

# Quantum Dynamics as Generalized Conditional Probabilities

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Classical	Quantum
Algebra of R.V.'s on a sample space $(\Omega_A, S_A)$ .	Algebra of operators $\mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A)$ on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_A$ .
Probability distribution: $P(X)$	Quantum State: $\rho_A \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A)$
Expectation value: $\langle X \rangle = \sum_X X P(X)$	Expectation value: $\langle X \rangle = \text{Tr}(X \rho_A)$
Cartesian Product: $\Omega_{AB} = \Omega_A \times \Omega_B$	Tensor Product: $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$
Joint Distribution: $P(X, Y)$	Joint state: $\rho_{AB} \in \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_{AB})$
Marginal Distn.: $P(X) = \sum_Y P(X, Y)$	Partial Trace: $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho_{AB})$
Stochastic transition map: $\Gamma_{Y X}$	TPCP map $\mathcal{E}_{B A} : \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$
Conditional Probability: $P(Y X) = \frac{P(X, Y)}{P(X)}$	?

# Generalized Probability Theory

- \* Quantum theory and classical probability are part of a more general theory, with  $\mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H})$  replaced by a more general  $C^*$  algebra.

- \* In this talk, specialize to finite dimensional algebras of the form:

$$\mathfrak{D} = \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{C}^{d_1} \oplus \mathbb{C}^{d_2} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{C}^{d_N})$$

- \* We are mainly interested in these two special cases:

- \* Classical probability with a finite sample space

$$\mathfrak{D}_{c,d} = \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{C}^{\oplus d}) = \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{C})$$

- \* “Full” finite-dimensional quantum theory

$$\mathfrak{D}_{q,d} = \mathfrak{B}(\mathbb{C}^d)$$



# Why quantum conditional probability?

- \* “Practical” Reasons:

- \* Several probabilistic structures require cond. prob. or cond. independence for their definition, e.g. Markov Chains, Bayesian Networks.
- \* Better understand the relationships between different qinfo tasks.

- \* “Foundational” reasons:

- \* QT is actually more like a generalized theory of stochastic process than abstract Kolmogorov probability. Spacelike and timelike events are combined differently.
- \* Cond. prob. is the missing notion that relates the two.
- \* Could be relevant to applying QT in the absence of background causal structure.

# Outline

1. Introduction
2. Stochastic Dynamics as Conditional Probability
3. Choi-Jamiołkowski Isomorphism
4. A New Isomorphism
5. Operational Interpretation
6. Application: Cloning, broadcasting & monogamy of entanglement
7. Future Directions

# 1. Introduction: Uses of Cond. Prob.

(A) Reconstructing a joint distribution from a marginal

$$P(X, Y) = P(Y|X)P(X)$$

(B) Bayesian Updating

$$P(H|D) = \frac{P(D|H)P(H)}{P(D)}$$

(C) Stochastic Dynamics

$$P(Y) = \sum_X \Gamma_{Y|X} P(X)$$

(D) Conditional Shannon Entropy

$$H(Y|X) = H(X, Y) - H(X) = - \sum_{X, Y} P(X, Y) \log_2 P(Y|X)$$

(E) Reduction of complexity via conditional independence

$$P(Z|X, Y) = P(Z|X) \Leftrightarrow P(X, Y, Z) = P(X)P(Y|X)P(Z|X)$$



# 1. Introduction: Uses of Cond. Prob.

(A) Reconstructing a joint state from a marginal

$$\rho_{AB} = f(\rho_A, \rho_{B|A})$$

(B) Updating a state after a measurement

$$\rho_A \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{E}^{(j)}(\rho_A)}{\text{Tr}(\mathcal{E}^{(j)}(\rho_A))}$$

(C) TPCP Dynamics

$$\rho_B = \mathcal{E}_{B|A}(\rho_A)$$

(D) Conditional von Neumann Entropy

$$S(B|A) = -\text{Tr}(\rho_{AB} \log_2 \rho_{B|A})$$

(E) Reduction of complexity via conditional independence

\* Cerf & Adami achieve (A), (D), (E). I achieve (A), (B), (C).

# 1. Introduction: Cerf & Adami

- \* Cerf & Adami: Let  $\rho_{AB} \in \mathfrak{D}_A \otimes \mathfrak{D}_B$  be a density operator, and define

$$\rho_{B|A} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ (\rho_A \otimes I_B)^{-\frac{1}{2n}} \rho_{AB}^{\frac{1}{n}} (\rho_A \otimes I_B)^{-\frac{1}{2n}} \right]^n$$

$$\log_2 \rho_{B|A} = \log_2 \rho_{AB} - \log_2 \rho_A \otimes I_B$$

- \* (A) Reconstruction:  $\rho_{AB} = 2^{\log_2 \rho_A \otimes I_B + \log_2 \rho_{B|A}}$

- \* (C) Entropy:

$$S(B|A) = S(A, B) - S(A) = -\text{Tr} (\rho_{AB} \log_2 \rho_{B|A})$$

- \* (E) Complexity Reduction:

$$\log_2 \rho_{C|AB} = \rho_{C|A} \otimes I_B \Leftrightarrow \log_2 \rho_{ABC} = \log_2 \rho_A \otimes I_B \otimes I_C + \log_2 \rho_{B|A} \otimes I_C + \log_2 \rho_{C|A} \otimes I_B$$

$$S(B : C|A) = S(C|A) - S(C|A, B) = 0$$



# 1. Introduction: An Obvious Alternative

- \* Let  $\rho_{AB} \in \mathfrak{D}_A \otimes \mathfrak{D}_B$  be a density operator, and define:

$$\rho_{B|A} = \rho_A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \otimes I_B \rho_{AB} \rho_A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \otimes I_B$$

