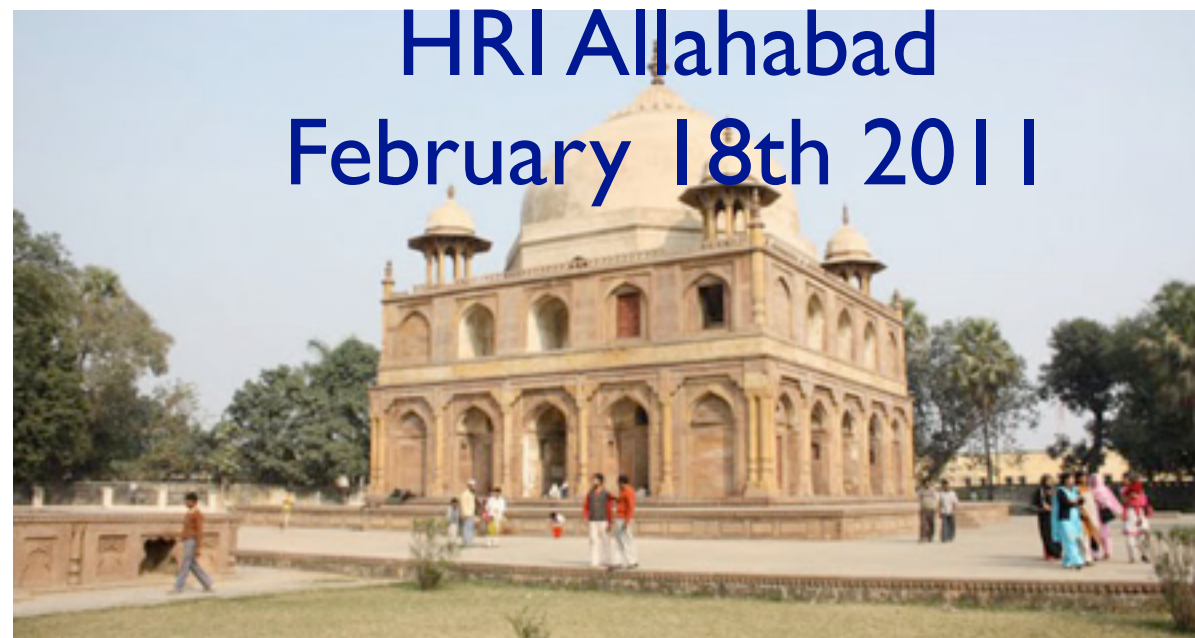


Programmable multi-copy discrimination



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Introduction



Introduction



Measurements

- Quantum ➡ Probabilistic
- Non-orthogonal states are not perfectly distinguishable

From the outcome take a decision

Unambiguous discrimination

➡ Never wrong, sometimes inconclusive

Minimum error

➡ Never inconclusive, sometimes wrong



➡ Goal

Maximize the success probability

➔ Minimize inconclusive probability

➔ or the error probability

Known states

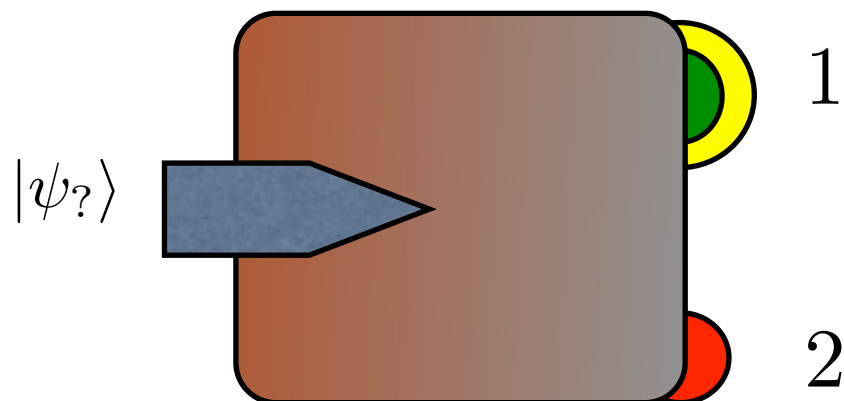
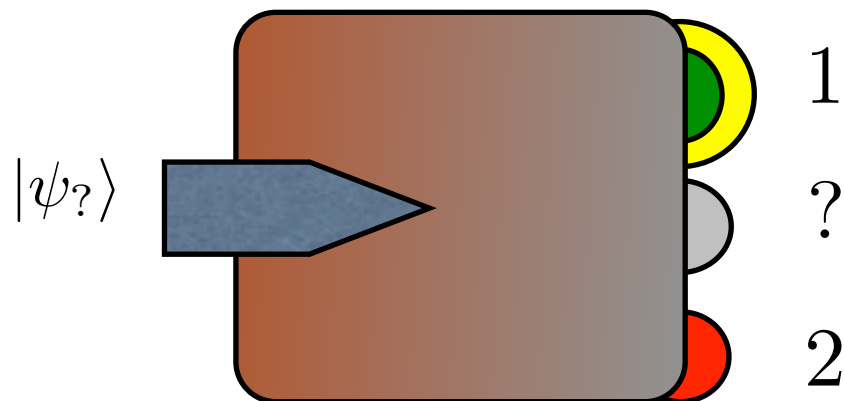
$$\pi_1 = \pi_2 = 1/2$$

$$E_\alpha \geq 0$$

$$E_1 + E_2 + E_? = \mathbb{I}$$

$$P^? = \min_E \frac{1}{2} (\langle \psi_1 | E_? | \psi_1 \rangle + \langle \psi_2 | E_? | \psi_2 \rangle)$$

$$P^? = |\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle|$$



$$E_1 + E_2 = \mathbb{I}$$

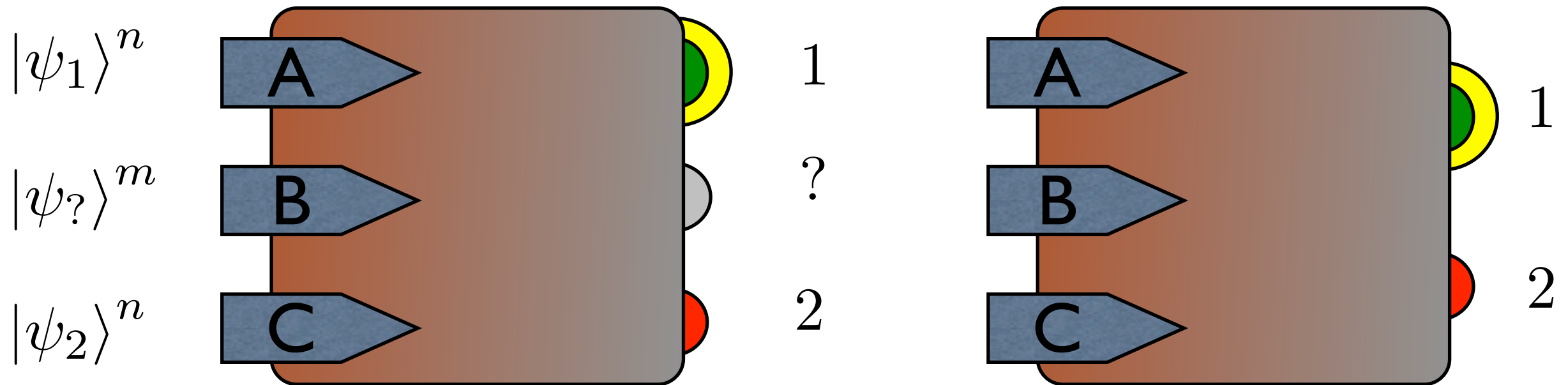
$$P^{ME} = \min_E \frac{1}{2} (\langle \psi_1 | E_2 | \psi_1 \rangle + \langle \psi_2 | E_1 | \psi_2 \rangle)$$

$$P^{ME} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - |\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle|^2} \right)$$

