

# INCOMPATIBILITY OF UNBIASED QUBIT OBSERVABLES AND PAULI CHANNELS

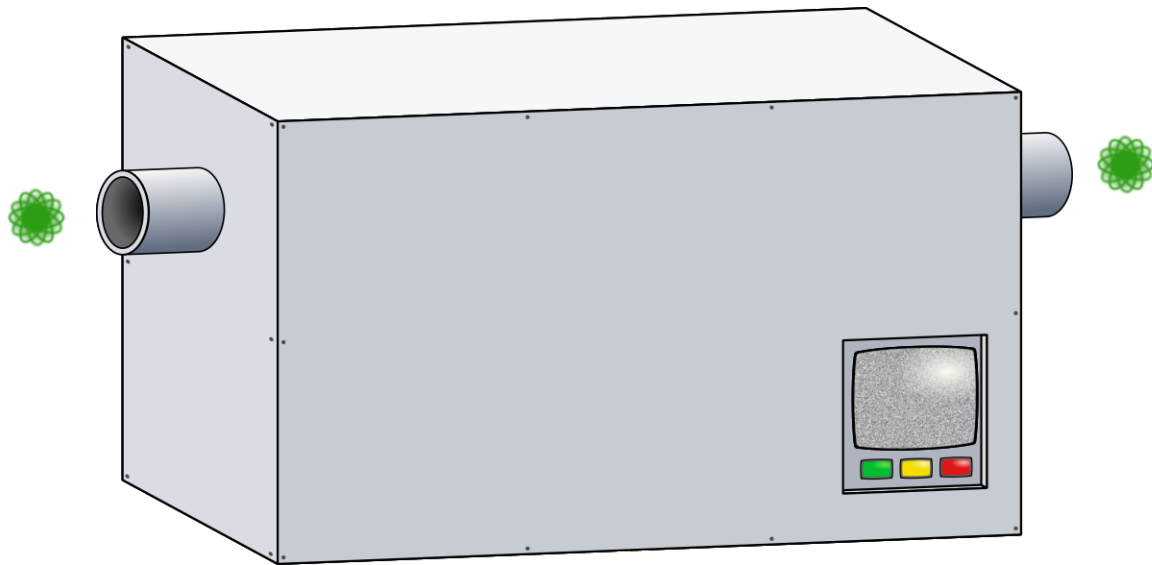
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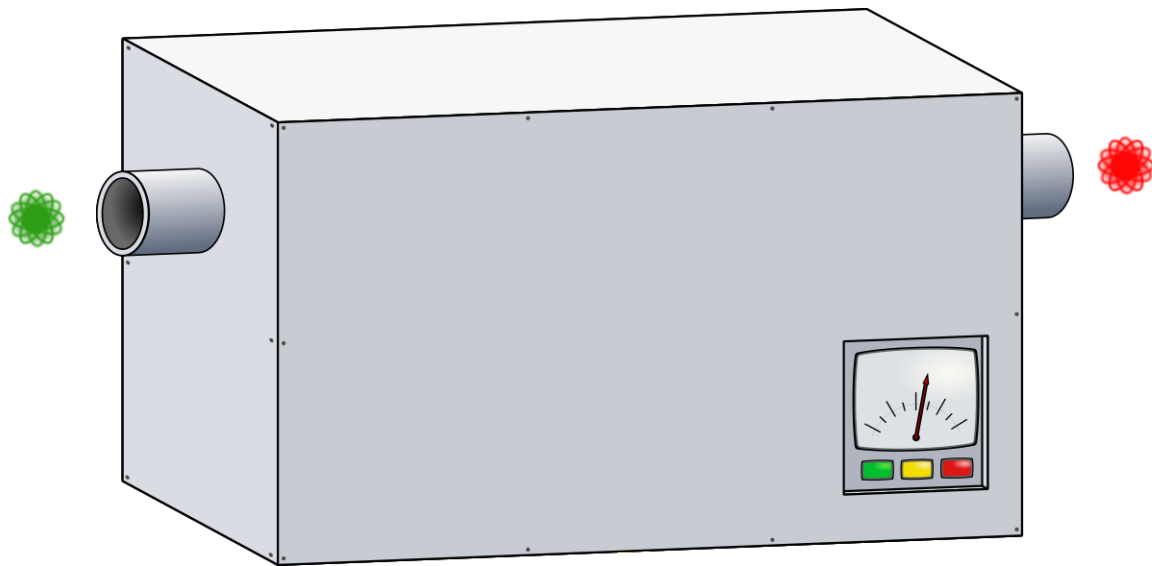
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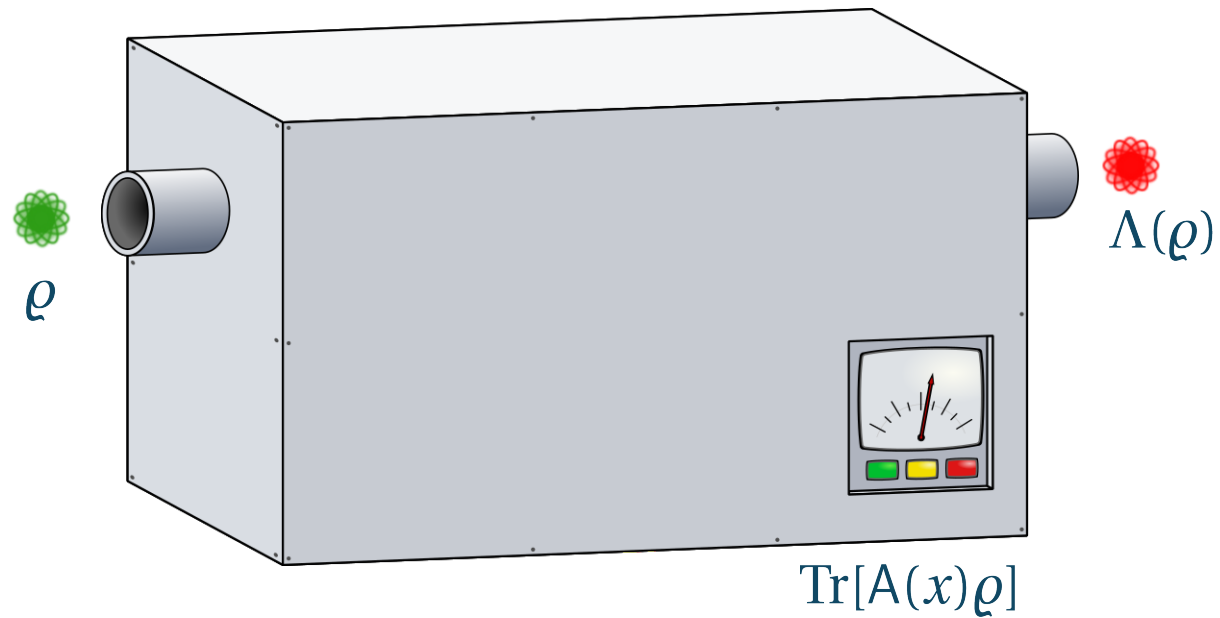
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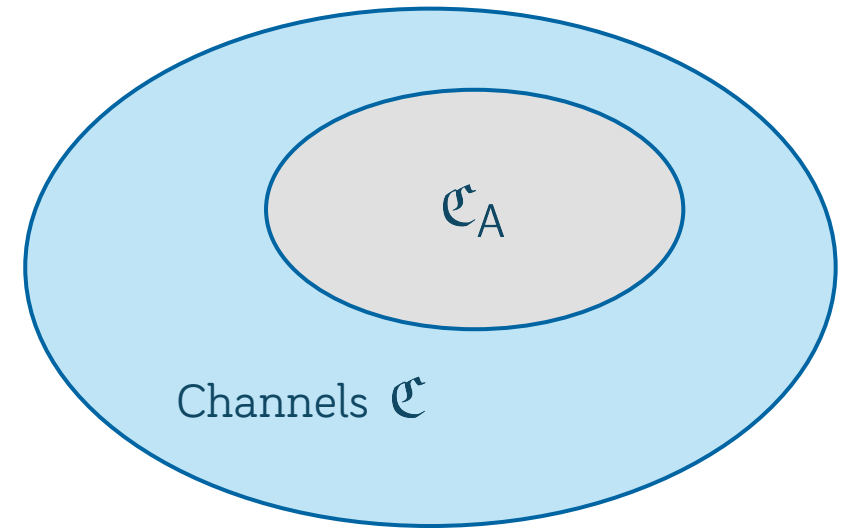
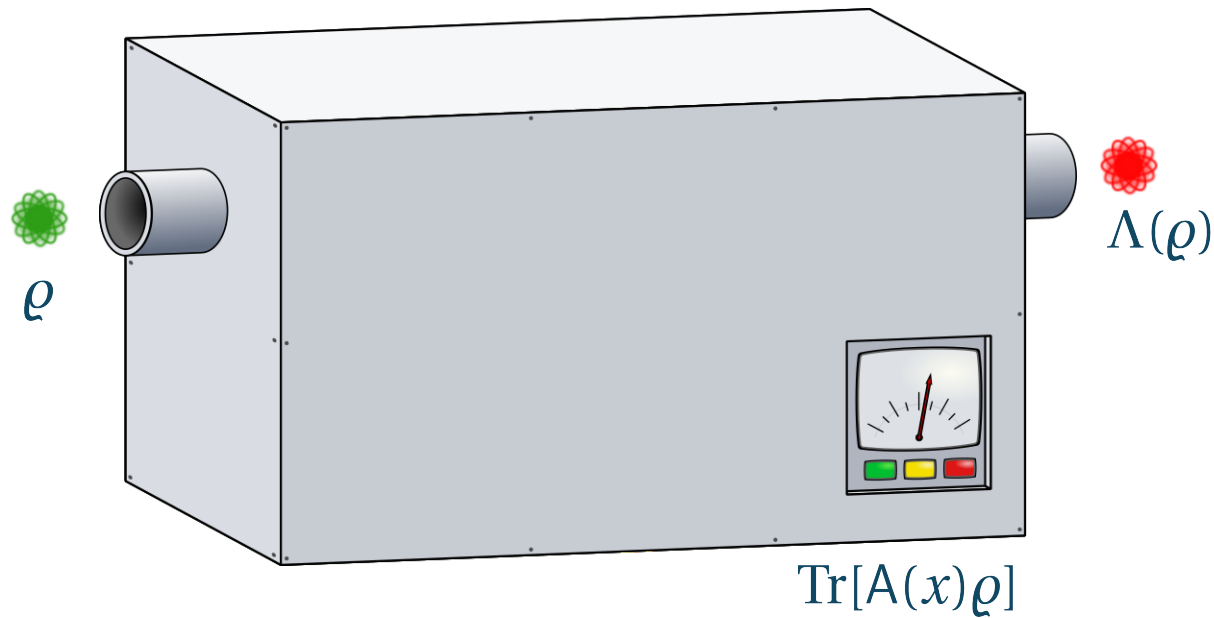
- Are channel  $\Lambda$  and observable  $A$  compatible? – Two points of view!





