

# Quantum Coherence Manipulation with Finite Resources

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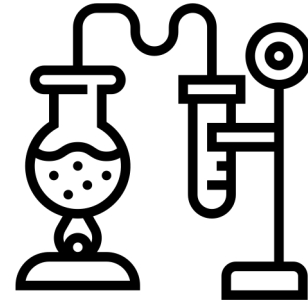


# Talk Outline

## ◎ Resource Theory

## ◎ Quantum Coherence Distillation

*How many cobits can be distilled?*



## ◎ Application: Channel Simulation

*How many cobits are required for simulation?*



## ◎ Summary and Discussions

# Resource Theory



# Resource theory

Resource Theory = free states + free operations

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Entanglement theory = separable states + LOCC

Steering = non-steerable + 1-way LOCC

Athermality = Gibbs states + thermal operations

Coherence theory = incoherent state + incoherent operations

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Like different currencies: CAD, EUR, GBP, ... trade between ...

[Chitambar-Gour-2019] RMP **1806.06107**

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Two perspectives of studying:

the asymptotic limits given infinite (i.i.d.) copies of resources ?

tradeoff between param. given finite copies (**one-shot**) of resources ?

# Coherence theory

**Free states:** incoherent (diagonal) states  $\mathcal{I} := \{\rho \geq 0 : \text{Tr } \rho = 1, \rho = \Delta(\rho)\}$

Resource states: coherent (non-diagonal) states

Maximally coherent state:  $|\Psi_m\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \sum_{i=1}^m |i\rangle$  Coherent bit (cobit):  $|\Psi_2\rangle$

↑  
diagonal map

**Free operations:**

Maximally incoherent operations (**MIO**)

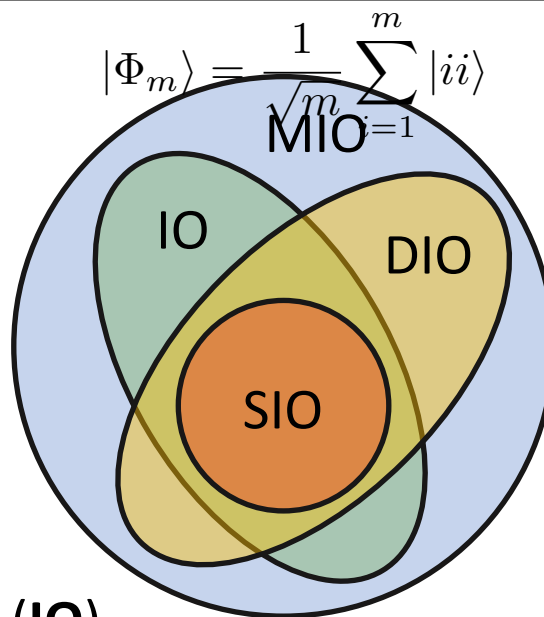
$$\rho \in \mathcal{I} \implies \mathcal{E}(\rho) \in \mathcal{I}$$

$$[\Delta \circ \mathcal{E} \circ \Delta = \mathcal{E} \circ \Delta]$$

Incoherent operations (**IO**)

$$\mathcal{E}(\cdot) = \sum_i E_i \cdot E_i^\dagger,$$

$$E_i \cdot E_i^\dagger \in \text{MIO } \forall i$$



Dephasing-covariant incoherent operations (**DIO**)

$$\mathcal{E} \circ \Delta = \Delta \circ \mathcal{E}$$

Strictly incoherent operations (**SIO**)

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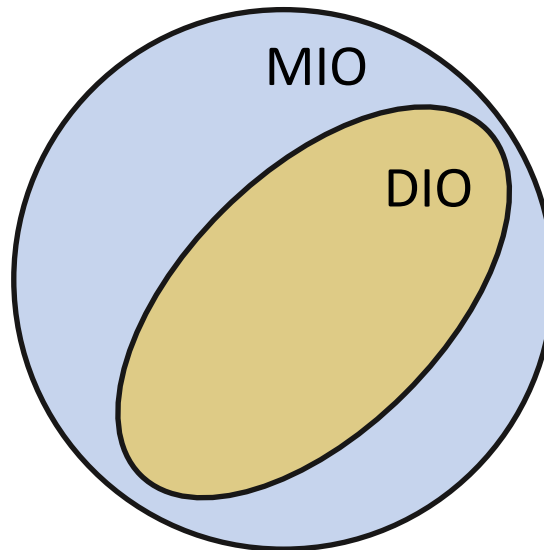
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[Streltsov-Adesso-Plenio-2017] RMP **1609.02439**

# Why coherence?

Because we can indeed use coherence as a resource in some applications.

