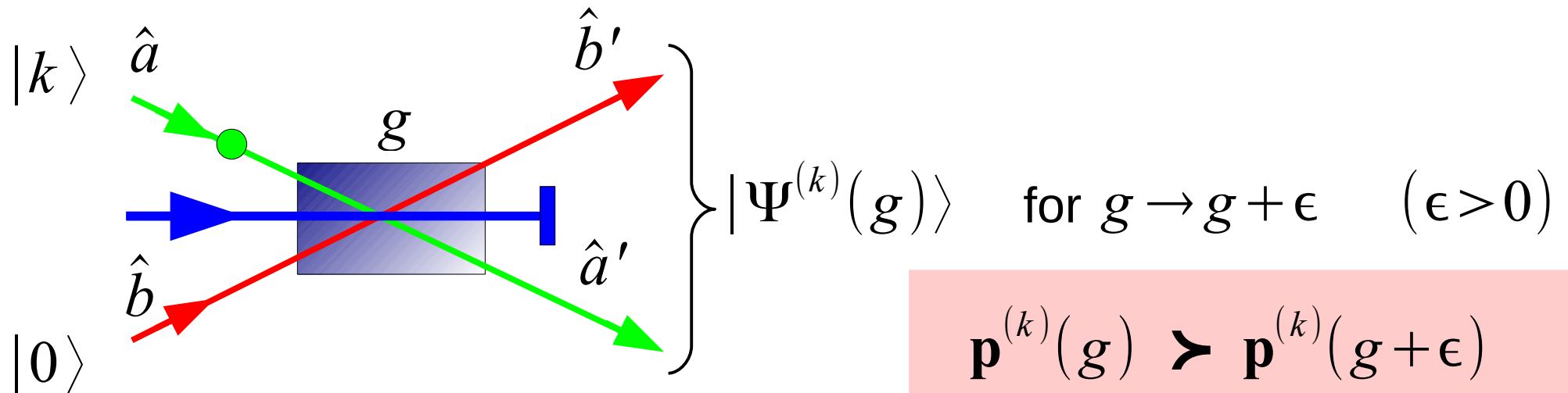
$$(A_{YES} \times 1) |\Psi_{k+1}\rangle = \sqrt{(1-\lambda^2)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{p_n(k)} |n+k\rangle |n\rangle = \sqrt{(1-\lambda^2)} |\Psi_k\rangle \quad \text{YES}$$

$$(A_{NO} \times 1) |\Psi_{k+1}\rangle = \sqrt{\lambda^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{p_n(k+1)} |n+k+1\rangle |n+1\rangle \rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda^2} |\Psi_{k+1}\rangle \quad \text{NO}$$

If “NO” she communicates it to Bob who applies $U = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |m\rangle \langle m+1|$ and then they start a new round again

Parametric majorization relations in a TMS

(as a function of gain)



increasing the gain gives rise to a monotonous increase of entanglement

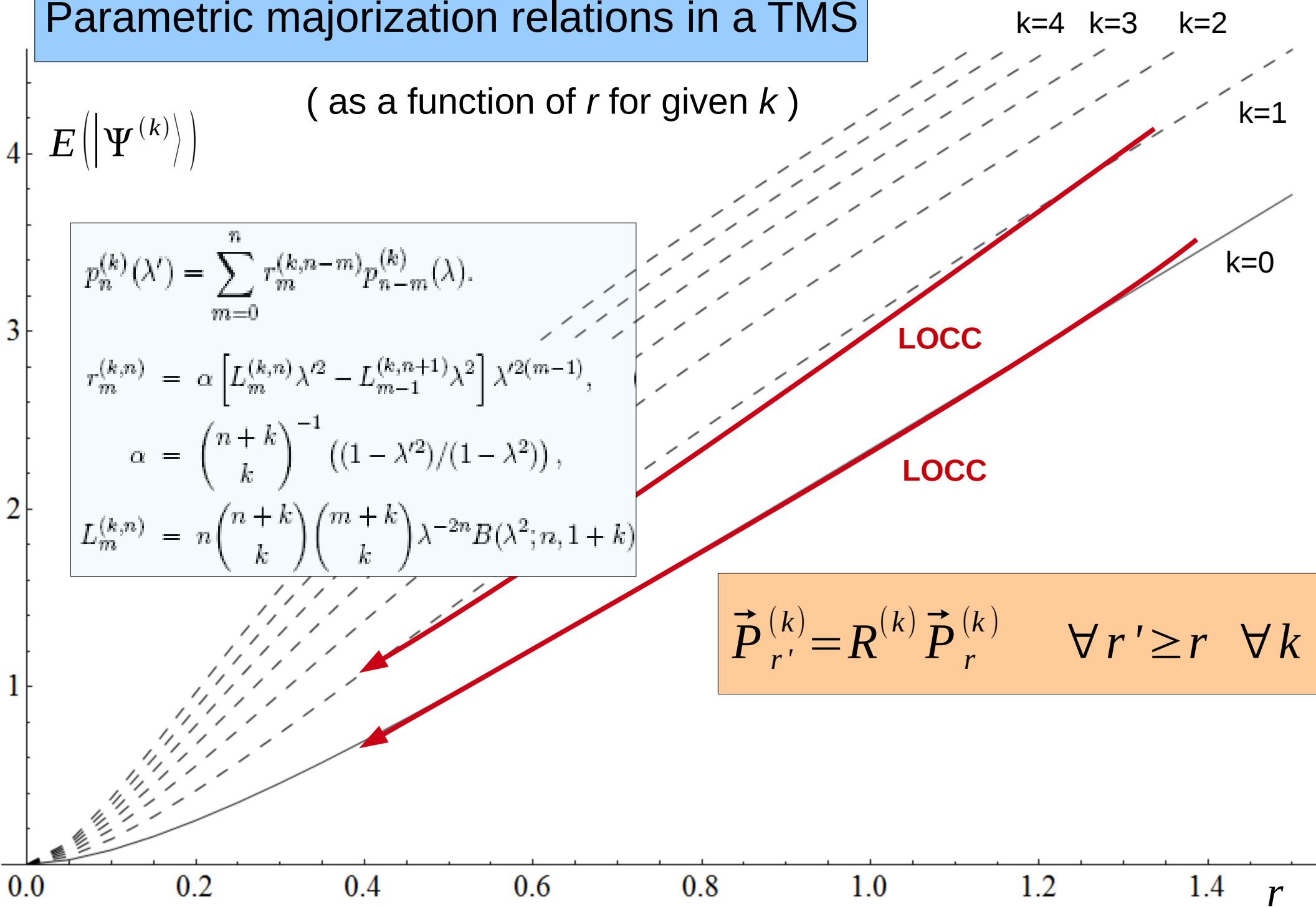
$$\mathbf{p}^{(k)}(g) \succ \mathbf{p}^{(k)}(g + \epsilon)$$

$$|\Psi^{(k)}(g)\rangle \succ |\Psi^{(k)}(g + \epsilon)\rangle$$

$$|\Psi^{(k)}(g)\rangle \xleftarrow{\text{LOCC}} |\Psi^{(k)}(g + \epsilon)\rangle$$

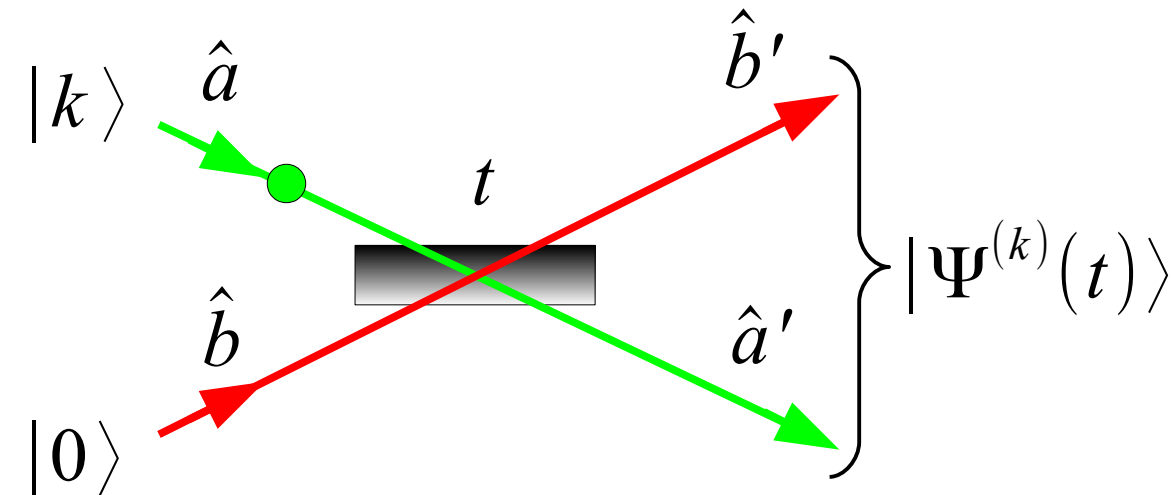
$$E(|\Psi^{(k)}(g)\rangle) \leq E(|\Psi^{(k)}(g + \epsilon)\rangle)$$

Parametric majorization relations in a TMS



Parametric majorization relations in a BS

(as a function
of transmittance)



for $0 \leq t \leq t + \epsilon \leq 1/2$

$$\mathbf{p}^{(k)}(t) \succ \mathbf{p}^{(k)}(t + \epsilon)$$

$$|\Psi^{(k)}(t)\rangle \succ |\Psi^{(k)}(t + \epsilon)\rangle$$

sometimes yes ...