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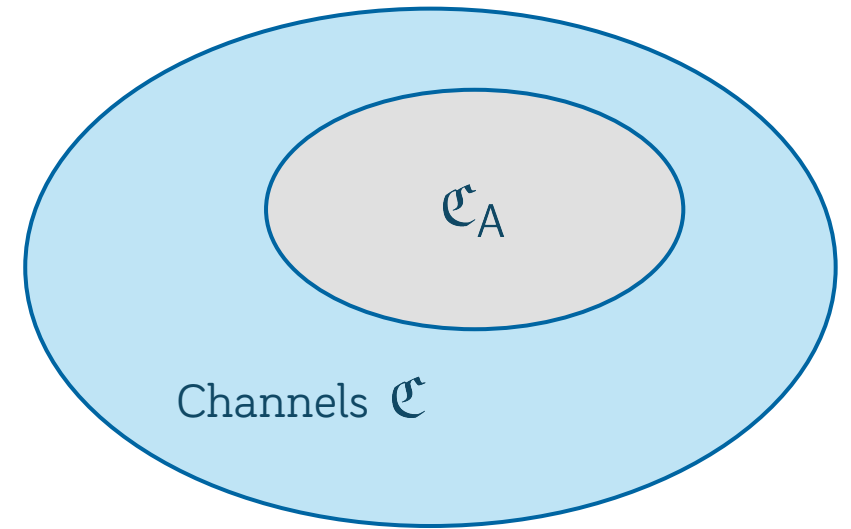
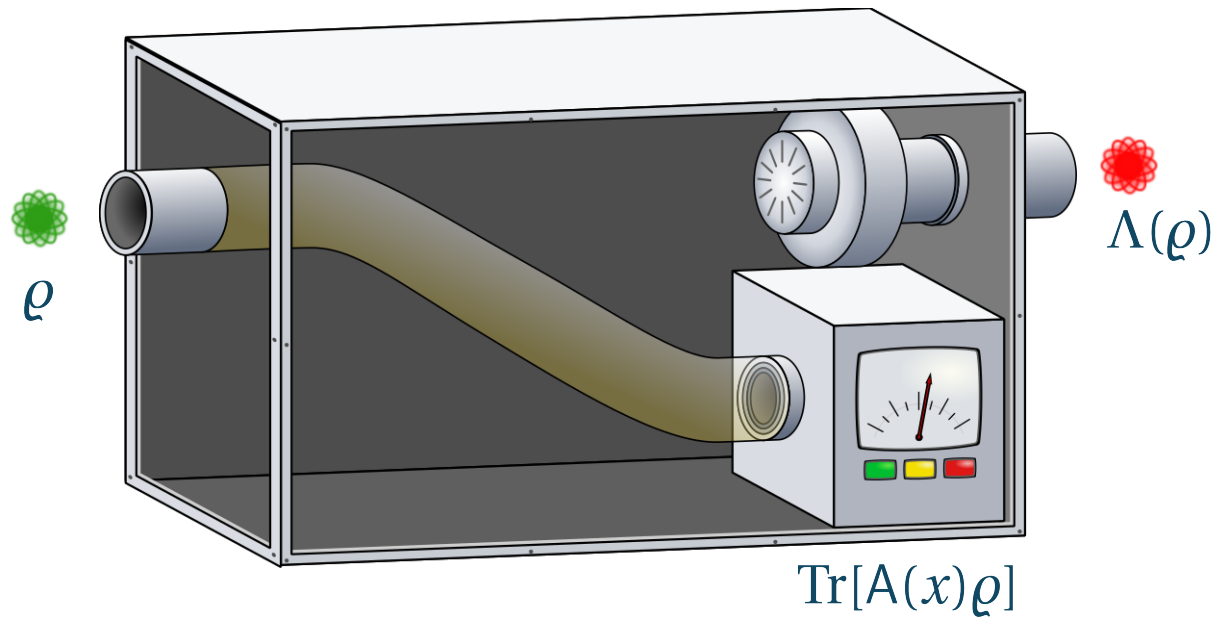


