



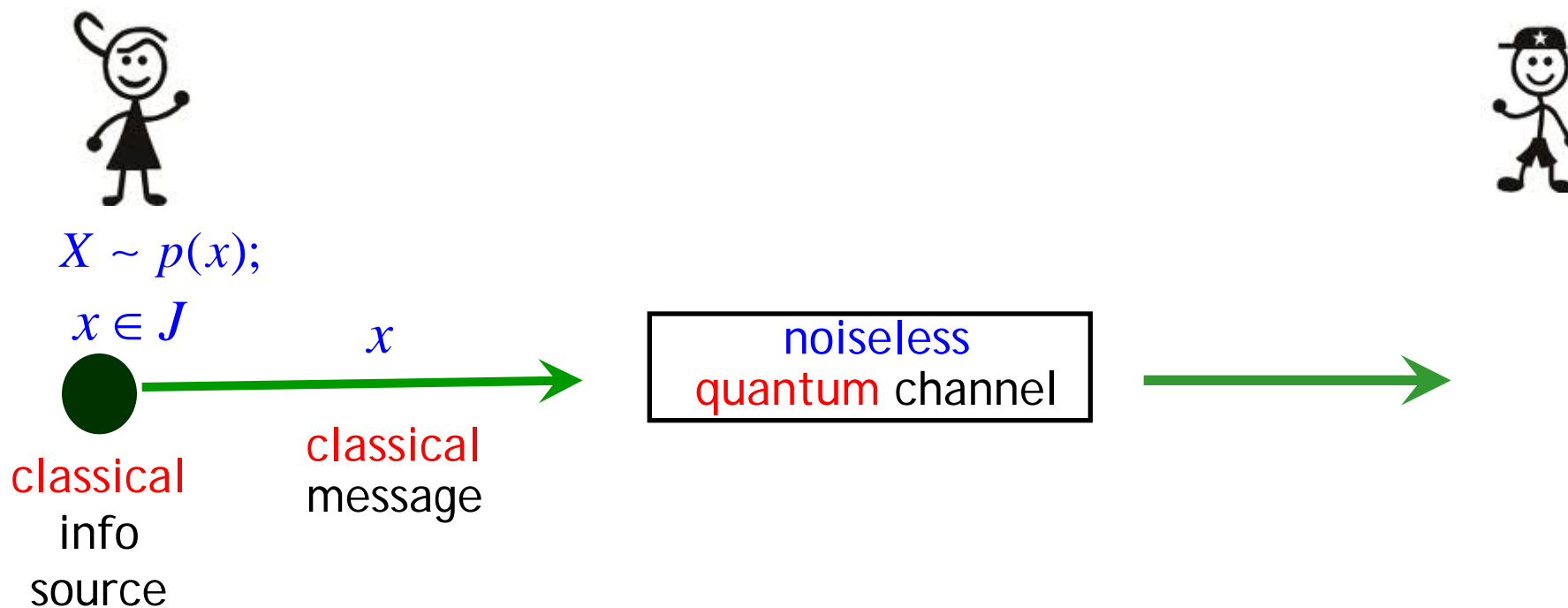
Entropies & Information Theory

LECTURE III

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Transmission of information

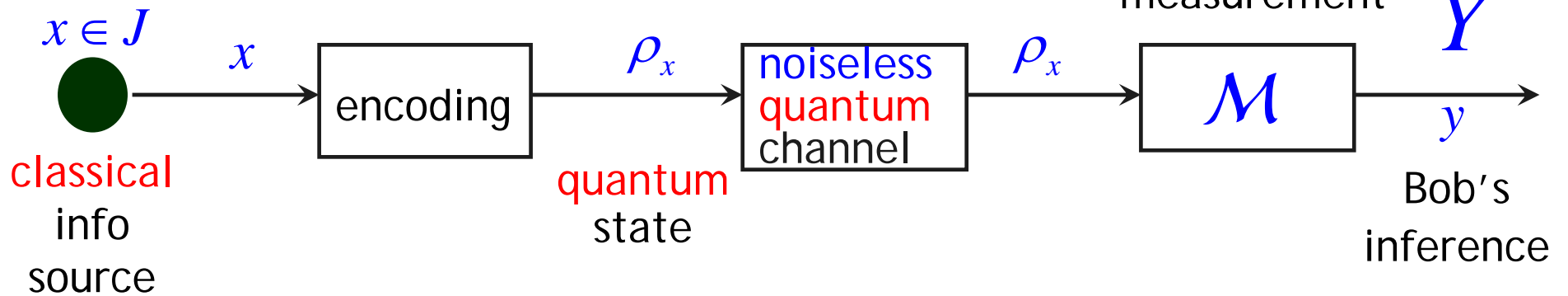
Transmission of **classical info** through a **noiseless quantum channel**



Accessible Information



$$X \sim p(x);$$



- Bob receives the ensemble: $\mathcal{E} = \{p(x), \rho_x\}$

- The maximum amount of info Bob can extract

Accessible Information: $I_{acc}(\mathcal{E}) = \max_{\mathcal{M}} I(X : Y)$

(classical)
mutual info

Holevo Bound

$$I_{acc}(\mathcal{E}) \leq \chi(\{p(x), \rho_x\})$$

The maximum amount of info Alice can send to Bob
using the ensemble $\mathcal{E} = \{p(x), \rho_x\}$