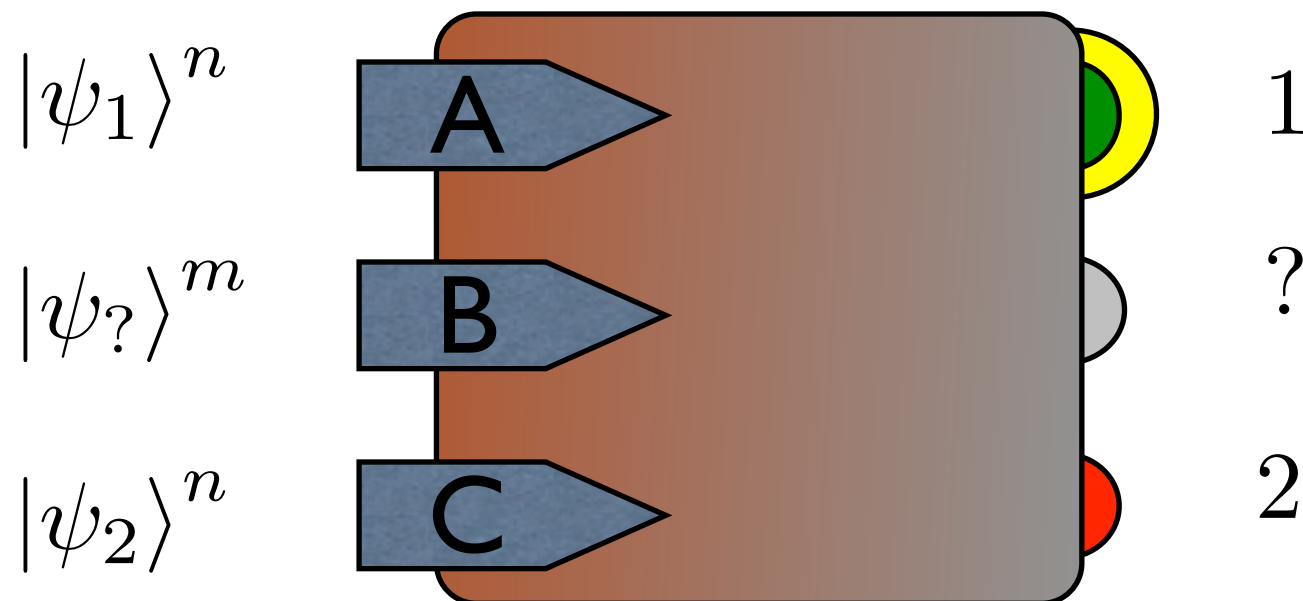
$$P^{ME} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \|\rho_1 - \rho_2\| \right)$$

Programmable discrimination

- The states to be discriminated given in a quantum way
 - ➡ Analogically
- The protocol must work for any two given states
 - ➡ Programmable



Programmable discrimination



Dušek-Bužek, PRA 66 022112 (2002)
Bergou-Hillery, PRL 94 160501 (2005)

$$\sigma_1 = \int d\psi_1 d\psi_2 [\psi_1^{\otimes n}]_A [\psi_1^{\otimes m}]_B [\psi_2^{\otimes n}]_C$$

$$[\phi] \equiv |\phi\rangle\langle\phi|$$

$$\sigma_2 = \int d\psi_1 d\psi_2 [\psi_1^{\otimes n}]_A [\psi_2^{\otimes m}]_B [\psi_2^{\otimes n}]_C ,$$

$$d_A = d_C = n + 1$$

$$d_{AB} = n + m + 1 = d_{BC}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{1}{d_{AB}d_C} \mathbb{I}_{AB} \otimes \mathbb{I}_C$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{1}{d_A d_{BC}} \mathbb{I}_A \otimes \mathbb{I}_{BC}$$

Schur Lemma

$$\int d\phi [\phi]^{\otimes n} = \frac{1}{d_n} \mathbb{I}_n$$

$\mathbb{I}_n$: projector on the fully symmetric subspace

•Angular momentum basis

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{1}{d_{AB}d_C} \sum_{JM} |j_A, j_B, j_C, \textcolor{red}{j}_{AB}; \textcolor{blue}{J} \textcolor{blue}{M}\rangle \langle j_A, j_B, j_C, \textcolor{red}{j}_{AB}; \textcolor{blue}{J} \textcolor{blue}{M}|$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{1}{d_A d_{BC}} \sum_{JM} |j_A, j_B, j_C, \textcolor{green}{j}_{BC}; \textcolor{blue}{J} \textcolor{blue}{M}\rangle \langle j_A, j_B, j_C, \textcolor{green}{j}_{BC}; \textcolor{blue}{J} \textcolor{blue}{M}|$$

Qubits

$$j_A, = j_C = n/2$$

$$j_B = m/2$$

$$j_{AB} = j_{BC} = \frac{n+m}{2}$$

Jordan basis

$$\langle \textcolor{red}{j}_{AB}; \textcolor{blue}{J} \textcolor{blue}{M} | \textcolor{green}{j}_{BC}; \textcolor{blue}{J}' \textcolor{blue}{M}' \rangle = 0$$

$$\forall J \neq J' \text{ or } M \neq M'$$

•Overlaps

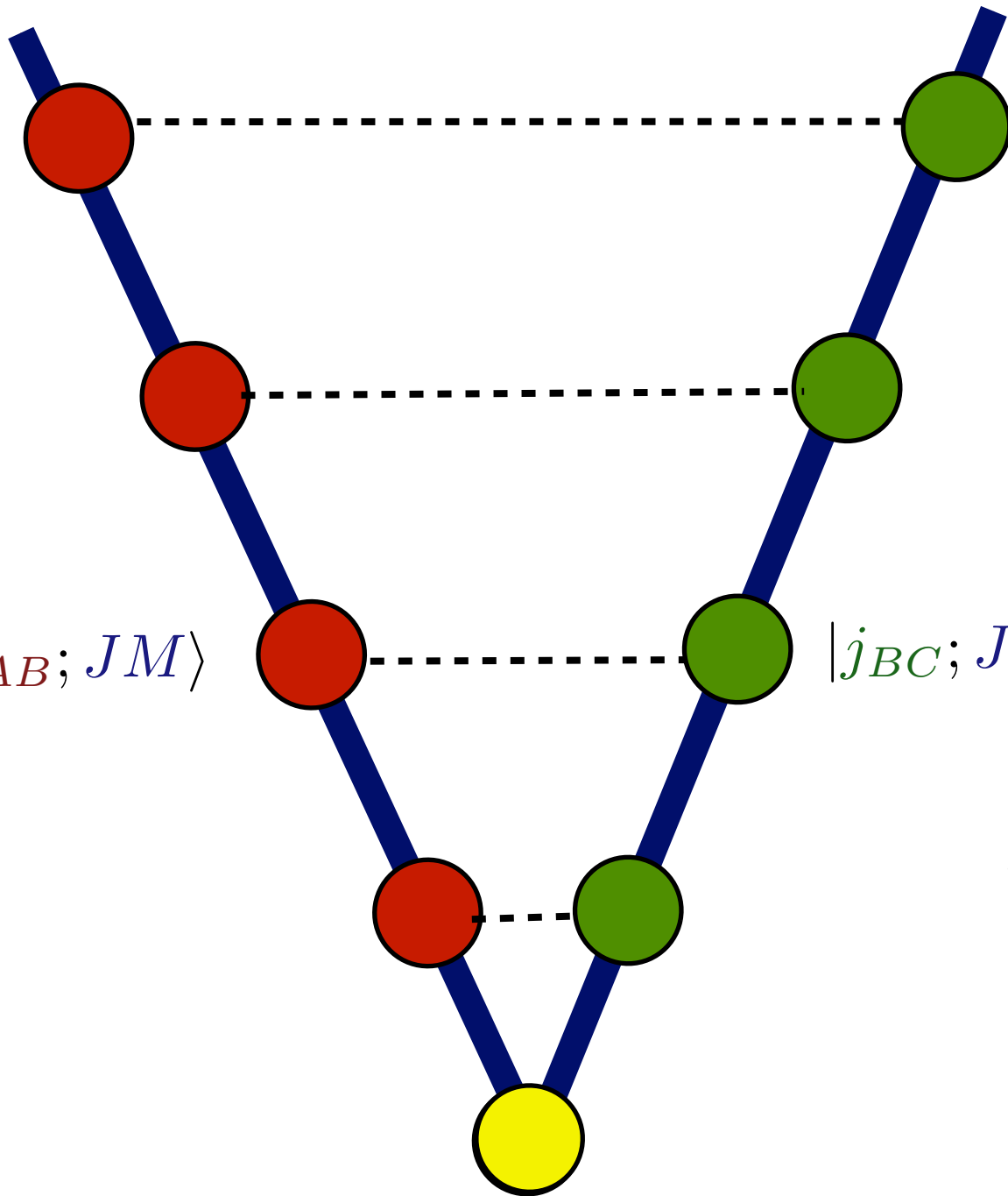
$$\langle j_{AB}; JM | j_{BC}; JM \rangle \propto \begin{Bmatrix} j_A & j_B & j_{AB} \\ j_C & J & j_{BC} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$|j_{AB}; JM\rangle \quad |j_{BC}; JM\rangle$$

$$J = \frac{m}{2} + k$$

Independent of M

$$\langle j_{AB}; J | j_{BC}; J \rangle = \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{\binom{n+m}{n-k}}$$