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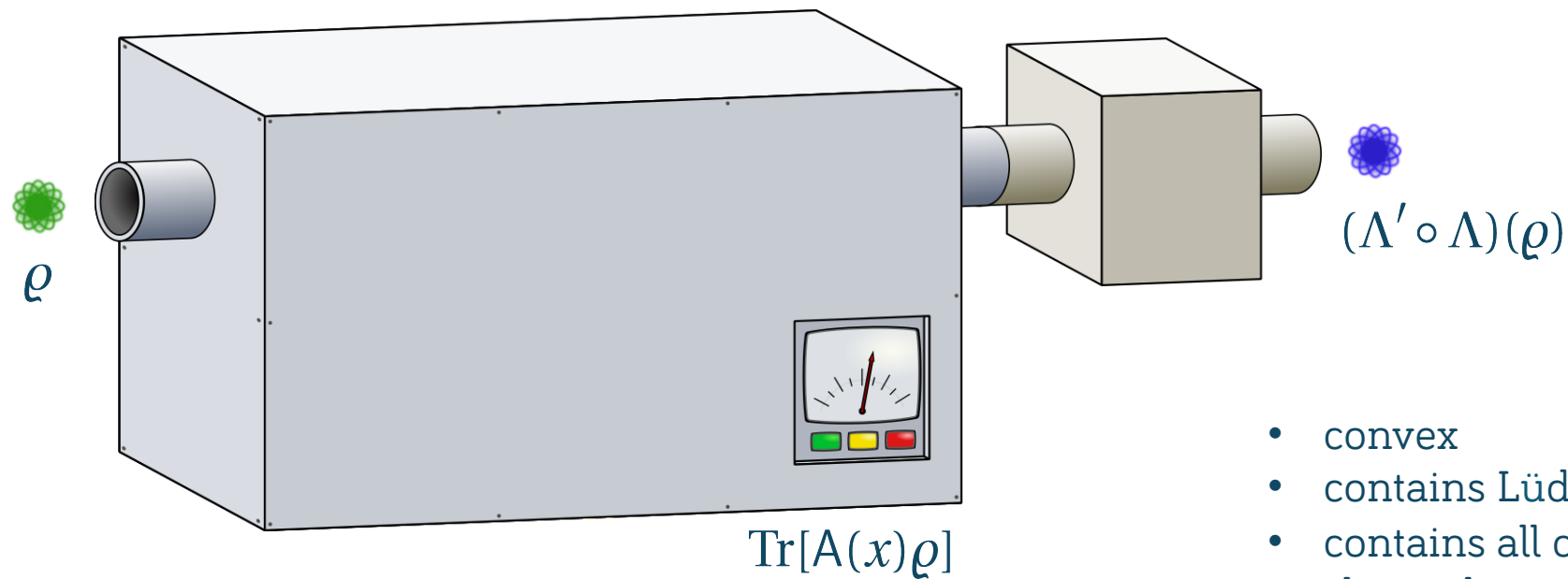
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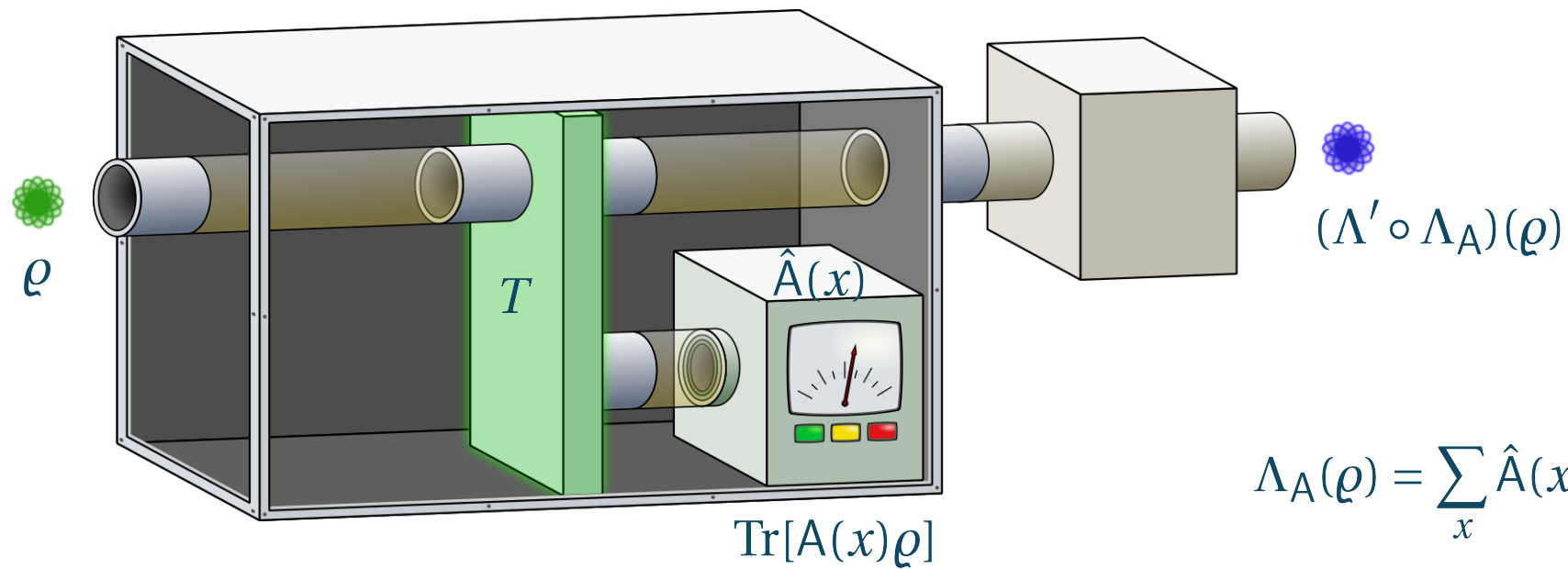
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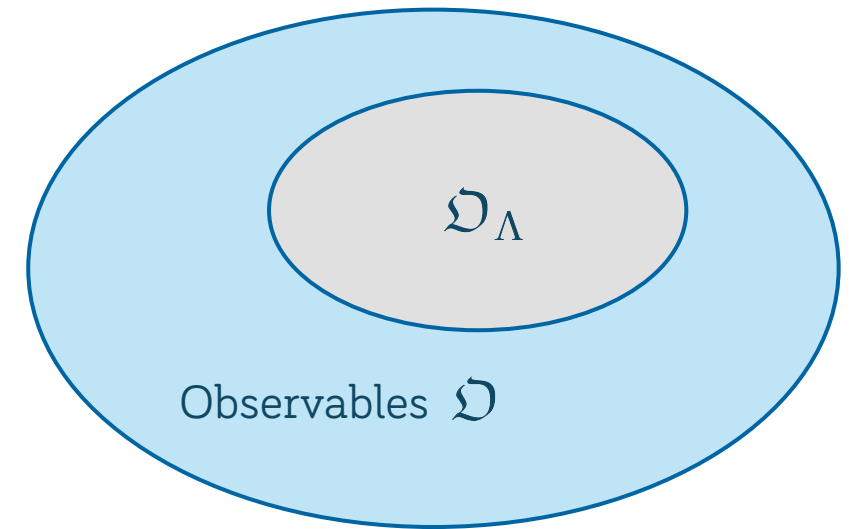
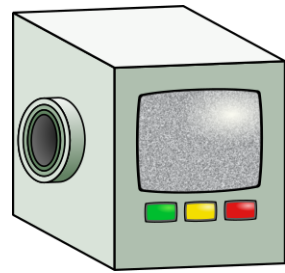
- What channels are compatible with  $A$ ? – Minimal Naimark dilation of  $A$  and some subsequent channel



$$\Lambda_A(\rho) = \sum_x \hat{A}(x) T \rho T^* \hat{A}(x)$$

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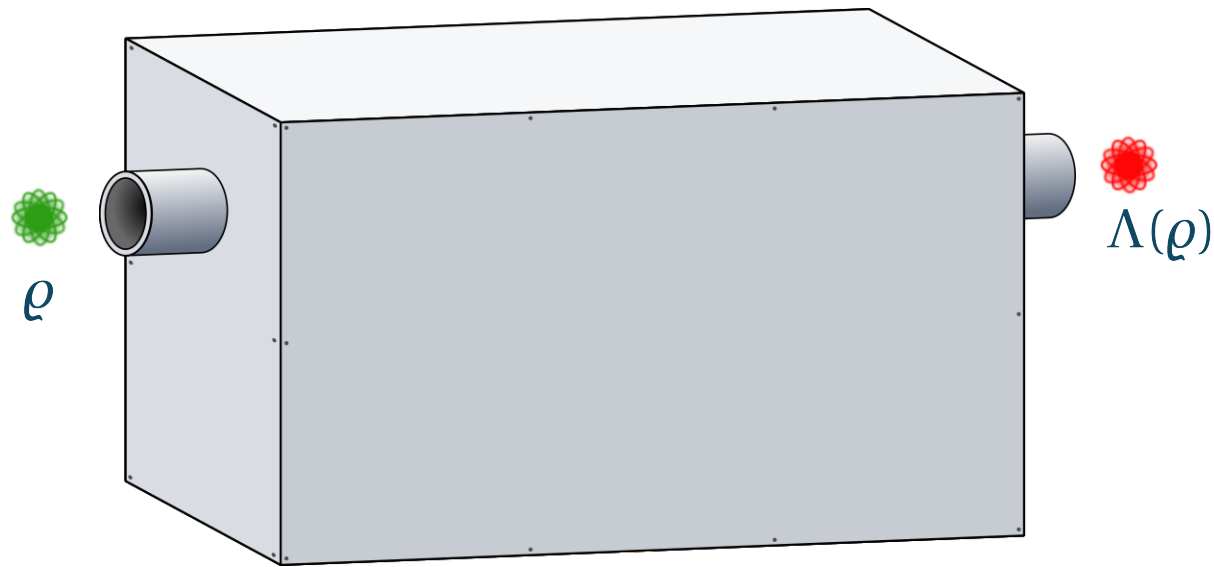
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- convex
- closed under postprocessing
- contains trivial observable