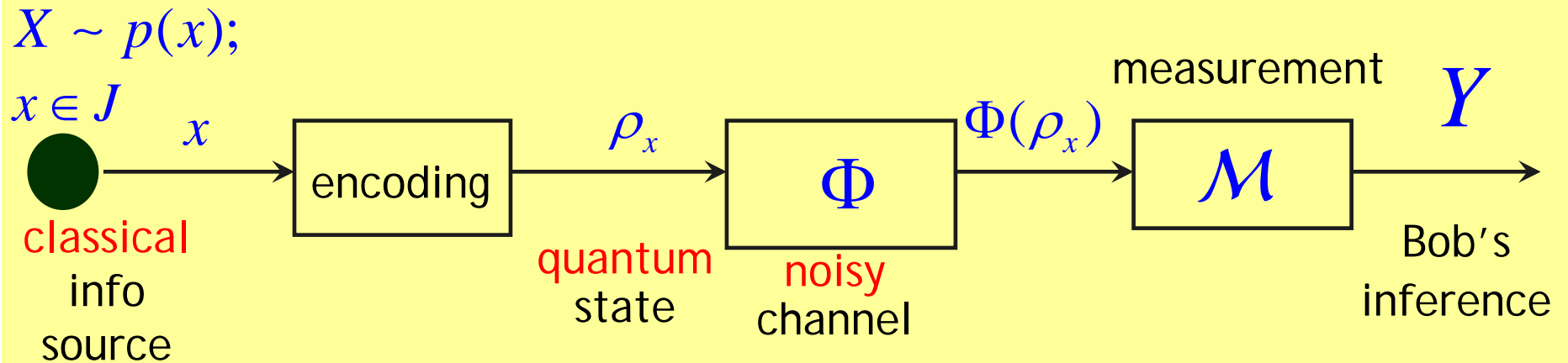
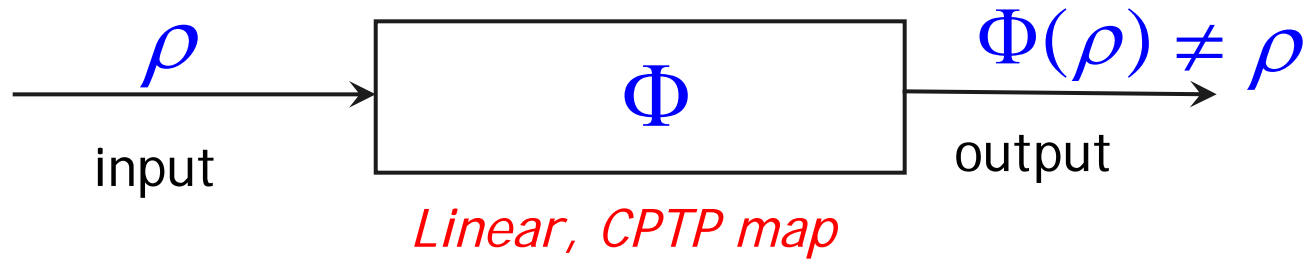
- Holevo χ -quantity of the ensemble of states $\{p(x), \rho_x\}$

$$\chi(\{p(x), \rho_x\}) := S\left(\sum_x p(x)\rho_x\right) - \sum_x p(x)S(\rho_x)$$

If the ρ_x are pure :

$$\chi(\{p(x), \rho_x\}) = S(\rho); \text{ where } \rho := \sum_x p(x)\rho_x$$

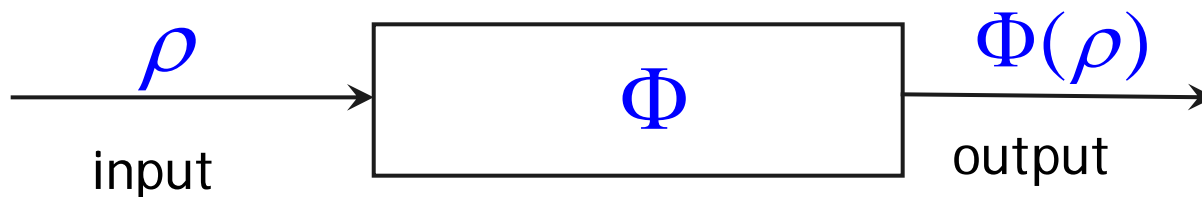
Noisy Quantum Channels



- Bob receives the ensemble: $\mathcal{E} = \{p(x), \Phi(\rho_x)\}$

$$I_{acc}(\mathcal{E}) \leq \chi(\{p(x), \Phi(\rho_x)\})$$

Capacities of a Noisy Quantum Channel



- A classical channel has a **unique** capacity

BUT

a quantum channel has **various different** capacities

-- This is due to the **greater flexibility in the use** of a quantum channel

Memoryless quantum channel

n successive uses :

