



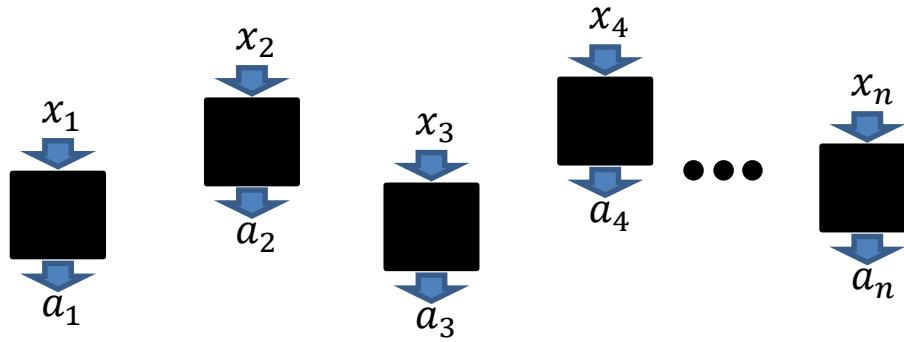
# The limits of large quantum systems

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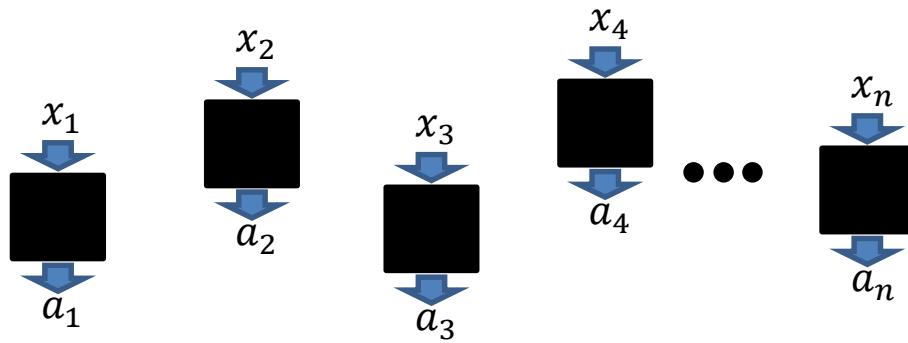
3 tasks in quantum information

## Nonlocality detection



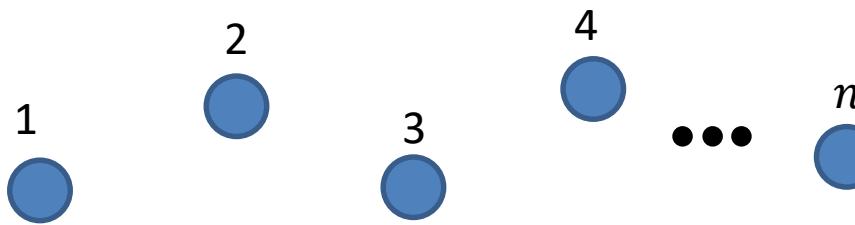
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## Supra-quantum nonlocality detection



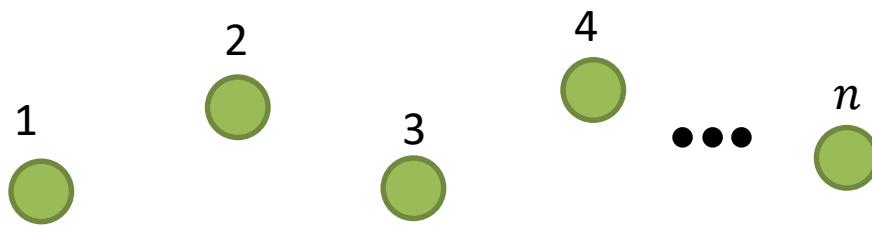
$$P(a_1, \dots, a_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle \psi | E_{a_1, x_1}^1 \otimes \dots \otimes E_{a_n, x_n}^n | \psi \rangle ?$$

## Entanglement detection

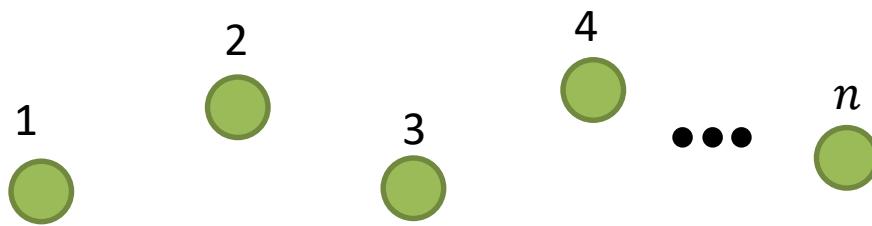


$$\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i^1\rangle\langle\psi_i^1| \otimes |\psi_i^2\rangle\langle\psi_i^2| \otimes \dots \otimes |\psi_i^n\rangle\langle\psi_i^n|$$

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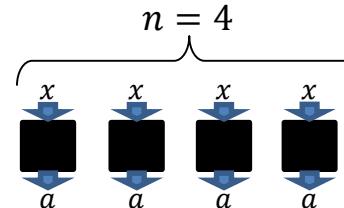
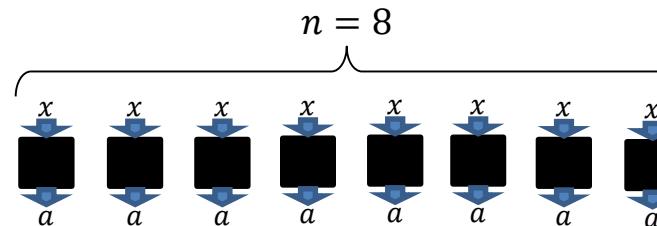
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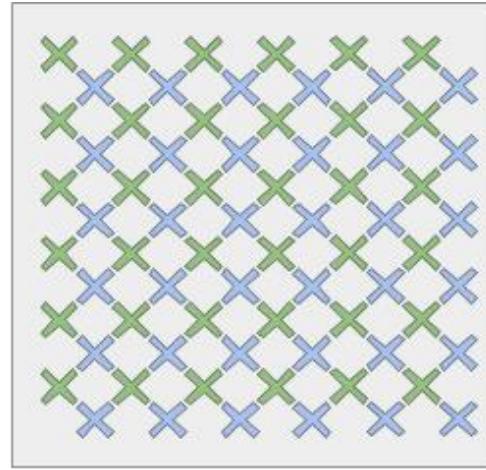
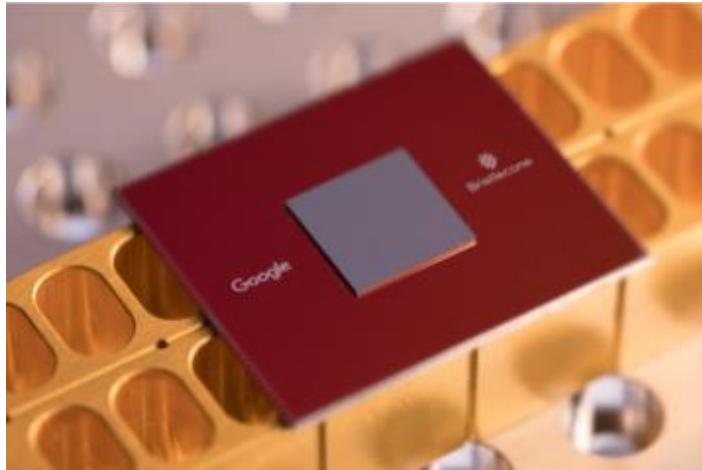
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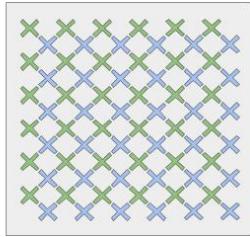
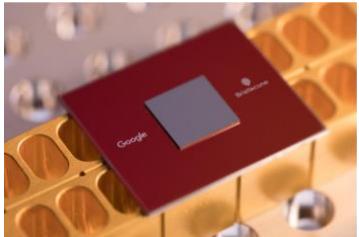
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Small quantum systems were interesting yesterday, not now!!



Google's Bristlecone, 72 qubits

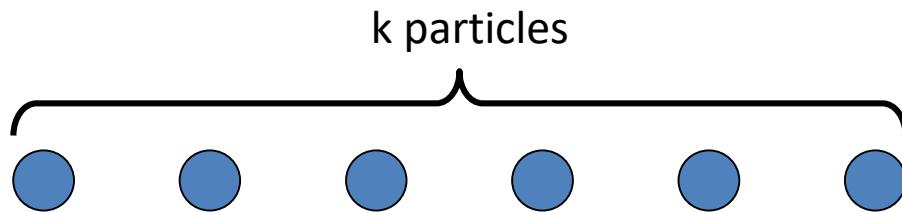
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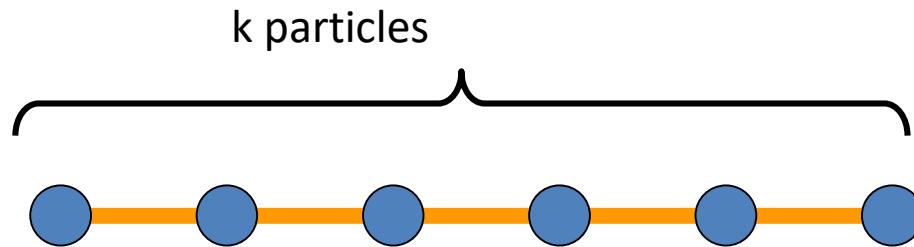
The quantum many-body problem



ground state  $|\varphi\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^{d^k}$   Impossible to even store for d=2, k~50

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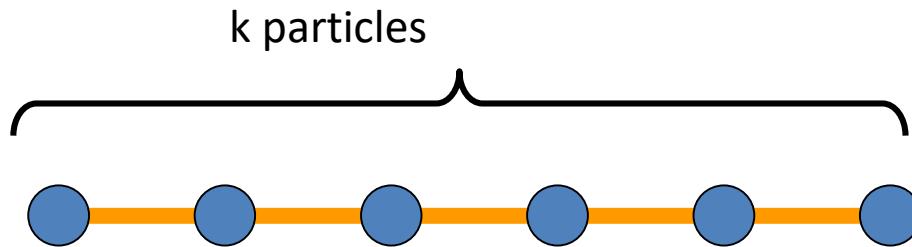


Many natural states admit an approximate compact description

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} \text{tr}(\sigma A_{i_1} \dots A_{i_k}) |i_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |i_k\rangle$$

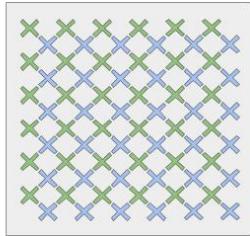
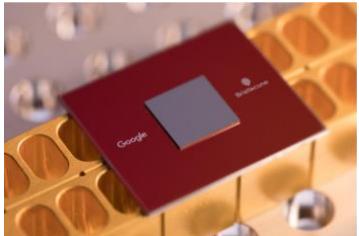
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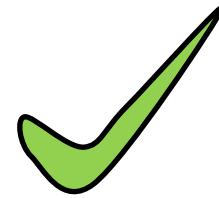


The parameters determining the state can be estimated with a polynomial number of experiments.

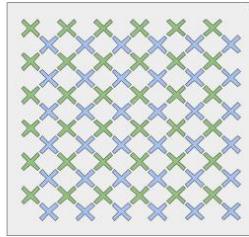
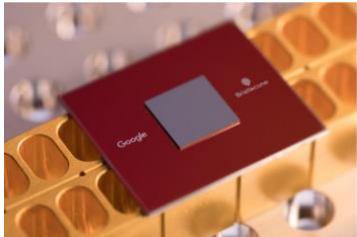
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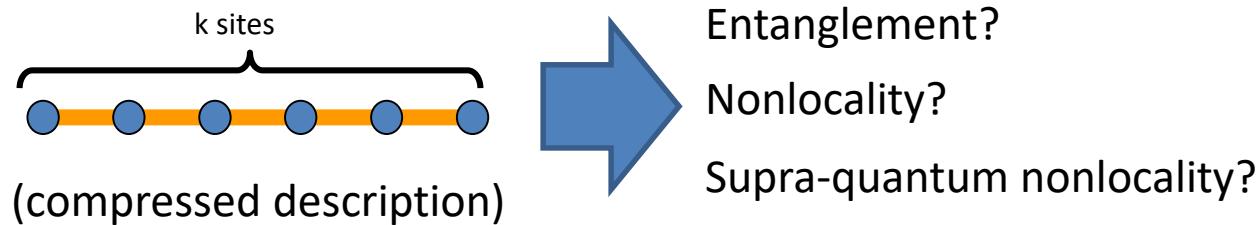
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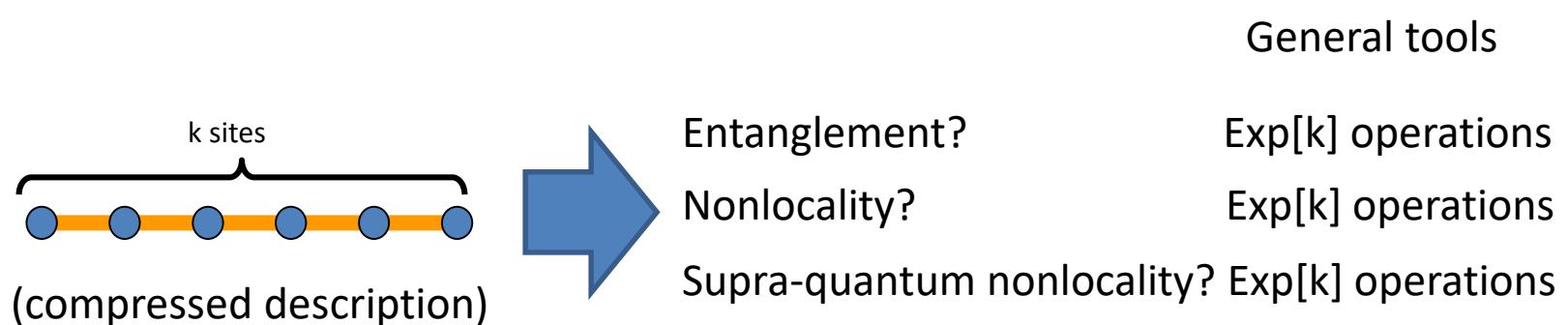
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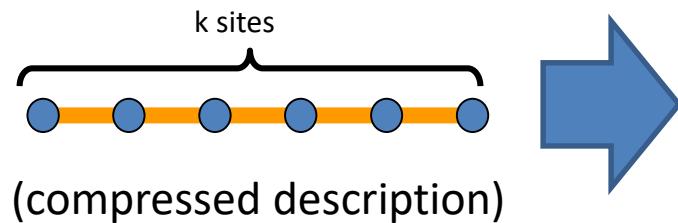
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General tools

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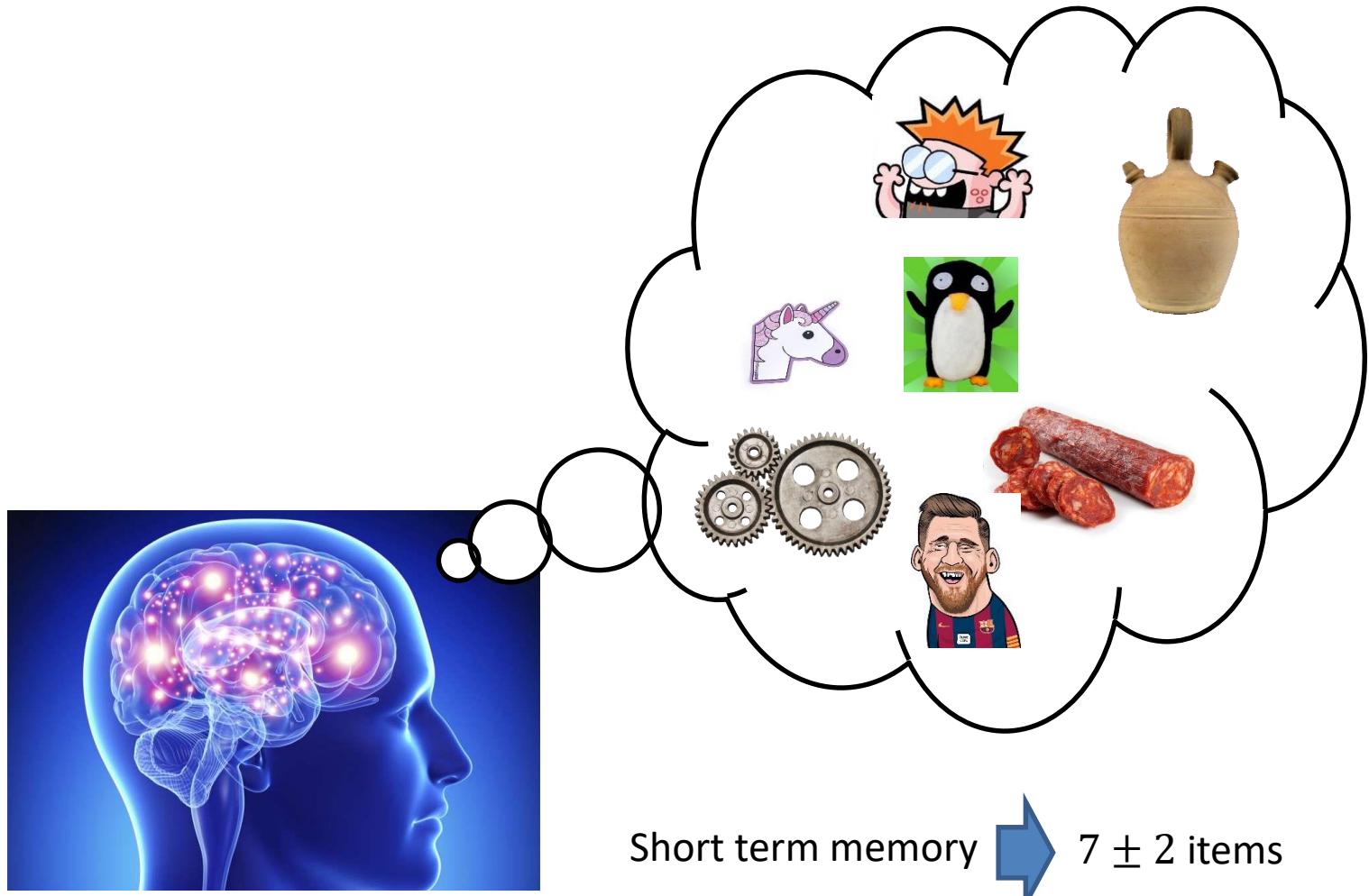
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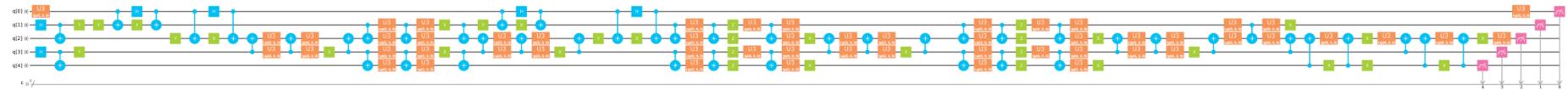
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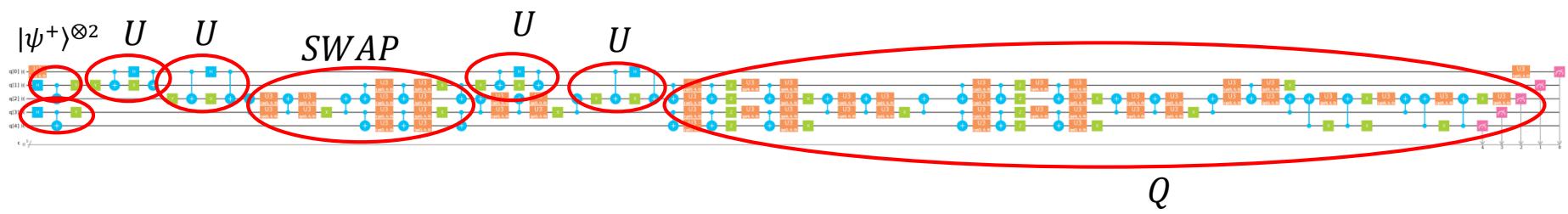
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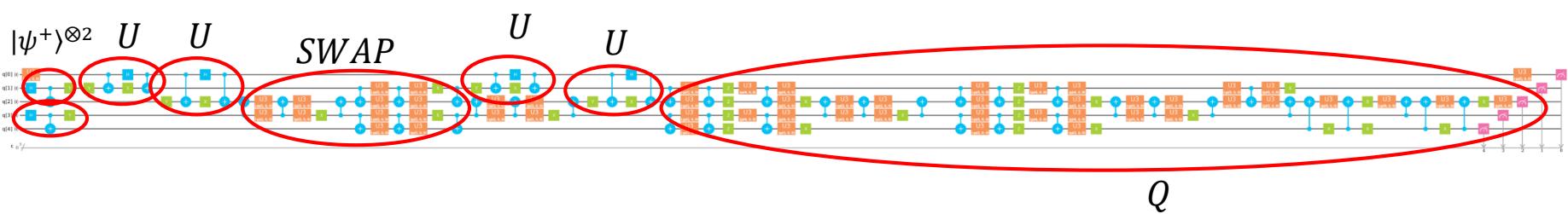
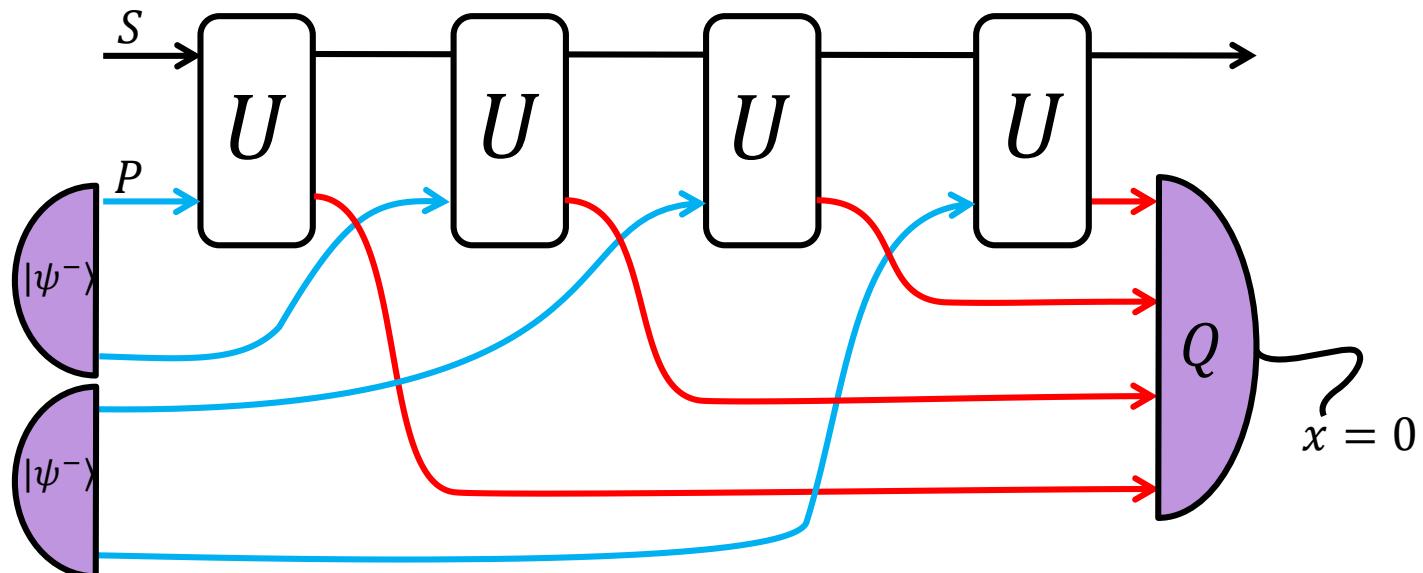
How do humans manage to devise a circuit?