More complicated situation :
increasing the transmittance
gives rise to a monotonous
entanglement increase
only in some regions for t

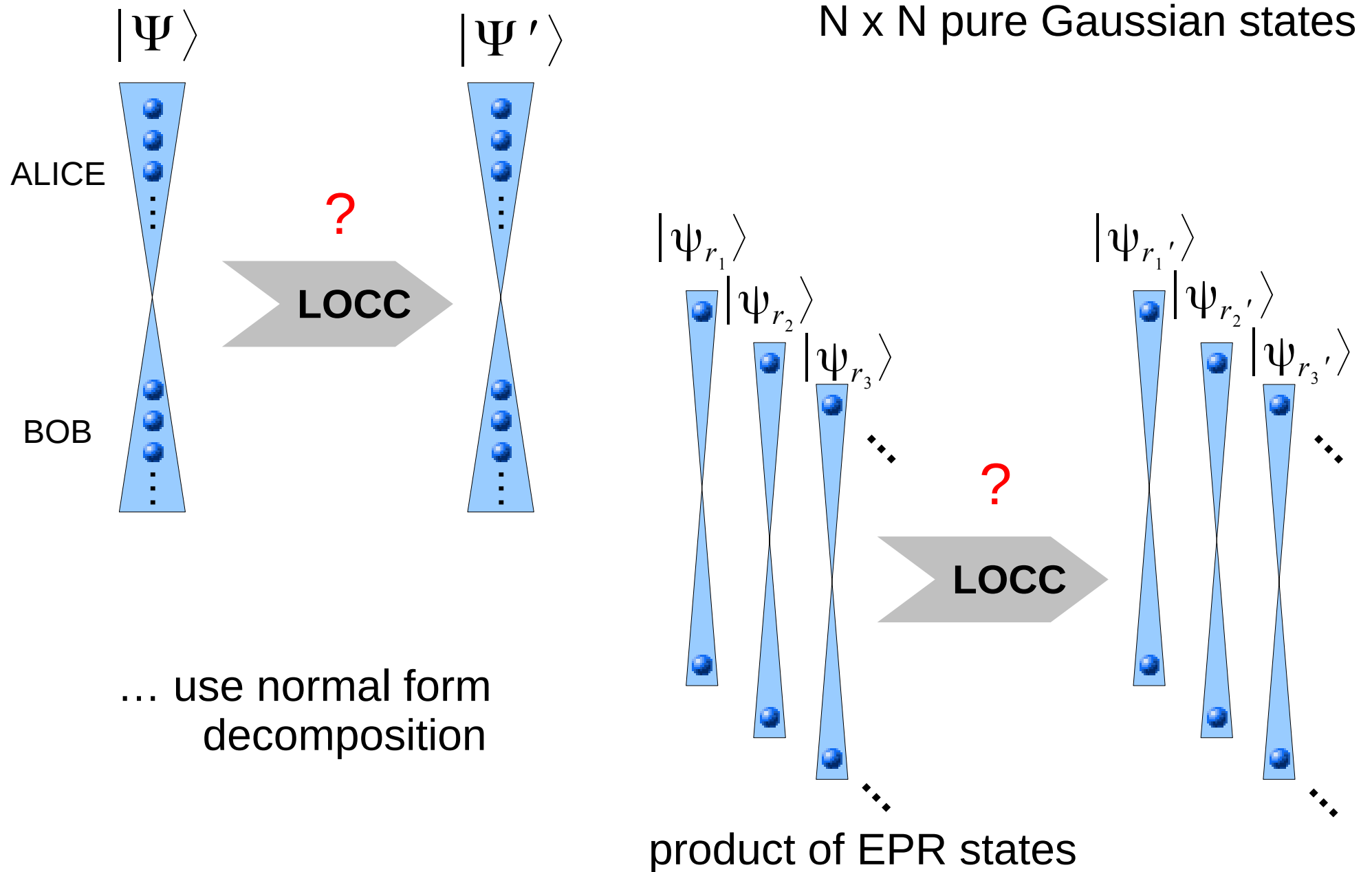
$$|\Psi^{(k)}(t)\rangle \xleftarrow{\text{LOCC}} |\Psi^{(k)}(t + \epsilon)\rangle$$

$$E(|\Psi^{(k)}(t)\rangle) \leq E(|\Psi^{(k)}(t + \epsilon)\rangle)$$

C. N. Gagatsos, O. Oreshkov, and N. J. Cerf,
PRA (2013).

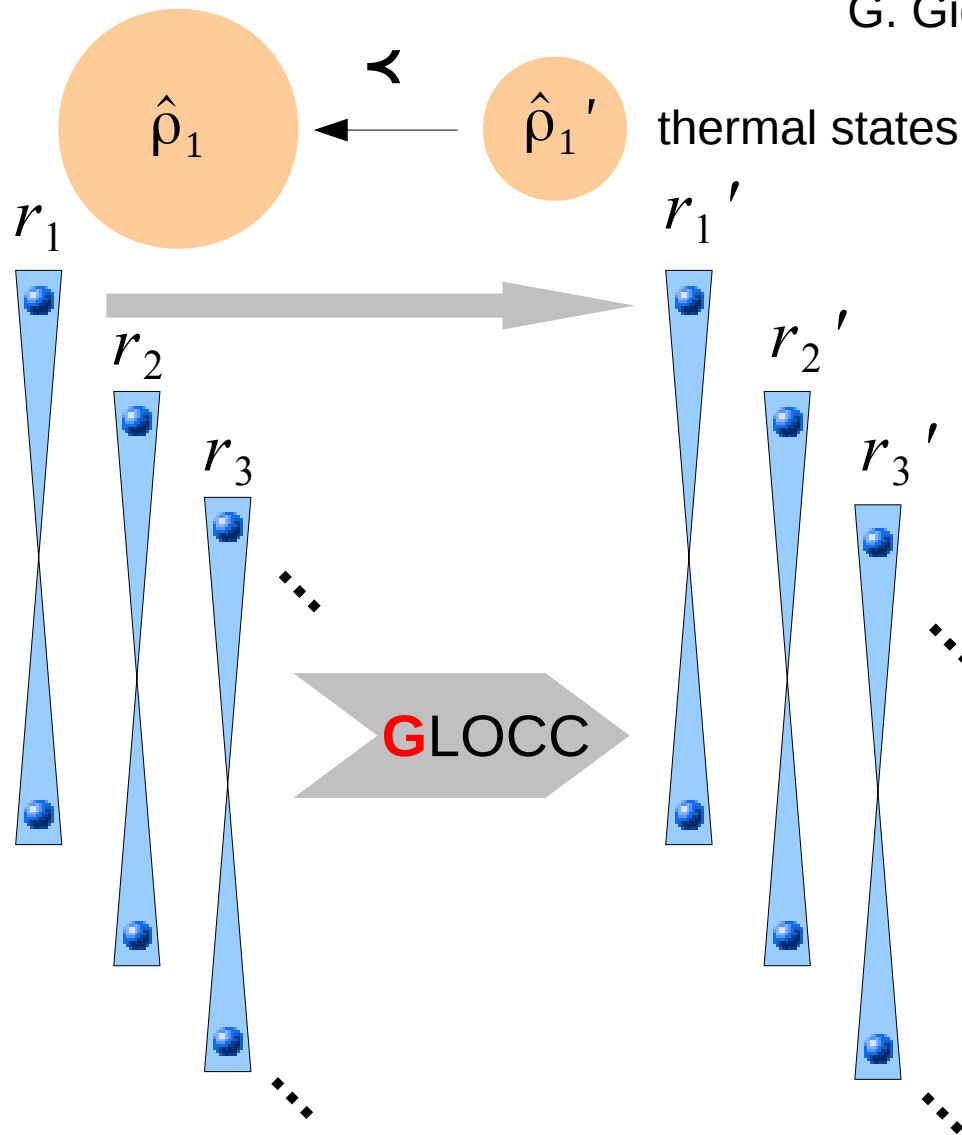
... otherwise, catalysis effects may also be exhibited !