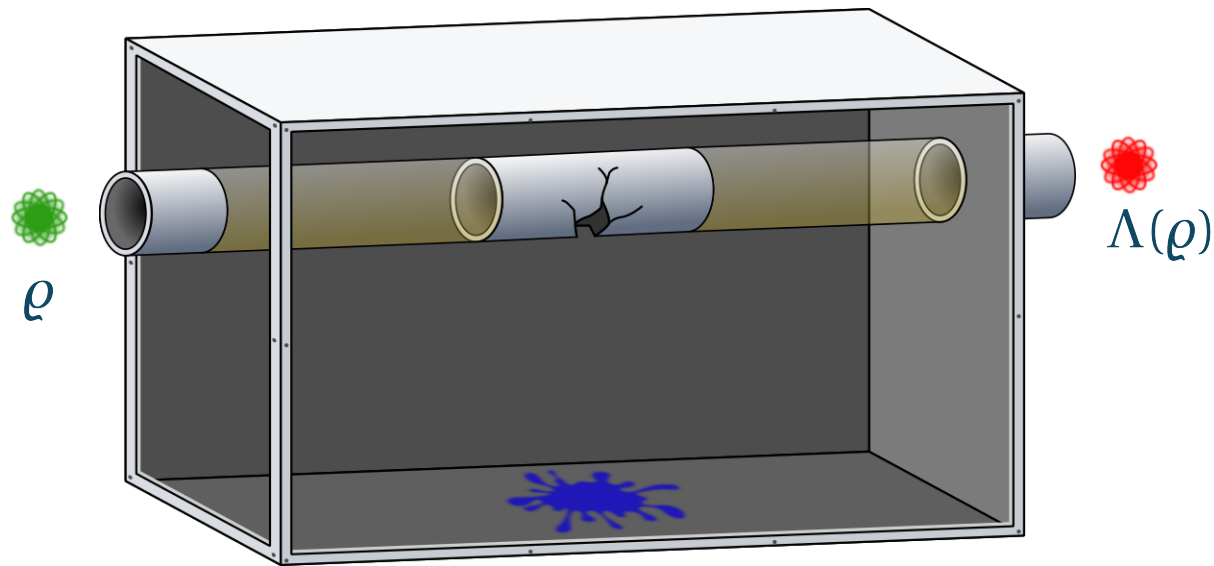
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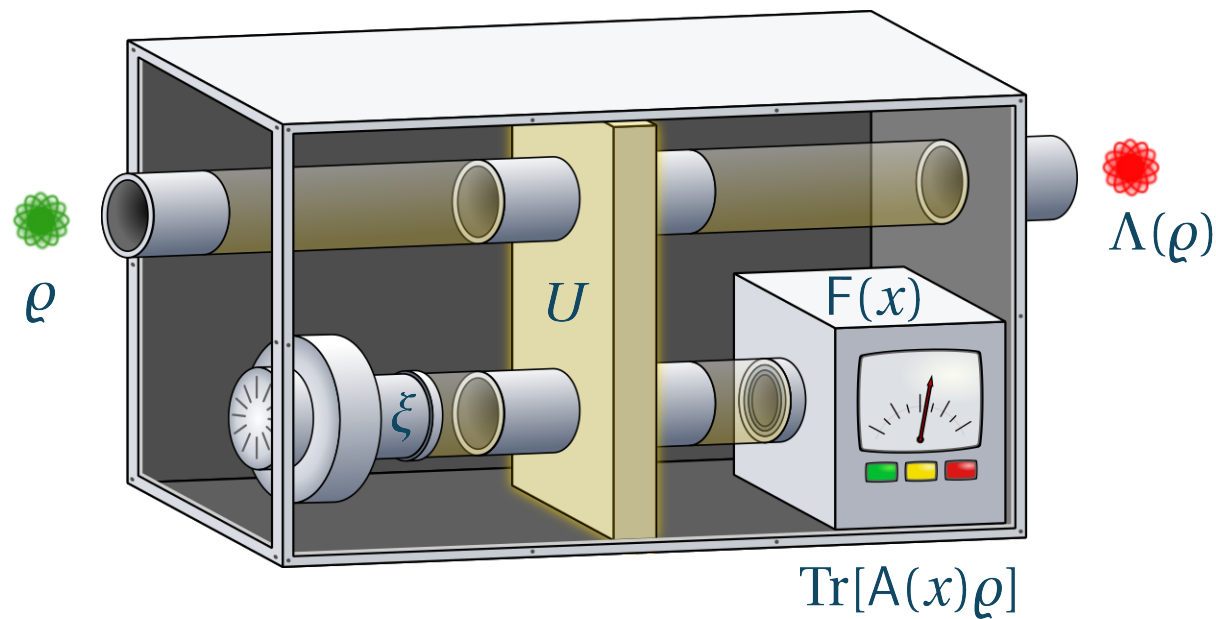
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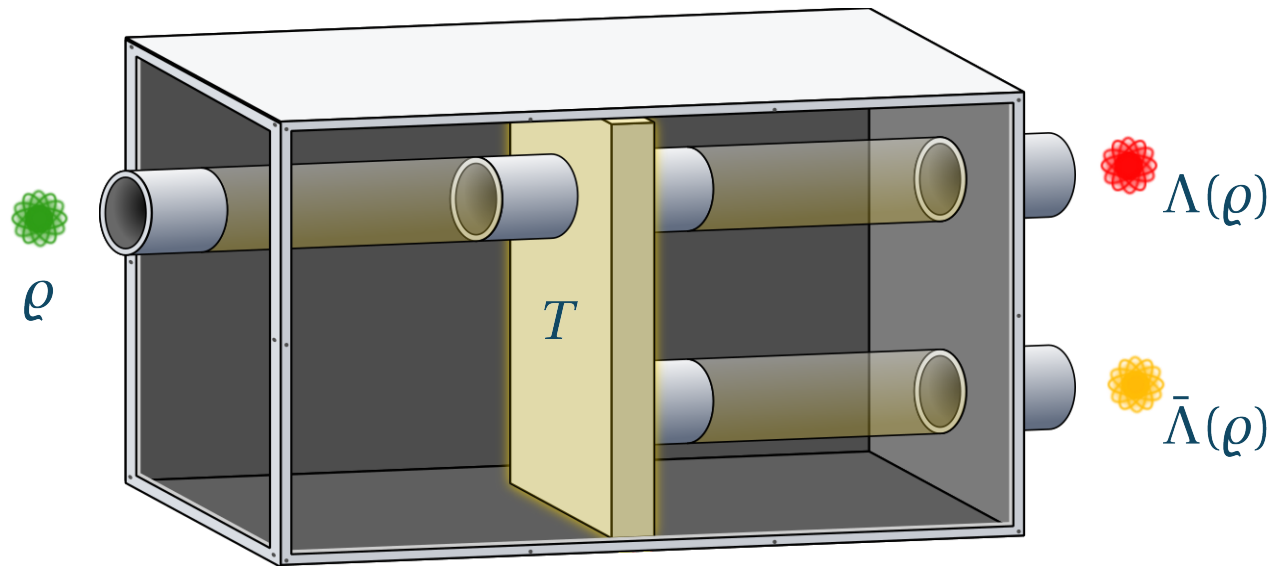
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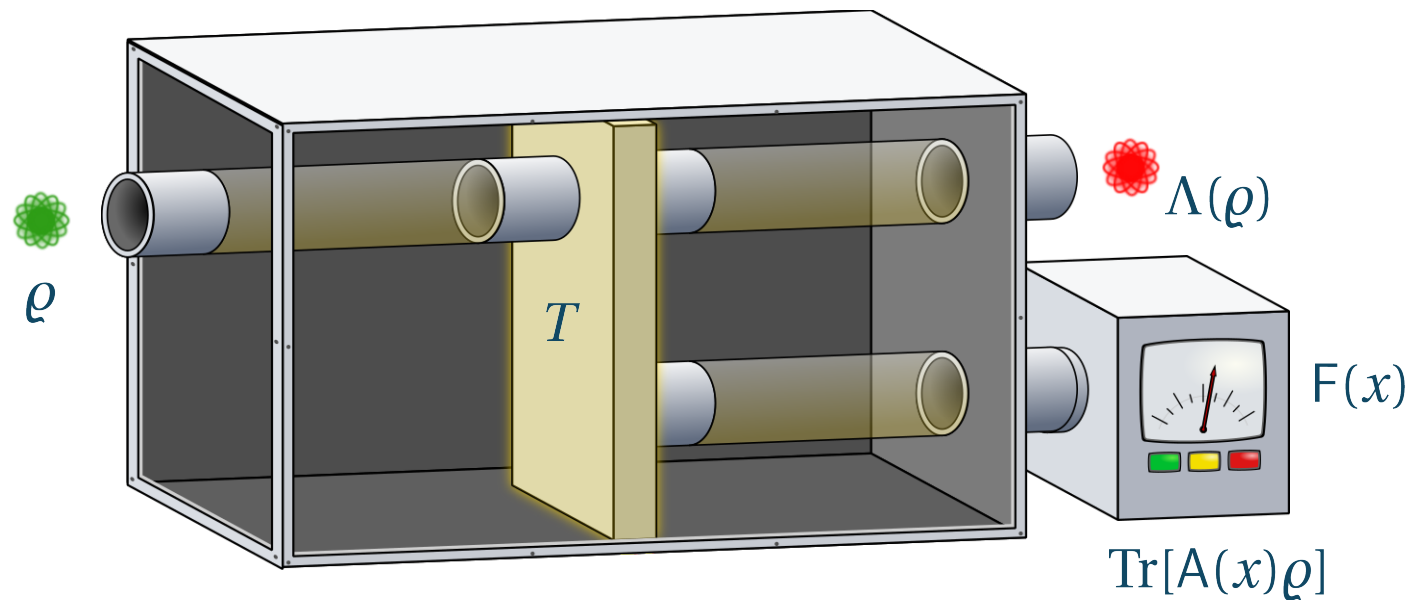
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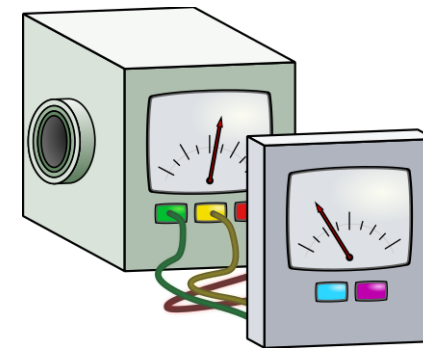
$$A(x) = \bar{\Lambda}^*(F(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= \sum_{k,l} \langle e_k | F(x) e_l \rangle M_k^* M_l \\ &= \sum_{k,l} F_{kl}(x) M_k^* M_l \end{aligned}$$

# Unbiased, binary, qubit observables

- Unbiased observable gives for completely mixed state outcomes from uniform distribution
- Binary observables have two outcomes
- Qubits are nice

$$A_{s,\vec{n}}(\pm) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} \pm s\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$$



- Postprocessing only decreases  $s$  – we will never get after processing more information; therefore our objective is to find maximal  $s$

