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Abstract: After a brief motivation of this question, the presentation is divided in two parts. We first introduce the principle of quantum information causality, which states the maximum amount of quantum information that a transmitted quantum system can communicate as a function of its Hilbert space dimension, independently of any quantum physical resources previously shared by the communicating parties. The second part of the talk considers superdense coding within the framework of general probabilistic theories and addresses the question of why in quantum theory, no more than two bits can be communicated by transmission of a single, entangled, qubit. We introduce hyperdense coding in general probabilistic theories: superdense coding in which  $N$

$2$  bits are communicated by transmission of a system that locally

encodes at most one bit, and present protocols with  $N$  arbitrarily large. Our hyperdense coding protocols imply superadditive classical

capacities: two entangled systems can encode  $N > 2$  bits, even though each system locally encodes at most one bit. Our protocols violate either a reversibility condition or tomographic locality.

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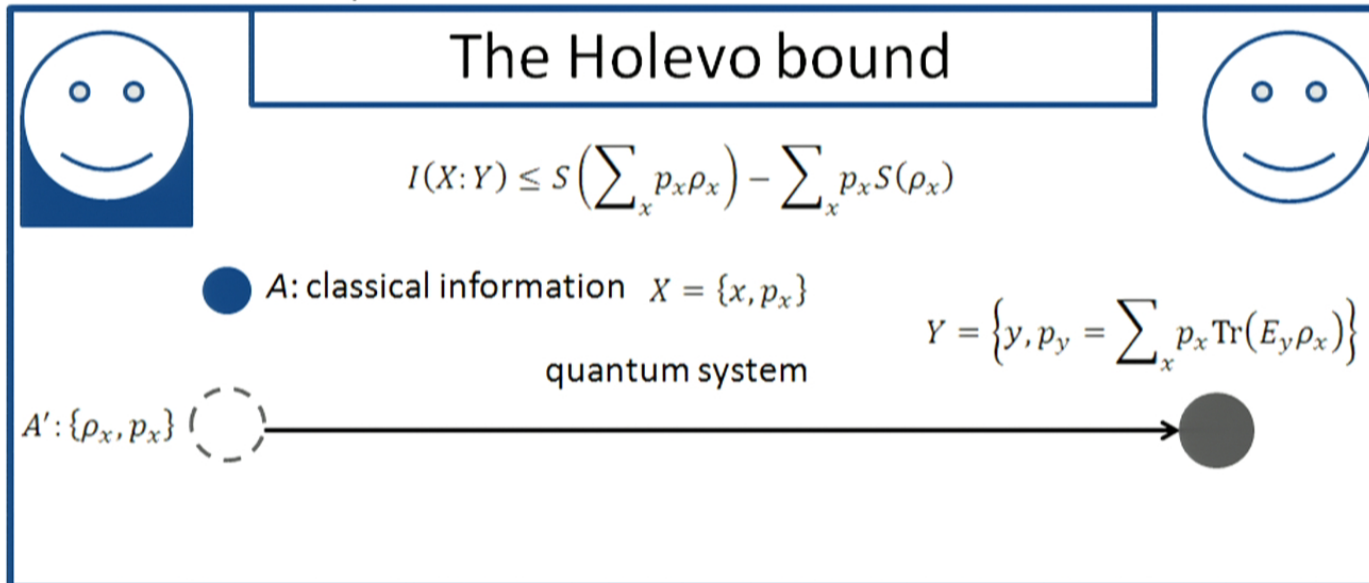
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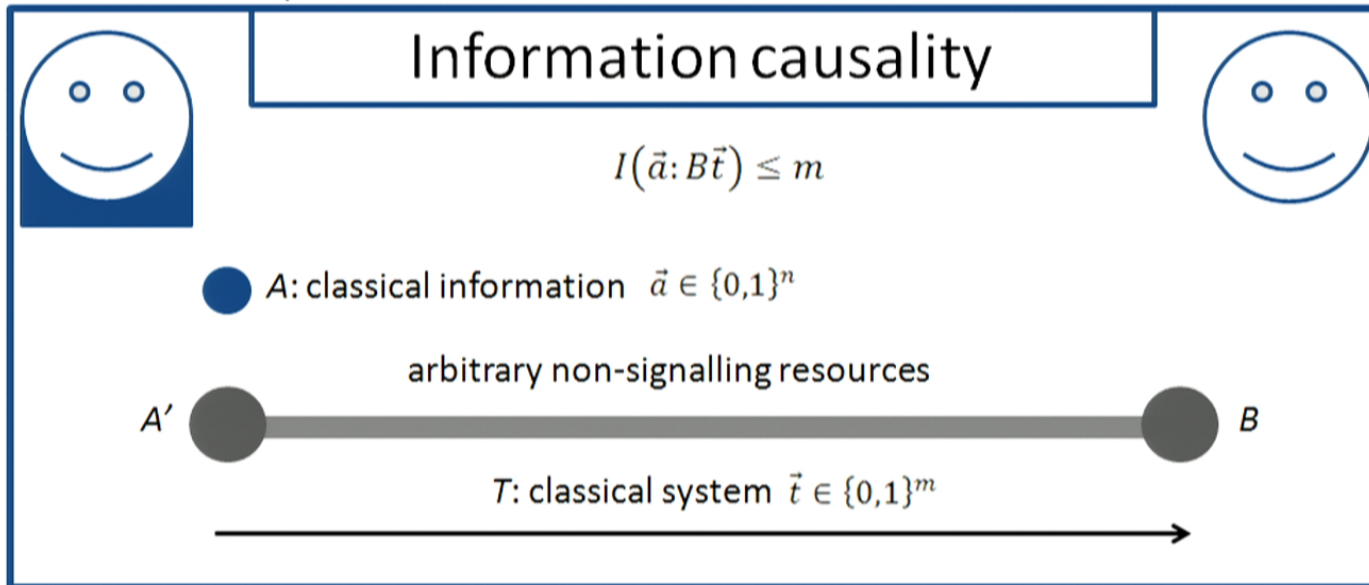
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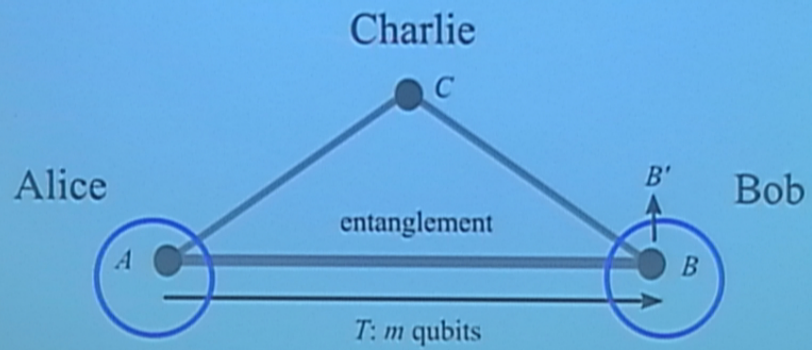
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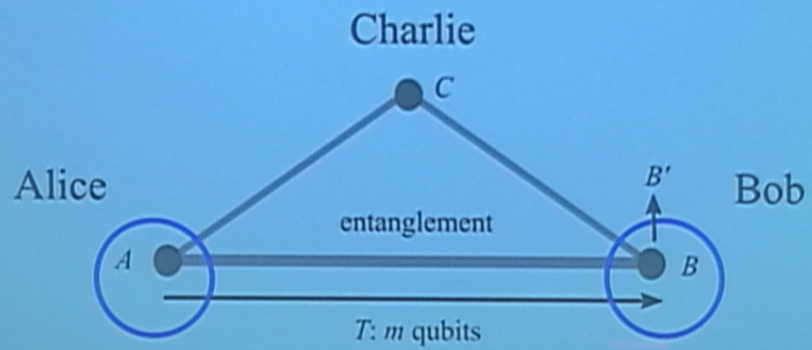
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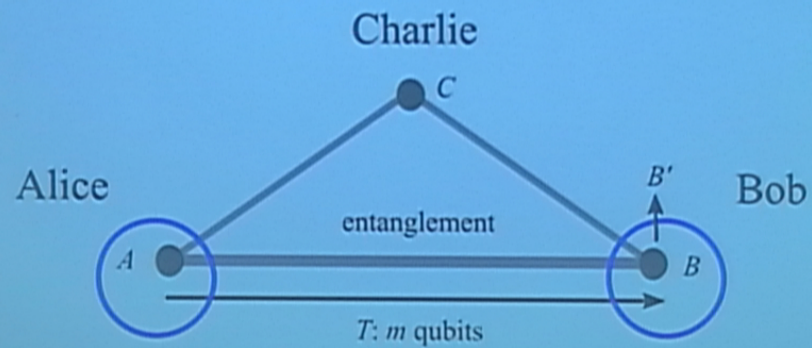


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where  $\Delta I(C:B) \equiv I(C:B') - I(C:B)$  is the increase of the quantum mutual information.



