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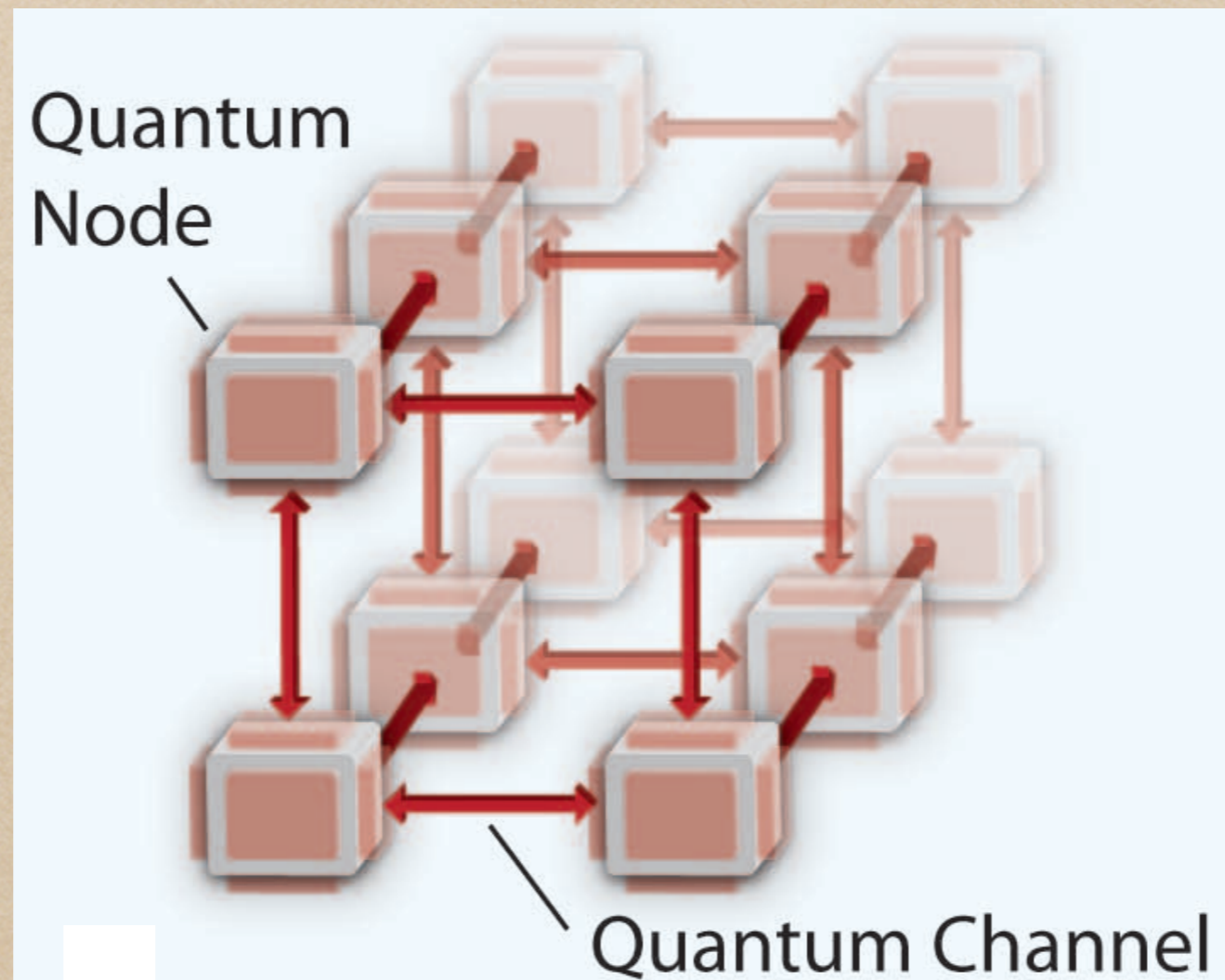
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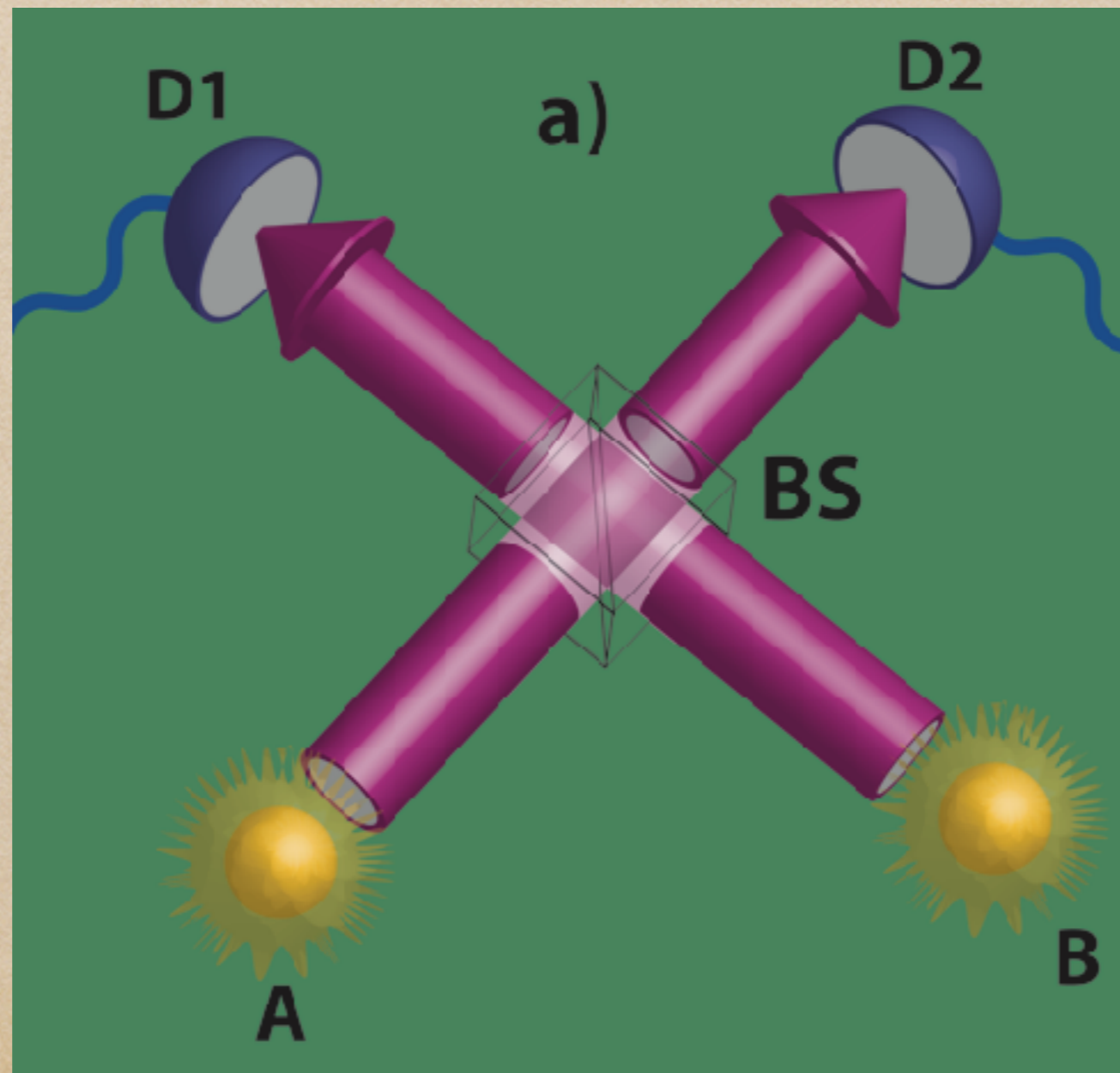
Quantum internet?



