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Abstract: The class of Local Operations with Classical Communication (LOCC) is a fundamental object in quantum communication and entanglement theory. However, despite its importance, LOCC still lacks a clear understanding from both a physics and math perspective. For instance, it is unknown the extent to which more rounds of measurement and communication can enhance the ability to perform certain tasks. In this talk, we will consider the problem of random-pair EPR distillation in which three qubit entanglement is converted into bipartite maximal entanglement with the target pair a priori unspecified. I will show that for certain random-pair distillations, there exists tight lower bounds on the number of LOCC rounds needed to achieve a given overall success probability. Furthermore, I will describe certain entanglement transformations that are possible if and only if the protocol uses an infinite (unbounded) number of rounds. Interestingly, the number of rounds required to distil bipartite entanglement from particular multipartite states can depend discontinuously on the amount of entanglement distilled.

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# The Problem of Investigation:

For a multi-party system of fixed dimensions, how does the power of LOCC increase as more rounds of measurement are performed?

# Outline

- Introduce the class of LOCC operations
- Review previous work on round dependence
- Review Fortescue-Lo random distillation of  $W$ -class states
- Present new lower bound on LOCC round number for the task of random distillation
- Show random distillations that require an infinite number of rounds



# General Quantum Operation

- Measurements are represented by a set of operators  $\{M_\alpha\}_{\alpha=1\dots k}$   
 such that  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^k M_\alpha^\dagger M_\alpha = \mathbb{I}$ .
- The act of “measuring” a system involves a stochastic transformation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Pre-measurement} & & \text{Post-measurement} \\
 \rho & \longrightarrow & M_k \rho M_k^\dagger / p_k \quad \text{with probability} \\
 & & p_k = \text{tr}(M_k^\dagger M_k \rho)
 \end{array}$$

- Ignorance of result corresponds to averaging the possibilities:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Full information} & & \text{Partial information} \\
 \left. \begin{array}{l} M_1 \rho M_1^\dagger / p_1, \\ M_2 \rho M_2^\dagger / p_2, \\ M_3 \rho M_3^\dagger / p_3 \end{array} \right\} & \longrightarrow & \sum_{i=1}^3 M_i \rho M_i^\dagger = \mathcal{E}(\rho)
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$$\rho^{A_1 A_2 \dots A_N} \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}^{\bar{K}} \otimes \mathcal{E}^K (\rho^{A_1 A_2 \dots A_N})$$

$\mathcal{I}^{\bar{K}}$  is the identity map applied by all other parties besides  $K$ .

- Here, we've assumed  $\mathcal{E}^K$  is a trace-preserving quantum operation.

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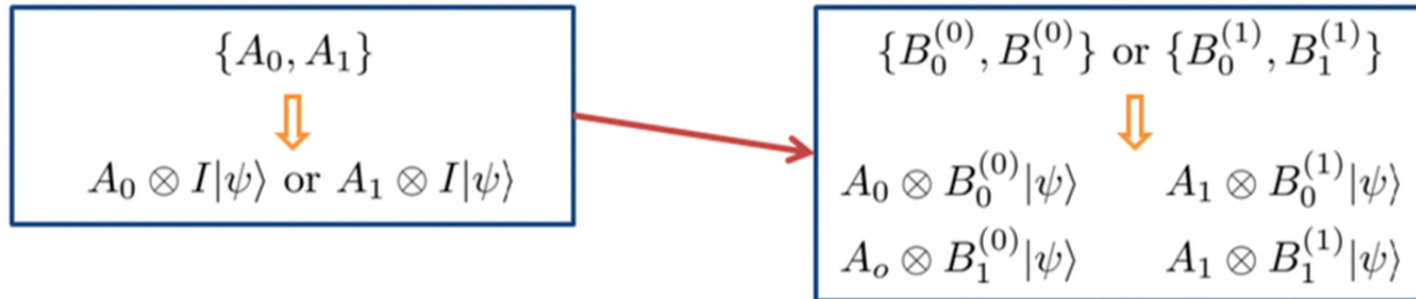
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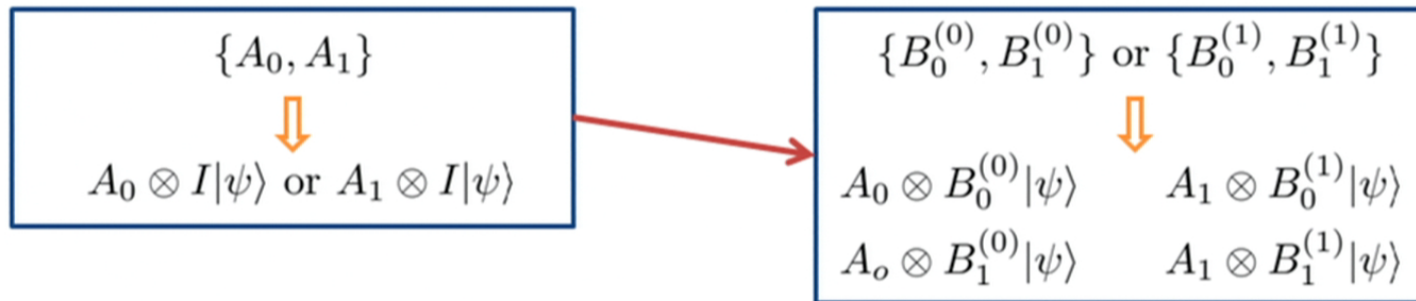
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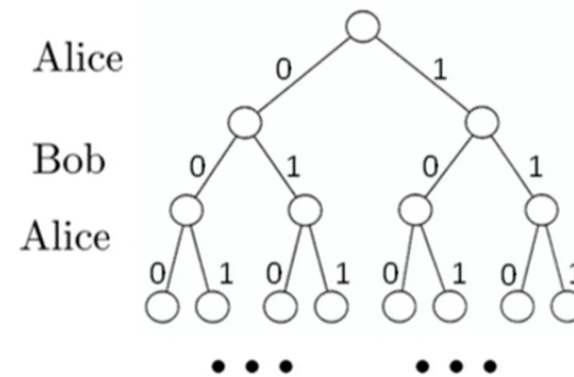


