

# Separations of probabilistic theories via their information processing capabilities

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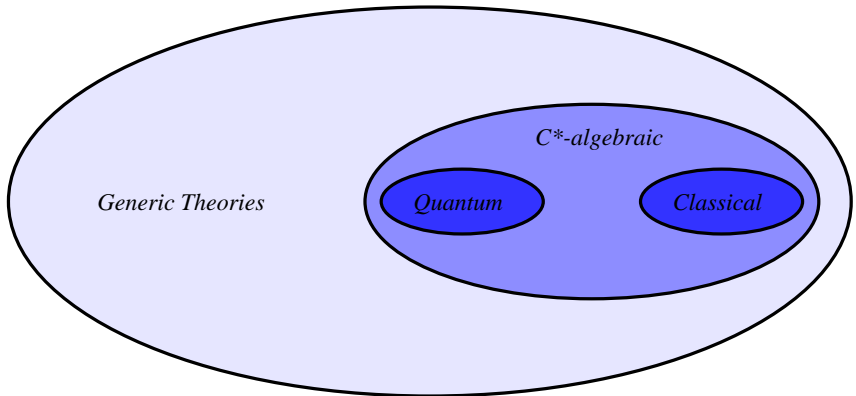


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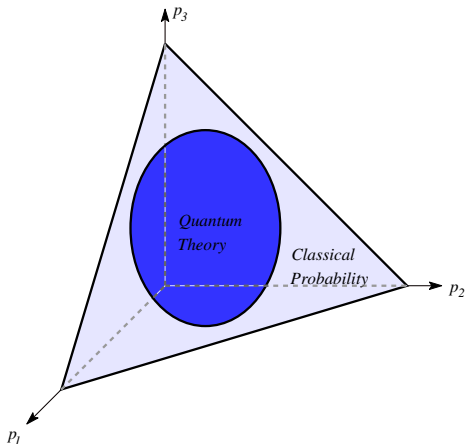
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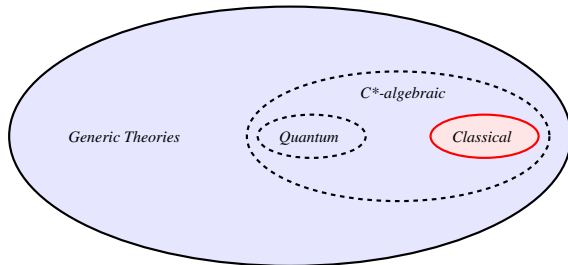
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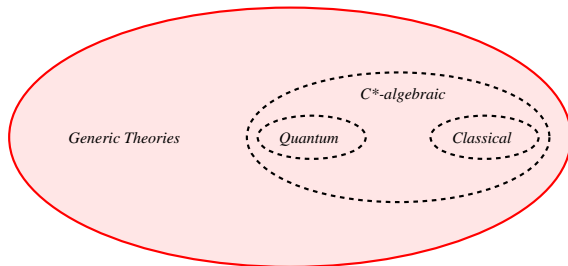


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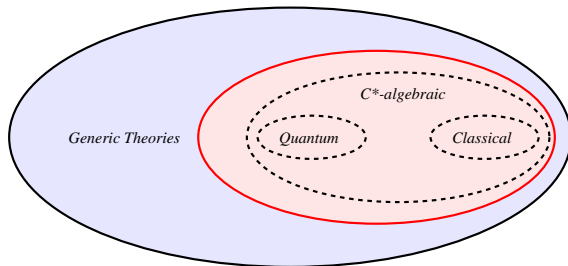
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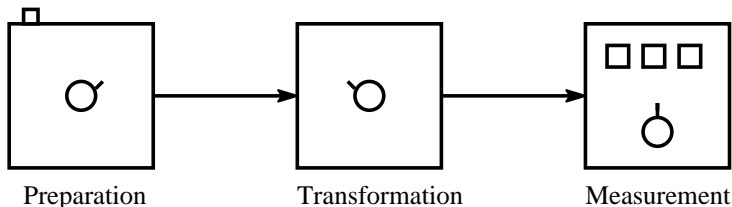
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## Review of the Convex Sets Framework

- A traditional operational framework.