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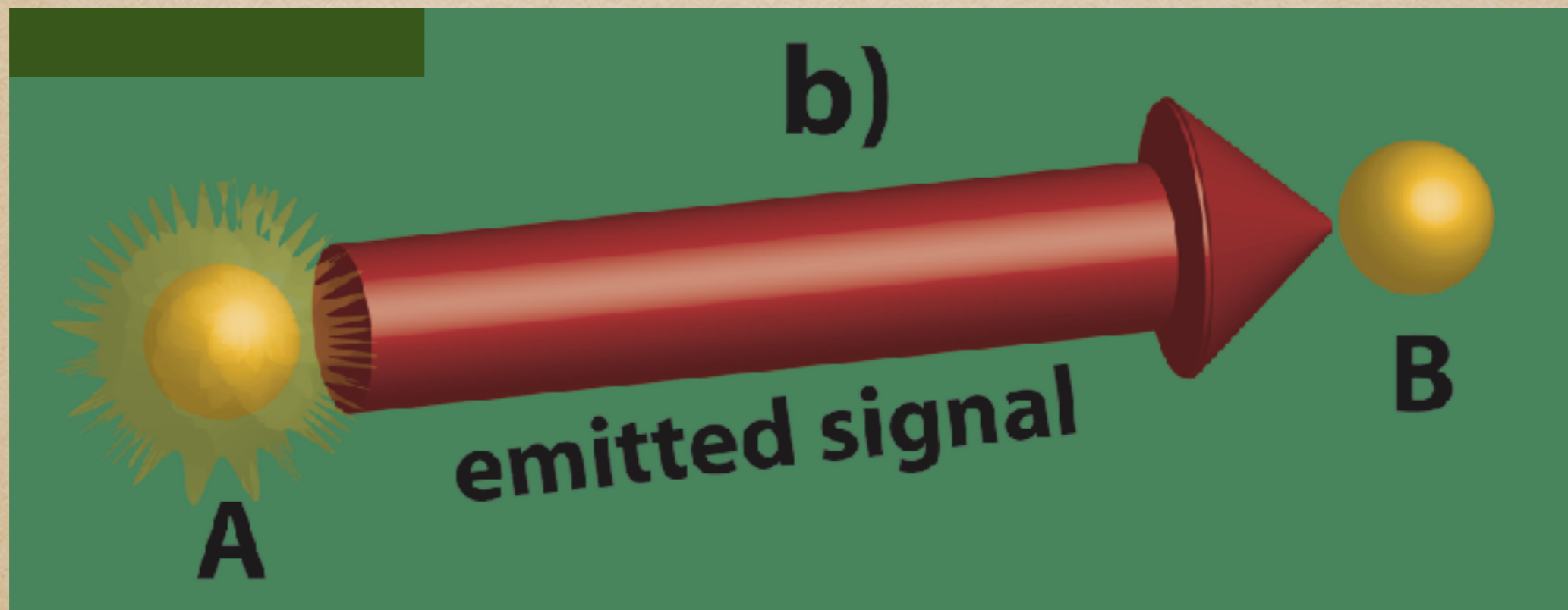


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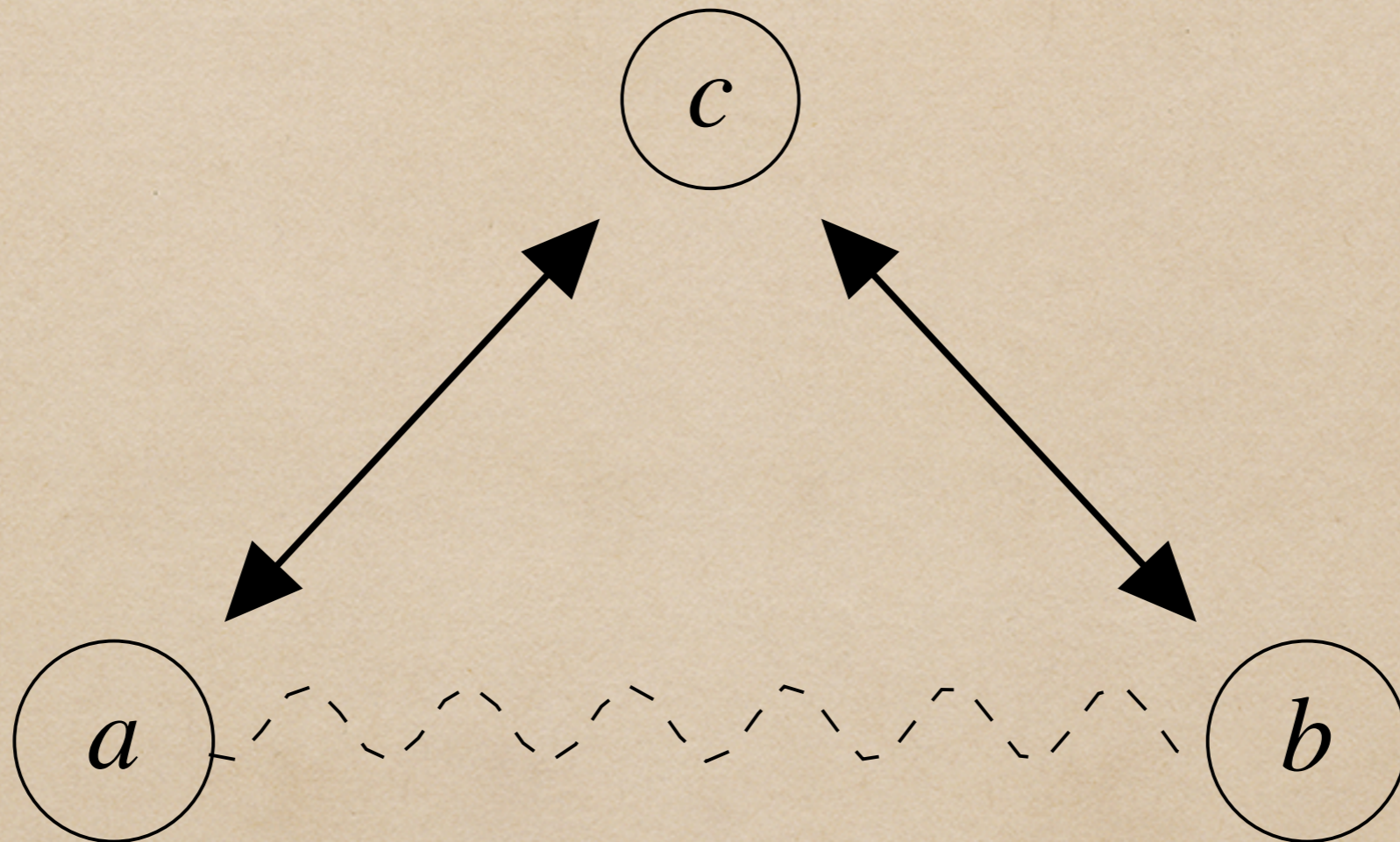
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The Cubitt et al. protocol