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$$\{A_0^{(00)}, A_1^{(00)}\}, \{A_0^{(01)}, A_1^{(01)}\}, \\ \{A_0^{(10)}, A_1^{(10)}\}, \text{ or } \{A_0^{(11)}, A_1^{(11)}\}$$



$$\left( A_1^{(b_n)} \dots A_0^{(0010)} A_1^{(00)} A_0 \right) \otimes \left( B_0^{(b_{n-1})} \dots B_1 B_0^{(001)} B_0^{(0)} \right) |\psi\rangle = A^{b_{tot}} \otimes B^{b_{tot}} |\psi\rangle$$

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$$\text{LOCC} \subset \text{SEP}$$

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$$\text{LOCC} \neq \text{SEP}^1$$

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- A **finite round LOCC** protocol is one that necessarily halts after  $n$  rounds for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$
- An **infinite round** protocol is one that does not.

# Previous Results on LOCC Round Dependence

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- Any bipartite pure state transformation can be completed in just one round of LOCC<sup>4</sup>.
- Two-way communication strengthens state distinguishability. Xin and Duan construct an example of  $n^2 - 2n + 3$  product states in an  $n \otimes n$  system needing  $2n - 2$  rounds to distinguish<sup>5</sup>.



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- Alice, Bob and Charlie share one copy of the W-state:

$$|W\rangle = \sqrt{1/3} (|100\rangle + |010\rangle + |001\rangle).$$

For  $\epsilon > 0$ , define measurement with operators:

$$M_0 = \sqrt{1-\epsilon}|0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| \quad M_1 = \sqrt{\epsilon}|0\rangle\langle 0|.$$

- Alice, Bob, and Charlie each perform the measurement  $\{M_0, M_1\}$ .

	A	B	C	Final State	Probability
repeat $\rightarrow$	0	0	0	$ W\rangle$	$(1-\epsilon)^2$
halt $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{cases}$	0	0	1	$ EPR\rangle_{AB}$	$\frac{2}{3}(1-\epsilon)\epsilon$
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Is there a general relationship between success probability and round number?



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$$(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$x_0 = 1 - x_1 - x_2 - x_3$$

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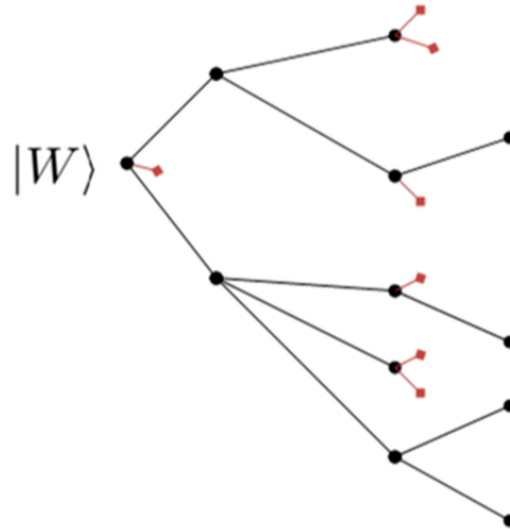


