

# Distinguishing classically indistinguishable states and channels

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## Quantum *Kanalsanierung !*

Which **quantum**  
**channel**  
could be called  
**healthy** and **sane** ?

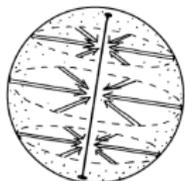
Perhaps  
a *unitary* and  
*reversible* one ?

# Sanierung of Quantum States acting on $\mathcal{H}_N$

Convex set  $\mathcal{M}_N \subset \mathbb{R}^{N^2-1}$  of all mixed states of size  $N$

$$\mathcal{M}_N := \{\rho : \mathcal{H}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_N; \rho = \rho^\dagger, \rho \geq 0, \text{Tr} \rho = 1\}$$

example:  $\mathcal{M}_2 = B_3 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  - Bloch ball with all pure states at the boundary



**Quantum decoherence:** pure  $\rightarrow$  mixed  
stripping off-diagonal elements,  
$$D(\rho) = \sum_i \rho_{ii} |i\rangle\langle i| = \text{diag}(\rho)$$
  
projection into the simplex of classical states

## A) Purification of $\rho \in \mathcal{M}_N$

search of a bi-partite pure state  $|\psi_{AB}\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_N \otimes \mathcal{H}_N$

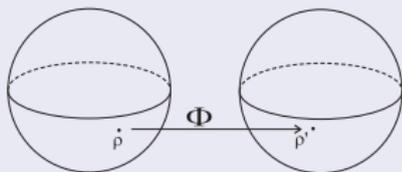
such that the reduced matrix reads  $\text{Tr}_B |\psi_{AB}\rangle\langle\psi_{AB}| = \rho$ .

## B) Coherification of a classical state $\text{diag}(\rho) = \sigma \in \mathcal{M}_N$

search of a mono-partite pure state  $|\phi_A\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_N$  such that it decoheres to the diagonal, classical state,  $D(|\phi_A\rangle\langle\phi_A|) = \sigma = \text{diag}(\rho)$ .

# Quantum Channels

Quantum operation: linear, completely positive trace preserving map



$$\Phi : \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2$$

**positivity:**  $\Phi(\rho) \geq 0, \quad \forall \rho \in \mathcal{M}_N$

**complete positivity:**  $[\Phi \otimes \mathbb{1}_K](\sigma) \geq 0, \quad \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{M}_{KN}$  and  $K = 2, 3, \dots$

**Environmental form** (interacting quantum system !)

$$\rho' = \Phi(\rho) = \text{Tr}_E[U(\rho \otimes \omega_E)U^\dagger].$$

where  $\omega_E$  is an initial state of the environment while  $UU^\dagger = \mathbb{1}$ .

**Kraus form**

$\rho' = \Phi(\rho) = \sum_i A_i \rho A_i^\dagger$ , where the Kraus operators satisfy  $\sum_i A_i^\dagger A_i = \mathbb{1}$ , which implies that the trace is preserved.

## Stochastic matrices

**Classical states:**  $N$ -point probability distribution,  $\mathbf{p} = \{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$ ,  
where  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^N p_i = 1$

**Discrete dynamics:**  $p'_i = T_{ij} p_j$ , where  $T$  is a **stochastic transition matrix** of size  $N$  and maps the simplex of classical states into itself,  
 $T : \Delta_{N-1} \rightarrow \Delta_{N-1}$ .

## Stochastic maps = quantum operations

A *quantum operation*  $\Phi : \mathcal{M}_N \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_N$   
can be described by a matrix  $\Phi$  of size  $N^2$ ,

$$\rho' = \Phi \rho \quad \text{or} \quad \rho'_{m\mu} = \Phi_{m\mu}^{n\nu} \rho_{n\nu} .$$

The superoperator  $\Phi$  can be expressed in terms of the Kraus operators  $A_i$ ,  
 $\Phi = \sum_i A_i \otimes \bar{A}_i$  .