- Goal: Predict  $\text{Prob}(\text{outcome} | \text{Choice of P, T and M})$

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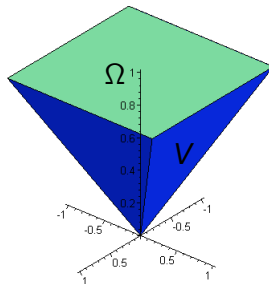
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- **Quantum:**  
 $V = \{\text{Semi- + ve matrices}\}$ ,  $\Omega = \{\text{Density matrices}\}$ .
- **Polyhedral:**



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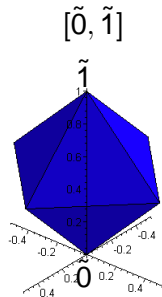
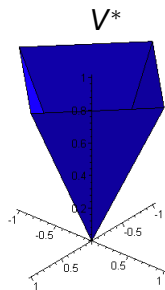
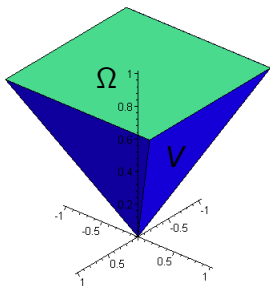
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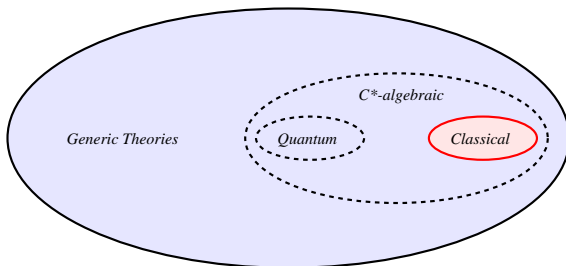