Interconversion of entangled Gaussian states



Necess. & suffic. condition for conversion by **G**LOCC

G. Giedke, J. Eisert, J.I. Cirac, M.B. Plenio (2003).



iff
$$\begin{cases} r_1 \geq r_1' \\ r_2 \geq r_2' \\ r_3 \geq r_3' \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

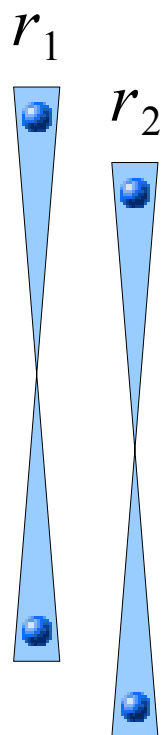
simple explanation in terms of
parametric majorization for TMS

→ individual **G**LOCC's

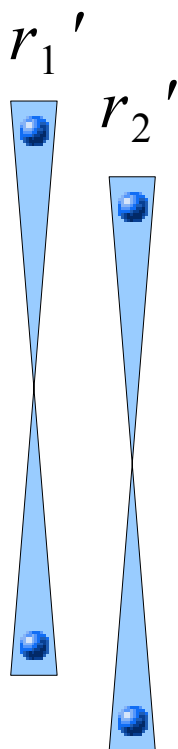
Conversion with **non-Gaussian** LOCC ?

(special case $N=2$)

$$r_1 \geq r_2$$

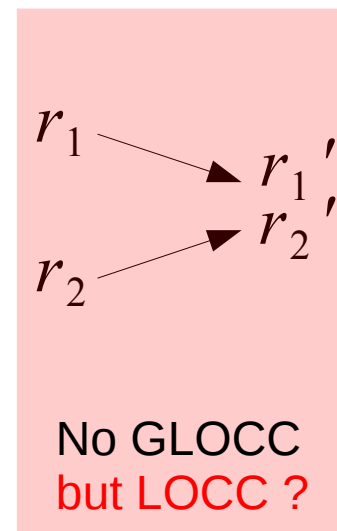
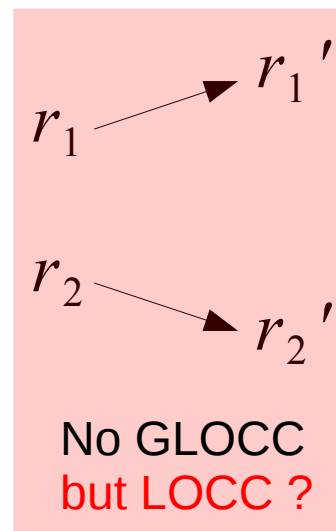
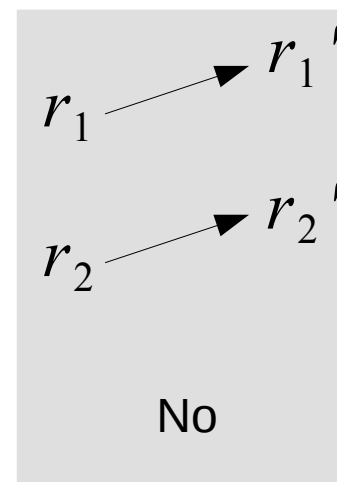
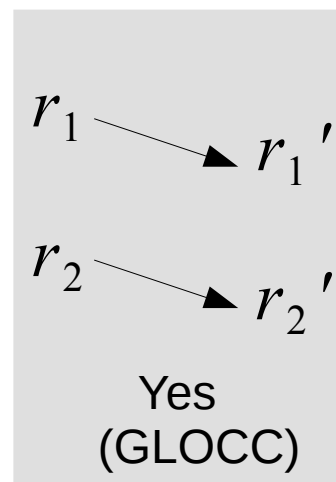


$$r_1' \geq r_2'$$



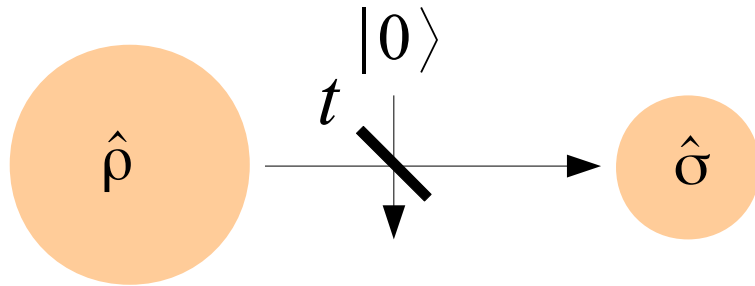
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LOCC



2 interesting possibilities
when GLOCC are impossible
but LOCC may do the trick !

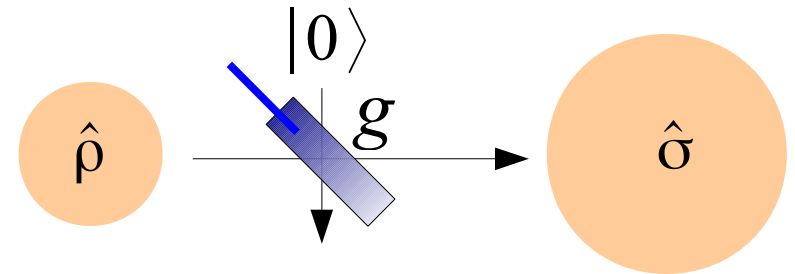
Solution : majorization relations between Fock-diag states



$$\sum_n p_n |n\rangle\langle n| \not\succ \sum_n q_n |n\rangle\langle n|$$

$\mathbf{q} = D_t \mathbf{p}$... no majorization

$$\sum_{\text{rows}} D_t = 1/t^2 \geq 1 \quad \sum_{\text{columns}} D_t = 1$$



$$\sum_n p_n |n\rangle\langle n| \succ \sum_n q_n |n\rangle\langle n|$$

$\mathbf{q} = D_g \mathbf{p}$... majorization

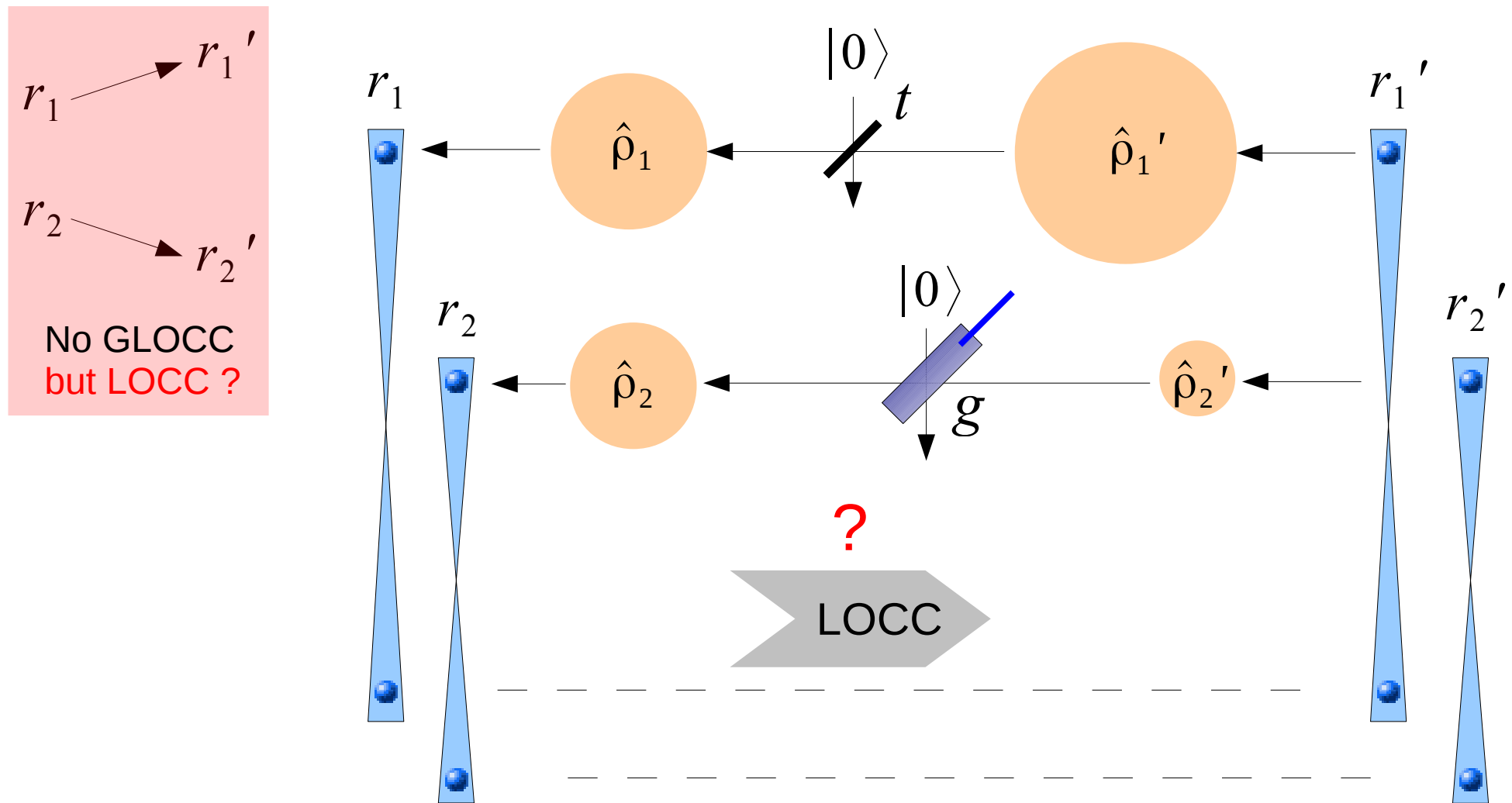
$$\sum_{\text{rows}} D_g = 1/g^2 \leq 1 \quad \sum_{\text{columns}} D_g = 1$$