- \* Properties:

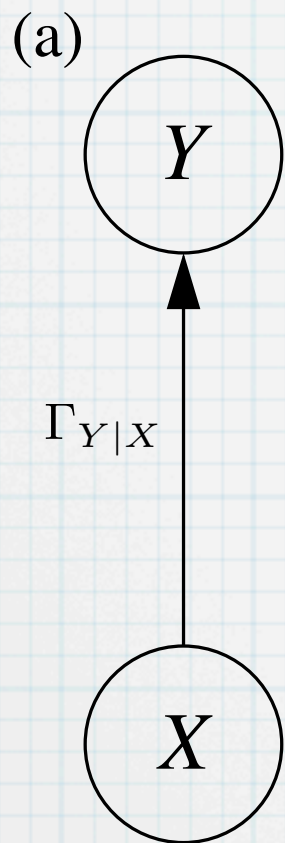
- \*  $\rho_{B|A}$  is a density operator on  $\mathfrak{D}_A \otimes \mathfrak{D}_B$ .

- \* Maximally mixed on subsystem A:  $\text{Tr}_B(\rho_{B|A}) = \frac{P_A}{d_A^r}$ .

- \* (A) Reconstruction:

$$\rho_{AB} = \rho_A^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes I_B \rho_{AB} \rho_A^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes I_B$$

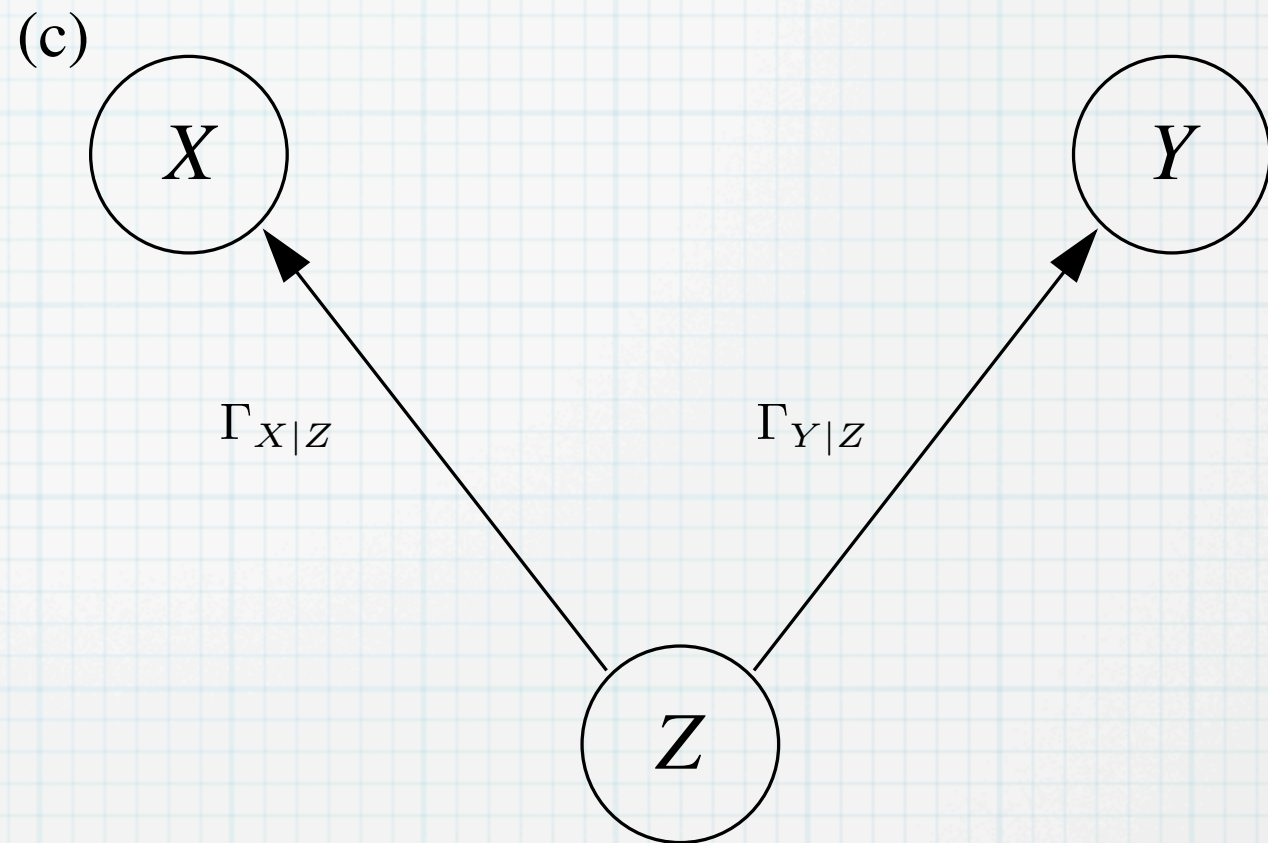
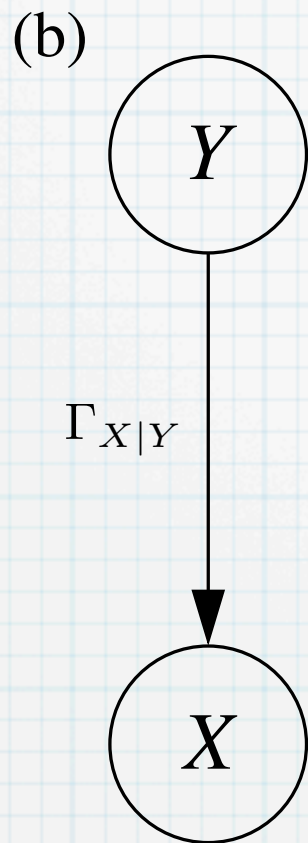
## 2. Dynamics as Conditional Probability