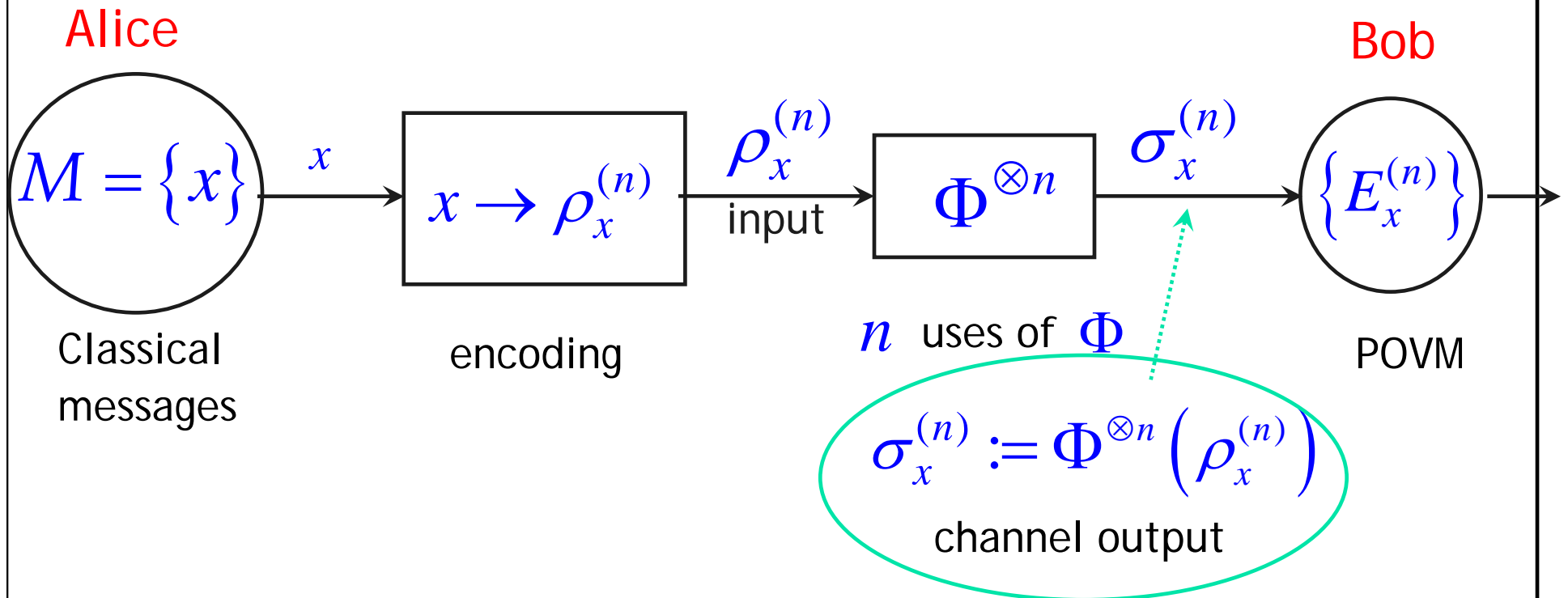
$$\Phi^{(n)} = \Phi^{\otimes n}$$

- The **different capacities** depend on:
 - the nature of the transmitted information
(**classical** or **quantum**)
 - the nature of the input states
(**entangled** or **product states**)
 - the nature of the measurements done on the outputs
(**collective** or **individual**)
 - the presence or absence of any additional resource
(e.g. **prior shared entanglement** between Alice & Bob)
 - Etc.

- Capacities evaluated in the “*asymptotic memoryless setting*”

$$\Phi^{(n)} = \Phi^{\otimes n}; \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

Transmission of Classical Info through a quantum channel



- Probability (Bob infers x correctly) = $\text{Tr} \left(E_x^{(n)} \sigma_x^{(n)} \right)$

- Average probability of error:

$$P_{av}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{|M|} \sum_{x \in M} \left[1 - \text{Tr} \left(E_x^{(n)} \sigma_x^{(n)} \right) \right]$$

If $p_{av}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$: information transmission is
.....(1) reliable

Classical capacity of the memoryless quantum channel

$C(\Phi) :=$ maximum number of bits of classical message
sent per use of the quantum channel

- If Alice restricts her codewords to **product states**, i.e., if

$$x \rightarrow \rho_x^{(n)} = \rho_{x_1} \otimes \rho_{x_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_{x_n}$$

- And Bob does a **collective measurement** (POVM) on

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x^{(n)} &:= \Phi^{\otimes n} \left(\rho_x^{(n)} \right) : \text{the output of } n \text{ uses of the channel} \\ &= \Phi(\rho_{x_1}) \otimes \Phi(\rho_{x_2}) \otimes \dots \otimes \Phi(\rho_{x_n}) \end{aligned}$$

Capacity : **product state capacity** $C_p(\Phi)$

- Holevo-Schumacher-Westmoreland (HSW) Theorem

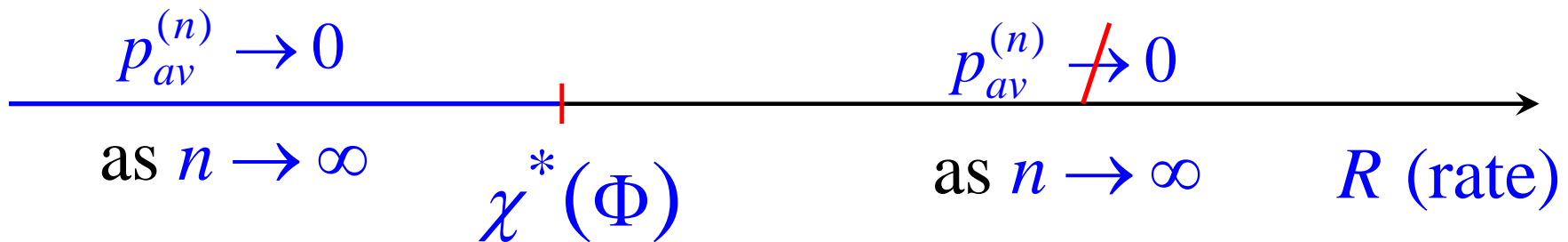
$$C_p(\Phi) = \max_{\{p_x, \rho_x\}} \chi(\{p_x, \Phi(\rho_x)\}) = \chi^*(\Phi)$$