# Unbiased, ~~binary~~, qubit channels

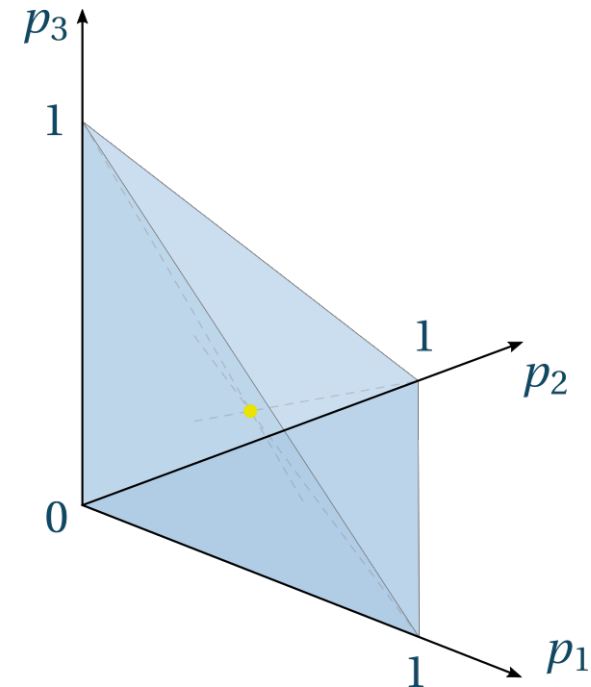
- Unbiased channel:  
“Just call me unital”
- ~~Binary channels have~~
- Qubits are nice – random unitary channels;  
we study *Pauli channels*

$$\Psi_{\vec{p}}(\rho) = \sum_{j=0}^3 p_j \sigma_j \rho \sigma_j$$

characterized by probability vector

$$\vec{p} = (p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3) \quad \sum_{j=0}^3 p_j = 1$$

- All observables compatible with  $\Psi_{\vec{p}}$  are given as  $A(x) = \sum_{k,l} \sqrt{p_k p_l} F_{kl}(x) \sigma_k \sigma_l$



# Sufficient condition

$$A_{s,\vec{n}}(\pm) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} \pm s\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$$

- An unbiased binary qubit observable  $A_{s,\vec{n}}$  and Pauli channel  $\Psi_{\vec{p}}$  are compatible if

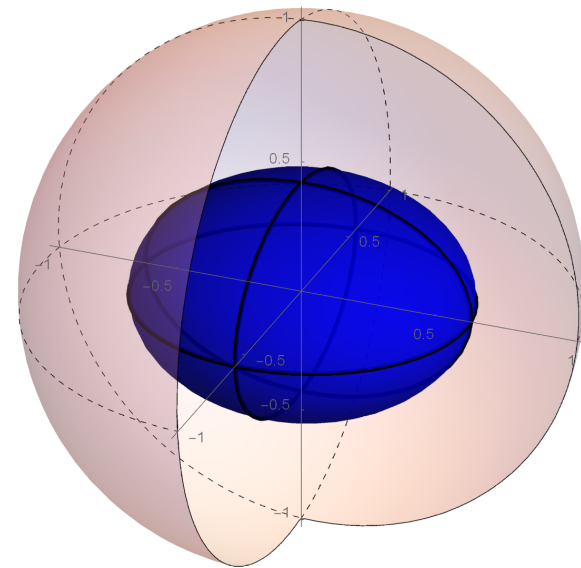
$$\frac{s^2 n_1^2}{\pi_1^2} + \frac{s^2 n_2^2}{\pi_2^2} + \frac{s^2 n_3^2}{\pi_3^2} \leq 1$$

where

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$$F(+)\equiv F = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n'_1 & n'_2 & n'_3 \\ n'_1 & 1 & -in'_3 & in'_2 \\ n'_2 & in'_3 & 1 & -in'_1 \\ n'_3 & -in'_2 & in'_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{n}' = \frac{Q^{-1}\vec{n}}{\|Q^{-1}\vec{n}\|} \quad Q_{ij} = \delta_{ij}\pi_j$$

- Proof:*

Not really elegant... we just provide  $F(\pm)$ , which is a projection

# Necessary condition

$$A_{s,\vec{n}}(\pm) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} \pm s\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma})$$

- An unbiased binary qubit observable  $A_{s,\vec{n}}$  and Pauli channel  $\Psi_{\vec{p}}$  are compatible only if

$$\frac{s^2 n_1^2}{\pi_1^2} + \frac{s^2 n_2^2}{\pi_2^2} + \frac{s^2 n_3^2}{\pi_3^2} \leq 1$$

- *Proof:*

- NONE -

- But in specific cases we have it: A Pauli channel  $\Psi_{\vec{p}}$  is compatible with  $A_{s,\vec{e}_j}$  if and only if  $|s| \leq \pi_j$ .

- *Proof:*

Showing that  $F(\pm)$  we have in the sufficient condition is optimal.

# SDP formulation

Let

$$\Sigma_x = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{p_0 p_1} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{p_0 p_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -i\sqrt{p_2 p_3} \\ 0 & 0 & i\sqrt{p_2 p_3} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_y = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \sqrt{p_0 p_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & i\sqrt{p_1 p_3} \\ \sqrt{p_0 p_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i\sqrt{p_1 p_3} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_z = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{p_0 p_3} \\ 0 & 0 & -i\sqrt{p_1 p_2} & 0 \\ 0 & i\sqrt{p_1 p_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \sqrt{p_0 p_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Primal problem:

$$s = \max \text{Tr}[X(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\Sigma})]$$

Subject to:

$$0 \leq X \leq \mathbb{I}$$

$$\text{Tr}[X(\vec{n}_\perp \cdot \vec{\Sigma})] = 0$$

Dual problem:

$$s = \min \text{Tr}[\lambda]$$

Subject to:

$$\lambda \geq (\vec{n} + v\vec{n}_\perp) \cdot \vec{\Sigma}$$

$$\lambda \geq 0 \quad v \in \mathbb{R}$$



# SDP formulation – specific cases with $v = 0$

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$$\lambda \geq 0$$

If  $P$  is the projector to the positive subspace, then

- let  $\lambda = P(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\Sigma})P$  and  $X = P$   
then  $s = \text{Tr}[P(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\Sigma})]$ , dual conditions are satisfied together with  $X$  being an effect, but in general

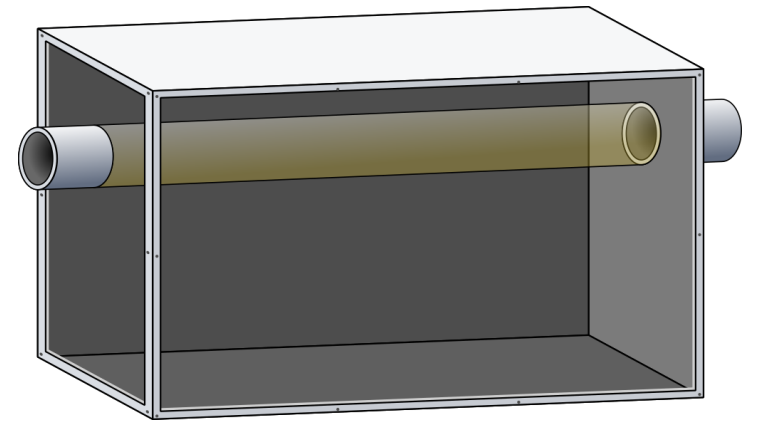
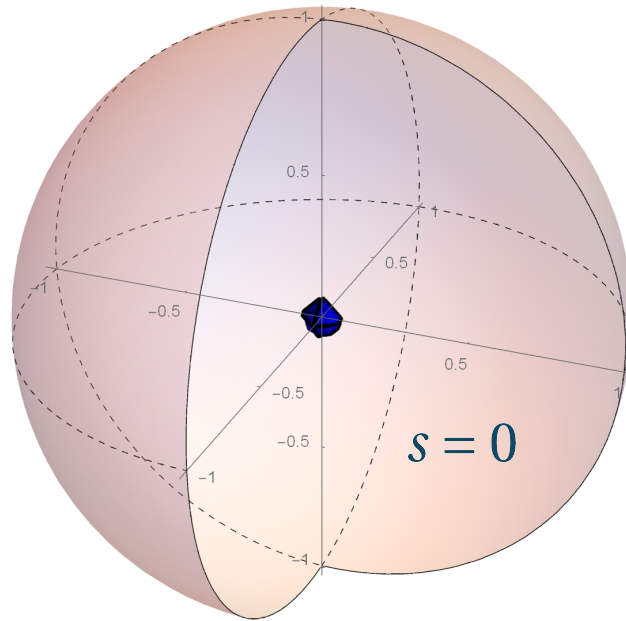
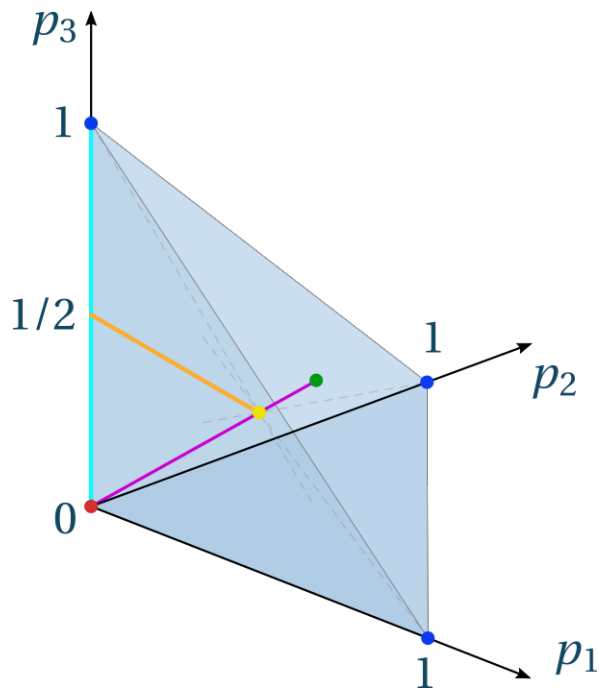
$$\text{Tr}[P(\vec{n}_\perp \cdot \vec{\Sigma})] \neq 0$$