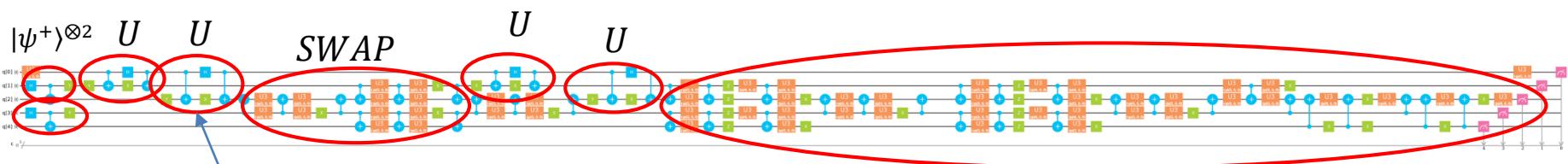
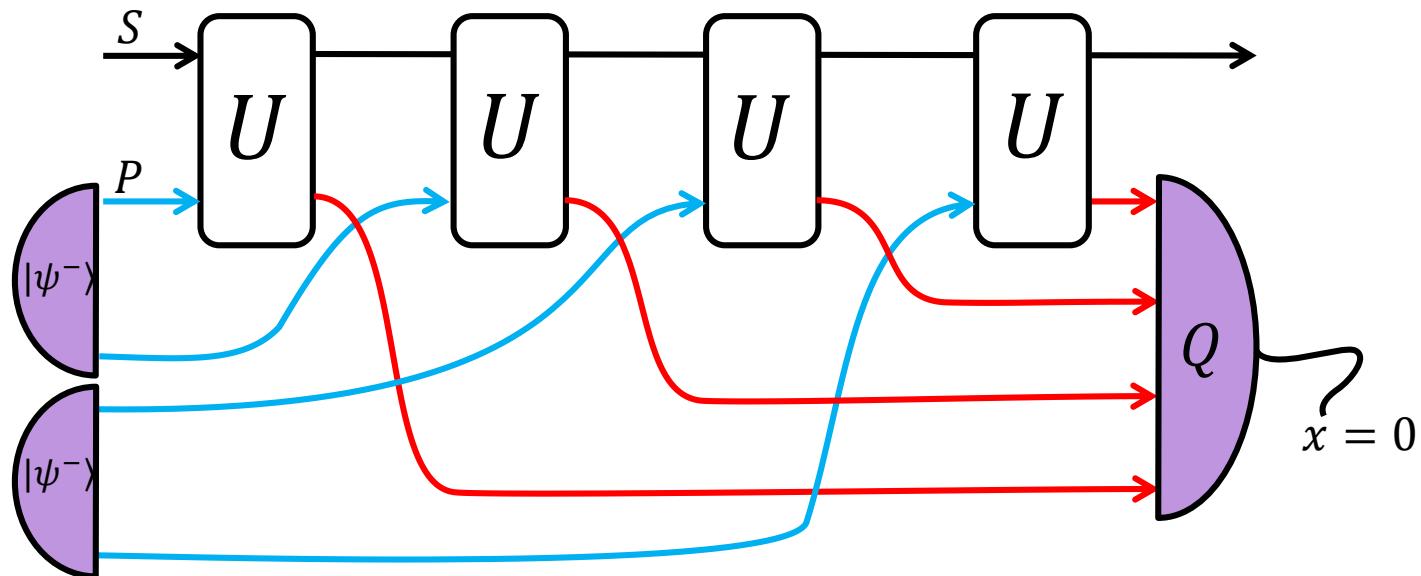
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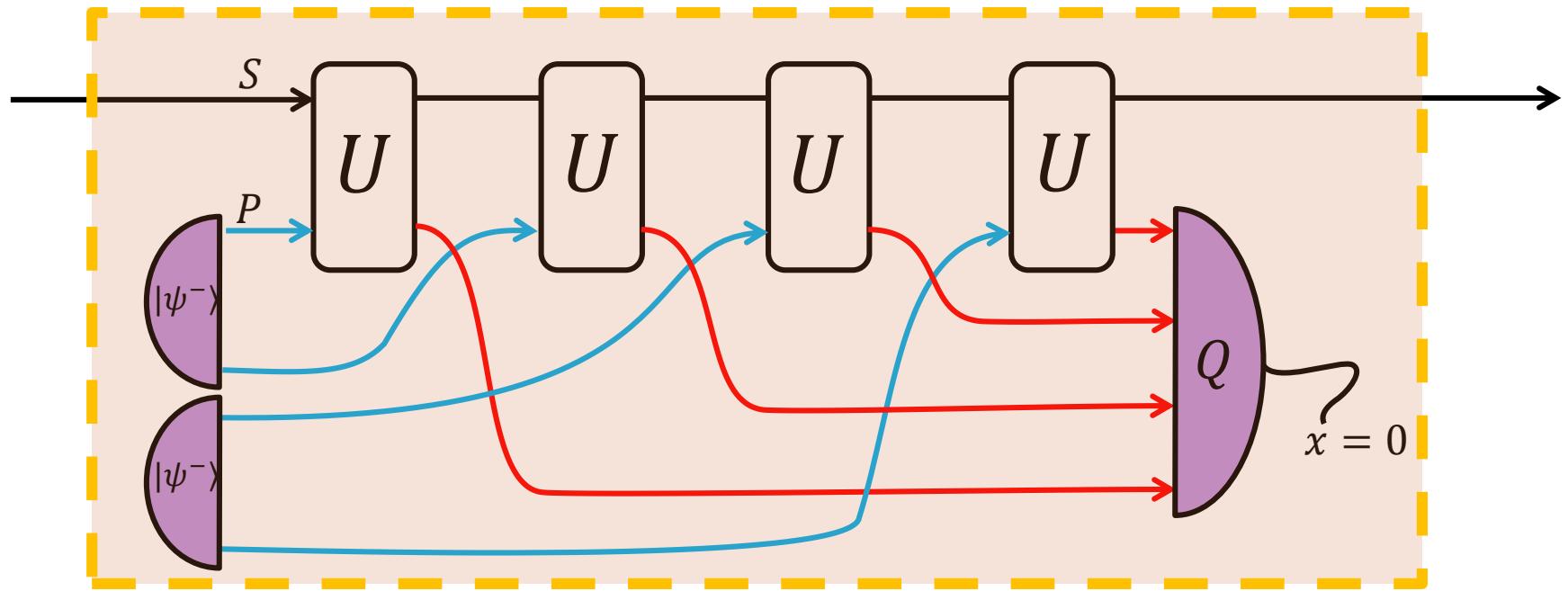
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chunk

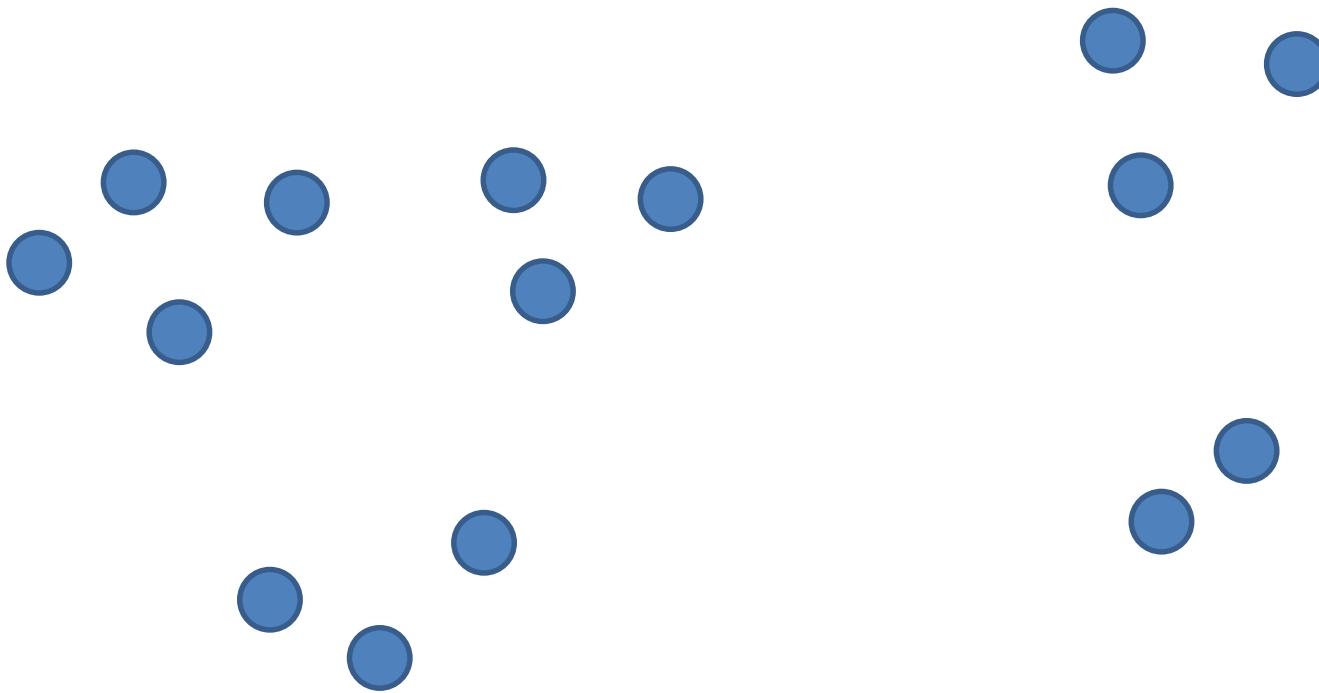
Collection of elementary units that have been inter-associated and stored in memory repeatedly and act as a coherent, integrated group when retrieved.

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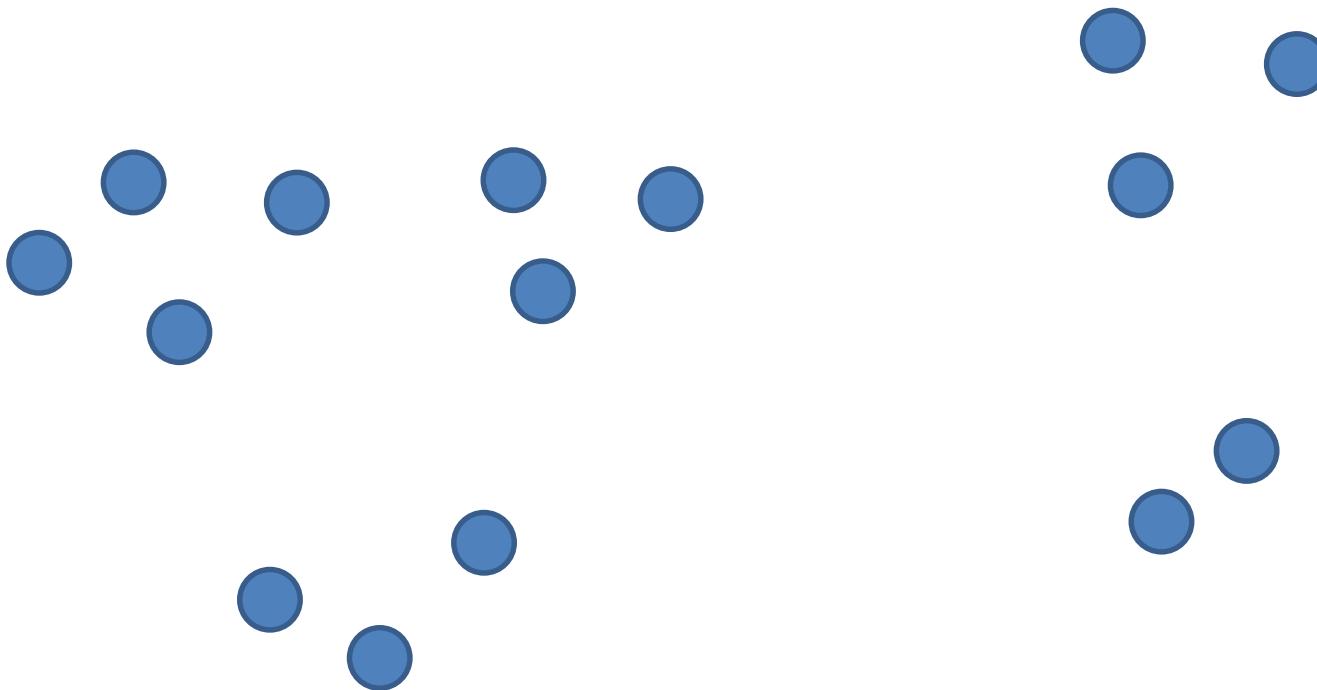
Weird quantum circuit I

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Global property?

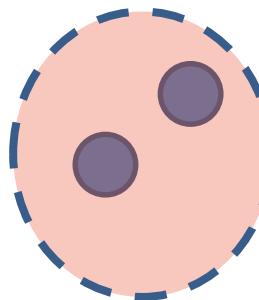
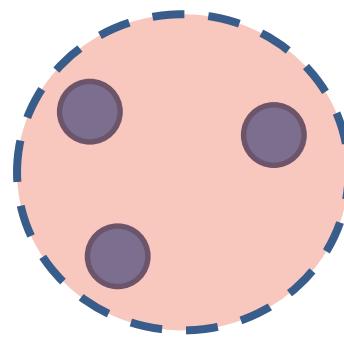
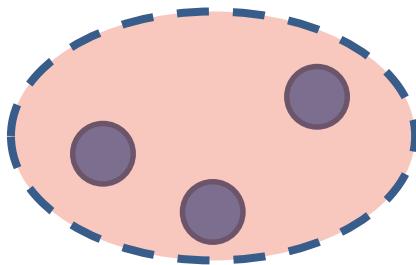
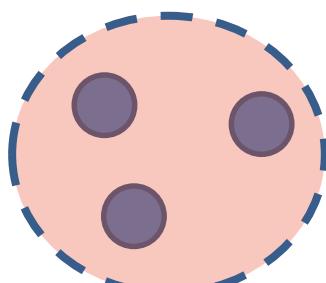
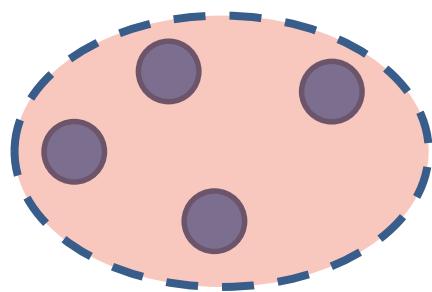


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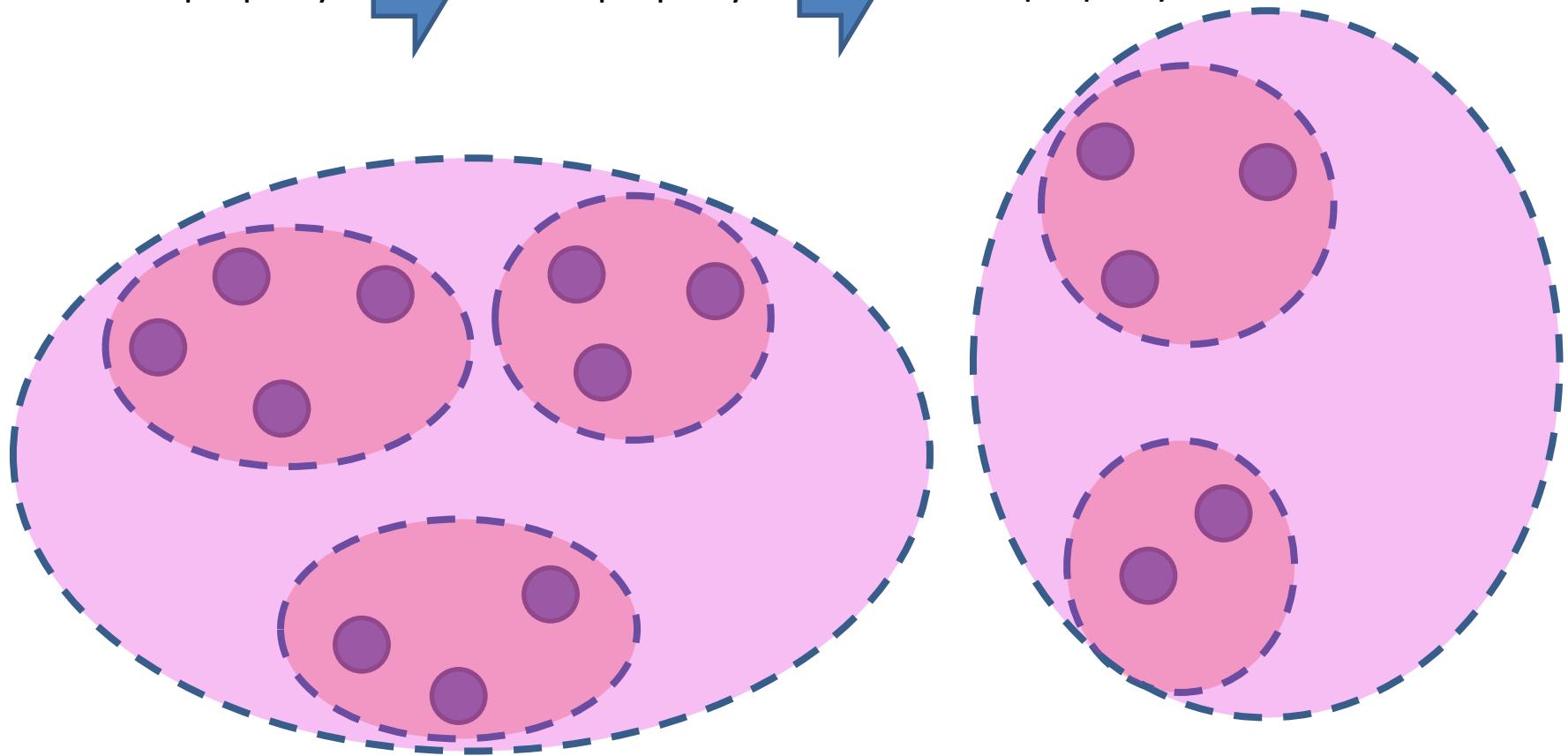
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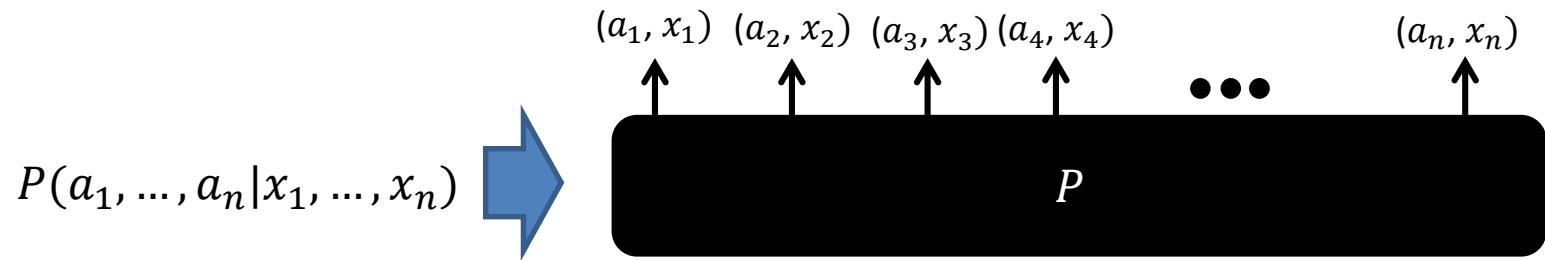