*Holevo
Capacity*

HSW Theorem

$$C_p(\Phi) = \max_{\{p_x, \rho_x\}} \chi(\{p_x, \Phi(\rho_x)\}) = \chi^*(\Phi)$$

*Holevo
Capacity*



- **Classical capacity** of a **memoryless** channel Φ :
(without the restriction of inputs being product states):

$$C(\Phi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \chi^* (\Phi^{\otimes n})$$

*regularised Holevo
capacity*

$\chi^* (\Phi^{\otimes n})$ *Holevo Capacity* of the block $\Phi^{\otimes n}$ of n channels

(This *generalization* is obtained by considering *inputs* which are
product states over blocks of n channels but which may be *entangled*
within each block)



$$C(\Phi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \chi^* (\Phi^{\otimes n})$$

(Q) Can the *classical capacity* of a *memoryless quantum channel* be *increased* by using *entangled states* as *inputs* ?

$$\chi^* (\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2) \geq \chi^* (\Phi_1) + \chi^* (\Phi_2)$$

Holevo capacity is
superadditive

$$\Rightarrow \chi^* (\Phi^{\otimes n}) \geq n \chi^* (\Phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow C(\Phi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \chi^* (\Phi^{\otimes n}) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} n \chi^* (\Phi) \geq \chi^* (\Phi) = C_p(\Phi)$$

$$C(\Phi) \geq C_p(\Phi)$$

\Rightarrow *entangled inputs could help!*

(Q) Do entangled inputs *really* help?

$$C(\Phi) > C_p(\Phi) \quad ?$$

- This is related to :

The (global) *additivity conjecture* of the *Holevo capacity* :

$$\forall \Phi_1, \Phi_2 \quad \chi^*(\Phi_1 \otimes \Phi_2) = \chi^*(\Phi_1) + \chi^*(\Phi_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi^*(\Phi^{\otimes n}) = n \chi^*(\Phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow C(\Phi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \chi^*(\Phi^{\otimes n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} n \chi^*(\Phi) = \chi^*(\Phi) = C_p(\Phi)$$

- IF the *Holevo capacity* is *additive* then using *entangled inputs* would *not increase* its *classical capacity*!

- Additivity conjecture **disproved** by Matt Hastings 2008



There exist channels in which using entangled inputs help in transmitting classical information through a quantum channel!!

- Asymptotics to One-shot Information Theory

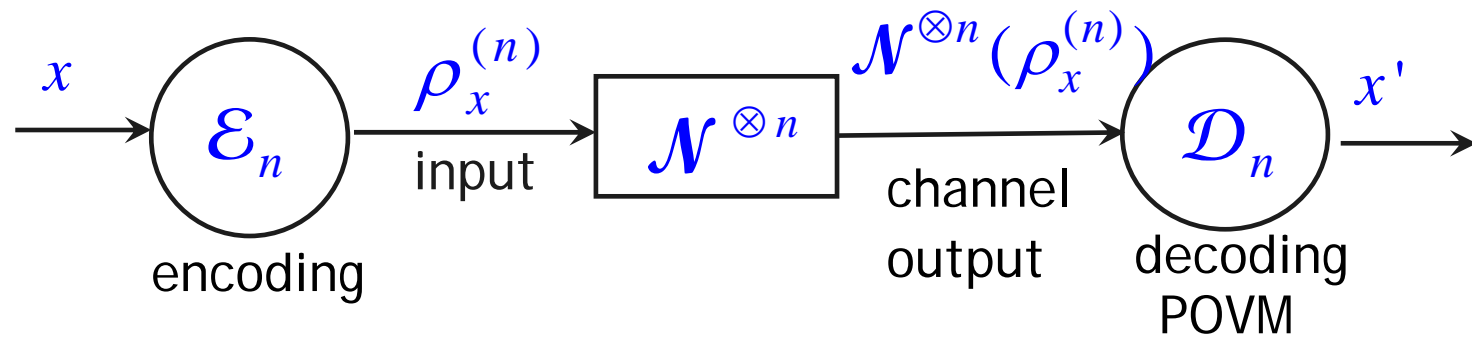
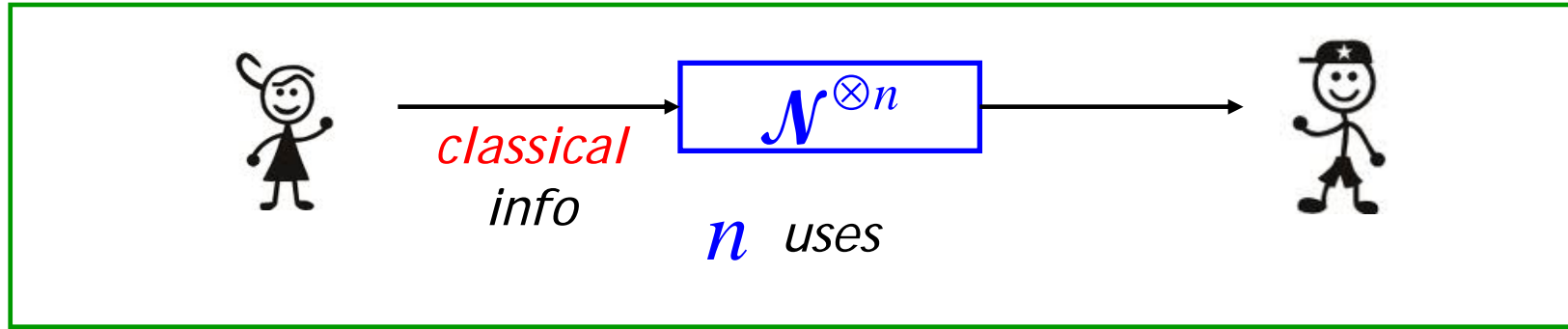
In **Quantum information theory**, initially one evaluated:

- **optimal rates** of info-processing tasks, e.g.,
 - **data compression**,
 - **transmission of information** through a channel, etc.

under the **assumption** of an *“asymptotic, memoryless setting”*

- information sources & channels were **memoryless**
- they were **used** an **infinite number of times** (**asymptotic limit**) $n \rightarrow \infty$

- To evaluate $C(\mathcal{N})$: *classical capacity*



- One requires : **prob. of error** $p_e^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Optimal rates of information-processing tasks in the
“asymptotic, memoryless setting”

- *Compression of Information:*

Memoryless quantum info. source $\{\rho, \mathcal{H}\}$

- Data compression limit: $S(\rho)$

- *Info Transmission thro' a memoryless quantum channel \mathcal{N}*

- Classical capacity $C(\mathcal{N})$

--given in terms of the Holevo capacity ;

- Quantum capacity $Q(\mathcal{N})$

--given in terms of the coherent information ;

These entropic quantities are all obtainable from a single parent quantity;

Quantum relative entropy: For $\rho, \sigma \geq 0$; $\text{Tr}\rho = 1$

$$D(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \text{Tr} (\rho \log \rho) - \text{Tr}(\rho \log \sigma)$$

e.g. Data compression limit:

$$S(\rho) := -\text{Tr} (\rho \log \rho) = -D(\rho \parallel I) \quad (\sigma = I)$$

$D(\rho \parallel \sigma)$: acts as a *parent quantity* for optimal rates in the
“*asymptotic, memoryless setting*”

In real-world applications

“asymptotic memoryless setting” not necessarily valid

- **In practice:** information sources & channels are **used** a **finite number of times**;
- there are **unavoidable correlations** between successive uses (*memory effects*)

Hence it is important to **evaluate optimal rates** for
*finite number of uses (or even a **single use**)*
of an *arbitrary source or channel*

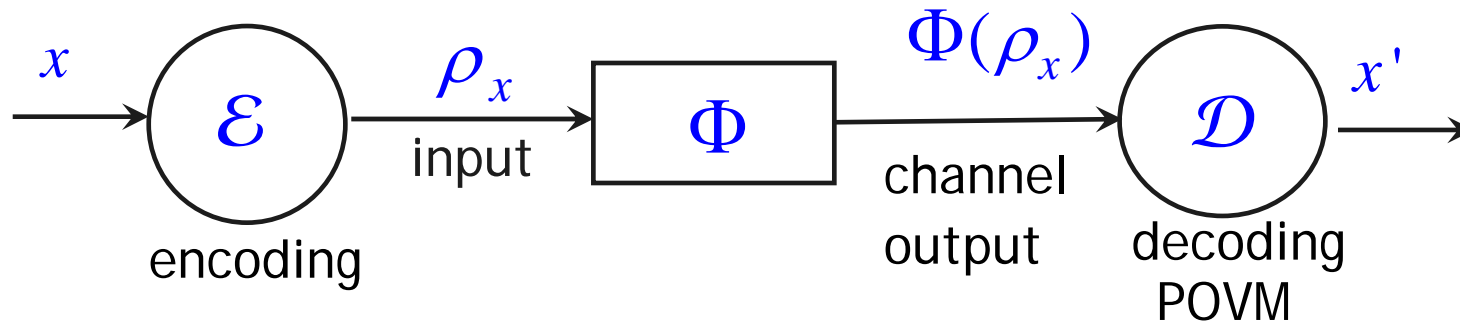
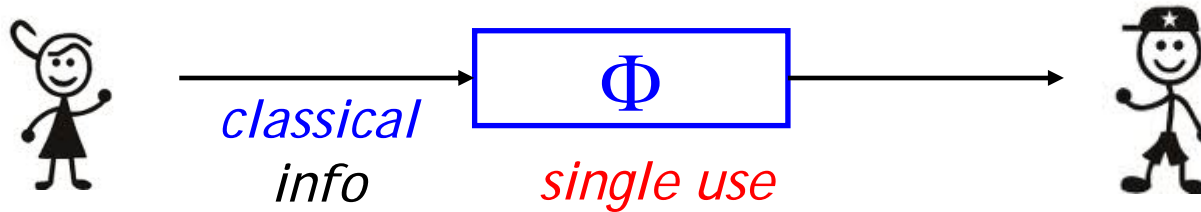
- Evaluation of corresponding optimal rates:



One-shot information theory

- An example:

One-shot information theory



One-shot classical capacity := max. number of bits that can be transmitted on a *single use*

$$C_{\varepsilon}^{(1)}(\Phi)$$

Prob. of error: $p_e \leq \varepsilon$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$,