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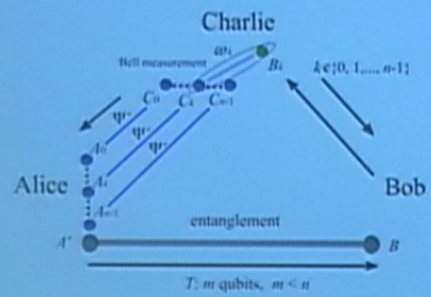
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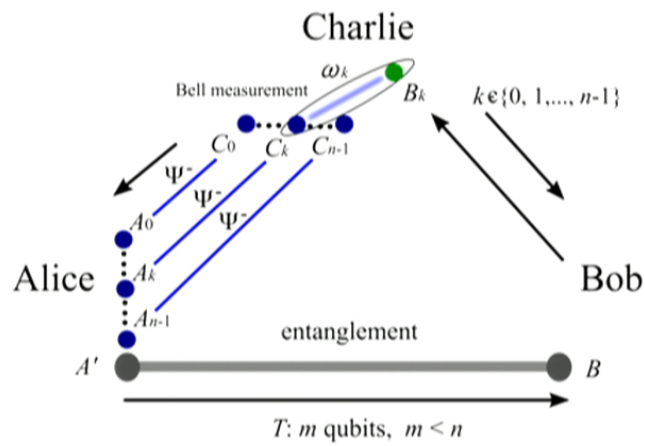
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- Naive strategy*: Alice sends Bob  $m$  of the  $n$  received qubits without applying any operation on these. Its success probability is

$$P_N = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 + 3 \frac{m}{n} \right).$$

## Upper bound on $P$ from QIC

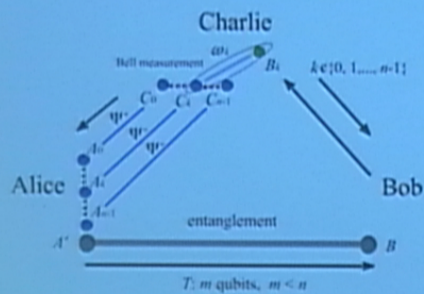
- Upper bound from quantum information causality:

$$P \leq P',$$

where  $P'$  is defined as the maximum solution of

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and  $h(x) = -x \log_2 x - (1 - x) \log_2 (1 - x)$  is the binary entropy.