The chunking method: connector theory

Nonlocality detection

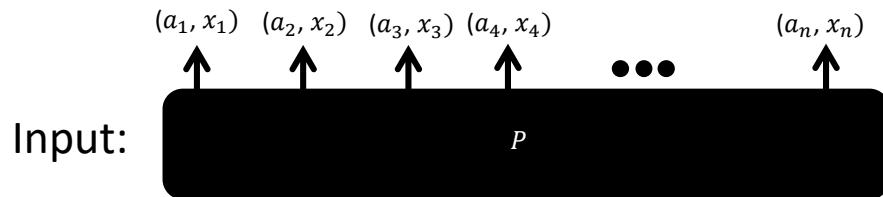
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Tensor notation



## Nonlocality detection

### Nonlocality problem



Output:  $P(a_1, \dots, a_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\lambda} p_{\lambda} P_1(a_1 | x_1) \dots P_n(a_n | x_n)$   “No”

$P(a_1, \dots, a_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq \sum_{\lambda} p_{\lambda} P_1(a_1 | x_1) \dots P_n(a_n | x_n)$   “Yes”

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Basic (single-site) system types

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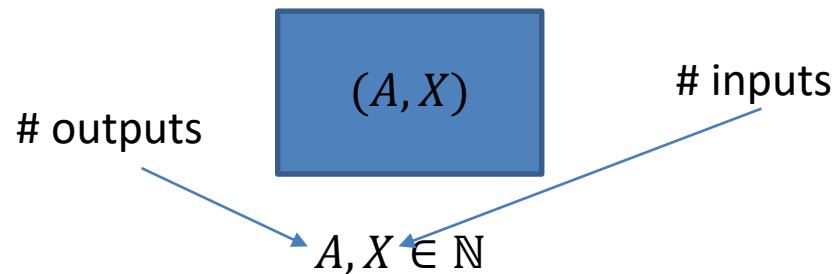
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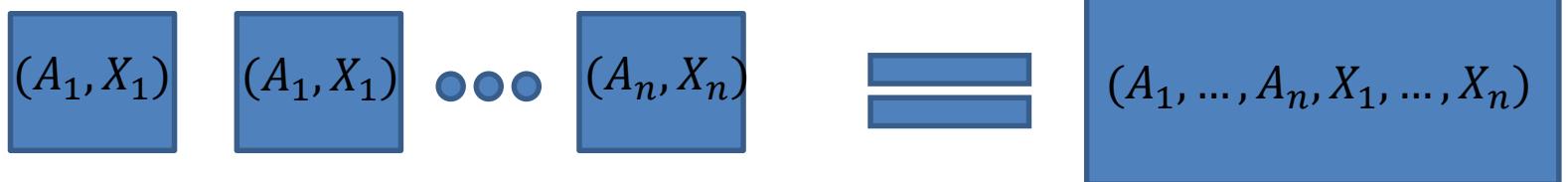
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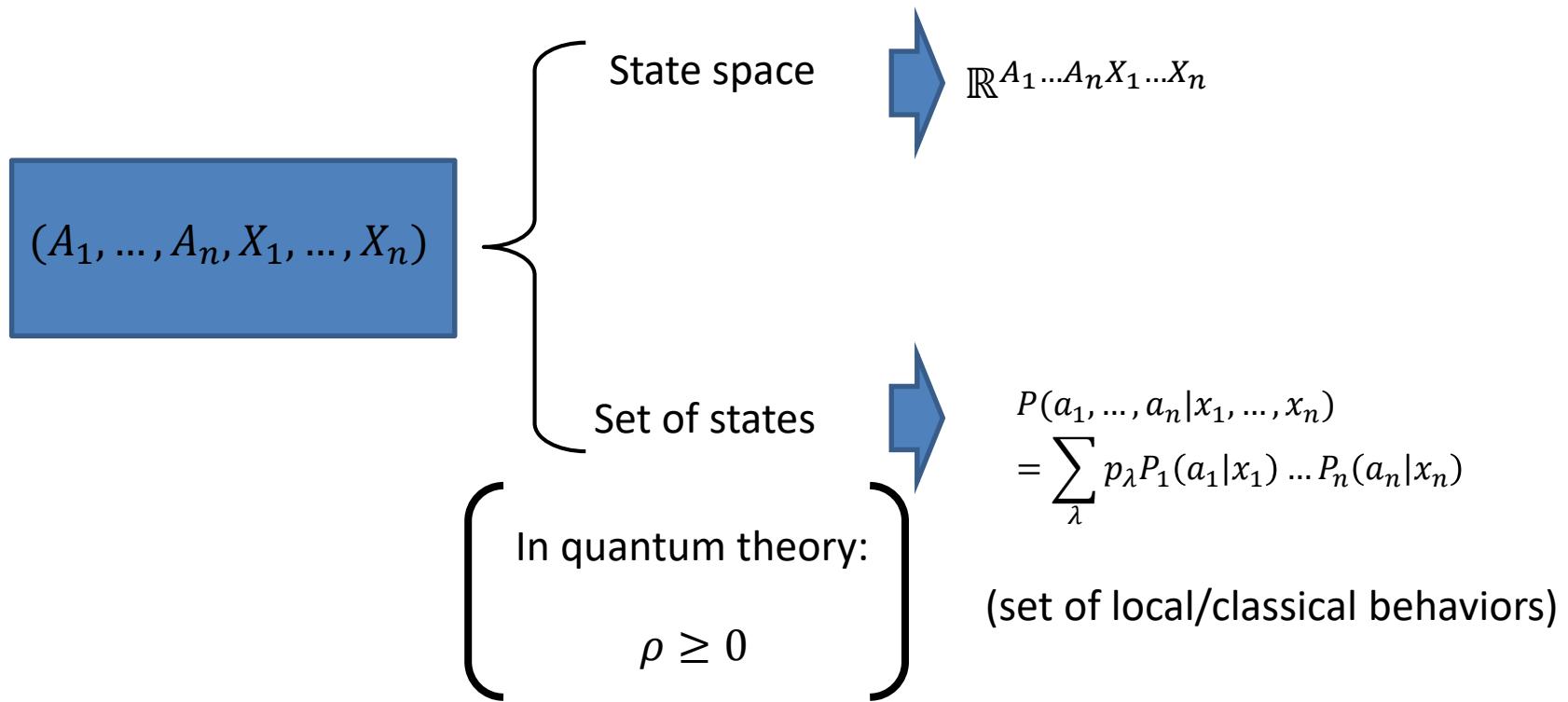
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Composition rule for several basic systems

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Norm of a state

$$N(P) = \sum_{a_1, \dots, a_n} P(a_1, \dots, a_n | x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

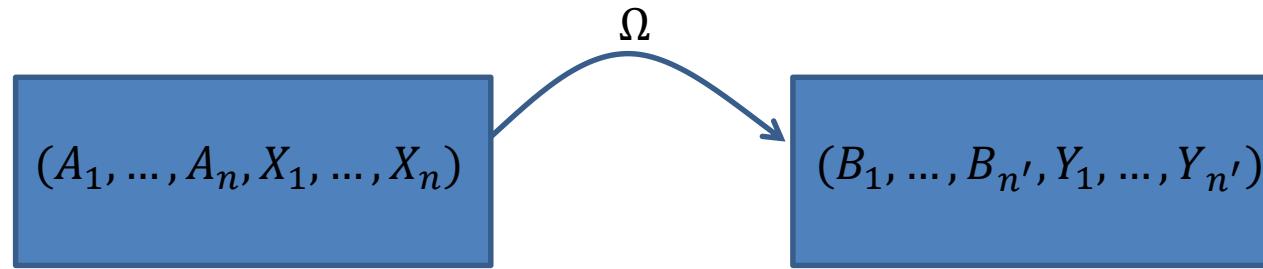
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$$N(\rho) = \text{tr}(\rho)$$

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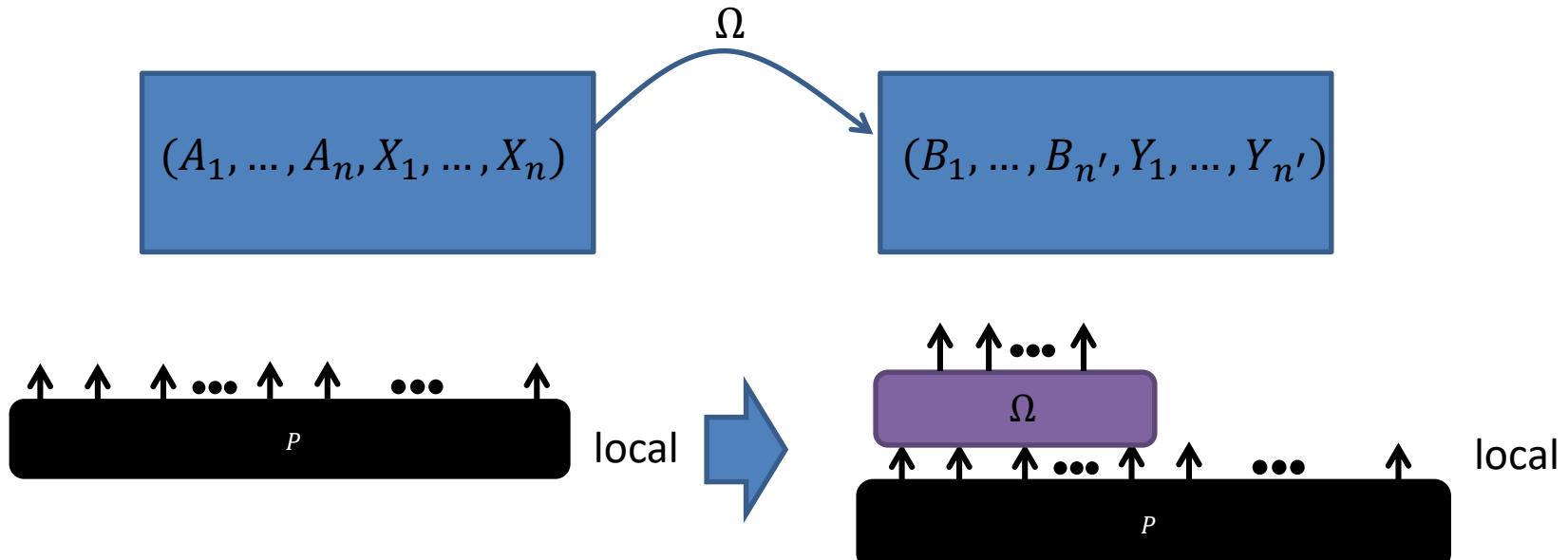
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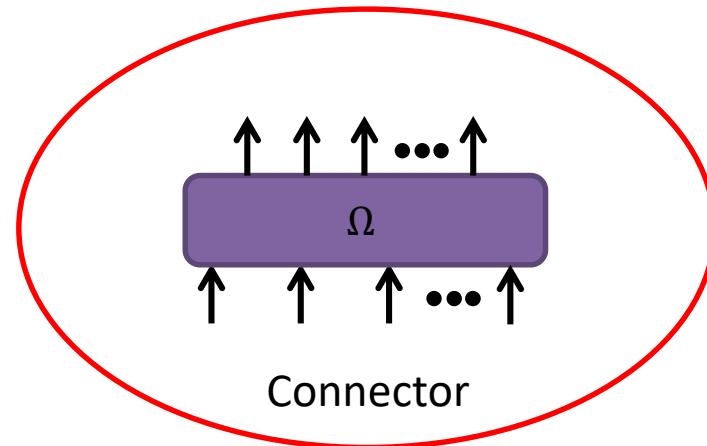
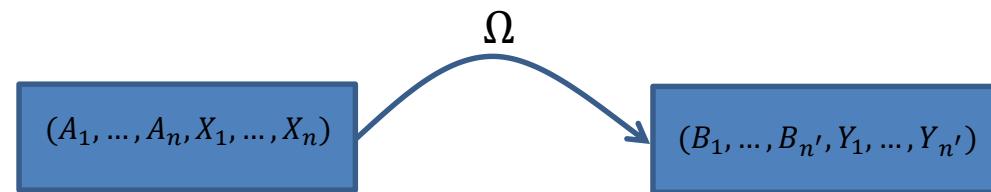


$$N(P) \geq N(\Omega(P))$$

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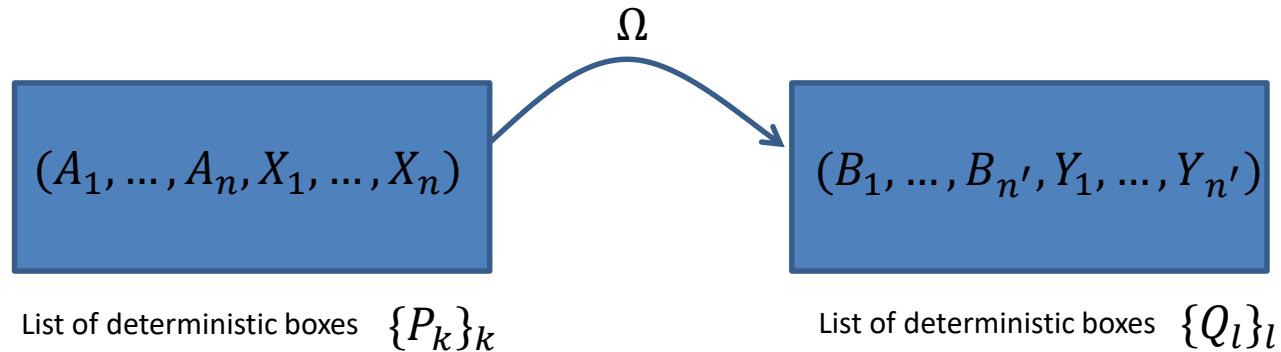


Connector

Tensor with directed edges representing a transformation in LOC-world

## Nonlocality detection

Characterization of connectors in LOC-world



$\Omega$ , valid  
transformation in  
LOC-world

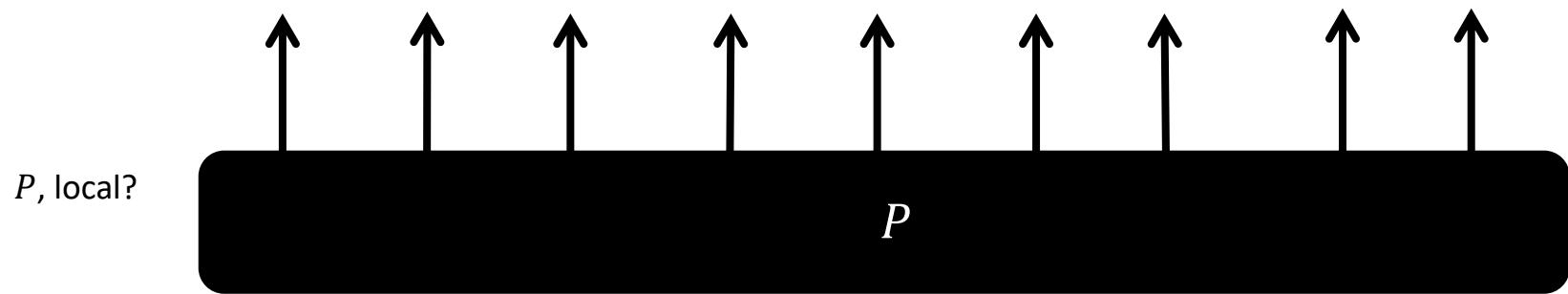


$$\Omega(P_k) = \sum_l \mu_l^k Q_l, \\ \mu_l^k \geq 0, \sum_l \mu_l^k \leq 1, \text{ for all } k$$

Linear program!!

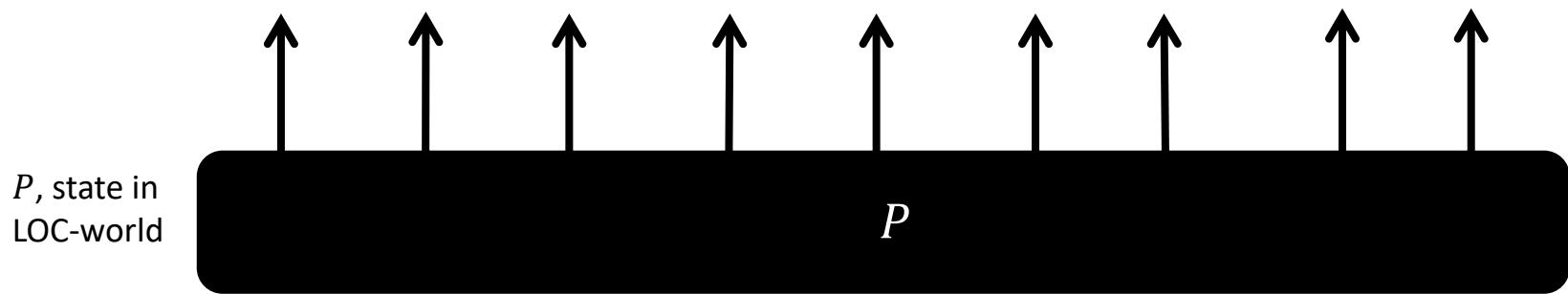
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Connecting connectors