**This talk: quantum channel simulation.**

Other applications of coherence:

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **93**, 012111 (2016)

**Coherence as a resource in decision problems: The Deutsch-Jozsa algorithm and a variation**

Mark Hillery

PRL **116**, 240405 (2016)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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**Entanglement and Coherence in Quantum State Merging**

A. Streltsov,<sup>1,2,\*</sup> E. Chitambar,<sup>3</sup> S. Rana,<sup>1</sup> M. N. Bera,<sup>1</sup> A. Winter,<sup>4,5</sup> and M. Lewenstein<sup>1,5</sup>

**Quantum state redistribution with local coherence**

Anurag Anshu,<sup>1</sup> Rahul Jain,<sup>2</sup> and Alexander Streltsov<sup>3,4</sup>

# Why coherence?

## ARTICLE

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## Numerical approach for unstructured quantum key distribution

Patrick J. Coles<sup>1</sup>, Eric M. Metodiev<sup>1</sup> & Norbert Lütkenhaus<sup>1</sup>

It is interesting to point out the connection to coherence<sup>44</sup>. For some set of orthogonal projectors  $\Pi = \{\Pi^j\}$  that decompose the identity,  $\sum_j \Pi^j = \mathbb{1}$ , the coherence (sometimes called relative entropy of coherence) of state  $\rho$  is defined as<sup>44</sup>:

$$\Phi(\rho, \Pi) = D\left(\rho \left\| \sum_j \Pi^j \rho \Pi^j\right.\right). \quad (42)$$

Rewriting the primal problem in terms of coherence gives

$$\alpha = \min_{\rho_{AB} \in \mathcal{C}} \Phi(\rho_{AB}, Z_A). \quad (43)$$

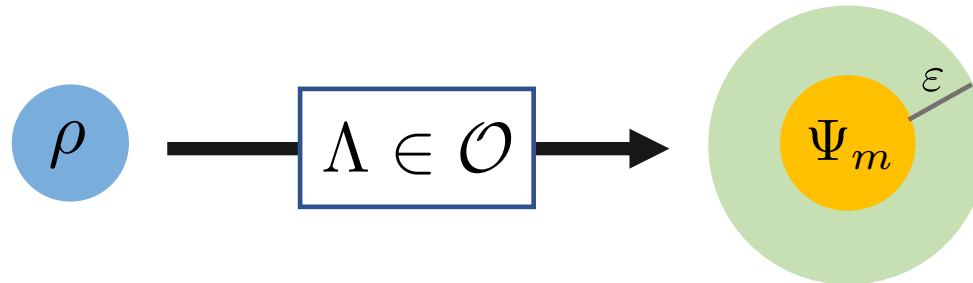
Hence, we make the connection that calculating the secret key rate is related to optimizing the coherence.

This observation is important since the coherence is a continuous function of  $\rho$  (Supplementary Note 6). This allows us to argue in Supplementary Note 6 that our optimization problem satisfies the strong duality criterion<sup>16</sup>, which means that the solution of the dual problem is precisely equal to that of primal problem.

# Coherence Distillation



# One-shot coherence distillation



One-shot distillable coherence

$$C_{d,\mathcal{O}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho) := \max_{\Lambda \in \mathcal{O}} \log_2 m \quad \text{s.t.} \quad F(\Lambda(\rho), \Psi_m) \geq 1 - \varepsilon.$$

The asymptotic distillable coherence

$$C_{d,\mathcal{O}}^{\infty}(\rho) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} C_{d,\mathcal{O}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho^{\otimes n})$$

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**Question:** can we compute  $C_{d,\mathcal{O}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho)$  ?

# Distillation under MIO and DIO

MIO

$$C_{d,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho) = -\log_2 \min \eta$$

s.t.  $\text{Tr } G\rho \geq 1 - \varepsilon, 0 \leq G \leq \mathbb{1}, \Delta(G) = \eta \mathbb{1}.$



Semidefinite program (SDP)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x + y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 2x + 3y \leq 1, \\ & x - 5y \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

- ⊙ A generalization of linear program (LP) from scalar variables to linear operators
- ⊙ **Efficiently computable**
  - CVX for MATLAB
  - QI toolbox QETLAB by N. Johnston
- ⊙ **Duality** (Primal-Dual problems)
- ⊙ Refer to J. Watrous' lecture note for details