Pure states results

•Unambiguous discrimination

$$P^? = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{m+2k+1}{(n+m+1)(n+1)} \frac{(m+k)!n!}{(m+n)!k!}$$

$$J = \frac{m}{2} + k$$

$$P^? = 1 - \frac{nm}{(n+1)(m+2)}$$

$$n = m = 1 \rightarrow P^? = \frac{5}{6}$$

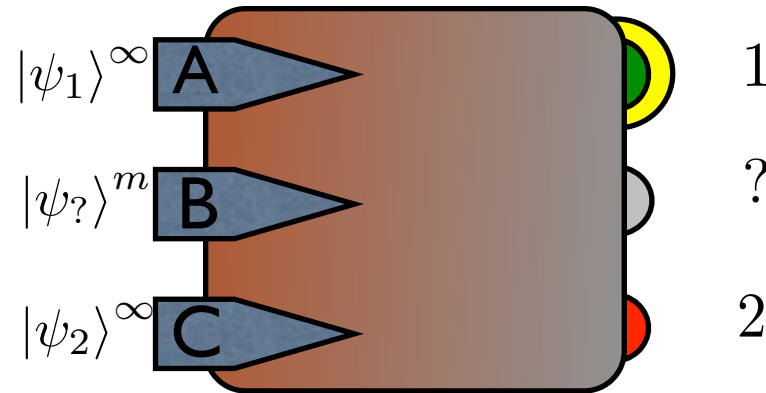
•Minimum Error

$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{m+2k+1}{(n+1)(n+m+1)} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{(m+k)!n!}{(m+n)!k!} \right)^2} \right)$$

$$n = m = 1 \rightarrow P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \right) \simeq 0.356$$

Limiting cases

- $n \rightarrow \infty, m$ finite



Equivalent to the average error probabilities of *known* states?

- Unambiguous

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^? = \frac{2}{m+2}$$

$$m=1 \rightarrow P^? = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P^?(\psi_1, \psi_2) = |\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle|^m \quad \int d\psi_2 |\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle|^2)^{m/2} = \frac{1}{d_{m/2}} = \frac{2}{m+2}$$

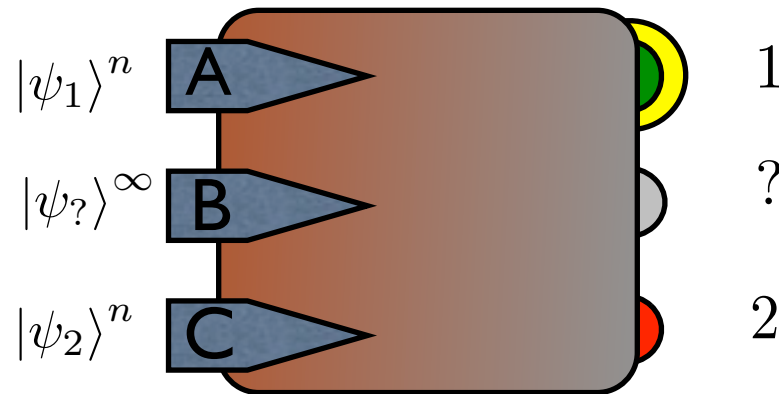
- Minimum error

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{ME} = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - 2 \int_0^1 dx x \sqrt{1 - x^{2m}} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \frac{\Gamma(1 + 1/m)}{\Gamma(3/2 + 1/m)} \right]$$

$$P^{ME}(\psi_1, \psi_2) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - |\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle|^{2m}}}{2} \quad m=1 \rightarrow P^{ME} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\langle P^{ME}(\psi_1, \psi_2) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin \theta \sqrt{1 - \cos^{2m}(\theta/2)} \right]$$

- n finite, $m \rightarrow \infty$



State comparison

- Unambiguous

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P^? = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{1}{d_n} [\Psi^{\otimes n}] \otimes \mathbb{I}_n$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{1}{d_n} \mathbb{I}_n \otimes [\Psi^{\otimes n}],$$

$$\mathbb{I} = [\Psi^{\otimes n}] \oplus [\Psi^{\otimes n}]^\perp$$

$$P^? = \frac{1}{d_n} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

- Minimum error

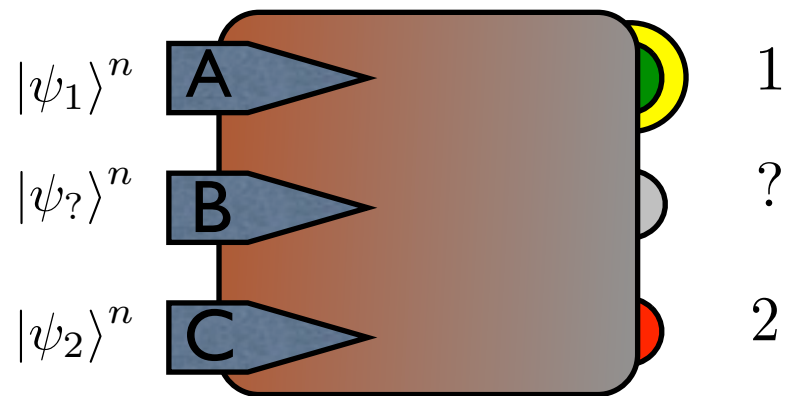
$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$$

$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{2} \|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\|)$$

$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \| [\Psi^{\otimes n}] \otimes [\Psi^{\otimes n}]^\perp - [\Psi^{\otimes n}]^\perp \otimes [\Psi^{\otimes n}] \| \right)$$

$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2}{2(n+1)} \| [\Psi^{\otimes n}] \otimes [\Psi^{\otimes n}]^\perp \| \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{n}{n+1} \right)$$