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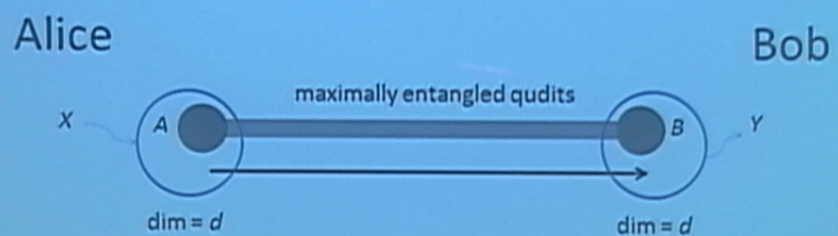
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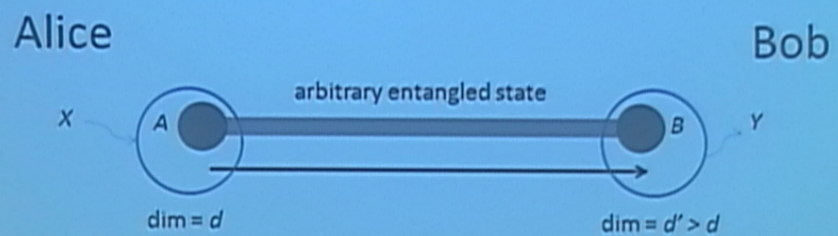
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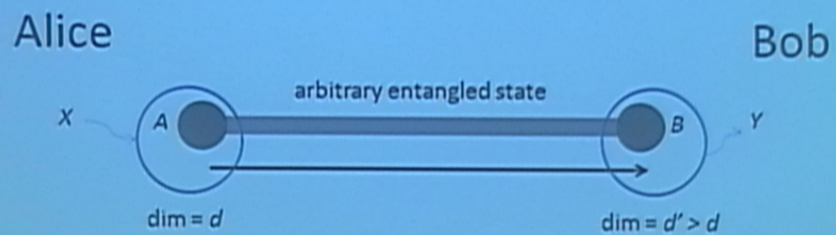
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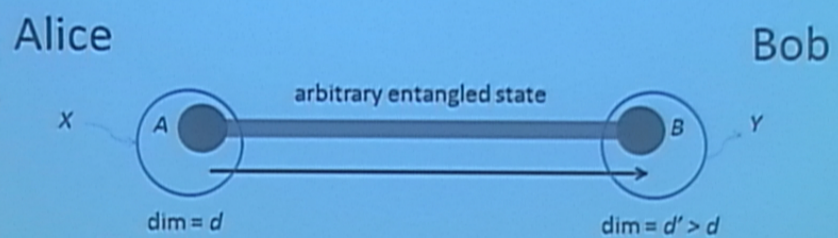
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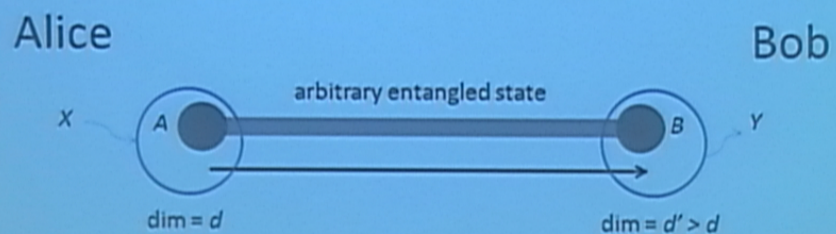


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$$\mathcal{E} \equiv \{ e \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid 0 \leq e \cdot \omega \leq 1 \text{ for all } \omega \in \Omega \}.$$

- The unit effect is  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

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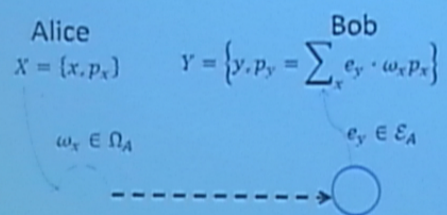
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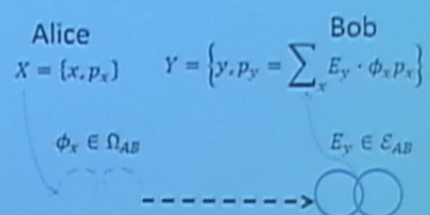
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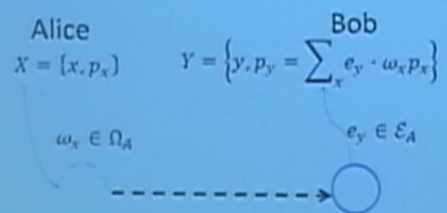
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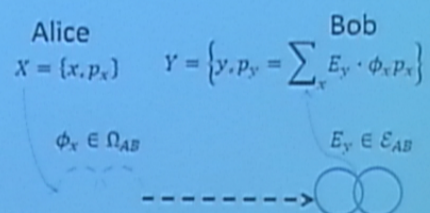
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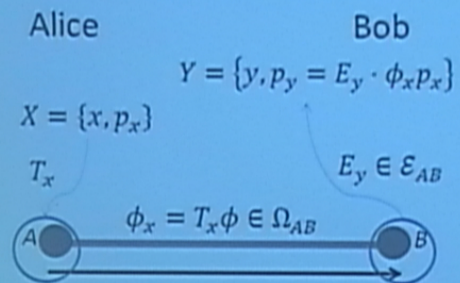
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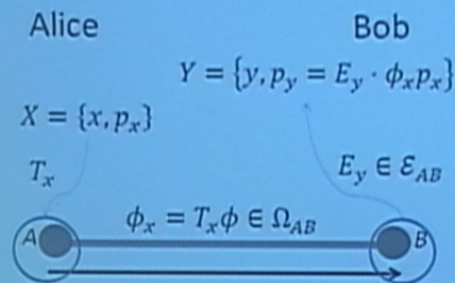
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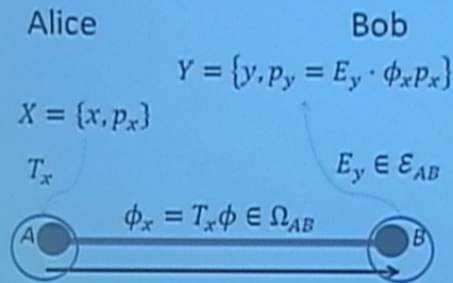
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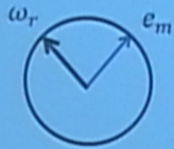
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## Hypersphere theories (HSTs)