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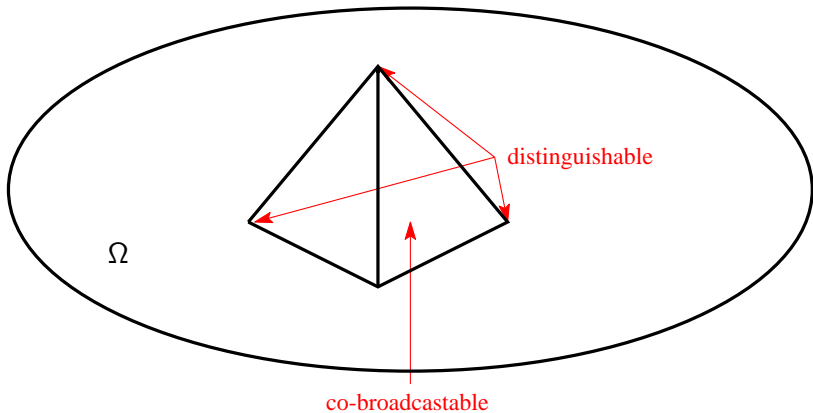
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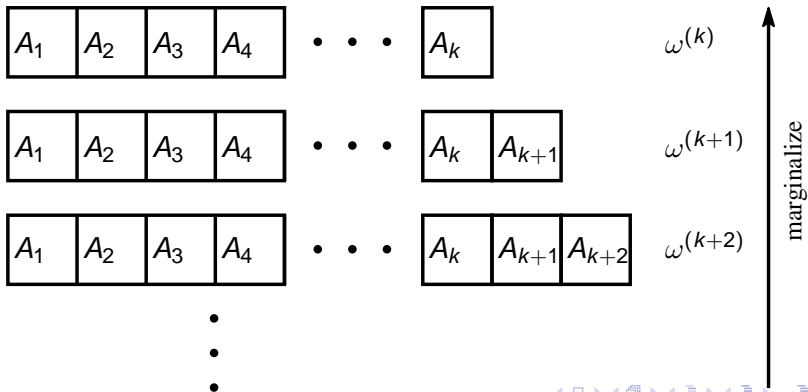
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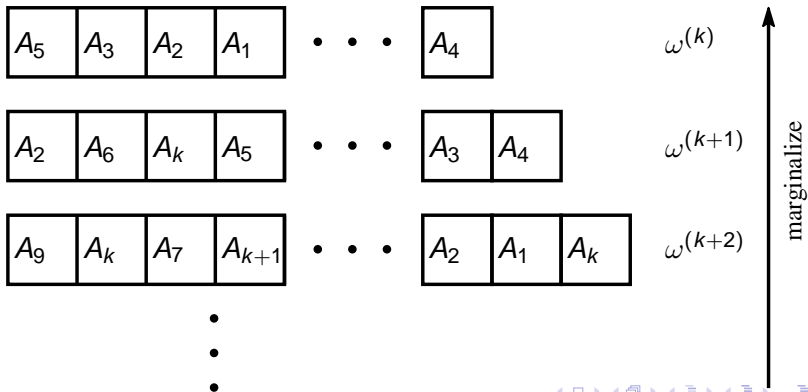
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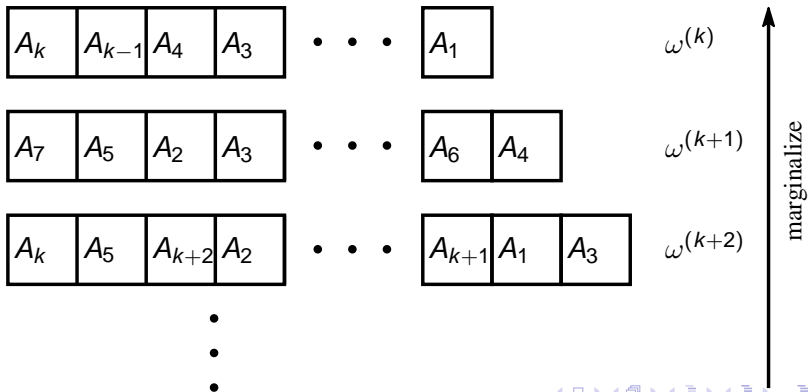
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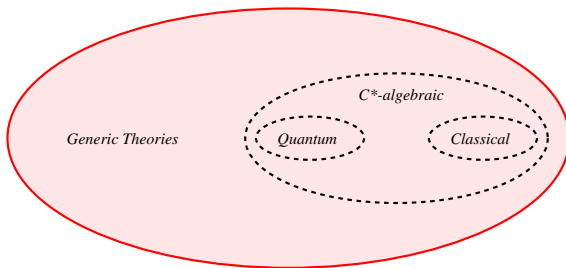
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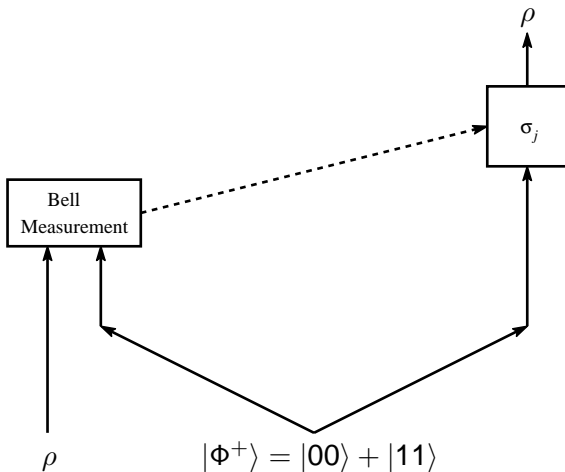