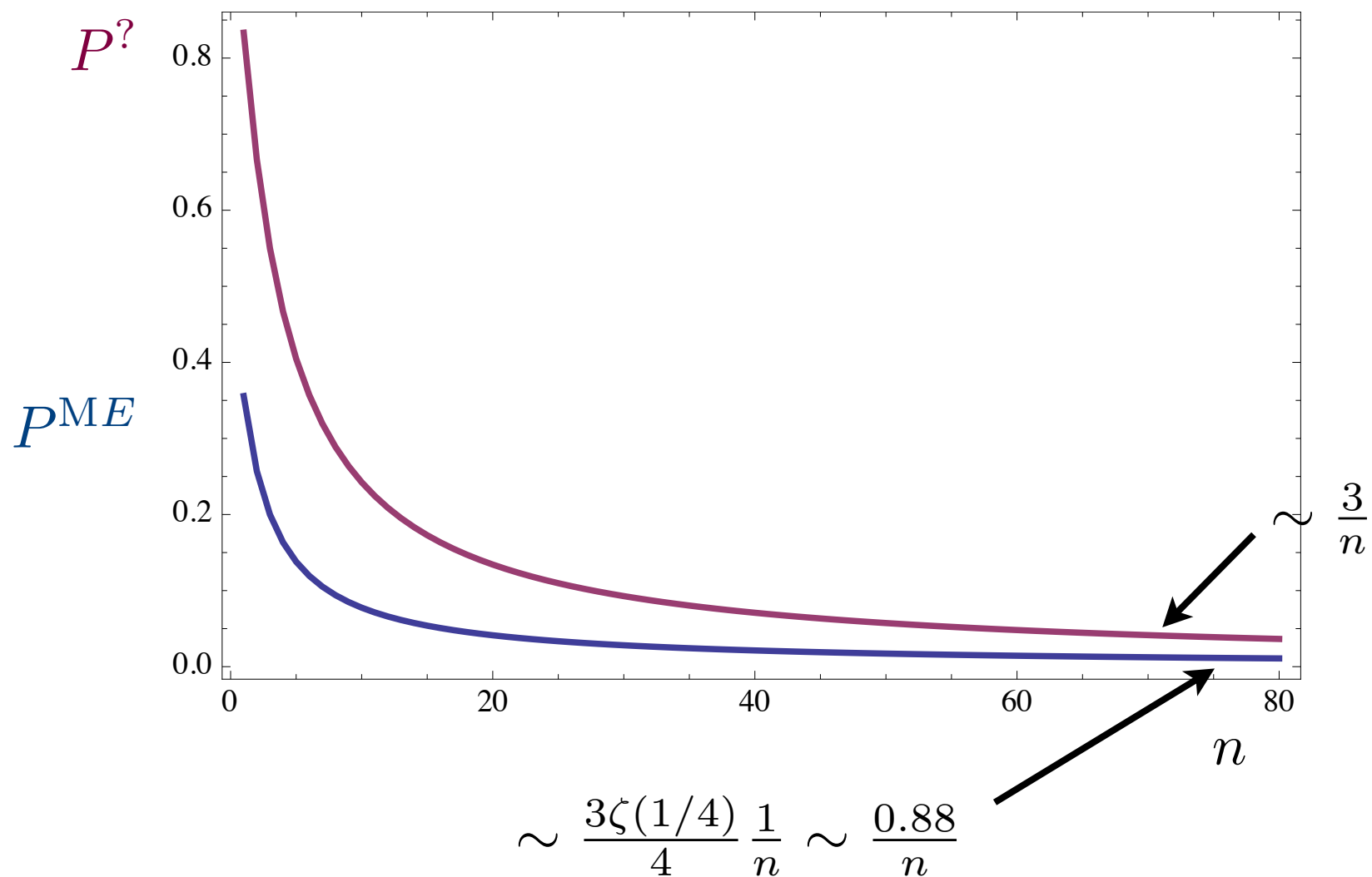
• $n=m \rightarrow \infty$



$$\zeta(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - x^k}\right)$$

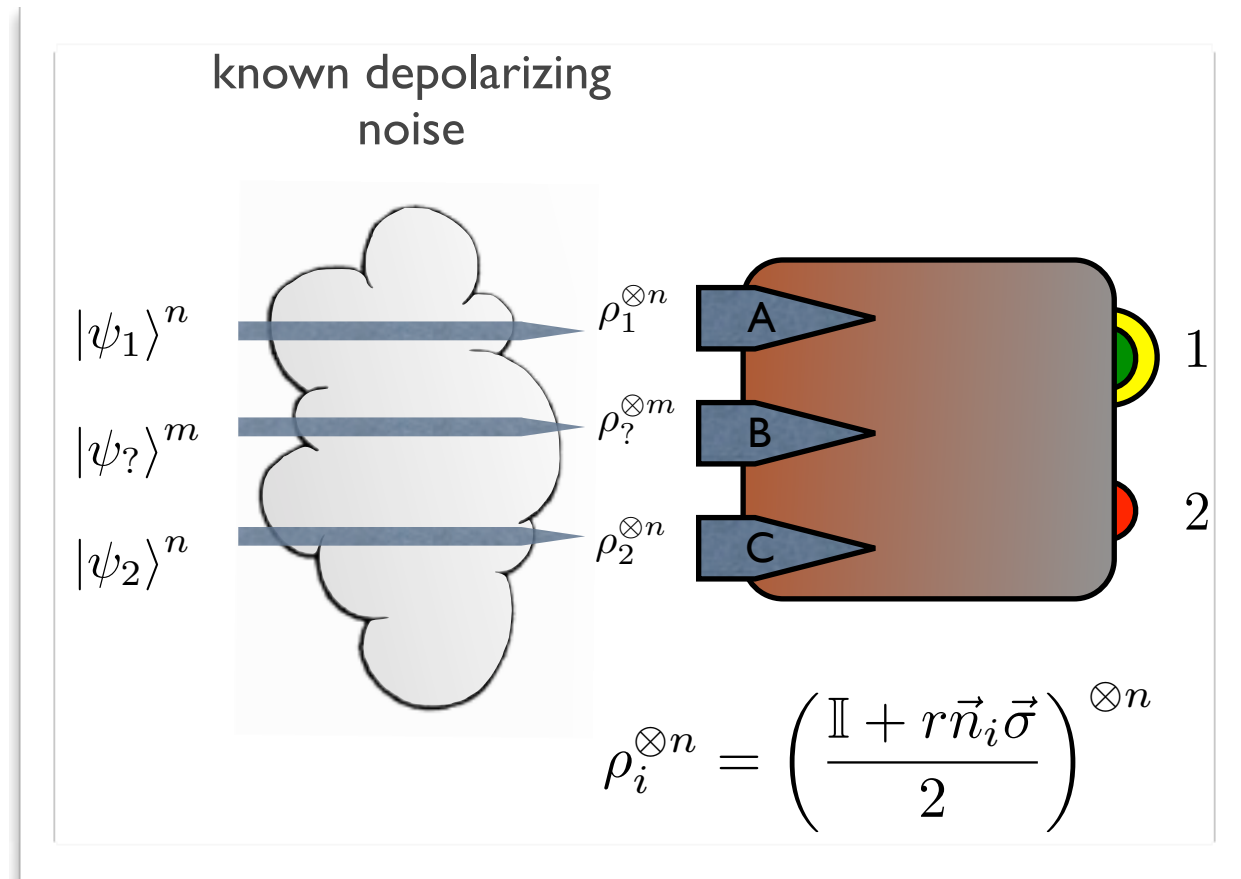
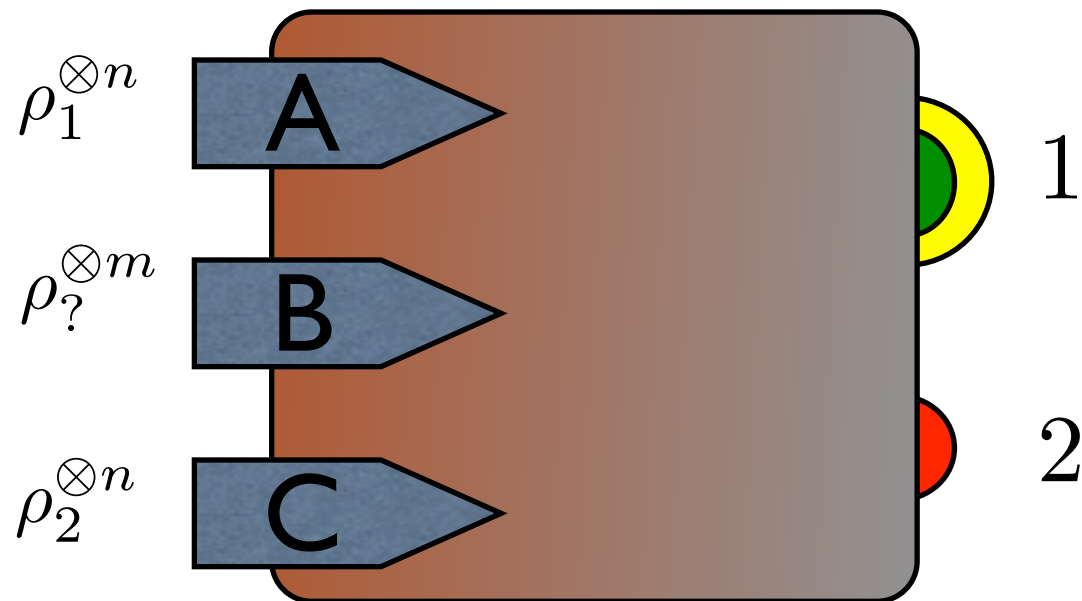
$$\lim_{m=n \rightarrow \infty} P^? = \frac{3}{n} + \dots$$

$$\lim_{m=n \rightarrow \infty} P^{ME} = \frac{3\zeta(1/4)}{4n} + \dots \approx \frac{0.882}{n} + \dots$$