Tensor product of these channels ?

$$\mathbf{q}_1 \otimes \mathbf{q}_2 = D_{t,g} \mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{p}_2$$

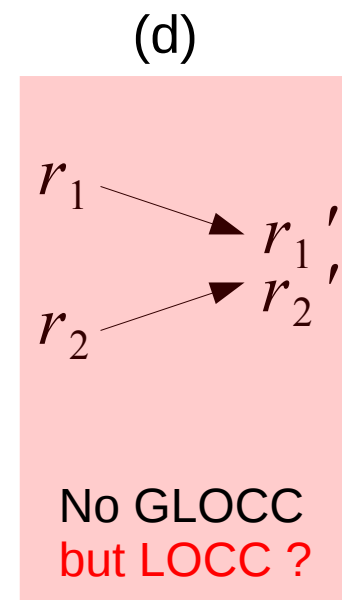
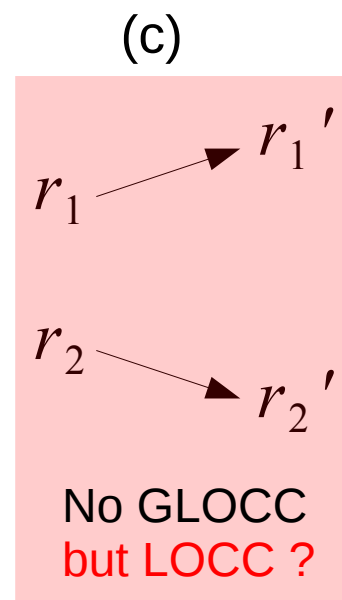
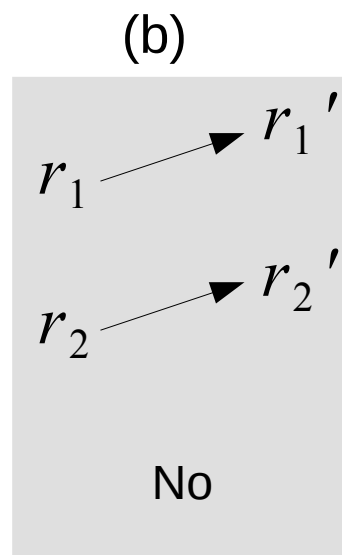
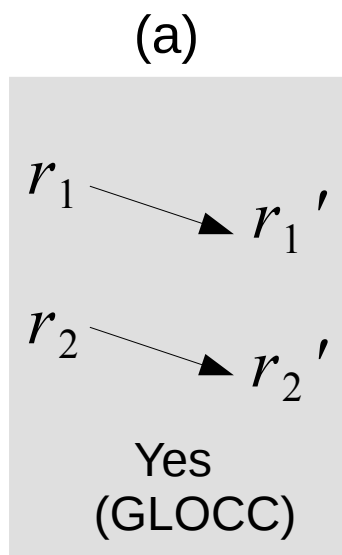
$$\sum_{\text{rows}} D_{t,g} = \frac{1}{t^2 g^2} \geq 1 \quad \sum_{\text{columns}} D_{t,g} = 1$$

Majorization $\hat{\rho}_1 \otimes \hat{\rho}_2 \succ \hat{\sigma}_1 \otimes \hat{\sigma}_2$
if $g \geq 1/t$



LOCC possible iff $\hat{\rho}_1 \otimes \hat{\rho}_2 \prec \hat{\rho}_1' \otimes \hat{\rho}_2'$ if $g \geq 1/t$ (sufficient condition)

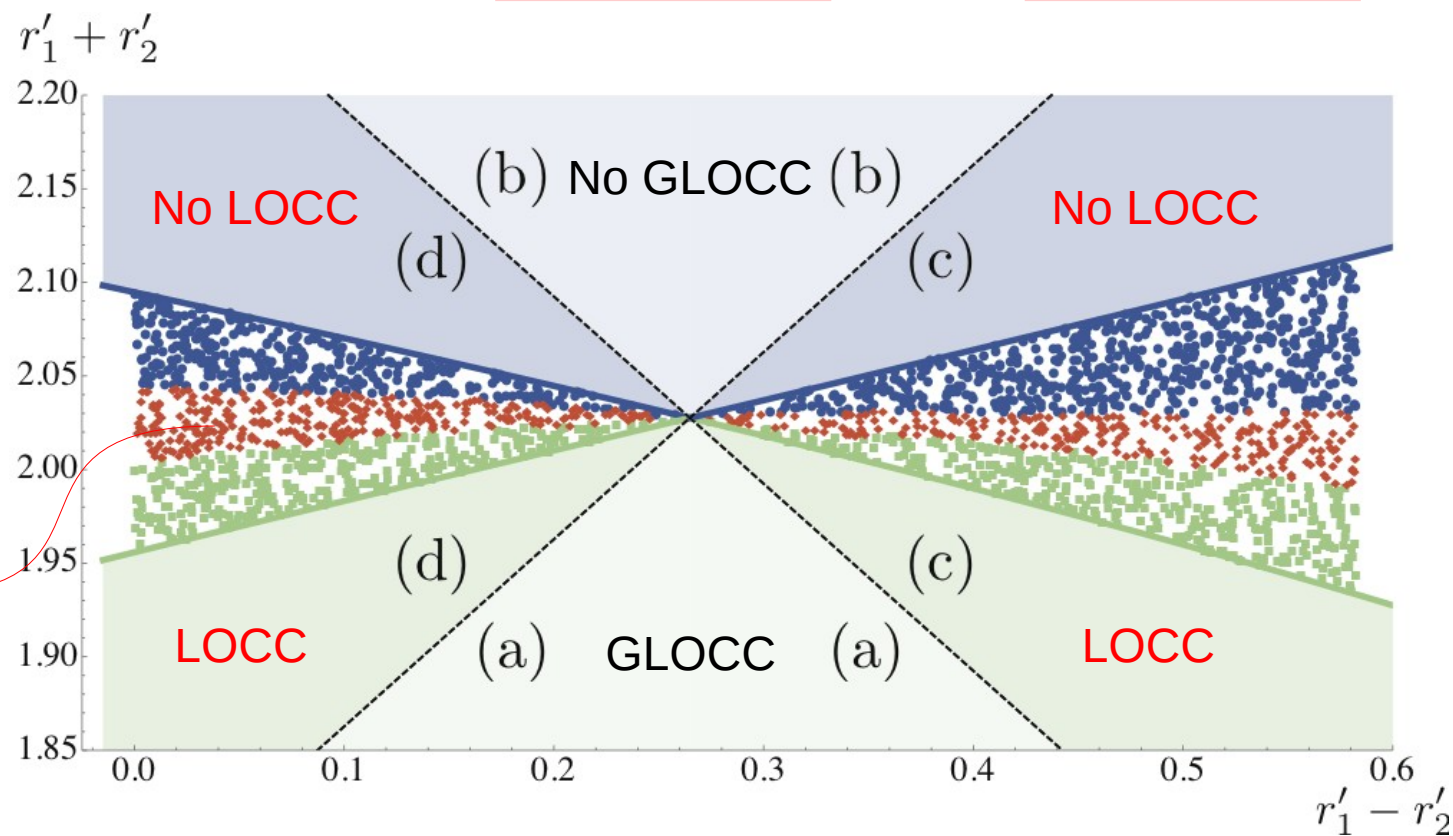
... translates into a condition on squeezing param.:
$$\frac{\sinh(r_1 + r_2) \pm \sinh(r_1 - r_2)}{\sinh(r_1' + r_2') \pm \sinh(r_1' - r_2')} \geq 1$$



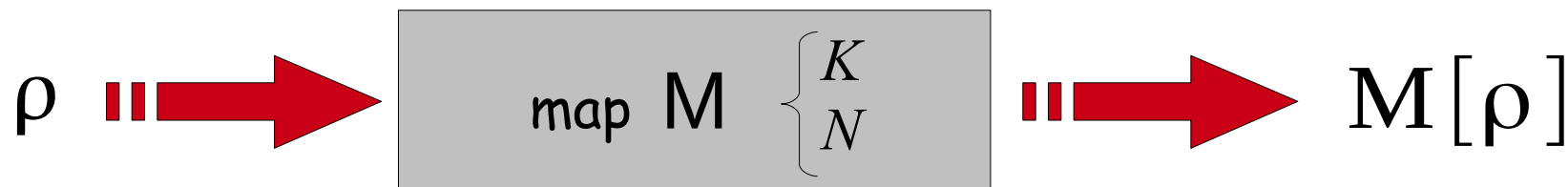
$$r_1 = 1.15 \quad (\sim 10 \text{ dB})$$

$$r_2 = 0.88 \quad (\sim 7 \text{ dB})$$

INCOMPARABLE
STATES



Application to bosonic Gaussian channels



- Corresponds to linear CP maps $\rho \rightarrow M[\rho]$
s.t. $M[\rho]$ Gaussian if ρ Gaussian