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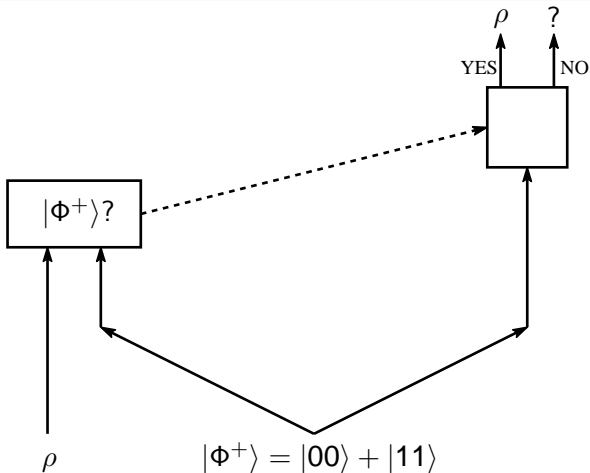
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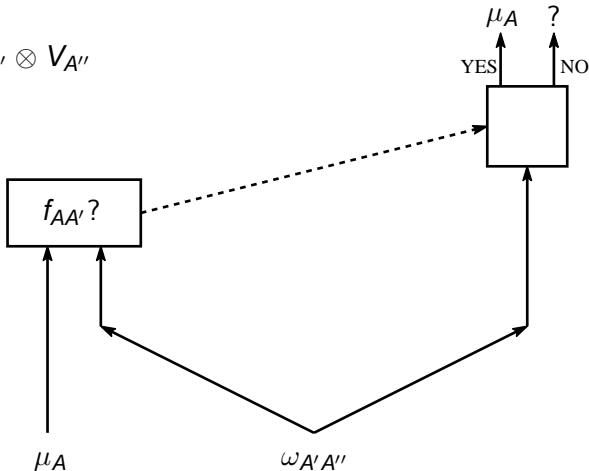


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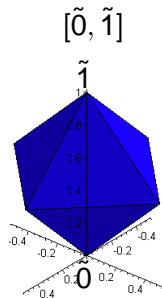
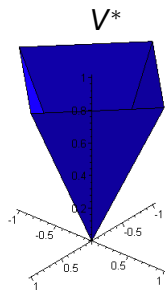
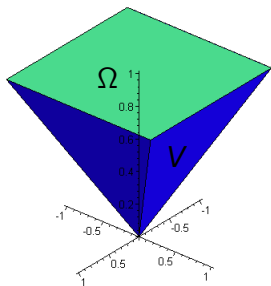
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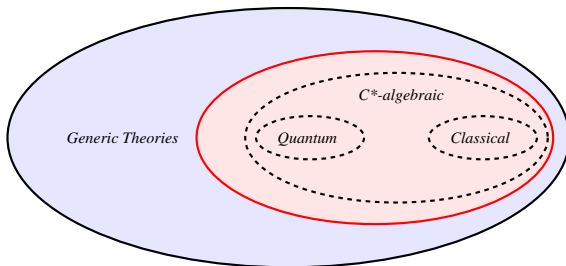
# Examples

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- **Quantum:**  $[\tilde{0}, \tilde{1}] \cong \{\text{POVM elements}\}$  via  $f(\rho) = \text{Tr}(E_f \rho)$ .
- **Polyhedral:**



# Generalized Conclusive Teleportation

- Teleportation exists in all  $C^*$ -algebraic theories.



# Summary

- Many features of QI thought to be “genuinely quantum mechanical” are **generically nonclassical**.
- Can generalize much of QI/QP beyond the  $C^*$  framework.
- Nontrivial separations exist, but have yet to be fully characterized.

# Open Questions

- Finite de Finetti theorem?
- Necessary and sufficient conditions for teleportation.
- Other Protocols
  - Full security proof for Key Distribution?
  - Bit Commitment?
- Which primitives uniquely characterize quantum information?



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