Mixed states

Minimum error only



$$\sigma_1 = \int dn_1 dn_2 \rho_{1A}^{\otimes n} \otimes \rho_{1B}^{\otimes m} \otimes \rho_{2C}^{\otimes n}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \int dn_1 dn_2 \rho_{1A}^{\otimes n} \otimes \rho_{2B}^{\otimes m} \otimes \rho_{2C}^{\otimes n}$$

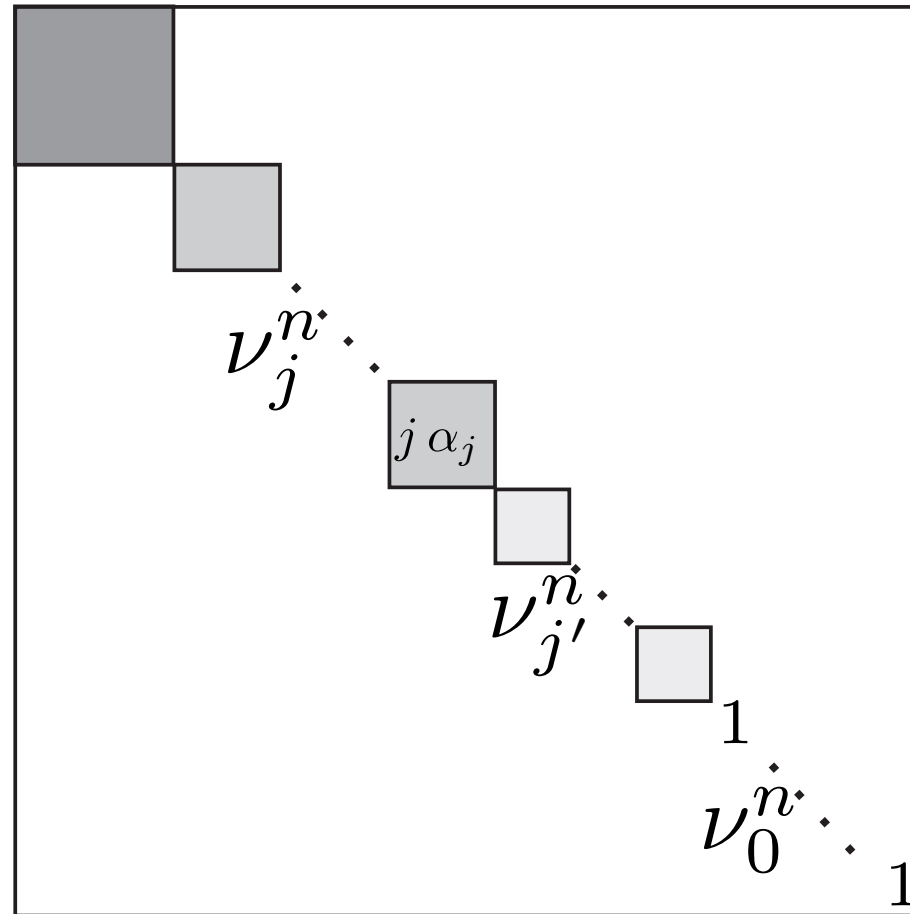
$$P^{\text{ME}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\| \right)$$

• Deconstruction

$$\rho^{\otimes n} = \left(\frac{\mathbb{I} + r \vec{n} \vec{\sigma}}{2} \right)^{\otimes n} = \quad \quad \quad = \bigoplus \rho^{\alpha_j j}$$

Multiplicity

$$\nu_j^n = \binom{n}{n/2 - j} \frac{2j + 1}{n/2 + j + 1}$$



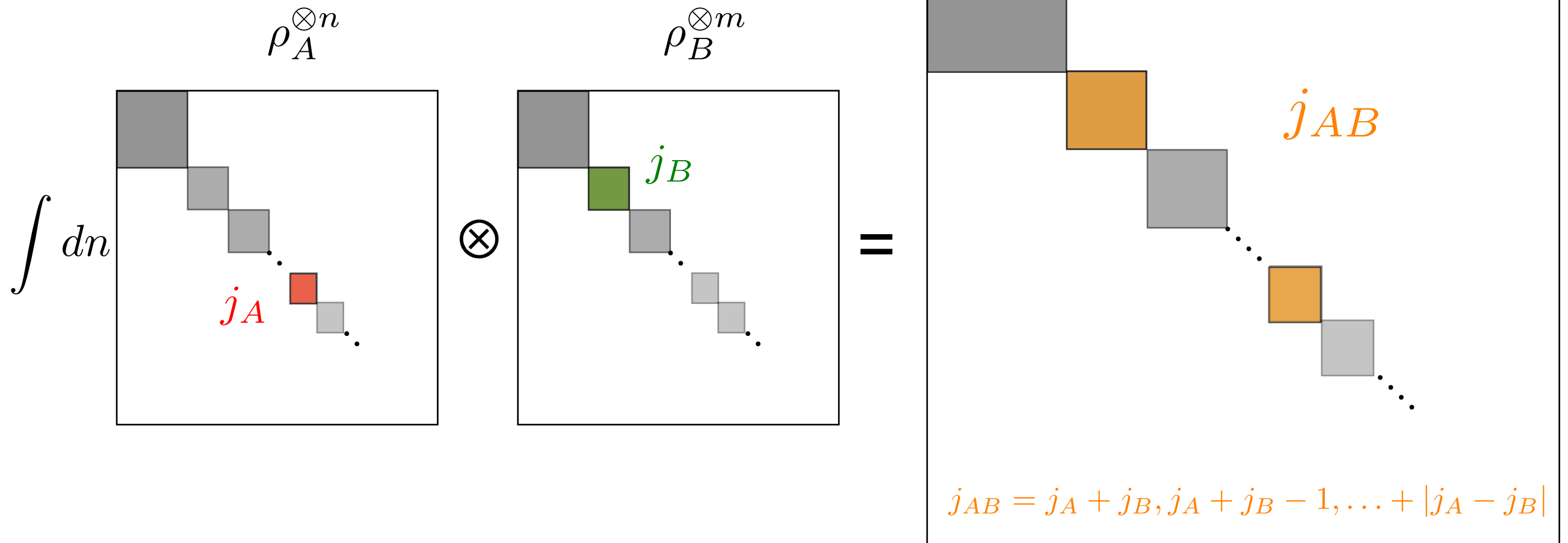
$$\text{tr} \rho^j = \left(\frac{1 - r^2}{4} \right)^{n/2 - j} \frac{1}{r} \left[\left(\frac{1 + r}{2} \right)^{2j + 1} - \left(\frac{1 - r}{2} \right)^{2j + 1} \right]$$

$$C_j^n = \frac{1}{2j + 1} \left(\frac{1 - r^2}{4} \right)^{n/2 - j} \frac{1}{r} \left[\left(\frac{1 + r}{2} \right)^{2j + 1} - \left(\frac{1 - r}{2} \right)^{2j + 1} \right]$$

$$\int dn \rho^{\otimes n} = \bigoplus_j \nu_j^n C_j^n \mathbb{I}_j$$

Total angular momentum basis

- Coupling two states



$$\rho_{AB} = \int dn_1 \rho_{1A}^{\otimes n} \otimes \rho_{1B}^{\otimes m} = \sum_{\xi_A \xi_B} \sum_{j_{AB} m_{AB}} C_{j_{AB}}^{n+m} |\xi_A \xi_B; j_{AB} m_{AB}\rangle \langle \xi_A \xi_B; j_{AB} m_{AB}|$$

$$\xi_X = \{j_X, \alpha_X\}$$

$$\rho_{AB} = \bigoplus_{j_A j_B j_{AB}} \nu_{j_A}^n \nu_{j_B}^m C_{j_{AB}}^{n+m} \mathbb{I}_{j_{AB}}^{(j_A j_B)}$$