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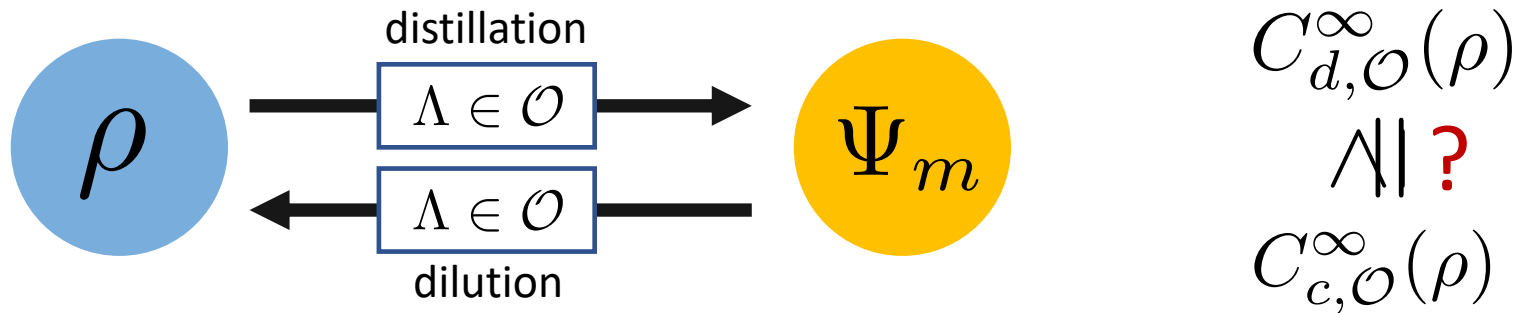
DIO

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$$\text{s.t. } \text{Tr } G\rho \geq 1 - \varepsilon, 0 \leq G \leq \mathbb{1}, \Delta(G) = \eta \mathbb{1}.$$

Q: What is the difference between these two SDPs?

**NO difference!**

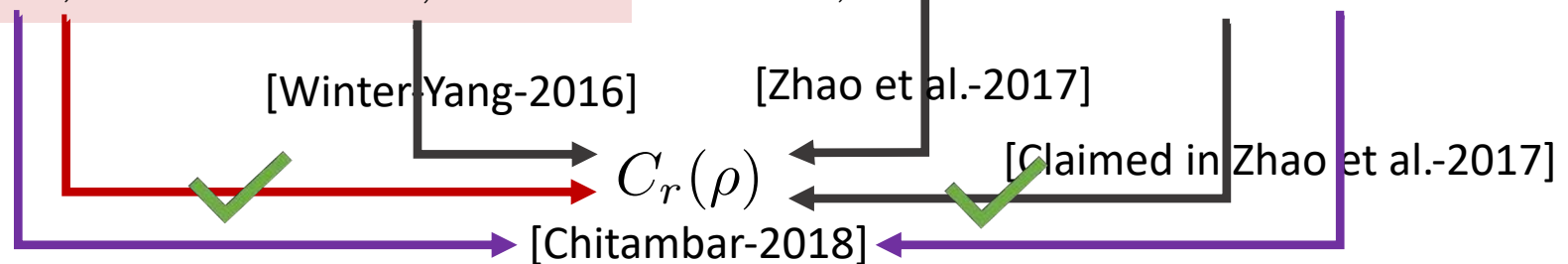
# Asymptotic reversibility



$$C_{d,\text{DIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho) = C_{d,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho)$$

$$C_r(\rho) := D(\rho \| \Delta(\rho))$$

$$C_{d,\text{DIO}}^\infty(\rho) = C_{d,\text{MIO}}^\infty(\rho) = C_{c,\text{MIO}}^\infty(\rho) = C_{c,\text{DIO}}^\infty(\rho)$$



**Reversibility** for entanglement theory [Brandão-Plenio-2010] and other resource theories [Brandão-Gour-2015] only known under **resource (asymptotically) non-generating maps**.

# Hypothesis testing characterization

$$\mathcal{O} \in \{\text{MIO}, \text{DIO}\}$$

$$C_{d,\mathcal{O}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho) = -\log_2 \min \eta$$

$$\text{s.t. } \text{Tr } G\rho \geq 1 - \varepsilon, 0 \leq G \leq \mathbb{1}, \Delta(G) = \eta \mathbb{1}.$$

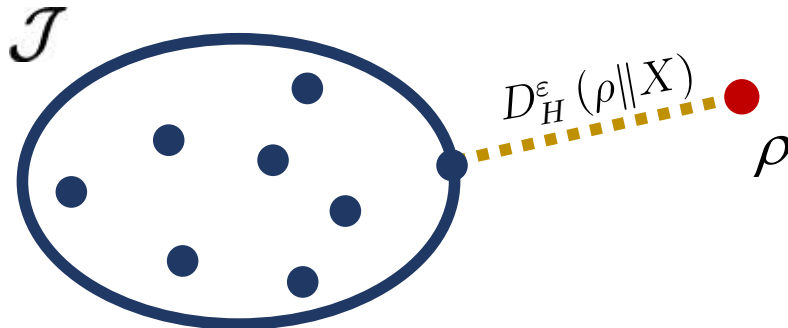
What does this SDP mean?