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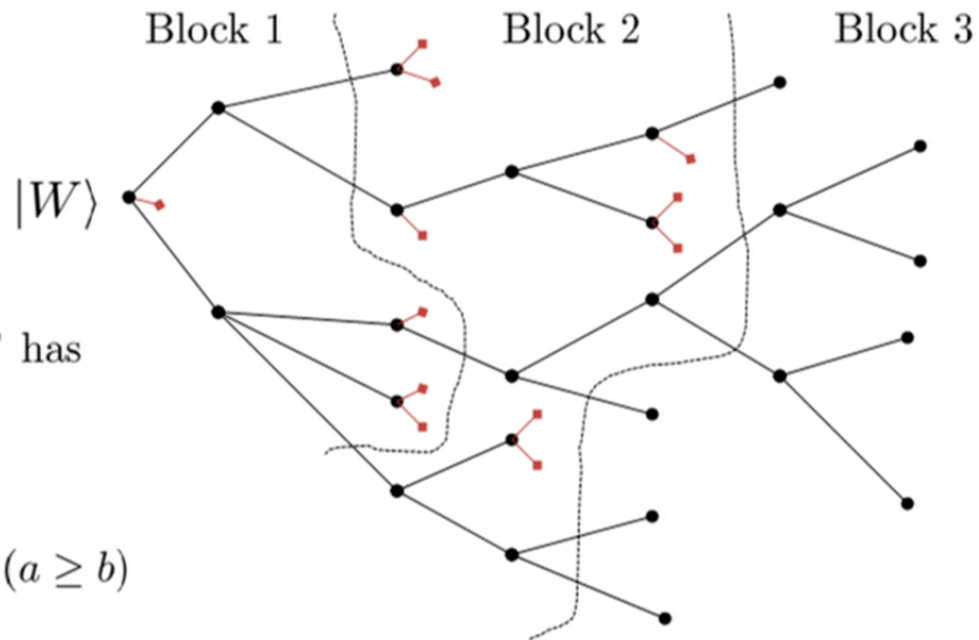


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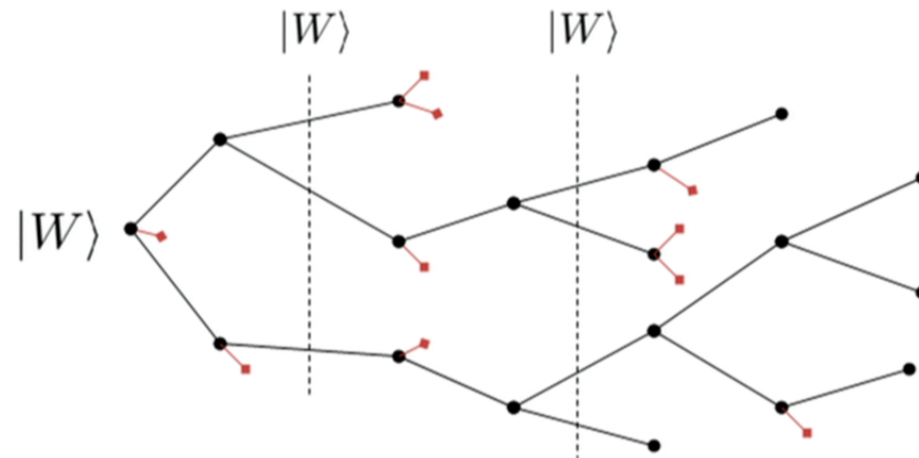


- Each “block state” has one of the forms:

$$\begin{cases} (a, a, b) \\ (a, b, a) \\ (b, a, a). \end{cases} \quad (a \geq b)$$

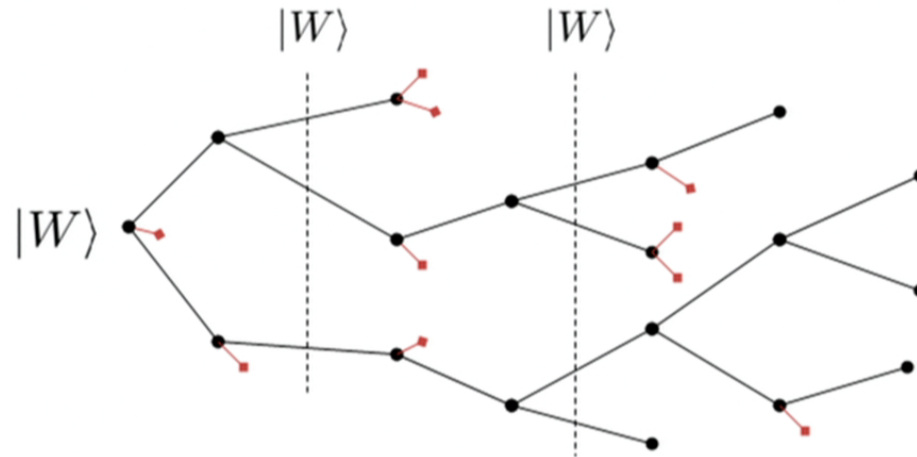
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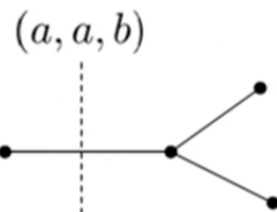