- M fully characterized by two matrices K, N (single-mode case)

$$\vec{r} \rightarrow K \vec{r}$$

$\vec{r}$ = coherent vector

$$\gamma \rightarrow K \gamma K^T + N$$

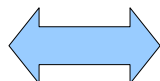
γ = covariance matrix

↑
real

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real & symmetric

one-mode case

- M completely positive

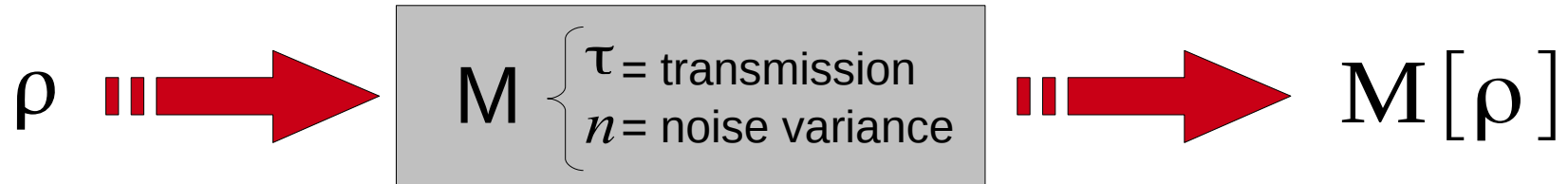


$$N \geq 0 \quad \det N \geq (\det K - 1)^2$$

uncertainty principle

Phase-insensitive Gaussian channels

$$\begin{cases} K = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\tau}, \sqrt{\tau}) \\ N = \frac{1}{2} \text{diag}(n, n) \end{cases}$$

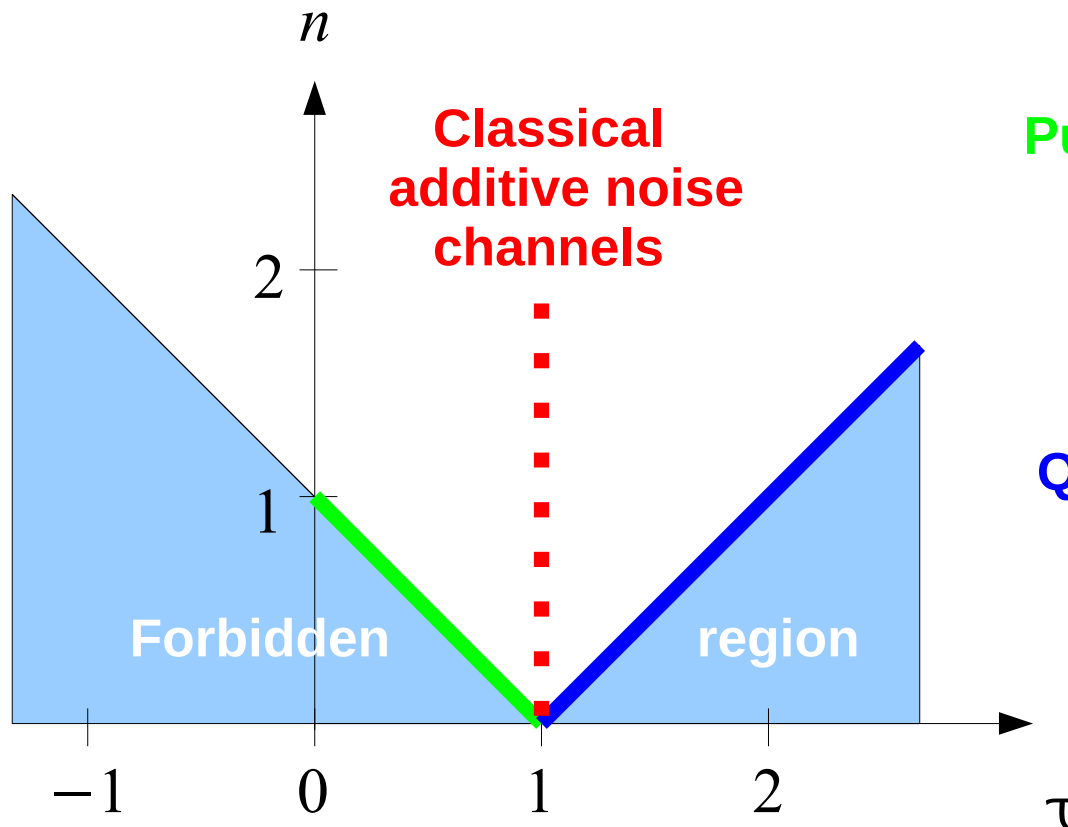


$$\vec{r} \rightarrow \sqrt{\tau} \vec{r}$$

$\vec{r}$ = coherent vector

$$\gamma \rightarrow \tau \gamma + n I$$

γ = covariance matrix



Pure loss channels

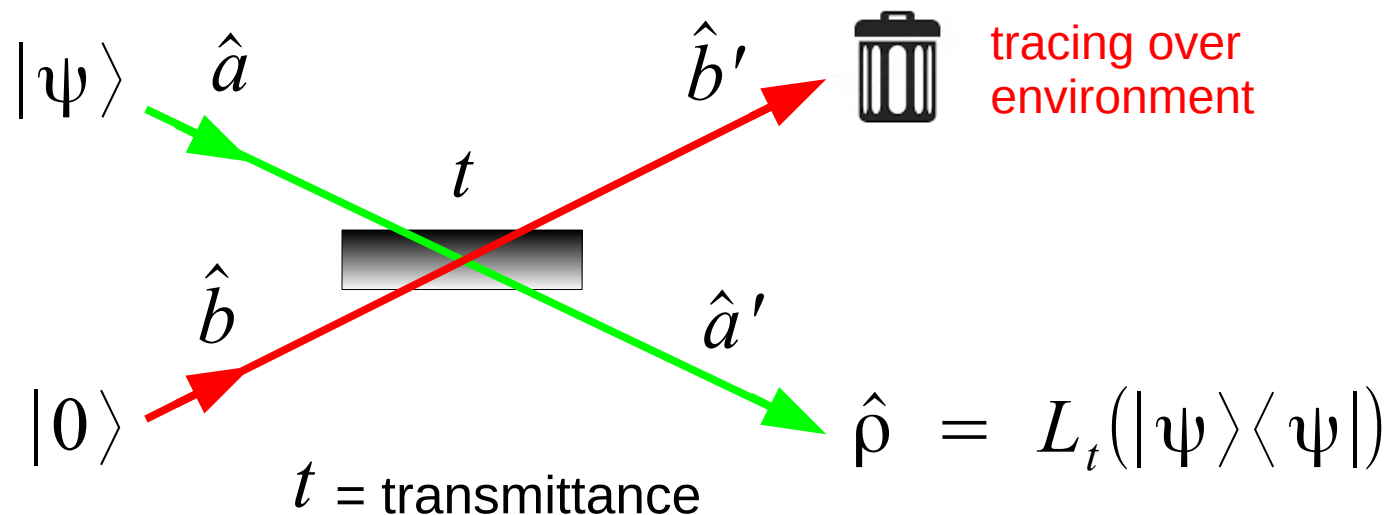
$$\begin{cases} \tau = t^2 \leq 1 \\ n = 1 - t^2 \end{cases}$$

Quantum-limited (ideal) amplifiers

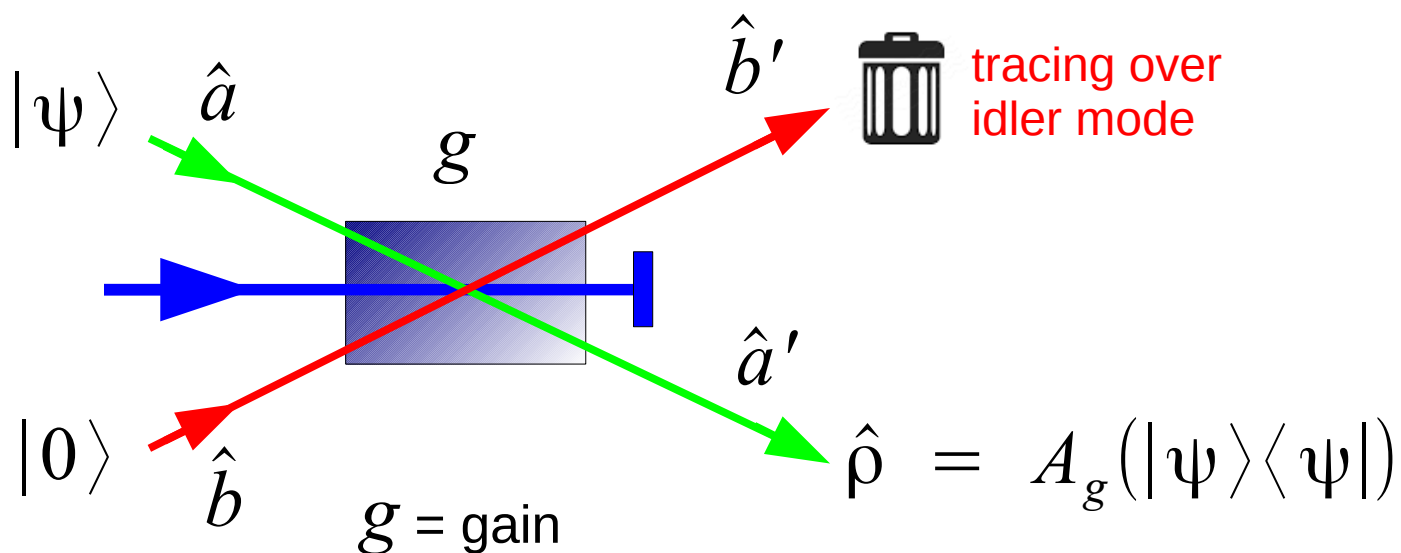
$$\begin{cases} \tau = g^2 \geq 1 \\ n = g^2 - 1 \end{cases}$$