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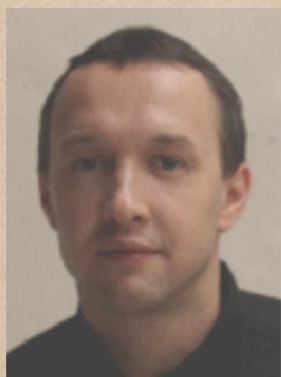
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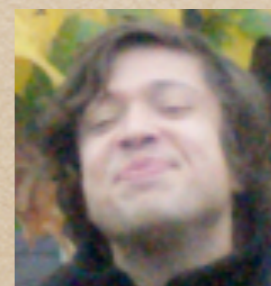


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Talk: “distributing entanglement
through separable states”



Alex Streltsov (Dusseldorf) :
“We have the same results..”



The paper(s)

Quantum Cost for Sending Entanglement

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Quantum Discord Bounds the Amount of Distributed Entanglement

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Using Separable Bell-Diagonal States to Distribute Entanglement

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Principia discordiae



K. Modi, A. Brodutch, H. Cable, T. Paterek,
and V. Vedral, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 84, 1655 (2012)



Separable=classical?

$$\rho = |+\rangle_A \langle +| \otimes |0\rangle_B \langle 0| + |1\rangle_A \langle 1| \otimes |1\rangle_B \langle 1|$$

$$|+\rangle = (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) / \sqrt{2}$$

Two non-orthogonal states are not perfectly distinguishable

A projective measurement still perturbs the state

The eigenstates of the density matrix could well be superpositions
(even entangled, although this is not the case here..)

In general, separable states do not have classical nature



A new classification

Definition 1. A bipartite state ρ is: (i) separable [20] if it can be written as $\sum_k p_k \sigma_k^A \otimes \sigma_k^B$, where p_k is a probability distribution and each σ_k^X is a quantum state, and entangled if non-separable; (ii) classical-quantum (CQ) if it can be written as $\sum_i p_i |i\rangle\langle i| \otimes \sigma_i^B$, where $\{|i\rangle\}$ is an orthonormal set, $\{p_i\}$ is a probability distribution and σ_i^B are quantum states; (iii) classical-classical (CC), or (strictly) classically correlated [3, 5], if there are two orthonormal sets $\{|i\rangle\}$ and $\{|j\rangle\}$ such that $\rho = \sum_{ij} p_{ij} |i\rangle\langle i| \otimes |j\rangle\langle j|$, with p_{ij} a joint probability distribution for the indexes (i, j) .

M. Piani, P. Horodecki, and R. Horodecki, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 090502 (2008)



Classical picture

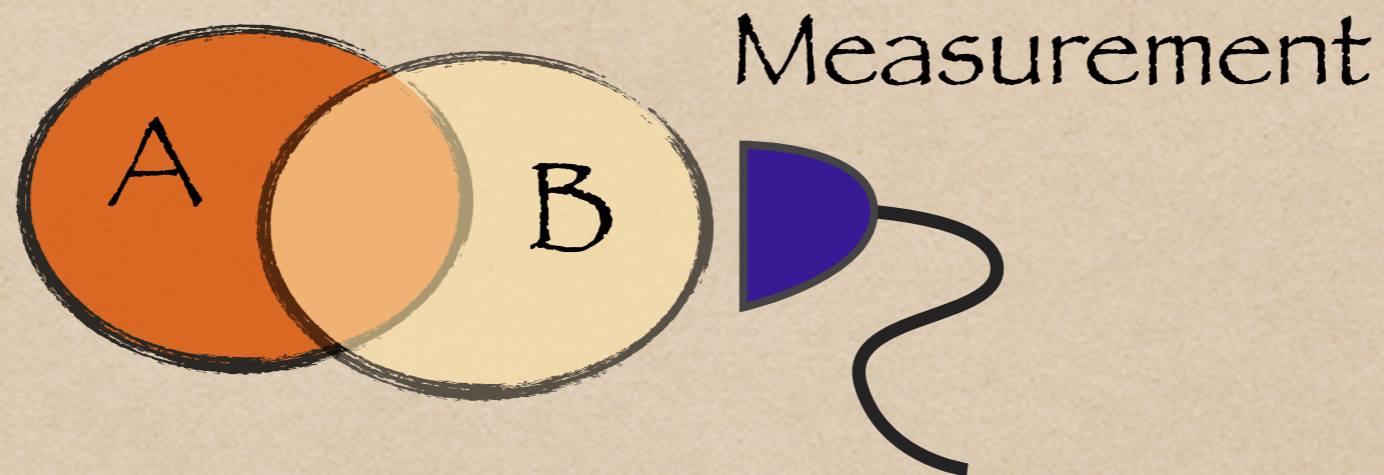
$$I(A : B) = H(A) + H(B) - H(A, B)$$

$$J(A : B) = H(A) - H(A|B)$$

$$J(B : A) = H(B) - H(B|A)$$

$$I(A : B) = J(A : B) = J(B : A)$$

(Bayes)