Introduce 2 generalized relative entropies

Min- & Max relative entropies: $D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma), D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$

act as parent quantities for one-shot rates of protocols

just as

Quantum relative entropy: $D(\rho \parallel \sigma)$

acts as a parent quantity for asymptotic rates of protocols

- *Definition 1:* The **max- relative entropy** of a state ρ & a positive operator σ is

$$D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \inf \{ \gamma : \rho \leq 2^\gamma \sigma \}$$

$$\text{supp } \rho \subseteq \text{supp } \sigma$$

$$(2^\gamma \sigma - \rho) \geq 0$$

$$D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma) = \log \left(\lambda_{\max} \left(\sigma^{-1/2} \rho \sigma^{-1/2} \right) \right)$$

pseudoinverse

- *Definition 2:* The **min- relative entropy** of a state ρ & a positive operator σ is

$$D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := -\log \operatorname{Tr}(\pi_{\rho} \sigma)$$

where π_{ρ} denotes the projector onto the support of ρ
($\operatorname{supp} \rho$)

- *Remark:* The min- relative entropy

$$D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := -\log(\text{Tr}(\pi_{\rho}\sigma))$$

is expressible in terms of: *quantum relative Renyi entropy*

$$D_{\alpha}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \log(\text{Tr}(\rho^{\alpha} \sigma^{1-\alpha})) \quad \alpha \neq 1$$

$$D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} D_{\alpha}(\rho \parallel \sigma) = D_0(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

relative Renyi entropy of order 0

$$D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \geq D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

■ *Proof:*

$$D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \doteq \inf \{ \gamma : \rho \leq 2^\gamma \sigma \} = \gamma_0$$

$$\rho \leq 2^{\gamma_0} \sigma, \quad (2^{\gamma_0} \sigma - \rho) \geq 0, \quad \text{Also } \pi_\rho \geq 0$$

$$\text{Tr} [\pi_\rho (2^{\gamma_0} \sigma - \rho)] \geq 0 \quad \because A, B \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr} (AB) \geq 0$$

$$2^{\gamma_0} \text{Tr} [\pi_\rho \sigma] \geq \text{Tr} [\pi_\rho \rho] = 1$$

$$\gamma_0 + \log [\text{Tr}(\pi_\rho \sigma)] \geq 0$$

$$\gamma_0 \geq -\log [\text{Tr}(\pi_\rho \sigma)]$$

$$D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \geq D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

Why are $D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$ & $D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$ relative entropies?

- Like $D(\rho \parallel \sigma)$ we have $D_*(\rho \parallel \sigma) \geq 0$ for $*$ = max, min

$$D_*(\rho \parallel \sigma) \geq 0$$

for ρ, σ states

$$D_*(\Lambda(\rho) \parallel \Lambda(\sigma)) \leq D_*(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

for any CPTP map Λ

- Also $D_*(\rho \parallel \sigma) = D_*(U\rho U^\dagger \parallel U\sigma U^\dagger)$ for any unitary operator U

- Most interestingly

$$D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq D(\rho \parallel \sigma) \leq D_{\max}(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

- Also act as **parent quantities** for other entropies.....

$$H_{\min}(\rho) := -D_{\max}(\rho \parallel I)$$

$$= -\log \|\rho\|_{\infty}$$

$$H_{\max}(\rho) := -D_{\min}(\rho \parallel I)$$

$$= \log \text{rank}(\rho)$$

Just as:

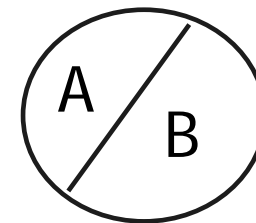
*von Neumann
entropy*

$$S(\rho) = -D(\rho \parallel I)$$

[Renner]

$$H_{\max}(\rho) \geq H_{\min}(\rho)$$

For a bipartite state ρ_{AB} :



- *Conditional min-entropy* [Renner]

$$H_{\min}(A|B)_{\rho} := \max_{\sigma_B} \left\{ -D_{\max}(\rho_{AB} \| I_A \otimes \sigma_B) \right\}$$

just as: Quantum conditional entropy

$$S(A|B) = -D(\rho_{AB} \| I_A \otimes \rho_B) = \max_{\sigma_B} \left\{ -D(\rho_{AB} \| I_A \otimes \sigma_B) \right\}$$

- *Max-information* [Berta, Christandl, Renner]

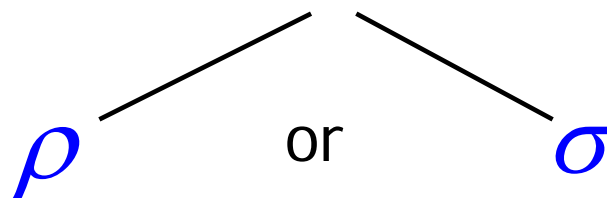
$$I_{\max}(A:B)_{\rho} := \min_{\sigma_B} D_{\max}(\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \sigma_B)$$

just as: Quantum mutual information [Buscemi & ND]

$$I(A:B) = D(\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \rho_B) = \min_{\sigma_B} D(\rho_{AB} \| \rho_A \otimes \sigma_B)$$

Operational significance of $D_0(\rho \parallel \sigma)$

- *State Discrimination*: Bob receives a state



- He does a measurement to infer which state it is

POVM $\Pi [\rho]$ & $(I - \Pi) [\sigma]$

<i>Possible errors</i>	<i>inference</i>	<i>actual state</i>	
<i>Type I</i>	σ	ρ	<i>hypothesis testing</i>
<i>Type II</i>	ρ	σ	