•Coupling three states: the states σ 's

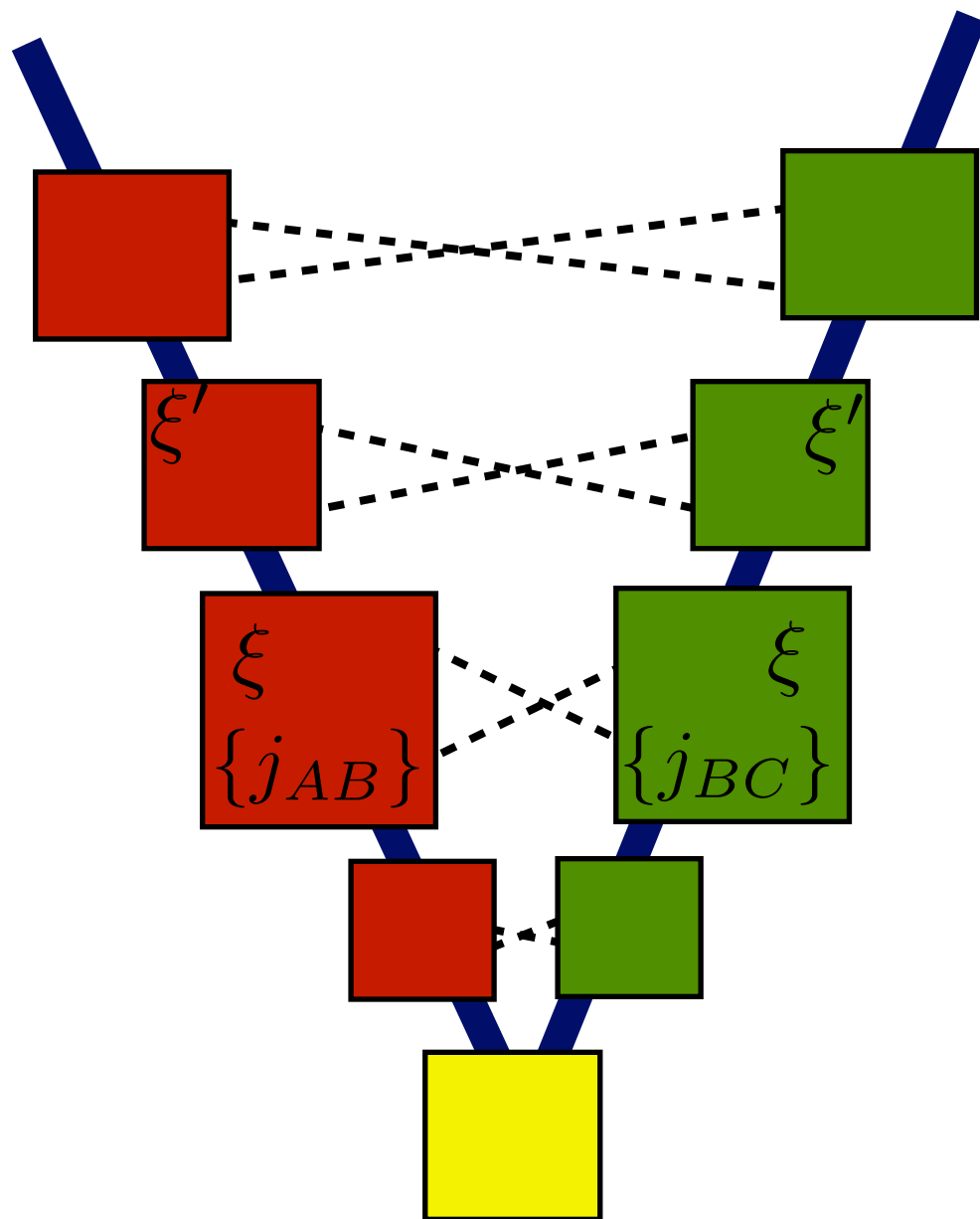
$$\sigma_1 = \sum_{\xi_A \xi_B \xi_C} \sum_{j_{AB}} \sum_{JM} C_{j_{AB}}^{n+m} C_{j_C}^n |\xi_A \xi_B \xi_C, j_{AB}; JM\rangle \langle \xi_A \xi_B \xi_C, j_{AB}; JM|$$

$$\sigma_2 = \{A \longleftrightarrow C\}$$

Compute the trace norm in: $P^{ME}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \|\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\| \right) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{2} T)$

- ★ Equivalent representations give identical contributions $\Rightarrow$ factor $\nu_{j_A}^n \nu_{j_B}^m \nu_{j_C}^n$
- ★ Overlaps are independent of the quantum number $M \Rightarrow$ multiply by $(2J+1)$
- ★ Define the set of relevant quantum numbers $\Rightarrow \xi = \{j_A, j_B, j_C, J\}$

★ Change of basis $|\xi_A \xi_B \xi_C, j_{BC}; JM\rangle \rightarrow |\xi_A \xi_B \xi_C, j_{AB}; JM\rangle$ Overlaps



$$\xi = \{j_A, j_B, j_C, J\}$$

$$\gamma_\xi = \nu_{j_A}^n \nu_{j_B}^m \nu_{j_C}^n (2J + 1)$$

$$\Lambda_{j_{AB}, j_{BC}}^{(\xi)} = \langle \xi, j_{AB} | \xi, j_{BC} \rangle$$

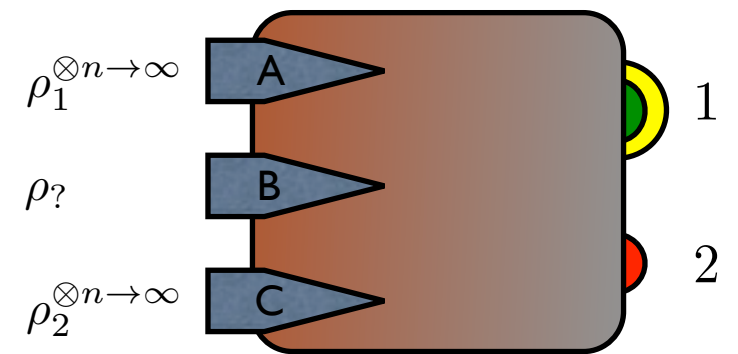
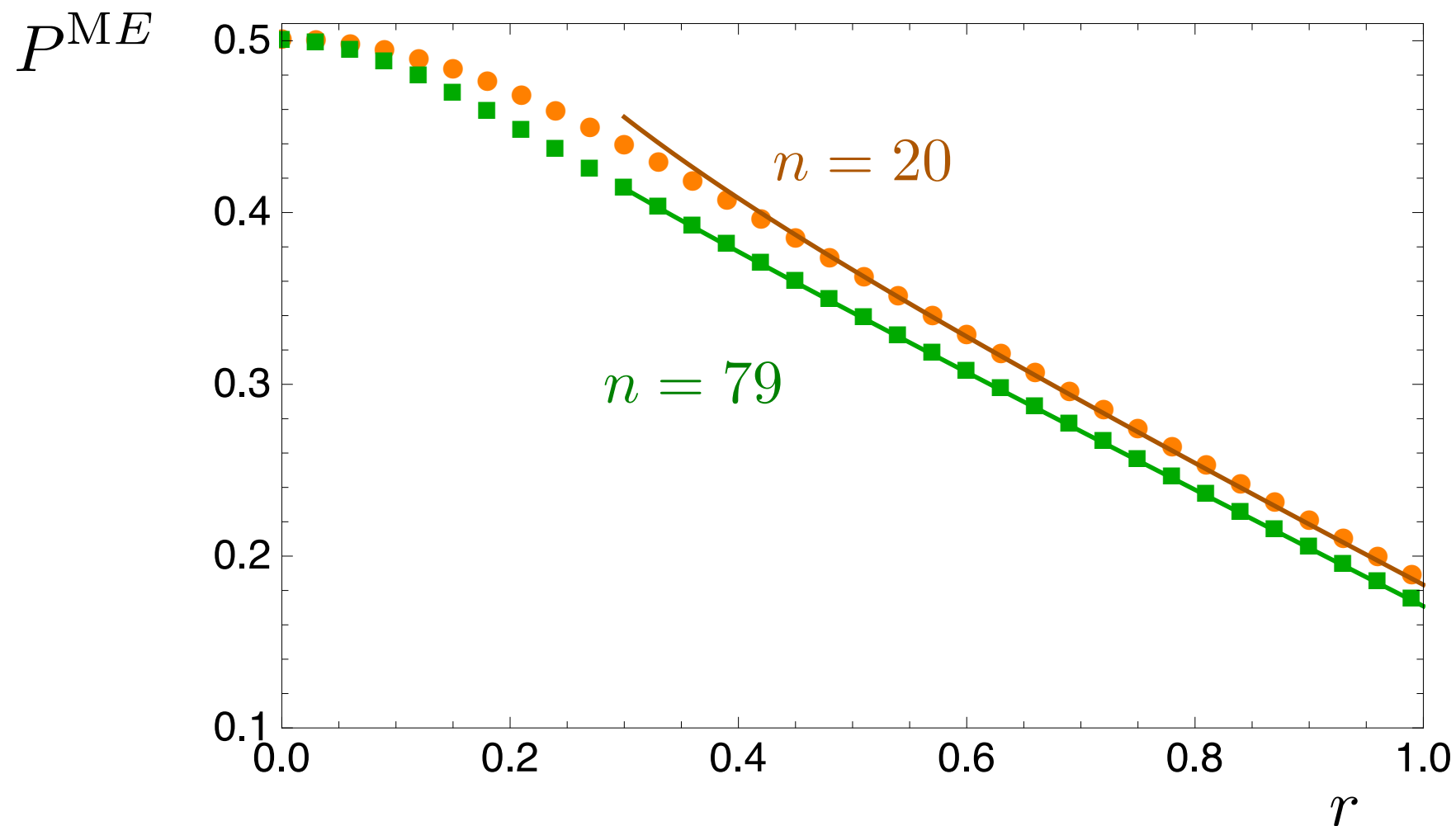
$$\propto \begin{Bmatrix} j_A & j_B & j_{AB} \\ j_C & J & j_{BC} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$T = \sum_{\xi} \gamma_{\xi} T^{\xi} = \sum_{\xi} \gamma_{\xi} \|\sigma_1^{(\xi)} - \Lambda^{(\xi)} \sigma_2^{(\xi)} \Lambda^{(\xi)T}\|$$