Hypothesis testing relative entropy:

$$D_H^\varepsilon(\rho \| \sigma) := -\log_2 \min \text{Tr } G\rho$$

$$\text{s.t. } \text{Tr } G\sigma \geq 1 - \varepsilon, 0 \leq G \leq \mathbb{1}.$$

$$C_{d,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho) = \min_{X \in \mathcal{J}} D_H^\varepsilon(\rho \| X) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{J} = \{X : \text{Tr } X = 1, \Delta(X) = X\}$$



Not necessarily positive semidefinite!

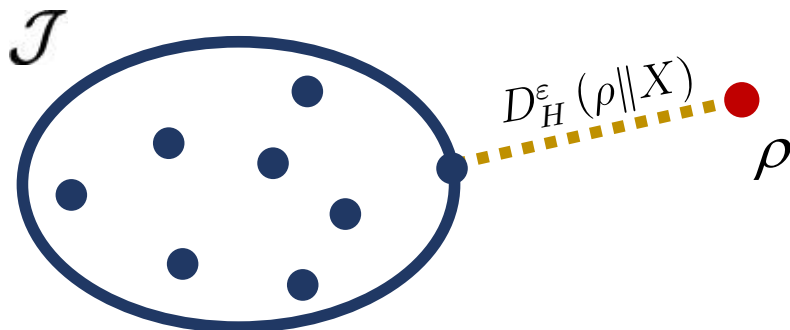
# Comparison

Compare with other similar results e.g., [Zhao-Liu-Yuan-Chitambar-Winter-2019]

$$\min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{I}} D_{\min}^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \eta}(\rho \| \sigma) + 2 \log \eta \leq C_{d, \text{IO}}^{(1), \varepsilon}(\rho) \leq \min_{\sigma \in \mathcal{I}} D_{\min}^{\sqrt{\varepsilon(2-\varepsilon)}}(\rho \| \sigma)$$

bounds + correction terms

$$C_{d, \text{MIO}}^{(1), \varepsilon}(\rho) = \min_{X \in \mathcal{J}} D_H^{\varepsilon}(\rho \| X) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{J} = \{X : \text{Tr } X = 1, \Delta(X) = X\}$$



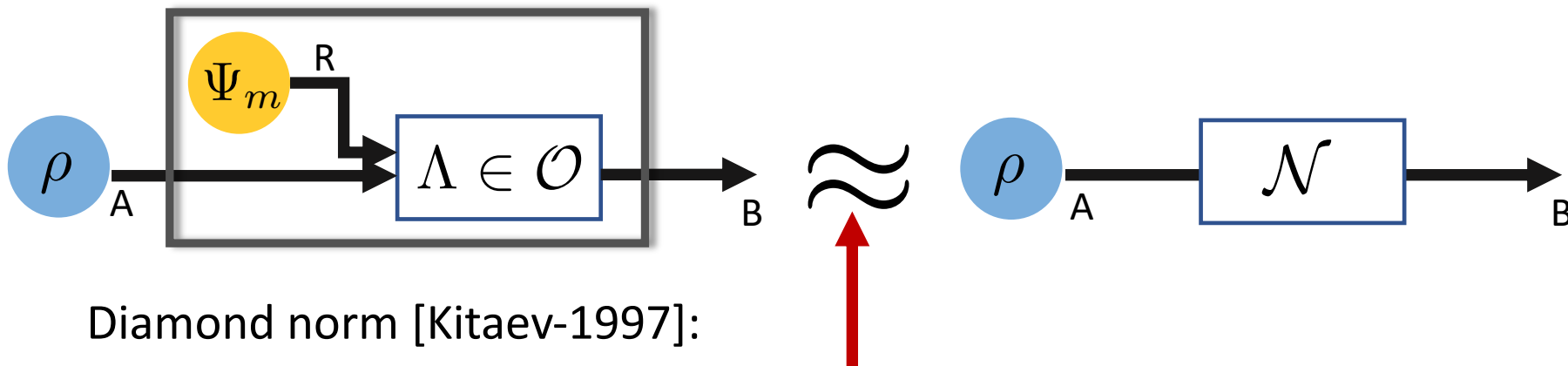
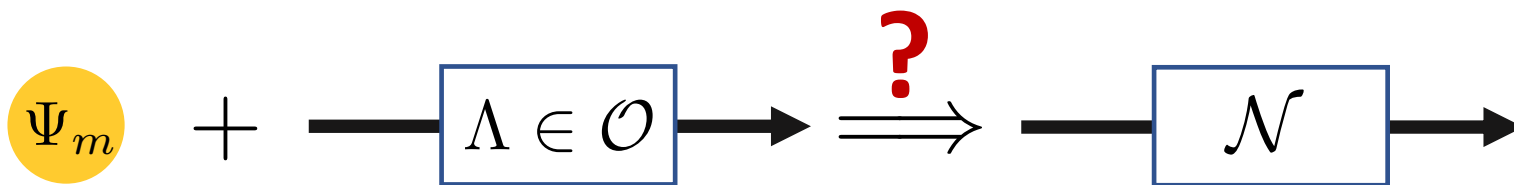
Not necessarily positive semidefinite!

