

Quantum Channel Simulation and the Channel's Smooth Max-Information

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Background

A **quantum channel** is a communication channel which can transmit quantum information. It sends one quantum state to the other.

Mathematically, a quantum channel is characterized by a linear map $\mathcal{N}_{A \rightarrow B}$ that is

- ◎ completely positive (**CP**): $\text{id}_k \otimes \mathcal{N}(X_{RA}) \geq 0 \forall X_{RA} \geq 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$;
- ◎ trace-preserving (**TP**): $\text{Tr } \mathcal{N}(X) = \text{Tr } X$ for all X .

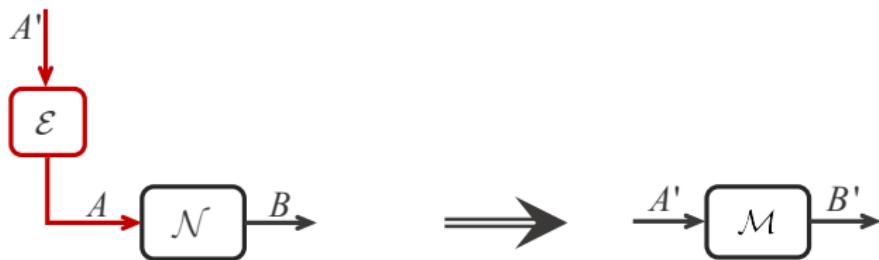


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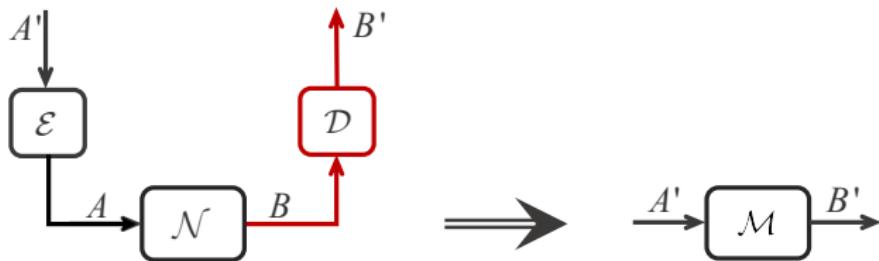
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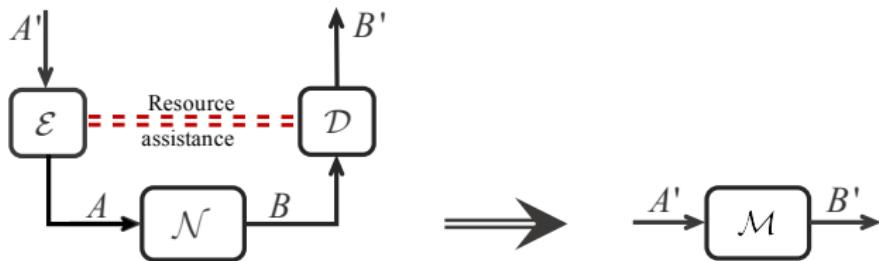
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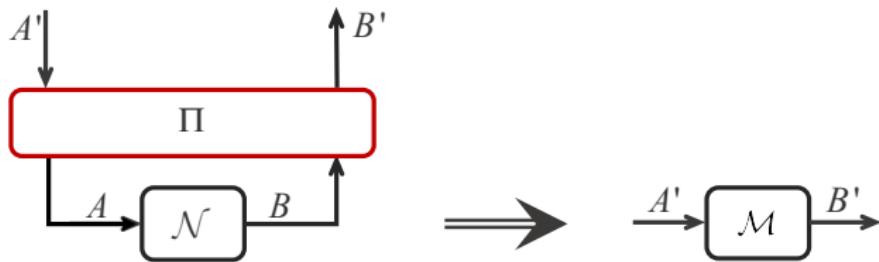
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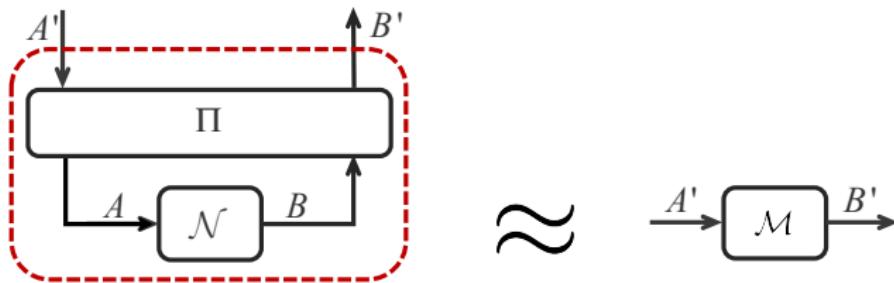
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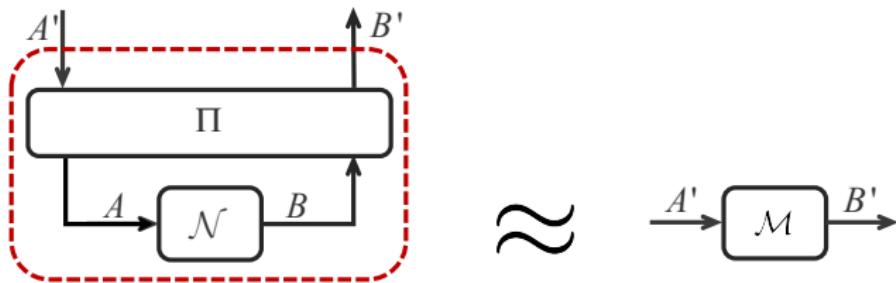