- *Error probabilities*

$\alpha = \text{Tr}((I - \Pi)\rho)$

$\beta = \text{Tr}(\Pi\sigma)$

Type I

Type II

- Suppose $\Pi = \pi_\rho$ (POVM element)

Prob(Type I error)

$$\alpha = \text{Tr}((I - \Pi)\rho) \\ = 0$$

Prob(Type II error)

$$\beta = \text{Tr}(\Pi\sigma) \\ = \text{Tr}(\pi_\rho\sigma)$$

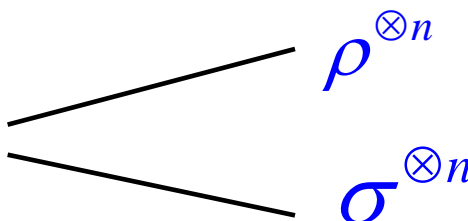
*Bob never infers the state
to be σ when it is ρ*

BUT

$$D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := -\log \text{Tr} \pi_\rho \sigma$$

*Hence $\beta = 2^{-D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma)}$ when $\alpha = 0$
= Prob(Type II error | Type I error = zero)*

- Compare with the operational significance of $D(\rho \parallel \sigma)$
arises in asymptotic hypothesis testing
- Suppose Bob is given many (n) identical copies of the state

- He receives 

- For any $\delta > 0$, for n large enough,
 - $Prob(\text{Type II error} \mid \text{Type I error} < \delta)$

$$\beta_{\delta}^{(n)} \approx 2^{-n} D(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

[Quantum Stein's Lemma]

- Hence,

$$D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma) \text{ \& } D(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

have similar interpretations in terms of *Prob(Type II error)*

$$D_{\min}(\rho \parallel \sigma):$$

- a *single copy* of the state
- *Prob(Type I error) = 0*

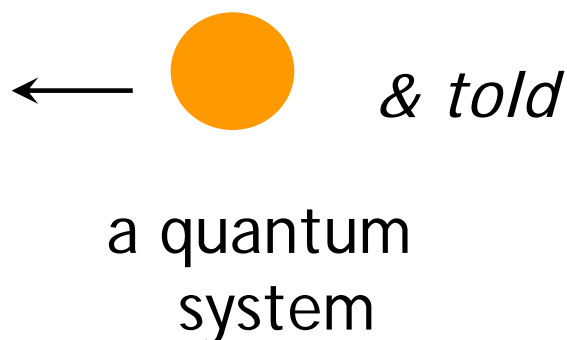
$$D(\rho \parallel \sigma):$$

- *n* copies of the state
- *Prob(Type I error)*

$$\begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty \end{array}$$

Operational interpretations of the max-relative entropy (i)

- Multiple state discrimination problem:



its state

$$\rho_1$$

$$\rho_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\rho_M$$

with prob.

$$\frac{1}{M}$$

⋮

$$\frac{1}{M}$$

- He does measurements to infer the state: POVM

$$\{E_1, \dots, E_M\} : 0 \leq E_i \leq I; \sum_{i=1}^M E_i = I$$

- His optimal average success probability:

$$P_{succ}^* := \max_{\{E_1, \dots, E_k\}} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \text{Tr}(E_i \rho_i)$$

- *Theorem 3 [M. Mosonyi & ND]:*

The optimal average **success probability** in this multiple state discrimination problem is given by:

$$P_{succ}^* = \frac{1}{M} \min_{\sigma} \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} 2^{D_{\max}(\rho_i \| \sigma)}$$



Operational interpretations of the max-relative entropy (ii)

- *Separability of a bipartite state*

[Lewenstein, Sanpera] : The state $\sigma = \sigma_{AB}$ of any bipartite system can always be written as a **weighted average** of a **separable state** ρ_s and another (possibly entangled) state ω ,

$$\sigma = \lambda \rho_s + (1 - \lambda) \omega$$

such that the **weight** λ is **maximal**.

ρ_s : Best separable approximation (BSA) of the state σ

λ : **separability** of the state σ [Wellen & Kus]

$$\sigma = \lambda \rho_s + (1 - \lambda) \omega$$

- *Theorem 2 [ND, T. Rudolph]:*

The **separability** of the state σ of a bipartite system

is given by:

$$\lambda = \max_{\rho \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{H})} 2^{-D_{\max}(\rho \| \sigma)}$$

→ *set of separable states*

(I) **Product-state** classical capacity $C_p(\Phi)$

Encoding restricted to **product states**, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{E}_n : \quad x \rightarrow \rho_x^{(n)} = \rho_{x_1} \otimes \rho_{x_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_{x_n}$$