Stinespring dilation of pure-loss / ideal-amplifier channels

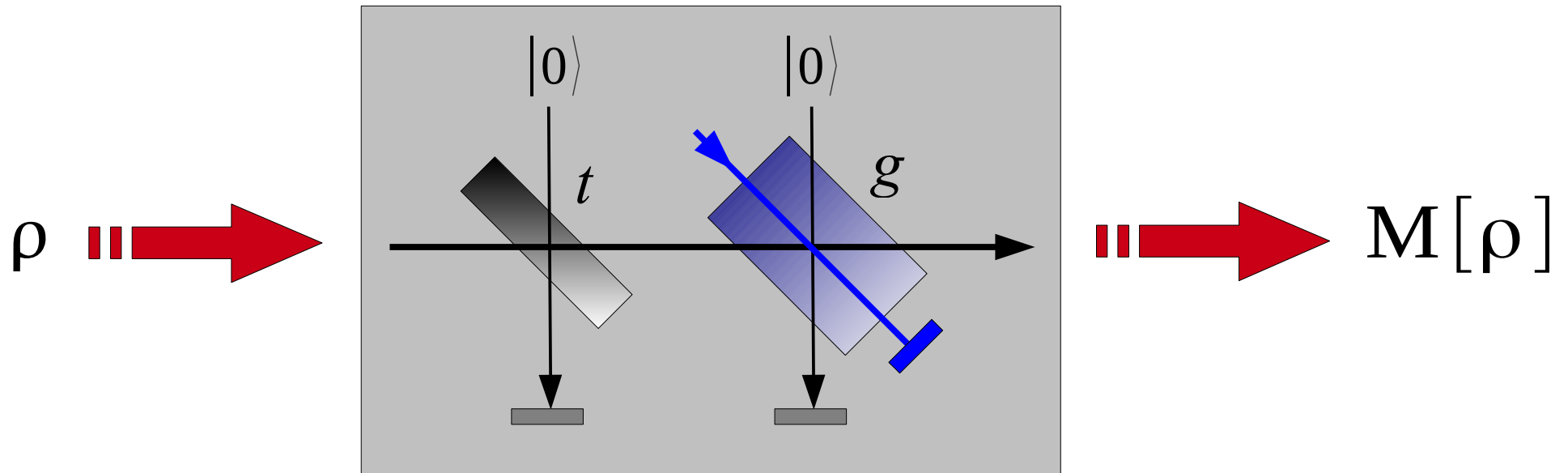
BS $\equiv$ pure
loss channel



TMS $\equiv$ quantum
limited amplifier



Decomposition of all phase-insensitive Gaussian channels

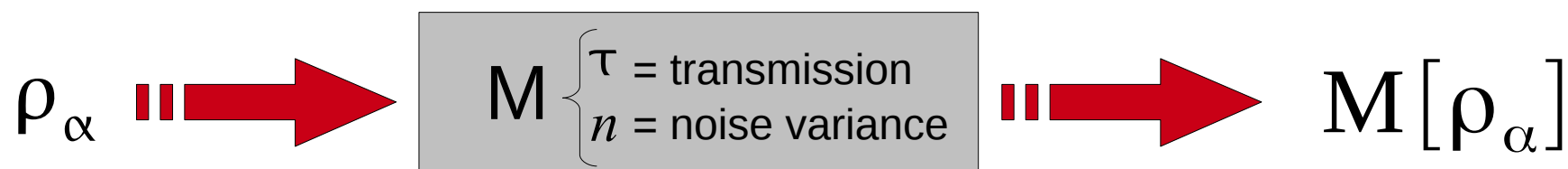


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{transmission} & \tau = t^2 g^2 \\ \text{noise variance} & n = g^2(1-t^2) + (g^2-1) \end{array} \right.$$

Capacity of bosonic Gaussian channels

Yuen and Ozawa, 1993

Holevo and Werner, 1998



- continuous encoding $\{p(\alpha), \rho_\alpha\}$ such that $\int d^2\alpha p(\alpha) \rho_\alpha = \rho$
- energy constraint on average input state $\rho \rightarrow \text{Tr}(\rho \hat{n}) = \nu$

$$C^{(1)}(M) = \max_{\rho} \tilde{\chi}(\rho, M)$$

$$\text{with } \tilde{\chi}(\rho, M) \equiv S(M[\rho]) - \min_{\{p_\alpha, \rho_\alpha\}} \int d^2\alpha p(\alpha) S(M[\rho_\alpha])$$

$$C^{(1)}(M) \leq \max_{\rho} S(M[\rho]) - \min_{\rho} S(M[\rho]) \geq \min_{\rho} S(M[\rho])$$

for fixed energy,
achieved by a thermal state
 $S(M[\rho_{\text{therm}}])$

$$S(M[\Phi_0])$$

Φ_0 = pure state
minimizing output entropy

Minimum output entropy

$$C^{(1)}(M) \leq S(M[\rho_{therm}]) - S(M[\Phi_0])$$

V. Giovannetti *et al.*, 2004

Gaussian minimum entropy conjecture: $\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$

- ✧ Gaussian coherent-state encoding saturates this upper bound
- ✧ Regularization (n uses of the channel) comes for free if conjecture holds

$$C(M) = C^{(1)}(M) = g[\tau \nu + n] - g[n]$$

Holevo and Werner, 1998

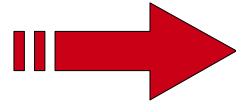
with ν = mean photon number

and $g[x] = (x+1)\log(x+1) - x\log(x)$

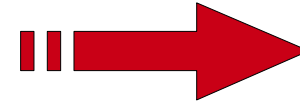
Provided conjecture is true

Proof of Gaussian conjecture

$$\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$$



$$M \begin{cases} \tau = \text{transmission} \\ n = \text{noise variance} \end{cases}$$



$$M[\Phi_0]$$

least disordered
output state

- Reduction to amplifier & majorization ladder with Fock states proves $\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$ only for rotation-invariant input states

R. Garcia-Patron, C. Navarrete-Benlloch,
S. Lloyd, J. H. Shapiro, and N. J. Cerf, PRL (2012).

- Vacuum $\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$ achieves **global minimum entropy**

$$S(M[\Phi_0]) \leq S(M[\rho]) \quad \forall \rho$$

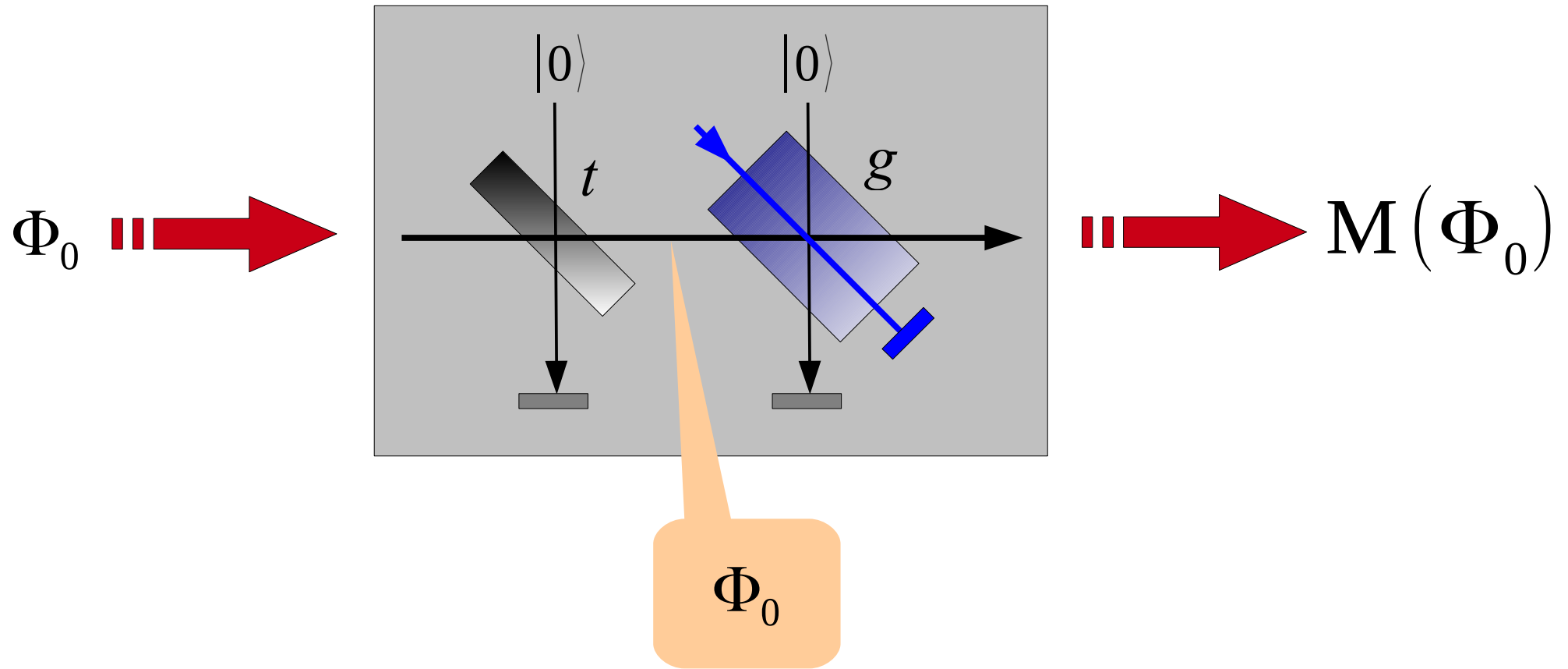
V. Giovannetti, R. Garcia-Patron, N. J. Cerf,
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- Vacuum $\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$ actually yields **global majorizing state**