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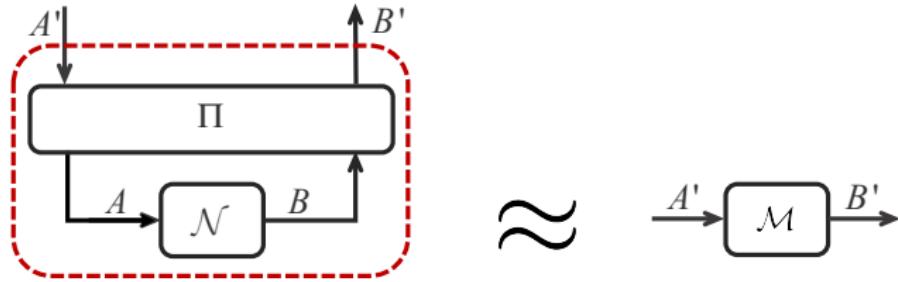
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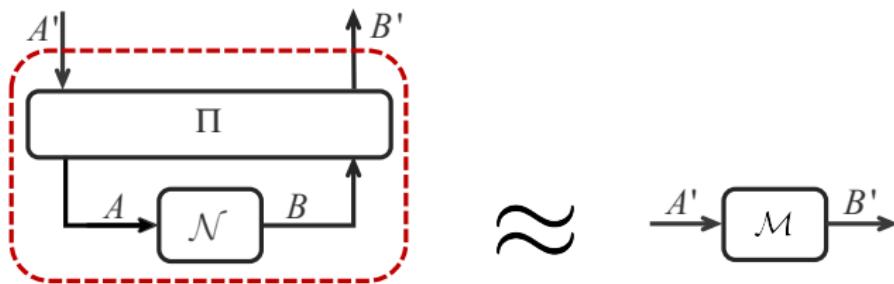
- ◎ “Similarity” can be measured via diamond norm [Kitaev, 1997]:
$$\|\mathcal{F}\|_{\diamond} := \sup_k \|\text{id}_k \otimes \mathcal{F}\|_1$$
, where $\|\cdot\|_1$ induced by the Schatten 1-norm.
- ◎ Operational meaning: minimum error probability p_e to distinguish two quantum channels \mathcal{N}_1 and \mathcal{N}_2 is given by

$$p_e = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\|\mathcal{N}_1 - \mathcal{N}_2\|_{\diamond}}{2} \right).$$