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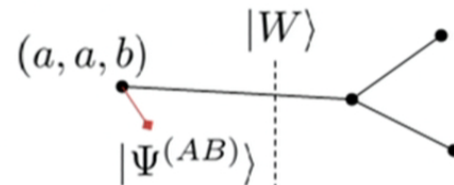


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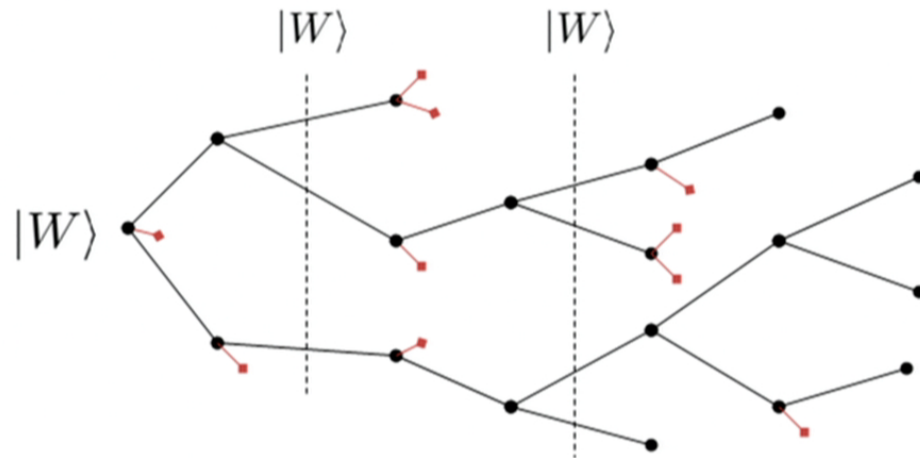
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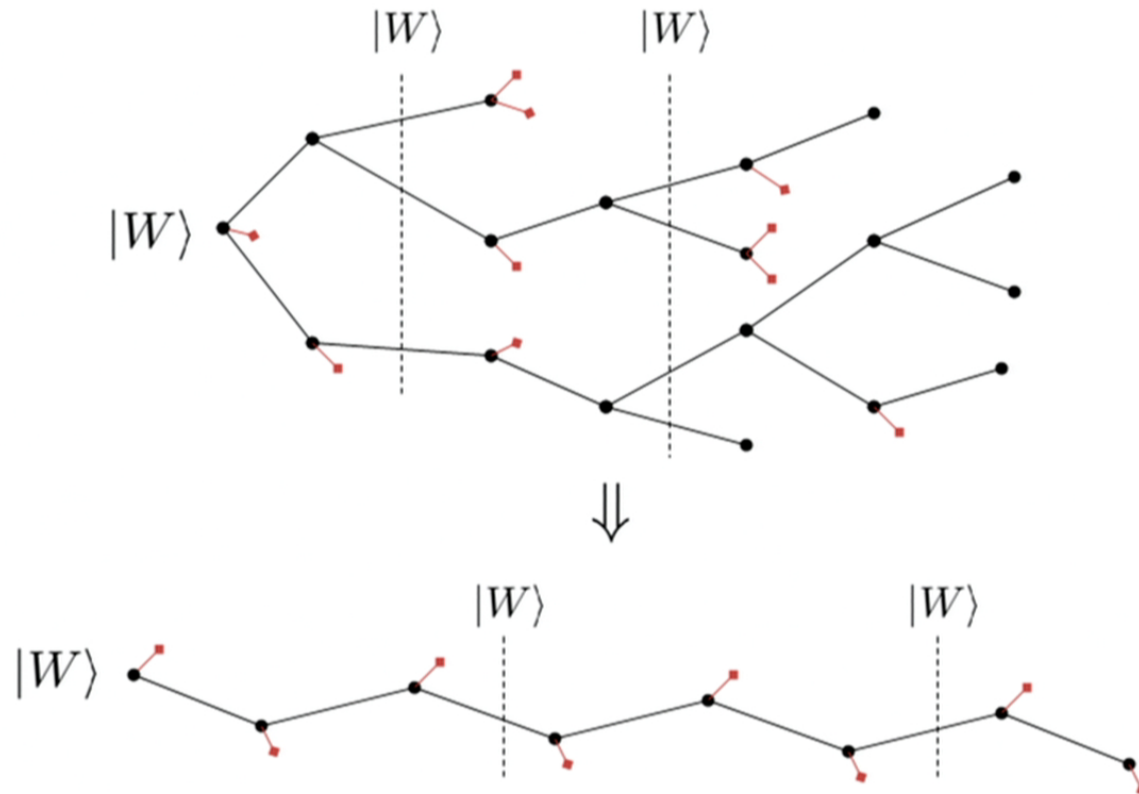
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per block:

$$P_W = (1-a)^2$$

Probability of obtaining EPR pairs  
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$$P_{EPR} = \frac{2}{3}(2-a) - \frac{4}{3}(1-a)^2$$

- After  $n$  blocks, the total probability of obtaining an EPR pair:

$$P_{tot} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}a_1 - \frac{4}{3}(1-a_1)^2 + (1-a_1)\left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}a_2 - \frac{4}{3}(1-a_2)\right) + \dots$$

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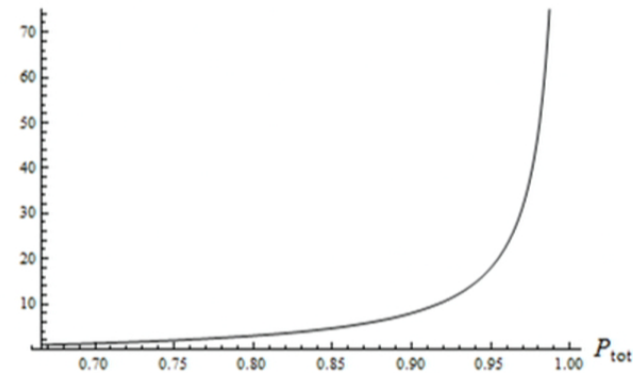
$$a_k = \frac{1}{n-(k-1)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_{tot} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{3n}.$$

- In each successive block, a slightly stronger measurement is performed than the last.
- Except for final block, each block consists of at least 3 rounds.

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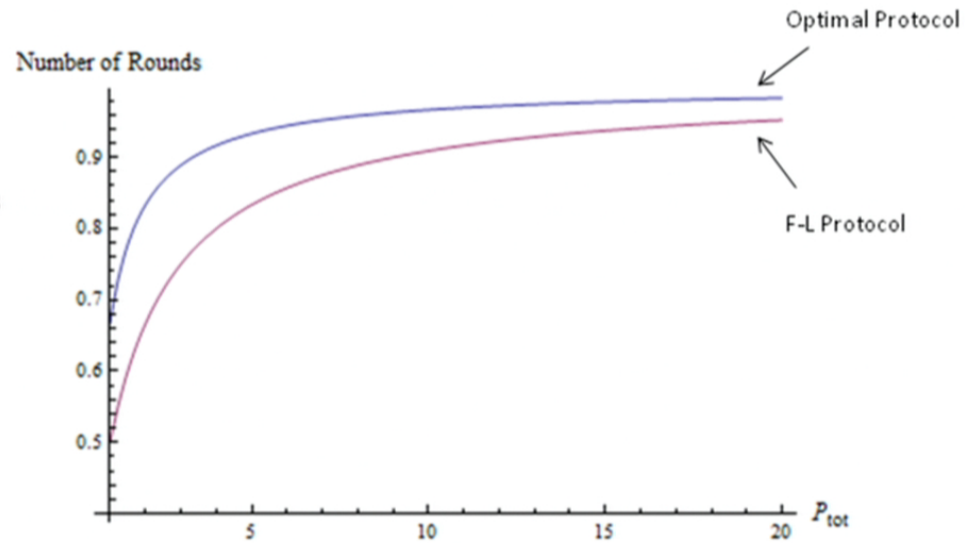
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# Reduce the Distilled Entanglement

- Concurrence measure of entanglement for two qubit  $|\psi\rangle_{AB}$ :

$$C(\psi) = 2[\det \rho_A]^{1/2} \text{ where } \rho_A = \text{tr}_B(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|_{AB}).$$

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- Therefore, in an  $n$ -round protocol, there must be some **final** round  $m < n$  in which  $|EPR\rangle_{AB}$  (or  $|EPR\rangle_{AC}$ ) is a post-measurement state.