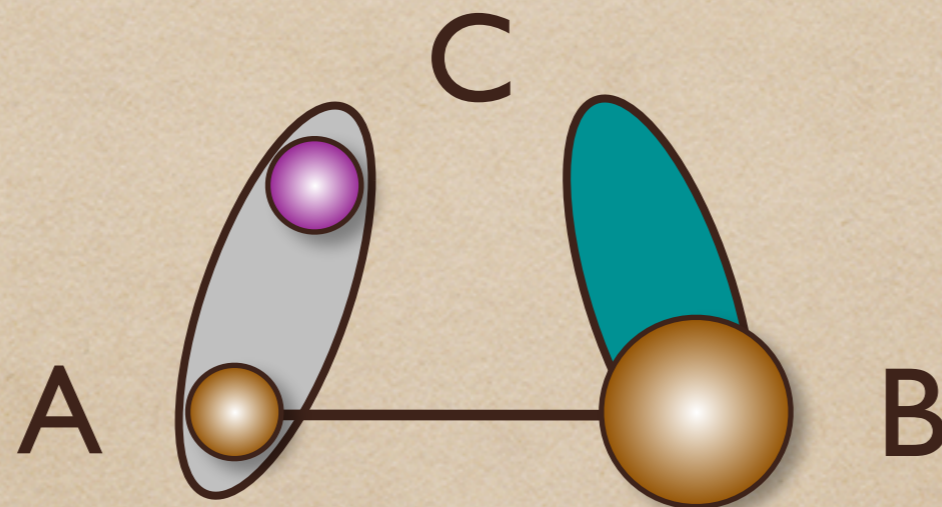
\mathcal{D} = Total correlations - Total amount of classical (quantum+classical) correlations

classical \neq separable

The set of zero-discord states is zero-measure

Take-home message

The entanglement-gain in a quantum communication protocol is bound by the degree of pre-available quantum discord

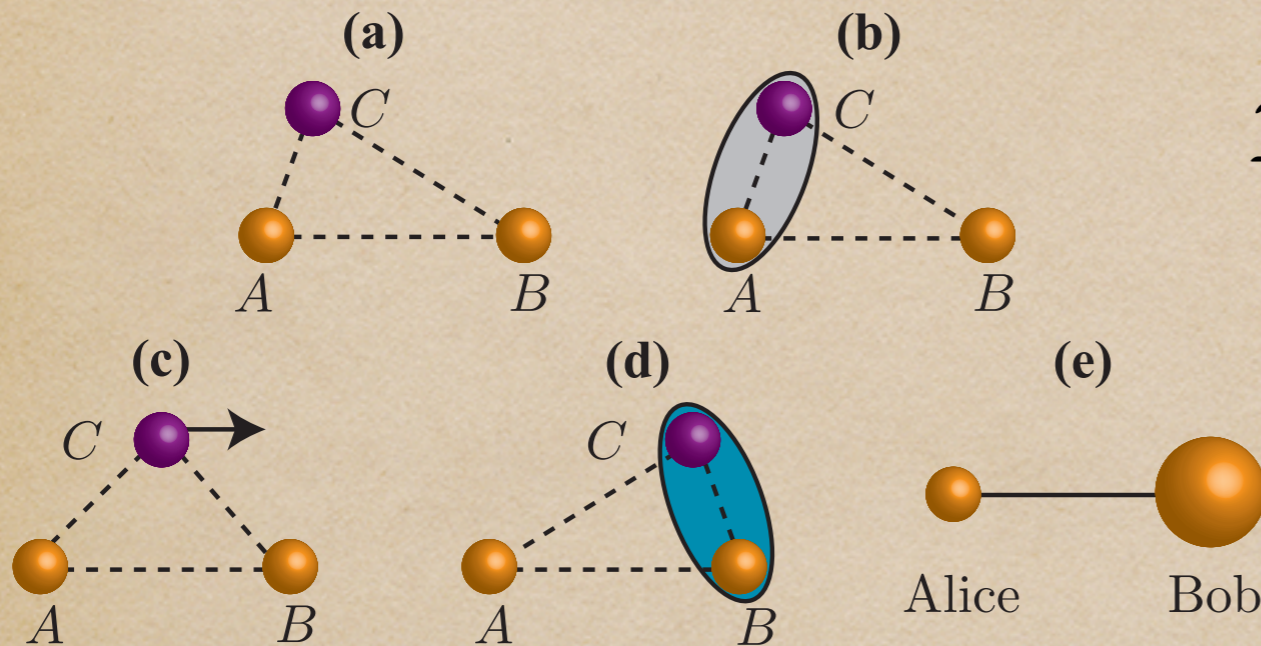


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Goal 1: discord is key

Natural..

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{final}} - \mathcal{I}_{\text{initial}} \leq \mathcal{I}_{\text{comm}}$$



Expected...

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{final}} - \mathcal{E}_{\text{in}} \leq \mathcal{E}_{\text{comm}}$$

True...

Theorem 1.—For any tripartite state $\rho = \rho_{ABC}$ it holds

$$|\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\rho) - \mathcal{E}_{AC:B}(\rho)| \leq \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho)$$



Discord is key

Lemma 1. Given $\rho = \rho_{ABC}$, consider Π_C^* , the optimal projective measurement on C for the sake of $\mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho)$. Let p_i be the probability of outcome i for such a measurement, and ρ_{AB}^i be the corresponding conditional states of AB ; i.e., $\Pi_C^*(\rho_{ABC}) = \sum_i p_i \rho_{AB}^i \otimes |i\rangle\langle i|_C$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\rho) &\leq \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho) + \sum_i p_i \mathcal{E}_{A:B}(\rho_{AB}^i) \\ &= \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho) + \mathcal{E}_{A:CB}[\Pi_C^*(\rho)] \\ &= \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho) + \mathcal{E}_{AC:B}[\Pi_C^*(\rho)]. \end{aligned}$$

K., M., & P. Horodecki, and J. Oppenheim, Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 200501 (2005)