$$P(Y) = \sum_X \Gamma_{Y|X} P(X)$$

$$P(X, Y) = \Gamma_{Y|X} P(X)$$

$$P(Y|X) = \Gamma_{Y|X}^r$$



$$P(X, Y)$$

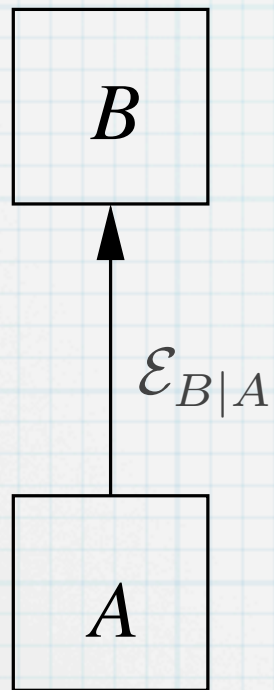
$$P(X) = \sum_Y P(X, Y)$$

$$P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X, Y)}{P(X)}$$

**Isomorphism:**  $\left( P(X), \Gamma_{Y|X}^r \right) \Leftrightarrow P(X, Y)$

## 2. Dynamics as conditional probability

(a)

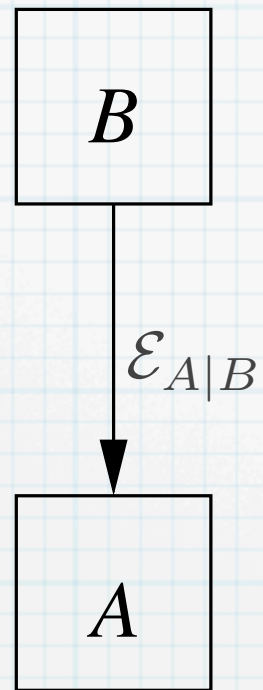


$$\rho_B = \mathcal{E}_{B|A}(\rho_A)$$

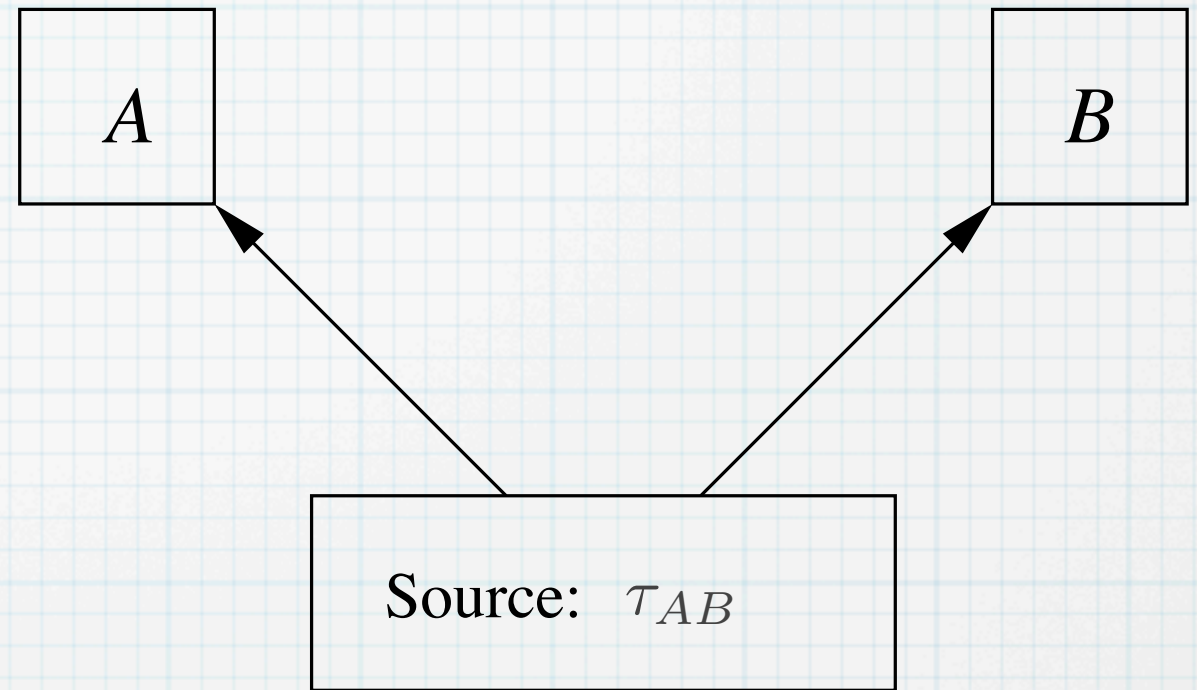
$$\rho_{AB} = ?$$

$$\rho_{B|A} = ?$$

(b)