# Quantum stochastic maps (trace preserving, CP)

Dynamical Matrix  $D$ : Sudarshan et al. (1961)

obtained by *reshuffling* of a 4-index matrix  $\Phi$  is Hermitian,

$$D_{mn} := \Phi_{\substack{m\mu \\ \mu\nu}}^{\substack{m\mu \\ n\nu}}, \quad \text{so that} \quad D_{\Phi} = D_{\Phi}^{\dagger} =: \Phi^R.$$

**Theorem of Choi** (1975). A map  $\Phi$  is **completely positive** (CP) if and only if the dynamical matrix  $D_{\Phi}$  is **positive**,  $D \geq 0$ .

## Classical case

In the case of a **diagonal dynamical matrix**,  $D_{ij} = d_i \delta_{ij}$  reshaping its diagonal  $\{d_i\}$  of length  $N^2$  one obtains a matrix of size  $N$ , where

$T_{ij} = D_{\substack{ij \\ jj}}$ , of size  $N$  which is **stochastic**.

# Decoherence for quantum states and quantum maps

**Quantum states**  $\rightarrow$  classical states = diagonal matrices

$$\text{Decoherence of a state: } \rho \rightarrow \Phi_{\text{CG}}(\rho) = \tilde{\rho} = \text{diag}(\rho)$$

**Quantum maps**  $\rightarrow$  classical maps = stochastic matrices

**Decoherence of a map:** The **Choi matrix** becomes diagonal,  $D \rightarrow \Gamma_{\text{CG}}(D) = \tilde{D} = \text{diag}(D)$  so that the map  $\Phi = D^R \rightarrow \tilde{D}^R \rightarrow T$ .

For any Kraus decomposition defining  $\Phi(\rho) = \sum_i A_i \rho A_i^\dagger$  the corresponding **classical map**  $T$  is given by the **Hadamard product**,

$$T = \Gamma_{\text{CG}}(\Phi) = \sum_i A_i \odot \bar{A}_i,$$

where  $\Gamma_{\text{CG}}$  is the **coarse-graining supermap**, **K.Ž. (2008)**

If a **quantum map**  $\Phi$  is trace preserving,  $\sum_i A_i^\dagger A_i = \mathbb{1}$

then the **classical map**  $T = \Gamma_{\text{CG}}(T)$  is **stochastic**,  $\sum_j T_{ij} = 1$ .

If additionally a **quantum map**  $\Phi$  is unital,  $\sum_i A_i A_i^\dagger = \mathbb{1}$

then the **classical map**  $T$  is **bistochastic**,  $\sum_j T_{ij} = 1 = \sum_i T_{ij}$ .