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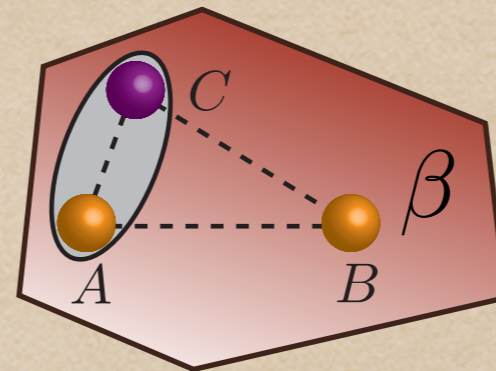
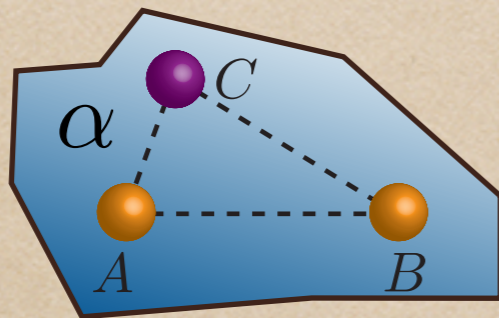
$$|\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\rho) - \mathcal{E}_{AC:B}(\rho)| \leq \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho).$$

Proof.— $\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\rho) \leq \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho) + \mathcal{E}_{AC:B}(\Pi_C^*(\rho))$
 $\leq \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\rho) + \mathcal{E}_{AC:B}(\rho)$

finally, invert the role of A and B

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Entanglement distribution via separable states



$$\beta = \mathcal{M}_{AC}(\alpha)$$

Using Theorem 1: $\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\beta) \leq \mathcal{E}_{AC:B}(\alpha) + \mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\beta)$

Suppose $\mathcal{D}_{AB|C}(\beta) = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = \sum_i p_i \rho_{AB}^i \otimes |i\rangle\langle i|_C$

$$\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\beta) \leq \mathcal{E}_{AC:B}(\alpha)$$

impossible to distribute entanglement via
LOCC!

The resolution of frustration

General (Cubitt et al.) framework: what we want

$$\mathcal{E}_{B:AC}(\alpha) = 0$$

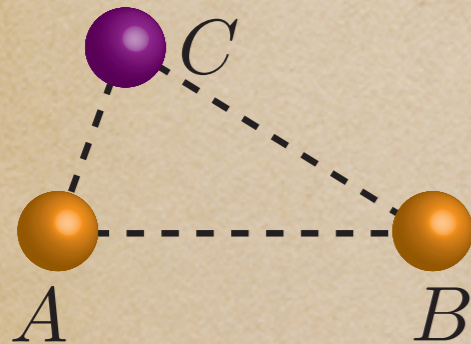
$$\mathcal{E}_{C:AB}(\beta) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{A:BC}(\beta) > 0$$

1) Swap B and C & consider that discord is nonincreasing under operations on the unmeasured party

2) Use Theorem 1

$$\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\beta) \leq \mathcal{E}_{AB:C}(\beta) + \mathcal{D}_{AC|B}(\alpha)$$



3) If condition holds, then

$$\mathcal{E}_{A:CB}(\beta) \leq \mathcal{D}_{AC|B}(\alpha)$$

4) For C initially uncorrelated with A&B

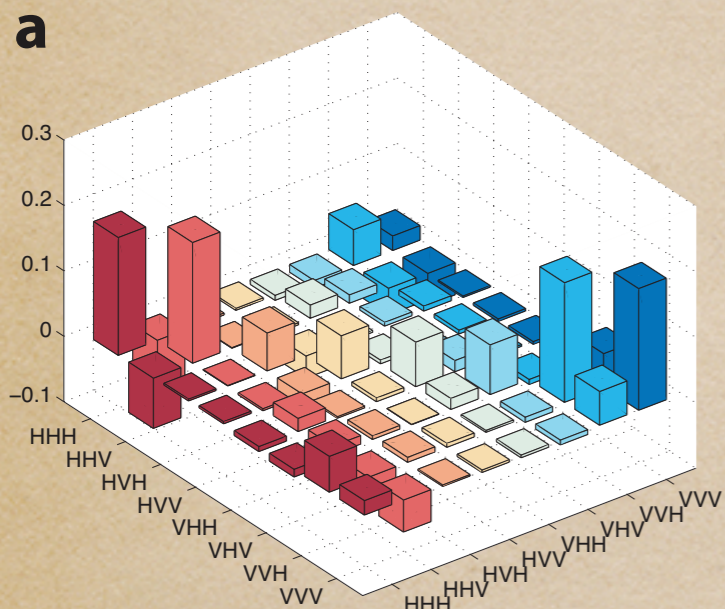
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Precisely what Cubitt et al. had.....