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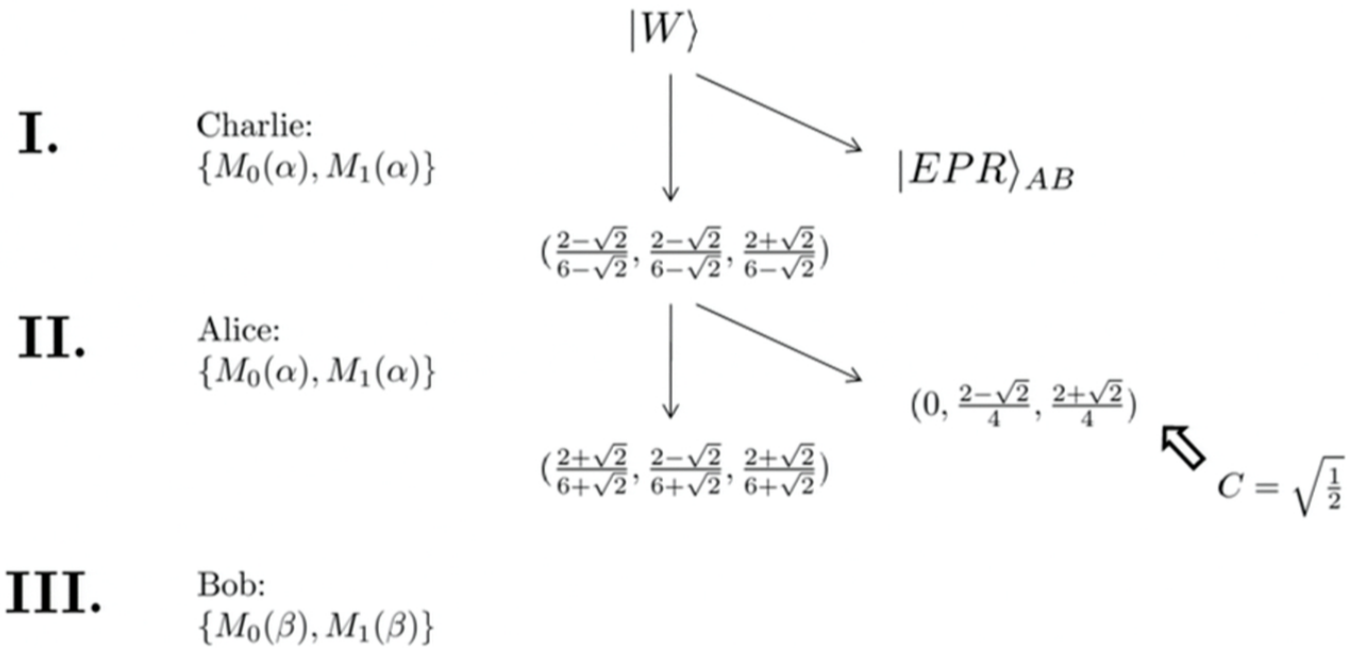
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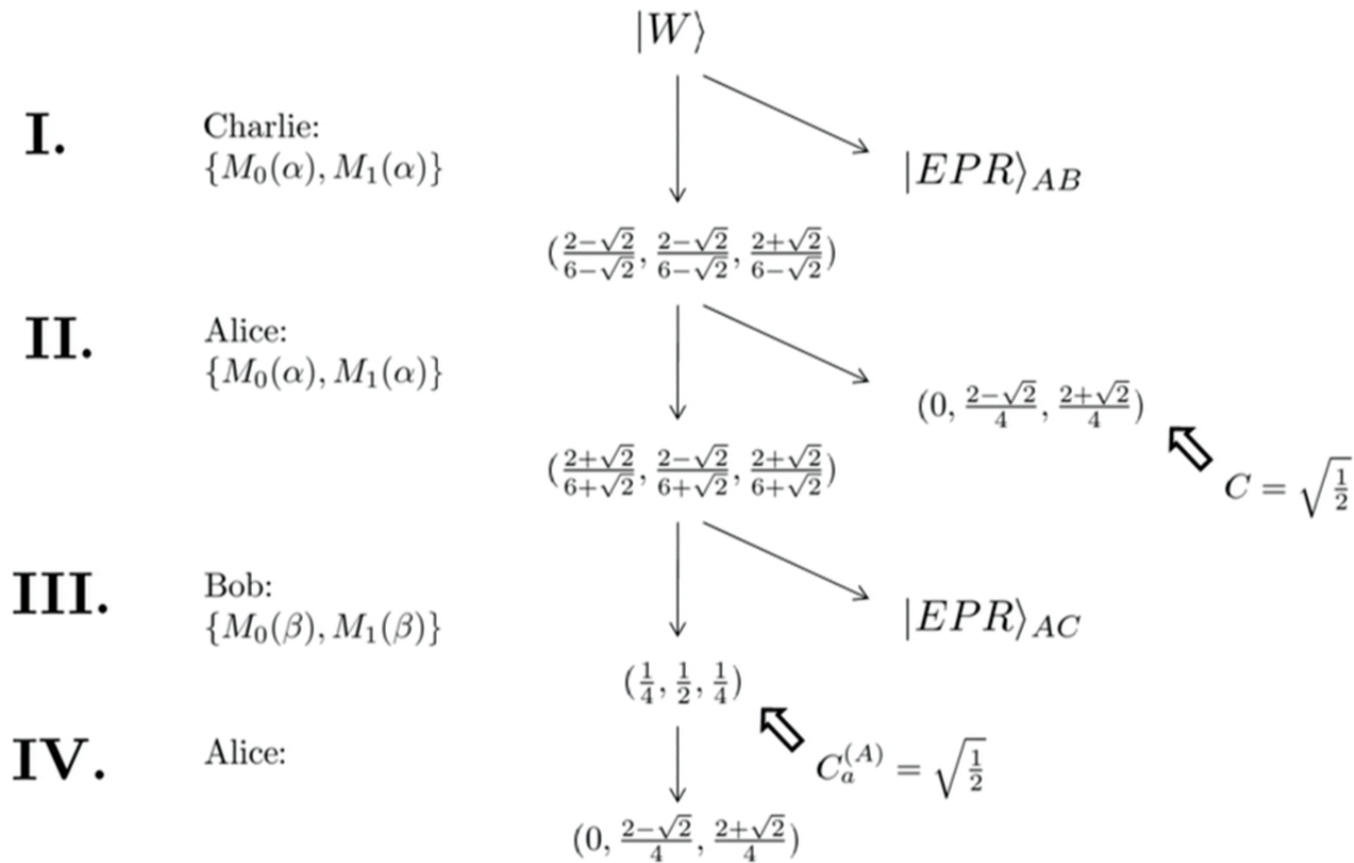