# Inferring an information on a state and a map

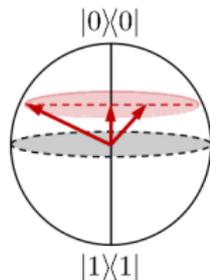
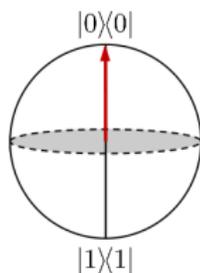
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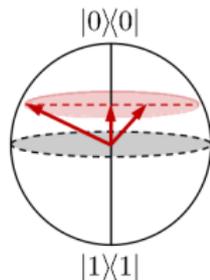
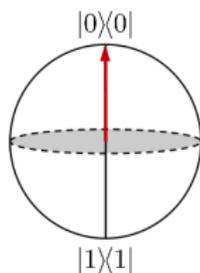
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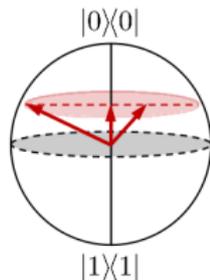
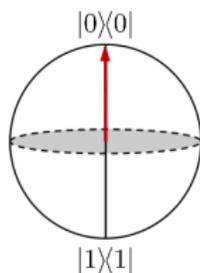
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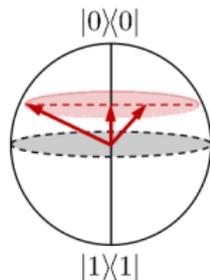
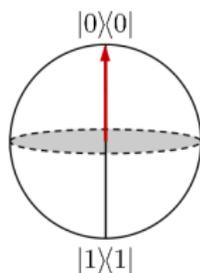
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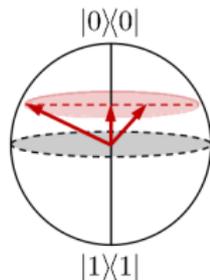
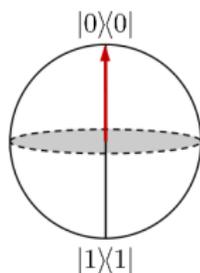
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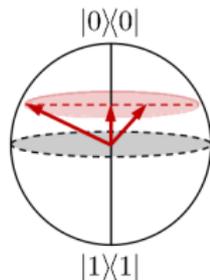
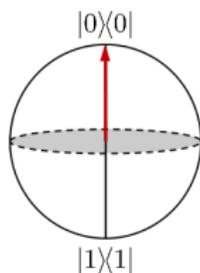
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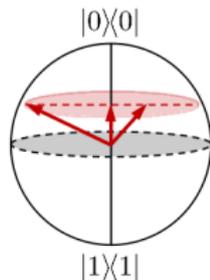
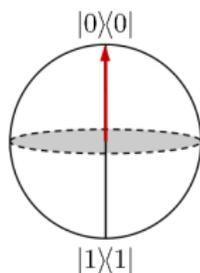
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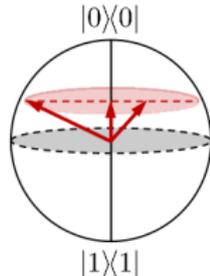
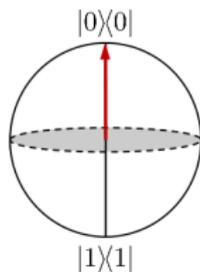
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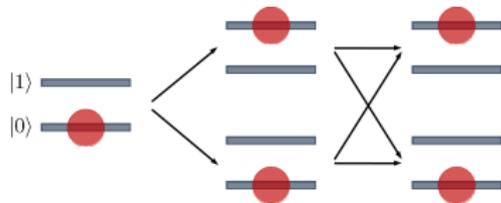


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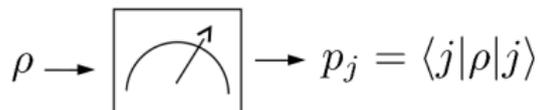
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$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ depolarization } \Phi_*(\rho) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1}$$



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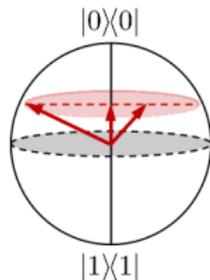
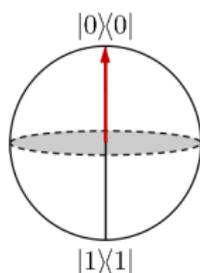
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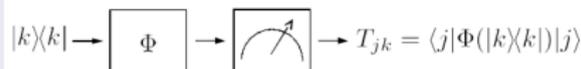
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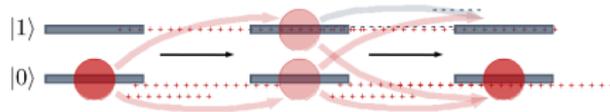
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What  $T$  tells us about  $\Phi$ ?

$T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , can describe unitary map

$$\Phi_H(\rho) = H(\rho)H^\dagger, \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$



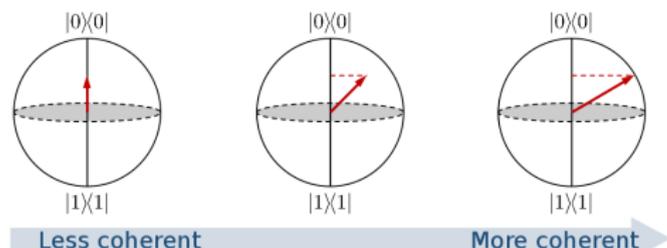
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**coherences**  $c_{jk} = \langle j|\rho|k\rangle$