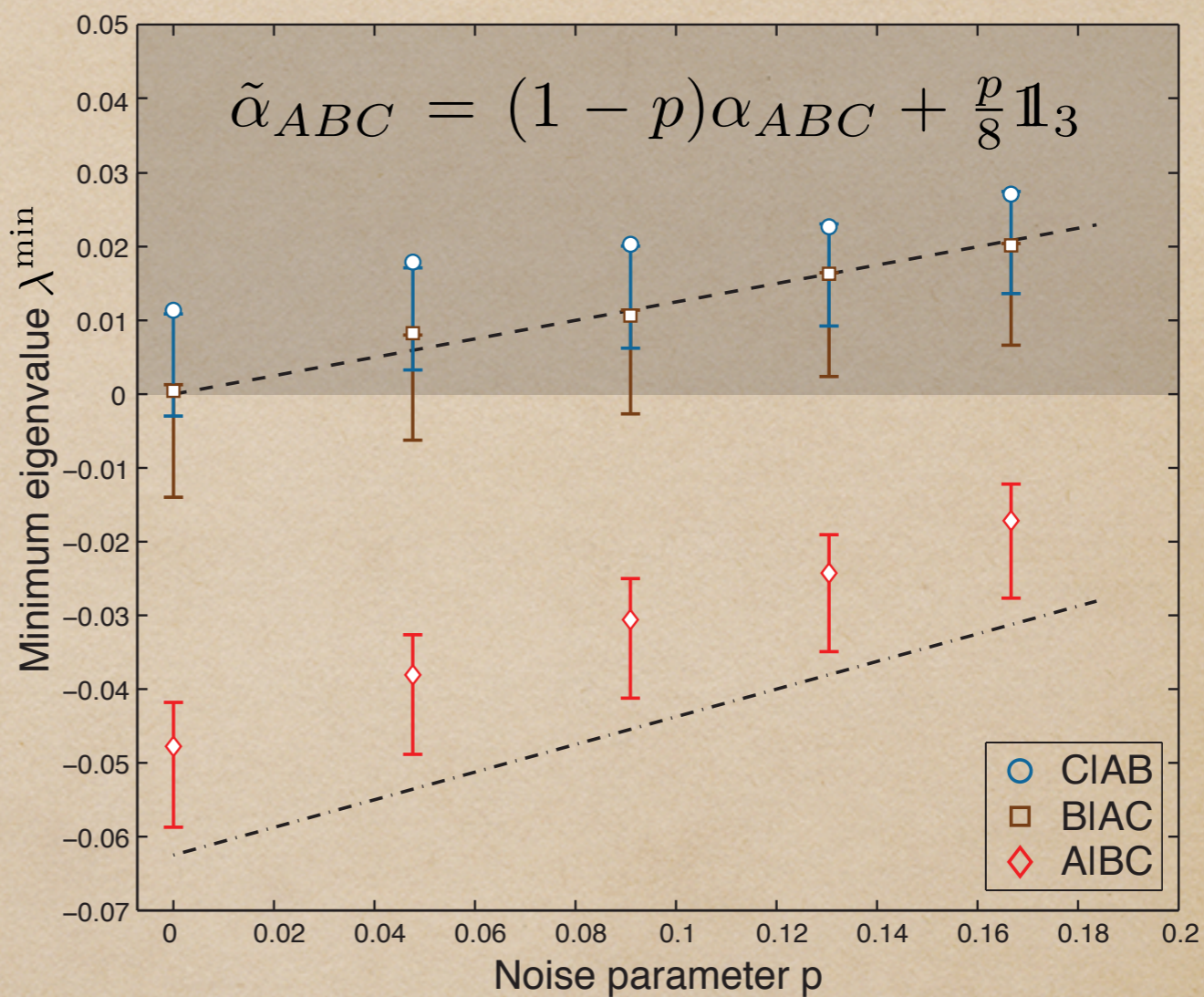
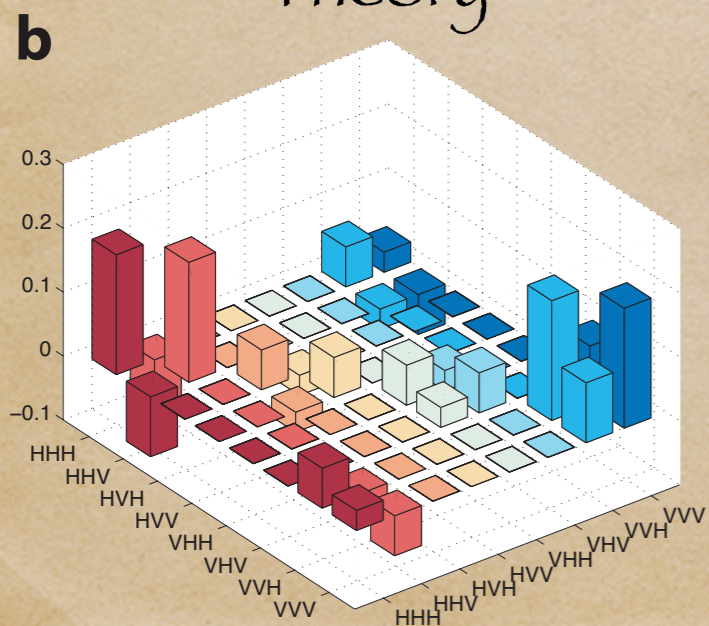


An experimental test

Experiment

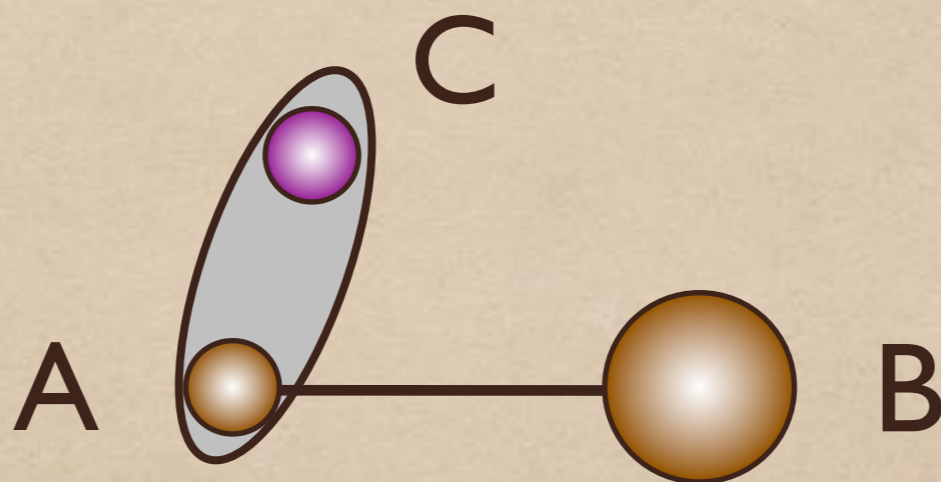


Theory



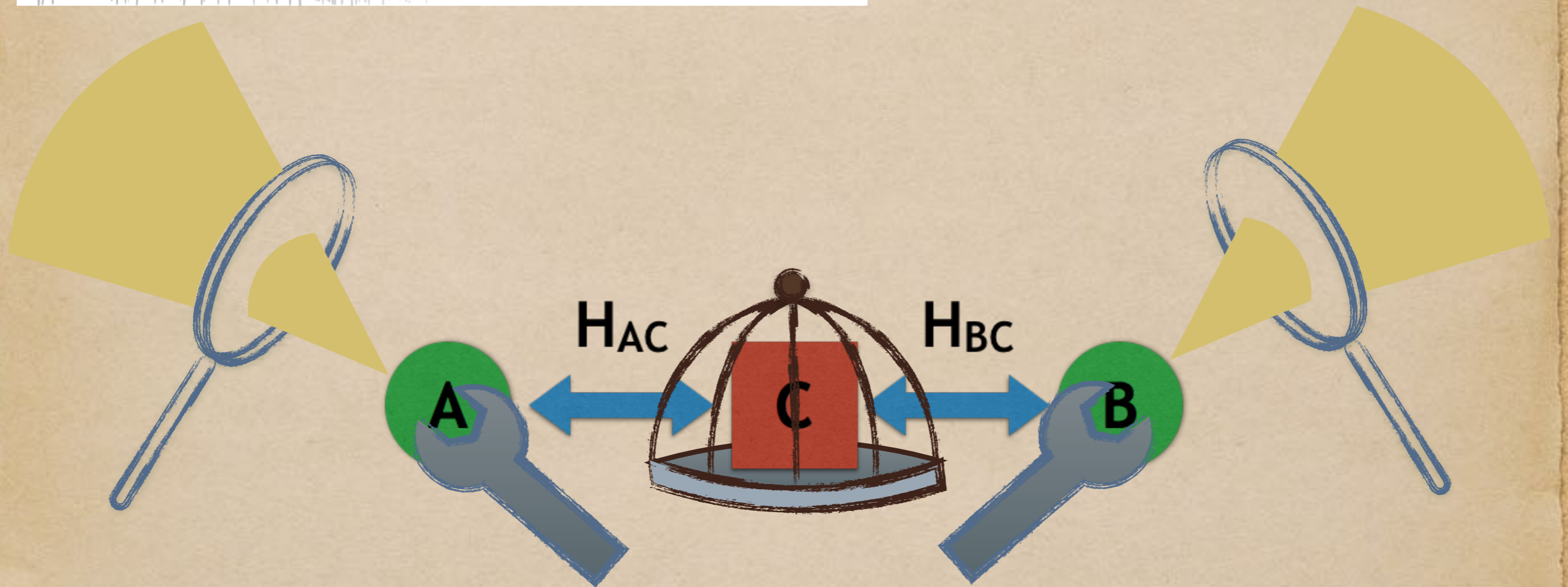
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For any tripartite state $\rho = \rho_{ABC}$ it holds