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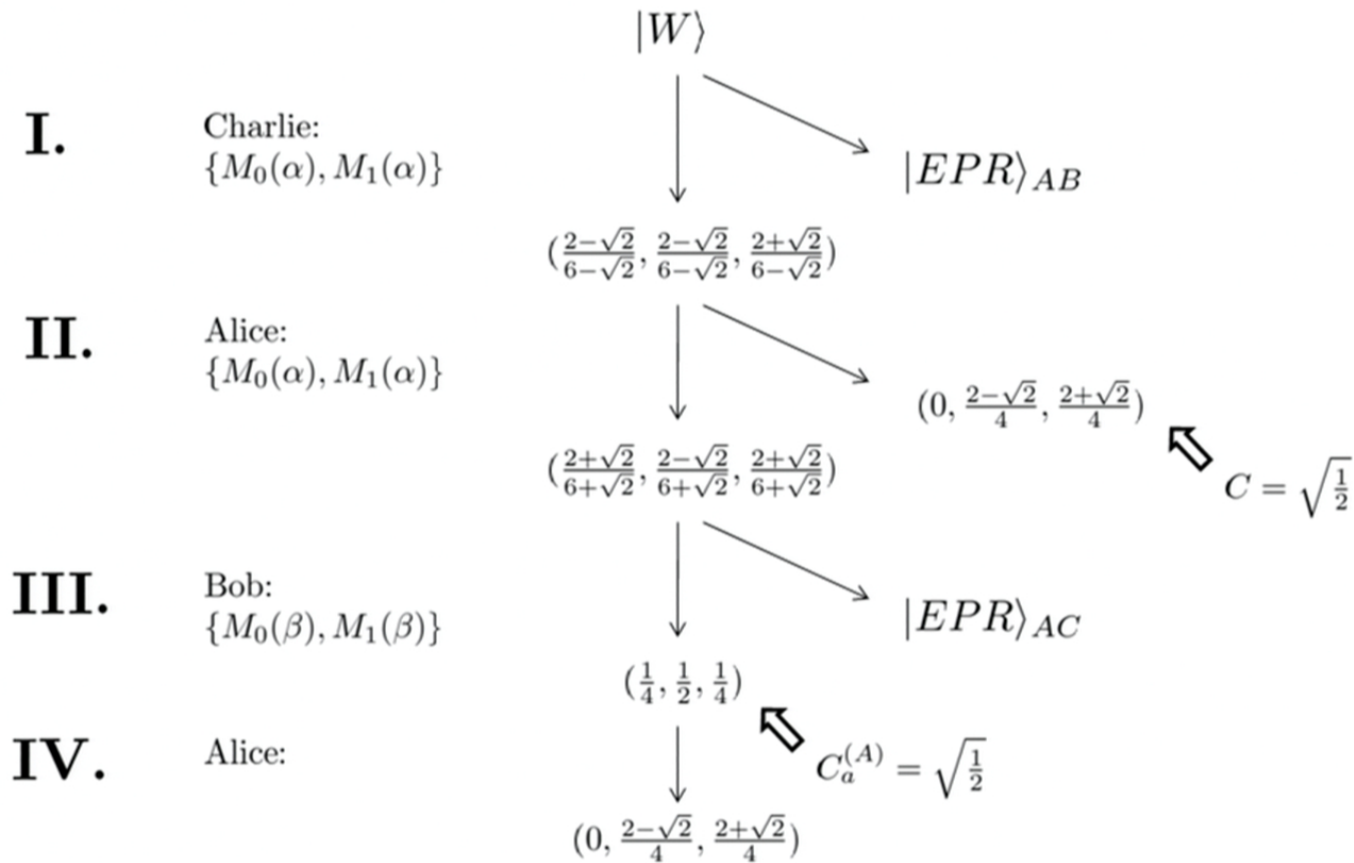
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success probability  $p_{AB} + p_{AC} + p_{BC} = 1$