$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\xi} \gamma_{\xi} T^{\xi} \right)$$

Results

• $n \times 1 \times n$



• $1 \times 1 \times 1$

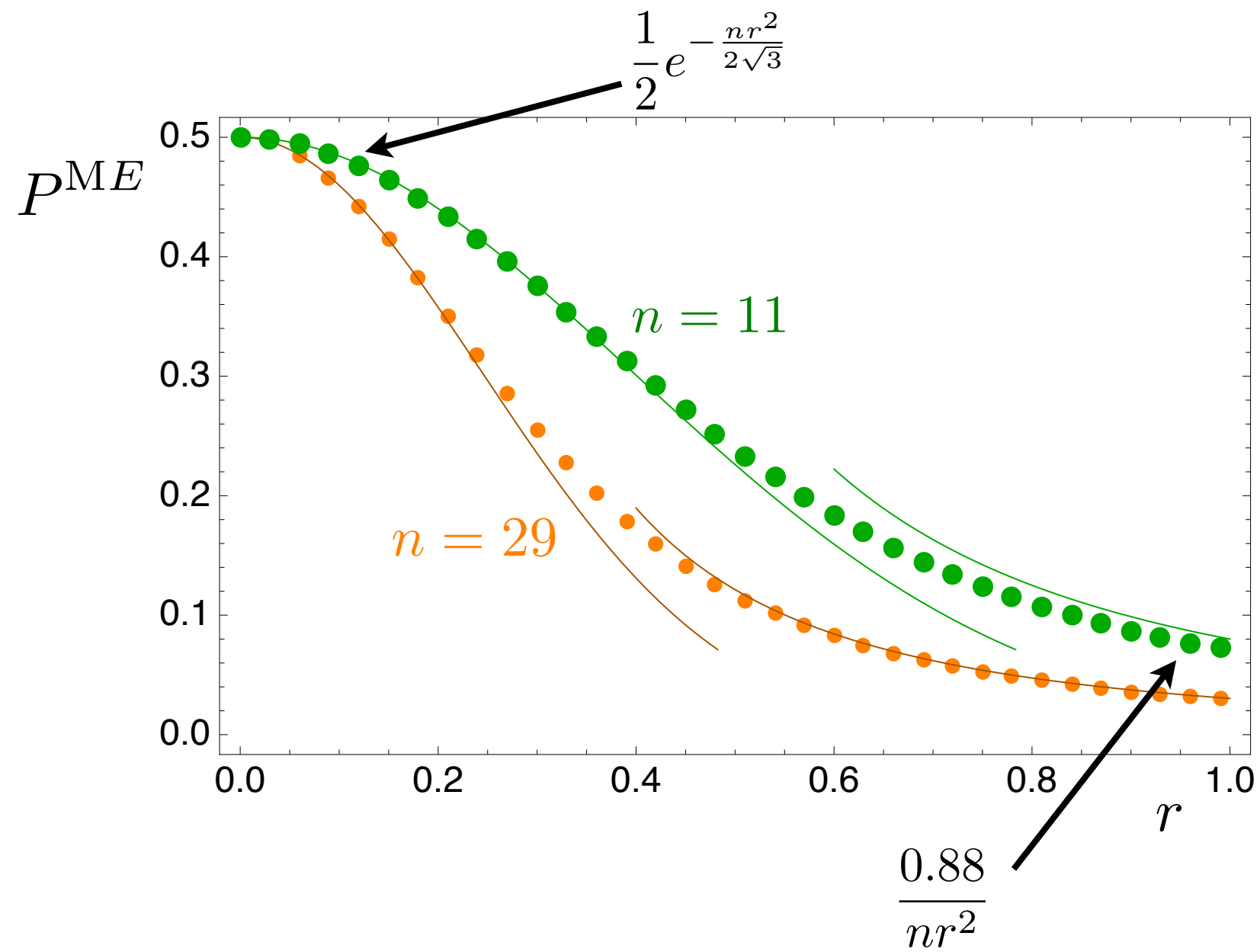
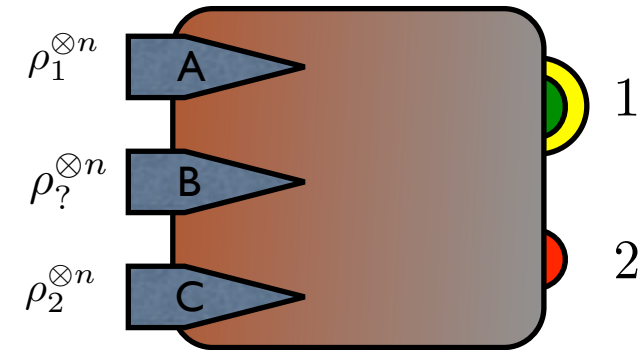
$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{2\sqrt{3}} \right).$$

Exact asymptotic expression:

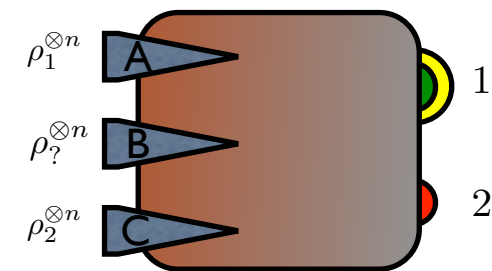
$n \rightarrow \infty$: Average Minimum Error

$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{r}{3} + \frac{1}{3rn}$$

• $n \times n \times n$



(Trully) Universal Discriminator



- Nothing is known about the states, not even its purity
- Average over purity prior distribution
- No unique (reasonable) prior distribution