$$|E_{A:BC}(t) - E_{AC:B}(t)| \leq D_{AB|C}(t)$$



First assume that $E_{AC:B}(0) - E_{A:BC}(0) \leq D_{AB|C}(0)$,
 $[H_{AC}, H_{BC}] = 0$ $E'_{A:BC} - E'_{AC:B} \leq D'_{AB|C}(\text{after } H_{AC})$

τ is the final time of the experiment



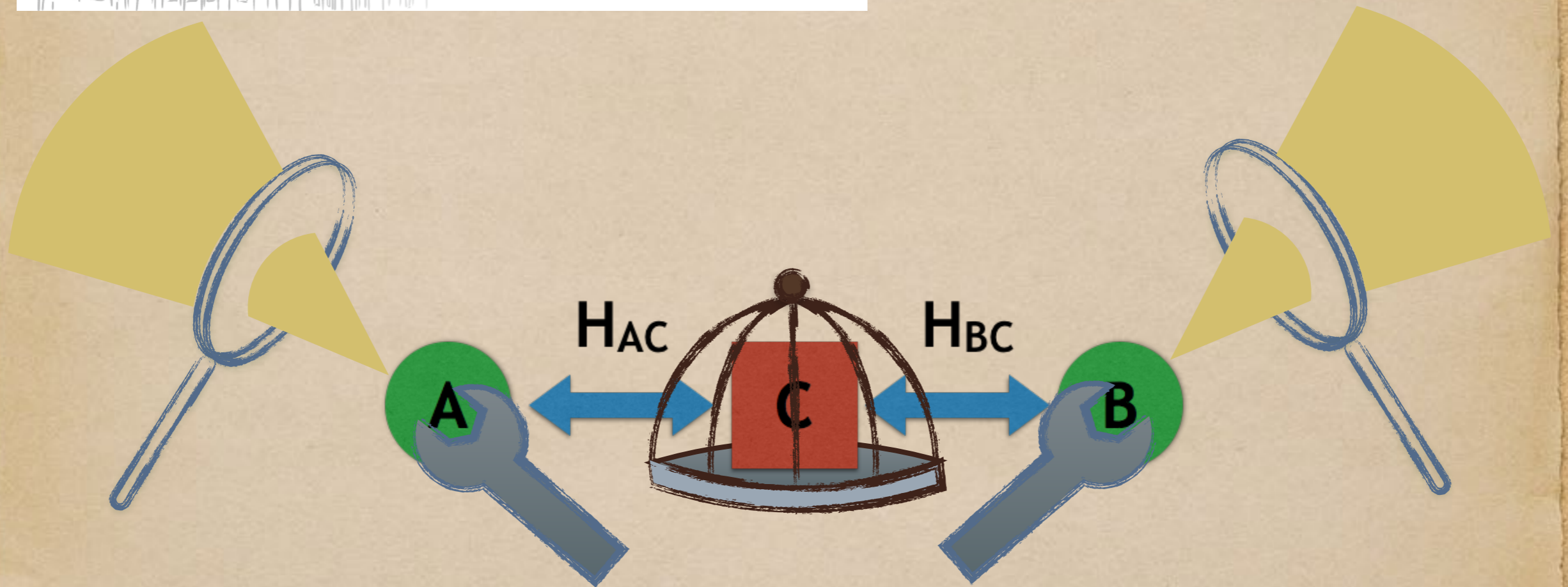
The general setting

$$\begin{aligned} E'_{AC:B} &= E_{AC:B}(0) - E_{A:BC}(0) \leq D_{AB|C}(0), \\ E'_{A:BC} - E'_{AC:B} &\leq D'_{AB|C}(\text{after } H_{AC}) \\ &\parallel \\ &E_{A:BC}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{A:BC}(\tau) - E_{A:BC}(0) \leq D_{AB|C}(0) + D'_{AB|C}$$

Entanglement gain in partition A : BC mediated by C
Non-classicality of C entails an entanglement gain

The general setting



$$[H_{AC}, H_{BC}] \neq 0 \quad U = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(e^{-iH_{BC}\Delta t} e^{-iH_{AC}\Delta t} \right)^n$$

$$\Delta t = \tau/n \rightarrow 0. \quad E_{A:BC}(\Delta t) - E_{A:BC}(0) \leq D_{AB|C}(0) + D'_{AB|C}$$



Can “C” be classical
and exploitable?

Can entanglement be increased by interacting with an
always classical C?

Theorem. *For a three party system with Hamiltonian $H_{AC} + H_{BC}$, entanglement $E_{A:BC}$ is constant if discord $D_{AB|C} = 0$ at all times.*