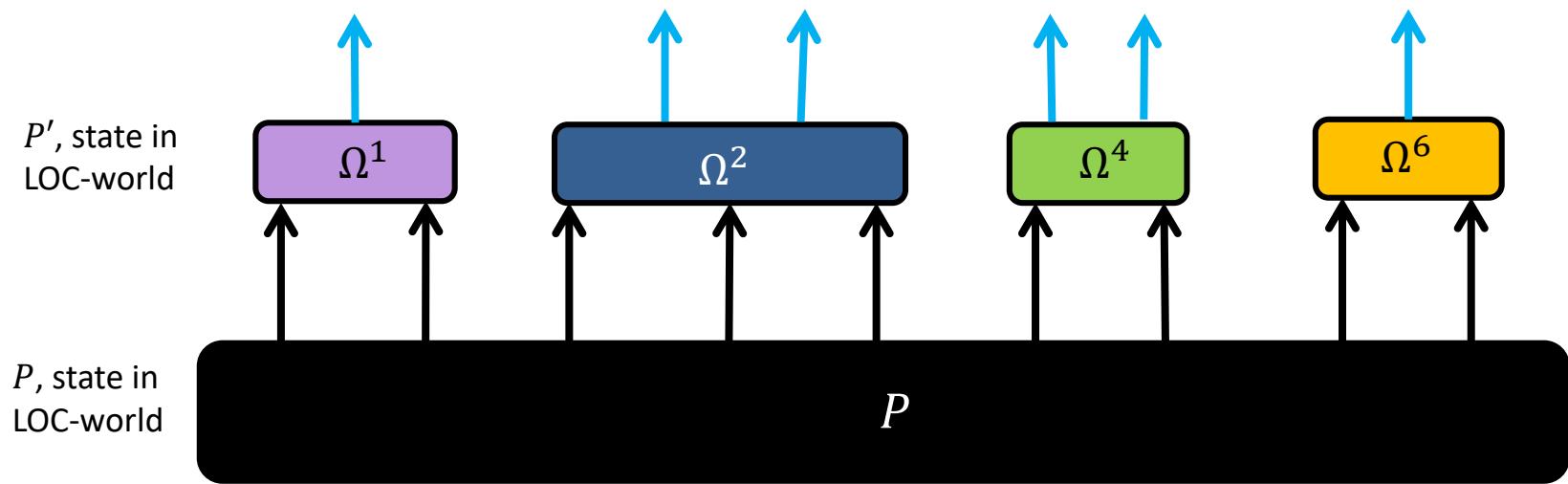
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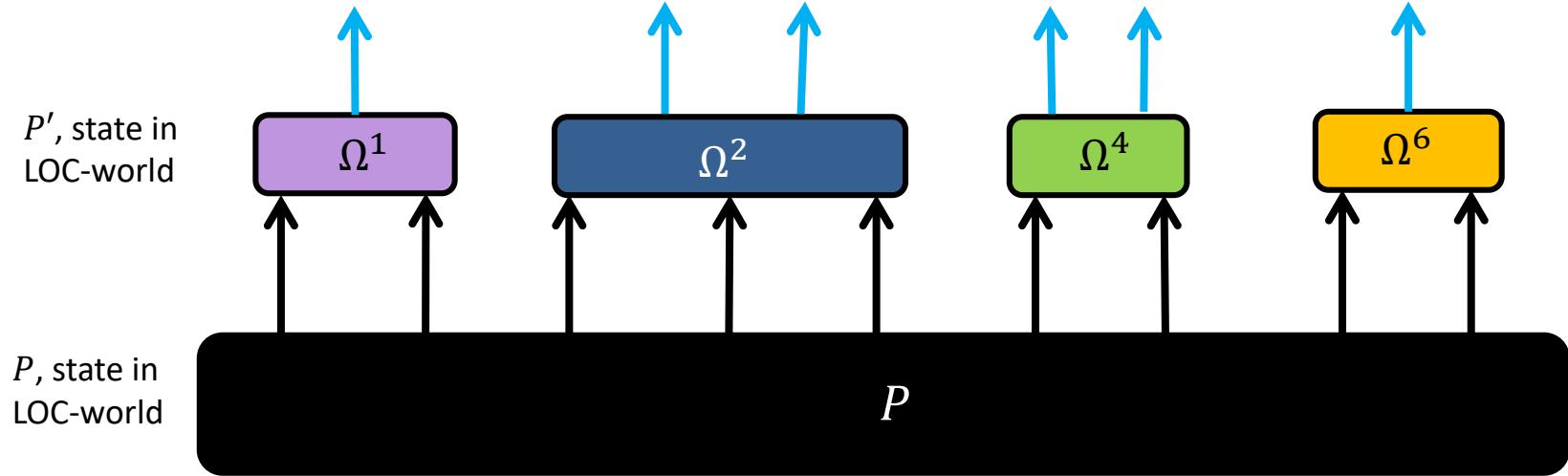
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# Nonlocality detection

Connecting connectors

“chunked” network



## Nonlocality detection

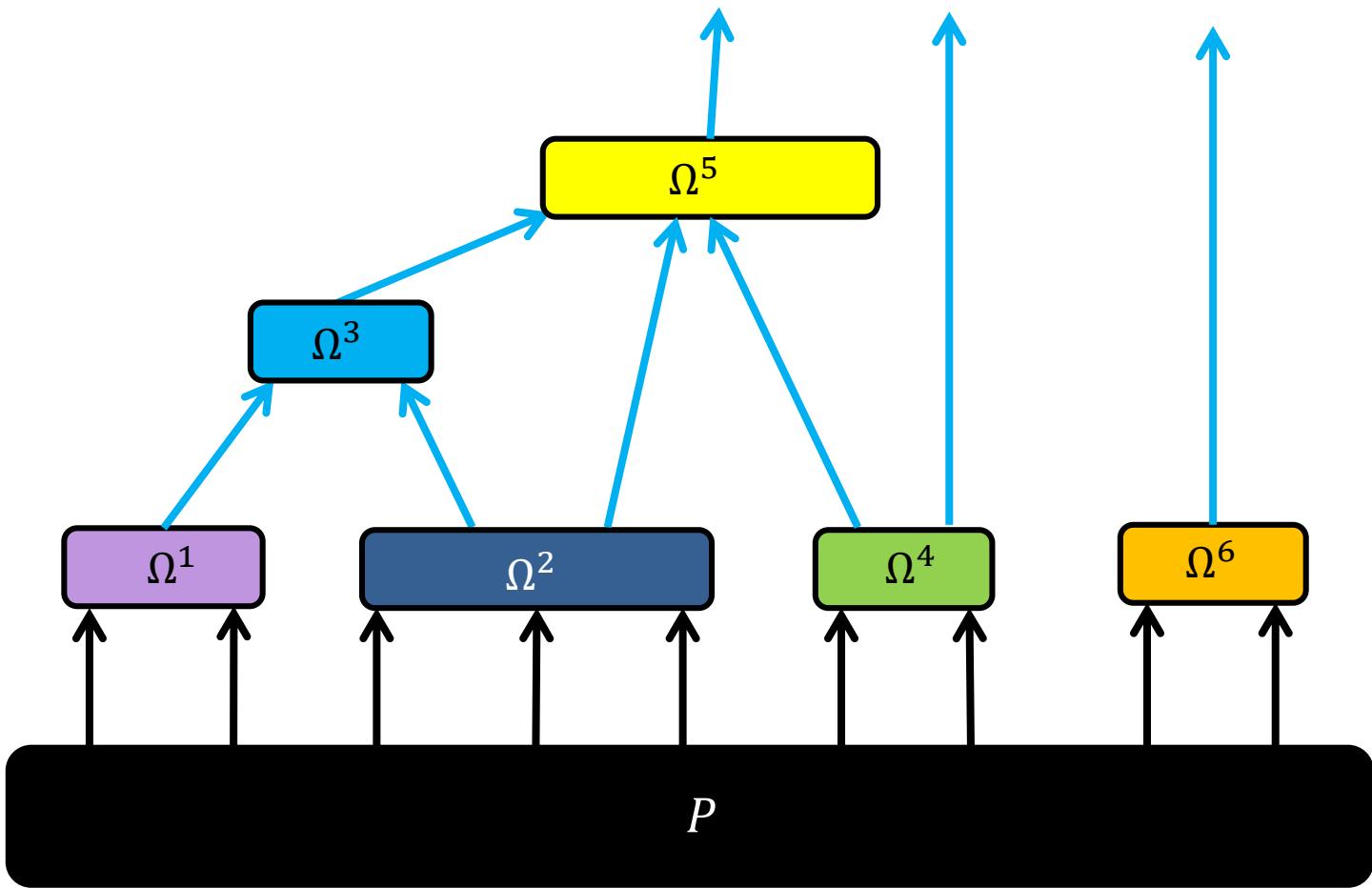
Connecting connectors

“re-chunked” network

$P''$ , state in  
LOC-world

$P'$ , state in  
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$P$ , state in  
LOC-world



## Nonlocality detection

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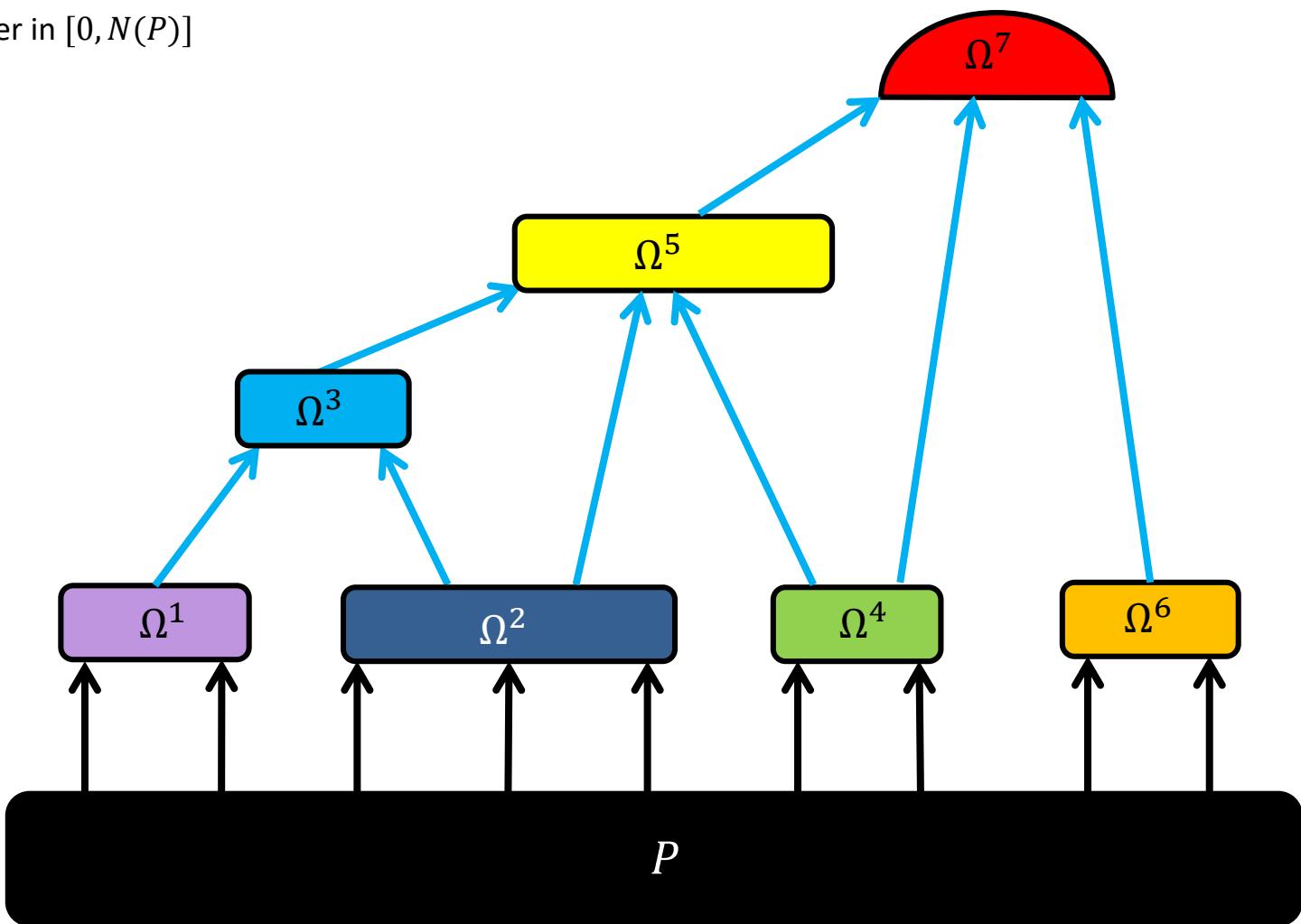
Real number in  $[0, N(P)]$

$P''$ , state in LOC-world

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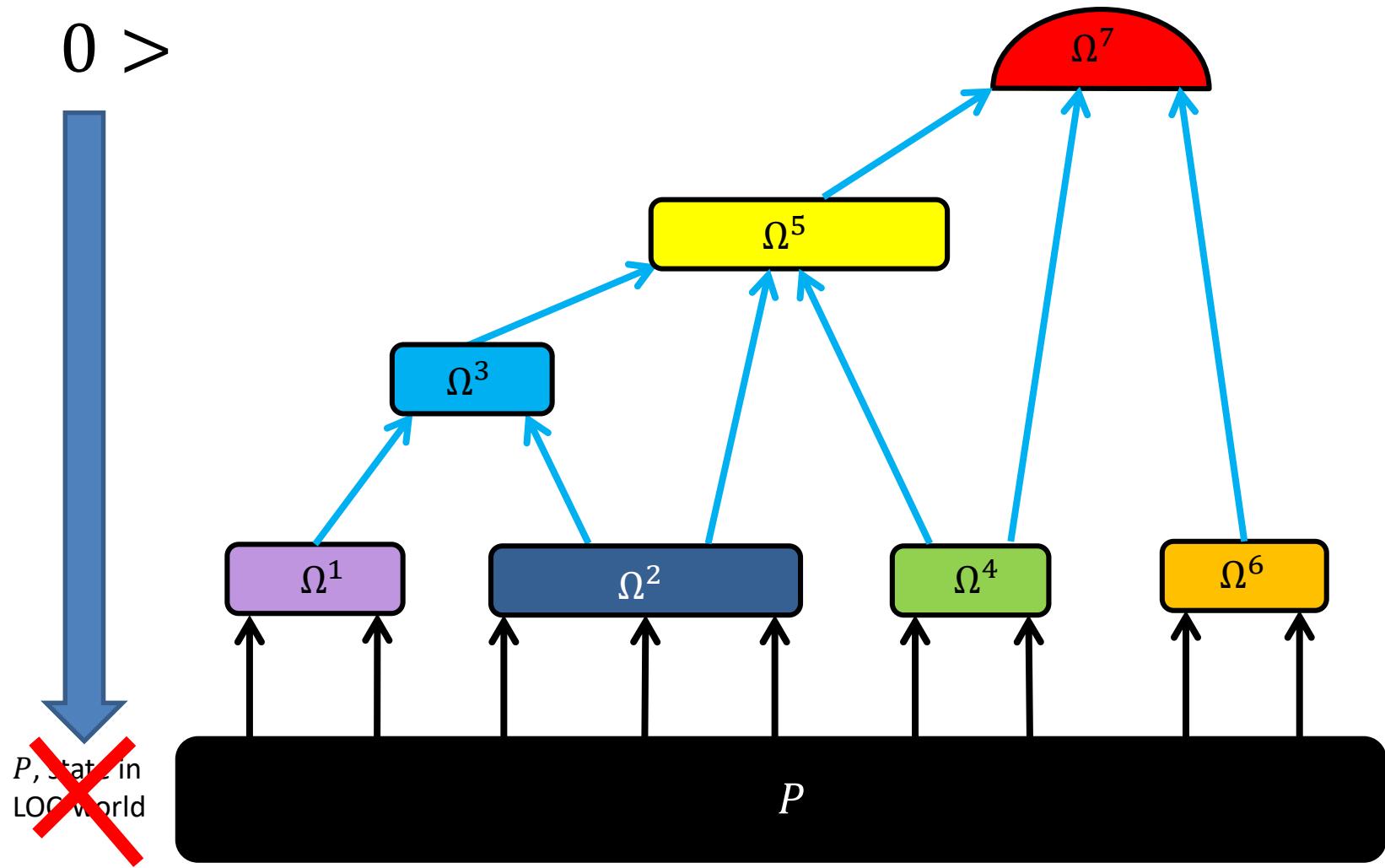
$P$ , state in LOC-world

$$A = X = 1$$



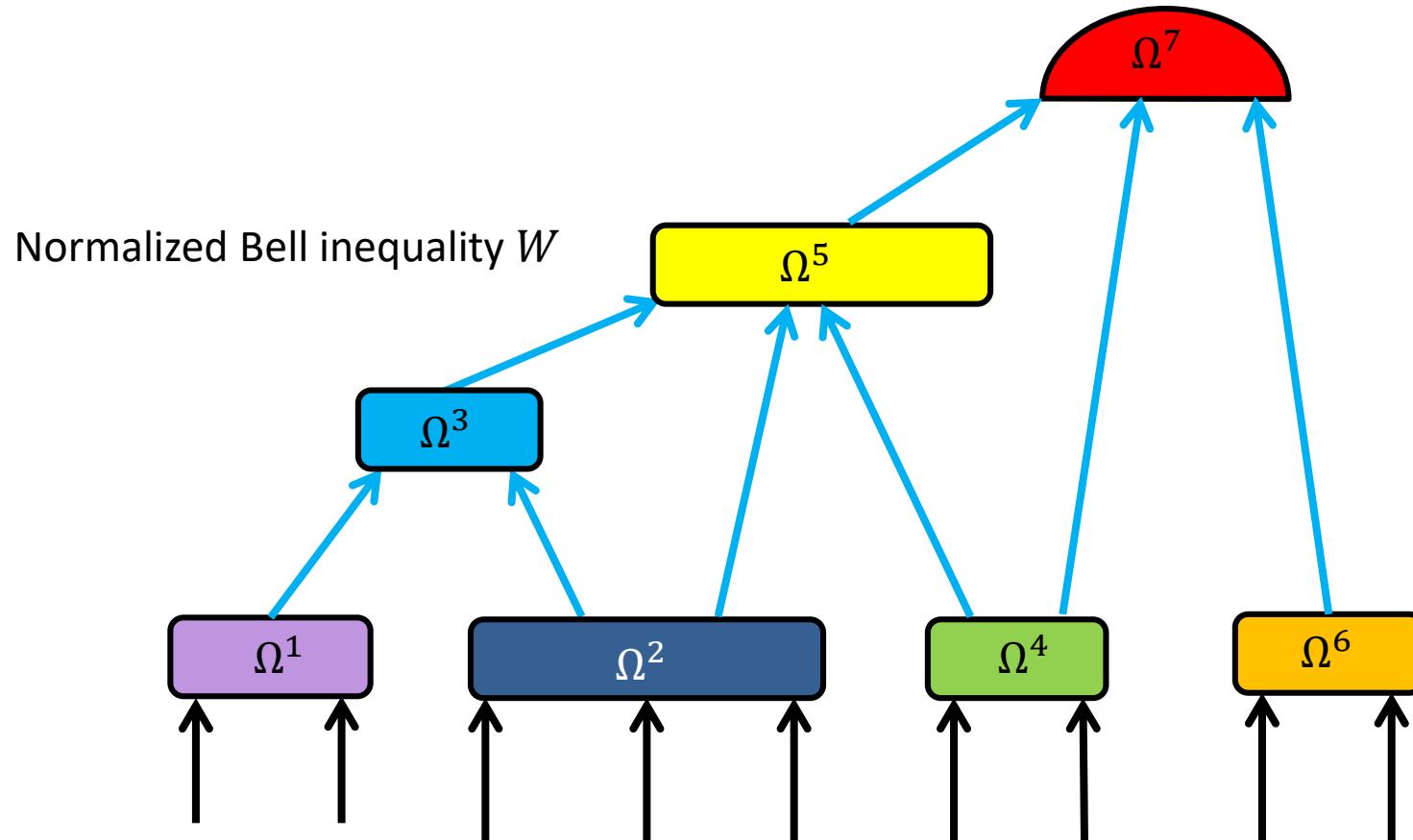
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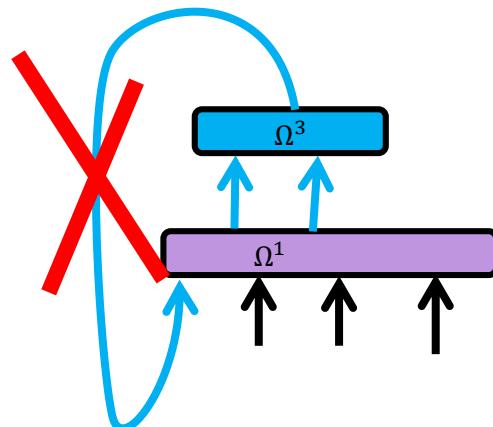


$$0 \leq W(P) \leq 1, \text{ for all } P, \text{ classical}$$

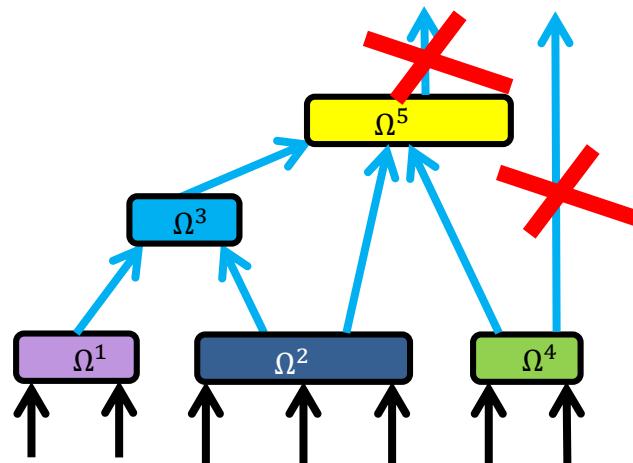
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Connecting connectors

Any contraction of connectors with...