(c)



$$\tau_{AB}$$

$$\tau_A = \text{Tr}_B(\tau_{AB})$$

$$\tau_{B|A} = ?$$

$$\text{Isomorphism: } (\rho_A, \mathcal{E}_{B|A}^r) \Leftrightarrow \tau_{AB} ?$$



# 3. Choi-Jamiołkowski Isomorphism

\* Recall: Kraus decomposition of CP-maps  $\mathcal{E}_{B|A} : \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$

$$\mathcal{E}_{B|A}(\rho_A) = \sum_{\mu} R_{B|A}^{(\mu)} \rho_A R_{B|A}^{(\mu)\dagger} \quad R_{B|A}^{(\mu)} : \mathcal{H}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_B$$

\* For bipartite pure states and operators:

$$R_{B|A} = \sum_{jk} \alpha_{jk} |j\rangle_B \langle k|_A \Leftrightarrow |\Psi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{jk} \alpha_{jk} |k\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_B$$

\* For mixed states and CP-maps:

$$R_{B|A}^{(\mu)} \Leftrightarrow |\Psi^{(\mu)}\rangle \quad \mathcal{E}_{B|A} \Leftrightarrow \tau_{AB} = \sum_{\mu} |\Psi^{(\mu)}\rangle_{AB} \langle \Psi^{(\mu)}|_{AB}$$

### 3. Choi-Jamiołkowski Isomorphism

- \* Let  $|\Phi^+\rangle_{AA'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_A}} \sum_j |j\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_{A'}$

- \* Then  $\tau_{AB} = \mathcal{I}_A \otimes \mathcal{E}_{B|A'} (|\Phi^+\rangle_{AA'} \langle \Phi^+|_{AA'})$

$$\mathcal{E}_{B|A}(\rho_A) = d_A^2 \langle \Phi^+|_{AA'} \rho_A \otimes \tau_{A'B} |\Phi^+\rangle_{AA'}$$

- \* Operational interpretation: Noisy gate teleportation.

# 3. Choi-Jamiołkowski Isomorphism

## \* Remarks:

- \* Isomorphism is basis dependent. A basis must be chosen to define  $|\Phi^+\rangle_{AA'}$
- \* If we restrict attention to Trace Preserving CP-maps then

$$\tau_A = \text{Tr}_B(\tau_{AB}) = \frac{I_A}{d_A}$$

- \* This is a special case of the isomorphism we want to construct

$$\left(\rho_A, \mathcal{E}_{B|A}^r\right) \Leftrightarrow \tau_{AB}$$

where  $\rho_A = \frac{I_A}{d_A}$ .



## 4. A New Isomorphism

\*  $(\rho_A, \mathcal{E}_{B|A}^r) \rightarrow \tau_{AB}$  direction:

\* Instead of  $|\Phi^+\rangle_{AA'}$ , use  $|\Phi\rangle_{AA'} = (\rho_A^T)^{\frac{1}{2}} \otimes I_{A'} |\Phi^+\rangle_{AA'}$

\* Then  $\tau_{AB} = \mathcal{I}_A \otimes \mathcal{E}_{B|A'}^r (|\Phi\rangle_{AA'} \langle \Phi|_{AA'})$

\*  $\tau_{AB} \rightarrow (\rho_A, \mathcal{E}_{B|A}^r)$  direction:

\* Set  $\rho_A = \tau_A^T$ ,  $\tau_A = \text{Tr}_B (\tau_{AB})$

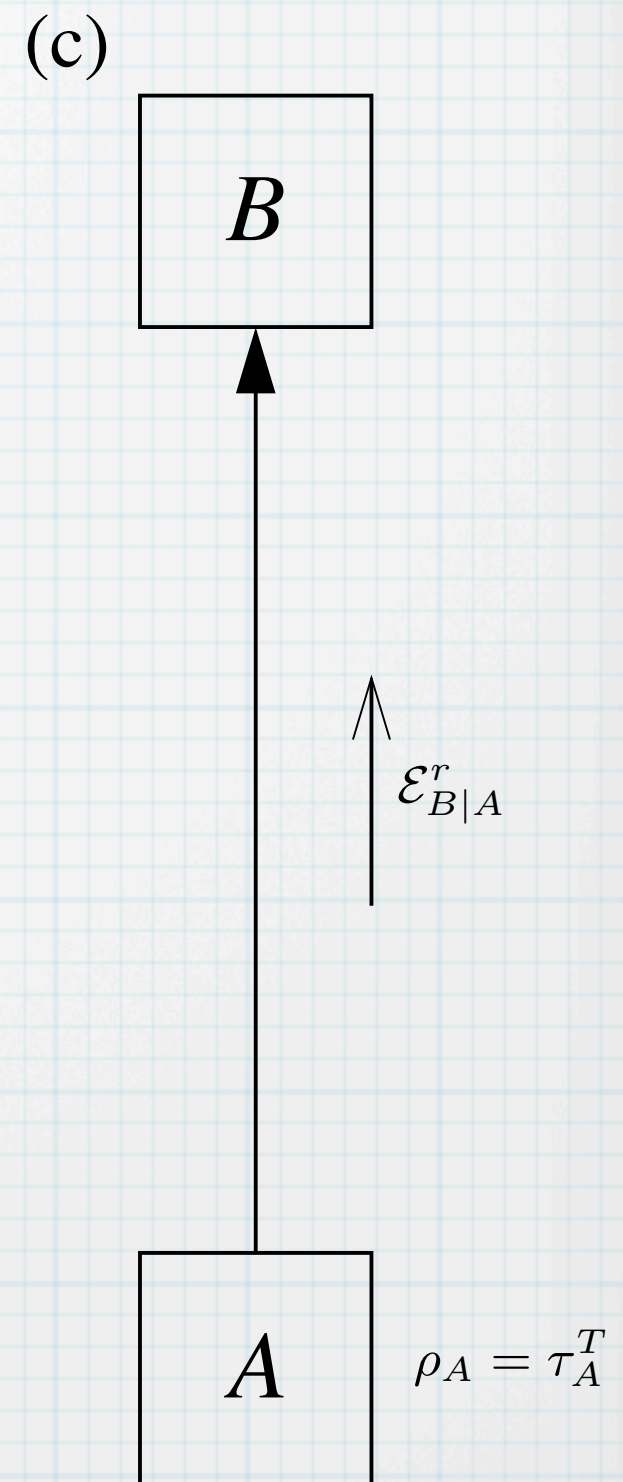
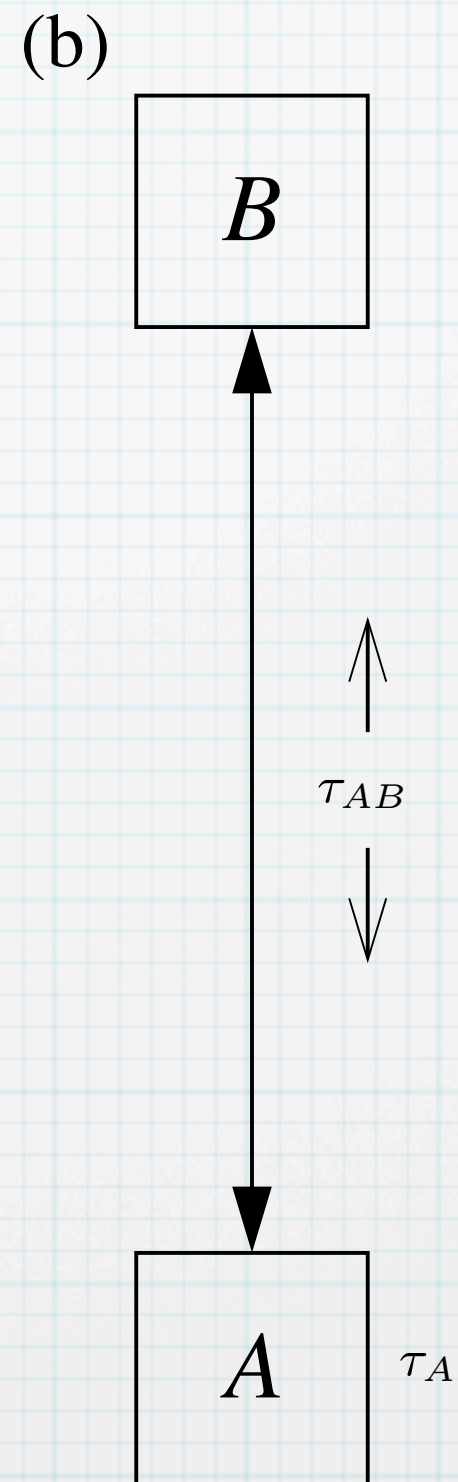
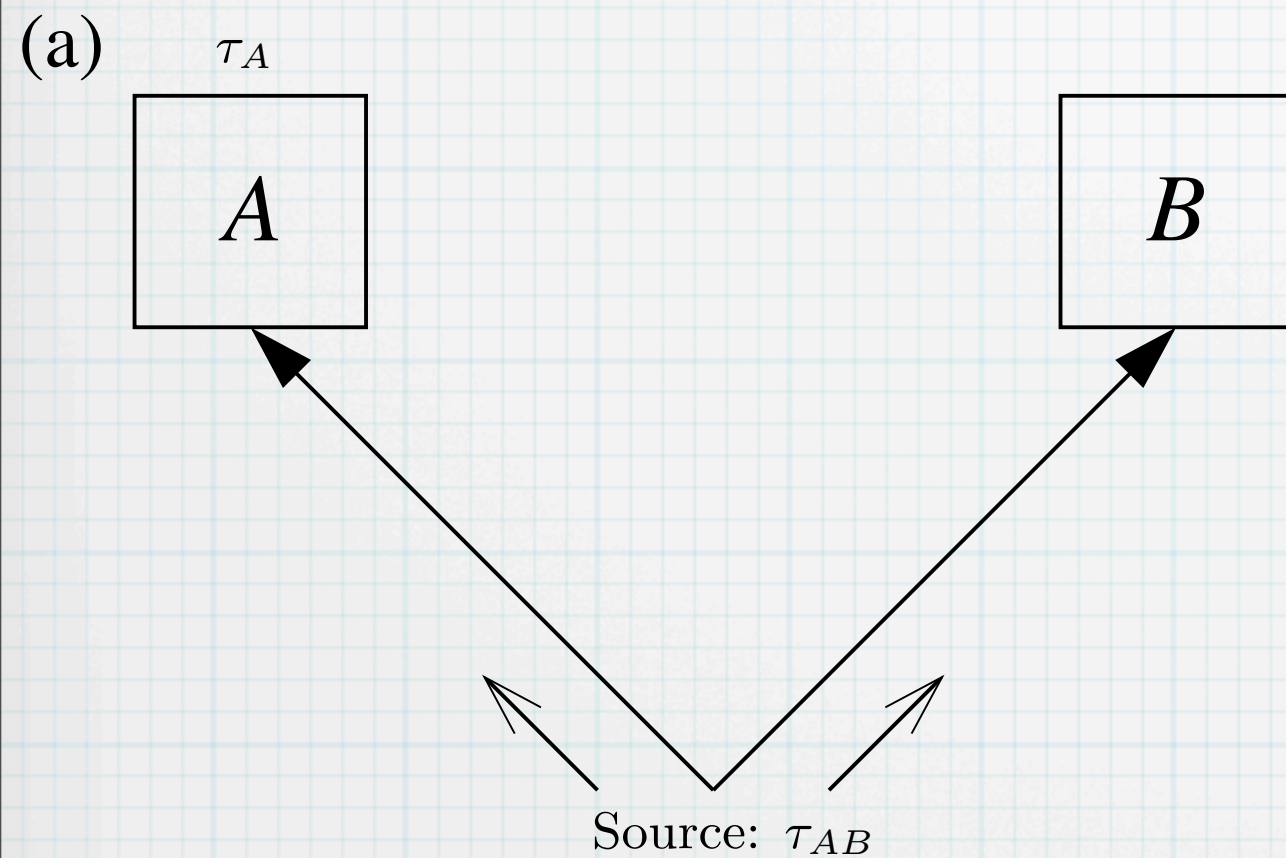
\* Let  $\tau_{B|A} = \tau_A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \otimes I_B \tau_{AB} \tau_A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \otimes I_B$