Hard sphere

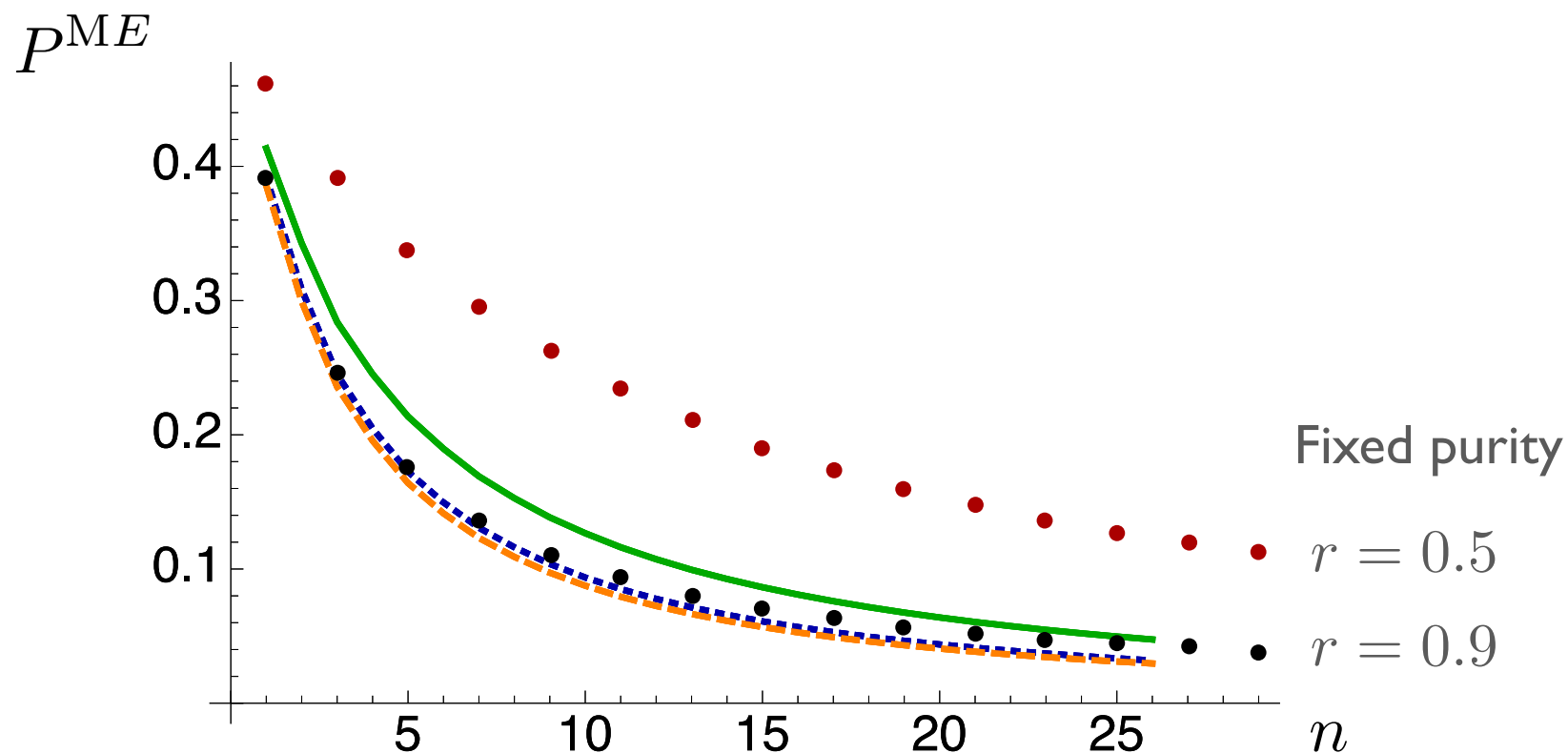
$$d\rho^{\text{HS}} = 3r^2 dr \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$$

Bures

$$d\rho^{\text{Bu}} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{1-r^2}} dr \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$$

Chernoff

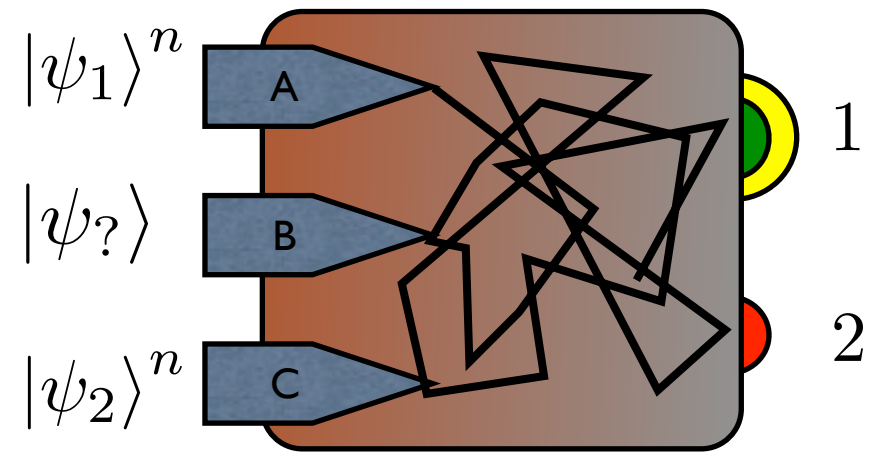
$$d\rho^{\text{Ch}} = \frac{1}{\pi - 2} \frac{(\sqrt{1+r} - \sqrt{1-r})^2}{\sqrt{1-r^2}} dr \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$$



MAD machines

Do programmable machines require the use of full quantum correlations?

- Measure $\rightarrow$ obtain guesses
- Discriminate as if the guesses were correct
- Average over all input states
(in general average first, here is the same)



• $n \times 1 \times n$

$$\tilde{P}^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3n}$$

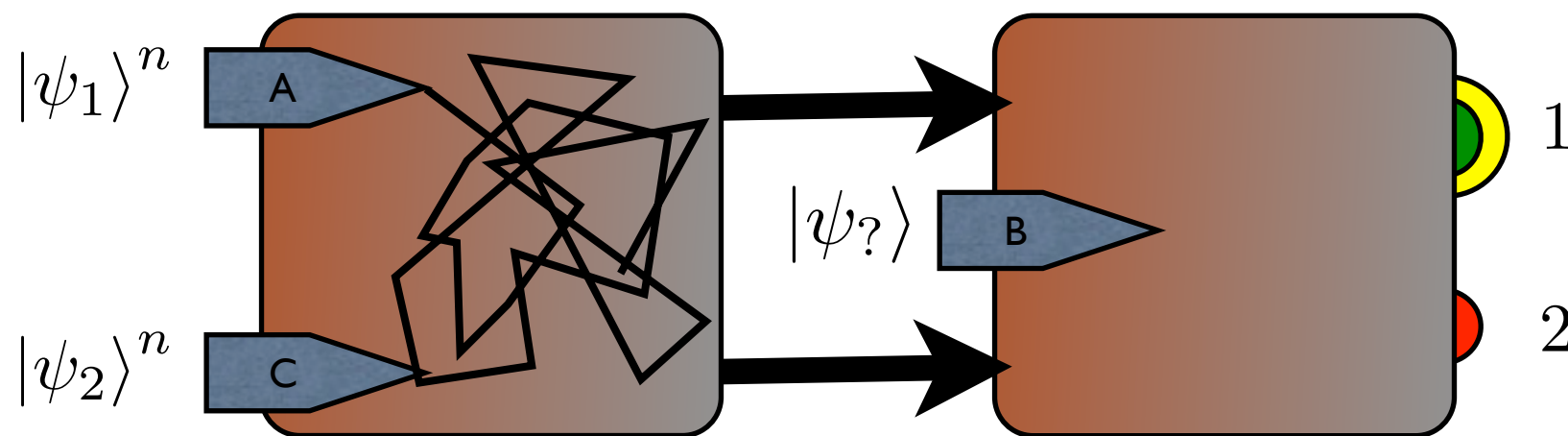
$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3n}$$

- Leading term coincides.
- Subleading term is a factor TWO larger (pure).

Quantum correlations
seem to play a crucial role

MAD machines II

- Measure at the program ports with generalized measurement
- Discriminate at the data port
- ➡ No quantum memory would be required



- Measurement that prepares most orthogonal states
- ➡ $n \times n$ EXACTLY the optimal error probability

$$P^{\text{ME}} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3n}$$

Summary

- General expressions for unambiguous and minimum error probabilities (pure and mixed)
- State discrimination and state comparison is recovered
- Considered the universal discrimination machine
- Local MAD machines, a factor of two worse
- General MAD machines can match the optimal error probability.

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