No cycles



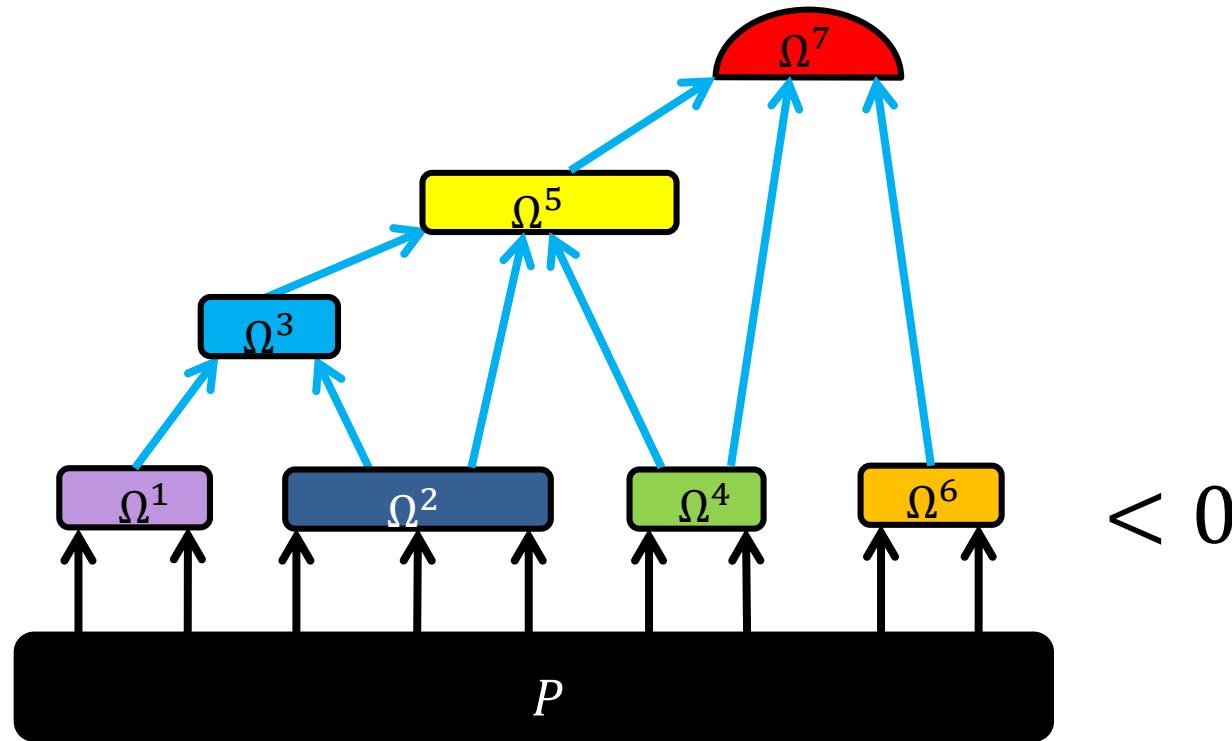
No output arrows

...defines a normalized Bell inequality

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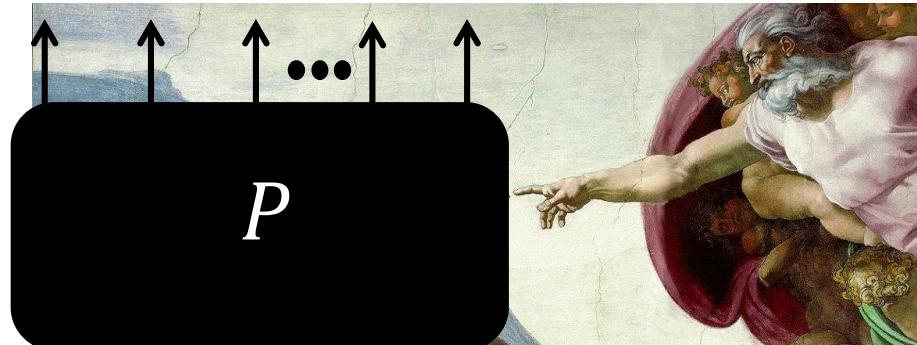
Finding the right connectors can be tricky!



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Heuristic I: quantum correlations are not God-given

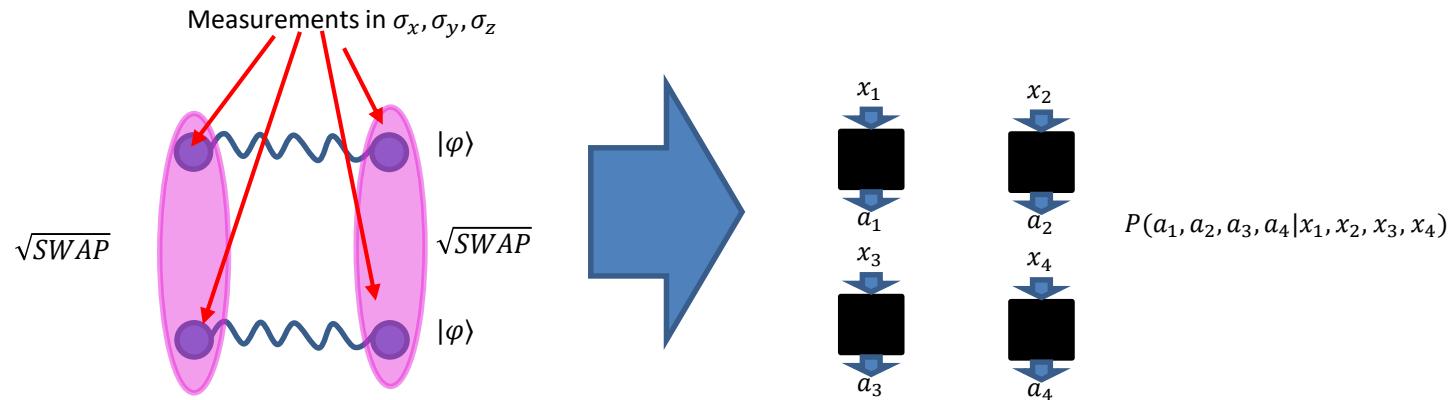


Highly infrequent situation

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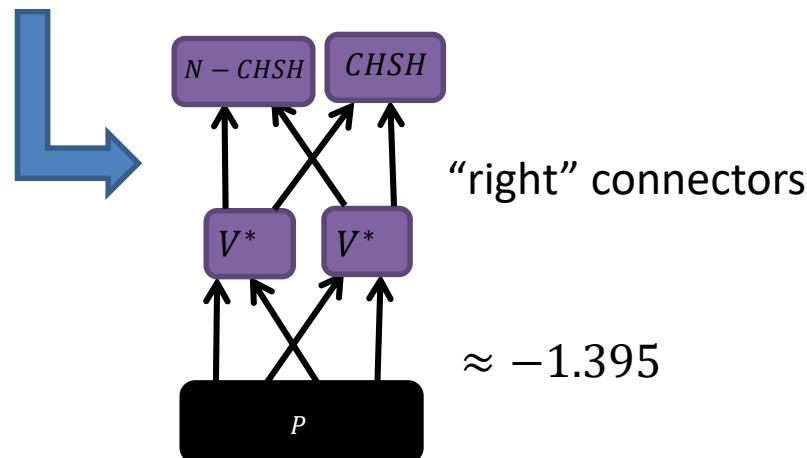
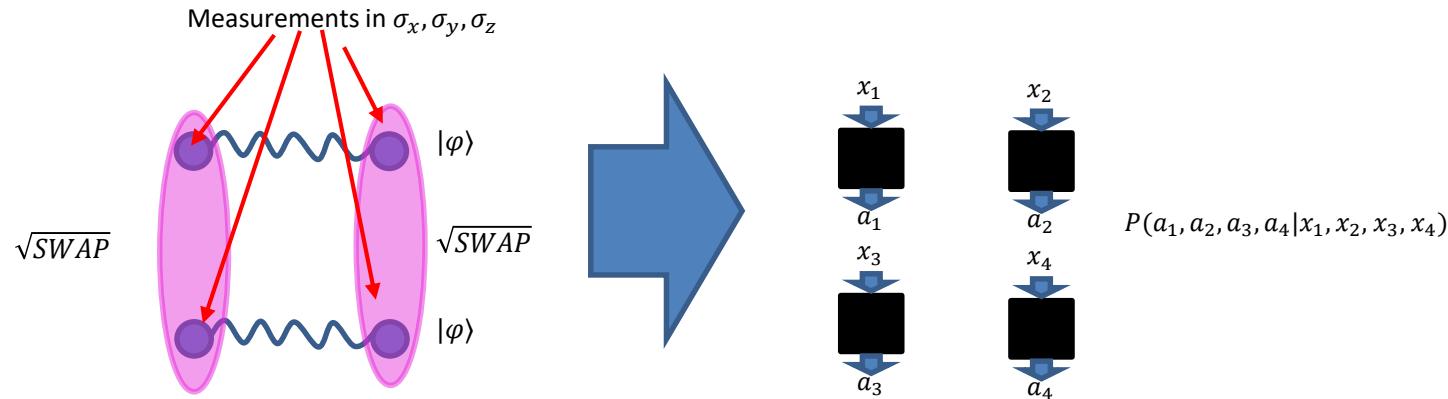


$$|\varphi\rangle = (e^{i\pi\sigma_y/4} \otimes \mathbb{I}) |\psi^+\rangle$$

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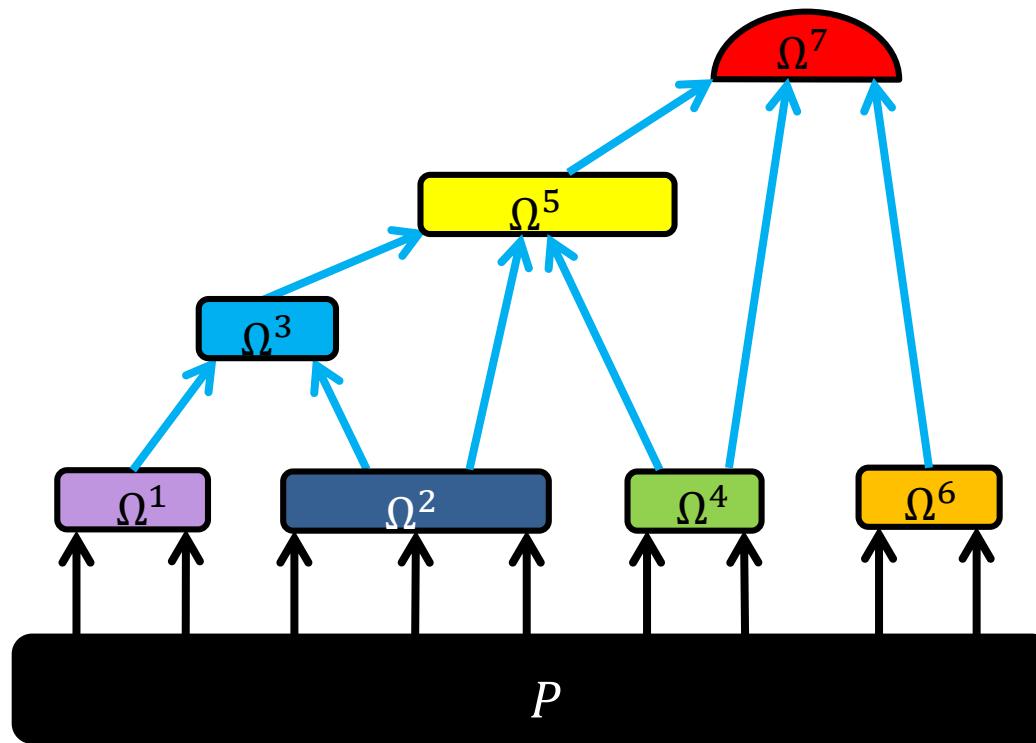


$$|\varphi\rangle = (e^{i\pi\sigma_y/4} \otimes \mathbb{I}) |\psi^+\rangle$$

## Nonlocality detection

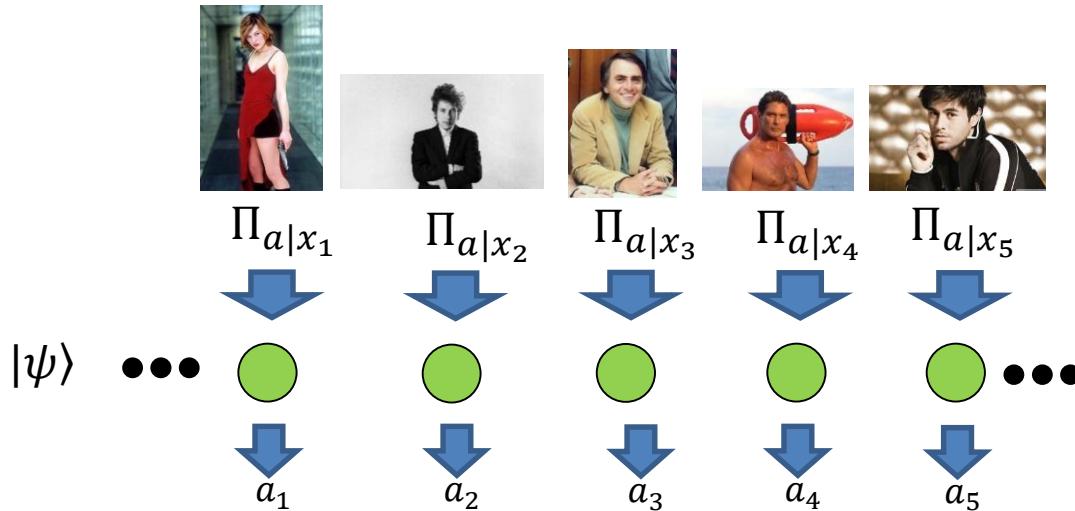
### Applications

Heuristic II: use see-saw



## Nonlocality detection

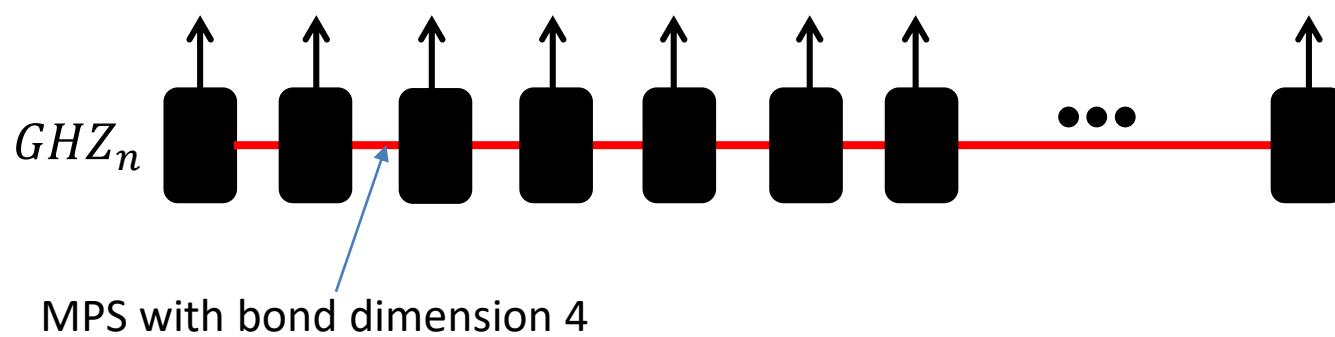
### Applications



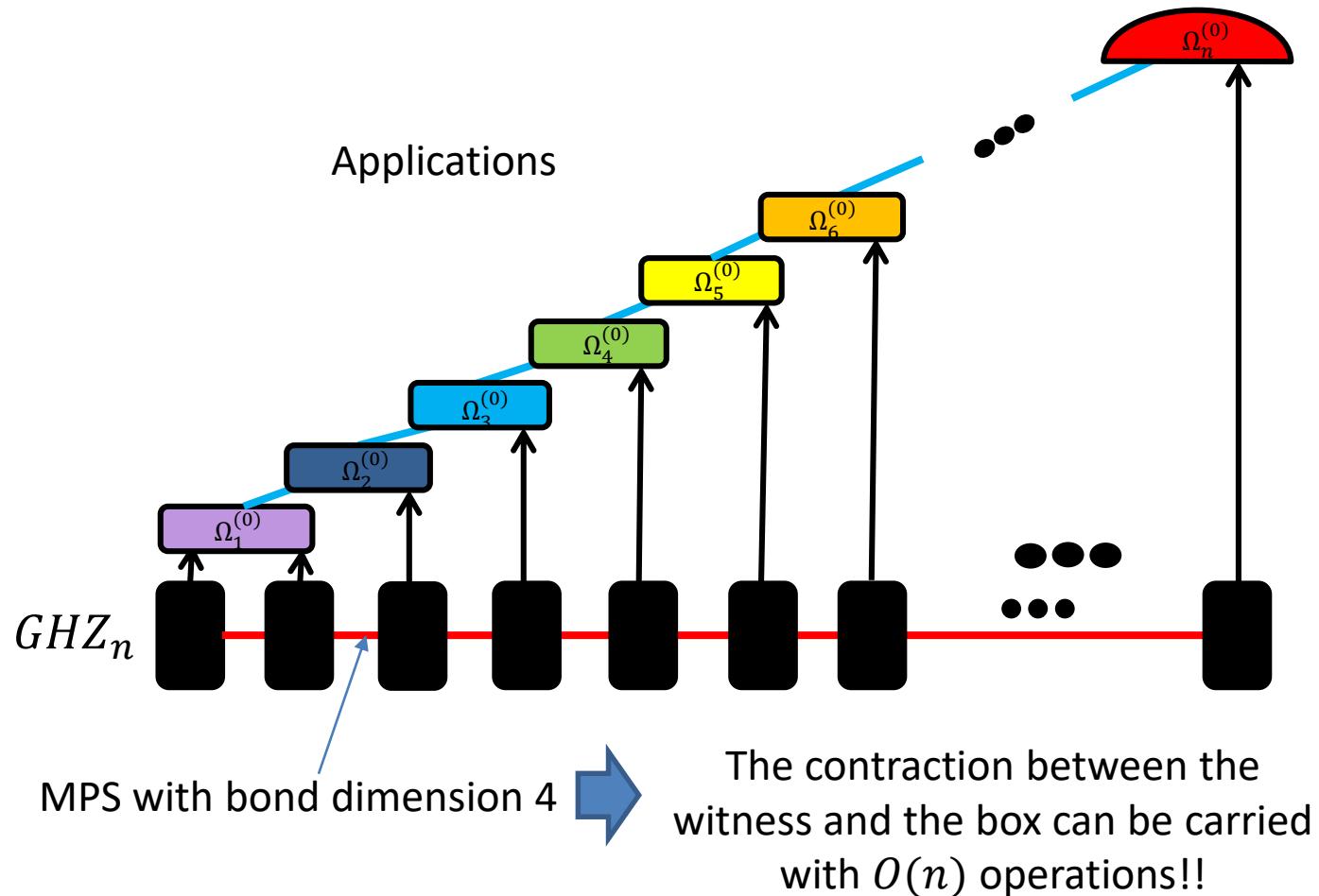
$$\left[ |\psi\rangle = |GHZ_n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle^{\otimes n} + |1\rangle^{\otimes n}) \quad \Pi_{a|0} = \frac{\mathbb{I} + (-1)^a \sigma_x}{2} \quad \Pi_{a|1} = \frac{\mathbb{I} + (-1)^a \sigma_y}{2} \right]$$