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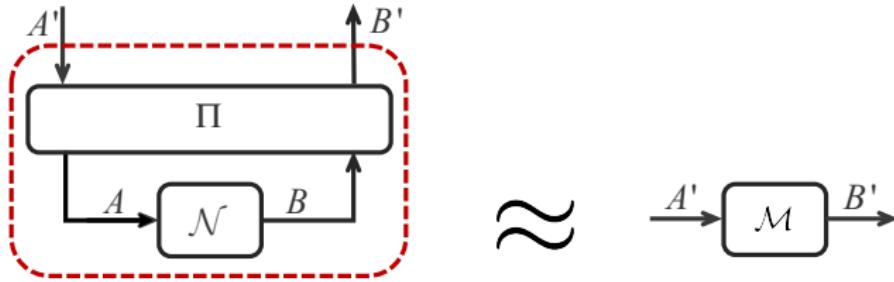


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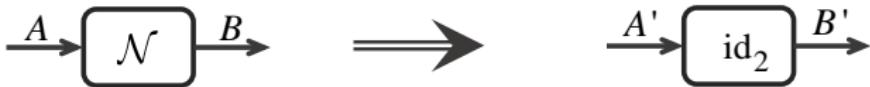
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Different resource assistances can be considered. Here we focus on:

- ◎ entanglement assistance, $\Omega = E$;
- ◎ no-signalling (NS) assistance, $\Omega = NS$;
- ◎ $E \subseteq NS$.



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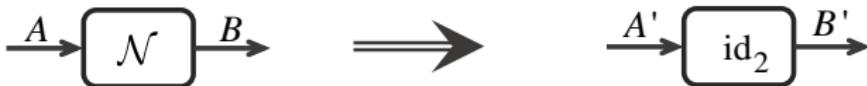
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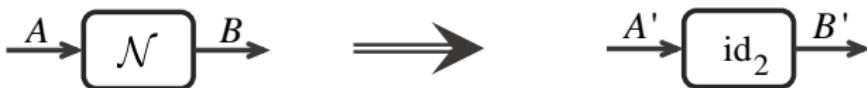


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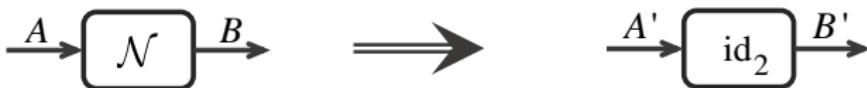


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Main results

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The one-shot quantum simulation cost under NS assistance:

$$S_{\text{NS}, \varepsilon}^{(1)}(\mathcal{N}) := \log \min \{m \in \mathbb{N} : \omega_{\text{NS}}(\text{id}_m, \mathcal{N}) \leq \varepsilon\}. \quad (5)$$

Then the asymptotic quantum simulation cost is equivalently given by

$$S_{\text{NS}}(\mathcal{N}) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_{\text{NS}, \varepsilon}^{(1)}(\mathcal{N}^{\otimes n}). \quad (6)$$

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The smoothed version:

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- ◎ We will generalize these notations and results to a **channel's version** and find their connection with the quantum channel simulation task.

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Note: on the other hand, if we can proof Eq. (22) directly, it implies