weird + clean

# Channel Simulation via Quantum Coherence



# Channel simulation setting



Diamond norm [Kitaev-1997]:

$$\|\mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow B} - \mathcal{M}_{A \rightarrow B}\|_{\diamond} := \sup_{\rho_{RA}} \|\mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow B}(\rho_{RA}) - \mathcal{M}_{A \rightarrow B}(\rho_{RA})\|_1$$

One-shot simulation cost

$$S_{c, \mathcal{O}}^{(1), \varepsilon} := \min_{\Lambda \in \mathcal{O}} \log_2 m \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\Lambda_{AR \rightarrow B}(\Psi_m \otimes \cdot) - \mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow B}(\cdot)\|_{\diamond} \leq \varepsilon$$

**Question:** can we compute  $S_{c, \mathcal{O}}^{(1), \varepsilon}$  ?

# SDP for simulation cost

SDP for diamond norm [Watrous-2009]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{N}_1 - \mathcal{N}_2\|_{\diamond} &= \min \gamma \\ \text{s.t. } \text{Tr}_B Y_{AB} &\leq \gamma \cdot \mathbb{1}_A, \\ Y_{AB} &\geq J_{\mathcal{N}_1} - J_{\mathcal{N}_2}, \quad Y_{AB} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} S_{c,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N}) &= \log_2 \min \text{Tr } J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}} / d_A \\ \text{s.t. } 0 &\leq J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}} \leq J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}}, \\ \text{Tr}_B J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}} &= \mathbb{1}_A, \\ \text{Tr}_B J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}} &= \text{Tr } J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}} / d_A \cdot \mathbb{1}_A, \\ \text{Tr}_A J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}} (|i\rangle\langle i| \otimes \mathbb{1}_B) &\in \Delta, \quad \forall i \\ \text{Tr}_B Y_{AB} &\leq \varepsilon \cdot \mathbb{1}_A \\ Y_{AB} &\geq J_{\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}} - J_{\mathcal{N}}, \quad Y_{AB} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Does not look nice but indeed an SDP!

The proof technique does not work for DIO.  $\Lambda_{RA \rightarrow B}$

# Distance characterization

The one-shot coherence simulation cost under MIO is given by

$$S_{c,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N}) = \min_{\mathcal{M} \in \text{MIO}} D_{\max}^{\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N} \parallel \mathcal{M}),$$

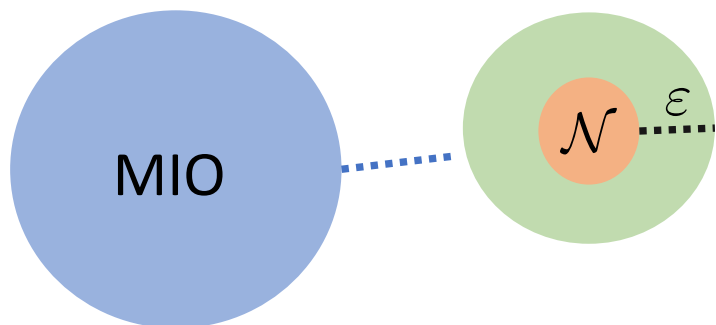
with the channel divergence

$$D_{\max}(\mathcal{N} \parallel \mathcal{M}) := D_{\max}(J_{\mathcal{N}} \parallel J_{\mathcal{M}}) \quad \text{and} \quad D_{\max}^{\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N} \parallel \mathcal{M}) := \inf_{\substack{\frac{1}{2} \|\hat{\mathcal{N}} - \mathcal{N}\|_{\diamond} \leq \varepsilon \\ \hat{\mathcal{N}} \in \text{CPTP}}} D_{\max}(\hat{\mathcal{N}} \parallel \mathcal{M}).$$