$$\rho_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

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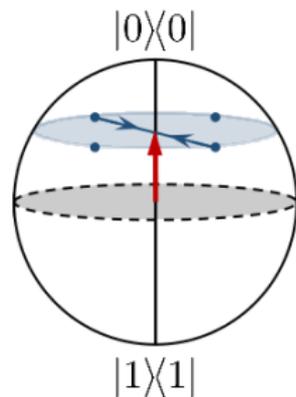
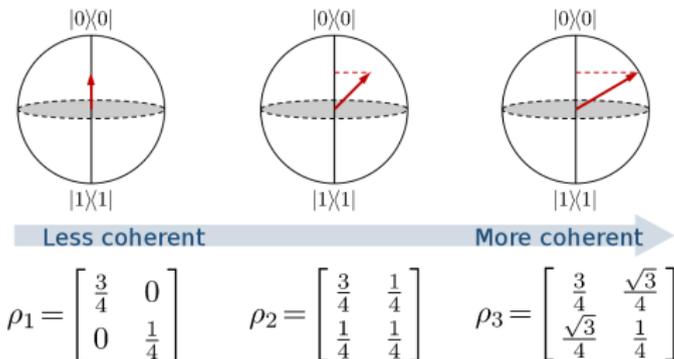
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$$\mathcal{D}(\rho) = \sum_{j=1}^N \langle j | \rho | j \rangle |j\rangle \langle j|$$



$$c_{jk} \rightarrow 0, p_j \rightarrow p_j$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\rho_1) = \mathcal{D}(\rho_2) = \mathcal{D}(\rho_3) = \rho_1$$

## Classical bit embedded inside

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the Bloch ball and its ...

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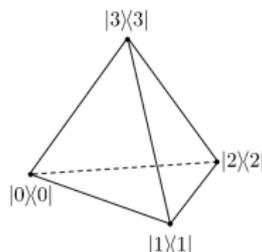
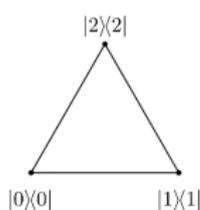
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**Incoherent** state  $\rho$  is identified with a **classical** probability distribution  $p$ .

$$\rho = \mathcal{D}(\rho) = \sum_{j=1}^N p_j |j\rangle\langle j|$$

Classical state space  
=

probability simplex  $\Delta_{N-1}$



**Coherence** measures (a *distance* from incoherent states)

*entropic* :  $C_e(\rho) = S(\rho || \mathcal{D}(\rho)) = S(\rho) - S(\lambda(\rho))$

*geometric* :  $C_2(\rho) = \|\rho - \mathcal{D}(\rho)\|_{HS}^2 = \lambda(\rho) \cdot \lambda(\rho) - p \cdot p$

**Baumgratz, Cramer, Plenio, (2014)**

**Streltsov, Adesso, Plenio, (2016)**

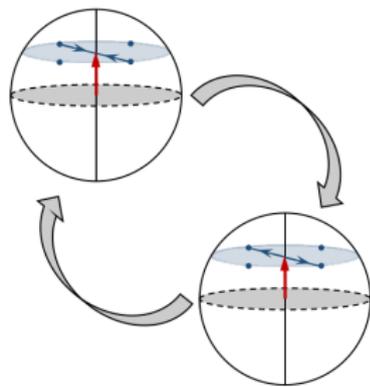
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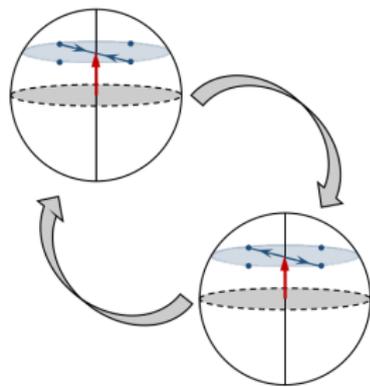
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$$C_e(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = S(p), \quad C_2(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|) = 1 - p \cdot p.$$

**How many** distinct ways to **coherify**?

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Relation between  $J_\Phi$  and  $T$ :

$$\langle j, k|J_\Phi|j, k\rangle = \frac{1}{N}T_{jk}$$
$$\text{diag}(J_\Phi) = \frac{1}{N}|T\rangle\rangle,$$

Vectorising classical action:

where  $|T\rangle\rangle = T \otimes \mathbb{1}|\Omega\rangle$

matrix  $T$  reshaped into a vector

# Coherence of quantum channels

Classical channels are defined as **channels**  
with incoherent (**classical**) Jamiołkowski state.