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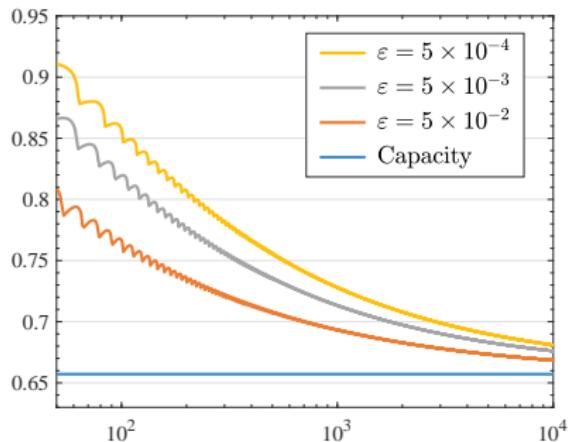
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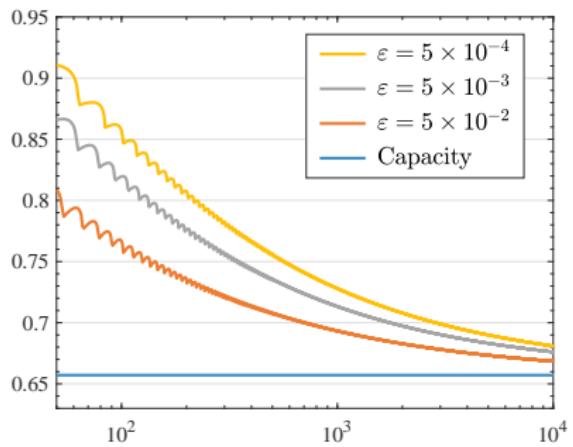
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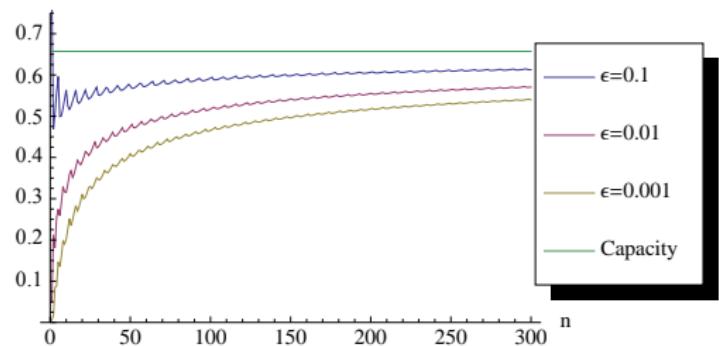
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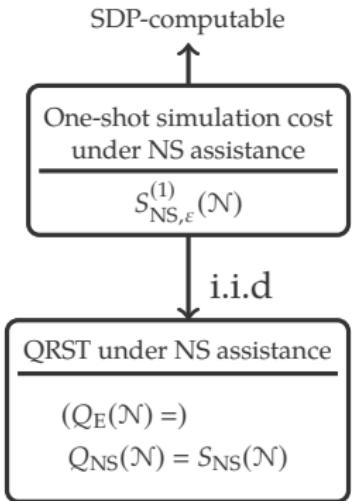
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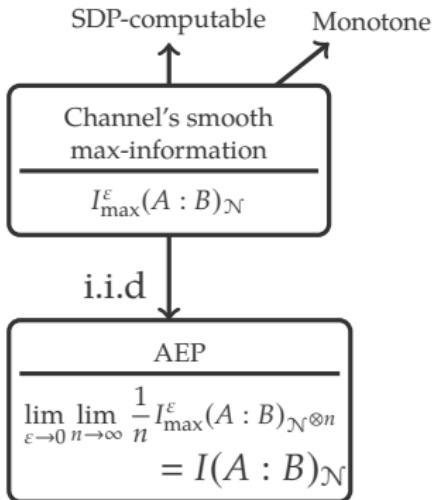




Channel simulation task



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(presented by Andreas in JILA workshop open problem session)
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$$D(\mathcal{N} \parallel \mathcal{M}) := \max_{\phi_{AA'}} D(\mathcal{N}_{A' \rightarrow B}(\phi_{AA'}) \parallel \mathcal{M}_{A' \rightarrow B}(\phi_{AA'})). \quad (23)$$

What we already know for \mathcal{G}_n the set of constant channels:

$$\min_{\mathcal{M}^n \in \mathcal{G}_n} D_{\max}^\varepsilon(\mathcal{N}^{\otimes n} \parallel \mathcal{M}^n) \xrightarrow{\text{this work}} \min_{\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{G}} D(\mathcal{N} \parallel \mathcal{M}) \quad \checkmark \quad (24)$$

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What if $\mathcal{G}_n = \{\mathcal{M}^{\otimes n}\}$? Quantum channel Stein's lemma?

Thanks for your attention!

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