## Nonlocality detection

### Applications

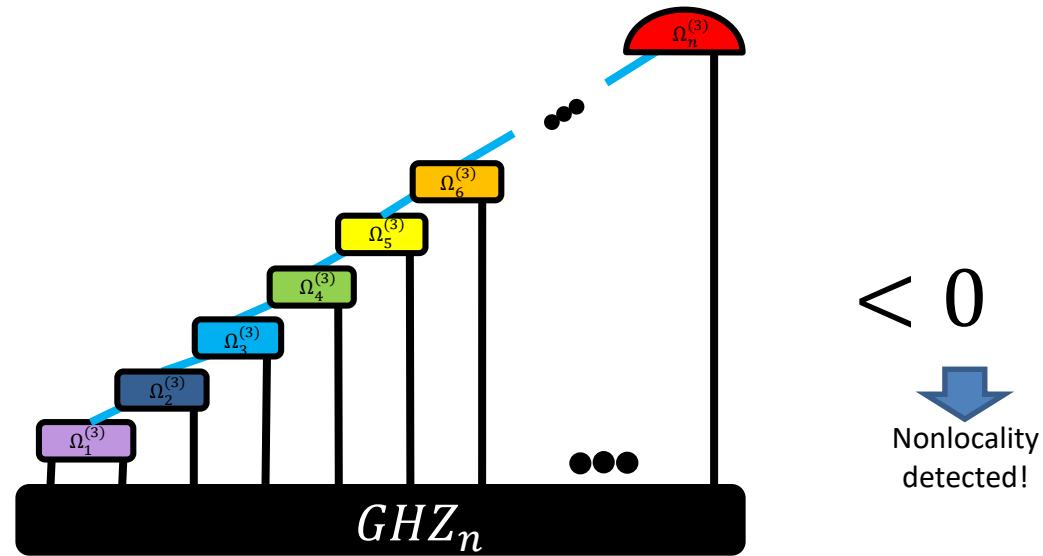


## Nonlocality detection



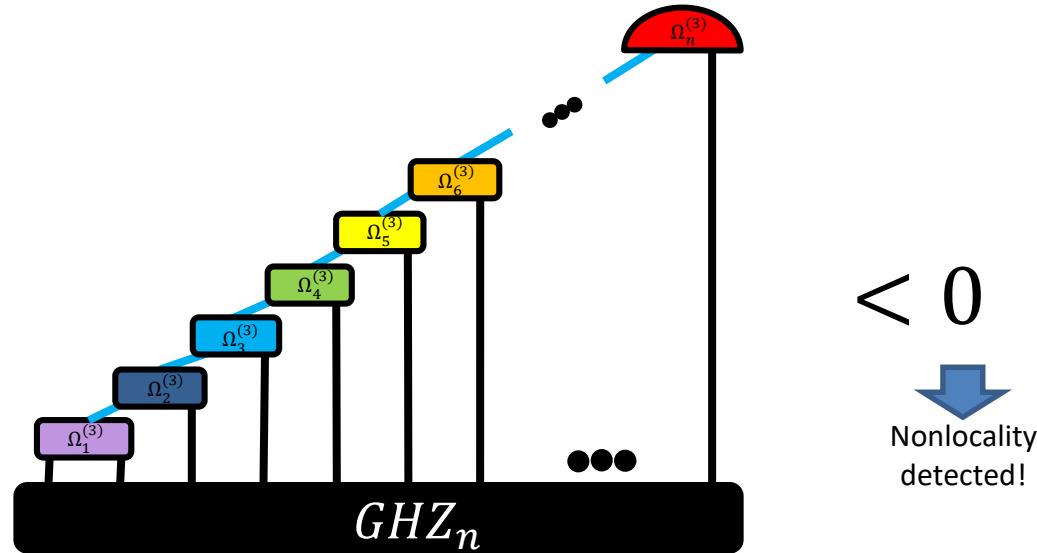
# Nonlocality detection

## Applications



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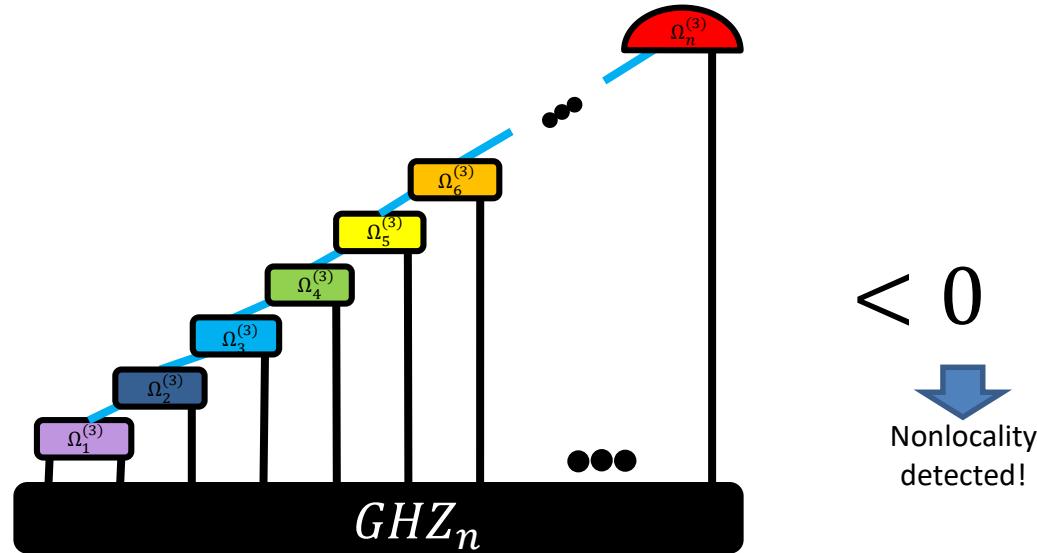


The violation  $B_n$  scales exponentially with  $n$ .

(note that  $0 \leq B_n(P) \leq 1$ , for all  $P$ , local)

## Nonlocality detection

### Applications

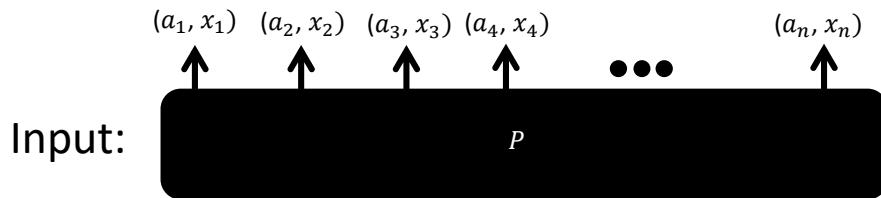


For  $n = 200$ , the computer detects nonlocality in a few seconds!!

Supra-quantum nonlocality detection

# Supra-quantum nonlocality detection

## Quantum nonlocality problem



Output:

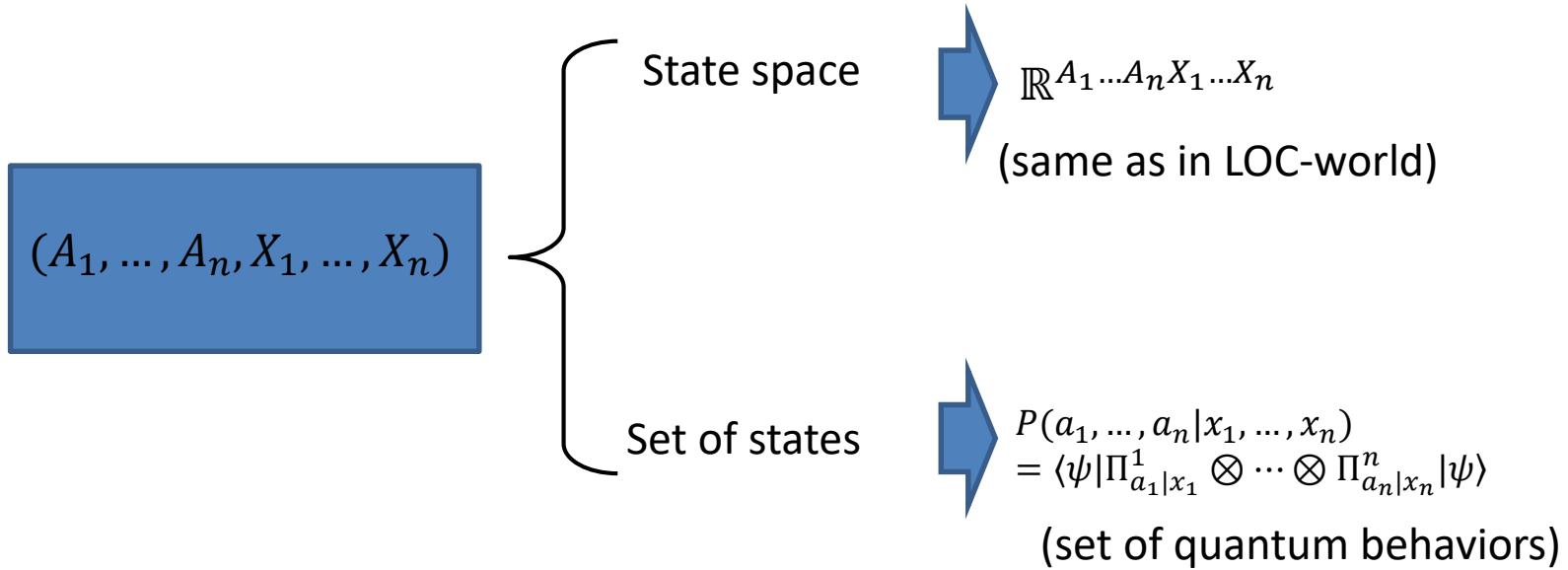
$$P(a_1, \dots, a_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \langle \psi | \Pi_{a_1|x_1}^1 \otimes \dots \otimes \Pi_{a_n|x_n}^n | \psi \rangle \quad \rightarrow \text{“No”}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{a|x}^k &\in B(H^k), \sum_a \Pi_{a|x}^k = \mathbb{I}, \\ \Pi_{a|x}^k &= (\Pi_{a|x}^k)^2 = (\Pi_{a|x}^k)^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

Otherwise  $\rightarrow$  “Yes”

## Supra-quantum nonlocality detection

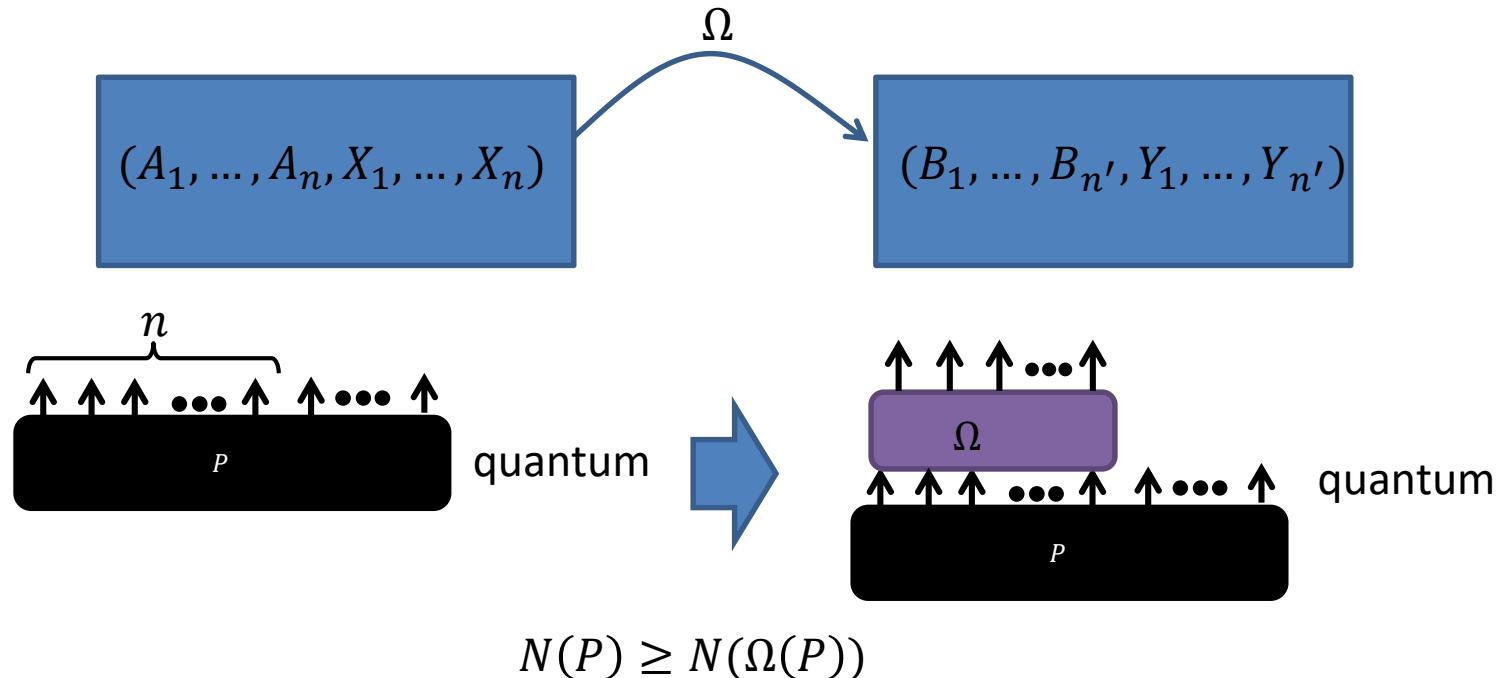
GPT: QUANT-world



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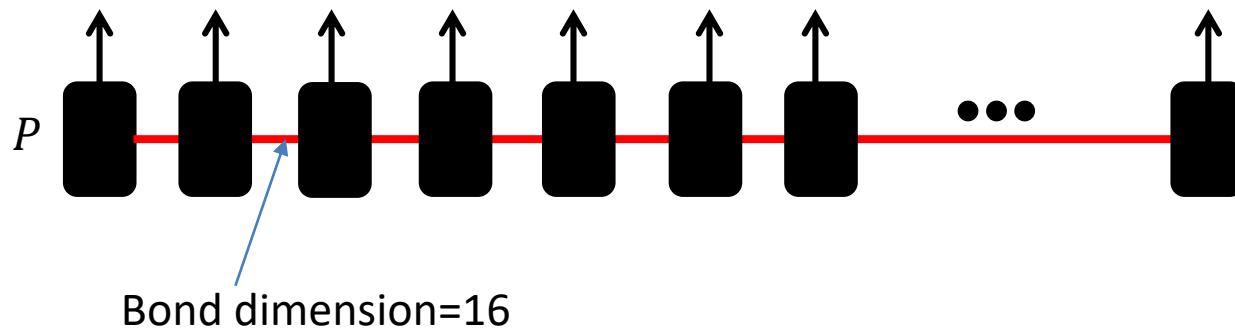
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Operations



## Supra-quantum nonlocality detection

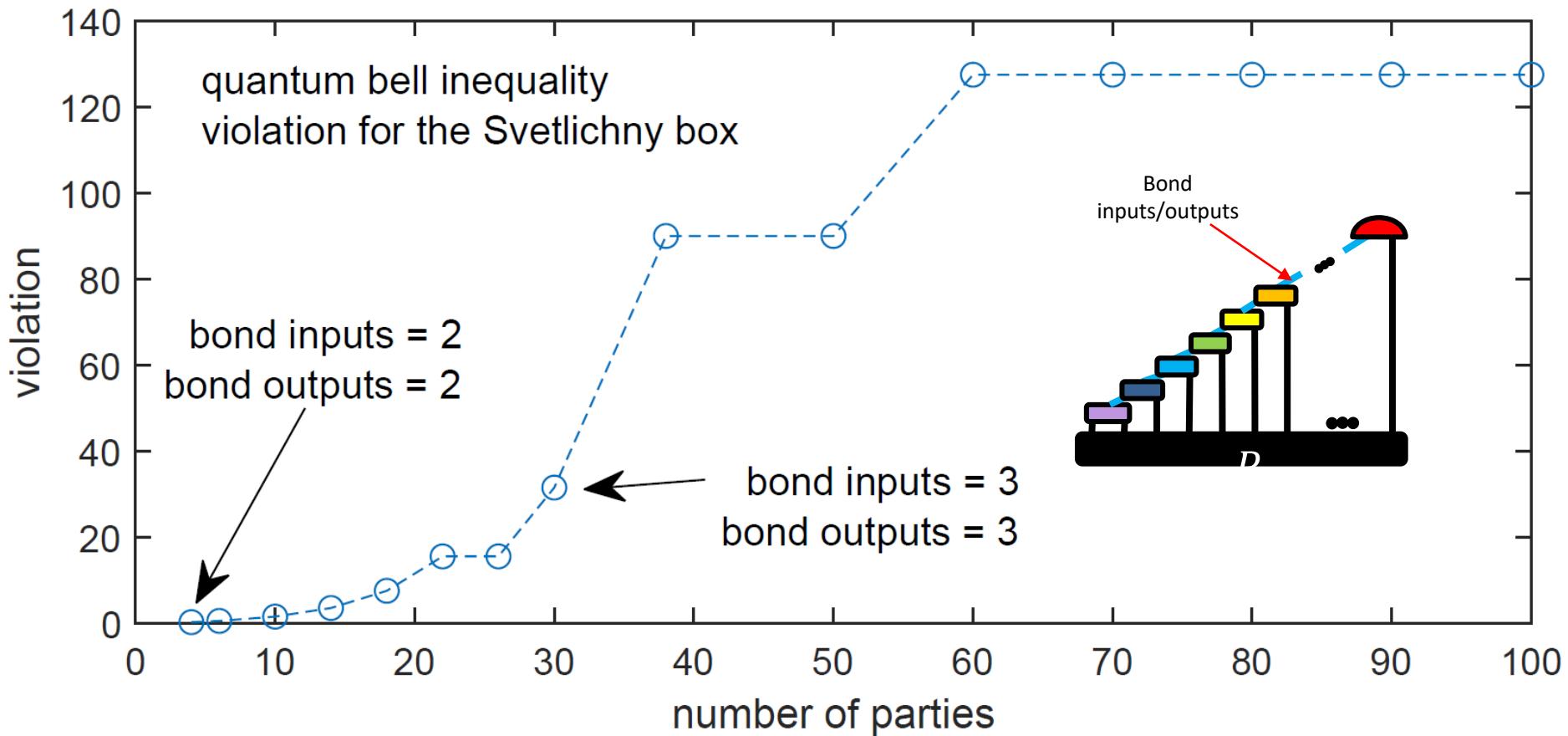
### Applications



$$P(a_1, \dots, a_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \delta(a_1 \oplus \dots \oplus a_n, f(x))$$

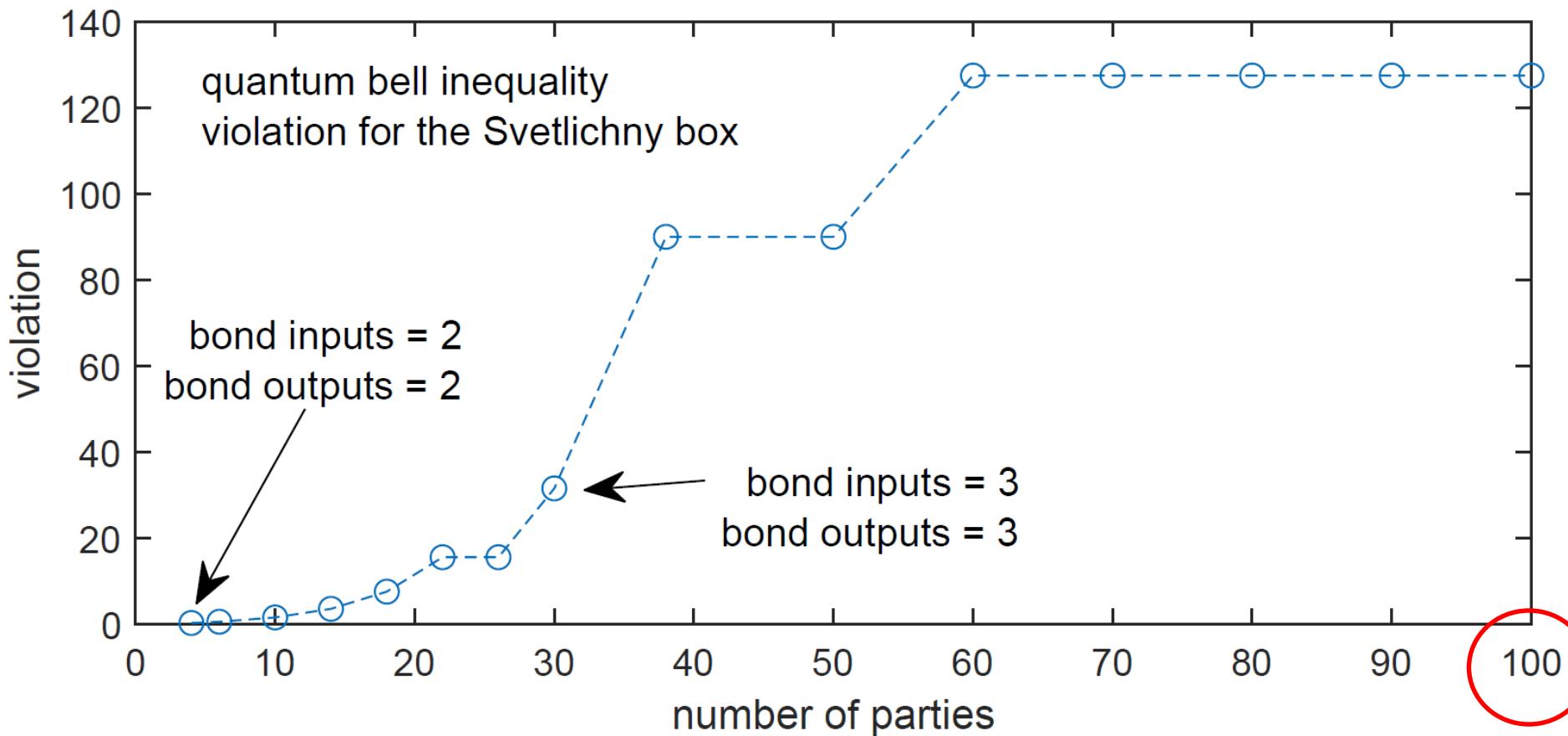
$$f(x) = x_1x_2 \oplus x_2x_3 \oplus \dots \oplus x_nx_1$$