- or we can choose  $X = F = F^2$  from the sufficient condition and take  $\lambda = F(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\Sigma})F$   
then  $s = \text{Tr}[F(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\Sigma})]$ , primal conditions are satisfied together with the first dual condition, but in general  $\lambda \not\geq 0$

- Enough (?):  $\lambda = F(\vec{n} + v\vec{n}_\perp) \cdot \vec{\Sigma}F$

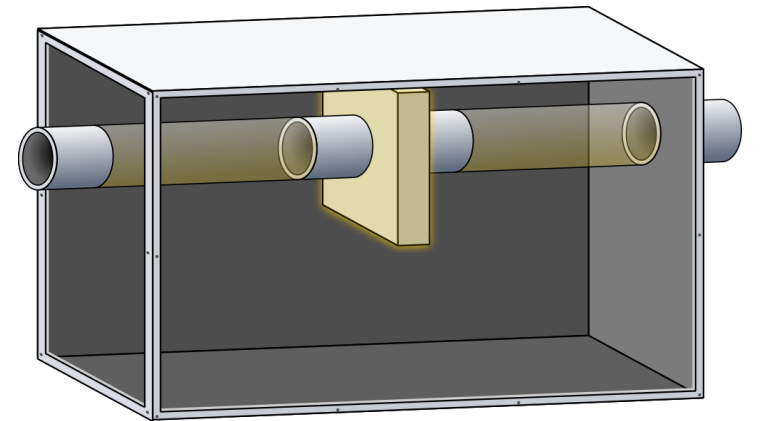
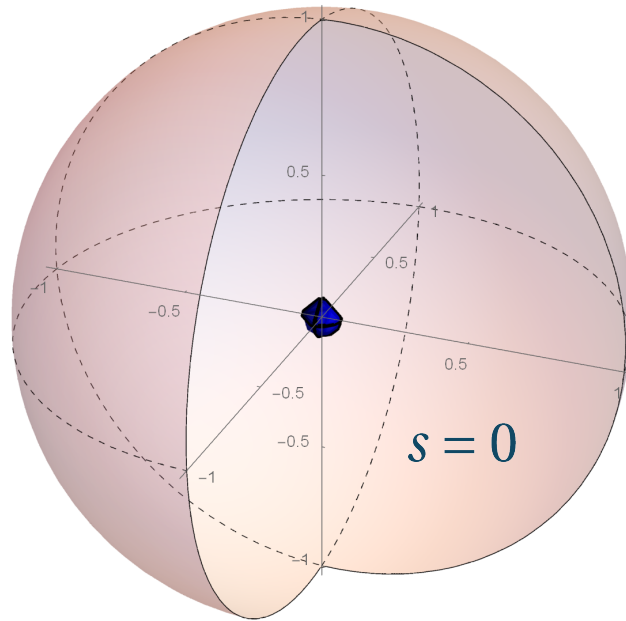
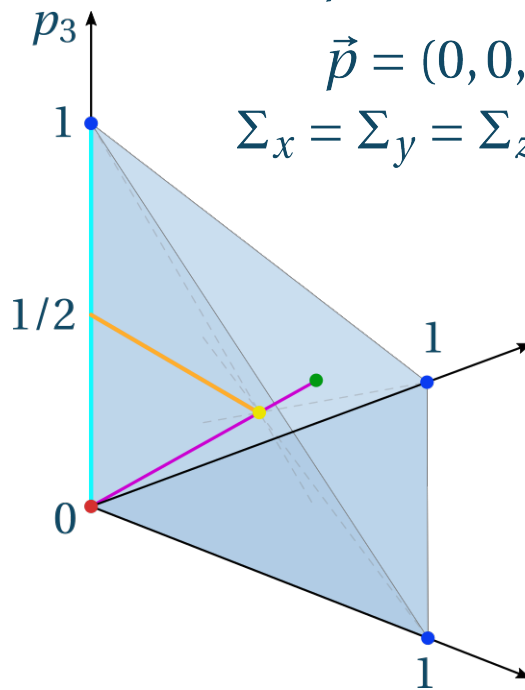
# Identity channel

- Red point  $\vec{p} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$   
 $\Sigma_x = \Sigma_y = \Sigma_z = 0$



# Unitary channels

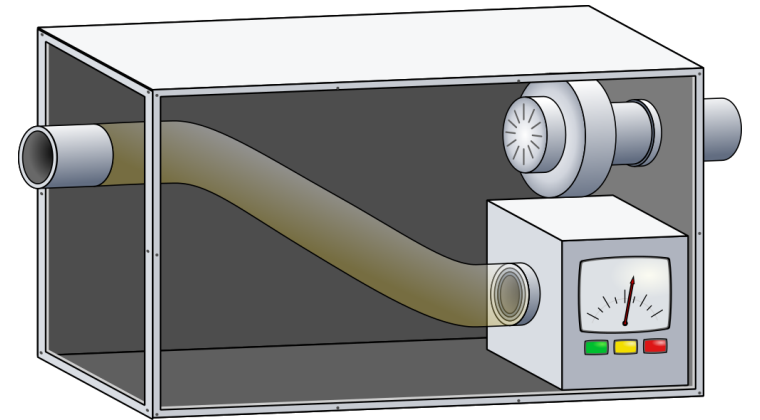
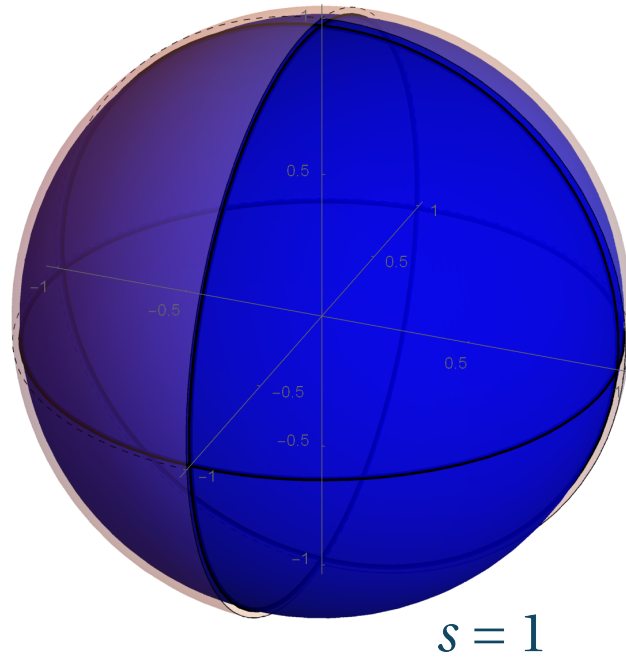
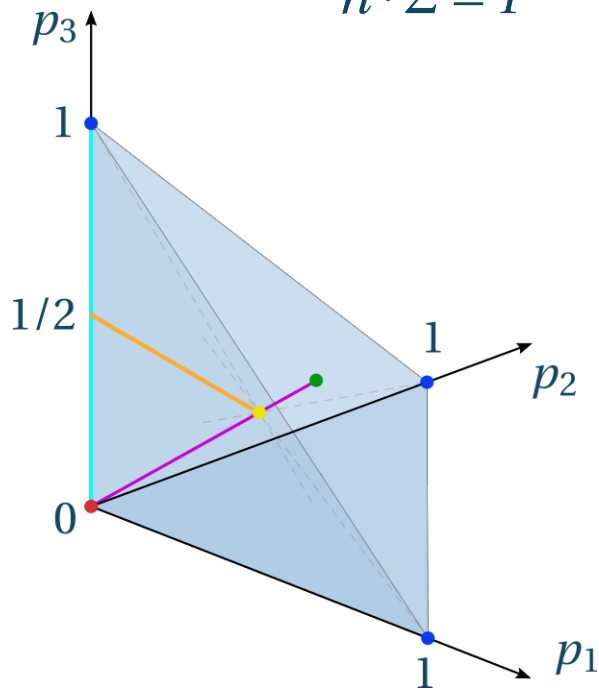
- Blue dots  $\vec{p} = (0, 1, 0, 0)$   
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# Completely depolarizing channel $\Gamma_{1/4}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{1}$