Compatible with other channel divergence

[Cooney-Mosonyi-Wilde-2016; Leditzky-Kaur-Datta-Wilde-2018]

$$\mathbf{D}(\mathcal{N} \parallel \mathcal{M}) := \max_{|\varphi\rangle_{RA}} \mathbf{D}(\mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow B}(\varphi_{RA}) \parallel \mathcal{M}_{A \rightarrow B}(\varphi_{RA}))$$



## Channel resource theory

[KF-Wang-Tomomichel-Berta-2018]	1807.05354
[Faist-Berta-Brandão-2018]	1807.05610
[Gour-Wilde-2018]	1808.06980
[Gour-2018]	1808.02607
[Li-Bu-Liu-2018]	1812.02572
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# Summary & Discussions

# Summary

## ◎ Quantum coherence distillation

*How many cobits can be distilled?*

SDP and entropy characterizations for one-shot distillable coherence under MIO and DIO which have the same power;

## ◎ Application: Channel simulation

*How many cobits are required for simulation?*

SDP and entropy characterizations for the coherence cost of channel simulation under MIO.

# Recent progress & Open question 1

## One-shot

	MIO	DIO	IO	SIO
One-shot { distillation formation	$\tilde{C}_H^\epsilon$ [25]	$\tilde{C}_H^\epsilon$ [25]	$C_{\min}^{\epsilon'}$ [*]	Thm. 10 [*]
	$C_{\max}^\epsilon$ [24]	$C_{\Delta, \max}^\epsilon$ [24]	$C_0^\epsilon$ [24]	$C_0^\epsilon$ [24]

### One-Shot Coherence Distillation: Towards Completing the Picture

[Zhao-Liu-Yuan-Chitambar-Winter-2018]

What about n-shot scenario?  $\rho^{\otimes n}$

Size of  $\rho^{\otimes n}$  increases exponentially fast w.r.t.  $n$



# Recent progress & Open question 1

## Asymptotics

Operations	Distillable coherence	Coherence cost
MIO	$C_r$	$C_r$
DIO	$C_r$	$C_r$
IO	$C_r$	$C_f$
SIO	$Q$	$C_f$
PIO	$Q$	$C_f^{\mathcal{U}}$

**Completing the Grand Tour of Asymptotic Quantum Coherence Manipulation [Lami-2019]**



# Recent progress & Open question 1

For example,

$$C_{d,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\rho^{\otimes n}) \stackrel{?}{=} nD(\rho\|\Delta(\rho)) + \sqrt{nV(\rho\|\Delta(\rho))} \Phi^{-1}(\varepsilon) + O(\log n)$$

Second-order analysis



# Recent progress & Open question 2

One-shot simulation cost:

$$S_{c,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N}) = \min_{\mathcal{M} \in \text{MIO}} D_{\max}^{\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N} \parallel \mathcal{M}),$$

Asymptotic simulation cost:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_{c,\text{MIO}}^{(1),\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N}^{\otimes n}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \min_{\mathcal{M}^n \in \text{MIO}} D_{\max}^{\varepsilon}(\mathcal{N}^{\otimes n} \parallel \mathcal{M}^n) \longrightarrow ?$$

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Partial progress: for classical-quantum channels