Action of classical channel described by the transition matrix  $T$

$$\rho \mapsto \mathcal{D}(\rho) = \sum_j p_j |j\rangle\langle j| \mapsto \sigma = \sum_j q_j |j\rangle\langle j| \quad \text{with } q = Tp$$

Define **coherence measure** of a map  $\Phi$  by **coherence measure** of  $J_\Phi$

$$C_e(\Phi) = S\left(\frac{1}{N} |T\rangle\rangle\right) - S(\lambda(J_\Phi)), \quad C_2(\Phi) = \lambda(J_\Phi) \cdot \lambda(J_\Phi) - \frac{1}{N^2} \langle\langle T || T \rangle\rangle$$

In analogy to:

$$C_e(\rho) = S(\rho || \mathcal{D}(\rho)) = S(\rho) - S(\lambda(\rho))$$

$$C_2(\rho) = \lambda(\rho) \cdot \lambda(\rho) - p \cdot p$$

Approach differs from *cohering power* of a channel:

**Mani, Karimipour, (2015); Zanardi, Styliaris, Venuti, (2017)**

# Coherence of quantum channels

Decohering operation  $\mathcal{D}$

$\Phi$  with  $\text{diag}(J_\Phi) = \frac{1}{N}|T\rangle\rangle \mapsto \Phi^{\mathcal{D}}$  with  $J_{\Phi^{\mathcal{D}}} = \mathcal{D}(J_\Phi) = \frac{1}{N}\text{diag}(|T\rangle\rangle)$

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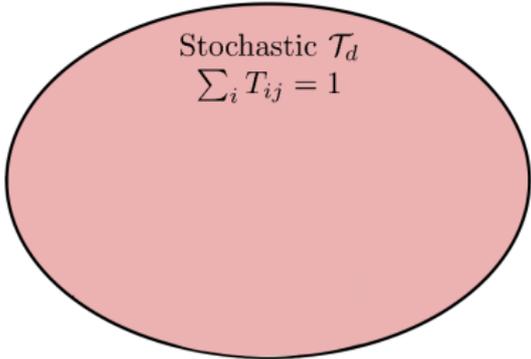
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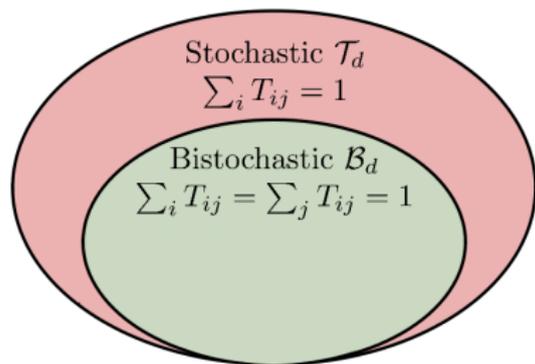


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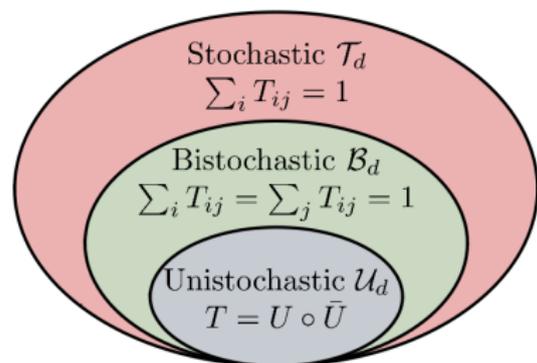


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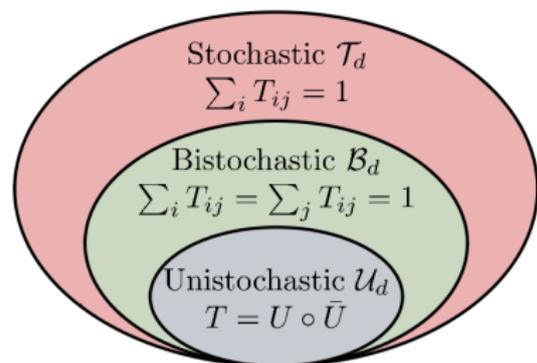