## Supra-quantum nonlocality detection



$$(0 \leq B_n(P) \leq 1, \text{ for all } P, \text{ quantum})$$

## Supra-quantum nonlocality detection



Entanglement detection

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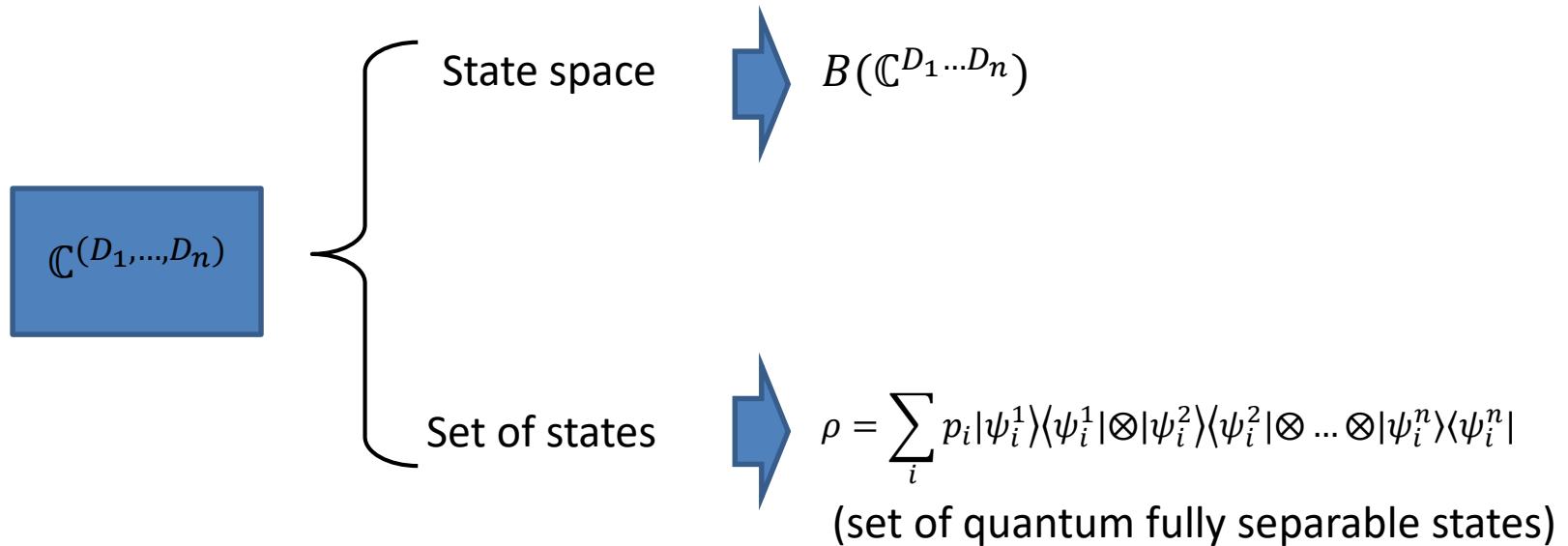
GPT: SEP-world



“Basic” system types: same as in quantum theory

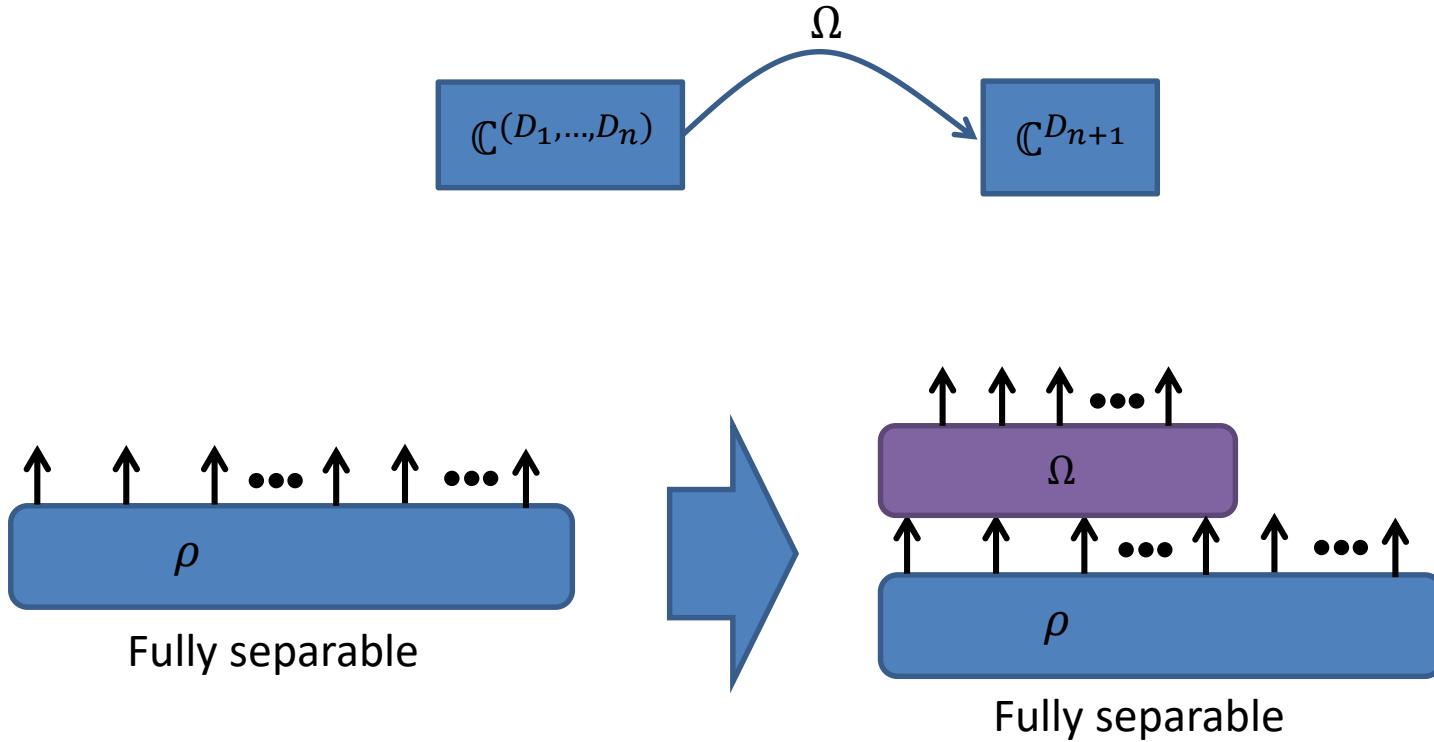
## Entanglement detection

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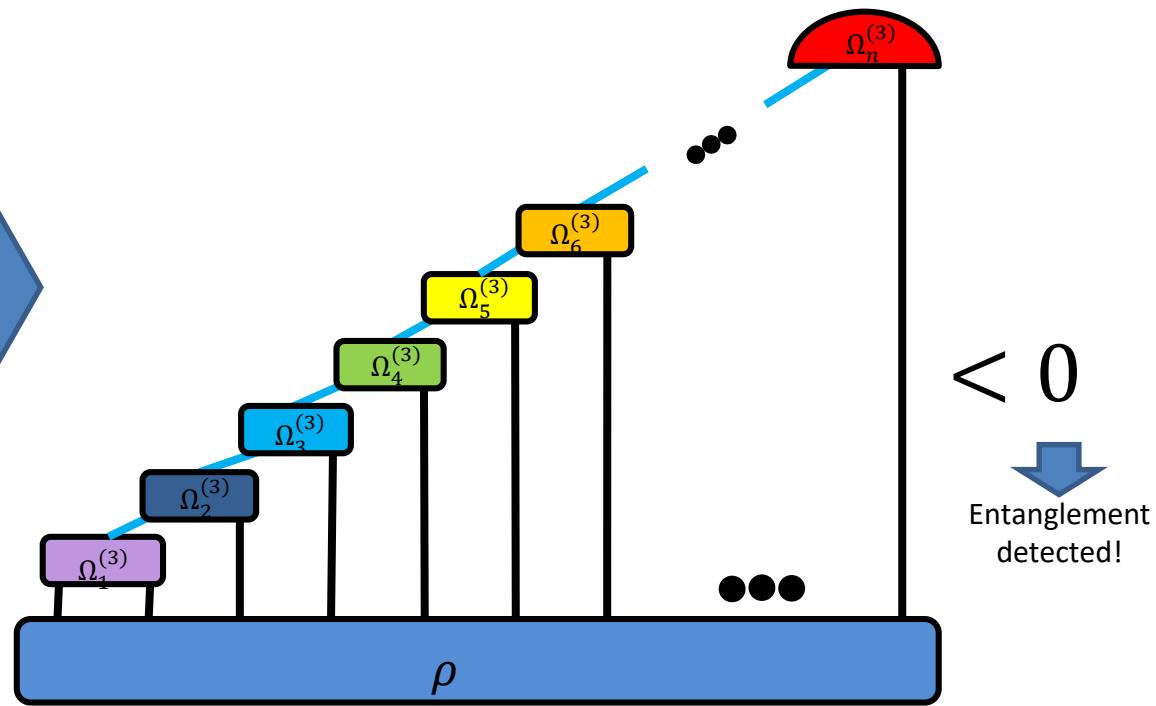
Connectors for SEP-world



## Entanglement detection

### Applications

PPT entangled states from  
 $n$ -qubit UPBs,  $n = 3, 4, 5, 6$



## Applications

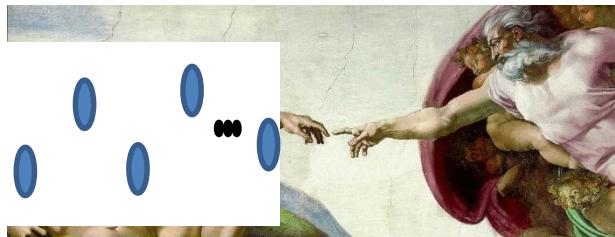
Entanglement detection in condensed matter states?

For mixed states, we get mixed results

## Applications

Entanglement detection in condensed matter states?

Quantum states are not God-given

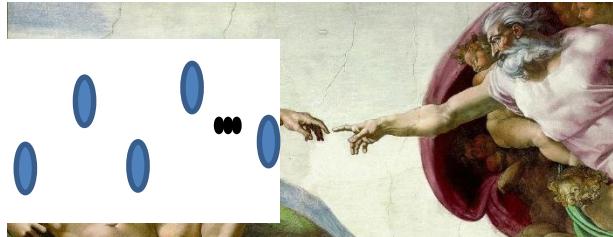


Non-trivial witnesses for  
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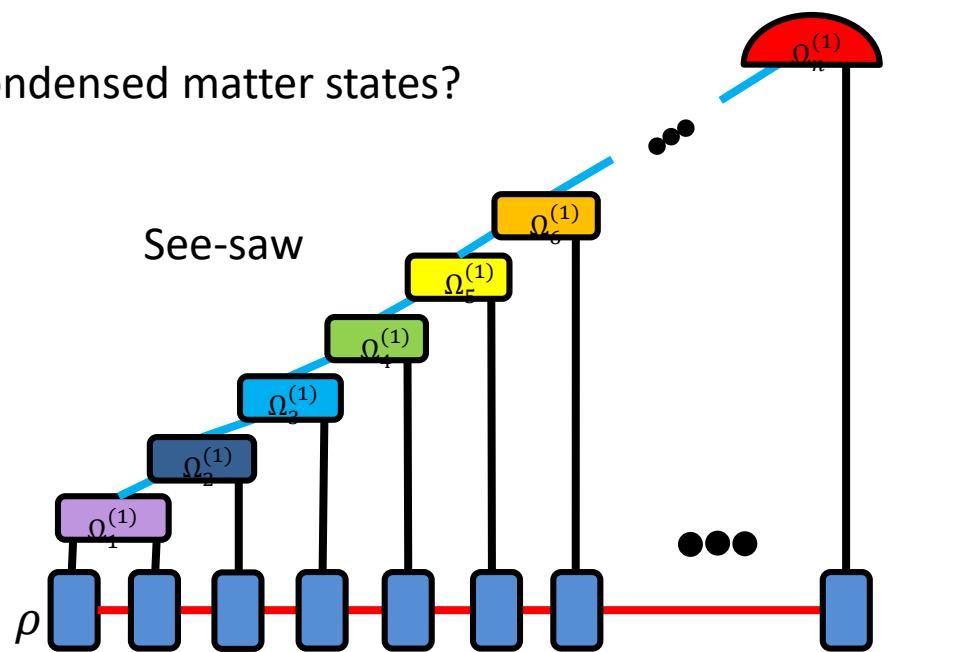
## Applications

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Non-trivial witnesses for  
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For the thermal states of “famous” Hamiltonians  
(e.g.: Heisenberg), we struggle to detect PPT  
entanglement

G. Toth, C. Knapp, O. Guhne and H. J. Briegel, Phys. Rev. A 79, 042334 (2009).

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Take-home messages

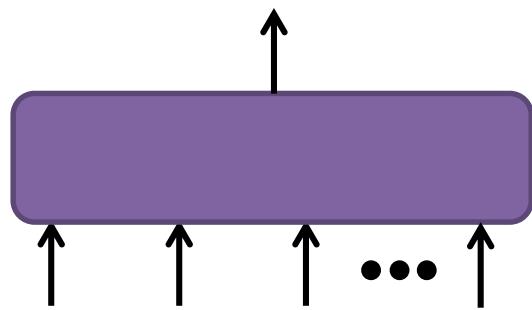
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Bell inequalities

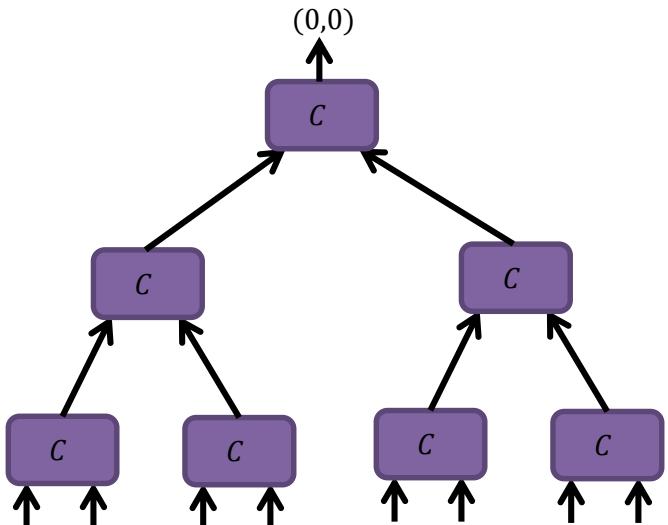
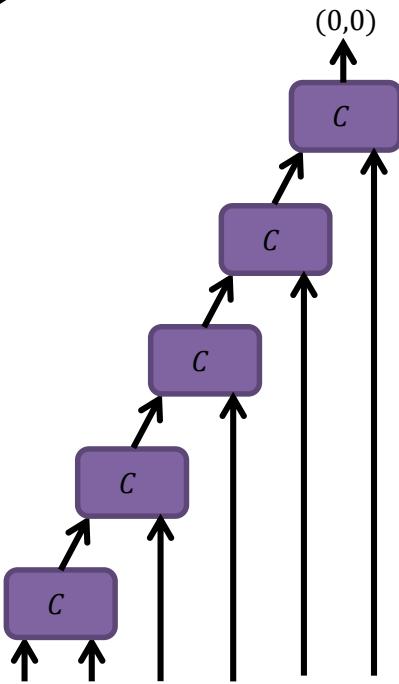
Quantum Bell inequalities

Entanglement witnesses



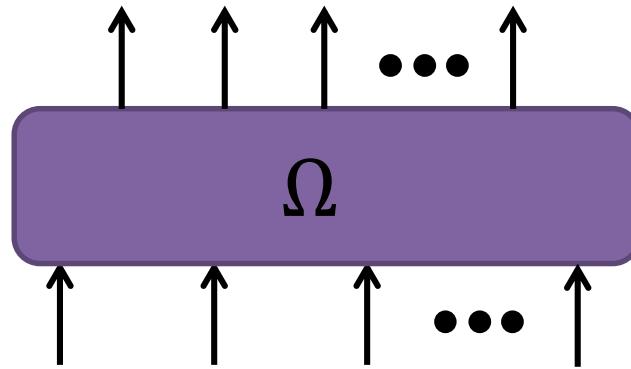
$k$ -to-1 connectors

## Take-home messages



You can connect them to create new witnesses/Bell inequalities!!

## Take-home messages



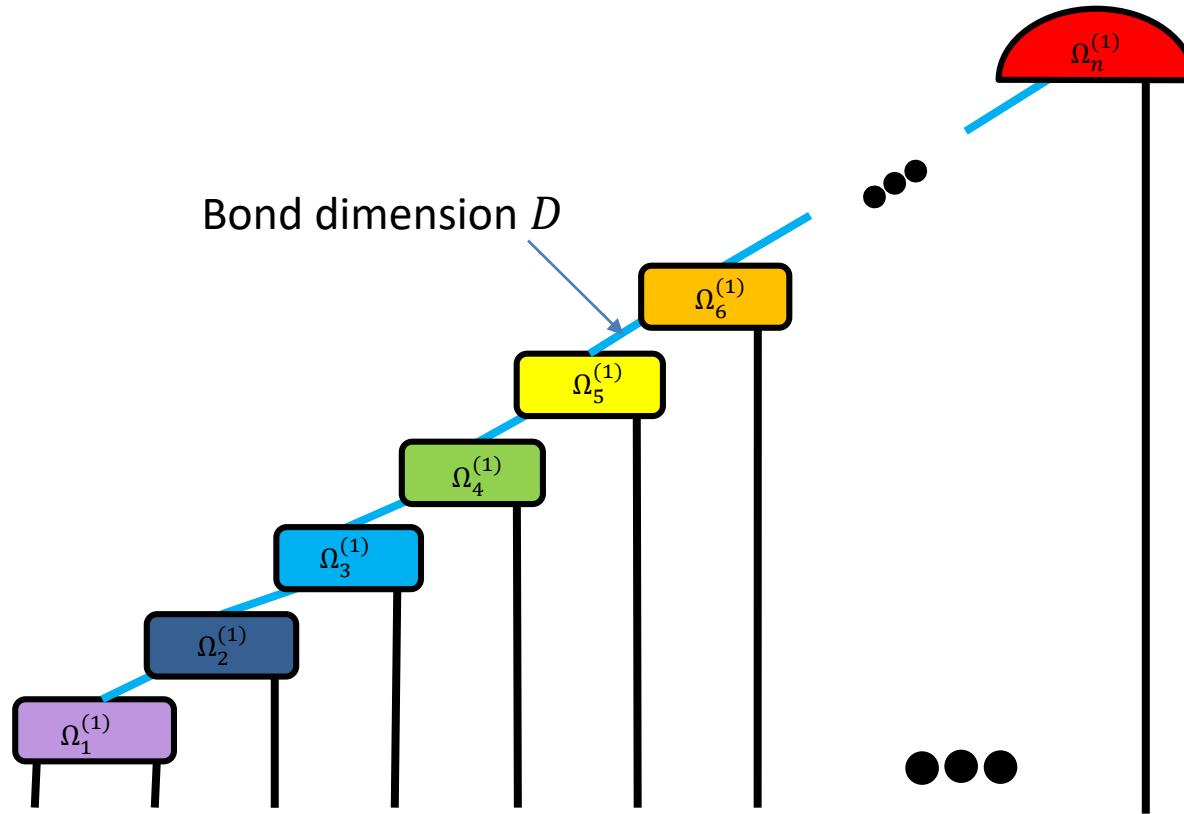
$k$ -to- $k'$  connectors

Proven utility in nonlocality detection  
I'm sure they can be applied to detect entanglement as well

Open questions

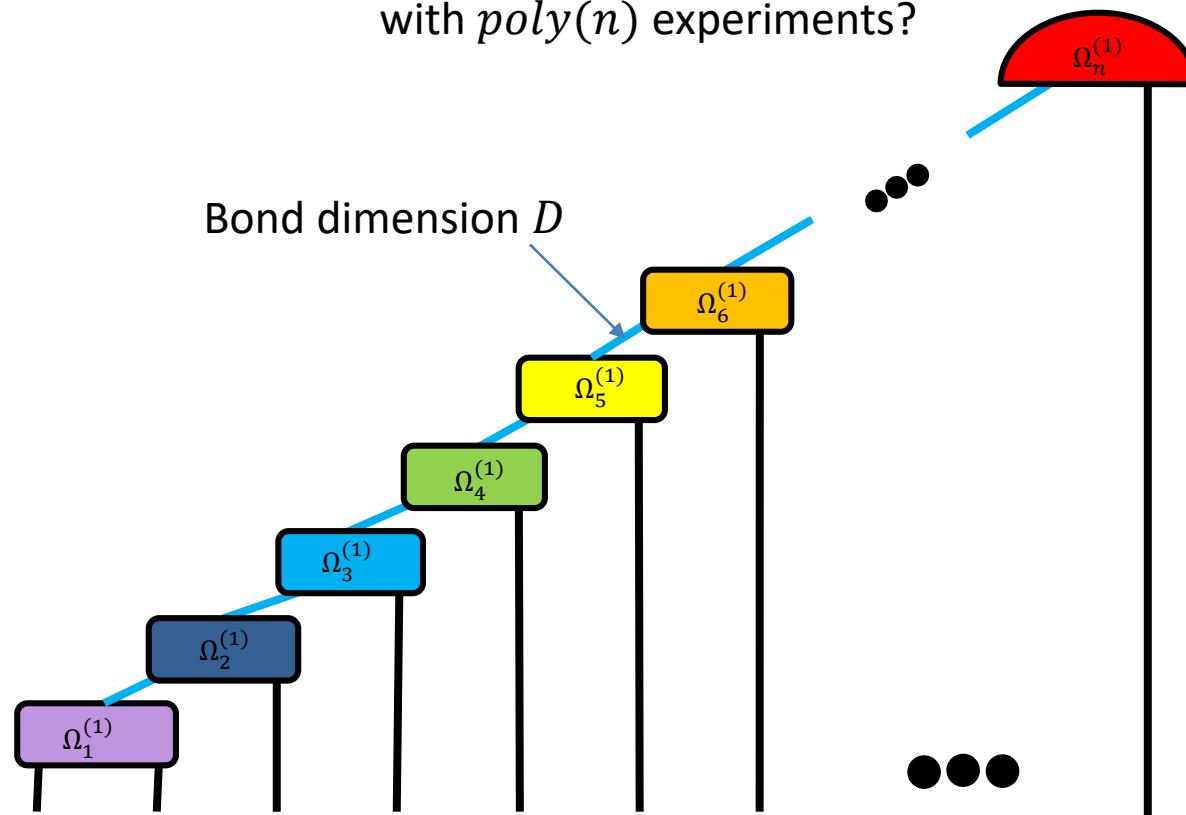
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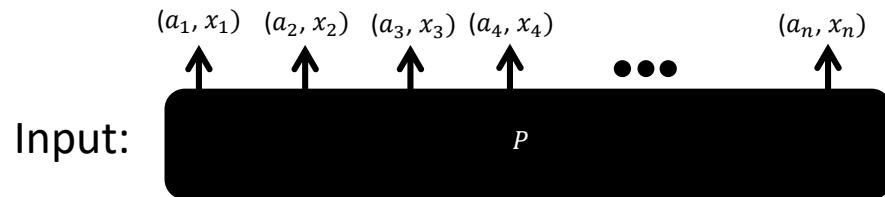
E.g.: can one generate all extreme entanglement witnesses just by taking  $D$  large enough?