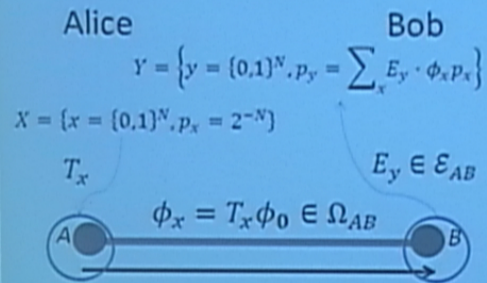


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- The extremal effects are
$$e_m = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ m \end{pmatrix},$$
with  $m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\|m\| = 1$ .
- The cases  $n = 1$  and  $n = 3$  are the bit and the qubit.

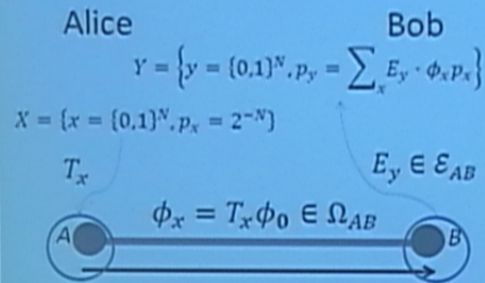


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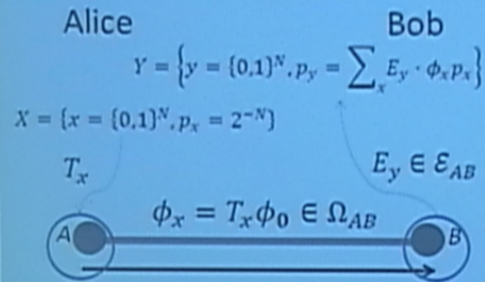


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 are  $N$  bit strings and  $x \cdot v = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i v_i$ .
- We have  $\Omega_A \otimes_{\min} \Omega_B \subset \Omega_{AB} \subseteq \Omega_A \otimes_{\max} \Omega_B$ .
- NS and TL are satisfied.
- The local transformations are  $T_x = \phi_x \in \text{SO}(2^N)$ .

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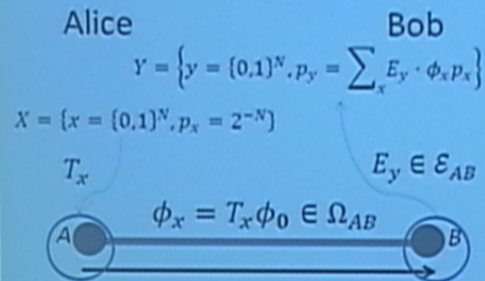
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# Hyperdense coding in HSTs



- The local systems are HST of dim  $n = 2^N - 1$ :  
 $\Omega_A = \Omega_B = \left\{ \omega_r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r \end{pmatrix} \mid r \in \mathbb{R}^{2^N-1}, \|r\| \leq 1 \right\}$ .
- The bipartite state space is:  
 $\Omega_{AB} = \text{convex hull}(\Omega_A \otimes_{\min} \Omega_B, \mathcal{S}_N)$ .
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- Bob's measurement is  $\{E_y = 2^{-N} \phi_y\}_{y \in \{0,1\}^N} \subset \mathcal{E}_{AB}$ .
- We have  $p(y|x) = E_y \cdot \phi_x = \delta_{y,x}$ .
- Thus,  $I(X:Y) = N$ , **hyperdense coding** if  $N > 2$ .

## Hyperdense coding versus reversibility and tomographic locality

- Our hyperdense coding protocols satisfy tomographic locality but violate a reversibility condition:

**Local continuous reversibility (LCR).** For a bipartite system  $AB$ , any pair of pure states for the local system  $A$ , or  $B$ , is connected by a continuous reversible transformation.

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