\*  $\tau_{B|A}$  satisfies  $\text{Tr}_B (\tau_{B|A}) = \frac{P_A}{d_A^r}$

\* Hence, it is uniquely associated to a TPCP map via the Choi-Jamiołkowski isomorphism.

$$\mathcal{E}_{B|A}^r : \mathfrak{B}(P_A \mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_B)$$

## 4. A New Isomorphism



# 5. Operational Interpretation

- \* **Reminder about measurements:**

- \* **POVM:**  $M = \{M\}, \quad M > 0, \quad \sum_M M = I$

- \* **Probability Rule:**  $P(M) = \text{Tr}(M\rho)$

- \* **Update CP-map:**  $\rho|_M = \frac{\mathcal{E}^M(\rho)}{\text{Tr}(M\rho)}$

$$\mathcal{E}^M(\rho) = \sum_j A_j^M \rho A_j^{M\dagger} \qquad \sum_j A_j^{M\dagger} A_j^M = M$$

- \*  $\mathcal{E}^M$  depends on details of system-measuring device interaction.



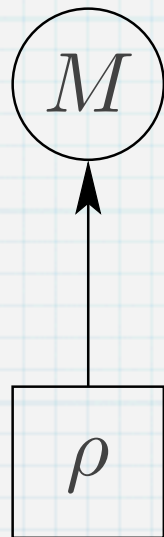
## 5. Operational Interpretation

- \* **Lemma:**  $\rho = \sum_M P(M) \rho_{|M}$  is an ensemble decomposition of a density matrix  $\rho$  iff there is a POVM  $M = \{M\}$  s.t.

$$P(M) = \text{Tr}(M\rho) \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_{|M} = \frac{\sqrt{\rho} M \sqrt{\rho}}{\text{Tr}(M\rho)}$$

- \* **Proof sketch:** Set  $M = P(M) \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}} \rho_{|M} \rho^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