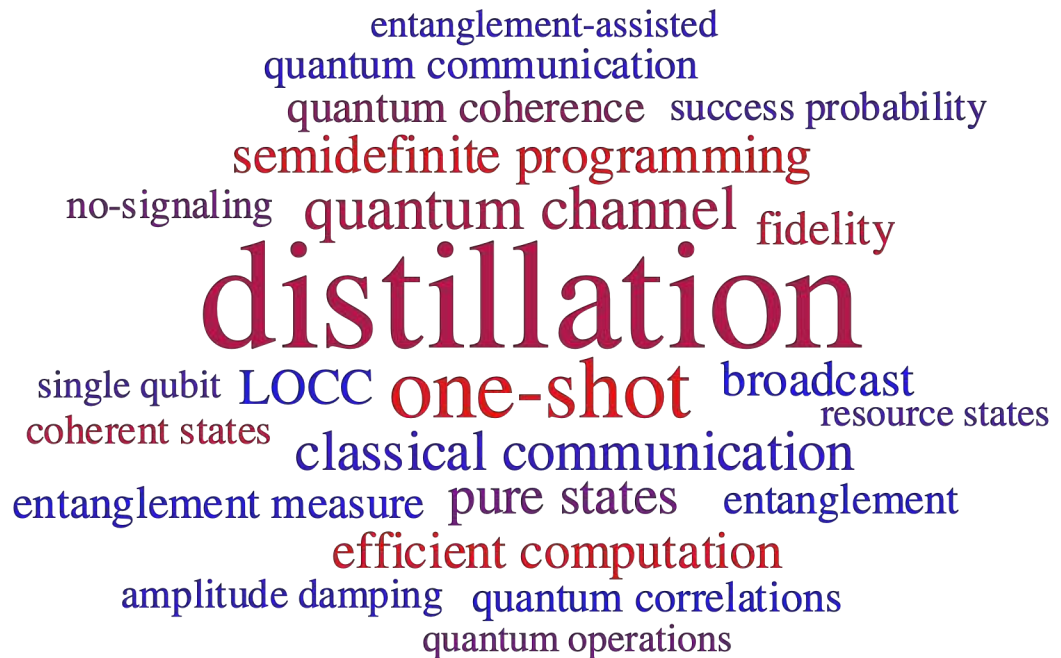
$$\longrightarrow \max_{\rho} C_r(\mathcal{N}(\rho)), \quad \text{where} \quad C_r(\rho) := D(\rho \parallel \Delta(\rho))$$

Also work on:

- © entanglement theory
- © channel capacity

Recently working on:

- © polynomial optimization
- © sum-of-square hierarchies
- © uncertainty relations



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Happy to discuss any QUANTUM problems  
with or without optimizations!

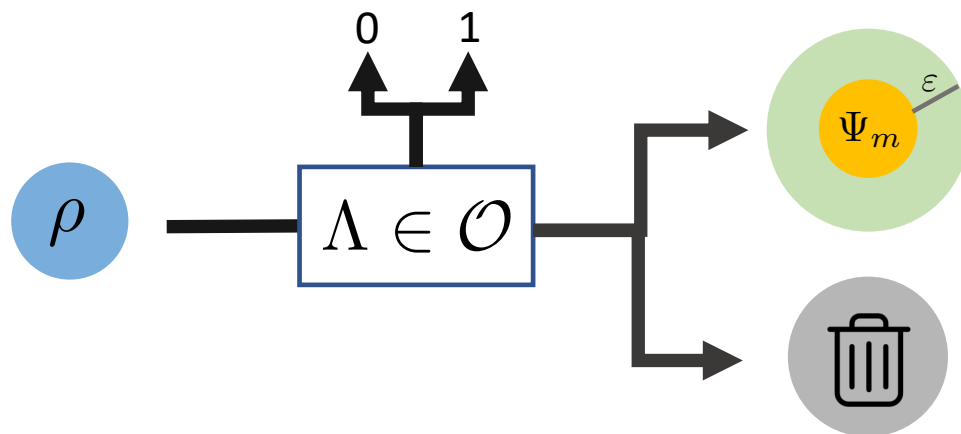
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Thanks for your attention!

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Something more...

# Probabilistic distillation



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Maximum success probability of coherence distillation:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mathcal{O}}(\rho \rightarrow \Psi_m, \varepsilon) &:= \max p \\ \text{s.t. } \Lambda_{A \rightarrow FB}(\rho) &= p|0\rangle\langle 0|_F \otimes \rho' + (1 - p)|1\rangle\langle 1|_F \otimes \omega, \\ F(\rho', \Psi_m) &\geq 1 - \varepsilon, \Lambda \in \mathcal{O}. \end{aligned}$$

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**Question:** how to compute  $P_{\mathcal{O}}(\rho \rightarrow \Psi_m, \varepsilon)$  ?

# SDP characterization

The maximal success probability of distillation under MIO/DIO are given by SDPs:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{MIO}}(\rho \rightarrow \Psi_m, \varepsilon) = \max \quad & \text{Tr } G\rho \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \Delta(G) = m\Delta(C), \\ & 0 \leq C \leq G \leq \mathbb{1}, \\ & \text{Tr } C\rho \geq (1 - \varepsilon) \text{Tr } G\rho. \end{aligned}$$

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# No-go theorem

For any full-rank quantum state  $\rho$ , it holds that  $P_{\text{MIO}}(\rho \rightarrow \Psi_m, 0) = 0$ .