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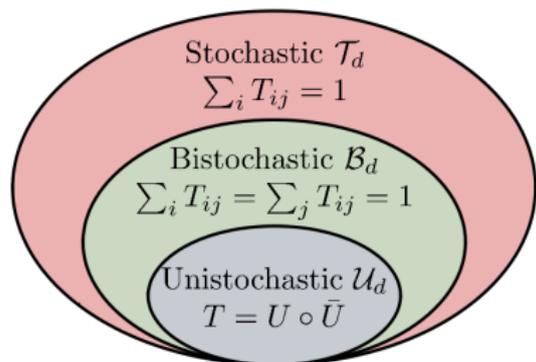
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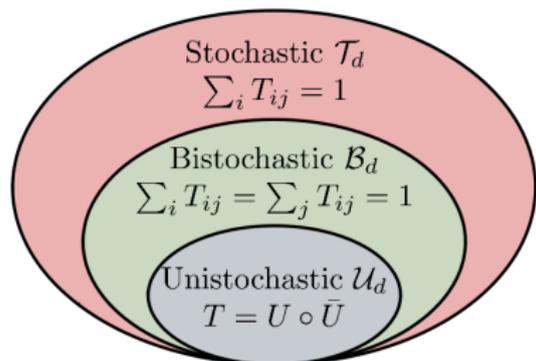
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## Proposition

$\Phi$  can be **coherified** to a unitary map  $\Psi_U \iff T$  is **unistochastic**

Open **unistochasticity** problem: given **bistochastic**  $T$ , check if there is a **unitary**  $U$  such that  $T_{ij} = |U_{ij}|^2$

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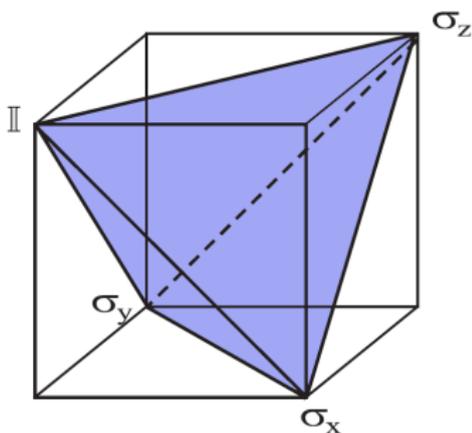
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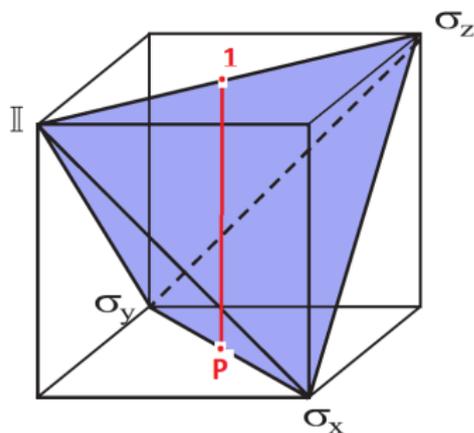
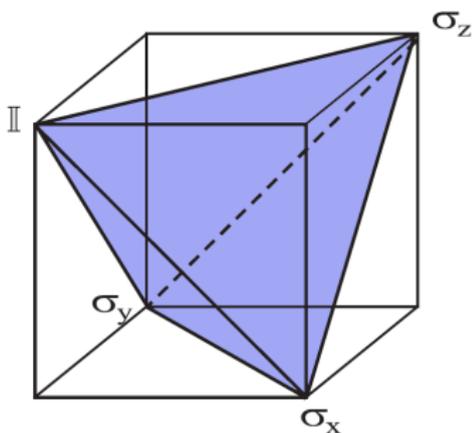