using **finite** round LOCC requires  $C(\psi) \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$ .



What about infinite round protocols?





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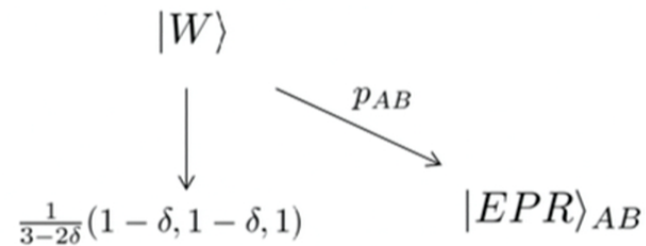
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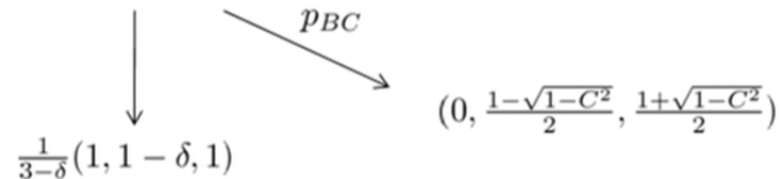
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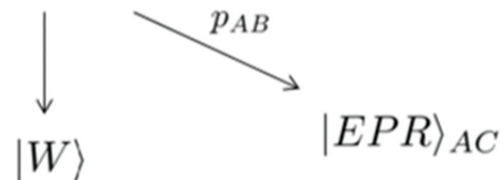
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$$P_W = (1 - \delta)^2$$

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$$= \frac{2}{3}\delta \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - \delta)^{2k} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2 - \delta} \right)$$

$$p_{AC}(total) = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1 - \delta}{2 - \delta} \right)$$

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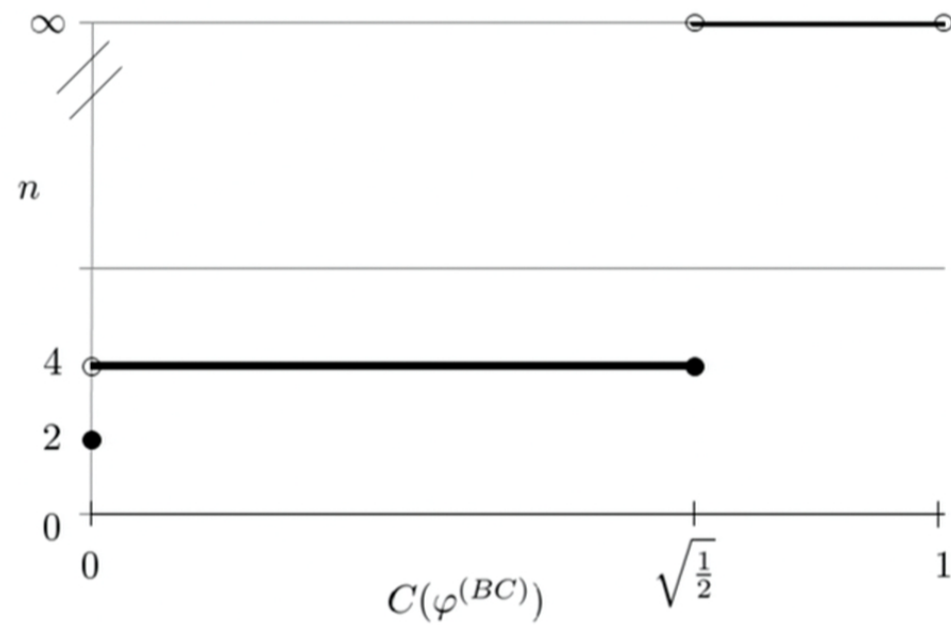
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