⊙ MIO sets a fundamental limits for all other incoherent operations;

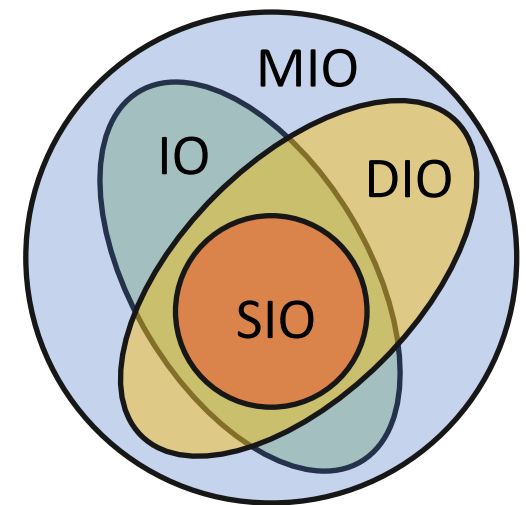
⊙ Any generic density matrix has full rank;

⊙ Depolarizing noise:

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha(\rho) = (1 - \alpha) \cdot \rho + \alpha \cdot \mathbb{1}/m$$

⊙ Non-continuity:  $F(\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon(\Psi_m), \Psi_m) \rightarrow 1$

$$\text{but } |P_{\text{MIO}}(\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon(\Psi_m) \rightarrow \Psi_m, 0) - P_{\text{MIO}}(\Psi_m \rightarrow \Psi_m, 0)| = 1$$



# Pure state + MIO

For any pure states  $|\varphi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i |i\rangle$ ,  $\varphi_i \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , it holds

$$P_{\text{MIO}}(\varphi \rightarrow \Psi_m, 0) \geq \frac{n^2}{m(\sum_{i=1}^n |\varphi_i|^{-2})} > 0$$

Use **one cobit** resource to win a **million cobits** lottery! 😊

$$P_{\text{MIO}}(\Psi_2 \rightarrow \Psi_2^{\otimes 10^6}, 0) \geq \frac{1}{2^{10^6}}.$$

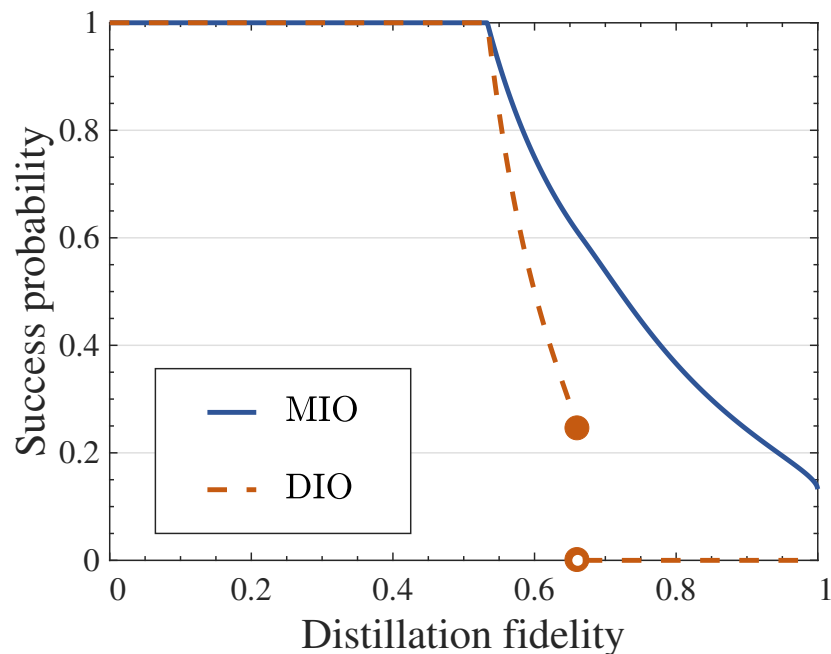
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Not happening for DIO!

# ``Sudden death`` for DIO

For any pure states  $|\varphi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i |i\rangle$ ,  $\varphi_i \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , it holds

$$P_{\text{DIO}}(\varphi \rightarrow \Psi_m, \varepsilon) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } n \geq m \text{ or if } n < m \text{ and } \varepsilon \geq 1 - \frac{n}{m}, \\ = 0 & \text{if } n < m \text{ and } \varepsilon < 1 - \frac{n}{m}. \end{cases}$$



$$(|0\rangle + 3|1\rangle)/\sqrt{10} \rightarrow \Psi_3$$

``Analogous'' to  
(pretty) strong converse theorem  
in channel coding theory