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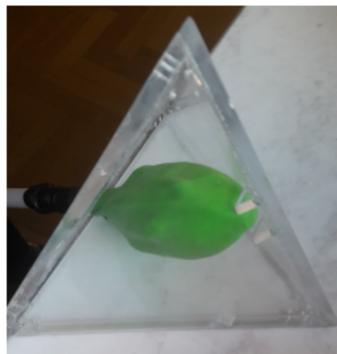
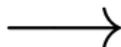
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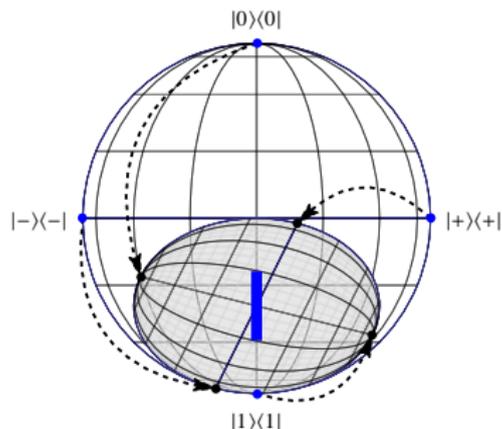
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Optimising coherence of  $\Phi$  with fixed  $T \iff$  maximizing purity of  $J_\Phi$ .

Majorization partial order:  $p \succ q \iff \forall_k \sum_{j=1}^k p_j^\downarrow \geq \sum_{j=1}^k q_j^\downarrow$

Important because:  $p \succ q \implies S(p) \leq S(q)$  and  $p \cdot p \geq q \cdot q$

Look for  $\mu^\succ(T)$  such that:  $\forall \Phi$  with  $\text{diag}(J_\Phi) = \frac{1}{d}|T\rangle\rangle$ :

$$\mu^\succ(T) \succ \lambda(J_\Phi)$$

Why?

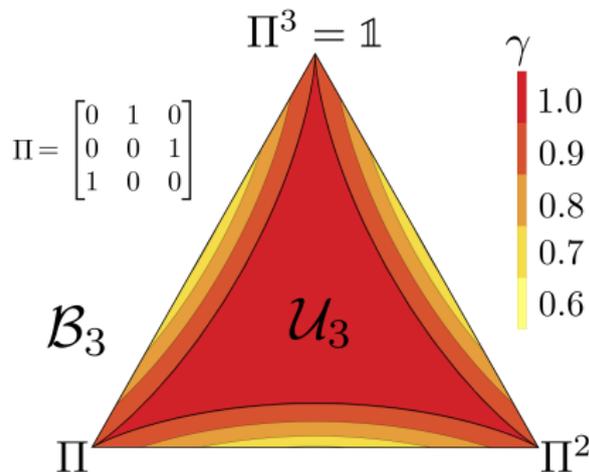
To upper-bound  $C_e$  or  $C_2$

# Bistochastic classical transition matrix

For bistochastic  $T$  majorization upper-bound becomes trivial

$$[1, 0, \dots, 0]^T = \mu^\succ \succ \lambda(J_\Phi)$$

A non-trivial bound which describes the unistochastic-bistochastic boundary



Leads to bounds for the purity  $\gamma = \text{Tr}(J_\Phi)^2 \leq 1$   
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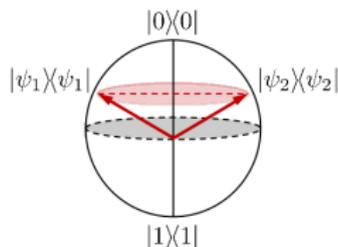
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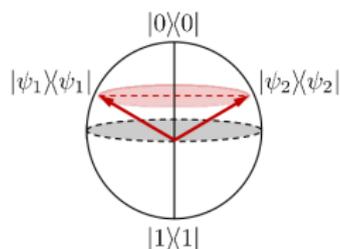
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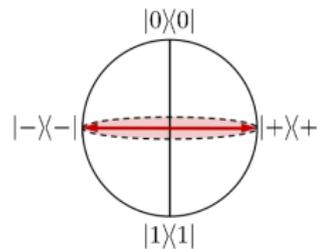
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$M$  perfectly distinguishable states of size  $N$ ,  
with  $\{\psi_i\}$  with  $|\langle k|\psi_j\rangle|^2 = p_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, N$   $\implies \forall k : p_k \leq \frac{1}{M}$