# 5. Operational Interpretation

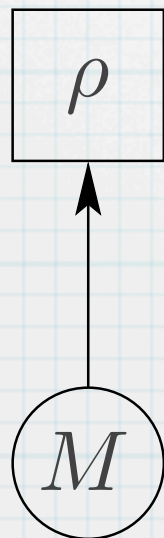


- \*  $M$ -measurement of  $\rho$

- \* Input:  $\rho$

- \* Measurement probabilities:  $P(M) = \text{Tr}(M\rho)$

- \* Updated state: 
$$\rho|_M = \frac{\sqrt{M}\rho\sqrt{M}}{\text{Tr}(M\rho)}$$



- \*  $M$ -preparation of  $\rho$

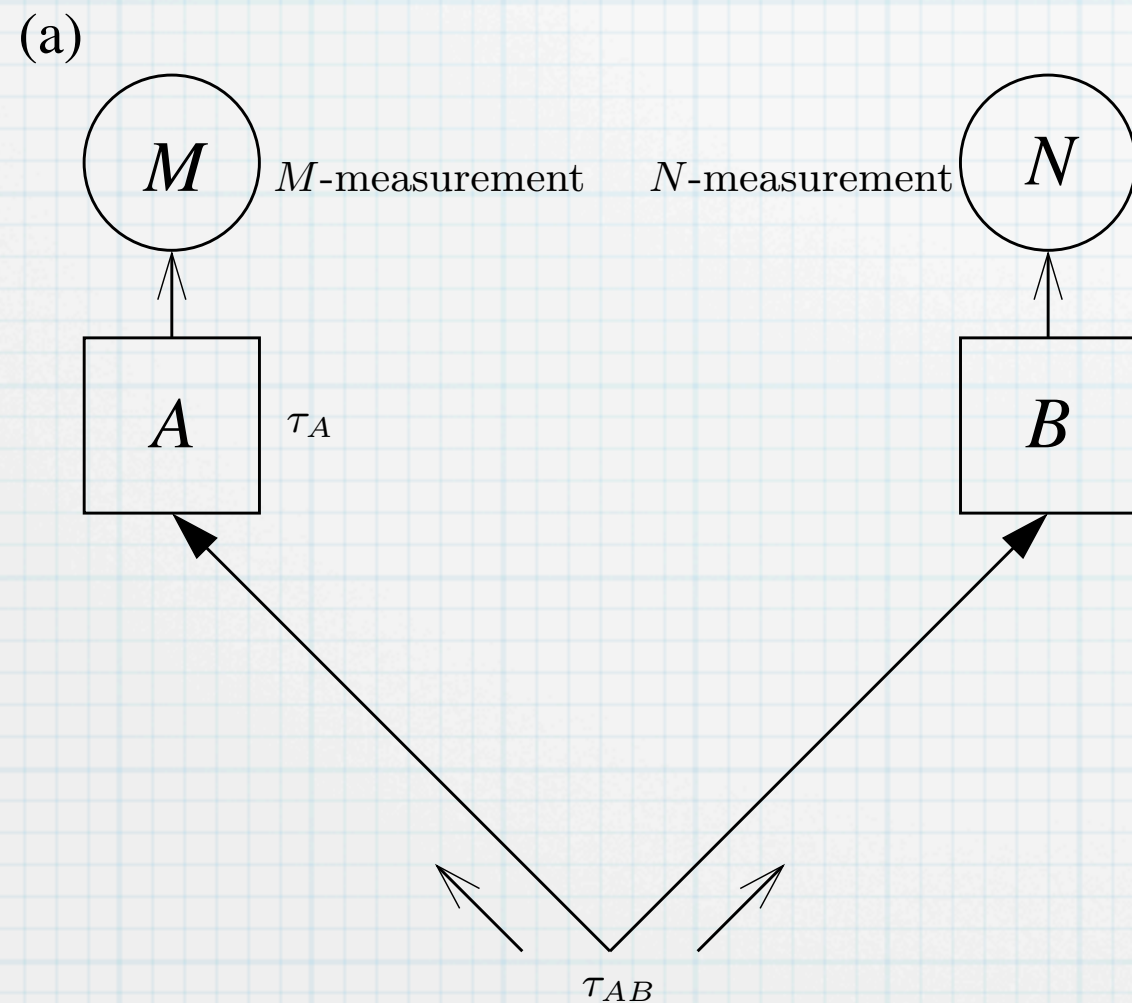
- \* Input: Generate a classical r.v. with p.d.f

$$P(M) = \text{Tr}(M\rho)$$

- \* Prepare the corresponding state:

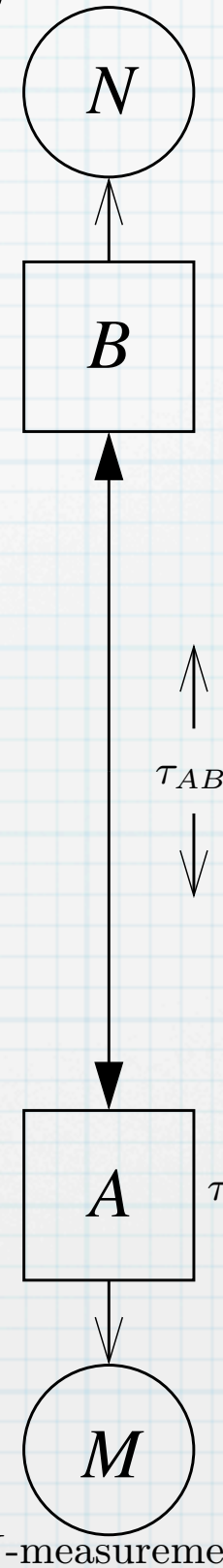
$$\rho|_M = \frac{\sqrt{\rho}M\sqrt{\rho}}{\text{Tr}(M\rho)}$$