$$M[\Phi_0] \succcurlyeq M[\rho] \quad \forall \rho$$

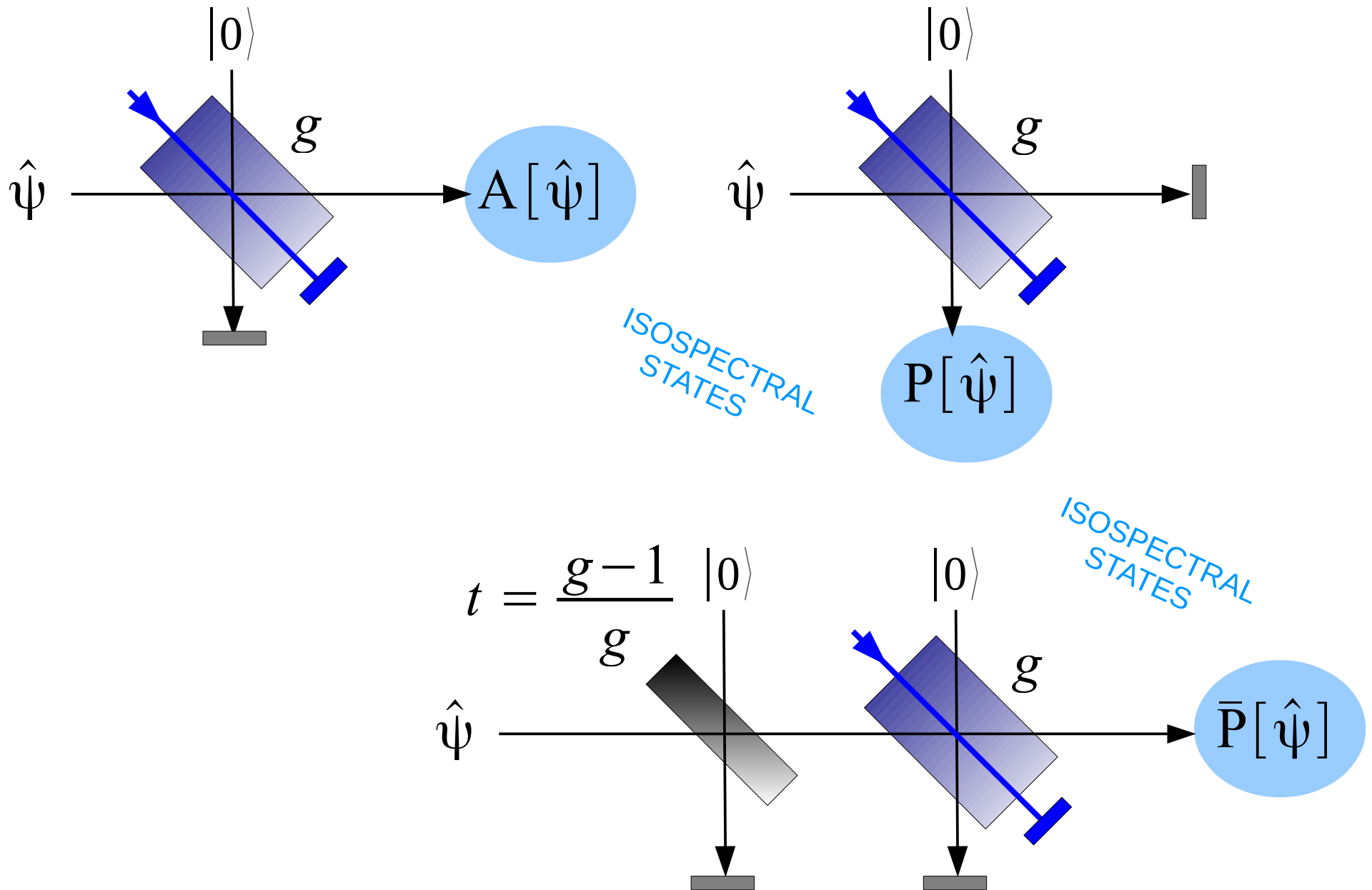
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Nature Comm. (2014).

Reduction to quantum-limited amplifier

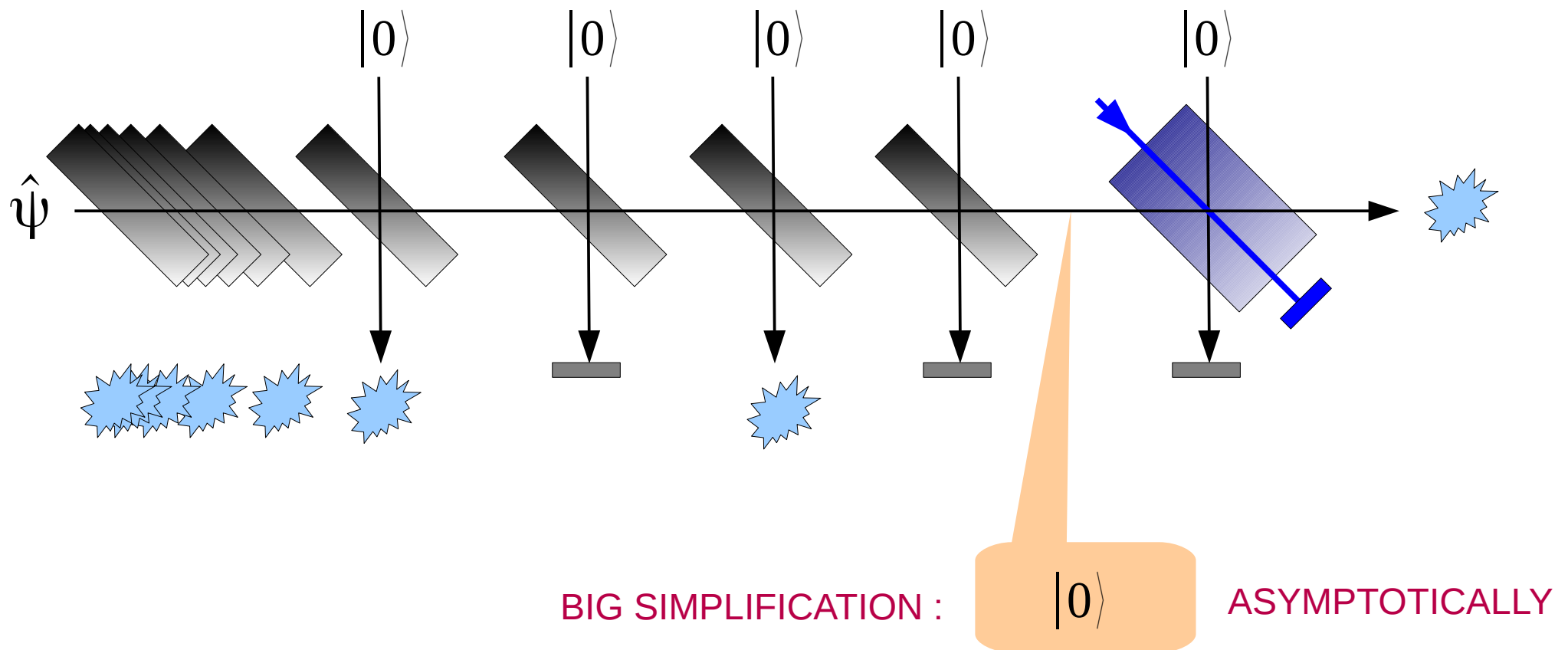
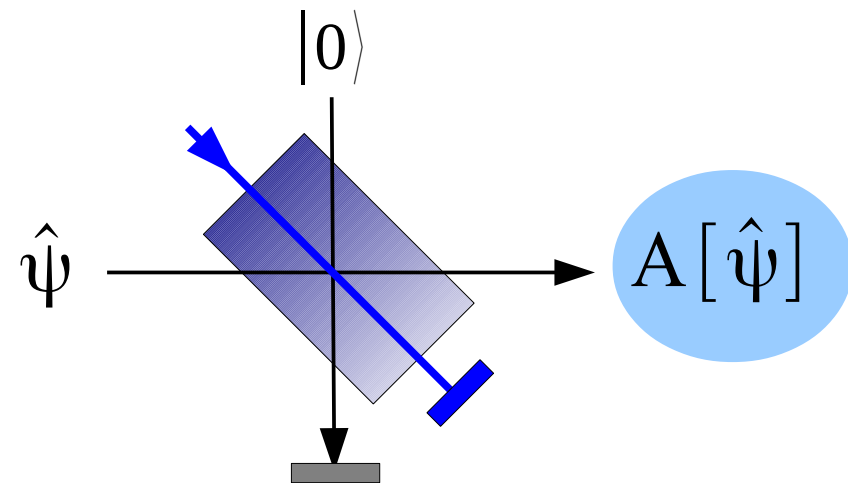