Can one estimate the resulting entanglement witnesses  
with  $\text{poly}(n)$  experiments?



Other applications of connector “theory”?

Dimension witnesses



Output:

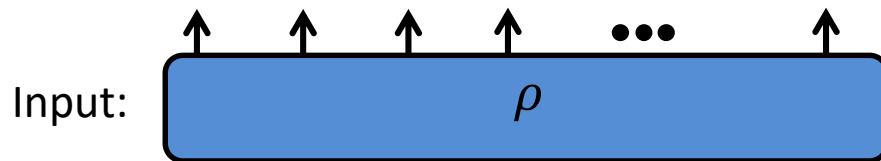
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Otherwise  “Yes”

Other applications of connector “theory”?

Bond dimension witnesses



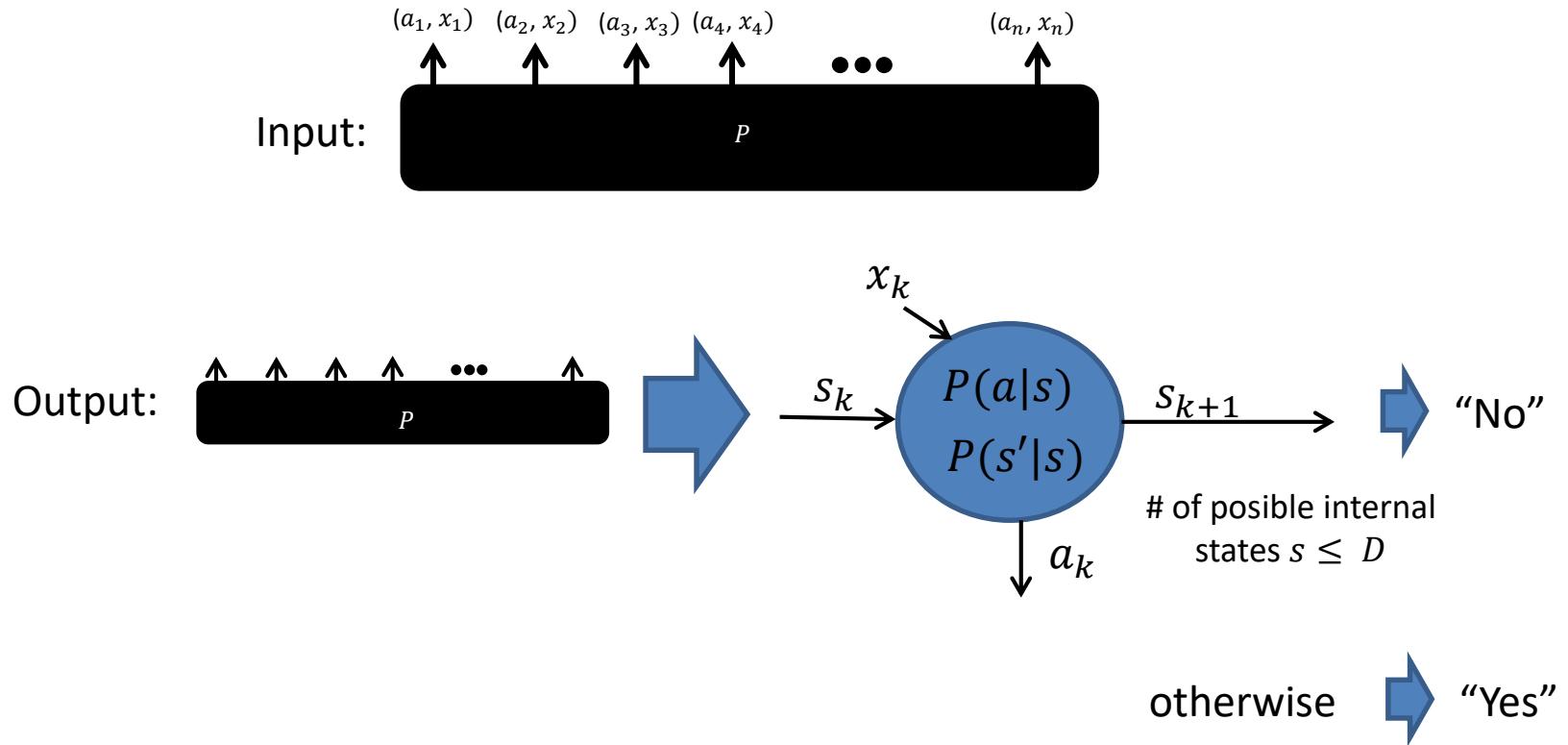
Output: 
$$\rho = \sum_i p_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|,$$
  “No”

$\{|\psi_j\rangle\}$ , MPSs of bond dimension  $\leq D$

otherwise  “Yes”

Other applications of connector “theory”?

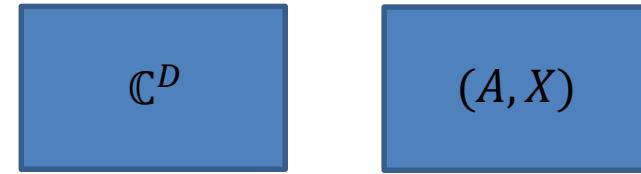
Number of states of a probabilistic finite-state machine



THE END

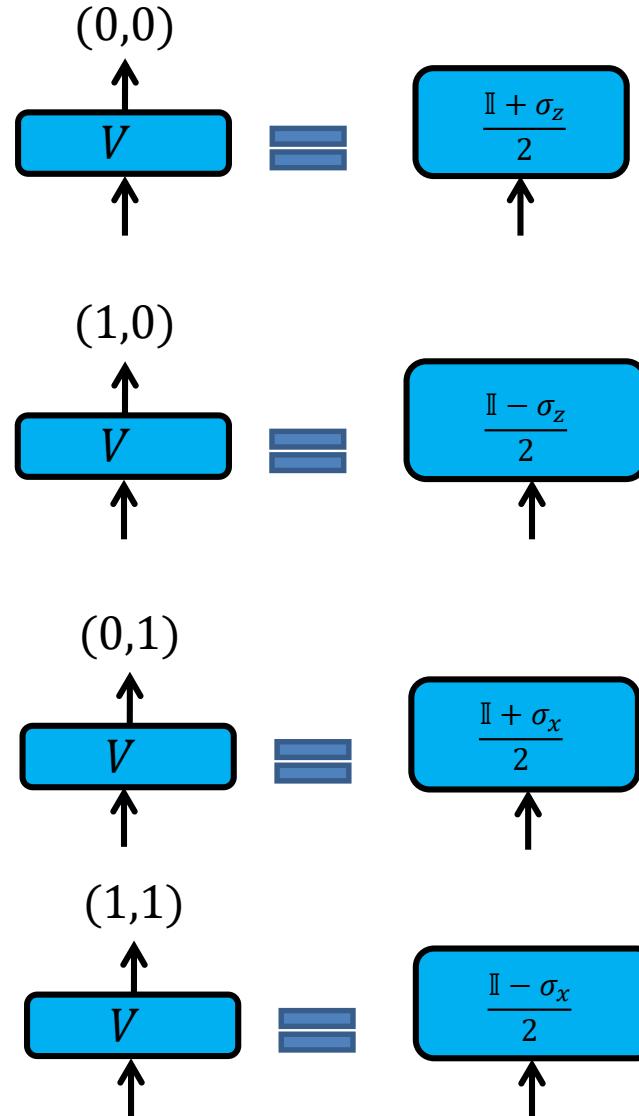
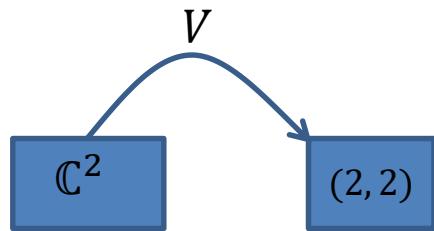
## Motivating example

GPT: STEER-world

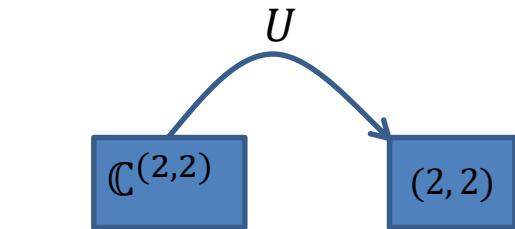


“Basic” system types: same as SEP-world and LOC-world

## Entanglement detection via hybrid GPTs



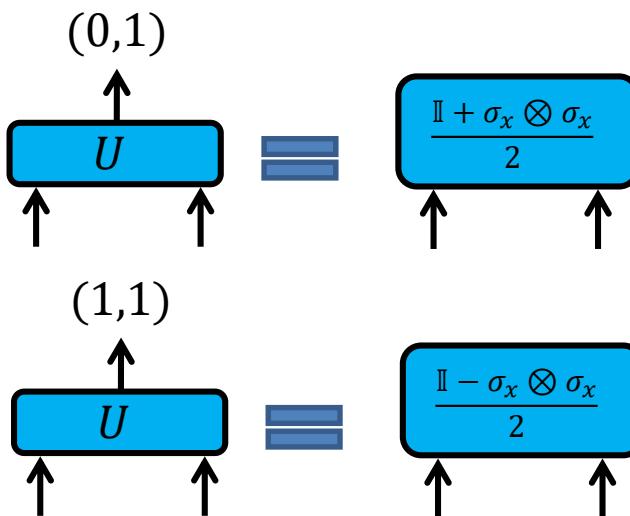
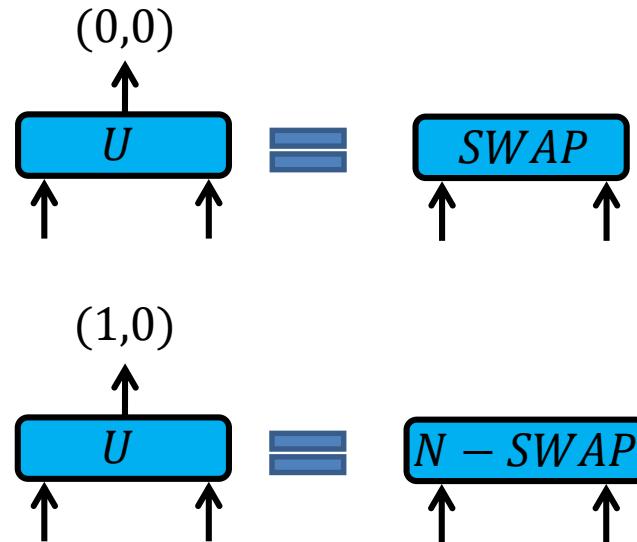
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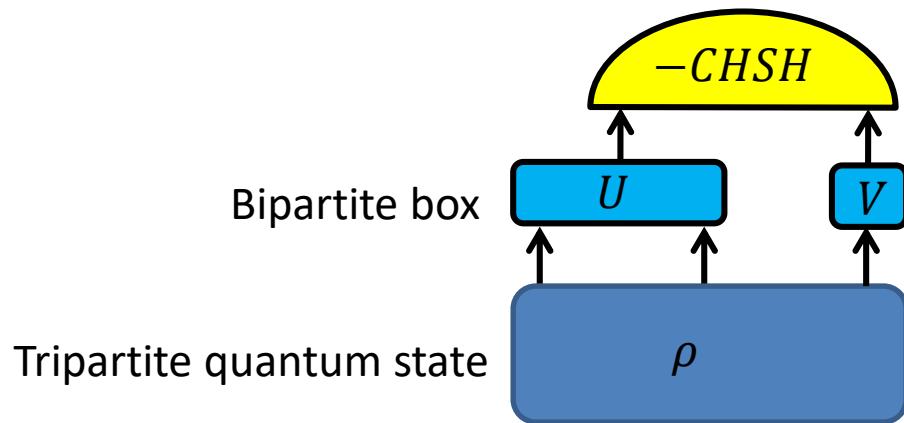
Two-qubit  
separable state

$$0 \leq \text{tr}(\rho \text{SWAP}) \leq 1$$

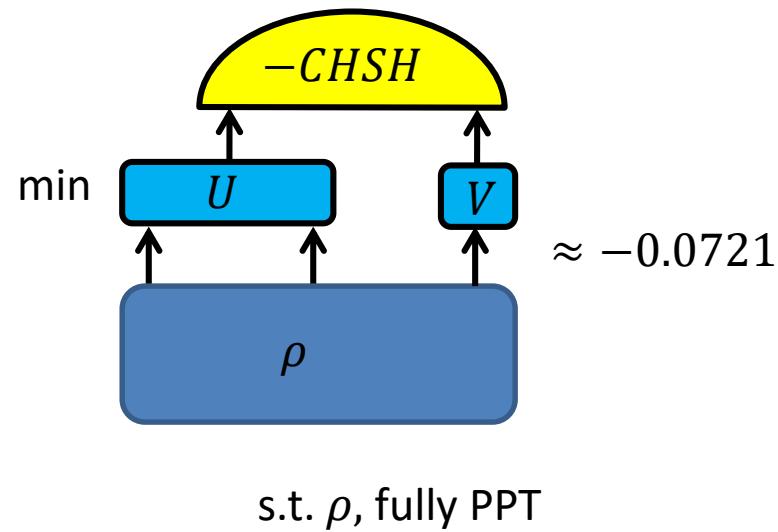
$\rho$ , separable



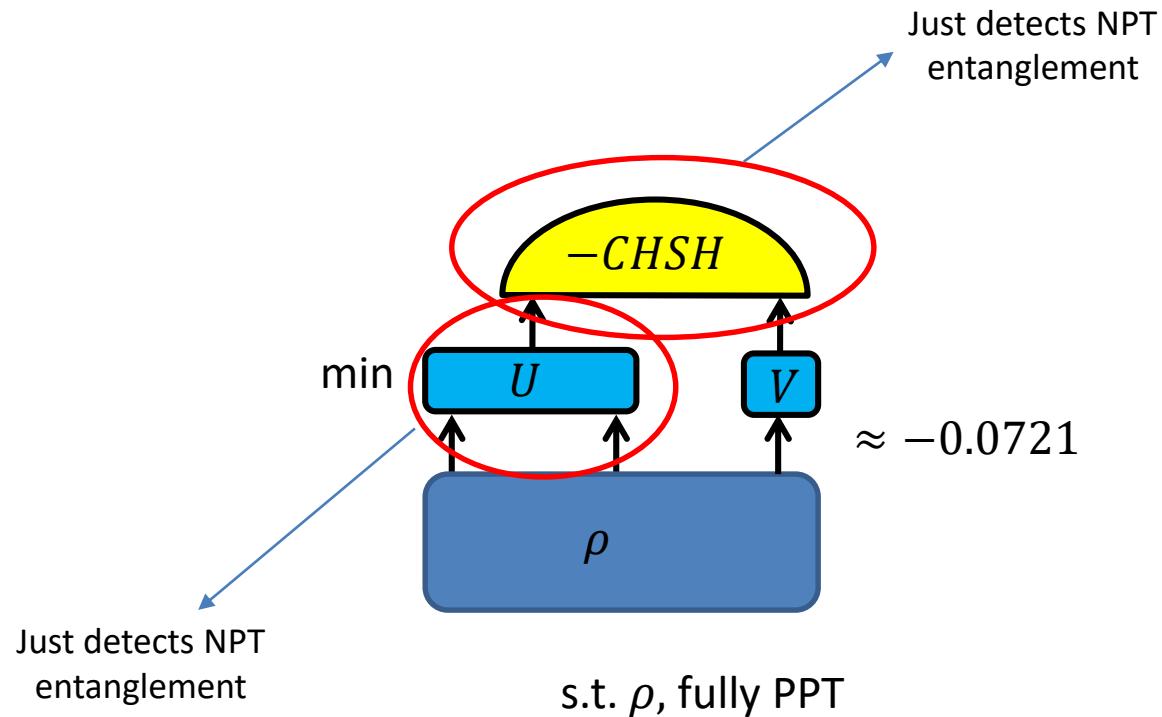
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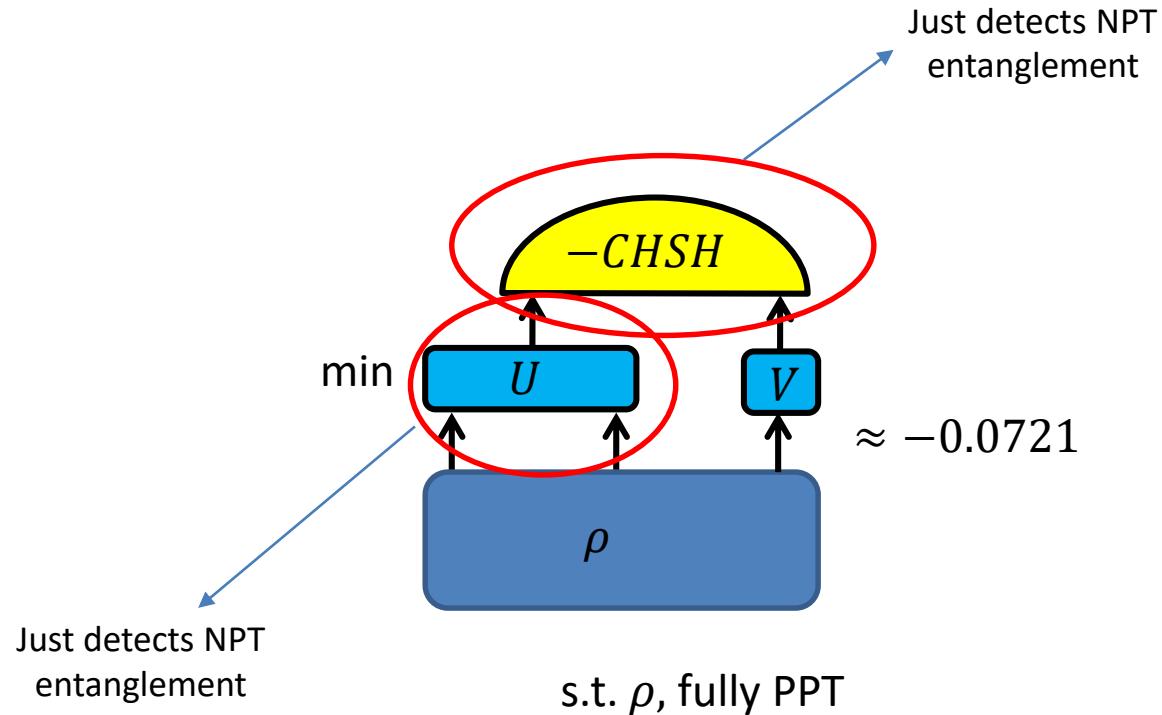
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The composition of known stuff has created something new!