Orthogonal  $\{|\psi_j\rangle\}$  could form  
columns of unitary matrix

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{p_1} e^{i\phi_{11}} & \dots & \sqrt{p_1} e^{i\phi_{1N}} & \dots \\ \sqrt{p_2} e^{i\phi_{21}} & \dots & \sqrt{p_2} e^{i\phi_{2N}} & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \sqrt{p_d} e^{i\phi_{d1}} & \dots & \sqrt{p_d} e^{i\phi_{dN}} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

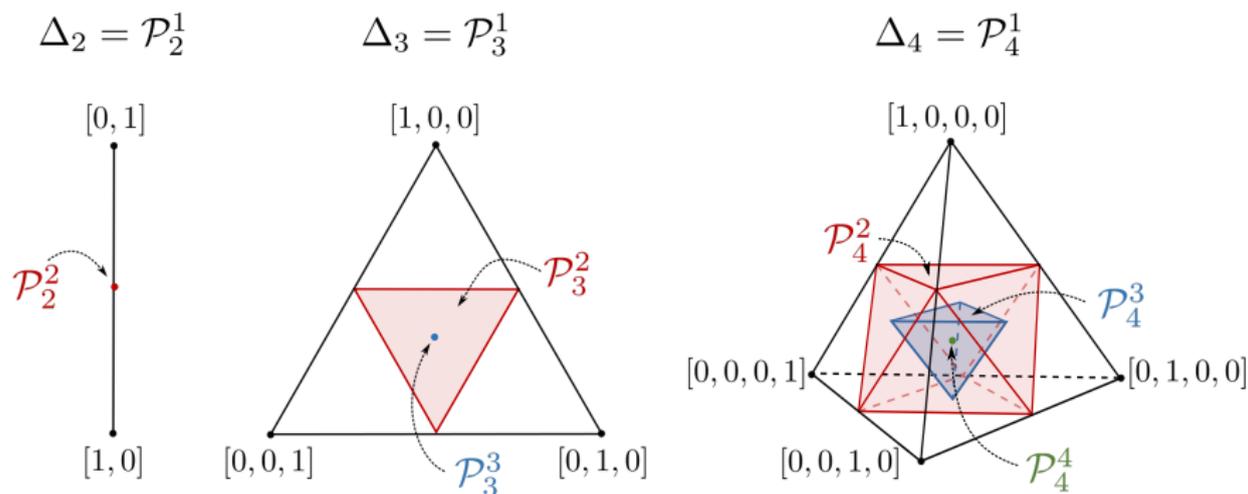
Corresponding unistochastic matrix:

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But rows must sum to 1!

# Quantum distinguishability of classical states

Set of classical states of size  $N = 2, 3$  and 4 forms simplices  $\Delta_{N-1}$



$\mathcal{P}_M^N$  denotes the subset of  $\Delta_{N-1}$  containing  $M$ -distinguishable states

# Distinguishing channel coherifications

Channels  $\{\Phi^{(j)}\}$  with fixed action  $T$  are perfectly distinguishable iff:

$\exists \rho_{AB} \{\Phi^{(j)} \otimes \mathbb{1}(\rho_{AB})\}$  are perfectly distinguishable

If  $\exists \rho \{\Phi^{(j)}(\rho)\}$  are perfectly distinguishable then no entanglement is needed

Type of classical transition matrix $T$	Number of perfectly distinguishable channels	Requires entanglement ?
Unistochastic	$d$	No
Unistochastic	$d + 1, \dots, d^2$	Yes
Bistochastic	2	Yes
Such that $T_{jk} \leq \frac{1}{2}$	2	No

# Concluding Remarks

- **Decoherence** of a **quantum map**  $\Phi$  to a **classical map**  $T$  determined by the diagonal of the Choi matrix (Jamiołkowski state)  $J_\Phi$   
(a supermap  $\Gamma(\Phi)$  yields the classical channel  $\Phi_T$ )
- Measures of *coherence of a map*  $\mathcal{C}(\Phi)$  proposed in analogy to the **coherence of a state**  $\mathcal{C}(J_\Phi)$
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  - \* Is the minimum output entropy equal to zero??
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