# 5. Operational Interpretation

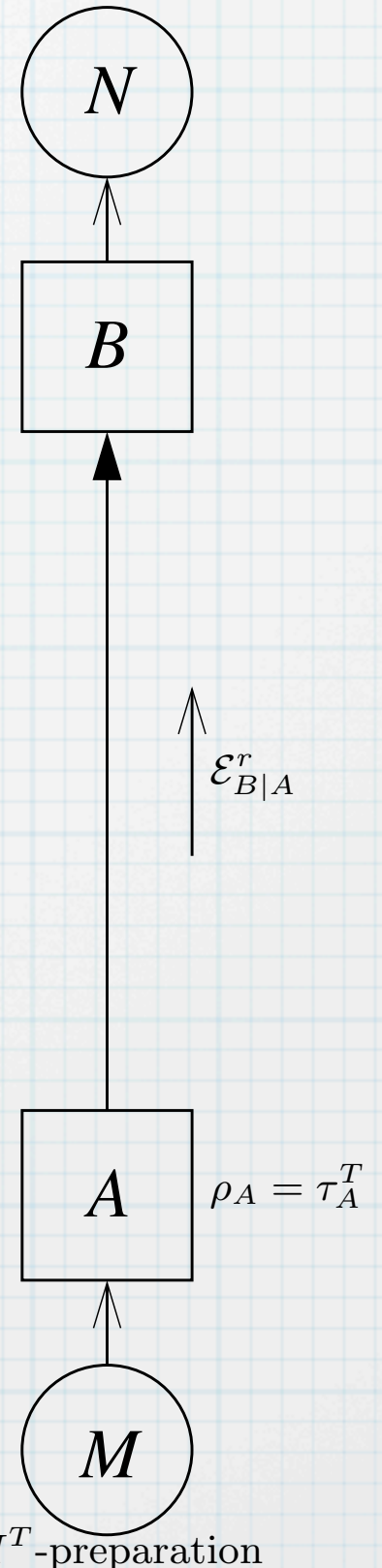


$P(M, N)$  is the same in (a) and (c) for any POVMs  $M$  and  $N$ .

(b)  $N$ -measurement



(c)  $N$ -measurement





## 6. Application: Broadcasting & Monogamy

- \* For any TPCP map  $\mathcal{E}_{BC|A} : \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_C)$  the reduced maps are:

$$\mathcal{E}_{B|A} = \text{Tr}_C \circ \mathcal{E}_{BC|A} \quad \mathcal{E}_{C|A} = \text{Tr}_B \circ \mathcal{E}_{BC|A}$$

- \* The following commutativity properties hold:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rho_{ABC} & \xlongequal{\quad} & (\rho_A, \mathcal{E}_{BC|A}^r) \\ \text{Tr}_C \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Tr}_C \\ \rho_{AB} & \xlongequal{\quad} & (\rho_A, \mathcal{E}_{B|A}^r). \end{array}$$

- \* Therefore, 2 states  $\rho_{AB}, \rho_{AC}$  incompatible with being the reduced states of a global state  $\rho_{ABC}$ .
- \* 2 reduced maps  $\mathcal{E}_{B|A}^r, \mathcal{E}_{C|A}^r$  incompatible with being the reduced maps of a global map  $\mathcal{E}_{BC|A}^r$ .

## 6. Application: Broadcasting & Monogamy

- \* A TPCP-map  $\mathcal{E}_{A'A''|A} : \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_{A'} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A''})$  is broadcasting for a state  $\rho_A$  if

$$\mathcal{E}_{A'|A}(\rho_A) = \rho_{A'} \quad \mathcal{E}_{A''|A}(\rho_A) = \rho_{A''}$$

- \* A TPCP-map  $\mathcal{E}_{A'A''|A} : \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}(\mathcal{H}_{A'} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A''})$  is cloning for a state  $\rho_A$  if

$$\mathcal{E}_{A'A''|A}(\rho_A) = \rho_{A'} \otimes \rho_{A''}$$

- \* Note: For pure states cloning = broadcasting.
- \* A TPCP-map is universal broadcasting if it is broadcasting for every state.

## 6. Application: Broadcasting & Monogamy

- \* No cloning theorem (Dieks '82, Wootters & Zurek '82):
  - \* There is no map that is cloning for two nonorthogonal and nonidentical pure states.
- \* No broadcasting theorem (Barnum et. al. '96):
  - \* There is no map that is broadcasting for two noncommuting density operators.
- \* Clearly, this implies no universal broadcasting as well.
- \* Note that the maps  $\mathcal{E}_{A'|A}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{A''|A}$  are valid individually, but they cannot be the reduced maps of a global map  $\mathcal{E}_{A'A''|A}$ .



## 6. Application: Broadcasting & Monogamy

- \* The maps  $\mathcal{E}_{A'|A}, \mathcal{E}_{A''|A}$  must be related to incompatible states  $\tau_{AA'}, \tau_{AA''}$

- \* Theorem: If  $\mathcal{E}_{A'A''|A}$  is universal broadcasting, then both  $\tau_{AA'}, \tau_{AA''}$  must be pure and maximally entangled.

- \* Ensemble broadcasting  $\{(p, \rho_1), ((1 - p), \rho_2)\}$  s.t.  $[\rho_1, \rho_2] \neq 0$

$$\left( p\rho_1 + (1 - p)\rho_2, \mathcal{E}_{A'A''|A}^r \right) \Leftrightarrow \tau_{AA'A''}$$

- \* Theorem: There is a local operation on  $A$  that transforms both  $\tau_{AA'}$  and  $\tau_{AA''}$  into pure, entangled states with nonzero probability of success.

# 7. Future Directions

- \* Quantitative relations between approximate ensemble broadcasting and monogamy inequalities for entanglement.
- \* Dynamics of systems initially correlated with the environment.
- \* Quantum pooling (joint work with R. Spekkens).
  
- \* How are the different analogs of conditional probability related?
- \* Is there a hierarchy of conditional independence relations?
- \* Can quantum theory be formulated using an analog of conditional probability as the fundamental notion?