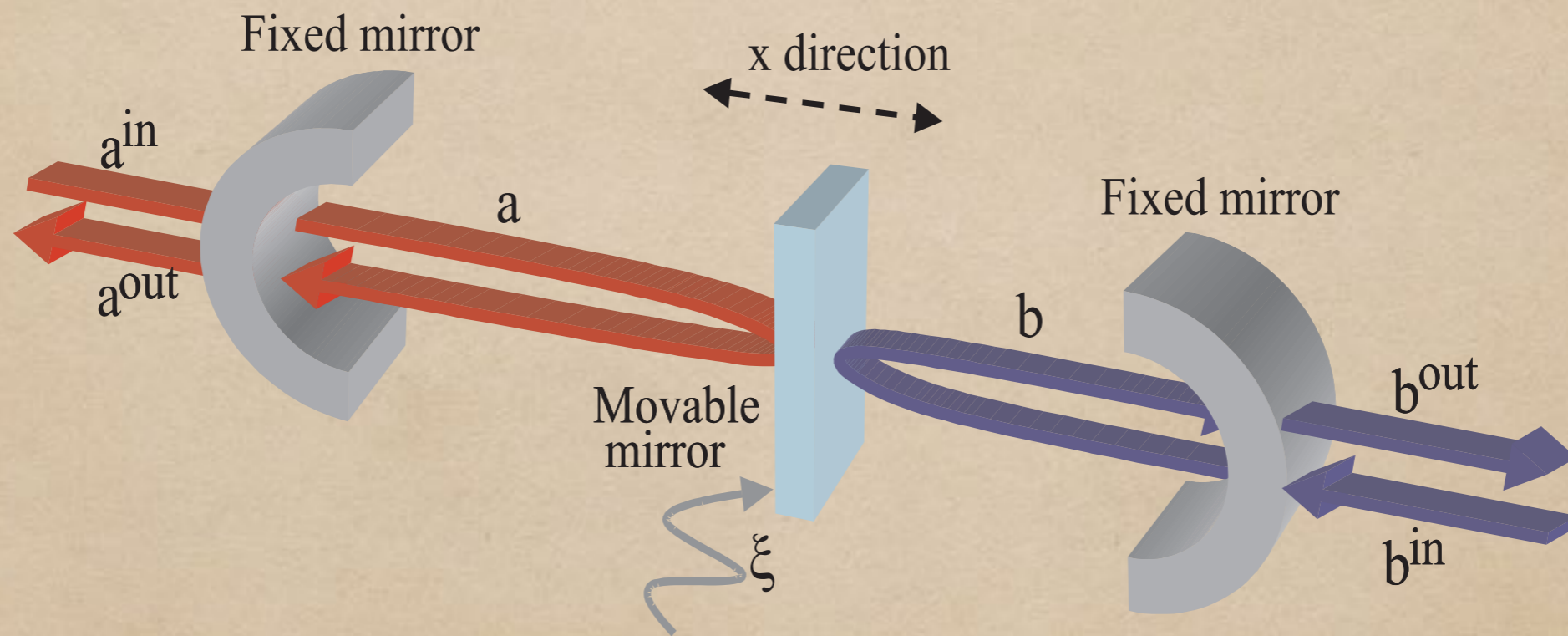
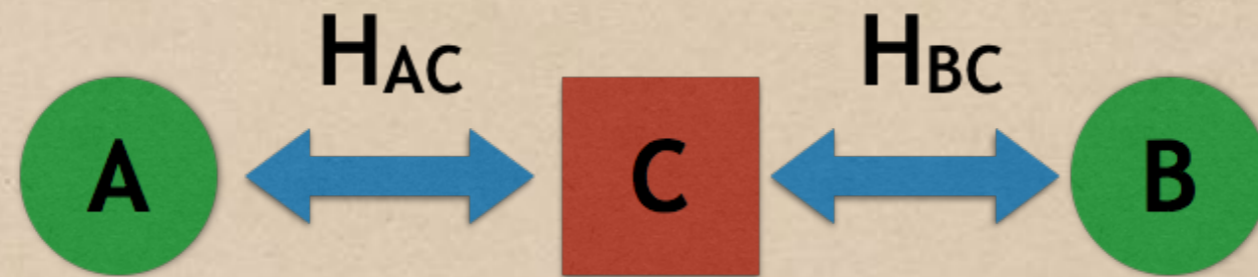
Perfect position to study the non-classical nature of C
from the observation of A&B only!



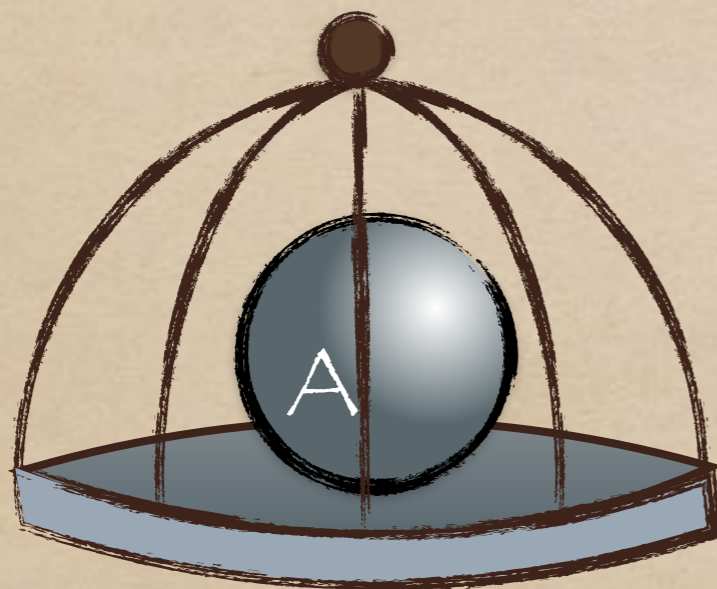
Entanglement gain is a good candidate...



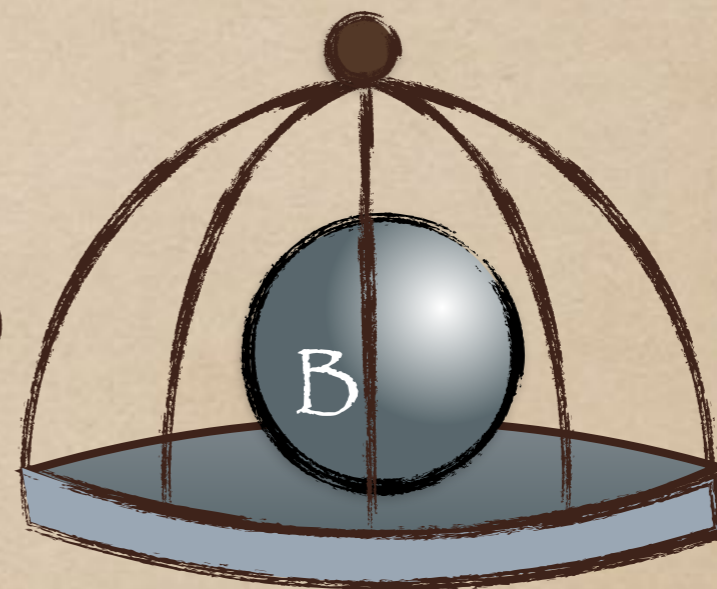
A possible experimental scenario



Can we learn something
about gravity?



(gravity=C)





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