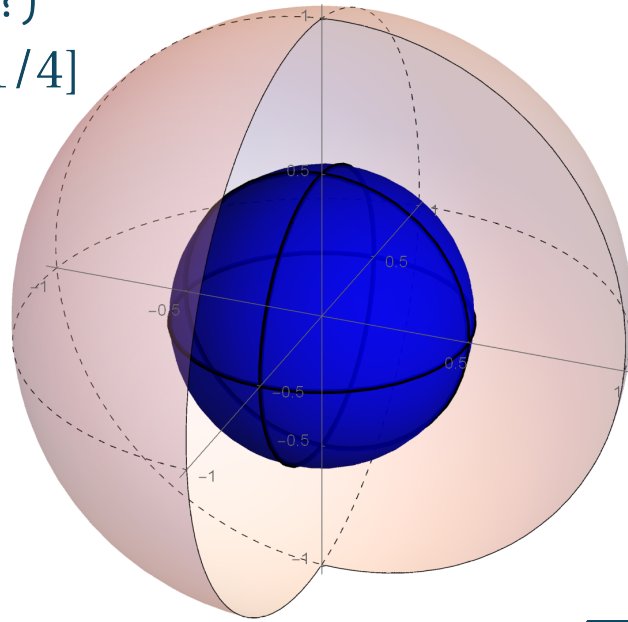
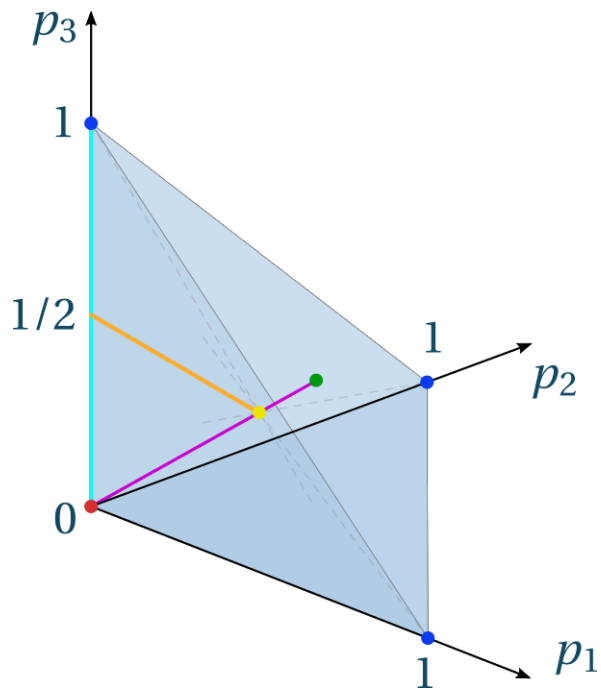
- Yellow dot  $\vec{p} = \frac{1}{4}(1, 1, 1)$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \Sigma = F$$



# Partially depolarizing channels $\Gamma_p(\rho) = (1 - 4p)\rho + 2p\mathbb{I}$

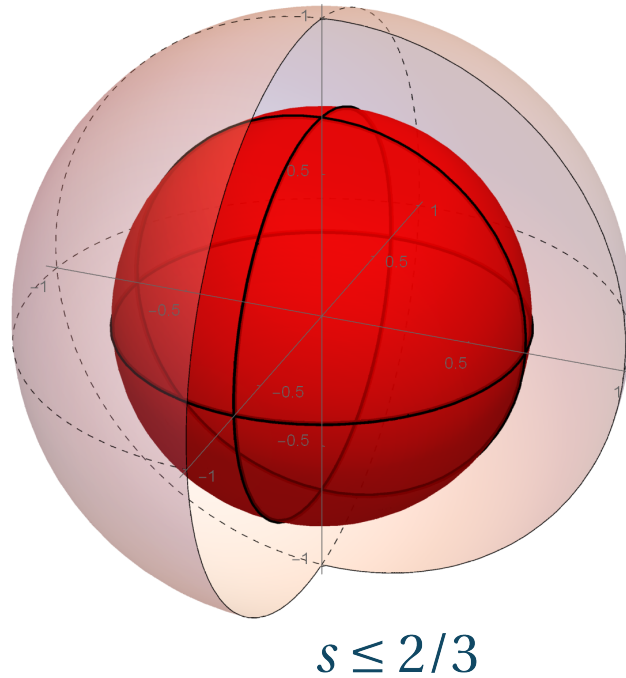
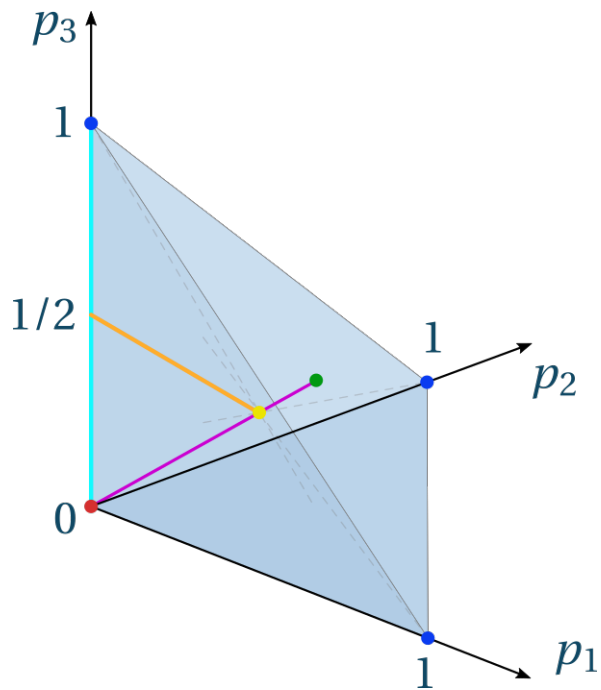
- Purple line (only sufficient?)  
 $\vec{p} = (1 - 3p, p, p, p), p \in [0, 1/4]$



$$s \leq 2[p + \sqrt{p(1 - 3p)}]$$

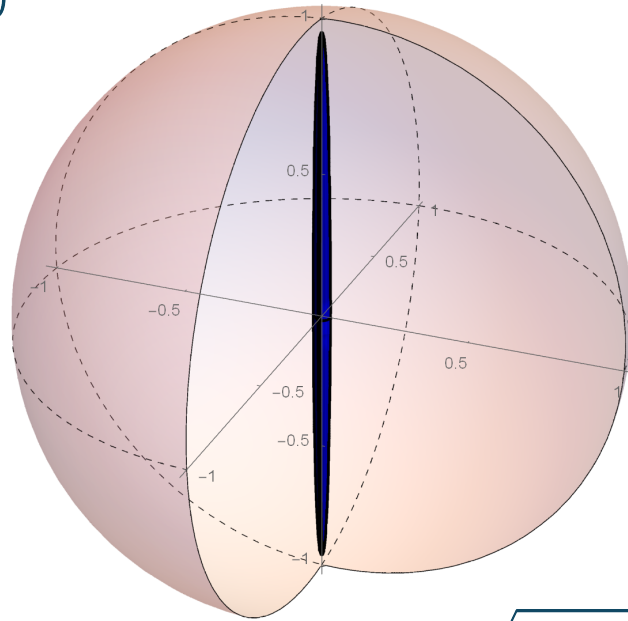
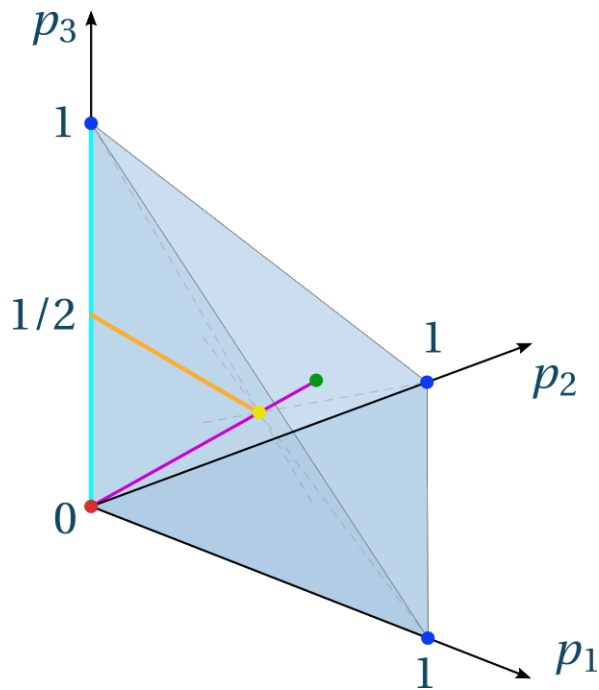
# Quantum NOT - $\Gamma_{1/3}$

- Green dot  $\vec{p} = \frac{1}{3}(0, 1, 1, 1)$



# Phase damping channels

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only one  $\Sigma_j$  is non-zero