HSW Theorem

$$C_p(\Phi) = \chi^*(\Phi) \quad \text{Holevo Capacity}$$

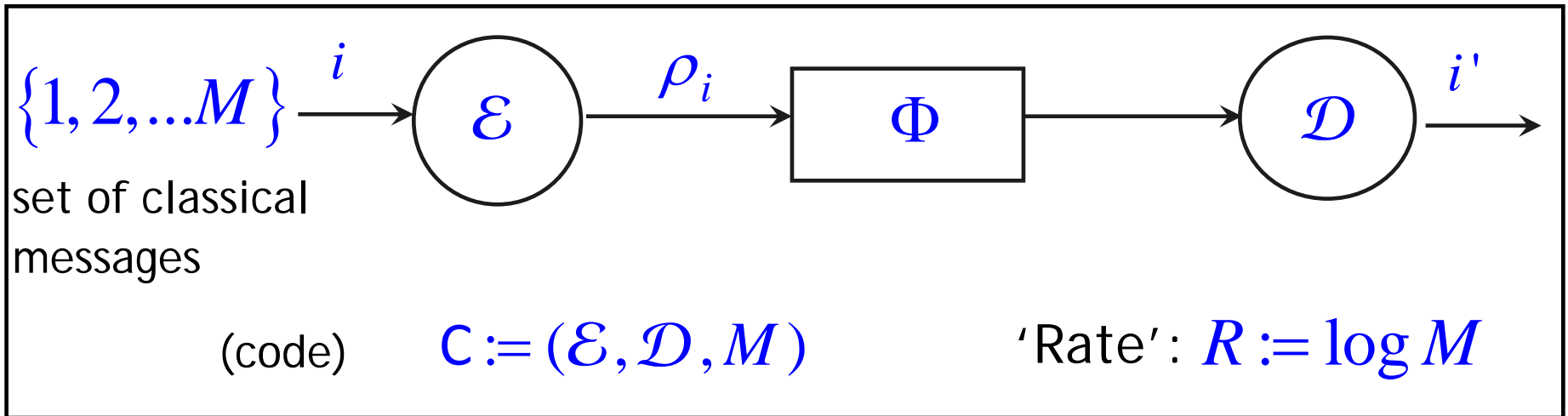
$$= \max_{\{p_x, \rho_x\}} \min_{\sigma_B} D(\rho_{XB} \parallel \rho_X \otimes \sigma_B)$$

where

$$\rho_{XB} = \sum_x p_x |x\rangle\langle x| \otimes \Phi(\rho_x);$$

$$\rho_X = \text{Tr}_B \rho_{XB};$$

One-shot classical capacity



$$0 < \varepsilon < 1$$

$$p_e \leq \varepsilon$$

$$C_{\varepsilon}^{(1)}(\Phi)$$

R (rate)

- Analogous to

ε — *error one-shot classical capacity*

$$p_e^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$C(\Phi)$$

R (rate)

$$C_p(\Phi) = \chi^*(\Phi) = \max_{\{p_x, \rho_x\}} \min_{\sigma_B} D(\rho_{XB} \parallel \rho_X \otimes \sigma_B)$$

Holevo-capacity

$$\rho_{XB} = \sum_x p_x |x\rangle\langle x| \otimes \Phi(\rho_x);$$

$\forall 0 < \varepsilon < 1$

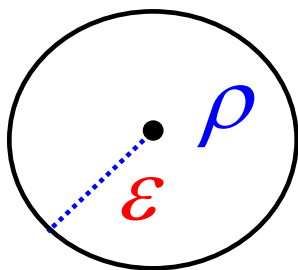
[ND, Mosonyi, Hsieh, Brandao]

$$C_\varepsilon^{(1)}(\Phi) \approx \chi_{\max, \varepsilon}^*(\Phi) = \max_{\{p_x, \rho_x\}} \min_{\sigma_B} D_{\max}^\varepsilon(\rho_{XB} \parallel \rho_X \otimes \sigma_B)$$

smooth max-Holevo capacity

[See also Wang & Renner]

Smooth max-relative entropy




$$D_{\max}^{\varepsilon}(\rho \parallel \sigma) := \min_{\bar{\rho} \in B^{\varepsilon}(\rho)} D_{\max}(\bar{\rho} \parallel \sigma)$$

$$B^{\varepsilon}(\rho) := \left\{ \bar{\rho} \geq 0, \text{Tr} \bar{\rho} = 1, \rho \stackrel{\varepsilon}{\approx} \bar{\rho} \right\}$$

From one-shot to the asymptotic i.i.d. setting

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} D_{\max}^{\varepsilon}(\rho^{\otimes n} \parallel \sigma^{\otimes n}) \equiv D(\rho \parallel \sigma)$$

One-shot bounds  *asymptotic, i.i.d. result*

(Relative entropy version of the

Quantum Asymptotic Equipartition Property

[Colbeck, Renner, Tomamichel]; [ND, Mosonyi, Hsieh, Brandao]

Why are one-shot results important?

- **One-shot results** yield the known **results** of the asymptotic case, on taking:

$$n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and then} \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

- Hence the **one-shot analysis** is more **general** !
- **One-shot results** also take into account **effects of correlation (or memory)** in sources, channels etc.

- In fact, **one-shot results** can be looked upon as the *fundamental building blocks of Quantum Info. Theory*

Other occurrences of smooth max-relative entropy

- One-shot quantum state splitting [*M. Berta et al*]
- Single-shot thermodynamics [*J. Oppenheim, M. Horodecki*]

Min- and Max- relative entropies : parent quantities for

- One-shot state merging [*M. Berta et al*]
- One-shot hypothesis testing [*Wang & Renner*]
- One-shot quantum capacity [*ND, F. Buscemi; ND, M-H. Hsieh*]
- One-shot entanglement cost under LOCC [*ND, F. Buscemi*]
- One-shot entanglement-assisted classical & quantum capacities [*ND, M-H. Hsieh*] *etc.*

- Unifying the different relative entropies