Vacuum $\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$ is a **fixed point** of beam splitter,
hence it is sufficient to prove conjecture for quantum-limited amplifier

Complementary channel = phase-conjugating channel

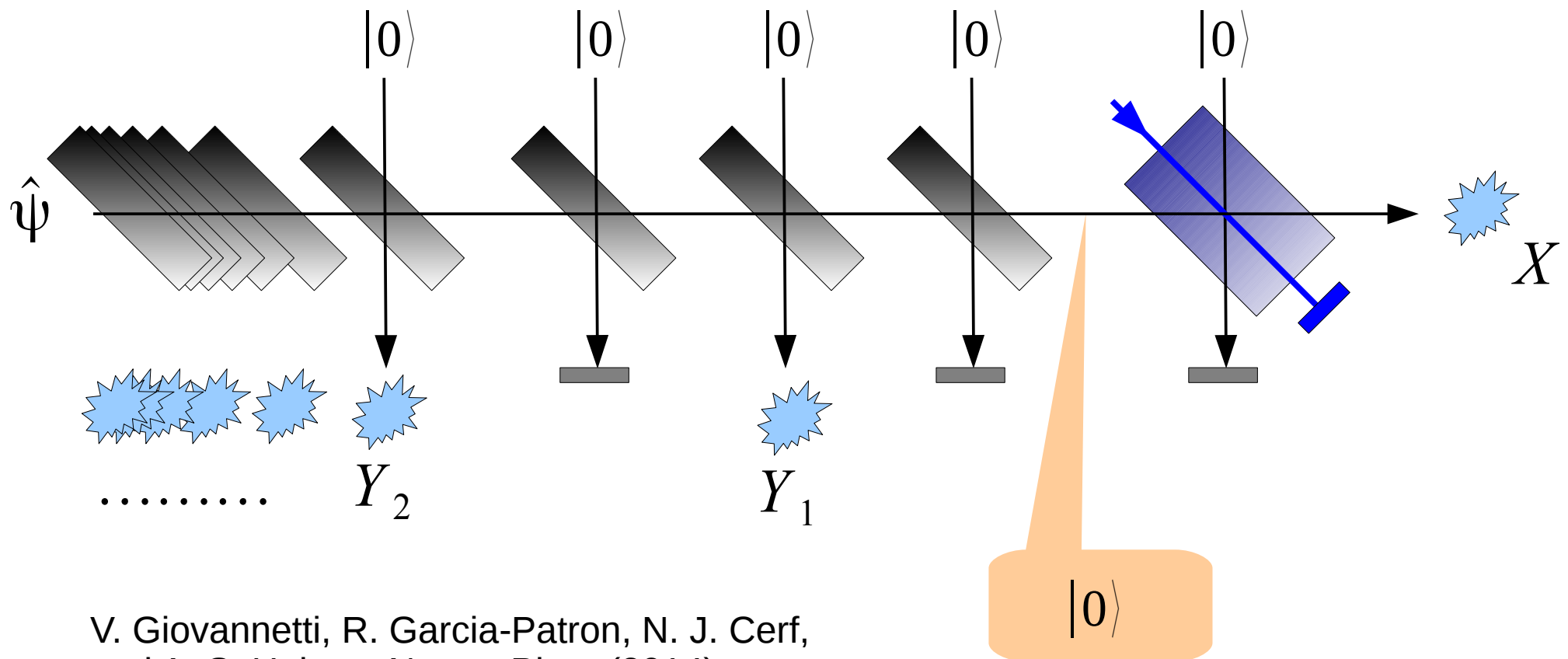
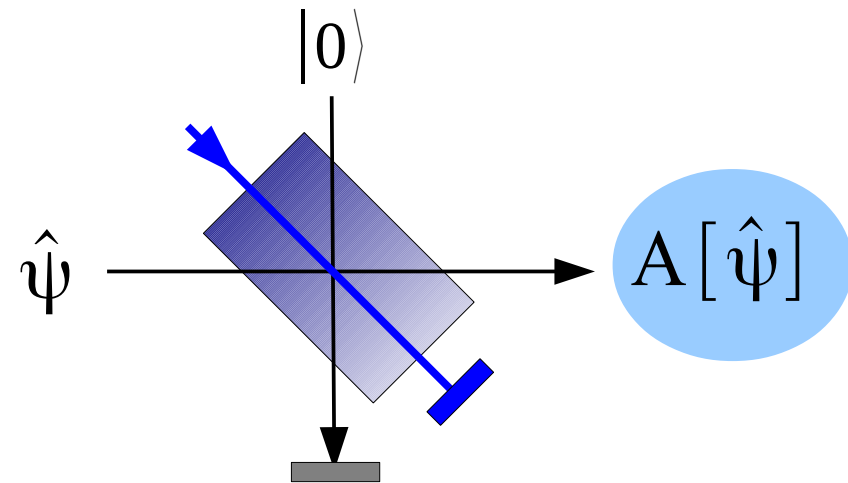


Infinite chain of isospectral states



PROOF OF THE ENTROPY CONJECTURE

$$S(A[\hat{\psi}]) = S(X, Y_1, Y_2, \dots) \\ \simeq \underbrace{S(X)}_{S(M[\Phi_0])} + \underbrace{S(Y_1, Y_2, \dots)}_{\geq 0}$$



V. Giovannetti, R. Garcia-Patron, N. J. Cerf,
and A. S. Holevo, Nature Phot. (2014).

Generalization to other functionals

For any functional $F(\rho)$ that obeys the properties

- non-negative $F(\rho) \geq 0$
- unitarily invariant $F(U\rho U^\dagger) = F(\rho)$
- strictly concave $F(w\rho_1 + (1-w)\rho_2) \geq wF(\rho_1) + (1-w)F(\rho_2)$

$$F(M[\Phi_0]) \leq F(M[\rho]) \quad \forall \rho$$

→ $\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$

vacuum input minimizes F at the output

e.g., entropy $S(\rho) = -\text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho)$

➡ same “mechanism” as the proof for minimum entropy

Implies majorization conjecture

Consider special class of such functionals $F(\rho)$ that are written as

$$F(\rho) = \text{Tr } f(\rho) = \sum_j f(\lambda_j) \quad \text{where } \lambda_j \text{ are the eigenvalues of } \hat{\rho}$$

└─ $\forall$ function $f(x)$ $x \in [0,1]$
that is non-negative and strictly concave

$$\text{Tr } f(M[\Phi_0]) \leq \text{Tr } f(M[\rho]) \quad \forall \rho \quad \underline{\forall f(x)}$$

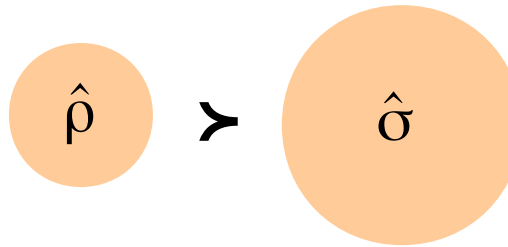
$$\longleftrightarrow \quad M[\Phi_0] \succcurlyeq M[\rho] \quad \forall \rho$$

└─ $\Phi_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0|$

**vacuum input yields global
majorizing state at the output**

A. Mari, V. Giovannetti, and A. S. Holevo,
Nature Comm. (2014).

Summary



- Majorization theory is ubiquitous in Gaussian quantum information
(at the crossroads between quantum optics and quantum information)
- Majorization relations naturally arise when characterizing
Gaussian optical components
- Interesting tool for solving Gaussian entropic conjectures on bosonic channels or for deriving conditions on entanglement transformations between Gaussian states
- But we probably still miss the “big picture” (?)
... further developments are expected