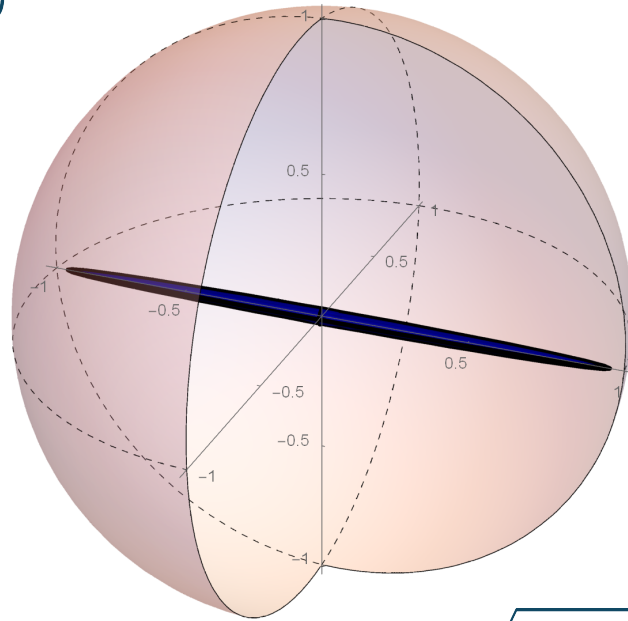
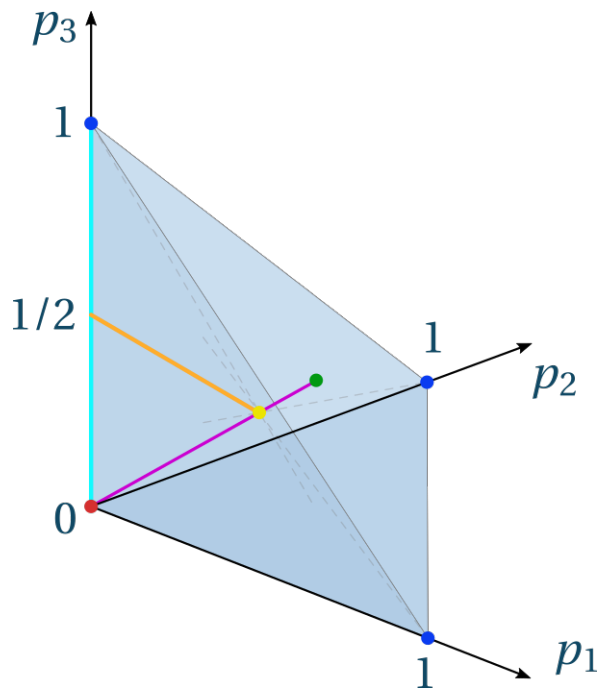
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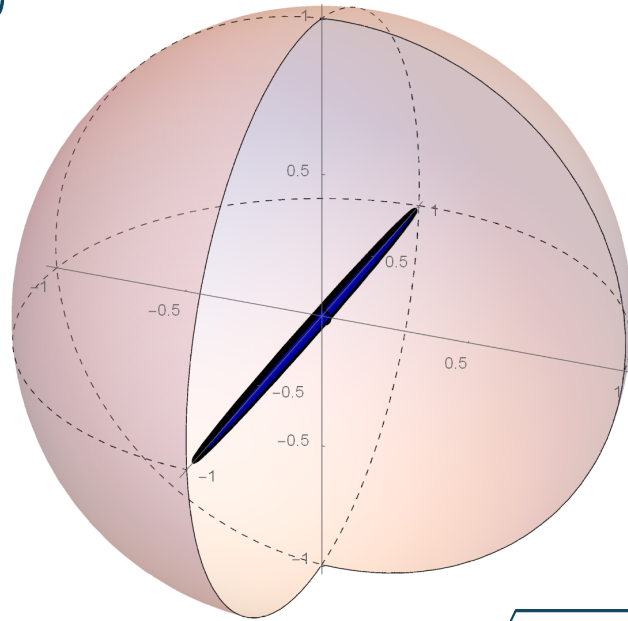
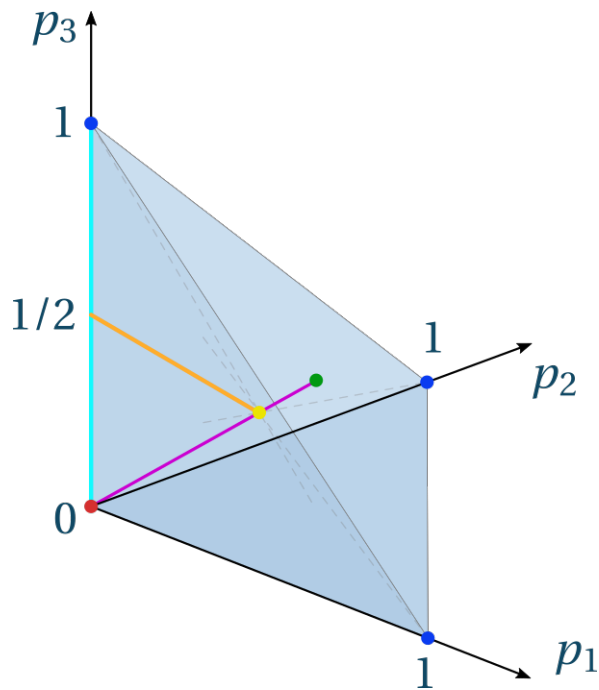
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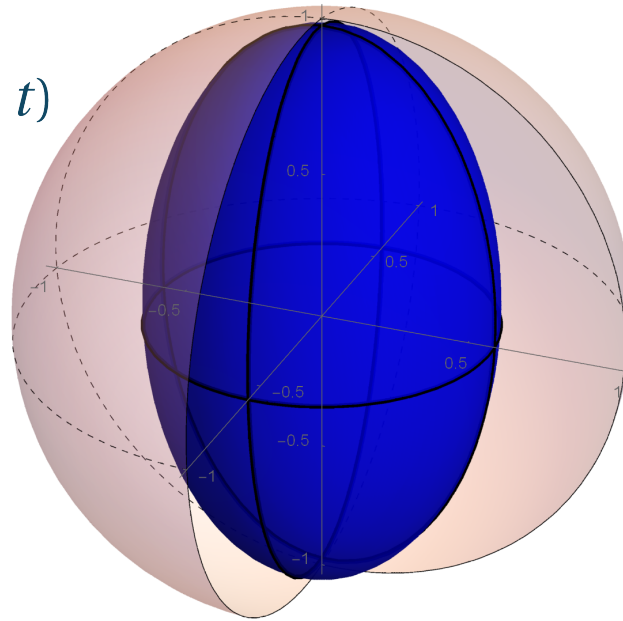
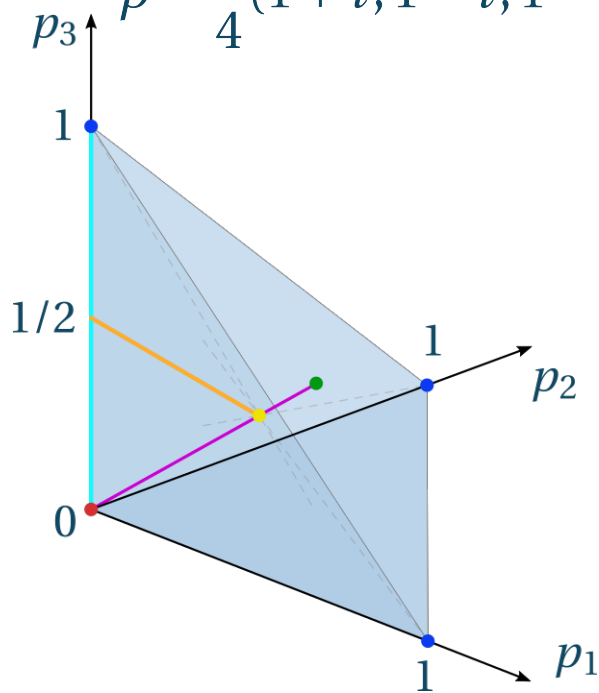
# Measure and prepare channels

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$$\Theta_t(\rho) = \text{Tr}[\rho A_{t,\vec{e}_z}(+)]A_{1,\vec{e}_z}(+) + \text{Tr}[\rho A_{t,\vec{e}_z}(-)]A_{1,\vec{e}_z}(-)$$

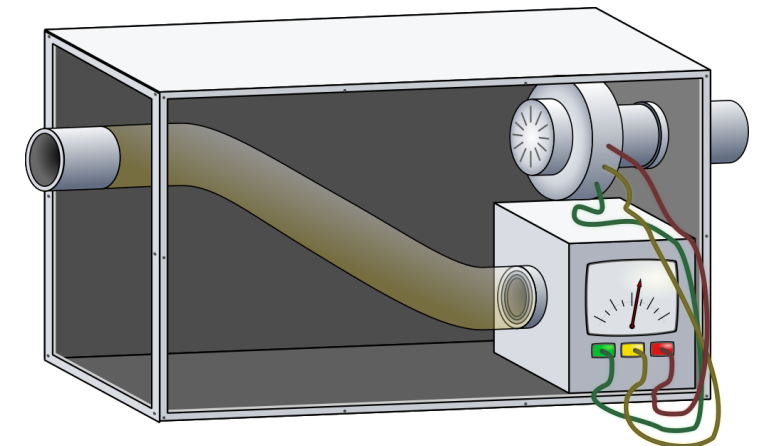
- Orange line

$$\vec{p} = \frac{1}{4}(1+t, 1-t, 1-t, 1+t)$$



- Composition of an absolutely damping channel and a partially depolarizing channel
- Measuring afterwards  $A_{s,\vec{e}_x}$ ,

$$s^2 + t^2 \leq 1$$



Thank you for attention!